

# Lecture 1

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## Chapter 1: Computer Networks and the Internet

1.1 What is the Internet

1.2 The Network Edge



# The Electromagnetic Spectrum

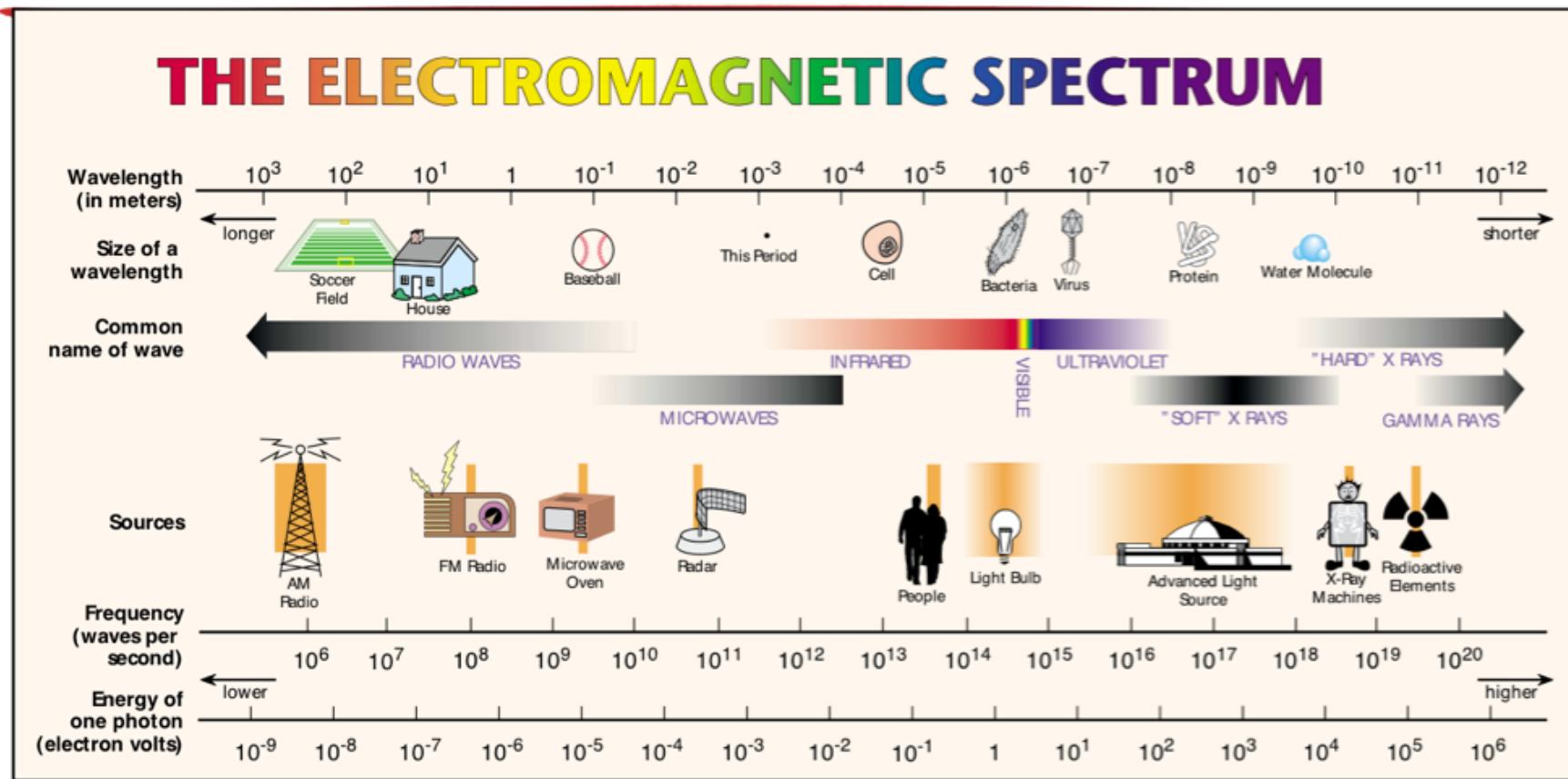
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- Electromagnetic waves produced by the motion of electrically charged particles
- Also called "electromagnetic radiation" (EMR) because they radiate from the particles
- Travel through space, air & other substances.
- EMR has a dual "personality:" Act like waves, and a stream of massless particles (called "photons")
- Higher energy correlates with shorter wavelengths
- Light used to "see" an object must have a wavelength  $\leq$  the object.
- Humans see items illuminated with wavelengths about the size of a bacterium

<http://www2.lbl.gov/MicroWorlds/ALSTool/EMSpec/EMSpec.html.951213>



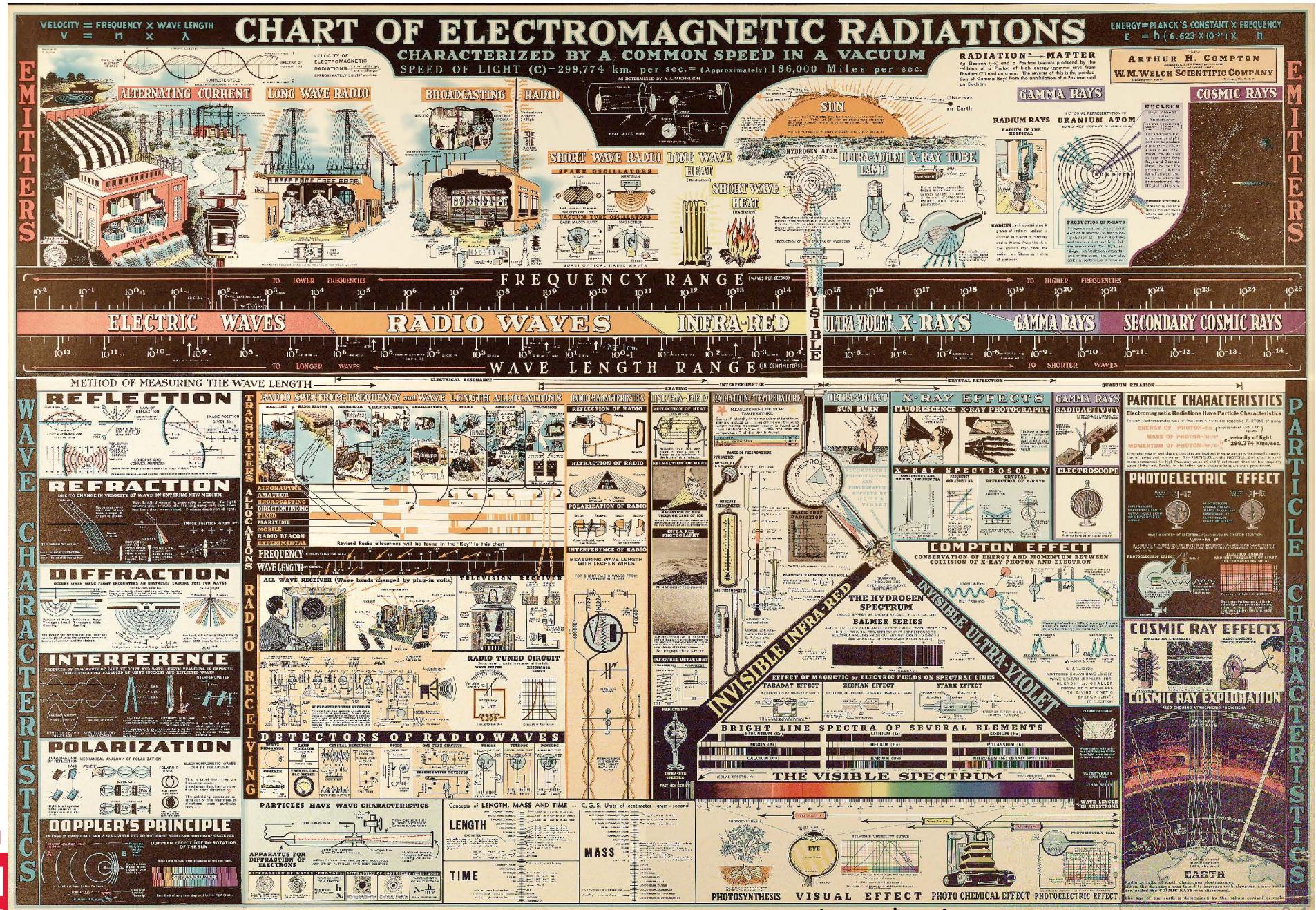
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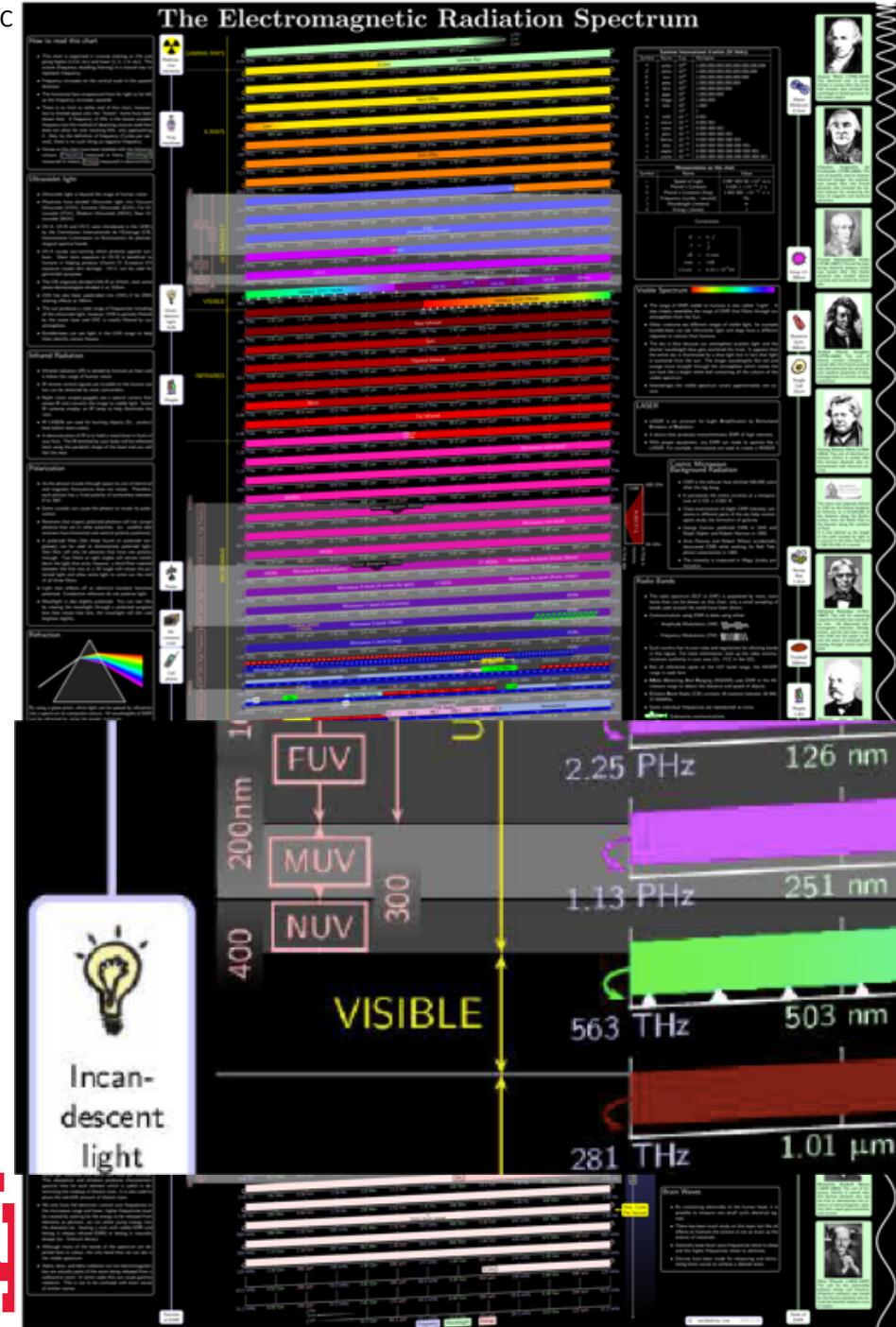


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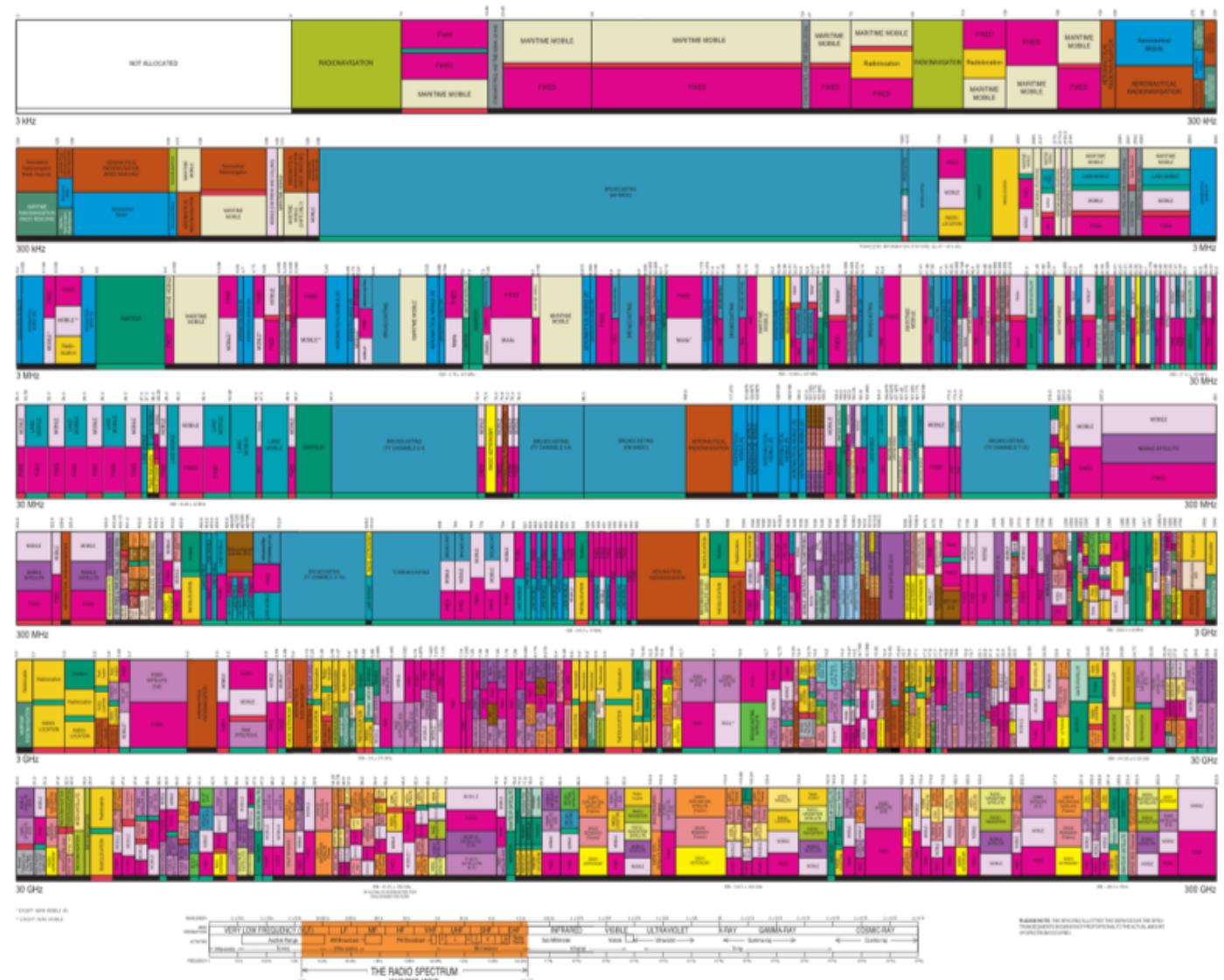




- Values on the chart have been labelled with the following colours: Frequency measured in Hertz, Wavelength measured in meters, Energy measured in electronVolts.

