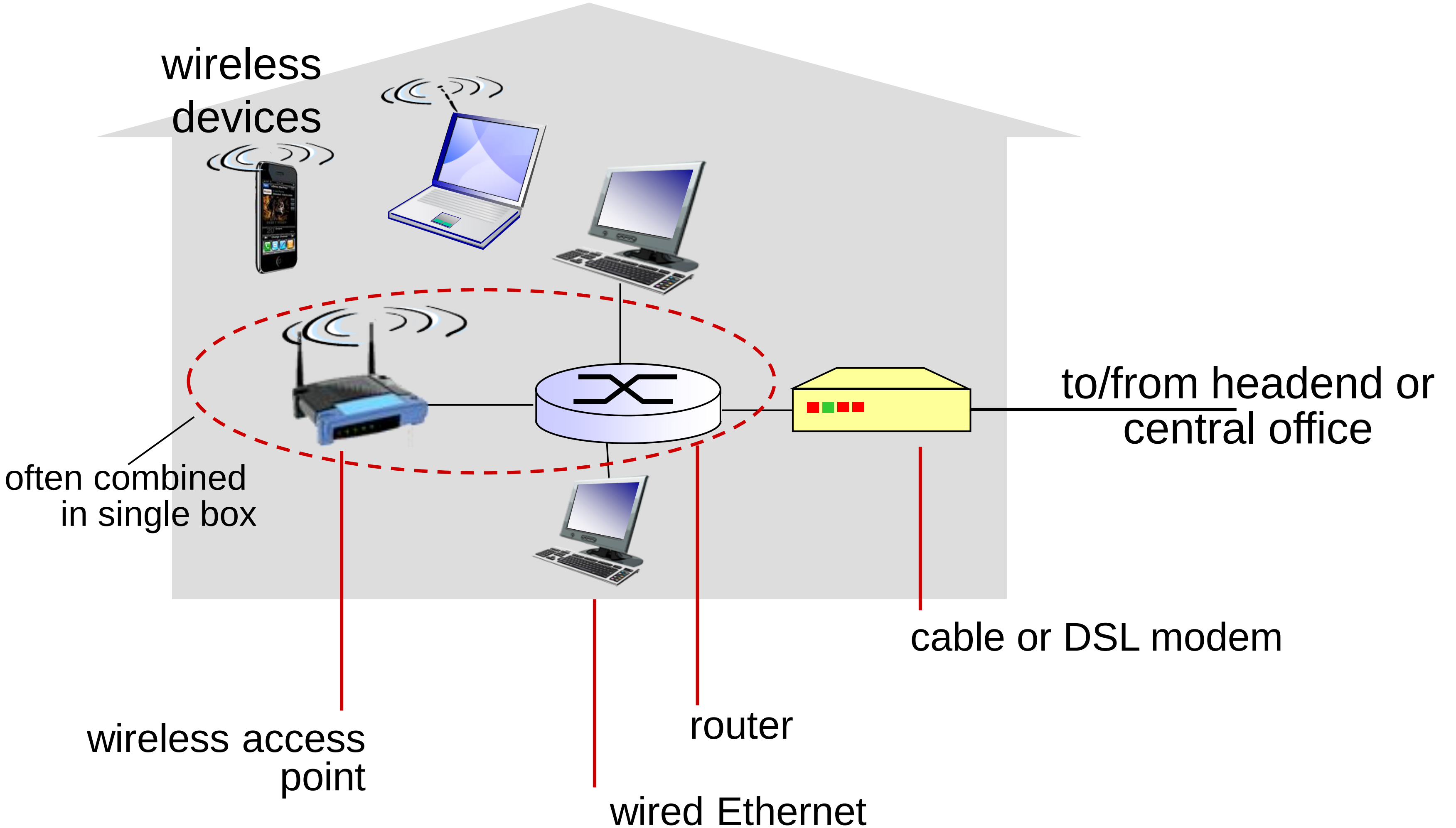
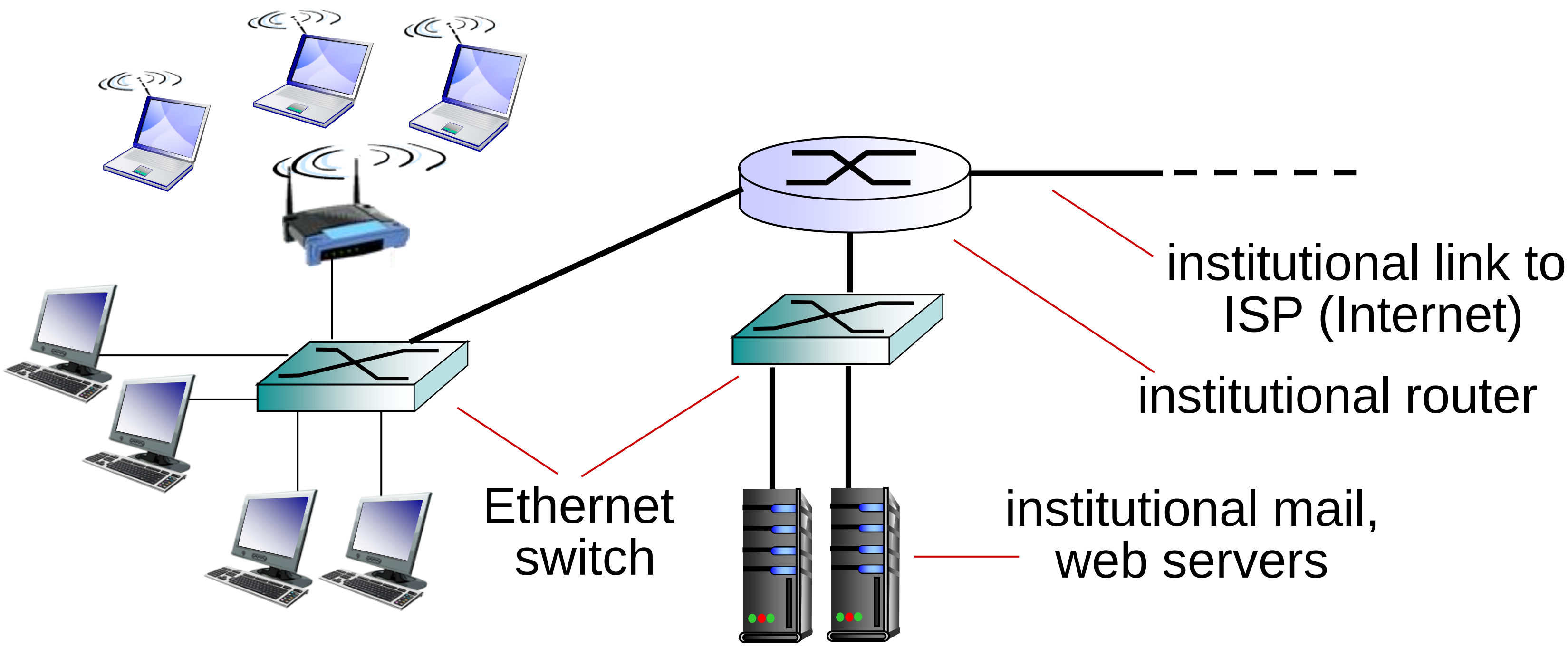
Access net: home network



Enterprise access networks (Ethernet)



