

# Reti di Elaboratori

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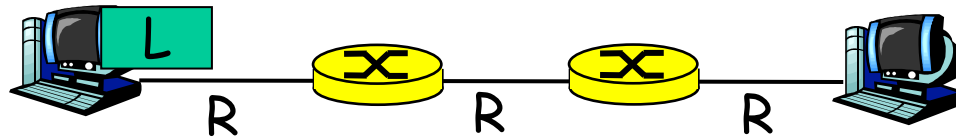
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# Packet switching

- Perché dividere i messaggi trasmessi dall'applicazione in pacchetti di dimensione limitata.
  - Nelle prossime slides pro e contro....

# Packet-switching: store-and-forward

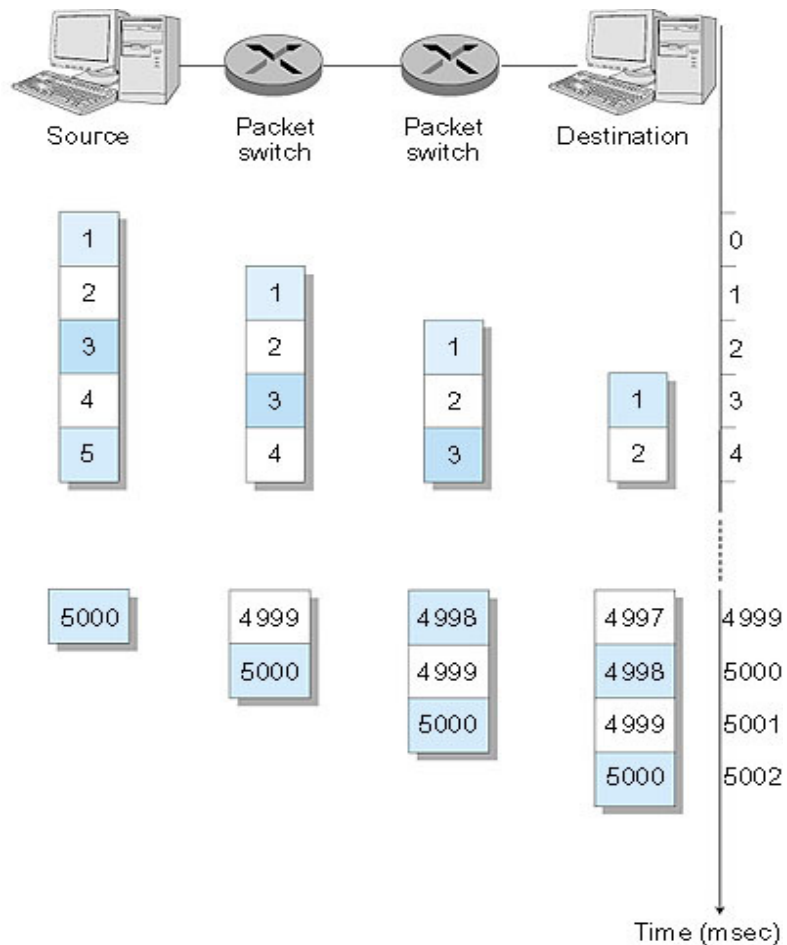


- ❑ Takes  $L/R$  seconds to transmit (push out) packet of  $L$  bits on to link or  $R$  bps
- ❑ Entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link: *store and forward*
- ❑ delay =  $3L/R$

## Example:

- ❑  $L = 7.5$  Mbit
- ❑  $R = 1.5$  Mbps
- ❑ delay = 15 sec  
(only transmission delay considered here)

# 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

Message switching iff  $\dim \text{pacchetti} = \dim. \text{messaggio originale applicativo}$

See packet-switching vs. message switching (no segmentation) and the effect of queueing delay through the Java applets on the Kurose-Ross website.

# Effect of packet sizes

Packet format



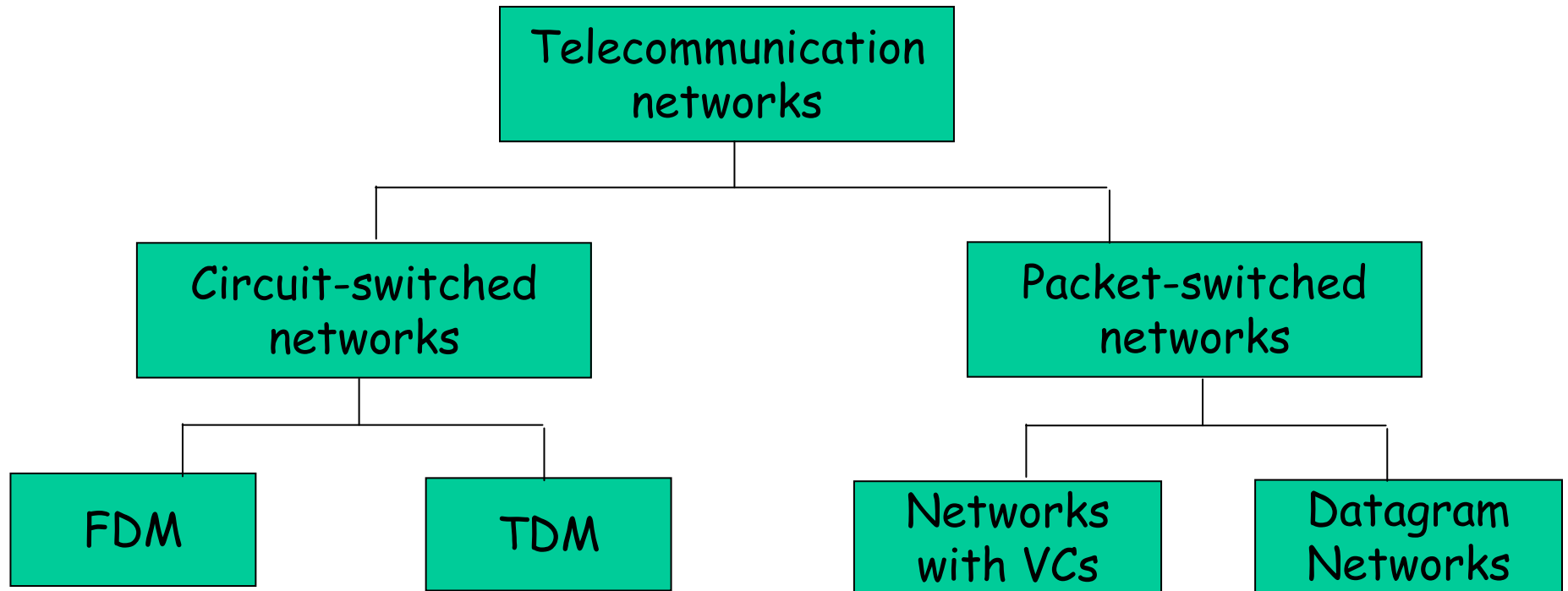
- ❑ A longer packet (more data transmitted in a single packet) leads to a lower overhead
- ❑ Longer packets result in a higher chance to be corrupted (critical especially for wireless transmission)
- ❑ When a packet is corrupted all the data are lost and need to be retransmitted
- ❑ Longer packets might decrease the parallelism of transmission

# Packet-switched networks: forwarding

- **Goal:** move packets through routers from source to destination
  - we'll study several path selection (i.e. routing) algorithms (chapter 4)
- **datagram network:**
  - *destination address* in packet determines next hop
  - routes may change during session
  - analogy: driving, asking directions
- **virtual circuit network:**
  - each packet carries tag (virtual circuit ID), tag determines next hop
  - fixed path determined at *call setup time*, remains fixed thru call; VC share network resources
  - *routers maintain per-call state (the link on which a packet with a VC tag arriving to a given inbound link has to be forwarded and its VC tag on the next hop)*
  - Virtual circuit number changes from hop to hop. Each router has to map incoming interface, incoming VC # in outgoing interface, outgoing VC #
    - Why? (what would be the size of the VC number field and the complexity of the VC number assignment in case the same VC # had to be used over the whole path??)

Internet  
L3 protocol:  
IP

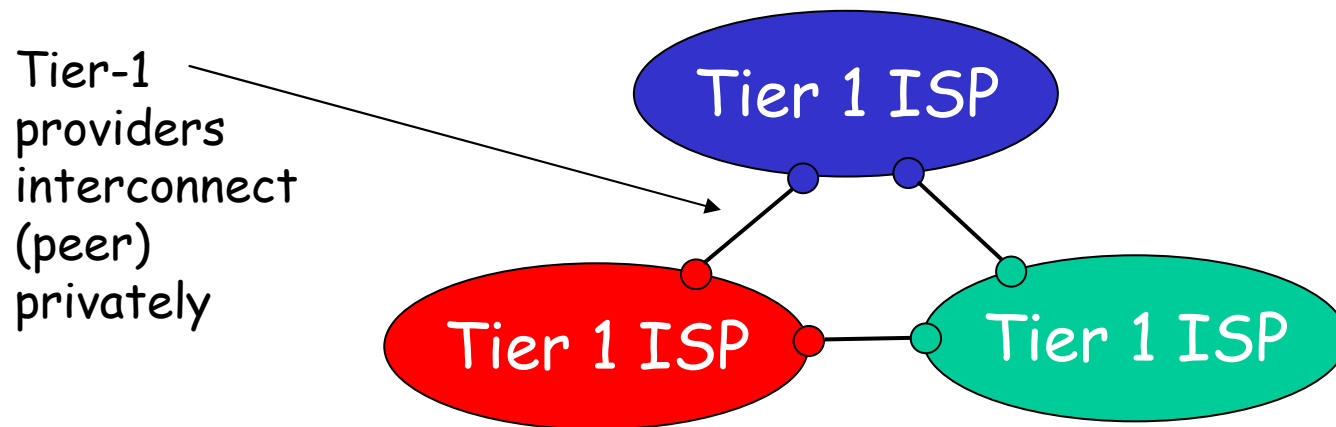
# Network Taxonomy



- Datagram network is not either connection-oriented or connectionless.
- Internet provides both connection-oriented (TCP) and connectionless services (UDP) to apps.

