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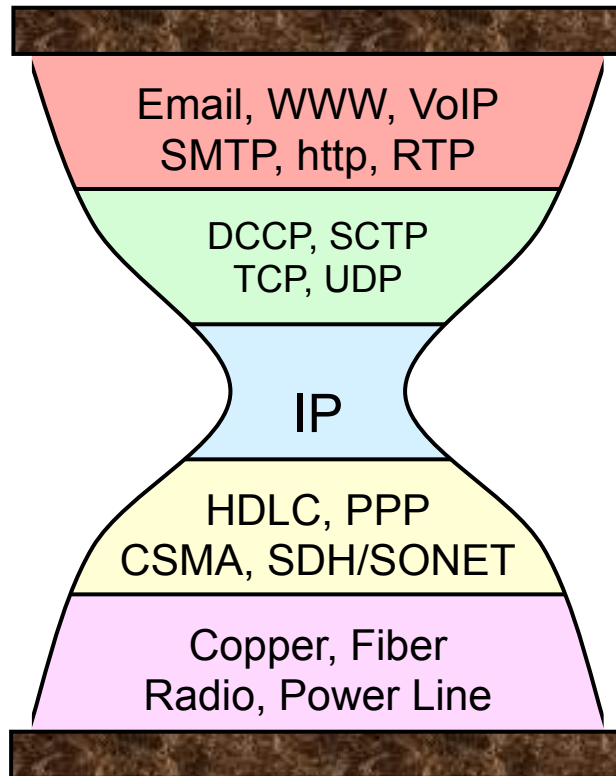
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The Hourglass Model



Everything
over IP

IP over
everything

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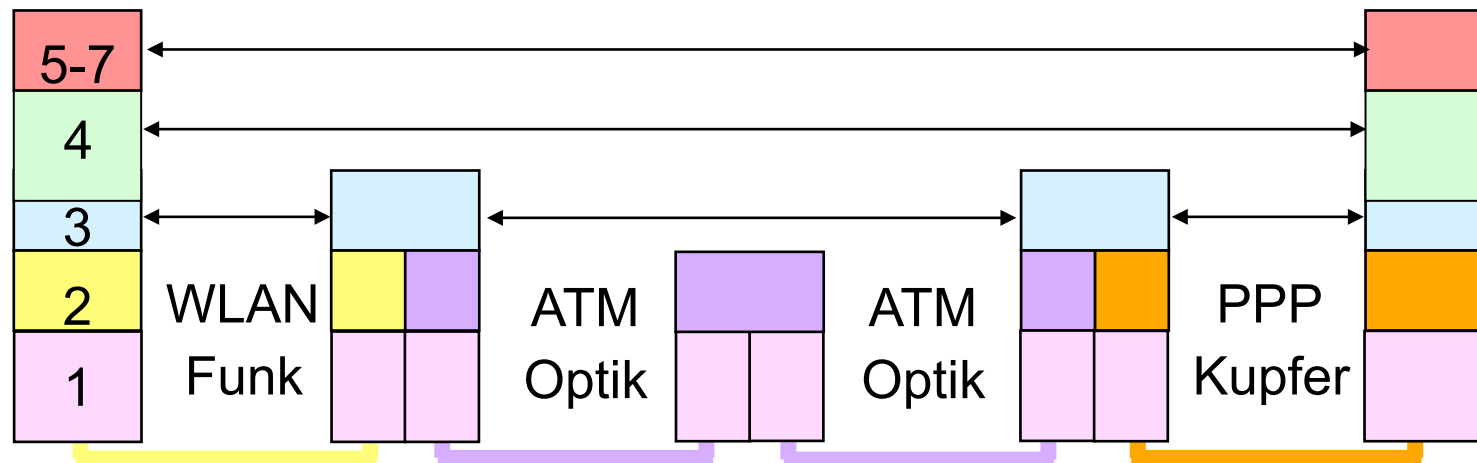
Kritik an Referenzmodellen (1)

- ISO/OSI
 - Unausgeglichene Funktionsfülle der einzelnen Schichten: Presentation Layer, Session Layer, Application Layer
 - Hat bei Implementierung in der Praxis versagt
 - ITU-T bei der Standardisierung neuer Protokolle langsam
- TCP/IP
 - Schnelle Verbreitung über BSD/UNIX: gut implementiert, einfach zu benutzen, kostenfrei
 - IETF bei der Standardisierung neuer Protokolle schnell
 - Spezielle Beschreibung des Status Quo, nicht allgemein
- 5 Schichten-Modell
 - ISO/OSI ohne Session und Presentation Layer
 - Meist nützliche und häufig verwendete Taxonomie

Kritik an Referenzmodellen (2)

