

# Chapter 1

# Introduction

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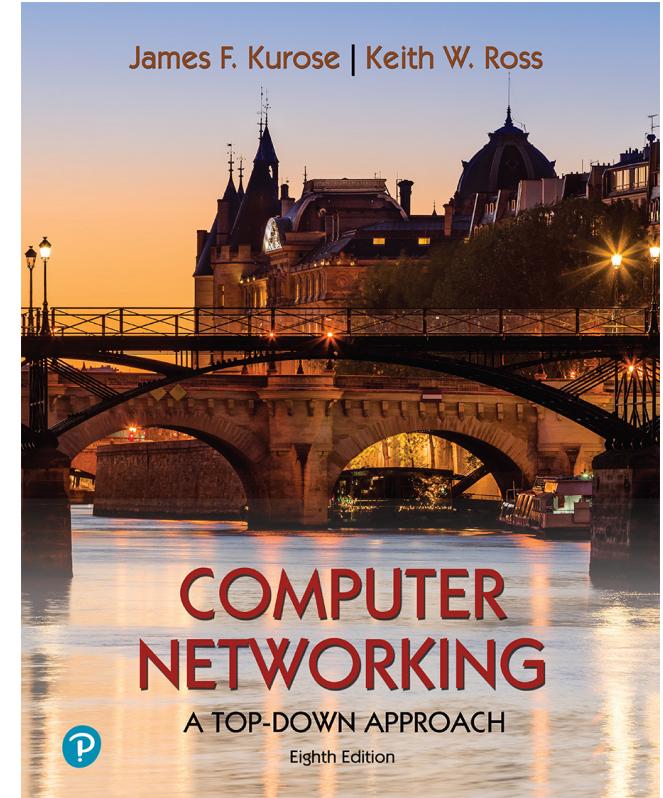
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# Chapter 1: introduction

## *Chapter goal:*

- Get “feel,” “big picture,” introduction to terminology
  - more depth, detail *later* in course



## *Overview/roadmap:*

- What *is* the Internet? What *is* a protocol?
- **Network edge:** hosts, access network, physical media
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# The Internet: a “nuts and bolts” view



Billions of connected computing *devices*:

- *hosts* = *end systems*
- running *network apps* at Internet's “edge”

*Packet switches*: forward packets (chunks of data)

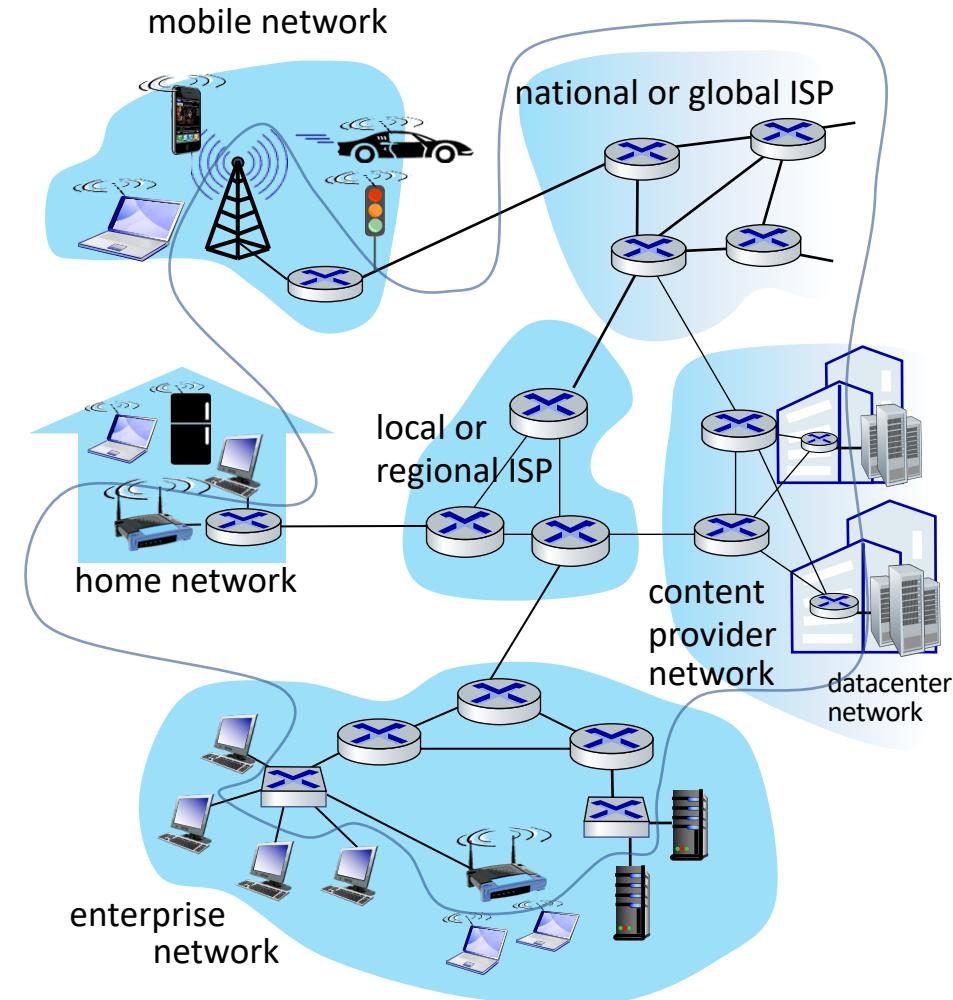
- *routers, switches*

*Communication links*

- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission rate: *bandwidth*

*Networks*

- collection of devices, routers, links: managed by an organization



# “Fun” Internet-connected devices



Amazon Echo



Internet refrigerator



Security Camera



Internet phones



IP picture frame



Slingbox: remote control cable TV



Gaming devices



sensorized, bed mattress



AR devices



Fitbit



diapers



Pacemaker & Monitor



Web-enabled toaster + weather forecaster



Tweet-a-watt: monitor energy use

bikes



cars

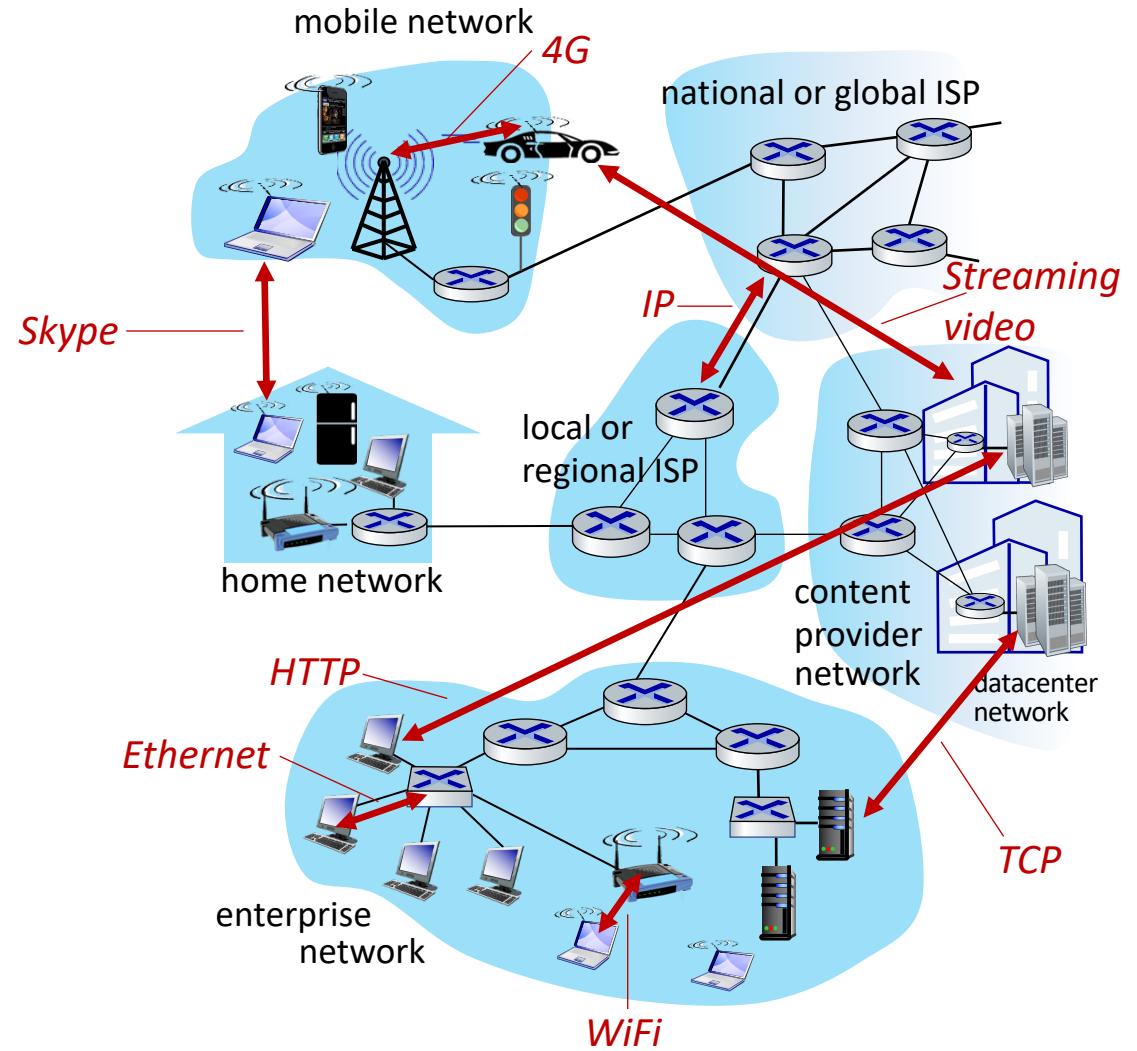


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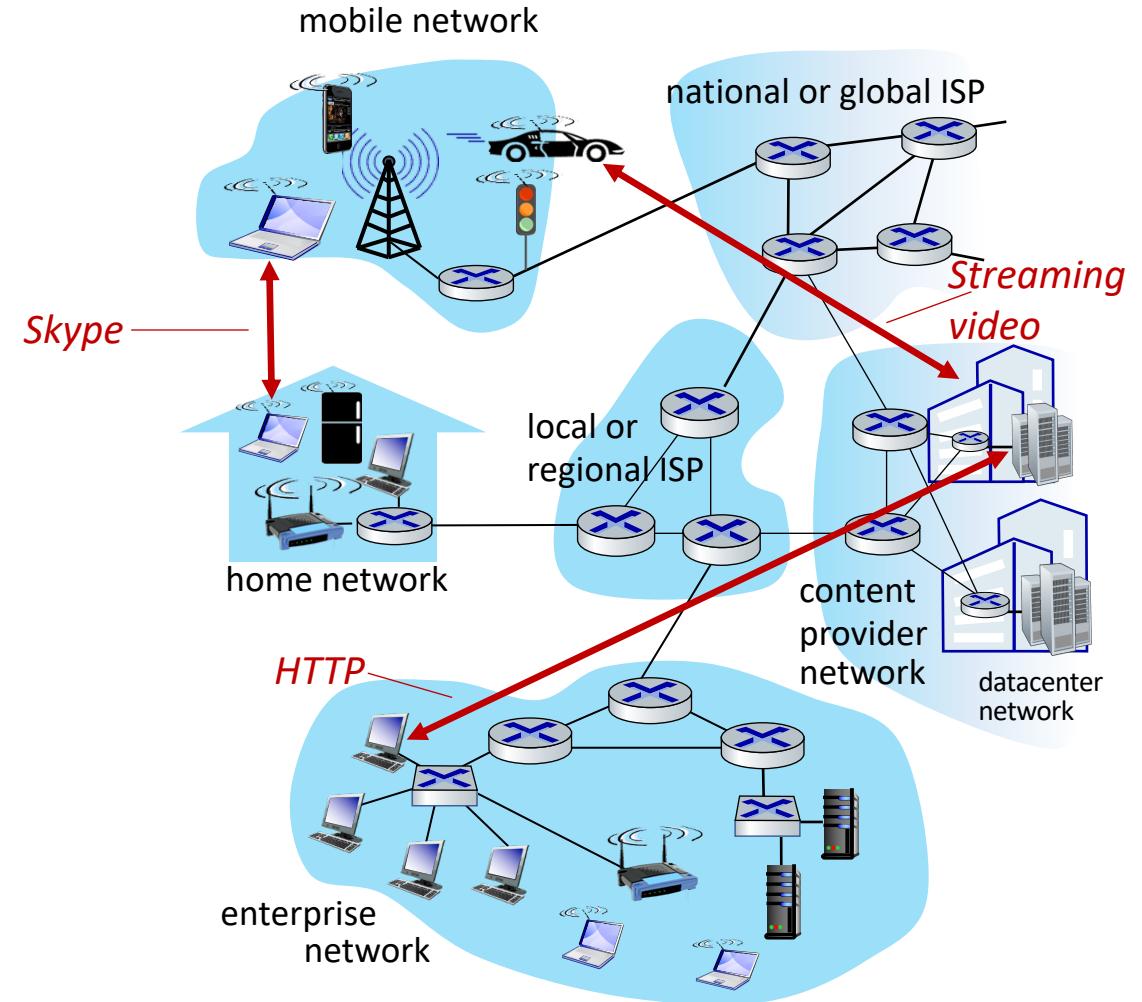
# The Internet: a “nuts and bolts” view

- *Internet: “network of networks”*
  - Interconnected ISPs
- *protocols are everywhere*
  - control sending, receiving of messages
  - e.g., HTTP (Web), streaming video, Skype, TCP, IP, WiFi, 4/5G, Ethernet
- *Internet standards*
  - RFC: Request for Comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



# The Internet: a “services” view

- *Infrastructure* that provides services to applications:
  - Web, streaming video, multimedia teleconferencing, email, games, e-commerce, social media, interconnected appliances, ...
- provides *programming interface* to distributed applications:
  - “hooks” allowing sending/receiving apps to “connect” to, use Internet transport service
  - provides service options, analogous to postal service



# What's a protocol?

## *Human protocols:*

- “what’s the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

Rules for:

- ... specific messages sent
- ... specific actions taken when message received, or other events

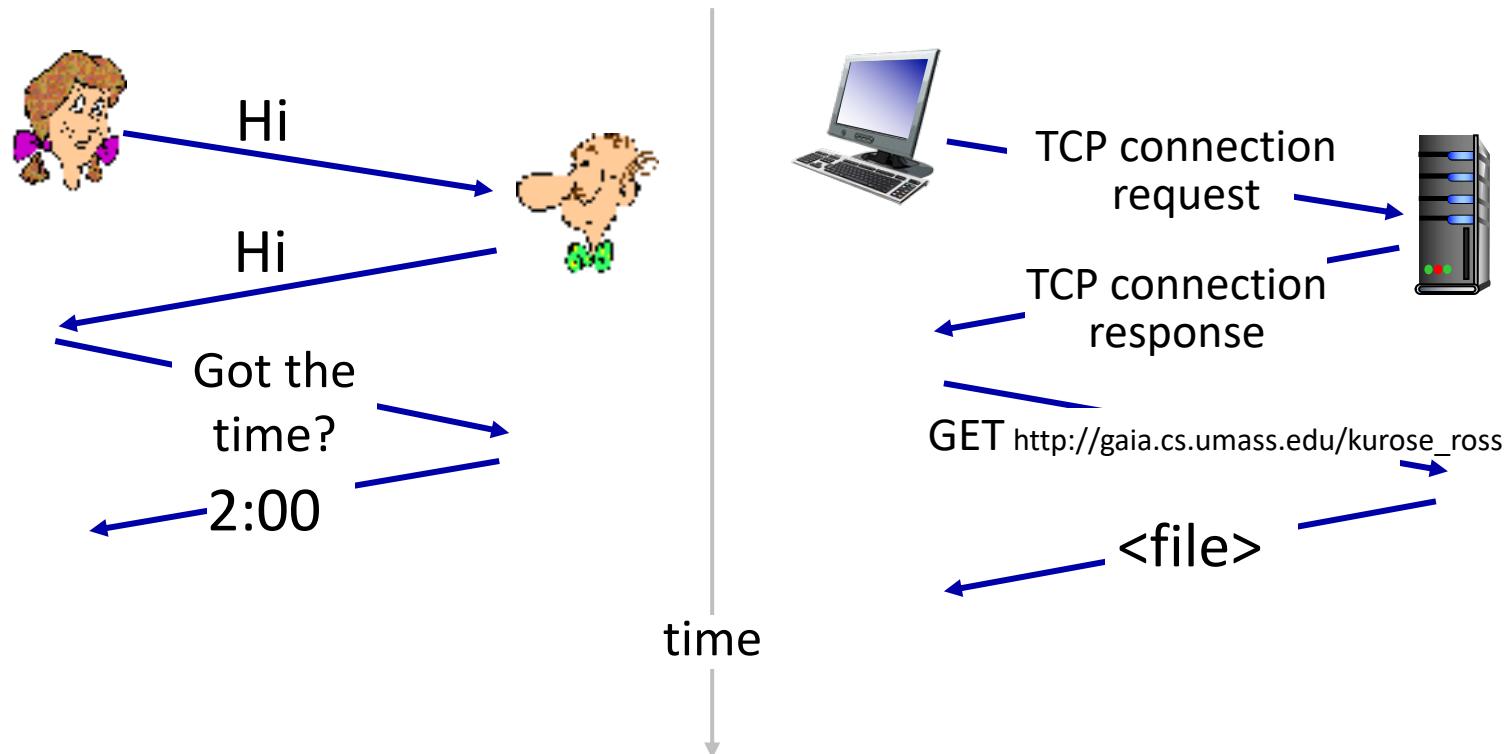
## *Network protocols:*

- computers (devices) rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*Protocols define the **format, order** of messages sent and received among network entities, and **actions taken** on message transmission, receipt*

# What's a protocol?

A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



*Q:* other human protocols?

# Chapter 1: roadmap

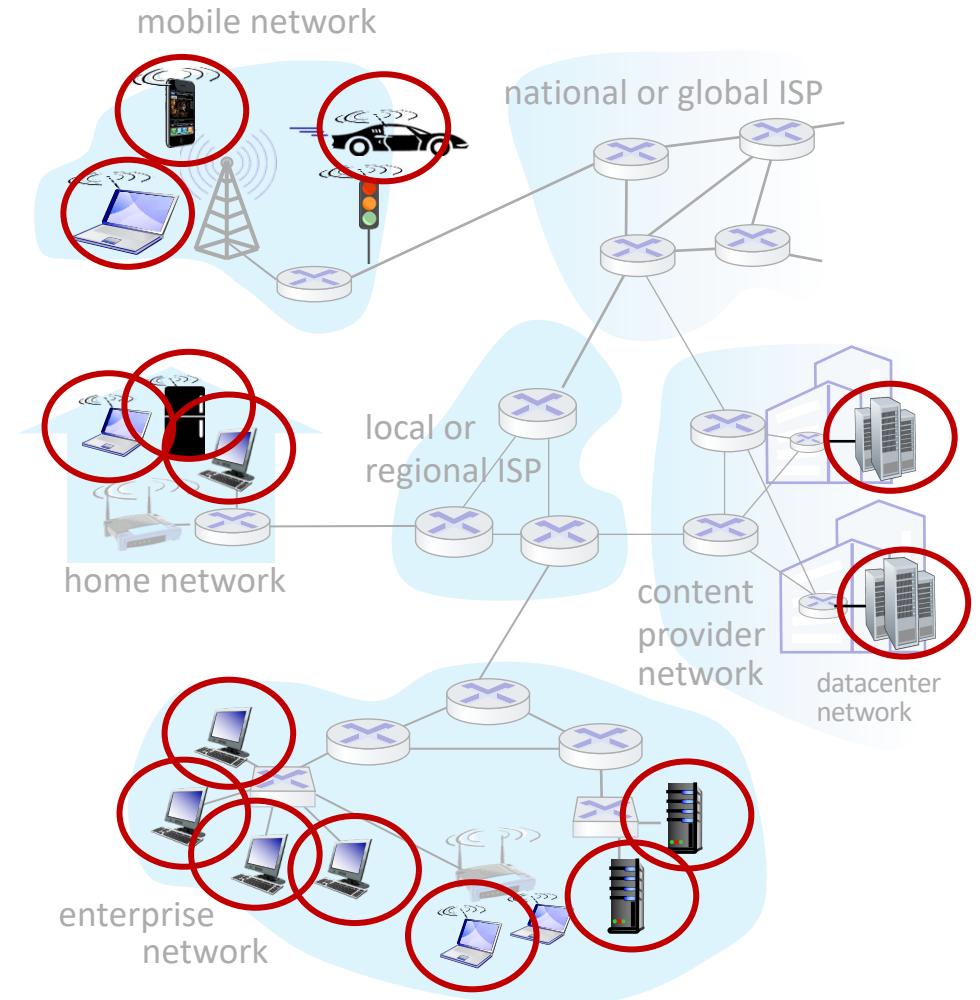
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# A closer look at Internet structure

