Computer Networks and Applications

COMP 3331/COMP 9331

Week 1

Introduction to Computer Networks

Reading Guide: Chapter 1, Sections 1.1 - 1.4

Acknowledgment

- Majority of lecture slides are from the author's lecture slide set
  - Enhancements + additional material

1. Introduction

Goals:

- get "feel" and terminology
- defer depth and detail to *later* in course
- understand concepts using the Internet as example

1. Introduction: roadmap

1.1 what *is* the Internet?

1.2 network edge

- end systems, access networks, links

1.3 network core

- packet switching, circuit switching, network structure

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Hobbe's Internet Timeline - http://www.zakon.org/robert/internet/timeline/

Quiz: What is the Internet?

A. One single homogenous network

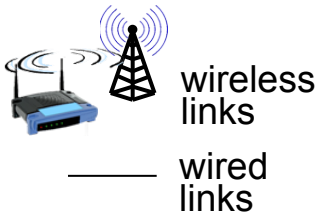
B. An interconnection of different computer networks

C. An infrastructure that provides services to networked applications

D. Something else (be prepared to discuss)

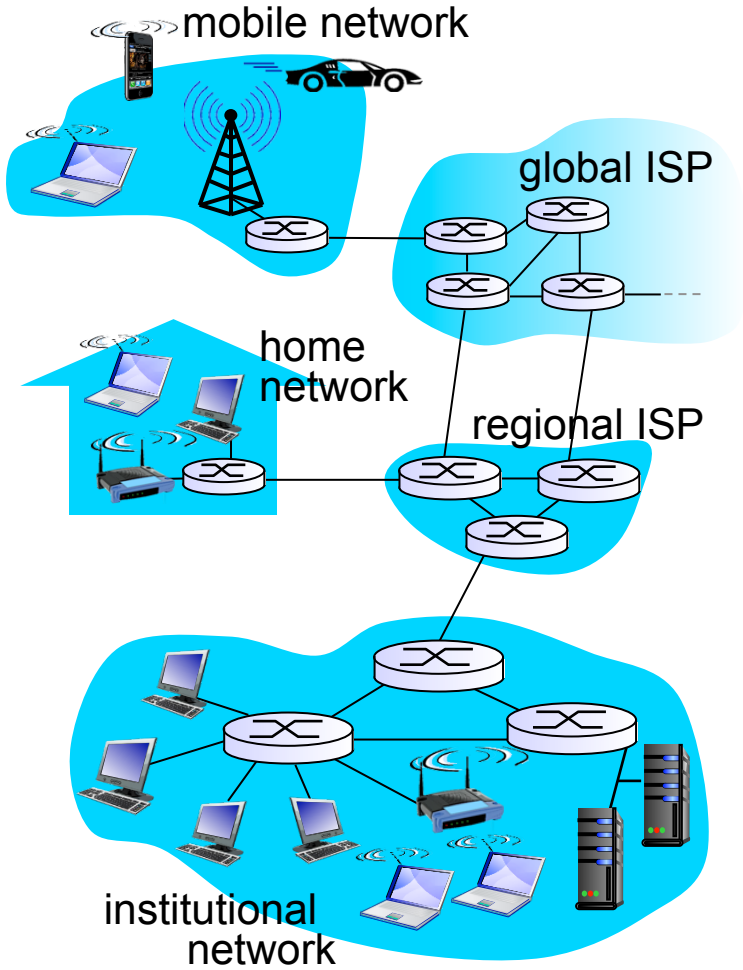
What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

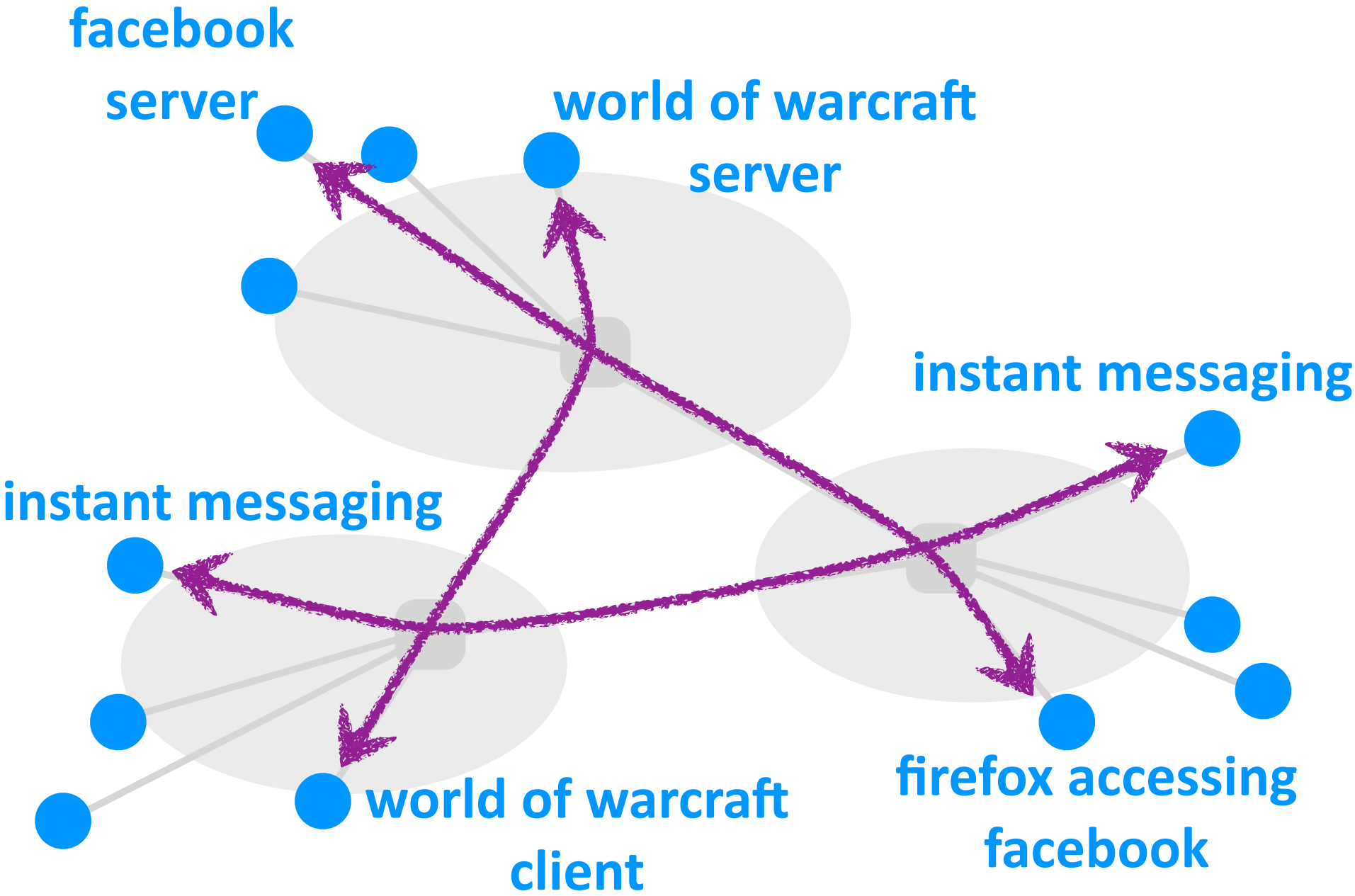
- millions of connected computing devices:
  - *hosts* = *end systems*
  - running *network apps*



- *communication links*
  - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
  - transmission rate: *bandwidth*

- *Packet switches:* forward packets (chunks of data)
  - *routers* and *switches*

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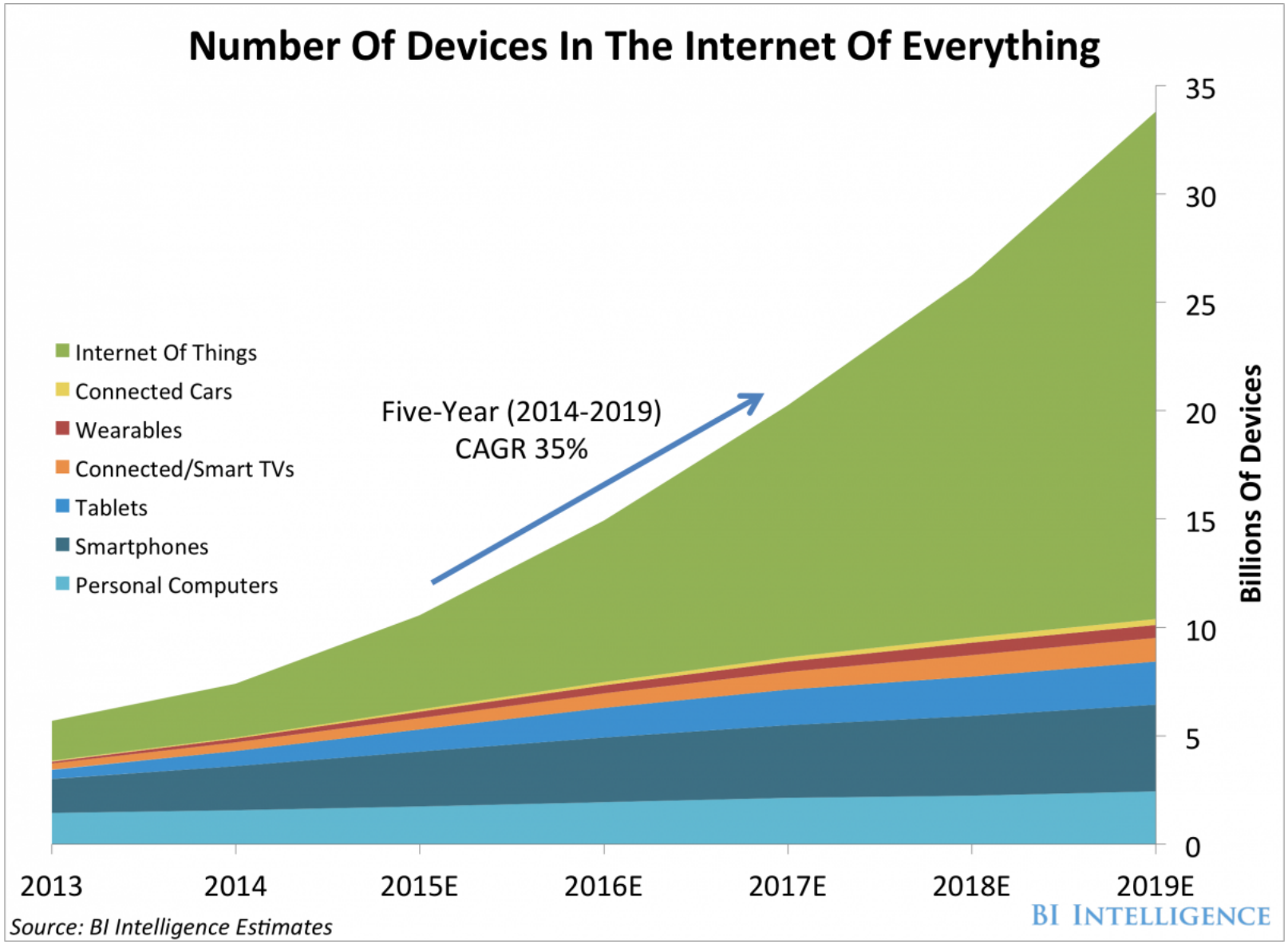
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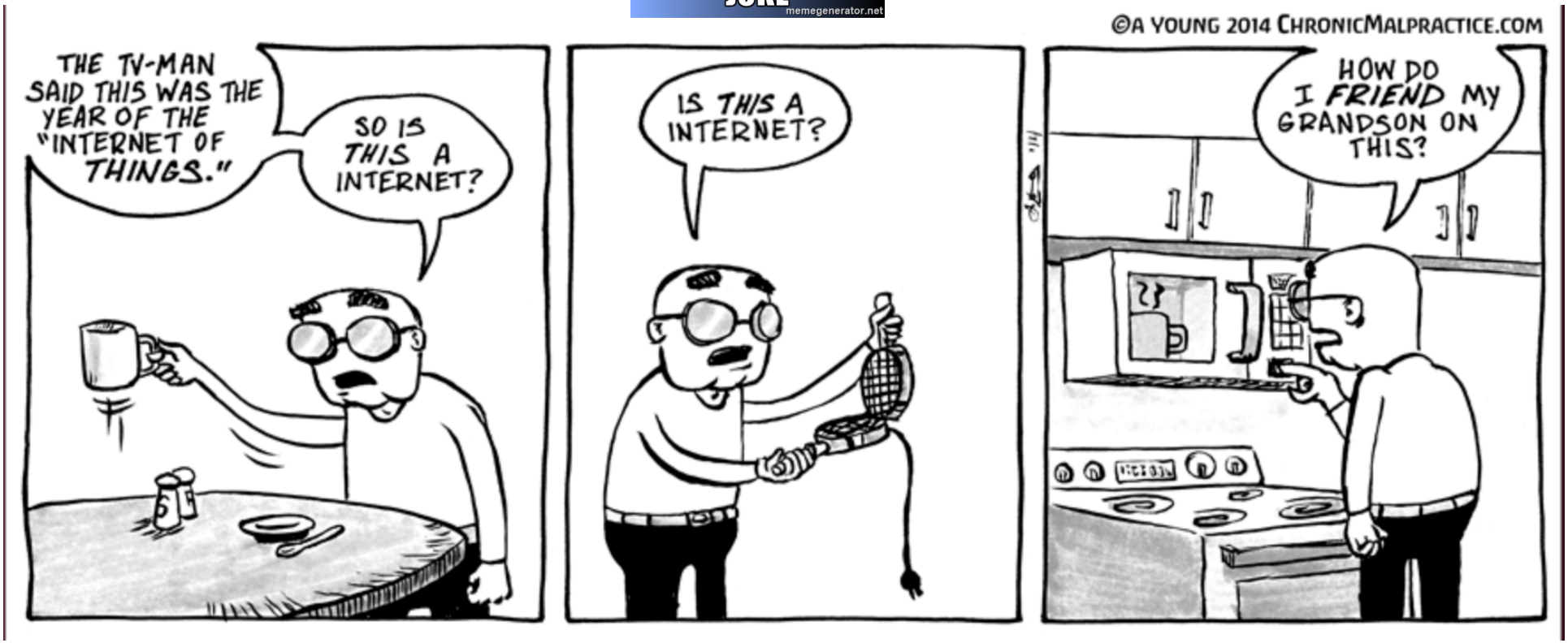
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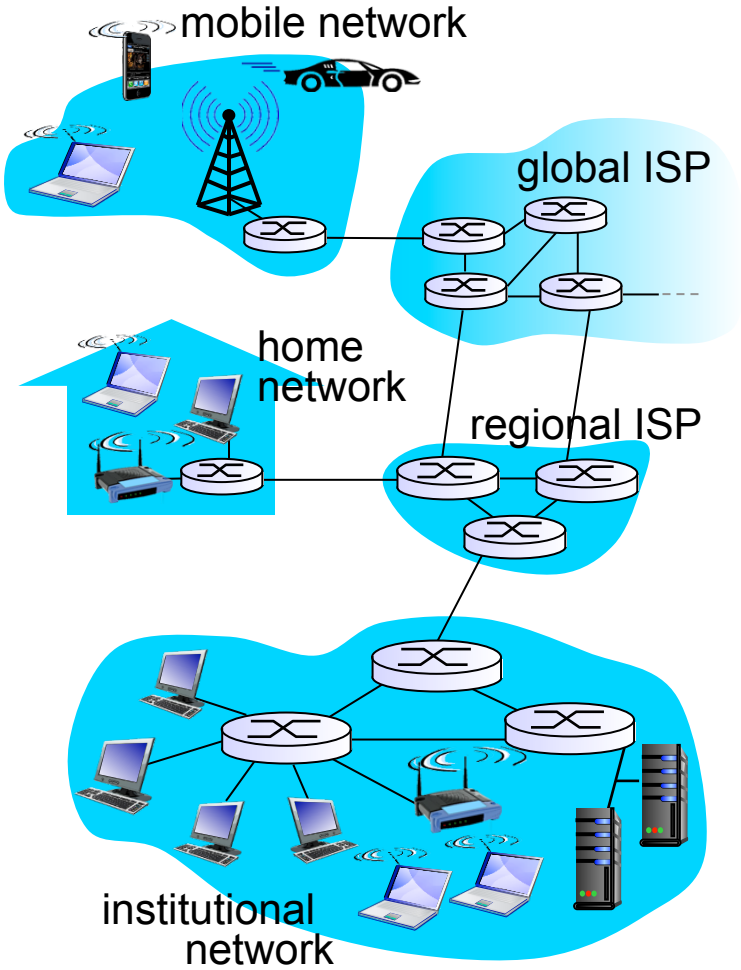
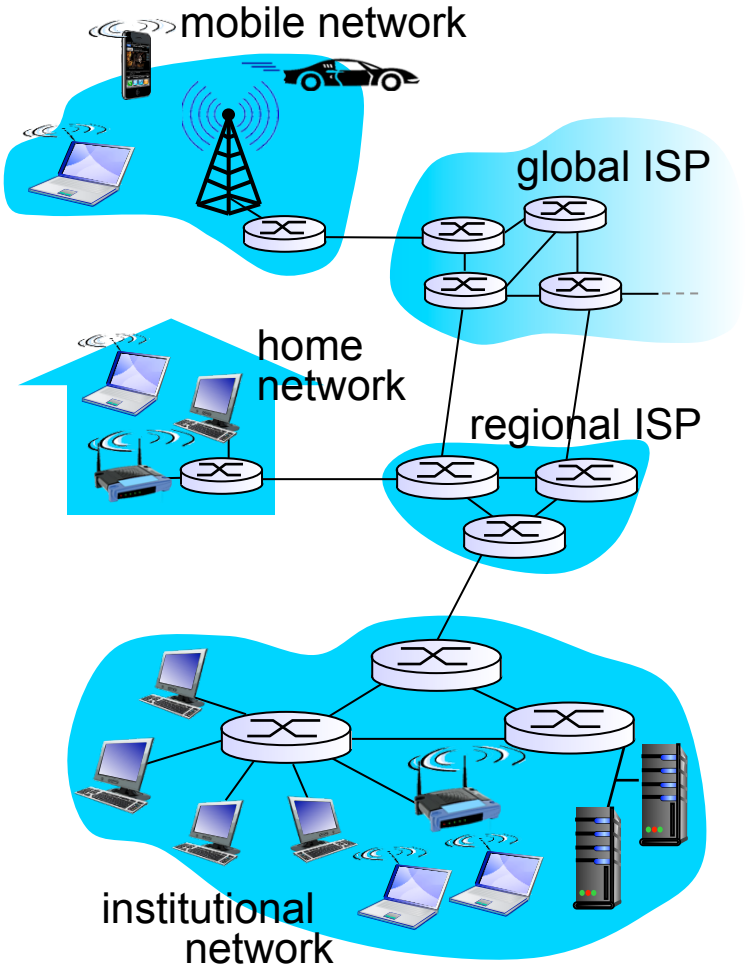
What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

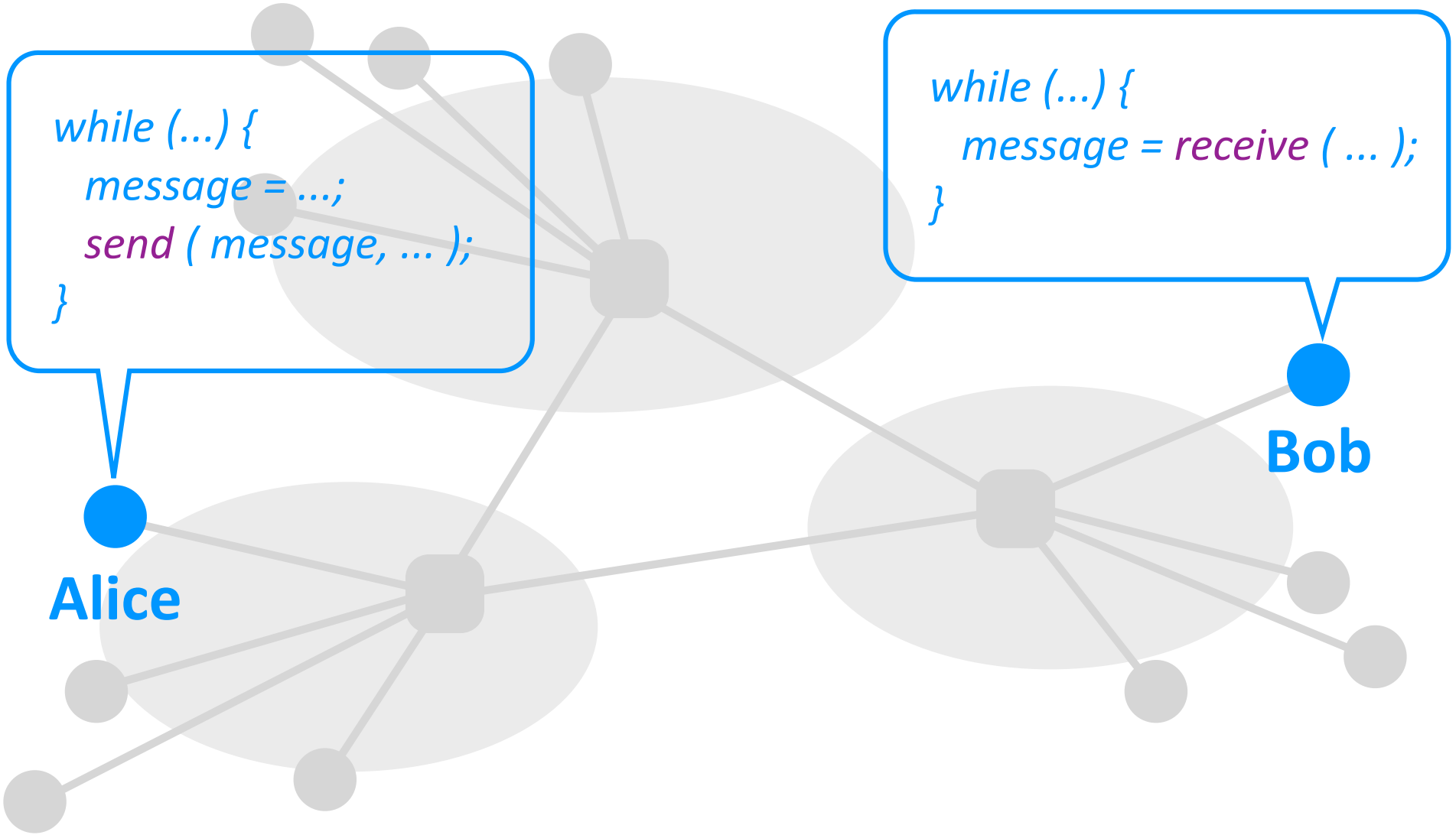
- *Internet:* "network of networks"
  - Interconnected ISPs
- *protocols* control sending, receiving of msgs
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- *Internet standards*
  - RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



What's the Internet: a service view

- *Infrastructure that provides services to applications:*
  - Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, social nets, …
- *provides programming interface to apps*
  - hooks that allow sending and receiving app programs to "connect" to Internet
  - provides service options, analogous to postal service

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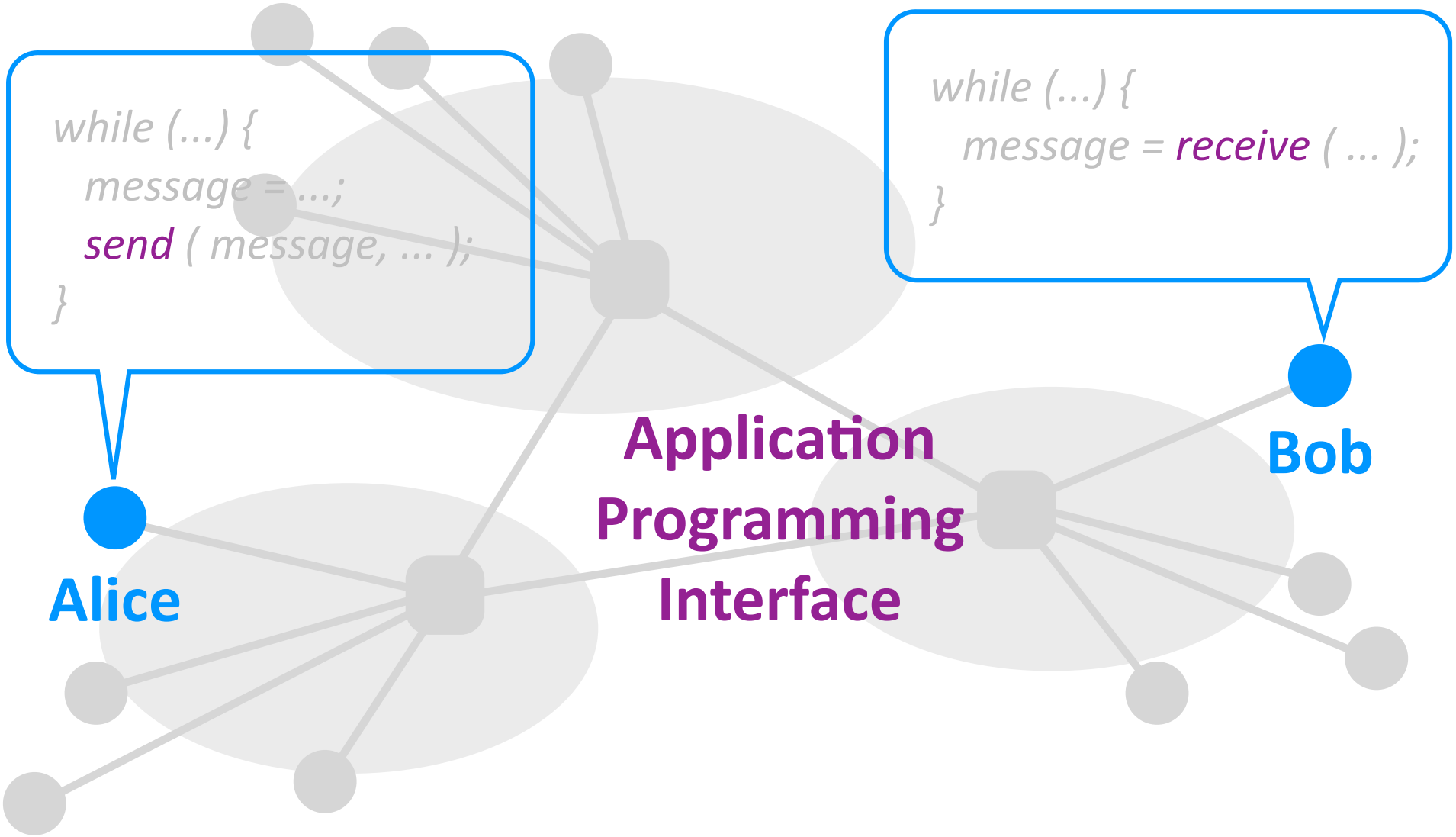
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What's a protocol?

