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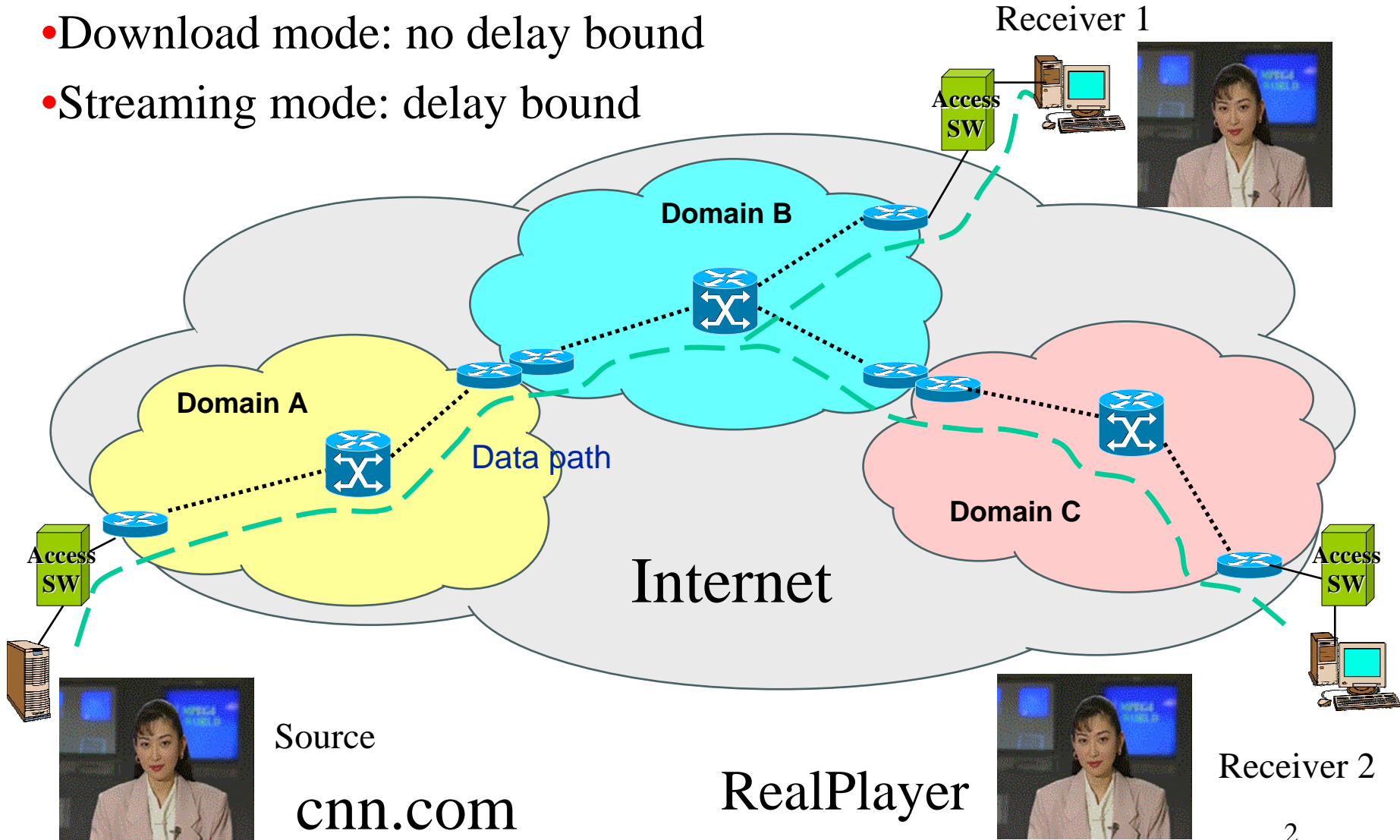
Special Topics in Multimedia Communications and Networking

Streaming Video over the Internet

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What is Streaming Video?

