Chapter 13

Wired LANs: Ethernet

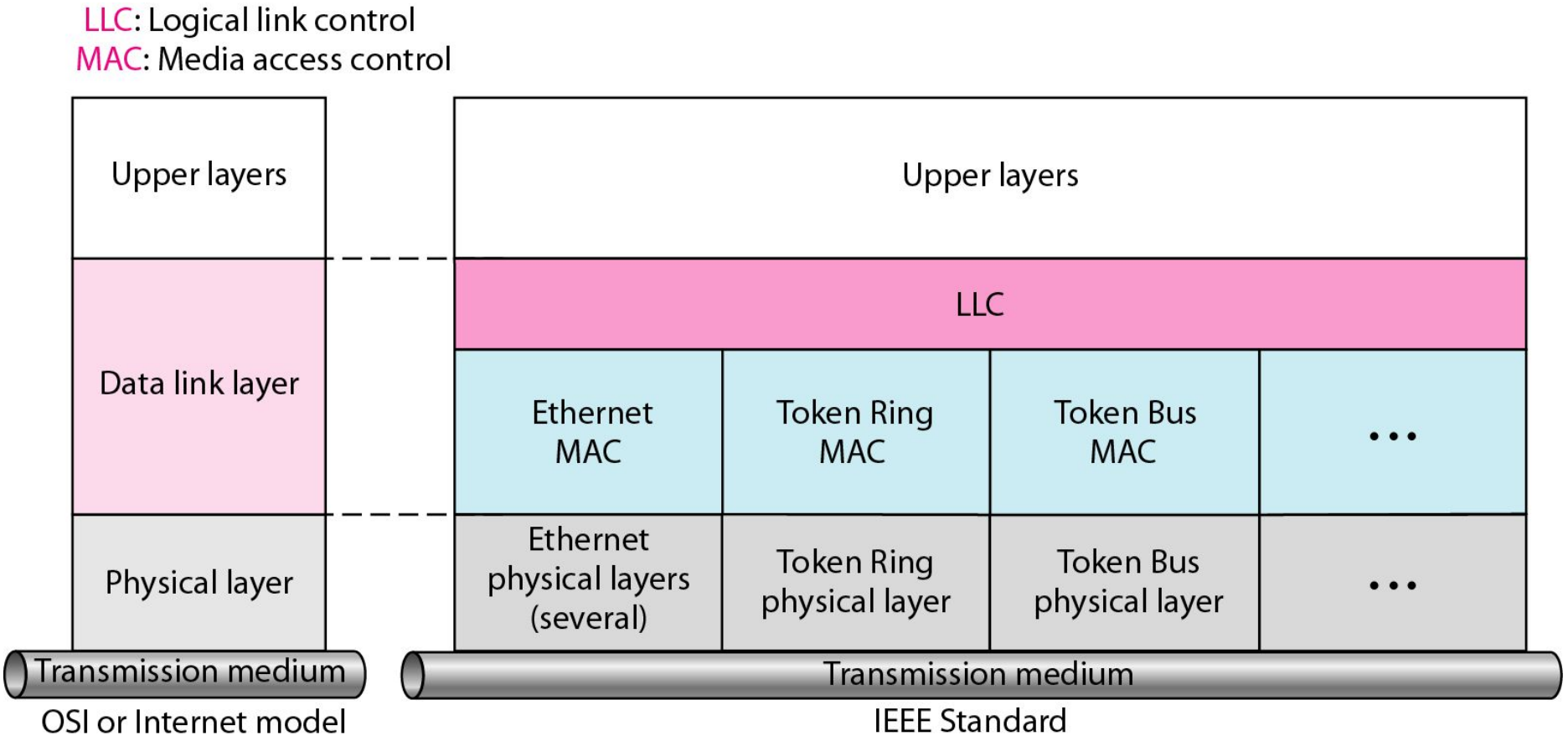
13-1 IEEE STANDARDS

In 1985, the Computer Society of the IEEE started a project, called Project 802, to set standards to enable intercommunication among equipment from a variety of manufacturers. Project 802 is a way of specifying functions of the physical layer and the data link layer of major LAN protocols.

