

# Network layer control plane: our goals

- understand principles behind network control plane:
  - traditional routing algorithms
  - SDN controllers
  - network management, configuration
- instantiation, implementation in the Internet:
  - OSPF, BGP
  - OpenFlow, ODL and ONOS controllers
  - Internet Control Message Protocol: ICMP
  - SNMP, YANG/NETCONF

# Network-layer functions

- **forwarding:** move packets from router's input to appropriate router output
- **routing:** determine route taken by packets from source to destination

*data plane*

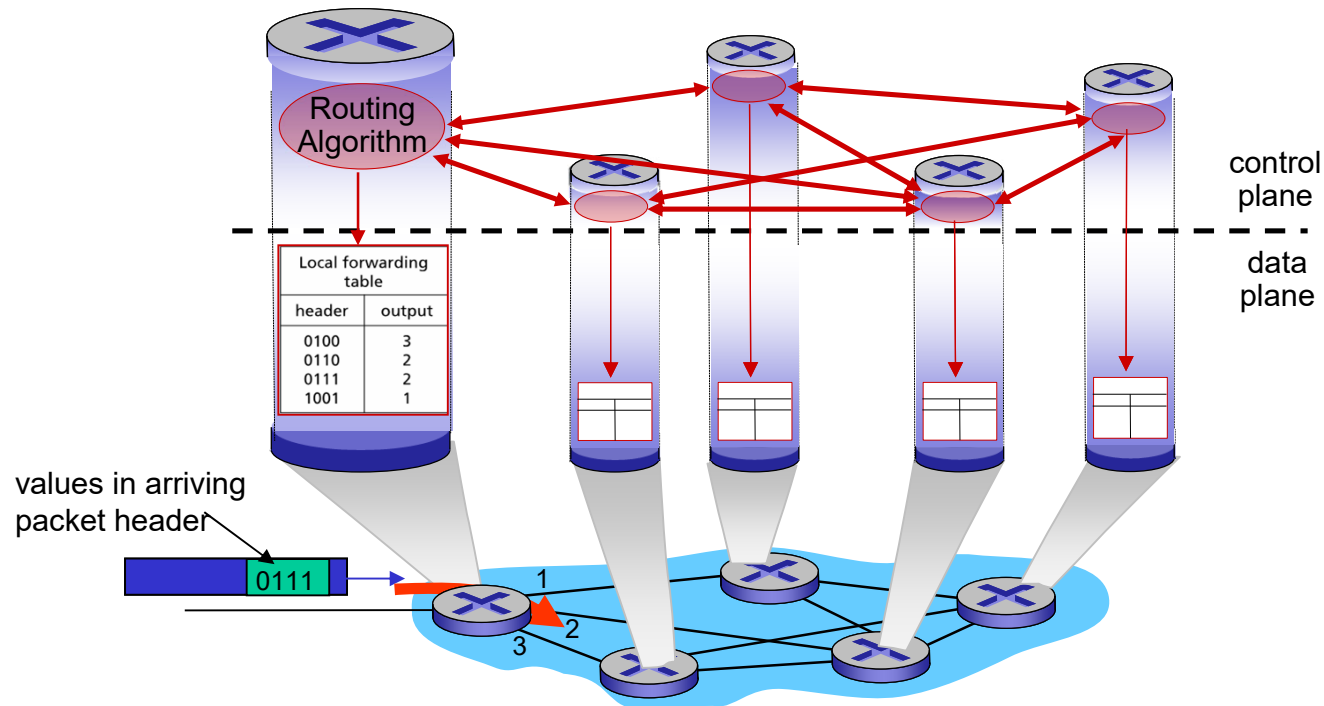
*control plane*

**Two approaches to structuring network control plane:**

- per-router control (traditional)
- logically centralized control (software defined networking)

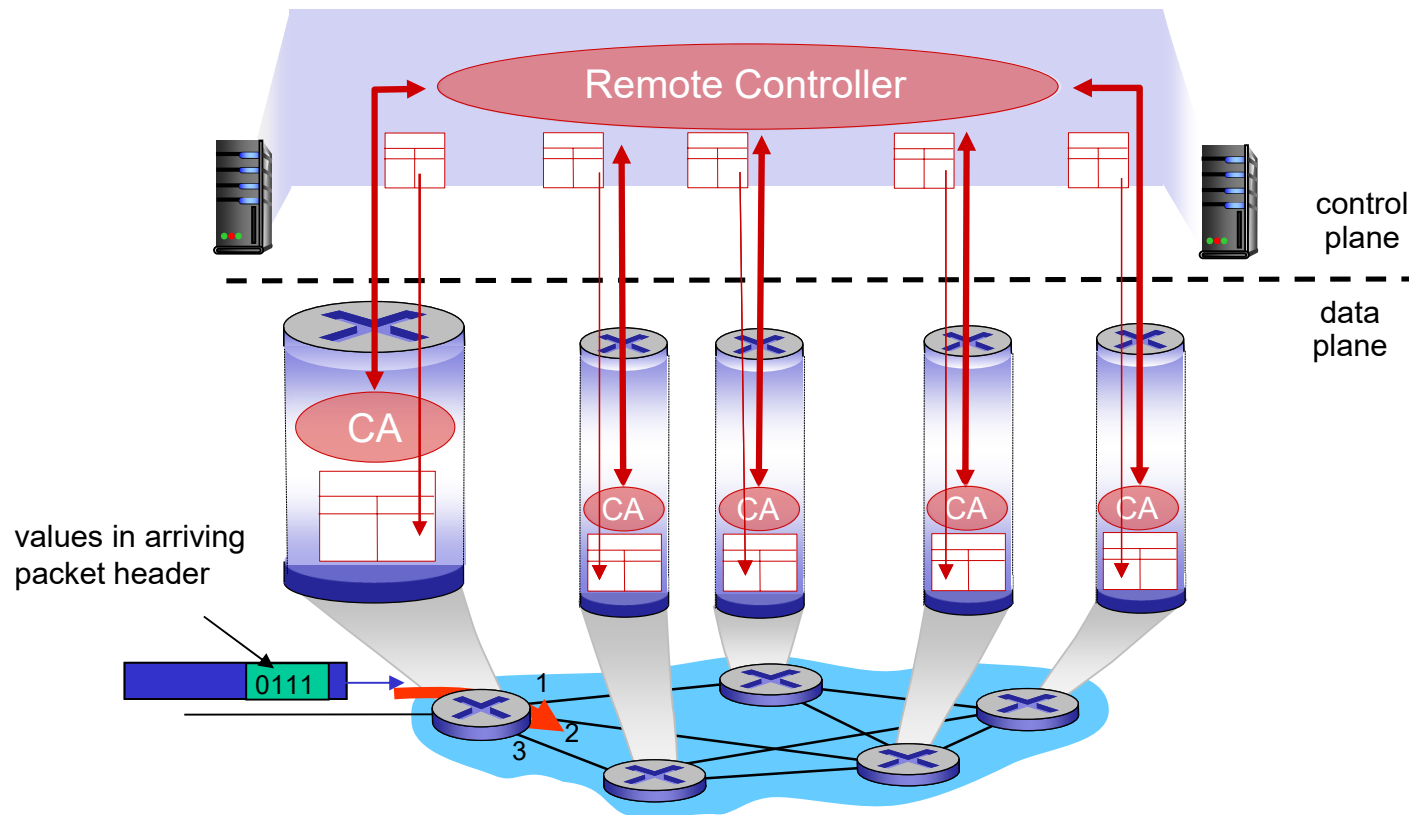
# Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact in the control plane



# Software-Defined Networking (SDN) control plane

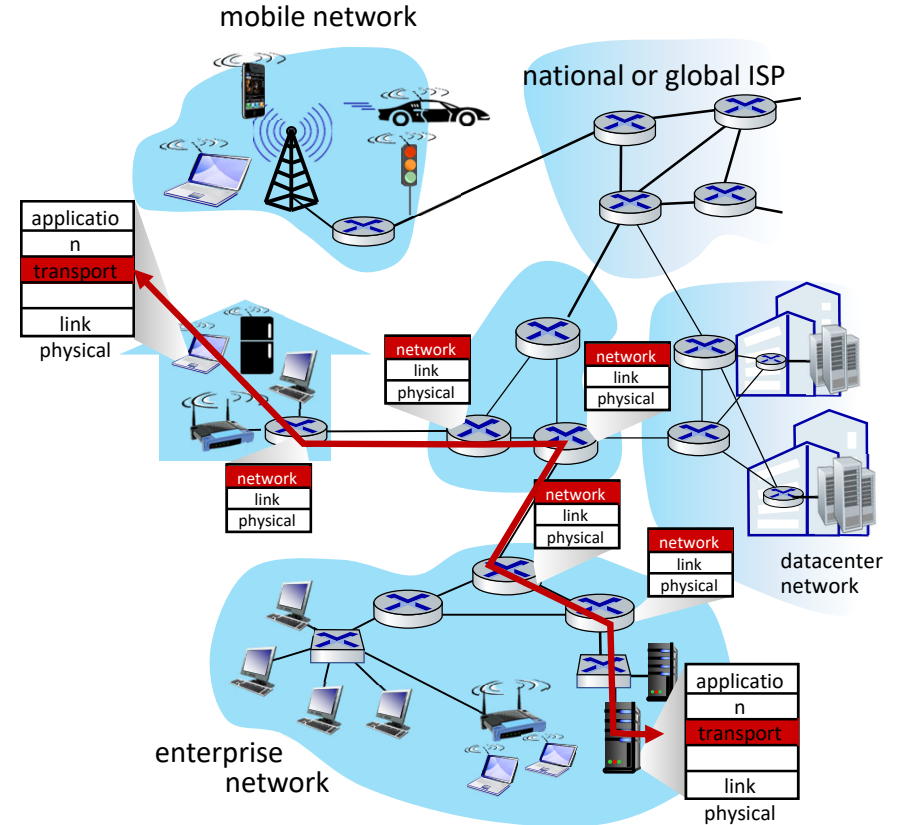
Remote controller computes, installs forwarding tables in routers



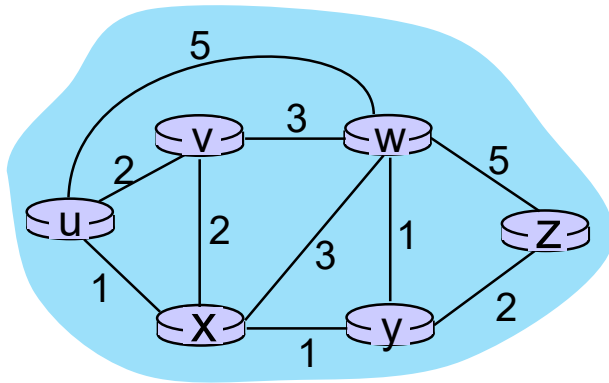
# Routing protocols

**Routing protocol goal:** determine “good” paths (equivalently, routes), from sending hosts to receiving host, through network of routers

- **path:** sequence of routers packets traverse from given initial source host to final destination host
- **“good”:** least “cost”, “fastest”, “least congested”
- routing: a “top-10” networking challenge!



# Graph abstraction: link costs



$c_{a,b}$ : cost of *direct* link connecting  $a$  and  $b$   
e.g.,  $c_{w,z} = 5$ ,  $c_{u,z} = \infty$

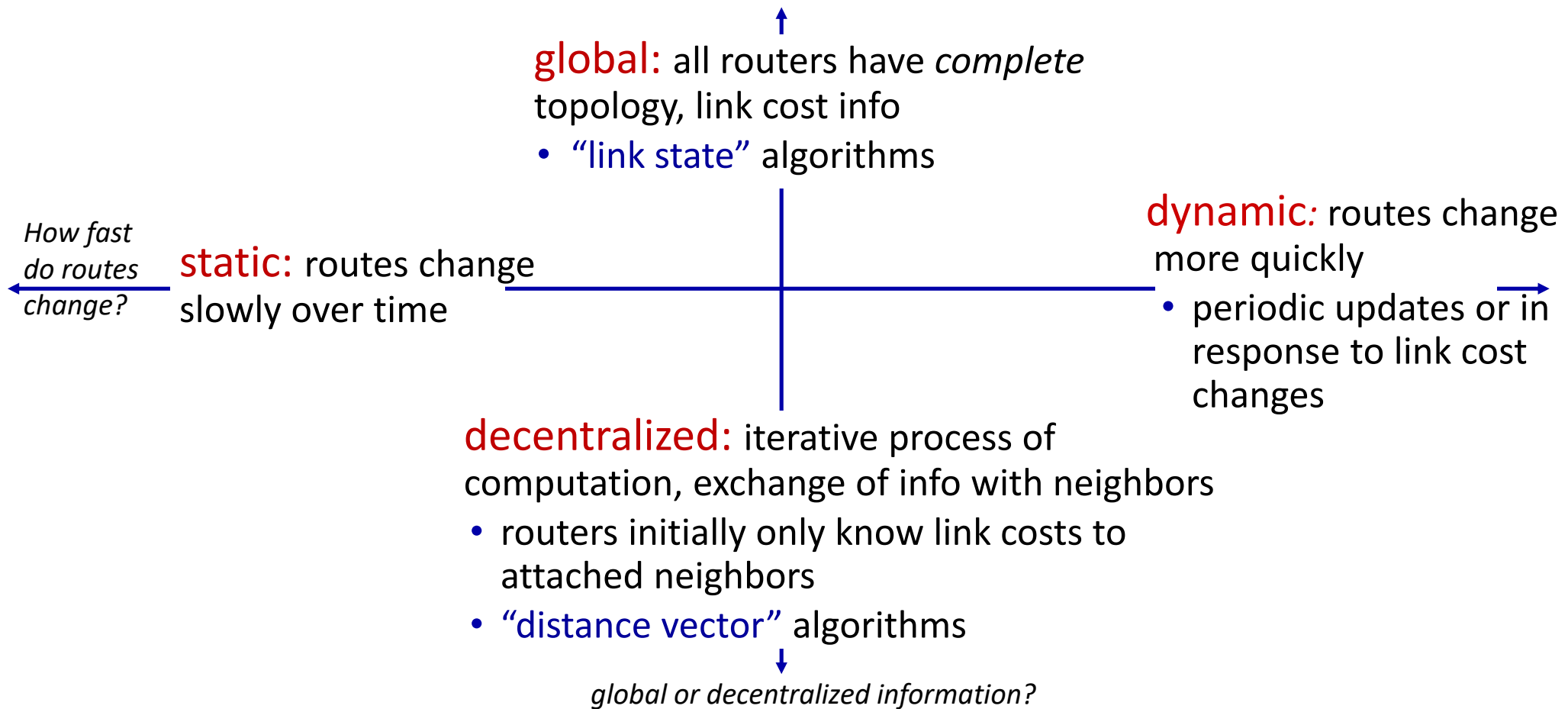
cost defined by network operator:  
could always be 1, or inversely related  
to bandwidth, or inversely related to  
congestion

graph:  $G = (N, E)$

$N$ : set of routers =  $\{ u, v, w, x, y, z \}$

$E$ : set of links =  $\{ (u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z) \}$