human protocols:

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

… specific msgs sent

… specific actions taken when msgs received, or other events

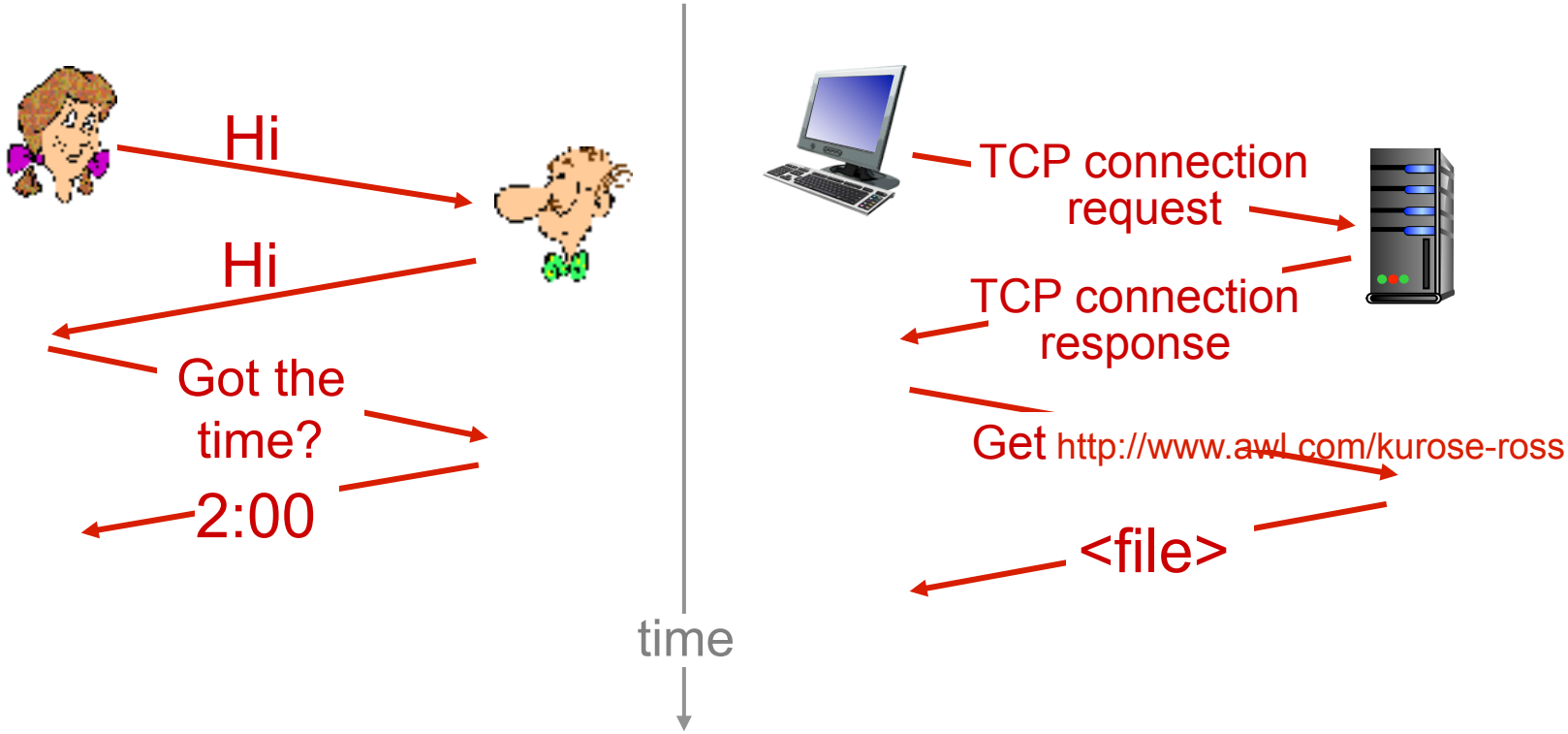
network protocols:

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

protocols define format, order of msgs sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on msg transmission, receipt

What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?

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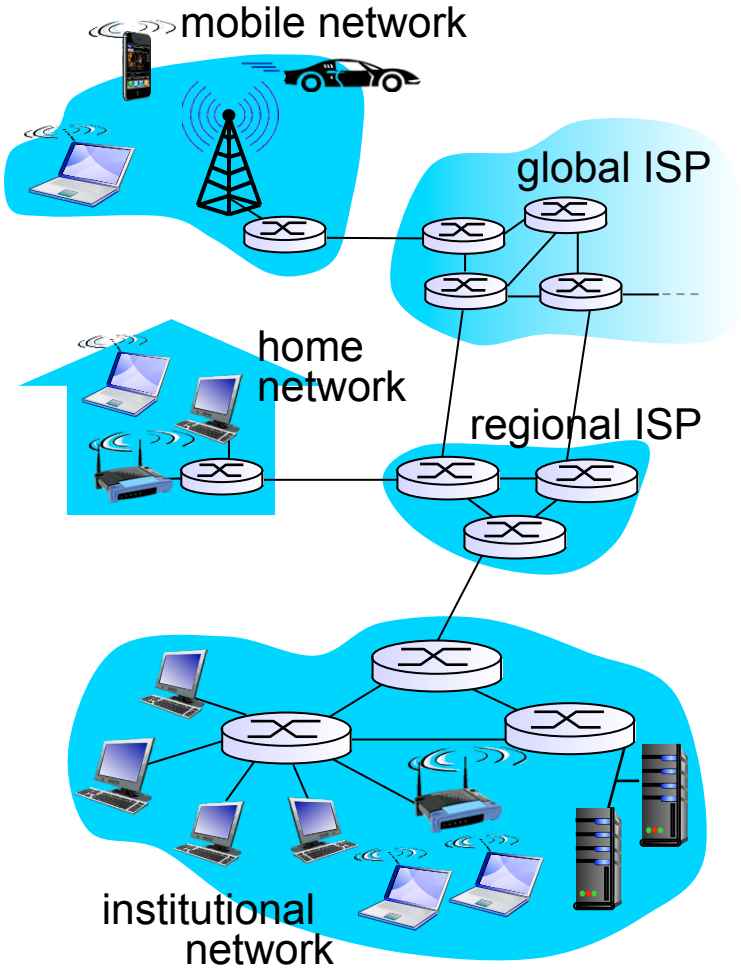
A closer look at network structure:

- *network edge:*
  - hosts: clients and servers
  - servers often in data centers
- *access networks, physical media:* wired, wireless communication links
- *network core:*
  - interconnected routers
  - network of networks



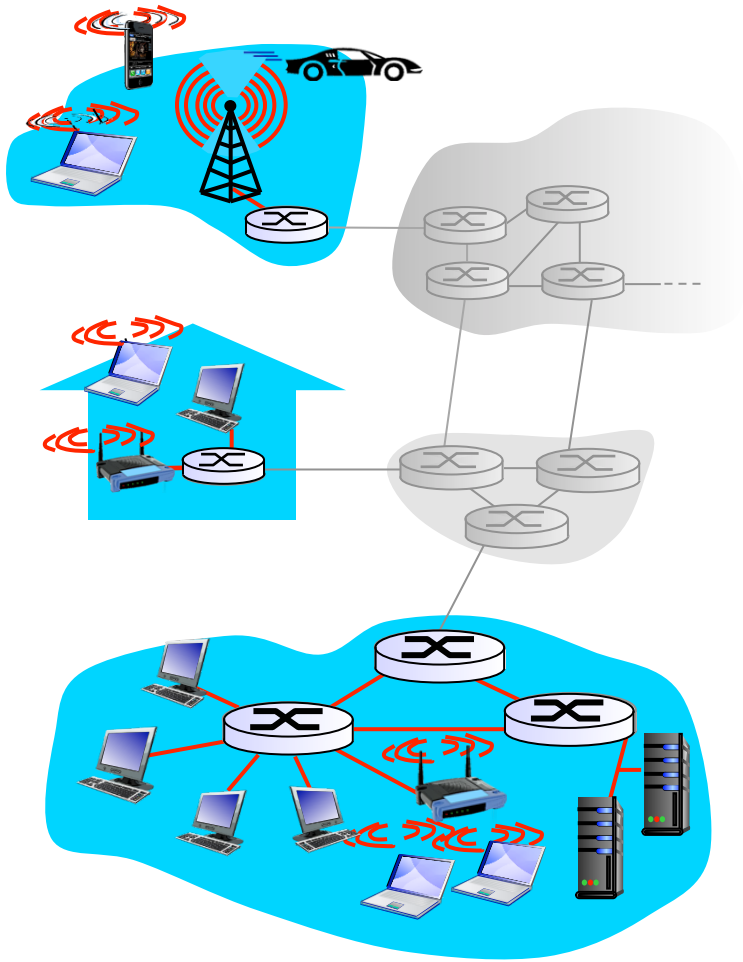
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

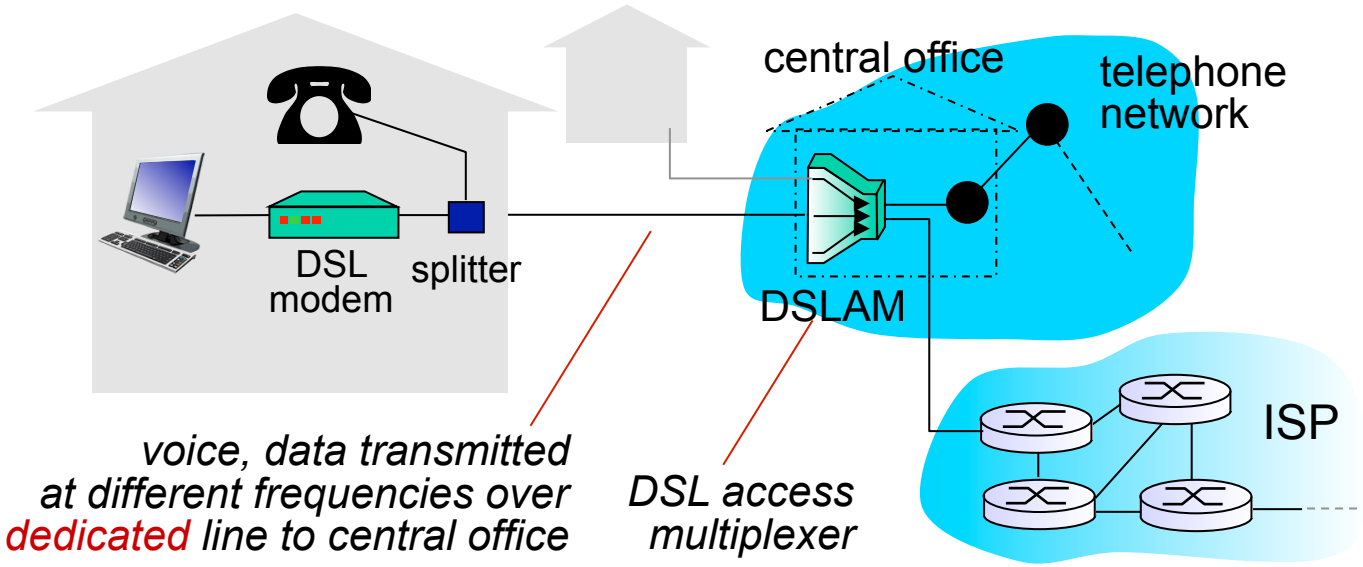
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks

keep in mind:

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

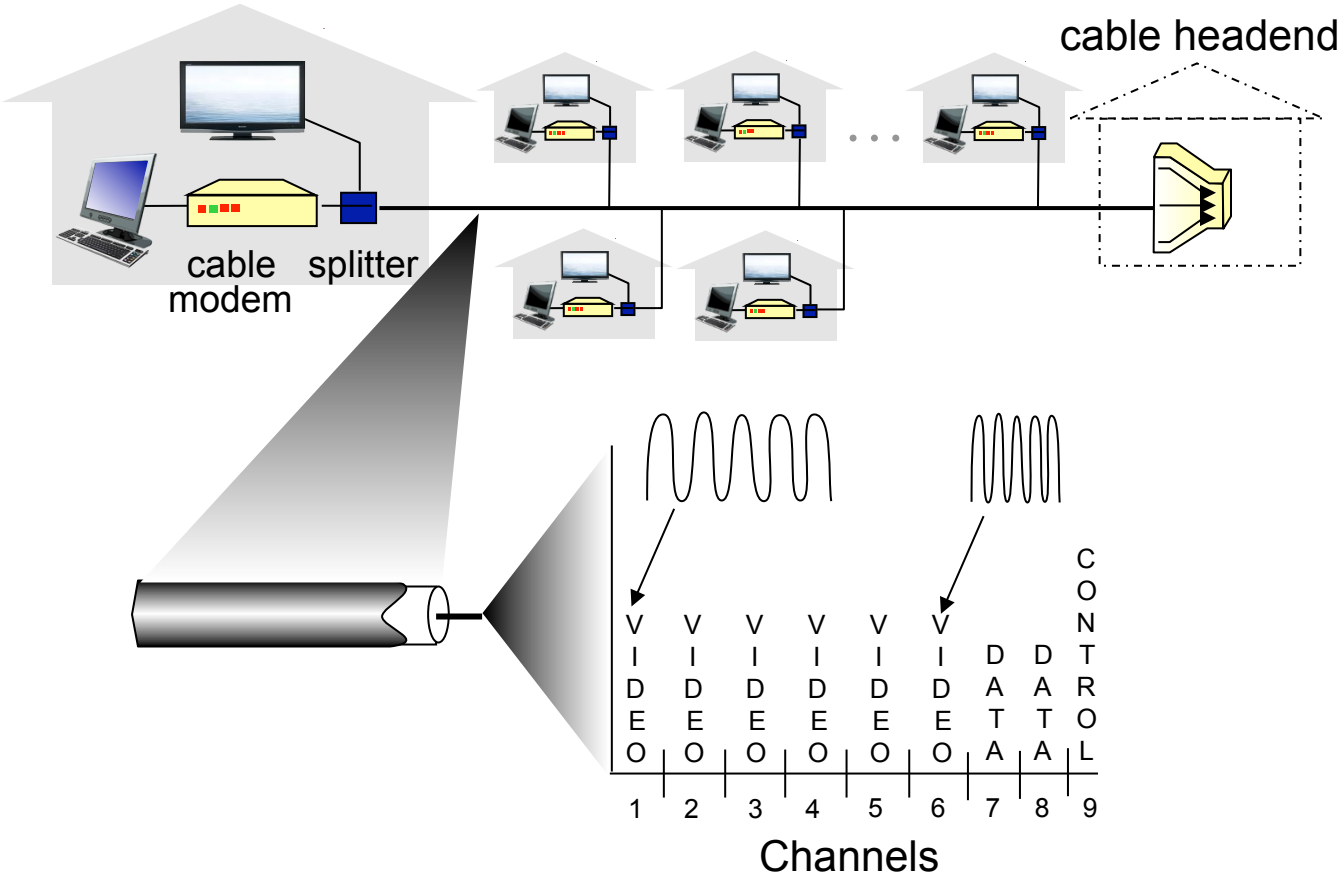


Access net: digital subscriber line (DSL)



- use *existing* telephone line to central office DSLAM
  - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
  - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)
- < 24 Mbps downstream transmission rate (typically < 10 Mbps)

Access net: cable network



frequency division multiplexing: different channels transmitted in different frequency bands

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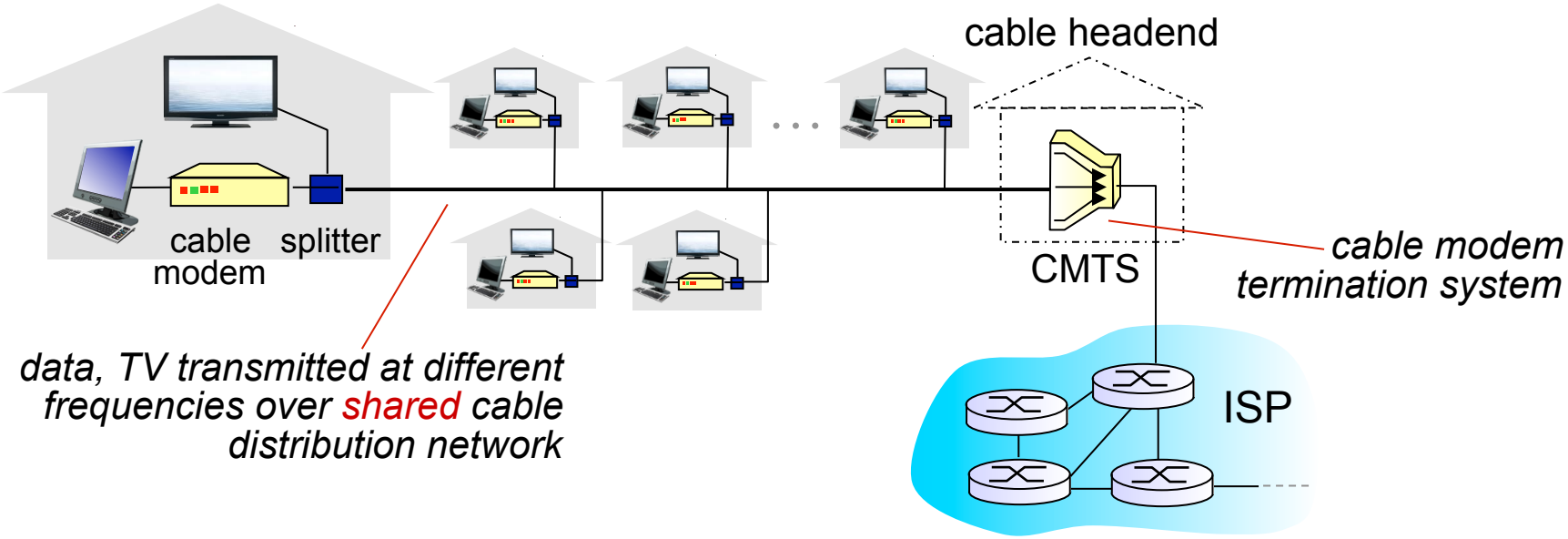
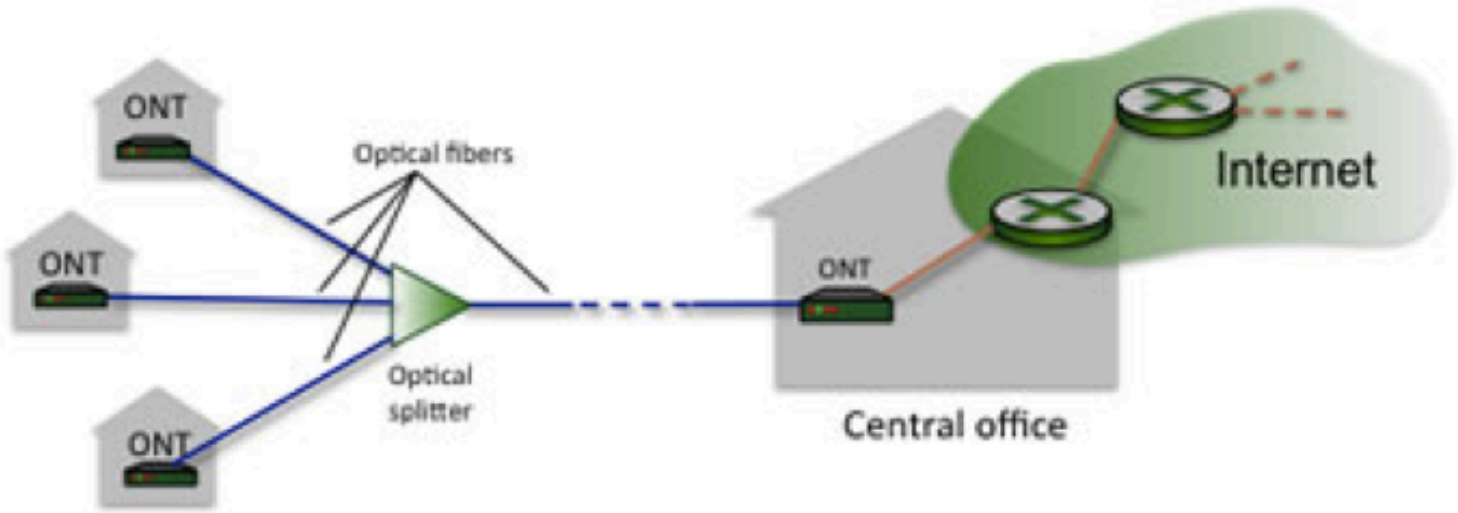


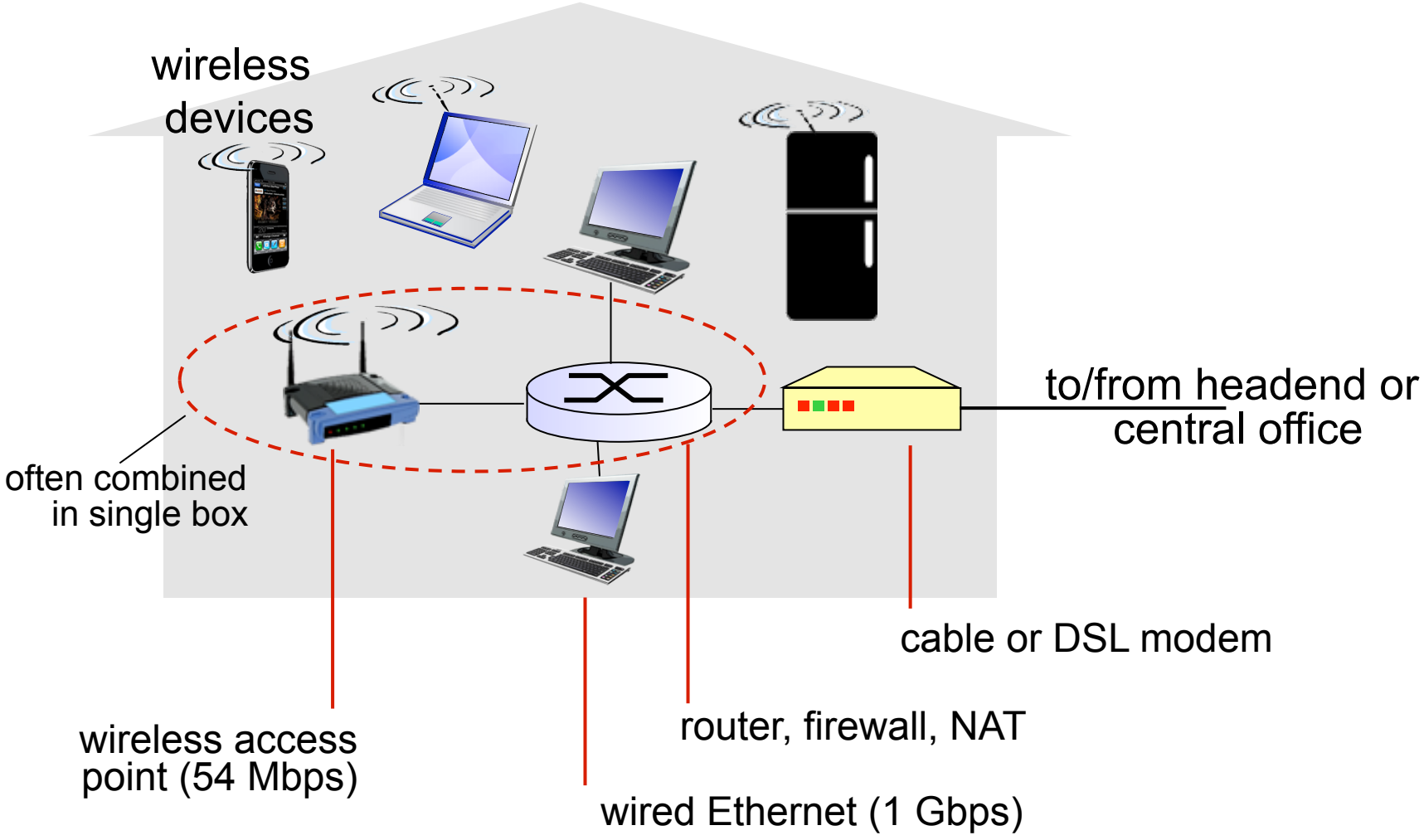
- HFC: hybrid fiber coax
  - asymmetric: up to 30Mbps downstream transmission rate, 2 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- network of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
  - homes *share access network* to cable headend
  - unlike DSL, which has dedicated access to central office

