
Course Goals and Overview

EECS 489 Computer Networks

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Text books

- (Required) Kurose and Ross, Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach Featuring the Internet, 3rd. Edition, Addison Wesley, 2004. ISBN: 0321227352
- (Optional) W.R. Stevens, UNIX Network Programming, vol. 1: Networking APIs: Sockets and XTI, 2nd. ed., Prentice-Hall, 1997. Or the latest 3rd. edition.
- (Optional) W. R. Stevens, TCP/IP ILLUSTRATED, VOLUME 1: THE PROTOCOLS, 1st Edition, 1994.

Overview

- Administrivia
- Overview of computer networks

Logistics

- Course web page
 - <http://www.eecs.umich.edu/courses/eecs489/w07>
 - Check often to get the latest information
- Mailing list will be created this week
- Exams are closed book, with open crib sheet
- Come to office hours, request an appointment, communicate by email
- Please attend the lectures and discussion sections
- Give suggestions/complaints as early as possible

Course goals

- Learn the main architectural concepts and technological components of communication networks with the Internet as the overarching example
 - Understand how Internet works
 - Understand how Internet is the way it is today
- Apply what you learned in course project consisting of several mini-projects

Class workload

- CS489 is a 4 unit course
 - Final Exam: 30%
 - One midterm exam: 20%
 - Course project/Assignments: 45%
 - Class participation: 5%

Grading

- Consultation on assignments is okay, but must hand in own work
- Discussion and working in groups is encouraged for course project
- Exams are to be completed individually
- Cheating is severely punished
- No late homeworks and projects are accepted
 - 5 late days allowed
- Five working days for regrading after the grade is assigned

Main topics covered

- Internet: a network of networks
- Network protocols: evolution and concepts
 - E.g., TCP, UDP, HTTP, etc.
- Network application services
 - E.g., Web, email, DNS, multimedia streaming, VoIP, file sharing, etc.
- Local area networks
 - DSL, cable modem
- Wireless and mobile networks: WIFI, cell networks
- Network security issues
 - Firewalls, worms, viruses, etc.
- Network management

What do you expect to learn?

- Focus on the fundamental concepts, not merely the technology
 - There will always be new protocols, but how do people design them?
 - What are architectural principles?
- Provide high-level overview of computer networks
 - Wired, wireless, sensor, cellular
 - How they are interconnected!
- Highlight industrial trends and research issues
- Possibly predict future network trends

Short break

- Please introduce yourself
 - Name, which year?
 - Say something about what you hope to learn about computer networks.

How do people use networks?

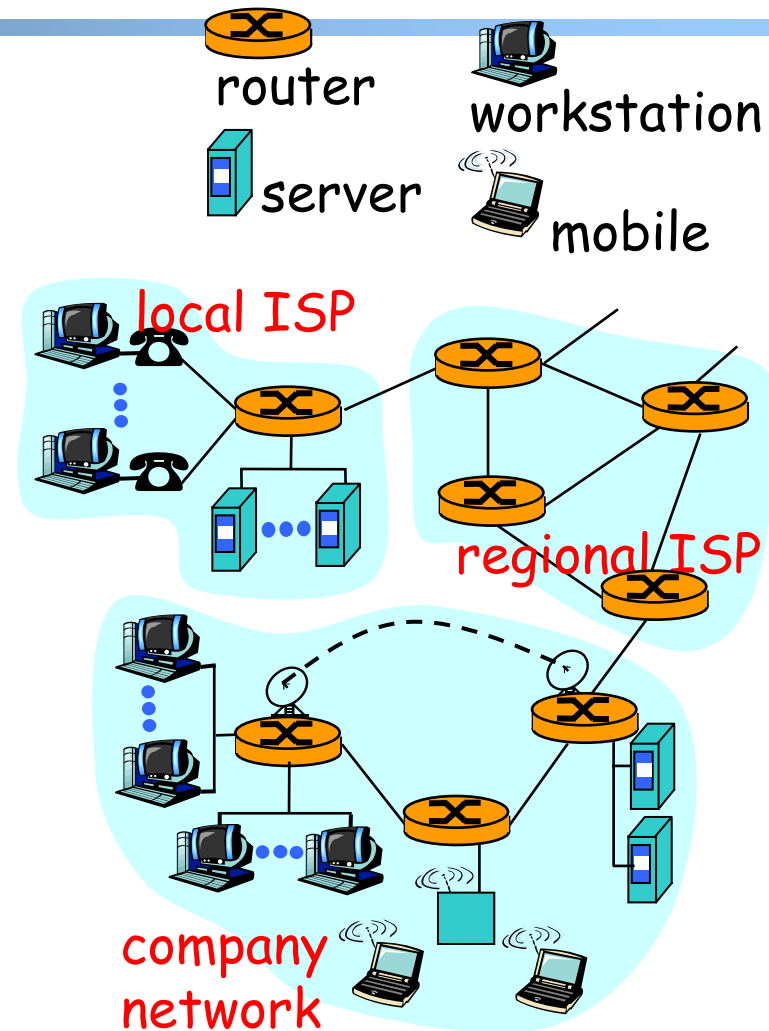
- Phone Network
 - Parses number dialed
 - Sets up a circuit to friend's phone
 - Sends signal to ring friend's phone
- Signaling network for setting up connection
- Circuit-switched network:
 - a circuit is set up between the two ends.

The Internet

- The Internet is a packet switched network (PSN)
- Data parceled into packets.
- Each packet carries destination address.
- Each packet can ``take the path less traveled'' (be *routed* independently).
- Packets can arrive out of order.
- Packets may not arrive at all.
 - Surprising?!

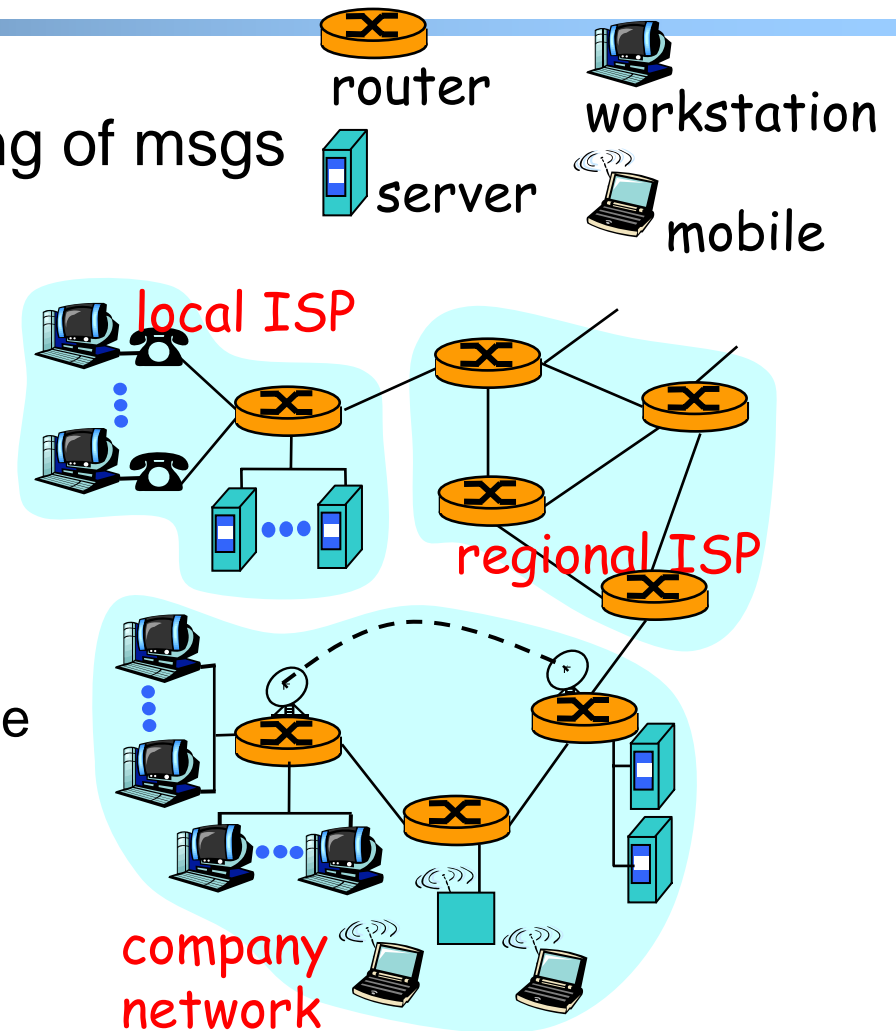
What's the Internet: “nuts and bolts” view