- typically used in companies, universities, etc
- 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps transmission rates
- today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

Wireless access networks

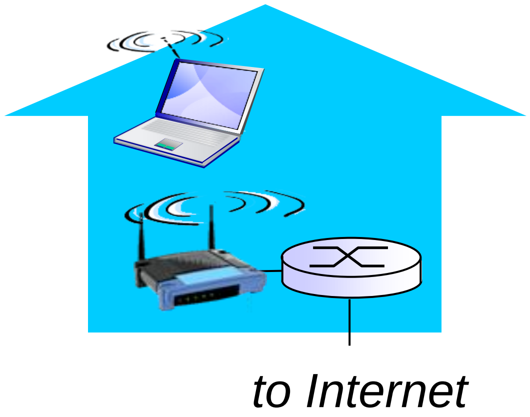
- shared *wireless* access network connects end system to router
  - via base station aka "access point"

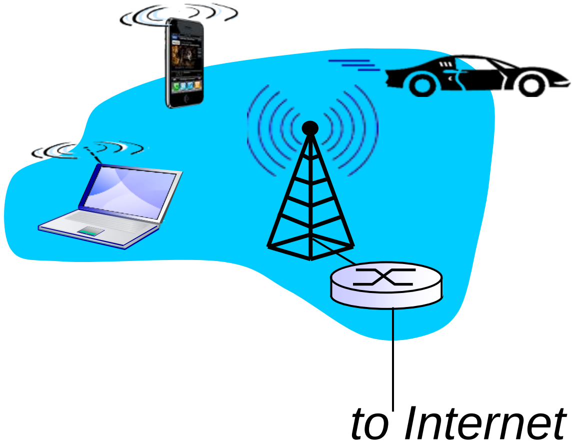
wireless LANs:

- within building (100 ft)
- 802.11b/g/n/ac/ax
- 11, 54, 450, 1730, 2400 Mbps transmission rate

wide-area wireless access

- provided by telco (cellular) operator, several miles
- 3G, 4G, 5G
- 7.2, 150, 1000 Mbps





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- packet switching, circuit switching, network structure

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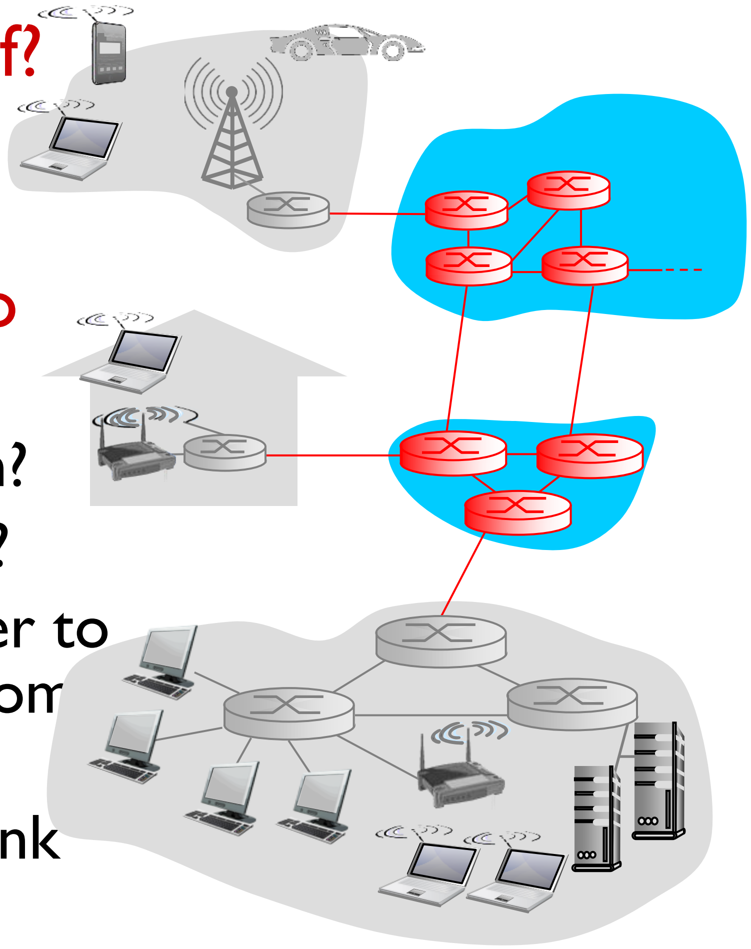
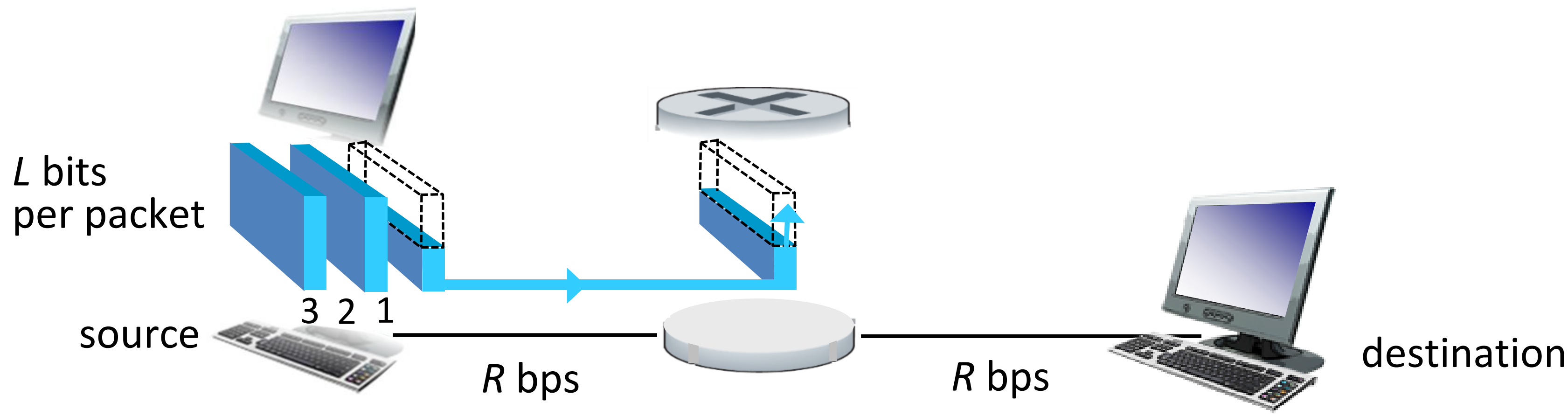
The network core

- What is the core comprised of?
  - mesh of interconnected routers
- packet-switching: hosts break application-layer messages into *packets*
  - Why do we need to break them?
  - Where else can they be broken?
  - forward packets from one router to the next, across links on path from source to destination
  - each packet transmitted at full link capacity



Packet-switching: store-and-forward



- Why store-and-forward?
- takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L-bit packet into link at R bps
- *store and forward:* entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- end-end delay = $2L/R$ (assuming zero propagation delay)

more on delay shortly …

one-hop numerical example:

