
Computer Networks

ECE/CS 438

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Course Logistics

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- Timing: Tu/Th 3:30 – 4:50pm, UIUC time
- Mode: Online (Zoom)
- Course URL: <https://courses.grainger.illinois.edu/cs438/fa2020/>

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- Teaching Assistants (TAs) ... see URL for email IDs



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- Prerequisite:
 - Probability
 - Programming

- Further courses:
 - Advanced Computer Networks
 - Advanced Wireless Networking
 - Hot Topics in Mobile Computing
 - Advanced Distributed Systems
 - IoT, Big Data, and CyberPhysical Systems
 - ...

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■ Information Dissemination:

URL: <https://courses.grainger.illinois.edu/cs438/fa2020/>

Most course related information will be posted on the website

When in doubt, check the webpage.

■ Some reminder/clarification emails may be sent out

■ Piazza:

- Just search for "ECE CS 438" on Piazza.
- Piazza meant entirely for students to communicate.
- Faculty and TAs may respond occasionally.

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■ Grading:

- Homework (3 or 4): 15%
- Programming Assignments (3 or 4): 25%
- 1 mid-term exam: 25%
- Final exam: 35%

- Programming assignments may be in groups of 2.
Each group makes single submission.

- 4 credit students need to complete a mini-project
and submit a report at the end of semester (more later)

Finally

■ Academic honesty

1. I believe you won't cheat. If you are anxious, or in great pressure ... talk to me. I understand, and some accommodations can be made. But don't take the "wrong pill".
2. In the long run, GPA does not matter as much as you think it does. Tarnishing a long-term career not worth the 0.05 net GPA points.
3. I am lenient and easy-going until someone is proven to be cheating.

Course Summary (Very Briefly)

Course information

□ Course materials:

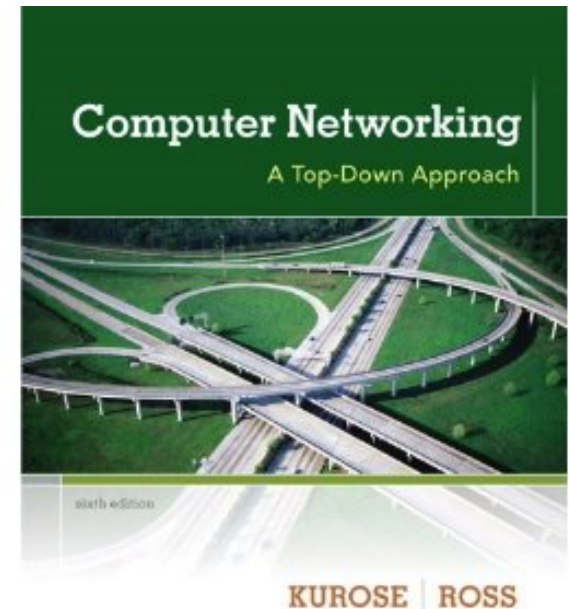
❖ Text:

Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach
J. Kurose & K. Ross,
Addison Wesley

❖ Class notes/slides

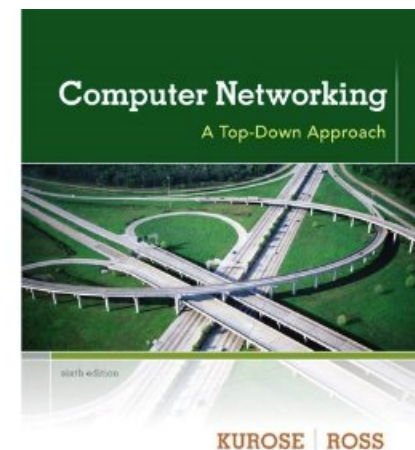
❖ Acknowledgment to Jim Kurose

❖ Some supplementary reading material



What is this course about?

- *Introductory* (first) course in computer networking
 - Undergrads, early grad students
- learn **principles** of computer networking
- learn **practice** of computer networking
- Internet architecture/protocols as case study
- Real wireless networks as case studies
- Glimpses into the future of networking



Course information

- ❑ By the time you are finished ...
 - ❑ You understand variety of factoids and concepts
 - ❑ Propagation delay, transmit time, queueing, ...
 - ❑ Internet layered architecture, HTTP, DNS, P2P, ...
 - ❑ Sockets, Ports, ...
 - ❑ Congestion Control, Flow Control, TCP, ...
 - ❑ Routing, Basic Graphs, Djikstra's Algorithm, IP, BGP, OSPF, ...
 - ❑ DSL Vs Cable, Aloha, CSMA, TDMA, Token, ...
 - ❑ Cellular Network architecture, handoff, roaming, Mobile IP, ...
 - ❑ Wireless Networks (WiFi)
 - ❑ Security, RSA, Digital certificates, MIM attacks, ...
 - ❑ ...

If you understand 75% of these terms, you shouldn't be here

What this Course Does Not Cover

■ Does not cover

- Device drivers, SDNs, cloud computing ...
- Network theory, graph theory, proofs
- Radio hardware, embedded systems, IoT, scheduling
- Modulation schemes, transmitter/receiver design

■ Not a “communications” course

■ This is course on

- Understanding, analyzing, and (perhaps) designing protocols and algorithms in networking systems (with case studies in wired and wireless networks)

What's the difference between

Communications
And
Networking

Finally

- I cannot / will not / should not be speaking alone in class
 - Questions
 - Comments
 - Disagreements
 - Debates ... are highly encouraged
- This course can be real fun
- Whether it will be ...
 - Is up to you and me

Hello!
I am ECE/CS 438

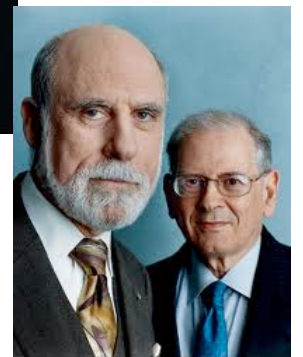
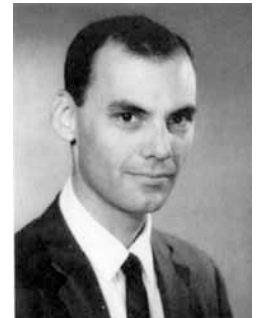


Computer Network Architecture

Past, Present, and Future

On the Shoulders of Giants

- 1961: Leonard Kleinrock published a work on packet switching
- 1962: J. Licklider described a worldwide network of computers called Galactic Network
- 1965: Larry Roberts designed the ARPANET that communicated over long distance links
- 1971: Ray Tomilson invents email at BBN
- 1972: Bob Kahn and Vint Cerf invented TCP for reliable packet transport



On the Shoulders of Giants ...

- 1973: David Clark, Bob Metcalfe implemented TCP and designed ethernet at Xerox PARC
- 1975: Paul Mockapetris developed DNS system for host lookup
- 1980: Radia Perlman invented spanning tree algorithm for bridging separate networks
- Things snowballed from there on ...