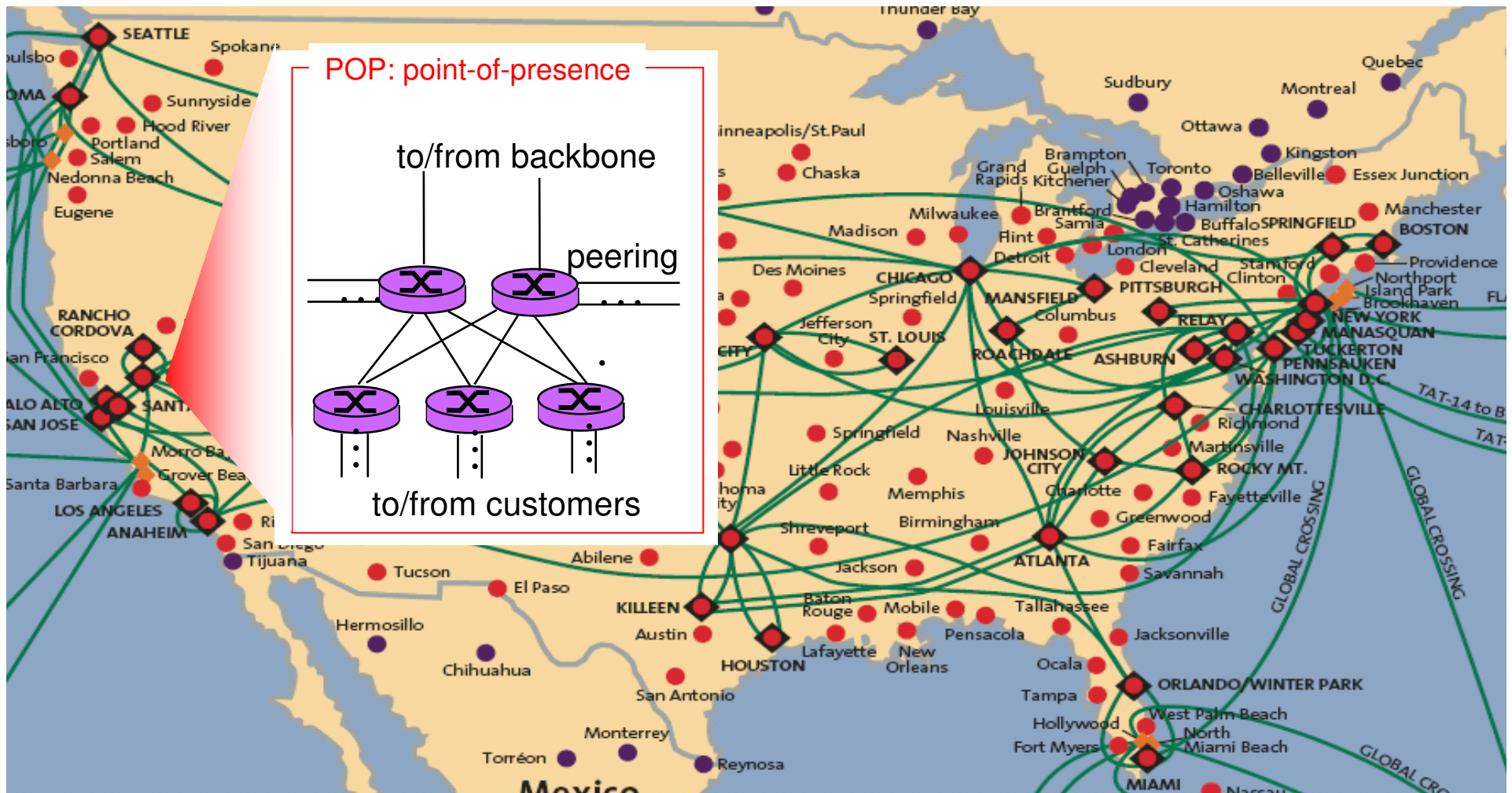
# Internet structure: network of networks

- ❑ roughly hierarchical
- ❑ **at center: "tier-1" ISPs** (e.g., Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, Cable and Wireless), national/international coverage
  - treat each other as equals





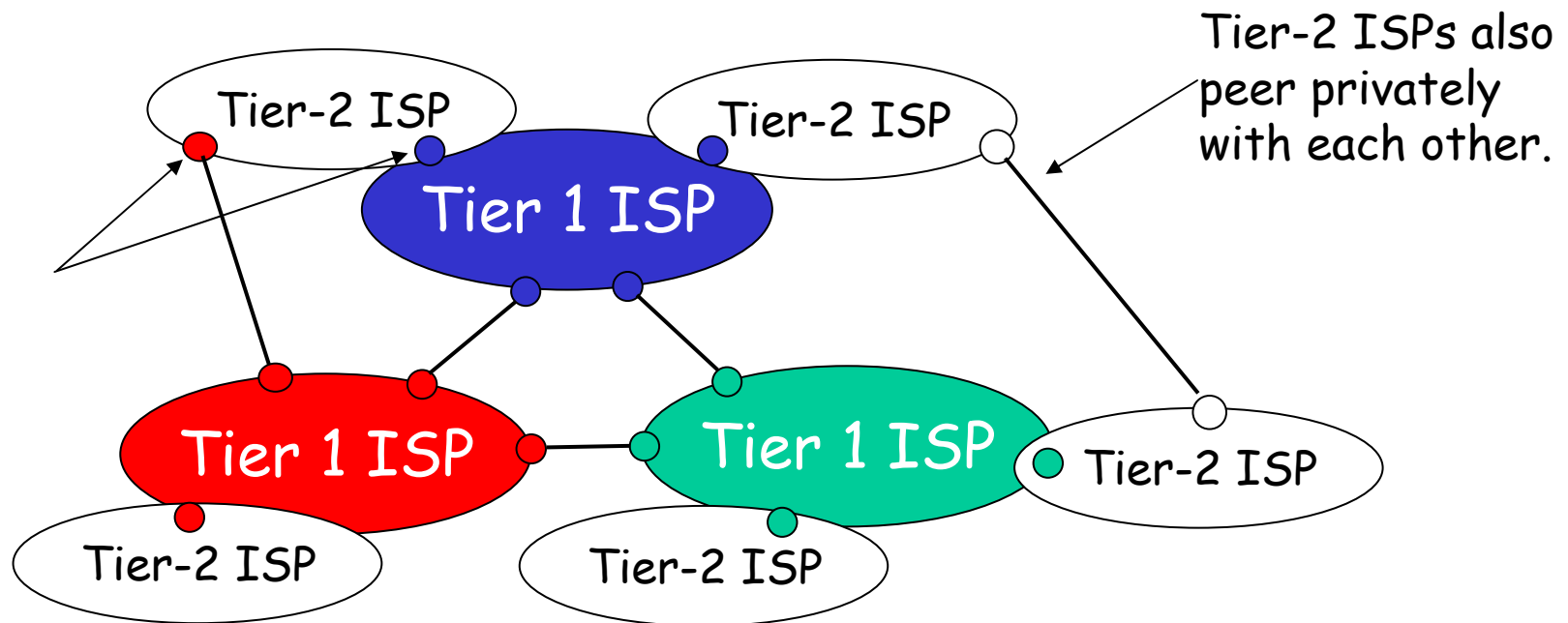
# Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint



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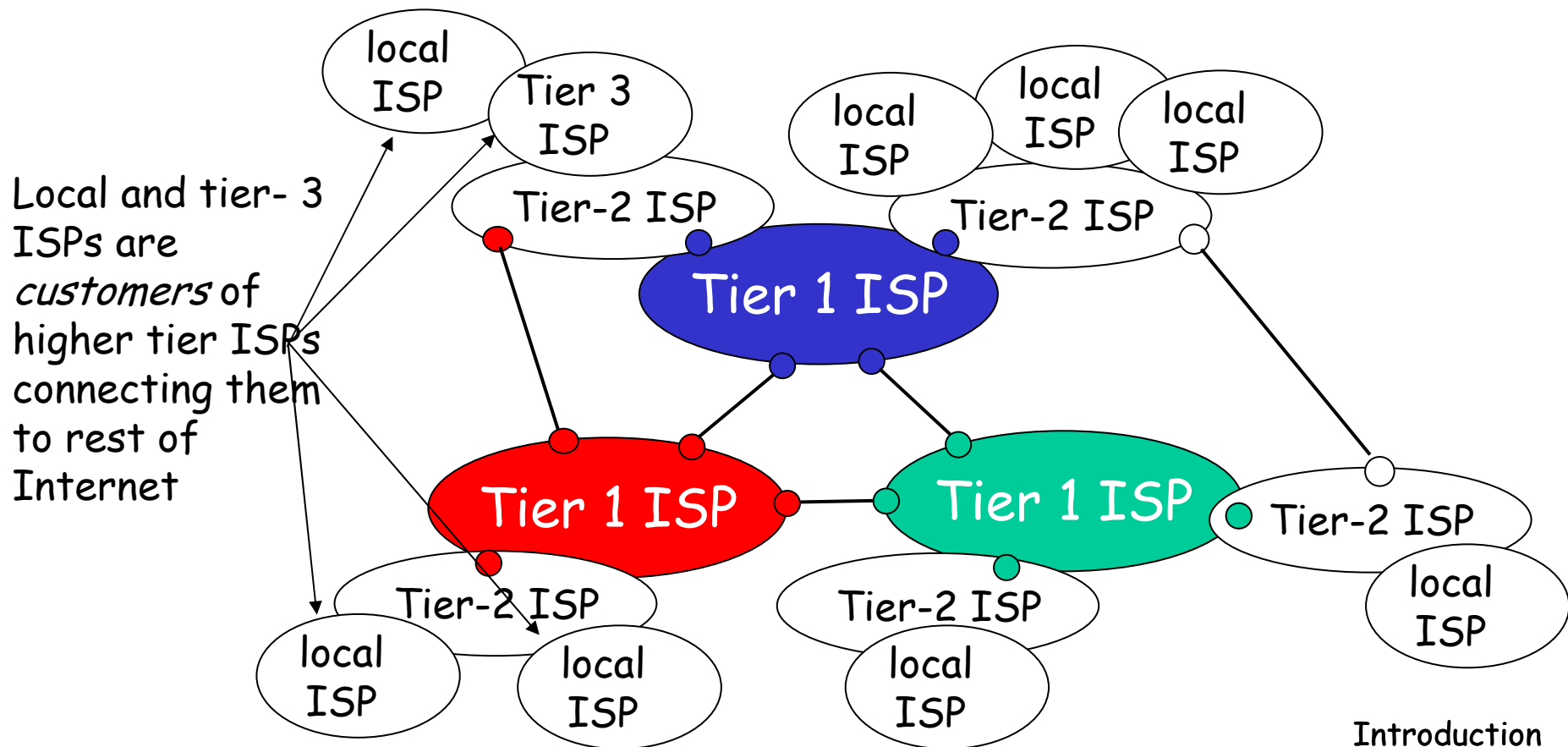
- "Tier-2" ISPs: smaller (often regional) ISPs
  - Connect to one or more tier-1 ISPs, possibly other tier-2 ISPs

