

TDT506: Computer Networks

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Notes derived from "*Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach*", by Jim Kurose and Keith Ross, Addison-Wesley.

The slides are adapted and modified based on (among other things) slides from the book's companion Website, as well as modified slides by A. Mahanti and C. Williamson.

People

❑ Examiner and lecturer

- Niklas Carlsson, Associate Professor
- Research area: Design, modeling, and performance evaluation of distributed systems and networks

❑ Lecturer

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- Research area: Machine learning

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❑ Director of studies

- Patrick Lambrix

Course Overview

- ❑ Written exam
 - Grads: 'fail', 3, 4, 5.
- ❑ Four (4) mandatory lab assignments
 - Must pass all four labs
 - Eight lab opportunities
 - Please register on webreg right away!!
(deadline on Friday)
- ❑ One (1) optional assignment
 - Up to 4 bonus marks for exam
- ❑ Eleven (11) lectures + one (1) exam prep.
- ❑ See website for more information ...

My expectations

❑ Read textbook

- Good textbook, written by highly regarded researchers in the field
- Lots of content
- Not time to cover everything during lectures

❑ Work hard

- Pay attention during lectures
- Make sure you **understand** the material
- Start assignments early (some will take time)

❑ Follow deadlines and office hours

What to expect? (What will be covered?)

- ❑ Design principles for computer networks
 - Conceptual view of Internet architecture
- ❑ Design, resource, and performance tradeoffs
 - General working knowledge of protocols/applications
 - Detailed knowledge of selected protocols/applications
 - Some practical hands on experience
- ❑ Glimpse into the future of the Internet
 - Emerging trends and technologies

Roadmap (today's lecture)

- What is a Computer Network?
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- E.g., <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w42EsCDAhB4>

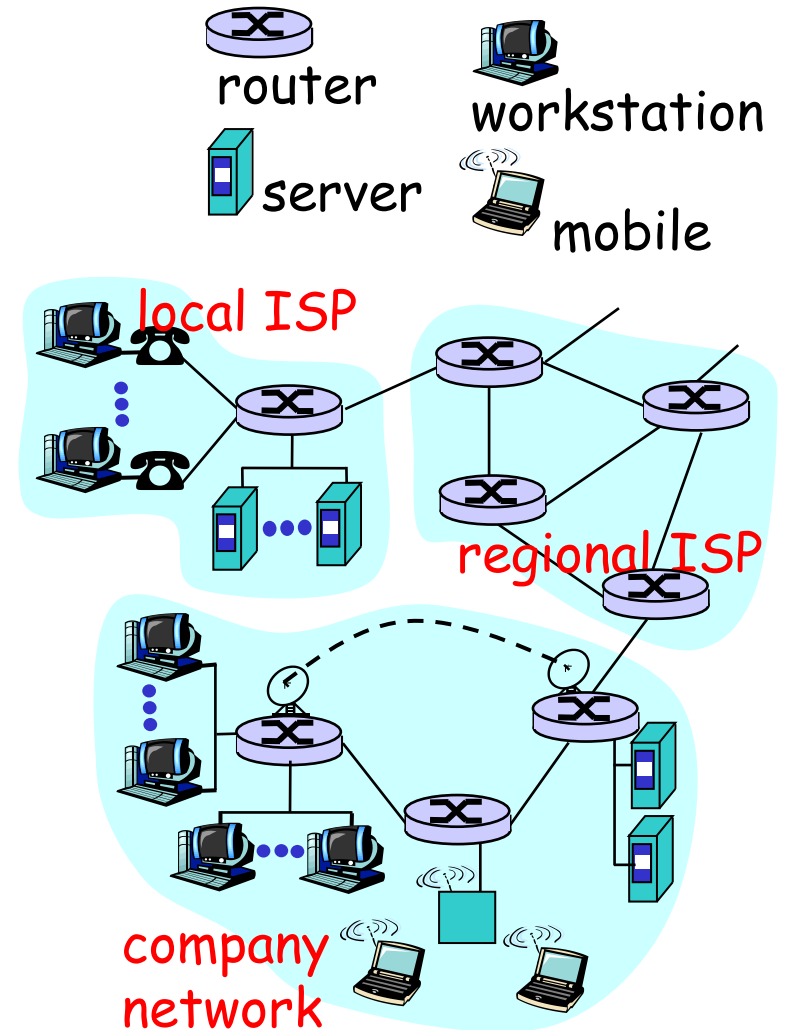
- So, what are computer networks?

Computer Network?



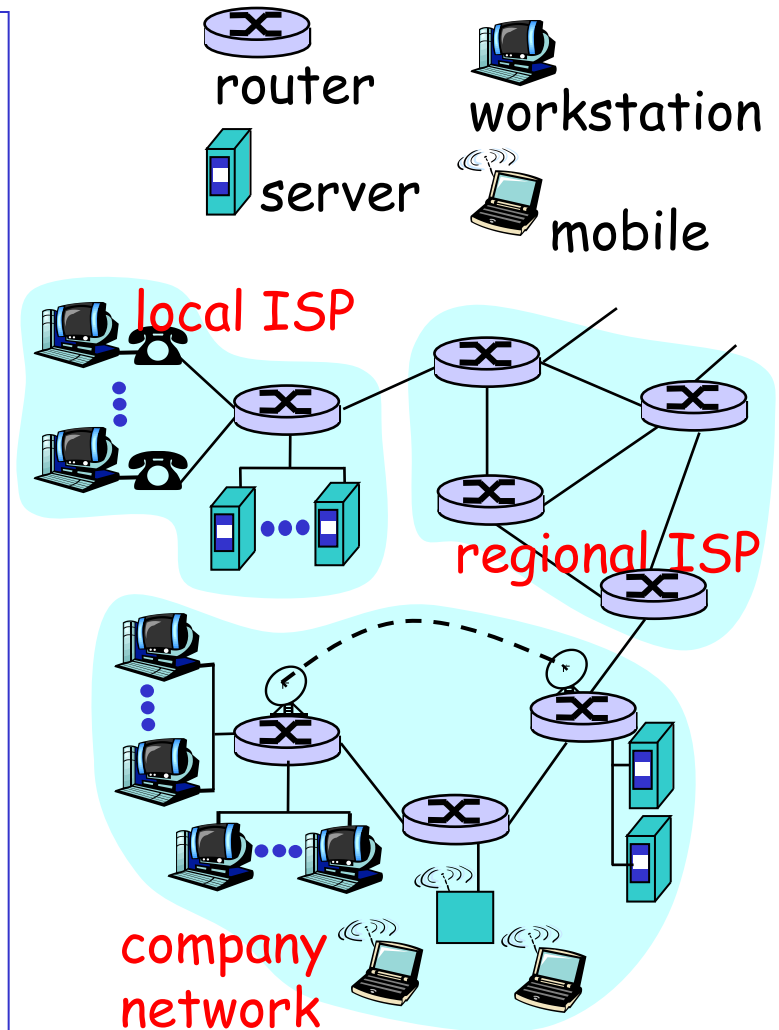
- ❑ "interconnected collection of autonomous computers connected by a communication technology"
- ❑ What is the Internet?
 - "network of networks"
 - "collection of networks interconnected by routers"
 - "a communication medium used by millions"
 - Email, chat, Web "surfing", streaming media
- ❑ Internet \neq Web

The “nuts and bolts” view of the Internet



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- ❑ millions of connected computing devices called *hosts or end-systems*
 - PCs, workstations, servers
 - PDAs, phones, toastersrunning *network apps*
- ❑ *communication links*
 - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
 - links have different capacities (*bandwidth*)
- ❑ *routers*: forward packets
- ❑ *packet*: piece of a message (basic unit of transfer)



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Service/company landscape include

facebook

Google

skype

NETFLIX



at&t

You Tube



Microsoft



Spotify

ERICSSON



Applications: Example classes

- ❑ File transfer
- ❑ Remote login (telnet, rlogin, ssh)
- ❑ World Wide Web (WWW)
- ❑ Instant Messaging (Internet chat, text messaging on cellular phones)
- ❑ Peer-to-Peer file sharing
- ❑ Internet Phone (Voice-Over-IP)
- ❑ Video-on-demand
- ❑ Distributed Games
- ❑ ... and many more to come/discuss ...

Applications (2)

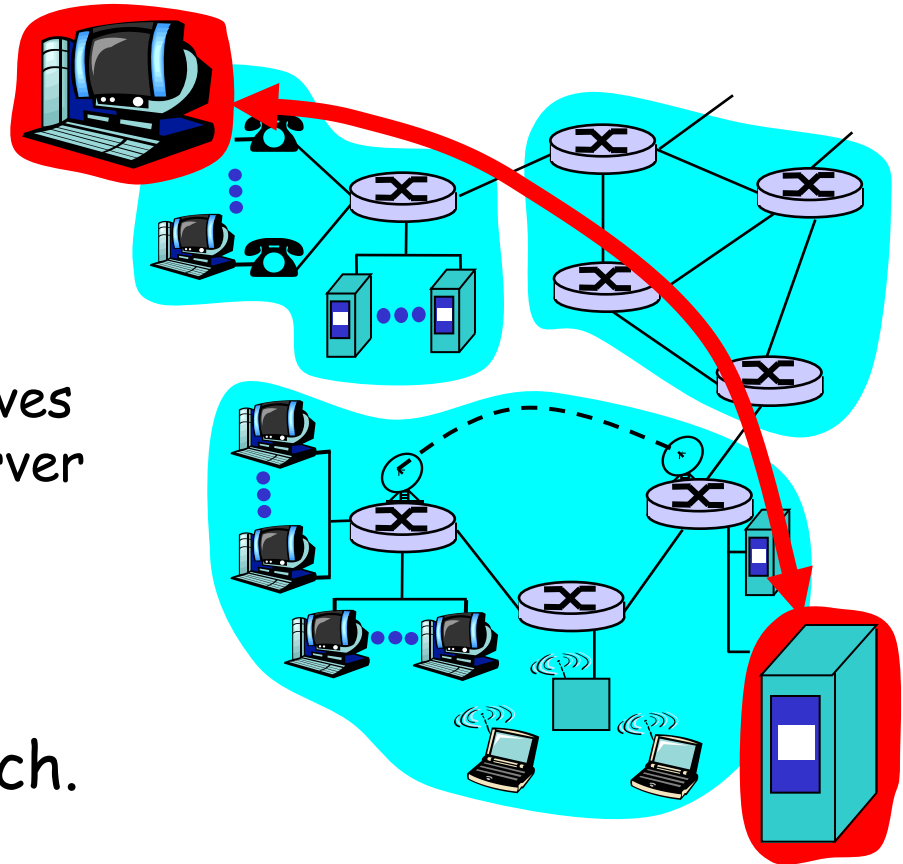
❑ end systems (hosts):

- run application programs
- e.g. Web, email, ftp
- at "edge of network"

❑ client/server model

- client host requests, receives service from always-on server
- e.g. Web browser/server; email client/server

❑ Client/server model has well-defined roles for each.

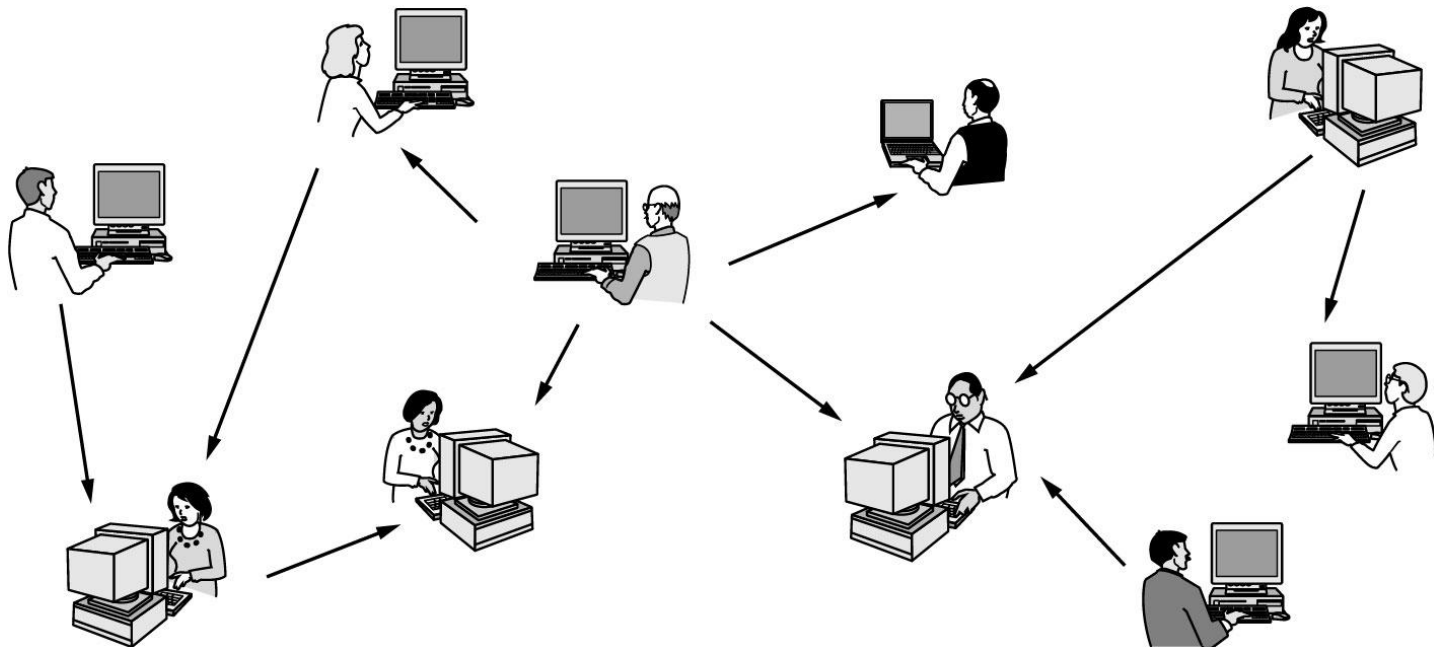


Applications (3)

❑ peer-to-peer model:

- No fixed clients or servers
- Each host can act as both client and server at any time

❑ Examples: Napster, Gnutella, KaZaA, BitTorrent



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❑ Internet is an example of an internetwork.

- Internetwork: interconnection of networks
- Subnetwork: a constituent of an internet
- Intermediate system: a device used to connect two networks allowing hosts of the networks to correspond with each other
 - Bridge
 - Router

A Classification of Networks

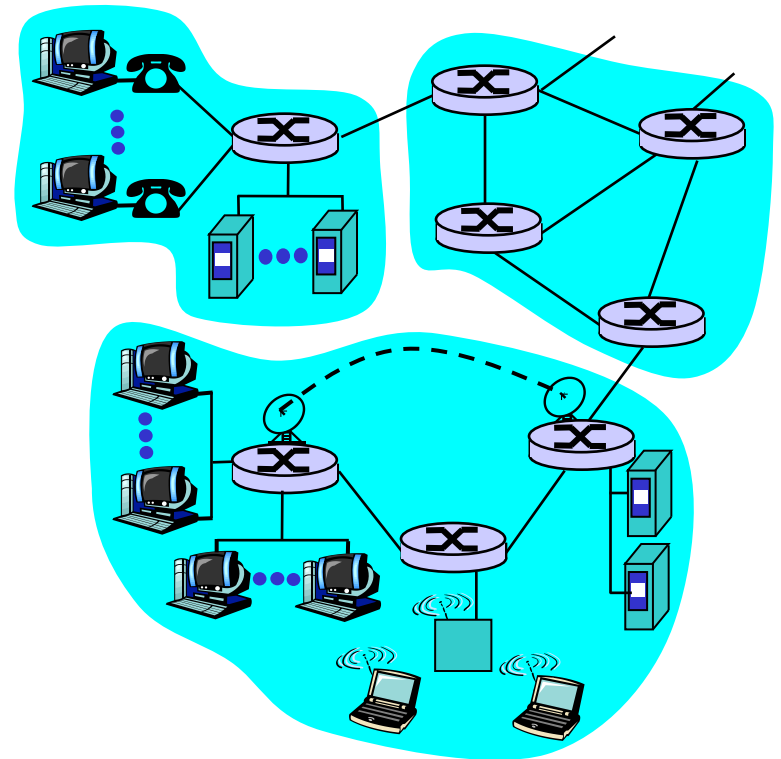
- ❑ Wide Area Network (WAN)
- ❑ Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)
- ❑ Local Area Network (LAN)

- ❑ Wireless LAN (WLAN)
- ❑ Home Networks
- ❑ Personal Area Network (PAN)
- ❑ Body Area Network (BAN)

- ❑ ... and more (incl. sensor and ad-hoc) ...

Wide Area Network (WAN)

- ❑ Spans a large geographic area, e.g., a country or a continent
- ❑ A WAN consists of several transmission lines and routers
- ❑ Internet is an example of a WAN

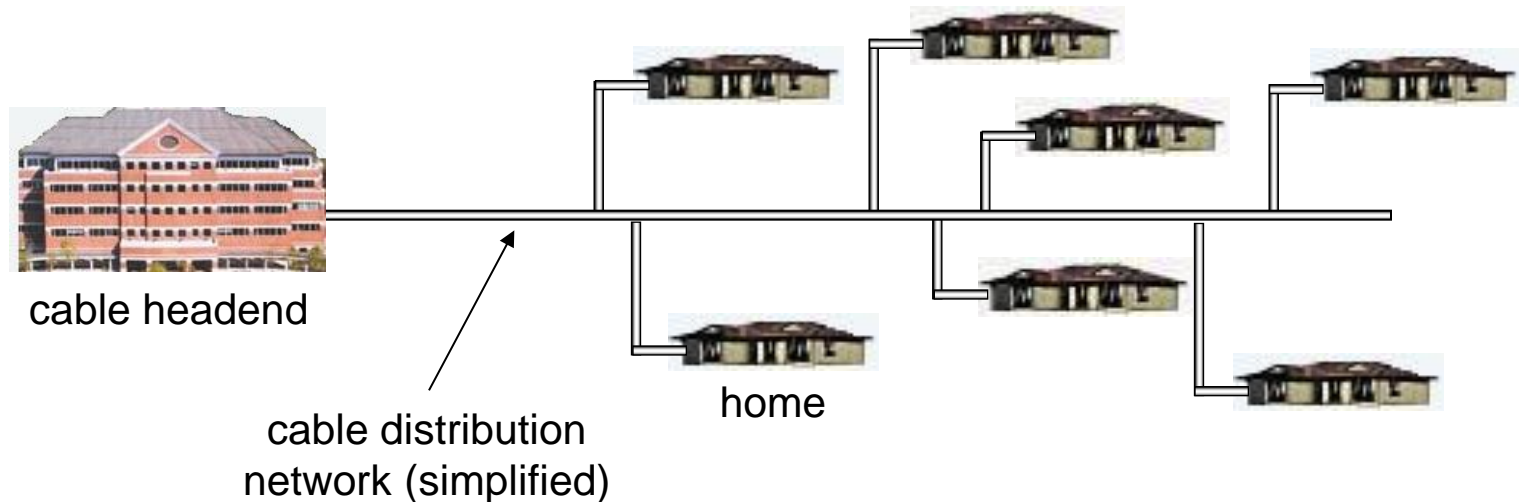


Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)