Topics discussed in this section:

Data Link Layer
Physical Layer

Figure 13.1 *IEEE standard for LANs*



13-2 STANDARD ETHERNET

The original Ethernet was created in 1976 at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center (PARC). Since then, it has gone through four generations. We briefly discuss the Standard (or traditional) Ethernet in this section.

Topics discussed in this section:

MAC Sublayer
Physical Layer

Figure 13.3 *Ethernet evolution through four generations*

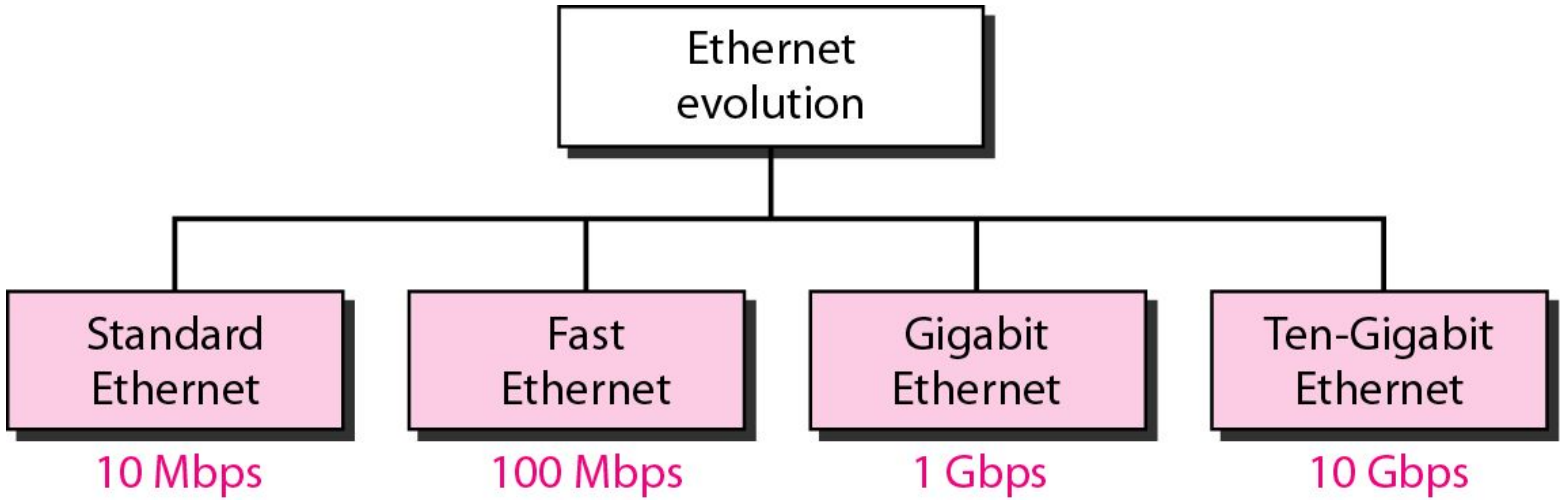


Figure 13.4 *802.3 MAC frame*

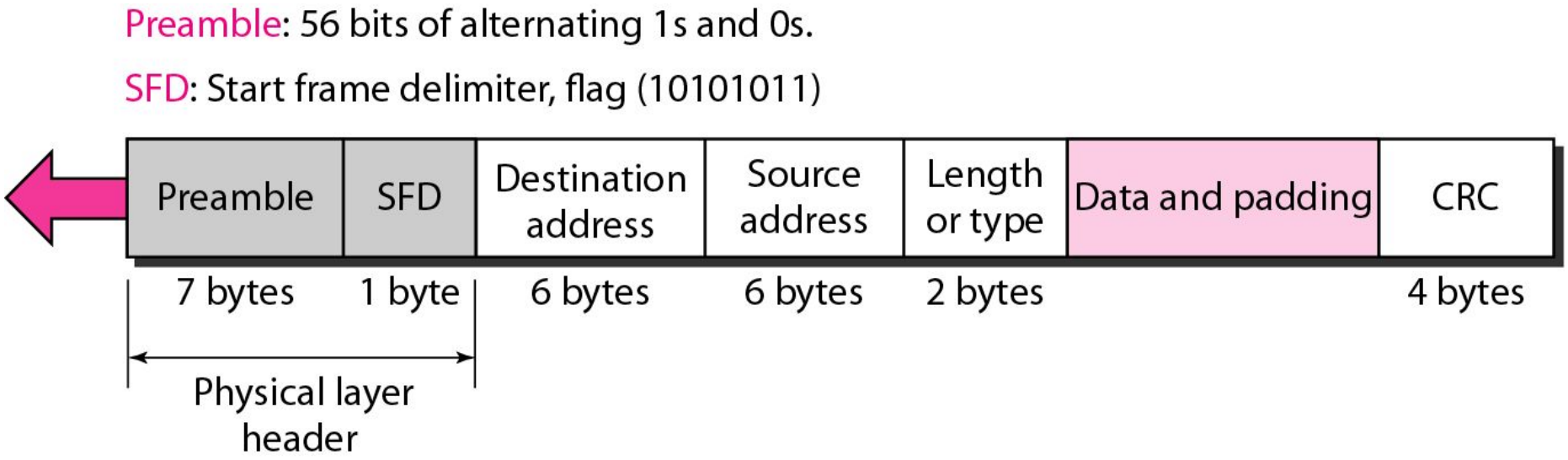
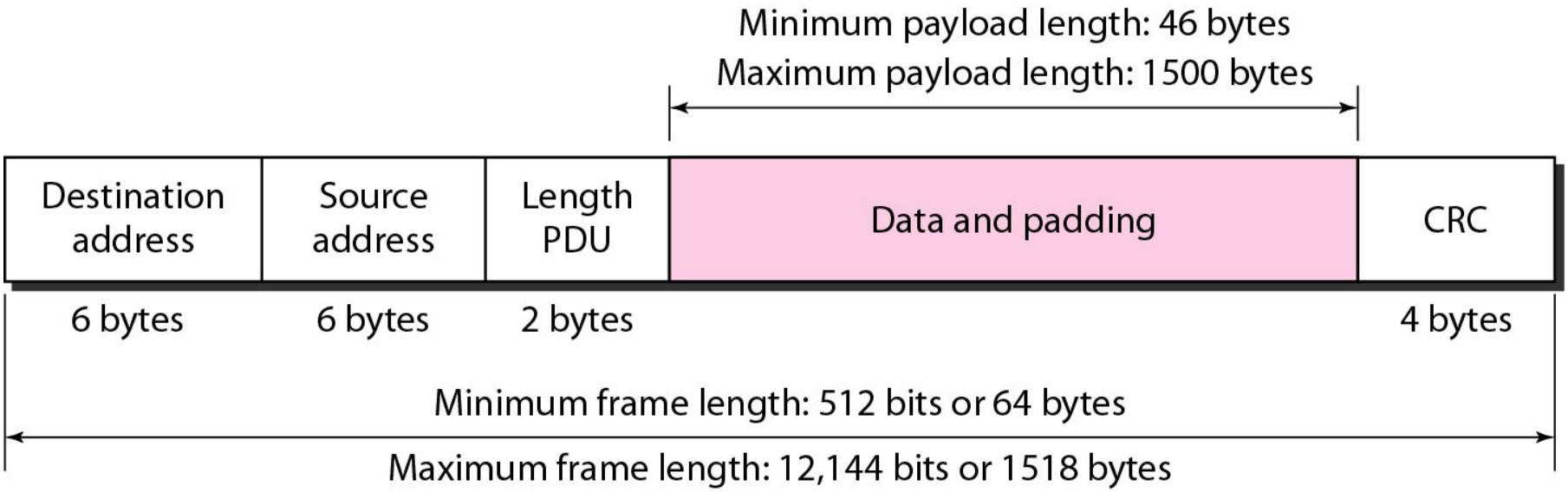


