
Modern Wireless Networks

Wireless Fundamentals

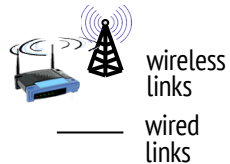


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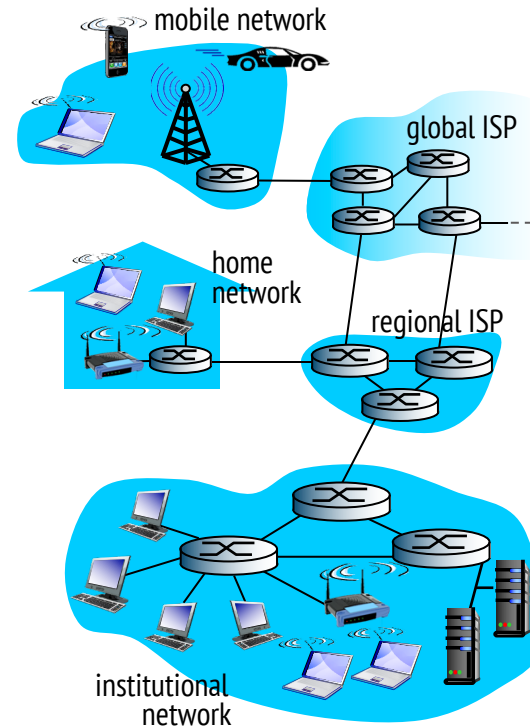
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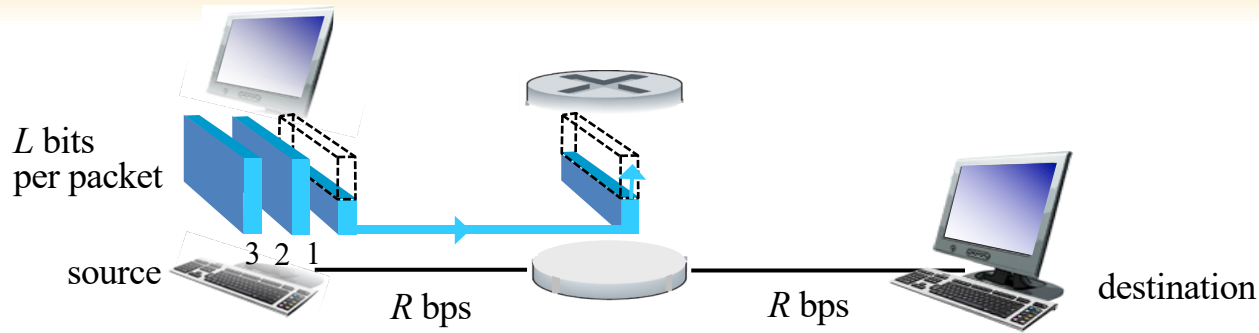
What's the Internet: nuts and bolts



- Packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)
 - routers and switches
- Millions of connected computing devices:
 - hosts = end systems
 - running network apps
- Communication links
 - Fiber, copper, radio, satellite
 - Transmission rate: bandwidth



Packet-switching: store-and-forward

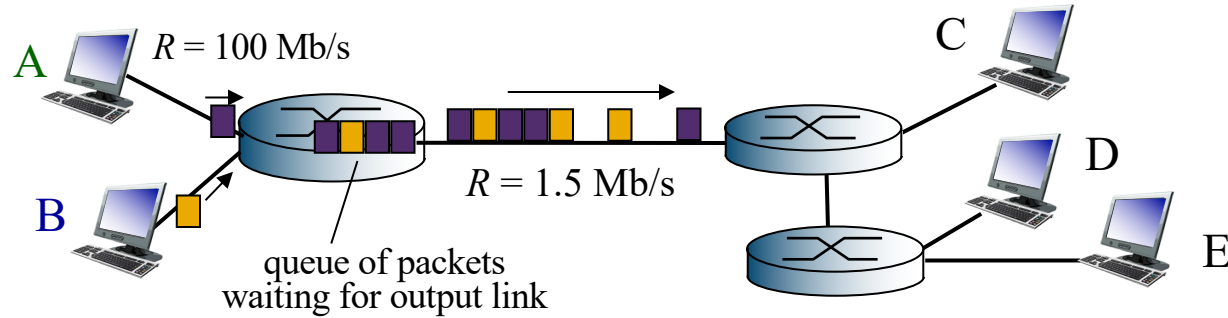


- takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L -bit packet into link at R bps
- *store and forward*: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
 - ❖ end-end delay = $2L/R$
(assuming zero propagation delay) } more on delay shortly ...

one-hop numerical example:

- $L = 7.5$ Mbits
- $R = 1.5$ Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

Packet Switching: queueing delay, loss

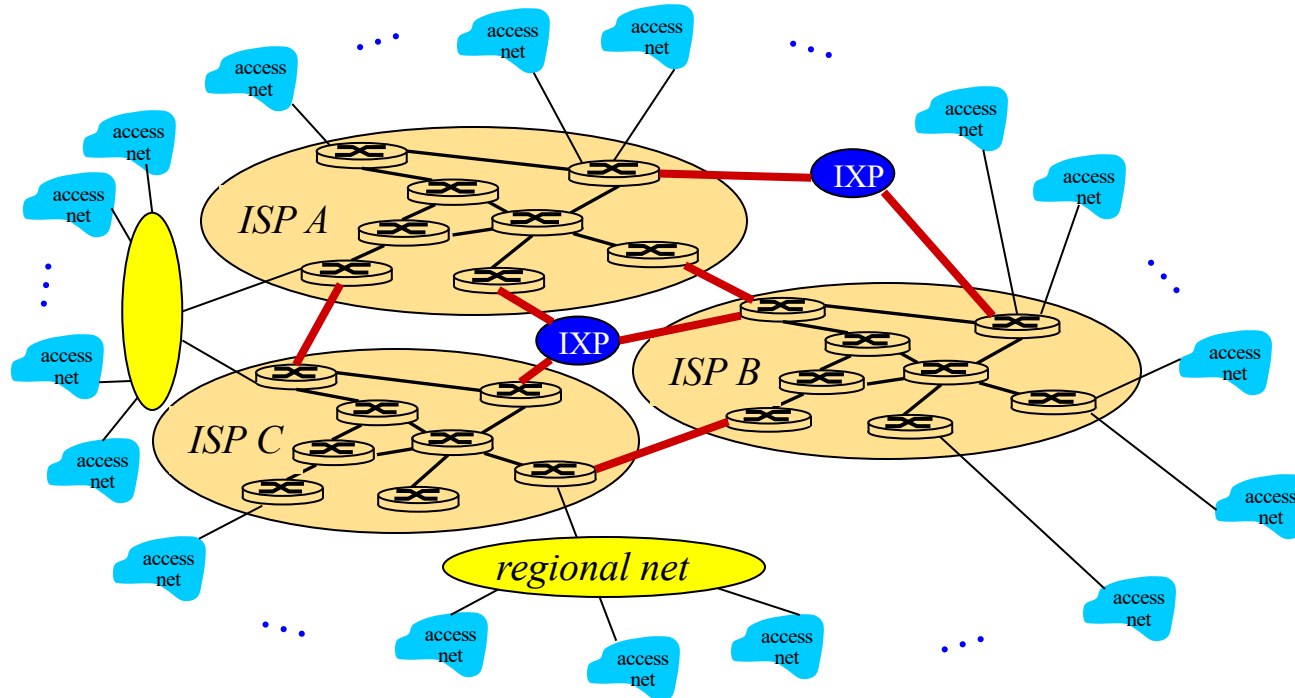


queueing and loss:

- ❖ If arrival rate (in bits) to link exceeds transmission rate of link for a period of time:
 - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
 - packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up

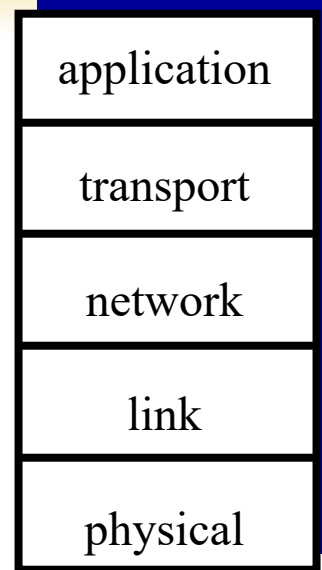
Internet structure: network of networks

... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPs



Internet Protocol Stack (RFC 1122, 1989)

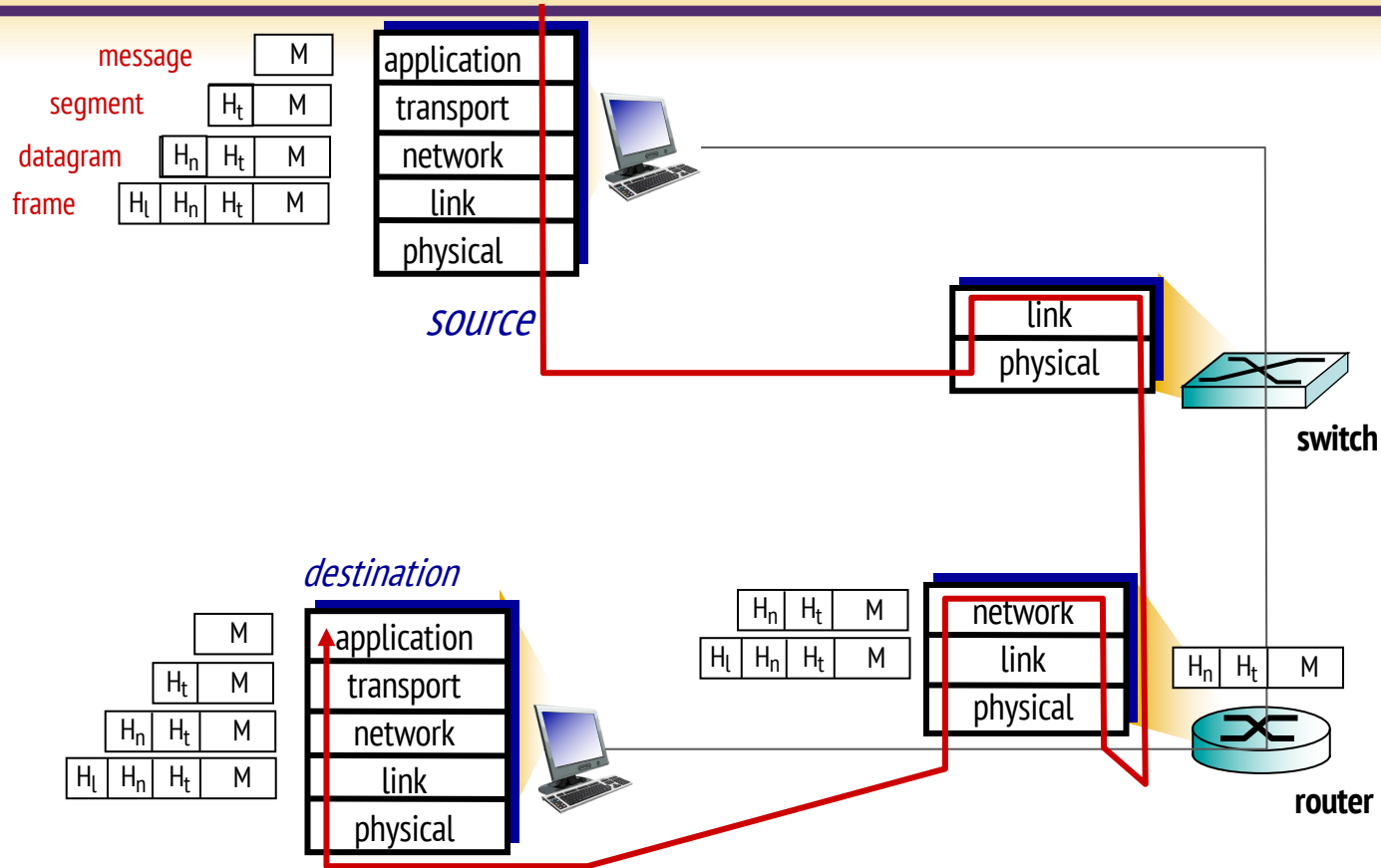
- application: supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- transport: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- network: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- link: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi)
- physical: bits “on the wire” / “over the air”



