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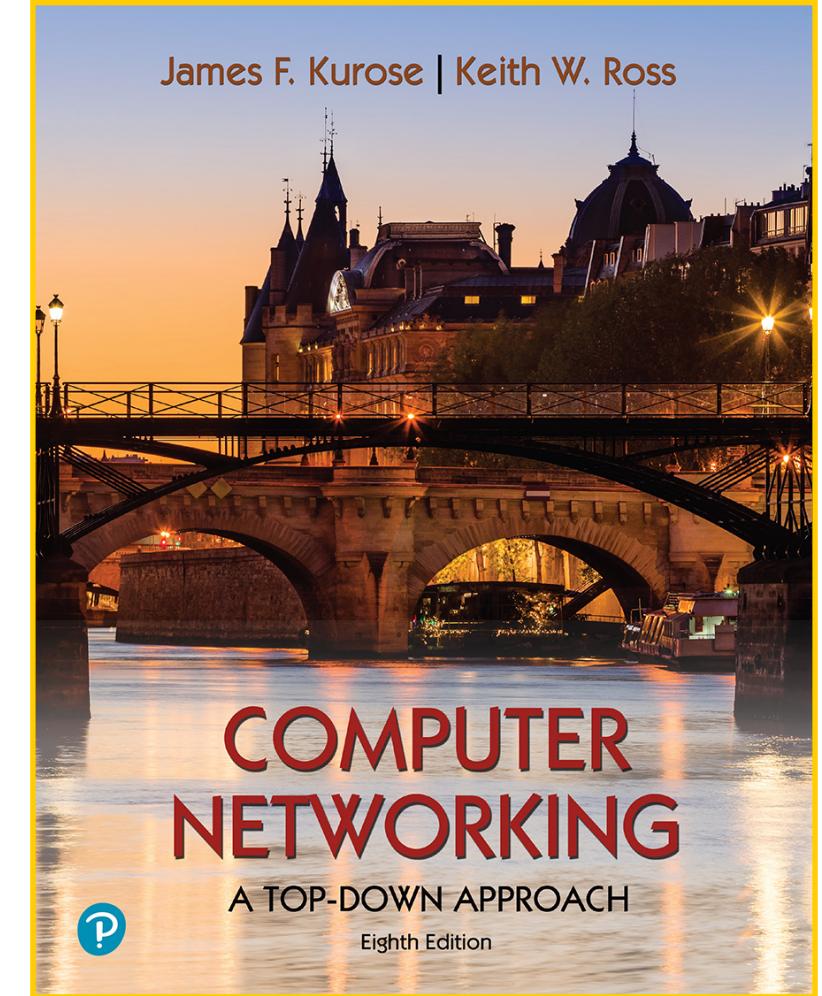
Link Layer (3): Addressing and Ethernet

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Lecture goals

final part of link layer principles, practices, and protocols

- *Link layer addressing*
- *Ethernet*
- *Retrospective: a day in the life of a web page request*



Chapter 6.4

Addressing in the Link Layer

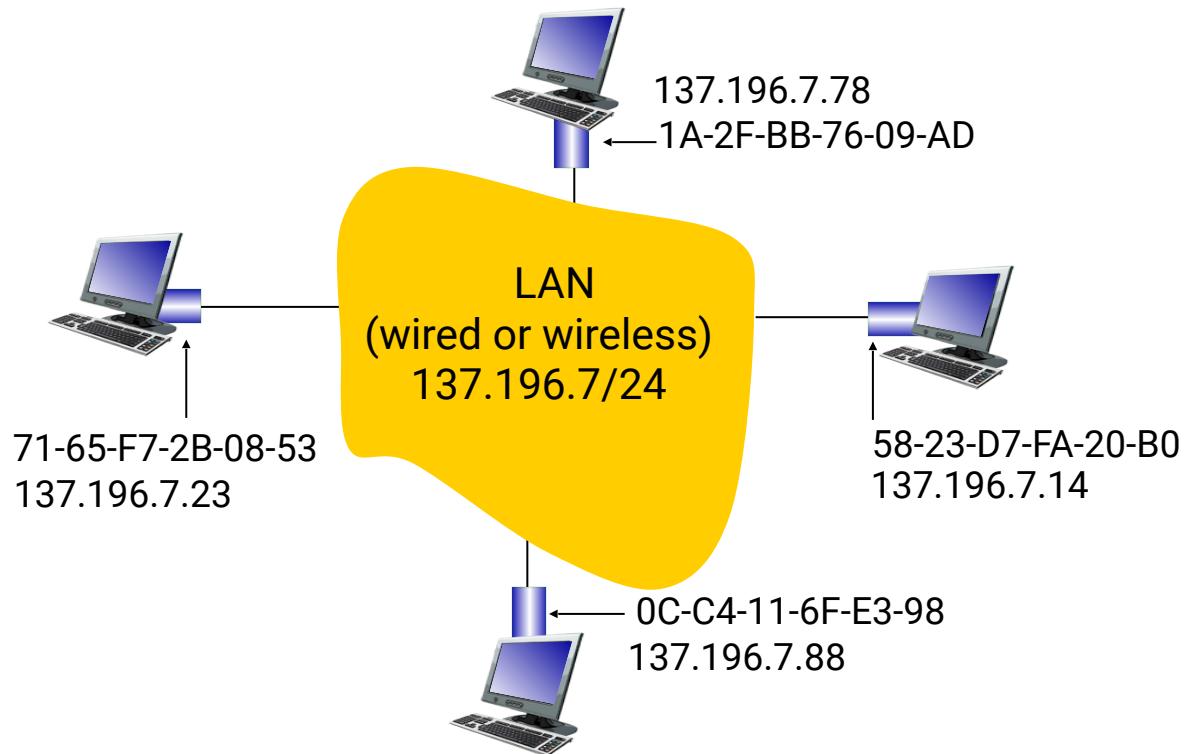
*every network interface will have a **network layer address** and a **link layer address***

IP Address

- 32 bits (IPv4) or 128 bits (IPv6)
- E.g., 142.250.191.206 (*usually in decimal*)
- used in layer-3 routing and forwarding

MAC/Ethernet/Physical Address

- 48-bit addressed burned in NIC
- E.g., 14:7d:da:69:d4:55 (*usually in hex*)
- used in layer-2 switching



Addressing in the Link Layer

- MAC address allocation is administered by IEEE
- Every manufacturer buys a portion of MAC address space (to assure uniqueness)
- Portability
 - NICs retain their MAC address when they move from one LAN to another
 - IP address is not portable: depends on IP subnet to which node is attached



