

CS & IT ENGINEERING

COMPUTER NETWORKS

IPv4 Header & Fragmentation


Lecture No-05



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A stylized laptop icon with a blue screen and an orange base. The screen displays the text 'TOPICS TO BE COVERED'.

TOPICS TO
BE
COVERED

A dotted orange arrow pointing from the laptop screen to the 'Fragmentation in IPv4' box.

**Fragmentation in
IPv4**

Différence B/W Fragmentation & Segmentation

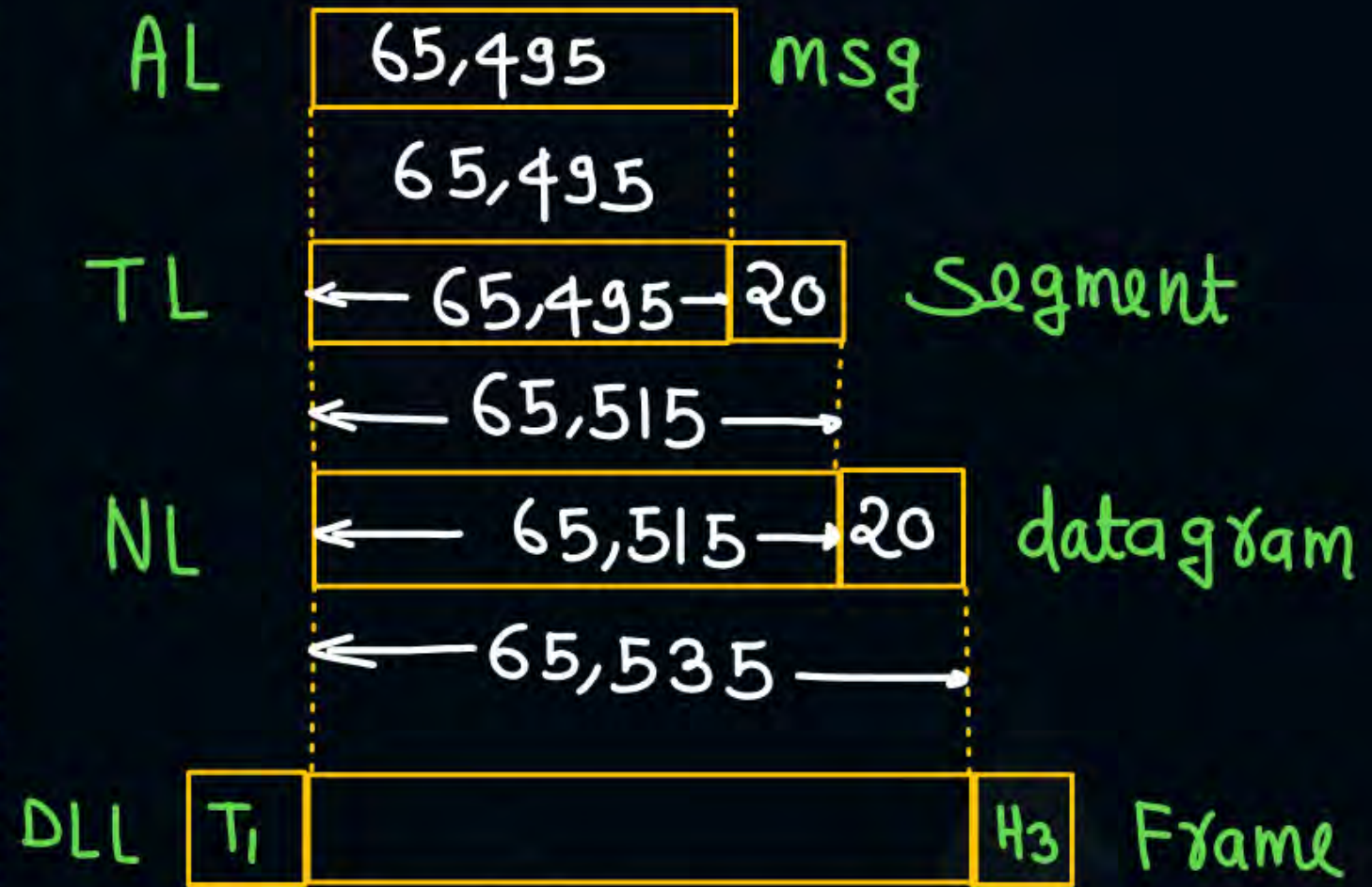
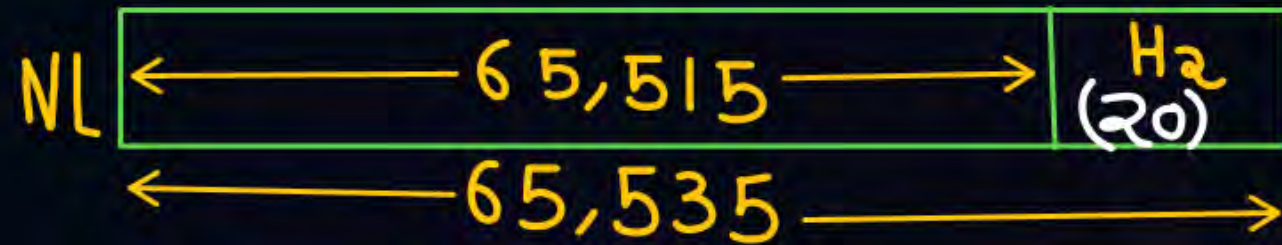
IPv4 Header

