



# Computer Networks

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**Topic: Link layer: Ethernet, WiFi  
(Textbook chapter 2)**

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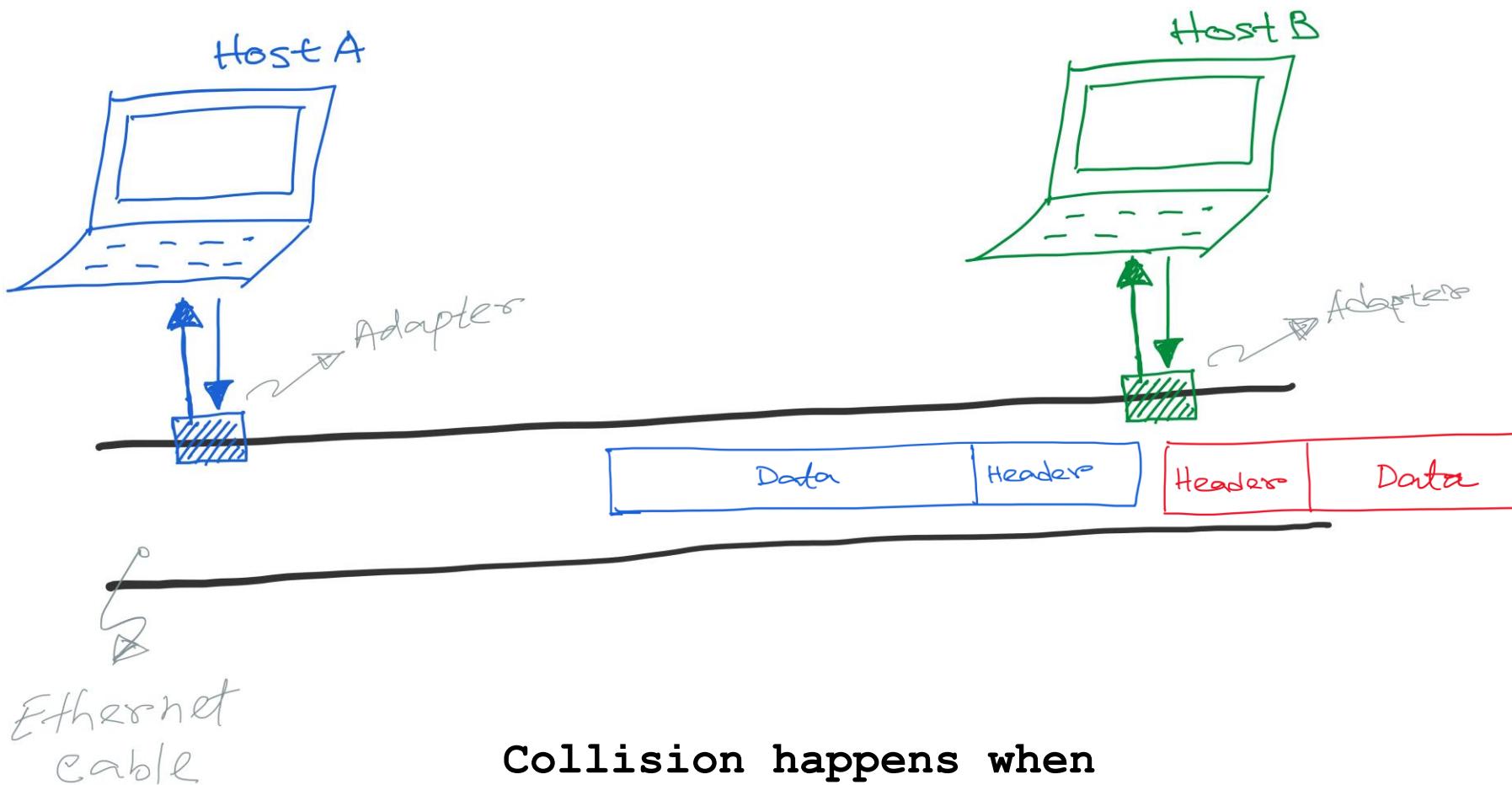
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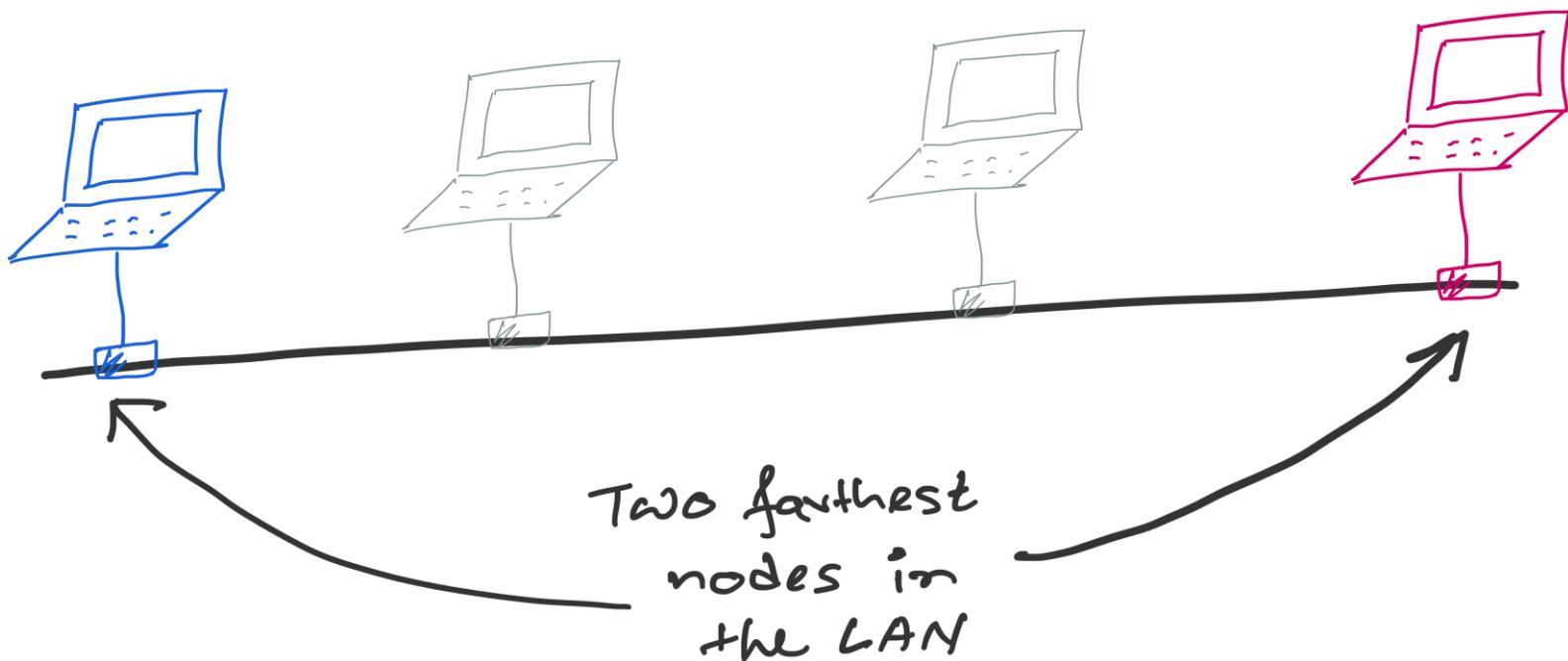
# Ethernet

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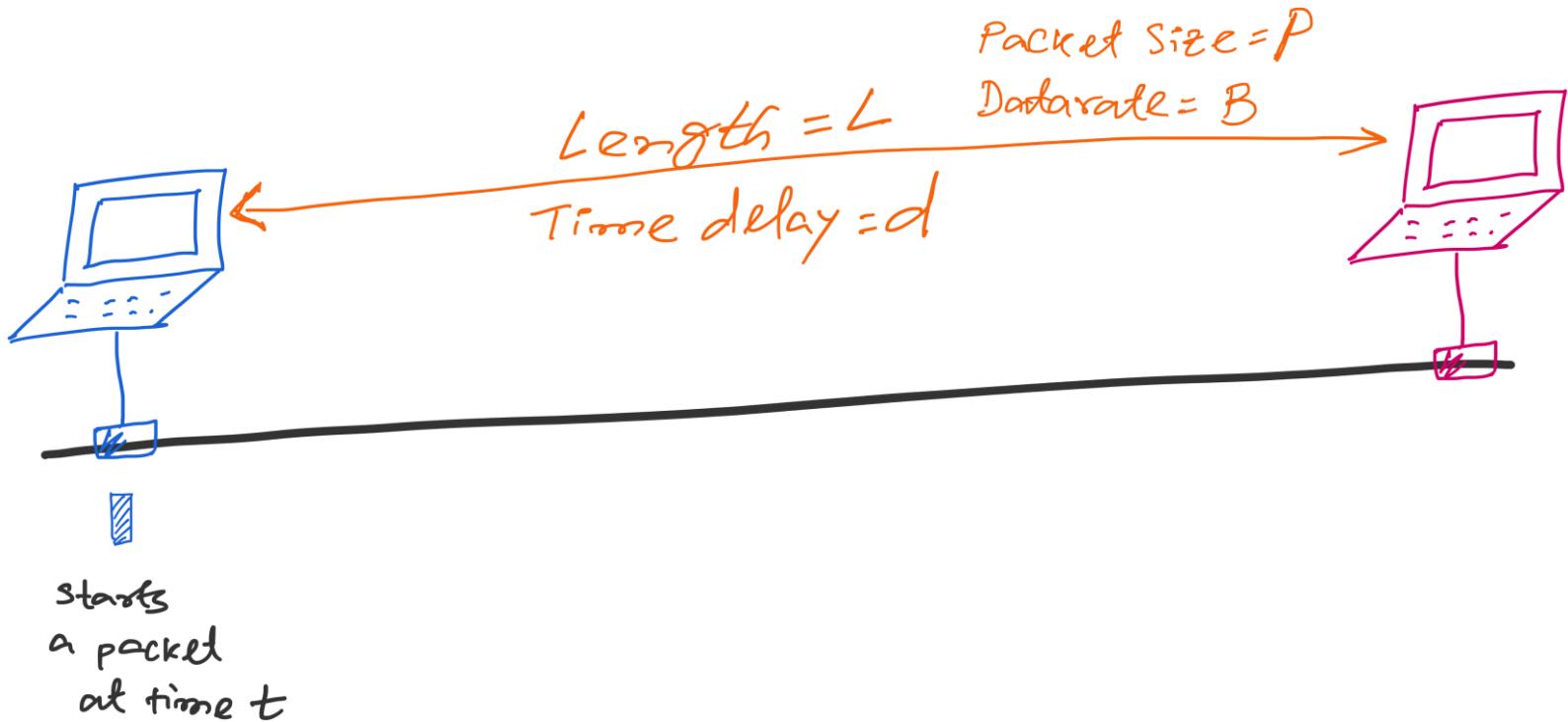


Collision happens when both packet overlaps at the receiver.

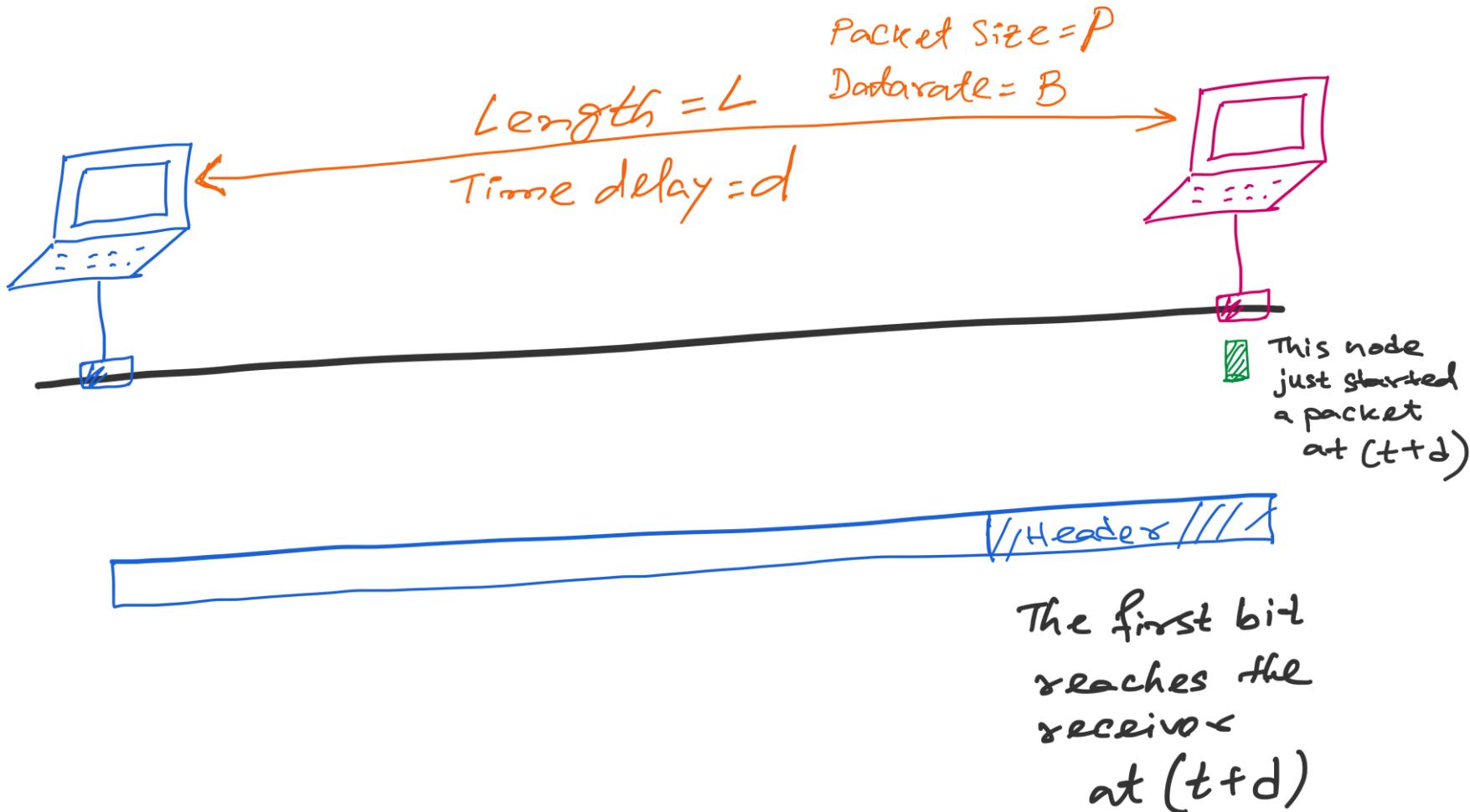
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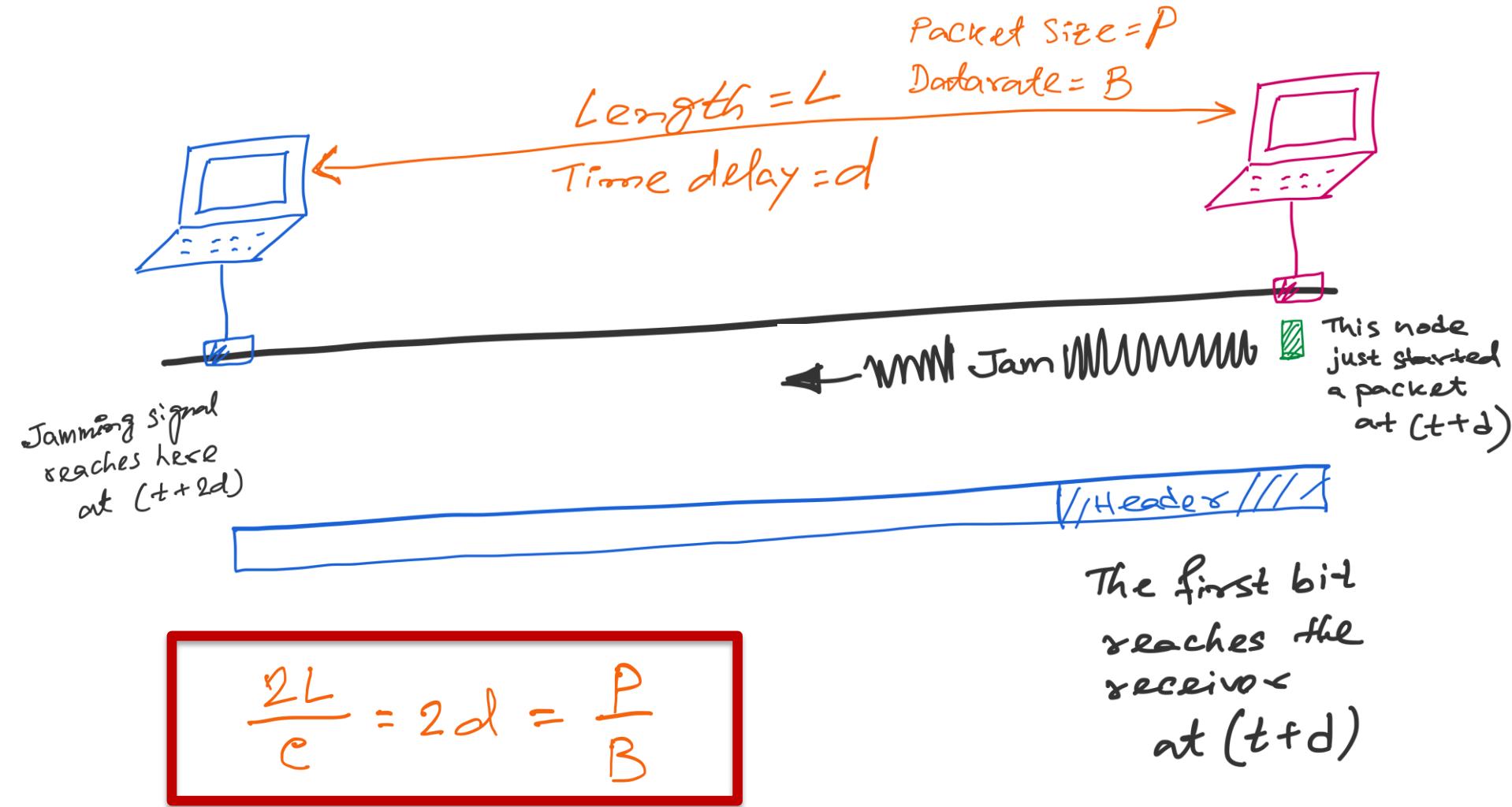
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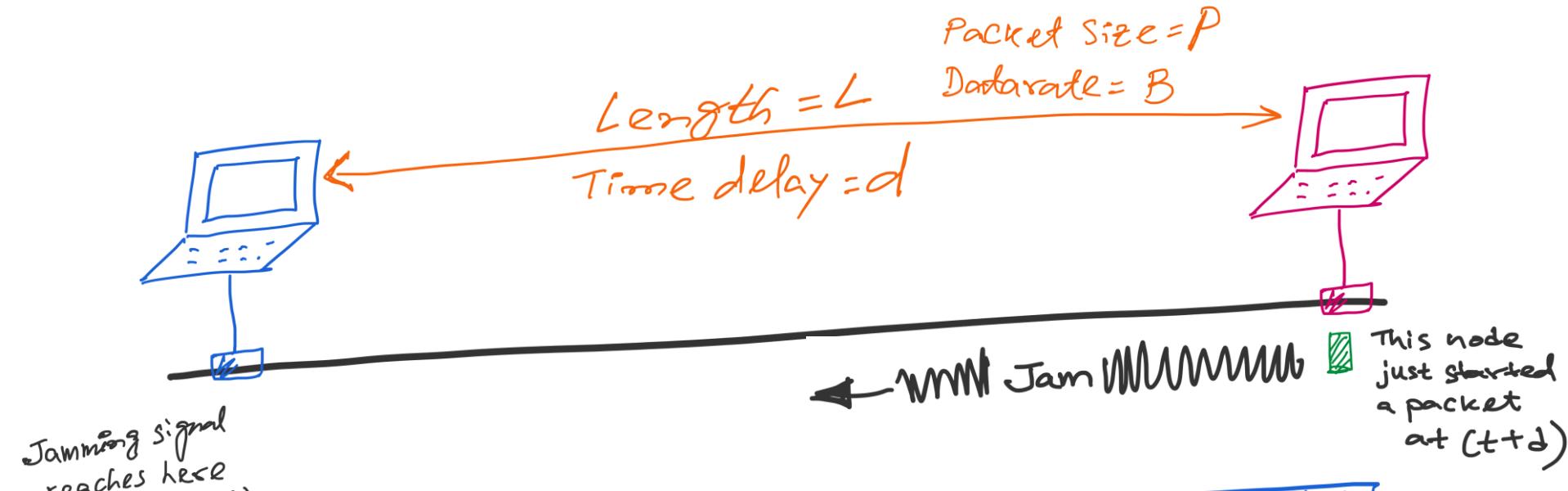
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Formula for minimum packet size ( $P$ ) or maximum length ( $L$ )

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$c$  = Electrical signal in the cable (in copper,  $2 \times 10^8$  m/s)

$L$  = Maximum length of the link (meter)

$P$  = Maximum frame size (bits)

$B$  = Data rate (bits/sec)

Say,  $B = 10 \text{Mbps} = 10^7 \text{ bits/sec}$

$$P = 64 \text{ bytes} = 512 \text{ bits}$$

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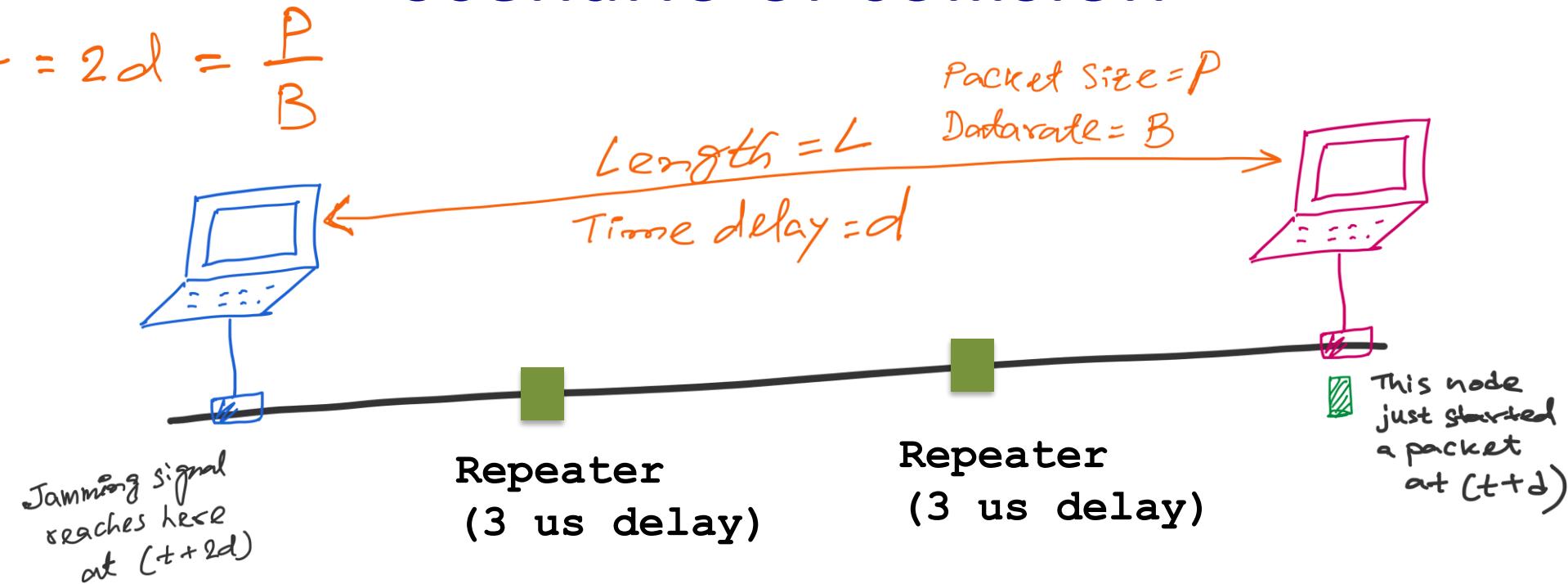
$$\therefore L = \frac{PC}{2B} = \frac{512 \times 2 \times 10^8}{2 \times 10^7} = 5120 \text{ meters}$$

Maximum length of one segment of 10Base5 cable was 500 m.

To achieve 5km range, it will take 9 repeaters. Repeaters add ~3μs delay.

$$\approx 5 \text{ Km}$$

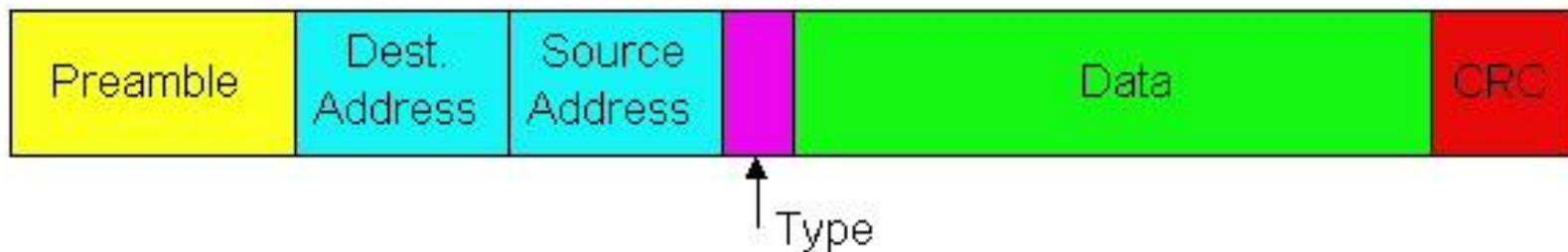
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$$\frac{P}{B} \geq 2 * \left( \frac{L}{C} + \text{Additional-one-way-delay} \right)$$

# Ethernet Frame Structure

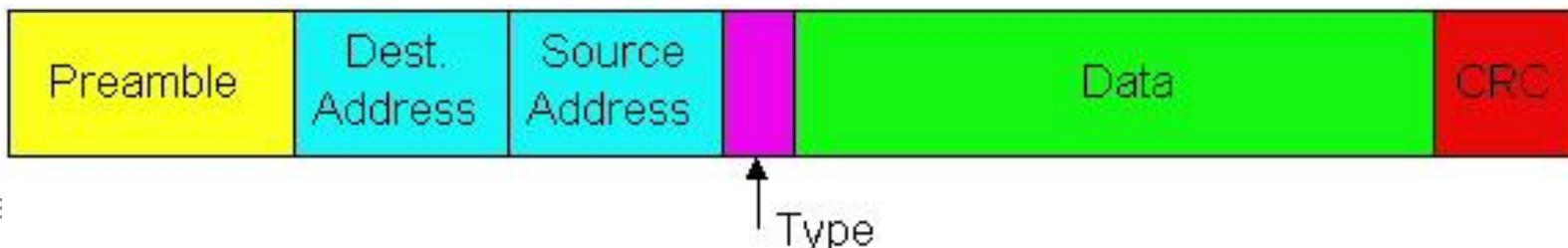
- Sending adapter encapsulates packet in frame



- Preamble: synchronization
  - Seven bytes with pattern 10101010, followed by one byte with pattern 10101011
  - Used to synchronize receiver, sender clock rates

# Ethernet Frame Structure

- Addresses: source and destination MAC addresses
  - Adaptor passes frame to network-level protocol
    - If destination is local MAC address or broadcast address
  - Otherwise, adapter discards frame
- Type: indicates the higher layer protocol
  - Usually IP
  - But also Novell IPX, AppleTalk, ...
- CRC: cyclic redundancy check



# Unreliable, Connectionless Service

- **Connectionless**
  - No handshaking between send and receive adapter
- **Unreliable**
  - Receiving adapter doesn't send ACKs or NACKs
  - Packets passed to network layer can have gaps
  - Gaps can be filled by transport protocol (e.g., TCP)
  - Otherwise, the application will see the gaps

# Star topology and collision-free Ethernet

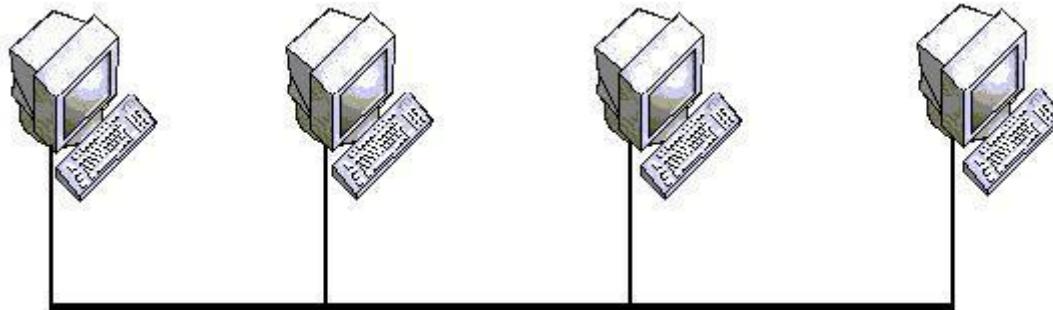
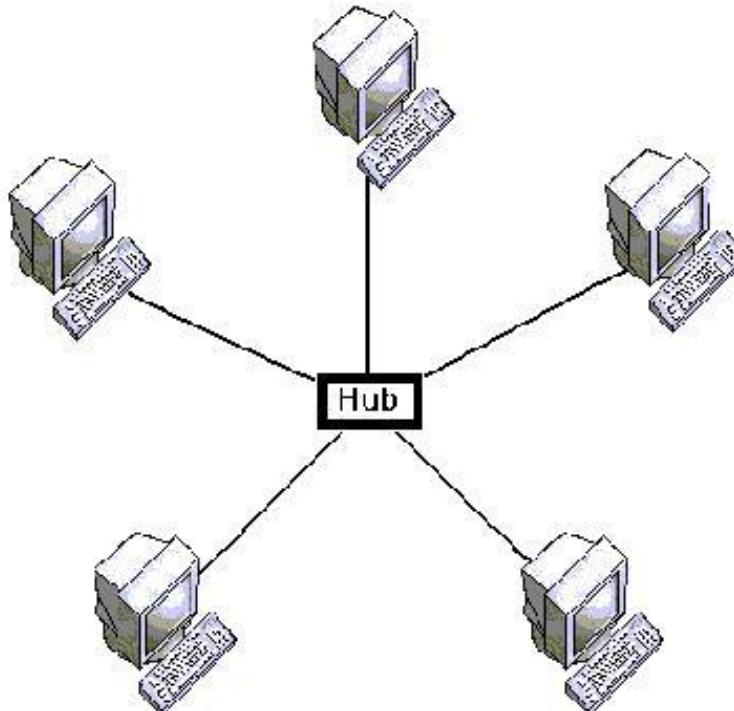


