

Chapter 6: Wireless and Mobile Networks

Background:

- ❑ # wireless (mobile) phone subscribers now exceeds # wired phone subscribers!
- ❑ computer nets: laptops, palmtops, PDAs, Internet-enabled phone promise anytime untethered Internet access
- ❑ two important (but different) challenges
 - *wireless*: communication over wireless link
 - *mobility*: handling the mobile user who changes point of attachment to network

Chapter 6 outline

6.1 Introduction

Wireless

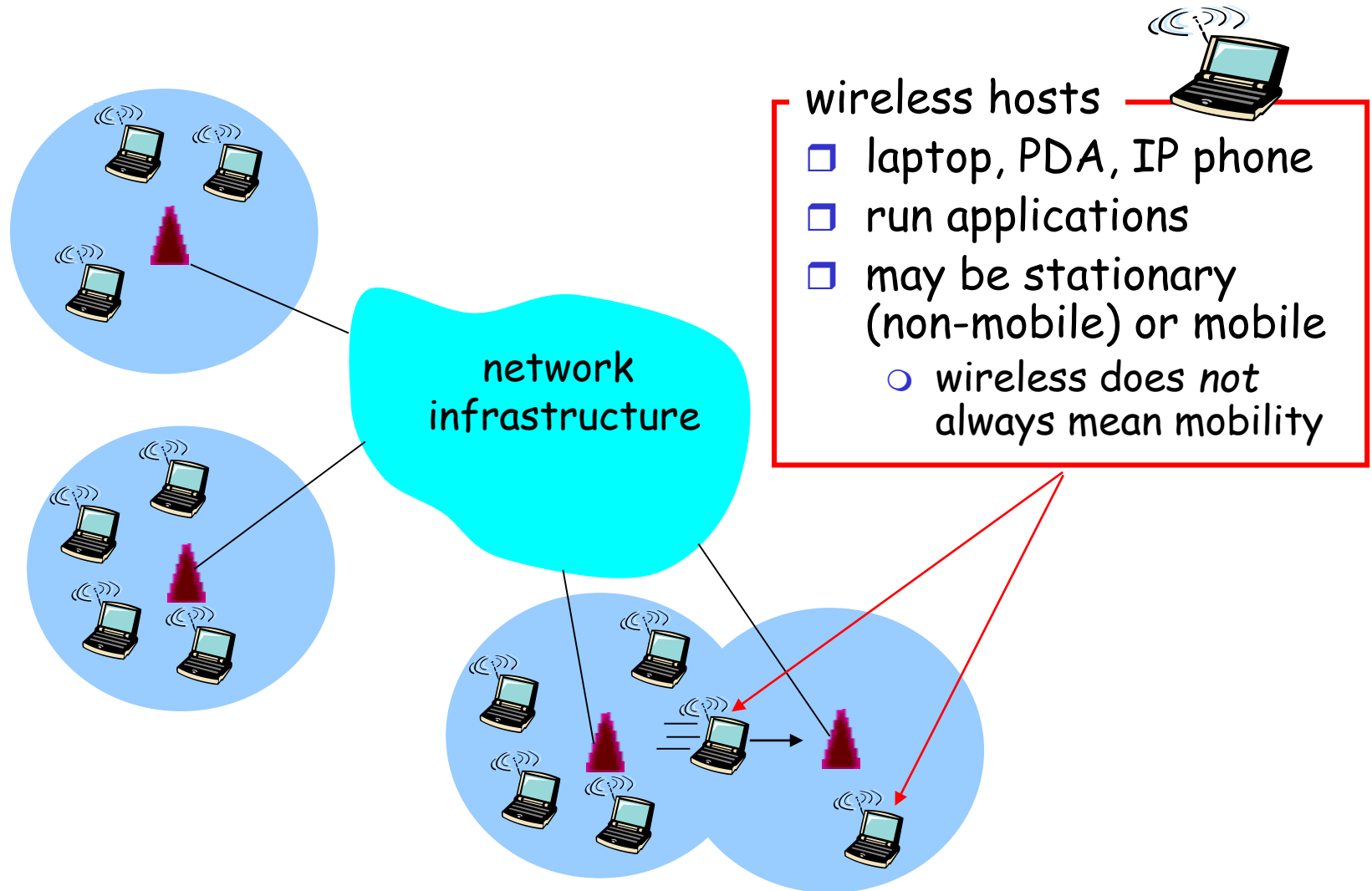
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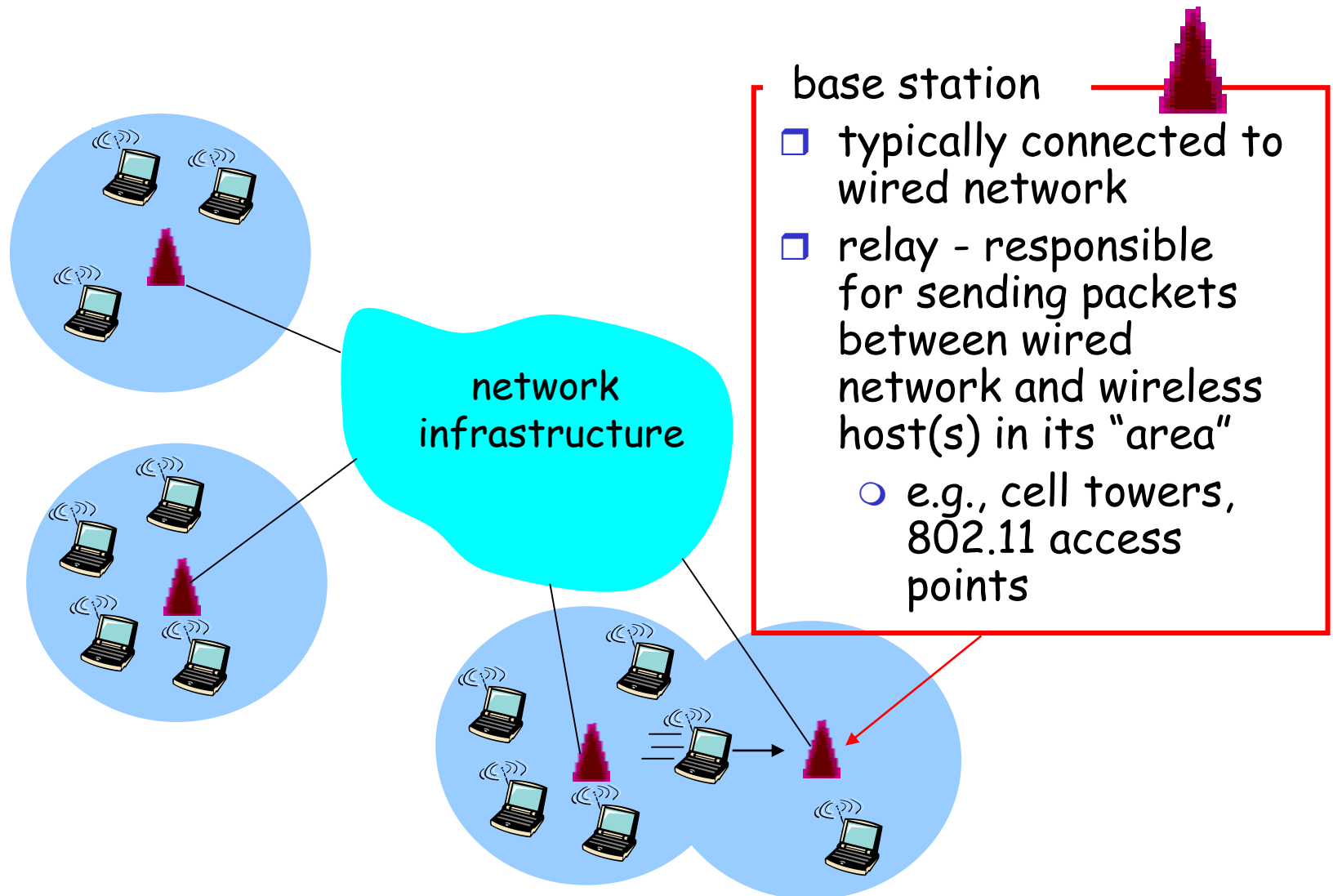
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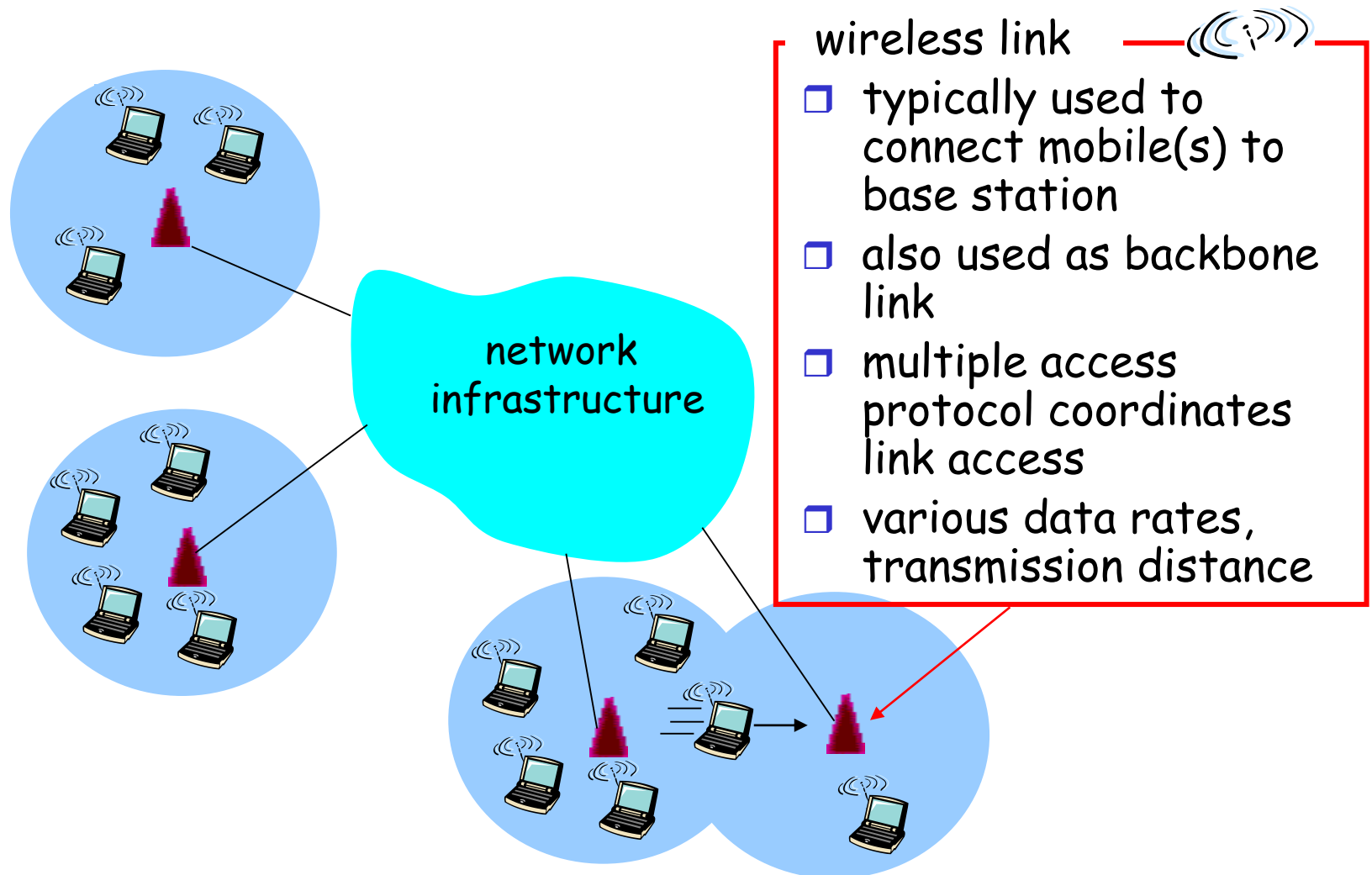
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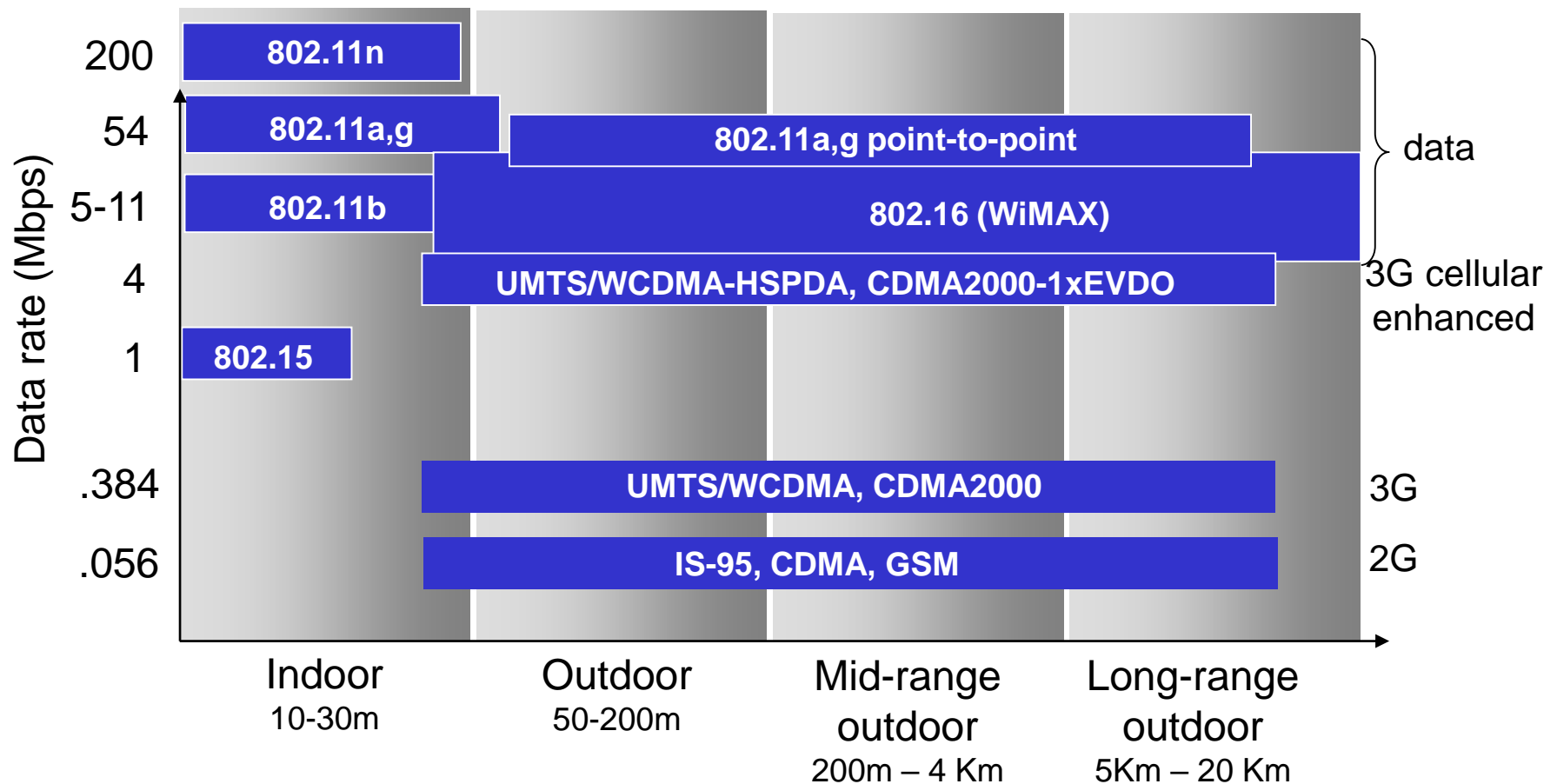
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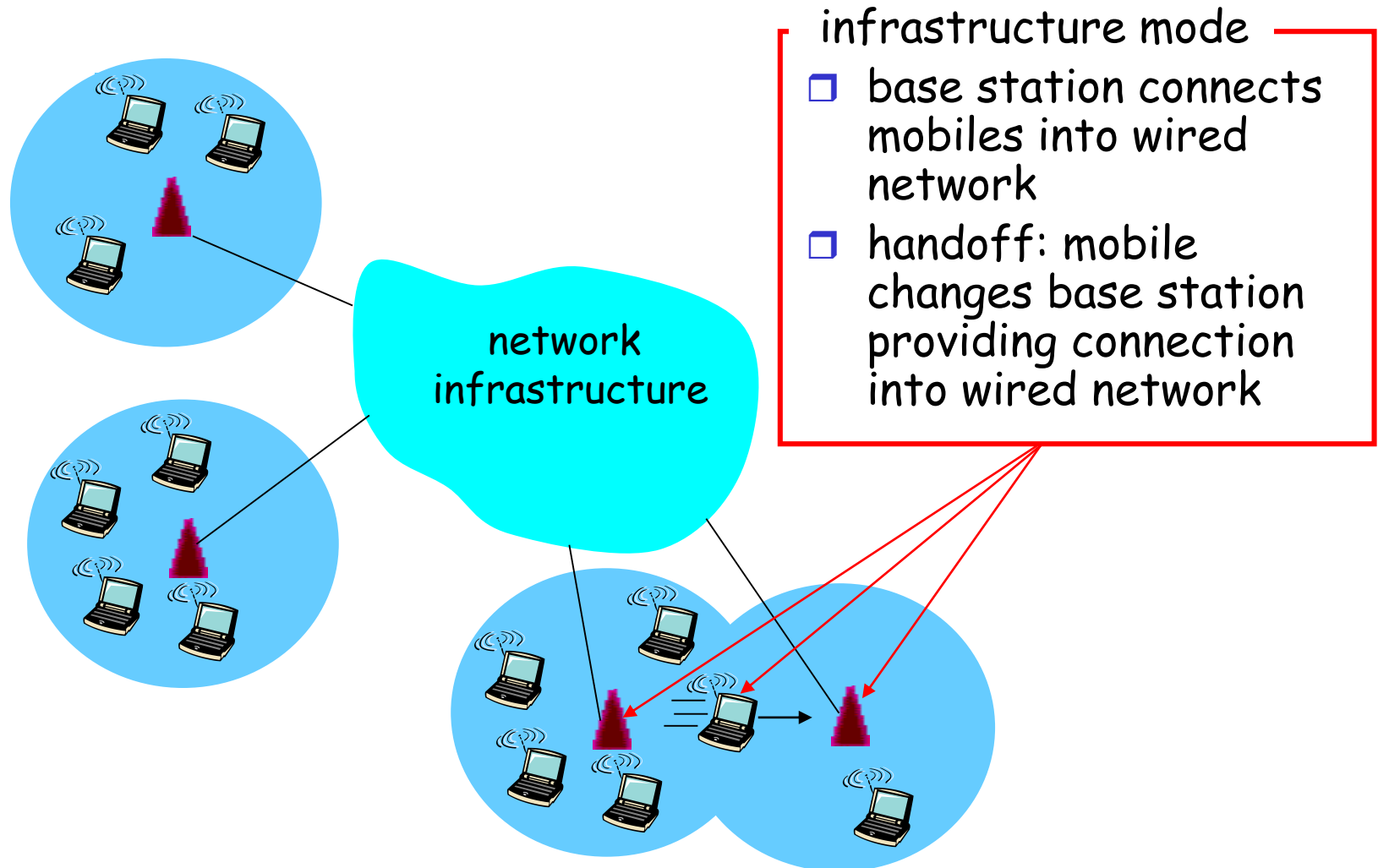
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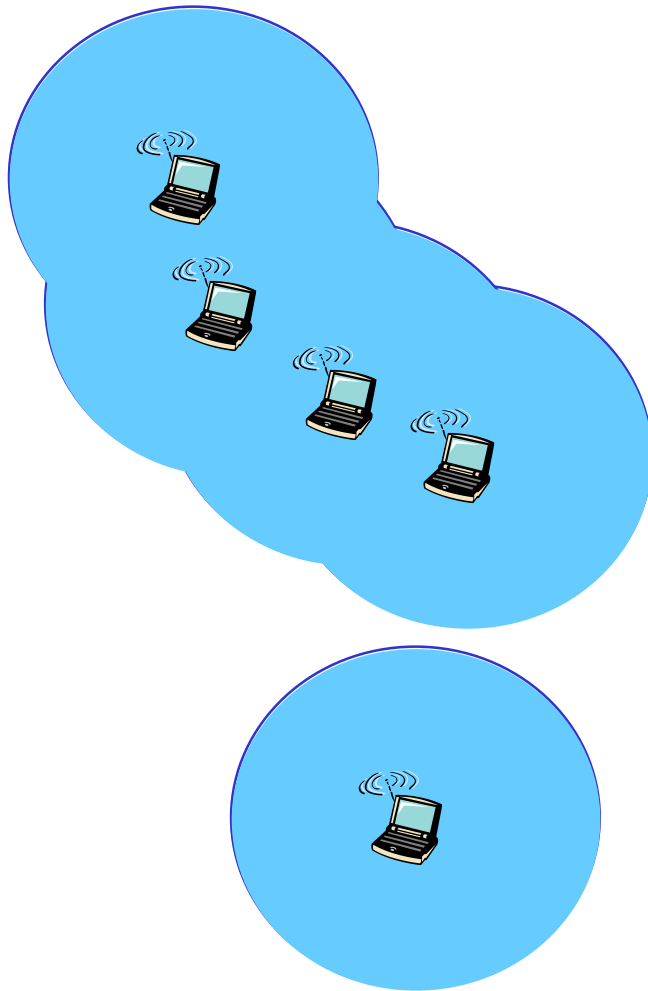
Characteristics of selected wireless link standards



