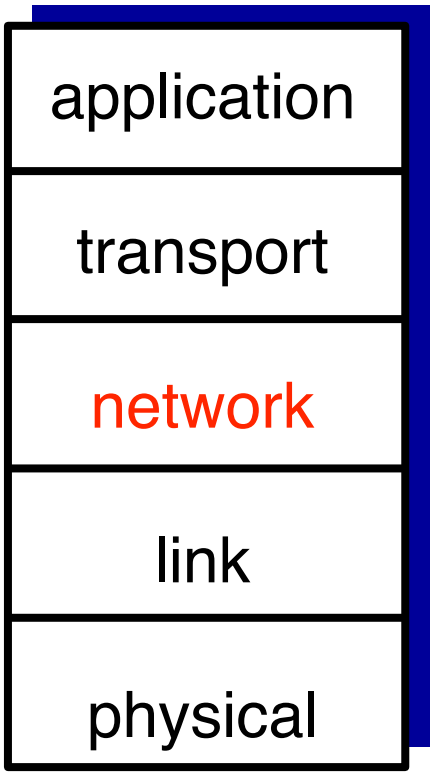
The network layer

Goal:

To understand the principles behind the network layer.



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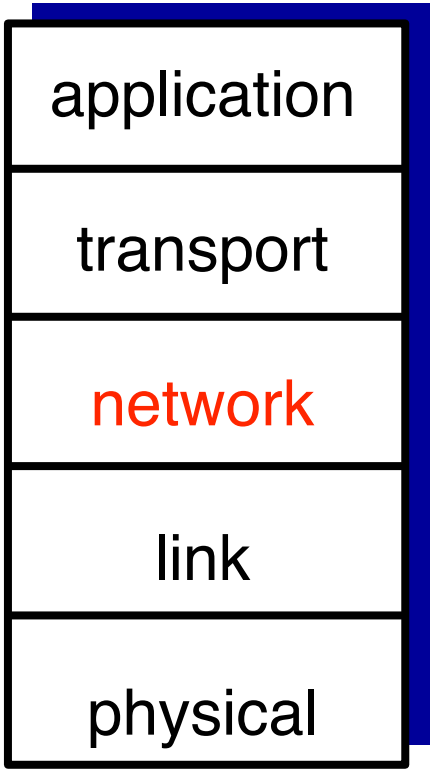
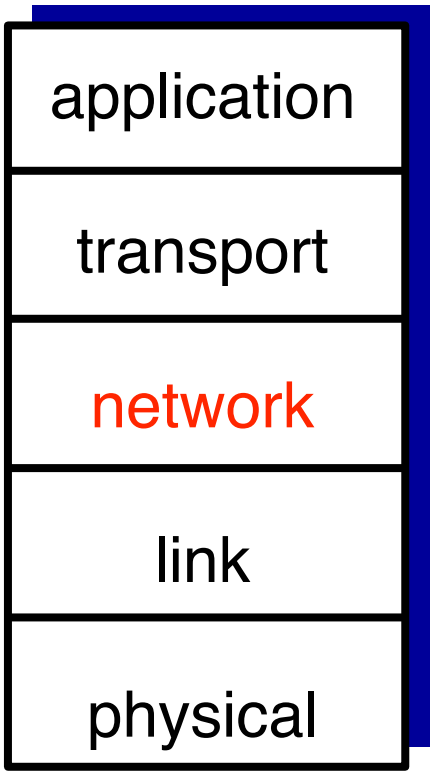


the network layer

- The network layer is responsible for connecting multiple local networks.
- It makes it possible for my friend and myself to exchange messages.
- It is implemented using the **IP** (Internet Protocol).
- The **IP** layer sits on the ethernet layer, but does not depend on it.



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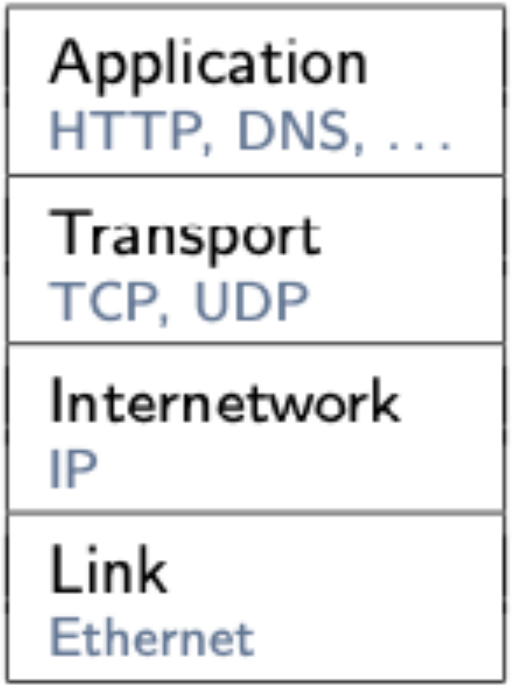
why don't we use ethernet for everything?

- Ethernet MAC addresses only contain information on the manufacturer; you have an idea of where the devices are in the network.
- To be able to send packets to the correct destination, **every switch** would need to manage a list of all connected devices.
- It would be like delivering a Mail only using a person's name.



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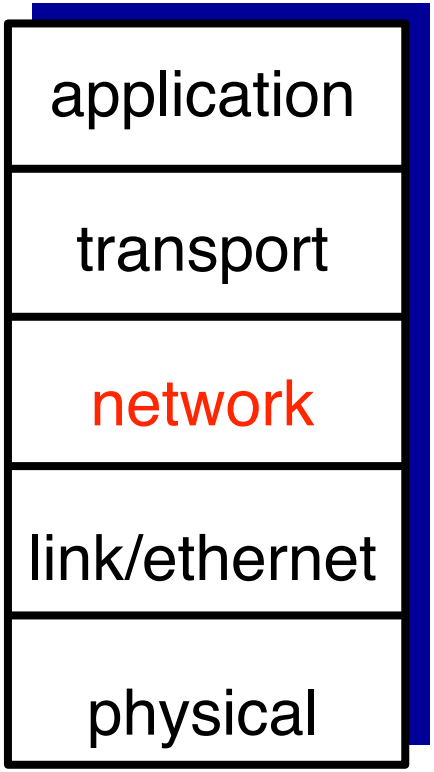
- **Solution**: addresses should be organised hierarchically like we already do with postcards: country, state, city, etc.
- How does the Internet Protocol (IP) fix this?
  - IP Addressing + routing



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IP addresses

- IP addresses are dynamically assigned to devices.
- The first parts of IP addresses are equal for all the devices in the local network.
  - The first part of an IP is called a "**locator**".
- One is assigned a new IP address with every new Wi-Fi connection.

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what do IP addresses look like?

IPv4 addresses.

4 groups of bytes

32= 8x4 bits in total

Insufficient!