- millions of connected computing devices: hosts = end systems
- running network apps
- communication links
 - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
 - transmission rate = bandwidth
- routers: forward packets (chunks of data)



What's the Internet: “nuts and bolts” view

- protocols control sending, receiving of msgs
 - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, FTP, PPP
- Internet: “network of networks”
 - loosely hierarchical
 - public Internet versus private intranet
- Internet standards
 - RFC: Request for comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



Network edge: connection-oriented service

- Goal: data transfer between end systems
- handshaking: setup (prepare for) data transfer ahead of time
 - Hello, hello back human protocol
 - set up “state” in two communicating hosts
- TCP - Transmission Control Protocol
 - Internet’s connection-oriented service
- TCP service [RFC 793]
- reliable, in-order byte-stream data transfer
 - loss: acknowledgements and retransmissions
- flow control:
 - sender won’t overwhelm receiver
- congestion control:
 - senders “slow down sending rate” when network congested

Network edge: connectionless service

- Goal: data transfer between end systems
 - same as before!
- UDP - User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]:
 - connectionless
 - unreliable data transfer
 - no flow control
 - no congestion control
- App's using TCP:
 - HTTP (Web), FTP (file transfer), Telnet (remote login), SMTP (email)
- App's using UDP:
 - streaming media, teleconferencing, DNS, Internet telephony

What's a protocol?

human protocols:

- “what’s the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

... specific msgs sent

... specific actions taken
when msgs received, or
other events

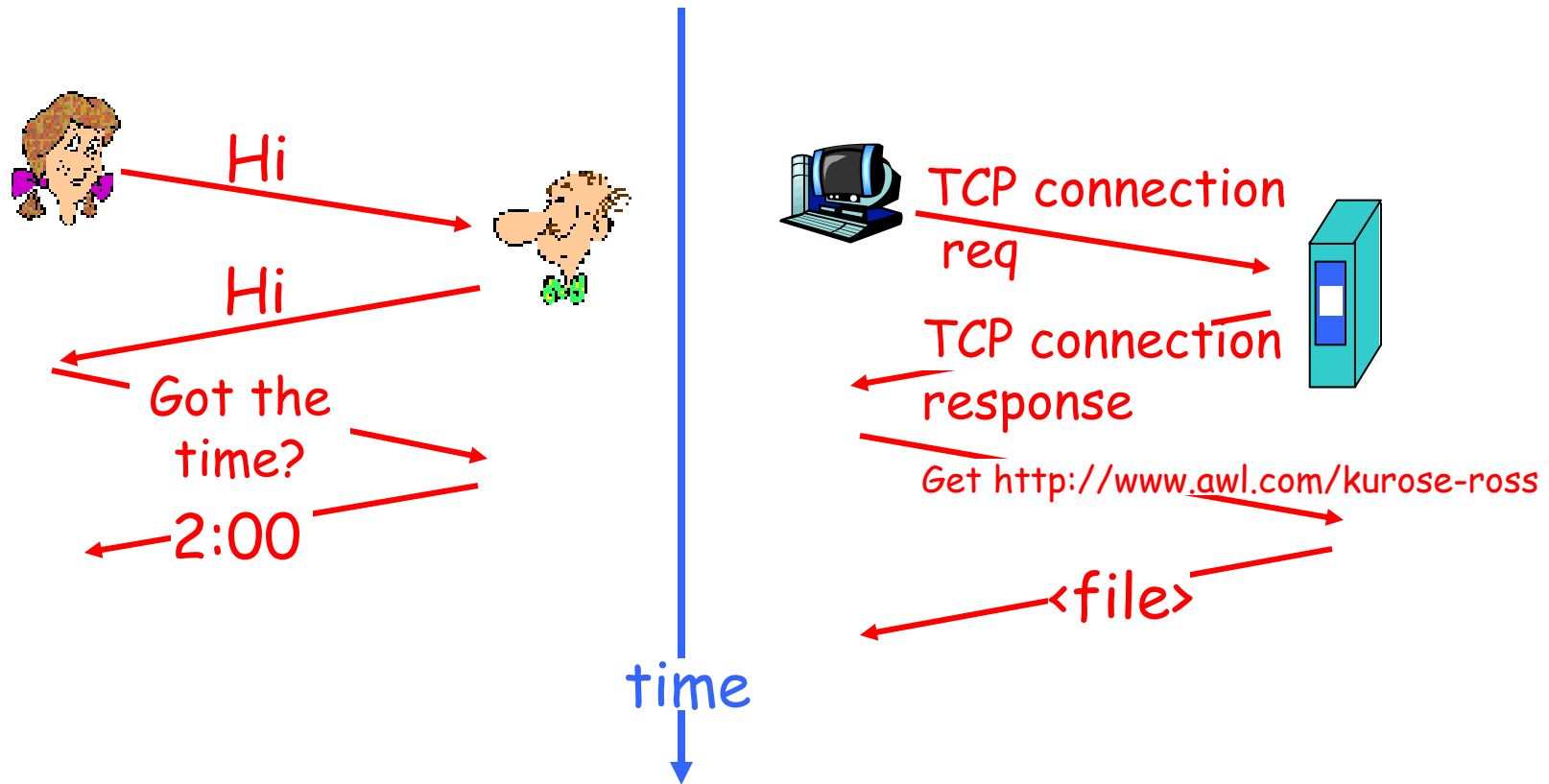
network protocols:

- machines rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*protocols define format, order of
msgs sent and received among
network entities, and actions
taken on msg transmission,
receipt*

What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: Other human protocols?

What is a communication network? (End-system centric view)

- Network offers one basic service: move information
 - Bird, fire, messenger, truck, telegraph, telephone, Internet ...
 - Another example, transportation service: move objects
 - Horse, train, truck, airplane ...
- What distinguish different types of networks?
 - The services they provide
- What distinguish the services?
 - Latency
 - Bandwidth
 - Loss rate
 - Number of end systems
 - Service interface (how to invoke the service?)
 - Others
 - Reliability, unicast vs. multicast, real-time...

What is a Communication Network? (Infrastructure Centric View)

- Communication medium: electron, photon
- Network components:
 - Links – carry bits from one place to another (or maybe multiple places): fiber, copper, satellite, ...
 - Interfaces – attach devices to links
 - Switches/routers – interconnect links: electronic/optic, crossbar/Banyan
 - Hosts – communication endpoints: workstations, PDAs, cell phones, toasters
- Protocols – rules governing communication between nodes
 - TCP/IP, ATM, MPLS, SONET, Ethernet, X.25
- Applications: Web browser, X Windows, FTP, ...