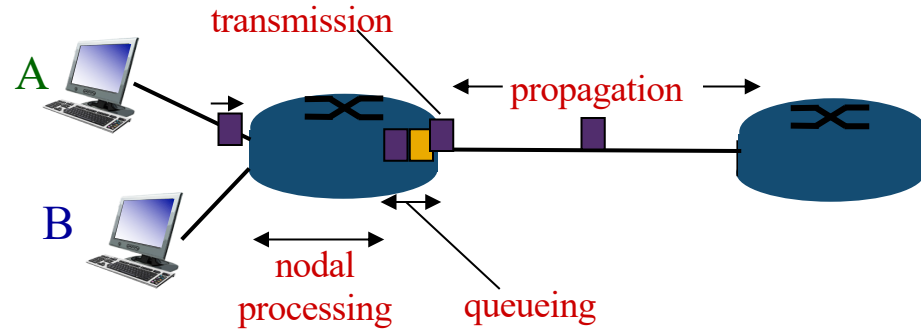
Why layering?

- 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
- layering considered harmful?

Encapsulation



Four sources of packet delay



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

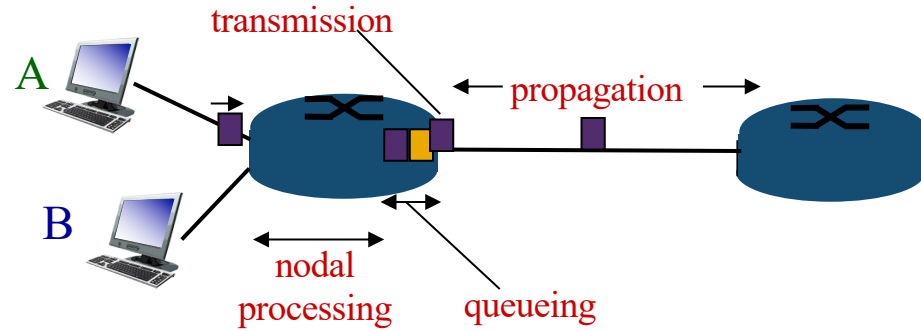
d_{proc} : nodal processing

- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < msec

d_{queue} : queueing delay

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

Four Sources of Packet Delay



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

d_{trans} : transmission delay:

- L : packet length (bits)
- R : link bandwidth (bps)
- $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$

d_{prop} : propagation delay:

- d : length of physical link
- s : propagation speed in medium ($\sim 3 \times 10^8$ m/sec)
- $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

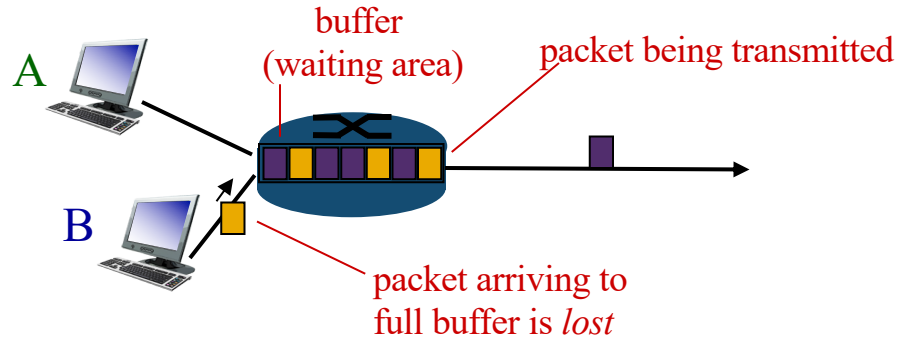
d_{trans} and d_{prop}
very different

Synthesis: a day in the life of a web request

- journey down protocol stack complete!
 - application, transport, network, link
- putting-it-all-together: synthesis!
 - *goal*: identify, review, understand protocols (at all layers) involved in seemingly simple scenario: requesting www page
 - *scenario*: student attaches laptop to campus network, requests/receives www.google.com

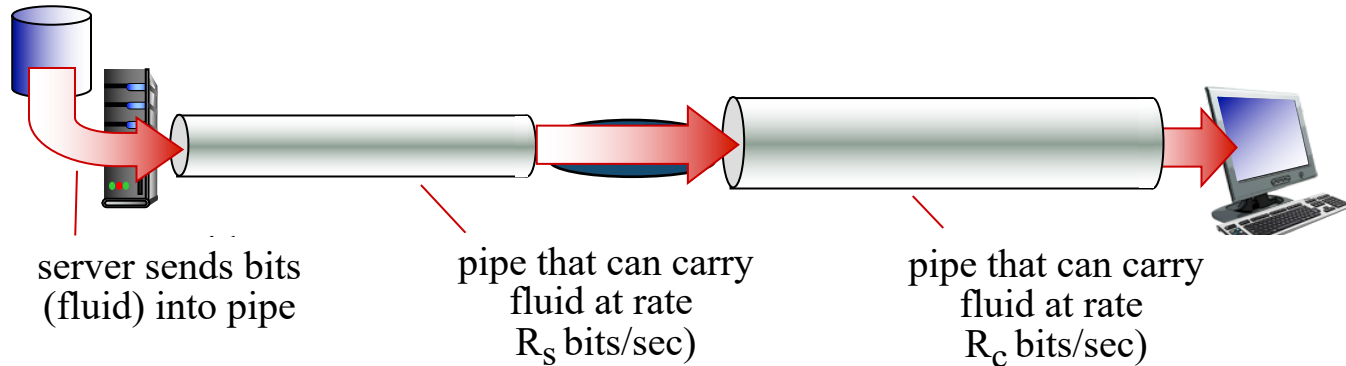
Packet loss

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



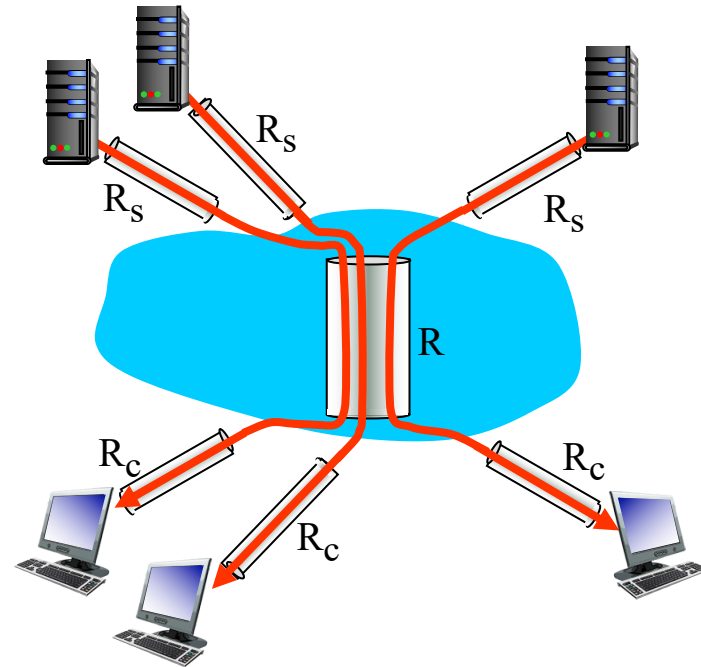
Throughput

- *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: Internet scenario

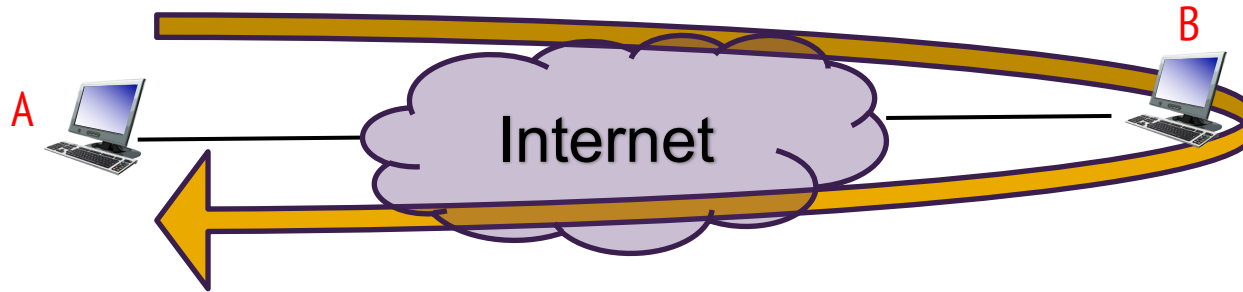
- per-connection end-end throughput:
 $\min(R_c, R_s, R/10)$
- in practice: R_c or R_s is often bottleneck



