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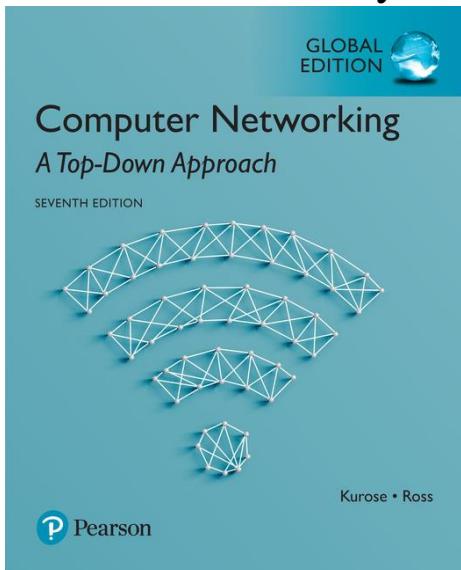
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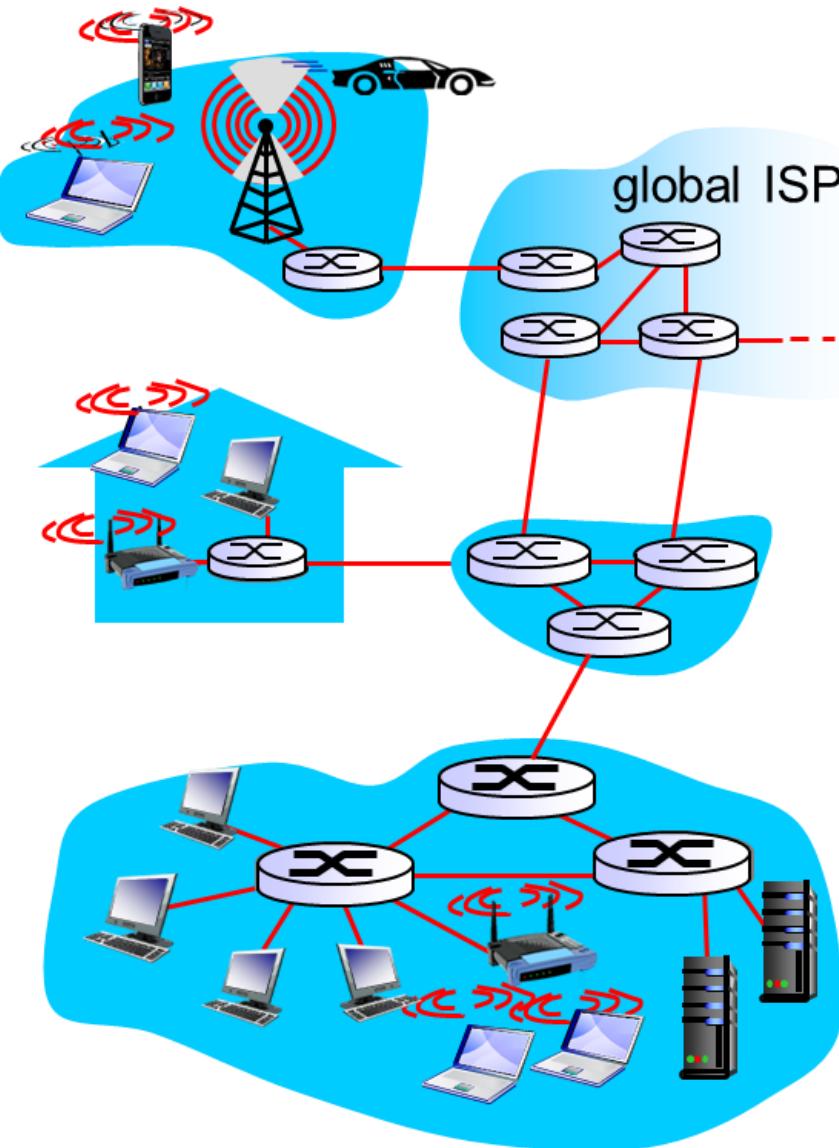
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Jim Kurose, Keith Ross  
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## 6.1 Introduction to the Link Layer



### • Node

- Examples:
  - Host
  - Router
  - Switch

### Link

- Communication channel that connect adjacent nodes
- Examples:
  - Wired link
  - Wireless link

### • Frame

- Layer-2 packet
- Encapsulate datagram

### • Data Link

- Provide communication channel between two neighbor nodes to transfer frame
- Example: 802.11 (or WiFi)

## 6.1 The Services Provided by the Link Layer

- **Error Detection and Correction**

- Error is caused by signal attenuation and noise
- Receiver node detect error
  - Inform sender node to retransmit the frame, or
  - Correct the bit error

- **Medium Access Control (MAC)**

- Coordinate which node transmit next
  - Why need MAC?
    - Many nodes share a link, if more than one node send at a time, collision happen!

