

# Advanced Network Technologies

Wireless 2

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# IEEE 802.11 Wireless LANs

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IEEE 802.11 standard	Year	Max data rate	Range	Frequency
802.11b	1999	11 Mbps	30m	2.4 Ghz
802.11a	1999	54 Mbps	30m	5 Ghz
802.11g	2003	54 Mbps	30m	2.4 Ghz
802.11n (WiFi 4)				2.4, 5 Ghz
802.11ac (WiFi 5)	2013	3.47Gpb		5 Ghz
802.11ax (WiFi 6)	2020 (exp.)	14 Gbps		2.4, 5 Ghz
802.11af	2014	35 – 560 Mbps	1 Km	unused TV bands (54-790 MHz)
802.11ah	2017	347Mbps	1 Km	900 Mhz

- all use CSMA/CA for multiple access, and have base-station and ad-hoc network versions

## 802.11 LAN architecture



- ❖ wireless host communicates with base station
- Base Station = access point (AP)
- Service Set (BSS) (aka in infrastructure mode):
  - wireless hosts
  - access point (AP): base station
  - ad hoc mode: hosts only

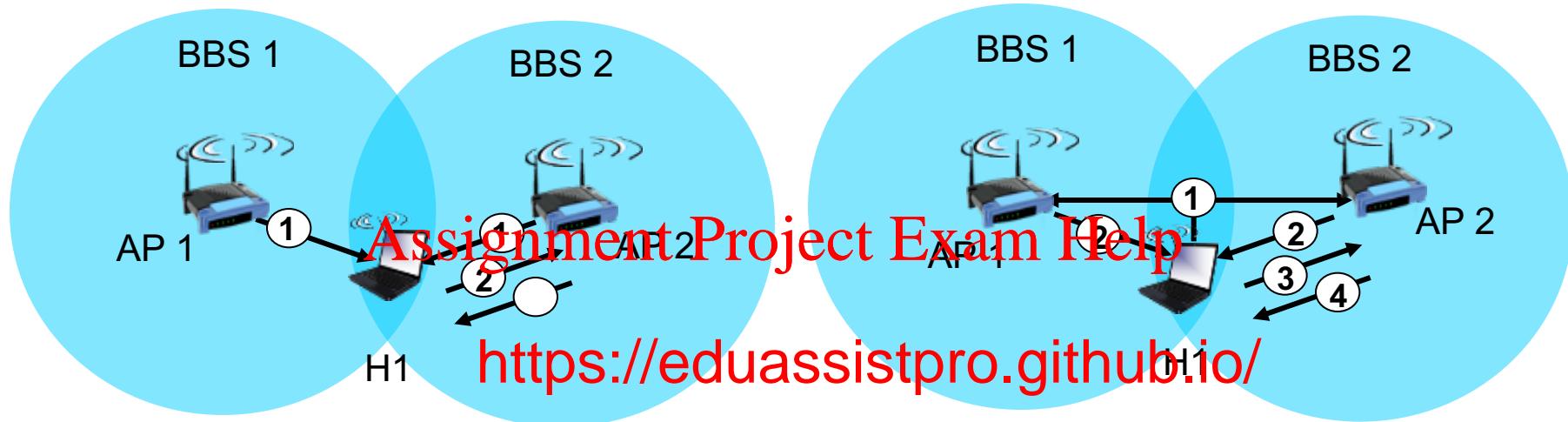
- › 802.11b: 2.4GHz-2.485GHz spectrum divided into 11 channels at different frequencies
  - AP admin chooses frequency for AP
  - interference possible; channel can be same as that chosen by neighboring AP!
- › host: must *associate* with
  - scans channels, listening for APs' name (SSID) and MAC address
  - selects AP to associate with
  - may perform authentication
  - will typically run DHCP to get IP address in AP's subnet

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## 802.11: passive/active scanning



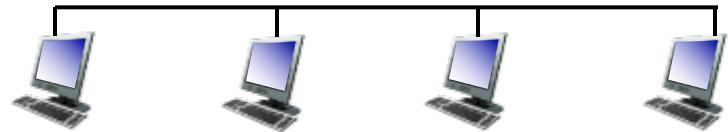
passive scanning:

- (1) beacon frames sent from APs
- (2) association Request frame sent: H1 to selected AP
- (3) association Response frame sent from selected AP to H1

active scanning:

(1) probe request frame broadcast from H1

- (2) Probe Response frames sent from APs
- (3) Association Request frame sent: H1 to selected AP
- (4) Association Response frame sent from selected AP to H1



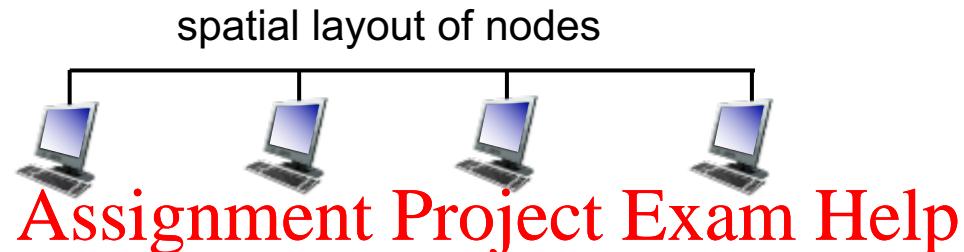
- › collisions can occur:  
propagation delay means  
two nodes may not hear  
each other's transm

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- › collision: frame transmission  
time wasted

## CSMA/CD:

- collisions detected within short time
  - colliding transmissions aborted, reducing channel wastage
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- › collision detection:
    - wired LANs: measure transmitted, received signals
      - Can transmit and sense at the same time
    - wireless LANs: received signal strength overwhelmed by local transmission strength
      - CSMA-CD cannot be used in wireless LAN



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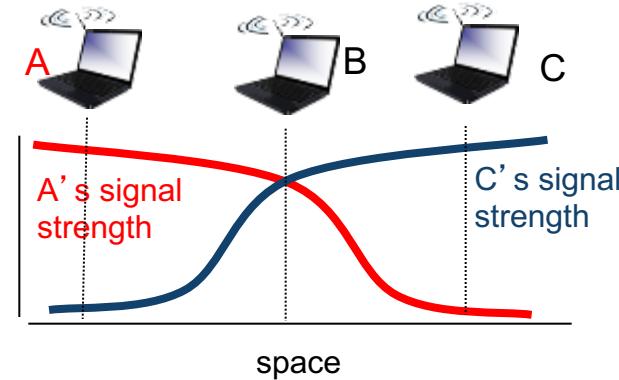
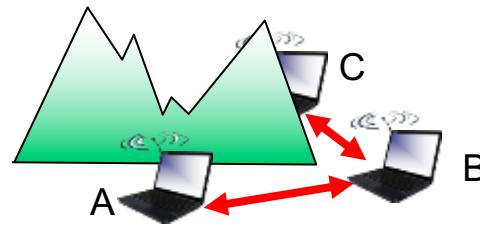
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## › 802.11: no collision detection!

- difficult to receive (sense collisions) when transmitting due to weak received signals (fading)
- can not sense all collisions in any case: hidden terminal, fading
- goal: *avoid collisions*:

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# IEEE 802.11 MAC Protocol: CSMA/CA

## 802.11 sender

1 if sense channel idle for **DIFS** ( Distributed inter-frame space ) then  
transmit entire frame (no CD)

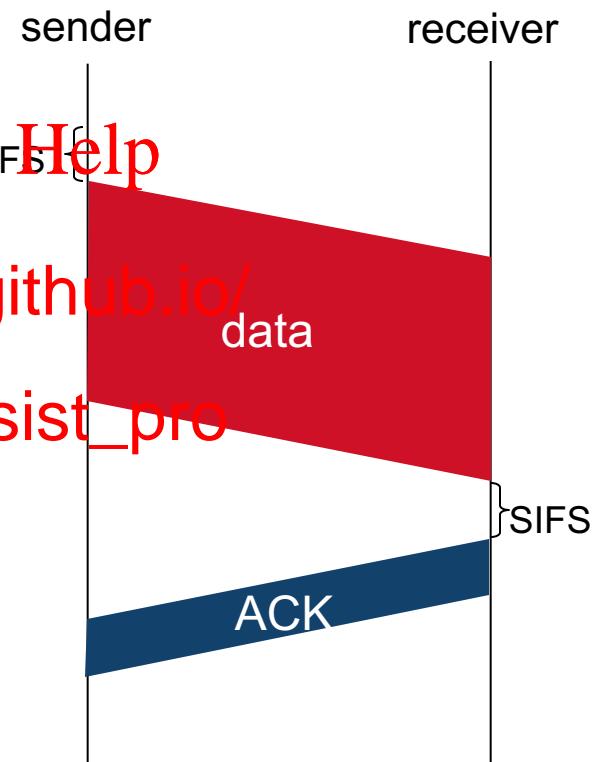
2 if sense channel busy then

start random backoff  
timer counts down w  
transmit when timer expires

## 802.11 receiver

- if frame received OK  
return ACK after **SIFS** (Shorter inter-frame spacing)

