

Chapter 1

Introduction

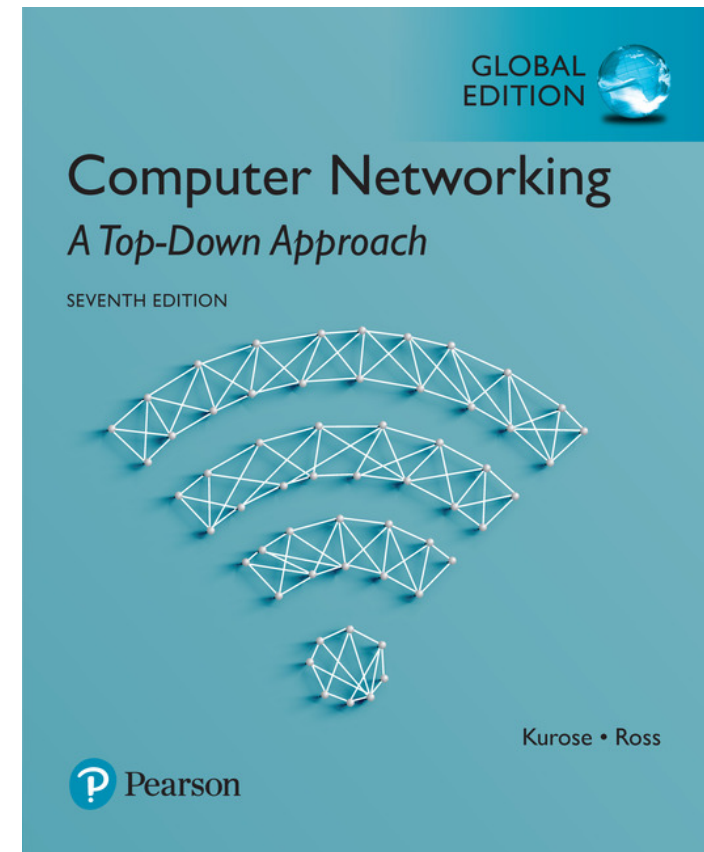
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Q: Group the Similar Terms!

- Human
- Calculator
- Computer
- System
- Device
- Network
- Communication
- Information
- Data

Polly's Language IQ

- ❑ Entities
 - Human, Calculator, Computer, System, Device
- ❑ A group of associated entities
 - Network (of human, calculator, computer, system, device)
- ❑ Interaction/exchange over the group of associated entities
 - Communication [over the network (of human, calculator, computer, system, device)]
- ❑ Stuff to be interacted/exchanged over the group of associated entities
 - Information, Data {communicated [over the network (of human, calculator, computer, system, device)]}

Think Human Network

We getting to know each other

Becoming connected!

Is it easy now to think...

What a computer network is?

A network of computers?

Yes and No

Computer Network

- ❑ In a general sense
 - Yes, a network of computers
- ❑ In a professional sense
 - Not exactly, it implies specifically the Internet
- ❑ In other words,
 - You could define and create your own computer network (running non-Internet stuff)
 - But it won't be THE computer network (the Internet)

The Objectives

- In a long term
 - To train students who could create their own computer (or whatever) network
- In a short term (in this course)
 - Let's start from the most popular example -- the Internet

Chapter 1: Introduction

Our goal:

- ❑ get context, overview, “feel” of networking
- ❑ more depth, detail *later* in course
- ❑ approach:
 - descriptive
 - use Internet as example

Overview:

- ❑ what's the Internet
- ❑ what's a protocol?
- ❑ network edge
- ❑ network core
- ❑ performance: loss, delay
- ❑ protocol layers, service models
- ❑ network under attack
- ❑ history

Chapter 1: roadmap

1.1 What *is* the Internet?

1.2 Network edge

1.3 Network core

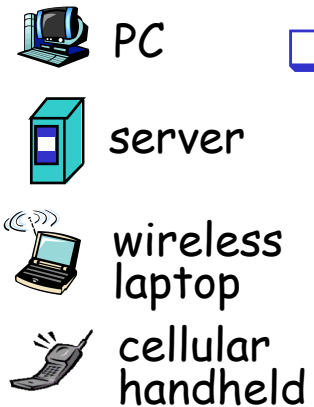
1.4 Delay & loss in packet-switched networks

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What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view



millions of connected computing devices:

hosts = end systems

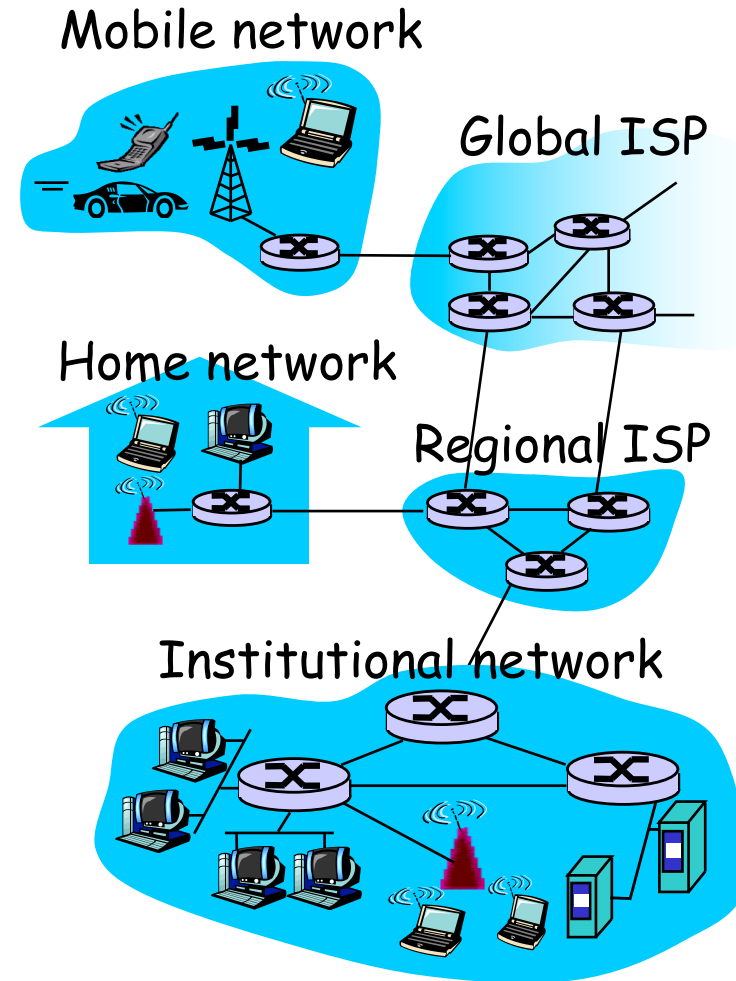
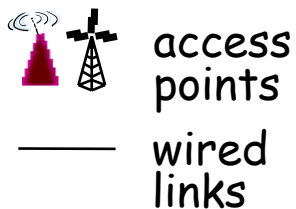
running *network apps*

communication links

❖ fiber, copper, radio, satellite

❖ transmission rate = *bandwidth*

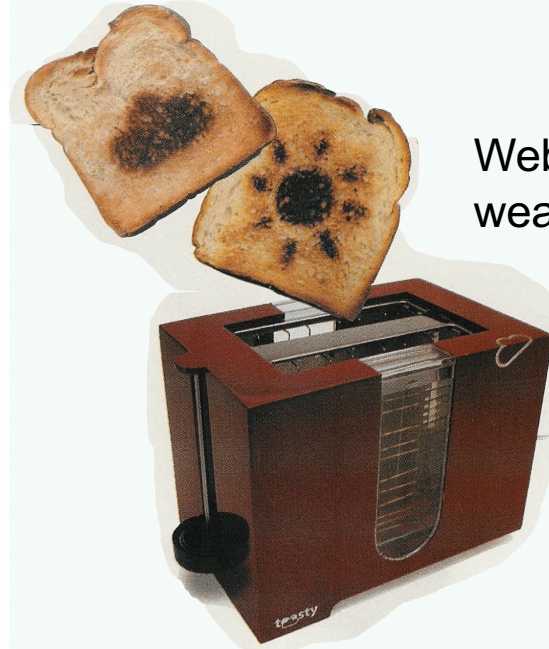
❑ *routers*: forward packets (chunks of data)



“Fun” Internet-connected devices



IP picture frame
<http://www.ceiva.com/>



Web-enabled toaster +
weather forecaster



Tweet-a-watt:
monitor energy use



Internet
refrigerator



Slingbox: watch,
control cable TV remotely



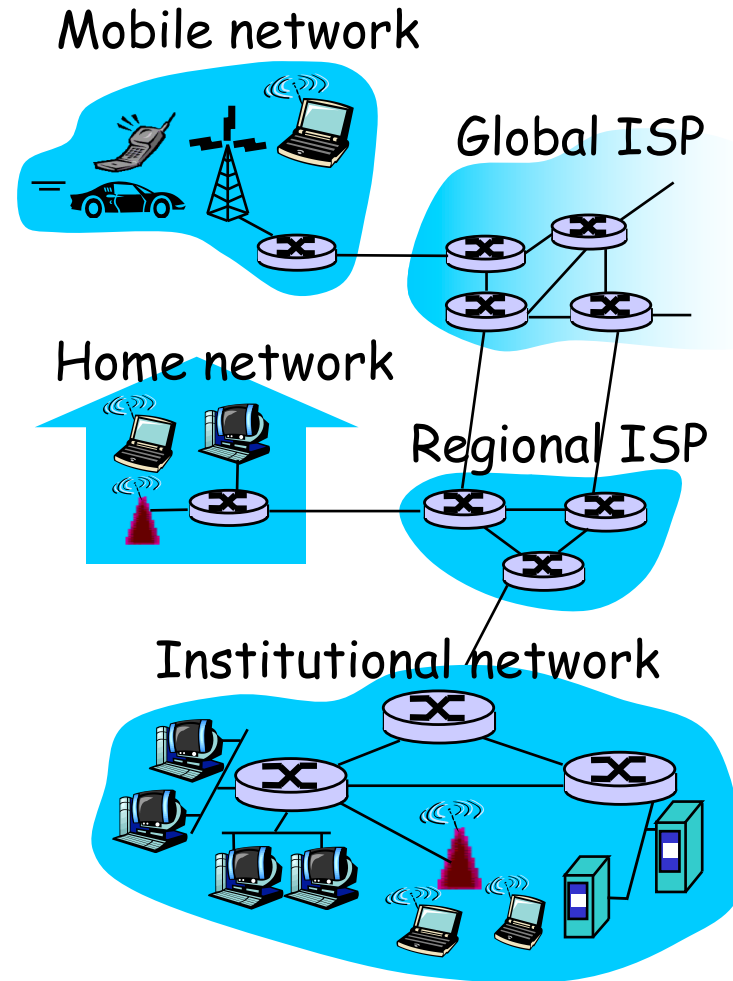
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Internet phones

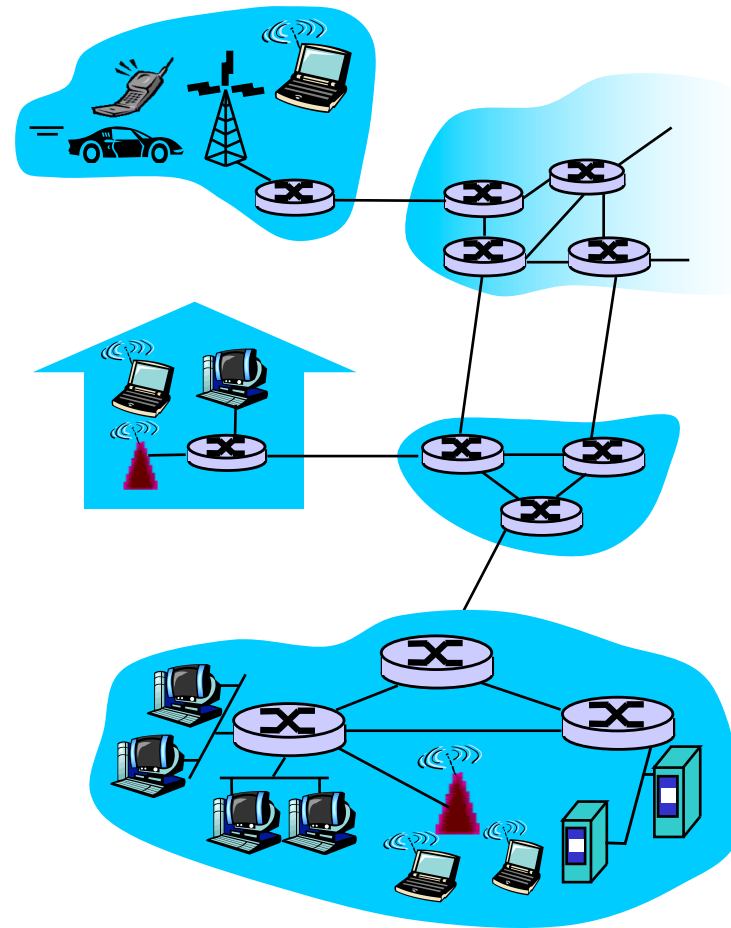
What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

- ❑ *protocols* control sending, receiving of msgs
 - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, Ethernet
- ❑ *Internet: "network of networks"*
 - loosely hierarchical
 - public Internet versus private intranet



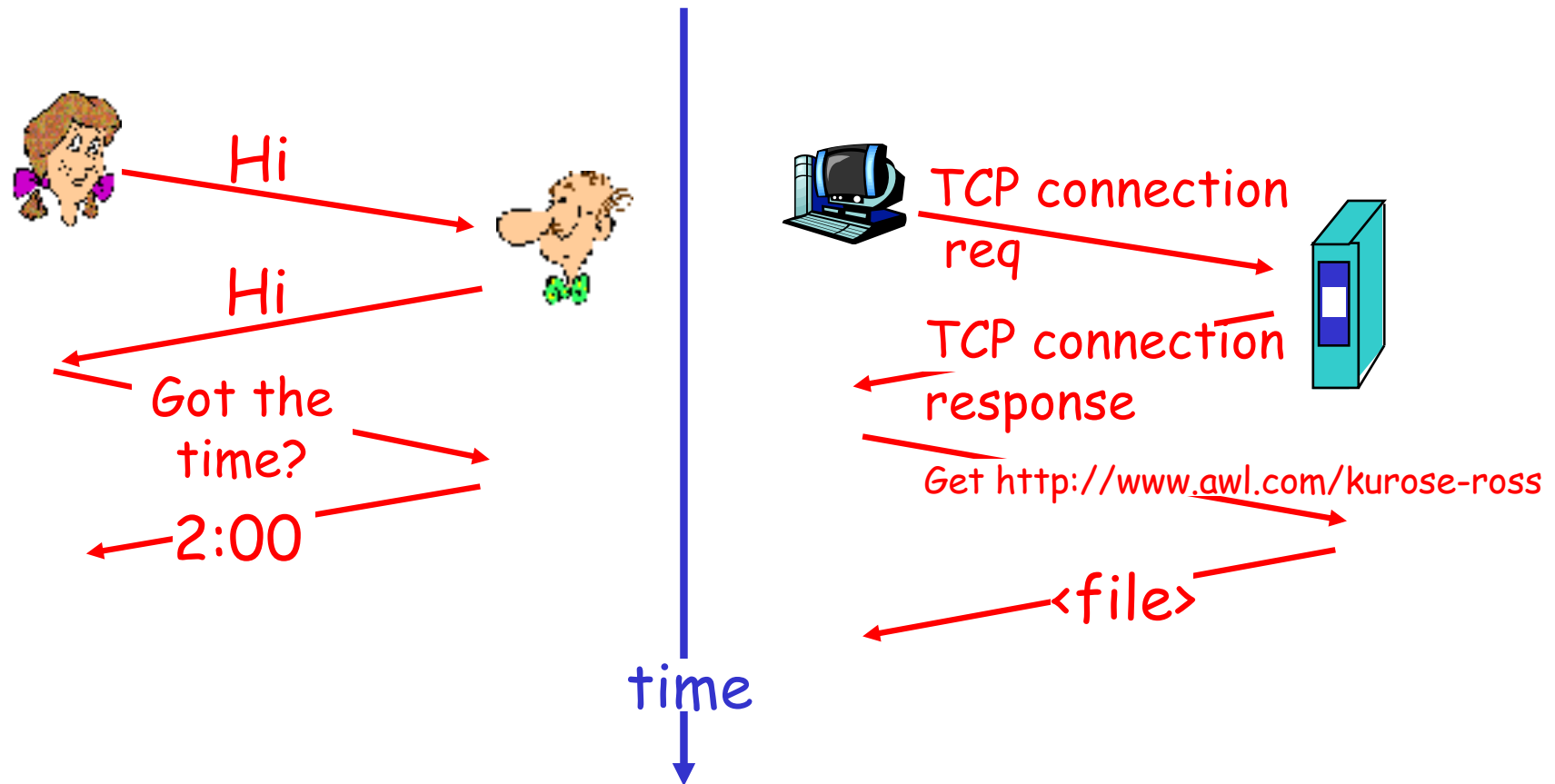
What's the Internet: a service view

- **communication infrastructure** enables distributed applications:
 - Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, file sharing
- **communication services provided to apps:**
 - reliable data delivery from source to destination
 - "best effort" (unreliable) data delivery



What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



A protocol

human protocols:

- ❑ "what's the time?"
- ❑ "I have a question"
- ❑ introductions

... specific messages sent

... specific actions taken when messages received, or other events

network protocols:

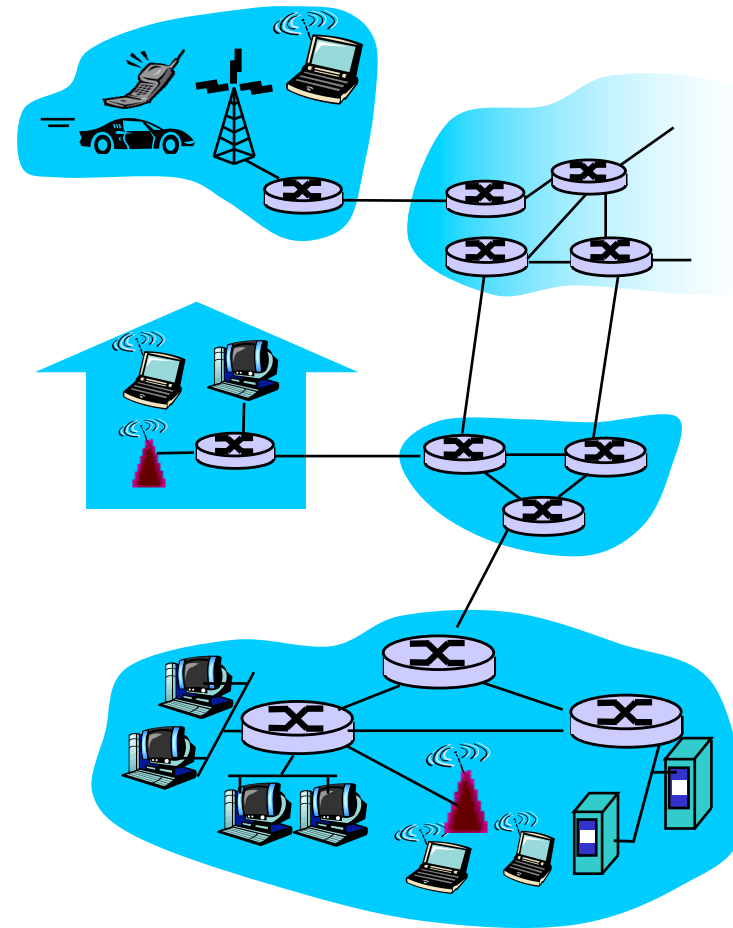
- ❑ machines rather than humans
- ❑ all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*protocols define **format**, **order** of messages sent and received among network entities, and **actions** taken on message transmission, receipt*

Quiz Time!

