

# CNT 4704

## Analysis of Computer Communication Networks

*Computer Networks and the Internet*

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# “FUN” INTERNET-CONNECTED DEVICES



Amazon Echo



Internet refrigerator



IP picture frame



Pacemaker & Monitor



Tweet-a-watt:  
monitor energy use



Security Camera



Slingbox: remote  
control cable TV



Web-enabled toaster +  
weather forecaster



AR devices

Internet phones



Sensorized,  
bed  
mattress



Fitbit

*Others?*

# THE INTERNET: A “NUTS AND BOLTS” VIEW



Billions of connected computing *devices*:

- *hosts* = end systems
- running *network apps* at Internet's "edge"



*Packet switches*: forward packets (chunks of data)

- *routers, switches*

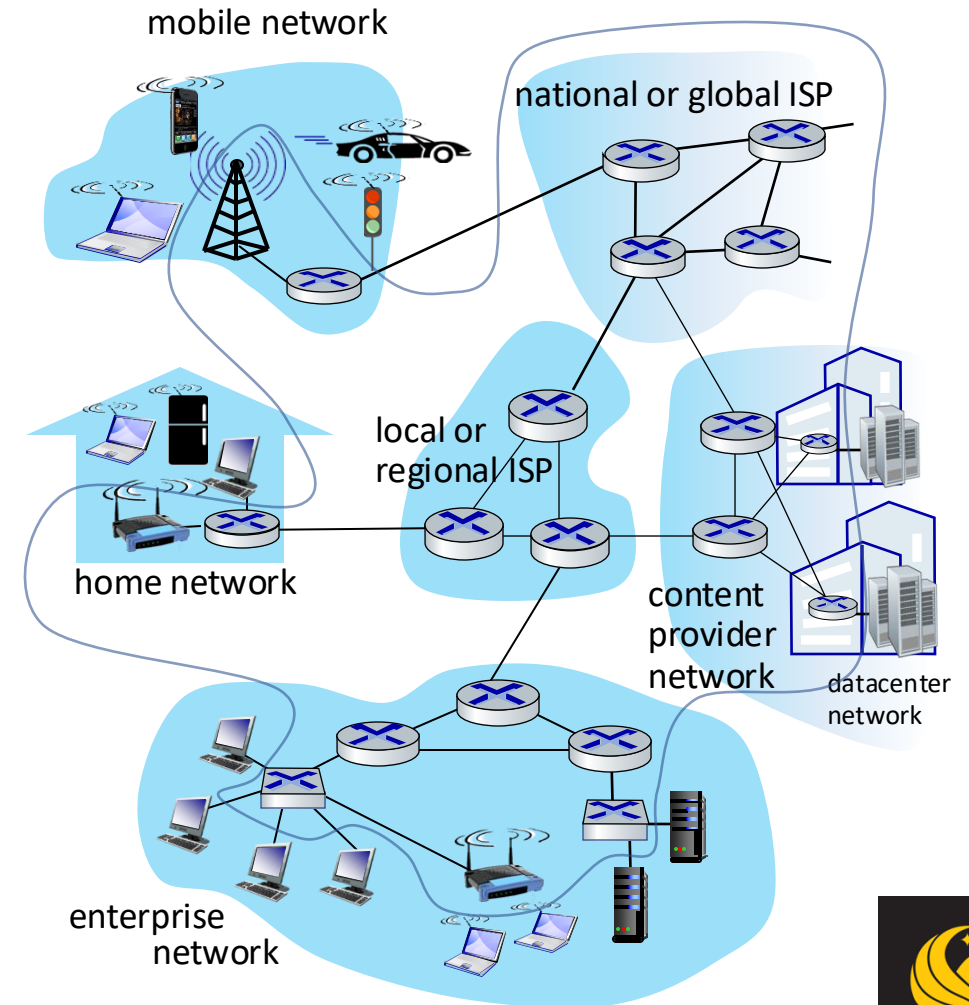


*Communication links*

- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission rate: *bandwidth*

*Networks*

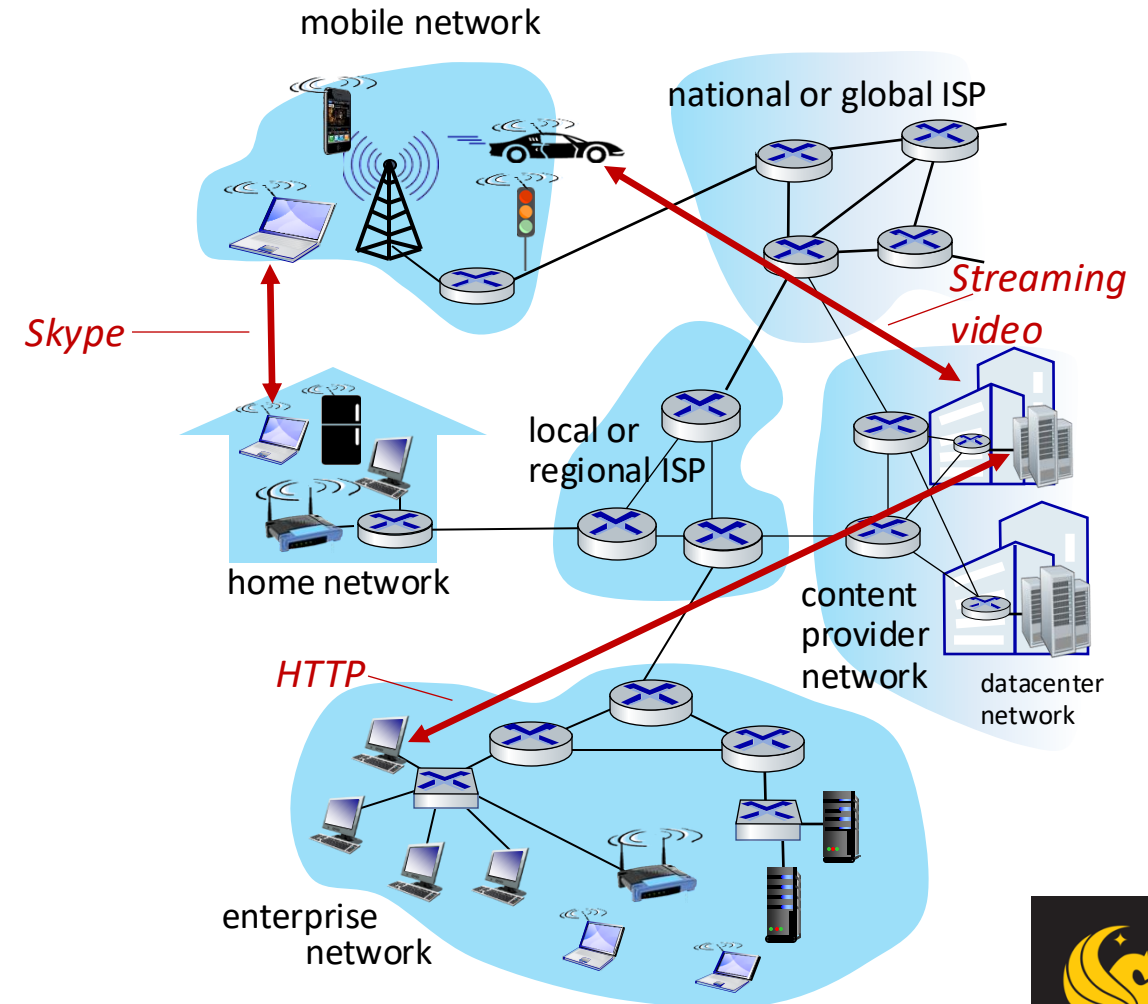
- collection of devices, routers, links: managed by an organization





# The Internet: a “services” view

- *Infrastructure* that provides services to applications:
  - Web, streaming video, multimedia teleconferencing, email, games, e-commerce, social media, inter-connected appliances, ...
- provides *programming interface* to distributed applications:
  - “hooks” allowing sending/receiving apps to “connect” to, use Internet transport service
  - 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 message received,  
or other events