VER	HL	Services	Total Length (16 bit)
Identification No.	Flags	Fragment offset	
Time to Live	Protocol	Header checksum	
Source IP Address			
Destination IP Address			
Option			

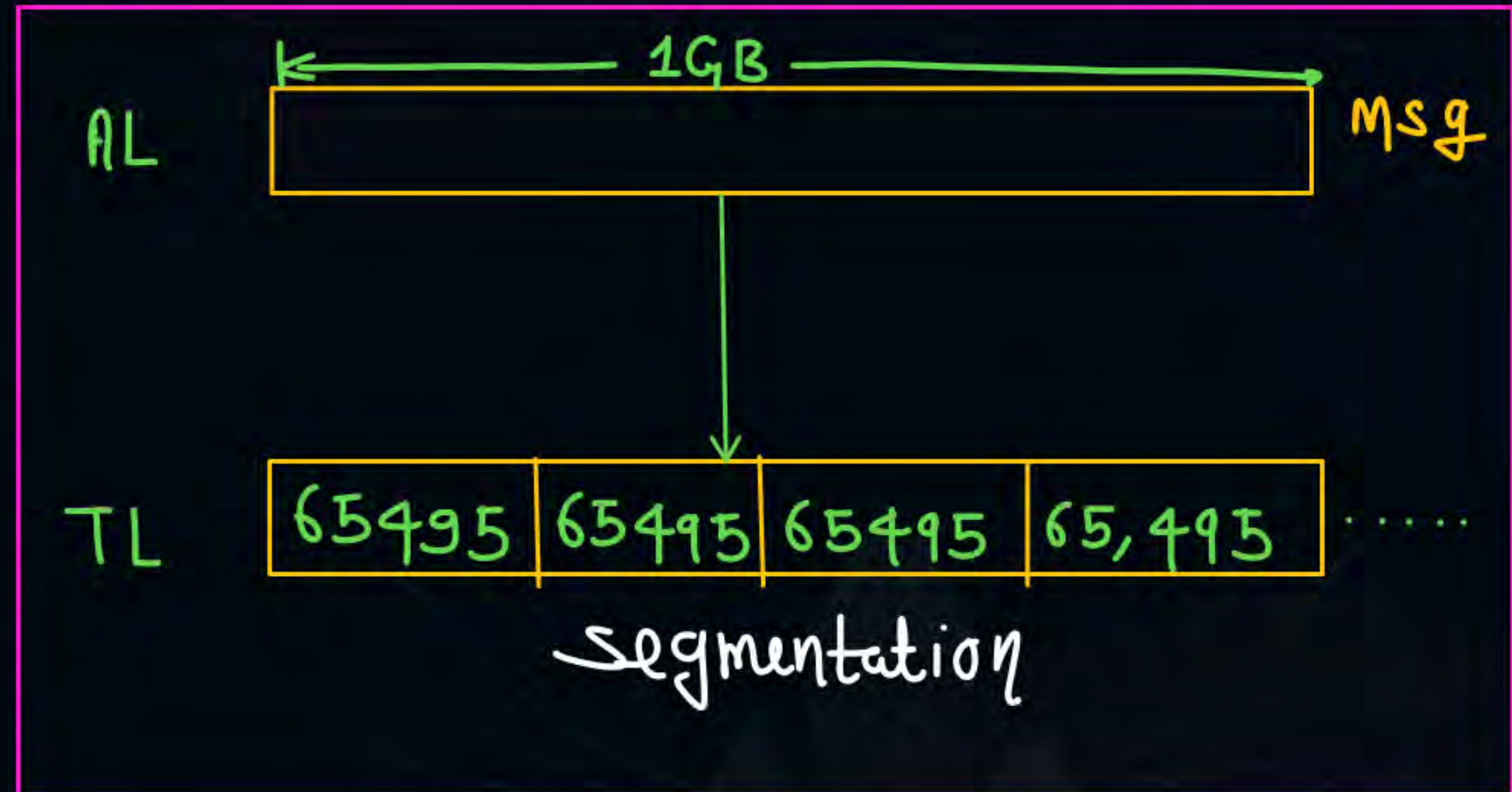
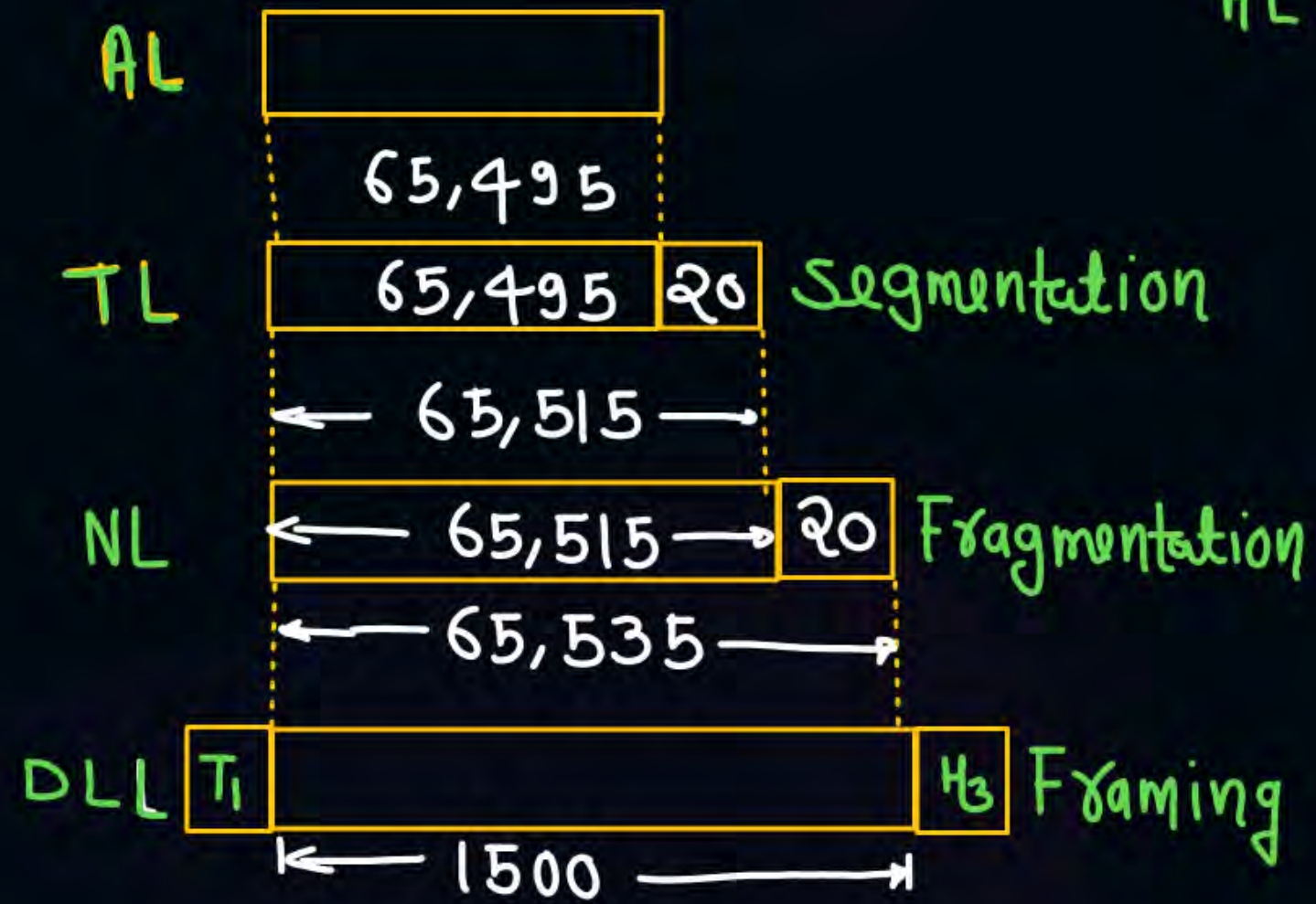
Total Length = 16 bit