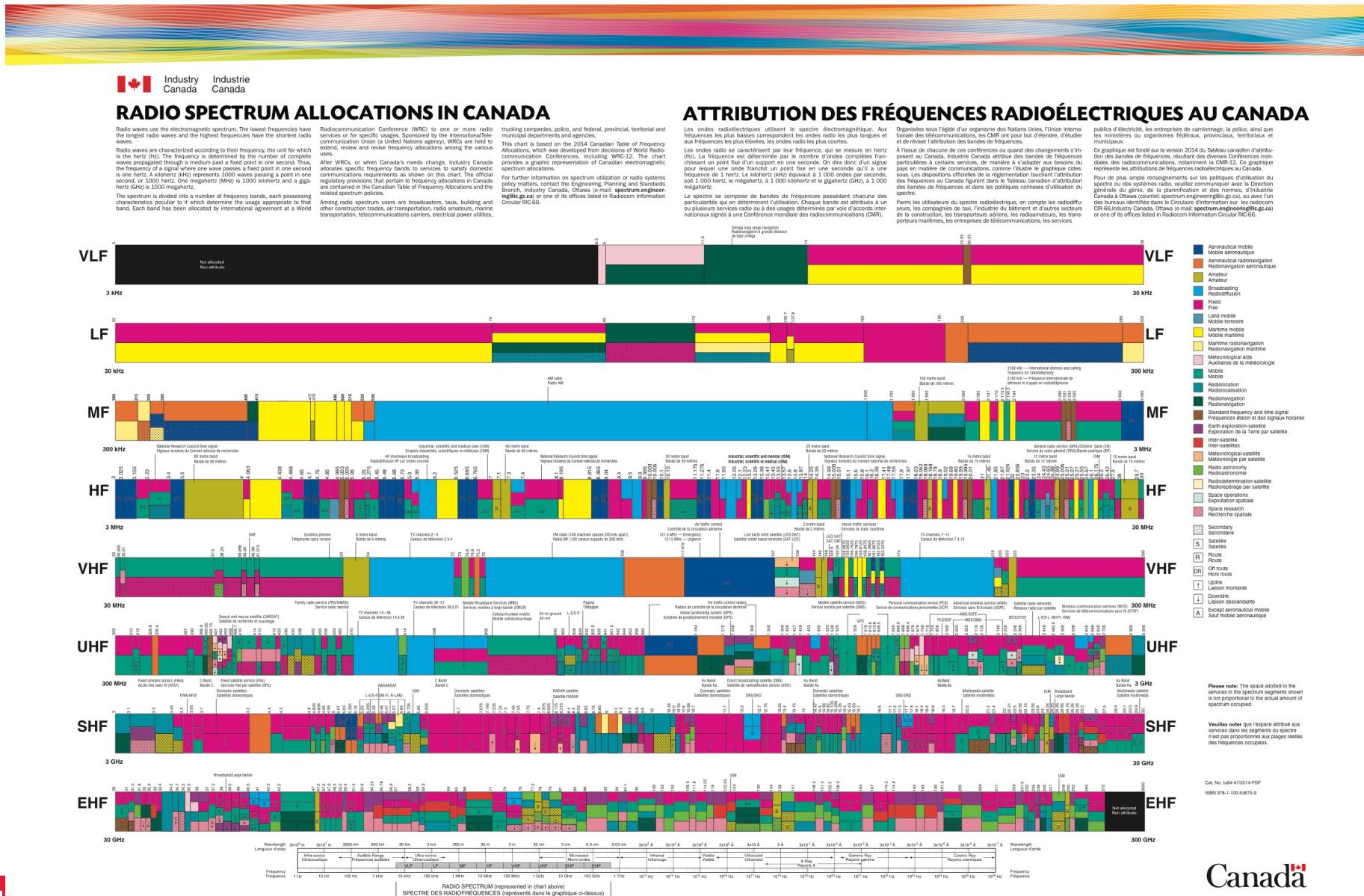
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THE RADIO SPECTRUM



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# SPECTRUM ALLOCATIONS IN MALAYSIA

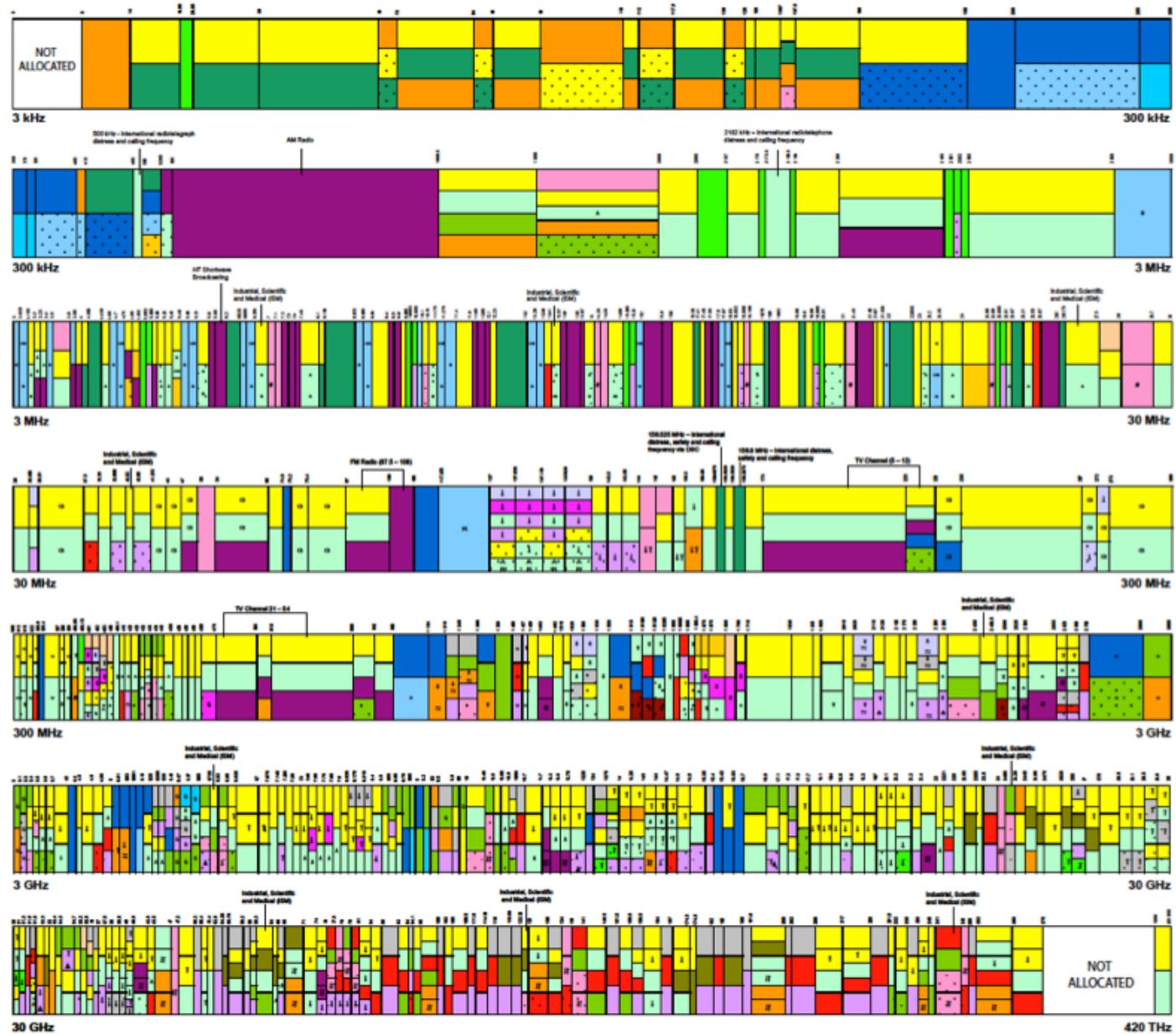


## NOTE:

1) This chart should only be used for quick reference. For details of frequency allocations and footnotes, reference should be made to the Malaysian Spectrum Plan.

2) The spacing allotted to the services in the spectrum segments is not proportional to the actual amount of spectrum occupied.

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# ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS

## Atribución del Espectro Radioeléctrico 1999

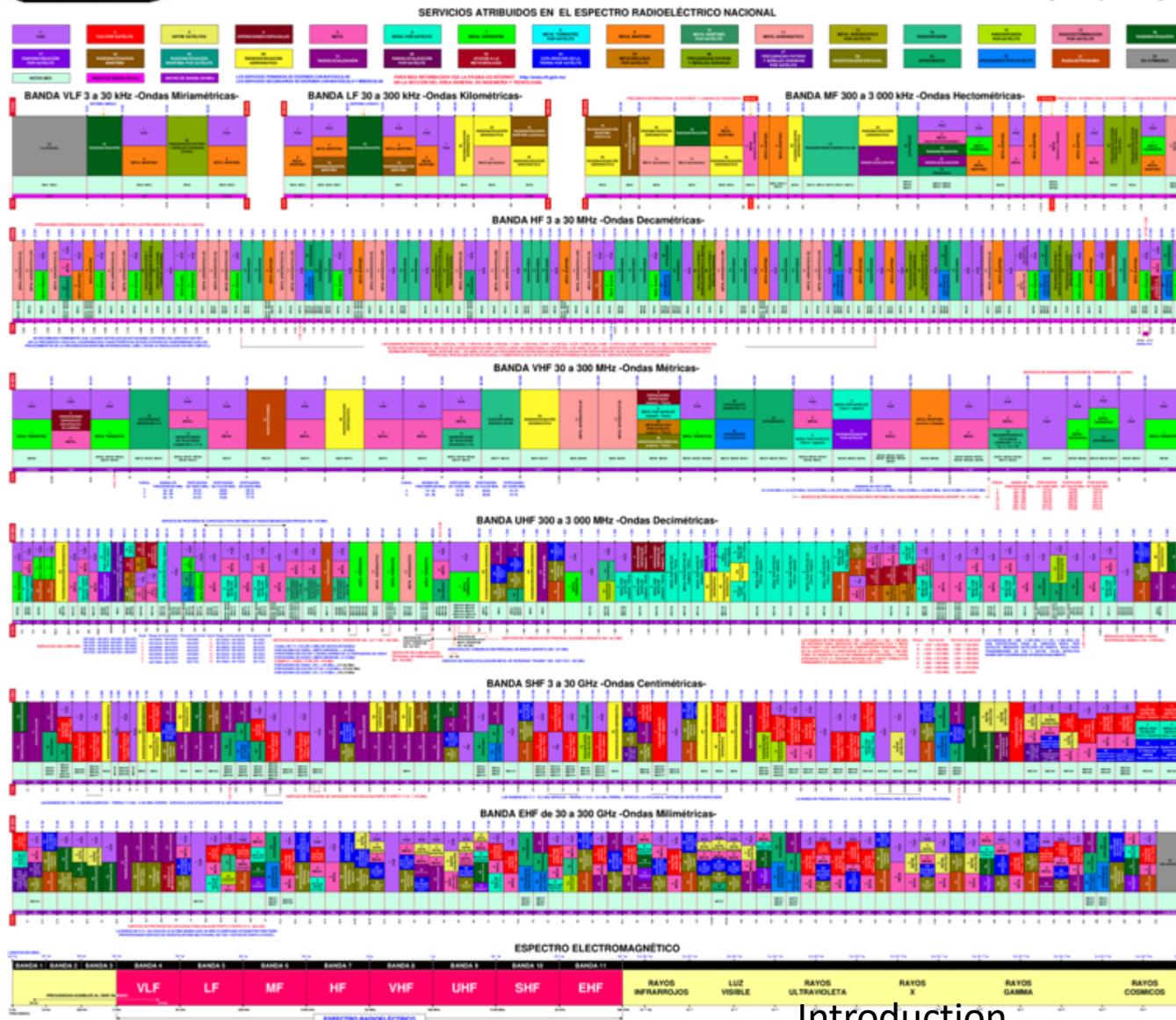


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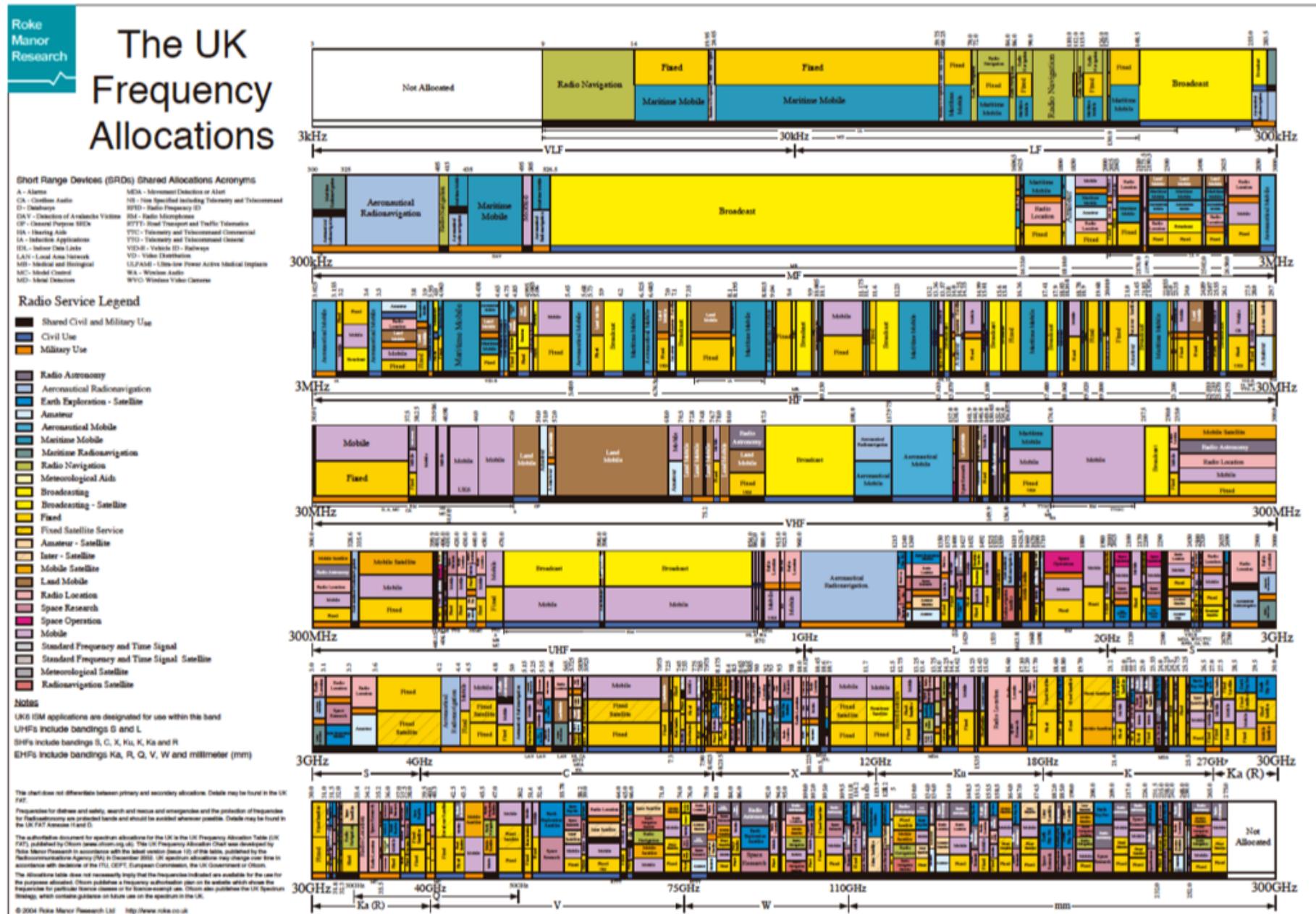