A closer look at network structure:

- **network edge:**
applications and hosts
- **access networks, physical media:**
wired, wireless communication links
- **network core:**
 - ❖ interconnected routers
 - ❖ network of networks



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The network edge:

□ end systems (hosts):

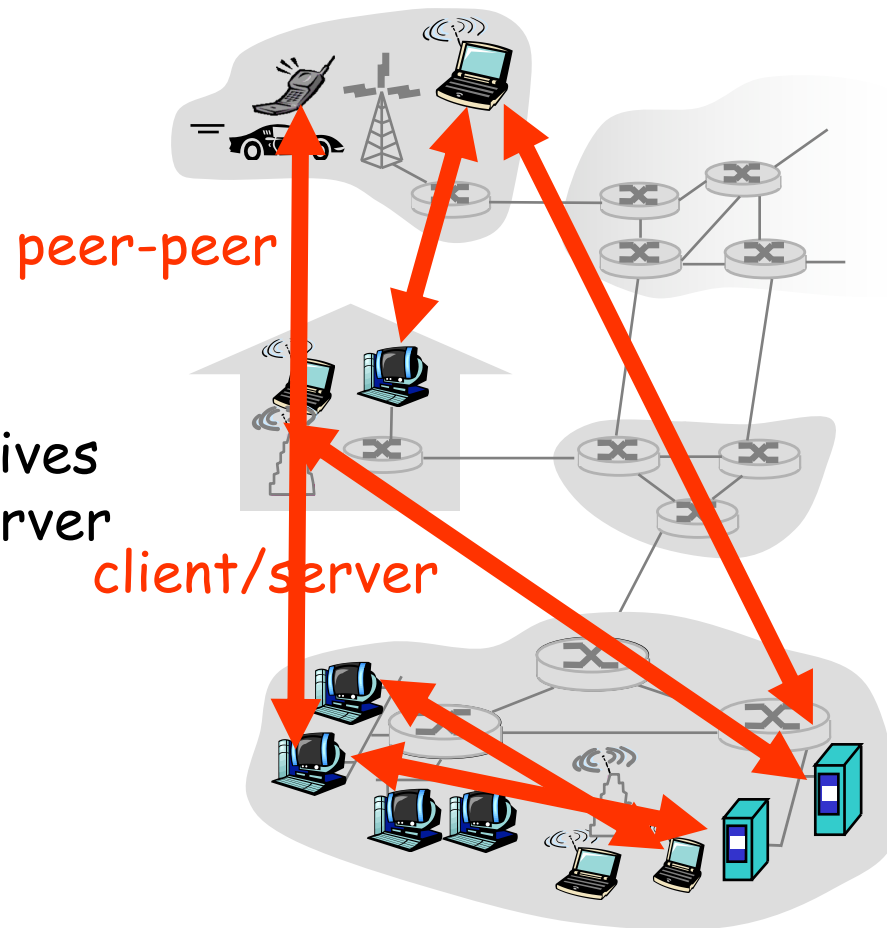
- run application programs
- e.g. Web, email
- at "edge of network"

□ client/server model

- ❖ client host requests, receives service from always-on server
- ❖ e.g. Web browser/server; email client/server

□ peer-peer model:

- ❖ minimal (or no) use of dedicated servers
- ❖ e.g. Skype, BitTorrent



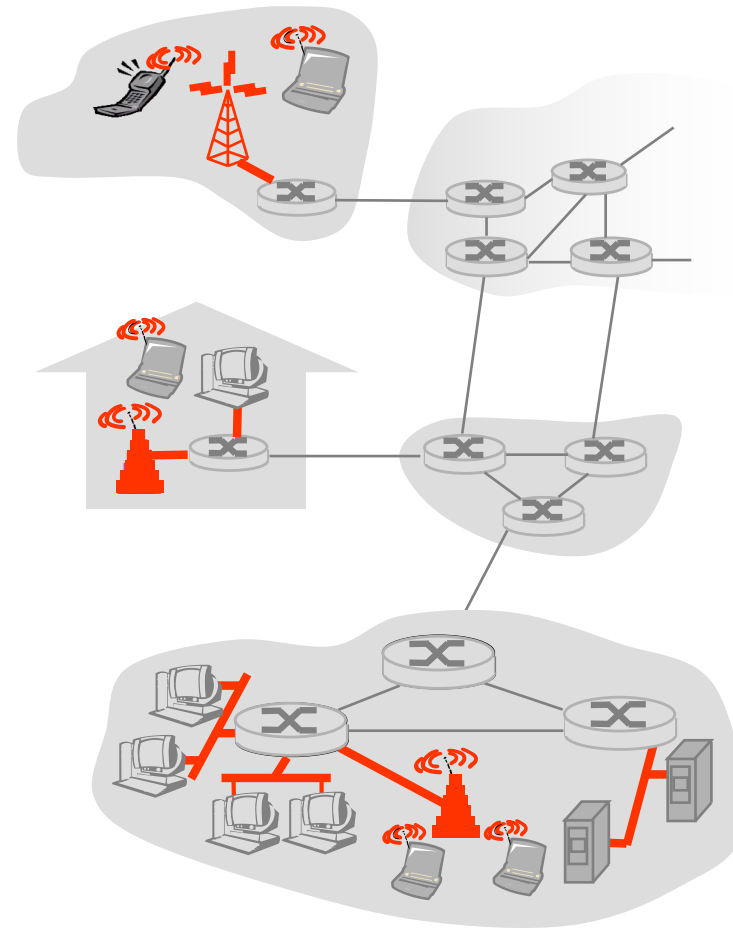
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

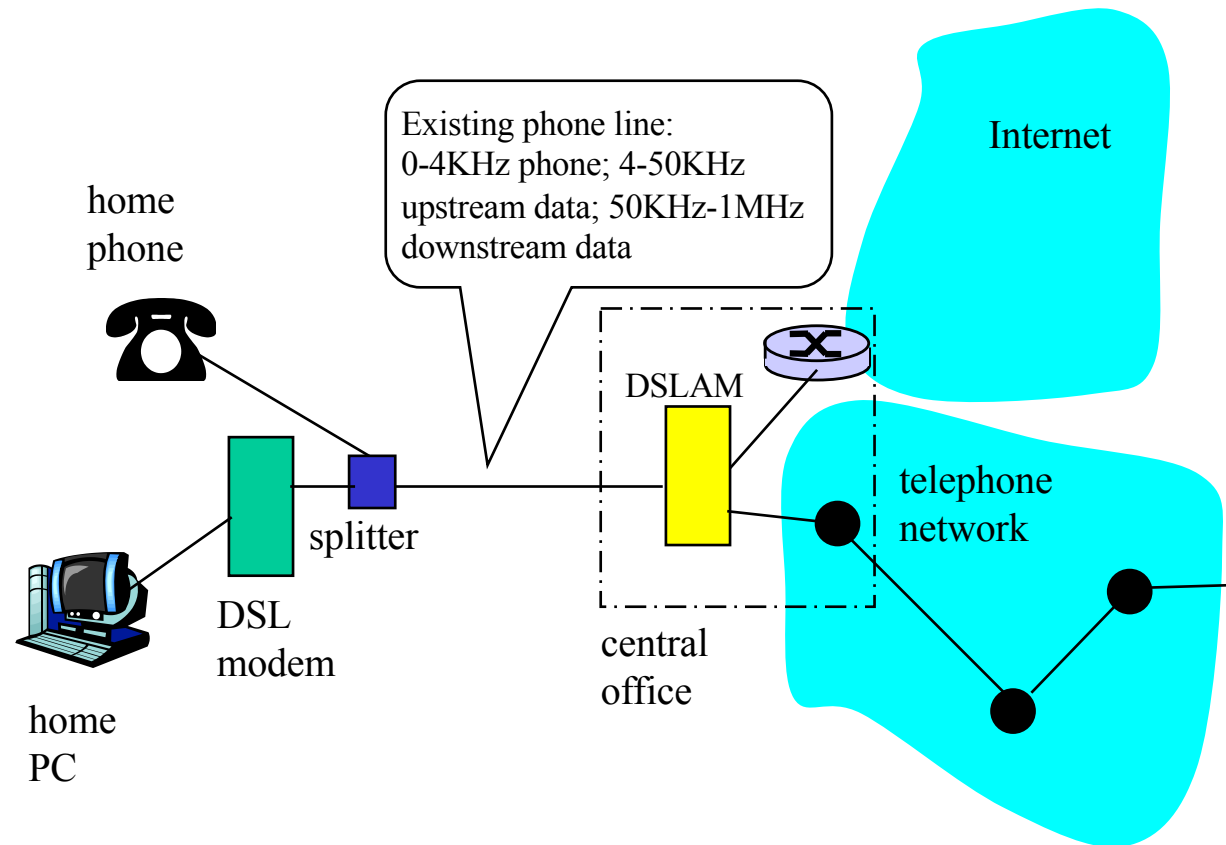
- ❑ residential access nets
- ❑ institutional access networks (school, company)
- ❑ mobile access networks

Keep in mind:

- ❑ bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?
- ❑ shared or dedicated?



Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)



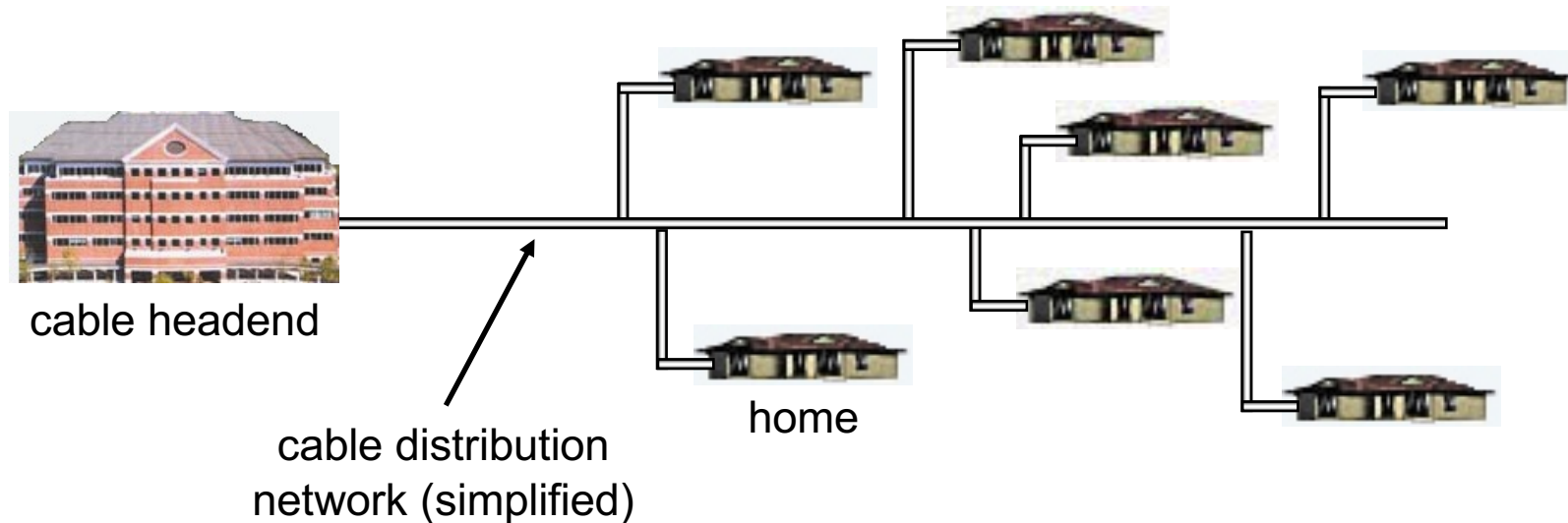
- ❖ Uses existing telephone infrastructure
- ❖ up to 1 Mbps upstream
- ❖ up to 8 Mbps downstream
- ❖ dedicated physical line to telephone central office

Residential access: cable modems

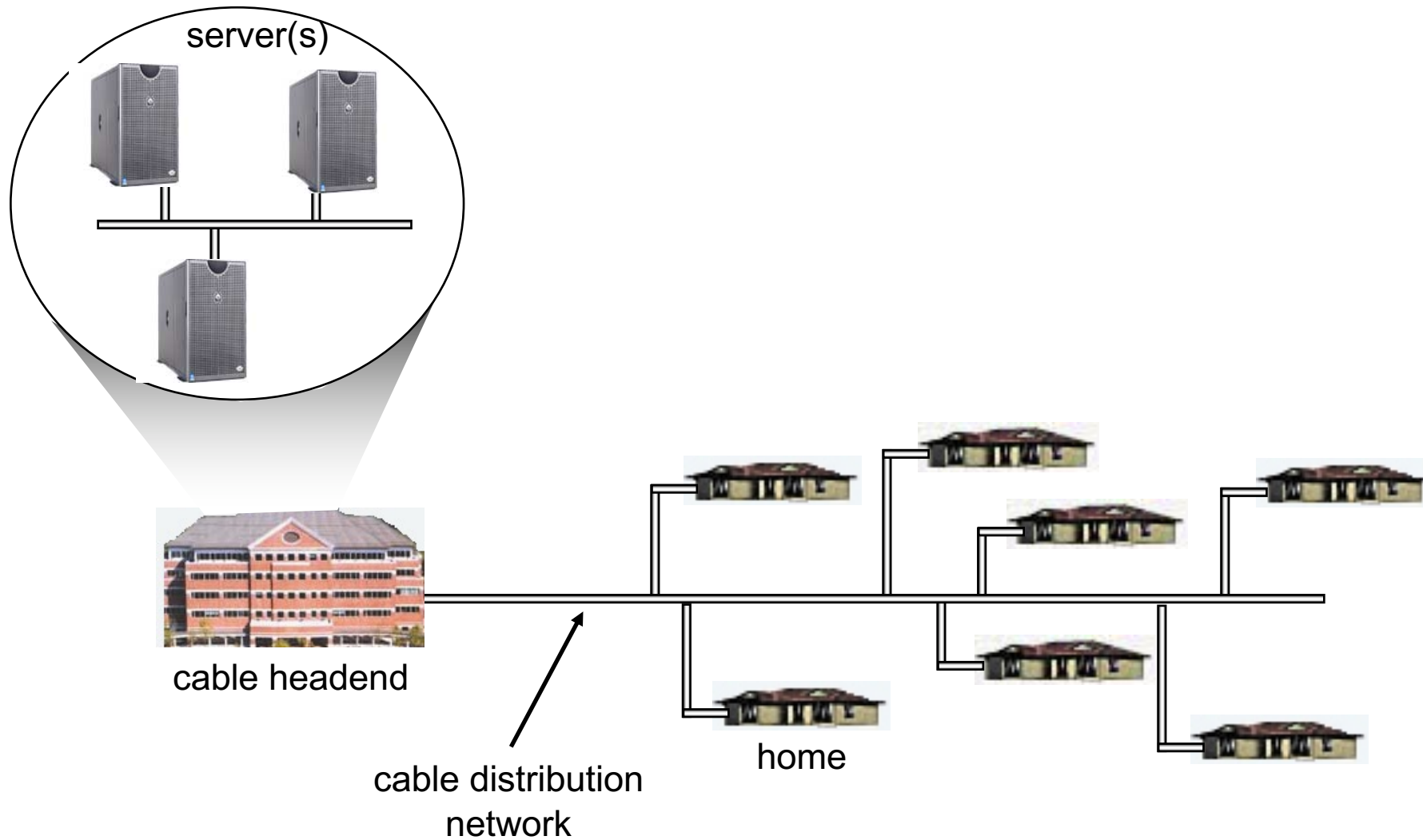
- ❑ Does not use telephone infrastructure
 - Instead uses cable TV infrastructure
- ❑ **HFC: hybrid fiber coax**
 - asymmetric: up to 30Mbps downstream, 2 Mbps upstream
- ❑ **network** of cable and fiber attaches homes to ISP router
 - homes **share access** to router
 - unlike DSL, which has **dedicated access**

Cable Network Architecture: Overview

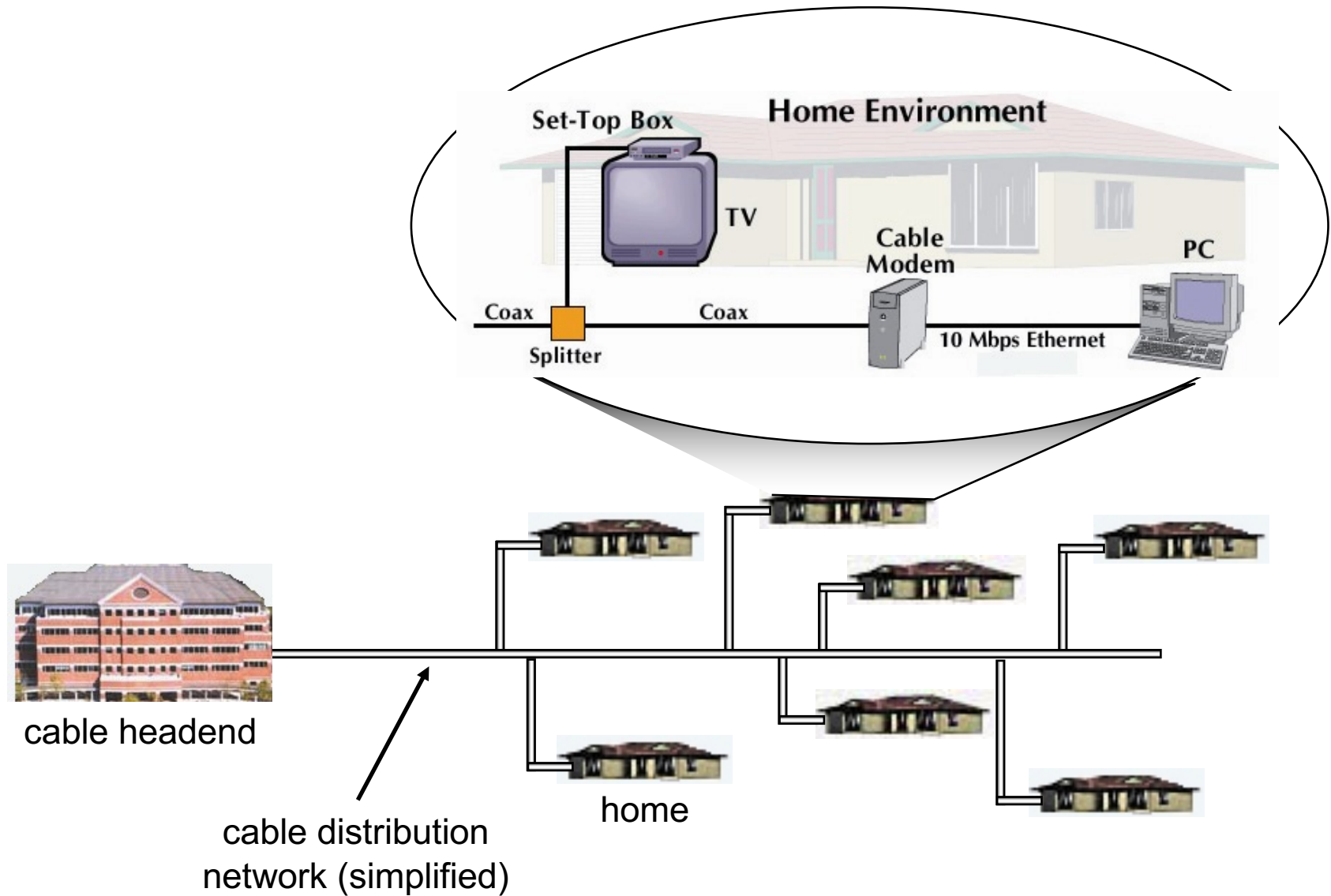
Typically 500 to 5,000 homes



Cable Network Architecture: Overview

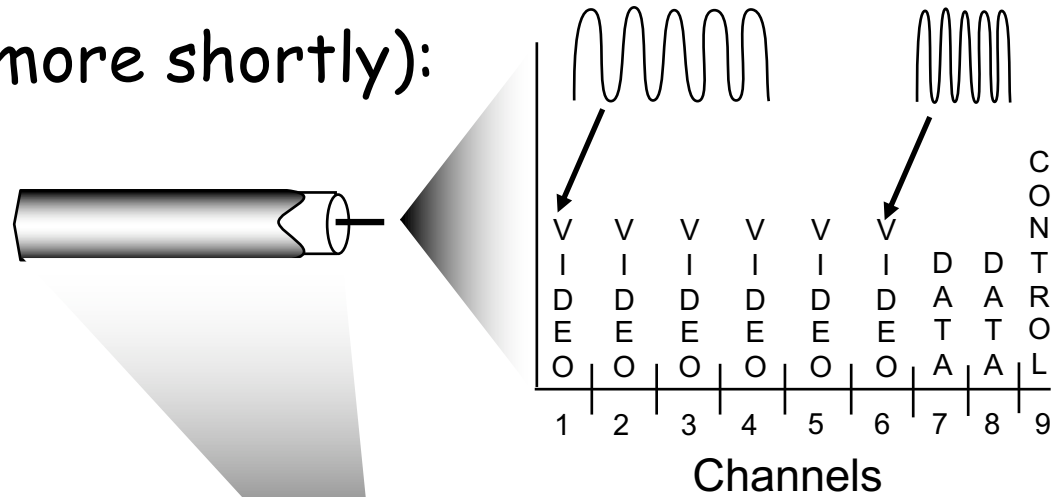


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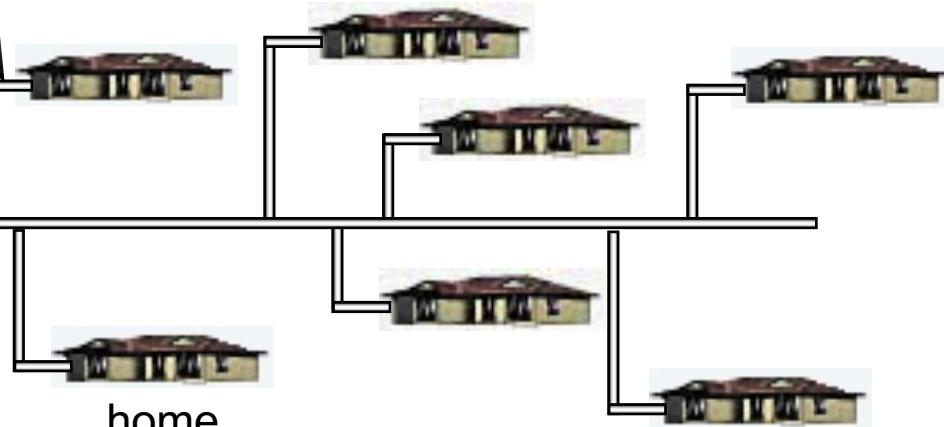
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FDM (more shortly):