IPv6 addresses

8 groups of 4 hexadecimals

128 = 8 * 4 * 4

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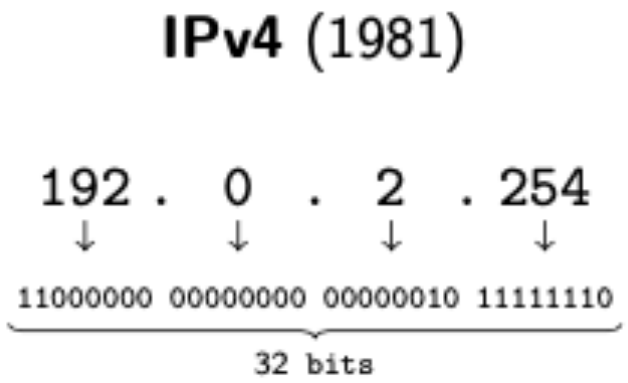

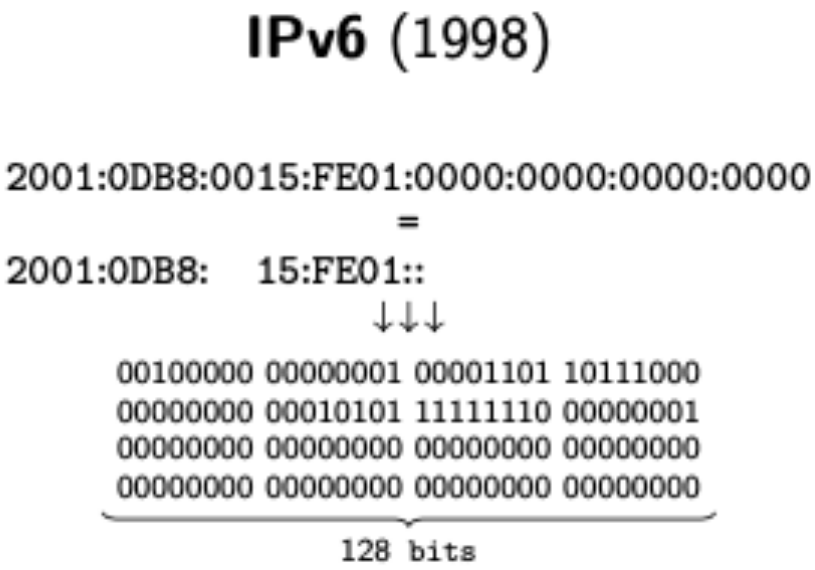

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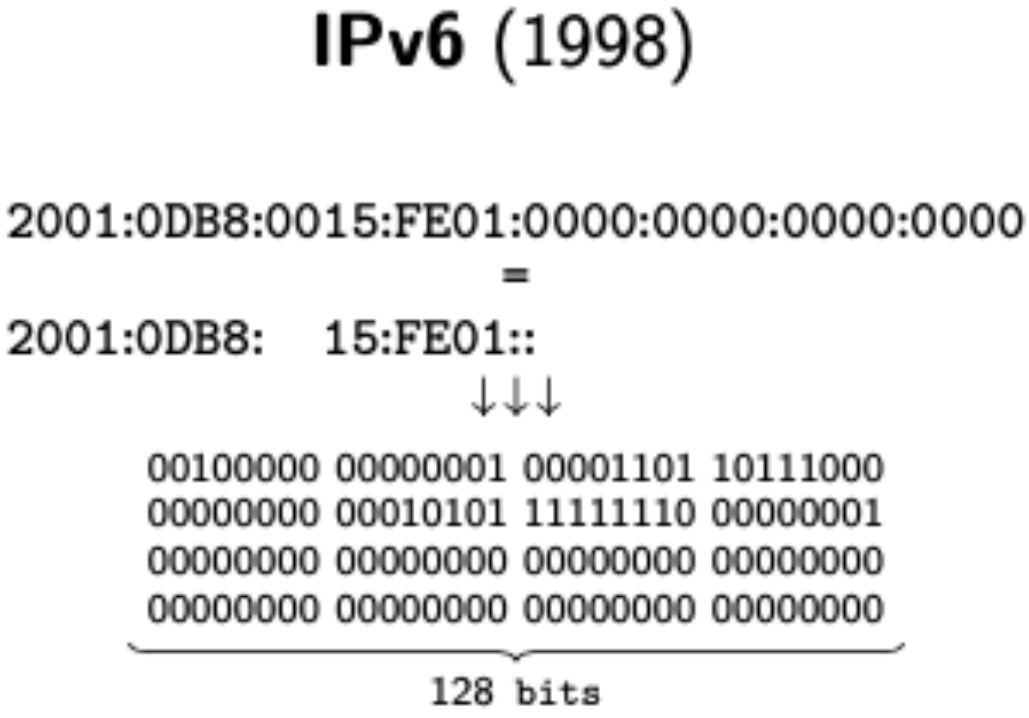
IPv6 - reduced versions

- Replace **0000** or groups of **0000:...:0000** with **::**
- remove leading **0**s
  - **0015** becomes **15**



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- ☐ `192.168.0.256` is a valid IPv4 address.
- ☐ `8.8.4.4` is a valid IPv4 address.
- ☐ `affe::` is a valid IPv6 address.
- ☐ `1.2.3.4` is a valid IPv6 address.
- ☐ There are strings that are both valid IPv4 and IPv6 addresses.

