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# CSU33031 – Computer Networks

## Introduction

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# Overview

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- Motivation
- Housekeeping
- Overview of Assignments

# Motivation

2 use-cases

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- Internet Architecture
  - Contrast between the textbook-version of the Internet  
Cloud-focussed Internet & Edge Networks
- Virtual Deployments
  - Docker, Kubernetes, etc

# Mail from Recent Graduate

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Hi Stefan,

I hope you received my submission and are enjoying the read!

I'd like to share with you that I'm starting work as a **Kubernetes Engineer** at a German company largely due to the dissertation and the time I spent learning about **Kubernetes**.

I'd like to thank you for guiding me along the way and giving me such a great topic to work on. **My employer was impressed !**

Hope you have a good start to your year. My close friend is starting the Future Networks Masters you put together and is looking forward to it.

Liebe Grüße,

# HOST-HOST Communication, 1970

- Paul Barran, On Distributed Communication Networks, IEEE Transactions on Communication Systems, Volume 12, No. 1, March 1964
- Introduced Concepts of
  - Distributed Networks
  - Routing  
(hot-potato-routing)
  - Packet-Switching  
(message-block)
- Name worth mentioning: Bob Kahn

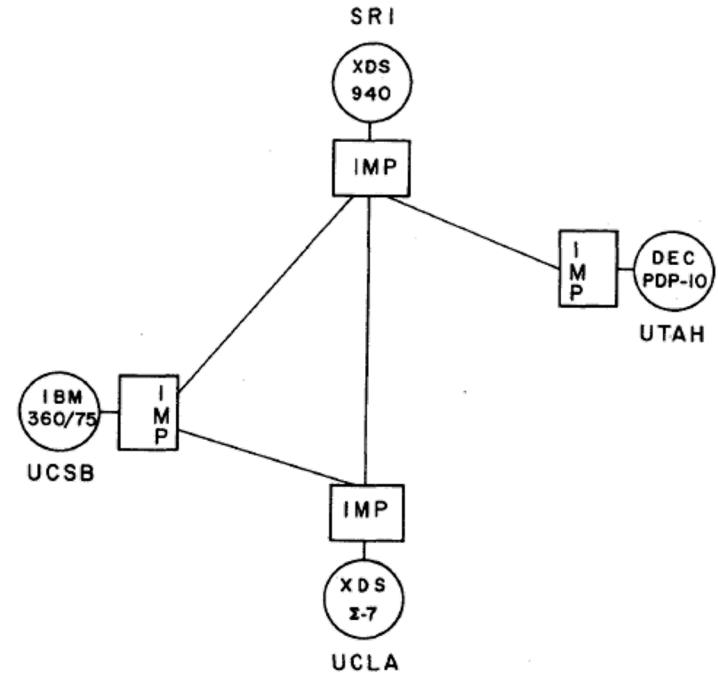
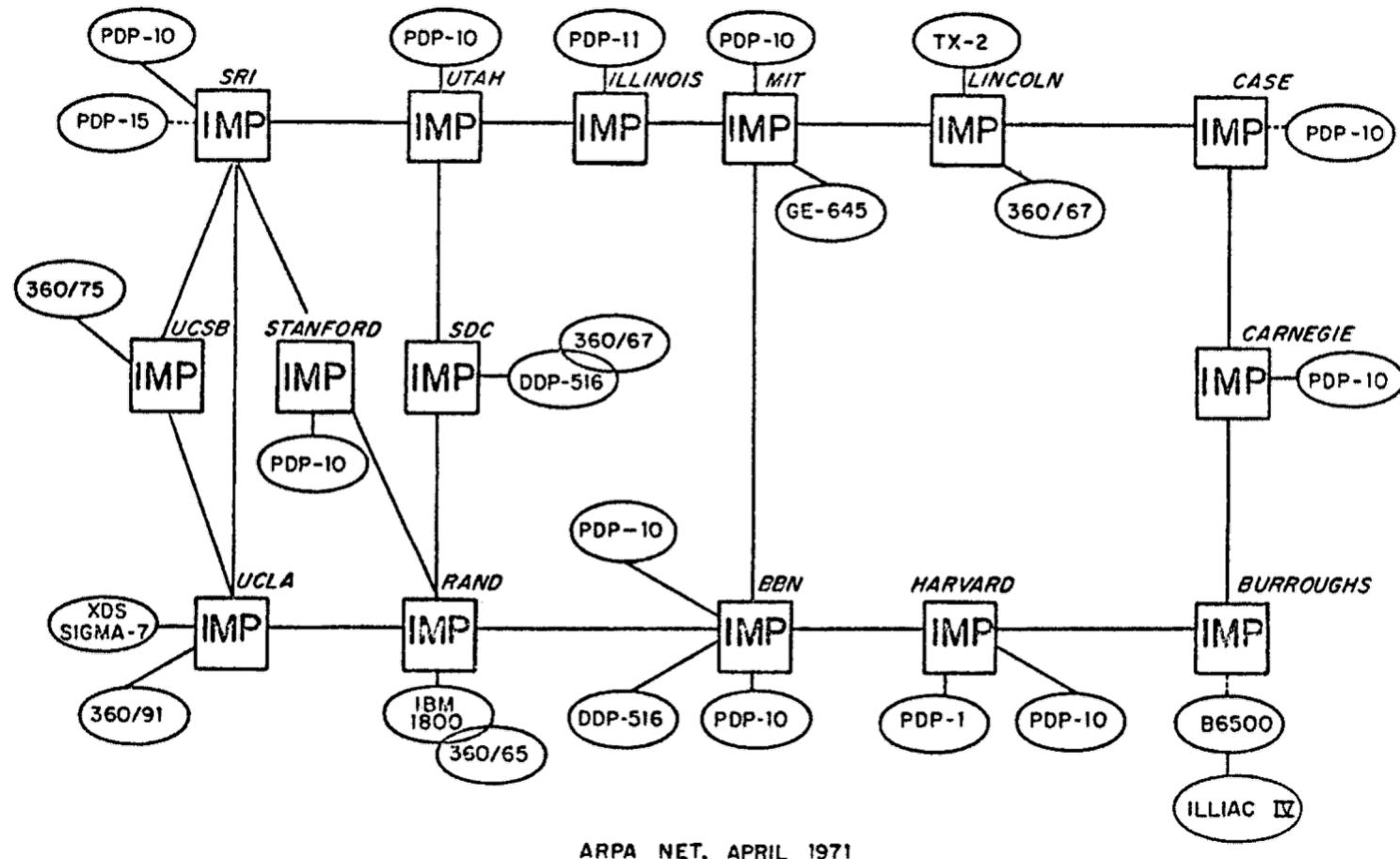


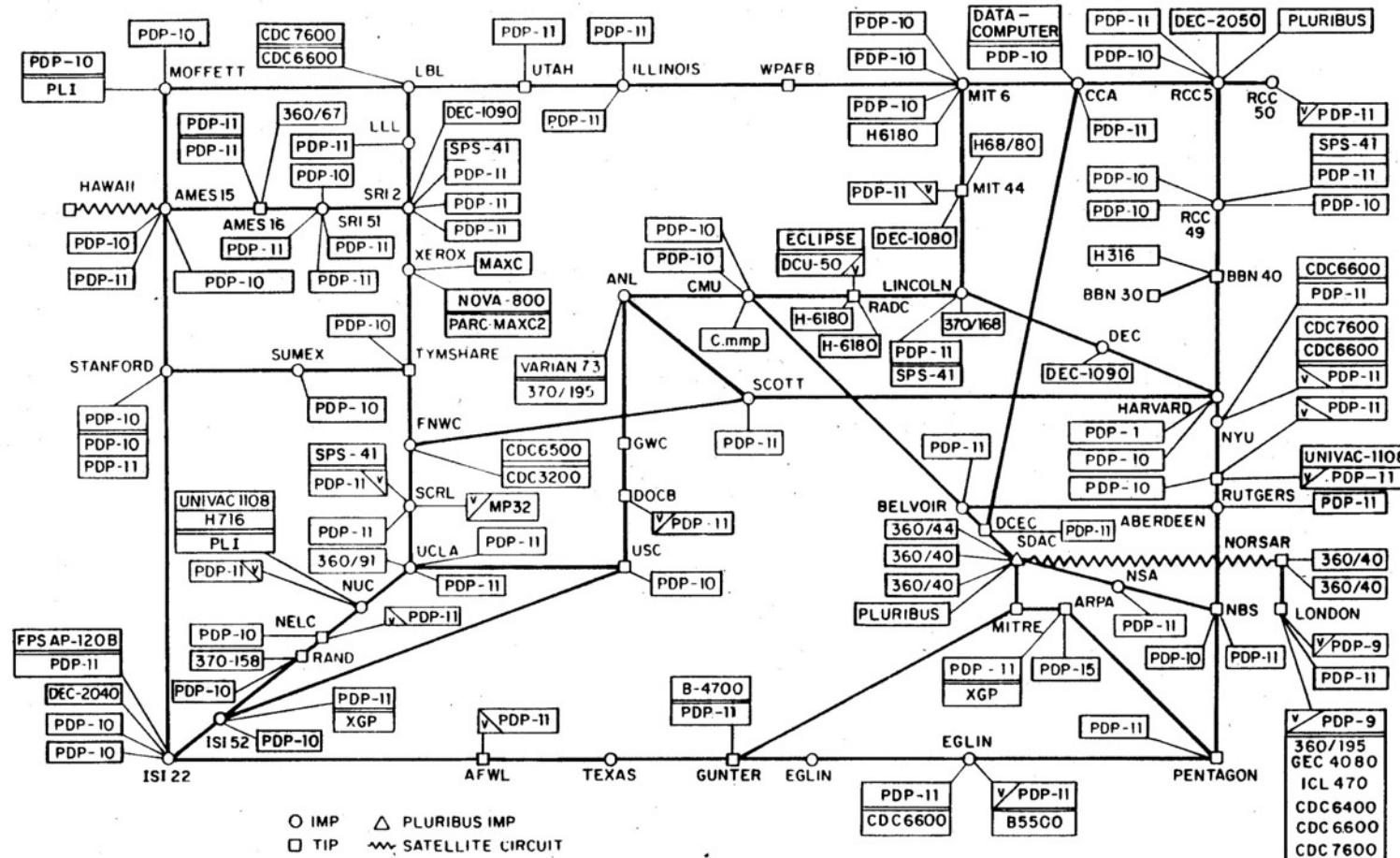
Figure 1—Initial network configuration

\* C. Stephen Carr, Stephen D. Crocker, and Vinton G. Cerf, HOST-HOST Communication Protocol in the ARPA Network, Spring Joint Computer Conference, pages 589-597, Atlantic City, NJ, USA, May 1970

# ARPANET 1971



# ARPANET 1977



(PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE THIS MAP SHOWS THE HOST POPULATION OF THE NETWORK ACCORDING TO THE BEST INFORMATION OBTAINABLE, NO CLAIM CAN BE MADE FOR ITS ACCURACY.)