## 6.2 Error-Detection and -Correction Techniques

- EDC

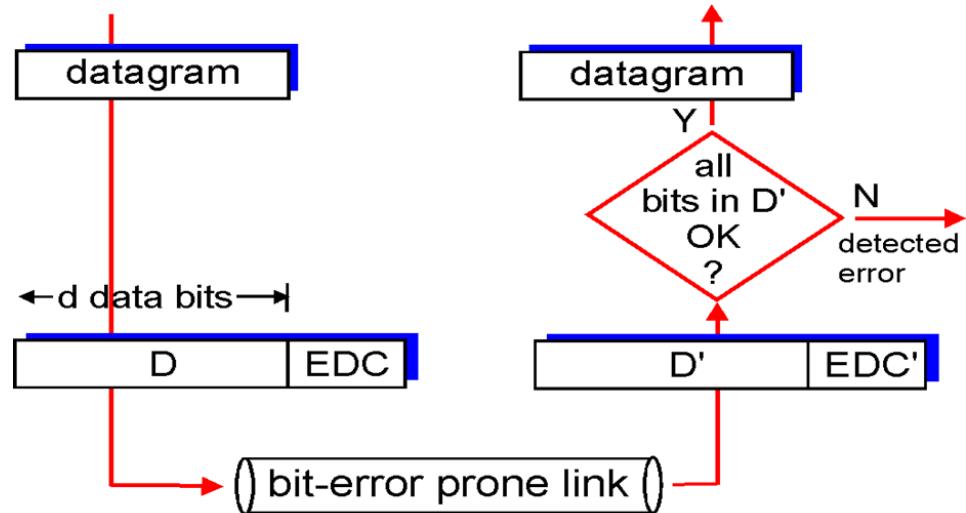
- Error Detection and Correction bits (Redundancy)

- D

- Data protected by error checking, including MAC header

- Error detection not 100% reliable

- May miss some errors
- Larger EDC field provides better detection and correction

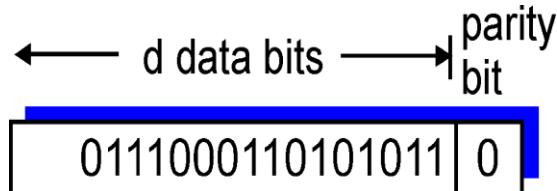


- Three techniques
  - Parity check
  - Checksumming
  - Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

## 6.2 Parity Check

### • Single Bit Parity

- Detect single bit error
  - Data:  $d$  bits
  - Parity: 1 bit
- Two types
  - Even parity
    - Total number of 1 in  $d+1$  bits is even
  - Odd parity
    - Total number of 1 in  $d+1$  bits is odd
- E.g.:



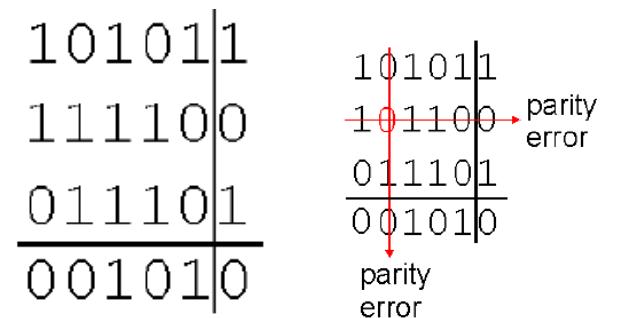
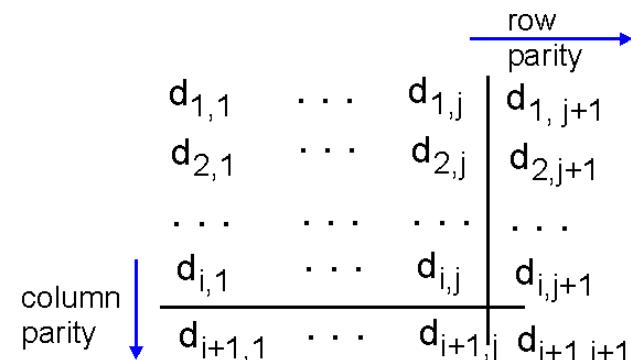
- Disadvantage
  - Cannot detect even number of bit error

### • Two-dimensional Parity

- Detect and *correct* single bit error
  - Data:  $d$  bits
    - Divided into  $i$  rows and  $j$  columns
  - Parity:  $i + j + 1$  bits
    - Computed for each row and column