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ad hoc mode

- ❑ no base stations
- ❑ nodes can only transmit to other nodes within link coverage
- ❑ nodes organize themselves into a network: route among themselves

Wireless network taxonomy

	single hop	multiple hops
infrastructure (e.g., APs)	host connects to base station (WiFi, WiMAX, cellular) which connects to larger Internet	host may have to relay through several wireless nodes to connect to larger Internet: <i>mesh net</i>
no infrastructure	no base station, no connection to larger Internet (Bluetooth, ad hoc nets)	no base station, no connection to larger Internet. May have to relay to reach other a given wireless node MANET, VANET

Wireless Link Characteristics (1)

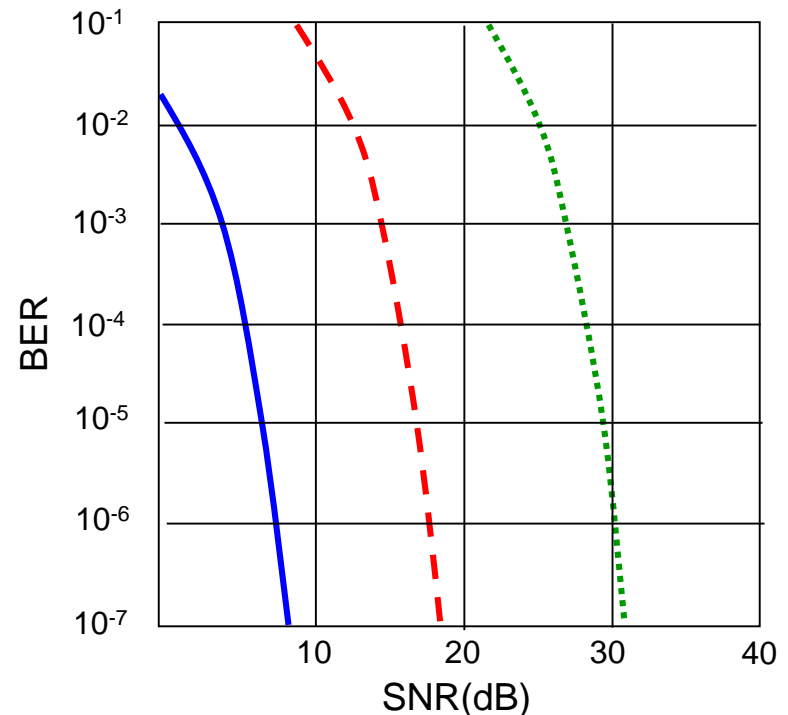
Differences from wired link

- **decreased signal strength:** radio signal attenuates as it propagates through matter (path loss)
- **interference from other sources:** standardized wireless network frequencies (e.g., 2.4 GHz) shared by other devices (e.g., phone); devices (motors) interfere as well
- **multipath propagation:** radio signal reflects off objects ground, arriving at destination at slightly different times

.... make communication across (even a point to point) wireless link much more "difficult"

Wireless Link Characteristics (2)

- SNR: signal-to-noise ratio
 - larger SNR - easier to extract signal from noise (a “good thing”)
- *SNR versus BER tradeoffs*
 - *given physical layer:* increase power \rightarrow increase SNR \rightarrow decrease BER
 - *given SNR:* choose physical layer that meets BER requirement, giving highest throughput
 - SNR may change with mobility: dynamically adapt physical layer (modulation technique, rate)



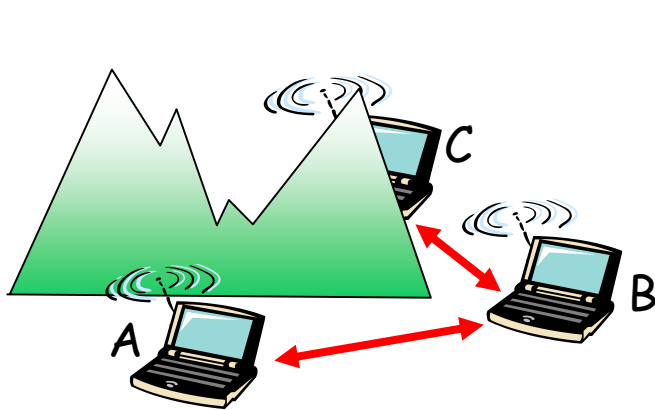
..... QAM256 (8 Mbps)

- - - QAM16 (4 Mbps)

— BPSK (1 Mbps)

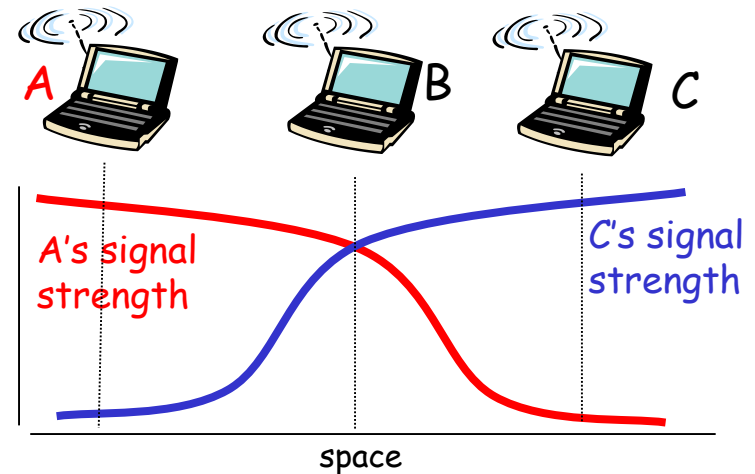
Wireless network characteristics

Multiple wireless senders and receivers create additional problems (beyond multiple access):



Hidden terminal problem

- ☐ B, A hear each other
 - ☐ B, C hear each other
 - ☐ A, C can not hear each other
- means A, C unaware of their interference at B



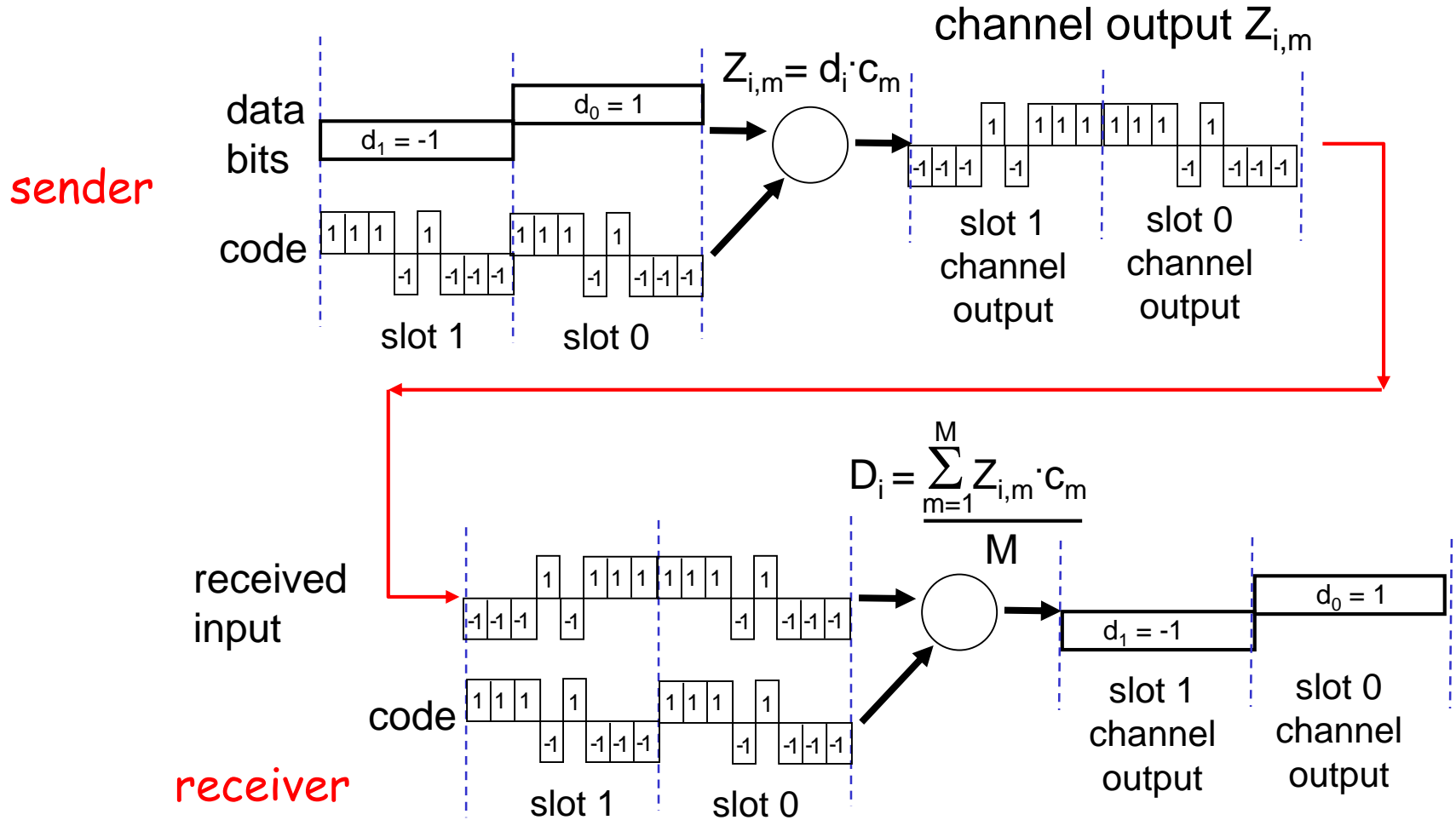
Signal attenuation:

- ☐ B, A hear each other
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- ☐ A, C can not hear each other interfering at B

Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)

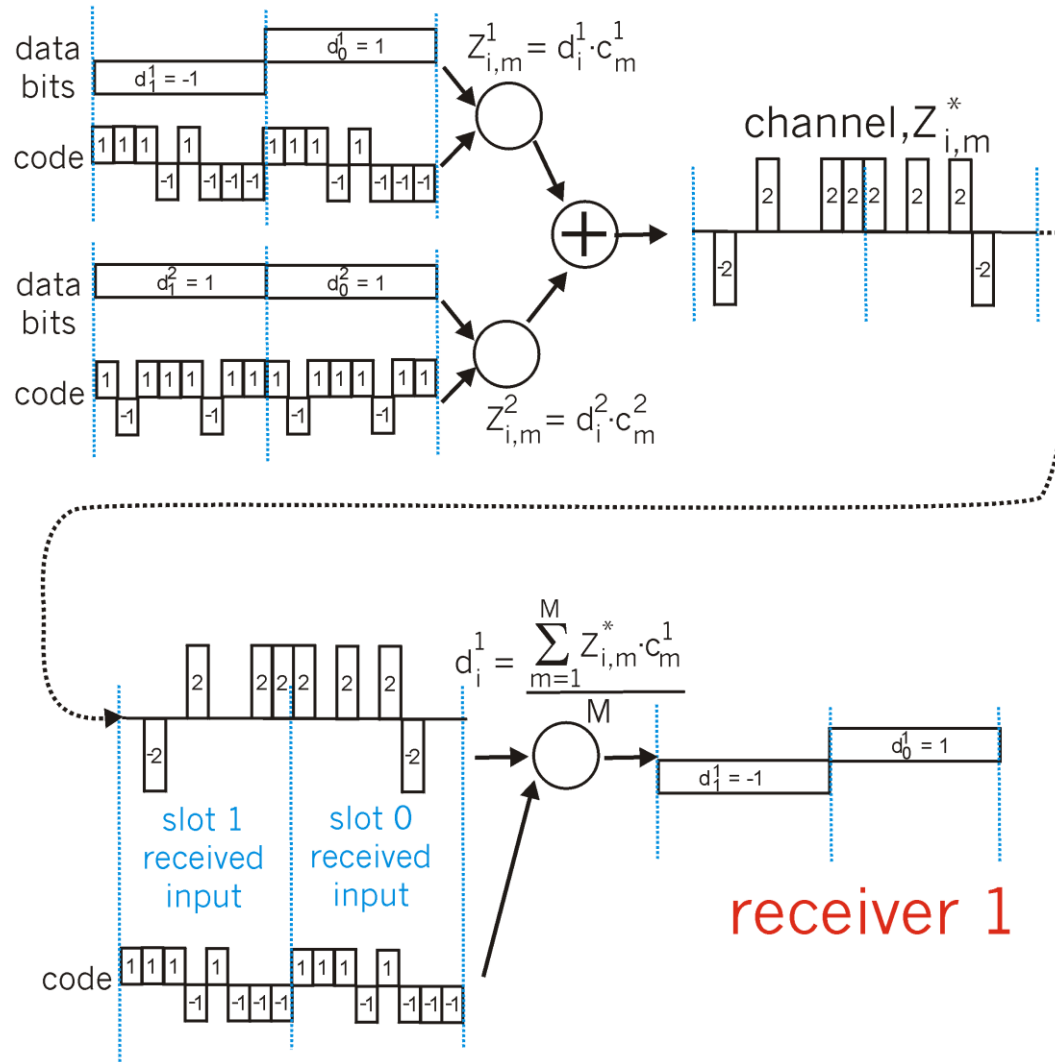
- ❑ used in several wireless broadcast channels (cellular, satellite, etc) standards
- ❑ unique “code” assigned to each user; i.e., code set partitioning
- ❑ all users share same frequency, but each user has own “chipping” sequence (i.e., code) to encode data
- ❑ **encoded signal** = (original data) X (chipping sequence)
- ❑ **decoding**: inner-product of encoded signal and chipping sequence
- ❑ allows multiple users to “coexist” and transmit simultaneously with minimal interference (if codes are “orthogonal”)

CDMA Encode/Decode



CDMA: two-sender interference

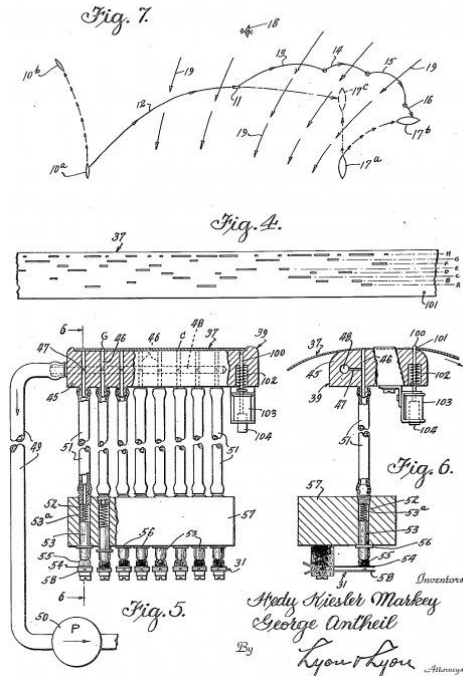
senders



Hedy Lamarr



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SECRET COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
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Amazing CDMA

- 编码空间：全新的维度
 - 已有的维度：时间、频率
- 正交码

向量 a 与 b 正交

$$a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$$
$$b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)$$
$$a \cdot b = 0$$

编码 (扩频) 发送 k 与 r

$$(ka_1, ka_2, \dots, ka_m)$$
$$(rb_1, rb_2, \dots, rb_m)$$

二者叠加

$$S = (ka_1 + rb_1, ka_2 + rb_2, \dots, ka_m + rb_m)$$

接收端 解码

$$\begin{aligned} S \cdot a &= k(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_m^2) + \\ &\quad r(a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_mb_m) \\ &= k(1 + \dots + 1) + r \cdot 0 \\ &= k \cdot m \end{aligned}$$

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IEEE 802.11 Wireless LAN

❑ 802.11b

- 2.4-5 GHz unlicensed spectrum
- up to 11 Mbps
- direct sequence spread spectrum (DSSS) in physical layer
 - all hosts use same chipping code

❑ 802.11a

- 5-6 GHz range
- up to 54 Mbps

❑ 802.11g

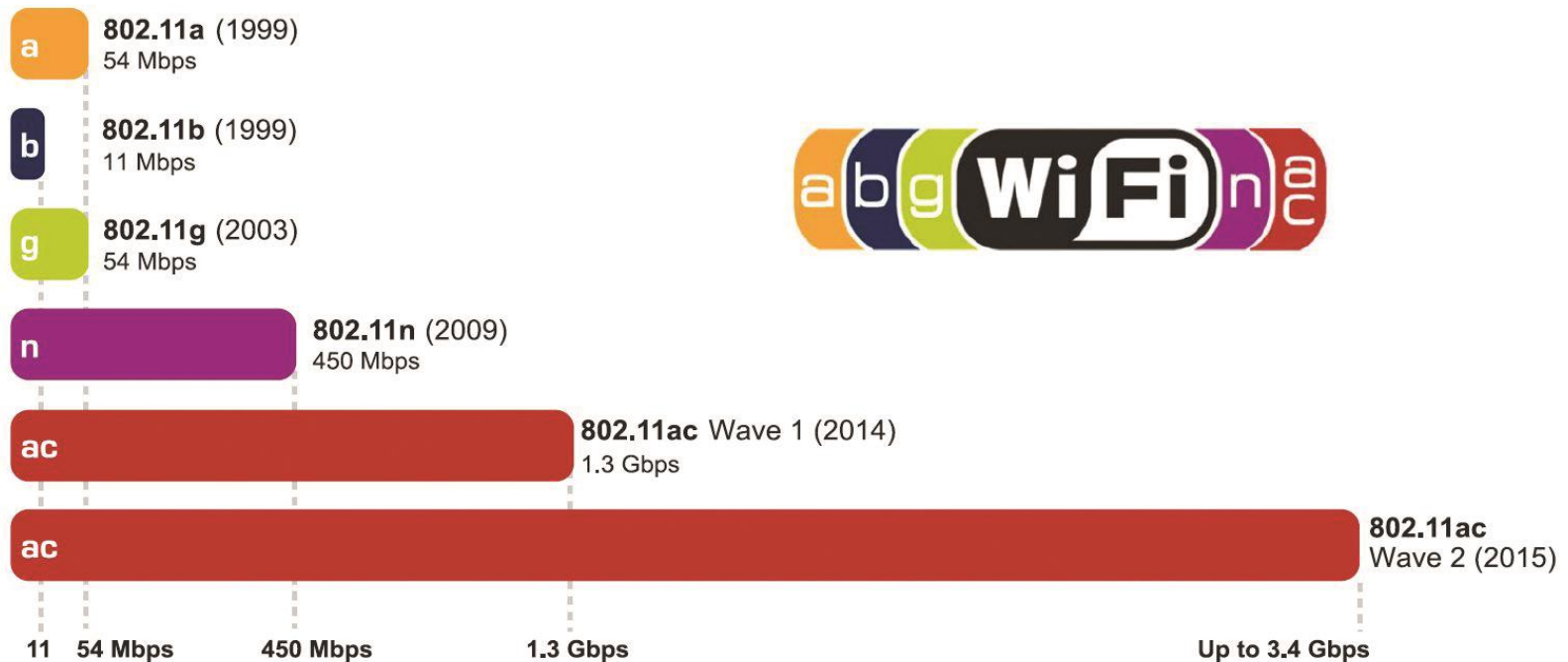
- 2.4-5 GHz range
- up to 54 Mbps

❑ 802.11n: multiple antennae

- 2.4-5 GHz range
- up to 200 Mbps

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- ❑ all use CSMA/CA for multiple access
 - ❑ all have base-station and ad-hoc network versions