Fiber to the home (FTTH)

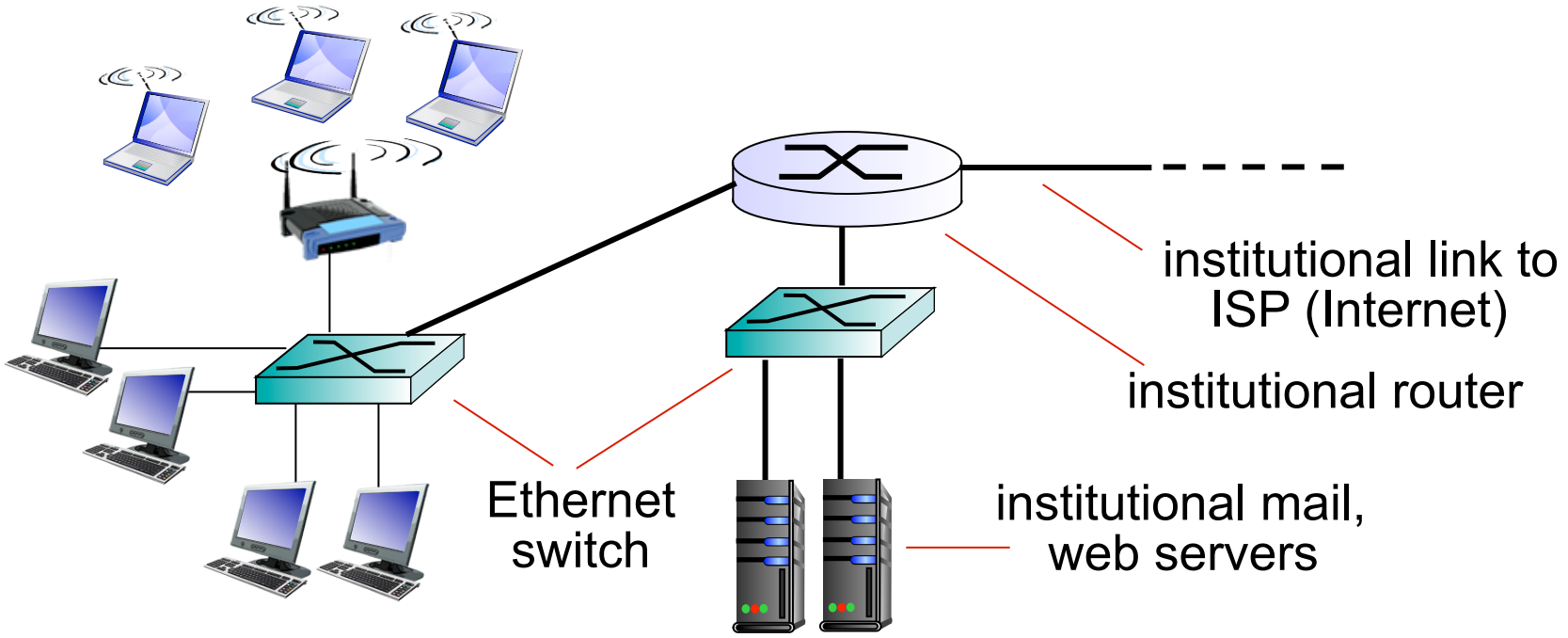
- Fully optical fiber path all the way to the home
  - e.g., Verizon FIOS, Google, NBN
  - ~30 Mbps to 1Gbps
- Active (like switched Ethernet) or passive optical



Access net: home network



Enterprise access networks (Ethernet)



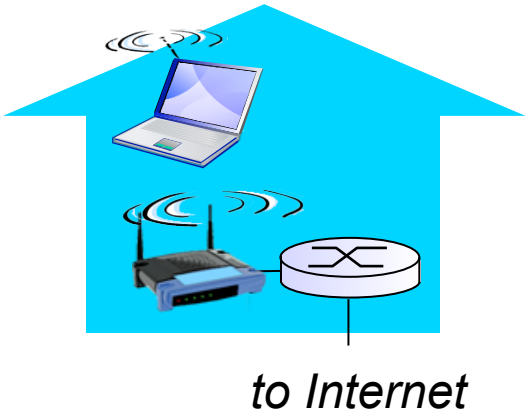
- typically used in companies, universities, etc
- 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps transmission rates
- today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

Wireless access networks

- shared *wireless* access network connects end system to router
  - via base station aka "access point"

wireless LANs:

- within building (100 ft)
- 802.11b/g/n/ac (WiFi): 11, 54, 450 Mbps transmission rate

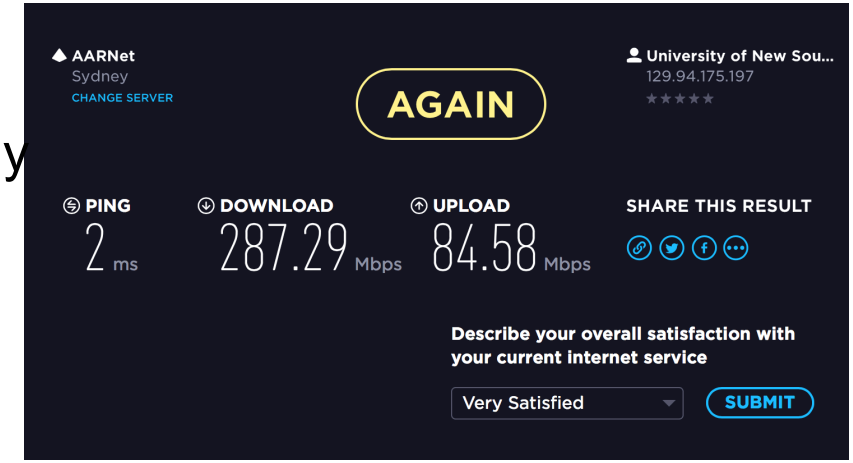


wide-area wireless access

- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10's km
- between 1 and 10 Mbps
- 3G, 4G: LTE

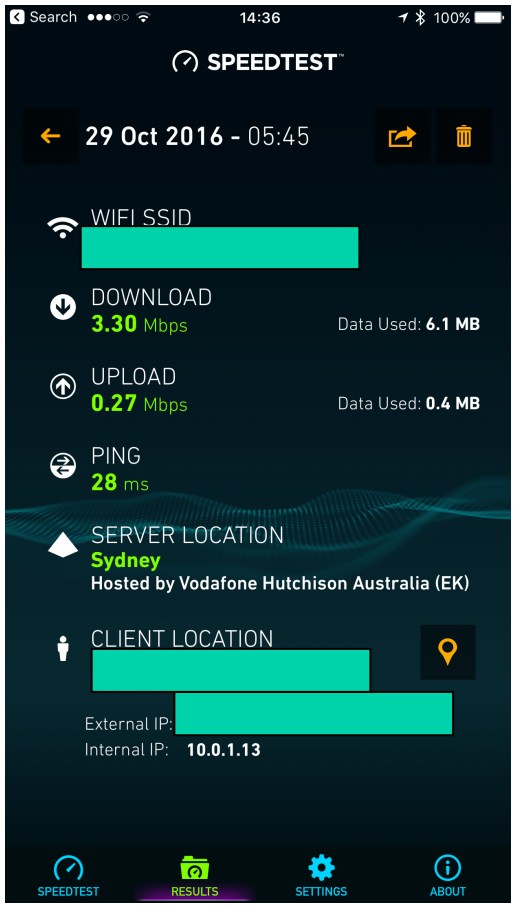
Sample results

Wired Network in my office



Can you explain the differences?

Home wireless



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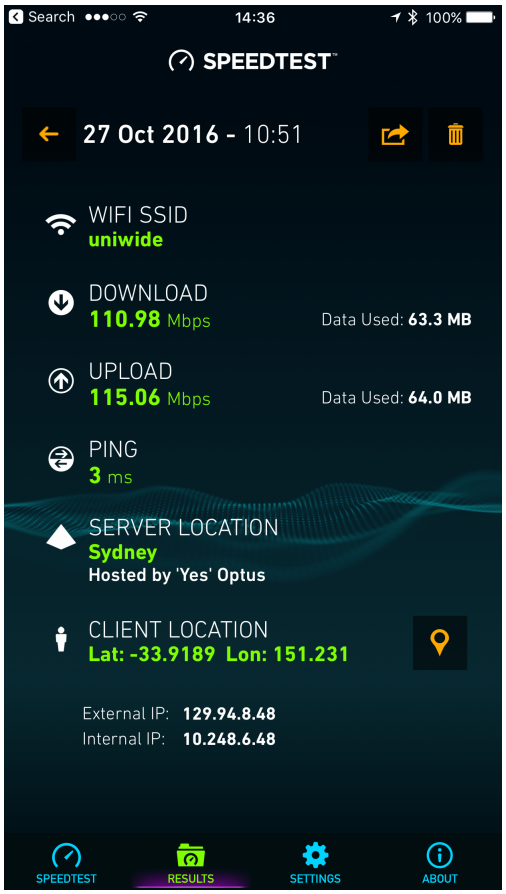

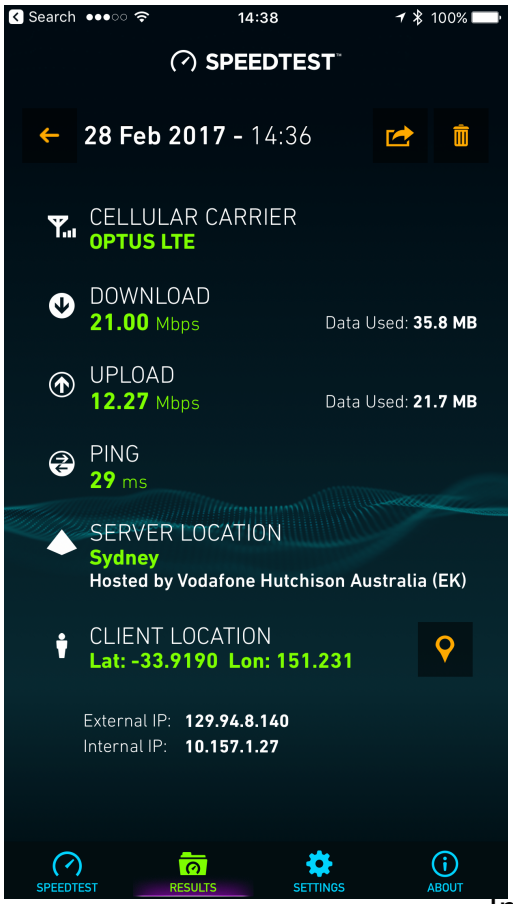

4G Network

Physical media

- bit: propagates between transmitter/receiver 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

Physical media: twisted pair, coax, fiber

twisted pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
  - Category 5: 100 Mbps, 1 Gpbs Ethernet
  - Category 6: 10Gbps

coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- 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 Gpbs transmission rate)
- low error rate:
  - repeaters spaced far apart
  - immune to electromagnetic noise

Physical media: radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum, i.e., no physical "wire"
- propagation environment effects:
  - reflection
  - obstruction by objects
  - interference

radio link types:

- terrestrial microwave
  - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- LAN (e.g., WiFi)
  - 11Mbps, 54 Mbps, 450 Mbps,
- wide-area (e.g., cellular)
  - 4G cellular: ~ 10 Mbps
- satellite
  - Kbps to 45Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
  - 270 msec end-end delay
  - geosynchronous versus low earth-orbiting (LEO)

Physical Media: beyond radio

- How about sound?
- How about light?
- How about vibrations on the surface?
- Did you attempt the quiz on Moodle?

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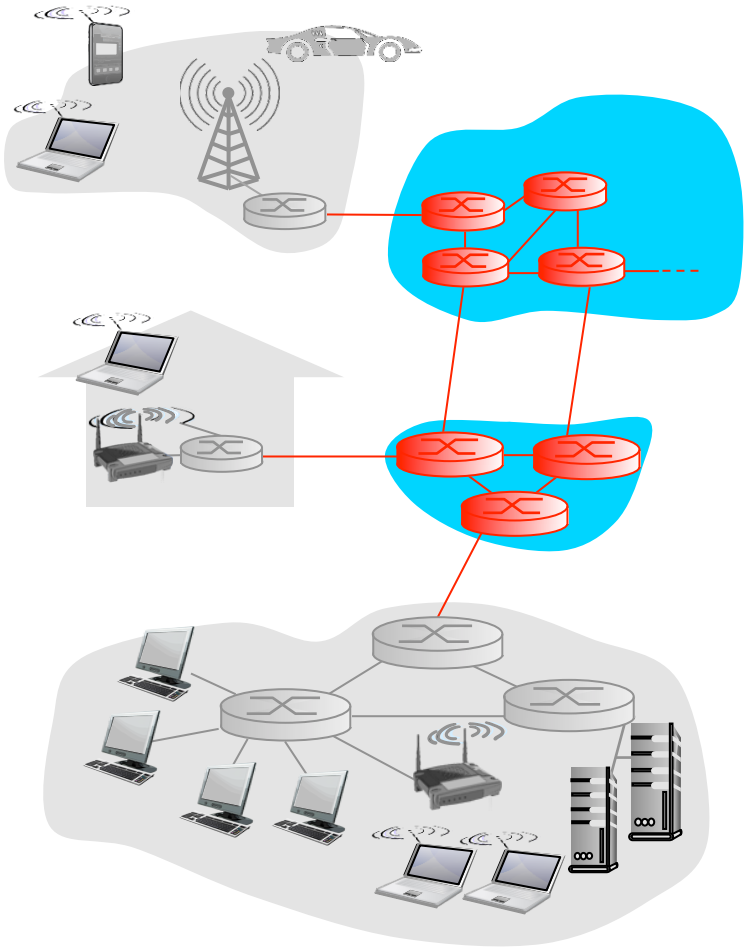
The network core

- mesh of interconnected routers/switches
- Two forms of switched networks:
  - Circuit switching: used in the legacy telephone networks

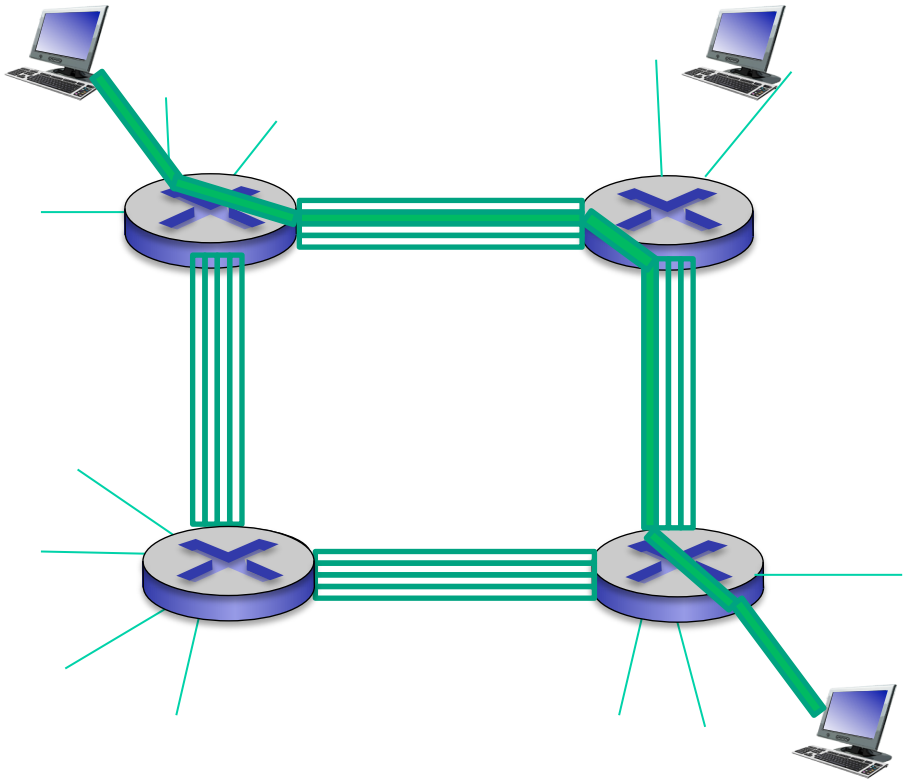
  - Packet switching: used in the Internet



Circuit Switching

end-end resources allocated to, reserved for "call" between source & dest:

- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
  - call gets 2nd circuit in top link and 1st circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
  - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call *(no sharing)*
- commonly used in traditional telephone networks

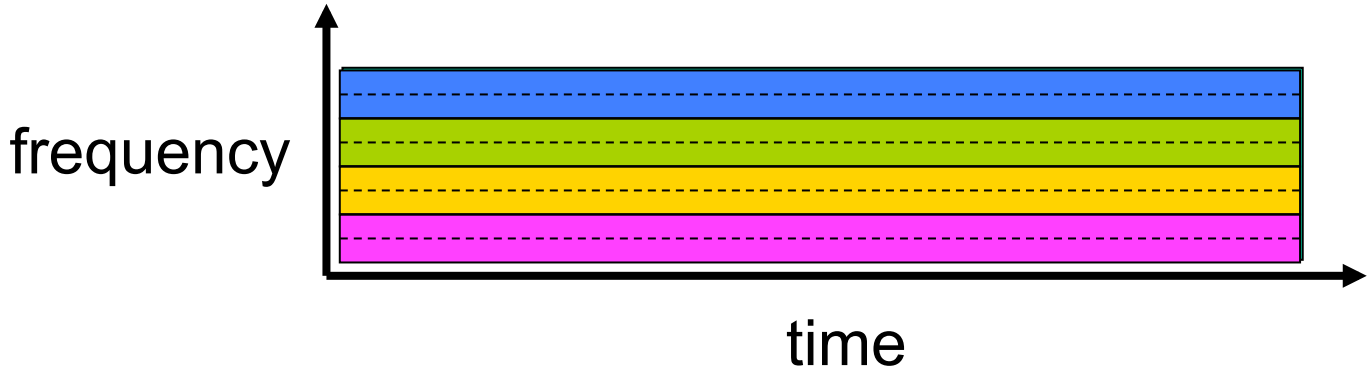


Circuit switching: FDM versus TDM

Example:

4 users

FDM



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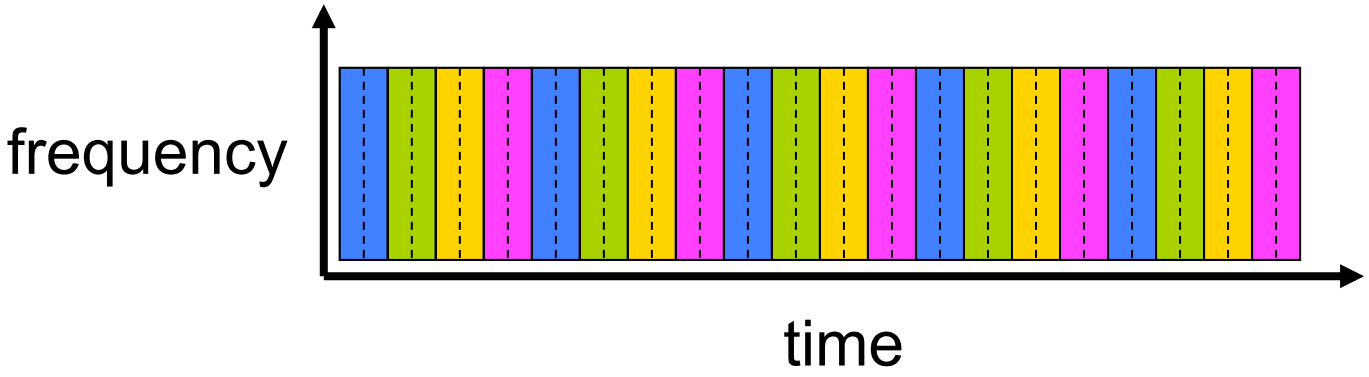
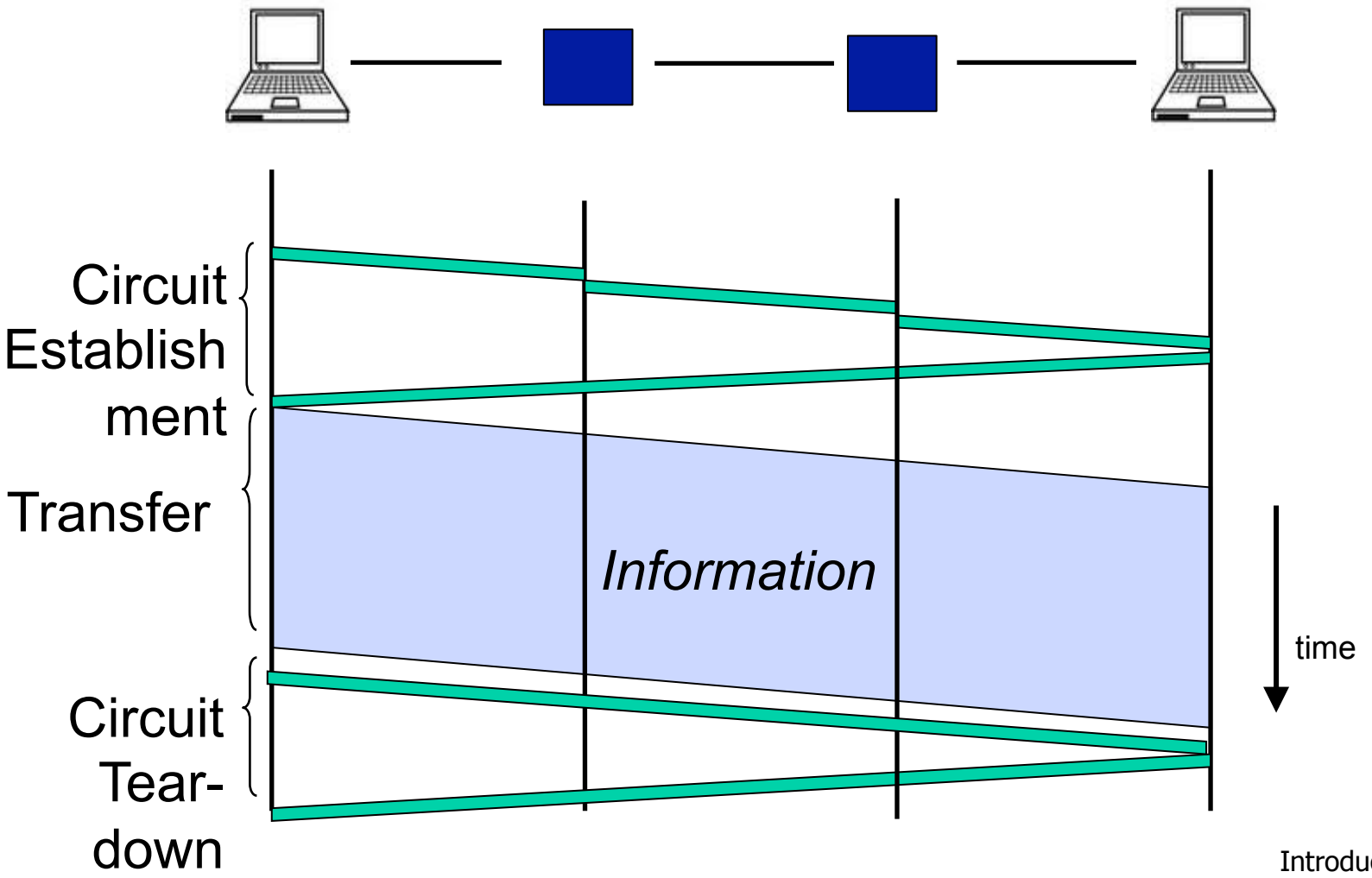


Timing in Circuit Switching



Quiz: What are the pros and cons of circuit switching? Let's discuss ..

