

A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK MODEL

(Slide 0)

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- 5 basic components

- TERMINALS (any output-input) → software
- TELECOMMUNICATION PROCESSORS → software
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS → not software
- COMPUTER
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The networks are divided into three areas:

WAN (Wide area network)

large size in covers, big geographic area (decine → miles or km)

LAN (Local area network)

smaller extension (10 - centimetre km)

MAN (Metropolitan Area Networks)

class of network, cover an area of a few km

A network could be private or public.

• PRIVATE → VPN (Virtual private Network)

(if it can be used only by few users, that are authenticated by credentials)

→ Public network and private user owner.

→ is a logical concept.

Local area → Intranet (which is private) → use of internet in the private area

→ then we go in public area.

Not all the netw. elements ~~to~~ have the same role
server applications can be very difficult

• CLIENT / SERVER, Networks

ends user PCs → helps with application processing and also manages the network.

My smartphone → ~~is a~~ operates as a server when we use it as an hotspot

There are links connecting devices

- WIRED: different kind of media

- COPPER BASED

- FIBER BASED

the material is glass

→ ethernet cables

telephone cables

TV cables, telephone cables

have very different characteristics: the

material used is different and thus
changes the performance.

- WIRELESS: there are a huge amount of possibilities

- LONG RANGE: terrestrial area in order of several KM's

• TERRESTRIAL MICROWAVE (40 km apart) using Antennas

• COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES Using satellites and antennas
(we can cover ~~more~~ more area)

- MEDIUM RANGE

• CELLULAR SYSTEM: Each cell is typically from 1 to
several square miles in area.
There is an antenna connecting
different devices → BASED STATION

- SHORT RANGE

• WI-FI (Medium - short range) which is an
infrastructure. There are access points that are
wired connected

STANDARDS in CELLULAR NETWORKS

2G → 3G → 4G → 5G

Theoretical name 2G = GSM → mostly circuit switched

3G → GPRS → packet switching and an architecture base only on internet protocol.

4G → LTE (long term evolution) → operate in IP domain.

5G → 5G → the standard has the same name of the generation

PAN (personal AREA network) there are several connection methods:

IEEE 802. ... → is the standard in local area

ex IEEE 802.11 → Network. WI-FI (personal network)

IEEE 802.15 → Bluetooth.

DECEMBER

WIRELESS : if the communication uses low power or
- LOW POWER AREA Network.

IS used to interconnect small devices with different roles
in the network. IOT (Internet of things)

It means during communication it uses low power only to
keep alive ~~the~~ small devices.

There are a lot of standards in IOT, they are divided into costs,
use ...

LOW POWER AREA NETWORKS

RFID operates in VERY SHORT RANGE

WI-FI operates in SHORT - MEDIUM RANGE

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CELLULAR SYSTEM has the highest hosts.

LORA → low power solution. Provides services for IoT and it belongs
to wide Area network

TELECOMMUNICATION PROCESSORS

• INTERNETWORK PROCESSORS

• **Switches** : make connections between telecomm. circuits so
a message can reach its intended destination.
Is an evolution of hub. Transfers info from an input port to a
specific output port.

• **Router** : Interconnects networks based on different rules
or protocols. The info is routes from an input port to an output
in the network in accordance to routing rules. (base on protocols)

• **Hub** : for switching communications processors it is used in
transfers info to a multiple number of ports from a single port

• **Gateway** : devices part of the network but implement
tasks to process data

(for example a firewall)
devices of the network that implement tasks in order to process
network data. (also a Router can be seen as a gateway)

TELECOMM. SOFTWARE

provides many communic. support services including connecting & disconnecting, communication links & establishing comm. parameters such as transmission speed, mode and direction

• Network Management (capacity planning)

- traffic manag. → we do have to combine packages on a network and
so on

- security → can be implemented in a specific network element

- Network monitoring → control all operations on network.

- capacity planning.

advantages
of using
Software

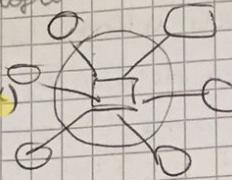
: SCALABILITY, CHEAPER,

↳ easier to update
when technology
updates

other differentiation is that by topologies

NETWORK TOPOLOGIES

- **STAR** → is used in corner network (not in core network)
 - Ties and user computers to a central computer
 - Consider the less reliable



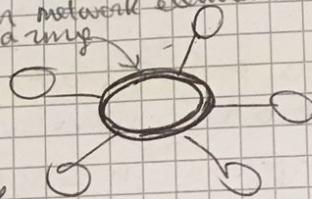
devices are connected to a same device called access point.

ADVANTAGE: if you have a new user and you have space in the port, you can add it
sample to substitute a broken node?

DISADVANTAGE: If the central breaks nothing will work.
single point of failure. (if node is an end the network stops different user not other network elements but only the media shaped in a ring)

RING (TOKEN RING)

- Ties local computer processors together in a ring on a more equal basis
- Considered more reliable and less costly

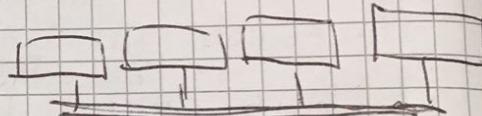


ADVANTAGE: if something is broken, I can run on the other direction to reach all points connected

DIS: complicated to substitute because every device is directly connected with the media

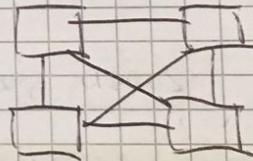
BUS

- Local processors share the same bus, or communication channel
- **BRIDGE** is a variation which ties several bus networks together



MESH TOPOLOGY

- every user is interconnected to all other users are more expensive but very robust
- Are used in the core network thanks to their reliability



ACCESS NETWORK

is a part of common network which connects subscribers to their immediate service provider.

It is contrasted with the core network.

The access network may be further divided between feeder plant or distribution network, and drop plant or edge network.

We use very different technologies for the access: while the core is ~~enabled by too~~ communication carriers have used ~~COPPER LINES~~, carriers are also investing heavily in optical fiber.

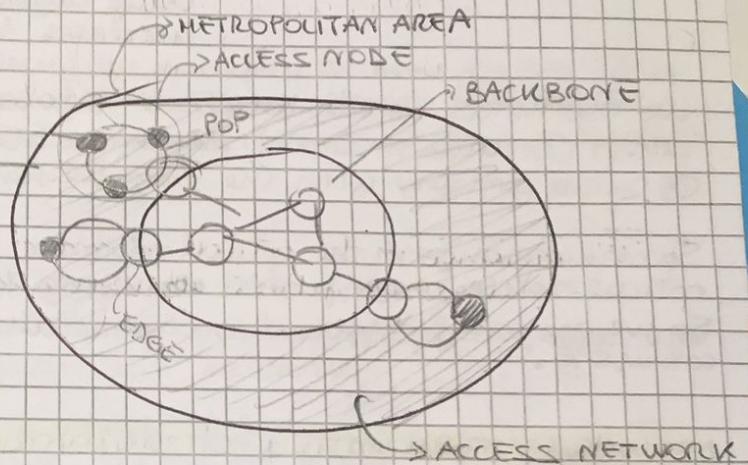
The METROPOLITAN AREA between access network and core is also called EDGE NETWORK.

we can perform control to the information that cross the network.

~~edge~~ EDGE COMPUTING.
(used for intrusion detection system)

Examples of access network

- **FIXED WIRELESS ACCESS**: systems are connected to the core through wireless communication
 - an example is **LINKEM** (is an operator providing fixed wireless access)
- **COPPER BASED**: copper is the material used for telephone network and it is used for all ADSL family. Provide access from the peripheral area network and the core
- **FIBER ACCESS**: is the same but using fiber
- **CELLULAR ACCESS**: mobile by using cellular infrastructure to access core



These are other differences for example security, cost, coverage, date rate. The ~~wireless~~ wired ones are faster than wireless, but cellular access is faster than copper (especially the 5G).

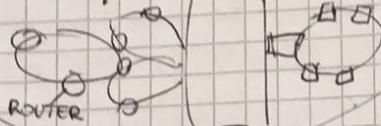
Wired is more stable than mobile (unless damage in wire)

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ACCESS NETWORK

cellular access
we use different media:
cellular and copper

The backbone is mostly composed by rings



BACKBONE NETWORK

using fiber

FIBER WORKS EXCHANGING LIGHT, so the router are able to transfer different colours. So different colours represent different subscribers. Using different colours at the same time increases the capacity of the fiber

We use RINGS in the backbone because is cheaper than implement SMASH (Because in smash all devices are interconnected with each other)
On the contrary with the ring we have only one cable

Spectrum range in the optical domain is different when we will use optical routers on fibers using different colours.
So we are using different spectrum range for producing different colours.

