
A Taxonomy of Communication Networks

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Outline

- *Admin and recap*
- A taxonomy of communication networks

Admin

- ❑ Please check the Schedule page for links to related readings

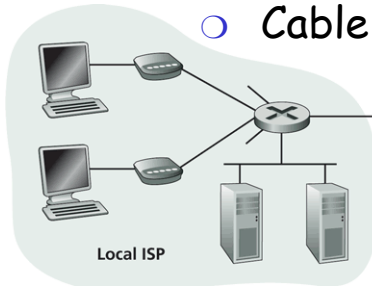
Recap

- ❑ A protocol defines the format and the order of messages exchanged between two or more communicating entities, as well as the actions taken on the transmission or receipt of a message or other events.
- ❑ Some implications of the past:
 - ARPANET is sponsored by ARPA →
design should survive failures
 - The initial IMPs (routers) were made by a small company → keep the network simple
 - Many networks →
internetworking: need a network to connect networks
 - Commercialization →
architecture supporting decentralized, autonomous systems

Recall: Internet Physical Infrastructure

Residential access, e.g.,

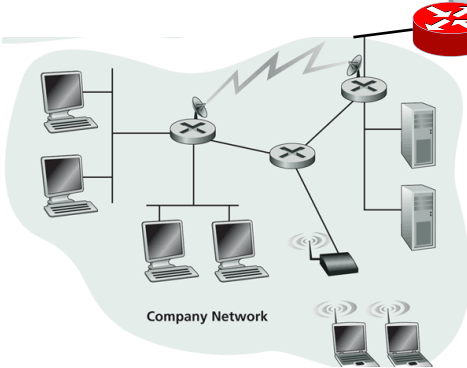
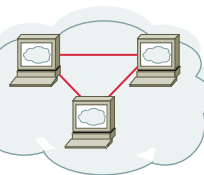
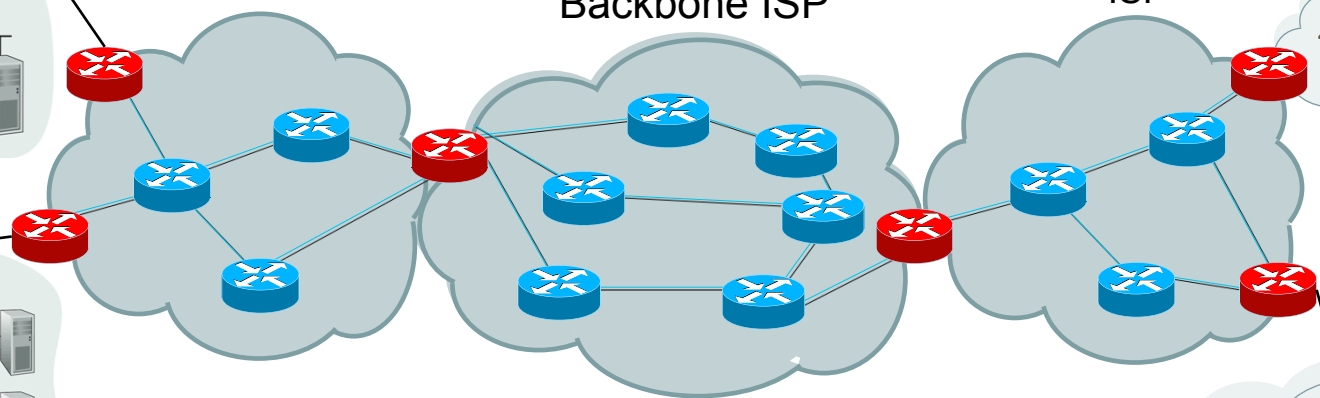
- Cable, Fiber, DSL, Wireless



ISP

Backbone ISP

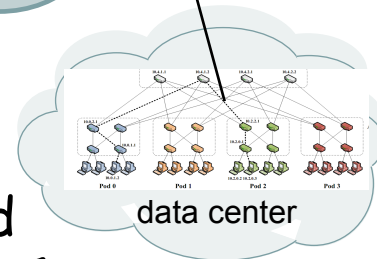
ISP



Campus access, e.g.,

- Ethernet, Wireless

- The Internet is a network of networks
- Each individually administrated network is called an Autonomous System (AS)
 - ~ 52000 ASes (<http://bgp.potaroo.net/as2.0/bgp-active.html>)



<https://www.google.com/loon/how/>

Observing the Internet State

- ❑ Read the manual of traceroute, and try it on a zoo machine

% /usr/sbin/traceroute <machine_name>

- ❑ Look at the web sites of the routers you see through traceroute

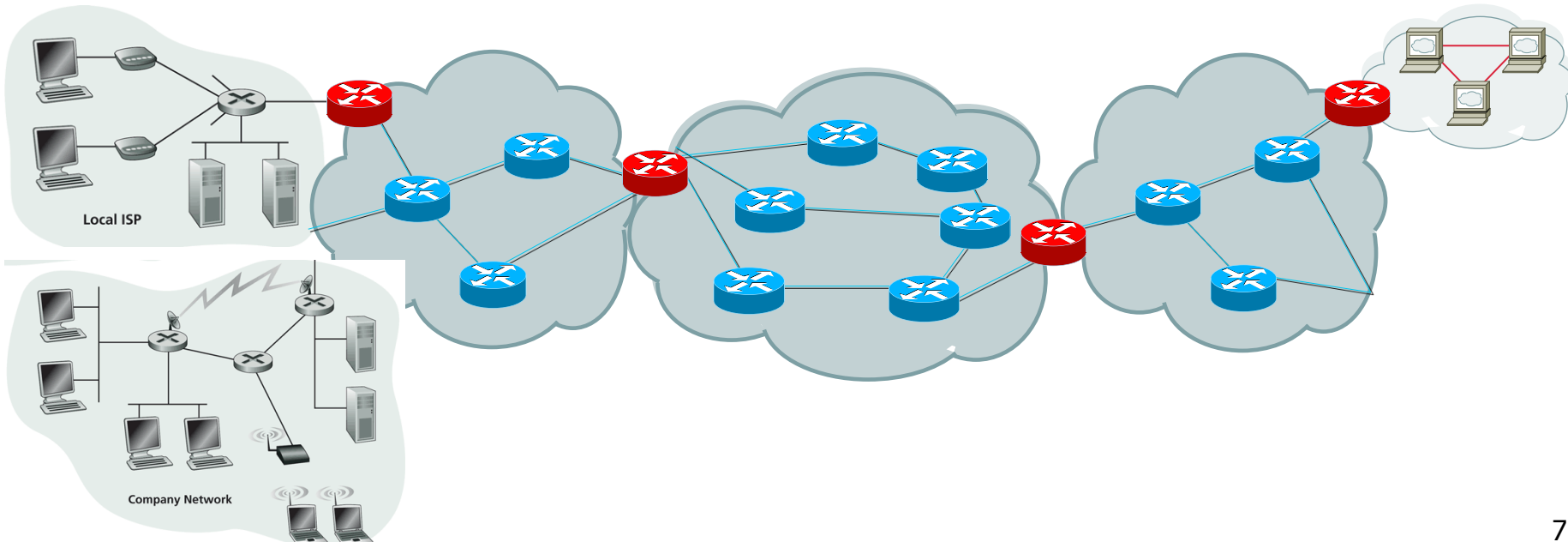
- ❑ Lookup ASN info

<https://www.ultratools.com/tools/asnInfo>

- ❑ fixedorbit to look for info (e.g., neighbors) about a network:
 - <http://www.fixedorbit.com/search.htm>

Roadmap

- ❑ So far we have looked at only the topology and physical connectivity of the Internet: a mesh of computers interconnected via various physical media
- ❑ A fundamental question: how are data (the bits) transferred through communication networks?