Network Components (Examples)

Links



Fibers



Coaxial Cable

Interfaces

Ethernet card



Wireless card



Switches/routers

Large router



Telephone switch



Types of Networks

- Geographical distance
 - Local Area Networks (LAN): Ethernet, Token ring, FDDI
 - Metropolitan Area Networks (MAN): DQDB, SMDS
 - Wide Area Networks (WAN): X.25, ATM, frame relay
 - Caveat: LAN, MAN, WAN may mean different things
 - Service, network technology, networks
- Information type
 - Data networks vs. telecommunication networks
- Application type
 - Special purpose networks: airline reservation network, banking network, credit card network, telephony
 - General purpose network: Internet

Types of Networks

- Right to use
 - Private: enterprise networks
 - Public: telephony network, Internet
- Ownership of protocols
 - Proprietary: SNA
 - Open: IP
- Technologies
 - Terrestrial vs. satellite
 - Wired vs. wireless
- Protocols
 - IP, AppleTalk, SNA

The Internet (cont'd)

- Global scale, general purpose, heterogeneous-technologies, public, computer network
- Internet Protocol
 - Open standard: Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as standard body (<http://www.ietf.org>)
 - Technical basis for other types of networks
 - Intranet: enterprise IP network
- Developed by the research community

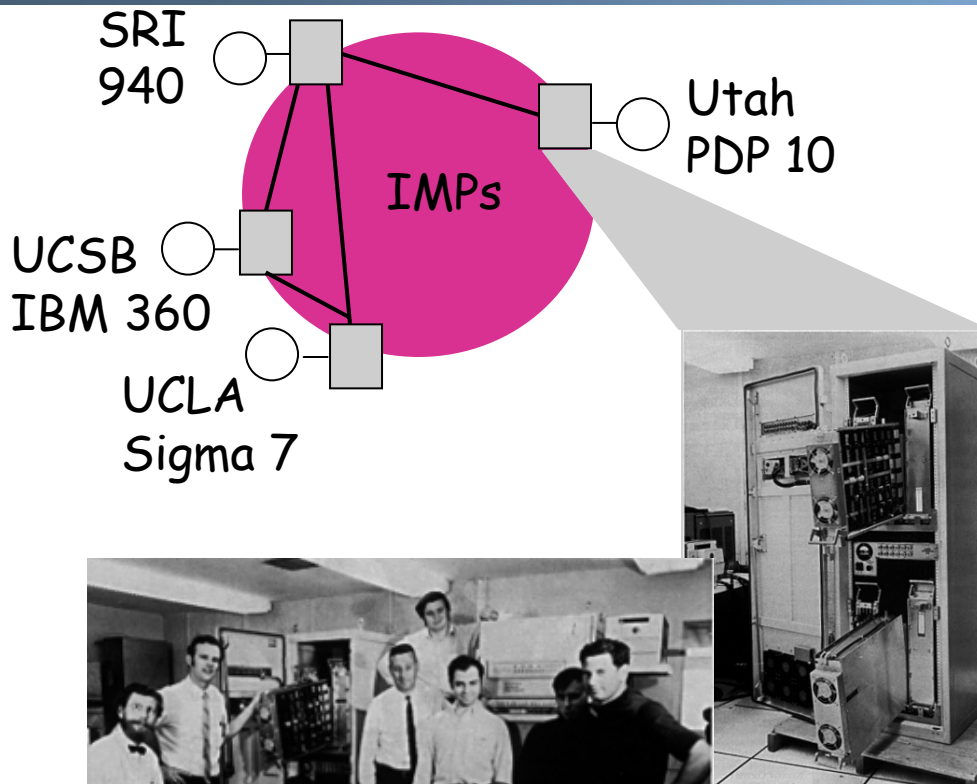
Internet vs. Telephone Net

- Strengths
 - Intelligence at ends
 - Decentralized control
 - Operates over heterogeneous access technologies
- Weaknesses
 - No differential service
 - Variable performance delay
 - New functions difficult to add since end nodes must be upgraded
 - No trusted infrastructure
- Strengths
 - No end-point intelligence
 - Heterogeneous devices
 - Excellent voice performance
- Weaknesses
 - Achieves performance by over-allocating resources
 - Difficult to add new services to “Intelligent Network” due to complex call model
 - Expensive approach for reliability

History of the Internet

- 68-70's: started as a research project, 56 kbps, initially 4 nodes (UCLA, UCSB, SRI, Utah) then < 100 computers
- 80-83: TCP/IP, DNS; ARPANET and MILNET split
- 85-86: NSF builds NSFNET as backbone, links 6 Supercomputer centers, 1.5 Mbps, 10,000 computers
- 87-90: link regional networks, NSI (NASA), ESNet (DOE), DARTnet, TWBNet (DARPA), 100,000 computers
- 90-92: NSFNET moves to 45 Mbps, 16 mid-level networks
- 94: NSF backbone dismantled, multiple private backbones; Introduction of Commercial Internet
- Today: backbones run at 10 Gbps, close to 200 millions computers in 150 countries