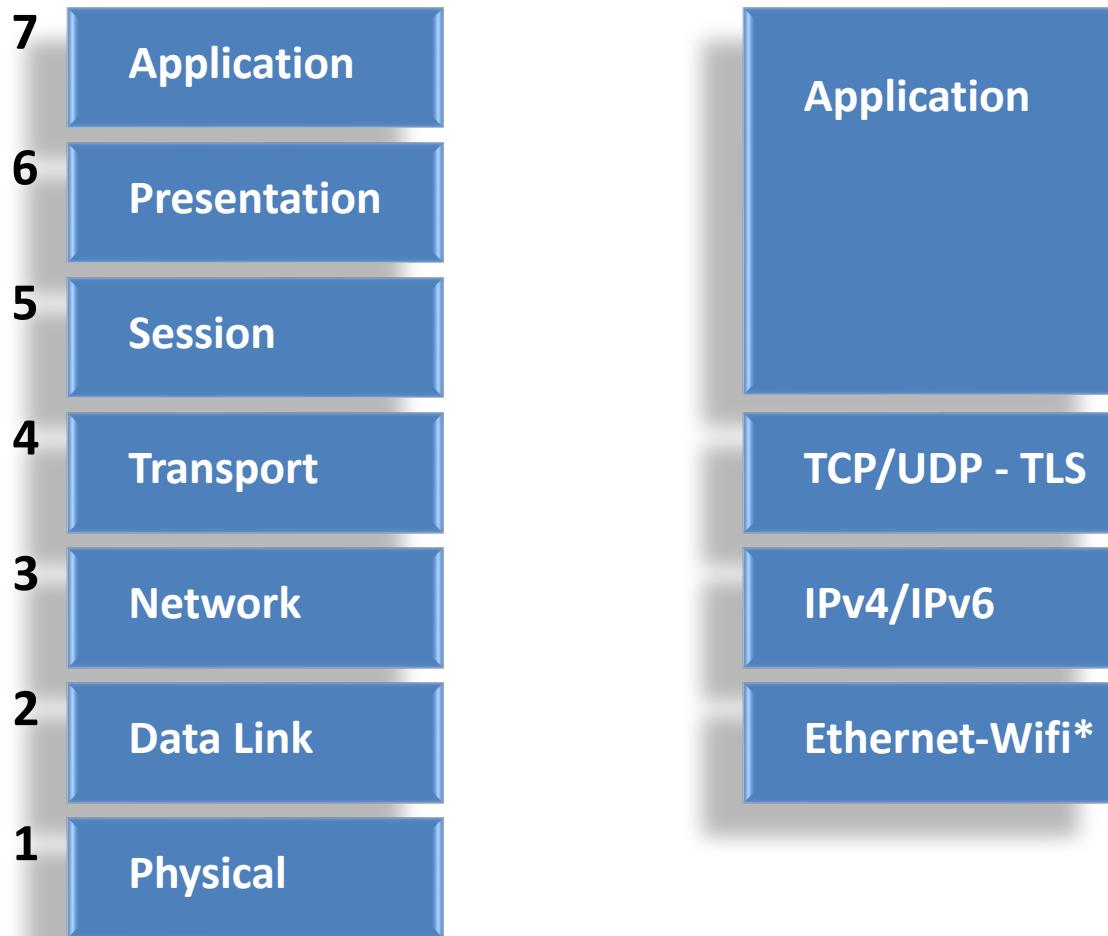
NAMES SHOWN ARE IMP NAMES, NOT (NECESSARILY) HOST NAMES

# OSI Stack Populated with Protocols

7	FTAM ISO 8571	CMISE ISO 9596 ISO 9595	Application
6	ACSE X.227, ISO 8650 X.217, ISO 8649	ACSE X.227, ISO 8650 X.217, ISO 8649	ROSE ISO 9072 X.219, X.229
5	X.226, ISO 8823 X.209, ISO 8825 BER X.216, ISO 8822		Presentation
4	X.225, ISO 8327 X.215, ISO 8326		Session
3	X.224, ISO 8073 / AD 2 (X.214, ISO 8072 / AD 2) class 4		Transport
2	ISO 9542 (ES-IS) ISO 10589 (IS-IS Level 1) / ISO 10747 (IS-IS Level 2)		Network
1	ISO 8473-3 (CLNS) ISO 8208 X.25 Packet Level	ISO 8473-2 (CLNS)	ISO 8473-4 (CLNS)
2	ISO 7776 LapB X.25 Data Link Layer	ISO 802.2 LLC ISO 802.3 MAC	Q.921 LapD
1	X.21 / X.21bis V.35 / G.703 2M TS n	ISO 802.2 Ethernet	SDH-DCC 2M TS n

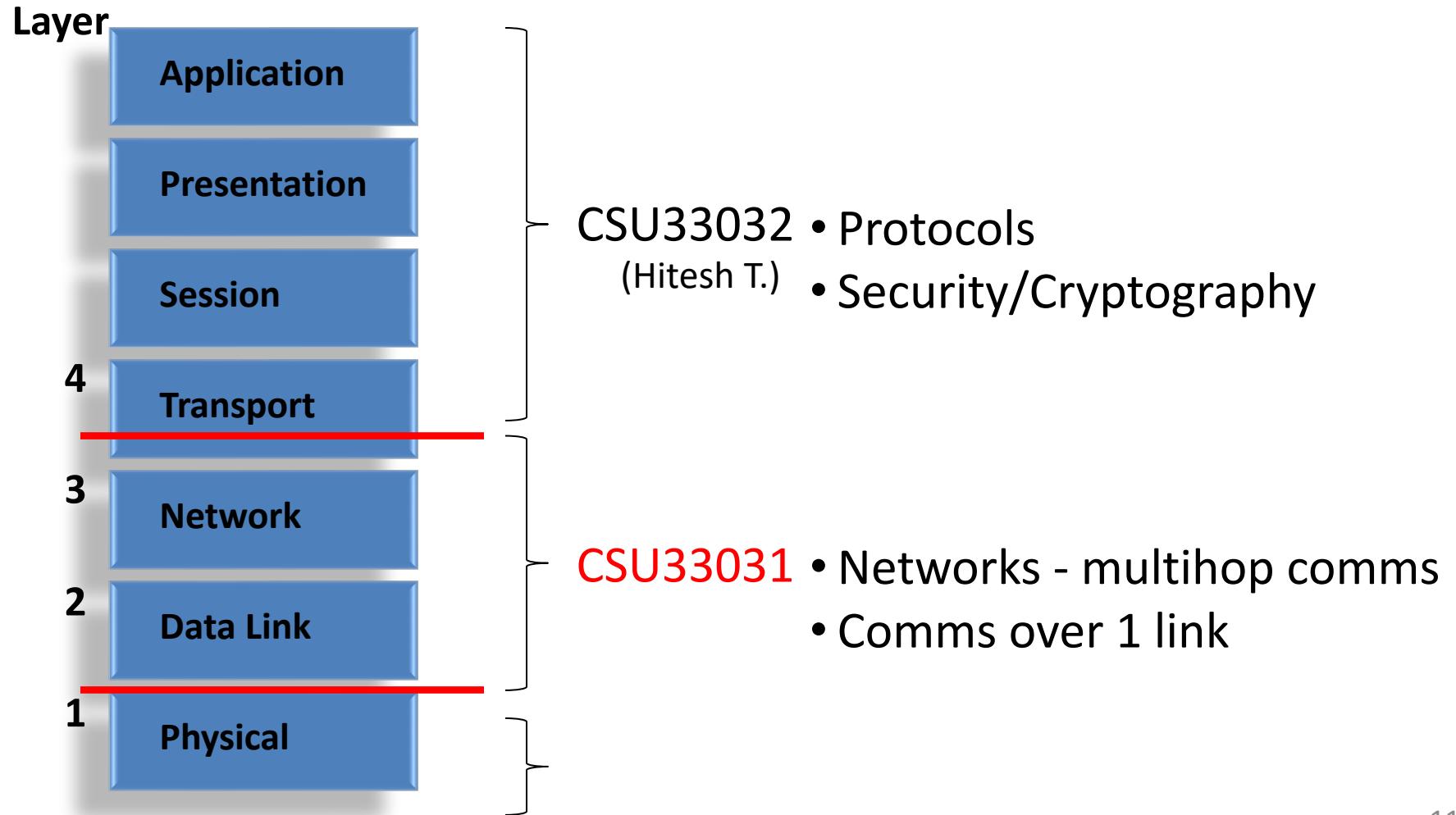
<http://www.cellsoft.de/telecom/dcn.htm> 9