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

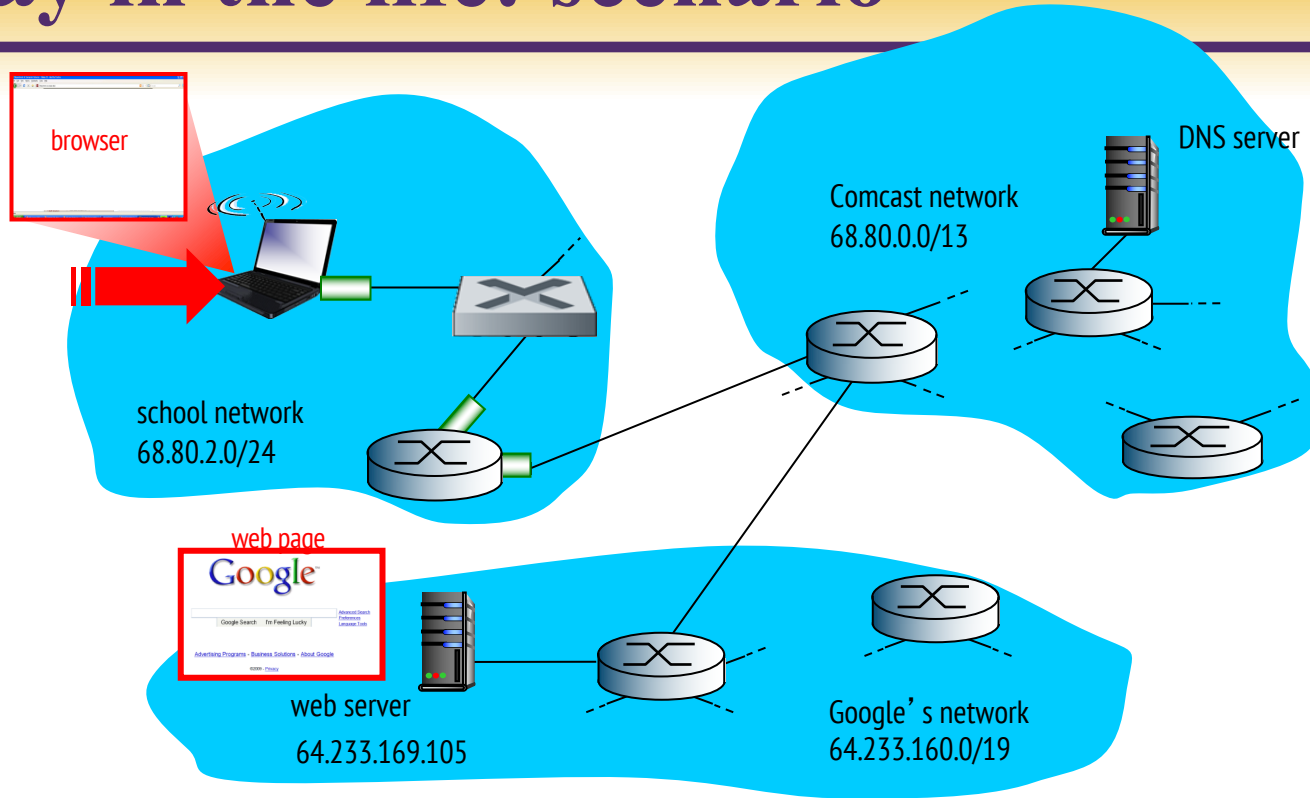
Performance

- Latency = Propagation + processing + transmit + queue
- Propagation = distance/speed of light
- Transmit = size/bandwidth
- Processing = depends on the node (hardware + software)
- RTT => Round Trip Time

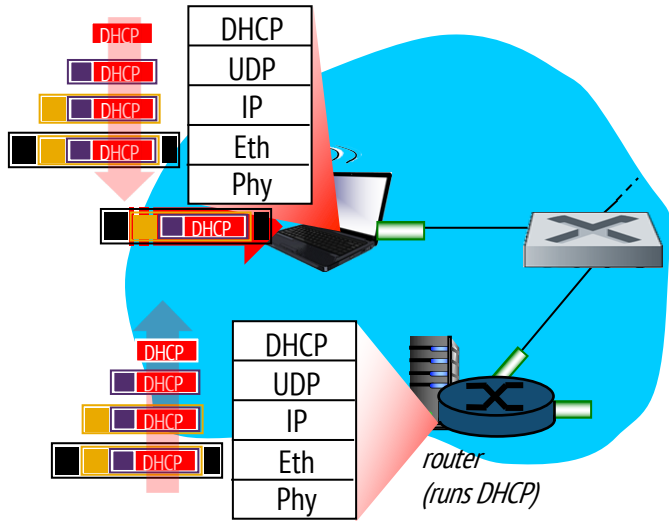


- One bit transmission => propagation is important
- Large bytes transmission => bandwidth is important

A day in the life: scenario



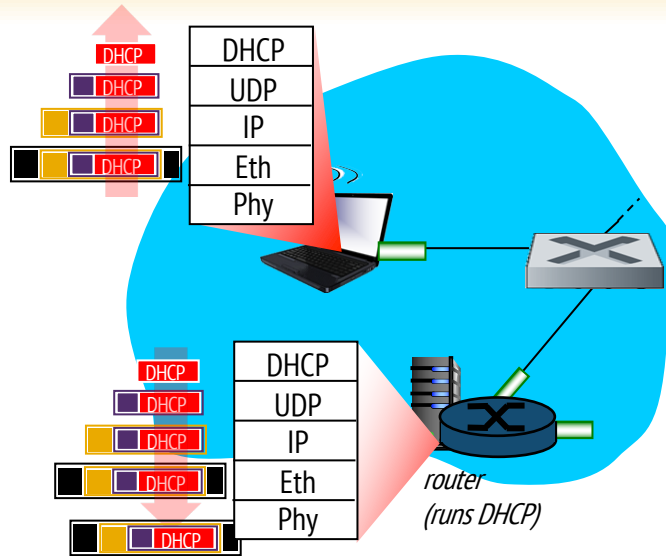
A day in the life... connecting to the Internet



➤ connecting laptop needs to get its own IP address, addr of first-hop router, addr of DNS server: use *DHCP*

- DHCP request **encapsulated** in **UDP**, encapsulated in **IP**, encapsulated in **802.3** Ethernet
- Ethernet frame **broadcast** (dest: FFFFFFFF) on LAN, received at router running **DHCP** server
- Ethernet **demuxed** to IP demuxed, UDP demuxed to DHCP

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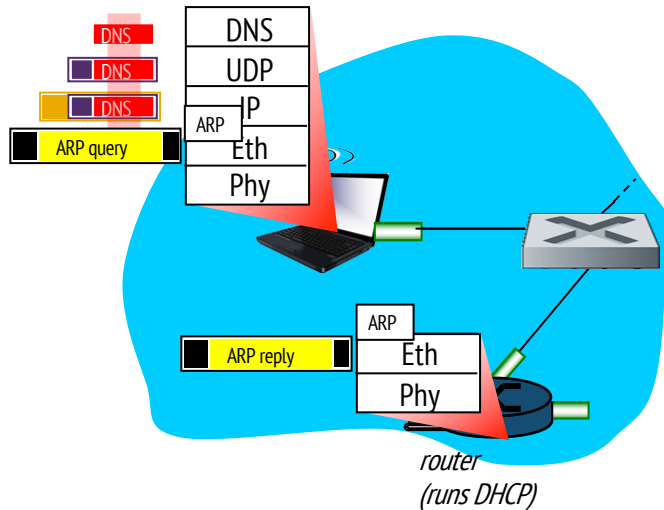


➤ DHCP server formulates *DHCP ACK* containing client's IP address, IP address of first-hop router for client, name & IP address of DNS server

- encapsulation at DHCP server, frame forwarded (**switch learning**) through LAN, demultiplexing at client
- DHCP client receives DHCP ACK reply

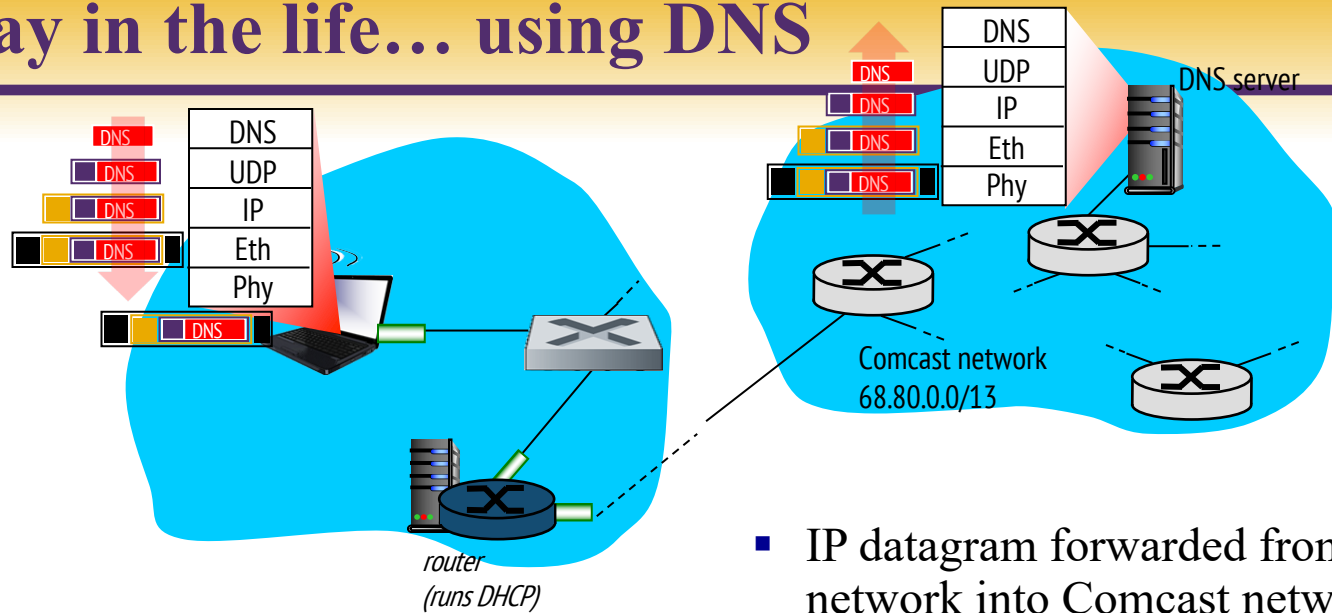
Client now has IP address, knows name & addr of DNS server, IP address of its first-hop router

A day in the life... ARP (before DNS, before HTTP)



- before sending *HTTP* request, need IP address of `www.google.com`: *DNS*
 - DNS query created, encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encapsulated in Eth. To send frame to router, need MAC address of router interface: *ARP*
 - *ARP query* broadcast, received by router, which replies with *ARP reply* giving MAC address of router interface
 - client now knows MAC address of first hop router, so can now send frame containing DNS query

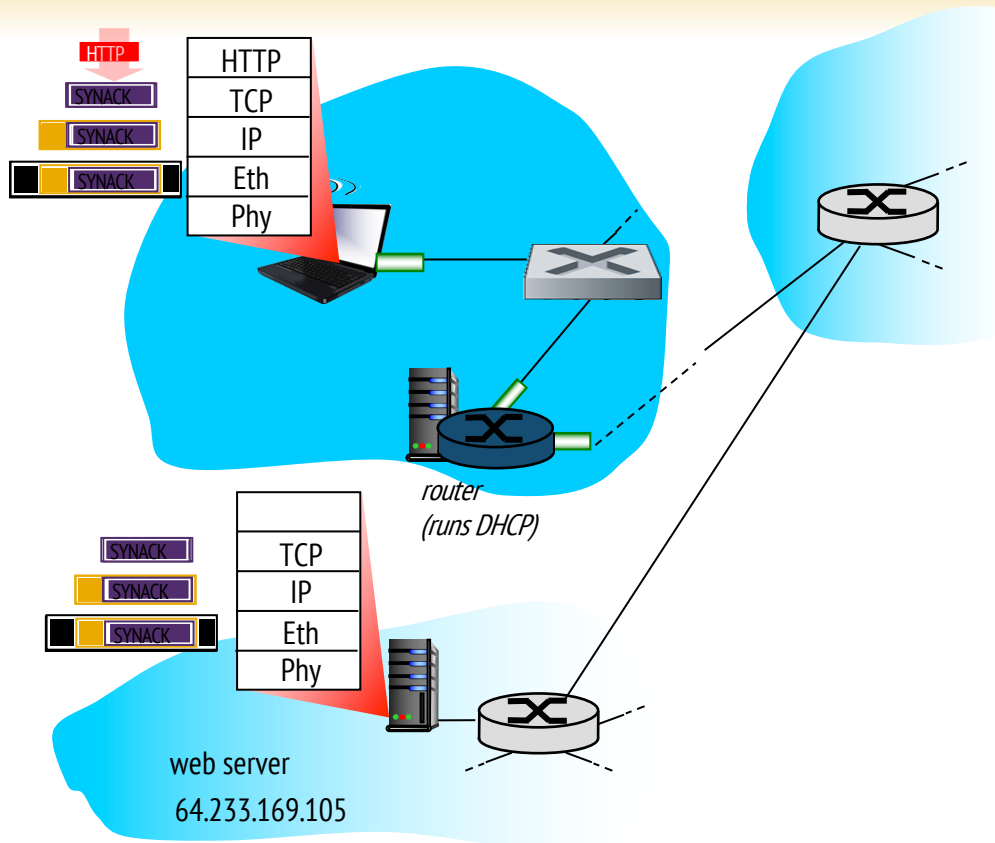
A day in the life... using DNS



- IP datagram containing DNS query forwarded via LAN switch from client to 1st hop router