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   ✓

IPv4 vs. IPv6

Currently, most connections are still IPv4

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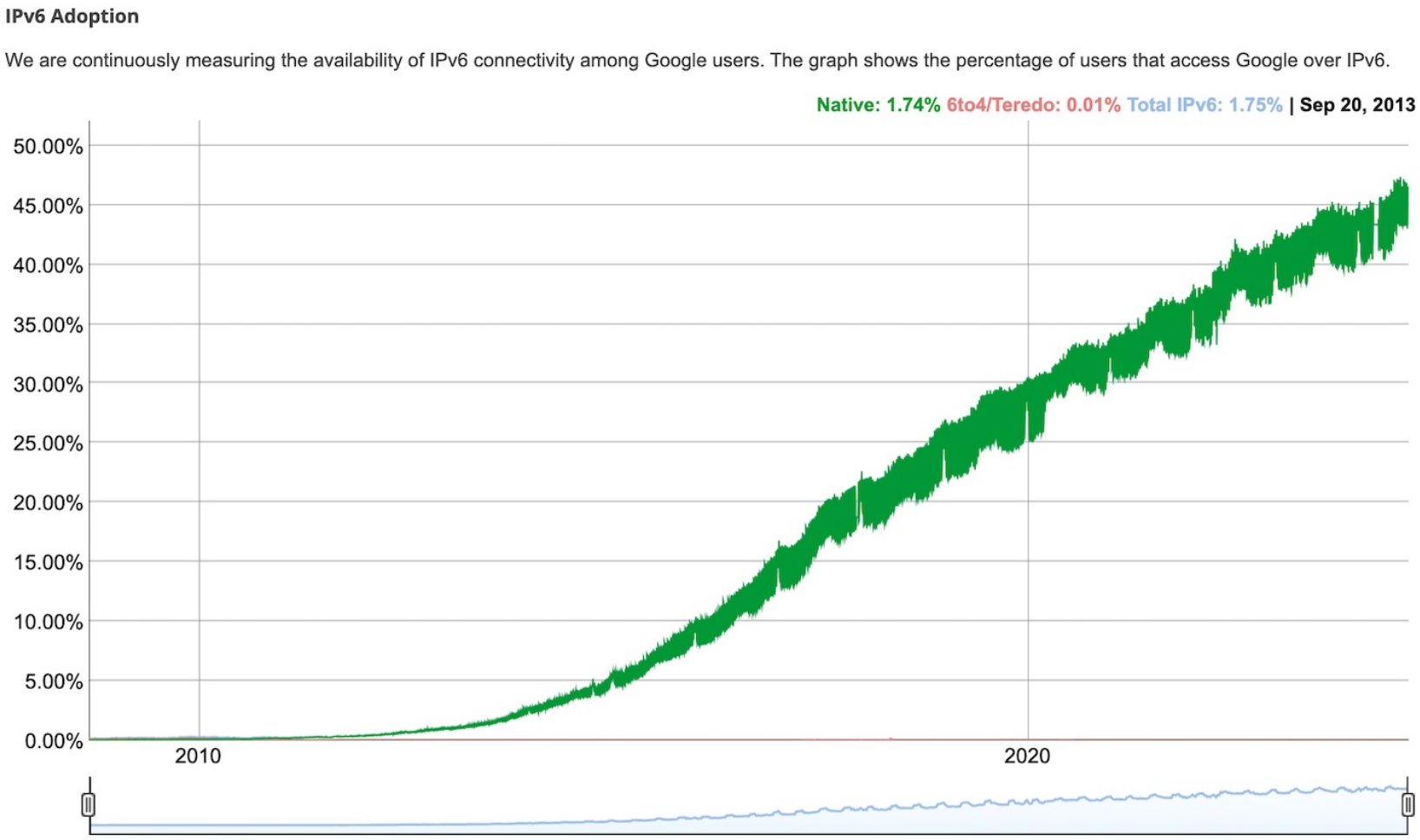

IPv6 adoption per country

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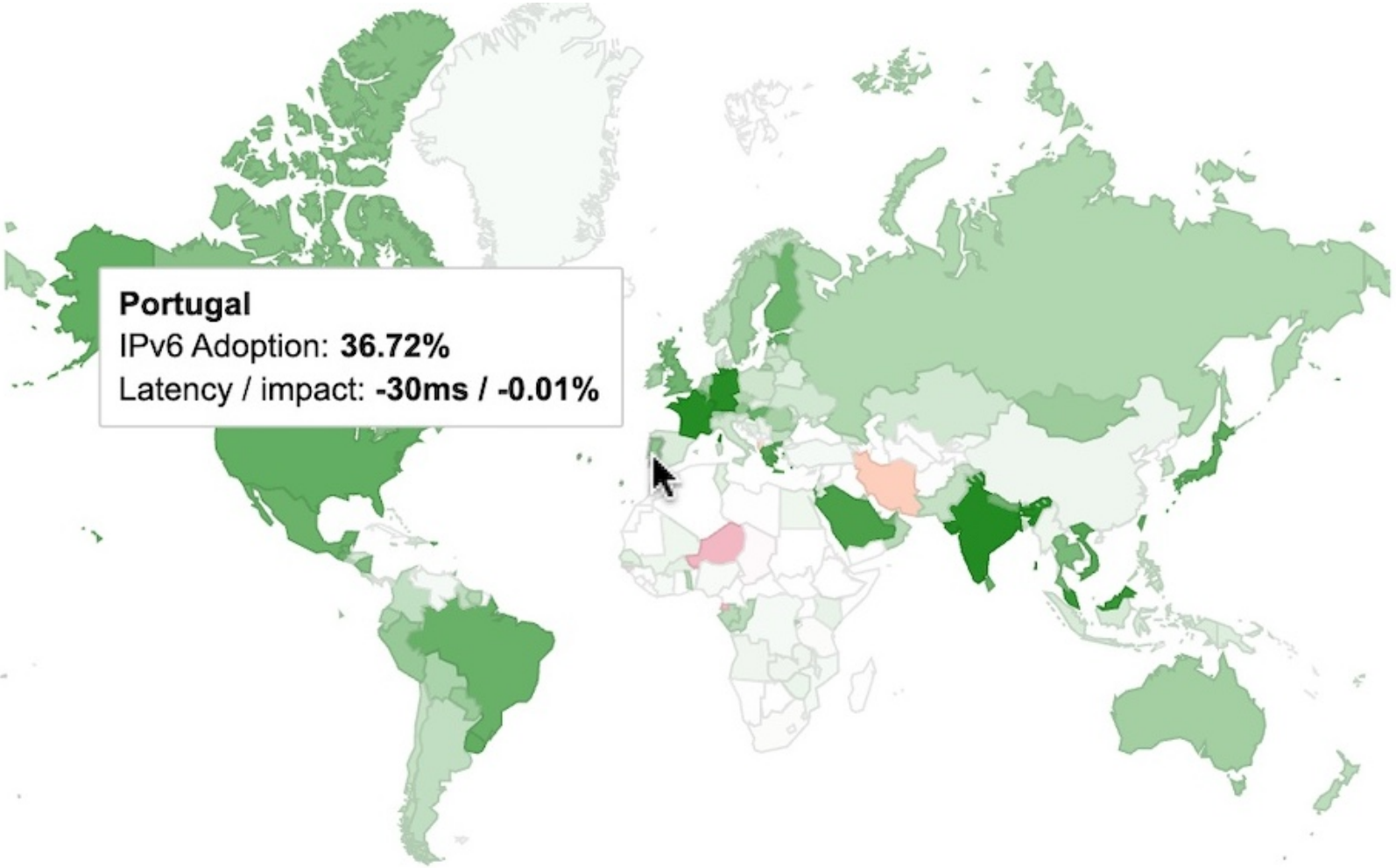