# Routing algorithm classification



# A link-state routing algorithm

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## *Dijkstra's algorithm*

- net topology, link costs known to all nodes
  - accomplished via “link state broadcast”
  - all nodes have same info
- computes least cost paths from one node (‘source’) to all other nodes
  - gives *forwarding table* for that node
- iterative: after k iterations, know least cost path to k dests

## *notation:*

- $c(x,y)$ : link cost from node x to y;  
 $= \infty$  if not direct neighbors
- $D(v)$ : current value of cost of path from source to dest. v
- $p(v)$ : predecessor node along path from source to v
- $N'$ : set of nodes whose least cost path definitively known



# Dijkstra's algorithm

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1 **Initialization:**

2  $N' = \{u\}$

3 for all nodes  $v$

4 if  $v$  adjacent to  $u$

5 then  $D(v) = c(u,v)$

6 else  $D(v) = \infty$

7

8 **Loop**

9 find  $w$  not in  $N'$  such that  $D(w)$  is a minimum

10 add  $w$  to  $N'$

11 update  $D(v)$  for all  $v$  adjacent to  $w$  and not in  $N'$  :

12  **$D(v) = \min( D(v), D(w) + c(w,v) )$**

13 /\* new cost to  $v$  is either old cost to  $v$  or known

14 shortest path cost to  $w$  plus cost from  $w$  to  $v$  \*/

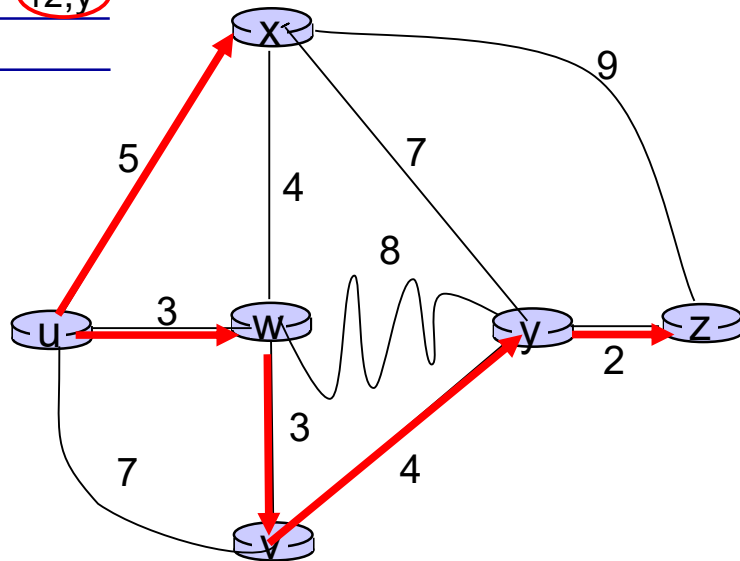
15 **until all nodes in  $N'$**

# Dijkstra's algorithm: example

|      |        | D(v) | D(w) | D(x) | D(y)     | D(z)     |
|------|--------|------|------|------|----------|----------|
| Step | N'     | p(v) | p(w) | p(x) | p(y)     | p(z)     |
| 0    | u      | 7,u  | 3,u  | 5,u  | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
| 1    | uw     | 6,w  |      | 5,u  | 11,w     | $\infty$ |
| 2    | uwx    | 6,w  |      |      | 11,w     | 14,x     |
| 3    | uwxv   |      |      |      | 10,v     | 14,x     |
| 4    | uwxvy  |      |      |      |          | 12,y     |
| 5    | uwxvyz |      |      |      |          |          |

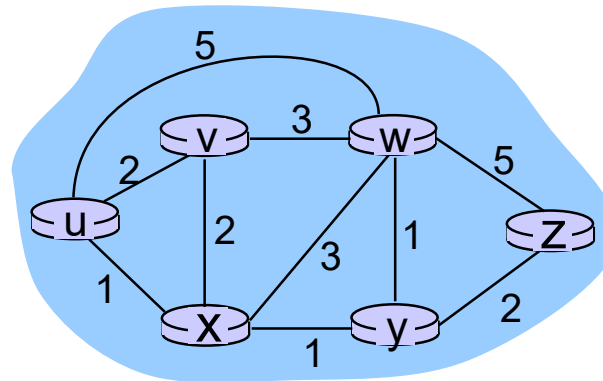
## notes:

- ❖ construct shortest path tree by tracing predecessor nodes
- ❖ ties can exist (can be broken arbitrarily)



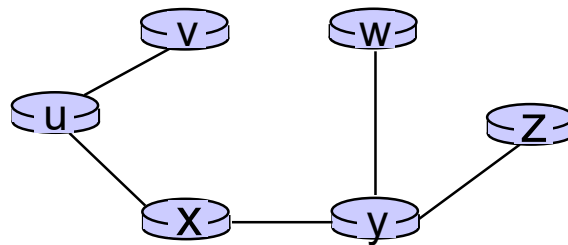
# Dijkstra's algorithm: another example

| Step | N'     | D(v),p(v) | D(w),p(w) | D(x),p(x) | D(y),p(y) | D(z),p(z) |
|------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 0    | u      | 2,u       | 5,u       | 1,u       | $\infty$  | $\infty$  |
| 1    | ux     | 2,u       | 4,x       |           | 2,x       | $\infty$  |
| 2    | uxy    | 2,u       | 3,y       |           |           | 4,y       |
| 3    | uxyv   |           | 3,y       |           |           | 4,y       |
| 4    | uxyvw  |           |           |           |           | 4,y       |
| 5    | uxyvwz |           |           |           |           |           |



## Dijkstra's algorithm: example (2)

resulting shortest-path tree from u:



resulting forwarding table in u:

| destination | link  |
|-------------|-------|
| v           | (u,v) |
| x           | (u,x) |
| y           | (u,x) |
| w           | (u,x) |
| z           | (u,x) |

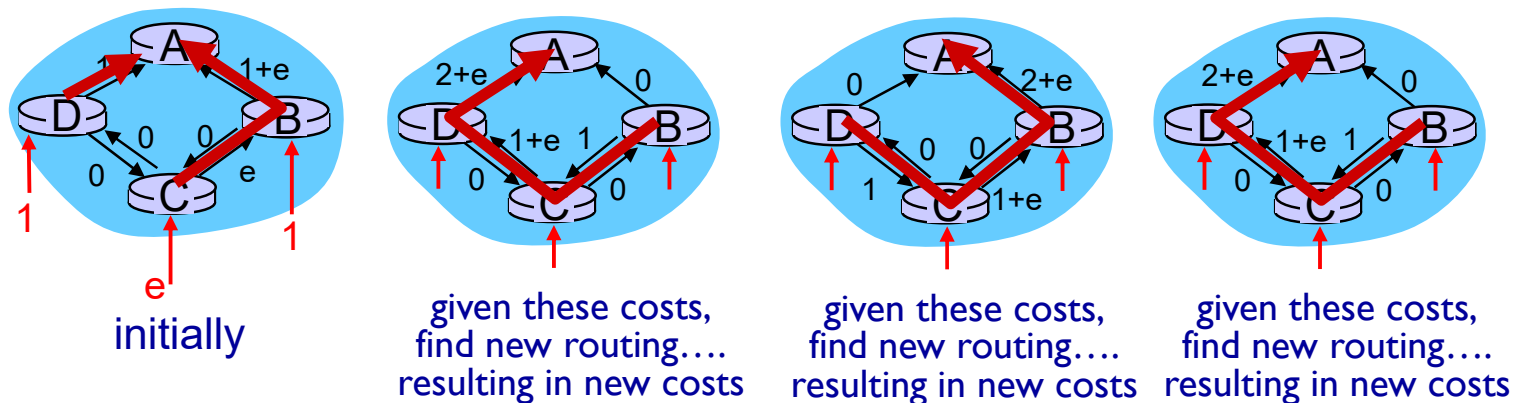
# Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

*algorithm complexity:* n nodes

- each iteration: need to check all nodes, w, not in N
- $n(n+1)/2$  comparisons:  $O(n^2)$
- more efficient implementations possible:  $O(n \log n)$

*oscillations possible:*

- e.g., support link cost equals amount of carried traffic:



# Distance vector algorithm

*Bellman-Ford equation (dynamic programming)*

let

$d_x(y) :=$  cost of least-cost path from  $x$  to  $y$

then

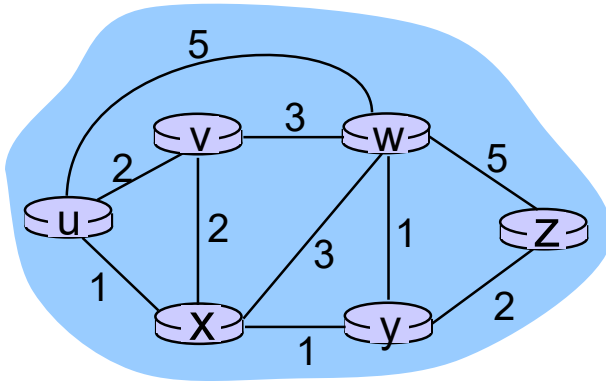
$$d_x(y) = \min_v \{ c(x,v) + d_v(y) \}$$

$\min$  taken over all neighbors  $v$  of  $x$

cost to neighbor  $v$

cost from neighbor  $v$  to destination  $y$

# Bellman-Ford example



clearly,  $d_v(z) = 5$ ,  $d_x(z) = 3$ ,  $d_w(z) = 3$

B-F equation says:

$$\begin{aligned} d_u(z) &= \min \{ c(u,v) + d_v(z), \\ &\quad c(u,x) + d_x(z), \\ &\quad c(u,w) + d_w(z) \} \\ &= \min \{ 2 + 5, \\ &\quad 1 + 3, \\ &\quad 5 + 3 \} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

node achieving minimum is next  
hop in shortest path, used in forwarding table

# Distance vector algorithm

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- $D_x(y)$  = estimate of least cost from  $x$  to  $y$ 
  - $x$  maintains distance vector  $\mathbf{D}_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$
- node  $x$ :
  - knows cost to each neighbor  $v$ :  $c(x,v)$
  - maintains its neighbors' distance vectors. For each neighbor  $v$ ,  $x$  maintains  
 $\mathbf{D}_v = [D_v(y): y \in N]$



# Distance vector algorithm

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*key idea:*

- from time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- when  $x$  receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_v \{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\} \text{ for each node } y \in N$$

- ❖ under minor, natural conditions, the estimate  $D_x(y)$  converge to the actual least cost  $d_x(y)$

# Distance vector algorithm

## *iterative, asynchronous:*

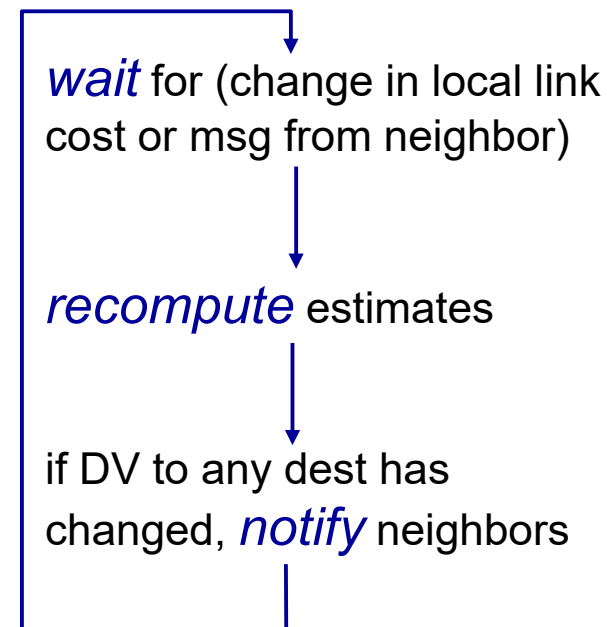
each local iteration  
caused by:

- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

## *distributed:*

- each node notifies neighbors *only* when its DV changes
  - neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary

## *each node:*



$$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\}$$

$$= \min\{2+0, 7+1\} = 2$$

$$D_x(z) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(z), c(x,z) + D_z(z)\}$$

$$= \min\{2+1, 7+0\} = 3$$

node x  
table

|      |   | cost to  |          |          |
|------|---|----------|----------|----------|
|      |   | x        | y        | z        |
| from | x | 0        | 2        | 7        |
|      | y | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
|      | z | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |

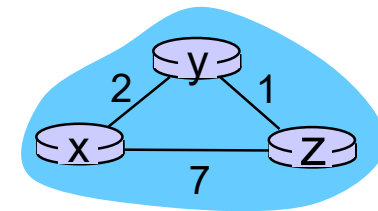
node y  
table

|      |   | cost to  |          |          |
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| from | x | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
|      | y | 2        | 0        | 1        |
|      | z | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |

node z  
table

|      |   | cost to  |          |          |
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|      | z | 7        | 1        | 0        |

|      |   | cost to |   |   |
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| from | x | 0       | 2 | 3 |
|      | y | 2       | 0 | 1 |
|      | z | 7       | 1 | 0 |



time

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table

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node z  
table

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|      | y | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
|      | z | 7        | 1        | 0        |

|      |   | cost to |   |   |
|------|---|---------|---|---|
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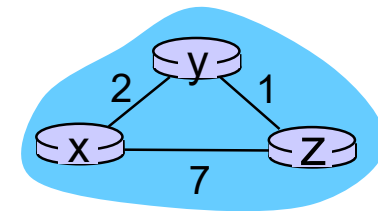
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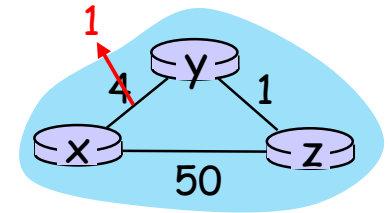


time →

# Distance vector: link cost changes

## link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- updates routing info, recalculates local DV
- if DV changes, notify neighbors



“good news  
travels fast”

$t_0$ : y detects link-cost change, updates its DV, informs its neighbors.

$t_1$ : z receives update from y, updates its table, computes new least cost to x, sends its neighbors its DV.

$t_2$ : y receives z's update, updates its distance table. y's least costs do *not* change, so y does *not* send a message to z.

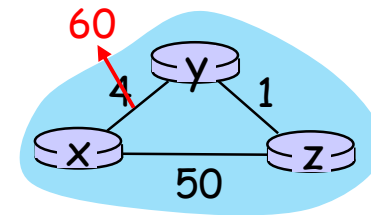
# Distance vector: link cost changes

## *link cost changes:*

- ❖ node detects local link cost change
- ❖ *bad news travels slow* - “count to infinity” problem!
- ❖ 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes: see text

## *poisoned reverse:*

- ❖ If Z routes through Y to get to X :
  - Z tells Y its (Z's) distance to X is infinite (so Y won't route to X via Z)
- ❖ will this completely solve count to infinity problem?



# Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

## message complexity

LS:  $n$  routers,  $O(n^2)$  messages sent

DV: exchange between neighbors;  
convergence time varies

## speed of convergence

LS:  $O(n^2)$  algorithm,  $O(n^2)$  messages

- may have oscillations

DV: convergence time varies

- may have routing loops
- count-to-infinity problem

robustness: what happens if router malfunctions, or is compromised?