Sender : if no ACK, increase random backoff interval, repeat 2



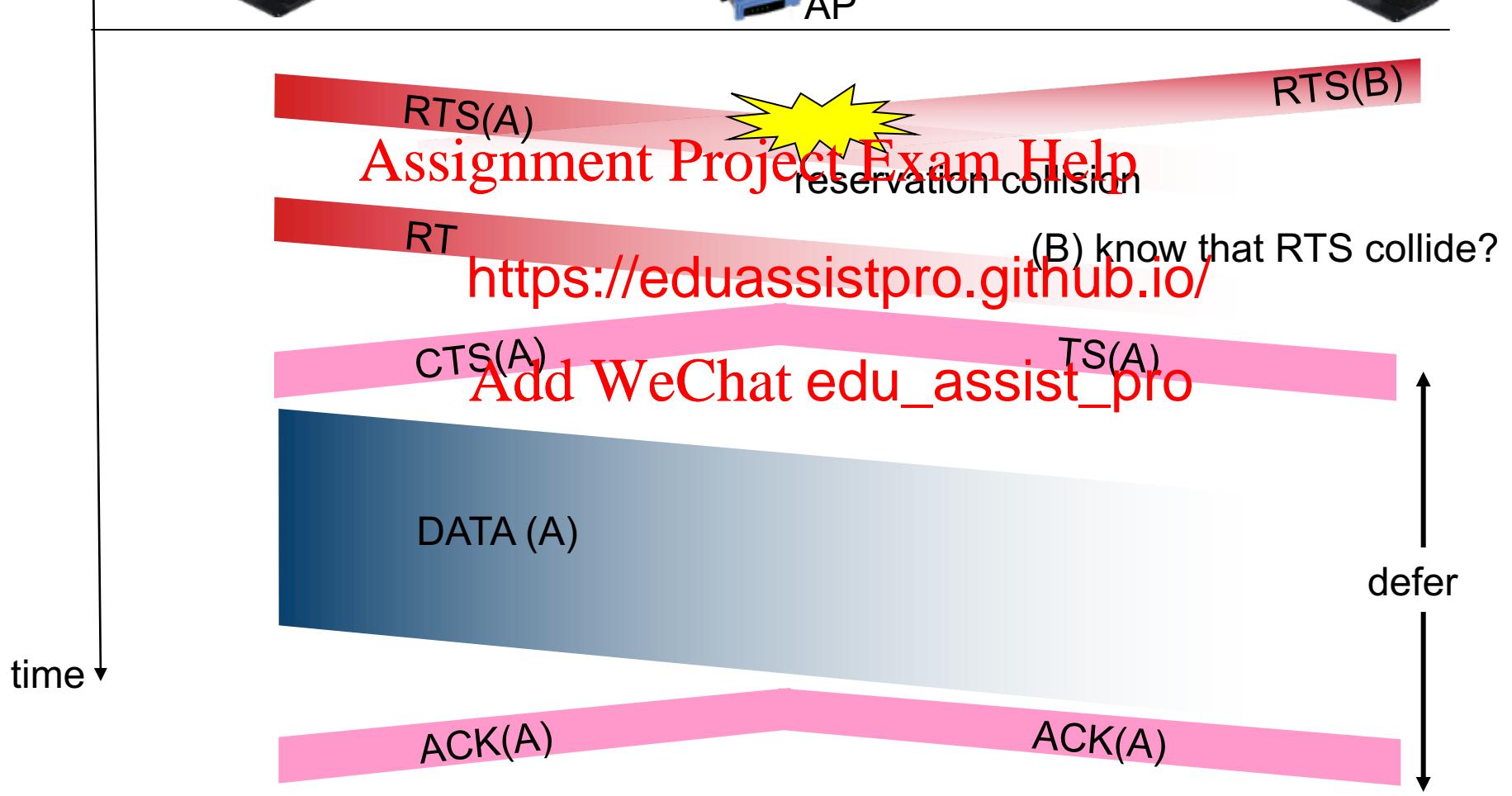
**idea:** allow sender to “reserve” channel rather than random access of data frames: avoid collisions of long data frames

- › sender first transmits *small* request-to-send (RTS) packets to BS using CSMA **Assignment Project Exam Help**
  - RTSs may still collide (or)
- › BS broadcasts clear **https://eduassistpro.github.io/RTS**
- › CTS heard by all nodes **Add WeChat edu\_assist\_pro**
  - sender transmits data frame
  - other stations defer transmissions

*avoid data frame collisions completely  
using small reservation packets!*



# Collision Avoidance: RTS-CTS exchange



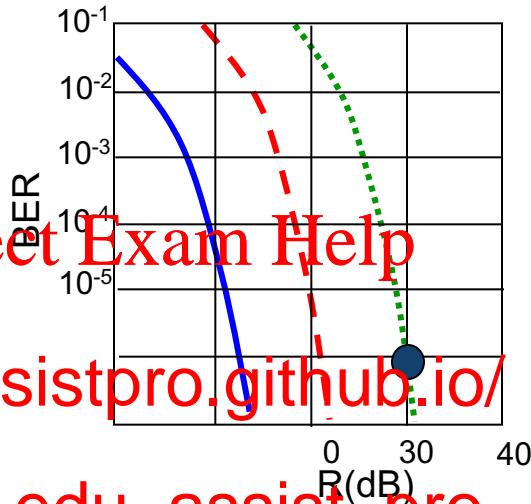
# 802.11: advanced capabilities

## Rate adaptation

- › base station, mobile dynamically change transmission rate (physical layer modulation as mobile moves, varies

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- QAM256 (8 Mbps)
- QAM16 (4 Mbps)
- BPSK (1 Mbps)
- operating point



1. SNR decreases, BER increase as node moves away from base station
2. When BER becomes too high, switch to lower transmission rate but with lower BER



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Exposed Terminal

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Ideal: S1->R1 and S2->R2 simultaneously

However: S2 can sense the carrier of S1 so that it keeps silence



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# Cellular Internet Access

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# Architectural Standards

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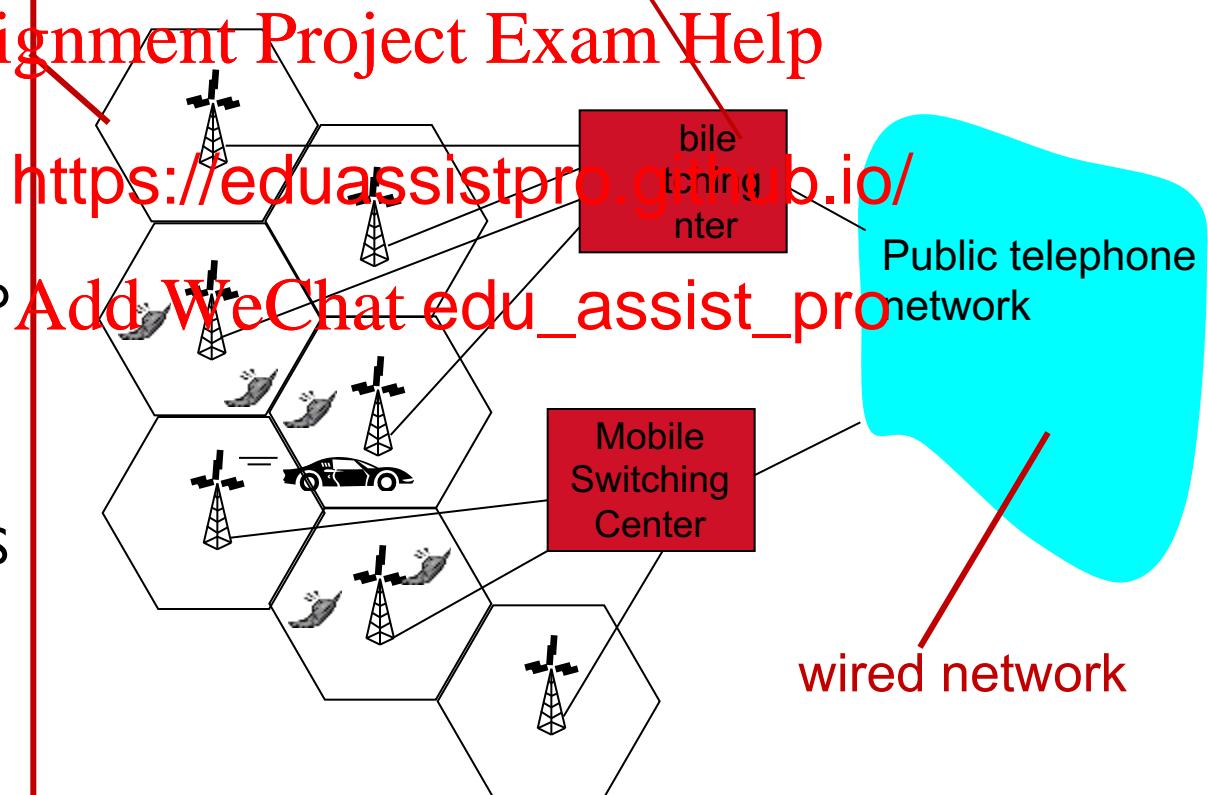
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## cell

- ❖ covers geographic region
- ❖ **base station (BS)** analogous to 802.11 A
- ❖ **mobile users** attach to network through BS
- ❖ **air-interface:** physical and link layer protocol between mobile and BS

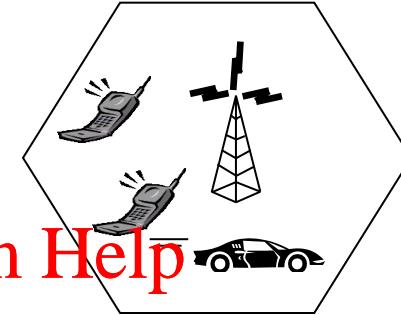
## MSC

- ❖ connects cells to wired tel. net.
- ❖ manages call setup (more later!)
- ❖ handles mobility (more later!)