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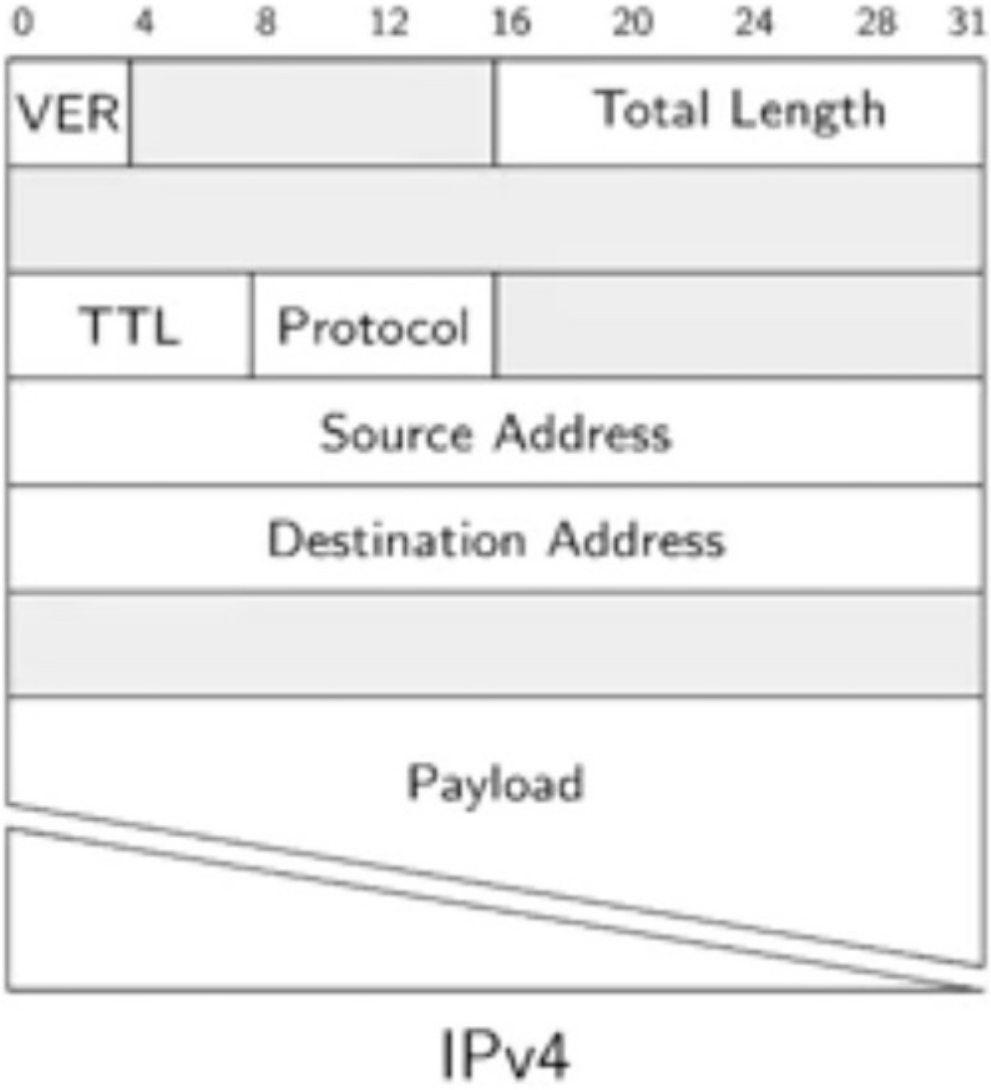
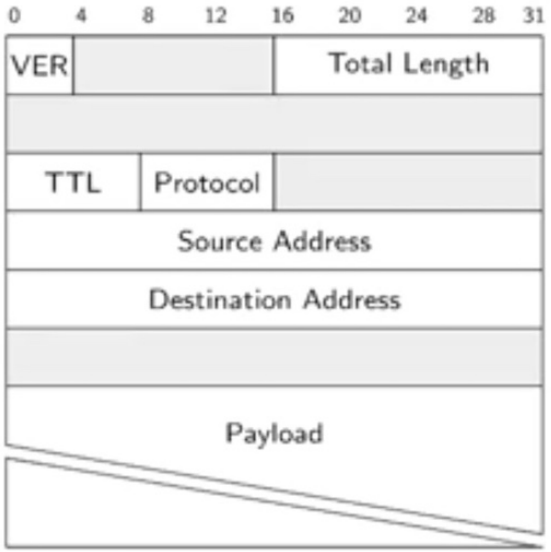


IPv4 packet structure

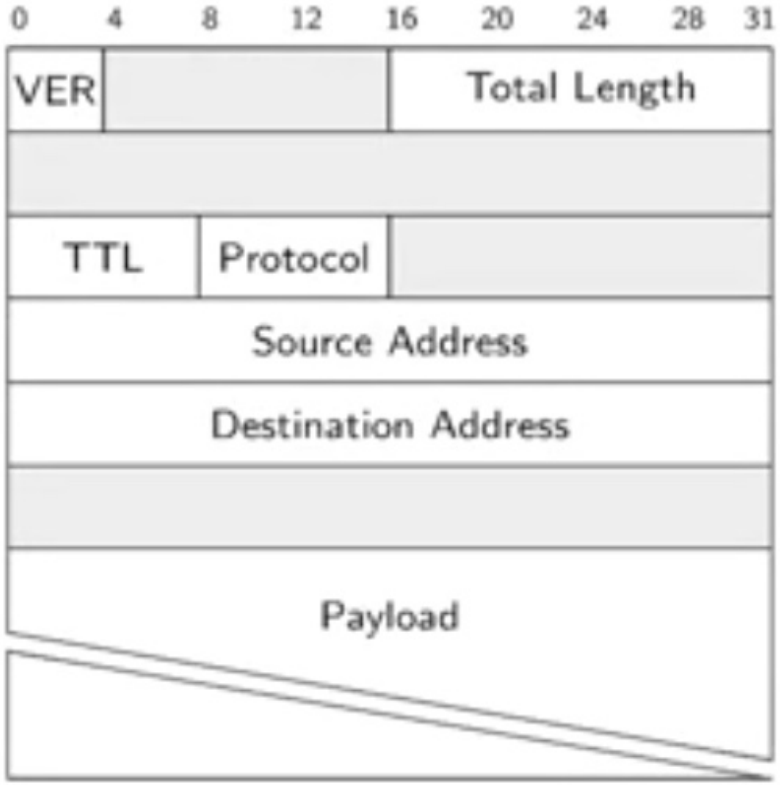
- VER: 4 bits, protocol version, 0100
- Total length: 2 bytes, total length of the packet (which sometimes is fragmented)
- TTL (Time To Live): **hop limit**, the maximum number of hops the package can traverse.