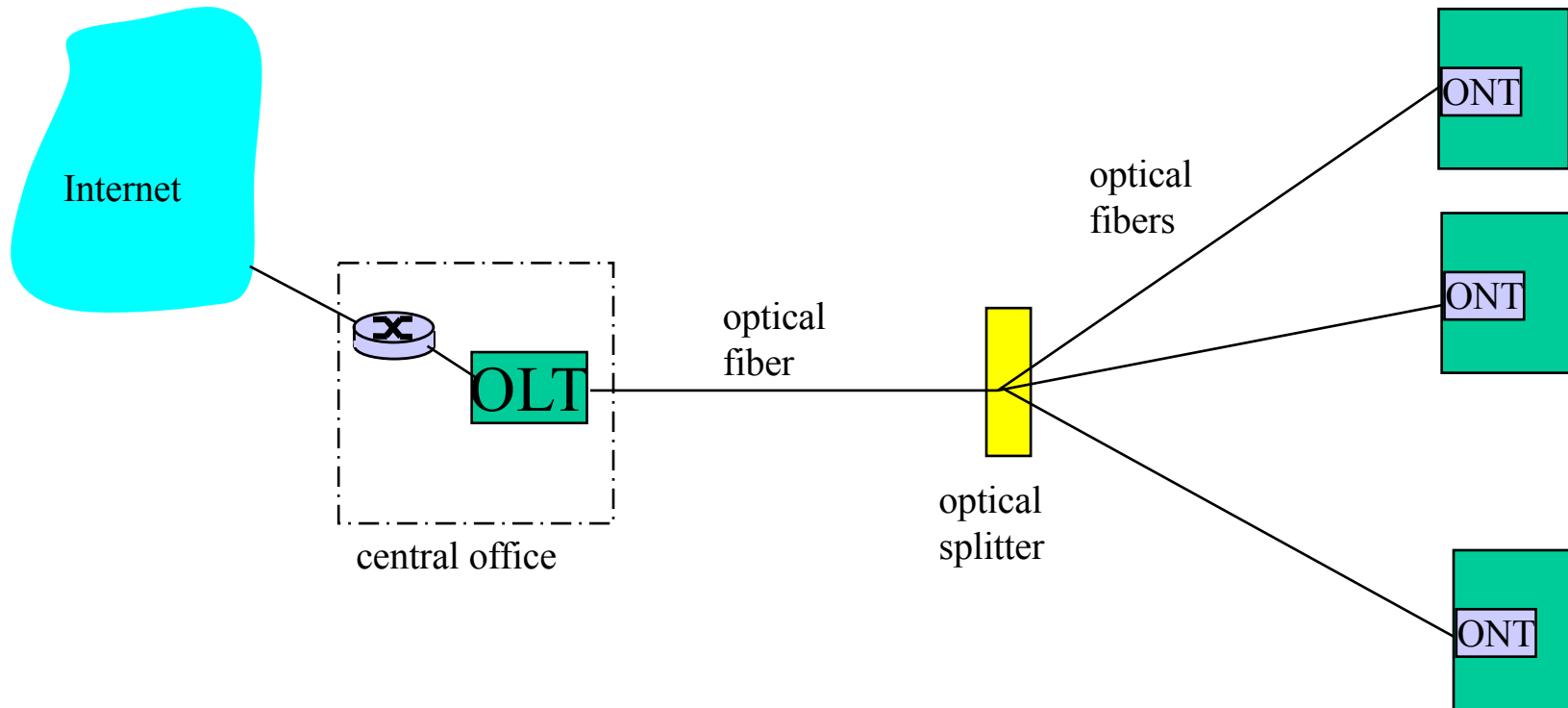
cable headend

cable distribution network



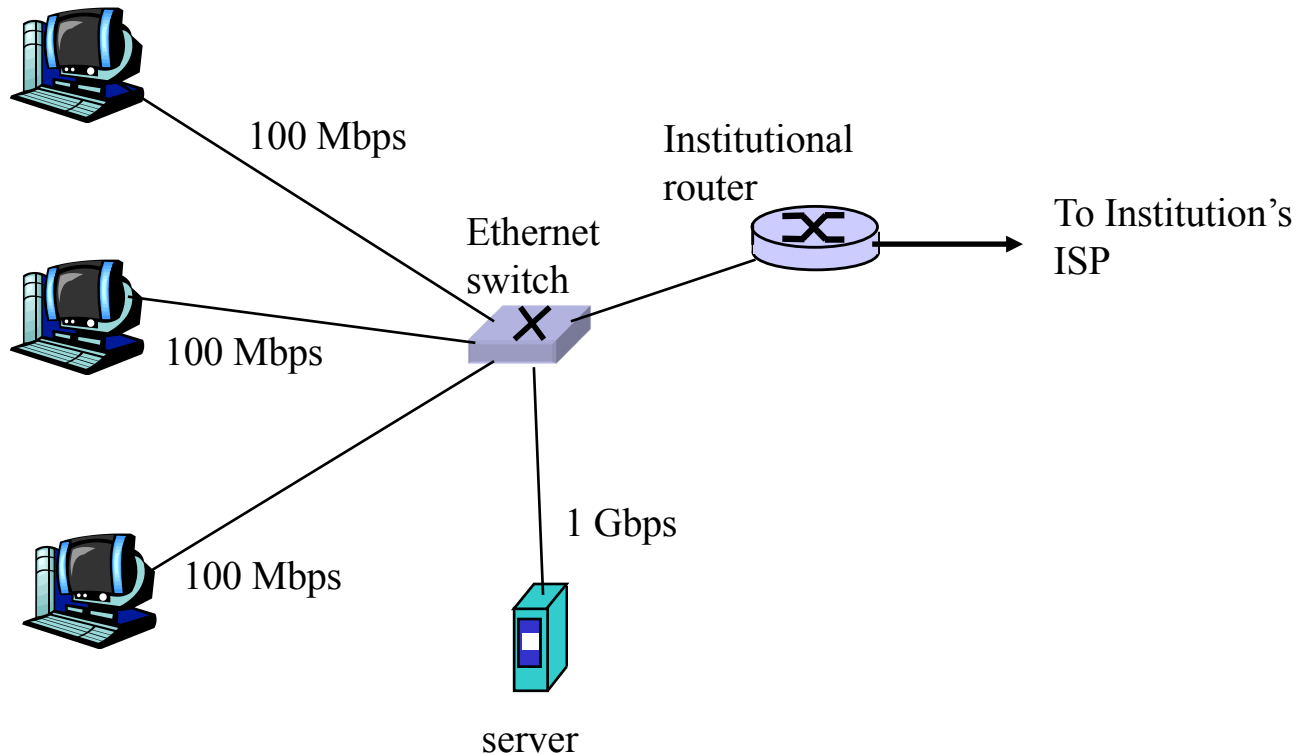
home

Fiber to the Home



- ❑ Optical links from central office to the home
- ❑ Two competing optical technologies:
 - Passive Optical network (PON)
 - Active Optical Network (AON)
- ❑ Much higher Internet rates; fiber also carries television and phone services

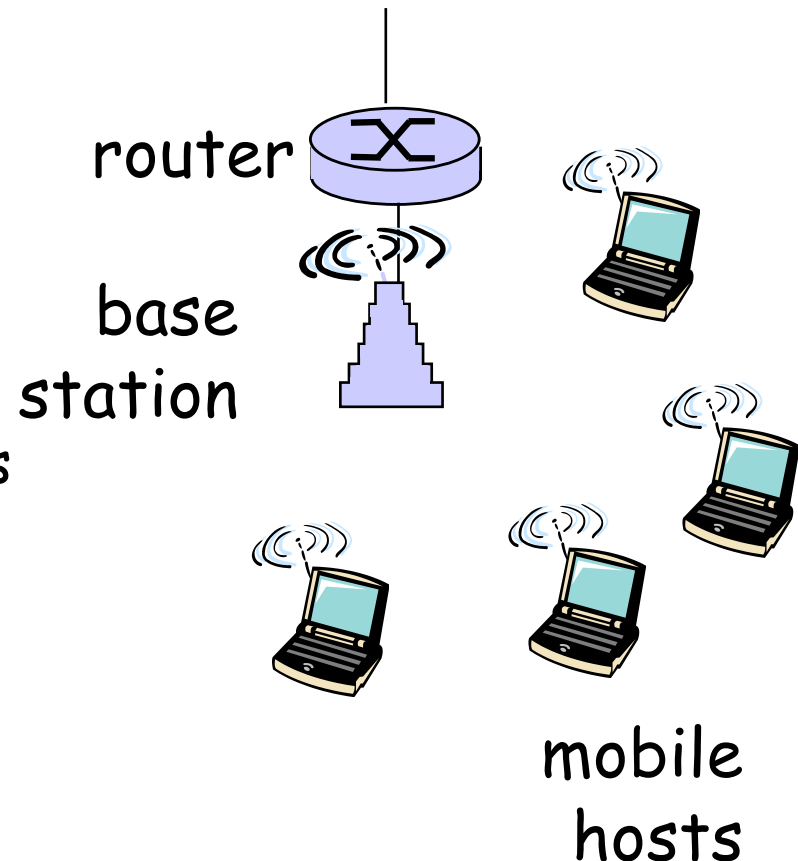
Ethernet Internet access



- ❑ Typically used in companies, universities, etc
- ❑ 10 Mbs, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps Ethernet
- ❑ Today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

Wireless access networks

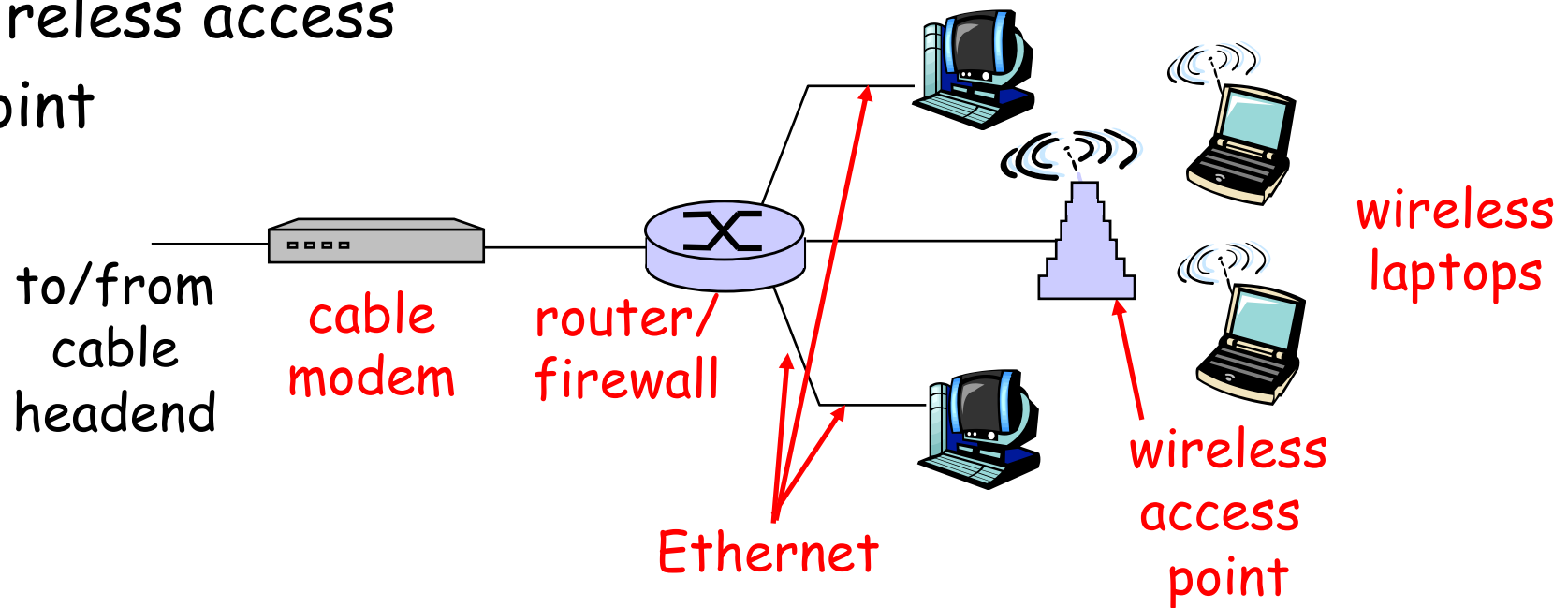
- ❑ shared *wireless* access network connects end system to router
 - via base station aka "access point"
- ❑ **wireless LANs:**
 - 802.11b/g (WiFi): 11 or 54 Mbps
- ❑ **wider-area wireless access**
 - provided by telco operator
 - ~1Mbps over cellular system (EVDO, HSDPA)
 - next up (?): WiMAX (10's Mbps) over wide area, 5G



Home networks

Typical home network components:

- ❑ DSL, cable modem, or FTTH
- ❑ router/firewall/NAT
- ❑ Ethernet
- ❑ wireless access point



Physical Media

- ❑ **Bit:** propagates between transmitter/rcvr pairs
- ❑ **physical link:** what lies between transmitter & receiver
- ❑ **guided media:**
 - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- ❑ **unguided media:**
 - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio

Twisted Pair (TP)

- ❑ two insulated copper wires
 - Category 3: traditional phone wires, 10 Mbps Ethernet
 - Category 5: 100Mbps Ethernet



Physical Media: coax, fiber

Coaxial cable:

- ❑ two concentric copper conductors
- ❑ bidirectional
- ❑ baseband:
 - single channel on cable
 - legacy Ethernet
- ❑ broadband:
 - multiple channels on cable
 - HFC



Fiber optic cable:

- ❑ glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- ❑ high-speed operation:
 - ❖ high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g., 10's-100's Gps)
- ❑ low error rate: repeaters spaced far apart ; immune to electromagnetic noise



Physical media: radio

- ❑ signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- ❑ no physical "wire"
- ❑ bidirectional
- ❑ propagation environment effects:
 - reflection
 - obstruction by objects
 - interference

Radio link types:

- ❑ **terrestrial microwave**
 - ❖ e.g. up to 45 Mbps
- ❑ **LAN** (e.g., Wifi)
 - ❖ 11Mbps, 54 Mbps
- ❑ **wide-area** (e.g., cellular)
 - ❖ 4G cellular: ~ 1+ Mbps
- ❑ **satellite**
 - ❖ Kbps to 45Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
 - ❖ 270 msec end-end delay
 - ❖ geosynchronous versus low altitude

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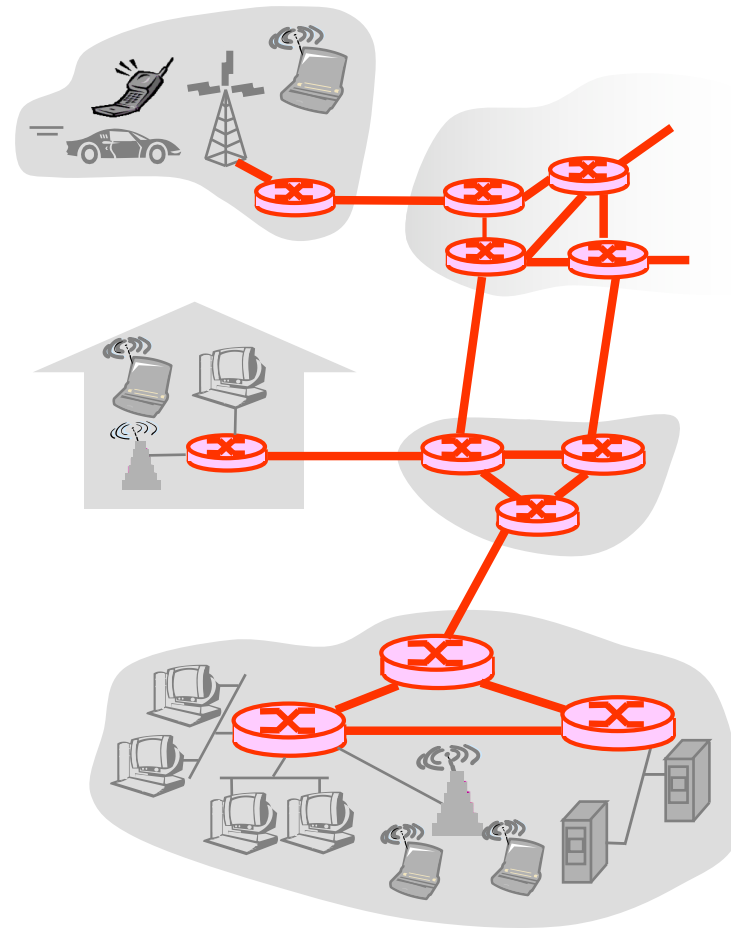
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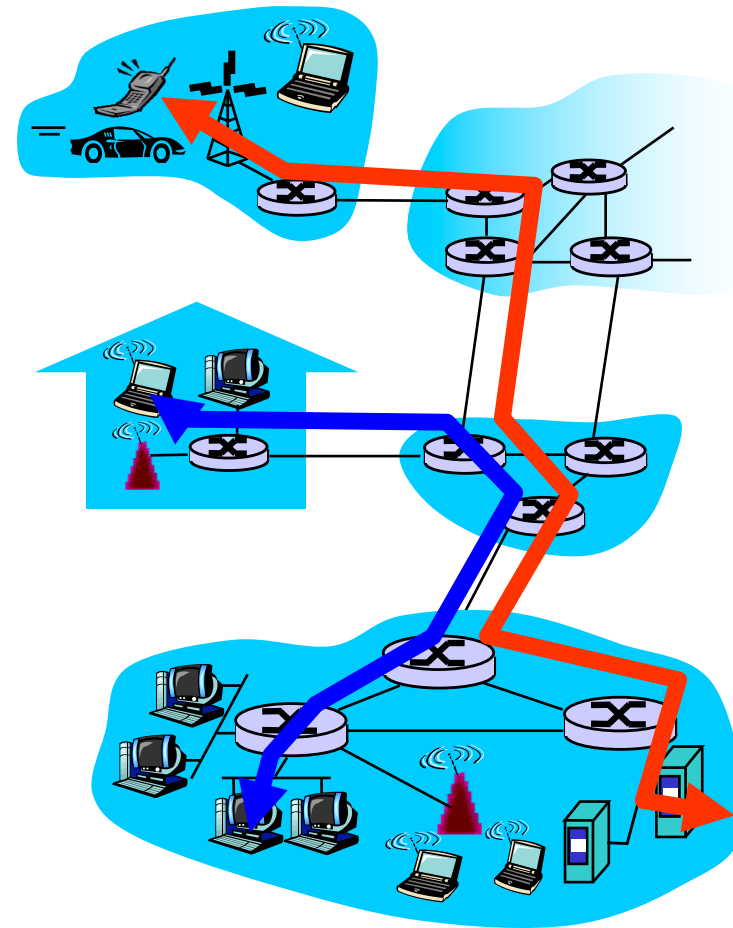
- ❑ mesh of interconnected routers
- ❑ *the fundamental question*: how is data transferred through net?
 - *circuit switching*: dedicated circuit per call: telephone net
 - *packet-switching*: data sent thru net in discrete "chunks"



Network Core: Circuit Switching

End-end resources reserved for "call"

- ❑ link bandwidth, switch capacity
- ❑ dedicated resources: no sharing
- ❑ circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- ❑ call setup required



Network Core: Circuit Switching

network resources
(e.g., bandwidth)

divided into "pieces"

- pieces allocated to calls
- resource piece *idle* if not used by owning call (*no sharing*)

- dividing link bandwidth into "pieces"
 - ❖ frequency division
 - ❖ time division

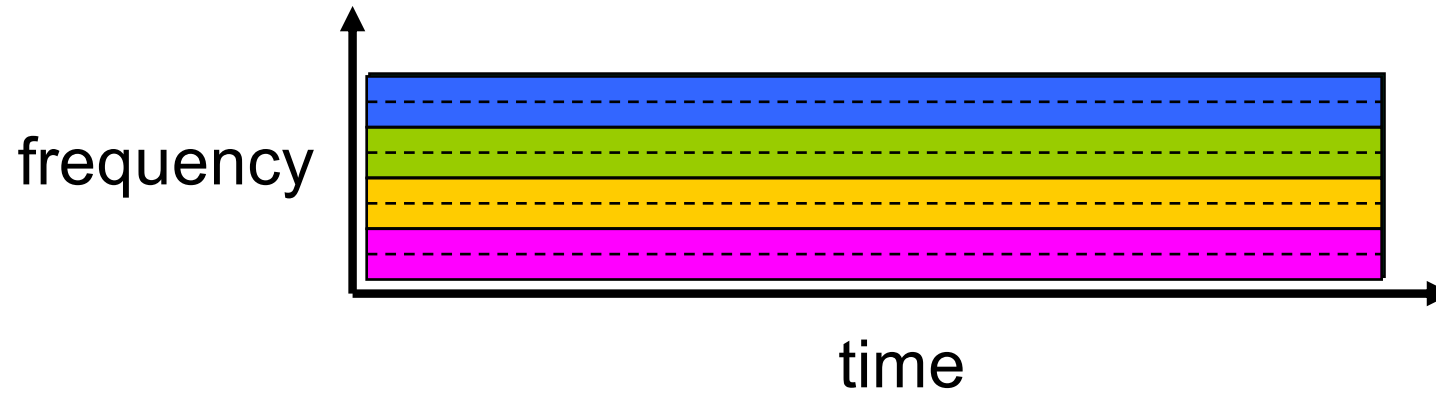
Circuit Switching: FDM and TDM

Example:

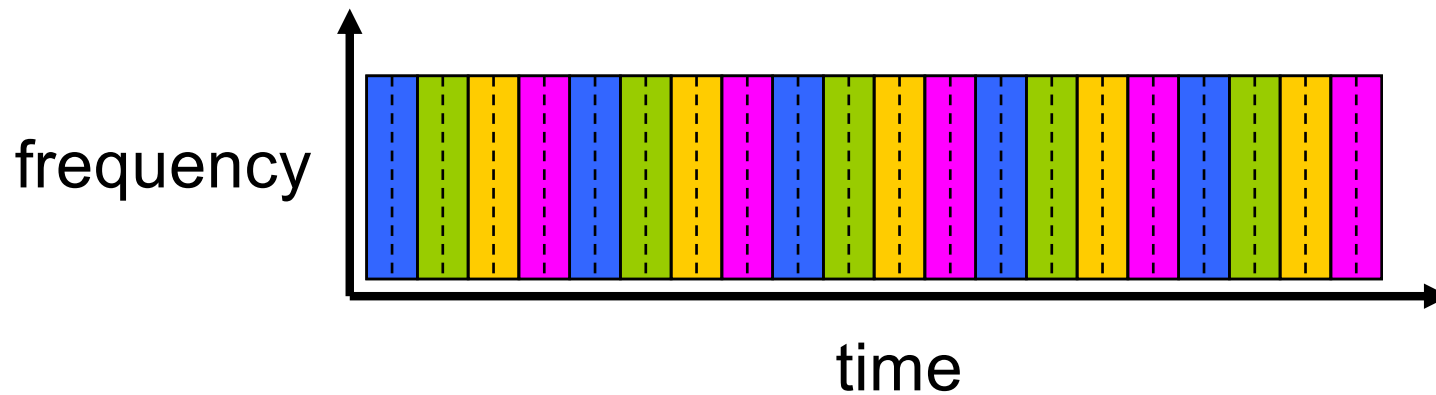
4 users



FDM



TDM



Numerical example

- How long does it take to send a file of 640,000 bits from host A to host B over a circuit-switched network?
 - All links are 1.536 Mbps
 - Each link uses TDM with 24 slots/sec
 - 500 msec to establish end-to-end circuit


Let's work it out!