LS:

- router can advertise incorrect *link* cost
- each router computes only its *own* table

DV:

- DV router can advertise incorrect *path* cost (“I have a *really* low cost path to everywhere”): black-holing
- each router’s table used by others: error propagate thru network

# Network layer: “control plane” roadmap

- introduction
- routing protocols
- **intra-ISP routing: OSPF**
- routing among ISPs: BGP
- SDN control plane
- Internet Control Message Protocol



- network management, configuration
  - SNMP
  - NETCONF/YANG



# Making routing scalable

our routing study thus far - idealized

- all routers identical
- network “flat”

... not true in practice

**scale:** billions of destinations:

- can't store all destinations in routing tables!
- routing table exchange would swamp links!

**administrative autonomy:**

- Internet: a network of networks
- each network admin may want to control routing in its own network

# Internet approach to scalable routing

aggregate routers into regions known as “autonomous systems” (AS) (a.k.a. “domains”)

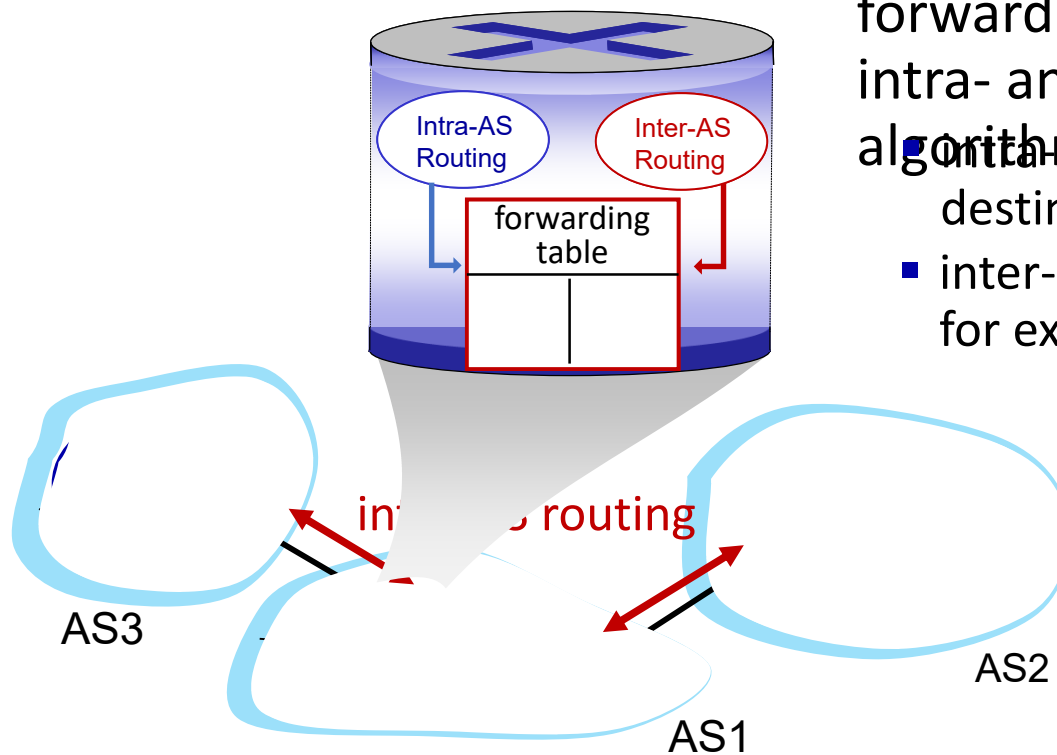
**intra-AS (aka “intra-domain”):**  
routing among *within same AS*  
(“*network*”)

- all routers in AS must run same intra-domain protocol
- routers in different AS can run different intra-domain routing protocols
- **gateway router:** at “edge” of its own AS, has link(s) to router(s) in other AS'es

**inter-AS (aka “inter-domain”):**  
routing *among* AS'es

- gateways perform inter-domain routing (as well as intra-domain routing)

# Interconnected ASes



forwarding table configured by  
intra- and inter-AS routing

algorithms  
intra-AS routing determine entries for  
destinations within AS

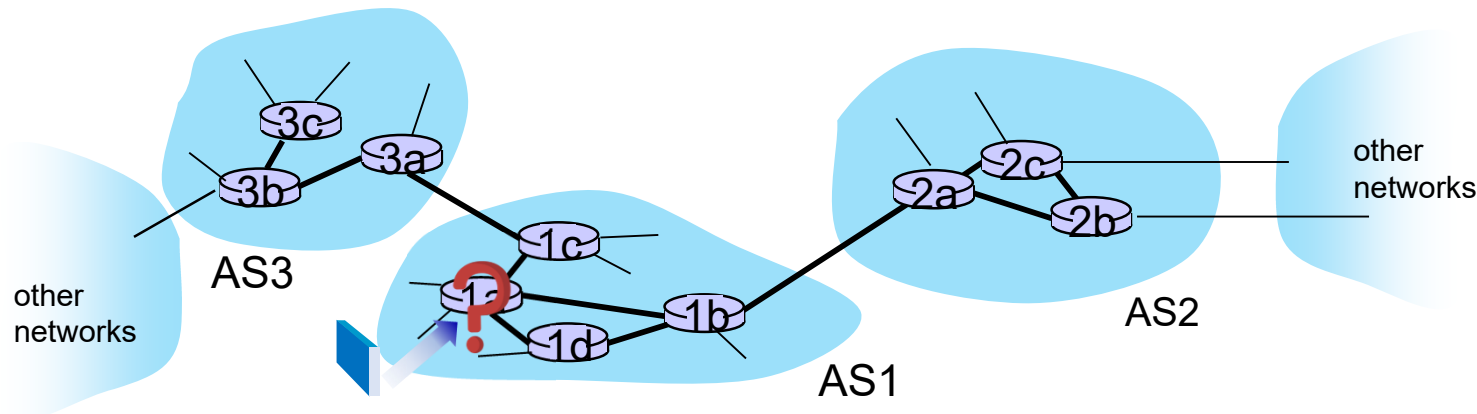
- inter-AS & intra-AS determine entries  
for external destinations

# Inter-AS routing: a role in intradomain forwarding

- suppose router in AS1 receives datagram destined outside of AS1:
- ? • router should forward packet to gateway router in AS1, but which one?

## AS1 inter-domain routing must:

1. learn which destinations reachable through AS2, which through AS3
2. propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1



# Intra-AS routing: routing within an AS

most common intra-AS routing protocols:

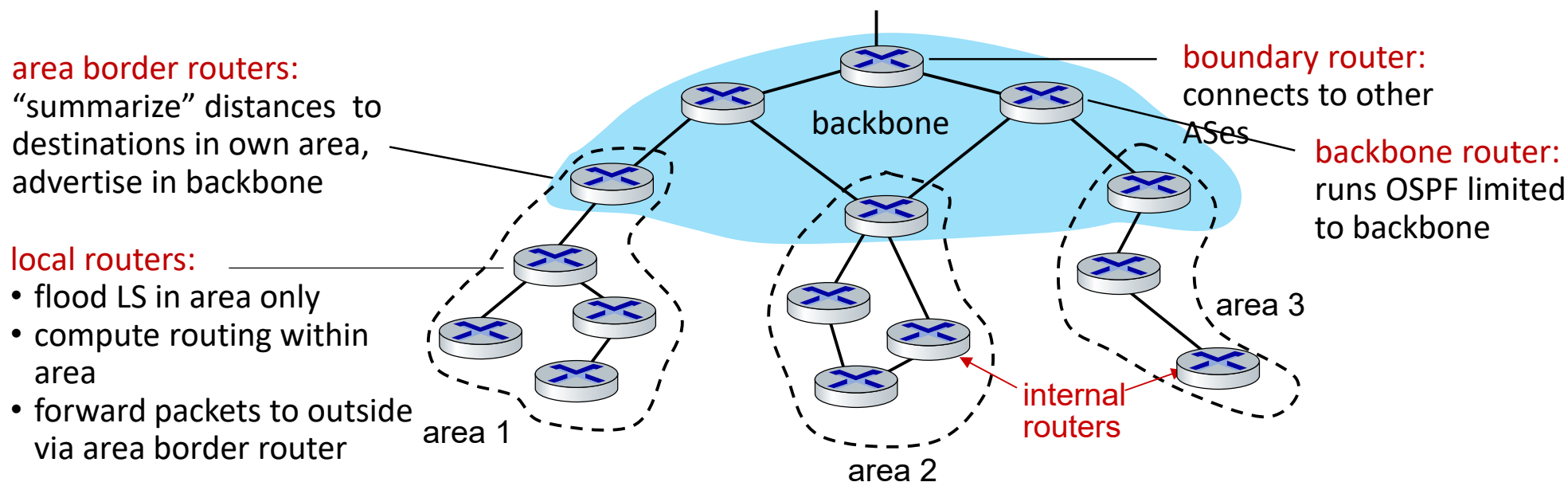
- **RIP: Routing Information Protocol** [RFC 1723]
  - classic DV: DVs exchanged every 30 secs
  - no longer widely used
- **EIGRP: Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol**
  - DV based
  - formerly Cisco-proprietary for decades (became open in 2013 [RFC 7868])
- **OSPF: Open Shortest Path First** [RFC 2328]
  - link-state routing
  - IS-IS protocol (ISO standard, not RFC standard) essentially same as OSPF

# OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) routing

- “open”: publicly available
- classic link-state
  - each router floods OSPF link-state advertisements (directly over IP rather than using TCP/UDP) to all other routers in entire AS
  - multiple link costs metrics possible: bandwidth, delay
  - each router has full topology, uses Dijkstra’s algorithm to compute forwarding table
- *security*: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)

# Hierarchical OSPF

- **two-level hierarchy:** local area, backbone.
  - link-state advertisements flooded only in area, or backbone
  - each node has detailed area topology; only knows direction to reach other destinations

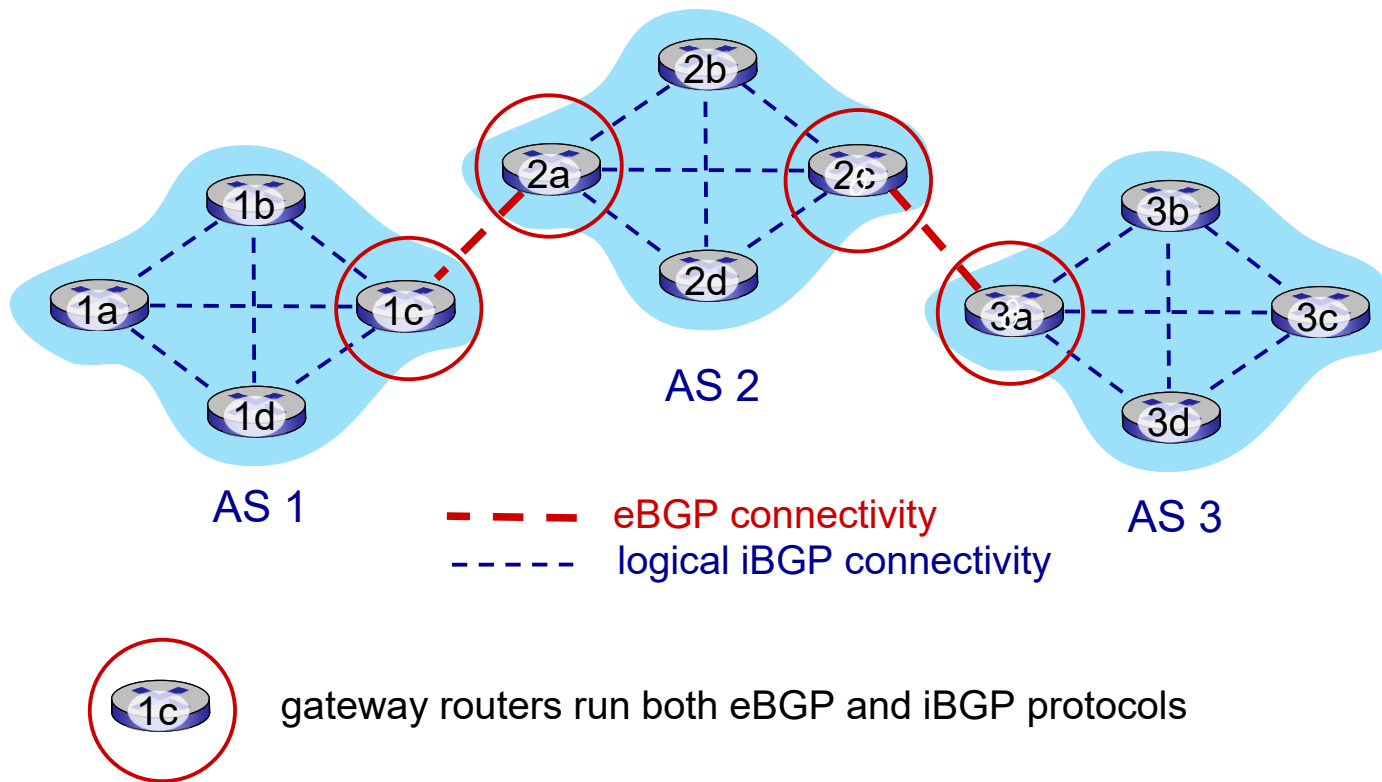


# Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- **BGP (Border Gateway Protocol):** *the* de facto inter-domain routing protocol
  - “glue that holds the Internet together”
- allows subnet to advertise its existence, and the destinations it can reach, to rest of Internet: *“I am here, here is who I can reach, and how”*
- BGP provides each AS a means to:
  - **eBGP:** obtain subnet reachability information from neighboring ASes
  - **iBGP:** propagate reachability information to all AS-internal routers.
  - determine “good” routes to other networks based on reachability information and *policy*