IPv4

Protocol: protocol used in the Transport Layer
Source address: where the packet is coming from
Destination address: where the packet is going to
Payload - the Transport protocol packet (remember the matryoshka image)

IPv4 vs IPv6 packet structure



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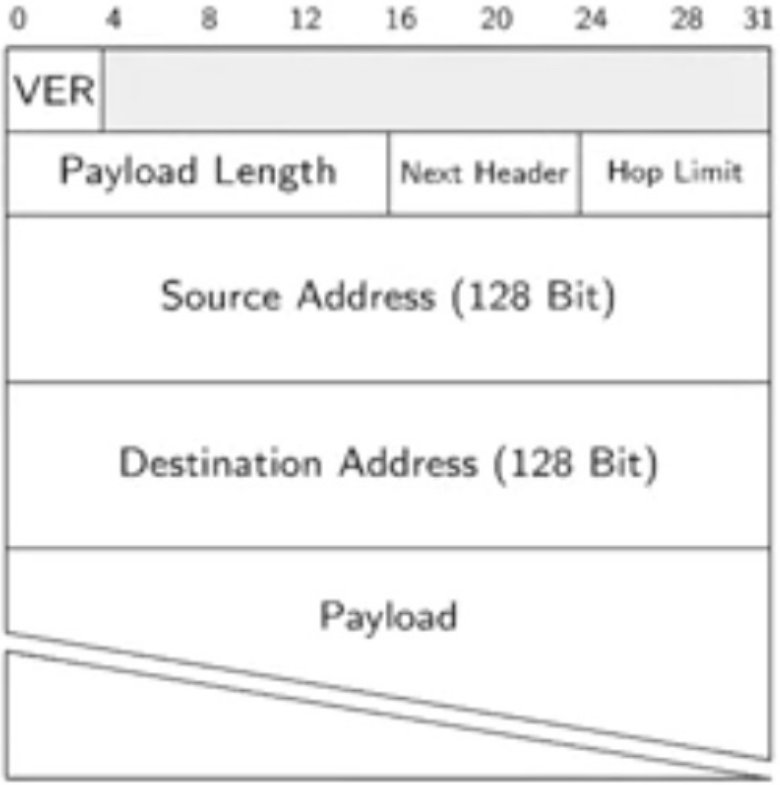

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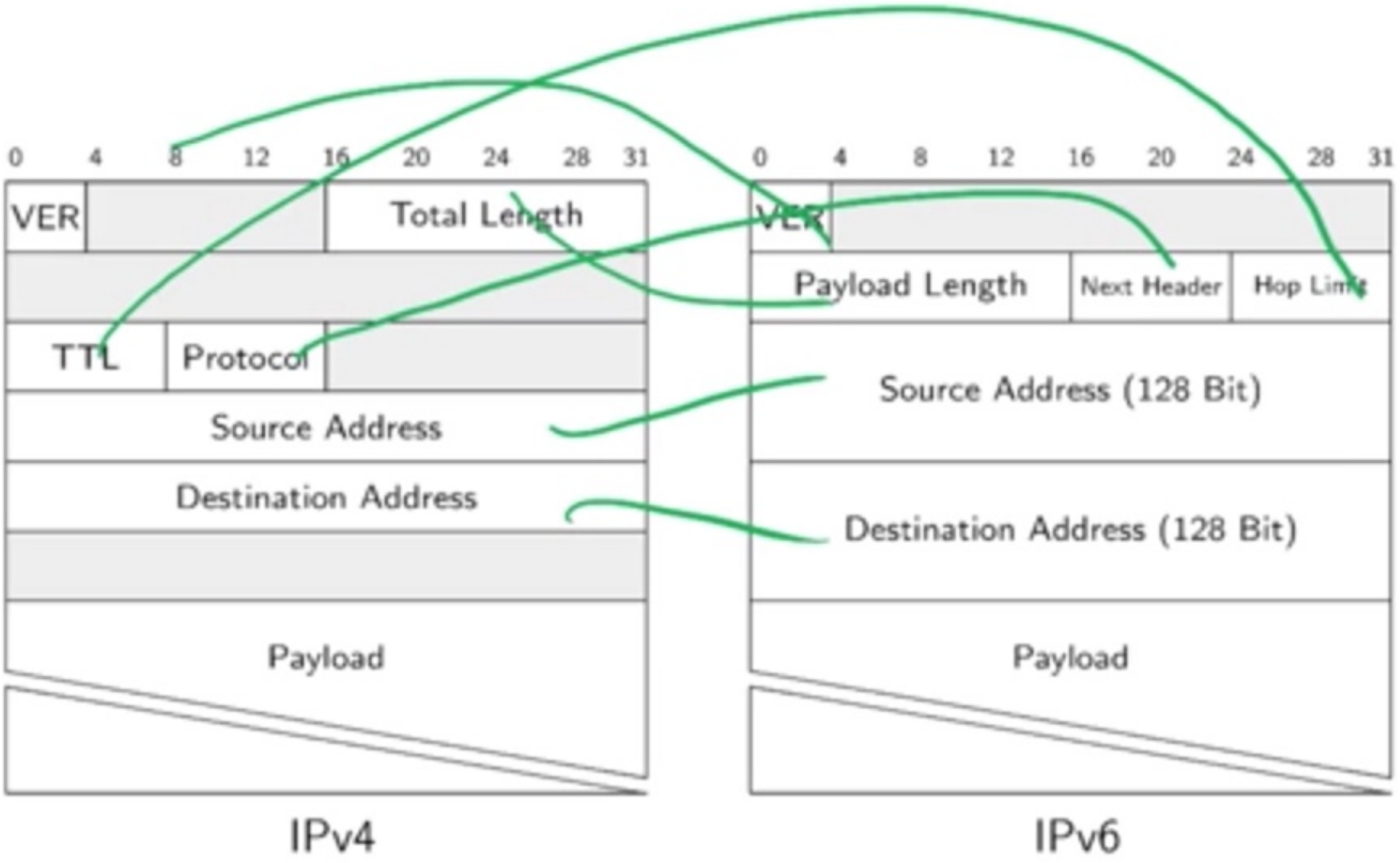

The difference is Source and Destination addresses are 128 bits

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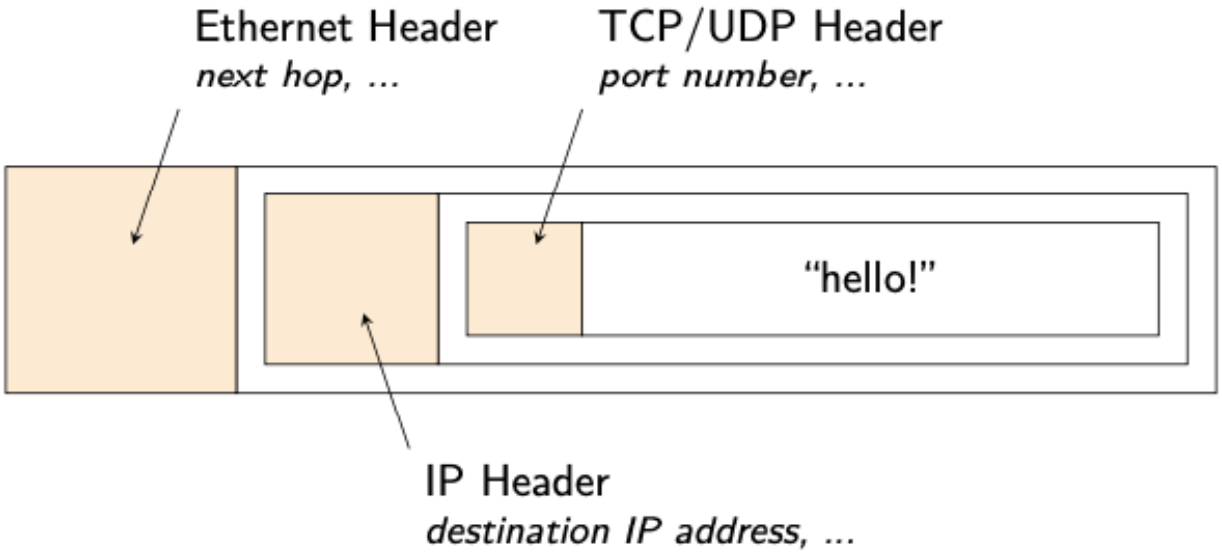