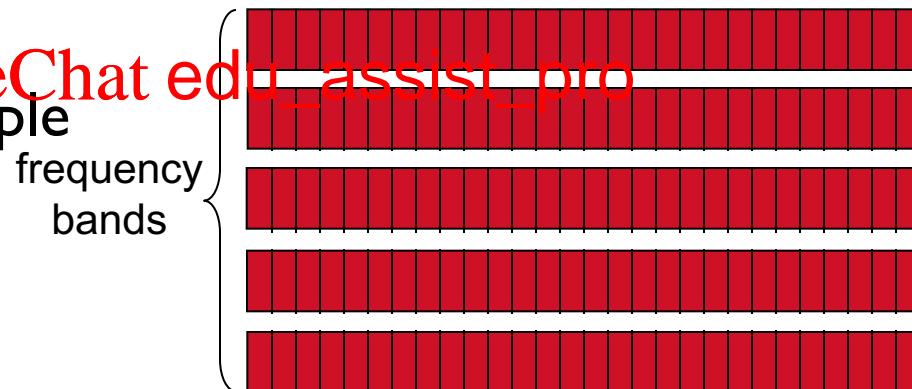


Two techniques for sharing mobile-to-BS radio spectrum

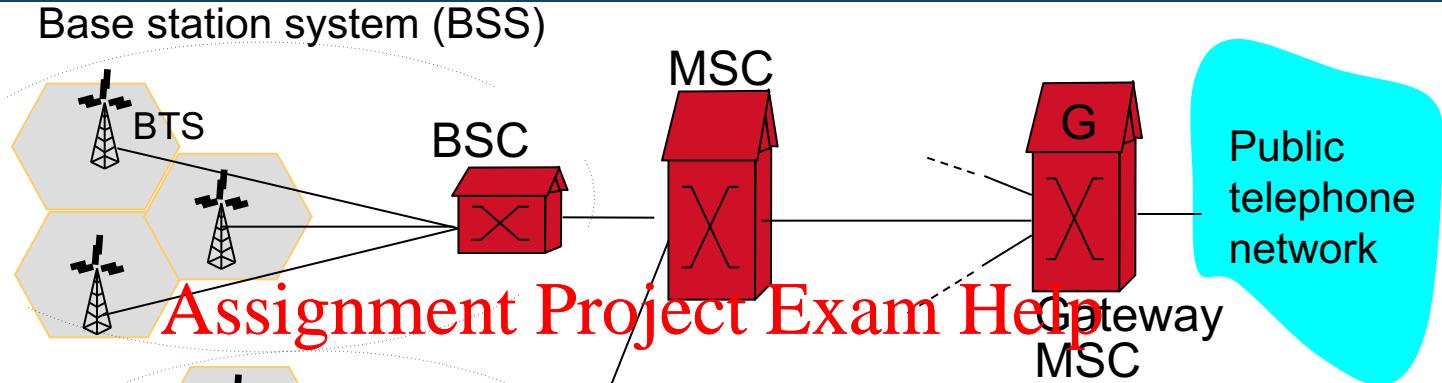
- › combined FDMA/TDMA: divide spectrum in frequency channels, divide each channel into time slots



- › CDMA: code division multiple access



# 2G (voice) network architecture

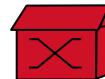


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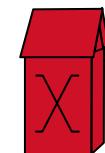
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Base transceiver station (BTS)



Base station controller (BSC)

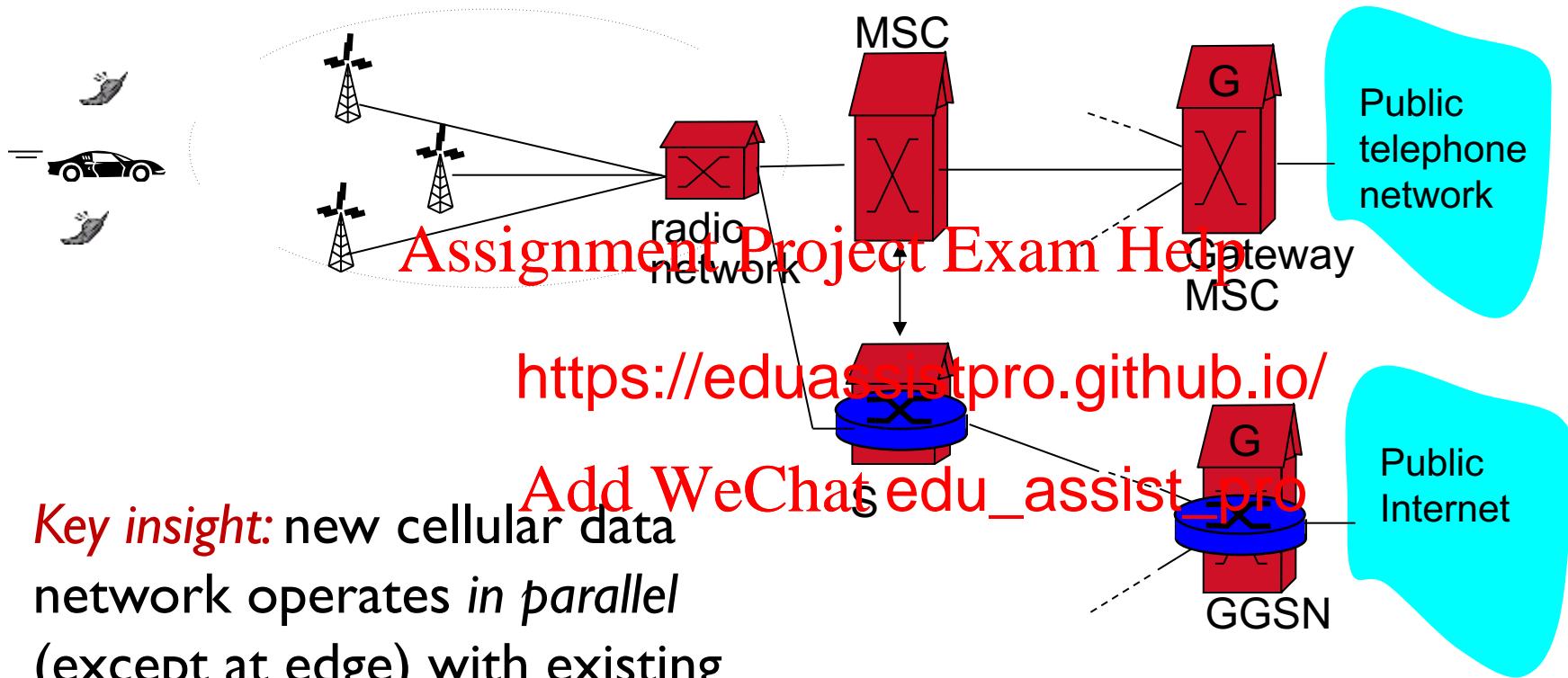


Mobile Switching Center (MSC)



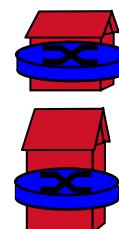
Mobile subscribers

# 3G (voice+data) network architecture



*Key insight:* new cellular data network operates *in parallel* (except at edge) with existing cellular voice network

- ❖ voice network unchanged in core
- ❖ data network operates in parallel



Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN)



Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN)

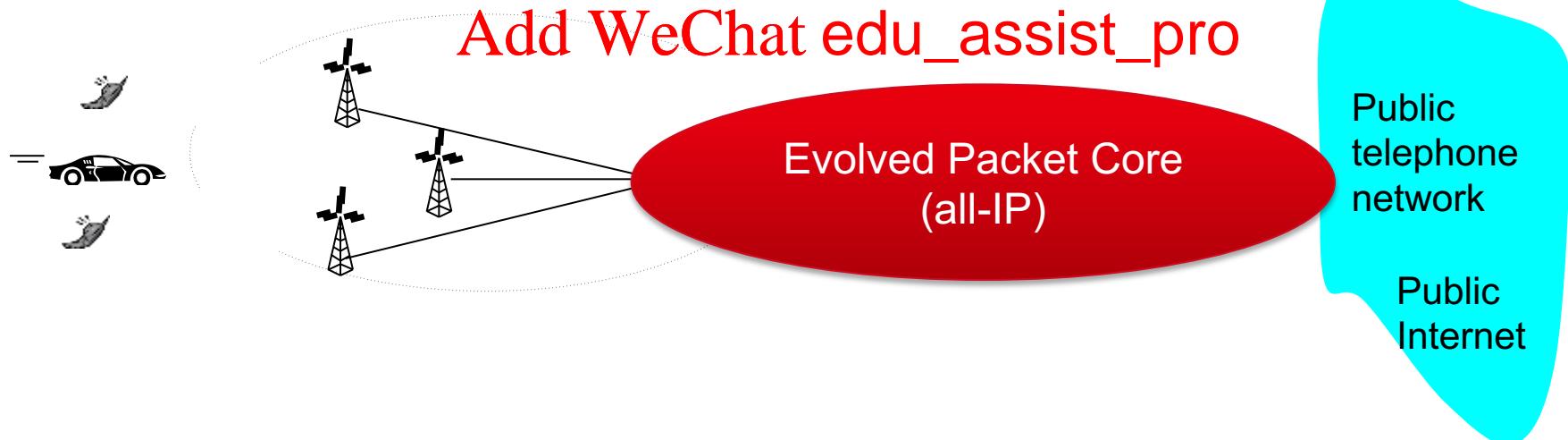
General Packet Radio Service

# 4G: Long-Term Evolution (LTE)

Two important innovations over 3G

- I. **Evolved packet core (EPC)**: simplified all-IP core network that unifies the cellular circuit switched voice network and the packet switched cellular data network.

