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# Overview (3): Performance & Protocols

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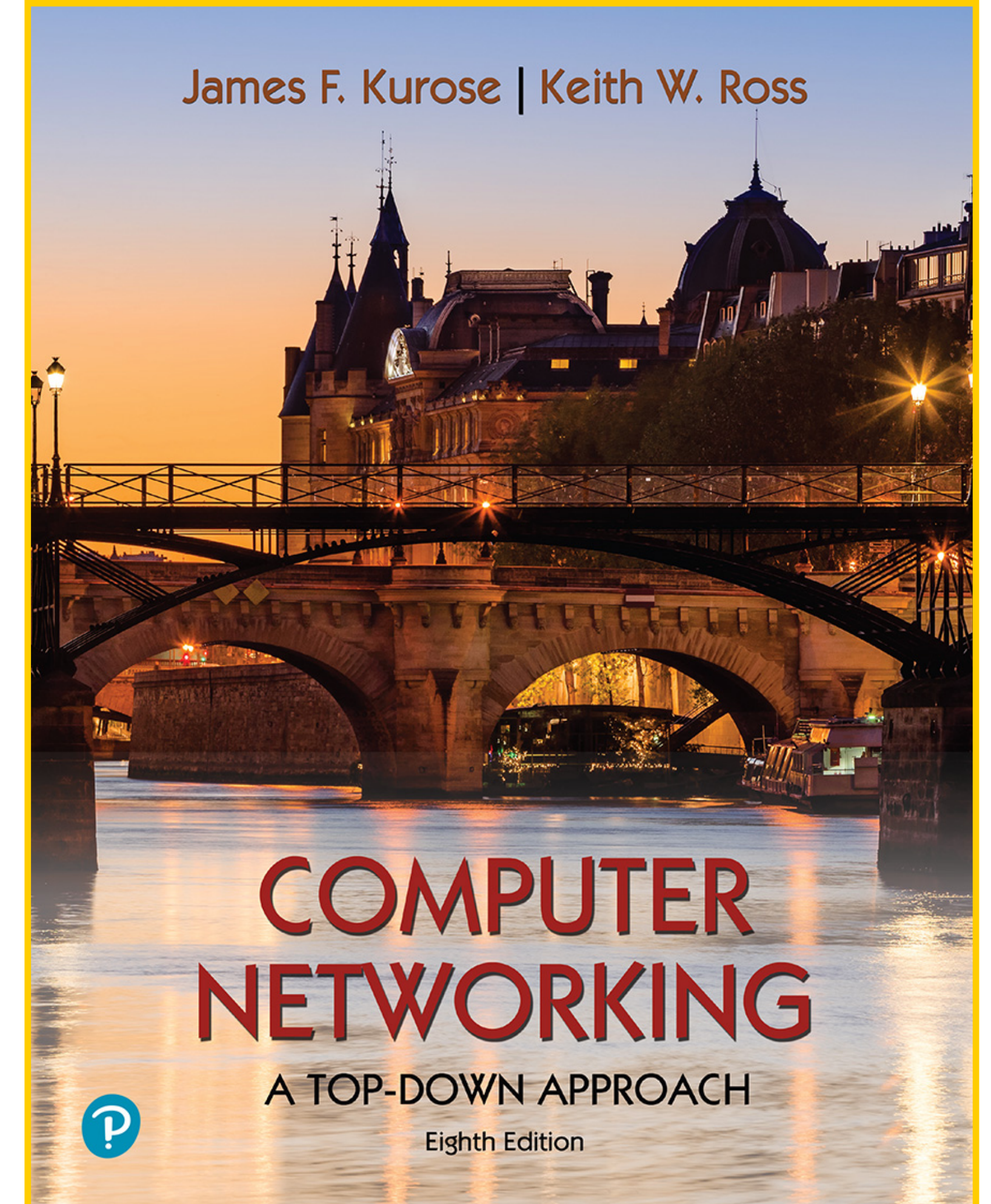


# Lecture goals

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*Continuing our in-depth exploration into the structure and functioning of the Internet*

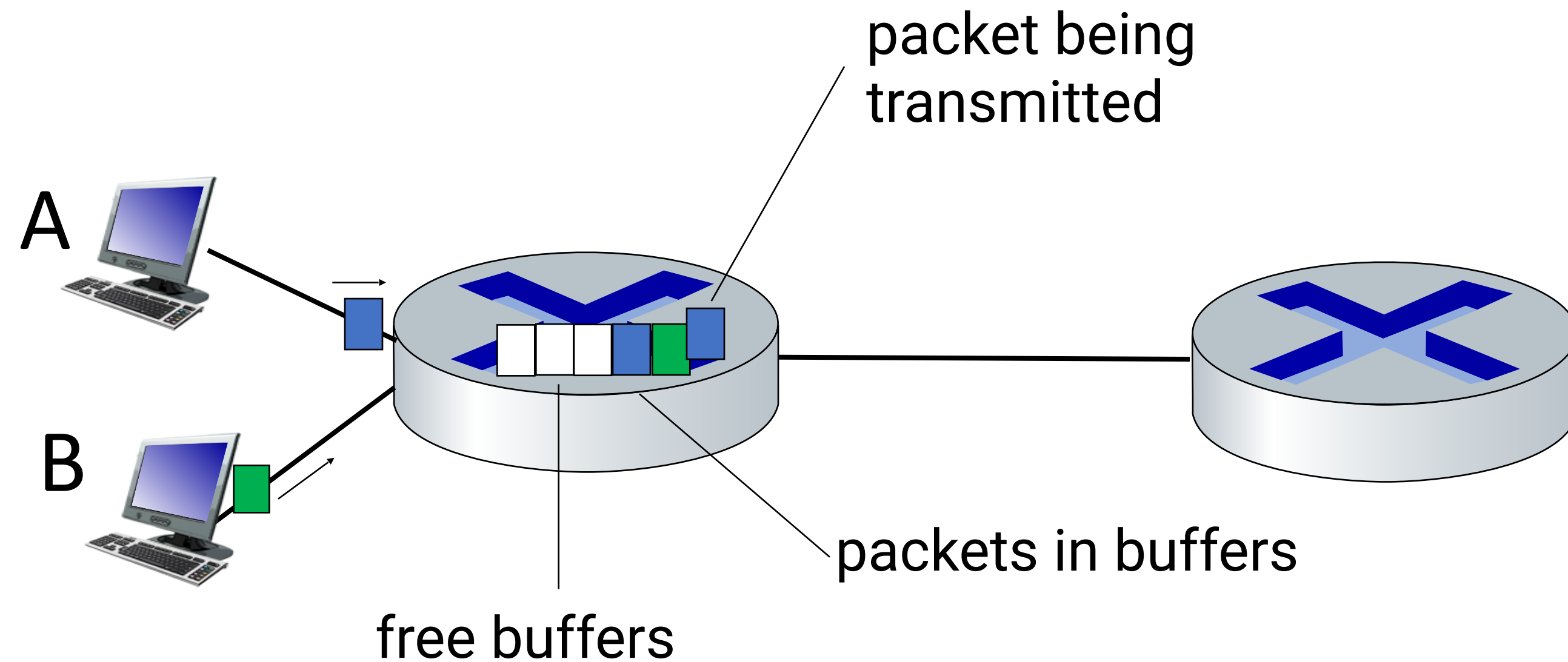
- *Performance: delay and throughput*
- *Protocol architecture*