Figure 13.5 *Minimum and maximum lengths*



Note

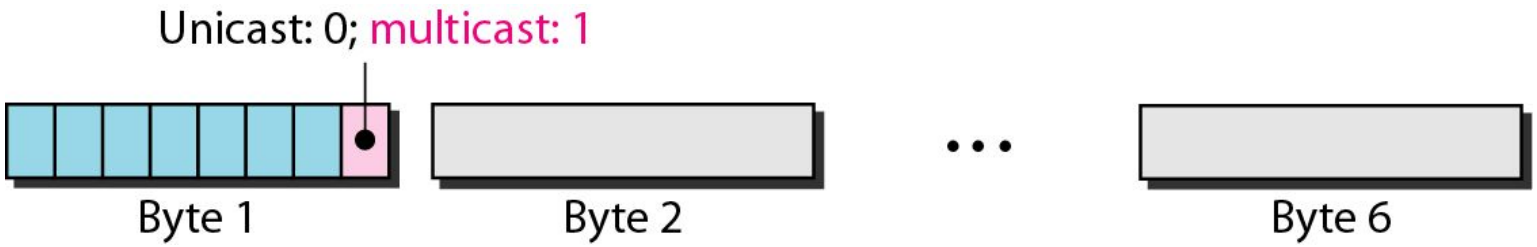
Frame length:

Minimum: 64 bytes (512 bits)

Maximum: 1518 bytes (12,144 bits)

Figure 13.6 *Example of an Ethernet address in hexadecimal notation*

Figure 13.7 *Unicast and multicast addresses*



Note

The least significant bit of the first byte defines the type of address. If the bit is 0, the address is unicast; otherwise, it is multicast.

Note

The broadcast destination address is a special case of the multicast address in which all bits are 1s.

Example 13.1

Define the type of the following destination addresses:

a. 4A:30:10:21:10:1A *b. 47:20:1B:2E:08:EE*

c. FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF

Solution

To find the type of the address, we need to look at the second hexadecimal digit from the left. If it is even, the address is unicast. If it is odd, the address is multicast. If all digits are F's, the address is broadcast. Therefore, we have the following:

a. This is a unicast address because A in binary is 1010.

b. This is a multicast address because 7 in binary is 0111.

c. This is a broadcast address because all digits are F's.

Example 13.2

Show how the address 47:20:1B:2E:08:EE is sent out on line.

Solution

The address is sent left-to-right, byte by byte; for each byte, it is sent right-to-left, bit by bit, as shown below:

Figure 13.8 *Categories of Standard Ethernet*

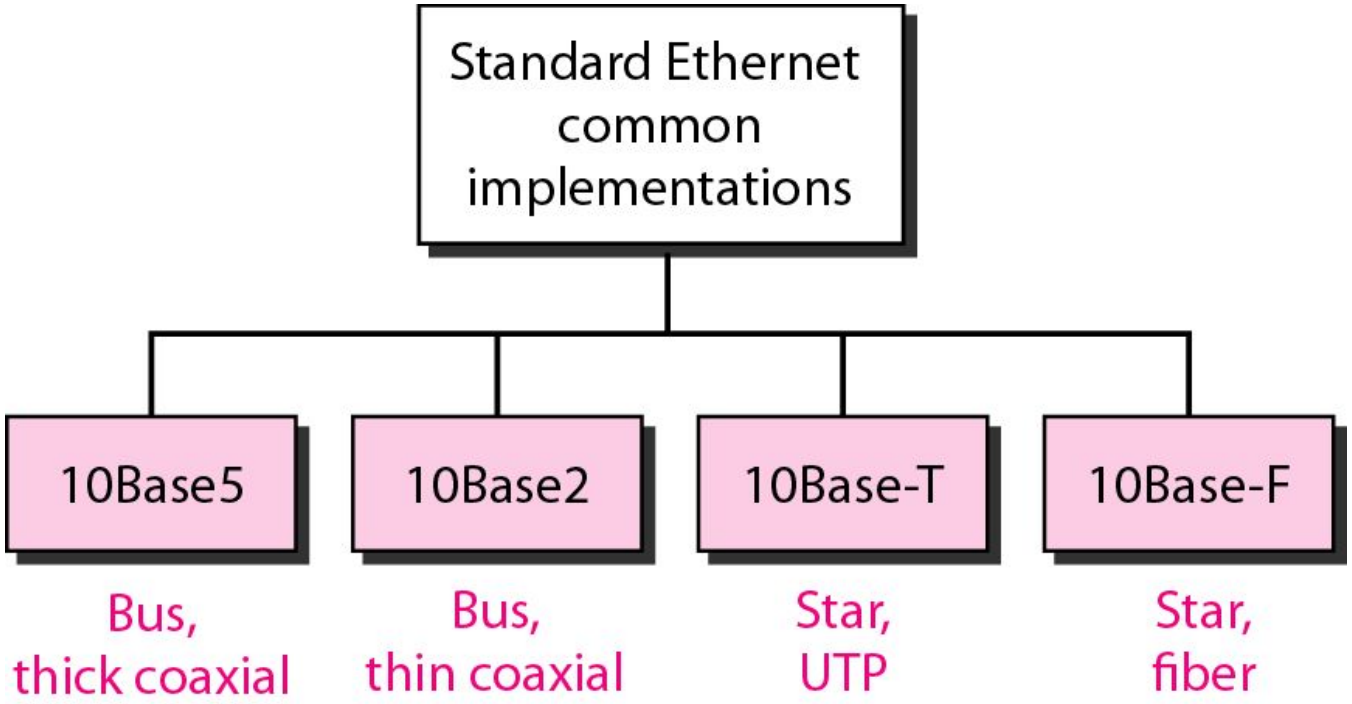


Figure 13.9 *Encoding in a Standard Ethernet implementation*

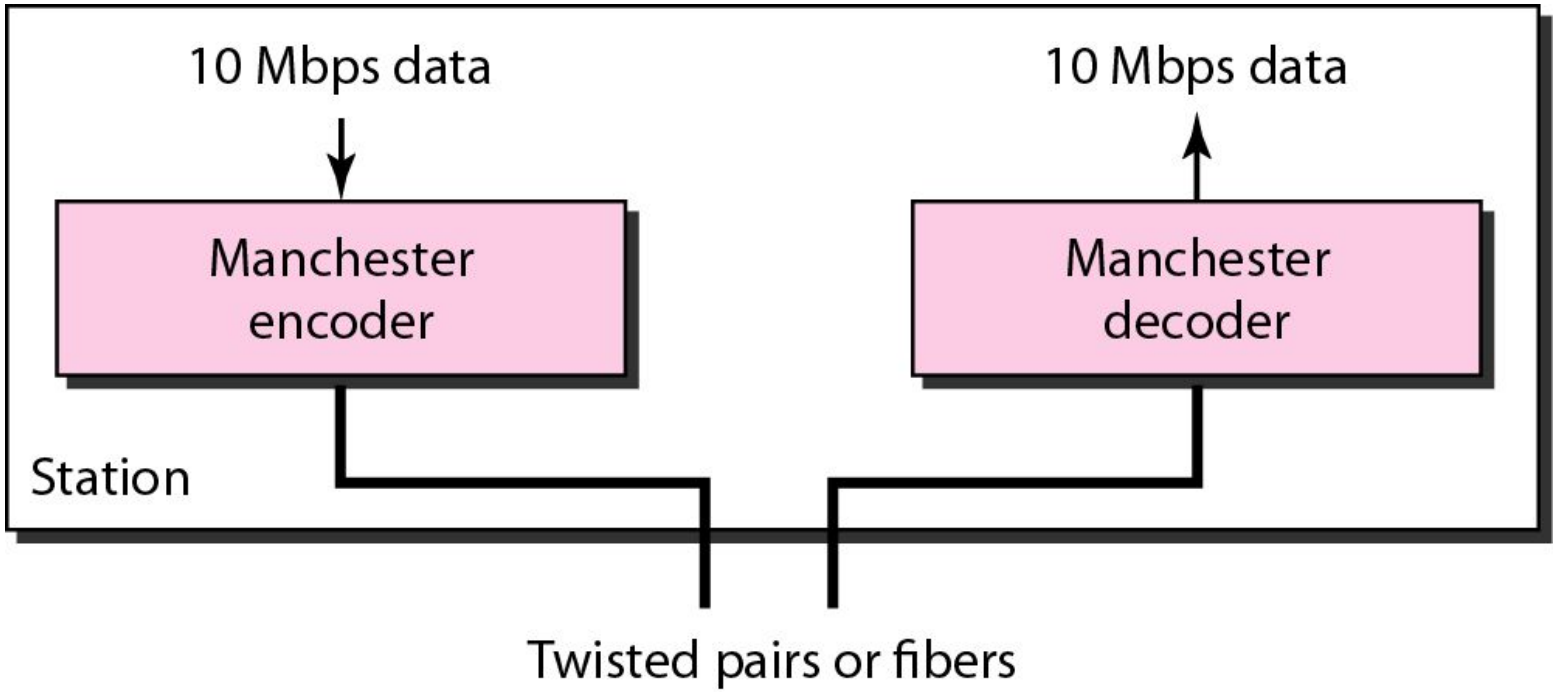


