

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

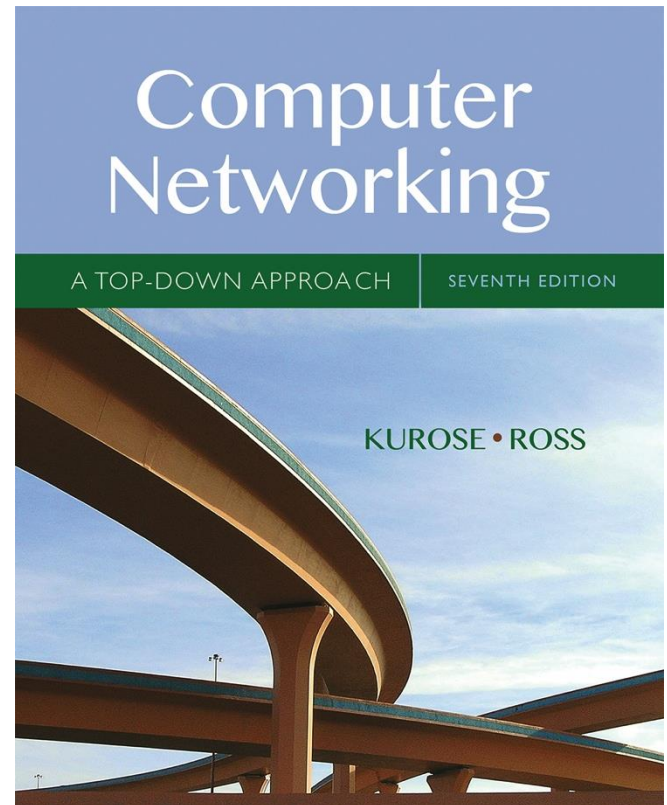
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# Chapter 1: roadmap

1.1 *what is the Internet?*

1.2 network edge

- end systems, access networks, links

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- packet switching, circuit switching, network structure

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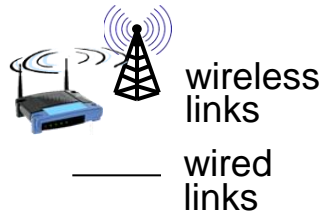
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# What's the Internet: “nuts and bolts” view



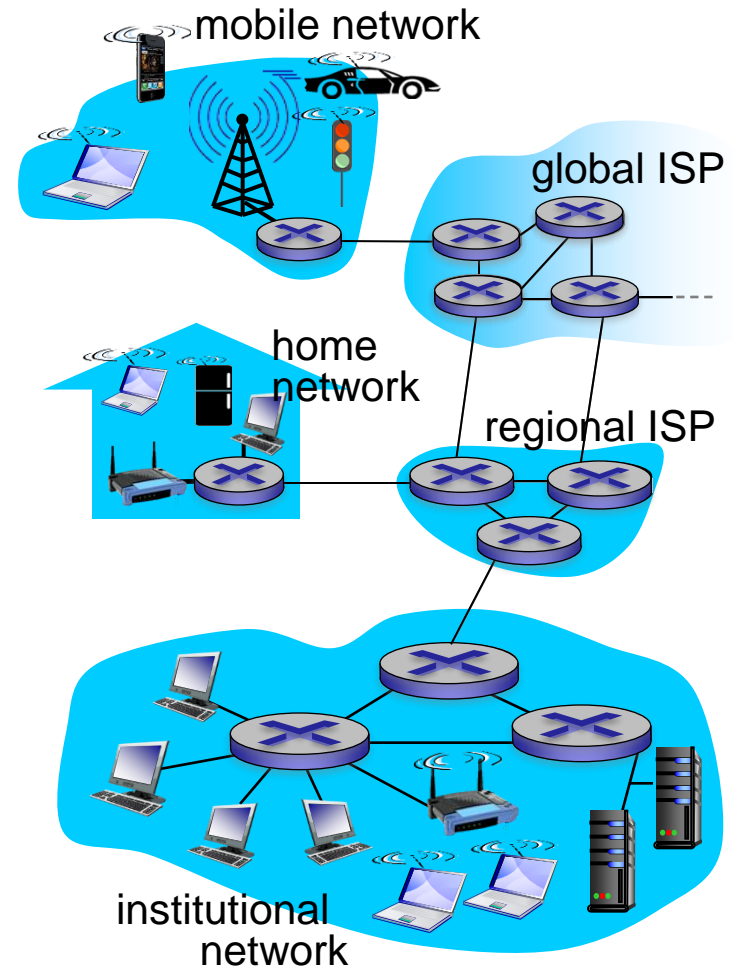
- billions of connected computing devices:
  - *hosts* = *end systems*
  - running *network apps*



- *communication links*
  - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
  - transmission rate: *bandwidth*

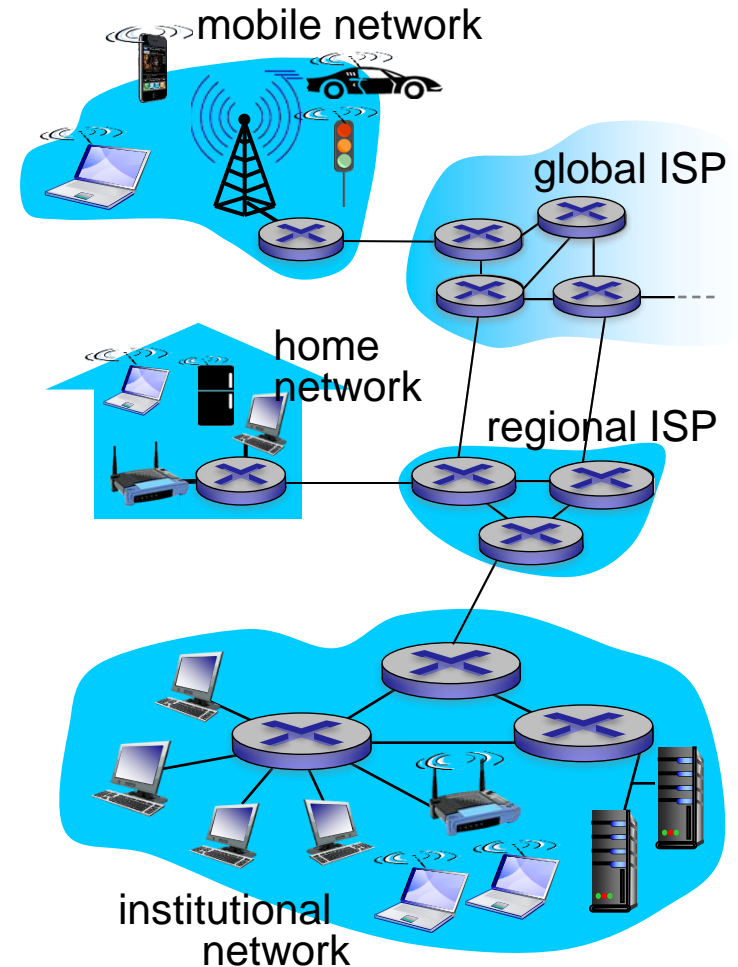


- *packet switches*: forward packets (chunks of data)
  - *routers* and *switches*



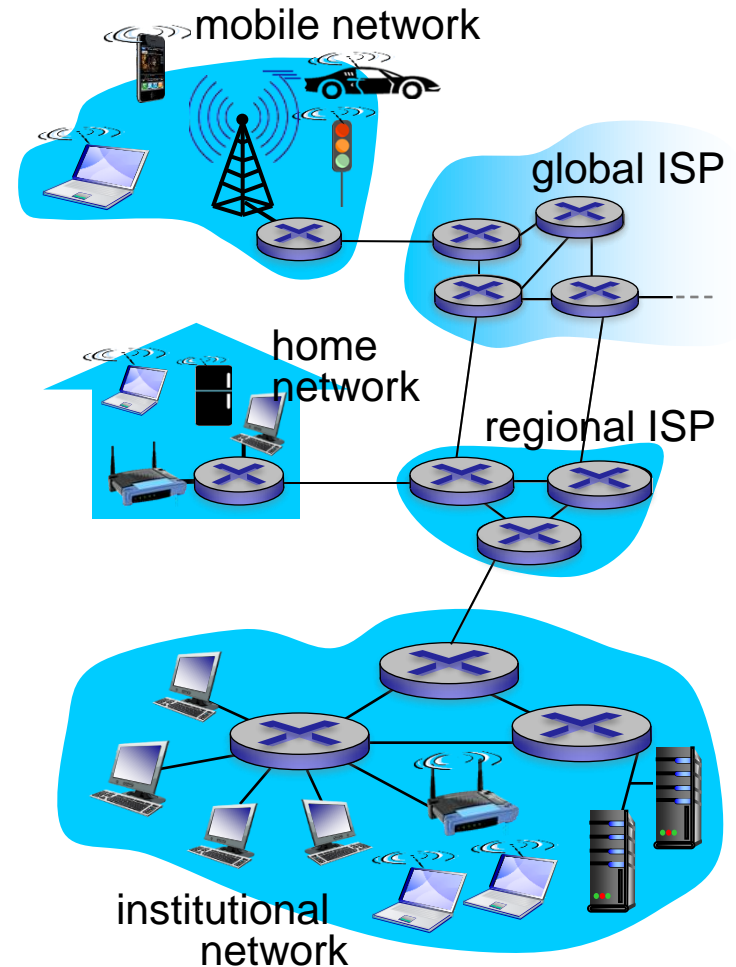
# What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

- **Internet: "network of networks"**
  - Interconnected ISPs
- **protocols** control sending, receiving of messages
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, 802.11
- **Internet standards**
  - RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



# What's the Internet: a service view

- *infrastructure that provides services to applications:*
  - Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, social nets, ...
  - provides service options, analogous to postal service



# What's a protocol?

## *human protocols:*

- “what's the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

... specific messages sent

... specific actions taken  
when messages  
received, or other  
events

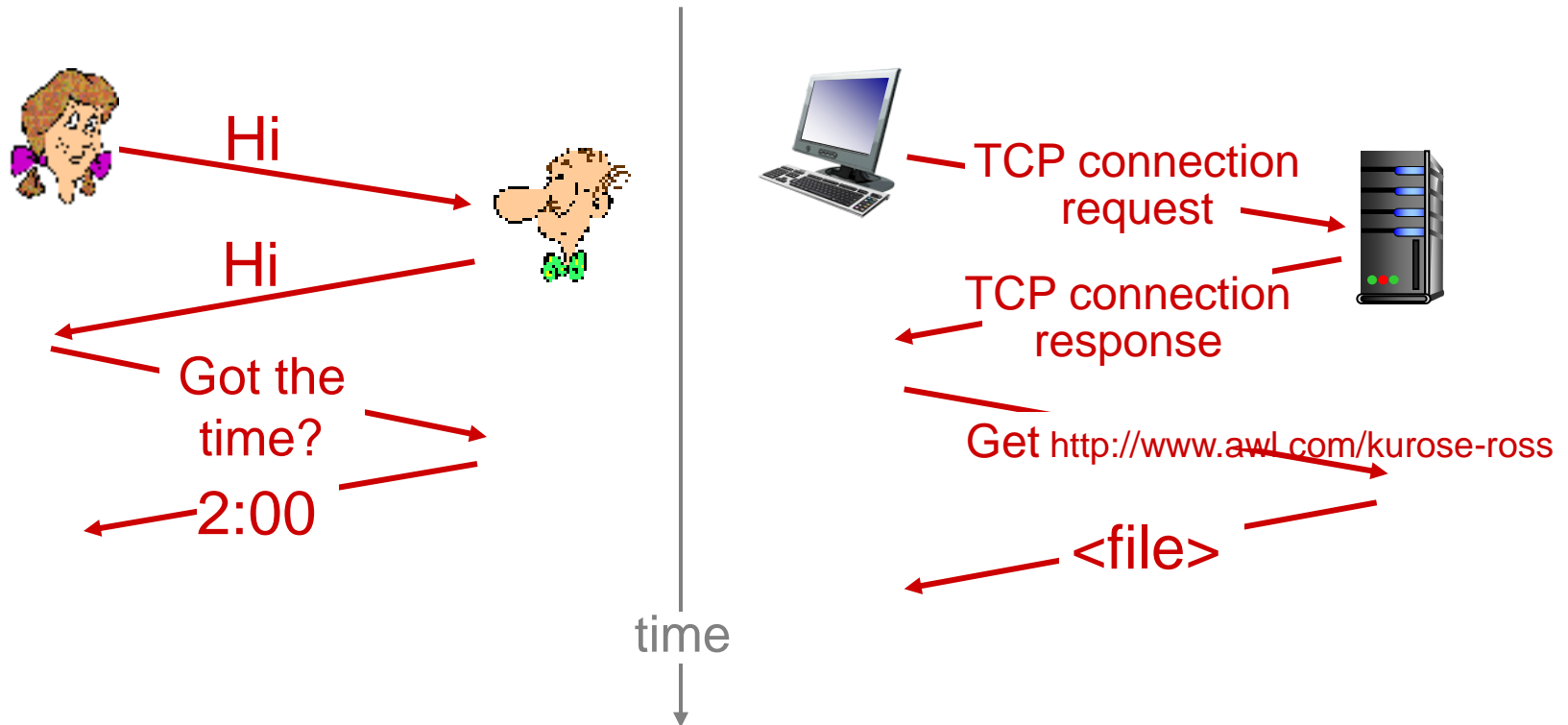
## *network protocols:*

- machines rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*protocols define format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission, receipt*