The ARPANet

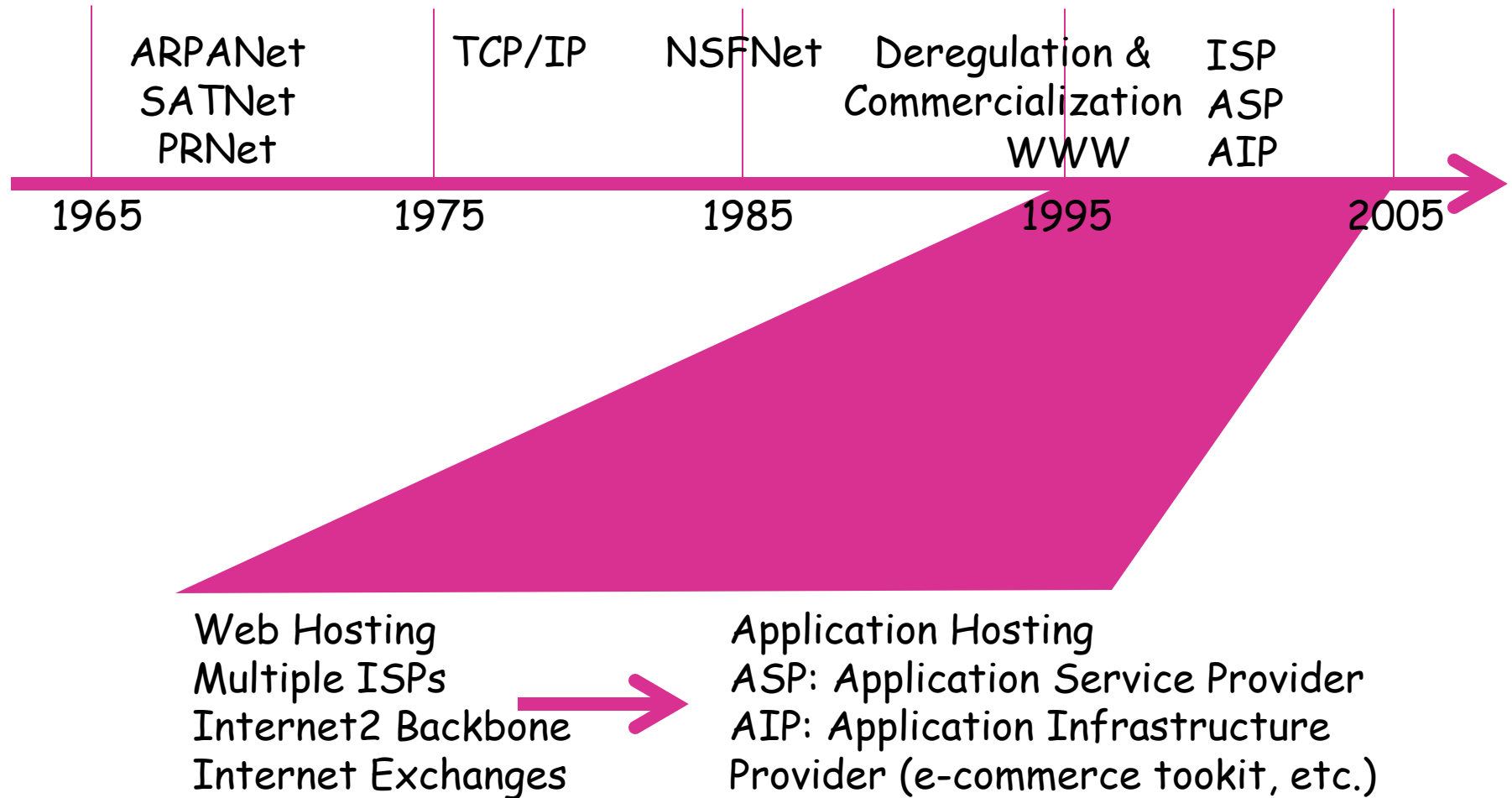


- Paul Baran
 - RAND Corp, early 1960s
 - Communications networks that would survive a major enemy attack
- ARPANet: Research vehicle for "Resource Sharing Computer Networks"
 - 2 September 1969: UCLA first node on the ARPANet
 - December 1969: 4 nodes connected by phone lines

