

# Chapter 4

# The Medium Access Control Sublayer

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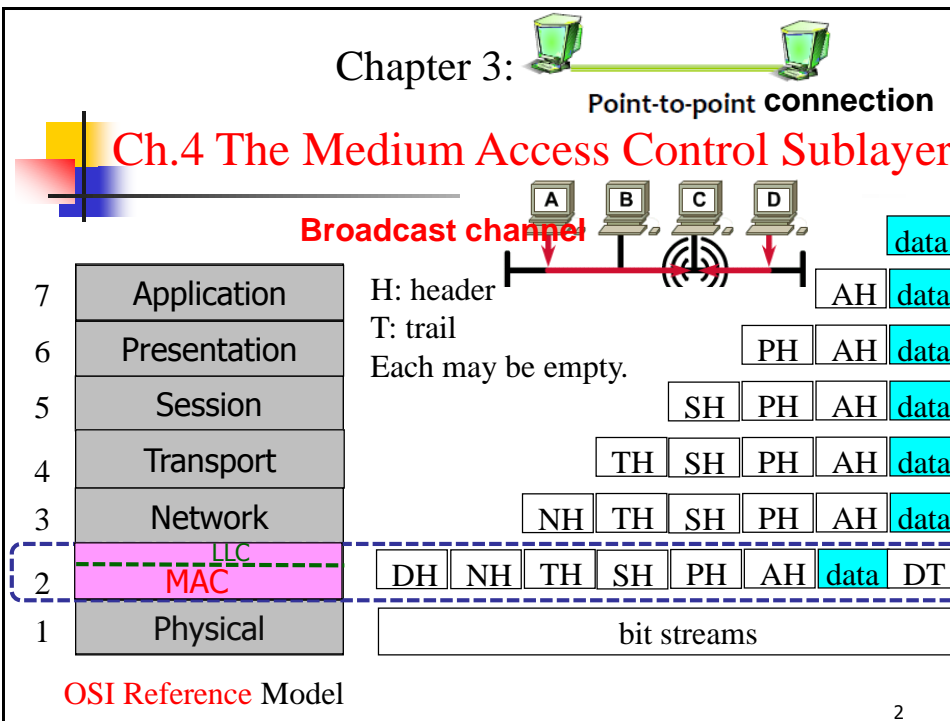
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## Chapter 3:

### Point-to-point connection

## Ch.4 The Medium Access Control Sublayer



# The Channel Allocation Problem

- Static Channel Allocation
  - e.g., static TDM
- Dynamic Channel Allocation

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Round-robin TDM mux

2 1 3 2 1 3 2

Guard time

(Link) Channel

A B C D

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# The Channel Allocation Problem

Medium-sharing Techniques

Static Channelization

eg., FDM, TDM

Dynamic Medium Access Control

Scheduled

(Broadcast channels)  
(Multiaccess channels)  
Random access channels

Random Access

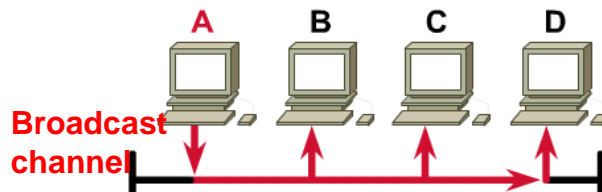
A B C D

eg., Ethernet, WiFi

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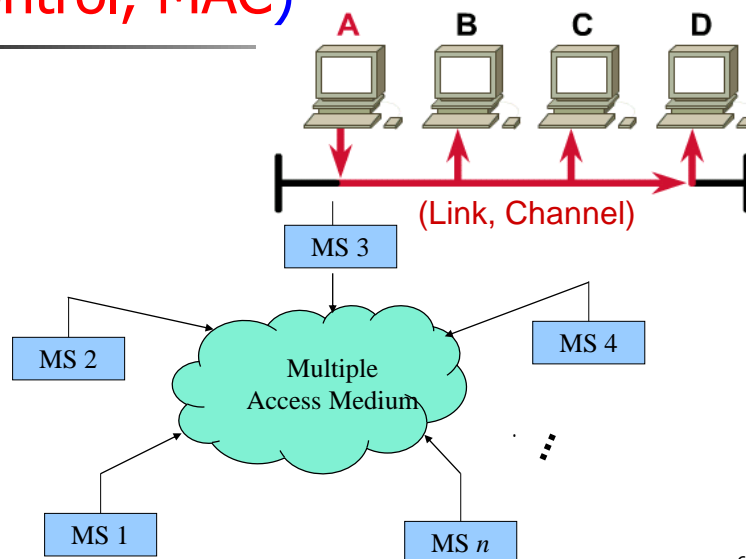
## Key Assumptions for Dynamic Channel Allocation

1. Independent traffic:  $N$  independent stations (terminals, nodes)
2. Single channel (link)
3. Observable Collisions
4. Continuous or slotted time
5. Carrier sense or no carrier sense



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## Multiple access (Medium Access Control, MAC)



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## Why do we need **MAC**?



**Contention and Collision Avoidance !**


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## Why Do We Need **MAC**?



**Fairness !!!**

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## Multiple Access Protocols

### (Random Access)

- ALOHA
- Carrier Sense Multiple Access
- Collision-free protocols
- Limited-contention protocols
- Wireless LAN protocols

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










## ALOHA (in the 1970s)

In pure ALOHA, frames are transmitted at completely arbitrary times.

Stations, Nodes, Terminals

User

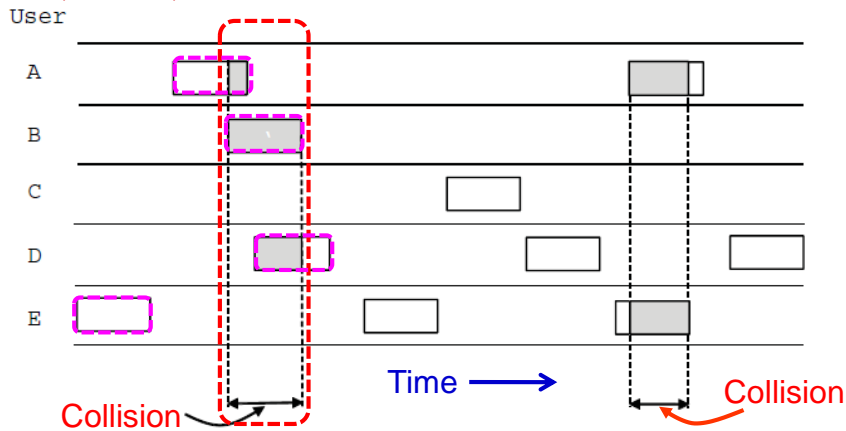
A									
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C									
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Time →

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## ALOHA (1)

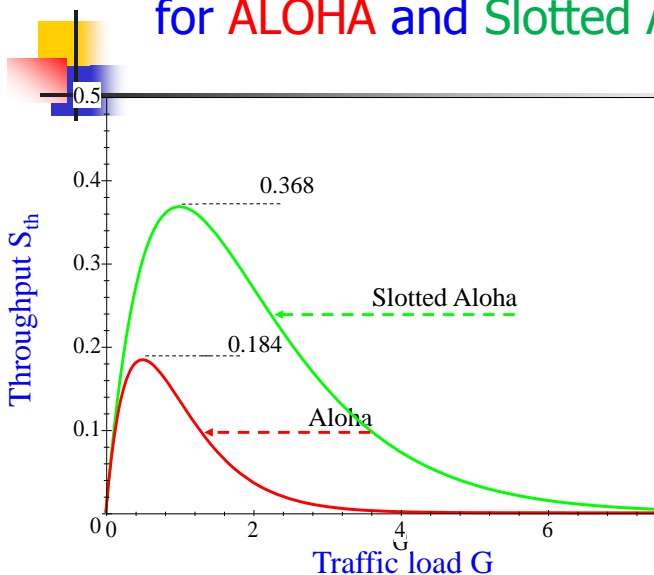
Stations, Nodes, Terminals



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## Comparison of Throughputs for ALOHA and Slotted ALOHA



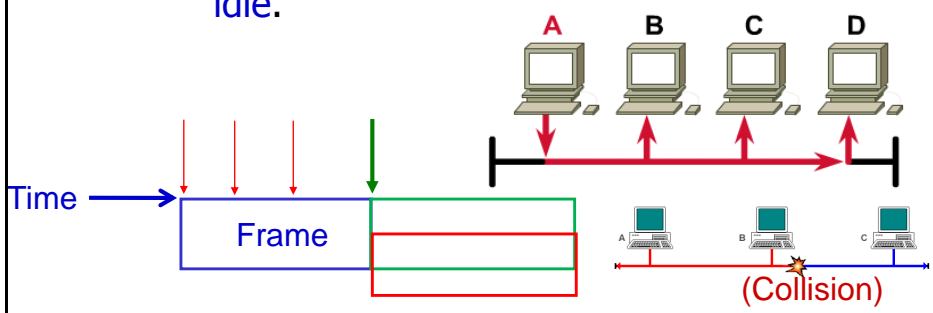
- Max. throughput for ALOHA (A)  $S_{th} = 0.184$  at  $G = 1/2$
- Max. throughput for Slotted ALOHA (SA)  $S_{th} = 0.368$  at  $G = 1$
- Notice that  $S_{th}$  for SA is exactly 2 x bigger than  $S_{th}$  for A
  - Hypothesis: bec. max. duration of a collision for SA ( $=2T$ ) is 2 x smaller than for A ( $=T$ )