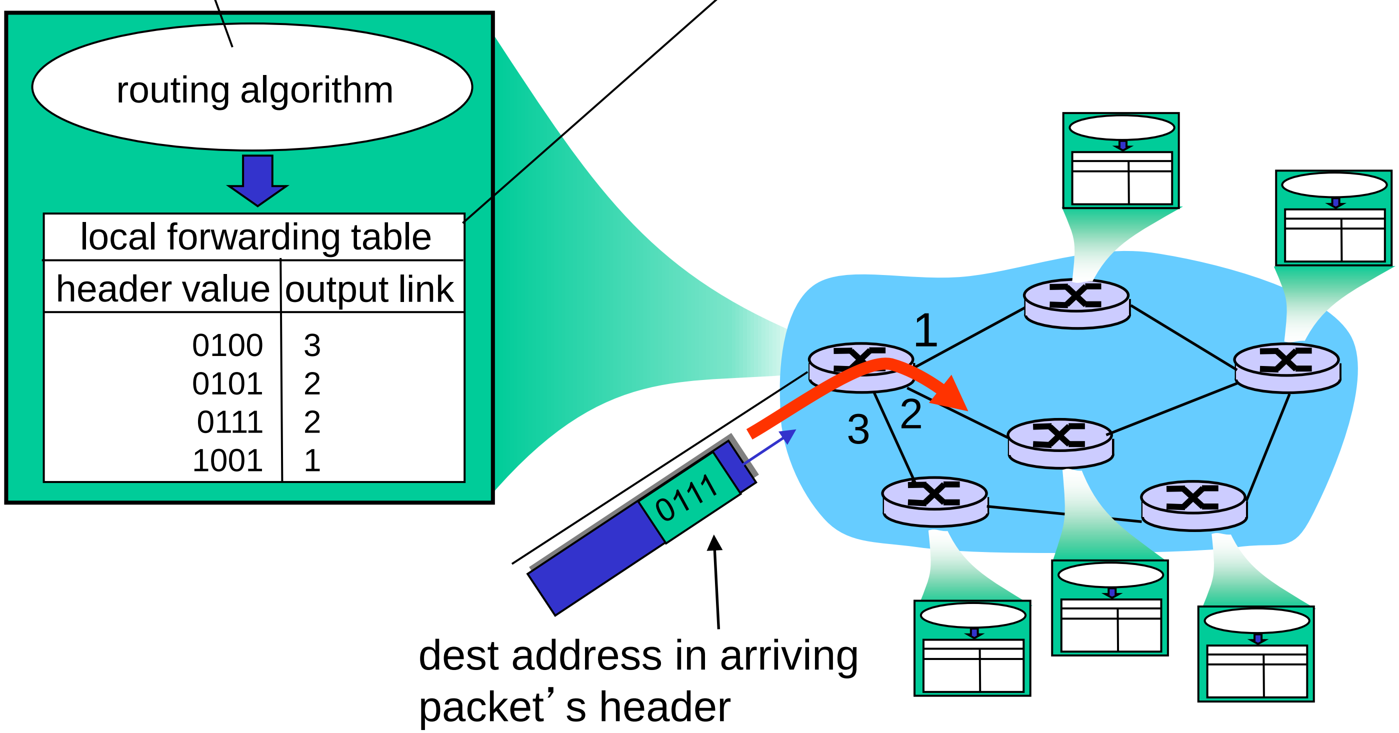
- L = 7.5 Mbits
- R = 1.5 Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

Two key network-core functions

routing: determines source-destination route taken by packets

- *routing algorithms*

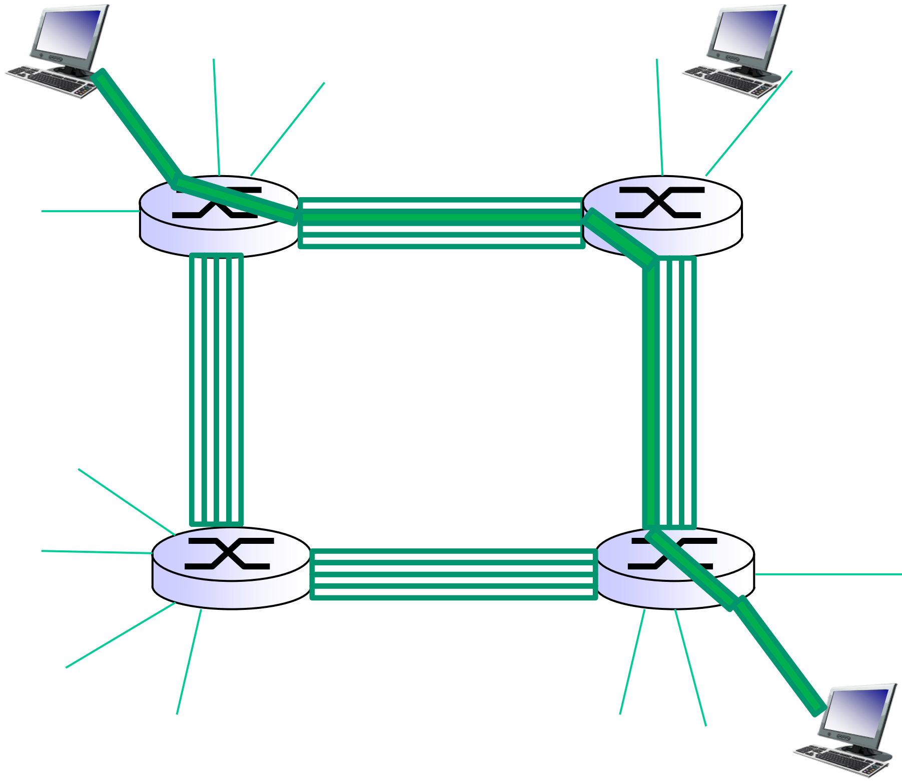
forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output



Alternative core: circuit switching

end-end resources allocated to, reserved for "call" between source & dest:

- In diagram, each link has four circuits.
  - call gets 2nd circuit in top link and 1st circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
  - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call *(no sharing)*
- Commonly used in traditional telephone networks

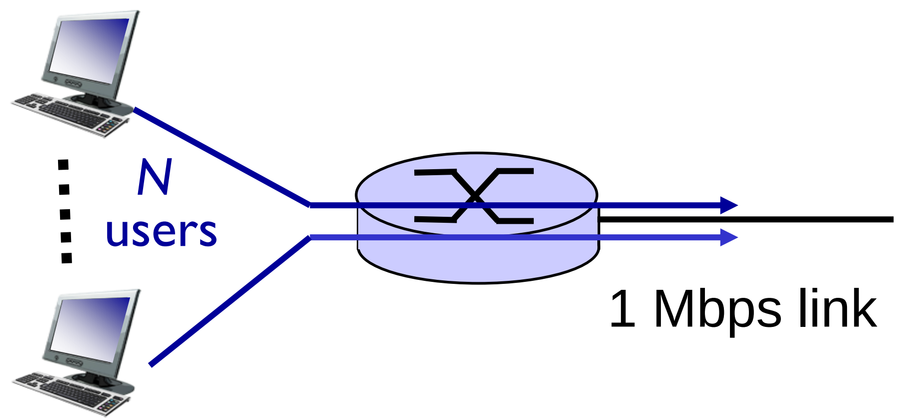


Packet switching versus circuit switching

packet switching allows more users to use network!

example:

- 1 Mb/s link
- each user:
  - 100 kb/s when "active"
  - active 10% of time



- *circuit-switching:*
  - How many users can you support?
    - 10 users
- *packet switching:*
  - How many can you support now?
    - with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004

What if a single user sends at 1 Mb/s?

