

Chapter 4

Local Area network

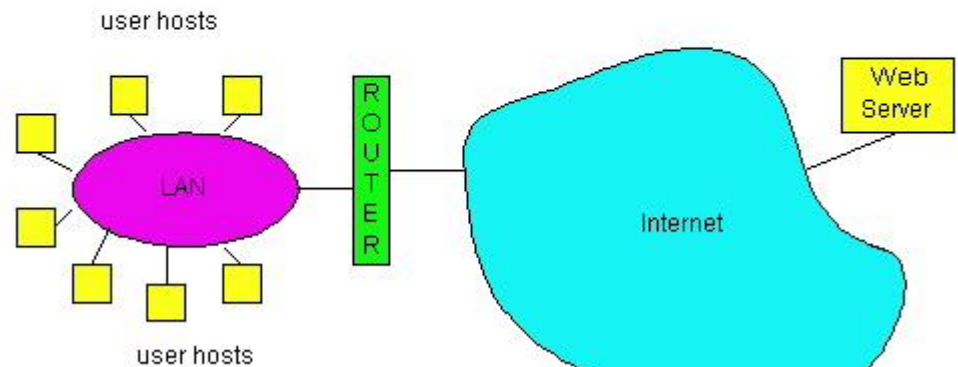
LAN technologies

Data link layer so far:

- services, error detection/correction, multiple access

Next: LAN technologies

- LAN model
- addressing
- Ethernet
- hubs, switches
- 802.11
- 802.15



Keypoints and Difficulties

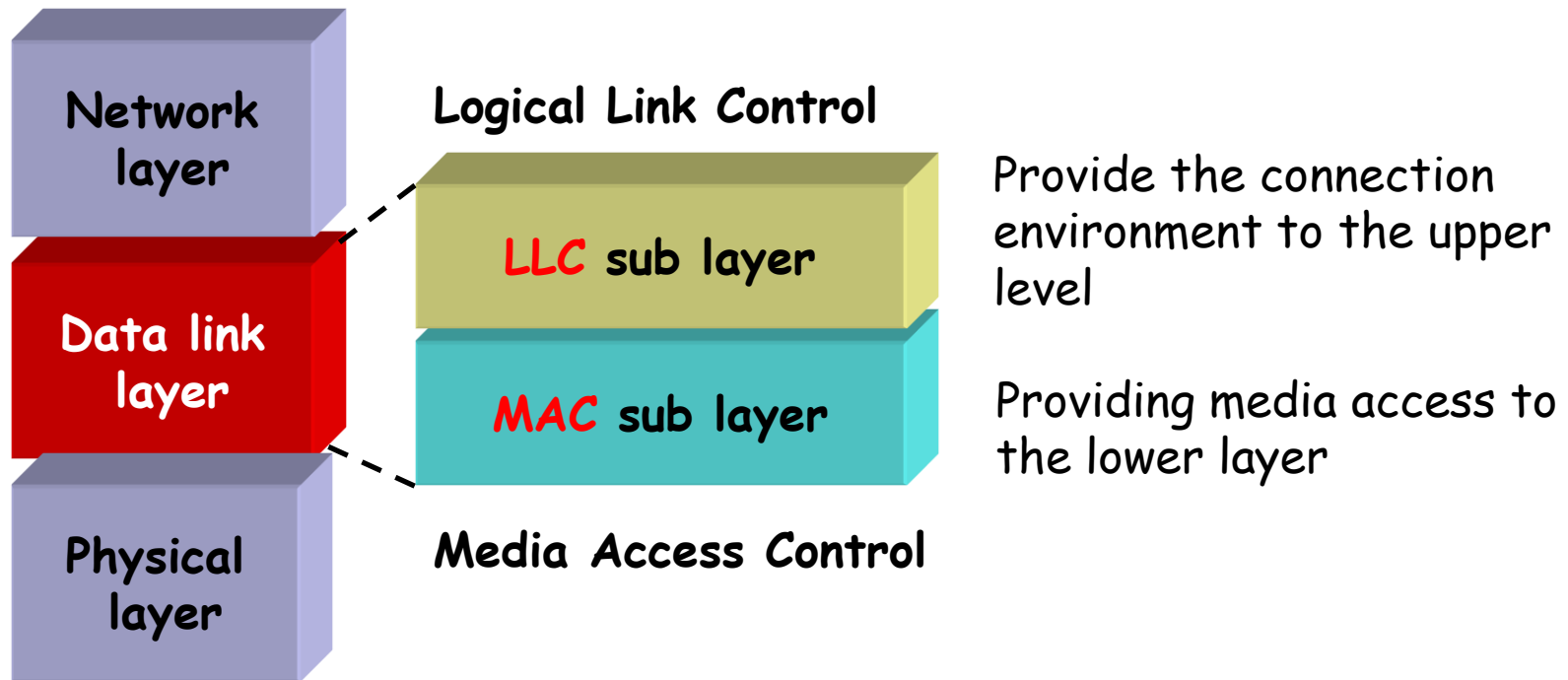
Keypoints:

- LAN model
- Ethernet
- Hubs, switches
- Wireless LAN-
IEEE 802.11

Difficulties:

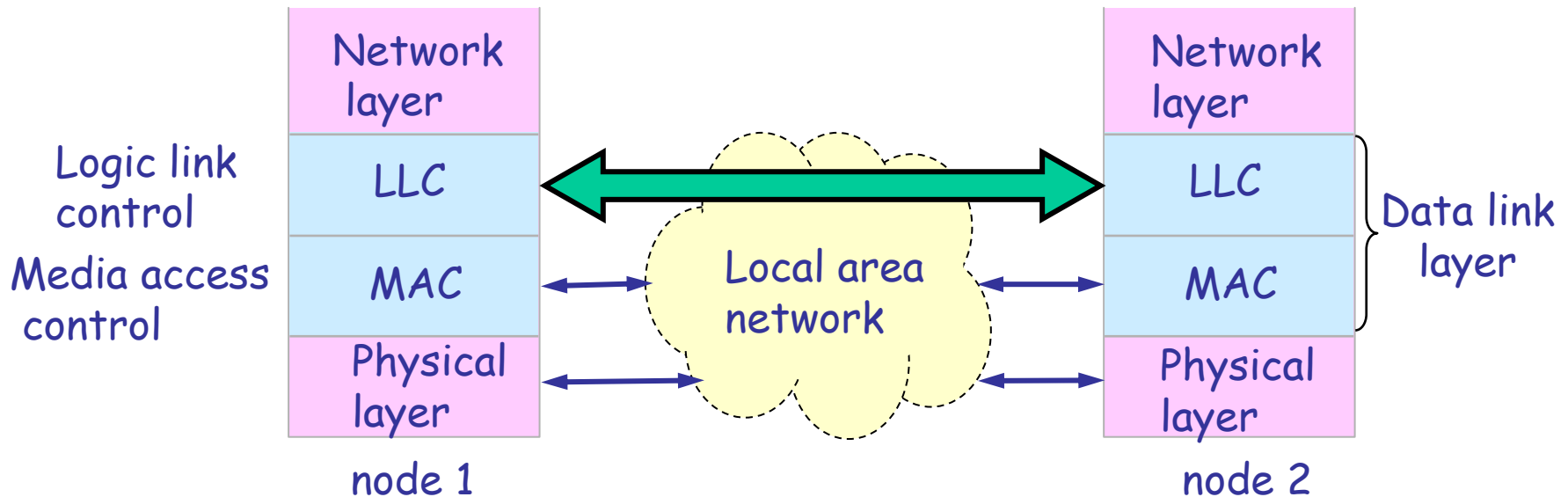
- ❑ The minimum frame length
- ❑ The exponential Backoff algorithm
- ❑ CSMA/CA

LAN model



LAN model

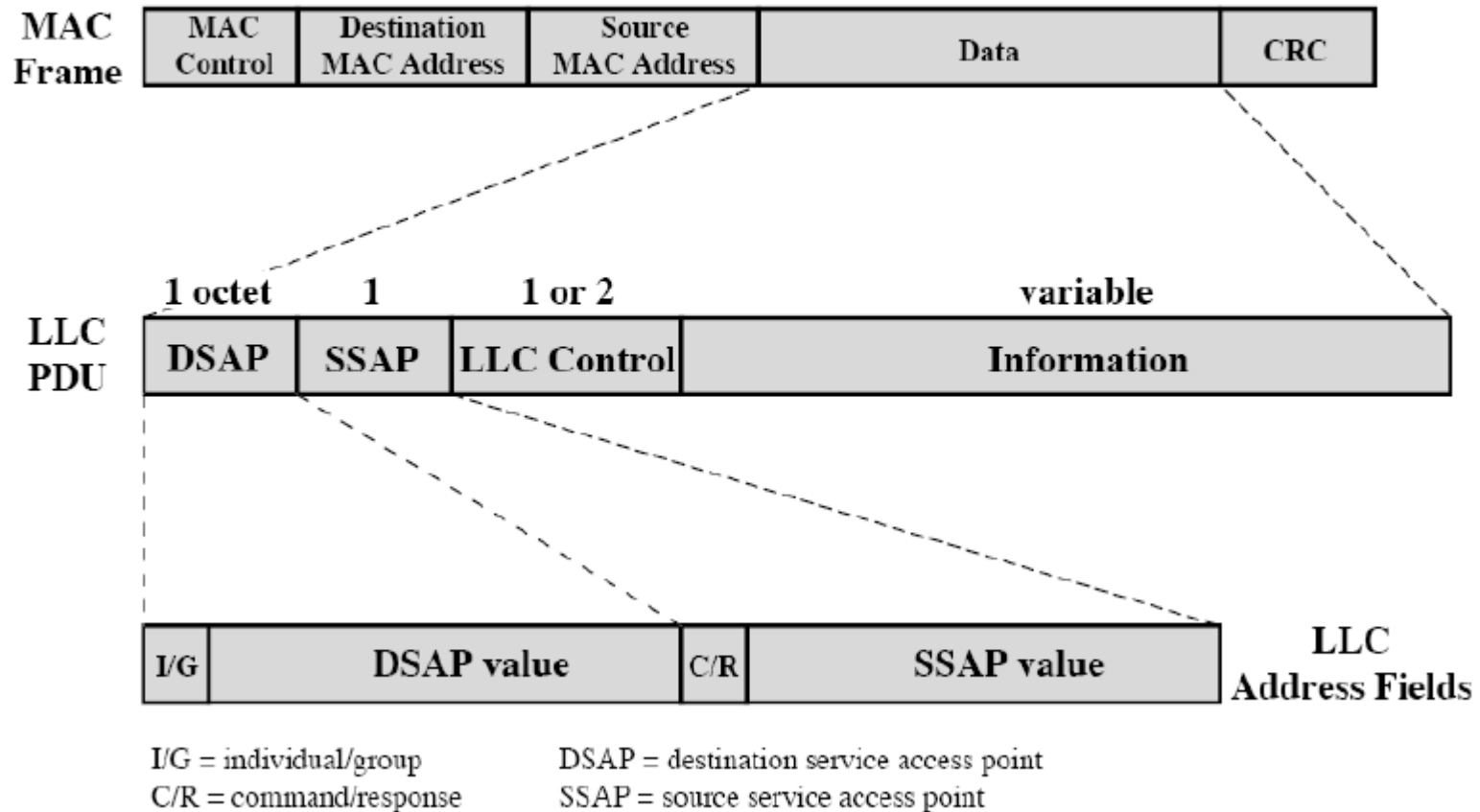
The following LAN is invisible for LLC sub layer



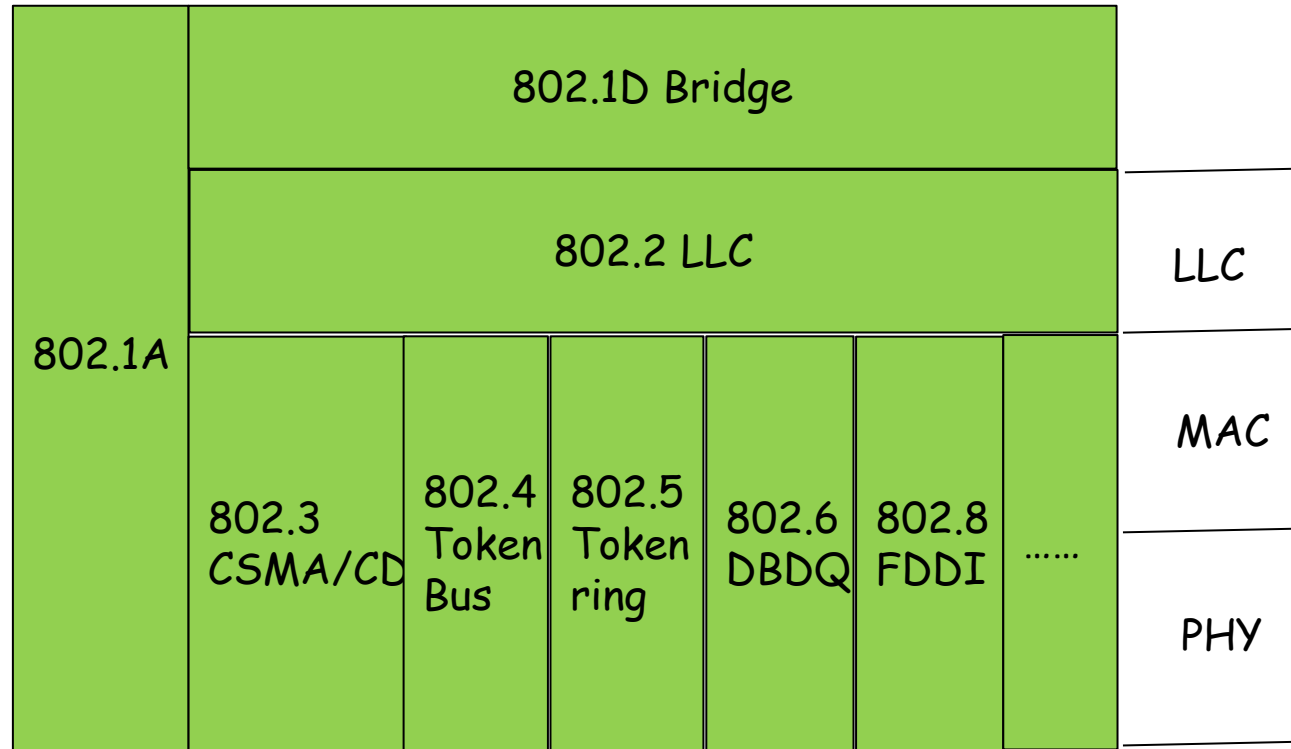
For the same LLC, several MAC options may be provided.

LLC and MAC

MAC Frame Format



IEEE 802 working group



LAN Addresses

32-bit IP address:

- ❑ *network-layer* address
- ❑ used to get datagram to destination network

LAN (or MAC or physical) address:

- ❑ used to get datagram from one interface to another physically-connected interface (same network)
- ❑ 48 bit MAC address (for most LANs)
burned in the adapter ROM

LAN Address (more)

- ❑ MAC address allocation administered by IEEE
- ❑ manufacturer buys portion of MAC address space (to assure uniqueness)
- ❑ Analogy:
 - (a) MAC address: like Social Security Number
 - (b) IP address: like postal address
- ❑ MAC flat address => portability
 - can move LAN card from one LAN to another
- ❑ IP hierarchical address NOT portable
 - depends on network to which one attaches

Each adapter on LAN has unique LAN address



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MAC Addresses

IEEE 802局域网的MAC地址格式

扩展的唯一标识符EUI
EUI-48



第一字节的b1位	第一字节的b0位	MAC地址类型	地址数量占比	总地址数量
0	0	全球管理 单播地址 厂商生产网络设备（网卡，交换机，路由器）时固化	1/4	$2^{48}=281,474,976,710,656$ (二百八十多万亿)
	1	全球管理 多播地址 标准网络设备所支持的多播地址，用于特定功能	1/4	
1	0	本地管理 单播地址 由网络管理员分配，覆盖网络接口的全球管理单播地址	1/4	
	1	本地管理 多播地址 用户对主机进行软件配置，以表明其属于哪些多播组 注意：剩余46位全为1时，就是广播地址FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF	1/4	

<https://standards-oui.ieee.org/oui/oui.txt>

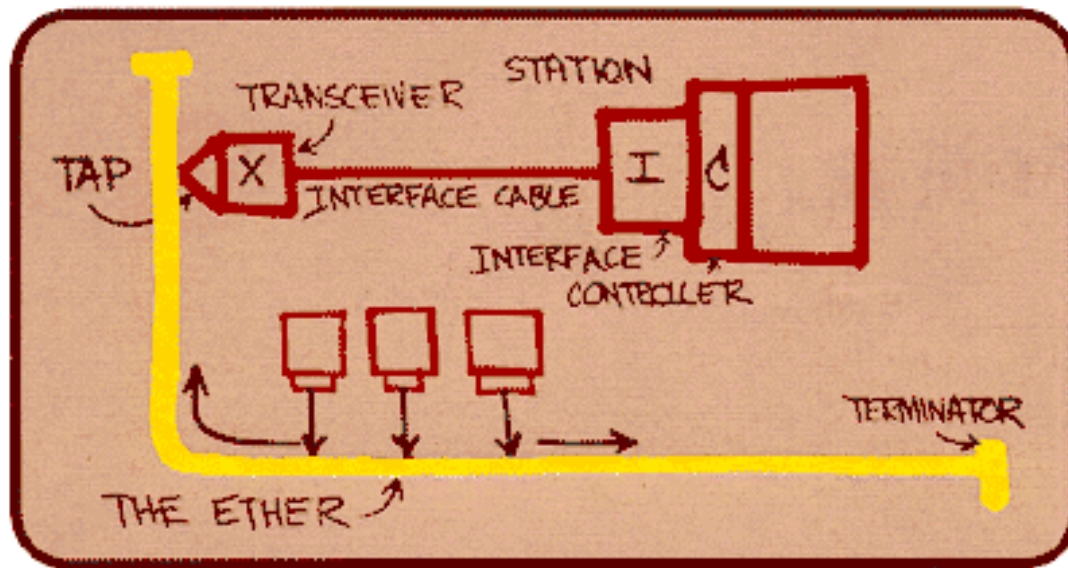
MAC地址查询 - <https://mac.bmcx.com/>

What is the **random** MAC address technology?