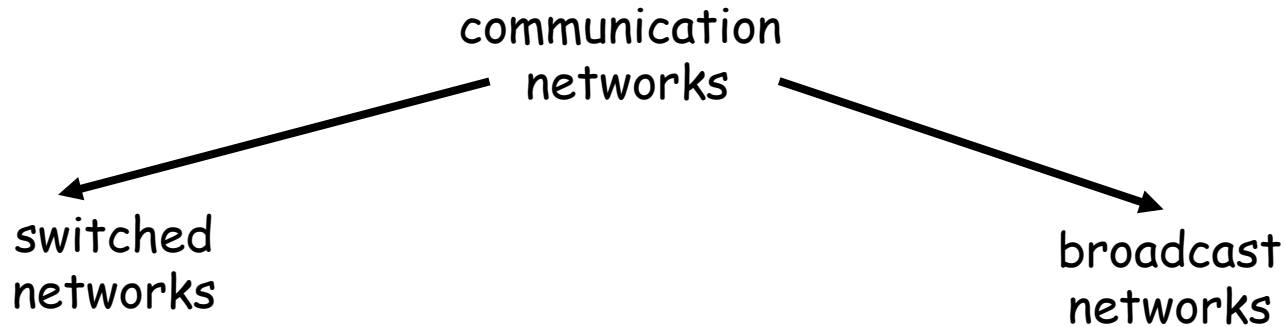


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Taxonomy of Communication Networks



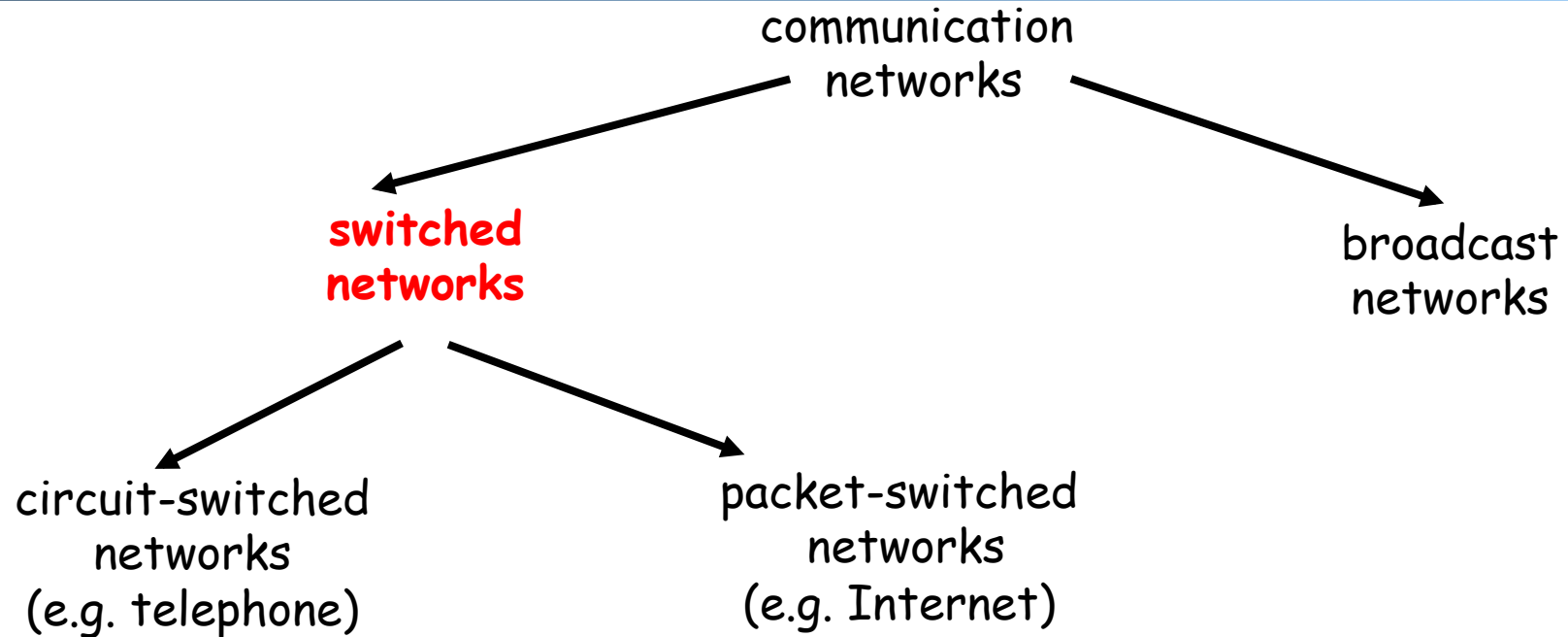
□ Broadcast networks

- nodes share a common channel; information transmitted by a node is received by **all** other nodes in the network
- examples: TV, radio

□ Switched networks

- information is transmitted to a **small sub-set** (usually only one) of the nodes