Network Core: Packet Switching

each end-end data stream
divided into *packets*

- ❑ user A, B packets *share* network resources
- ❑ each packet uses full link bandwidth
- ❑ resources used *as needed*

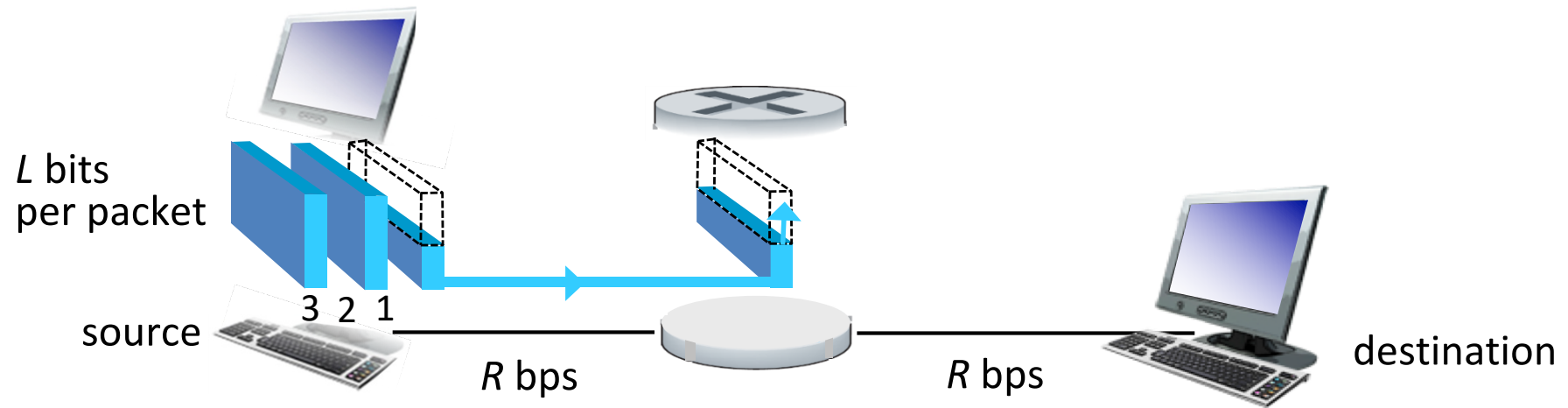
Bandwidth division into "pieces"
Dedicated allocation
Resource reservation



resource contention:

- ❑ aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
- ❑ congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
- ❑ store and forward: packets move one hop at a time
 - ❖ Node receives complete packet before forwarding

Packet-switching: store-and-forward



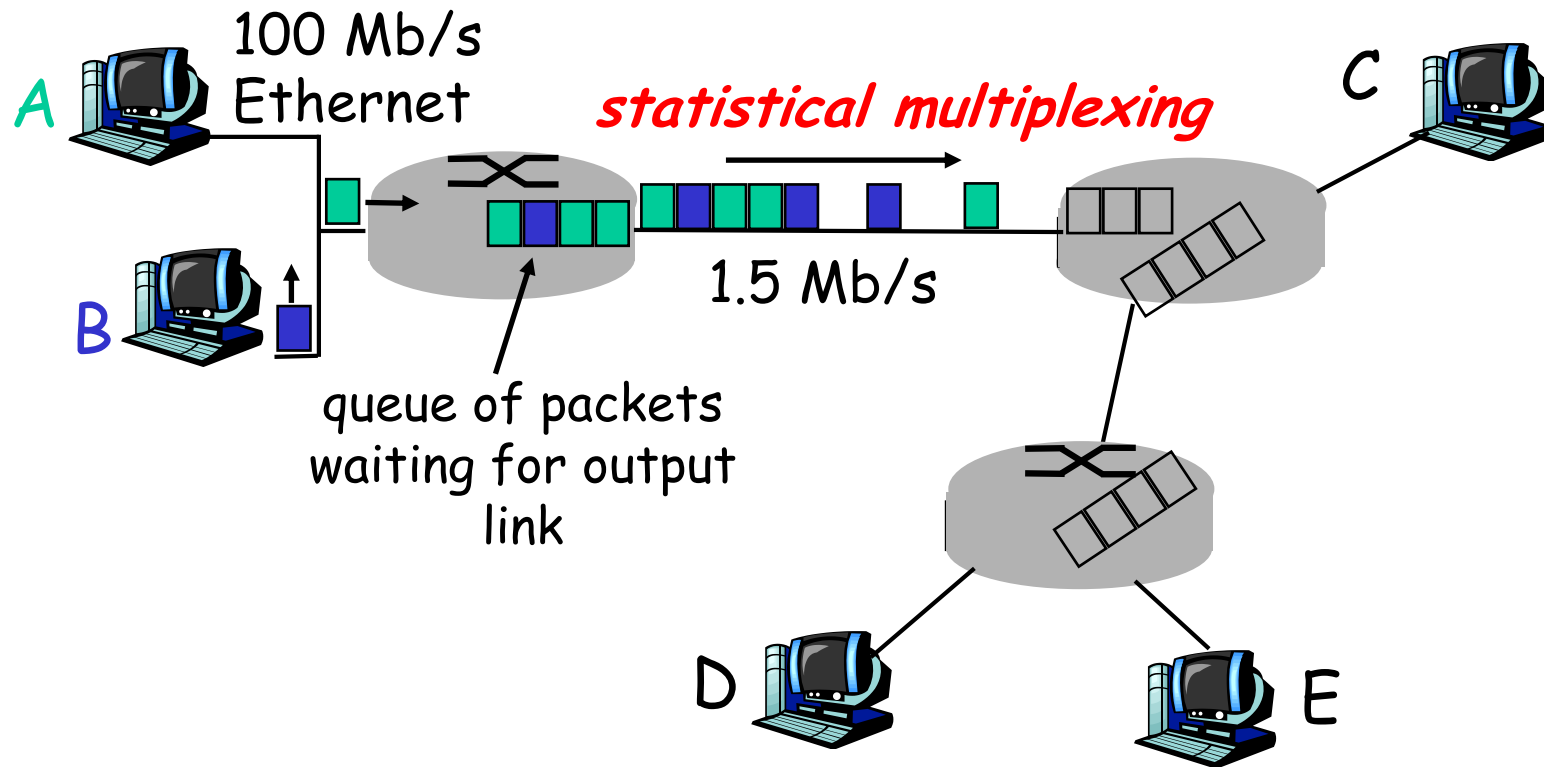
- takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L -bit packet into link at R bps
- **store and forward**: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- end-end delay = $2L/R$ (assuming zero propagation delay)

one-hop numerical example:

- $L = 7.5$ Mbits
- $R = 1.5$ Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

} more on delay shortly ...

Packet Switching: Statistical Multiplexing



Sequence of A & B packets does not have fixed pattern,
bandwidth shared on demand ➔ *statistical multiplexing*.

In contrast of TDM: each host gets same slot in revolving
TDM frame.

Packet switching versus circuit switching

Packet switching allows more users to use network!

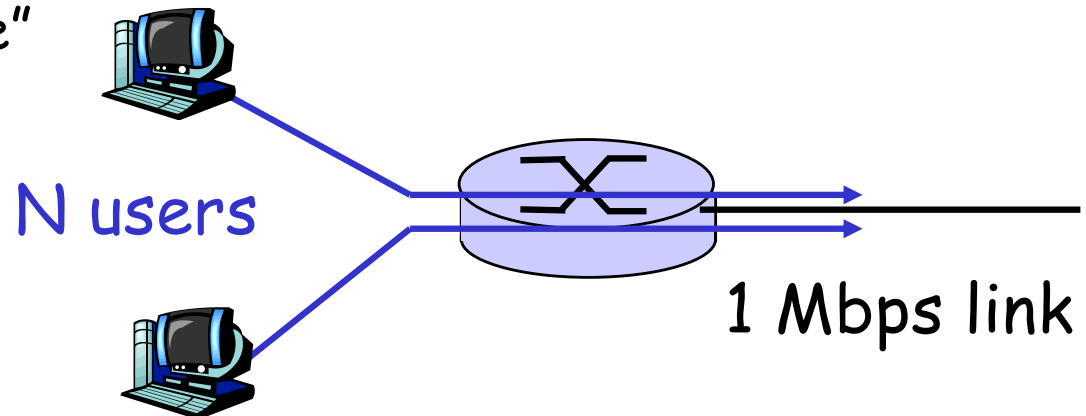
- ❑ 1 Mb/s link
- ❑ each user:
 - 100 kb/s when "active"
 - active 10% of time

❑ *circuit-switching:*

- 10 users

❑ *packet switching:*

- with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004



Q: how did we get value 0.0004?

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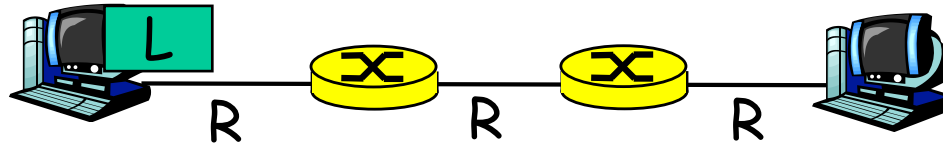
Packet switching versus circuit switching

Is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

- ❑ Great for bursty data
 - resource sharing
 - simpler, no call setup
- ❑ **Excessive congestion:** packet delay and loss
 - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- ❑ **Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?**
 - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
 - still an unsolved problem (chapter 9)

human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching)
versus on-demand allocation (packet-switching)

Packet-switching: store-and-forward

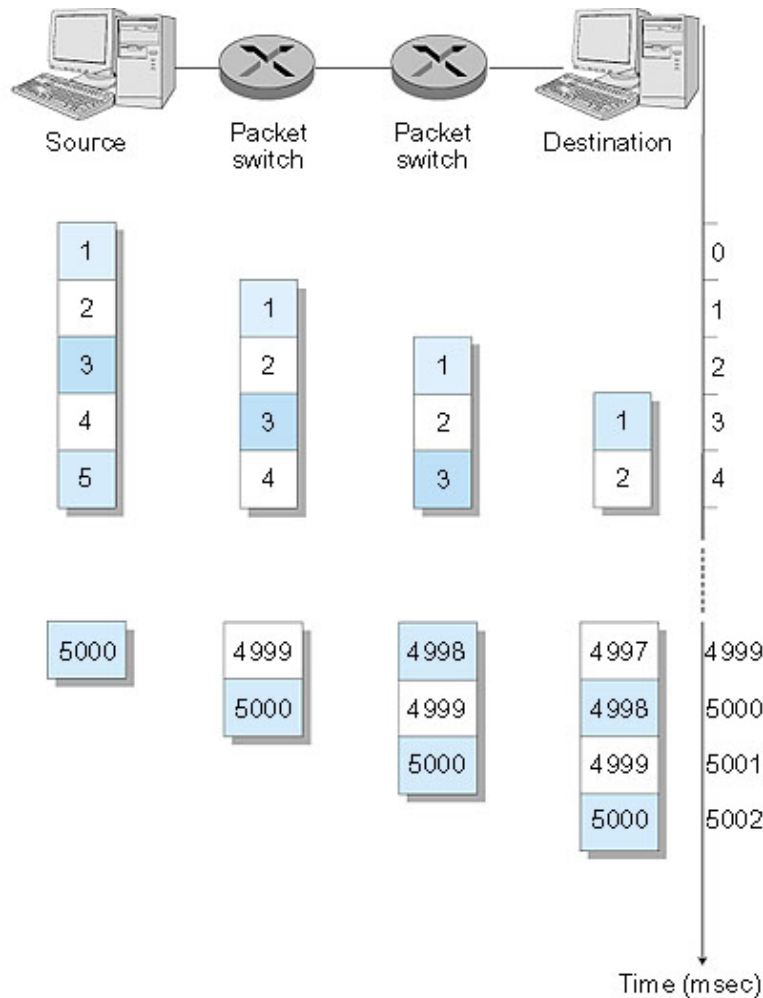


- ❑ Takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) packet of L bits on to link of R bps
 - bps: bits per second
- ❑ Entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link: *store and forward*
- ❑ 'store and forward' delay = $3L/R$

Example:

- ❑ $L = 7.5$ Mbits
- ❑ $R = 1.5$ Mbps
- ❑ Total delay
 - $3L/R = 15$ sec

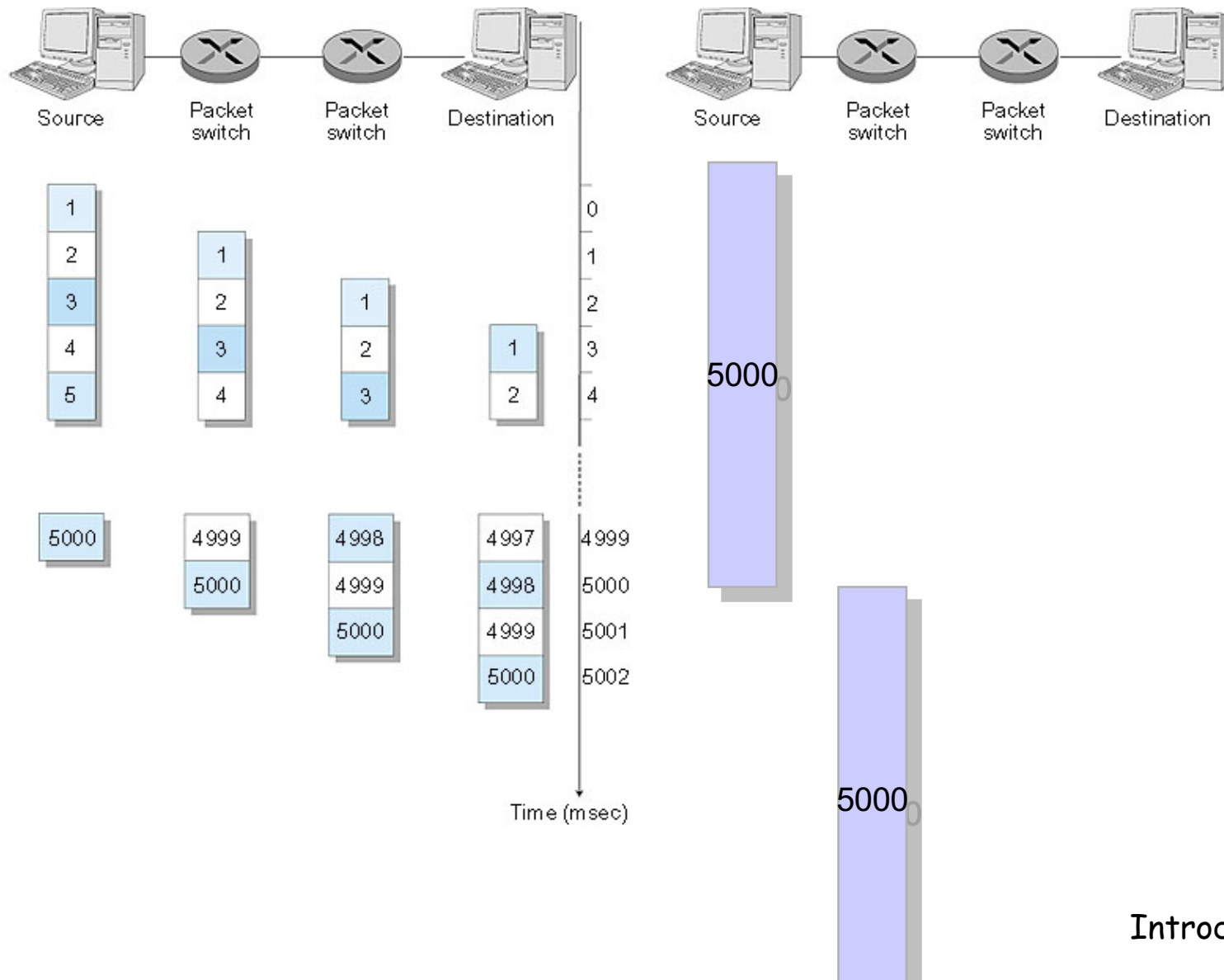
Packet Switching: Message Segmenting



Now break up the message into 5000 packets

- ❑ Each packet 1,500 bits
- ❑ 1 msec to transmit packet on one link
- ❑ *pipelining*: each link works in parallel
- ❑ Delay reduced from 15 sec to 5.002 sec