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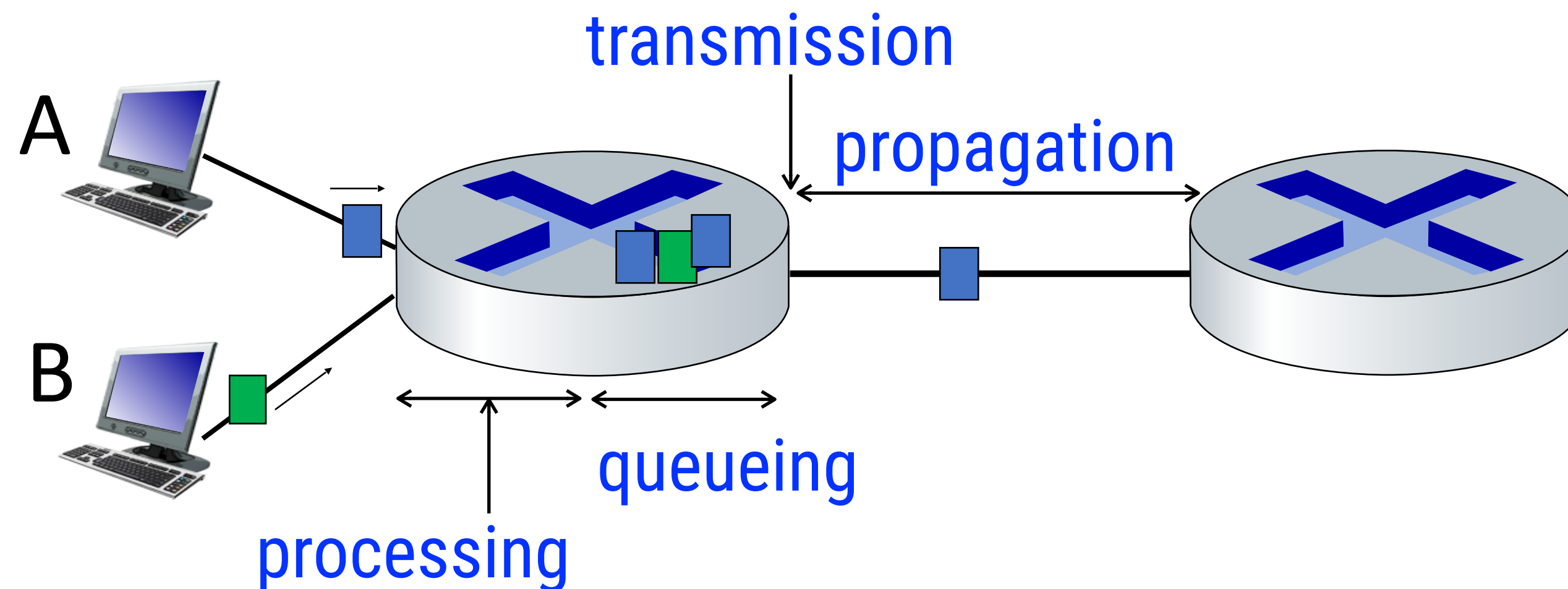


# Queueing and loss in packet switching



- packets are **queued** in when arrival rate for a link exceeds its output capacity
- packets are **dropped** when memory to hold queued packets fills up
  - ➔ *lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source, or not at all*

# Packet delay: four sources



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

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

- *check bit errors; determine output link*
- *typically < microseconds*

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

- *time waiting at output link for transmission*
- *depends on router's congestion level*

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

- *$L$ : packet length (bits)*
- *$R$ : link transmission rate (bps)*
- $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$

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

- *$d$ : length of physical link*
- *$s$ : propagation speed ( $\sim 2 \times 10^8$  m/sec)*
- $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

# Understanding traffic intensity

- a: avg. arrival rate (*packets/sec*)
- L: avg. packet length (*bits/packet*)
- R: link transmission rate (*bits/sec*)

*traffic intensity*

$$\frac{L \cdot a}{R} : \frac{\text{arrival rate of bits}}{\text{service rate of bits}}$$



$La/R \sim 0$   
Avg delay  $\approx$  *none*

$La/R \rightarrow 1$   
Avg delay *depends*  
*on arrival distribution*



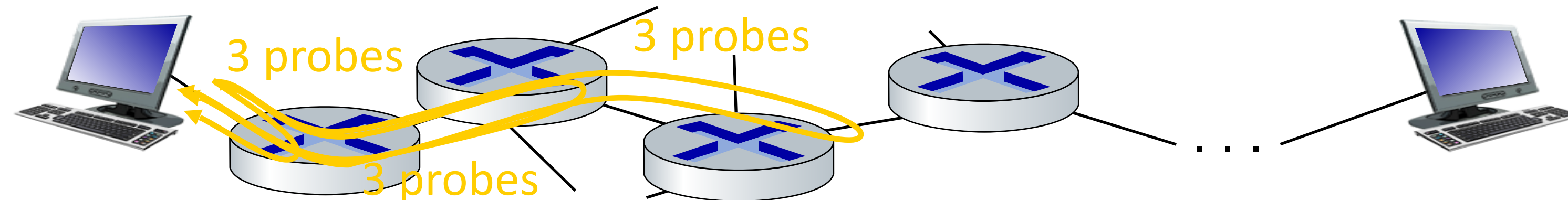
$La/R > 1$   
Avg delay  $\rightarrow$  *infinity*

# Quantifying delays in the “real” Internet

**traceroute:** *a tool that provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination.*

*For all  $i$*

- (i) send three packets that will reach router  $i$  on path towards destination (with time-to-live field set to  $i$ )*
- (ii) router  $i$  will return packets to sender*
- (iii) sender measures time interval between transmission and reply*