A Taxonomy of Switched Networks



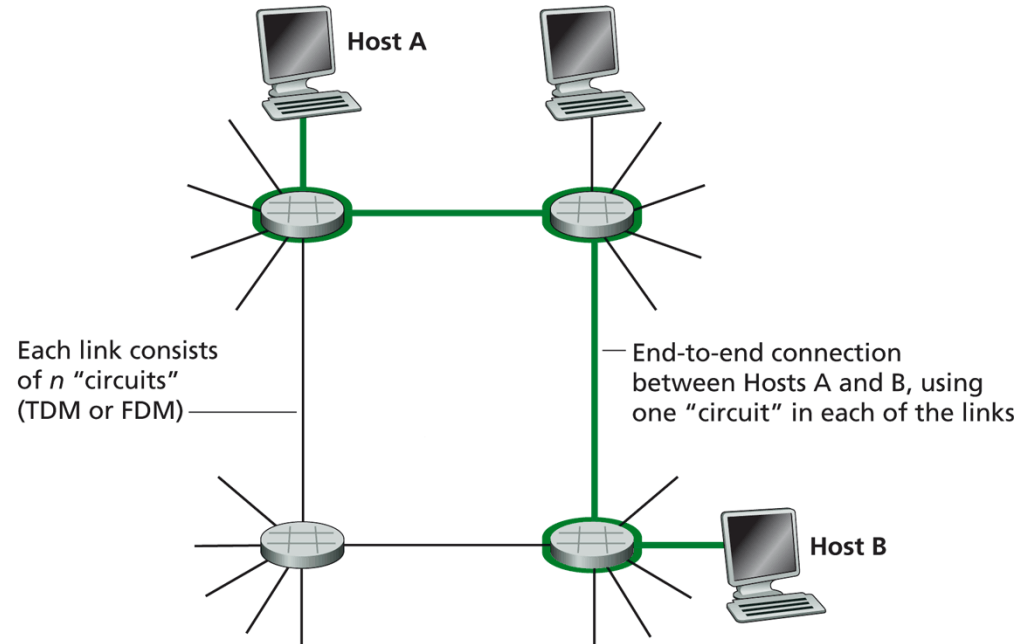
- ❑ **Circuit switching:** dedicated circuit per call/session:
 - e.g., telephone, cellular voice
- ❑ **Packet switching:** data sent thru network in discrete “chunks”
 - e.g., Internet, cellular data

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 - *circuit switched networks*

Circuit Switching

- ❑ Each link has a number of "circuits"
 - sometime we refer to a "circuit" as a channel or a line
- ❑ An end-to-end connection reserves one "circuit" at each link



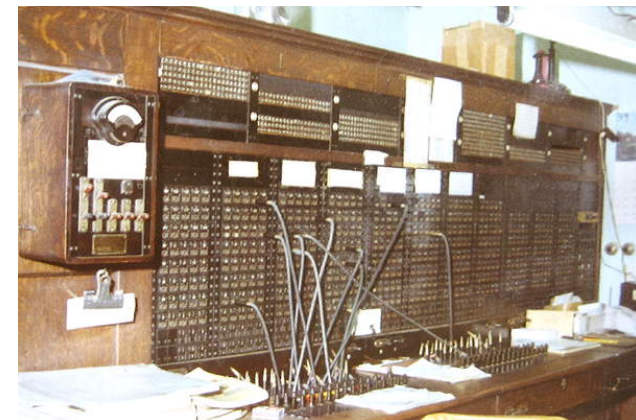
Key:



Host



Circuit switch

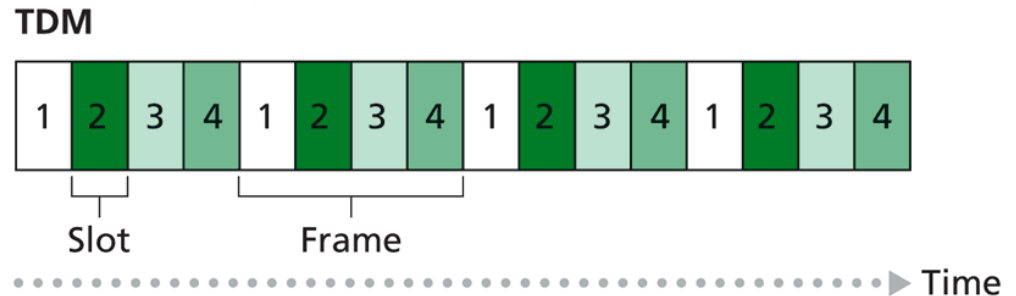
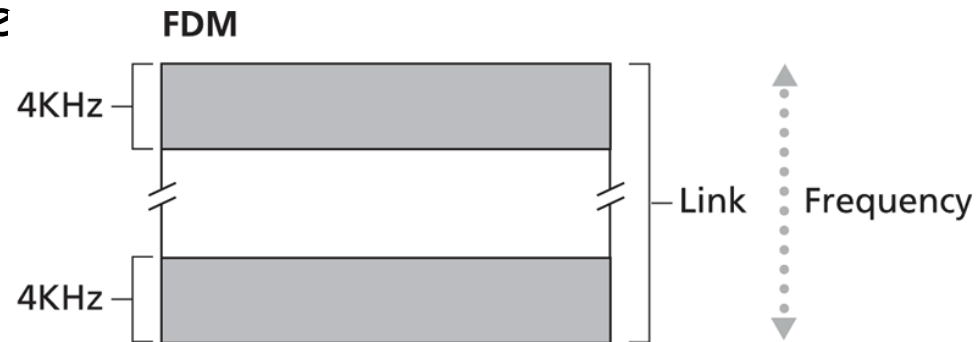


First commercial telephone switchboard was opened in 1878 to serve the 21 telephone customers in New Haven

Circuit Switching: Resources/Circuits (Frequency, Time and others)

□ Divide link resource into “circuits”

- frequency division multiplexing (FDM)
- time division multiplexing (TDM)
- others such as code division multiplexing (CDM), color/lambda division



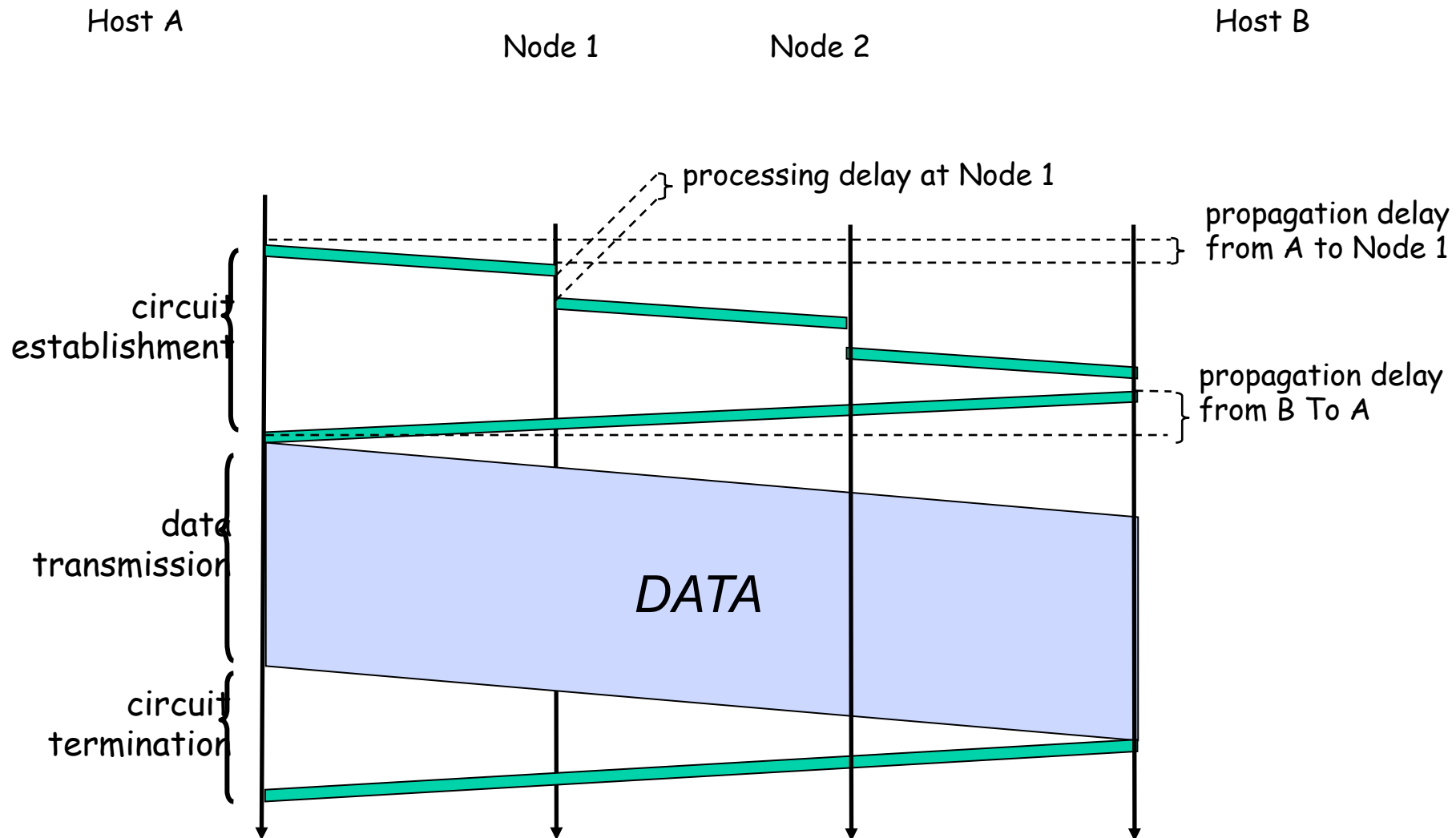
Key:

2 All slots labeled “2” are dedicated to a specific sender-receiver pair.

Circuit Switching: The Process

- ❑ Three phases
 1. circuit establishment
 2. data transfer
 3. circuit termination

Timing Diagram of Circuit Switching

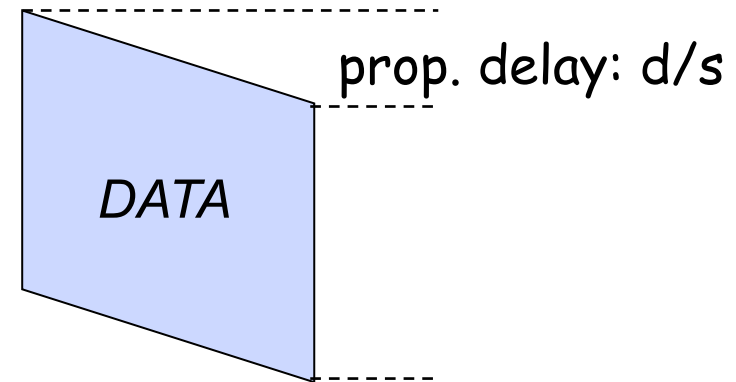


Delay Calculation in Circuit Switched Networks

□ **Propagation delay:** delay for the first bit to go from a source to a destination

Propagation delay:

- d = length of physical link
- s = propagation speed in medium ($\sim 2 \times 10^5$ km/sec)

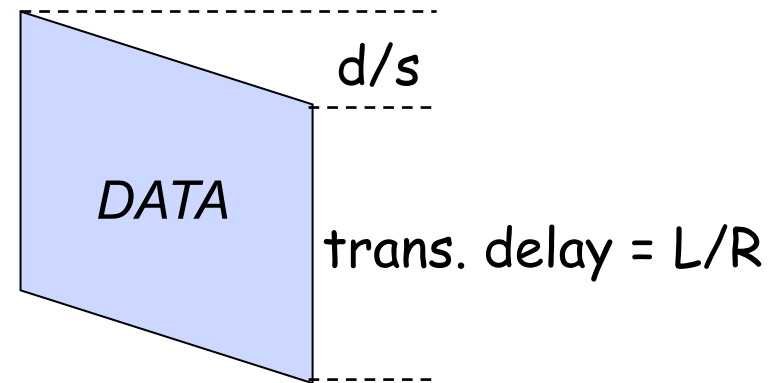


Delay Calculation in Circuit Switched Networks

□ **Transmission delay:** time to pump data onto link at *line* rate

Transmission delay:

- R = reserved bandwidth (bps)
- L = message length (bits)



An Example

□ Propagation delay

- suppose the distance between A and B is 4000 km, then one-way propagation delay is:

$$\frac{4000 \text{ km}}{200,000 \text{ km/s}} = 20 \text{ ms}$$

□ Transmission delay

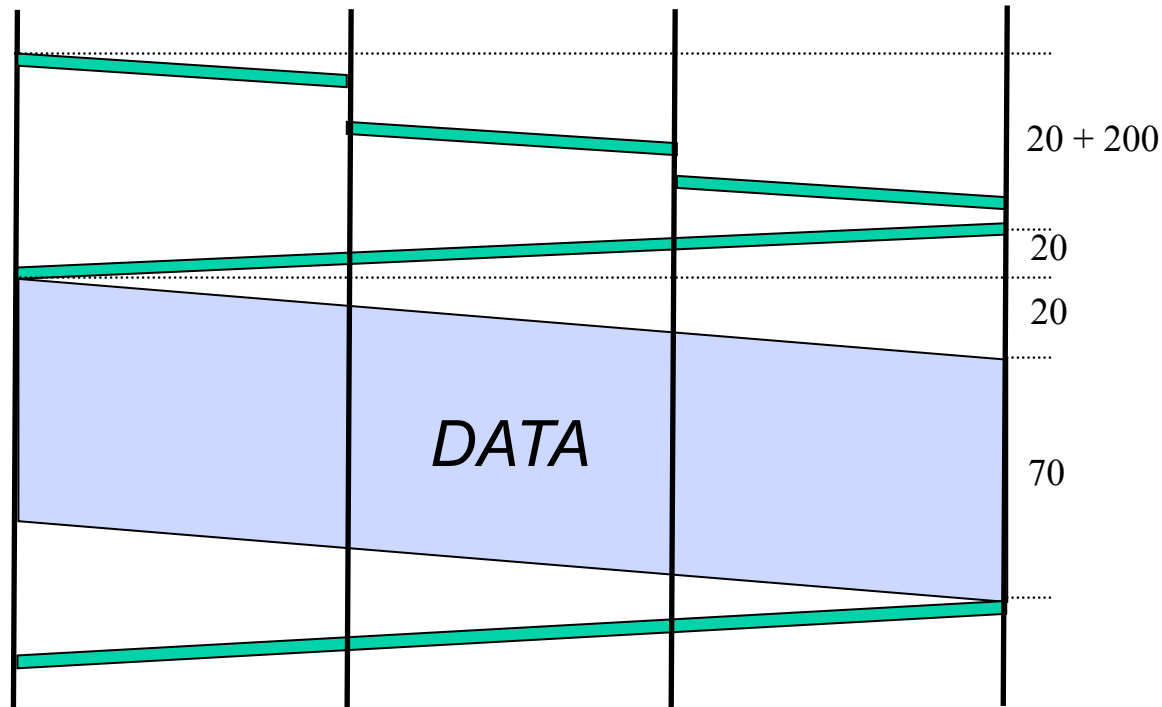
- suppose your iphone reserves a one-slot HSCSD channel
 - each HSCSD frame can transmit about 115 kbps
 - a frame is divided into 8 slots
- then the transmission delay of using one reserved slot for a message of 1 Kbits:

$$\frac{1 \text{ kbits}}{14 \text{ kbps}} \approx 70 \text{ ms}$$

An Example (cont.)

