



## 4.6 DOCSIS (Data over Cable Service Interface Specification)

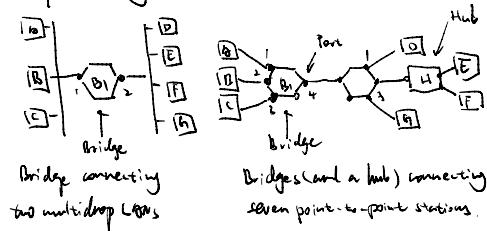
- 4.6.1 Overview
  - MAC layer performs channel allocation, configuration of quality of service, unique forwarding mode.
  - Uses a standard MAC frame format.

## 4.6.2 Ranging

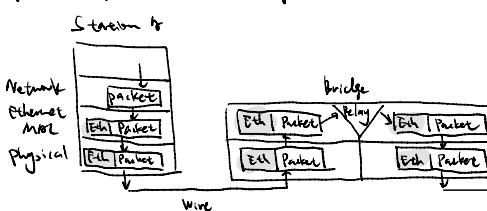
- Cable modem transmits a ranging request
- CMDS (headend) determines the network delay to the cable modem and performs necessary power adjustments
- 4.6.3 Channel bandwidth allocation
  - Service flows
  - Request-grant process and low-latency DOCSIS

## 4.7 Data Link Layer Switching

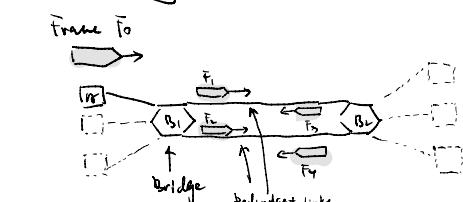
### 4.7.1 Learning Bridge



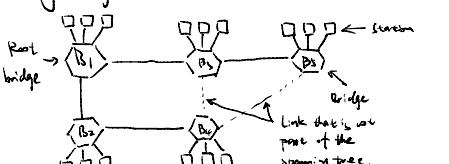
Protocol processing at a bridge:



### 4.7.3 Spanning-Tree Bridges

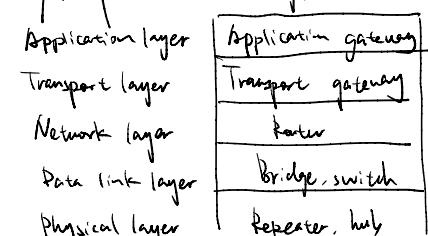


**Problem:** Br does we know that they are copies of the same frame, rather than two different frames sent one after the other.  
**Solution:** For the bridges to communicate with each other and overlay the actual topology with a spanning tree that reaches every bridge:

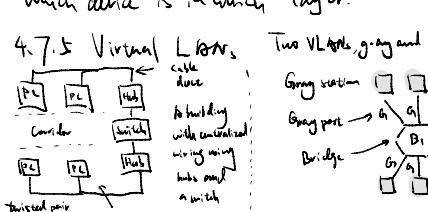


A spanning tree connecting five bridges. The dashed lines are links that are not part of the spanning tree.

### 4.7.4 Repeaters, Hubs, Bridges, Switches, Routers, Gateways



Which device is in which layer.

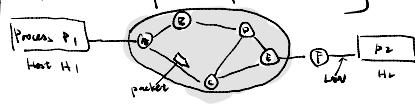


Two VLANS, gray and white, on a bridge LAN

Bridge

## Ch 5.1 Network Layer Design Issues

### 5.1.1 Store-and-forward packet switching

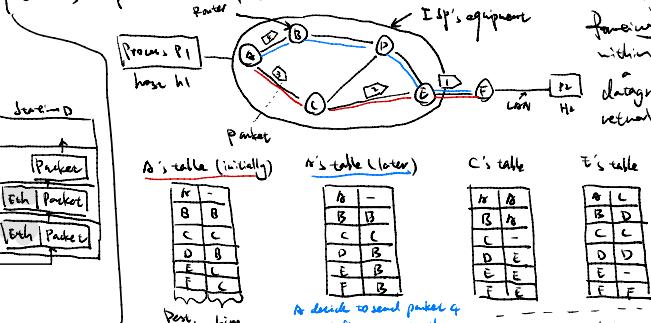


• A host with a packet to send transmits it to the nearest router; The packet is stored there until it has fully arrived, and the link has finished its processing by verifying the checksum; Then it is forwarded to the next router along the path until it reaches the destination host, where it is delivered. This mechanism is store-and-forward packet switching.

### 5.1.2 Services Provided to the Transport Layer

- Services independent of router technology
- Transport layer shielded from number, type, topology of router
- Network addresses available to transport layer use uniform numbering plan
  - even across LANs and WANs

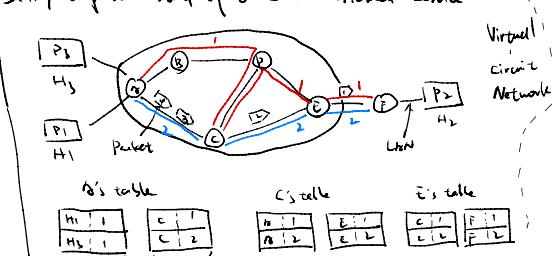
### 5.1.3 Implementation of Connectionless Service



The algorithm that manages the tables and makes the routing decisions is called the routing algorithm.

To decide to send packet & via a different route than of the first three packets, perhaps, it has learned of a traffic jam somewhere along the R-E path and updated routing table.

### 5.1.4 Implementation of Connection-Oriented Service



### 5.2 Routing Algorithms in a Single Network

Optimality principle; shortest path algorithm; Distance vector routing; Link state routing; Optimality principle; Shortest path algorithm; Distance vector routing; Link state routing.

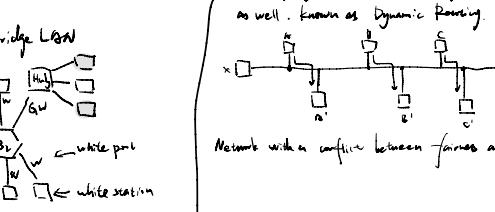
The routing algorithm is then part of the network layer software responsible for deciding which output line an incoming packet should be transmitted on.

Properties are desirable in a routing algorithm: correctness, simplicity, robustness, stability,

fairness, and efficiency

• Nonadaptive algorithms do not base their routing decisions on any measurements or estimates of the current topology and traffic. Known as static Routing

• Adaptive algorithms, in contrast, change their routing decisions to reflect changes in the topology, and sometimes changes in the traffic as well. Known as Dynamic Routing.



## 5.1.5 Comparison of Virtual-Circuit and Datagram Networks

Issue	Datagram network	Virtual circuit network
Circuit setup	Not needed	Required
Addressing	Each packet contains the full source and destination address	Each packet contains a short VC number
State information	outers do not hold state information about connecting	Each VC requires vector table space per connection
Routing	Each packet is routed independently	Route chosen when VC is set up; all packets follow it
Effect of router failure	None except for packets lost during the crash	All VCs that passed through the failed router are terminated
Quality of service	Difficult	Easy if enough resources can be allocated in advance for each VC
Congestion control	Difficult	Easy if enough resources can be allocated in advance for each VC

### 5.2.1 The Optimizing Principle