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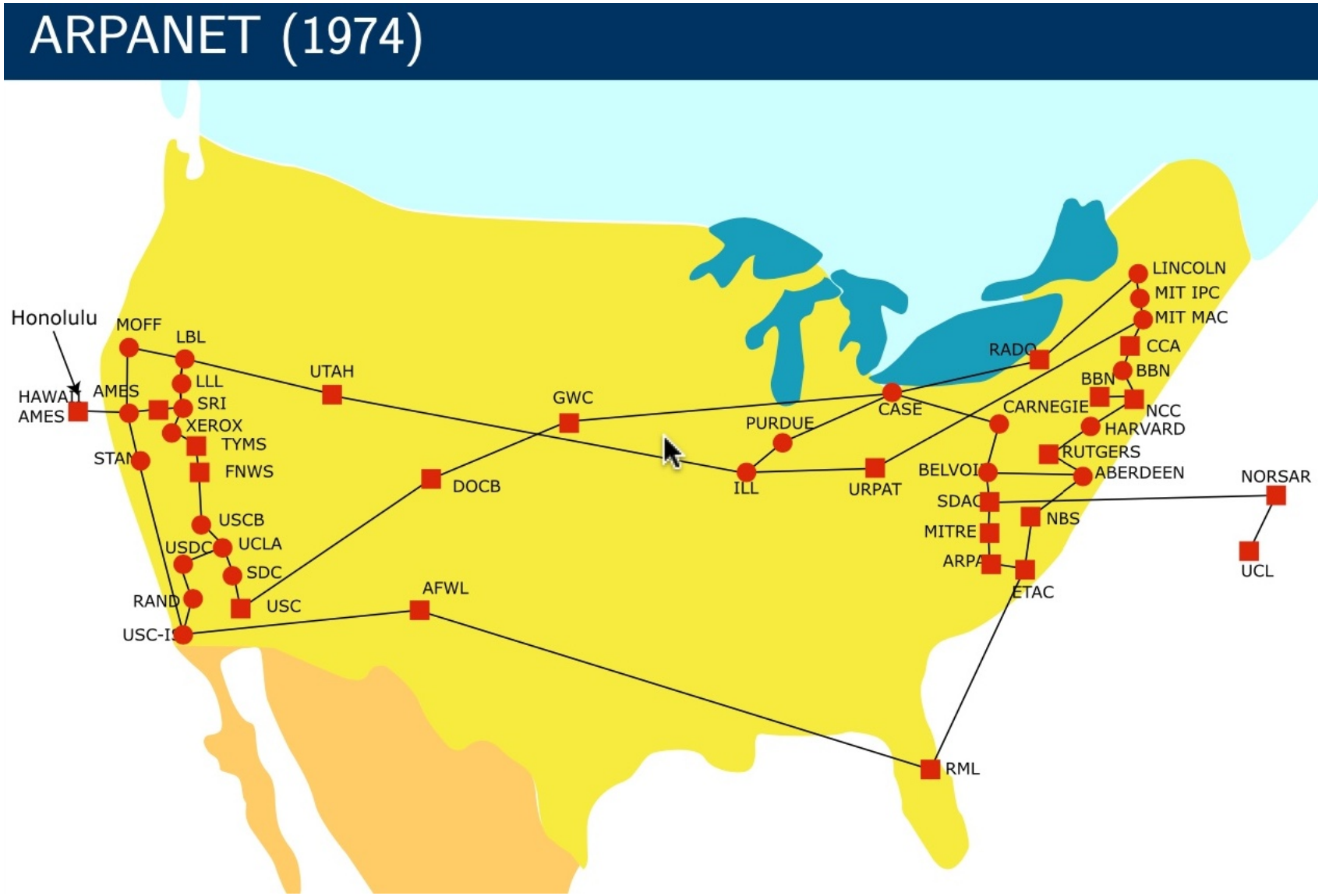

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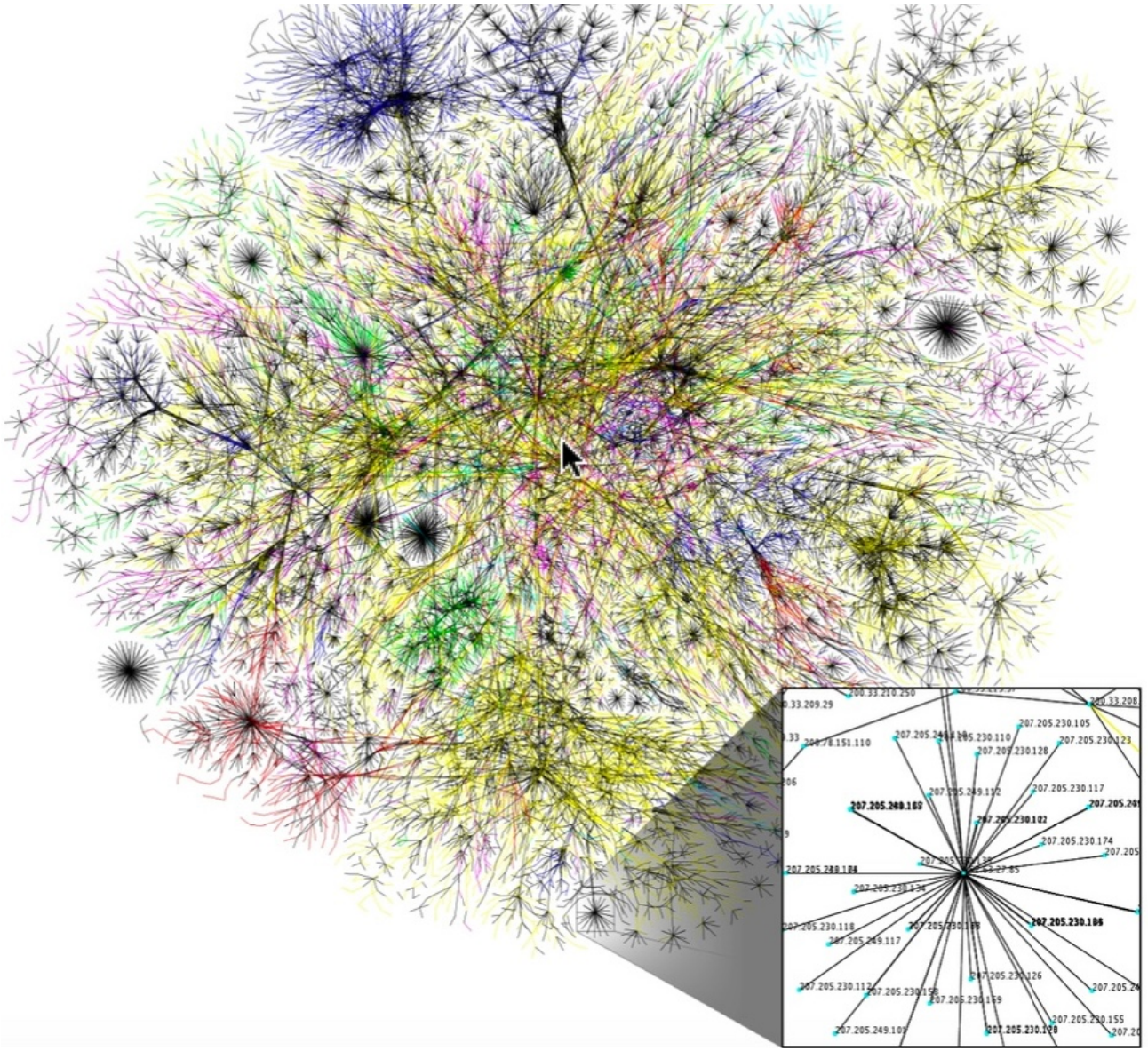