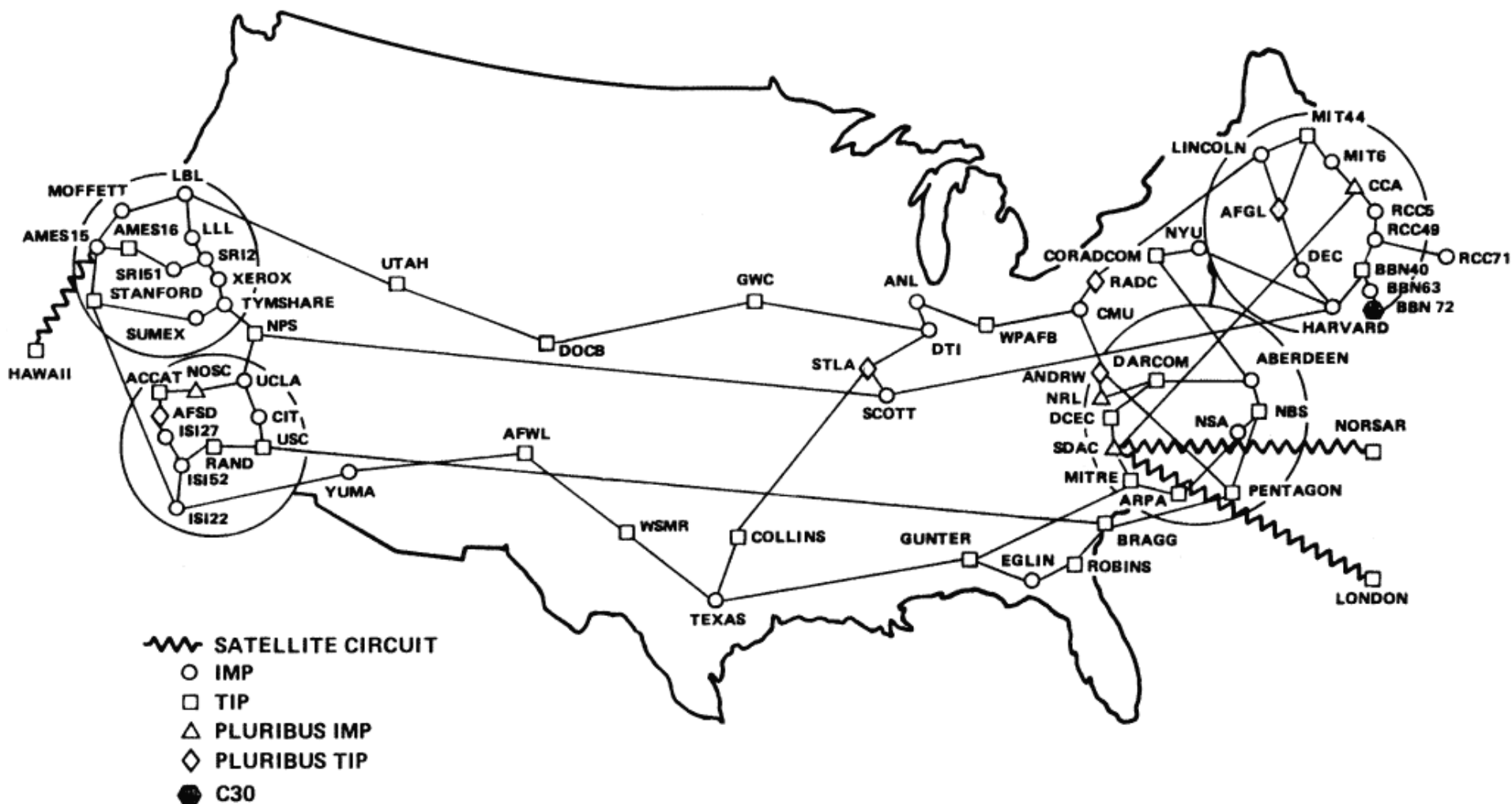


BBN team that implemented the interface message processor

ARPANet Evolves into Internet

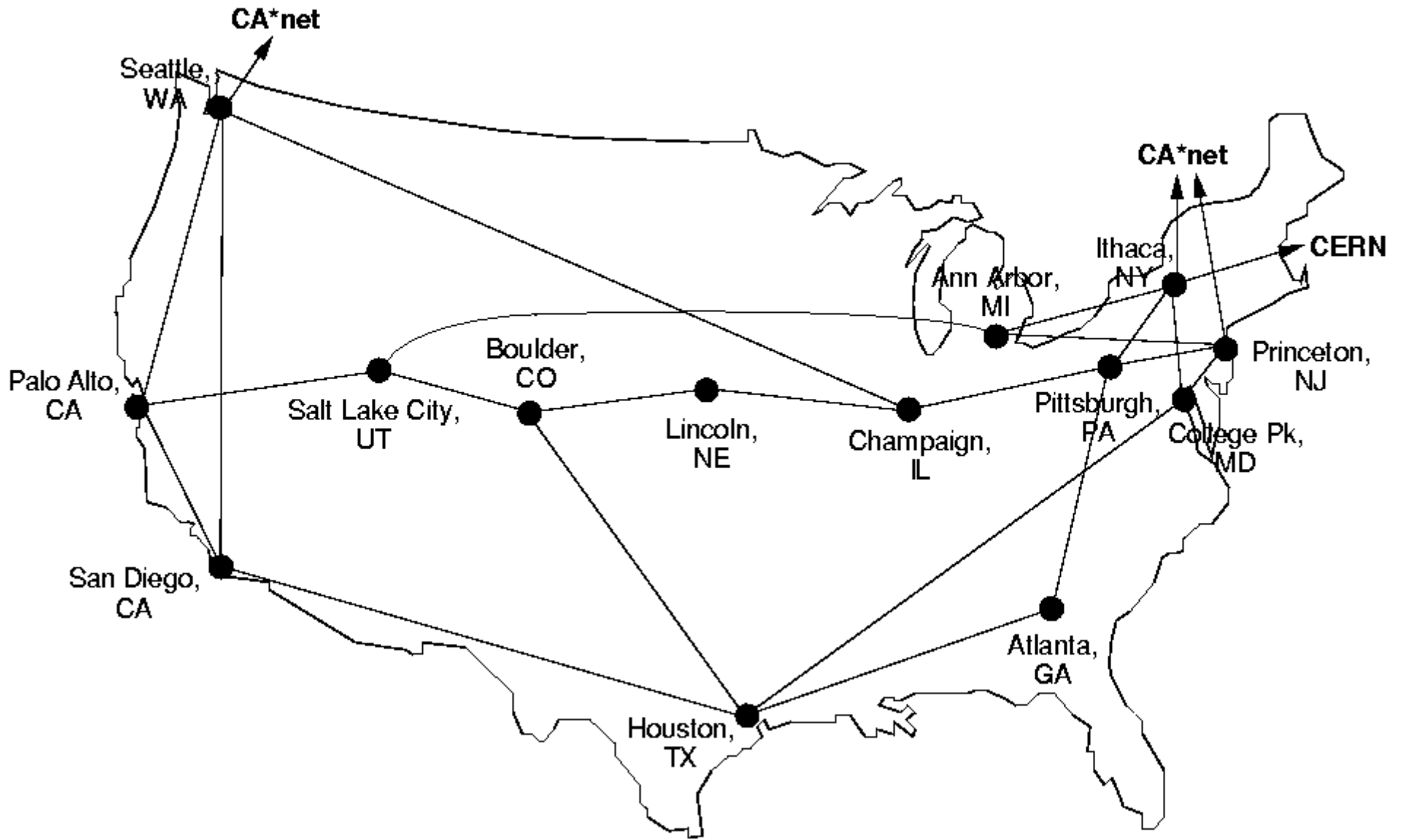


ARPANET GEOGRAPHIC MAP, OCTOBER 1980

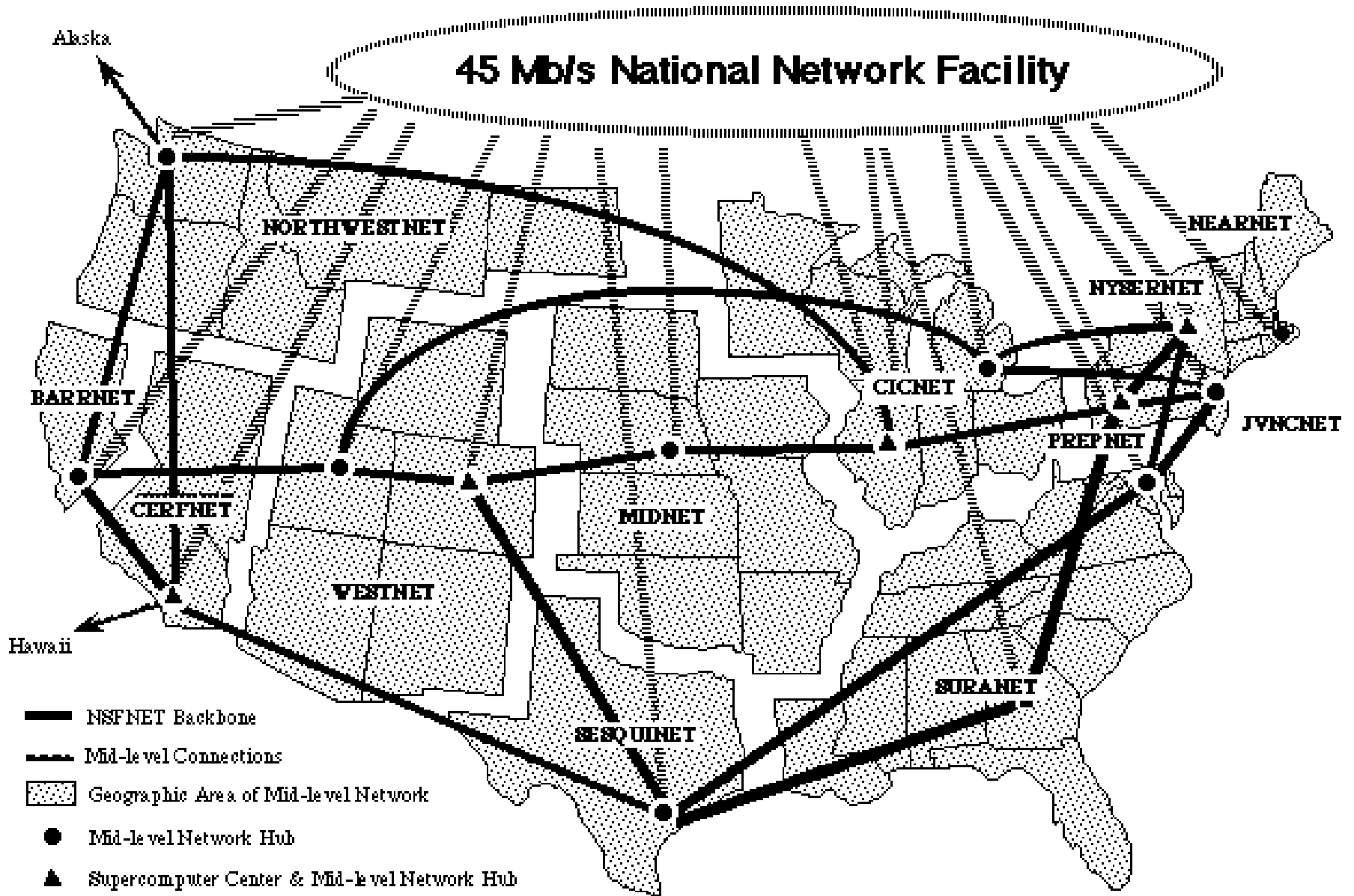


(NOTE: THIS MAP DOES NOT SHOW ARPA'S EXPERIMENTAL SATELLITE CONNECTIONS)
 NAMES SHOWN ARE IMP NAMES, NOT (NECESSARILY) HOST NAMES