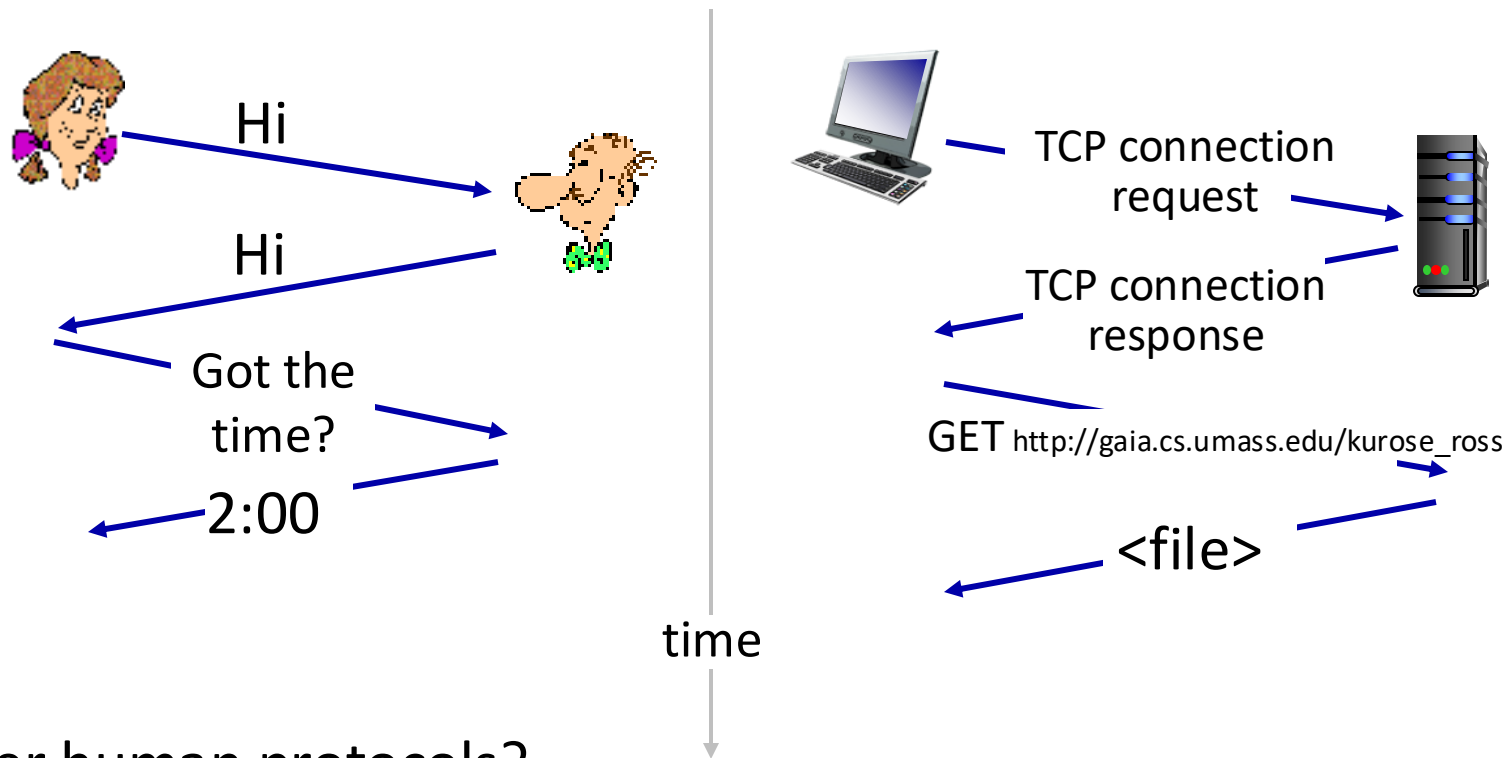
## *Network protocols:*

- computers (devices) rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*Protocols define the **format, order** of **messages sent and received** among network entities, and **actions taken** on msg transmission, receipt*

# WHAT'S A PROTOCOL? (CONT'D)

A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: Other human protocols?



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# A CLOSER LOOK AT NETWORK STRUCTURE

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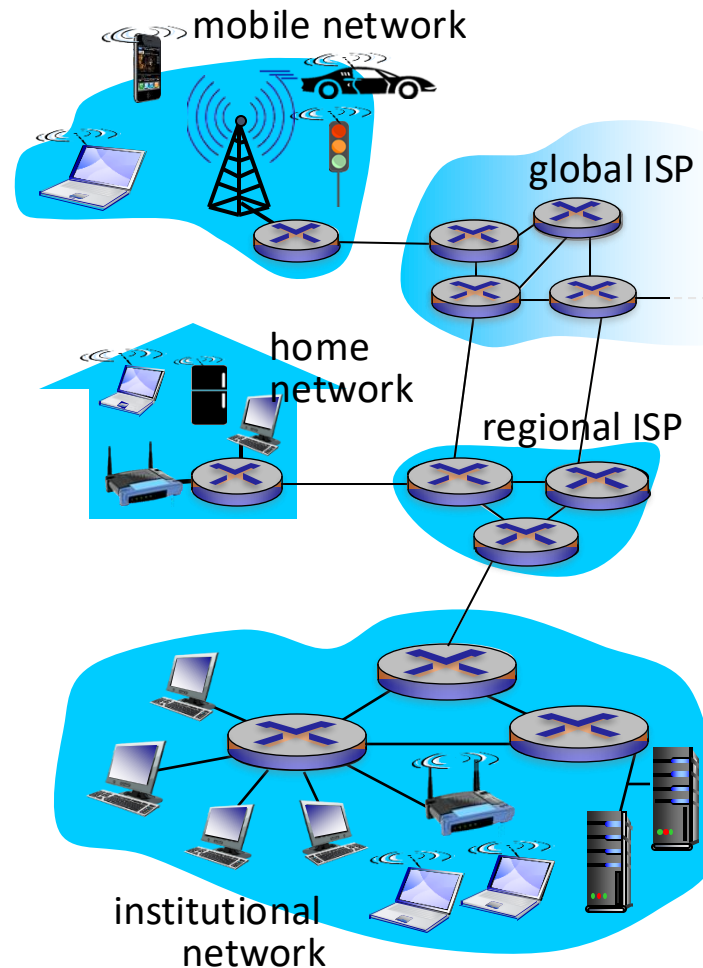
- hosts: clients and servers
- servers often in data centers