- A single bit error cause errors to both row and column

- Locate the bit error at the intersection of row and column

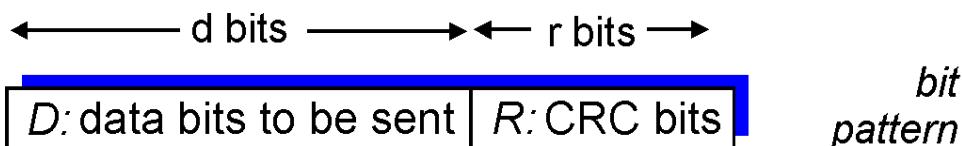


*no errors*

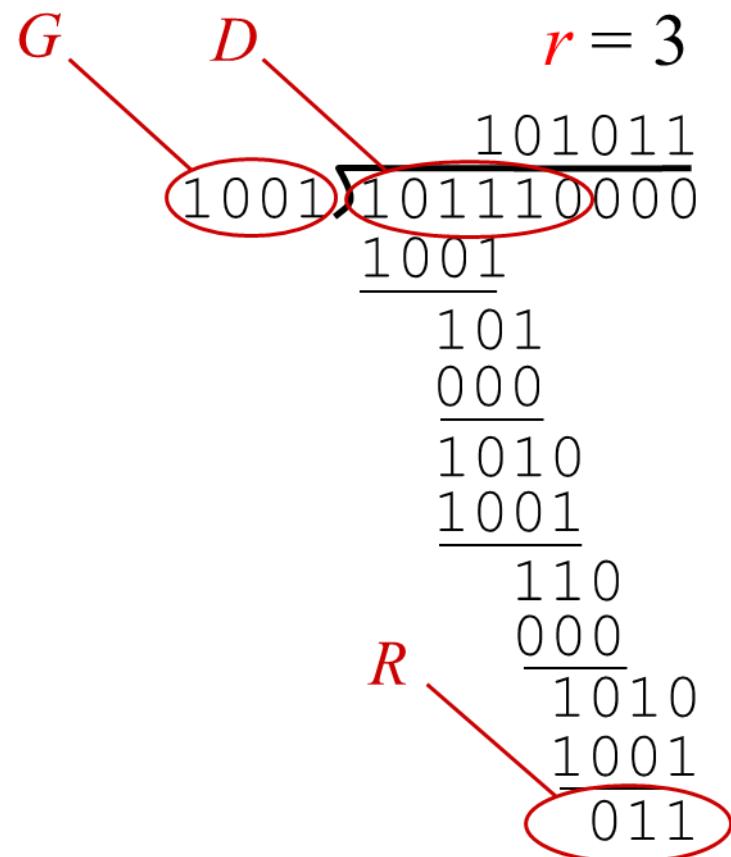
*correctable  
single bit error*

## 6.2 Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

$D$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data bits to be sent</li> <li>• <math>d</math> bits</li> </ul>
$R$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRC bits to be sent</li> <li>• <math>r</math> bits</li> </ul>
$G$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most significant bit must be 1</li> </ul>
$D + R$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be exactly divisible by <math>G</math> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So, no remainder</li> <li>• If there is remainder, error detected!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



- Example
    - $D = 101110$ ,  $d = 6$ ,  $G = 1001$ ,  $r = 3$
    - The calculation show that, the 9 bits transmitted are 101110 011
    - Question:
      - Divide  $D + R$  by  $G$ , what is the remainder? Do you think there is an error?



## 6.3 Multiple Access Links and Protocols

- Two Type of link
  - **Point-to-Point**
    - A sender transmit to a receiver
    - E.g.:
      - Between Ethernet switch and host
  - **Broadcast**
    - Multiple senders transmit in shared medium
      - A transmission can be received by other receivers
    - E.g.:
      - 802.11 wireless LAN



shared wire (e.g.,  
cabled Ethernet)



shared RF  
(e.g., 802.11 WiFi)



humans at a  
cocktail party  
(shared air, acoustical)

- Broadcast
  - When more than one node transmit signal at the same time
  - Collision occur
- **Medium Access Control (MAC) protocol**
  - coordinate which node transmit next to prevent collision in broadcast



## 6.3 Multiple Access Links and Protocols

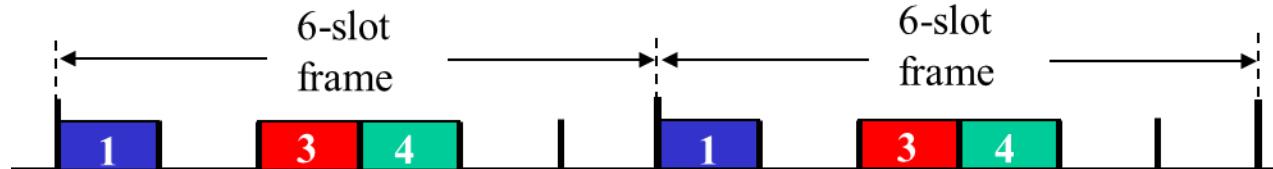
- Medium Access Control (MAC) Protocol
  - Three category
    - **Channel Partitioning Protocol**
      - Divide channel into smaller parts (E.g.: time slot, frequency), allocate the part to node
    - **Random Access Protocol**
      - Detect collision and recover from collision
    - **Taking-turn Protocol**
      - Nodes take turn to transmit