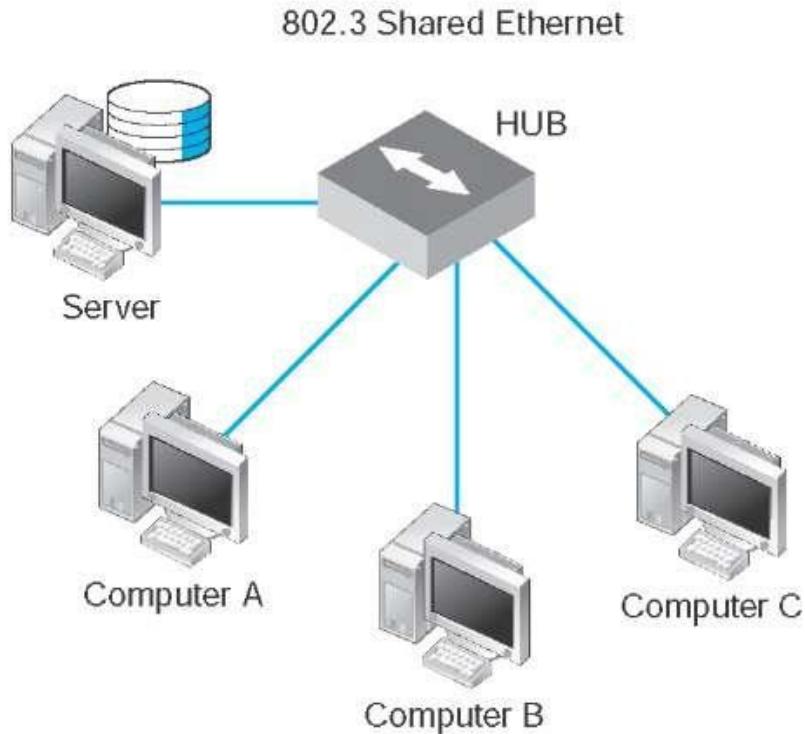
Figure 1: Bus topology

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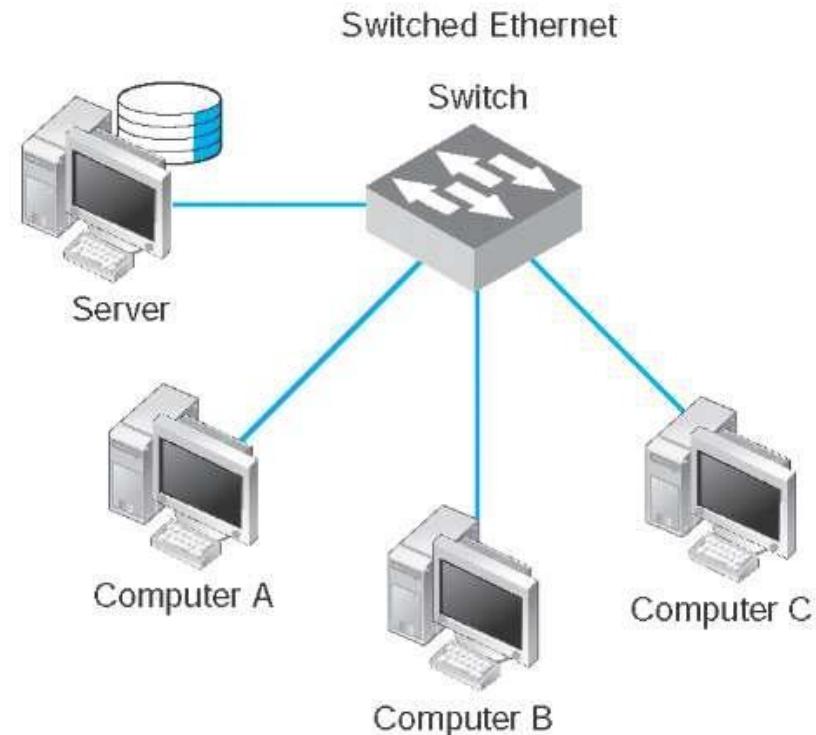
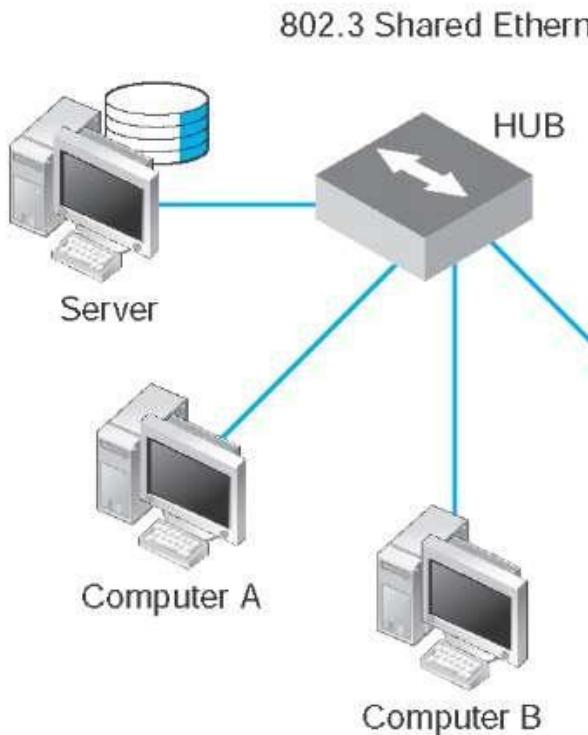
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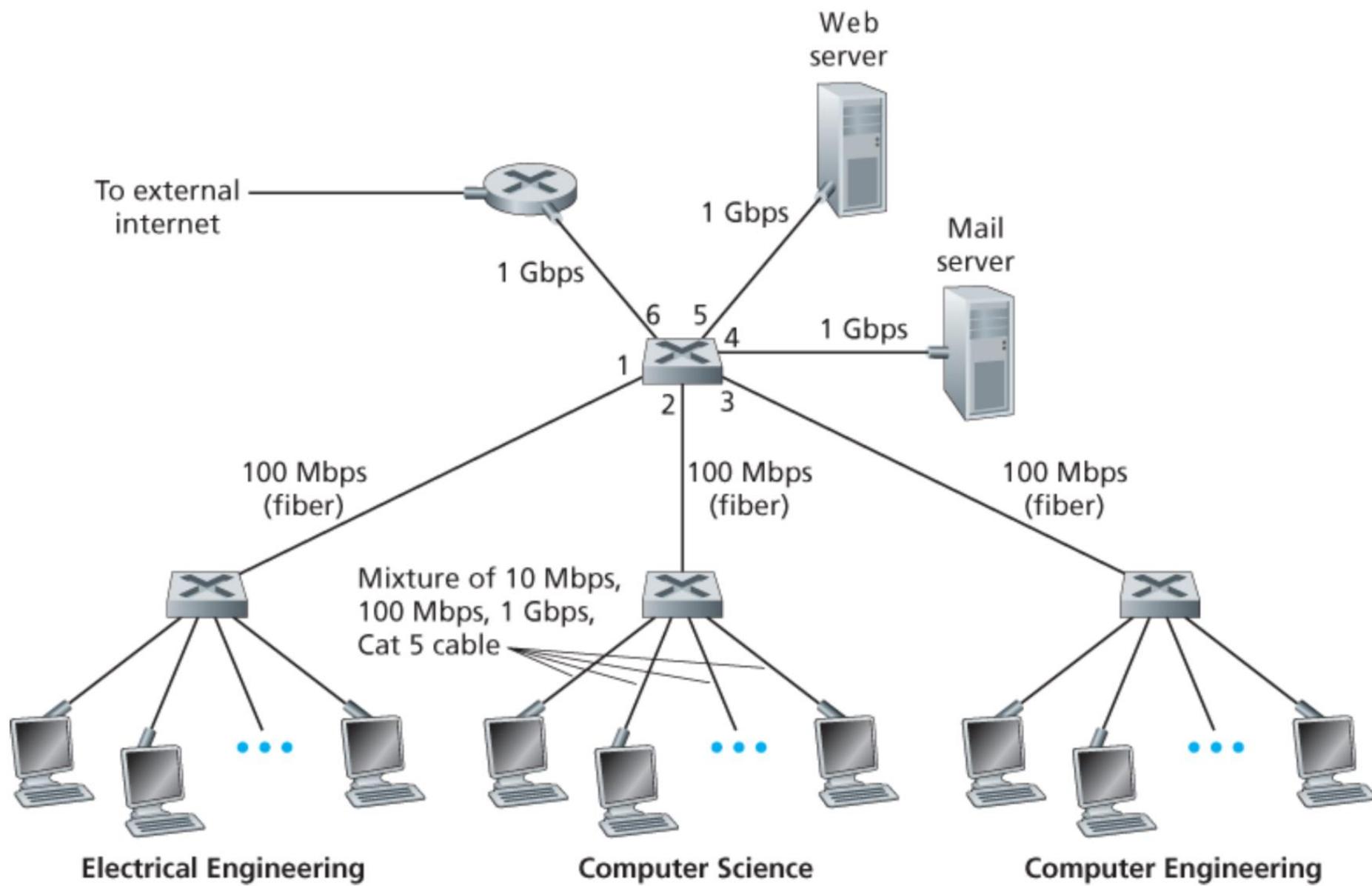
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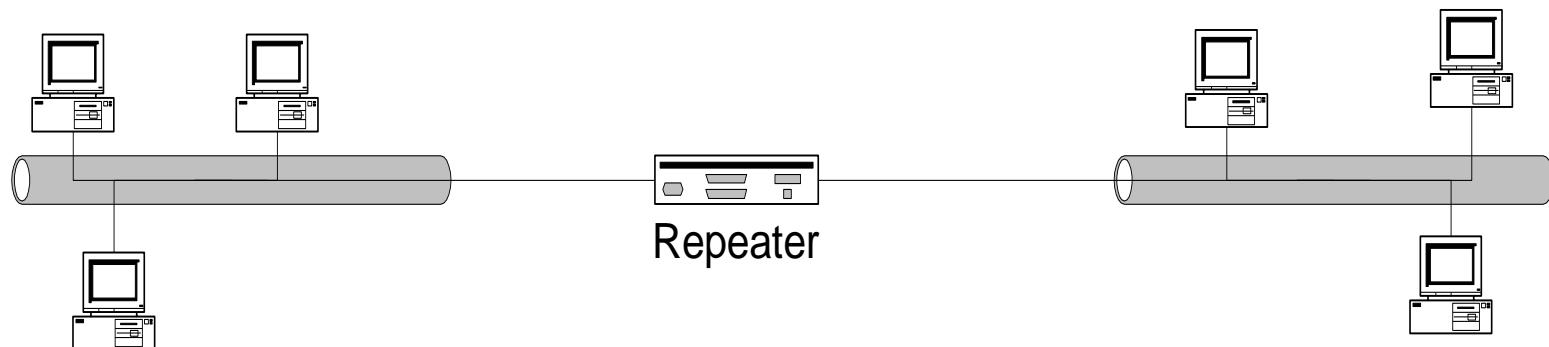
+ Separates the collision domain.  
+ Buffers simultaneous packets sent to a host.

# Repeaters, Hubs, Bridges and Switches



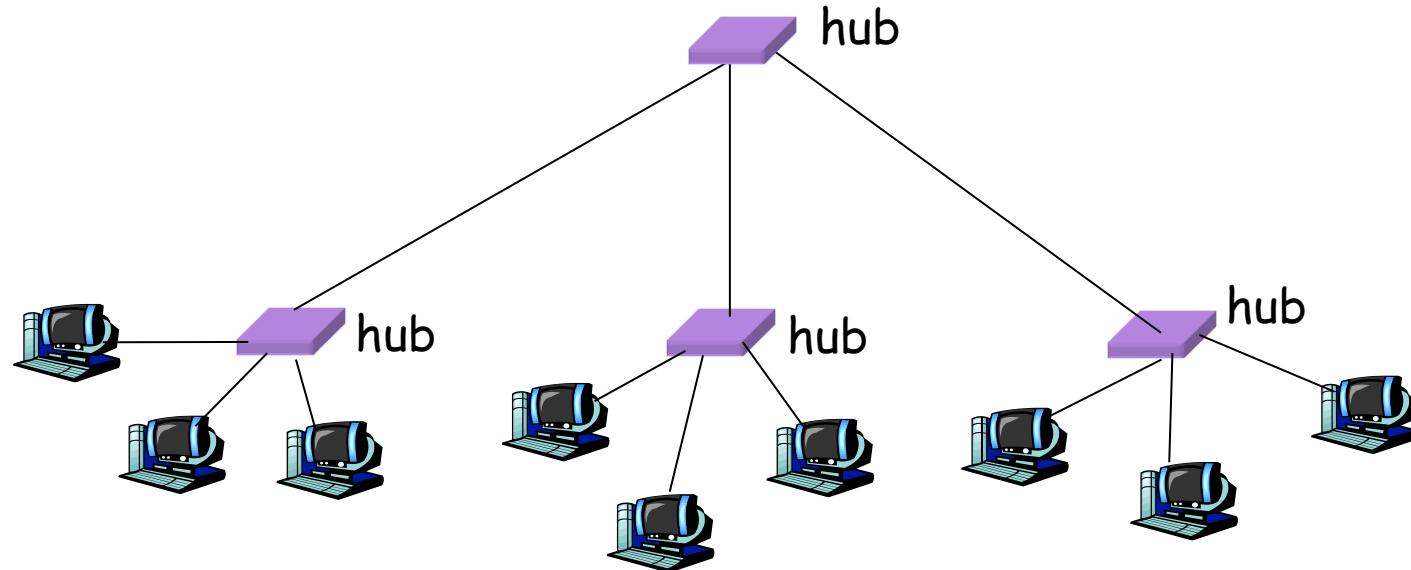
# Physical Layer: Repeaters

- Distance limitation in local-area networks
  - Electrical signal becomes weaker as it travels
  - Imposes a limit on the length of a LAN
- Repeaters join LANs together
  - Analog electronic device
  - Continuously monitors electrical signals
  - Transmits an amplified copy

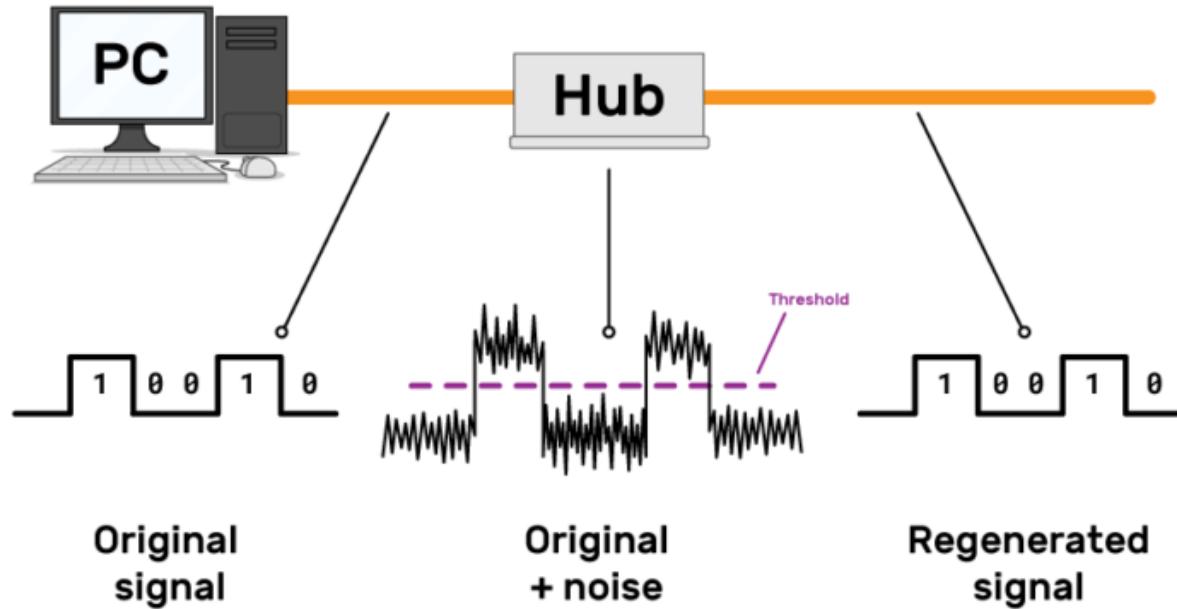


# Physical Layer: Hubs

- Joins multiple input lines electrically
  - Designed to hold multiple line cards
  - Do not necessarily amplify the signal
- Very similar to repeaters
  - Also operates at the physical layer



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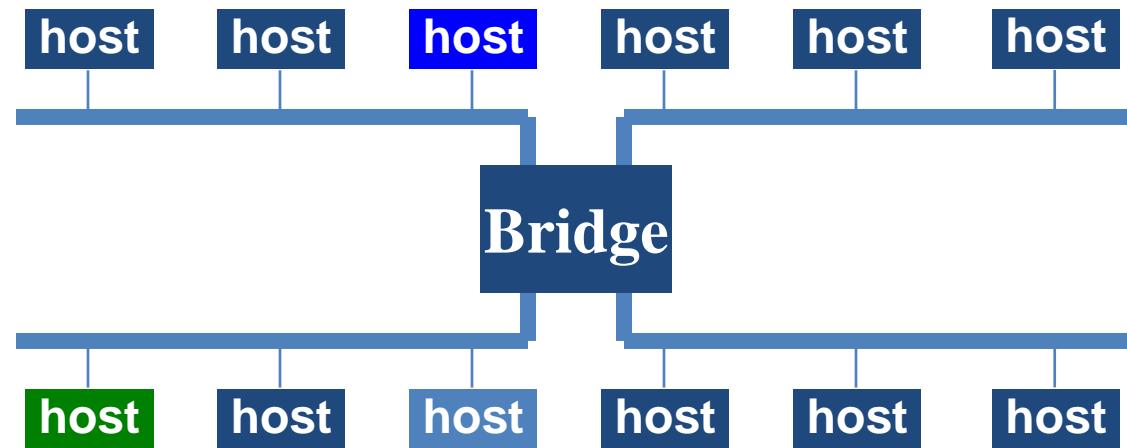


# Limitations of Repeaters and Hubs

- One large shared link
  - Each bit is sent everywhere
  - So, aggregate throughput is limited
- Cannot support multiple LAN technologies
  - Does not buffer or interpret frames
  - Can't interconnect between different rates/formats
- Limitations on maximum nodes and distances
  - Shared medium imposes length limits
  - E.g., cannot go beyond 2500 meters on Ethernet

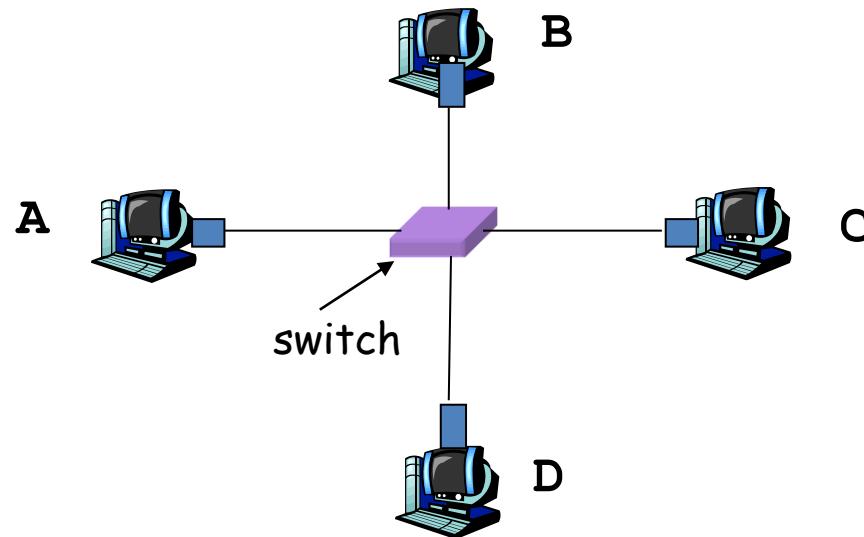
# Link Layer: Bridges

- Connects two or more LANs at the link layer
  - Extracts destination address from the frame
  - Looks up the destination in a table
  - Forwards the frame to the appropriate segment
- Each segment can carry its own traffic



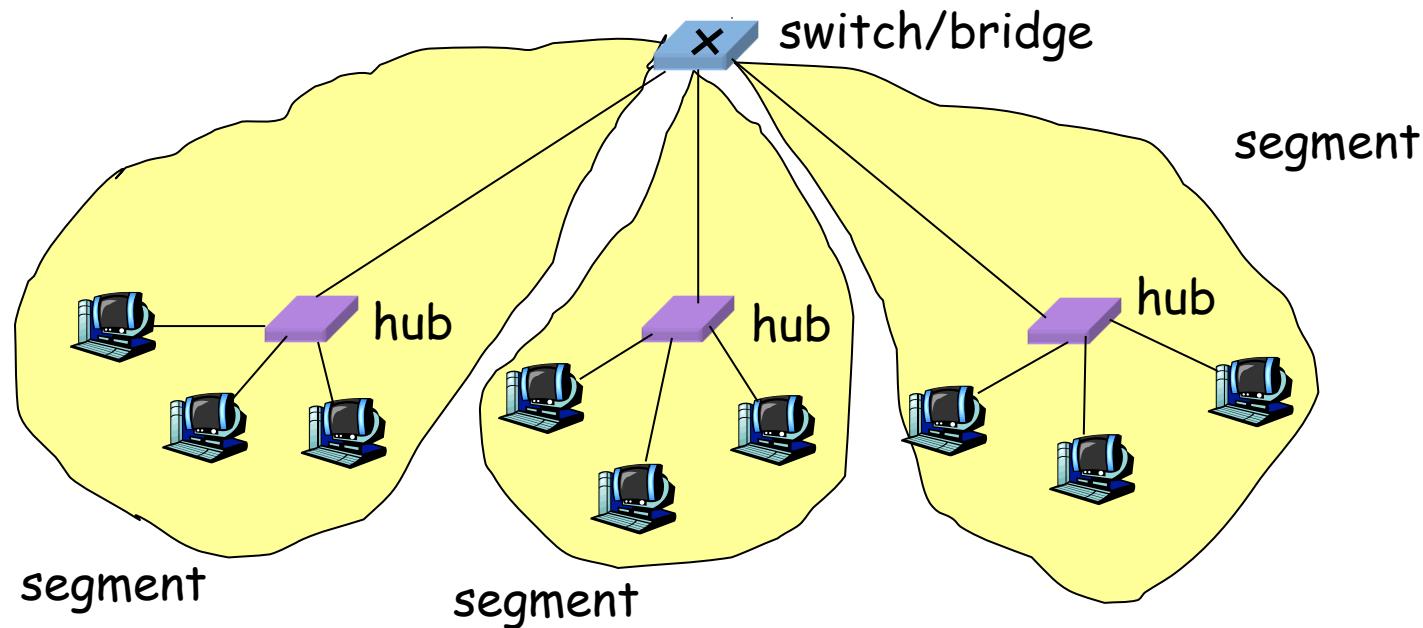
# Link Layer: Switches

- Typically connects individual computers
  - A switch is essentially the same as a bridge
  - ... though typically used to connect hosts
- Supports concurrent communication
  - Host A can talk to C, while B talks to D



# Bridges/Switches: Traffic Isolation

- Switch filters packets
  - Frame only forwarded to the necessary segments
  - Segments can support separate transmissions

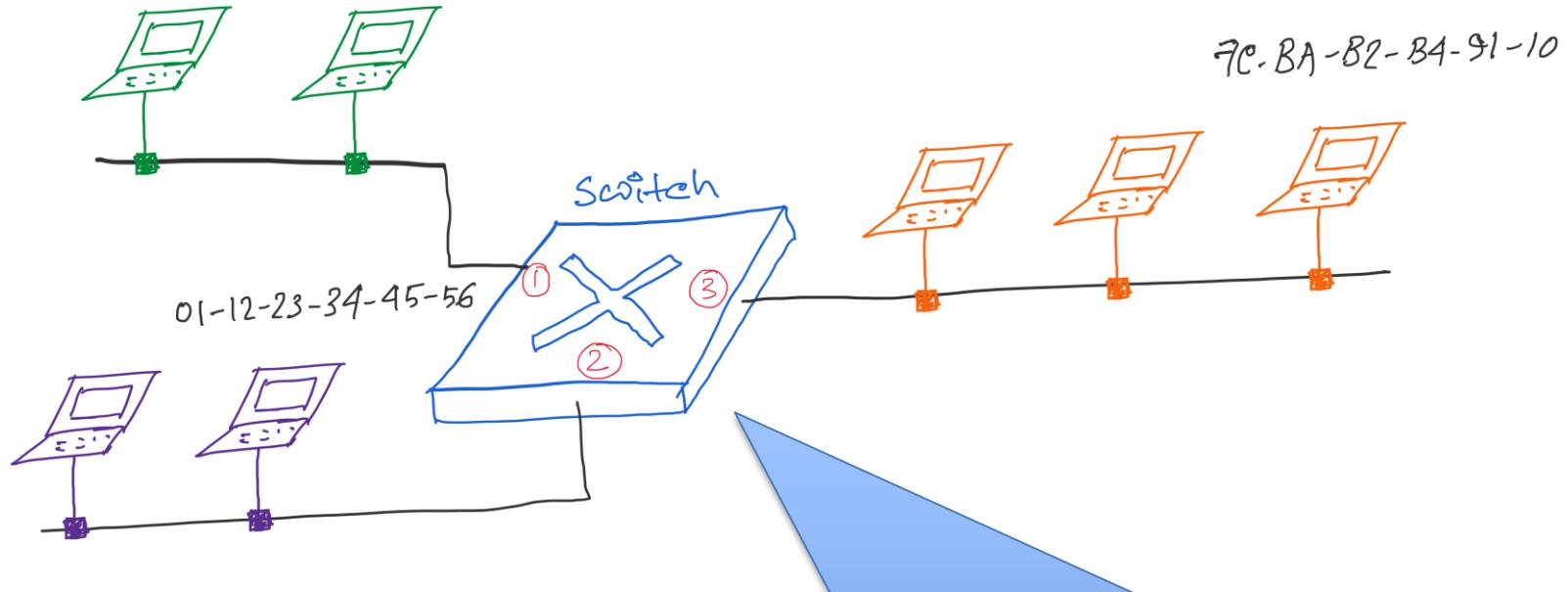


# Advantages Over Hubs/Repeaters

- Only forwards frames as needed
  - Avoid unnecessary load on segments
- Wider geographic span
  - Separate segments allow longer distances
- Improves privacy
  - Hosts can “snoop” traffic traversing their segment
  - ... but not all the rest of the traffic
- Can join segments using different technologies

# Traffic Isolation: Example

62-FE-F7-11-89-A3

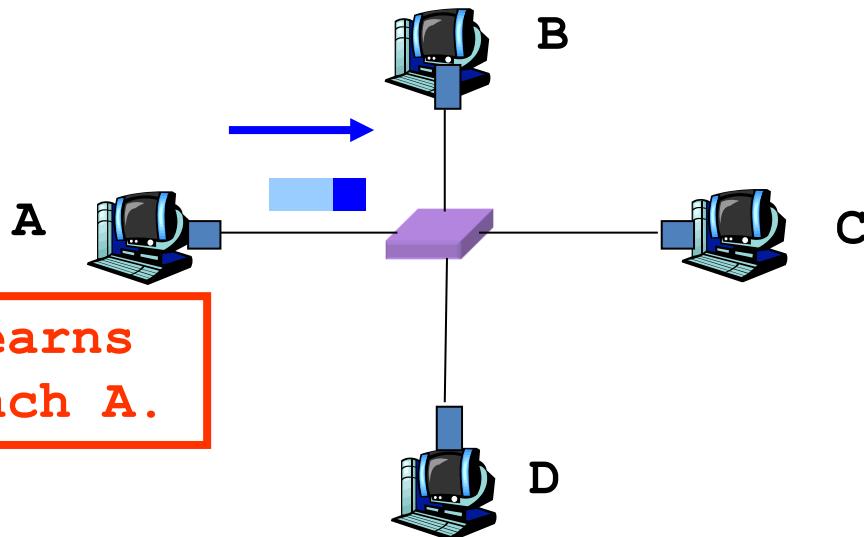


Address	Interface	Time
01-12-23-34-45-56	2	9:39
62-FE-F7-11-89-A3	1	9:32
7C-BA-B2-B4-91-10	3	9:36
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Switch table

# Self Learning: Building the Table

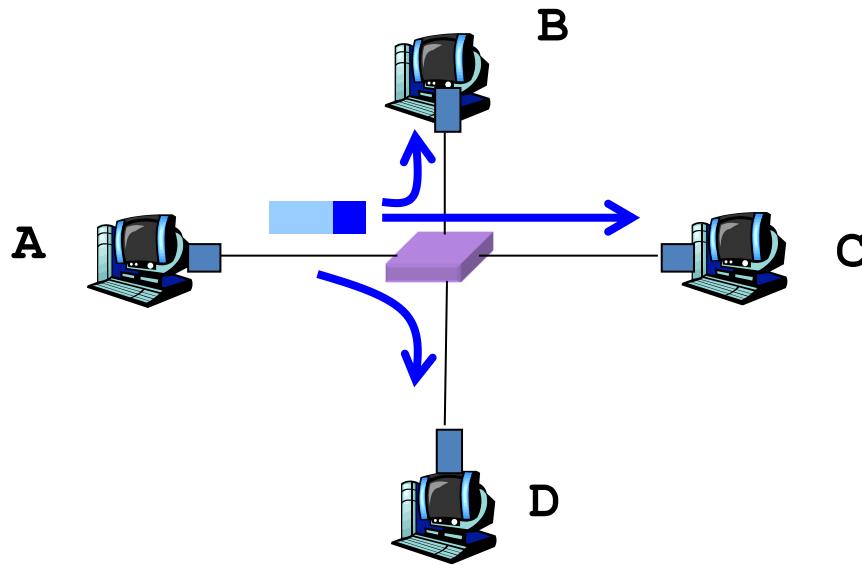
- When a frame arrives
  - Inspect the *source* MAC address
  - Associate the address with the *incoming* interface
  - Store the mapping in the switch table
  - Use a timer to eventually forget the mapping



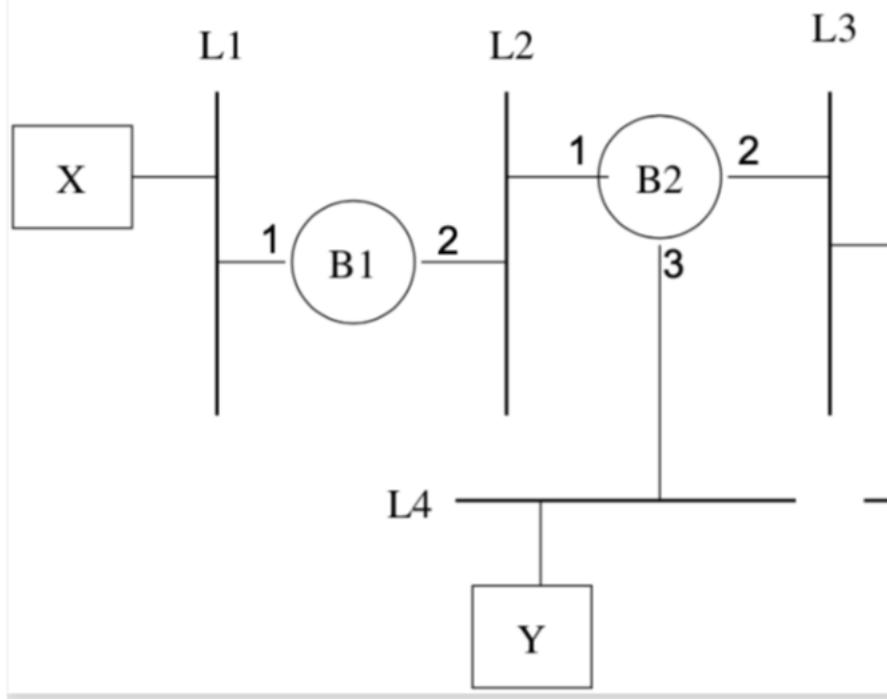
# Self Learning: Handling Misses

- When frame arrives with unfamiliar destination  
(i.e., the information is not present in the table)
  - Forward the frame out all of the interfaces
  - ... except for the one where the frame arrived
  - Hopefully, this case won't happen very often!