- *access networks, physical media:*

- wired, wireless communication links

- *network core:*

- interconnected routers
- network of networks



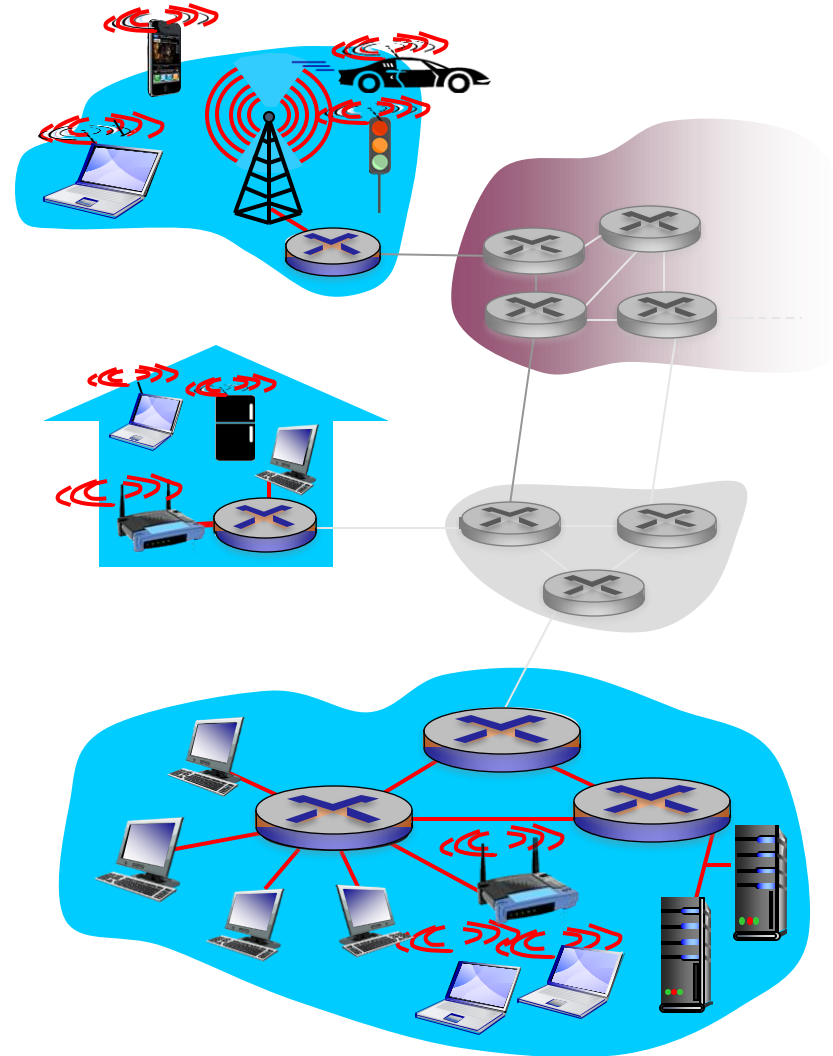
# ACCESS NETWORKS AND PHYSICAL MEDIA

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

- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks (WiFi, 4G/5G)

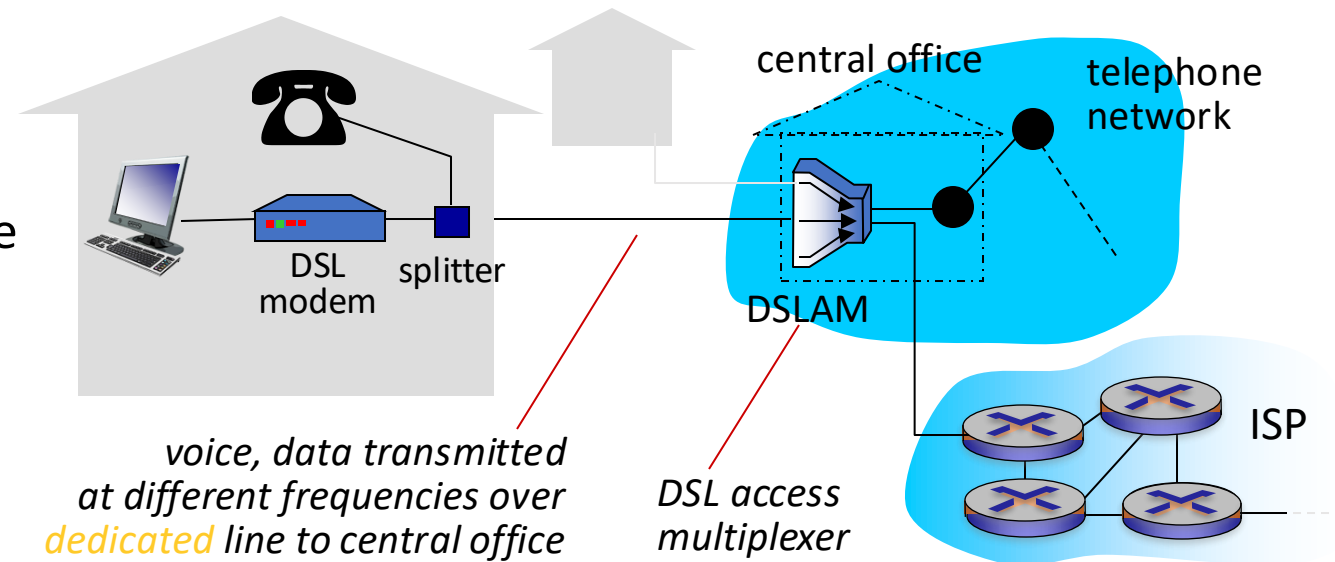
*keep in mind:*

- Bandwidth or transmission rate (bits per second) of access network?
- shared or dedicated access among users?