MAC address : IP address :: Social Security Number : Postal address

The Three Network Identities

Host name

```
[sshastr@fastx05 sshastr]$ hostname
```

```
fastx05.divms.uiowa.edu
```

IP Address

```
[sshastr@fastx05 sshastr]$ ifconfig
```

```
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
```

```
inet 128.255.96.97 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast
```

```
ether 3c:ec:ef:12:4c:4e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
```

```
RX packets 112392458 bytes 98735093396 (91.9 GiB)
```

```
RX errors 0 dropped 200 overruns 0 frame 0
```

```
TX packets 95649591 bytes 84092615268 (78.3 GiB)
```

```
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Phy Address

Q: Is having multiple network identities redundant? Are they useful?

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

Network Working Group
Request For Comments: 826

David C. Plummer
(DCP@MIT-MC)
November 1982

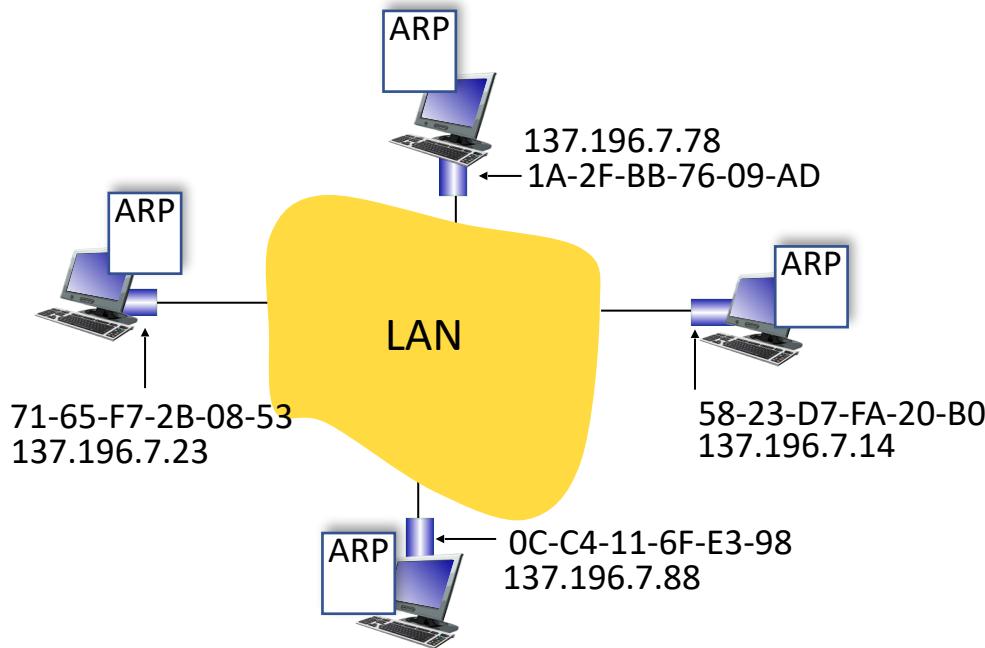
An Ethernet Address Resolution Protocol
-- or --
Converting Network Protocol Addresses
to 48.bit Ethernet Address
for Transmission on
Ethernet Hardware

Abstract

The implementation of protocol P on a sending host S decides,
through protocol P's routing mechanism, that it wants to transmit
to a target host T located some place on a connected piece of
10Mbit Ethernet cable. To actually transmit the Ethernet packet
a 48.bit Ethernet address must be generated. The addresses of

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

Given the IP address of an interface, how to determine its MAC address?



Every node (host, router) has an [ARP table](#)