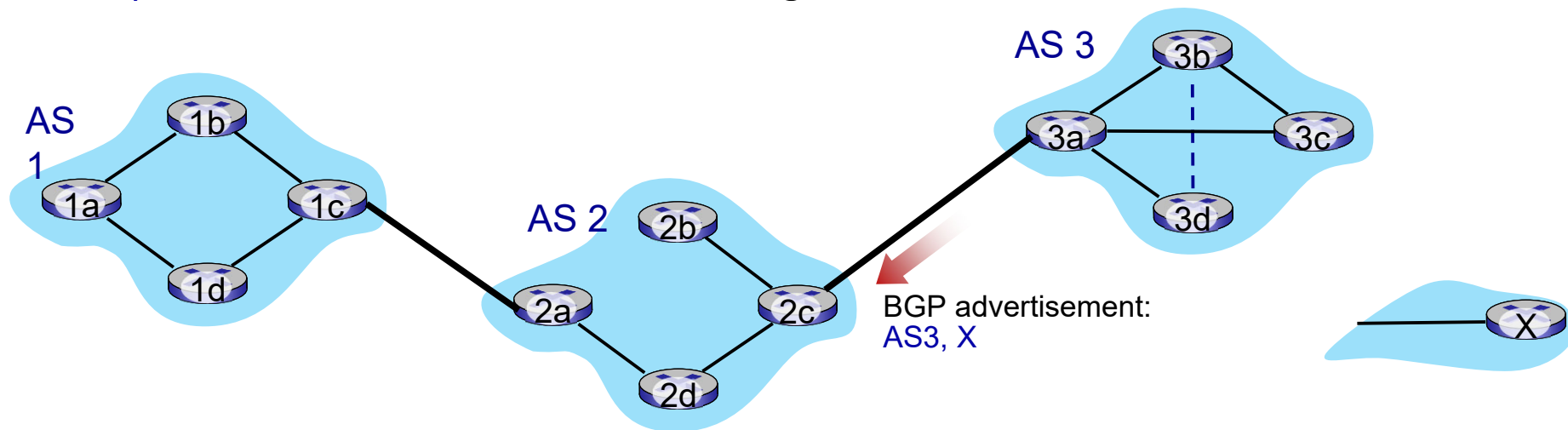


# eBGP, iBGP connections



# BGP basics

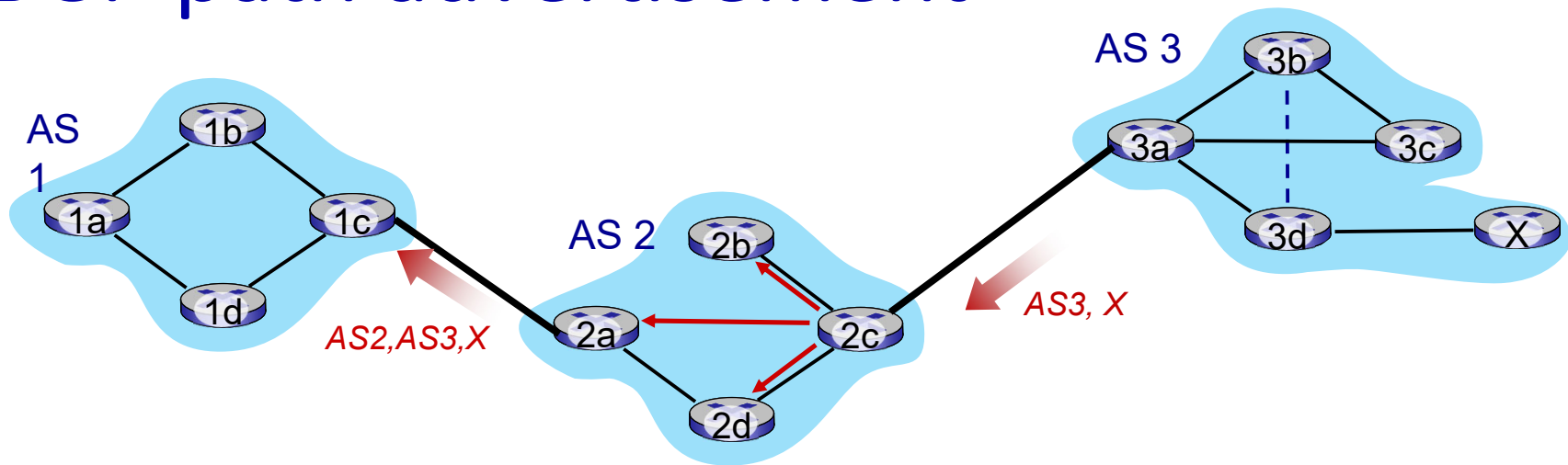
- **BGP session:** two BGP routers (“peers”) exchange BGP messages over semi-permanent TCP connection:
  - advertising *paths* to different destination network prefixes (BGP is a “path vector” protocol)
- when AS3 gateway 3a advertises *path AS3,X* to AS2 gateway 2c:
  - AS3 *promises* to AS2 it will forward datagrams towards X



# Path attributes and BGP routes

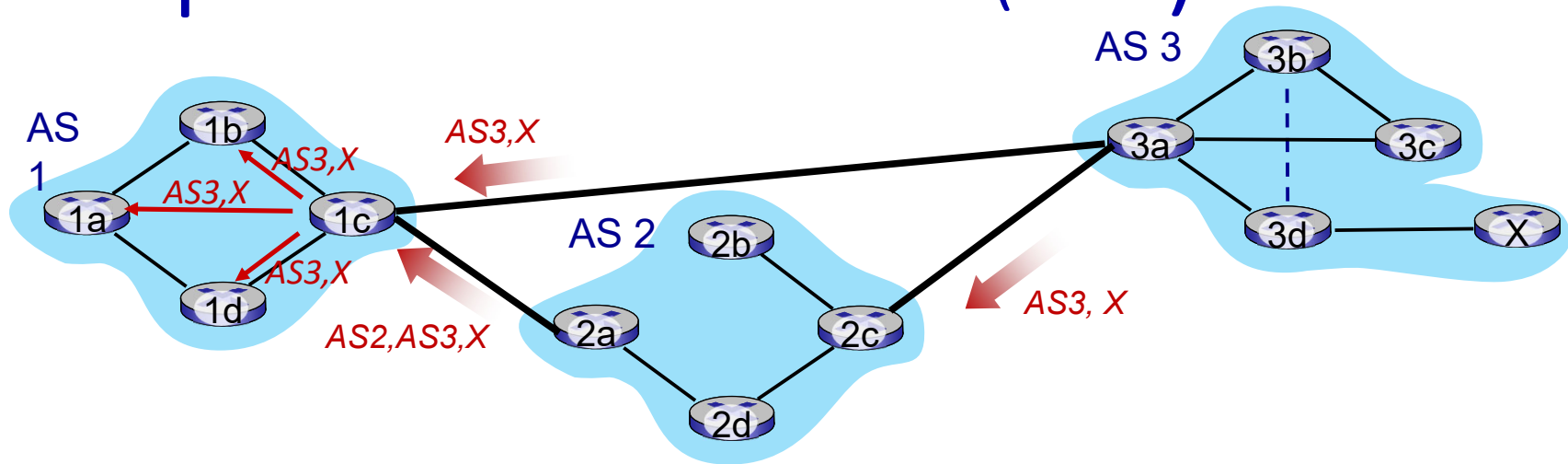
- BGP advertised route: prefix + attributes
  - prefix: destination being advertised
  - two important attributes:
    - **AS-PATH**: list of ASes through which prefix advertisement has passed
    - **NEXT-HOP**: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS
- **policy-based routing**:
  - gateway receiving route advertisement uses *import policy* to accept/decline path (e.g., never route through AS Y).
  - AS policy also determines whether to *advertise* path to other neighboring ASes

# BGP path advertisement



- AS2 router 2c receives path advertisement **AS3, X** (via eBGP) from AS3 router 3a
- based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2c accepts path AS3, X, propagates (via iBGP) to all AS2 routers
- based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2a advertises (via eBGP) path **AS2, AS3, X** to AS1 router 1c

# BGP path advertisement (more)



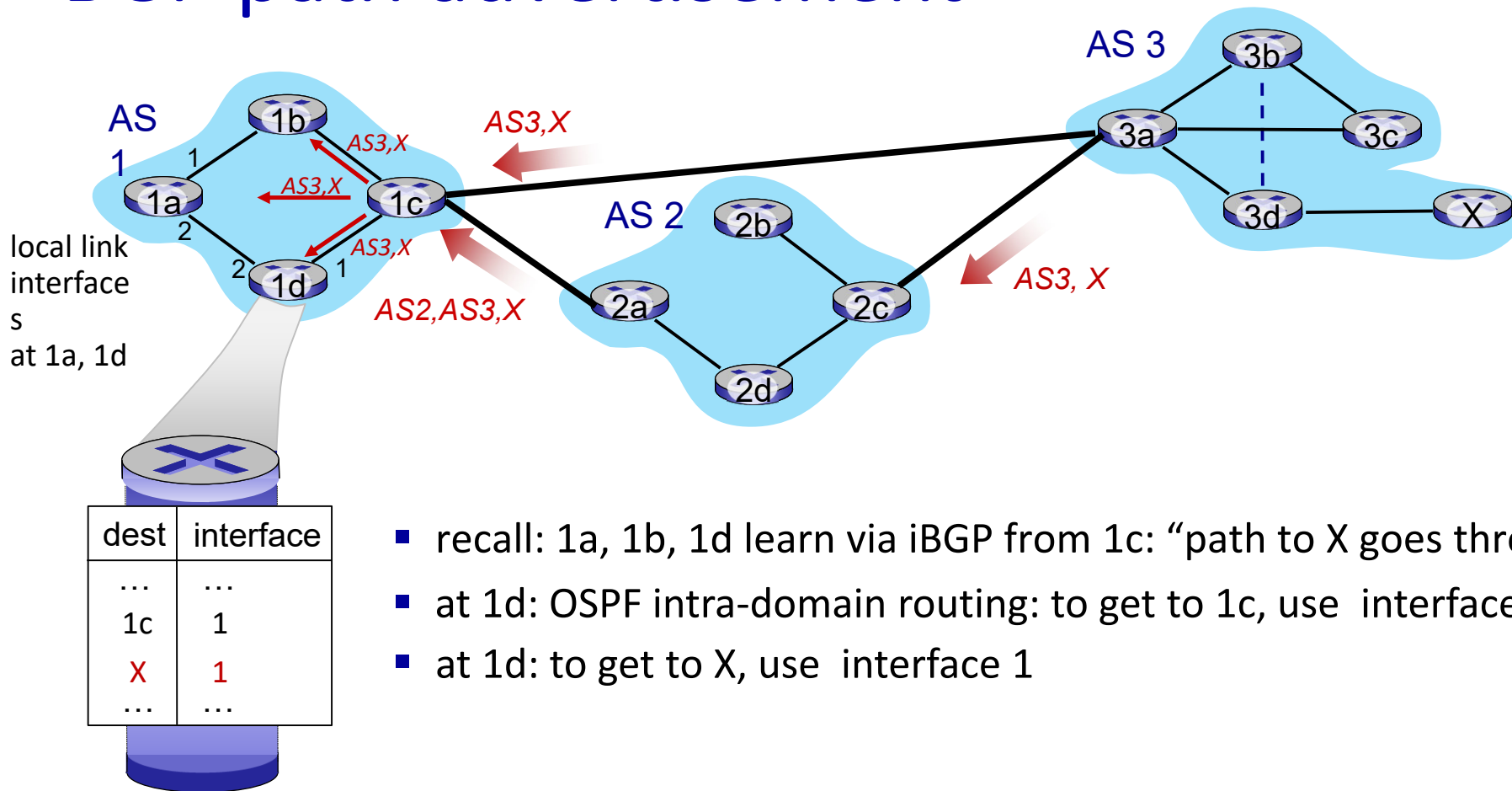
gateway router may learn about **multiple** paths to destination:

- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path **AS2,AS3,X** from 2a
- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path **AS3,X** from 3a
- based on **policy**, AS1 gateway router 1c chooses path **AS3,X** and advertises path within AS1 via iBGP

# BGP messages

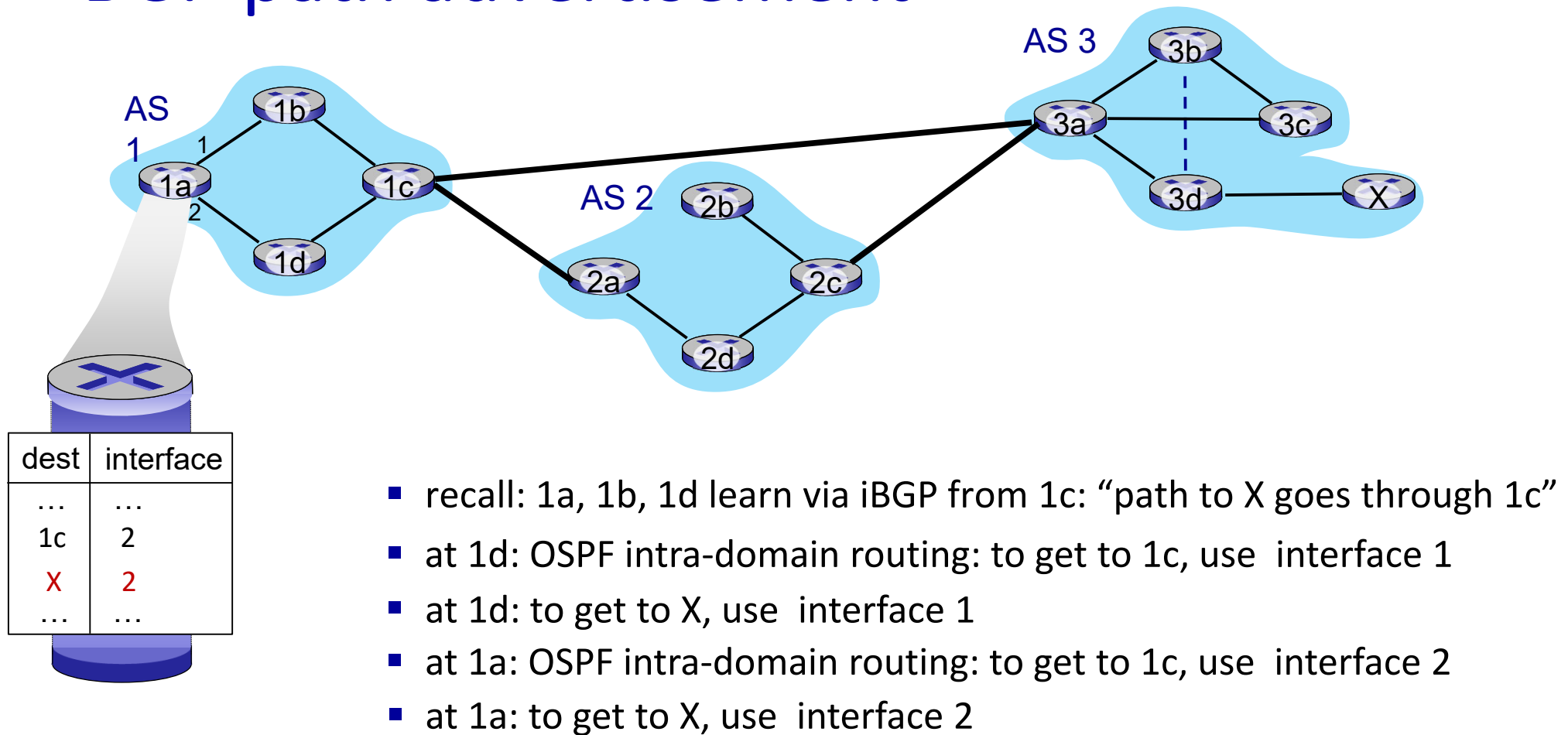
- BGP messages exchanged between peers over TCP connection
- BGP messages:
  - **OPEN**: opens TCP connection to remote BGP peer and authenticates sending BGP peer
  - **UPDATE**: advertises new path (or withdraws old)
  - **KEEPALIVE**: keeps connection alive in absence of UPDATES; also ACKs OPEN request
  - **NOTIFICATION**: reports errors in previous msg; also used to close connection

# BGP path advertisement



- recall: 1a, 1b, 1d learn via iBGP from 1c: “path to X goes through 1c”
- at 1d: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, use interface 1
- at 1d: to get to X, use interface 1