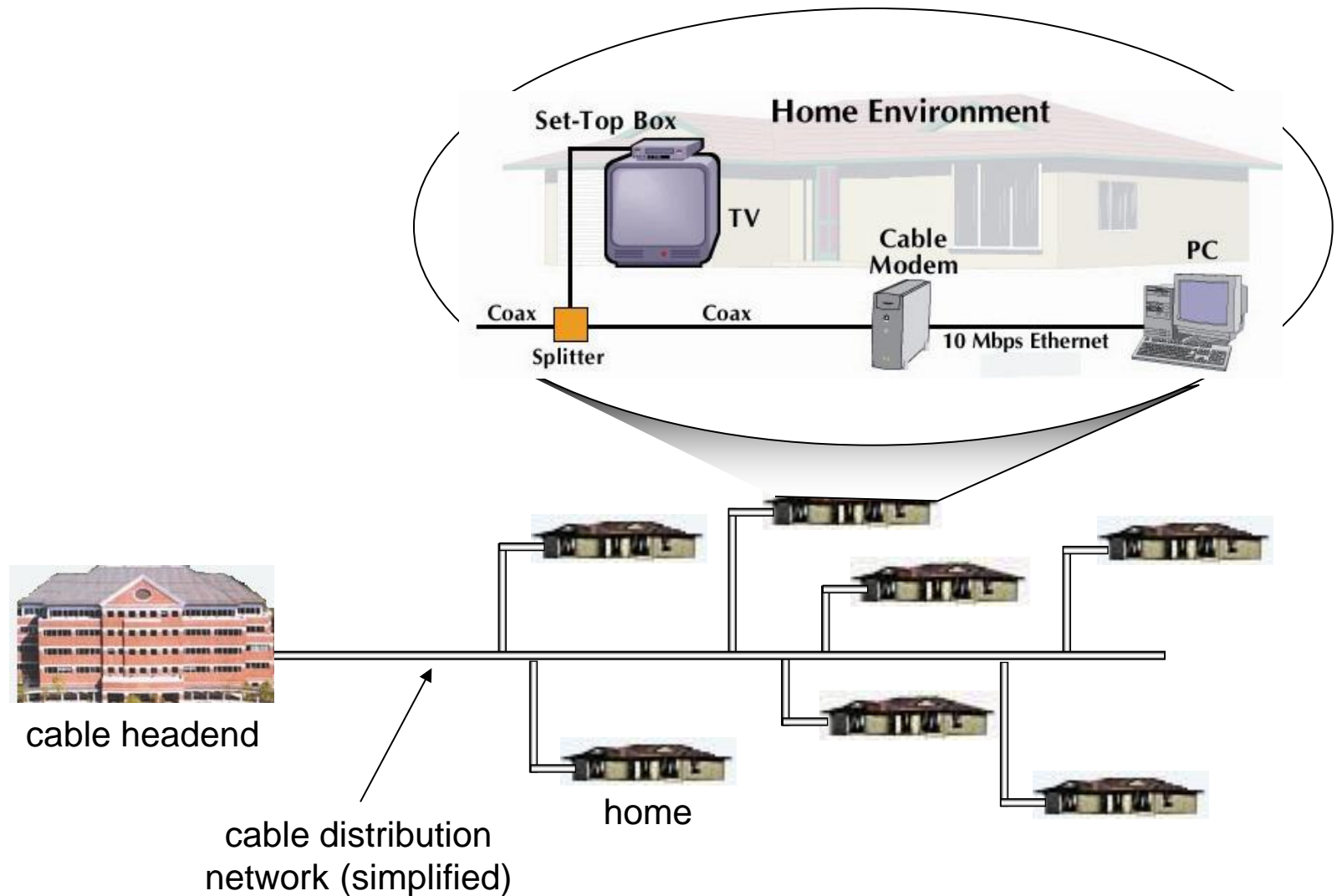
“City sized”: tens of kilometers

A Cable TV Network is an example of a MAN

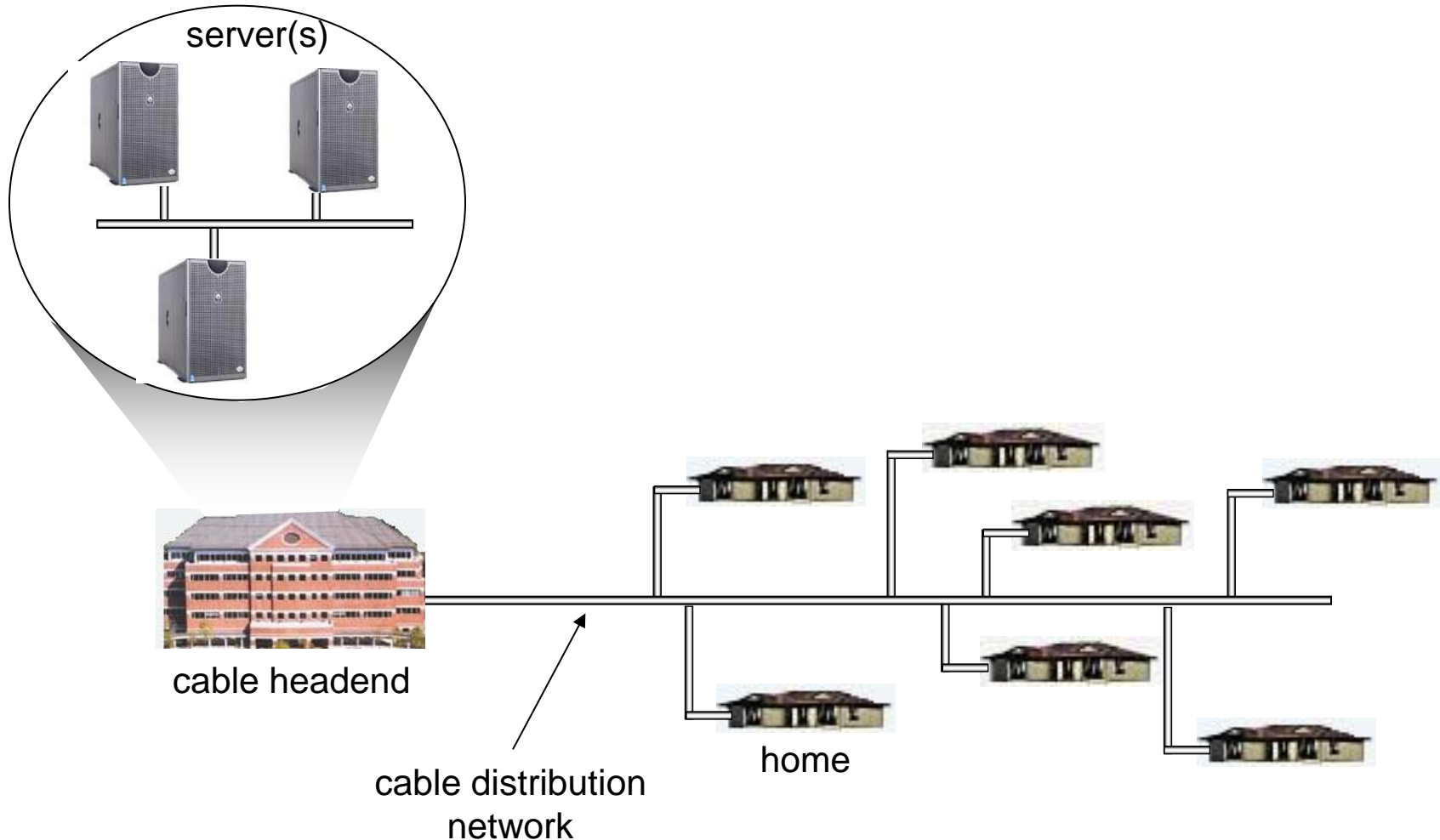
Typically 500 to 5,000 homes



Cable Network Architecture: Overview

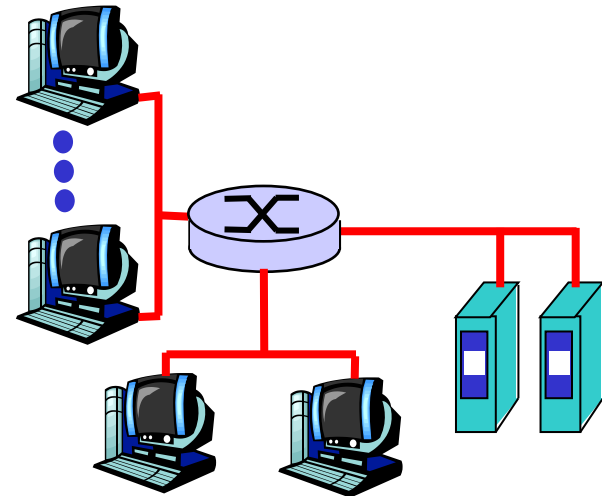


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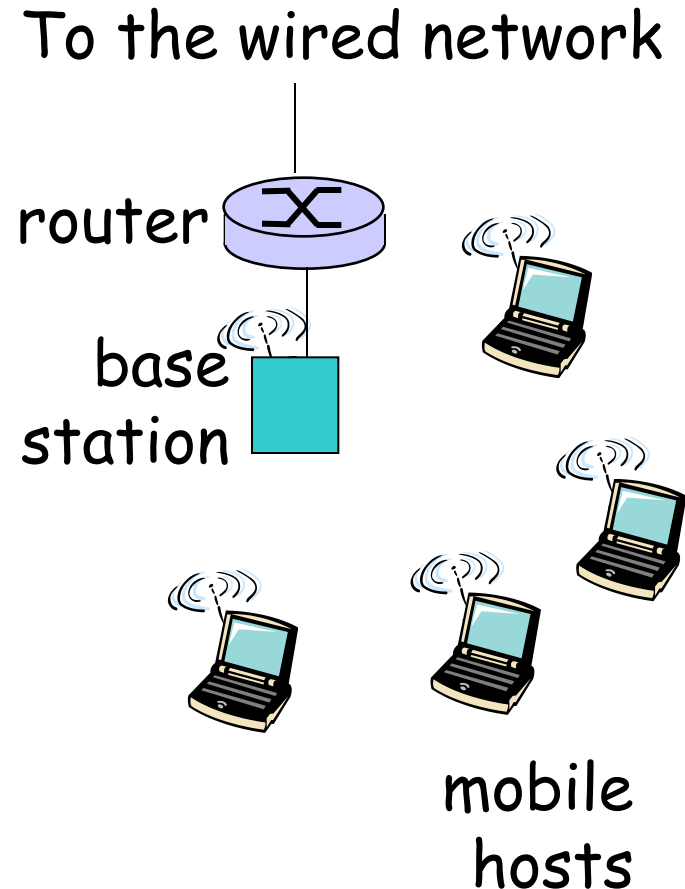
Local Area Network (LAN)

- ❑ company/univ **local area network** (LAN) connects end system to edge router
- ❑ **Ethernet:**
 - shared or dedicated link connects end system and router (a few km)
 - 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, Gigabit Ethernet
- ❑ **widespread deployment:** companies, univ, homeLANs
- ❑ LANs: chapter 5



Wireless Networks (WLANs)

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- ❑ **wireless LANs:**
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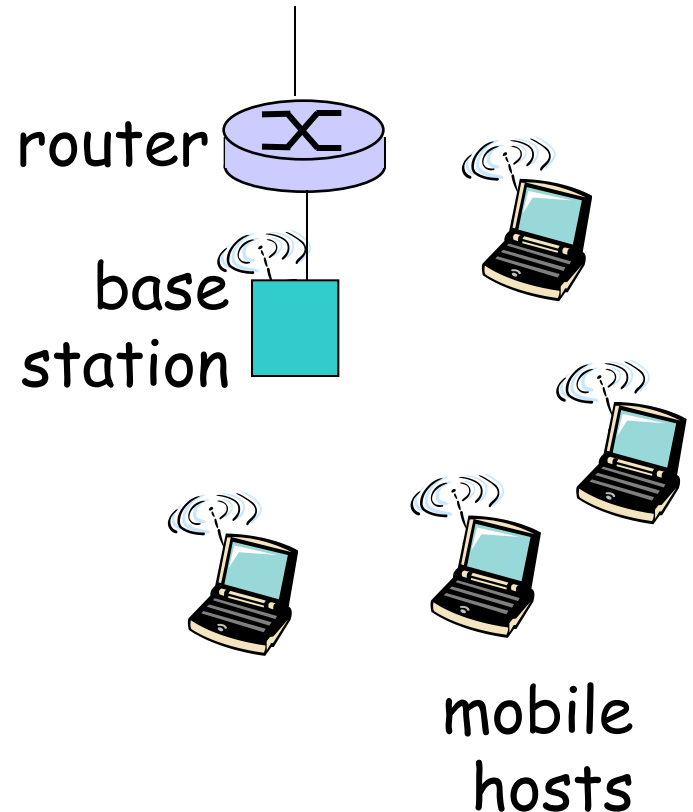


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- ❑ **wider-area wireless access**
 - provided by telco operator
 - 3G, 4G
 - WAP/GPRS in Europe
 - WiMax

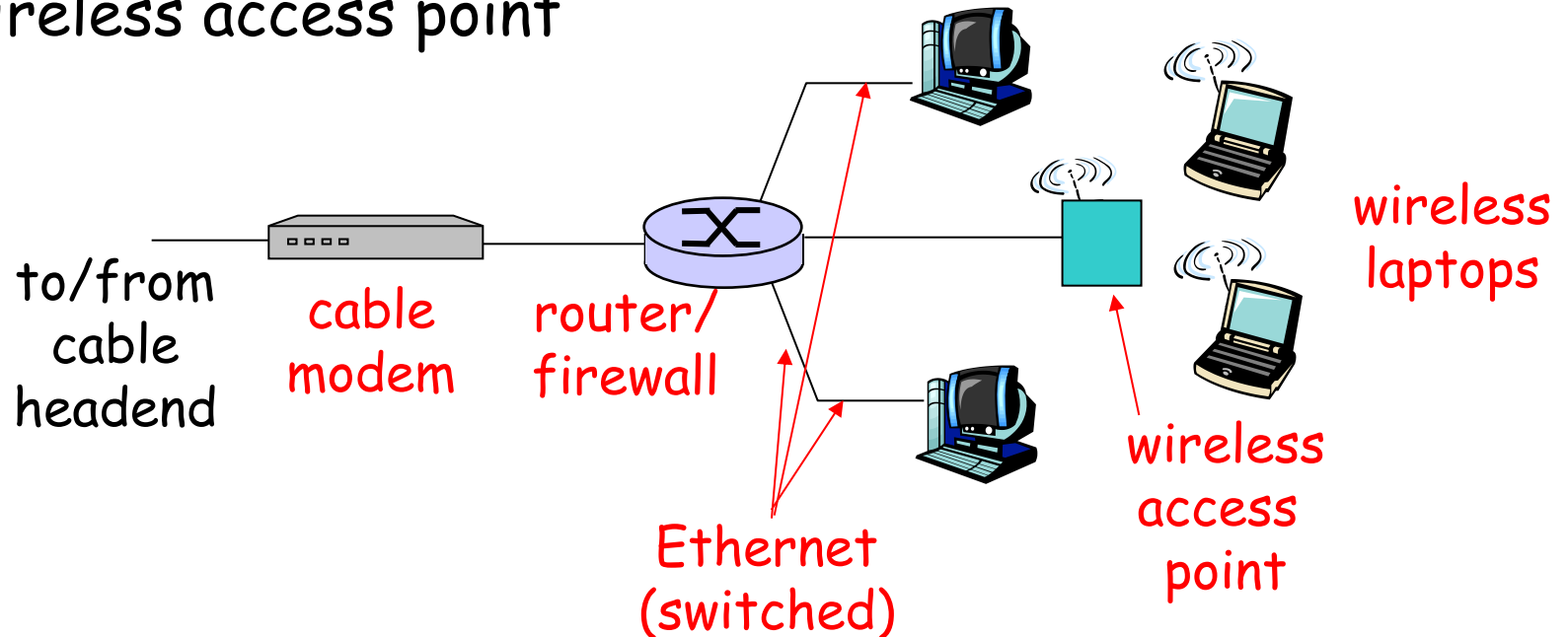
To the wired network



Home networks

Typical home network components:

- ❑ ADSL or cable modem
- ❑ router/firewall/NAT
- ❑ Ethernet
- ❑ wireless access point



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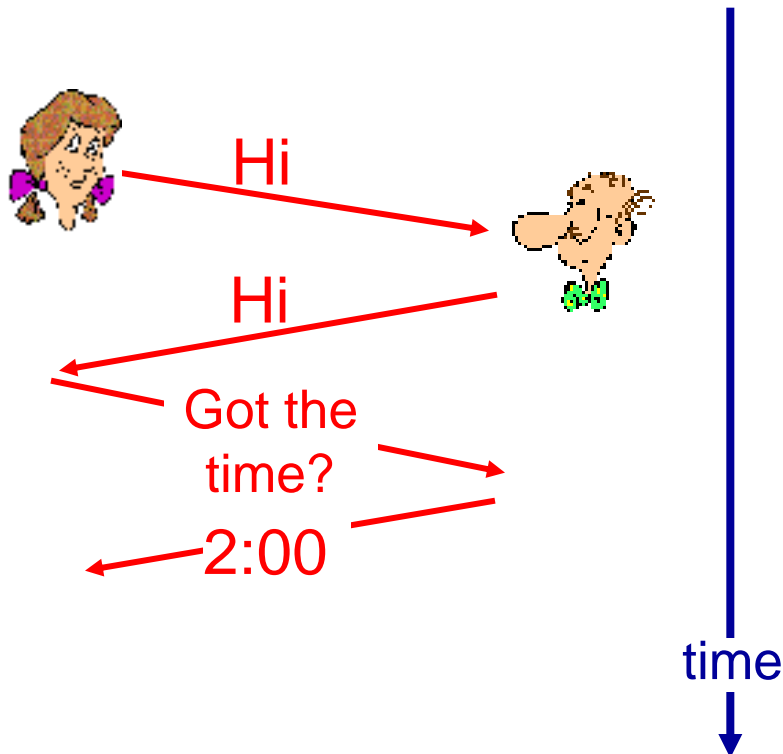
Protocols:

- ❖ The rules used for communication
- ❖ Proper, accepted, and expected behavior

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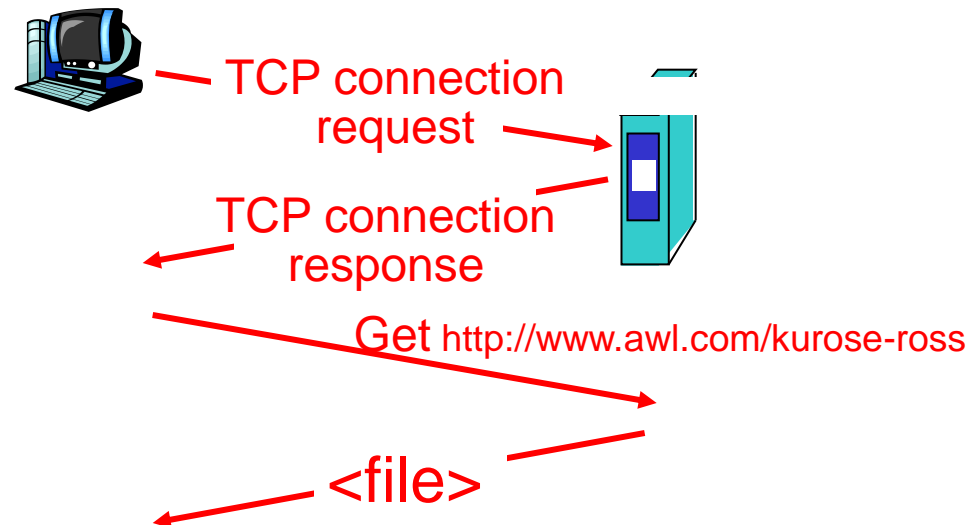
human protocols:

- ❖ "What's the time?"
- ❖ "I have a question"
- ❖ Introductions



network protocols:

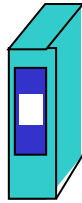
- ❖ Machines rather than humans
- ❖ All communication activity in Internet governed by protocols