# OSI Stack vs TCP/IP



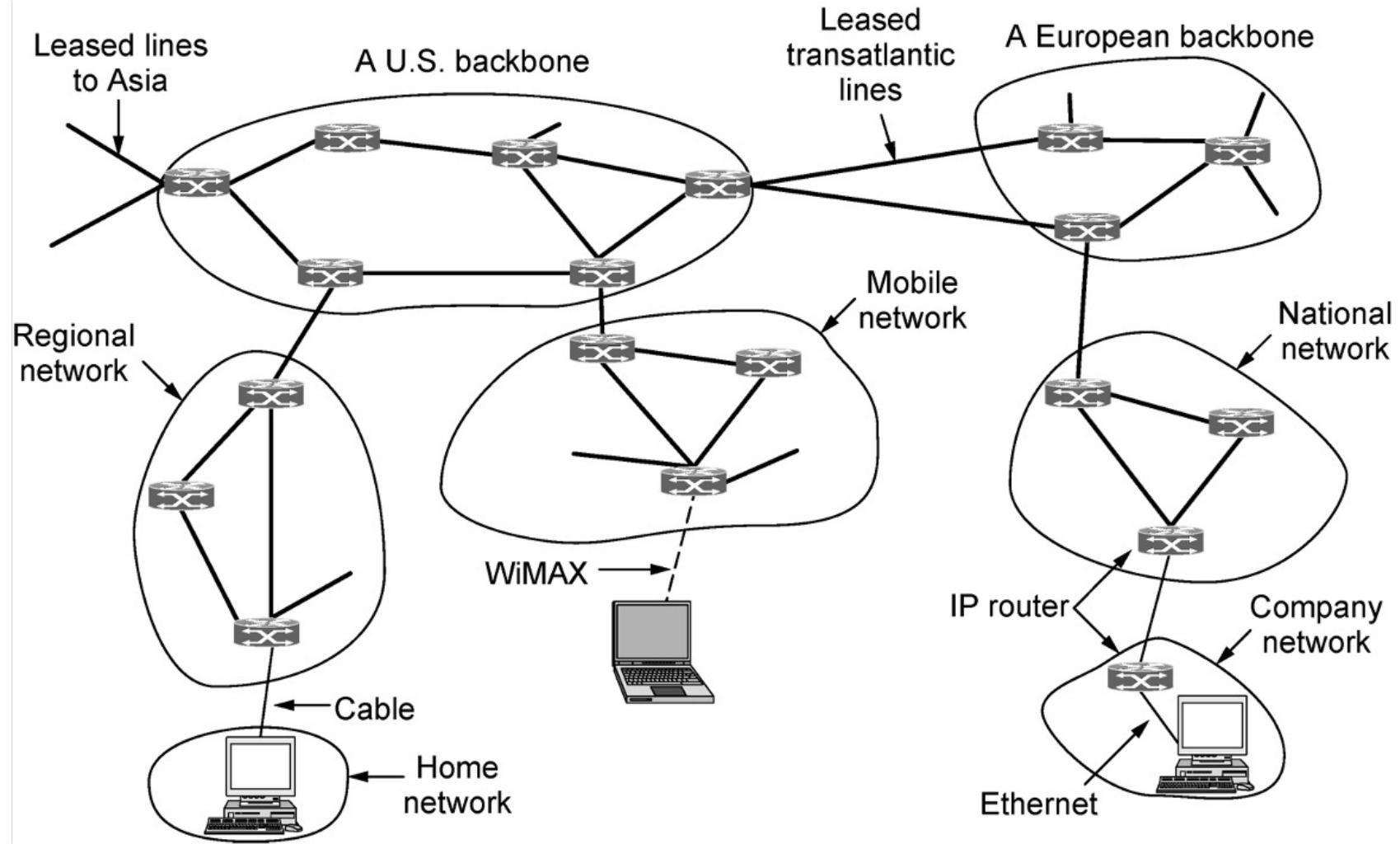
Wifi – spelled 802.11 b/g/n/ac/ax/?? 10

# CSU33031 in the OSI Stack



# Collection of Networks

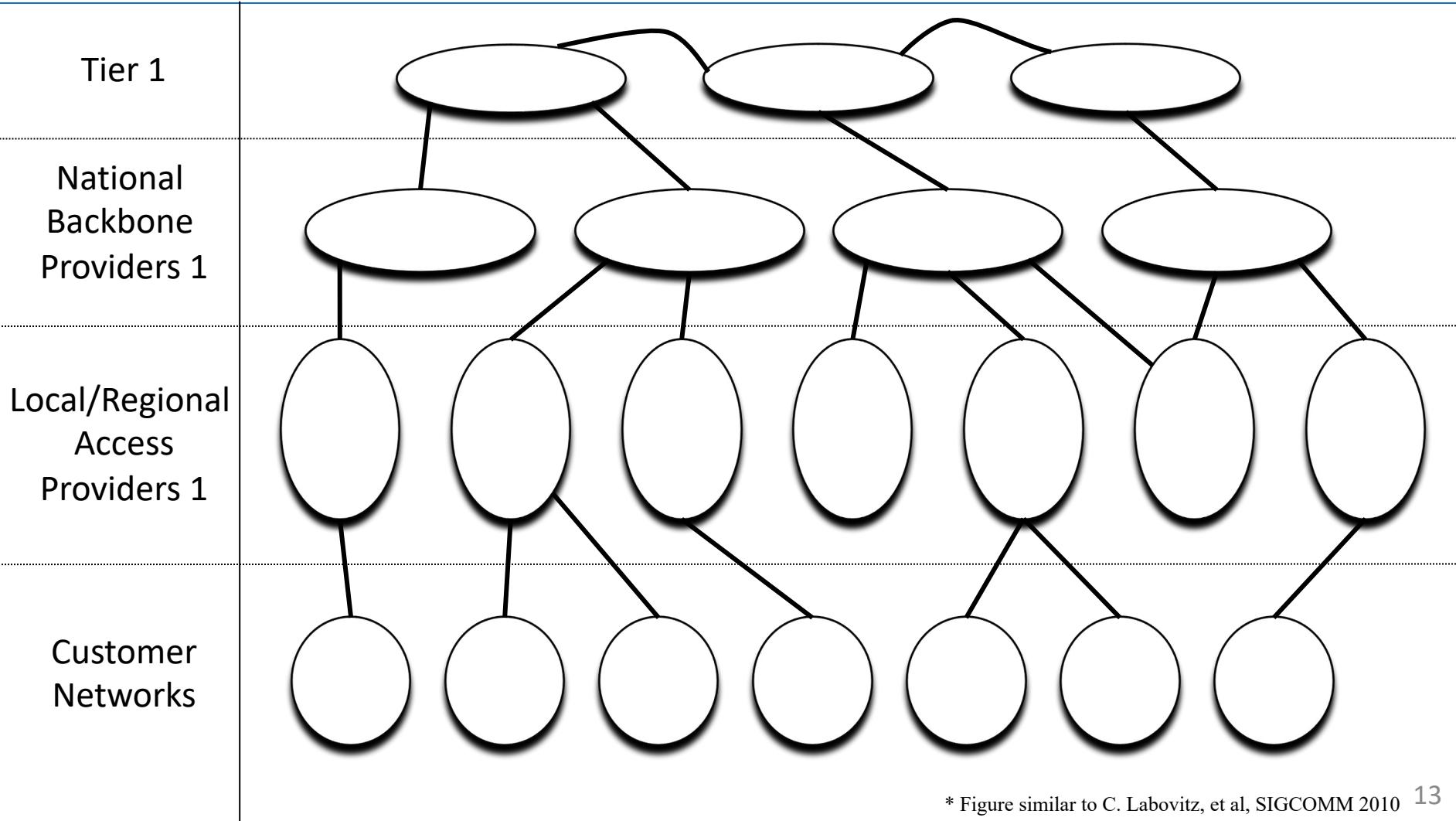
The Traditional Textbook View



\* Figure is courtesy of A. Tanenbaum

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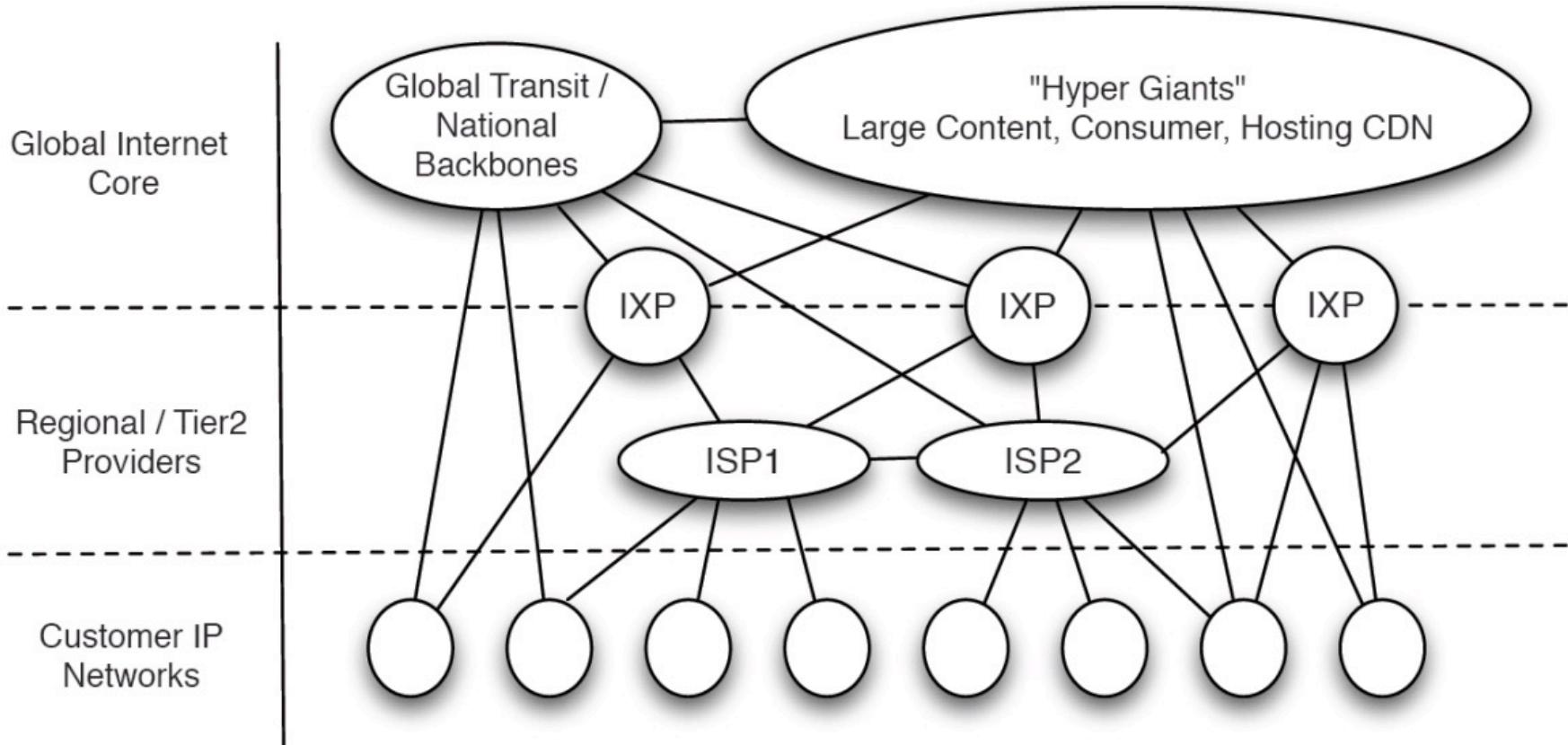
# Traditional Logical Internet Topology



\* Figure similar to C. Labovitz, et al, SIGCOMM 2010 13

# 'Logical' Internet Topology

(~2009-2010)



Consolidation of the Internet is real, **Craig Labovitz**

- 5-10 Companies – 50-70% of the network traffic
- Peering tends to dominate

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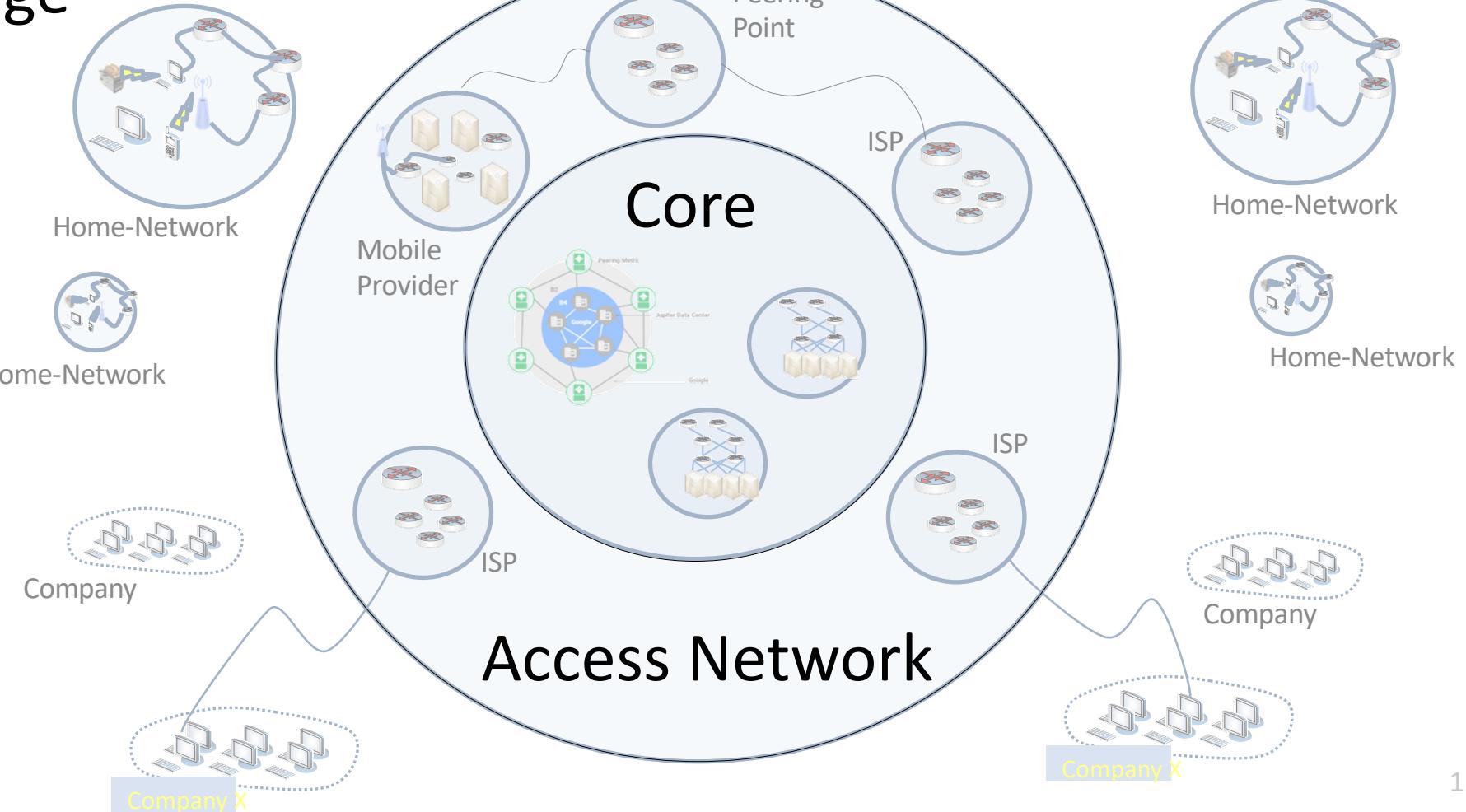
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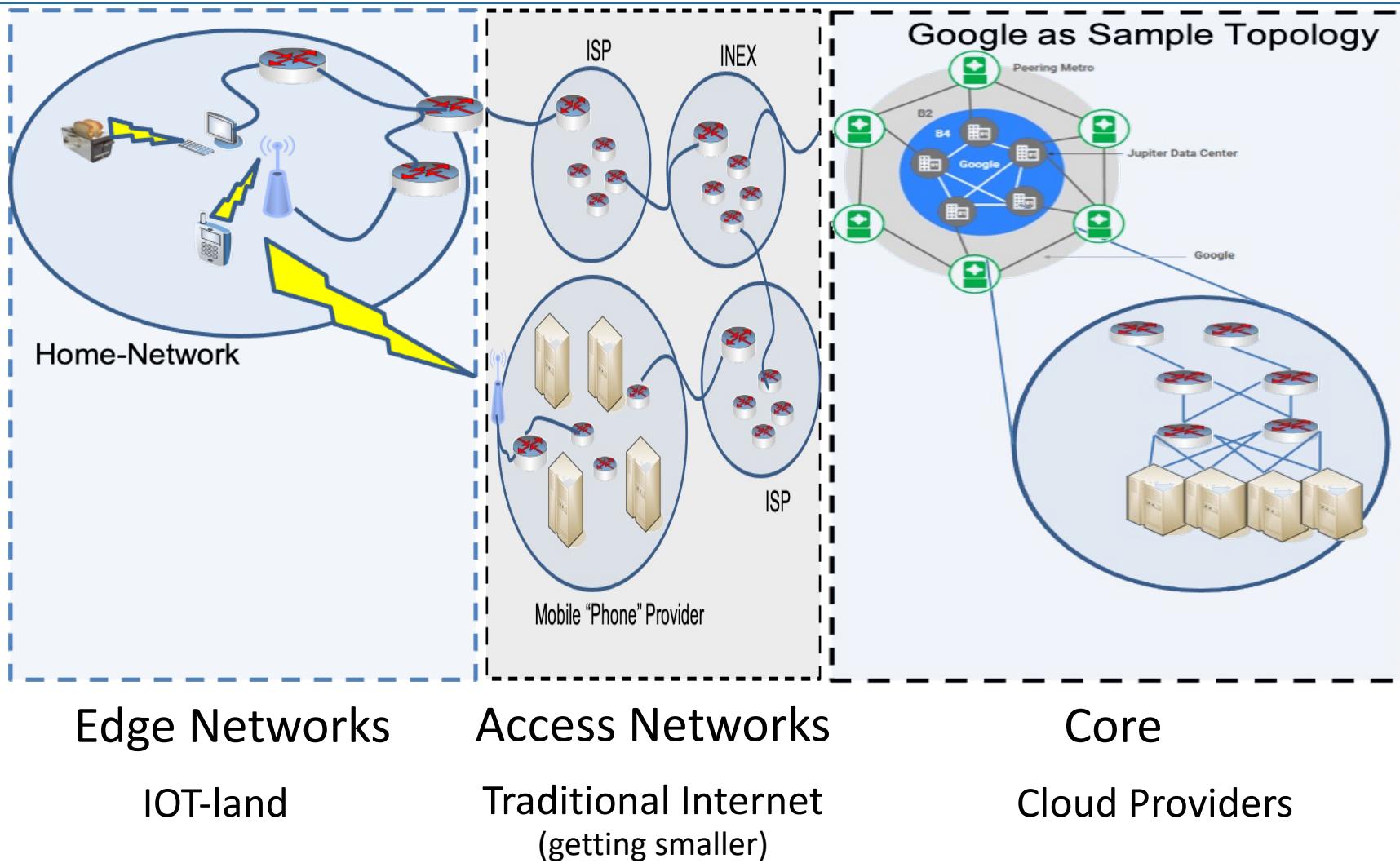
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# Today's Internet