- 35C1 * (0.1)*(0.9)^34 = 9.7%

Packet switching versus circuit switching

is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

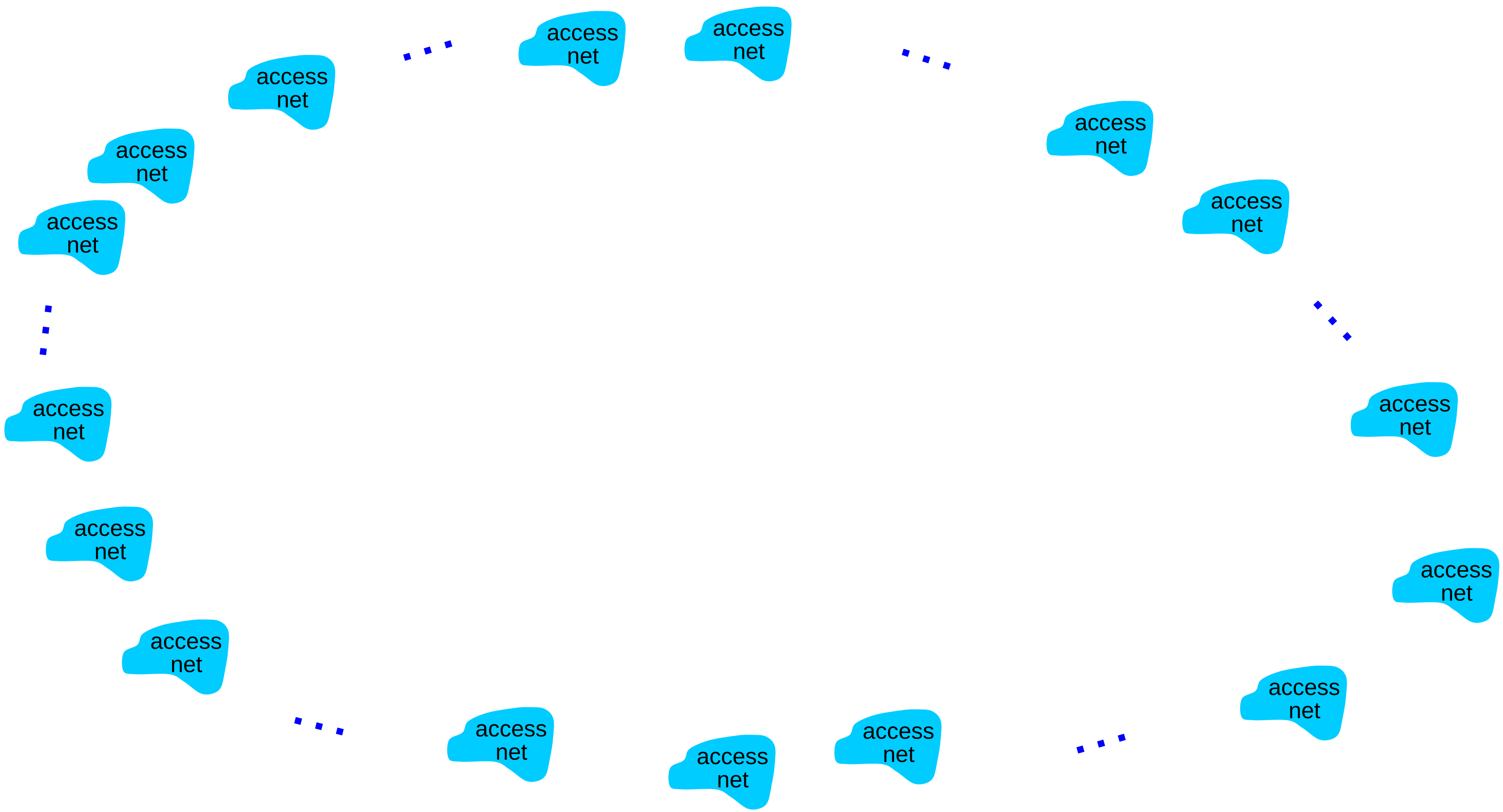
- great for bursty data
  - resource sharing
  - simpler, no call setup
- excessive congestion possible: packet delay and loss
  - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- *Q:* How to provide circuit-like behavior?
  - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
  - still an unsolved problem

Internet structure: network of networks

- End systems connect to Internet via access ISPs (Internet Service Providers)
  - Residential, company and university ISPs
- Access ISPs in turn must be interconnected.
  - So that any two hosts can send packets to each other
- Resulting network of networks is very complex
  - Evolution was driven by economics and national policies
- Let's take a stepwise approach to describe current Internet structure

Internet structure: network of networks

Question: given *millions* of access ISPs, how to connect them together?



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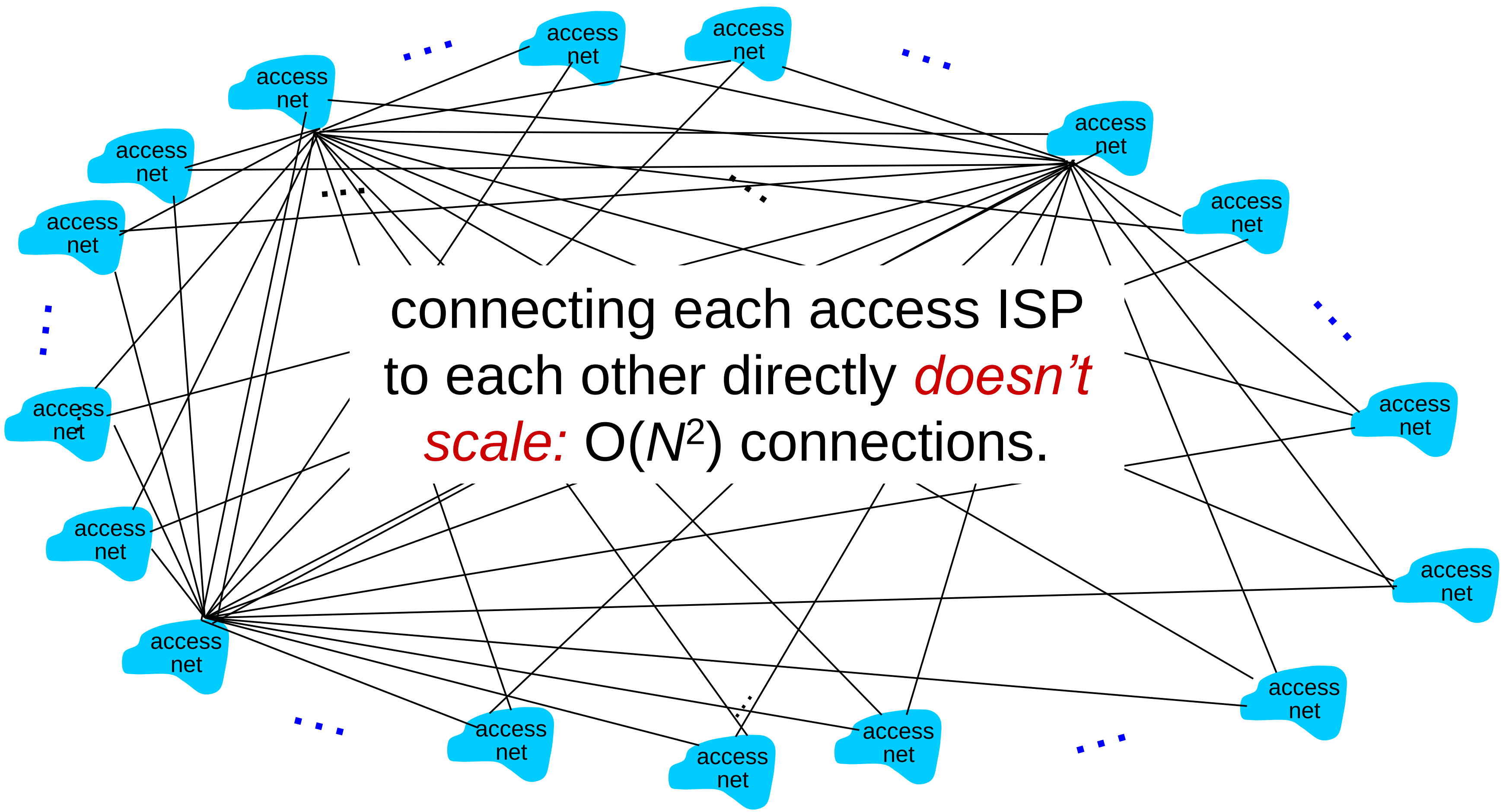
Option: connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