- Download mode: no delay bound
- Streaming mode: delay bound

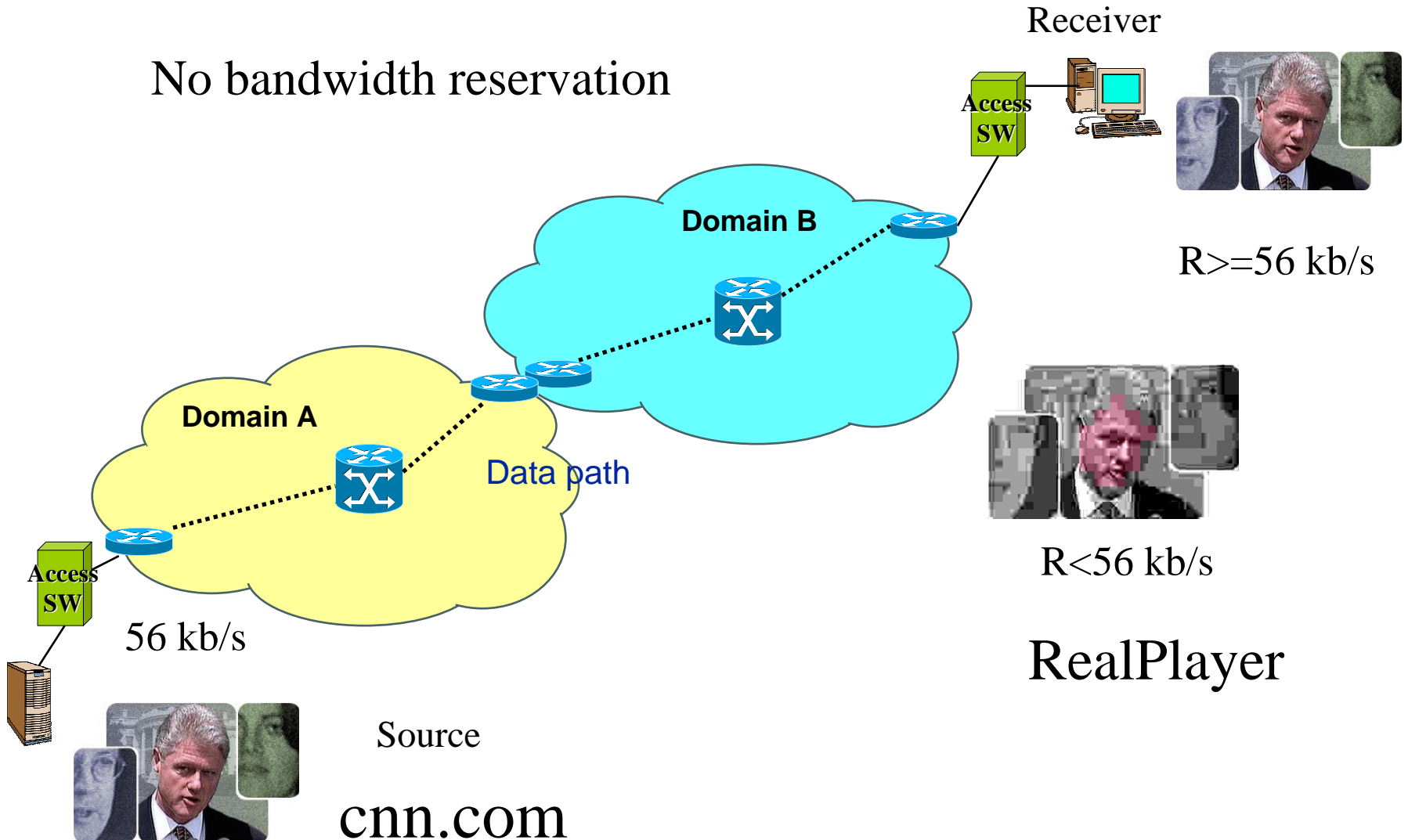


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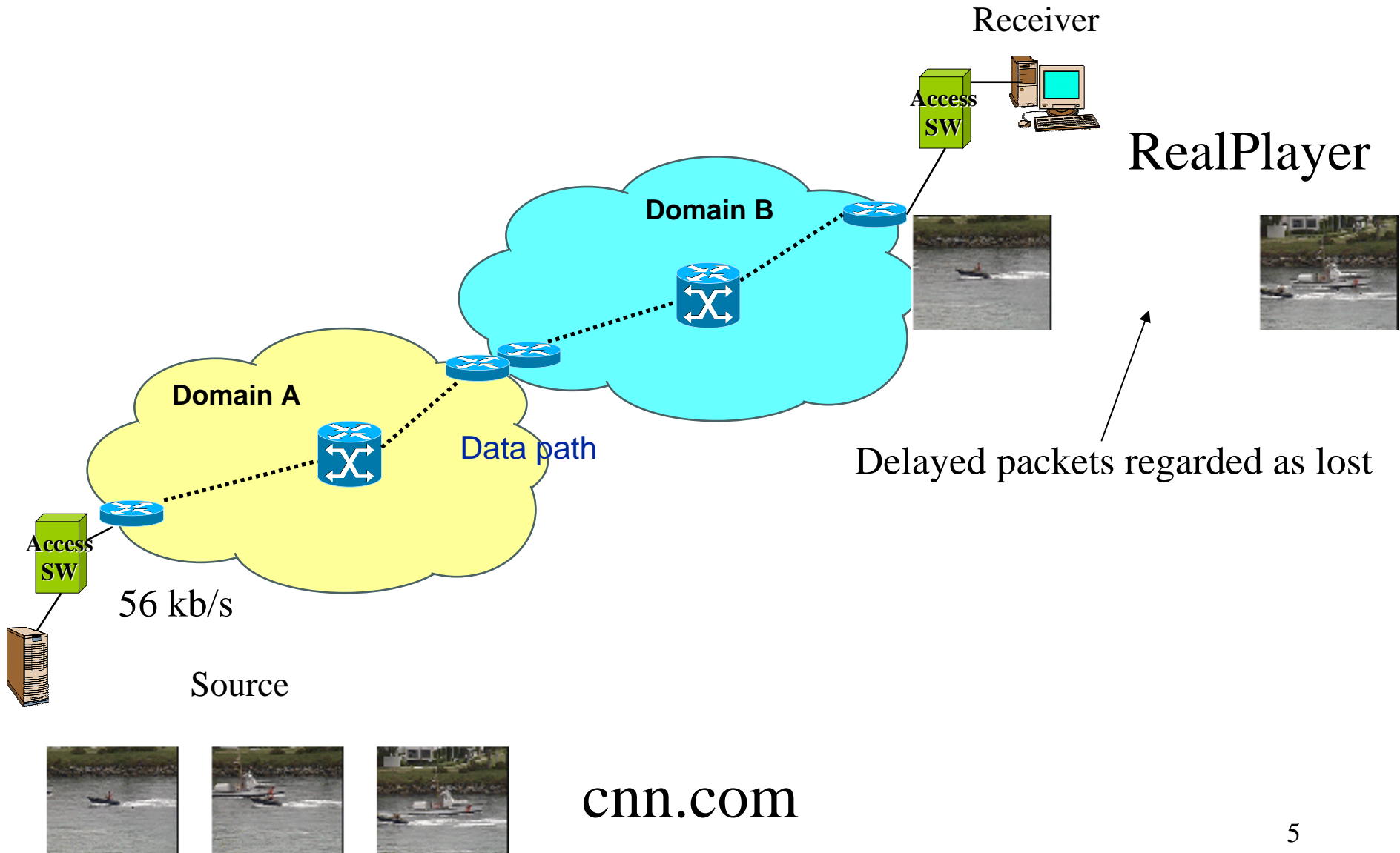
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Time-varying Available Bandwidth