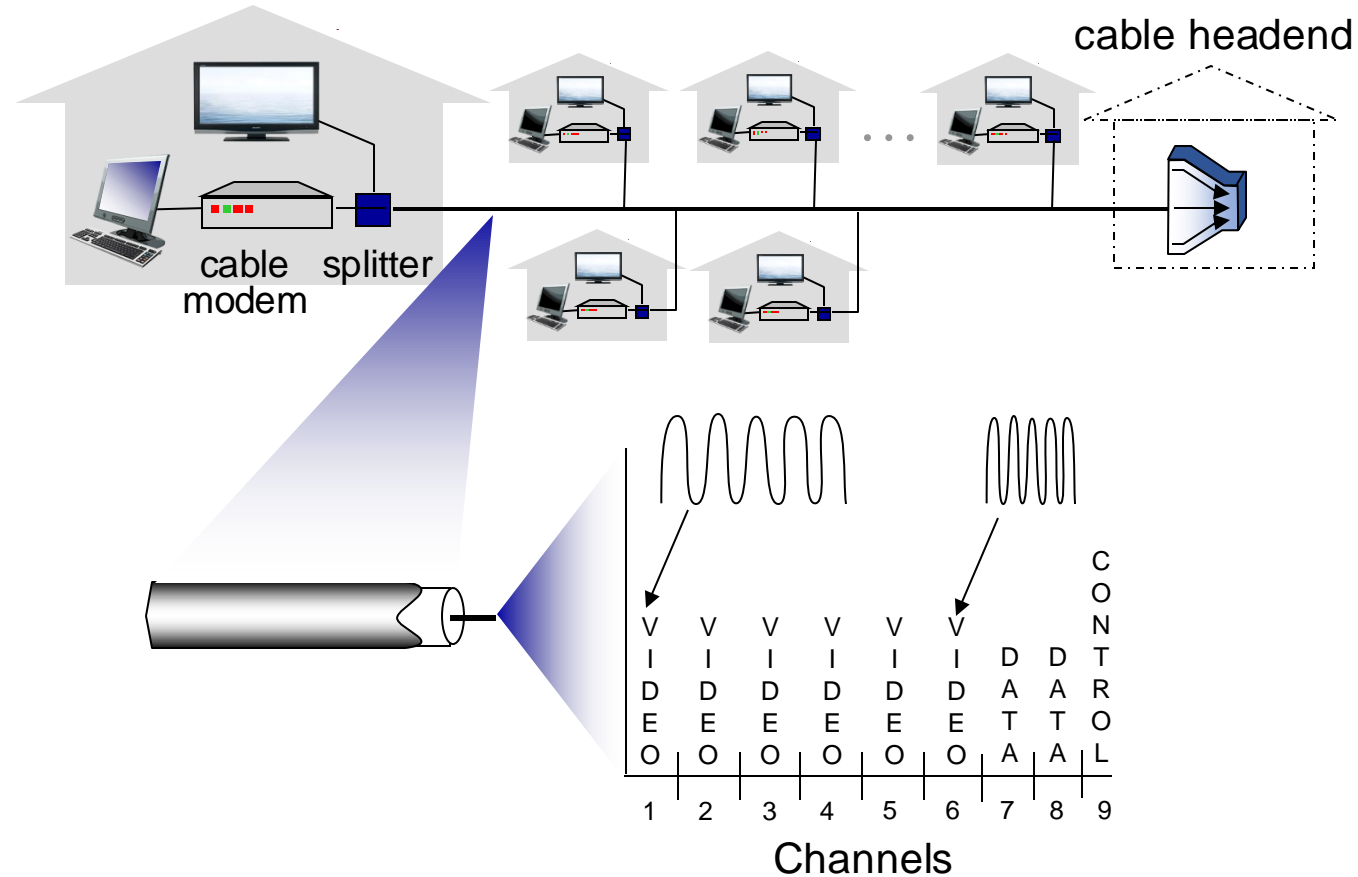


## ACCESS NETWORK: DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE (DSL)

- 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
- 24-52 Mbps dedicated downstream transmission rate
- 3.5-16 Mbps dedicated upstream transmission rate