# BGP path advertisement





# Why different Intra-, Inter-AS routing ?

## policy:

- inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its network
- intra-AS: single admin, so policy less of an issue

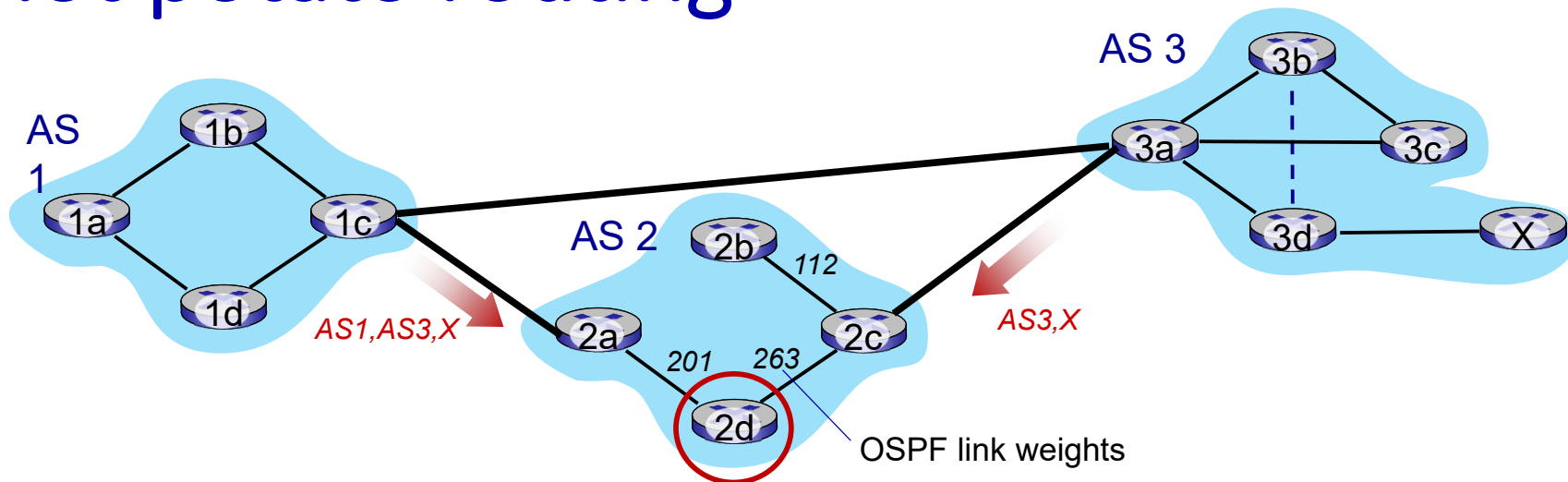
## scale:

- hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

## performance:

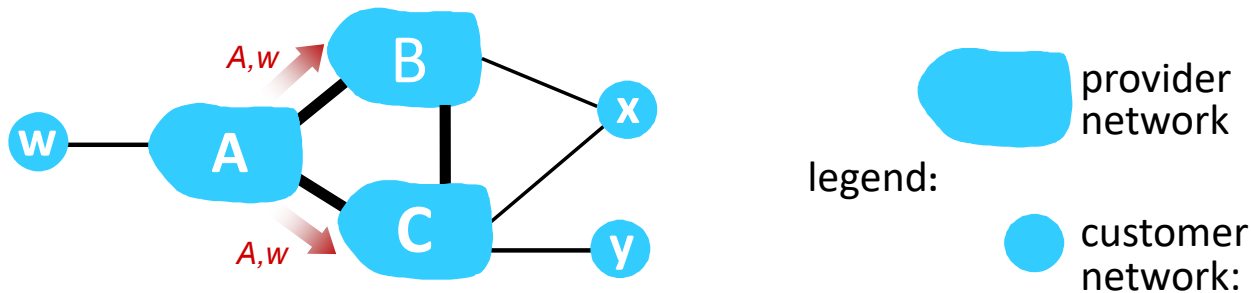
- intra-AS: can focus on performance
- inter-AS: policy dominates over performance

# Hot potato routing



- 2d learns (via iBGP) it can route to X via 2a or 2c
- **hot potato routing**: choose local gateway that has least *intra-domain* cost (e.g., 2d chooses 2a, even though more AS hops to X): don't worry about inter-domain cost!

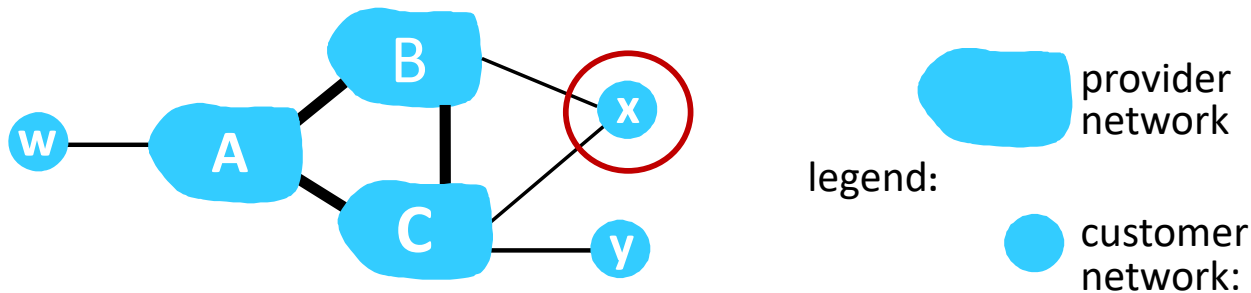
# BGP: achieving policy via advertisements



ISP only wants to route traffic to/from its customer networks (does not want to carry transit traffic between other ISPs – a typical “real world” policy)

- A advertises path Aw to B and to C
- B *chooses not to advertise* BA<sub>w</sub> to C!
  - B gets no “revenue” for routing CBA<sub>w</sub>, since none of C, A, w are B’s customers
  - C does *not* learn about CBA<sub>w</sub> path
- C will route CA<sub>w</sub> (not using B) to get to w

# BGP: achieving policy via advertisements (more)



ISP only wants to route traffic to/from its customer networks (does not want to carry transit traffic between other ISPs – a typical “real world” policy)

- A,B,C are **provider networks**
- x,w,y are **customer** (of provider networks)
- x is **dual-homed**: attached to two networks
- **policy to enforce**: x does not want to route from B to C via x
  - .. so x will not advertise to B a route to C

# BGP route selection

- router may learn about more than one route to destination AS, selects route based on:
  1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
  2. shortest AS-PATH
  3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
  4. additional criteria

# Network layer: “control plane” roadmap

- introduction
- routing protocols
- intra-ISP routing: OSPF
- routing among ISPs: BGP
- **SDN control plane**
- Internet Control Message Protocol



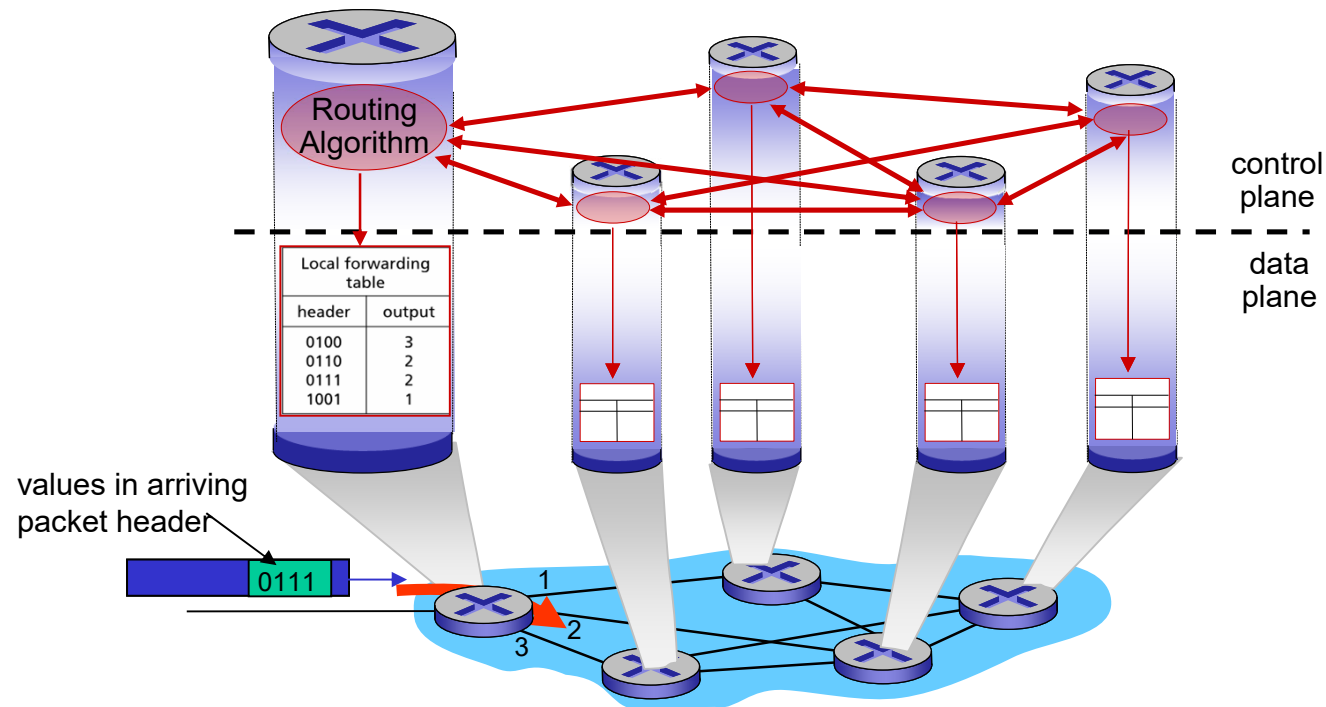
- network management, configuration
  - SNMP
  - NETCONF/YANG

# Software defined networking (SDN)

- Internet network layer: historically implemented via distributed, per-router control approach:
  - *monolithic* router contains switching hardware, runs proprietary implementation of Internet standard protocols (IP, RIP, IS-IS, OSPF, BGP) in proprietary router OS (e.g., Cisco IOS)
  - different “middleboxes” for different network layer functions: firewalls, load balancers, NAT boxes, ..
- ~2005: renewed interest in rethinking network control plane

# Per-router control plane

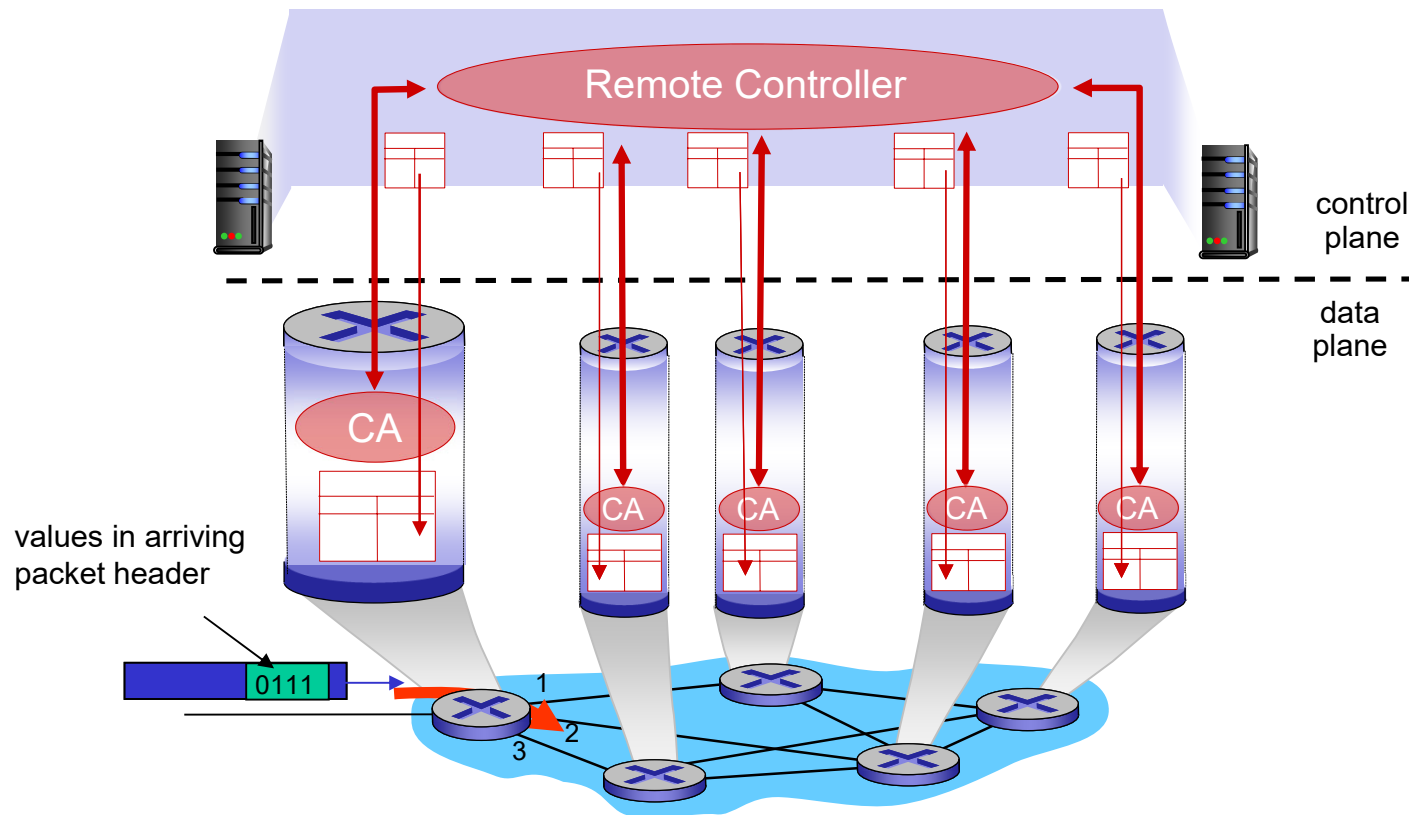
Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact in the control plane