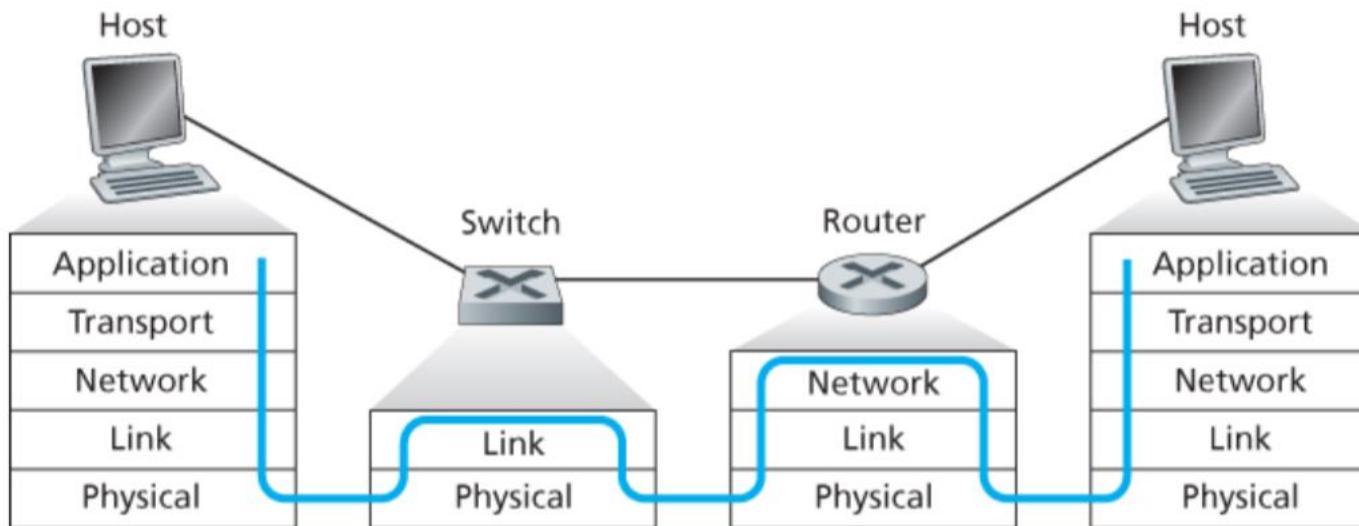
When in doubt,  
shout!



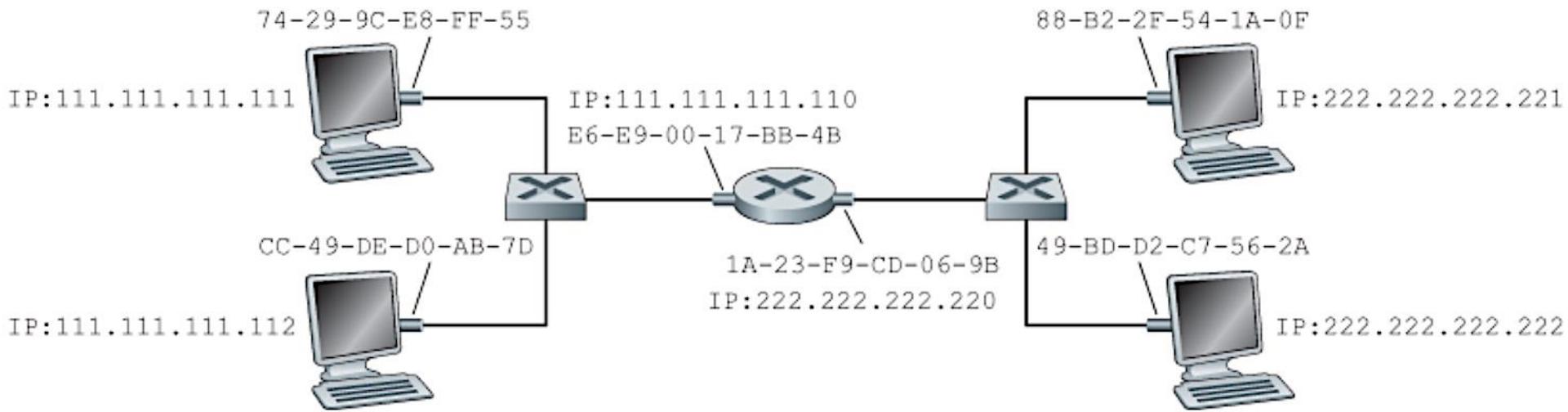
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# Switch/Bridge vs Router



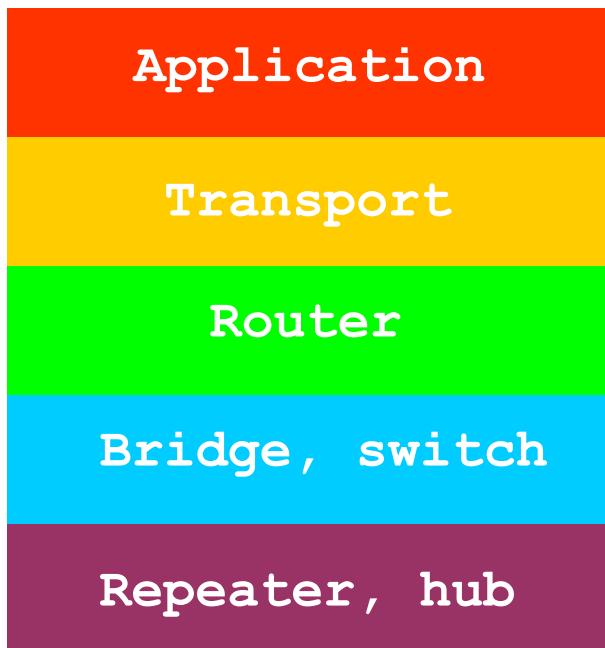
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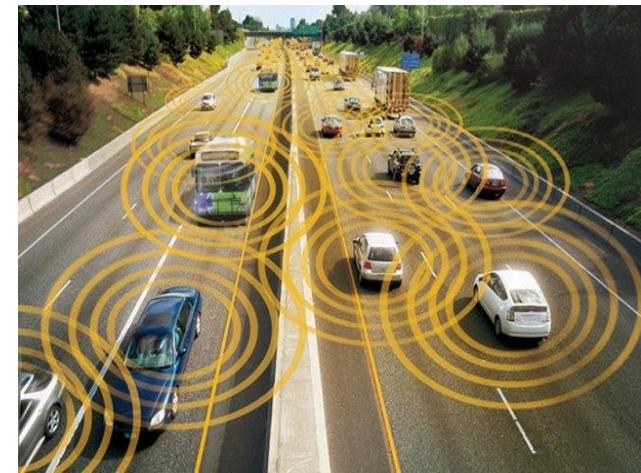


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# Summary: Multiple Layers

- Different devices switch different things
  - Network layer: packets (routers)
  - Link layer: frames (bridges and switches)
  - Physical layer: electrical signals (repeaters and hubs)





# Wireless Networks

# Widespread Deployment

- Worldwide cellular subscribers
  - 1993: 34 million
  - 2005: more than 2 billion
  - 2009: more than 4 billion
    - > landline subscribers



- Wireless local area networks
  - Wireless adapters built into laptops, tablets, & phones
  - More than 220,000 known WiFi locations in 134 countries
  - Probably many, many more (e.g., home networks, corporate networks, ...)

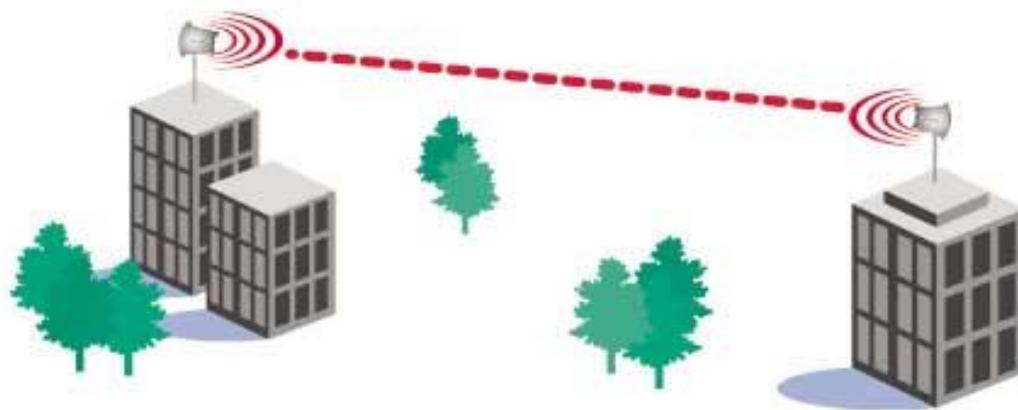
# Wireless Links

# Wireless Properties

- Interference / bit errors
  - More sources of corruption compared to wired
- Multipath propagation
  - Signal does not travel in a straight line
- Broadcast medium
  - All traffic to everyone
- Power trade-offs
  - Important for power constrained devices

# Wireless Links: High Bit Error Rate

- Decreasing signal strength
  - Disperses as it travels greater distance
  - Attenuates as it passes through matter



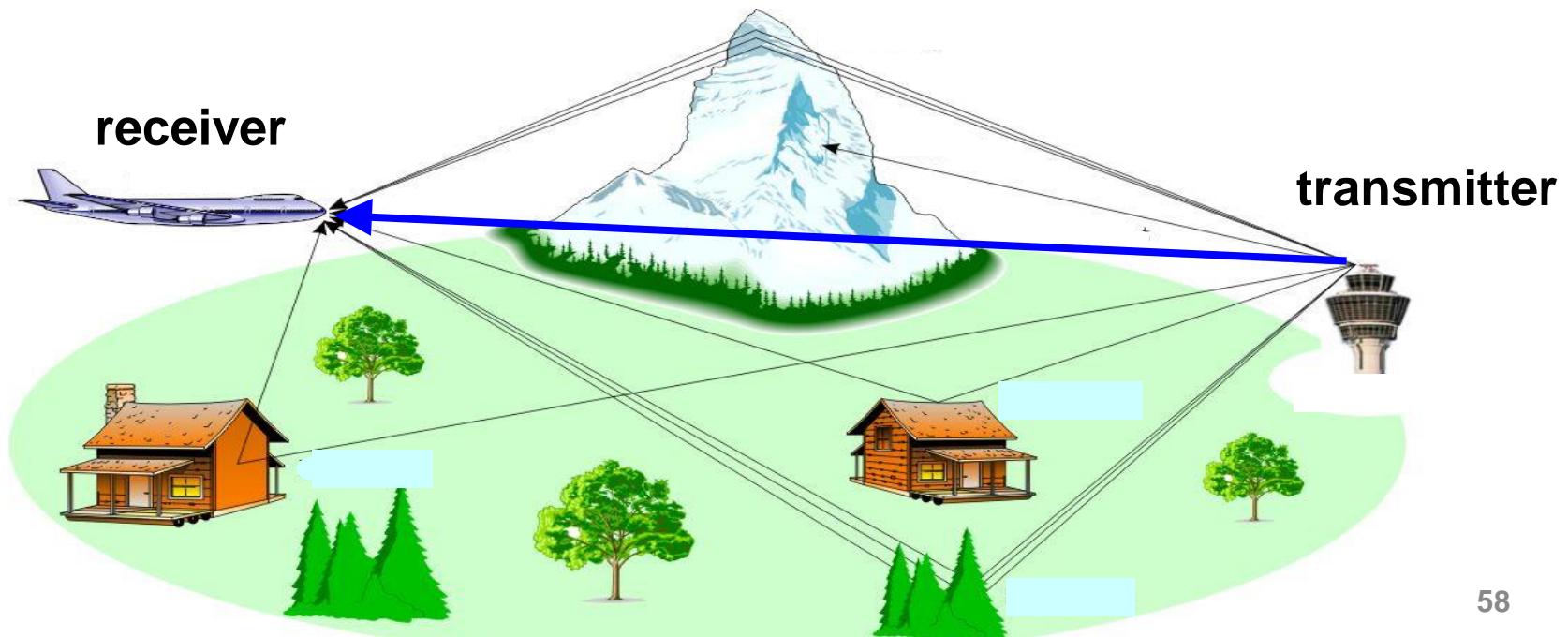
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- Interference from other sources
  - Radio sources in same frequency band
  - E.g., 2.4 GHz wireless phone interferes with 802.11b wireless LAN
  - Electromagnetic noise (e.g., microwave oven)



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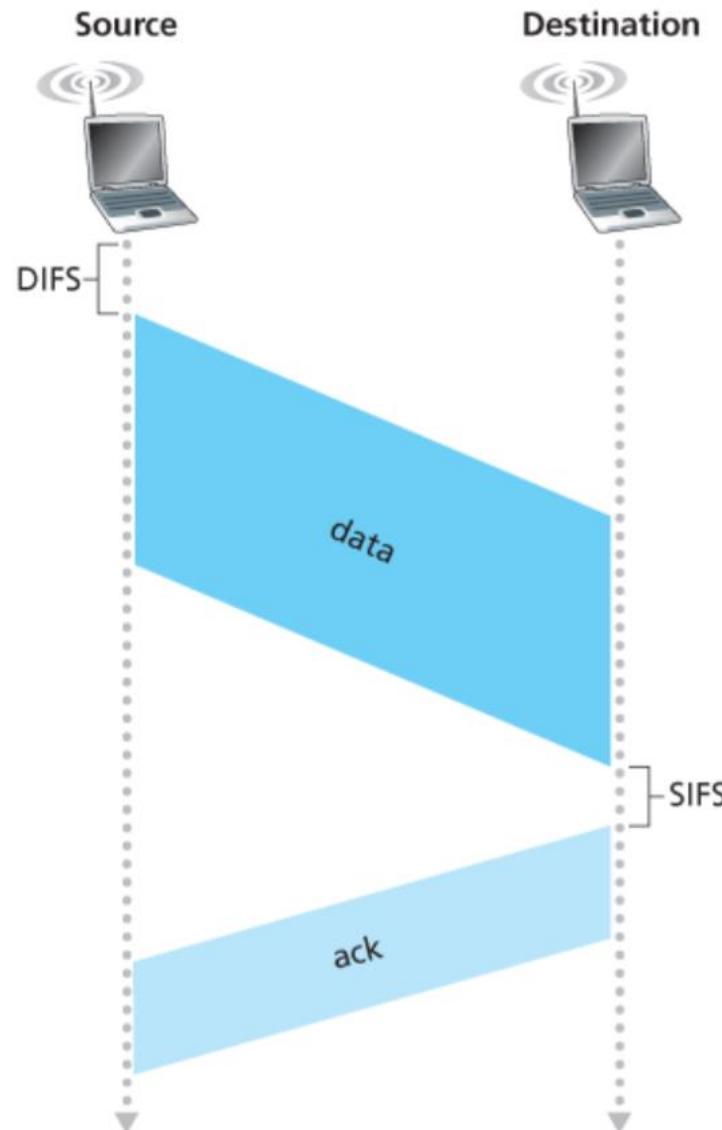
- Multi-path propagation
  - Electromagnetic waves reflect off objects
  - Taking many paths of different lengths
  - Causing blurring of signal at the receiver



# Dealing With Bit Errors

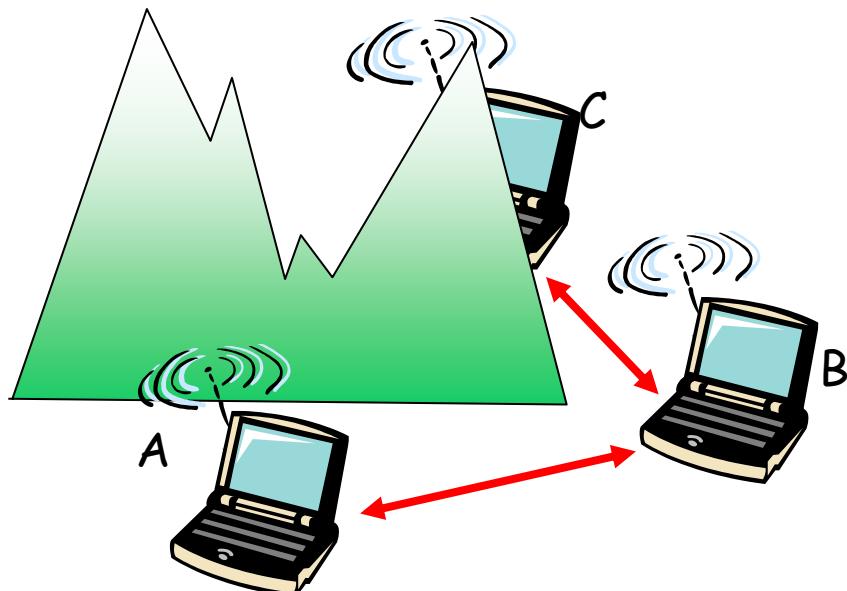
- Wireless vs. wired links
  - Wired: most loss is due to congestion
  - Wireless: higher, time-varying bit-error rate
- Dealing with high bit-error rates
  - Sender could increase transmission power
    - Requires more energy (bad for battery-powered hosts)
    - Creates more interference with other senders
  - Stronger error detection and recovery
    - More powerful error detection/correction codes
    - Link-layer retransmission of corrupted frames

# Link layer ACK



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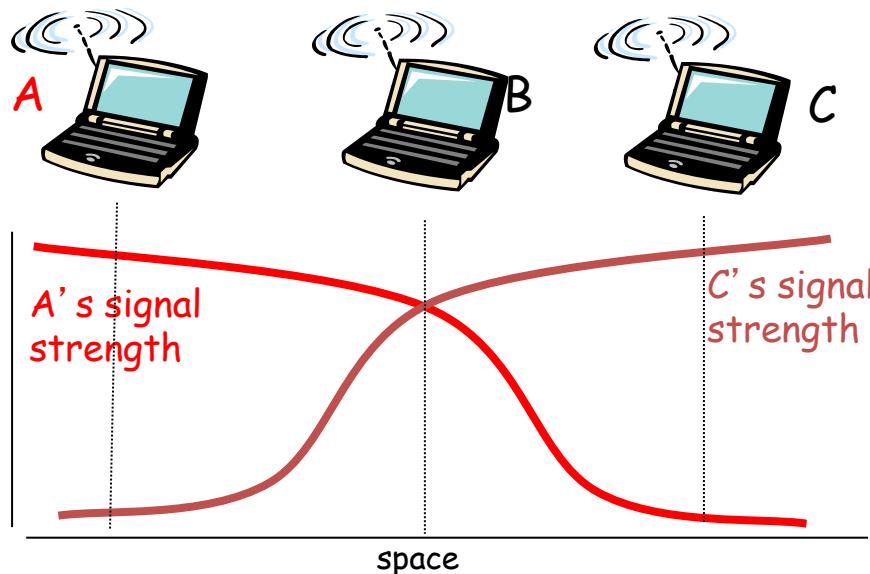


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- 802.16 (WiMax): 70 Mbps – 10 km

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# WiFi: IEEE 802.11 Wireless LANs

A quick comparison of the different WiFi generations is given in the table below:

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802.11b	-	1999	11 Mbps	20 MHz	2.4 GHz	obsolete
802.11ba	-	2000	54 Mbps	20 MHz	5GHz	obsolete
802.11g	-	2003	54 Mbps	20 MHz	2.4GHz	obsolete
802.11n or Wireless N	Wifi 4	2009	150 Mbps	20 HMHz / 40 MHz	2.4 GHz and 5 GHz	Legacy
802.11ac	Wifi 5	2012	433 Mbps	20 HMHz / 40 MHz / 80 MHz	5GHz	Mainstream
802.11ad	-	2015	Up to 7 Gbps	2.16 GHz	60GHz	Limited use
802.11ax	Wifi 6	2019	1200 Mbps	20 HMHz / 40 MHz / 80 MHz / 160 MHz	2.4 GHz and 5 GHz	Latest

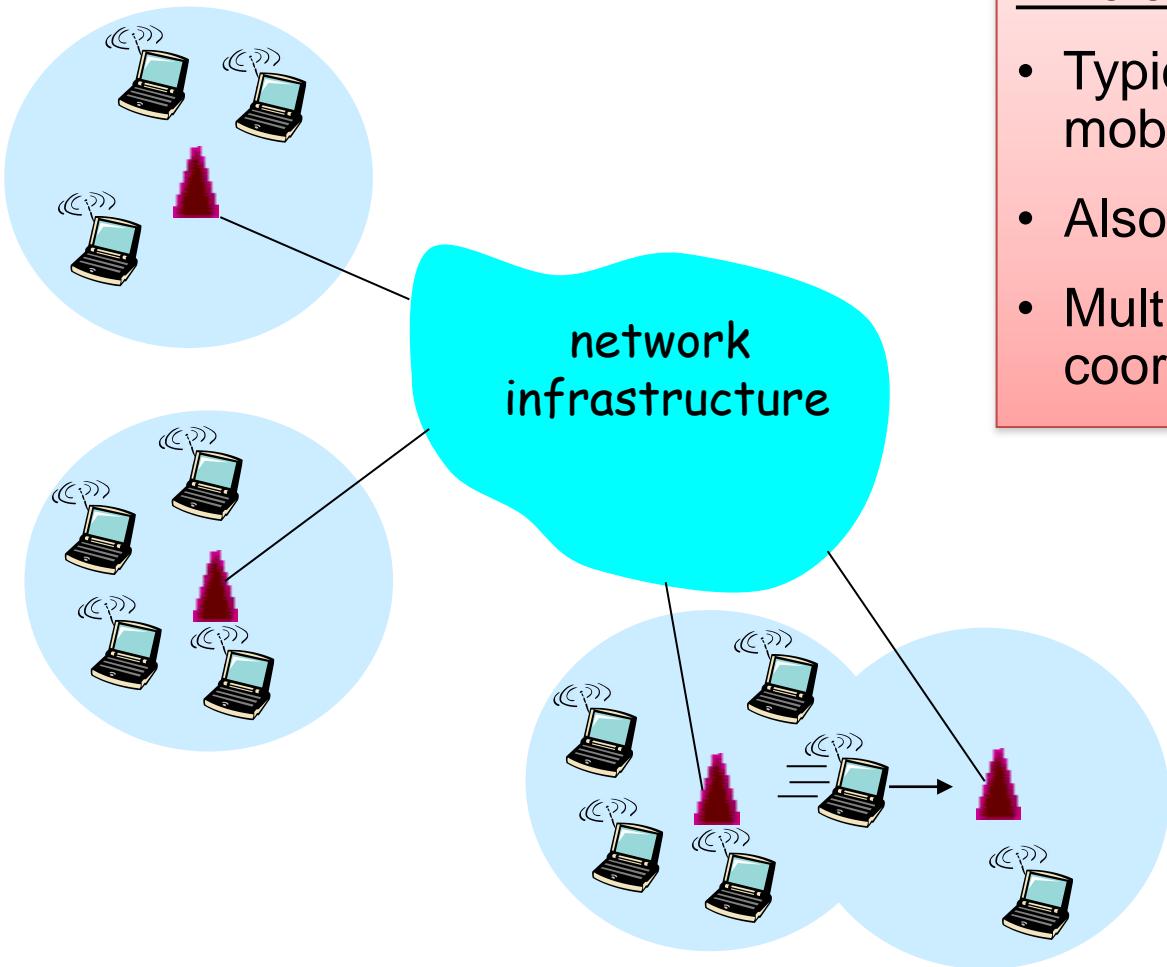
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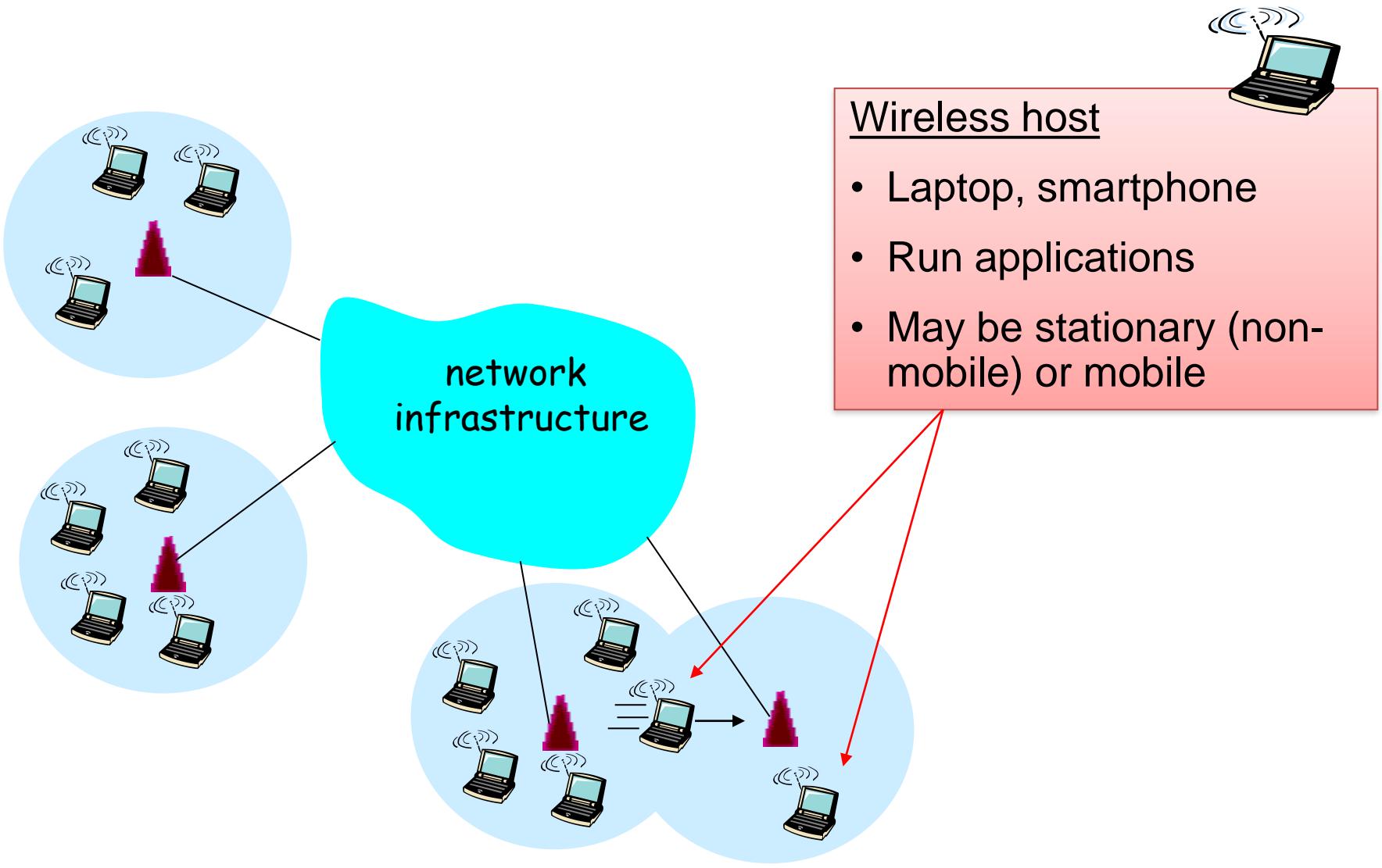
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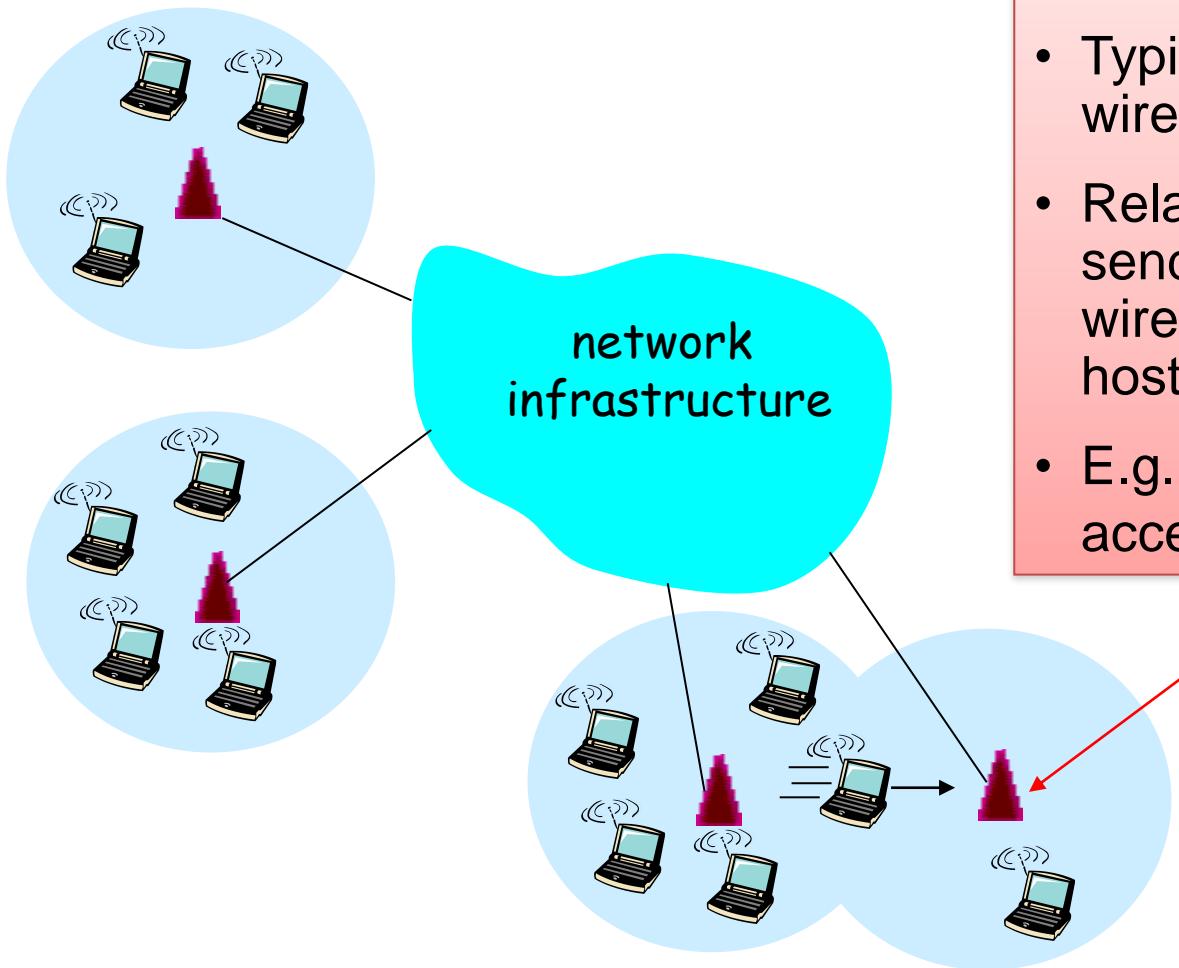
## Wireless link