- ARP table contains IP to MAC address mappings for nodes on the same LAN
- Three tuple: <IP address; MAC address; TTL>
- TTL (Time To Live): time after which address mapping will be forgotten (typically 20 min)

ARP in Action

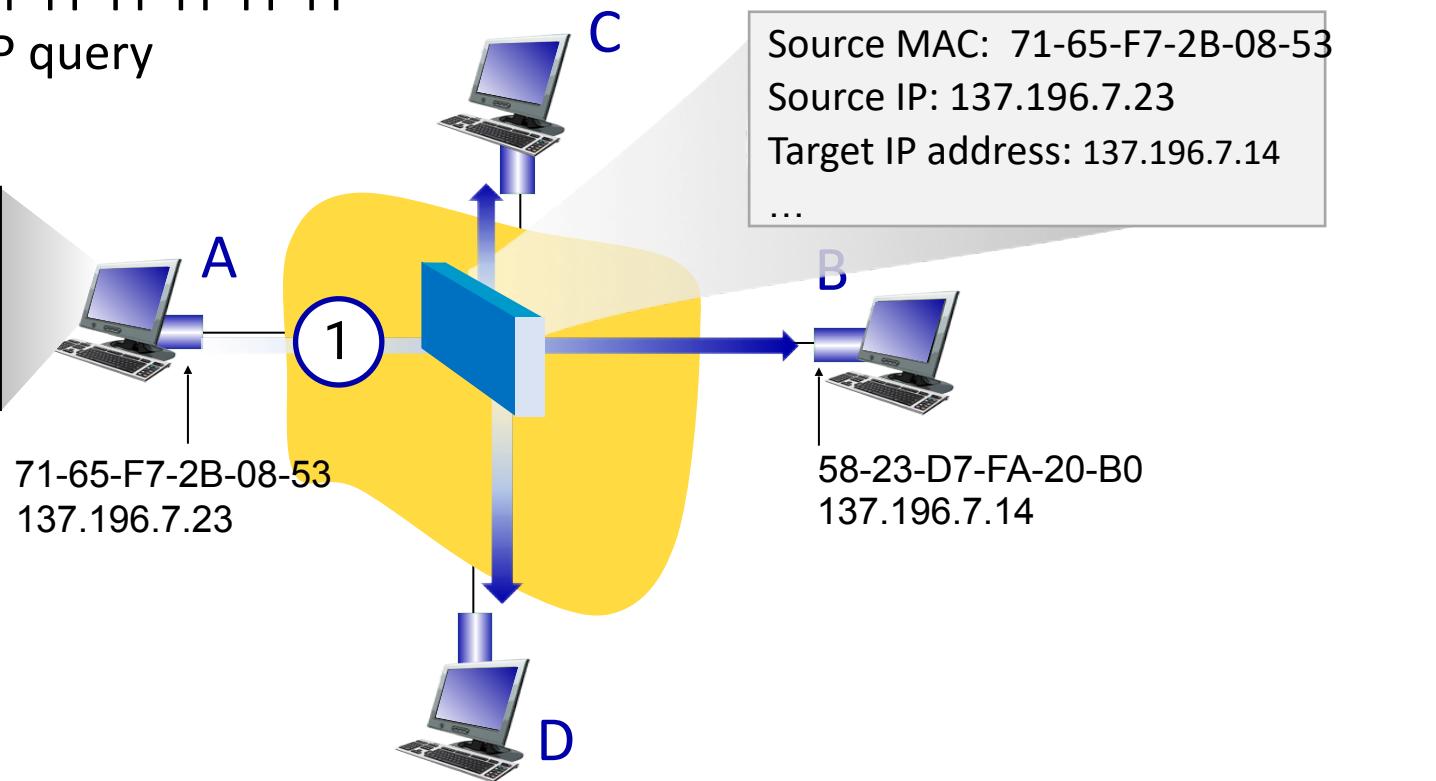
E.g., A wants to send datagram to B

B's MAC address not in A's ARP table, so A uses ARP to find B's MAC address

A broadcasts ARP query, containing B's IP addr

- 1 • destination MAC address = FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
- all nodes on LAN receive ARP query

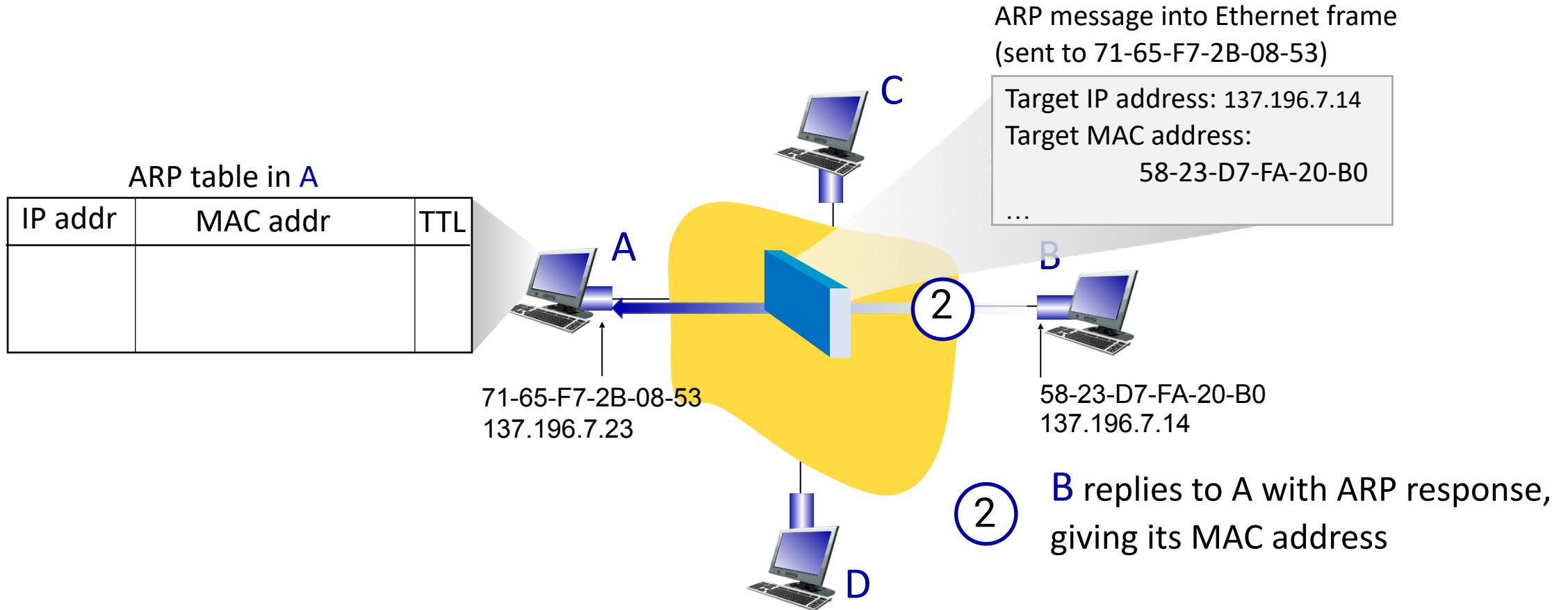
IP addr	MAC addr	TTL



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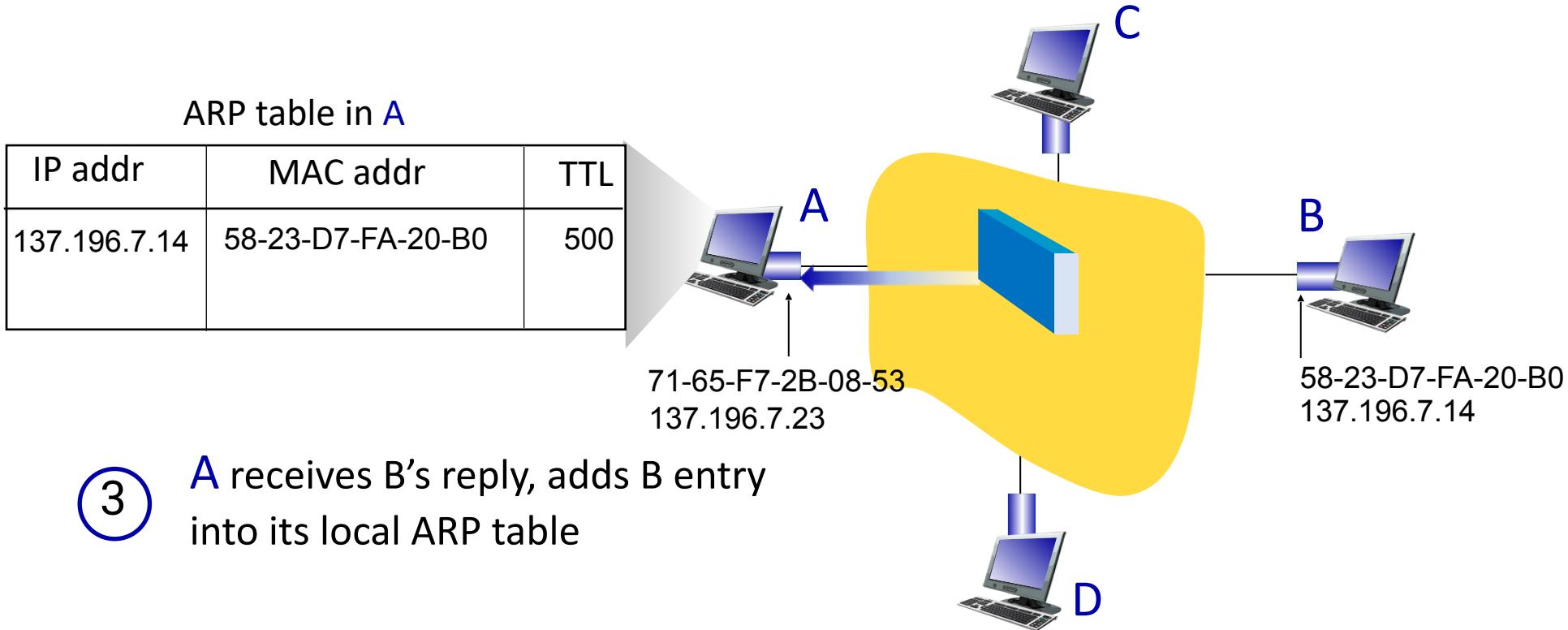
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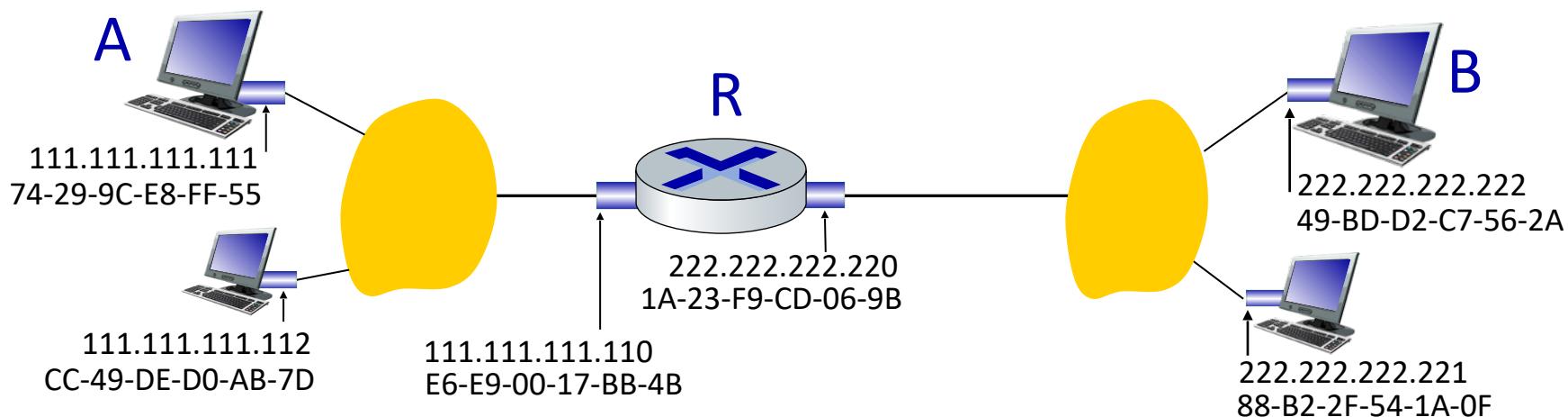