Tier-2 ISP pays tier-1 ISP for connectivity to rest of Internet  
□ tier-2 ISP is customer of tier-1 provider



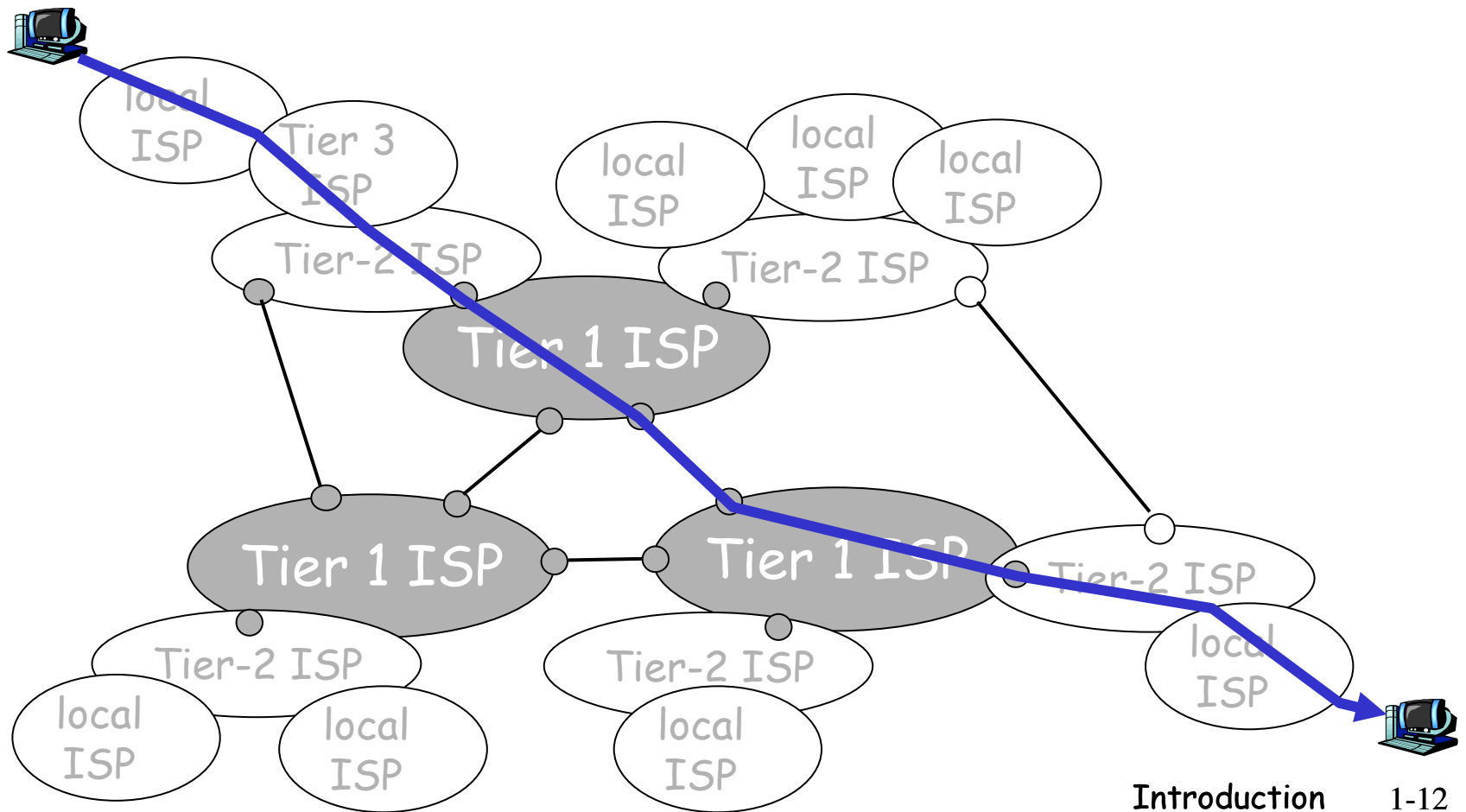
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- ❑ **"Tier-3" ISPs and local ISPs**
  - last hop ("access") network (closest to end systems)



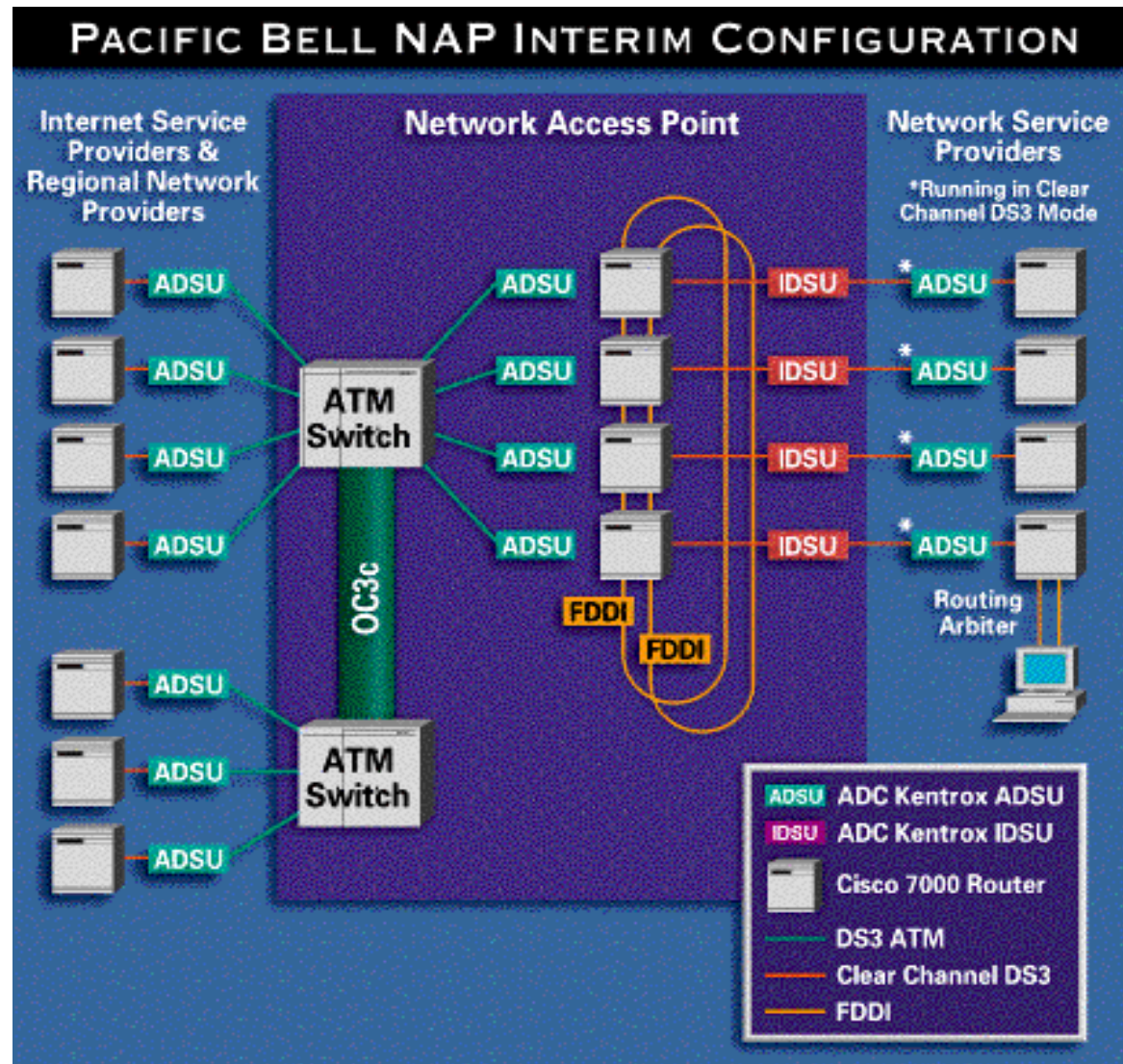
# Internet structure: network of networks

- a packet passes through many networks!