5.002 vs 15.000

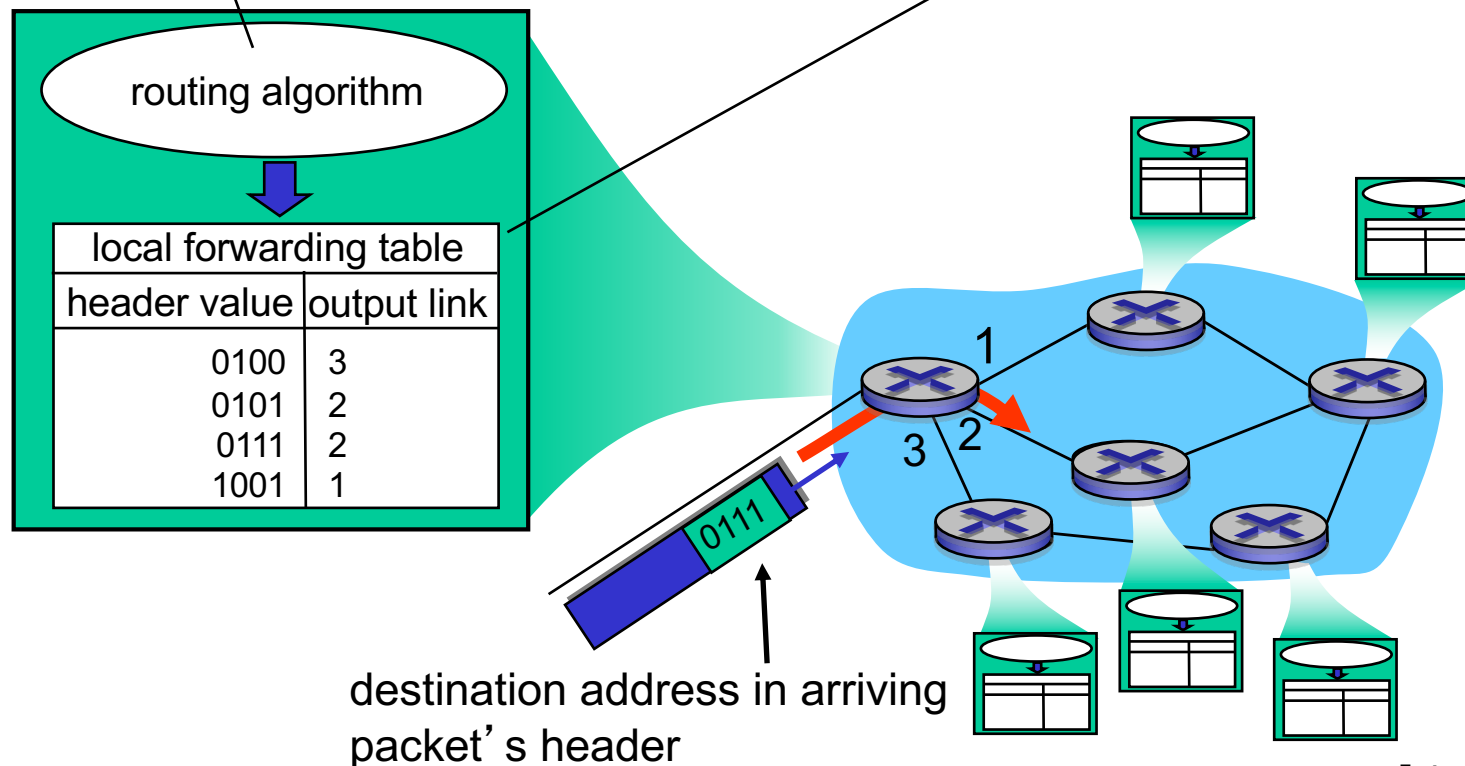


Two key network-core functions

routing: determines source-destination route taken by packets

- *routing algorithms*

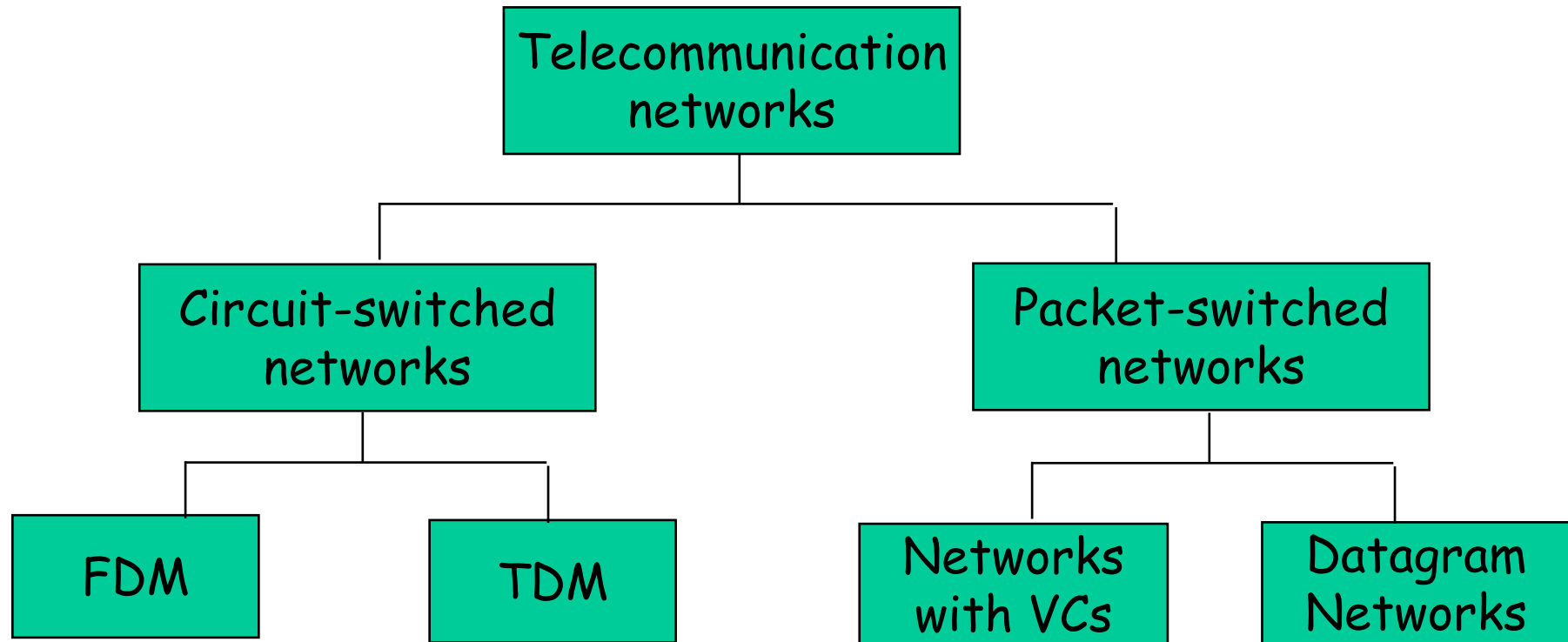
forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output



Packet-switched networks: forwarding

- ❑ Goal: move packets through routers from source to destination
 - we'll study several path selection (i.e. routing) algorithms (chapter 5)
- ❑ **datagram network**:
 - *destination address* in packet determines next hop
 - routes may change during session
 - analogy: driving, asking directions
- ❑ **virtual circuit network**:
 - each packet carries tag (virtual circuit ID), tag determines next hop
 - fixed path determined at *call setup time*, remains fixed thru call
 - *routers maintain per-call state*

Network Taxonomy

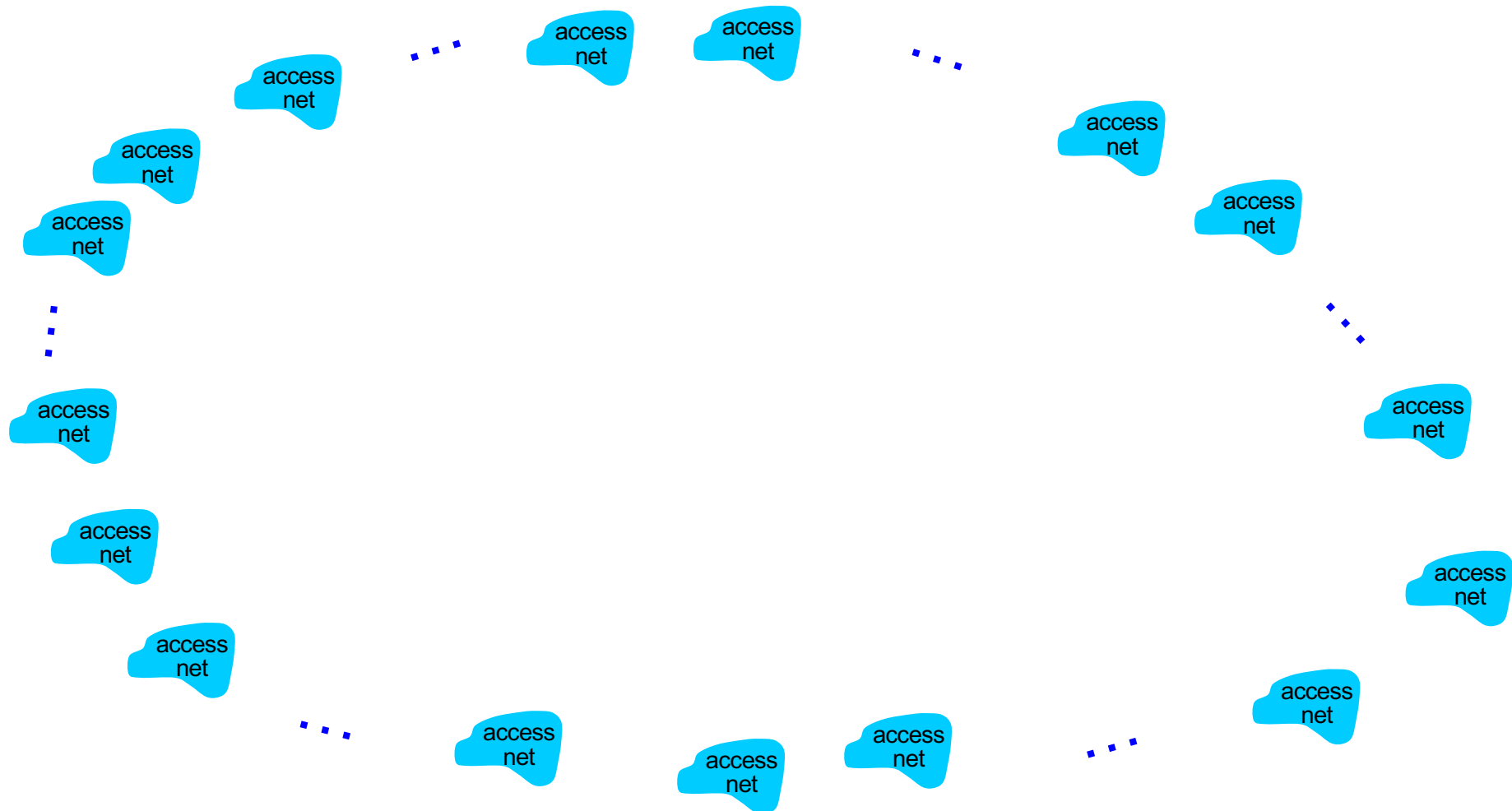


Internet structure: network of networks

- End systems connect to Internet via **access ISPs** (Internet Service Providers)
 - residential, company and university ISPs
- Access ISPs in turn must be interconnected.
 - so that any two hosts can send packets to each other
- Resulting network of networks is very complex
 - evolution was driven by **economics** and **national/business policies**
- Let's take a stepwise approach to describe current Internet structure

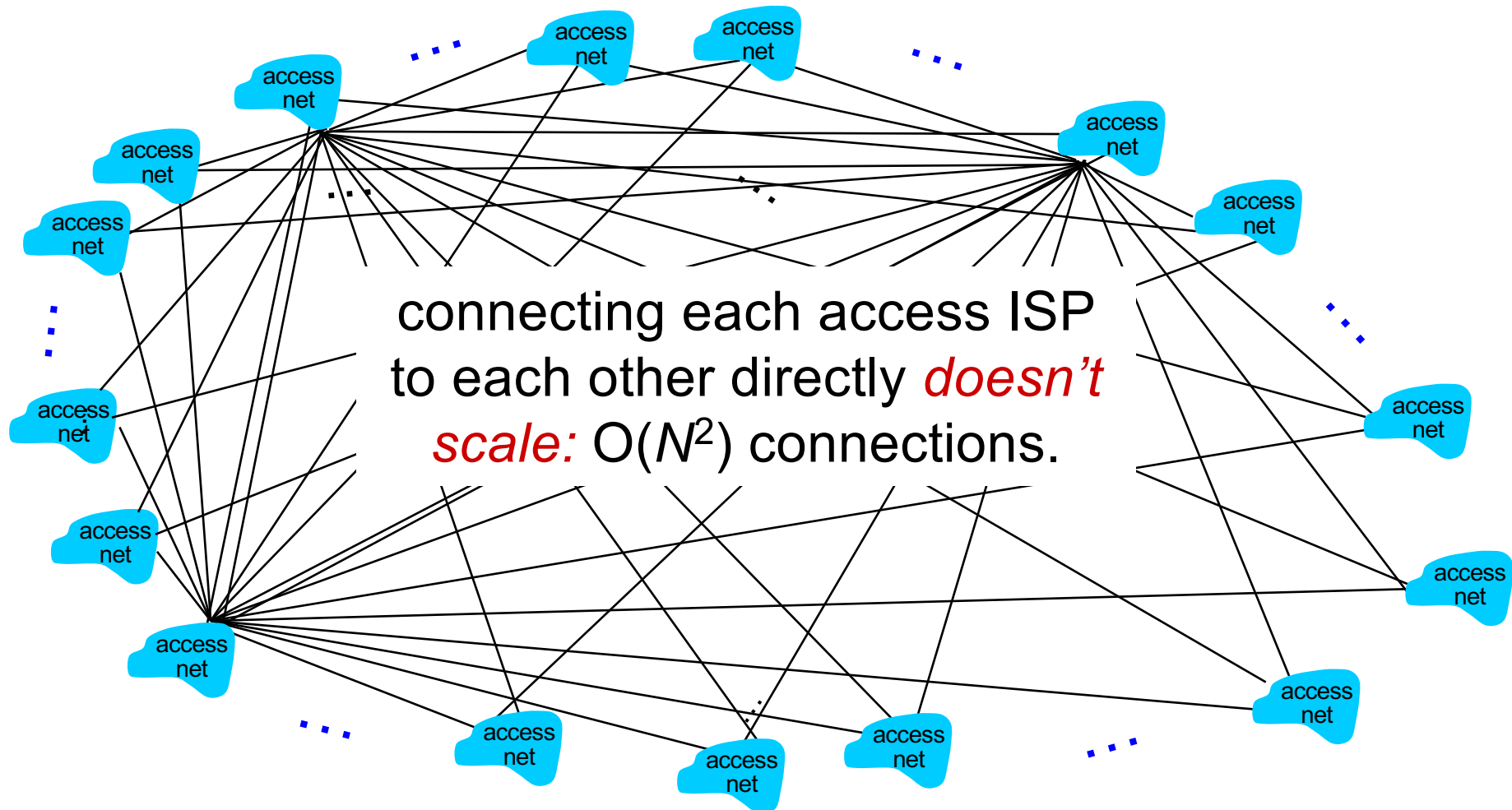
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Question: given *millions* of access ISPs, how to connect them together?



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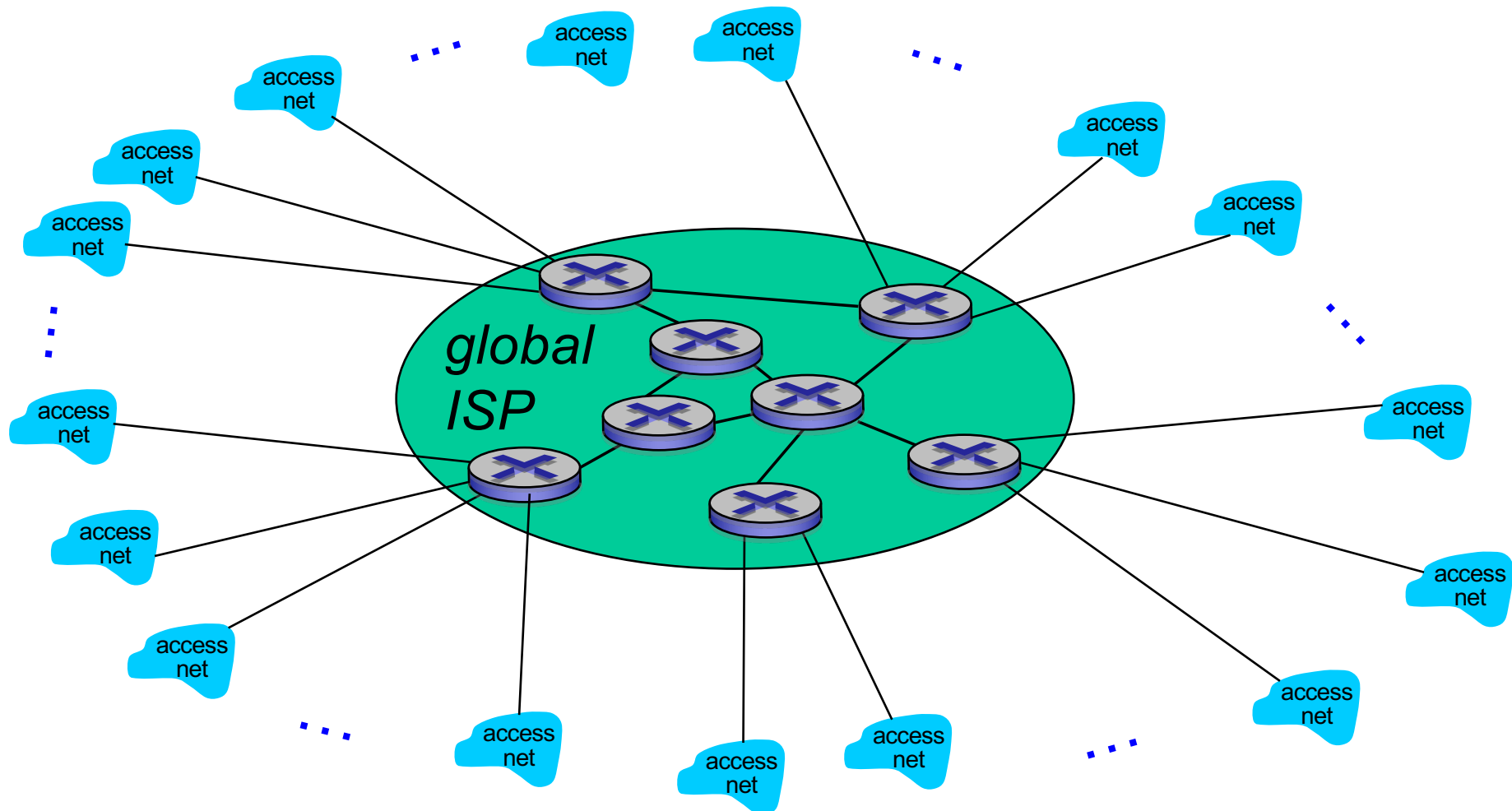
Option: connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



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Option: connect each access ISP to one global transit ISP?

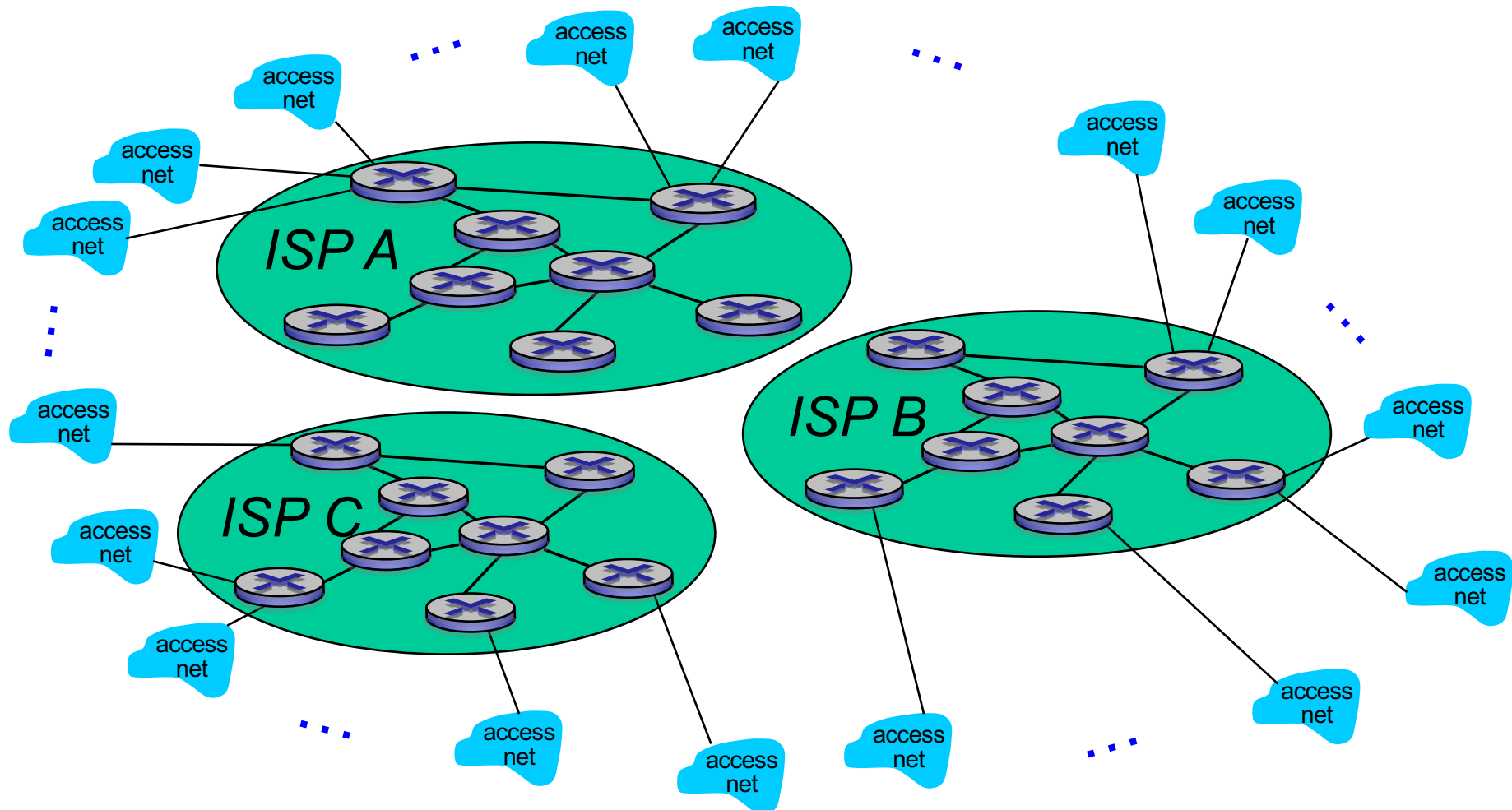
Customer and provider ISPs have economic agreement.