- Medium Access Control (MAC) Protocol
  - Three category
    - **Channel Partitioning Protocol**
      - Two type
        - **Time-Division Multiplexing (TDM)**
        - **Frequency-Division Multiplexing (FDM)**
      - **Random Access Protocol**
        - Three type
          - **Slotted ALOHA**
          - **Carrier Sense multiple Access (CSMA)**
          - **CSMA with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)**
            - Used by Ethernet
        - **Taking-turn Protocol**
          - Two type
            - **Polling protocol**
            - **Token-passing protocol**

## 6.3 Channel Partitioning Protocols: Time-Division Multiplexing (TDM)

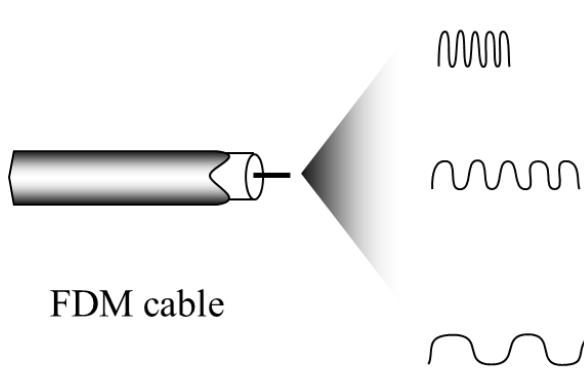
- Time-Division Multiplexing (TDM)
  - Time is divided into **Time Frame**
  - Frame is divided into **Time Slot**
    - Assign each time slot to one of the  $N$  nodes for transmission
    - Unused slot is wasted
  - Node
    - Access to time slot in round
    - E.g.:
      - 6 nodes
      - Node 1, 3, 4 transmit

- Advantage
  - Reduce collision
  - Fair
    - Let channel bandwidth is  $R$  bps, number of time slots is  $N$
    - Each node get  $R/N$  bps
- Disadvantage
  - Unused slot is wasted, and cannot be used by other nodes
  - Node must wait for its allocated time slot to transmit
  - All nodes must be time synchronized

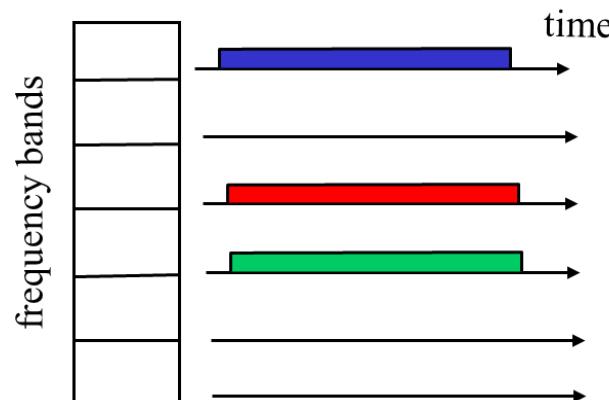


## 6.3 Channel Partitioning Protocols: Frequency-Division Multiplexing (FDM)

- Frequency-Division Multiplexing (FDM)
- Channel bandwidth is  $R$  bps is divided into different **bands**
  - Each band has bandwidth  $R/N$  bps
  - Assign each band to one of the  $N$  nodes for transmission
  - Unused band is wasted
- Node
  - Access to an allocated band
  - E.g.:
    - 6 nodes
    - Node 1, 3, 4 transmit

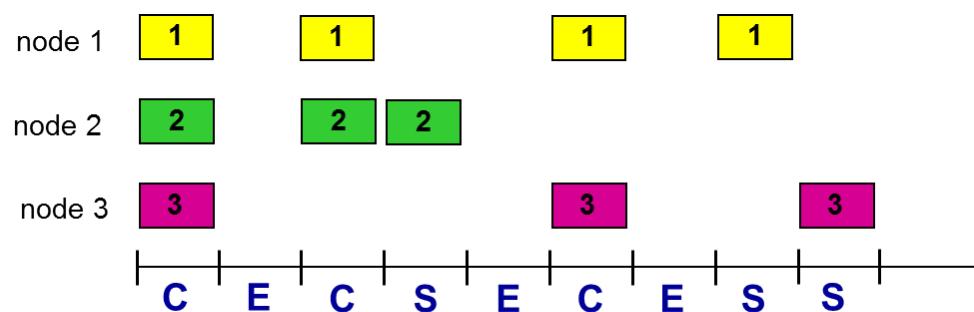


- Advantage
  - Reduce collision
  - Fair
    - Let channel bandwidth is  $R$  bps, number of bands is  $N$
    - Each node get  $R/N$  bps
- Disadvantage
  - Unused band is wasted, and cannot be used by other nodes
  - Node cannot transmit more than  $R/N$  bps



## 6.3 Random Access Protocols: Slotted ALOHA

- Slotted ALOHA
  - Time is divided into **Time Frame**
    - Frame is divided into **Time Slot**
      - NEVER assign each time slot to one of the  $N$  nodes for transmission
      - Node access to time slot randomly
        - If collision, retransmit again with probability  $p$
      - Unused slot is wasted
  - Node
    - Access to time slot in round
    - E.g.: 3 nodes
      - C = collision, E = wasted, S = successful transmission
      - For successful transmission, only one node can transmit in a time slot