# What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



**Q:** other human protocols?

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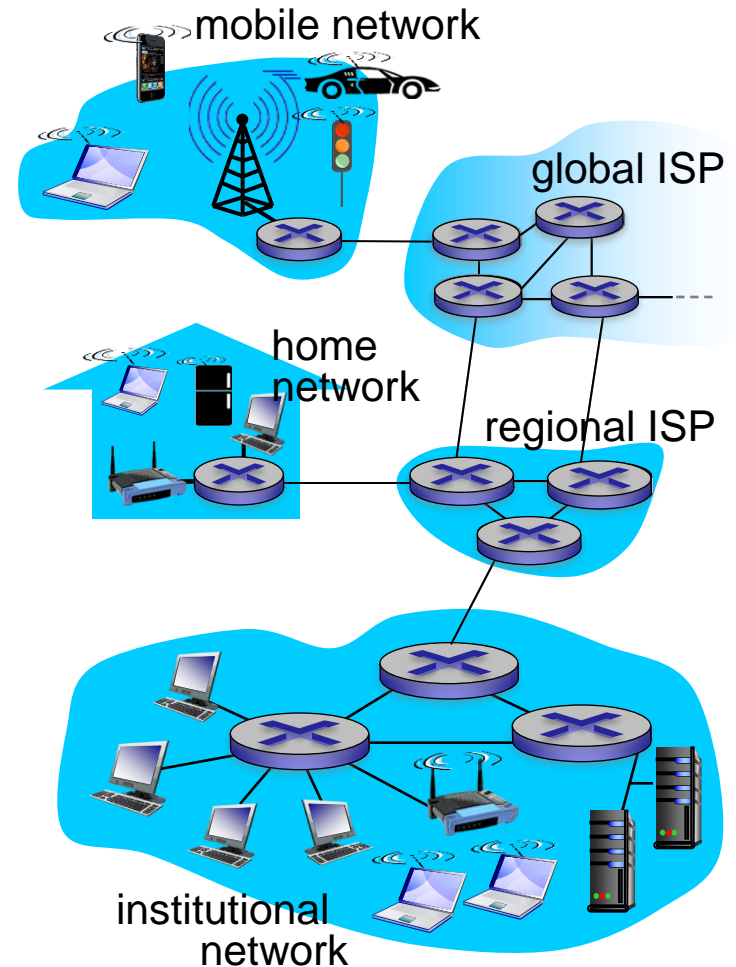
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# A closer look at network structure:

- *network edge:*
  - **hosts:** clients and servers
  - servers often in data centers
- *access networks, physical media:* wired, wireless communication links
- *network core:*
  - interconnected routers
  - network of networks



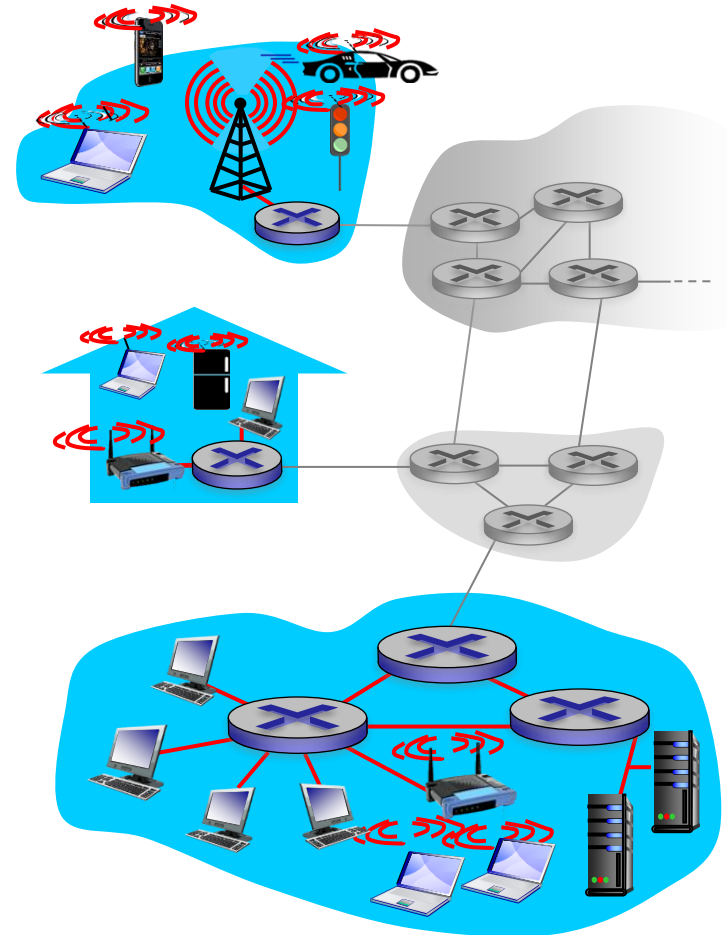
# Access networks and physical media

*Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?*

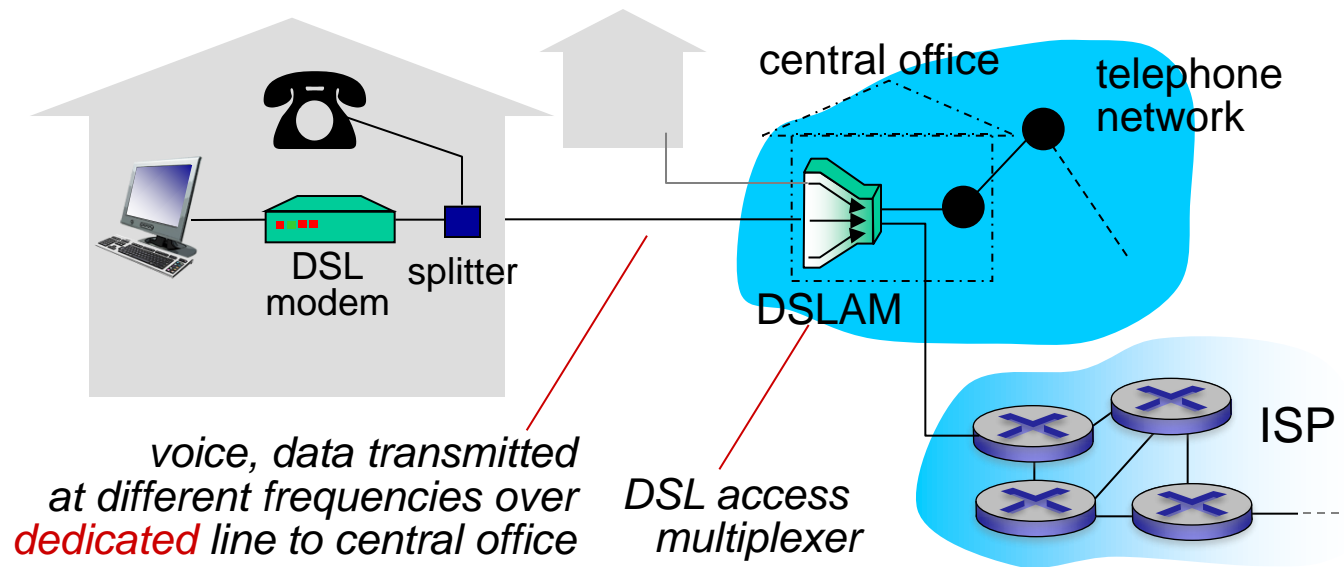
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks

*keep in mind:*

- bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?
- shared or dedicated?