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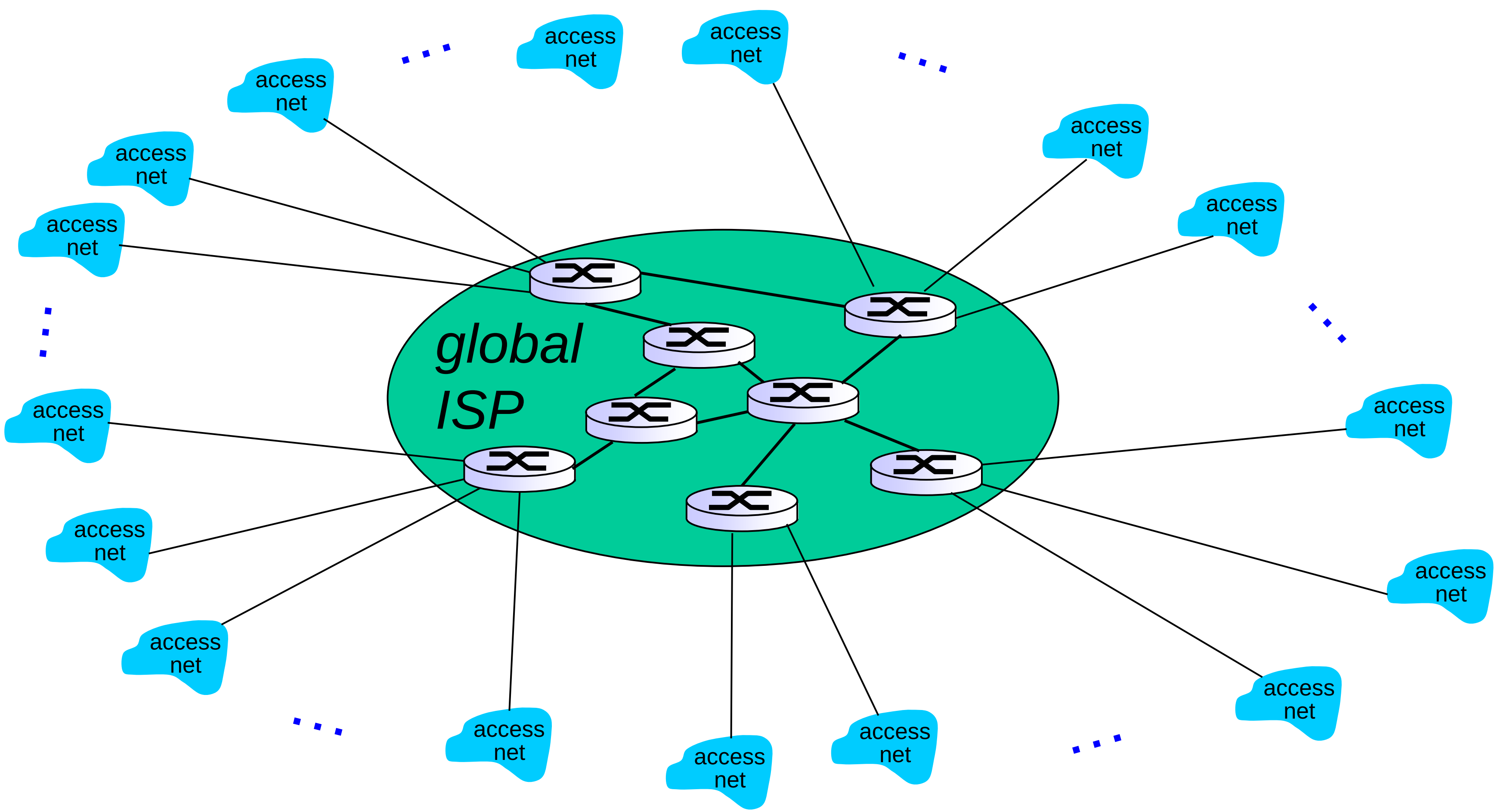
Option: connect each access ISP to a global transit ISP? Customer and provider ISPs have economic agreement.