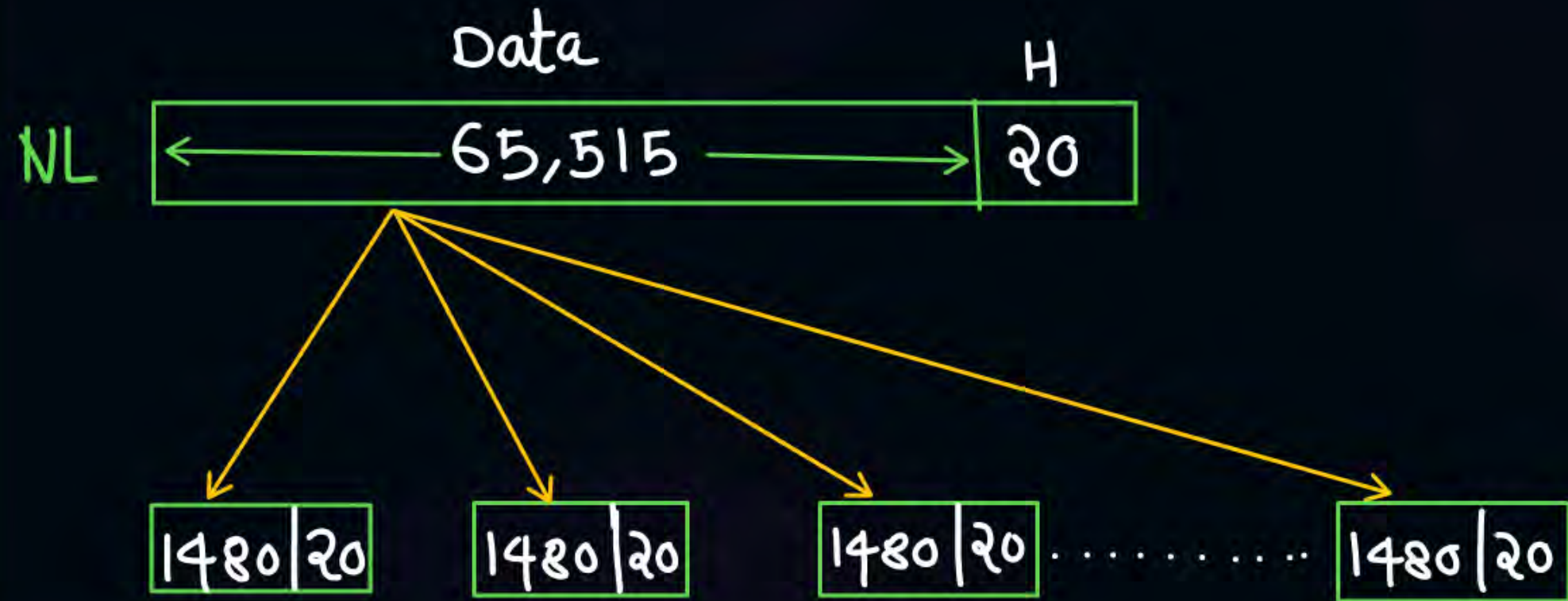
Maximum No. possible = $2^{16} - 1$
= 65,535