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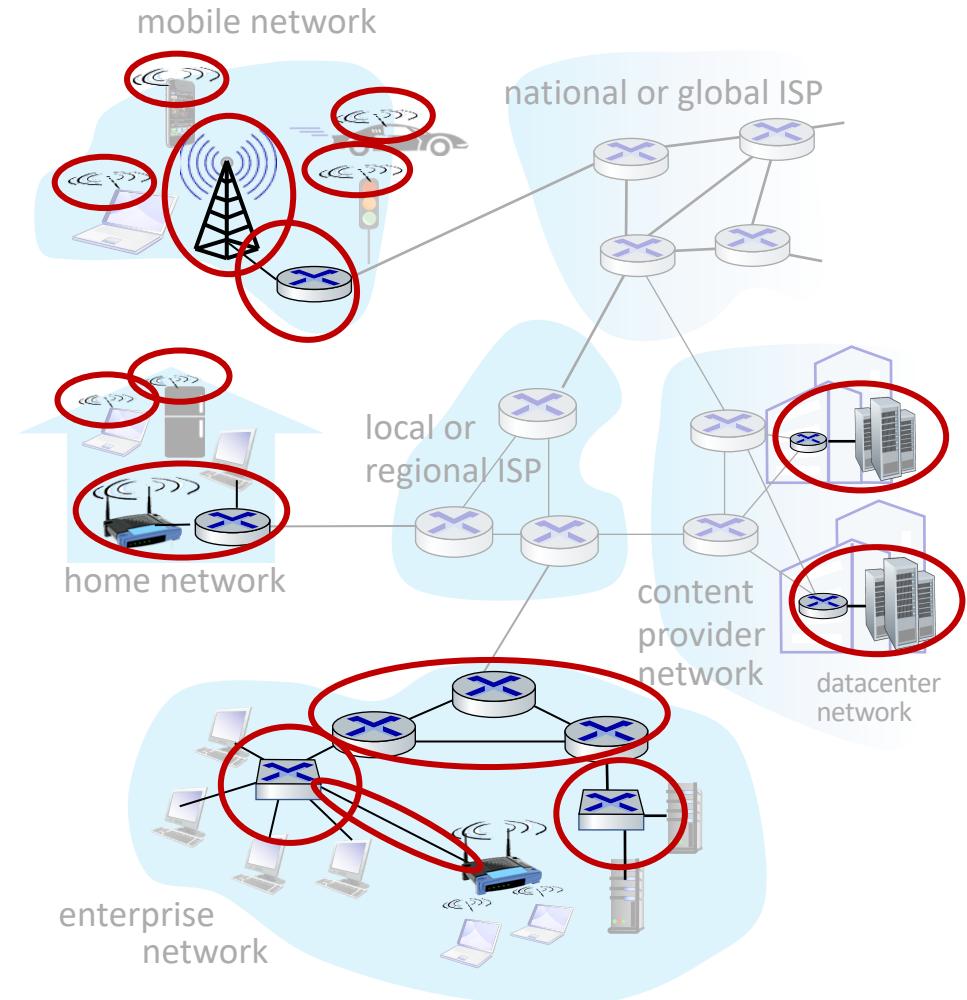
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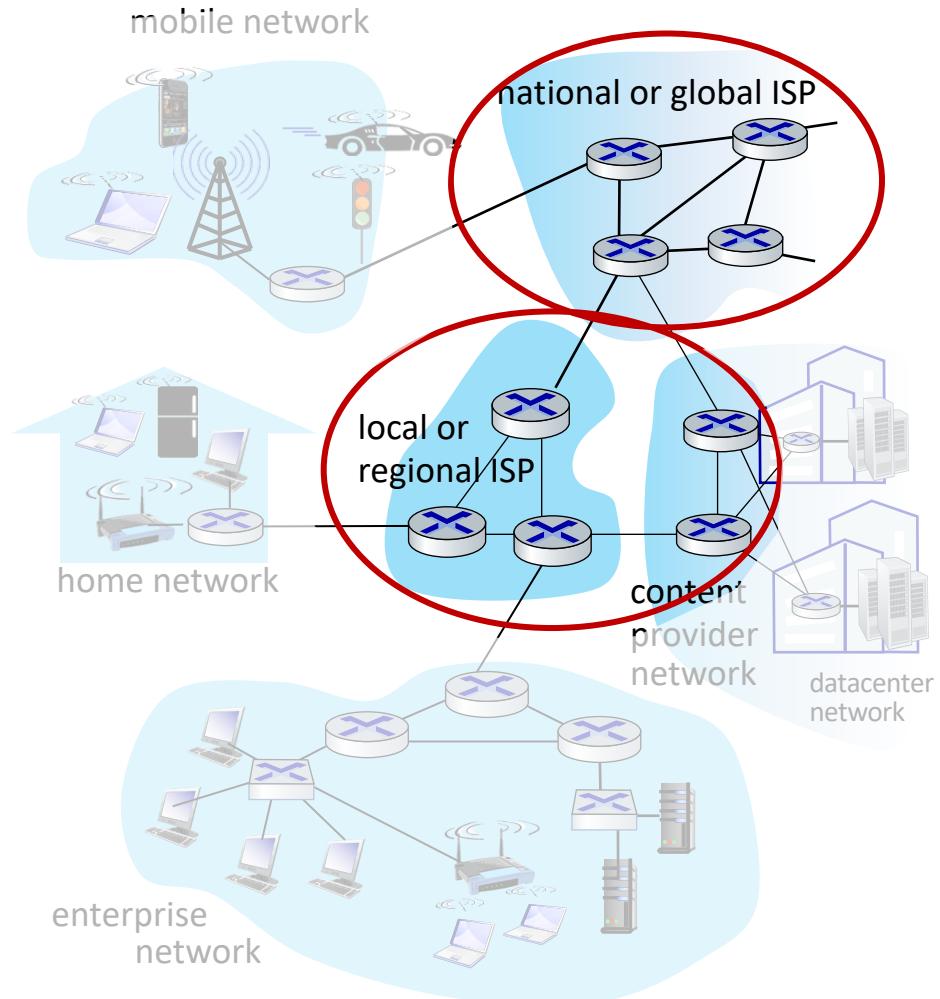
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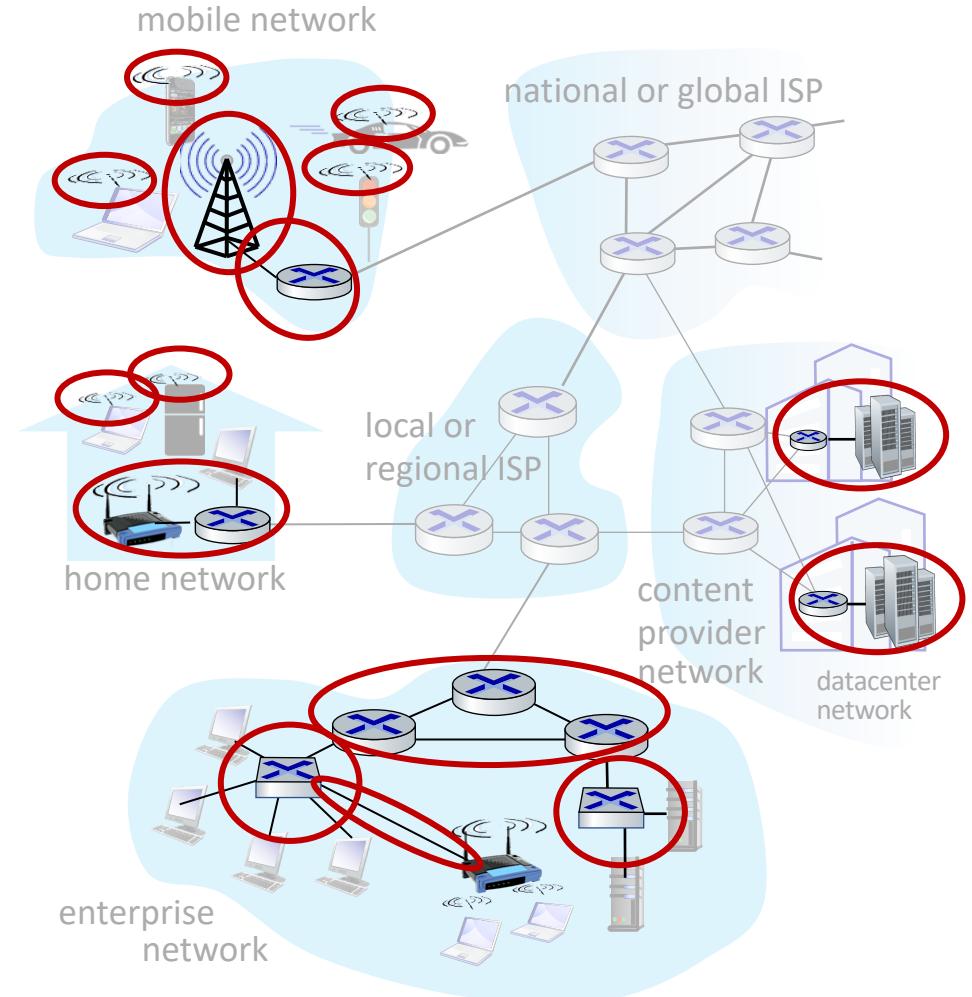
- interconnected routers
- network of networks



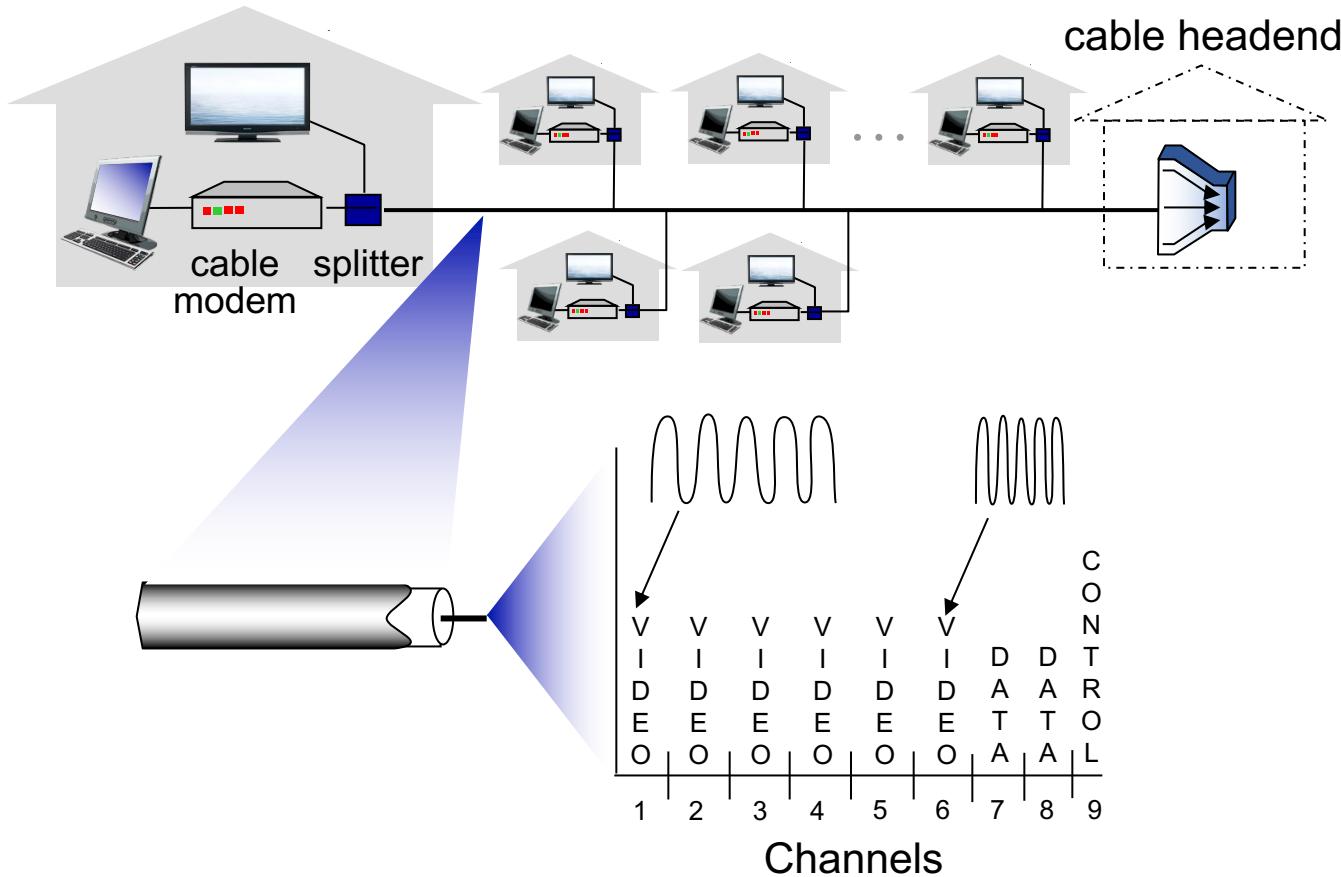
# Access networks and physical media

*Q: How to connect end systems  
to edge router?*

- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks (WiFi, 4G/5G)

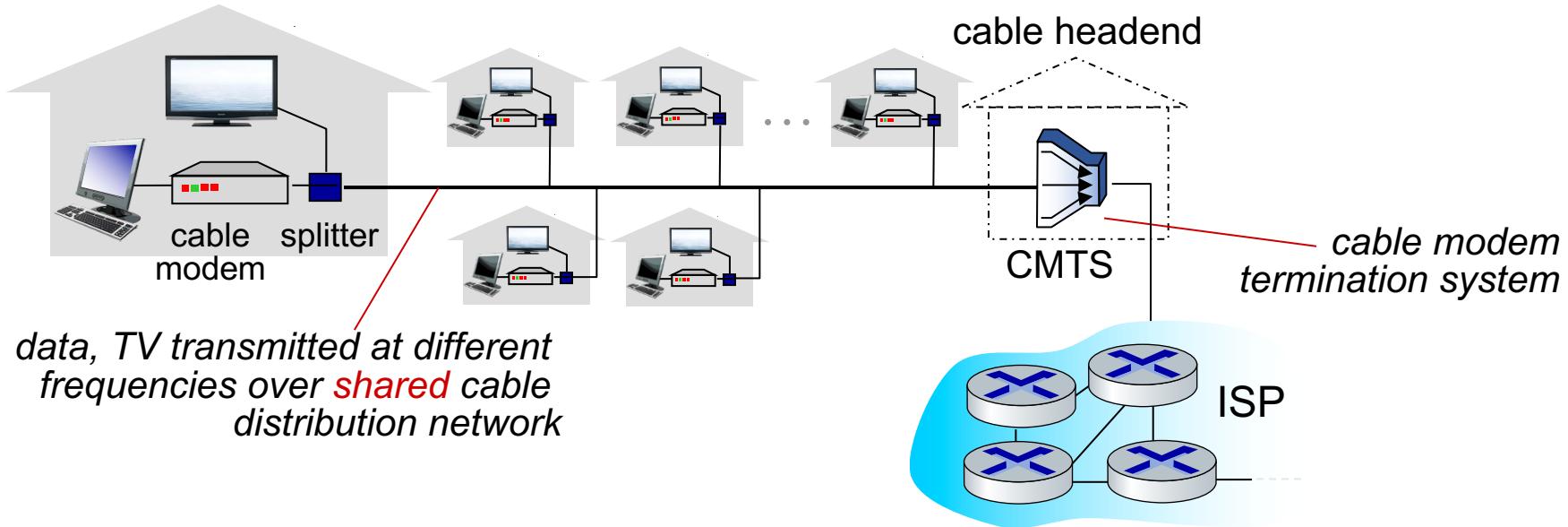


# Access networks: cable-based access



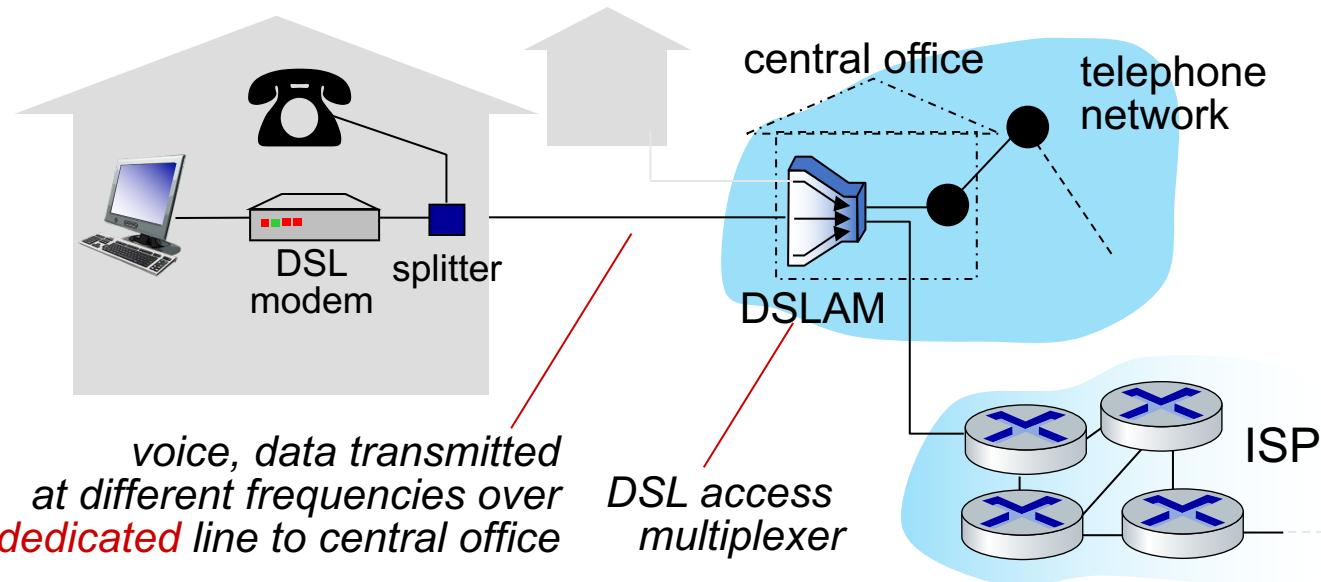
*frequency division multiplexing (FDM):* different channels transmitted in different frequency bands

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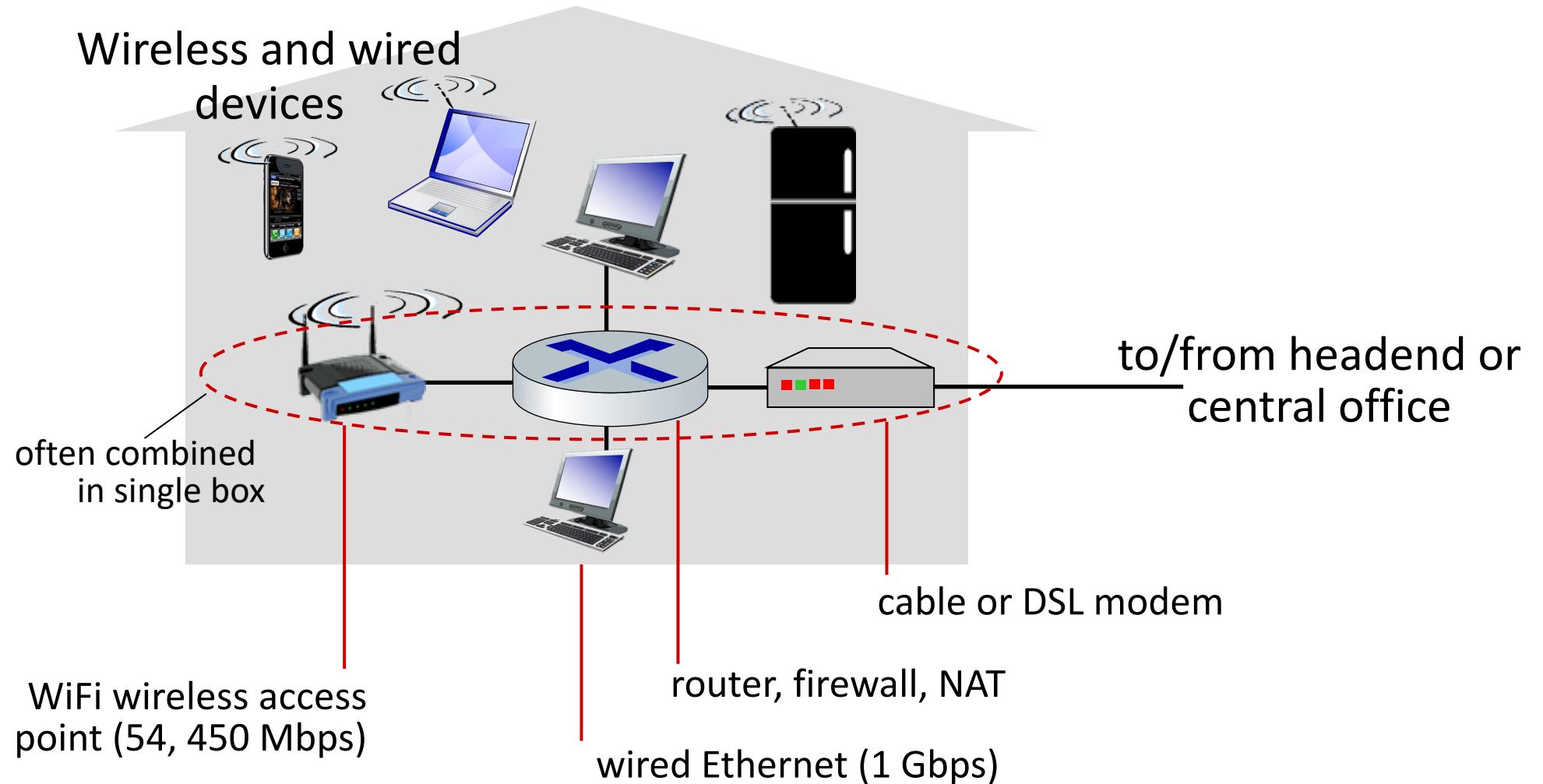
- HFC: hybrid fiber coax
  - asymmetric: up to 40 Mbps – 1.2 Gbps downstream transmission rate, 30-100 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- network of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
  - homes **share access network** to cable headend

# Access networks: digital subscriber line (DSL)



- use *existing* telephone line to central office DSLAM
  - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
  - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- 24-52 Mbps dedicated downstream transmission rate
- 3.5-16 Mbps dedicated upstream transmission rate

# Access networks: home networks



# Wireless access networks

Shared *wireless* access network connects end system to router

- via base station aka “access point”

## Wireless local area networks (WLANs)

- typically within or around building (~100 ft)
- 802.11b/g/n (WiFi): 11, 54, 450 Mbps transmission rate

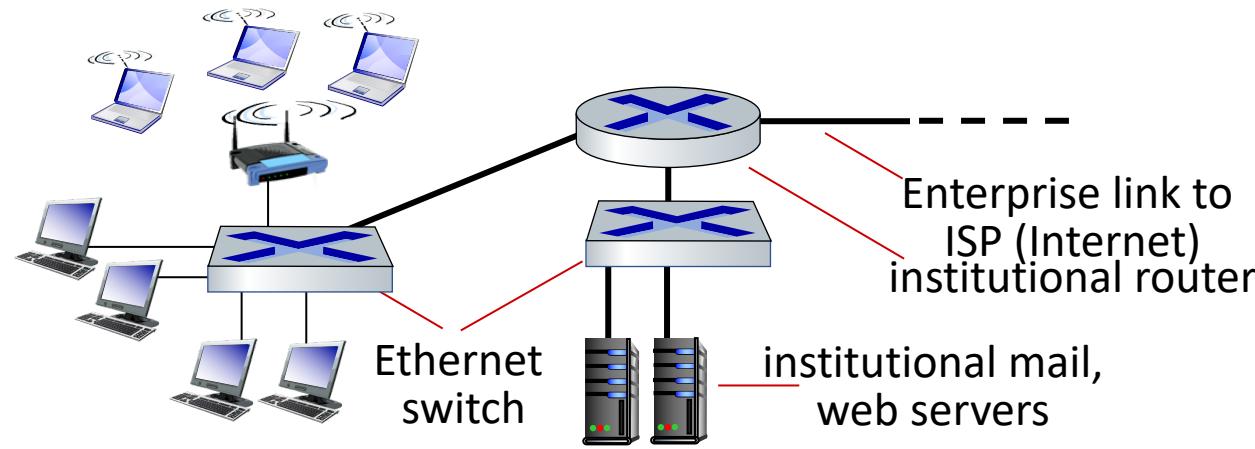


## Wide-area cellular access networks

- provided by mobile, cellular network operator (10's km)
- 10's Mbps
- 4G/5G cellular networks