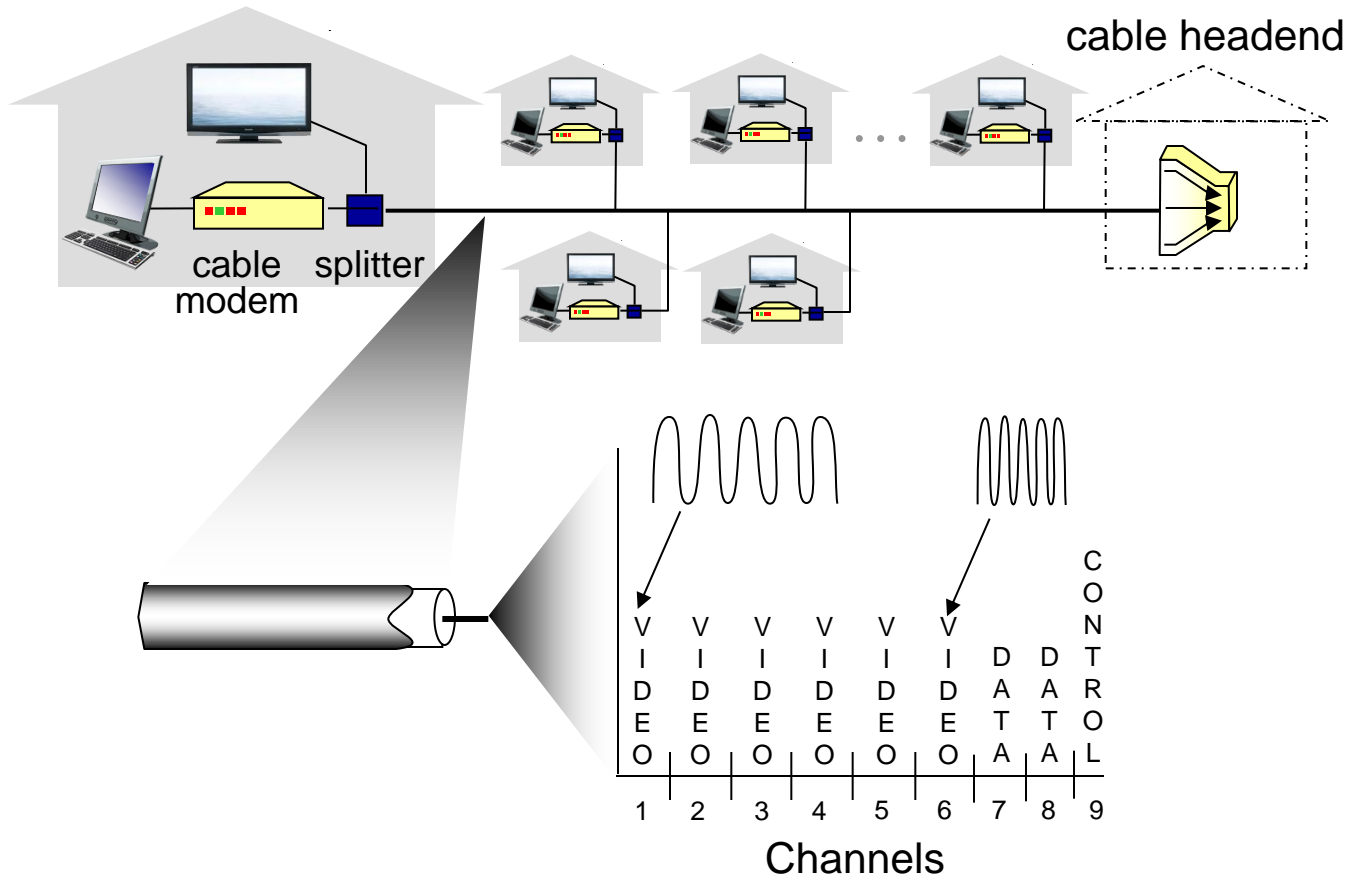


# Access network: digital subscriber line (DSL)



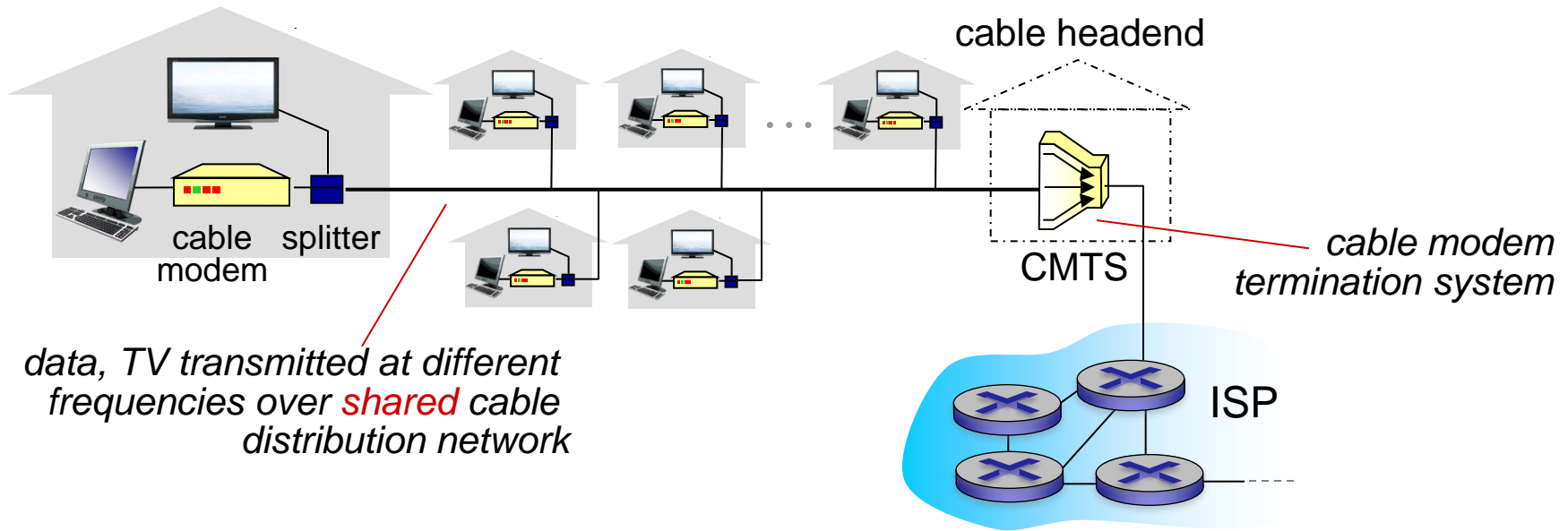
- use *existing* telephone line to central office DSLAM
  - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
  - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)
- < 24 Mbps downstream transmission rate (typically < 10 Mbps)

# Access network: cable network



*frequency division multiplexing*: different channels transmitted in different frequency bands

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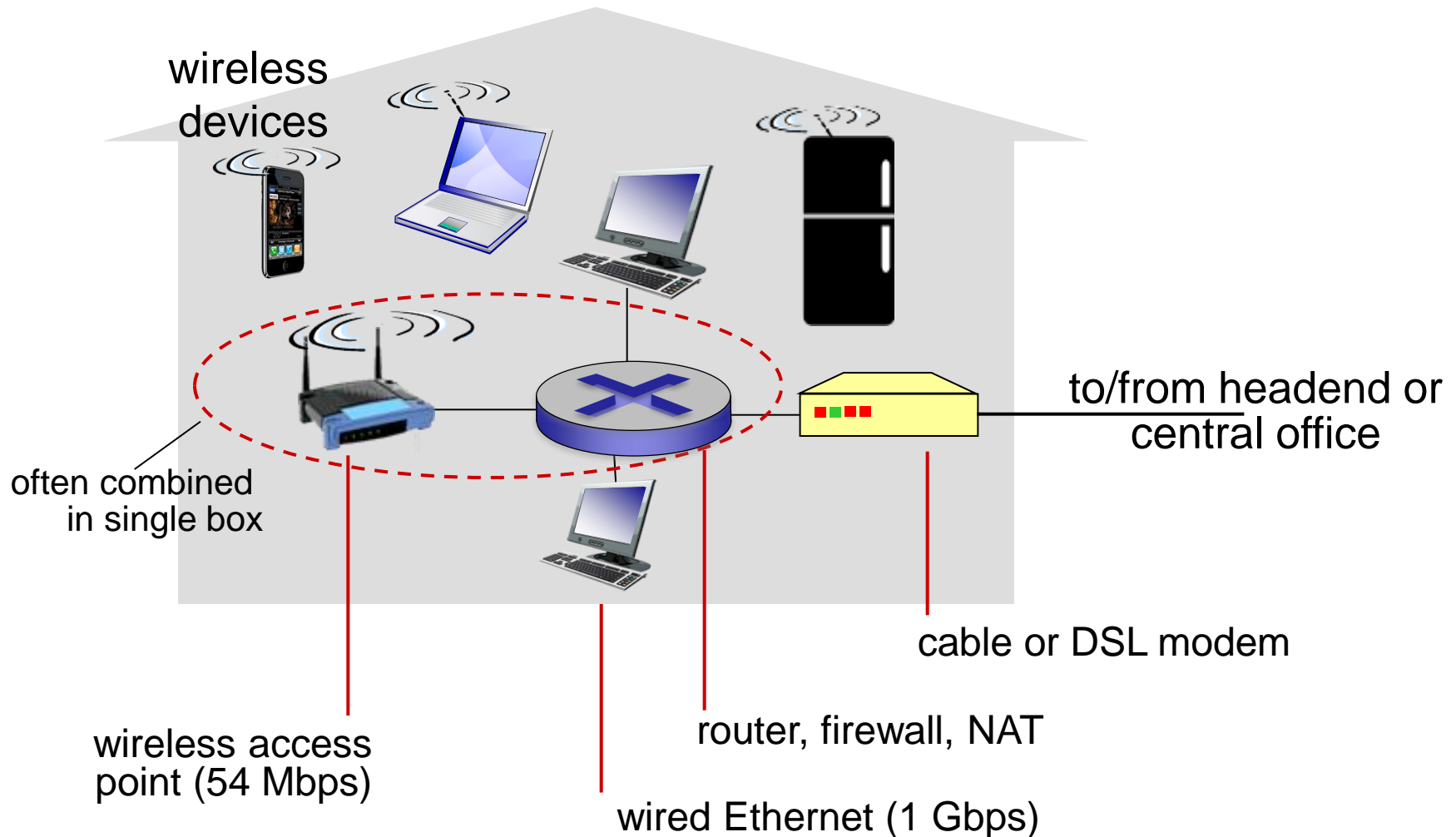
## ■ HFC: hybrid fiber coax

- asymmetric: up to 30Mbps downstream transmission rate, 2 Mbps upstream transmission rate

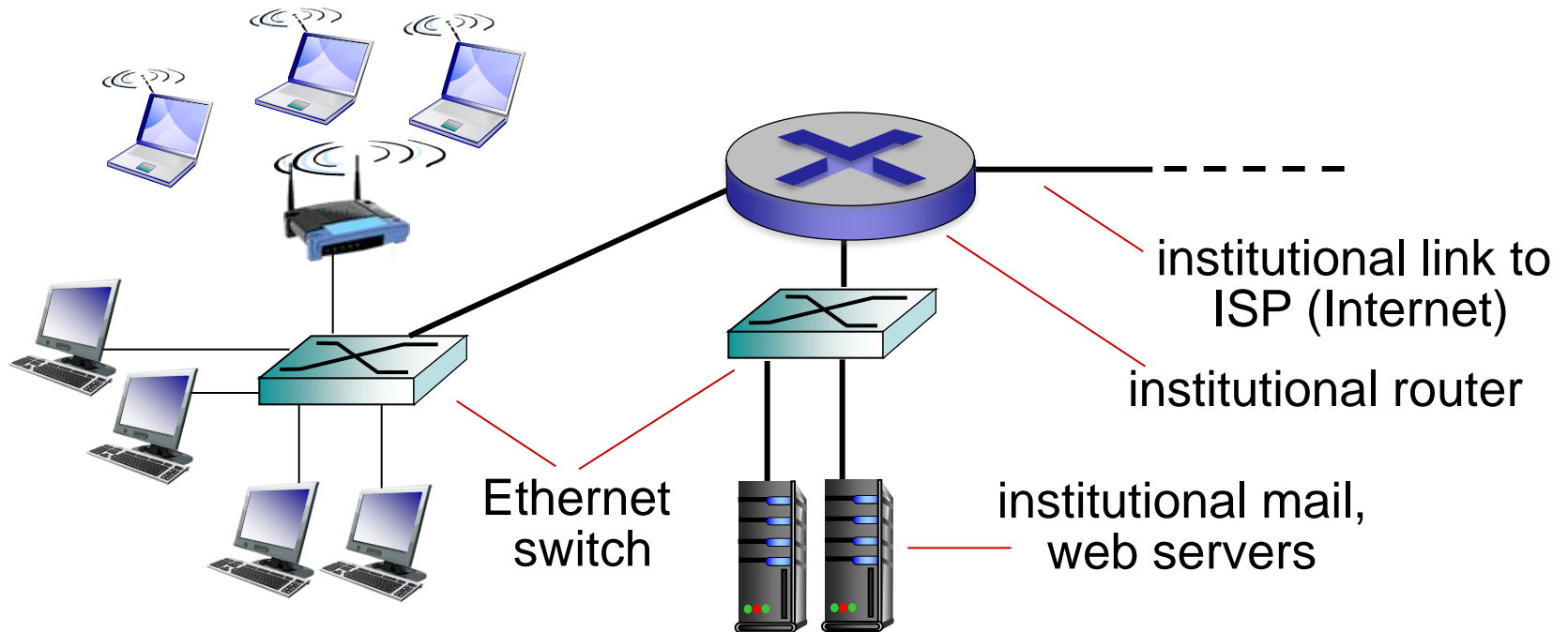
## ■ network of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router

- homes *share access network* to cable headend
- unlike DSL, which has dedicated access to central office

# Access network: home network (1/3)



# Enterprise access networks (Ethernet) 2/3



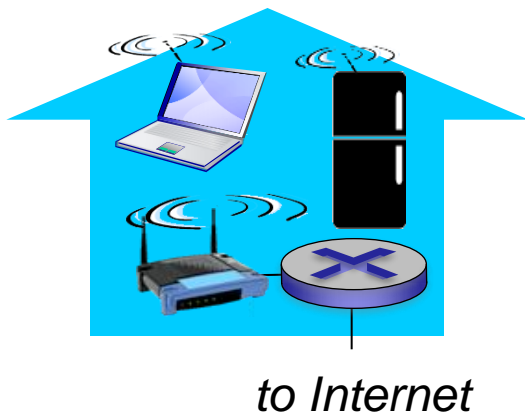
- typically used in companies, universities, etc.
- 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps transmission rates
- today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

# Wireless access networks (3/3)

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

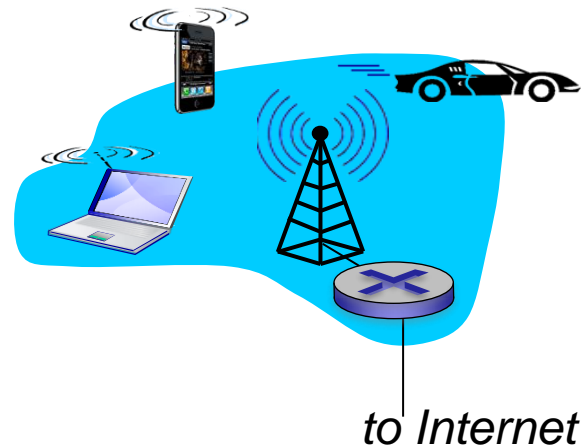
## *wireless LANs:*

- within building (100 ft.)
- IEEE 802.11 b/g/n (WiFi): 11, 54, 450 Mbps transmission rate



## *wide-area wireless access*

- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10's km
- between 1 and 10 Mbps
- 3G, 4G: LTE