- Gefahr: schränken Denken ein
- Erlauben keinen Informationsaustausch zwischen den Schichten
 - Cross Layer Design (CLD): Austausch von Informationen über möglicherweise mehrere Layer
 - Beispiele für CLD
 - Ausnutzung von Physical Layer Information um Application Layer zu adaptieren bzw. zu optimieren
 - Location-aware Services
 - TCP reagiert auf ECN-bit (explicit congestion notification) in IP Header
- Einordnung von Protokollen in Schichten manchmal problematisch
 - TCP/IP/MPLS/SDH/WDM: MPLS gilt als Layer 2.5
 - TCP/IP1/UMTS-Schichten/IP2/ATM/SONET:
IP kommt im Network und im Link Layer zum Einsatz

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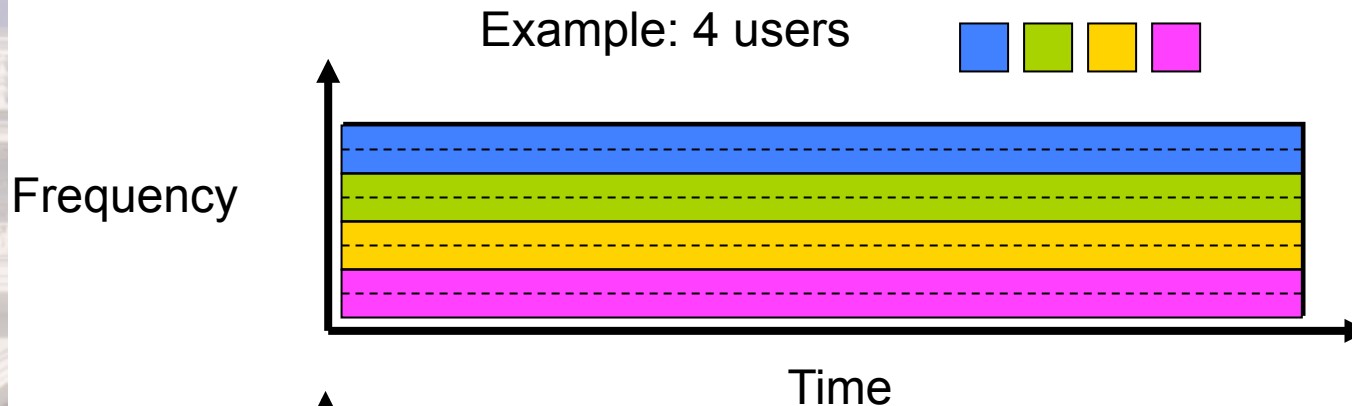
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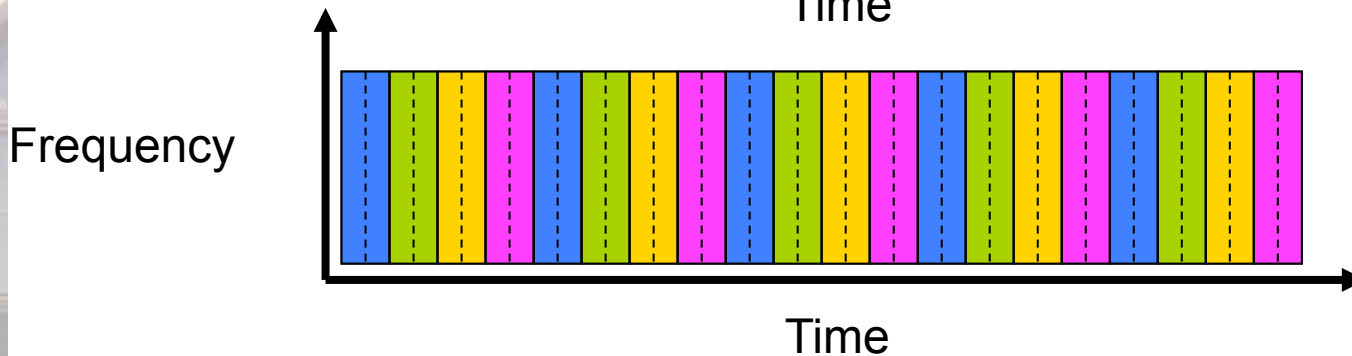
Circuit Switching: FDM and TDM

- Network resources (e.g., bandwidth) **divided into “pieces”**
 - Frequency division multiplex
 - Time division multiplex
 - Pieces allocated to calls
 - Resource piece **idle** if not used by owning call (*no sharing*)

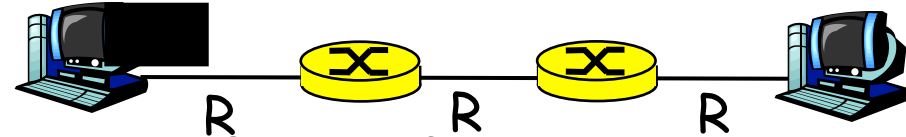
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TDM