Figure 13.10 *10Base5 implementation*

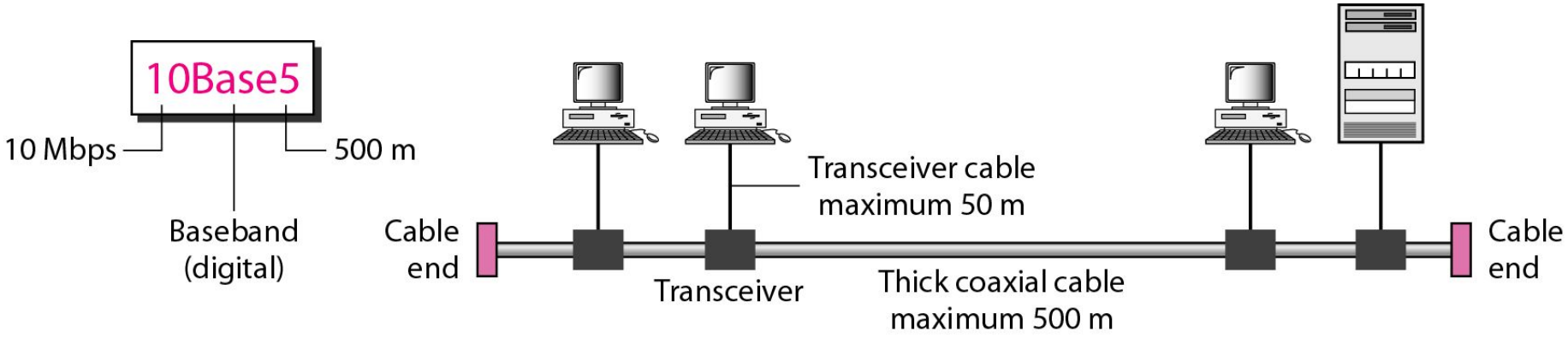


Figure 13.11 *10Base2 implementation*

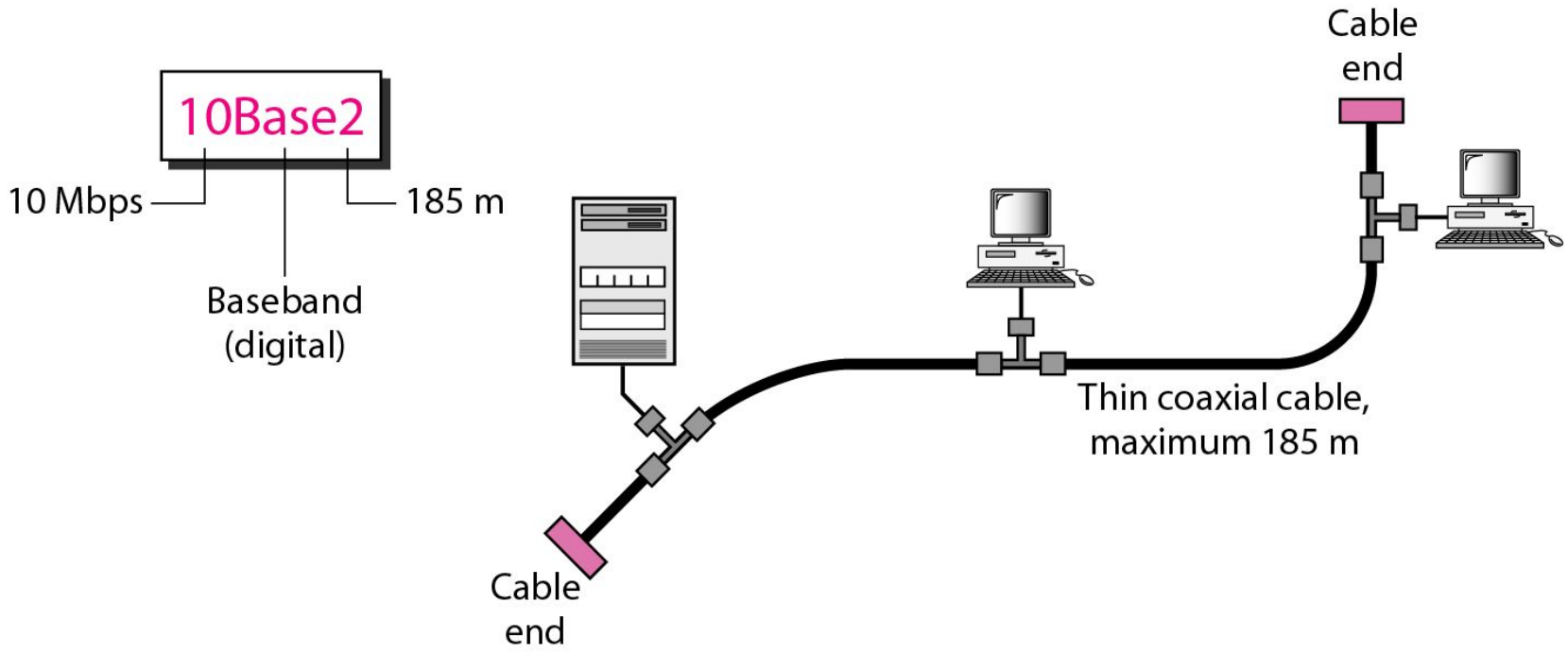


Figure 13.12 *10Base-T implementation*