Total Length = Data + Header

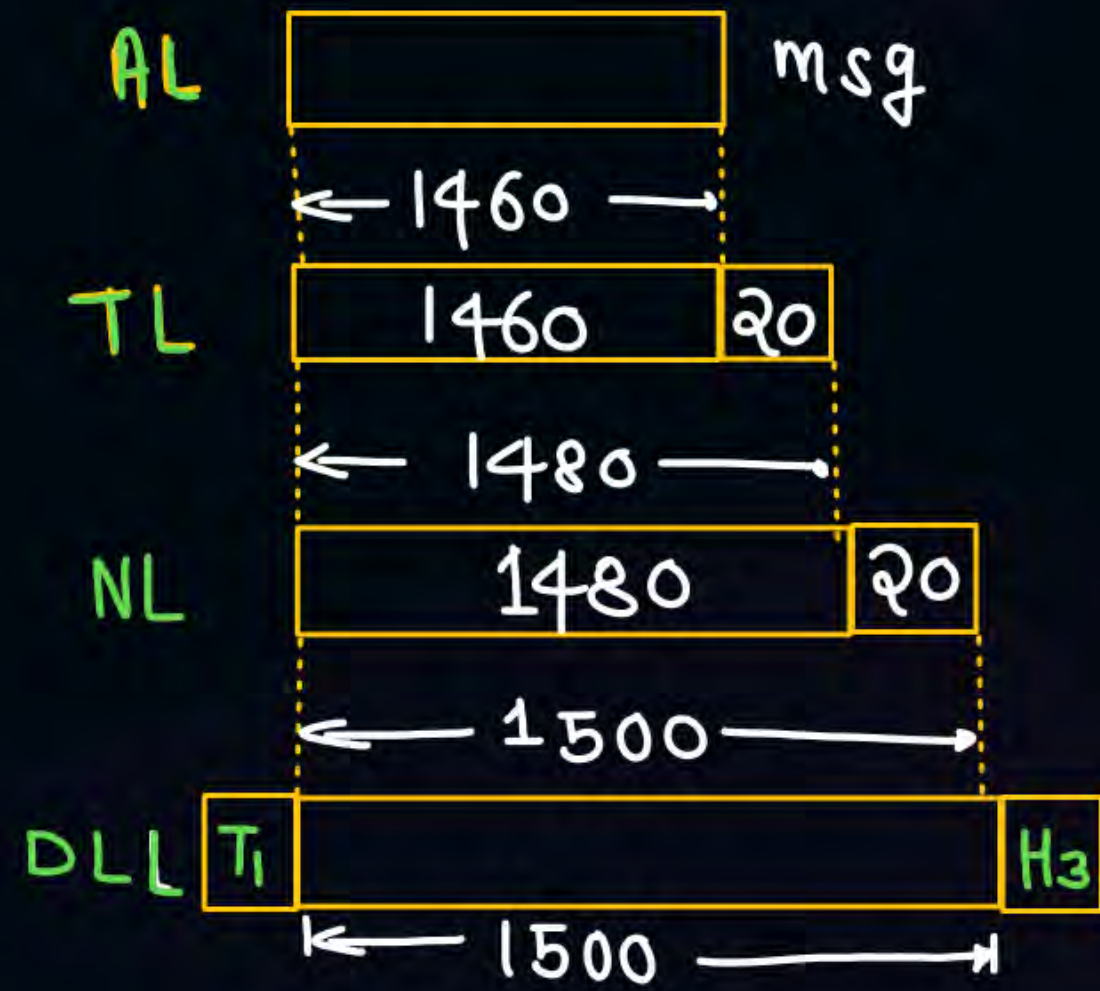


AL can pass any size of data to Transport Layer