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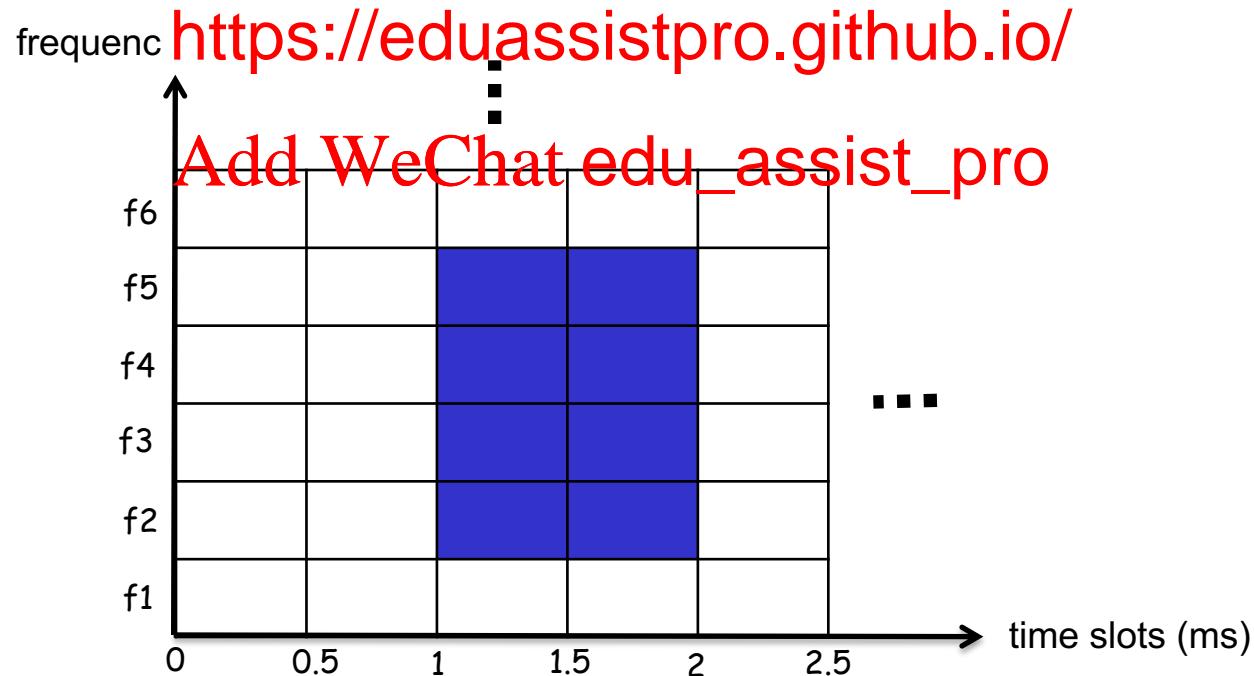
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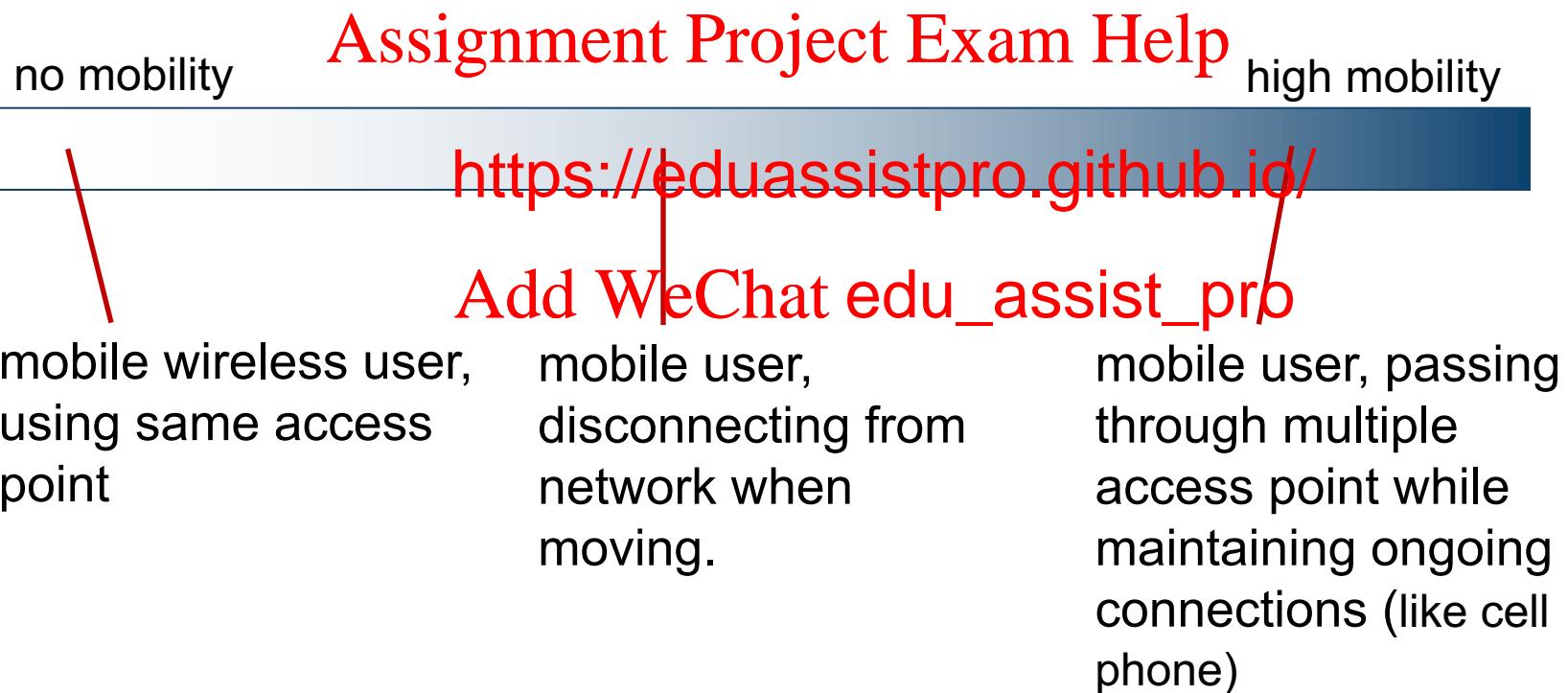
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# Mobility principles: Assignment Project Exam Help Addressing to mobile

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- › spectrum of mobility, from the *network* perspective:



## Should Address always remain the same?

- › Mobile phone: the phone number remains the same at all time when you travel

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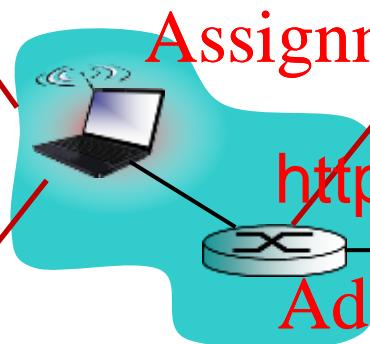
- › How about IP A

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*home network*: permanent “home” of mobile (e.g., 128.119.40/24)

*home agent*: entity that will perform mobility functions on behalf of mobile



*permanent address*: address in home network, *can always be* used to reach mobile e.g., 128.119.40.186



## Mobility: more vocabulary

*permanent address:* remains constant (e.g., 128.119.40.186)

*Foreign (visited) network:* network in which mobile currently resides (e.g., 79.129.13/24)

*care-of-address:* address in visited network.

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*correspondent:* wants to communicate with mobile

*foreign agent:* entity in visited network that performs mobility functions on behalf of mobile.

# How do you contact a mobile friend:

Consider friend frequently changing addresses, how do you find her?

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- › search all phone b <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
- › call her parents? Add WeChat edu\_assist\_pro
- › expect her to let you know where he/she is?

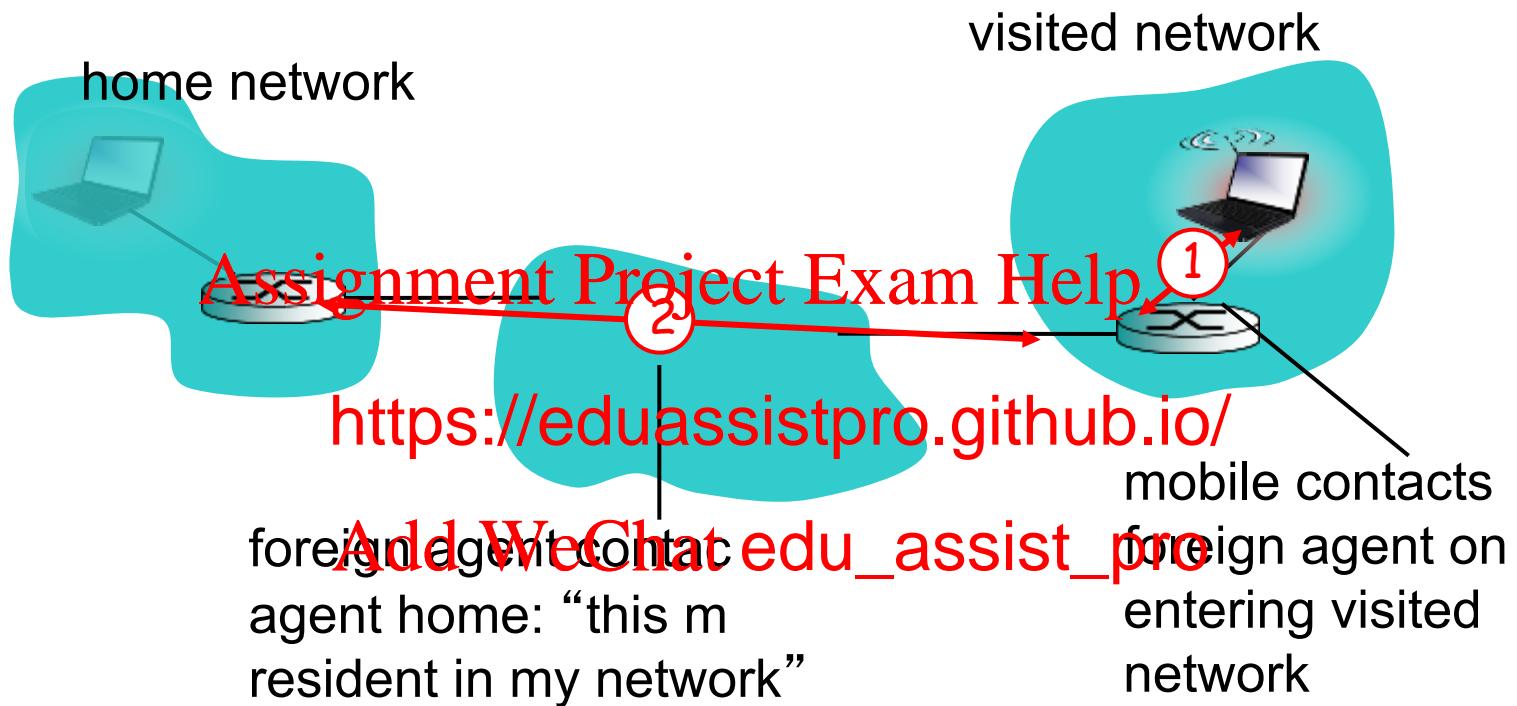


- › *let routing handle it*: routers advertise permanent address of mobile-nodes-in-residence via usual routing table exchange.
  - routing tables indicate where each mobile located
  - no changes to end-s
- › *let end-systems h* <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
  - *indirect routing*: communication from non mobile goes through home agent, then forwarded to remote
  - *direct routing*: correspondent gets foreign address of mobile, sends directly to mobile