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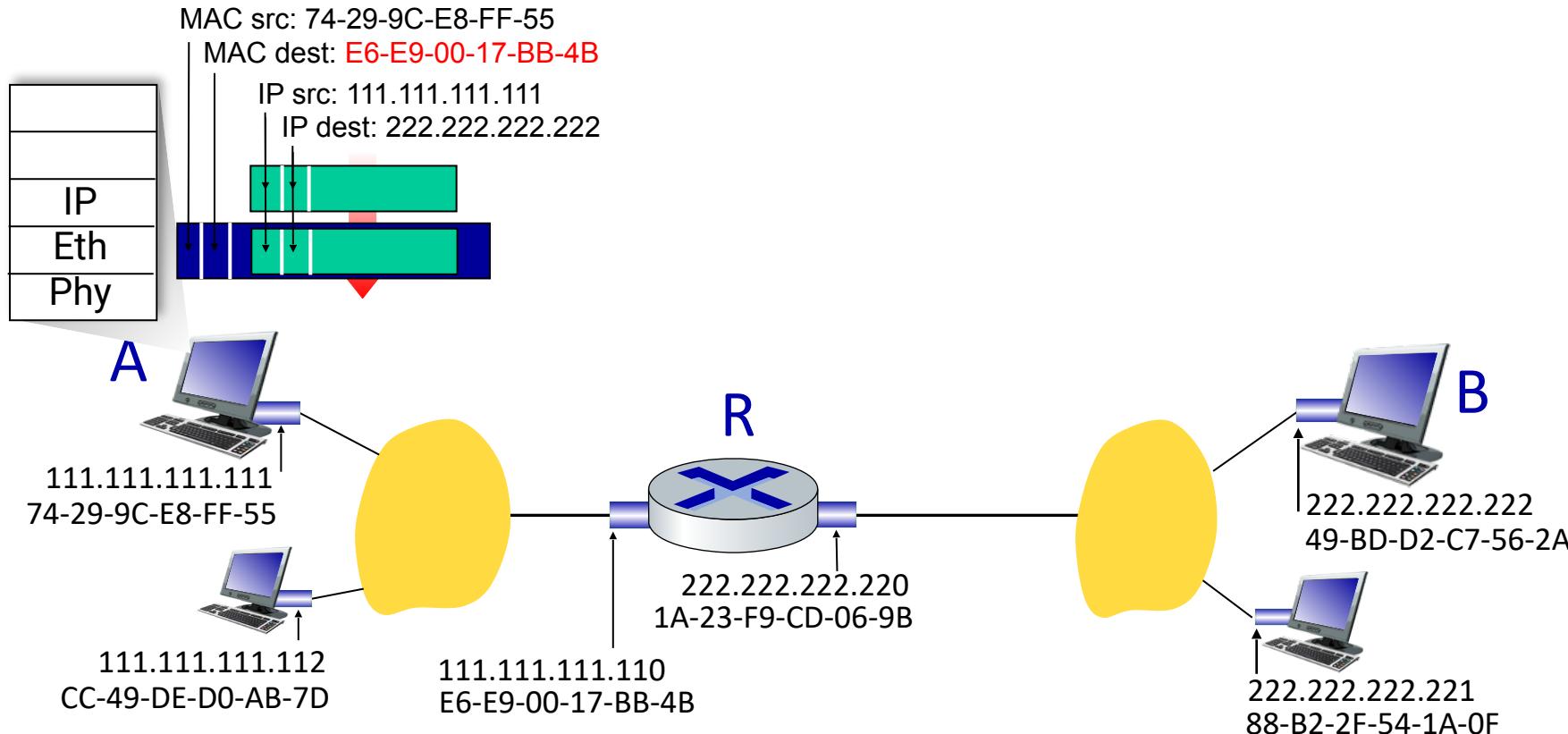
E.g., A wants to send datagram to B **via R**

A knows B's IP address; A also knows R's IP address and MAC address ([how?](#))



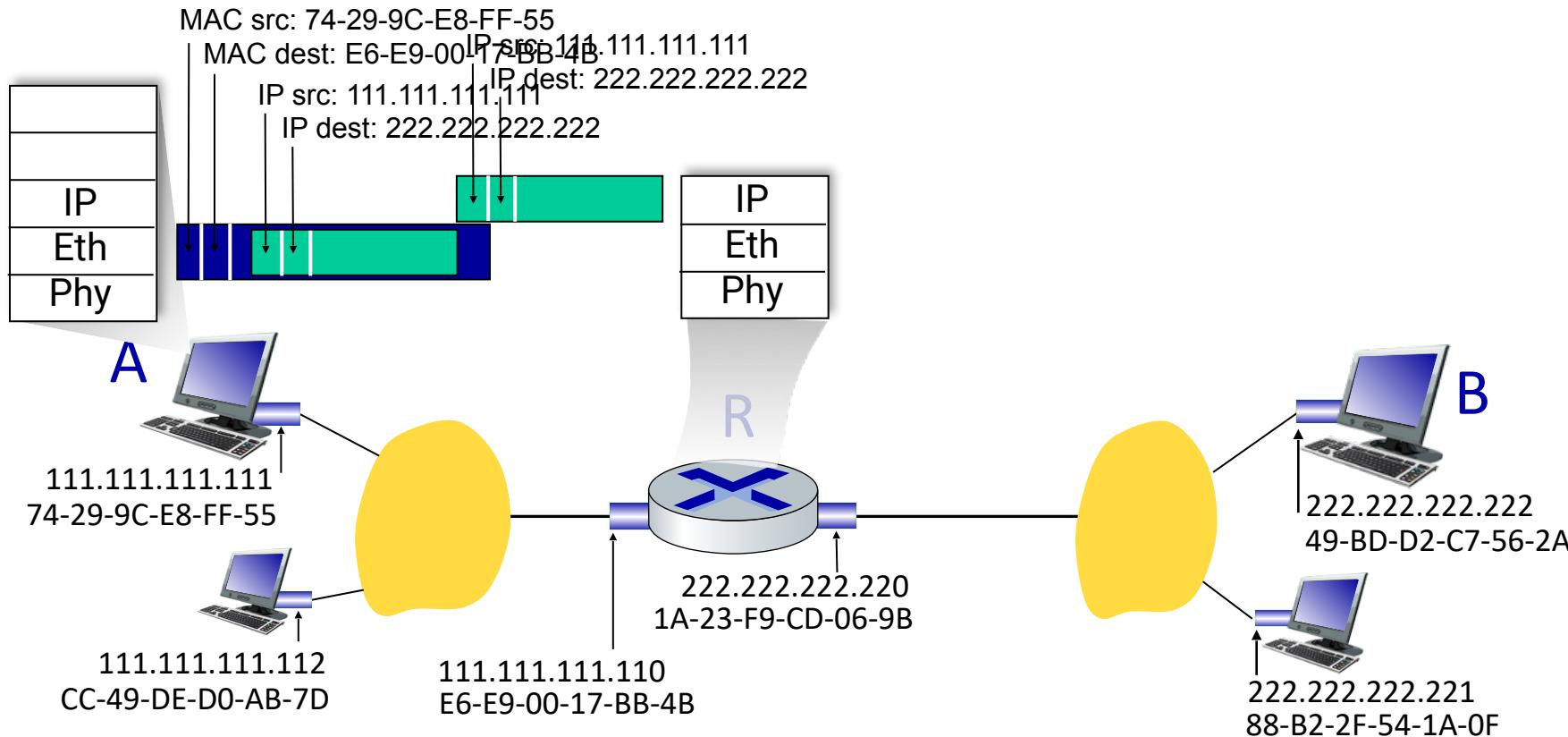
Routing to Another Subnet

- A creates IP datagram with IP source A, destination B
- A creates link-layer frame containing A-to-B IP datagram, then puts R's MAC address is the frame's destination



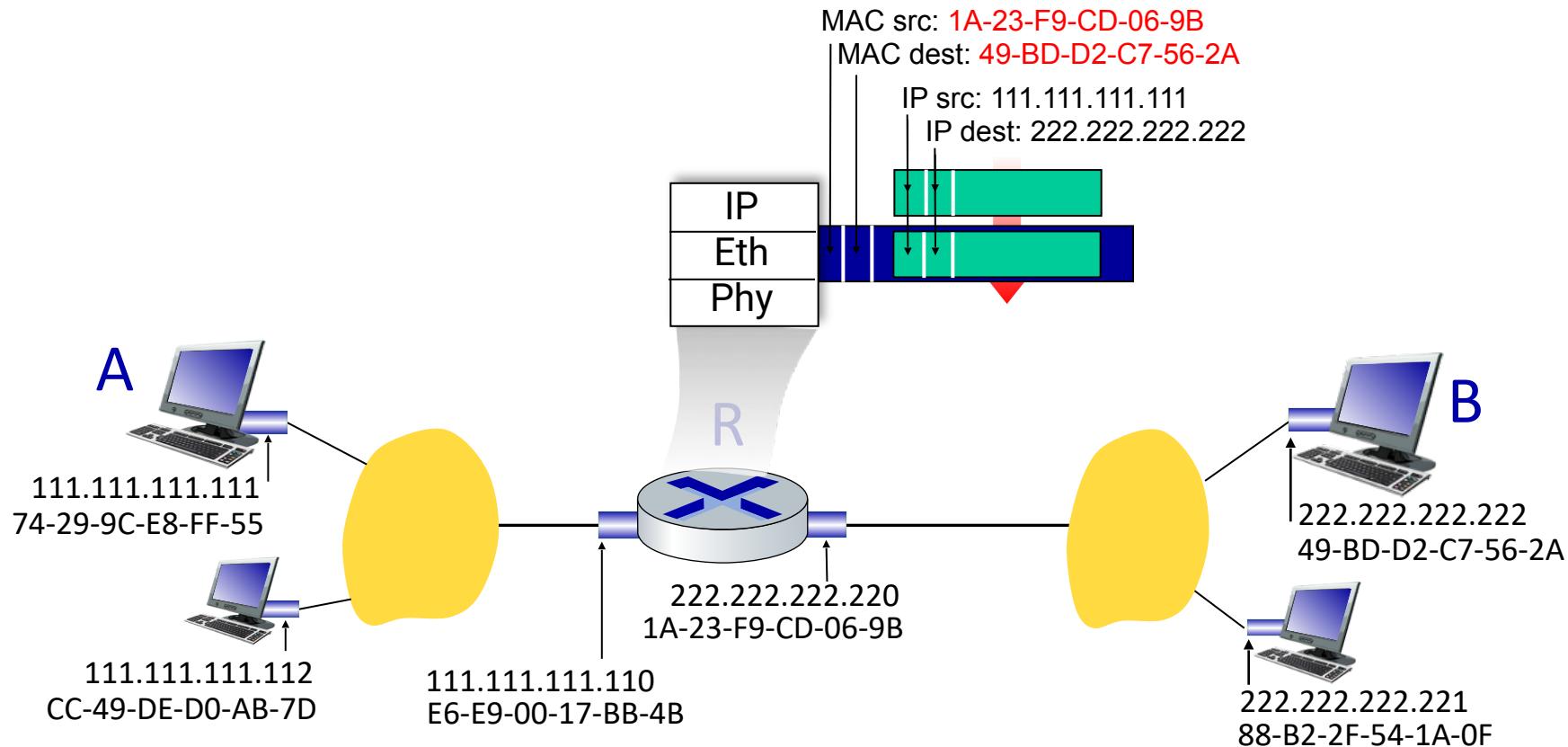
Routing to Another Subnet

- frame sent from A to R
- frame received at R, datagram removed, passed up to IP



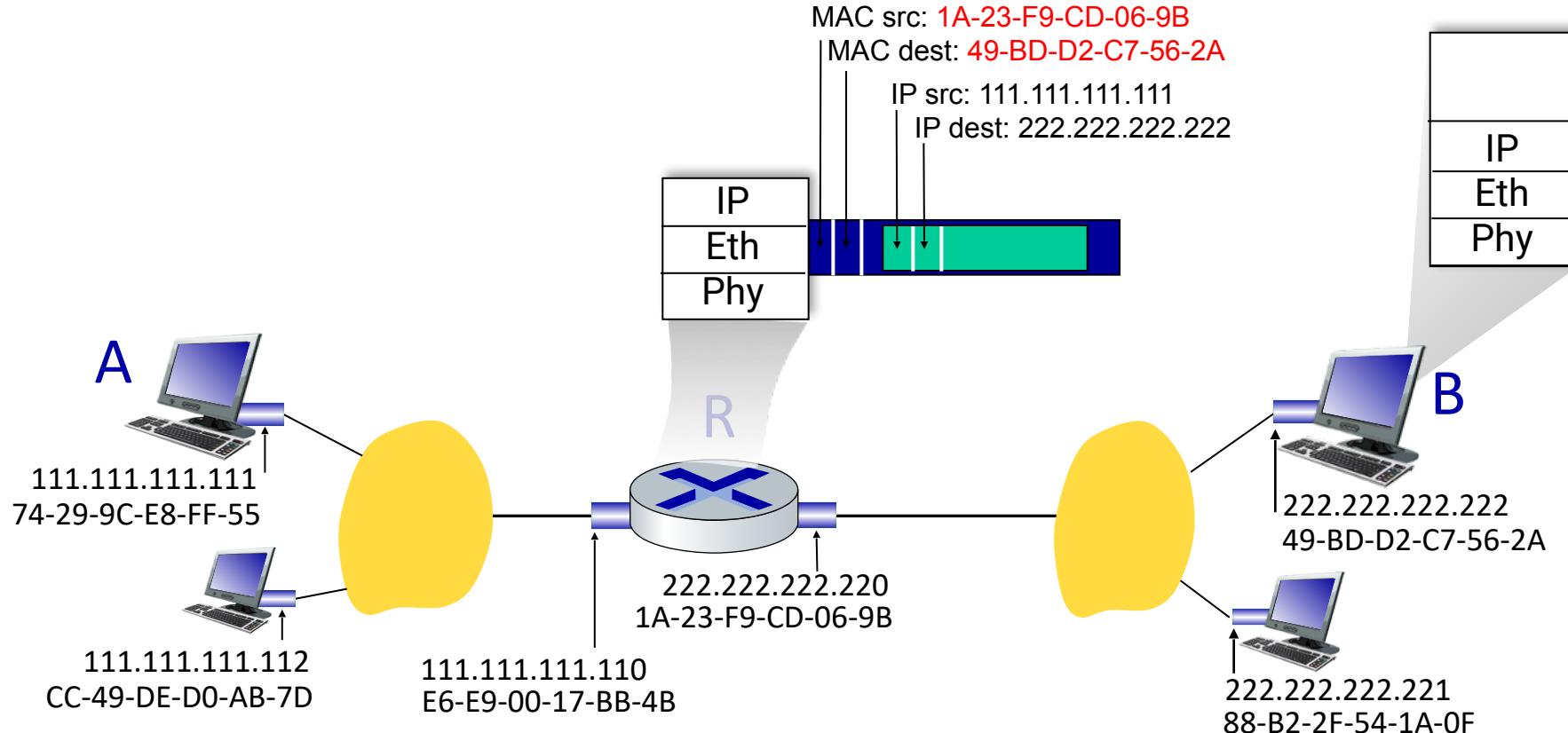
Routing to Another Subnet

- R determines outgoing interface, passes datagram with IP source A, destination B to link layer
- R creates link-layer frame containing A-to-B IP datagram. Frame destination address: B's MAC address