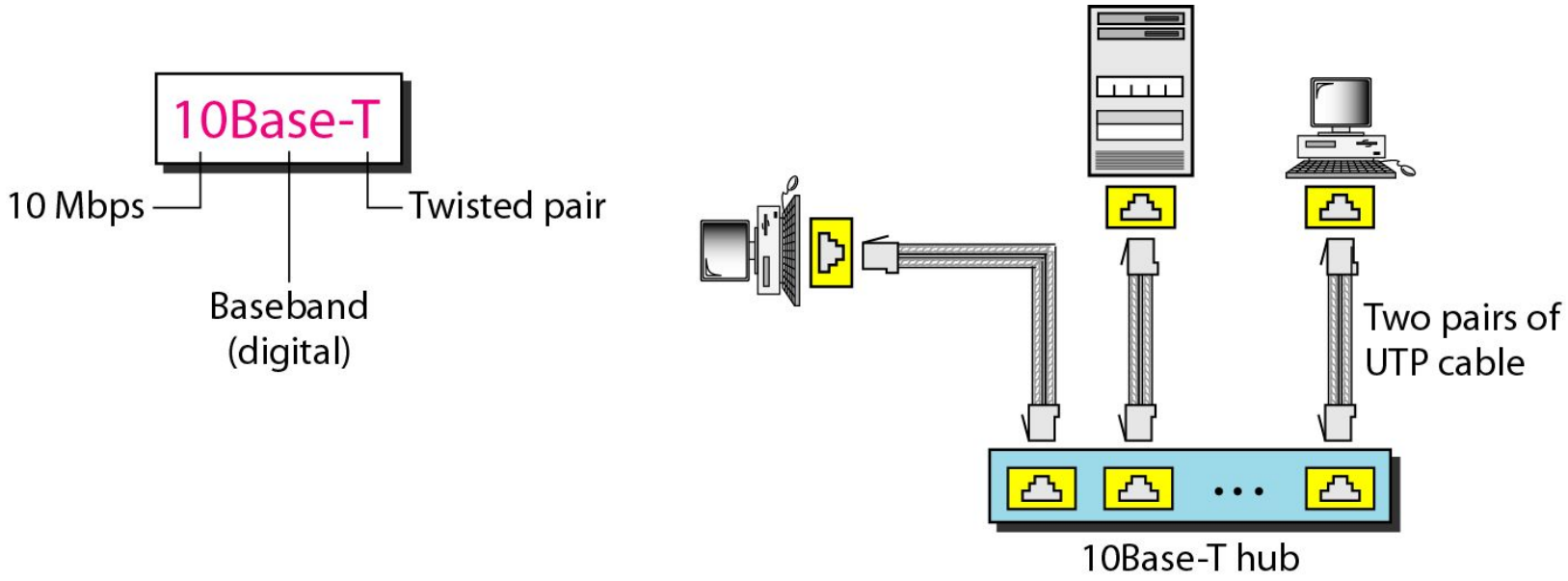


Figure 13.13 *10Base-F implementation*

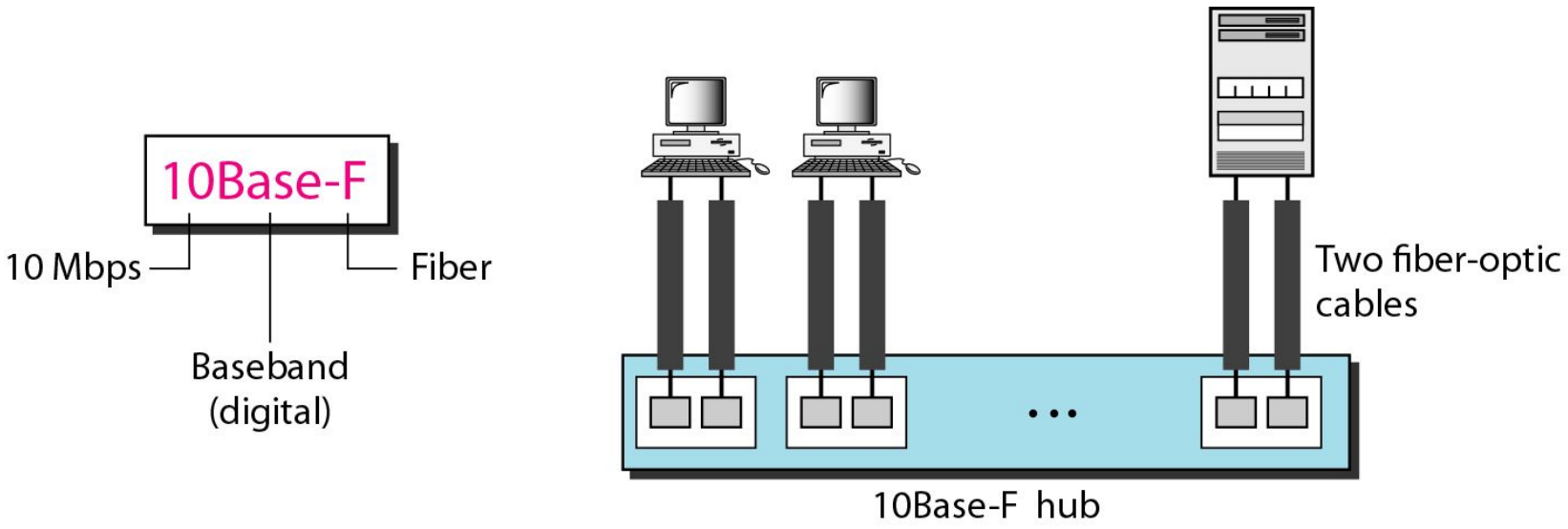


Table 13.1 *Summary of Standard Ethernet implementations*

Characteristics	*10Base5*	*10Base2*	*10Base-T*	*10Base-F*
Media	Thick coaxial cable	Thin coaxial cable	2 UTP	2 Fiber
Maximum length	500 m	185 m	100 m	2000 m
Line encoding	Manchester	Manchester	Manchester	Manchester