- › *let routing handle it:* routers advertise permanent address of mobile-nodes-in-residence to all routing table exchange.
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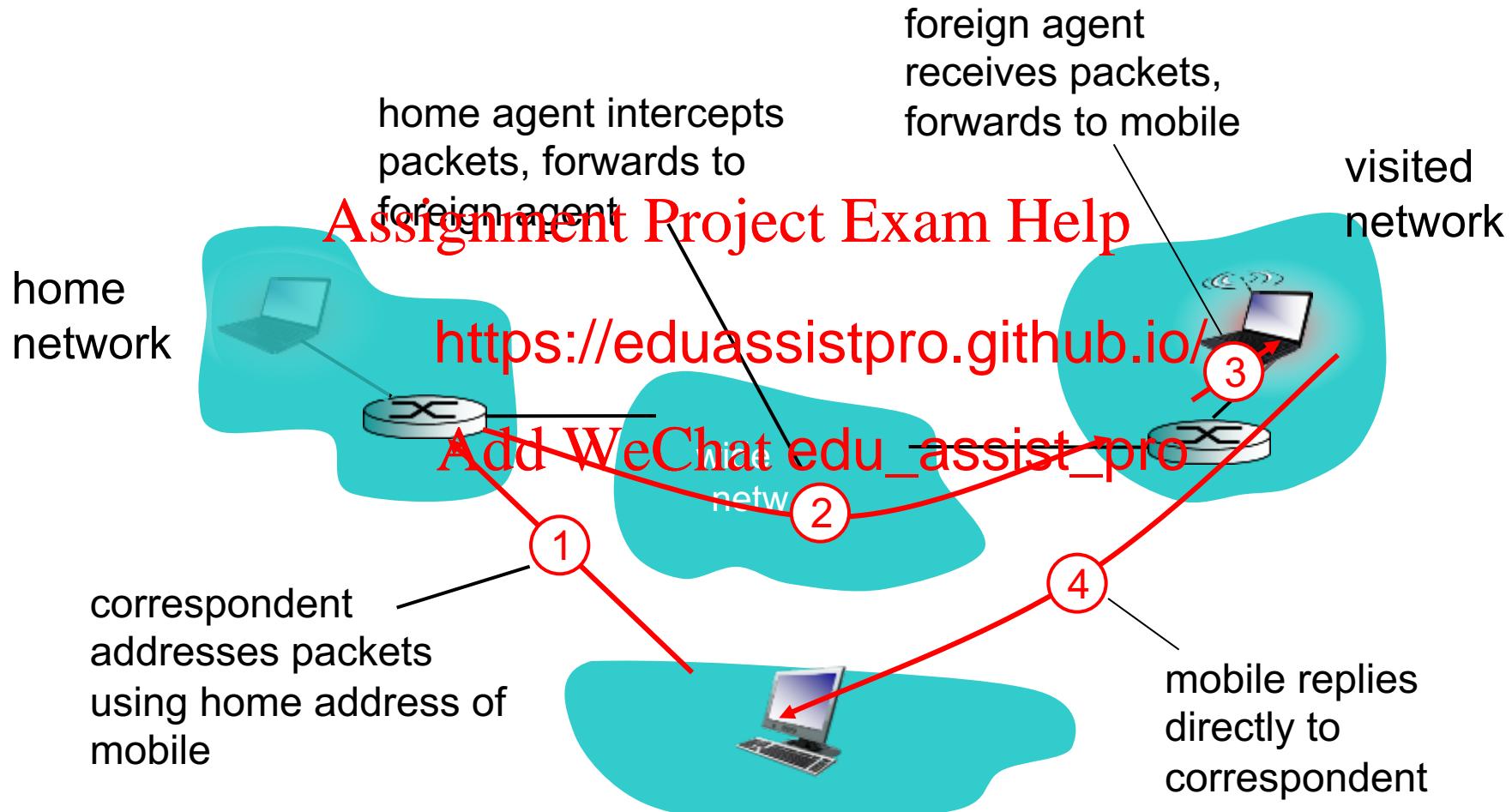
# Mobility: registration



end result:

- › foreign agent knows about mobile
- › home agent knows location of mobile

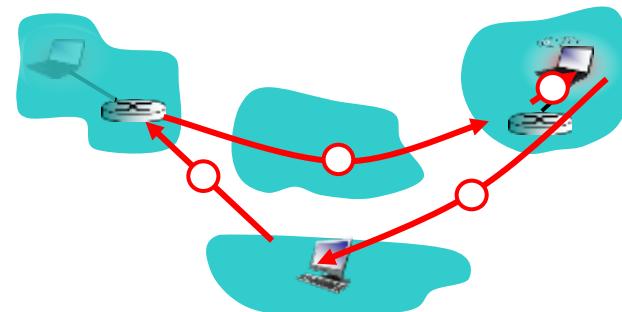
# Mobility via indirect routing



- › mobile uses two addresses:
  - permanent address: used by correspondent (hence mobile location is *transparent* to correspondent)
  - care-of-address used by home agent to forward datagrams to mobile
- › triangle routing: corr
  - inefficient when corr

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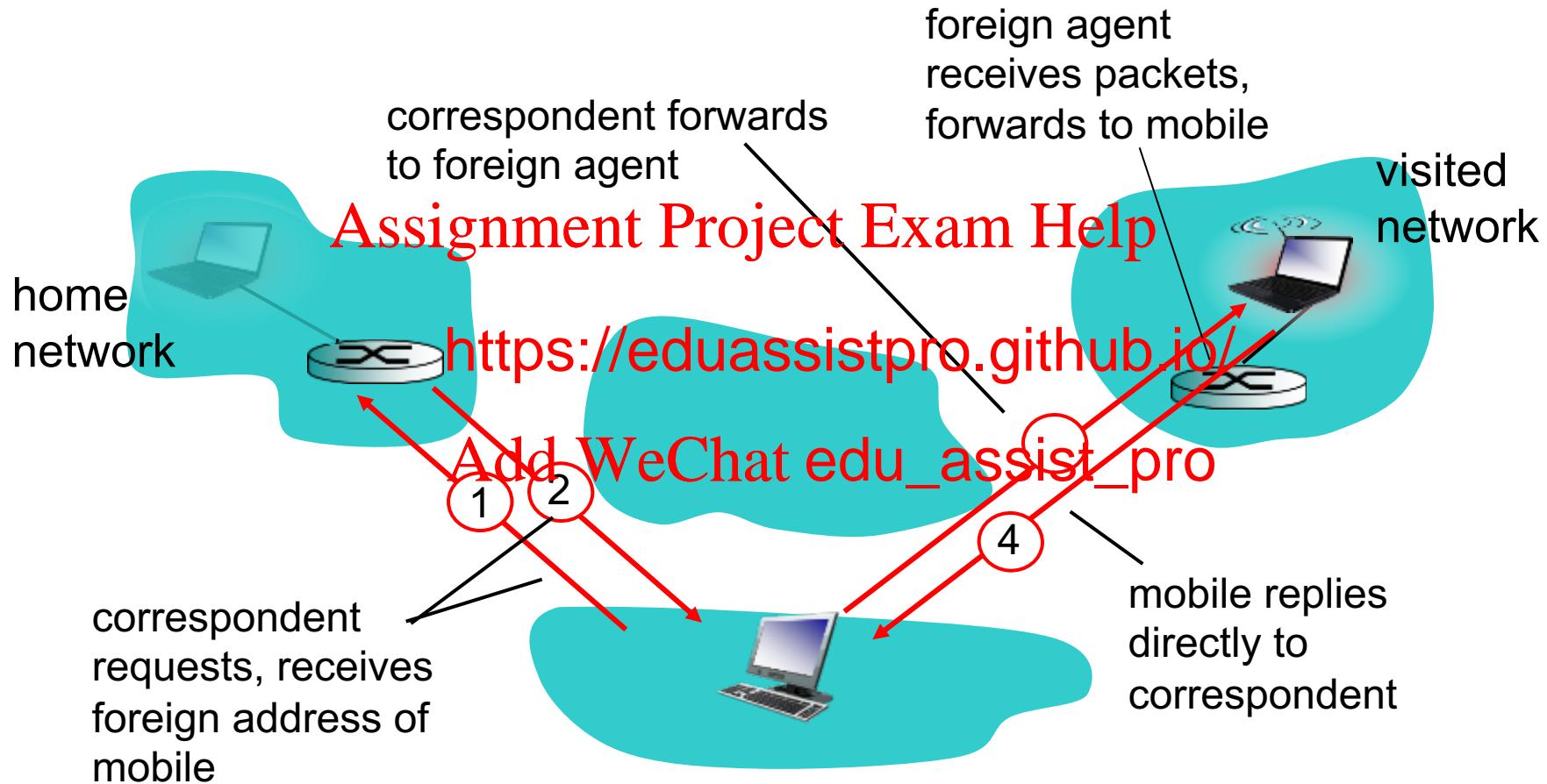
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## Indirect routing: moving between networks