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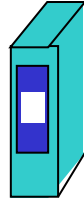
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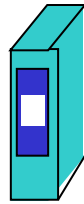
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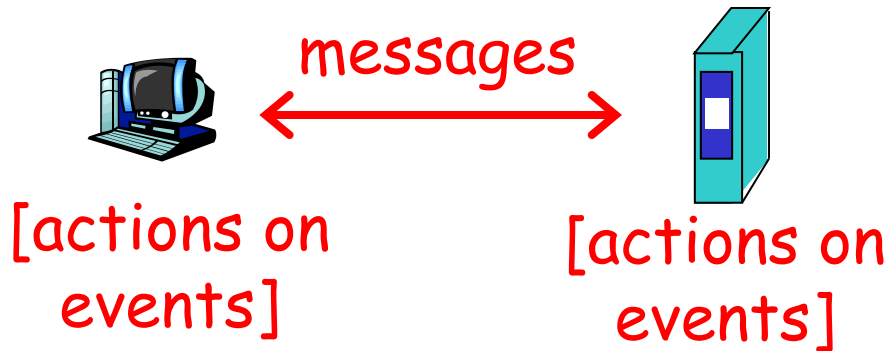
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Network protocols:

- ❖ Define the order and format of messages exchanged
- ❖ Defines the actions to take in response to events (e.g., message arrivals, transmissions, losses, and timeouts)

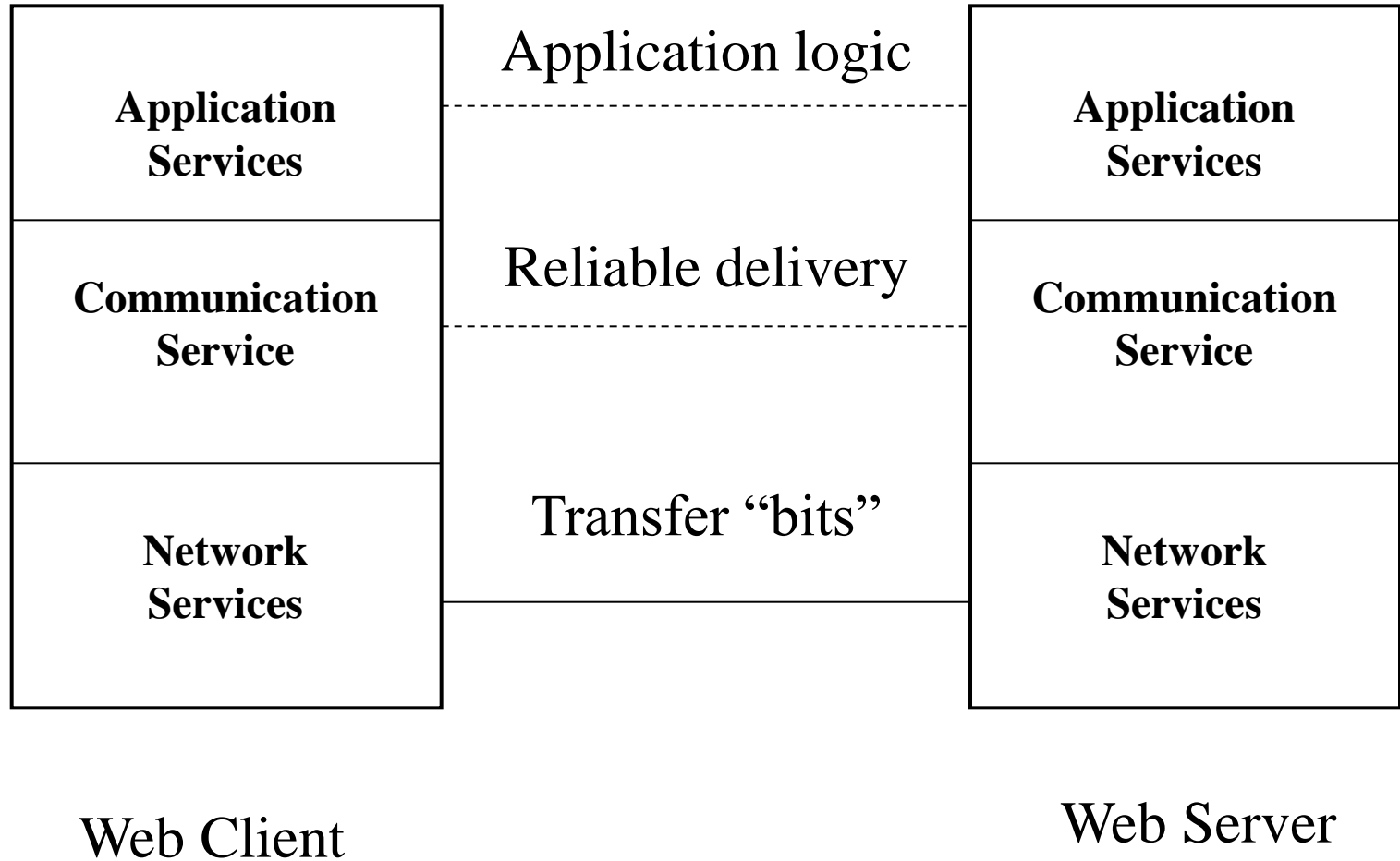
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- ❑ Let's consider a Web page request ...

Motivation Continued ...



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Dealing with complex systems:

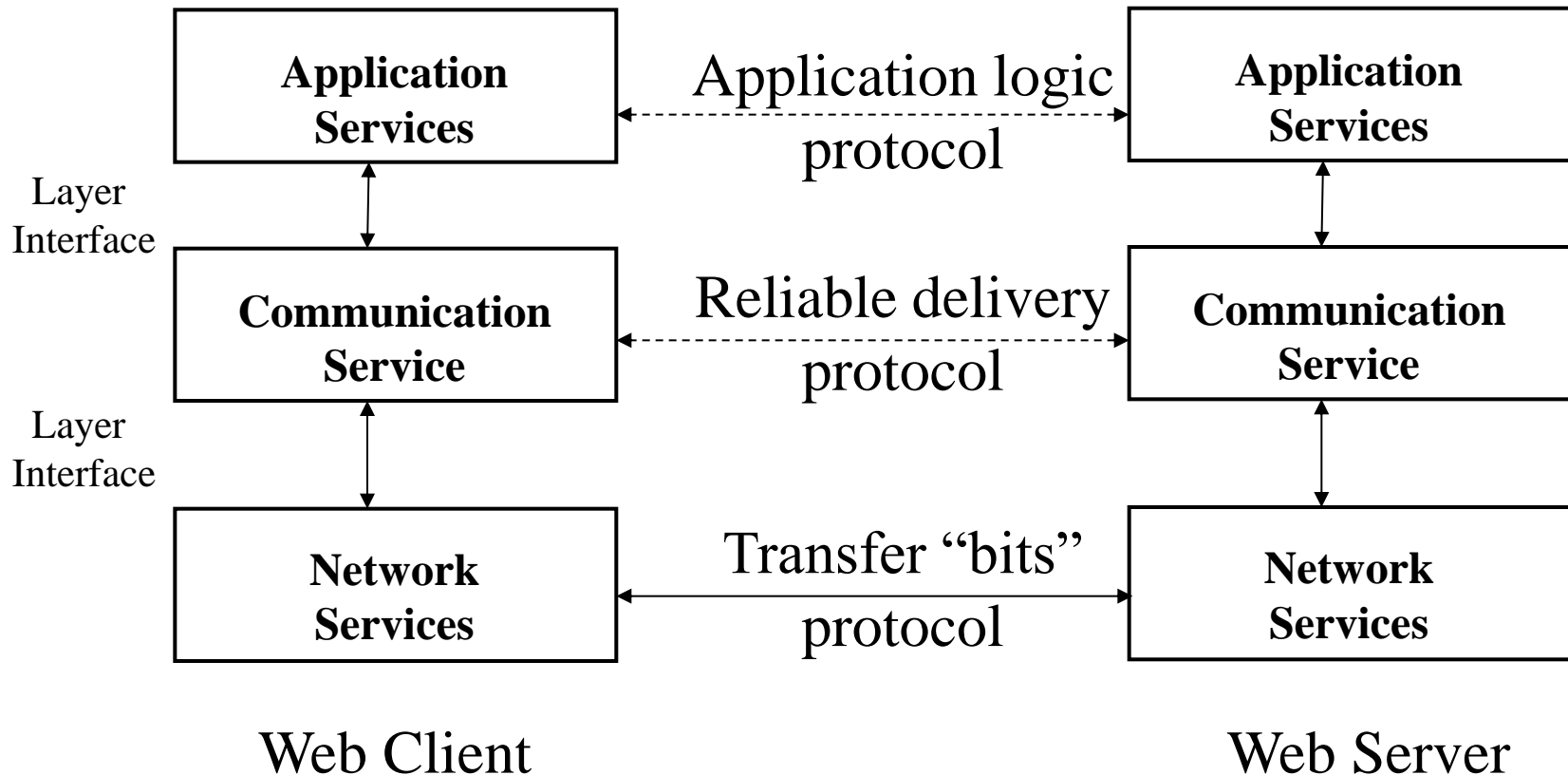
- ❑ explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
 - layered **reference model** for discussion
- ❑ modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in network technology doesn't affect rest of system
- ❑ layering considered harmful? (design vs implementation)

Layers, Protocols, Interfaces

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- ❑ Networks organized as a **stack of layers**
 - Offer services to the layer above it using a well-defined **interface**
 - programming language analogy: libraries hide details while providing a service)
 - Reduces design complexity
- ❑ **Protocols:** Logical “horizontal” conversations at any layer (between peers)
- ❑ **Data Transfer:** each layer passes data & control information over the interfaces (between neighboring layers)

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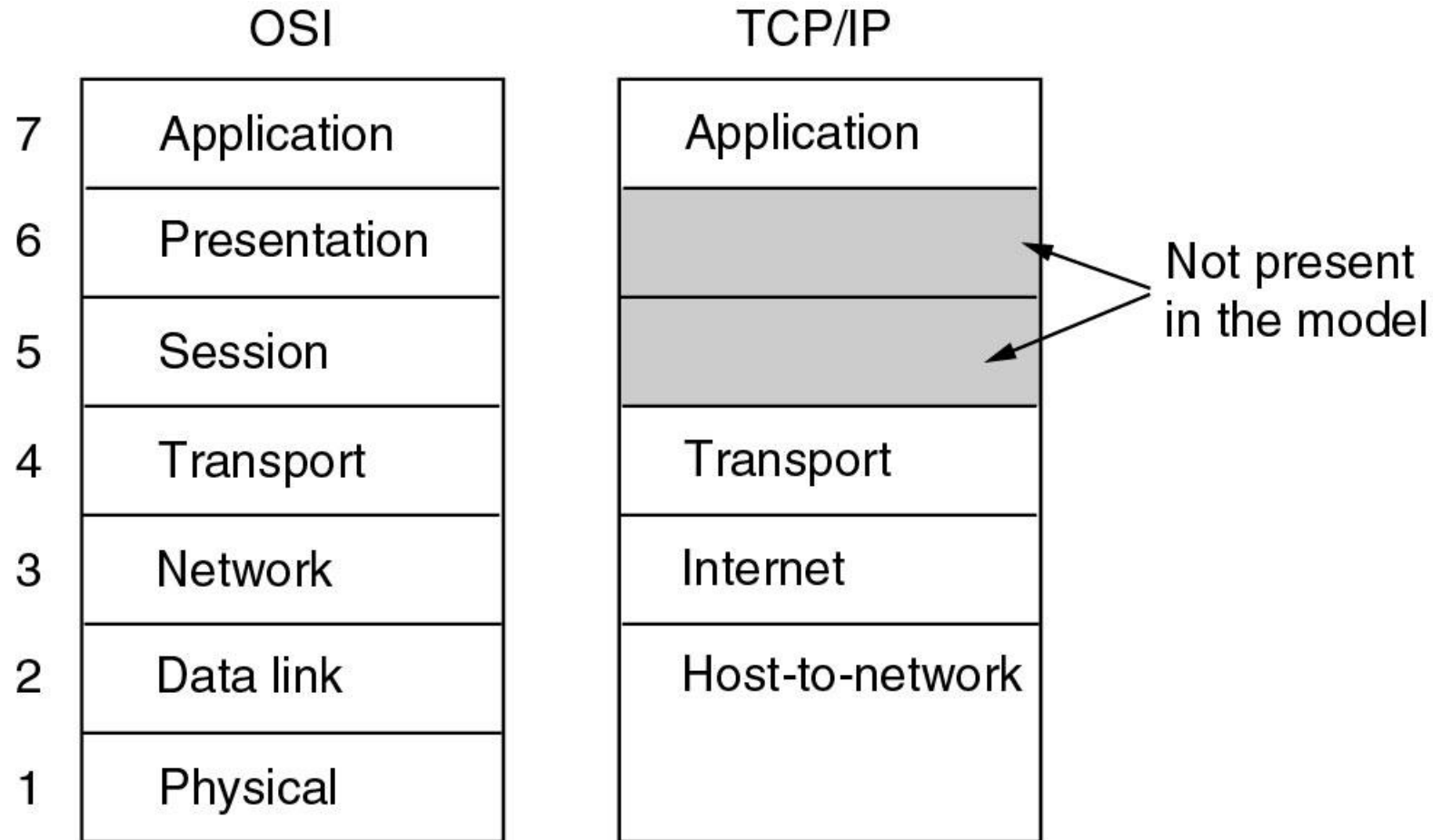
Layered Architecture (cont'd)

- ❑ A set of layers & protocols is called a Network Architecture.
- ❑ These specifications enable hardware/software developers to build systems compliant with a particular architecture.
 - E.g., TCP/IP, OSI

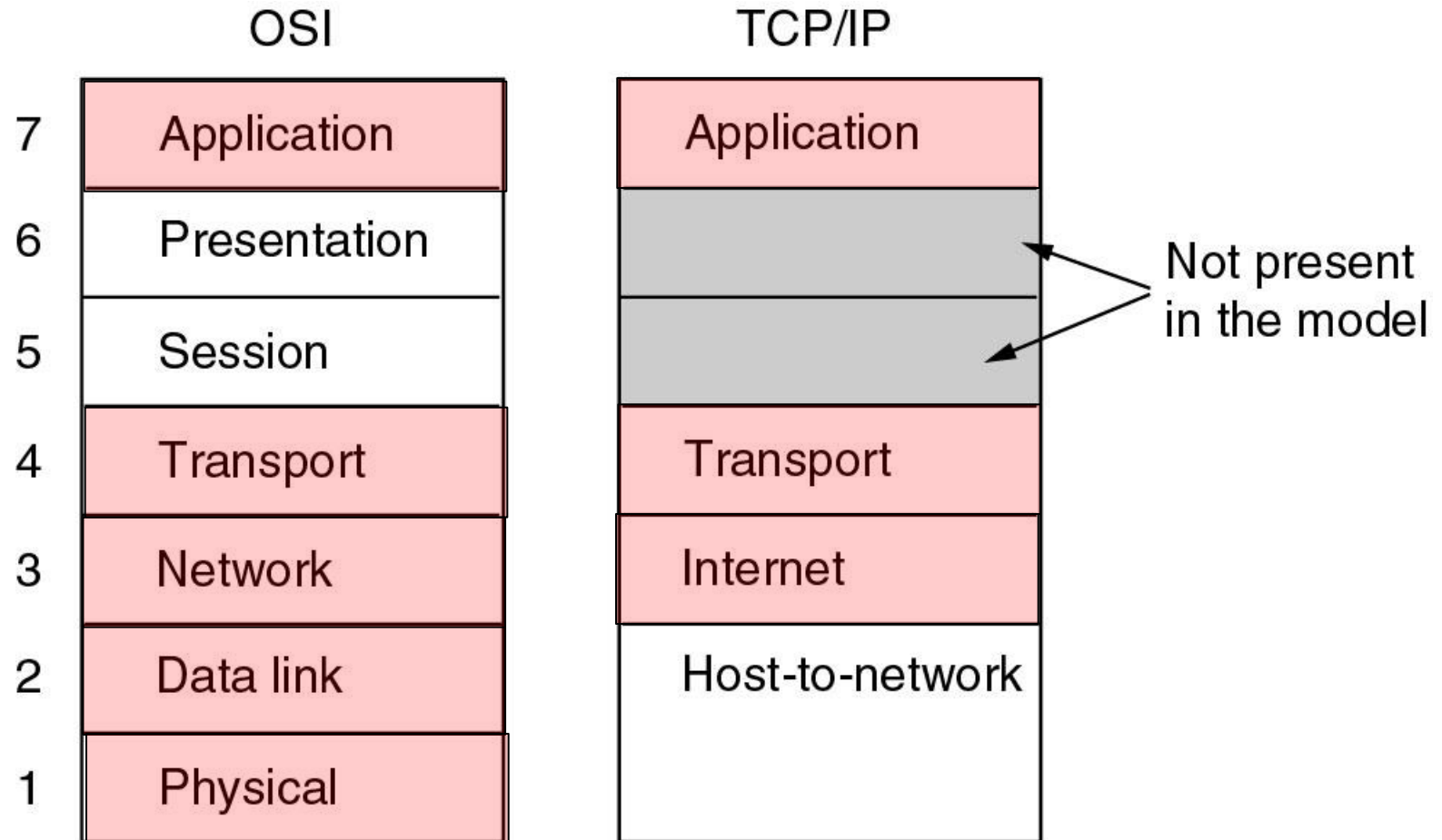
Layering: Design Issues

- ❑ How many layers? What do they each do?
- ❑ How to identify senders/receivers?
 - Addressing
- ❑ Unreliable physical communication medium?
 - Error detection
 - Error control
 - Message reordering
- ❑ Sender can swamp the receiver?
 - Flow control
- ❑ Multiplexing/Demultiplexing

Reference Models

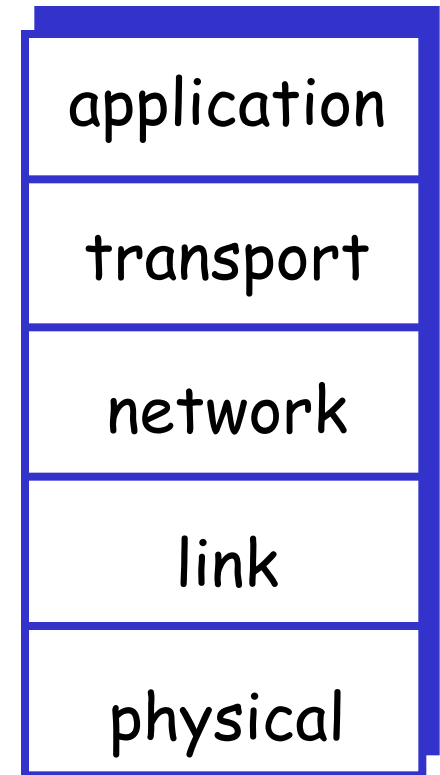


Reference Models



Internet protocol stack

- ❑ **application:** supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, STTP
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 - TCP, UDP
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 - IP, routing protocols
- ❑ **link:** data transfer between neighboring network elements
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The Application Layer

- ❑ Residence of network applications and their application control logic
- ❑ Examples include:
 - HTTP (Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol)
 - FTP (File Transfer Protocol)
 - Telnet
 - SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)
 - DNS (Domain Name Service)