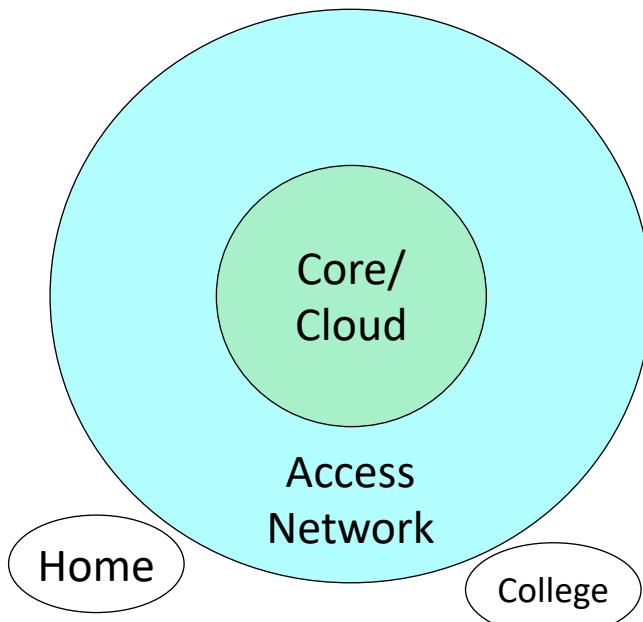
Edge



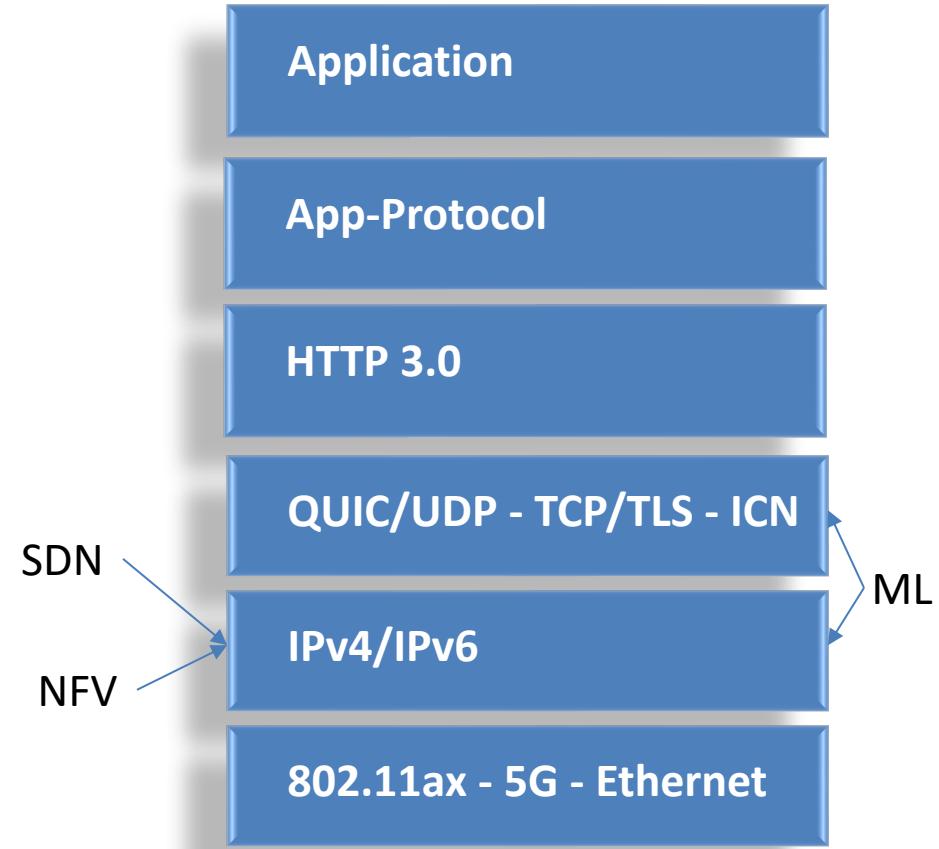
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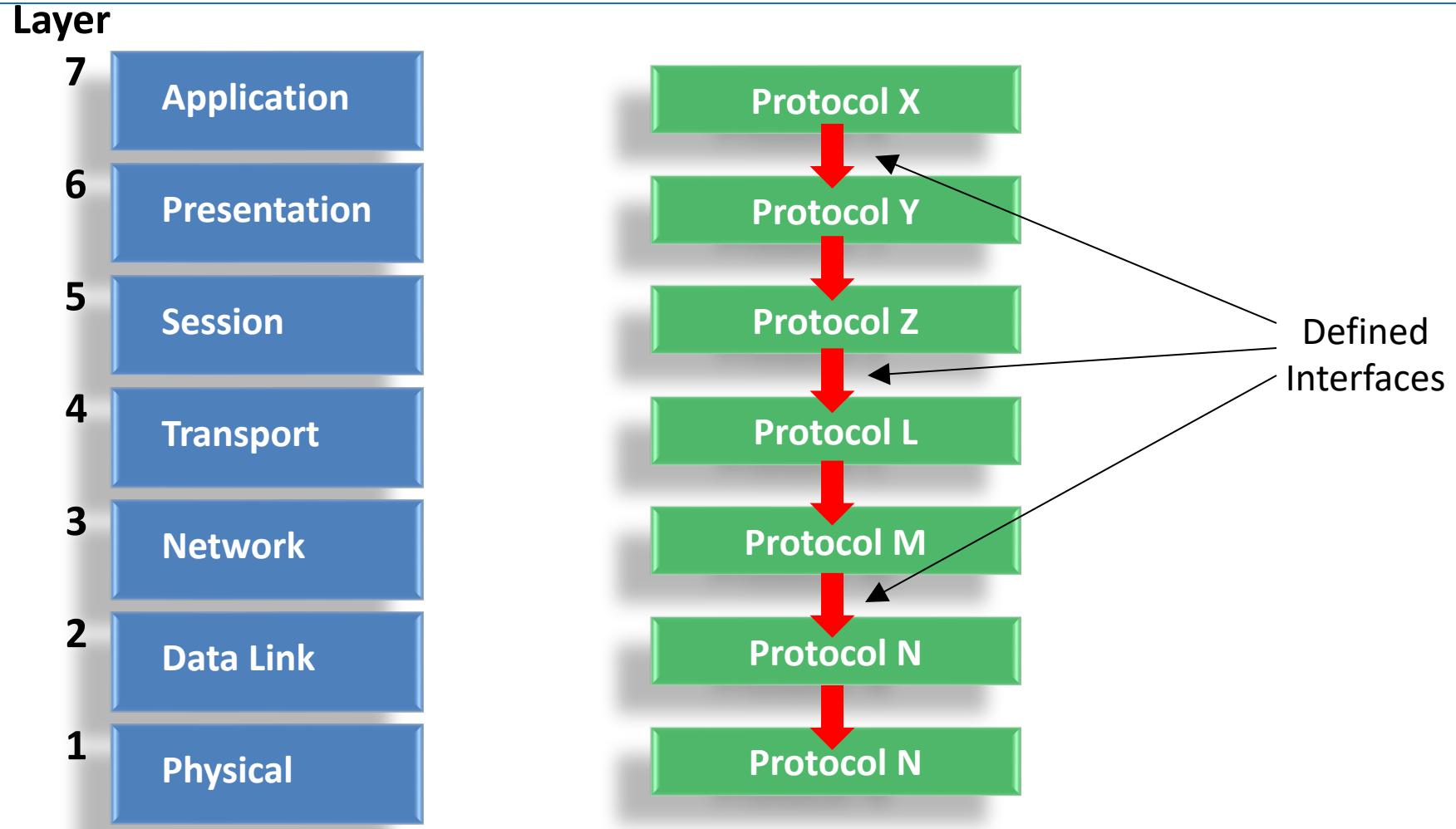
# Today's View (Not in Textbooks)



Software-Defined Networking (SDN)  
Network Function Virtualization (NFV)  
Machine Learning (ML)