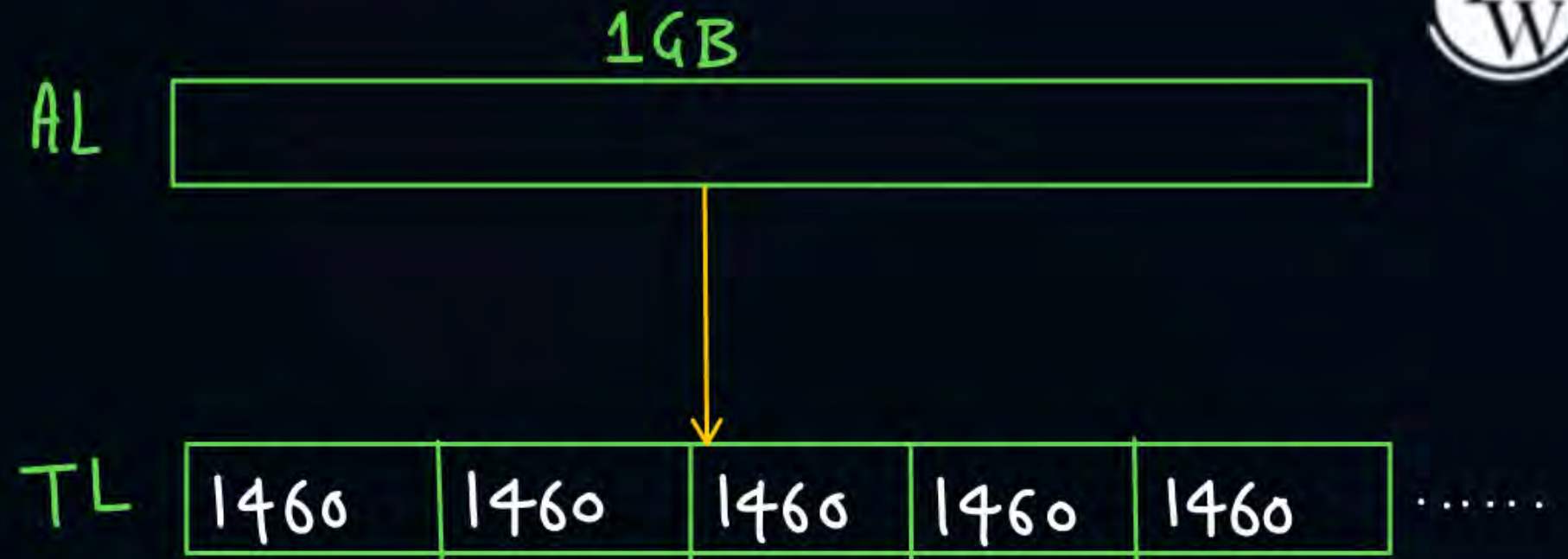




Fragmentation



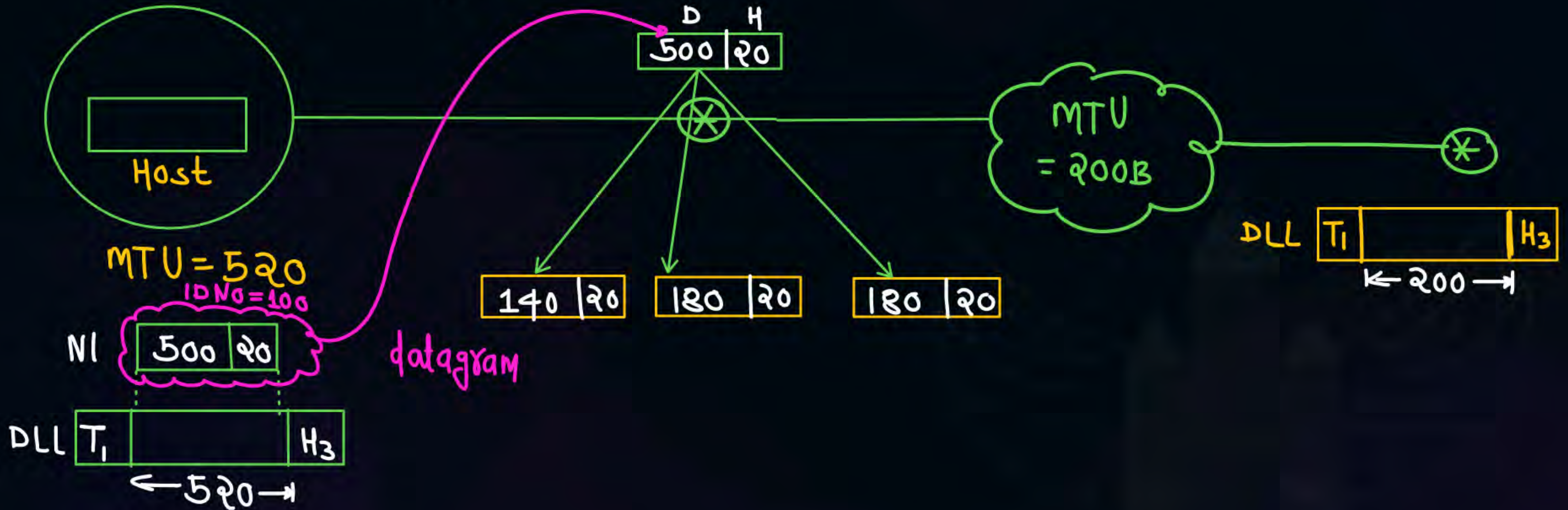
Source Host



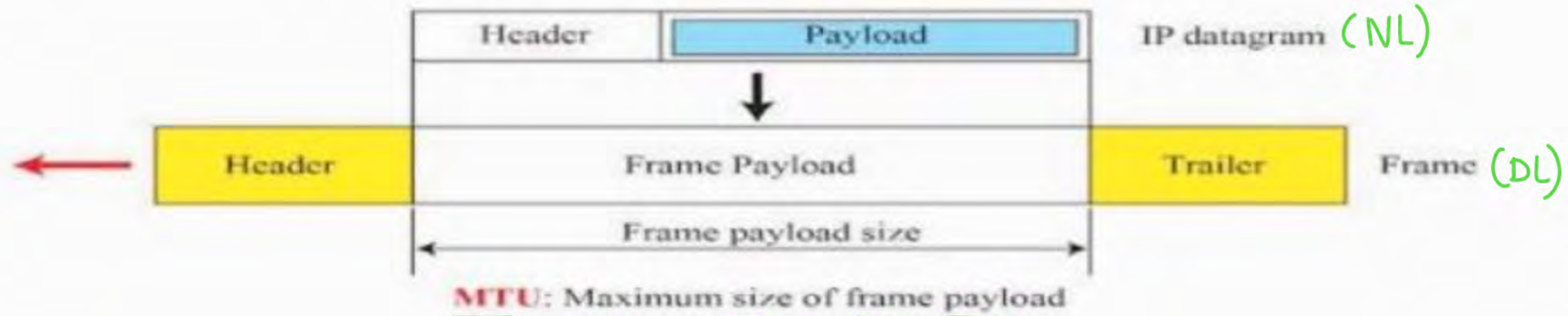