- Typically used to connect mobile(s) to base station
- Also used as backbone link
- Multiple access protocol coordinates link access

# Wireless Network: Wireless Hosts



# Wireless Network: Base Station

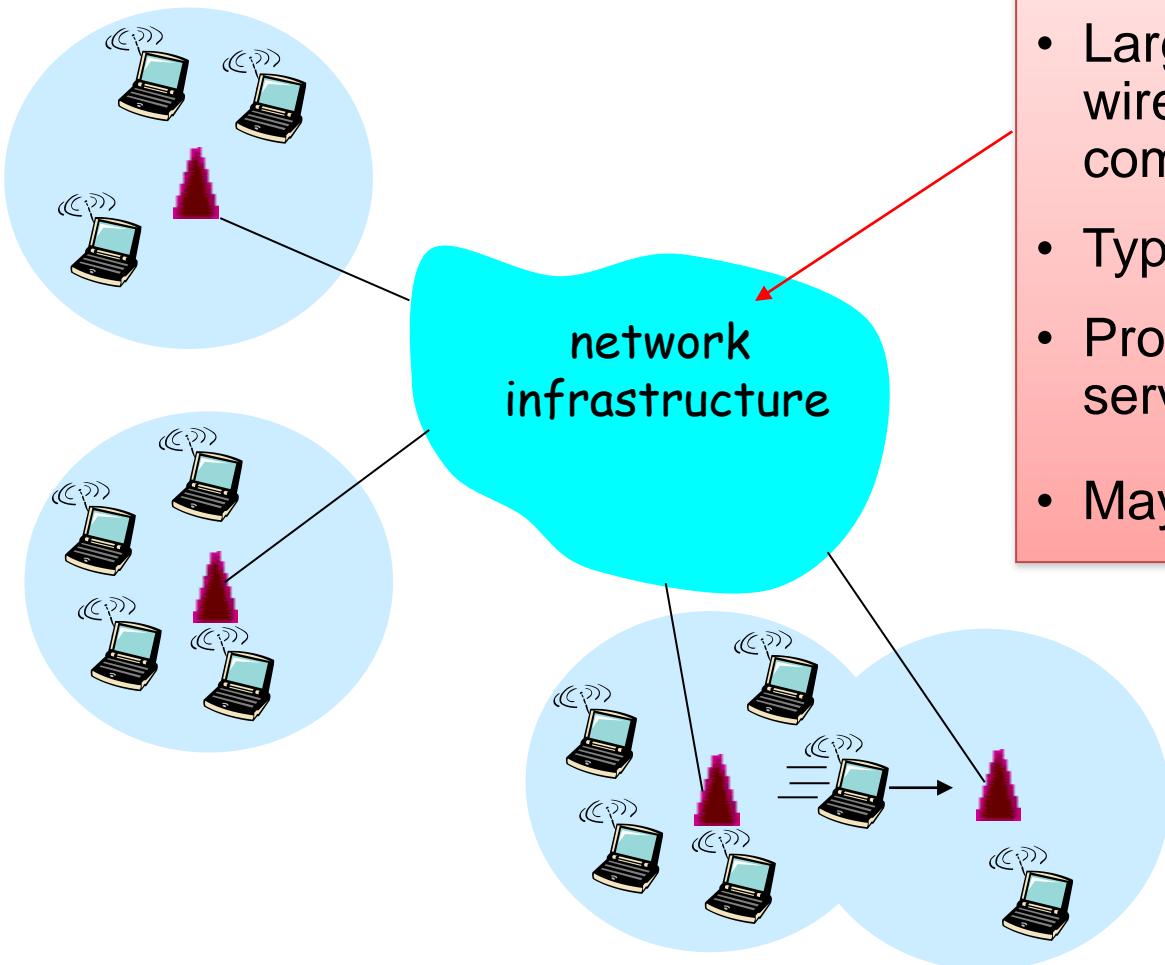


## Base station

- Typically connected to wired network
- Relay responsible for sending packets between wired network and wireless host(s) in its “area”
- E.g., cell towers, 802.11 access points



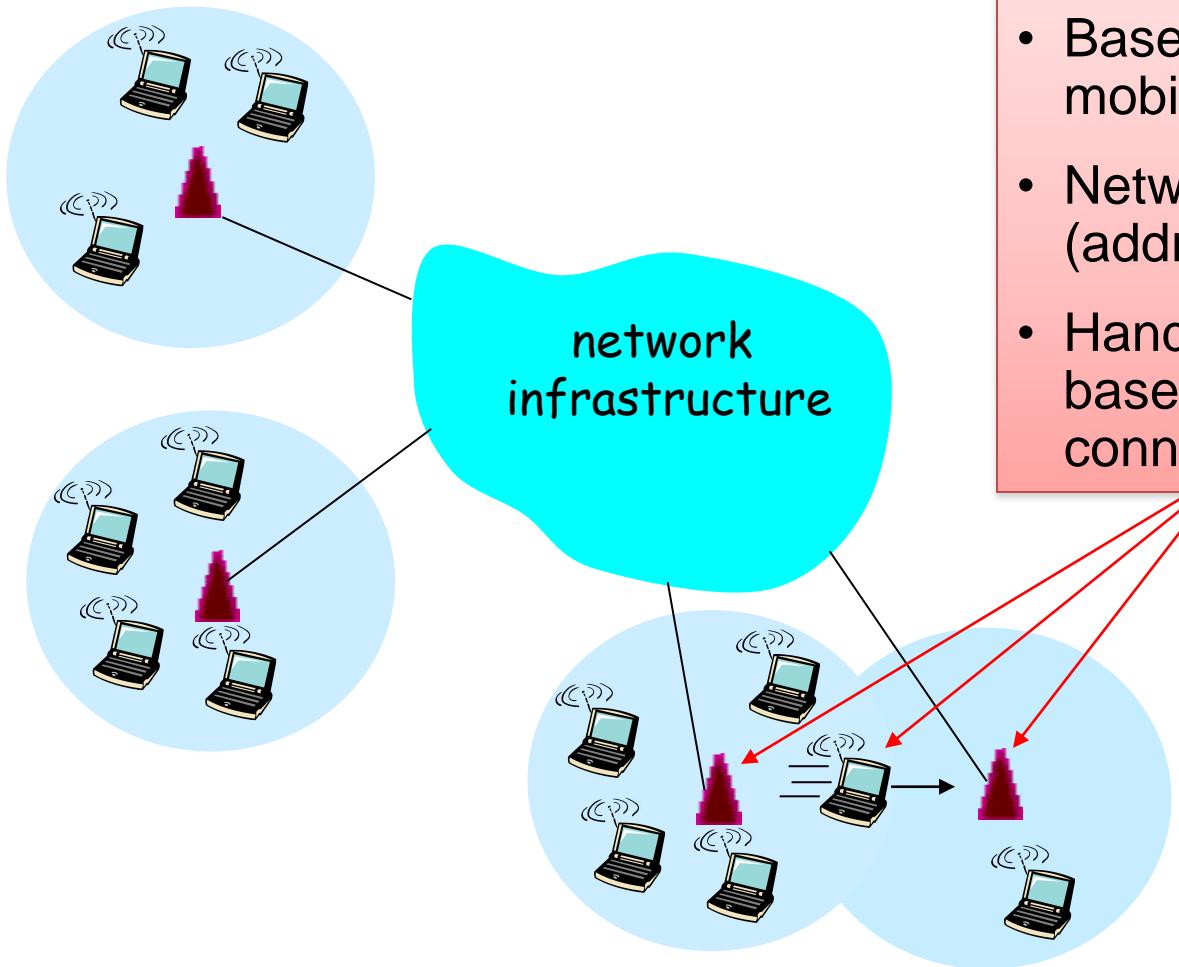
# Wireless Network: Infrastructure



## Network infrastructure

- Larger network with which a wireless host wants to communicate
- Typically a wired network
- Provides traditional network services
- May not always exist

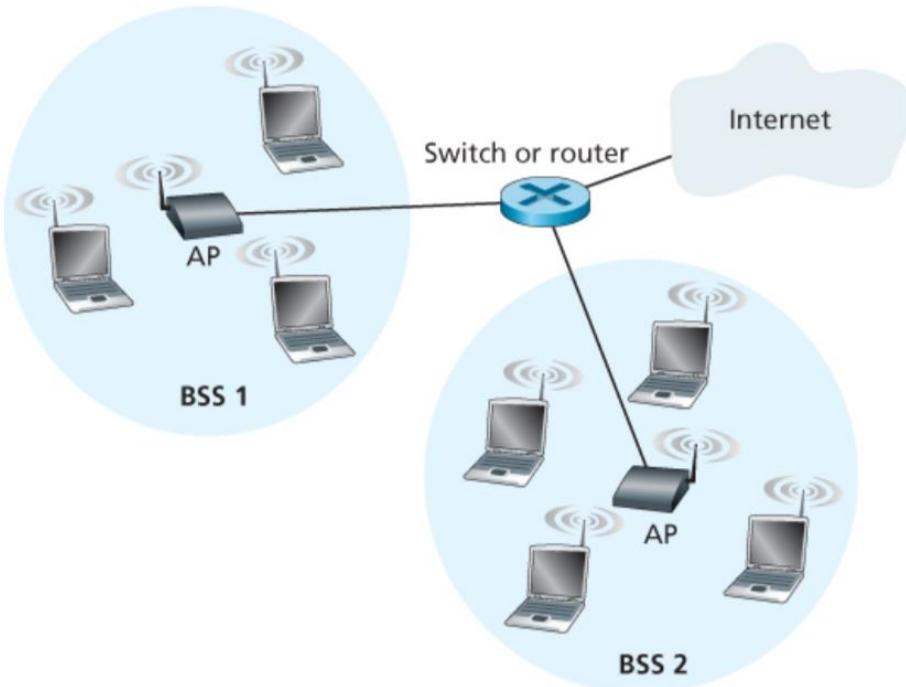
# Infrastructure Mode (APs)



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- Base station connects mobiles into wired network
- Network provides services (addressing, routing, DNS)
- Handoff: mobile changes base station providing connection to wired network

# 802.11 LAN Architecture



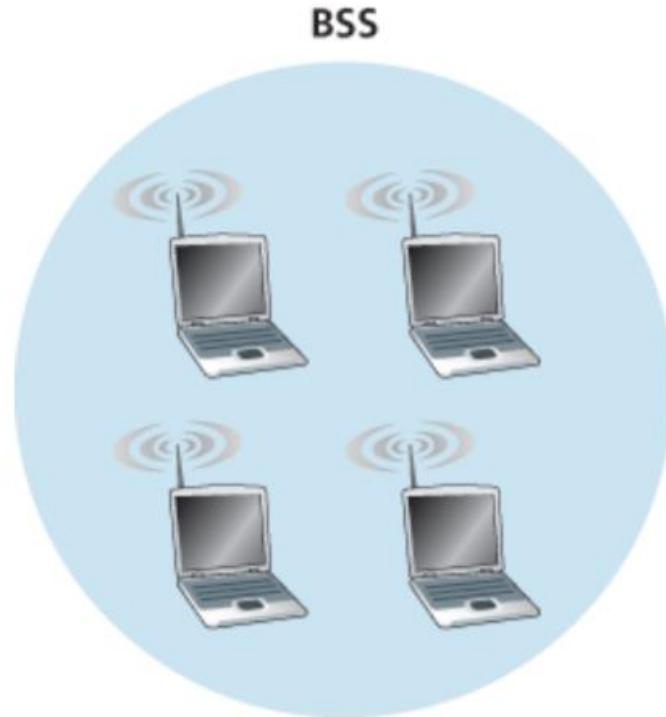
- Access Point (AP)
  - Base station that communicates with the wireless hosts
- Basic Service Set (BSS)
  - Coverage of one AP
  - AP acts as the master
  - Identified by a “network name” known as an SSID



**SSID: Service Set Identifier**

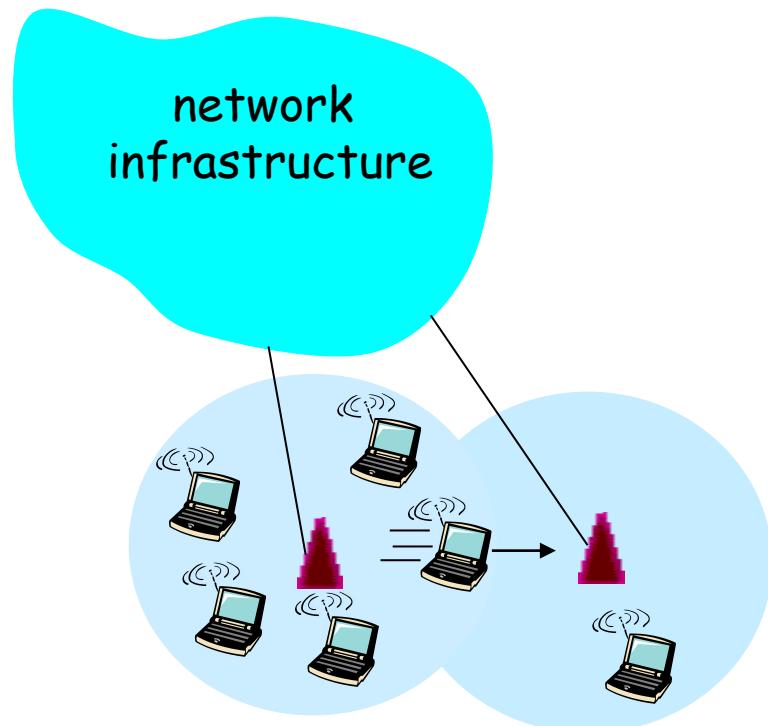
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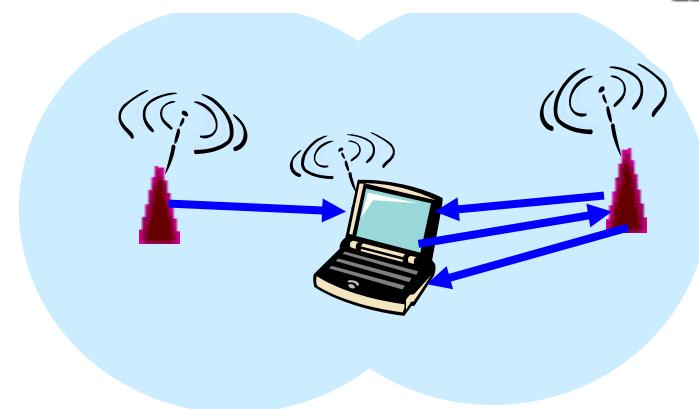
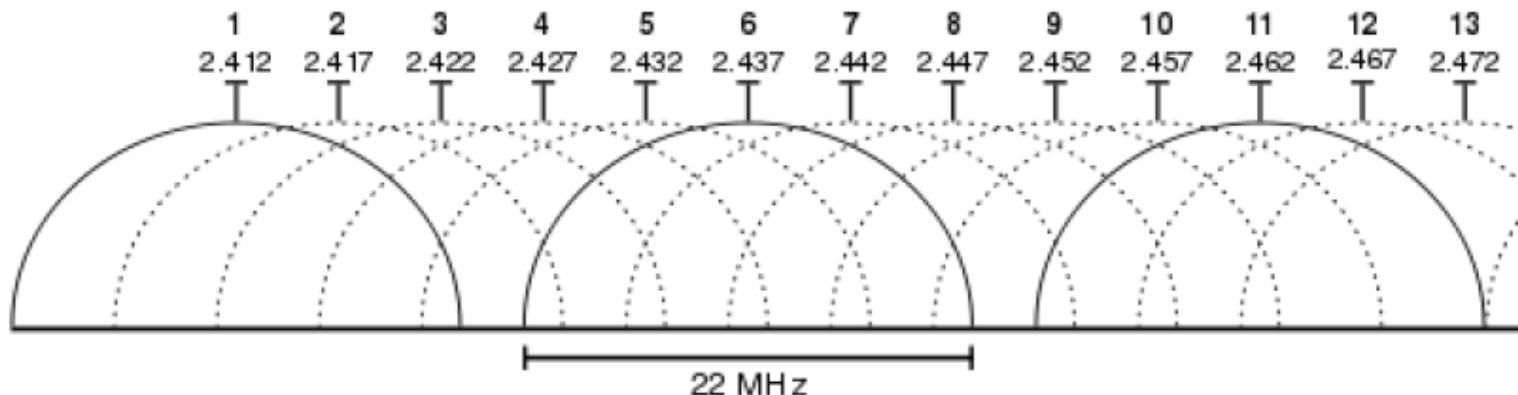
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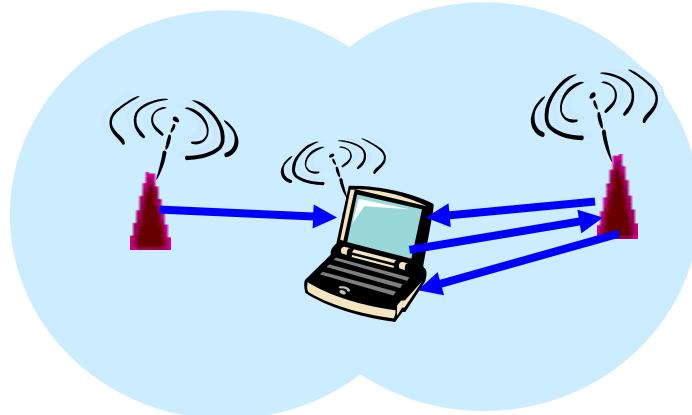
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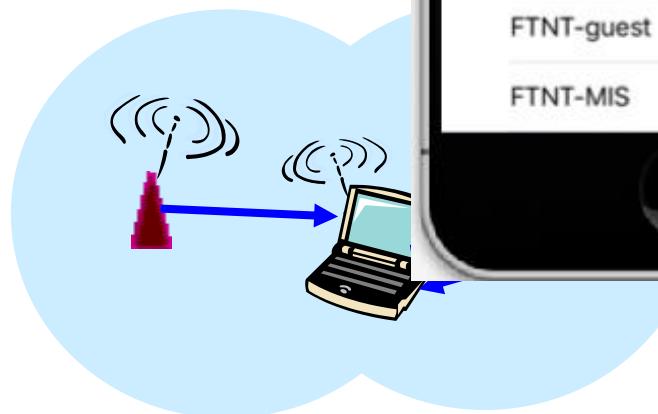
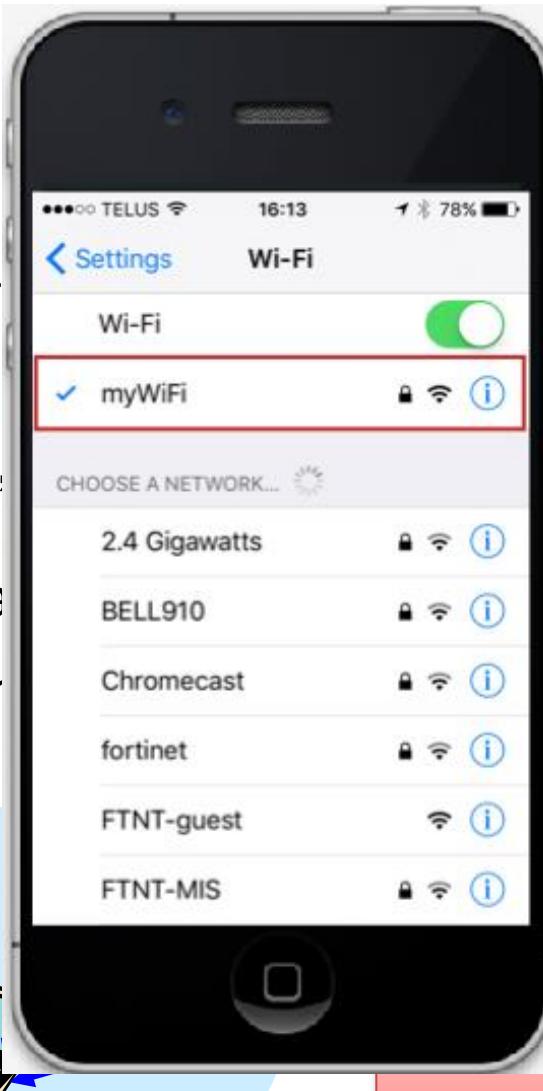
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- Access points send periodic beacon frames
  - Containing AP's name (SSID) and MAC address
  - Host scans channels, listening for beacon frames
  - Host selects an access point to associate with



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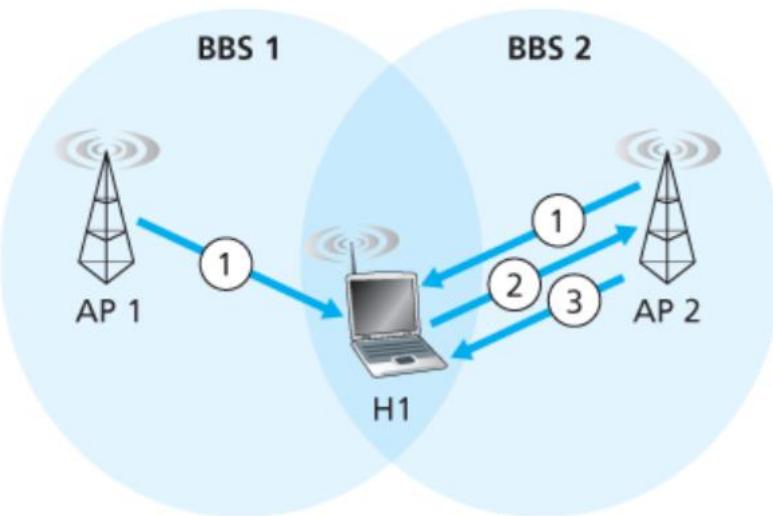
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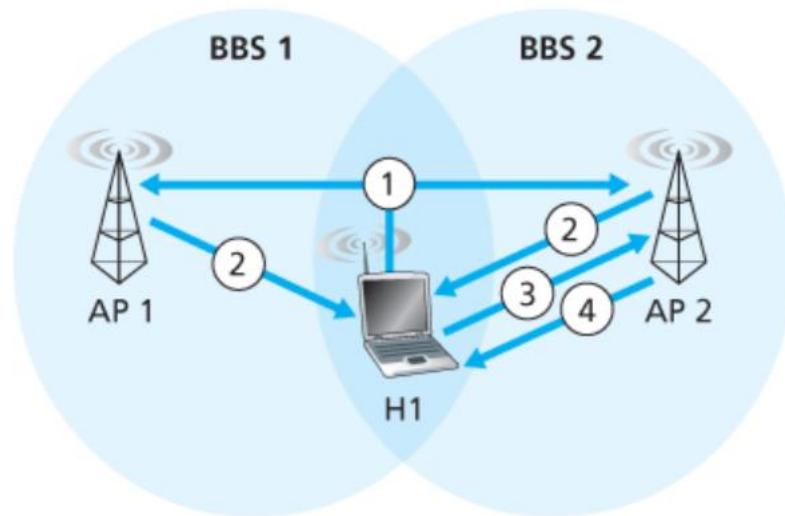
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# Scanning: Passive and active



## a. 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

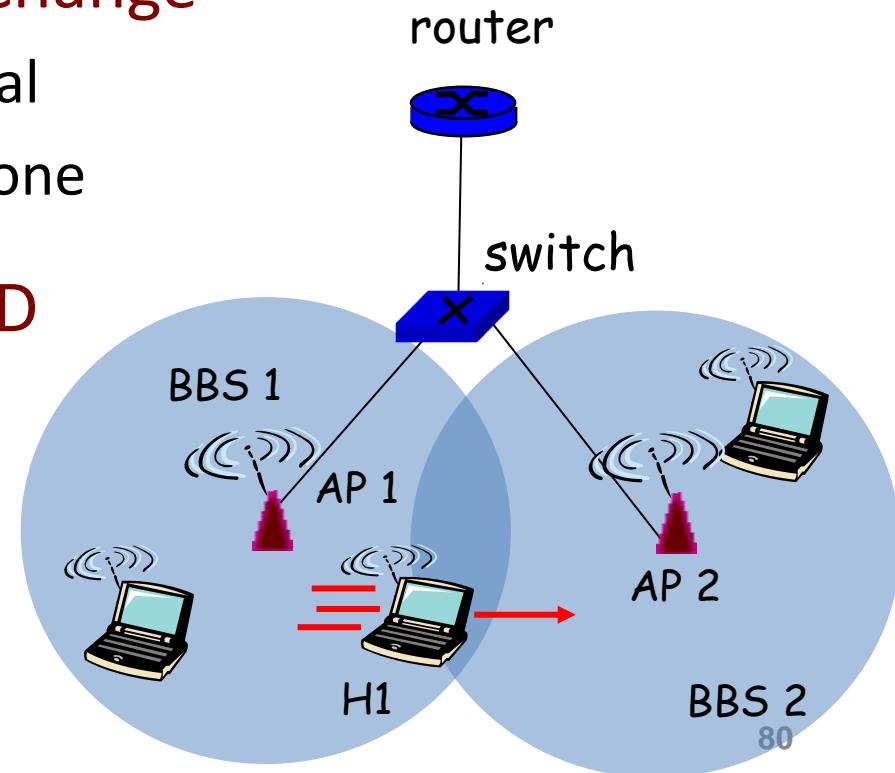


## a. Active scanning

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

# Mobility Within the Same Subnet

- H1 remains in same IP subnet
  - IP address of the host can remain same
  - Ongoing data transfers can continue uninterrupted
- H1 recognizes the need to change
  - H1 detects a weakening signal
  - Starts scanning for stronger one
- Changes APs with same SSID
  - H1 disassociates from one
  - And associates with other
- Switch learns new location
  - Self-learning mechanism

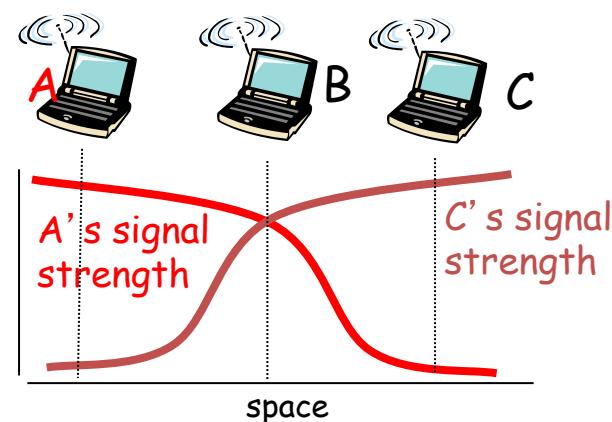
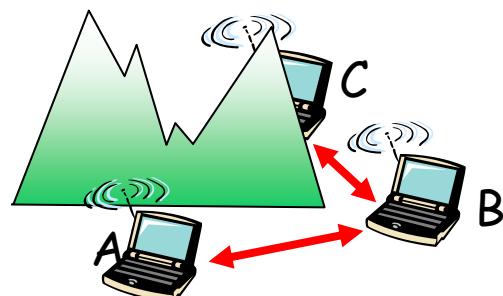


# WiFi: IEEE 802.11 Wireless LANs

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4. Advanced features

# CSMA: Carrier Sense, Multiple Access

- Multiple access: channel is shared medium
  - Station: wireless host or access point
  - Multiple stations may want to transmit at same time
- Carrier sense: sense channel before sending
  - Station doesn't send when channel is busy
  - To prevent collisions with ongoing transfers
  - But, detecting ongoing transfers isn't always possible



# CSMA/CA: Collision Avoidance (CA), Not Collision Detection (CD)

- Collision detection in wired Ethernet
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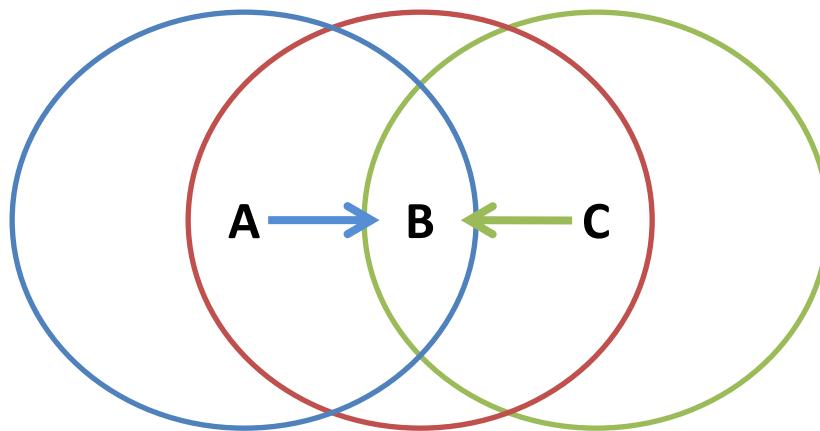
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- Problem #2: Can not listen while sending
  - Strength of received signal is much smaller
  - Expensive to build hardware that detects collisions
- So, 802.11 does collision avoidance, not detection

# Hidden Terminal Problem

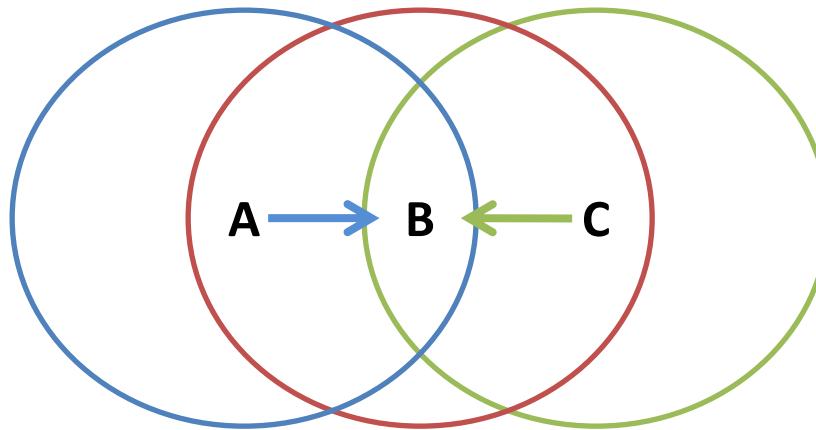


- A and C can't see each other, both send to B
- Occurs since 802.11 relies on physical carrier sensing, which is susceptible to hidden terminal problem