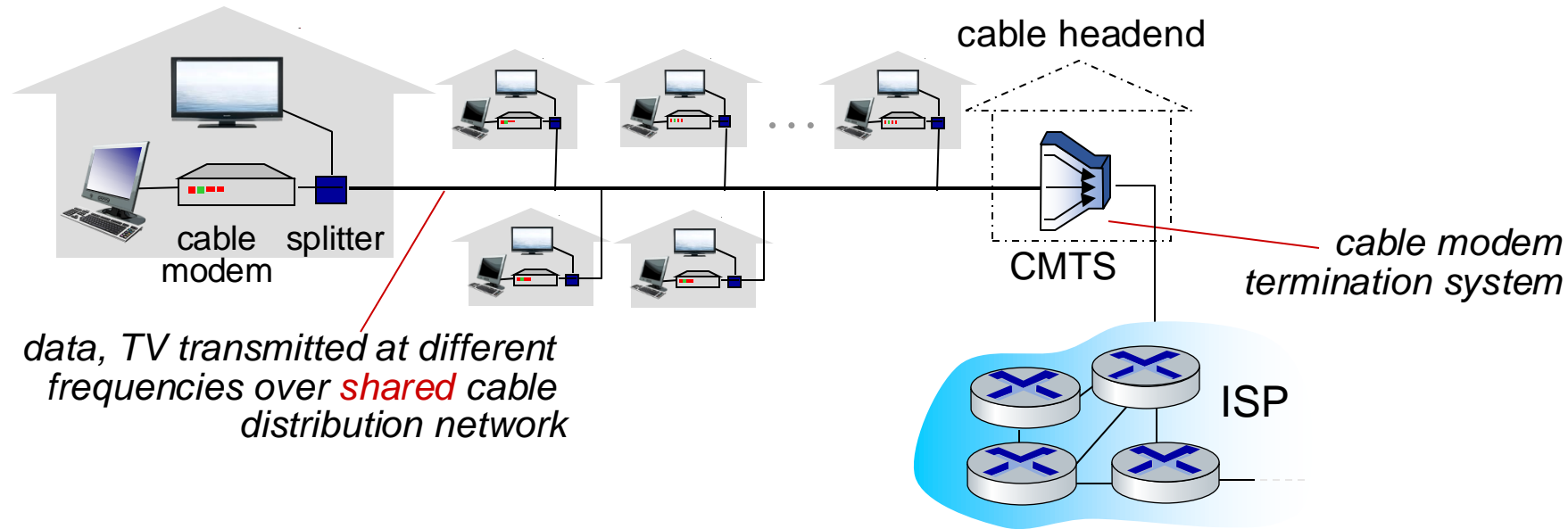


# Access network: cable-based access



*frequency division multiplexing (FDM):* different channels transmitted in different frequency bands (**More in Chapter 6**)