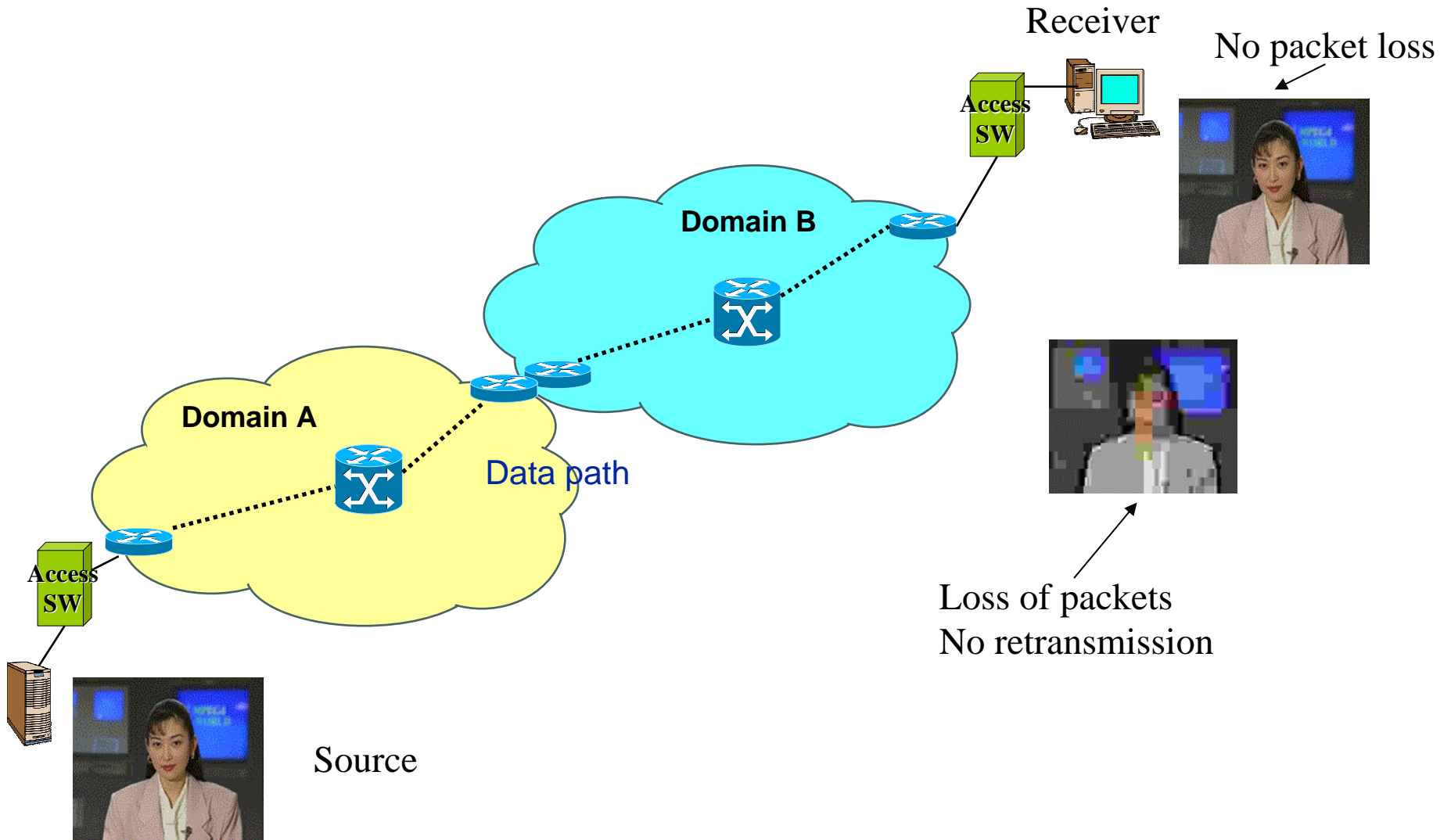
No bandwidth reservation



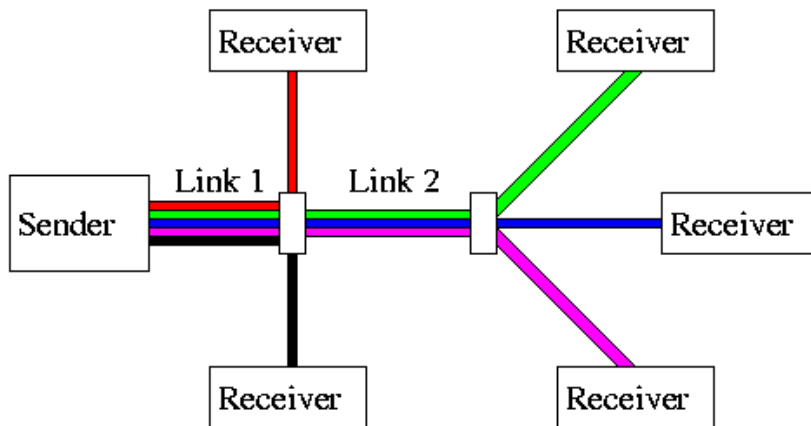
Time-varying Delay



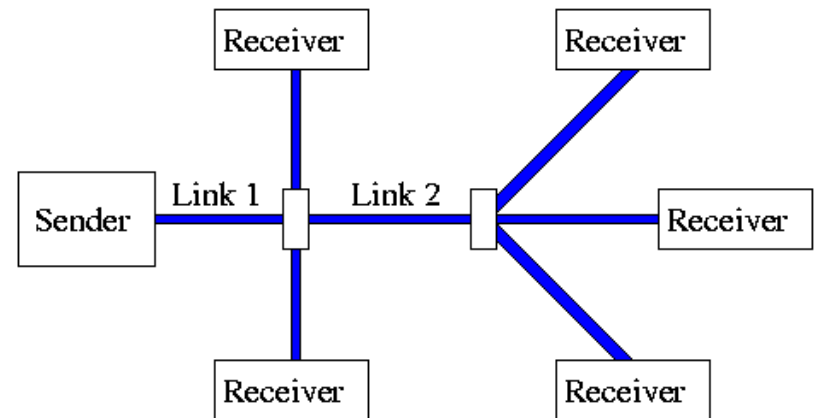
Effect of Packet Loss



Unicast vs. Multicast



Unicast

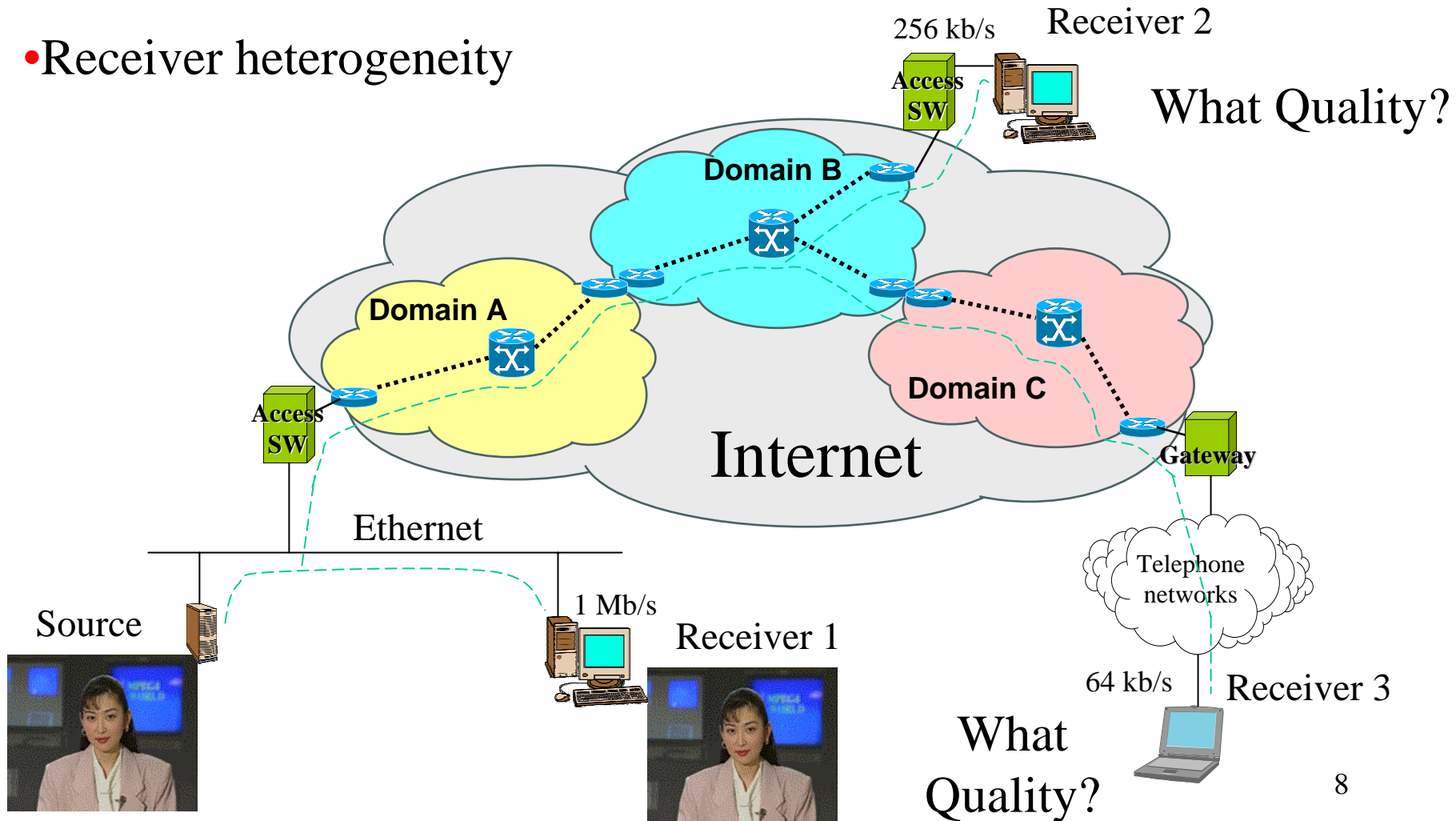


Multicast

Pros and cons?