- Suppose the setup message is very small, and the total setup processing delay is 200 ms
- Then the delay to transfer a message of 1 Kbits from A to B (from the beginning until host receives last bit) is:

$$20 + 200 + 20 + 20 + 70 = 330ms$$



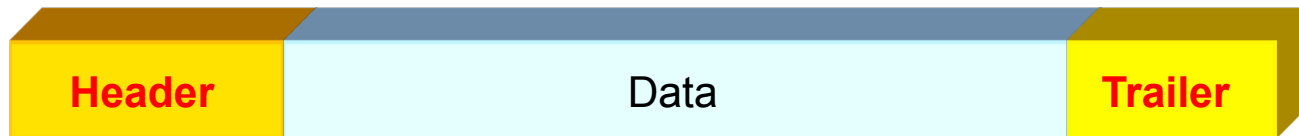
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Packet Switching

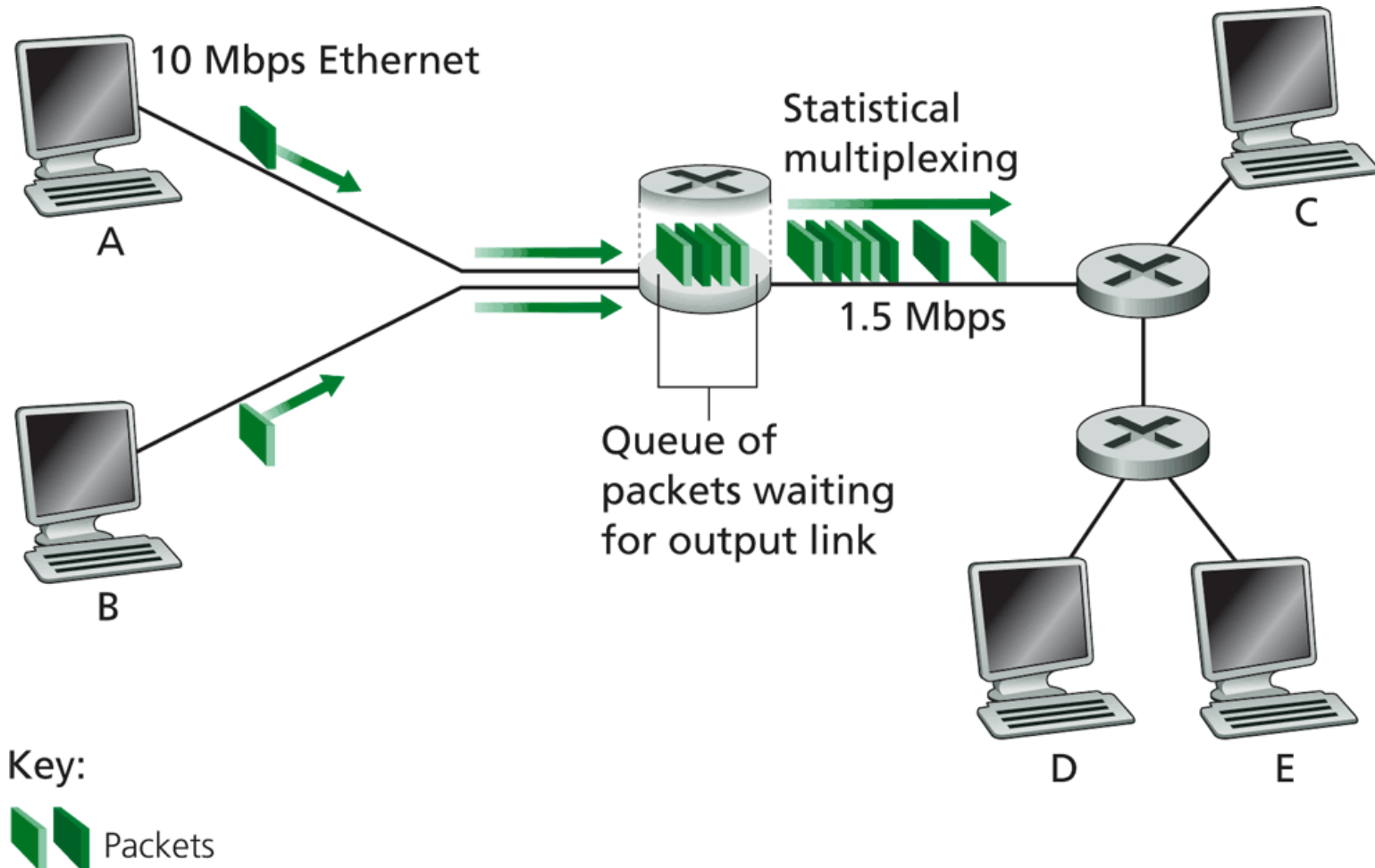
Each end-to-end data **flow** (i.e., a sender-receiver pair) divided into **packets**

□ Packets have the following structure:



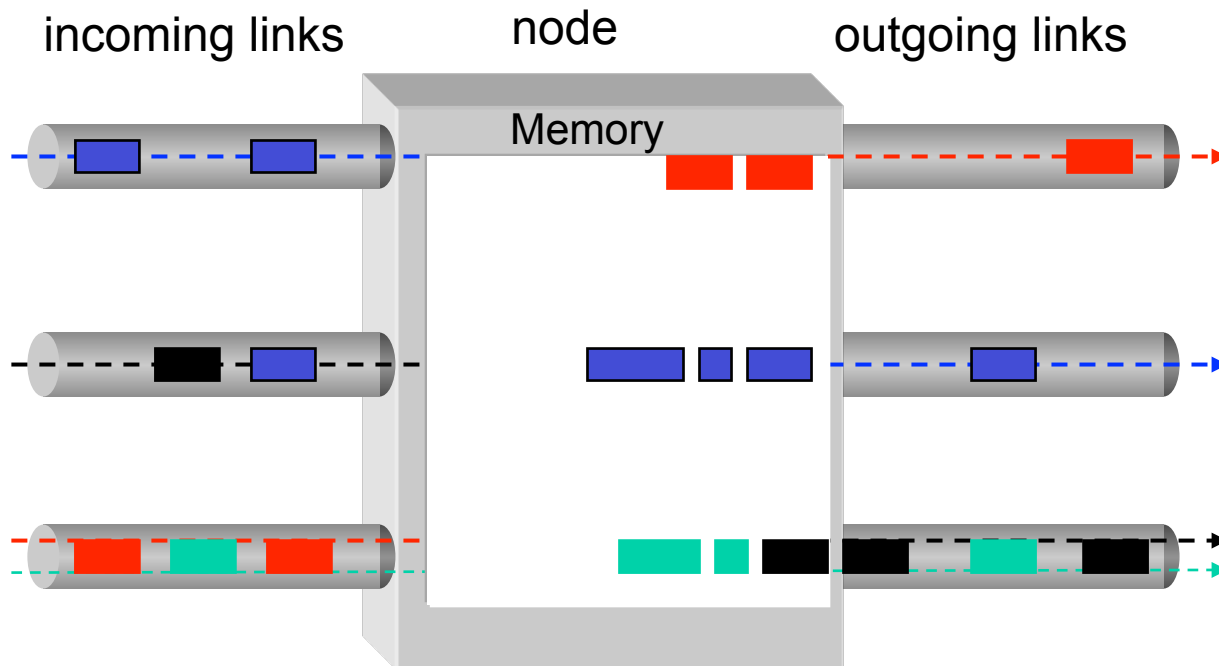
- header and trailer carry control information (e.g., destination address, check sum)
 - where is the control information for circuit switching?
- At each node the entire packet is received, processed (e.g., routing), stored briefly, and then forwarded to the next node; thus packet-switched networks are also called **store-and-forward networks**. On its turn, a packet uses **full** link bandwidth

Packet Switching



Inside a Packet Switching Router

An output queueing switch



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- *circuit switching vs. packet switching*

Packet Switching vs. Circuit Switching

- ❑ The early history of the Internet was a heated debate between Packet Switching and Circuit Switching
 - the telephone network was the dominant network
- ❑ Need to compare packet switching with circuit switching



Circuit Switching vs. Packet Switching

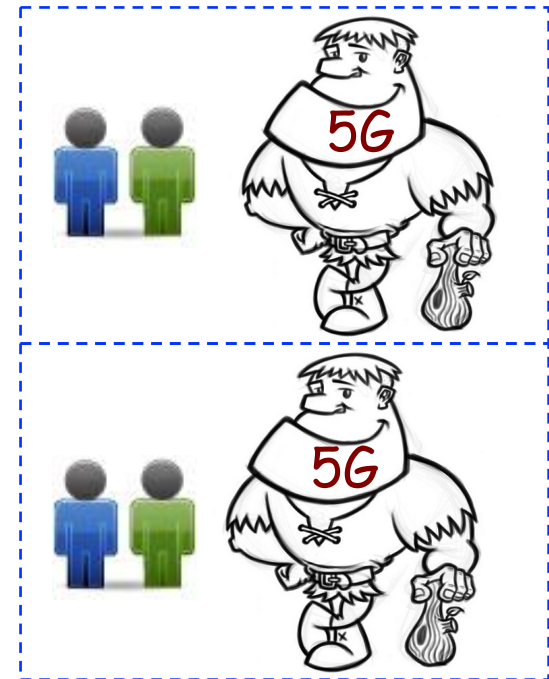
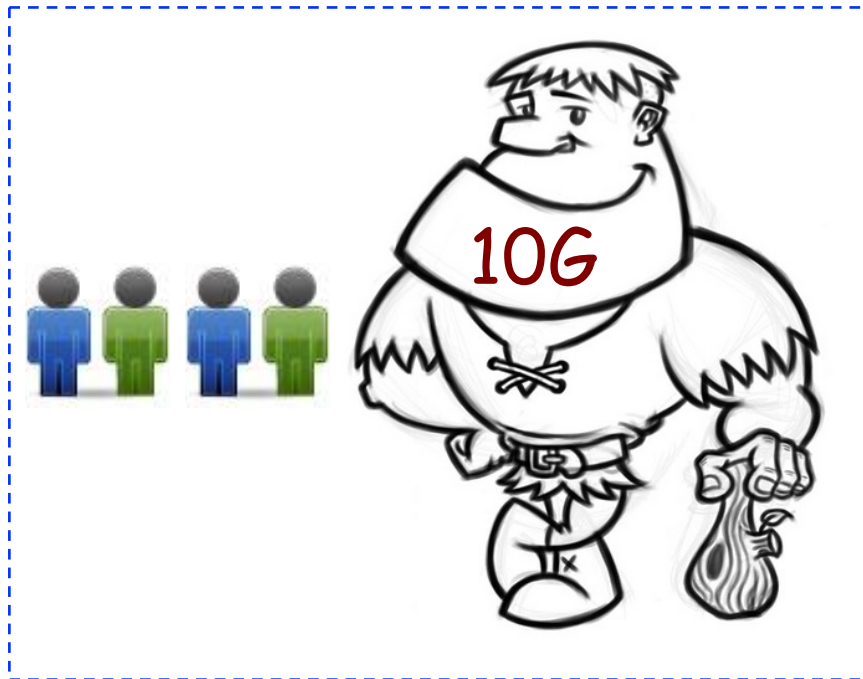
	circuit switching	packet switching
resource usage		
reservation/setup		
resource contention		
charging		
header		
fast path processing		

Circuit Switching vs. Packet Switching

	circuit switching	packet switching
resource usage	use a single partition bandwidth	use whole link bandwidth
reservation/setup	need reservation (setup delay)	no reservation
resource contention	busy signal (session loss)	congestion (long delay and packet losses)
charging	time	packet
header	no per-pkt header	per packet header
fast path processing	fast	per packet processing

Key Issue to be Settled

- ❑ A key issue: what is the efficiency of resource partition



- ❑ Tool used to analyze the issue: queueing theory
 - Some basic results of queueing theory can be quite useful in many systems settings

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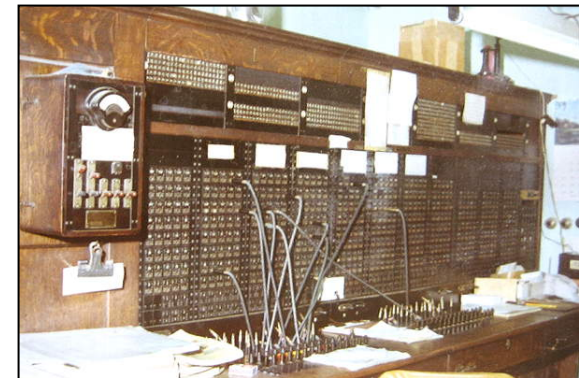
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- *M/M queues and statistical multiplexing*

Queueing Theory

- ❑ We are not interested in extremely precise modeling, but want quantitative intuition
- ❑ Strategy:
 - model **system state**
 - if we know the fraction of time that the system spends at each state, we can get answers to many basic questions: how long does a new request need to wait before being served?
- ❑ System state changes upon events:
 - introduce **state transition** diagram
 - focus on **equilibrium**: state trend neither growing nor shrinking (key issue: how to define equilibrium)

Warm up: Analysis of **Circuit-Switching** Blocking (Busy) Time

- ❑ Assume a link has only a finite number of N circuits
- ❑ Objective: compute the percentage of time that a new session (call) is blocked
- ❑ Analogy in a more typical real-life scenario?
- ❑ Key parameters?