Ethernet

“dominant” LAN technology:

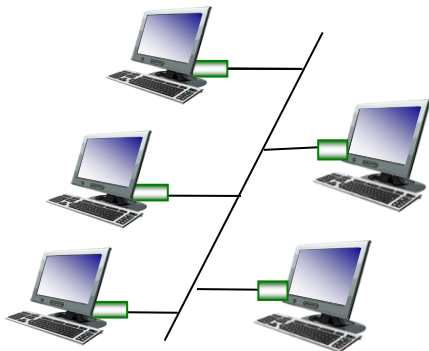
- ❑ cheap \$20 for 100Mbps!
- ❑ first widely used LAN technology
- ❑ Simpler, cheaper than token LANs and ATM
- ❑ Kept up with speed race: 10, 100, 1000 Mbps



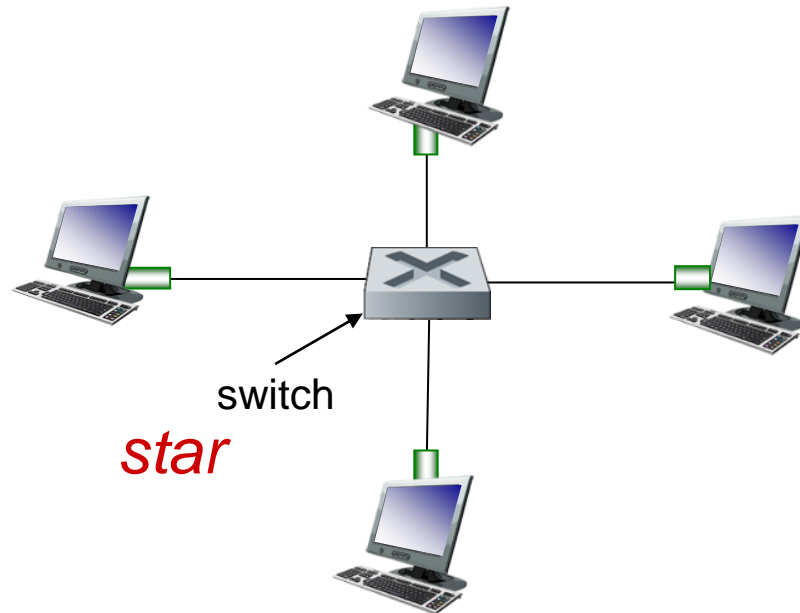
Metcalfe's Ethernet sketch

Ethernet: physical topology

- **bus:** popular through mid 90s
 - all nodes in same collision domain (can collide with each other)
- **star:** prevails today
 - active **switch** in center
 - each “spoke” runs a (separate) Ethernet protocol (nodes do not collide with each other)



bus: coaxial cable

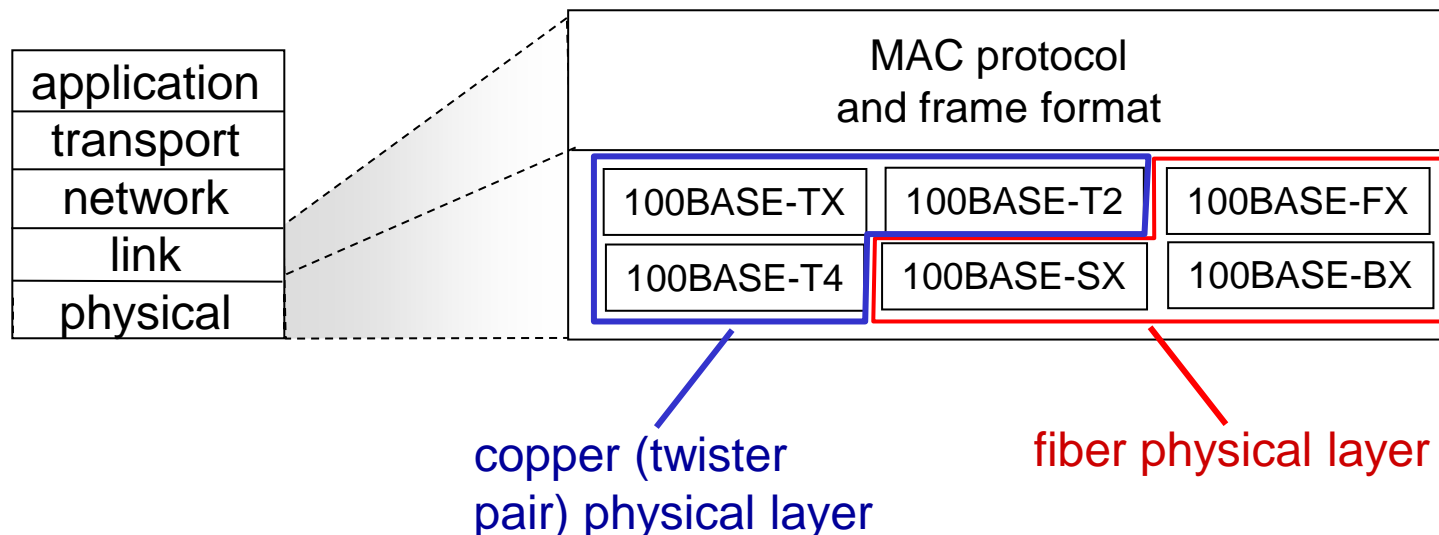


Ethernet: unreliable, connectionless

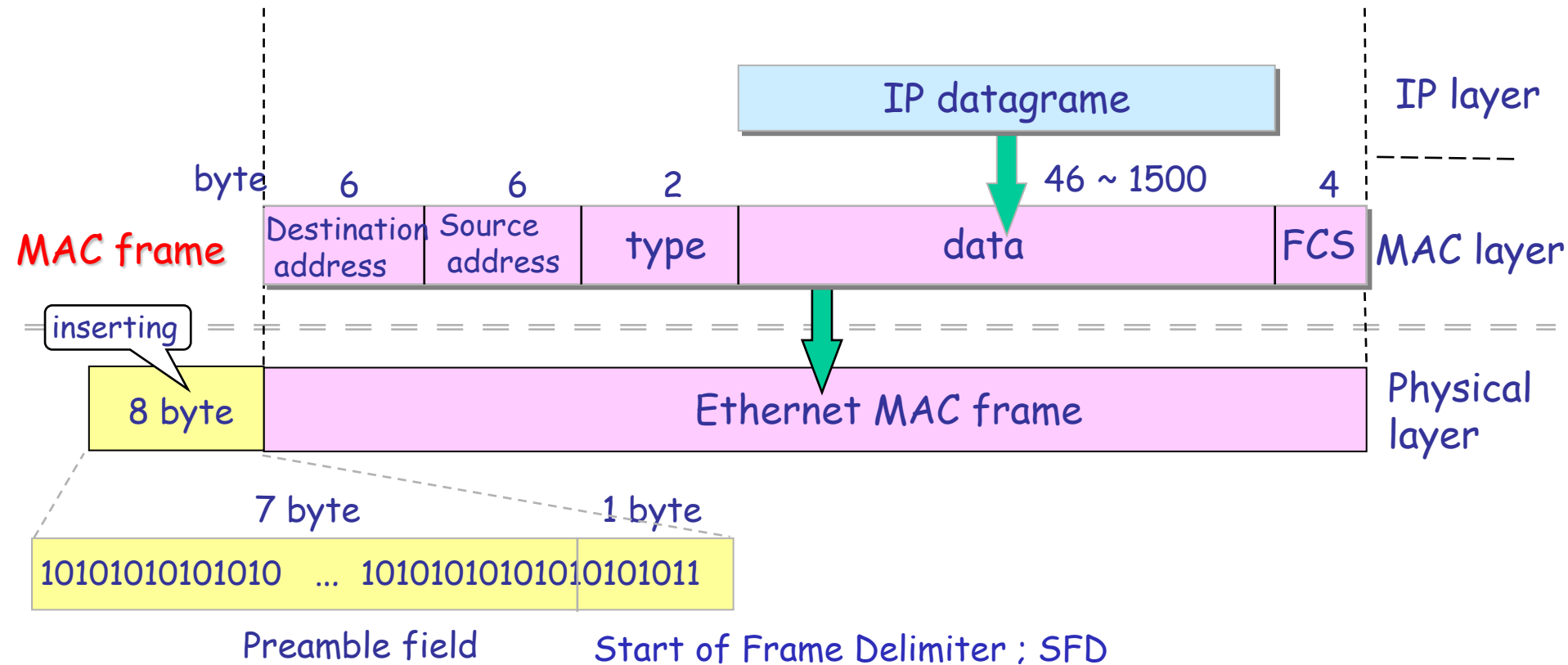
- ❑ *connectionless*: no handshaking between sending and receiving NICs
- ❑ *unreliable*: receiving NIC doesn't send acks or nacks to sending NIC
 - data in dropped frames recovered only if initial sender uses higher layer rdt (e.g., TCP), otherwise dropped data lost
- ❑ Ethernet's MAC protocol: unslotted *CSMA/CD with binary backoff*

802.3 Ethernet standards: link & physical layers

- ❑ *many* different Ethernet standards
 - common MAC protocol and frame format
 - different speeds: 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1Gbps, 10 Gbps, 40 Gbps
 - different physical layer media: fiber, cable

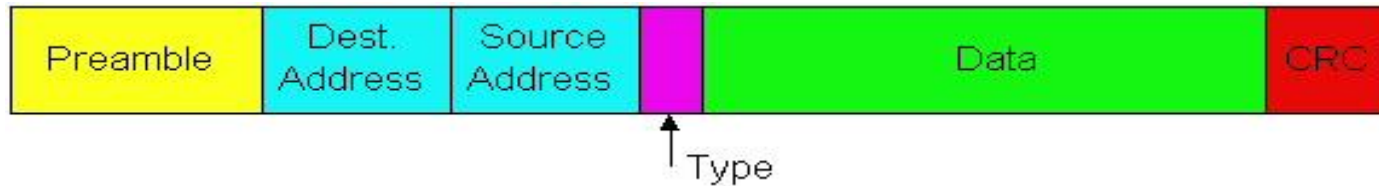


Ethernet Frame Structure



Ethernet Frame Structure

Sending adapter encapsulates IP datagram (or other network layer protocol packet) in **Ethernet frame**

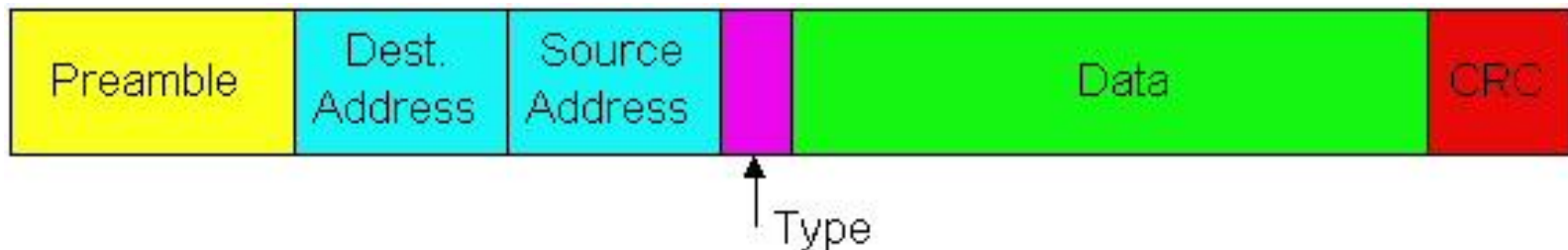


Preamble:

- ❑ 7 bytes with pattern 10101010 followed by one byte with pattern 10101011
- ❑ used to synchronize receiver, sender clock rates

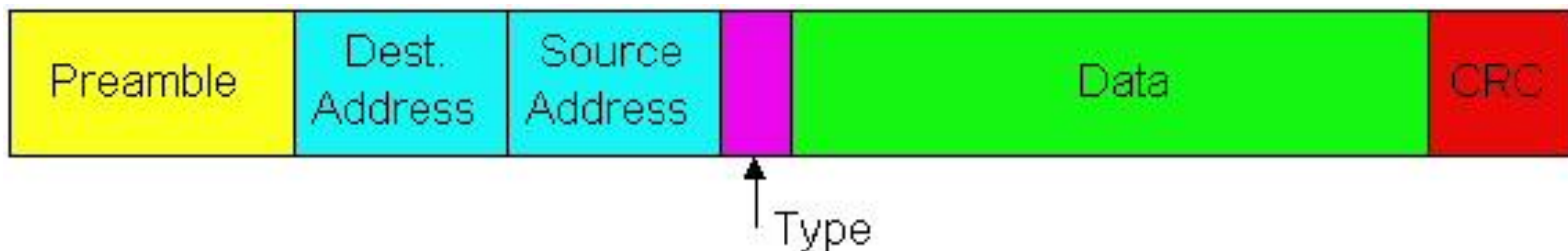
Ethernet Frame Structure (more)

- ❑ **Addresses:** 6 bytes, frame is received by all adapters on a LAN and dropped if address does not match
- ❑ **Type:** 2 bytes, indicates the higher layer protocol, mostly IP but others may be supported such as Novell IPX and AppleTalk)
- ❑ **CRC:** 4 bytes, checked at receiver, if error is detected, the frame is simply dropped



Ethernet Frame Structure (more)

- ❑ **Data:** 46~1500 bytes
- ❑ **Minimum frame length:** 64 bytes, why? (contention period 2τ is $51.2 \mu\text{s}$ for IEEE 802.3, $R=10\text{Mbps}$)
- ❑ **Maximum frame length:** 1518 bytes, why?



Ethernet: uses CSMA/CD

A: sense channel, if idle

then {

transmit and monitor the channel;

If detect another transmission

then {

abort and send jam signal;

update # collisions;

delay as required by exponential backoff algorithm;

goto A

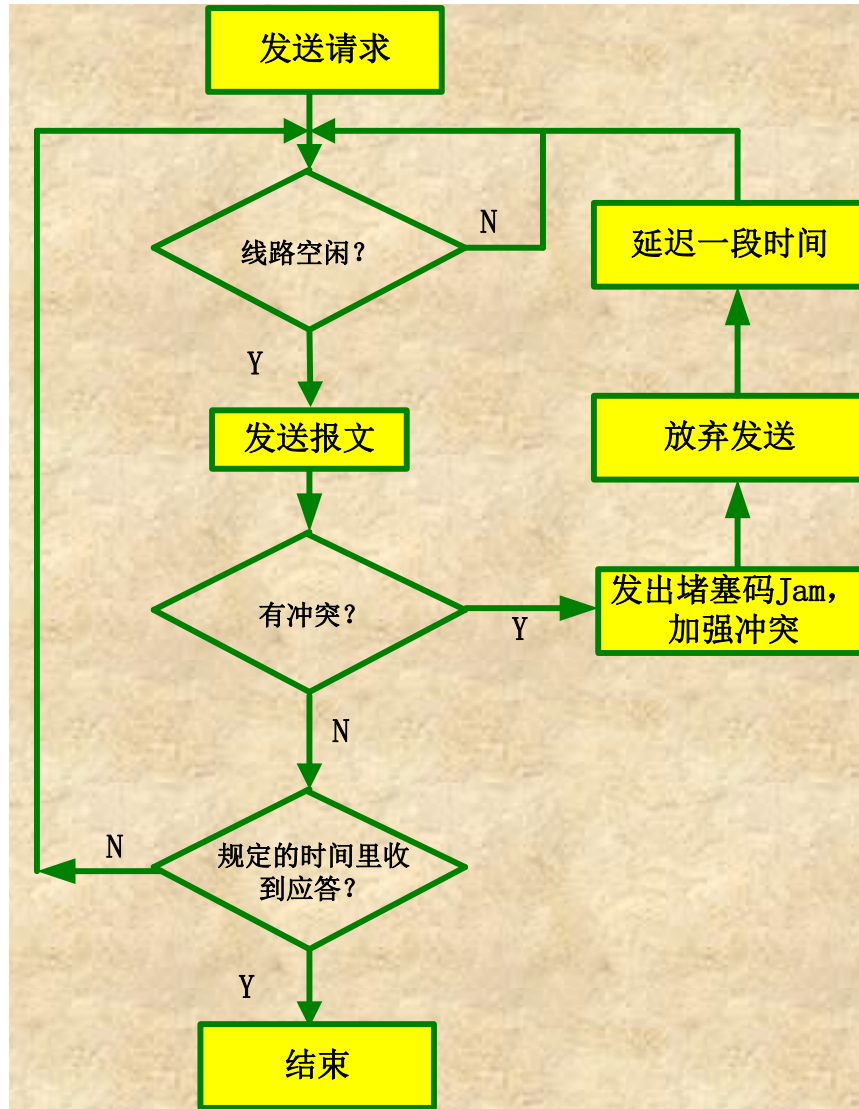
}

else {done with the frame; set collisions to zero}

}

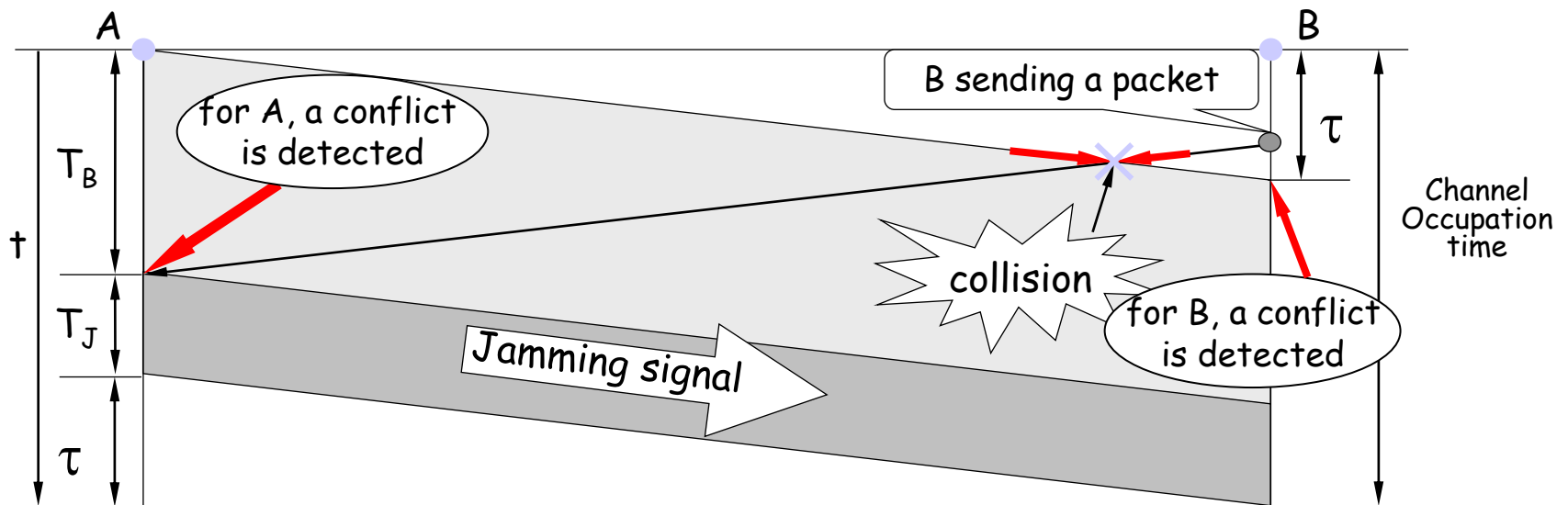
else {wait until ongoing transmission is over and goto A}

Ethernet: uses CSMA/CD



Ethernet's CSMA/CD (more)

Jam Signal: make sure all other transmitters are aware of collision; 48 bits;



Ethernet's CSMA/CD (more)

Exponential Backoff:

- ❑ *Goal*: adapt retransmission attempts to estimated current load
 - heavy load: random wait will be longer
- ❑ delay is $K \times 512$ bit transmission times (**contention period: 2τ**)
- ❑ first collision: choose K from $\{0,1\}$;
- ❑ after second collision: choose K from $\{0,1,2,3\}$...
- ❑ after ten or more collisions, choose K from $\{0,1,2,3,4,\dots,1023\}$
- ❑ $K = \min(n, i)$, n : # collisions, $n \leq j$ (attempt limit); i : back off limit
- ❑ For Ethernet, $i=10, j=16$

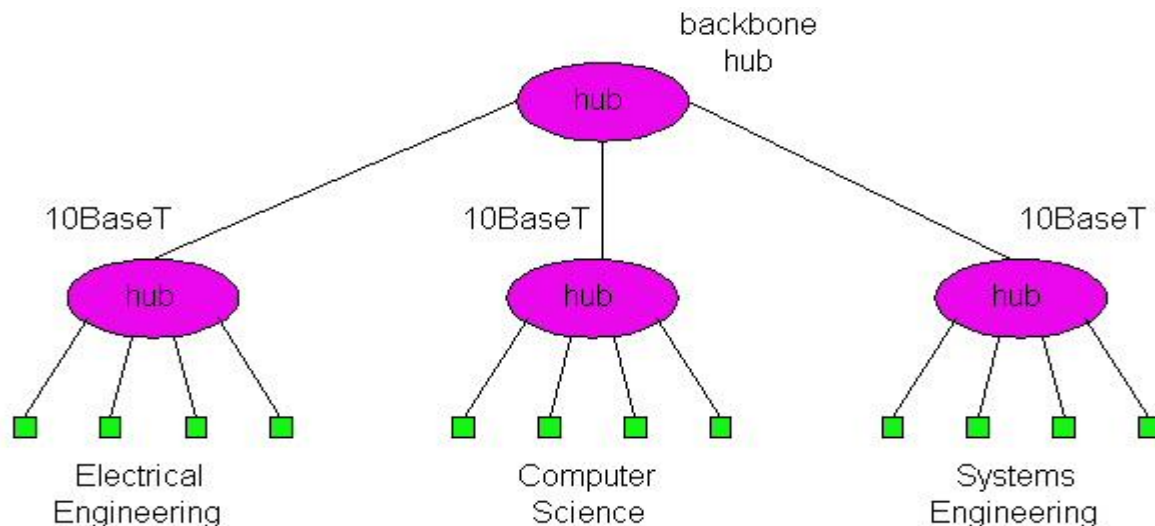
Interconnecting LANs

Q: Why not just one big LAN?