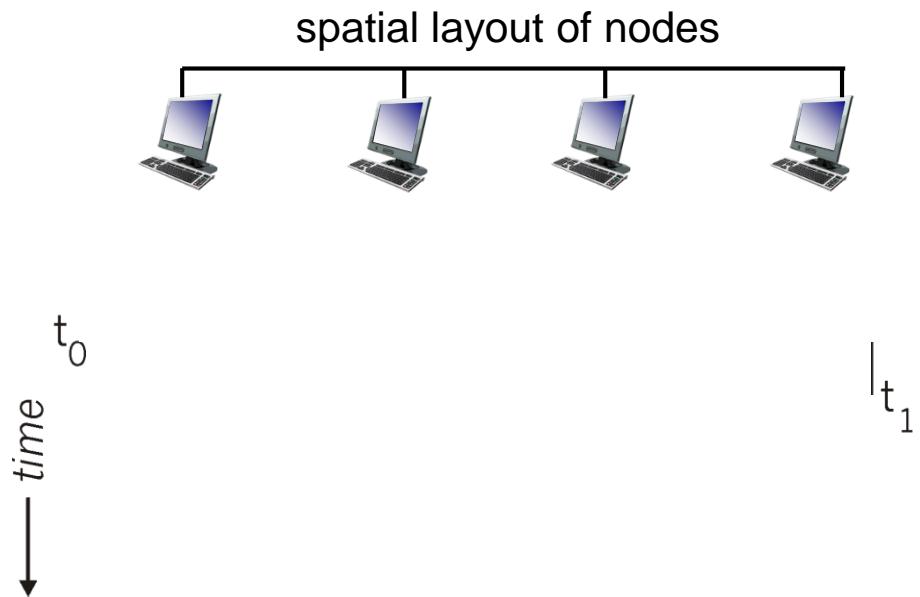
- Advantage
  - Node need NOT wait for its allocated time slot to transmit
    - Can transmit at full rate  $R$  bps
  - Reduce collision
    - If collision, retransmit again with probability  $p$
  - Fair
    - If collision, retransmit again with a fair probability  $p$
- Disadvantage
  - Unused slot is wasted
  - All nodes must be time synchronized

## 6.3 Random Access Protocols: Slotted ALOHA

- Slotted ALOHA
  - Efficiency
    - Long-run percentage of time slots with successful transmissions
    - Assumption
      - Many nodes want to transmit at all time
    - What is the efficiency of Slotted ALOHA?
      - Number of nodes,  $N$
      - Probability that a node transmit in a time slot,  $p$
      - Probability that a node do NOT transmit in a time slot,  $1-p$ 
        - Probability that  $N-1$  nodes do NOT transmit in a time slot,  $(1-p)^{N-1}$
      - Probability of a node's successful transmission,  $p(1-p)^{N-1}$
      - Efficiency
        - = Probability of  $N$  nodes' successful transmission
        - =  $Np(1-p)^{N-1}$

## 6.3 Random Access Protocols: Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)

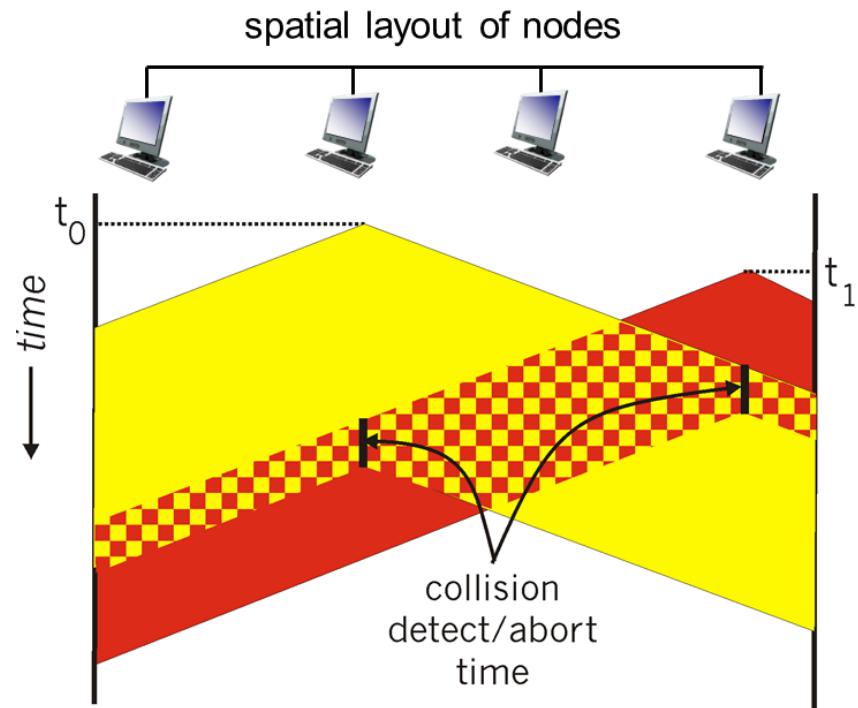
- Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)
  - Sense channel before transmission
    - If channel is sensed idle
      - Transmit frame
    - If channel is sensed busy
      - Defer transmission
  - Collision can still occur
    - Propagation delay cause two nodes unable to hear each other immediately
    - Longer propagation delay cause more collision
    - At  $t_0$ , a node transmit. At  $t_1$ , the signal has not arrive a second node yet due to propagation delay. The second node transmit. Collision occur
  - Disadvantage
    - No collision detection. Continue transmission even collision occur