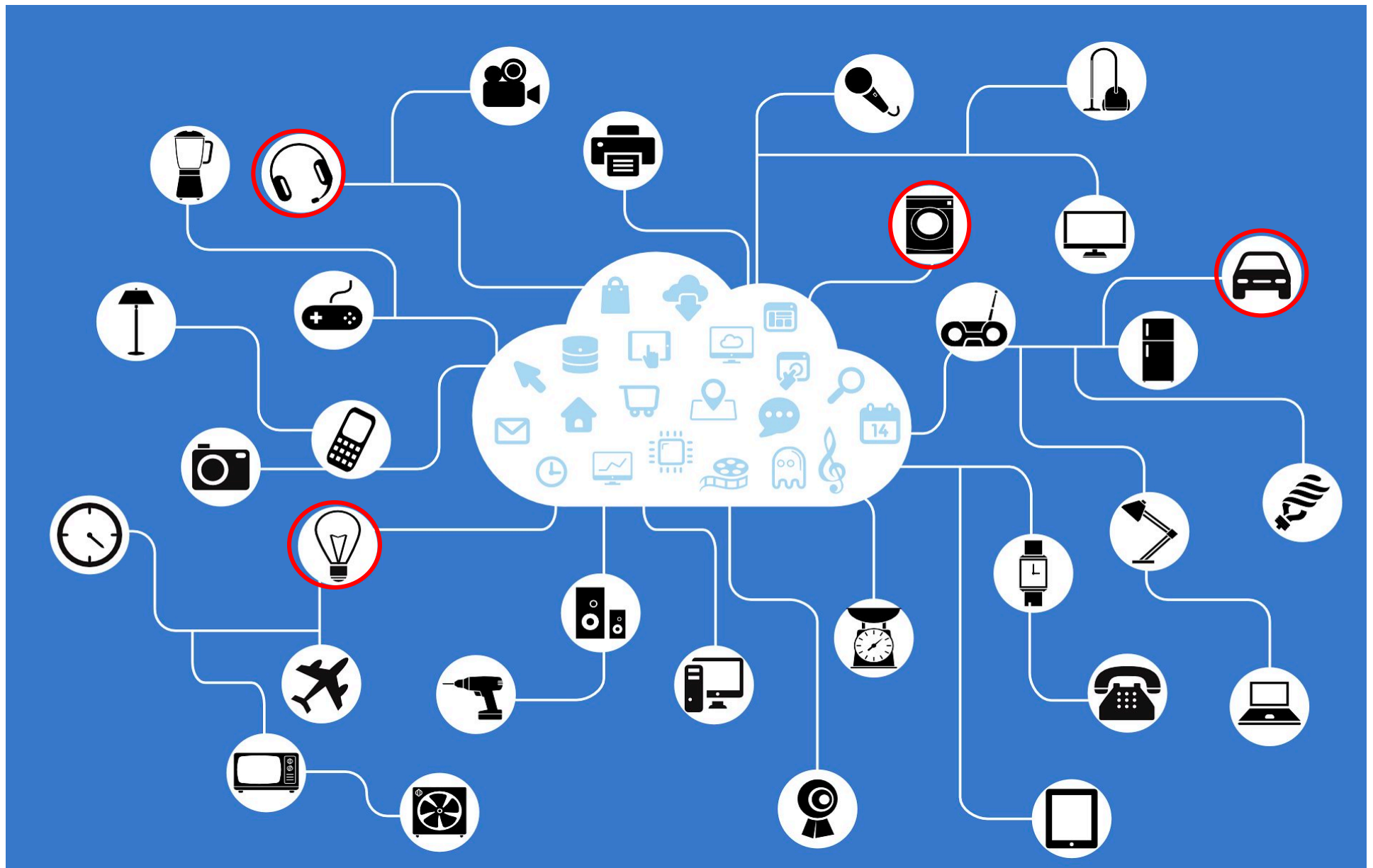
What we have today is beyond any of the
inventors' imagination ...

And YOU are here



And by "YOU" I mean ...

"Cool" internet appliances



“Cool” internet appliances



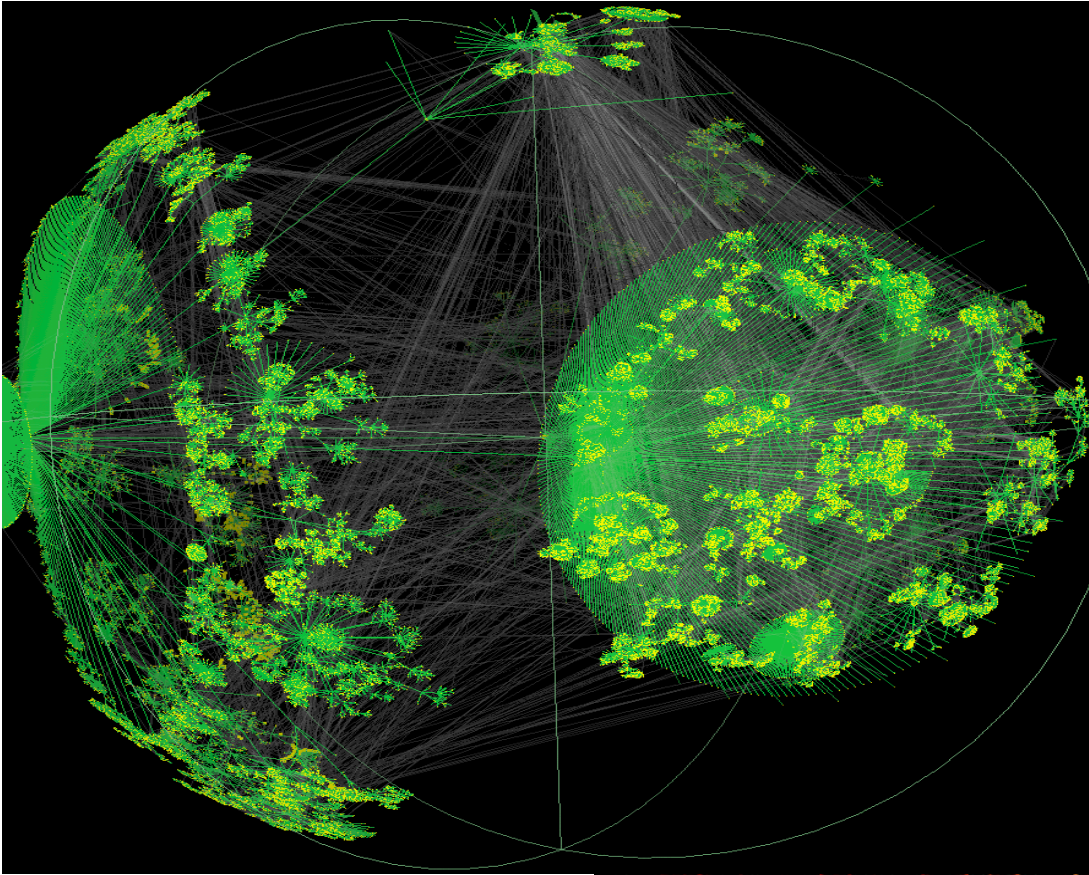
Web-enabled toaster +
weather forecaster

And Of Course people ...



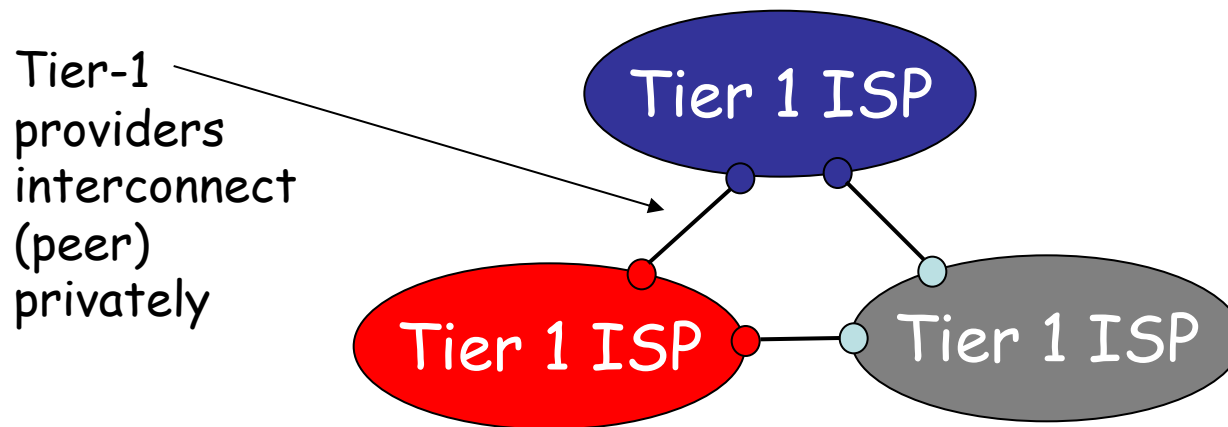
InterNetwork

- Millions of end points (you, me, and toasters) are connected over a network
 - Many end points can be addressed by numbers
 - Many others lie behind a virtual end point
- Many networks form a bigger network
- The overall structure called **the Internet**
 - With a capital I
 - Defined as the network of networks