- ❑ **Limited amount** of supportable traffic: on single LAN, all stations must share bandwidth
- ❑ **limited length**: 802.3 specifies maximum cable length
- ❑ **large "collision domain"** (can collide with many stations)

Hubs

- ❑ Physical Layer devices: essentially repeaters operating at bit levels: repeat received bits on one interface to all other interfaces
- ❑ Hubs can be arranged in a **hierarchy** (or multi-tier design), with **backbone** hub at its top



Hubs (more)

- ❑ Each connected LAN referred to as LAN **segment**
- ❑ Hubs **do not isolate** collision domains: node may collide with any node residing at any segment in LAN
- ❑ Hub Advantages:
 - simple, inexpensive device
 - Multi-tier provides graceful degradation: portions of the LAN continue to operate if one hub malfunctions
 - extends maximum distance between node pairs (100m per Hub)

Hub limitations

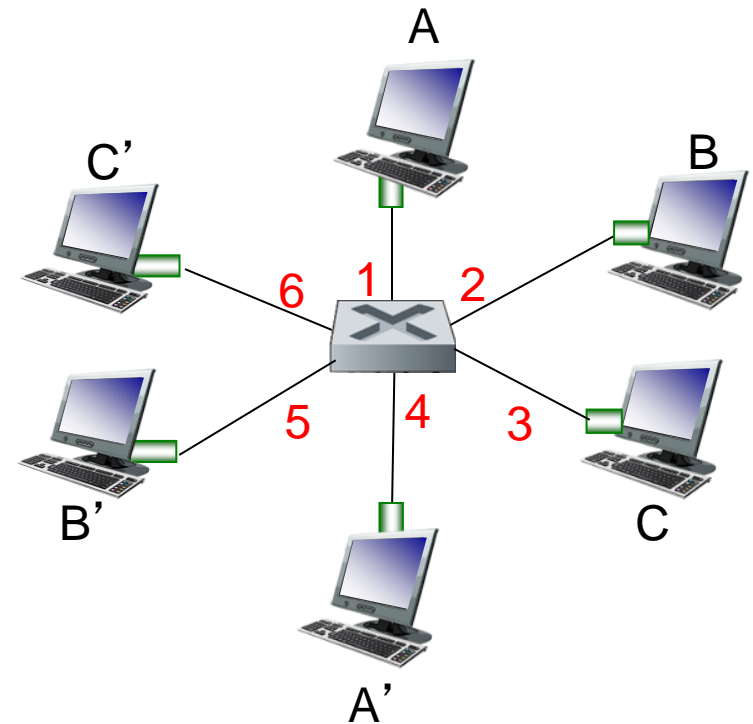
- ❑ single collision domain results in no increase in max throughput
 - multi-tier throughput same as single segment throughput
- ❑ individual LAN restrictions pose limits on number of nodes in same collision domain and on total allowed geographical coverage
- ❑ cannot connect different Ethernet types (e.g., 10BaseT and 100baseT)

Ethernet switch

- ❑ *link-layer device: takes an active role*
 - store, forward Ethernet frames
 - examine incoming frame's MAC address, *selectively* forward frame to one-or-more outgoing links when frame is to be forwarded on segment, uses CSMA/CD to access segment
- ❑ *transparent*
 - hosts are unaware of presence of switches
- ❑ *plug-and-play, self-learning*
 - switches do not need to be configured

Switch: multiple simultaneous transmissions

- ❑ hosts have dedicated, direct connection to switch
- ❑ switches buffer packets
- ❑ Ethernet protocol used on each incoming link, but no collisions; full duplex
 - each link is its own collision domain
- ❑ *switching*: A-to-A' and B-to-B' can transmit simultaneously, without collisions



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

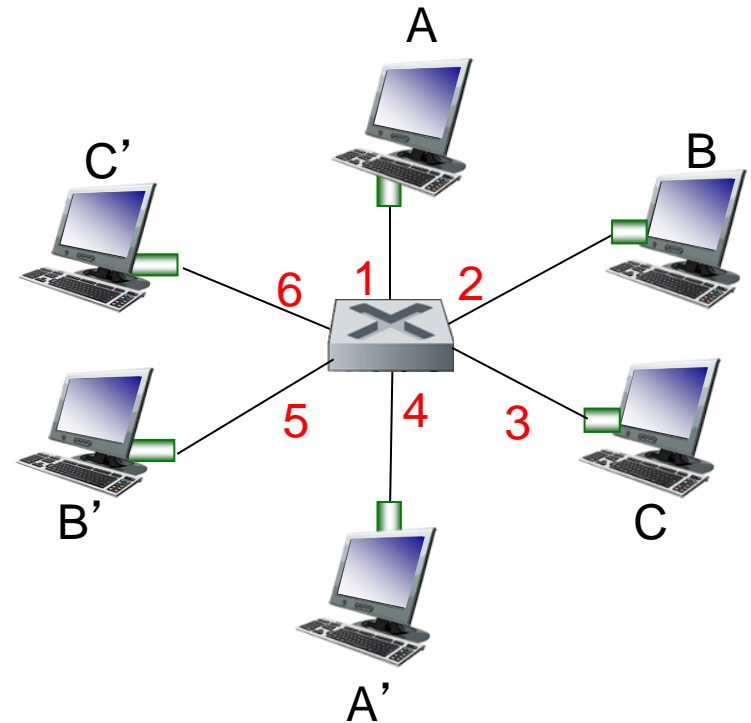
Switch forwarding table

Q: how does switch know A' reachable via interface 4, B' reachable via interface 5?

- A: each switch has a **switch table**, each entry:
 - (MAC address of host, interface to reach host, time stamp)
 - looks like a routing table!

Q: how are entries created, maintained in switch table?

- something like a routing protocol?



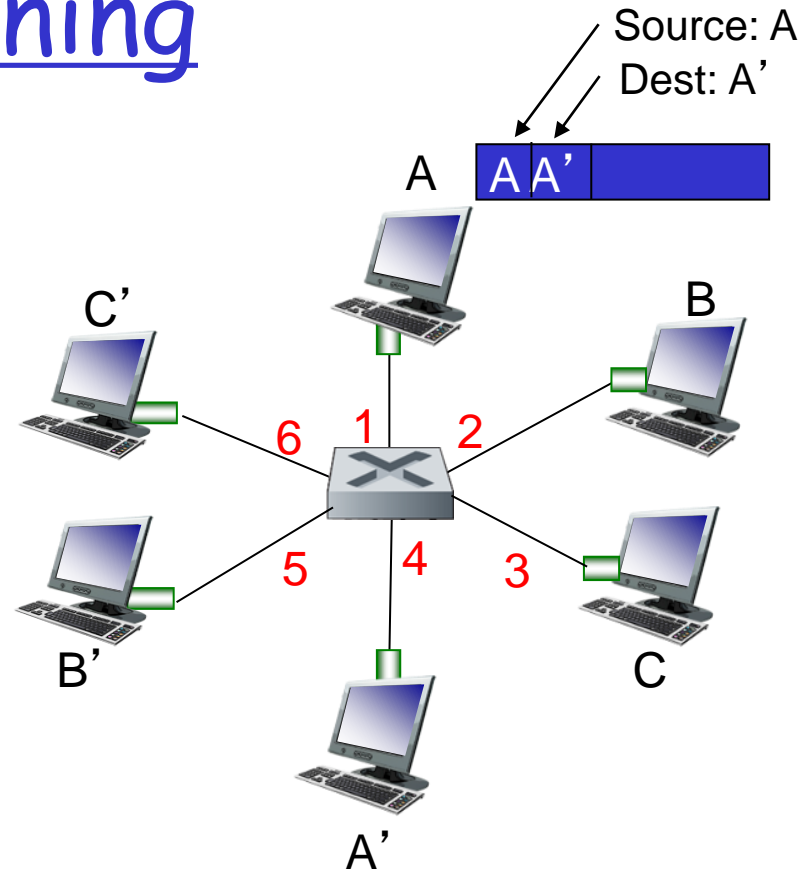
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Switch: self-learning

□ switch *learns* which hosts can be reached through which interfaces

○ when frame received, switch “learns” location of sender: incoming LAN segment

○ records sender/location pair in switch table



MAC addr	interface	TTL
A	1	60

*Switch table
(initially empty)*

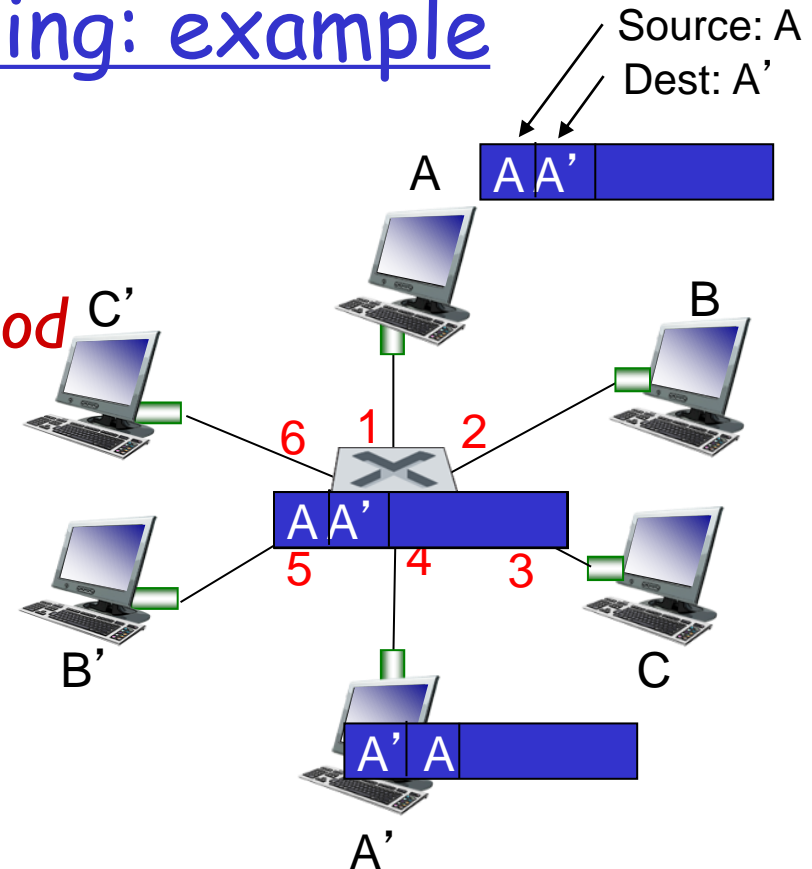
Switch: frame filtering/forwarding

when frame received at switch:

1. record incoming link, MAC address of sending host
2. index switch table using MAC destination address
3. **if** entry found for destination
 then {
 if destination on segment from which frame arrived
 then drop frame
 else forward frame on interface indicated by entry
 }
 else flood /* forward on all interfaces except arriving
 interface */

Self-learning, forwarding: example

- frame destination, A' , location unknown: *flood*
- destination A location known:
selectively send on just one link

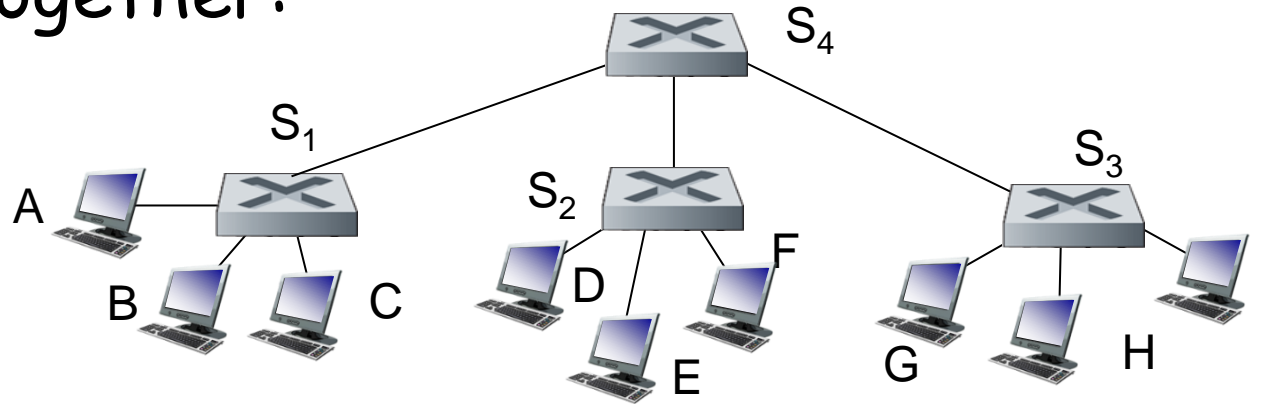


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A'	4	60

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Interconnecting switches

self-learning switches can be connected together:

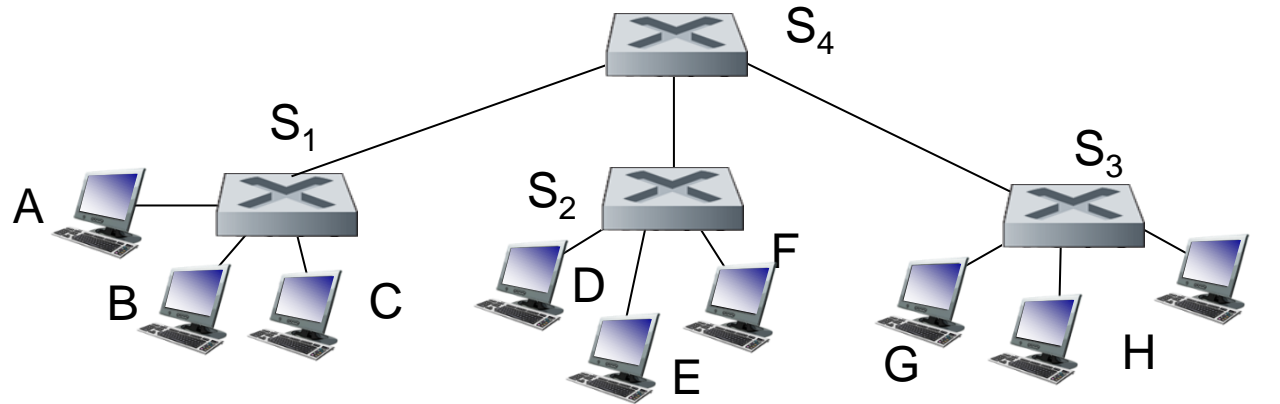


Q: sending from A to G - how does S₁ know to forward frame destined to G via S₄ and S₃?

- **A:** self learning! (works exactly the same as in single-switch case!)