- Pros:

- Cons:

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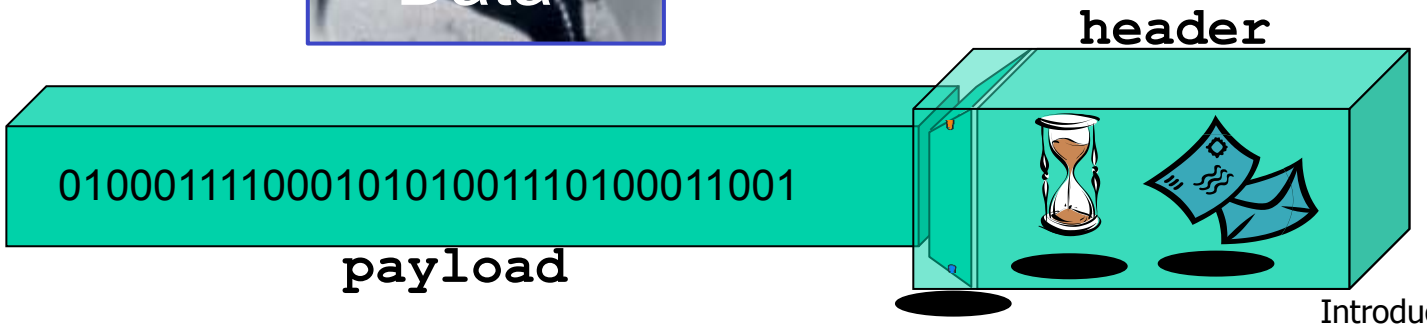
1. Internet Address
2. Age (TTL)
3. Checksum to protect header



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  - payload is the data being carried
  - header holds instructions to the network for how to handle packet (think of the header as an API)

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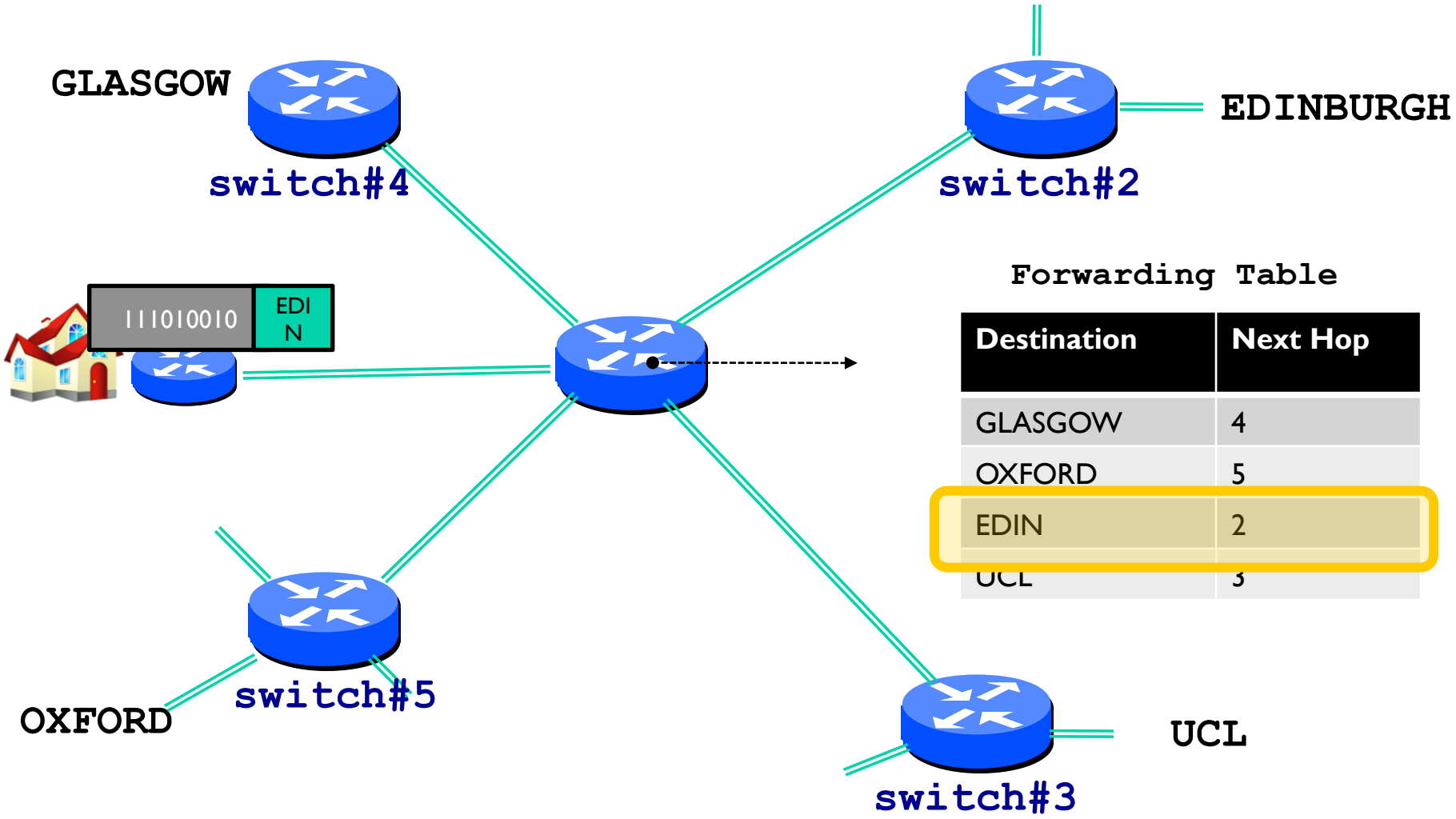
Switches forward packets



Forwarding Table

Destination	Next Hop
GLASGOW	4
OXFORD	5
EDIN	2
UCL	3

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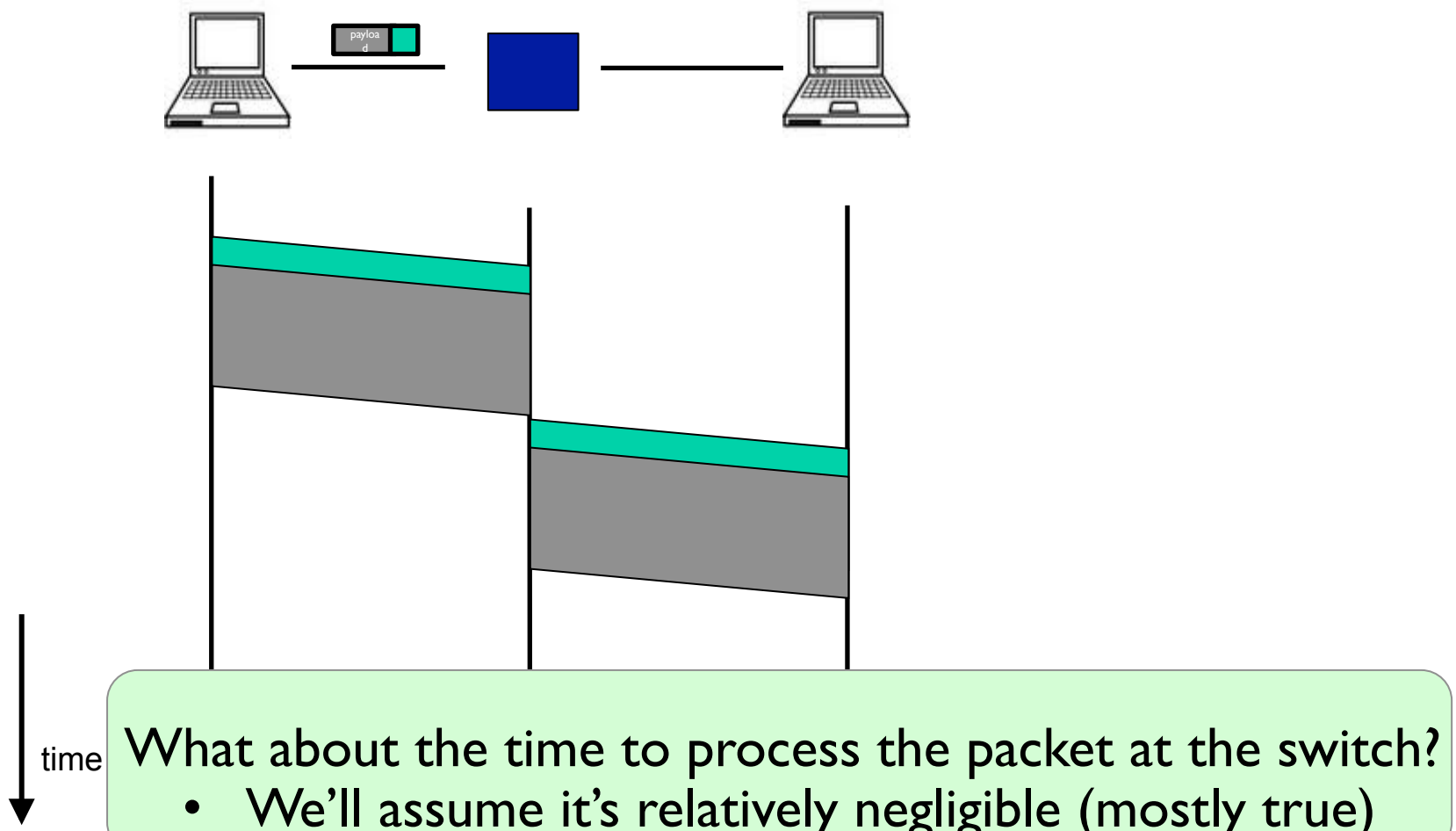

What about the time to process the packet at the switch?

- We'll assume it's relatively negligible (mostly true)

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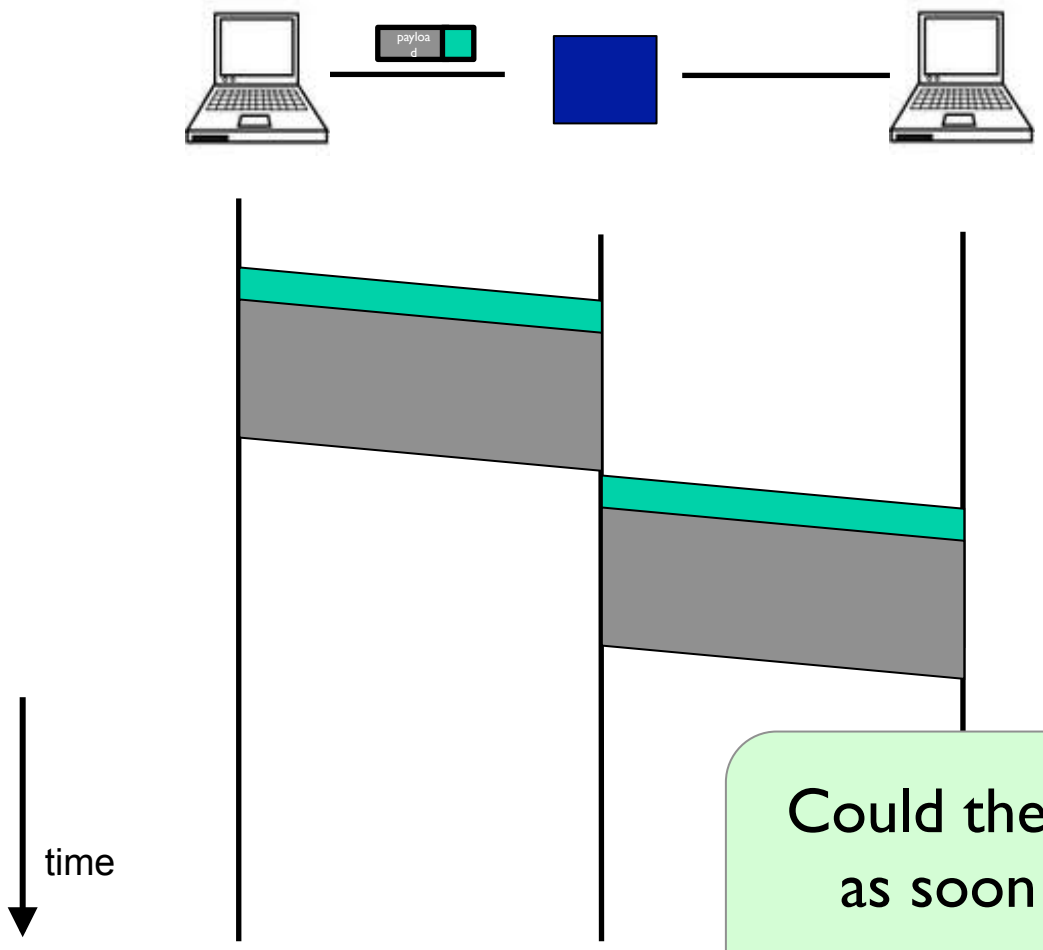

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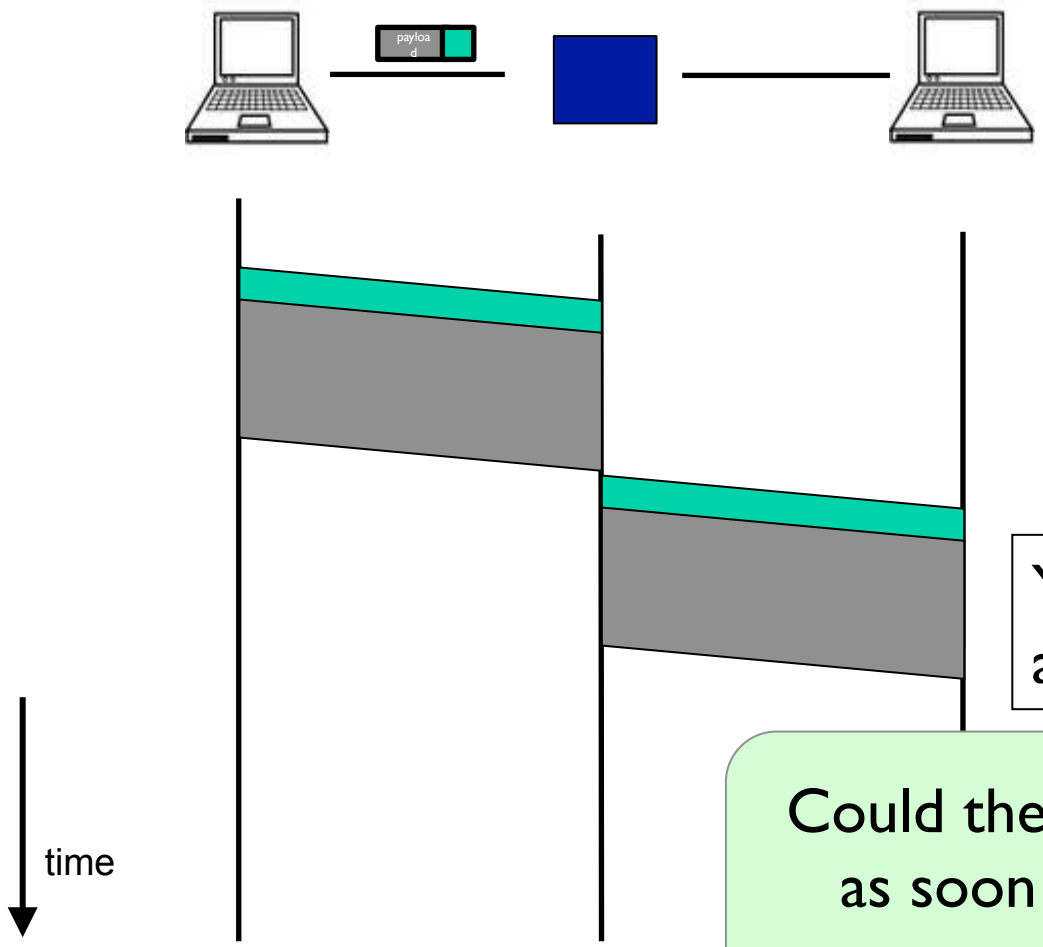

Yes! This would be called a "cut through" switch

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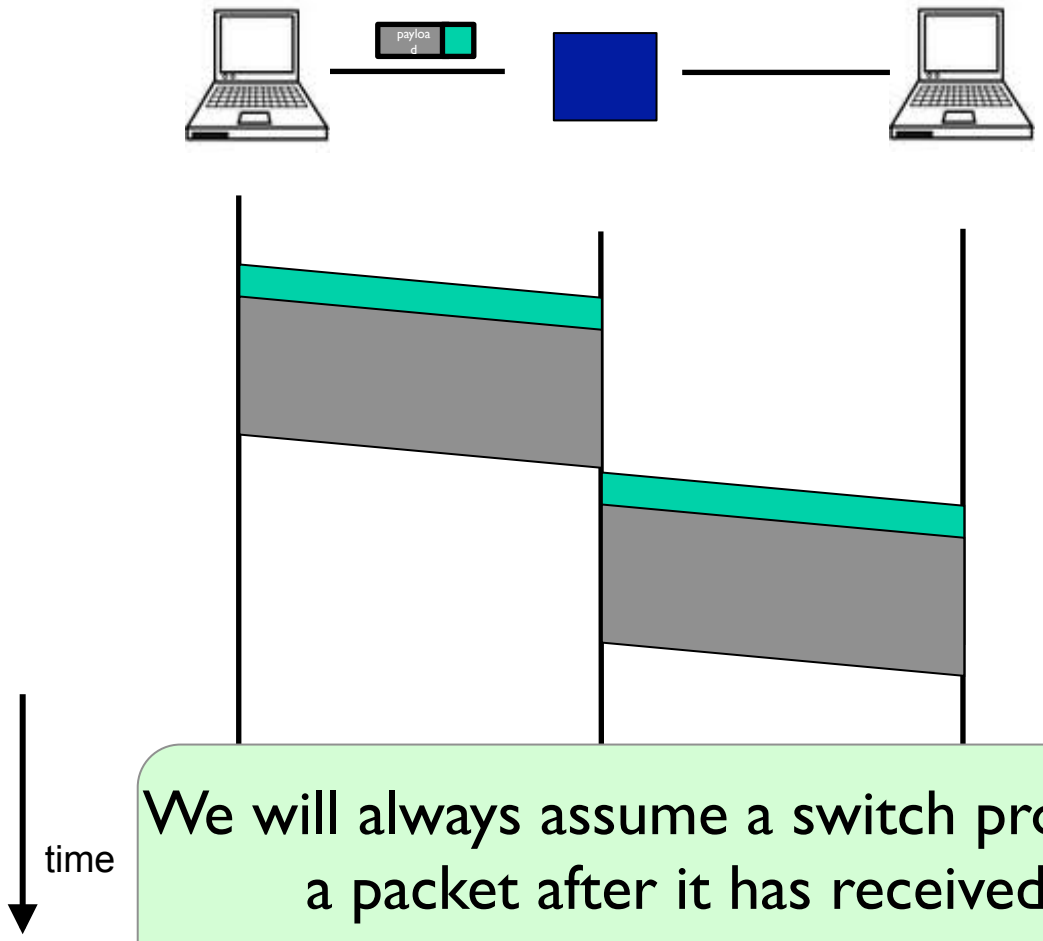

We will always assume a switch processes/forwards a packet after it has received it entirely.
This is called "store and forward" switching

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  - no notion of packets belonging to a "circuit"

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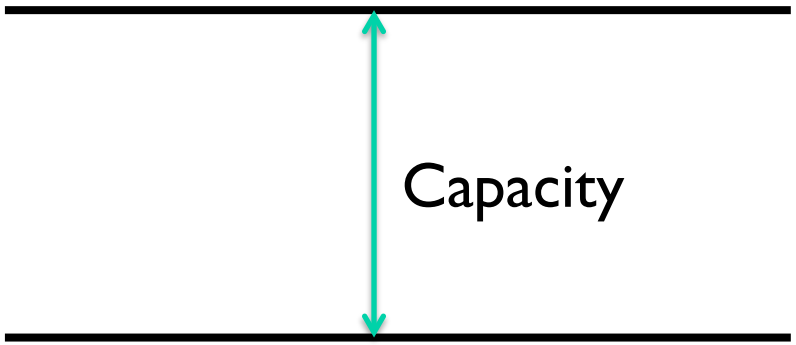
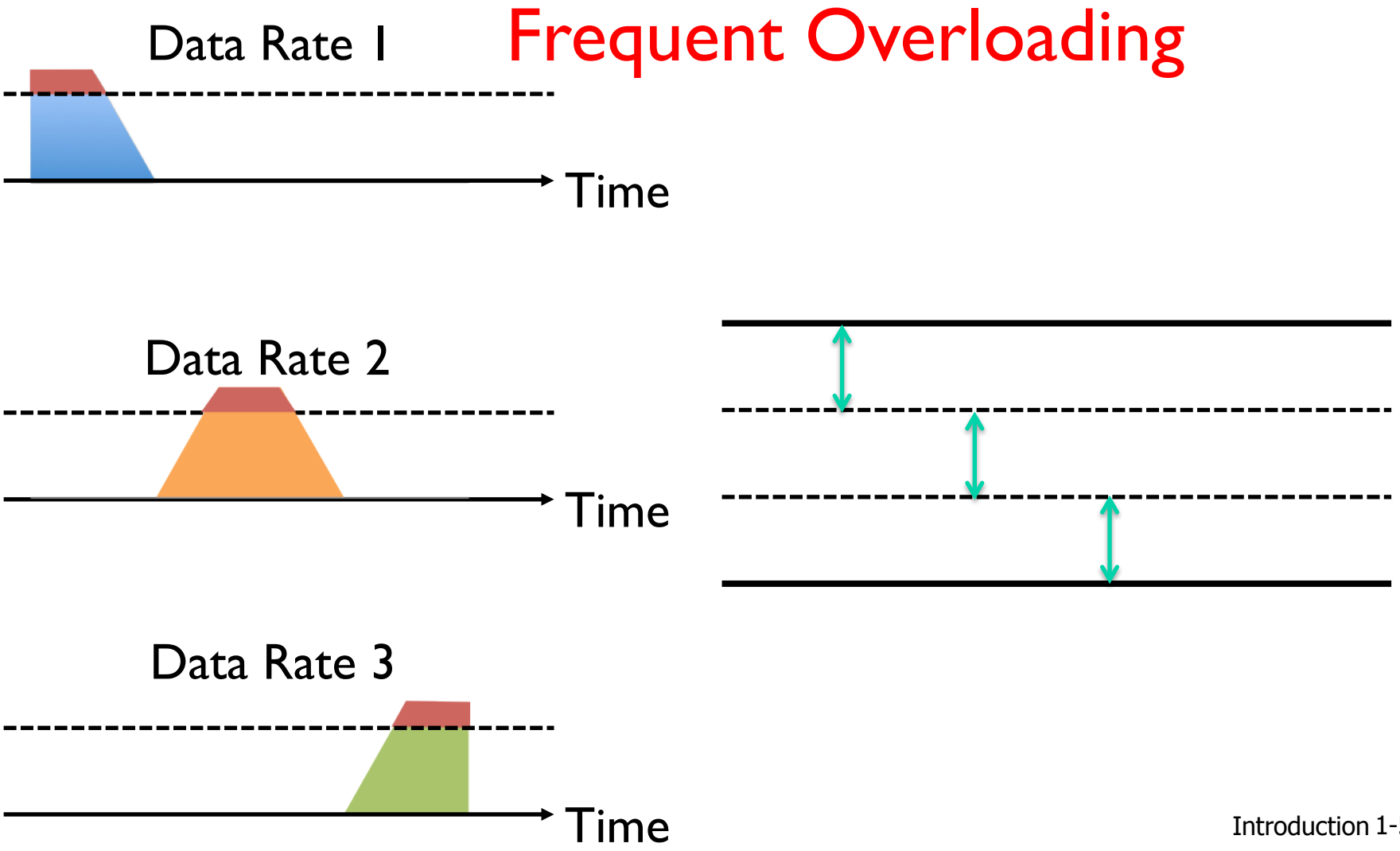


When Each Flow Gets 1/3rd of Capacity



When Flows Share Total Capacity

No Overloading

Statistical multiplexing relies on the assumption that not all flows burst at the same time.