# Virtual carrier sensing

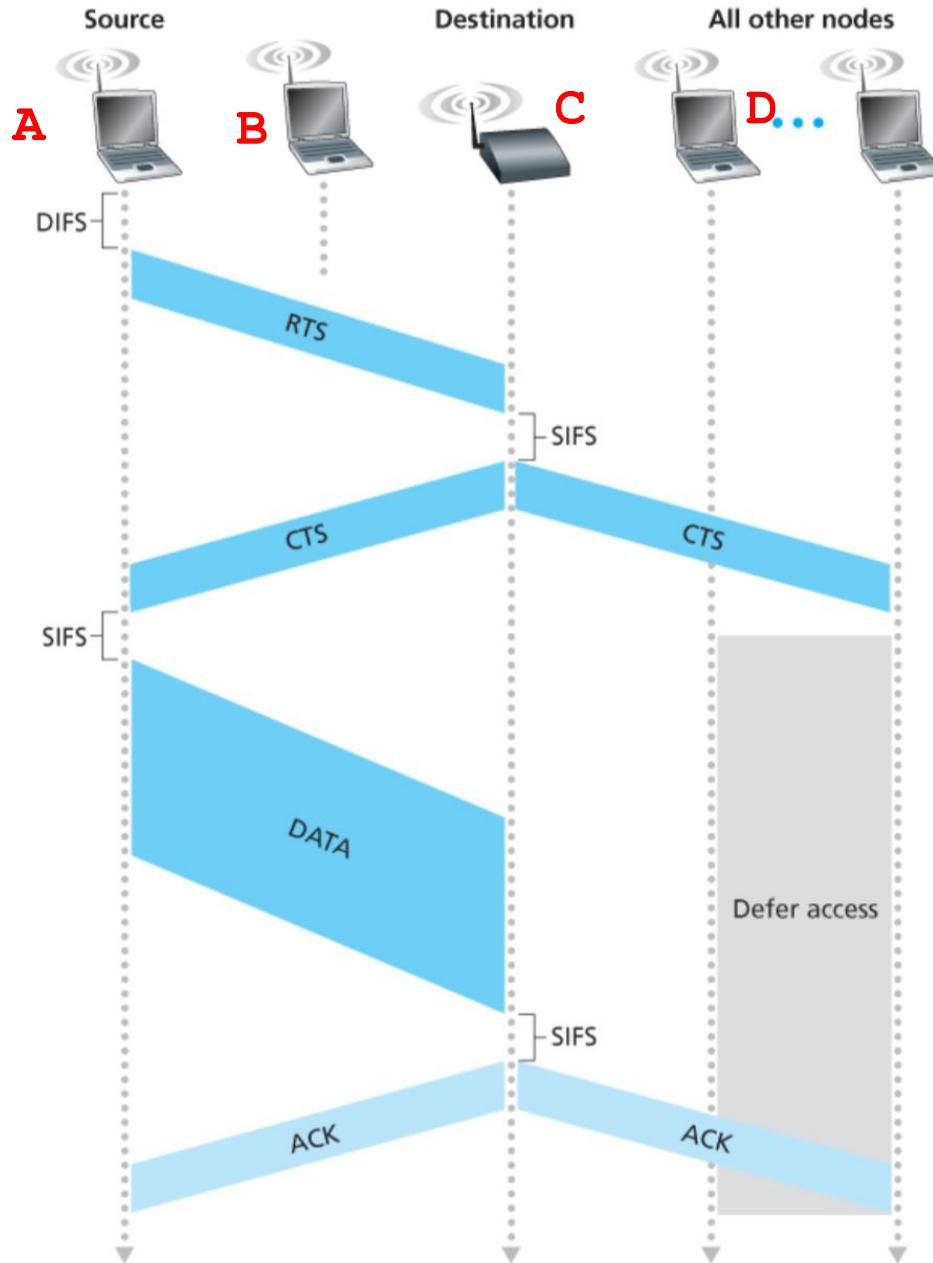
- First exchange control frames before transmitting data
  - Sender issues “Request to Send” (RTS), incl. length of data
  - Receiver responds with “Clear to Send” (CTS)
- If sender sees CTS, transmits data (of specified length)
- If other node sees CTS, will idle for specified period
- If other node sees RTS but not CTS, free to send

# Hidden Terminal Problem

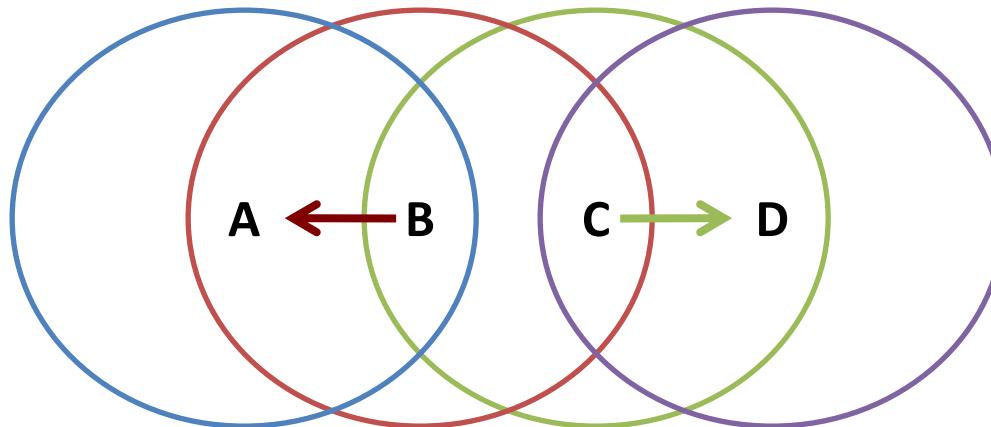


- A and C can't see each other, both send to B
- RTS/CTS can help
  - Both A and C would send RTS that B would see first
  - B only responds with one CTS (say, echoing A's RTS)
  - C detects that CTS doesn't match and won't send

# Virtual carrier sensing (RTS-CTS)



# Exposed Terminal Problem



- B sending to A, C wants to send to D
- As C receives B's packets, carrier sense would prevent it from sending to D, even though wouldn't interfere
- RTS/CTS can help
  - C hears RTS from B, but not CTS from A
  - C knows its transmission will not interfere with A
  - C is safe to transmit to D

# Impact on Higher-Layer Protocols

- Wireless and mobility change path properties
  - Wireless: higher packet loss, not from congestion
  - Mobility: transient disruptions, and changes in RTT
- Logically, impact should be minimal ...
  - Best-effort service model remains unchanged
  - TCP and UDP can (and do) run over wireless, mobile
- But, performance definitely *is* affected
  - TCP treats packet loss as a sign of congestion
  - TCP tries to estimate the RTT to drive retransmissions
  - TCP does not perform well under out-of-order packets
- Internet not designed with these issues in mind

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# WiFi: IEEE 802.11 Frame

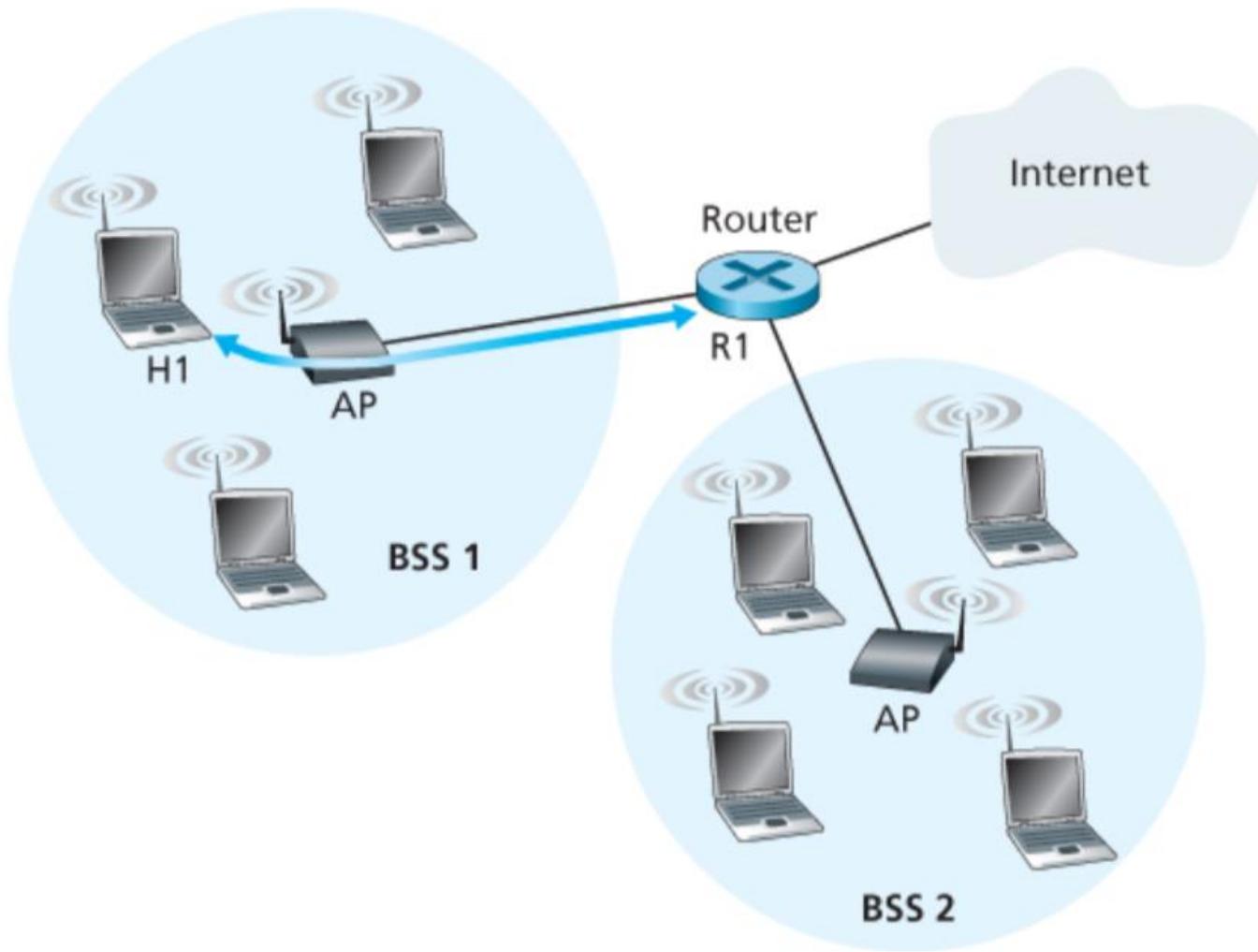
Frame (numbers indicate field length in bytes):

2	2	6	6	6	2	6	0-2312	4
Frame control	Duration	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Seq control	Address 4	Payload	CRC

Frame control field expanded (numbers indicate field length in bits):

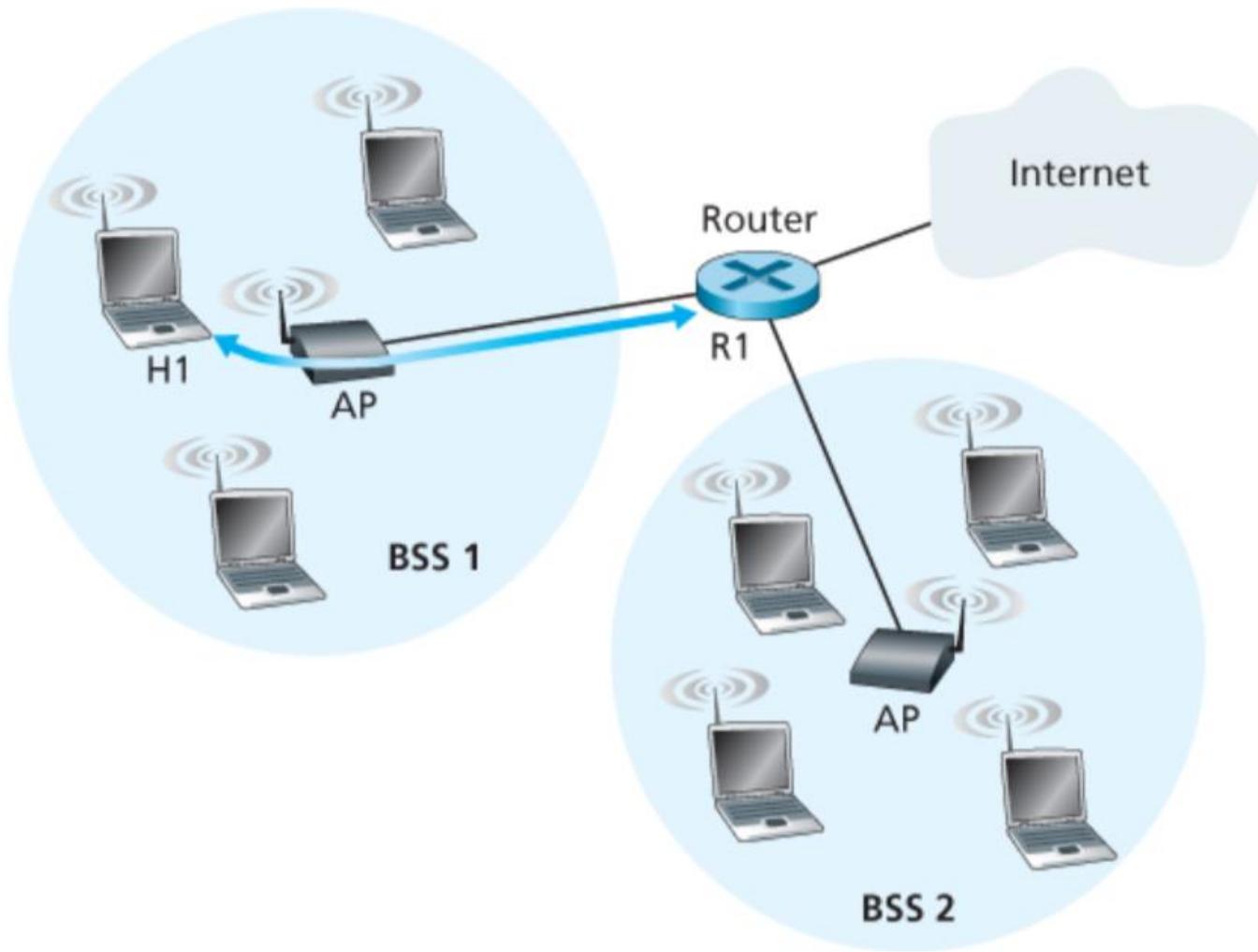
2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Protocol version	Type	Subtype	To AP	From AP	More frag	Retry	Power mgt	More data	WEP	Rsvd

# 802.11 Frame: The secret of Address-3



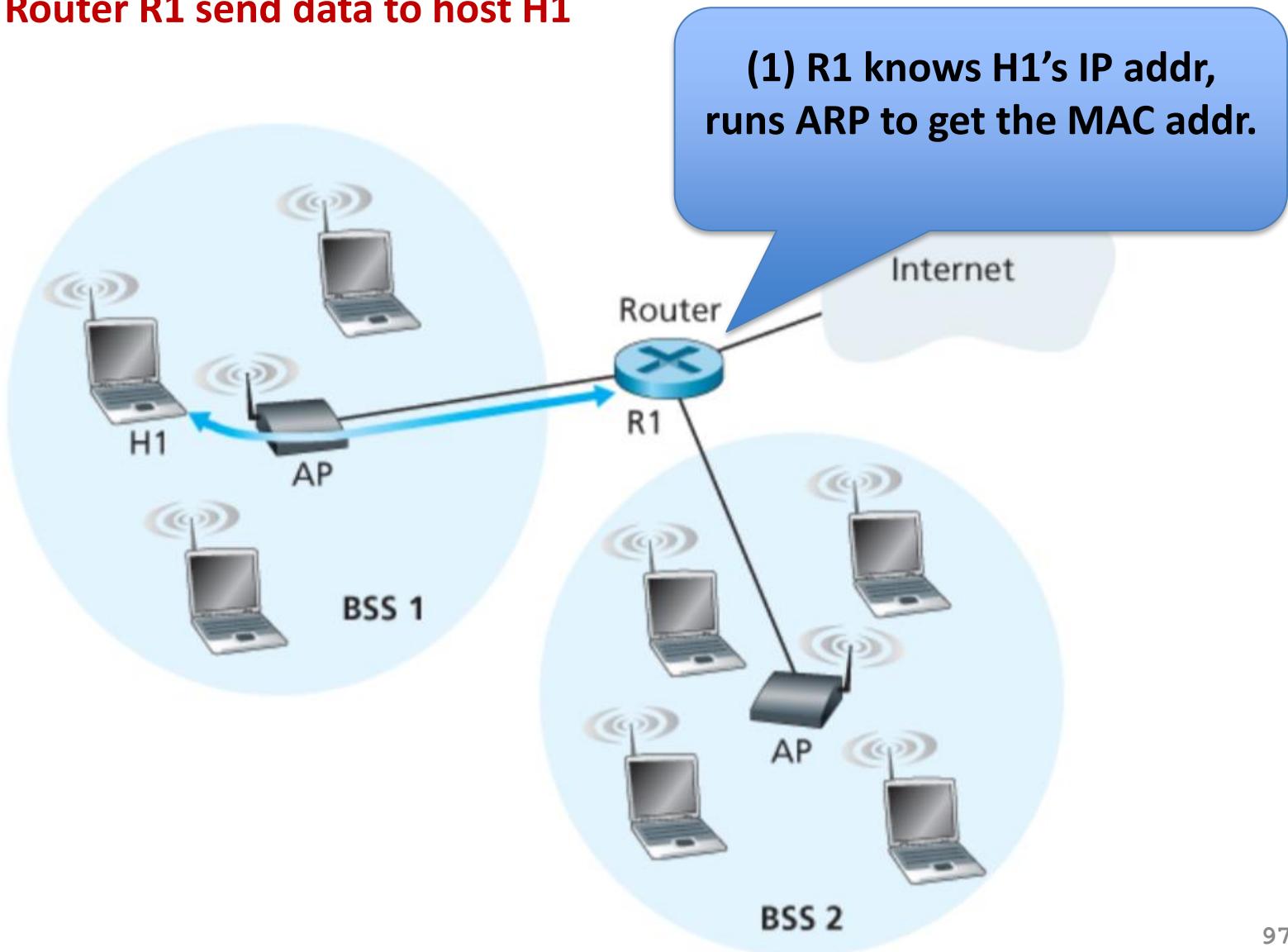
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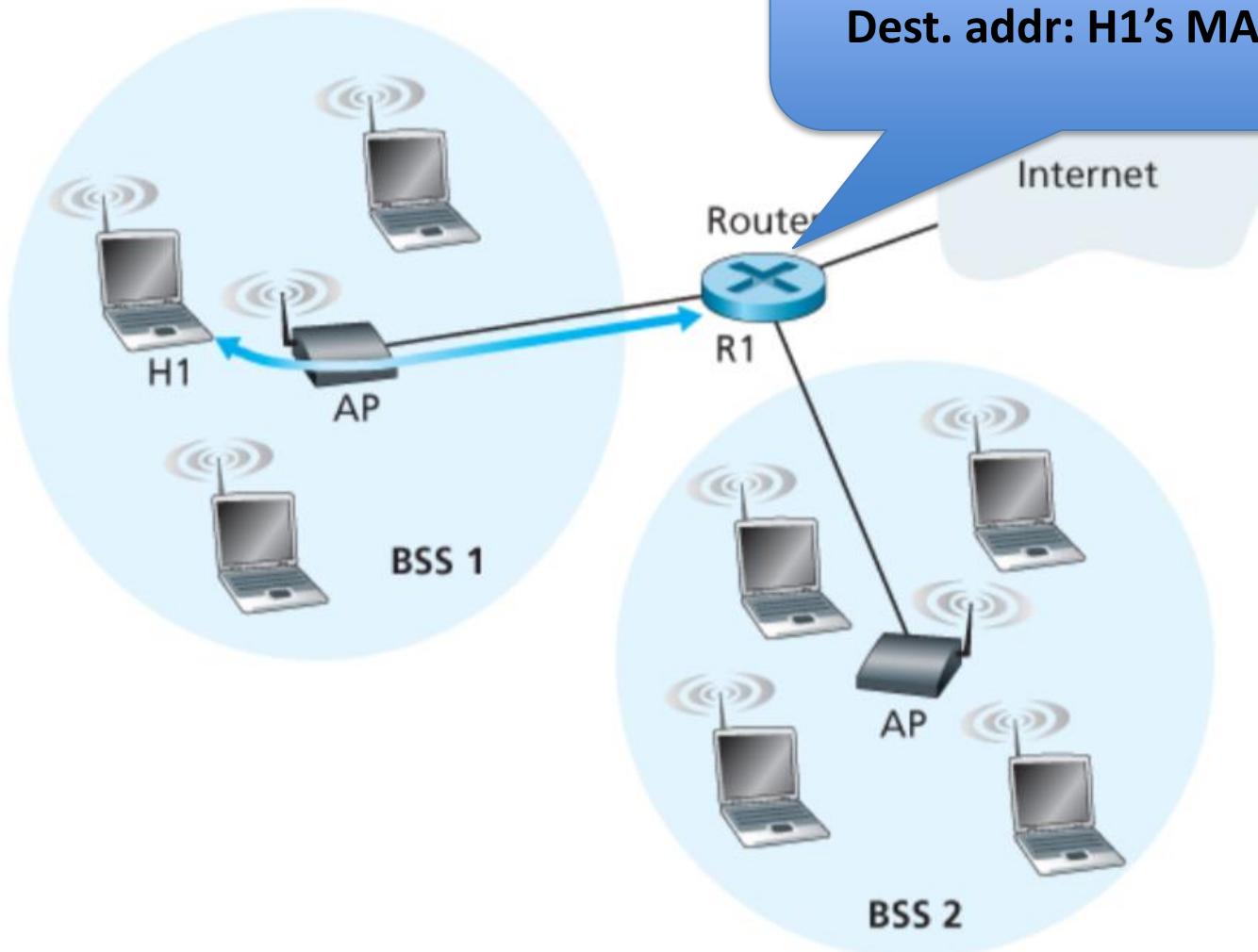
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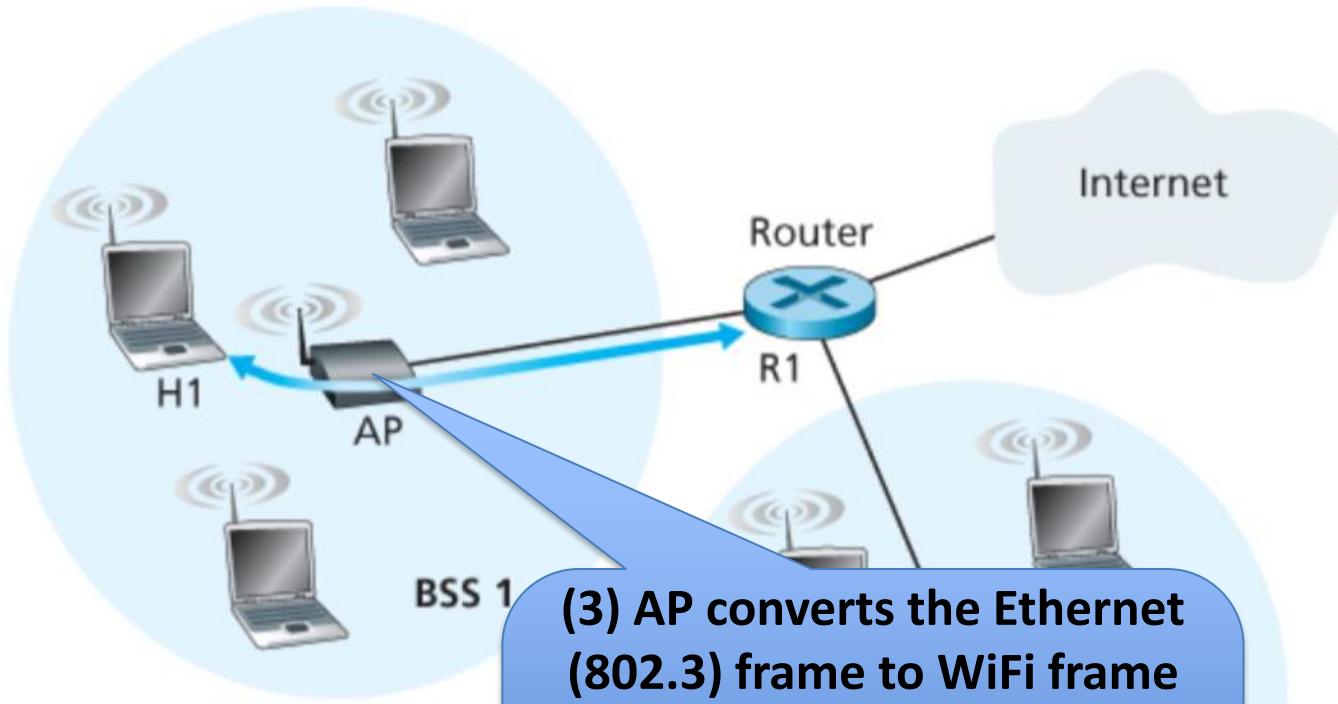
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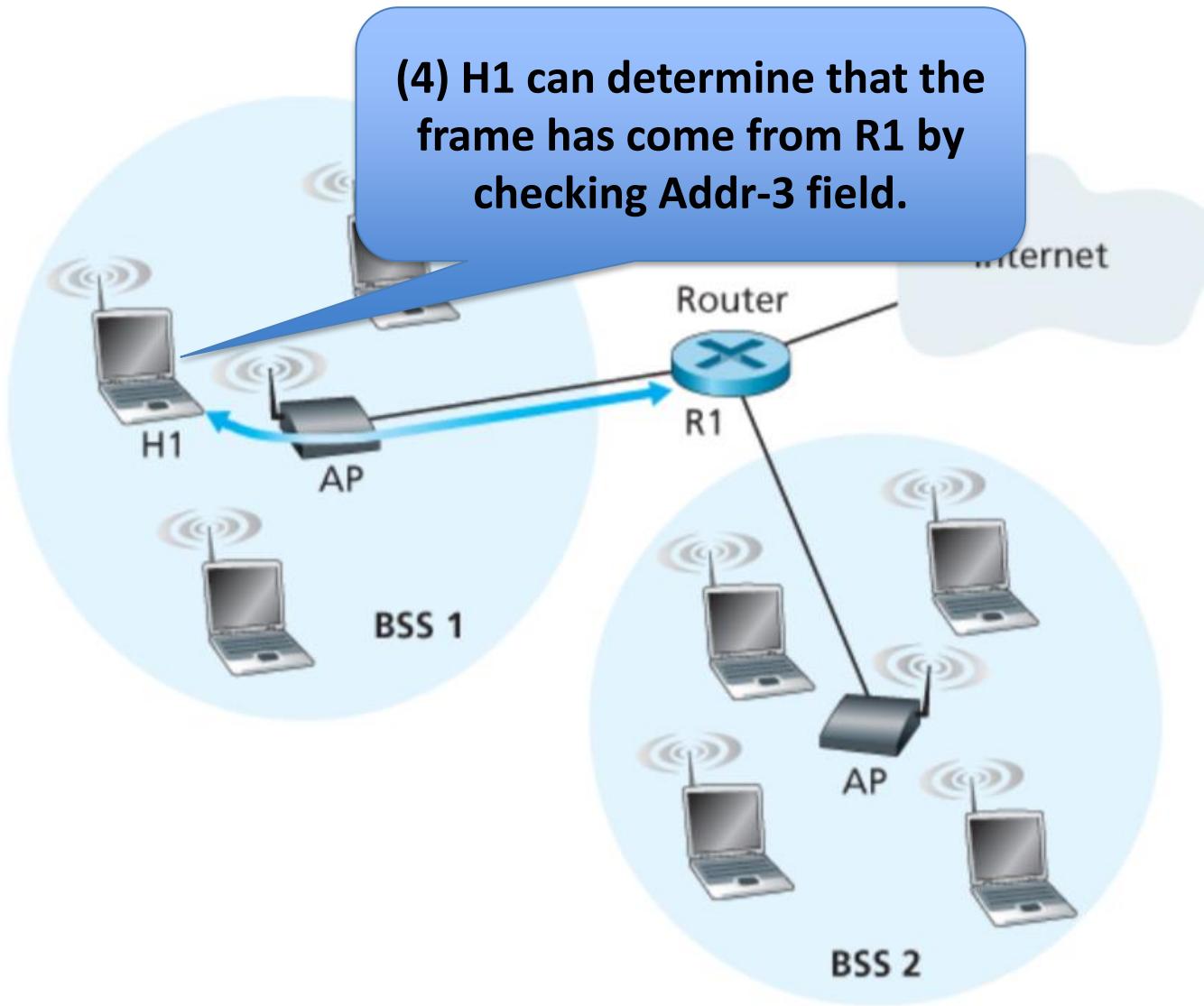
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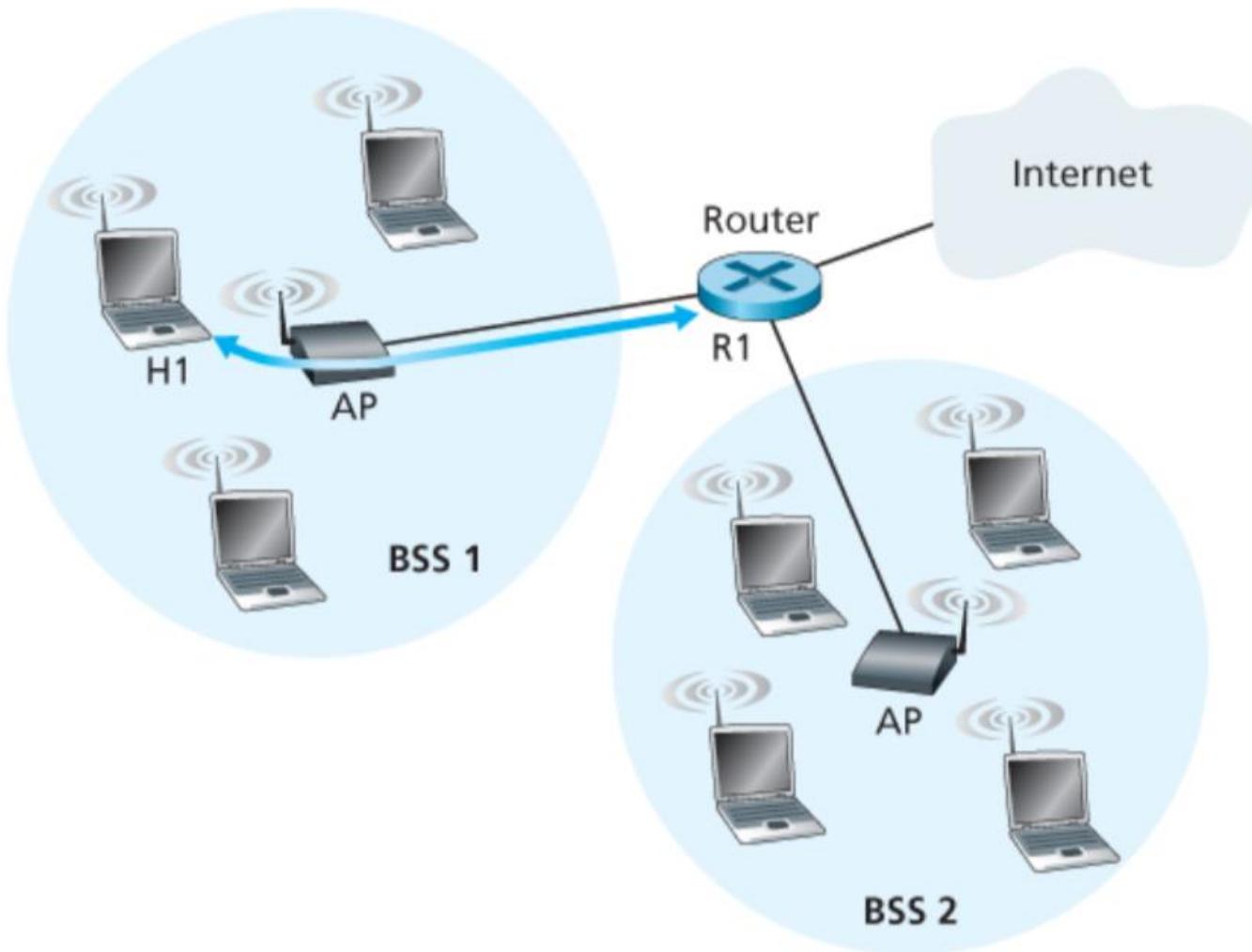
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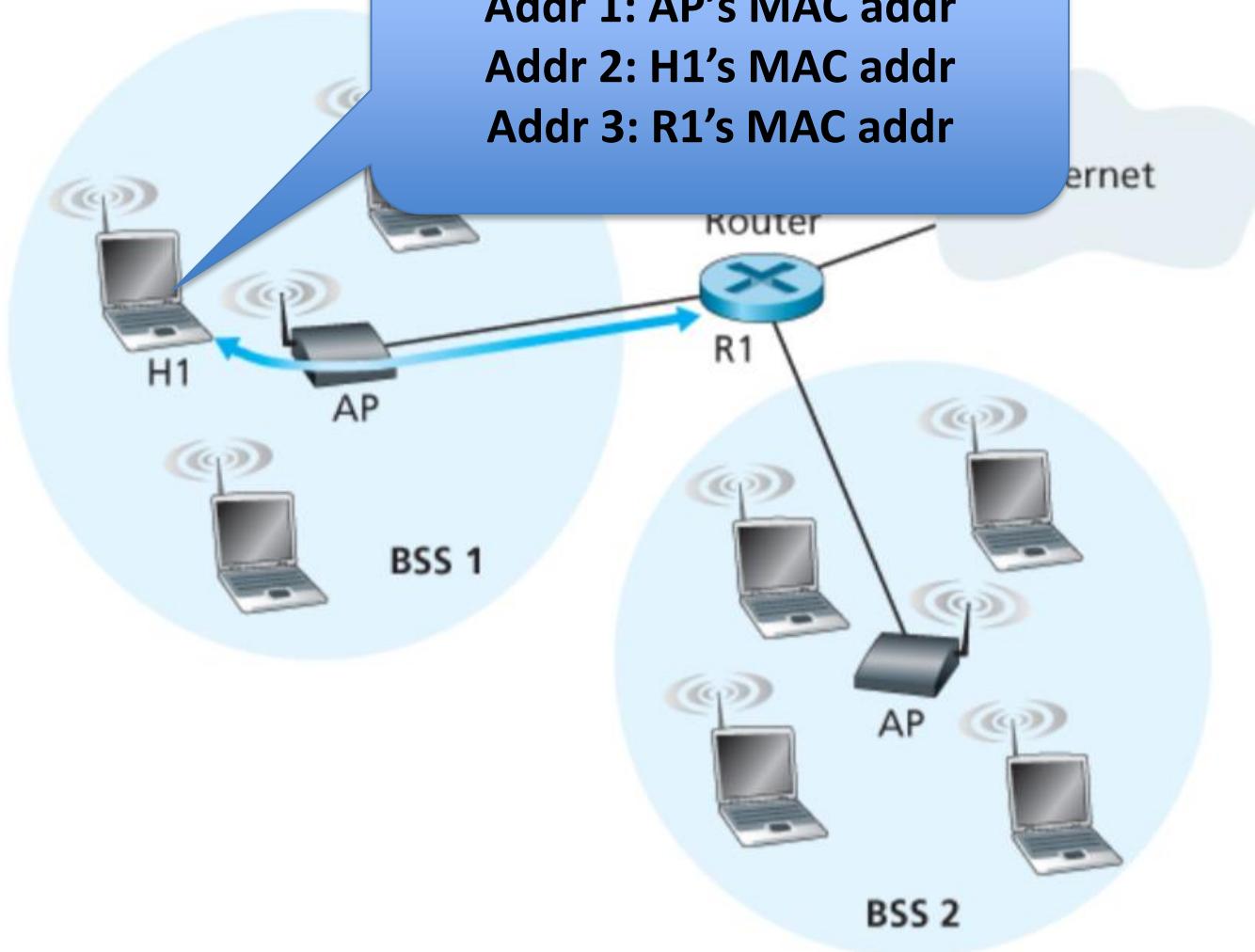
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(1) H1 creates a WiFi frame.