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# Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)

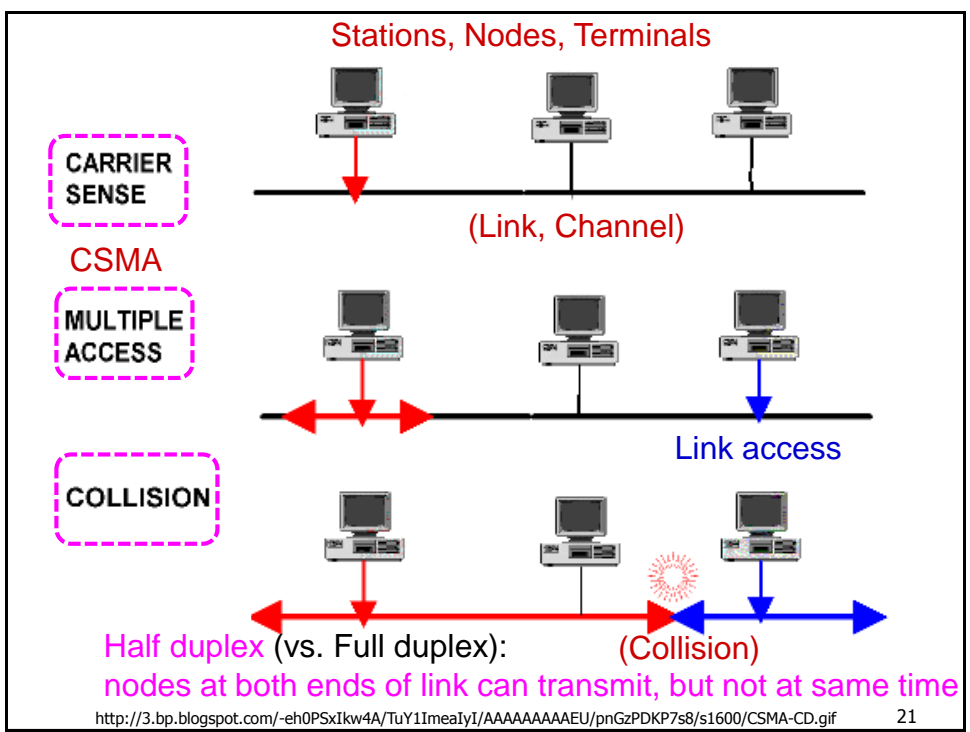
## 1-persistent CSMA

- Listen before transmit: If the **channel** is busy, the station **waits** until it becomes idle.

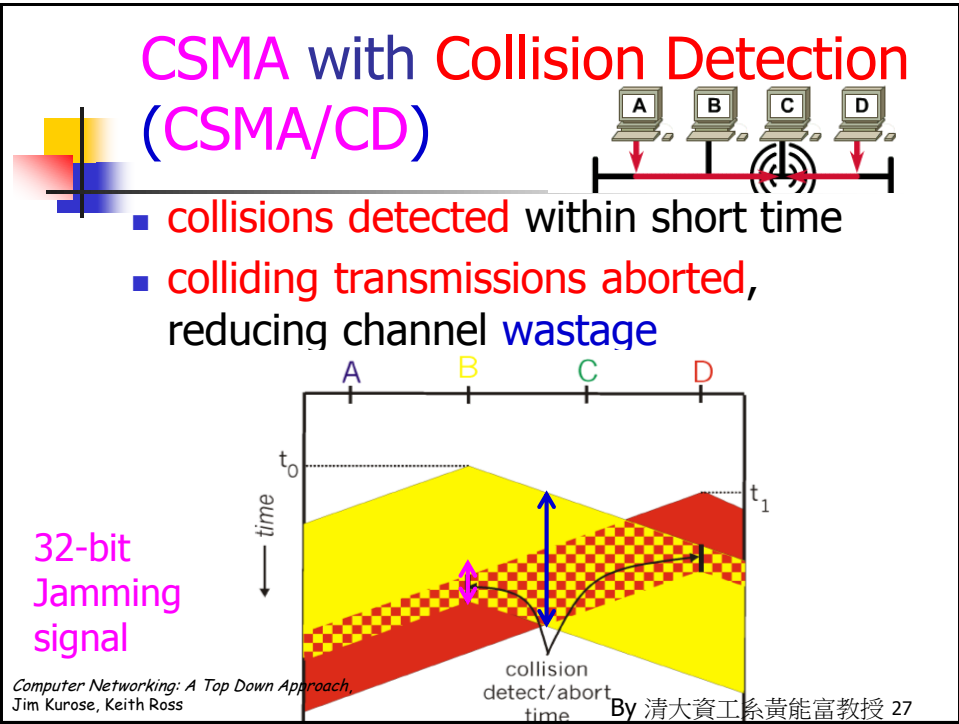
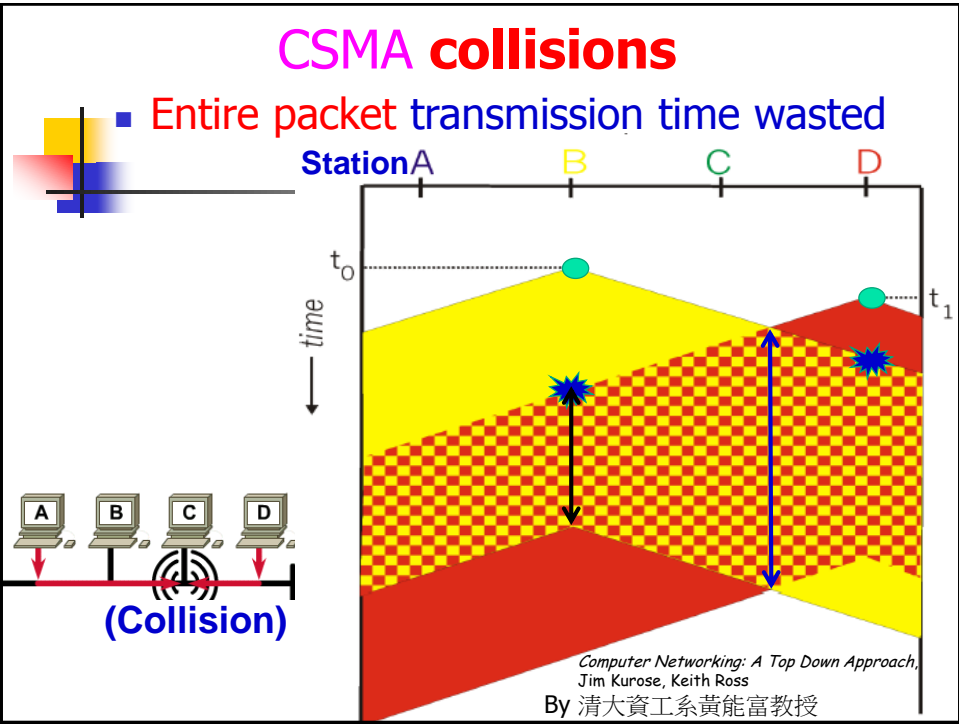


- If channel sensed **idle**: transmit **entire frame**

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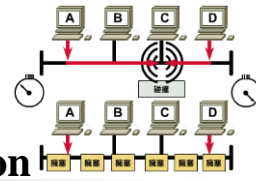


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## CSMA/CD Protocol (CSMA with Collision Detection)

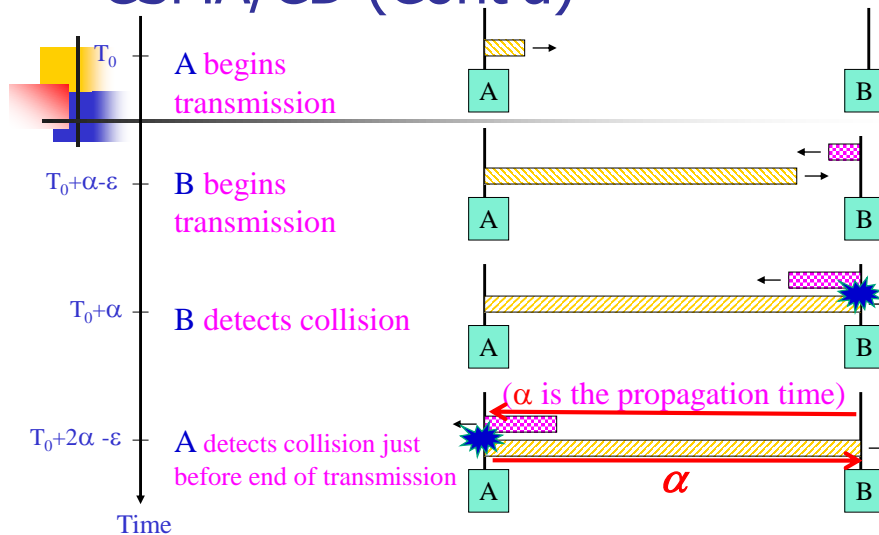


Carrier Sense before transmission

- Carrier Sense while transmission
- Collision detection: Two or more stations transmitting simultaneously
- Contention: Competition for retransmission
- Backoff: Random delay after collision
- Deference: Defers transmission if channel is sensed busy
- Collision Window (Slot time): Round-trip propagation delay time plus some carrier

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## CSMA/CD (Cont'd)