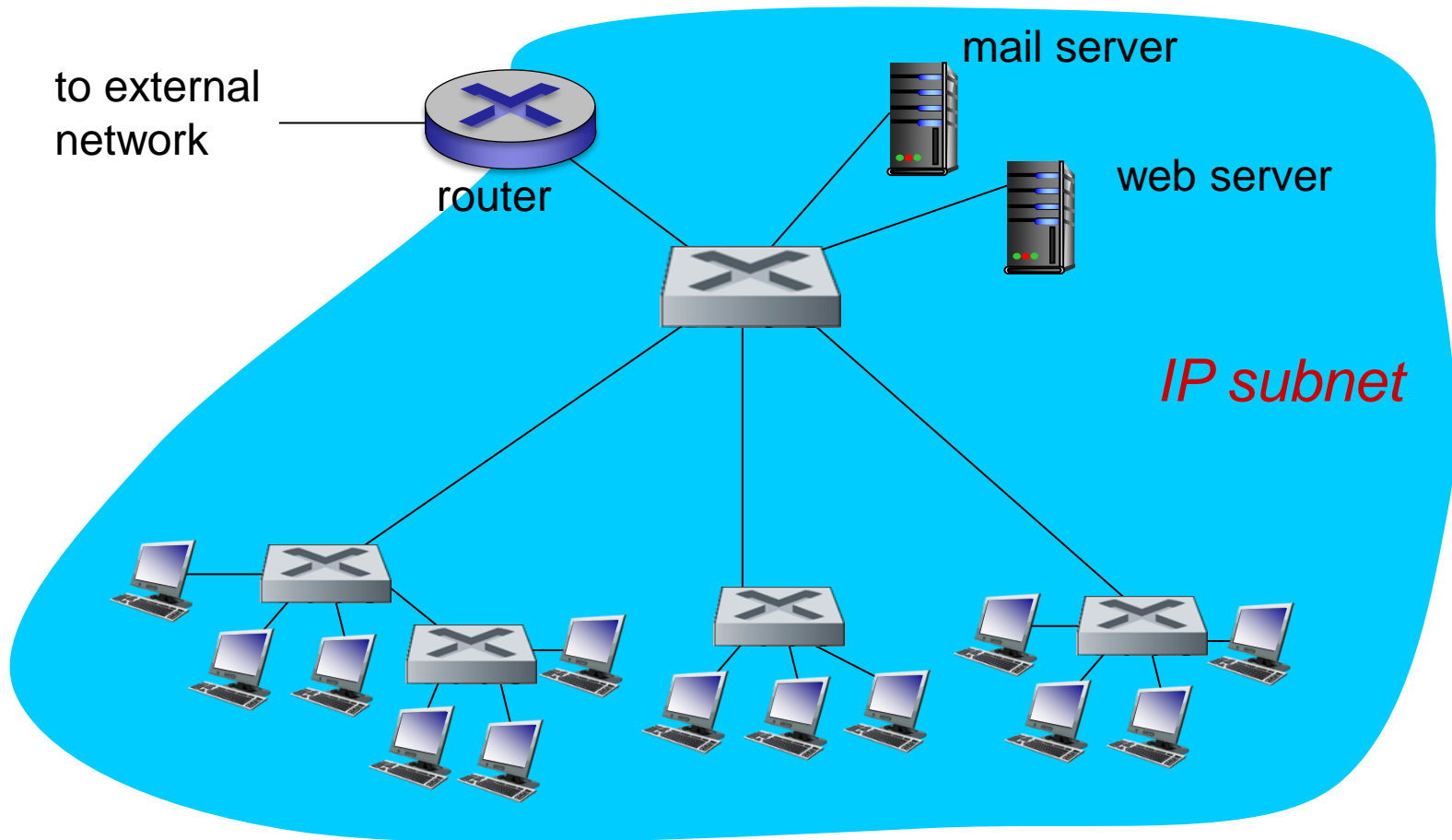
Self-learning multi-switch example

Suppose C sends frame to I, I responds to C



- Q: show switch tables and packet forwarding in S₁, S₂, S₃, S₄

Institutional network



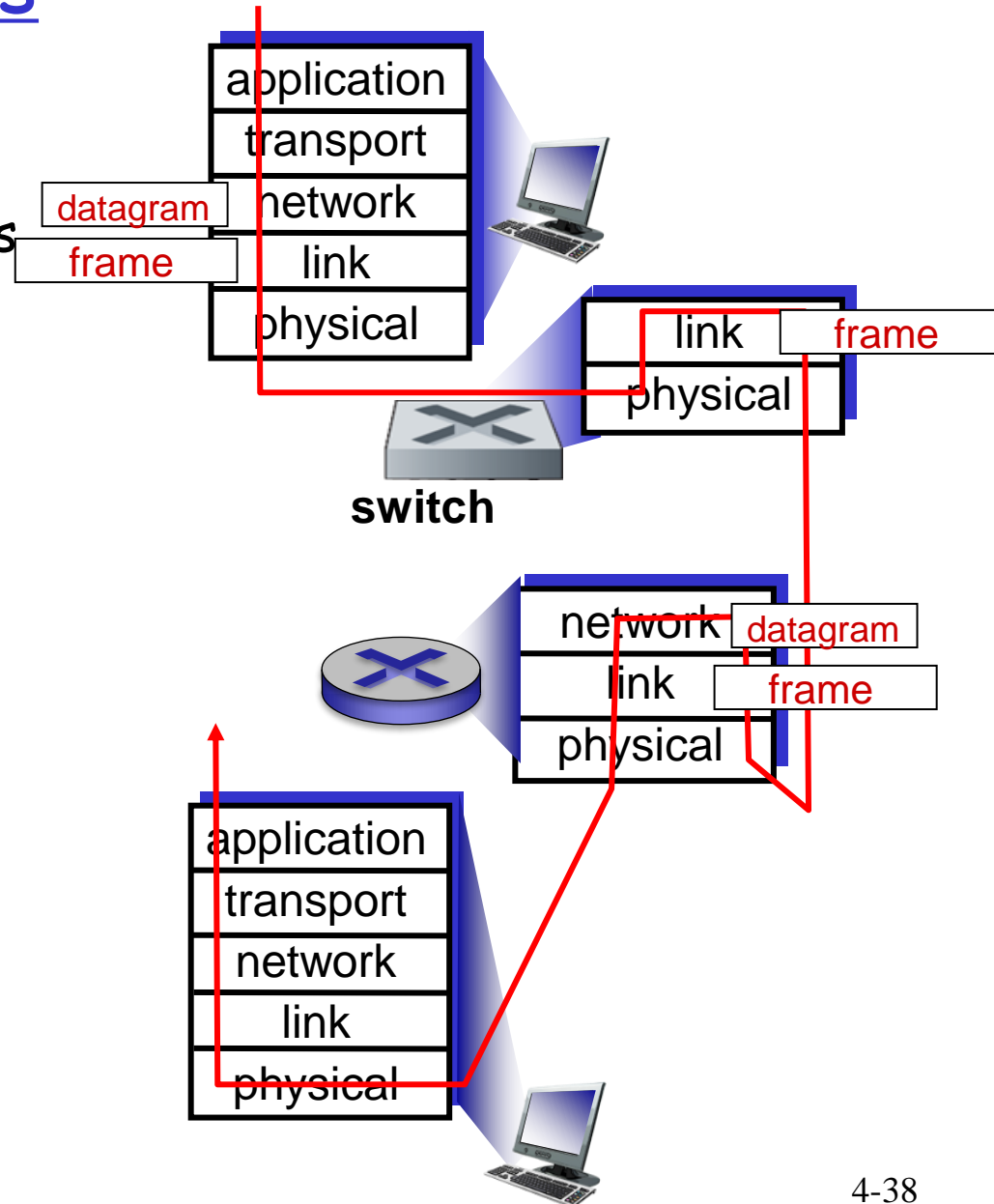
Switches vs. routers

both are store-and-forward:

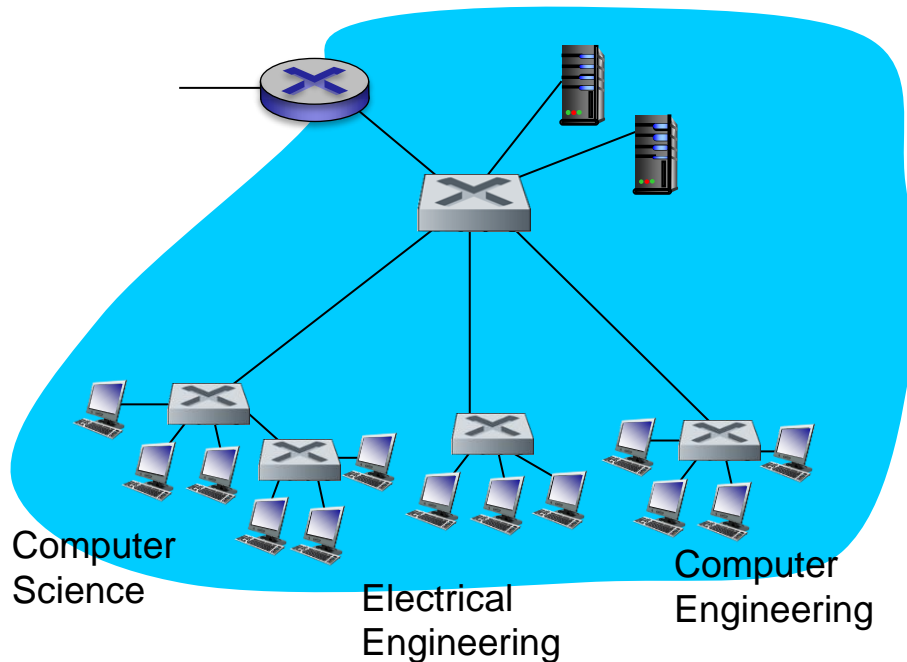
- **routers:** network-layer devices (examine network-layer headers)
- **switches:** link-layer devices (examine link-layer headers)

both have forwarding tables:

- **routers:** compute tables using routing algorithms, IP addresses
- **switches:** learn forwarding table using flooding, learning, MAC addresses



VLANs: motivation



consider:

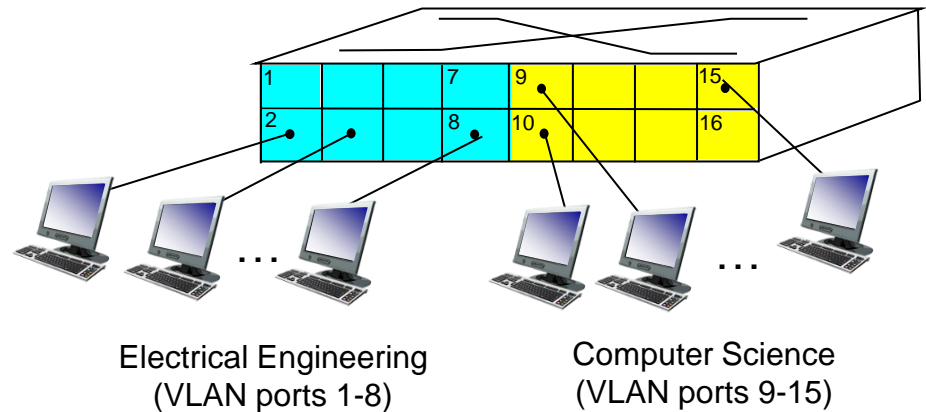
- ❑ CS user moves office to EE, but wants connect to CS switch?
- ❑ single broadcast domain:
 - all layer-2 broadcast traffic (ARP, DHCP, unknown location of destination MAC address) must cross entire LAN
 - security/privacy, efficiency issues

VLANs

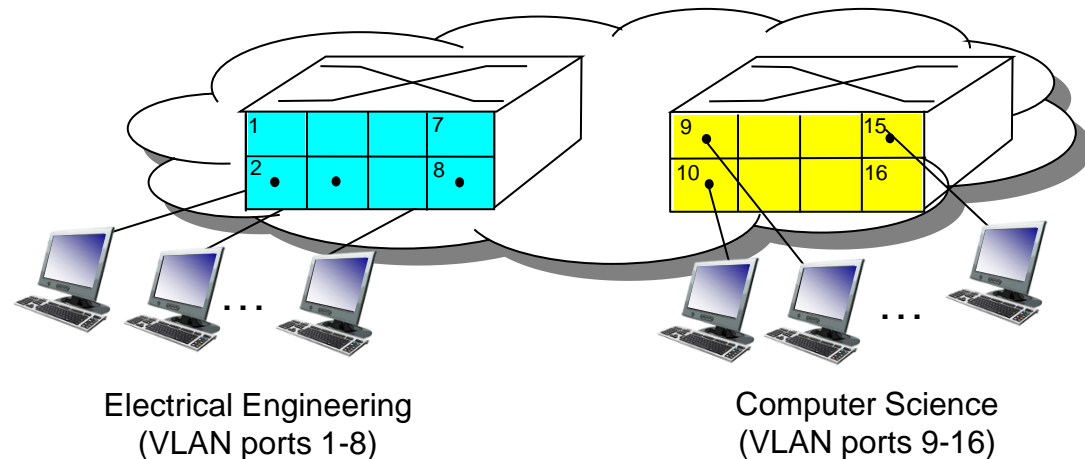
Virtual Local Area Network

switch(es) supporting VLAN capabilities can be configured to define multiple **virtual** LANS over single physical LAN infrastructure.

port-based VLAN: switch ports grouped (by switch management software) so that **single** physical switch

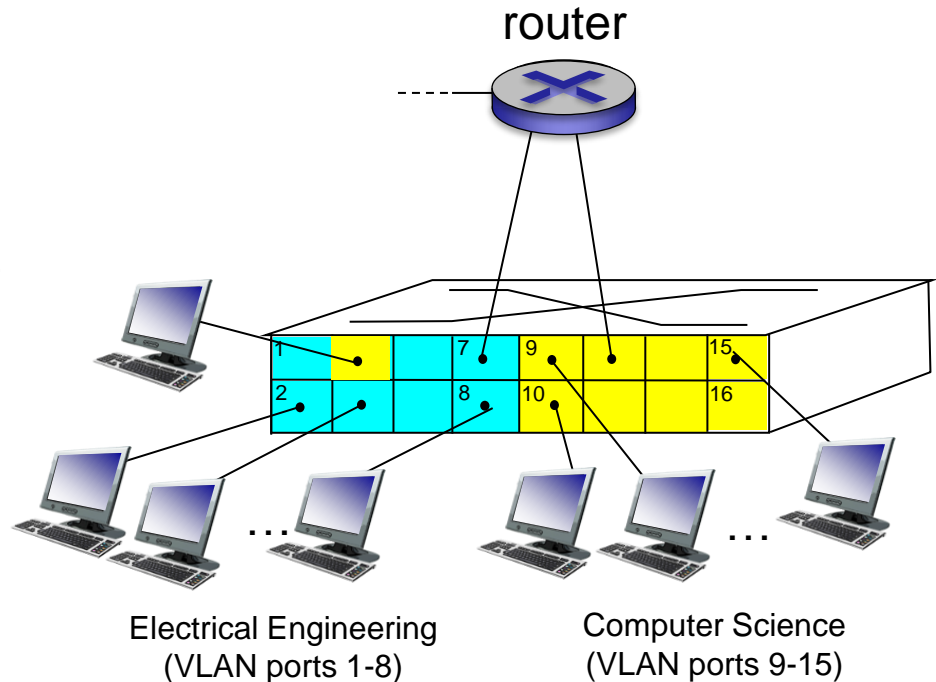


... operates as **multiple** virtual switches

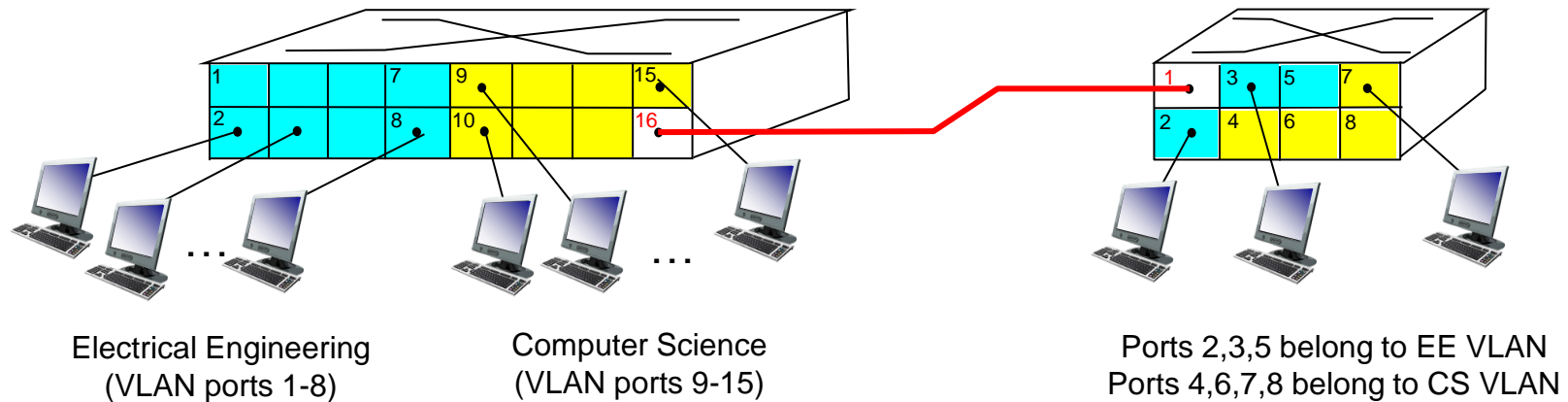


Port-based VLAN

- **traffic isolation:** frames to/from ports 1-8 can only reach ports 1-8
 - can also define VLAN based on MAC addresses of endpoints, rather than switch port
- **dynamic membership:** ports can be dynamically assigned among VLANs
- **forwarding between VLANs:** done via routing (just as with separate switches)
 - in practice vendors sell combined switches plus routers



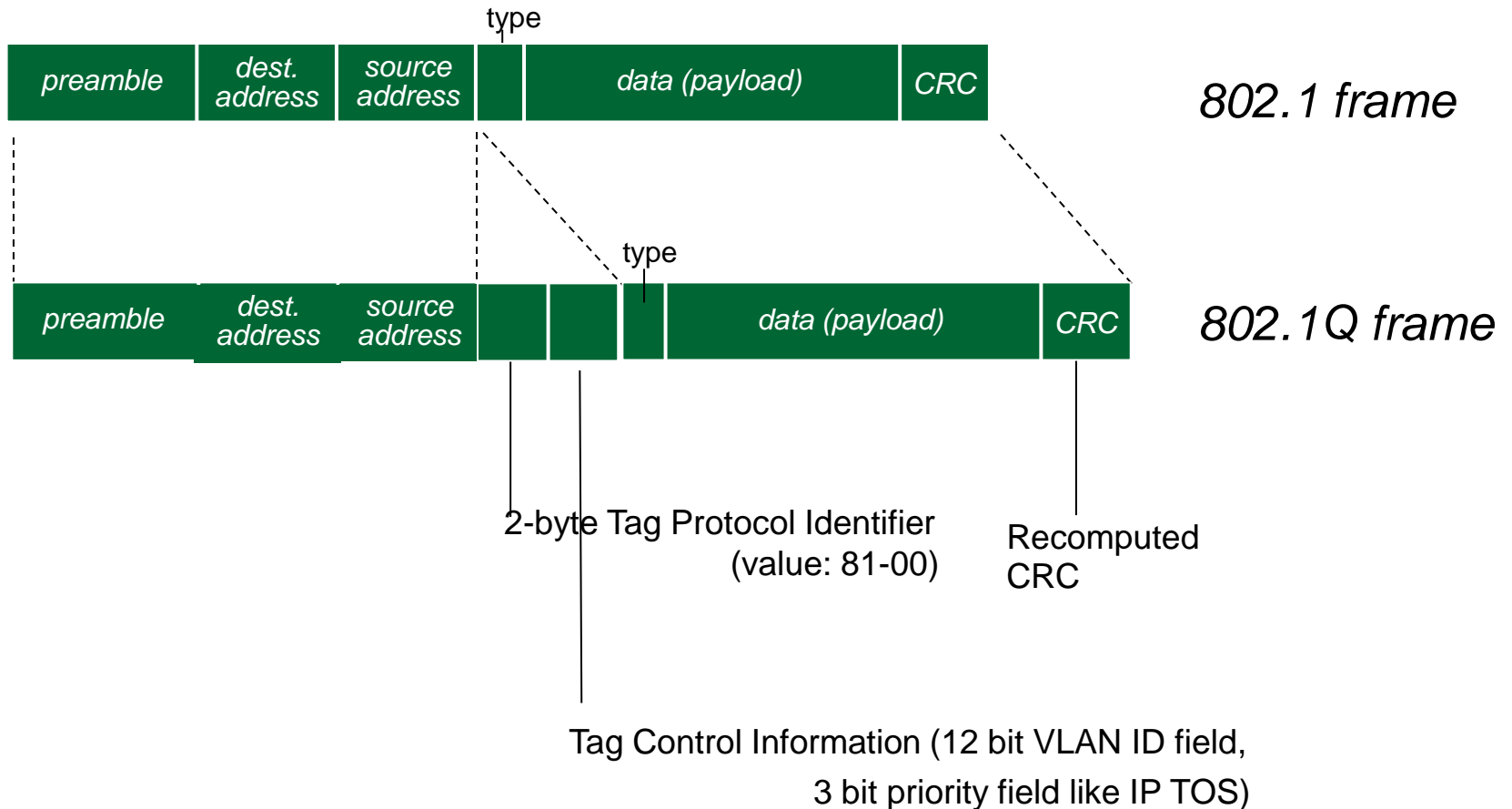
VLANs spanning multiple switches



□ **trunk port:** carries frames between VLANs defined over multiple physical switches

- frames forwarded within VLAN between switches can't be vanilla 802.1 frames (must carry VLAN ID info)
- 802.1q protocol adds/removed additional header fields for frames forwarded between trunk ports

