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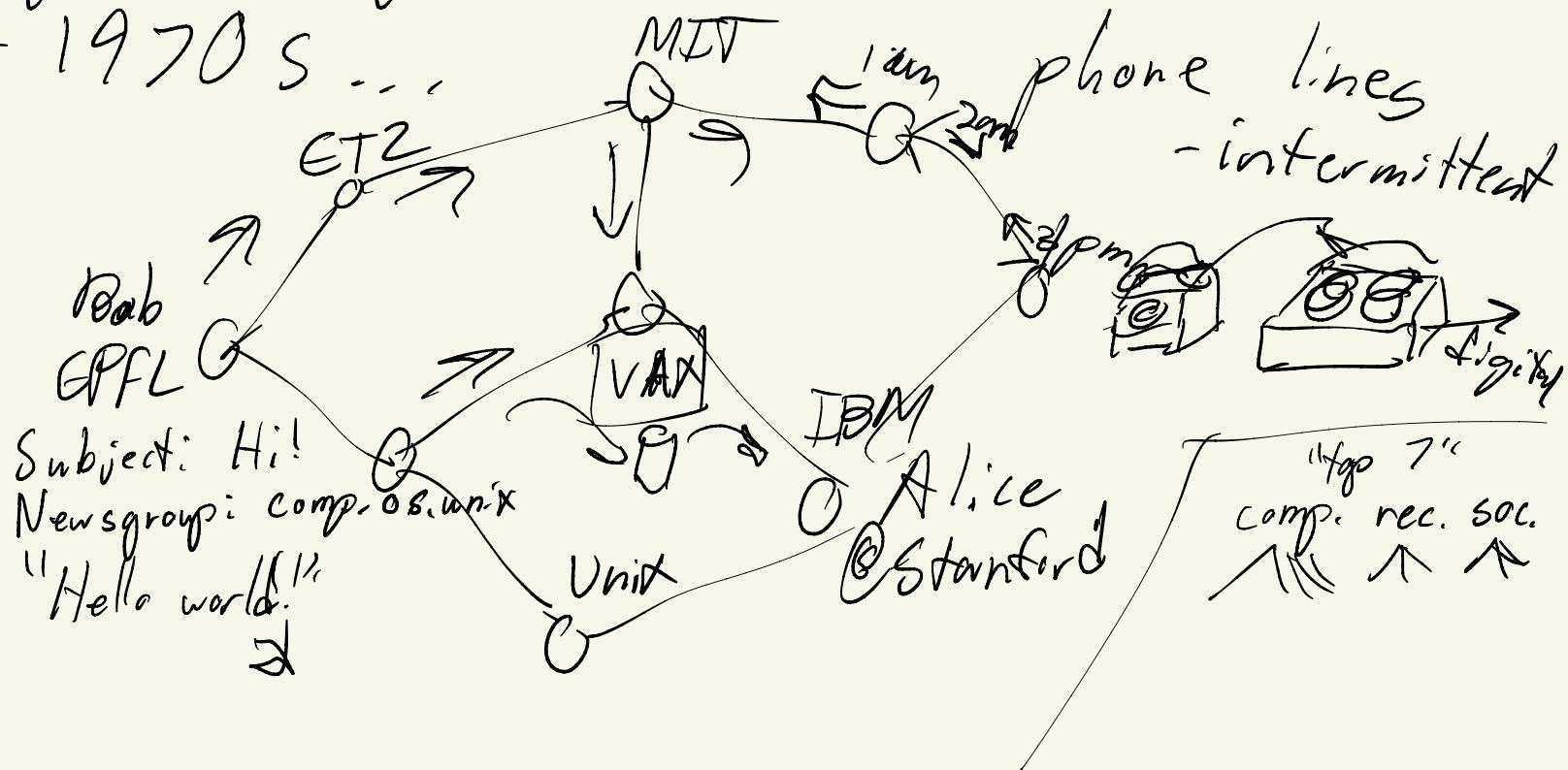
Technologies for
Democratic society