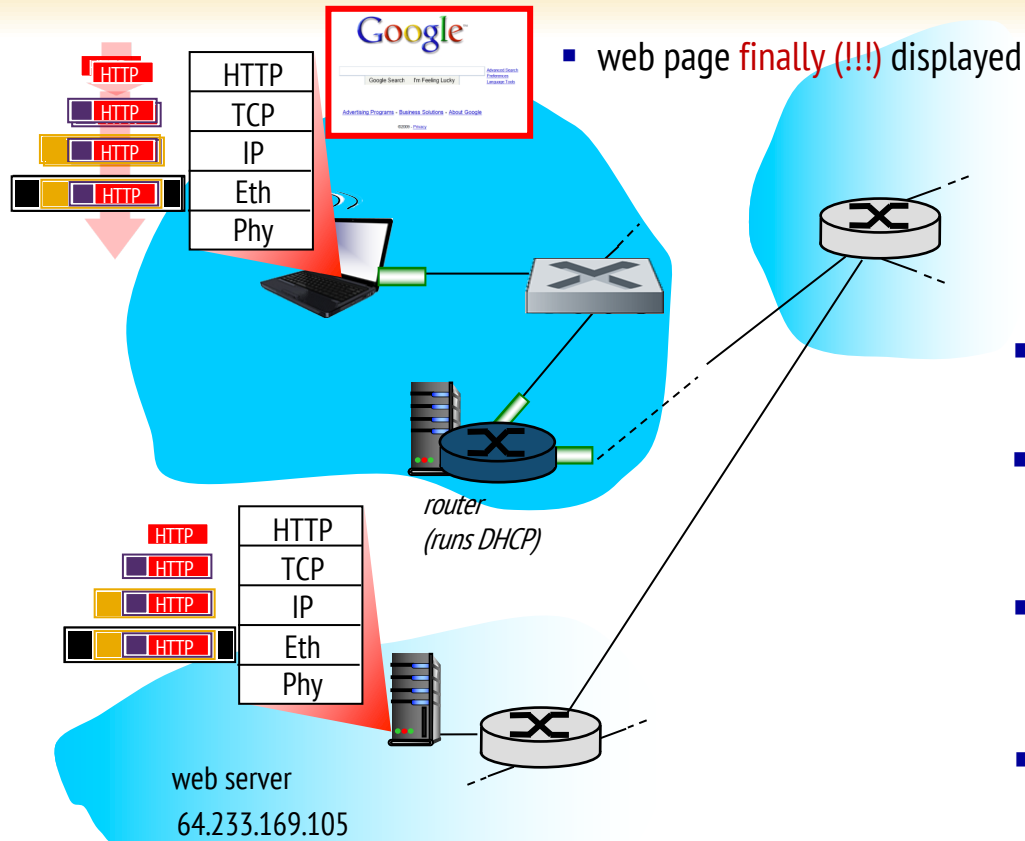
- IP datagram forwarded from campus network into Comcast network, routed (tables created by **RIP**, **OSPF**, **IS-IS** and/or **BGP** routing protocols) to DNS server
- demuxed to DNS server
- DNS server replies to client with IP address of www.google.com

A day in the life...TCP connection carrying HTTP



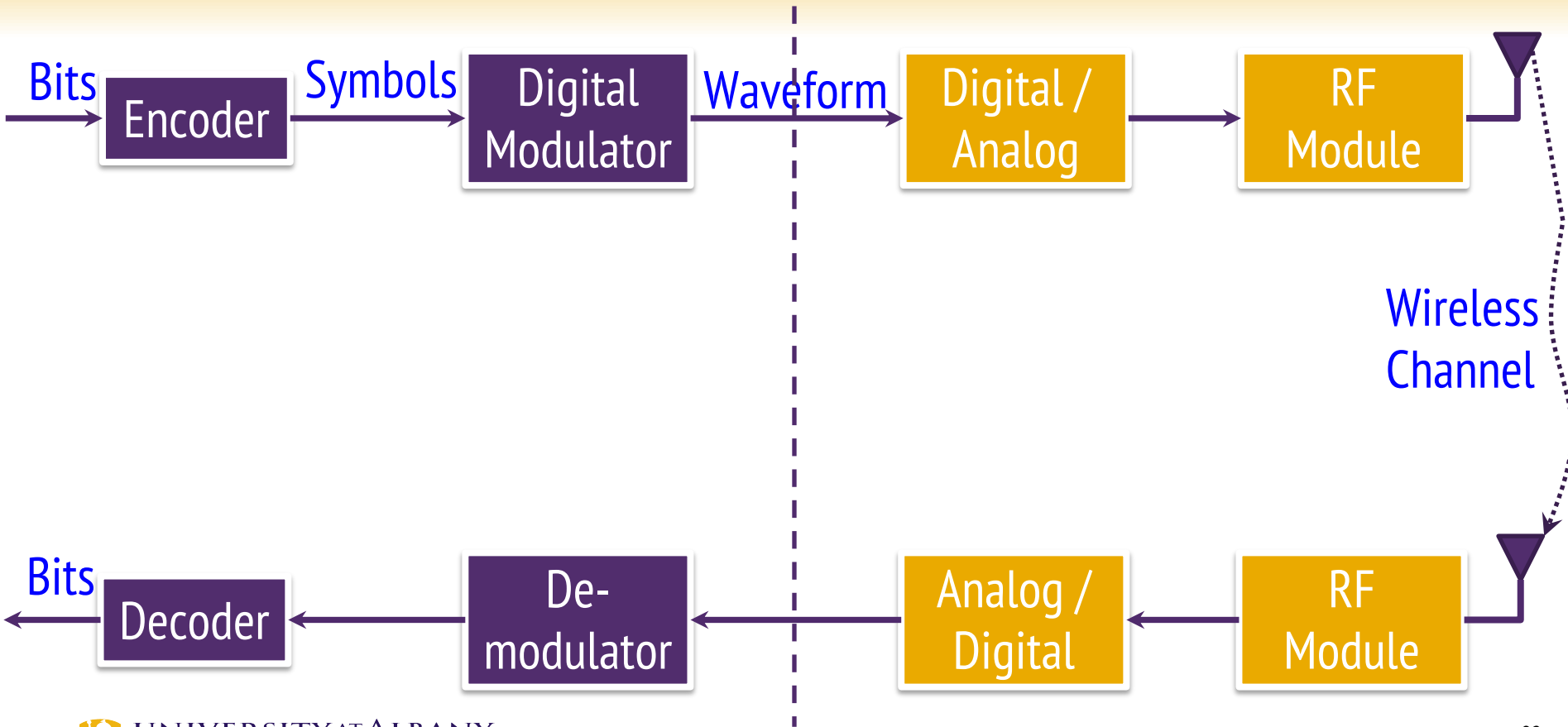
- to send HTTP request, client first opens **TCP socket** to web server
- TCP **SYN segment** (step 1 in 3-way handshake) inter-domain routed to web server
- web server responds with **TCP SYNACK** (step 2 in 3-way handshake)
- **TCP connection established!**

A day in the life... HTTP request/reply



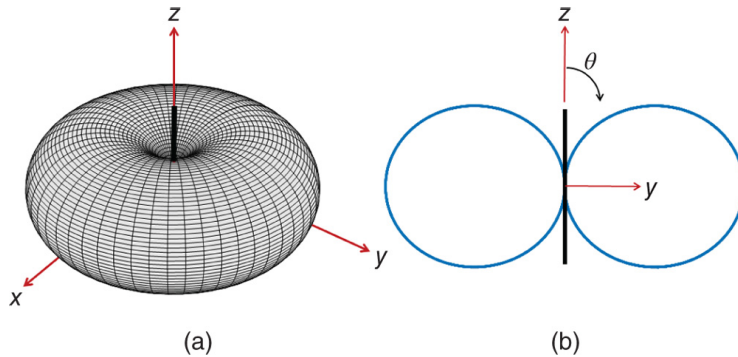
- **HTTP request** sent into TCP socket
- IP datagram containing HTTP request routed to `www.google.com`
- web server responds with **HTTP reply** (containing web page)
- IP datagram containing HTTP reply routed back to client

Wireless Digital Communication System

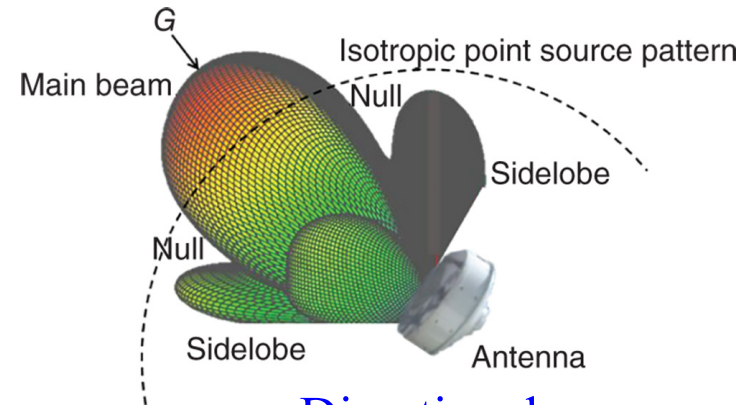


Antenna

- The effective (or equivalent) isotropic radiated power (EIRP) of a transmitter $EIRP = P_t G_t$
- Antenna Gain $G = \frac{4\pi A_e}{\lambda^2} = \frac{4\pi f^2 A_e}{c^2}$
 - A_e = Effective Area (area where the signal energy can be received)
 - f = carrier frequency, c = speed of light, λ = wavelength