# A NAP: just another router...?

Pacific Bell  
S.  
Francisco  
NAP



# Chapter 1: roadmap

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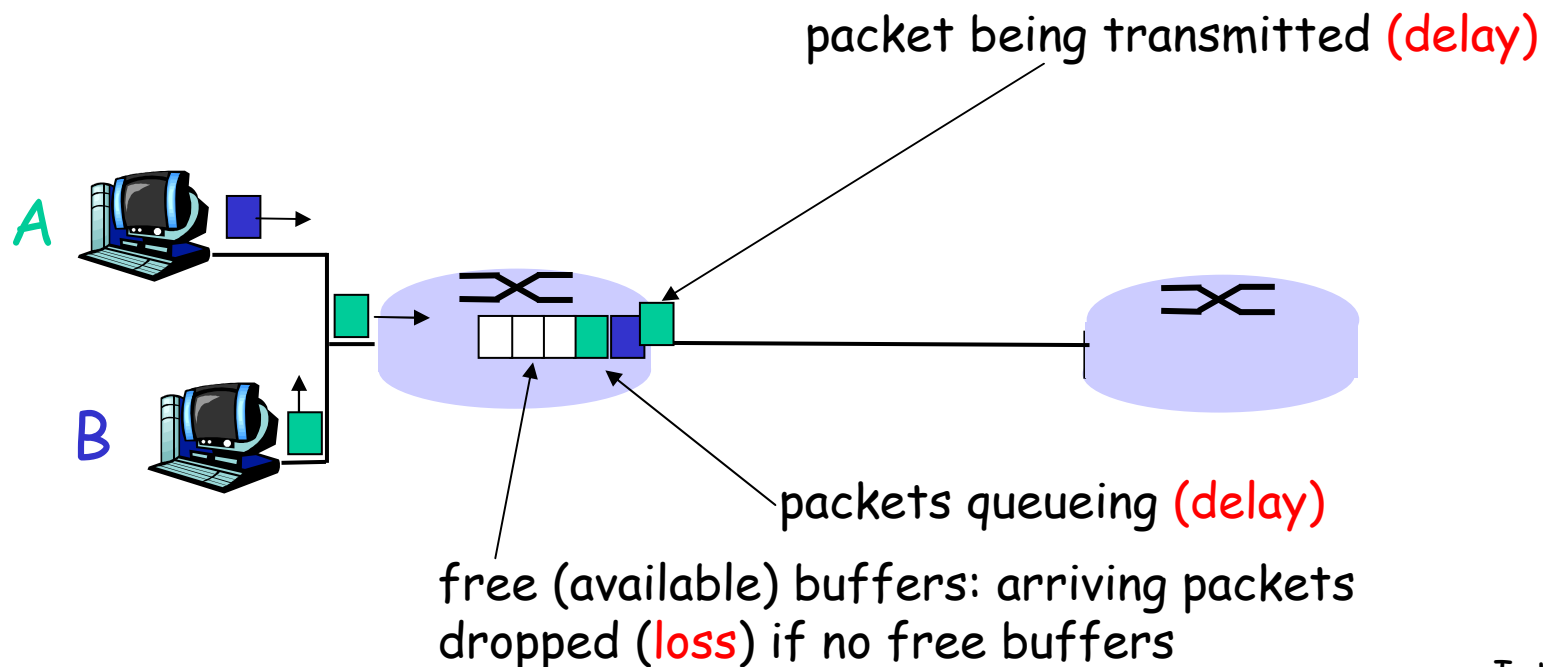
1.7 Protocol layers, service models

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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



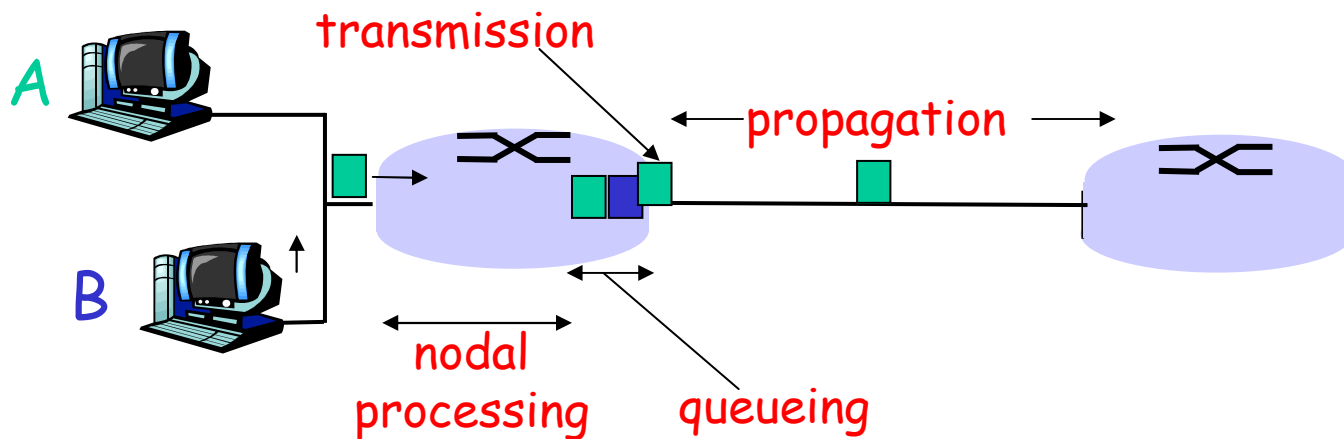
# Four sources of packet delay

## □ 1. nodal processing:

- check bit errors
- determine output link

## □ 2. queueing

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





# Delay in packet-switched networks

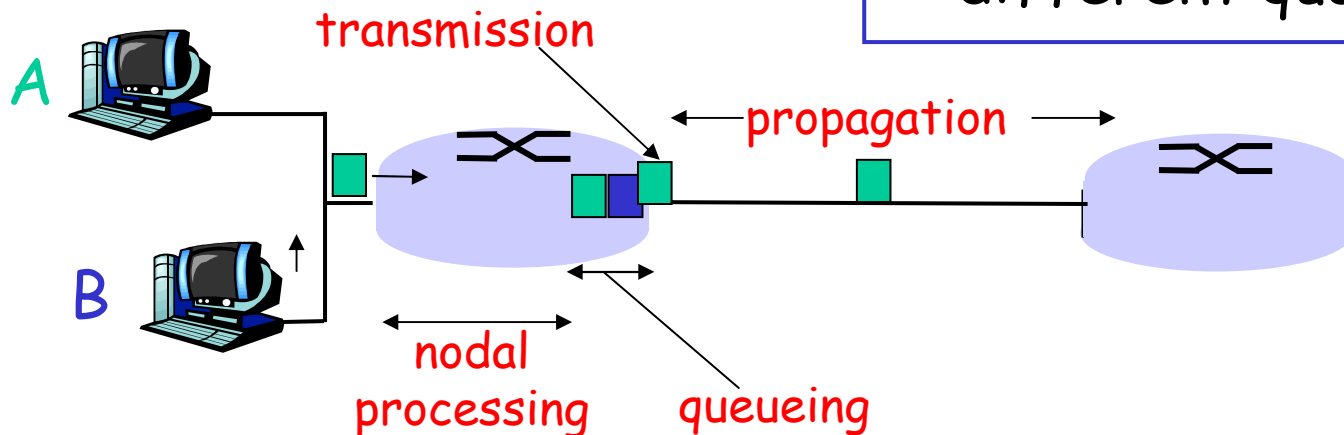
## 3. Transmission delay:

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

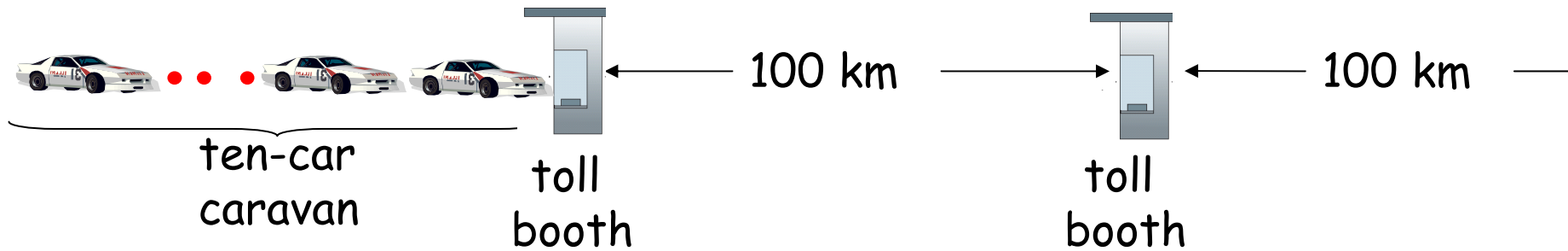
## 4. Propagation delay:

- $d$  = 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!

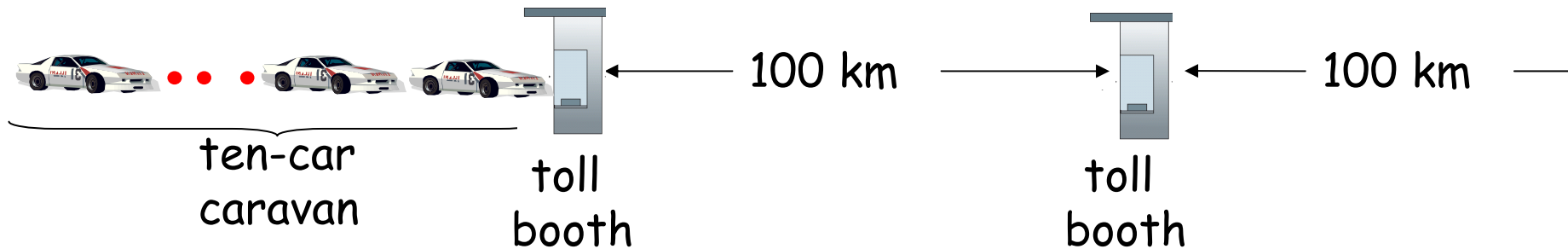


# Caravan analogy



- ❑ cars "propagate" at 100 km/hr
- ❑ toll booth takes 12 sec to service car (transmission time)
- ❑ car ~ bit; caravan ~ packet
- ❑ **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 booth:  
 $100 \text{ km} / (100 \text{ km/hr}) = 1 \text{ hr}$
- ❑ **A: 62 minutes**

# Caravan analogy (more)



- ❑ Cars now “propagate” at 1000 km/hr
- ❑ Toll booth now takes 1 min to service a car
- ❑ **Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars serviced at 1st booth?**
- ❑ **Yes!** After 7 min, 1st car at 2nd booth and 3 cars still at 1st booth.
- ❑ 1st bit of packet can arrive at 2nd router before packet is fully transmitted at 1st router!
  - See Ethernet applet at AWL Web site

# Nodal delay

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

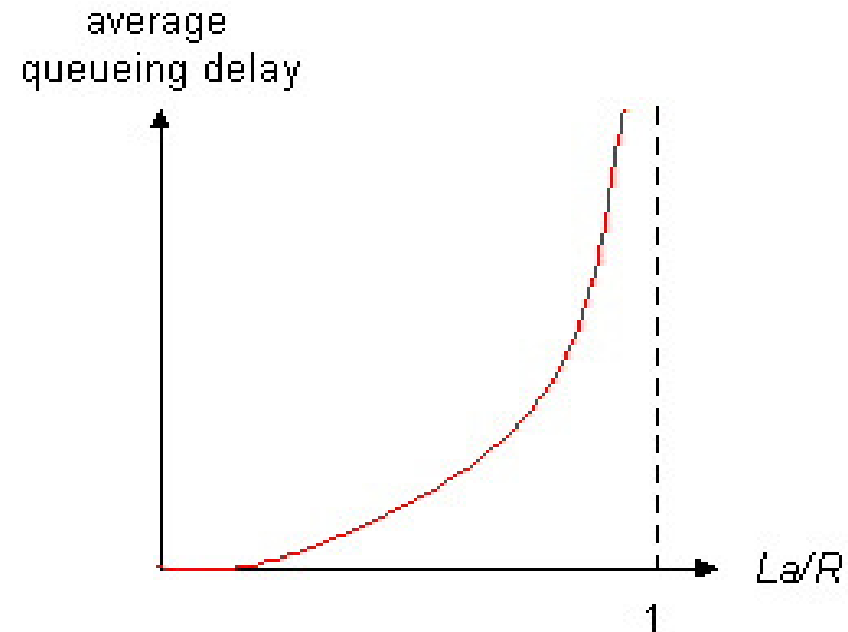
- $d_{\text{proc}}$  = processing delay
  - typically a few microseconds or less
- $d_{\text{queue}}$  = queuing delay
  - depends on congestion
- $d_{\text{trans}}$  = transmission delay
  - $= L/R$ , significant for low-speed links
- $d_{\text{prop}}$  = propagation delay
  - a few microseconds to hundreds of msecs

Delay for each hop!!!