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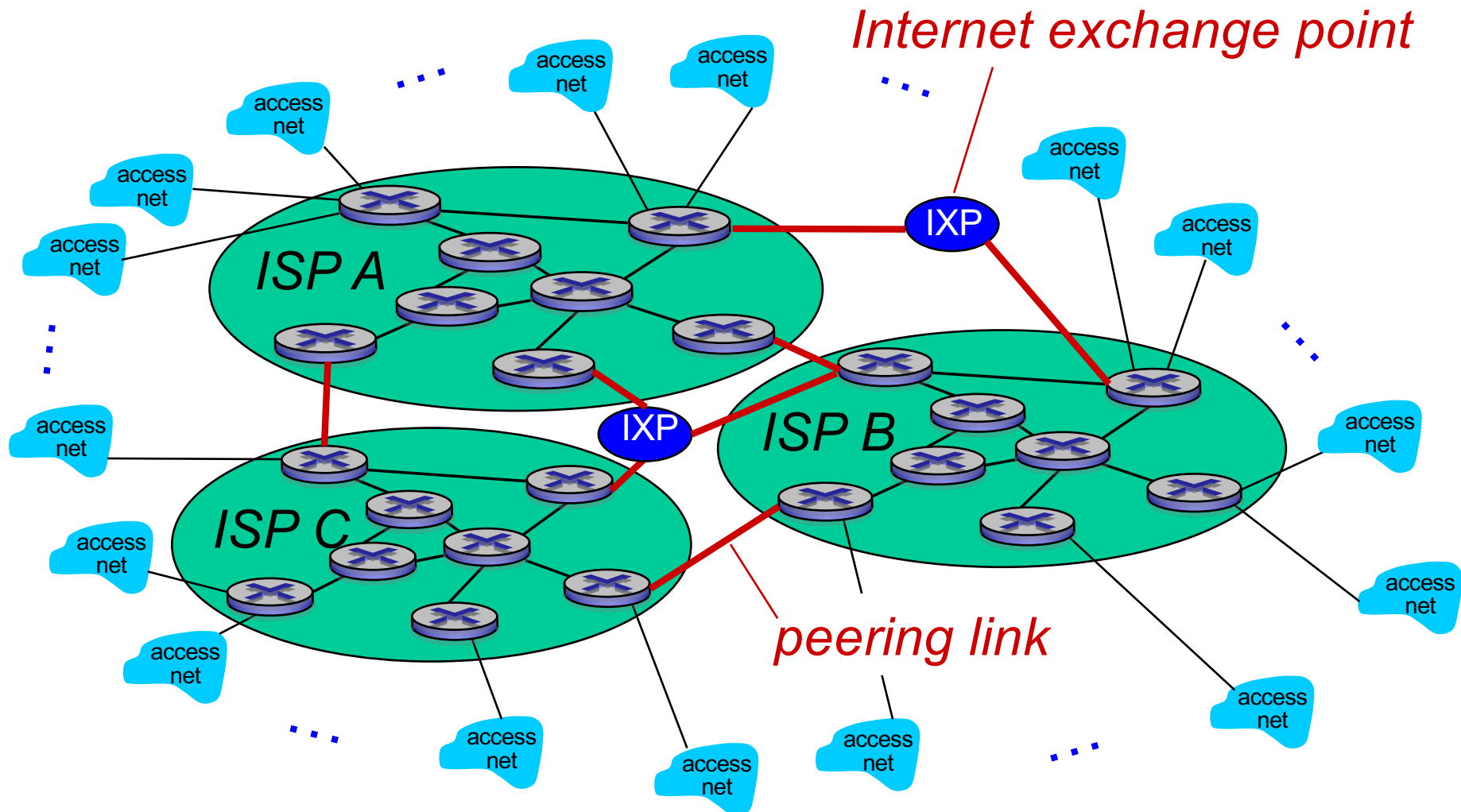
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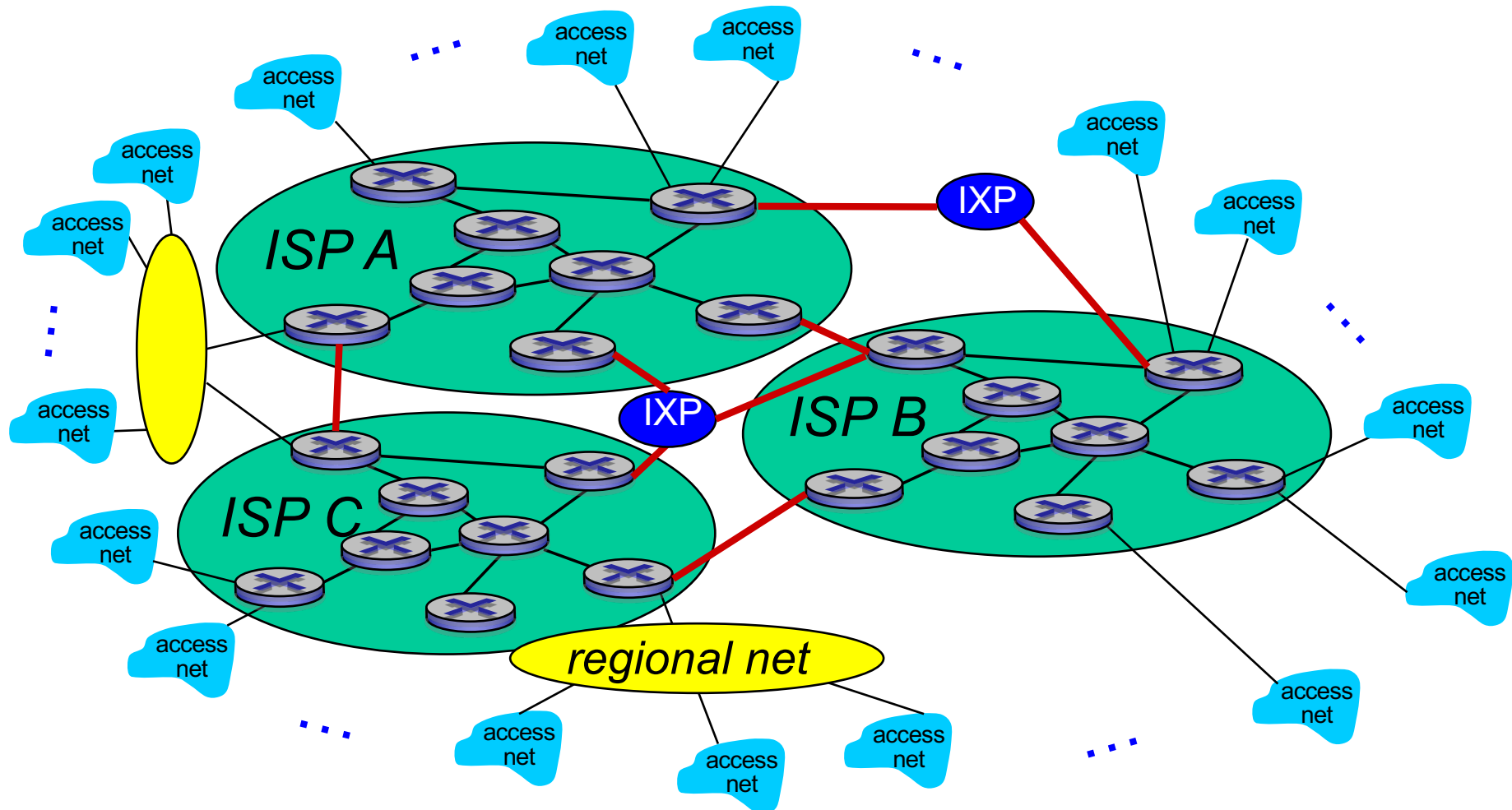
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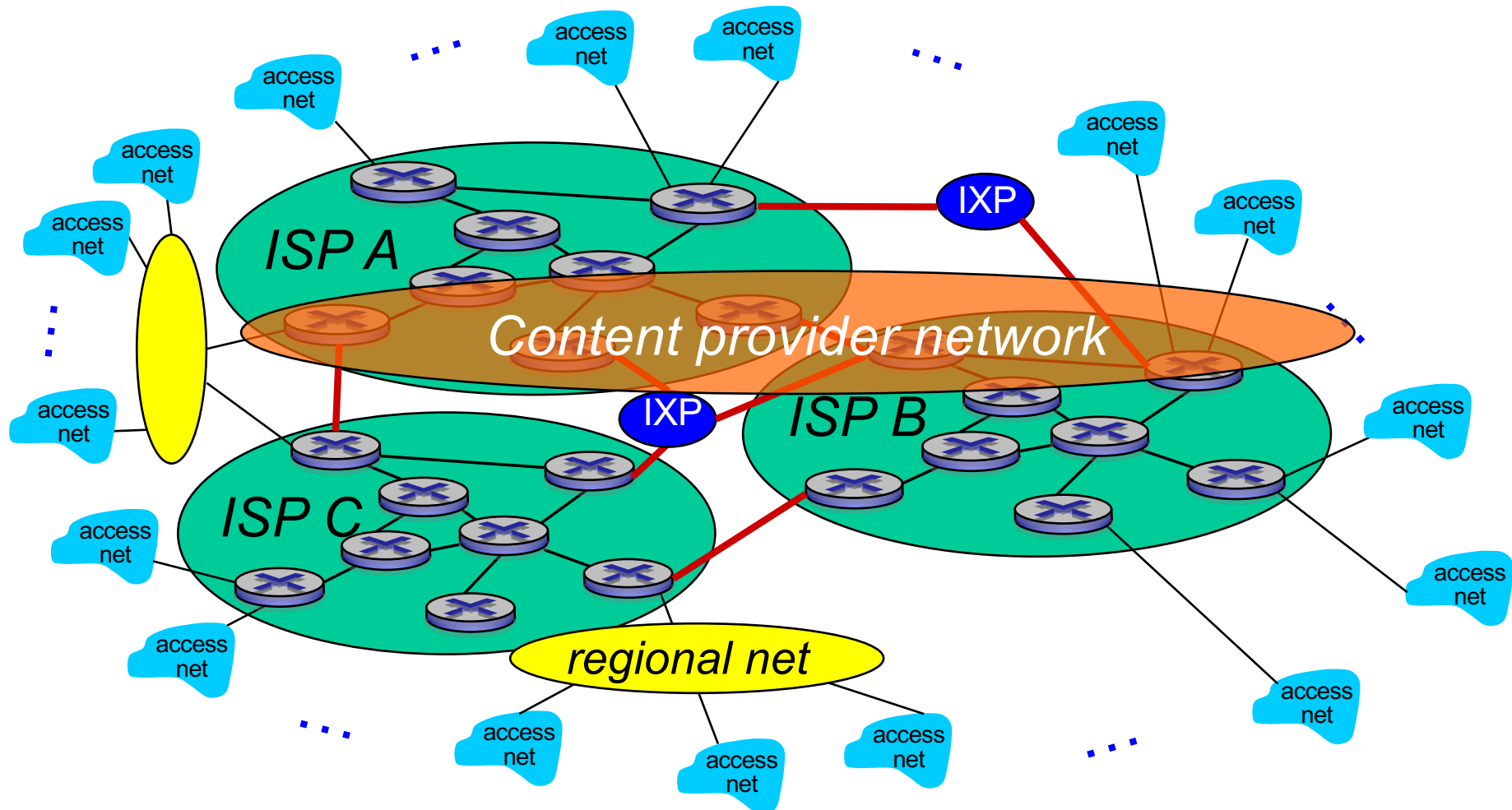
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... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPs

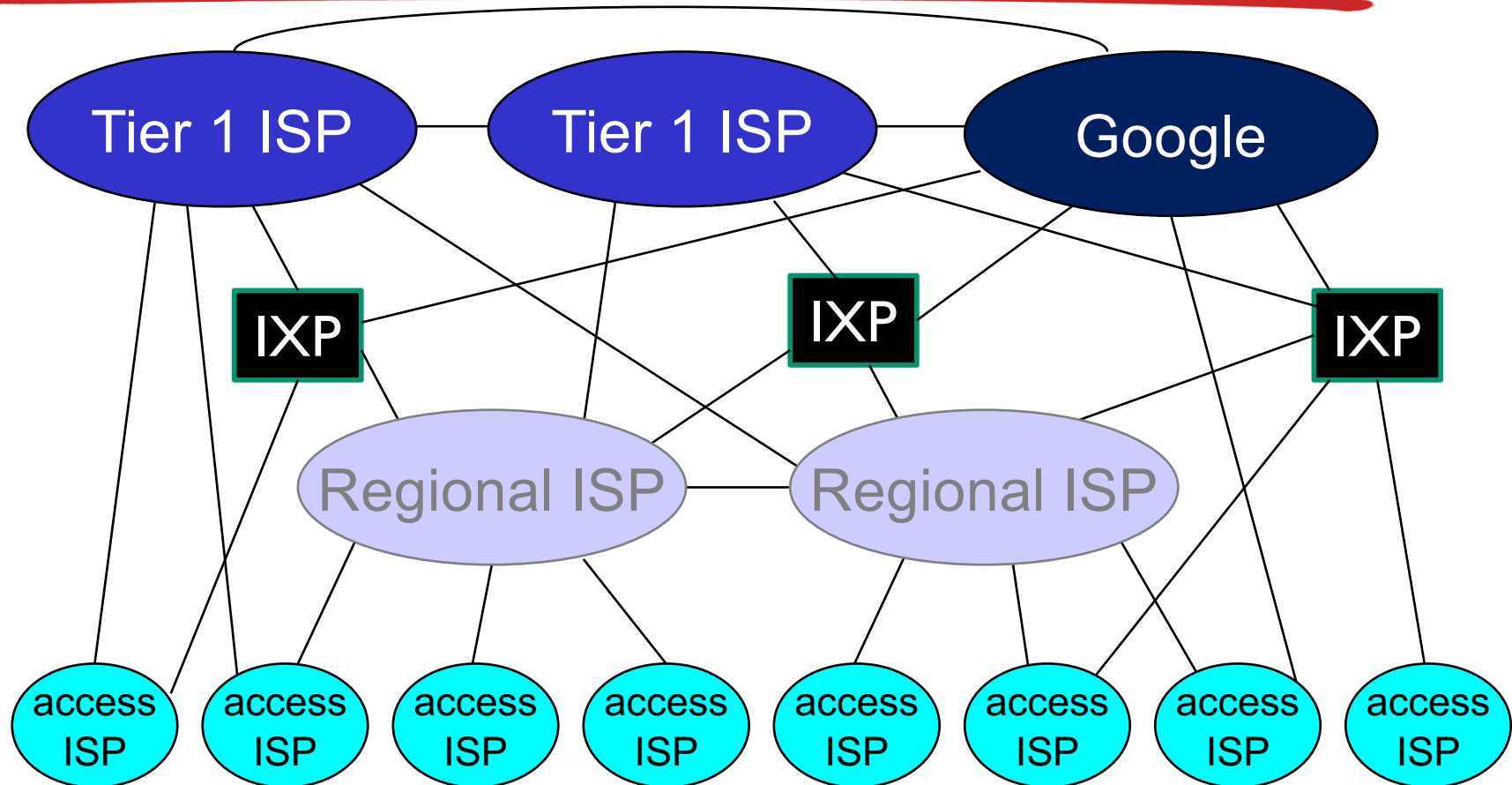


Internet structure: network of networks

... and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users



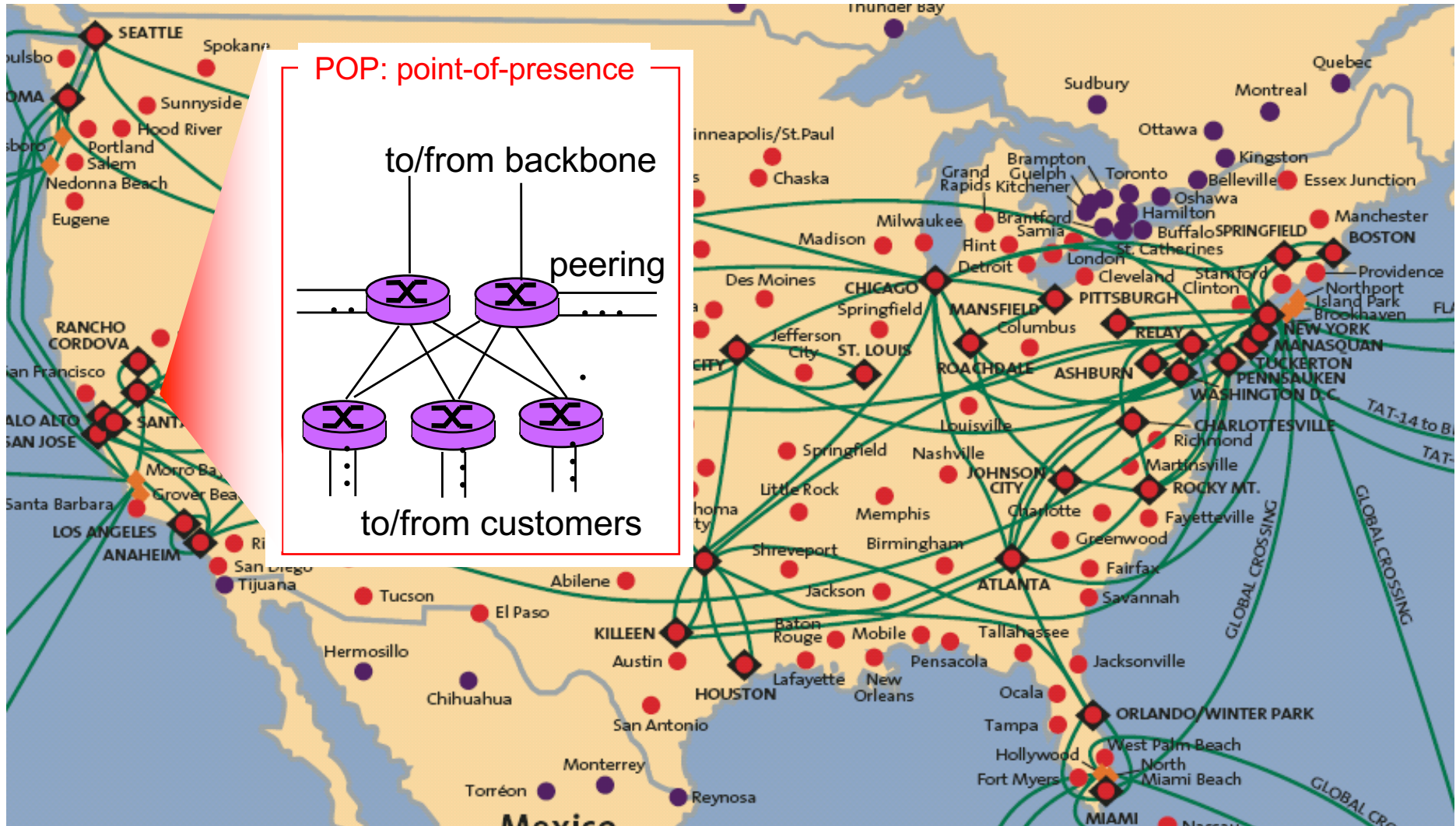
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□ at center: small # of well-connected large networks

- “**tier-1**” **commercial ISPs** (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
- **content provider network** (e.g., Google): private network that connects its data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs

Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint



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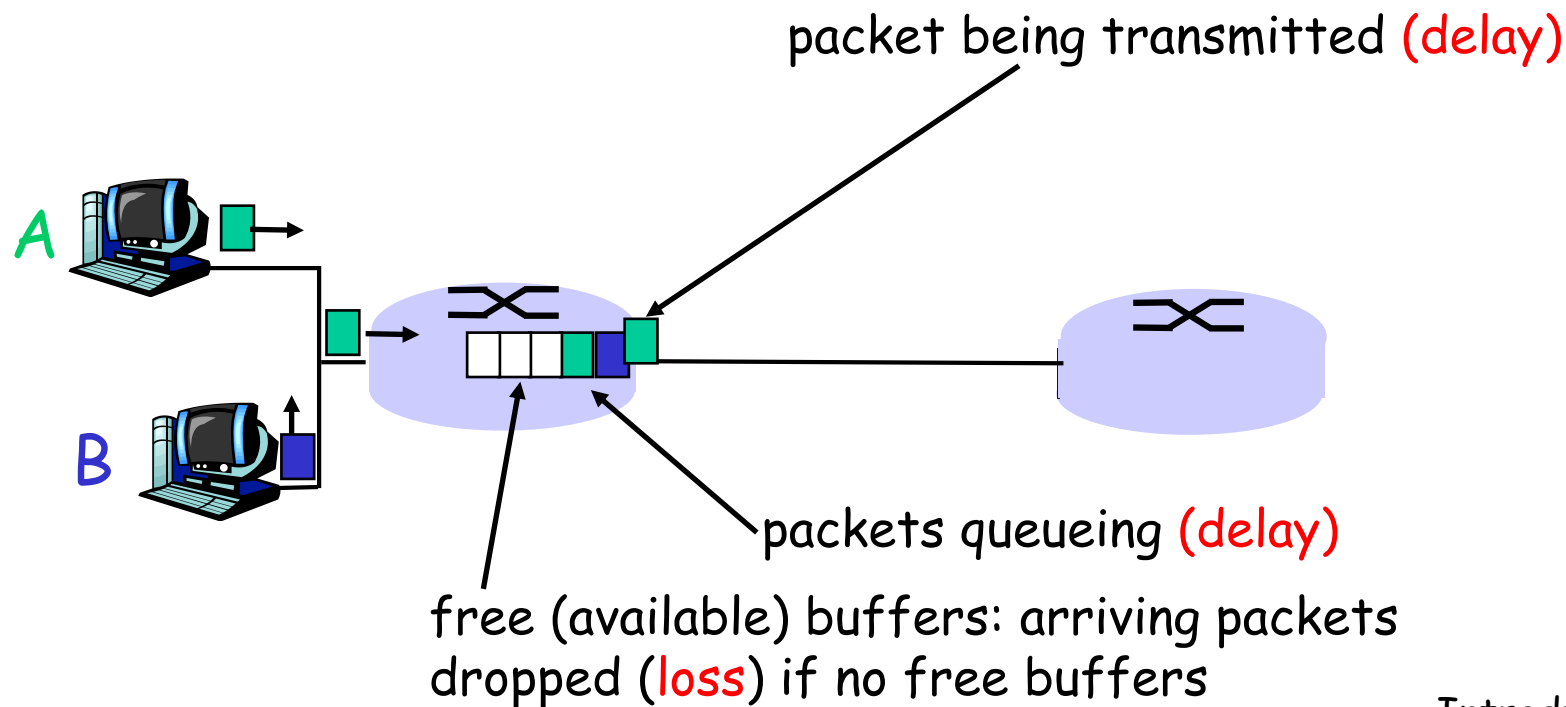
1.6 Network Under Attack

1.7 History

How do loss and delay occur?