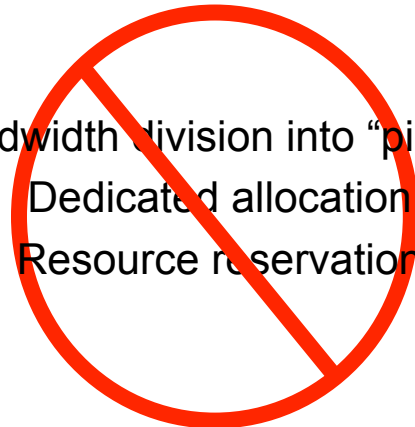


Packet Switching

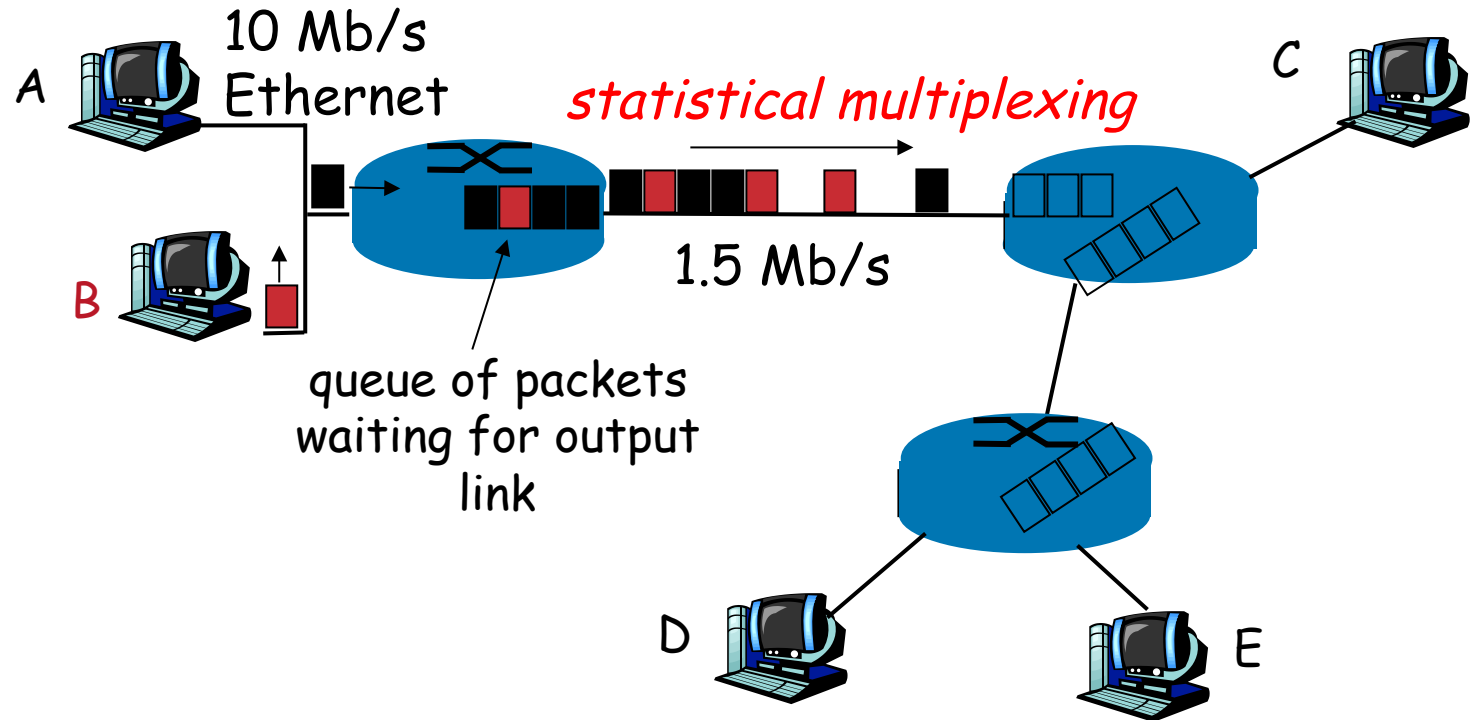


- Data stream divided into packets
 - Packet streams of different flows share network resources
 - Each packet uses full bandwidth
 - Resources used as needed
- Resource contention
 - Aggregate demand rate can exceed available capacity
 - Congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
- Store-and-forward: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- Example
 - Link bandwidth $R=1.5$ Mbit/s
 - Msg size $L=7.5$ Mbit
 - Takes $L/R=5$ sec to transmit packet
 - 3 hops \Rightarrow overall delay = 15 sec

Bandwidth division into “pieces”
 Dedicated allocation
 Resource reservation



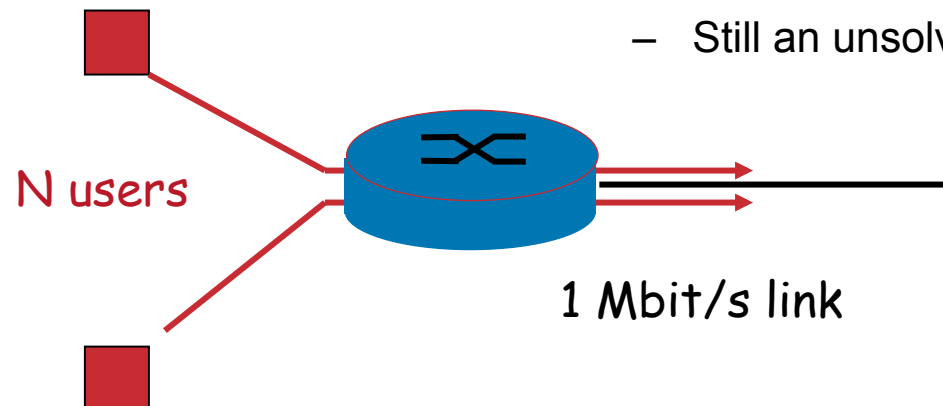
Packet Switching: Statistical Multiplexing