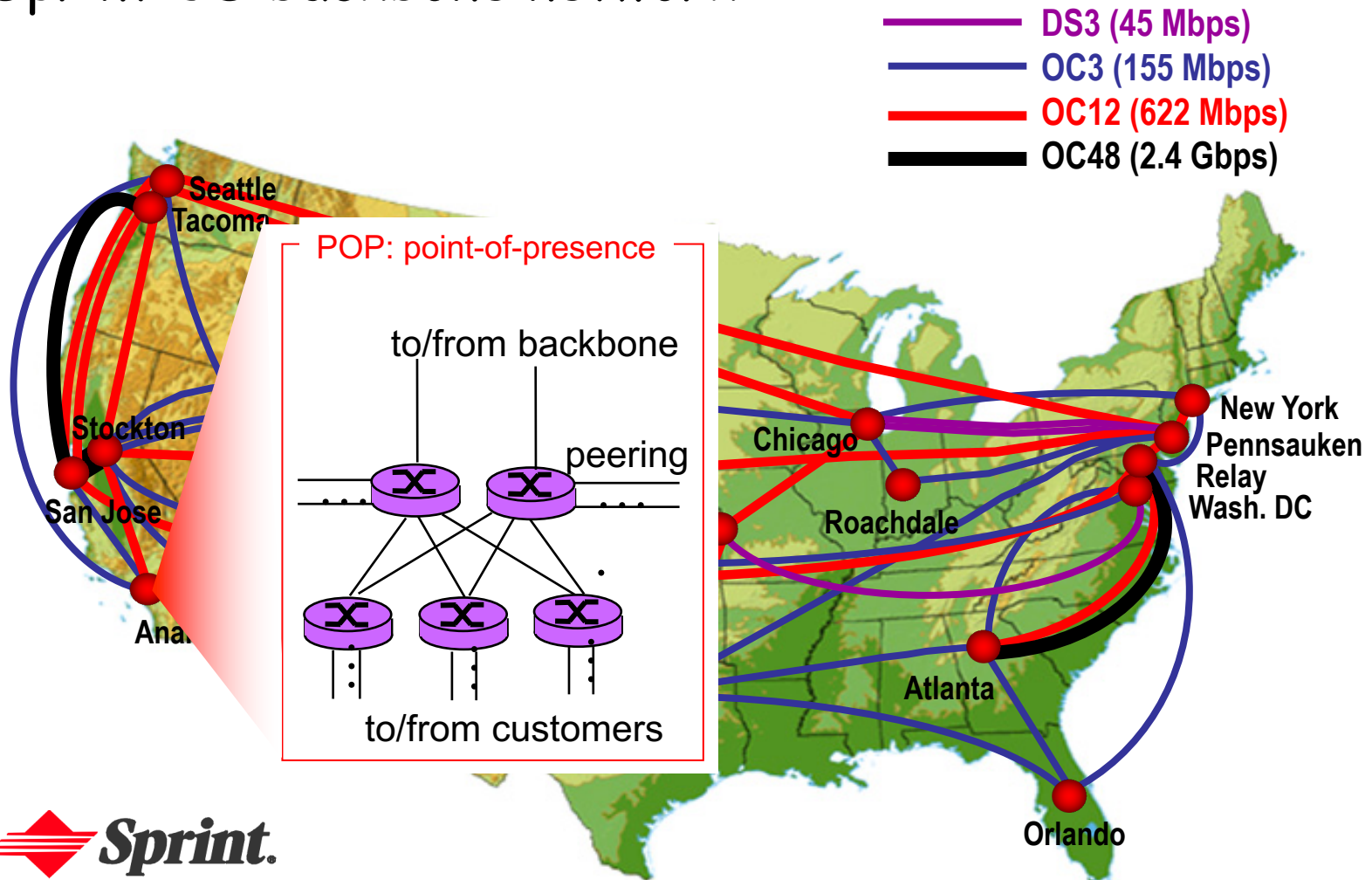
Internet structure: network of networks

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

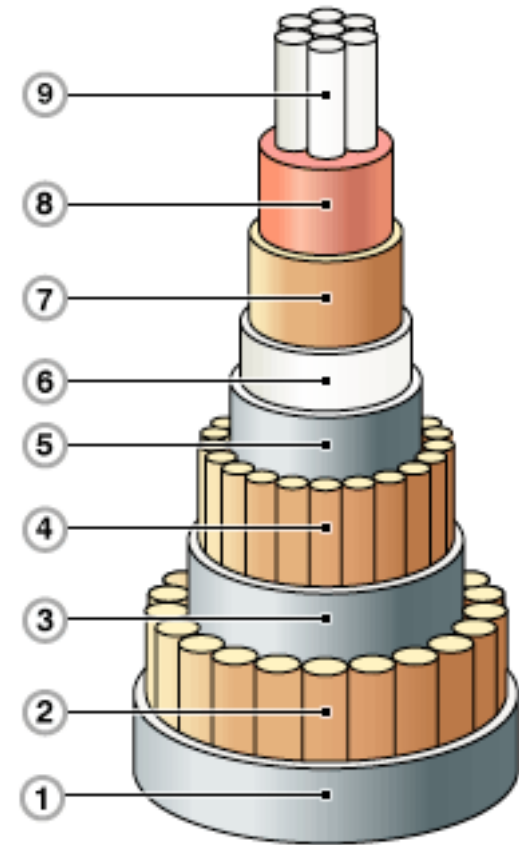


Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint