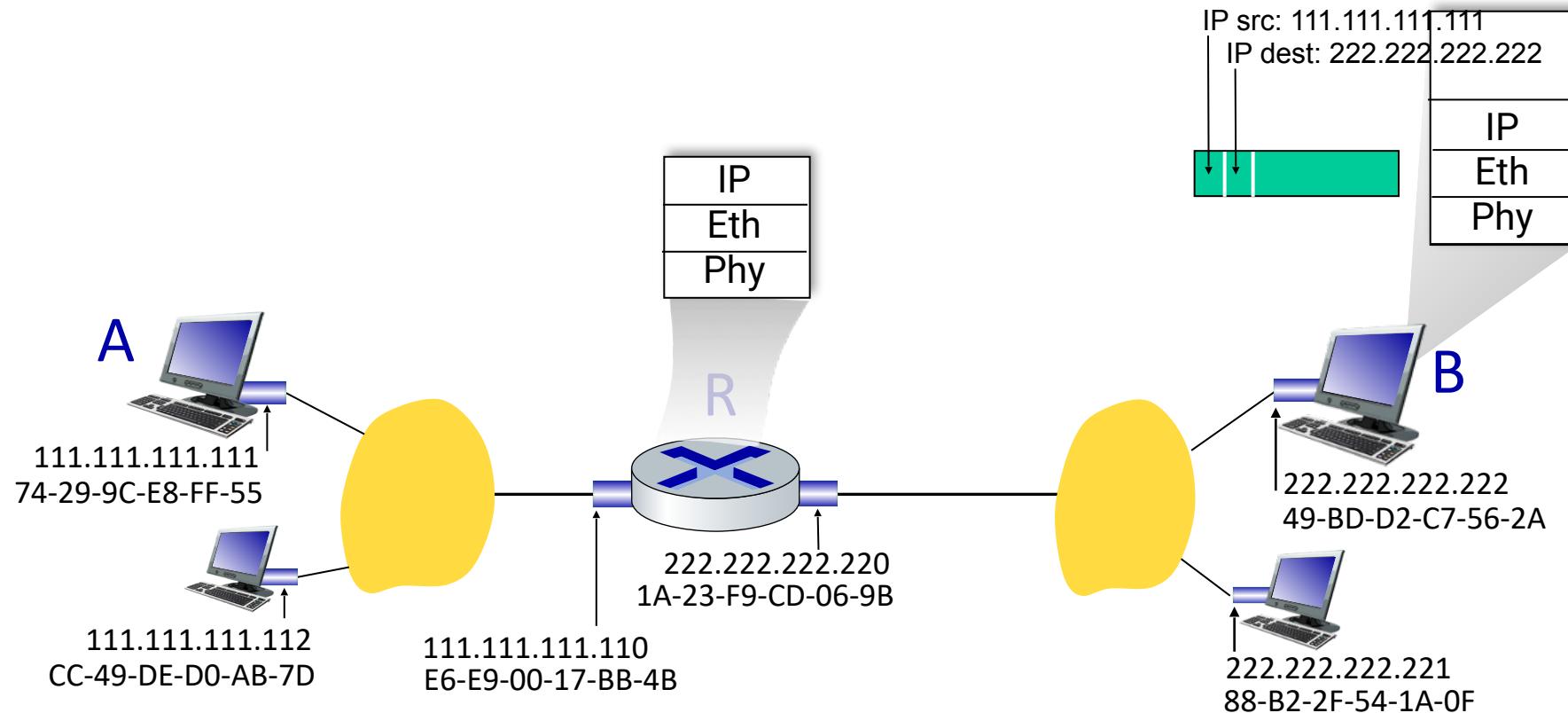
Routing to Another Subnet

- R determines outgoing interface, passes datagram with IP source A, destination B to link layer
- R creates link-layer frame containing A-to-B IP datagram. Frame destination address: B's MAC address
- transmits link-layer frame

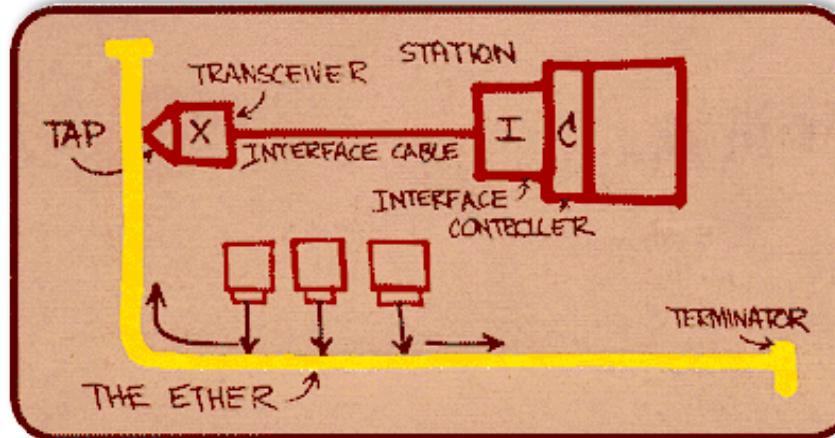


Routing to Another Subnet

- B receives frame, extracts IP datagram destination B
- B passes datagram up protocol stack to IP



Ethernet



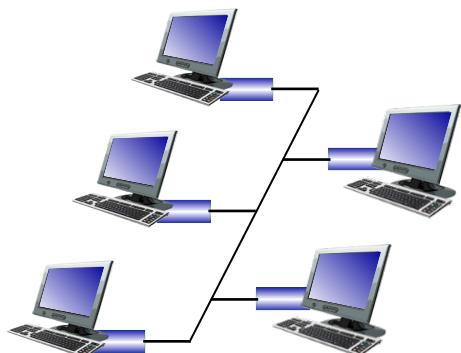
Bob Metcalfe's Ethernet sketch, 1976

Ethernet: Overview and Topologies

- first widely used, and today's dominant wired LAN tech
- simple to build, and cheap to maintain
- has kept up with speed race: 10 Mbps – 400 Gbps

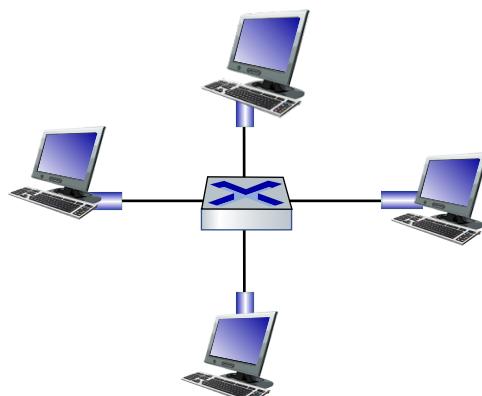