# Software-Defined Networking (SDN) control plane

Remote controller computes, installs forwarding tables in routers

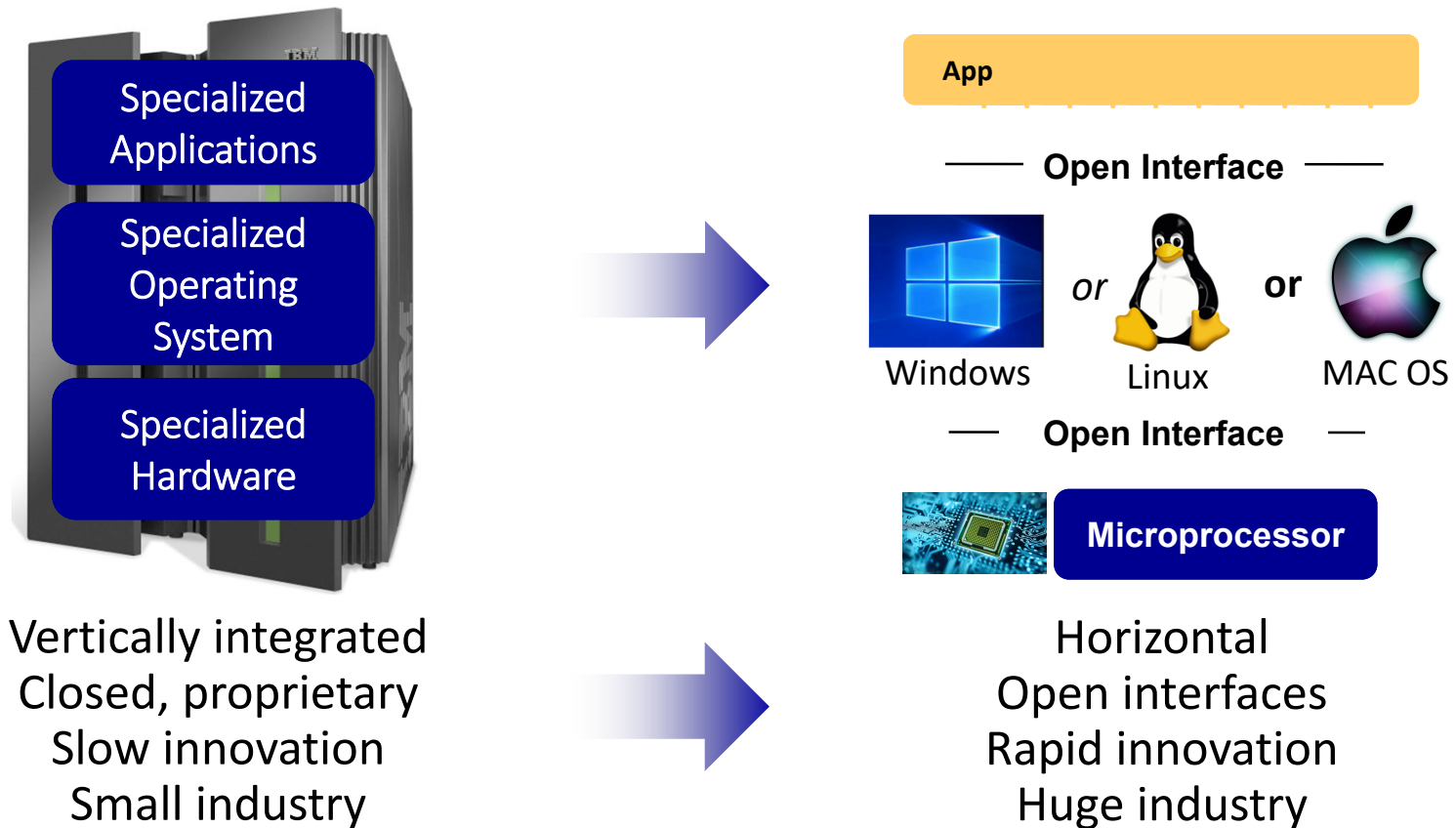


# Software defined networking (SDN)

*Why* a *logically centralized* control plane?

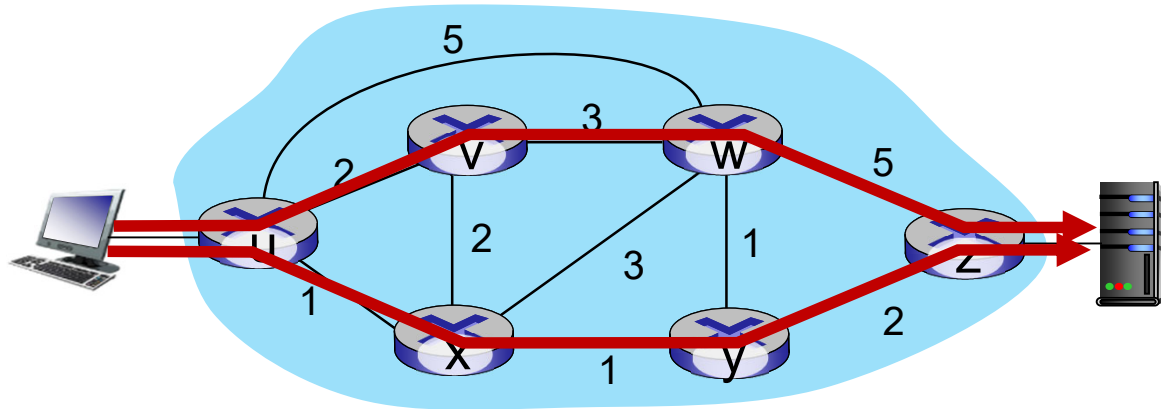
- easier network management: avoid router misconfigurations, greater flexibility of traffic flows
- table-based forwarding (recall OpenFlow API) allows “programming” routers
  - centralized “programming” easier: compute tables centrally and distribute
  - distributed “programming” more difficult: compute tables as result of distributed algorithm (protocol) implemented in each-and-every router
- open (non-proprietary) implementation of control plane
  - foster innovation: let 1000 flowers bloom

# SDN analogy: mainframe to PC revolution



\* Slide courtesy: N. McKeown

# Traffic engineering: difficult with traditional routing

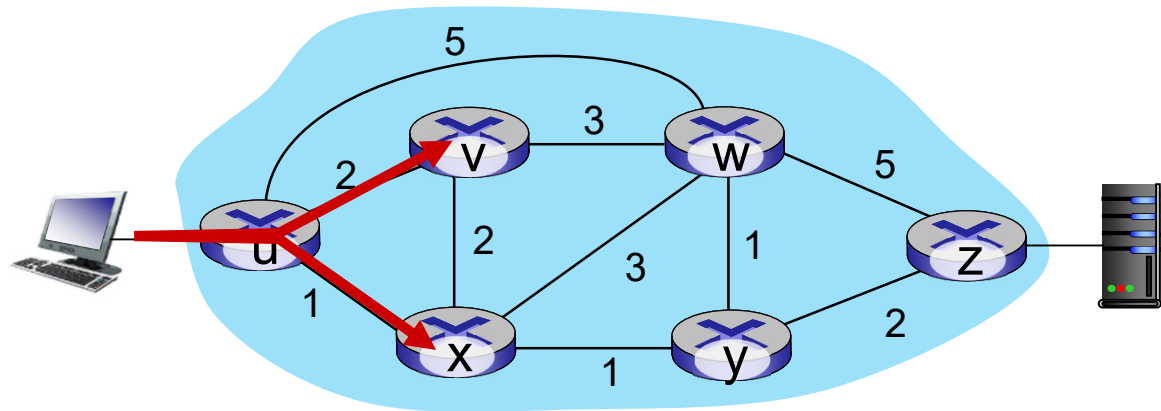


Q: what if network operator wants u-to-z traffic to flow along *uvwz*, rather than *uxyz*?

A: need to re-define link weights so traffic routing algorithm computes routes accordingly (or need a new routing algorithm)!

*link weights are only control “knobs”: not much control!*

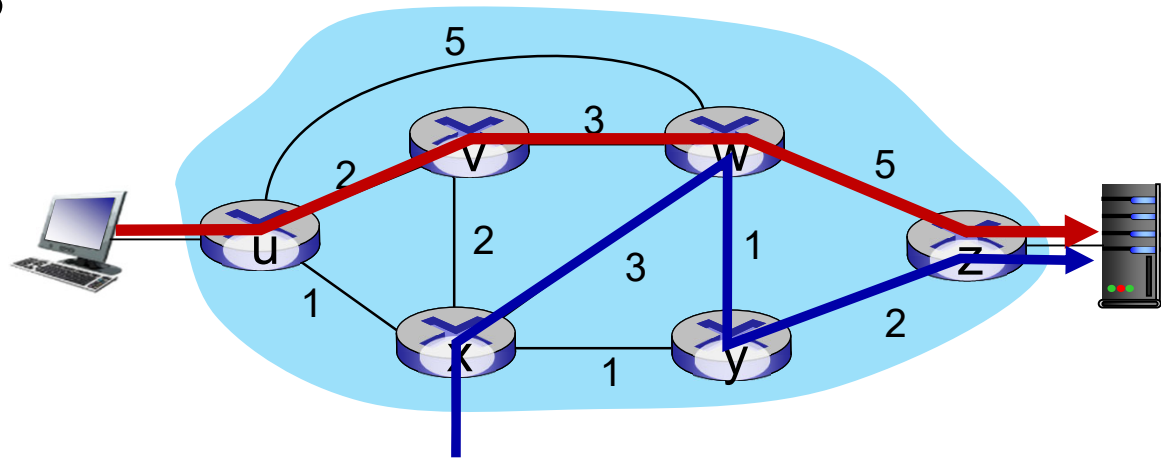
# Traffic engineering: difficult with traditional routing



Q: what if network operator wants to split u-to-z traffic along uvwz *and* uxyz (load balancing)?

A: can't do it (or need a new routing algorithm)

# Traffic engineering: difficult with traditional routing

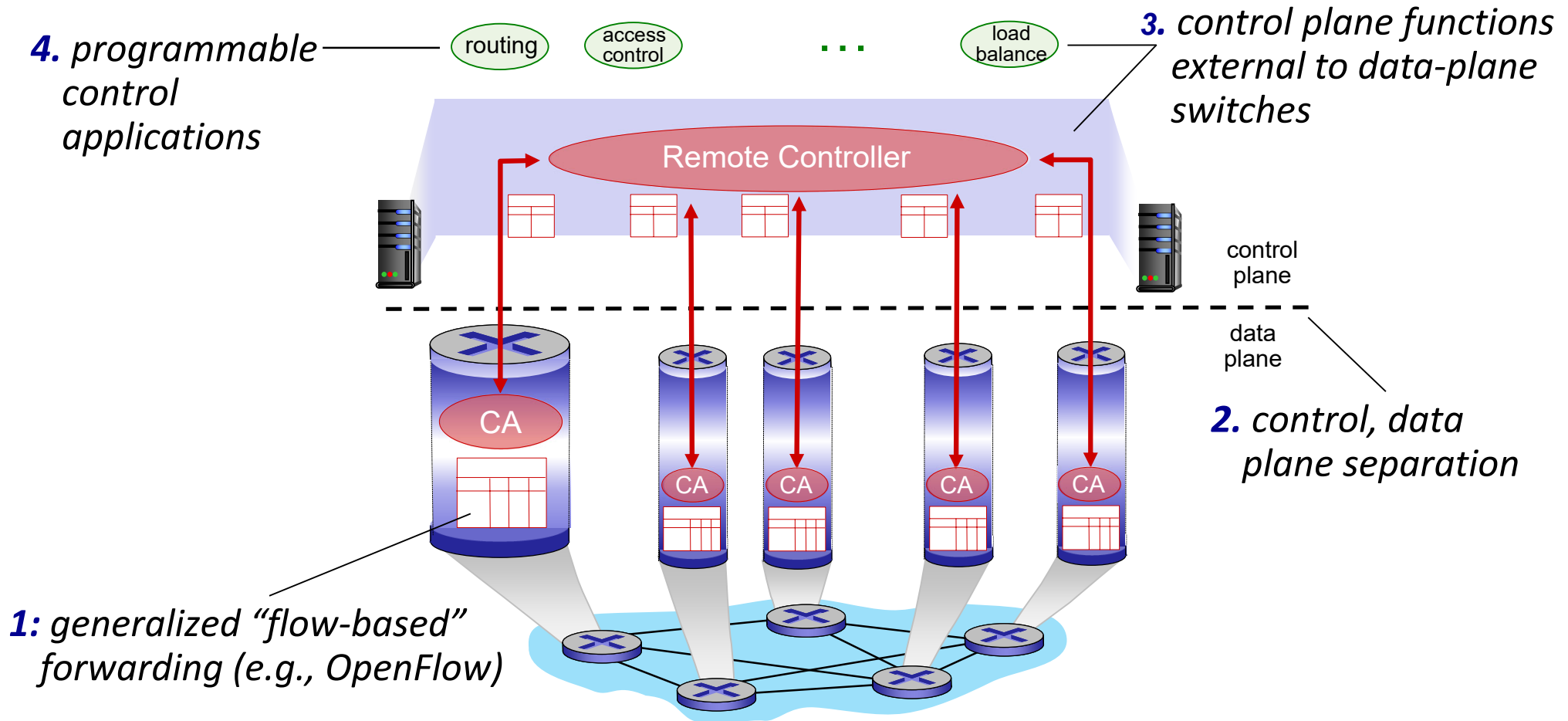


Q: what if w wants to route blue and red traffic differently from w to z?

A: can't do it (with destination-based forwarding, and LS, DV routing)

We learned in Chapter 4 that generalized forwarding and SDN can be used to achieve *any* routing desired

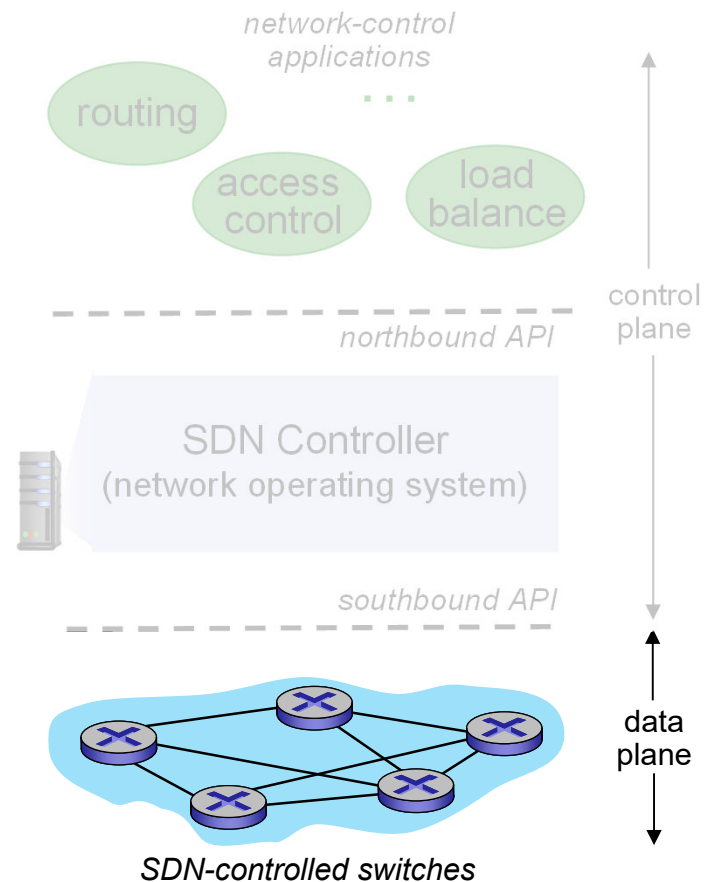
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## Data-plane switches:

- fast, simple, commodity switches implementing generalized data-plane forwarding (Section 4.4) in hardware
- flow (forwarding) table computed, installed under controller supervision
- API for table-based switch control (e.g., OpenFlow)
  - defines what is controllable, what is not
- protocol for communicating with controller (e.g., OpenFlow)