Sprint US backbone network

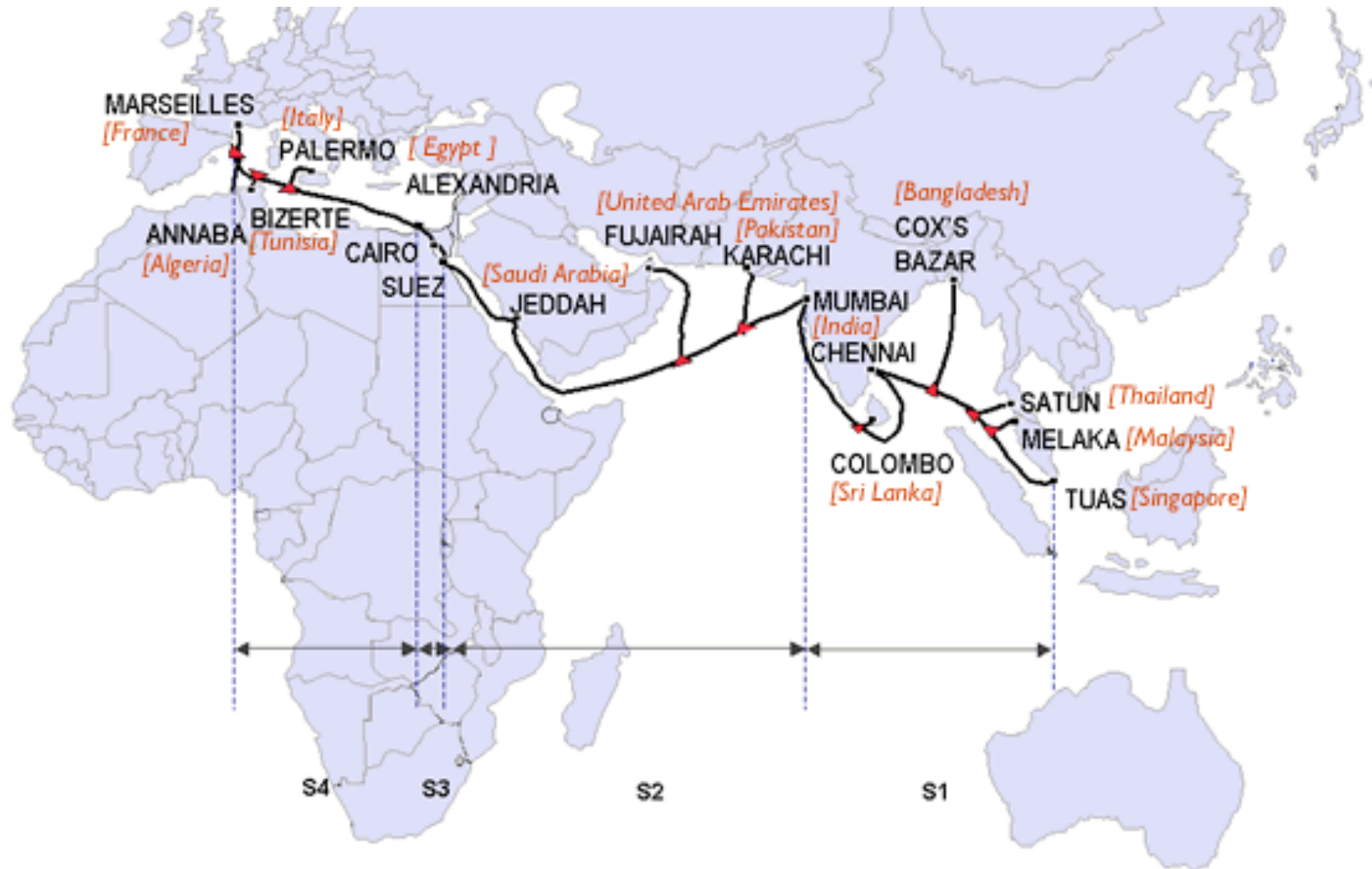


Cables Laid Out in the Oceans



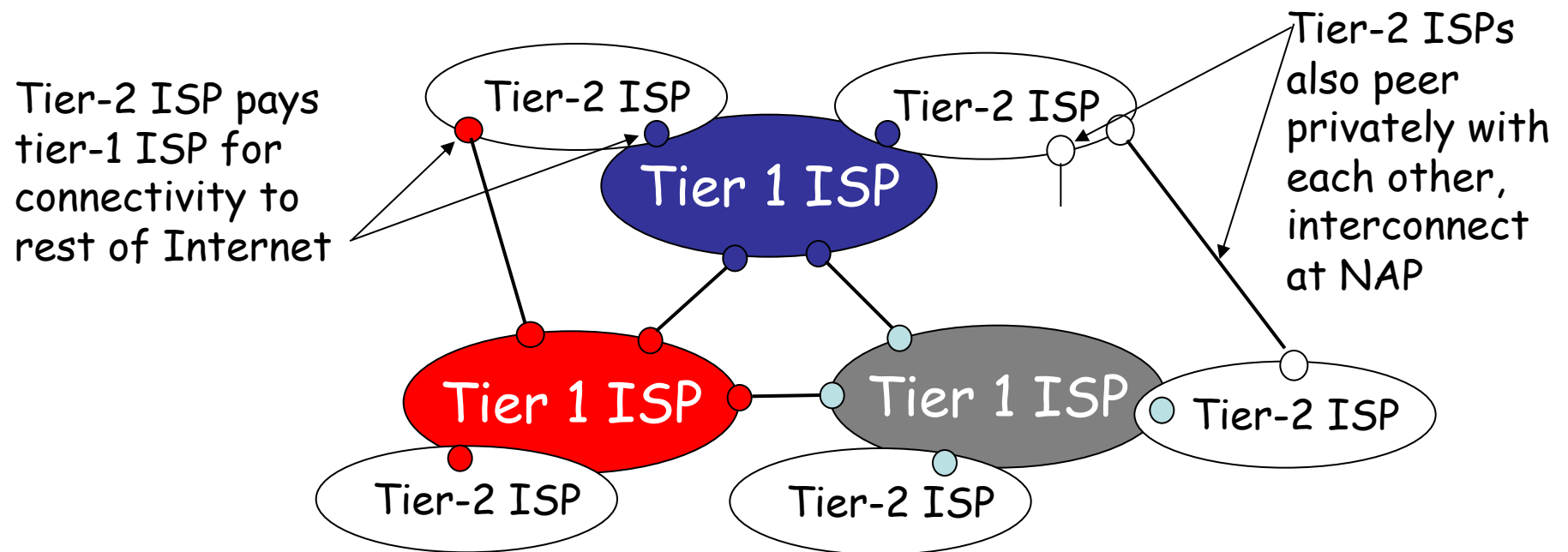
Optical Fiber cross-section

Cable Connections carry 95% traffic (rest?)