Fall 2024

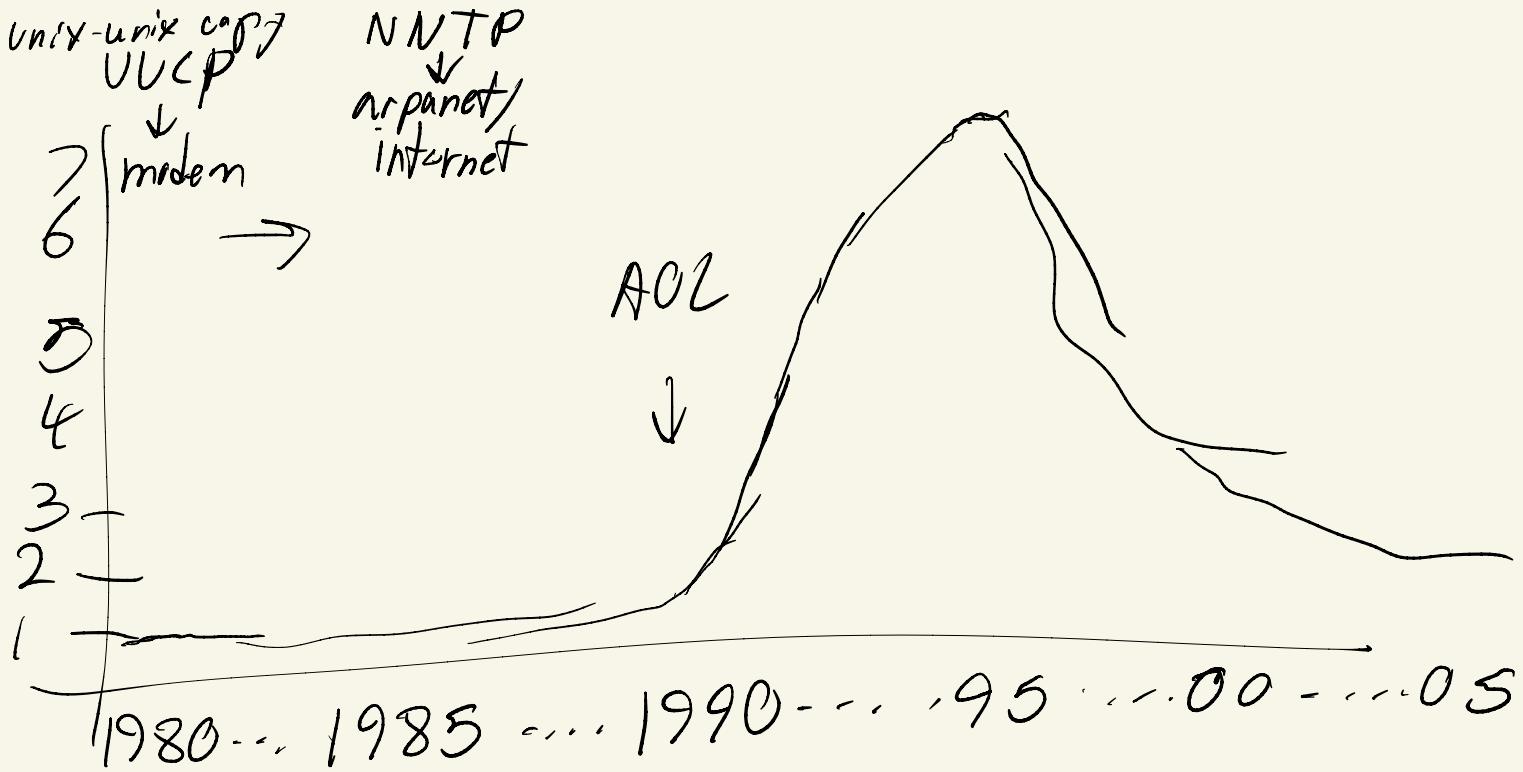
Week 2

UseNet

- global public message board
 - 1970s ... MIT ~1am phone line



- Decentralized, Peer-to-peer
node admins, devs had power
- Platform of speech, discussion for all
"democratizing"
- Resilience, fault tolerance, attack resilience
Censorship resistance



Books about Usenet

Licklider

correct?

connects people,
boosts productivity
access, equal participation
OLIVER - ChatGPT

dynamic information

self-discovery (Wikipedia)
creativity

wrong?

prices decrease ↓
only for the better
"rose tinted glasses"
less unemployment.
fewer business trips?

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- Inclusion - give everyone participation
- Information → enlightened understanding
- Effective participation
- Control of the agenda
- Voting equality at the decisive stage