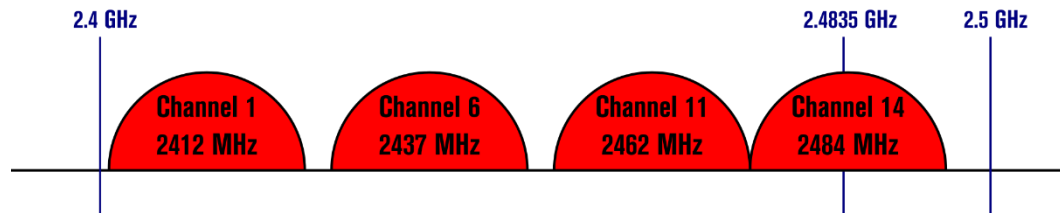
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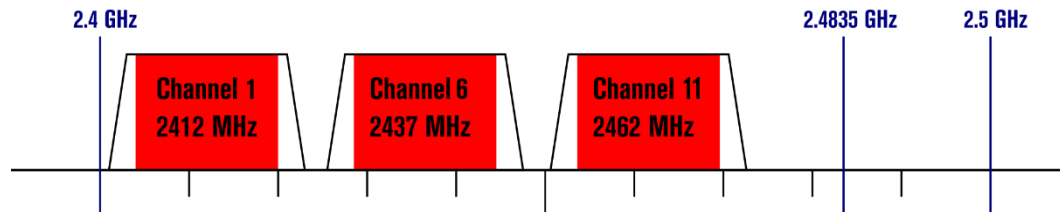
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Non-Overlapping Channels for 2.4 GHz WLAN

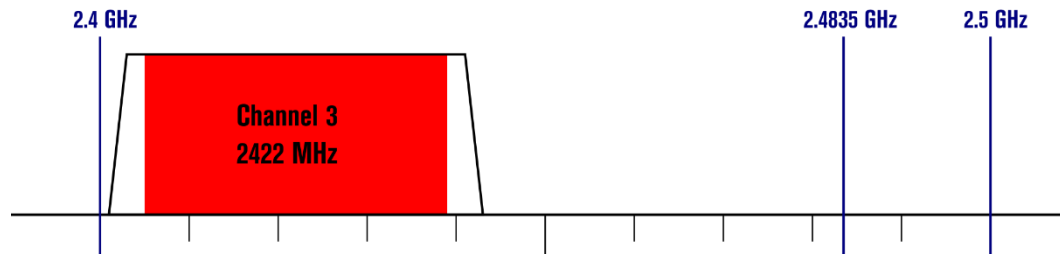
802.11b (DSSS) channel width 22 MHz



802.11g/n (OFDM) 20 MHz ch. width – 16.25 MHz used by sub-carriers



802.11n (OFDM) 40 MHz ch. width – 33.75 MHz used by sub-carriers



WiFi Standards



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WiFi 6

Wi-Fi 6: Enabling new mobile experiences today

Increased data rates

Higher modulation
(Up to 1024 QAM)



Reduced latency

Uplink resource scheduling
(OFDMA)



Greater IoT coverage

Deterministic capacity
(OFDMA)



Higher density

Efficient spectral
re-use (OFDMA,
BSS coloring)



Power efficient

Flexible low-power
scheduling
(Target wake time)



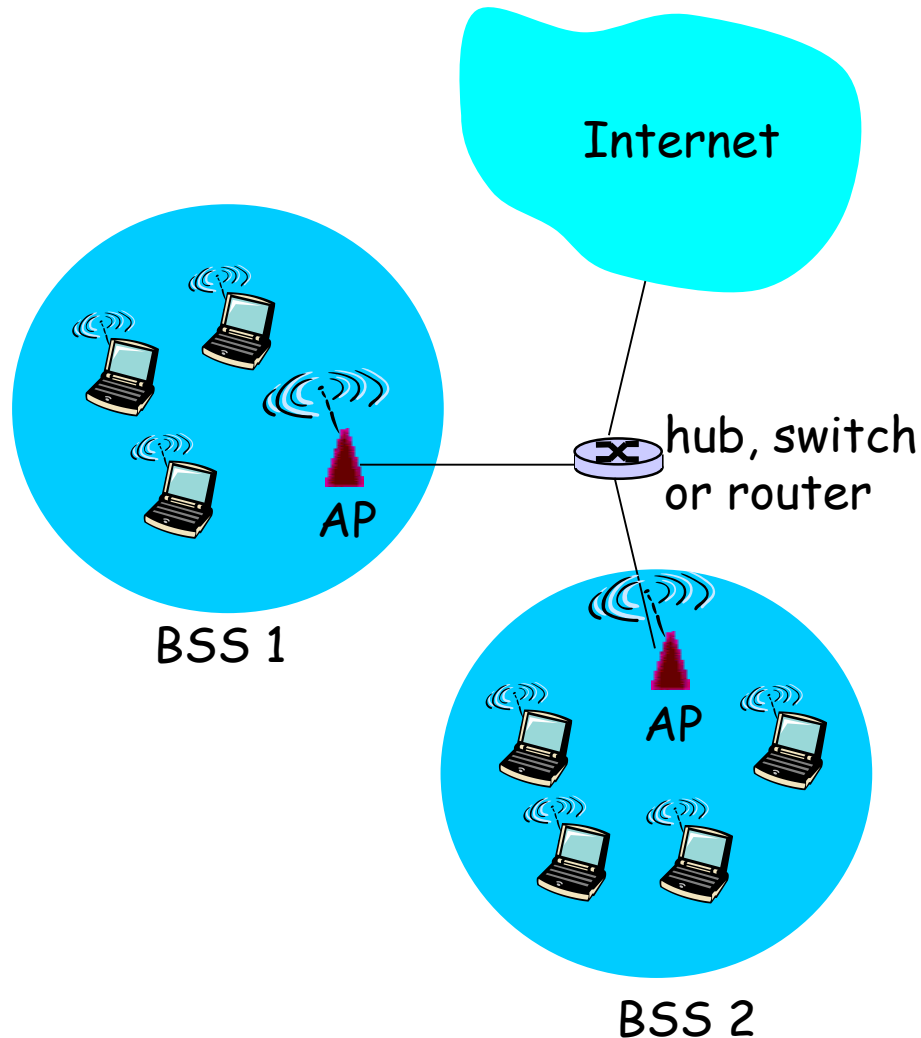
Faster speeds | Optimized capacity | IoT ready

WiFi Standards

- ❑ It's rarely the case that a new Wi-Fi standard introduces slower speeds, but the Wi-Fi Alliance is working on 802.11ah, a new standard in the works that promises to do just that.



802.11 LAN architecture

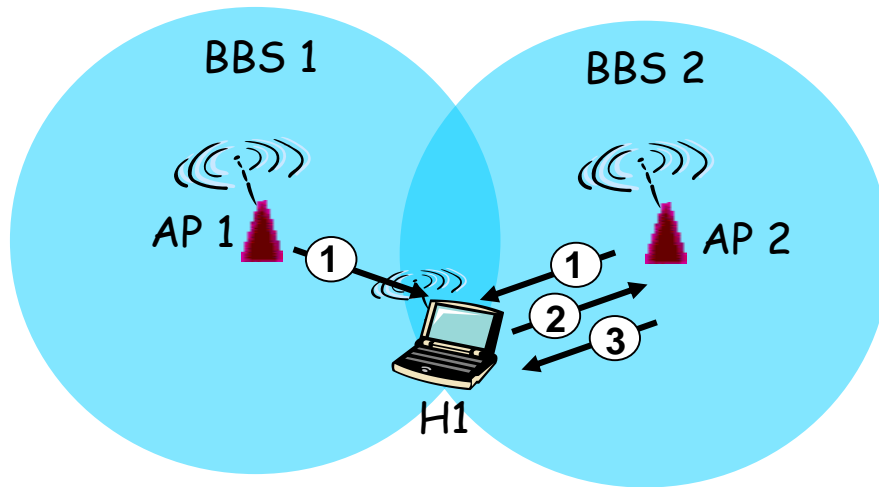


- ❑ wireless host communicates with base station
 - base station = access point (AP)
- ❑ **Basic Service Set (BSS)** (aka "cell") in infrastructure mode contains:
 - wireless hosts
 - access point (AP): base station
 - ad hoc mode: hosts only

802.11: Channels, association

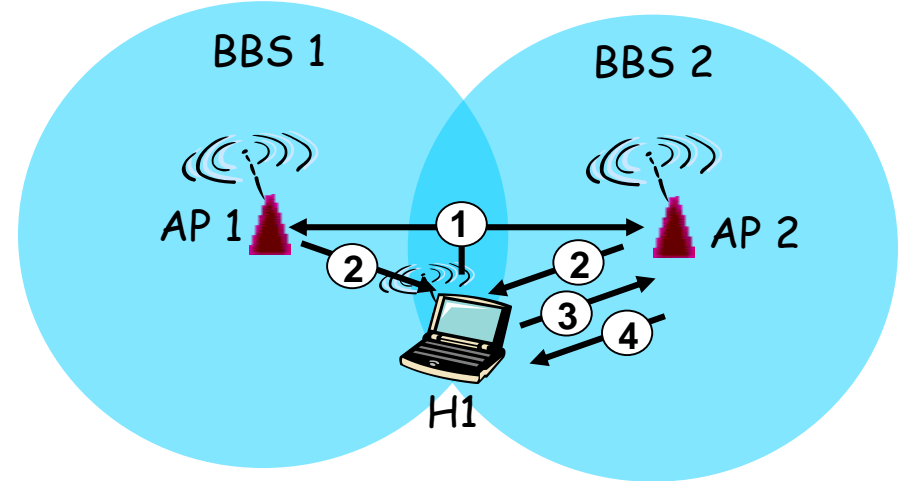
- ❑ 802.11b: 2.4GHz-2.485GHz spectrum divided into 11 channels at different frequencies
 - AP admin chooses frequency for AP
 - interference possible: channel can be same as that chosen by neighboring AP!
- ❑ host: must *associate* with an AP
 - scans channels, listening for *beacon frames* containing AP's name (SSID) and MAC address
 - selects AP to associate with
 - may perform authentication [Chapter 8]
 - will typically run DHCP to get IP address in AP's subnet

802.11: passive/active scanning



Passive Scanning:

- (1) beacon frames sent from APs
- (2) association Request frame sent:
H1 to selected AP
- (3) association Response frame sent:
selected AP to H1

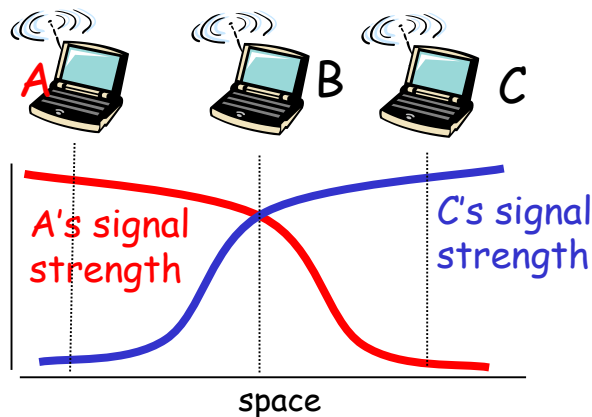
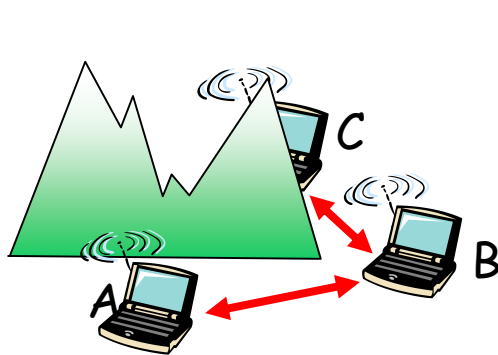


Active Scanning:

- (1) Probe Request frame broadcast
from H1
- (2) Probes response frame sent from
APs
- (3) Association Request frame sent:
H1 to selected AP
- (4) Association Response frame sent:
selected AP to H1

IEEE 802.11: multiple access

- ❑ avoid collisions: 2+ nodes transmitting at same time
- ❑ 802.11: CSMA - sense before transmitting
 - don't collide with ongoing transmission by other node
- ❑ 802.11: no collision detection!
 - difficult to receive (sense collisions) when transmitting due to weak received signals (fading)
 - can't sense all collisions in any case: hidden terminal, fading
 - goal: *avoid collisions*: CSMA/C(ollision)A(voidance)



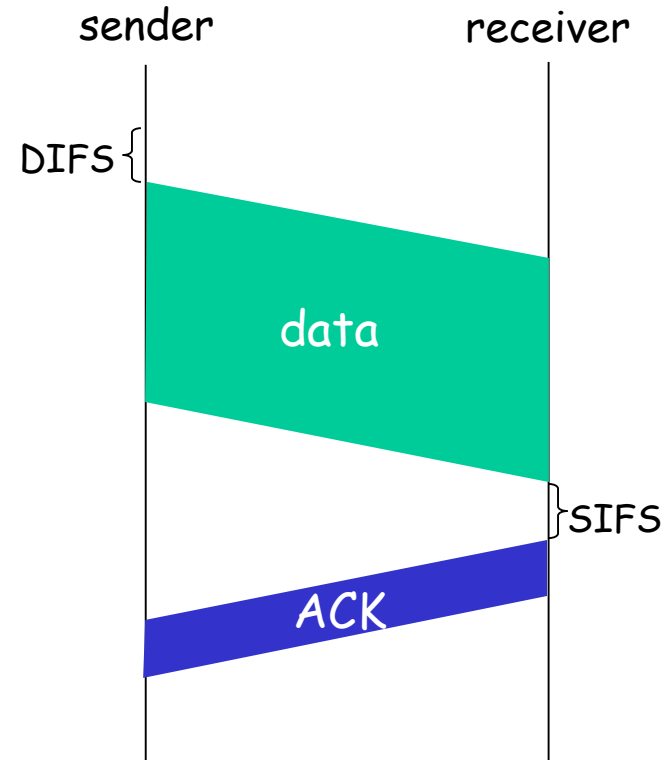
IEEE 802.11 MAC Protocol: CSMA/CA

802.11 sender

- 1 if sense channel idle for **DIFS** then
transmit entire frame (no CD)
- 2 if sense channel busy then
start random backoff time
timer counts down while channel idle
transmit when timer expires
if no ACK, increase random backoff
interval, repeat 2

802.11 receiver

- if frame received OK
return ACK after **SIFS** (ACK needed due
to hidden terminal problem)



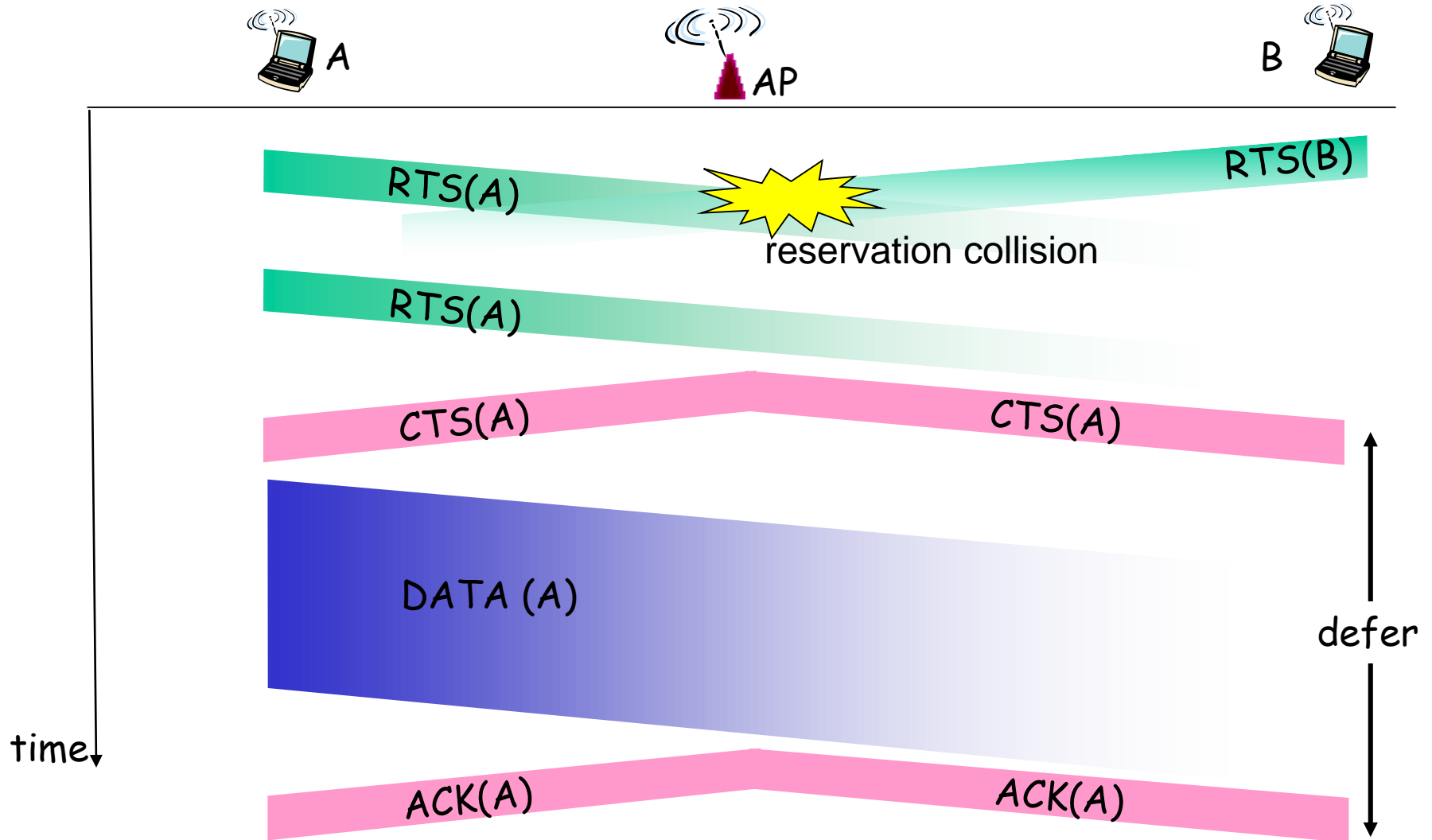
Avoiding collisions (more)

idea: allow sender to “reserve” channel rather than random access of data frames: avoid collisions of long data frames

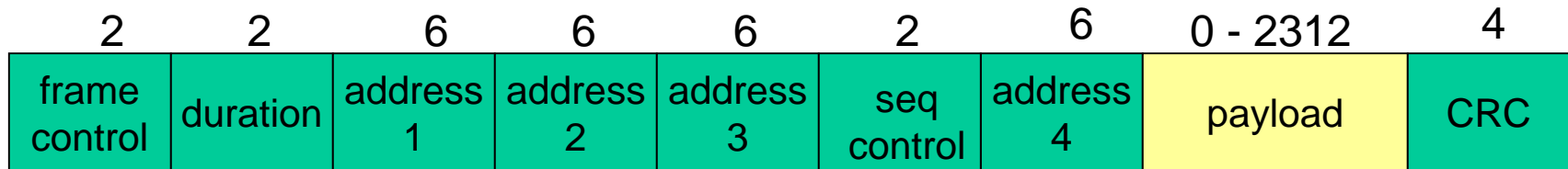
- ❑ sender first transmits *small* request-to-send (RTS) packets to BS using CSMA
 - RTSs may still collide with each other (but they're short)
- ❑ BS broadcasts clear-to-send CTS in response to RTS
- ❑ CTS heard by all nodes
 - sender transmits data frame
 - other stations defer transmissions

avoid data frame collisions completely
using small reservation packets!