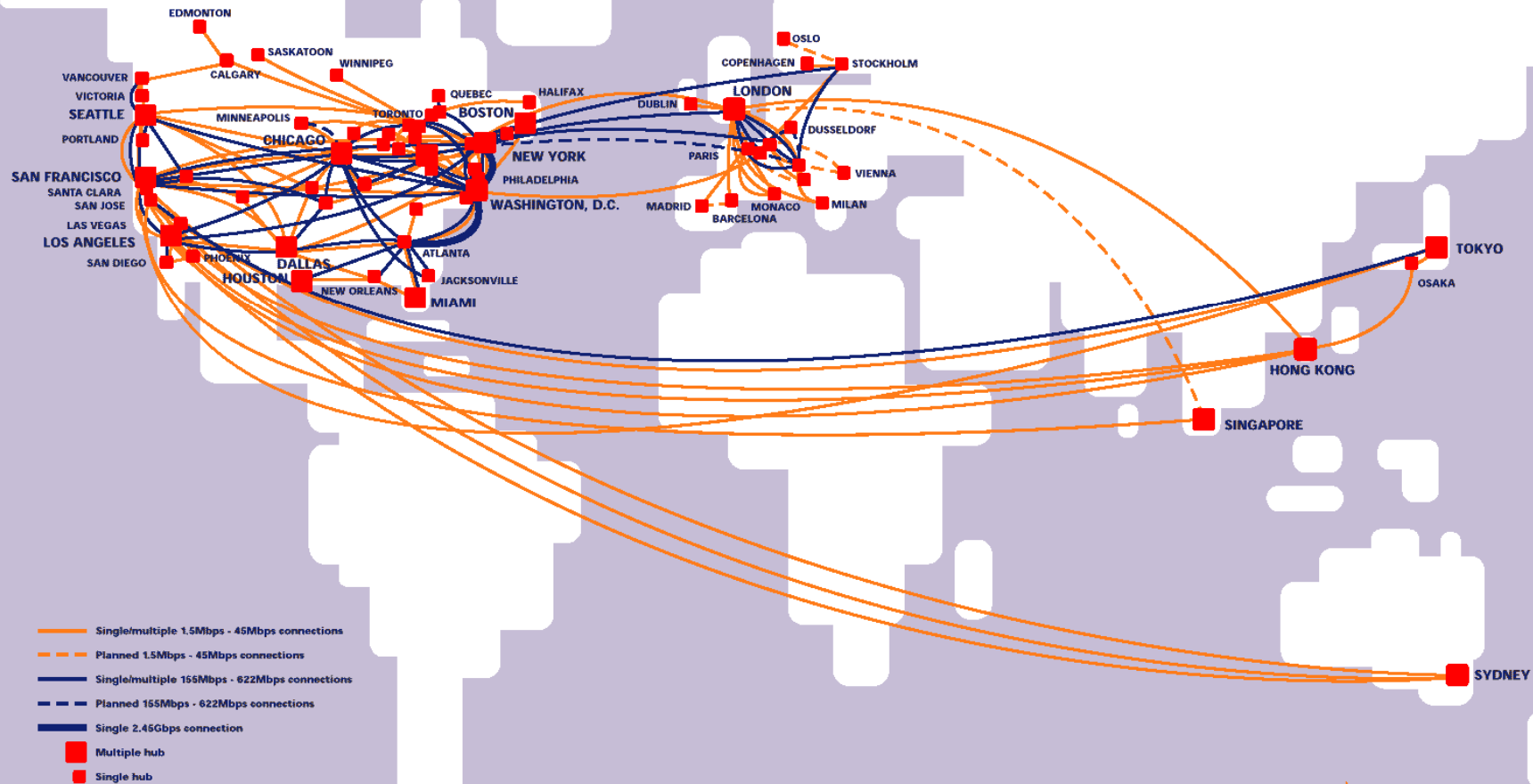
NSFNET T1 Network 1991



The Old NSFNET Backbone



UUNET's Global Internet Backbone



For more information visit www.uu.net

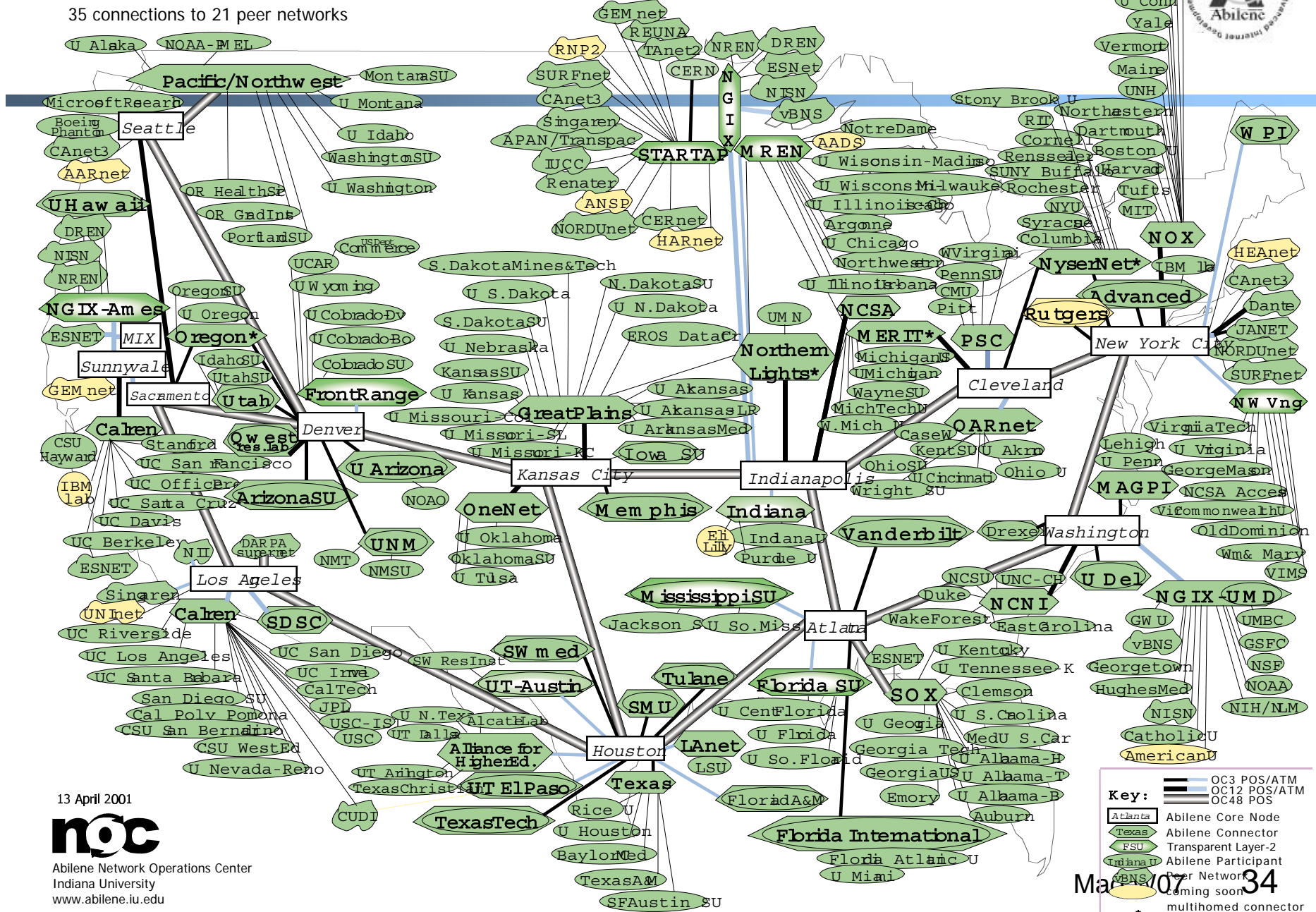
NB: With the exception of North America, Spain & Germany, all major 'in-country' links have been excluded from this map. 'In-state' links within the USA have also been excluded.

This does not constitute a solicitation of any former MCI customer whose dedicated Internet access service was transferred to Cable & Wireless unless the customer was also a WorldCom company Internet services customer as of the MCI WorldCom merger.



completed connections:
 194 participants
 49 connectors + 3 NGIXs + STAR TAP
 35 connections to 21 peer networks

The Abilene Network



Key:

- OC3 POS/ATM
- OC12 POS/ATM
- OC48 POS
- Atlanta Abilene Core Node
- Texas Abilene Connector
- FSU Transparent Layer-2
- Indiana U Abilene Participant
- vBNS Peer Network
- * coming soon
- * multihomed connector

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Network Core: Circuit Switching

- network resources (e.g., bandwidth) **divided into “pieces”**
 - pieces allocated to calls
 - resource piece *idle* if not used by owning call (*no sharing*)
- dividing link bandwidth into “pieces”
 - frequency division
 - time division