- Sequence of blue and green packets does not have fixed pattern ➔ *statistical multiplexing*
- In TDM each host gets same slot in revolving TDM frame.

Packet Switching vs. Circuit Switching

- Comparison
 - Link: 1 Mbit/s
 - User
 - 100 kbit/s when “active”
 - Active 10% of time
 - Circuit switching: 10 users
 - Packet switching: with 35 users, probability > 10 active less than .0004
- Packet switching allows more users to use network!
- Is packet switching better than circuit switching?
- Great for bursty data
 - resource sharing
 - simpler, no call setup
- Excessive congestion
 - Packet delay and loss
 - Protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- How to provide circuit-like behavior?
 - Bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
 - Still an unsolved problem

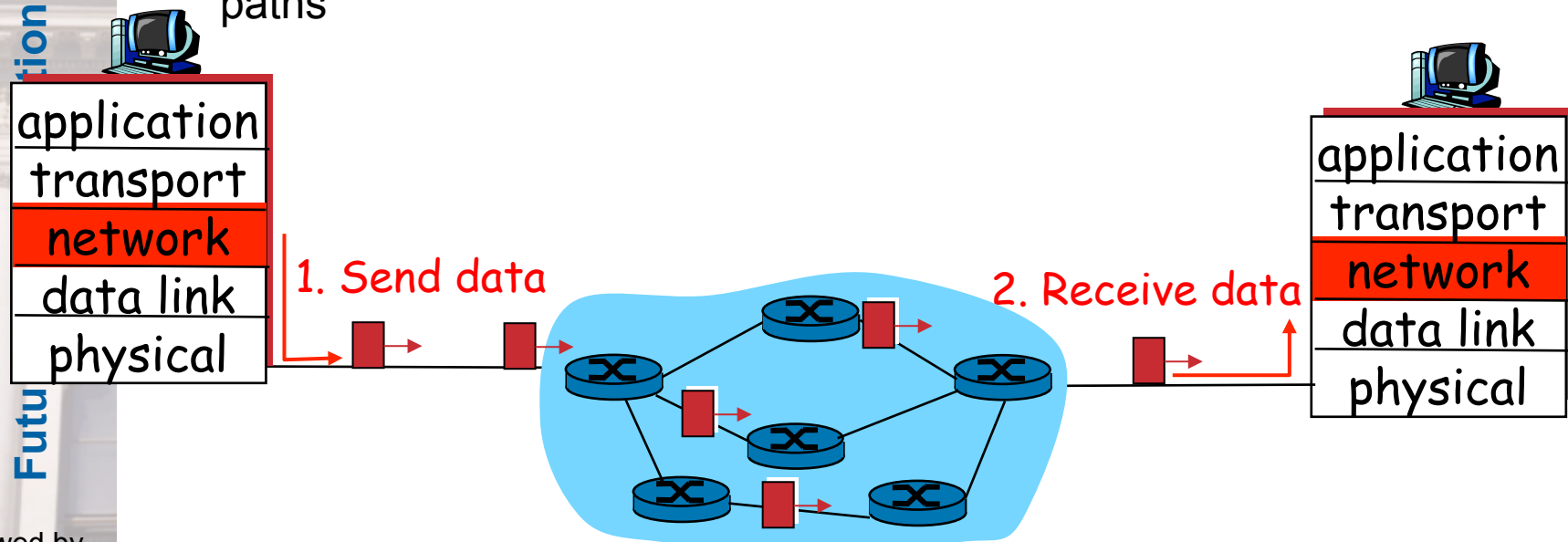


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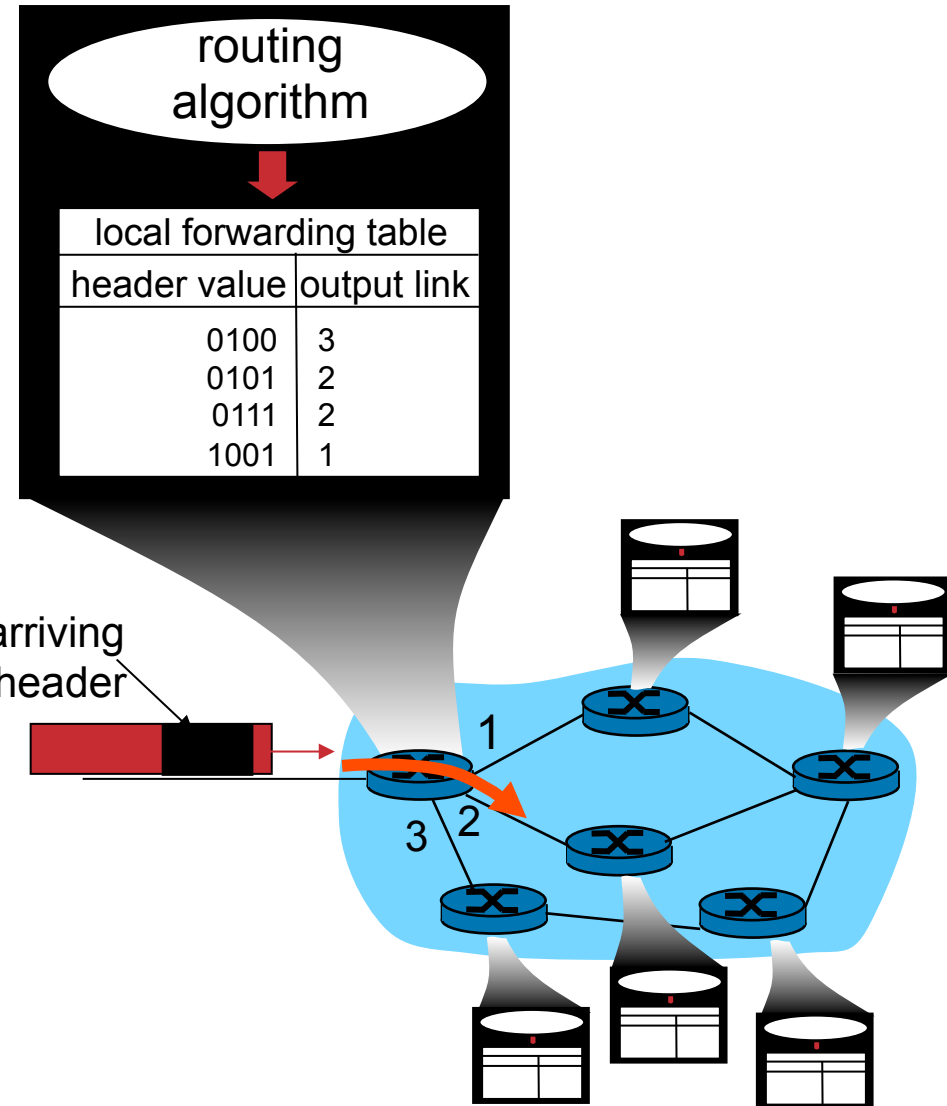
Connectionless (Datagram) Networks

- No call setup at network layer
 - No network-level concept of “connection”
 - Routers: no per-flow state
- Packets forwarded using destination host address
 - But: packets between same source-dest pair may take different paths



Connectionless Networks: Routing and Forwarding

- **Routing**
 - Composes forwarding table
 - Distributed routing algorithms
 - Determines route taken by packets from source to dest
- **Forwarding**
 - Moves packets from router's input to appropriate output interface
 - Uses forwarding table
- **Analogy**
 - **Routing:** process of planning trip from source to dest
 - **Forwarding:** process of getting through single interchange



Connectionless Networks: Longest Prefix Matching



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| Destination Address Range | Link Interface |
|--|----------------|
| 11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000 through 0 | |
| 11001000 00010111 00010111 11111111 | |
| 11001000 00010111 00011000 00000000 through 1 | |
| 11001000 00010111 00011000 11111111 | |
| 11001000 00010111 00011001 00000000 through 2 | |
| 11001000 00010111 00011111 11111111 | |
| Prefix Match | Link Interface |
| otherwise | 3 |
| 11001000 00010111 00010 | |
| 0 | |
| 11001000 00010111 00011000 | |
| 1 | |
| 11001000 00010111 00011 | |
| 2 | |
| otherwise | 3 |

4 billion
possible entries
in forwarding table

Examples: DA: 11001000 00010111 00010110 10100001
DA: 11001000 00010111 00011000 10101010