Collision Avoidance: RTS-CTS exchange



802.11 frame: addressing



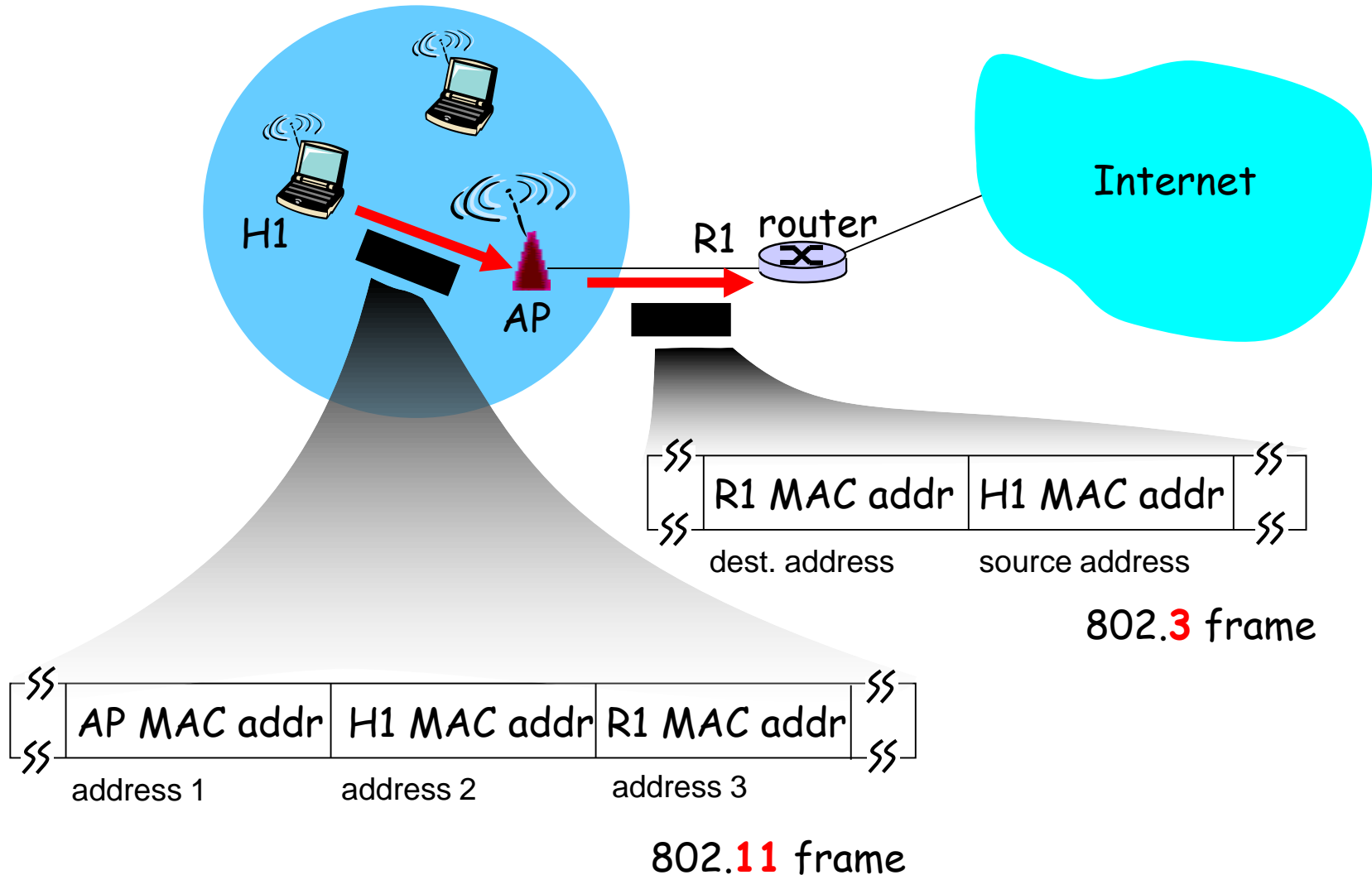
Address 1: MAC address of wireless host or AP to receive this frame

Address 2: MAC address of wireless host or AP transmitting this frame

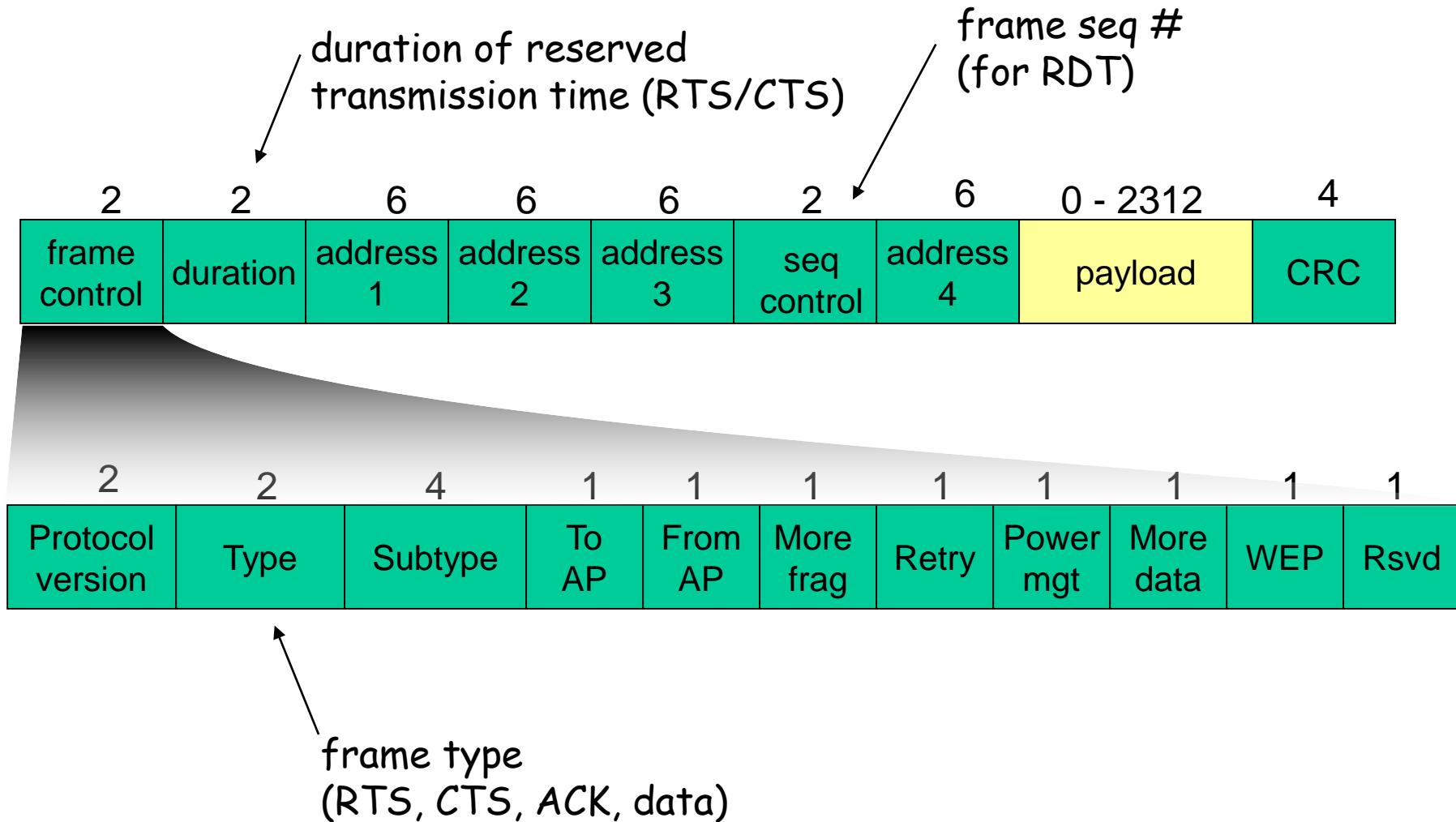
Address 3: MAC address of router interface to which AP is attached

Address 4: used only in ad hoc mode

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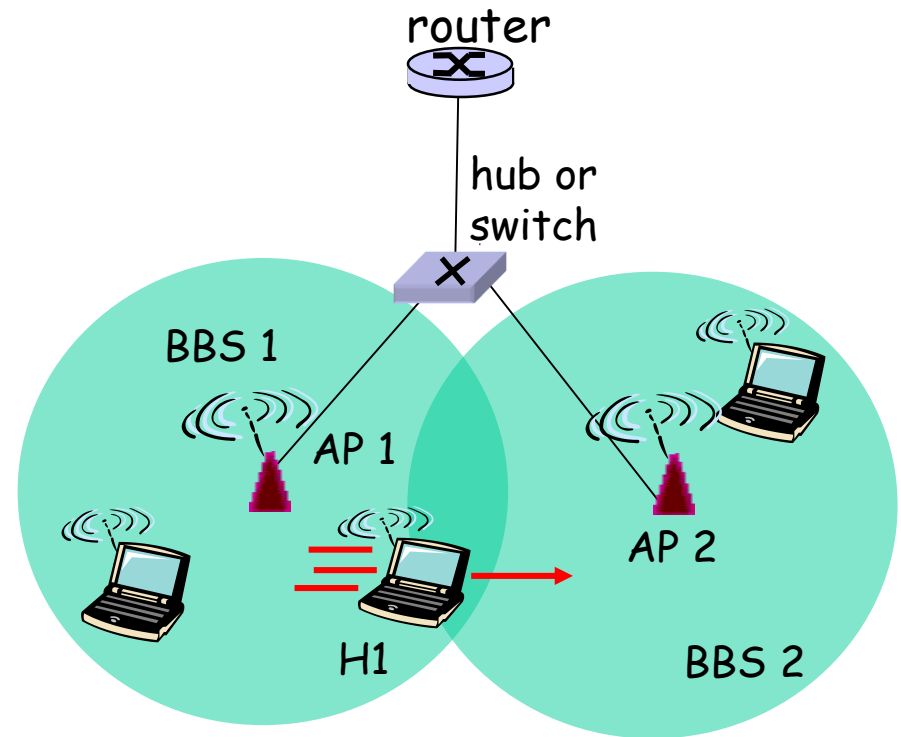


802.11 frame: more



802.11: mobility within same subnet

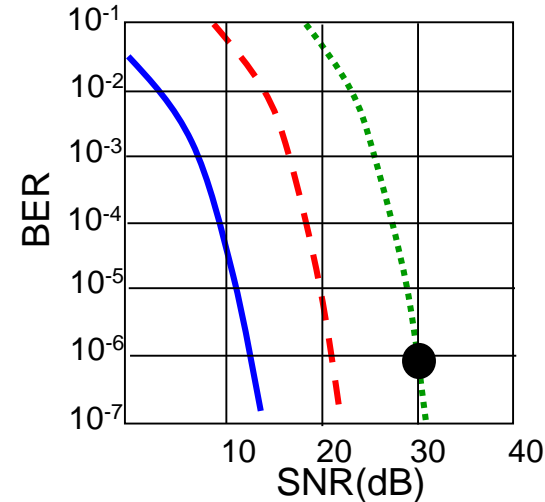
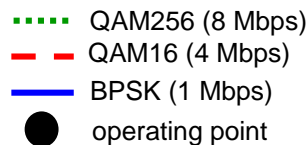
- ❑ H1 remains in same IP subnet: IP address can remain same
- ❑ switch: which AP is associated with H1?
 - self-learning (Ch. 5): switch will see frame from H1 and "remember" which switch port can be used to reach H1



802.11: advanced capabilities

Rate Adaptation

- base station, mobile dynamically change transmission rate (physical layer modulation technique) as mobile moves, SNR varies



1. SNR decreases, BER increase as node moves away from base station
2. When BER becomes too high, switch to lower transmission rate but with lower BER

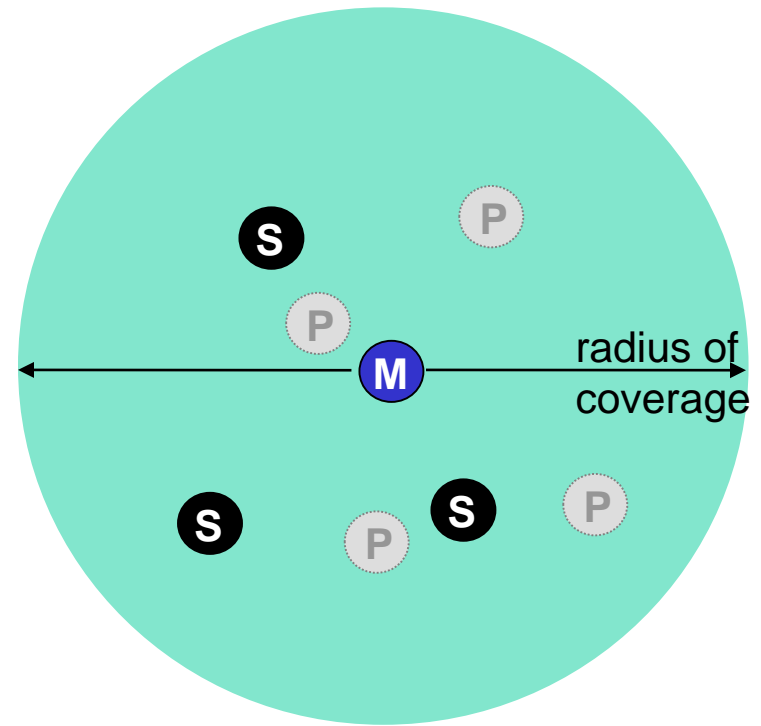
802.11: advanced capabilities

Power Management

- ❑ node-to-AP: "I am going to sleep until next beacon frame"
 - AP knows not to transmit frames to this node
 - node wakes up before next beacon frame
- ❑ beacon frame: contains list of mobiles with AP-to-mobile frames waiting to be sent
 - node will stay awake if AP-to-mobile frames to be sent; otherwise sleep again until next beacon frame

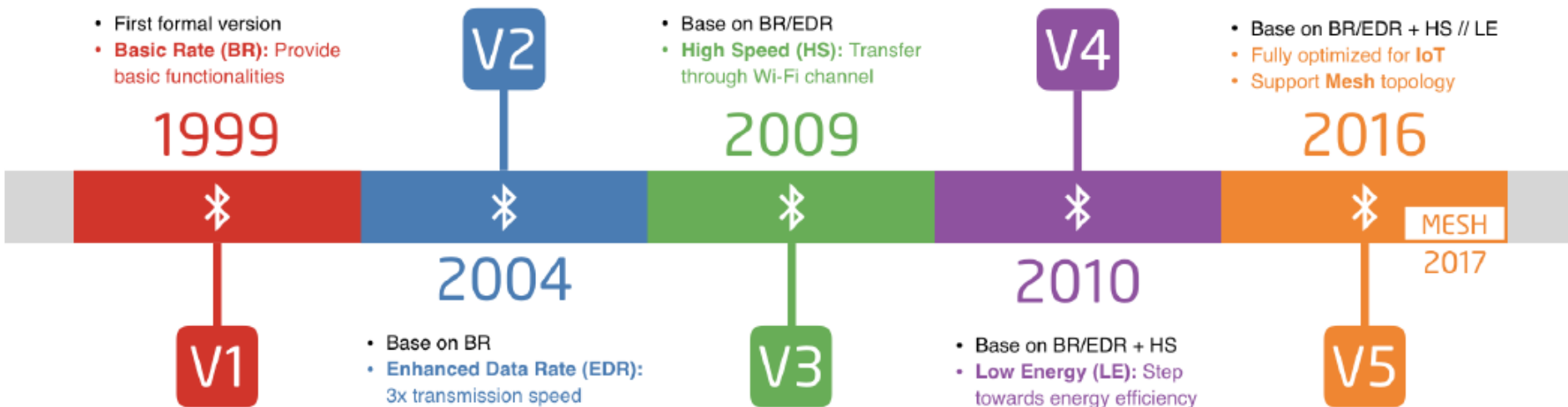
802.15: personal area network

- ❑ less than 10 m diameter
- ❑ replacement for cables (mouse, keyboard, headphones)
- ❑ ad hoc: no infrastructure
- ❑ master/slaves:
 - slaves request permission to send (to master)
 - master grants requests
- ❑ 802.15: evolved from Bluetooth specification
 - 2.4-2.5 GHz radio band
 - up to 721 kbps



- M** Master device
- S** Slave device
- P** Parked device (inactive)

New Bluetooth



New Bluetooth

A graphic for Bluetooth 5. It features a large blue number '5' with a white circle in the center. Above the '5' is the Bluetooth logo and the word 'Bluetooth'. To the right of the '5' is the text 'is the future'. Below the '5' is a grey bar containing four blue icons: '2x speed', '4x range', '8x data', and '+ wireless coexistence'.