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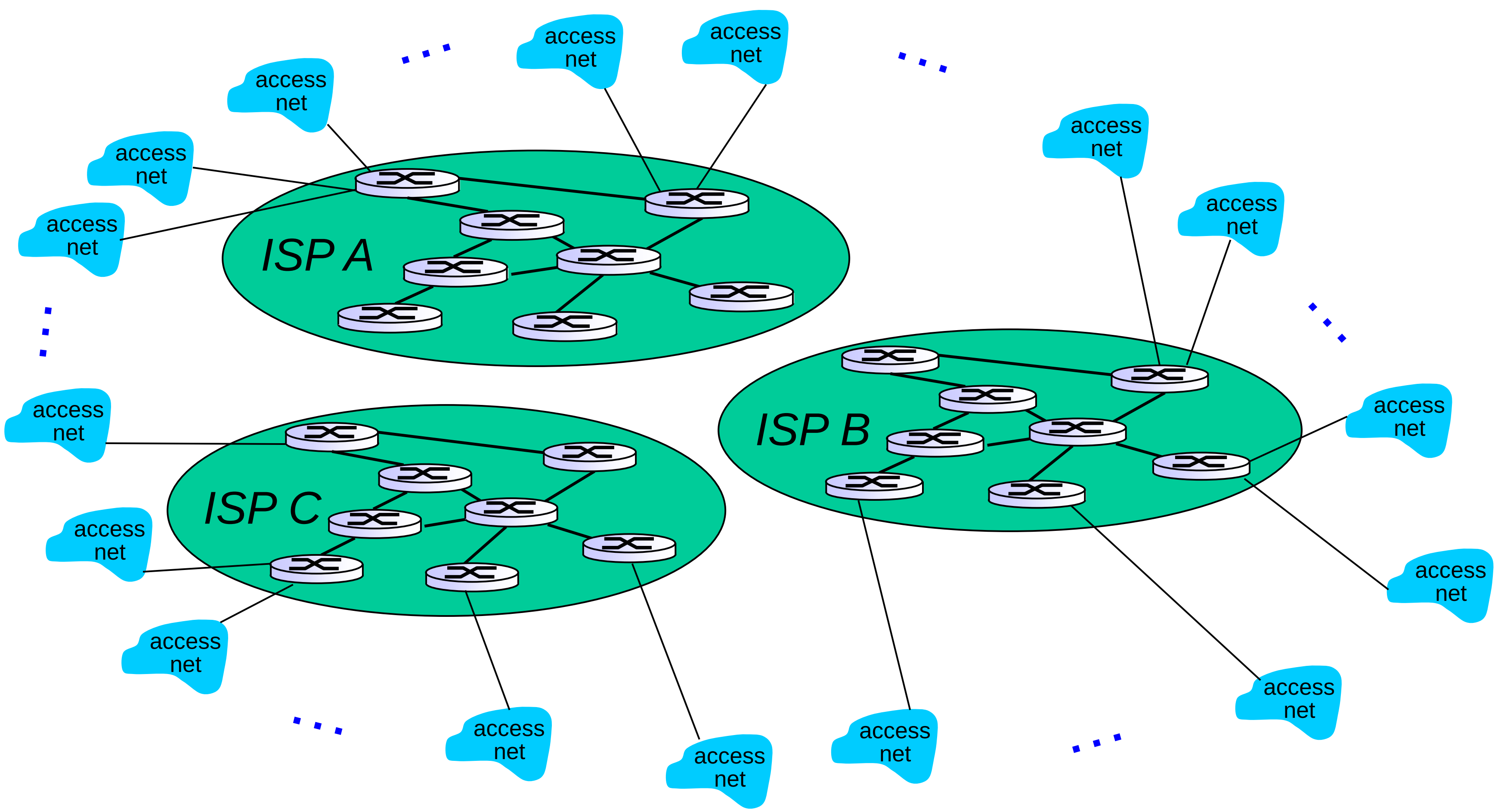
But if one global ISP is viable business, there will be competitors ….



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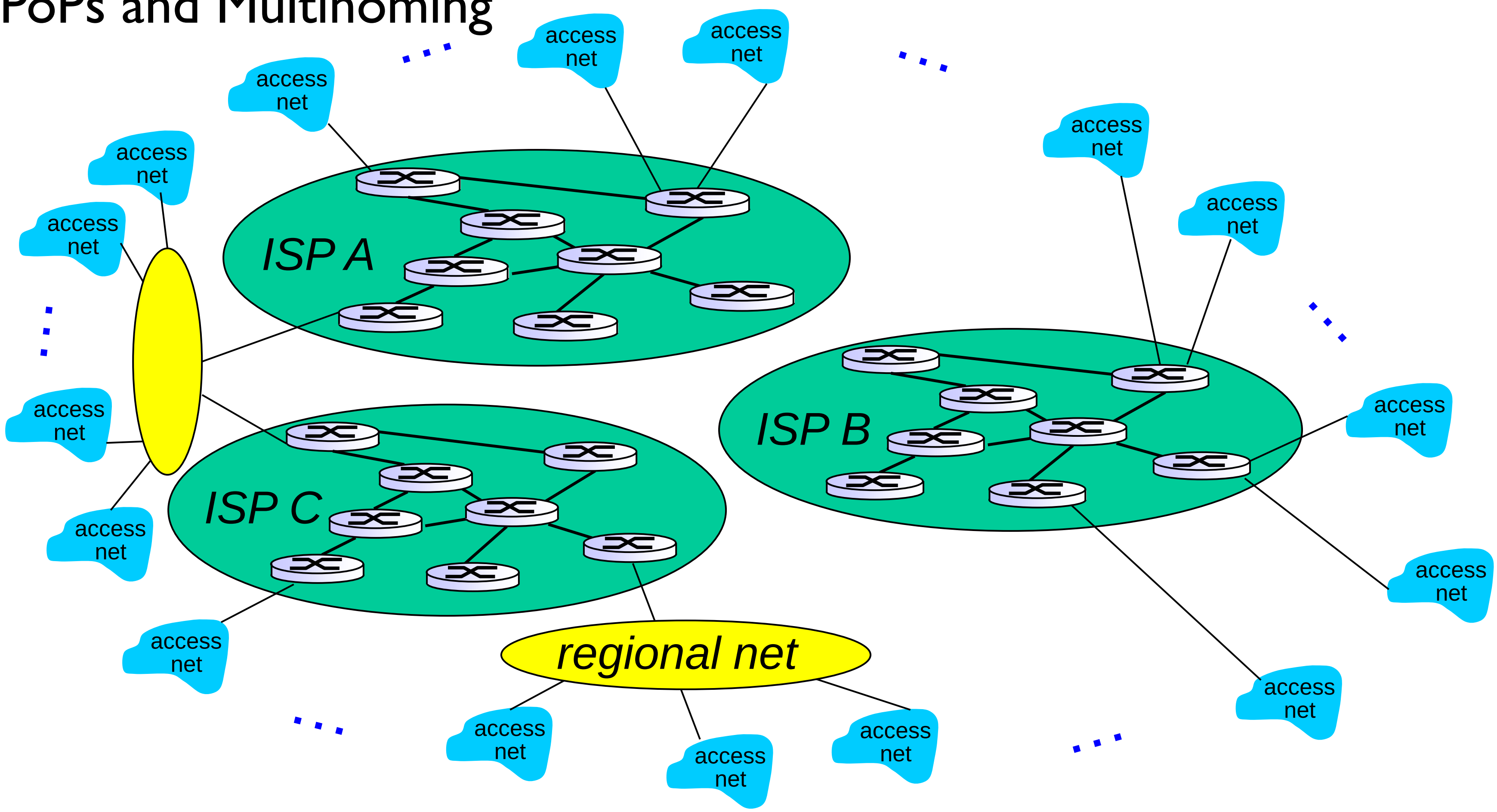
… and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPS