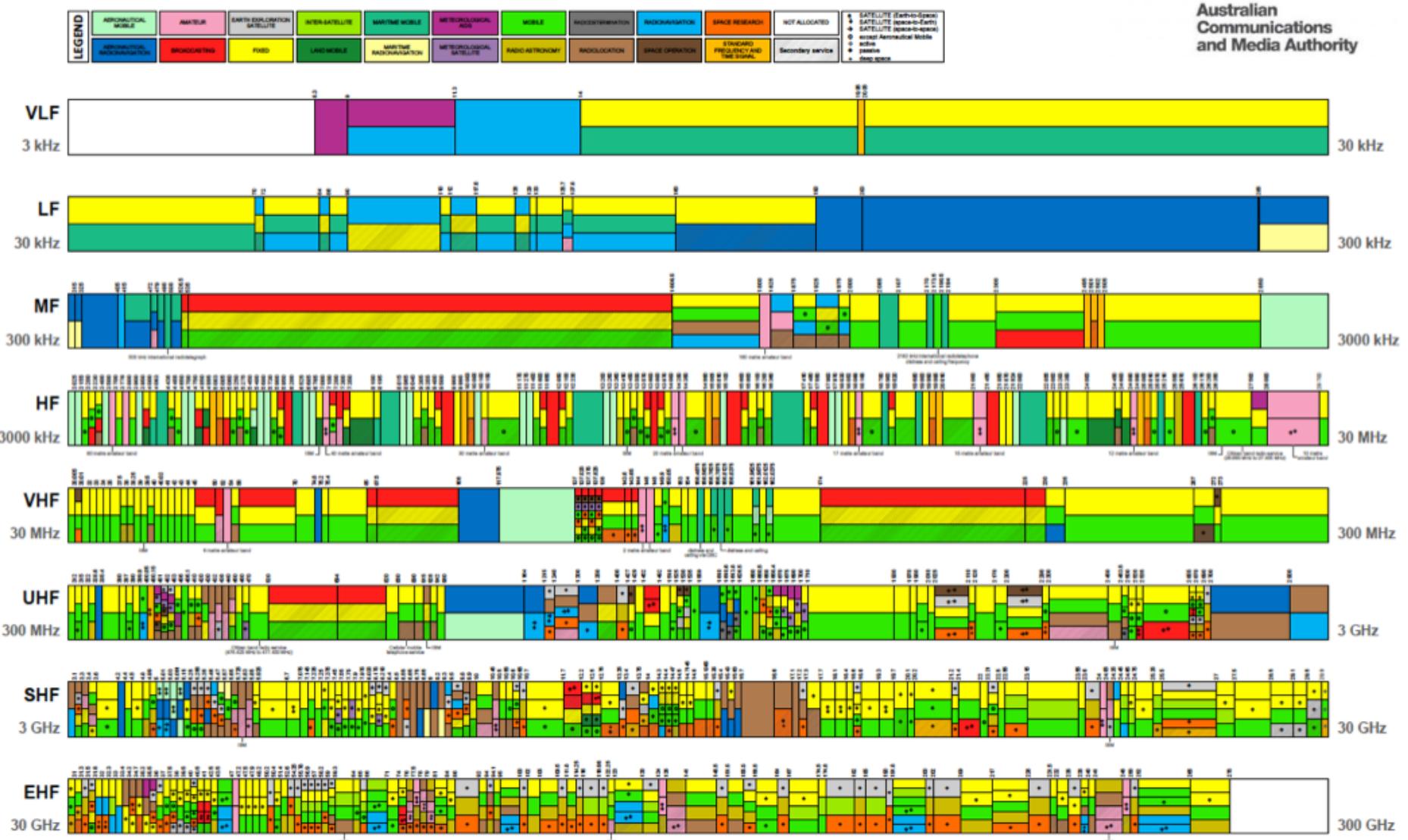
For more information please refer to the table of frequency allocations contained in the National Radio Frequency Plan, South African Government Gazette no. 361/2013.  
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## RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM ALLOCATION CHART FOR SOUTH AFRICA

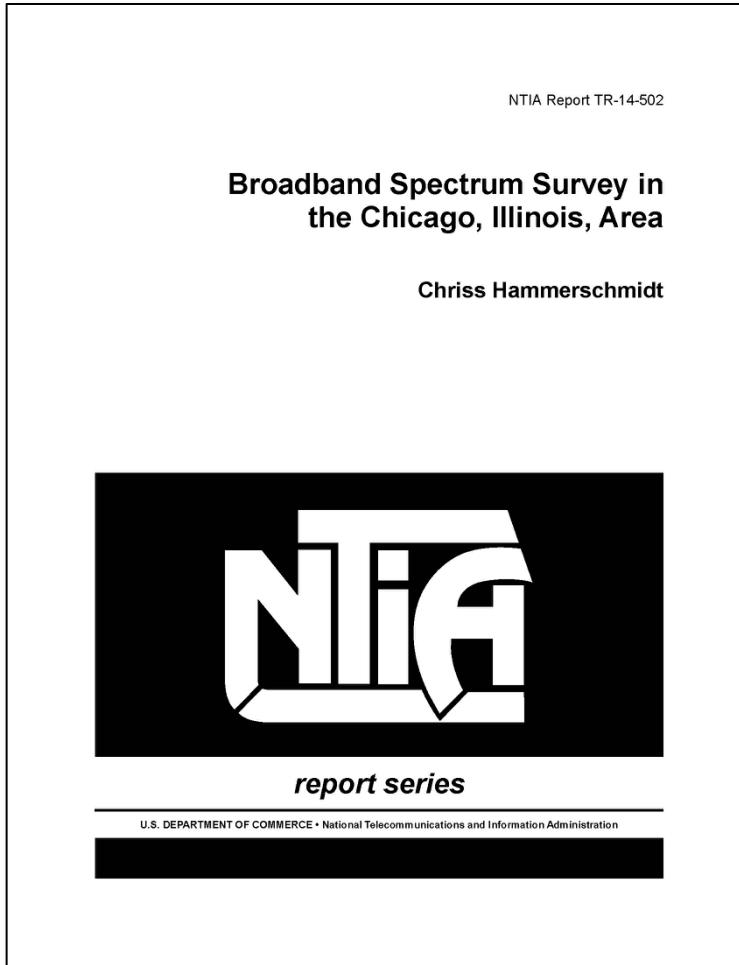




# Australian radiofrequency spectrum allocations chart



# So Who Measures Compliance?

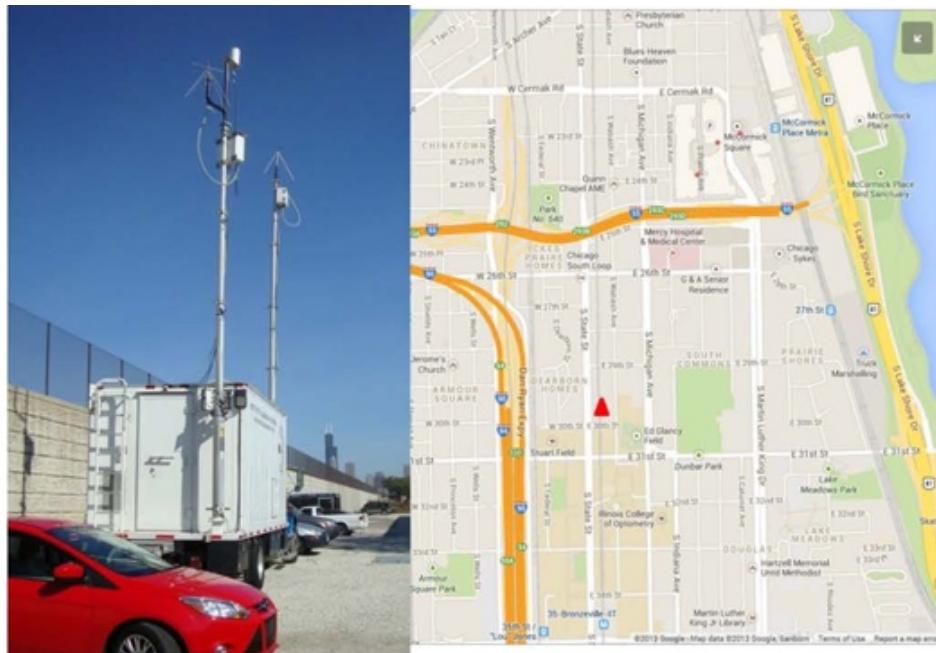


- In the US, it's the job of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration

<http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/publications/2756.aspx>



# Example of a sampling station



- This one was done in Chicago on an NTIA campus
- Lots of automation and reconfiguration required to survey the entire radio spectrum



# Sample Measurement #1

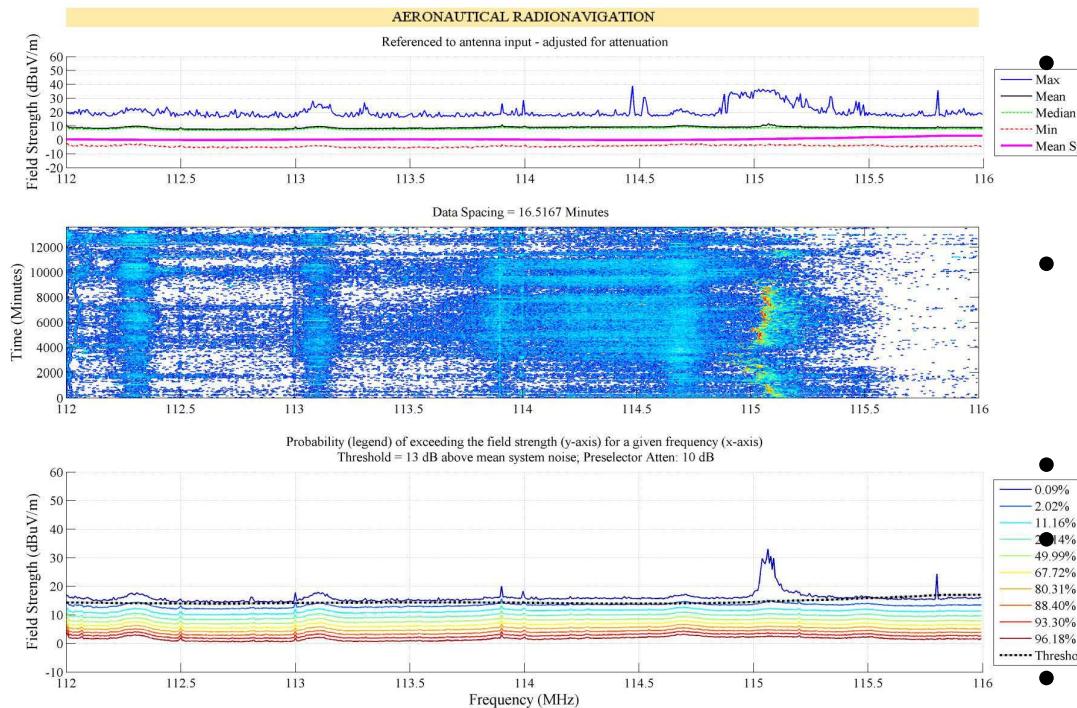


Figure 5. NTIA spectrum survey results from 112 to 116 MHz in Chicago, IL, September 2012.

- 112-116MHz
- Typically white space in middle graph – levels <13dB threshold
- Signals appear to occupy all frequencies all the time
- This is impulsive noise  
 $P(115.1\text{MHz} > 20\text{dB}\mu\text{V/m}) = 0.09\%$
- $P(\text{all signals} > 1 - 2\text{dB}\mu\text{V/m}) = 96.18\%$ 
  - Basically on the entire time



# Sample Measurement #2

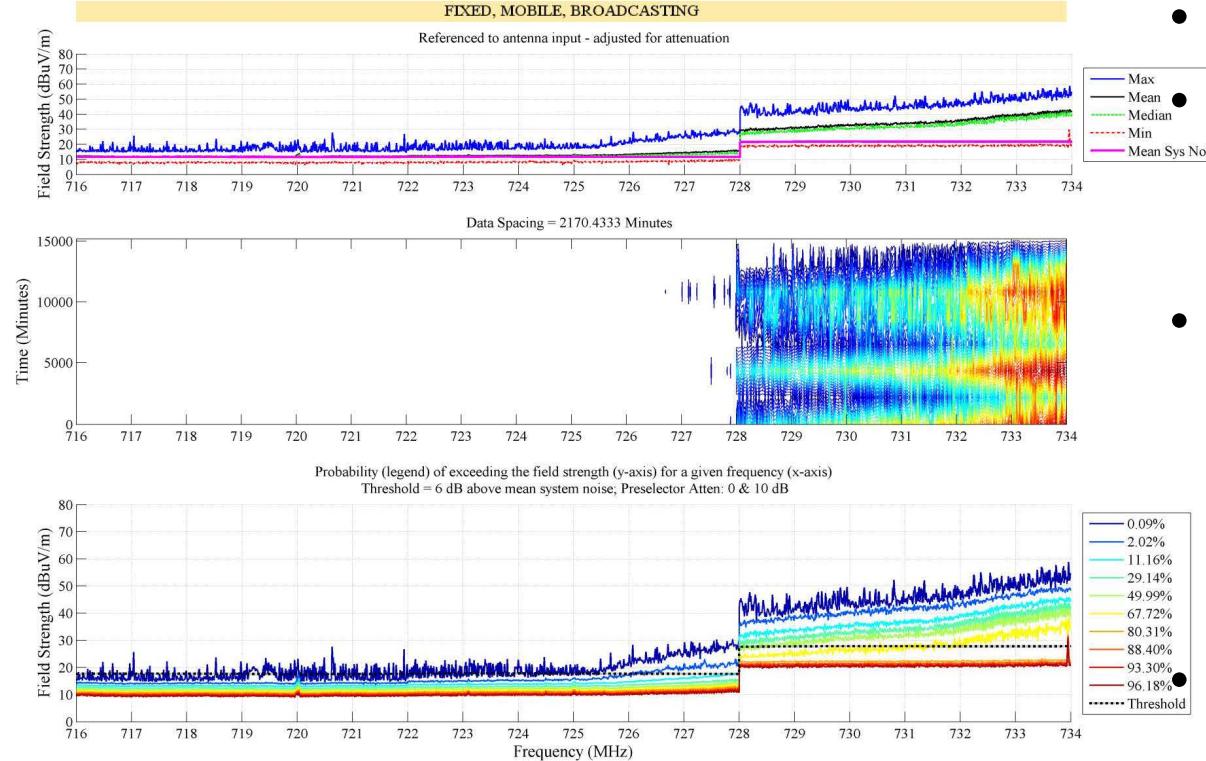


Figure 51. NTIA spectrum survey results from 716 to 734 MHz in Chicago, IL, September 2012.

- 716-734MHz Abrupt jump at 728MHz. 10dB attenuator added
- LTE signals present 728-763MHz, attenuation added to prevent system overloads
- Nothing prominent below 728



# Sample Measurement #2



Figure 59. NTIA spectrum survey results from 935 to 962 MHz in Chicago, IL, September 2012.