Omni-directional

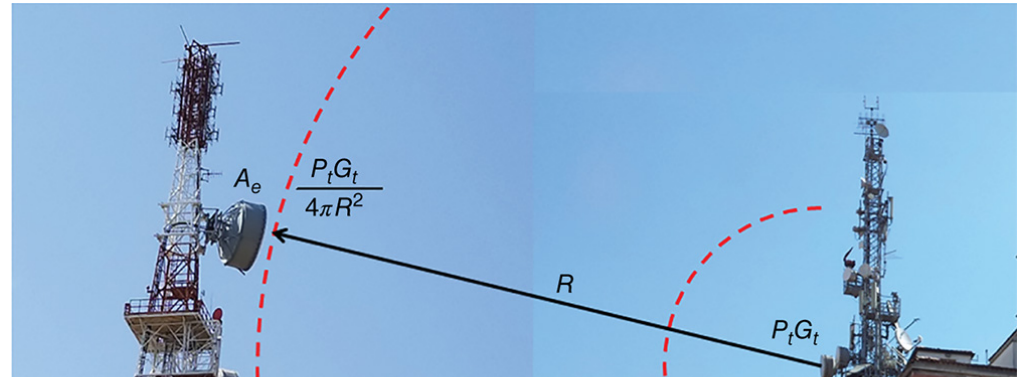


Directional

Free Space Propagation

- Free space propagation assumes a signal propagates in a vacuum with no obstacles
- Transmitter generates P_t , antenna magnifies with gain G_t
- Assume that transmitted signal travels in all directions (isotropic antenna)
- Power density at receive antenna is $\frac{P_t G_t}{4\pi R^2}$
- If receiver has an effective aperture A_e
- Received power is $P_r = \frac{P_t G_t A_e}{4\pi R^2}$

Friis transmission formula



Free Space Pathloss

➤ Free Space Pathloss

$$\frac{P_t}{P_r} = \frac{(4\pi d)^2}{\lambda^2} = \frac{(4\pi f d)^2}{c^2}$$

➤ In dB

$$\begin{aligned} L_{dB} &= 10 \log \frac{P_t}{P_r} = 20 \log \left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \right) = -20 \log(\lambda) + 20 \log(d) + 21.98 \text{ dB} \\ &= 20 \log \left(\frac{4\pi f d}{c} \right) = 20 \log(f) + 20 \log(d) - 147.56 \text{ dB} \end{aligned}$$

as the frequency increases, the free space loss also increases

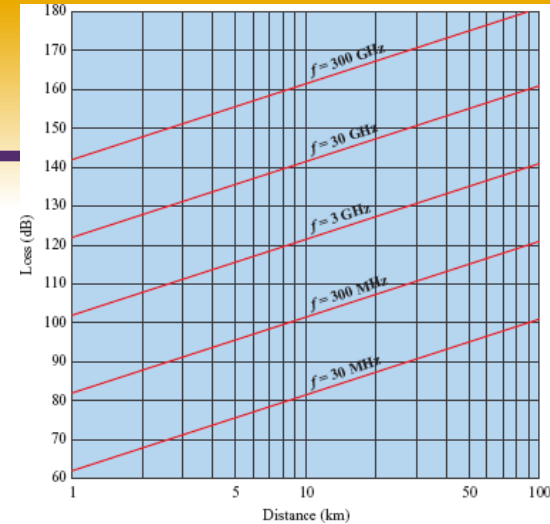
➤ Accounting for gain of antennas:

$$\frac{P_t}{P_r} = \frac{(4\pi)^2 (d)^2}{G_r G_t \lambda^2} = \frac{(\lambda d)^2}{A_r A_t} = \frac{(c d)^2}{f^2 A_r A_t}$$

➤ In dB

$$\begin{aligned} L_{dB} &= 20 \log(\lambda) + 20 \log(d) - 10 \log(A_t A_r) \\ &= -20 \log(f) + 20 \log(d) - 10 \log(A_t A_r) + 169.54 \text{ dB} \end{aligned}$$

with antenna gain, the change in loss is measured by $-20\log(f)$



Pathloss in Practical Systems

$$\frac{P_t}{P_r} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{\lambda}\right)^2 d^n = \left(\frac{4\pi f}{c}\right)^2 d^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{dB} &= 10 \log \frac{P_t}{P_r} = 10 \log \left(\left(\frac{4\pi}{\lambda}\right)^2 d^n \right) = -20 \log(\lambda) + 10n \log(d) + 21.98 \text{ dB} \\ &= 10 \log \left(\left(\frac{4\pi f}{c}\right)^2 d^n \right) = 20 \log(f) + 10n \log(d) - 147.56 \text{ dB} \end{aligned}$$

Environment	Path Loss Exponent, n
Free space	2
Urban area cellular radio	2.7 to 3.5
Shadowed cellular radio	3 to 5
In building line-of-sight	1.6 to 1.8
Obstructed in building	4 to 6
Obstructed in factories	2 to 3

Channel

Data transmitted:

1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1

Signal:



Noise:



Signal plus noise:



Sampling times:

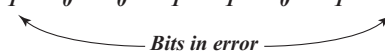


Data received:

1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1

Original data:

1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1



Signal to Noise Ratio

- Ratio of the power in a signal to the power contained in the noise that's present at a particular point in the transmission
- Typically measured at a receiver
- Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR, or S/N)

$$(SNR)_{\text{dB}} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{signal power}}{\text{noise power}}$$

- A high SNR means a high-quality signal
- SNR sets upper bound on achievable data rate

Maximum Achievable Channel Capacity

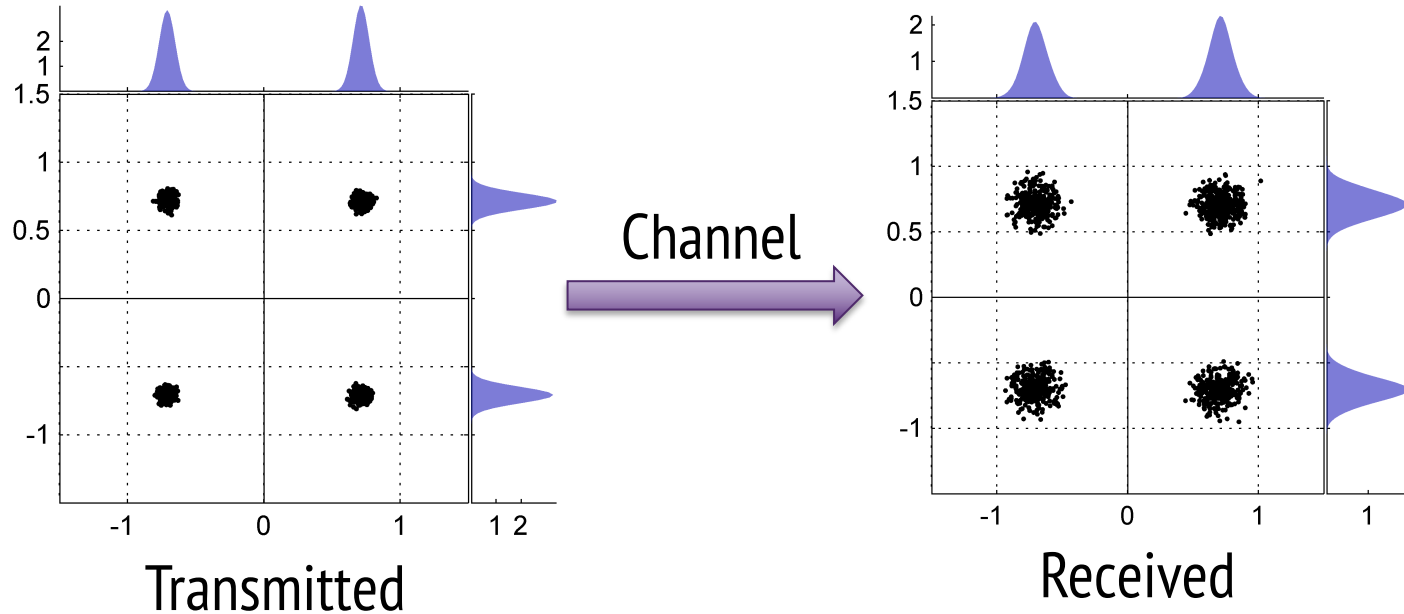
➤ Shannon's Capacity

$$C = B \log_2 (1 + \text{SNR})$$

- C is the capacity of the channel in bits per second
- B is the bandwidth of the channel in Hertz

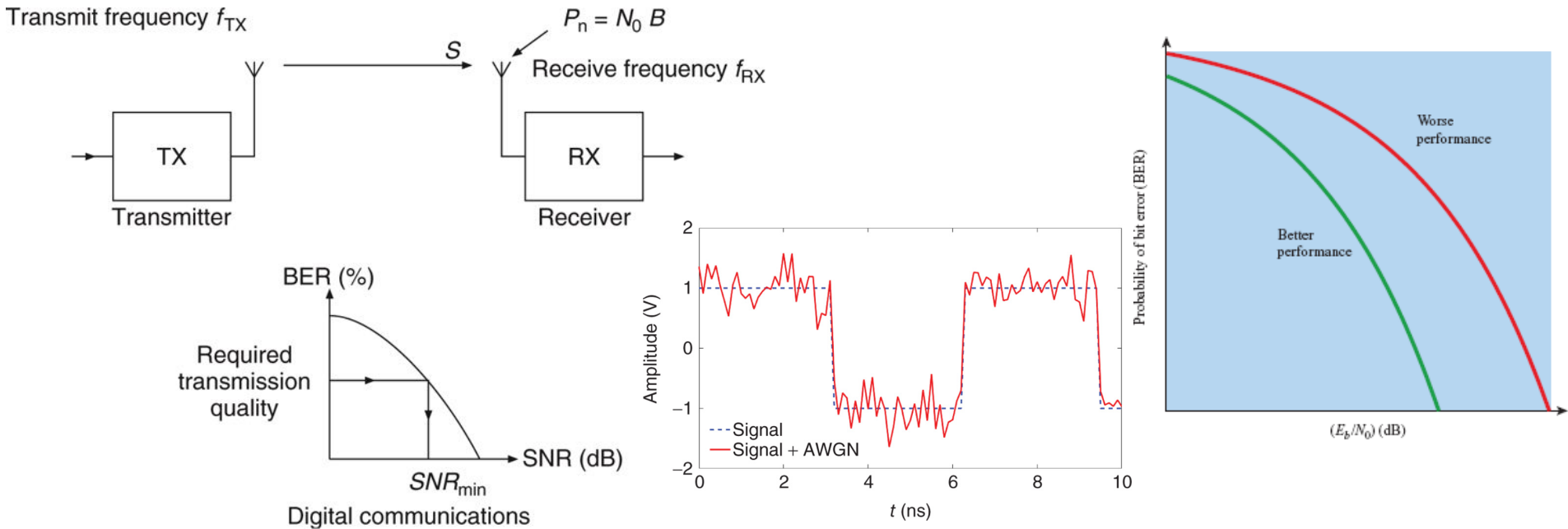
Channel Effects

➤ Transmitted and Received QPSK Signal



Signal to Noise Ratio

➤ How to calculate SNR from a received signal trace?



bit error rate (BER) = number of bits in error divided by the total number of bits over a long interval