**traceroute demo**



# Quantifying delays in the “real” Internet

traceroute: from fastx01.divms.uiowa.edu to www.google.com

Router hierarchy  
within uiowa

uiowa's ISP

3-delay  
measurements

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[sshastr@fastx01 sshastr]$ traceroute www.google.com
traceroute to www.google.com (172.217.8.164), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1  rtr-lc-1-production.net.uiowa.edu (128.255.58.1)  0.733 ms  0.776 ms  0.966 ms
 2  rtr-core-lc.net.uiowa.edu (128.255.2.44)  0.529 ms  0.626 ms  0.818 ms
 3  rtr-border-bsb.net.uiowa.edu (128.255.2.225)  0.377 ms  0.393 ms  0.406 ms
 4  r-equinix-isp-ae0-2236.wiscnet.net (216.56.50.73)  5.406 ms  5.406 ms  5.410 ms
 5  72.14.218.180 (72.14.218.180)  5.423 ms  5.426 ms  5.476 ms
 6  108.170.244.1 (108.170.244.1)  5.317 ms  108.170.243.225 (108.170.243.225)  6.289 ms  6.292 ms
 7  72.14.232.153 (72.14.232.153)  5.386 ms  5.346 ms  5.343 ms
 8  ord37s08-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.8.164)  5.306 ms  5.296 ms  5.292 ms
[sshastr@fastx01 sshastr]$
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Who is answering  
for google?

Why aren't the delays  
strictly increasing?



# Quantifying delays in the “real” Internet

traceroute: from fastx01.divms.uiowa.edu to www.wimbledon.org

uiowa is using  
more than one ISP

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[sshastr@fastx01 sshastr]$ traceroute www.wimbledon.org
traceroute to www.wimbledon.org (104.114.79.50), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1  rtr-lc-1-production.net.uiowa.edu (128.255.58.1)  0.921 ms  0.921 ms  0.906 ms
 2  rtr-core-lc.net.uiowa.edu (128.255.2.44)  0.610 ms  0.872 ms  1.027 ms
 3  rtr-border-bsb.net.uiowa.edu (128.255.2.225)  0.415 ms  0.344 ms  0.404 ms
 4  et-5-1-5-102.cr1-min1.ip4.gtt.net (208.116.156.121)  8.262 ms  8.274 ms  8.261 ms
 5  ae19.cr9-chi1.ip4.gtt.net (141.136.108.189)  16.754 ms  27.958 ms  16.725 ms
 6  ip4.gtt.net (98.124.183.18)  25.264 ms  24.924 ms  24.907 ms
 7  ae3.ctl-ord3.netarch.akamai.com (23.203.151.229)  17.680 ms  17.637 ms  15.612 ms
 8  a104-114-79-50.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com (104.114.79.50)  11.331 ms  11.332 ms  11.329 ms
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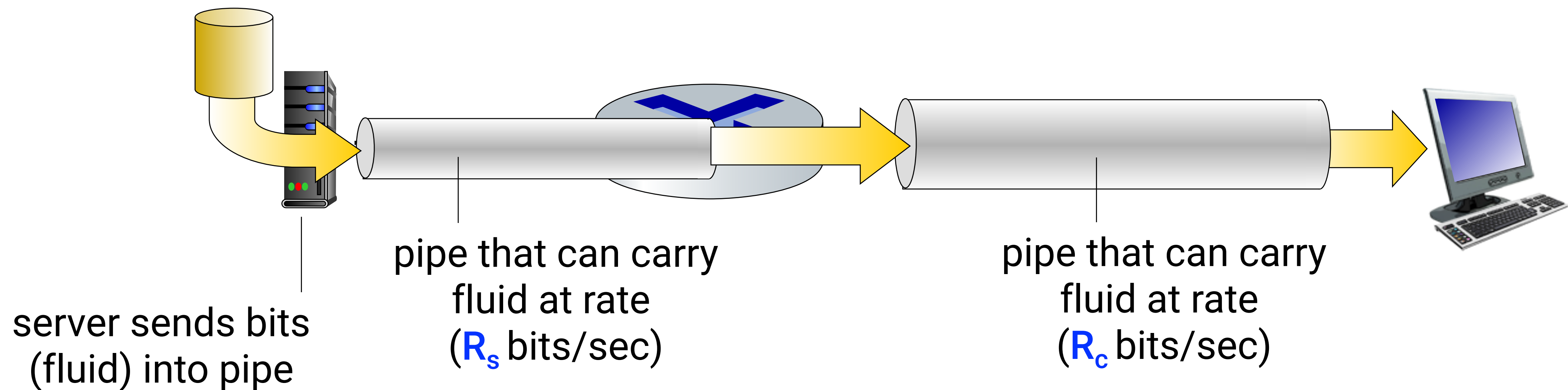
CDN! No cross  
Atlantic traffic

Delays are longer  
than google.com

# Throughput

Rate (*measured in bits/sec*) at which bits are being sent from sender to receiver

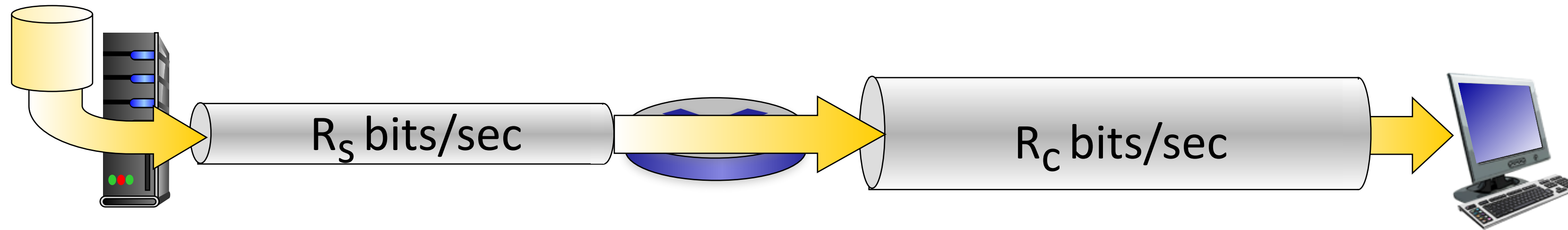
- **instantaneous:** rate at a given point in time
- **average:** rate over a longer period of time



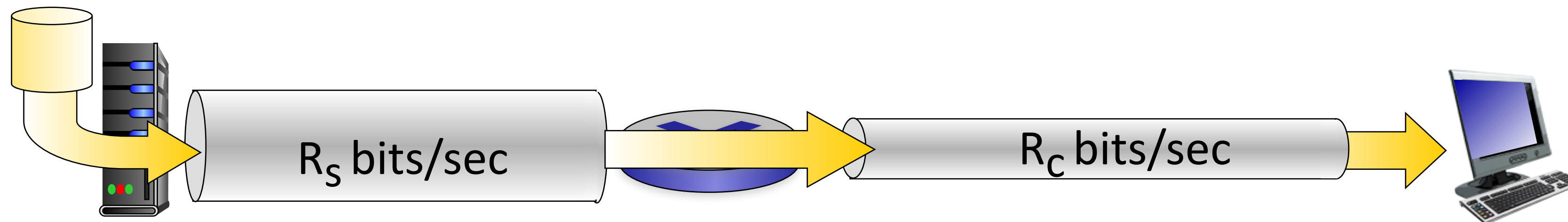


# Throughput: *bottleneck link*

$R_s < R_c$  What is average end-end throughput?