NETWORKS TERM IN TELECOM NETWORK

In the local area, the operator is called

LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER (LEC)

(in telephone terminology a carrier is an operator)

Incumbent LEC (ILEC)

is the starting owner of the network

(ex) TIM

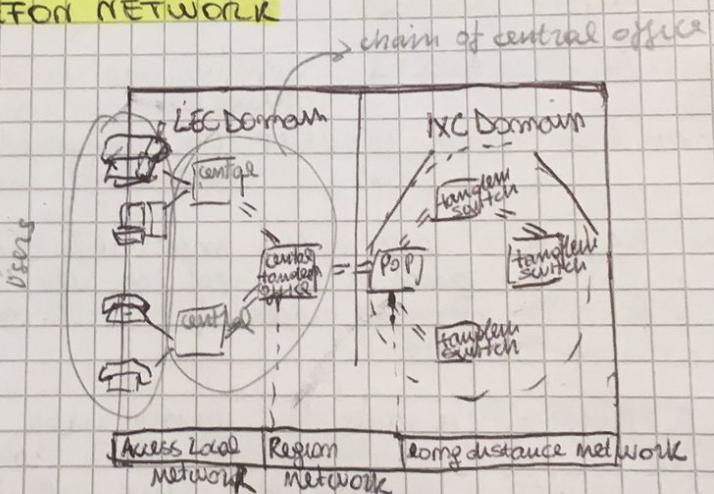
Competitive LEC (CLEC)

are operators that allowed to provide a service in the local area

(ex) VODAFONE, TISCALI, WIND, TELEDUE, TRE, ILIAD

There are carriers in the local area that are Incumbent. That is an operator that owns the infrastructure where the information is exchanged (TELECOM ITALIA)

The competitive is allowed by law to have in the access network other network operators



LOCAL LOOP (the last mile) (slide 2)

Interconnects in the local area some users (connects the home to the network) [15/10/2020]

- WIRED LOCAL LOOP :
- PLC (power line communications)
 - FIBER OPTICS SERVICES
 - CABLE LOCAL LOOP

- WIRELESS LOCAL LOOP :
- SATELLITE LOCAL LOOP (communications satellite and cosmos internet connections of satellite television)
 - LMDS
 - WiMAX
 - GPRS

UNBUNDLING FRAMEWORK

To prevent the owner from using the monopoly to monopolize other fields of trade, some ~~other~~ jurisdictions require utilities to

UNBUNDLE the local loop : that is make the local loop available to their competitors.

COST ANALYSIS

Thanks to the pre-existing ~~copper-based~~ system of TV and telephone, ~~we~~ we are able to promote the next generation network.

So it is possible to upgrade the copper-based access networks to carry high-speed services through the use of ~~xDSL~~ technologies;
DSL → digital subscriber line.

At the very beginning (till 30 years ago), the telephone network was done in this way

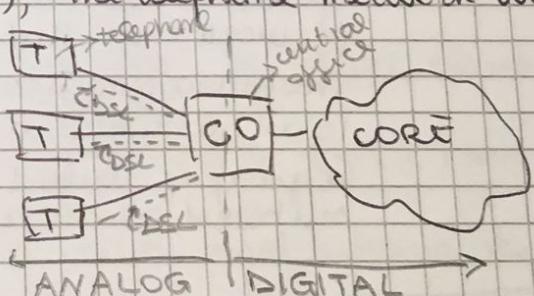
The analog was a continuous signal, while the second part was digital.

So it is called digital subscriber line because when they ~~had~~ to connect telephone to CO

they try to transform the communication into a digital number

So ~~xDSL~~ stands for all types of DSL

So ~~xDSL~~ is the most widespread access



TYPES OF ACCESSES

There are still local loops based on copper and local loops that use fiber (red line fiber)

(yellow line)

OPTICAL ACCESS

The fiber is a media that allows faster and more reliable communications.

The cost is high not for the material per se, but for the fact that you need to work on the road, to position cables, you have to stop the traffic and so on (digging.)

FTTx = Fiber to the - x

FTTH : Home

FTTC : Curb

FTTP : Premise

FTTB : Building or Business

FTTU : User

FTTz : Zone

FTTO : Office

FTTD : Desk

FAN : Node or Neighborhood

Sito per vedere cose sulla rete

<https://fibermap.it> (putting region/area/address ~~you~~ you can check ~~at~~ the cover of fiber.)

<https://www.garx.it> (you can see the interconnection of Italy using Fiber).

NAMES : internet exchange point where different network operators are interconnected (PEERING)
It works in Mediterranean area.

The interconnection is based on AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM which is an administrative system that is a sort of supernetwork.
(a group of routers belonging to the same entity are numbered as an autonomous system).

FTTx : reference architectures

OLT : (Optical line terminal) is in correspondence of the curb or the cabinet or the central office

ONU : (Optical Network Unit) is in correspondence of the user side
(between OLT and ONU we have fibers)

ONT : (Optical network termination)

ODN :

AON : Active optical network

N.B. copper cable is represented by ~~oooo~~ because it is based on a twisted pair of cables

Fiber to the Exchange: the optical fiber terminates to the central office CO and the CO is connected with the user via a copper based line. When you reduce the amount of twisted pair that you have in the last mile, you increase the bit rate. So the potentiality of the local loop depends also on the length of the fiber with respect to the copper.

Astro link:

COVERAGE FIBER BY TELECOM ITALIA: <https://rete.gruppolm.it>

2G and 3G architecture

we can provide wireless access in accordance to cellular network area.

We have to provide mobility (and mobile connectivity)

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Cellular networks are organised in cells and in every cell we have a macro cell and small cells.

In every cell we have a network device called BASE STATION (BS) which is controlled by a network element in cellular 2nd and 3rd generation architecture called BASE STATION CONTROLLER (BSC).

There is an upper level element called RAN CONTROLLER (RNC) - RNC interconnects different BS

These network elements are interconnected to other elements like the Mobile switch center (MSC).

MSC is interconnected to Home location register (HLR) and to Visitor location register (VLR)

A user is registered in a database in HLR and when a user moves it is registered in VLR

GGSN and SGSN provide the IP (the data interconnection) of the network

- Another kind of wireless access that was designed to support local area network is the one based on WI-FI (standard named IEEE 802.X)
Starting from the standard we have several evolutions in two area directions: one in the personal area (PAN) (an example is 802.15 WiMedia - IEEE 802.15 Bluetooth), the other is to the wider area (Metropolitan and Local area MAN and LAN) (802.16 and to Region area (RAN) 802.22)

TECHNOLOGIES and BANDWIDTHS

Is always true that in the wired solutions the data rates is increasing and in the wireless solution are higher than the wireless one.

BACKBONE

links connect one continents to another using submarine cables

The access for the backbone is provided by using wired links that are implemented by using ~~the~~ optical fiber / (fiber optics)

(in Italy) we have 32 PoP (points of presence) equivalent to cities where these PoPs are.

Among these 32 there are 4 called INNER CORE (2 in Rome and 2 in Milan) and the others are Outer cores

in Inner core : 10 Gbit/s
Outer core 10 Gbit/s or 2,5 Gbit/s or 155 Mbit/s

The amount of traffic set on the link is 50% of the capacity of the link. This is in order to add redundancy - So in case of failure on the network, the traffic can be directed to another part.

PHYSICAL TOPOLOGY

is made using optical routers and they are interconnected by rings with optical fiber.

TECHNOLOGY AND PROTOCOLS

We have different protocols at different layers.

In the backbone we have protocols at the lower layers and it is mostly implemented with multiplex traffic with fiber optics.

On layer 2 we have an asynchronous Transfer mode (ATM) and Gigabit Ethernet (GbE)

On layer 3 we implement multi protocol label switching.

NEW GENERATION BACKBONE

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XDSL

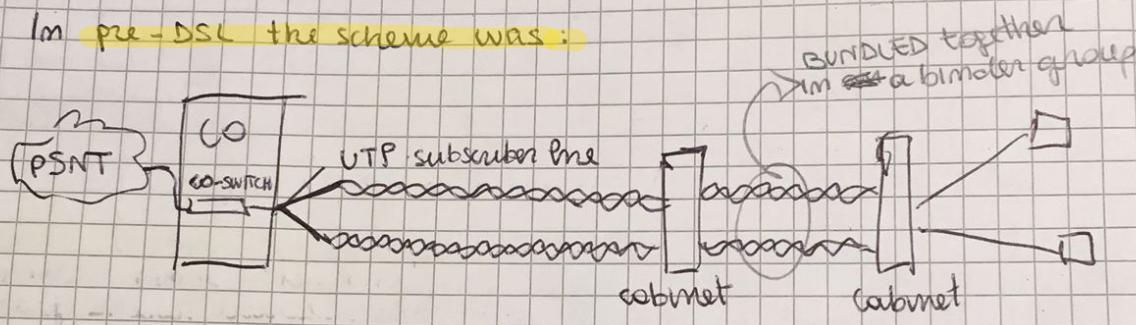
XDSL is a family of technologies that provide digital date transmission over the wires of a local telephone network.

DSL originally stood for digital subscriber loop

- IDNS: this solution used the same copper line of telephone network but provided 2 copper wires because

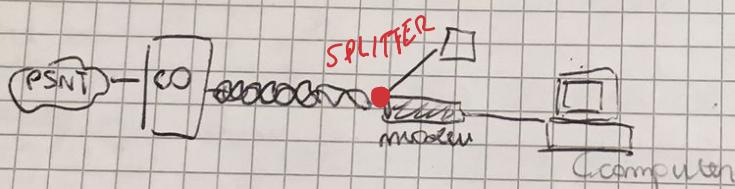
(Before the signal from telephone to CO was analog, so to transport the voice into an analog form the copper wire was set up to transfer in frequency a bandwidth contained in a range from 0 to 4 kHz. So the voice had to be transformed into an analog form, so 4 kHz was enough to transform voice into an analog form. So initially used voice in path of copper wire)

In pre-DSL the scheme was:



ANALOG modems

VOICE BAND MODEM



SHANNON CAPACITY OF TELEPHONE CHANNEL

bandwidth
(in B)

$$C = W \log_2(1 + SNR)$$

$C = W \log_2(1 + SNR)$ = bits/sec.

SNR is in db (SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO)

data rate
or channel capacity

In the next years there were other solutions (xDSL)

- X stands for the different options that we have for DSL for instance ~~DSL~~ ADSL → asymmetrical digital subscriber line

VDSL → very high dig. sub. line

The speed we can achieve on the ~~of~~ DSL made of copper wire, depends on the distance that we cross with ~~the~~ this digital line.