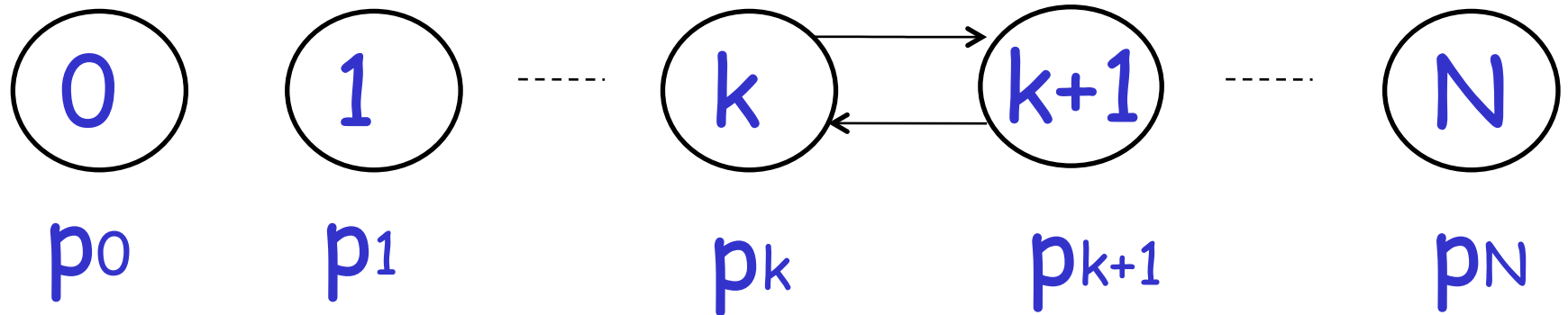


Analysis of Circuit-Switching Blocking (Busy) Time

- ❑ Consider a simple arrival pattern
 - client requests arrive at a rate of λ (lambda/second)
 - service rate: each call takes on average $1/\mu$ second
- ❑ Arrival and service patterns: memoryless (Markovian)
 - During a small interval Δt , the number of expected new arrivals is: $\lambda \Delta t$
 - During a small interval Δt , the chance (fraction) of a current call finishes is: $\mu \Delta t$
- ❑ This model is also called an M/M/N model

Analysis of Circuit-Switching Blocking (Busy) Time: State

system state: # of busy lines



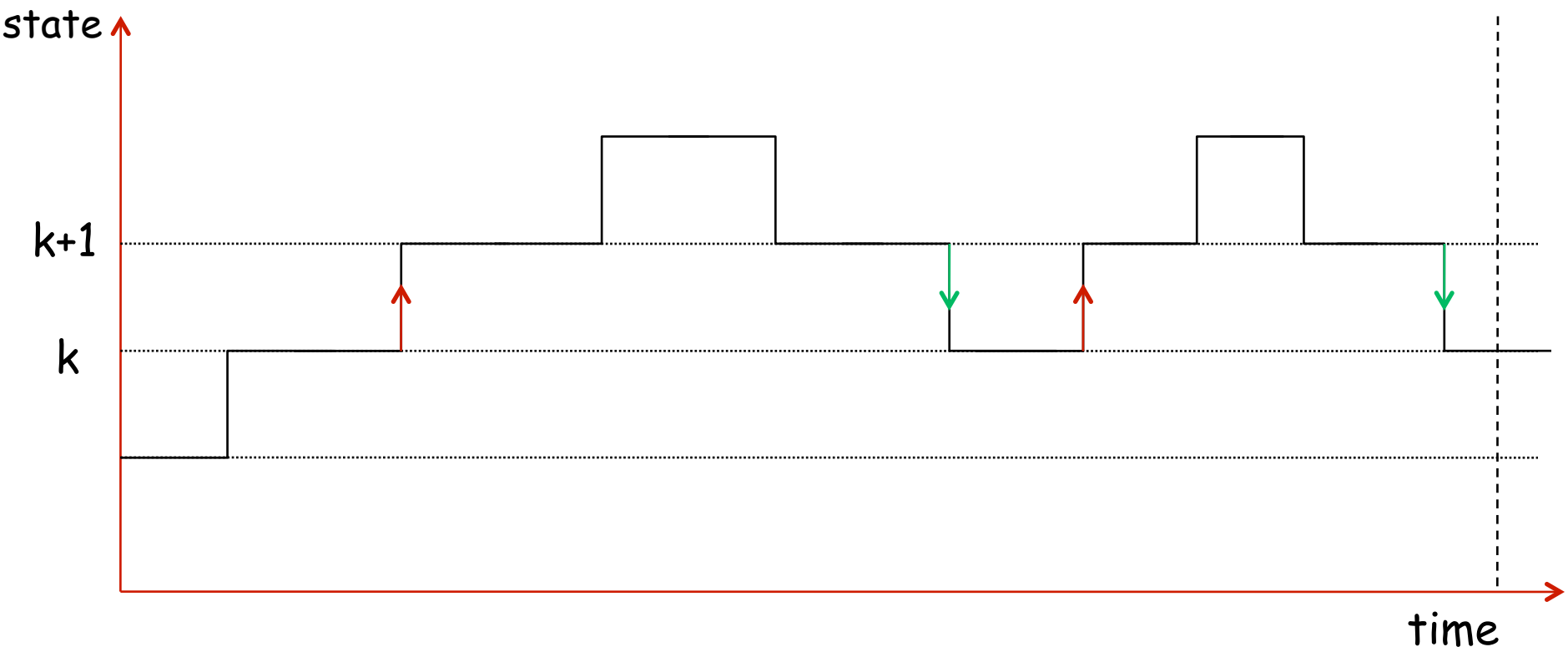
Q: How to characterize equilibrium?