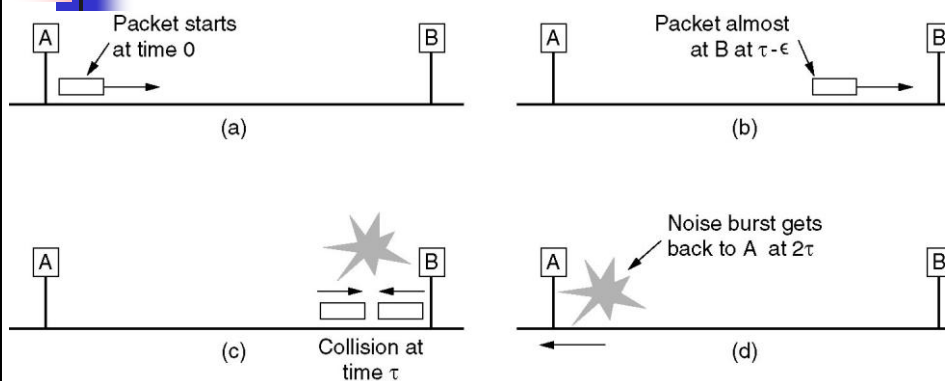


**Collision Window = round-trip delay ( $2\alpha$ ) ( $2\tau$ )**

(Slot time)  $< 51.2 \mu s$  (512 bit time for 10Mbps)  $\leftarrow 2500m$   
 $= 5.12 \mu s$  (512 bit time for 100Mbps)  $\rightarrow 250m$ <sup>29</sup>

## Ethernet MAC Sublayer Protocol (4)

The two hosts are at **opposite ends of the Ethernet**.

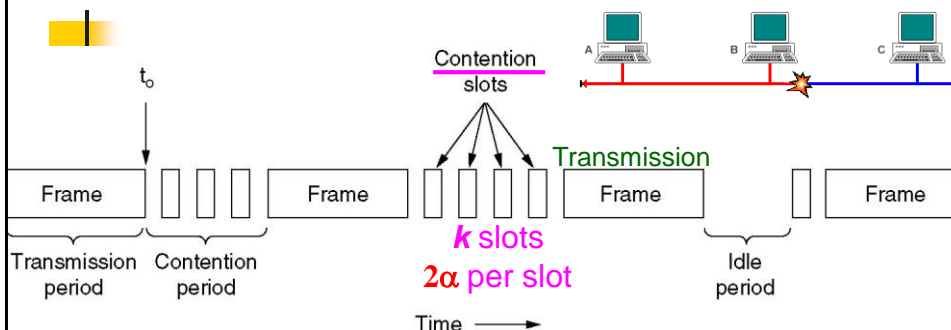


Collision detection can take as long as  $2\tau$ .

**Collision Window = round-trip delay ( $2\alpha$ ) ( $2\tau$ )**  
(Slot time)

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## CSMA with Collision Detection



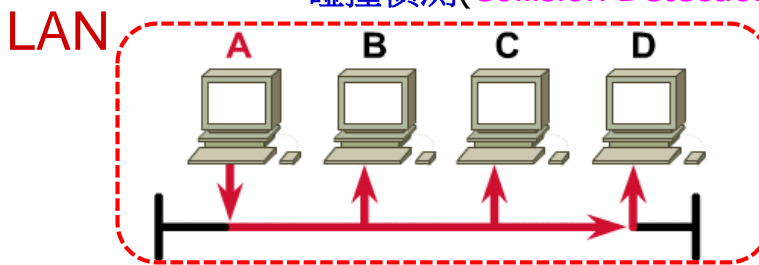
1. Quickly terminating damaged frames saves time and bandwidth.
2. CSMA/CD can be in one of three states: contention, transmission, or idle.
3. Collision window = slot time =  $2\tau$  ( $2\alpha$ )
4. Half duplex

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## Ethernet MAC Sublayer Protocol

### (2) ■ Classic Ethernet LAN(傳統乙太網路)

- 廣播式傳輸(Broadcasting) Half duplex
- No centralized control P.S. Full duplex if through switch
  - distributed algorithm
- Using CSMA/CD :
  - 載波感測(Carrier Sense)
  - 碰撞偵測(Collision Detection)



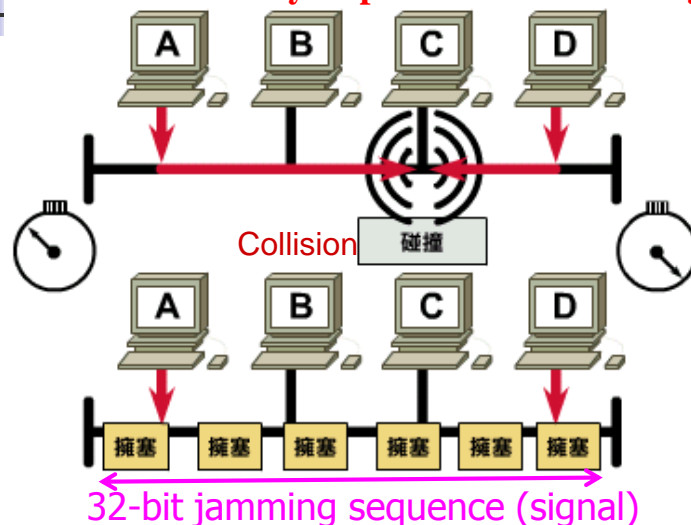
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## Ethernet MAC Sublayer Protocol (3)

### ■ 碰撞(collide)

BEBA:

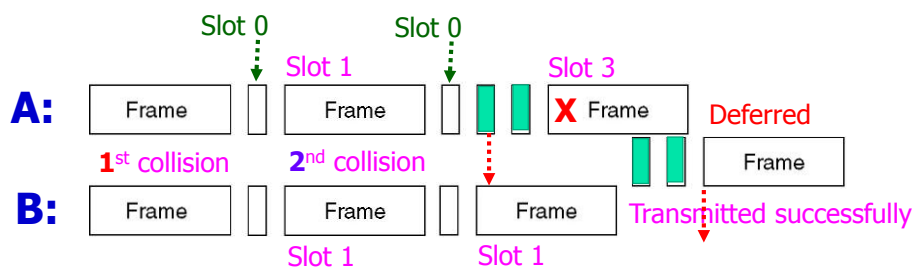
Binary Exponential Backoff Algorithm



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## Binary Exponential Backoff Algorithm

- **First collision:** selects either **0** or **1** collision window ( $2\alpha$ ) at random for delay. (Slot time)
- **Second collision:** waits **0, 1, 2, or 3** collision windows (selected randomly) before trying again (This is  $k * (2\alpha)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$  slots)
- ...  $0 \leq k \leq 2^2 - 1$



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## Binary Exponential Backoff Algorithm

- **Third collision:** waits **0, 1, 2, ..., or 7** slots (selected randomly) before trying again. ( $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$  slots)  $0 \leq k \leq 2^3 - 1$
- ...
- **10th collision:** randomly selects a  $k$  between **0** and  $2^{10} - 1$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, ..., 1023$  slots)
- ...
- **16th collision:** randomly selects a  $k$  between **0** and  $2^{16} - 1$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, ..., 65535$  slots)

After **16** collisions, the controller gives up and reports failure back to the computer. Further recovery is up to higher layers.



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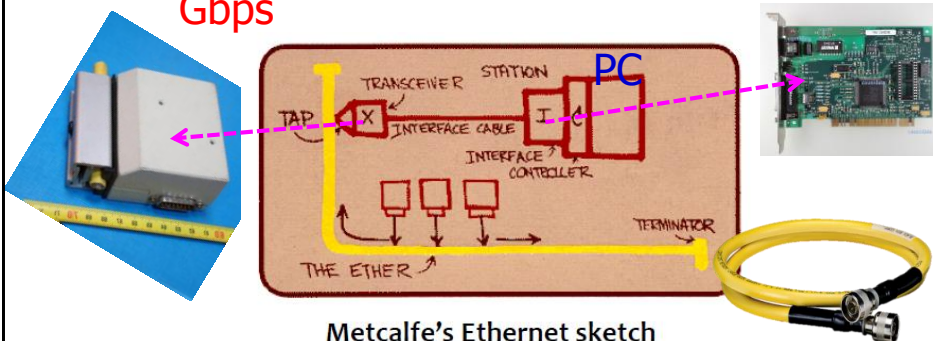
## Ethernet (IEEE 802.3) (using CSMA/CD)

- Physical layer (Manchester Encoding)
- MAC sublayer protocol
- Ethernet performance
- Classic Ethernet: 3 ~ 10Mbps
- Fast Ethernet: 100Mbps (4B/5B encoding)
- Switched Ethernet • Gigabit Ethernet (8B/10B encoding)
- 10 Gigabit Ethernet (8B/10B or 64B/66B)
- IEEE 802.2: Logical Link Control
- Retrospective on Ethernet

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## Ethernet (IEEE 802.3)

- Most successful local area networking technology of last 30 years.
- First widely used LAN technology
- Kept up with speed race: 10 Mbps – 100 Gbps