# Queueing delay (revisited)

- $R$ =link bandwidth (bps)
  - $L$ =packet length (bits)
  - $a$ =average packet arrival rate
- rate

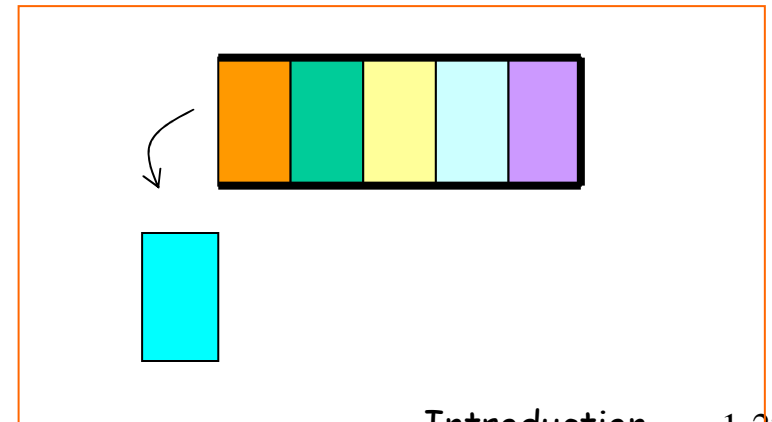
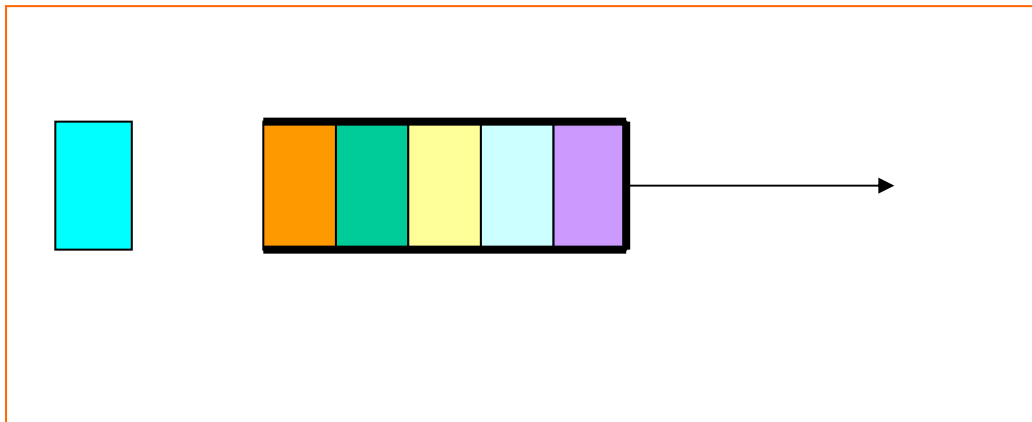
traffic intensity =  $La/R$



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

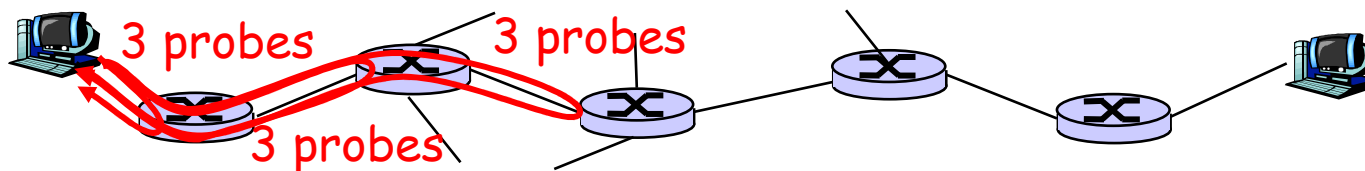
# Packet loss

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



# "Real" Internet delays and routes

- ❑ What do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- ❑ Trace route 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
  - router  $i$  will return packets to sender
  - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



# "Real" Internet delays and routes

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

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

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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
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18 * * *
19 fantasia.eurecom.fr (193.55.113.142) 132 ms 128 ms 136 ms
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trans-oceanic  
link

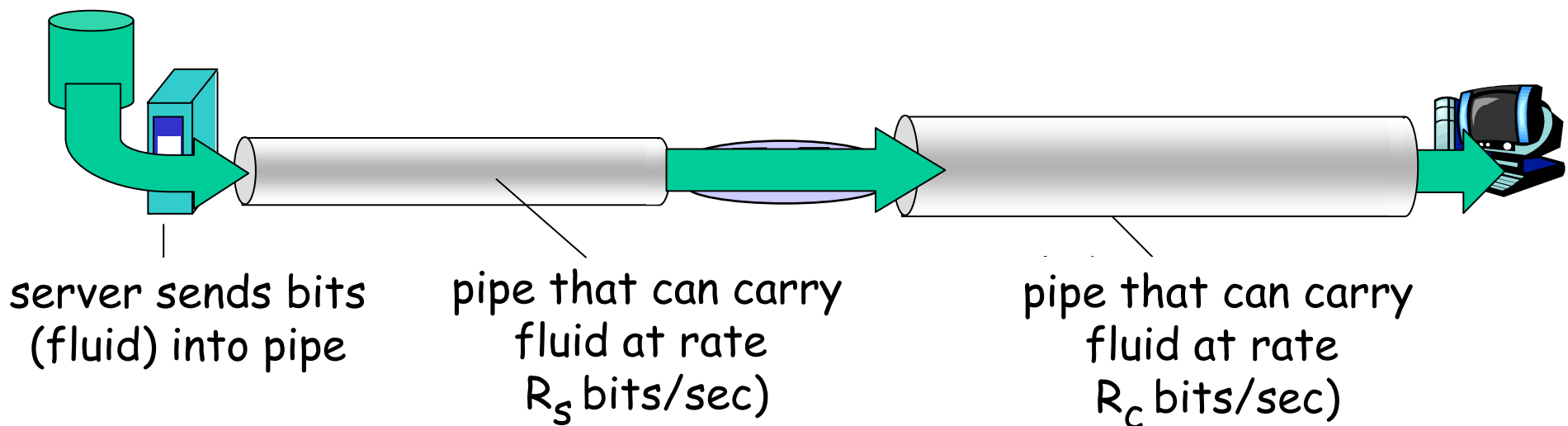
\* means no response (probe lost, router not replying)

Name and address of router, round trip delays (3 samples)



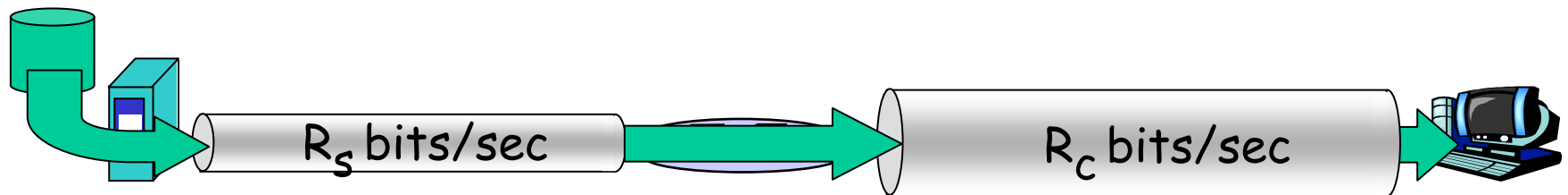
# Throughput

- *throughput*: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
  - *instantaneous*: rate at given point in time
  - *average*: rate over longer period of time

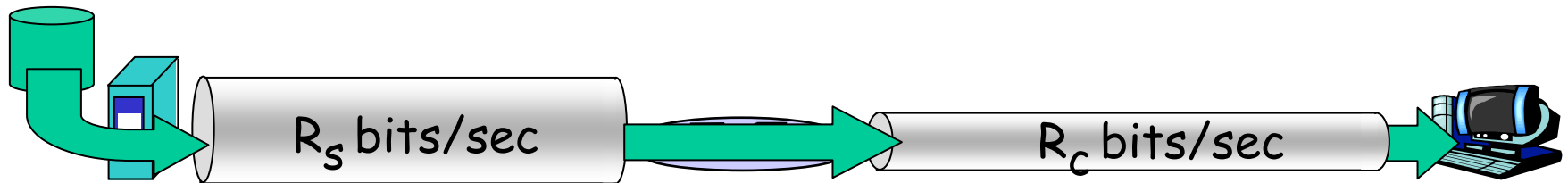


# Throughput (more)

- $R_s < R_c$  What is average end-end throughput?



- $R_s > R_c$  What is average end-end throughput?

