EN.601.414/614 Computer Networks

Basic

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Agenda

- **Overview of the basics**
  - How is the network shared?
  - How do we evaluate a network?
  - What is a network made of?

But wait…

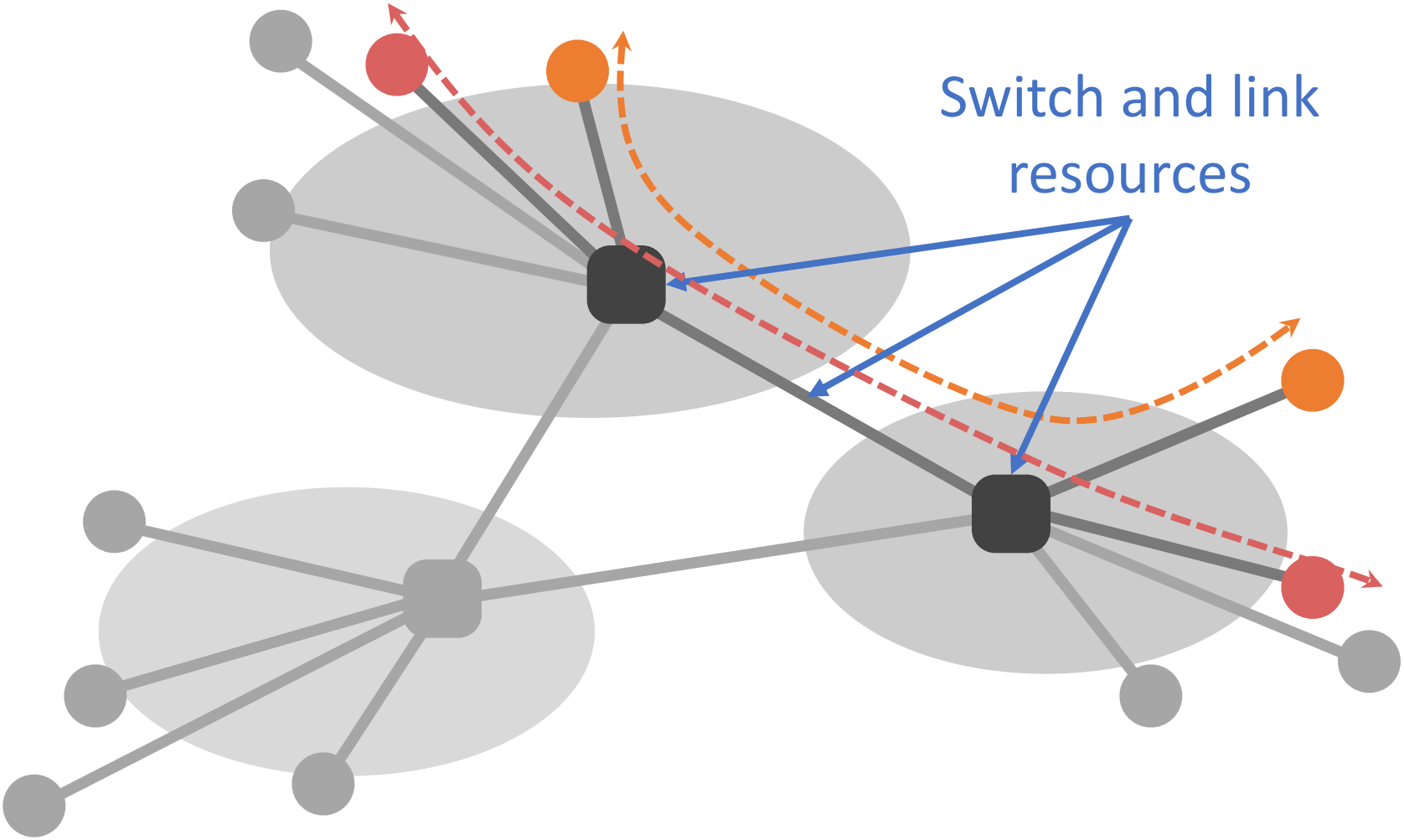
Why is the network shared?

Switched networks

- **End-systems and networks connected by switches instead of directly connecting them**

- **Why?**
  - Allows us to scale
  - For example, directly connecting N nodes to each other would require N^2 links!

When do we need to share the network?

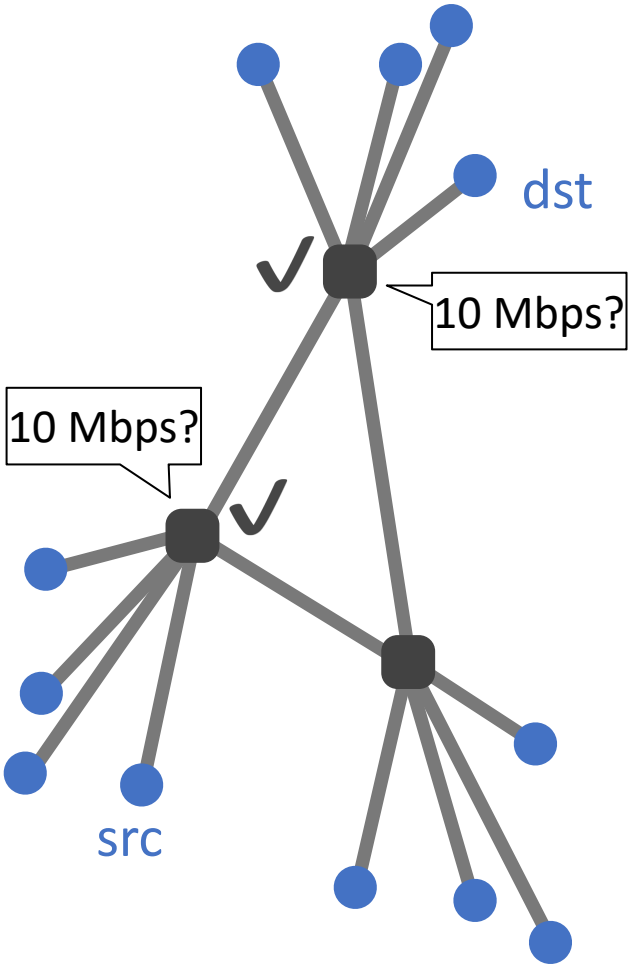


Two ways to share switched networks

- **Circuit switching**
  - Resource reserved per connection
  - Admission control: per connection
- **Packet switching via statistical multiplexing**
  - Packets treated independently, on-demand
  - Admission control: per packet
- **Hybrid: virtual circuits**
  - Emulating circuit switching with packets

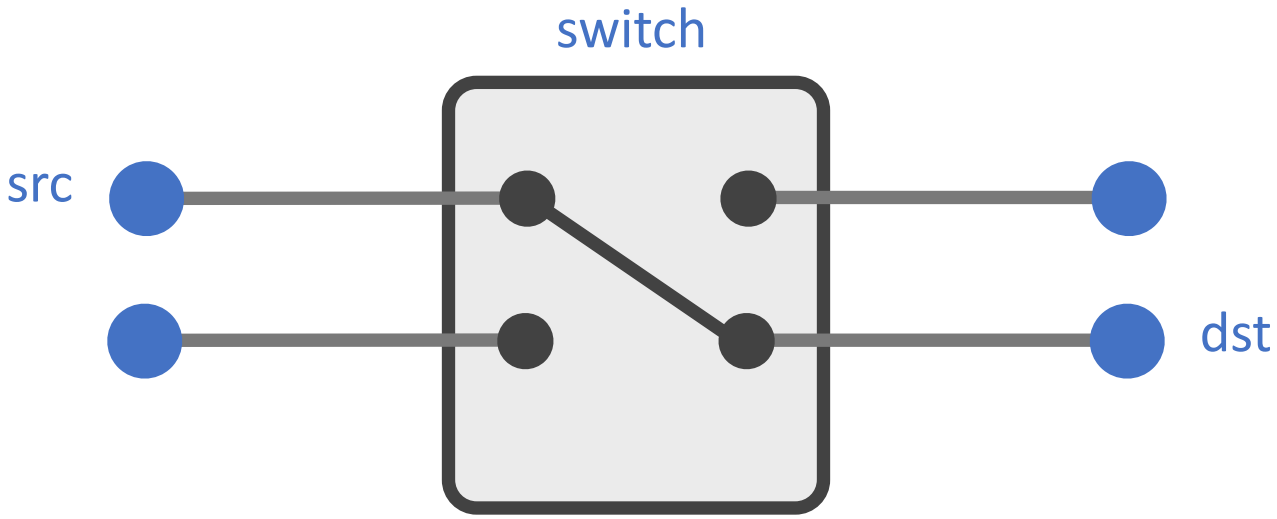
Circuit switching

1. src sends reservation request to dst
2. Switches create circuit *after* admission control
3. src sends data
4. src sends teardown request



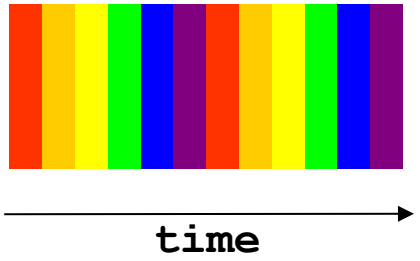
Circuit switching

- **Reservation establishes a “circuit” within a switch**

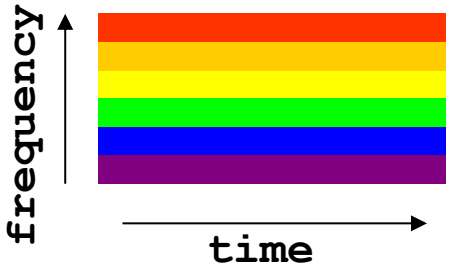


Many kinds of circuits

- **Time division multiplexing**
  - ➢ divide time in time slots
  - ➢ separate time slot per circuit



- **Frequency division multiplexing**
  - ➢ divide frequency spectrum in frequency bands
  - ➢ separate frequency band per circuit



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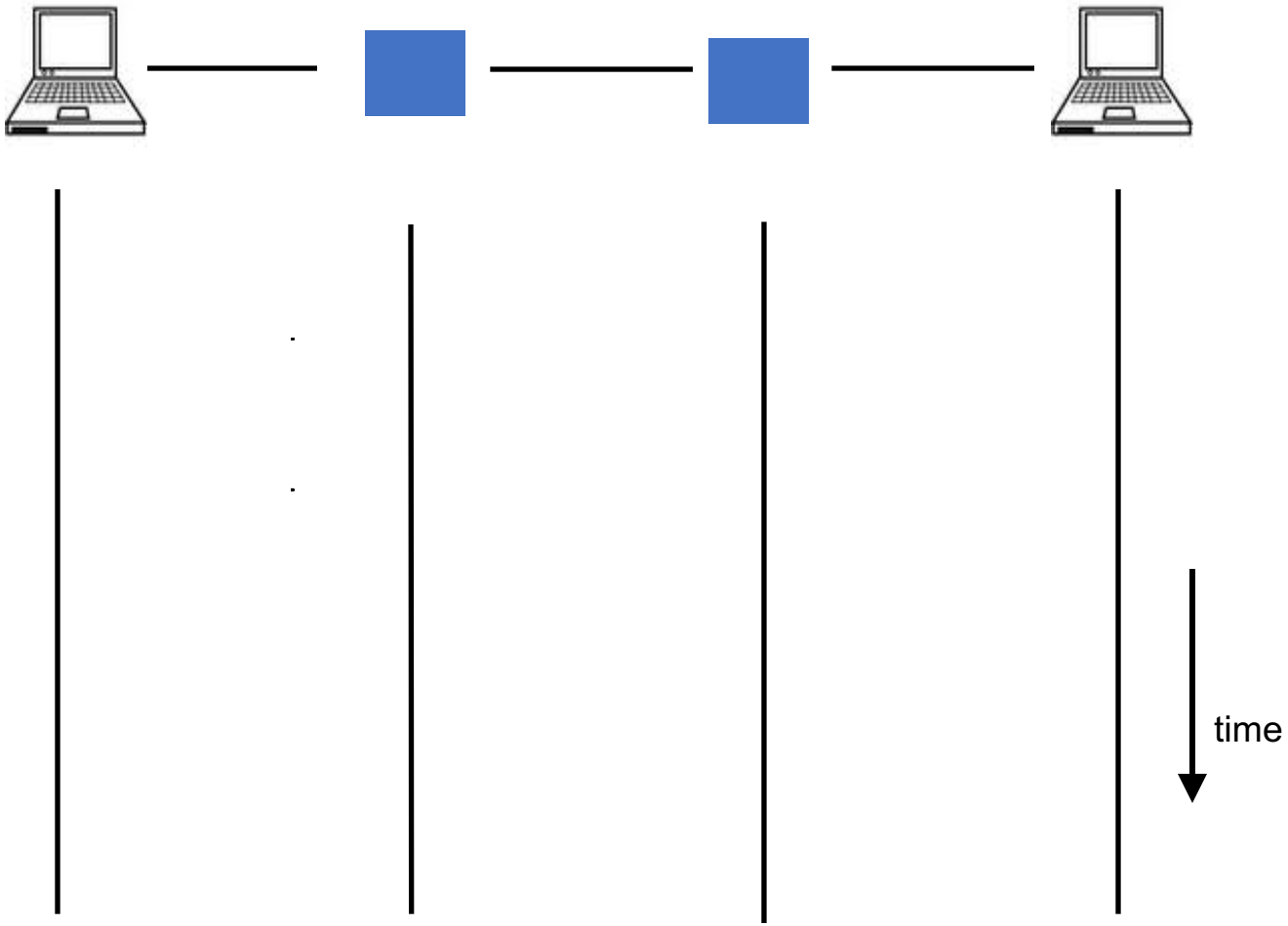

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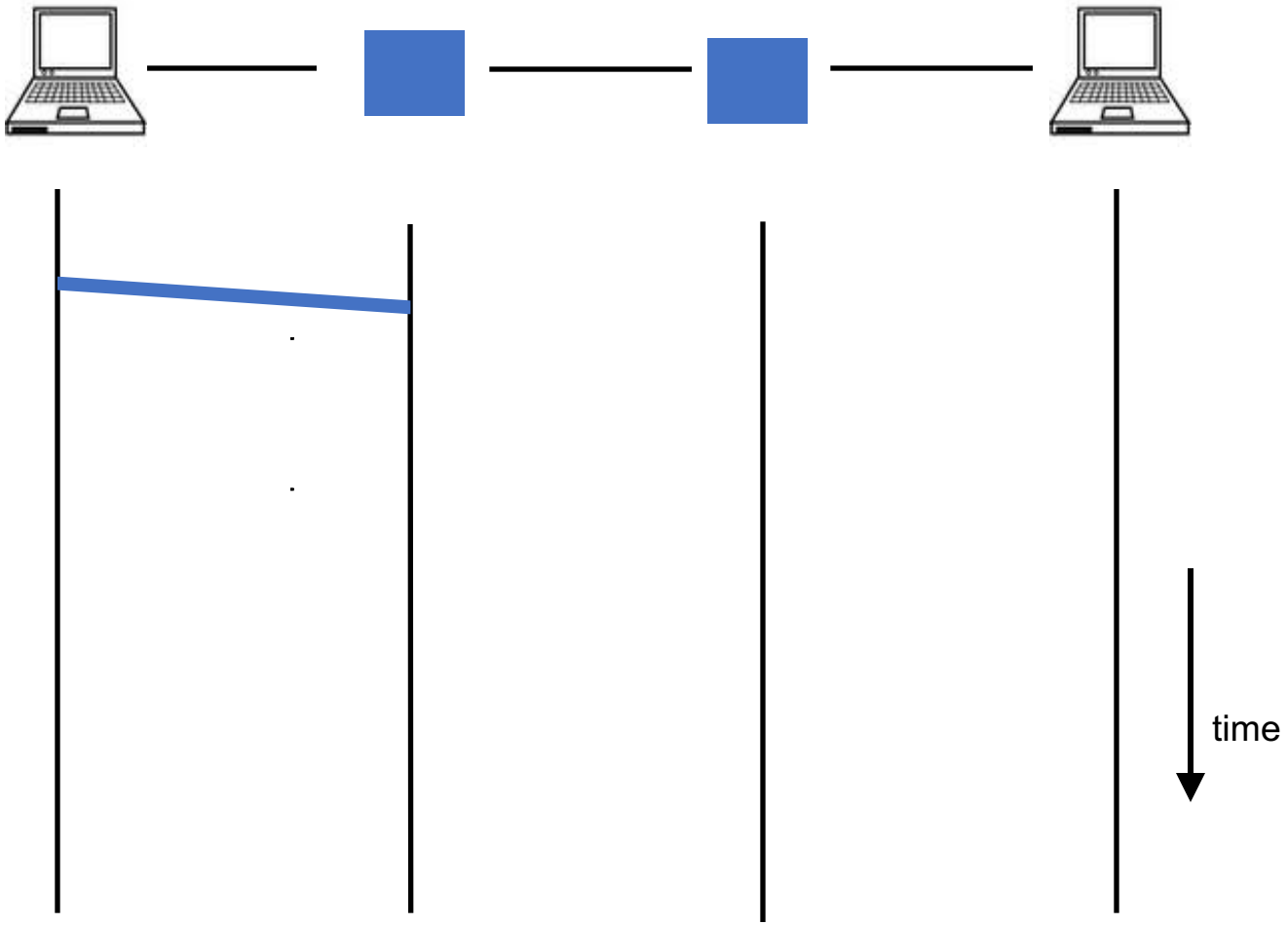