- 935-962MHz
- Underlying signal <2000 minutes –added attenuation
- Those signals are now <6dB threshold and thus disappear
- 1 MHz-wide signal @948MHz:
  - For P(0.9-49.99), levels vary from 56-63 dB $\mu$ V/m @948MHz level  $\approx$ 30dB $\mu$ V/m, P(80.31%)
  - P(96.18%)  $>$ 15 dB $\mu$ V/m
  - $>$ 954.0MHz intermittent



# Chapter 1: introduction

## *our goal:*

- get “feel” and terminology
- more depth, detail  
*later in course*
- approach:
  - use Internet as example

## *overview:*

- what’s the Internet?
- what’s a protocol?
- network edge; hosts, access net, physical media
- network core: packet/circuit switching, Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- security
- protocol layers, service models
- history



# Chapter 1: roadmap

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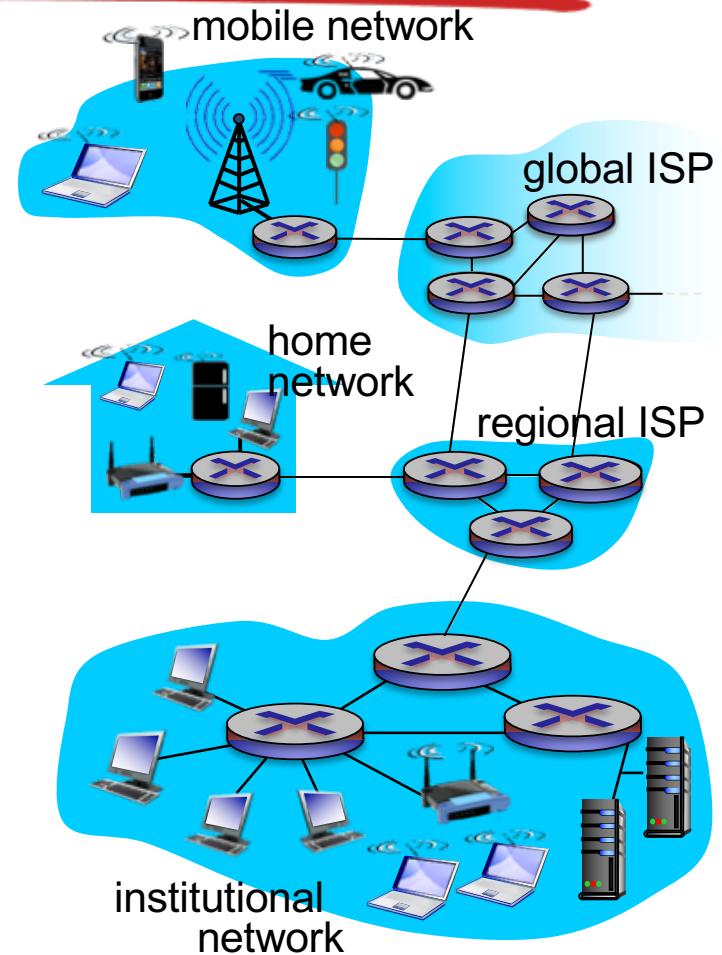
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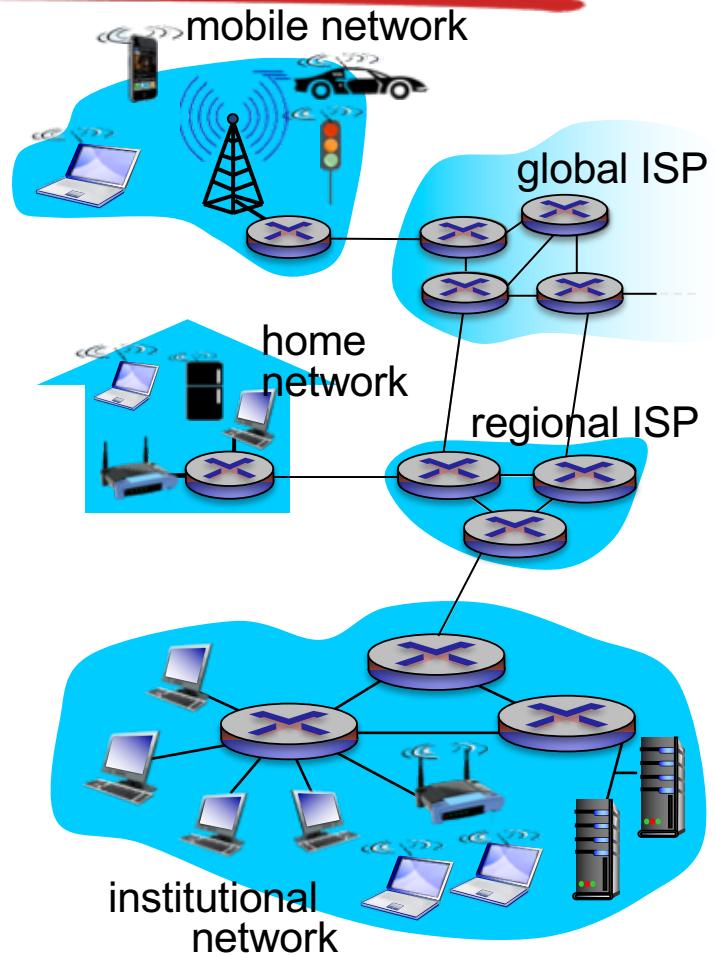
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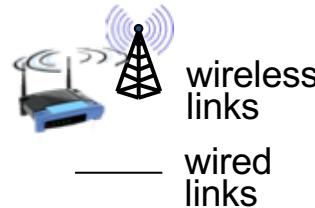
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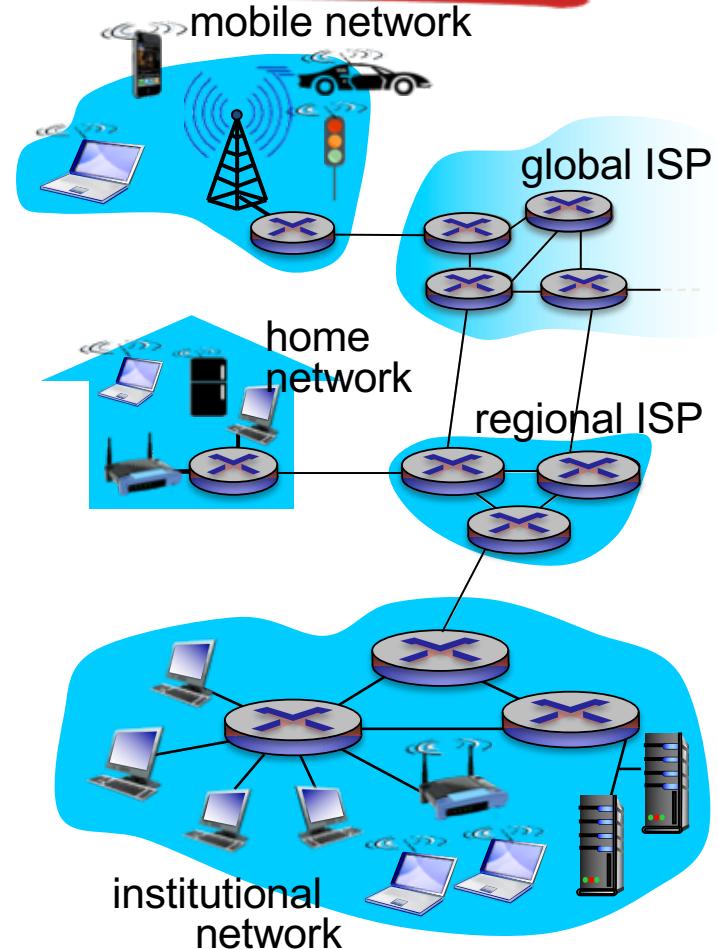
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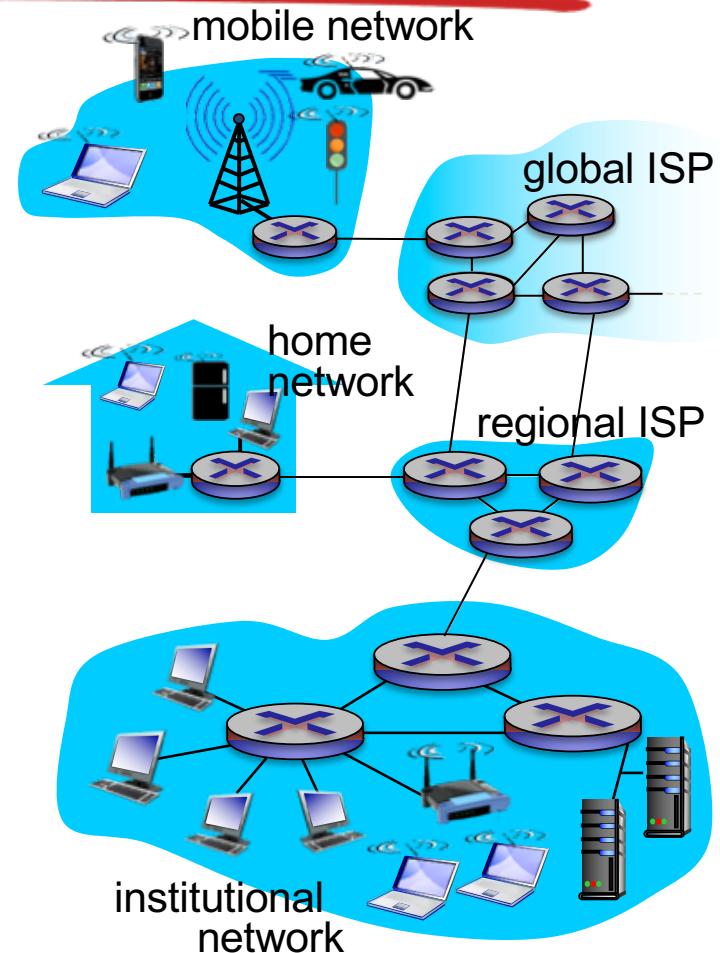
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- *packet switches*: forward packets (chunks of data)
  - *routers* and *switches*



# “Fun” Internet-connected devices



IP picture frame  
<http://www.ceiva.com/>



Internet refrigerator



Slingbox: watch,  
control cable TV remotely



sensorized,  
bed  
mattress



Web-enabled toaster +  
weather forecaster



Tweet-a-watt:  
monitor energy use

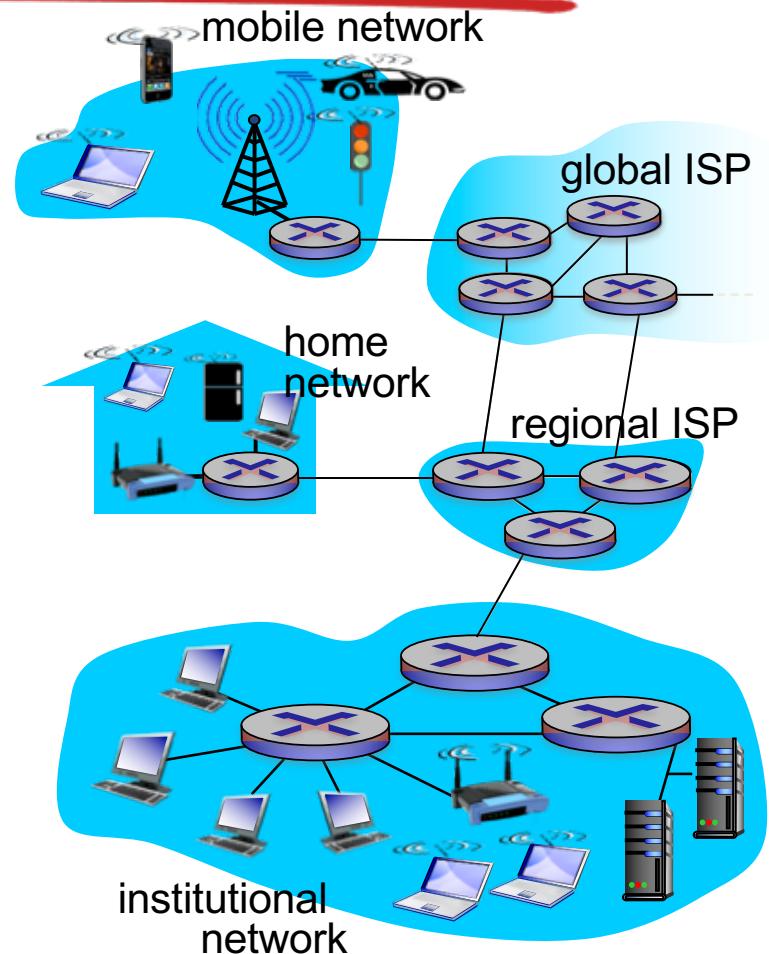


Internet phones



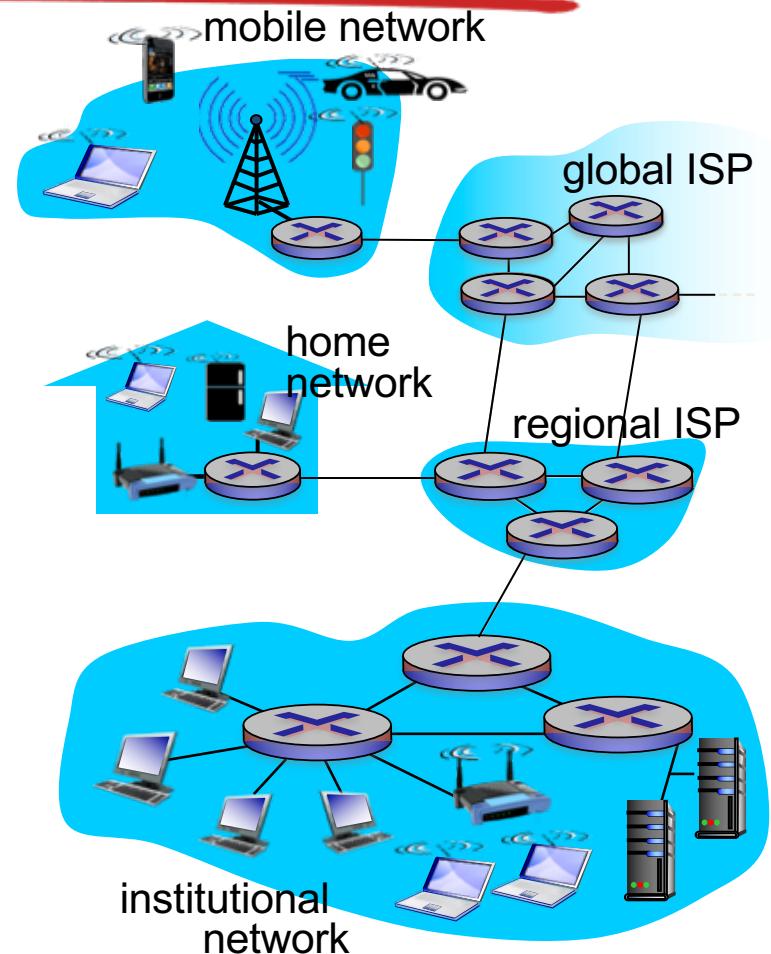
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- *Internet: “network of networks”*
  - Interconnected ISPs
- *protocols* control sending, receiving of messages
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- *Internet standards*
  - RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



# 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



# What's a protocol?

## *human protocols:*

- “what’s the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

... specific messages sent

... specific actions taken when  
messages received, or other  
events

## *network protocols:*

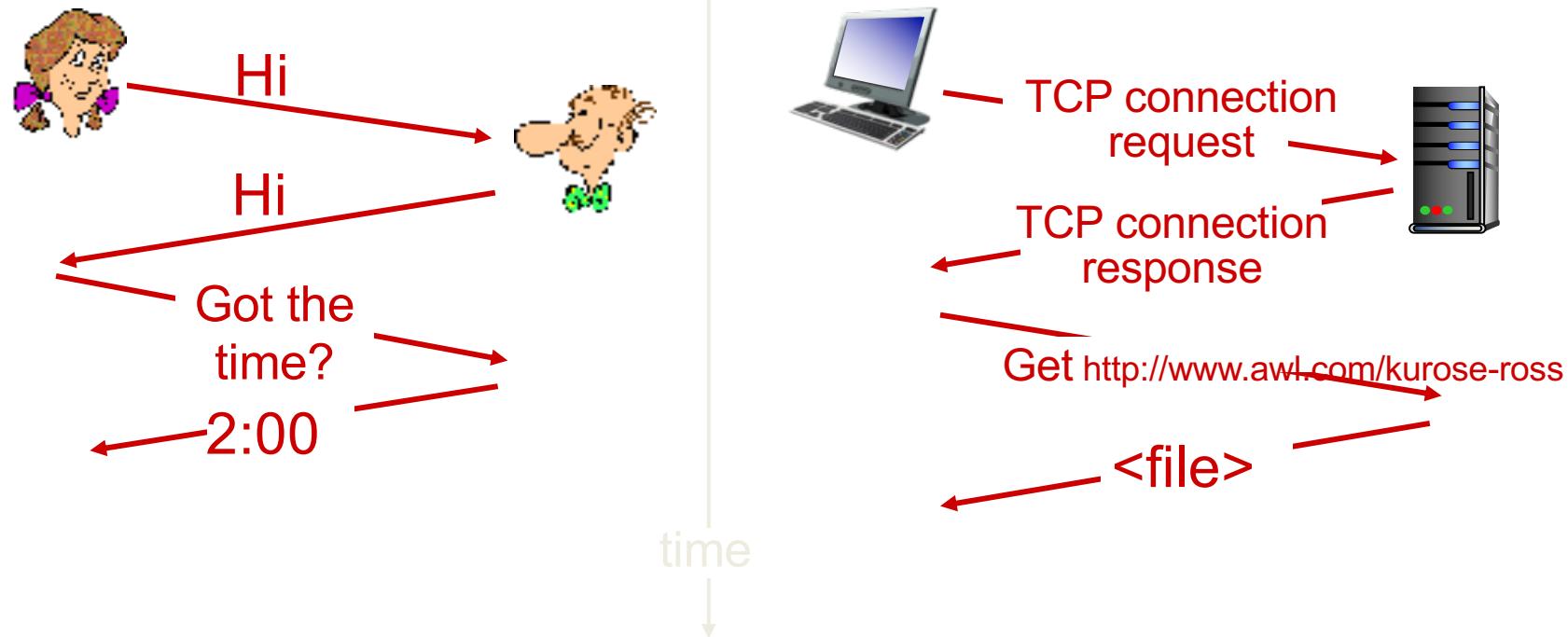
- machines rather than humans
- all communication activity in  
Internet governed by protocols