- › suppose mobile user moves to another network
  - registers with new foreign agent
  - new foreign agent registers with home agent
  - home agent updates table (but with new care-of-address)
  - packets continue on their way
- › changing foreign networks transparent: *on going connections can be maintained!*

# Mobility via direct routing

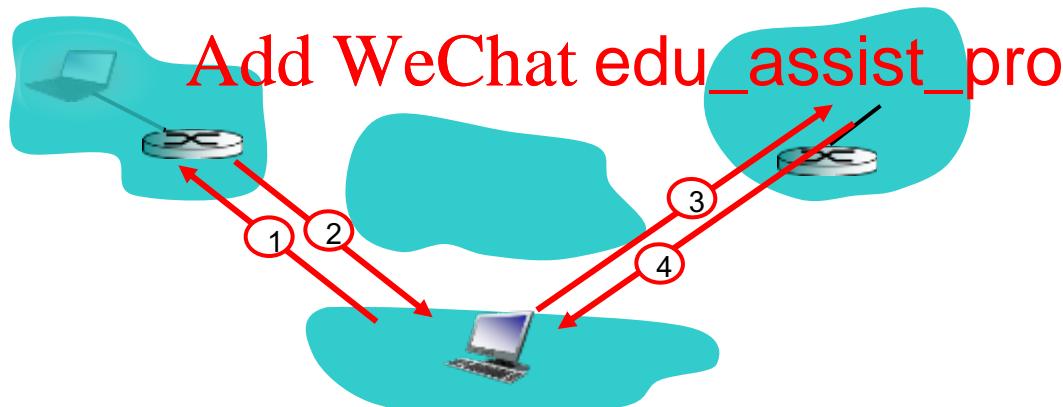


# Mobility via direct routing: comments

- › overcome triangle routing problem
- › *non-transparent to correspondent*: correspondent must get care-of-address from home agent
  - what if mobile changes visited network?

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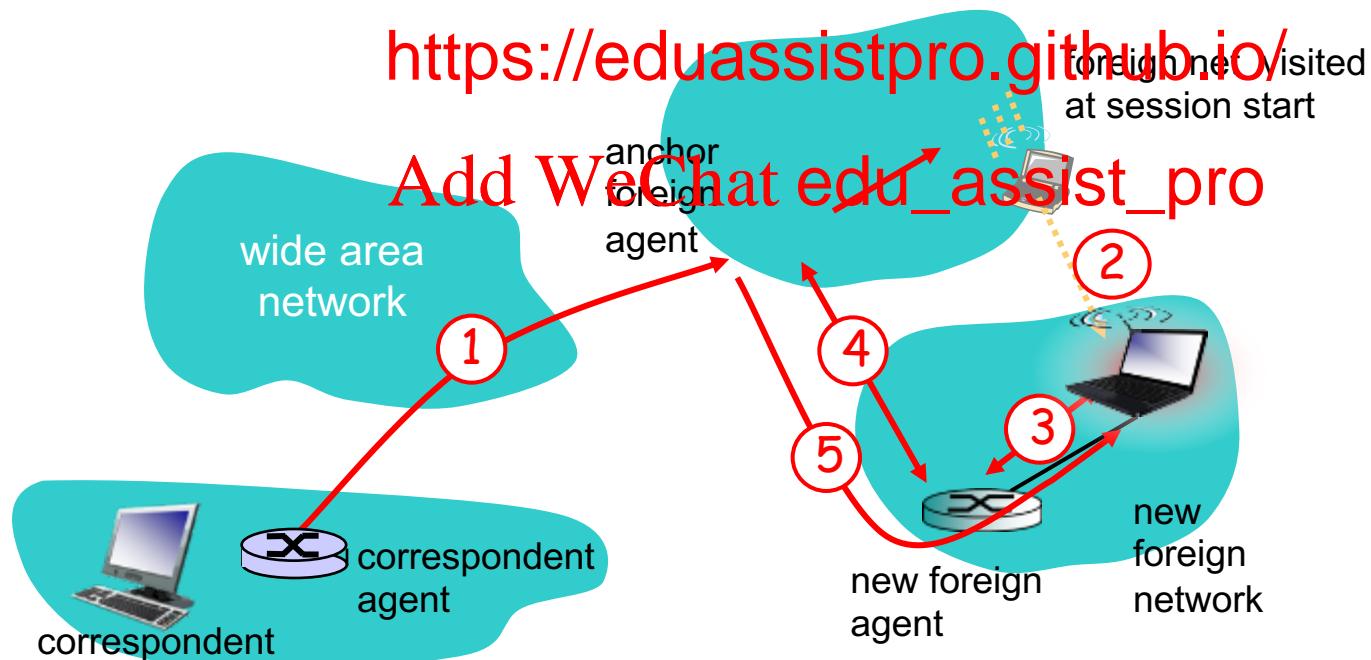
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# Accommodating mobility with direct routing

- › anchor foreign agent: FA in first visited network
- › data always routed first to anchor FA
- › when mobile moves: new FA arranges to have data forwarded from old FA (chaining)