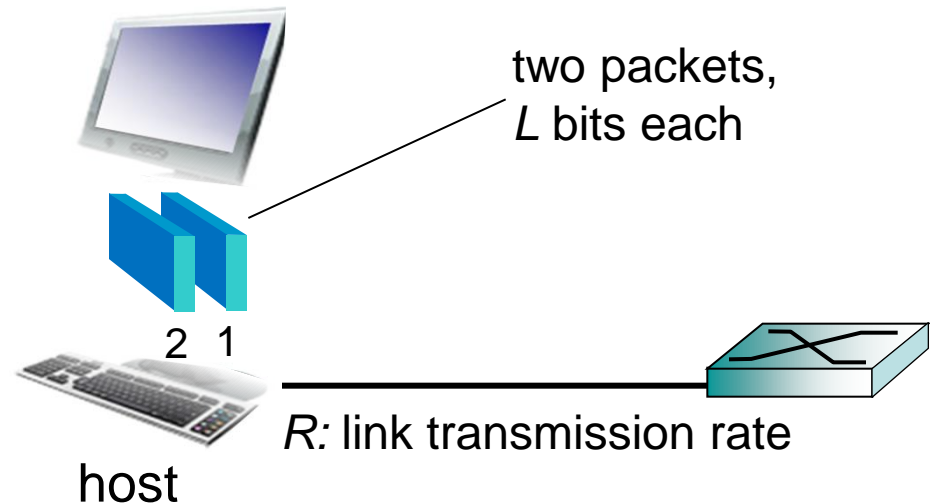




# Host: sends *packets* of data

host sending function:

- takes application message
- breaks into smaller chunks, known as *packets*, of length  $L$  bits
- transmits packet into access network at *transmission rate  $R$* 
  - link transmission rate, aka link *capacity*, aka *link bandwidth*



$$\text{packet transmission delay} = \text{time needed to transmit } L\text{-bit packet into link} = \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$

# Physical media

- **bit:** propagates between transmitter/receiver pairs
- **physical link:** what lies between transmitter & receiver
- **guided media:**
  - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- **unguided media:**
  - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio

## *Guided media: twisted pair (TP)*

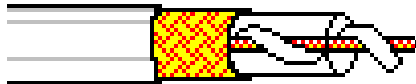
- two insulated copper wires
  - Category 5: 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet
  - Category 6: 10Gbps



# Physical media: coax, fiber (guided media)

## *coaxial cable:*

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- **broadband:**
  - multiple channels on cable
  - HFC (Hybrid-Fiber Coaxial cable)



## *fiber optic cable:*

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- **high-speed operation:**
  - high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g., 10's-100's Gbps transmission rate)
- **low error rate:**
  - repeaters spaced far apart
  - immune to electromagnetic noise



# Physical media: radio (unguided media)

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical “wire”
- bidirectional
- propagation environment effects:
  - reflection
  - obstruction by objects
  - interference

## *radio link types:*

- terrestrial microwave
  - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- WLAN (e.g., WiFi)
  - 54 Mbps
- wide-area (e.g., cellular)
  - 4G cellular: ~ 10 Mbps
- satellite
  - Kbps to 45Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
  - 270 msec end-end delay

# Chapter I: Metric Units

Exp.	Explicit	Prefix	Exp.	Explicit	Prefix
$10^{-3}$	0.001	milli	$10^3$	1,000	Kilo
$10^{-6}$	0.000001	micro	$10^6$	1,000,000	Mega
$10^{-9}$	0.000000001	nano	$10^9$	1,000,000,000	Giga
$10^{-12}$	0.0000000000001	pico	$10^{12}$	1,000,000,000,000	Tera
$10^{-15}$	0.0000000000000001	femto	$10^{15}$	1,000,000,000,000,000	Peta
$10^{-18}$	0.0000000000000000001	atto	$10^{18}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000	Exa
$10^{-21}$	0.0000000000000000000001	zepto	$10^{21}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Zetta
$10^{-24}$	0.0000000000000000000000001	yocto	$10^{24}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Yotta

Figure 1-39. The principal metric prefixes.

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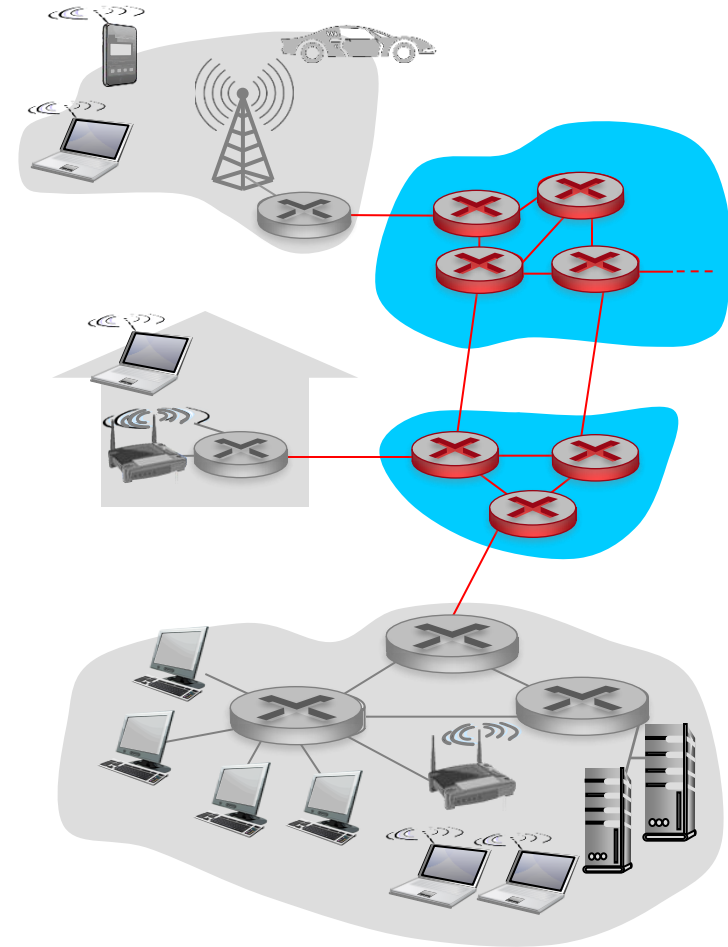
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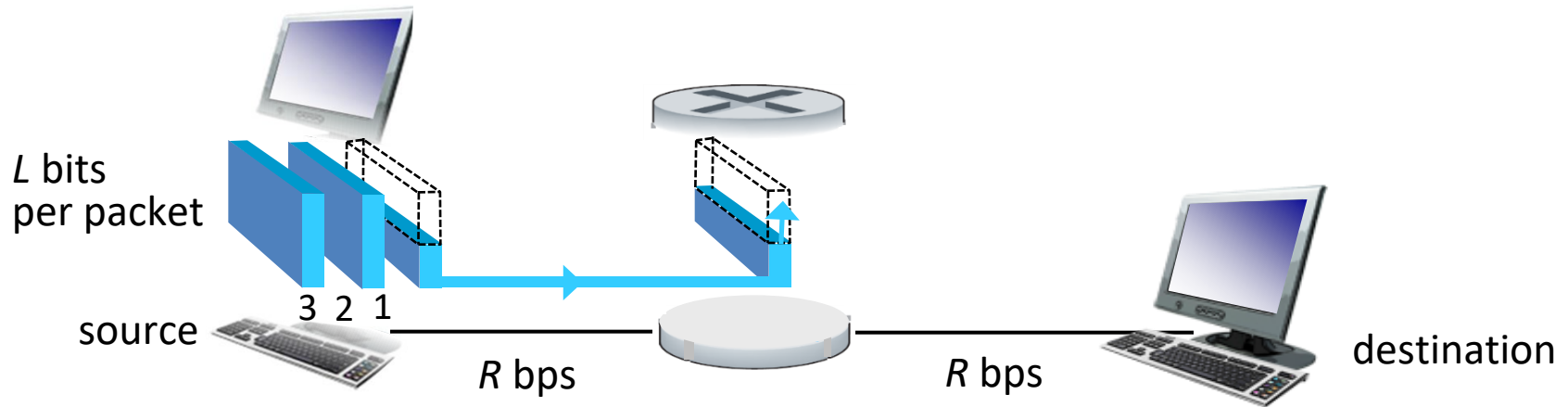
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# The network core

- mesh of interconnected routers
- Two types: packet-switching and circuit-switching
- **packet-switching**: hosts break *application-layer* messages into *packets*
  - 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 (1/2): 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

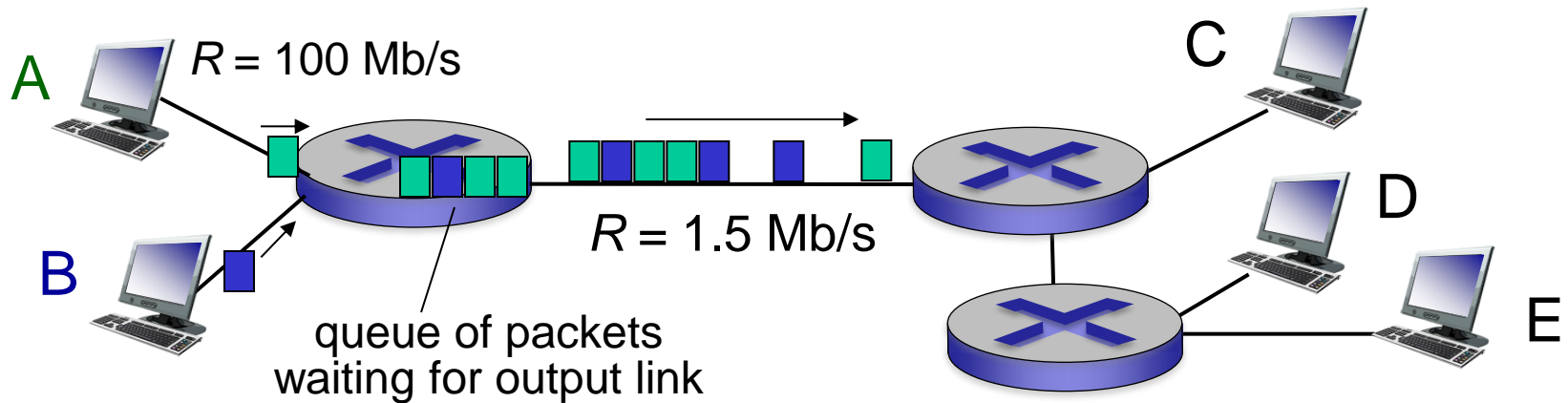
- end-end delay =  $2L/R$  (assuming zero **propagation delay**)
- } more on delay shortly ...

## *one-hop numerical example:*

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



# Packet Switching (1/2): queueing delay, loss



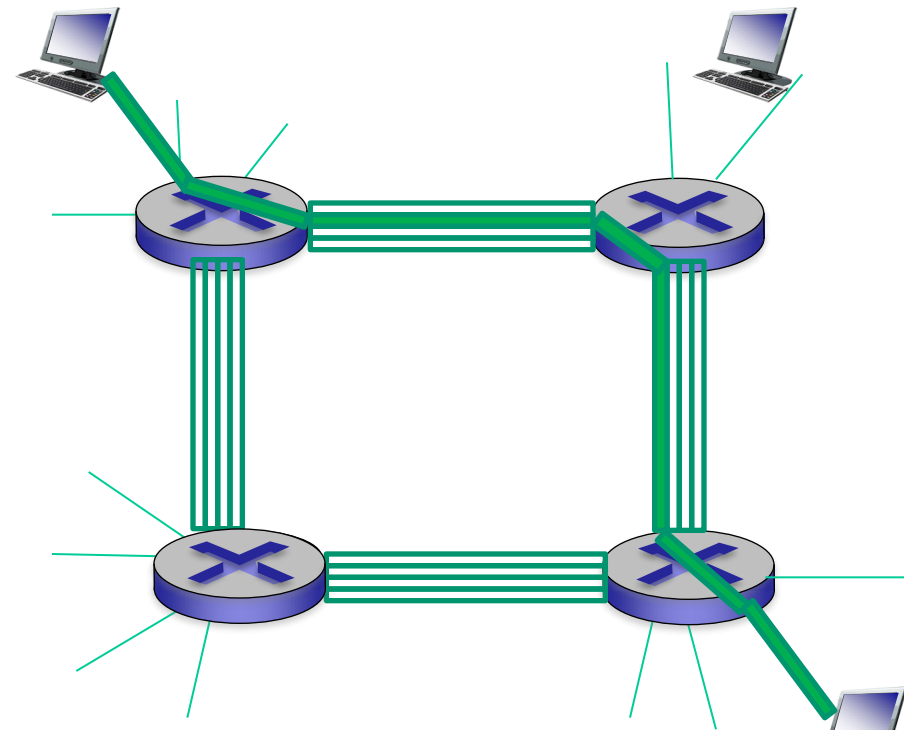
## queuing and loss:

- if *arrival rate* (in bits) to link exceeds *transmission rate* of link for a period of time:
  - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
  - packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up

# Alternative core: circuit switching (2/2)

End-to-end resources allocated to, reserved for “call” between source & dest:

- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
  - call gets 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit in top link and 1<sup>st</sup> 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

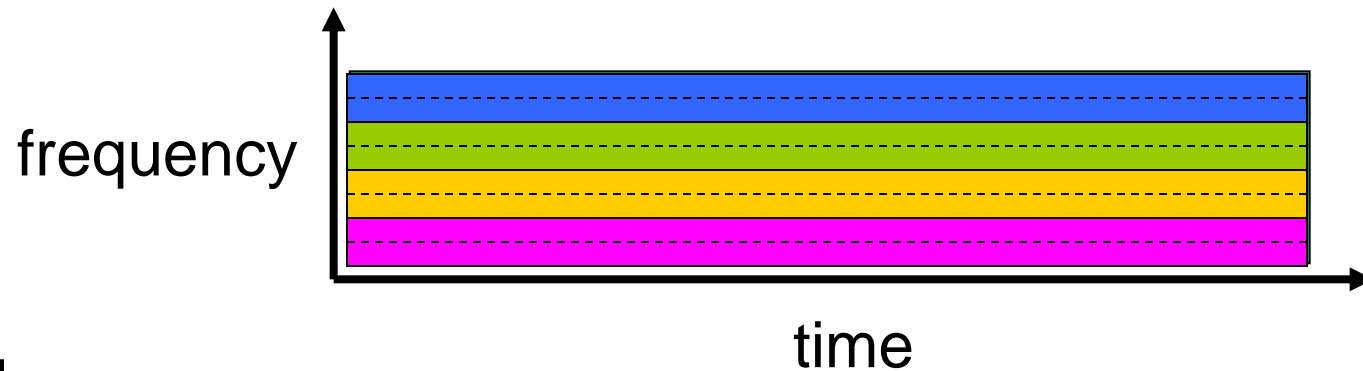


# Circuit switching: FDM versus TDM

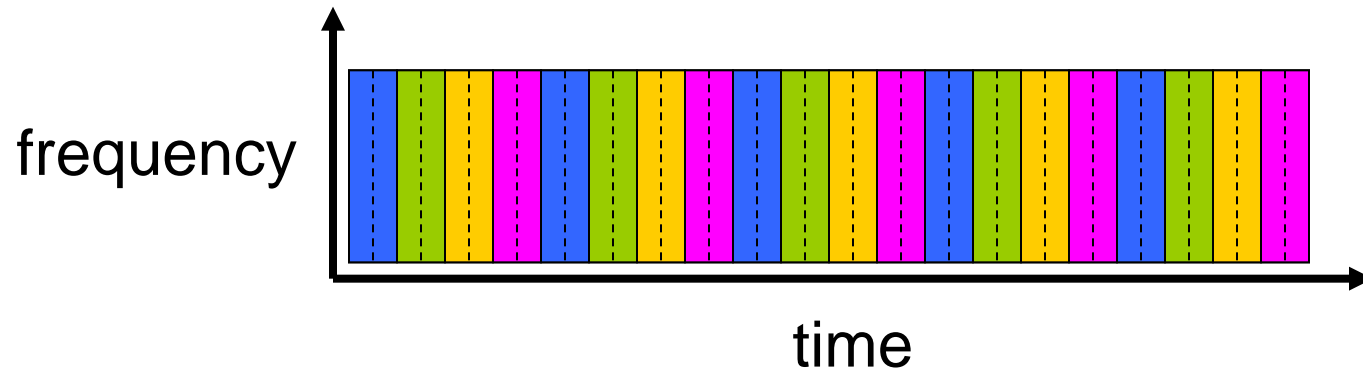
FDM

Example:

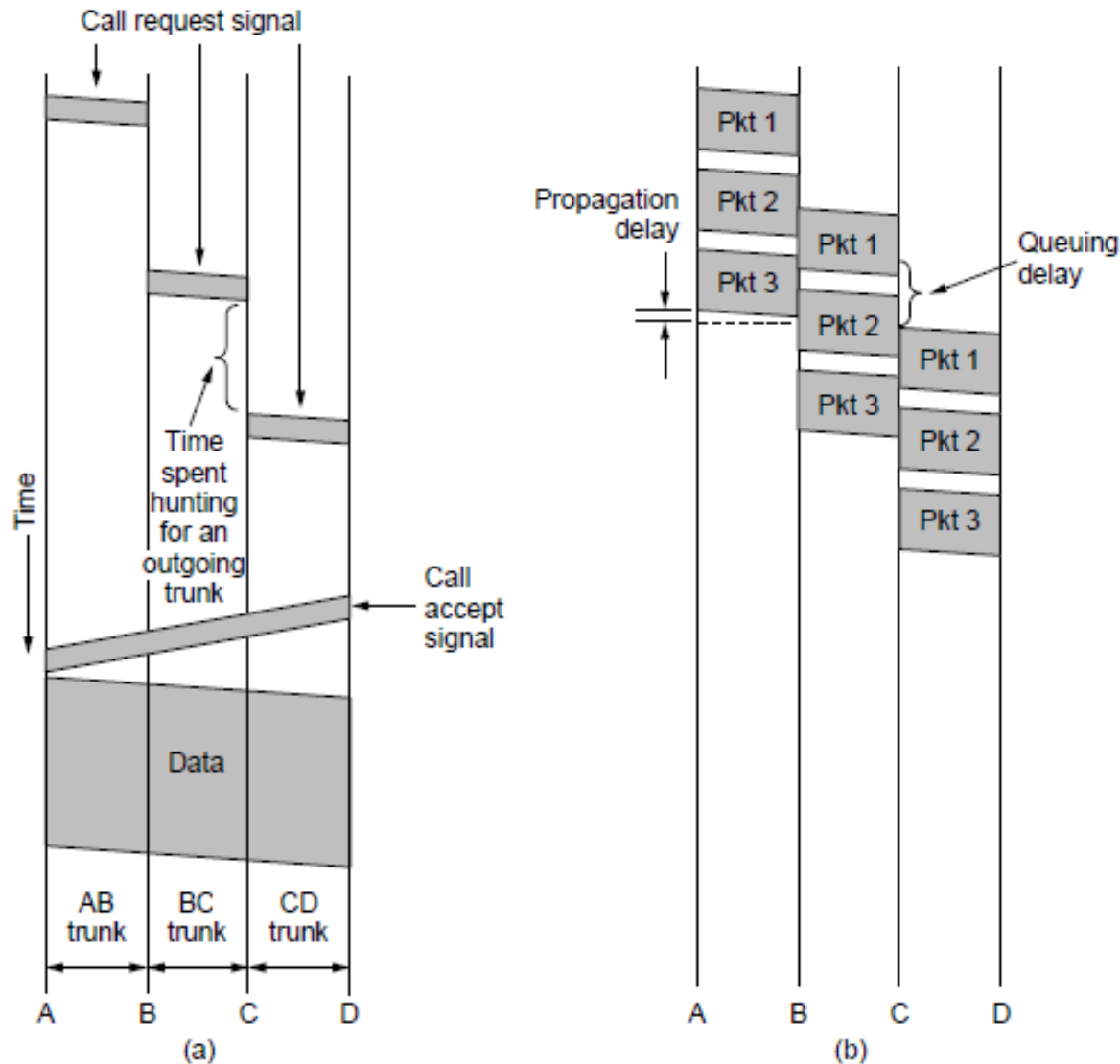
4 users



TDM



# Packet switching versus circuit switching



Timing of events in (a) circuit switching, (b) packet switching

# Packet switching versus circuit switching

*packet switching allows more users to use network!*

## Packet switching

- 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 (chapter 7)

# circuit switching: Example

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- Total data is 640 Kbits
  - Each circuit has a transmission rate of  $(1.536 \text{ Mbps})/24 = 64 \text{ Kbps}$
  - To transmit 640 kbits, time required is :  $640\text{kbits}/64\text{kbps} = 10$  seconds
  - To this 10 seconds we add the circuit establishment time, giving 10.5 seconds to send the file.

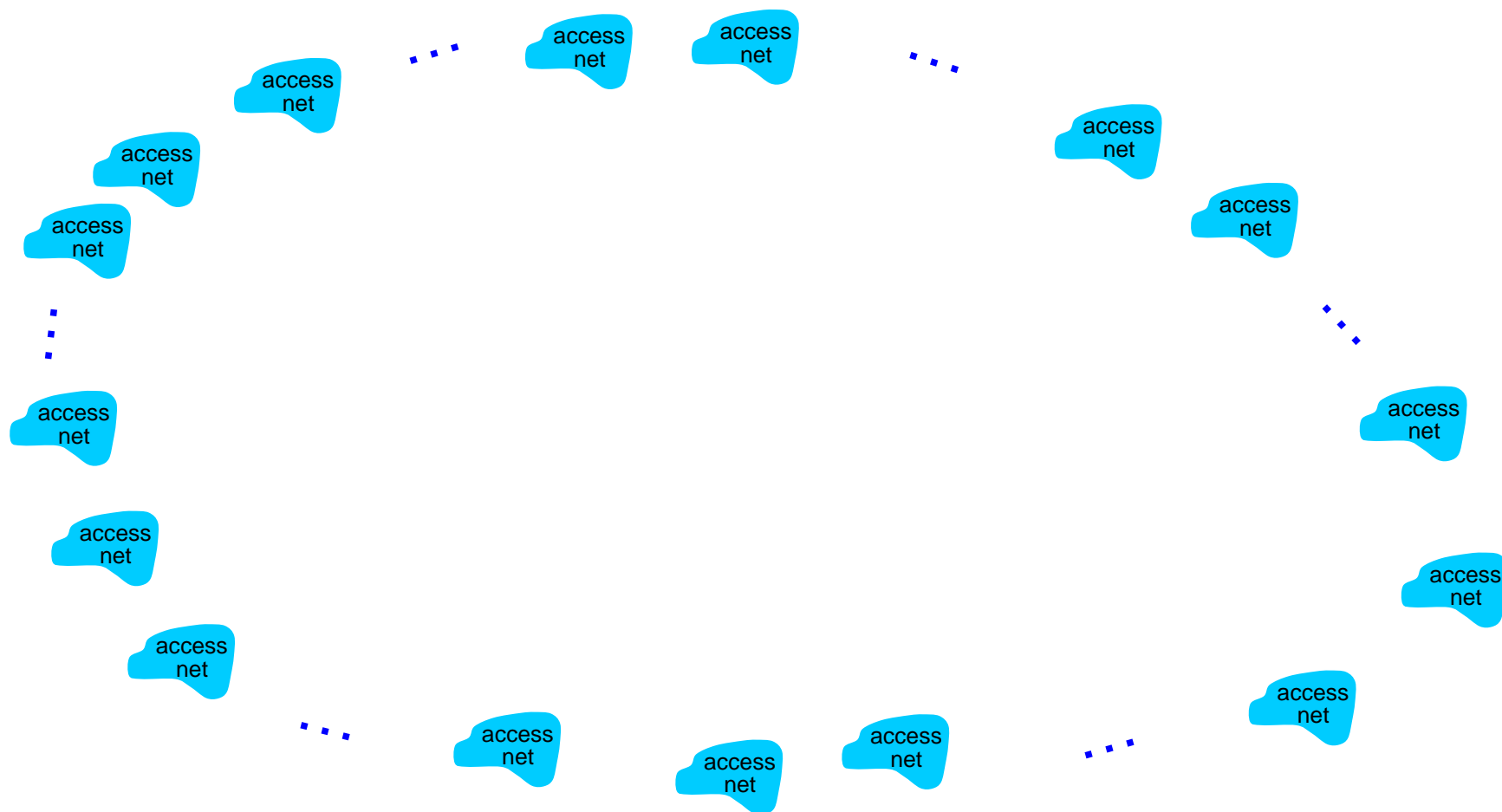
# Internet structure: network of networks