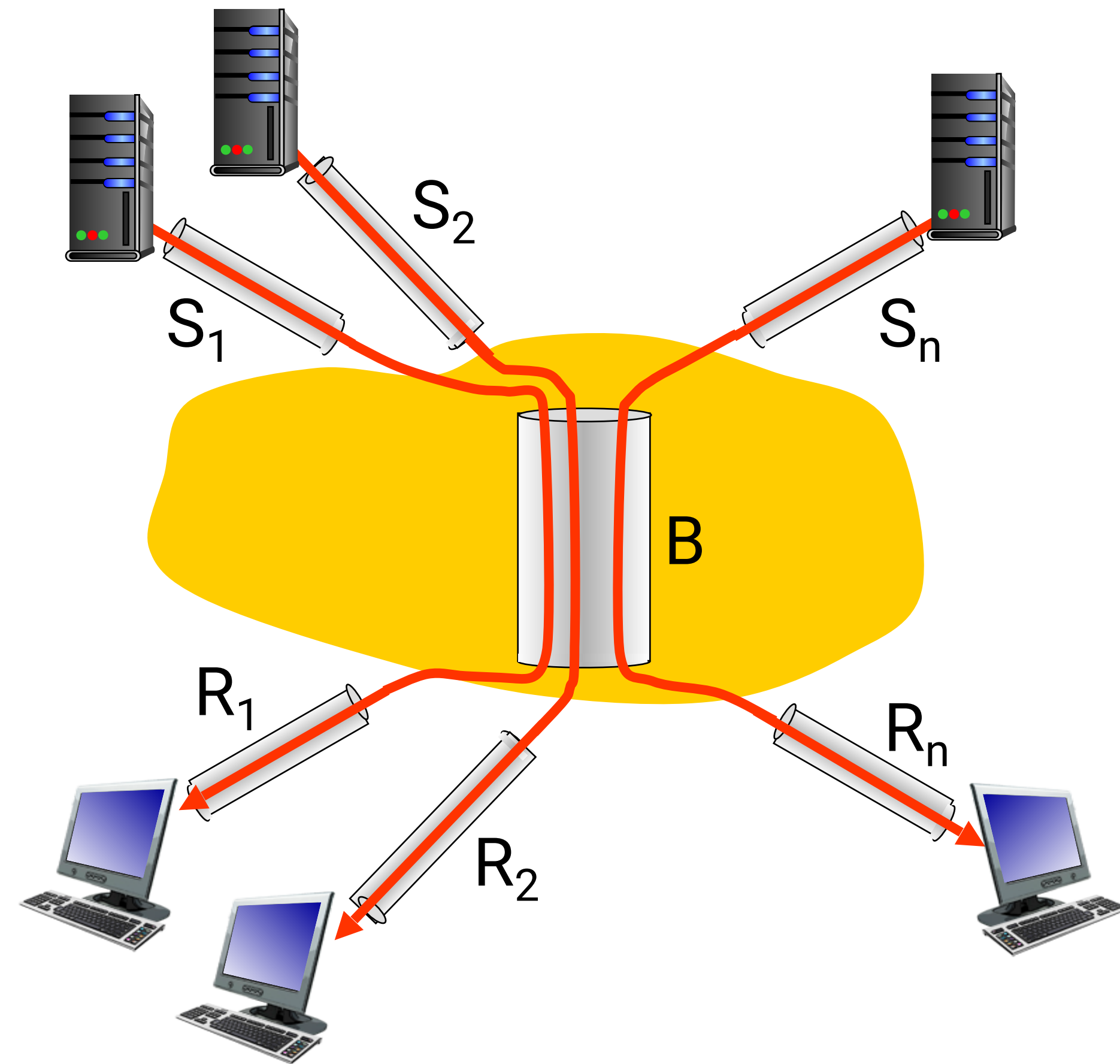
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*bottleneck link*

link on end-end path that constrains the end-end throughput

# Throughput: *network scenario*



- $n$  connections fairly share the backbone link ( $B$  bits/sec)
- End-end throughput for connection  $k = \min(S_k, R_k, B/n)$
- in practice:  $S_k$  or  $R_k$  is often the bottleneck



# Protocol layering

## What is **layering**?

An approach to **designing complex systems**

- *allows identifying system's components and explicitly defining their relationship*

**Modularization** eases maintenance and updating of system

- *change in layer's service implementation: transparent to rest of system*

## Why is layering useful for **computer networks**?

Computer networks have multitude of components interacting with each other

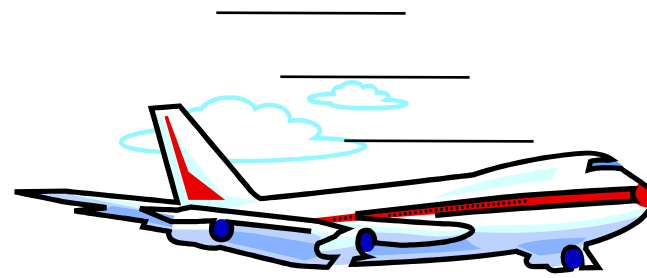
- *host devices, routers, links, protocols, applications, policies, and so on*

Internet is arguably the **largest engineered system** ever created by humans!



# A layered system: air travel

*a complex system involving people, goods, airplanes, airports, and services*



————— *end-to-end transfer of person plus baggage* —————→

ticketing (purchase)

baggage (check)

gates (load)

airplane takeoff

ticketing (complain)

baggage (claim)