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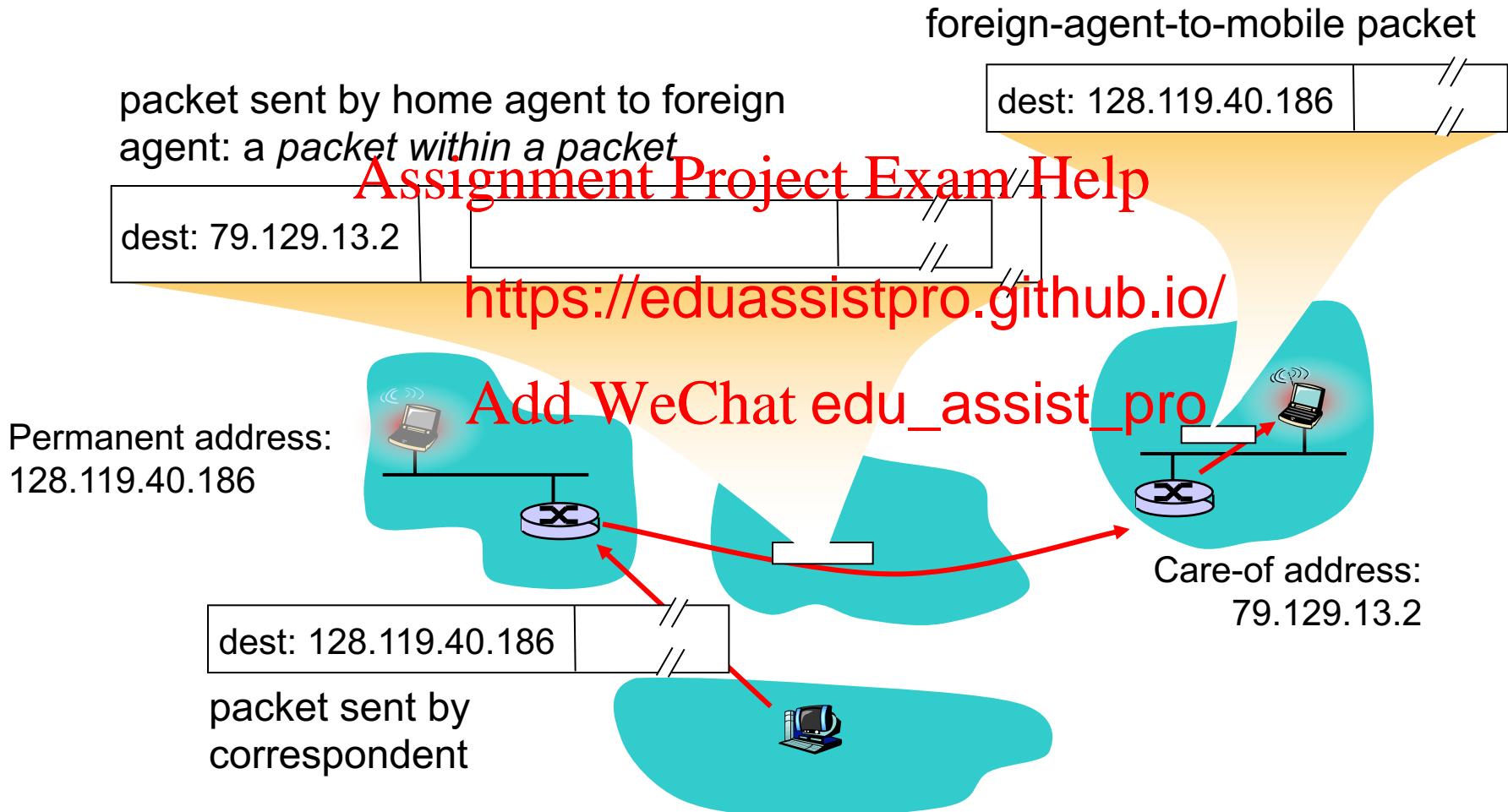
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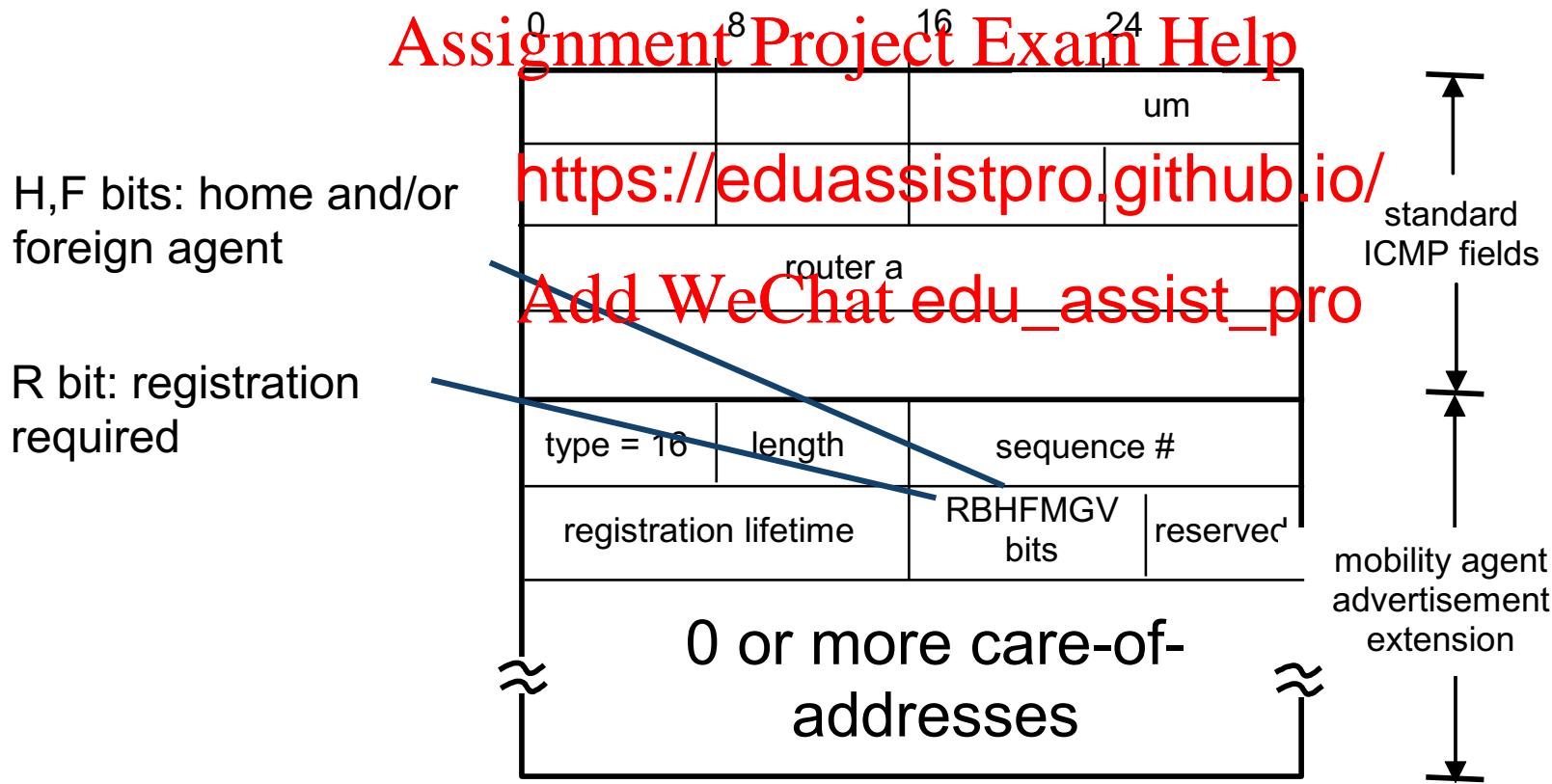
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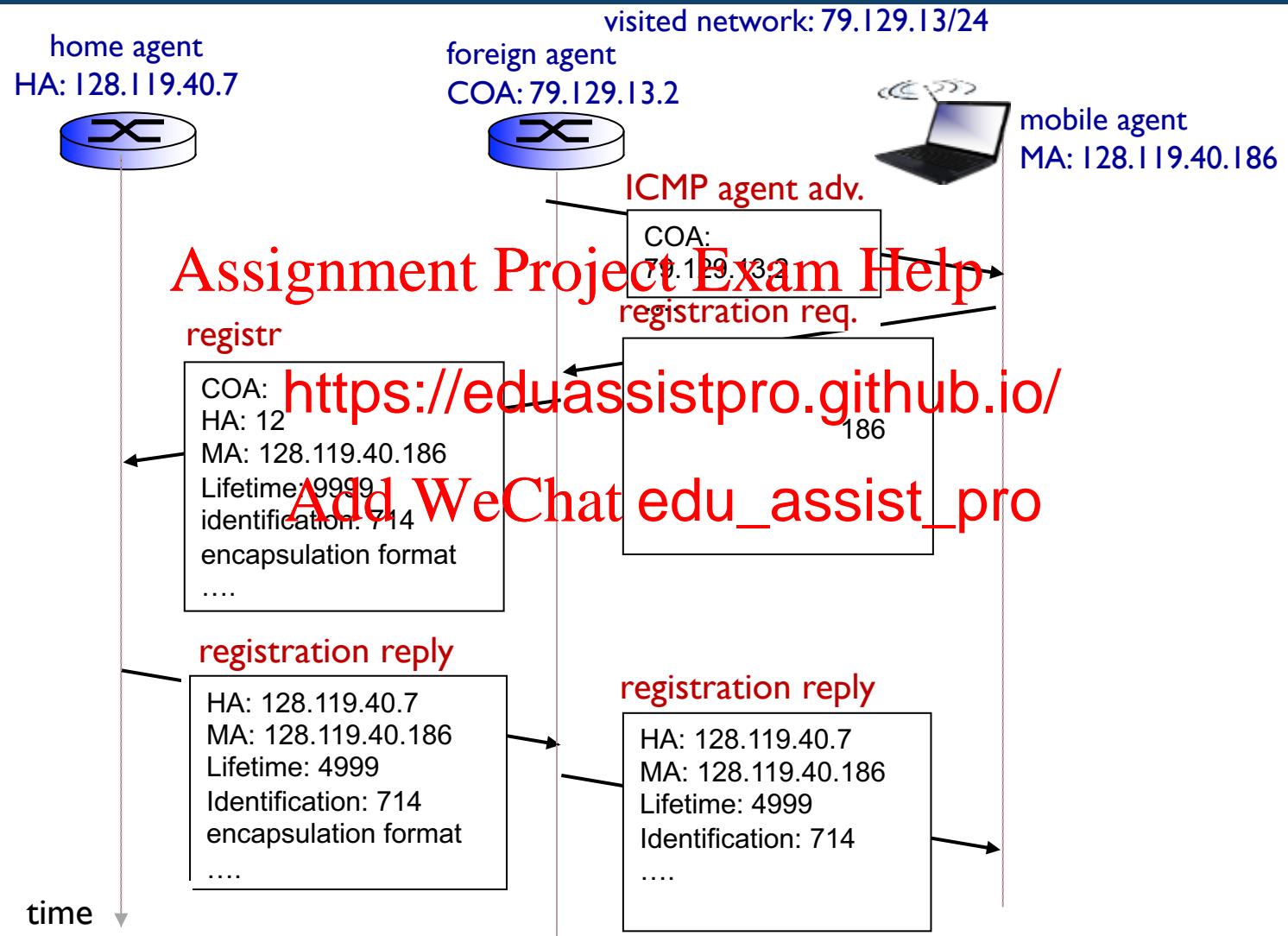
- › RFC 3344
- › has many features we have seen:
  - home agents, foreign agents, foreign-agent registration, care-of-addresses
- › three components to standard:
  - indirect routing of datag <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
  - agent discovery
  - registration with home agent



- › ***agent advertisement:*** foreign/home agents advertise service by broadcasting ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) messages (typefield = 9)



# Mobile IP: registration example





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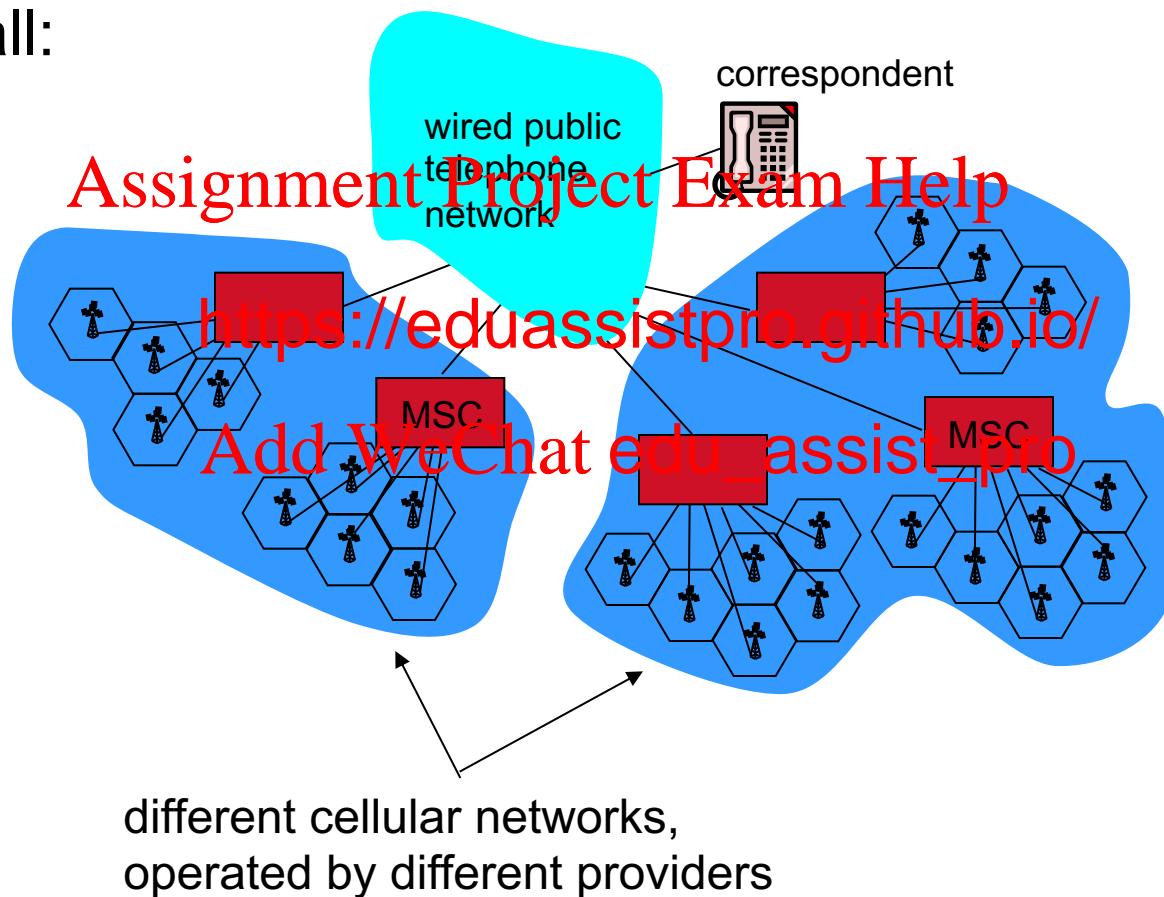
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# Components of cellular network architecture

recall:



# Handling mobility in cellular networks

- › *home network*: network of cellular provider you subscribe to (e.g., Vodafone)
  - *home location register (HLR)*: database in home network containing permanent cell phone #, profile information (services, preferences, billing), information about current location (could be in another network)
- › *visited network*: network in which mobile currently resides
  - *visitor location register (VLR)*: database in visited network containing temporary information about subscriber currently in network
  - could be home network

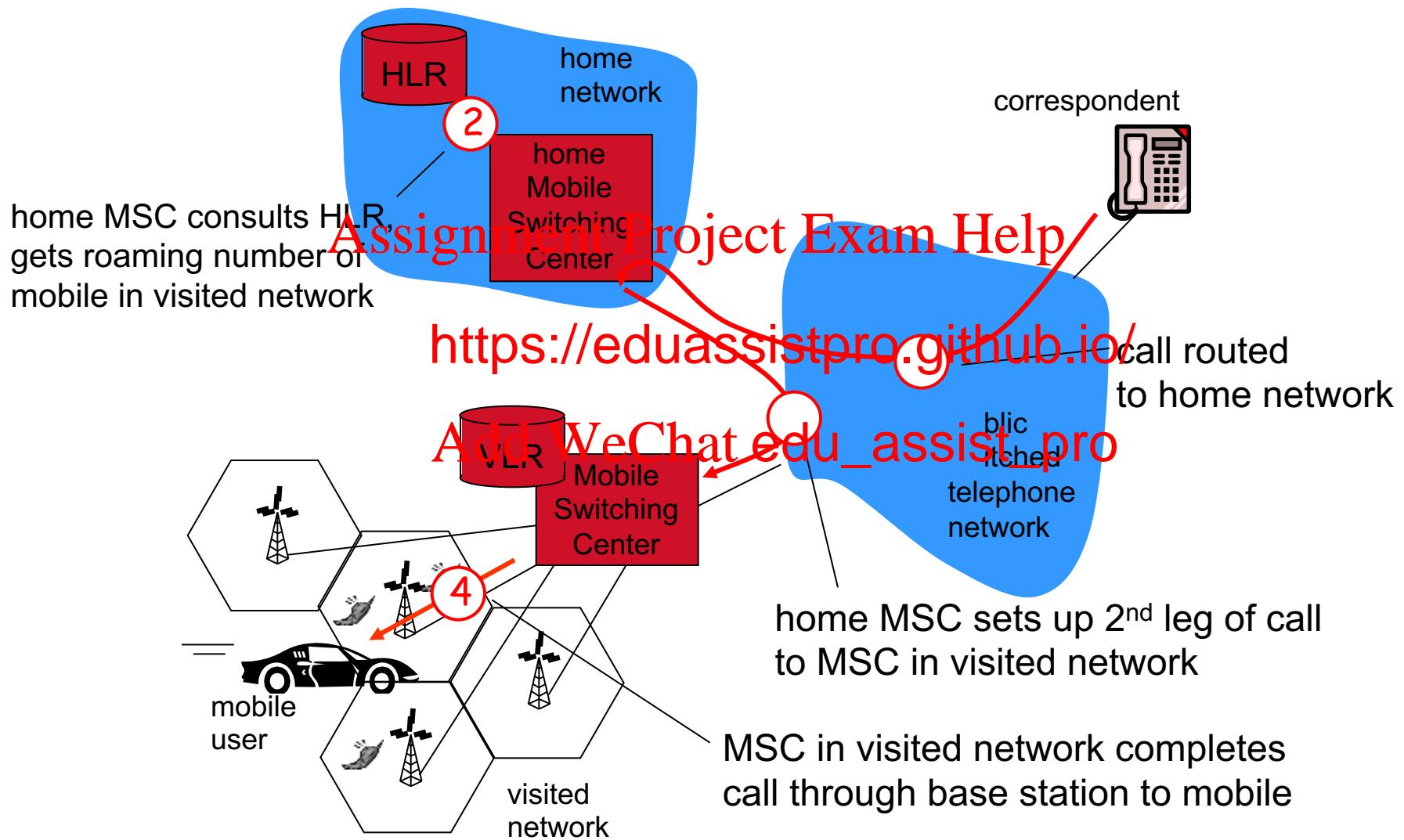
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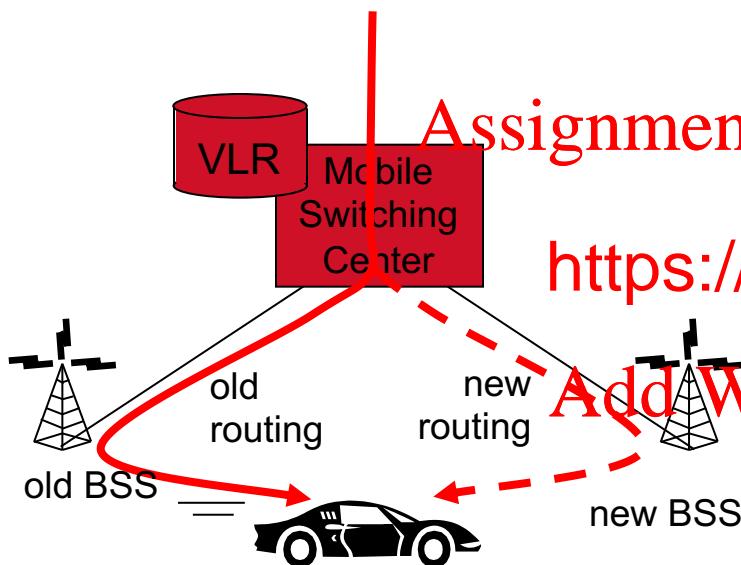
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# GSM: indirect routing to mobile



# GSM: handoff with common MSC



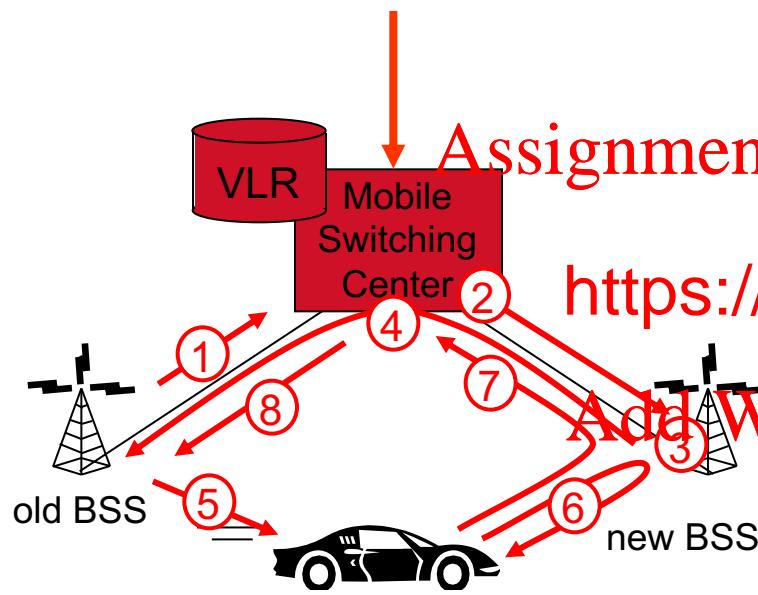
› *handoff goal:* route call via new base station (without interruption)

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handoff:  
al to/from new BSS  
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- load balance: free up channel in current BSS

› handoff initiated by old BSS

# GSM: handoff with common MSC



1. old BSS informs MSC of impending handoff, provides list of 1+ new BSSs
2. MSC sets up path (allocates resources) to new BSS
3. new BSS allocates radio channel for mobile
4. old BSS releases resources
5. old BSS performs handoff to new BSS
6. mobile, new BSS signal to activate new channel
7. mobile signals via new BSS to MSC: handoff complete. MSC reroutes call
8. MSC-old BSS resources released



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Signal Strength of Two Base Stations: when to handoff?

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## Handoff algorithm: a brief overview

- › Naive way: Compare the RSSs (Received Signal Strength) of two BSs  
Handoff at

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$$P_{\text{new}} > P_{\text{old}}$$

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Ping-pong effect

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Handoff back and forth.

- › RSS: initiate handoff to BS new if

$$\rightarrow P_{\text{new}} > P_{\text{old}}$$

- › RSS with threshold(PT): choose BS new if

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$$\rightarrow P_{\text{new}} > P_{\text{old}} \text{ and } P_{\text{old}} < P_T$$

- › RSS with hysteresis( $P_H$ )

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- › RSS with threshold(PT) and hysteresis( $P_H$ )

$$\rightarrow P_{\text{new}} > P_{\text{old}} + P_H \text{ and } P_{\text{old}} < P_T$$

- › Even better: Add a **Dwell Timer** to the above algorithms: start timer when above condition is met; initiate handoff if condition persists when timer expires



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# Wireless, mobility: impact on higher layer protocols

› logically, impact *should* be minimal ...

- best effort service model remains unchanged
- TCP and UDP can (and do) run over wireless, mobile

› ... but performance-wise:

- packet loss/delay due to retransmissions), and how layers for link-layer
- TCP interprets loss as congestion, will decrease window un-necessarily
- delay impairments for real-time traffic