Bus: popular through mid 90s

*all nodes in same collision domain
(can collide with each other)*



Switched: most prevalent today

*active link-layer 2 switch in center with each "spoke"
running a separate Ethernet protocol (no collisions)*



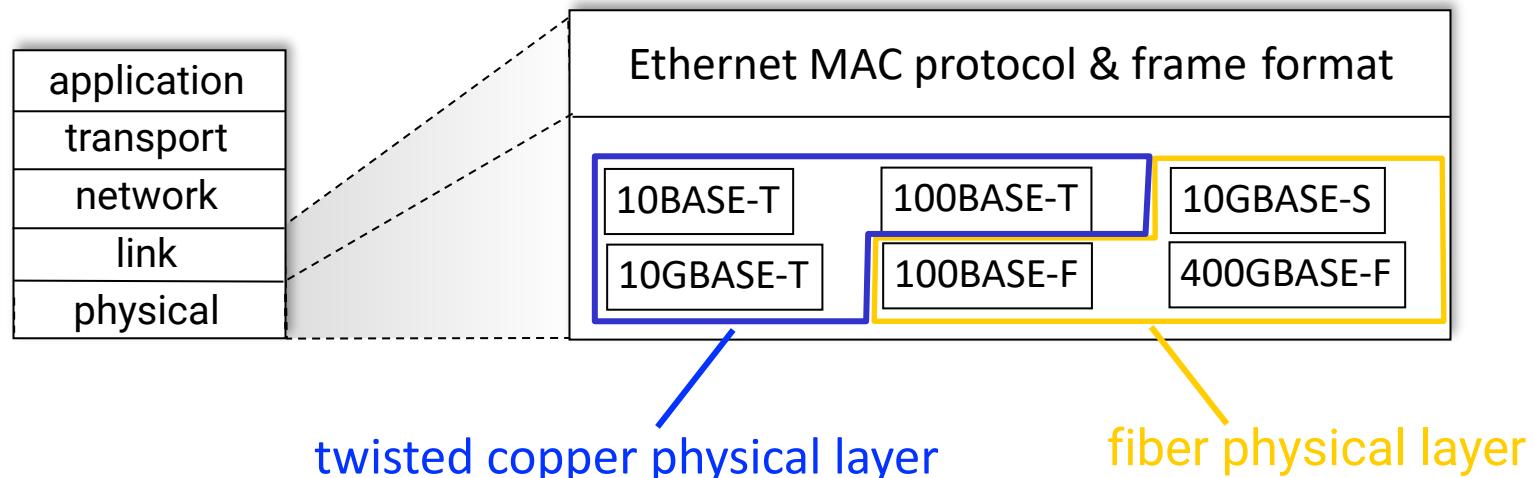
Ethernet Frame Format



- **Preamble:** 6 byte source and destination MAC addresses
 - used to synchronize receiver, sender clock rates
 - 7 bytes of 10101010 followed by one byte of 10101011
- **Addresses:** 6 byte source and destination MAC addresses
 - if adapter receives frame with matching destination address, or with broadcast address, pass payload to the network layer protocol
 - otherwise, adapter discards frame
- **Type:** indicates higher layer protocol
 - mostly IP but others possible, e.g., Novell IPX, AppleTalk