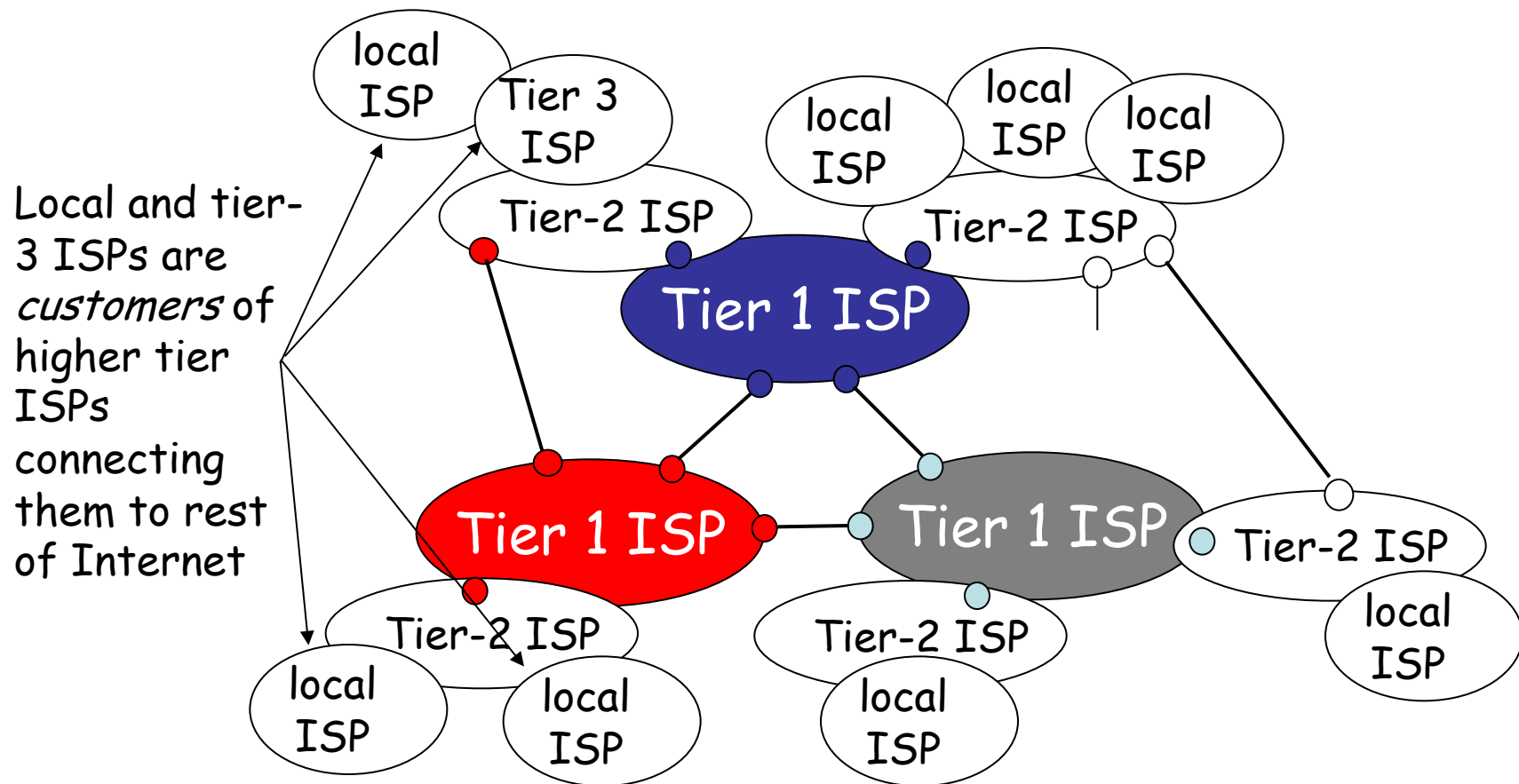
Internet structure: network of networks

- “Tier-2” ISPs: smaller (often regional) ISPs
 - Connect to one or more tier-1 ISPs, possibly other tier-2 ISPs
- France telecome, Tiscali, etc. buys from Sprint

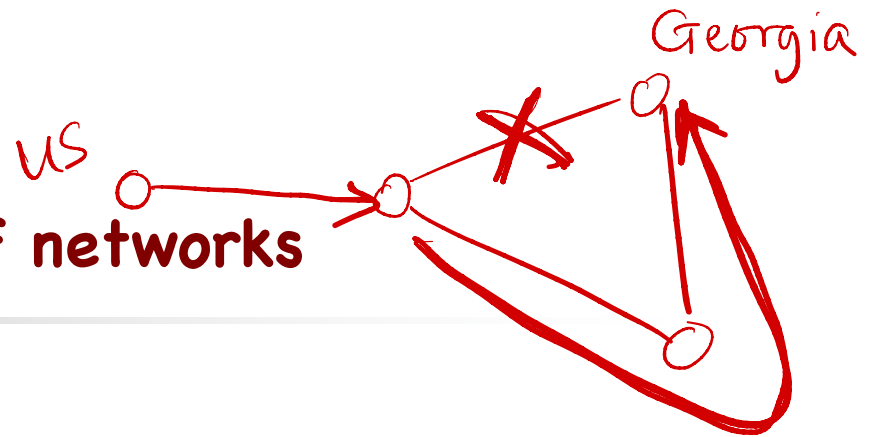


Internet structure: network of networks

- “Tier-3” ISPs and local ISPs (Time Warner, Earthlink, etc.)
 - last hop (“access”) network (closest to end systems)

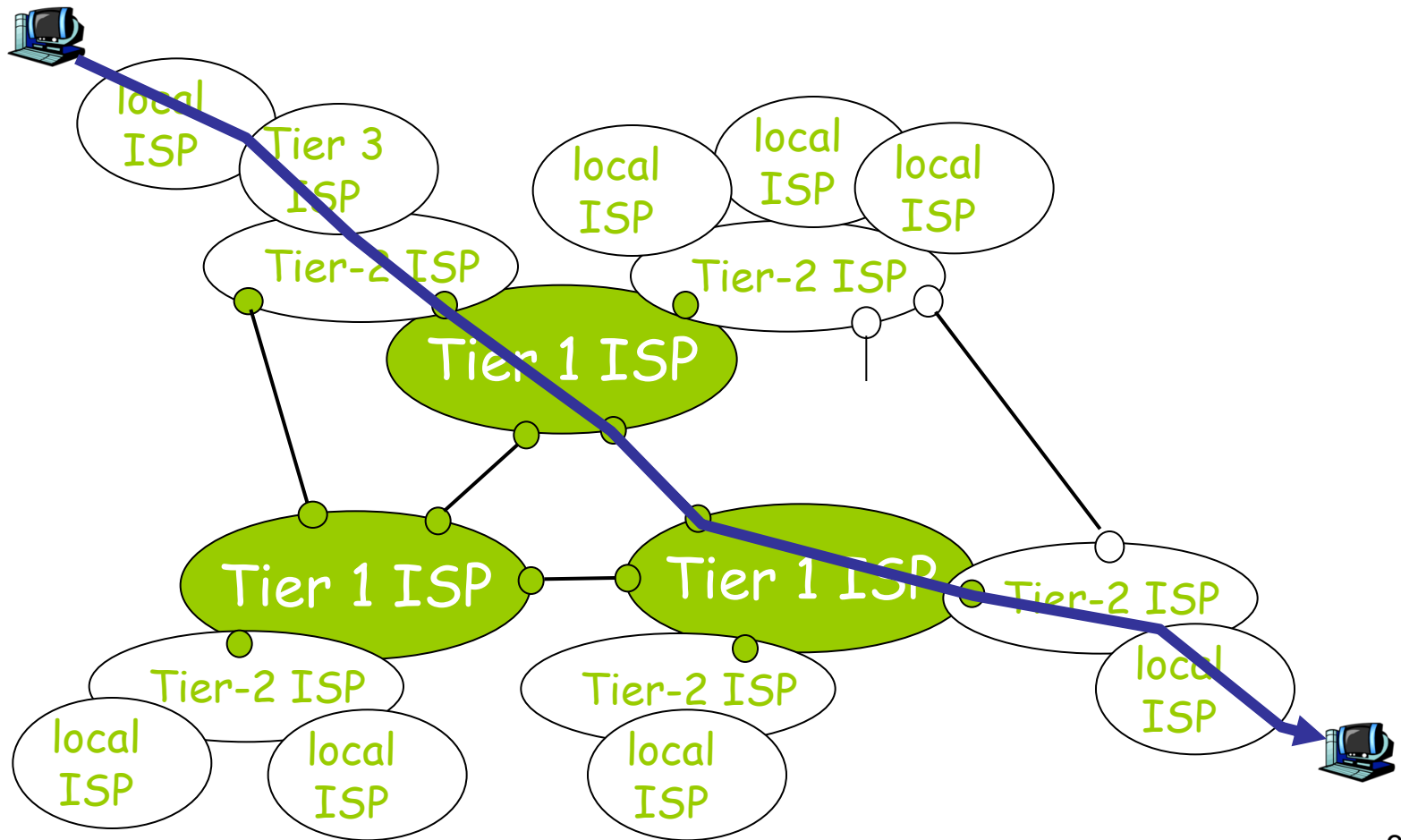


Internet structure: network of networks



■ a packet passes through many networks!

- Local ISP (uber) -> T3 (bus to ORD) -> T2 (flight to NYC) -> T1 (flight to Tokyo)



Organizing the giant structure

Networks are complex!