Heterogeneity For Multicast

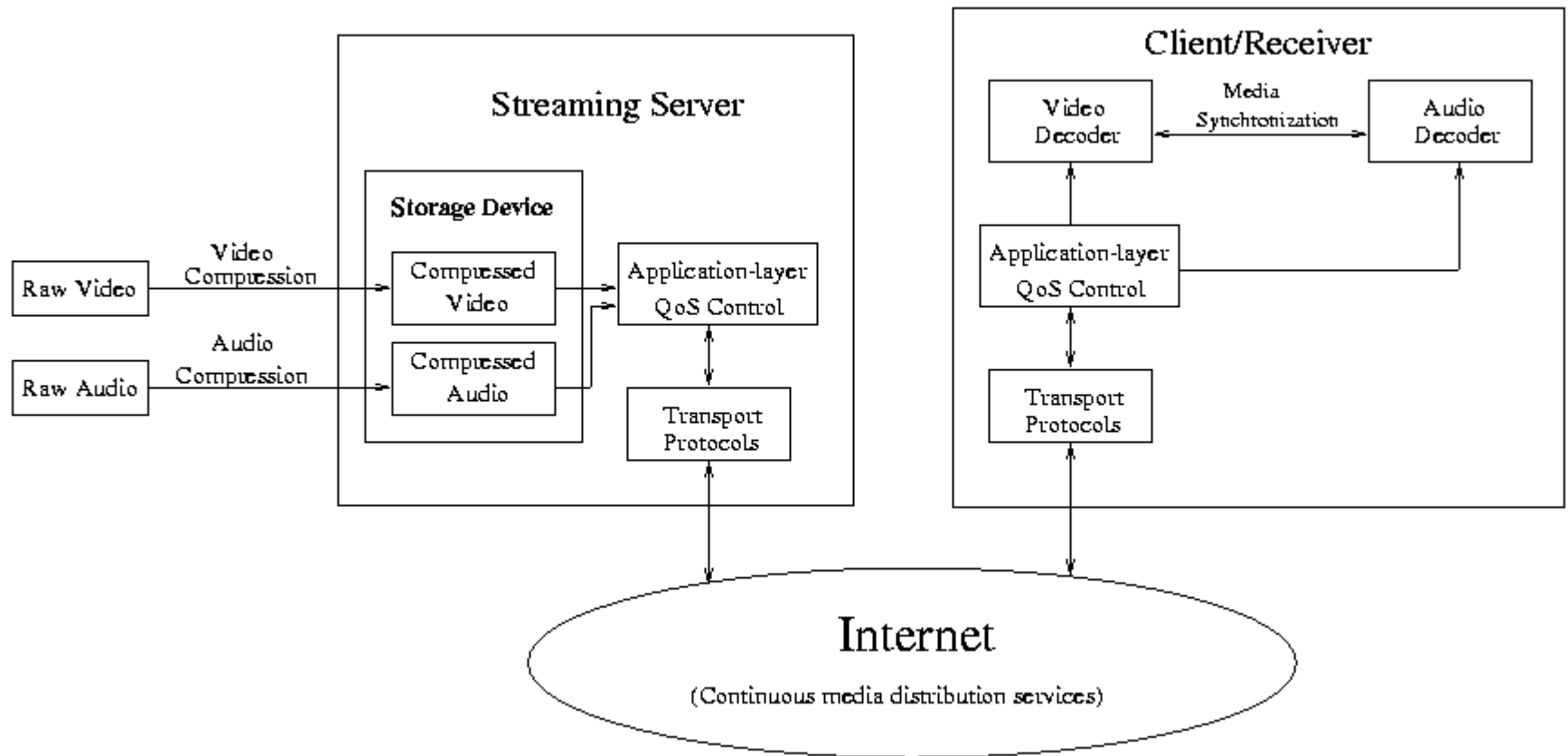
- Network heterogeneity
- Receiver heterogeneity



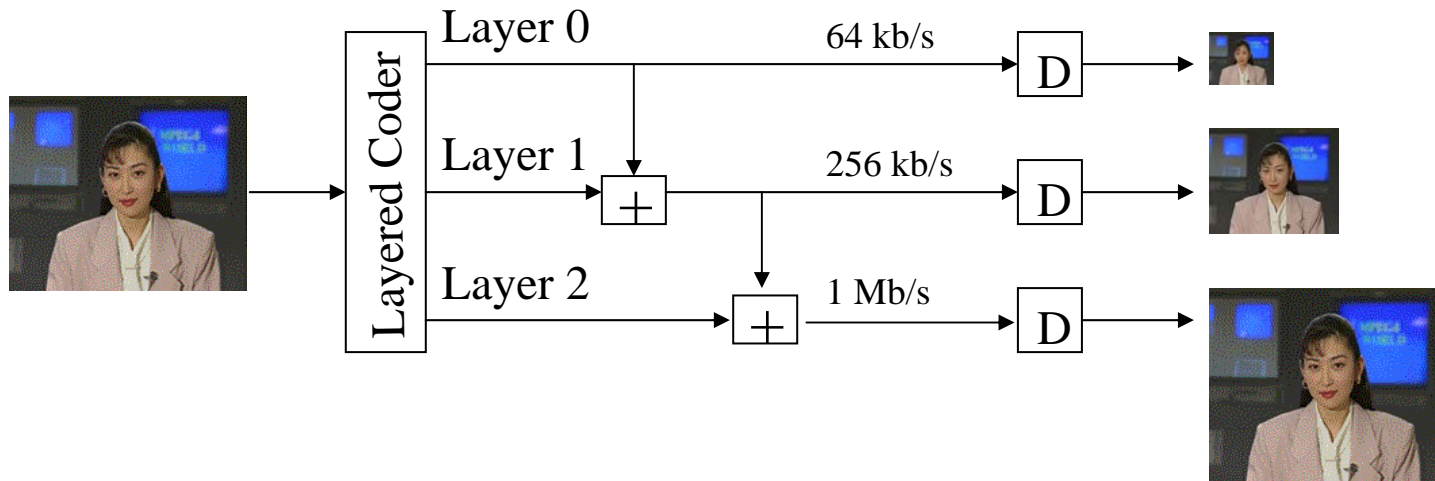
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Architecture for Video Streaming



Video Compression

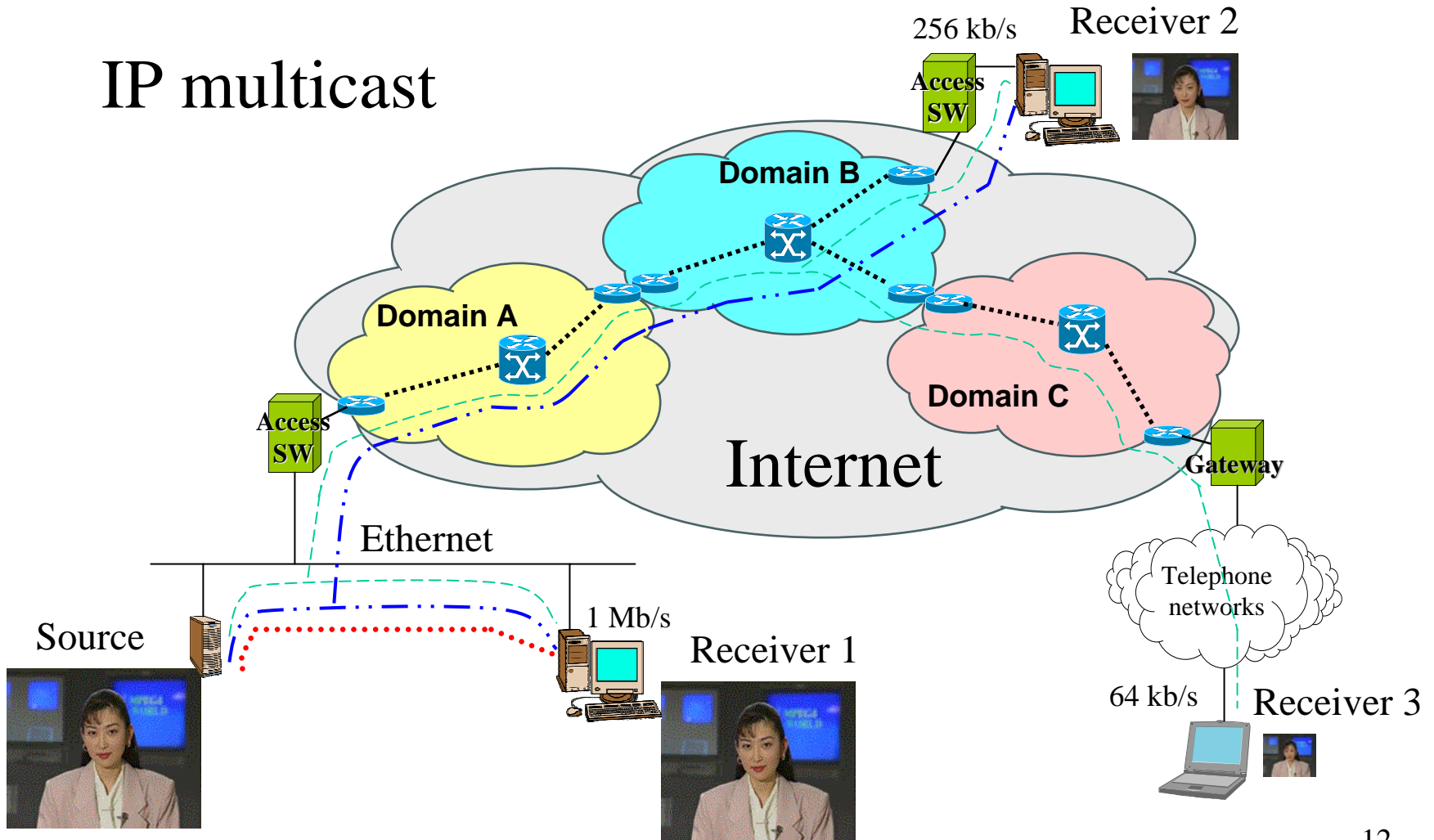


Layered video encoding/decoding.