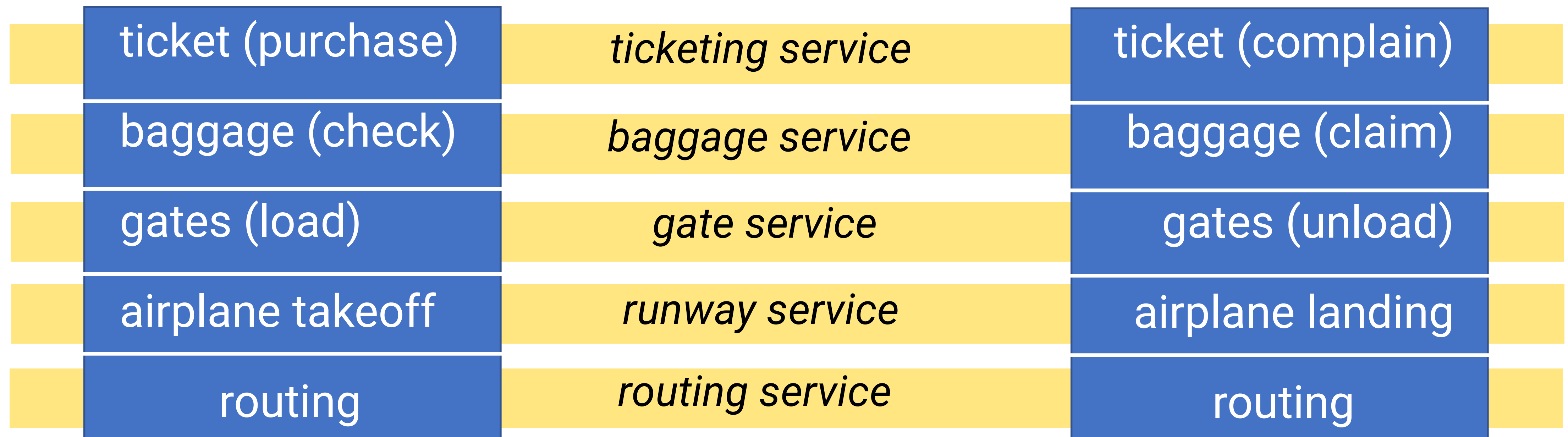
gates (unload)