Equilibrium = Time Reversibility [Frank Kelly]

□ Statistically
cannot distinguish

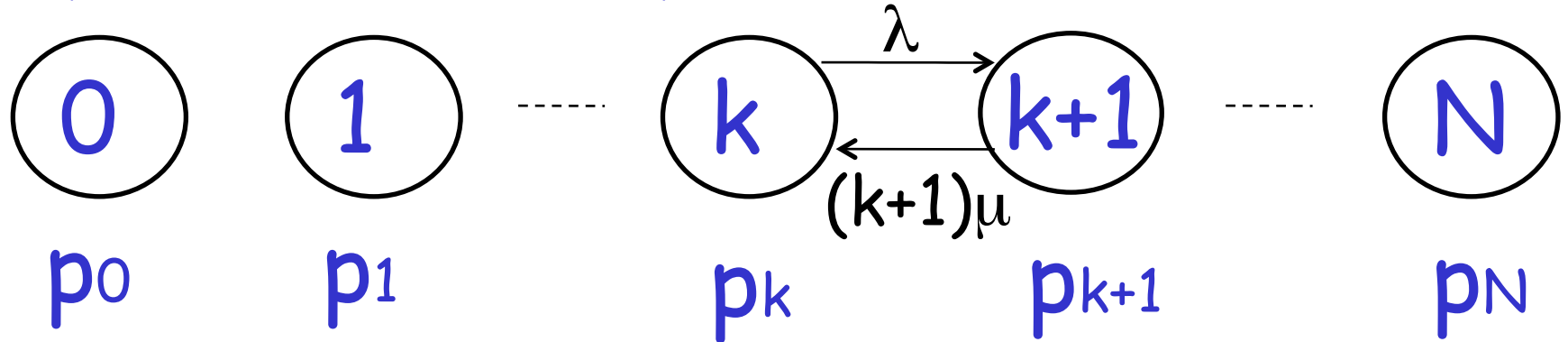
$$\# f_{k \rightarrow k+1}, \quad \# f_{k+1 \rightarrow k}$$

$$\# b_{k \rightarrow k+1}, \quad \# b_{k+1 \rightarrow k}$$



Analysis of Circuit-Switching Blocking (Busy) Time: Sketch

system state: # of busy lines



at equilibrium (time resersibility) in one unit time:
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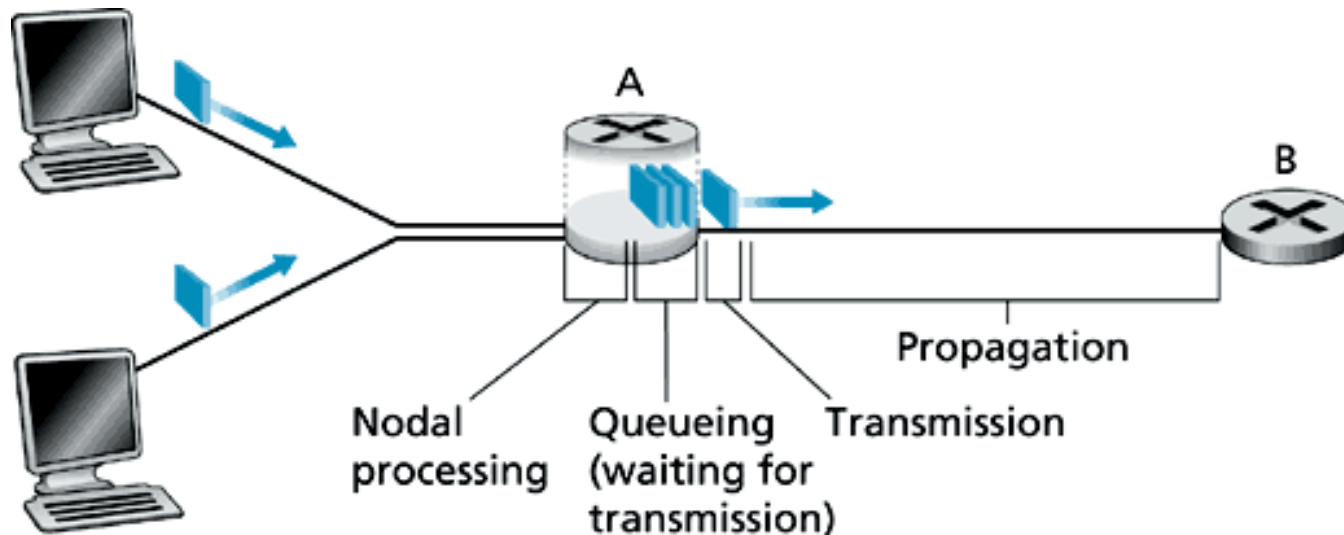
$$p_k \lambda = p_{k+1} (k+1) \mu$$

$$p_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k+1} \frac{\lambda}{\mu} p_k = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^{k+1} p_0$$

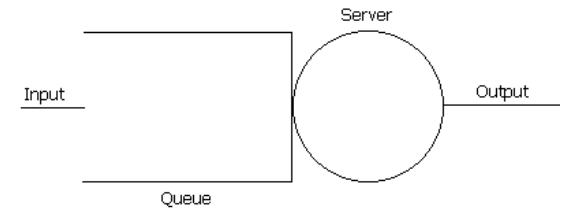
$$p_0 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1!} \frac{\lambda}{\mu} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^N}$$

Queueing Analysis: Packet Switching Delay

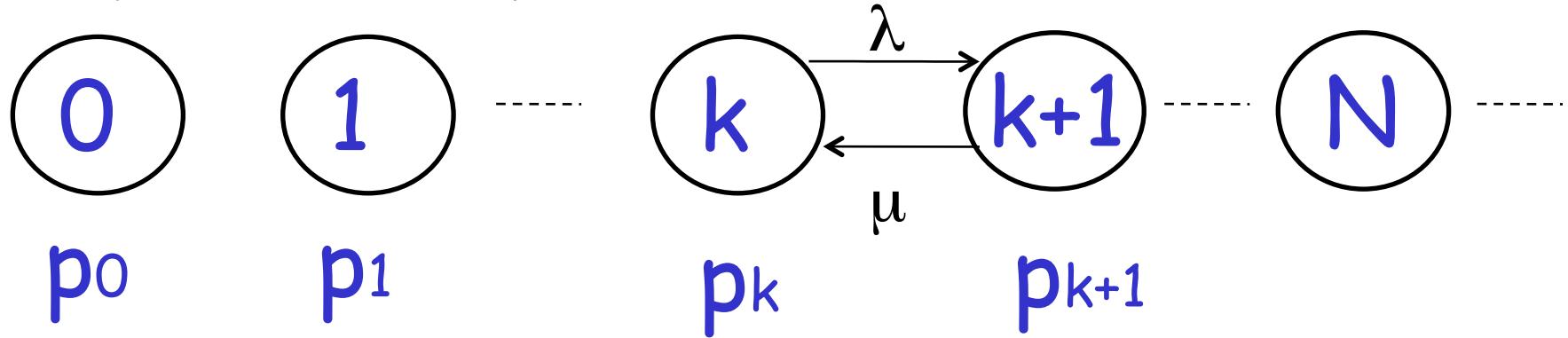
- **Four** types of delay at each hop
 - nodal processing delay: check errors & routing
 - queueing: time waiting for its turn at output link
 - transmission delay: time to pump packet onto a link at link speed
 - propagation delay: router to router propagation
- The focus is on **queueing and transmission delay**



Packet Switching Delay



system state: #packets in queue



at equilibrium (time reversibility) in one unit time:

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