Ex for a category 3 UTP (unshielded twisted pair)

the date rate decreases as a function of the distance.
This is always true for all communication system.

* ADSL (asymmetric DSL)

what is the winning point?

- the fact that it is asymmetric. ~~it is almost random result because when the~~ happens the interest of having digital services at home was driven by the ~~video~~ on the main services. So at that time people didn't use so much computers at home to navigate the internet and so on. So this is the reason why they decided ~~to~~ that DSL should have worked in an asymmetrical way (a lot of data in one direction and less data in the other).

This ~~structure~~ structure is used also for ~~sunt~~ the internet. There are more data in the download than upload.

ADSL uses two separate frequency bands referred to as the upstream and downstream.

0 - 4 kHz PSTN (voice) telephone network)

25 - 875 kHz - 133 kHz Upstream

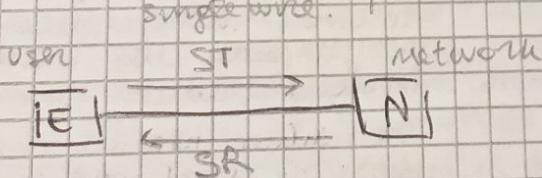
138 kHz - 1104 kHz Downstream

(bandwidth wider than upstream)
so datarate here is faster than upstream

M.B. there are gaps between different frequencies to avoid interference (which is contemporary transmission of signals in the same frequency band).

ADSL also provides an overlapping of up and downstream. We can transmit contemporary data in up and downstream ~~through the~~ through the operation called ECHO CANCELLATION.

Ex



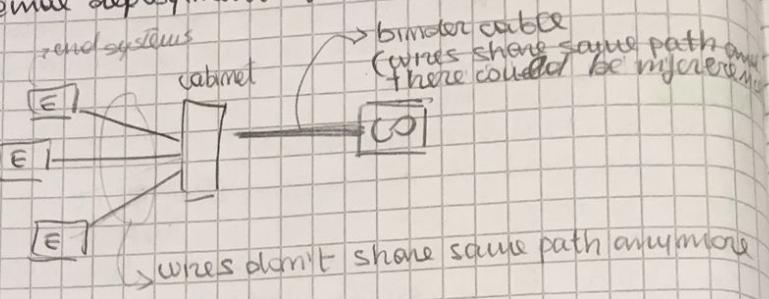
the communication is intrinsically bidirectional (same bandwidth, same time). How can I control that the two do not interfere? there is no way. But I can do ECHO CANCELLATION

If I transmit the signal (ST) and there is another signal that is received (SR), when I receive the signal, I can cancel from what I received what I have transmitted.
(So in this way I cancel interference)

ADSL also provides overlapping of voice received and transmitted in the telephone network. (we can receive and transmit at the same time).

CROSS-TALKS

wires sharing the same cable interfere one each other.
In the BINDER GROUP there are wires used only for telephone networks,
wires used for DS2 other used for VDSL / HDSL / ISDN and
so on (depends on the original deployment of these wires)

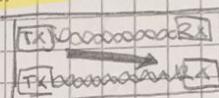


This interference has two names: **FEXT** or **NEXT**

FEXT (Far-end cross-talks)

it is the cross-talk between a **transmitter** and a **receiver** placed on **opposite sides of the cable**

NEXT

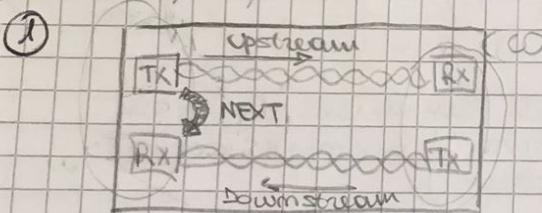


NEXT

it is the cross-talk between a **transmitter** and a **receiver** placed on the **same side of the cable**

Consider this case where I want to use more bandwidth in the downstream and use the band. of the upstream: I'll have 2 configurations:

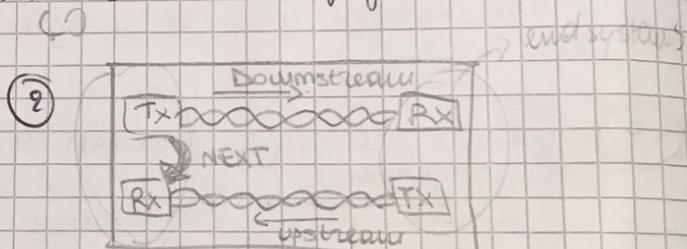
users / end systems



In this configuration, we consider two different users on the left and the CO on the right.

However this configuration does not exist in fact I can't have interference NEXT among two different users that use different cables.

So this means that NEXT must be in CO, so downstream and upstream are inverted



So the right configuration is this one, where NEXT interference is in the CO

This is the ~~the~~ right case.

To avoid interference I avoid to use the ~~the~~ full bandwidth in downstream

The solution is that the the CO, knowing what was sent in downstream, could remove what was sent and isolate what is receiving from upstream (avoiding interference)

- So the solutions for interference are:

- ECO CANCELLATION

- Not overlap the bandwidths (Keep them separated)
of upstream and downstream

DIMENTO

works
on am
path and
reference
more

The real data rates depend on:

- the length of the cable
- the distance from the CO or the cabinet
- how many cables share the same binder group
- what technology was used for cables

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MODULATION

is a way to create a shape of the signal that is going to transport the bits. (We are talking about digital communication)
There are different schemes:

* CAP (carrier-less Amplitude/Phase)

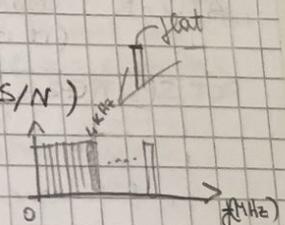
It provides a signal that once is modulated, it occupies the whole bandwidth.
In general there is a frequency carrier to transport these signals.

(Problem) Since the bandwidth we are going to put this signal is quite large, the frequency behaviour in the spectrum is not ideal.

Which is an ideal behaviour in a spectrum band? It is when you have no attenuation (as a function of the frequency) flat, that is all the frequencies are attenuated in the same manner. So while it is quite easy to assume that the channel is flat, when the bandwidth is large it is complex to have flat attenuation.

The idea of ADSL: let measure the attenuation (S/N)

the attenuation is not flat (but there are some frequencies that are suppressed by the channel)

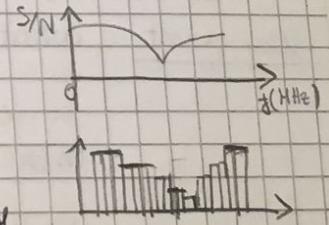


* DMT (Discrete multi-tone)

divide the channel in several subchannels, each one very short (4 kHz).

The advantage of this splitting is that if we look on one subchannel, we can observe that it is flat.

So in each subchannel the subband the channel becomes flat and for the frequencies in that subband you can characterize the attenuation with a value which is the same for the whole subband.



This multi-tone modulation. So it is called discrete because you divide it in subparts. Multi-tone because you have different bands and each band has a different tone.

Once we divide in subbands, we can provide modulation different modulation for each subband.

General rule for modulation: you can put more bits (effluent modulation) when you have low attenuation.

On the contrary, you have to put less bits (less effluent modulation).

when you have an higher attenuation.

This concept is represented by WATER FILLING



WATER FILLING

Let us assume that our channel is represented as the inverse of signal to noise ratio $(S/N)^{-1}$, so it represents ~~the~~ behavior of S/N .

This can be considered as a pool in which the water is the band you dedicate to each modulation (the amount of bits that you put in your modulation). And you put the bits in a way that is inversely proportional to the depth of this pool.

Whereas this is $(S/N)^{-1}$, the bottom of the pool corresponds to a better value because I can put more bits in it (so the power of the modulation is higher where $(S/N)^{-1}$ is deeper.)

So there will be some empty bands that correspond to unused tones when the attenuation is the worst.

We have a theoretical maximum upstream and downstream bandwidth: number of channels \times bit/channel \times width of subband.

In ADSL we have modems:

ATU-R: telecommunication ADSL termination unit - Remote side (it is at the user side)

POT SPITTER: it is a filter in the frequency band filtering on one side the frequency band dedicated to the telephone, and on the other side the up and down stream.

ATU-R

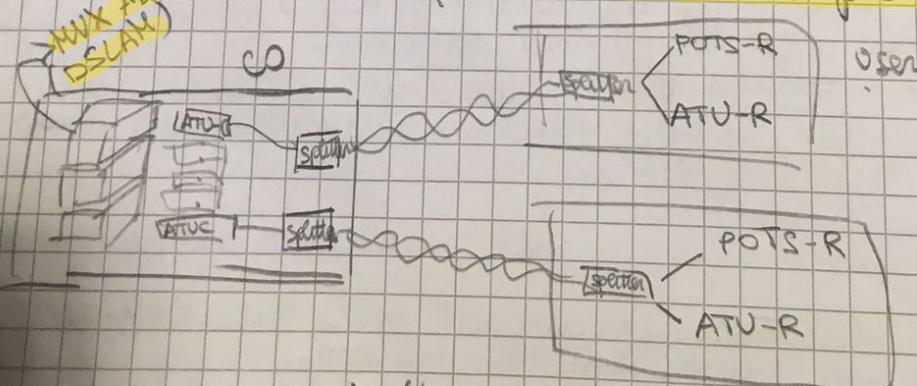
POTS-R

Key point: what is present in pot splitter $\begin{cases} \text{POTS-R} \\ \text{ATU-R} \end{cases}$ is replicated

in identical manner at the CO side. So

in the CO ~~we~~ we have the splitter and the modem $\begin{cases} \text{DSLAM} \\ \text{ATU-C} \end{cases}$

We have a splitter and a modem for every twisted pair



We have ATU-C and the result is multiplexed in an element that is called multiplexer **DSLAM** (DSL Access Multiplexer)

SPLITTER

- close to
- splitter
- you do
- you have
- ADSL
- CPE

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SPLITTER 3 types

- close to the modems (SPLITTERED)
- splitter distributed in the house (DISTRIBUTED SPLITTERS)
- you don't have the splitter (SPLIFLESS) and this means that you have more interference from the telephone to the frequency of ADSL and vice versa.
(It was used at the very beginning.)