*protocols define format, order of  
messages sent and received  
among network entities, and  
actions taken on message  
transmission, receipt*



# What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?



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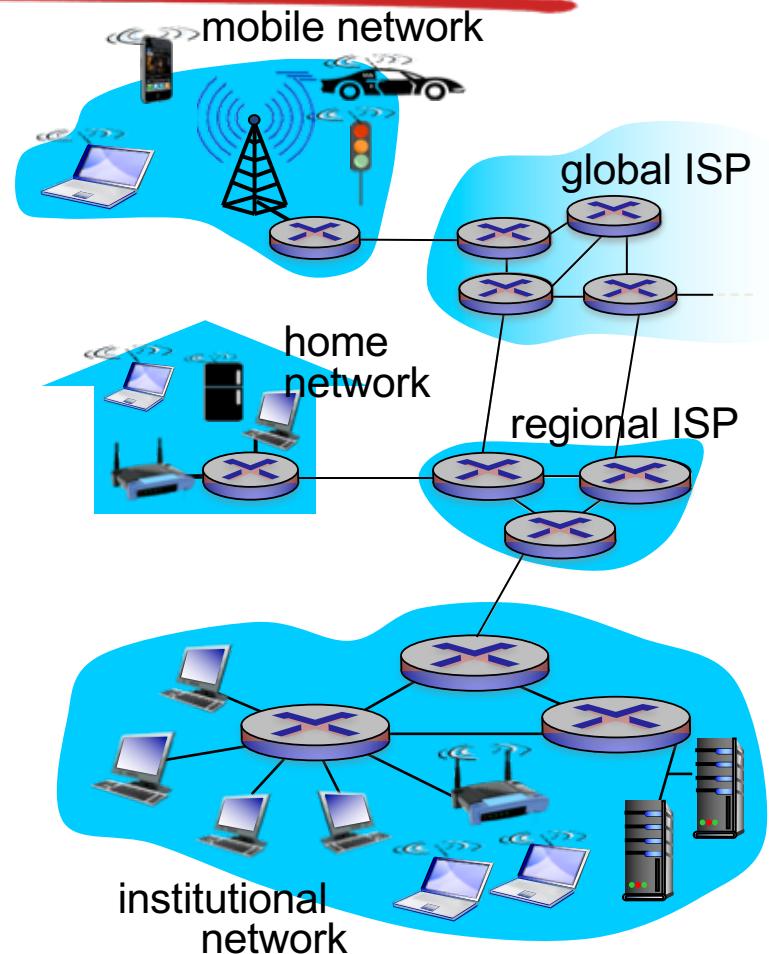
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# A closer look at network structure:

- ***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



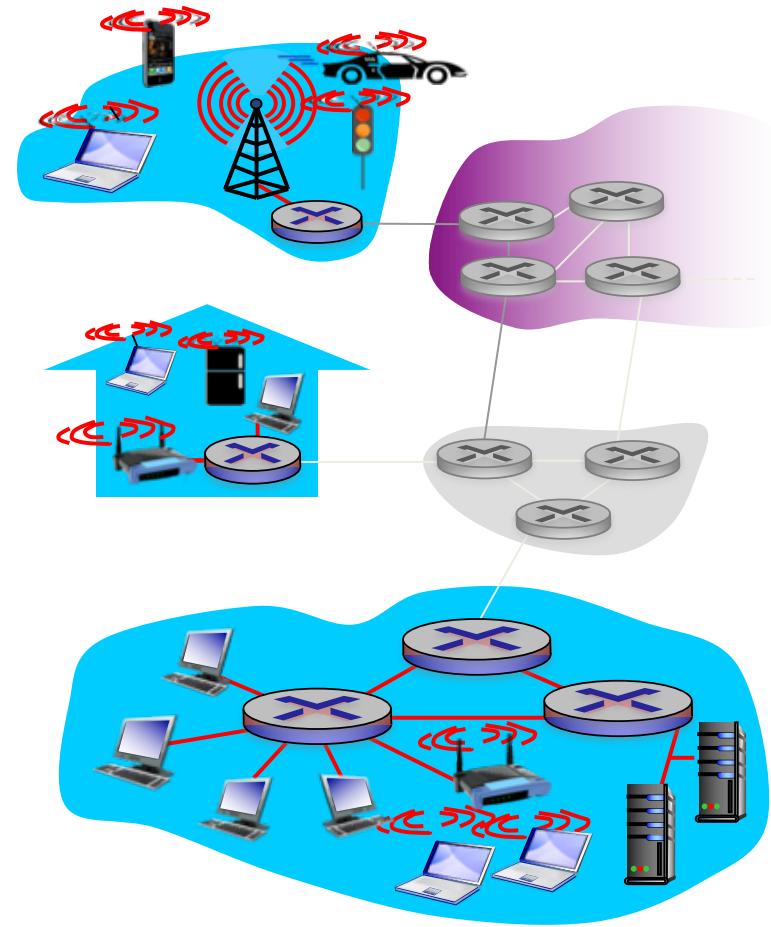
# Access networks and physical media

*Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?*

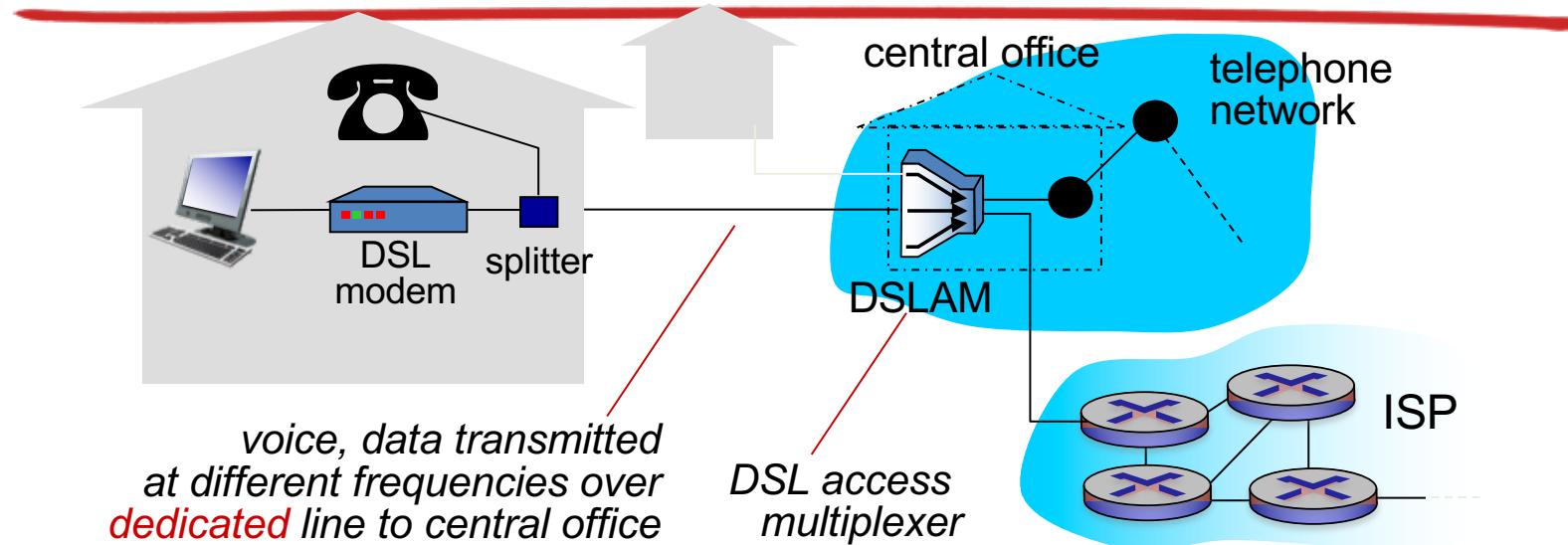
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks

*keep in mind:*

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



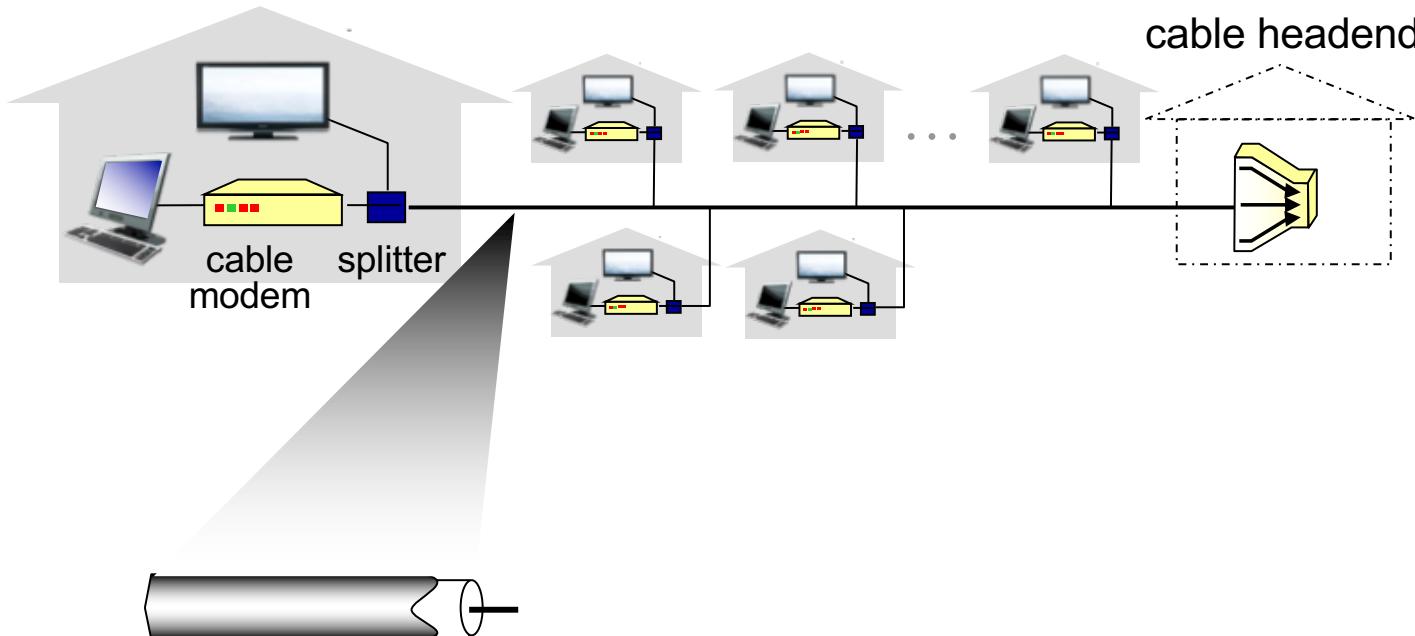
# Access network: digital subscriber line (DSL)



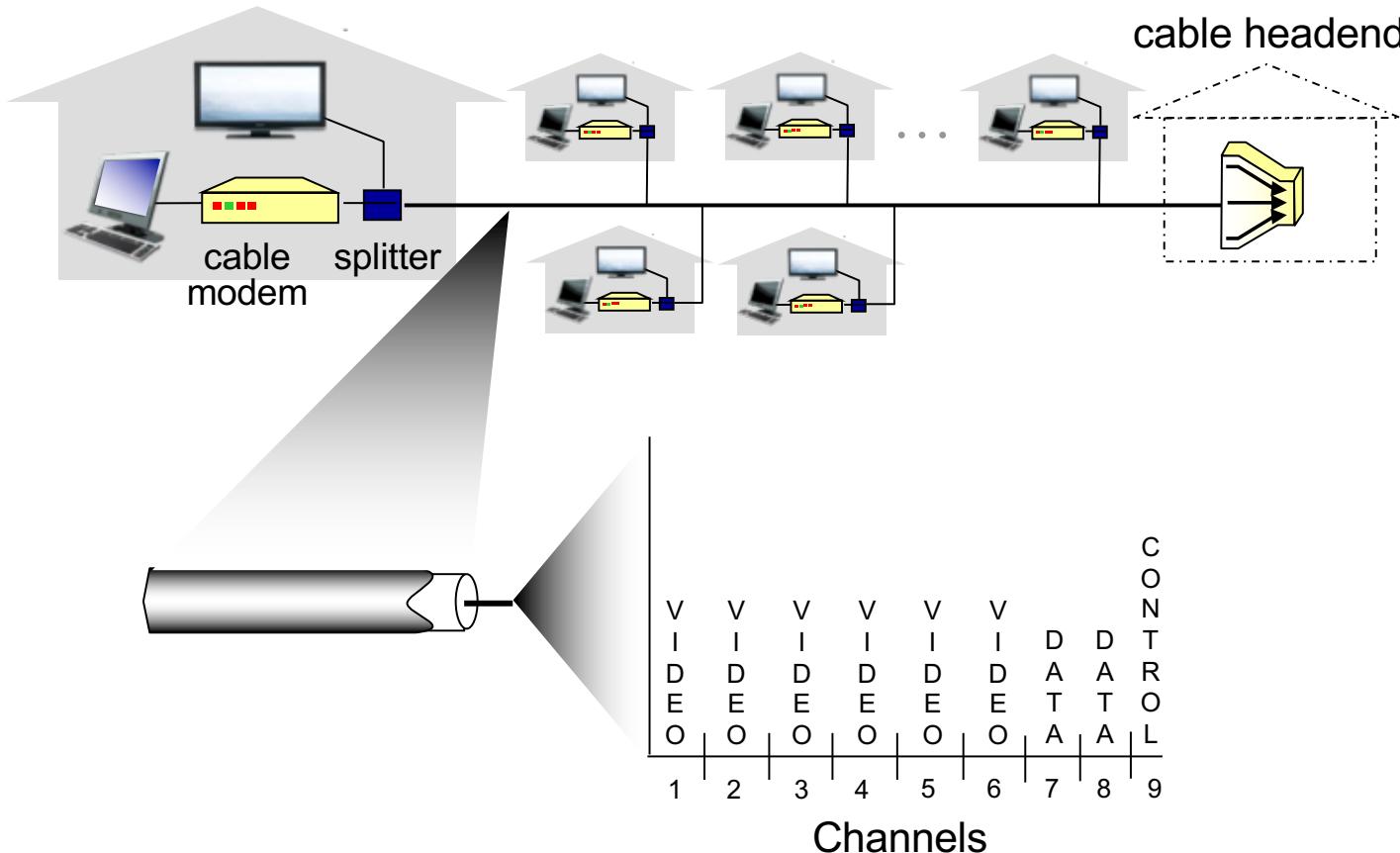
- use **existing** telephone line to central office DSLAM
  - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
  - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)
- < 24 Mbps downstream trans. rate (typically < 10 Mbps)