Fragmentation at Router

MTU → maximum Amount of data that can be stored
Frame

any data Link Layer

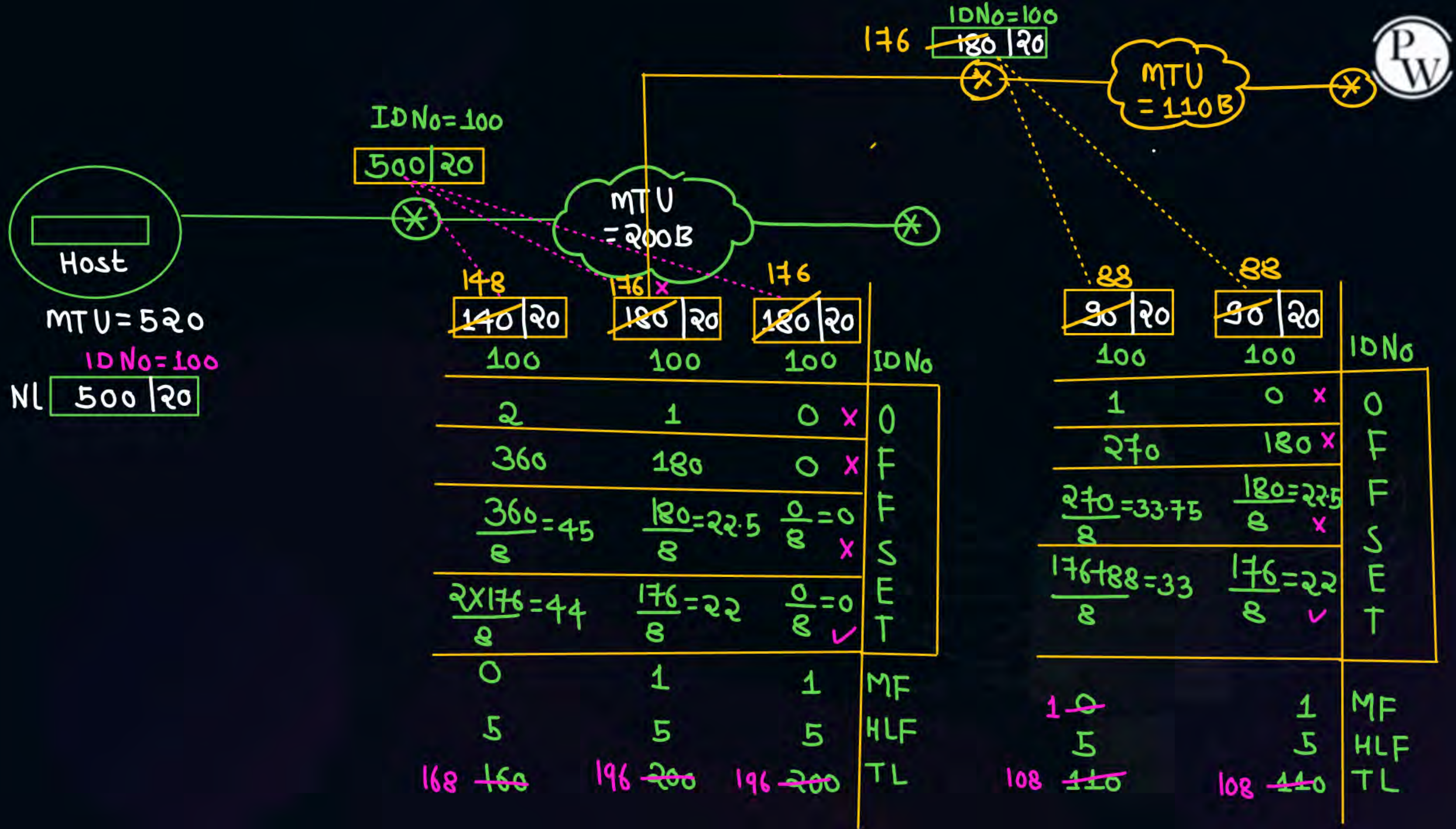


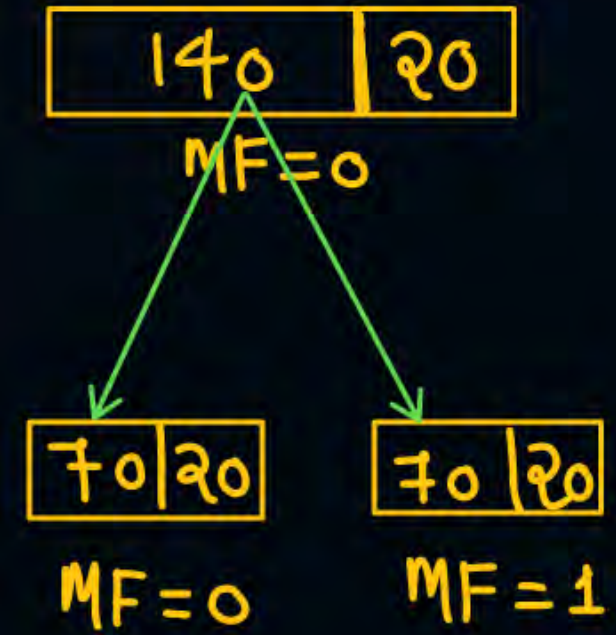
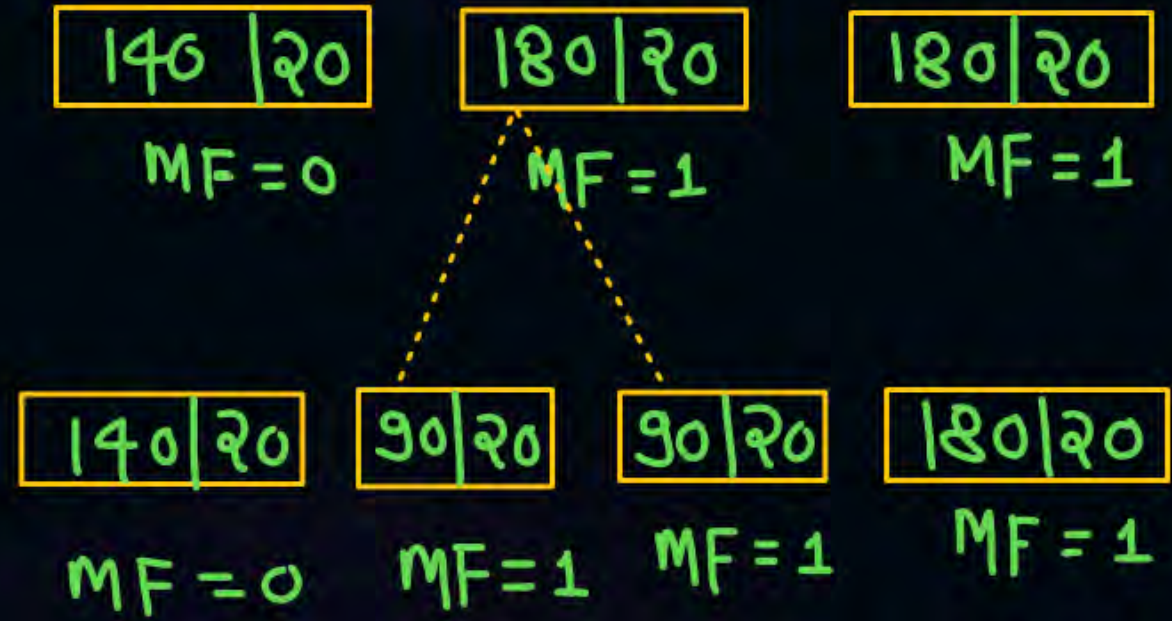
Maximum transfer unit (MTU)