# Access networks: enterprise networks



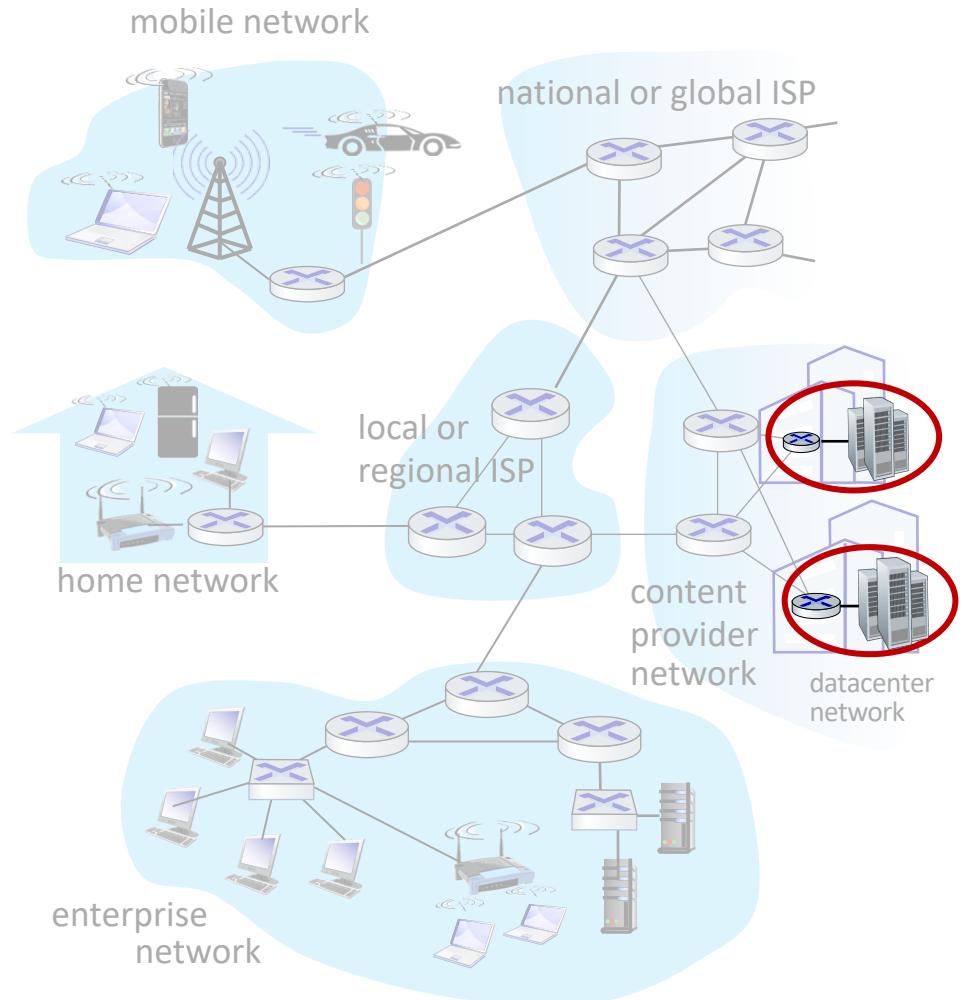
- companies, universities, etc.
- mix of wired, wireless link technologies, connecting a mix of switches and routers (we'll cover differences shortly)
  - Ethernet: wired access at 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps
  - WiFi: wireless access points at 11, 54, 450 Mbps

# Access networks: data center networks

- high-bandwidth links (10s to 100s Gbps) connect hundreds to thousands of servers together, and to Internet



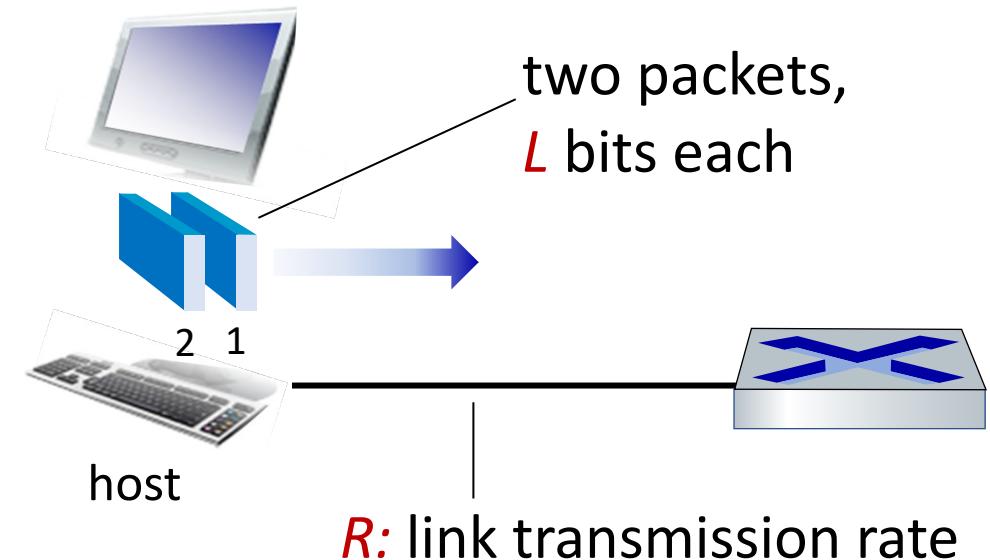
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# Host: sends *packets* of data

host sending function:

- takes application message
- breaks into smaller chunks, known as *packets*, of length  $L$  bits
- transmits packet into access network at *transmission rate R*
  - link transmission rate, aka link *capacity, aka link bandwidth*



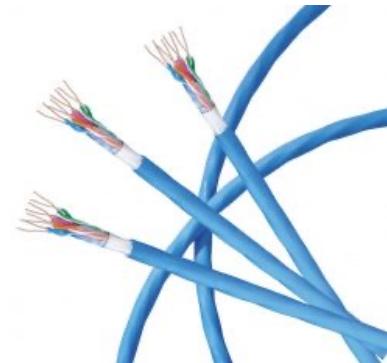
$$\text{packet transmission delay} = \frac{\text{time needed to transmit } L\text{-bit packet into link}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$

# Links: physical media

- **bit**: propagates between transmitter/receiver pairs
- **physical link**: what lies between transmitter & receiver
- **guided media**:
  - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- **unguided media**:
  - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio

## Twisted pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
  - Category 5: 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet
  - Category 6: 10Gbps Ethernet



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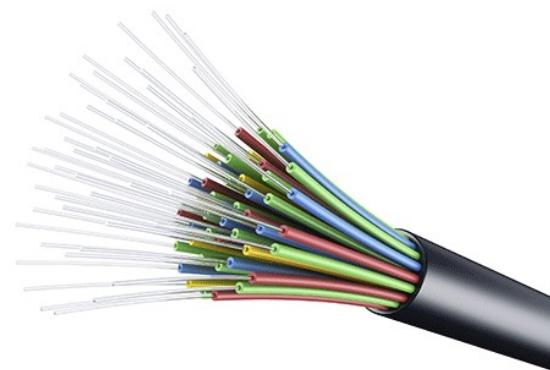
## Coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband:
  - multiple frequency channels on cable
  - 100's Mbps per channel



## Fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
  - high-speed point-to-point transmission (10's-100's Gbps)
- low error rate:
  - repeaters spaced far apart
  - immune to electromagnetic noise



# Links: physical media

## Wireless radio

- signal carried in various “bands” in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical “wire”
- broadcast, “half-duplex” (sender to receiver)
- propagation environment effects:
  - reflection
  - obstruction by objects
  - Interference/noise

## Radio link types:

- **Wireless LAN (WiFi)**
  - 10-100's Mbps; 10's of meters
- **wide-area** (e.g., 4G/5G cellular)
  - 10's Mbps (4G) over ~10 Km
- **Bluetooth:** cable replacement
  - short distances, limited rates
- **terrestrial microwave**
  - point-to-point; 45 Mbps channels
- **satellite**
  - up to < 100 Mbps (Starlink) downlink
  - 270 msec end-end delay (geostationary)

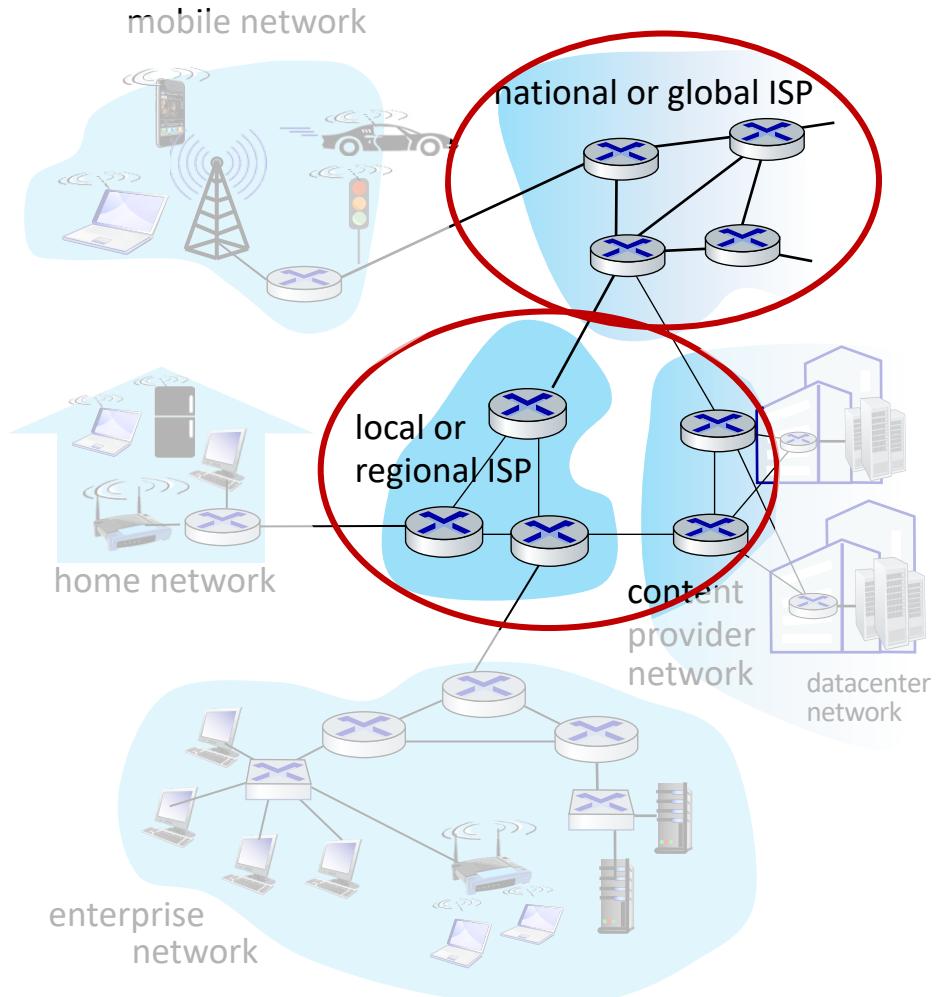
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# The network core

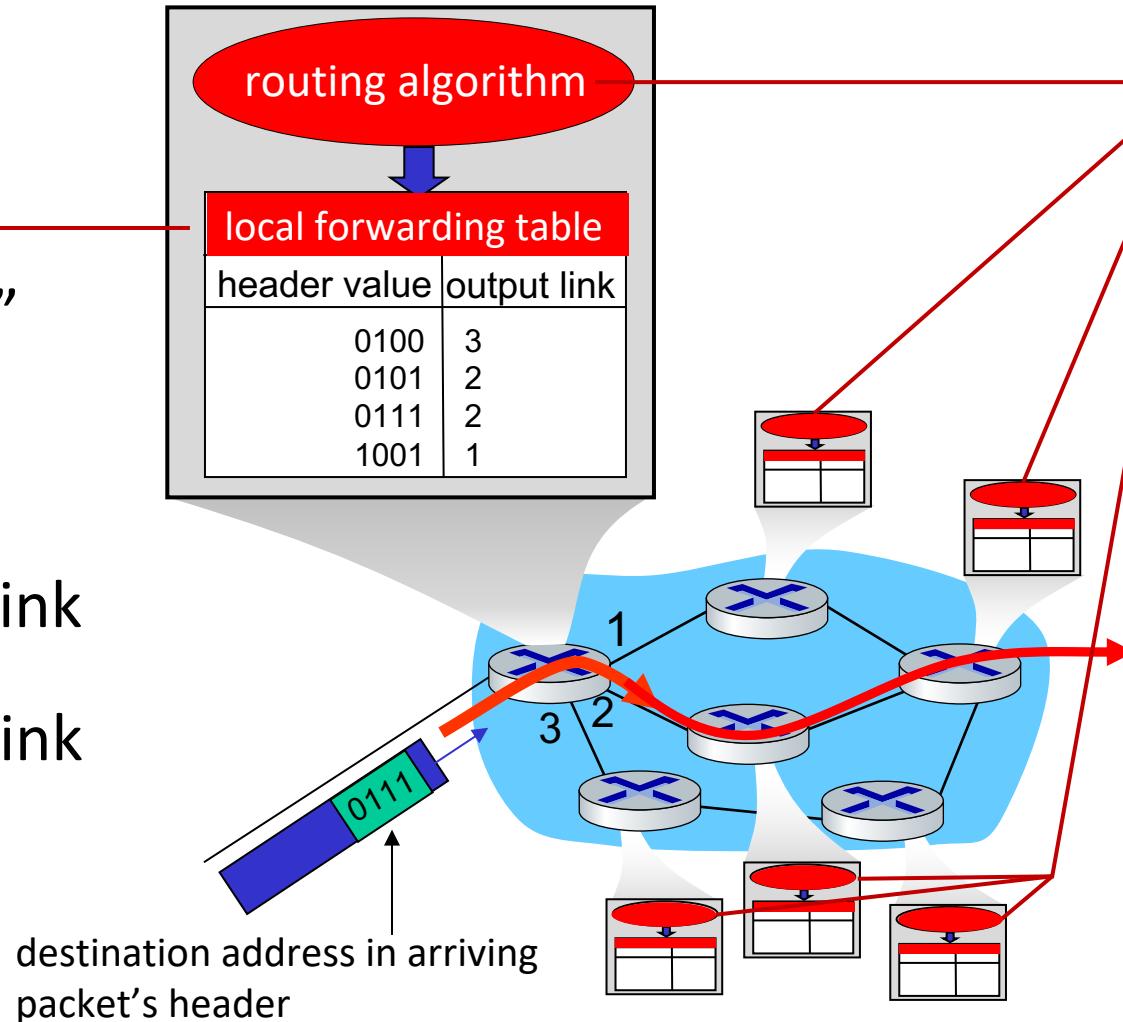
- mesh of interconnected routers
- **packet-switching**: hosts break application-layer messages into *packets*
  - network **forwards** packets from one router to the next, across links on path from **source to destination**



# Two key network-core functions

## Forwarding:

- aka “switching”
- *local* action: move arriving packets from router’s input link to appropriate router output link



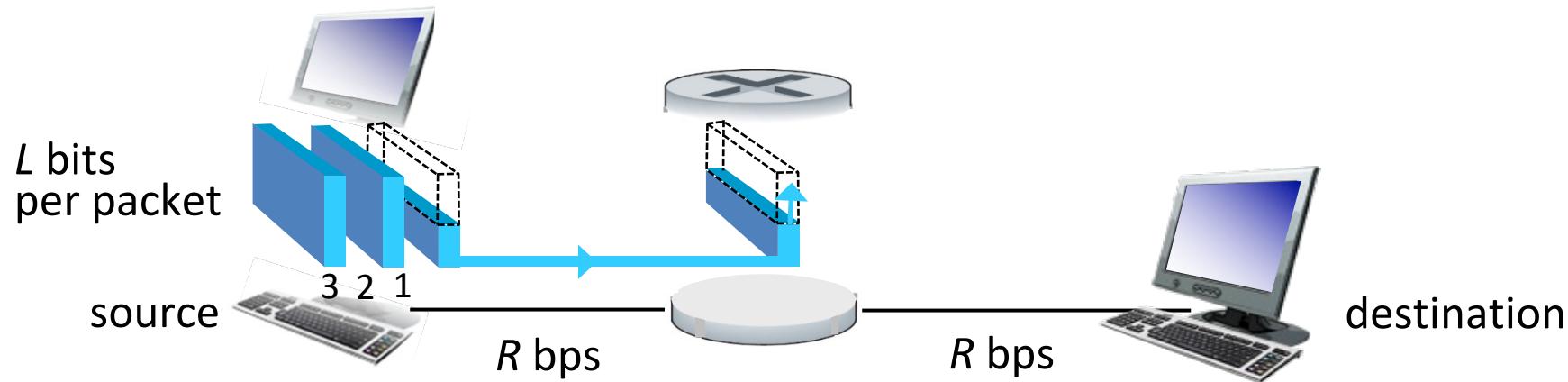
## Routing:

- *global* action: determine source-destination paths taken by packets
- routing algorithms





# Packet-switching: store-and-forward

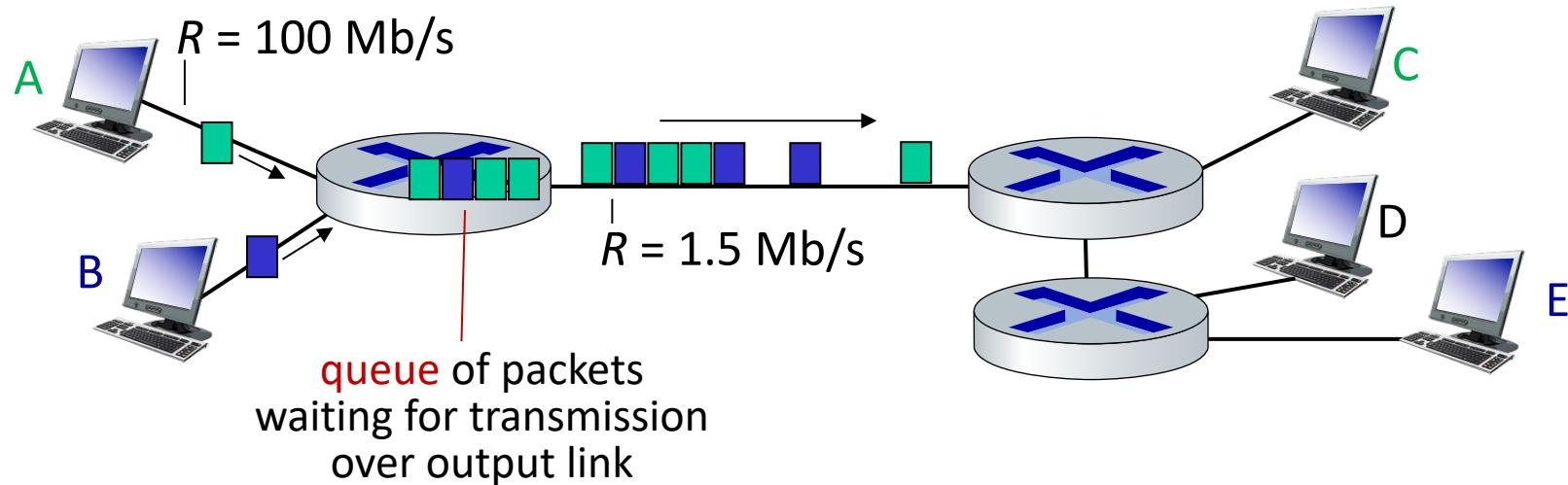


- **packet transmission delay:** takes  $L/R$  seconds to transmit (push out)  $L$ -bit packet into link at  $R$  bps
- ***store and forward:*** entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link

*One-hop numerical example:*

- $L = 10$  Kbits
- $R = 100$  Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 0.1 msec