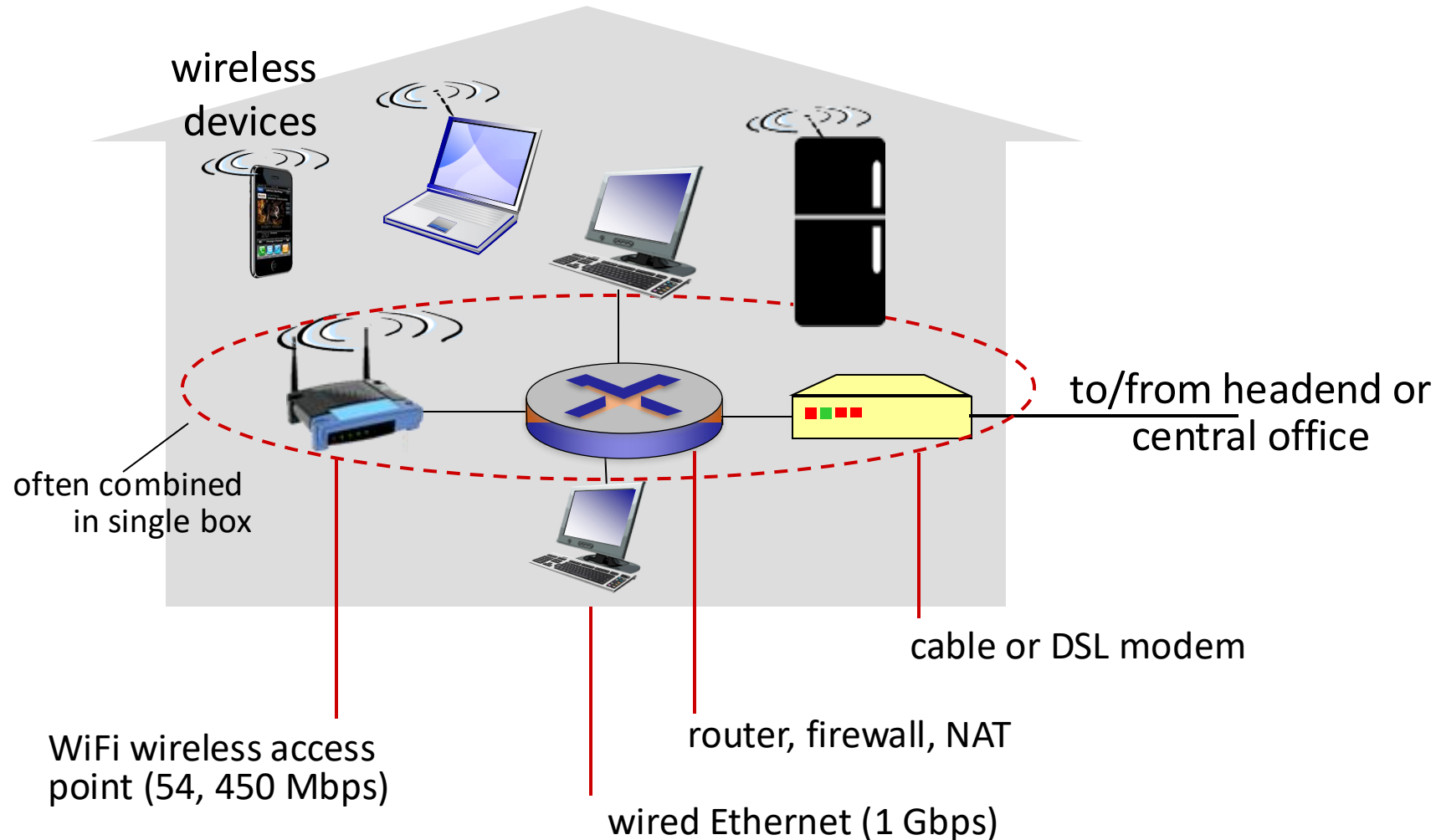
# Access network: cable-based access



- **HFC: hybrid fiber coax**
  - asymmetric: up to 40 Mbps – 1.2 Gbs downstream transmission rate, 30-100 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- **network** of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
  - homes **share access network** to cable headend



# Access network: home network



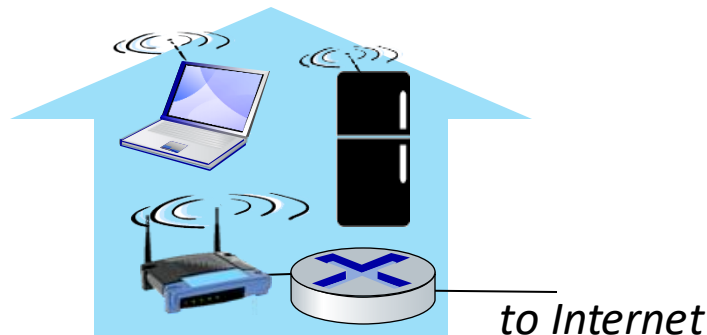
# Wireless access networks

Shared *wireless* access network connects end system to router

- via base station aka “access point”

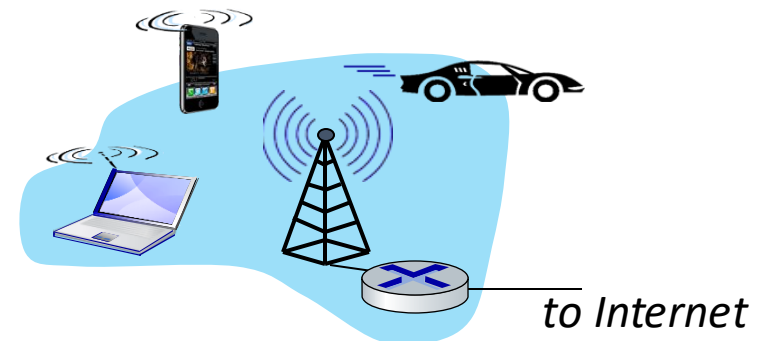
## Wireless local area networks (WLANs)

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

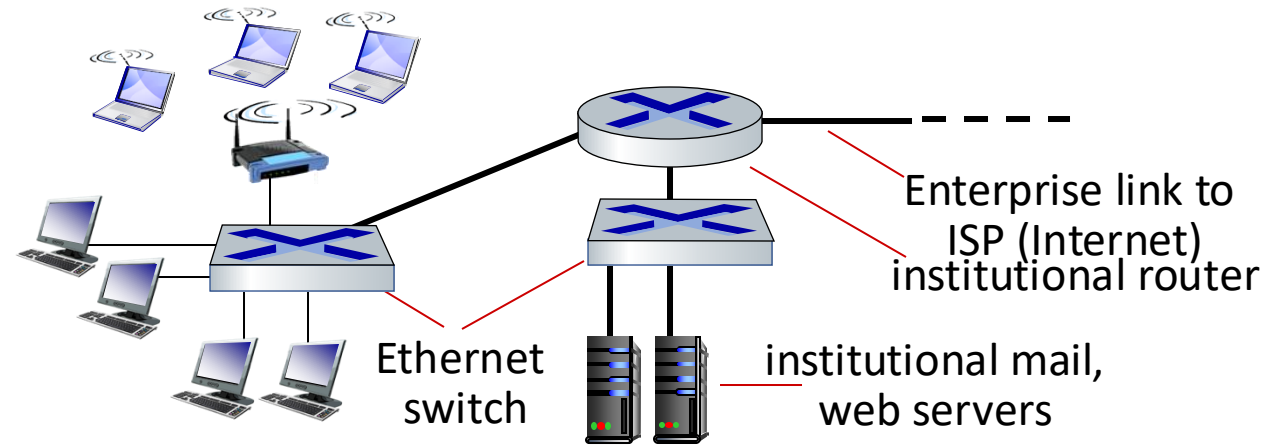


## Wide-area cellular access networks

- provided by mobile, cellular network operator (10's km)
- 10's Mbps
- 5G cellular networks