D denotes the decoder.

Application of Layered Video

IP multicast

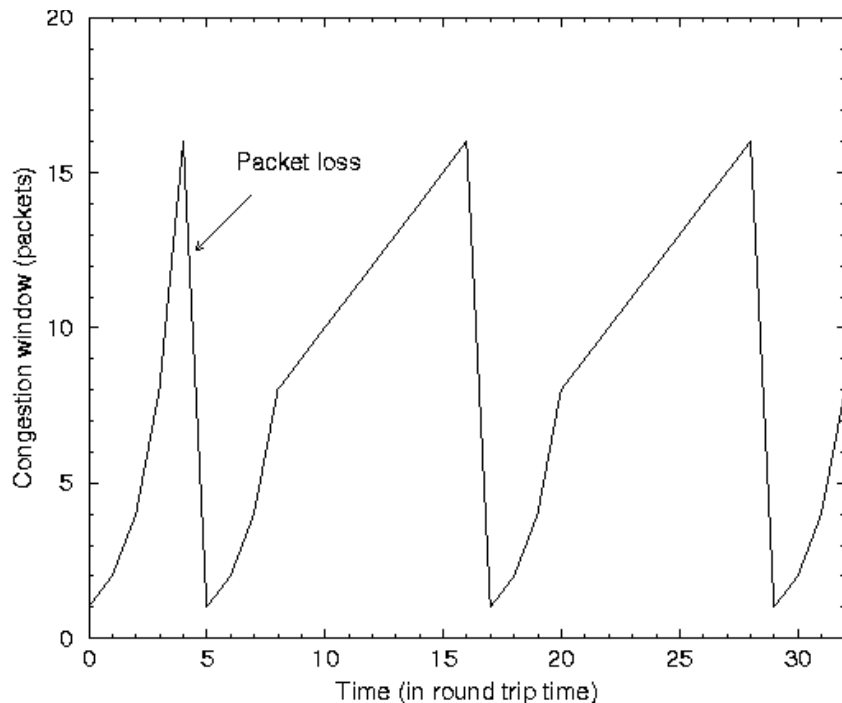


Application-layer QoS Control

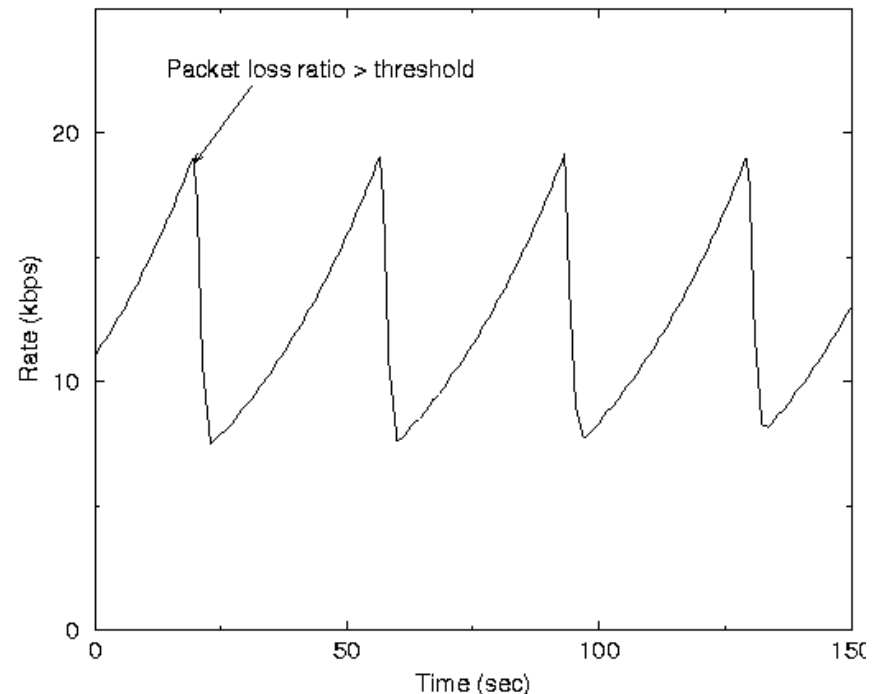
- Congestion control (using rate control):
 - Source-based, requires
 - rate-adaptive compression or
 - rate shaping
 - Receiver-based
 - Hybrid
- Error control:
 - Forward error correction (FEC)
 - Retransmission
 - Error resilient compression
 - Error concealment

Congestion Control

- Window-based vs. rate control (pros and cons?)