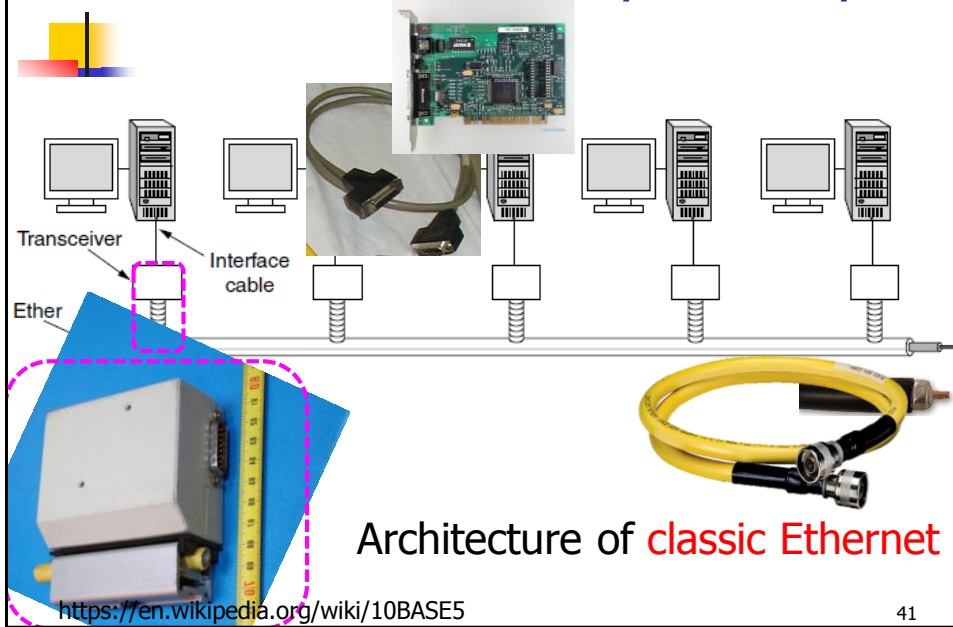


Metcalfe's Ethernet sketch

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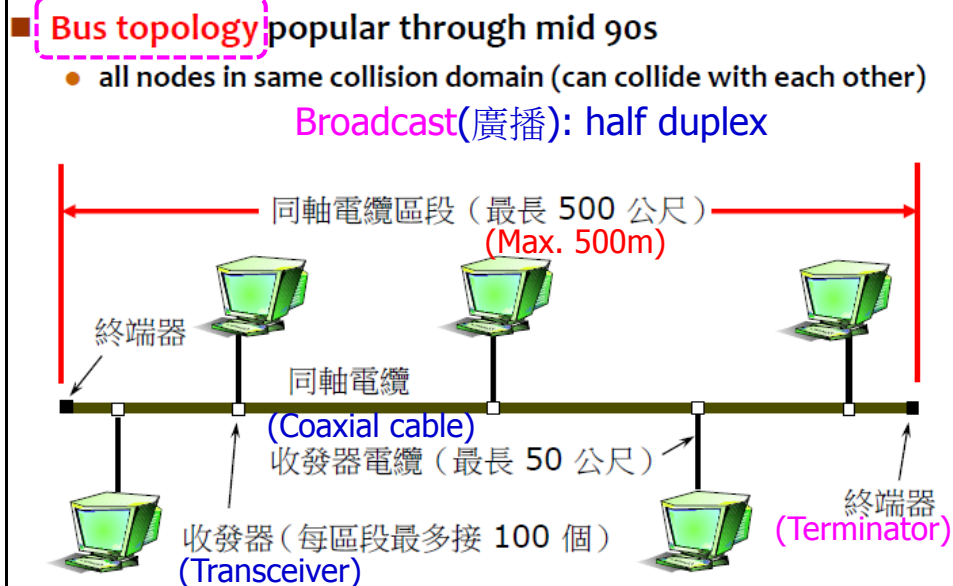
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## Classic Ethernet Physical Layer



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## Classic Ethernet (10Base5)



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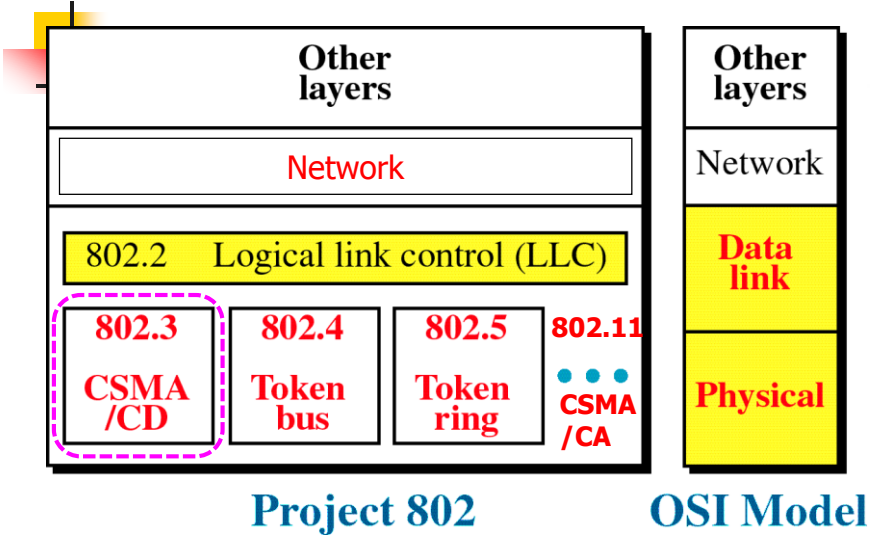
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# Ethernet (IEEE 802.3)

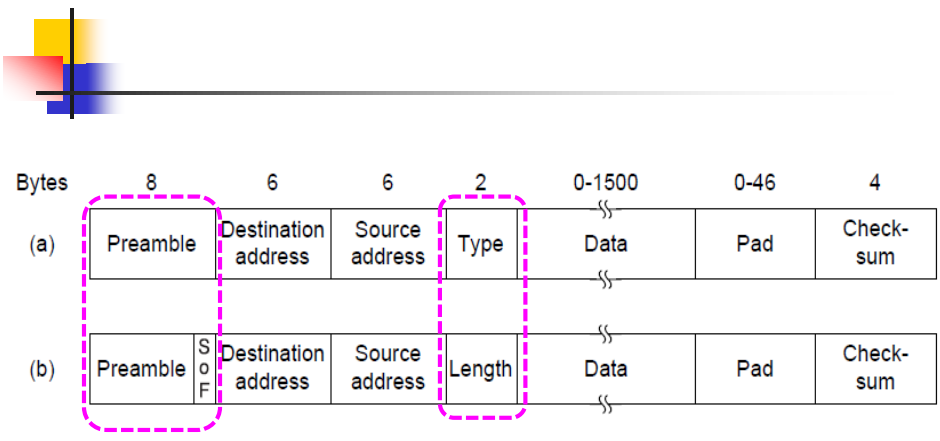
- DEC, Intel, and Xerox (DIX): 10Mbps Ethernet in 1978
- Standard: IEEE 802.3
- 100Mbps version: Fast Ethernet
- 1000Mbps version: Gigabit Ethernet
- 10 Gigabit Ethernet
- 100 Gigabit Ethernet
- Connectionless & Unreliable

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## IEEE Project 802



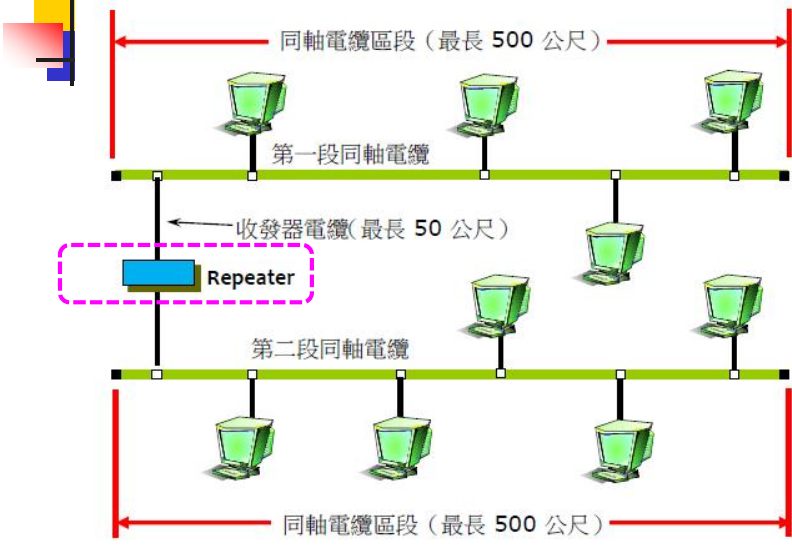
# MAC Sublayer Protocol (1)