N.B.

Now telephone companies include ~~the free telephone~~ ^{in buying DSL} because the telephone calls, instead of being transmitted in the telephone band, are transmitted as bits ~~in a way~~. So they become bits that are included in your data, so the communication happens in the digital part of the DSL.

VDSL (Very high digital subscriber line)

It evolves in this way: it reduces the size of the copper wire. So while until now the classical ADSL uses FTTC (exchange), the VDSL brings the fiber to the cabinet (FTTC) and from the cabinet we have twisted pair. In this way we have reduced the distance crossed by a twisted pair, so we improve the bit rate.

There are two main costs here:
① we need more fiber (and the cost is not of the fiber itself)
② of the fact that we have to put an optical device (ONU optical network unit) so you need space in the cabinet.

① the cost of the fiber depends on the fact that you have to do works on the road to insert cables.

WHAT IS Ipv6

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IPv6 INTERNET Protocol Version 6

It is a new version of Internet protocol (IP)

- the changes from IPv4 to IPv6 fall into the following categories:

- expanded addressing capability

in IPv4 addresses are 32 bits long. So we can write at most 2^{32} addresses (4 billion)

Initially the main scope of an IP address was to uniquely identify an host on the internet. So we could have only 4 billion devices connected on the internet. It was enough when the internet was born, but not now.

Now all devices need to be connected to the internet (for example sensors) so now we have to use many more addresses.

In the '90 there was NETWORK ADDRESS TRANSLATION (NAT), it is still used.

It takes the IPv4 addressing space and it divides it in 2 parts not necessarily equal. So we have the set of private and the set of public. The idea is that all those hosts that are required to be reachable from everywhere are assigned to a public address (servers) and they need to be global unique (I can't have 2 identical public addresses).

The private addresses are designed to be used in private networks (such as LAN, home networks, enterprise networks). Inside the single private network we assign unique addresses but I have 2 different private networks I can use the same prefix. (With this solution I can reuse addresses)

THIS IS A MIDDLE TERM SOLUTION because there are some problems:

- requires to play with layers that are upper with respect to the layer 3

So as long TERM SOLUTION WAS DESIGNED, IPv6

In IPv6 the address space is so big that we will never have problems with the limited size of the address space

In IPv6 addresses are 128 bits long so we can write 2^{128} different addresses.

So there is no more need to divide addresses in private and public.

- header format simplification

reduce processing that is required to perform in each packet. In IPv4 in the header there were many fields and mandatory fields. But there were fields that were not used (like fragmentation) that I only use when I encounter a link which is smaller than the packet length. So most of the time are set to 0. But you have to process them anyway.

So in IPv6 we create a basic header where only fundamental fields appear (destination, source addresses, etc.)

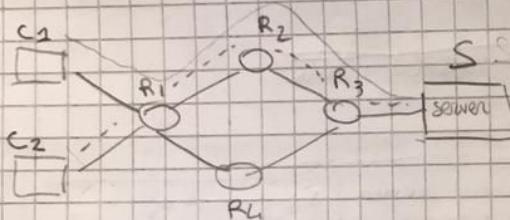
All optional fields are removed. So header now has a fixed length and there are a lot of routers to do the processing, so they reduce the processing overhead of routers and it also determines a reduction of the delay of the processing. This benefit is achieved in all the packets that generally only require basic services.

So in IPv6 we have the basic header with only ~~the~~ mandatory fields plus an extension header that contains optional fields (I can add multiple extension headers depending on the service that I need). • improved support for extensions and options

- flow labeling capability

add a label to each packet so the router knows that the packet belongs to a specific flow

(ex) consider a network infrastructure.



assume that this use IPv4.
So routers have to run a routing protocol and that will determine the port to go to deliver packets to the server.

Assume that C1 wants to communicate with S and C2 wants to communicate with S.

They can go to the same path R1, R2, R3, S

But in this case there is a part in the net that is overloaded and the others not, so there is a possible congestion in one part and a waste of capacity in the other.

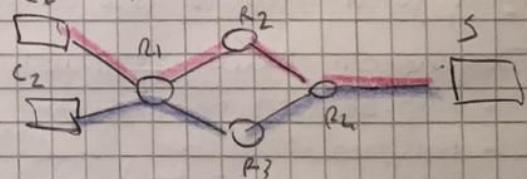
The solution could be to balance the load on the network. So with IPv4 you don't find a single shortest path but you find multiple shortest path.

PROBLEM : The way flow balancing can be performed in this architecture is as follows :

R1 receives a packet, no matters which flow belongs to, it sends it to the upper part.

I receive the second packet to the down part. R1 receives the third packet and it sends it to the upper part. (So for each packet R1 sends it one up and one down)

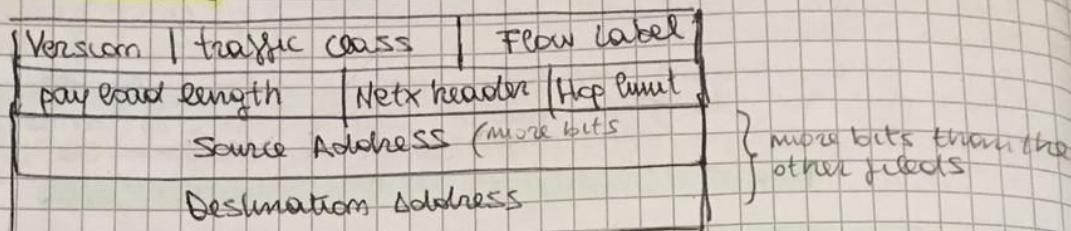
Not a good way because at layer 4 there is TCP protocol which is sensible to out of order. (So if I deliver a packet on a flow out of sequence, TCP has to do a lot of work to re-order the packets and it will ask for retransmission.)



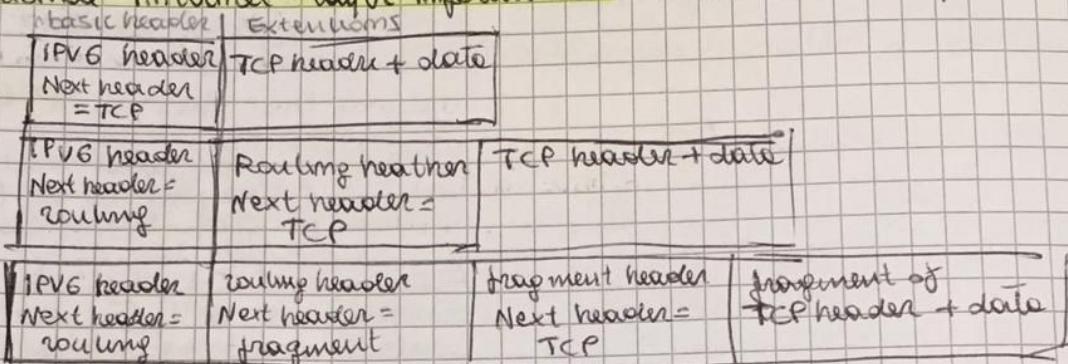
in IPv6 we can avoid this problem through labeling capability. So R1 can understand from which client arrives the packet and then send it on the right flow.

- authentication and privacy capability

BASIC HEADER IPV6



Optional internet-layer information is encoded in separate headers



PROCESSING AN IPV6 PACKET

Extension headers are not processed, inserted or deleted by any node along a packet's delivery path, until the packet reaches the node identified in the destination address field of **IPV6 header**.

Extension headers must ~~be of different types~~:

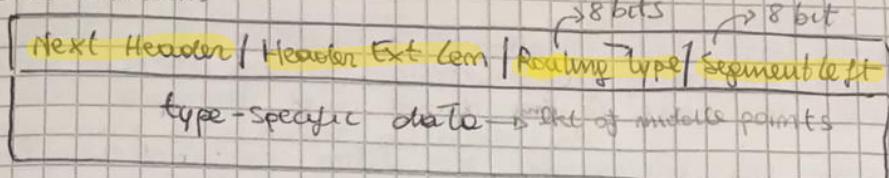
- Hop-by-hop options → It is allowed to be processed by intermediate nodes. (It uses flooding)
- Fragment
- Destination Options
- Routing
- Authentication
- Encapsulating security Pay load

The order is fundamental for headers :

- 1) IPv6 header
- 2) hop-by-hop options
- 3) Destination
- 4) Routing
- 5) Fragmentation
- 6) Authentication
- 7) Encapsulating Security Pay load
- 8) Destination option
- 9) Upper-layer

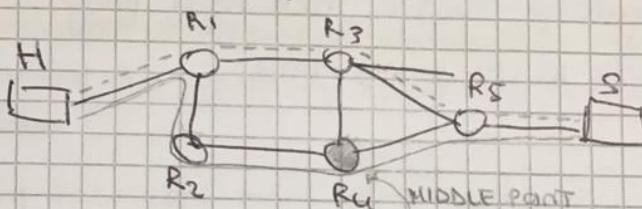
ROUTING HEADER

Allows the source node to specify a list of intermediate points that the packet has to go through before being delivered to the destination.