Addr 1: AP's MAC addr

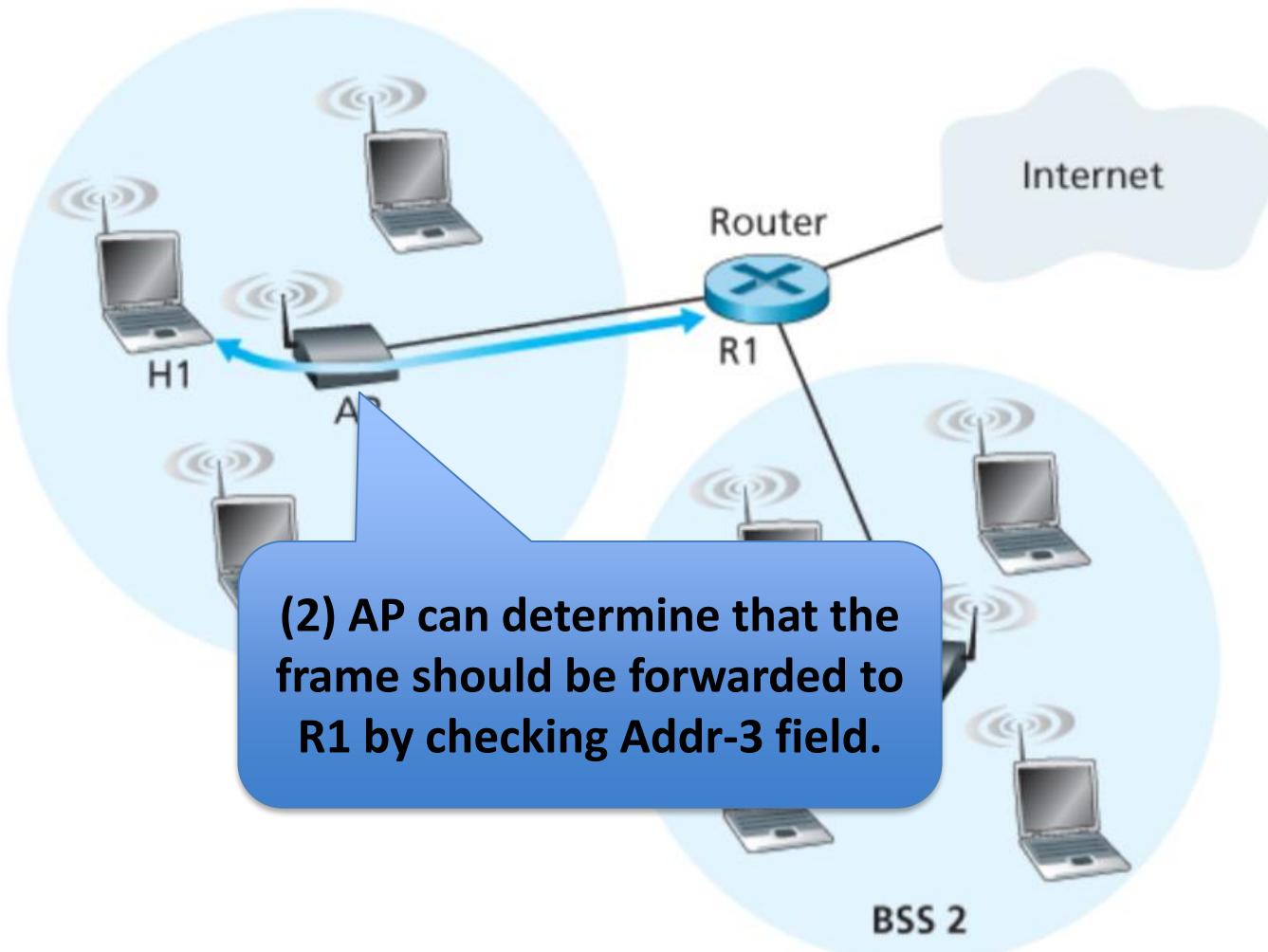
Addr 2: H1's MAC addr

Addr 3: R1's MAC addr



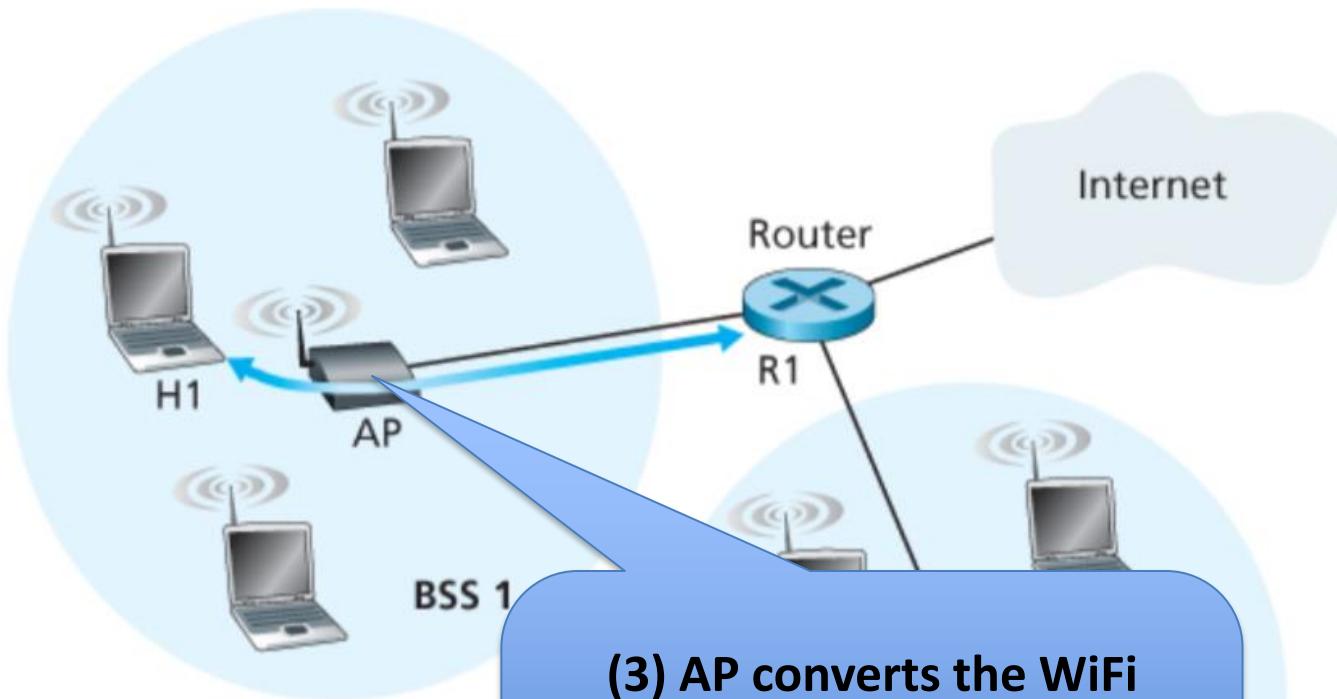
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(3) AP converts the WiFi  
(802.11) frame to Ethernet  
frame (802.3).

Source addr : H1's MAC addr  
Dest. addr : R1's MAC addr

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# WiFi: Advanced features

- 1) Rate adaptation
- 2) Power management

Bluetooth: 802.15.1  
“personal-area-networks”

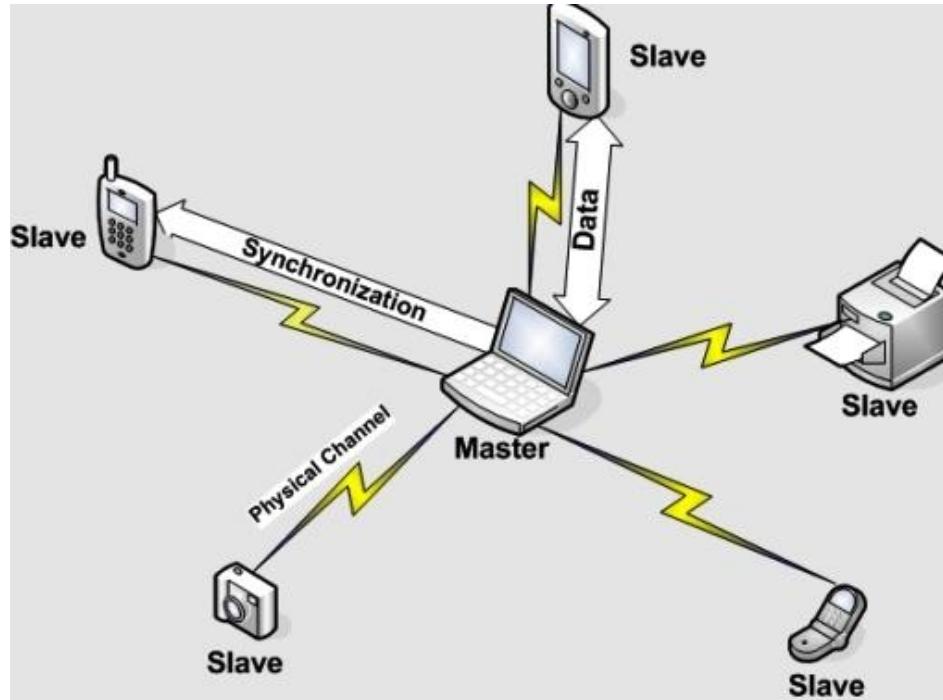
# Wireless Personal Area Networks “WPANs”

WPANs address communication needs within personal operating space < 10m



IEEE 802.15.3 is chartered with creating a high rate WPAN standard that provides for low power, low cost, short range solutions targeted to consumer digital imaging and multimedia applications

# Bluetooth piconets

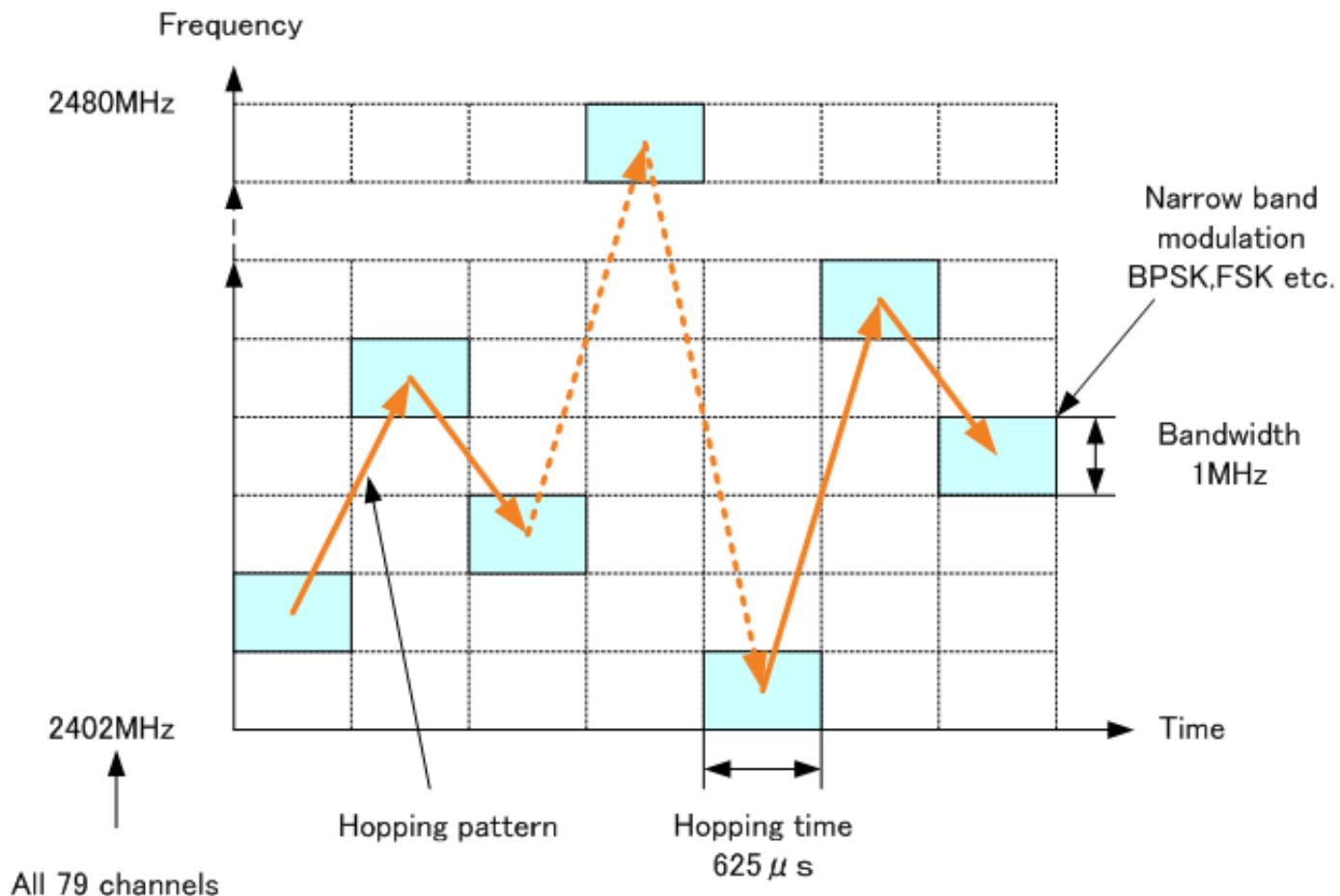


- 1 master, up to 7 “slave” devices; 225 “parked” devices
- Operates on unlicensed wireless spectrum
  - How to prevent interference?

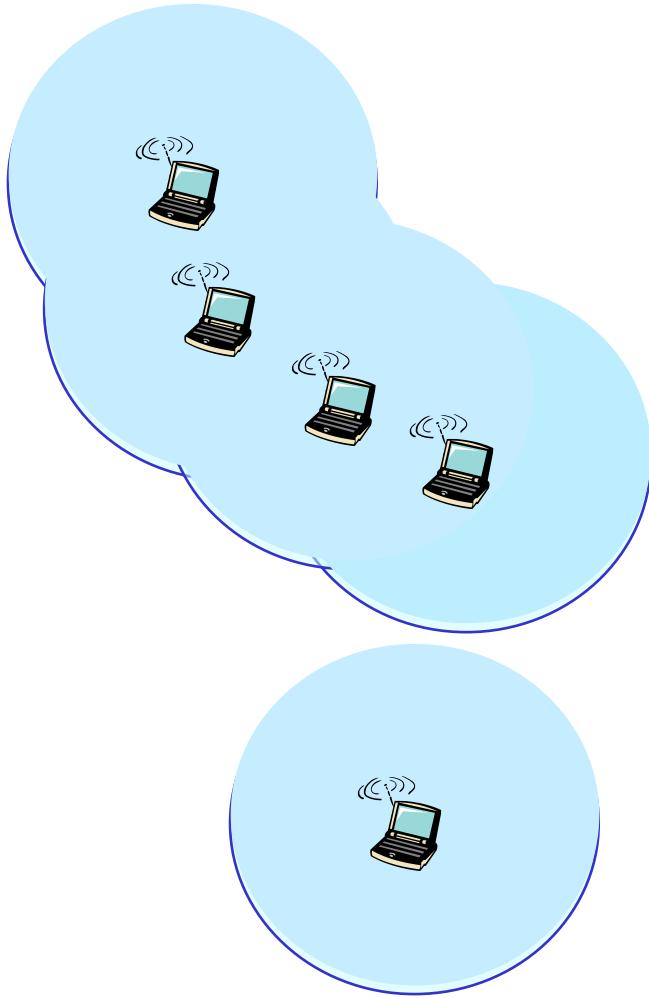
# PHY: Spread Spectrum – Frequency Hopping

- Nodes rapidly jump between frequencies
- Sender and receiver coordinated in jumps
  - How coordinate? Pseudorandom number generator, with shared input known to sender/receiver
- If randomly collide with other transmitted, only for short period before jump again
- Bluetooth
  - 79 frequencies, on each frequency for 625 microseconds
  - Each channel also uses TDMA, with each frame taking 1/3/5 consecutive slots.
  - Only master can start in odd slot, slave only in response

# PHY: Spread Spectrum – Frequency Hopping



# Ad-Hoc Networks



## Ad hoc mode

- No base stations
- Nodes can only transmit to other nodes within link coverage
- Nodes self-organize and route among themselves
- Can create multi-hop wireless networks, instead of a wired backend

# Infrastructure vs. Ad Hoc

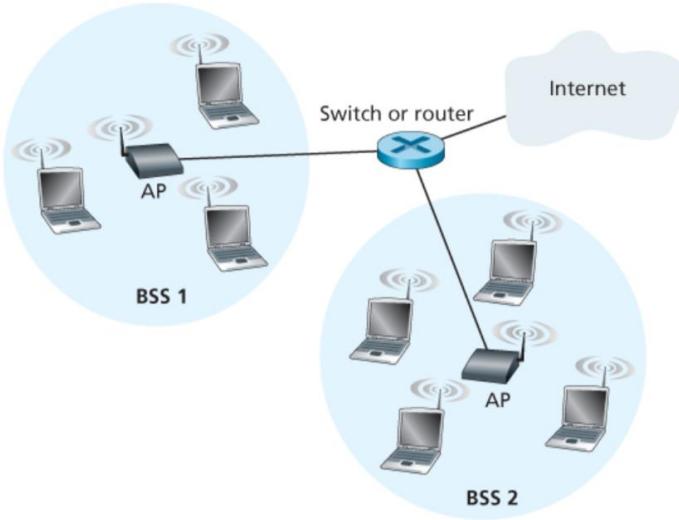
- Infrastructure mode
  - Wireless hosts are associated with a base station
  - Traditional services provided by the connected network
  - E.g., address assignment, routing, and DNS resolution
- Ad hoc networks
  - Wireless hosts have no infrastructure to connect to
  - Hosts themselves must provide network services
- Similar in spirit to the difference between
  - Client-server communication
  - Peer-to-peer communication

# Delay Tolerant Networking

- Nodes can both route and store
  - Next hop is available, forward
  - Otherwise, store packets
- Useful for data collection with no time limit
  - e.g., sensors in the field
- Analogous to email
  - Hold onto packets until another hop can take it from you
  - Eventually reach its destination

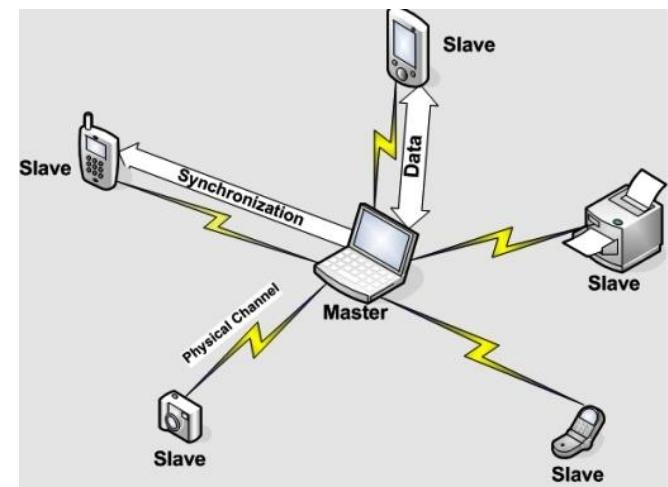
# Conclusions

- **Wireless**
  - Already a major way people connect to the Internet
  - Gradually becoming more than just an access network
- **Mobility**
  - Today's users tolerate disruptions as they move
  - ... and applications try to hide the effects
  - Tomorrow's users expect seamless mobility
- **Challenges the design of network protocols**
  - Wireless breaks the abstraction of a link, and the assumption that packet loss implies congestion
  - Mobility breaks association of address and location
  - Higher-layer protocols don't perform as well



## 802.11 LAN

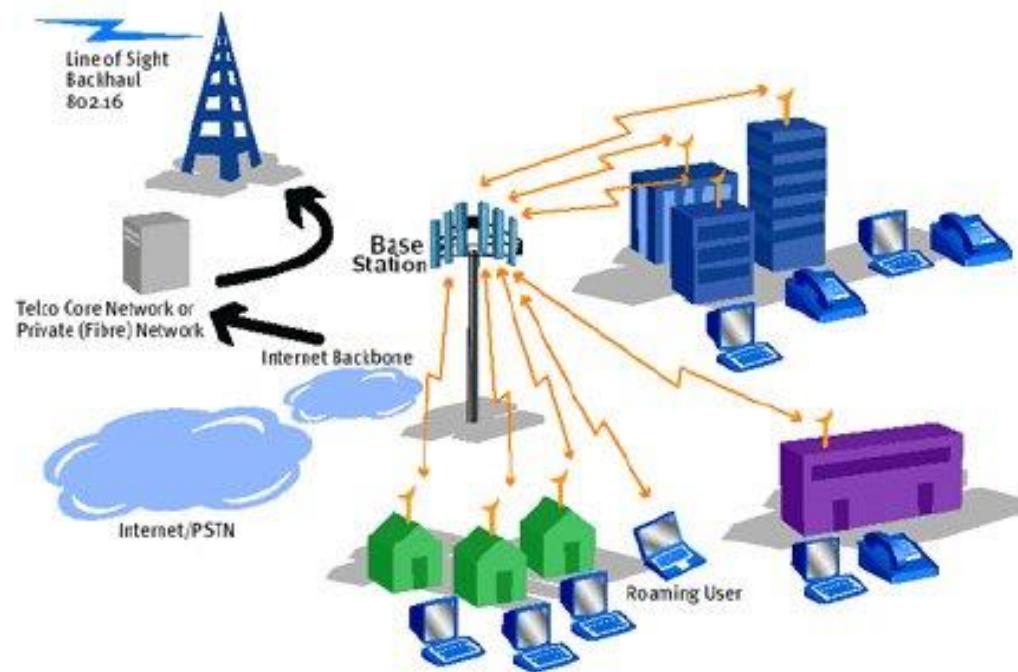
## 802.15 PAN



# **Wide-Area Wireless Network: WiMAX**

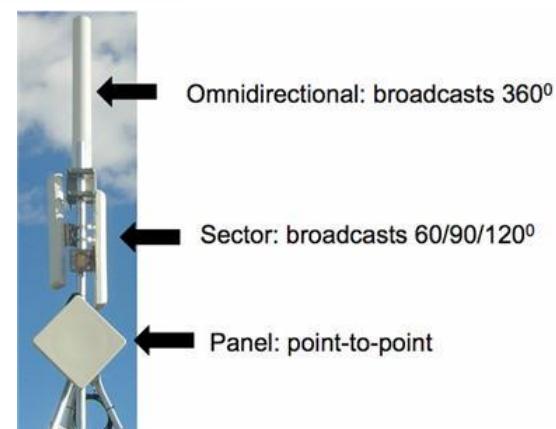
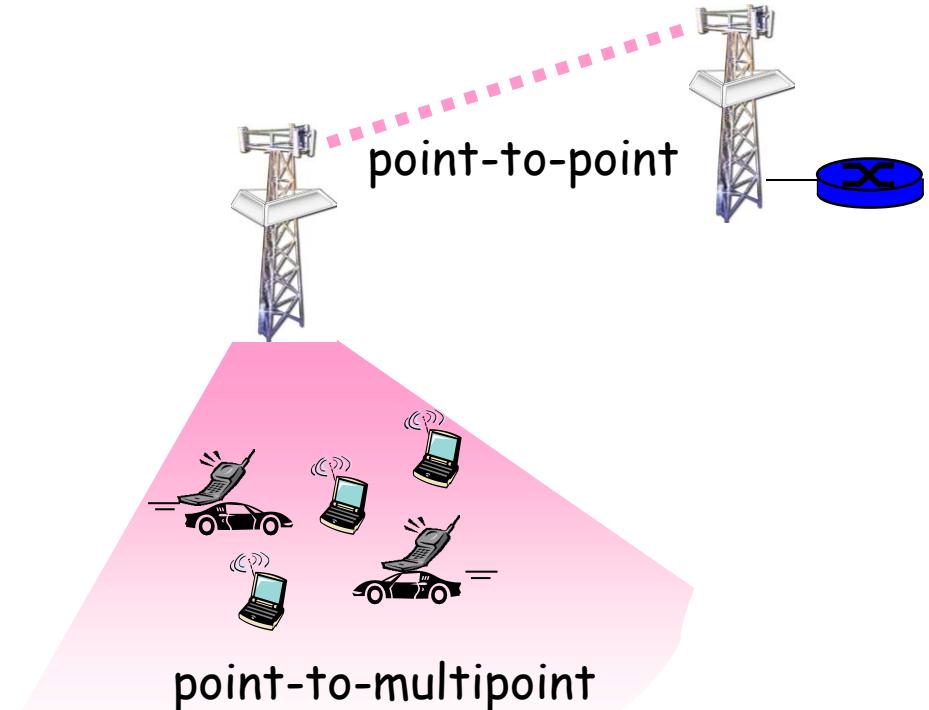
## **(Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access)**