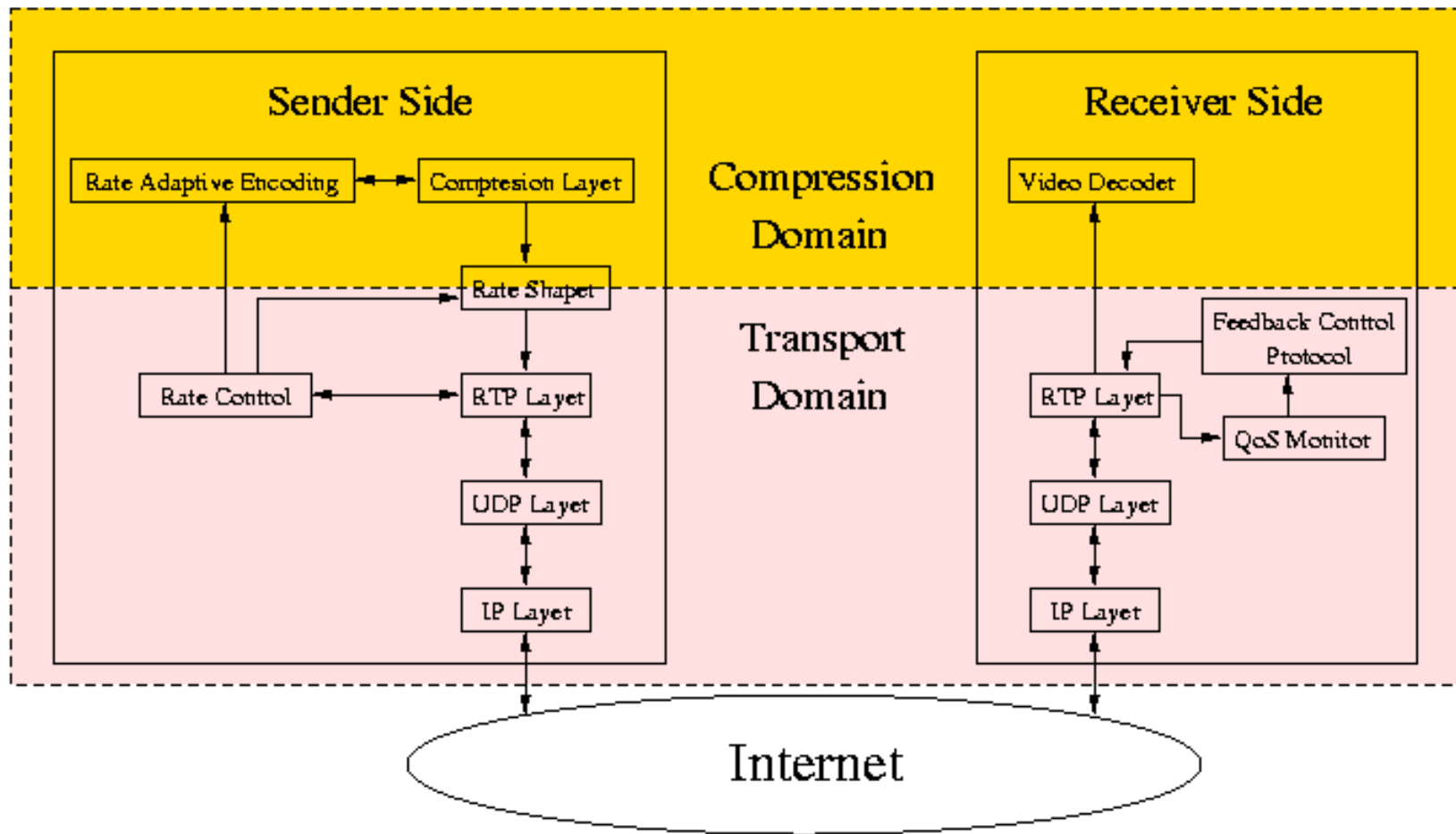


Window-based control



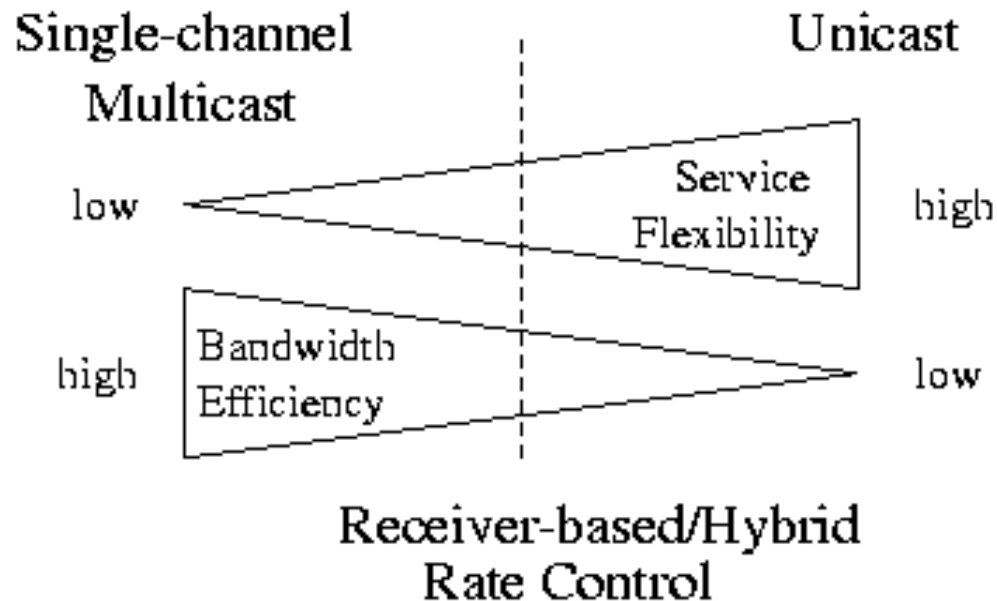
Rate control

Source-based Rate Control



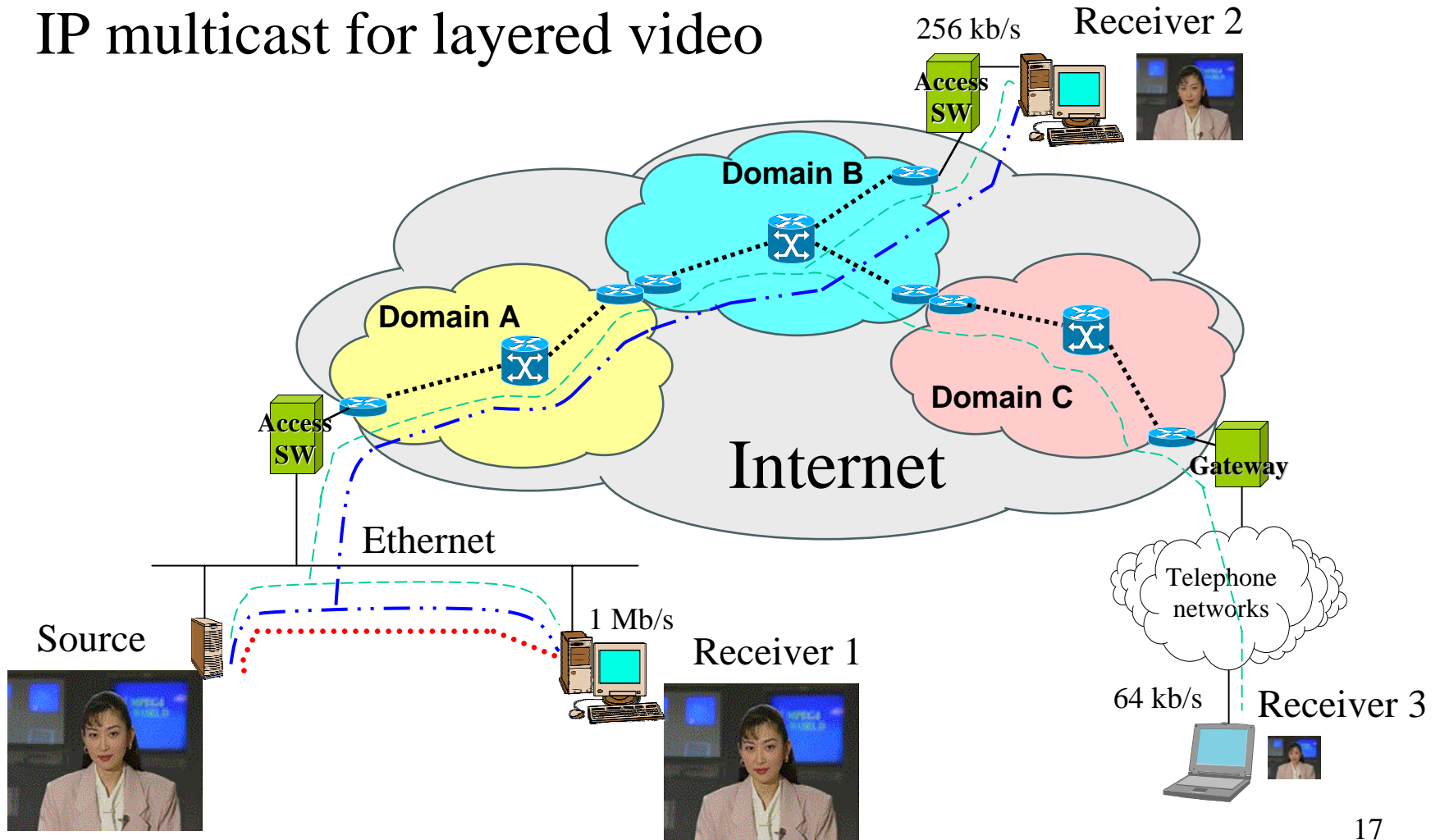
Video Multicast

- How to extend source-based rate control to multicast?
- Limitation of source-based rate control in multicast
- Trade-off between bandwidth efficiency and service flexibility