Very similar to insurance, and has same failure case

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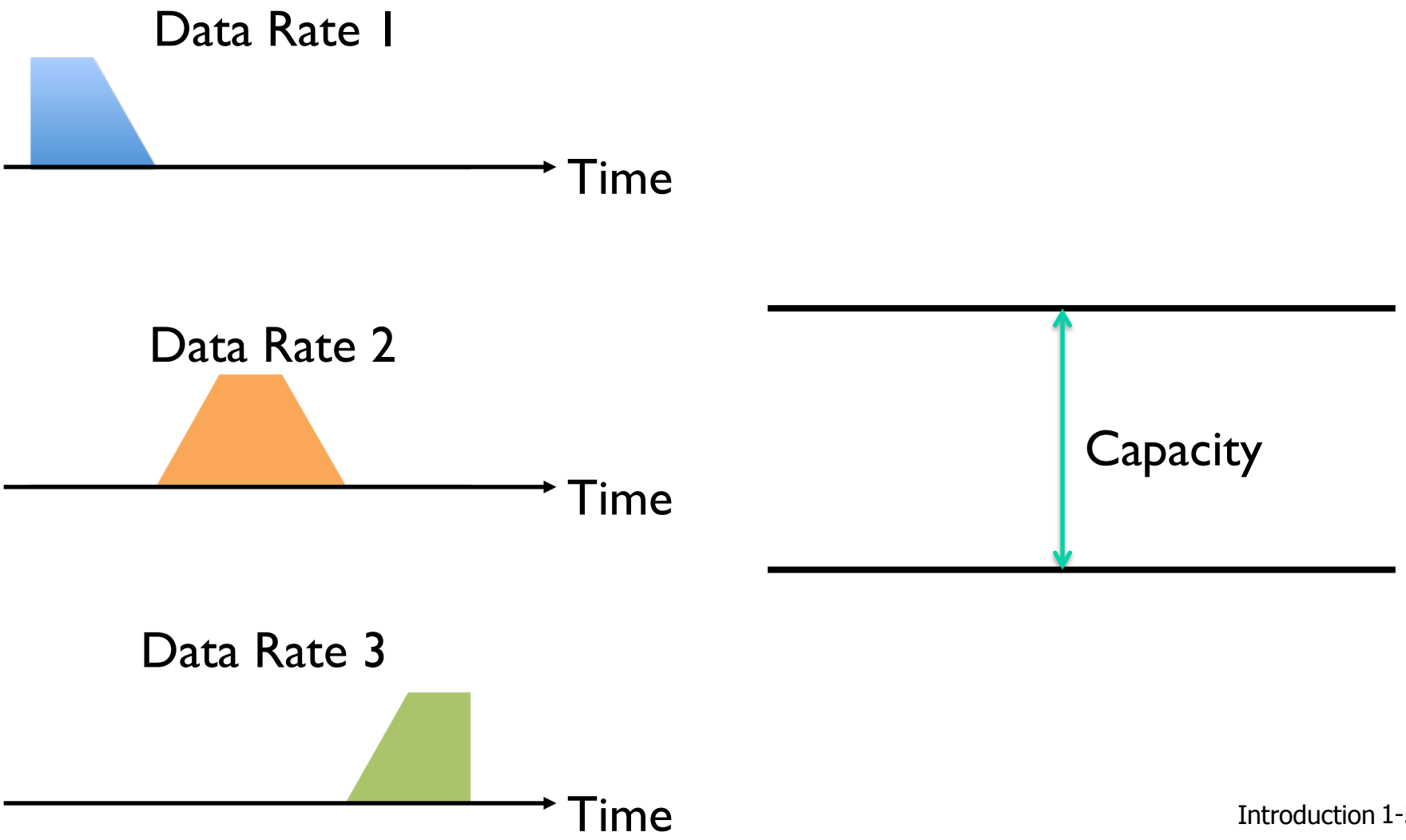

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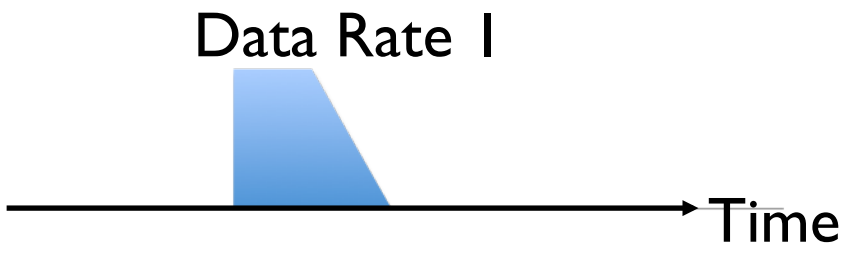

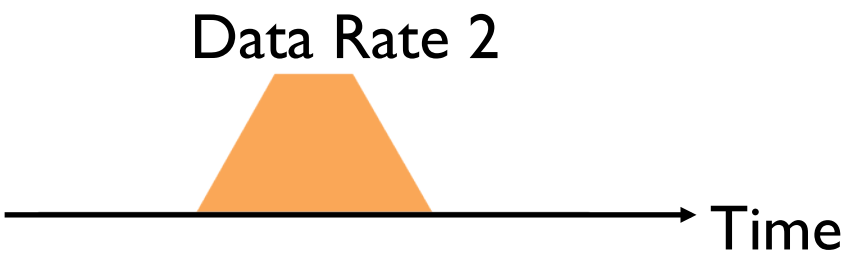

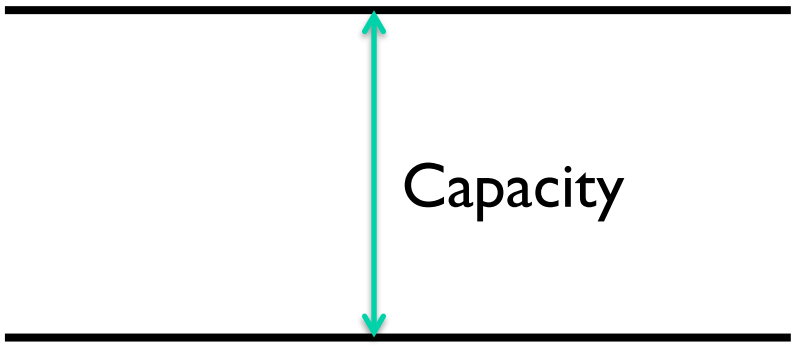

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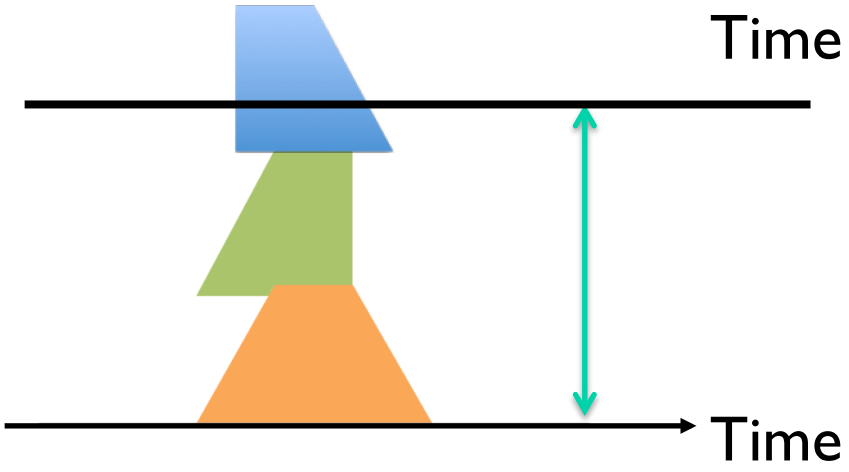
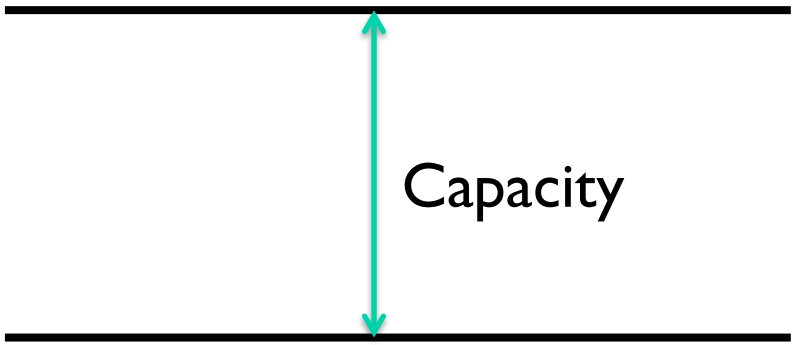
Data Rate 1+2+3 >> Capacity





What do we do under overload?

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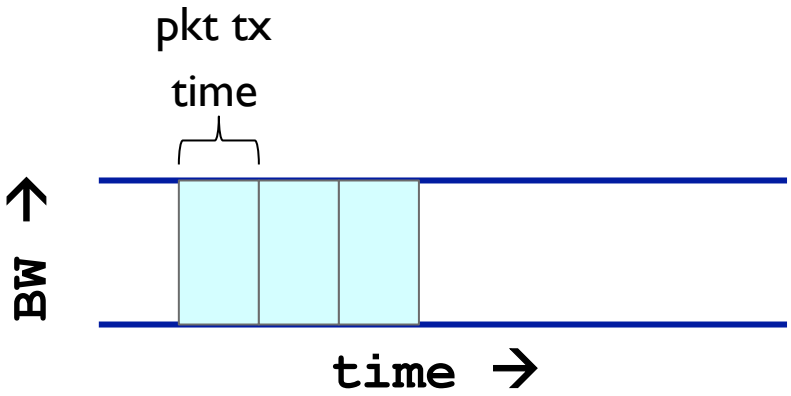

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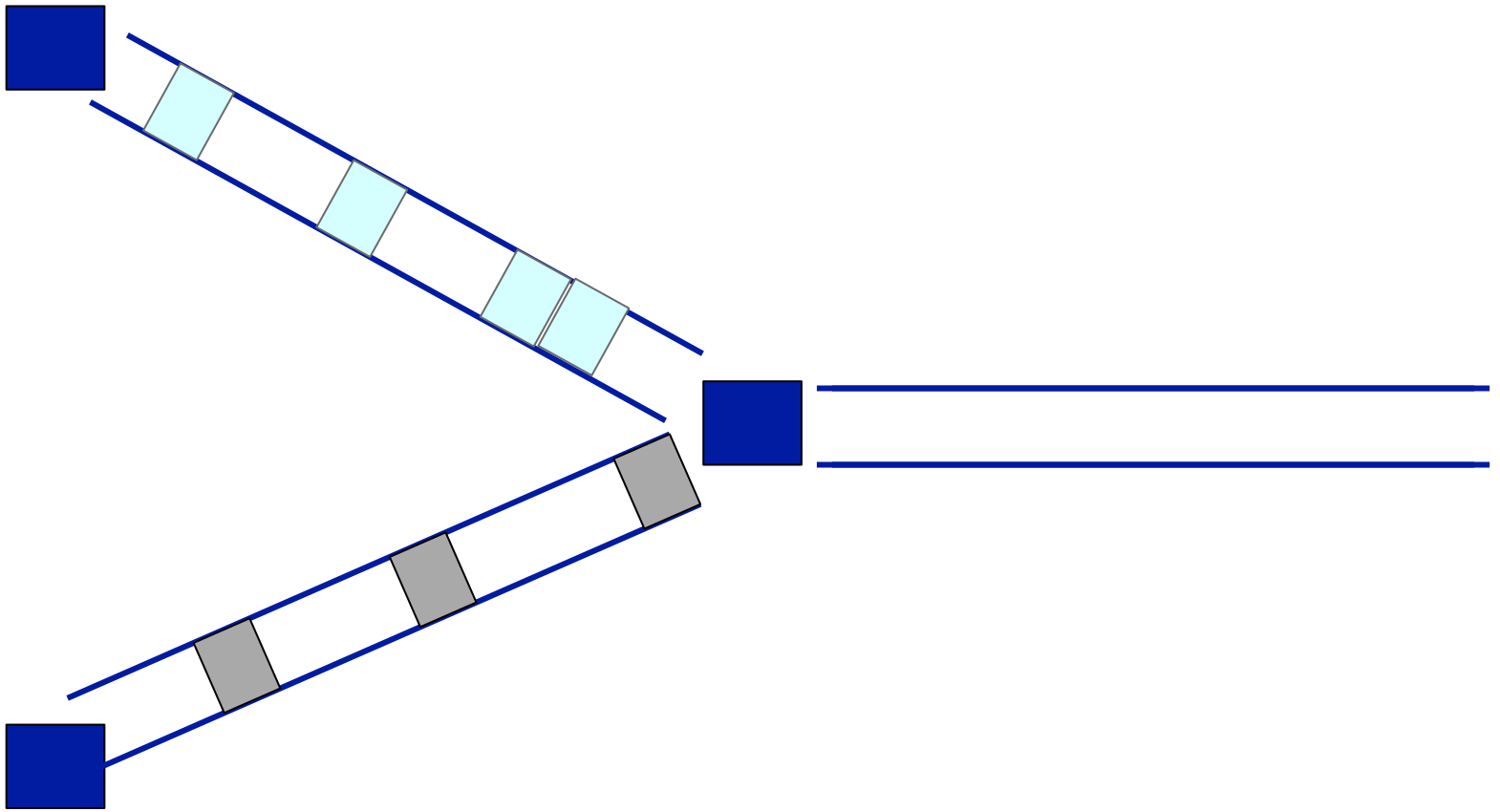

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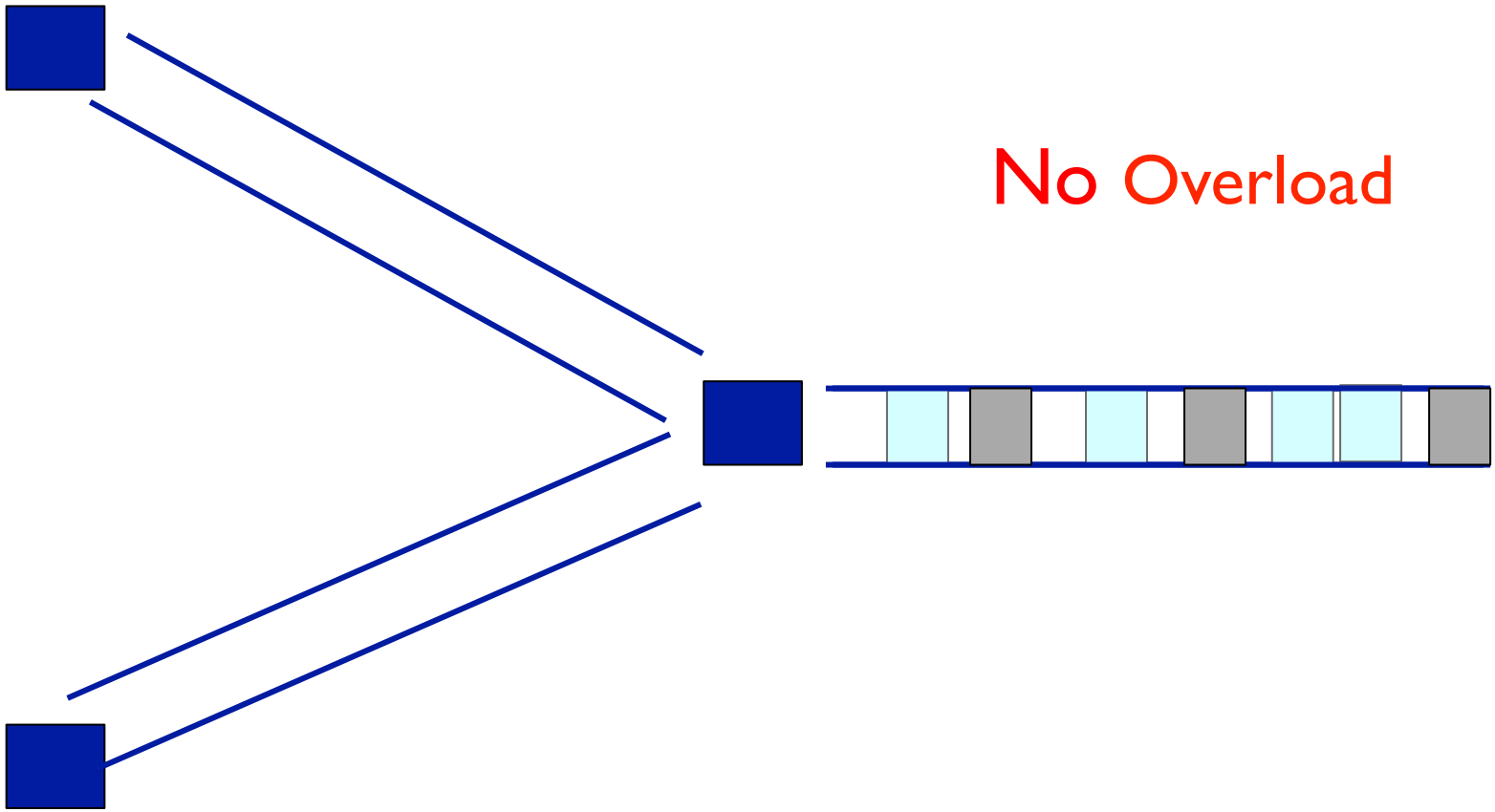

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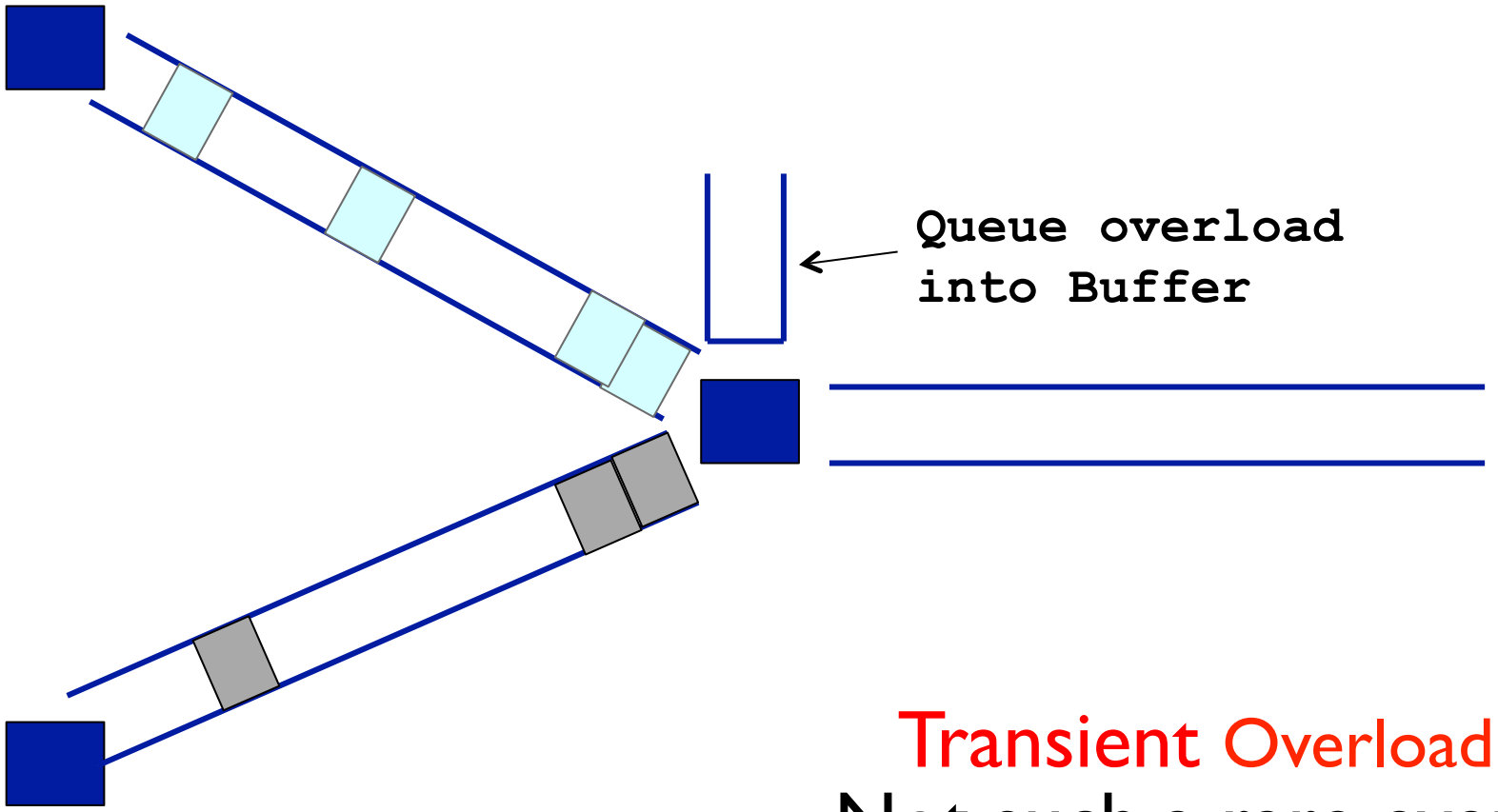

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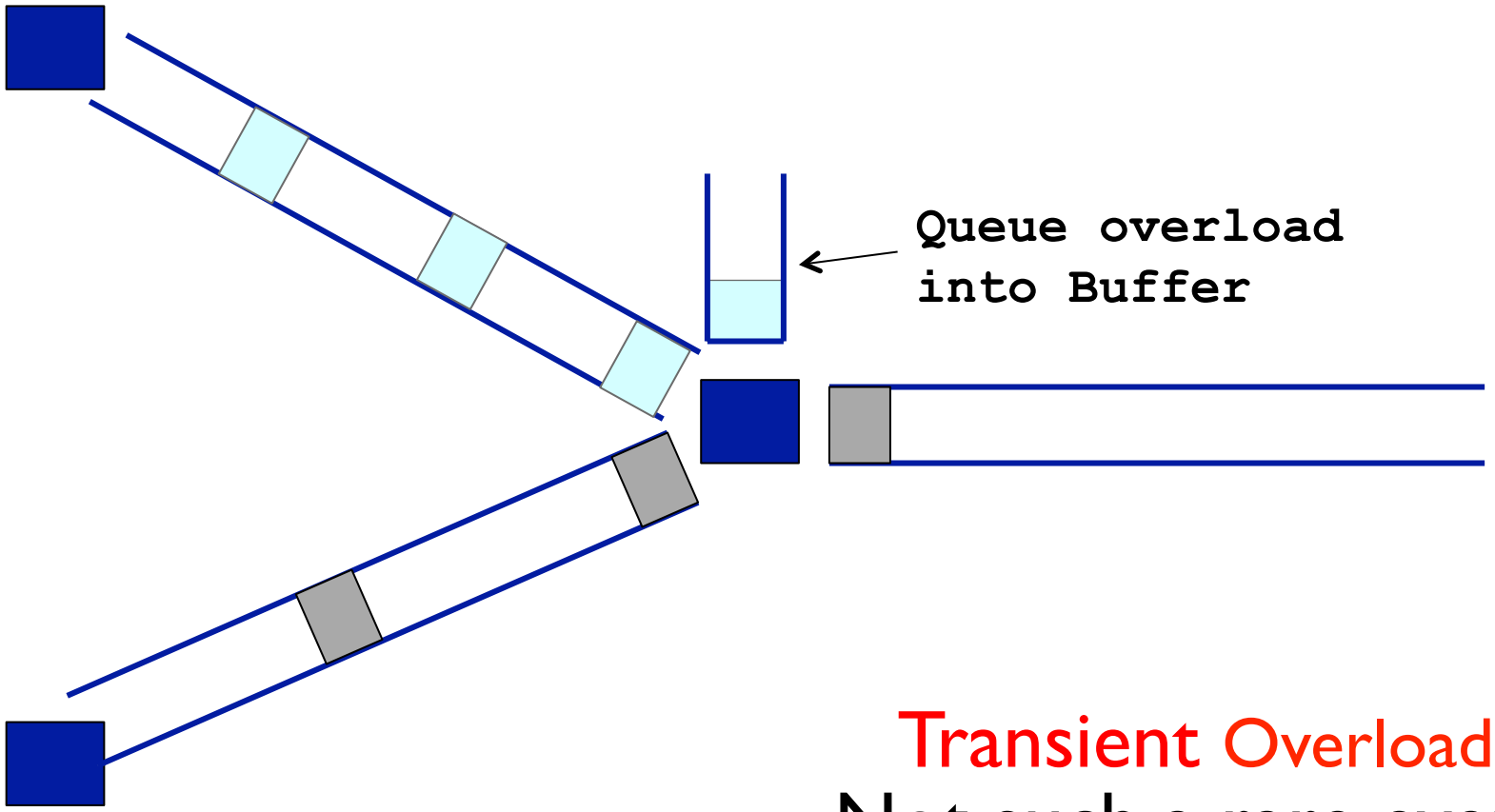

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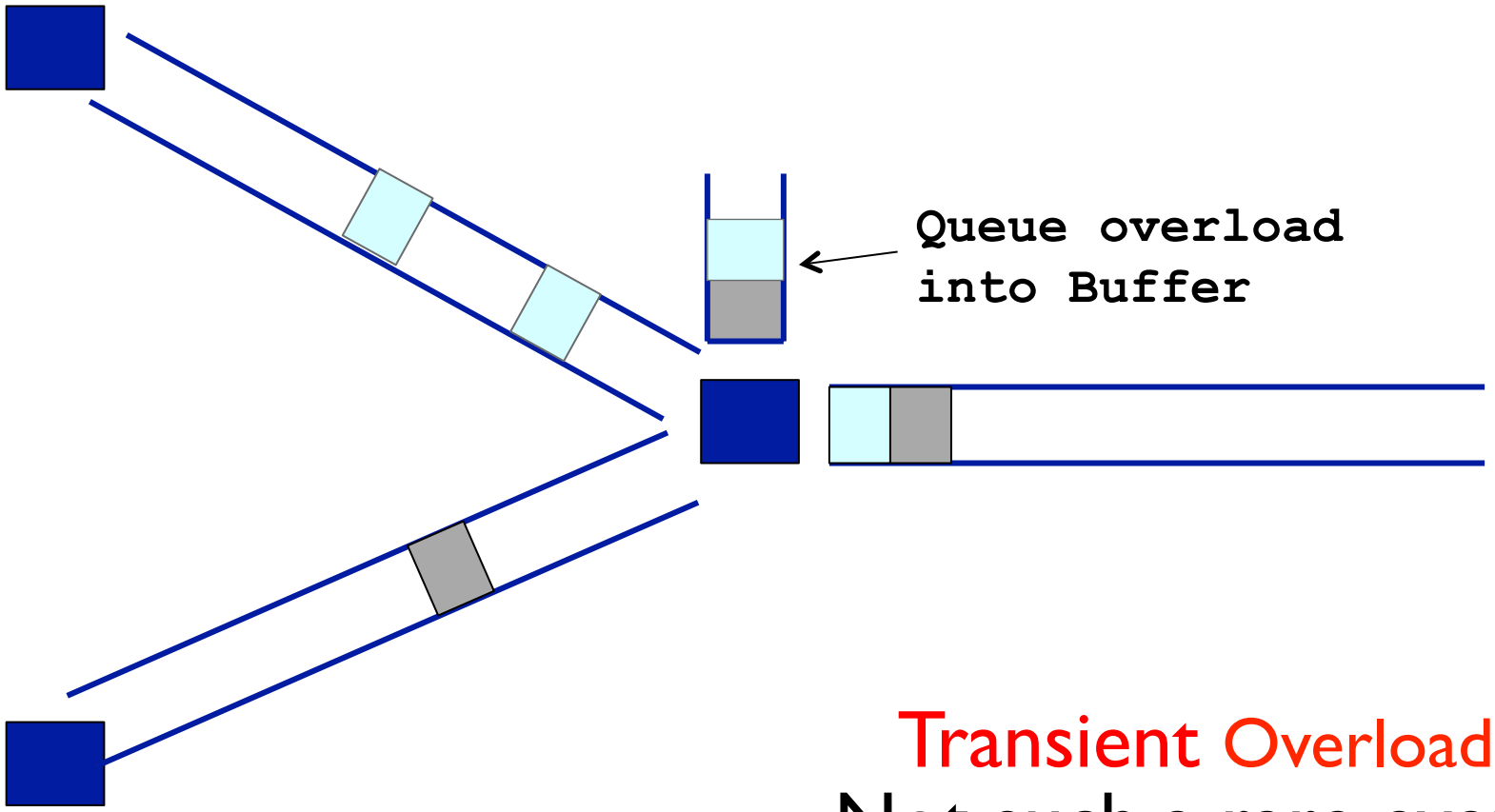