802.1Q VLAN frame format



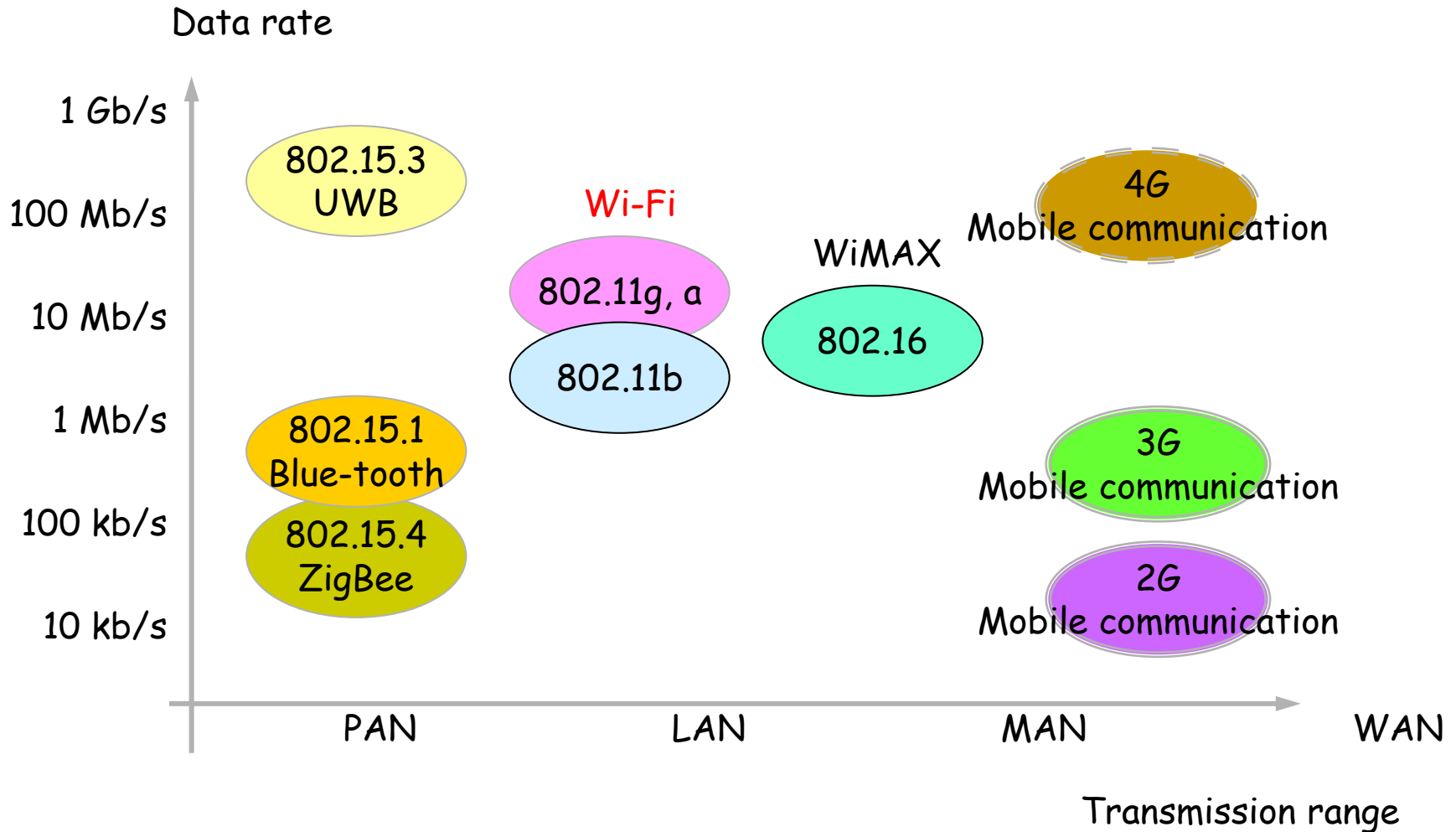
Wireless communications

- the challenges of wireless communications
- wireless communication standards
- IEEE 802.11
- IEEE 802.15.4
- 5G?

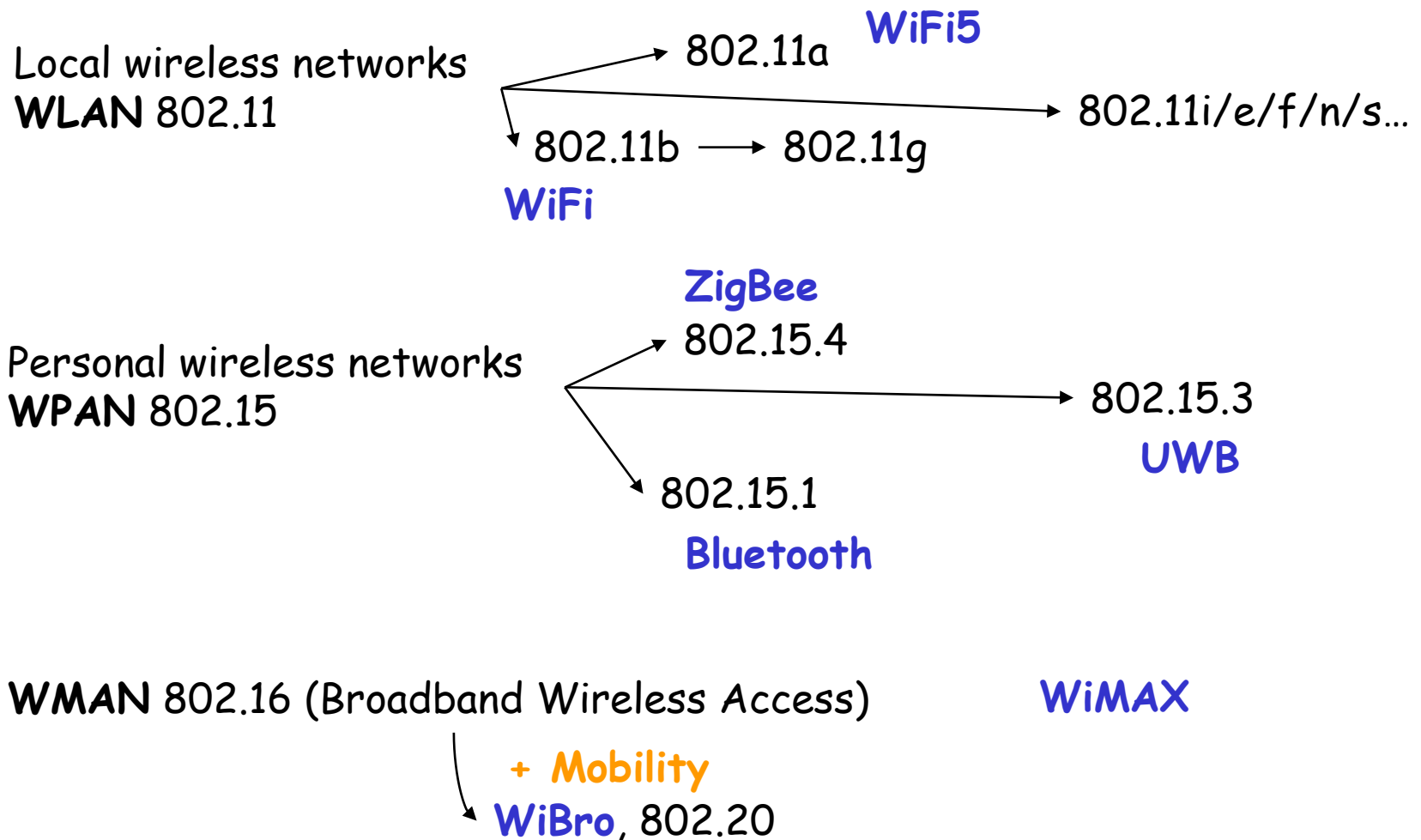
the challenges of Wireless communications

- **fading**: path loss, multipath effect, shadow effect, Doppler effect
- **interference**: from other wireless communications
- **hidden terminal problem**
- **security**
- **mobility**

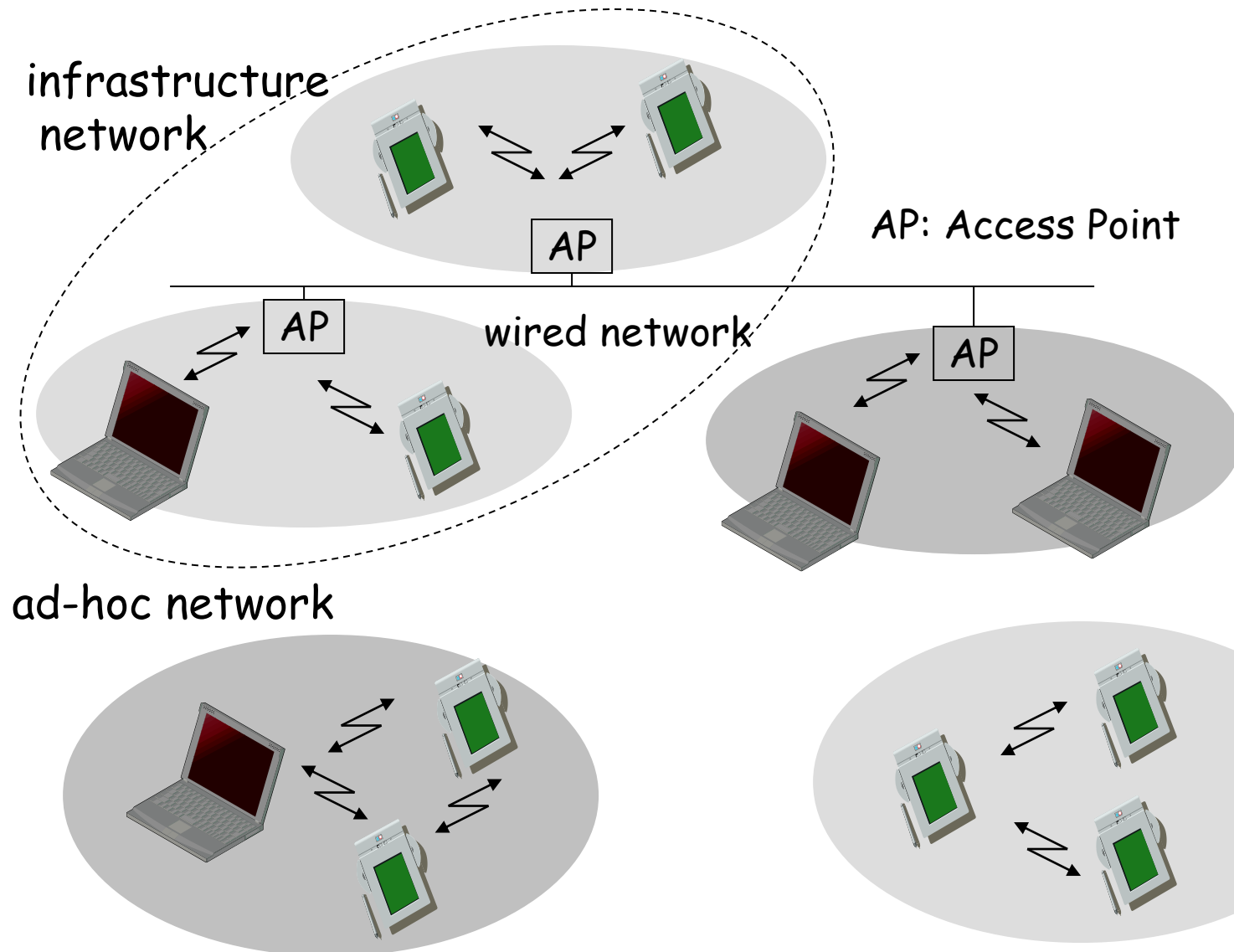
Wireless communication technology



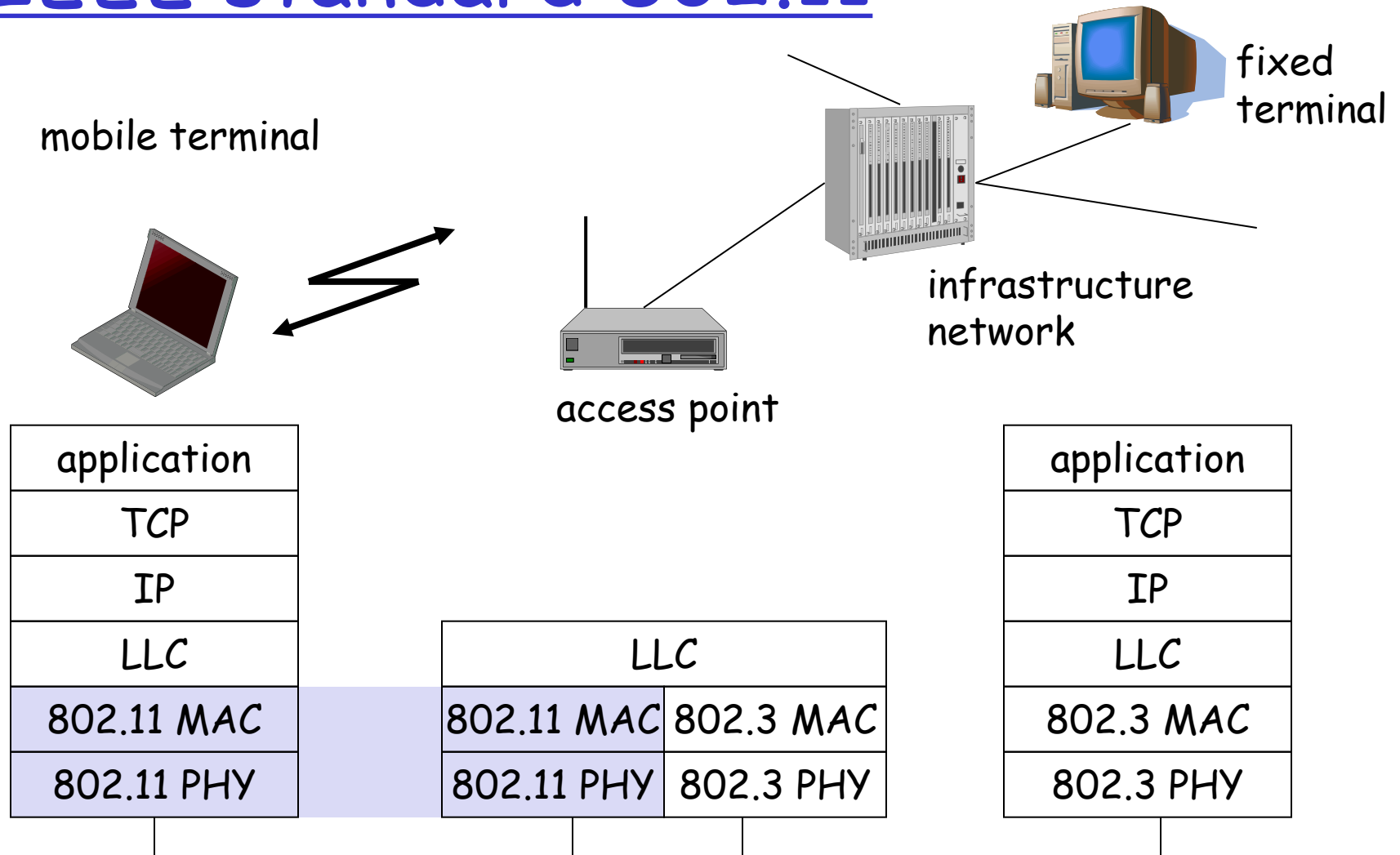
IEEE Wireless Technology



infrastructure vs. ad-hoc networks



IEEE standard 802.11



IEEE 802.11 physical layer

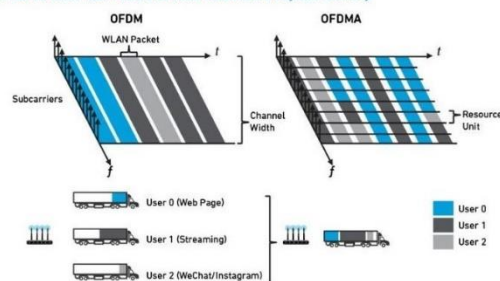
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WiFi 6	IEEE 802.11ax	2019 年	11Gbps	2.4GHz 或 5GHz
WiFi 5	IEEE 802.11ac	2014 年	1Gbps	5GHz
WiFi 4	IEEE 802.11n	2009 年	600Mbps	2.4GHz 或 5GHz
WiFi 3	IEEE 802.11g	2003 年	54Mbps	2.4GHz
WiFi 2	IEEE 802.11b	1999 年	11Mbps	2.4GHz
WiFi 1	IEEE 802.11a	1999 年	54Mbps	5GHz
WiFi 0	IEEE 802.11	1997 年	2Mbps	2.4GHz

2.4GHz (802.11b/g/n/ax) , 5GHz (802.11a/n/ac/ax)

WiFi 6

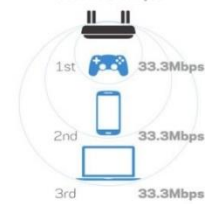
- ❑ OFDMA
- ❑ MU-MIMO
- ❑ 1024-QAM
- ❑ Spatial Reuse & BBS Coloring