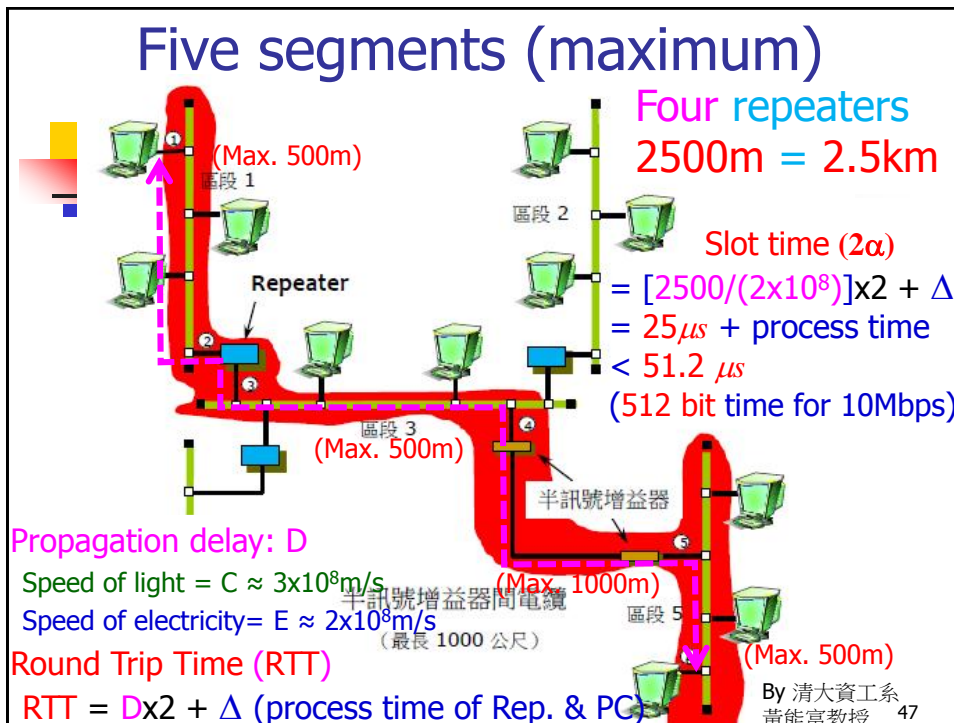
Frame formats. (a) Ethernet (DIX)  
(b) IEEE 802.3

## Two segments via a repeater

A **repeater** is a device that forwards **digital signals**





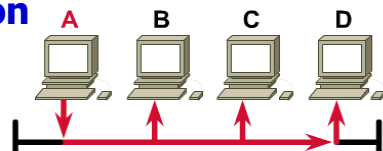


## Collision Window

Collision Window = round-trip delay ( $2\alpha$ ) ( $2\tau$ )

Consider that a maximally configured  
**10 Mbps** Ethernet is **2500 m** long, and there  
 may be up to **four repeaters** between any  
 two hosts, the **round trip delay ( $2\alpha$ )** has  
 been determined to be **51.2  $\mu s$**  (**512 bit time**)

- **10 Mbps x 51.2  $\mu s$  = 512 bits = 64 bytes**  
 ( $10^7 \times 51.2 \times 10^{-6} = 512$  bits)
- **Minimal frame size = 64 bytes** to  
 distinguish from **collision**

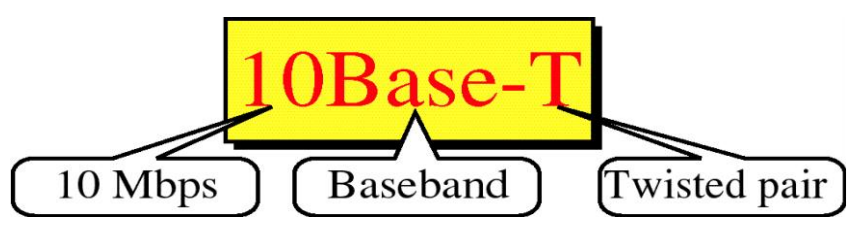


# Ethernet Cabling



The most common kinds of Ethernet cabling.

Name	Cable	Max. seg.	Nodes/seg.	Advantages
10Base5	Thick coax	500 m	100	Original cable; now obsolete
10Base2	Thin coax	185 m	30	No hub needed
10Base-T	Twisted pair	100 m	1024	Cheapest system
10Base-F	Fiber optics	2000 m	1024	Best between buildings



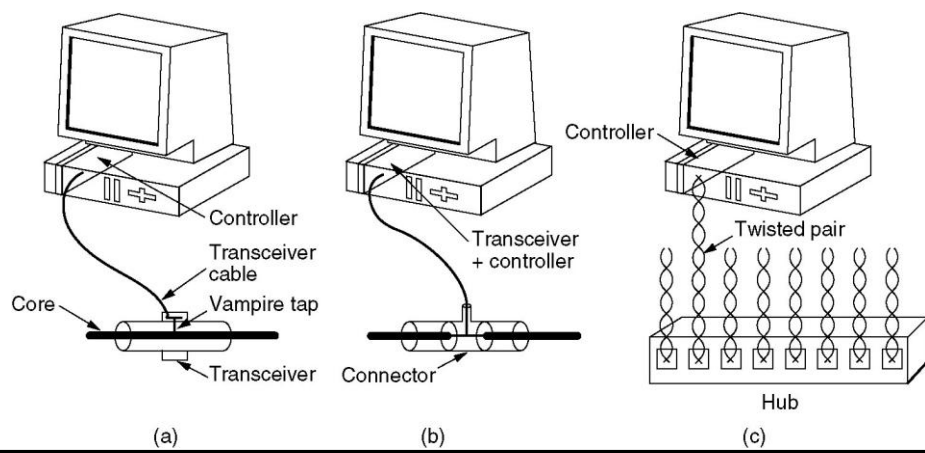
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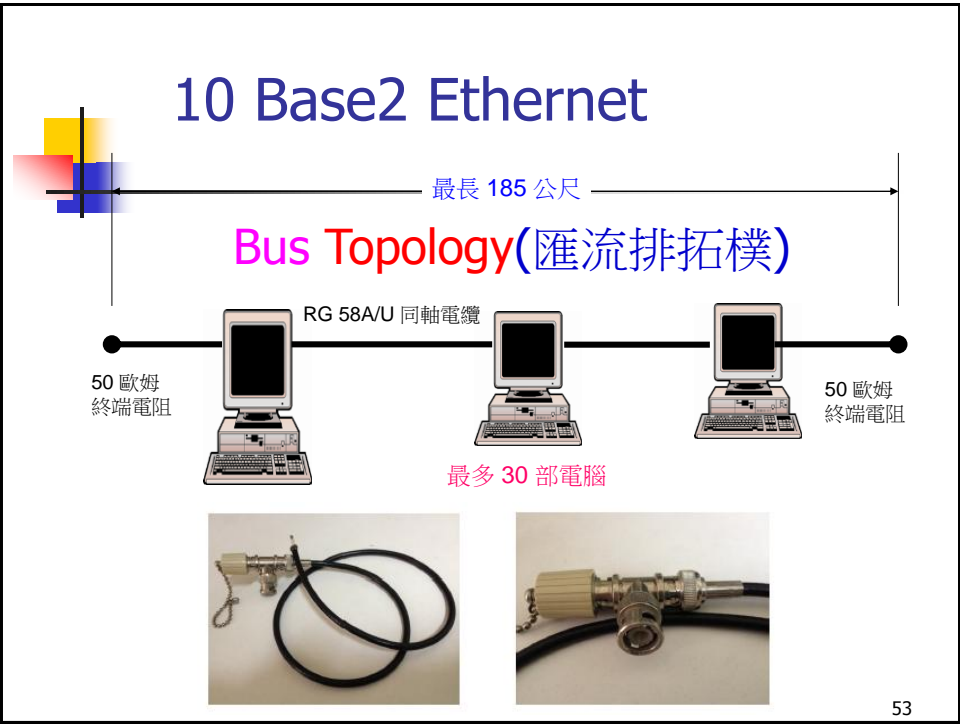
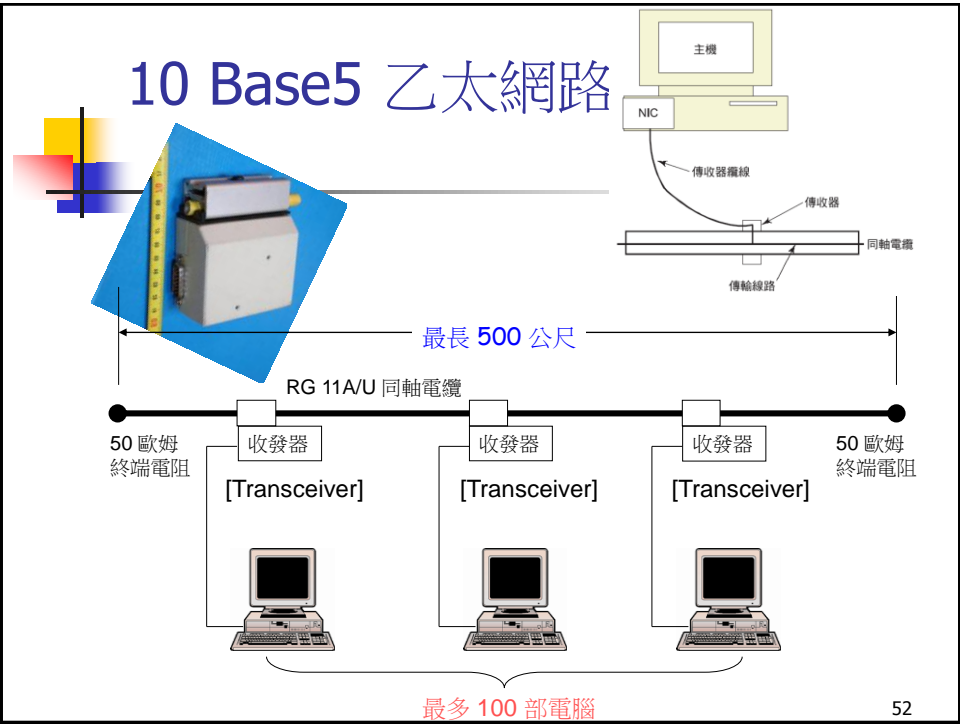
# Ethernet Cabling (2)



Three kinds of Ethernet cabling.