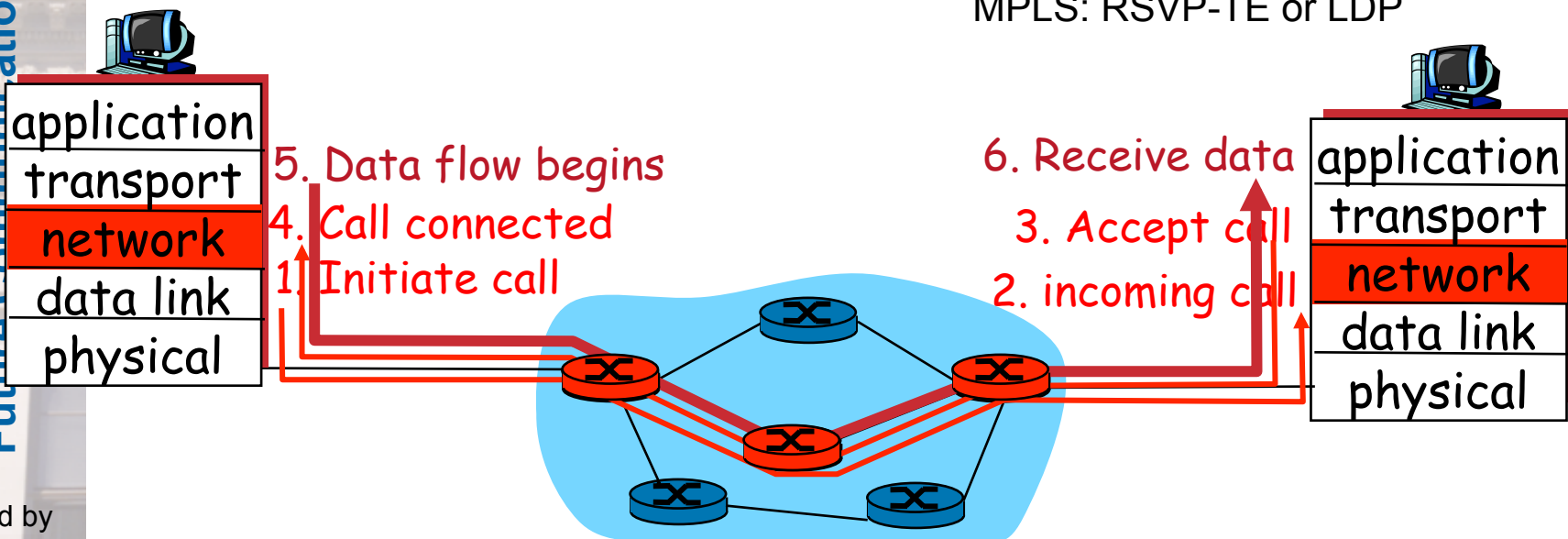
Which interface?

Connectionless Networks: Intra-AS Routing

- AS: autonomous system
- Also known as Interior Gateway Protocols (IGP)
- Most common Intra-AS routing protocols:
 - RIP
 - Routing Information Protocol
 - Distance vector routing protocol based on Bellman-Ford equation
 - OSPF
 - Open Shortest Path First
 - Link state routing protocol, Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm
 - IGRP
 - Interior Gateway Routing Protocol
 - Cisco proprietary
- IGPs follow usually the shortest paths with regard to a link cost metric
 - Hop count
 - Latency

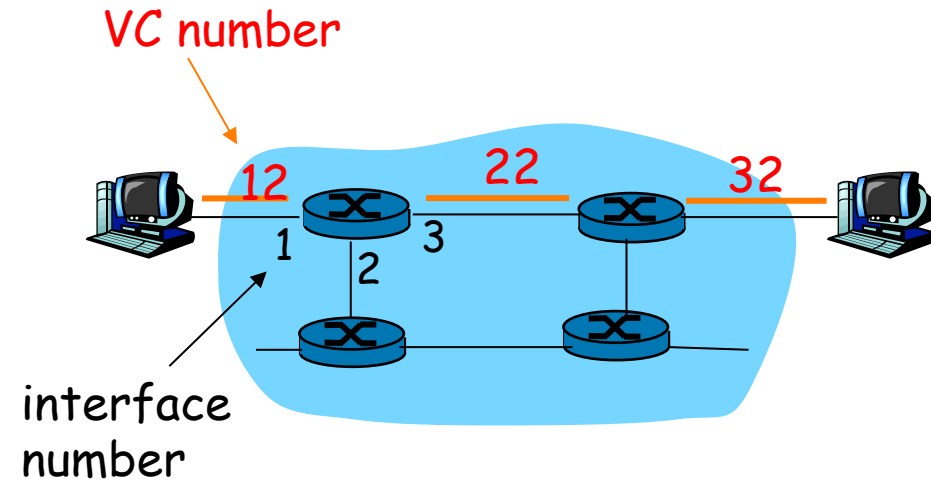
Connection-Oriented Networks (Virtual Circuits)

- Characteristics of a virtual circuit (VC)
 - Fixed path from source to destination
 - Packets belonging to VC carry a VC number
 - Forwarding tables along the path keep entry for each VC
- Connection setup: 3rd important function (next to routing and forwarding) in connection-oriented networks
- Signaling protocols for VC setup
 - Used to setup, maintain, and teardown VC
 - Used in ATM, frame-relay, X.25, in MPLS: RSVP-TE or LDP



Connection-Oriented Networks: Forwarding Table

- Routers maintain connection state information
- VC number may change on each link



Forwarding table in
northwest router:

| Incoming interface | Incoming VC # | Outgoing interface | Outgoing VC # |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 | 12 | 3 | 22 |
| 2 | 63 | 1 | 18 |
| 3 | 7 | 2 | 17 |
| 1 | 97 | 3 | 87 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |

Connectionless vs. Connection-Oriented Networks

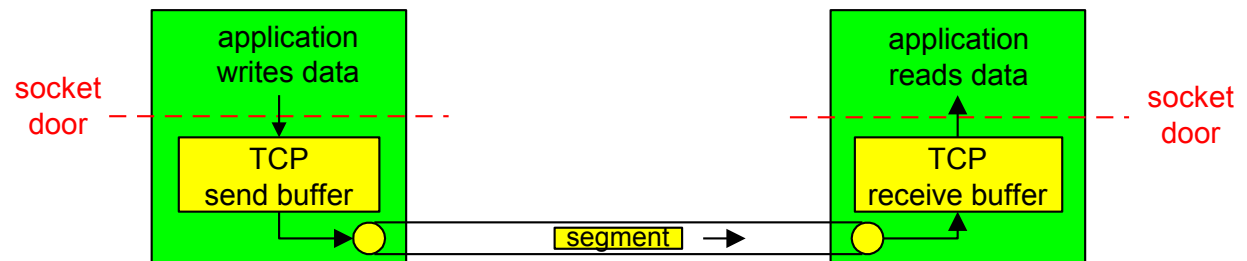
- Connectionless networks
 - Routers are not flow-aware
 - Packets are routed solely based on destination address
 - Example: IP datagrams
 - Simple operations
 - Difficult to add quality of service (QoS)
- Connection-oriented networks
 - Connections: setup, data transmission, teardown
 - Routers keep per connection state
 - Explicit paths
 - Deviation from shortest path routing possible
 - Example: label switched paths (LSPs) in MPLS
 - Used for traffic engineering
 - Easier support of QoS since flows are known

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TCP: Overview RFCs: 793, 1122, 1323, 2018, 2581

- Point-to-point
 - One sender, one receiver
- Flow control
 - Sender will not overwhelm receiver
- Congestion control
 - Sender reduces its rate in case of congested network
- Connection-oriented
 - Handshaking (exchange of control msgs) inits sender, receiver state before data exchange
- Pipelined
 - TCP congestion and flow control set window size
- Send & receive buffers
- MSS: maximum segment size
- Reliable, in-order byte stream
 - No “message boundaries”
- Full duplex data
 - Bi-directional data flow in same connection
- Does not provide: timing, minimum bandwidth guarantees



UDP: User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]

- Very simple, connectionless transmission protocol
 - No handshaking between UDP sender, receiver
 - Each UDP segment handled independently of others
 - Multicast possible
- Unreliable data transfer between sending and receiving process
 - Packet loss
 - Packets delivered out of order to app
- Does not provide
 - Connection setup
 - Reliability
 - Flow control
 - Congestion control
 - Timing
 - Bandwidth guarantee
- Why is there a UDP?
 - No connection establishment
 - Fast transmission
 - Simple
 - No connection state at sender, receiver
 - Small segment header
 - No congestion control: UDP can blast away as fast as desired

What Transport Service is Needed?

Data loss

- ▶ some apps (e.g., audio) can tolerate some loss
- ▶ other apps (e.g., file transfer, telnet) require 100% reliable data transfer

Bandwidth

- ▶ some apps (e.g., multimedia) require minimum amount of bandwidth to be “effective”
- ▶ other apps (“elastic apps”) make use of whatever bandwidth they get

Timing

- ▶ some apps (e.g., Internet telephony, interactive games) require low delay to be “effective”

Transport Service Requirements of Common Apps

| Application | Data loss | Bandwidth | Time sensitive |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| file transfer | no loss | elastic | no |
| e-mail | no loss | elastic | no |
| Web documents | no loss | elastic | no |
| real-time audio/video | loss-tolerant | audio: 5kbps-1Mbps video: 10kbps-5Mbps | yes, 100's msec |
| stored audio/video | loss-tolerant | same as above | yes, few secs |
| interactive games | loss-tolerant | few kbps up | yes, 100's msec |
| instant messaging | no loss | elastic | yes and no |

Internet apps: application, transport protocols

| Application | Application layer protocol | Underlying transport protocol |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| e-mail | SMTP [RFC 2821] | TCP |
| remote terminal access | Telnet [RFC 854] | TCP |
| Web | HTTP [RFC 2616] | TCP |
| file transfer | FTP [RFC 959] | TCP |
| streaming multimedia | proprietary (e.g. RealNetworks) | TCP or UDP |
| Internet telephony | proprietary (e.g., Dialpad) | typically UDP |