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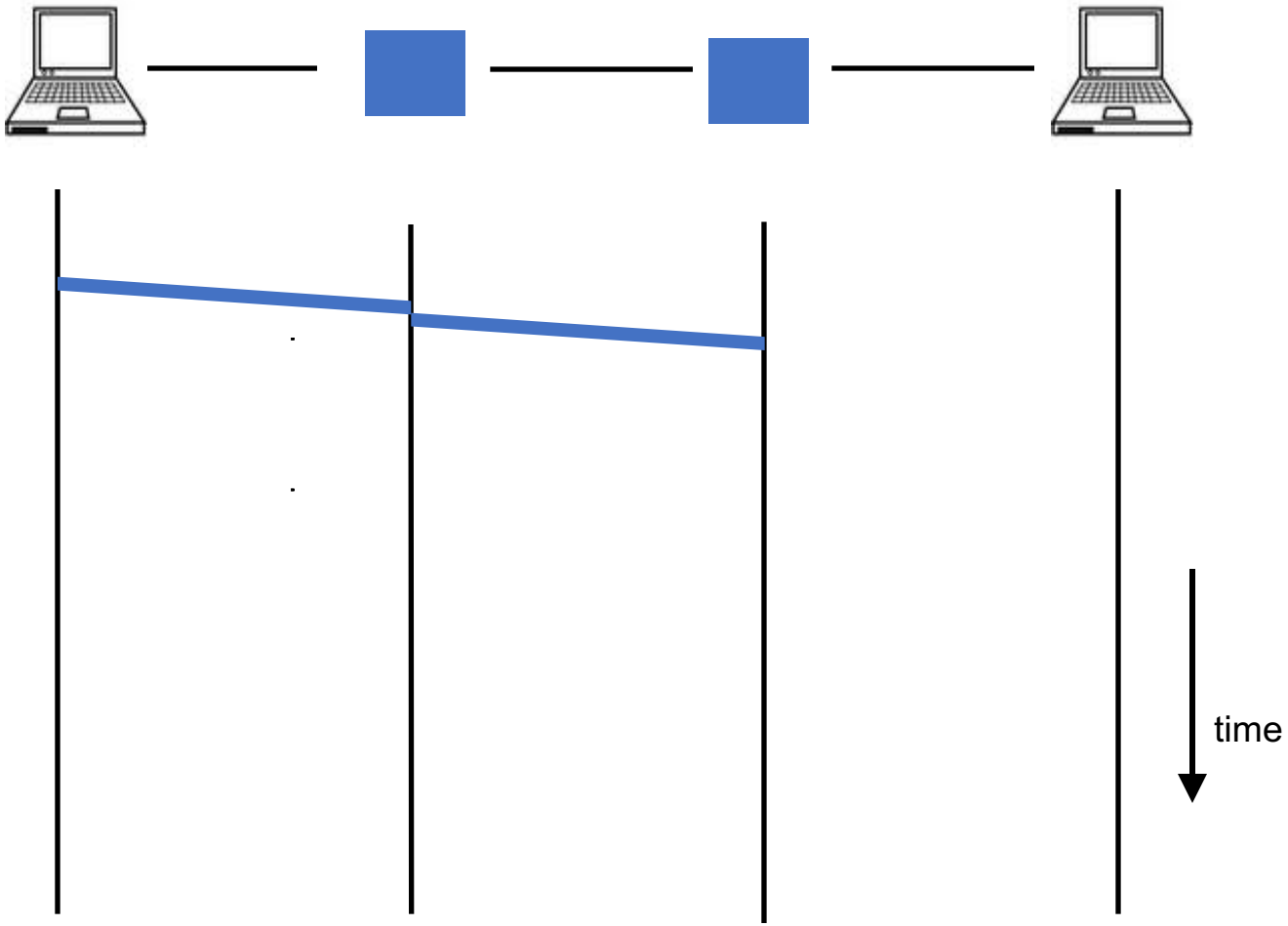

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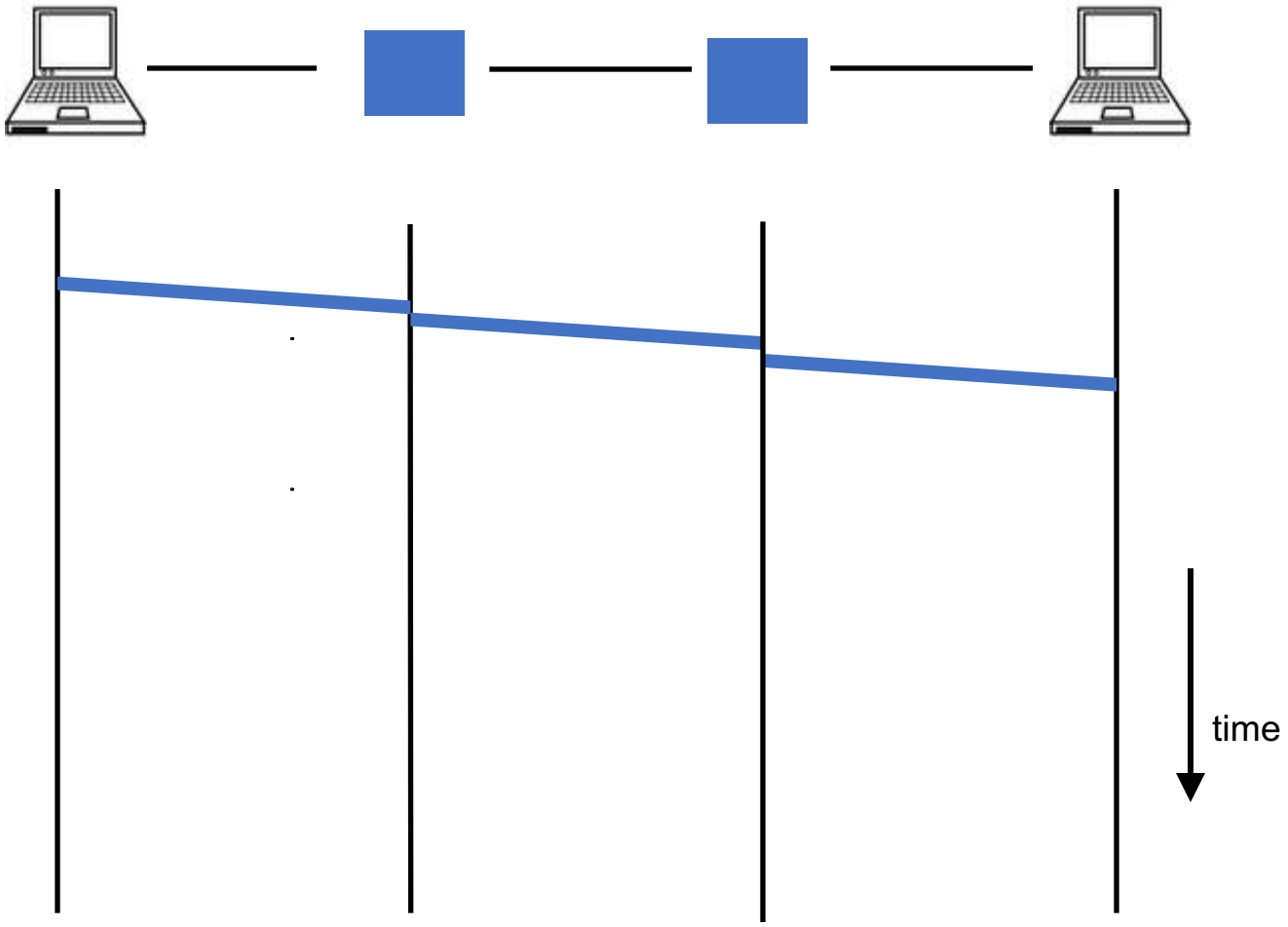

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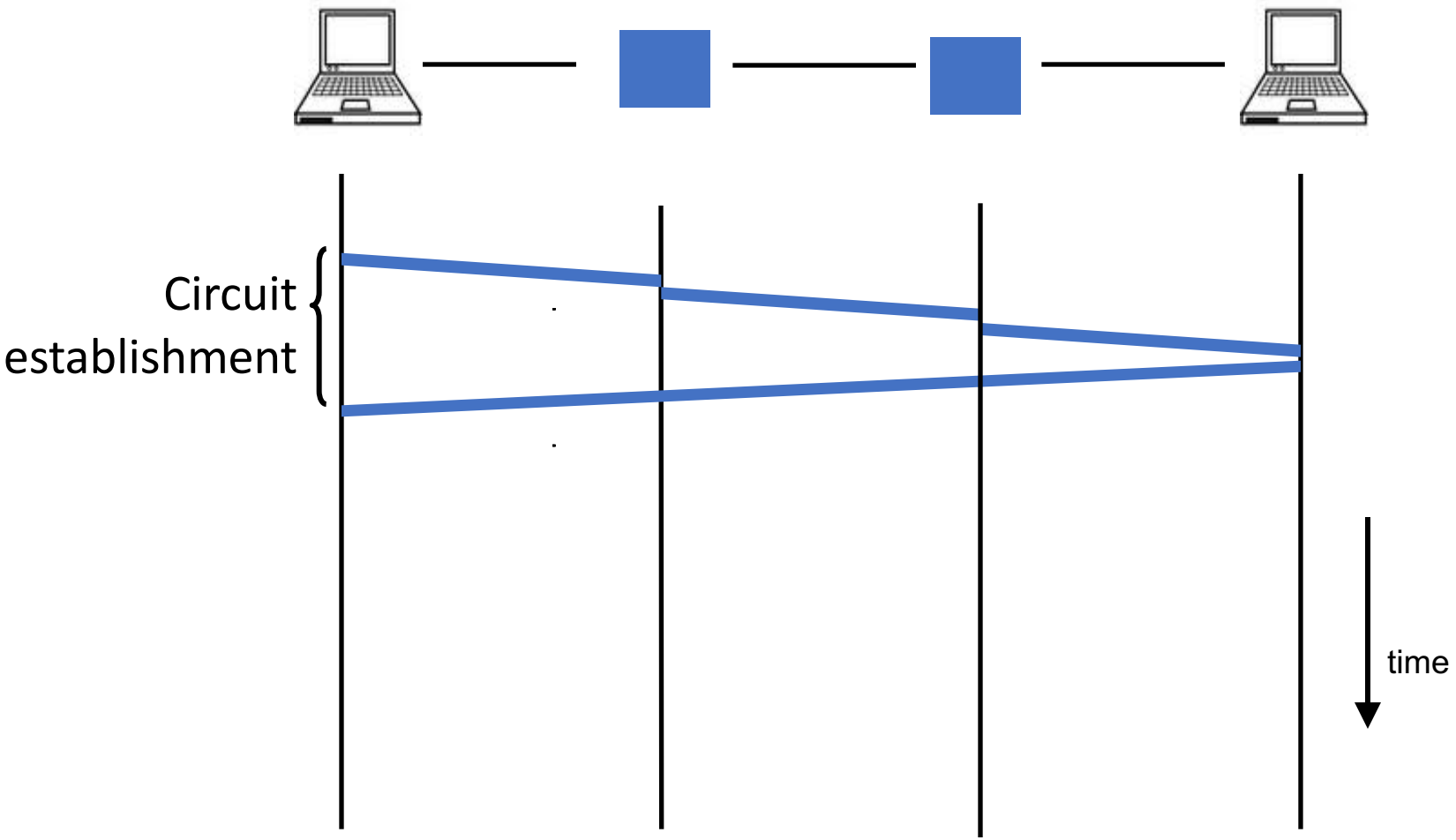

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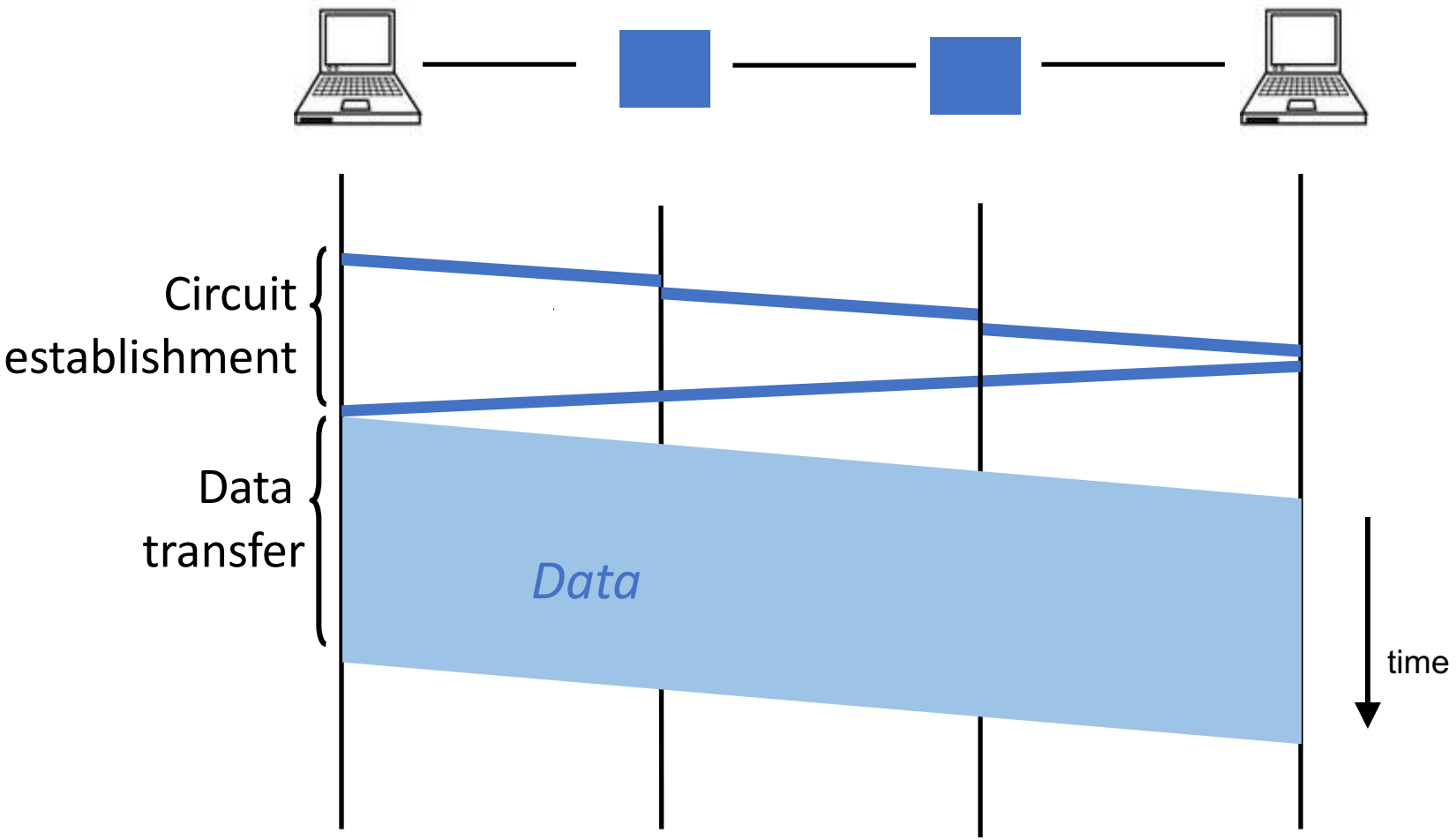