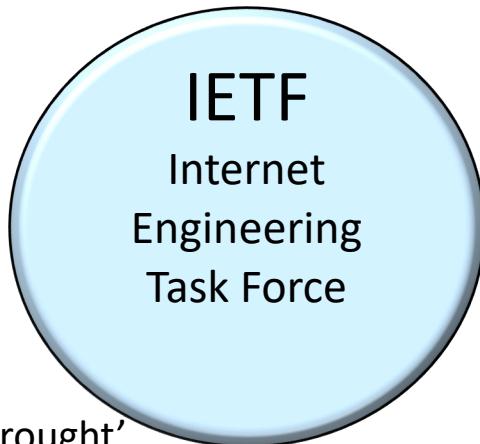
# OSI\* Stack



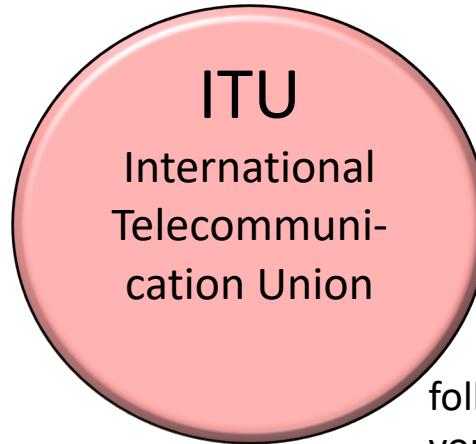
\*OSI = Open Systems Interconnection 18

# The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Also known as “your beloved standards bodies”



folks who ‘brought’  
you the Internet  
i.e. RFCs, IANA, etc



folks who ‘brought’  
you ATM, 4G, 5G,  
etc



folks who ‘brought’ you Wifi  
and Ethernet i.e. 802.11\*  
and 802.3\*, etc

# ITU Diagram Example

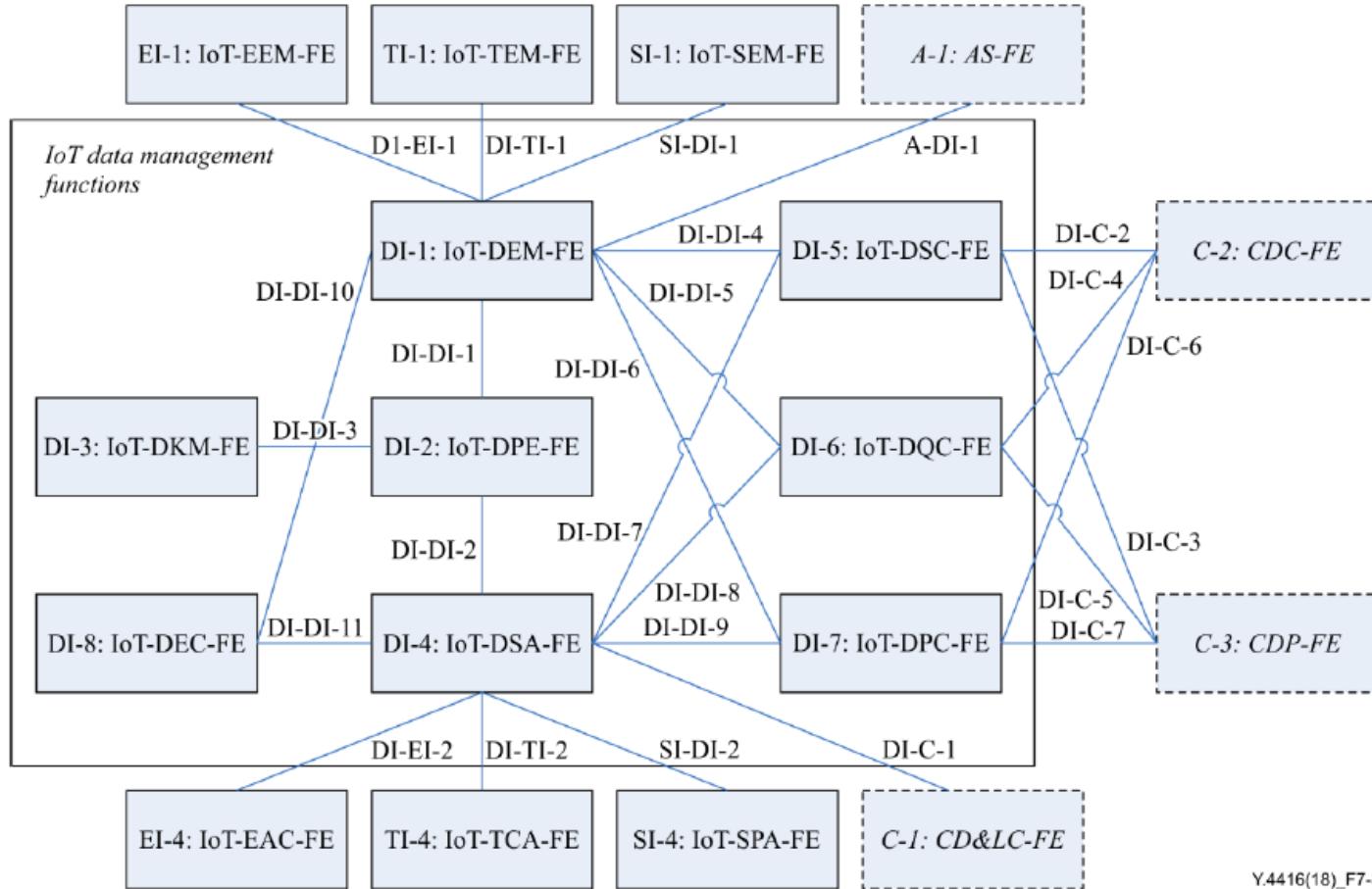
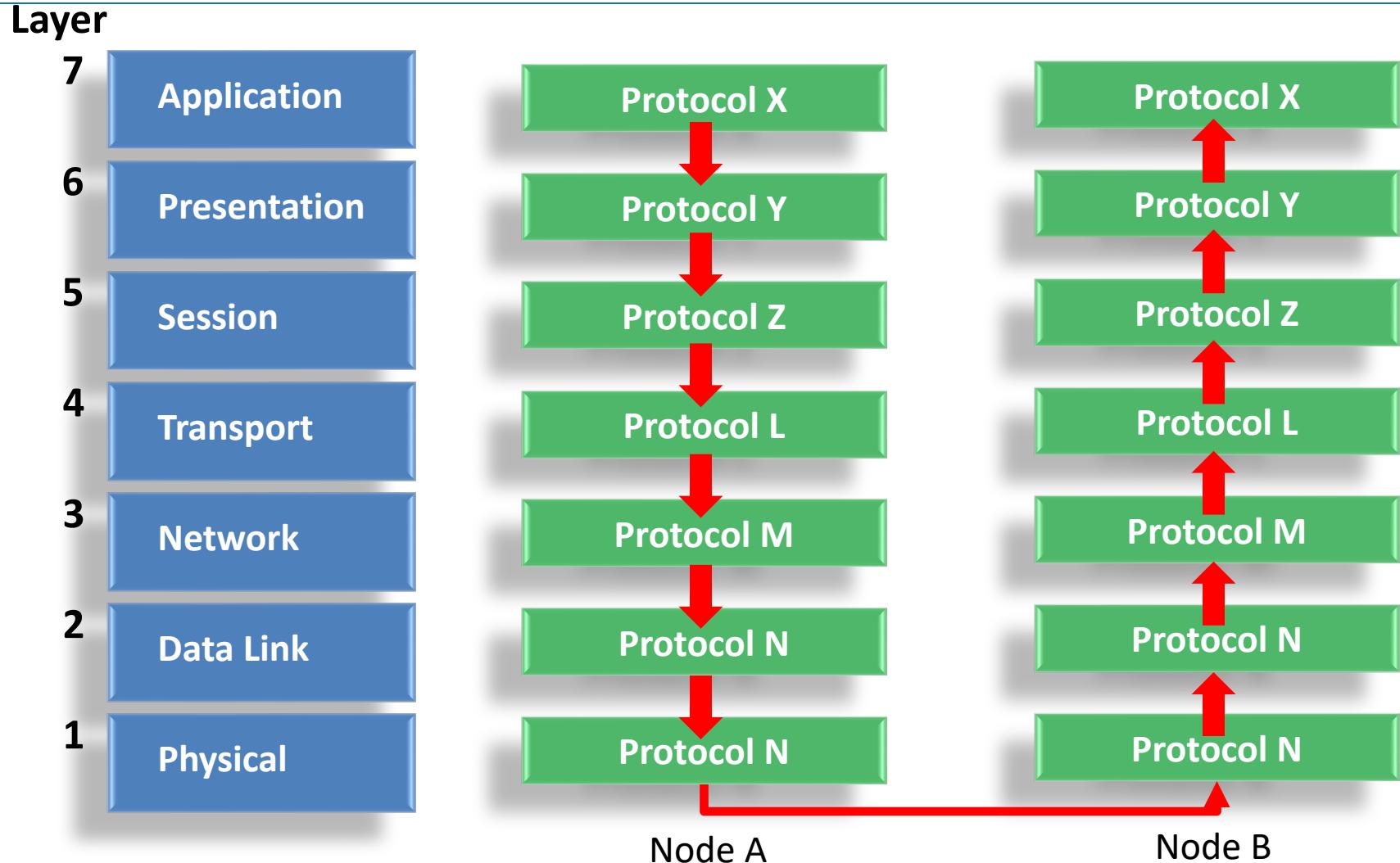


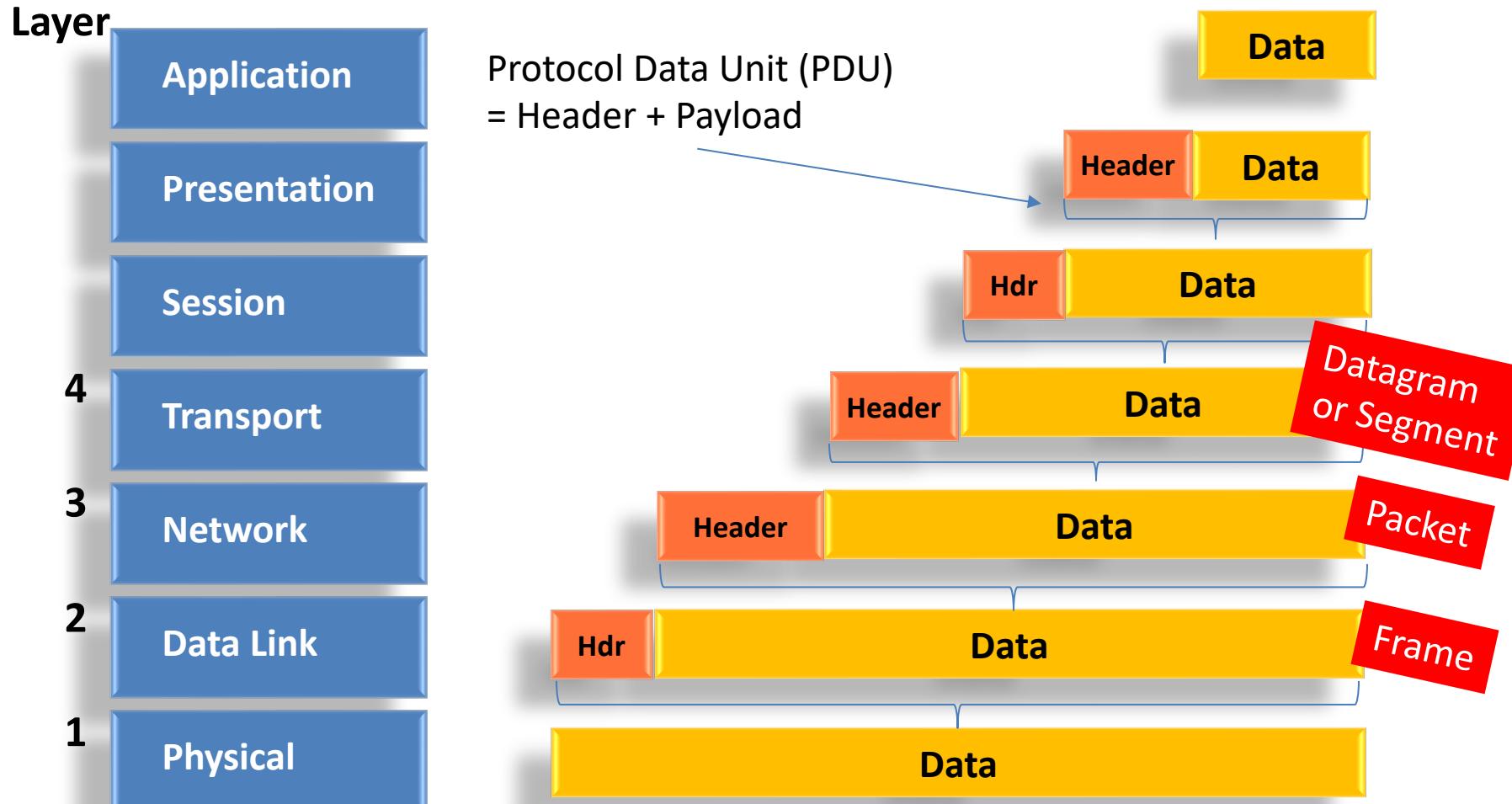
Figure 7-3 – IoT data management functional entities