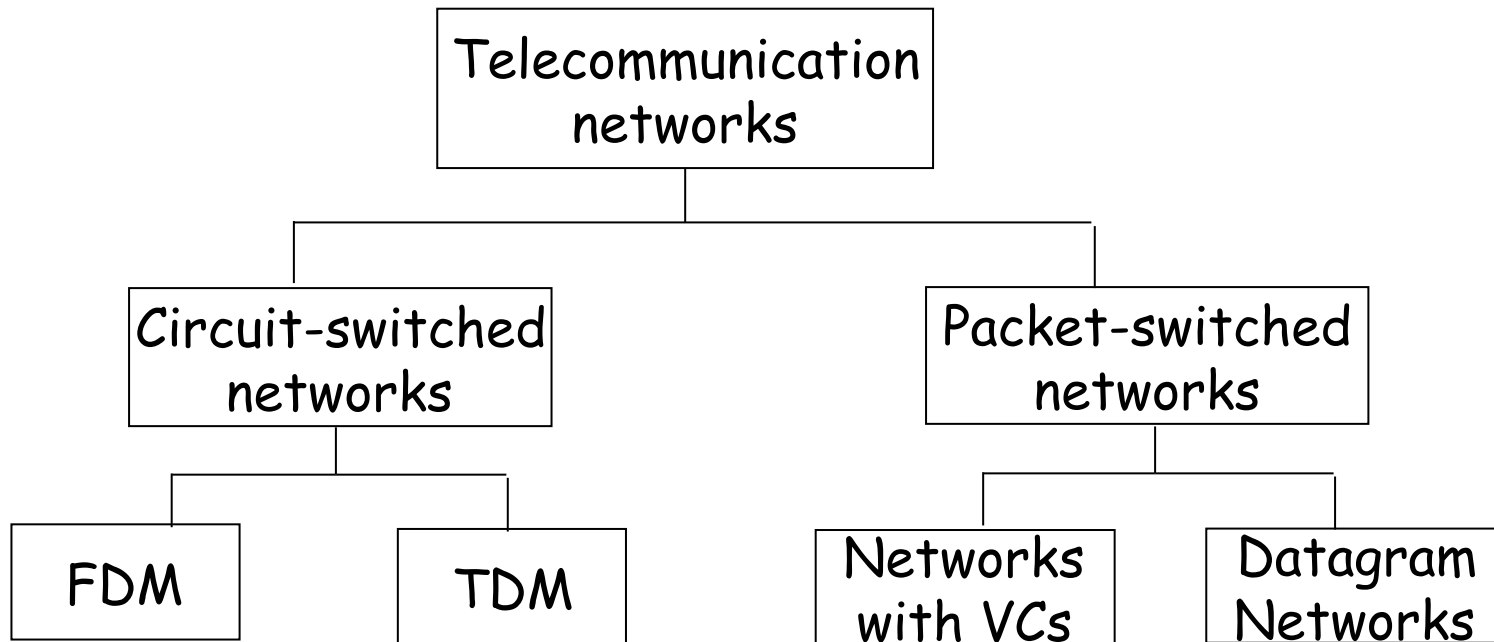
Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP, RFC2960)

- High level introduction in RFC3286
- Transport protocol
- Similarities with UDP
 - Message-orientation (no byte stream as in TCP)
- Similarities with TCP
 - Reliable, in-order delivery
 - Congestion control
- Multi-streaming
 - Transmission of several streams over a single SCTP connection, e.g. two images
- Uses per-stream sequence numbers for messages
 - If a packet of a specific stream is lost, only this stream suffers from retransmission (no head of the line blocking)
- Multihoming support
 - Both sender and receiver may have multiple IP addresses
 - Transparent failover if one of these addresses fails
- Path selection and monitoring

Datagram Congestion Control Protocol (DCCP, RFC4340)

- Transport protocol
- Similarities with UDP
 - Message-orientation
 - No reliable in-order delivery
- Similarities with TCP
 - Connection-orientation
 - Congestion control
- Makes use of ECN
- More appropriate than TCP for realtime data
 - No retransmissions for in-order delivery
 - Better timeliness for remaining data

Network Taxonomy



- Networks do not follow either the connection-oriented or connectionless principle
 - Internet provides both connection-oriented (TCP) and
 - Connectionless services (UDP) to apps

- Combinations on different layers possible
 - Packet-switched over circuit-switched
 - IP over optical
 - Circuit-switched over packet-switched
 - ISDN over MPLS

Where Do Which Principles Apply?

Internet

- Connectionless IP datagram forwarding
- Transport layer
 - Connectionless UDP
 - Connection-oriented TCP
- “Smart” end systems (computers)
 - Can adapt, perform control, error recovery
 - Simple inside network, complexity at “edge”
- Consequence of TCP
 - “Elastic” service
 - No strict timing
- Many link types
 - Different characteristics
 - Uniform service difficult

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)

- Connection-oriented ATM cell forwarding
 - Fixed size cells (48+5 bytes)
 - Virtual path connections (VPCc)
 - Virtual channel connections (VCCs)
 - Today used as link layer below IP
- Evolved from telephony
 - Human conversation
 - Guaranteed service needed
 - Strict timing, reliability requirements
- “Dumb” end systems (telephones)
 - complexity inside network

Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)

- Connection-oriented packet forwarding
- Variable size packets
- Often used as link layer below IP
- Simple end-to-end measurements
- Hides network topology from traceroute