PoPs and Multihoming



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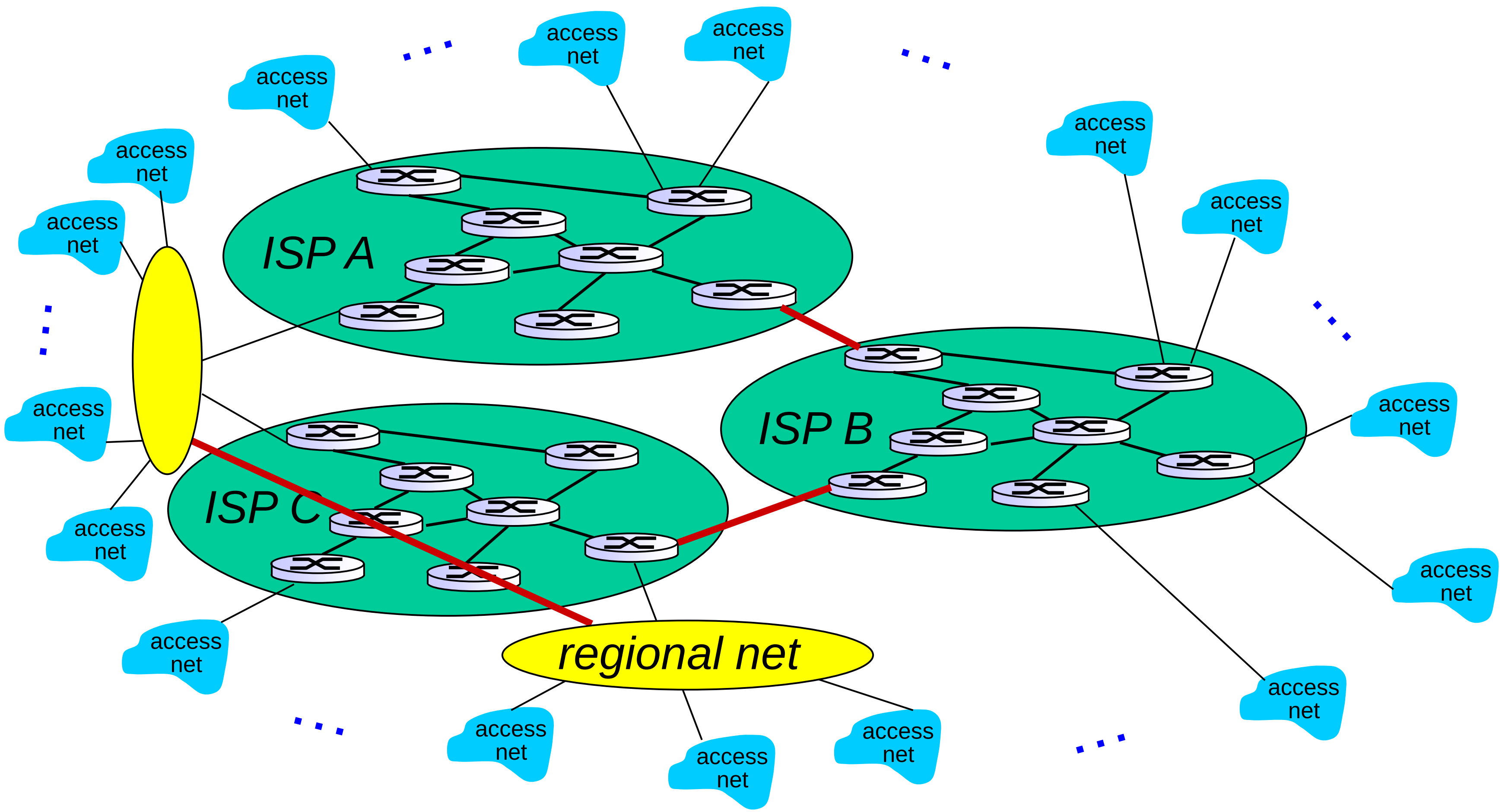
Peering



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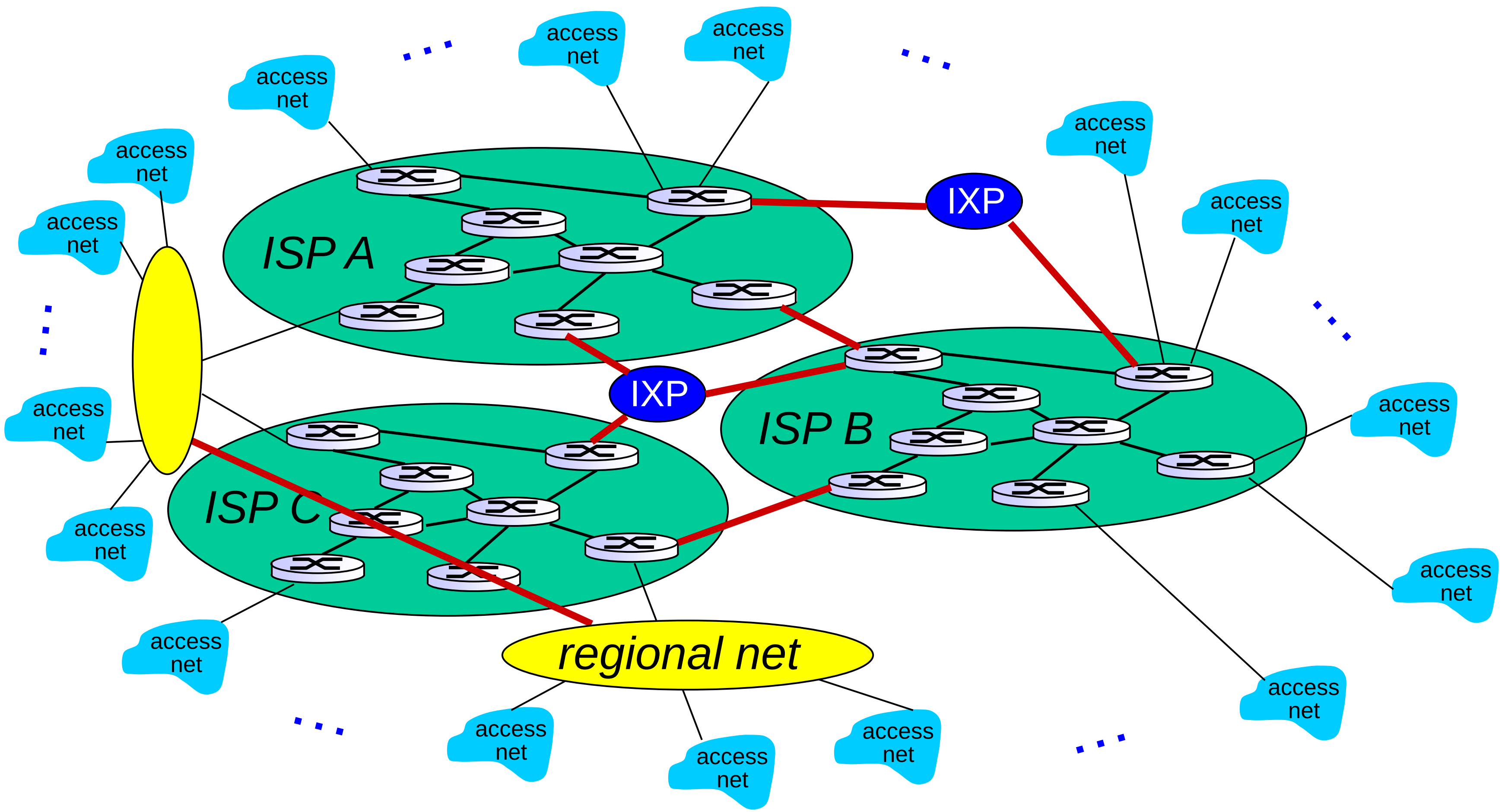
Internet Exchange Points