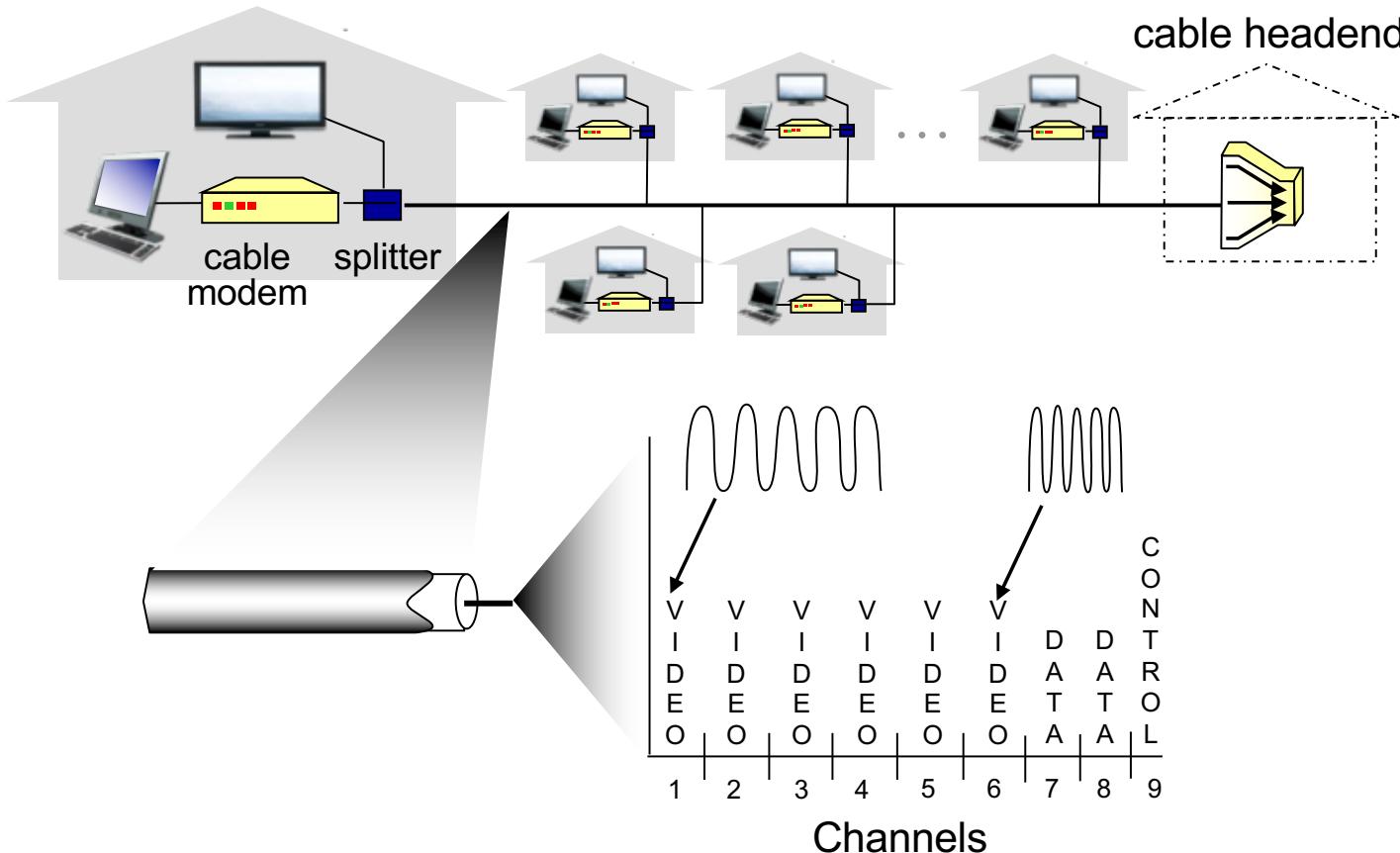
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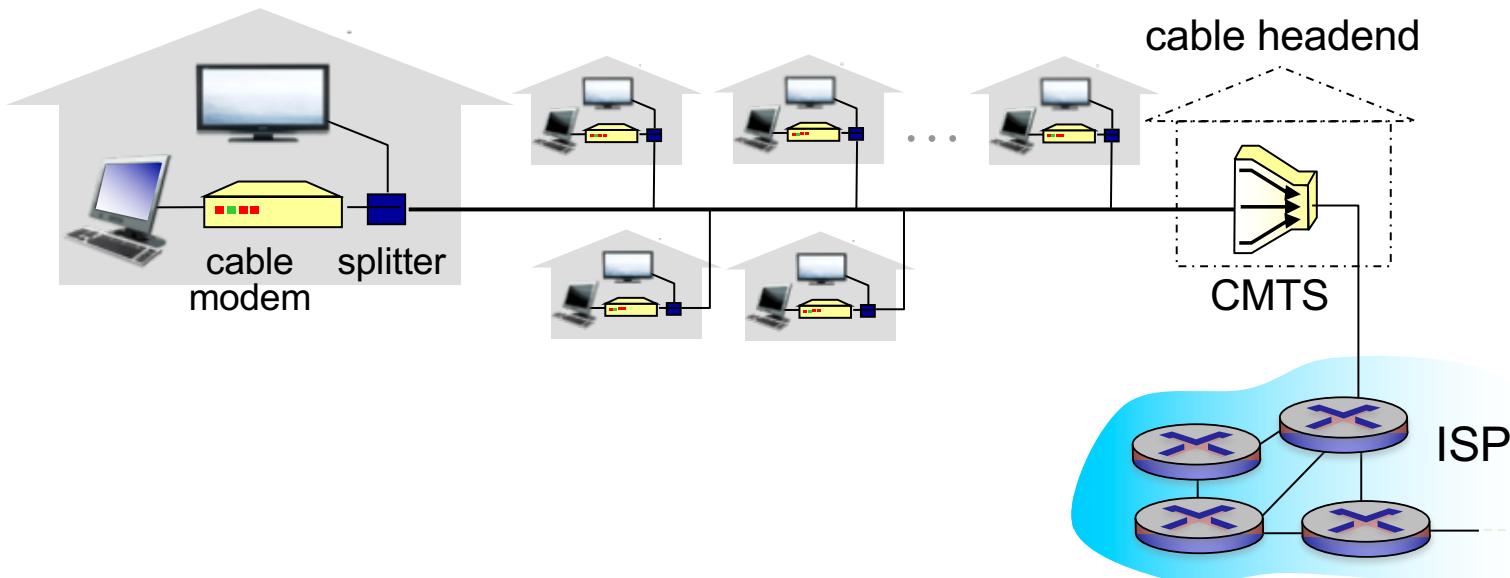
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**frequency division multiplexing:** different channels transmitted in different frequency bands