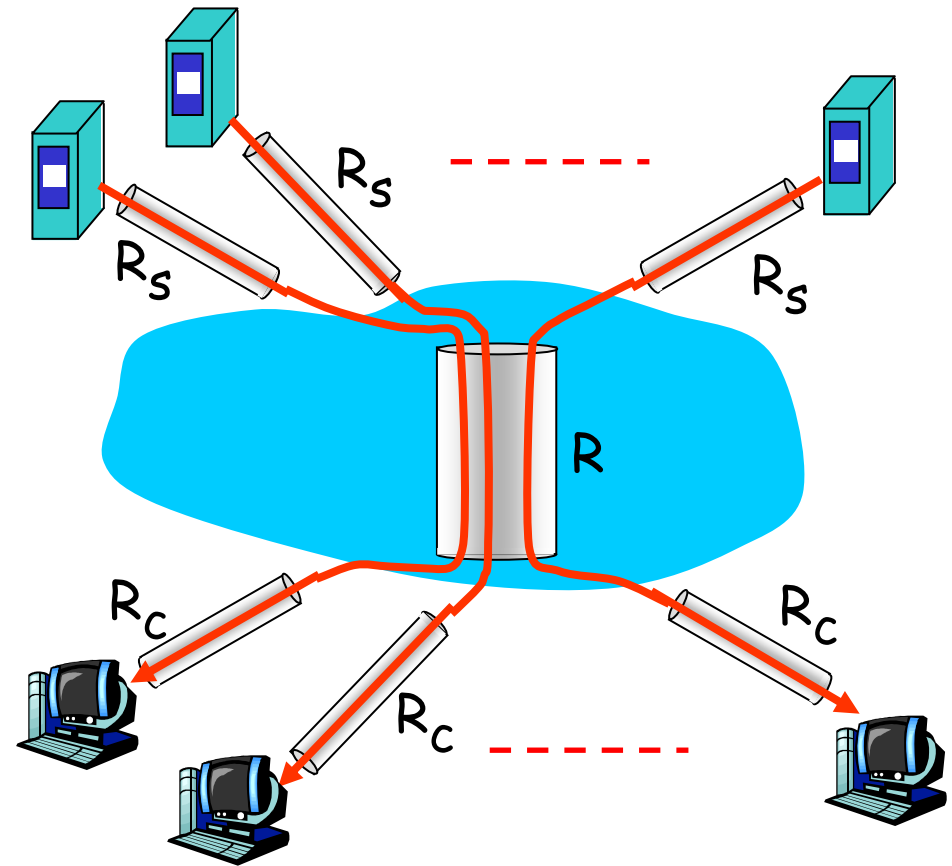


*bottleneck link*

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

# Throughput: Internet scenario

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



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

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# Protocol "Layers"

## Networks are complex!

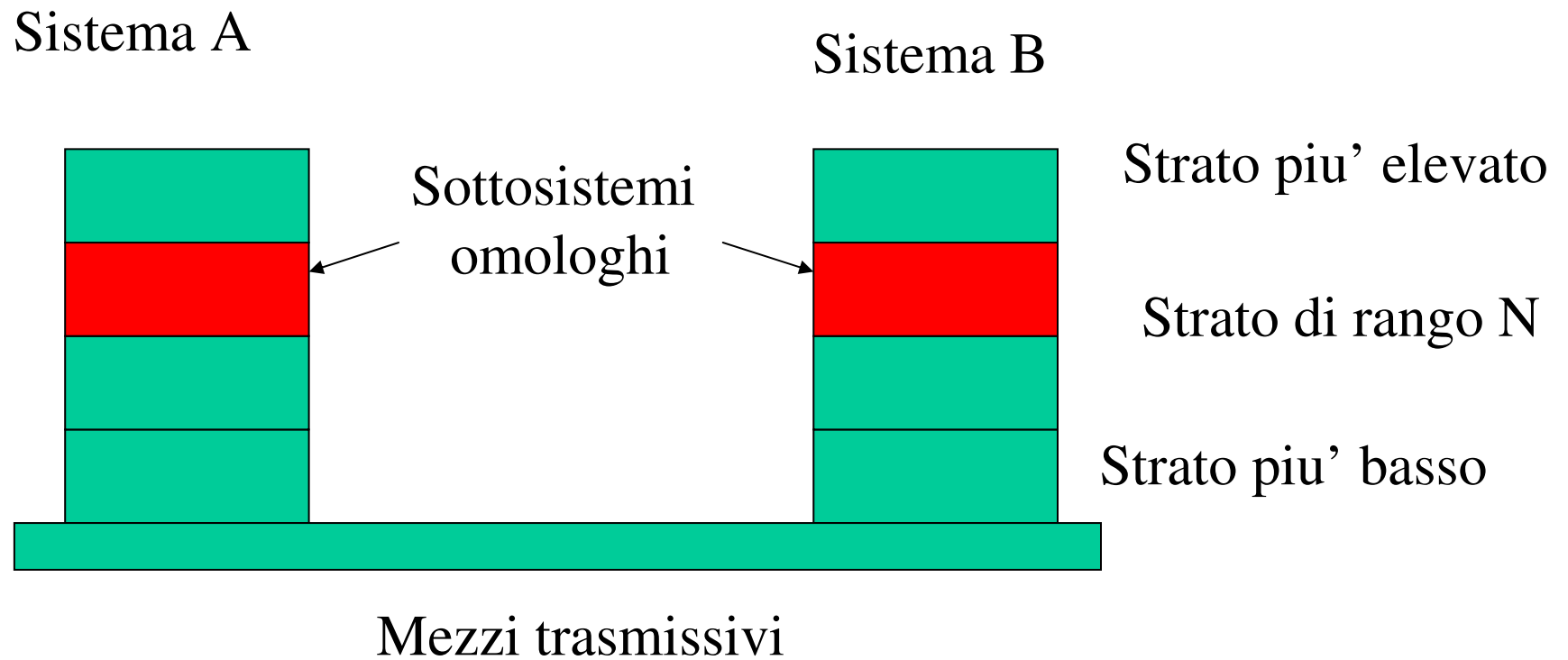
- many "pieces":
  - hosts
  - routers
  - links of various media
  - applications
  - protocols
  - hardware, software

## Question:

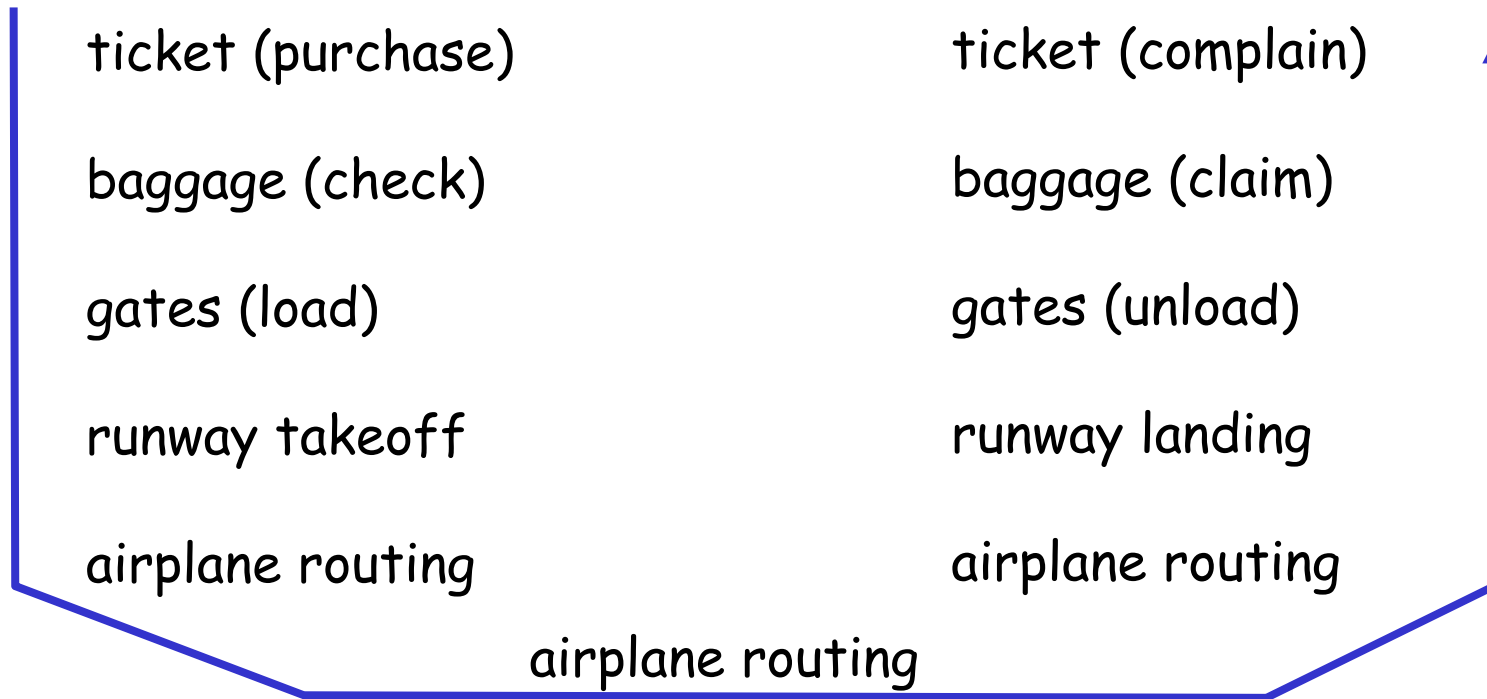
Is there any hope of  
*organizing* structure of  
network?

Or at least our discussion of  
networks?