802.11ac vs. 802.11ax: Fixed Overhead vs. Efficient Payload Delivery



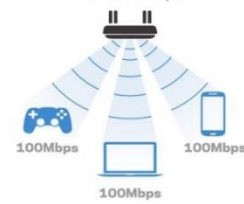
Traditional Wi-Fi

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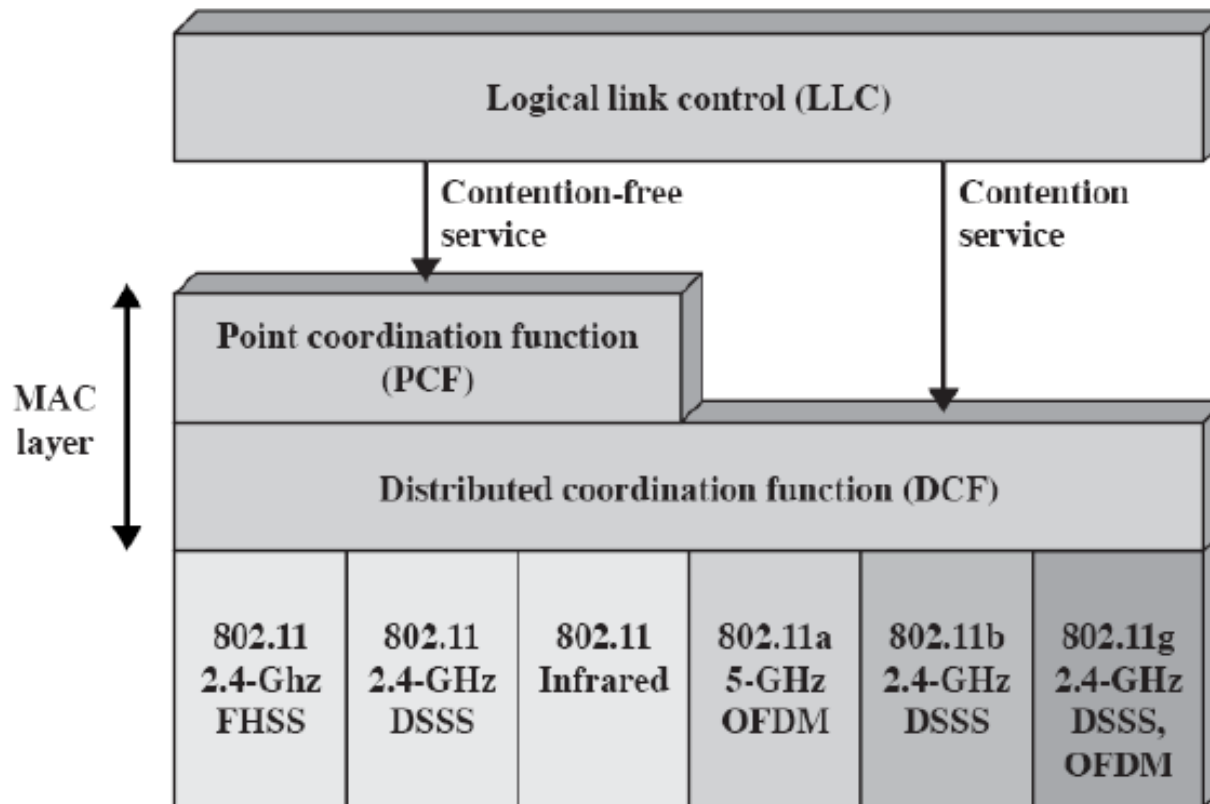
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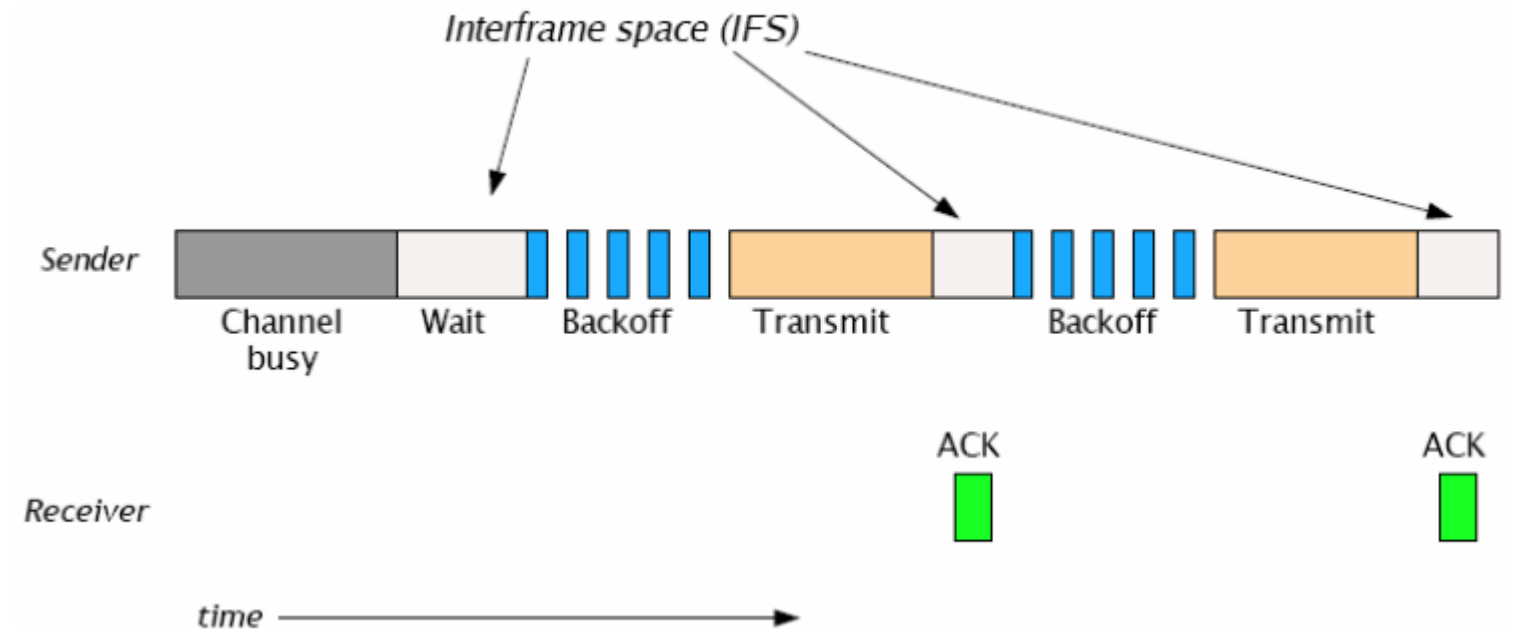
802.11 - MAC layer

- ❑ Traffic services
 - Asynchronous Data Service (**mandatory**)
 - implemented using DCF (Distributed Coordination Function)
 - Time-Bounded Service (**optional**)
 - implemented using PCF (Point Coordination Function)
- ❑ Access methods
 - DCF **CSMA/CA** (mandatory)
 - Distributed Wireless MAC
 - **collision avoidance** via randomized „back-off“ mechanism
 - minimum distance between consecutive packets
 - ACK packet for acknowledgements (not for broadcasts)
 - DCF w/ RTS/CTS (optional)
 - avoids **hidden terminal problem**
 - PCF (optional)
 - access point polls terminals
 - **Contention free**

802.11 MAC functions

- ❑ MAC layer covers three functional areas:
 - Reliable data delivery
 - **ACK-based scheme** for reliability (receiver sends ACK after each successful transmission)
 - Medium access control
 - **CSMA/CA**; collision avoidance, not collision detection, **Why? How?**
 - Security
 - Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP), WEP relies on a secret key being shared by end hosts and APs

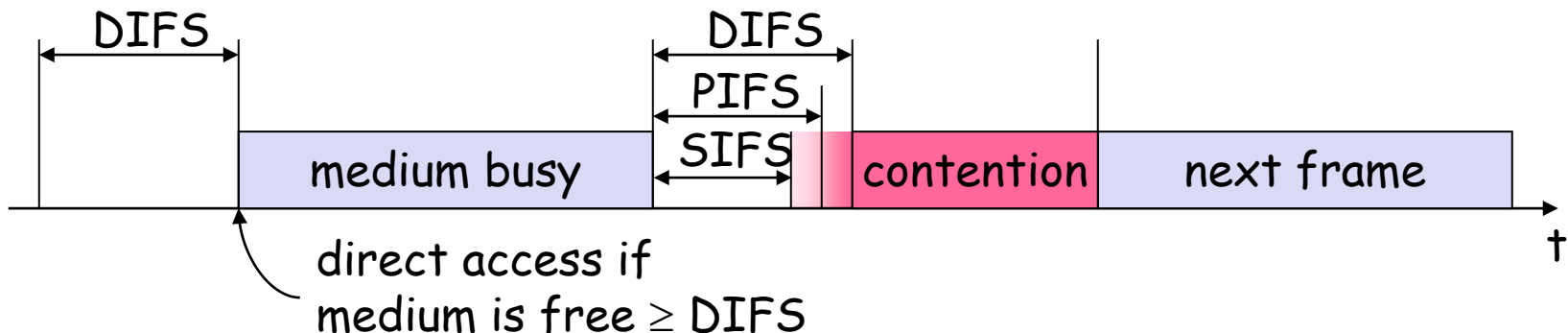
DCF CSMA/CA Illustrated



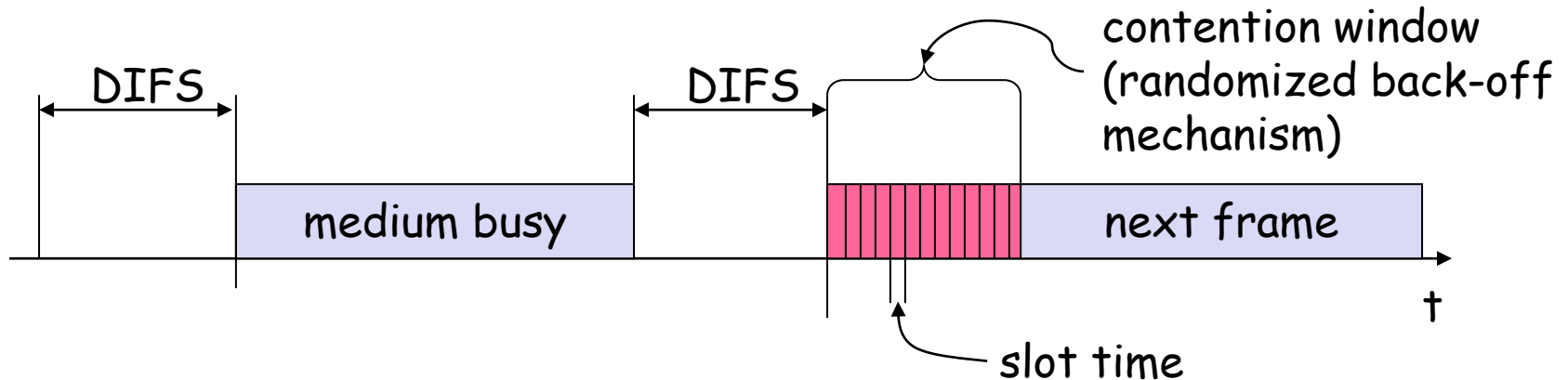
802.11 - MAC

□ Priorities

- defined through different inter frame spaces
- SIFS (Short Inter Frame Spacing) :
 - $10\mu\text{s}$ (802.11b/g), $16\mu\text{s}$ (802.11a)
 - High priority, for ACK, CTS, polling response
- PIFS (PCF IFS) :
 - $\text{PIFS} = \text{SIFS} + \text{Slot time}$, which is $20\mu\text{s}$ 802.11b, $9\mu\text{s}$ 802.11a/g
 - medium priority, for time-bounded service using PCF
- DIFS (DCF IFS):
 - $\text{DIFS} = \text{PIFS} + \text{Slot time}$
 - lowest priority, for asynchronous data service



CSMA/CA access method

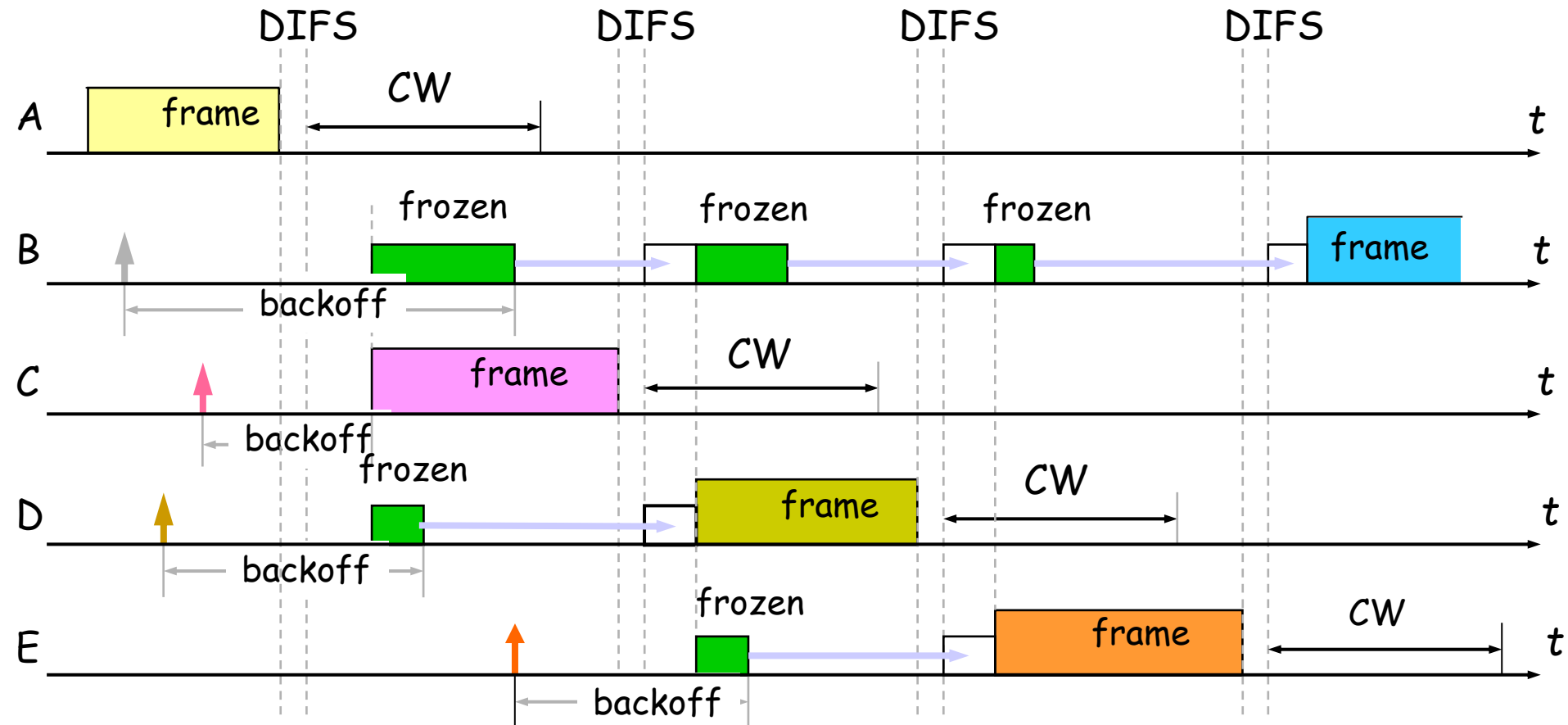


- station ready to send starts sensing the medium (Carrier Sense based on CCA, Clear Channel Assessment)
- if the medium is free for the duration of an Inter-Frame Space (IFS), the station can start sending (IFS depends on service type)
- if the medium is busy, the station has to wait for a free IFS, then the station must additionally wait a random back-off time (collision avoidance, multiple of slot-time)
 - Slot time = 20 μ s for 802.11b, 9 μ s in 802.11a/g
 - CW_min = 16 for 802.11a, 32 for 802.11b
 - CW_max = 1024

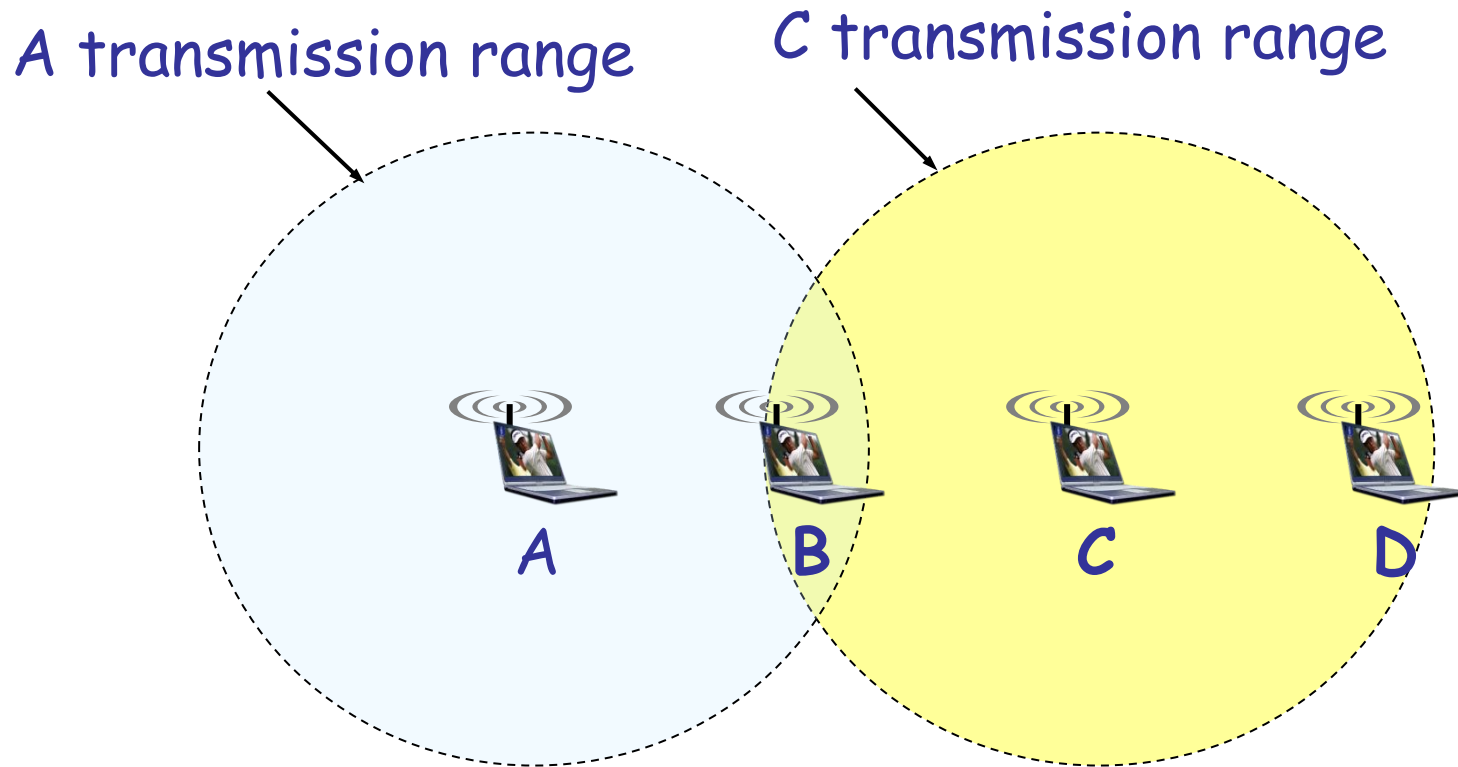
CSMA/CA access method (Continued)

- If another station occupies the medium during the back-off time of the station, the back-off timer stops (fairness)
- When back-off timer reaches zero, start transmission
 - If more than one nodes decrement to zero at the same time, a collision will occur.
- If a collision occurs (missing ACK), the corresponding nodes **double the CW size** and choose their back-off time from the increase CW
- After successful transmission, CW size is reset to its min value.

A simplified example

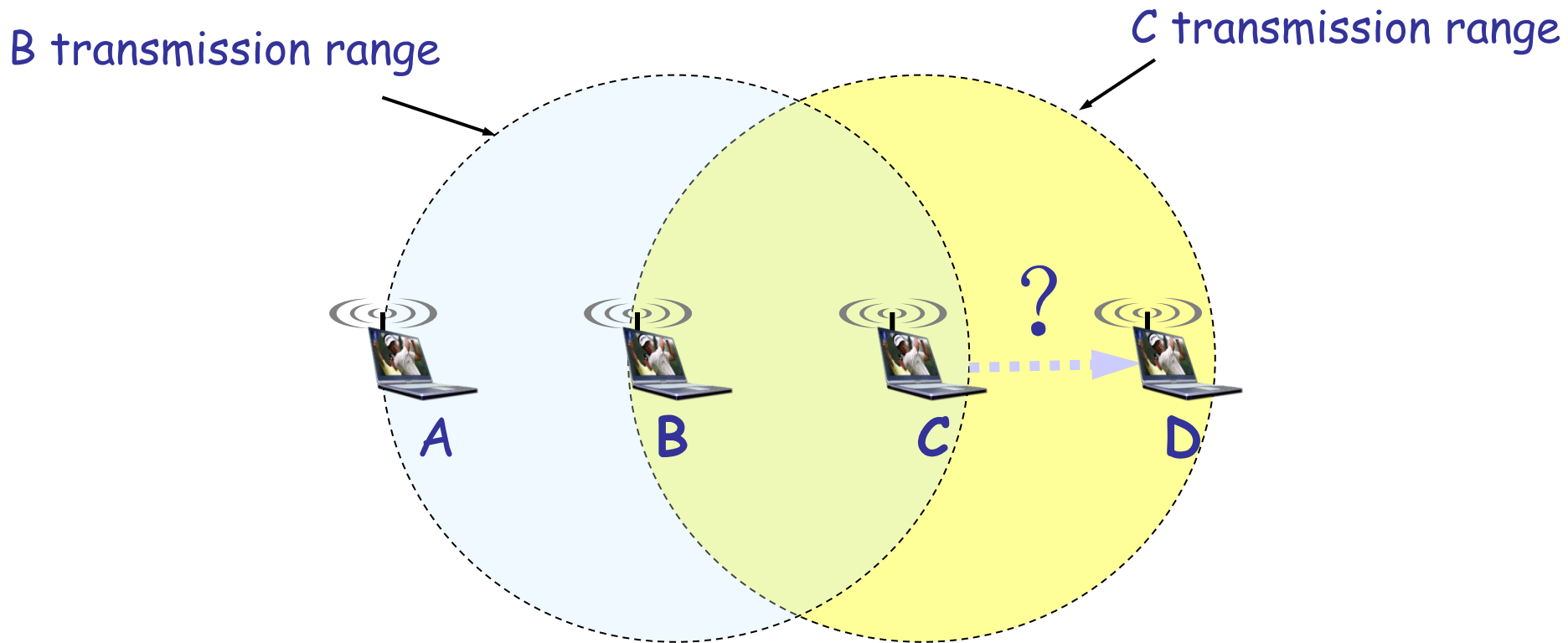


LAN hidden terminal problem



A and C cannot hear each other and think B is idle, then, they both send data to B. A collision appears at the destination, B.