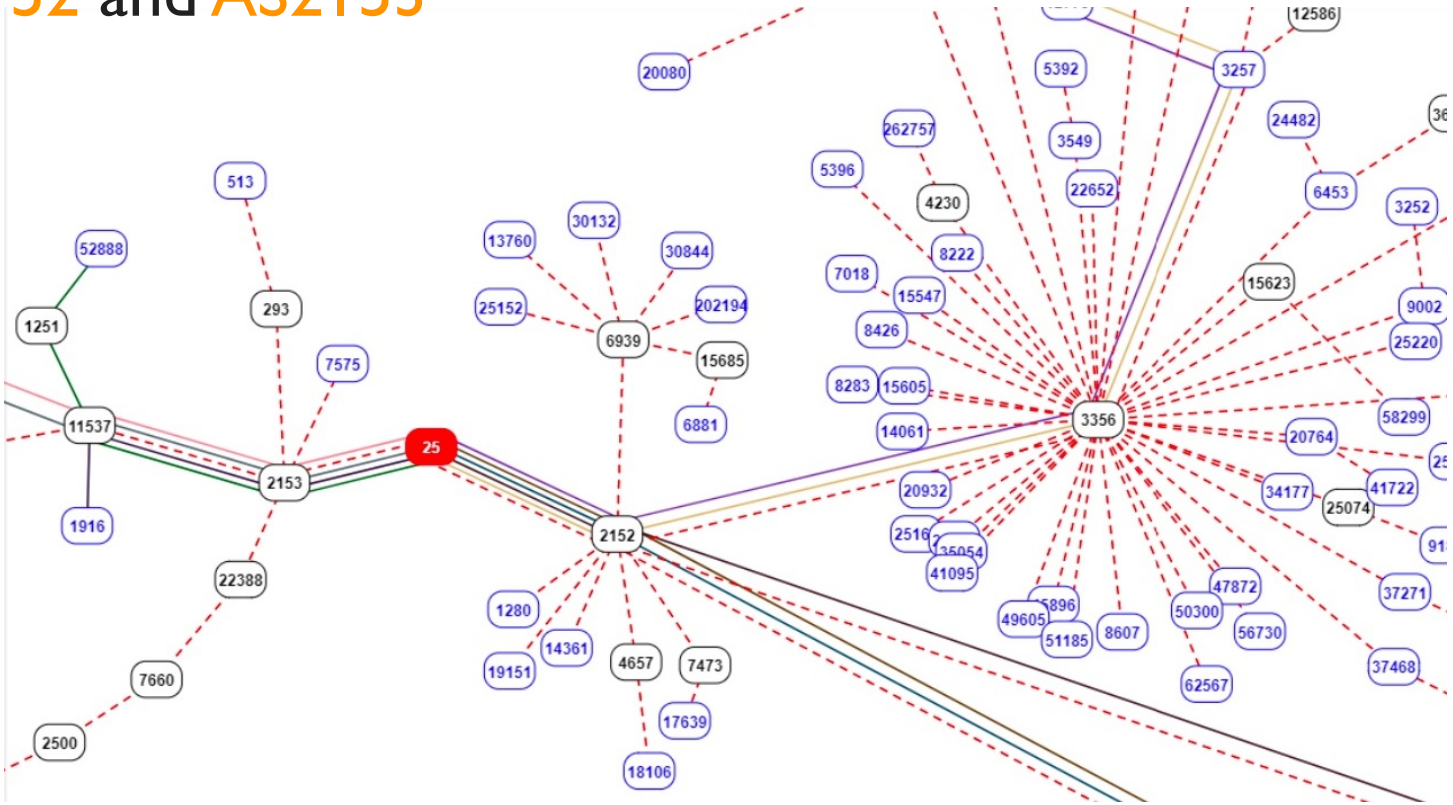
Internet

How do you maintain a routing table?

- the Internet is divided into ASs (Autonomous Systems).
  - each AS has a unique number and multiple IP ranges.
  - IGP (Interior Gateway Protocols) used for routing within ASs
- **Routing**: you need to take your packet to the right AS which will take care of its delivery
- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): routing between ASs
  - BGPs are Internet Providers
- AS25 (UC Berkeley)

BGP routes for AS25

- AS25 - UC Berkeley
- Each AS owns multiple IP address ranges
  - 128.32.0.0/16 — UC Berkeley
- UC Berkeley is directly connected to 2 other systems:
  - AS2152 and AS2153