# Access networks: enterprise networks

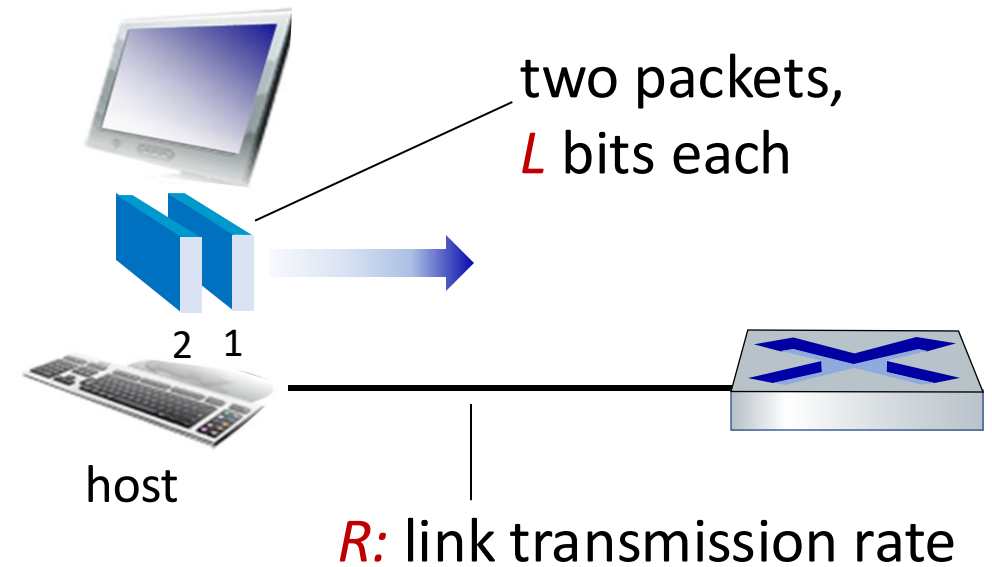


- companies, universities, etc.
- mix of wired, wireless link technologies, connecting a mix of switches and routers (we'll cover differences shortly)
  - Ethernet: wired access at 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps
  - WiFi: wireless access points at 11, 54, 450 Mbps

# 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*



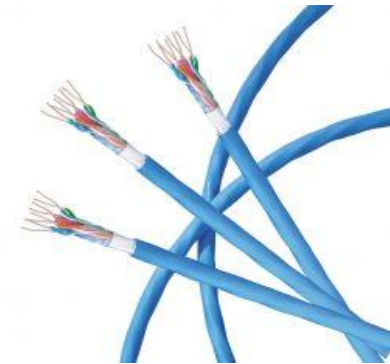
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{packet} \\ \text{transmission} \\ \text{delay} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{time needed to} \\ \text{transmit } L\text{-bit} \\ \text{packet into link} \end{array} = \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$

# Links: 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 Ethernet



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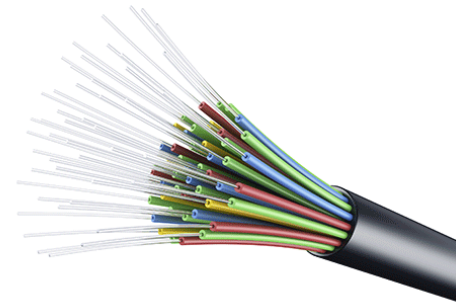
## Coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- broadband:
  - multiple frequency channels on cable
  - 100's Mbps per channel



## Fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
  - high-speed point-to-point transmission (10's-100's Gbps)
- low error rate:
  - repeaters spaced far apart
  - immune to electromagnetic noise





# Links: physical media (CONT'D)

## Wireless radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical “wire”
- broadcast and “half-duplex” (sender to receiver)
- propagation environment effects:
  - obstruction by objects
  - reflection
  - interference

## Radio link types:

- **terrestrial microwave**
  - up to 45 Mbps channels
- **Wireless LAN (WiFi)**
  - Up to 100's Mbps
- **wide-area** (e.g., cellular)
  - 4G/5G cellular: ~ 10's Mbps
- **satellite**
  - up to 45 Mbps per channel
  - 270 msec end-end delay
  - geosynchronous versus low-earth-orbit

# Questions?