# 802.16 Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)



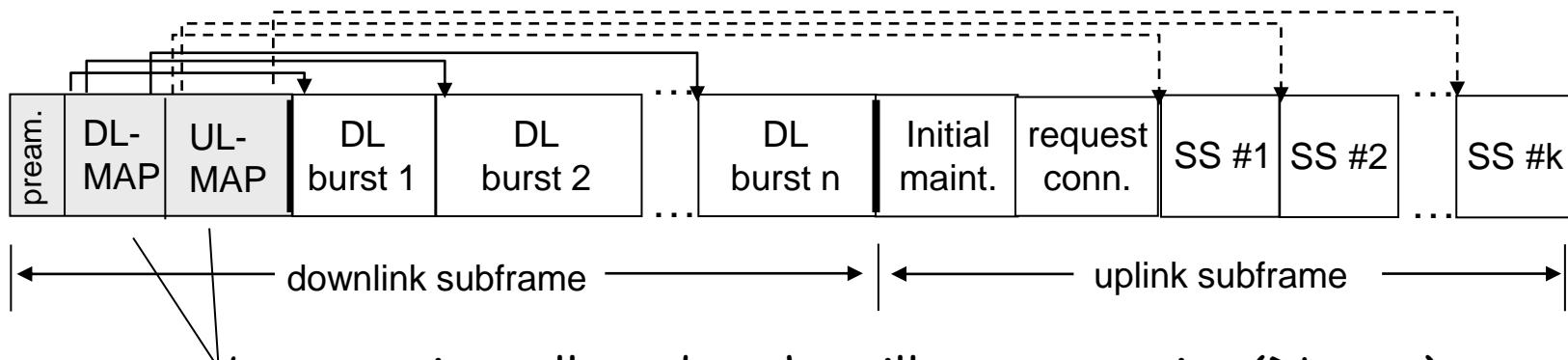
# 802.16: WiMAX

- like 802.11: 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”)



# 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

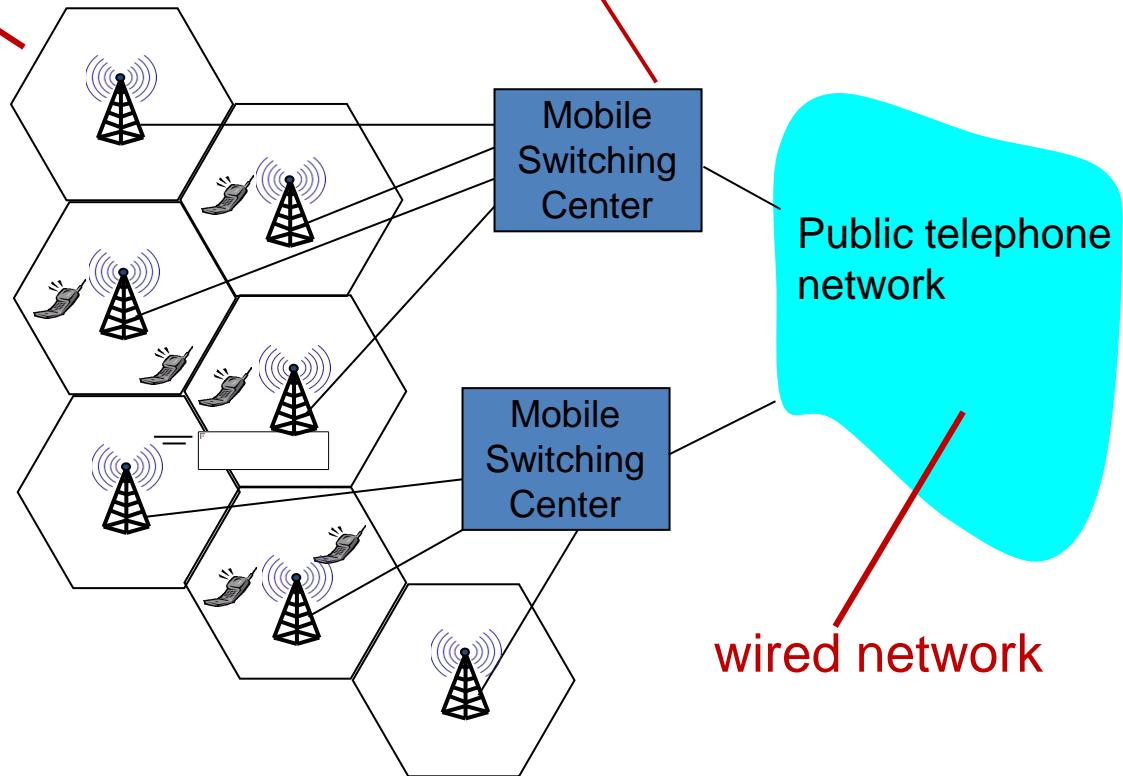
- WiMAX standard provide mechanism for scheduling, but not scheduling algorithm

# Cellular Networks

# 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



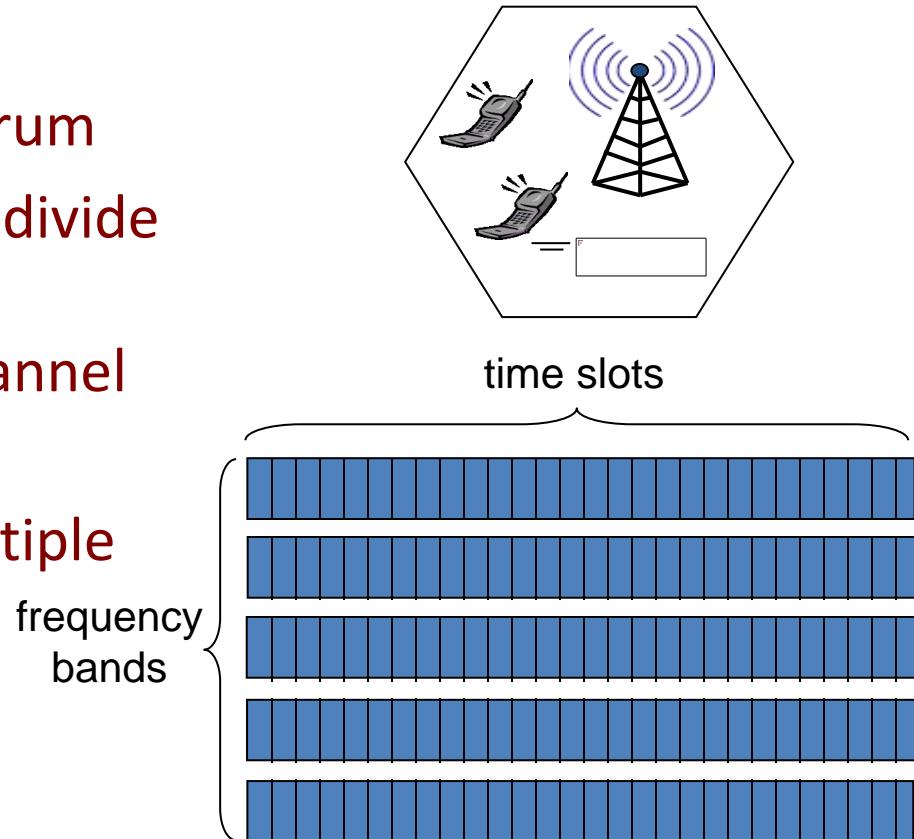
## MSC

- ❖ connects cells to wired tel. net.
- ❖ manages call setup
- ❖ handles mobility

# 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





# 1G

## 1<sup>ST</sup> GENERATION *wireless network*

- Basic voice service
- Analog-based protocols



# 2G

## 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERATION *wireless network*

- Designed for voice
- Improved coverage and capacity
- First digital standards (GSM, CDMA)



# 3G

## 3<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION *wireless network*

- Designed for voice with some data consideration (multimedia, text, internet)
- First mobile broadband



# 4G

## 4<sup>TH</sup> GENERATION *wireless network*

- Designed primarily for data
- IP-based protocols (LTE)
- True mobile broadband



**THE NEED FOR SPEED**

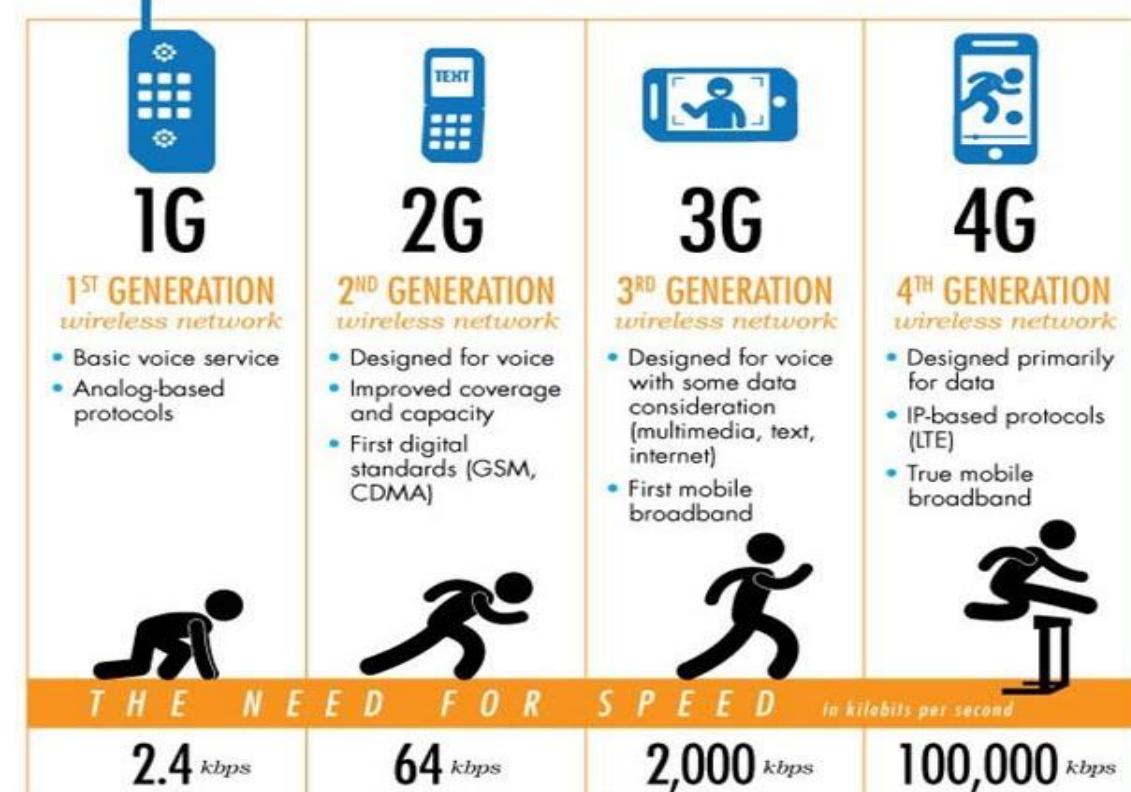
*in kilobits per second*

**2.4 kbps**

**64 kbps**

**2,000 kbps**

**100,000 kbps**

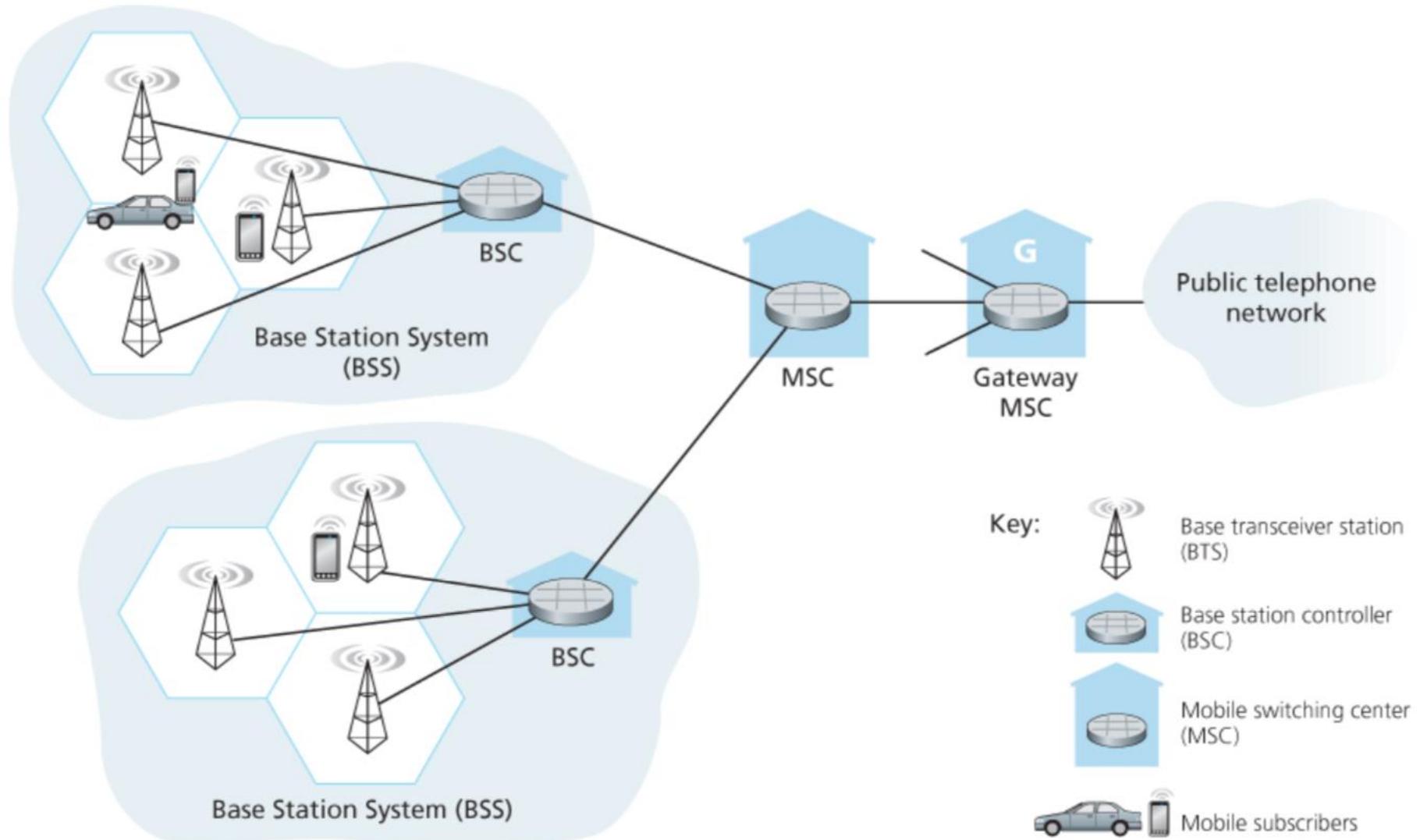


Tech. Generation	Year	Standard	Speed	Supports
1G (analog)	1980	AMPS, TACS, C-450	2 kbps	Voice only
2G	1990	GSM, CDMA	64 kbps	SMS
2.5G	2000	GPRS	110 kbps	MMS
2.75G	2003	EDGE	135 kbps	WAP
3G	2002	UMTS, WCDMA	144 kbps - 2 Mbps	Video call
3.5G	2010	HSPA	5.76 Mbps - 56 Mbps	Multimedia
3.75G	2010	HSPA+, HSPAP	28 Mbps - 168 Mbps	Multimedia
4G	2010	LTE	100 Mbps - 300 Mbps	Streaming video
4.5G	2015	LTE+	100 Mbps - 1 Gbps	VoIP
5G	2020	???	1 Gbps - 20 Gbps	WWW, IoT

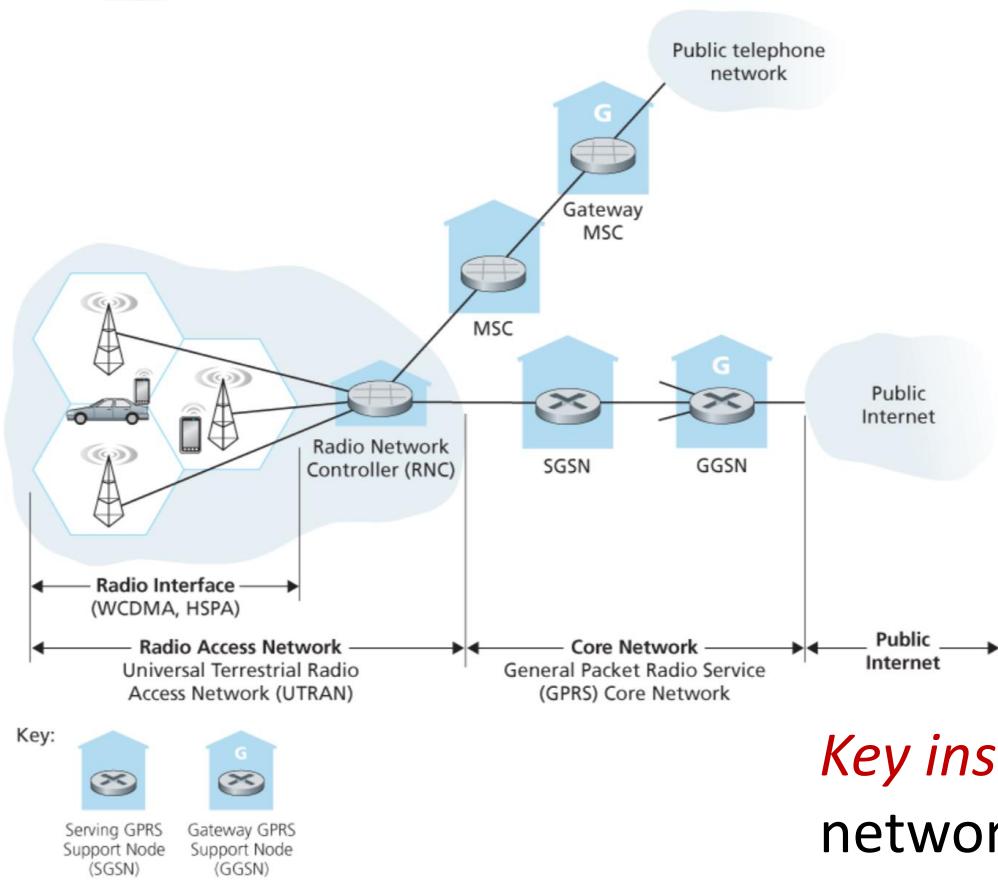
Picture1: <https://www.brandsynario.com/the-evolution-of-gs-generation-networks/> 126

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# 2G (voice) network architecture



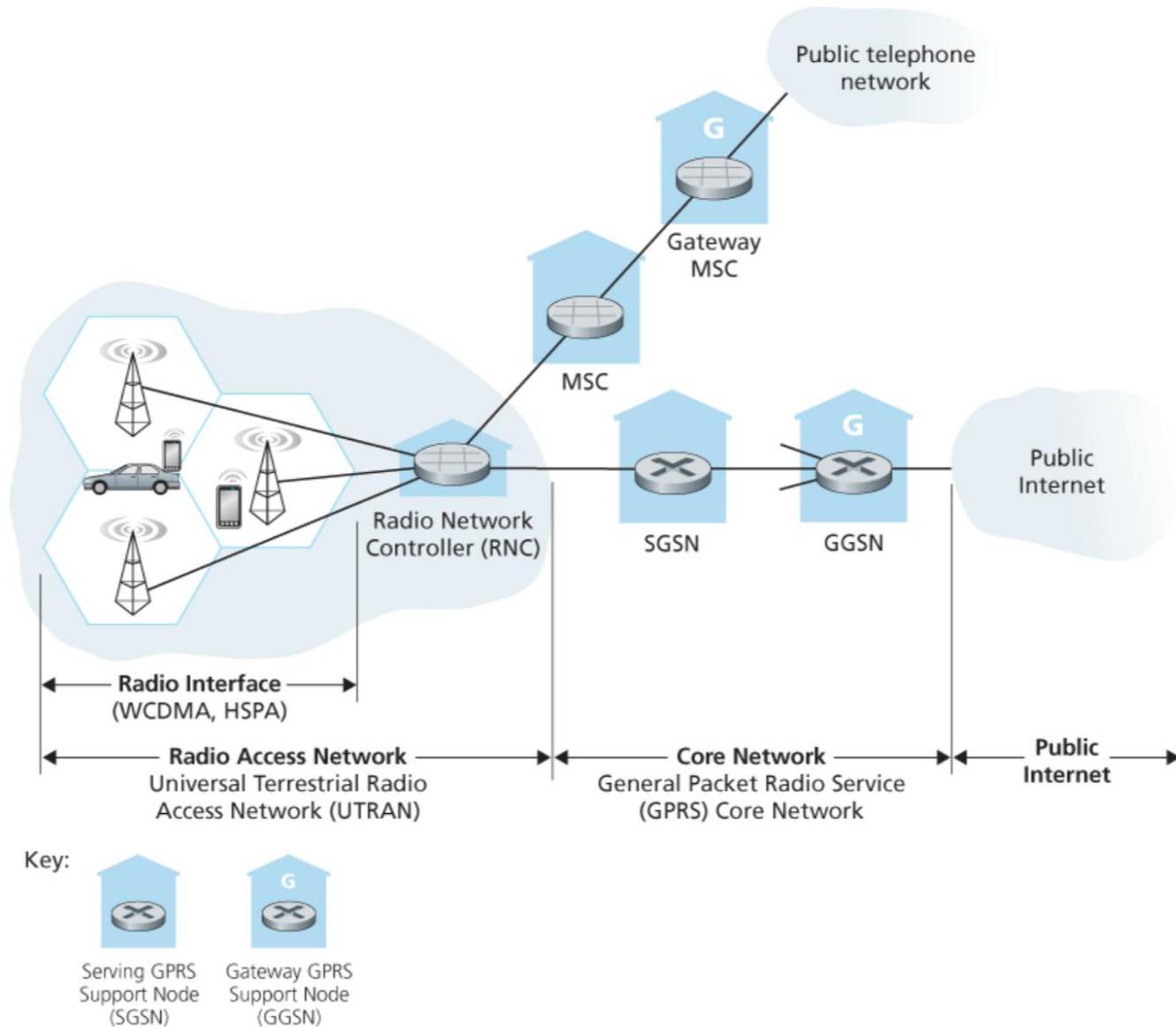
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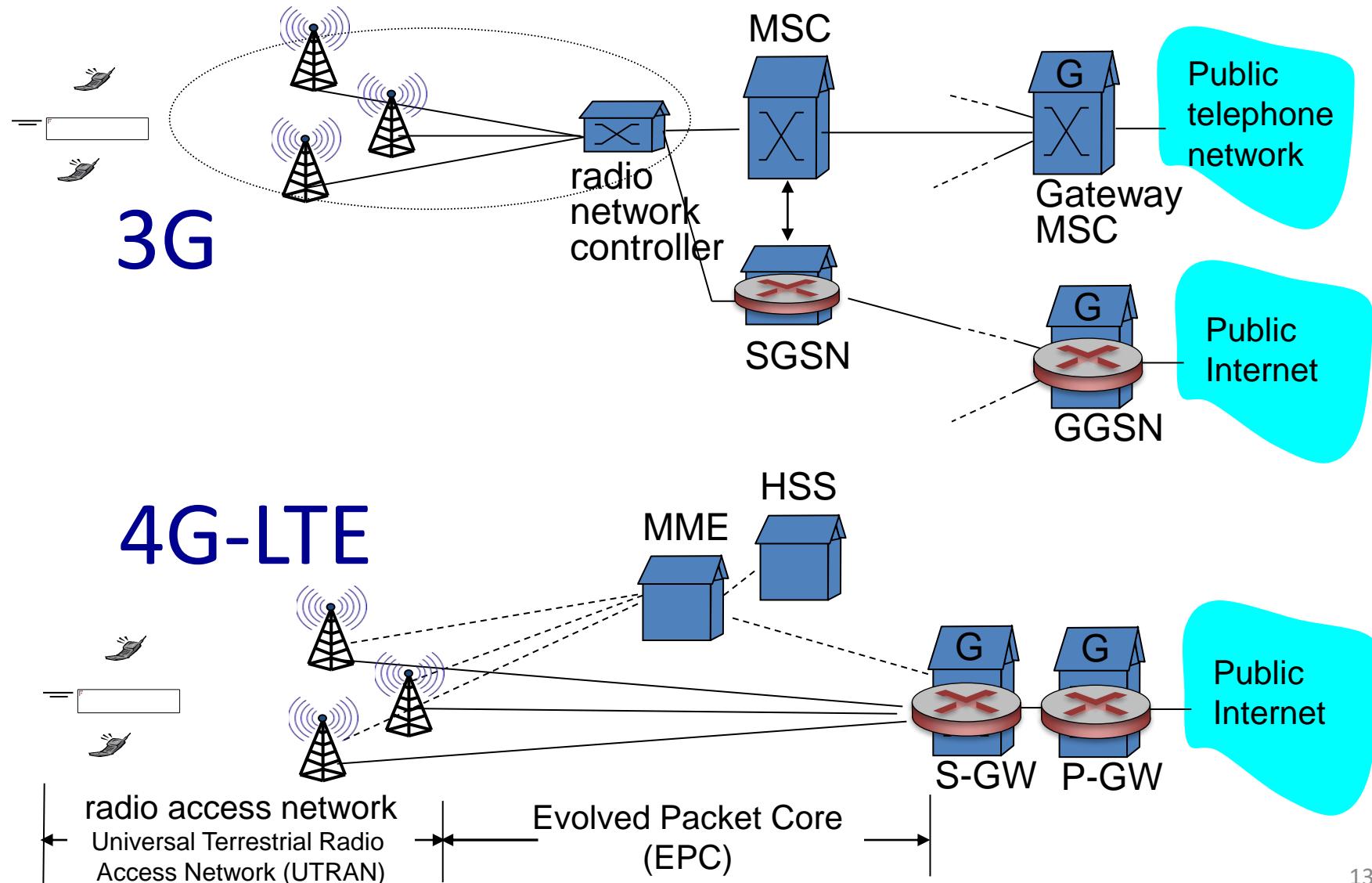
***Key insight:*** new cellular data network operates *in parallel* (except at edge) with existing cellular voice network

- voice network *unchanged* in core
- data network operates in parallel

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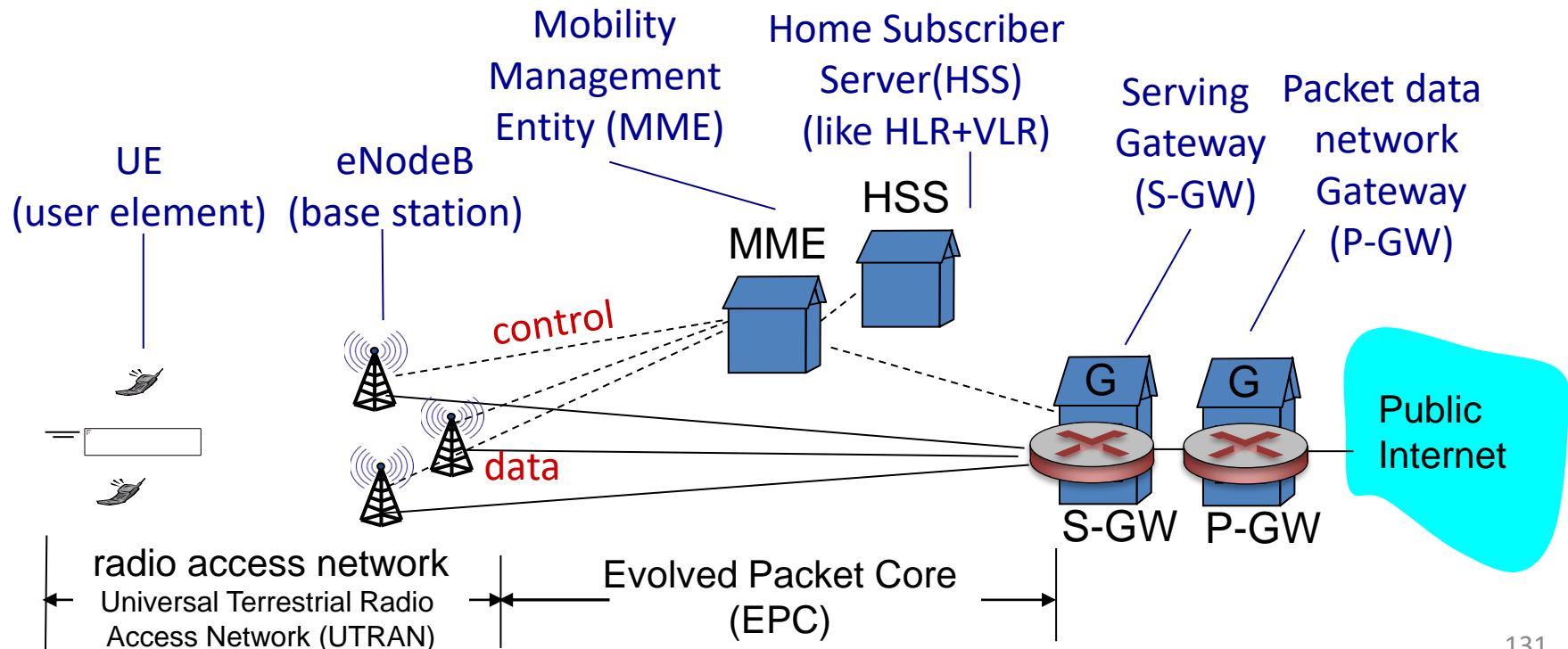