airplane landing

airplane routing

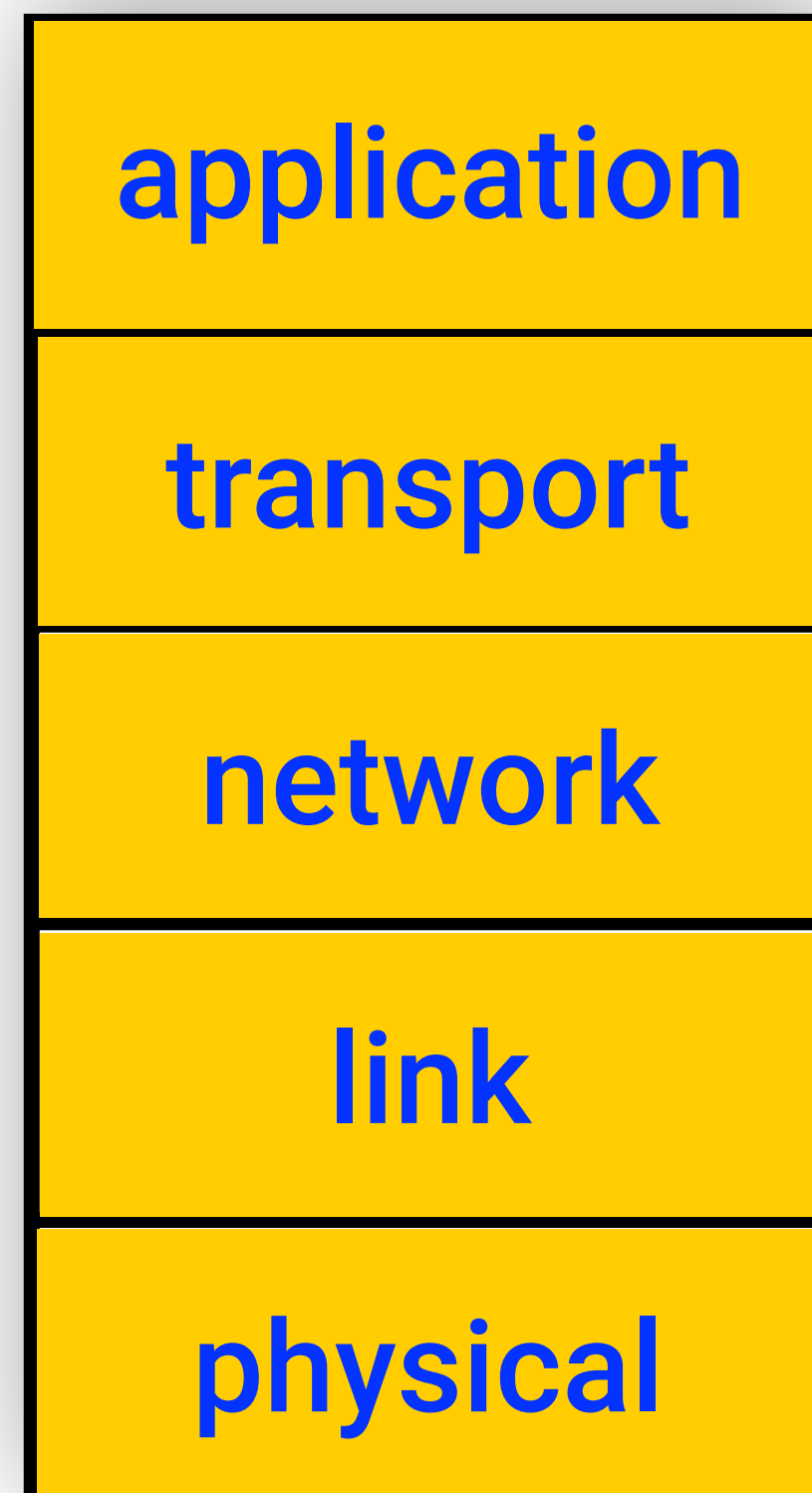
# A layered system: air travel

*each layer implements a service and relies on services provided by layer below*



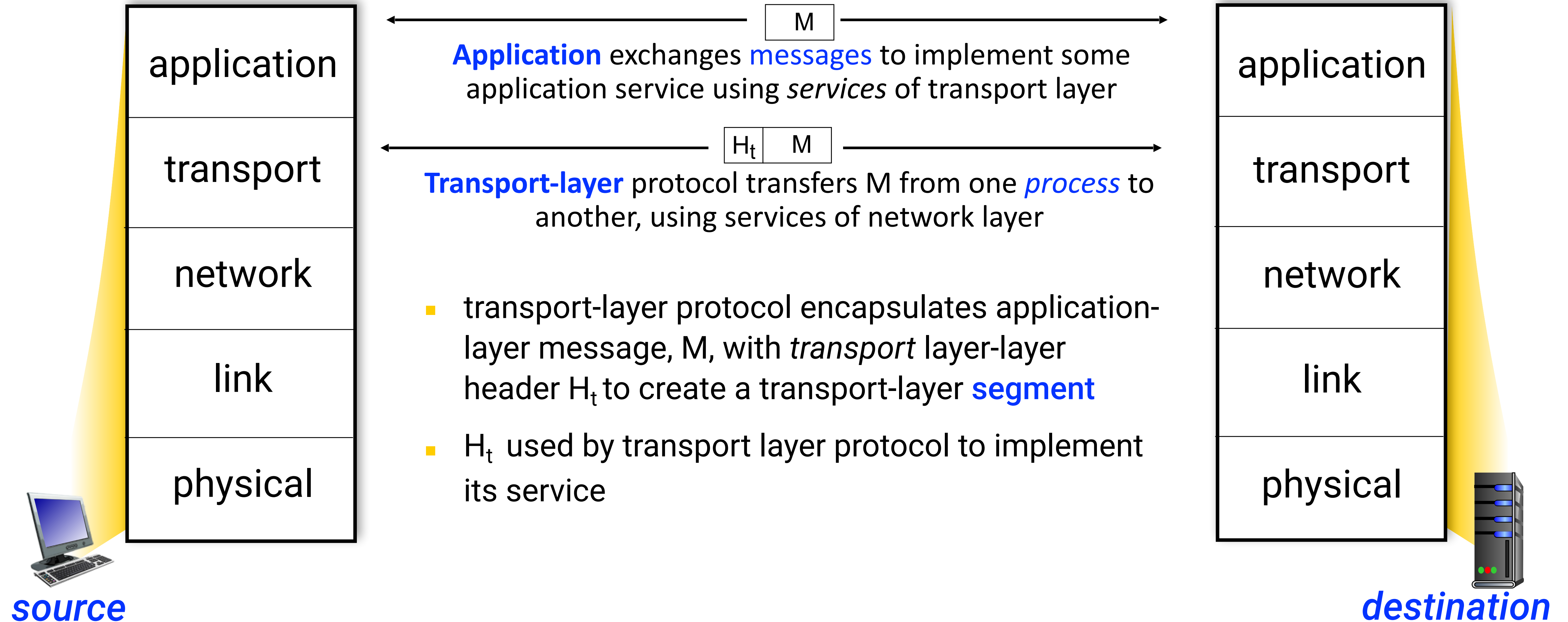


# The five layer architecture of the Internet

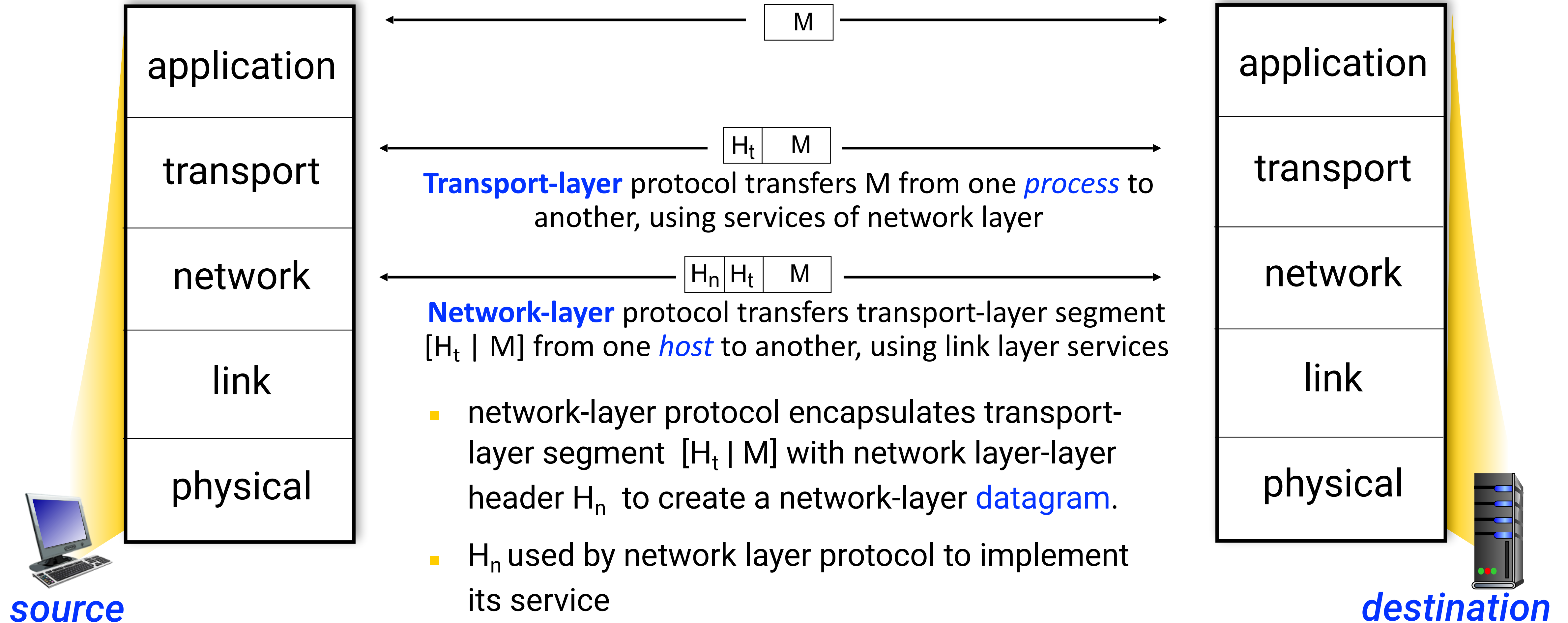


- **Application:** *supporting network applications. E.g., HTTP, IMAP, SMTP, DNS*
- **Transport:** *process to process data transfer. E.g., TCP, UDP*
- **Network:** *routing of datagrams from source machine to destination. E.g., IP, IPv6*
- **Link:** *deliver data between neighboring network elements. E.g., Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi)*
- **Physical:** *bits “on the wire”. E.g., 10BASE-T*