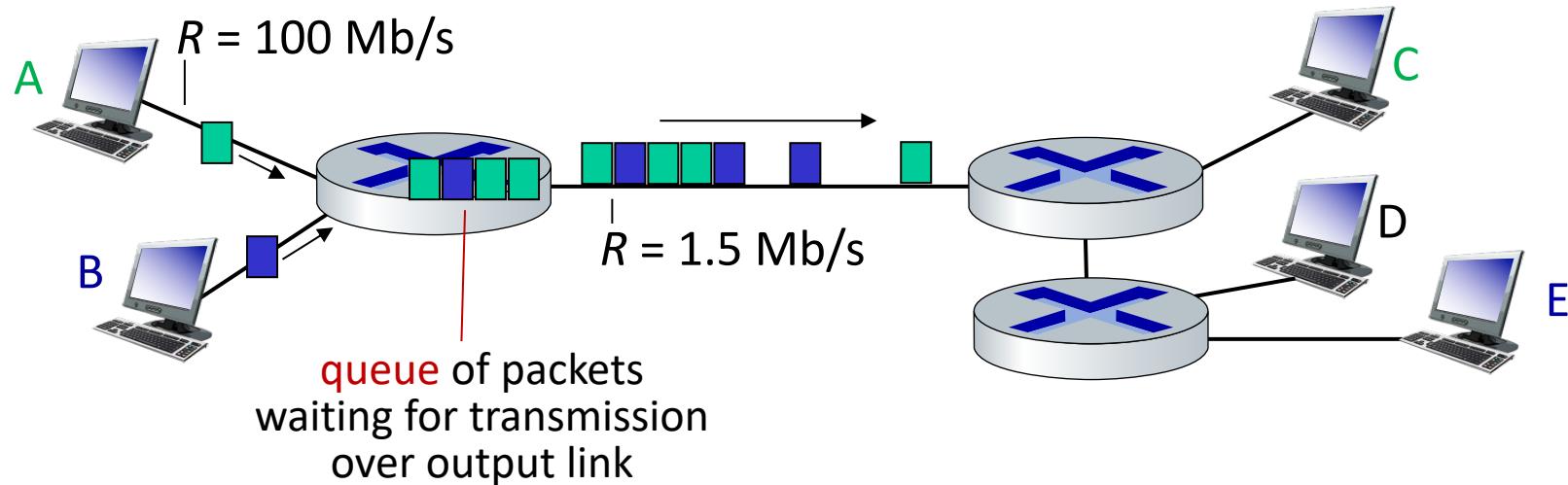
# Packet-switching: queueing



**Queueing** occurs when work arrives faster than it can be serviced:



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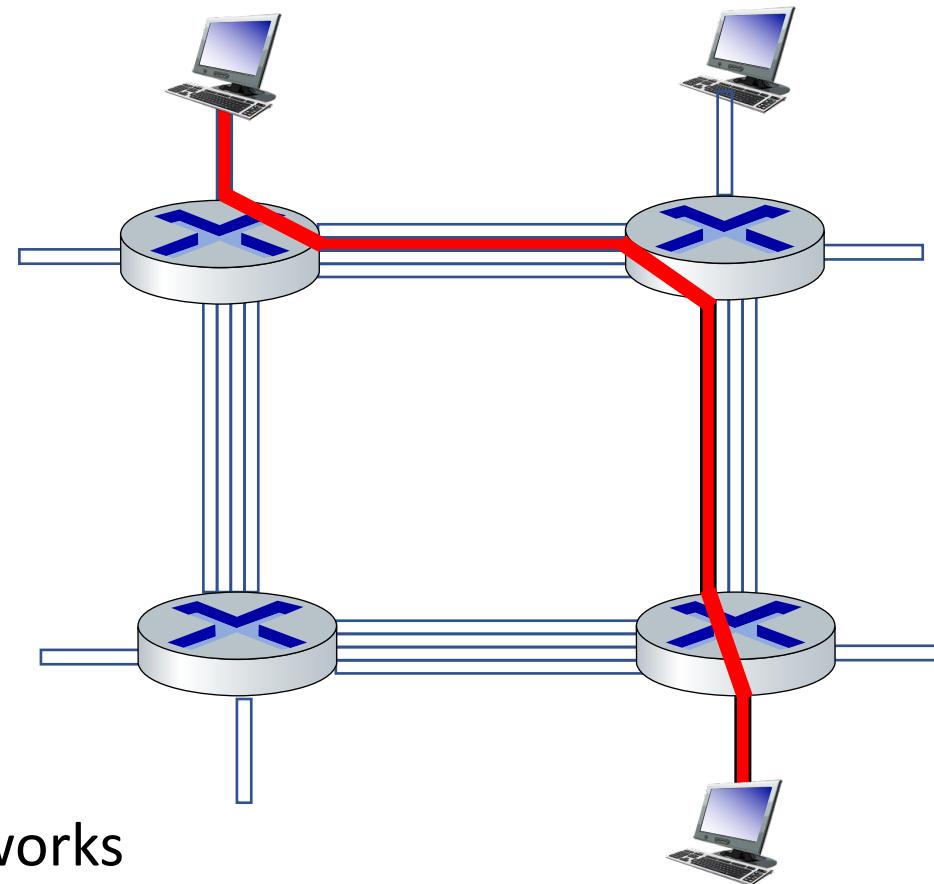
***Packet queuing and loss:*** if arrival rate (in bps) to link exceeds transmission rate (bps) of link for some period of time:

- packets will queue, waiting to be transmitted on output link
- packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) in router fills up

# Alternative to packet switching: circuit switching

end-end resources allocated to,  
reserved for “call” between source  
and destination

- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
  - call gets 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit in top link and 1<sup>st</sup> circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
  - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call (**no sharing**)
- commonly used in traditional telephone networks



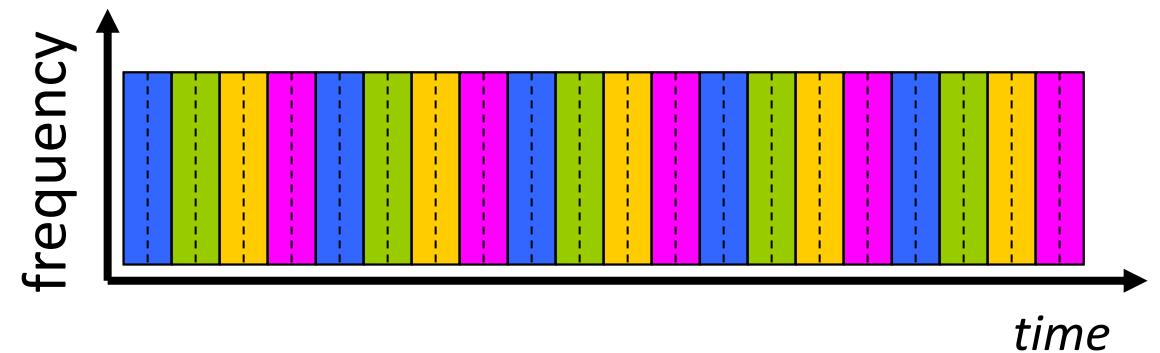
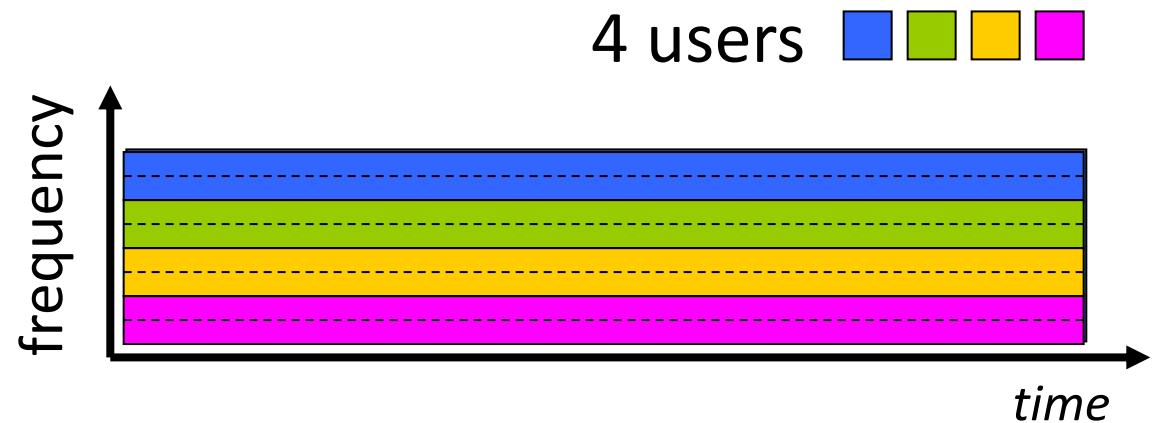
# Circuit switching: FDM and TDM

## Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM)

- optical, electromagnetic frequencies divided into (narrow) frequency bands
- each call allocated its own band, can transmit at max rate of that narrow band

## Time Division Multiplexing (TDM)

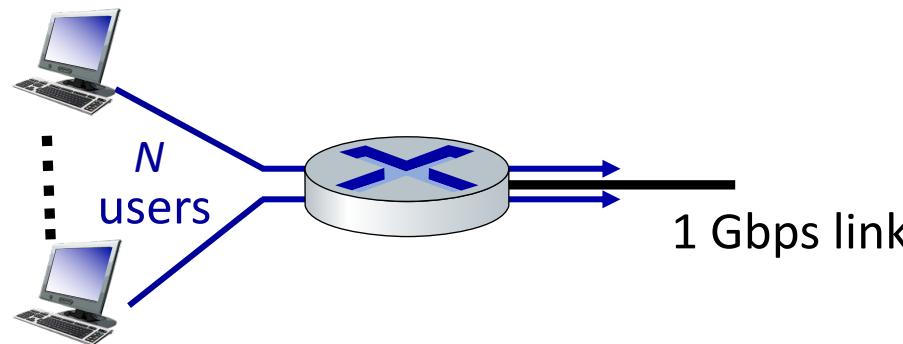
- time divided into slots
- each call allocated periodic slot(s), can transmit at maximum rate of (wider) frequency band (only) during its time slot(s)



# Packet switching versus circuit switching

example:

- 1 Gb/s link
- each user:
  - 100 Mb/s when “active”
  - **active 10% of time**



*Q:* how many users can use this network under circuit-switching and packet switching?

- *circuit-switching:* 10 users
- *packet switching:* with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004 \*

*Q:* how did we get value 0.0004?

*A:* HW problem (for those with course in probability only)

- Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: [http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\\_ross/interactive](http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive)
- **DO IT FOR NEXT TIME!**

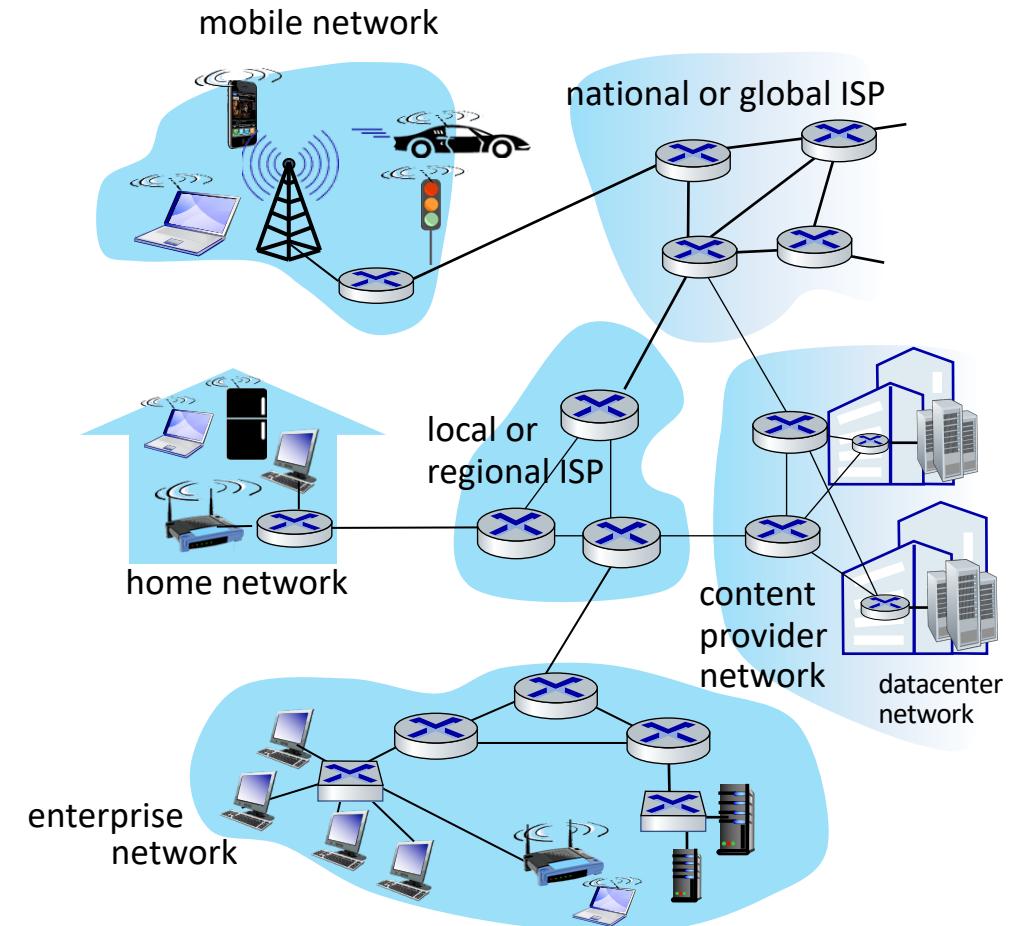
# Packet switching versus circuit switching

Is packet switching a “slam dunk winner”?

- great for “bursty” data – sometimes has data to send, but at other times not
  - resource sharing
  - simpler, no call setup
- **excessive congestion possible:** packet delay and loss due to buffer overflow
  - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- ***Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior with packet-switching?***
  - “It’s complicated.” We’ll study various techniques that try to make packet switching as “circuit-like” as possible.

# Internet structure: a “network of networks”

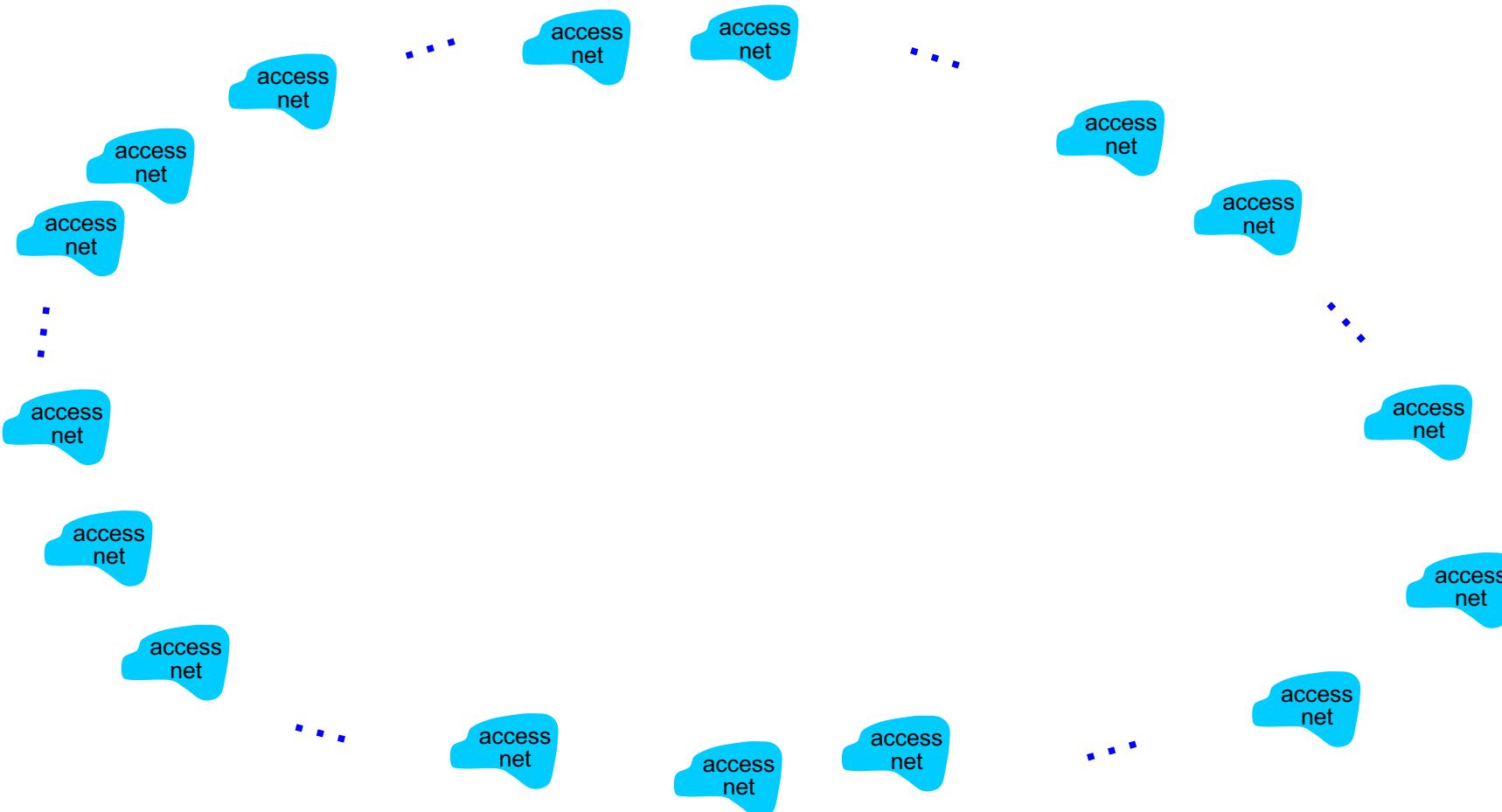
- hosts connect to Internet via **access** Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
- access ISPs in turn must be interconnected
  - so that *any* two hosts (*anywhere!*) can send packets to each other
- resulting network of networks is **very complex**
  - evolution driven by **economics, national policies**



*Let's take a stepwise approach to describe current Internet structure*

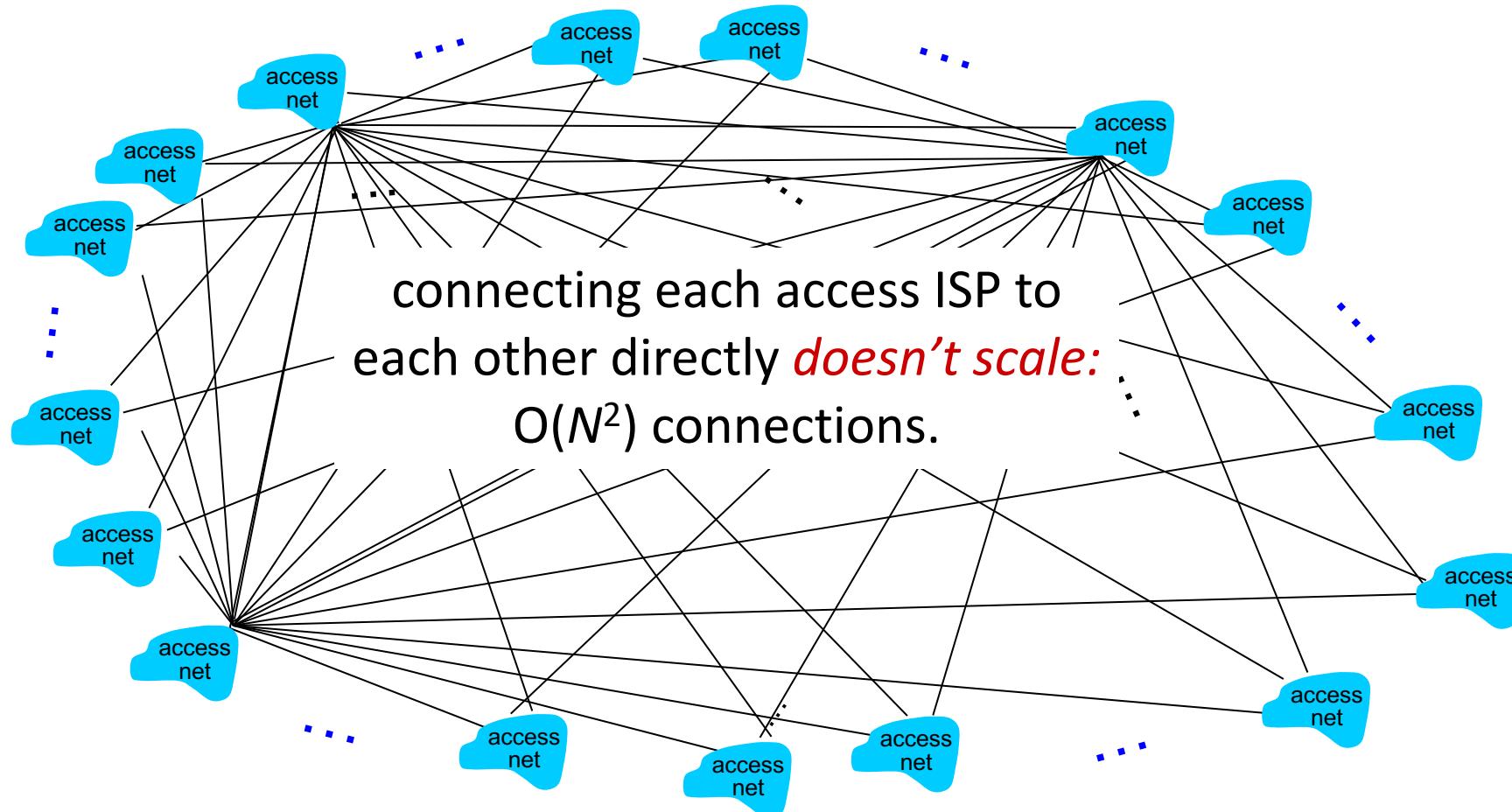
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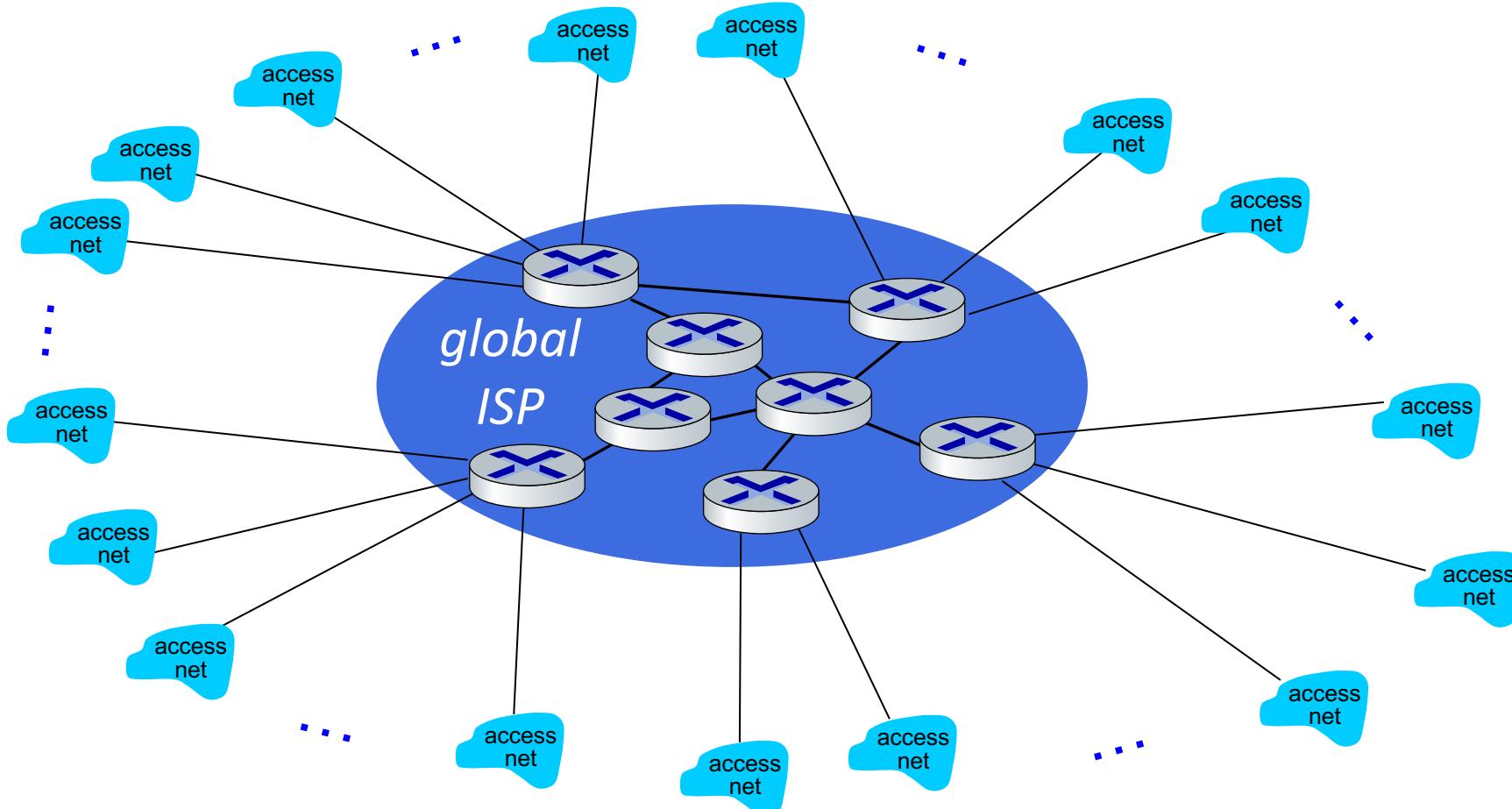
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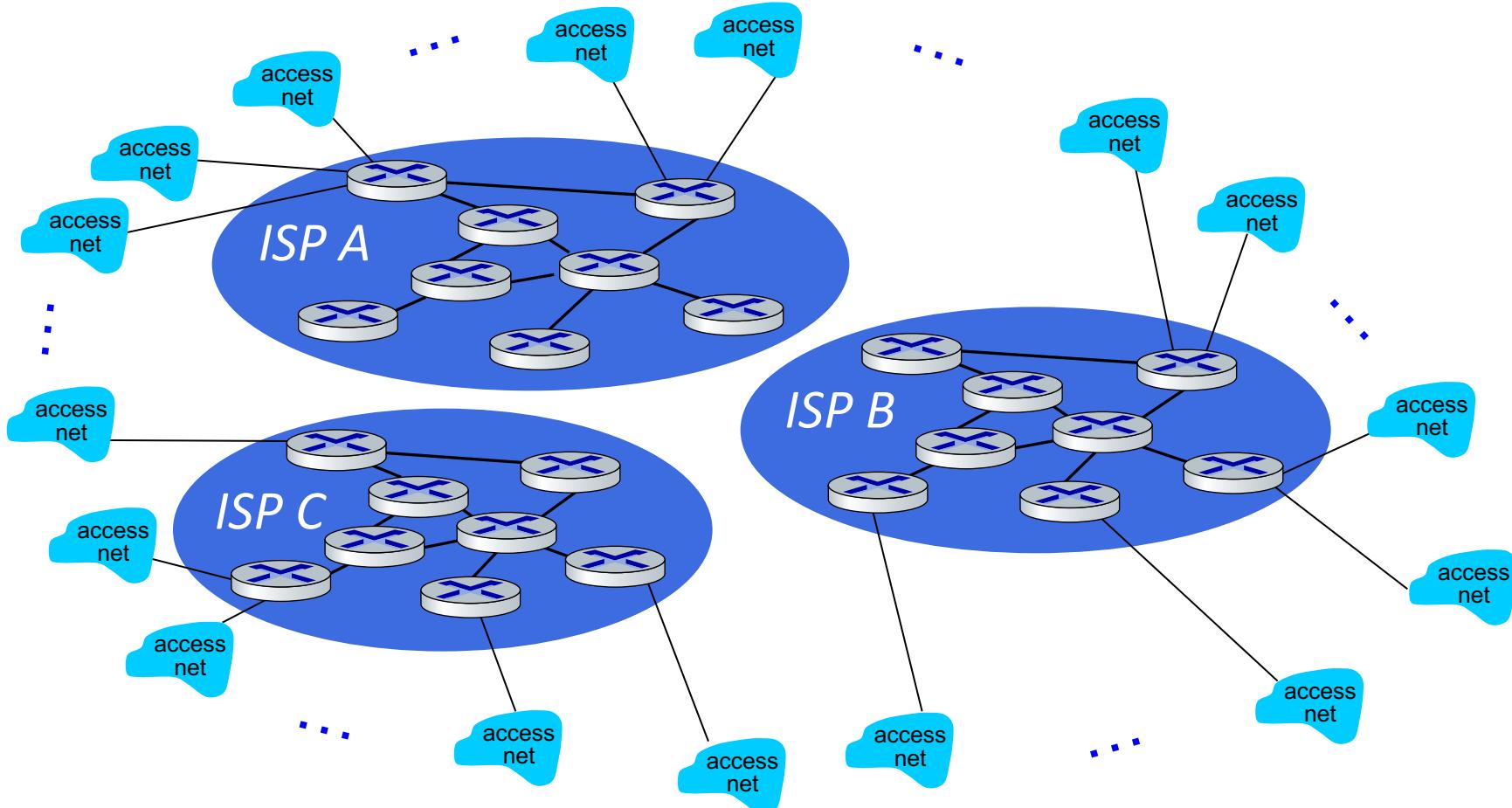
*Option: connect each access ISP to one global transit ISP?*