- 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



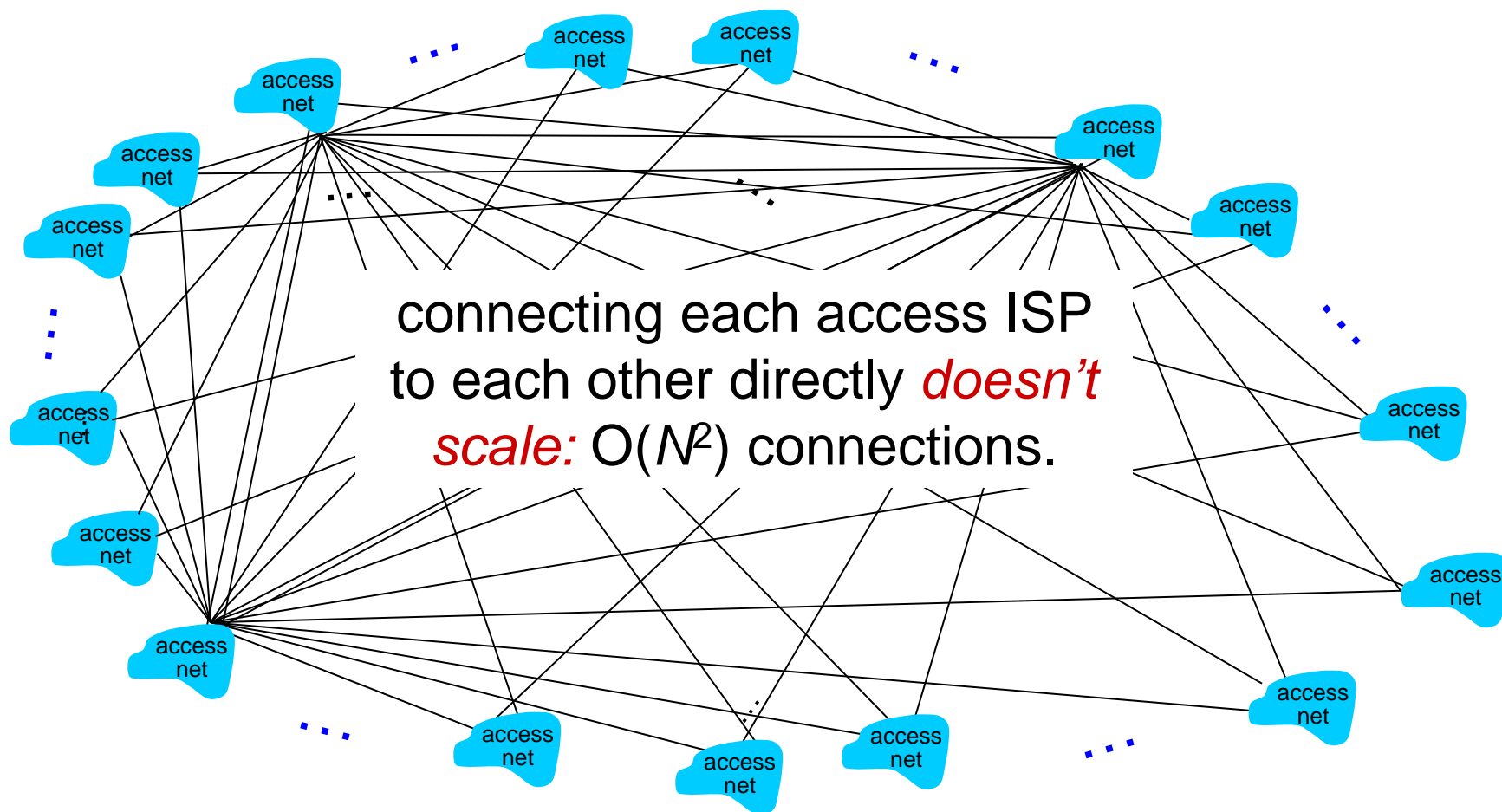
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**Question:** given *millions* of access ISPs, how to connect them together?



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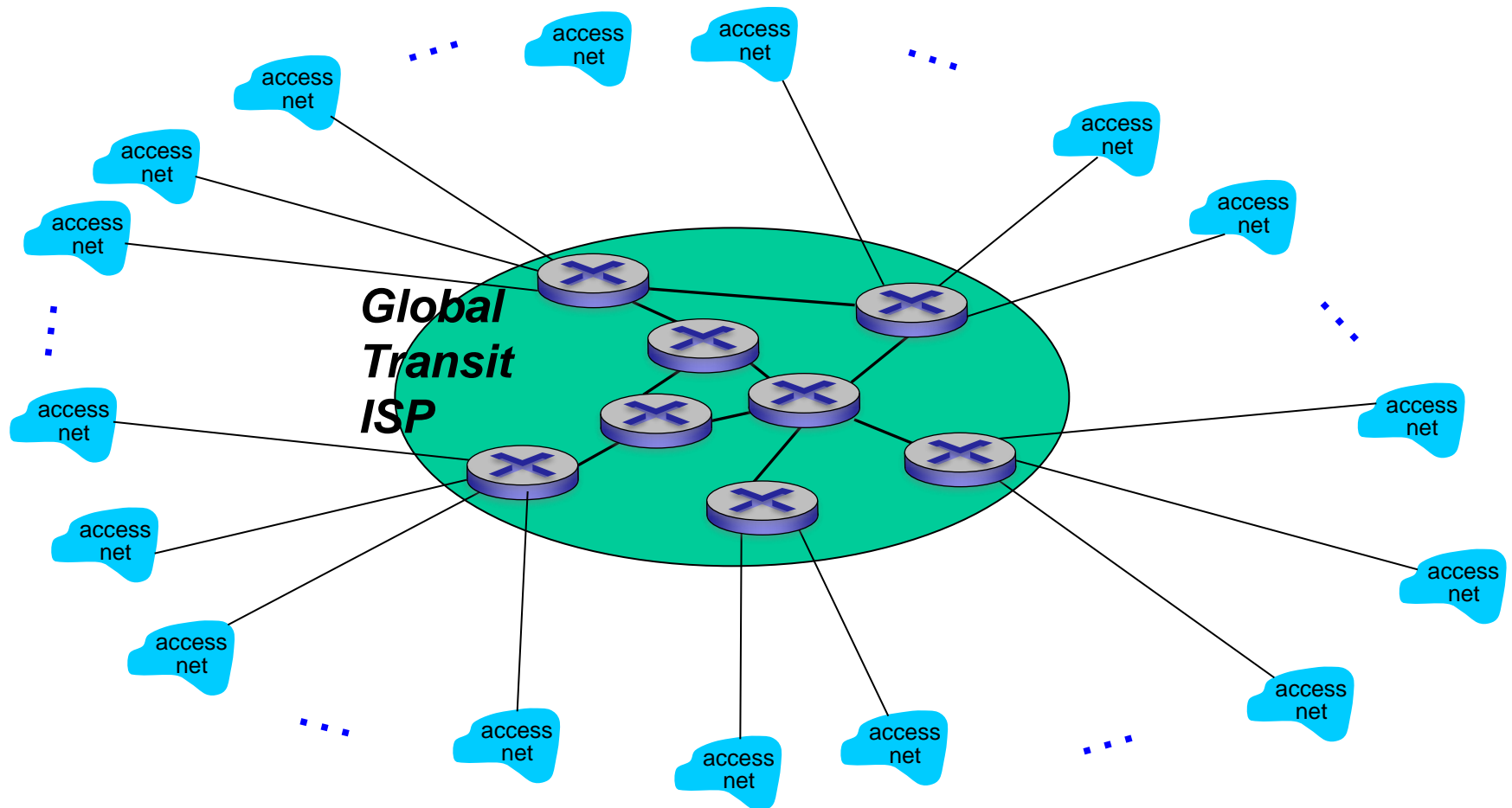
*Option:* connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



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*Option:* connect each access ISP to one global transit ISP?

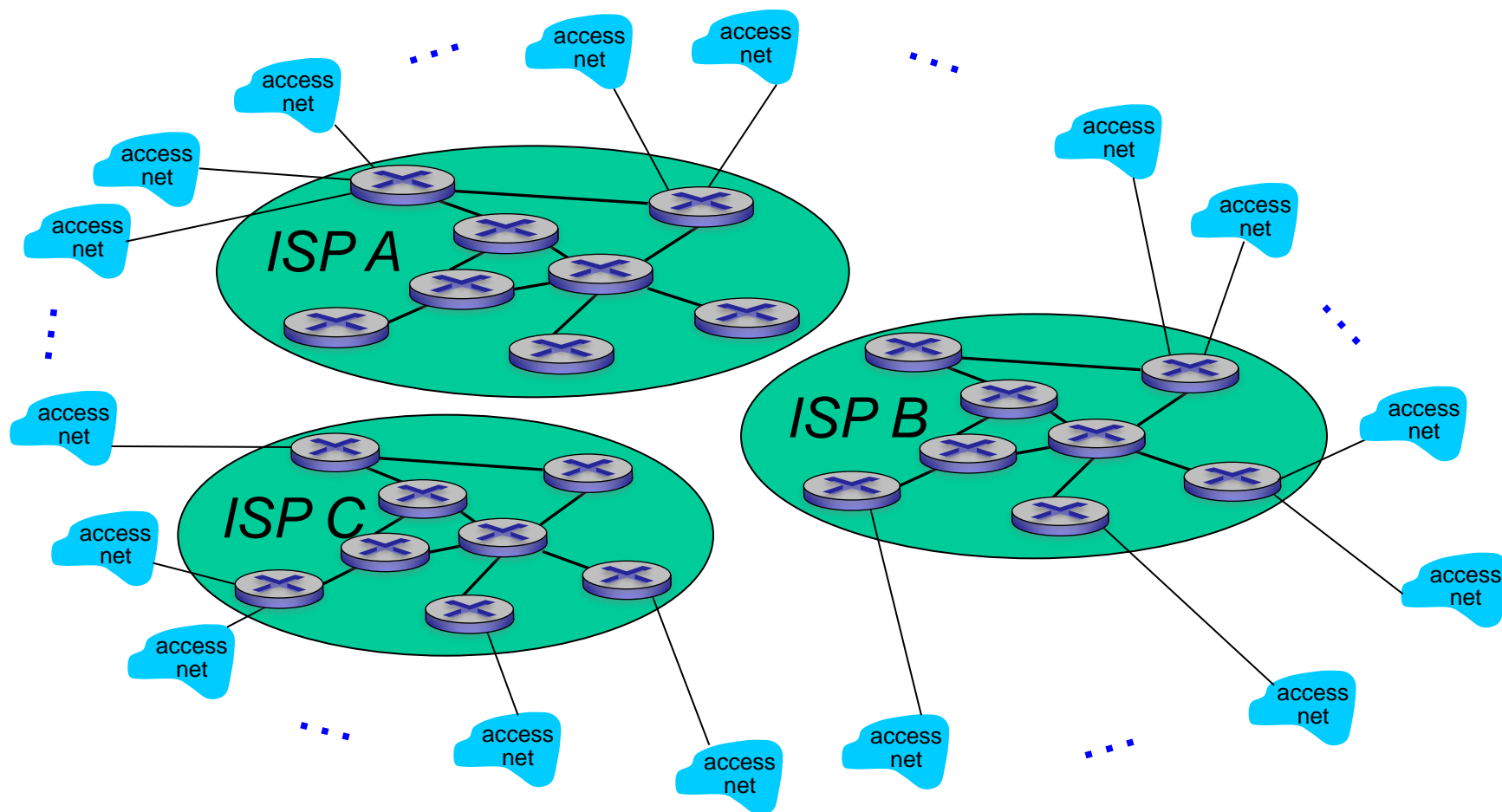
*Customer* and *provider* ISPs have economic agreement.