Receiver-based Rate Control

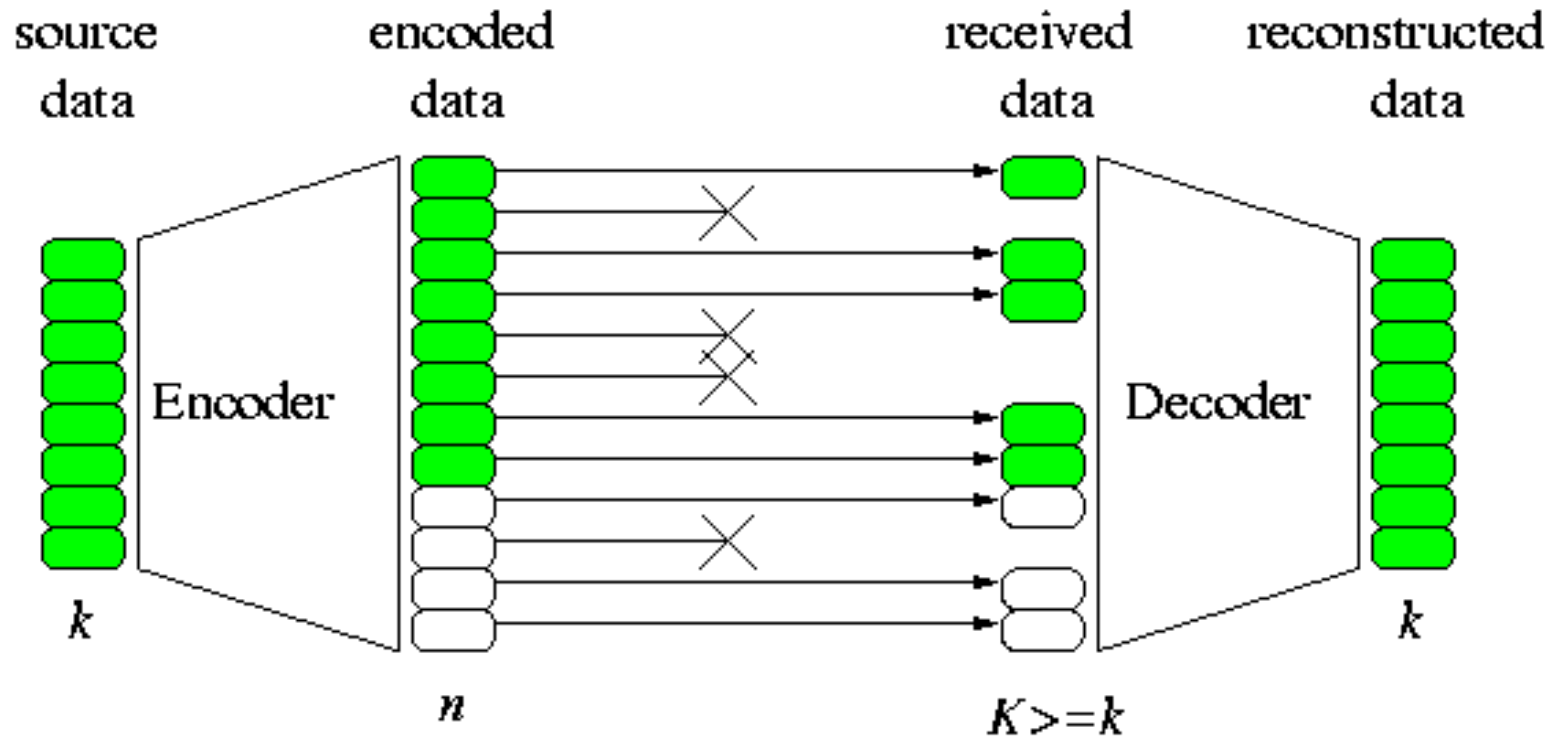
IP multicast for layered video



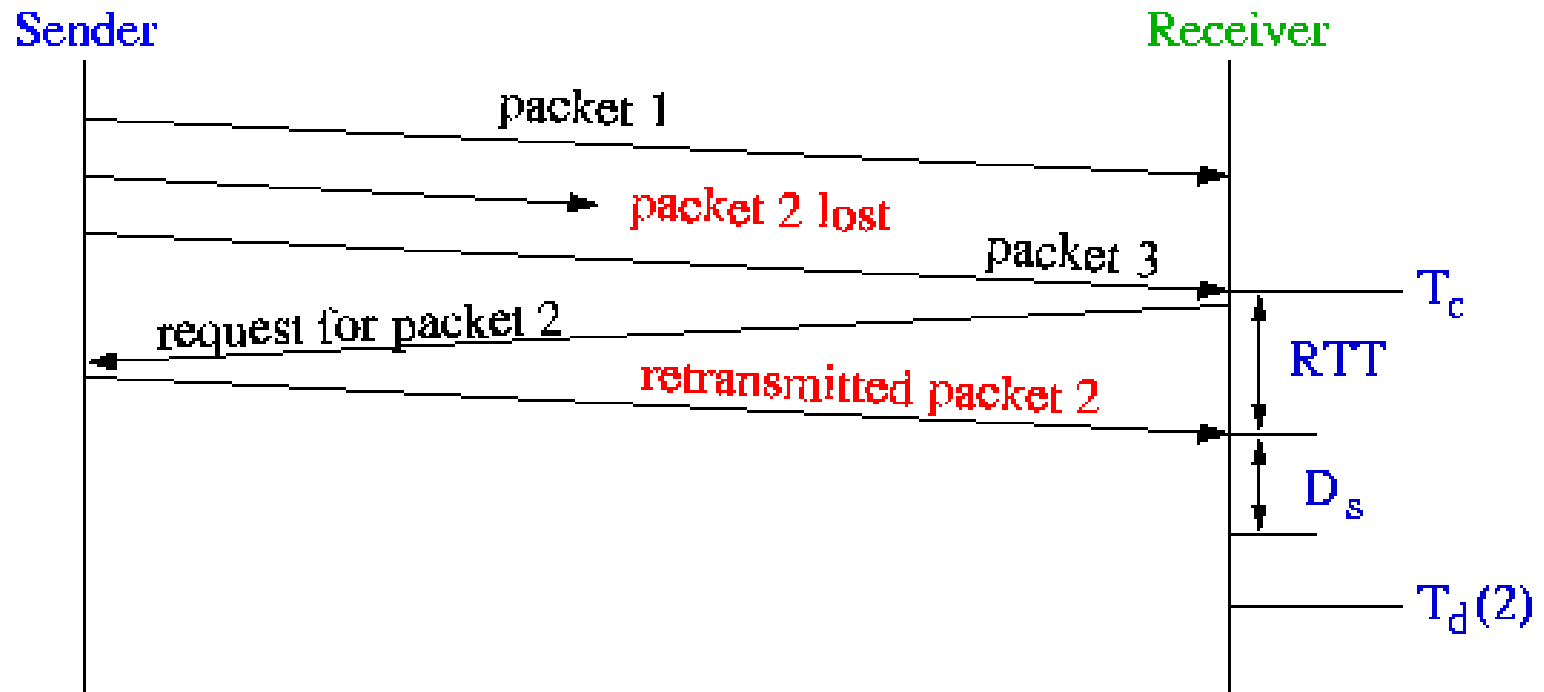
Error Control

- FEC
 - Channel coding
 - Source coding-based FEC
 - Joint source/channel coding
- Delay-constrained retransmission
- Error resilient compression
- Error concealment