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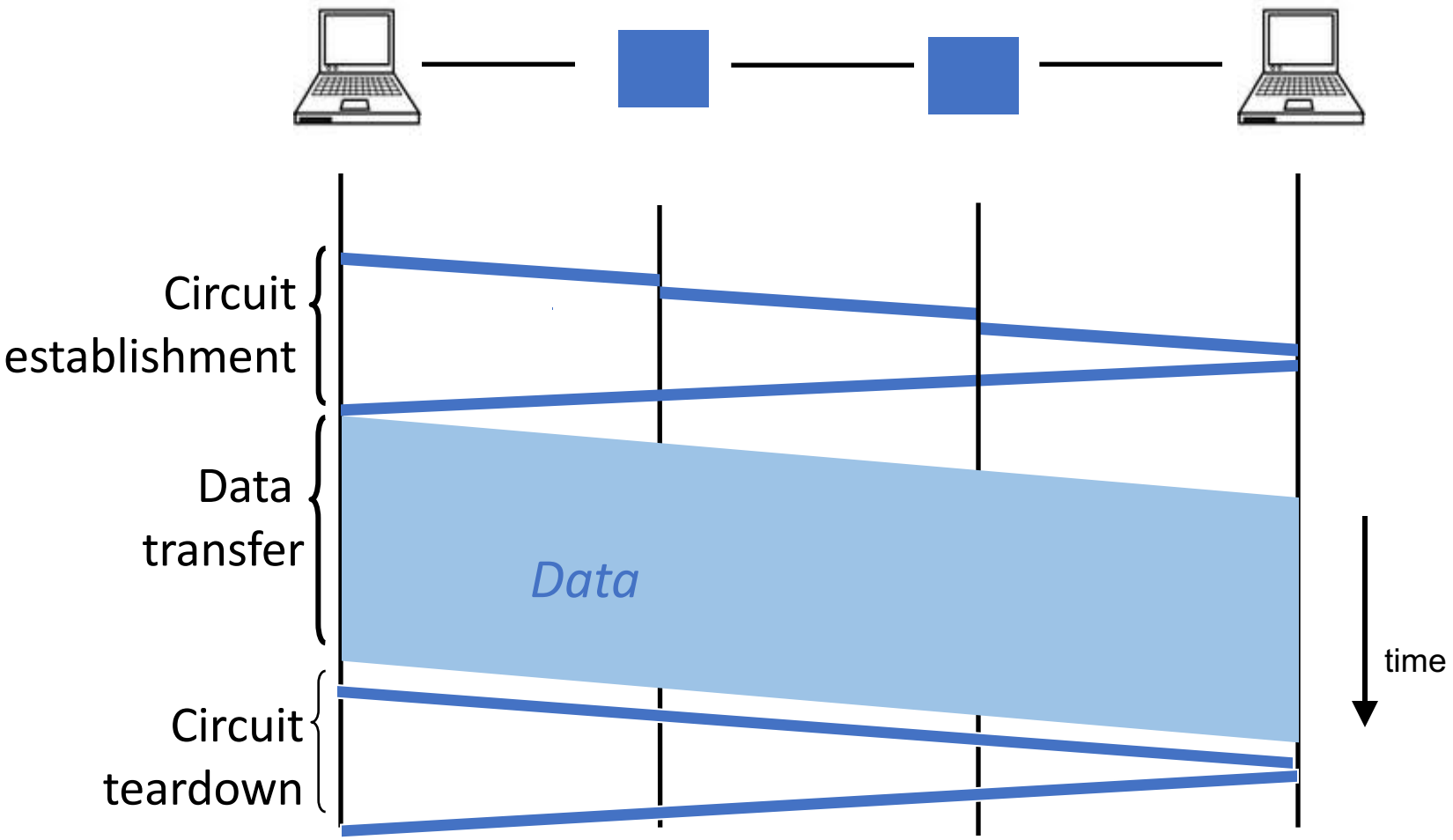
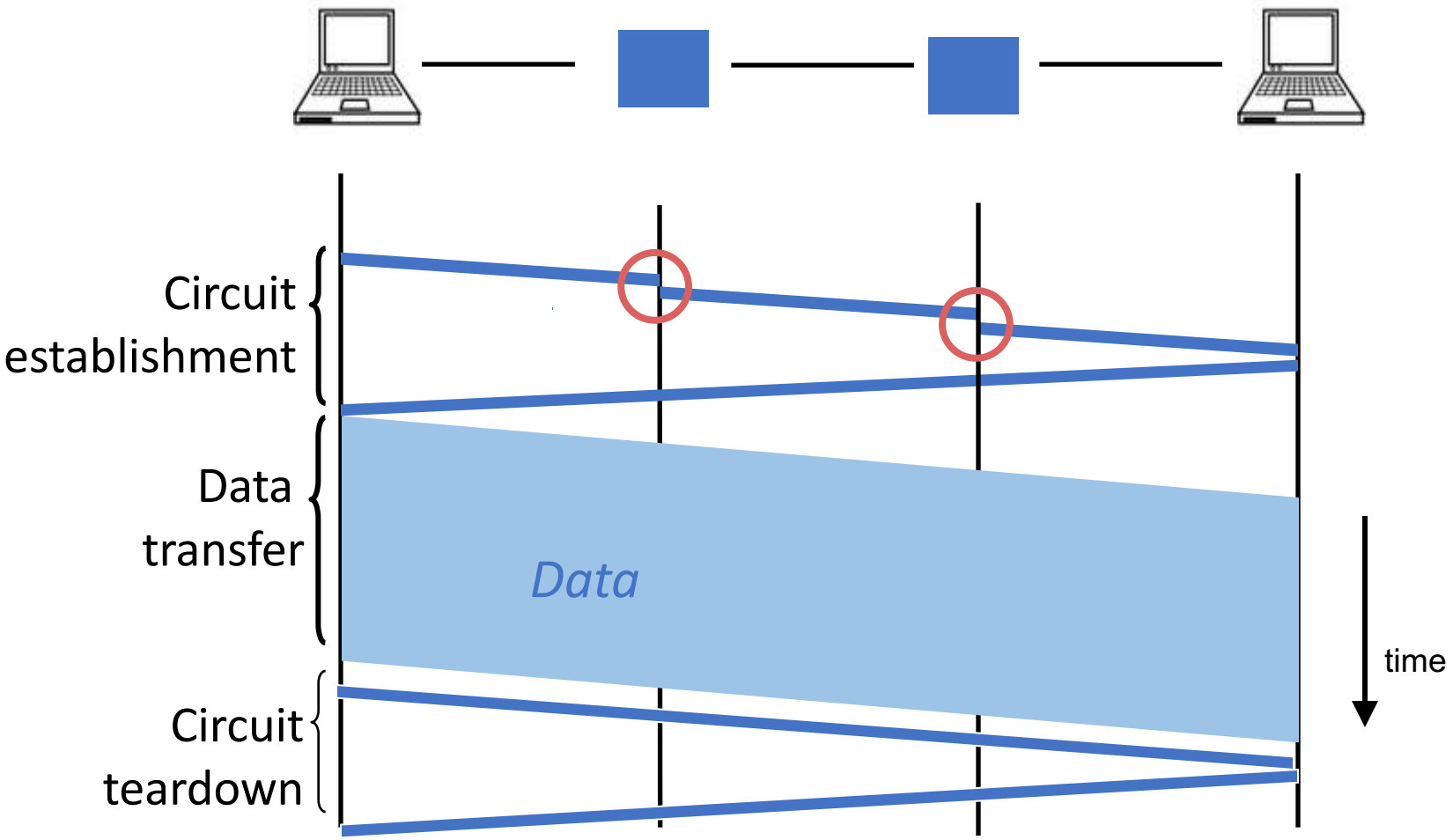


Why the delays?



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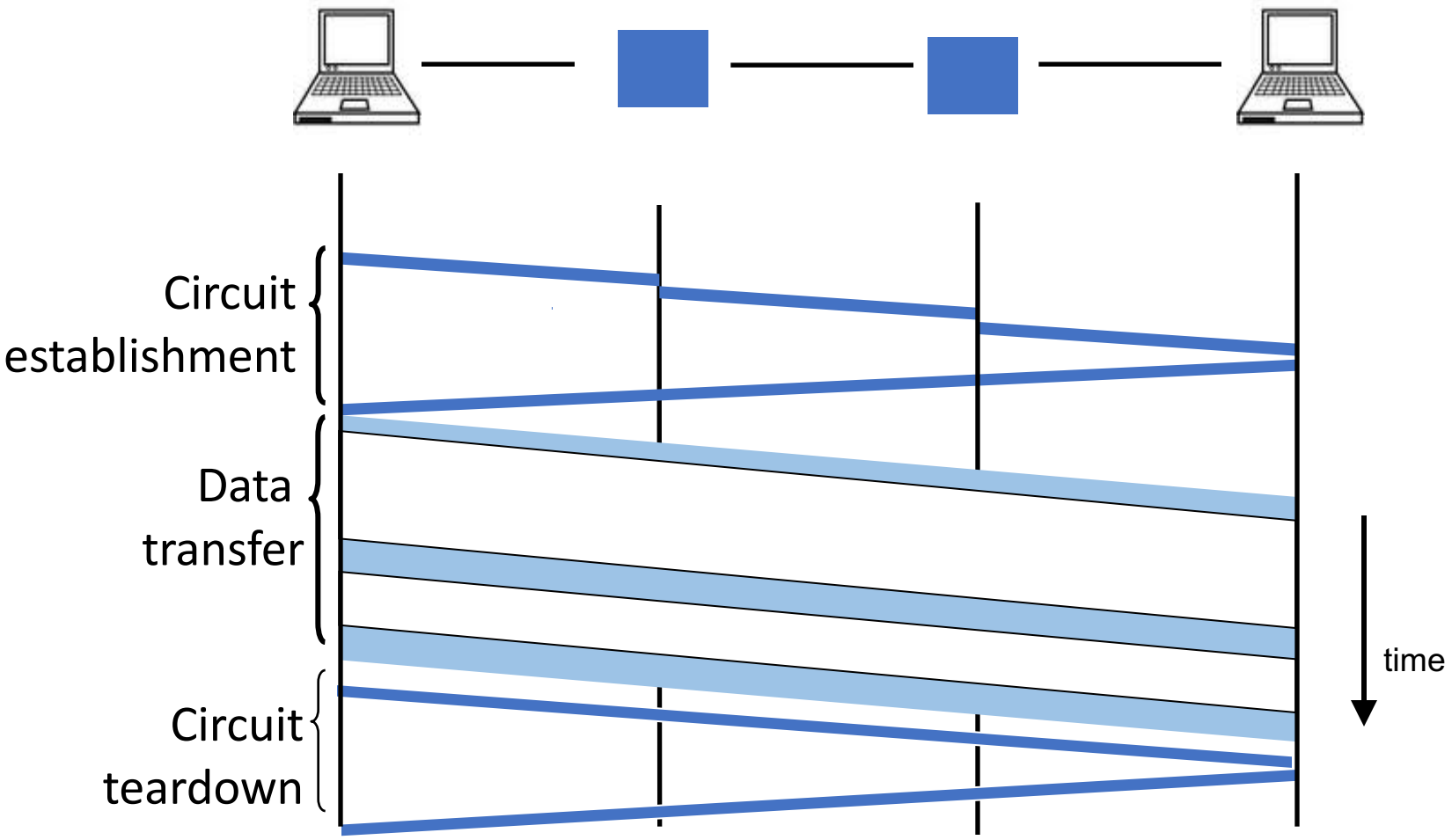

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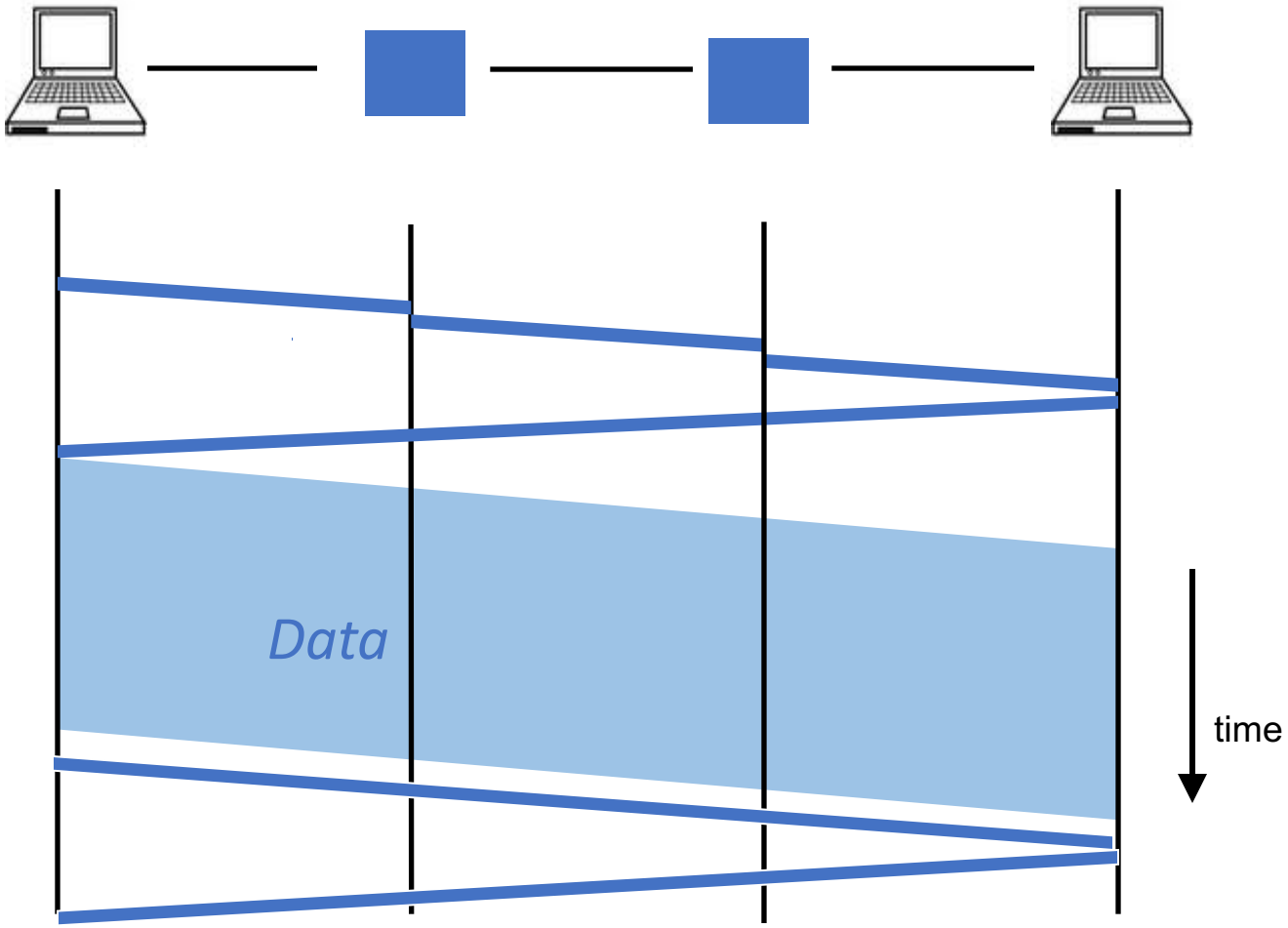

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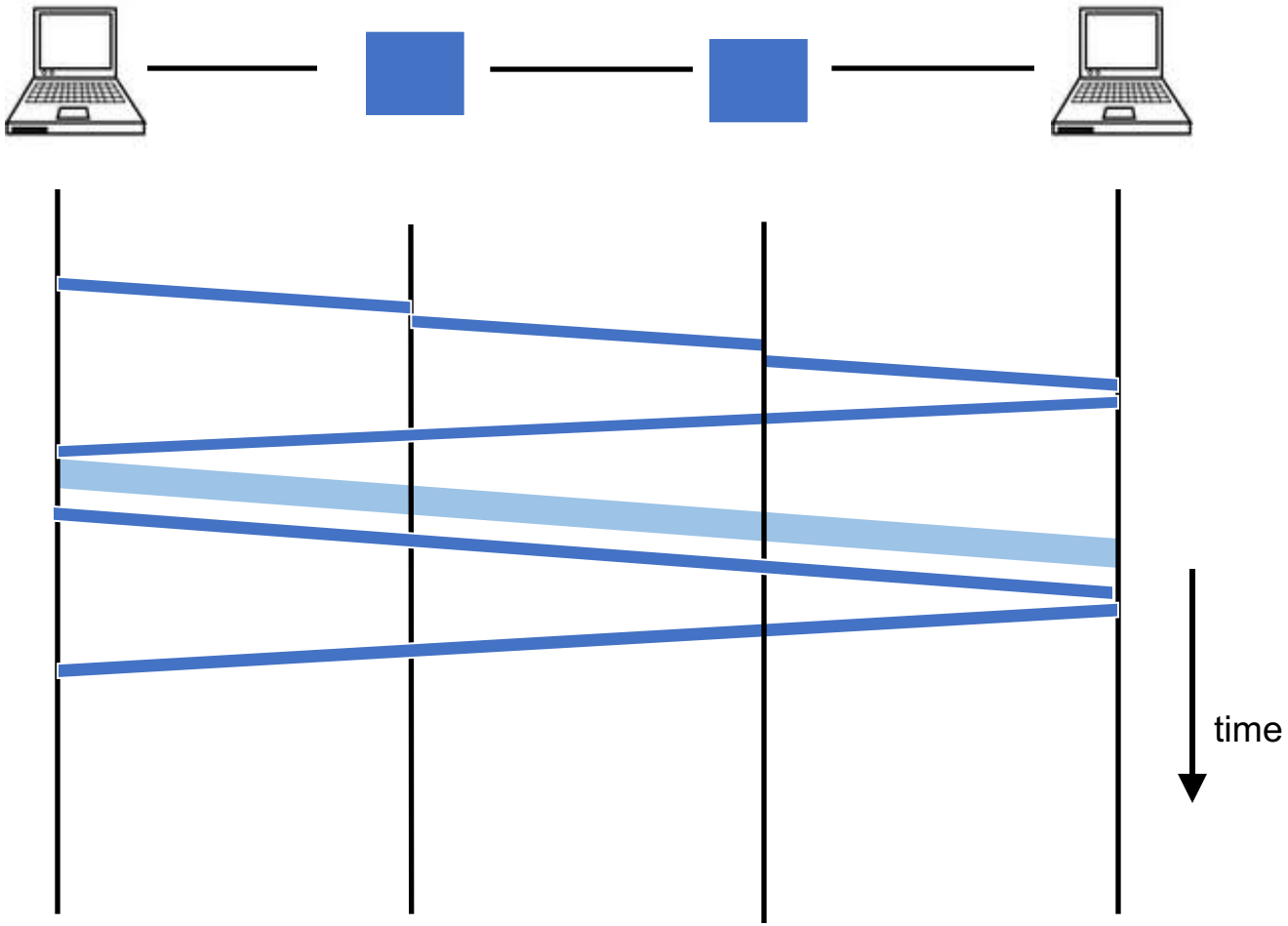
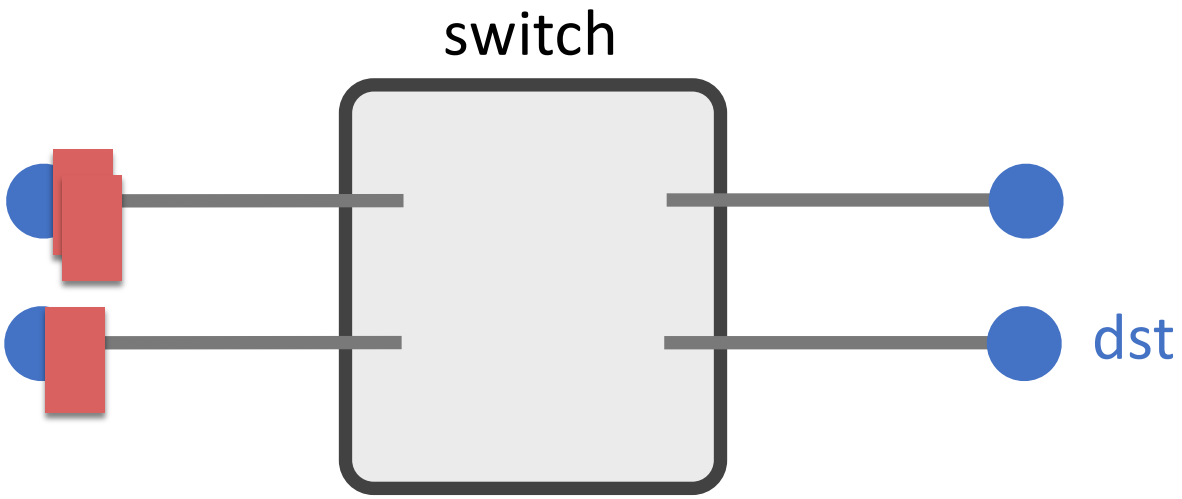