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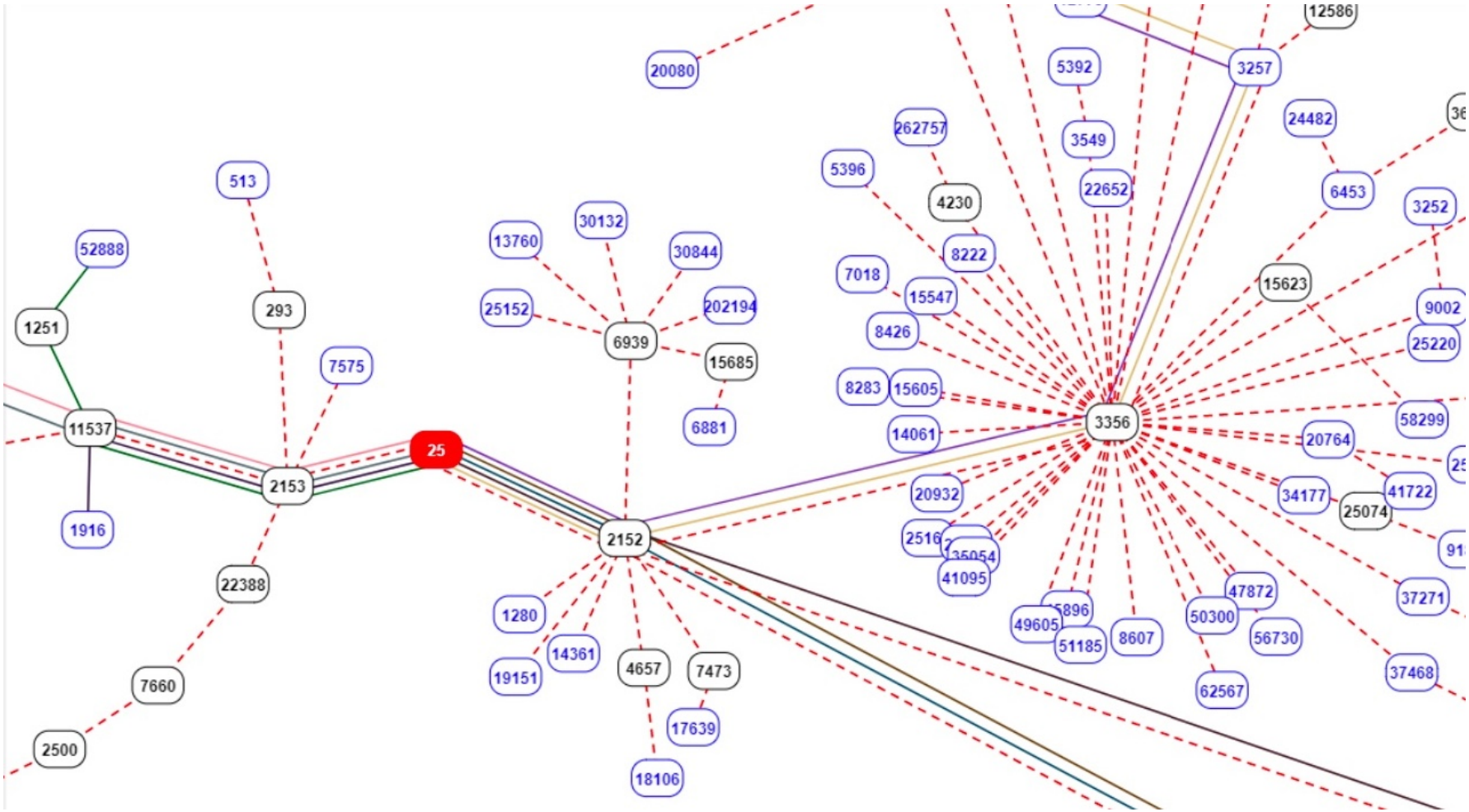

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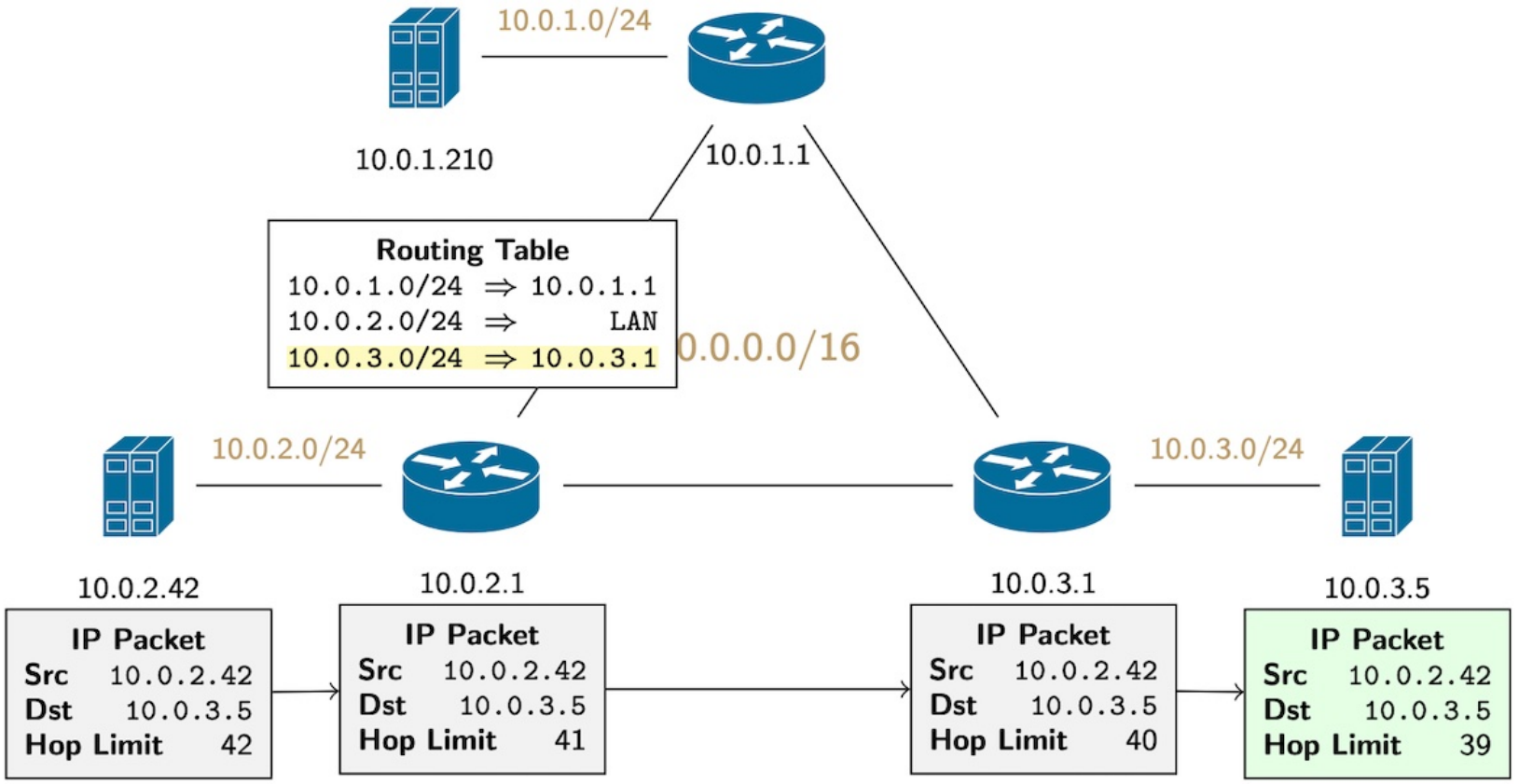

Routing Tables contain ranges of IP addresses

10.0.1.0/24 => 10.0.1

10.0.2.0/24 => LAN

10.0.3.0/24 => 10.0.3.1

Summary

IPv4 and IPv6

- Addressing
- Routing
- Addresses & Packets

Central Properties

- best effort
- connection-less
- unauthenticated plaintext

Security

- Eavesdropping
- BGP Hijacking

ICMP

- ping
- traceroute