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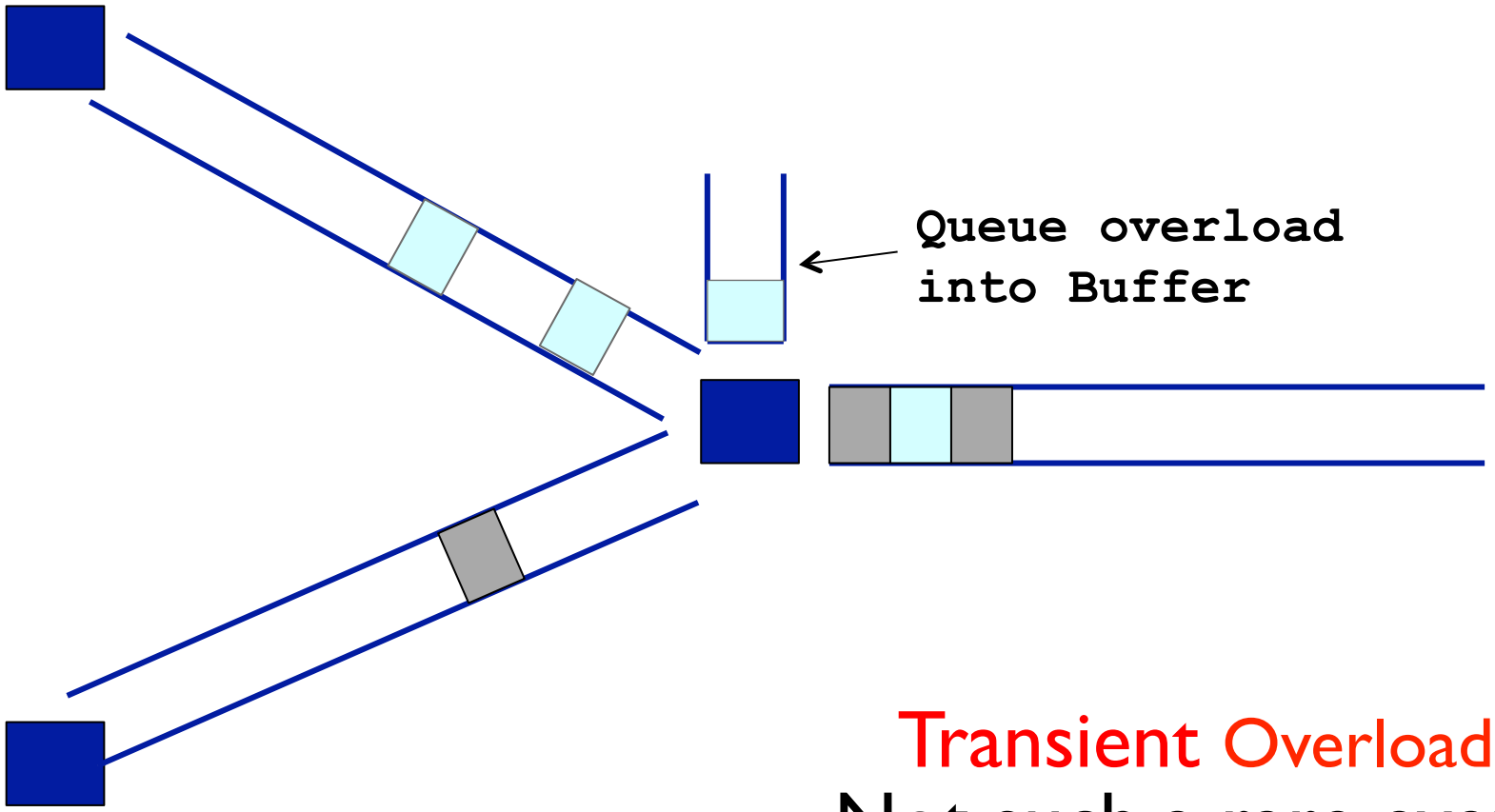

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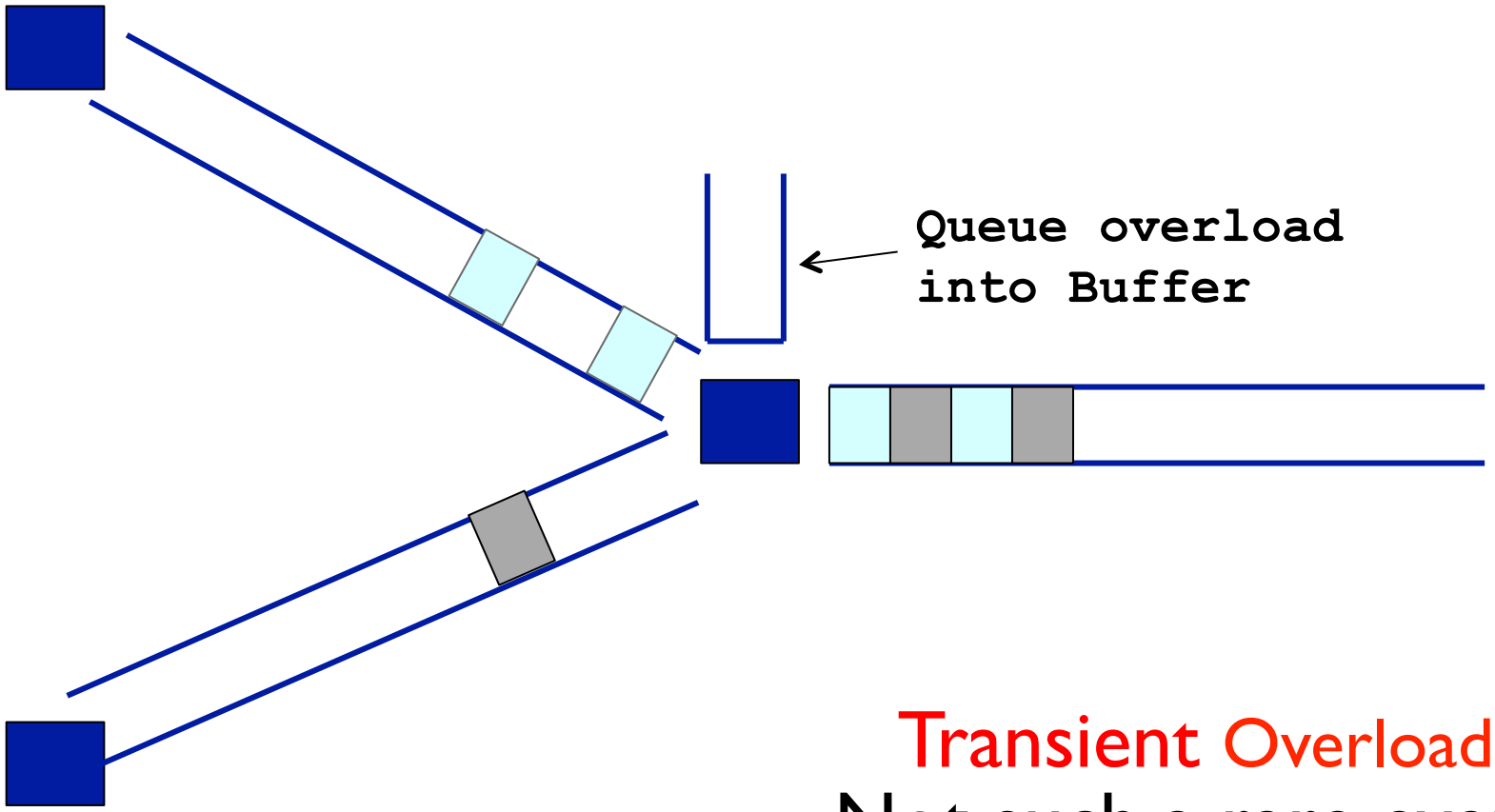

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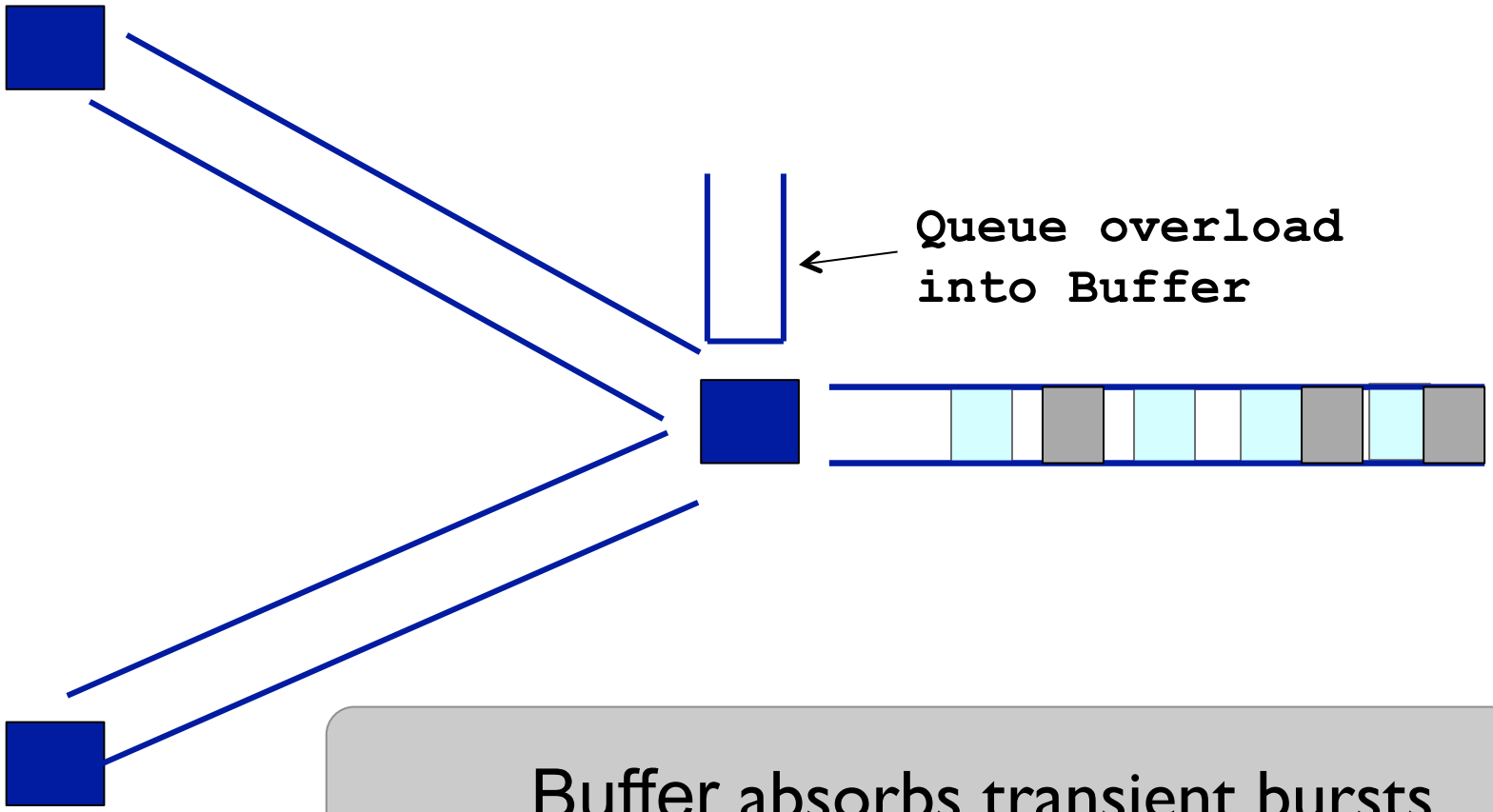

Buffer absorbs transient bursts

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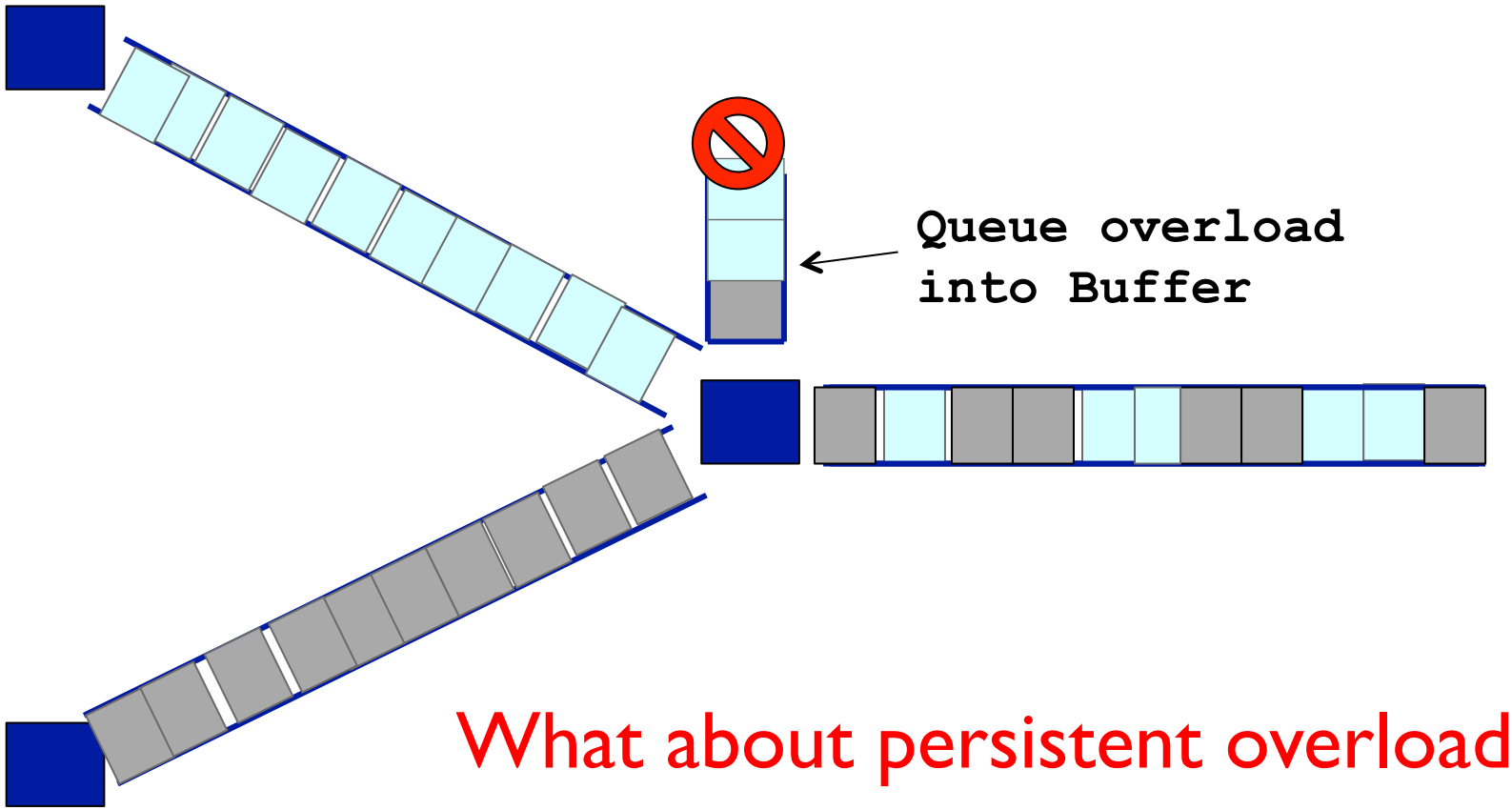


What about persistent overload?

Will eventually drop packets

Quiz: What are the pros and cons of packet switching? Let's discuss ..

- Pros:

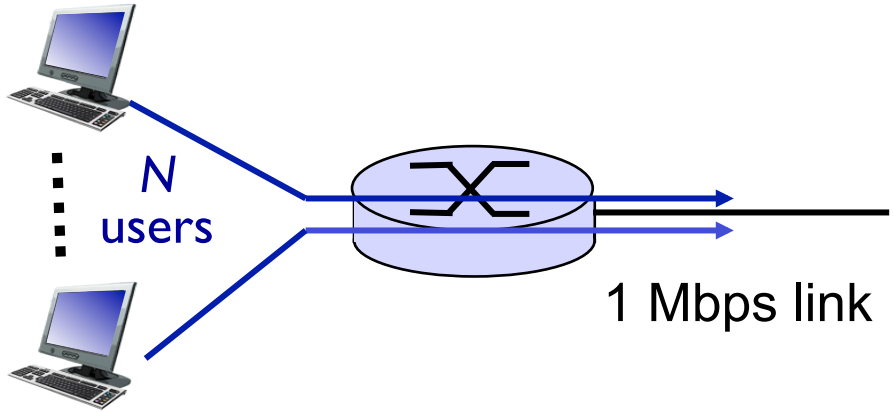
- Cons:

Packet switching versus circuit switching

packet switching allows more users to use network!

example:

- 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?

Q: what happens if > 35 users ?

Hint: Bernoulli Trials and Binomial Distribution

Packet switching versus circuit switching

is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

- great for bursty data
  - resource sharing
  - simpler, no call setup
- excessive congestion possible: 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

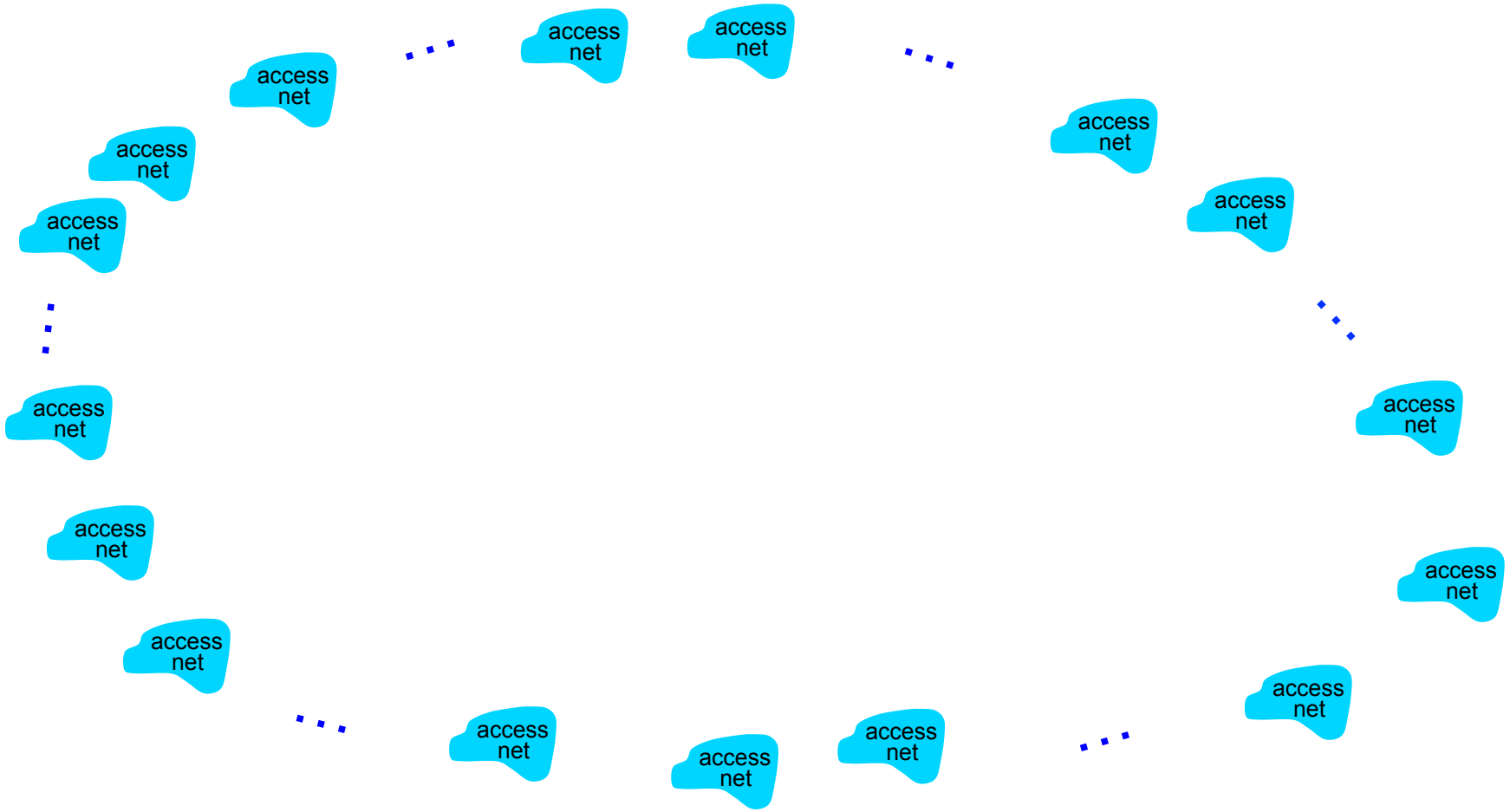
Q: human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching) versus on-demand allocation (packet-switching)?