Circuit switching

- **Pros**
  - Predictable performance
  - Simple/fast switching (once circuit established)
- **Cons**
  - Complexity of circuit setup/teardown
  - Inefficient when traffic is bursty
  - Circuit setup adds delay
  - Switch fails → its circuit(s) fails

Packet switching



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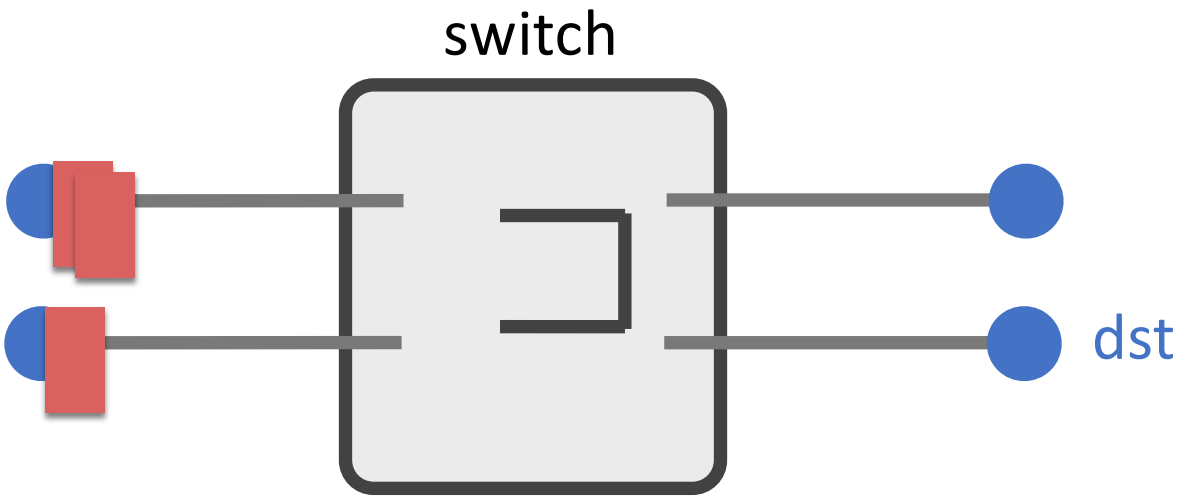


- Each packet contains destination (dst)
- Each packet treated independently
- With buffers to absolve transient overloads

Packet switching

- **Pros**
  - Efficient use of network resources
  - Simpler to implement
  - Robust: can “route around trouble”
- **Cons**
  - Unpredictable performance
  - Requires buffer management and congestion control

Statistical multiplexing

- **Allowing more demands than the network can handle**
  - Hoping that not all demands are required at the same time
  - Results in unpredictability
  - Works well except for the extreme cases

How do we evaluate a network?

Performance metrics

- **Delay**
- **Loss**
- **Throughput**

Delay

- **How long does it take to send a packet from its source to destination?**

Delay

- **Consists of four components**
  - Transmission delay
  - Propagation delay
  - Queuing delay
  - Processing delay

Transmission delay, Propagation delay } due to link properties

Queuing delay, Processing delay } due to traffic mix and switch internals

A network link

- **Link bandwidth**
  - Number of bits sent/received per unit time (bits/sec or bps)
- **Propagation delay**
  - Time for one bit to move through the link (seconds)
- **Bandwidth-Delay Product (BDP)**
  - Number of bits "in flight" at any time
- **BDP = bandwidth × propagation delay**

Examples

- **Same city over a slow link:**
  - Bandwidth: ~100Mbps
  - Propagation delay: ~0.1msec
  - BDP: 10,000bits (1.25KBytes)

- **Cross-country over fast link:**
  - Bandwidth: ~10Gbps
  - Propagation delay: ~10msec
  - BDP: 10^8bits (12.5MBytes)

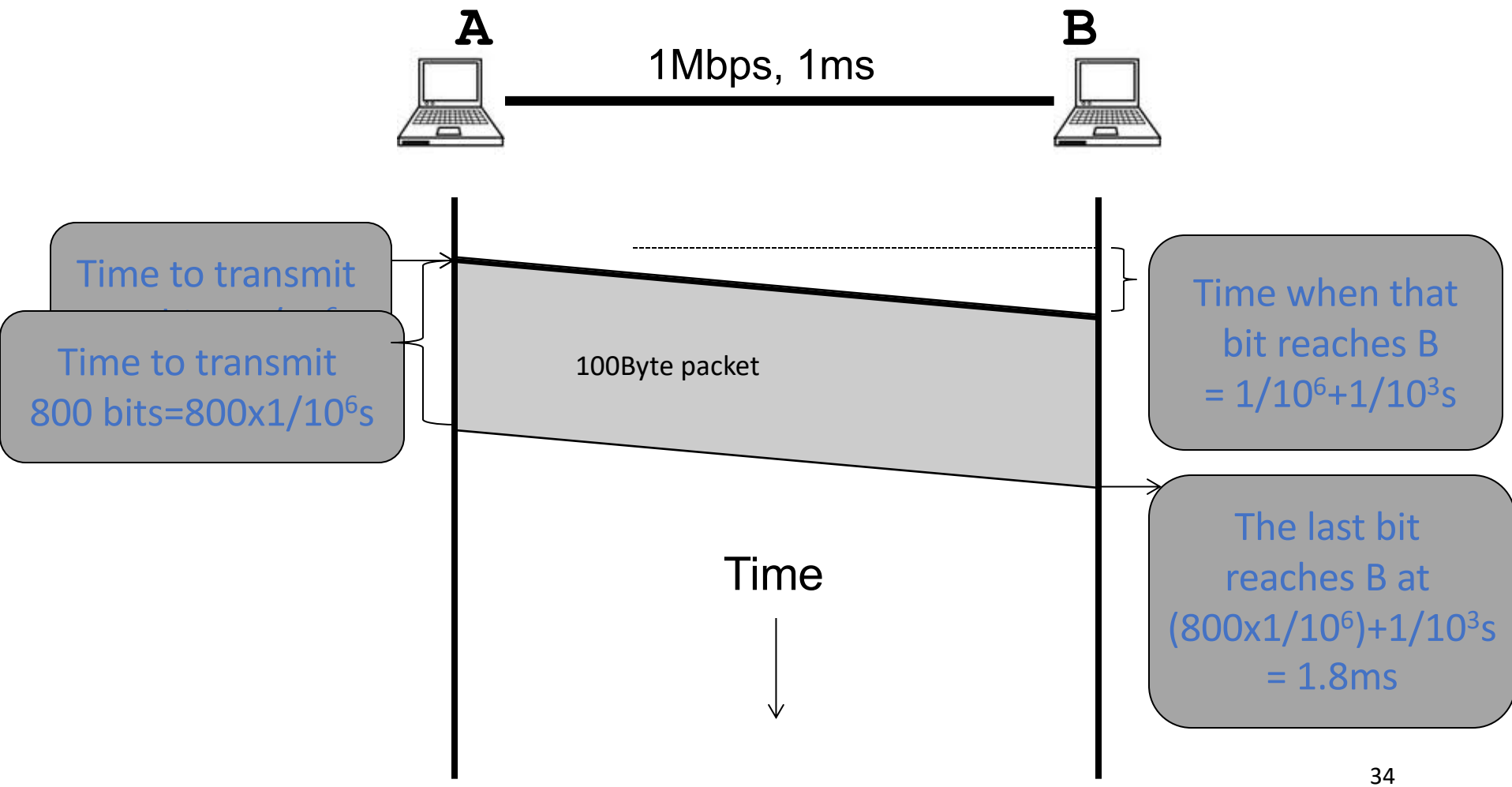
1. Transmission delay

- **How long does it take to push all the bits of a packet into a link?**
- **Packet size / Transmission rate of the link**
  - e.g., 1000 bits / 100 Mbits per sec = 10^{-5} sec

2. Propagation delay

- **How long does it take to move one bit from one end of a link to the other?**
- **Link length / Propagation speed of link**
  - E.g., 30 kilometers / $3*10^8$ meters per sec = 10^{-4} sec

Packet delay
Sending a 100-byte packet



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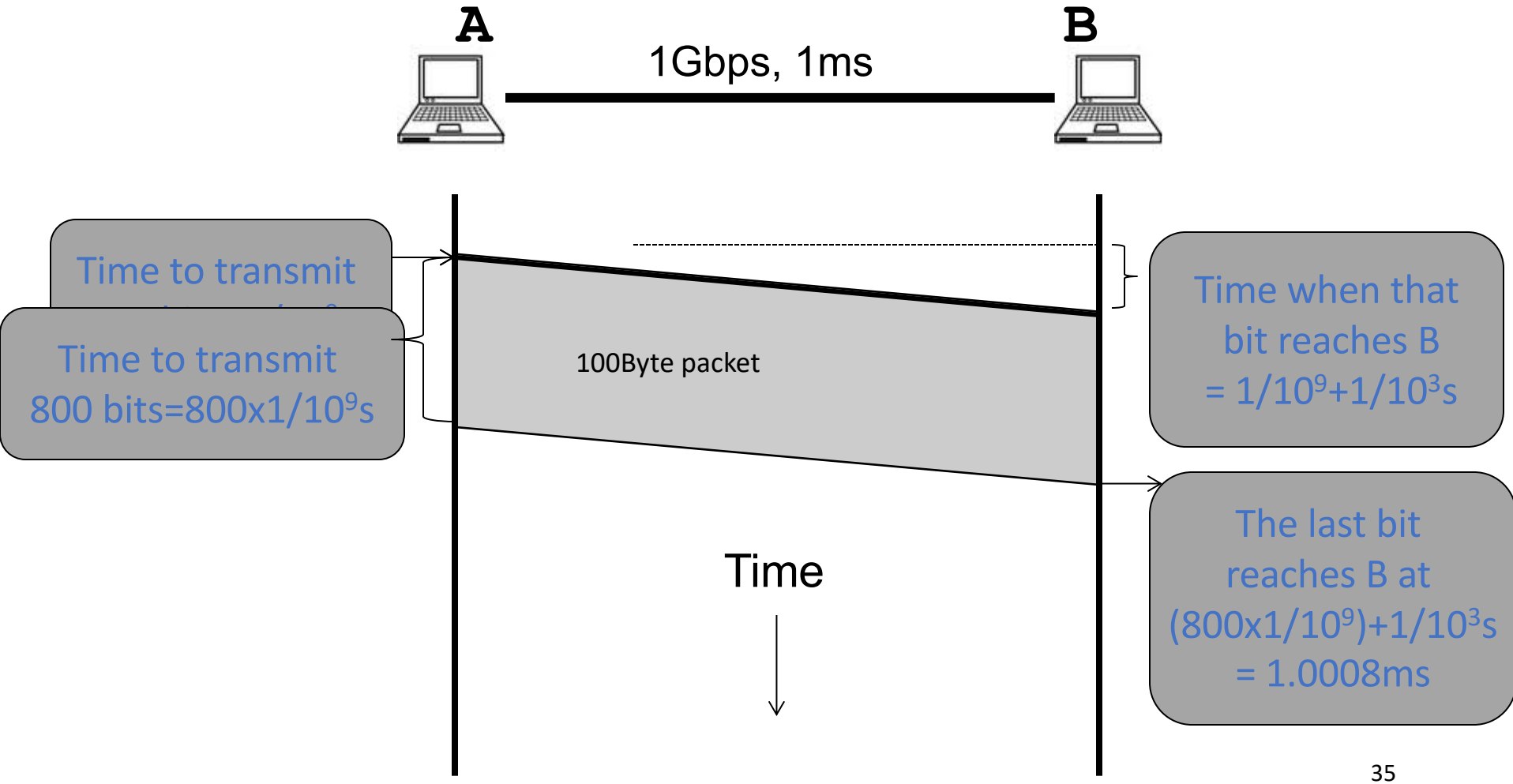
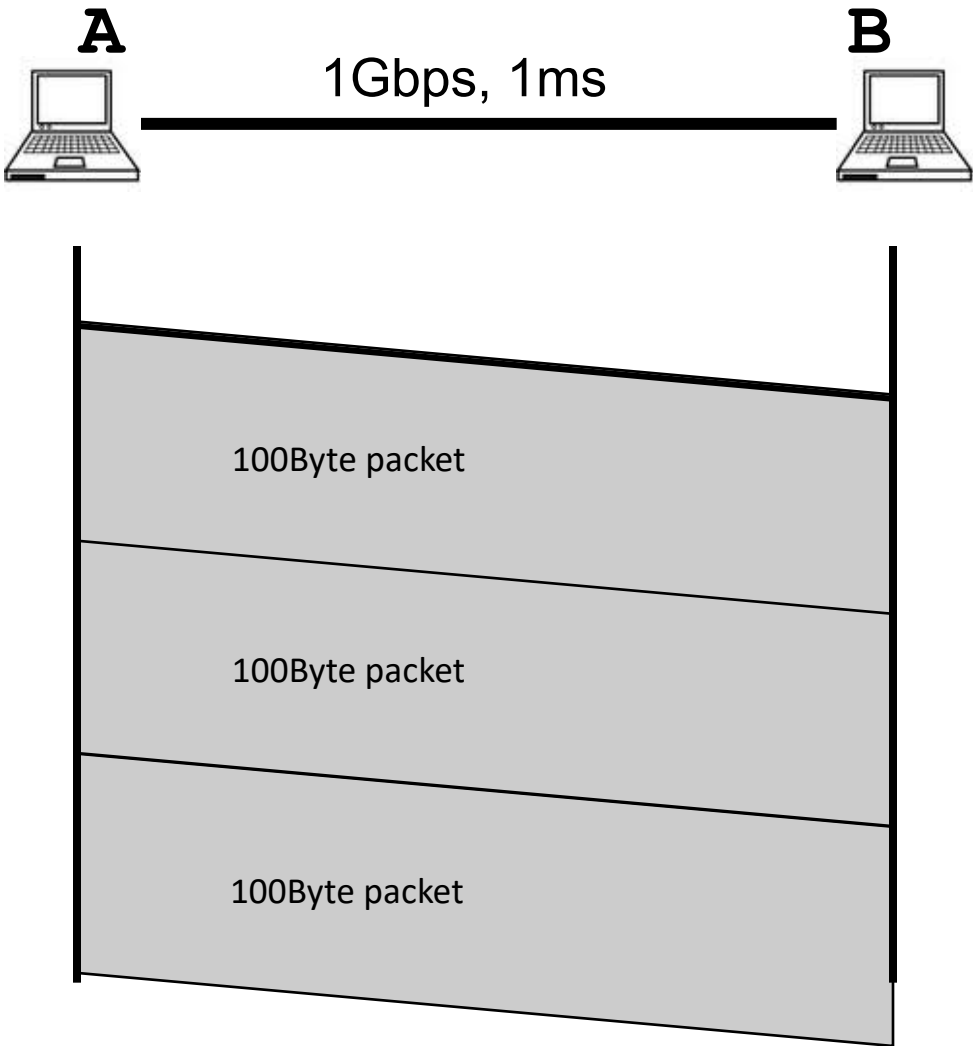
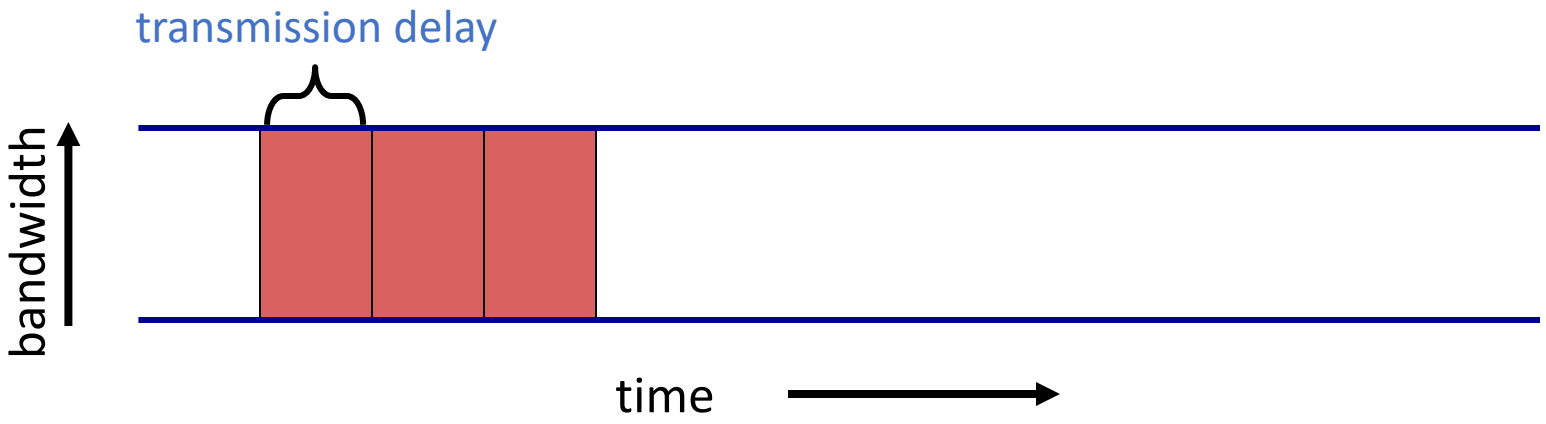