 - used to demultiplex up at receiver
- **CRC:** cyclic redundancy check at receiver
 - if error is detected, drop the frame

Ethernet: Characteristics and Standards

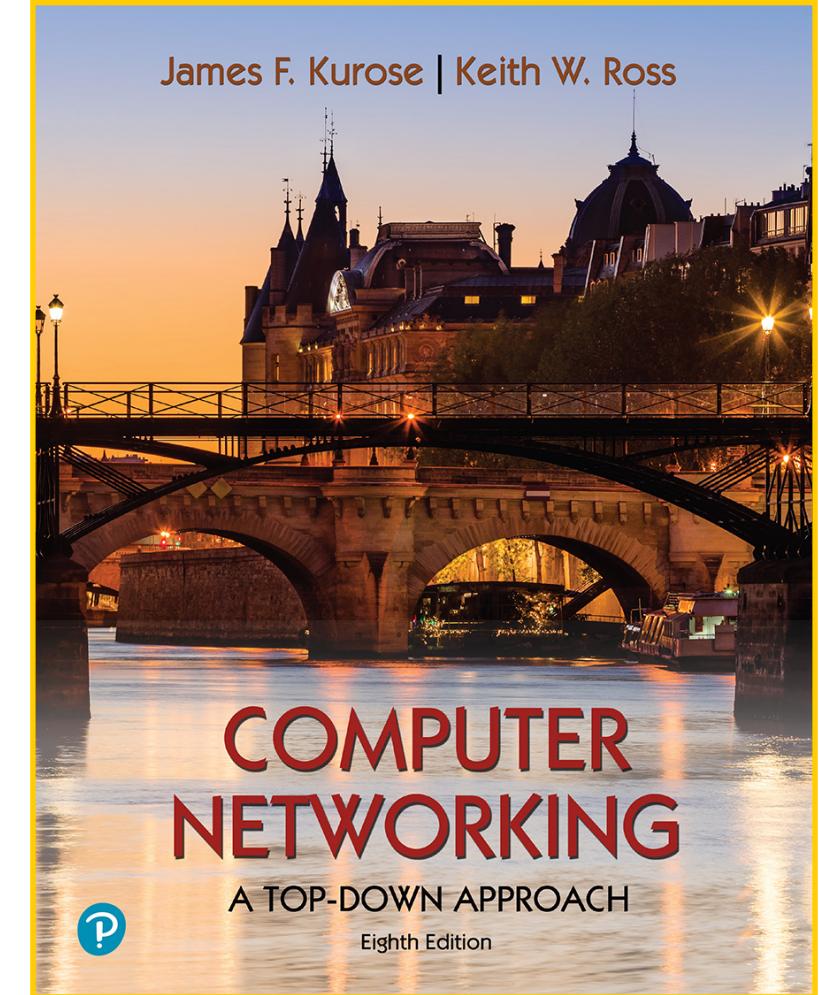
- **Connectionless**: no handshaking between sending and receiving NICs
- **Unreliable**: receiving NIC doesn't send ACKs or NAKs to sending NIC
 - *data in dropped frames is recovered only if initial sender uses higher layer RDT (e.g., TCP)*
- **Ethernet's MAC protocol**: Unslotted CSMA/CD with binary exponential backoff
- **Ethernet standards**: IEEE 802.3 family



Required Reading

Retrospective: a day in the life of a web page request (6 pages)

- touches all five layers of the stack
- utilizes more than a dozen protocols
- end-to-end flow of control and data



Chapter 6.7

Spot Quiz (ICON)