LAN exposed terminal problem

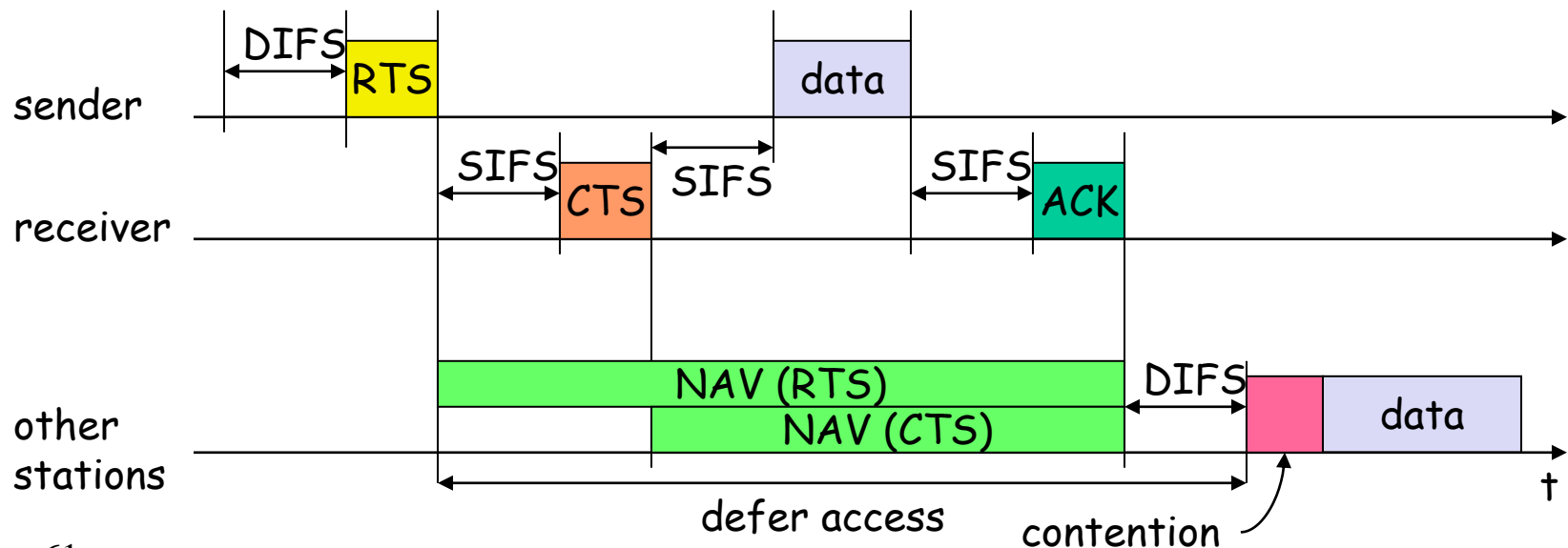


B is sending data to A. At the same time, C hopes to communication with D. But C senses a signal in the medium and dare not send the data.

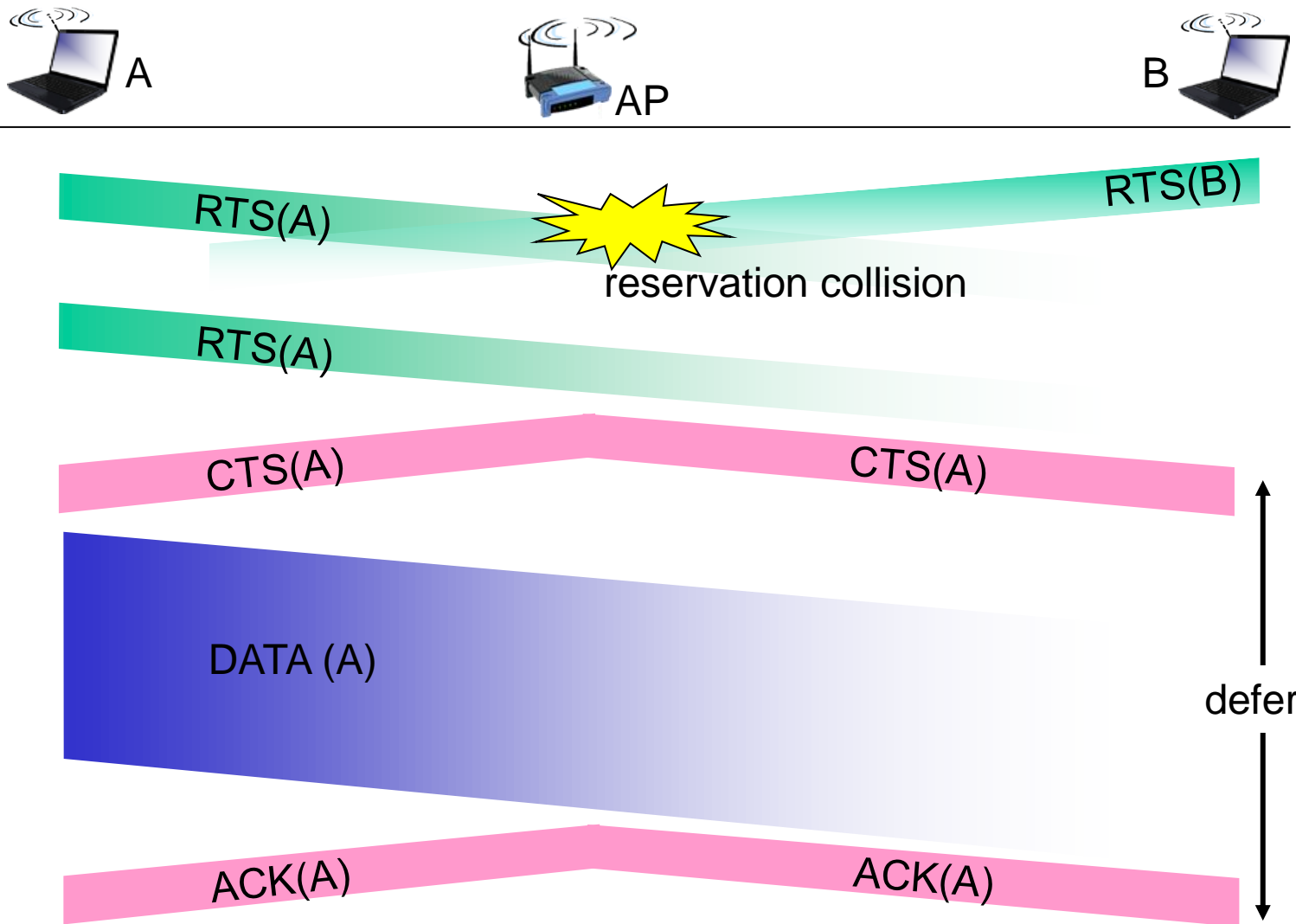
RTS/CTS

□ Sending unicast packets

- station can send RTS with **reservation parameter** after waiting for DIFS (reservation determines amount of time the data packet needs the medium)
- acknowledgement via CTS after SIFS by receiver (if ready to receive)
- other stations store medium reservations distributed via RTS and CTS
- Two (potentially different) NAV groups



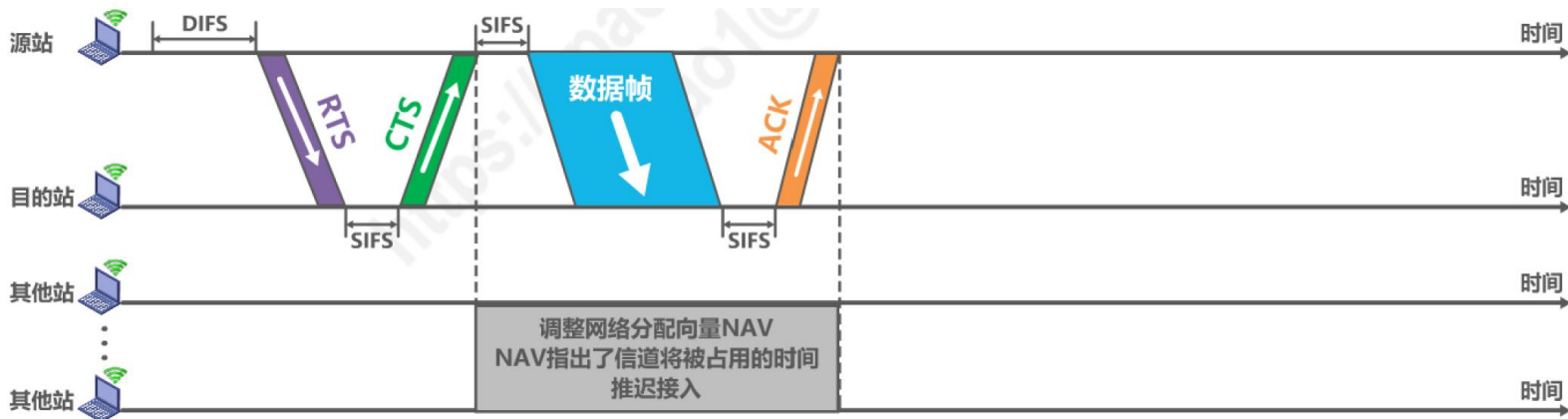
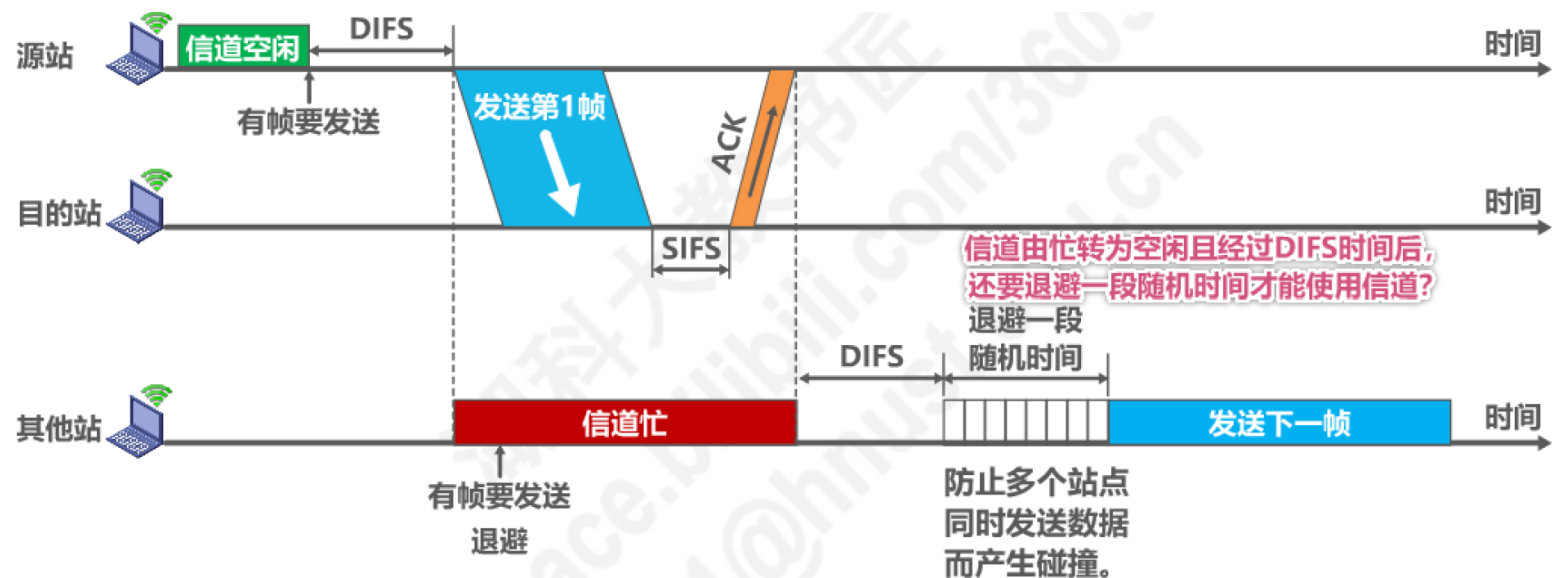
Collision Avoidance: RTS-CTS exchange



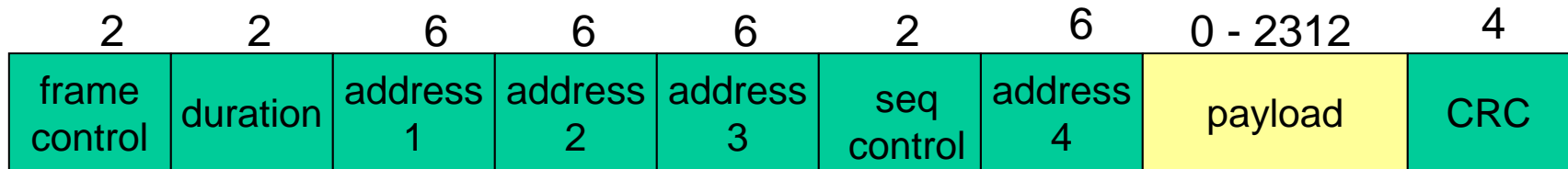
RTS/CTS (Continued)

- ❑ Avoid hidden terminal problems
- ❑ Also, reduce bandwidth waste by collisions
 - Data frame can be as large as 2300bytes
 - RTS = 20bytes, CTS = 14bytes
 - The bigger is the data frame, the more advantageous
- ❑ Price : extended delay and more resource consumption!
- ❑ RTS threshold
 - Enable RTS/CTS for frames which are bigger than RTS threshold
 - Each node's decision

CSMA/CA access method



802.11 frame: addressing



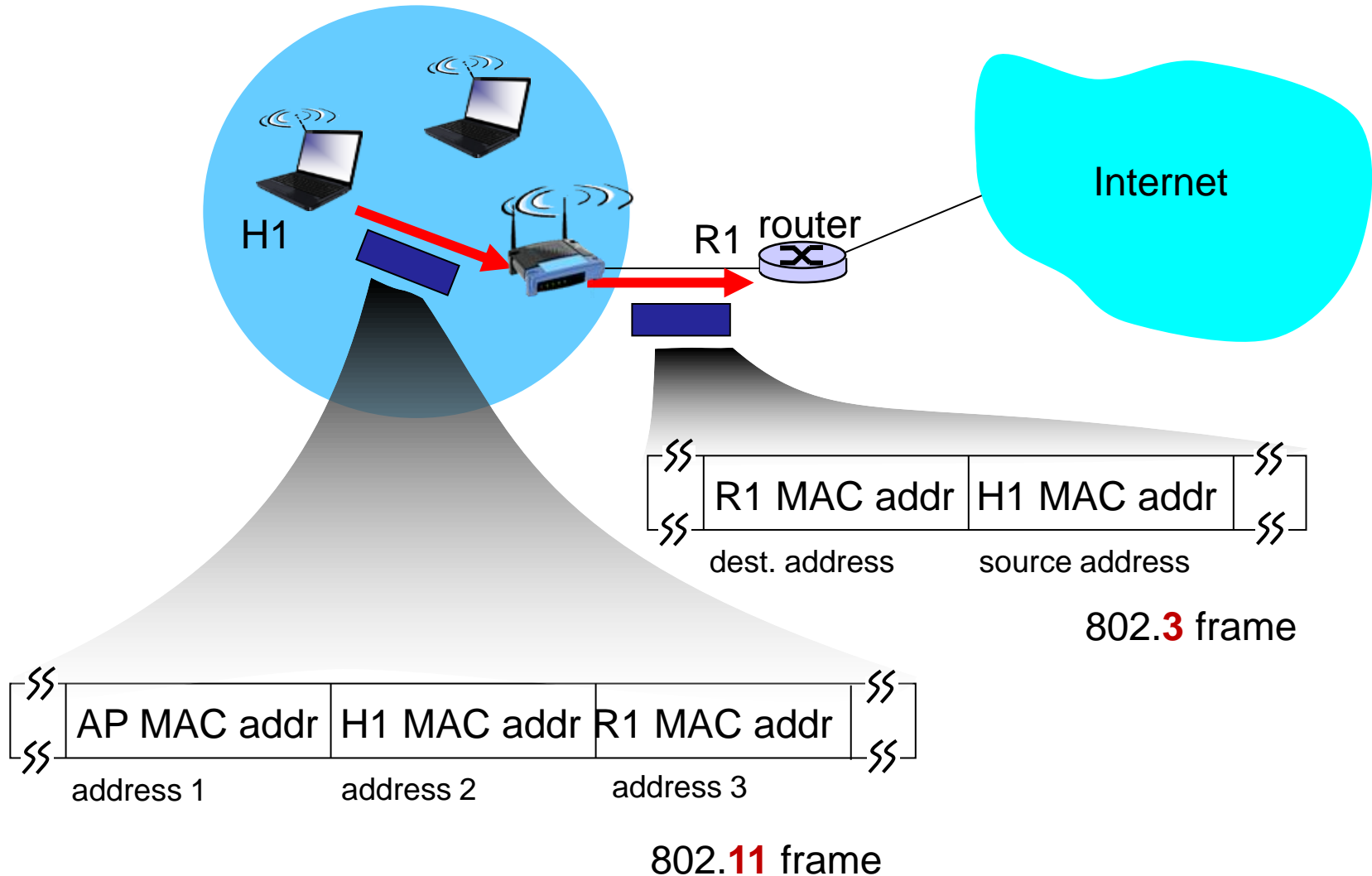
Address 1: MAC address of wireless host or AP to receive this frame