*Customer and provider ISPs have economic agreement.*



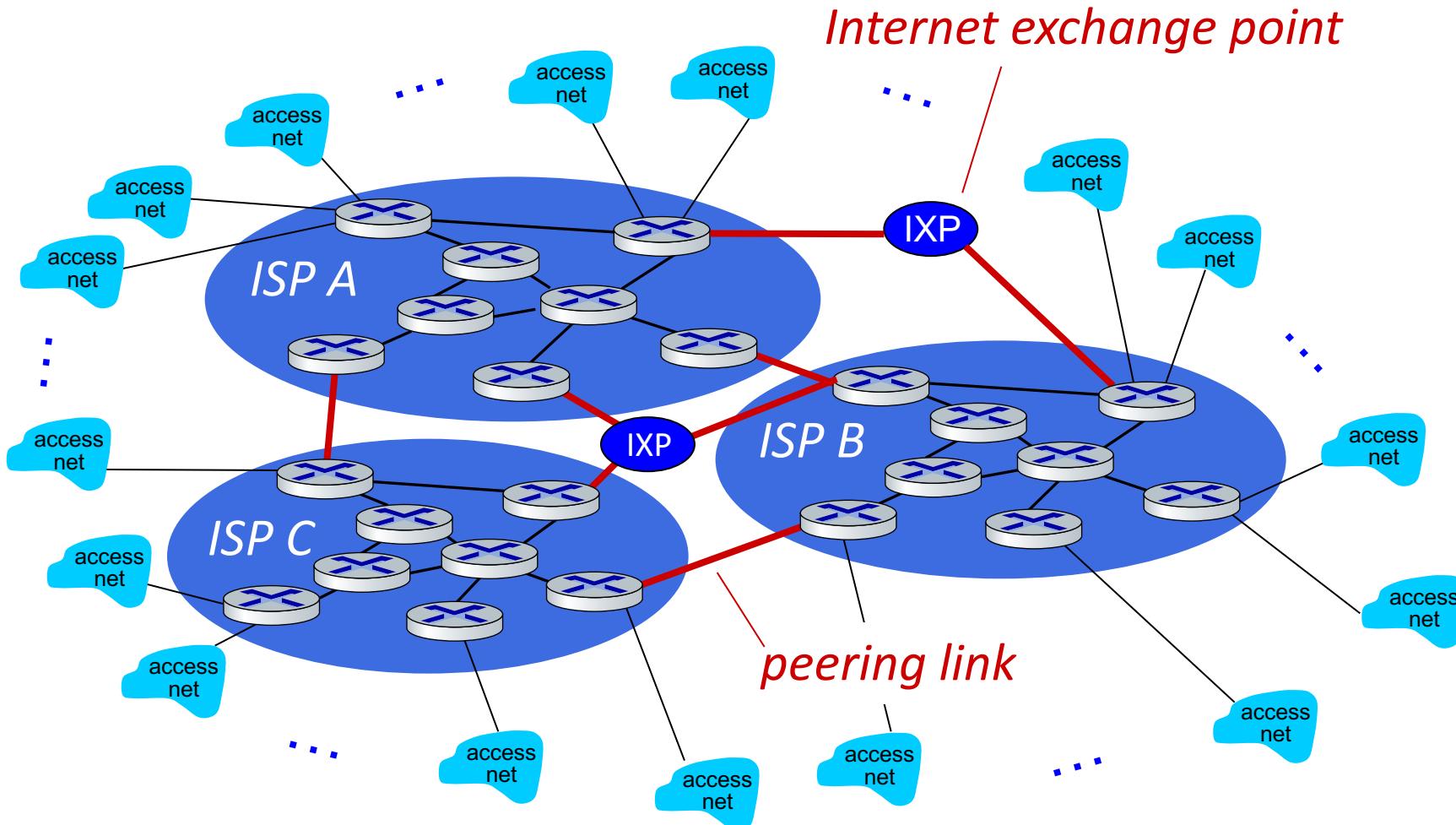
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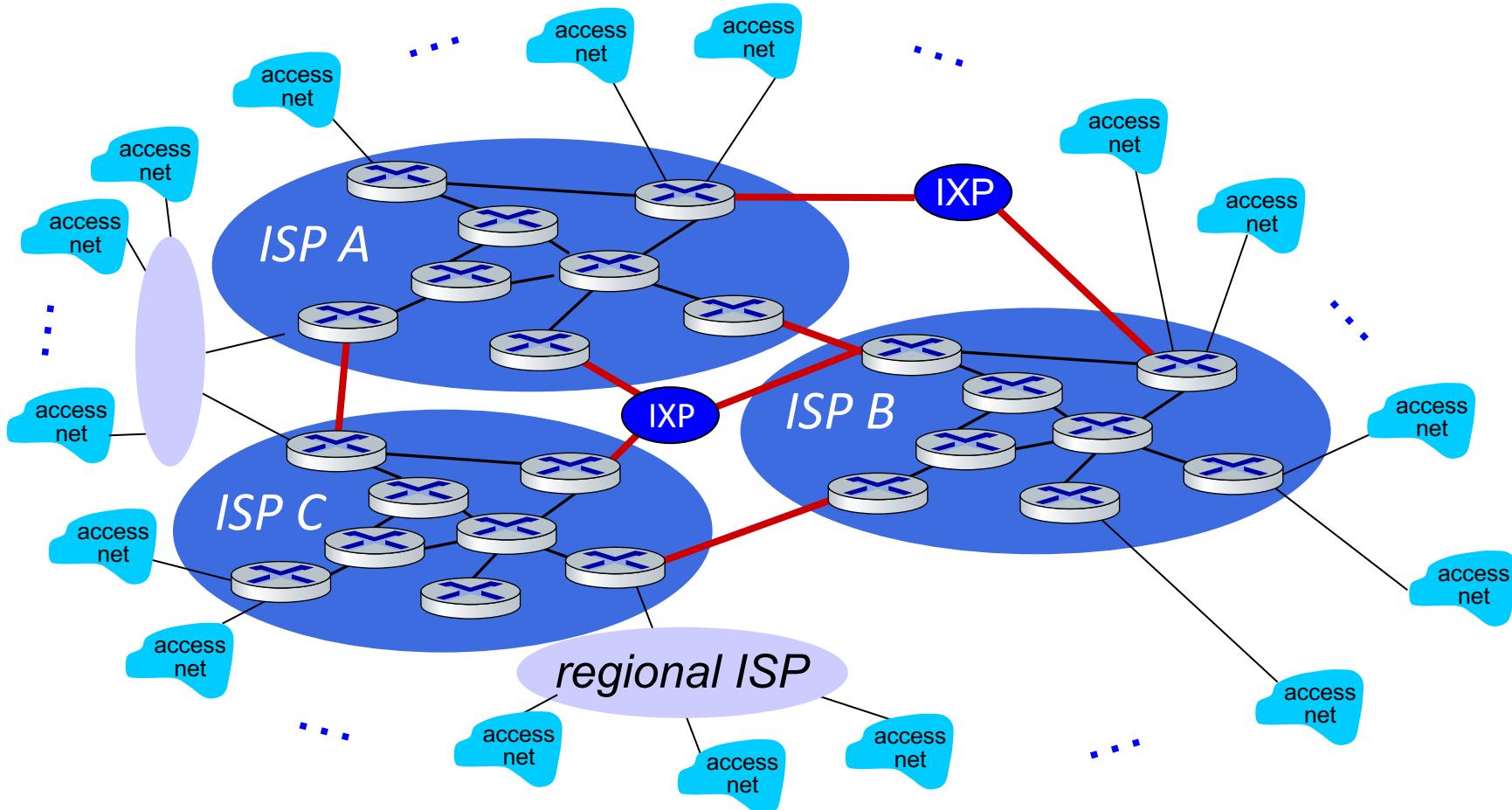
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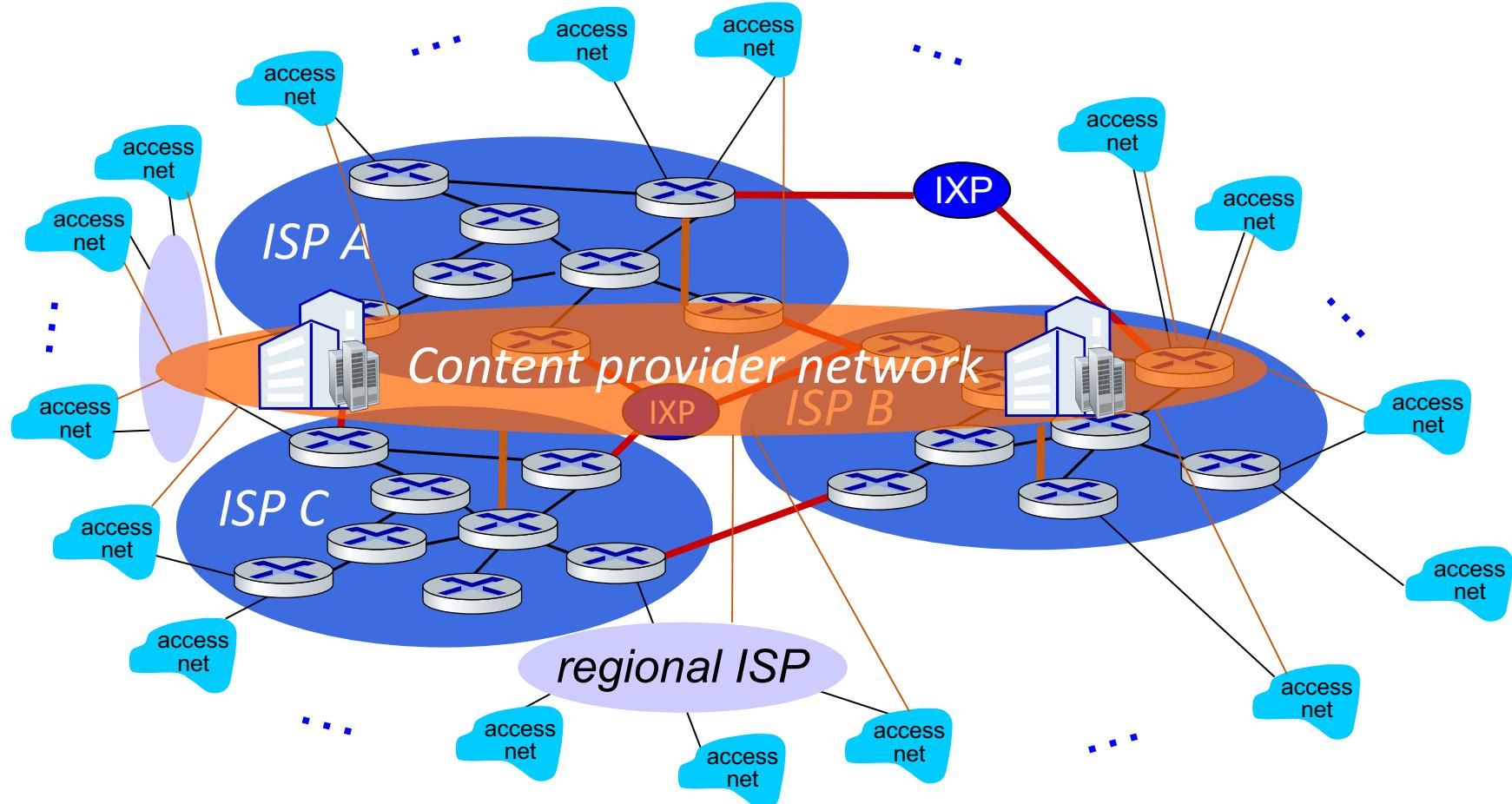
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... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPs

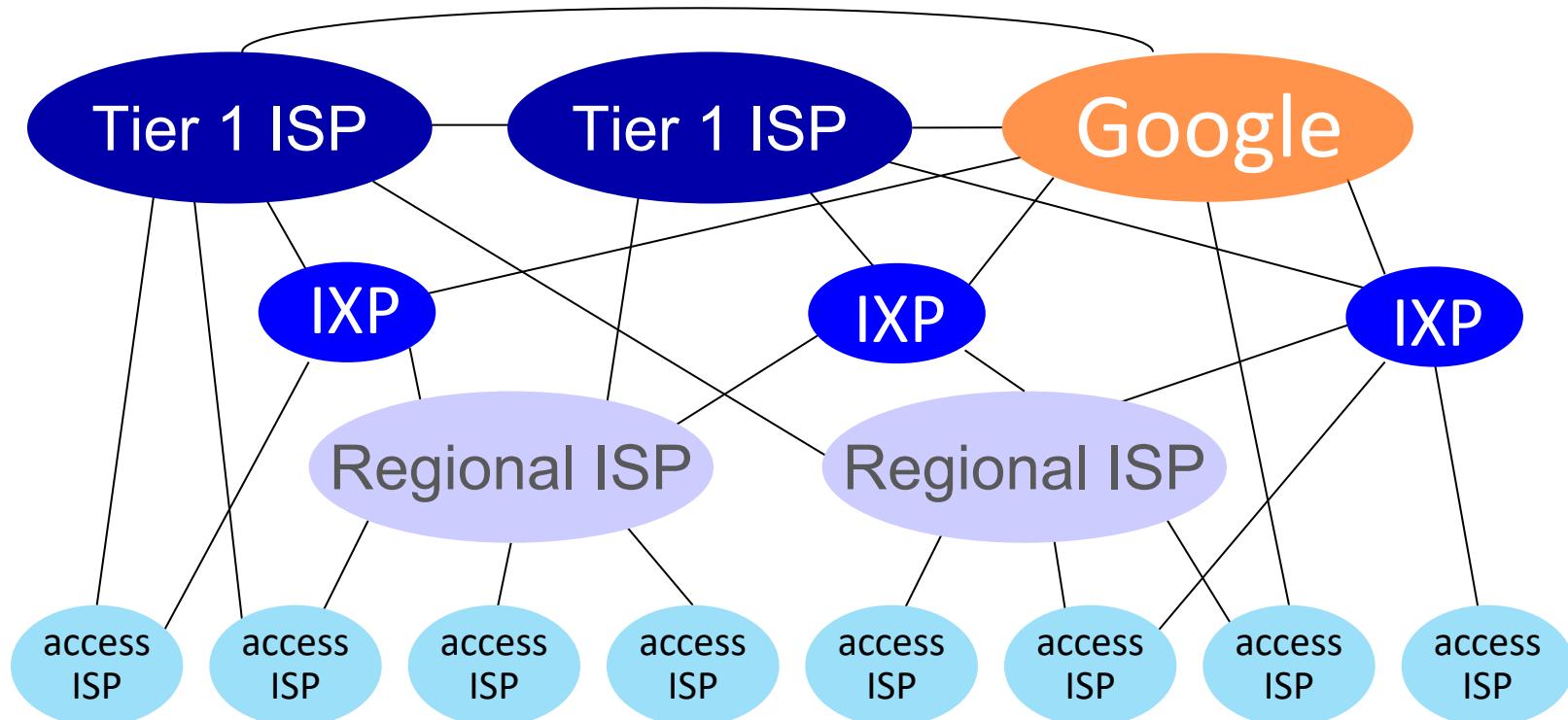


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... and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users



# Internet structure: a “network of networks”



At “center”: small # of well-connected large networks

- **“tier-1” commercial ISPs** (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
- **content provider networks** (e.g., Google, Facebook): private network that connects its data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs

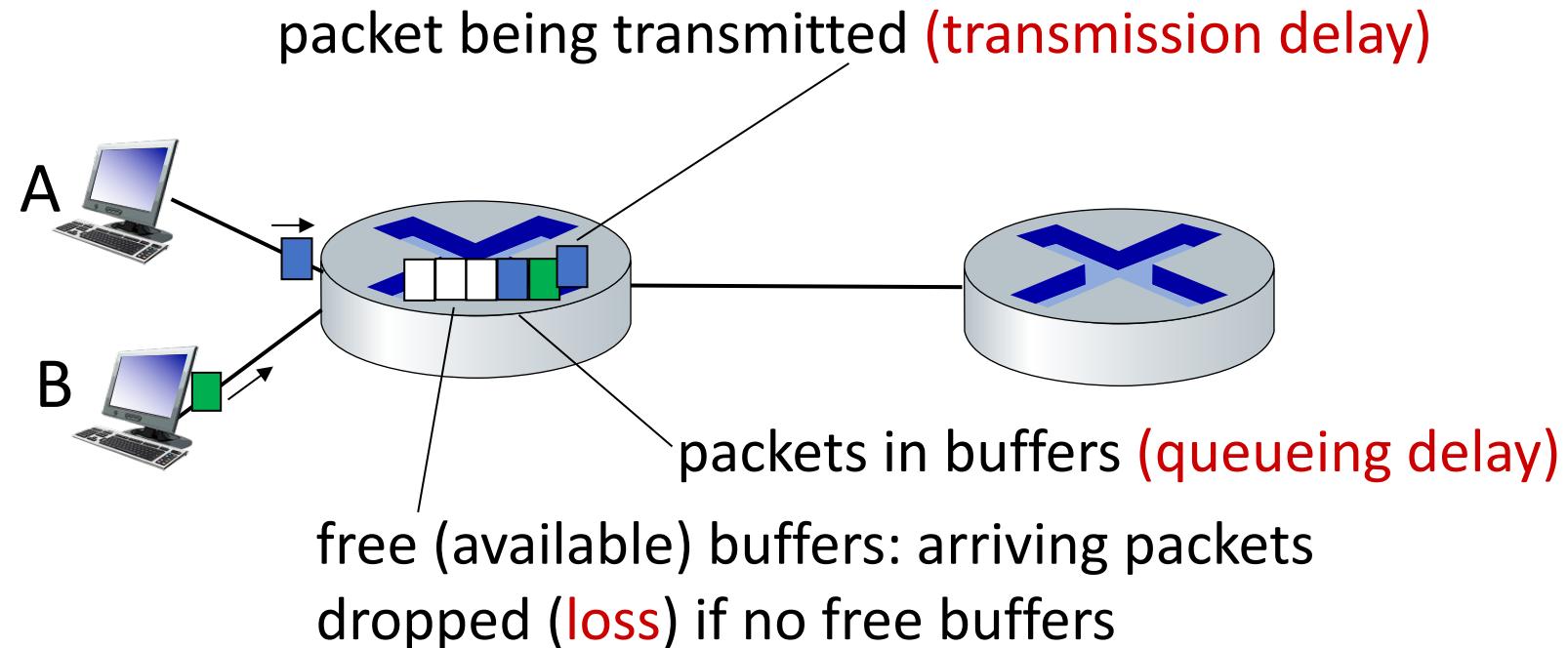
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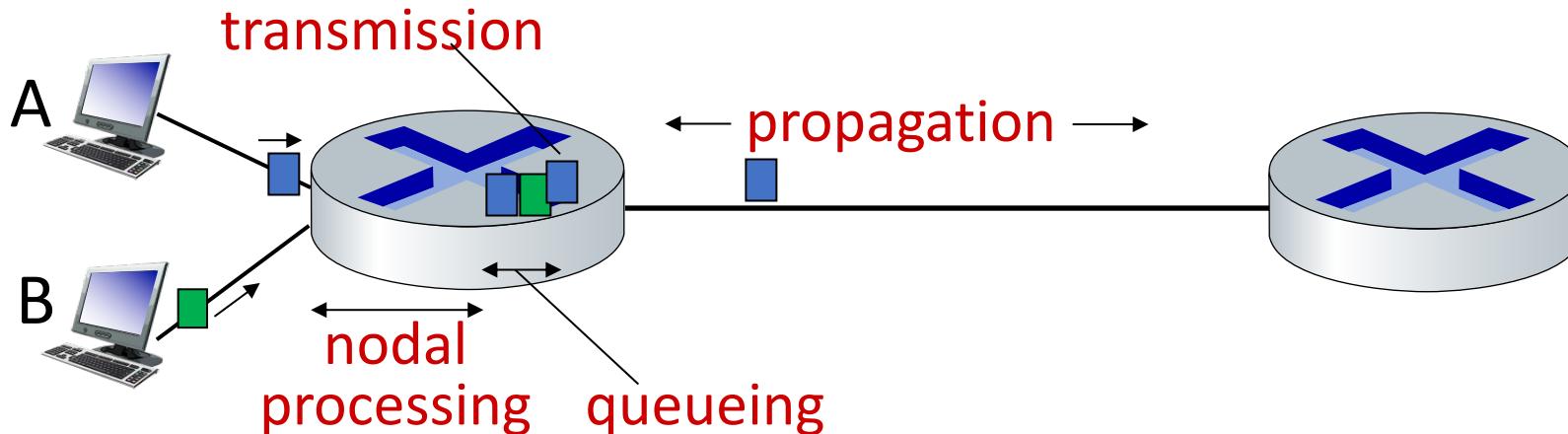


# How do packet delay and loss occur?

- packets *queue* in router buffers, waiting for turn for transmission
  - queue length grows when arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- packet *loss* occurs when memory to hold queued packets fills up



# Packet delay: four sources



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

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

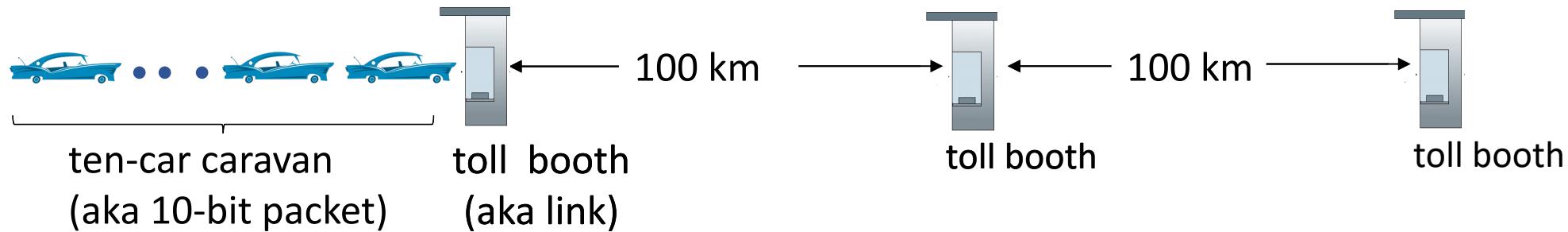
- $L$ : packet length (bits)
- $R$ : link *transmission rate (bps)*
- $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$

$d_{\text{trans}}$  and  $d_{\text{prop}}$   
very different

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

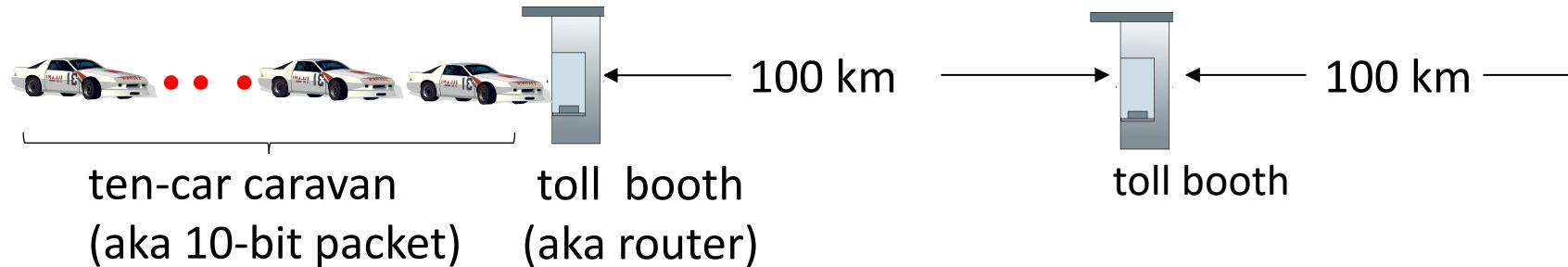
- $d$ : length of physical link
- $s$ : propagation speed ( $\sim 2 \times 10^8$  m/sec)
- $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

# Caravan analogy



- car ~ bit; caravan ~ packet; toll service ~ link transmission
- toll booth takes 12 sec to serve a car (bit transmission time)
- “propagate” at 100 km/hr
- **Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?**
- time to “push” entire caravan through toll booth onto highway =  $12 * 10 = 120$  sec
- time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll both:  $100\text{km}/(100\text{km/hr}) = 1$  hr
- **A: 62 minutes**

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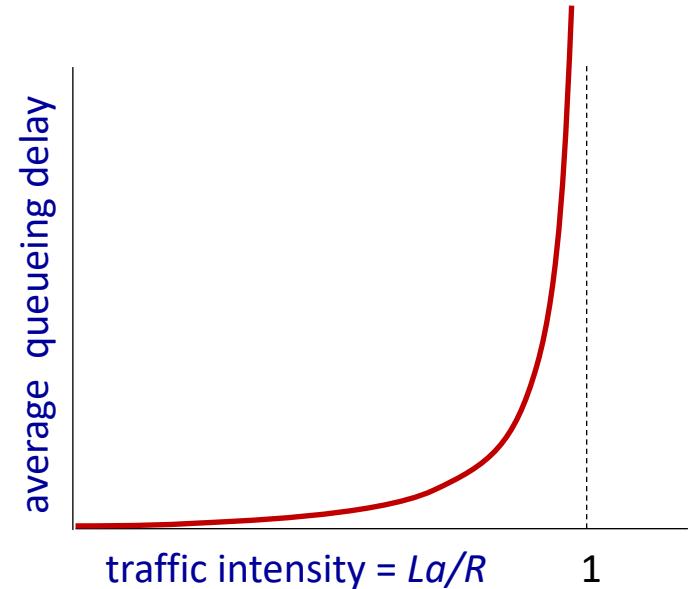
- suppose cars now “propagate” at 1000 km/hr
  - and suppose toll booth now takes one min to service a car
  - ***Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars served at first booth?***
- A: Yes!** after 7 min, first car arrives at second booth; three cars still at first booth

# Packet queueing delay (revisited)

- $a$ : average packet arrival rate
- $L$ : packet length (bits)
- $R$ : link bandwidth (bit transmission rate)

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

*“traffic intensity”*



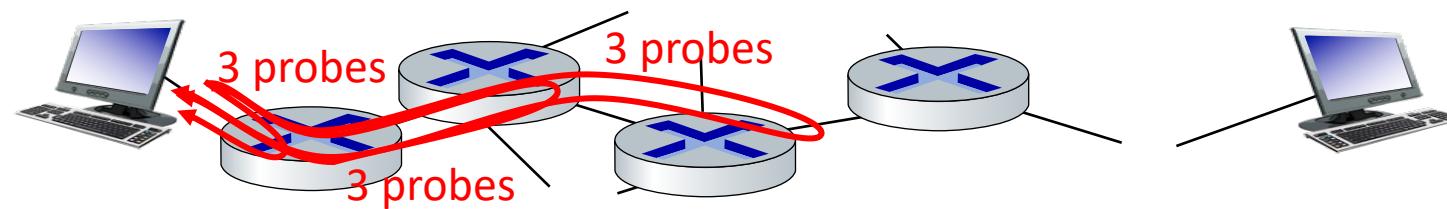
- $La/R \sim 0$ : avg. queueing delay small
- $La/R \rightarrow 1$ : avg. queueing delay large
- $La/R > 1$ : more “work” arriving is more than can be serviced - average delay infinite!



$La/R > 1$

# “Real” Internet delays and routes

- what do “real” Internet delay & loss look like?
- **traceroute** program: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination. For all  $i$ :
  - sends three packets that will reach router  $i$  on path towards destination (with time-to-live field value of  $i$ )
  - router  $i$  will return packets to sender
  - sender measures time interval between transmission and reply



# Real Internet delays and routes

traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

3 delay measurements from gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu

3 delay measurements to border1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu

trans-oceanic link

looks like delays *decrease!* Why?

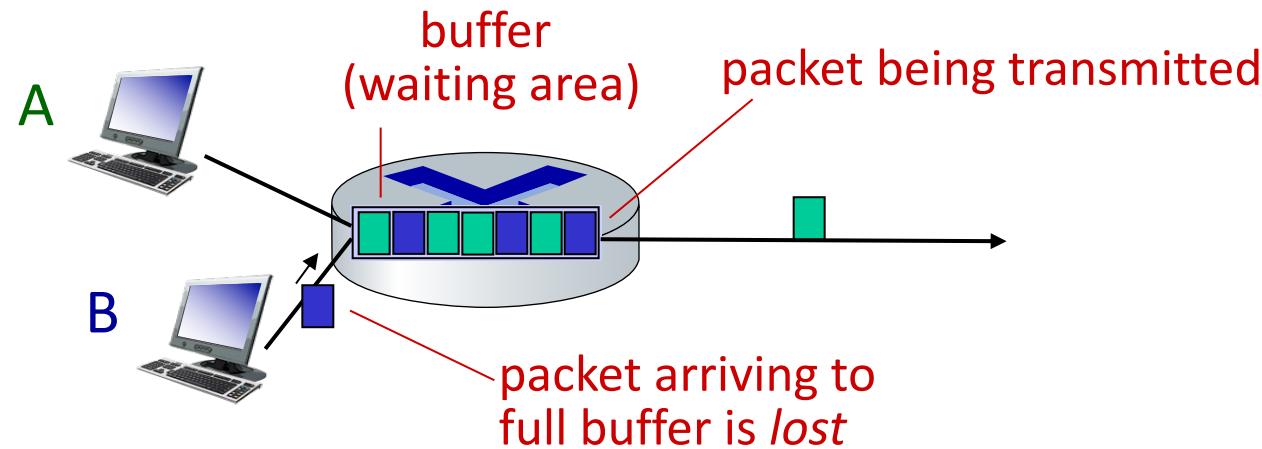
\* means no response (probe lost, router not replying)

1	cs-gw (128.119.240.254)	1 ms	1 ms	2 ms
2	border1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.145)	1 ms	1 ms	2 ms
3	cht-vbns.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.130)	6 ms	5 ms	5 ms
4	jn1-at1-0-0-19.wor.vbns.net (204.147.132.129)	16 ms	11 ms	13 ms
5	jn1-so7-0-0-0.wae.vbns.net (204.147.136.136)	21 ms	18 ms	18 ms
6	abilene-vbns.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.9)	22 ms	18 ms	22 ms
7	nycm-wash.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.46)	22 ms	22 ms	22 ms
8	62.40.103.253 (62.40.103.253)	104 ms	109 ms	106 ms
9	de2-1.de1.de.geant.net (62.40.96.129)	109 ms	102 ms	104 ms
10	de.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.96.50)	113 ms	121 ms	114 ms
11	renater-gw.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.103.54)	112 ms	114 ms	112 ms
12	nio-n2.cssi.renater.fr (193.51.206.13)	111 ms	114 ms	116 ms
13	nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.102)	123 ms	125 ms	124 ms
14	r3t2-nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.110)	126 ms	126 ms	124 ms
15	eurecom-valbonne.r3t2.ft.net (193.48.50.54)	135 ms	128 ms	133 ms
16	194.214.211.25 (194.214.211.25)	126 ms	128 ms	126 ms
17	***			
18	***			
19	fantasia.eurecom.fr (193.55.113.142)	132 ms	128 ms	136 ms

\* Do some traceroutes from exotic countries at [www.traceroute.org](http://www.traceroute.org)

# Packet loss

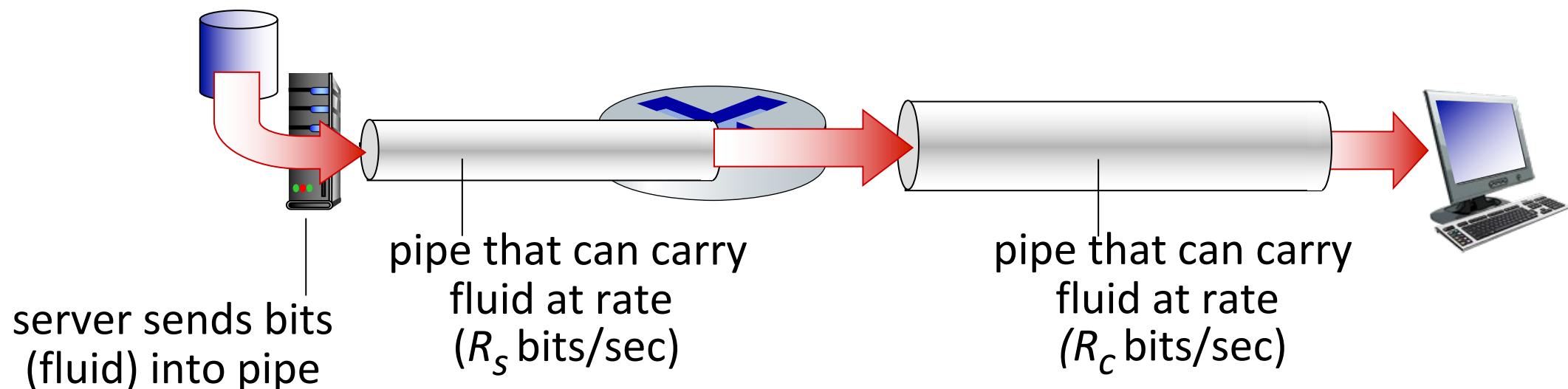
- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



\* Check out the Java applet for an interactive animation (on publisher's website) of queuing and loss

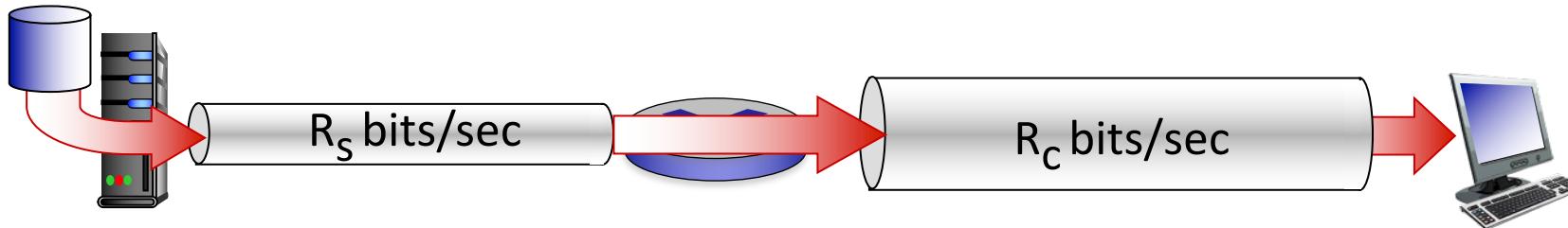
# Throughput

- *throughput*: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits arrive at the receiving endpoint
  - *instantaneous*: rate at given point in time
  - *average*: rate over longer period of time

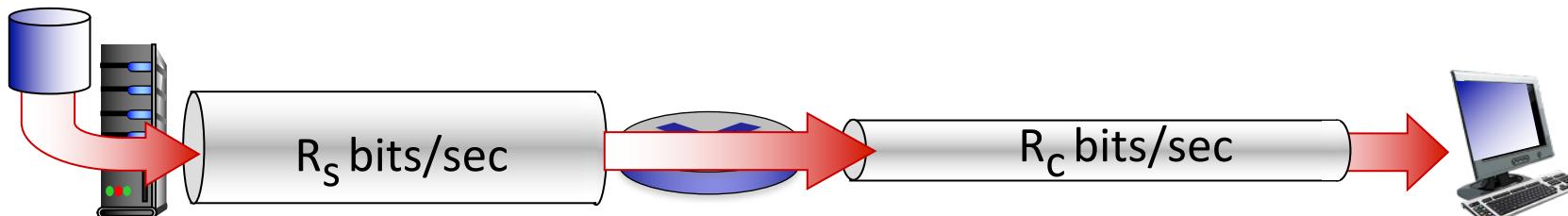


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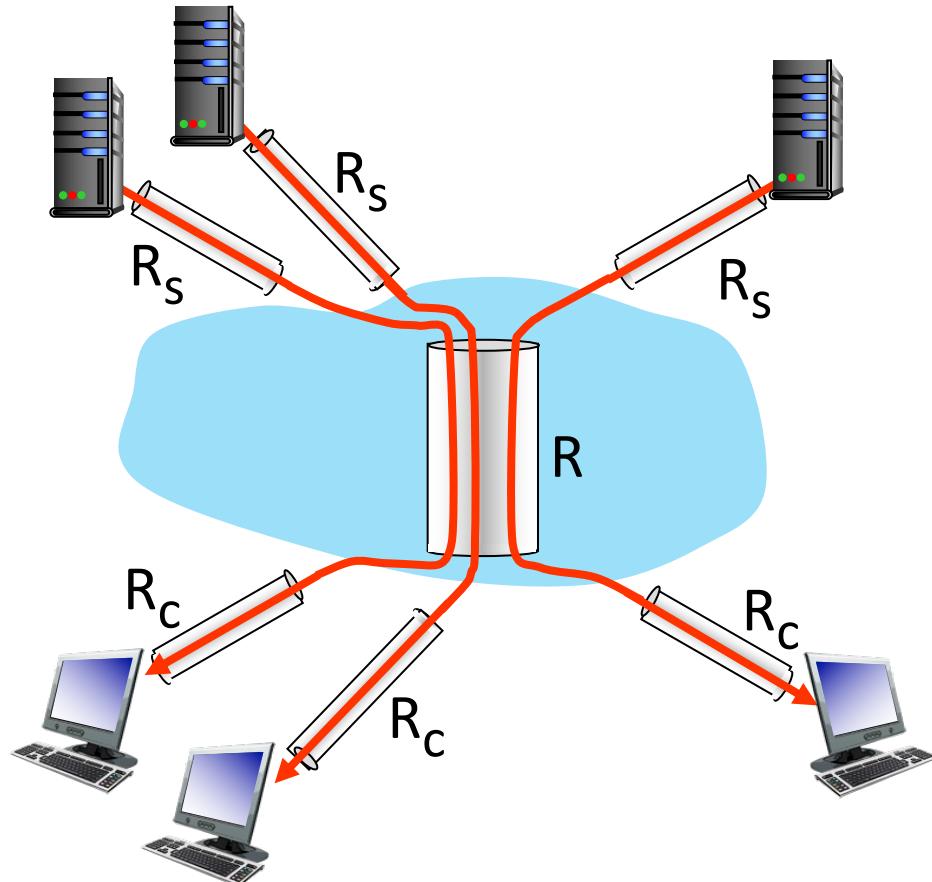
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*bottleneck link*

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

# Throughput: network scenario



10 connections (fairly) share  
backbone bottleneck link  $R$  bits/sec

- per-connection end-end maximum possible throughput:  
 $\min(R_c, R_s, R/10)$
- in practice:  $R_c$  or  $R_s$  is often bottleneck

\* Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: [http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\\_ross/](http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/)

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- History



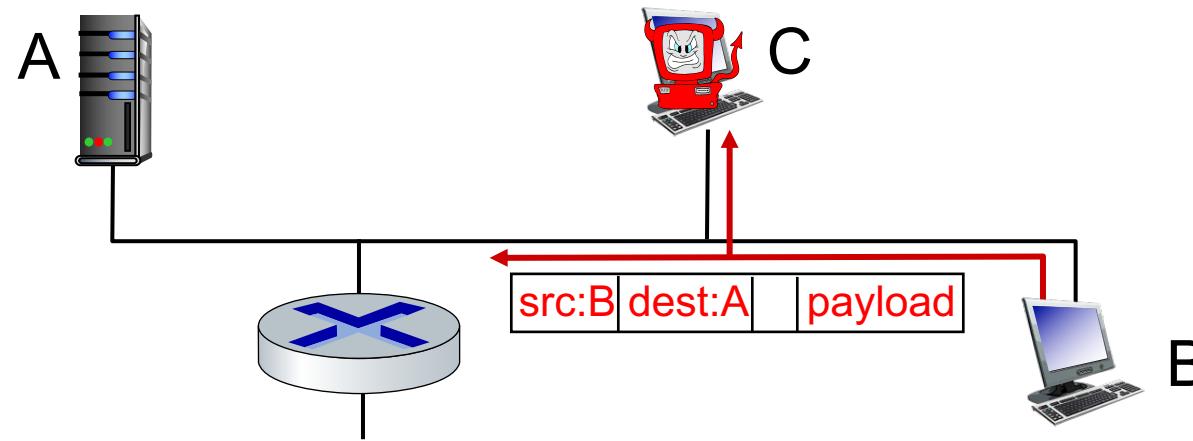
# Network security

- Internet not originally designed with (much) security in mind
  - *original vision*: “a group of mutually trusting users attached to a transparent network” ☺
- We now need to think about:
  - how bad guys can attack computer networks
  - how we can defend networks against attacks
  - how to design architectures that are immune to attacks