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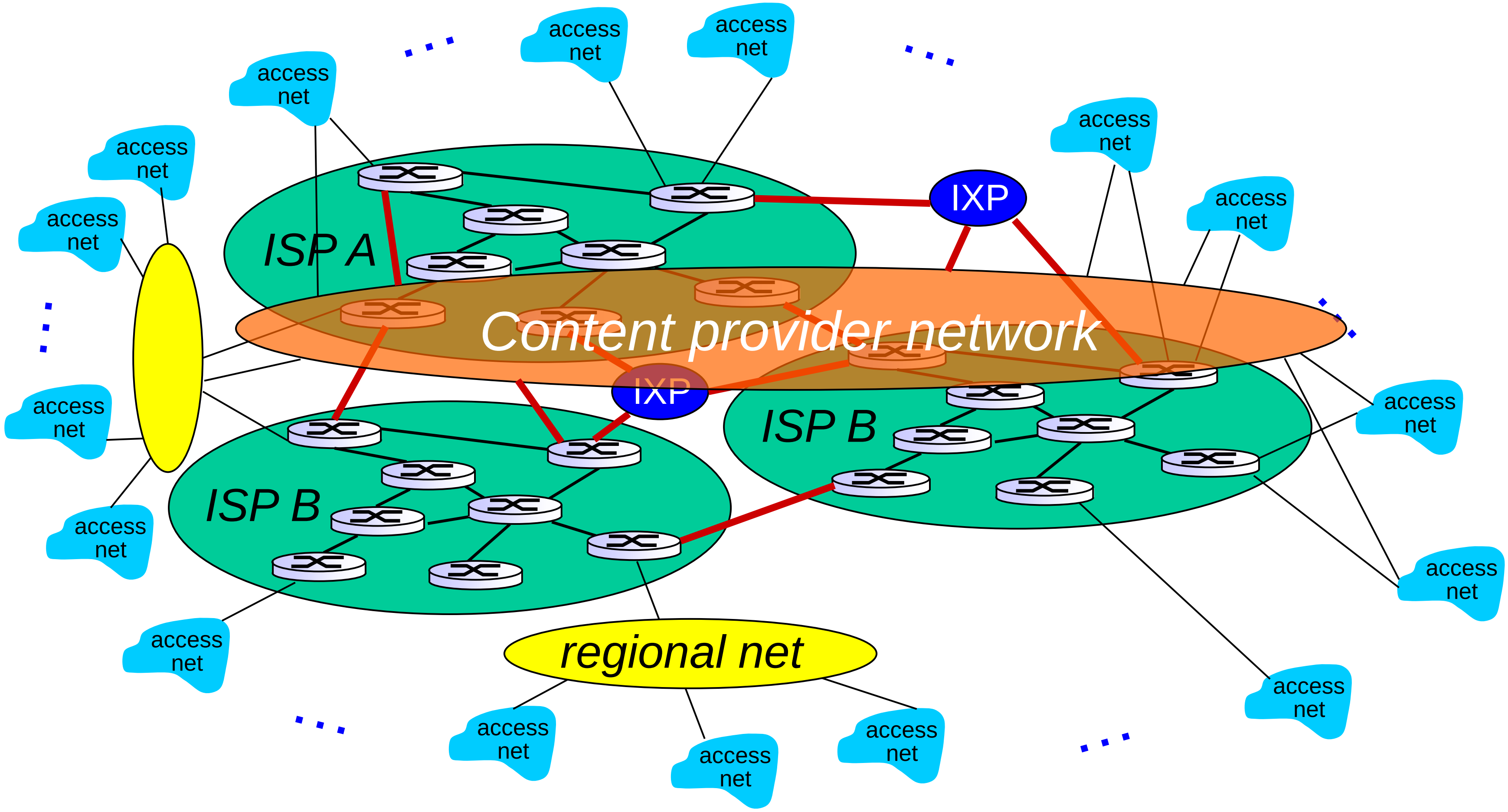
… and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users



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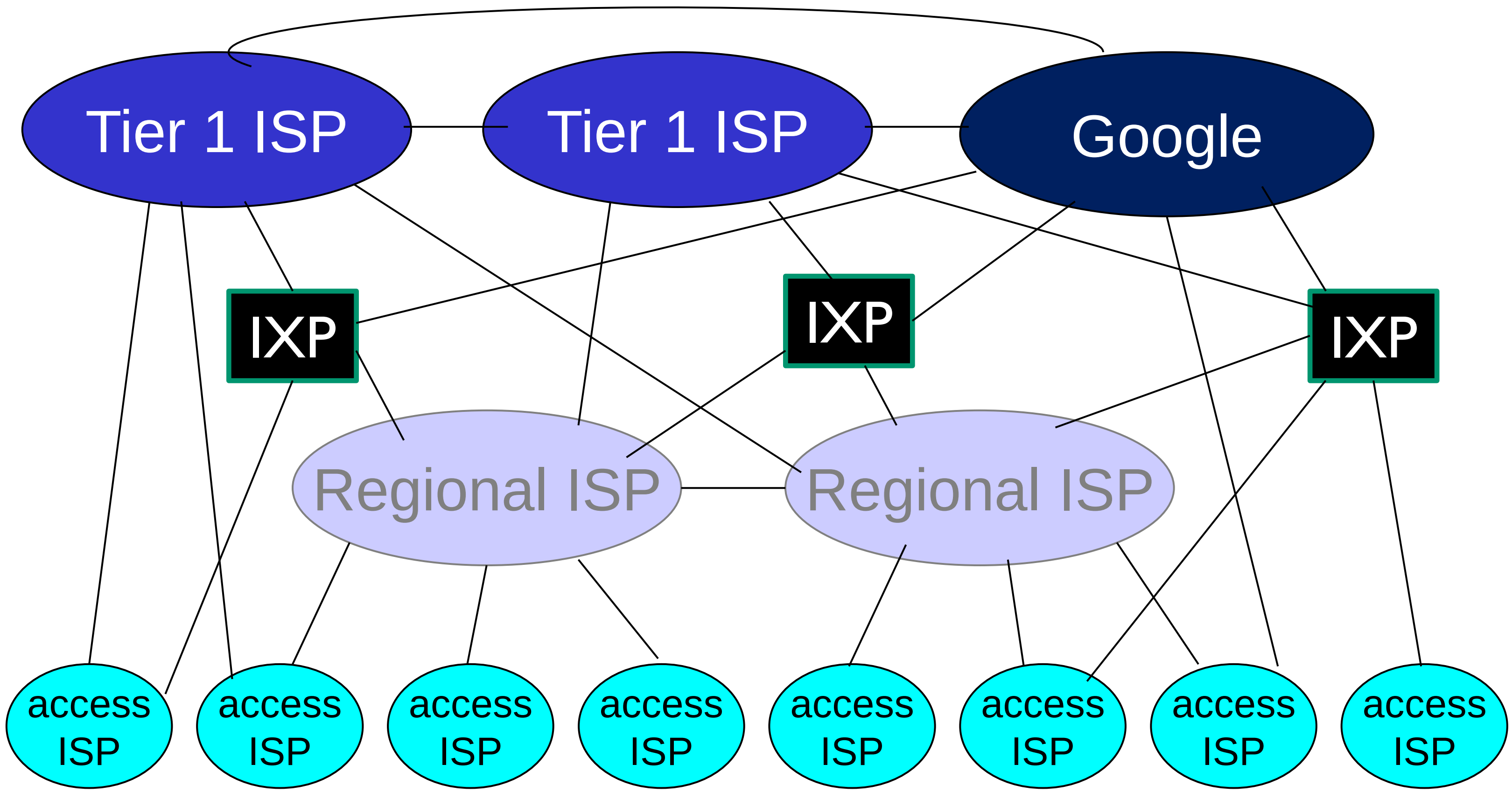

- at center: small # of well-connected large networks
  - "tier-1" commercial ISPs (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
  - content provider network (e.g, Google): private network that connects it data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs

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