Channel Coding



Delay-constrained Retransmission



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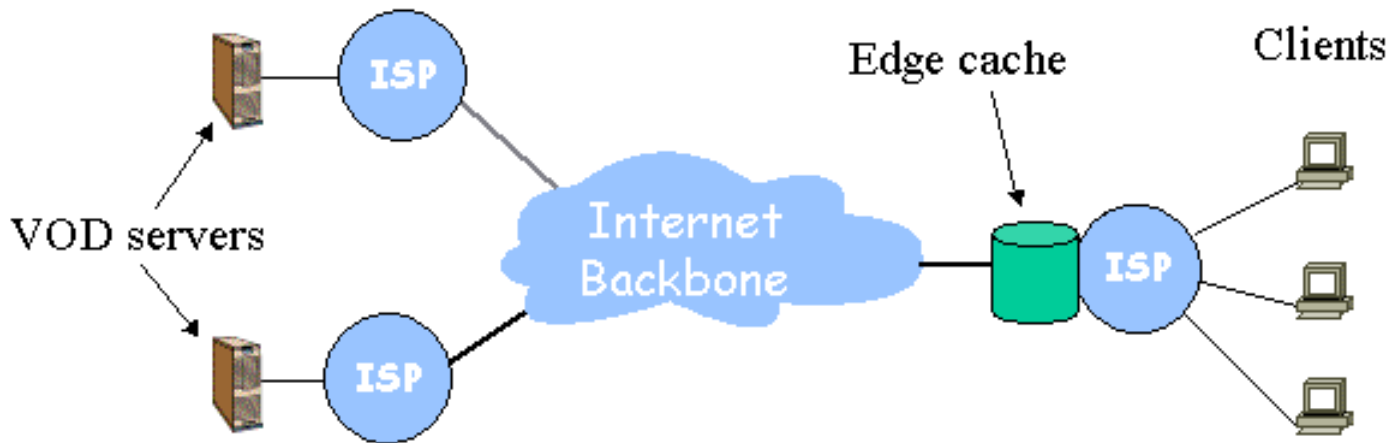
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Continuous Media Distribution Services

- Content replication (caching & mirroring)
- Network filtering/shaping/thinning
- Application-level multicast (overlay networks)

Caching

- What is caching?
- Why using caching? WWW means World Wide Wait?
- Pros and cons?



VOD: video-on-demand
ISP: Internet service provider

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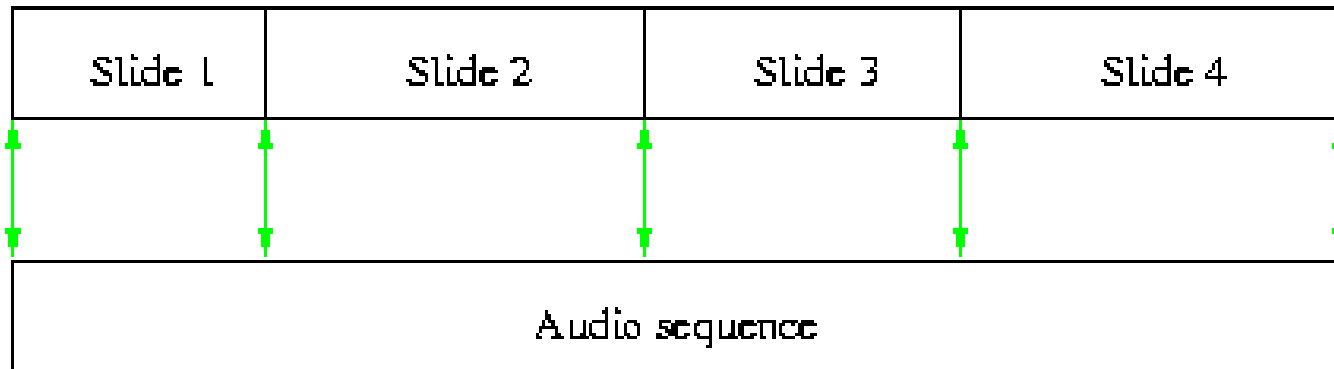
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Streaming Server

- Different from a web server
 - Timing constraints
 - Video-cassette-recorder (VCR) functions (e.g., fast forward/backward, random access, and pause/resume).
- Design of streaming servers
 - Real-time operating system
 - Special disk scheduling schemes

Media Synchronization

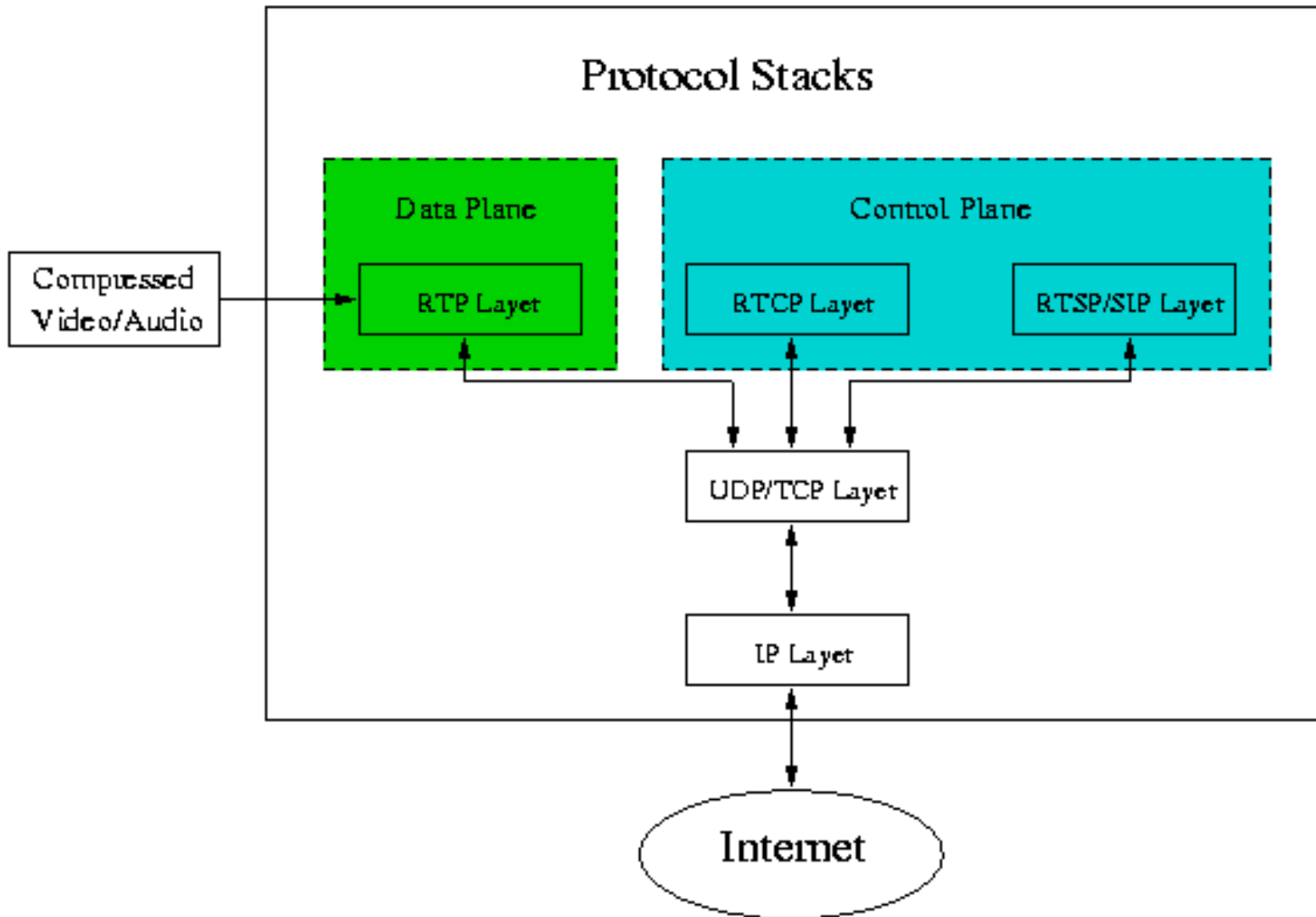
- Why media synchronization?
- Example: lip-synchronization (video/audio)



Protocols for Streaming Video

- Network-layer protocol: Internet Protocol (IP)
- Transport protocol:
 - Lower layer: UDP & TCP
 - Upper layer: Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) & Real-Time Control Protocol (RTCP)
- Session control protocol:
 - Real-Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP): RealPlayer
 - Session Initiation Protocol (SIP): Microsoft Windows MediaPlayer; Internet telephony

Protocol Stacks



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 - Time-varying delay
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Homework

- Reading assignment: Chap. 15