# Protocol layering and services

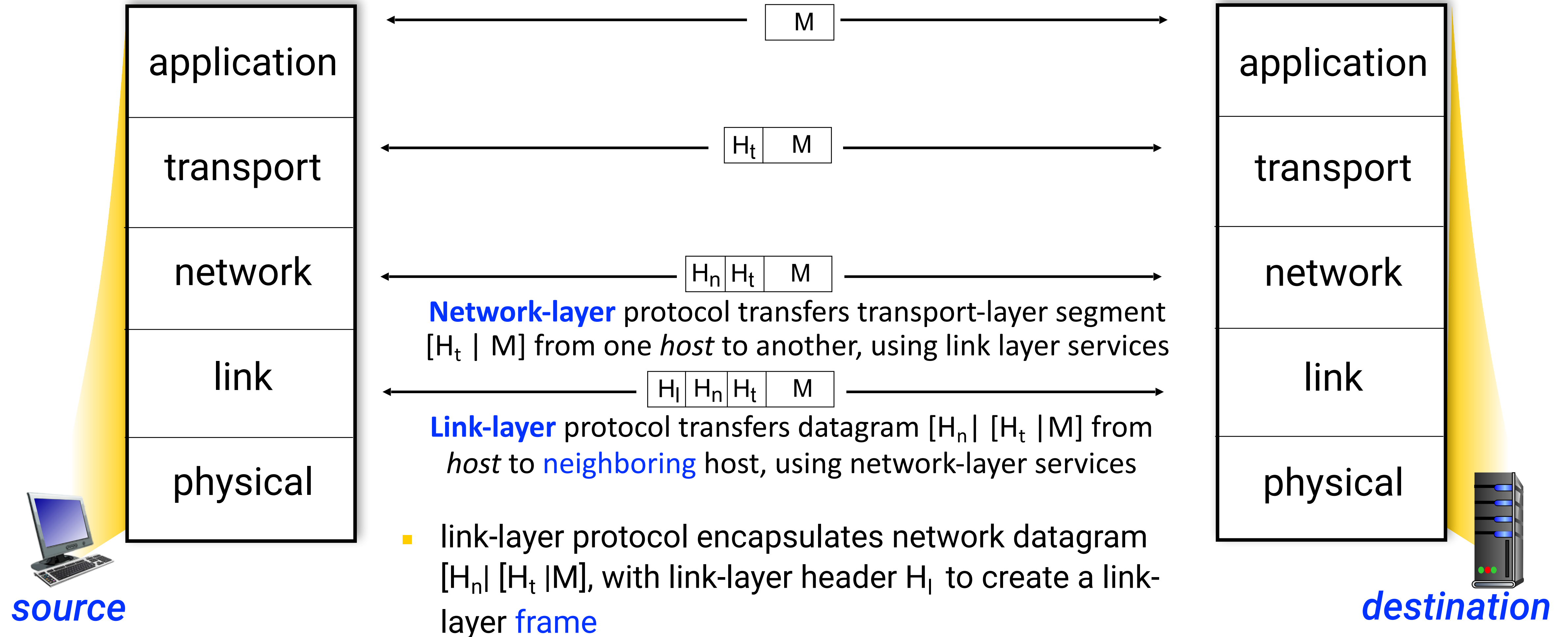


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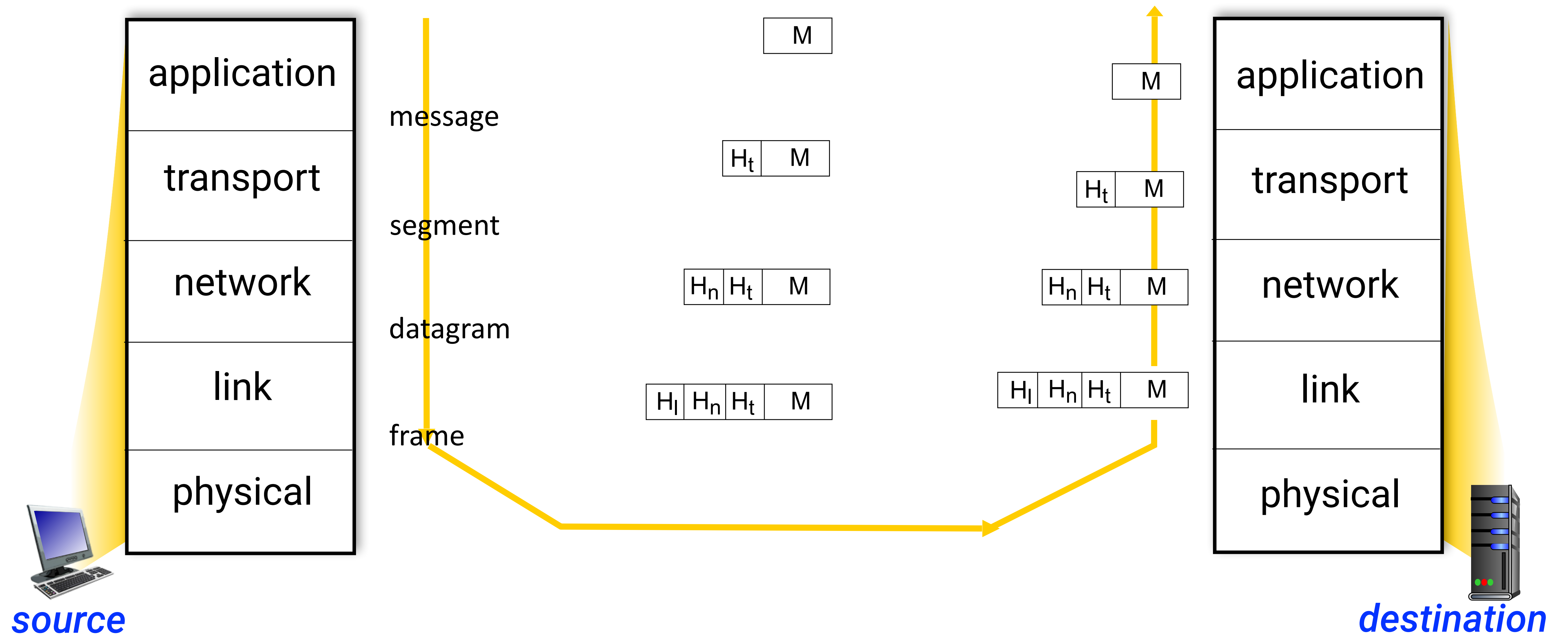