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# OSI Stack



# OSI Stack & Data Units

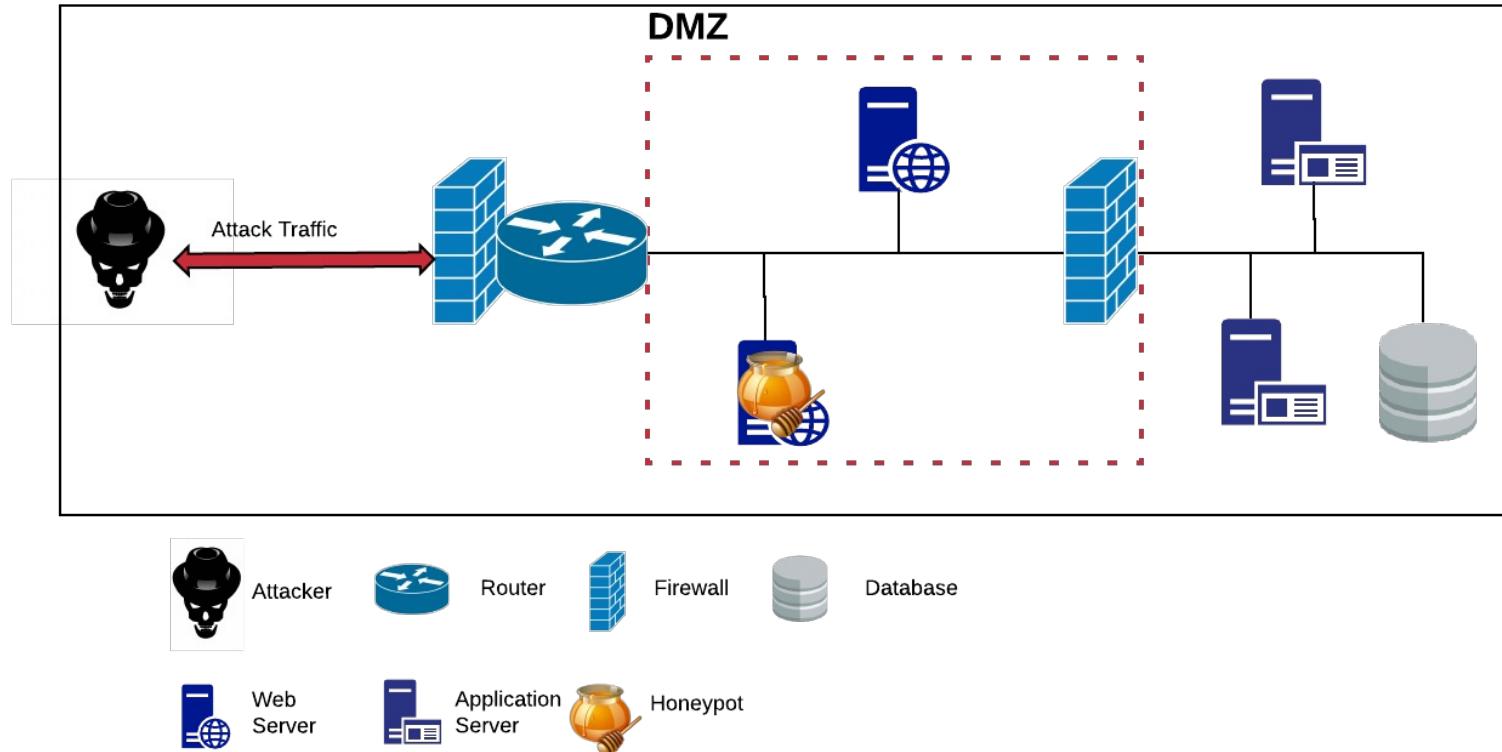


Payload - also called Service Data Unit (SDU) - if you say SDU, though, most people will blankly stare at you!

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# From a Developer's Point-Of-View

## Traditional Network Topology

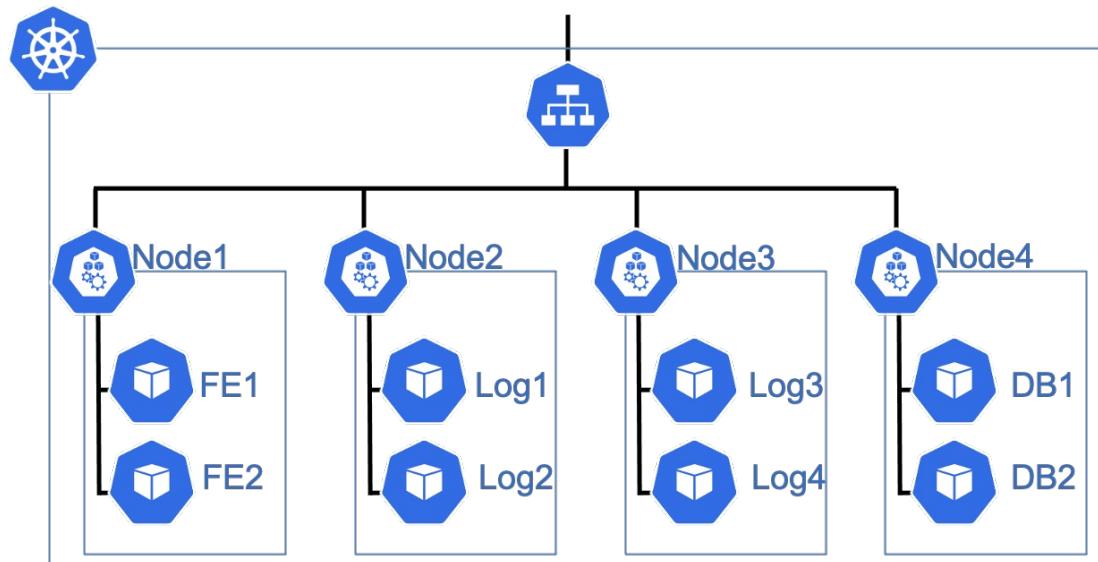
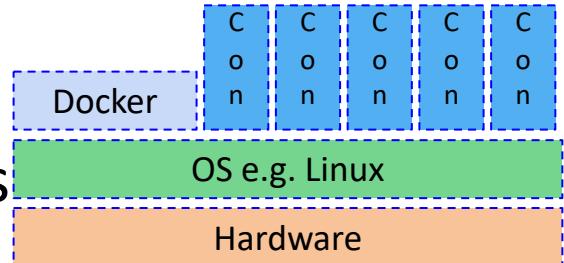


\* Figure is courtesy of A. Higgins, <https://www.scss.tcd.ie/Stefan.Weber/PDFs/Amber%20Higgins%20-%20MAI%20Dissertation%202018.pdf> 23

# Virtualized Infrastructures

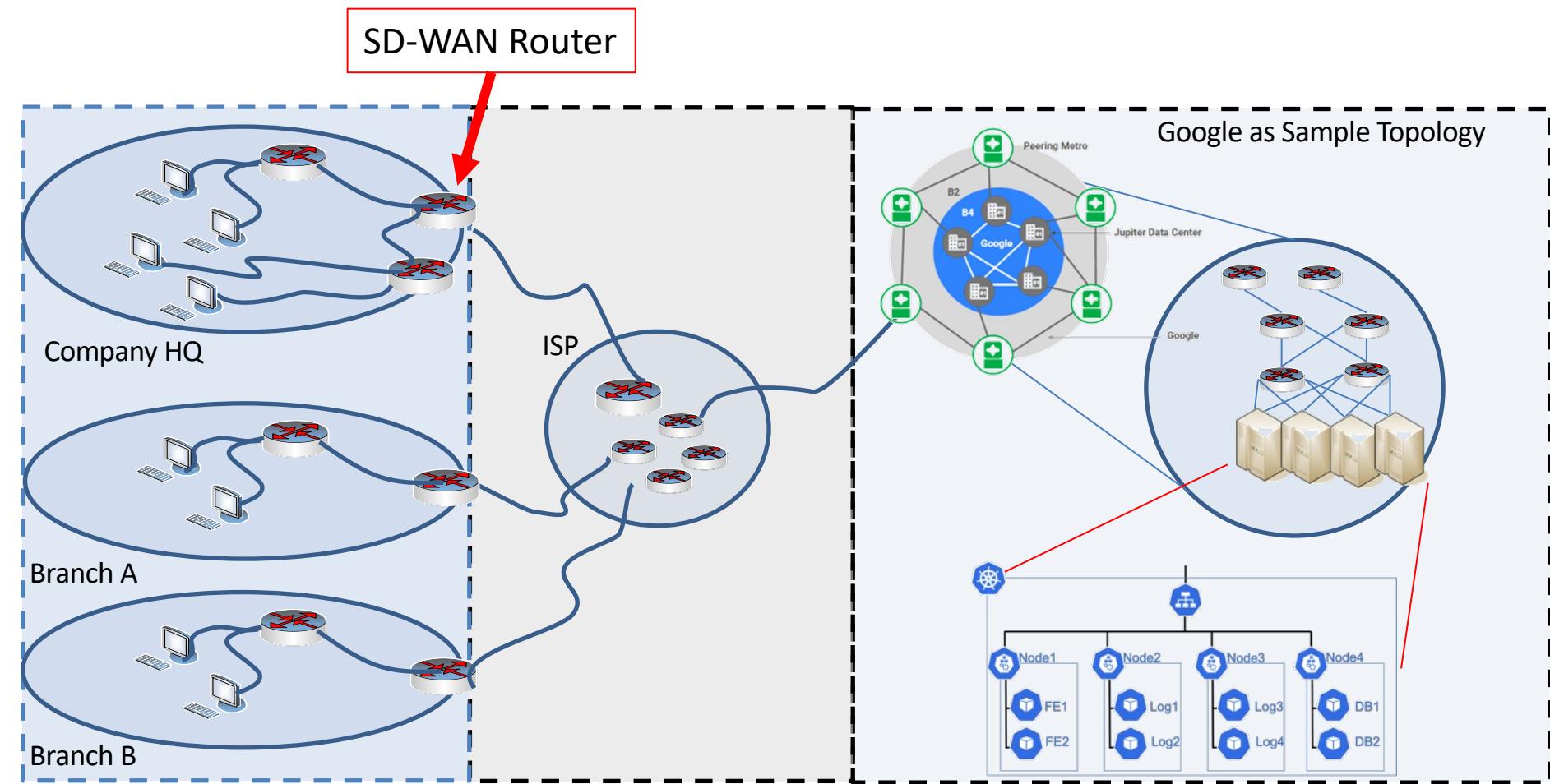
e.g. Kubernetes

- Microservices <sigh...buzzwords>
- Deployments controlled by yaml files
- Infrastructure w/ sub nets, nodes and pods, based on a concept called 'containers'



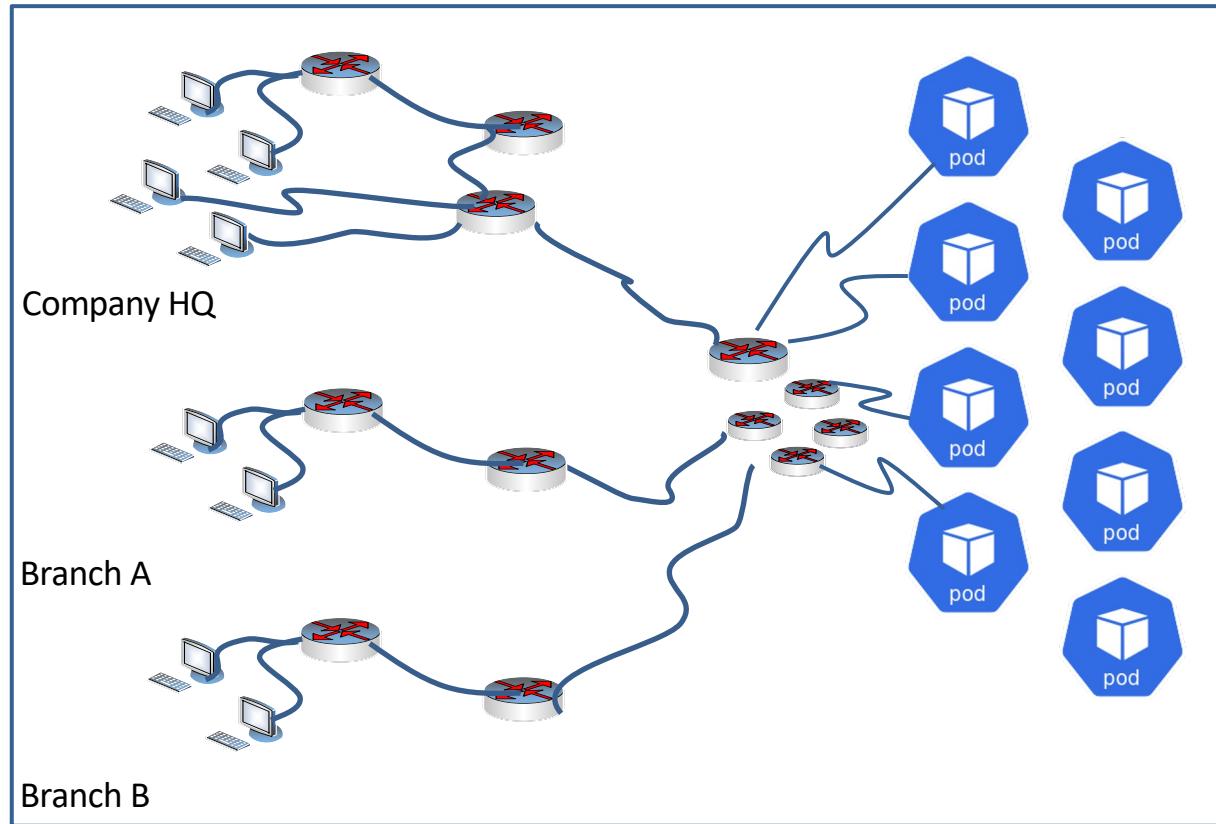
# Software-Define Wide-Area Networks

(Private Networks)