Modulation

- Amplitude Shift Keying
- Frequency Shift Keying
- Phase Shift Keying

ASK

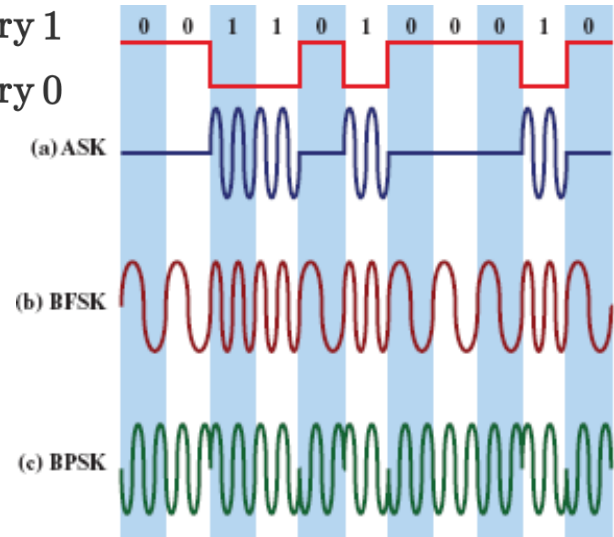
$$s(t) = \begin{cases} A \cos(2\pi f_c t) & \text{binary 1} \\ 0 & \text{binary 0} \end{cases}$$

BFSK

$$B_s(t) = \begin{cases} A \cos(2\pi f_1 t) & \text{binary 1} \\ A \cos(2\pi f_2 t) & \text{binary 0} \end{cases}$$

BPSK

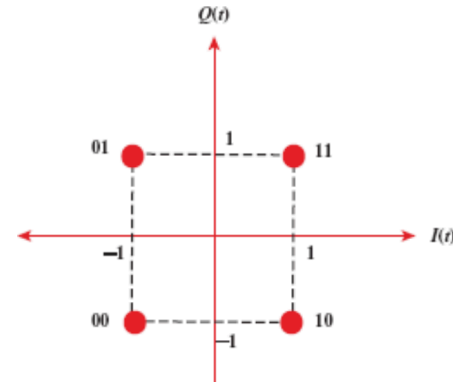
$$s(t) = \begin{cases} A \cos(2\pi f_c t) \\ A \cos(2\pi f_c t + \pi) \end{cases} = \begin{cases} A \cos(2\pi f_c t) & \text{binary 1} \\ A \cos(2\pi f_c t) & \text{binary 0} \end{cases}$$



Higher Order PSK

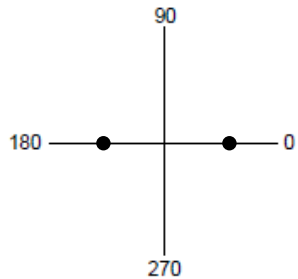
QPSK

$$s(t) = \begin{cases} A \cos\left(2\pi f_c t + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) & 11 \\ A \cos\left(2\pi f_c t + \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) & 01 \\ A \cos\left(2\pi f_c t - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) & 00 \\ A \cos\left(2\pi f_c t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) & 10 \end{cases}$$

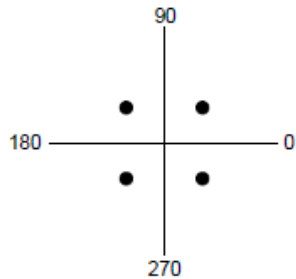


Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

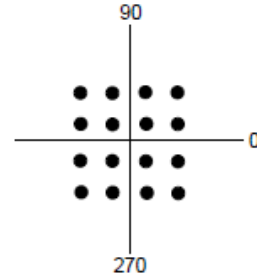
- Commonly used in Wireless Standards
- Combination of ASK & PSK



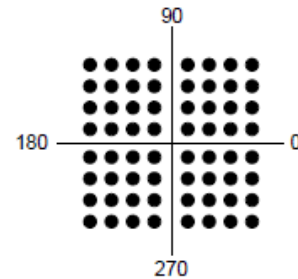
BPSK
2 symbols
1 bit/symbol



QPSK
4 symbols
2 bits/symbol



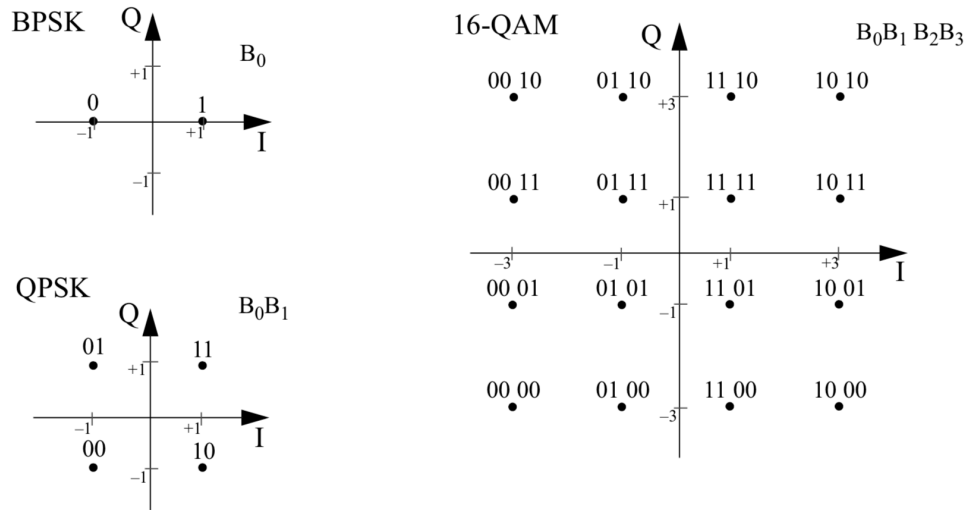
QAM-16
16 symbols
4 bits/symbol



QAM-64
64 symbols
6 bits/symbol

Energy Normalization

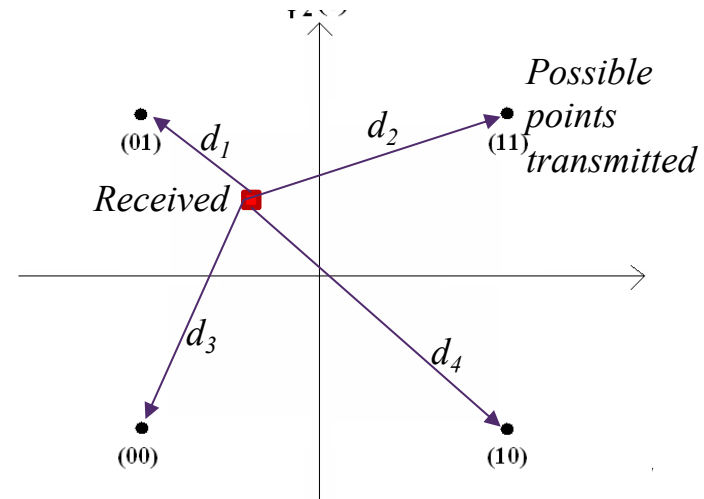
- Goal: Average Power of Modulated Signal remains unity



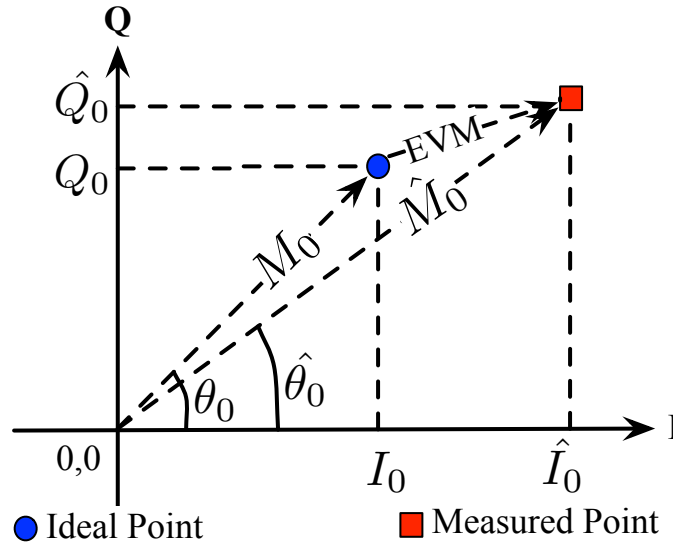
Modulation	K_{MOD}
BPSK	1
QPSK	$1/\sqrt{2}$
16-QAM	$1/\sqrt{10}$
64-QAM	$1/\sqrt{42}$

Demodulation

- Compute Euclidean distance between received value and all possible transmitted values
- Map to the value, which is minimum
- Decision Boundary
 - Half the distance between two nearest signal constellations



Error Vector Magnitude (EVM)



$\{I_0, Q_0, M_0, \theta_0\}$ = Ideal I, Q, Magnitude, Phase

$\{\hat{I}_0, \hat{Q}_0, \hat{M}_0, \hat{\theta}_0\}$ = Measured I, Q, Magnitude, Phase

$$EVM = \sqrt{(I_0 - \hat{I}_0)^2 + (Q_0 - \hat{Q}_0)^2}$$

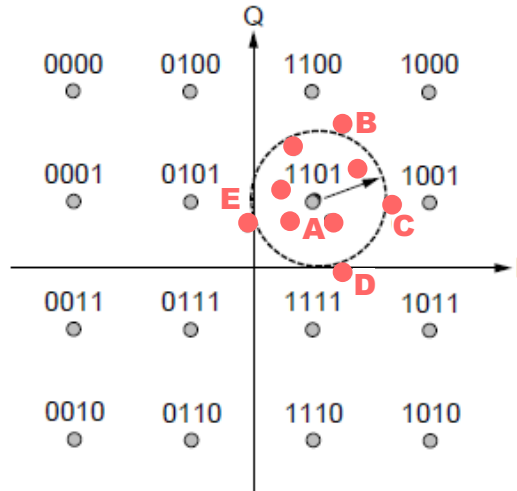
$$I_{Disp} = \text{Dispersion in I} = I_0 - \hat{I}_0$$

$$Q_{Disp} = \text{Dispersion in Q} = Q_0 - \hat{Q}_0$$

$$M_{Disp} = \text{Dispersion in Magnitude} = M_0 - \hat{M}_0$$

Gray Coding

- Gray-coding assigns bits to symbols so that small symbol errors cause few bit errors:



When 1101 is sent:

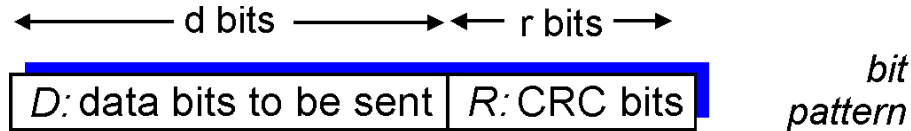
Point	Decodes as	Bit errors
A	1101	0
B	11 <u>0</u> 0	1
C	1 <u>0</u> 01	1
D	11 <u>1</u> 1	1
E	<u>0</u> 101	1

Channel Coding

- Wireless channel introduces errors in burst
- Coping with transmission error
- Error Detection Codes
 - Detect error and retransmit
 - Example: Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)
- Error Correcting Codes (Forward Error Correction)
 - transmit enough redundant data to allow receiver to recover from errors
 - No sender retransmission required.
 - Examples: Block codes, Cyclic codes, Reed-Solomon codes, Convolutional codes, Turbo codes, etc.

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- powerful error-detection coding
- view data bits, D , as a binary number
- choose $r+1$ bit pattern (generator), G
- goal: choose r CRC bits, R , such that
 - $\langle D, R \rangle$ exactly divisible by G (modulo 2)
 - receiver knows G , divides $\langle D, R \rangle$ by G . If non-zero remainder: error detected!
 - can detect all burst errors less than $r+1$ bits
- widely used in practice (Ethernet, 802.11 WiFi, ATM)



$$D * 2^r \text{ XOR } R$$

mathematical formula

Modulo 2 Arithmetic

- CRC Calculations are done in modulo-2 arithmetic.
 - Without carries and borrows in addition and subtraction
- Addition & Subtraction are identical and equivalent to bitwise XOR.
- Multiplication and division are same as in base-2 arithmetic.