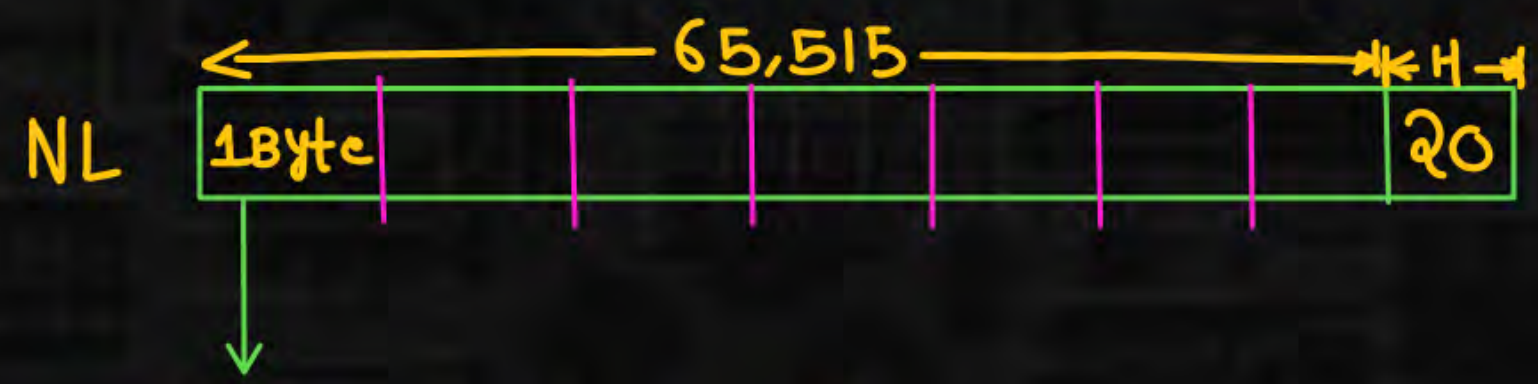
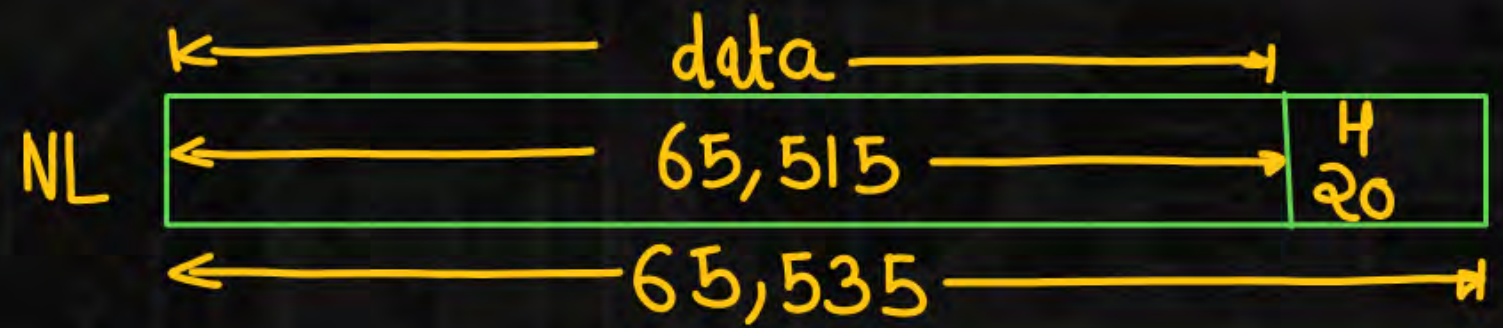


When a datagram is encapsulated in a frame, the total size of the datagram must be less than this maximum size of the frame payload.

The value of the MTU differs from one physical network protocol to another. For example, the value for a LAN is normally 1500 bytes, but for a WAN it can be larger or smaller.







Offset = 65,514 $\approx 2^{16}$

$\frac{2^{16}}{8} = 2^{13}$

(S.F) $\rightarrow 7$

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Fragment Offset = 13 bit

maximum Value

$2^{13} - 1 = 8191 \approx 2^{13}$

Final Result

148 20	88 20	88 20	176 20	
100	100	100	100	IDNo
44	33	22	0	OFFset
0	1	1	1	MF
5	5	5	5	HLF
168	108	108	196	TL

$OFFset = \{222, 33, 0, 44\}$
 ↓ Increasing order
 $OFFset = \{0, 22, 33, 44\}$

$OFFset = \{222, \cancel{33}, 0, 44\}$
 ↓ Inc. order
 $OFFset = \{0, 22, 44\}$

(i) $\boxed{176 | 20}$

$$\frac{176}{8} = 22 = 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Fragment Offset Value}$$

(ii) $\boxed{88 | 20} \quad \boxed{176 | 20}$

$$\frac{176 + 88}{8} = 33 = 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Fragment Offset Value}$$

(iii) $\boxed{88 | 20} \quad \boxed{88 | 20} \quad \boxed{176 | 20}$

$$\frac{176 + 88 + 88}{8} = 44 = 4^{\text{th}} \text{ Fragment Offset Value}$$

Reassembly Algorithme

Reassemble Algorithm



If each fragment follow a different path and arrives out of order, the final destination host can reassemble the original datagram from the fragment received by using the following strategy:

1. Identify the fragment with offset = 0 and it is the first fragment.
2. Identify the fragment with MF = 0 and it is the last fragment.
3. Divide the data length of the first fragment by 8. The second fragment has an offset value equal to that result $\frac{176}{8} = 22 \rightarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Fragment offset Value}$
4. Divide the data length of the first and second fragment by 8. The third fragment has an offset value equal to that result $\frac{176+88}{8} = 33 \rightarrow 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Fragment offset Value}$
5. Repeat this process as many times as possible to cover all the fragment.