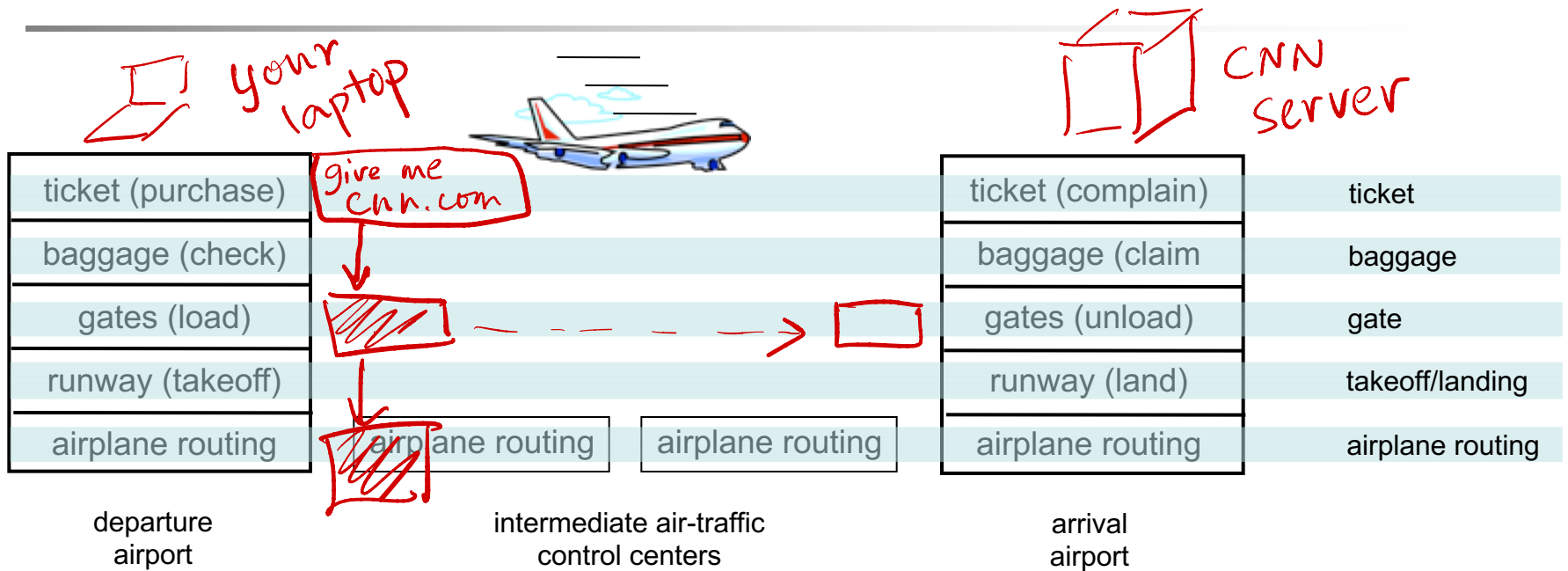
- many “pieces”:
 - hosts
 - routers
 - links of various media
 - applications
 - protocols
 - hardware, software

Question:

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

Or at least our discussion of networks?

Layering of airline functionality



Layers: each layer implements a service

- layers communicate with peer layers
- rely on services provided by layer below

Why layering?

- Explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
- Modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., runway delay (wheels up time) depends on clearance of destination runway ... doesn't change the baggage tagging systems ... or flight to gate assignment

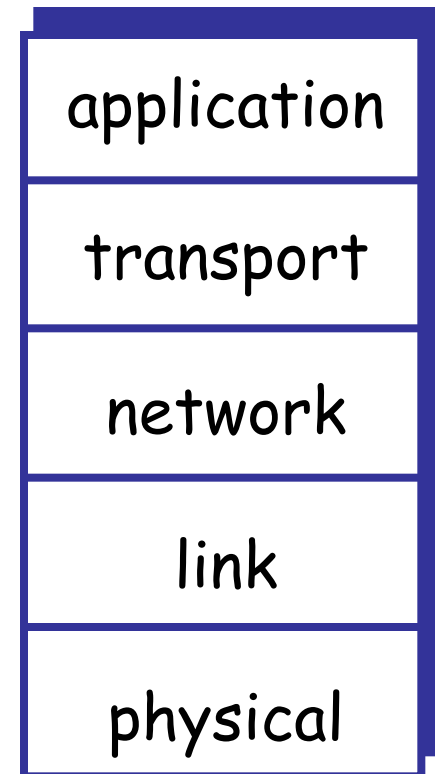
Protocol “Layers”

- Service of each layer encapsulated
- Universally agreed services called
PROTOCOLS

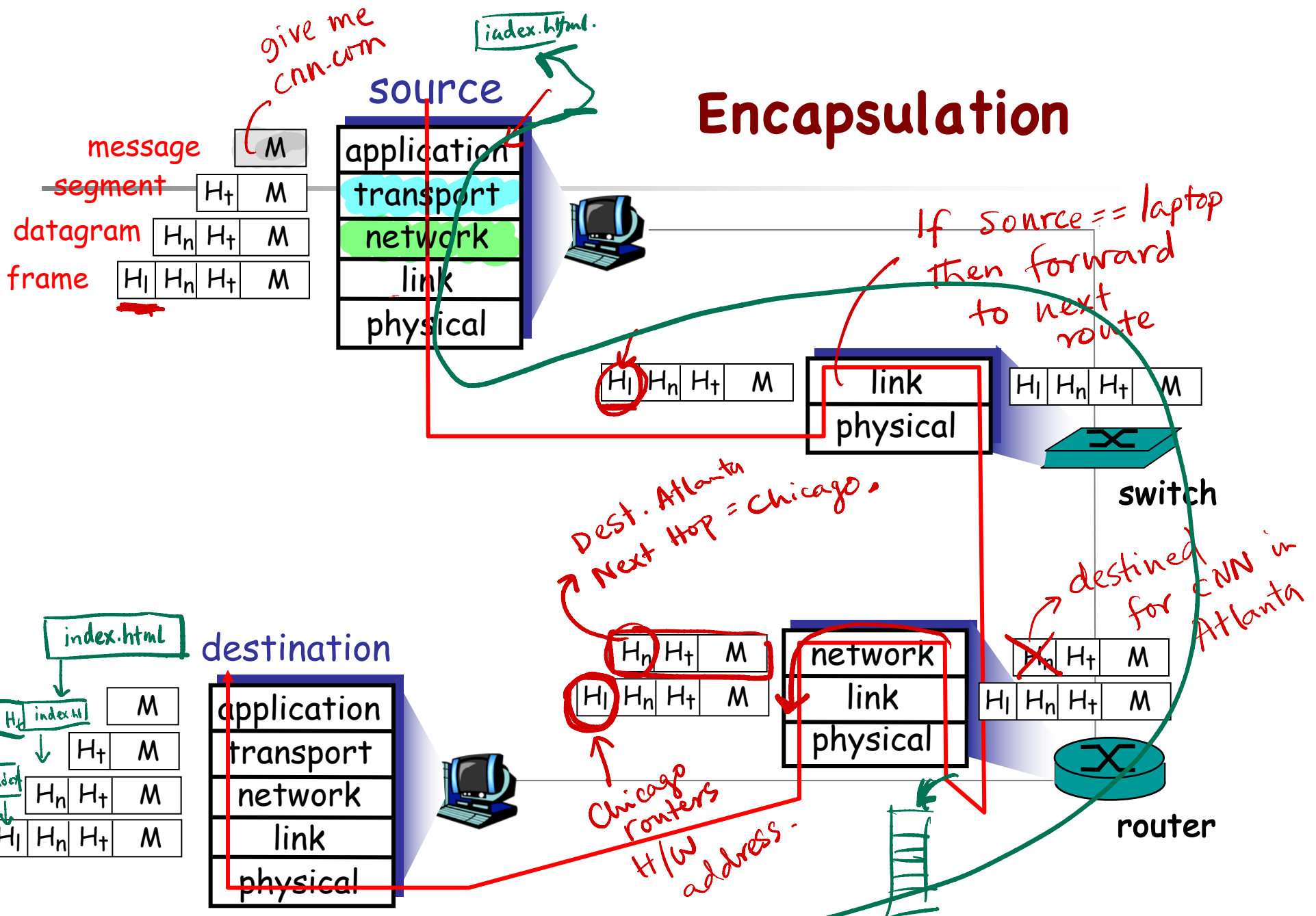
A large part of this course will focus on
understanding protocols for
networking systems