CRC Example

➤ want:

- $D \cdot 2^r \text{ XOR } R = nG$

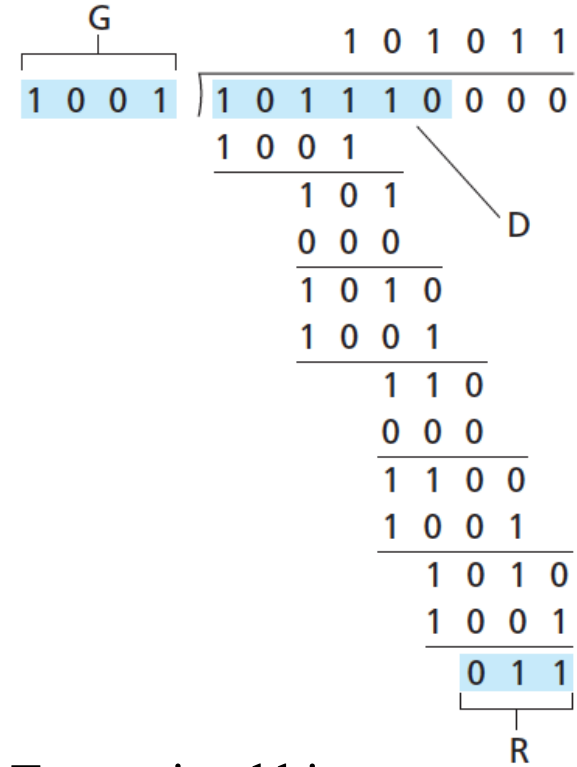
➤ equivalently:

- $D \cdot 2^r = nG \text{ XOR } R$

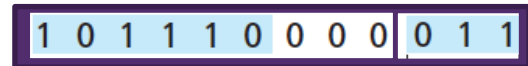
➤ equivalently:

- if we divide $D \cdot 2^r$ by G , we want remainder R to satisfy:

$$R = \text{remainder} \frac{D \cdot 2^r}{G}$$



Transmitted bits



Homework

- Consider the 5-bit generator, $G=10011$. Suppose D has a value of 1010101010 . What is the value of R ?

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- Six generator polynomials that have become international standards are:
 - CRC-8 = x^8+x^2+x+1
 - CRC-10 = $x^{10}+x^9+x^5+x^4+x+1$
 - CRC-12 = $x^{12}+x^{11}+x^3+x^2+x+1$
 - CRC-16 = $x^{16}+x^{15}+x^2+1$
 - CRC-CCITT = $x^{16}+x^{12}+x^5+1$
 - CRC-32 = $x^{32}+x^{26}+x^{23}+x^{22}+x^{16}+x^{12}+x^{11}+x^{10}+x^8+x^7+x^5+x^4+x^2+x+1$

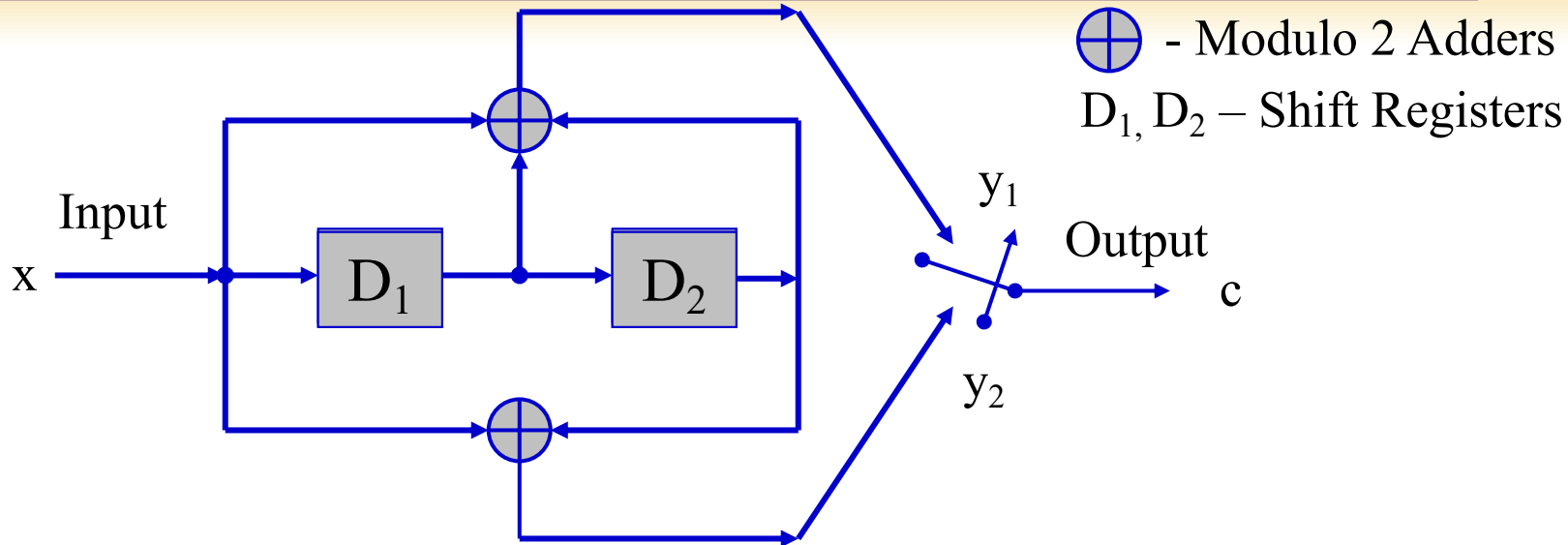
Convolution Codes

- Most widely used channel code
- encoded bits depend not only on the current input data bits but also on past input bits
- Decoding is mostly performed by the Viterbi Algorithm
- Constraint length K for a convolution code is defined as $K=M+1$
 - M is the maximum number of stages in any shift register

Convolution Codes

- Shift registers store the state information of the convolutional encoder
- Constraint length relates the number of bits on which the output depends
- The code rate r is defined as $r = k/n$
 - k is the number of parallel information bits
 - n is the the number of parallel output encoded bits at one time interval
- Initial values of shift registers is 0

Convolution Encoder (n=2, k=1, r=1/2)



Input x : 1 1 1 0 0 0 ...

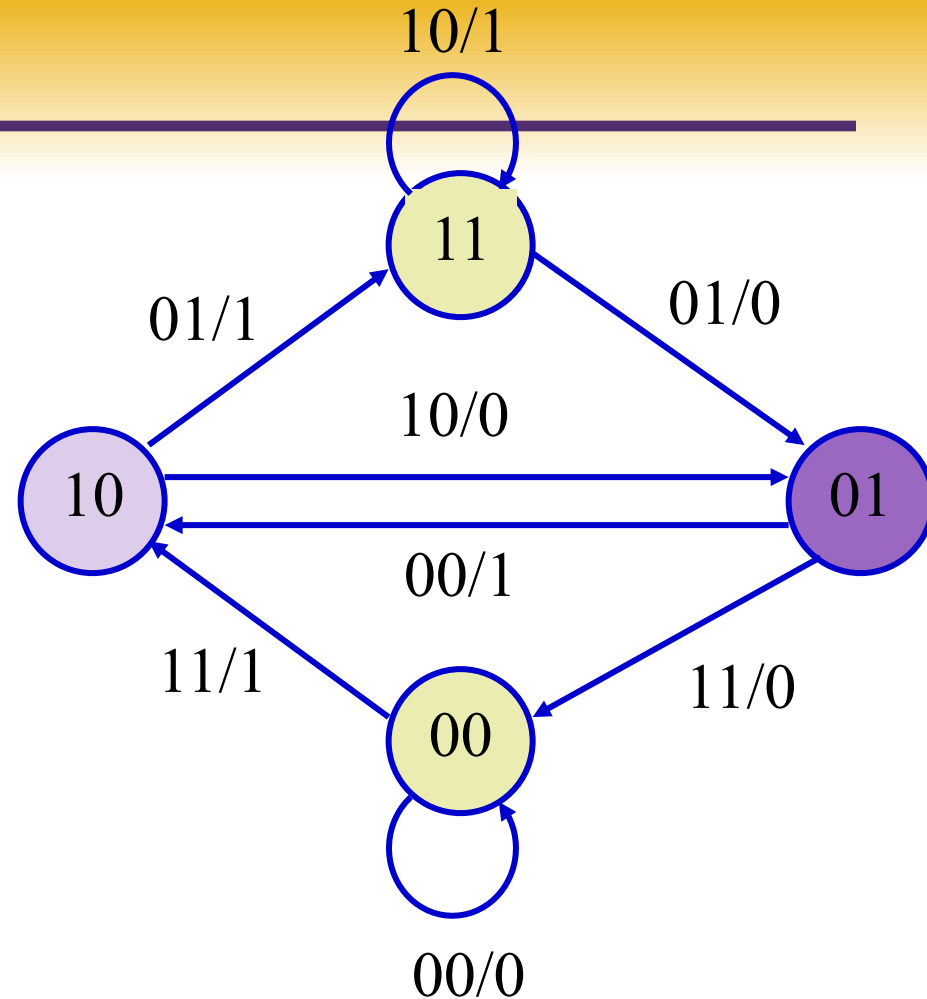
Output y_1y_2 : 11 01 10 01 11 00 ...

Input x : 1 0 1 0 0 0 ...

Output y_1y_2 : 11 10 00 10 11 00 ...