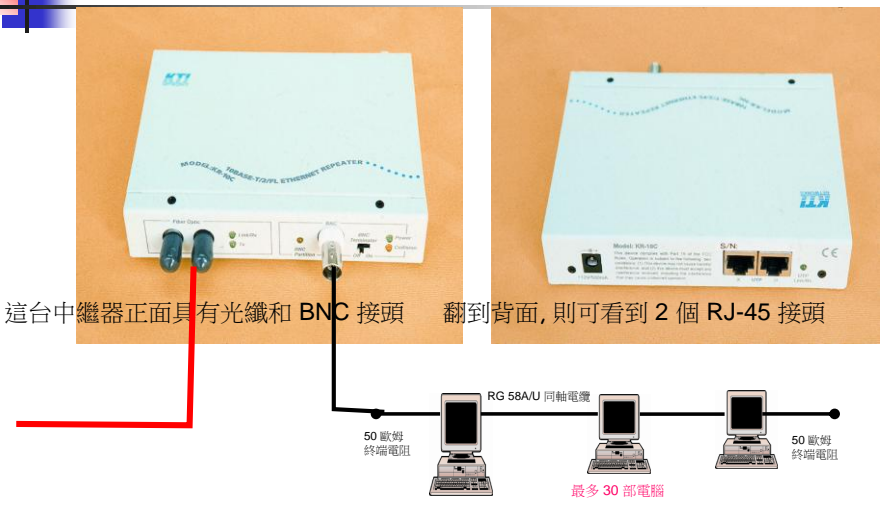
(a) 10Base5, (b) 10Base2, (c) 10Base-T.





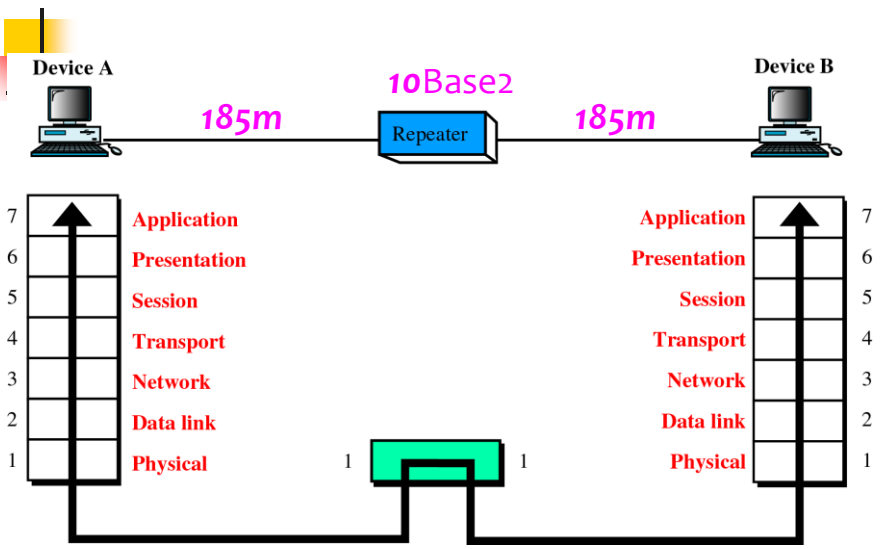
# Repeater(中繼器)

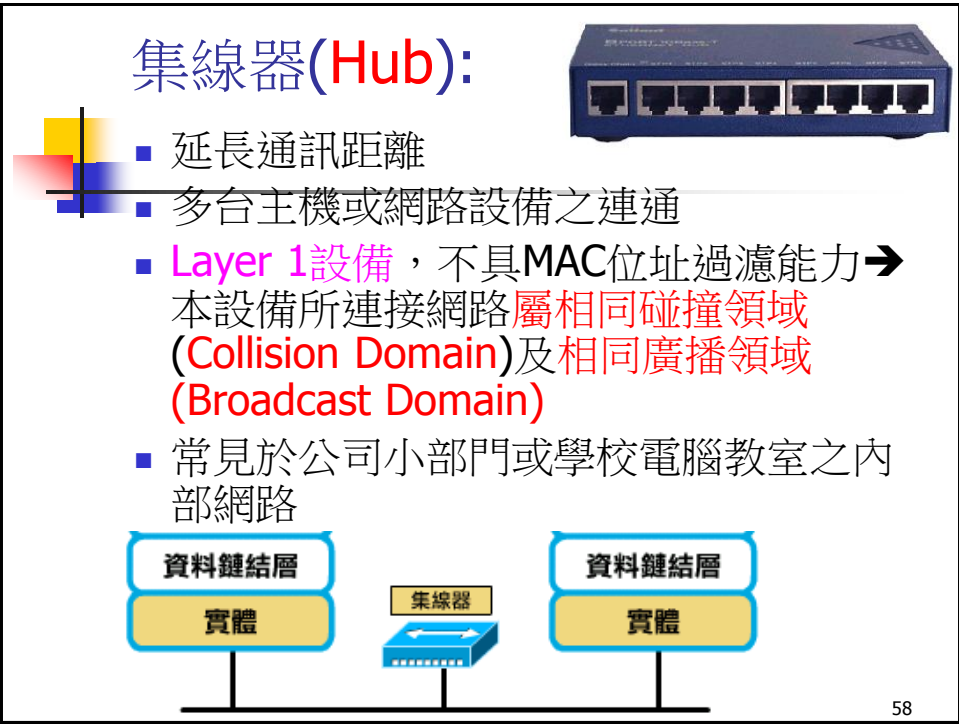
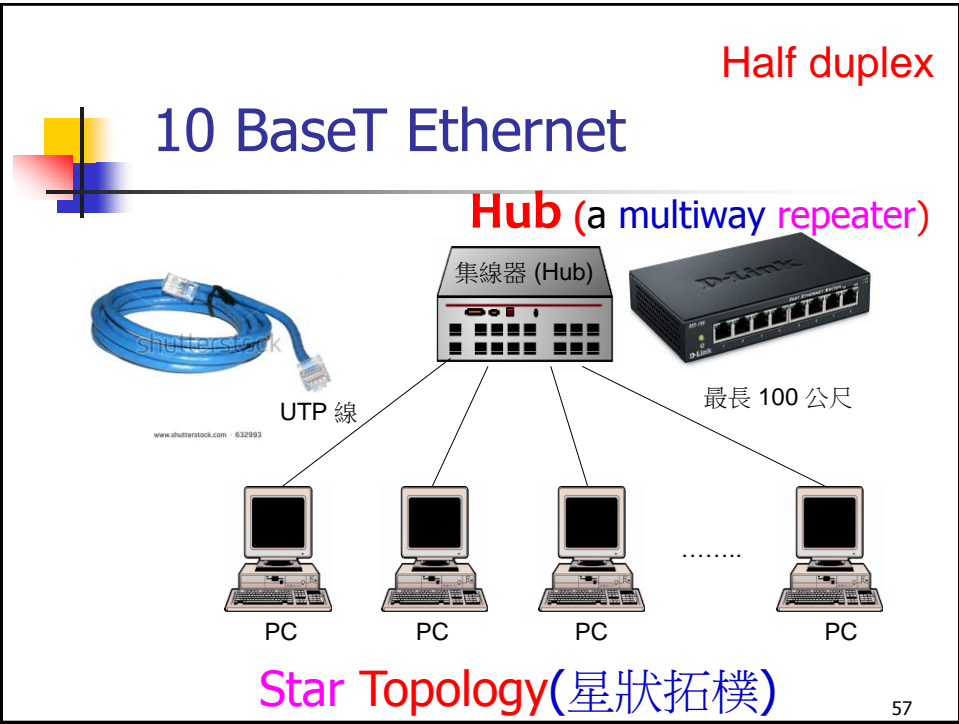
A **repeater** is a device that forwards **digital signals**



這台中繼器正面具有光纖和 BNC 接頭 翻到背面, 則可看到 2 個 RJ-45 接頭

## A Repeater: Layer 1 device





## Ethernet MAC Sublayer Protocol (6)

### 碰撞領域(Collision Domain)

- 僅由**第一層設備**所連結之網路屬相同**碰撞**領域。
- 頻寬由此領域所有節點分享(同一時間只有一個節點會成功傳送資料)
- **10Mbps Ethernet**同一碰撞領域任兩節點距離需**<2500公尺**, 若所接集線器較多, 則距離更應縮短。**Hub**會有延遲, 故以**51.2 us**為訊號來回時間為考量。
- 若是**100Mbps Fast-Ethernet**, 為了維持相同的最小訊框大小(**64bytes=512bits**), 同一碰撞領域任兩節點距離需**<250公尺 → 5.12 us**

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## 3 合 1 網路卡

- 這種網路卡具有 3 種接頭, 可接 3 種纜線, 因此稱為 **3合1** 網路卡。



**10BaseT**  
(RJ-45)

**10Base5**  
(AUI)

**10Base2**  
(BNC)

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網路介面卡

Adaptor

(network interface card, NIC):

- 每張網路卡都有一個唯一的硬體位址，叫做MAC位址

傳輸層

網路層


資料鏈結層

實體

NIC

資料鏈結層

實體



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MAC位址格式

- 由IEEE 管制OUI (MAC Prefix)

機構單一 識別子 (OUI)	廠商指定 (網路卡，介面)
24 個位元	24 個位元
6 個十六進位數字	6 個十六進位數字
00 60 2F	3A 07 BC
Cisco	特定設備