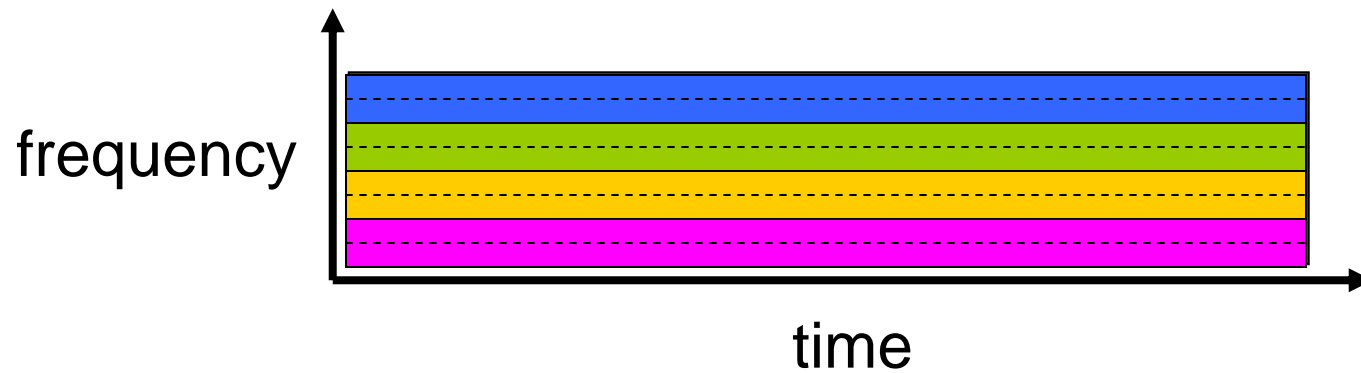
Circuit Switching: FDM and TDM

Example:

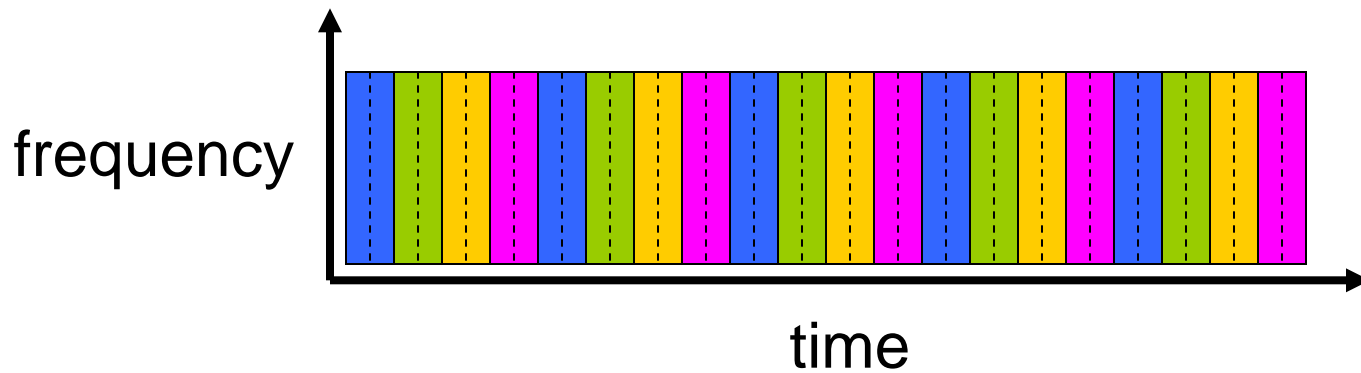
4 users



FDM



TDM



Network Core: Packet Switching


each end-end data stream
divided into *packets*

- user A, B packets *share* network resources
- each packet uses full link bandwidth
- resources used *as needed*

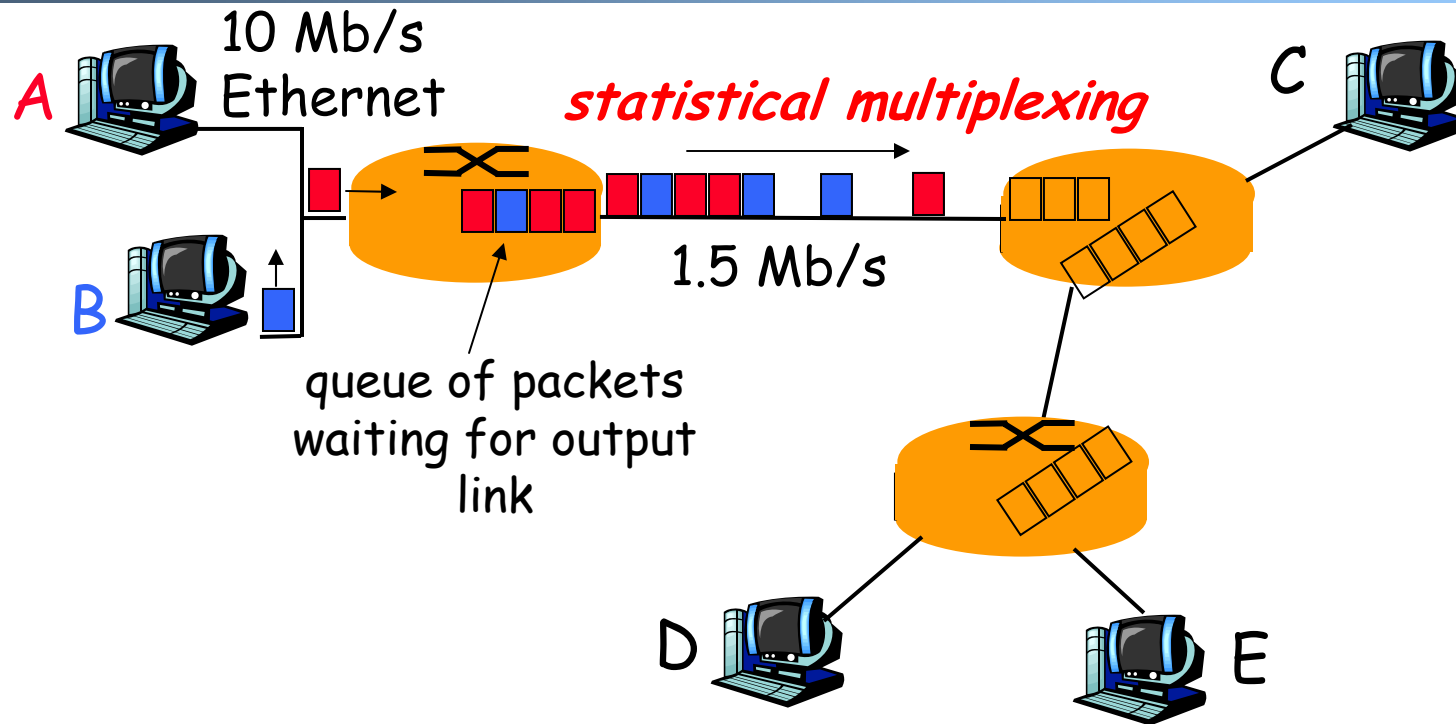
resource contention:

- aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
- congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
- store and forward:
packets move one hop at a time
 - Node receives complete packet before forwarding

Bandwidth division into "pieces"
Dedicated allocation
Resource reservation



Packet Switching: Statistical Multiplexing



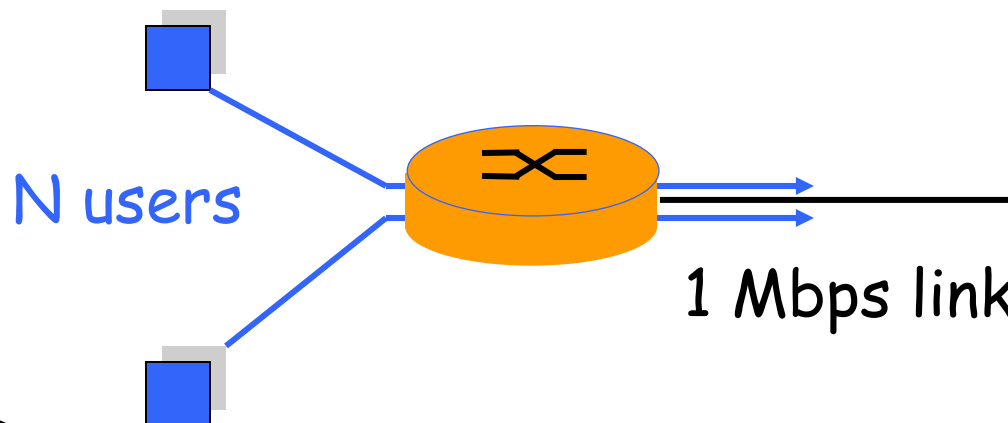
Sequence of A & B packets does not have fixed pattern → ***statistical multiplexing.***

In TDM each host gets same slot in revolving TDM frame.