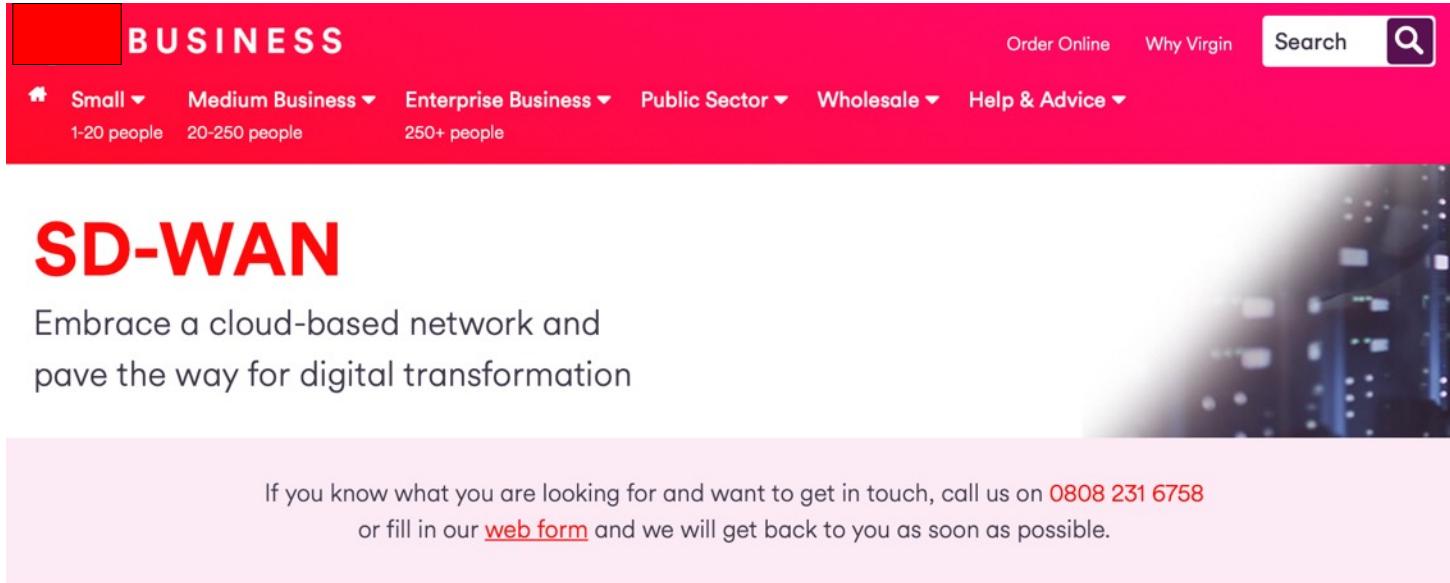


# Software-Defined Wide-Area Networks

## (Private Networks)



# Example from a Local Provider



The screenshot shows a red-themed webpage for Virgin Media Business. At the top, there's a navigation bar with categories like Small, Medium Business, Enterprise Business, Public Sector, Wholesale, and Help & Advice. Below the navigation is a large image of server racks. A prominent red section features the heading "SD-WAN" and the subtext "Embrace a cloud-based network and pave the way for digital transformation". A pink call-to-action box contains the text: "If you know what you are looking for and want to get in touch, call us on **0808 231 6758** or fill in our [web form](#) and we will get back to you as soon as possible." Below this are four red buttons labeled "How SD-WAN works", "Advice", "SD-WAN deployment", and "Managed Service".

## WHAT IS SD-WAN?

SD-WAN is a wide area network – or WAN – architecture that works through a centralised platform, detaching the management of the network from the hardware itself.



# OpenFlow publication - 2008

## OpenFlow: Enabling Innovation in Campus Networks

Nick McKeown  
Stanford University

Tom Anderson  
University of Washington

Hari Balakrishnan  
MIT

Guru Parulkar  
Stanford University

Larry Peterson  
Princeton University

Jennifer Rexford  
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### Nick Feamster – SDN Lectures:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpherdrLyny8YN4M24iRJBMCXkLcGbmhY>

# Predictions/Statements in CS

(Psst - we're **really** bad at this!)

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- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

Thomas Watson, President of IBM, 1943

- "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

Ken Olsen, Founder of Digital Equipment Corporation, 1977

- "I predict the Internet in 1996 will catastrophically collapse."

Robert Metcalfe, 1995

- "IPv6 is dead."

David Cheriton, SOSP 1999

# Recent Publication/Apr 2021

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## Revitalizing the Public Internet By Making it Extensible

Hari Balakrishnan<sup>1</sup>, Sujata Banerjee<sup>2</sup>, Israel Cidon<sup>2</sup>, David Culler<sup>3</sup>, Deborah Estrin<sup>4</sup>, Ethan Katz-Bassett<sup>5</sup>, Arvind Krishnamurthy<sup>6</sup>, James McCauley<sup>7</sup>, Nick McKeown<sup>8</sup>, Aurojit Panda<sup>9</sup>, Sylvia Ratnasamy<sup>10</sup>, Jennifer Rexford<sup>11</sup>, Michael Schapira<sup>12</sup>, Scott Shenker<sup>10,13</sup>, Ion Stoica<sup>10</sup>, David Tennenhouse<sup>2</sup>, Amin Vahdat<sup>3</sup>, Ellen Zegura<sup>14\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup> MIT, <sup>2</sup> VMware, <sup>3</sup> Google, <sup>4</sup> Cornell Tech, <sup>5</sup> Columbia, <sup>6</sup> UWashington, <sup>7</sup> Mount Holyoke, <sup>8</sup> Stanford, <sup>9</sup> NYU, <sup>10</sup> UC Berkeley, <sup>11</sup> Princeton, <sup>12</sup> HUJI, <sup>13</sup> ICSI, <sup>14</sup> Georgia Tech

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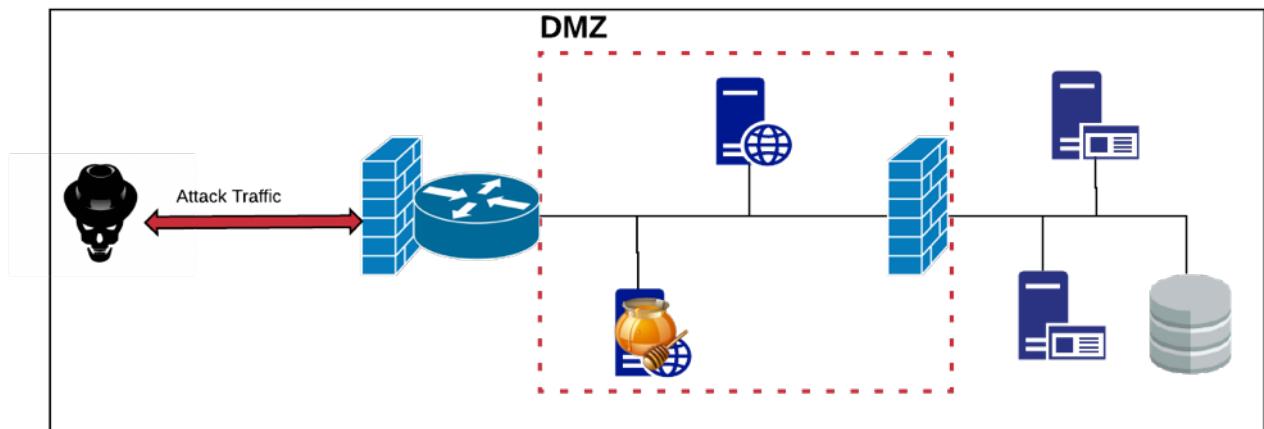
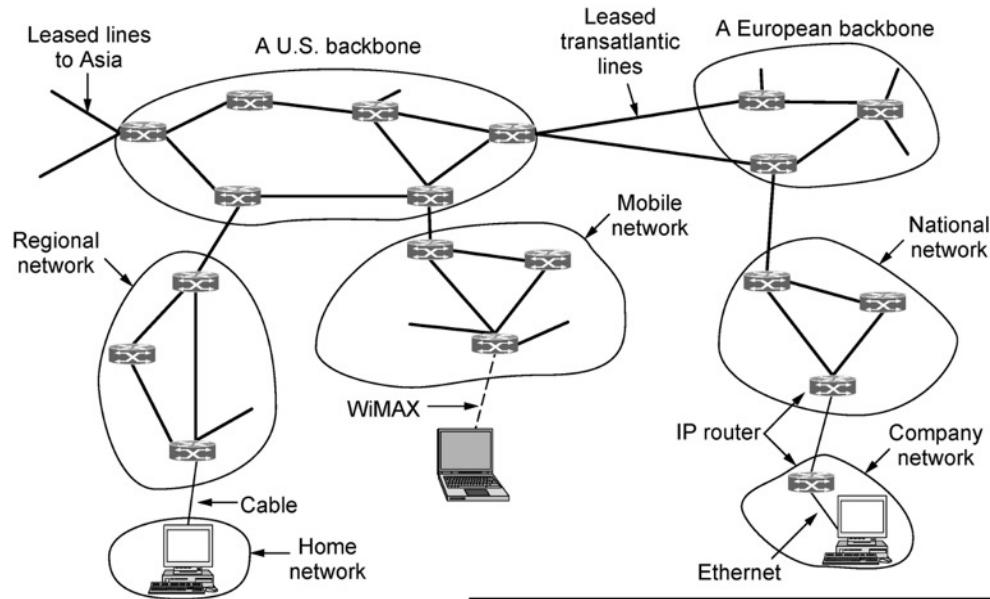
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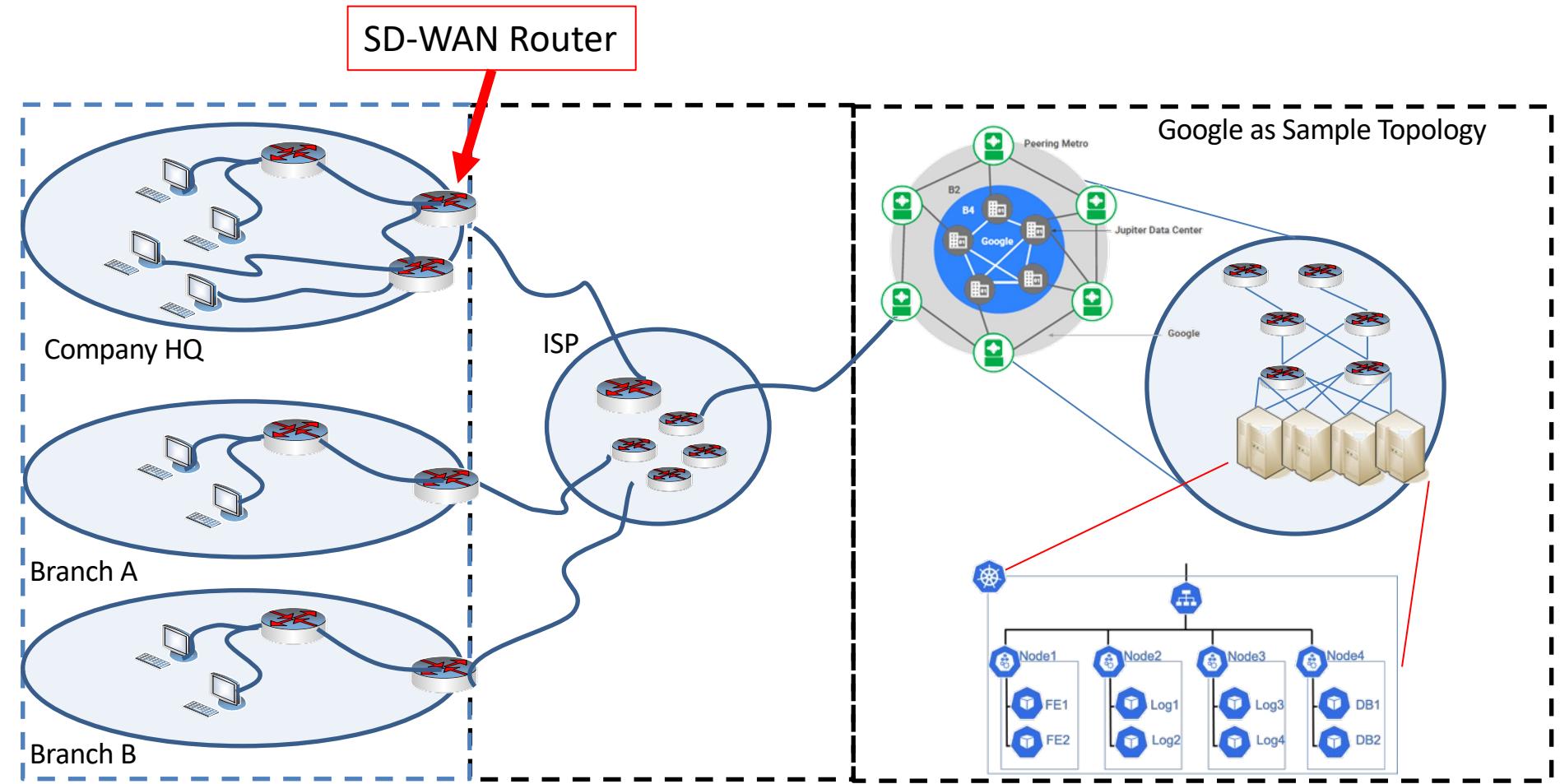
# Textbook View