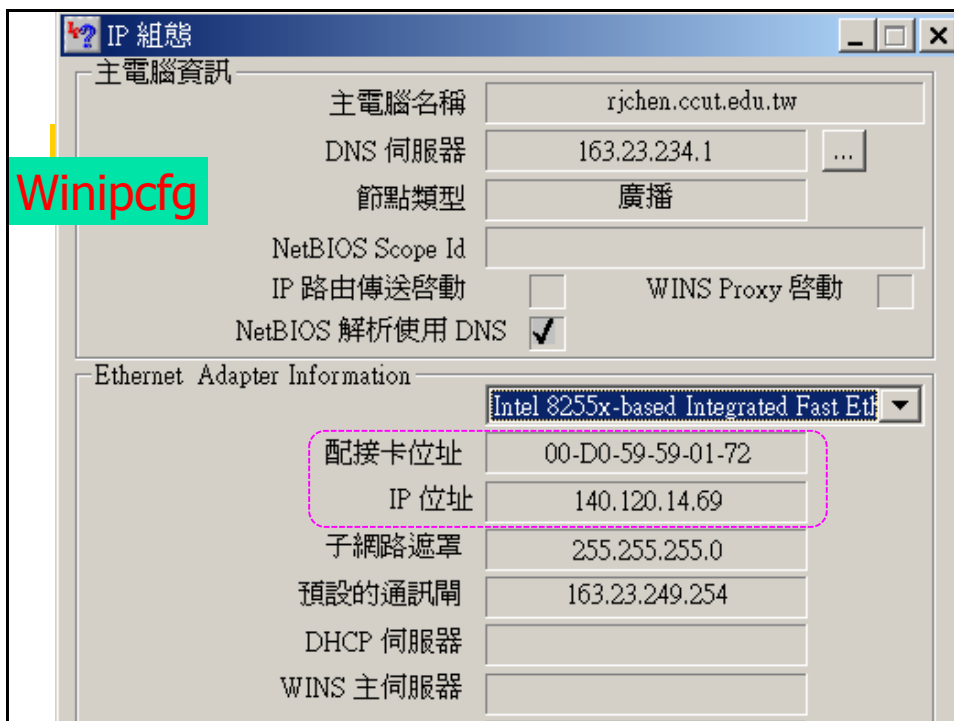
00:60:2F:3A:07:BC

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## My IP/ MAC Address/ DNS

- Win 9x/Me
  - winipcfg.exe
- Win NT/Server/XP/7/8/10
  - ipconfig /all
- Linux
  - ifconfig -a
- Solaris
  - Arp
  - Netstat -p

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命令提示字元
DNS Servers . . . . . : 163.23.249.1

C:\Documents and Settings\Owner>ipconfig /all

Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : Richard
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . :
Node Type . . . . . : Mixed
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No

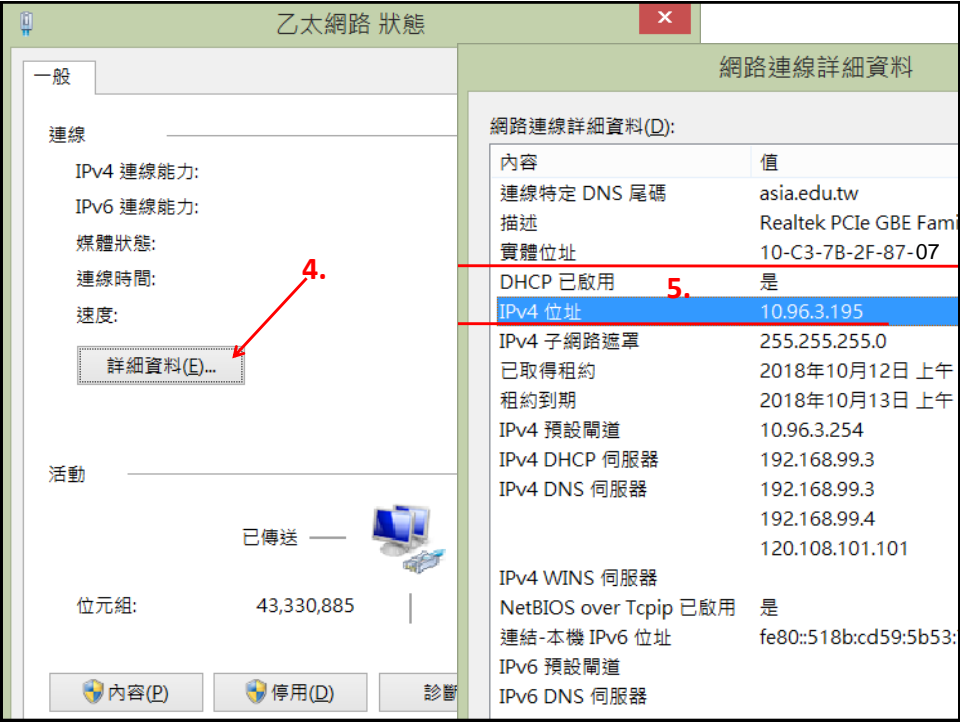
Ethernet adapter 區域連線:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Description . . . . . : Realtek RTL8139/810x Family Fast Ethernet NIC
Physical Address. . . . . : 00-0E-A6-50-6A-93
Dhcp Enabled. . . . . : No
IP Address. . . . . : 163.23.249.201
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.192
Default Gateway . . . . . : 163.23.249.254
DNS Servers . . . . . : 163.23.249.1

C:\Documents and Settings\Owner>
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## Ethernet (802.3) Frame Format

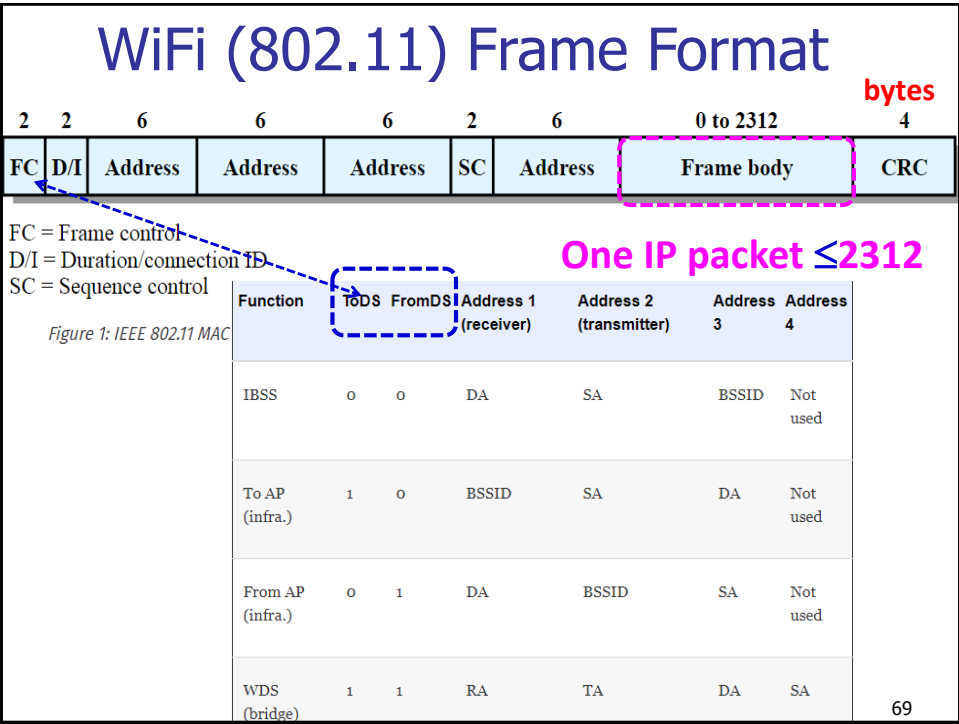
7 1 6 6 2  $\leq 1500$  4 bytes

Field	Size
Preamble	7 bytes
SFD	1 byte
DA	6 bytes
SA	6 bytes
Length	2 bytes
LLC	$\leq 1500$ bytes
PAD	4 bytes
FCS	4 bytes


- **Preamble:** (101010...1010) for **Synchronization**  $\leq 1518$
- **SFD:** Start Frame Delimiter (10101011)
- **DA:** Destination MAC Address
- **SA:** Source MAC Address
- **Length(16bits):** frame length
- **LLC-Frame:** Up to 1500 bytes (for fairness)
- **PAD:** Padding when LLC-Frame  $< 46$  bytes  $46 \leq \text{LLC} \leq 1500$
- **FCS:** Frame Check Sequence (CRC-32) **One IP packet  $\leq 1500$**
- **MAC-frame size:** from DA to FCS  $\approx 1.5\text{KB}$ 
  - Min 64 bytes to distinguish from collision
  - Max 1518 bytes to prevent dominating bandwidth

**DLL**

- IP
- LLC
- MAC
- PHY



# Ethernet Addresses



- **Unicast** address: each adaptor recognizes those frames addressed to its address **00:60:2F:3A:07:BC**
- **Broadcast** address: an Ethernet address consisting of **all 1s**, e.g., **ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff**
- **Multicast** address has the first bit set to 1, e.g., **f0:05:7a:8b:00:13**

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# 802.3 Ethernet Standards

代碼	IEEE 規格標準	標準通 過年份	頻寬	使用線材
10 Base5	802.3	1983	10 Mbps	粗同軸電纜
10 Base2	802.3a	1988	10 Mbps	細同軸電纜
10 BaseT	802.3i	1990	10 Mbps	Category 3等級以上的 UTP 線
10 BaseF	802.3j	1992	10 Mbps	光纖
100 BaseTX	802.3u	1995	100 Mbps	Category 5等級以上的 UTP 線
100 BaseT4	802.3u	1995	100 Mbps	Category 3等級以上的 UTP 線