# Layering



# Organization of air travel



□ a series of steps

## Organization of air travel: a different view

ticket (purchase)	ticket (complain)
baggage (check)	baggage (claim)
gates (load)	gates (unload)
runway takeoff	runway landing
airplane routing	airplane routing
airplane routing	

**Layers:** each layer implements a service

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



# Layered air travel: services

Counter-to-counter delivery of person+bags

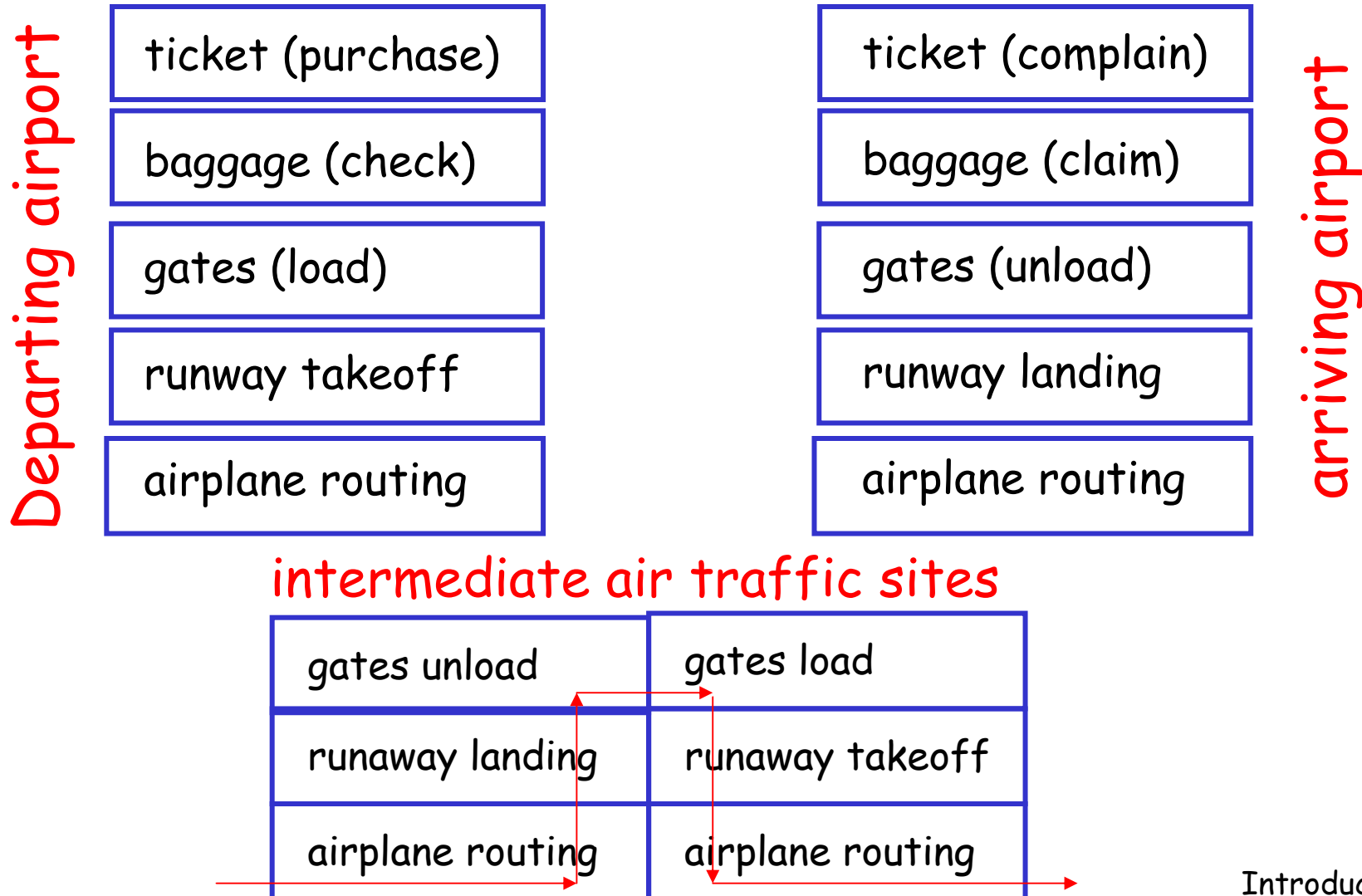
baggage-claim-to-baggage-claim delivery

people transfer: loading gate to arrival gate

runway-to-runway delivery of plane

airplane routing from source to destination

# Distributed implementation of layer functionality



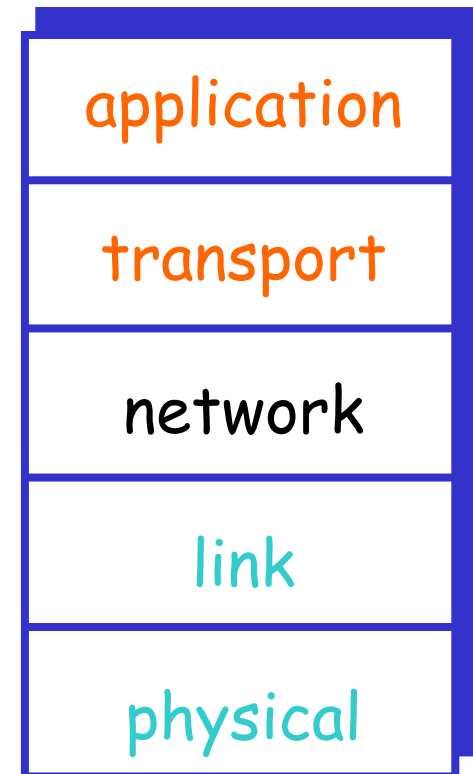
# Why layering?

## 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 gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system (I.e. if baggage check and claim procedures changed due to Sept 11<sup>th</sup> or if the boarding rules change, boarding people by age)
- ❑ layering considered harmful?

# Internet protocol stack

- ❑ **application:** supporting network applications
  - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- ❑ **transport:** host-host data transfer
  - TCP, UDP
- ❑ **network:** routing of datagrams from source to destination
  - IP, routing protocols
- ❑ **link:** data transfer between neighboring network elements
  - PPP, Ethernet
- ❑ **physical:** bits "on the wire"



Typically in HW



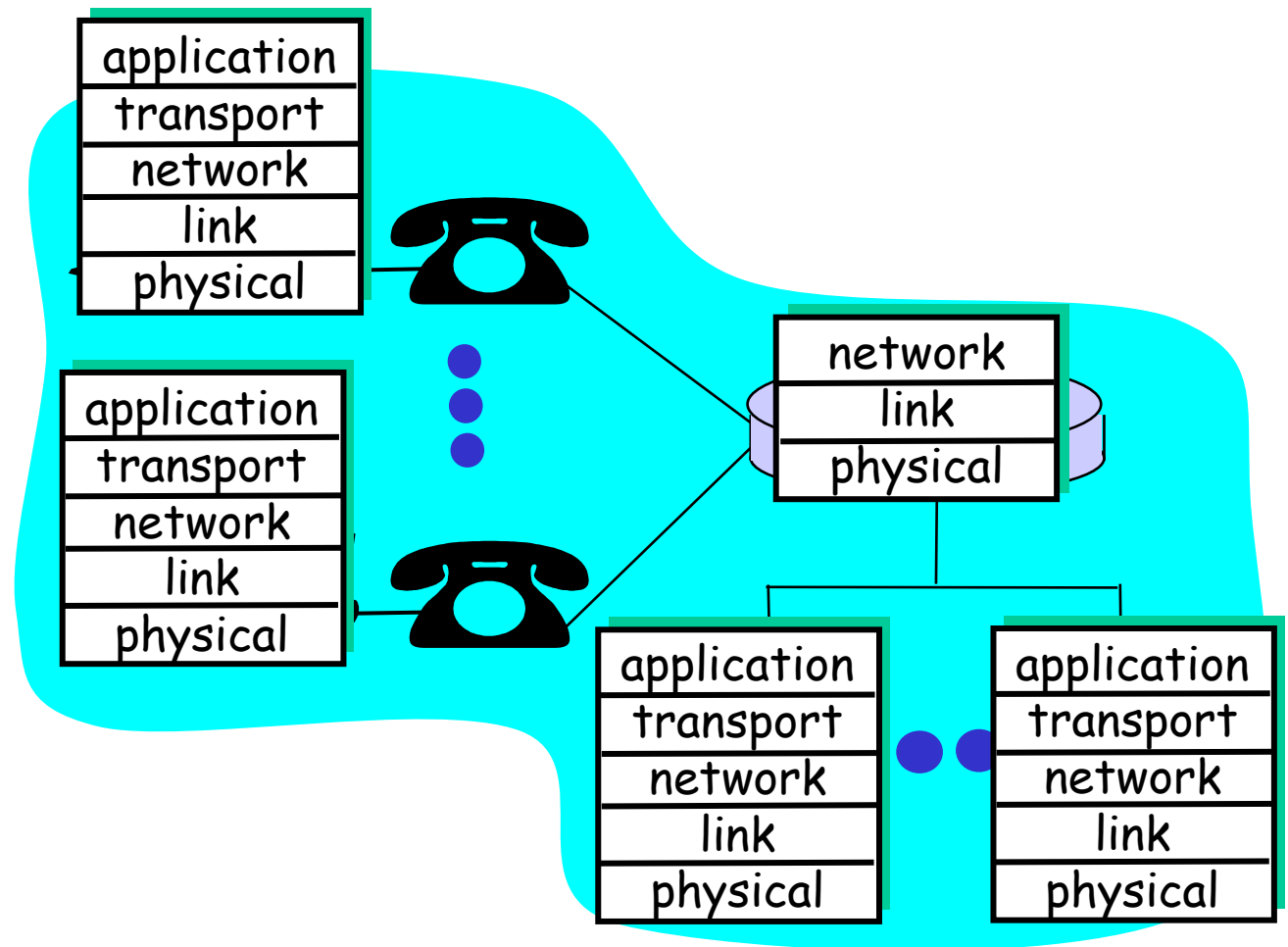
Typically SW

Introduction

# Layering: logical communication

Each layer:

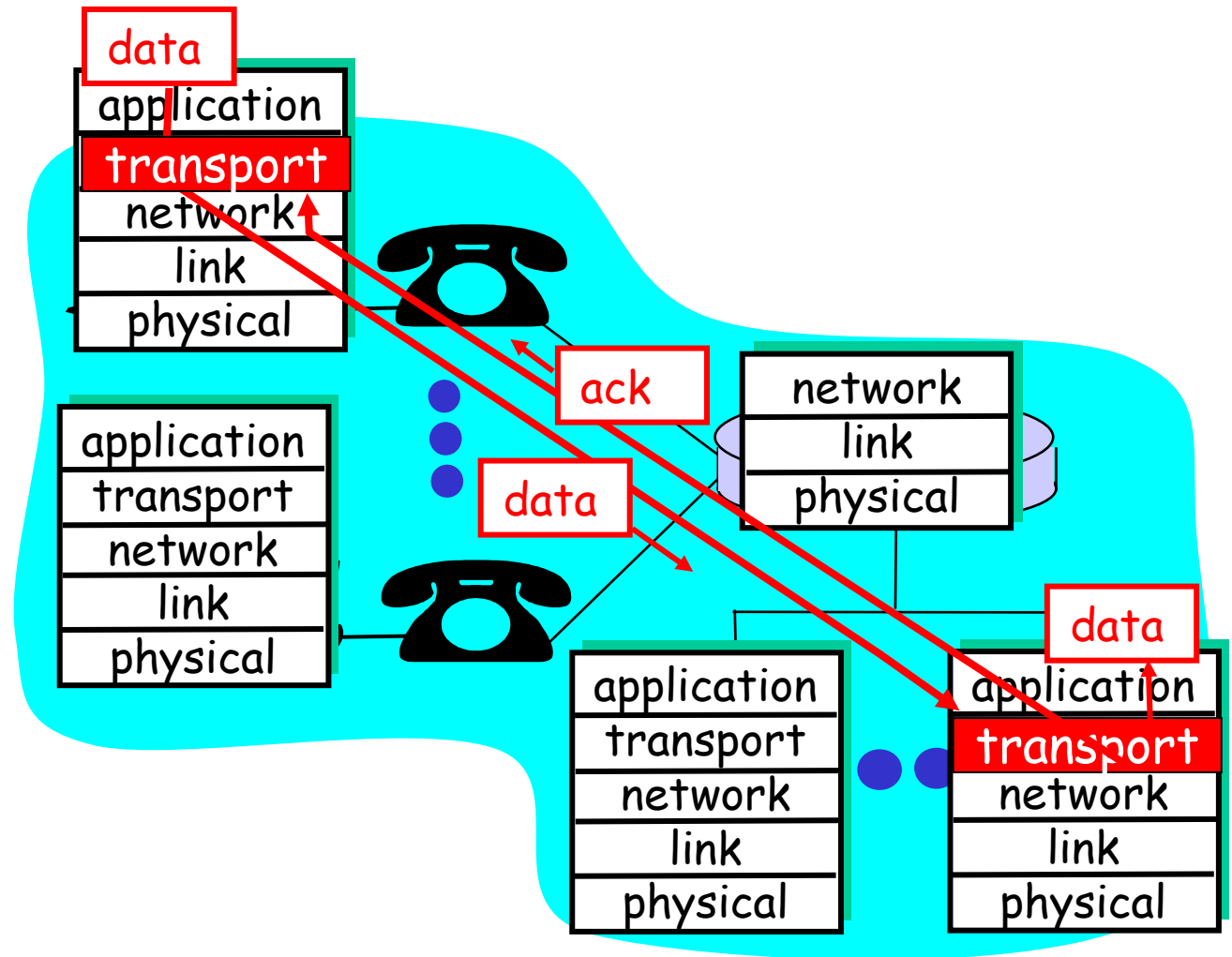
- distributed
- "entities" implement layer functions at each node
- entities perform actions, exchange messages with peers



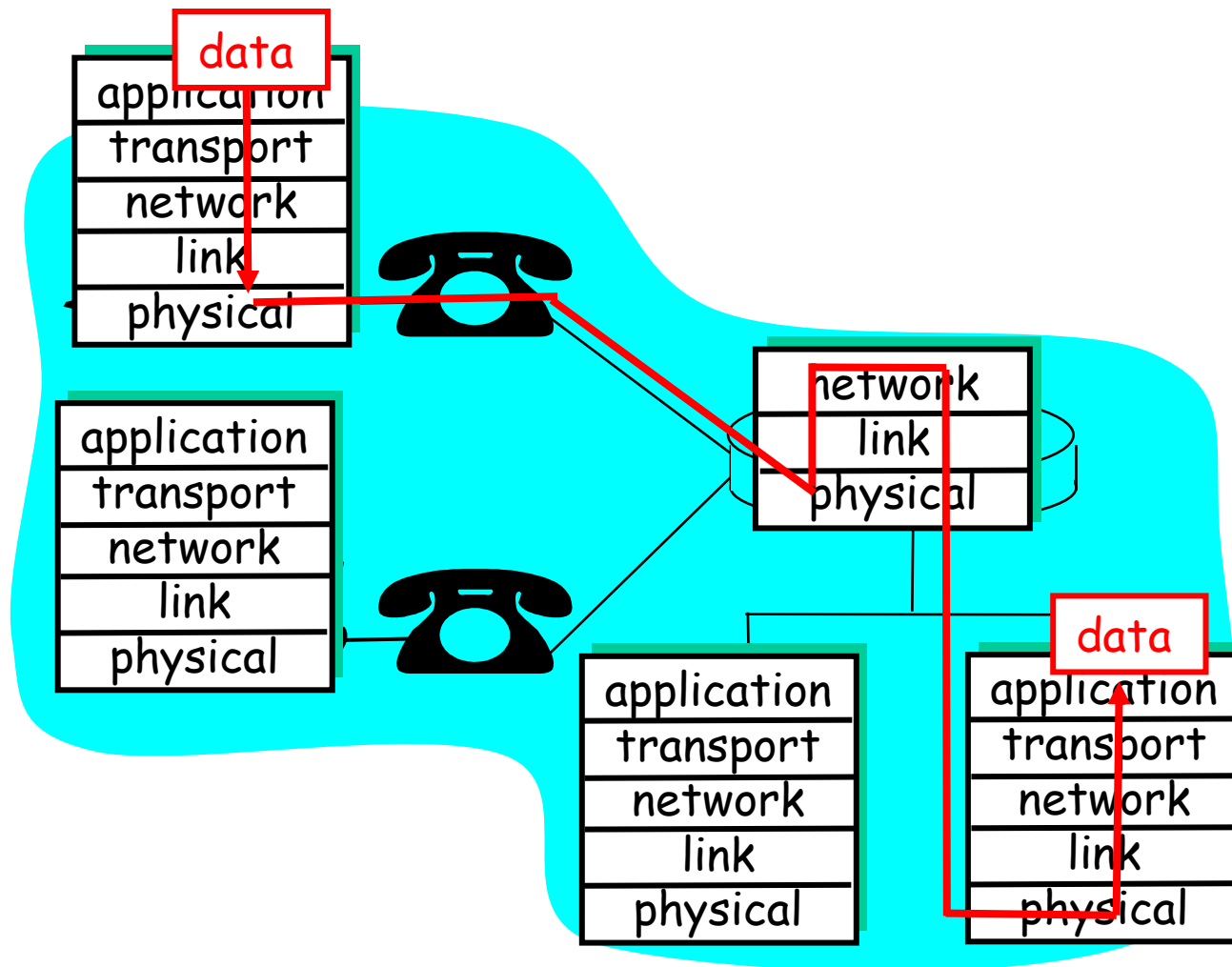
# Layering: logical communication

## E.g.: transport

- ❑ take data from app
- ❑ add addressing, reliability check info to form "datagram"
- ❑ send datagram to peer
- ❑ wait for peer to ack receipt
- ❑ analogy: post office



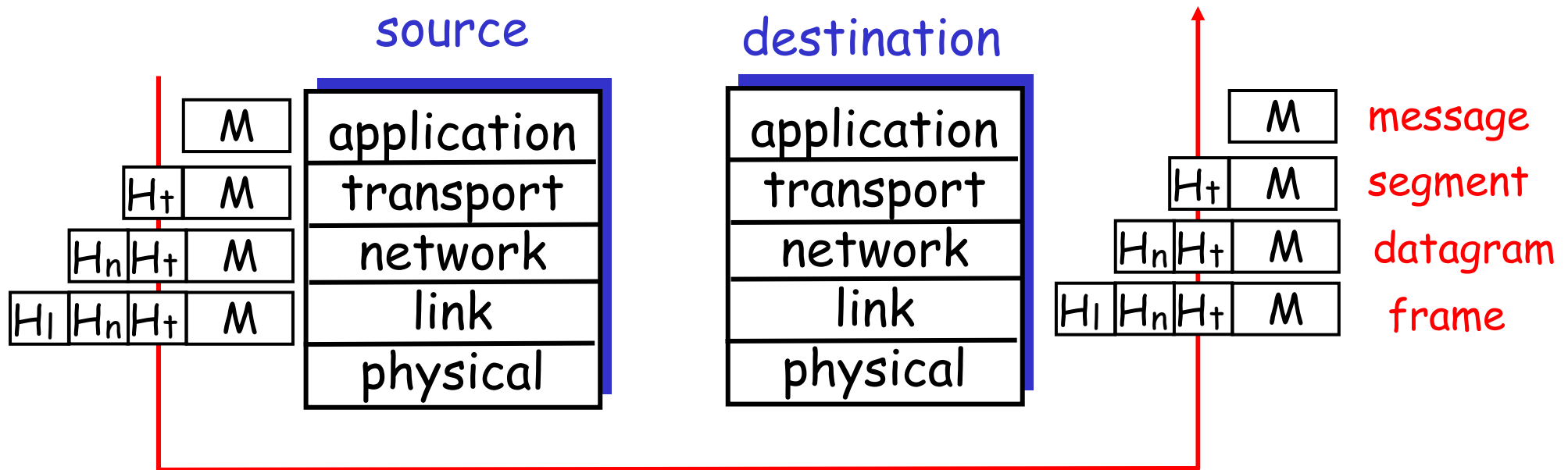
# Layering: physical communication



# Protocol layering and data

Each layer takes data from above

- adds header information to create new data unit
- passes new data unit to layer below





# Layering: pros

## □ Vantaggi della stratificazione

### ○ Modularità

- Semplicità di design
- Possibilità di modificare un modulo in modo trasparente se le interfacce con gli altri livelli rimangono le stesse
- Possibilità per ciascun costruttore di adottare la propria implementazione di un livello purché requisiti su interfacce soddisfatti

### ○ Gestione dell'eterogeneità

- Possibili moduli 'diversi' per realizzare lo stesso insieme di funzioni, che riflettano l'eterogeneità dei sistemi coinvolti (e.g. diverse tecnologie trasmissive, LAN, collegamenti punto-punto, ATM etc.)
- Moduli distinti possibili/necessari anche se le reti adottassero tutte la stessa tecnologia di rete perché ad esempio le applicazioni possono avere requisiti diversi (es. UDP e TCP). All'inizio TCP ed IP erano integrati. Perché adesso sono su due livelli distinti?

# Layering: cons

- Svantaggi della stratificazione
  - A volte modularita' inficia efficienza
  - A volte necessario scambio di informazioni tra livelli non adiacenti non rispettando principio della stratificazione