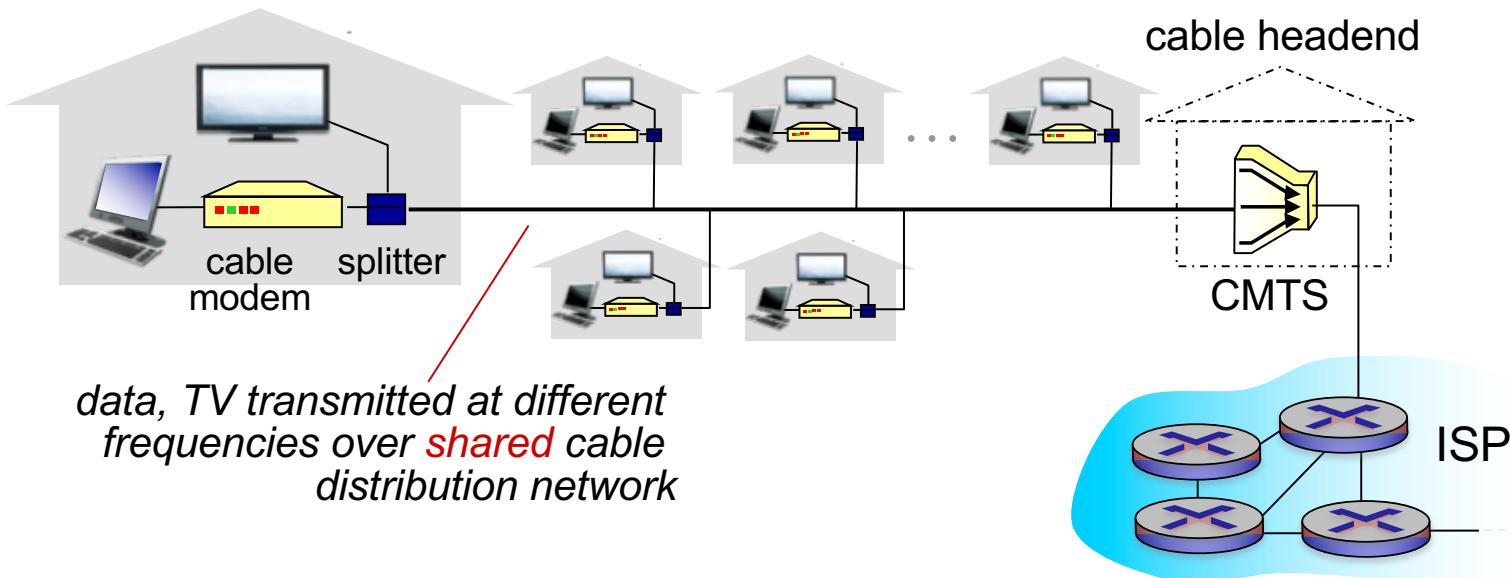
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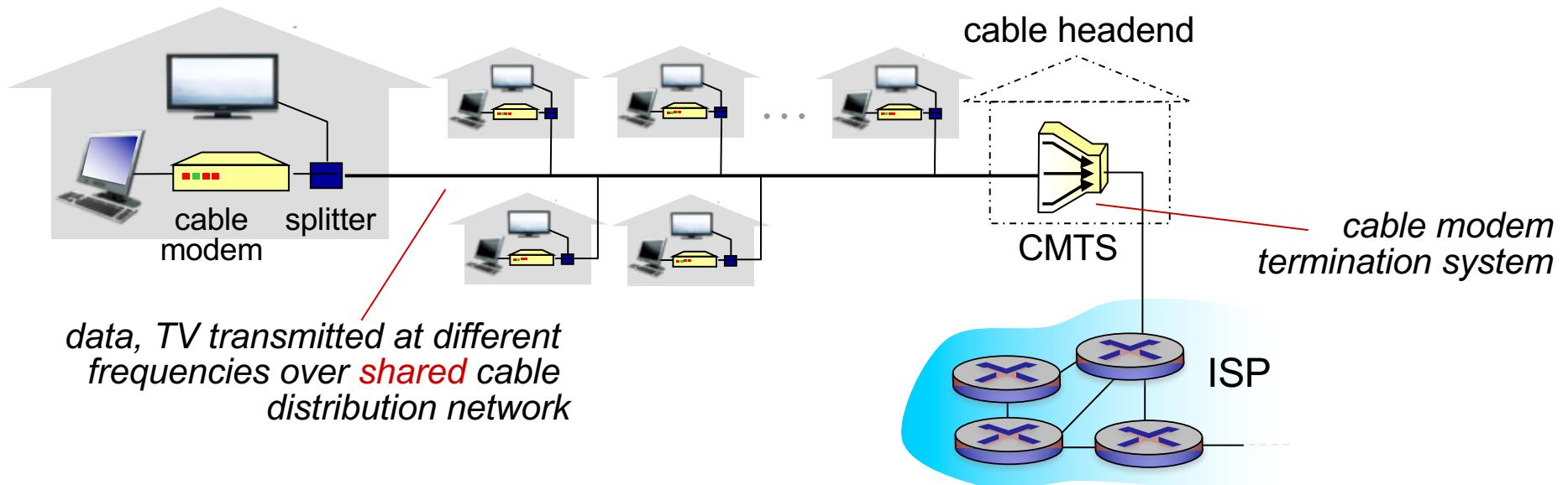
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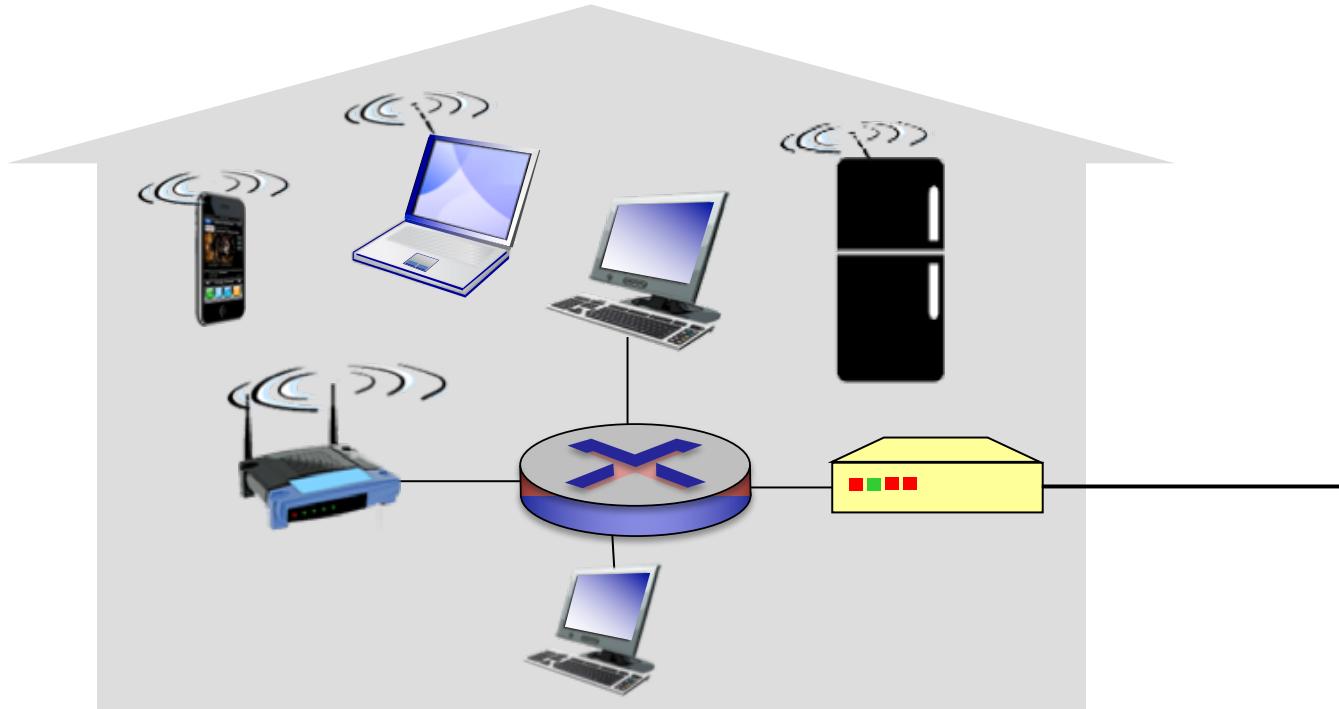
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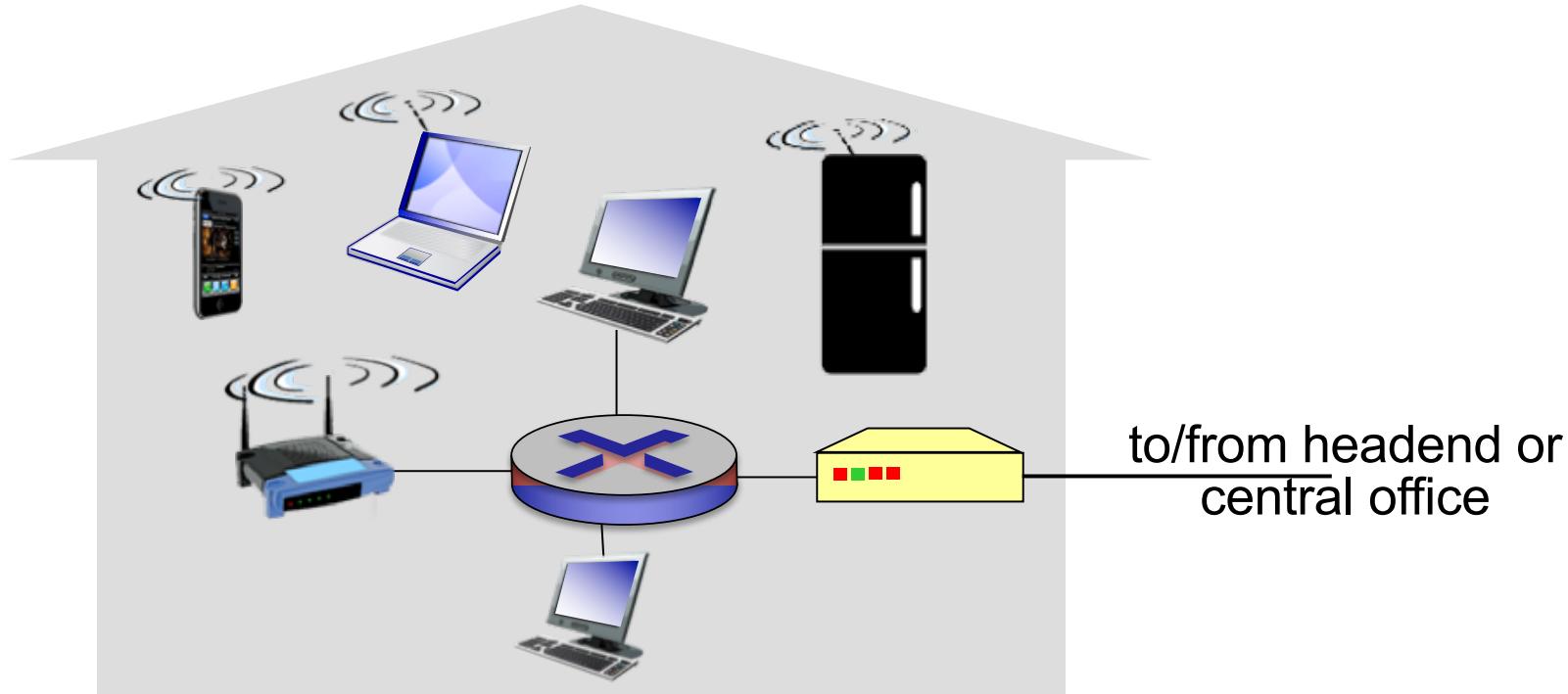
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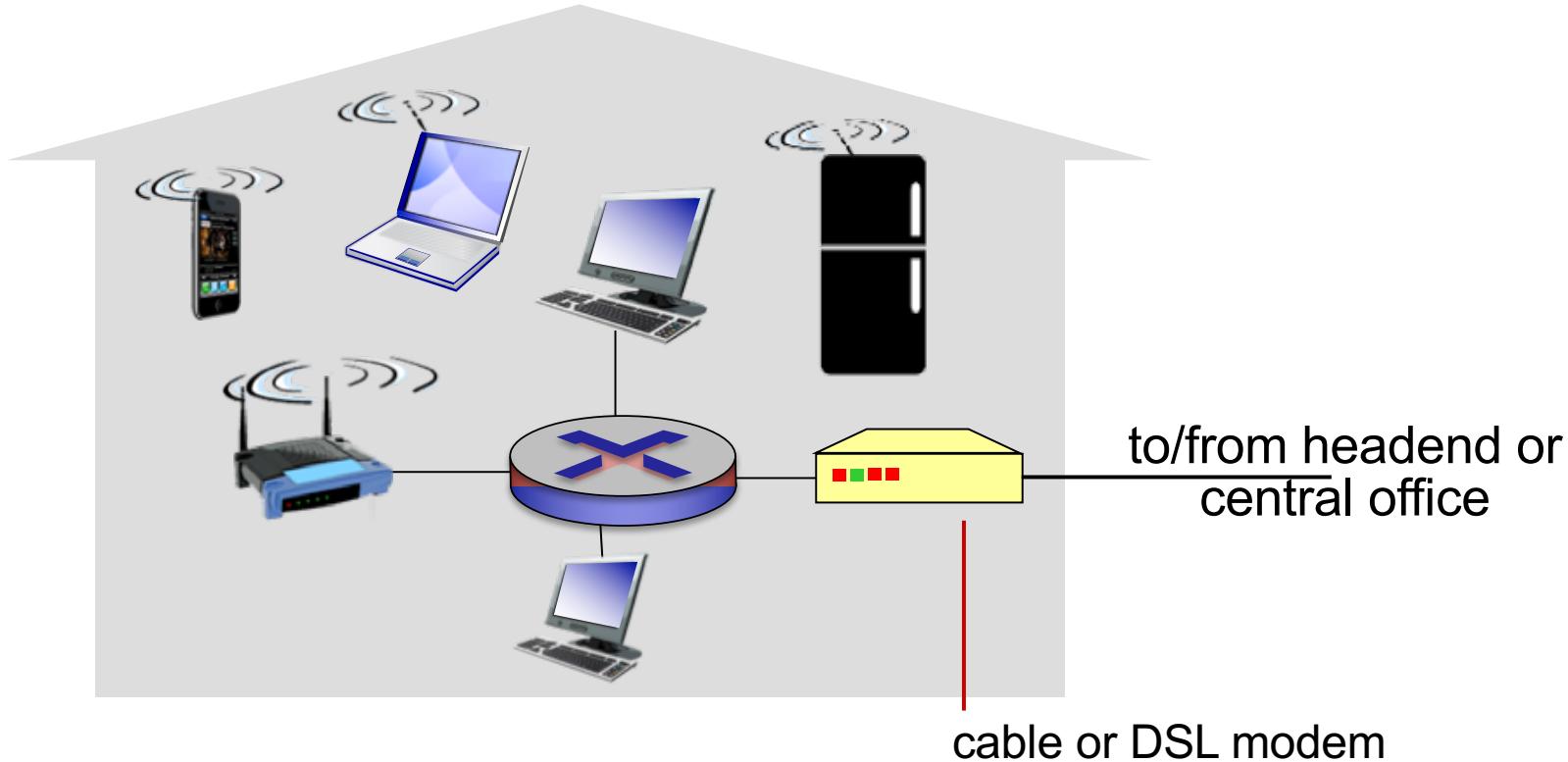
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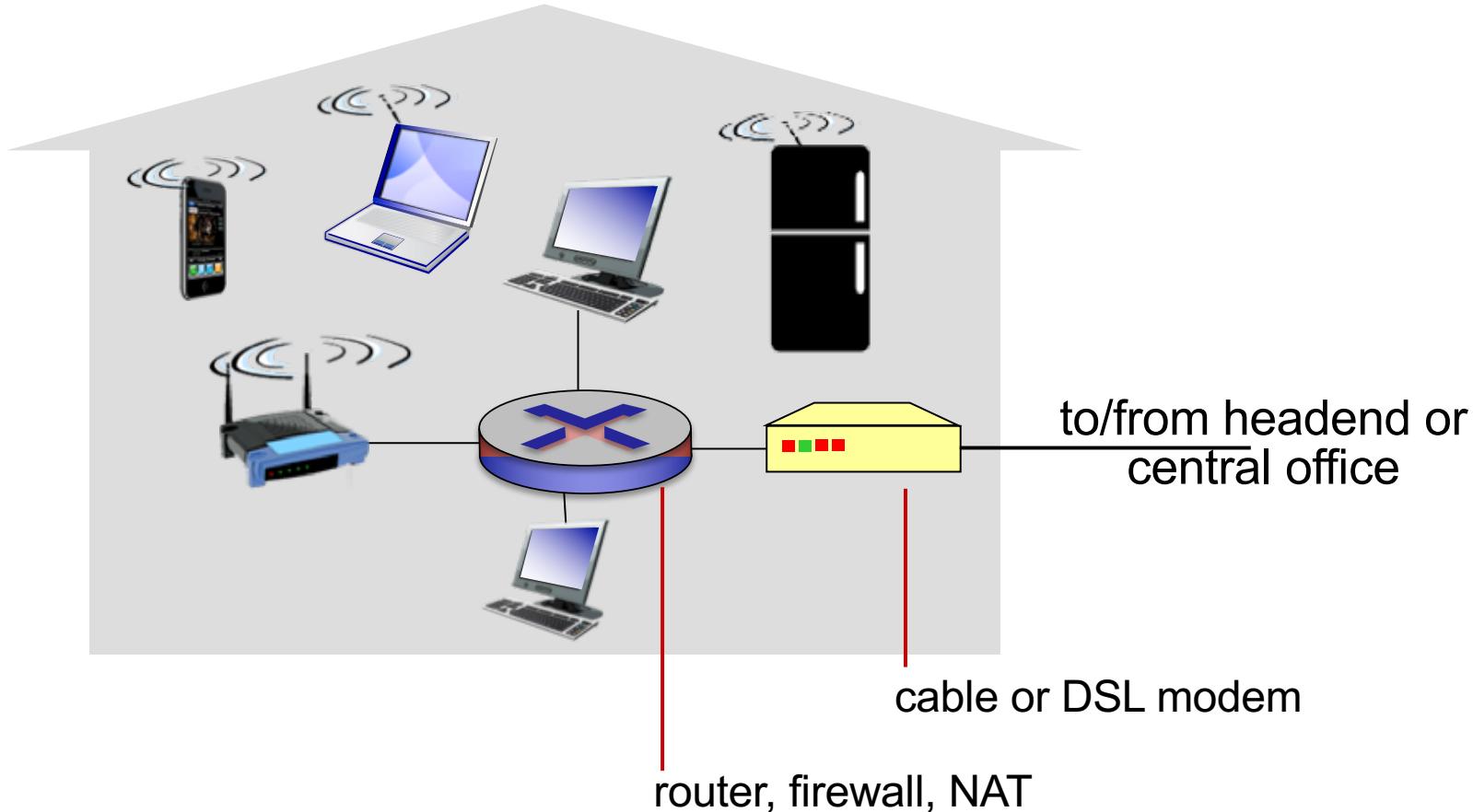
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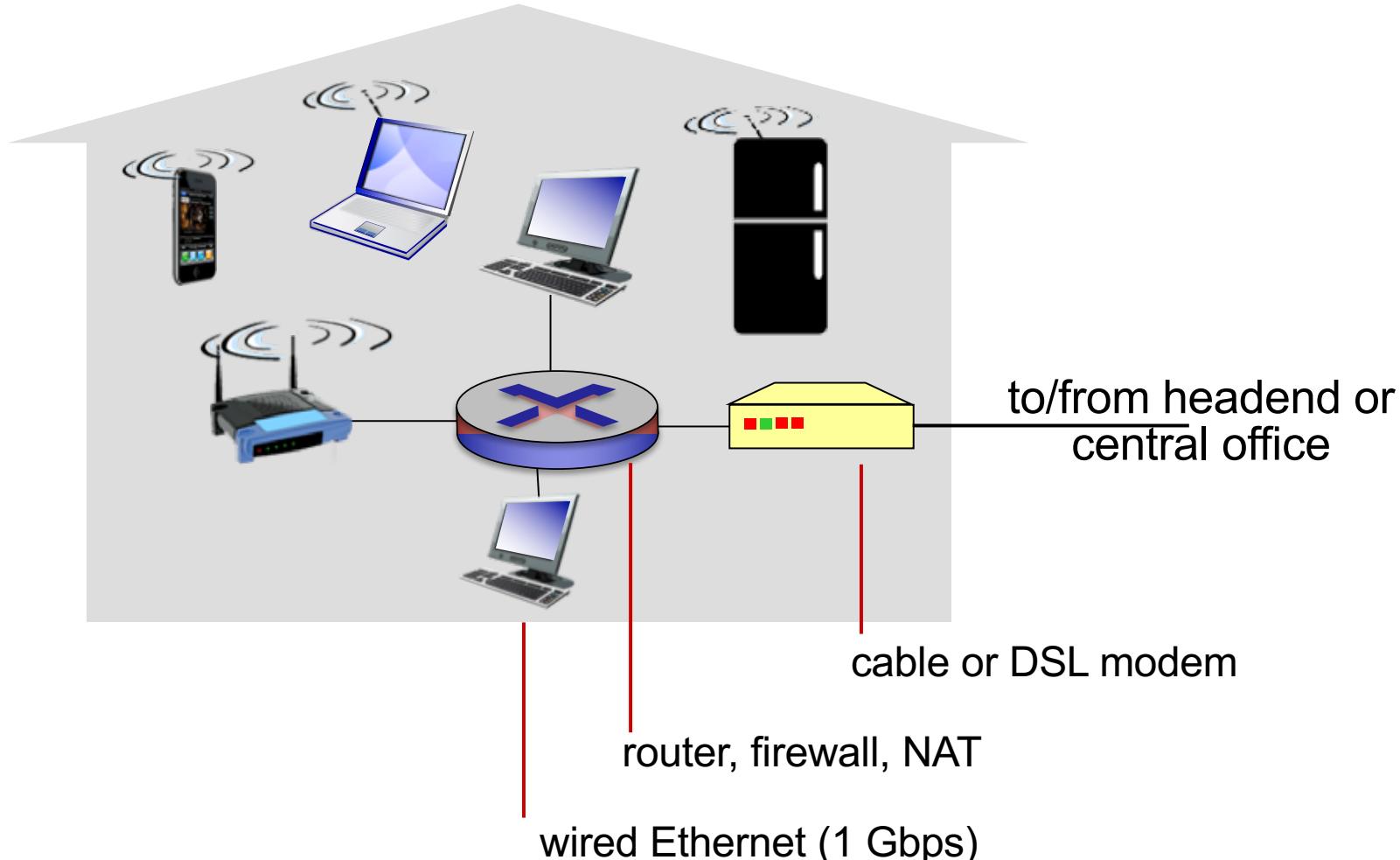
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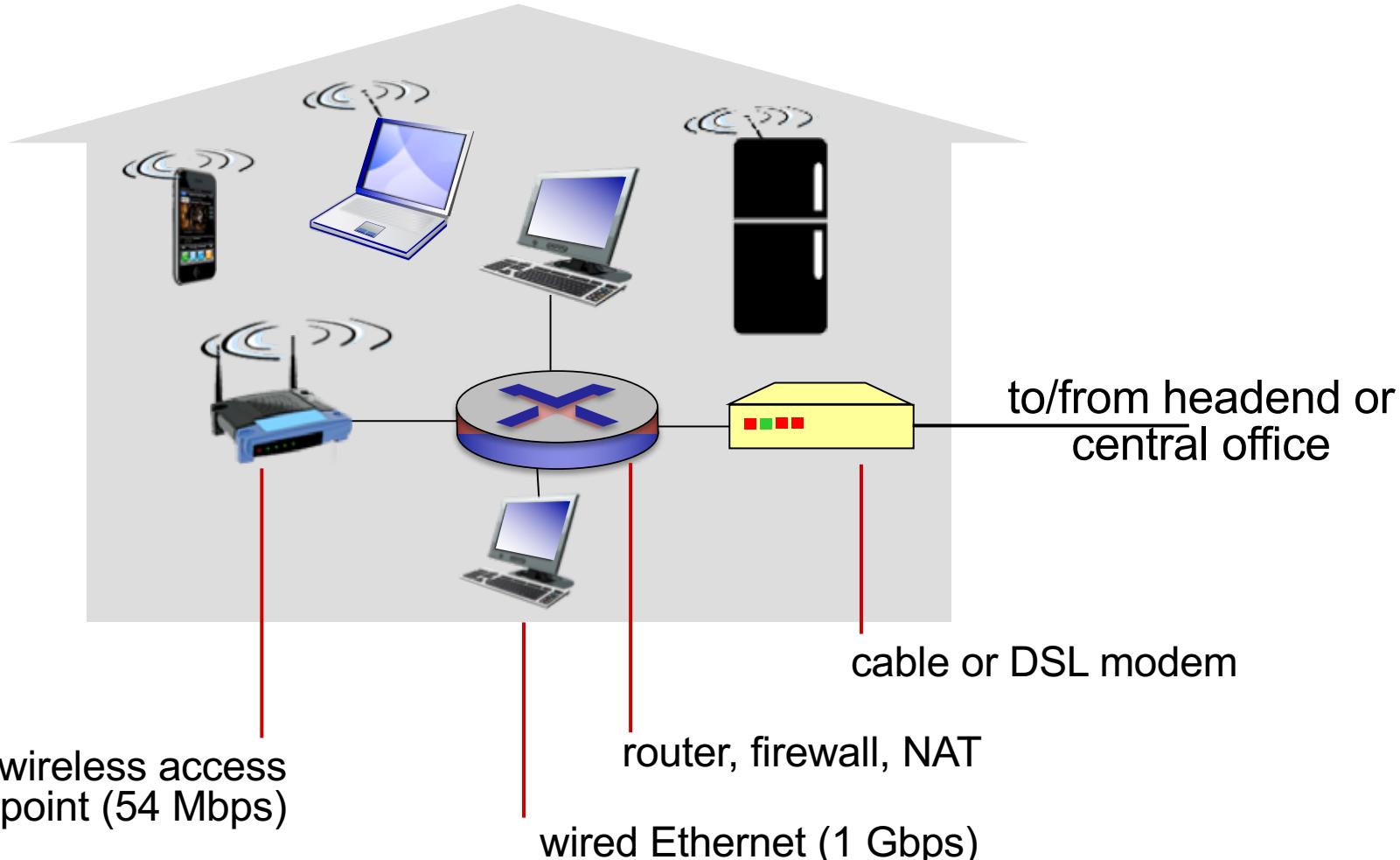
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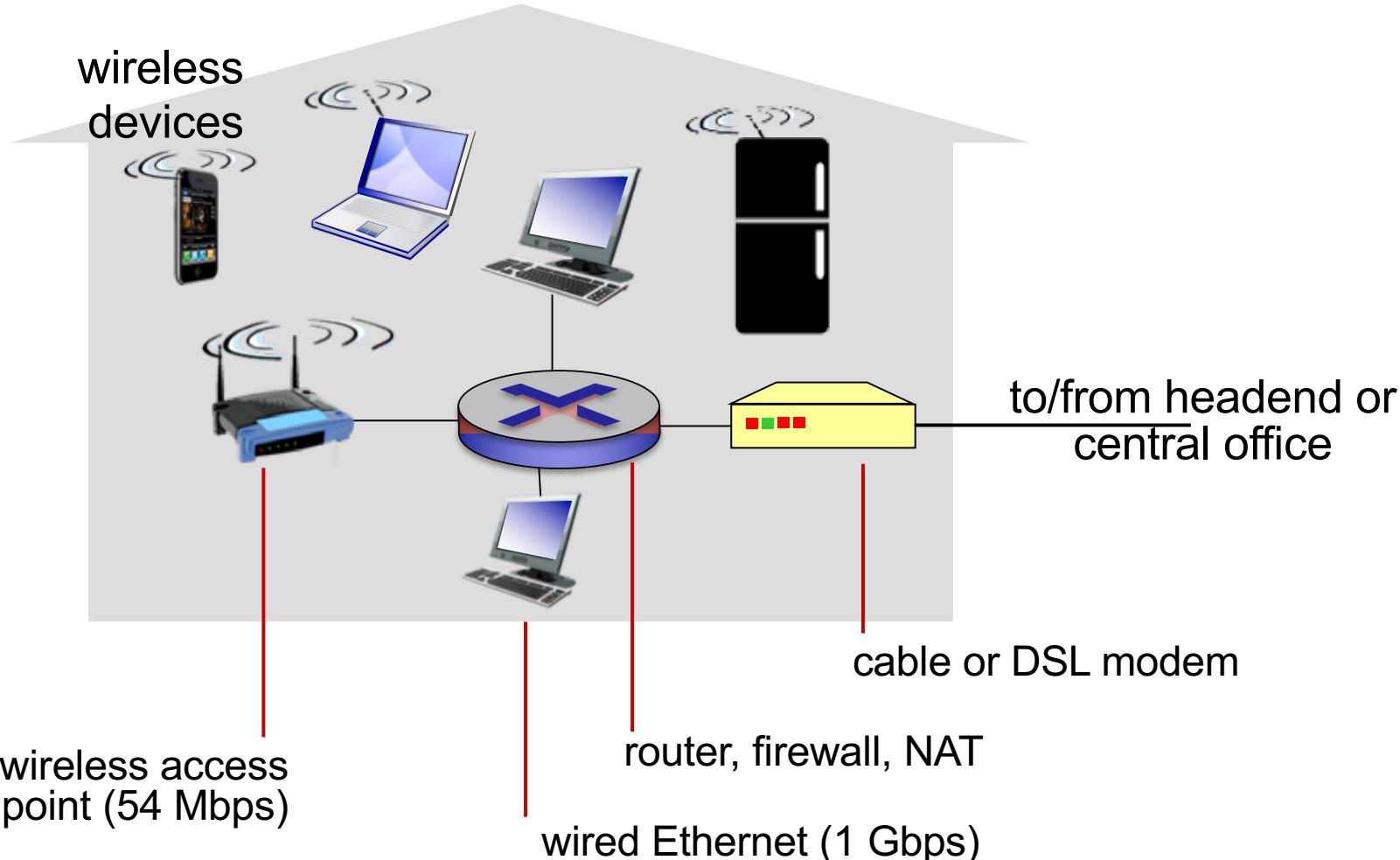
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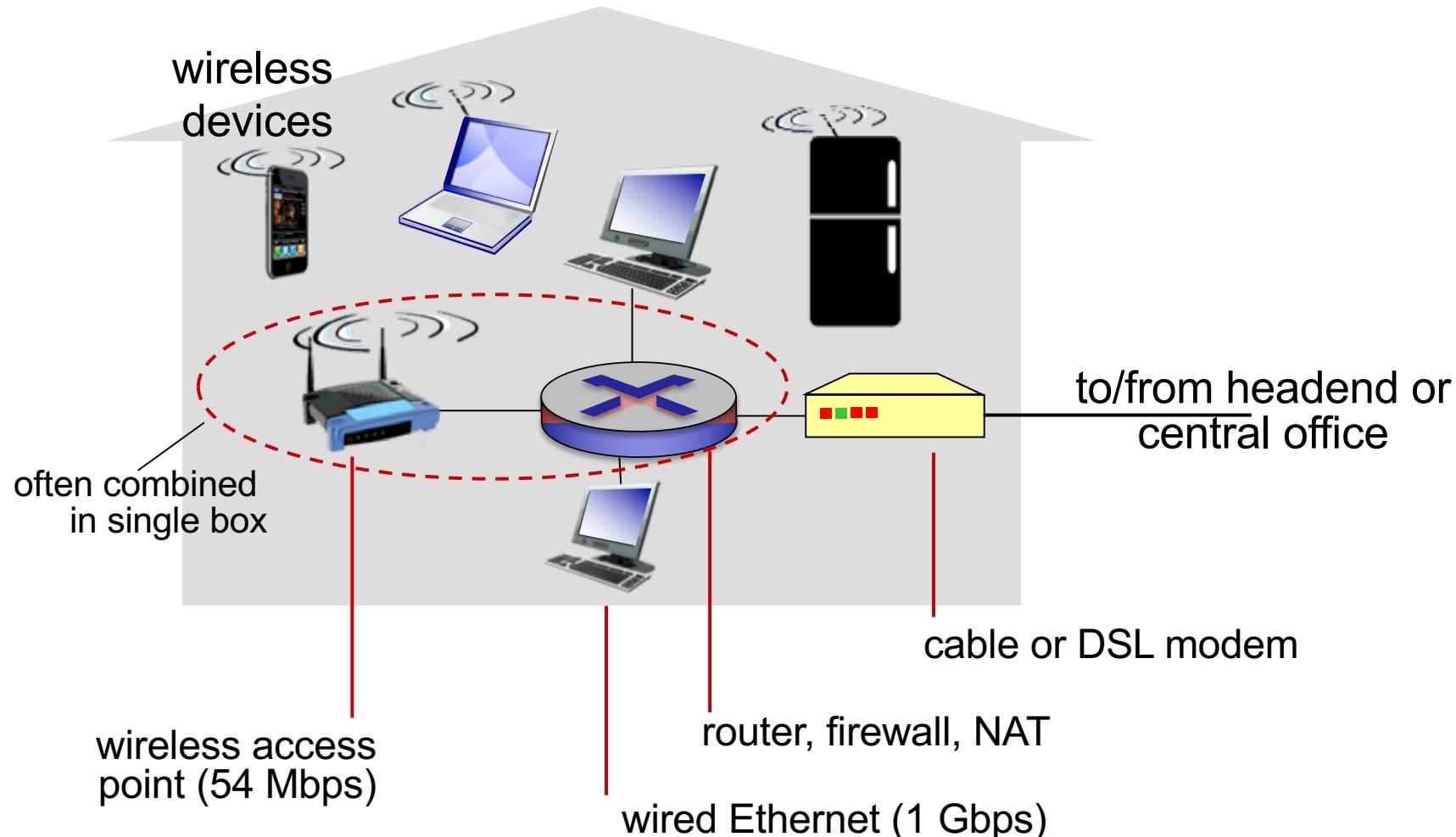
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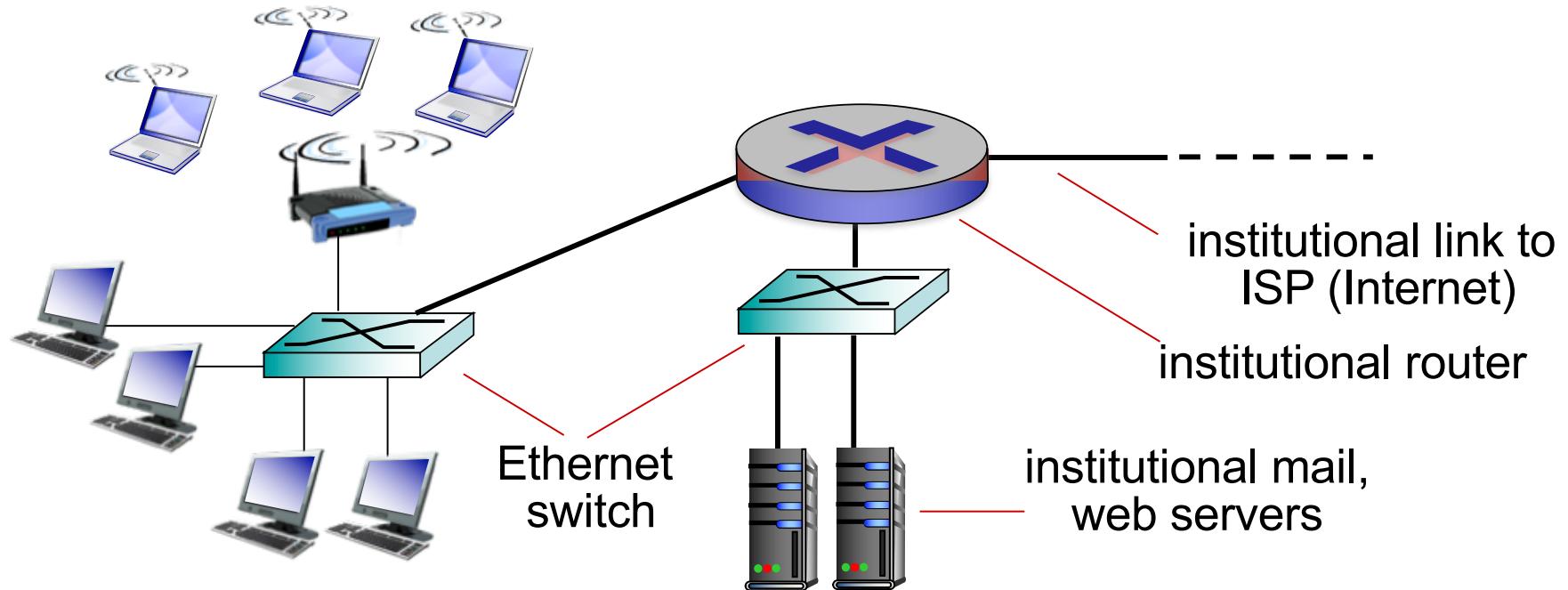
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# Enterprise access networks (Ethernet)