Sending a large file using 100-byte packets



Pipe view of a link

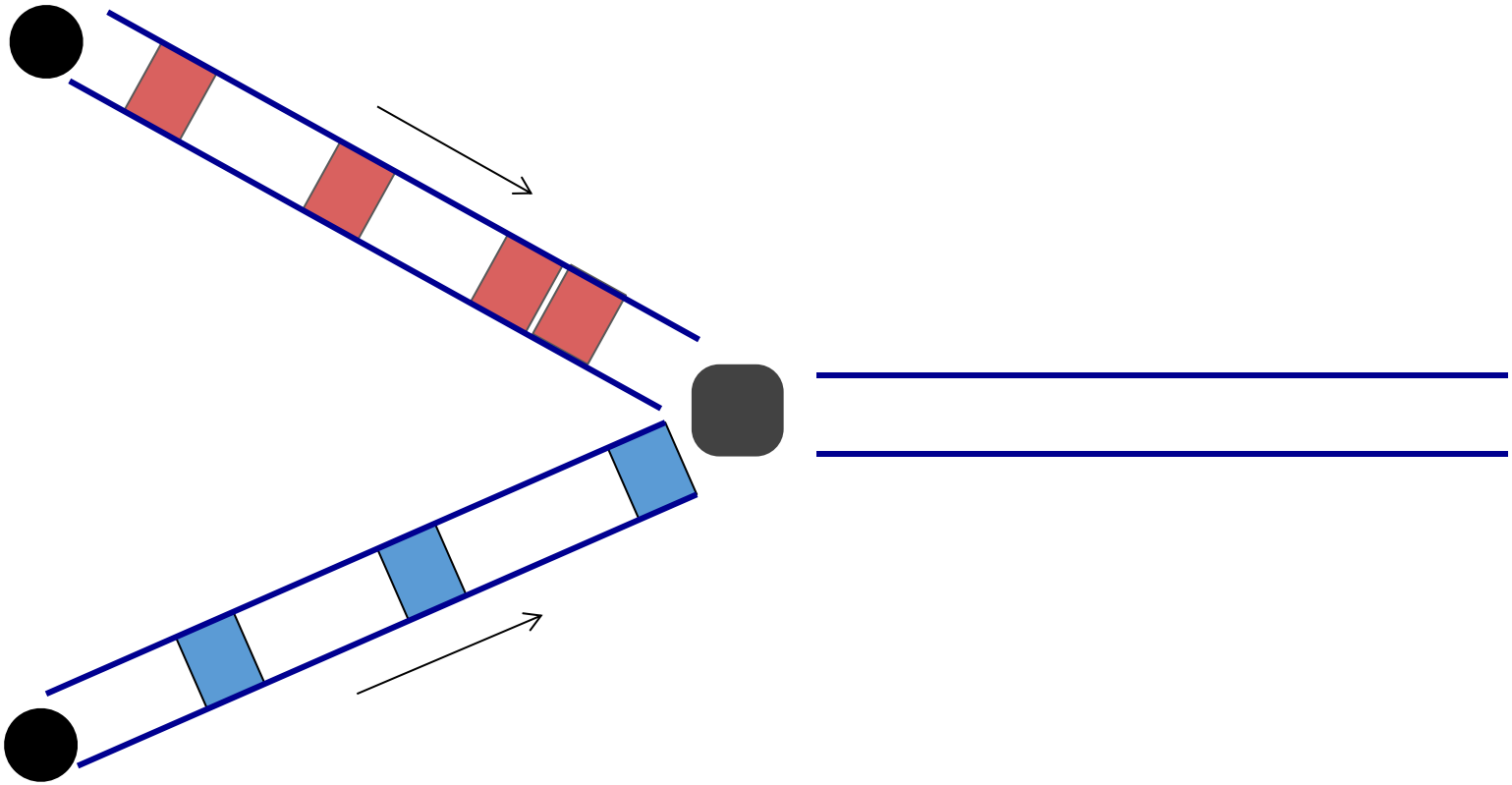


- **Transmission delay decreases as bandwidth increases**

3. Queuing delay

- **How long does a packet have to sit in a buffer before it is processed?**

Queueing delay: “pipe” view



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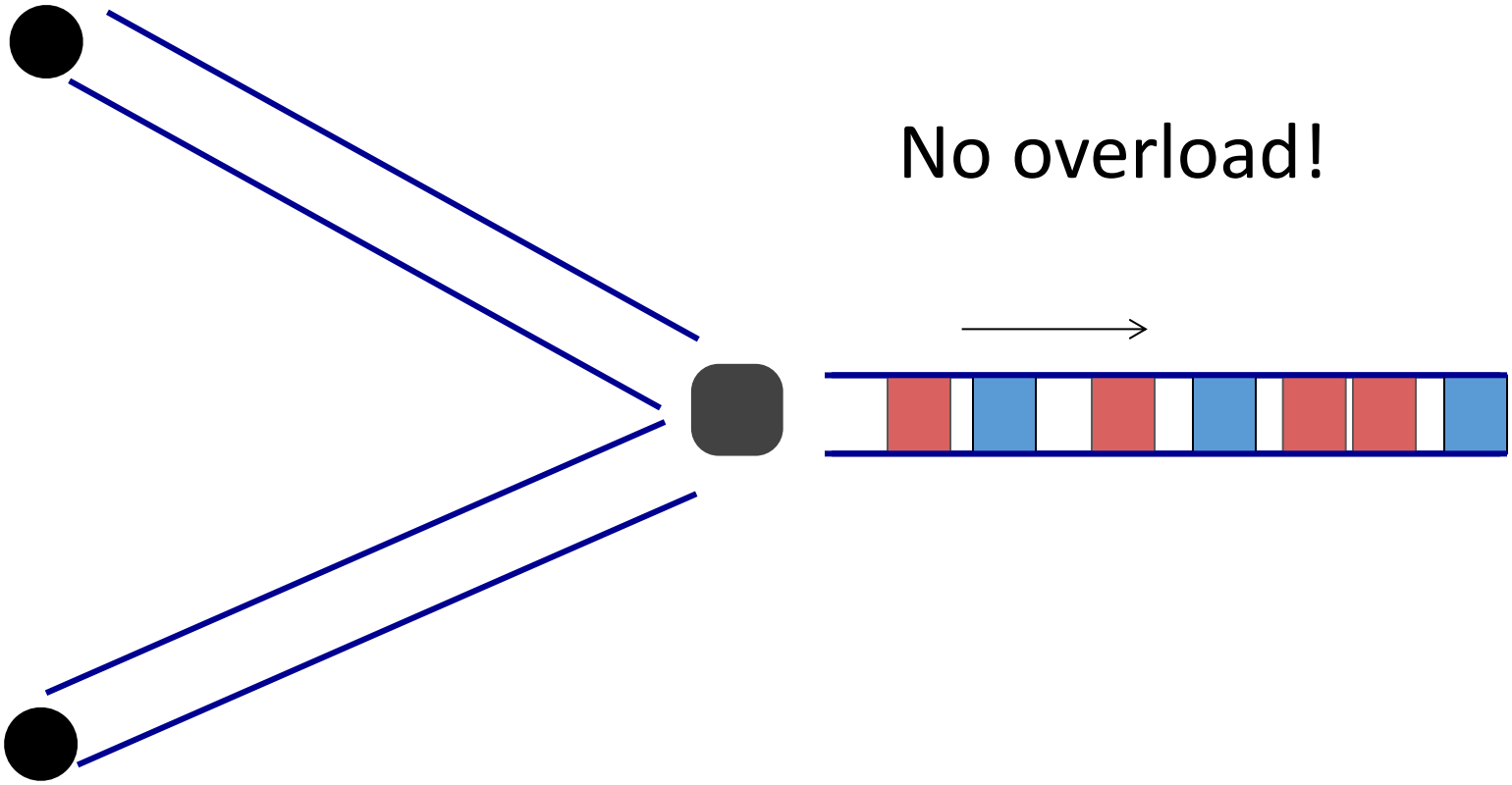

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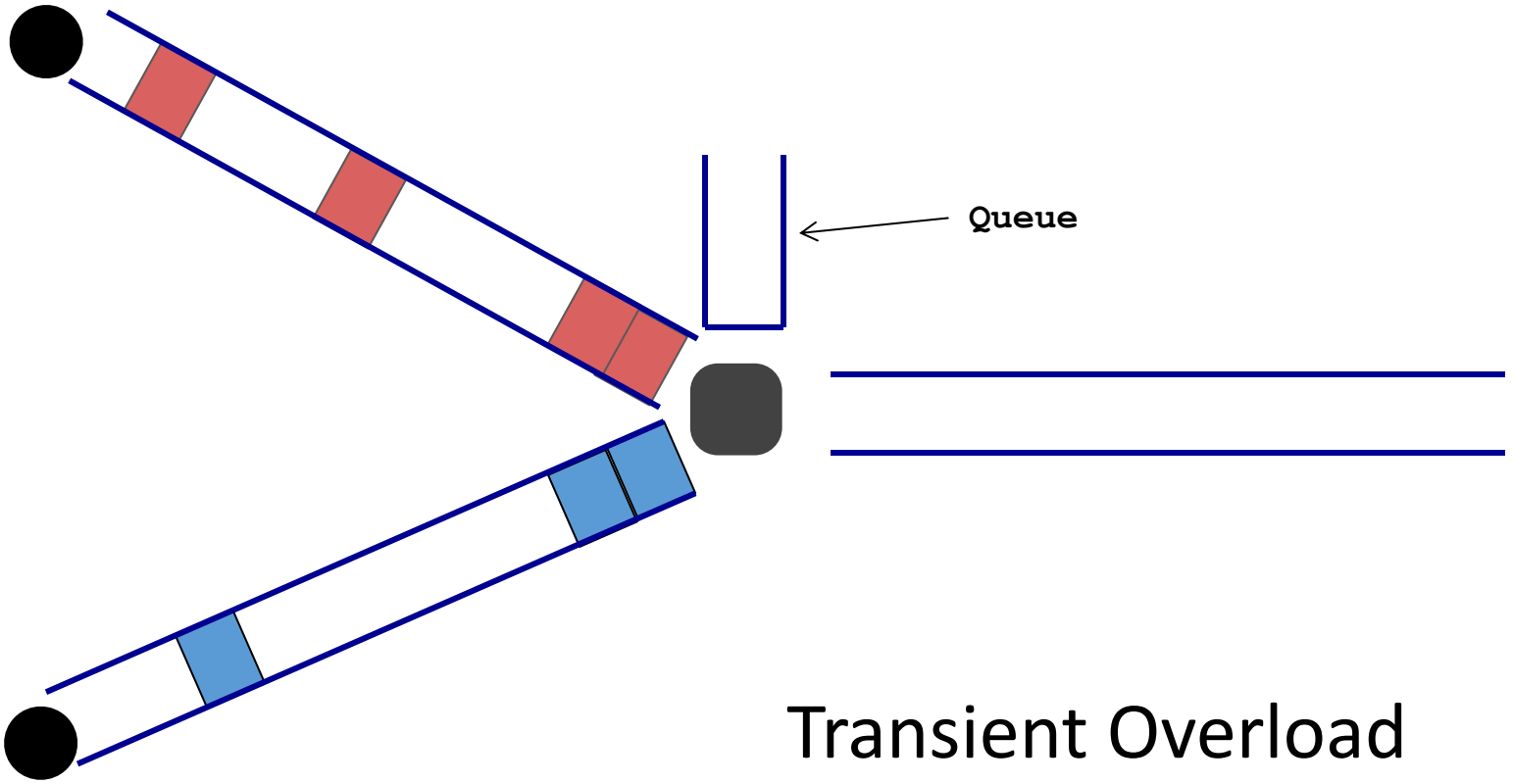

Transient Overload

Not a rare event!

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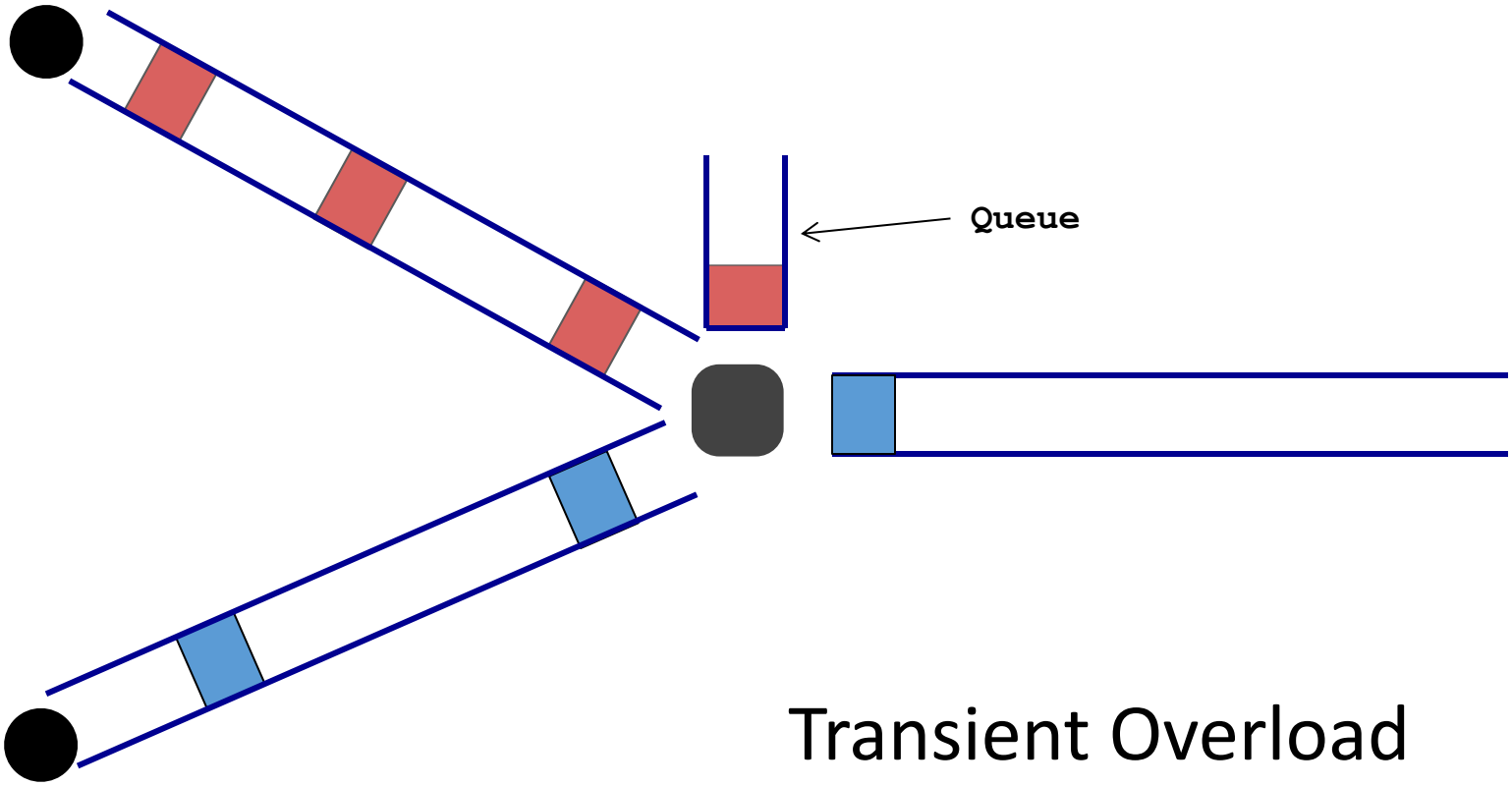