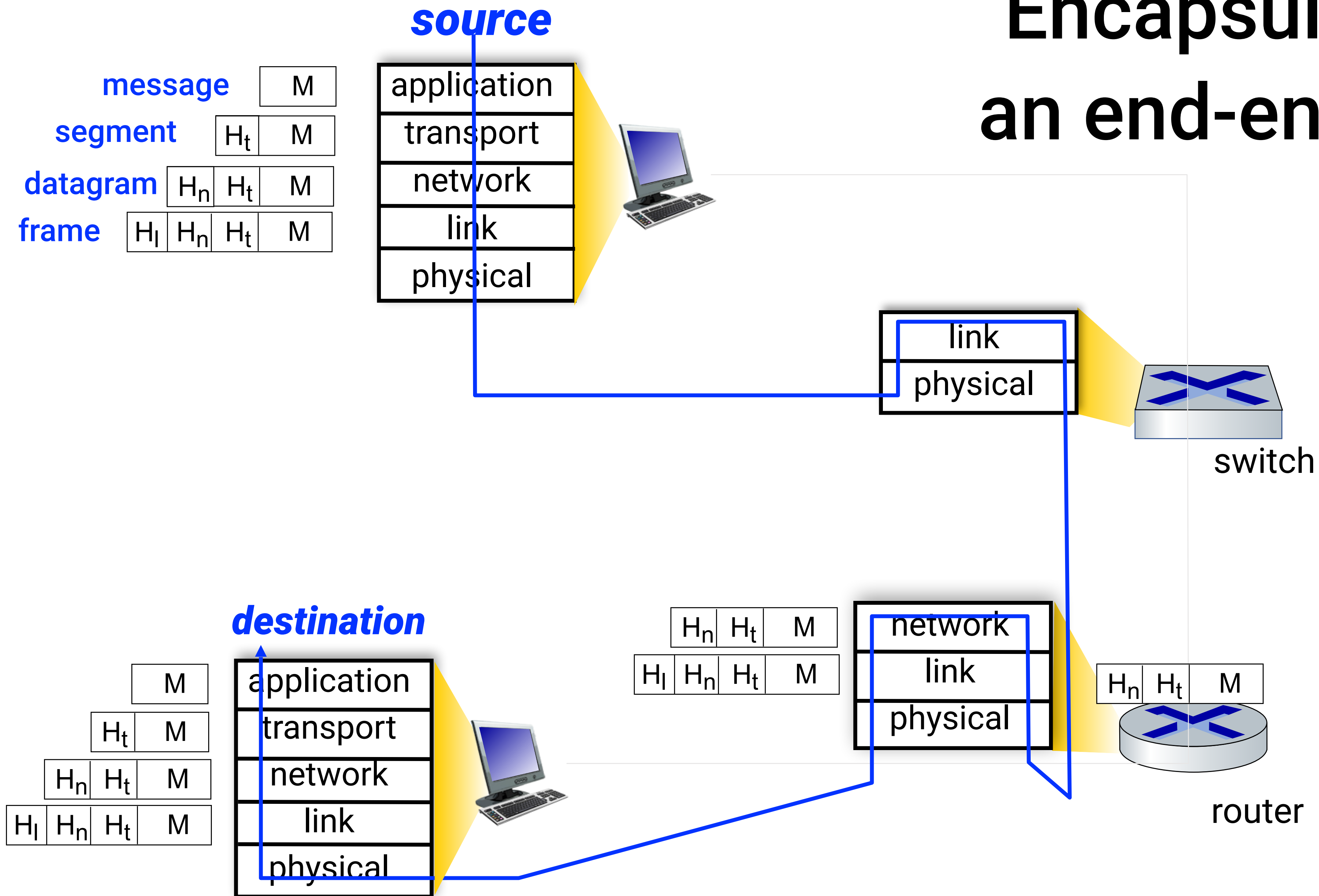
# Protocol layering and services



# Protocol encapsulation



# Encapsulation: an end-end view



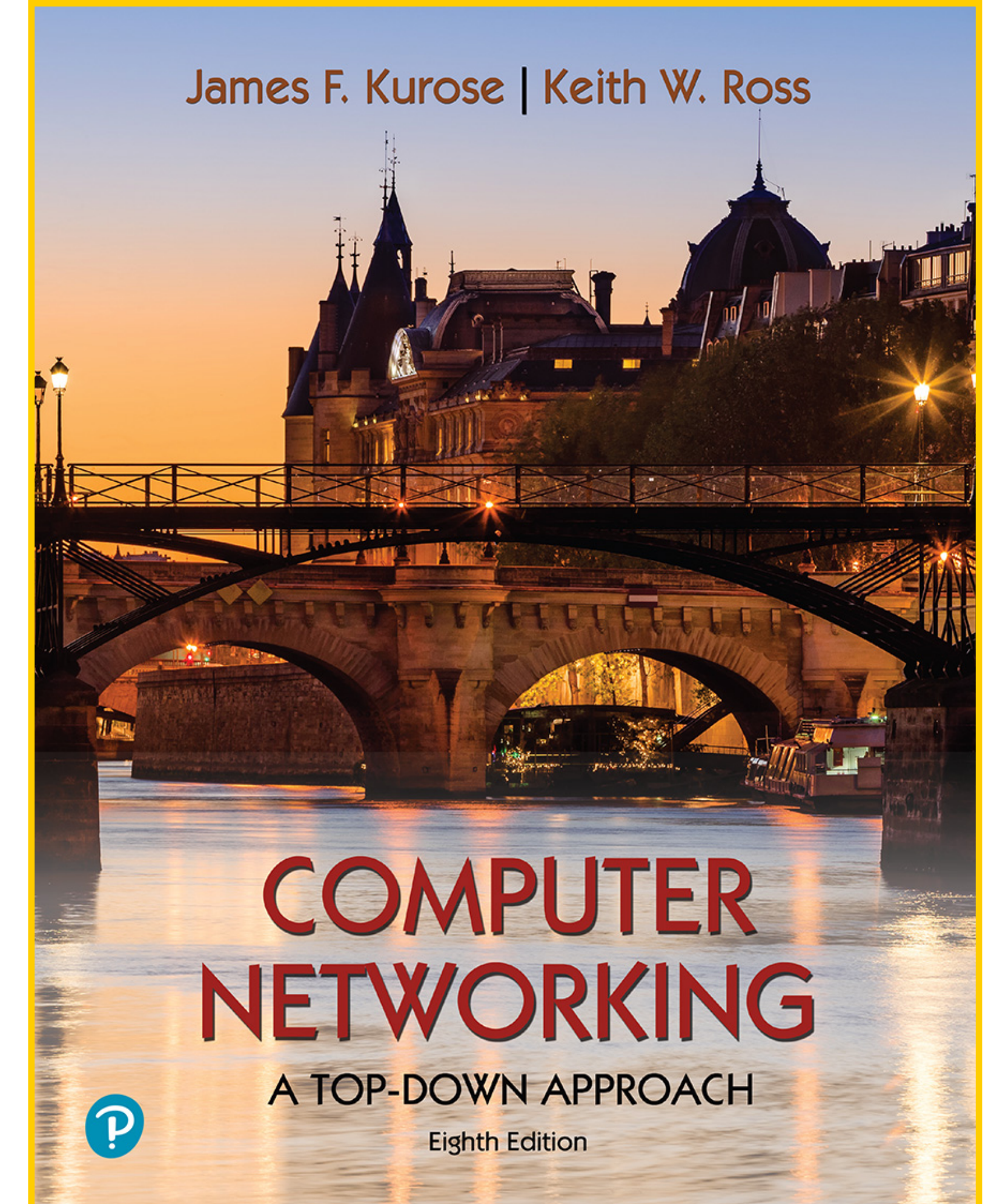


# Next Lecture

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*Continuing our in-depth exploration into the structure and functionality of the Internet*

- *Network security*
- *Internet history and evolution*



Chapter 1.6 - 1.7

# Spot Quiz (ICON)