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(ex)



for example it could choose one router to be the middle point (ex: router R4) this means that the packet must go through it

TYPE 0 ROUTING HEADER

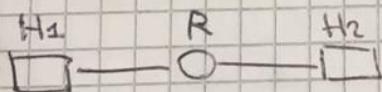
it has been ~~deprecated~~ because it creates problems about network security. It was used to create the ~~Denial~~ service attack in the network. It tried to create a congestion such that you have a lot of ~~lost~~ lost packets.

The vulnerability is that in type 0 routing header the middle point is allowed to appear in a list of middle points as many times as we want. So this fact can be exploited by attackers

(ex) Attacker generate a packet that wants to reach the destination but the list of middle points to go through is always the same (for example AB AB AB). This makes the packet to go back and forward as many times as he wants. So it can create traffic in A-B link, and if we have a lot of packet, they can congest the link.

FRAGMENT HEADER

fragmentation in IPv4 :



each link is characterized by a parameter MTU (maximum transmission unit). It specifies what is the largest packet allowed to be transmitted over that link.

If the packet is larger than the MTU then the packet must be dropped. In IPv4 we have a service (FRAGMENTATION) which allows to send big packets over a link. It divides the packets too long in fragments short enough to be sent.

In IPv4 there are 3 field in the header to do fragmentation and reassembly : (REASON IDENTIFIER), that is the same for all the fragments that are generated from the same packet

FRAGMENT OFFSET: points at the first unit of the payload that is carried by the fragment. So we can reassemble packages in the destination.

MFLAG: it is set to 0 only if the fragment is the last of the packet

In IPv6 only the first node is allowed to perform fragmentation. It tries to reduce the use of fragmentation (because it is a waste of time) whereas you have to divide and recompose the packets).

So the pros are: less processing, less delay, overhead reduction

the cons are: security threats, need of path MTU discovery procedure

So in IPv6 in order to discover the capacity of each link during flow, before sending traffic each host performs a procedure called PLAT (path MTU discovery) to find the smallest MTU on the path and to divide the packets in the source node.

REASSEMBLY

An original packet is reconstructed only from fragment packets that have the same source address, dest. address and fragment identification.

I wait to receive all fragments and then using the fragment offset I determine the sequence fragments and step by step build the original packet.

Once I put together the fragments, I still haven't got the original packet because there are two different fields in the basic header that have a different value with respect to the original one:

- In the basic header there is the payload length that in the fragmentation needs to be reconstructed
- In the original packet, the next extension header is not the fragment one. So I have to go into the pre-fragment header (where I find the basic header + some extension headers) and take the last extension header that appears in it and in the next header field update the value (which now is pointing at fragment header) And I have to update it to the actual next extension header.

To find the length of original packet is obtained using this formula:

$$PL_{\text{orig}} = PL_{\text{first}} - FL_{\text{first}} - 8 + (8 * FO_{\text{last}}) + FL_{\text{last}}$$

payload length of 1st fragment
fragment length of 1st fragment

→ fragment offset of last fragment
depth of fragment header
(8 byte = 64 bits)

fragment length of the last fragment

ERRORS IN REASSEMBLY

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- Insufficient fragments are received (reassembler must be abandoned and all received fragments are discarded)
- The length of a fragment is not a multiple of 8 octets and the M flag is 1 (packet size < 8 bytes) (discard the frame and send an ICMP Parameter problem to the source)
- Fragments of a packet are overlapped (reassembler of the packet must be abandoned, all received fragments are discarded and no ICMP error msgs. should be sent)

SECURITY THREATS RELATED TO FRAGMENTATION

each end device can decide by itself how to end a service fragmentation

PACKET SIZE ISSUE

While in IPv4 every single node is allowed to do fragmentation, in IPv6 only the source node can. (It reduces the overhead)

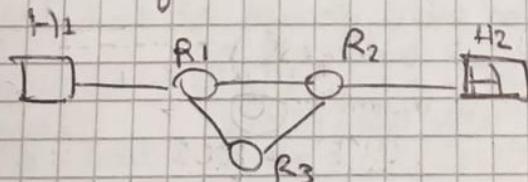
The problem is that the source node is asked to create fragments that are smaller or equal to the smallest MTU on the links in the flow.

The size of the smallest packet in a IPv6 P SHOULD be 1280 octets

To know what is the minimum MTU among all links you do PATH MTU DISCOVERY: initially you know only the MTU of the first link, then on every node you see the MTU of the next link and you return it to the source node that update the new value of MTU. In the end the source node fragments the packets at the minimum MTU found.

PATH MTU and Black Holes

Black holes occur when the network infrastructure is UP but communication among end devices is DOWN



H₁ → R₁ → R₂ → R₃ → R₂
black hole

Possible causes: the routers are not sending PTB msgs
When the packet enters the loop it doesn't go out. So after an amount of time the packet is considered missed.

Loop is easier to be detected

IPv6 SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

IPv6 has security properties that are similar to IPv4.

There are some problems:

- EAVESDROPPING
- PACKET INSERTION
- PACKET MODIFICATION
- HAN-IN-THE-MIDDLE
- DENIAL OF SERVICE

IPV6 ADDRESSING

IPv6 addresses are 128-bit long.

There are three types of addresses depending on the type of communication.

- UNICAST: used for client-server applications
- ANYCAST: the source node wants to send a msg to a given set of devices (not really interested of which one will receive the msg.)
- MULTICAST: is for multicast communication (live streaming, web radio, web TV). There is a source node which is sending traffic to a set of users.

N.B. We don't have broadcast in IPv6.

TEXT REPRESENTATION OF ADDRESSES

The general form for IPv6 is $x:x:x:x:x:x:x:x$.

We use the four hexadecimal digits of the eight 16-bit pieces of the address.

ex) ABCD:EF01:2345:6789:ABCD:EF01:2345:6789

2001:DB8:0:0:8:800:200C:417A

It is not necessary to write the leading zeros in an individual field. There must be at least one numeral in every field. You can not omit the final zeros.

The use of ":" indicates one or more groups of 16 bits of zeros (it can appear only once in an address).

In general unicast starts with number 2.

ex) 2001:DB8:0:0:8:800:200C:417 \Rightarrow 2001:DB8::8:800:200C:417
(UNICAST ADDRESS)

FF01:0:0:0:0:0:101 \Rightarrow FF01::101 (MULTICAST ADDRESS)

0:0:0:0:0:0:1 \Rightarrow ::1 (LOOPBACK ADDRESS)

0:0:0:0:0:0:0 \Rightarrow :: (UNSPECIFIED ADDRESS)

Ex) FF01::80:0:1 \Rightarrow FF01:0:0:0:8:0:0:1 so they are
 FF01:0:0:8::1 \Rightarrow FF01:0:0:8:0:0:0:1 {Not the same address}

IPv6 ADDRESS PREFIX

An IPv6 prefix is represented by the notation IPv6-address/prefix-length

- IPv6-address is an IPv6 address
- prefix-length is a decimal value specifying how many of the leftmost contiguous bits of the address comprise the prefix

Ex) 2001:0DB8:0000:CD30:0000:0000:0000:0000 / 60
 ↳ each group represents 16 bits
 whereas the prefix-length is 60 it means that I have to consider only the first 60 bits \rightarrow 2001:0DB8:0000:CD3,
 PREFIX IDENTIFIER
 all the other numbers belong to interface identifier.

I can also write it in the abbreviation way:

2001:0DB8::CD30:0:0:0/60

2001:0DB8:0:CD30::/60

I CAN'T WRITE:

2001:0DB8:0:CD3/60 \rightarrow because CD3 = CD3 \neq CD30
 (if I have only 3 numbers in one group, it means that the missing 0 is the leading one)

2001:0DB8::CD30/60 \Rightarrow 2001:0DB8:0000:0000:0000:0000:CD30
 (quindi non è lo stesso indirizzo di portata)

2001:0DB8::CD3/60 \Rightarrow 2001:0DB8:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:CD30
 (quindi non va bene perché questo)

Address type	Binary prefix	IPv6 notation
Unspecified	0.0..0 (128 bits)	::/128
Loopback	0.0..1 (128 bits)	::1/128
Multicast	1.1.1.1.1.1.1	FF00::/8
Link-local unicast	1.1.1.1.1.1.0.1.0	FE80::/10
Global unicast	(everything else)	

Anycast addresses are taken from the multicast address spaces

ADDRESS SCOPE

How these addresses will be used?

The global unicast addresses and public IPv4 addresses are similar. Global unicast are required to have connectivity. Every server must have the global address. The main difference between global unicast in IPv6 and IPv4 is that while in IPv4, public addresses are assigned only at servers, global unic. addrs. are assigned also to hosts.

Global unic. addrs. ask for public addrs. and can be routable over the internet.

If we are in the subnet of a network we can use link local address instead of the global one.

If we want to allow the communication with other subnet works we can use SITE addresses.

INTERFACE IDENTIFIER

Interface identifiers in IPv6 unicast addresses are used to identify interfaces on a link.

They are unique within a subnet prefix.