# Bad guys: packet interception

*packet “sniffing”:*

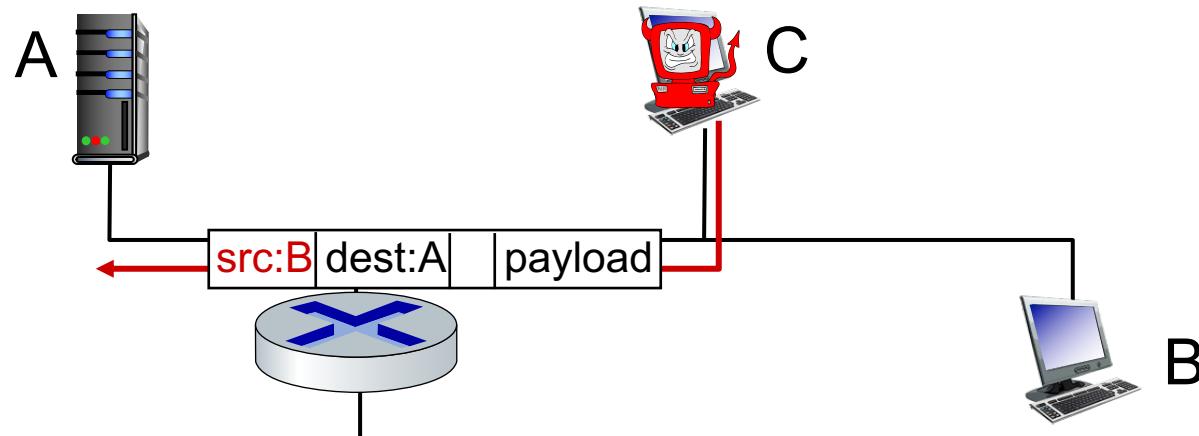
- broadcast media (shared Ethernet, wireless) used by A, B, and C
- malicious network interface reads/records all packets (e.g., including passwords!) passing by



Wireshark software used for our end-of-chapter labs is a (free) packet-sniffer

# Bad guys: fake identity

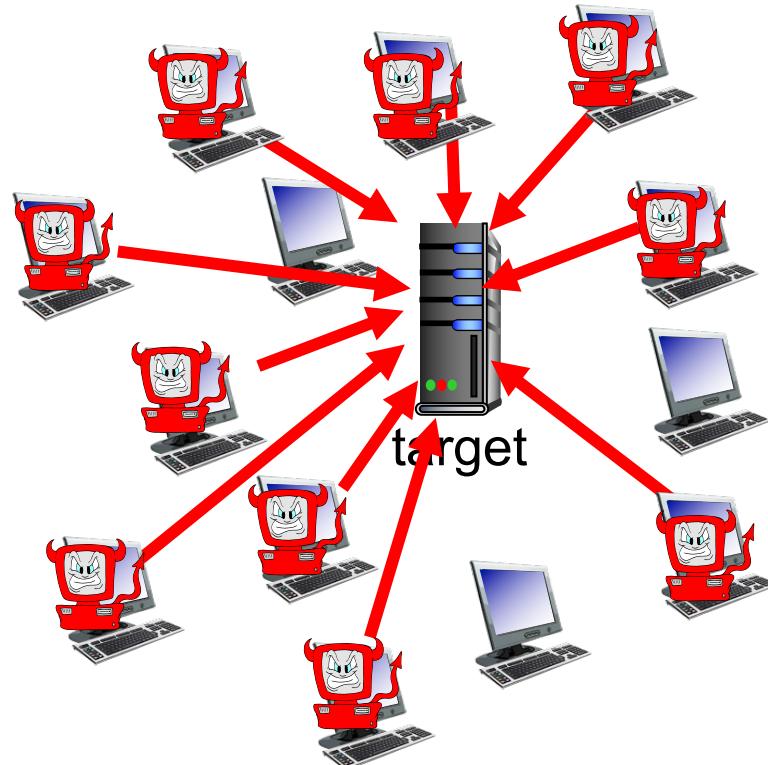
*IP spoofing*: injection of packet with false source address



# Bad guys: denial of service

*Denial of Service (DoS):* attackers make resources (server, bandwidth) unavailable to legitimate traffic by overwhelming resource with bogus traffic

1. select target
2. break into hosts  
around the network  
(see botnet)
3. send packets to target  
from compromised  
hosts



# Lines of defense:

- **authentication:** proving you are who you say you are
  - cellular networks provides hardware identity via SIM card; no such hardware assist in traditional Internet
- **confidentiality:** via encryption
- **integrity checks:** digital signatures prevent/detect tampering
- **access restrictions:** password-protected VPNs
- **firewalls:** specialized “middleboxes” in access and core networks:
  - off-by-default: filter incoming packets to restrict senders, receivers, applications
  - detecting/reacting to DOS attacks

*... lots more on security (throughout, Chapter 8)*

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# Protocol “layers” and reference models

Networks are complex, with many “pieces”:

- hosts
- routers
- links of various media
- applications
- protocols
- hardware, software

*Question:* is there any hope of *organizing* structure of network?

- and/or our *discussion* of networks?

*Answer: layers*, each layer implements a service

- via its own internal-layer actions
- relying on services provided by layer below

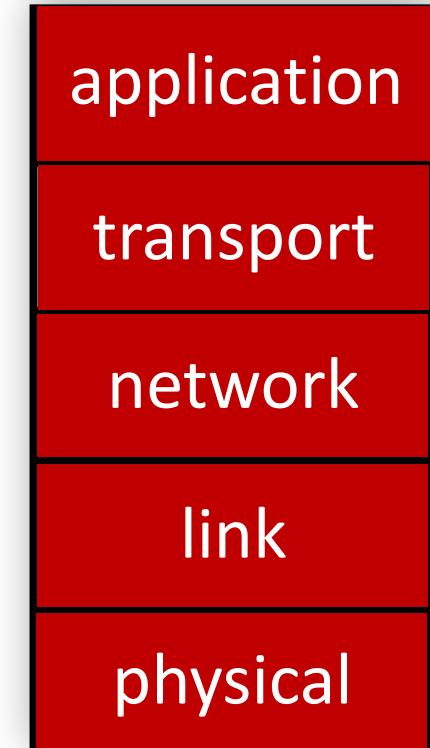
# Why layering?

Approach to designing/discussing complex systems:

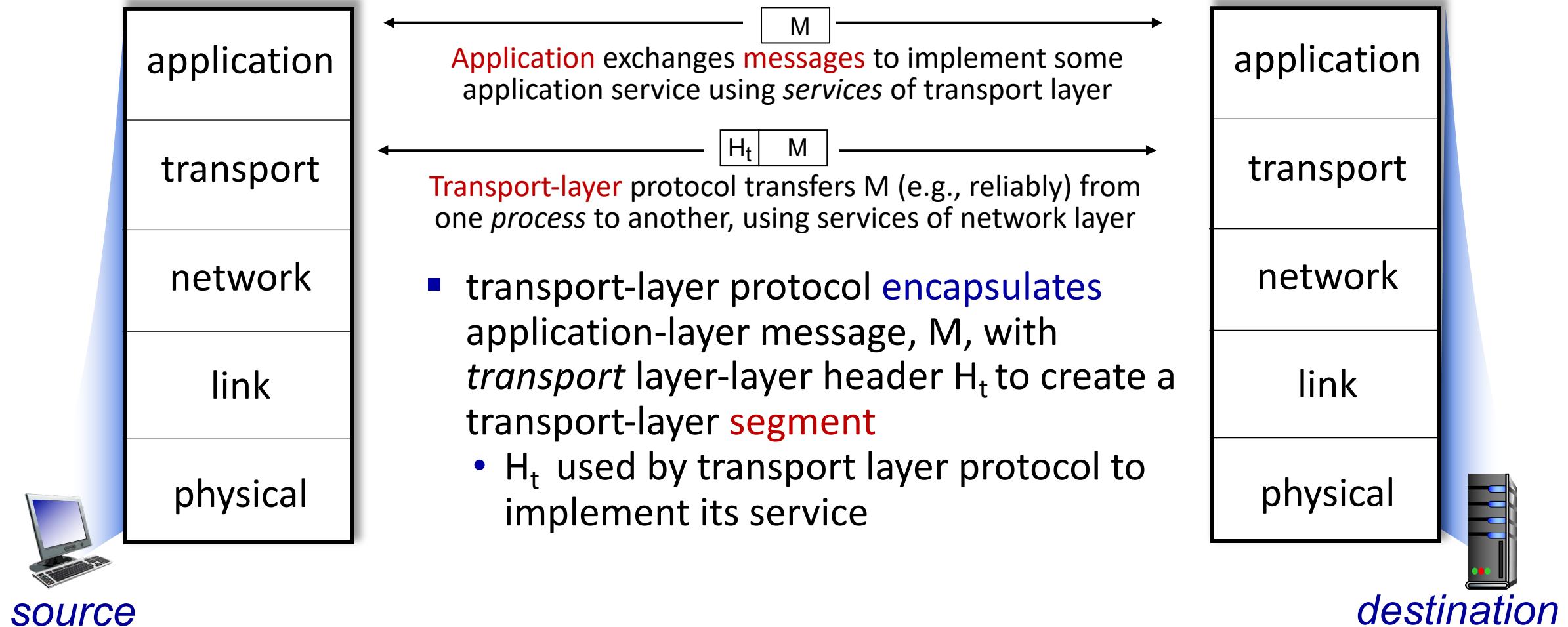
- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of system's pieces
  - layered *reference model*
- **modularization** eases maintenance, updating of system
  - **change in layer's service *implementation*: transparent to rest of system**

# Layered Internet protocol stack

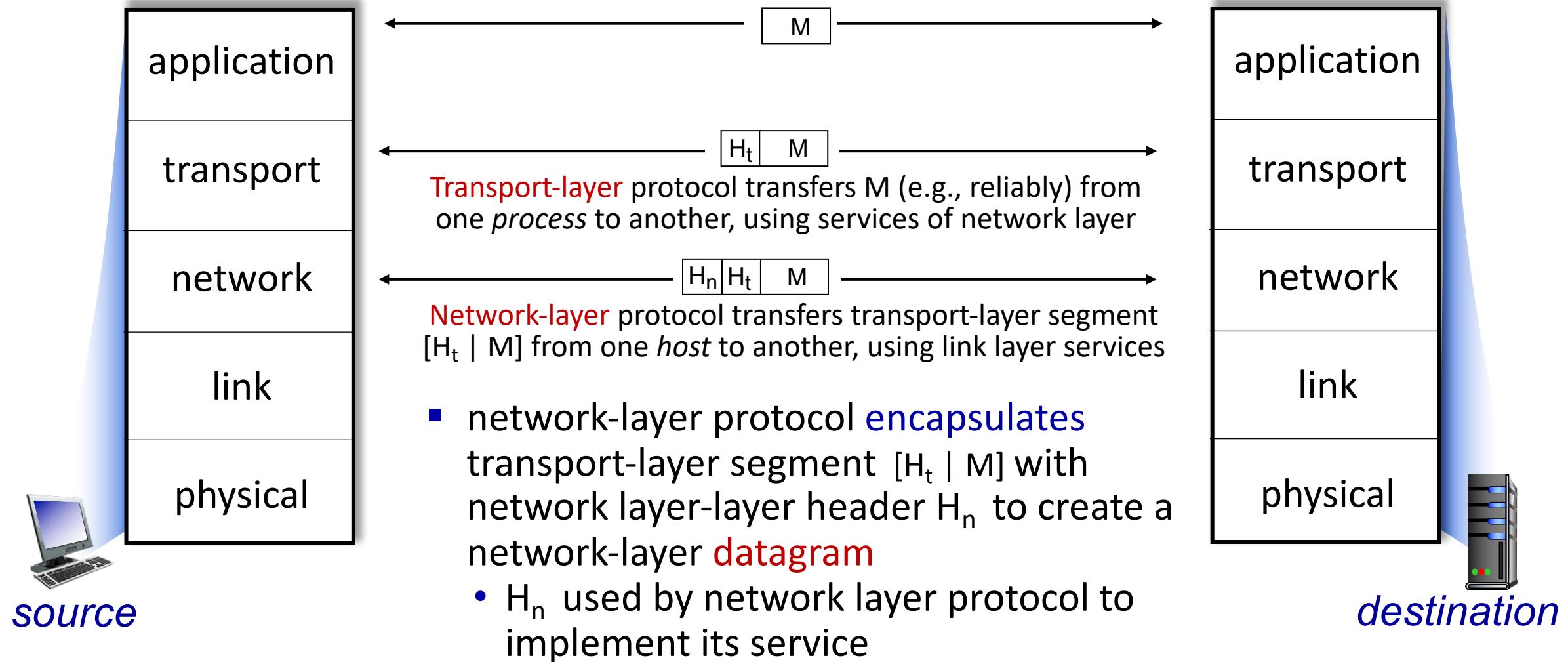
- *application*: supporting network applications
  - HTTP, IMAP, SMTP, DNS
- *transport*: process-process data transfer
  - TCP, UDP
- *network*: routing of datagrams from source to destination
  - IP, routing protocols
- *link*: data transfer between neighboring network elements
  - Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi), PPP
- *physical*: bits “on the wire”



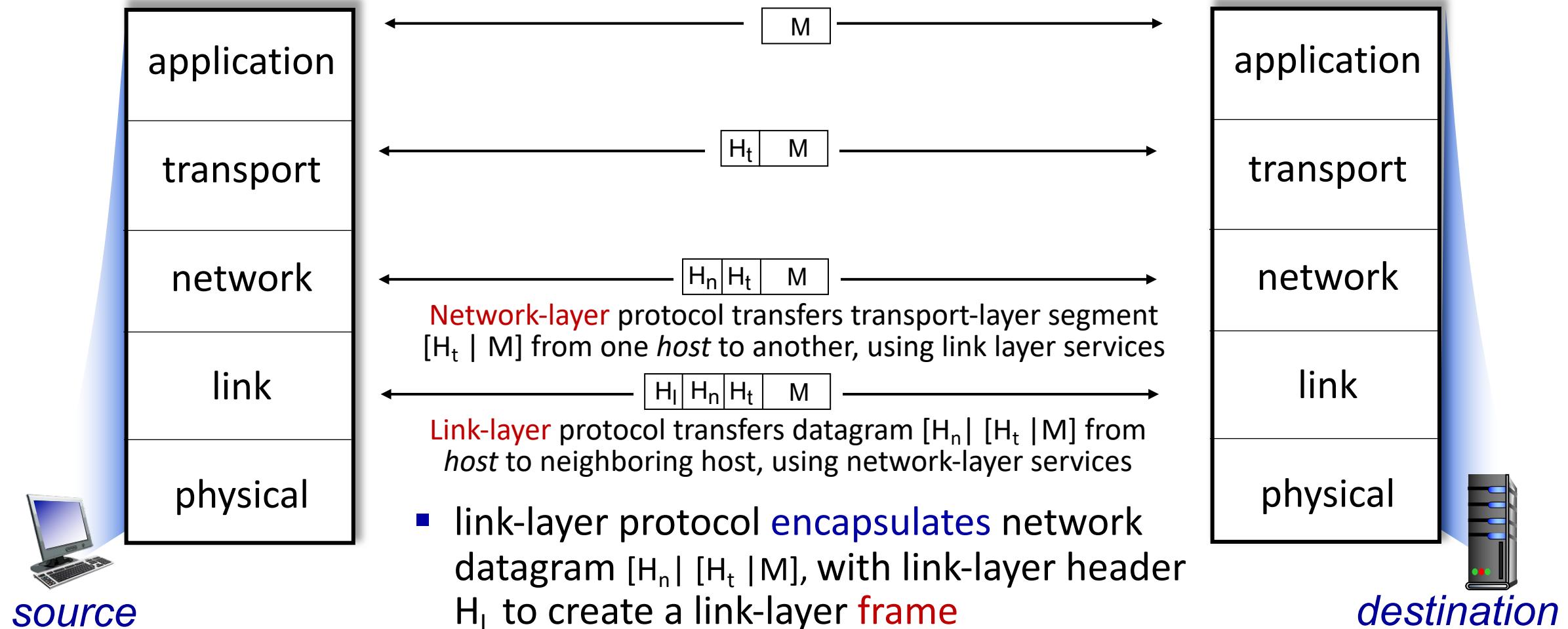
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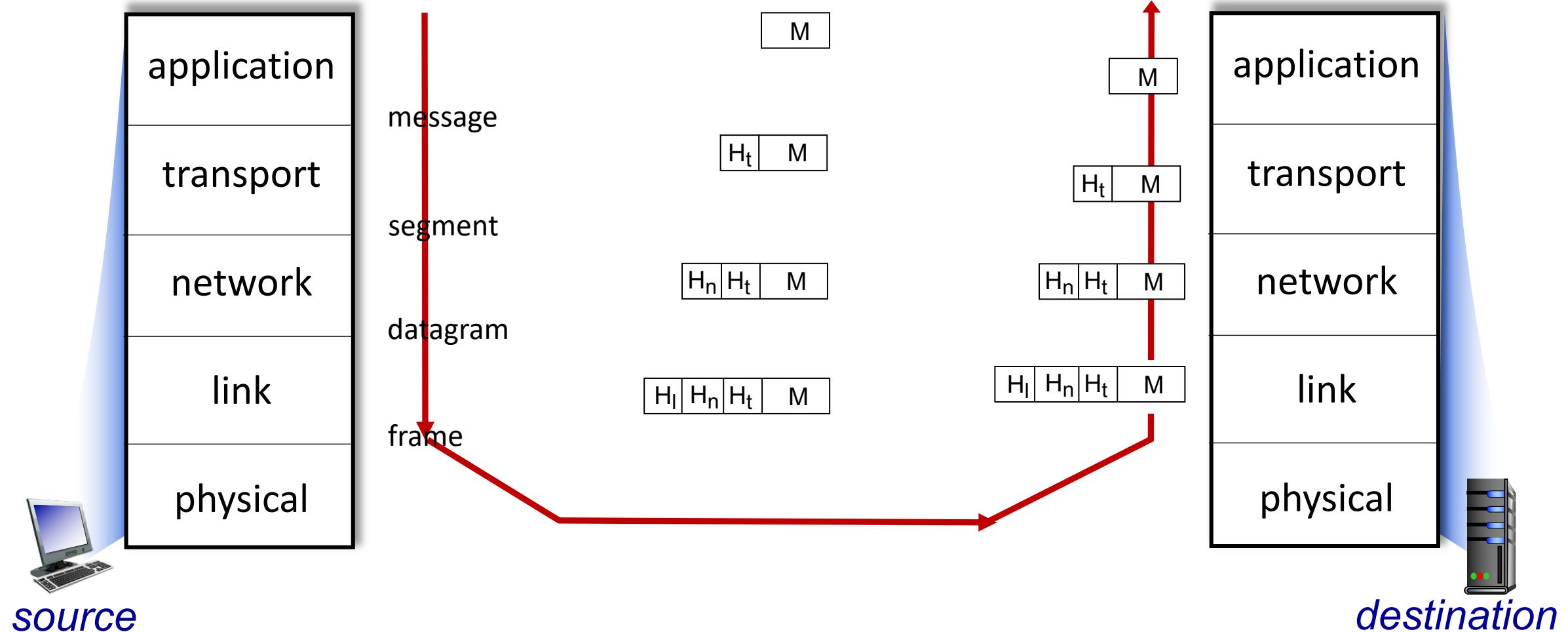
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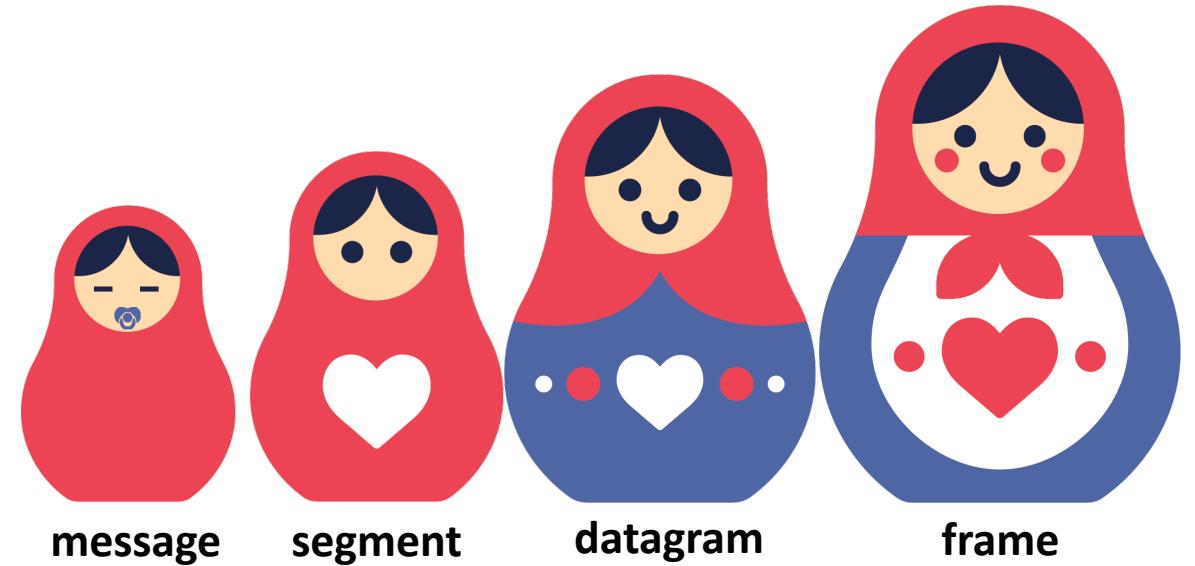