packets *queue* in router buffers

- ❑ packet arrival rate to link exceeds output link capacity
- ❑ packets queue, wait for turn



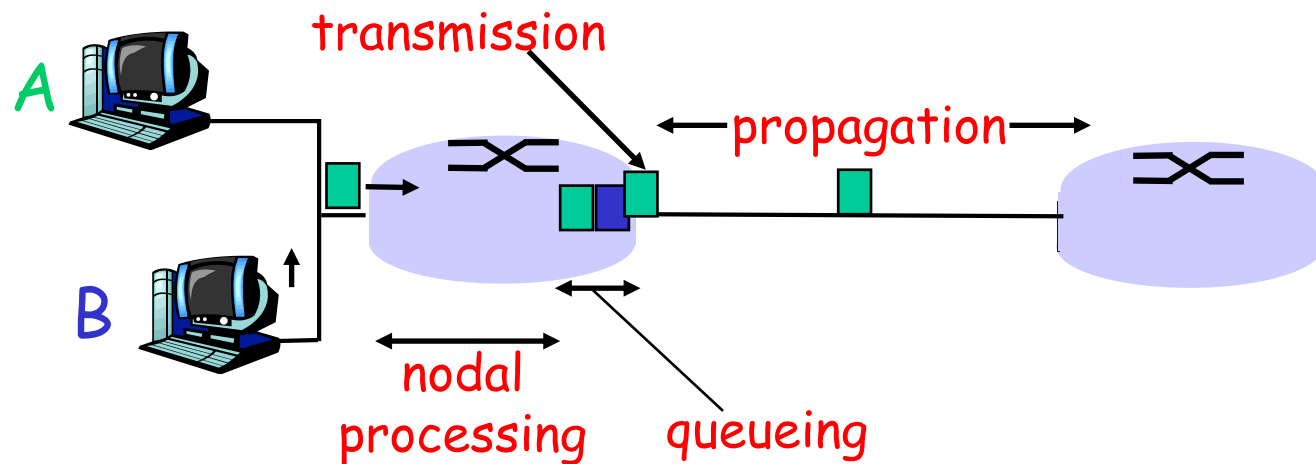
Four sources of packet delay

□ 1. nodal processing:

- check bit errors
- determine output link

□ 2. queueing

- ❖ time waiting at output link for transmission
- ❖ depends on congestion level of router



Delay in packet-switched networks

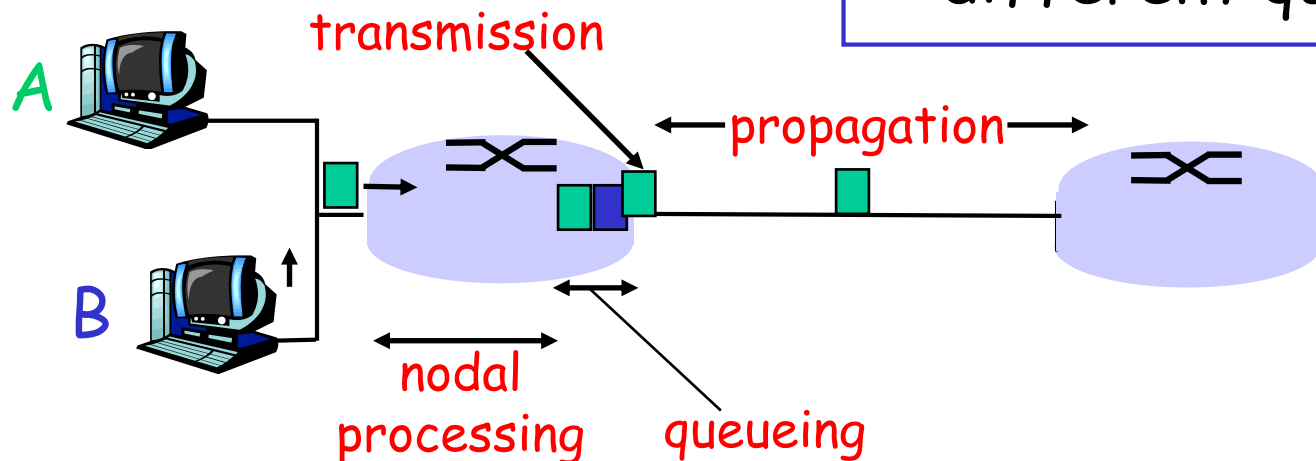
3. Transmission delay:

- ❑ R = link bandwidth (bps)
- ❑ L = packet length (bits)
- ❑ time to send bits into link = L/R

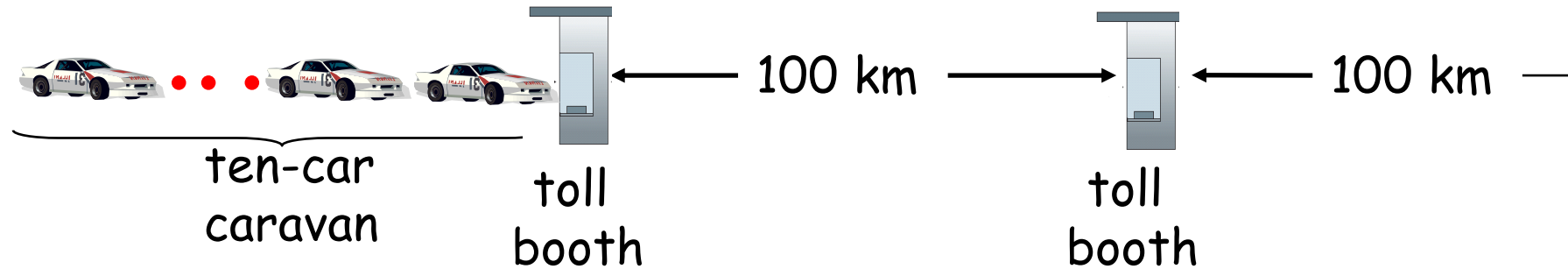
4. Propagation delay:

- ❑ d = length of physical link
- ❑ s = propagation speed in medium ($\sim 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec)
- ❑ propagation delay = d/s

Note: s and R are very different quantities!

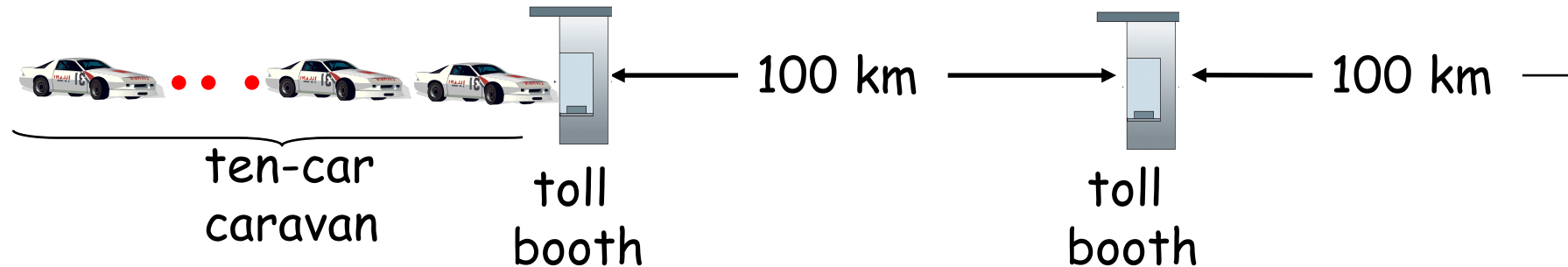


Caravan analogy



- ❑ cars "propagate" at 100 km/hr
- ❑ toll booth takes 12 sec to service car (transmission time)
- ❑ car ~ bit; caravan ~ packet
- ❑ **Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?**
- ❑ Time to "push" entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = $12 * 10 = 120$ sec
- ❑ Time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll booth: $100 \text{ km} / (100 \text{ km/hr}) = 1$ hr
- ❑ **A: 62 minutes**

Caravan analogy (more)



- Cars now “propagate” at 1000 km/hr
- Toll booth now takes 1 min to service a car
- **Q: Will 1st car arrive at 2nd booth before all cars serviced at 1st booth?**
- **Yes!** After 7 min, 1st car at 2nd booth and 3 cars still at 1st booth.
- 1st bit of packet can arrive at 2nd router before packet is fully transmitted at 1st router!
 - See Ethernet applet at AWL Web site

Nodal delay

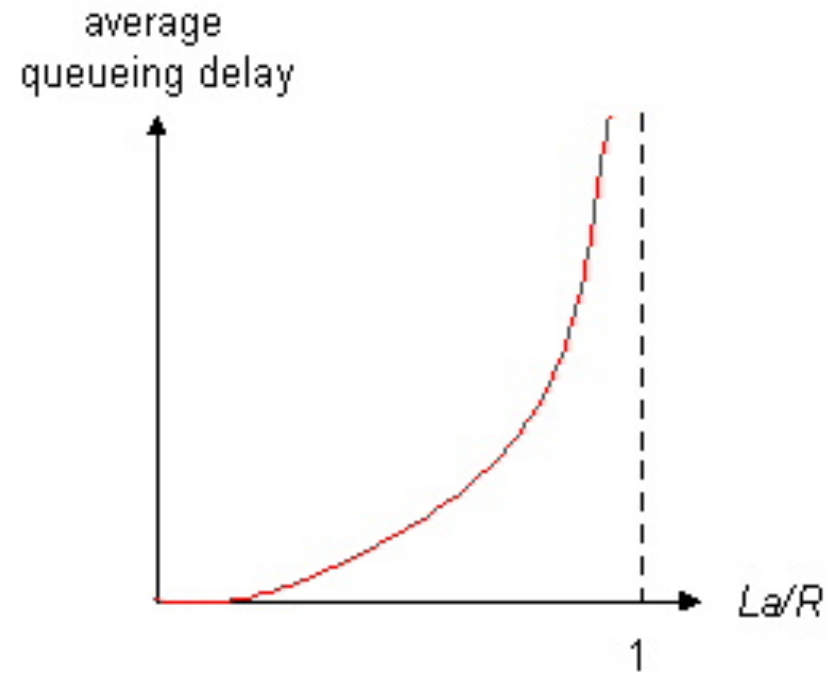
$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

- d_{proc} = processing delay
 - typically a few microseconds or less
- d_{queue} = queuing delay
 - depends on congestion
- d_{trans} = transmission delay
 - $= L/R$, significant for low-speed links
- d_{prop} = propagation delay
 - a few microseconds to hundreds of msec

Queueing delay (revisited)

- R =link bandwidth (bps)
- L =packet length (bits)
- a =average packet arrival rate

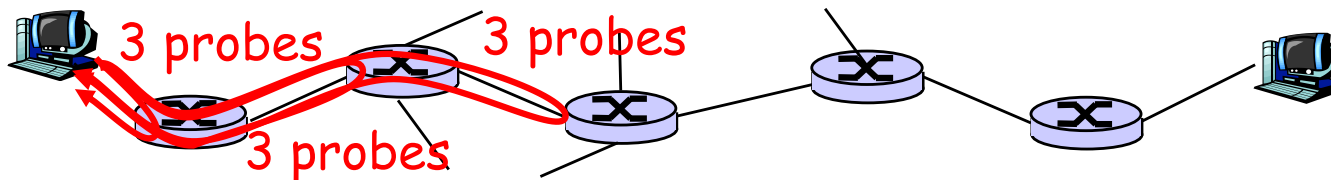
traffic intensity = La/R



- $La/R \sim 0$: average queueing delay small
- $La/R \rightarrow 1$: delays become large
- $La/R > 1$: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

"Real" Internet delays and routes

- ❑ What do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- ❑ **Traceroute program**: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination. For all i :
 - sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination
 - router i will return packets to sender
 - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



"Real" Internet delays and routes

traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

Three delay measurements from
gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu

1	cs-gw (128.119.240.254)	1 ms	1 ms	2 ms
2	border1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.145)	1 ms	1 ms	2 ms
3	cht-vbns.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.130)	6 ms	5 ms	5 ms
4	jn1-at1-0-0-19.wor.vbns.net (204.147.132.129)	16 ms	11 ms	13 ms
5	jn1-so7-0-0-0.wae.vbns.net (204.147.136.136)	21 ms	18 ms	18 ms
6	abilene-vbns.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.9)	22 ms	18 ms	22 ms
7	nycm-wash.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.46)	22 ms	22 ms	22 ms
8	62.40.103.253 (62.40.103.253)	104 ms	109 ms	106 ms
9	de2-1.de1.de.geant.net (62.40.96.129)	109 ms	102 ms	104 ms
10	de.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.96.50)	113 ms	121 ms	114 ms
11	renater-gw.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.103.54)	112 ms	114 ms	112 ms
12	nio-n2.cssi.renater.fr (193.51.206.13)	111 ms	114 ms	116 ms
13	nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.102)	123 ms	125 ms	124 ms
14	r3t2-nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.110)	126 ms	126 ms	124 ms
15	eurecom-valbonne.r3t2.ft.net (193.48.50.54)	135 ms	128 ms	133 ms
16	194.214.211.25 (194.214.211.25)	126 ms	128 ms	126 ms
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18	* * *			
19	fantasia.eurecom.fr (193.55.113.142)	132 ms	128 ms	136 ms

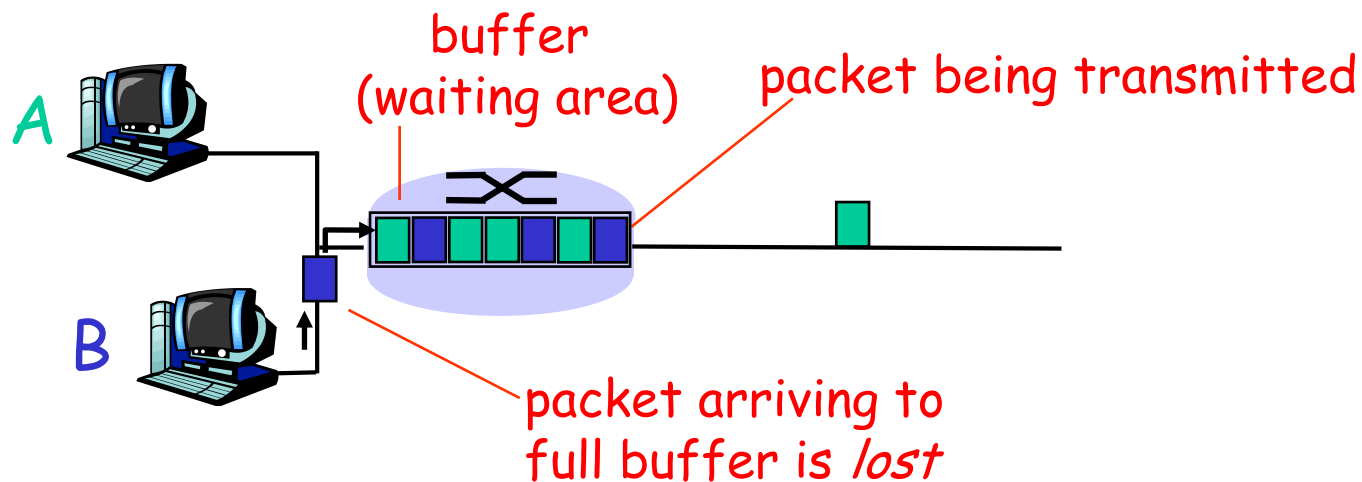
trans-oceanic link

* means no response (probe lost, router not replying)

Quiz Time!

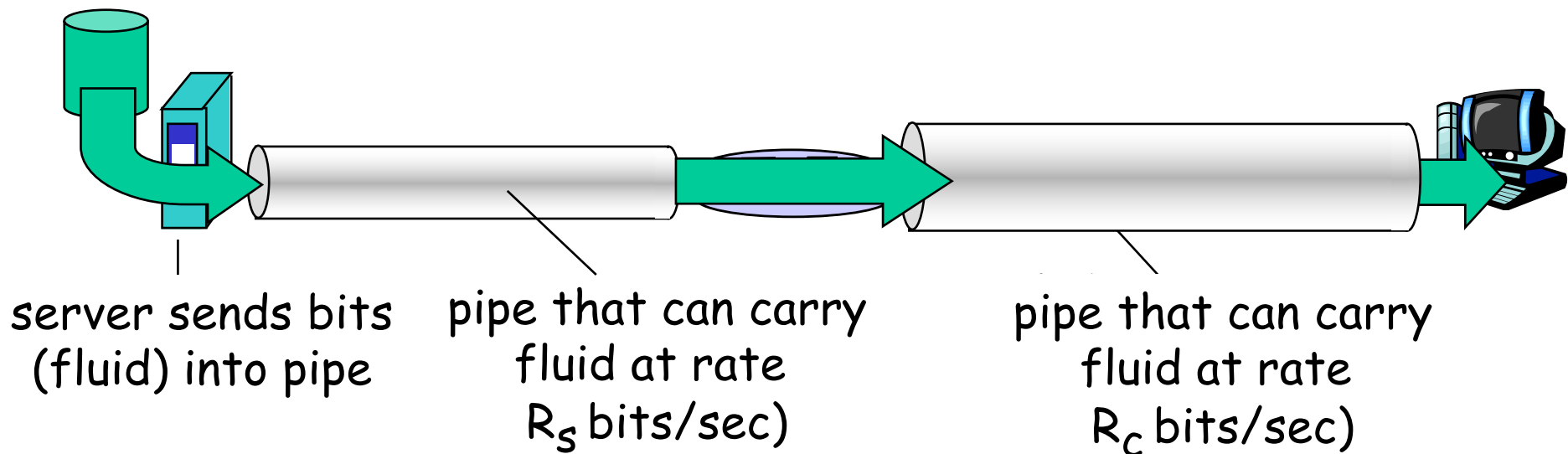
Packet loss

- ❑ queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- ❑ packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- ❑ lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



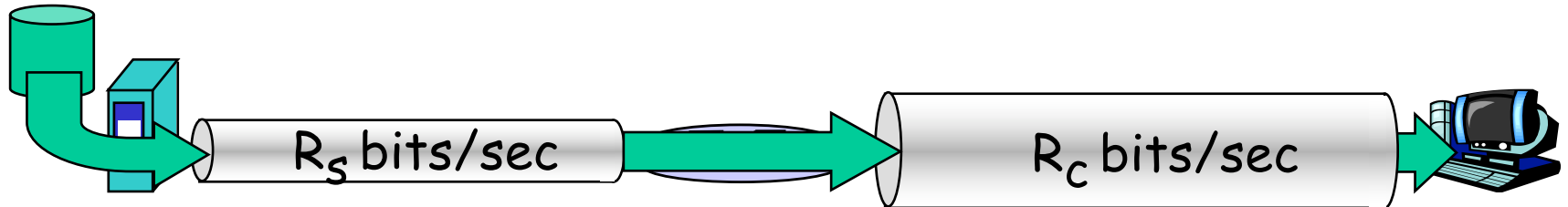
Throughput

- *throughput*: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
 - *instantaneous*: rate at given point in time
 - *average*: rate over long(er) period of time

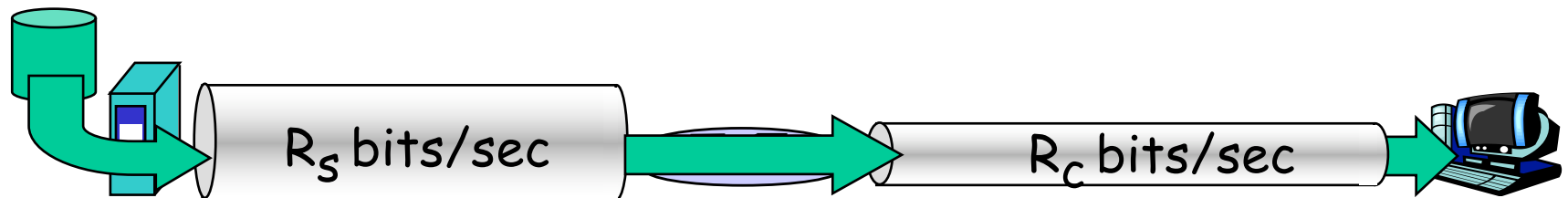


Throughput (more)

- $R_s < R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



- $R_s > R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?