Am II can be derived directly from that interface's link-layer address:

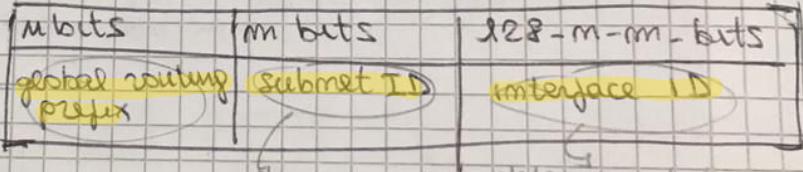
- split the MAC add. in 2 strings 24-bit long
- insert the hexadecimal string FFFE in between the two obtained parts
- flip the 7th most significant bit

II is considered for multicast addrs., except those starting with 000

GLOBAL UNICAST ADDRESSES

general format is

value assigned to a site
(I assign it to a subnet)

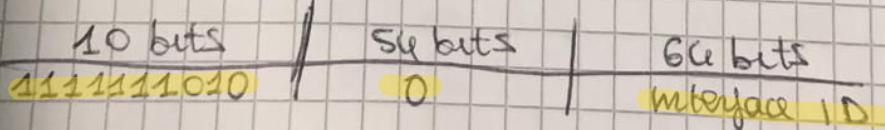


determined starting from link-layer address

All global unic. addrs. other than those that start with 000 have a 64-bit Interface ID field (i.e. $m+m=64$)

LINK-LOCAL IPV6 UNICAST ADDRESSES

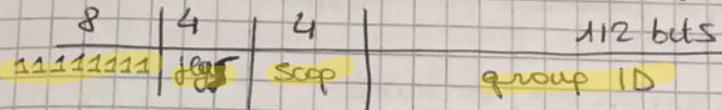
are designed to be used for addressing on a single link for automatic address configuration, neighbor discovery, when no routers are present.



Routers must not forward any packets with link-local source or destination addrs. to other links.

MULTICAST ADDRESSES

An IPv6 multicast address is an identifier for a group of interfaces
An interface may belong to any number of multicast groups



- flags is a set of 4 flags: T/R/P/I
 - T=0 permanent address (well-known) used for configuration
 - T=1 non permanent address (running an application)
 - R, P → used for special purpose
- scope is a 4-bit multicast scope value used to limit msg in the scope of the multicast group
 - 1 : Interface local scope
 - 2 : Link local scope

- Ex let's consider "NTP servers group" and we want to assign a permanent multicast address with a group ID of 101
- FF02:0:0:0:0:0:101
 - reach all NTP servers that are in the same link as the sender
 - FF05:
 - in the same site
 - FF0E
 - all NTP servers in the internet (so I use the global one)

WELL-KNOWN MULTICAST ADDRESSES

- All nodes addresses (depending on the scope you send the msg, to a different range of nodes)
 - FF01:0:0:0:0:0:1 (interface local)
 - FF02:0:0:0:0:0:1 (link-local)
- All routers addresses
 - FF01:0:0:0:0:0:2 (interface local)
 - FF02:0:0:0:0:0:2 (link-local)
 - FF05:0:0:0:0:0:2 (site-local)

IPv6 Subnetting -

NEIGHBOR DISCOVERY

nodes use it to

- determine the link-layer addresses for neighbors
- purge cached values
- find neighbor routers
- keep track of which neighbors are reachable.
- detect changed link-layer address

The procedure is based on the following IPv6 addresses:

- all nodes multicast addresses
- solicited node multicast addr.
- link-local addr.
- unspecified addr.

MESSAGES

Router Solicitation

(prompt routers to generate Router Advertisements quickly)

Router Advertisement

(routers send out rout. Adv. msgs. periodically, or in response to Router solicitations).

Neighbor solicitation

(from a host to another host generate an answer)

Neighbor advertisement

Redirect

HOST CON

SENDING ALGORITHM

ROUTER DISCOVERY

- it is used to locate neighbor routers

it uses a link-local addr and a multicast to all other routers

there is a periodic advertisement sent

so the host can have information of all routers on the network.

- it is also used to do duplicate address detection (DAD)

- Another one is NS Spooing.

- Unsolicited NA

HOST CONFIGURATION

There are three ways a host can get an IPv6 address:

- manual configuration
- stateless configuration (created automatically) (SLAAC)
- stateful config. (DHCPv6)

The host can get the IP address and directly from DHCP server.
The address is automatically computed by the host while the other parameters are given by the DHCP server.
When we generate an addr AUTOM., the address has a time validity.

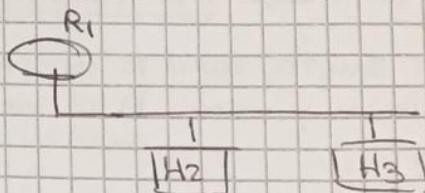
Stateless configuration

SLAAC

It connects to the subnet and generates an IPv6 link local addr.

It uses Duplicate address

Detections to verify the uniqueness of the generated address.



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TLS / IPsec

Network security services

- confidentiality: only sender and intended receiver can understand msg contents (encryption and decryption)
- authentication: sender and receiver want to confirm identity of each other
- msg integrity: sender and receiver want to ensure msg not altered without detection
- access and availability: service must be accessible and available.

A and B want to communicate "securely" but an intruder T may intercept, delete or alter or msg.

ATTACKS

- eavesdrop: intercept msg.
- insert msg into connection
- impersonation: cast fake source addr in packet
- hijacking: ongoing connections by monitoring sender or receiver inserting him self in place
- denial of service (DoS) prevent source from being used by others

m = plaintext msg

$K_A(m)$ = ciphertext, encrypted with key K_A

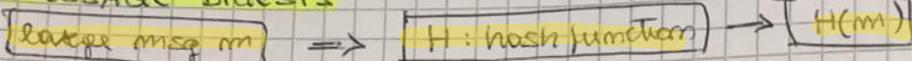
$m = K_B(K_A(m))$

SYMMETRIC CRYPTOGRAPHY: A & B share same (symmetric) key: K_S

PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY: B has 2 keys (private and public)

A encrypts with ~~B's~~ B's public key and
B decrypt with ~~A's~~ his private key

MESSAGE DIGESTS



goal: fixed-length, easy to compute digital "fingerprint"

- apply hash function H to m , get fixed size msg digest $H(m)$

Hash funct.

- many to 1
- produces fixed-size msg digest (fingerprint)
- given msg digest x , computationally infeasible to find m such that $x = H(m)$

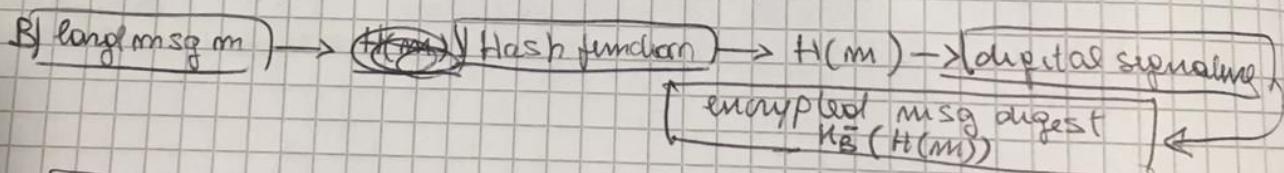
(I can easily encrypt m but I can't decrypt it)

Hash function is a one direction function

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

we want to replicate the source (to be sure that no one modified the msg)

- B signed m
- no one else signed m
- B signed m and not m'



A $\boxed{\text{take signature and decript}} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{decrypt}} \rightarrow m$

A $\boxed{H \text{ function}} \rightarrow m \quad \xleftarrow{\text{equal?}} \rightarrow \text{OK}$

CERTIFICATION AUTHORITIES

\rightarrow is specified in the signature.
the certif. Auth. certifies that the
sender is bob

CA binds public key to particular entity E.

E (person, router) registers its public key with CA.

- E provides proof of identity to CA
- CA creates certificate binding E to its public key
- certificate contains E's public key digitally signed by CA-CA says: "this is E's public key".

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IP SECURITY SCENARIOS

IPsec provides the capability to secure communications across LAN, private and public WANs, internet

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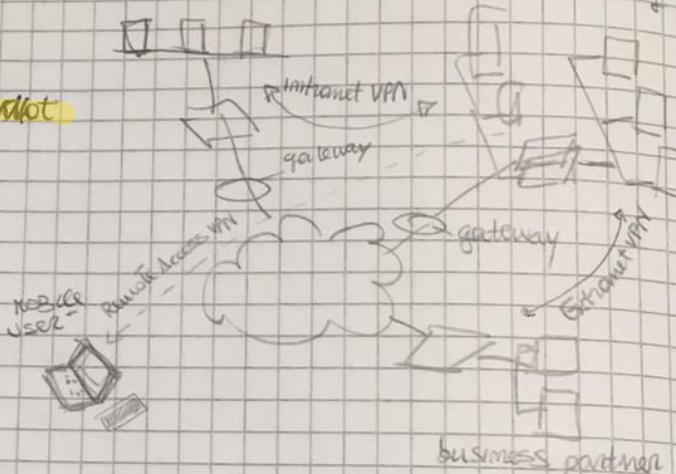
FLOC

There is a big company with a main building and in other parts of the country there are offices (different branches). These branches are connected to the main ~~building~~ building through public Intranet. (so I can communicate between branches and main building with private addresses)

- Can we protect only gateway-gateway communication? By using IP-SEC or we can protect end-to-end communication? (We can do both)

In the second case we want to communicate securely over the internet using a business partner (we use EXTRANET)

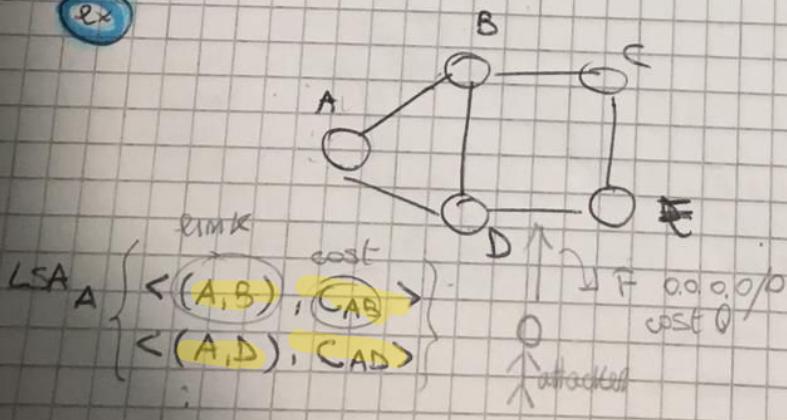
The third case is when we want to communicate securely through mobile users (REMOTE ACCESS VPN)



ROUTING APPLICATIONS

GLOBAL ROUTING RIP protocol: In order to fulfil the routing table each router needs to know the network topology entirely. Since a router is a machine attached to the network, it doesn't know nothing of the network where it is working, it has to run a protocol and exchange msg with the neighbors to discover how the network is made.