The Transport Layer

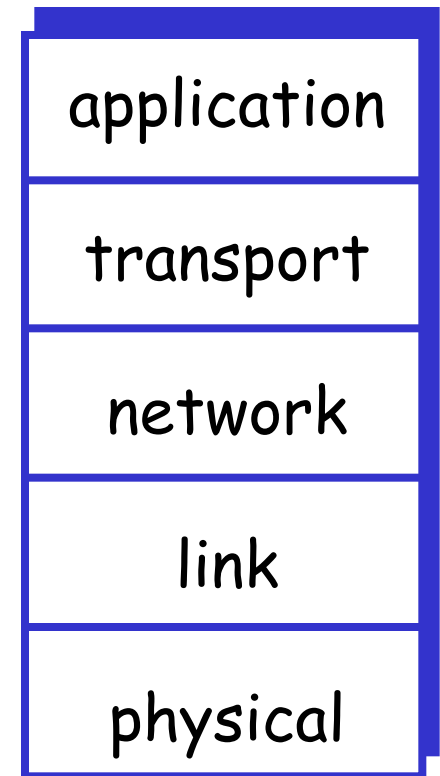
- ❑ Concerned with end-to-end data transfer between end systems (hosts)
- ❑ Transmission unit is called segment
- ❑ TCP/IP networks such as the Internet provides two types of services to applications
 - "connection-oriented" service - Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
 - "connectionless" service - User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

The Network Layer

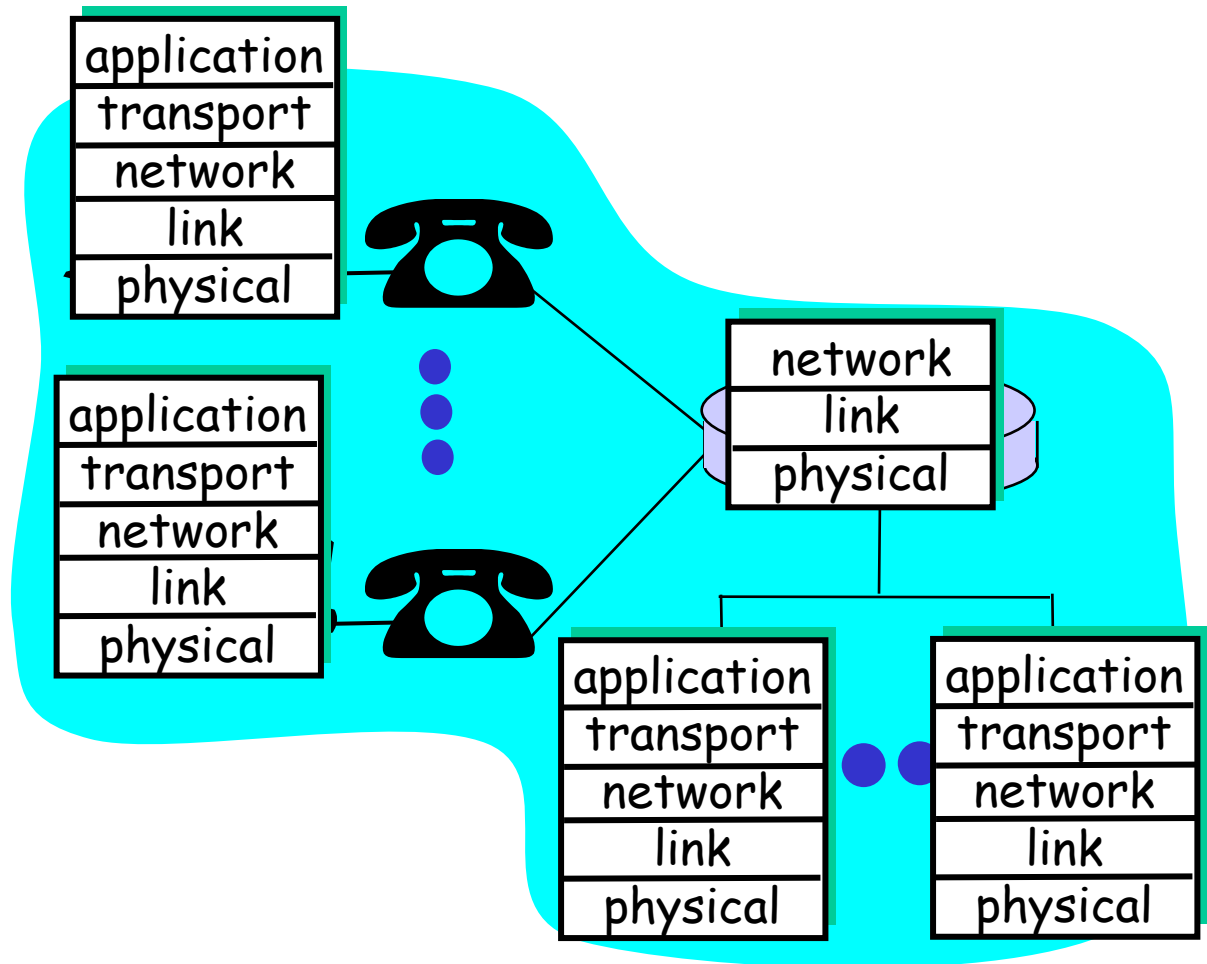
- ❑ End systems inject datagrams in the networks
- ❑ A transmission path is determined for each packet (routing)
- ❑ A “best effort” service
 - Datagrams might be lost
 - Datagrams might arrive out of order
- ❑ Analogy: Postal system