## 6.3 Random Access Protocols:

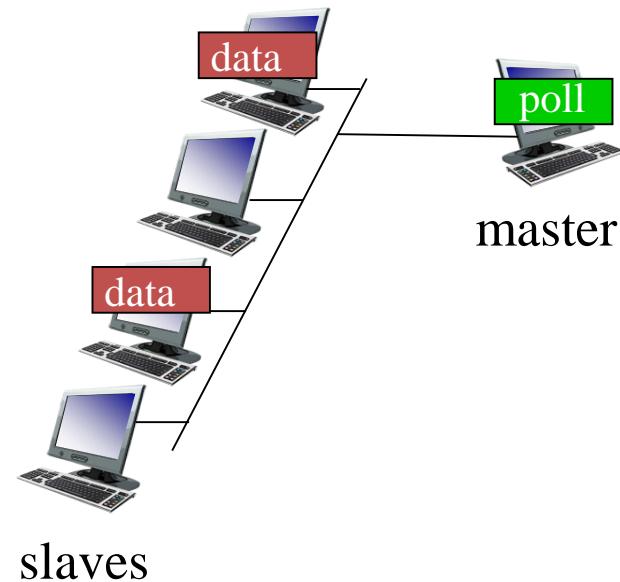
### Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)

- Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)
  - Sense channel before and during transmission
    - If channel is sensed idle, transmit frame
    - If channel is sensed busy, defer transmission
  - During transmission, if collision is detected, stop transmission immediately
  - If collision, retransmit again after a random delay
    - Use **binary exponential backoff** to determine random delay
      - After  $n^{th}$  collision, choose  $K$  at random from  $\{0,1,2, \dots, 2^n-1\}$ .
        - Maximum  $n = 10$
      - Wait  $K$  time slot and retransmit
      - Longer backoff delay with more collision
      - First collision:  $K \in \{0,1\}$
      - Second collision:  $K \in \{0,1,2,3\}$
      - Third collision:  $K \in \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$
      - Ten collision or more:  
 $K \in \{0,1, \dots, 1023\}$



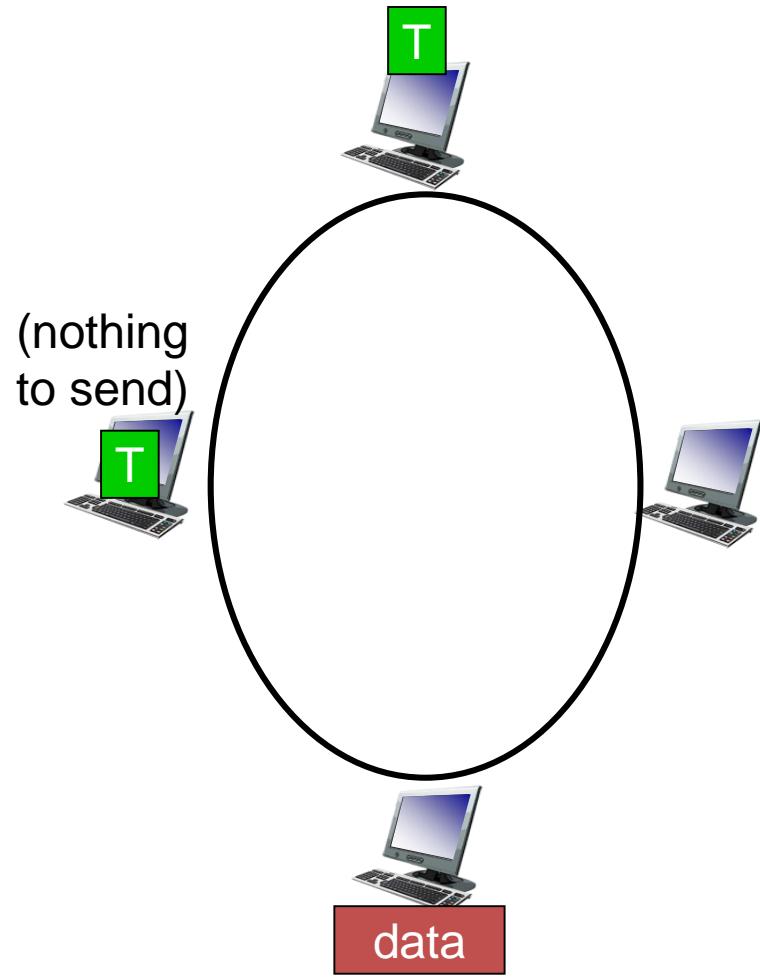
## 6.3 Taking-Turn Protocols: Polling Protocol