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starts from A, at the end we know all routers and links in the network

The routers are discovered using LSA (link state advertisement)

It also contains the cost of each link. (in this way I can find the shortest path).

Once that the LSA is created, it is sent to all neighbors of A and this is the so-called FLOODING

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FLOODING:

the router B receives the LSA from A and it finds out the link between A and B and its cost.
Router C receives the same for D.

Then B and C send their LSA to C and E (not to A because we have already explored this link).

In this way we build the network topology.

- The problem is that when a router receives the LSA, it trusts the content of the LSA. So if one attacker tries to create incorrect information in LSA the router will take them as correct (spoofing).

For example: an attacker creates an LSA where a node F with address 0.0.0.0/0 has cost 0 (that means that you can reach the internet with cost 0).

In this case the routers in the network trust this LSA and every router sends information about packets to this node F that doesn't exist.

This lead to a huge congestion on link DE and all the packets will never reach the destination.

- An attacker could also take a real LSA and change some information in it.

The services that we need to have are: authentication of the source and the msg integrity. ~~this way~~

IP SEC SERVICES

- It is used by two different protocols

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- authentication protocol designed by the header of the protocol (AH)
- encryption/decryption protocol designed by the format of the packet for the protocol (ESP).

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- The services are:

access control
connection integrity
data origin authentication
rejection of replay packets
confidentiality
limited traffic flow confidentiality.

- IP SEC provides security services.

- AH = authentication header (doesn't provide confidentiality and ensures traffic flow)
- ESP (encryption only) (doesn't provide connectionless integrity and data origin authentication)
- ESP (encryption and authentication) (provides everything)
- ESP = encapsulating security payload.

IP SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

SECURITY ASSOCIATIONS

- In general two peers in an IPsec communication need to create the security association to get security services.
- A security association is a ~~one way relationship~~ between a sender and a receiver. ~~The configuration file~~ has to be negotiated with the other peer.
- The protection is only in one direction sender → receiver or vice versa. If we want in both directions (inbound and outbound) we have to create another pair of security associations.
- The association specifies a set of parameters:
 - SPI: ~~Identifier~~ identifier for security associations. The SPI of a certain association is the same in both peers.
 - Transform: algorithm used for encryption is esp-des.
 - Inuse setting: tunnel mode
 - SA timing: time assigned to every security association.
 - replay detection support: N
- Associations on the same peer but for different directions (inbound and outbound) have different SPIs. (because they are different entities).

SPI (SECURITY PARAMETERS INDEX)

It has a local meaning (this means that could exist another device using the same SPI). It is like a key to distinguish different security associations. It enables the receiving system to select the SA for processing the current packet.

IP DESTINATION ADDRESS

The destination depends on the direction of the association. It cannot be a multicast address because only unicast addresses are allowed.

SECURITY PROTOCOL IDENTIFIER

AH authentication header

ESP encapsulating security payload.

) AH or ESP

We cannot use both in a single security association

- Sequence number counter: number that the sender includes in every single packet (different for every different packet)
- Anti-replay Window:
- AH information or ESP information
- Lifetime of the SA
- IPsec protocol Mode (tunnel, transport)
- PATH MTU (for fragmentation)

Every SA in a gateway will be installed in the security association database (SAD)

SA SELECTORS

We want to give the gateway the possibility to know whether a packet has to be processed according to IPsec or not and in case the packet must be protected, what type of association I have to use.

We use SECURITY POLICY DATABASE (SPD) & that sets traffic filters for SA. (We can consider a traffic filter like a routing rule where we can also specify the source and destination address, the port number of source and destination, the type of protocol and so on.)

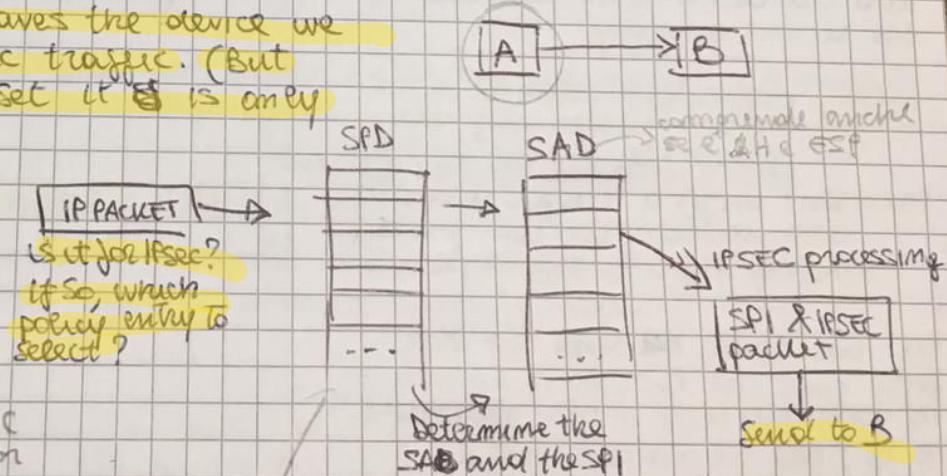
So we have 2 different databases for security gateways:

Association database (SAD) and security policy database (SPD)

→ traffic & traffics

SPD + SAD: Outbound traffic (on A)

when the traffic leaves the device we referred to as IPsec traffic. (But before B becoming IPsec it is only IP packet)

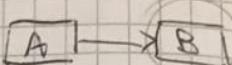
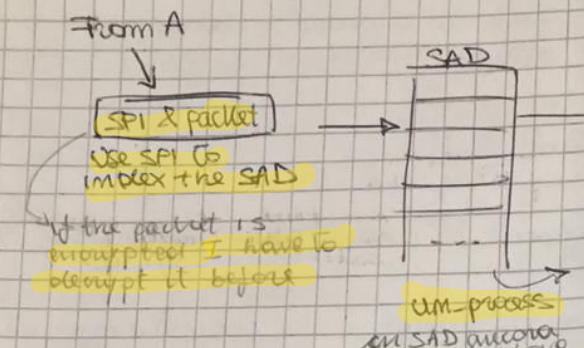


SPD contains entries which define a subset of IP traffic and point to an SA for that traffic.

of a SPD viene preso il migliore di destinazione

(dentro SPD se si decide se è pacchetto e IP normale o se è IPsec a seconda dell'indirizzo di destinazione)

SPD + SAD: Inbound traffic (on B)

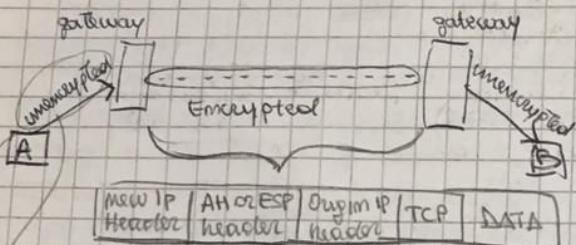


was packet properly secured?
original IP packet

comunque quale tipo di servizi erano associati alle singole reti pacchetti (quindi se il pacchetto era con AH e non con ESP, allora belli che il pacchetto preche sia in TCP che ha avuto qualche problema).

TUNNEL VS TRANSPORT MODE

TUNNEL MODE



here msgs are sent like plain text

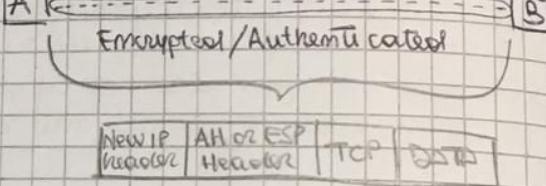
In the Tunnel mode the packet is encapsulated into another IP packet

In this IP packet the source address is that of the first gateway and the destination address is the second gateway.

CONS: bigger overhead because we are increasing the packet length because we put the original gateway IP header

PRO: but with a single security association we can protect many more traffic flows

But we can't be sure if the first and the last part (from A to gateway and from gateway 2 to B) are secure channels



In the transport mode the original packet is directly sent by including the IPsec header

PRO: reduces the overhead provides end-to-end service

In this case we are protecting a simple communication

If we use

AH

IP

ESP

with

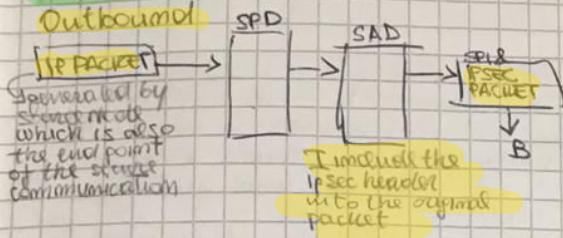
N.B While for host-host communications we can decide to use either transport or tunnel mode, in case of gateway to gateway communication we must use tunnel mode

Si usa la tunnel per struttura di struttura IPv4 per IPv6 senza rifare tutto

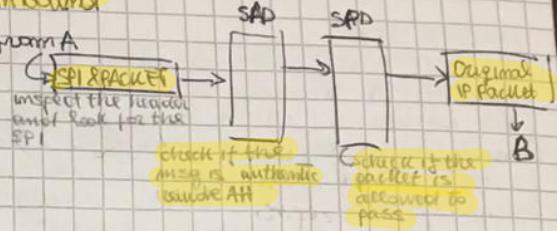
Apply transport or tunnel mode to Outbound traffic.