Bluetooth®

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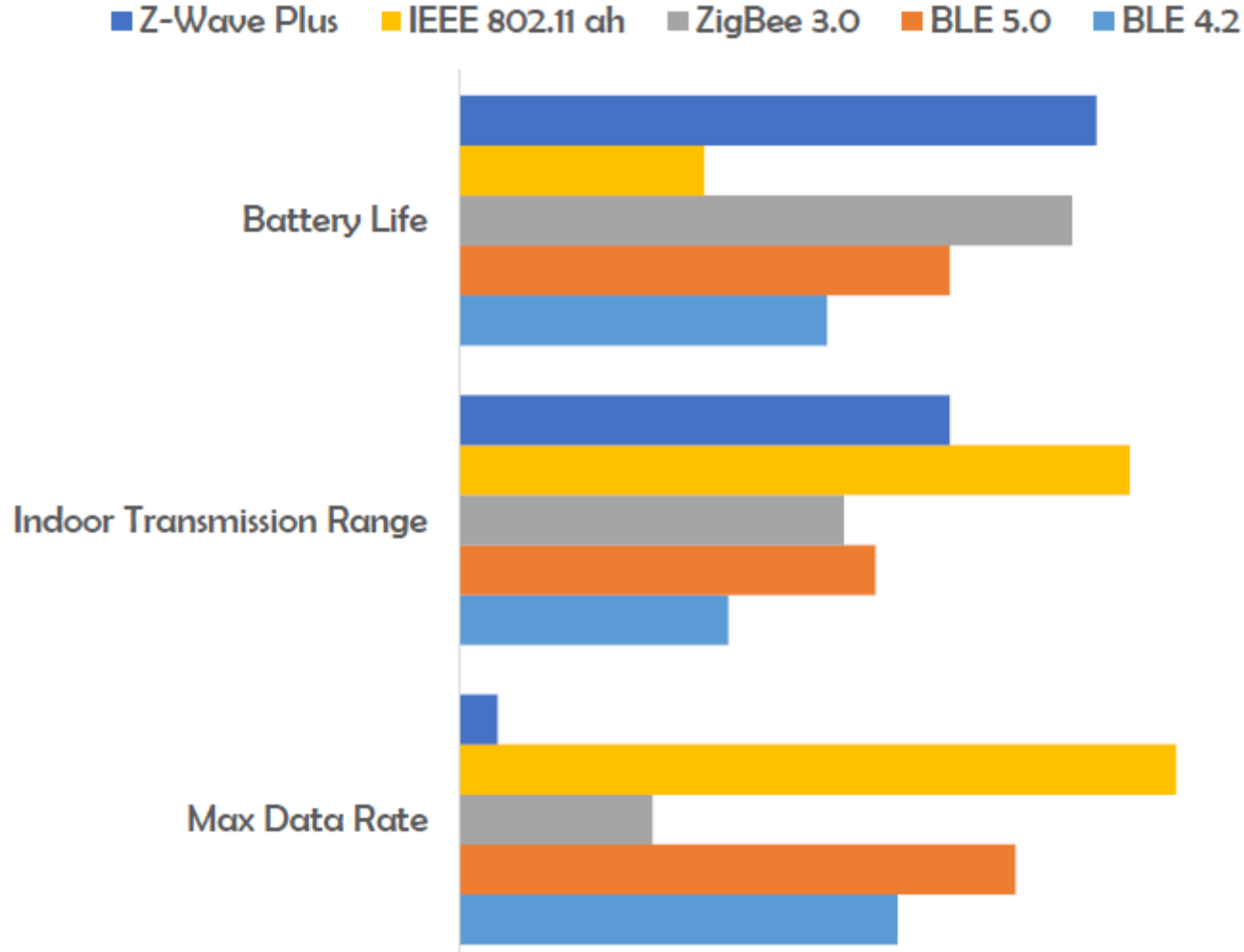
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Internet of Things: Low power

Table II. Parameter comparisons of Bluetooth, IEEE 802.15.4, IEEE 802.11 and Z-Wave

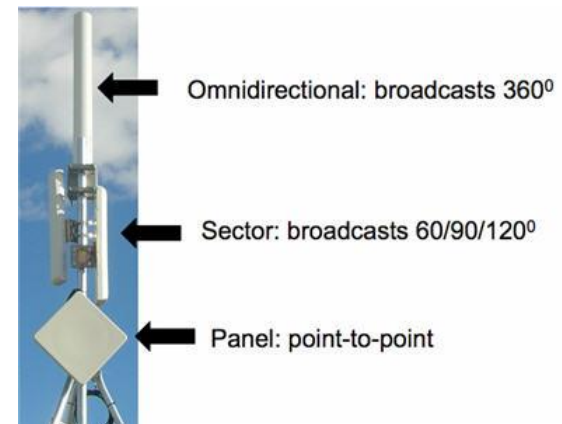
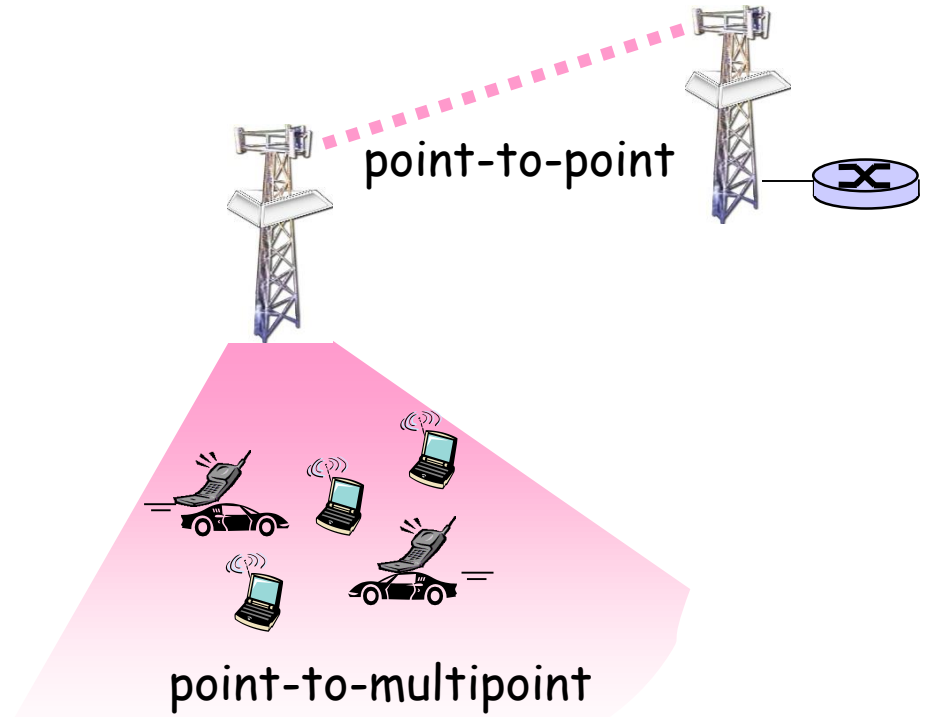
Technology	Bluetooth	Bluetooth	IEEE 802.15.4	IEEE 802.11	Z-Wave
Representative Specifications	BLE 4.2	BLE 5.0 ¹	ZigBee 3.0	802.11ah	Z-Wave Plus
Data Rate	0.8 Mbps	up to 1.4 Mbps	40-250 kbps	up to 78 Mbps [Ahmed et al. 2016]	9.6/40/100 kbps
Supported Bandwidth	1 MHz	1/2 MHz	2 MHz	1/2/4/8/16 MHz	19.2/40 kHz
Modulation	FHSS ² with GFSK ²	FHSS ² with GFSK ²	DSSS ² with BPSK ² / OQPSK ²	OFDM ² with BPSK/QPSK ² / QAM ²	BFSK ² with Manchester or NRZ ²
Transmission range (indoor)	12.5 m	50 m	37 m	543 m [Ahmed et al. 2016]	100 m
Available Frequency Band	2.4 GHz IS-M Bands	2.4 GHz IS-M Bands	2.4GHz & 868/915 MHz ISM Bands	915 MHz ISM Bands	868/915 MHz ISM Bands
Spectrum	Unlicensed	Unlicensed	Unlicensed	Unlicensed	Unlicensed
Have Error Correction?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Battery Life Claimed	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years
TX Power [Gomez et al. 2012]	-20 to 10 dBm	-20 to 20 dBm	-32 to 0 dBm	10-30 dBm [Adame et al. 2014]	-20 to 0 dBm
Cost ³	\$1 ~ 10	\$1 ~ 10	\$1 ~ 10	\$10 ~ 20 ⁴	\$1 ~ 10
Mesh Support?	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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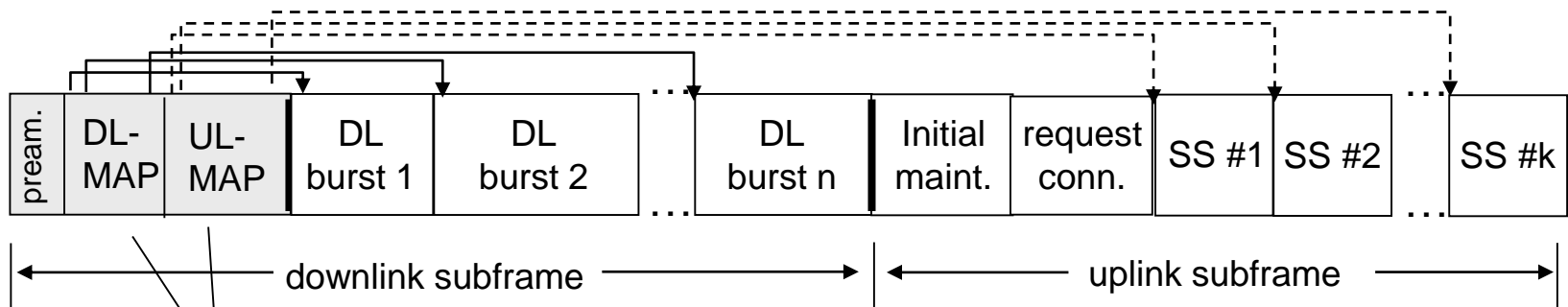
802.16: WiMAX

- ❑ like 802.11 & cellular:
base station model
 - transmissions to/from base station by hosts with omnidirectional antenna
 - base station-to-base station backhaul with point-to-point antenna
- ❑ unlike 802.11:
 - range ~ 6 miles ("city rather than coffee shop")
 - ~14 Mbps



802.16: WiMAX: downlink, uplink scheduling

- transmission frame
 - down-link subframe: base station to node
 - uplink subframe: node to base station



base station tells nodes who will get to receive (DL map)
and who will get to send (UL map), and when

- WiMAX standard provide mechanism for scheduling, but not scheduling algorithm

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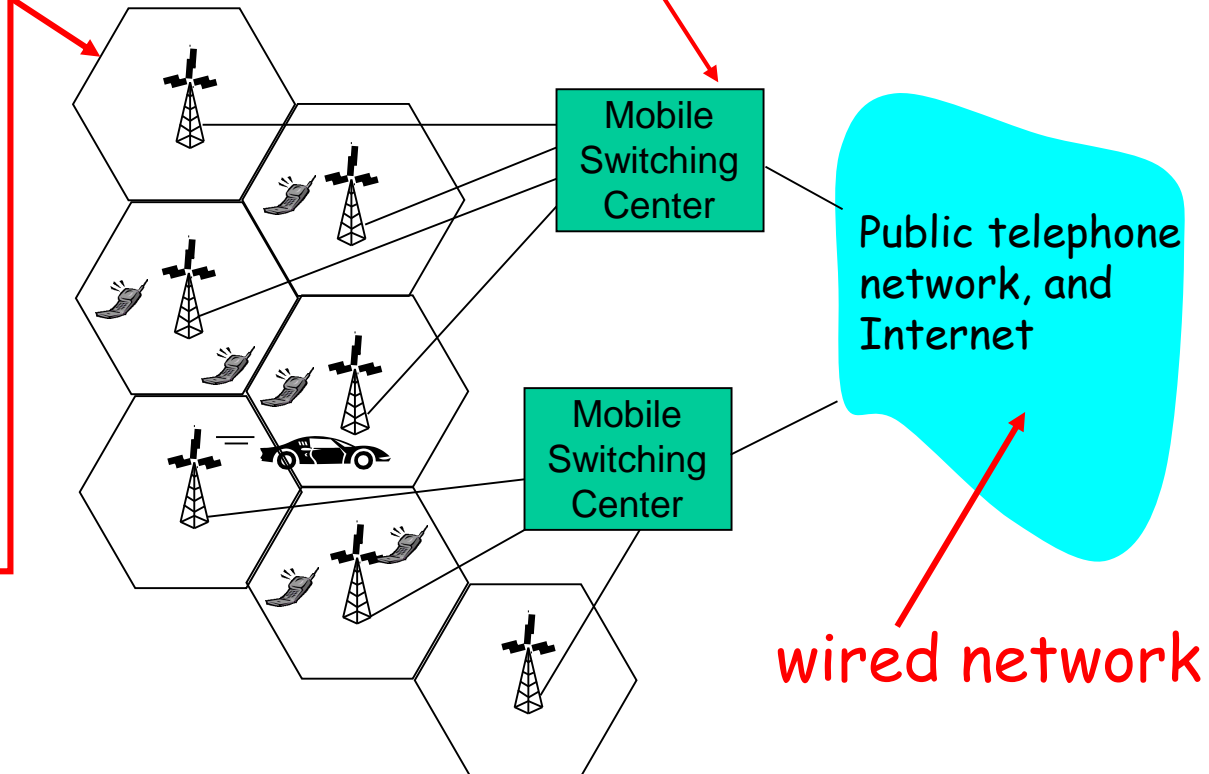
Components of cellular network architecture

cell

- covers geographical region
- **base station** (BS) analogous to 802.11 AP
- **mobile users** attach to network through BS
- **air-interface:** physical and link layer protocol between mobile and BS

MSC

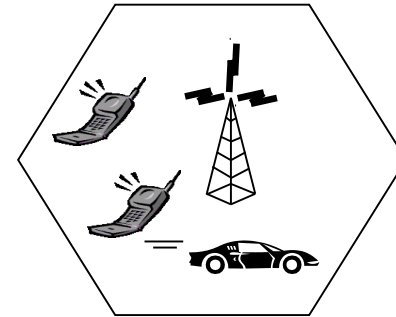
- connects cells to wide area net
- manages call setup (more later!)
- handles mobility (more later!)



Cellular networks: the first hop

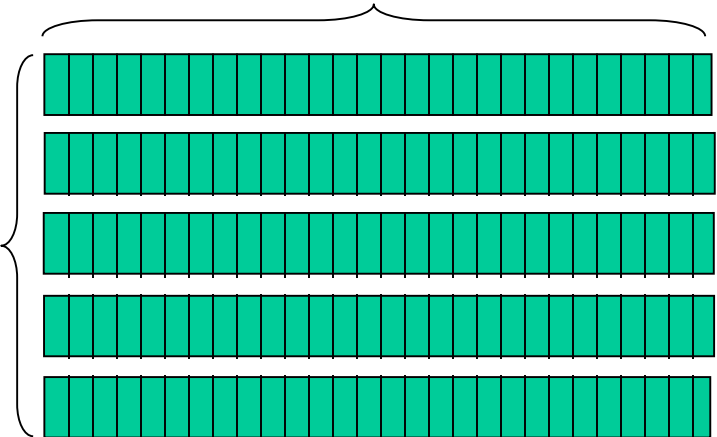
Two techniques for sharing mobile-to-BS radio spectrum

- **combined FDMA/TDMA:** divide spectrum in frequency channels, divide each channel into time slots
- **CDMA:** code division multiple access



time slots

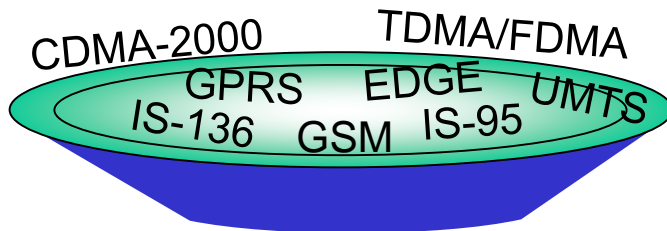
frequency bands



Cellular standards: brief survey

2G systems: voice channels

- ❑ IS-136 TDMA: combined FDMA/TDMA (north america)
- ❑ GSM (global system for mobile communications): combined FDMA/TDMA
 - most widely deployed
- ❑ IS-95 CDMA: code division multiple access



Don't drown in a bowl of alphabet soup: use this for reference only

Cellular standards: brief survey

2.5 G systems: voice and data channels

- ❑ for those who can't wait for 3G service: 2G extensions
- ❑ general packet radio service (GPRS)
 - evolved from GSM
 - data sent on multiple channels (if available)
- ❑ enhanced data rates for global evolution (EDGE)
 - also evolved from GSM, using enhanced modulation
 - data rates up to 384K
- ❑ CDMA-2000 (phase 1)
 - data rates up to 144K
 - evolved from IS-95

Cellular standards: brief survey

3G systems: voice/data

- ❑ Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS)
 - data service: High Speed Uplink/Downlink packet Access (HSDPA/HSUPA): 3 Mbps
- ❑ CDMA-2000: CDMA in TDMA slots
 - data service: 1xEvolution Data Optimized (1xEVDO) up to 14 Mbps

..... more (and more interesting) cellular topics due to mobility (stay tuned for details)

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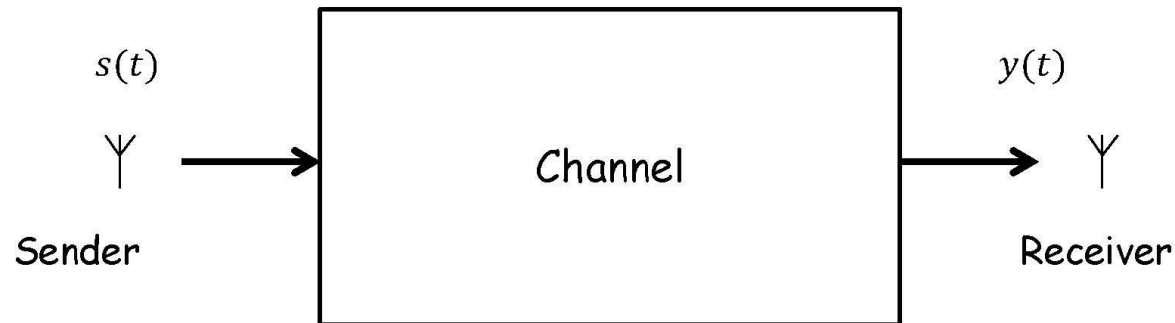
Wireless Communication in 10 Minutes



Signal, Channel, Modulation,
Capacity, OFDM, Multiple Access

Prolog: Wireless communication

- A simplest concept model for wireless communication



- The core problem of communication is to reconstruct $s(t)$ from $y(t)$

Impact of channel

- Channel changes/distorts the signal at the receiver

$$y(t) = c(t) s(t) = a e^{j2\pi\phi} s(t)$$

- Channel needs to be measured

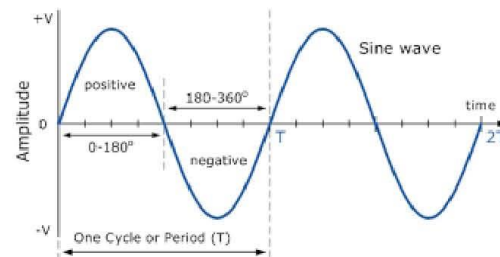
$$y_0(t) = c(t) s_0(t) \implies c(t) = s_0(t)/y_0(t)$$

s_0 is called pilot symbol, training symbol, etc.

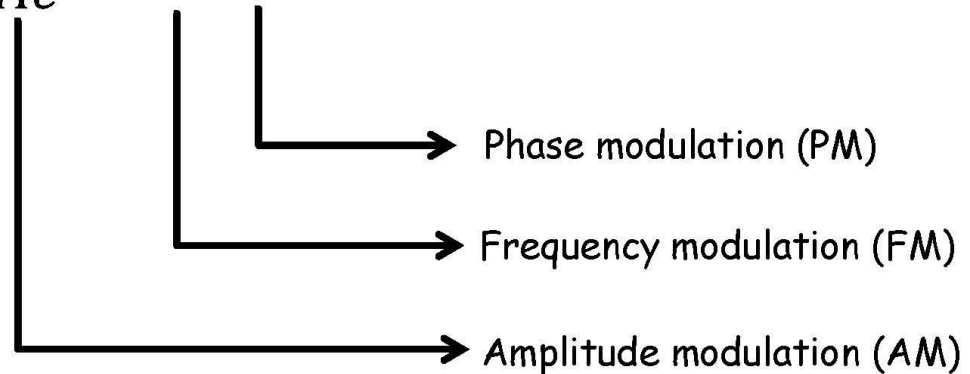
- Channel is time varying due to mobility
 - Needs to be measured periodically
 - Coherence time

What is a signal?

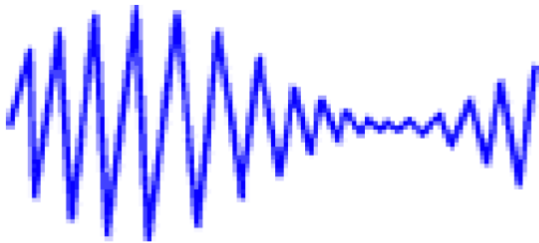
- Carrier and modulation



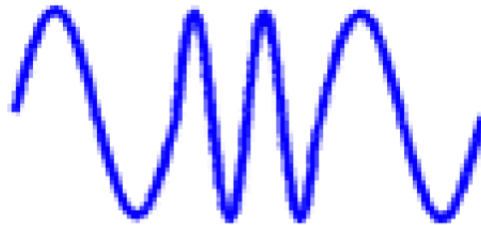
$$s(t) = Ae^{j(2\pi f_c t + \phi)}$$



Here are three examples of commonly used modulation techniques, showing modulated signals in the time domain. In these examples the horizontal axis is time, and the vertical axis is amplitude.