# 3G versus 4G LTE network architecture

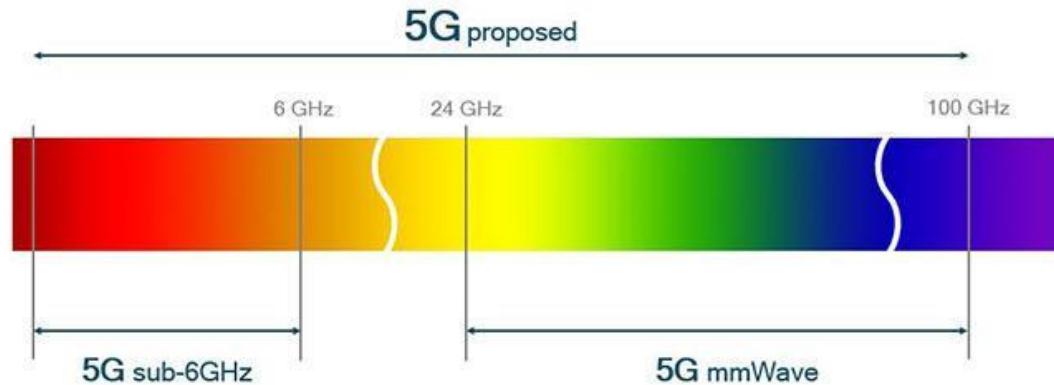


# 4G: differences from 3G

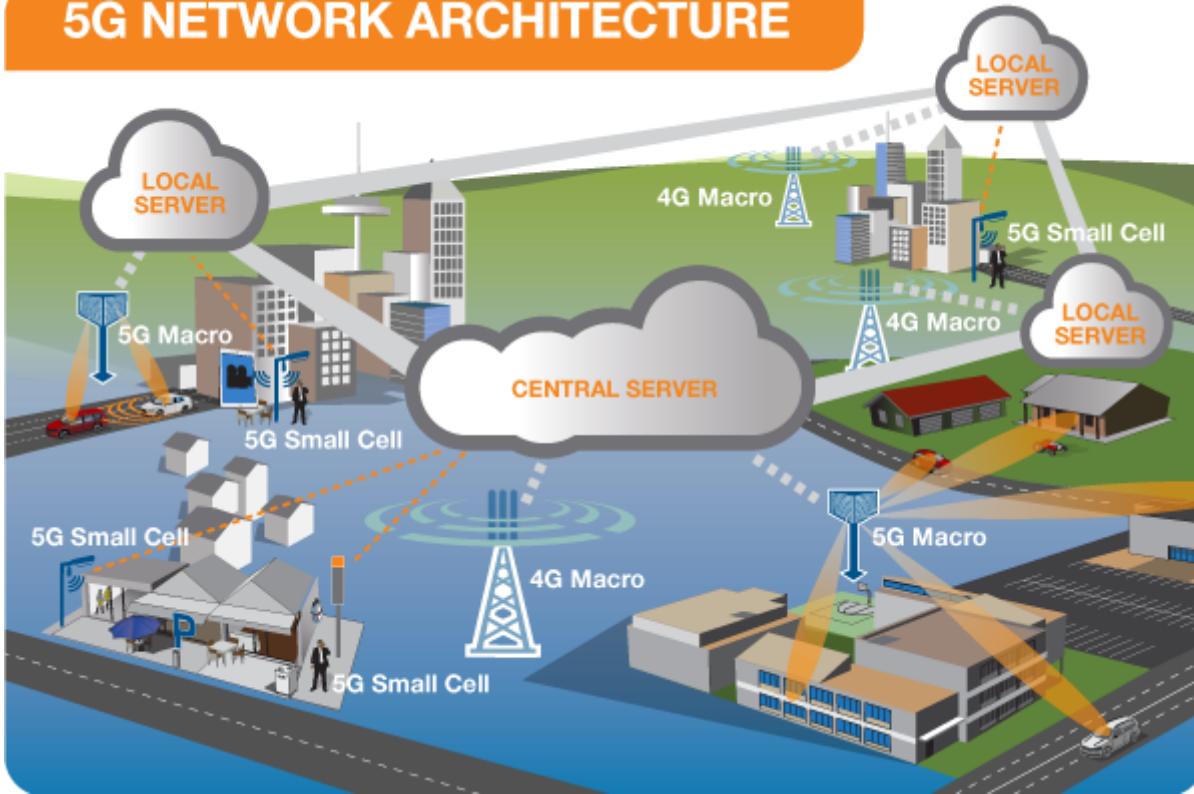
- all IP core: IP packets tunneled (through core IP network) from base station to gateway
- no separation between voice and data – all traffic carried over IP core to gateway



# 5G cellular networks



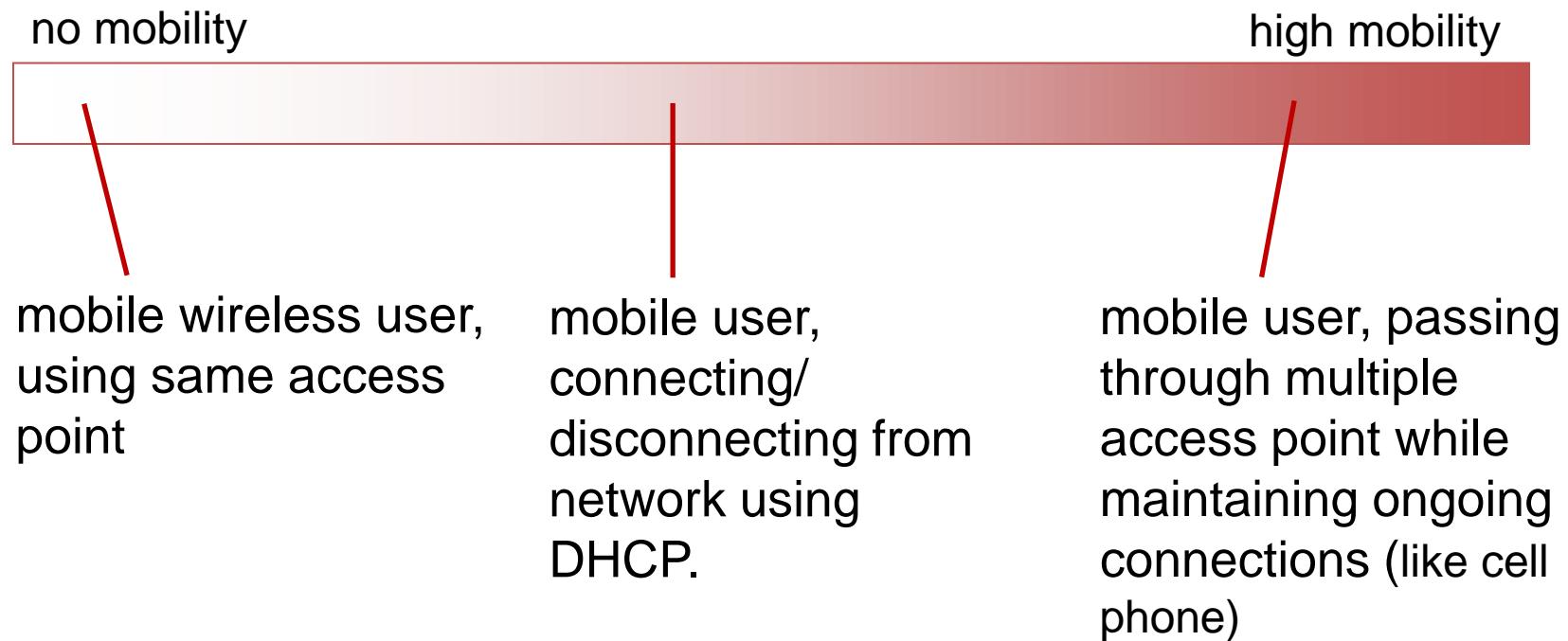
## 5G NETWORK ARCHITECTURE



# Mobility in Wireless Networks

# What is mobility?

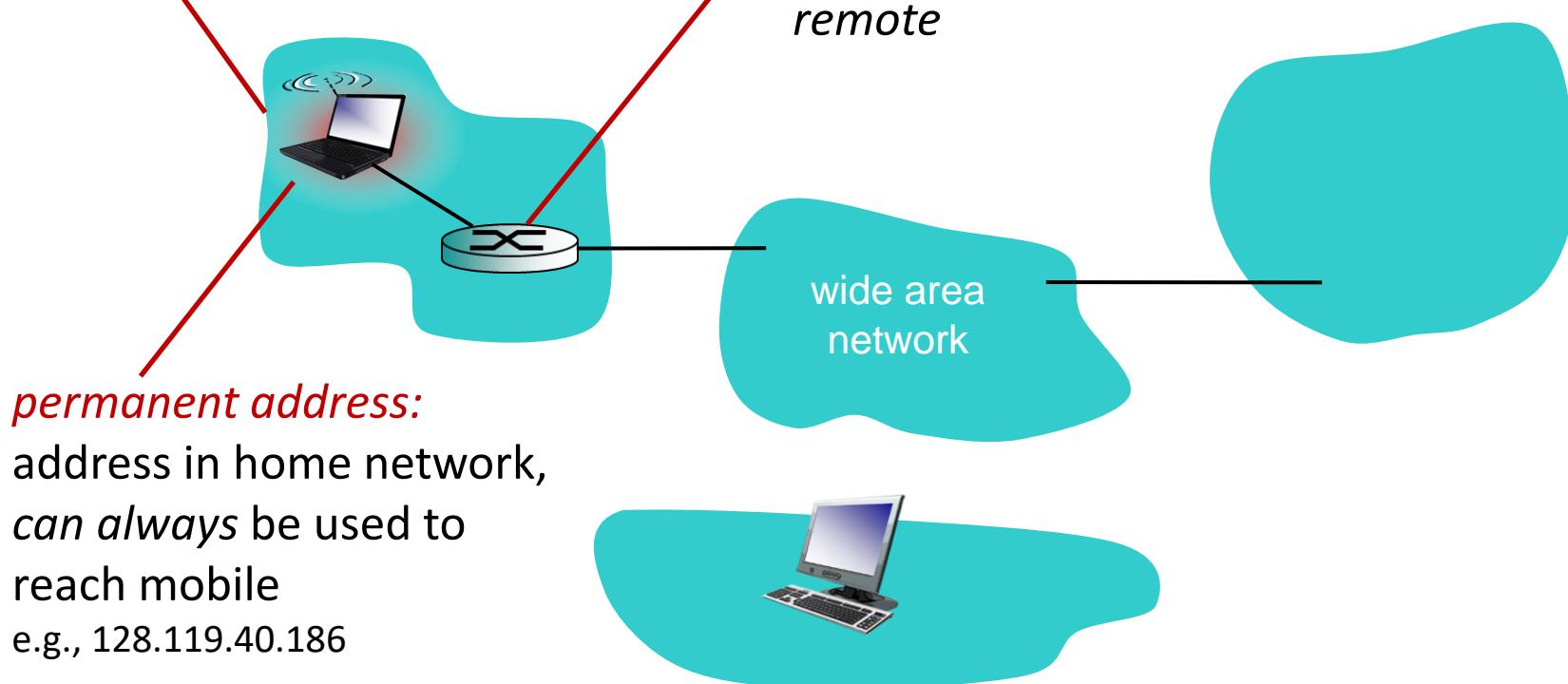
- spectrum of mobility, from the *network* perspective:



# 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

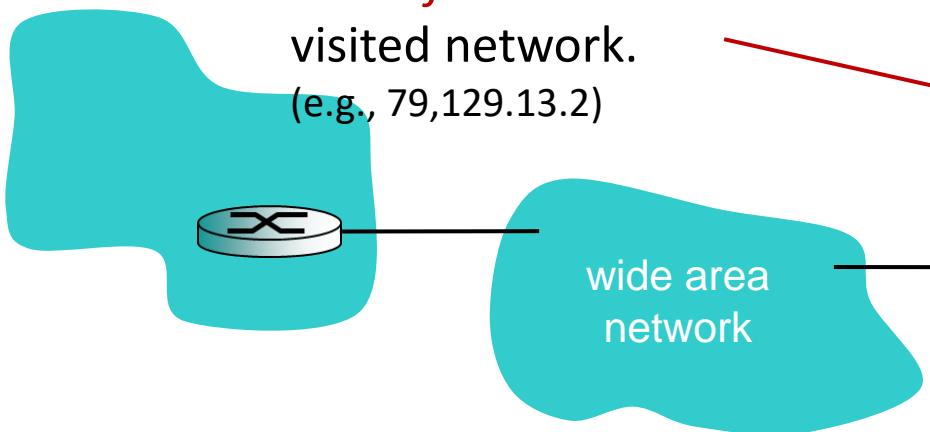


# Mobility: more vocabulary

*permanent address:* remains constant (e.g., 128.119.40.186)

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

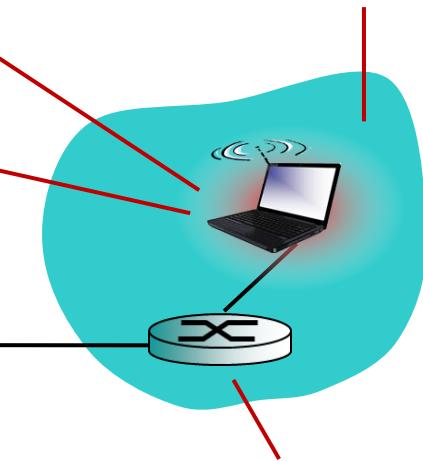
*care-of-address:* address in visited network.  
(e.g., 79.129.13.2)



*correspondent:* wants to communicate with mobile



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



# 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
- *let end-systems handle it:*
  - *indirect routing:* communication from correspondent to mobile goes through home agent, then forwarded to remote
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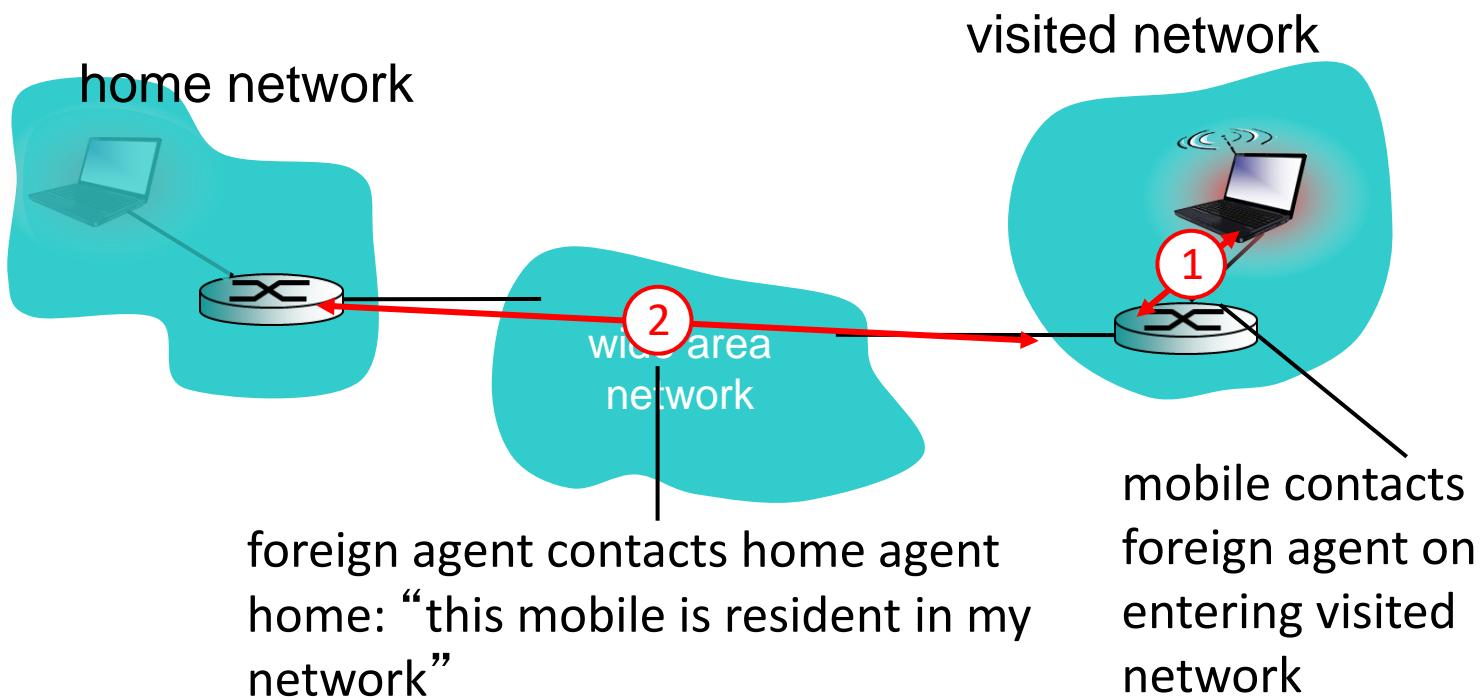
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- *let routing handle it:* routers advertise permanent addresses of mobile-nodes-in-residence via update table exchange.
  - routing tables have to store each mobile located
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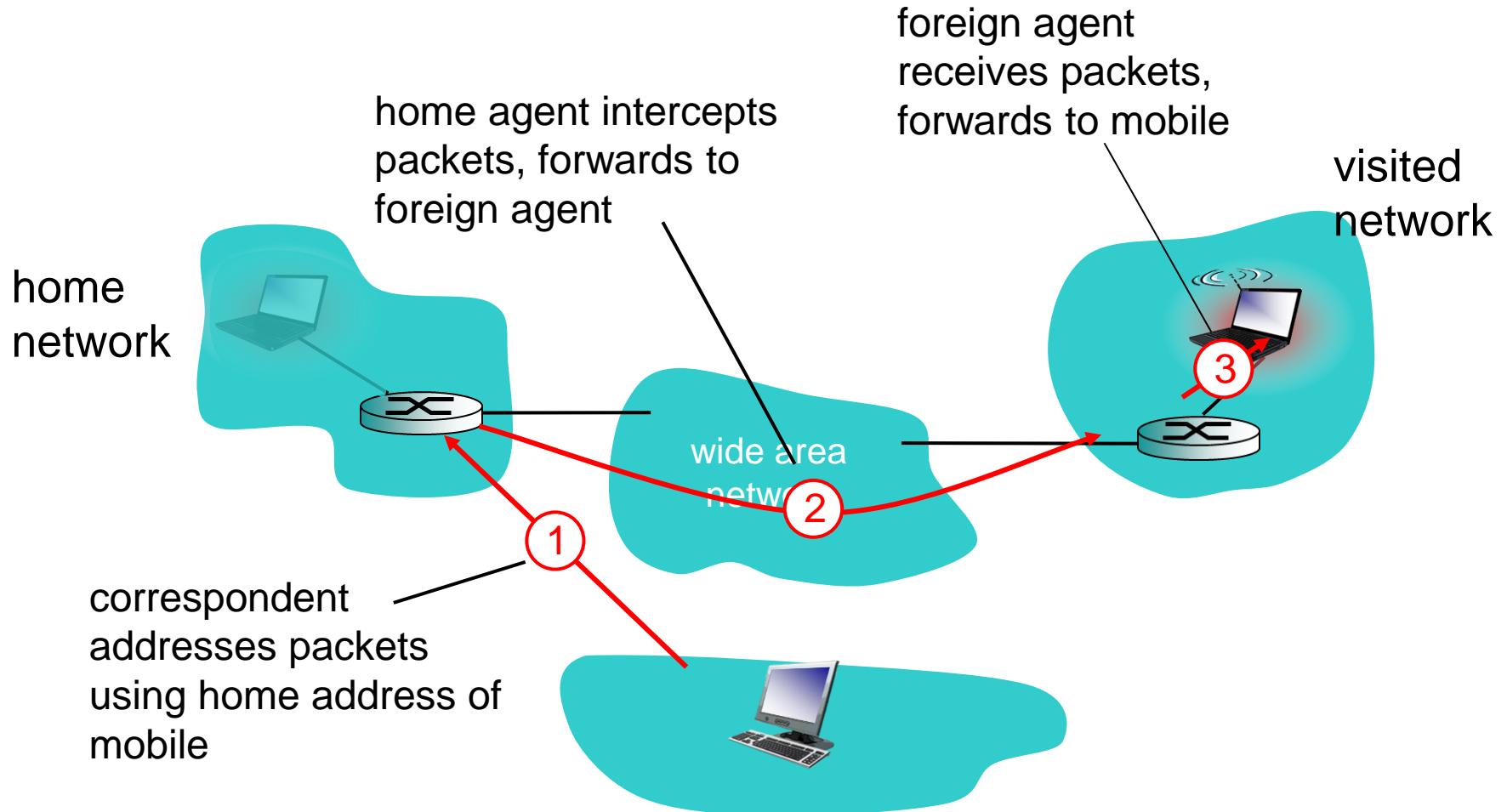
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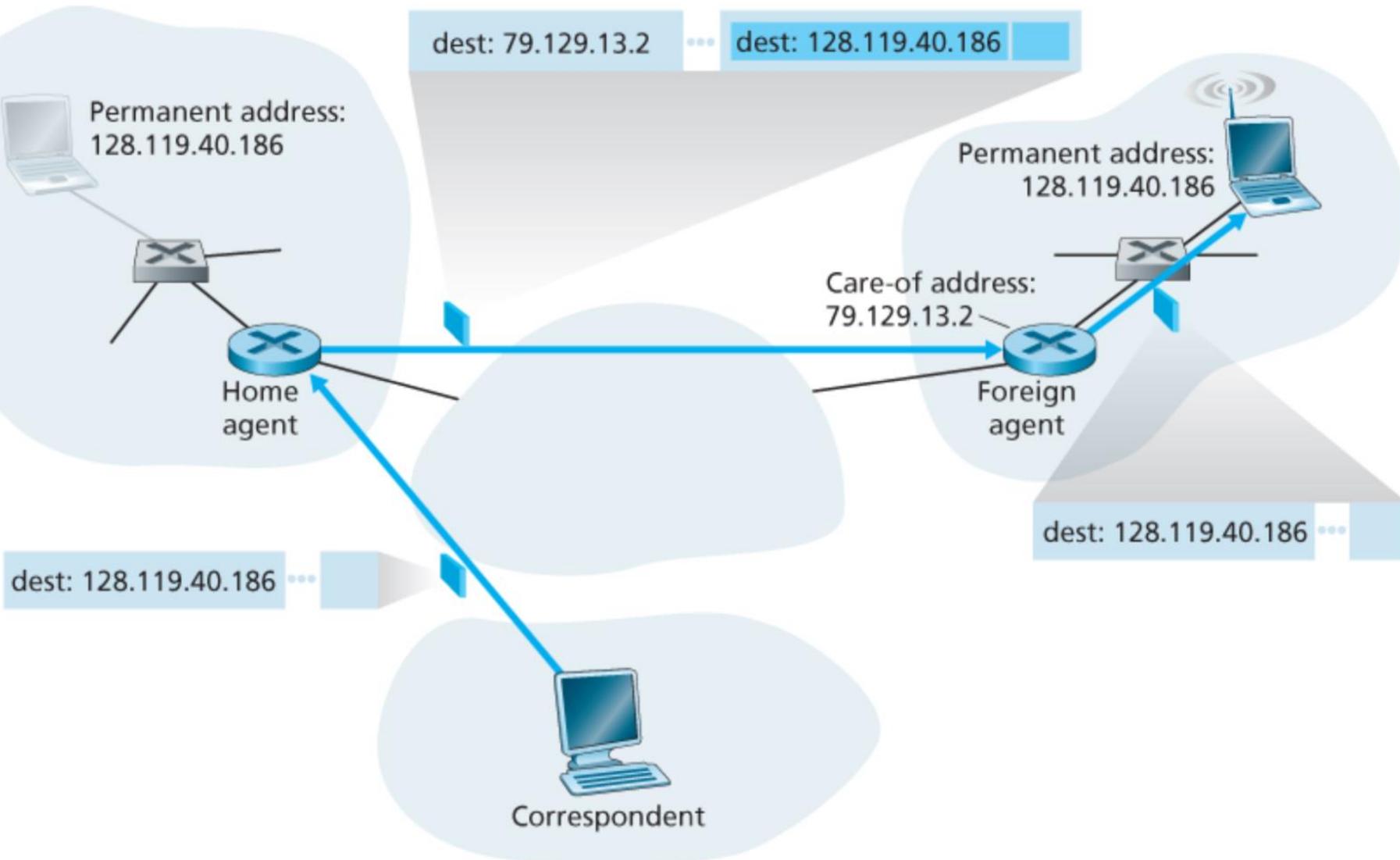
end result:

- foreign agent knows about mobile
- home agent knows location of mobile

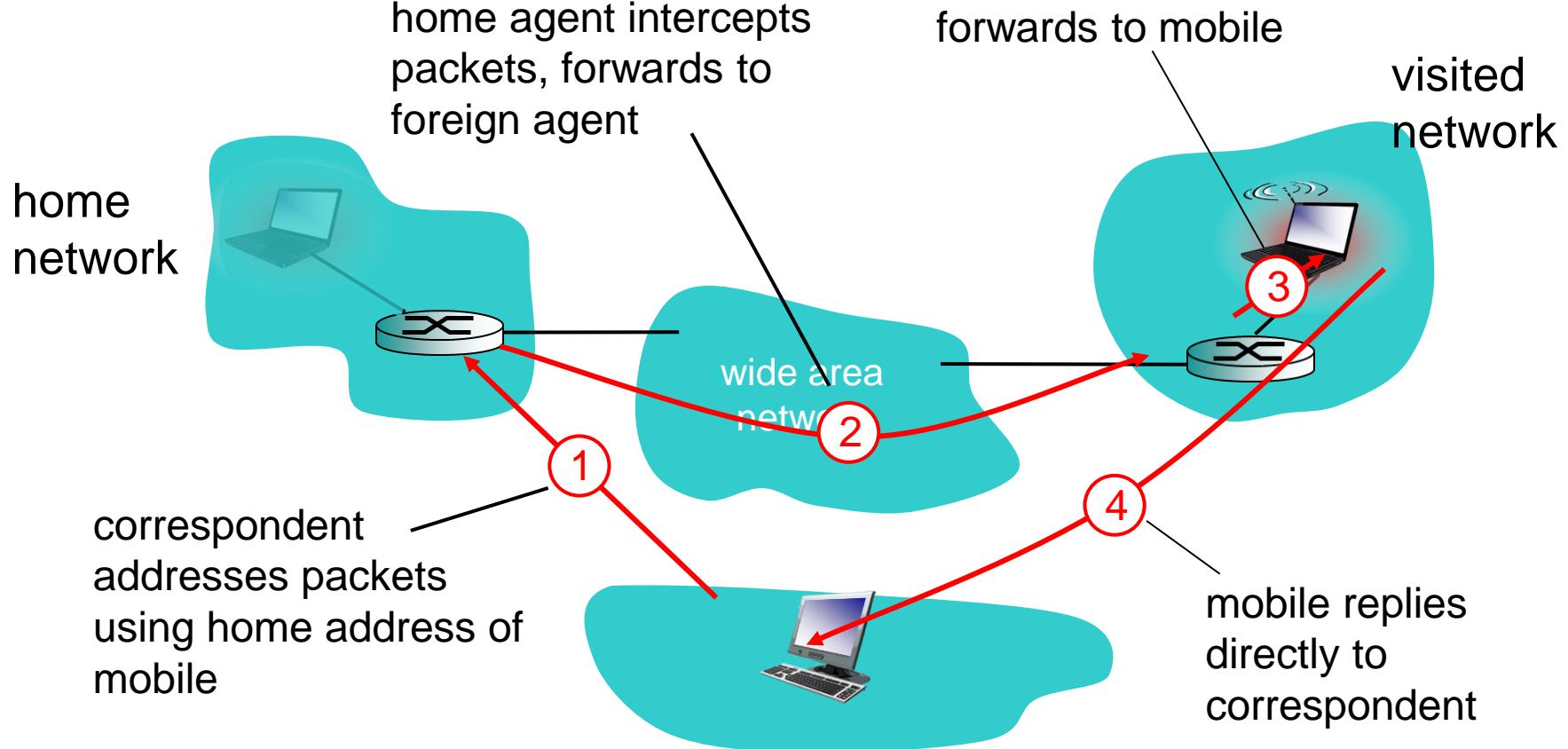
# Mobility via indirect routing



# Packet encapsulation

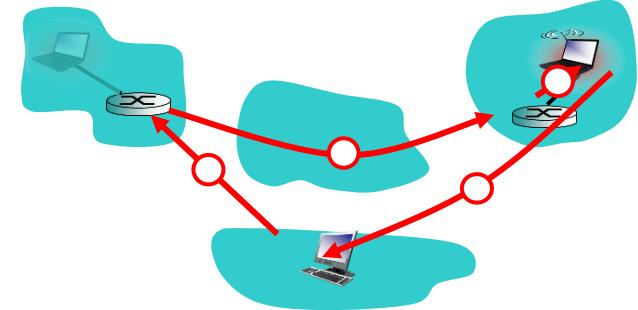


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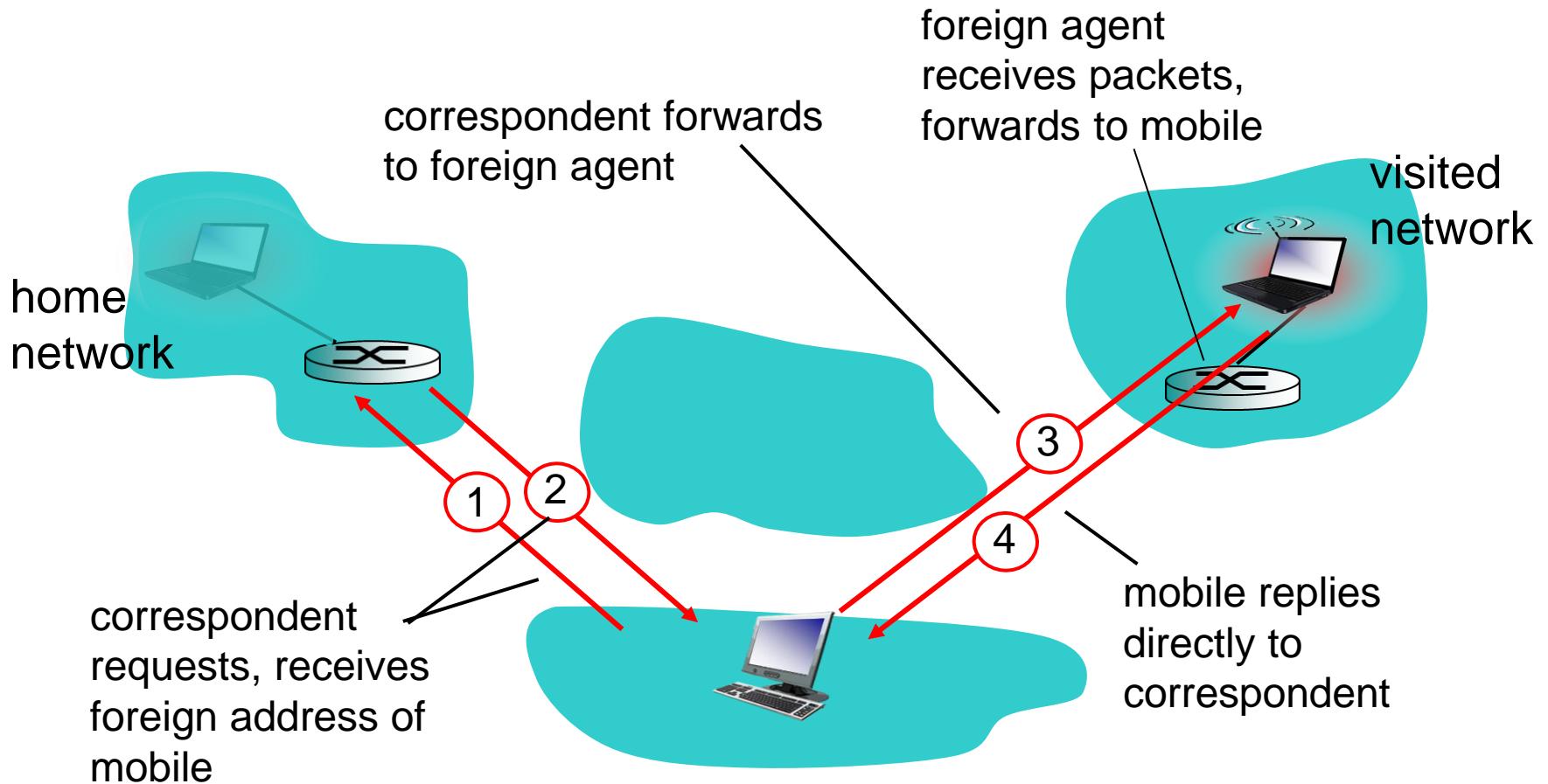


## Indirect Routing: comments

- 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



# Mobility via direct routing



# Mobility through multiple foreign networks