\* Figure is courtesy of A. Tanenbaum

# Approximation of Current Networks

(Private Networks)



# Housekeeping (updated)

- Lectures
  - 12 weeks (– reading week)
  - 2 slots per week, DOLT 2.57
    - Mondays 13:00-14:00
    - Tuesdays 15:00-16:00
- Labs → clinics
  - 1 slot per week
  - Mondays 15:00-16:00, L2.01/.02
- Tutorials
  - 1 slot per week
  - Thursdays 13:00-14:00, **online**

Exam Prep Session: **TBC**  
Thu, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00

**Videos on Blackboard:  
David Weatherall**

# Recommended Books

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- Andrew Tanenbaum & David Wetherall (& Nick Feamster)
  - Title: Computer Networks
  - ISBN: 9781292024226
  - Chapter 1, 2, 3-5 – in 5<sup>th</sup> edition
- J.F. Kurose and K.W. Ross
  - Title: Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach
  - ISBN: 9780133594140
- Behrouz A. Forouzan
  - Title: Data Communications and Networking
  - ISBN: 9780071315869

# Background Reading

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- Resources section in Blackboard - Amin Vahdat et al:
  - B4: Experience with a Globally-Deployed Software Defined WAN, SIGCOMM 2013
  - Jupiter Rising: A Decade of Clos Topologies and Centralized Control in Google's Datacenter Network, SIGCOMM 2015
  - Taking the Edge off with Espresso, SIGCOMM 2017
- Katie Hafner, Where Wizards Stay Up Late: The Origins Of The Internet, Simon & Schuster, Jan. 1998
- John Day, Patterns in Network Architecture: A Return to Fundamentals, Prentice Hall, Dec. 2007

# Tutorials

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- Error Detection and Correction
- Error and Flow Control
- Internet Protocol
- Routing
- Point-to-Point Protocol / HDLC
- Medium Access Control
- ...

# Lectures, Labs & Tutorials

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- Lectures
- Tutorials
- Labs/Assignments
  - File Request
  - Packet Filtering
- Attendance
  - Use common sense ☺

# Exam/Coursework Weighting

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- 40% - Exam
- 60% - Coursework
- Pass 40%
- Supplemental: 100% Exam

# Assignments

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- Assignment 1:

File Req - Protocol Design

Marking:

5% - 1<sup>st</sup> video: initial impl., capture, topology

5% - 2<sup>nd</sup> video: progress, capture,

20% Final Submission

50% Implemented/Documented Functionality

50% Documentation

- Assignment 2:

Packet Filtering Protocol

# Assignment Timeline

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- Preliminary Deadlines for submissions:

28<sup>th</sup> September: Assignment 1 – Part 1 – Video/PCAP

12<sup>th</sup> October: Assignment 1 – Part 2 – Video/PCAP

28<sup>nd</sup> October: Assignment 1 – Part 3 – FileReq report

November: Assignment 2 – Packet Filtering

- Submission through Blackboard
- **Deadlines on Blackboard count**

[mymodule.tcd.ie](http://mymodule.tcd.ie)

# Learning Outcomes

Hopefully lots

Most

At the  
very least

Datacentres Infrastructures

The Rise of HyperGiants

Software-Defined Networking

Protocol Design

NAT &VPN

Docker/Virt.Infra.

Traffic Capture

Sockets

IPv4

Routing

802.3

802.11

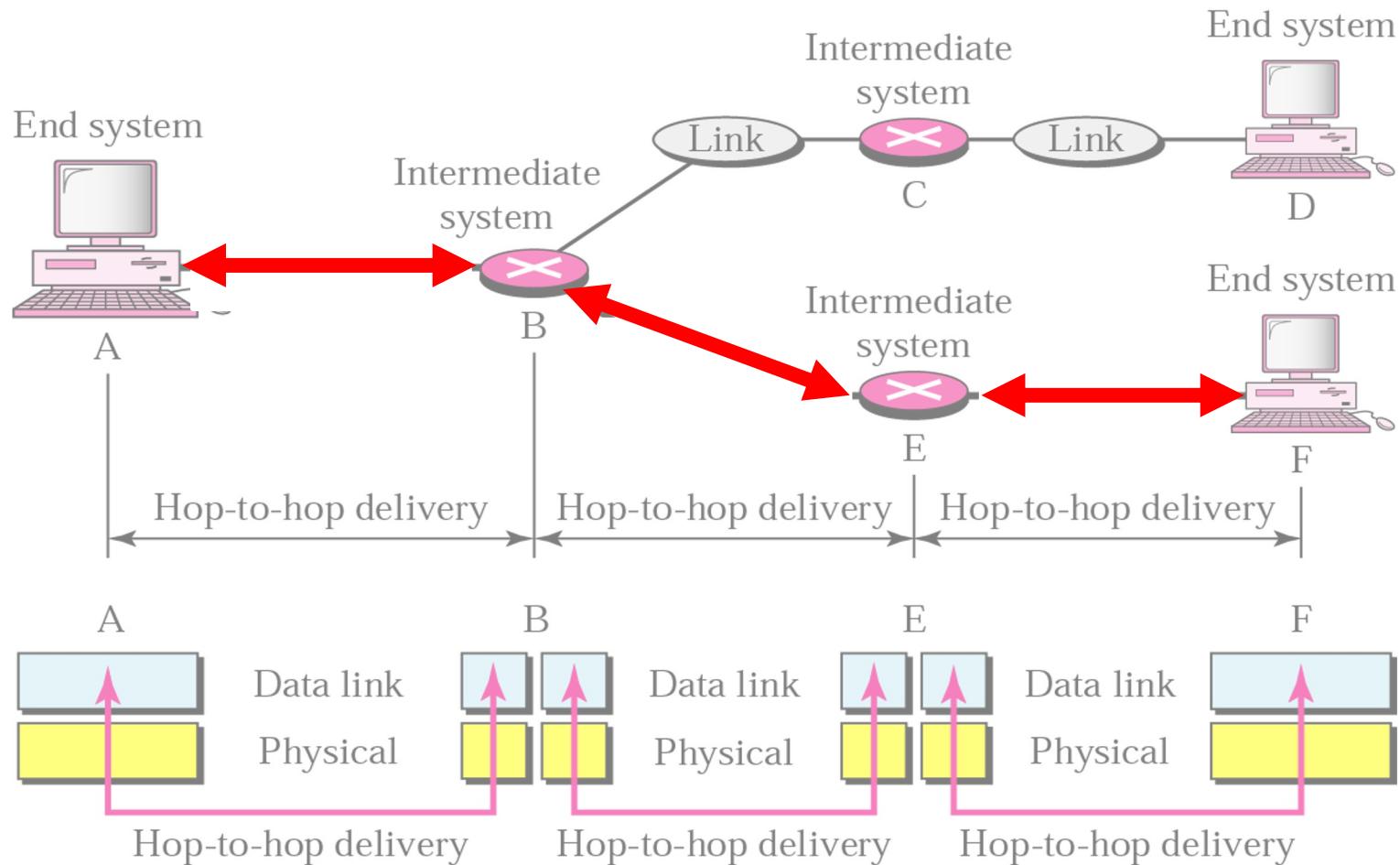
Payload

Overhead

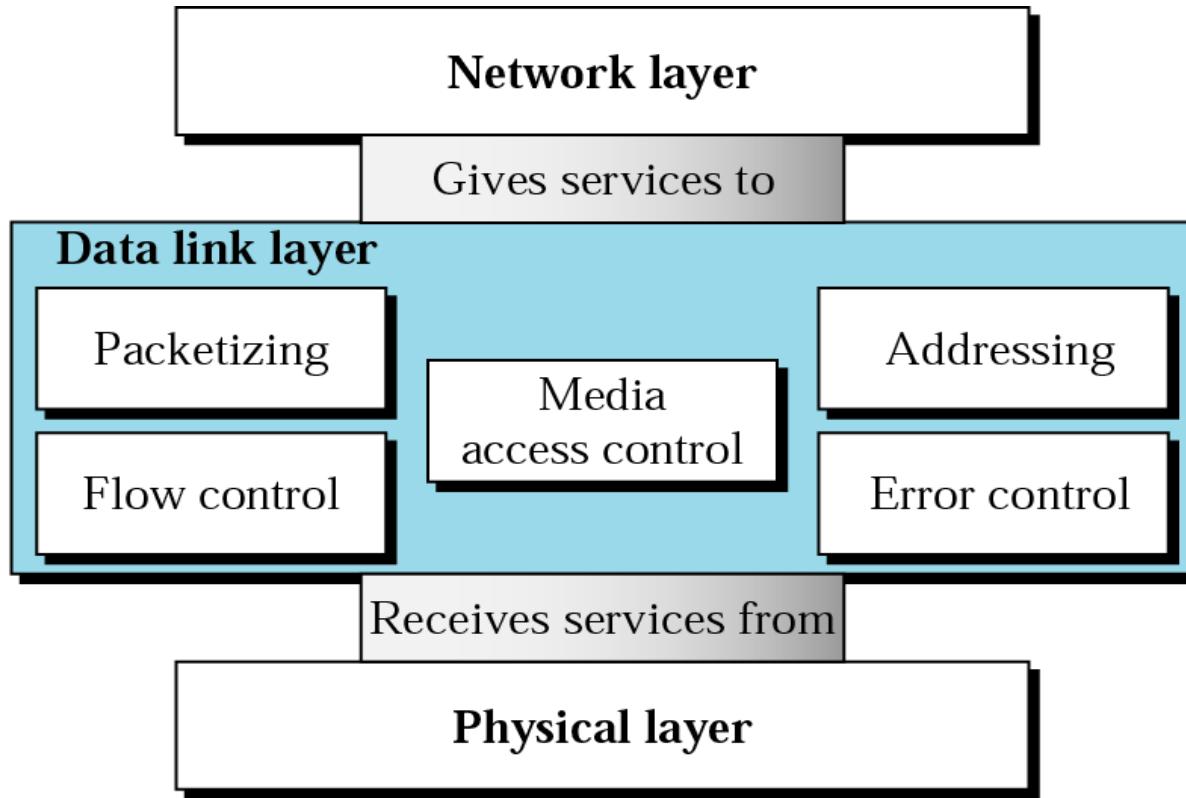
Environments:

- Multiple Computers
- Containers / Docker
- Mininet
- Kubernetes

# Starting Low-down: The Link Layer



# Duties of the Link Layer



The link layer is responsible for transmitting frames from one station to the next.

\* Figure is courtesy of B. Forouzan

# Tomorrow: Assignment 1

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- Tomorrow: Talking about Assignment 1
  - Blackboard: David Wetherall videos
    - 03a-01\_Overview\_of\_the\_Link\_Layer.mp4
    - 03a-02\_Framing.mp4
    - 03b-02\_Retransmissions.mp4
- &
- 06-05\_Sliding\_Window.mp4
  - 06-06\_Flow\_Control.mp4
  - 01-01 to 01-10 – Background, if you have time



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