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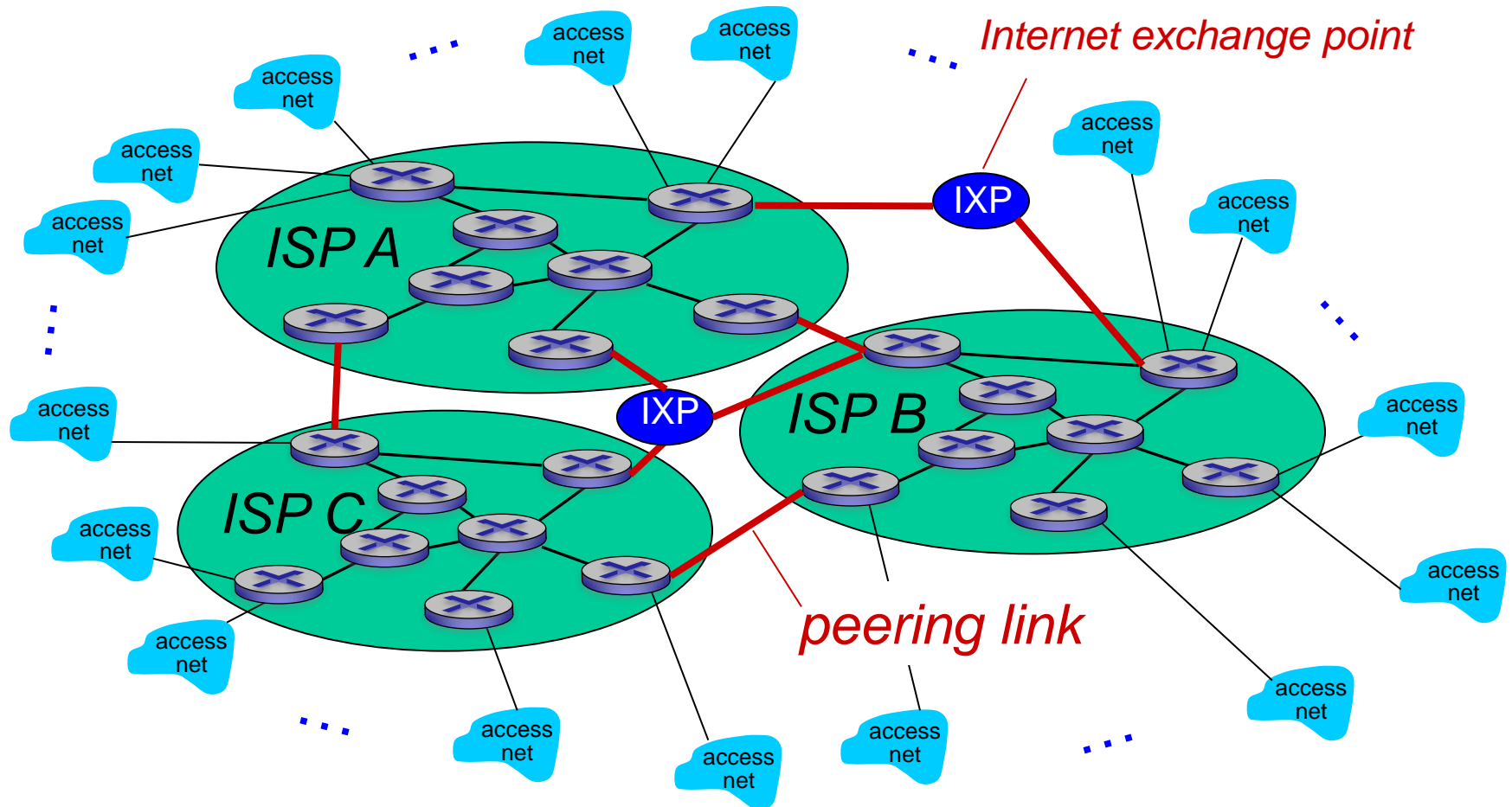
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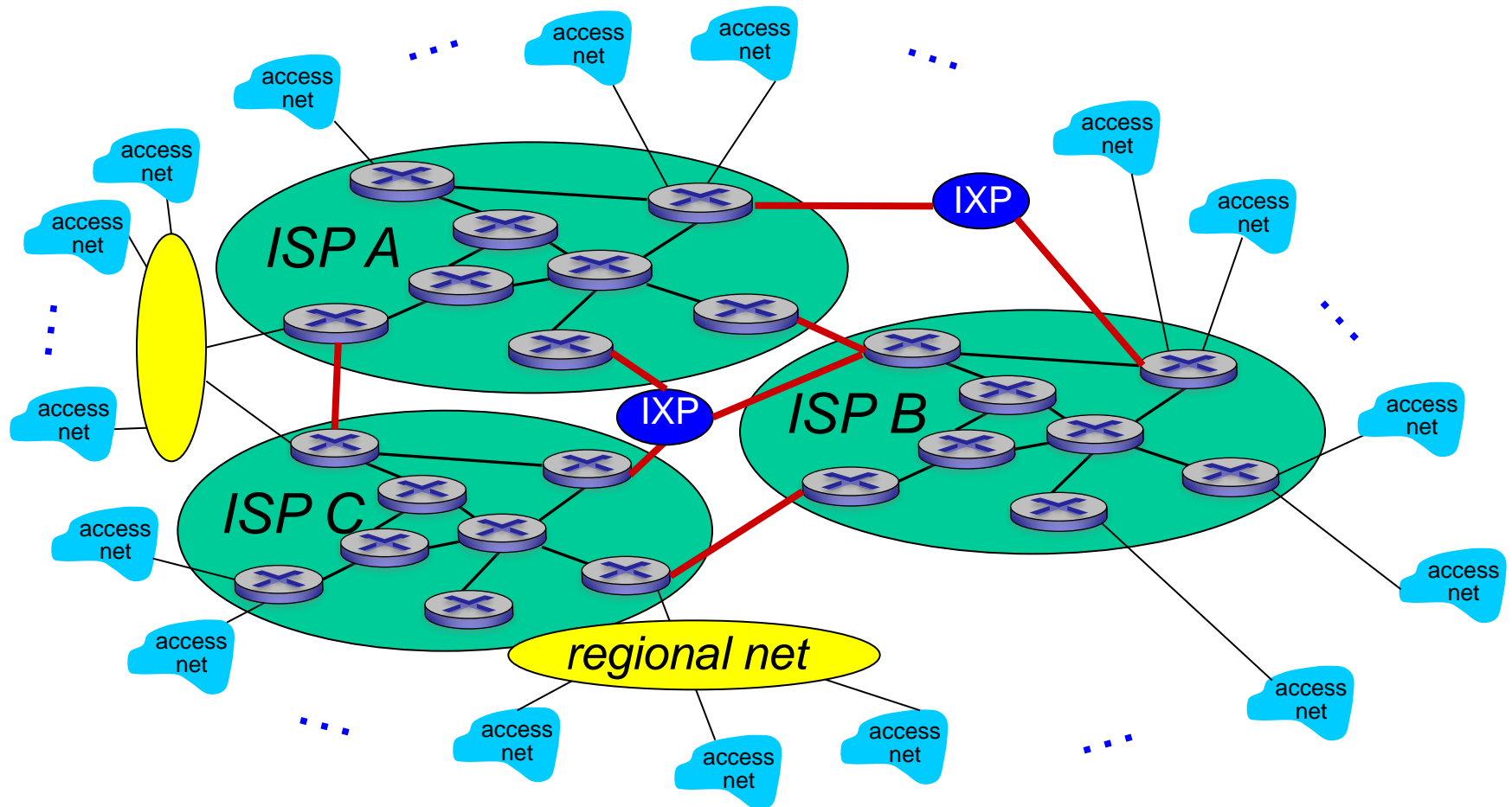
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IXP is a meeting point where multiple ISPs can peer together



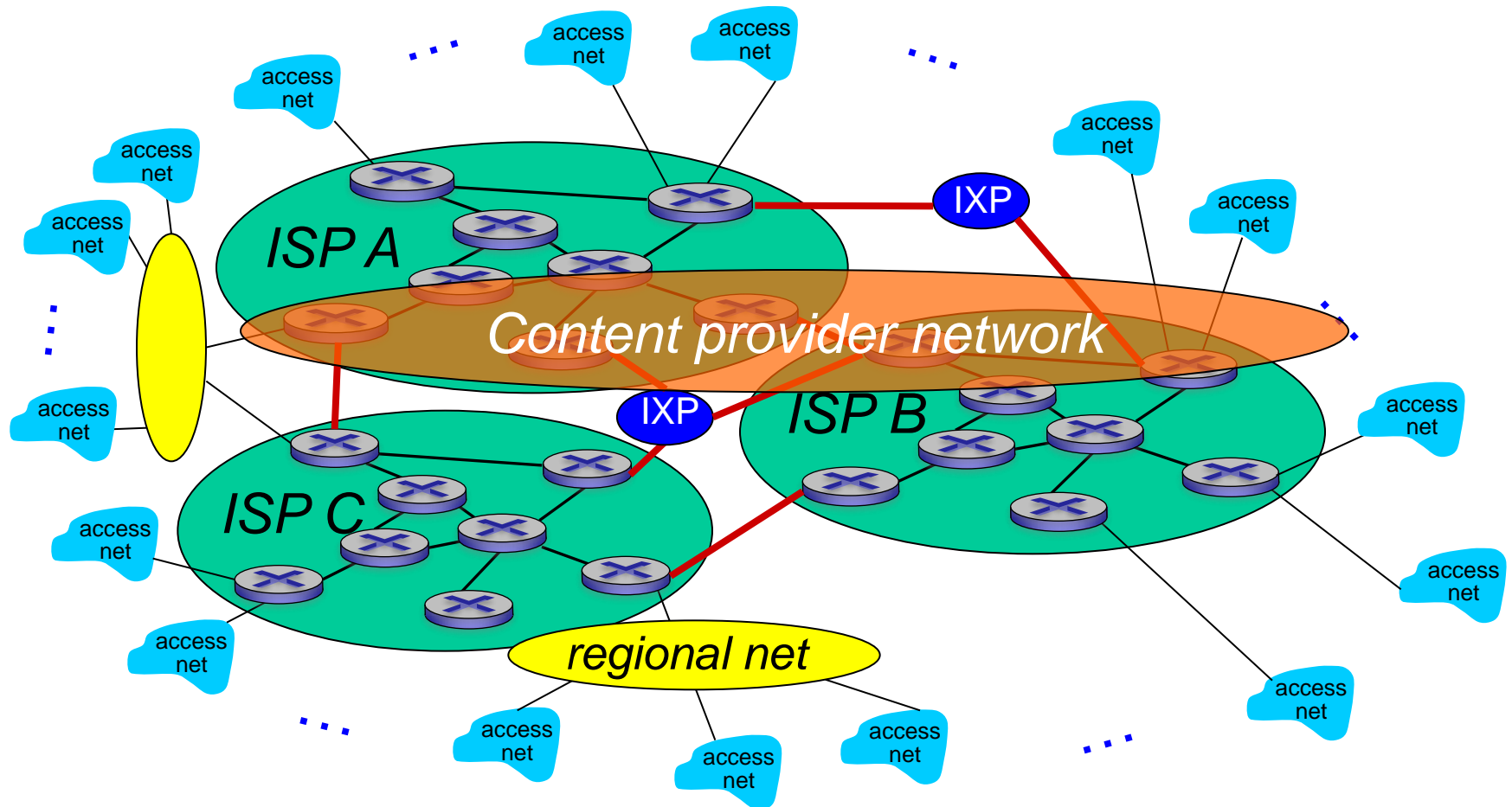
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... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to tier-I ISPs