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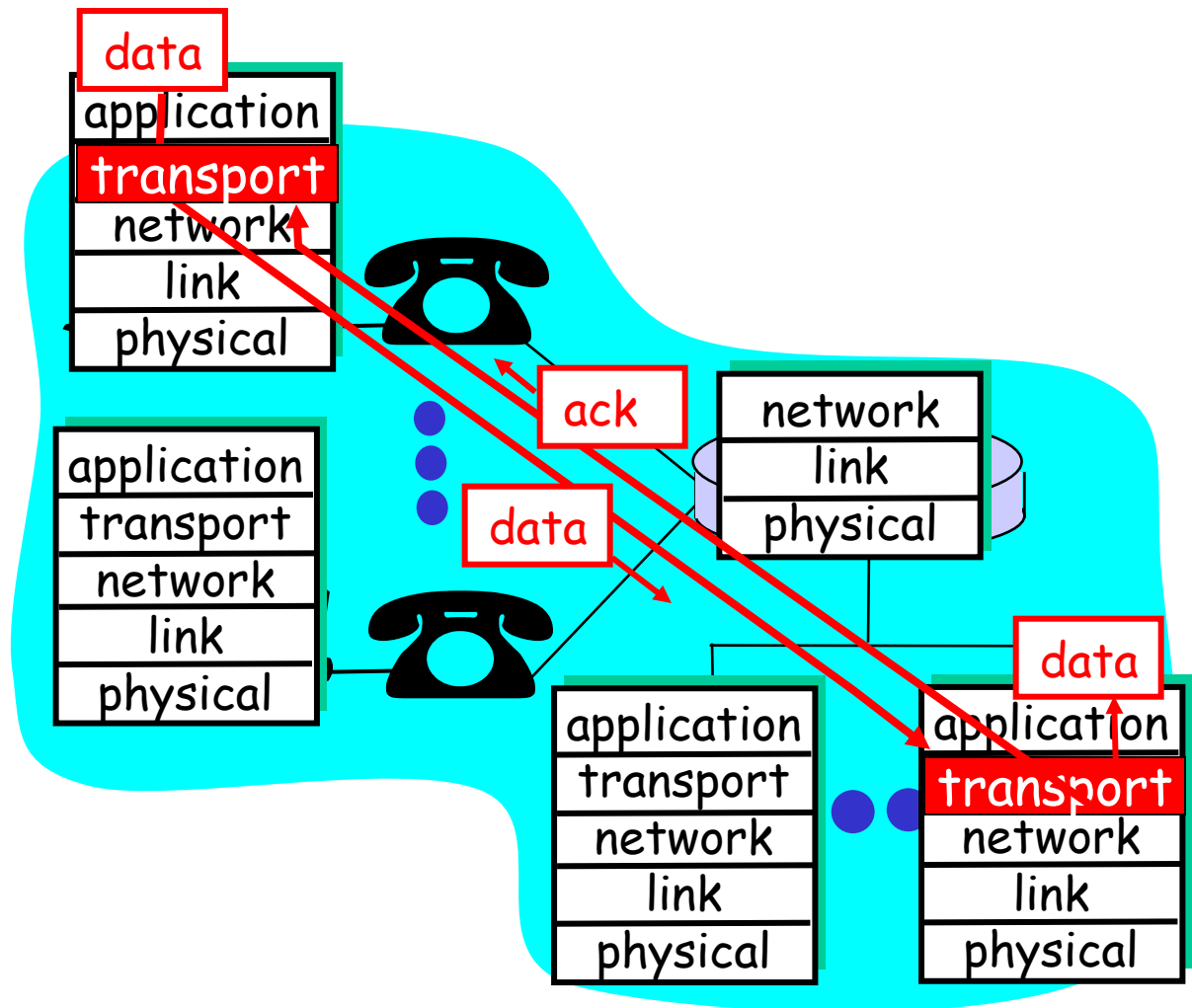
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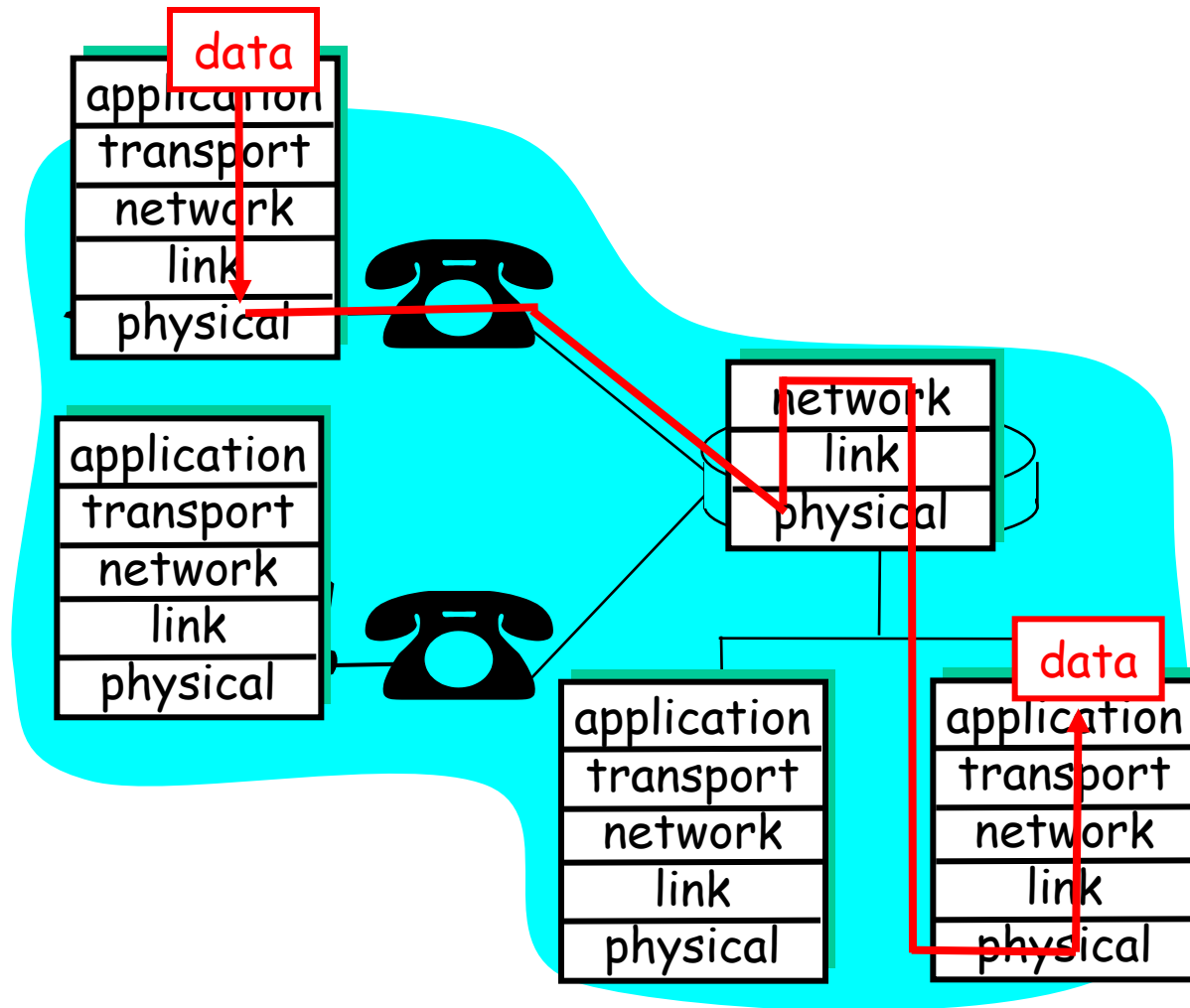
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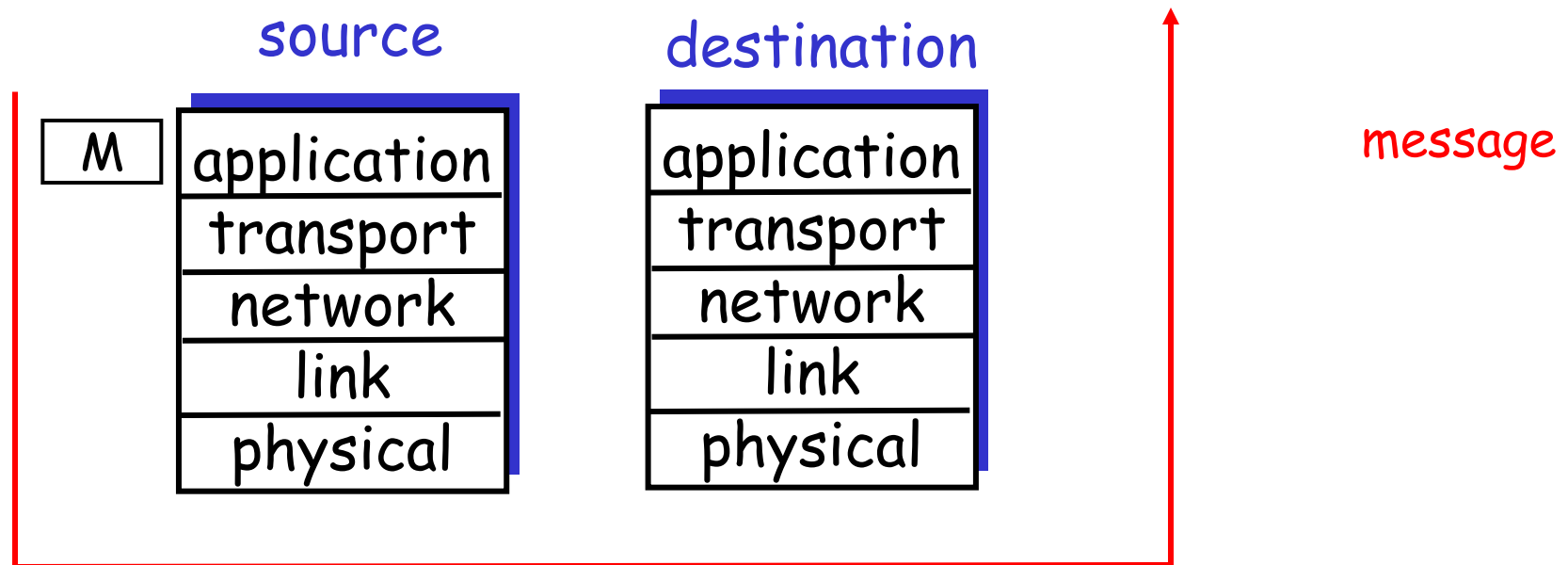
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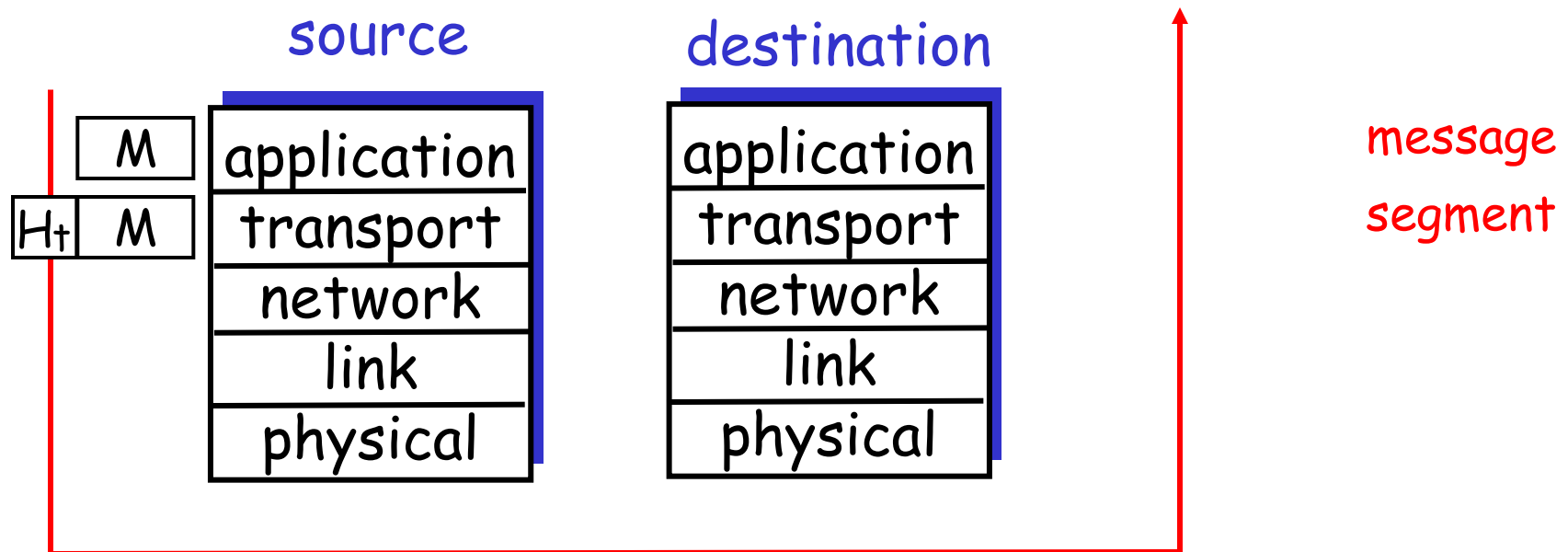
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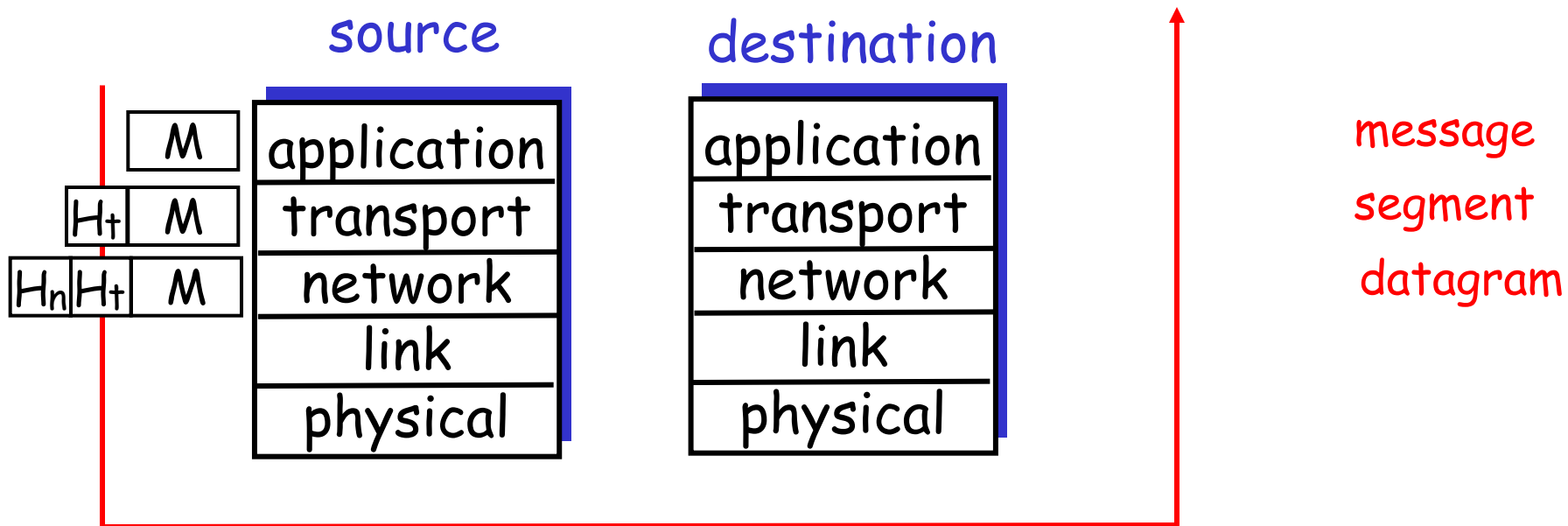
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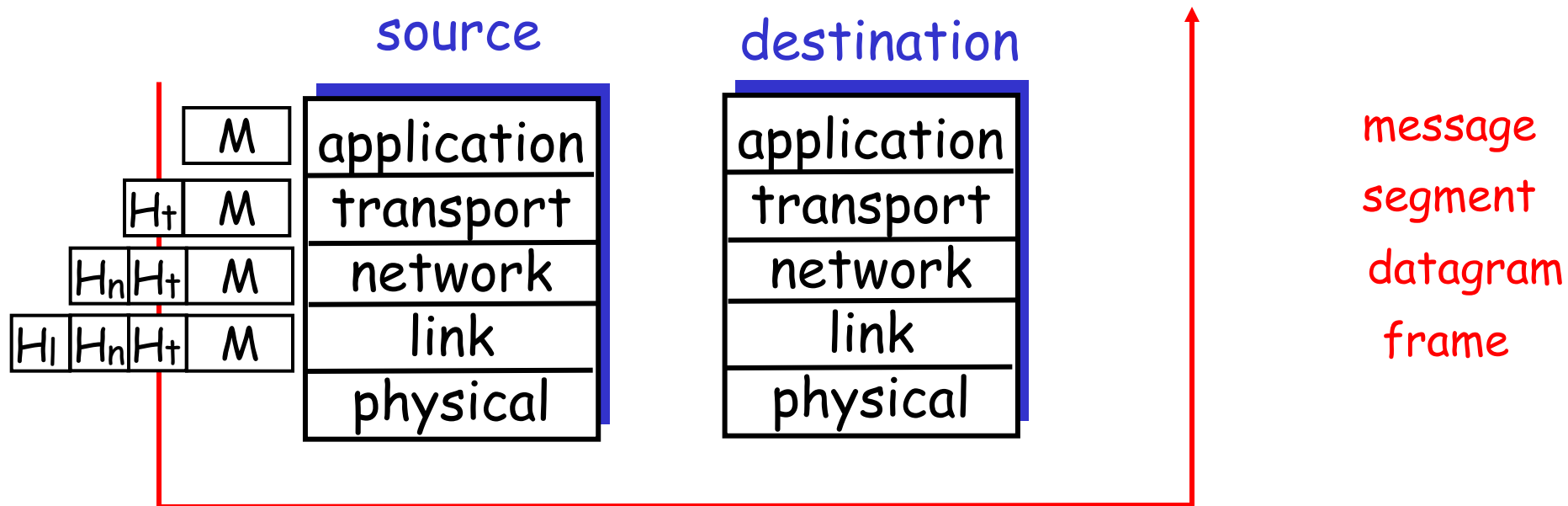
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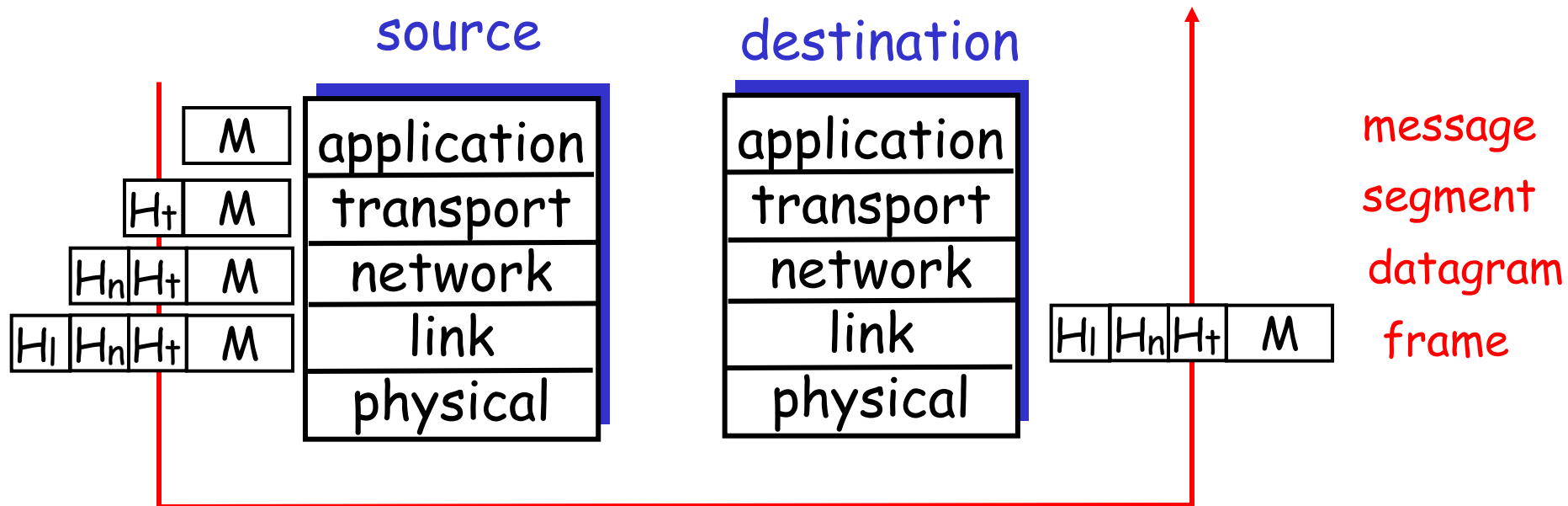
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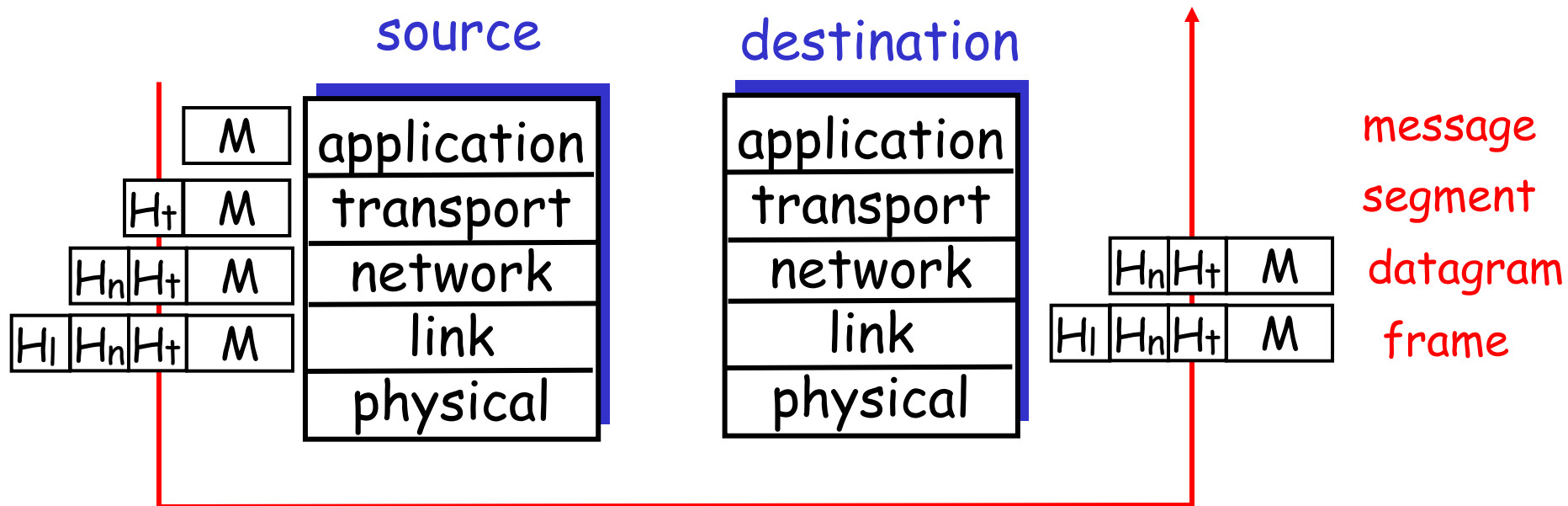
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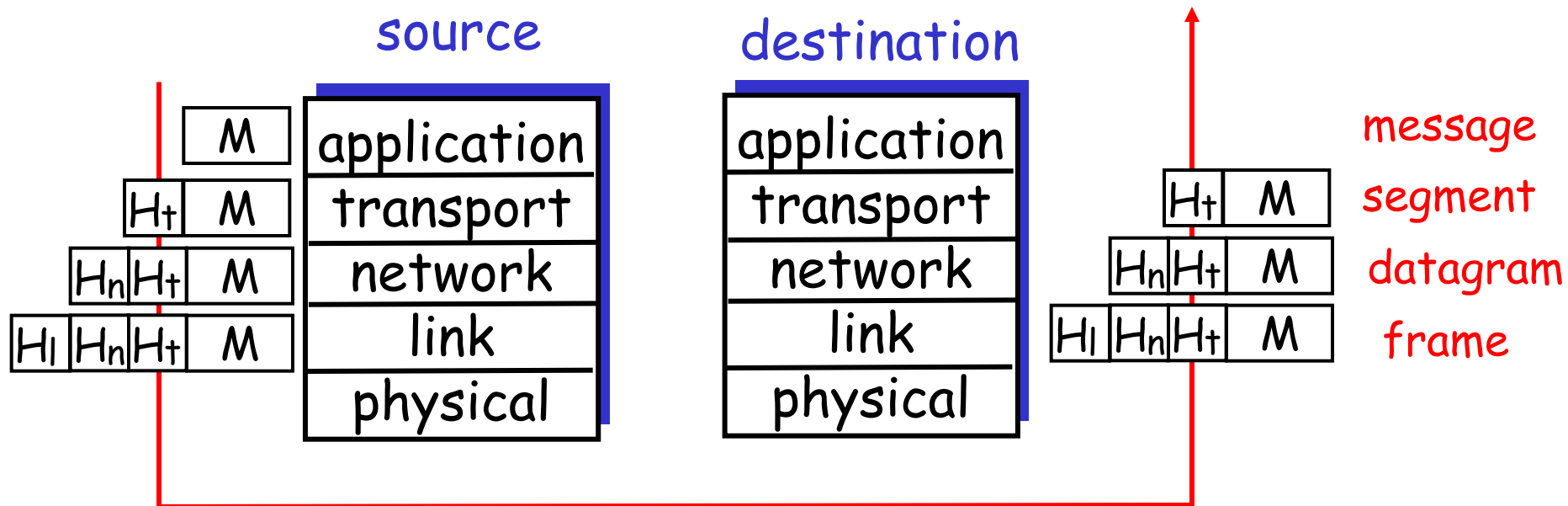
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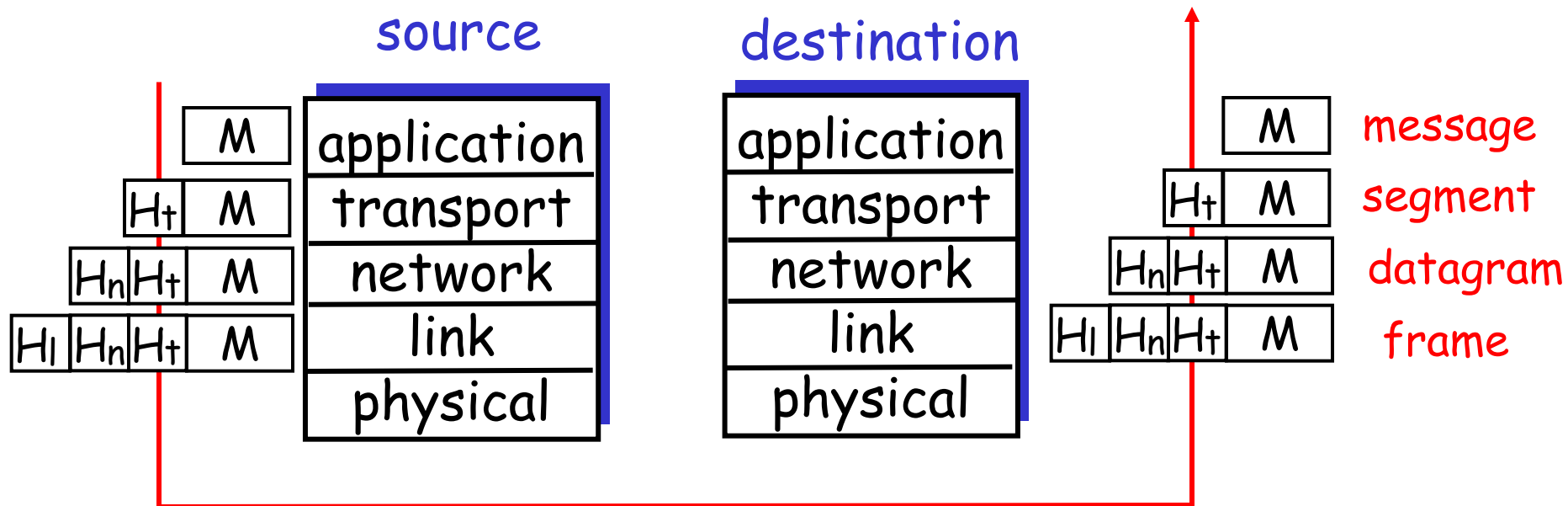
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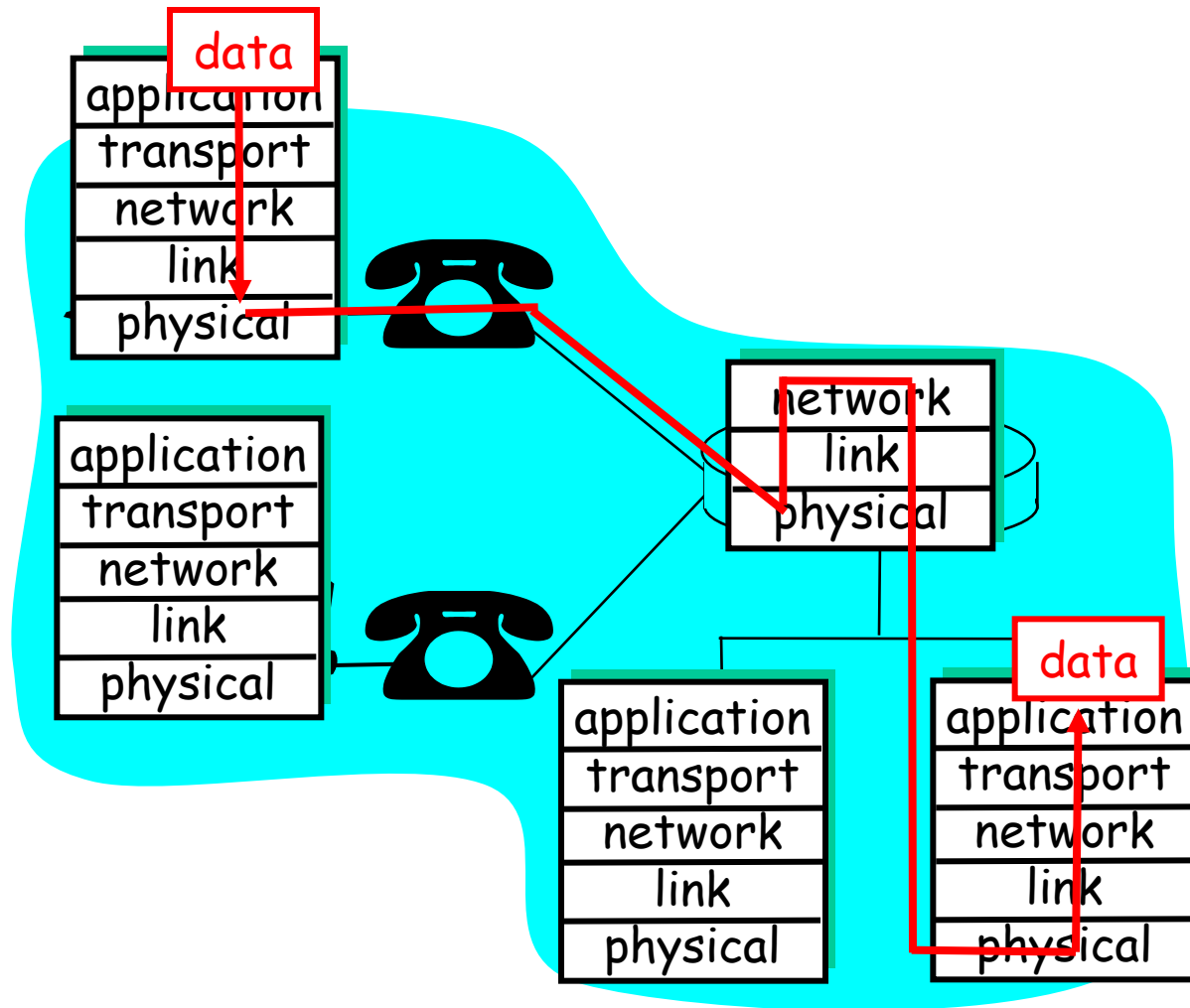
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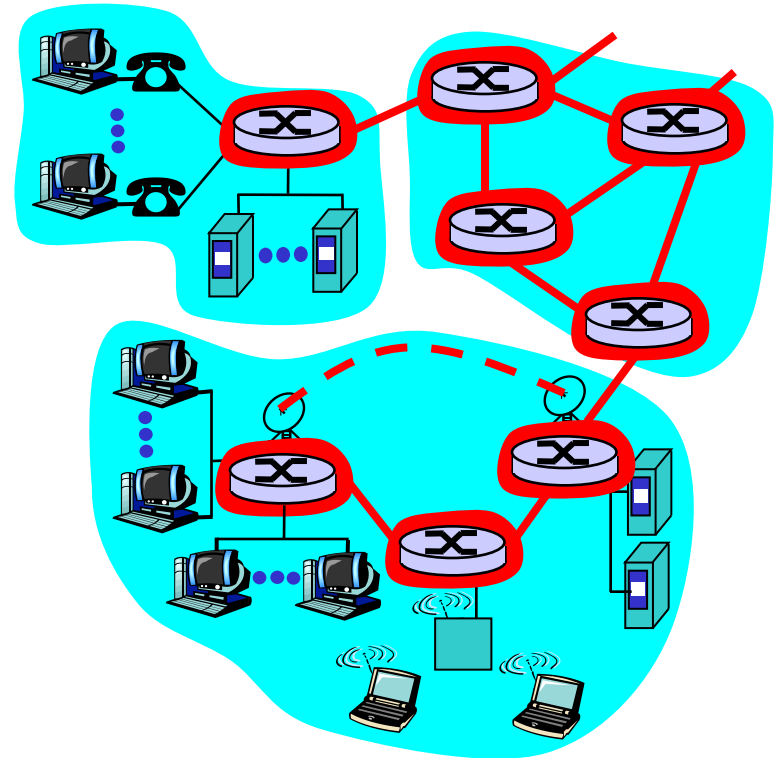
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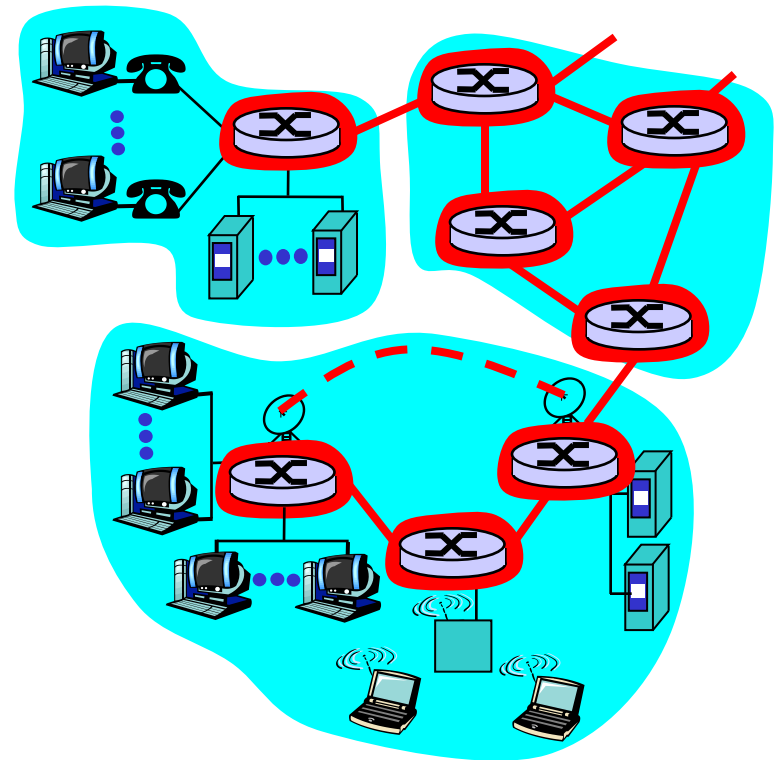
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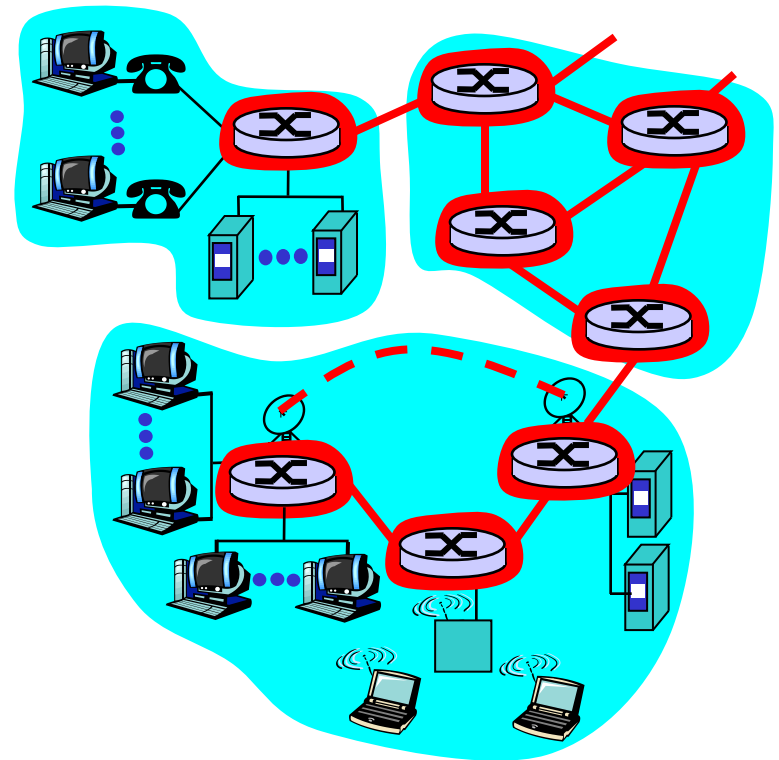
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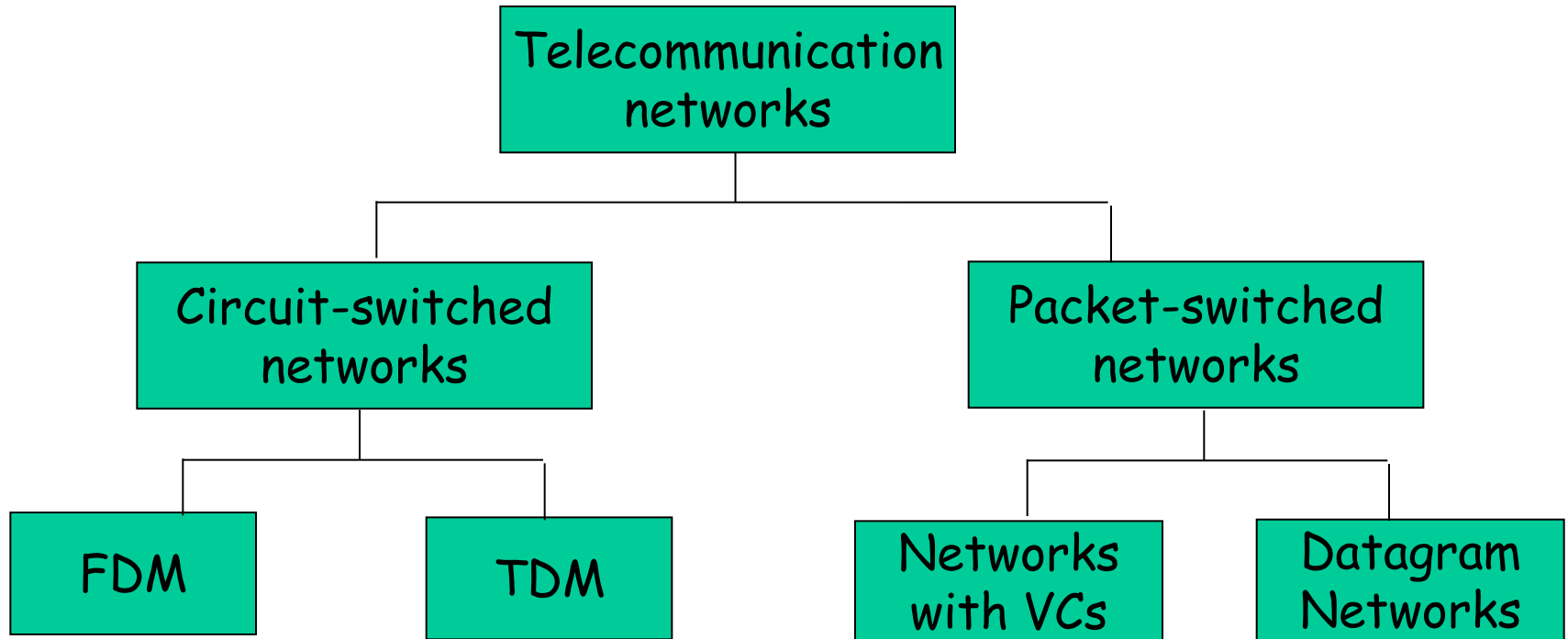
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 - circuit-switching: dedicated circuit per call: telephone net
 - packet-switching: data sent thru net in discrete "chunks"