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 policies
- Let's take a stepwise approach to describe current Internet structure

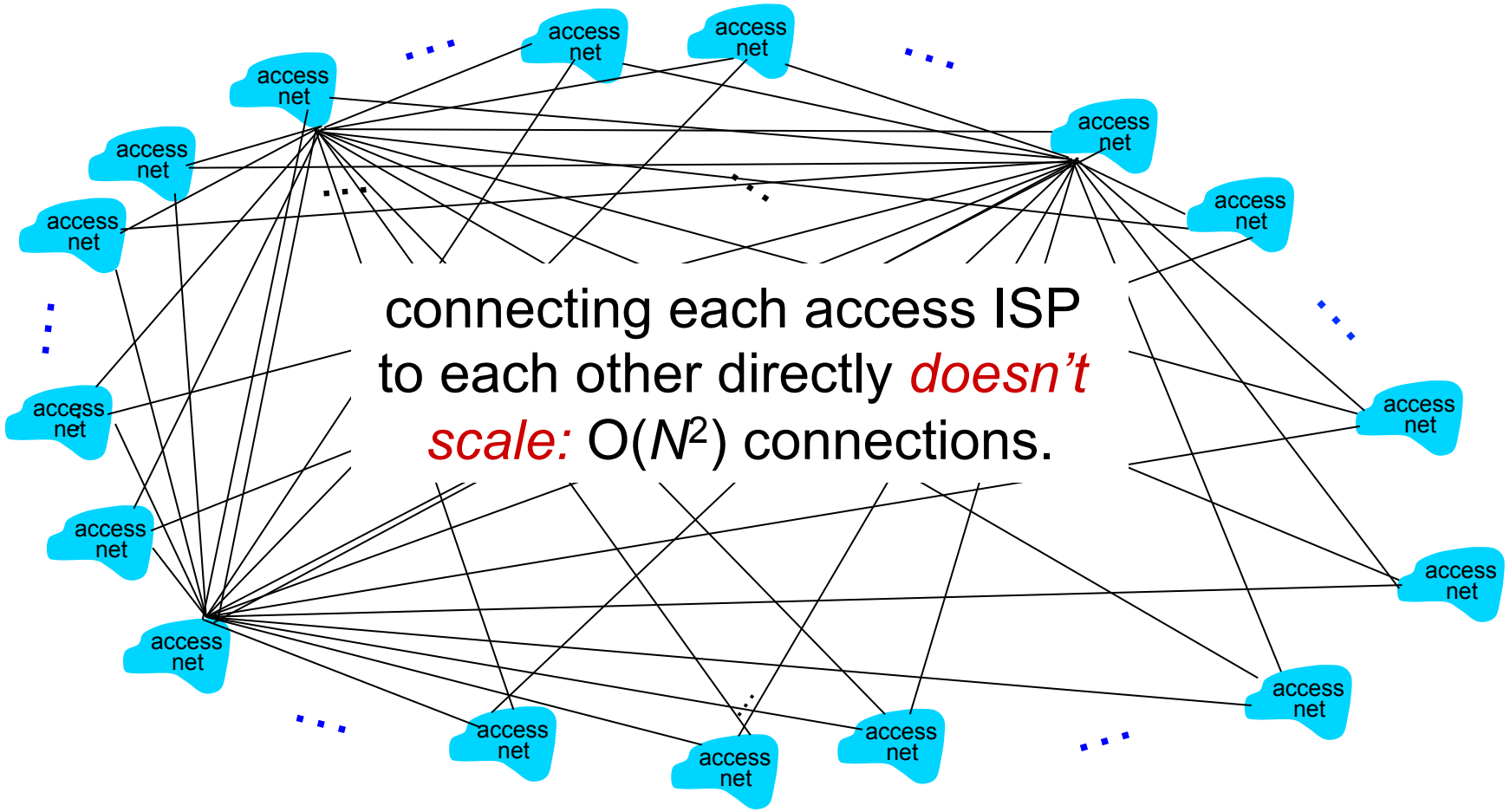
Internet structure: network of networks

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



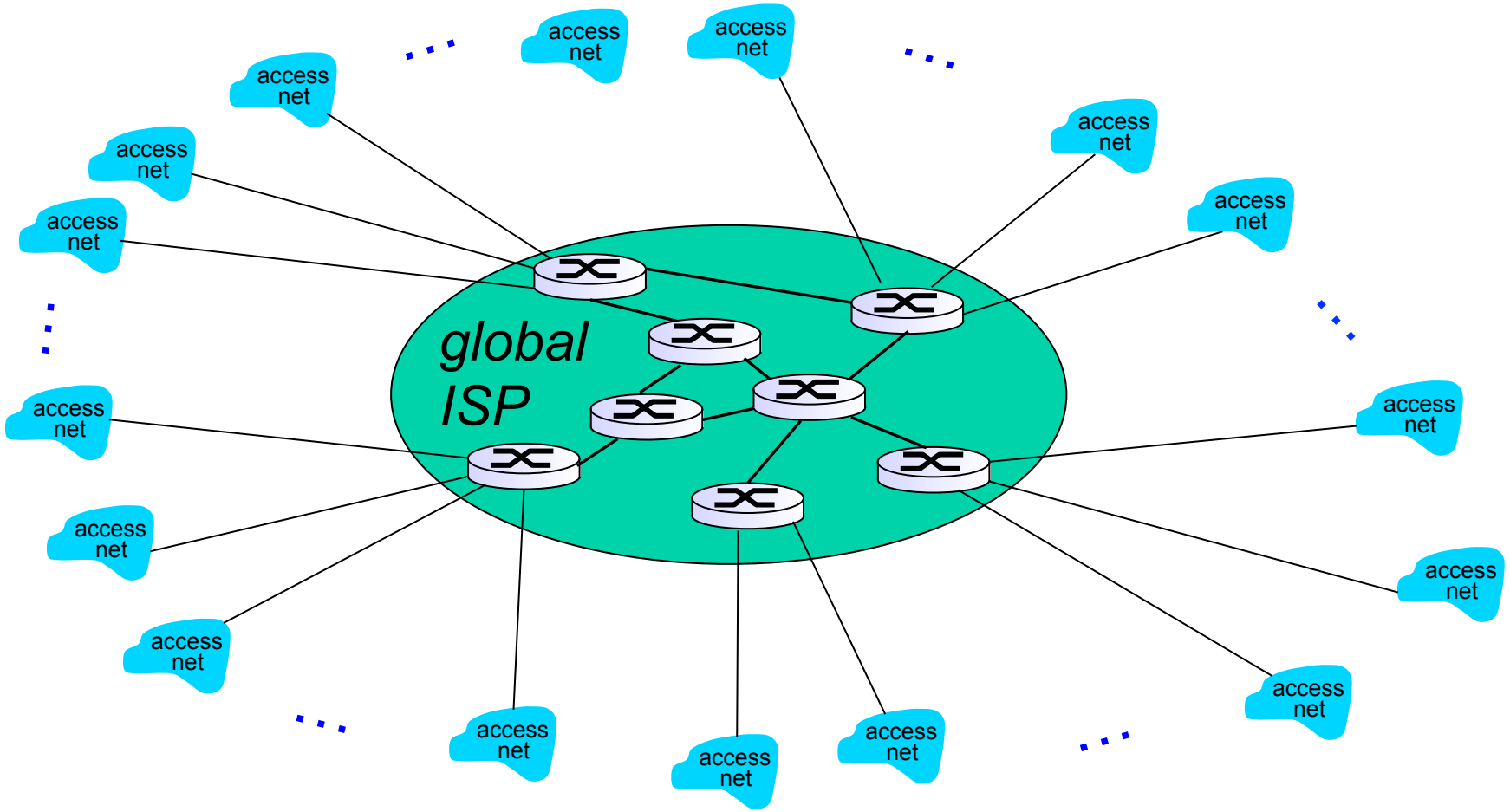
Internet structure: network of networks

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



Internet structure: network of networks

Option: connect each access ISP to a global transit ISP? Customer and provider ISPs have economic agreement.



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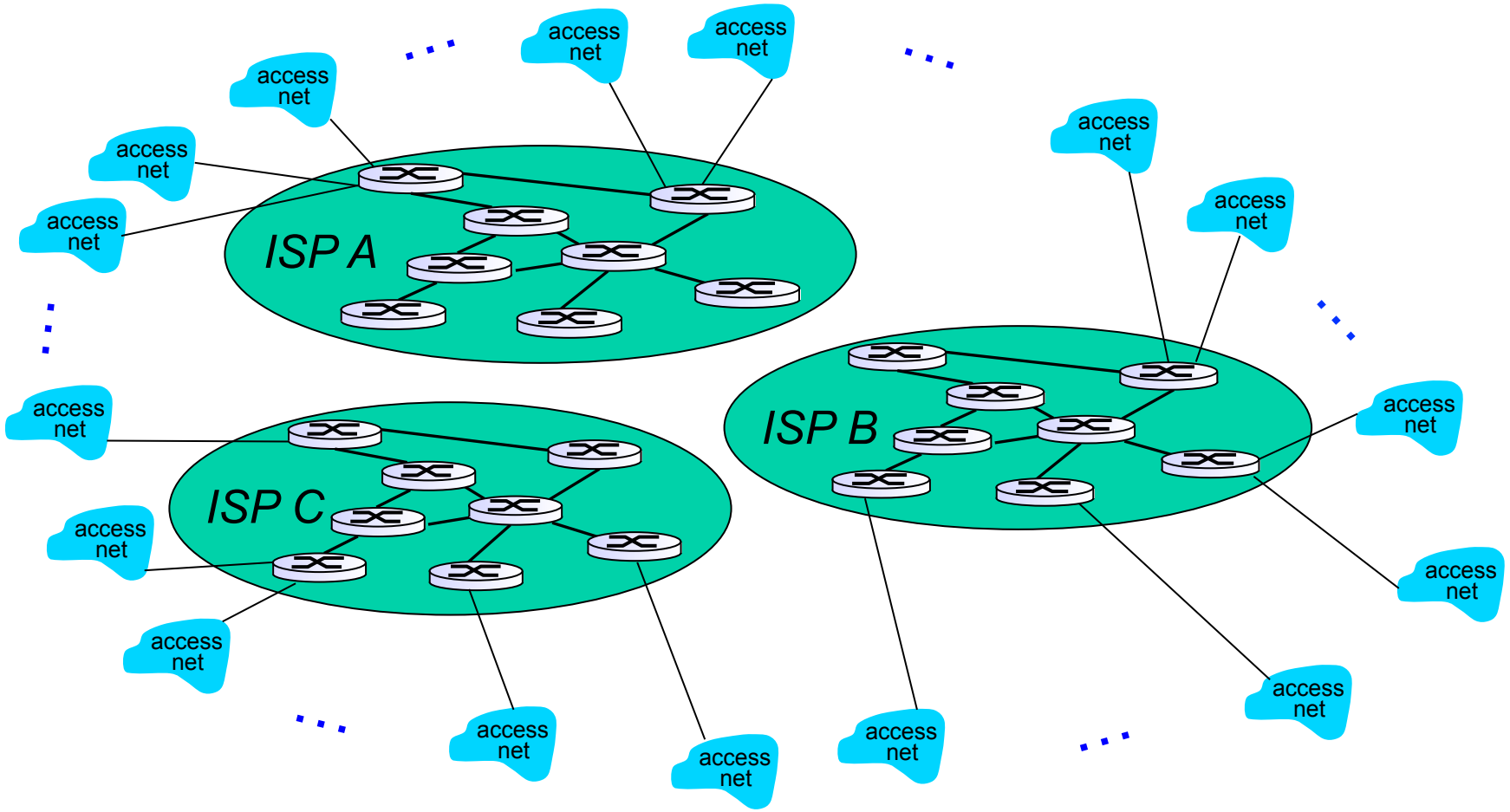

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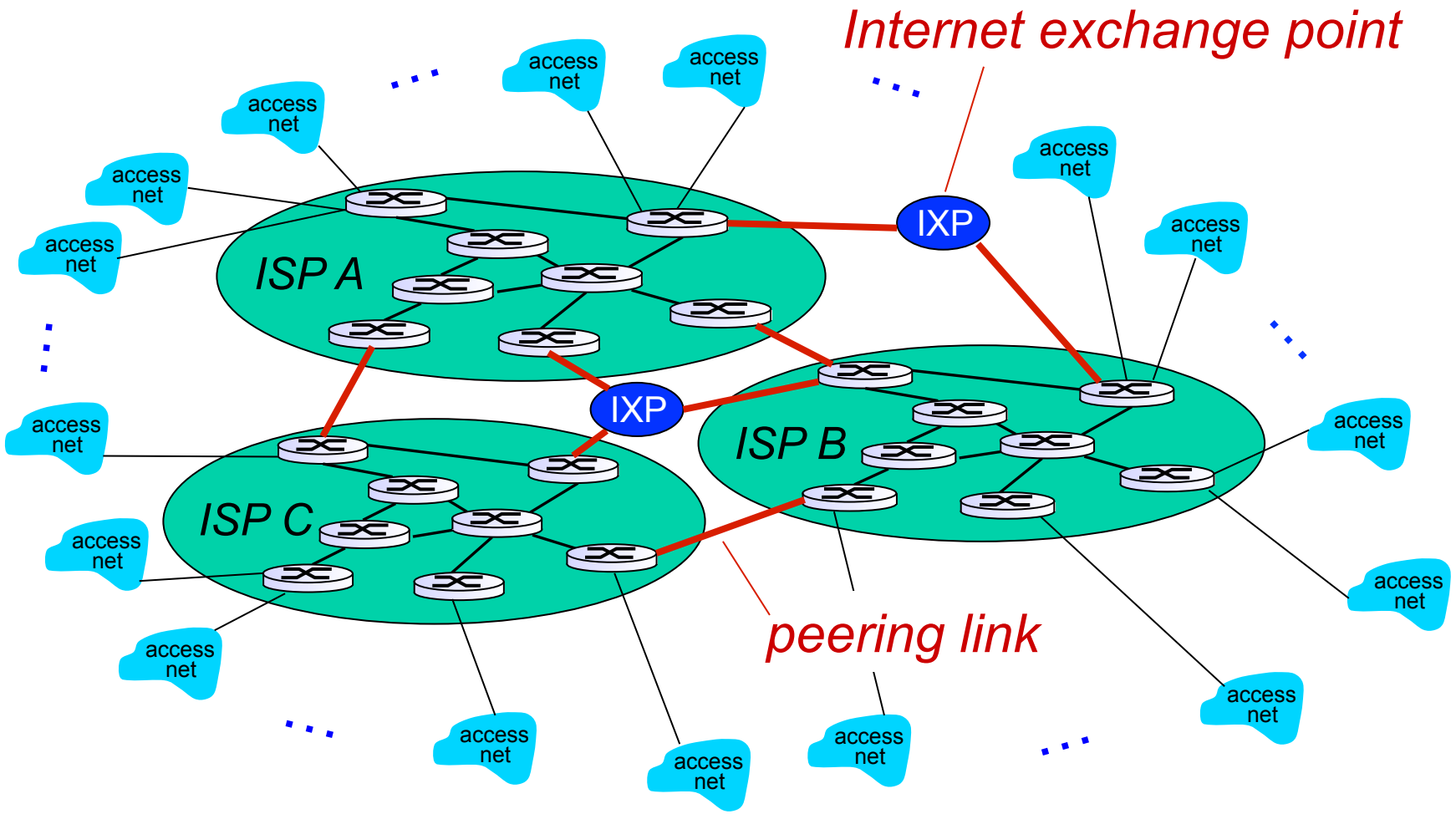
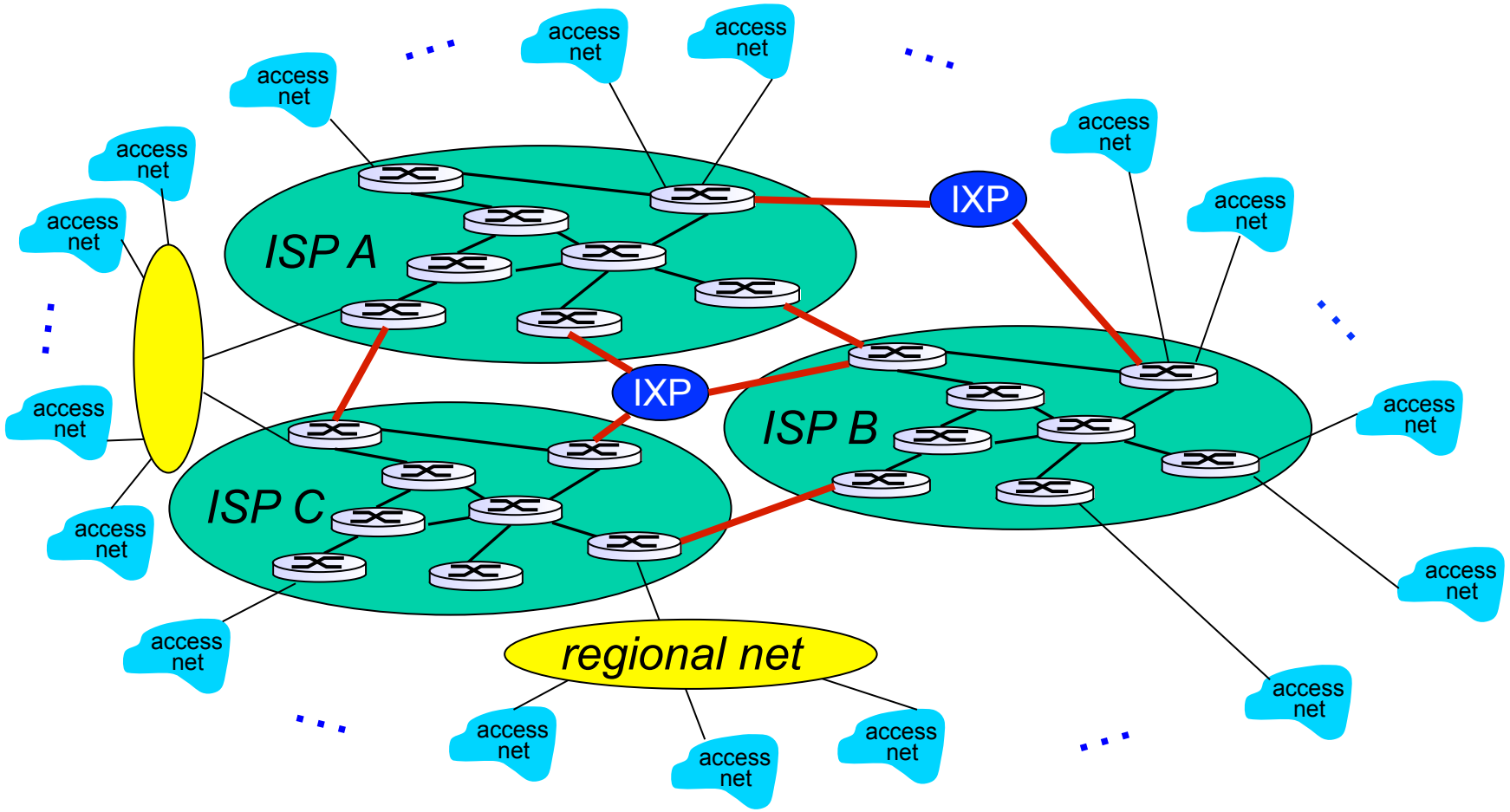


Internet structure: network of networks

… and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPS



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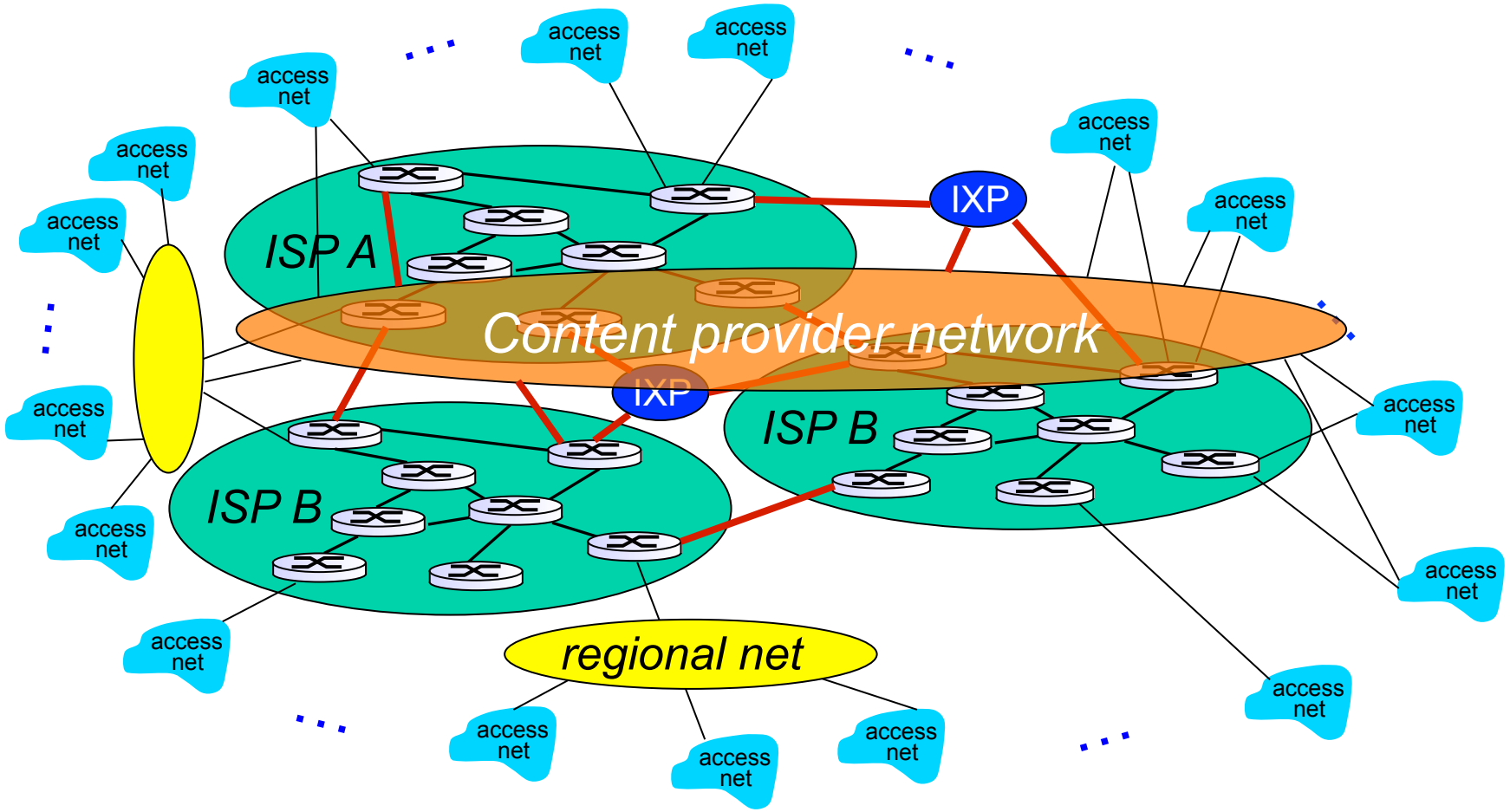
… and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users



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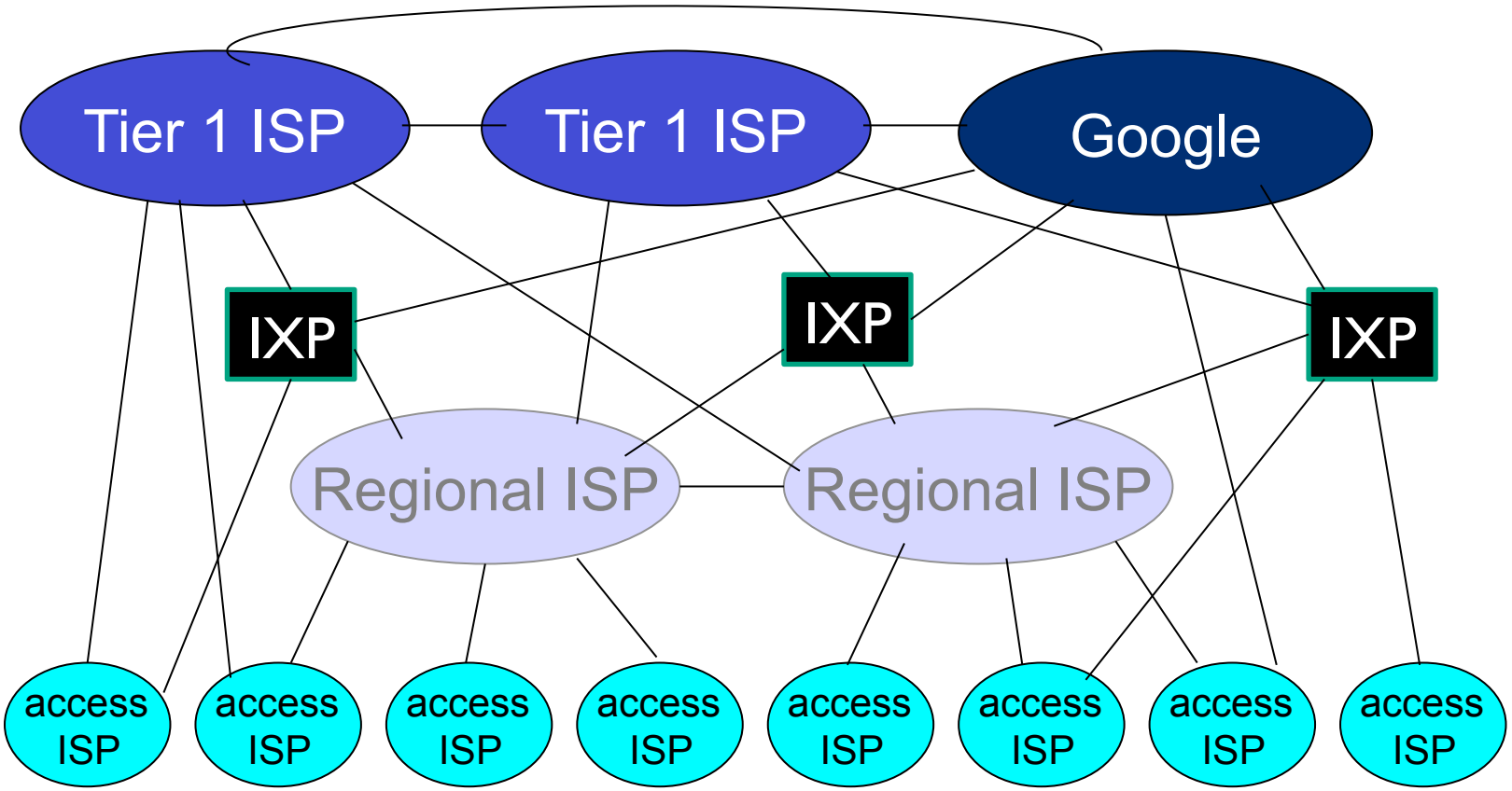
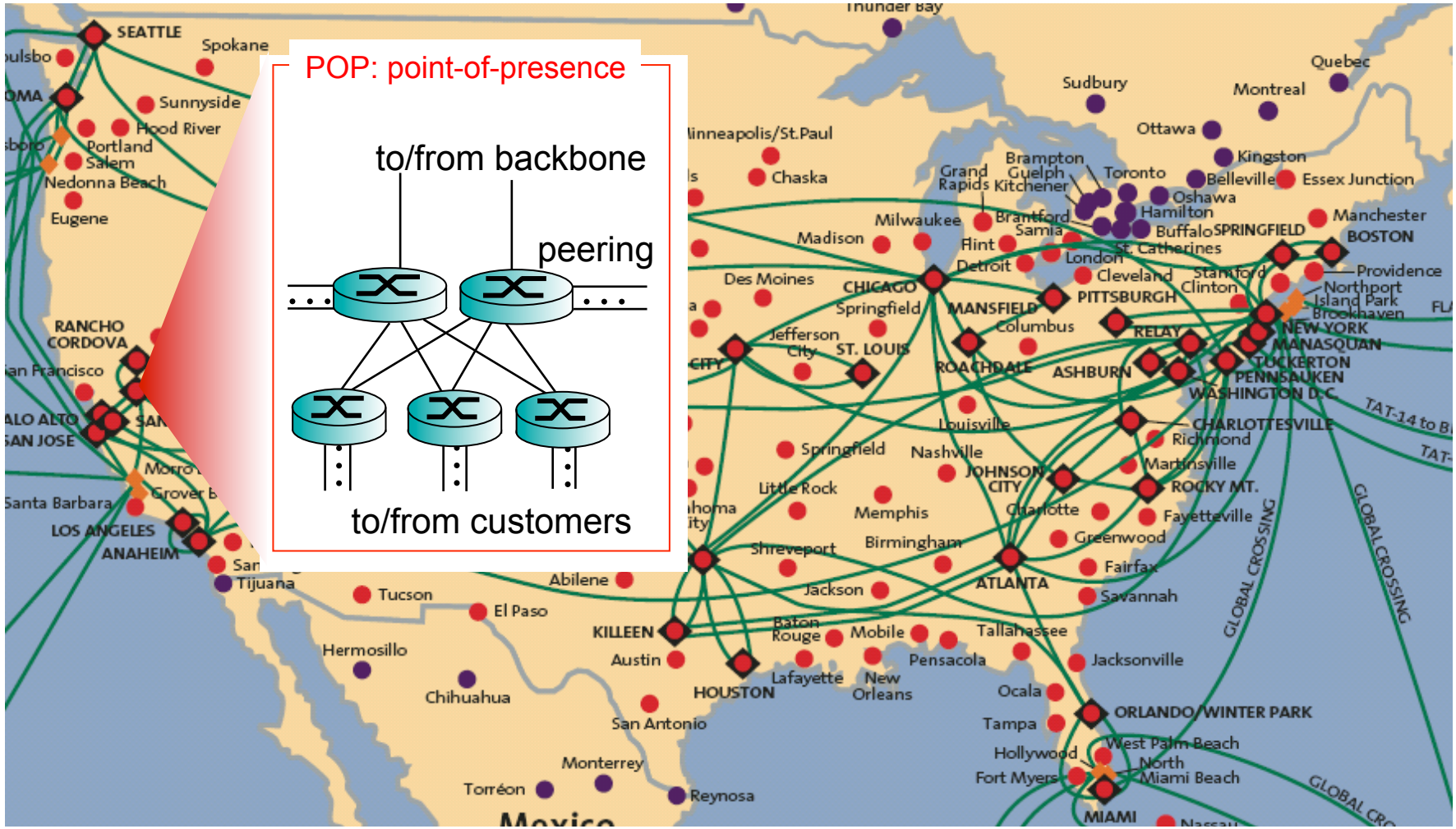


- at center: small # of well-connected large networks
  - "tier-1" commercial ISPs (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT, Orange, Deutsche Telekom), national & international coverage
  - content provider network (e.g., Google): private network that connects it data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs

Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint



1. Introduction: roadmap

1.1 what *is* the Internet?