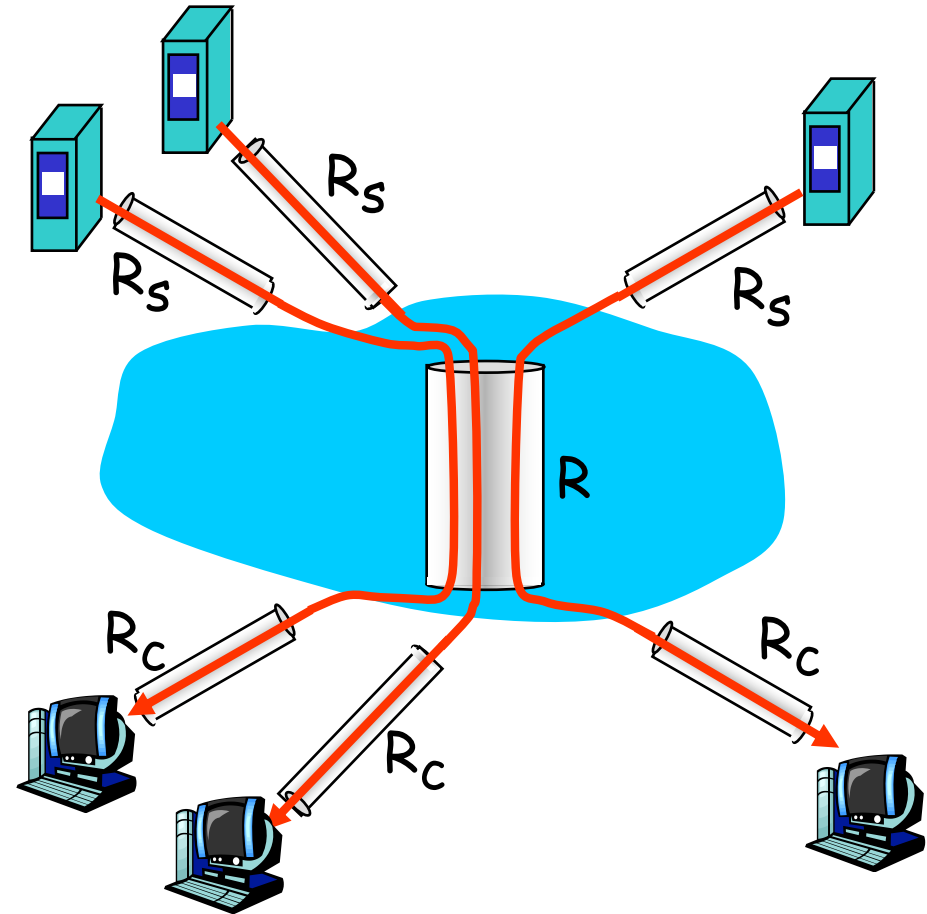


bottleneck link

link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

Throughput: Internet scenario

- per-connection end-end throughput: $\min(R_c, R_s, R/10)$
- in practice: R_c or R_s is often bottleneck



10 connections (fairly) share backbone bottleneck link R bits/sec

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Protocol "Layers"

Networks are complex!

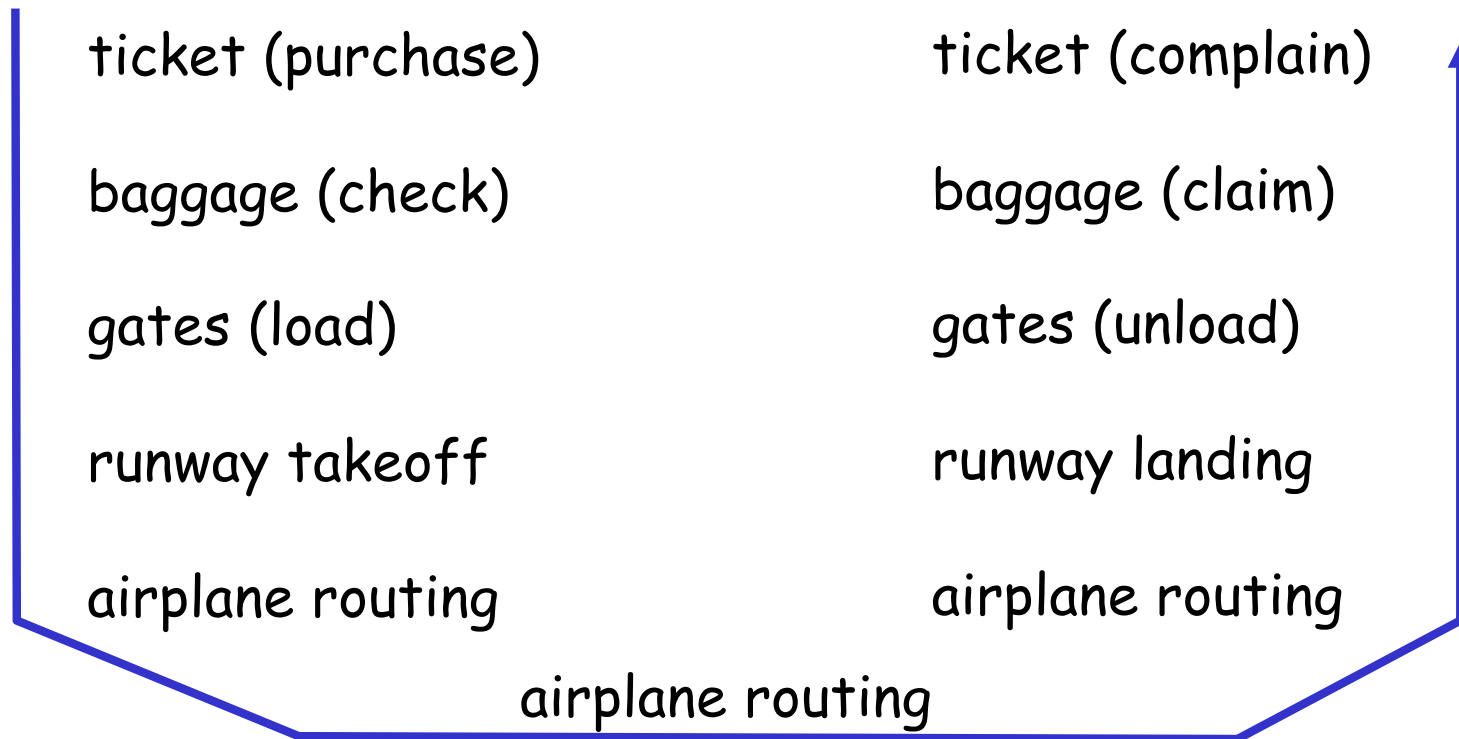
- many "pieces":
 - hosts
 - routers
 - links of various media
 - applications
 - protocols
 - hardware, software

Question:

Is there any hope of *organizing* the "pieces" (of the network)?

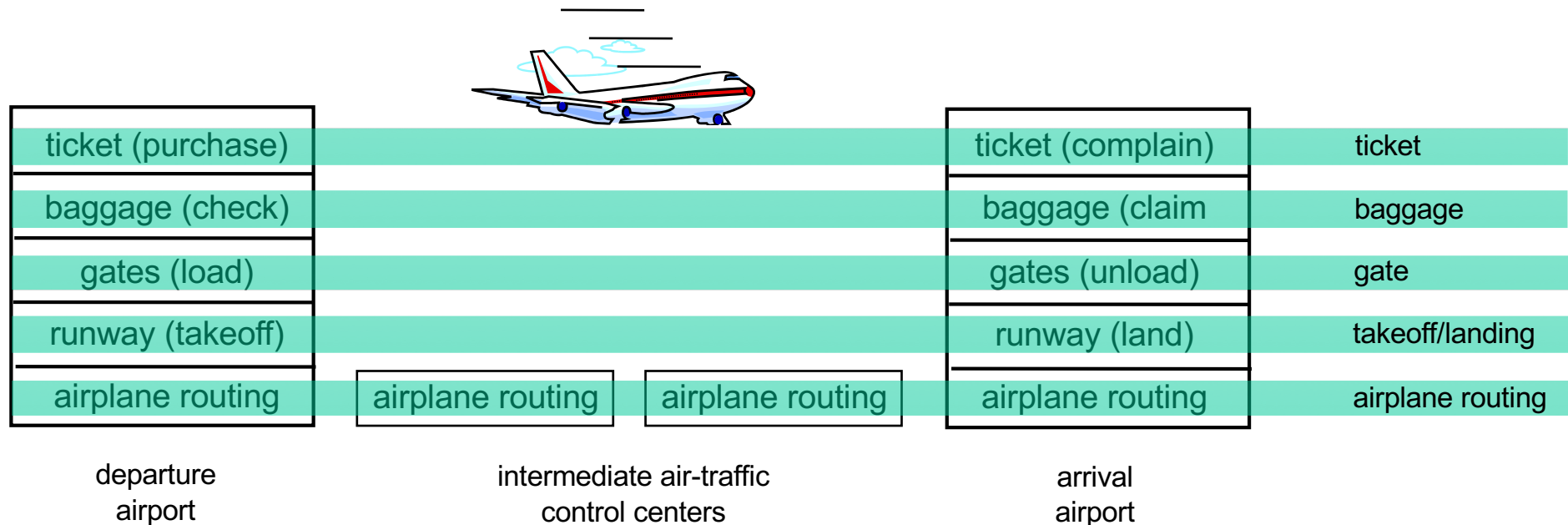
Or at least our discussion of the network?

Organization of air travel



□ a series of steps

Layering of airline functionality



Layers: each layer implements a service

- via its own internal-layer actions
- relying on services provided by layer below

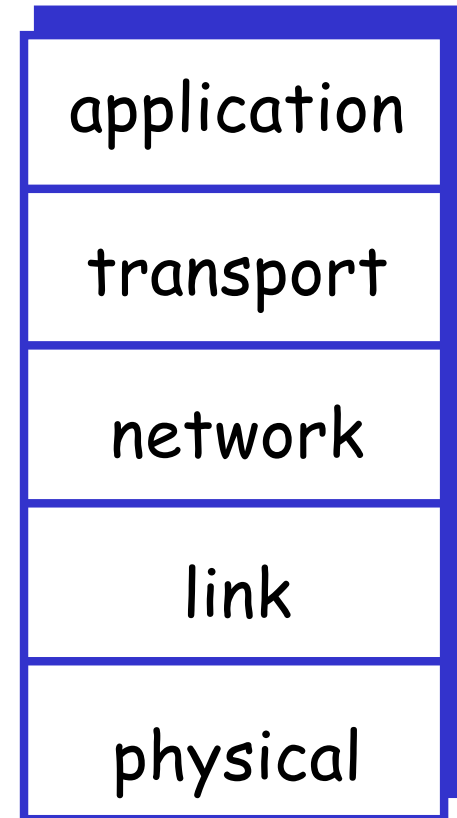
Why layering?

Dealing with complex systems:

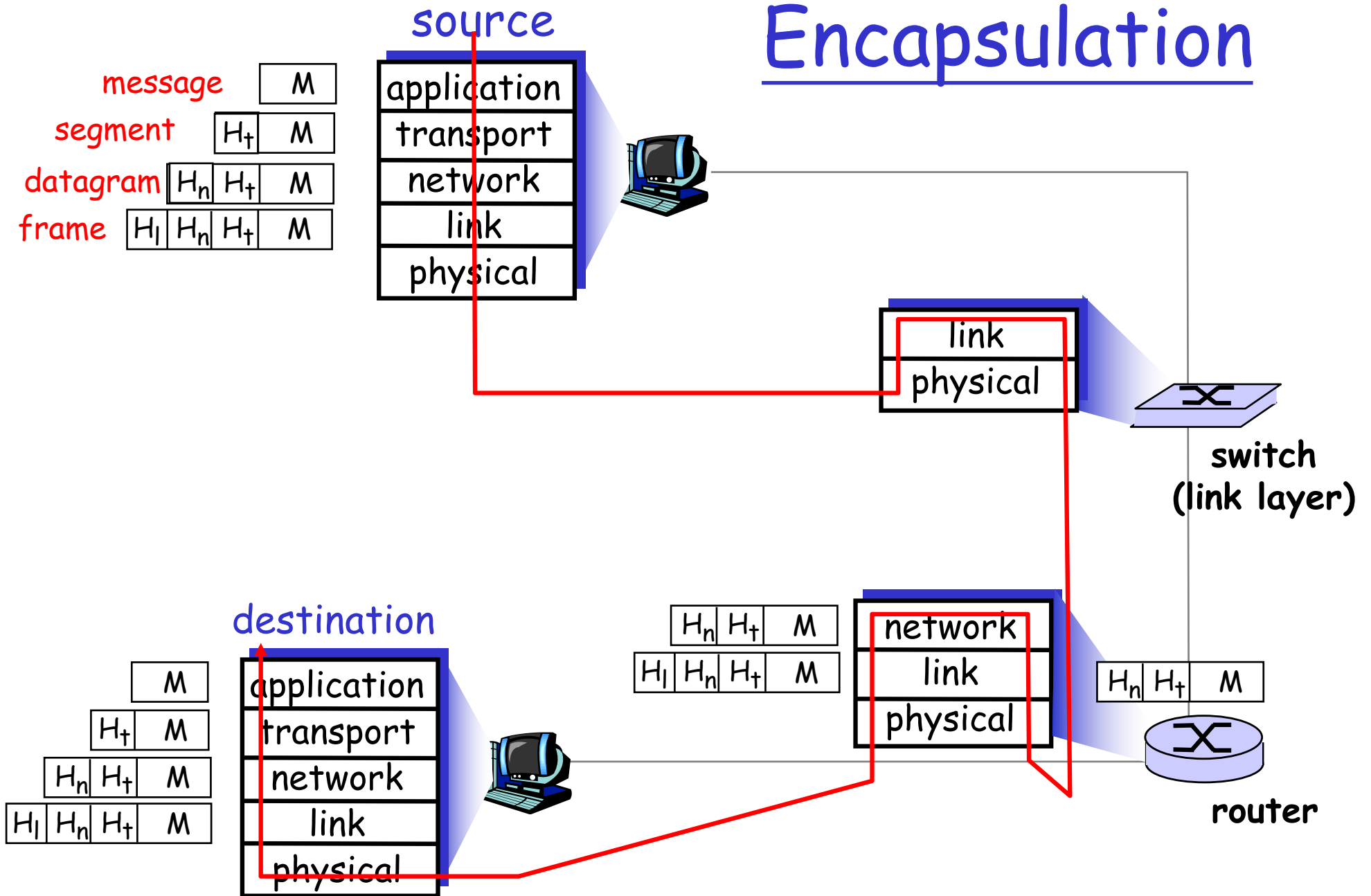
- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
 - layered **reference model** for discussion
- modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system
- layering considered harmful?

Internet protocol stack

- ❑ **application:** supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- ❑ **transport:** process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- ❑ **network:** routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- ❑ **link:** data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - PPP, Ethernet
- ❑ **physical:** bits “on the wire”



Encapsulation



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Network security

□ field of network security:

- how bad guys can attack computer networks
- how we can defend networks against attacks
- how to design architectures that are immune to attacks

□ Internet not originally designed with (much) security in mind

- *original vision*: “a group of mutually trusting users attached to a transparent network” 😊
- Internet protocol designers playing “catch-up”
- security considerations in all layers!

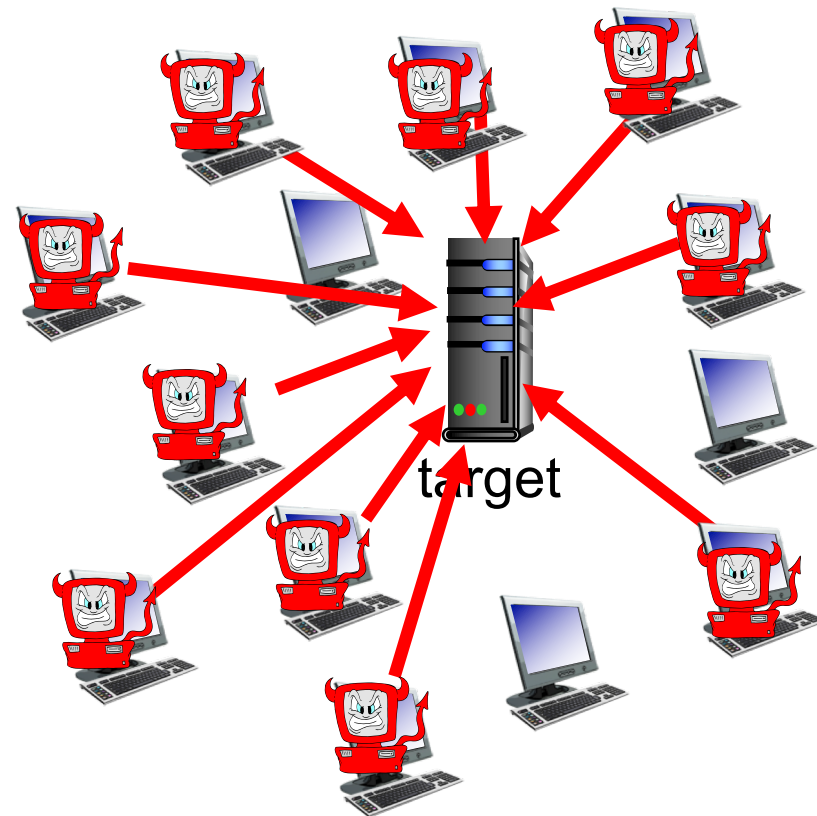
Bad guys: put malware into hosts via Internet

- ❑ malware can get in host from:
 - *virus*: self-replicating infection by receiving/executing object (e.g., e-mail attachment)
 - *worm*: self-replicating infection by passively receiving object that gets itself executed
- ❑ **spyware malware** can record keystrokes, web sites visited, upload info to collection site
- ❑ infected host can be enrolled in **botnet**, used for spam. DDoS attacks

Bad guys: attack server, network infrastructure

Denial of Service (DoS): attackers make resources (server, bandwidth) unavailable to legitimate traffic by overwhelming resource with bogus traffic

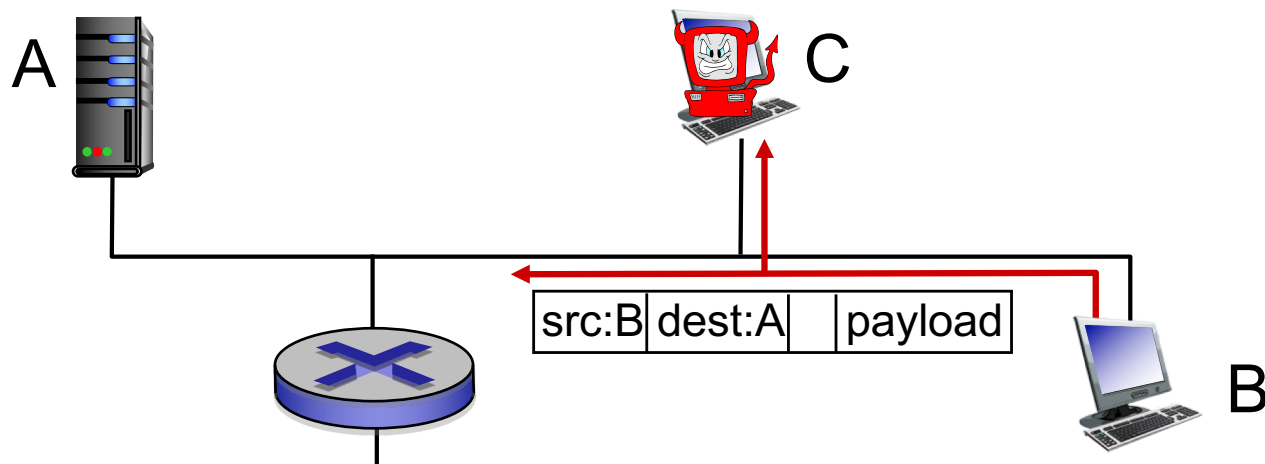
1. select target
2. break into hosts around the network (see botnet)
3. send packets to target from compromised hosts



Bad guys can sniff packets

packet “sniffing”:

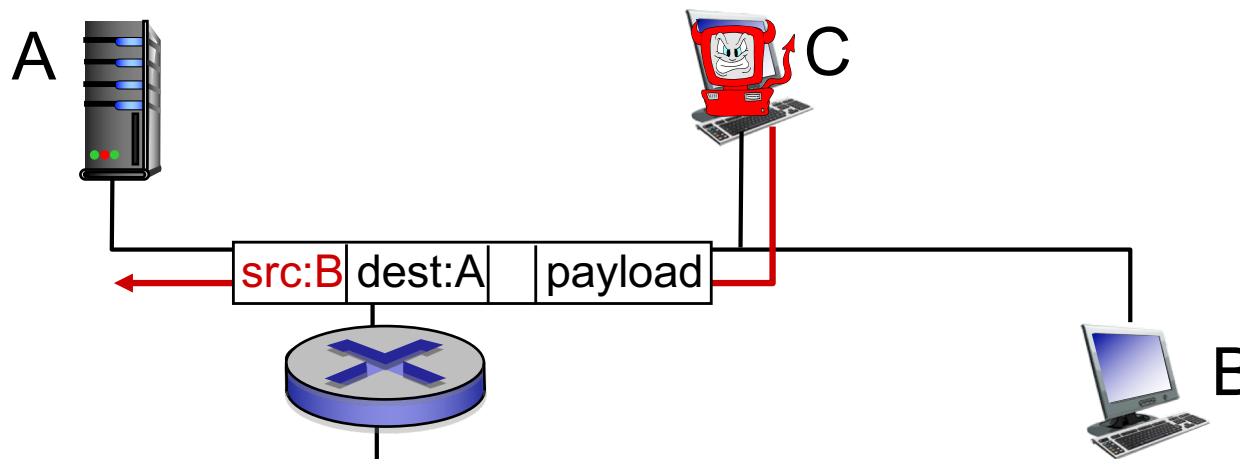
- broadcast media (shared Ethernet, wireless)
- promiscuous network interface reads/records all packets (e.g., including passwords!) passing by



- wireshark software used for end-of-chapter labs is a (free) packet-sniffer

Bad guys can use fake addresses

IP spoofing: send packet with false source address



... lots more on security (throughout, Chapter 8)

Network Security

- more throughout this course
- chapter 8: focus on security
- cryptographic techniques: obvious uses and not so obvious uses

Introduction: Summary

Covered a "ton" of material!

- ❑ Internet overview
- ❑ what's a protocol?
- ❑ network edge, core, access network
 - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
 - Internet structure
- ❑ performance: loss, delay, throughput
- ❑ layering, service models
- ❑ security
- ❑ history

You now have:

- ❑ context, overview, "feel" of networking
- ❑ more depth, detail *to follow!*