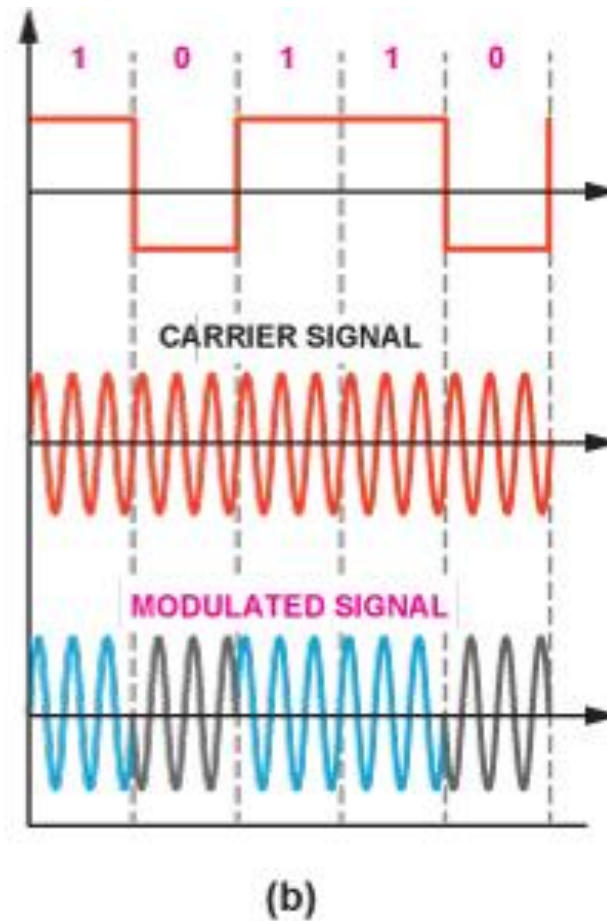
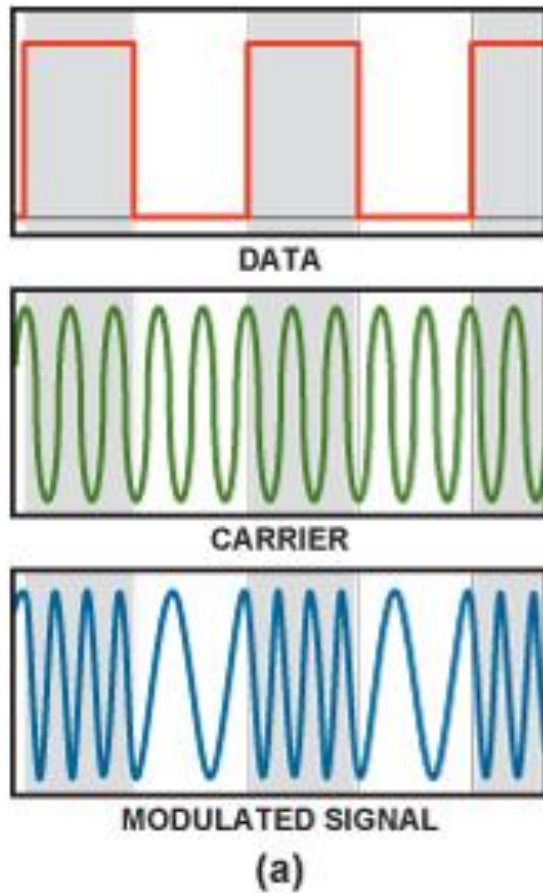
AM: amplitude modulation



FM: frequency modulation



PM: phase modulation



Modulation

□ More Details

- “[QPSK and 16-QAM Digital Modulation](#)” by Ron Hranac, CISCO

Modulation density

- How many information embedded a single frequency carrier wave?
 - Measured as bit/Hz

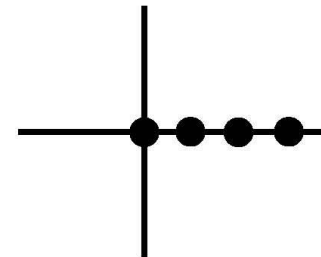
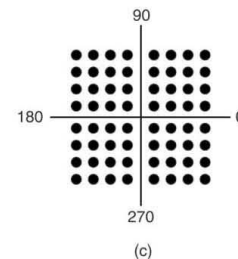
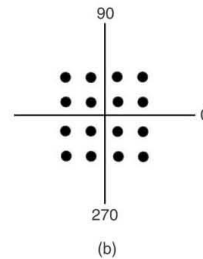
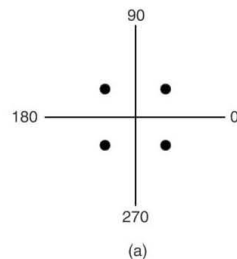
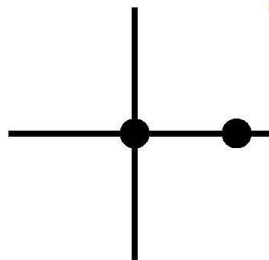


1 bit per symbol



2 bit per symbol

- Constellation graph



Shannon theory

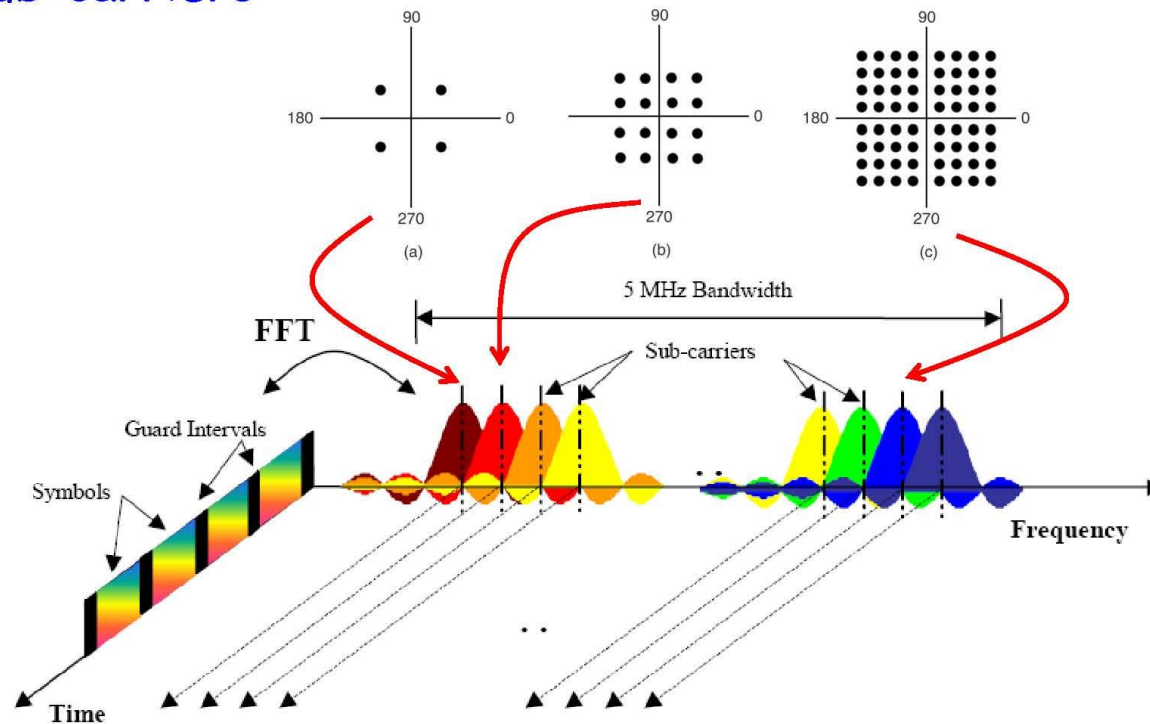
- Capacity: the upper-bound of embedded information

$$C = W \log\left(1 + \frac{P}{N}\right)$$



OFDM: efficiently using wide-band channels

- Convert a wide-band channel into a set of parallel sub-carriers



Interference and medium access control

- What if multiple senders send

$$y(t) = c_1 s_1(t) + c_2 s_2(t)$$

- The receiver cannot reliably recover s_1 even if it knows all channel information
- We need a protocol (MAC) to coordinate transmissions from multiple senders
 - Time division
 - Frequency division
 - Space reuse
 - Power/code division

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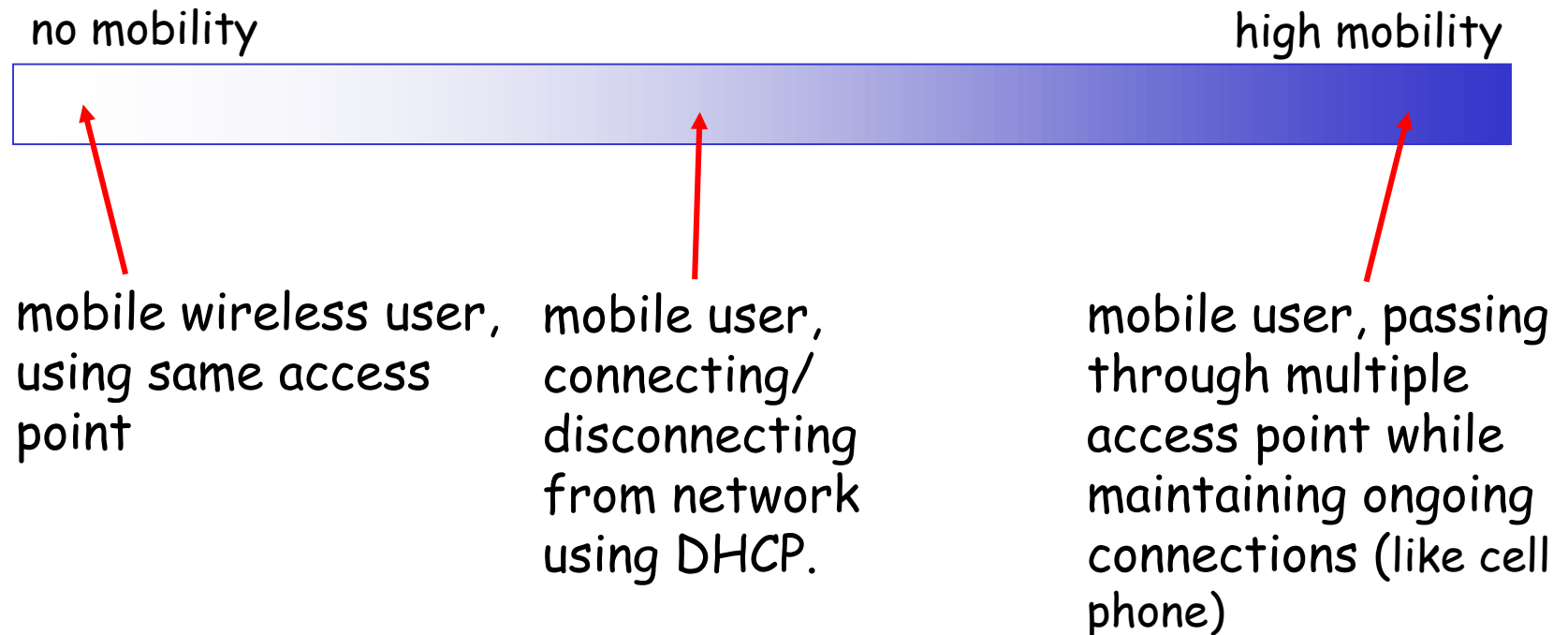
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What is mobility?

- spectrum of mobility, from the *network* perspective:

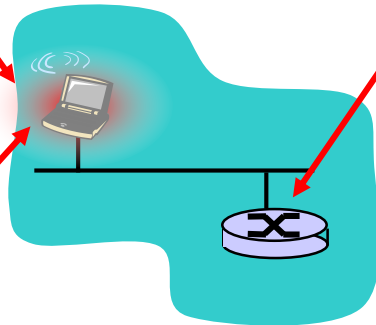


Mobility: Vocabulary

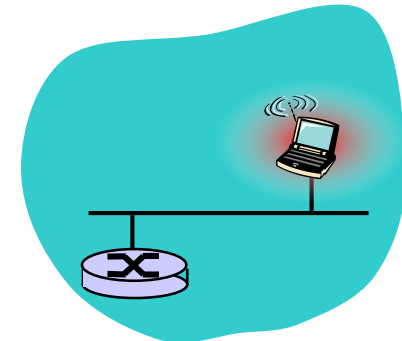
home network: permanent
"home" of mobile
(e.g., 128.119.40/24)

home agent: entity that will
perform mobility functions on
behalf of mobile, when mobile
is remote

Permanent address:
address in home
network, can always be
used to reach mobile
e.g., 128.119.40.186



wide area
network



correspondent

Mobility: more vocabulary

Permanent address: remains constant (e.g., 128.119.40.186)

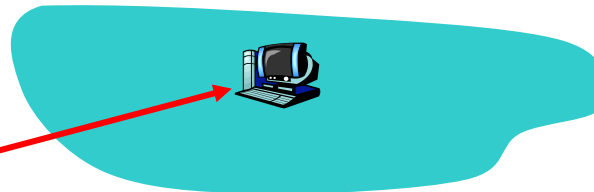
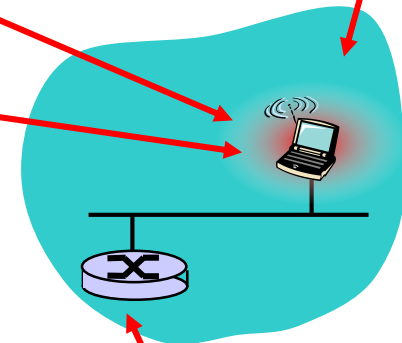
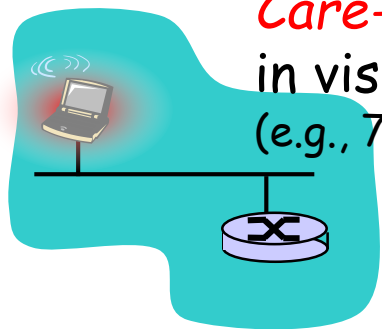
visited network: network in which mobile currently resides (e.g., 79.129.13/24)

Care-of-address: address in visited network. (e.g., 79.129.13.2)

wide area network

correspondent: wants to communicate with mobile

foreign agent: entity in visited network that performs mobility functions on behalf of mobile.



How do you contact a mobile friend:

Consider friend frequently changing addresses, how do you find her?

- ☐ search all phone books?
- ☐ call her parents?
- ☐ expect her to let you know where he/she is?



Mobility: approaches

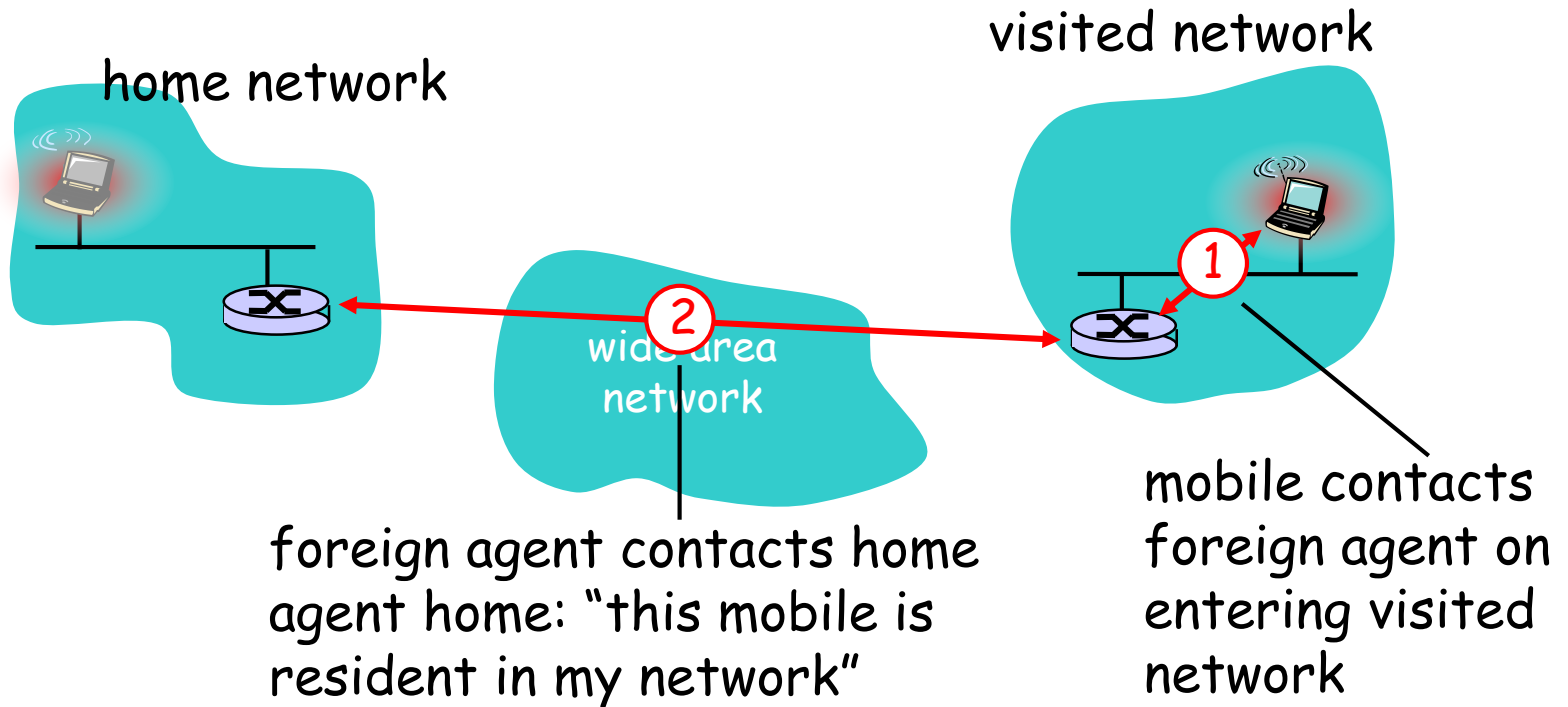
- ❑ *Let routing handle it:* routers advertise permanent address of mobile-nodes-in-residence via usual routing table exchange.
 - routing tables indicate where each mobile located
 - no changes to end-systems
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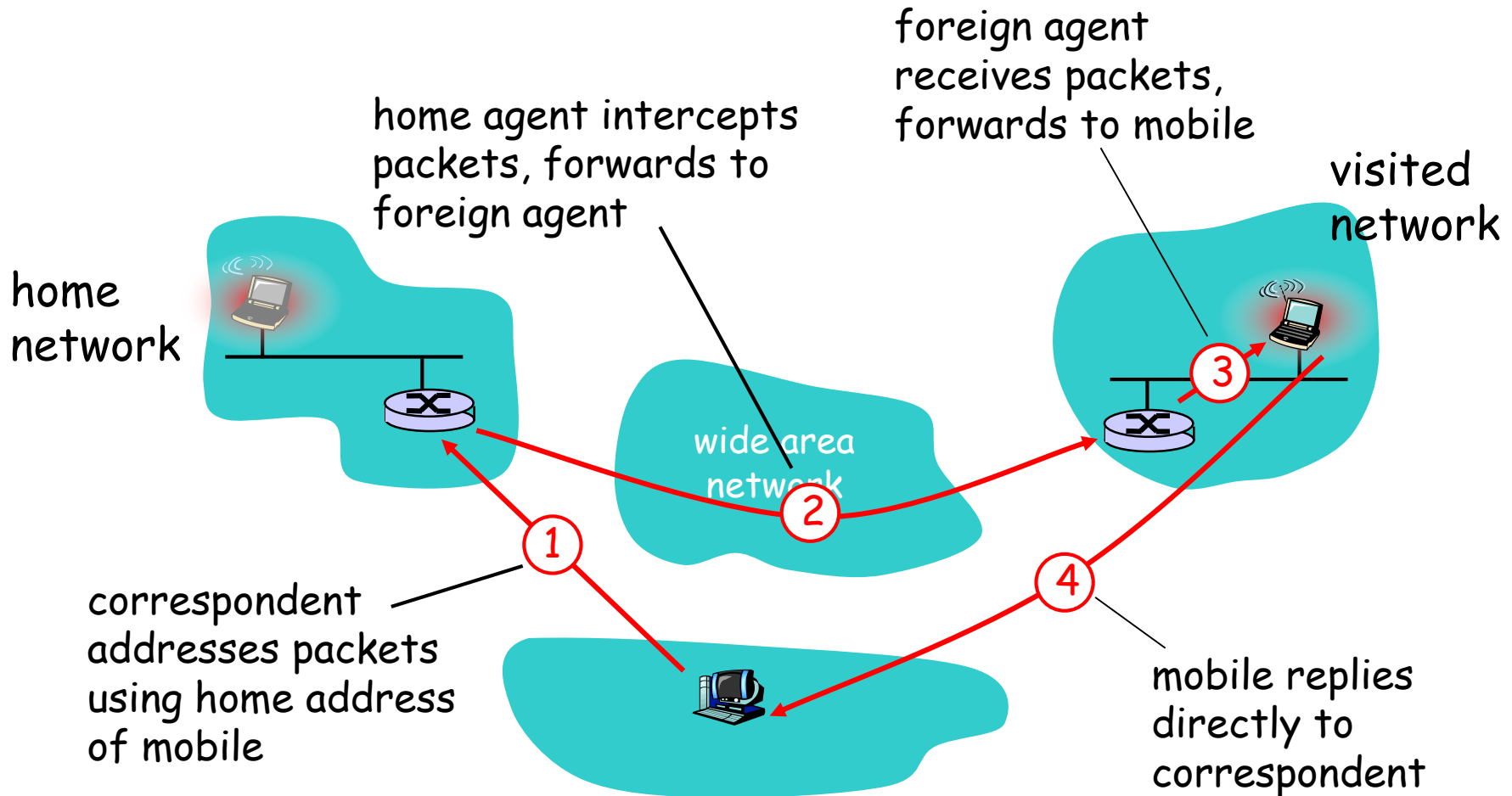
Mobility: registration