- Polling Protocol
  - Master node poll slave nodes in round-robin manner
    - Slave node transmit packet when polled
  - Disadvantage
    - Polling overhead
    - Latency
      - Must poll slaves without packet for transmission
    - Single point of failure (master fail)



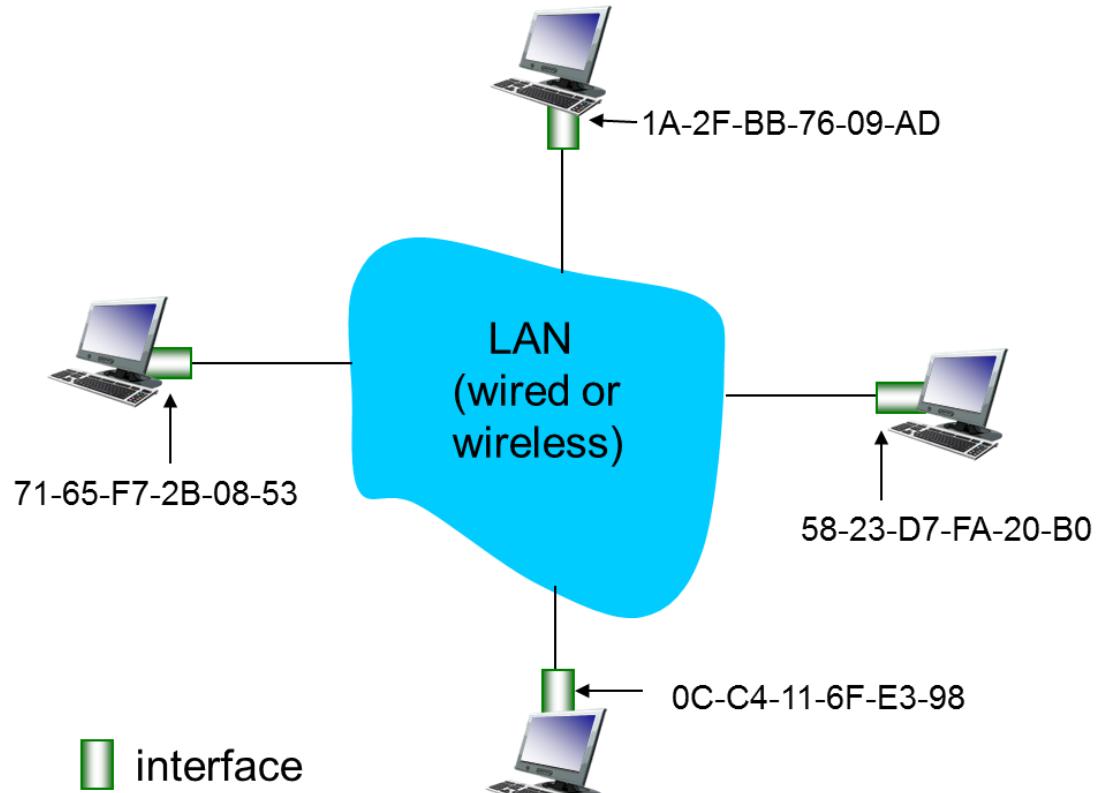
## 6.3 Taking-Turn Protocols: Token-passing Protocol

- Token-passing protocol
  - Pass token from one node to the another sequentially
  - Disadvantage
    - Token overhead
    - Latency
      - Must pass token to node without packet for transmission
    - Single point of failure
      - Token is lost
      - Node forgot to release token
      - Node that hold the token is not working