Packet switching versus circuit switching

Packet switching allows more users to use network!

- 1 Mb/s link
- each user:
 - 100 kb/s when “active”
 - active 10% of time
- circuit-switching:
 - 10 users
- packet switching:
 - with 35 users, probability > 10 active less than .0004

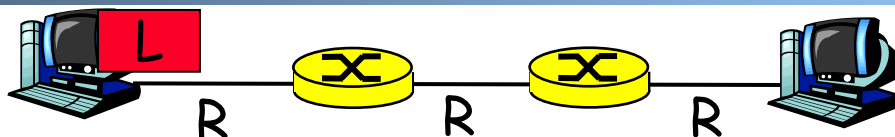


Packet switching versus circuit switching

Is packet switching a “slam dunk winner?”

- Great for bursty data
 - resource sharing
 - simpler, no call setup
- **Excessive congestion:** packet delay and loss
 - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- **Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?**
 - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
 - still an unsolved problem

Packet-switching: store-and-forward



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

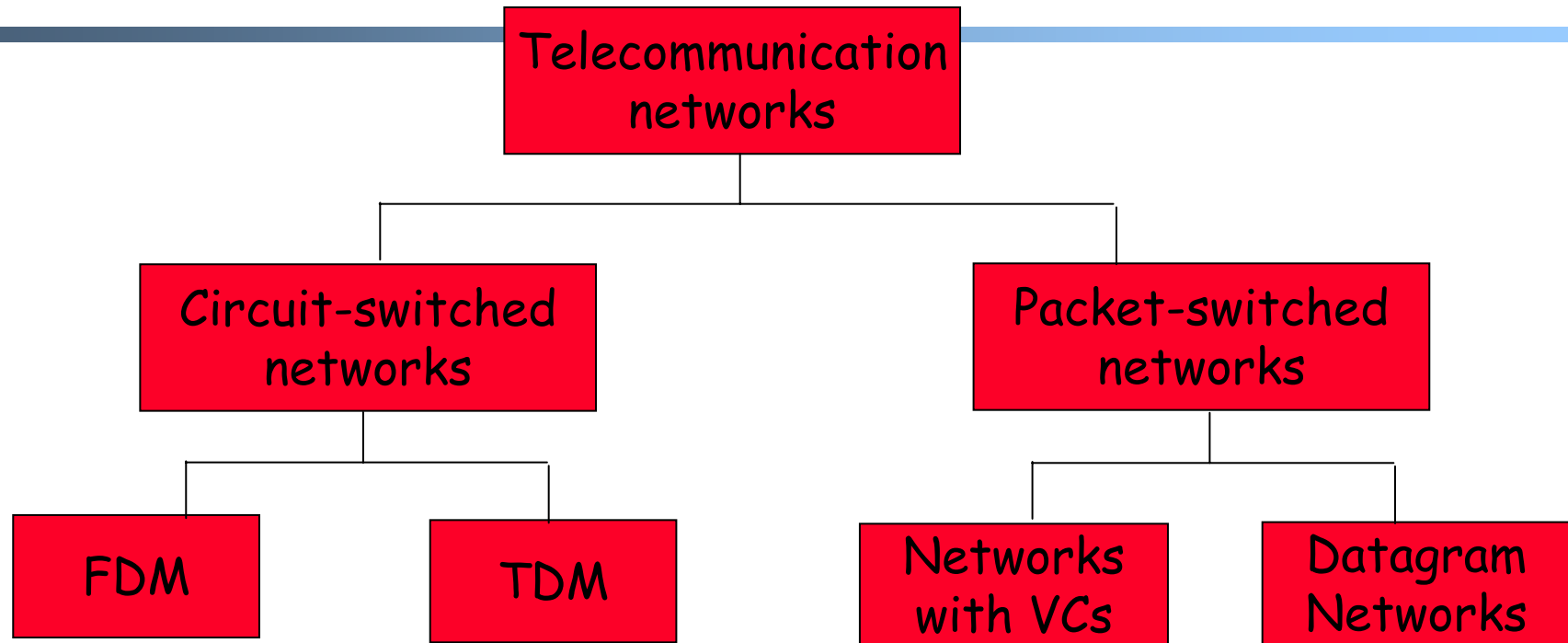
Example:

- $L = 7.5$ Mbits
- $R = 1.5$ Mbps
- delay = 15 sec

Packet-switched networks: forwarding

- Goal: move packets through routers from source to destination
 - we'll study several path selection (i.e. routing) algorithms
- **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 through call
 - *routers maintain per-call state*

Network Taxonomy



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

Summary

- Course administrative trivia
- Internet history and background

Recent news

- Taiwan earthquake on Dec. 26, 2006
- Damaged several undersea cables, disrupting telecommunication services in various parts of Asia.
- Is Internet not redundant enough?

Traceroute from Taiwan to China goes through U.S.!

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[michigan_1@planetlab1 michigan_1]$ traceroute scut1.6planetlab.edu.cn
traceroute to scut1.6planetlab.edu.cn (219.243.200.25), 30 hops max, 38 byte packets
 1 140.112.107.254 (140.112.107.254) 0.459 ms 0.435 ms 0.371 ms
 2 140.112.0.21 (140.112.0.21) 0.506 ms 0.630 ms 0.468 ms
 3 140.112.0.1 (140.112.0.1) 0.621 ms 0.534 ms 0.478 ms
 4 203.160.226.233 (203.160.226.233) 0.953 ms 0.839 ms 0.806 ms
 5 tp_j160_1.twgate.net (203.160.227.176) 1.607 ms 1.431 ms 1.357 ms
   MPLS Label=580977 CoS=3 TTL=1 S=0
 6 la_c124_1.twgate.net (203.160.228.246) 139.122 ms 143.088 ms 138.635 ms
   MPLS Label=187 CoS=3 TTL=1 S=0
 7 ge41.ny_c76_2.twgate.net (203.160.228.190) 203.585 ms 203.288 ms 203.461 ms
 8 12.118.94.65 (12.118.94.65) 203.806 ms 203.779 ms 204.823 ms
 9 12.122.82.158 (12.122.82.158) 209.953 ms 210.320 ms 204.227 ms
   MPLS Label=31209 CoS=3 TTL=1 S=0
10 ggr2-p3120.n54ny.ip.att.net (12.123.3.109) 203.499 ms 203.746 ms 205.360 ms
11 att-gw.nyc.dtag.de (192.205.32.58) 205.137 ms 206.690 ms 205.350 ms
12 * 217.239.41.10 (217.239.41.10) 450.638 ms *
13 * * *
14 * 202.112.61.17 (202.112.61.17) 532.956 ms *
15 202.112.61.193 (202.112.61.193) 509.868 ms 528.050 ms *
16 202.112.53.181 (202.112.53.181) 529.697 ms 531.163 ms 526.445 ms
17 202.127.216.22 (202.127.216.22) 559.867 ms * 562.172 ms
18 * 202.112.53.150 (202.112.53.150) 552.522 ms 552.684 ms
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