End result:

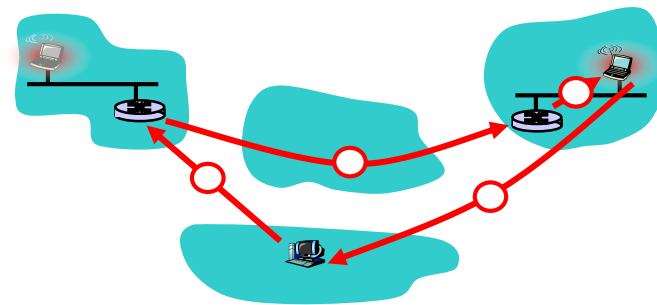
- ❑ Foreign agent knows about mobile
- ❑ Home agent knows location of mobile

Mobility via Indirect Routing



Indirect Routing: comments

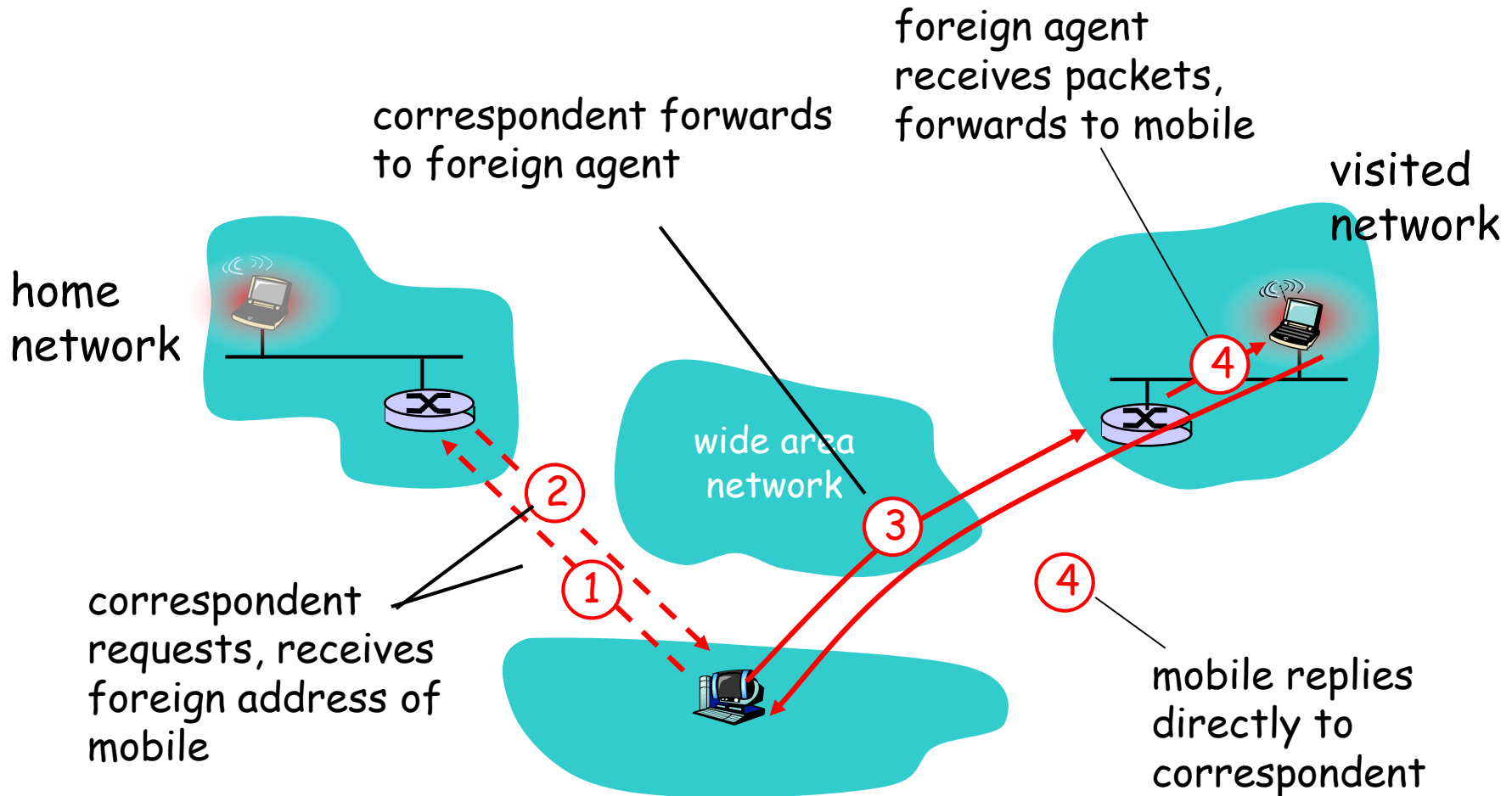
- Mobile uses two addresses:
 - permanent address: used by correspondent (hence mobile location is *transparent* to correspondent)
 - care-of-address: used by home agent to forward datagrams to mobile
- foreign agent functions may be done by mobile itself
- triangle routing: correspondent-home-network-mobile
 - inefficient when correspondent, mobile are in same network



Indirect Routing: moving between networks

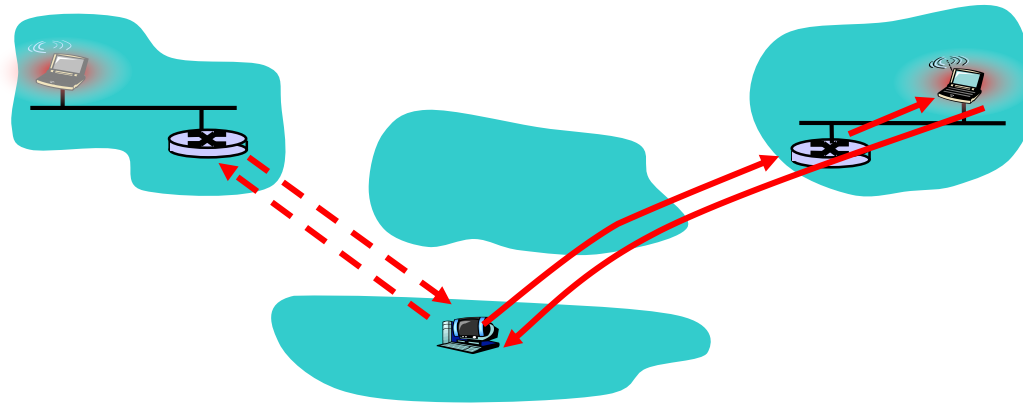
- suppose mobile user moves to another network
 - registers with new foreign agent
 - new foreign agent registers with home agent
 - home agent update care-of-address for mobile
 - packets continue to be forwarded to mobile (but with new care-of-address)
- mobility, changing foreign networks
transparent: *on going connections can be maintained!*

Mobility via Direct Routing



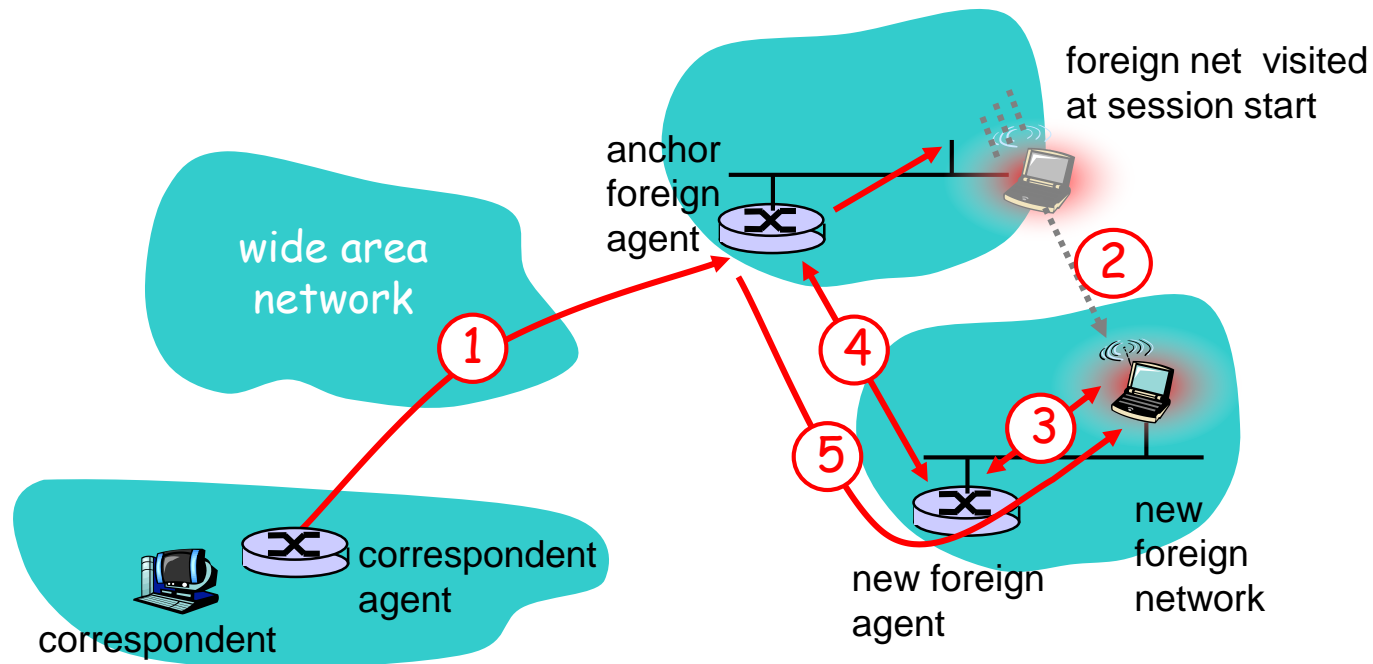
Mobility via Direct Routing: comments

- ❑ overcome triangle routing problem
- ❑ **non-transparent to correspondent:**
correspondent must get care-of-address from home agent
 - what if mobile changes visited network?



Accommodating mobility with direct routing

- ❑ anchor foreign agent: FA in first visited network
- ❑ data always routed first to anchor FA
- ❑ when mobile moves: new FA arranges to have data forwarded from old FA (chaining)



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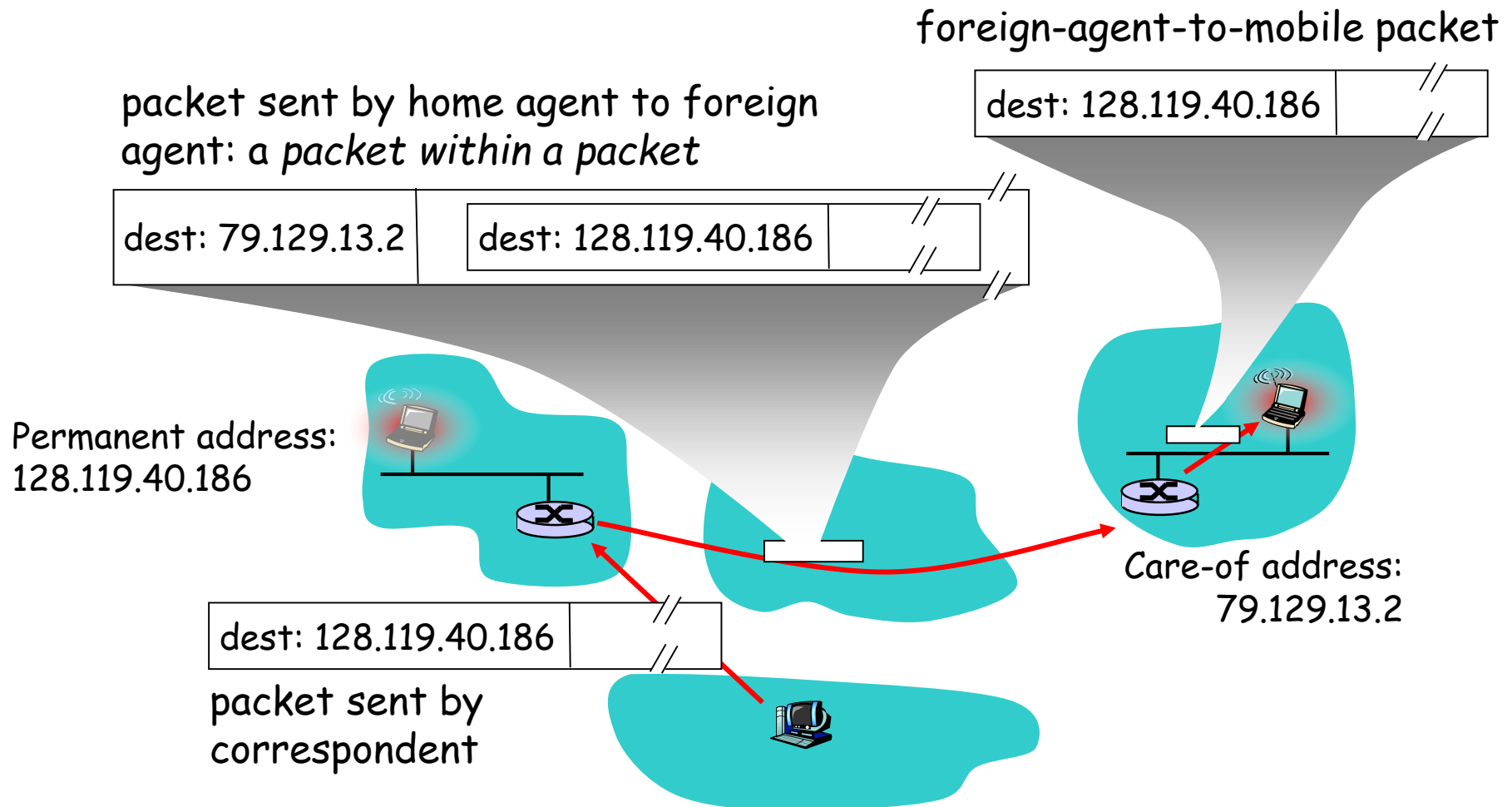
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Mobile IP

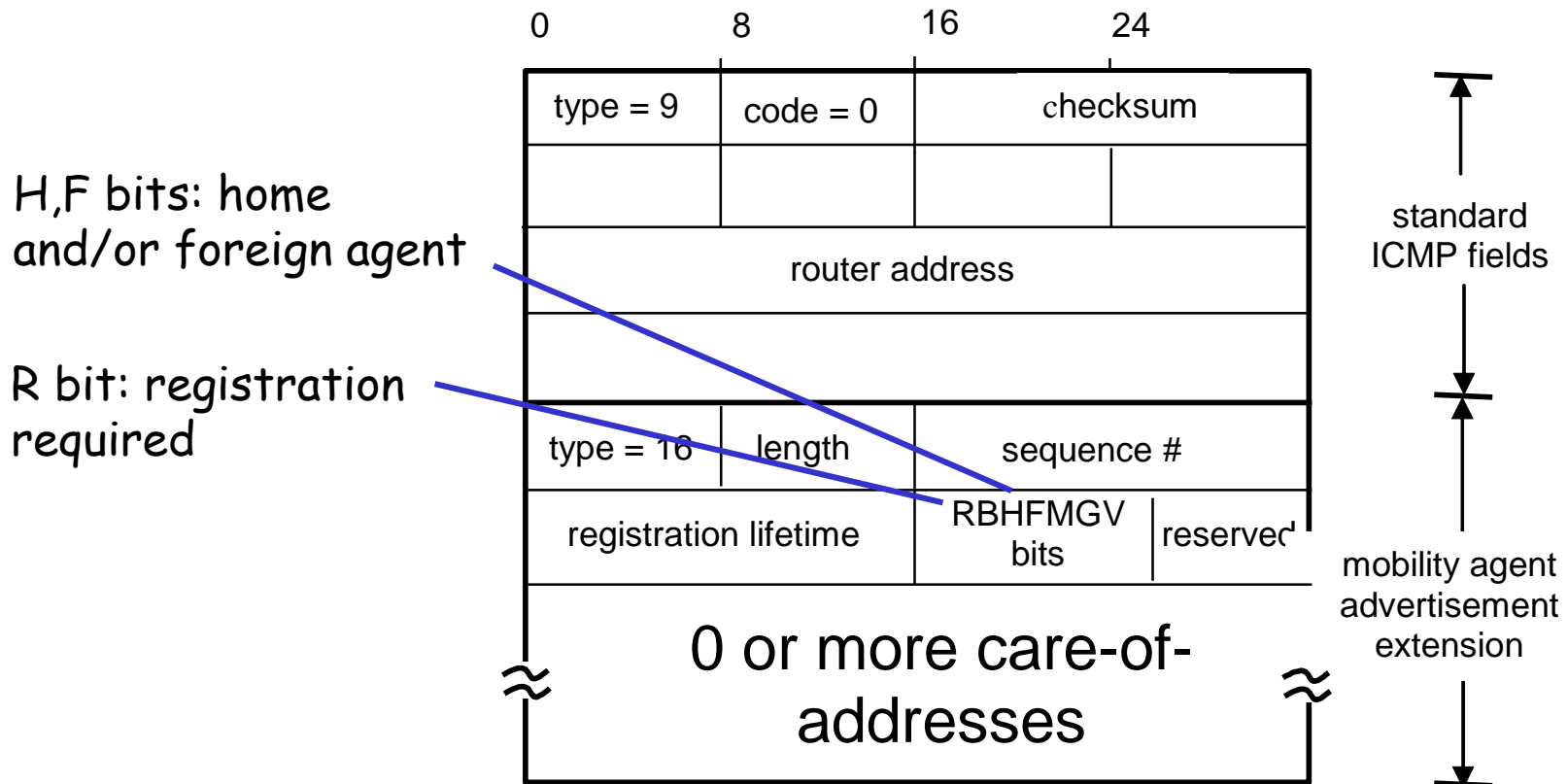
- ❑ RFC 3344
- ❑ has many features we've seen:
 - home agents, foreign agents, foreign-agent registration, care-of-addresses, encapsulation (packet-within-a-packet)
- ❑ three components to standard:
 - indirect routing of datagrams
 - agent discovery
 - registration with home agent