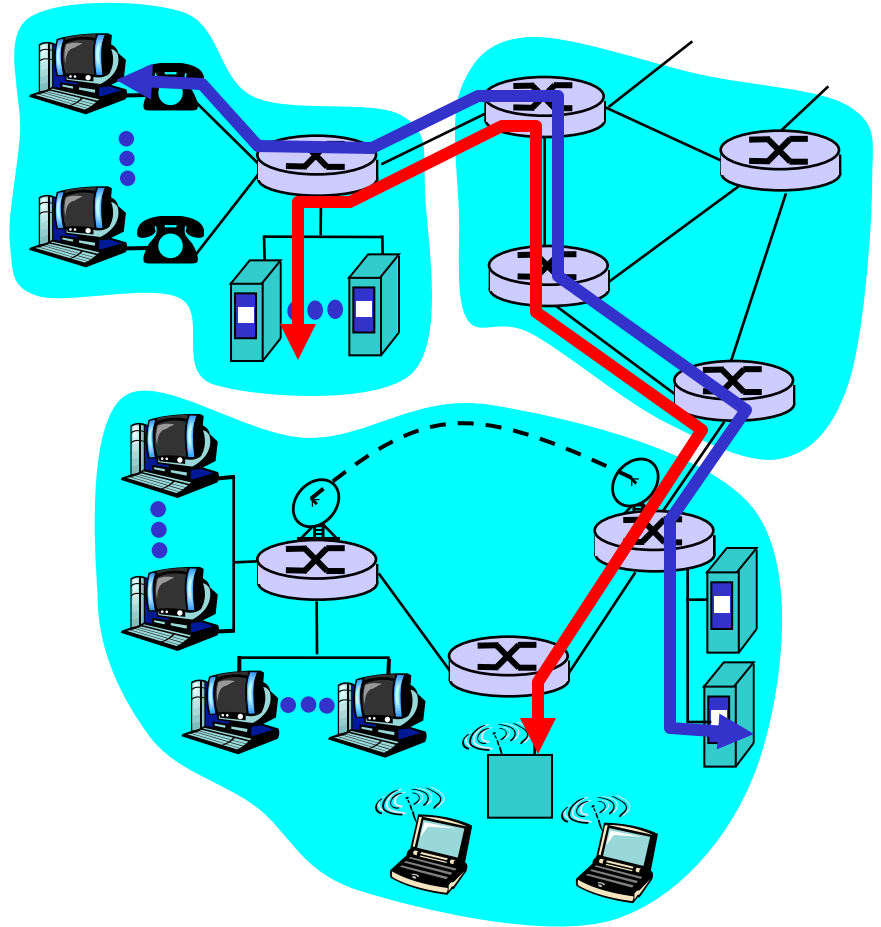
Network Taxonomy



Alt. 1: Circuit-Switching

End-to-end resources reserved for "call"

- ❑ Link bandwidth, switch capacity
- ❑ Dedicated resources with no sharing
- ❑ Guaranteed transmission capacity
- ❑ Call setup required
- ❑ "Blocking" may occur



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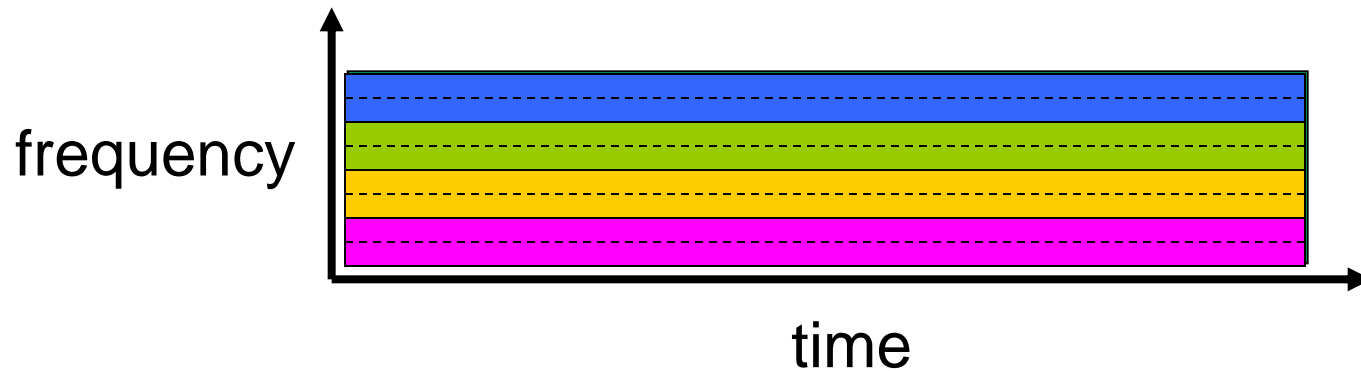
- ❑ Capacity of medium exceeds the capacity required for transmission of a single signal
 - How can we improve "efficiency"? Let's **multiplex**.
- ❑ Divide link bandwidth into "pieces":
 - frequency division - FDMA
 - time division - TDMA
 - code division - CDMA (cellular networks)
 - wavelength division - WDM (optical)

Circuit-Switching: FDMA and TDMA

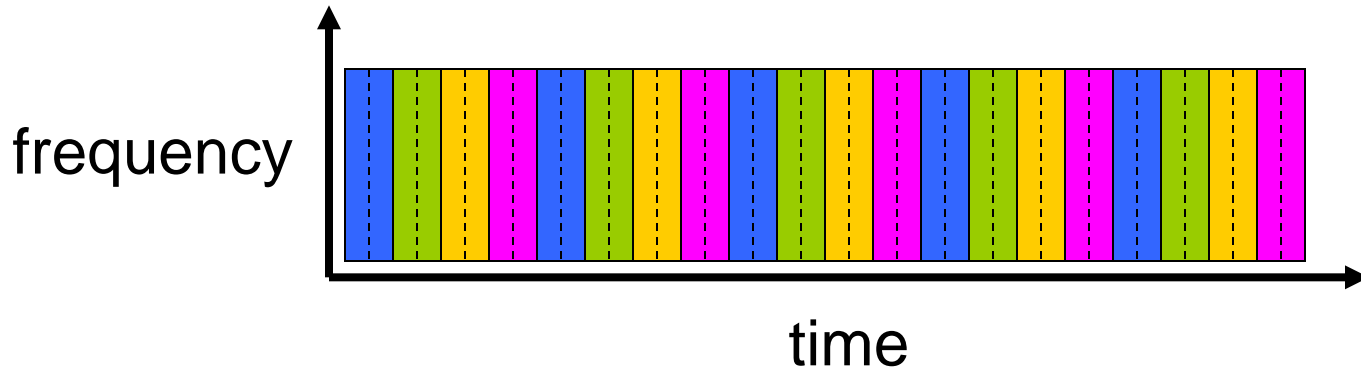
FDMA

Example:

4 users



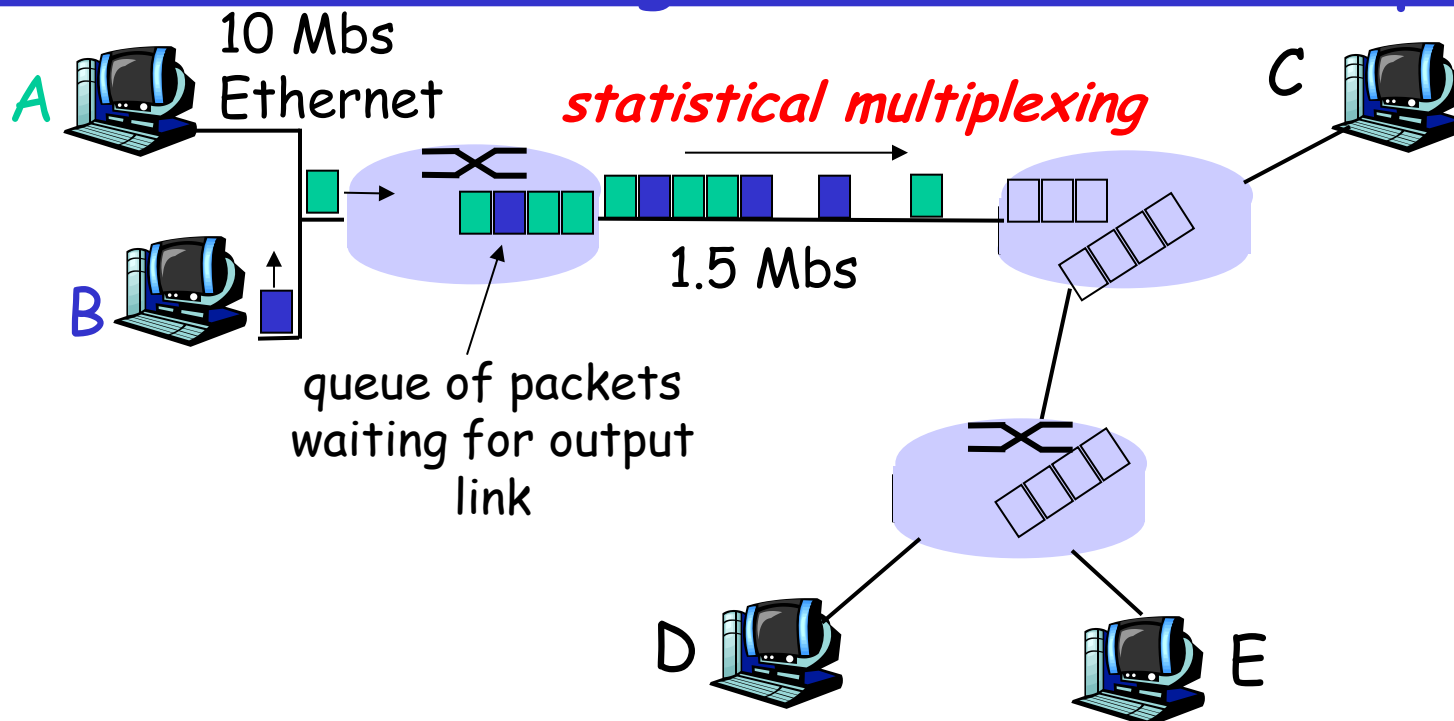
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Alt. 2: Packet-Switching

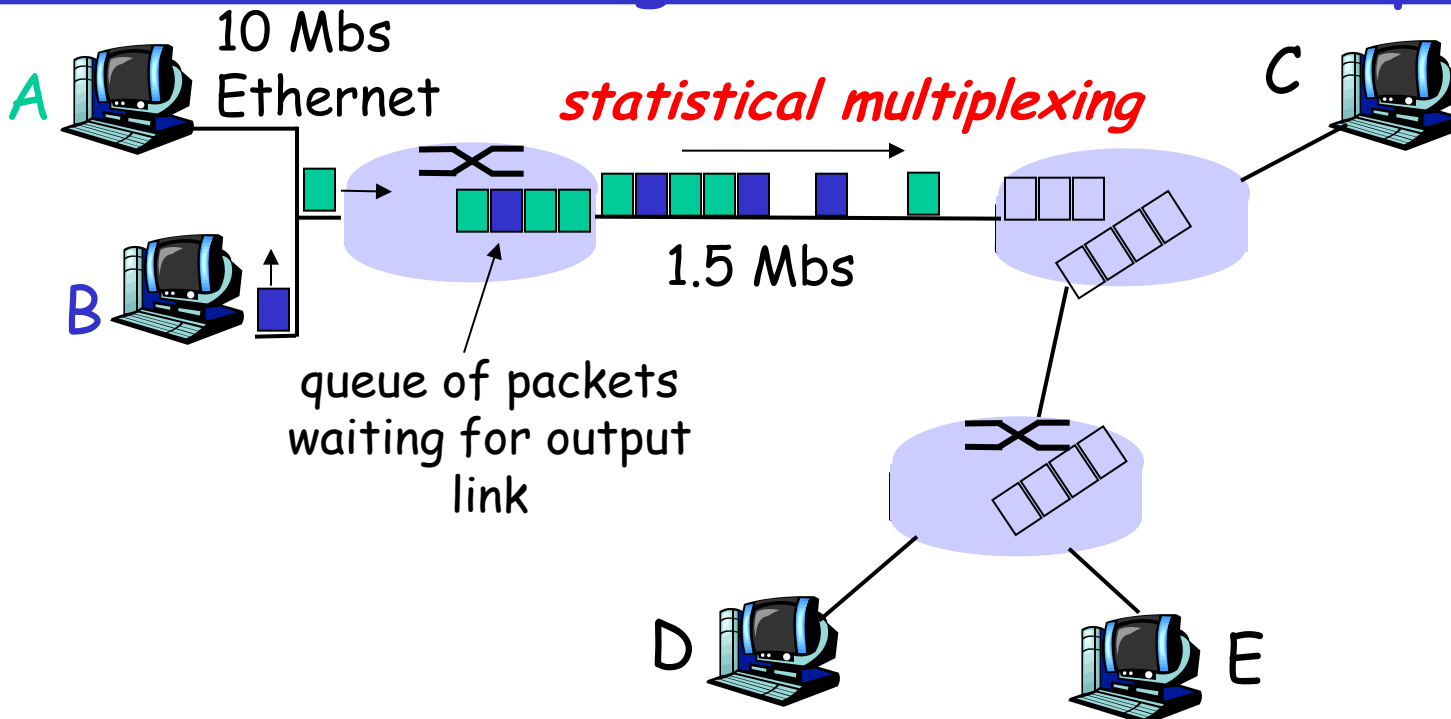
- ❑ source breaks long messages into smaller “packets”
- ❑ “store-and-forward” transmission
 - packets *share* network resources
 - each packet briefly uses full link bandwidth
- ❑ resource contention
 - aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
 - congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
 - analogy: rush hour traffic in cities