TRANSPORT

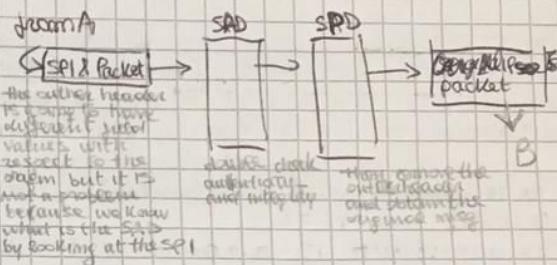
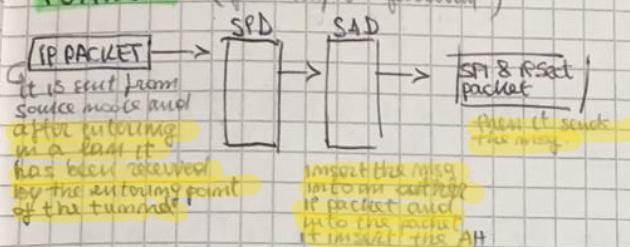
Outbound



Inbound



TUNNEL (gateway to gateway)



In transport mode broadcast may occur and not tunnel mode.

AH In transport mode is going to protect (by authentication and integrity) the full up payload plus some header fields in the original header.

Tunnel mode adds header & trailer packets (so we can do it over a network with one certificate).

ESP In transport mode encryption of the payload of the packet.

Tunnel encrypts entire message of packet.

ESP with authentication In transport is going to protect only the payload (so is weaker than AH). We encrypt IP payload and authenticate it (but not the header).

If we want to get all the services in the entire original packet we have to use Tunnel mode.

AUTHENTICATION HEADER (AH)

It provides support for data integrity and authentication of IP packets. It prevents and protects against address spoofing attacks and replay attack.

IPv6

0

15

51

Next header	Payload Len	Reserved
	Security parameters Index (SPI)	
	Sequence number field → <small>to prevent replay attacks</small>	
	Authentication Data (variable)	

ANTI-REPLAY SERVICE

A replay attack is one in which the attacker obtains a copy of an authenticated packet and later transmits it to the intended destination.

SENDER SIDE

At the negotiator it appears which value has been set.

The state is (to be) Not of the session ex

the first time two security gateway communicate, they have to negotiate a security association. In that moment, the source (the outbound with respect to the traffic) initializes a variable (which is the sequence number) to 0. Everytime it sends a new packet using that SA it increments the counter and includes the number into the sequence number field of the AH. In case the seq. num. reaches the value $2^{32}-1$, it should go back to 0, so it terminates the SA and negotiates a new SA with a new key.

per mantenere l'ordine di arrivo

RECEIVER SIDE

IP is connectionless, (main difference with respect to TCP), unreliable service, so there will be no guarantee that packets will be delivered in order (or simply delivered).

The receiver should implement a buffer (window of size W) with a default of $W=64$.

The window is a range of sequence numbers that the receiver allows to receive and it has a fixed length.

In case we receive packets with a sequence number smaller than the smallest sequence number in the window, we have to drop them.

When I receive a valid packet, the window slides on, however if one of the sequence numbers in the window is missing, I lose it. (the packet is considered lost). A window is a sequence of successive parts of a stream (la finestra scorrere per far entrare 10 (i pacchetti che vengono sono arrivati prima del 10 vengono eliminati))

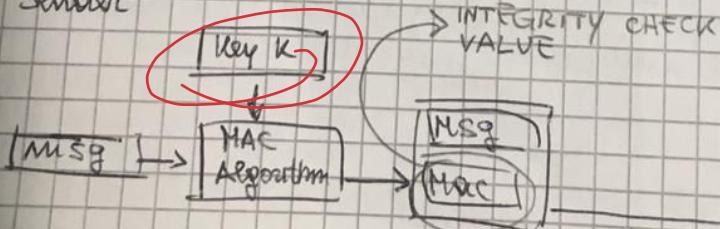
(Non vengono accettati pacchetti con sequence number troppo basso o che sono stati ricevuti al un tempo)

INTEGRITY CHECK VALUE

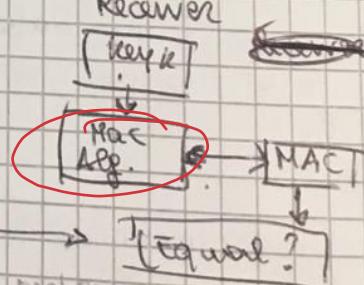
(it is authentication only)

An authenticator is a small string that provides the receiver a proof of the identity of the sender. The idea is that we want to verify whether the sender knows a secret only key is supposed to know.

Sender



Receiver



MAC = message authentication code

To calculate the authenticator we use an hash function (MAC Algorithm) that takes the msg and concatenate it with a secret and it simply calculate the hash. \rightarrow output: small string (DIGEST)
Since the hash funct is a long string, nobody else can generate a MAC - MAC (which is the integrity check value) is inserted in the authentication state of the AH.

At the receiver side, the receiver knows the secret key because it has been negotiated before with the sender. It applies the same MAC alg used by the sender and if it finds a MAC which is equal to the one carried in the packet (integrity check value), then the sender knows the secret. → And in case the msg was generated by the sender but it has been modified, the two MACs will not be equal so the packets will fail.

Nom tutti i campi servono per calcolare MAC (non ci sono quelli che variano da sorgente a destinazione ex. time-to-live del pacchetto)

The ICV is a msg authentication code produced by a MAC alg. at it can be HMAC-MD5-96 or HMAC-SHA-1-96 (takes only the first 96 bits)

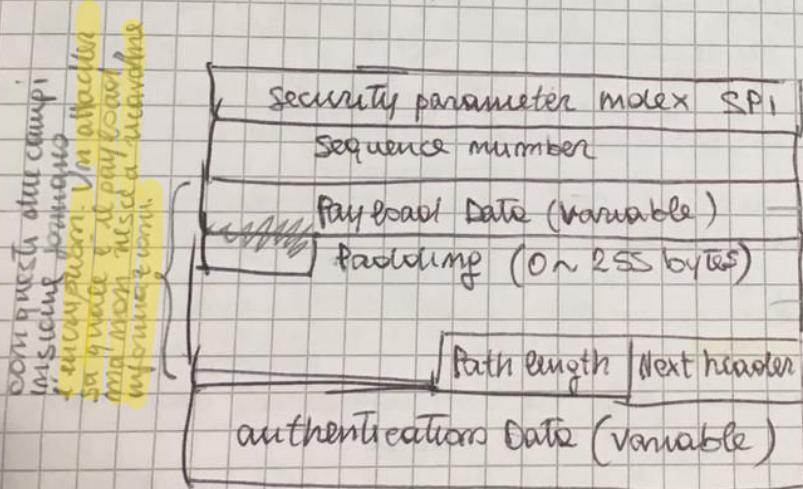
Not all IP-header fields are going to be authenticated because some of the header fields change value while transiting from the source to the destination

ex) Destination address (is a mutable field but it is predictable) in IPV6 we have the routing header in which we change every time from a router to another the destination address.

confidentiality
→ encryption and authentication

ENCAPSULATING SECURITY PAYLOAD (ESP)

It provides confidentiality services (and it can also provide an authentication service)



→ encryption point is inserted here and we use padding if it is not of the right length.

→ differenza tra dati esclusi dalla crittografia e dati compresi nella crittografia è la lunghezza del payload.

(ogni frame contiene padding e poi crittografia il pacchetto)

To encrypt the payload we can use different algs.

in IPV4 we encrypt only the payload of the original msg (TCP+DATA+ESP)

In IPV6 tunnel mode we can protect (encrypt) the entire original packet plus the authentication of external ESP header.

PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK (PON)

13/11/2020

We use optical network ~~now~~ because of the performance of the fiber. (it can provide 10 gbits of speed and it is able to reach long distances)

This is done by replacing part of the infrastructure that was built by using copper cables with fibers.

Fibers have specific characteristics:

- When we talk about fiber we talk about transmission at some specific wavelength (nm).
- Fiber (it is a range of values): 1310 nm (monomode) perché ogni banda ha una banda di frequenza e bassa attenuazione
new usage above the bands (costante e attenuazione bassa) 1550 nm e bassa costante

In these two windows we have important characteristics:

- ATTENUATION: the attenuation is almost flat in our channel frequency band
quando attenuazione è bassa e costante allora la fibra si può utilizzare bene
(The attenuation is the behaviour in the channel)

- FLAT CHANNEL: we can see from the picture that the bands are flat

So through attenuation and flat channel we can have very good performances for fiber. (And these good performances are related to fiber bit rate)

How the transmission in the fiber is done?

It is done by sending a signal of light at a given wavelength (typically the fiber operates by reflecting the light at the end) riflessione

These can cause some dispersion of our light power but in fiber the dispersion is very low so the performance at the end are very good.

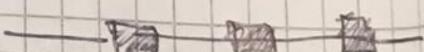
There are no ways to lose signal out of the fiber so this is why they are very competitive as a media.

How is the light transmitted?

It is transmitted by using LASERS. sono dei generatori, emetti tipicamente un segnale

Lasers provide good performances into the two windows we have presented and as you know they are very precise

In the fiber hub we find some regenerator elements that are fully made in the optical domain. So it means that when that enters light and exits light and these amplification of light can be done by some material that can boost the light power.



In general we use fiber cables for very very long interconnections (~~across~~ oceans are crossed by fiber cables)