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

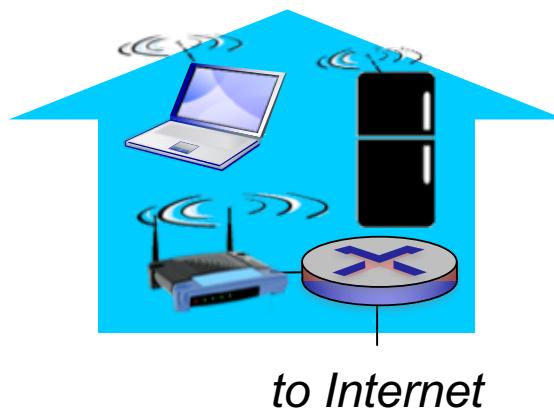


# Wireless access networks

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

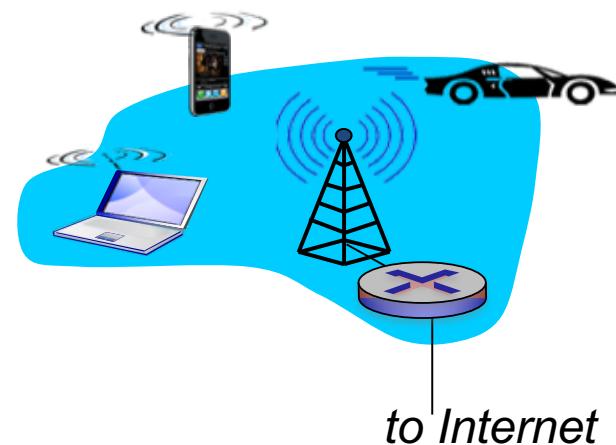
## wireless LANs:

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



## wide-area wireless access

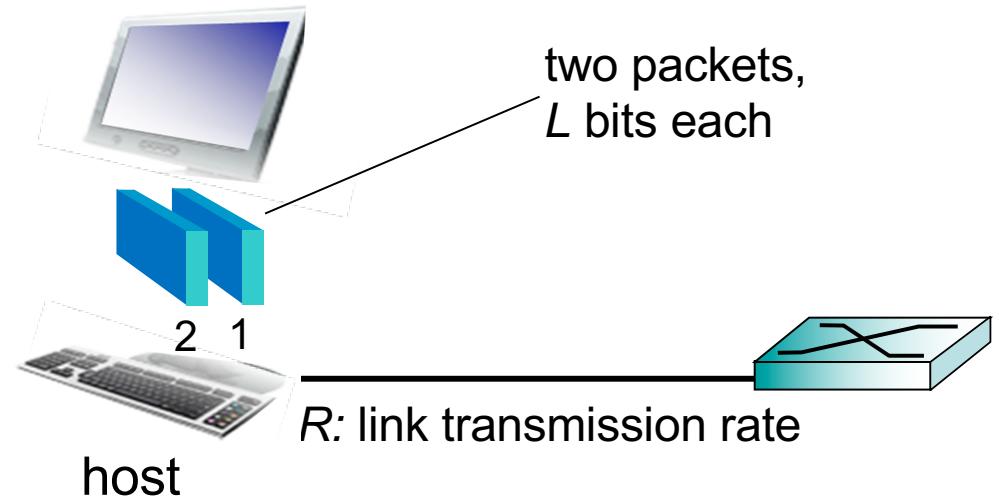
- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10's km
- between 1 and 10 Mbps
- 3G, 4G: LTE



# Host: sends *packets* of data

host sending function:

- takes application message
- breaks into smaller chunks, known as *packets*, of length  $L$  bits
- transmits packet into access network at *transmission rate*  $R$ 
  - link transmission rate, aka link *capacity*, aka *link bandwidth*



$$\text{packet transmission delay} = \frac{\text{time needed to transmit } L\text{-bit packet into link}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}} = \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$



# 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

## *twisted pair (TP)*

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



# Physical media: coax, fiber

## *coaxial cable:*

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband:
  - multiple channels on cable



## *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 Gbps transmission rate)
- low error rate:
  - repeaters spaced far apart
  - immune to electromagnetic noise



# Physical media: radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical “wire”
- bidirectional
- propagation environment effects:
  - reflection
  - obstruction by objects
  - interference

## *radio link types:*

- terrestrial microwave
  - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- LAN (e.g., WiFi)
  - 54 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 altitude