Internet protocol stack

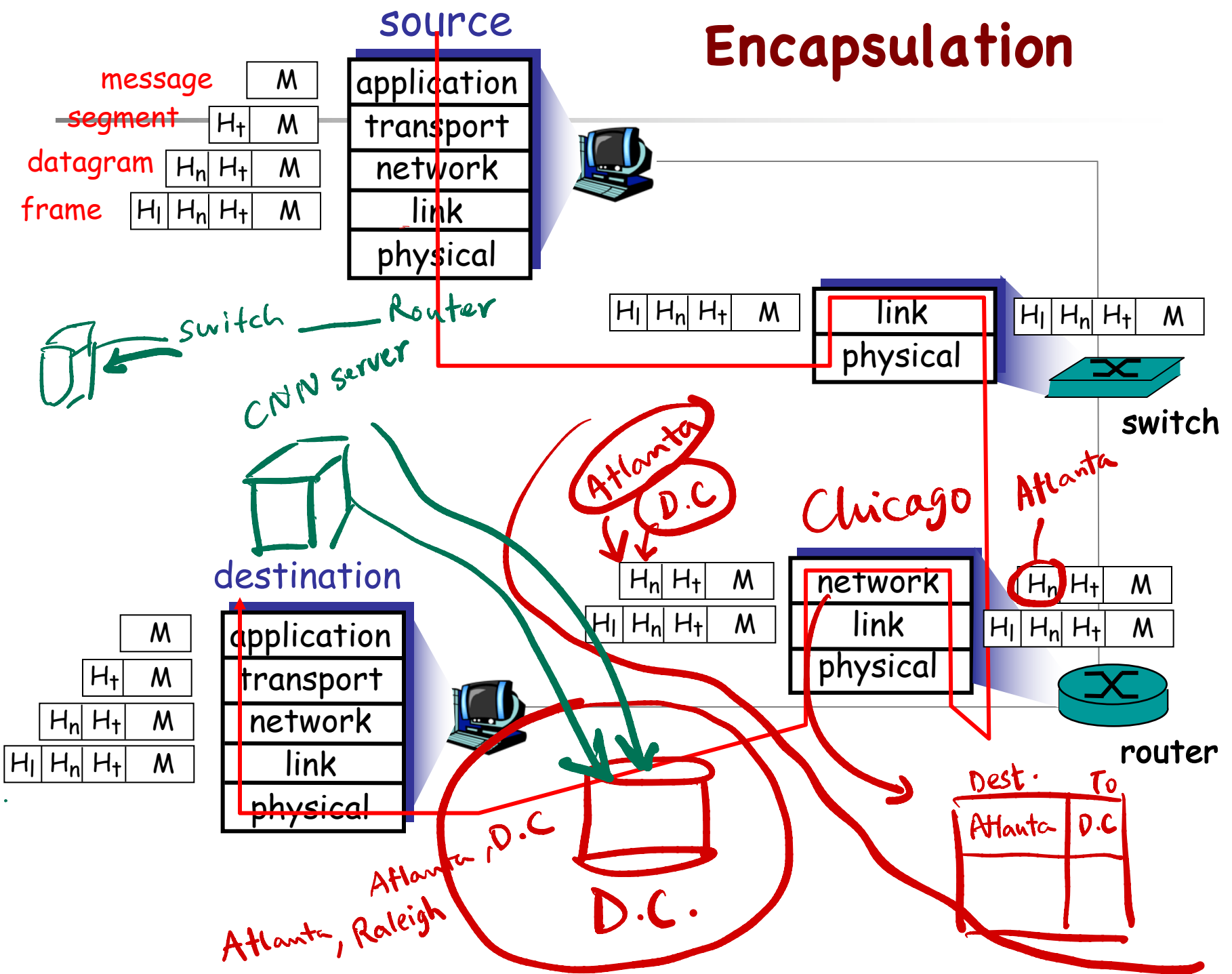
- **application:** supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP, DNS ...
- **transport:** host-host data transfer
 - TCP, UDP ...
- **network:** routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, BGP, routing protocols ...
- **link:** data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - PPP, Ethernet, WiFi, Bluetooth ...
- **physical:** bits “on the wire”
 - OFDM, DSSS, CDMA, Coding ...



Encapsulation



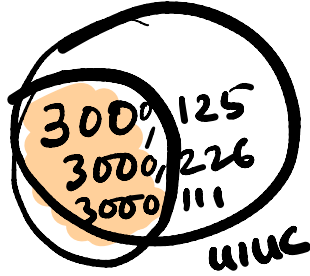
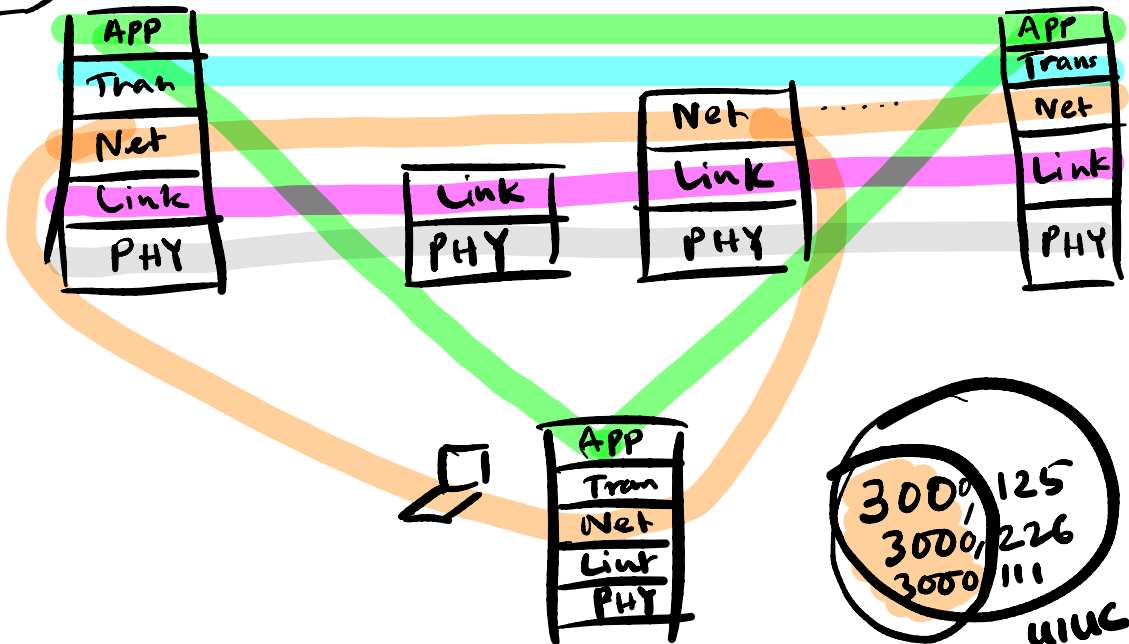
Encapsulation





WiFi Switch

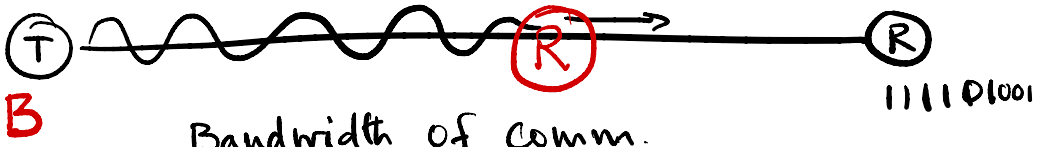
Router, R_2 R_3 ...