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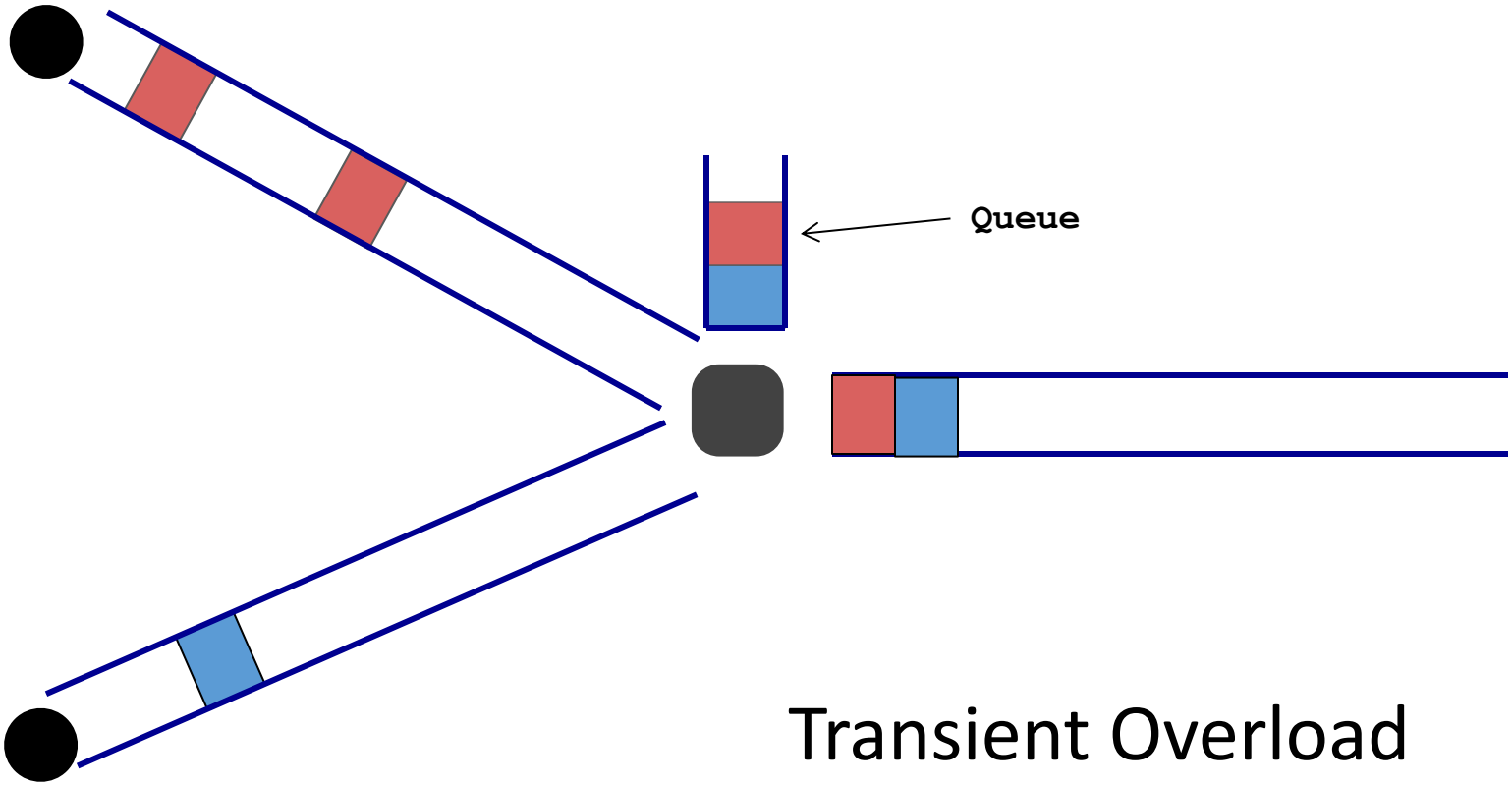

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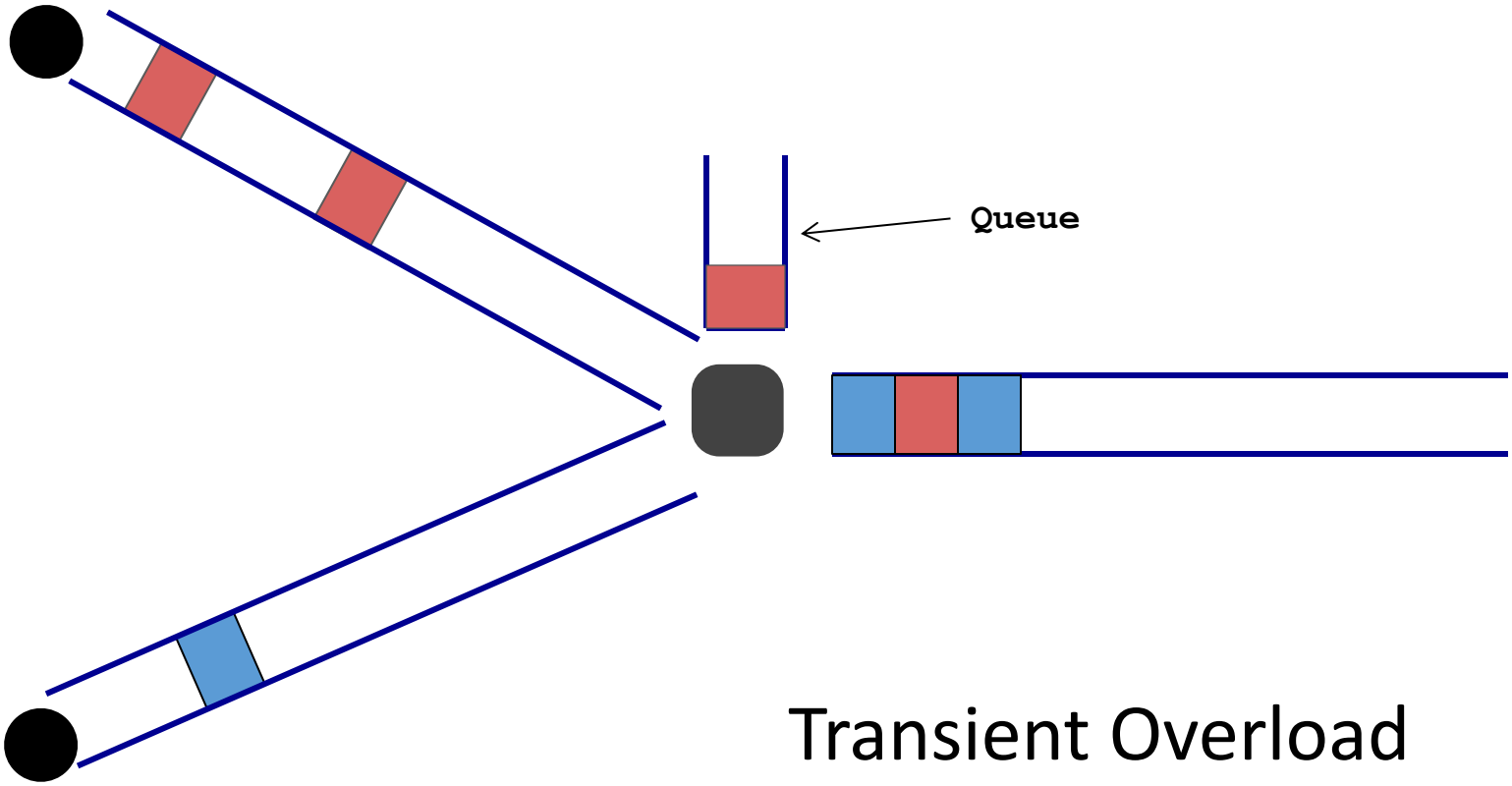

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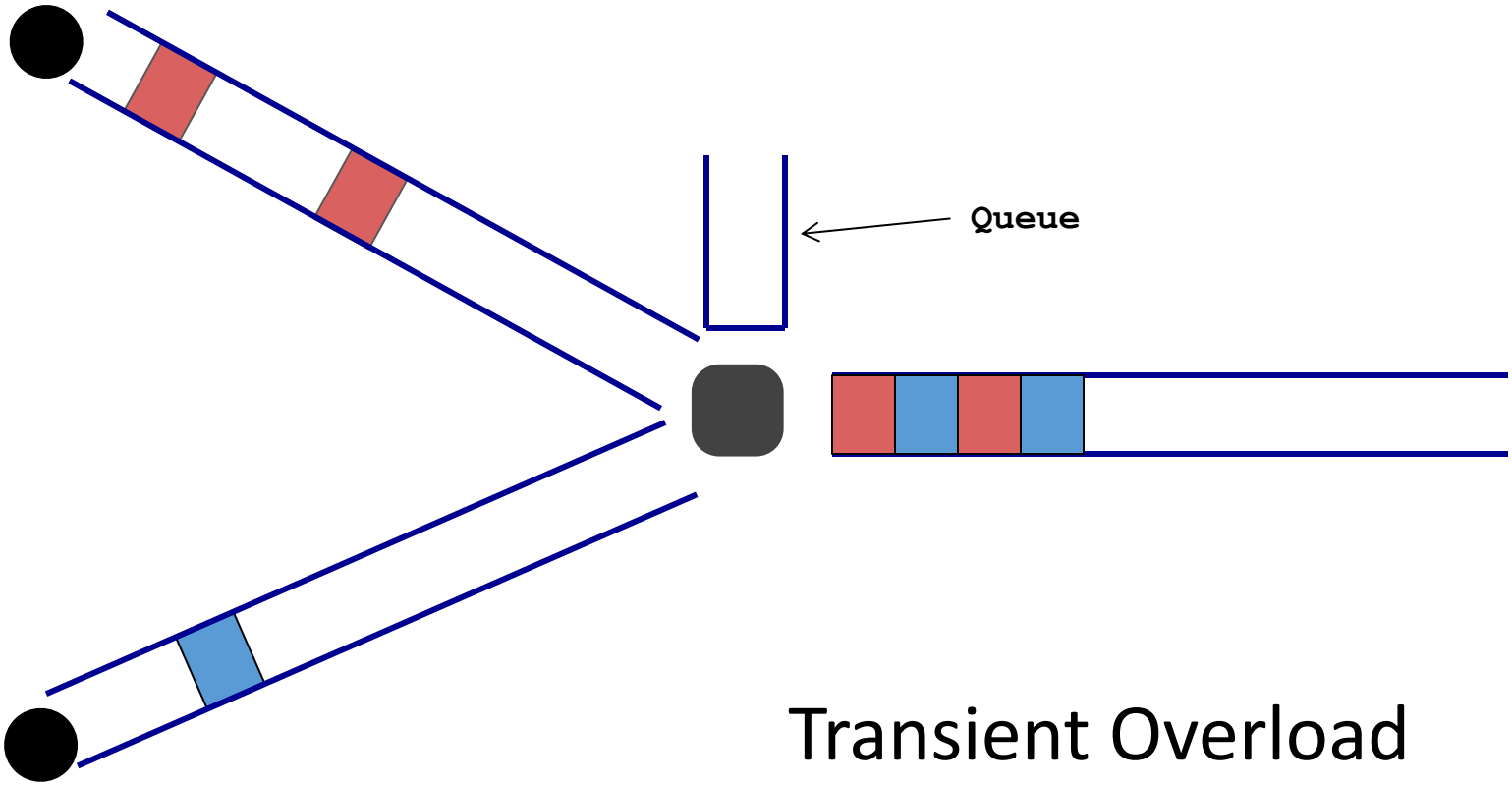
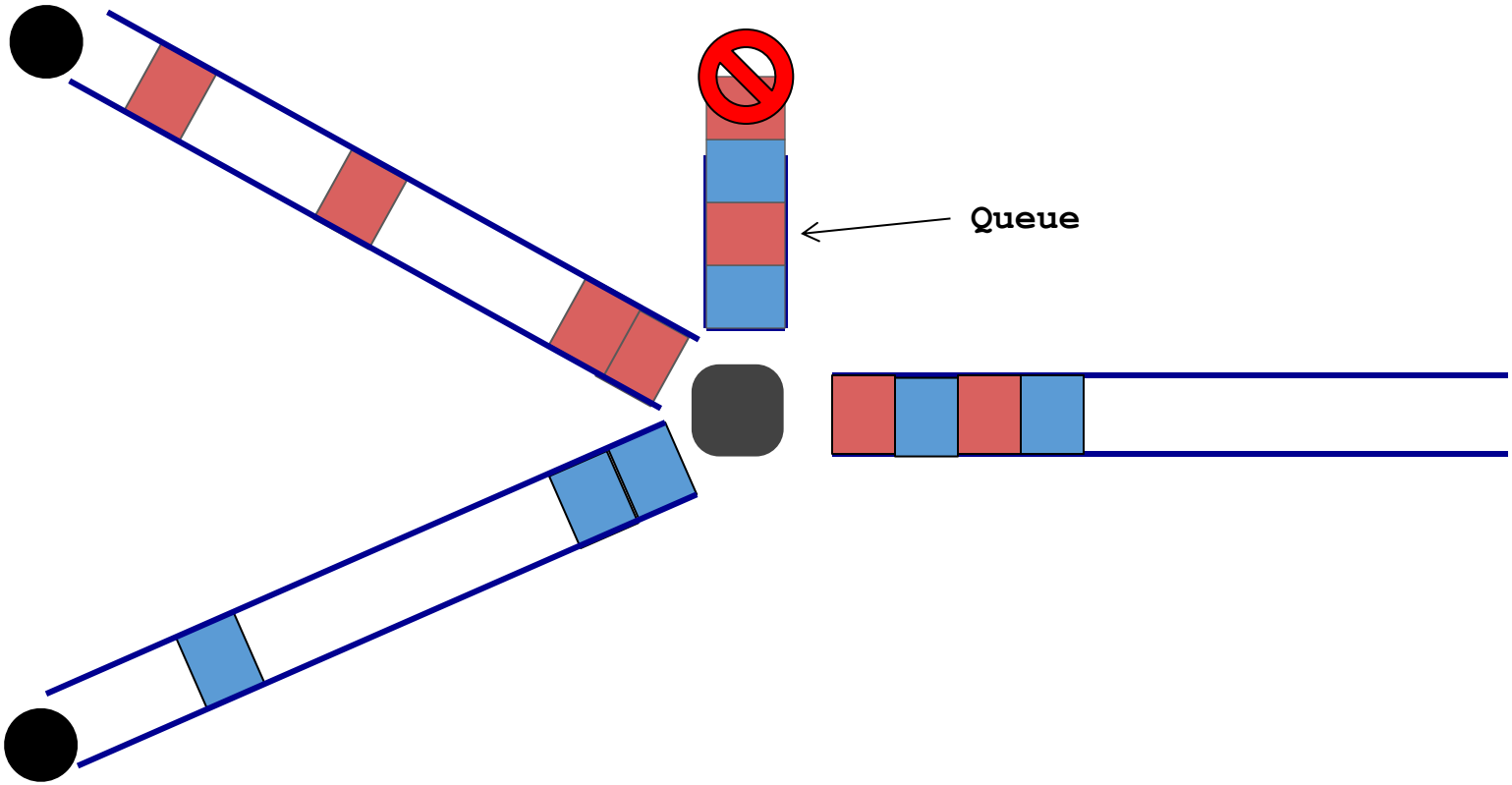


Transient Overload

Persistent overload leads to packet loss



Queueing delay

- **How long does a packet have to sit in a buffer before it is processed?**

- **Depends on traffic pattern**
  - Arrival rate at the queue
  - Nature of arriving traffic (bursty or not?)
  - Transmission rate of outgoing link

Queueing delay

- **How long does a packet have to sit in a buffer before it is processed?**

- **Characterized with statistical measures**
  - Average queuing delay
  - Variance of queuing delay
  - Probability delay exceeds a threshold value