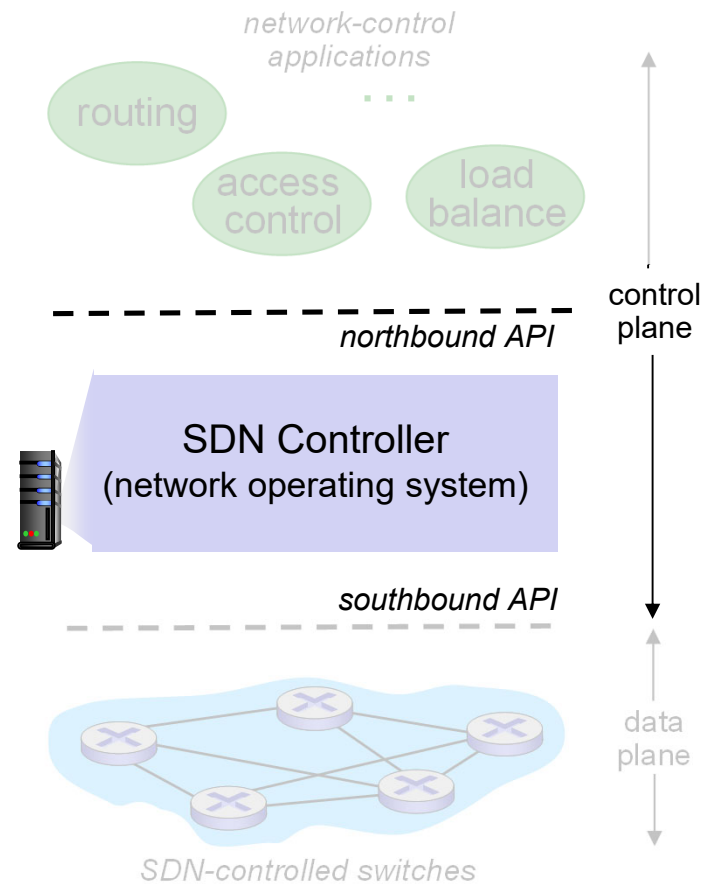




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## SDN controller (network OS):

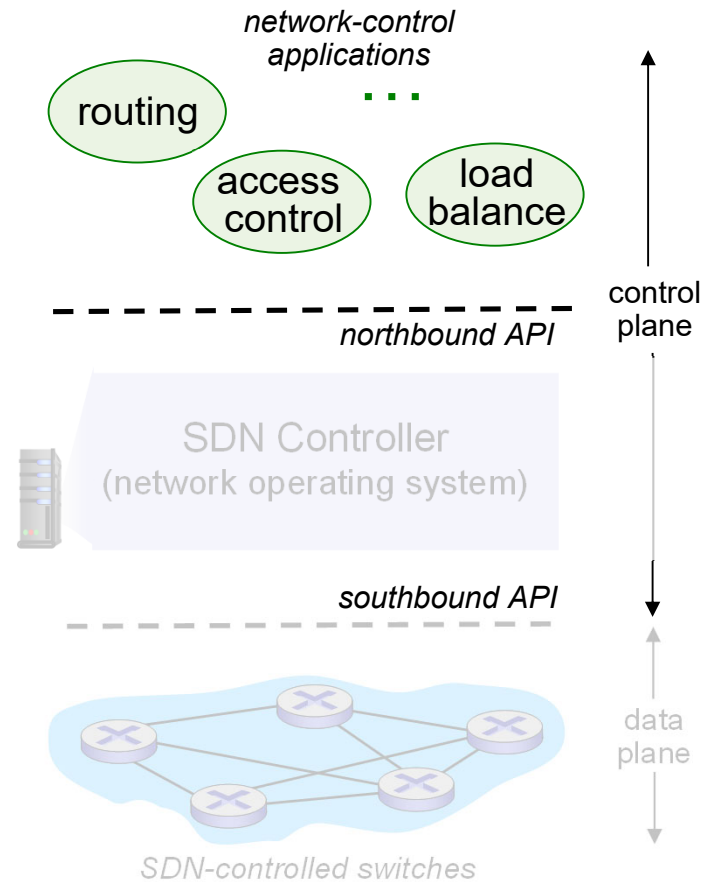
- maintain network state information
- interacts with network control applications “above” via northbound API
- interacts with network switches “below” via southbound API
- implemented as distributed system for performance, scalability, fault-tolerance, robustness



# Software defined networking (SDN)

## network-control apps:

- “brains” of control:  
implement control functions  
using lower-level services, API  
provided by SDN controller
- *unbundled*: can be provided  
by 3<sup>rd</sup> party: distinct from  
routing vendor, or SDN  
controller

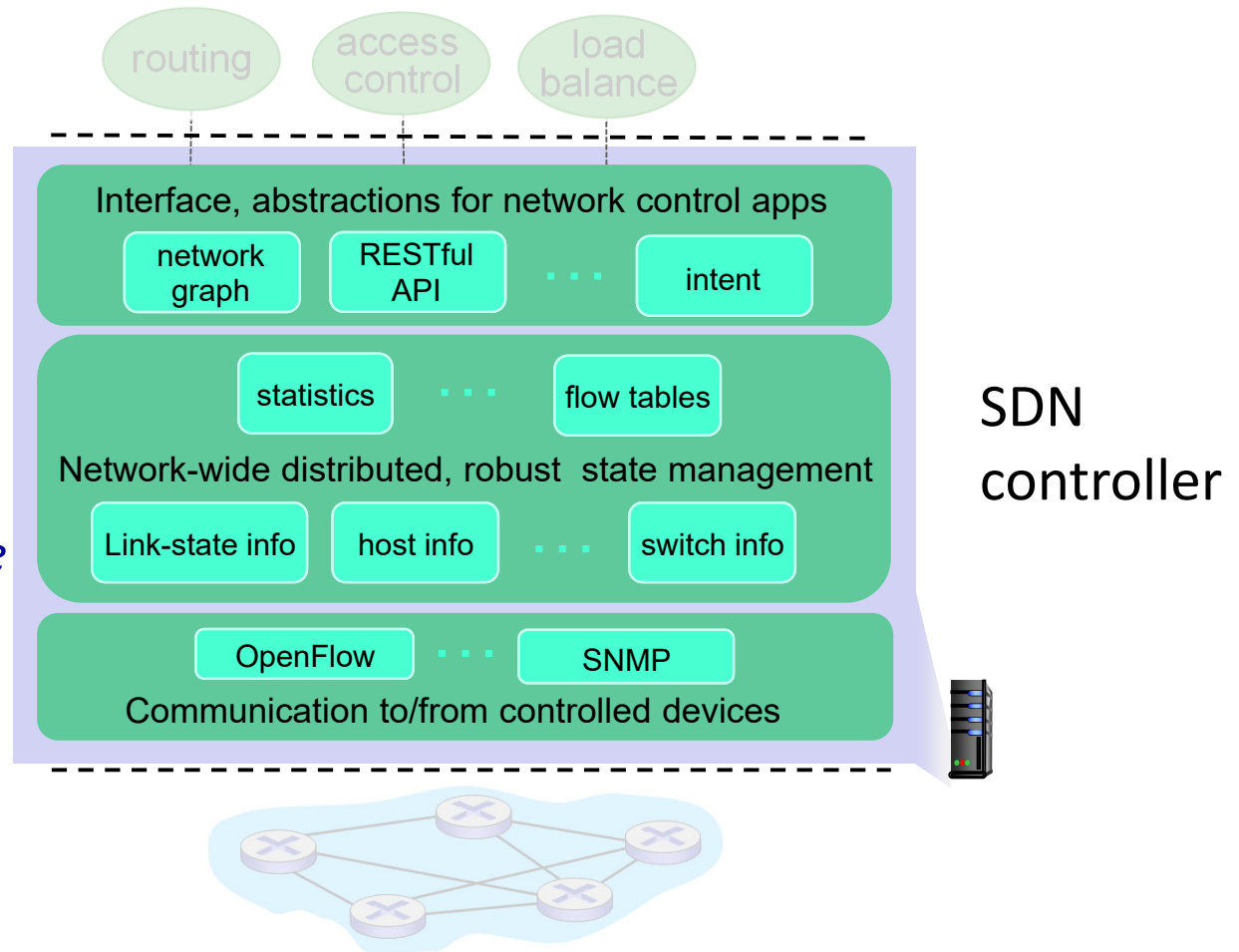


# Components of SDN controller

**interface layer to network control apps:** abstractions API

**network-wide state management :** state of networks links, switches, services: a *distributed database*

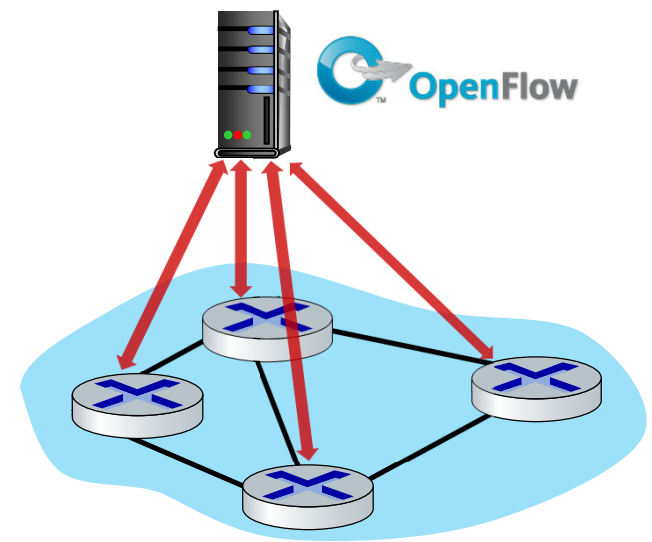
**communication:** communicate between SDN controller and controlled switches



# OpenFlow protocol

- operates between controller, switch
- TCP used to exchange messages
  - optional encryption
- three classes of OpenFlow messages:
  - controller-to-switch
  - asynchronous (switch to controller)
  - symmetric (misc.)
- distinct from OpenFlow API
  - API used to specify generalized forwarding actions

## OpenFlow Controller

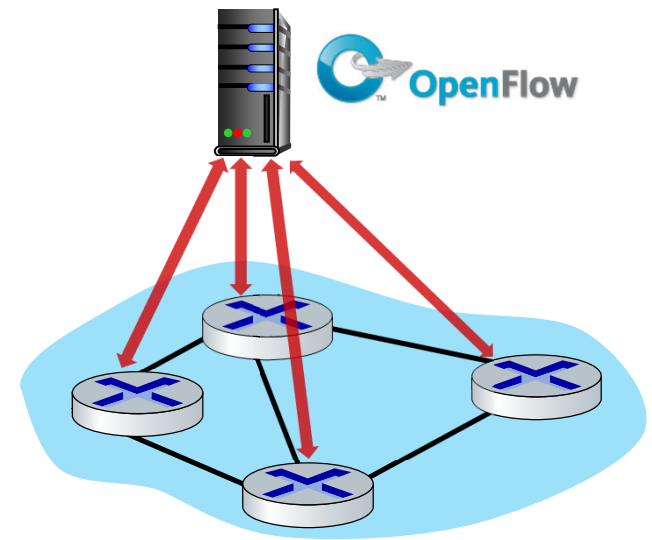


# OpenFlow: controller-to-switch messages

## Key controller-to-switch messages

- *features*: controller queries switch features, switch replies
- *configure*: controller queries/sets switch configuration parameters
- *modify-state*: add, delete, modify flow entries in the OpenFlow tables
- *packet-out*: controller can send this packet out of specific switch port

## OpenFlow Controller

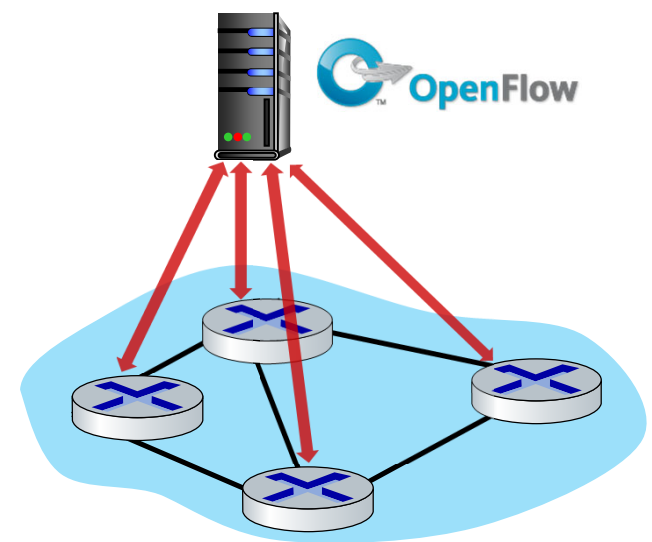


# OpenFlow: switch-to-controller messages

## Key switch-to-controller messages

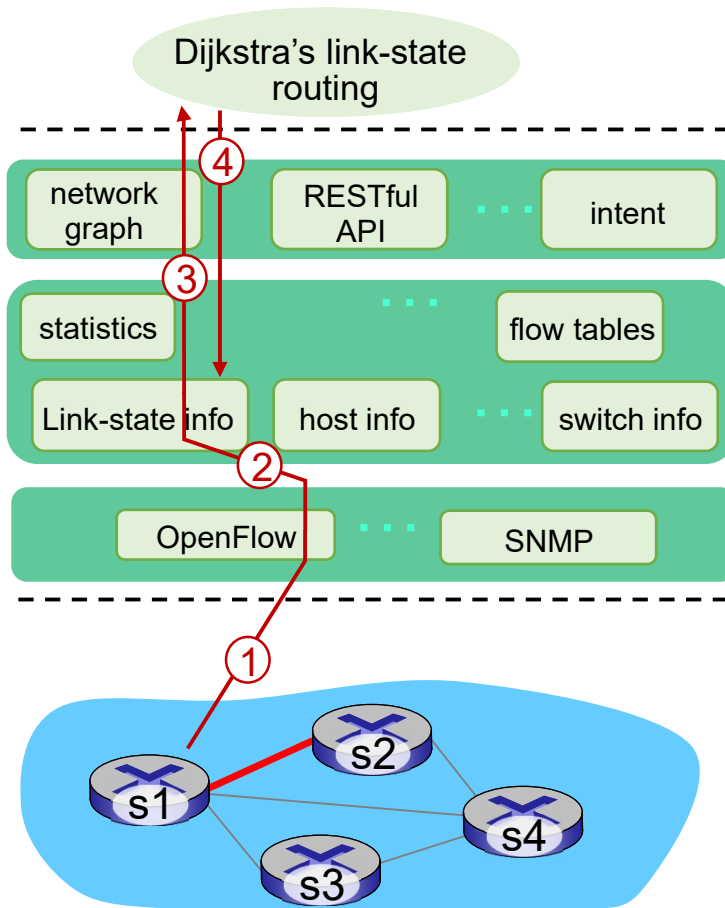
- *packet-in*: transfer packet (and its control) to controller. See packet-out message from controller
- *flow-removed*: flow table entry deleted at switch
- *port status*: inform controller of a change on a port.