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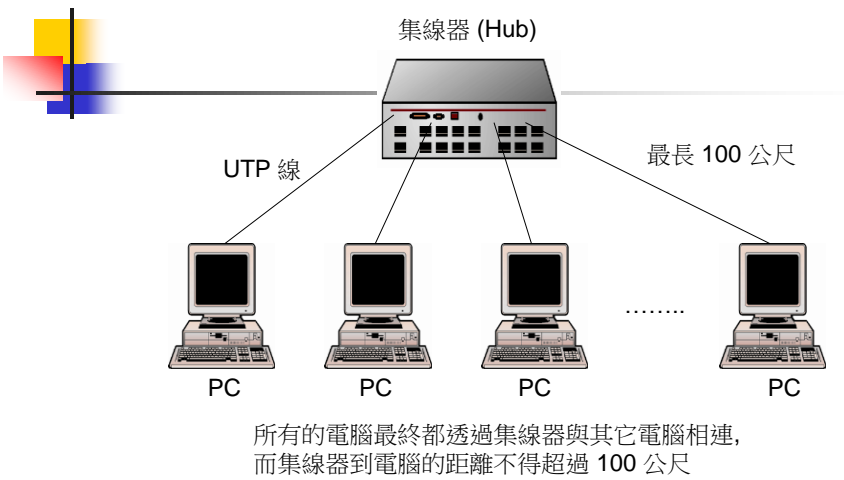
# 100 Mbps Ethernet Spec.

項 目	100BaseTX	100BaseT4	100BaseFX	100BaseT2
線 材	雙絞線	雙絞線	光纖	雙絞線
接 頭	RJ-45	RJ-45	ST、MIC、SC	RJ-45
區段最大長度	100 公尺	100 公尺	2/10 公里	100 公尺
拓 樸	星狀	星狀	星狀	星狀

- SC：Subscriber Connector
- MIC：Medium-Interface Connector

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# 100 BaseTX Ethernet



■若是100Mbps Fast-Ethernet，同一碰撞領域任兩節點距離需<250公尺

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# Fast Ethernet




The original fast Ethernet cabling.

Name	Cable	Max. segment	Advantages
100Base-T4	Twisted pair	100 m	Uses category 3 UTP
100Base-TX	Twisted pair	100 m	Full duplex at 100 Mbps
100Base-FX	Fiber optics	2000 m	Full duplex at 100 Mbps; long runs

Gigabit Ethernet cabling.

Name	Cable	Max. segment	Advantages
1000Base-SX	Fiber optics	550 m	Multimode fiber (50, 62.5 microns)
1000Base-LX	Fiber optics	5000 m	Single (10 μ) or multimode (50, 62.5 μ)
1000Base-CX	2 Pairs of STP	25 m	Shielded twisted pair
1000Base-T	4 Pairs of UTP	100 m	Standard category 5 UTP


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### 1000 Mbps Ethernet Spec.

項 目	1000BaseSX	1000BaseLX	1000BaseCX	1000BaseT
線 材	光纖	光纖	STP	雙絞線
接 頭	SC	SC	DB9	RJ-45
區段最大長度	550 公尺	5000 公尺	25 公尺	100 公尺
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### 乙太網路家族一覽表 (二)

代 碼	IEEE 規格標準	標準通 過年份	頻 寬	使用線材
100 BaseFX	802.3u	1995	100 Mbps	光纖
100 BaseT2	802.3y	1997	100 Mbps	Category 3等級以上的 UTP 線
1000 BaseSX	802.3z	1998	1000 Mbps	光纖
1000 BaseLX	802.3z	1998	1000 Mbps	光纖
1000 BaseCX	802.3z	1998	1000 Mbps	特殊電纜
1000 BaseT	802.3ab	1999	1000 Mbps	Category 5 以上等級的雙絞線
10G Base-SR 等	802.3ae	2002	10 G bps	光纖


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# 10 Gigabit Ethernet

Name	Cable	Max. segment	Advantages
10GBase-SR	Fiber optics	Up to 300 m	Multimode fiber (0.85μ)
10GBase-LR	Fiber optics	10 km	Single-mode fiber (1.3μ)
10GBase-ER	Fiber optics	40 km	Single-mode fiber (1.5μ)
10GBase-CX4	4 Pairs of twinax	15 m	Twinaxial copper
10GBase-T	4 Pairs of UTP	100 m	Category 6a UTP

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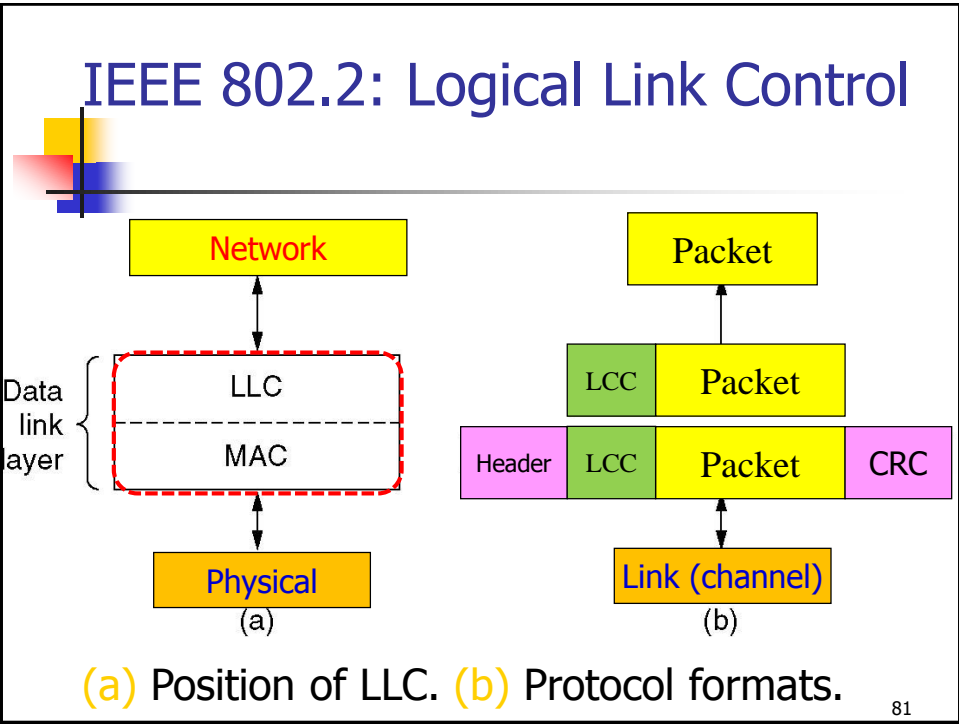


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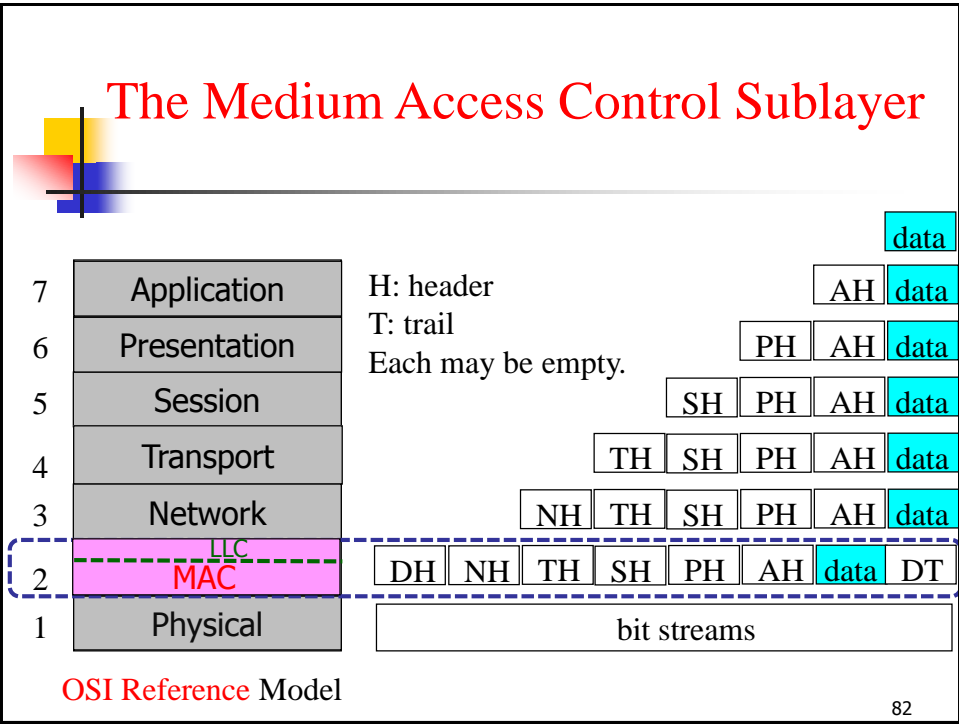
- 802.3ae 的特點是只使用光纖、只有點對點的連線、一律為全雙工傳輸, 而且依應用場合, 共有如下 7 種不同實體規格：

項目	10GBase-SR 10GBase-SW	10GBase-LX4	10GBase-LR 10GBase-LW	10GBase-ER 10GBase-EW
線材	多模光纖	單/多模光纖	單模光纖	單模光纖
最大距離	65 公尺	300 公尺	10 公里	40 公里

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## End of Chapter 4

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