Packet-Switching: Statistical Multiplexing



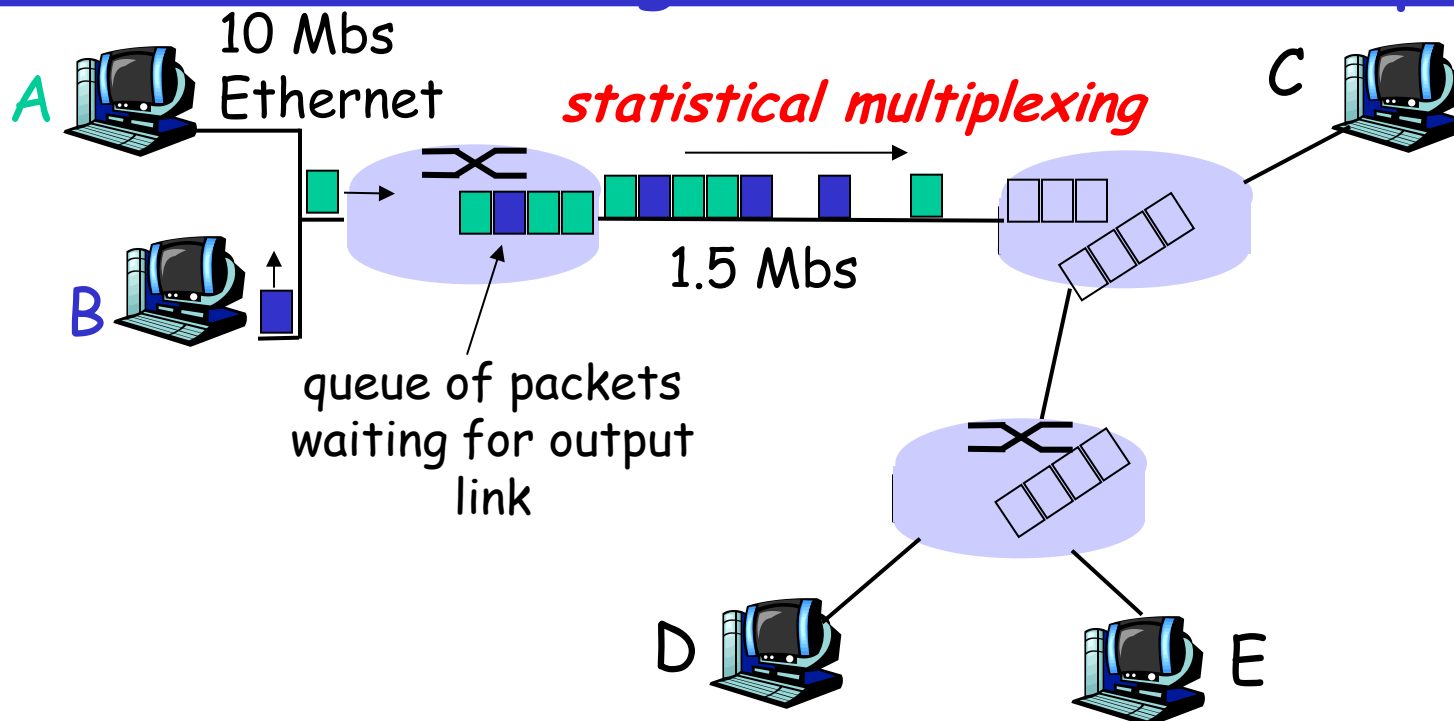
- ❑ Resource sharing great for bursty traffic
 - E.g., Sequence of A & B packets does not have fixed pattern - *statistical multiplexing*.
 - In contrast: In TDM each host gets same slot in revolving TDM frame.

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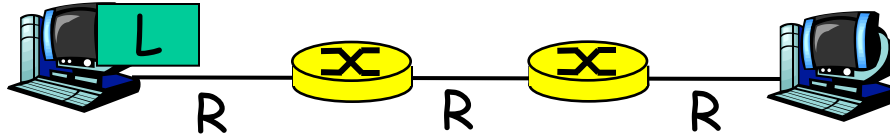
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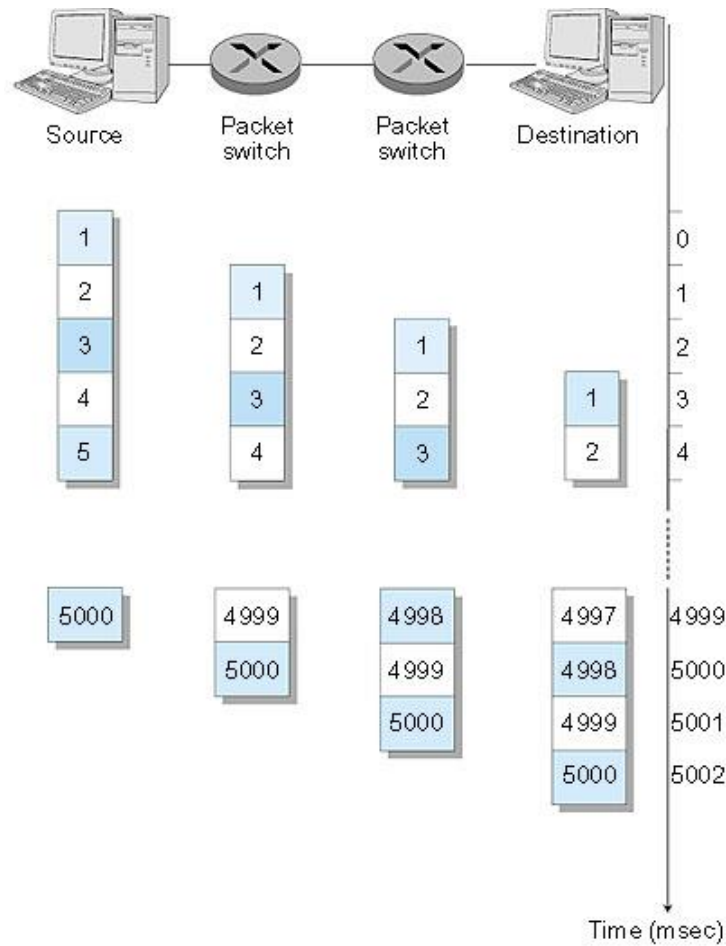


- ❑ Takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) packet of L bits on to link or R bps
- ❑ Entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link: *store and forward*
- ❑ $\text{delay} = 3L/R$

Example:

- ❑ $L = 7.5$ Mbits
- ❑ $R = 1.5$ Mbps
- ❑ $\text{delay} = 15$ sec

Packet-Switching: Message Segmenting



Now break up the message into 5000 packets

- ❑ Each packet 1,500 bits
- ❑ 1 msec to transmit packet on one link
- ❑ *pipelining*: each link works in parallel
- ❑ Delay reduced from 15 sec to 5.002 sec

Packet-switched networks: forwarding

❑ datagram network:

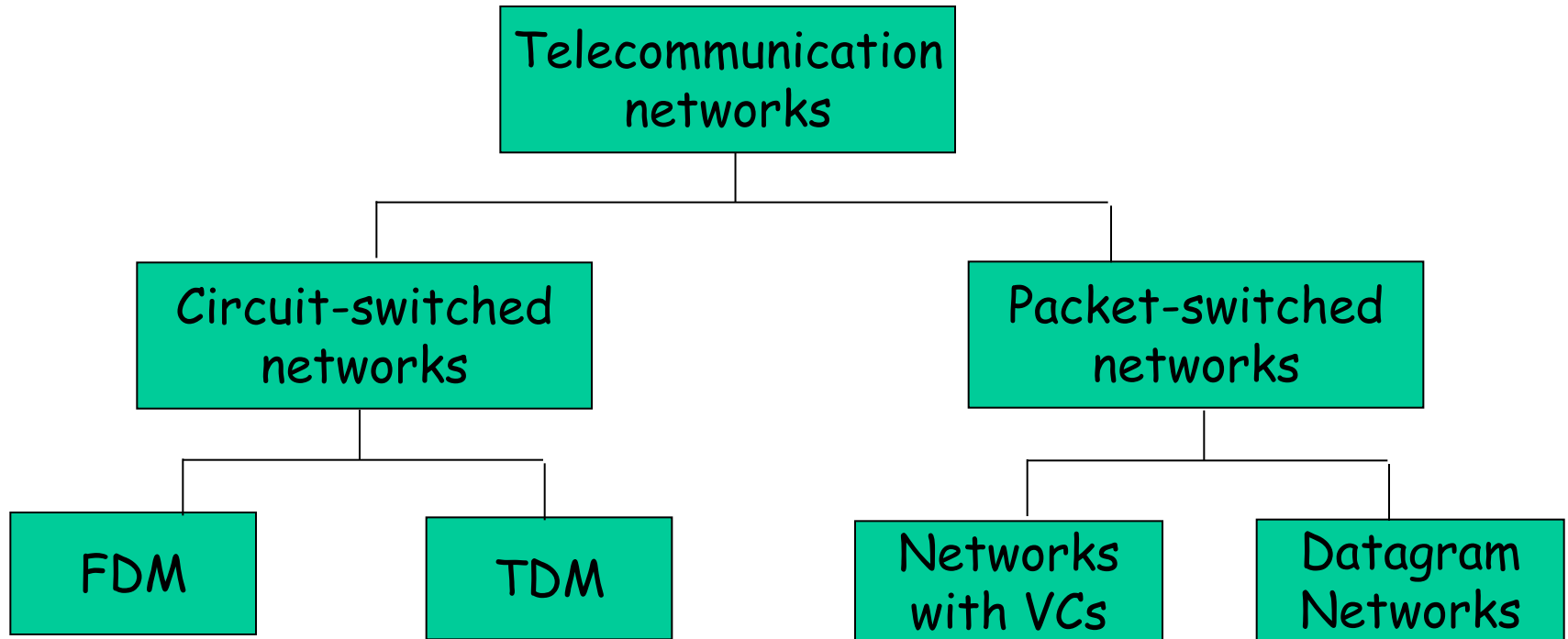
- *destination address* in packet determines next hop
- routes may change during session (flexible?)
- no “per flow” state, hence more scalable

❑ virtual circuit network:

- each packet carries tag (virtual circuit ID), tag determines next hop
- fixed path determined at *call setup time*
- path is **not** a dedicated path as in circuit switched (i.e., store & forward of packets)
- *routers maintain per-call state*

❑ datagram networks need per packet routing.

Network Taxonomy



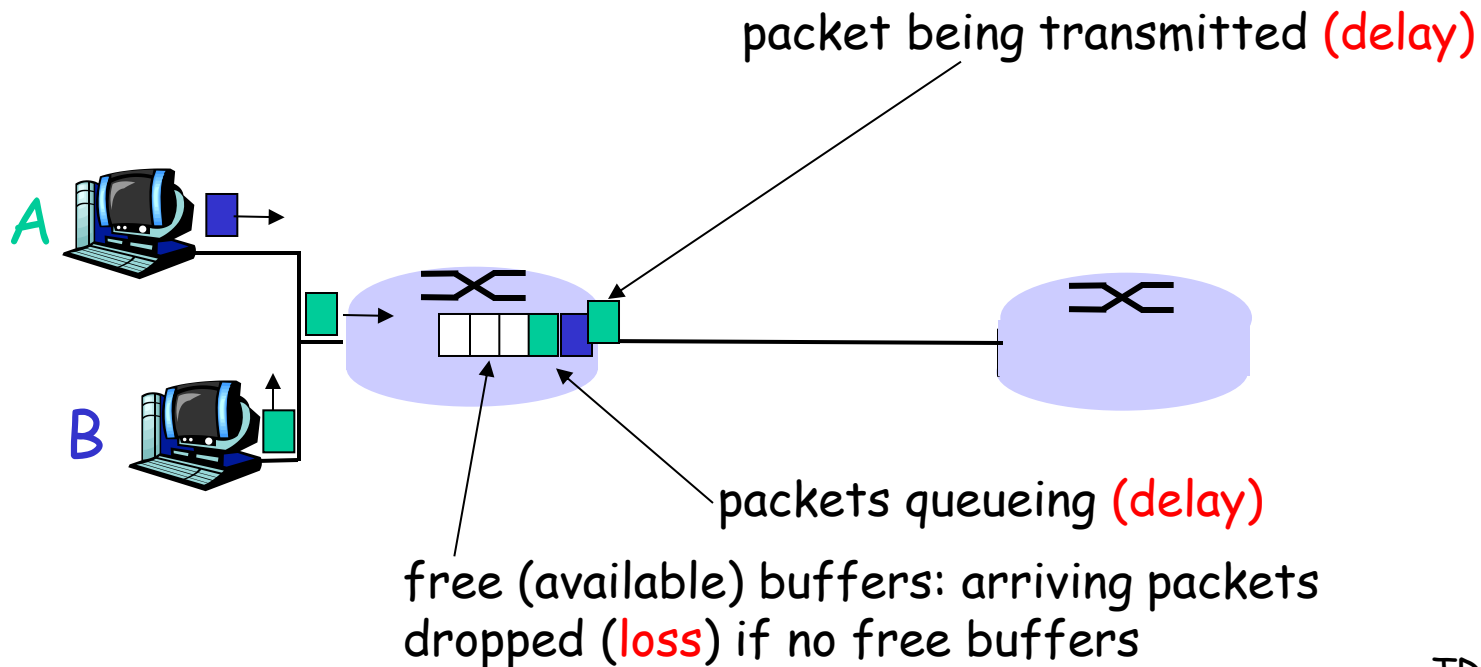
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How do loss and delay occur?

packets *queue* in router buffers

- ❑ packet arrival rate to link exceeds output link capacity
- ❑ packets queue, wait for turn
- ❑ if queue is full, arriving packets dropped (Drop-Tail)



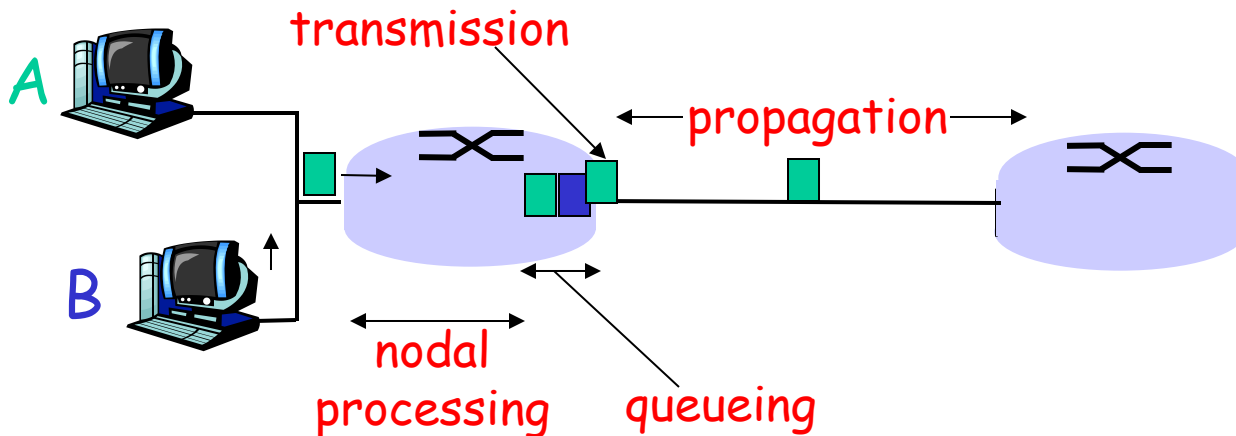
Four sources of packet delay

❑ 1. Processing delay:

- check bit errors
- determine output link

❑ 2. Queueing delay:

- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router



Delay in packet-switched networks

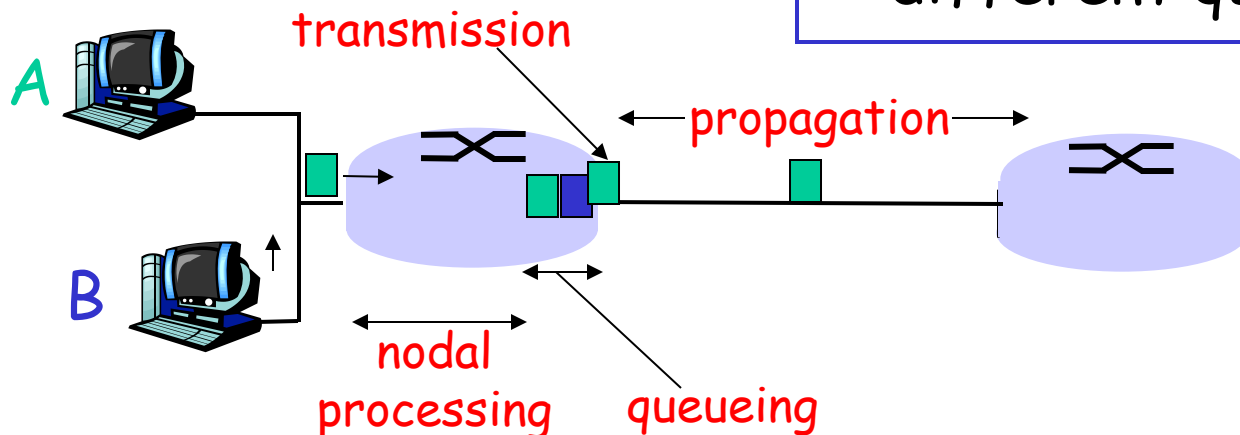
3. Transmission delay:

- ❑ R = link bandwidth (bps)
- ❑ L = packet length (bits)
- ❑ time to send bits into link = L/R

4. Propagation delay:

- ❑ d = length of physical link
- ❑ s = propagation speed in medium ($\sim 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec)
- ❑ propagation delay = d/s

Note: s and R are very different quantities!