Success of Layering

- Protocol stack successful in Internet
- Internet uses wired physical layer links
 - Very reliable
 - Bit Error Rate (BER) = 10^{-8}
- What about wireless networks
 - Very unreliable due to channel fluctuations
 - Due to co-channel interference
 - Due to external noise
- Does horizontal layering still hold ?

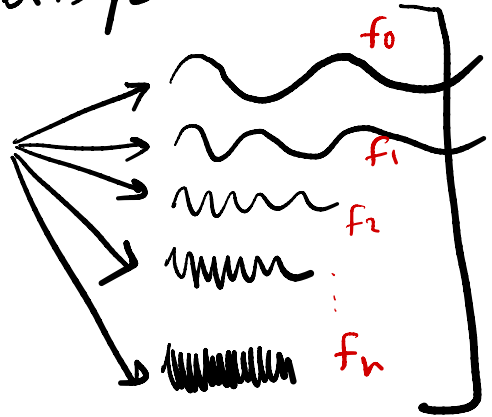
Questions ?



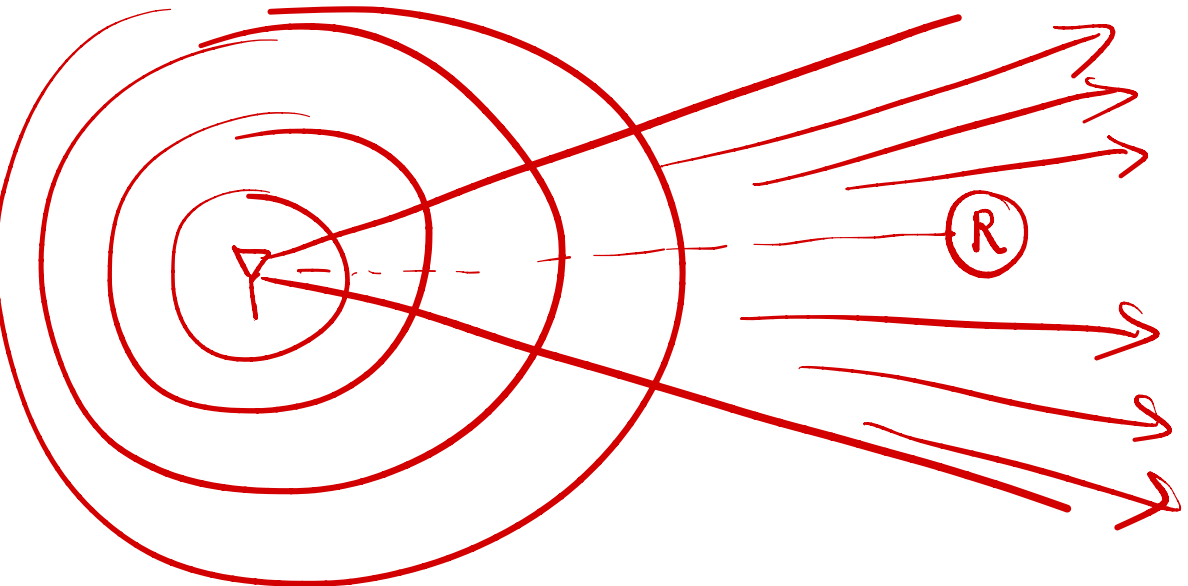
$$\text{Data Rate} = \text{bits/s}$$

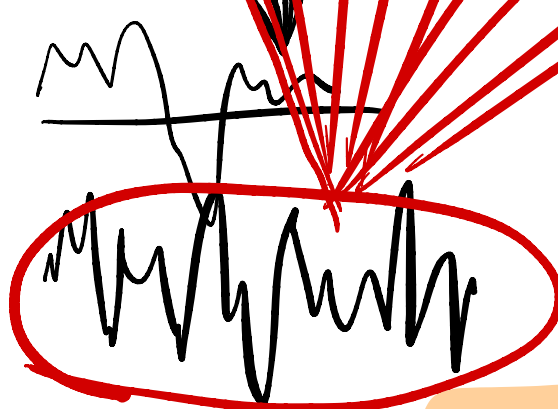
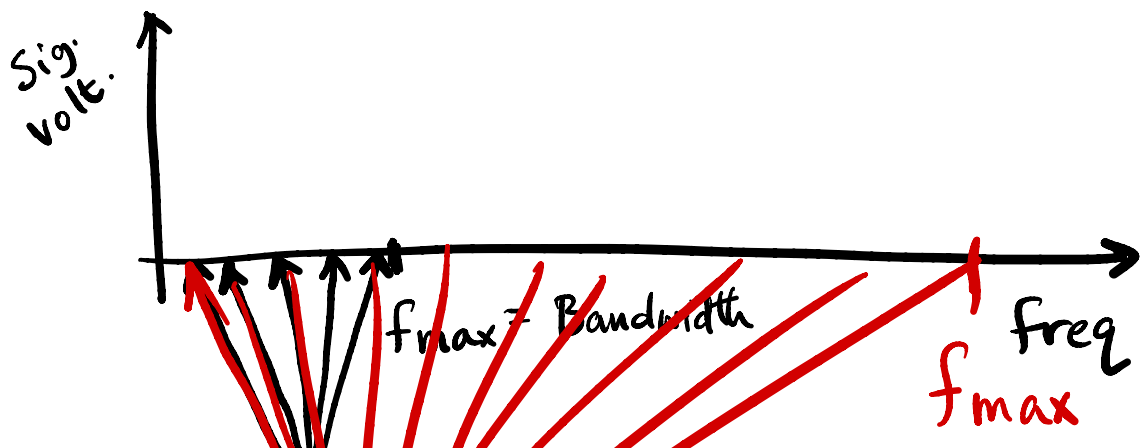


- WiFi — 20 MHz
- GPS — 2 MHz
- 5G — 500 MHz

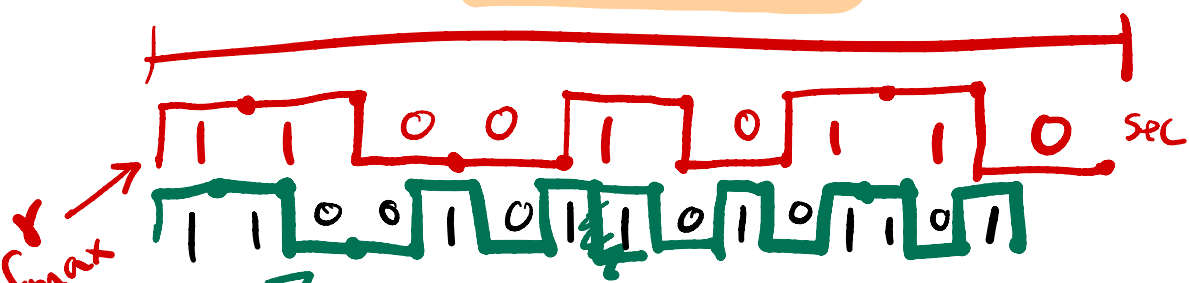


$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Data Rate (bits/s)}}{B \text{ Hz}} \log \left(1 + \frac{\text{Received}}{\text{Noise}} \right)$$





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Assignment # -1

Watch "City in the Sky" documentary on Netflix



You will appreciate both airline systems and The Internet much more than you do now ...