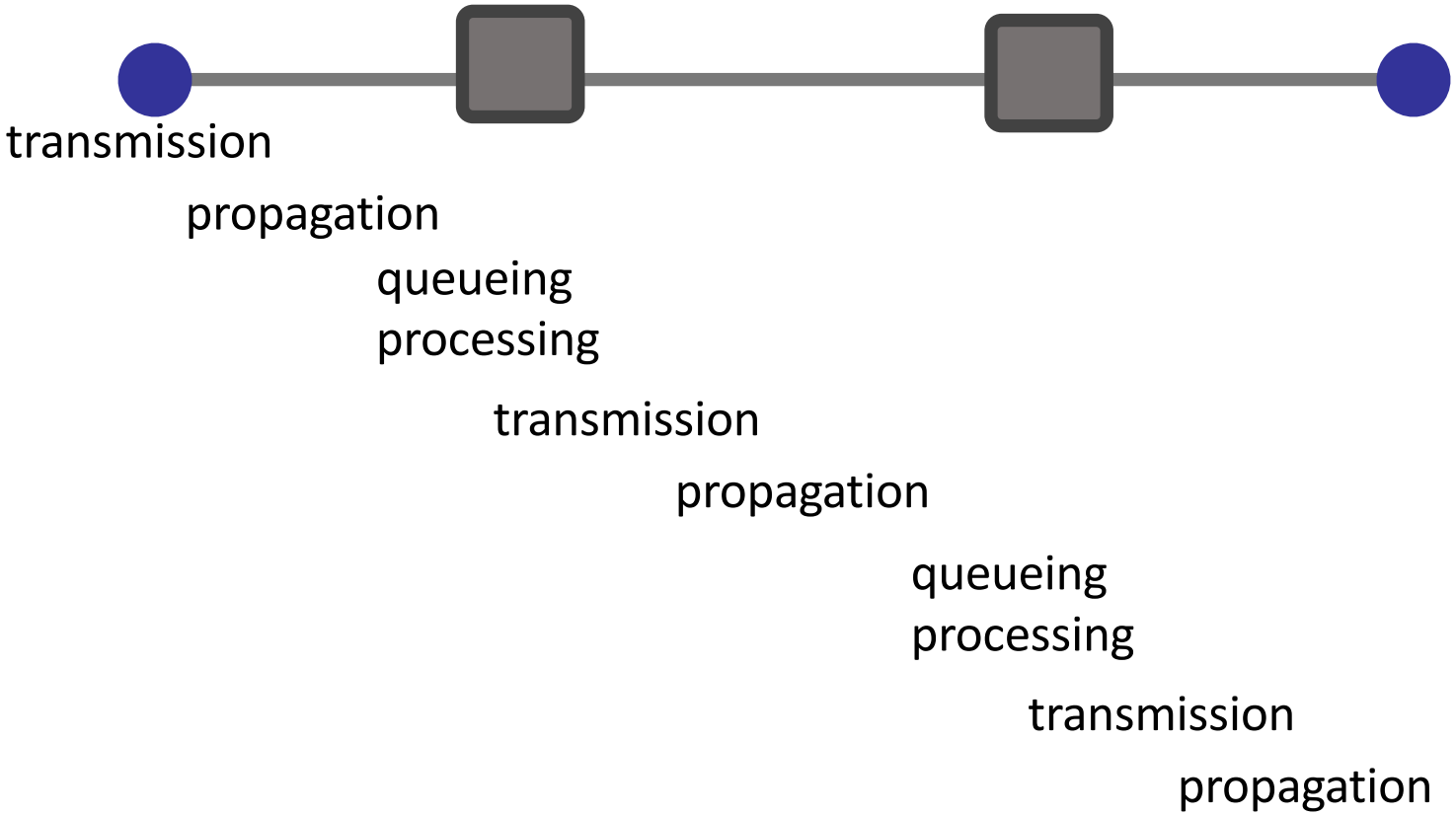
Queueing delay

- **The packet size is 1500 bytes. The link bandwidth is 10Gb/s. Assume the buffer size in the router is 10 packets. What is the maximum queueing delay?**
  - Transmission delay for one packet: $1500 \times 8 / (10 \times 10^9) = 1.2$ ms
  - Queueing delay: $9 \times 1.2 = 10.8$ ms

4. Processing Delay

- **How long does the switch take to process a packet?**
  - Negligible

End-to-end delay



Loss

- **What fraction of the packets sent to a destination are dropped?**

Throughput

- **At what rate is the destination receiving data from the source**

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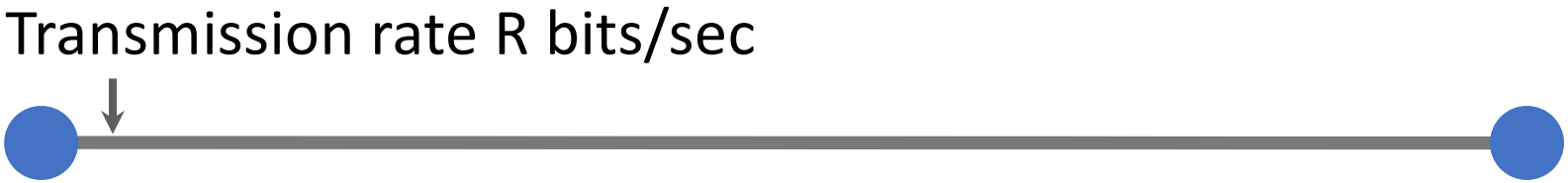


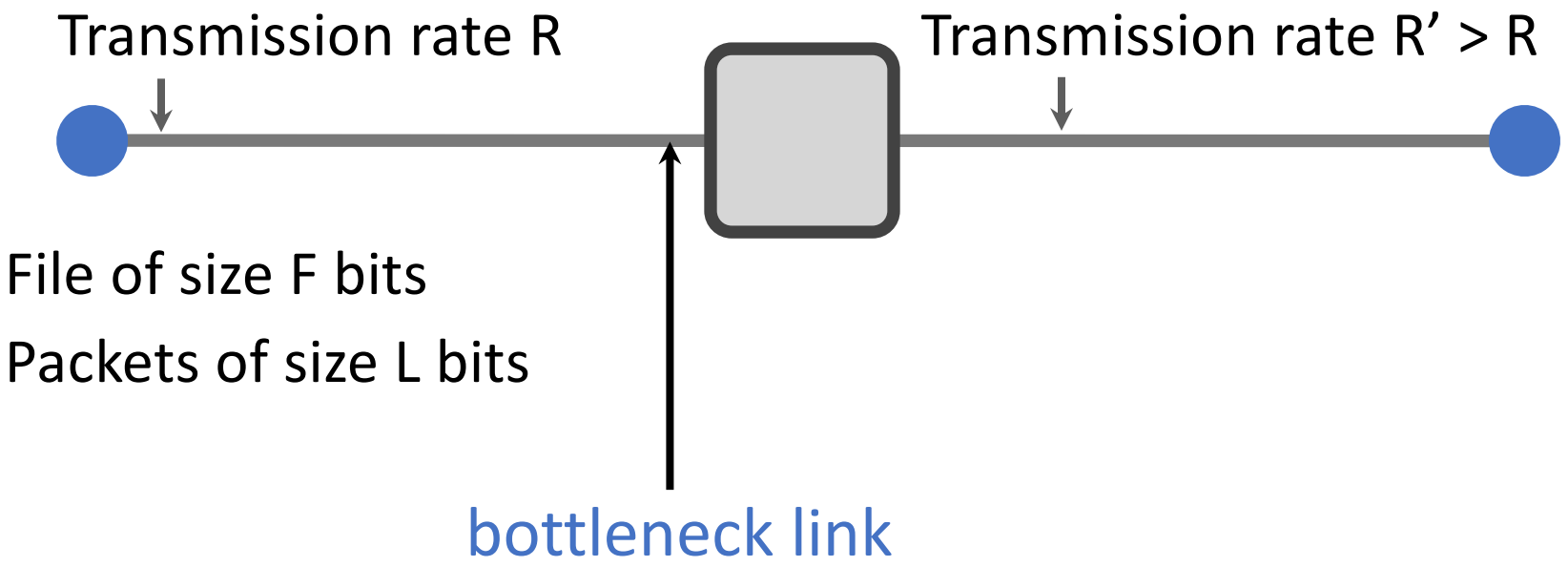
File of size F bits

Packets of size L bits

Transfer time (T) = F/R + propagation delay

Average throughput = F/T ≈ R

End-to-end throughput



Average throughput = **min{R, R'} = R**

Group Discussion

- **Topic: packet switching vs. circuit switching**
  - What are the pros and cons of packet switching and circuit switching?
  - Pick an Internet application. Assume we only run this application on the Internet. Is packet switching or circuit switching more suitable for this application? Why?

- **Discuss in groups, and each group chooses a leader to summarize the discussion**
  - In your group discussion, please do not dominate the discussion, and give everyone a chance to speak

Summary

- **How is it shared?**
  - On-demand or via reservation
- **How do we evaluate a network?**
  - Bandwidth, delay, loss, BDP, …
- **What is a network made of?**
  - Whatever physical infrastructure exist
  - See backup slides

Thanks!
Q&A

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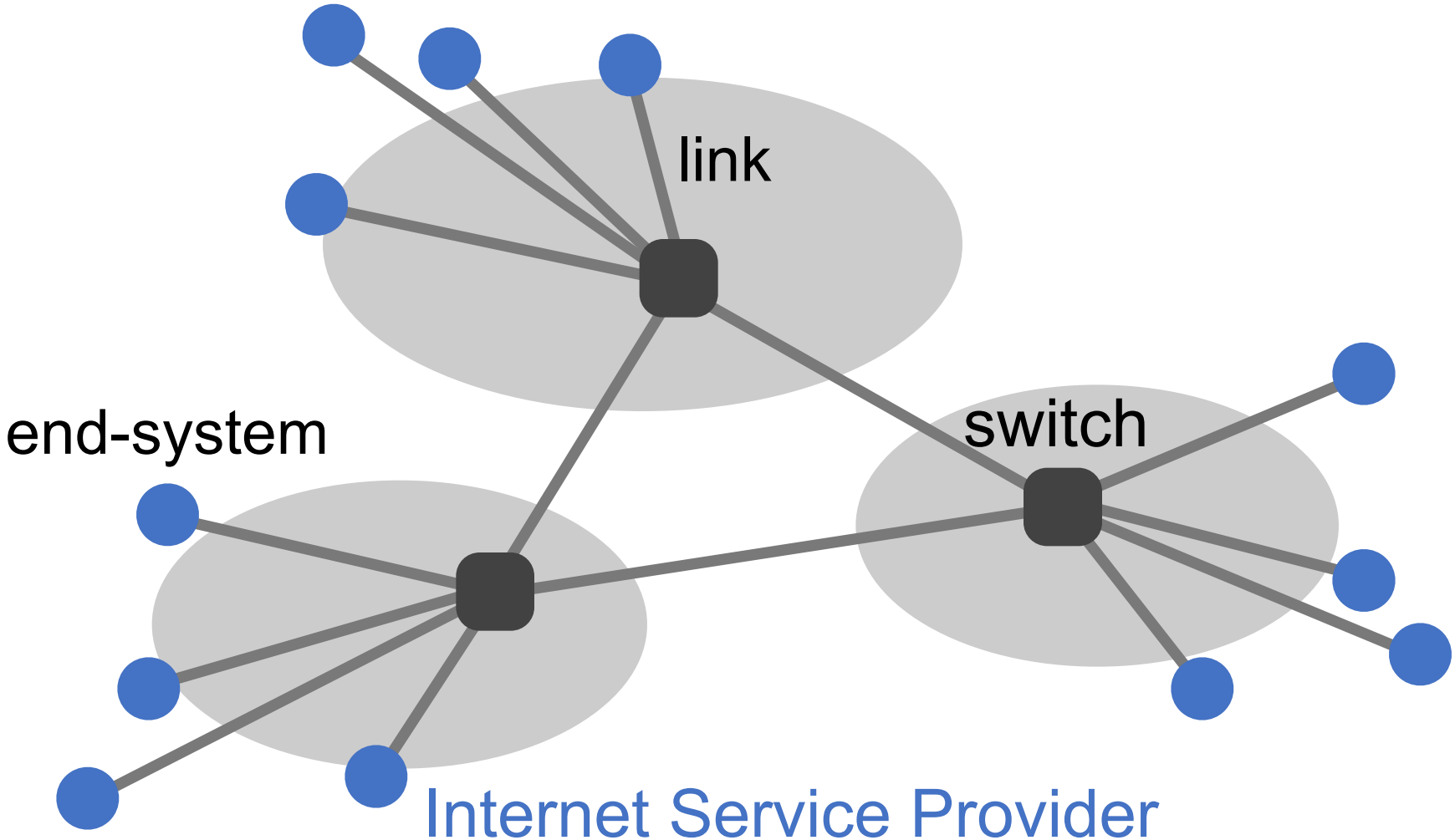

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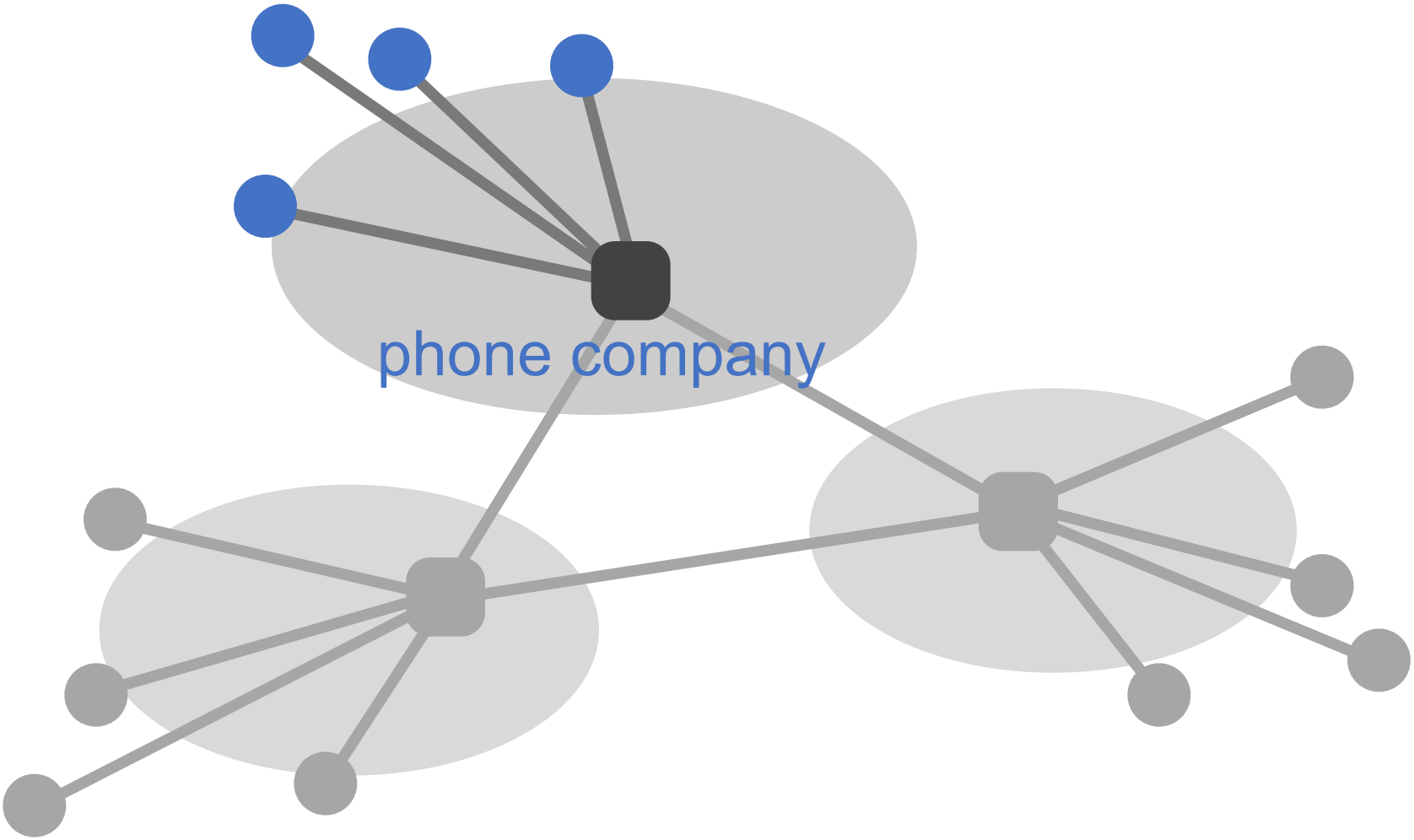