## OpenFlow Controller



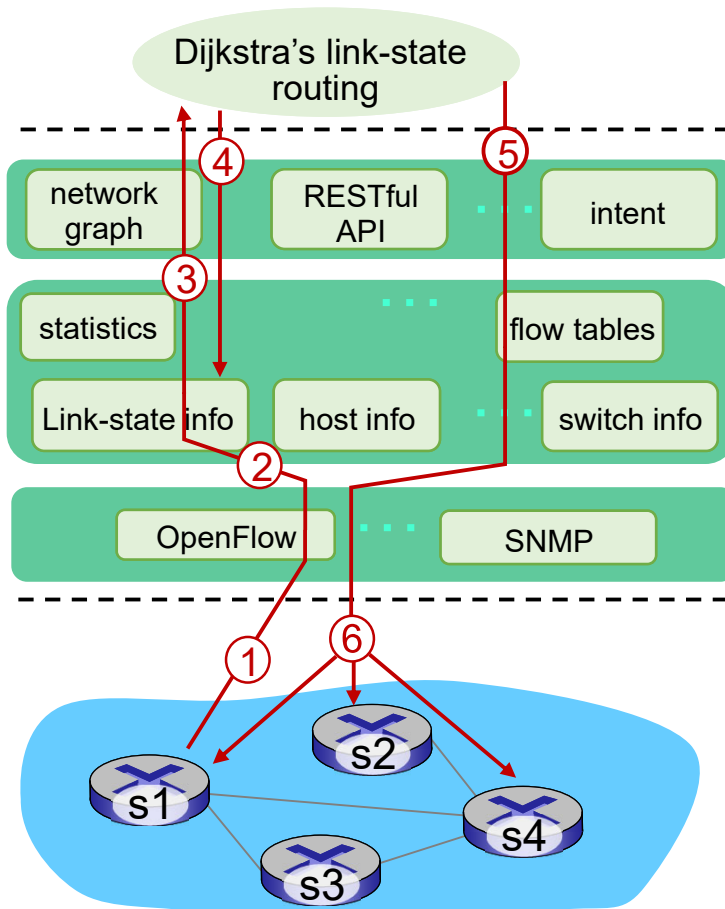
Fortunately, network operators don't "program" switches by creating/sending OpenFlow messages directly. Instead use higher-level abstraction at controller

# SDN: control/data plane interaction example



- ① S1, experiencing link failure uses OpenFlow port status message to notify controller
- ② SDN controller receives OpenFlow message, updates link status info
- ③ Dijkstra's routing algorithm application has previously registered to be called when ever link status changes. It is called.
- ④ Dijkstra's routing algorithm access network graph info, link state info in controller, computes new routes

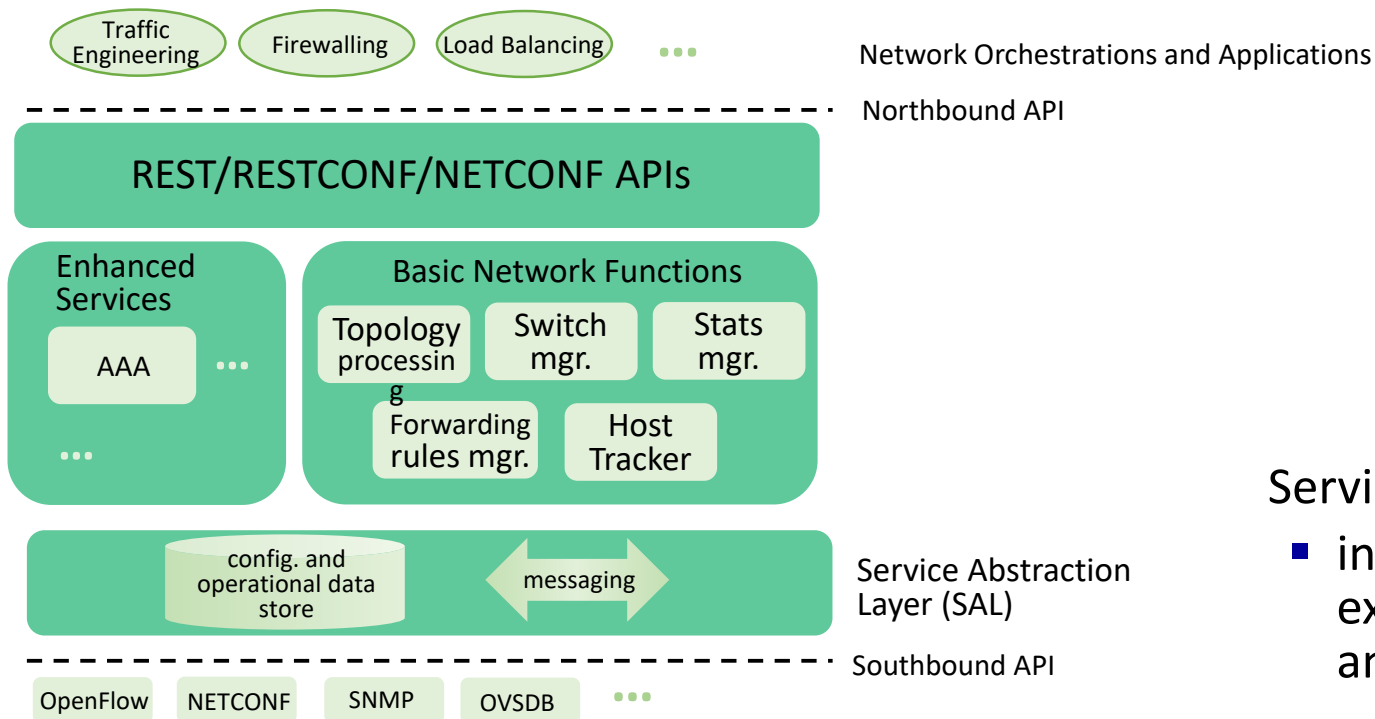
# SDN: control/data plane interaction example



- ⑤ link state routing app interacts with flow-table-computation component in SDN controller, which computes new flow tables needed
- ⑥ controller uses OpenFlow to install new tables in switches that need updating



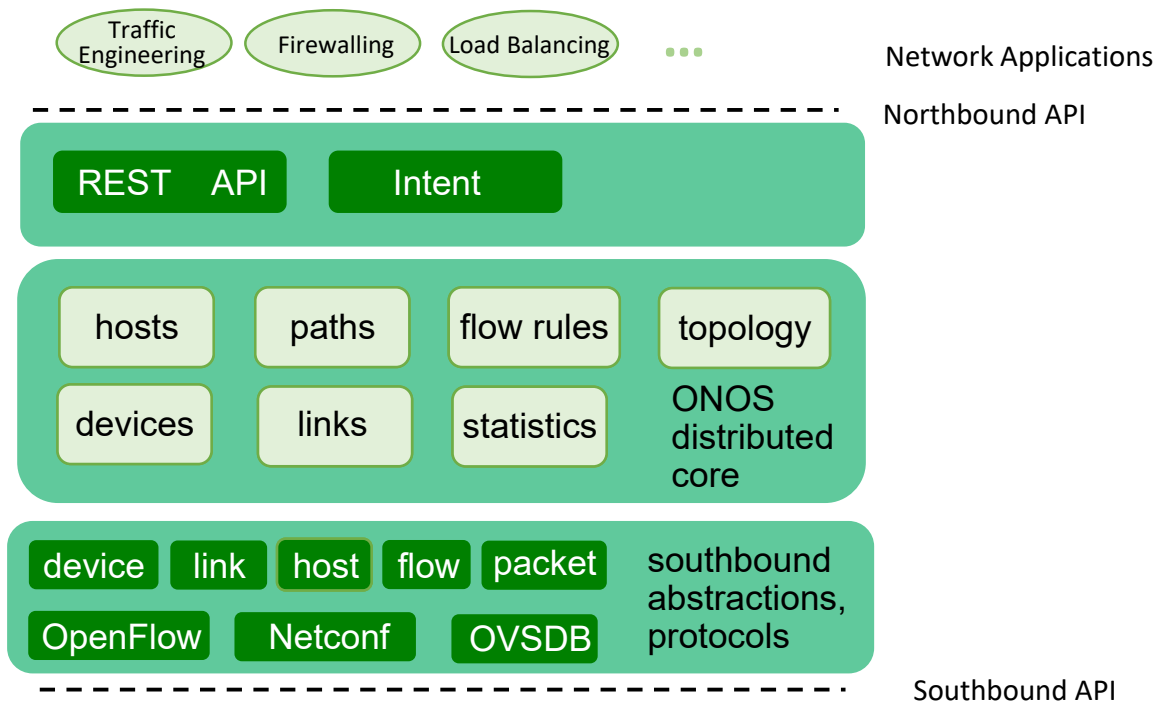
# OpenDaylight (ODL) controller



Service Abstraction Layer:

- interconnects internal, external applications and services

# ONOS controller



- control apps separate from controller
- intent framework: high-level specification of service: what rather than how
- considerable emphasis on distributed core: service reliability, replication performance scaling

# SDN: selected challenges

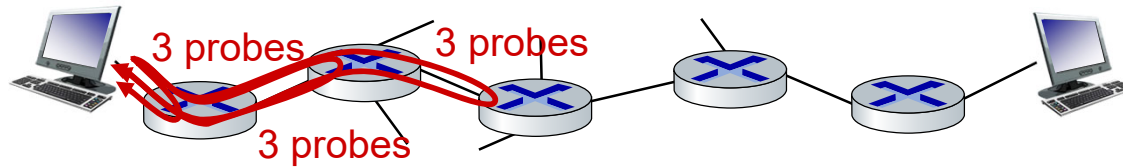
- hardening the control plane: dependable, reliable, performance-scalable, secure distributed system
  - robustness to failures: leverage strong theory of reliable distributed system for control plane
  - dependability, security: “baked in” from day one?
- networks, protocols meeting mission-specific requirements
  - e.g., real-time, ultra-reliable, ultra-secure
- Internet-scaling: beyond a single AS
- SDN critical in 5G cellular networks
- one could imagine SDN-computed congestion control:
  - controller sets sender rates based on router-reported (to controller) congestion levels

# ICMP: internet control message protocol

- used by hosts and routers to communicate network-level information
  - error reporting: unreachable host, network, port, protocol
  - echo request/reply (used by ping)
- network-layer “above” IP:
  - ICMP messages carried in IP datagrams
- *ICMP message*: type, code plus first 8 bytes of IP datagram causing error

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Code</u> | <u>description</u>                            |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| 0           | 0           | echo reply (ping)                             |
| 3           | 0           | dest. network unreachable                     |
| 3           | 1           | dest host unreachable                         |
| 3           | 2           | dest protocol unreachable                     |
| 3           | 3           | dest port unreachable                         |
| 3           | 6           | dest network unknown                          |
| 3           | 7           | dest host unknown                             |
| 4           | 0           | source quench (congestion control - not used) |
| 8           | 0           | echo request (ping)                           |
| 9           | 0           | route advertisement                           |
| 10          | 0           | router discovery                              |
| 11          | 0           | TTL expired                                   |
| 12          | 0           | bad IP header                                 |

# Traceroute and ICMP



- source sends sets of UDP segments to destination
  - 1<sup>st</sup> set has TTL =1, 2<sup>nd</sup> set has TTL=2, etc.
- datagram in  $n$ th set arrives to  $n$ th router:
  - router discards datagram and sends source ICMP message (type 11, code 0)
  - ICMP message possibly includes name of router & IP address
- when ICMP message arrives at source: record RTTs

## stopping criteria:

- UDP segment eventually arrives at destination host
- destination returns ICMP “port unreachable” message (type 3, code 3)
- source stops

# What is network management?

- **autonomous systems (aka “network”)**: 1000s of interacting hardware/software components
- other complex systems requiring monitoring, configuration, control:
  - jet airplane, nuclear power plant, others?



"**Network management** includes the deployment, integration and coordination of the hardware, software, and human elements to monitor, test, poll, configure, analyze, evaluate, and control the network and element resources to meet the real-time, operational performance, and Quality of Service requirements at a reasonable cost."

# Network operator approaches to management

## CLI (Command Line Interface)

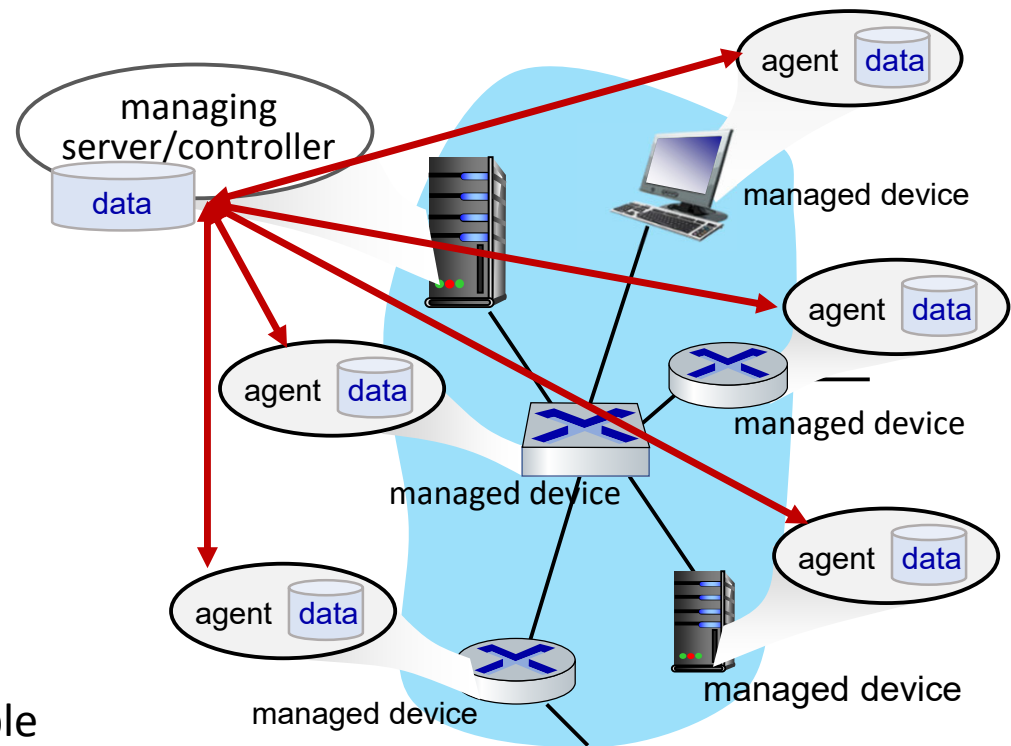
- operator issues (types, scripts) direct to individual devices (e.g., via ssh)

## SNMP/MIB

- operator queries/sets devices data (MIB) using Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

## NETCONF/YANG

- more abstract, network-wide, holistic
- emphasis on multi-device configuration management.
- YANG: data modeling language
- NETCONF: communicate YANG-compatible actions/data to/from/among remote devices



# Network layer: Summary

**we've learned a lot!**

- approaches to network control plane
  - per-router control (traditional)
  - logically centralized control (software defined networking)
- traditional routing algorithms
  - implementation in Internet: OSPF , BGP
- SDN controllers
  - implementation in practice: ODL, ONOS
- Internet Control Message Protocol
- network management

***next stop: link layer!***