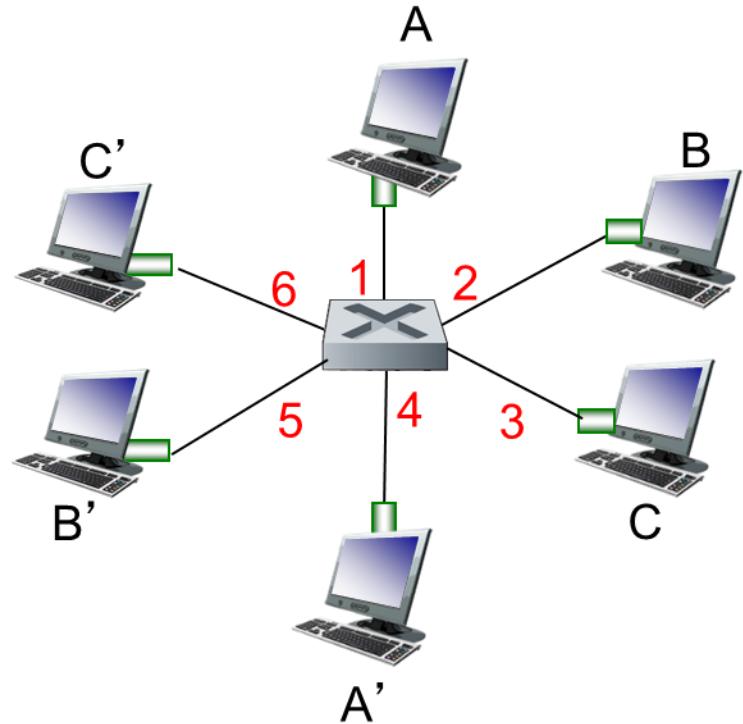
## 6.4 Link-layer Addressing

- IP Address
  - 32 bits
  - Network layer address for interface used for forwarding datagram
  - Example
    - FF.FF.FF.FF (or 255.255.255.255)
- MAC Address
  - 48 bits
  - Link layer address for interface used for forwarding frame
  - Example
    - FF.FF.FF.FF.FF.FF (or 255.255.255.255.255.255)
    - Each interface has unique MAC address



## 6.4 Link-layer Switches

- Use CSMA/CD
- Services
  - Store-and-Forward frame
    - Read incoming frame's MAC address
    - Store frame
    - Get MAC address of outgoing interface
    - Forward frame to one or more outgoing links
      - A-to-A' and B-to-B' can transmit simultaneously, without collisions
  - Transparent
    - Host is not aware of switches
  - Self-learning (or plug-and-play)
    - Switches do not need to be configured

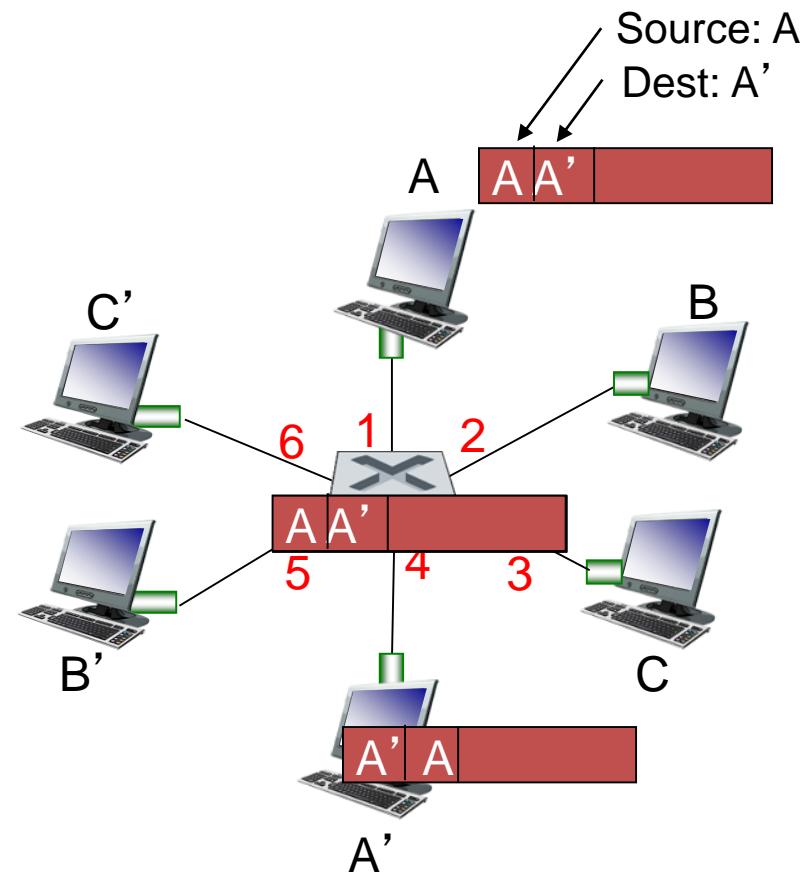


*switch with six interfaces  
(1,2,3,4,5,6)*



## 6.4 Link-layer Switches

- Self-learning
  - Switch learn which host can be reached through which interface
  - When frame is received, switch learn MAC address of sender's incoming interface
  - Records the following in switch table
    - MAC address of sender's incoming interface
    - Interface
  - If switch does not know the interface for the destination's MAC address
    - Flood the frame
    - Destination respond
      - When frame is received, switch learn MAC address of destination's incoming interface



MAC addr	interface	TTL
A	1	60
A'	4	60

*switch table  
(initially empty)*

## 6.4 Link-layer Switches

### Comparison of Switches and Routers

- Both are store-and-forward:
  - Router
    - Network-layer device
      - Examine network-layer header
  - Switch
    - Link-layer device
      - Examine link-layer headers
- Both have forwarding tables
  - Router
    - Compute table using
      - Routing algorithm
      - IP address
  - Switch
    - Learn forwarding table using
      - Flood
      - Self-learning
      - MAC address