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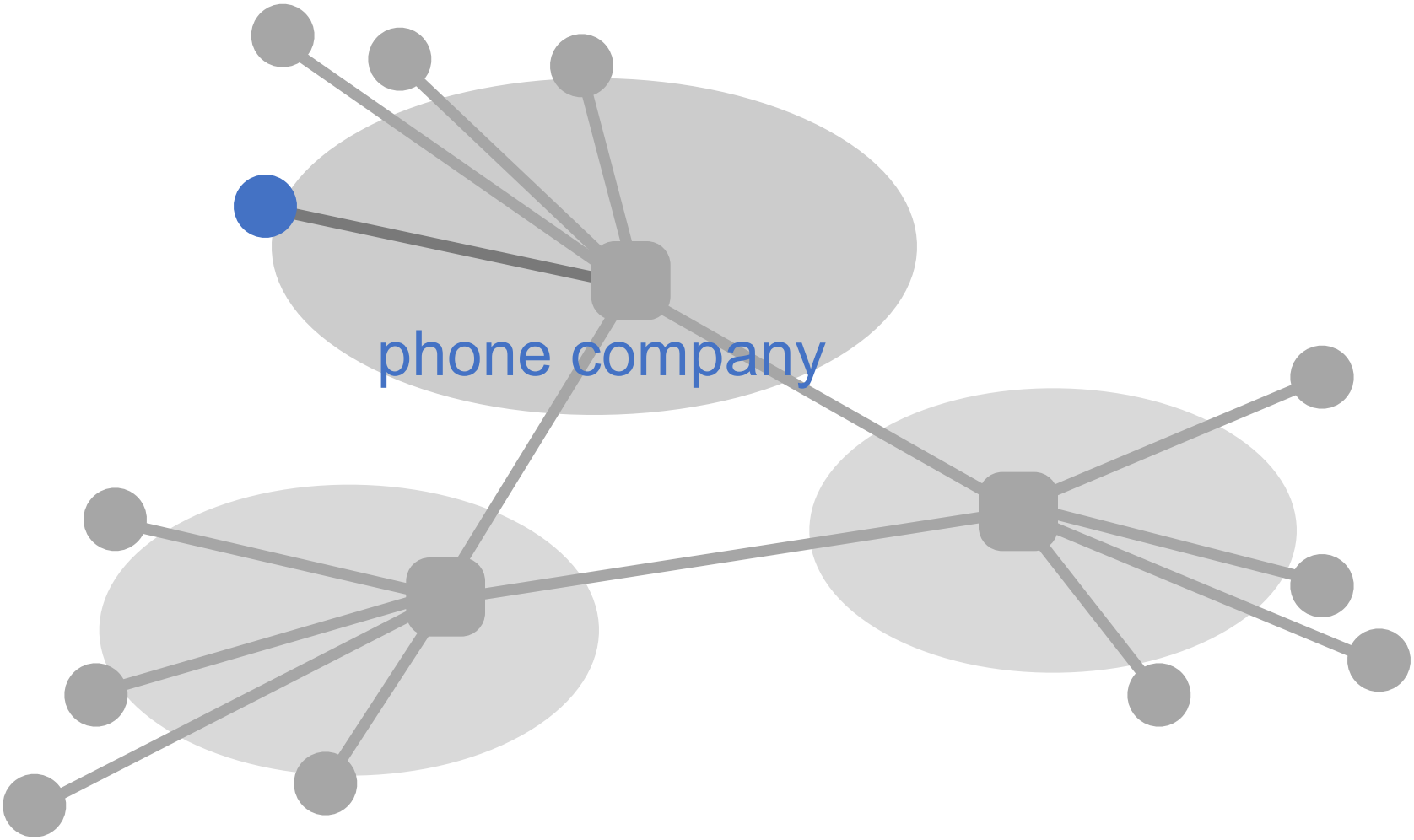
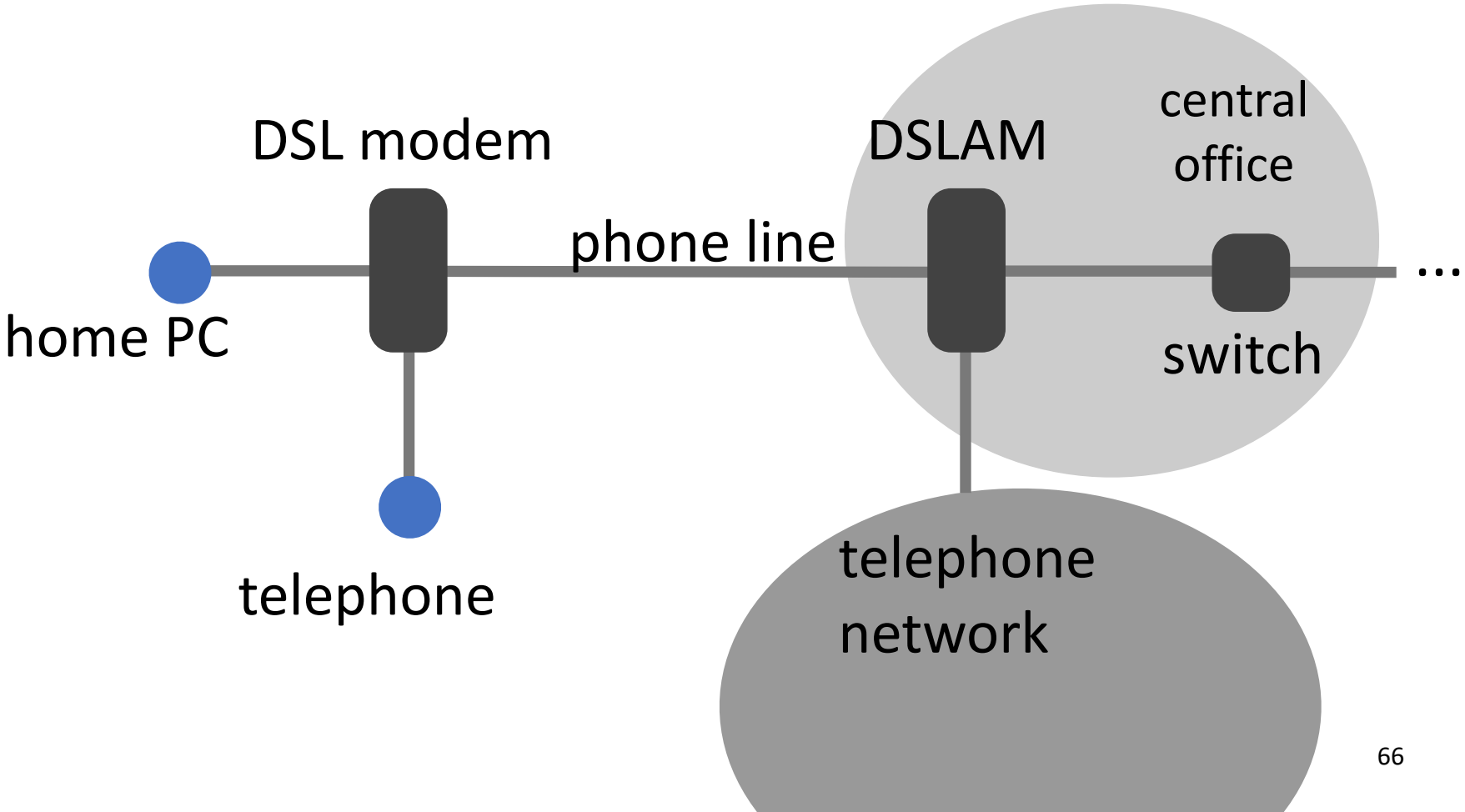


The last hop

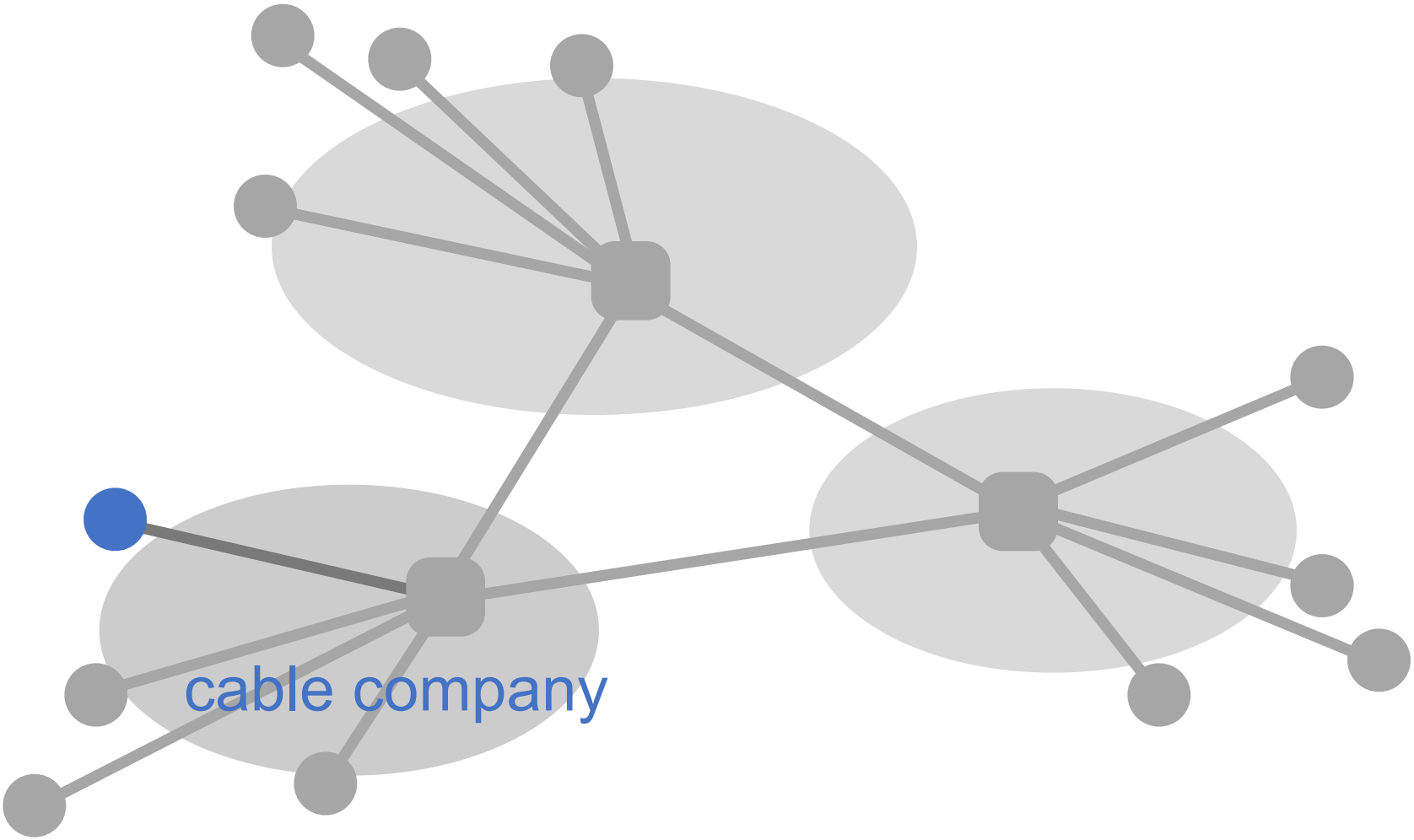
How do we connect?



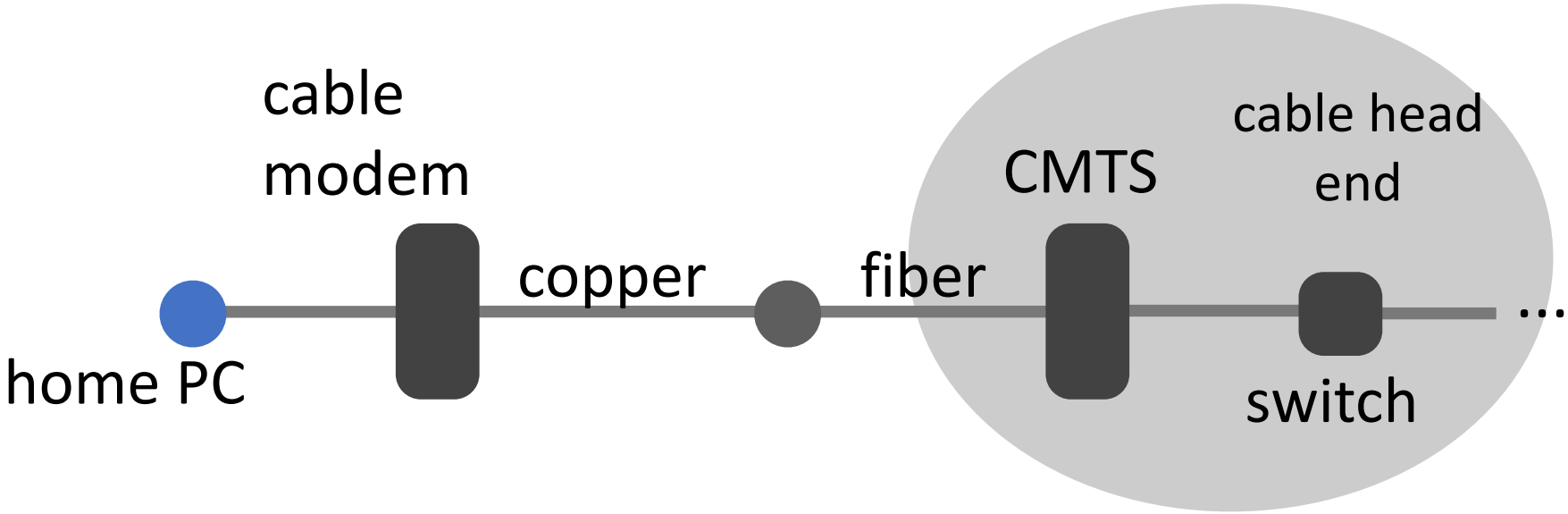
Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)

- **Twisted pair copper**
- **3 separate channels**
  - downstream data channel
  - upstream data channel
  - 2-way phone channel
- **up to 25 Mbps downstream**
- **up to 2.5 Mbps upstream**

How about an cable provider as an ISP?



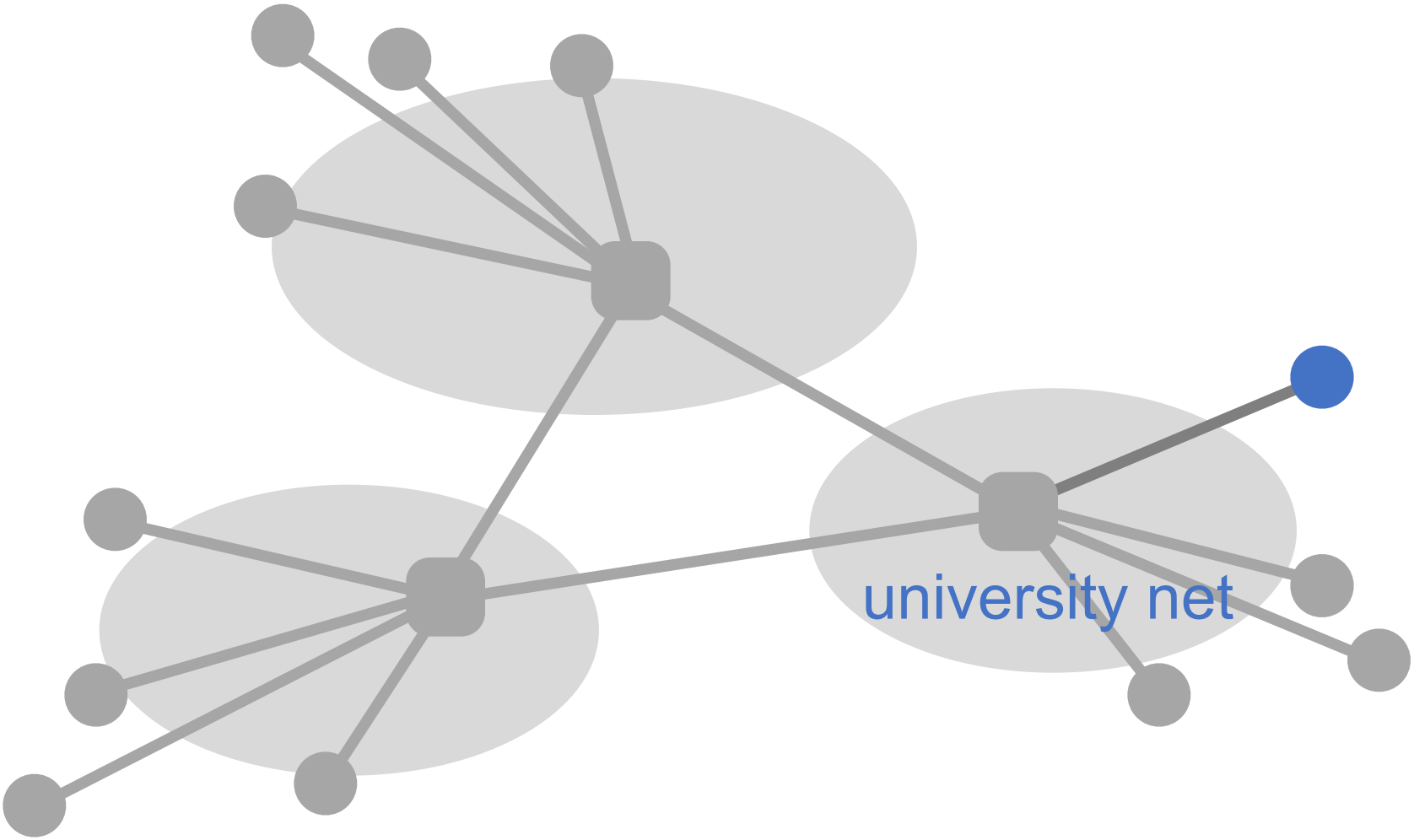
Connecting via cable



Cable

- **Coaxial copper & fiber**
- **Up to 42.8 Mbps downstream**
- **Up to 30.7 Mbps upstream**
- **Shared broadcast medium**

Any other means?



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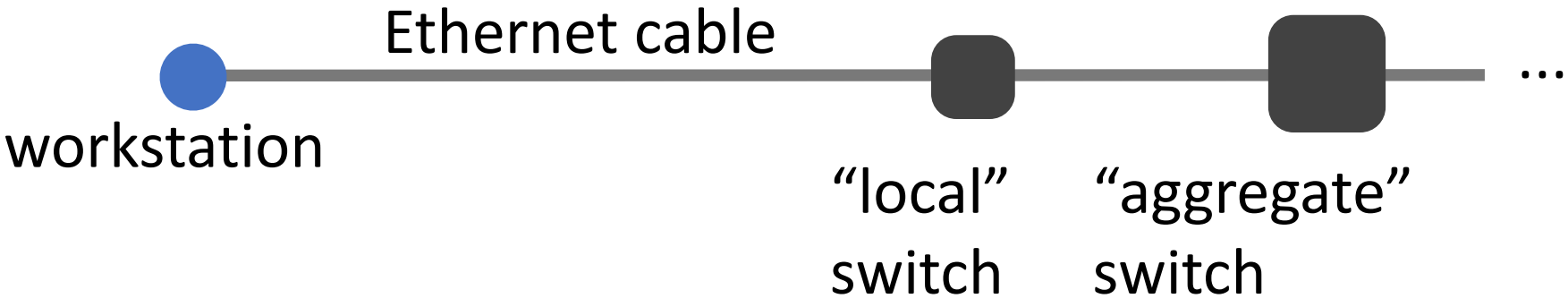
Ethernet cable
...
workstation
“local” switch
“aggregate” switch

Ethernet

- **Twisted pair copper**
- **100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, 10 Gbps (each direction)**

Many other ways

- **Cellular (smart phones)**
- **Satellite (remote areas)**
- **Fiber to the Home (home)**
- **Optical carrier (Internet backbone)**

Where is WiFi?