Address 2: MAC address of wireless host or AP transmitting this frame

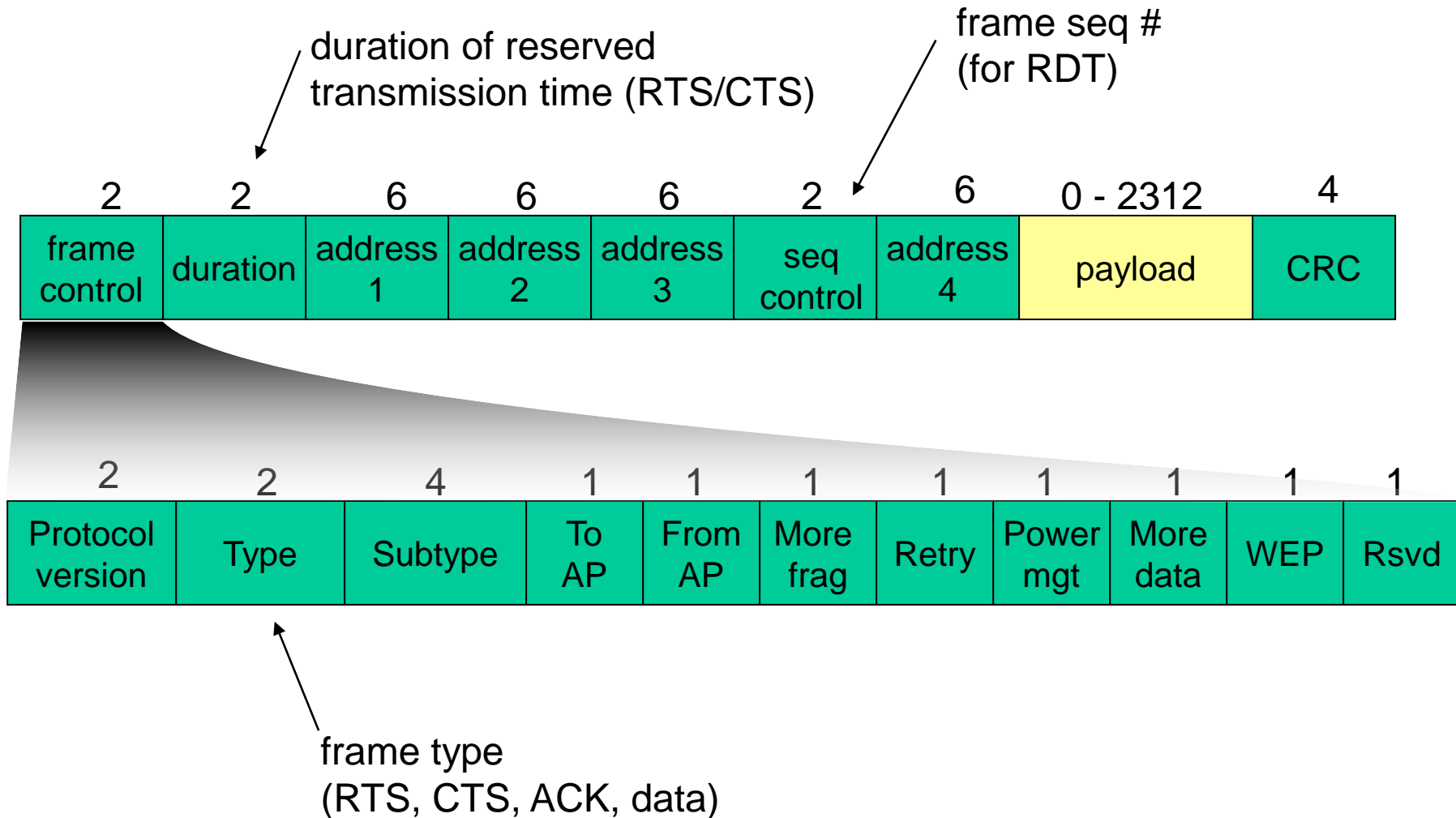
Address 3: MAC address of router interface to which AP is attached

Address 4: used only in ad hoc mode

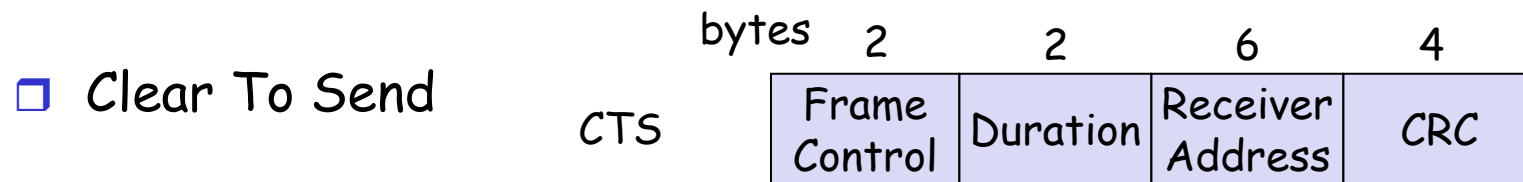
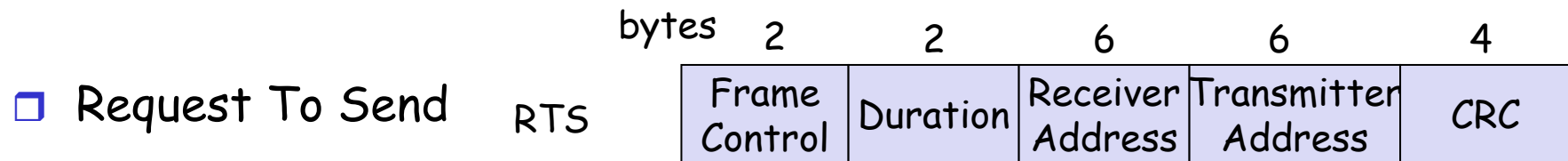
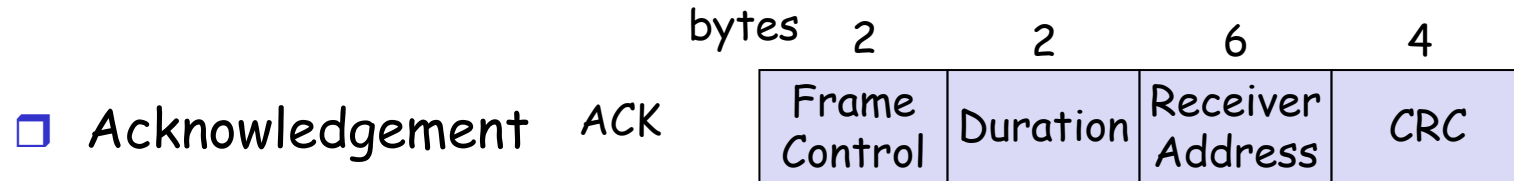
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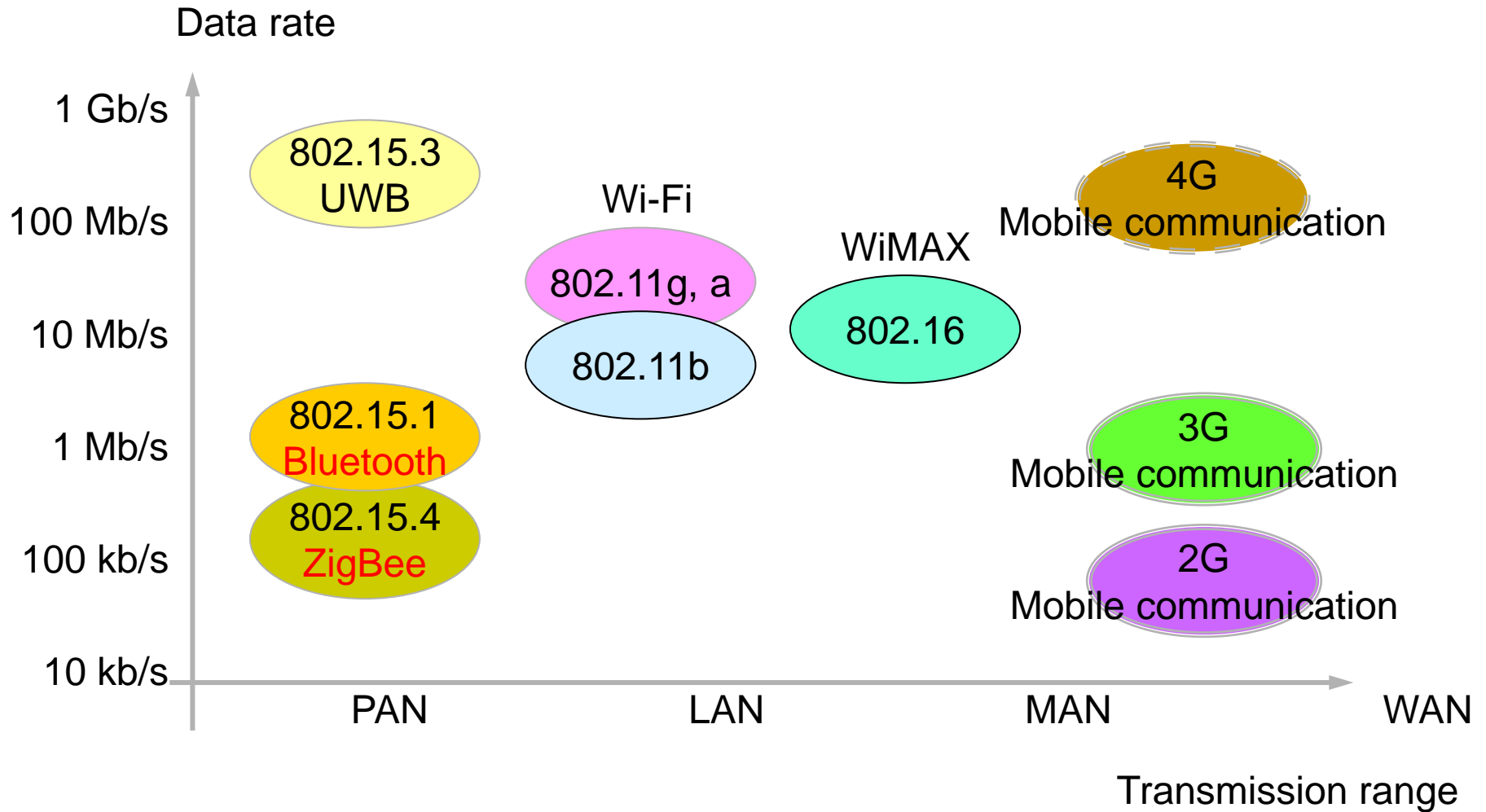
802.11 frame: more



Special Frames: ACK, RTS, CTS



Wireless communication technology



Wireless standards

Market Name	ZigBee®	---	Wii-Fi™	Bluetooth™
Standard	802.15.4	GSM/GPRS CDMA/1xRTT	802.11b	802.15.1
Application Focus	Monitoring & Control	Wide Area Voice & Data	Web, Email, Video	Cable Replacement
System Resources	4KB - 32KB	16MB+	1MB+	250KB+
Battery Life (days)	100 - 1,000+	1-7	.5 - 5	1 - 7
Network Size	Unlimited (2 ⁶⁴)	1	32	7
Bandwidth (KB/s)	20 - 250	64 - 128+	11,000+	720
Transmission Range (meters)	1 - 100+	1,000+	1 - 100	1 - 10+
Success Metrics	Reliability, Power, Cost	Reach, Quality	Speed, Flexibility	Cost, Convenience

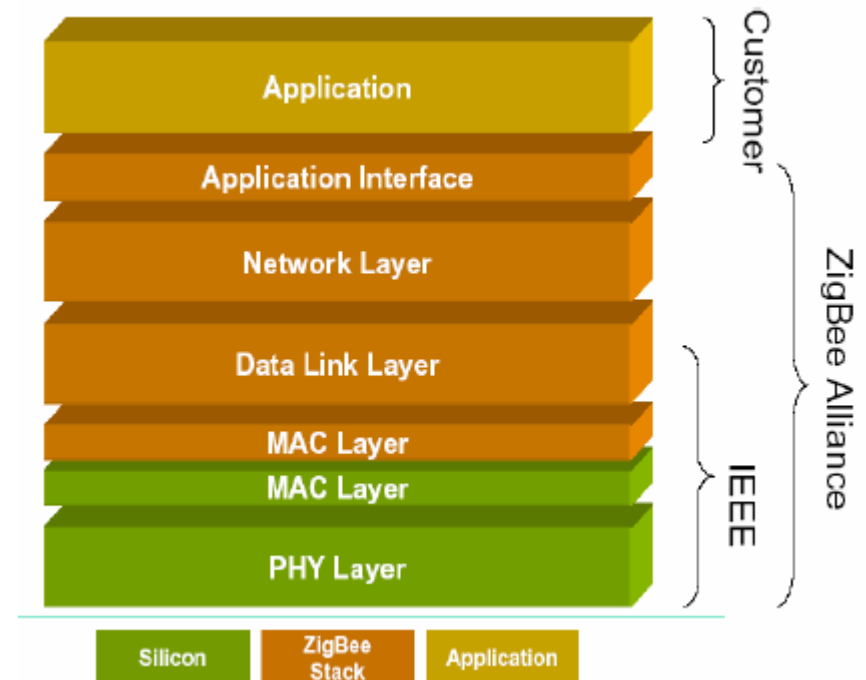
IEEE 802.15.4 and ZigBee

□ IEEE 802.15.4 Working Group

Defining lower layers of protocol stack: MAC and PHY

□ ZigBee Alliance

Defining upper layers of protocol stack from network to application

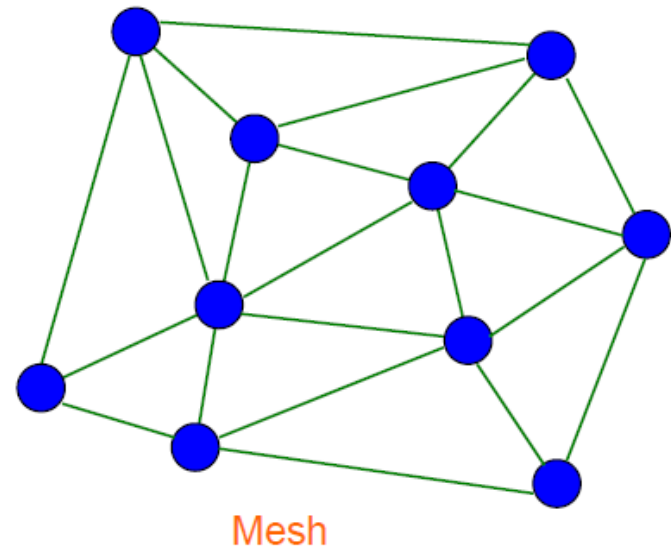
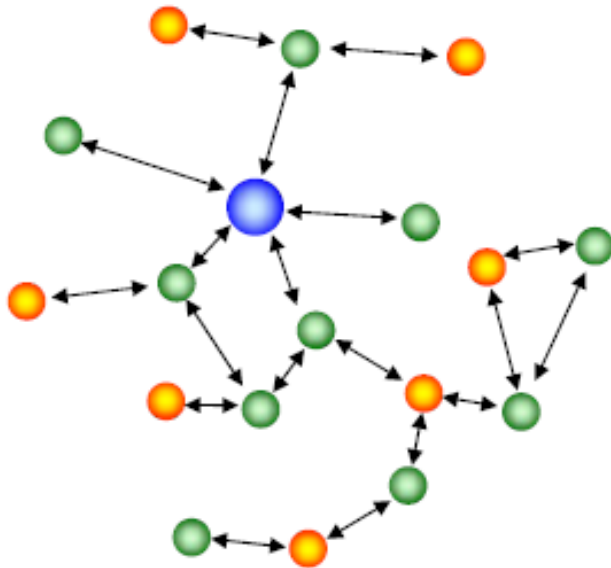


ZigBee overview

- ❑ ZigBee was created to address the market need for a cost-effective, standards based wireless networking solution that supports **low data-rates**, **low-power consumption**, security, and reliability.
- ❑ ZigBee is the only standards-based technology that addresses the unique needs of most **remote monitoring and control** and **sensory network** applications.
- ❑ The initial markets for the ZigBee Alliance include Home Automation, Building Automation and Industrial Automation.

How to achieve low power consumption?

- ❑ The **duty cycle** of battery is designed to be **very low**, resulting in very low average power consumption.
- ❑ Once associated with a network, a ZigBee node can **wake up** and communicate with other devices and return to **sleep**.
- ❑ **Short range** operation.
- ❑ **Simple** but flexible protocol.

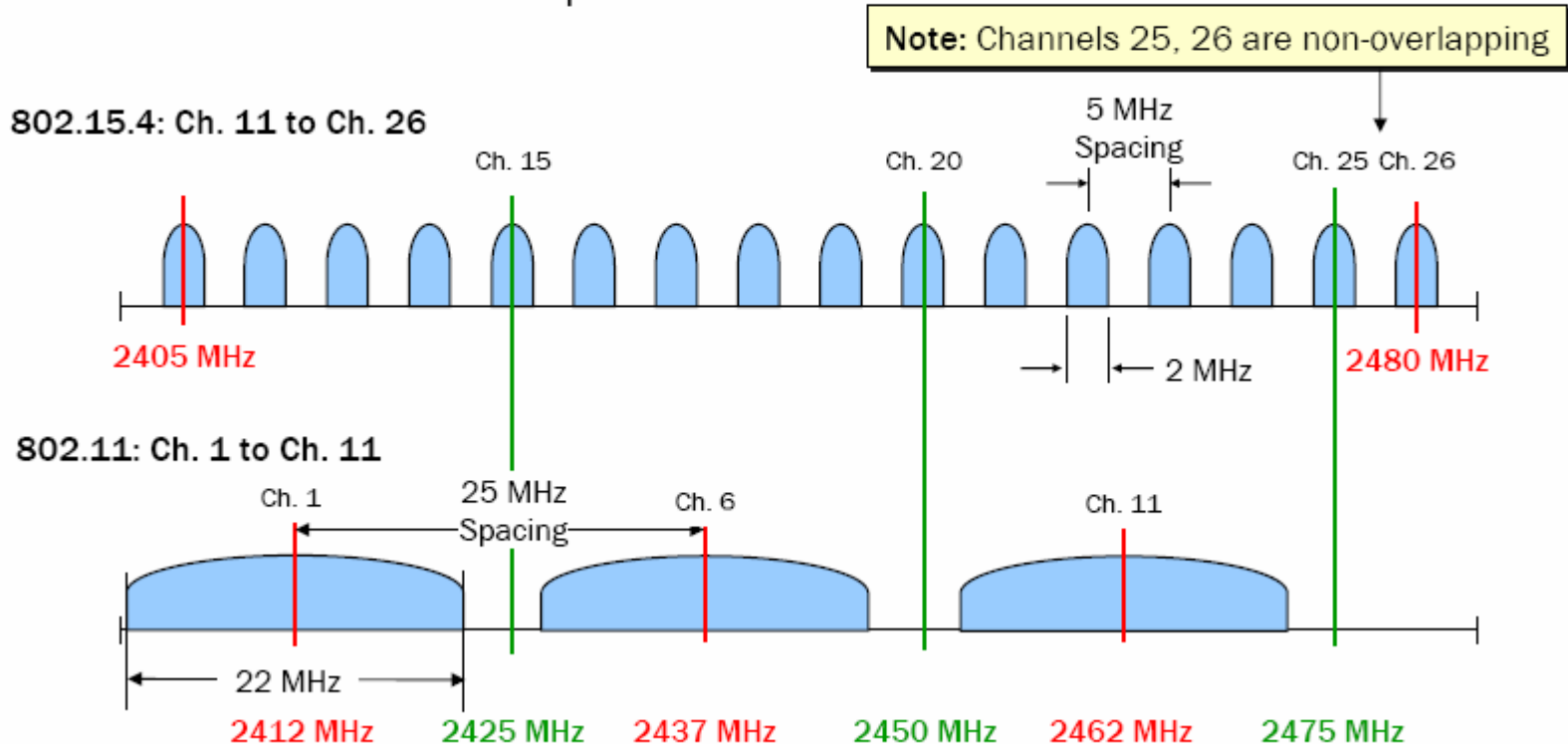


Interference and Coexistence in the 2.4GHz Band

802.15.4 and 802.11b Spectrum Relationship

Co-exists with WiFi, Bluetooth

- Channel selection is important



Chapter 4:Local area network

Summary

- ❑ various link layer technologies
 - LAN model
 - Ethernet
 - hubs, switches
 - VLAN
 - IEEE 802.11
 - IEEE 802.15