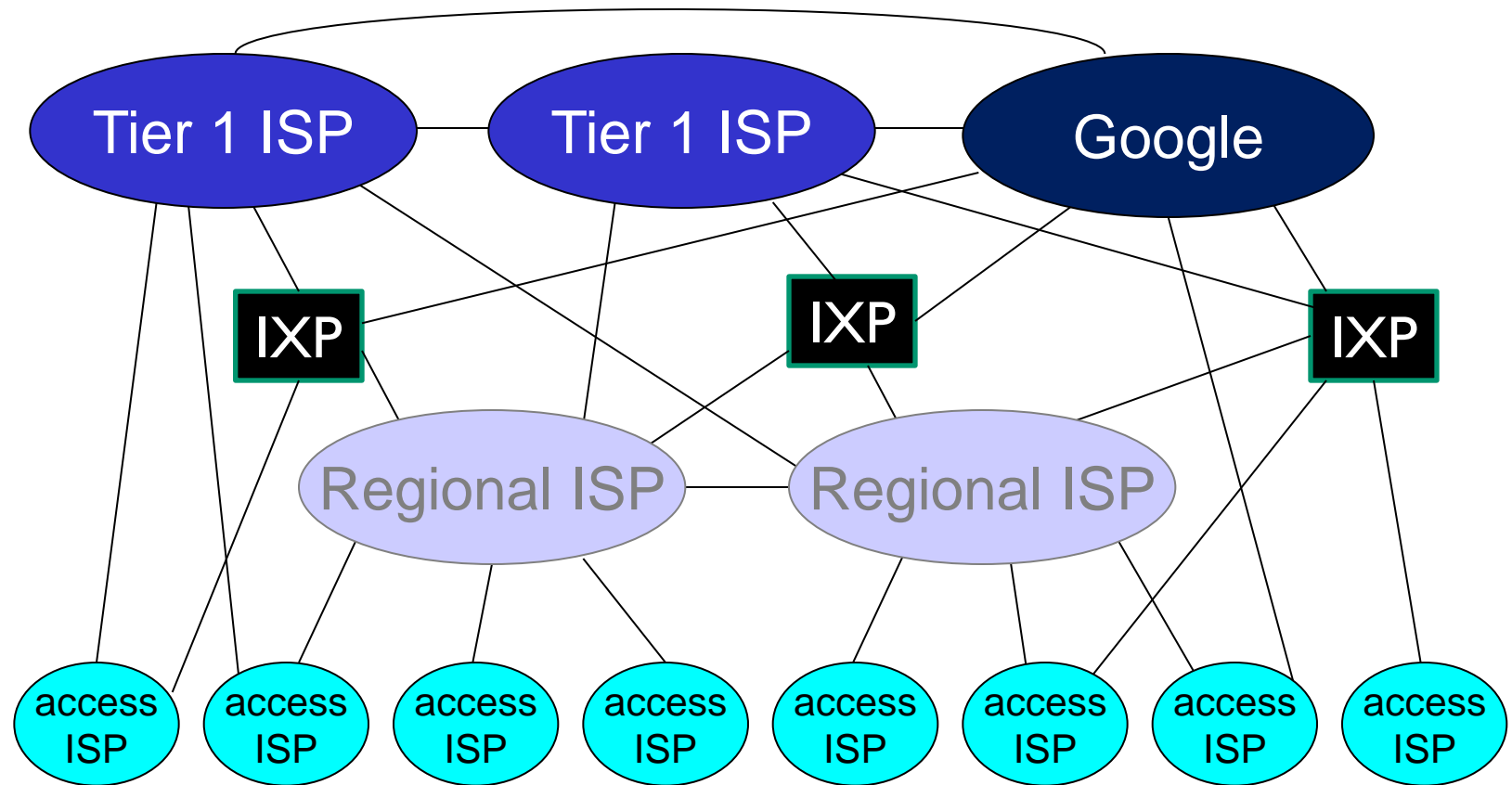


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... and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users



# Internet structure: network of networks



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



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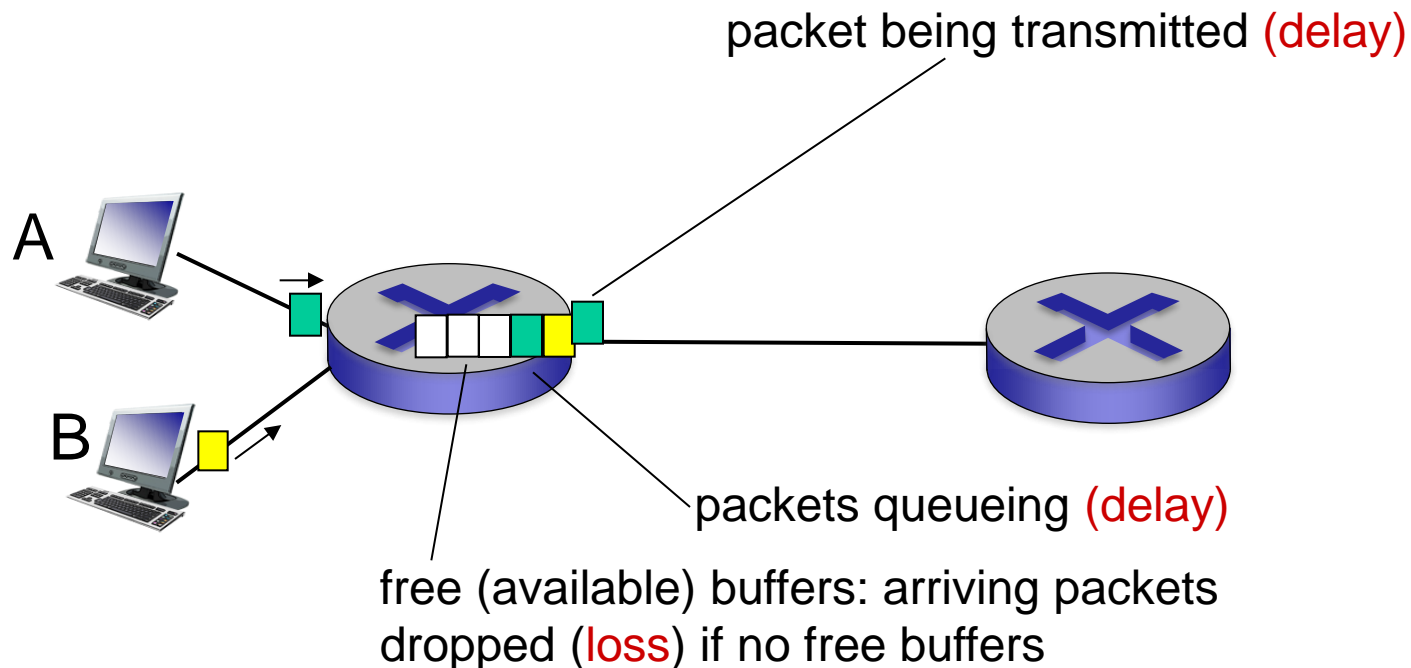
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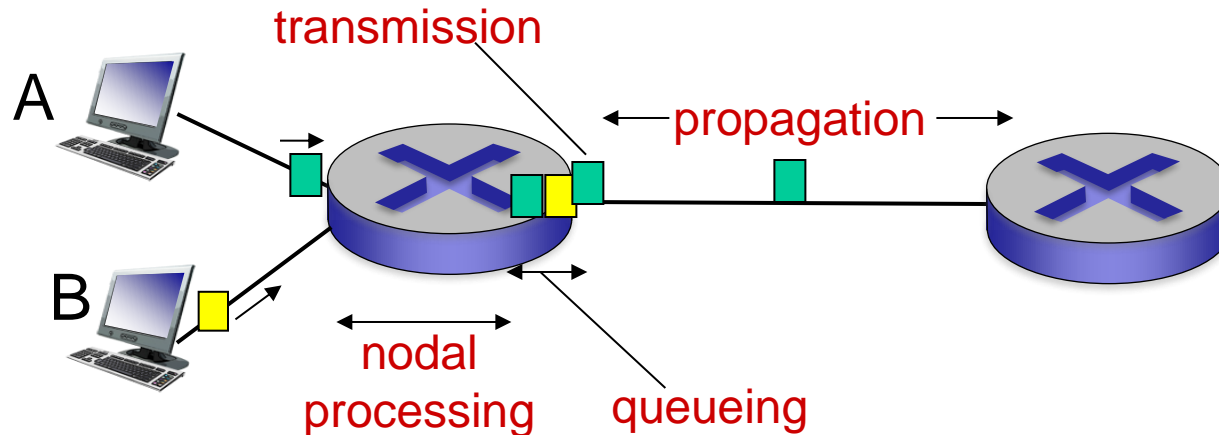
# How do delay and loss occur?

packets *queue* in router buffers

- packet arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- packets queue, wait for turn



# Four sources of packet delay



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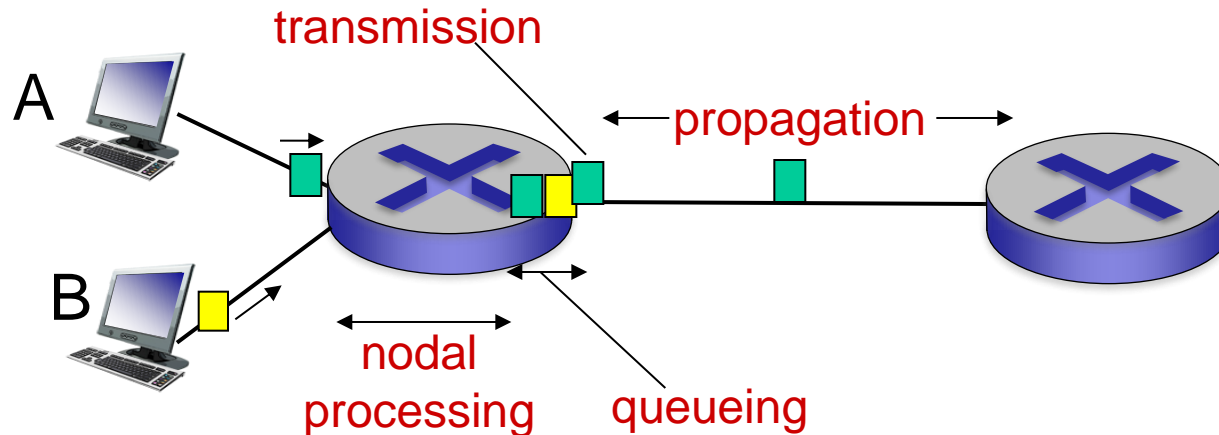
## $d_{\text{proc}}$ : nodal processing

- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < msec

## $d_{\text{queue}}$ : queueing delay

- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router

# Four sources of packet delay



$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

$d_{\text{trans}}$ : transmission delay:

- $L$ : packet length (bits)
- $R$ : link bandwidth (bps)

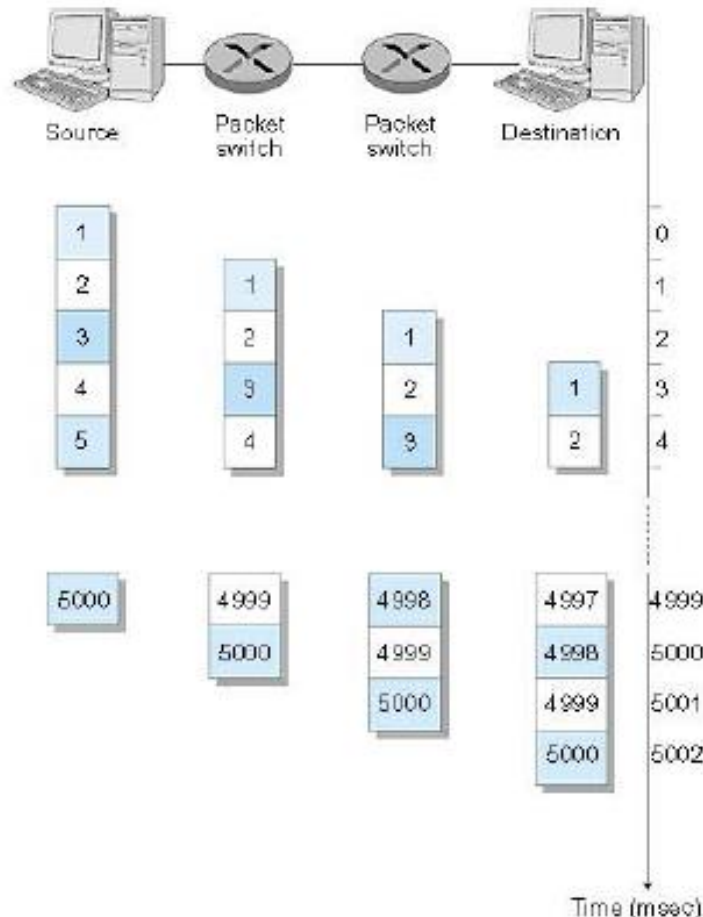
■  $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$  ←  $d_{\text{trans}}$  and  $d_{\text{prop}}$  →  
very different

$d_{\text{prop}}$ : propagation delay:

- $d$ : length of physical link
- $s$ : propagation speed ( $\sim 2 \times 10^8$  m/sec)

■  $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

# Packet Switching: Message Segmentation



*Break up the message into multiple packets*

- Each packet  $x$  bits
- $y$  msec to transmit packet on one link
- Pipelining: Each link works in parallel, resulting in reduced delay

# Packet Switching: Message Segmentation

## *Class exercise*

*Assume user A and B are connected via a router. User A has 20Mbits data to send to user B. The two links between A and B has data rate of 4Mbps.*

- a) How long does it take for A to transmit the data assuming negligible propagation, processing and queueing delay?*
- b) Repeat the above but now assume that the data is divided in 5 equal segments.*