1.2 network edge

- end systems, access networks, links

1.3 network core

- packet switching, circuit switching, network structure

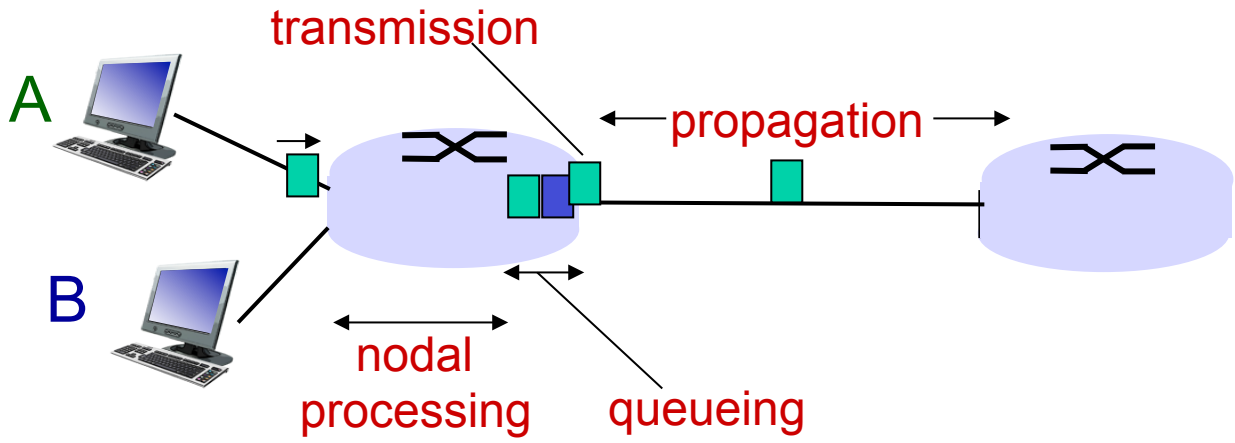
1.4 delay, loss, throughput in networks

1.5 protocol layers, service models

1.6 networks under attack: security

1.7 history

Four sources of packet delay



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

d_{proc}: nodal processing

- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < msec

d_{queue}: queueing delay

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

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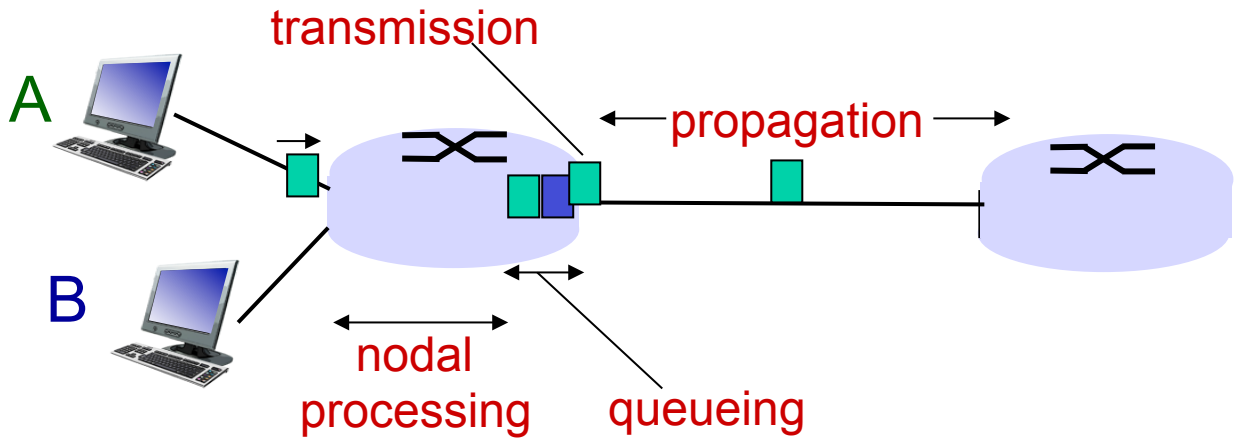

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d_{trans}: transmission delay:

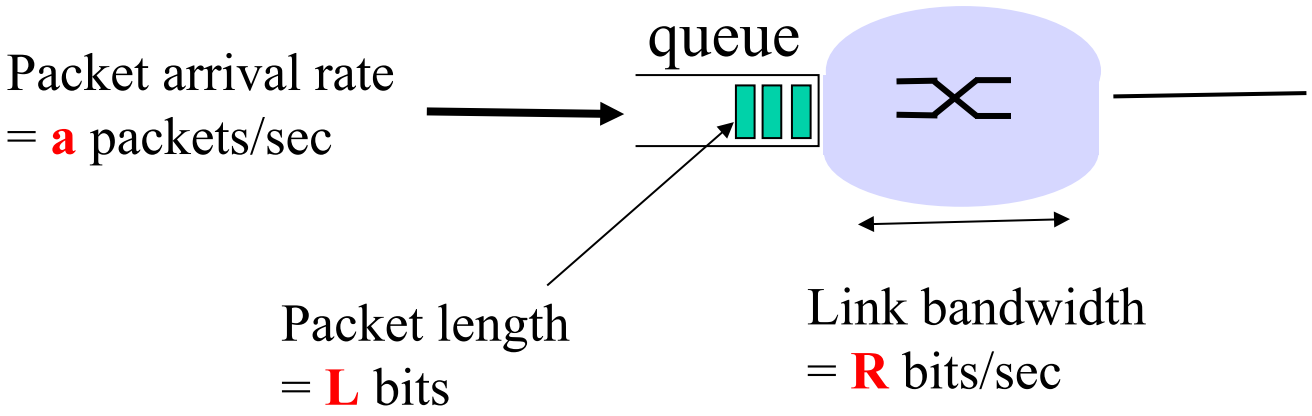
- L: packet length (bits)
- R: link *bandwidth (bps)*
- $d_{trans} = L/R$

d_{prop}: propagation delay:

- d: length of physical link
- s: propagation speed in medium ($\sim 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec)
- $d_{prop} = d/s$

d_{trans} and d_{prop} *very* different

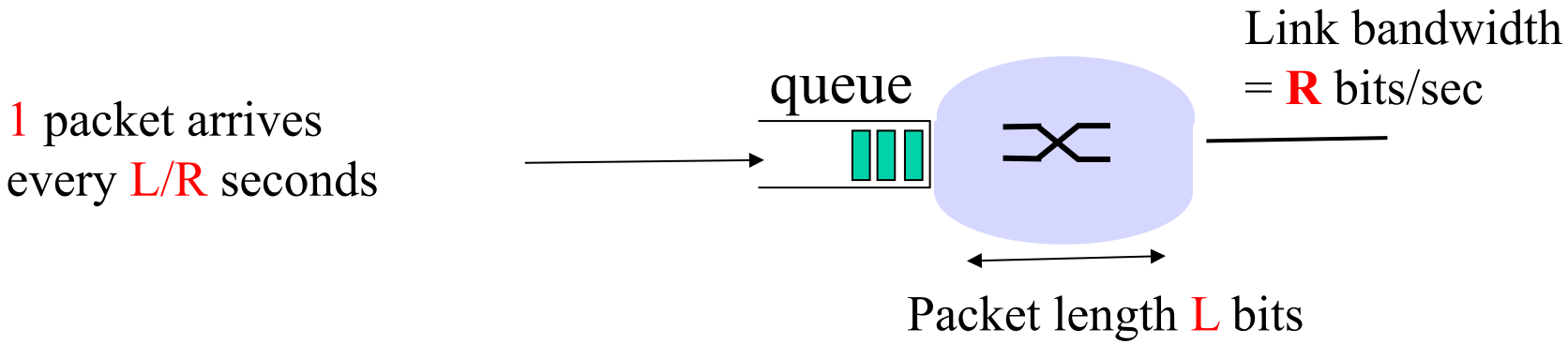
Queueing delay (more insight)



- Every second: aL bits arrive to queue
- Every second: R bits leave the router
- Question: what happens if aL > R ?
- Answer: queue will fill up, and packets will get dropped!!

aL/R is called traffic intensity

Queueing delay: illustration



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Average queueing delay = 0
(queue is initially empty)

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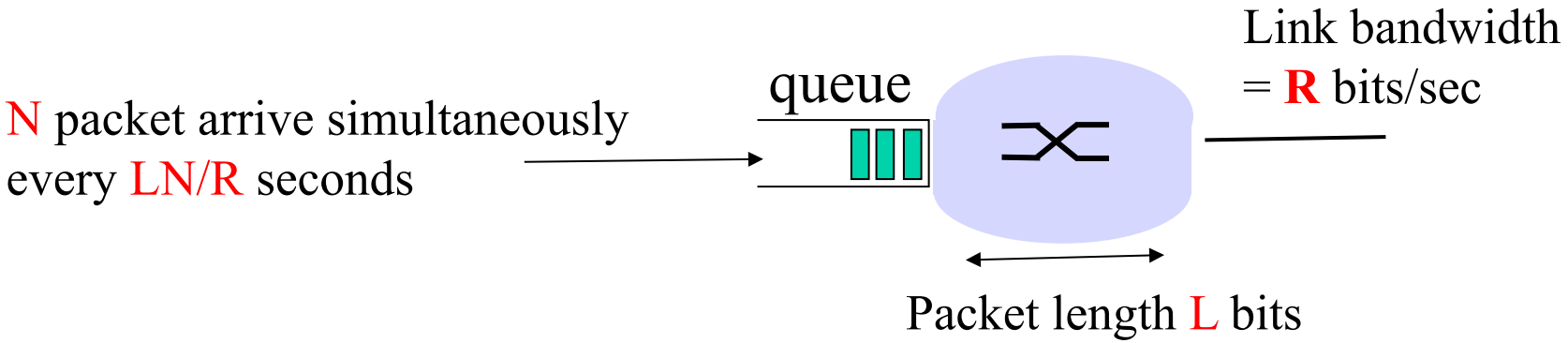

Arrival rate: a = N/(LN/R) = R/L packet/second

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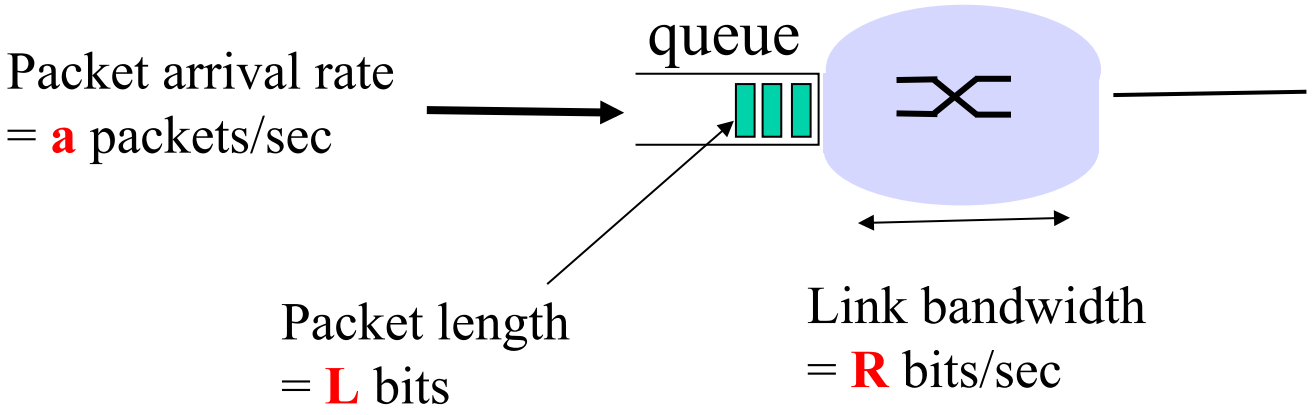
Average queueing delay (queue is empty is time 0) ?

{0 + L/R + 2L/R + … + (N-1)L/R}/N = L/(RN){1+2+…+(N-1)} =L(N-1)/(2R)

Note: traffic intensity is same as previous scenario, but queueing delay is different

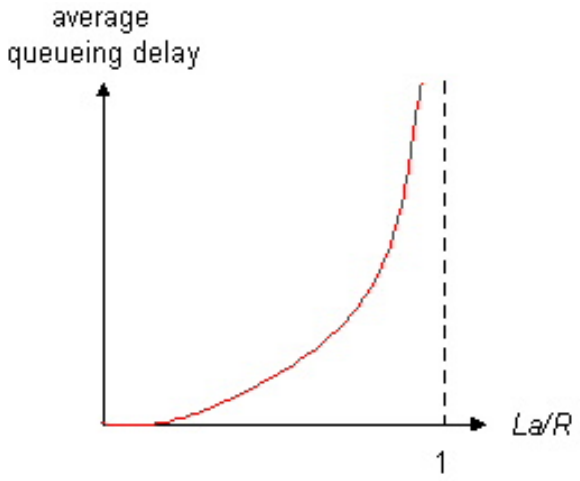
Queueing delay: behaviour



Interactive Java Applet:
http://media.pearsoncmg.com/aw/aw_kurose_network_2/applets/queuing/queuing.html

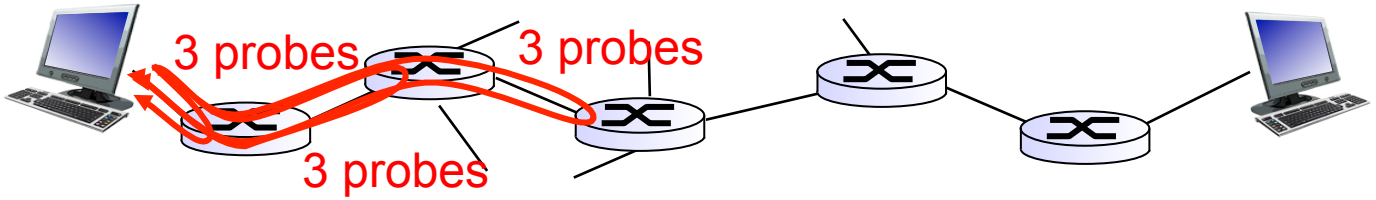
- La/R ~ 0: avg. queueing delay small
- La/R -> 1: delays become large
- La/R > 1: more "work" than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

  (this is when **a** is random!)



"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.



Quiz: Switching

- Packet switching, instead of circuit switching, is generally used to transfer data in the Internet. True or false?

A. True

B. False

Quiz: Delays

- Propagation delay depends on the size of the packet. True or false?

A. True

B. False

Quiz: Delays

- Which of the following delays is significantly affected by the load in the network?

A. Processing delay

B. Queuing delay

C. Transmission delay

D. Propagation delay

Quiz: Delays

- Consider a packet that has just arrived at a router. What is the correct order of the delays encountered by the packet until it reaches the next-hop router?

A. Transmission, processing, propagation, queuing

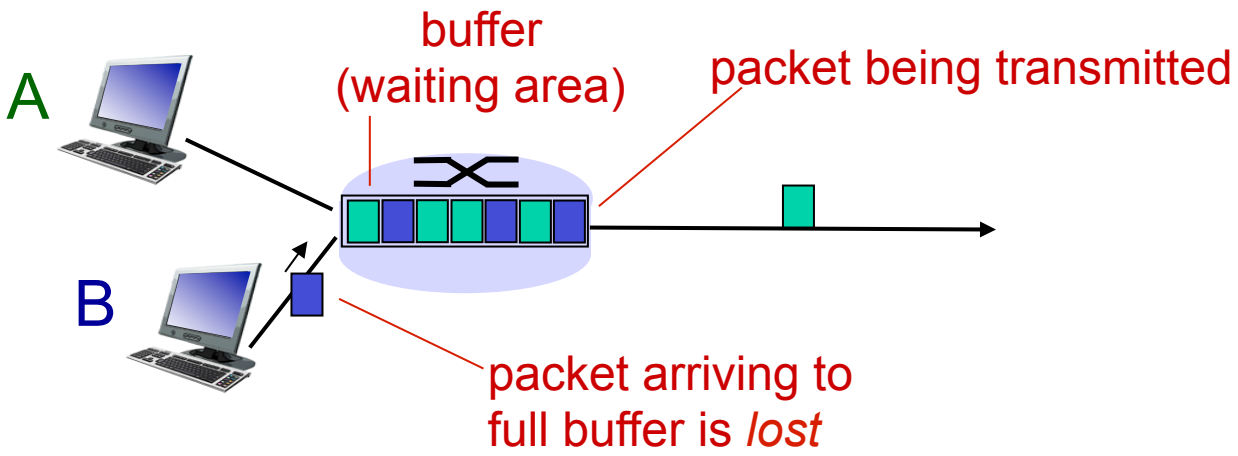
B. Propagation, processing, transmission, queuing

C. Processing, queuing, transmission, propagation

D. Queuing, processing, propagation, transmission

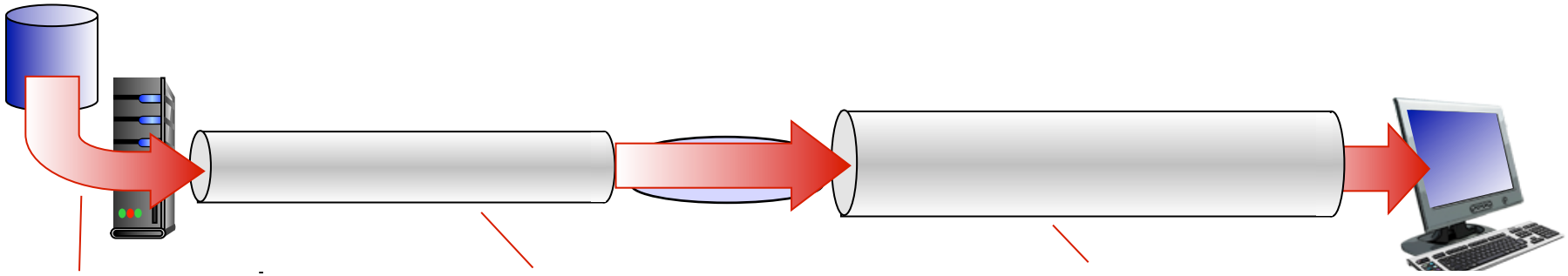
Packet loss

- 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 longer period of time



Throughput (more)

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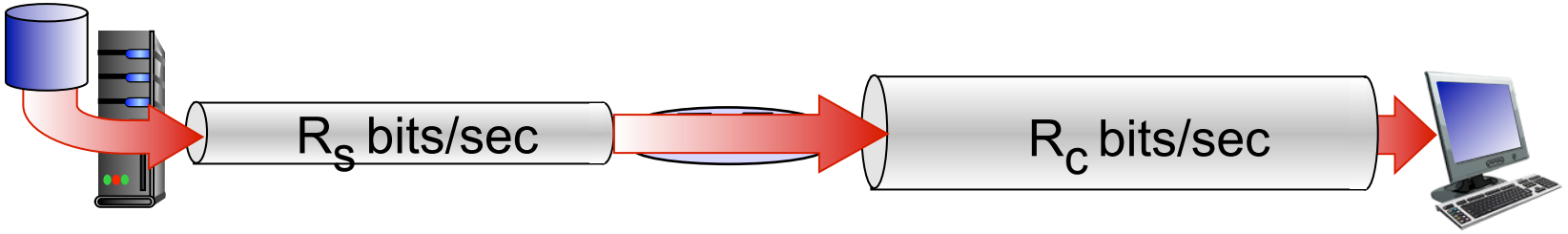

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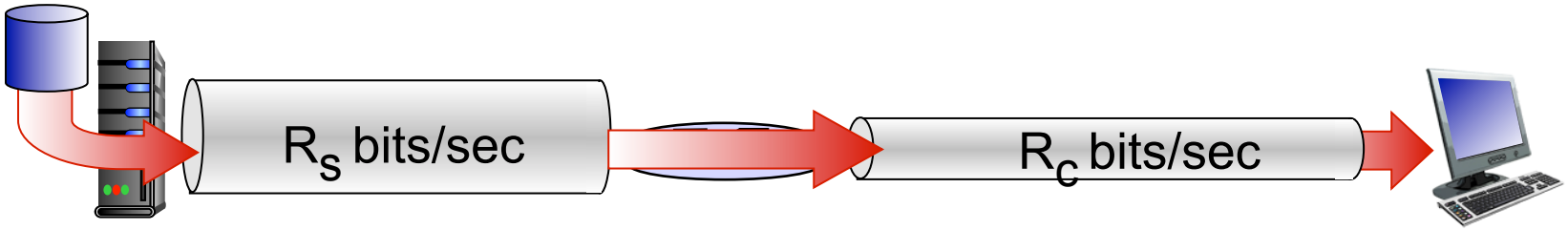
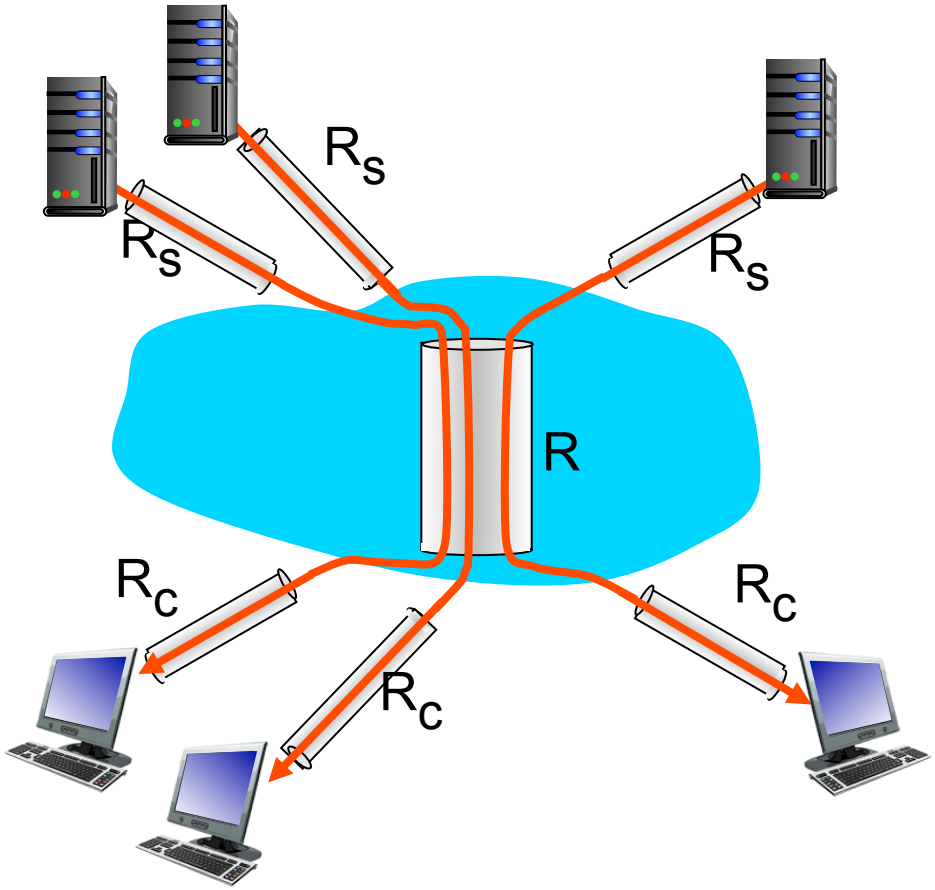


bottleneck link

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

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
- Next Lecture
  - Protocol layers, service models
  - Network security overview

you now have:

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