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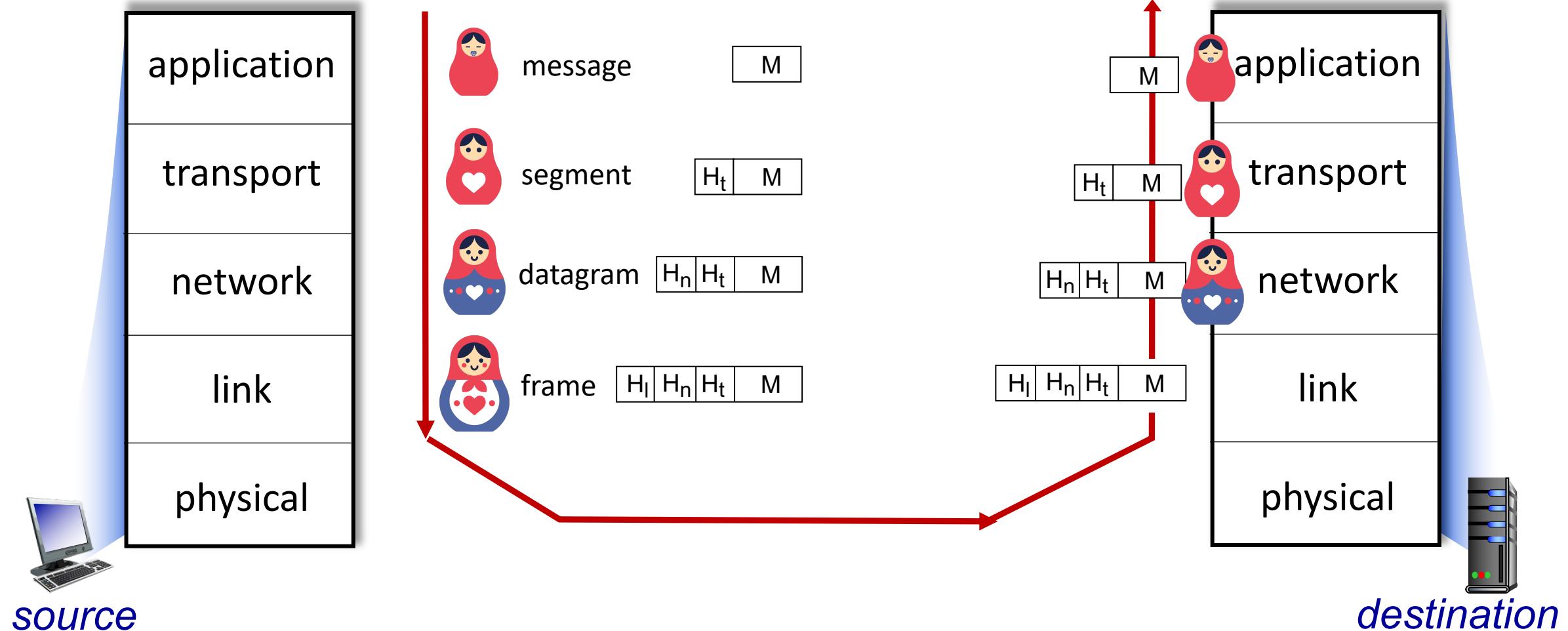


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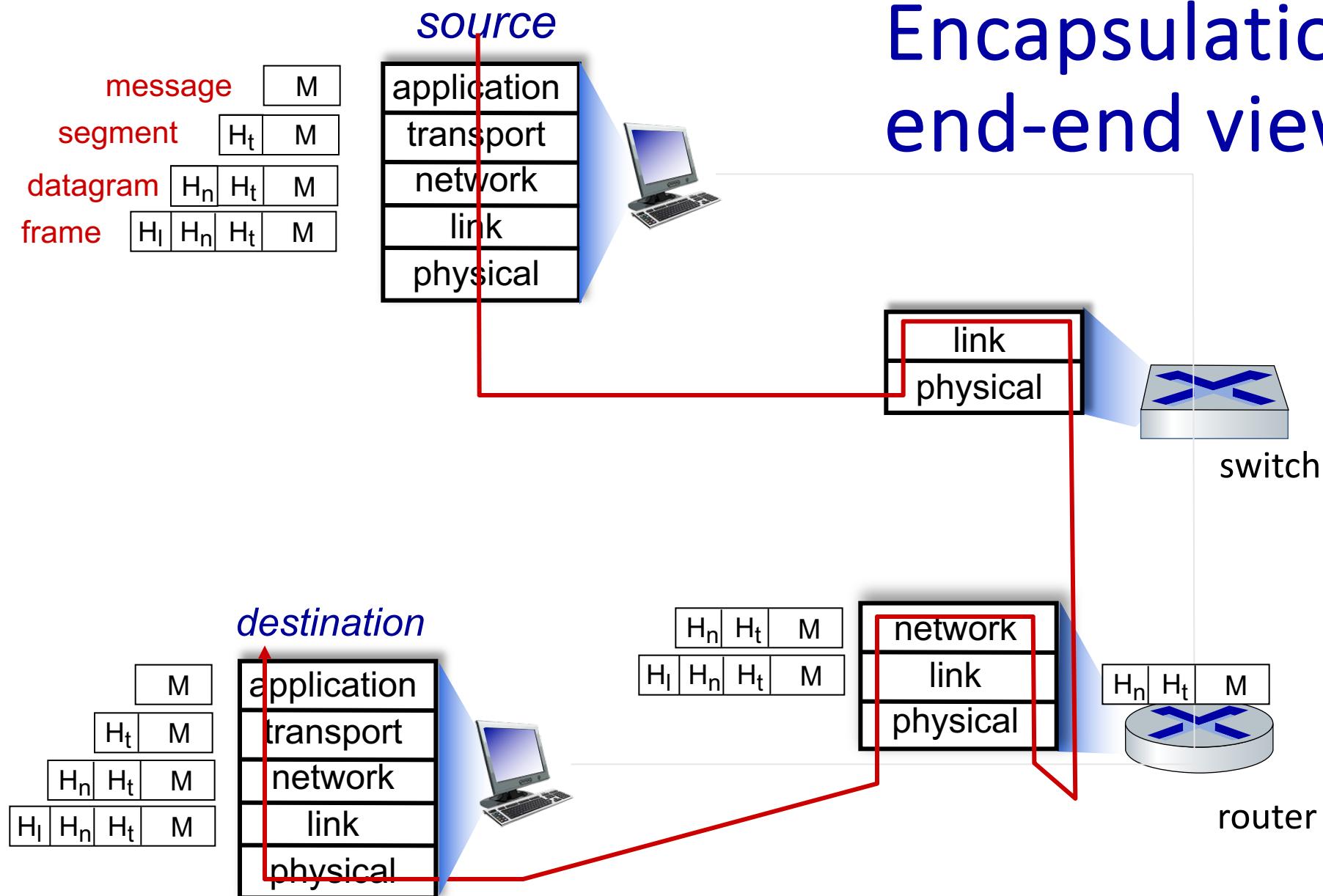
*Matryoshka dolls (stacking dolls)*



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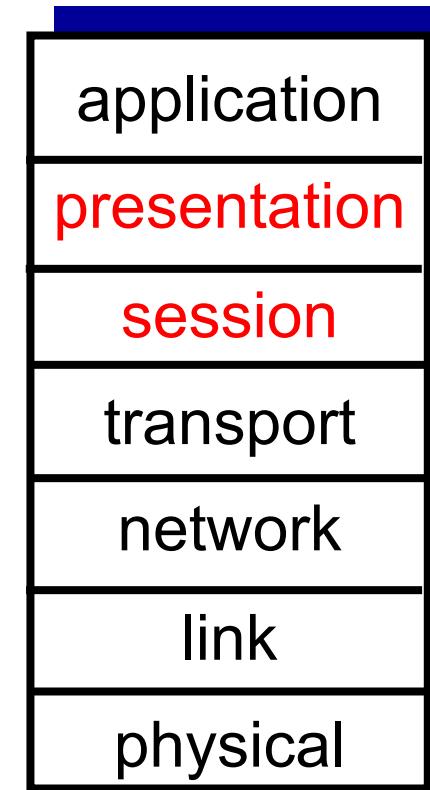
# Encapsulation: an end-end view



# ISO/OSI reference model

Two layers not found in Internet protocol stack!

- *presentation*: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machine-specific conventions
- *session*: synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange
- Internet stack “missing” these layers!
  - these services, *if needed*, must be implemented in application
  - needed?



The seven layer OSI/ISO reference model

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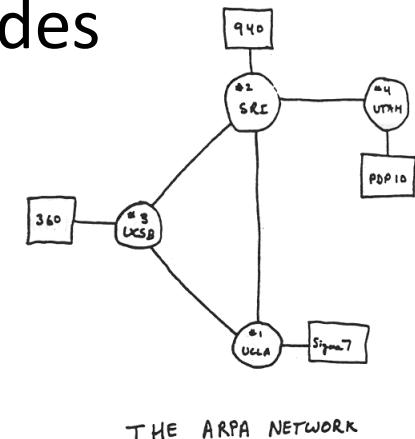
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# Internet history

## 1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- 1961: Kleinrock - queueing theory shows effectiveness of packet-switching
- 1964: Baran - packet-switching in military nets
- 1967: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- 1969: first ARPAnet node operational
- 1972:
  - ARPAnet public demo
  - NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
  - first e-mail program
  - ARPAnet has 15 nodes



# Internet history

## 1972-1980: *Internetworking, new and proprietary networks*

- 1970: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii
- 1974: Cerf and Kahn - architecture for interconnecting networks
- 1976: Ethernet at Xerox PARC
- late70's: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, XNA
- 1979: ARPAnet has 200 nodes

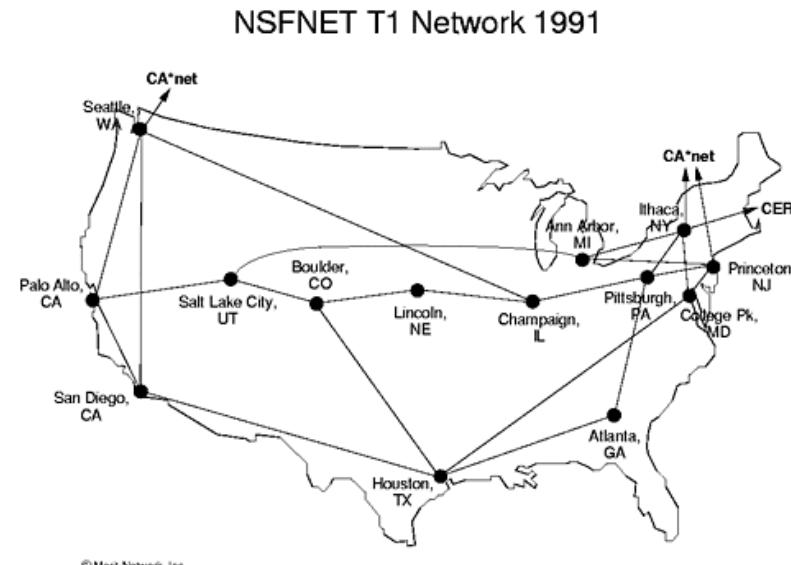
Cerf and Kahn's internetworking principles:

- minimalism, autonomy - no internal changes required to interconnect networks
  - best-effort service model
  - stateless routing
  - decentralized control
- define today's Internet architecture

# Internet history

## 1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- 1983: deployment of TCP/IP
- 1982: smtp e-mail protocol defined
- 1983: DNS defined for name-to-IP-address translation
- 1985: ftp protocol defined
- 1988: TCP congestion control
- new national networks: CSnet, BITnet, NSFnet, Minitel
- 100,000 hosts connected to confederation of networks



# Internet history

## *1990, 2000s: commercialization, the Web, new applications*

- early 1990s: ARPAnet decommissioned
  - 1991: NSF lifts restrictions on commercial use of NSFnet (decommissioned, 1995)
  - early 1990s: Web
    - hypertext [Bush 1945, Nelson 1960's]
    - HTML, HTTP: Berners-Lee
    - 1994: Mosaic, later Netscape
    - late 1990s: commercialization of the Web
- late 1990s – 2000s:
- more killer apps: instant messaging, P2P file sharing
  - network security to forefront
  - est. 50 million host, 100 million+ users
  - backbone links running at Gbps

# Internet history

## *2005-present: scale, SDN, mobility, cloud*

- aggressive deployment of broadband home access (10-100's Mbps)
- 2008: software-defined networking (SDN)
- increasing ubiquity of high-speed wireless access: 4G/5G, WiFi
- service providers (Google, FB, Microsoft) create their own networks
  - bypass commercial Internet to connect “close” to end user, providing “instantaneous” access to social media, search, video content, ...
- enterprises run their services in “cloud” (e.g., Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure)
- rise of smartphones: more mobile than fixed devices on Internet (2017)
- ~15B devices attached to Internet (2023, statista.com)

# Chapter 1: summary

*We've covered a "ton" of material!*

- Internet overview
- what's a protocol?
- network edge, access network, core
  - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
  - Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- layering, service models
- security
- history

*You now have:*

- context, overview, vocabulary, "feel" of networking
- more depth, detail, *and fun* to follow!

# Exercise 1

Suppose there is exactly one packet switch between a sending host and a receiving host. The transmission rates between the sending host and the switch and between the switch and the receiving host are  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively. Assuming that the switch uses store-and-forward packet switching, what is the total end-to-end delay to send a packet of length  $L$ ? (Ignore queuing, propagation delay, and processing delay.)

# Exercise 2

Suppose users share a 2 Mbps link. Also suppose each user transmits continuously at 1 Mbps when transmitting, but each user transmits only 20 percent of the time.

When circuit switching is used, how many users can be supported?

For the remainder of this problem, suppose packet switching is used. Why will there be essentially no queuing delay before the link if two or fewer users transmit at the same time? Why will there be a queuing delay if three users transmit at the same time?

Find the probability that a given user is transmitting.

Suppose now there are three users. Find the probability that at any given time, all three users are transmitting simultaneously. Find the fraction of time during which the queue grows and discuss the queue behavior during the remaining time.

## Exercise 3

A user can directly connect to a server through either long-range wireless or a twisted-pair cable for transmitting a 1500-bytes file. The transmission rates of the wireless and wired media are 2 and 100 Mbps, respectively. Assume that the propagation speed in air is  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s, while the speed in the twisted pair is  $2 \times 10^8$  m/s. If the user is located 1 Km away from the server, what is the nodal delay when using each of the two technologies?

## Exercise 4

How long does it take for a packet of length 1,000 bytes to propagate over a link of distance 2,500 km, propagation speed  $2.5 \times 10^8$  m/s, and transmission rate 2 Mbps? More generally, how long does it take for a packet of length  $L$  to propagate over a link of distance  $d$ , propagation speed  $s$ , and transmission rate  $R$  bps? Does this delay depend on packet length? Does this delay depend on transmission rate?

# Exercise 5

Suppose Host A wants to send a large file to Host B. The path from Host A to Host B has three links, of rates  $R_1 = 500$  kbps,  $R_2 = 2$  Mbps, and  $R_3 = 1$  Mbps.

- a) Assuming no other traffic in the network, what is the throughput  $I$  for the file transfer?
- b) Suppose the file size is  $L=4$  million bytes. Dividing the file size by the throughput, roughly how long will it take to transfer the file to Host B?
- c) Repeat (a) and (b), but now with  $R_2$  reduced to 100 kbps.

# Exercise 6

Provide a formula for the end-to-end delay of sending one packet of length  $L$  over  $N$  links of transmission rate  $R$ . Generalize this formula for sending  $P$  such packets back-to-back over the  $N$  links.

# Question 1

If two end-systems are connected through multiple routers and the data-link level between them ensures reliable data delivery, is a transport protocol offering reliable data delivery between these two end-systems necessary? Why? If reliable delivery is guaranteed by the transport layer, do you see the necessity of a data-link support for reliable transfer?

# Question 2

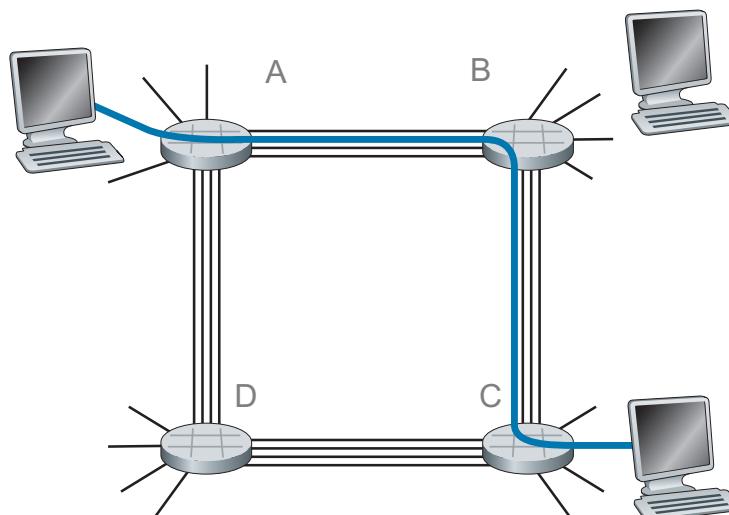
Consider an application that transmits data at a steady rate (for example, the sender generates an  $N$ -bit unit of data every  $k$  time units, where  $k$  is small and fixed). Also, when such an application starts, it will continue running for a relatively long period of time. Answer the following questions, briefly justifying your answer:

- a) Would a packet-switched network or a circuit-switched network be more appropriate for this application? Why?
- b) Suppose that a packet-switched network is used and the only traffic in this network comes from such applications as described above. Furthermore, assume that the sum of the application data rates is less than the capacities of each and every link. Is some form of congestion control needed? Why?

# Exercise 7

In the circuit-switched network given in the figure, there are four circuits on each link.

- a) What is the maximum number of simultaneous connections that can be in progress at any one time in this network?
- b) Suppose that all connections are between switches A and C. What is the maximum number of simultaneous connections that can be in progress?
- c) Suppose we want to make four connections between switches A and C, and another four connections between switches B and D. Can we route these calls through the four links to accommodate all eight connections?



# Exercise 8

Consider two hosts, A and B, connected by a single link of rate  $R$  bps. Suppose that the two hosts are separated by  $m$  meters, and suppose the propagation speed along the link is  $s$  meters/sec. Host A is to send a packet of size  $L$  bits to Host B.

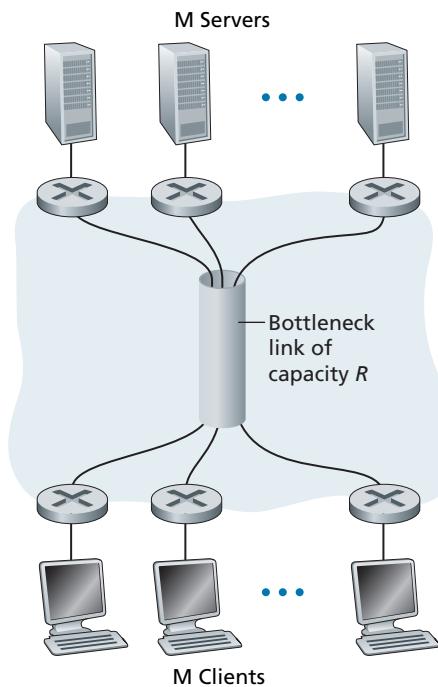
- a) Express the propagation delay,  $d_{\text{prop}}$ , in terms of  $m$  and  $s$ .
- b) Determine the transmission time of the packet,  $d_{\text{trans}}$ , in terms of  $L$  and  $R$ .
- c) Ignoring processing and queuing delays, obtain an expression for the end-to-end delay.
- d) Suppose Host A begins to transmit the packet at time  $t = 0$ . At time  $t = d_{\text{trans}}$ , where is the last bit of the packet? Explain your answer.
- e) Suppose  $d_{\text{prop}}$  is greater than  $d_{\text{trans}}$ . At time  $t = d_{\text{trans}}$ , where is the first bit of the packet? Explain your answer.
- f) Suppose  $d_{\text{prop}}$  is less than  $d_{\text{trans}}$ . At time  $t = d_{\text{trans}}$ , where is the first bit of the packet? Explain your answer.
- g) Suppose  $s = 2.5 \times 10^8$  meters/sec,  $L = 1500$  bytes, and  $R = 10$  Mbps. Find the distance  $m$  so that  $d_{\text{prop}}$  equals  $d_{\text{trans}}$ .

# Exercise 9

- (a) Suppose  $N$  packets arrive simultaneously to a link at which no packets are currently being transmitted or queued. Each packet is of length  $L$  and the link has transmission rate  $R$ . What is the average queuing delay for the  $N$  packets?
- (b) Now suppose that  $N$  such packets arrive to the link every  $LN/R$  seconds. What is the average queuing delay of a packet?

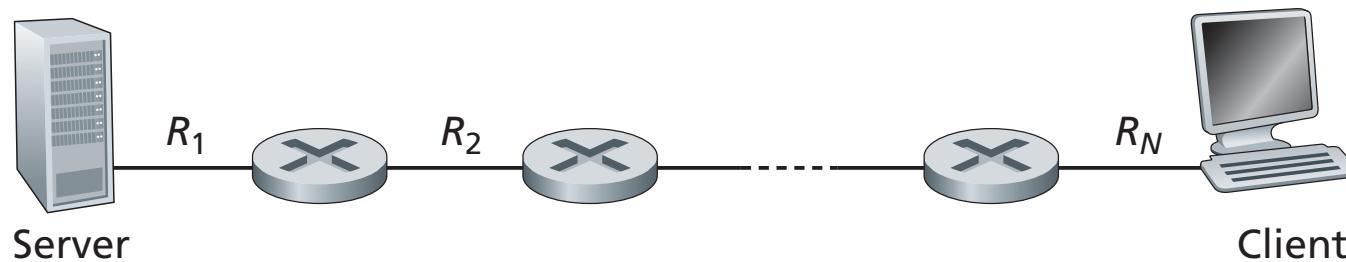
# Exercise 10

Consider the network system given in the figure below. Denote  $R_s$ ,  $R_c$ , and  $R$  for the rates of the server links, client links, and network link. Assume all other links have abundant capacity and that there is no other traffic in the network besides the traffic generated by the  $M$  client-server pairs. Derive a general expression for the per-connection maximum throughput in terms of  $R_s$ ,  $R_c$ ,  $R$ , and  $M$ .



# Exercise 11

Consider the network in the figure. Now suppose that there are  $M$  paths between the server and the client. No two paths share any link. Path  $k$  (with  $k = 1, \dots, M$ ) consists of  $N$  links with transmission rates  $R_1^k, R_2^k, \dots, R_N^k$ . If the server can only use one path to send data to the client, what is the maximum throughput that the server can achieve? If the server can use all  $M$  paths to send data, what is the maximum throughput that the server can achieve?



## Exercise 12

Consider sending a large file of  $F$  bits from Host A to Host B.

There are three links (and two switches) between A and B, and the links are uncongested (that is, no queuing delays).

Host A segments the file into segments of  $S$  bits each and adds 80 bits of header to each segment, forming packets of  $L = 80 + S$  bits.

Each link has a transmission rate of  $R$  bps.

Find the value of  $S$  that minimizes the delay of moving the file from Host A to Host B.

Disregard propagation delay.