Nodal processing delay

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

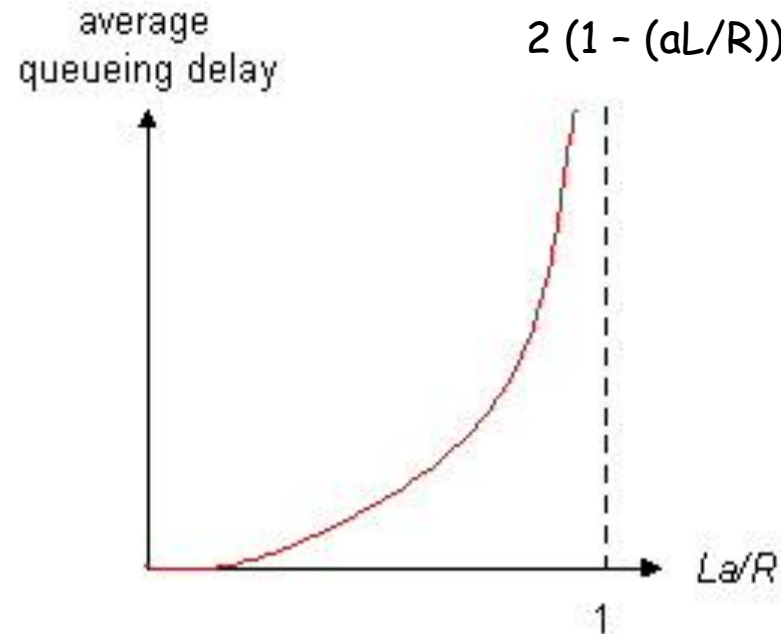
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Queueing delay (revisited)

$$W = \frac{L/R \ (aL/R)}{2 (1 - (aL/R))}$$

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- a =average packet arrival rate

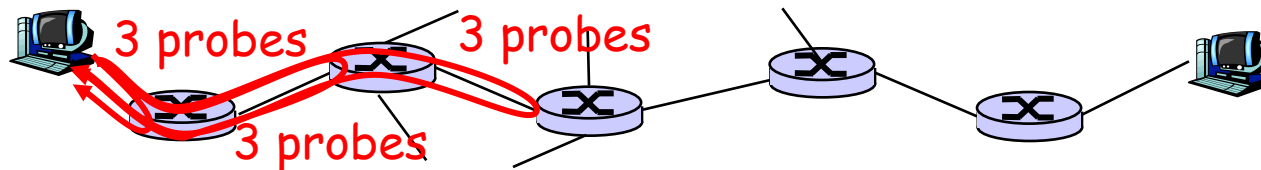
traffic intensity = aL/R



- $aL/R \sim 0$: average queueing delay small
- $aL/R \rightarrow 1$: delays become large
- $aL/R > 1$: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

"Real" Internet delays and routes

- ❑ What do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- ❑ Traceroute program: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-to-end Internet path towards destination. For all i :
 - sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination
 - router i will return packets to sender
 - sender times interval between transmission and reply.

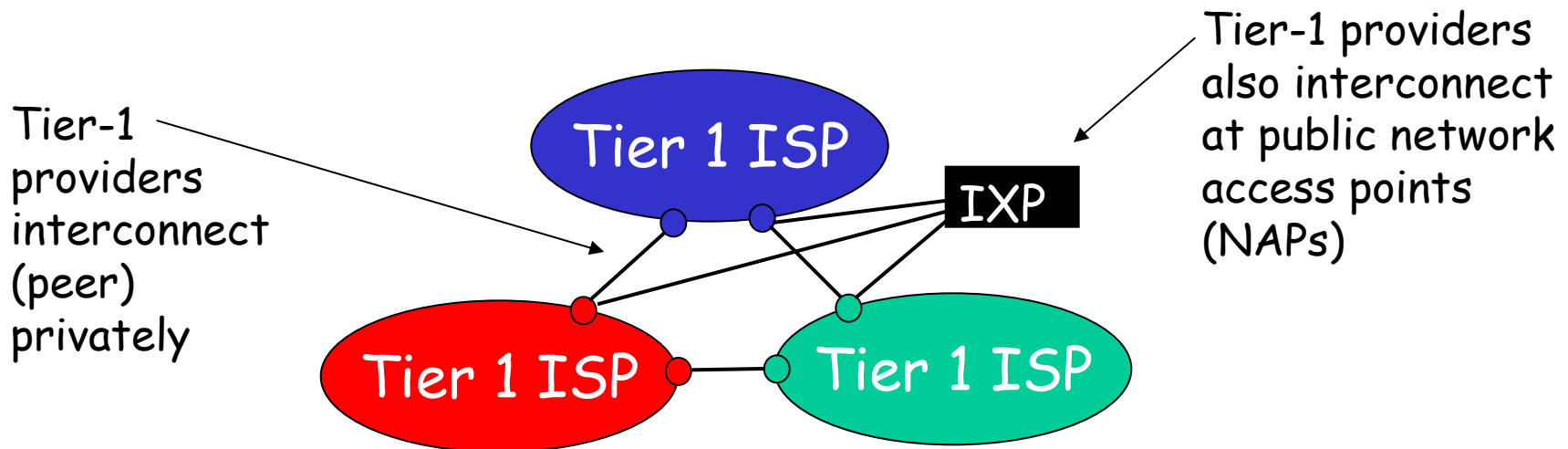


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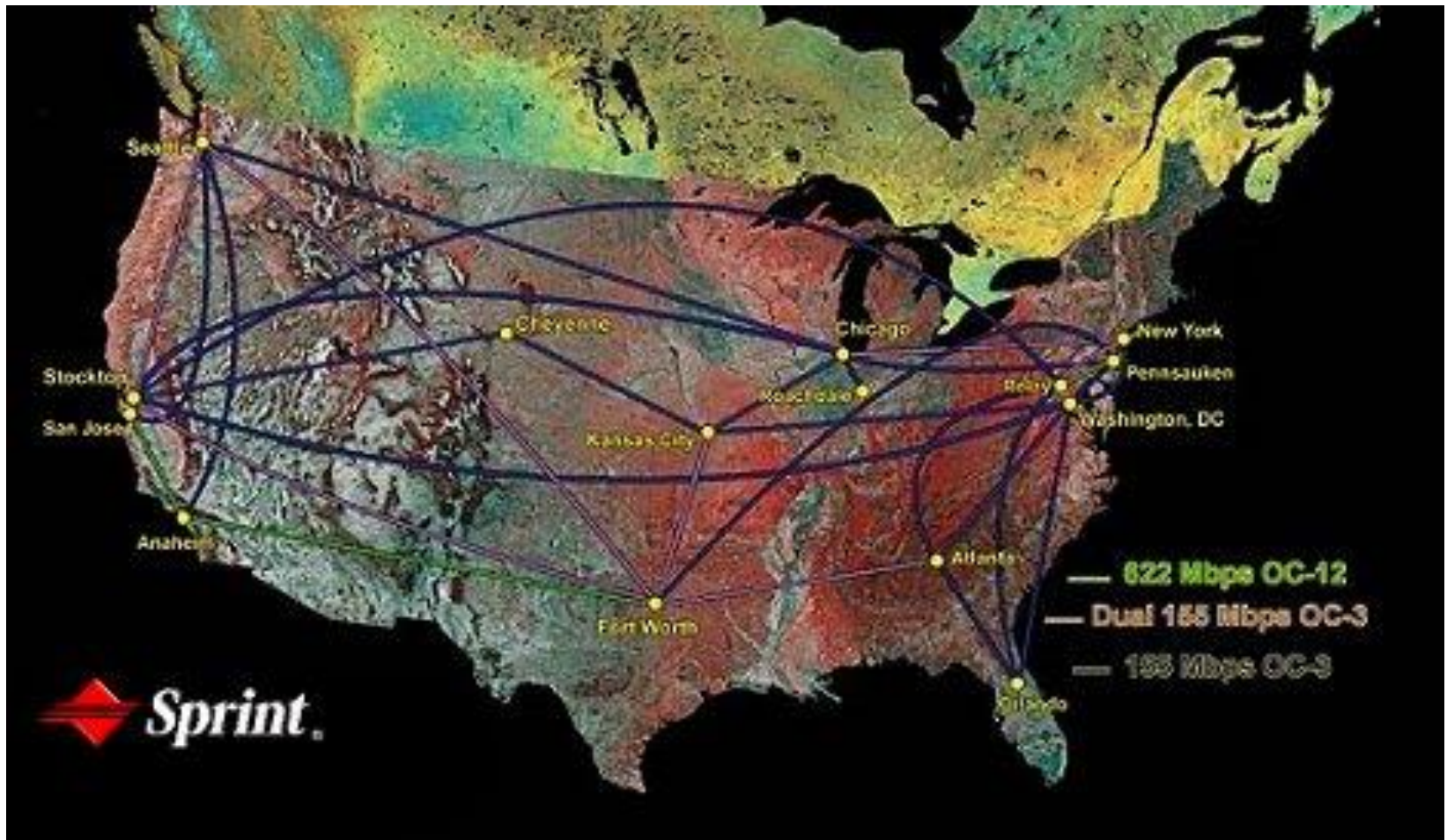
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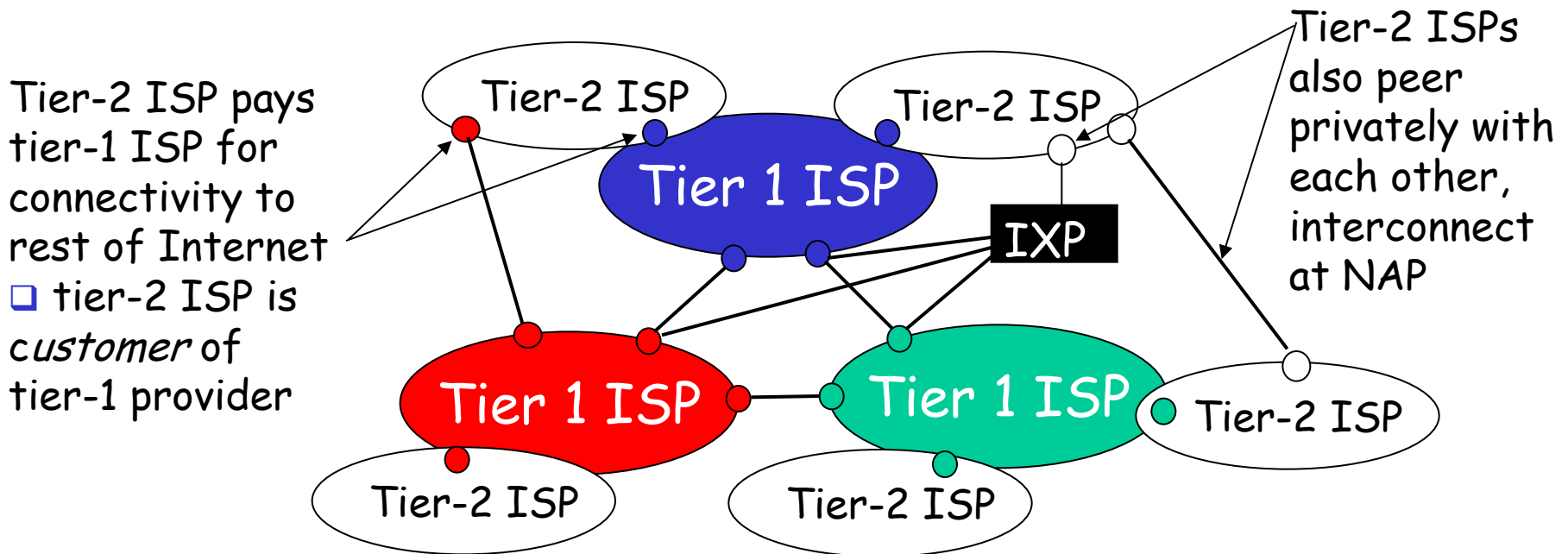
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Sprint US backbone network



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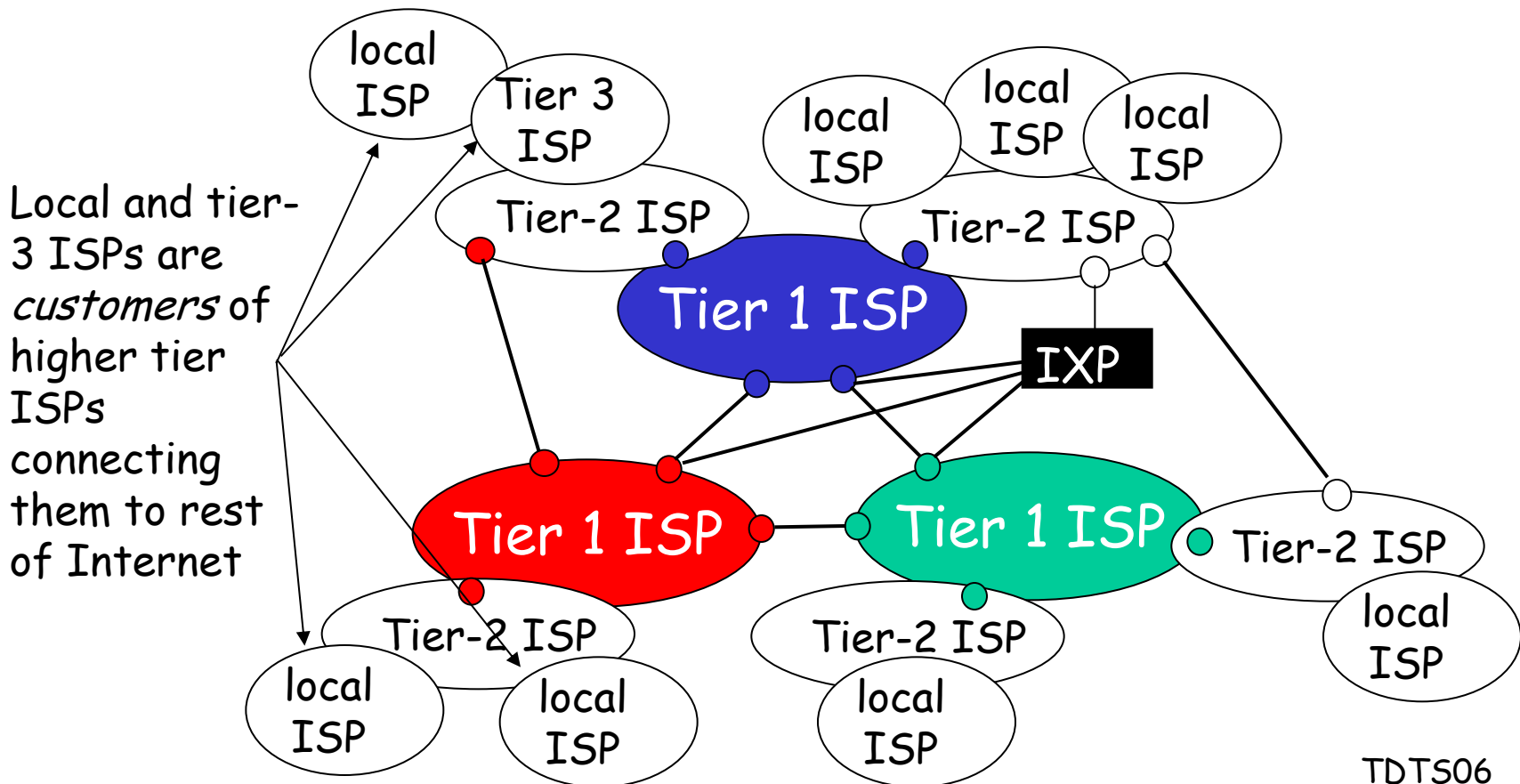
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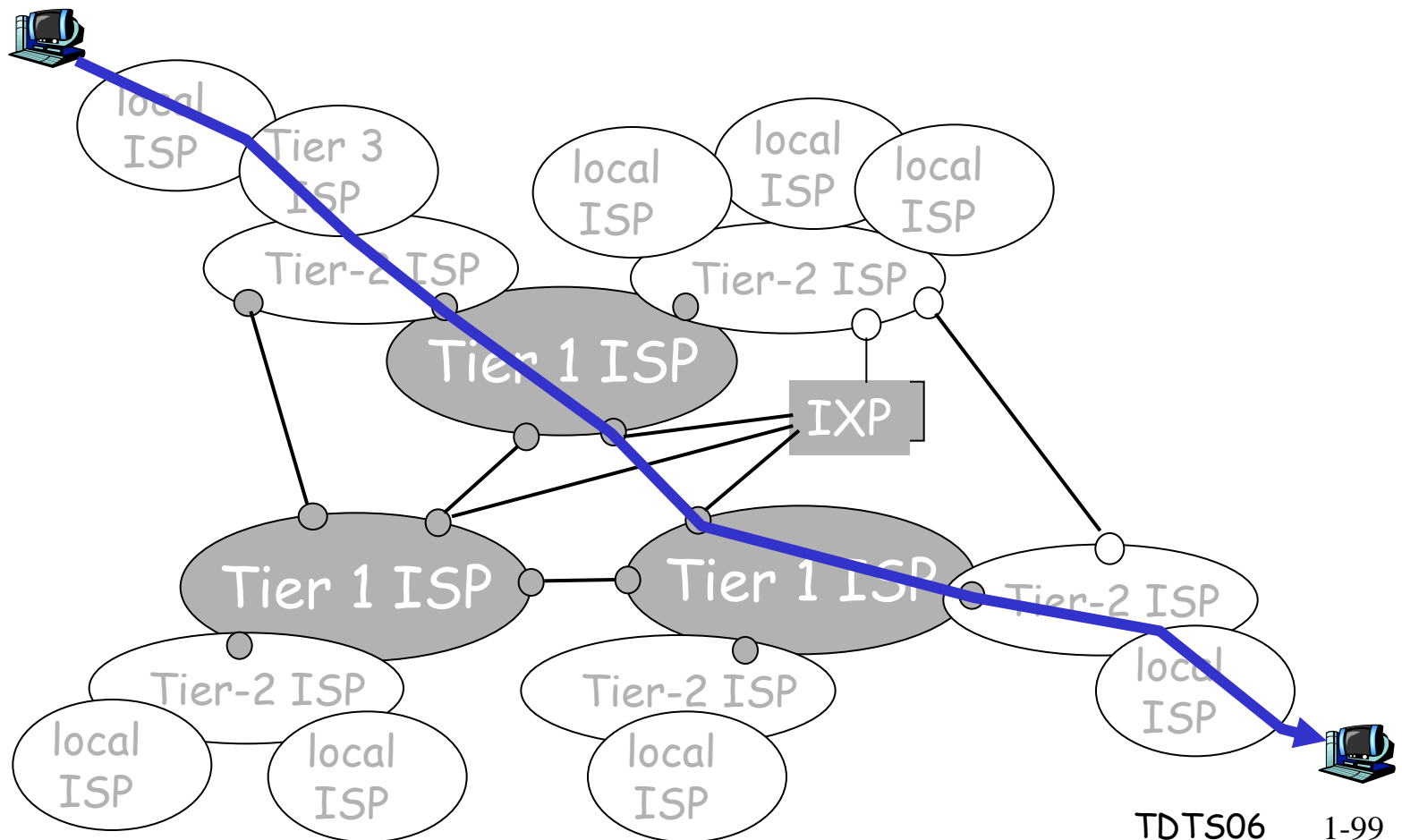
❑ "Tier-3" ISPs and local ISPs

- last hop ("access") network (closest to end systems)



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- a packet passes through many networks!



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- ❑ network edge, core, access network
 - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
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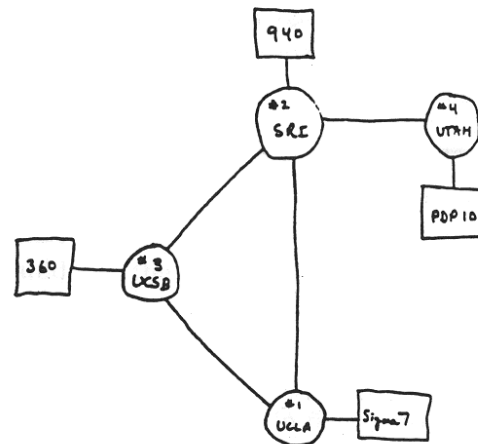
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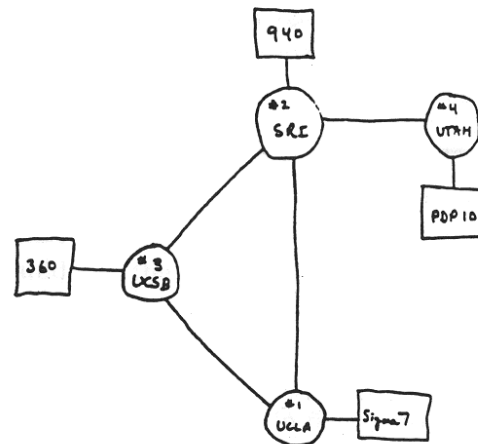


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