Mobile IP: indirect routing

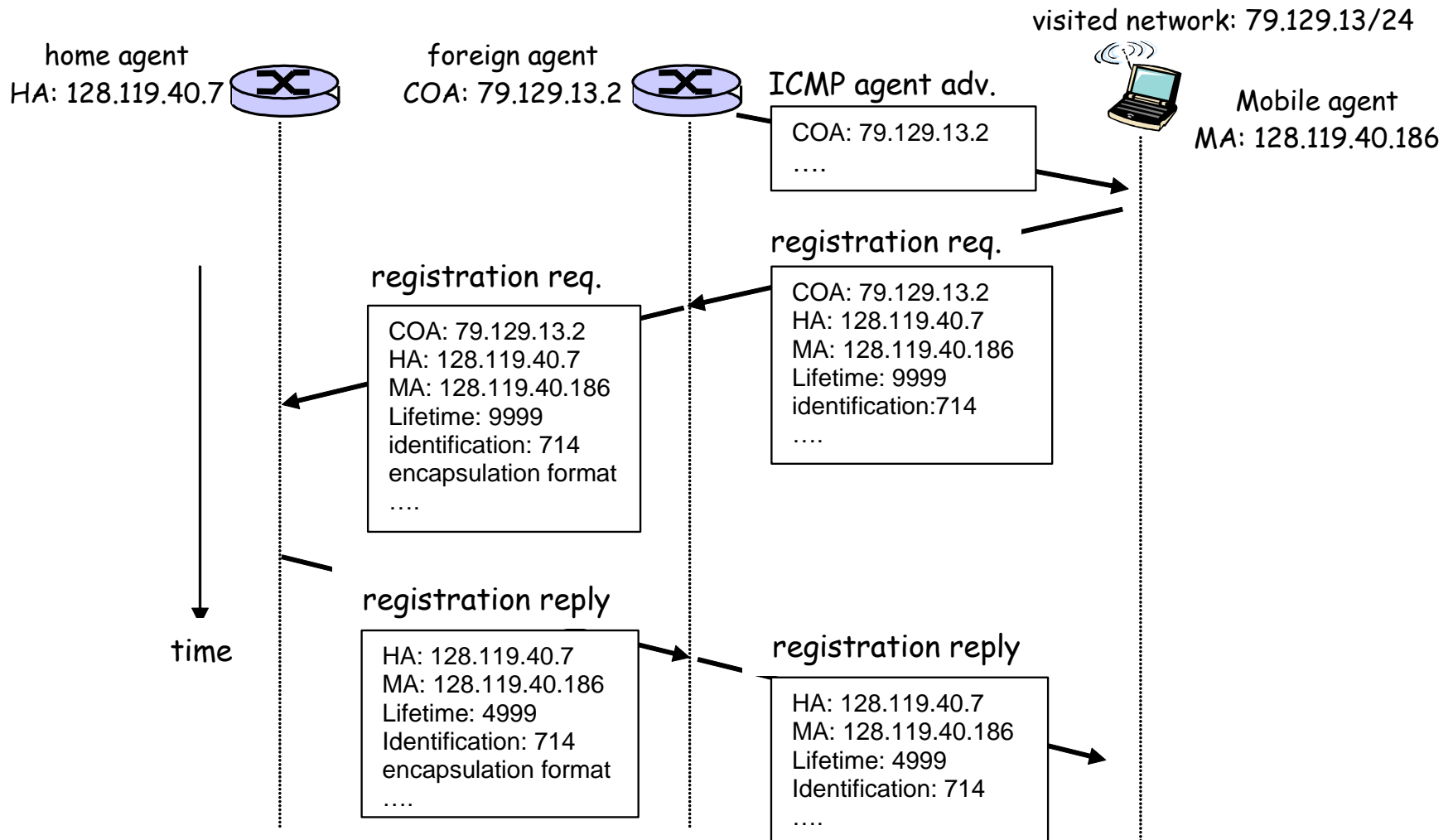


Mobile IP: agent discovery

- **agent advertisement:** foreign/home agents advertise service by broadcasting ICMP messages (typefield = 9)

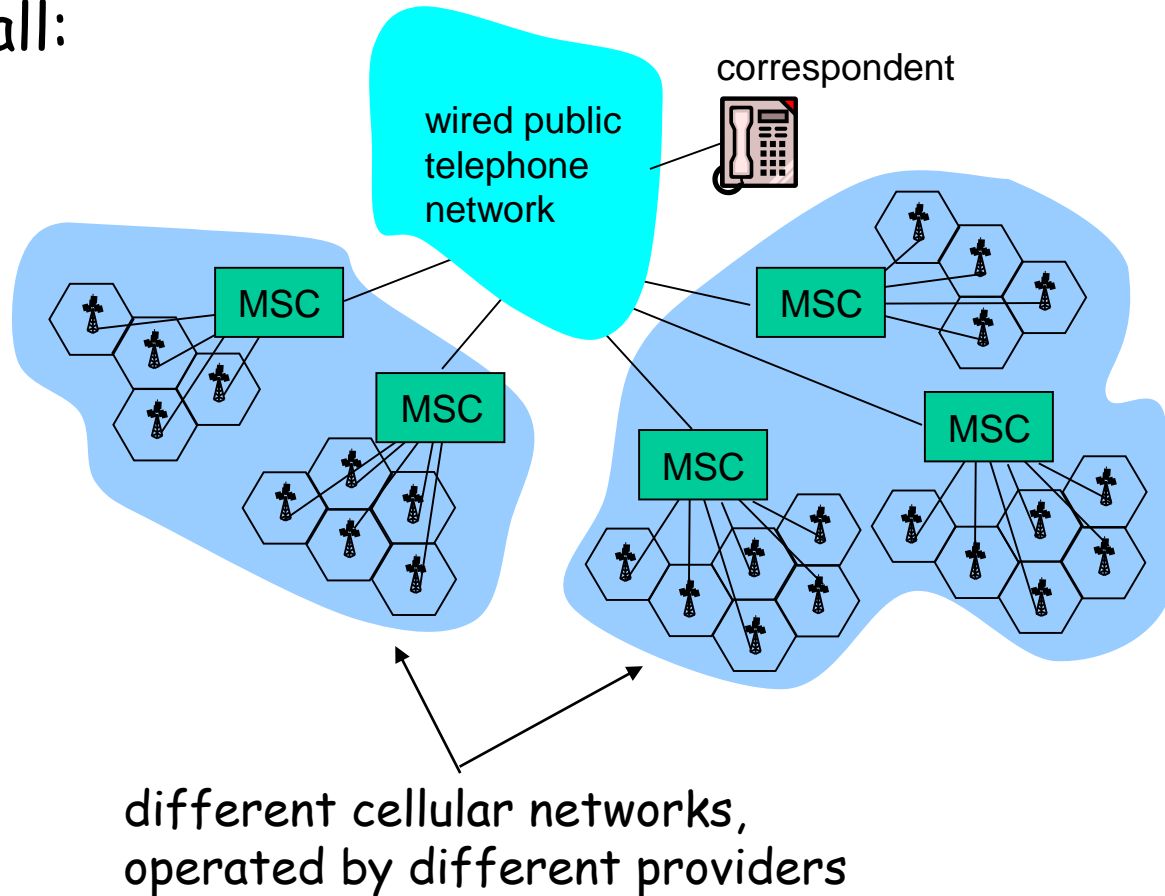


Mobile IP: registration example



Components of cellular network architecture

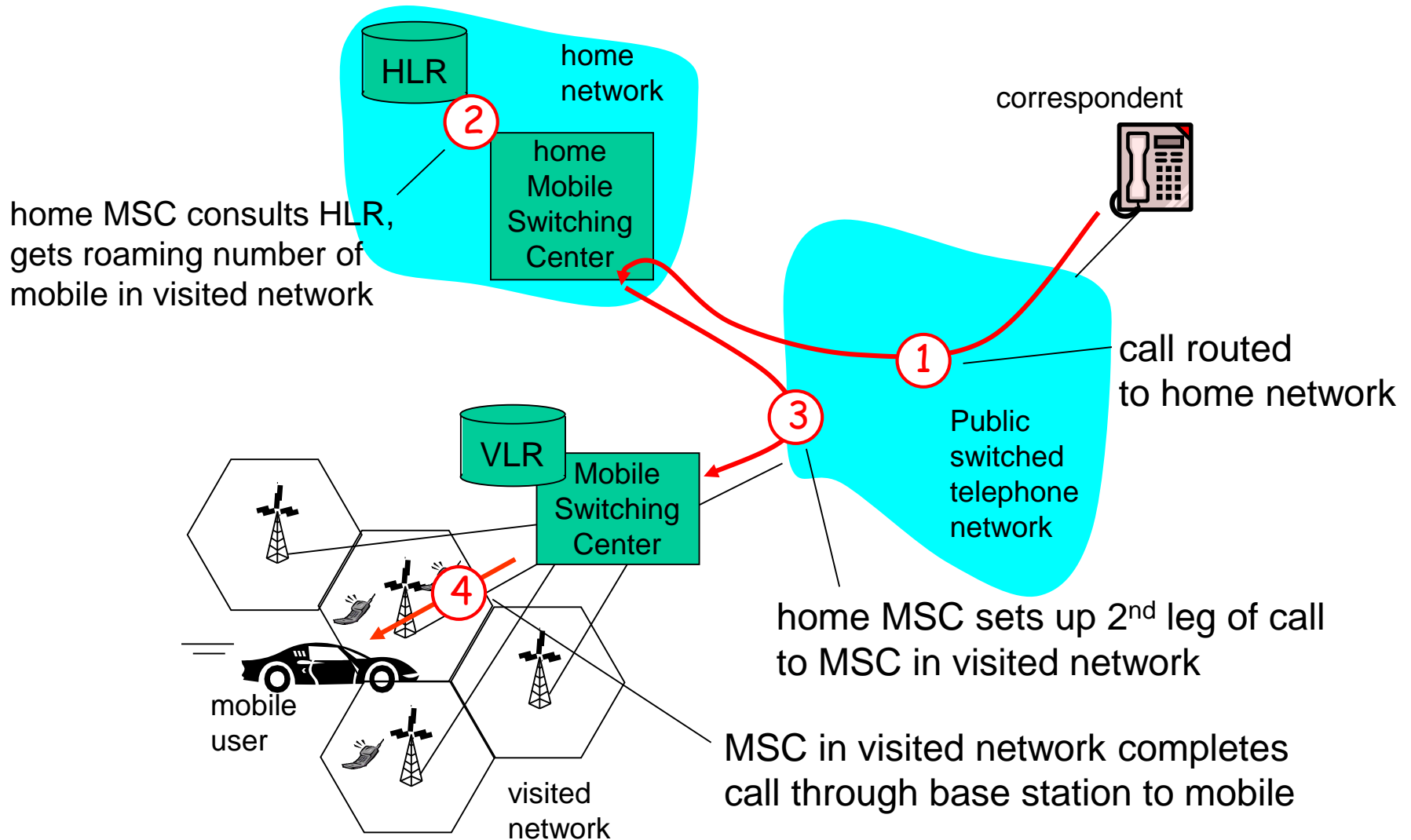
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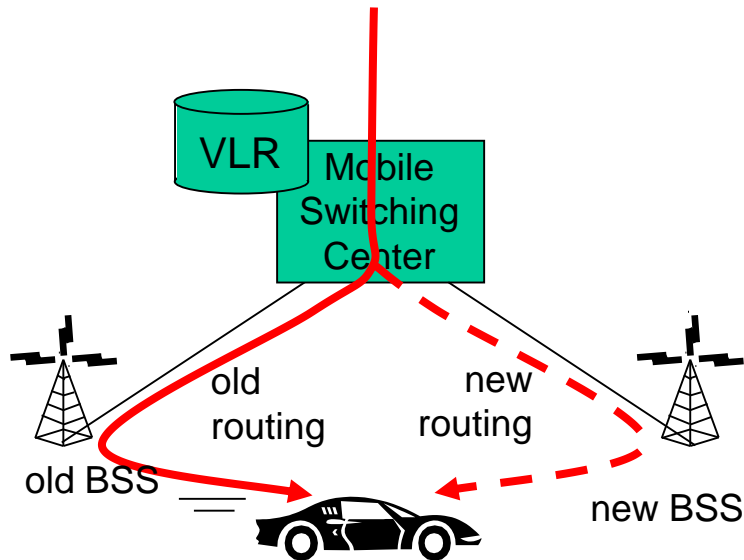
Handling mobility in cellular networks

- ❑ *home network*: network of cellular provider you subscribe to (e.g., Sprint PCS, Verizon)
 - *home location register (HLR)*: database in home network containing permanent cell phone #, profile information (services, preferences, billing), information about current location (could be in another network)
- ❑ *visited network*: network in which mobile currently resides
 - *visitor location register (VLR)*: database with entry for each user currently in network
 - could be home network

GSM: indirect routing to mobile

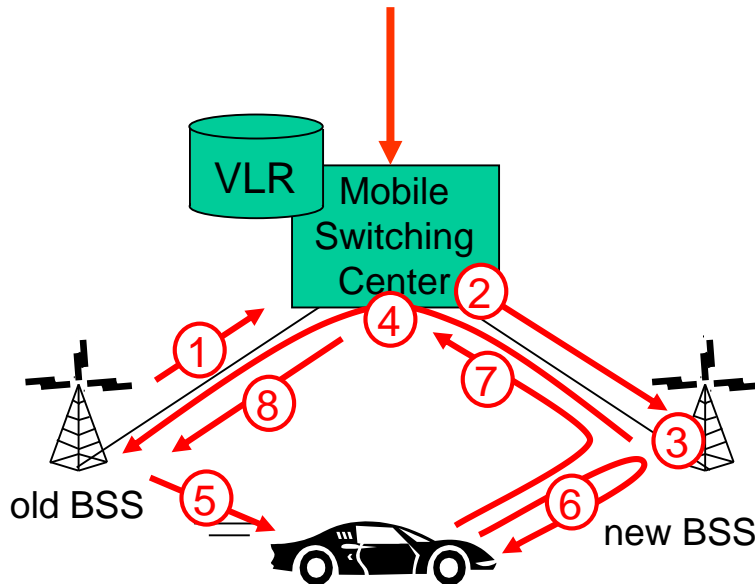


GSM: handoff with common MSC



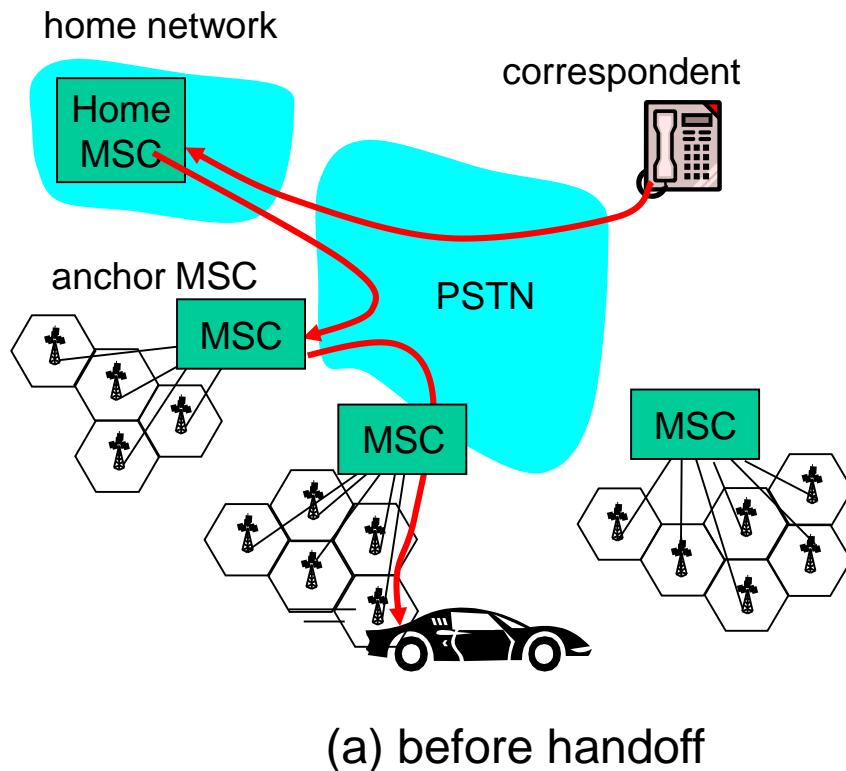
- ❑ Handoff goal: route call via new base station (without interruption)
- ❑ reasons for handoff:
 - stronger signal to/from new BSS (continuing connectivity, less battery drain)
 - load balance: free up channel in current BSS
 - GSM doesn't mandate why to perform handoff (policy), only how (mechanism)
- ❑ handoff initiated by old BSS

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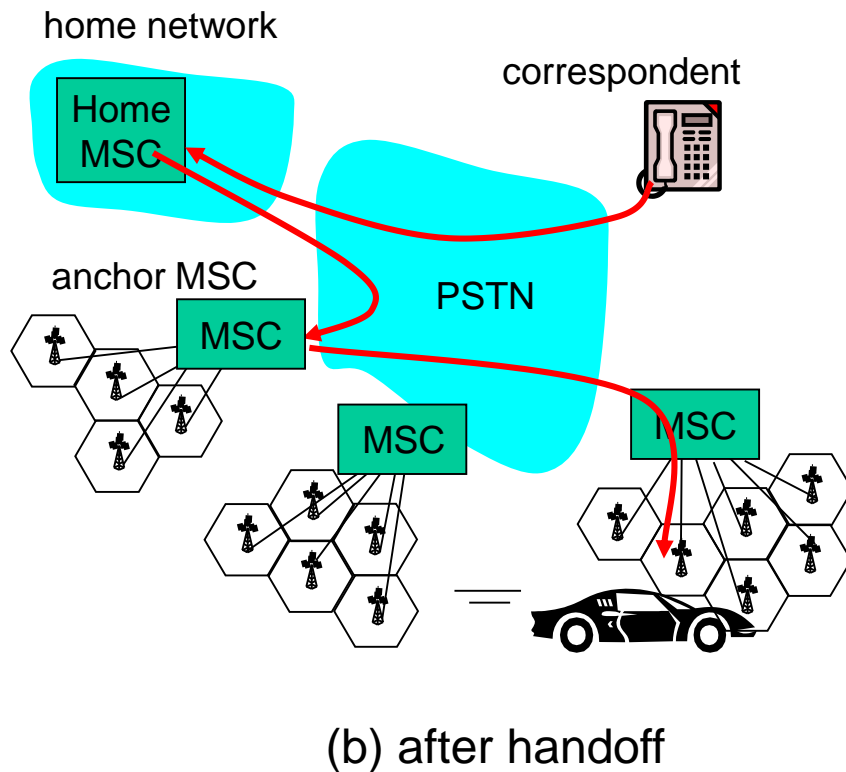
1. old BSS informs MSC of impending handoff, provides list of 1+ new BSSs
2. MSC sets up path (allocates resources) to new BSS
3. new BSS allocates radio channel for use by mobile
4. new BSS signals MSC, old BSS: ready
5. old BSS tells mobile: perform handoff to new BSS
6. mobile, new BSS signal to activate new channel
7. mobile signals via new BSS to MSC: handoff complete. MSC reroutes call
8. MSC-old-BSS resources released

GSM: handoff between MSCs



- ❑ **anchor MSC**: first MSC visited during call
 - call remains routed through anchor MSC
- ❑ new MSCs add on to end of MSC chain as mobile moves to new MSC
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Mobility: GSM versus Mobile IP

GSM element	Comment on GSM element	Mobile IP element
Home system	Network to which mobile user's permanent phone number belongs	Home network
Gateway Mobile Switching Center, or "home MSC". Home Location Register (HLR)	Home MSC: point of contact to obtain routable address of mobile user. HLR: database in home system containing permanent phone number, profile information, current location of mobile user, subscription information	Home agent
Visited System	Network other than home system where mobile user is currently residing	Visited network
Visited Mobile services Switching Center. Visitor Location Record (VLR)	Visited MSC: responsible for setting up calls to/from mobile nodes in cells associated with MSC. VLR: temporary database entry in visited system, containing subscription information for each visiting mobile user	Foreign agent
Mobile Station Roaming Number (MSRN), or "roaming number"	Routable address for telephone call segment between home MSC and visited MSC, visible to neither the mobile nor the correspondent.	Care-of-address

Wireless, mobility: impact on higher layer protocols

- ❑ logically, impact *should* be minimal ...
 - best effort service model remains unchanged
 - TCP and UDP can (and do) run over wireless, mobile
- ❑ ... but performance-wise:
 - packet loss/delay due to bit-errors (discarded packets, delays for link-layer retransmissions), and handoff
 - TCP interprets loss as congestion, will decrease congestion window un-necessarily
 - delay impairments for real-time traffic
 - limited bandwidth of wireless links

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 - capacity, distance
 - channel impairments
 - CDMA
- ❑ IEEE 802.11 (“wi-fi”)
 - CSMA/CA reflects wireless channel characteristics
- ❑ cellular access
 - architecture
 - standards (e.g., GSM, CDMA-2000, UMTS)

Mobility

- ❑ principles: addressing, routing to mobile users
 - home, visited networks
 - direct, indirect routing
 - care-of-addresses
- ❑ case studies
 - mobile IP
 - mobility in GSM
- ❑ impact on higher-layer protocols