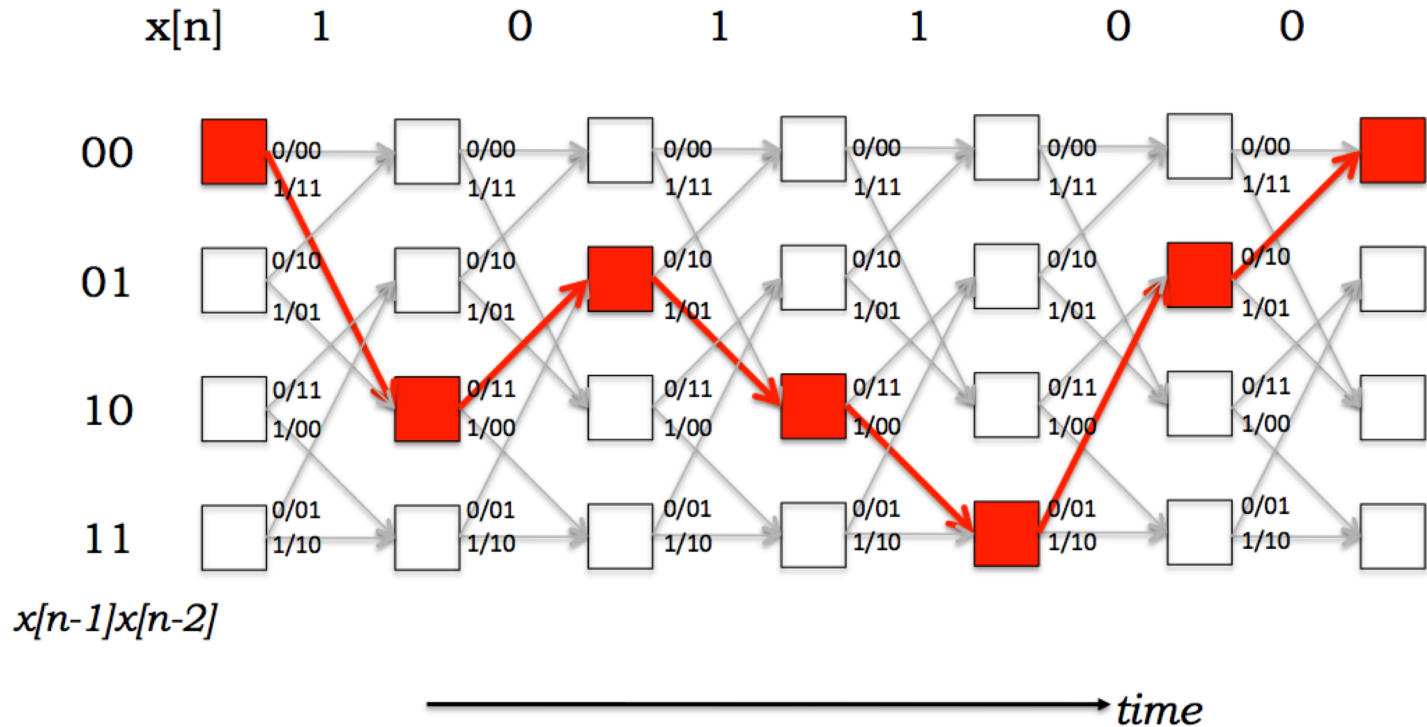
State Diagram

- Encoder changes state
- Each State (D_1D_2)
- Output (y_1y_2)
- Input (x_1)



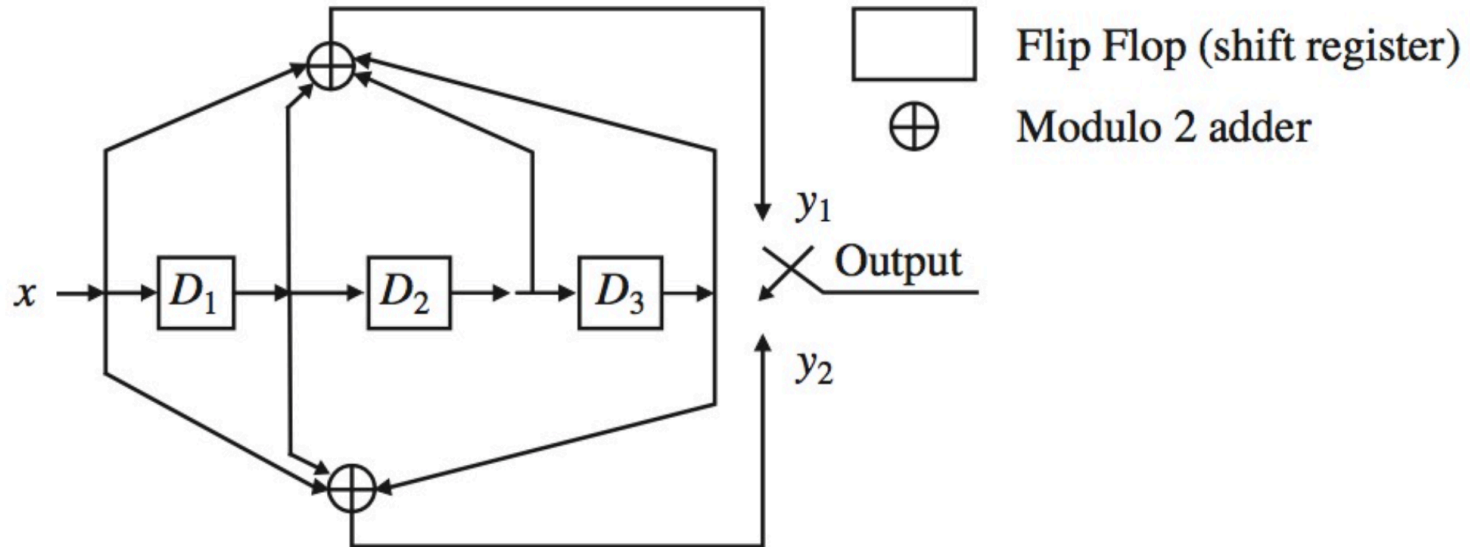
Trellis

- The Viterbi decoder finds a maximum likelihood path through the Trellis

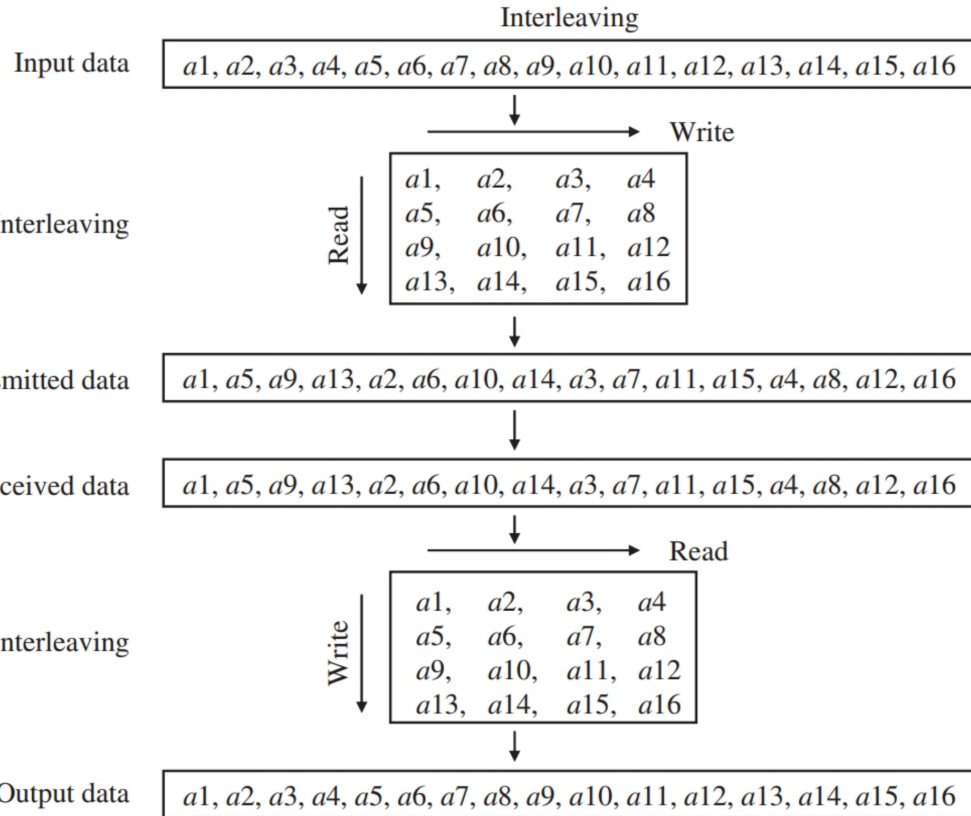


Homework

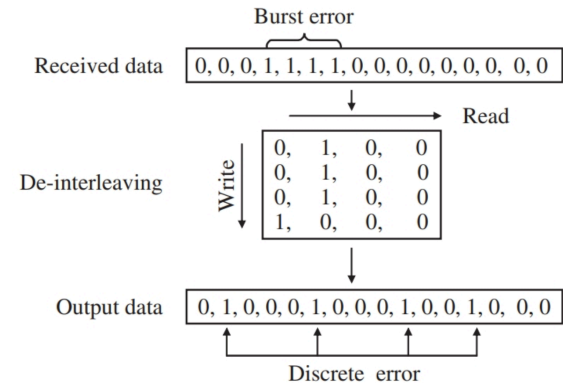
- Use the encoder to determine output produced by input sequence of 1011



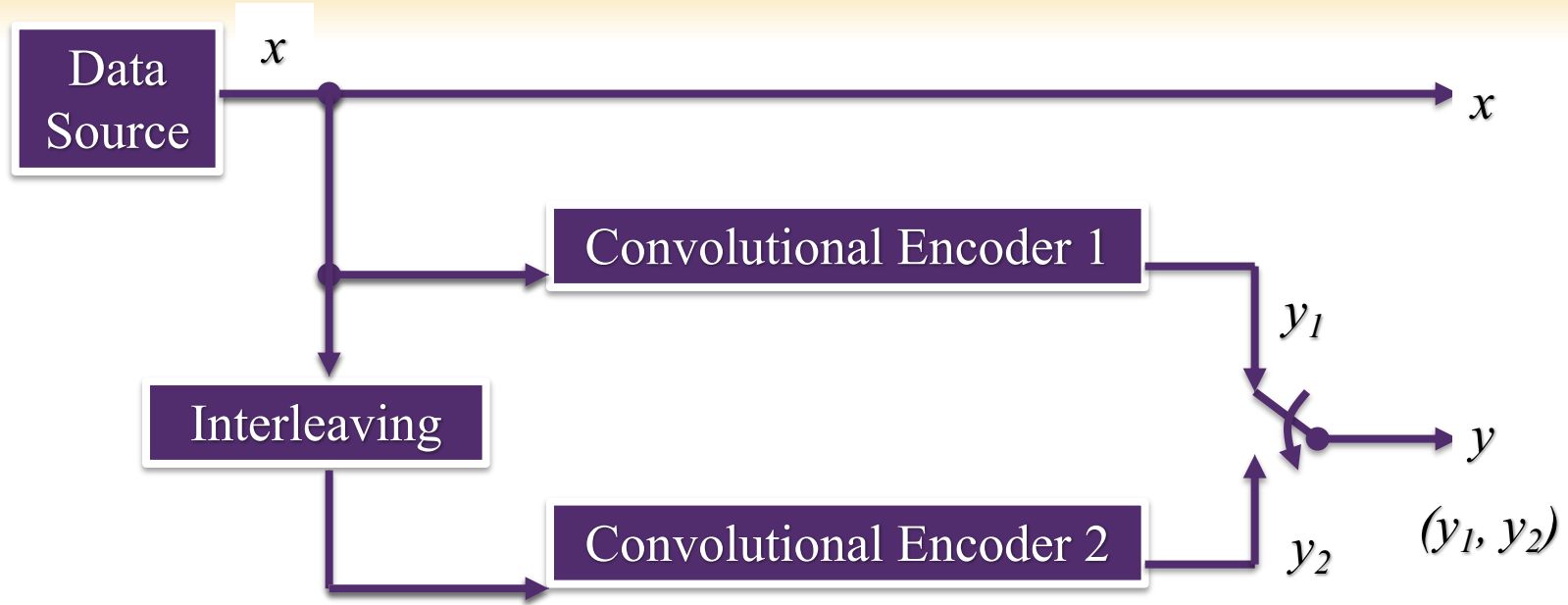
Interleaving



- Protect transmitted data from *burst errors*
 - no redundancy
 - does not have error-correcting capability
 - error-correcting codes are capable of correcting individual errors, but not a burst error



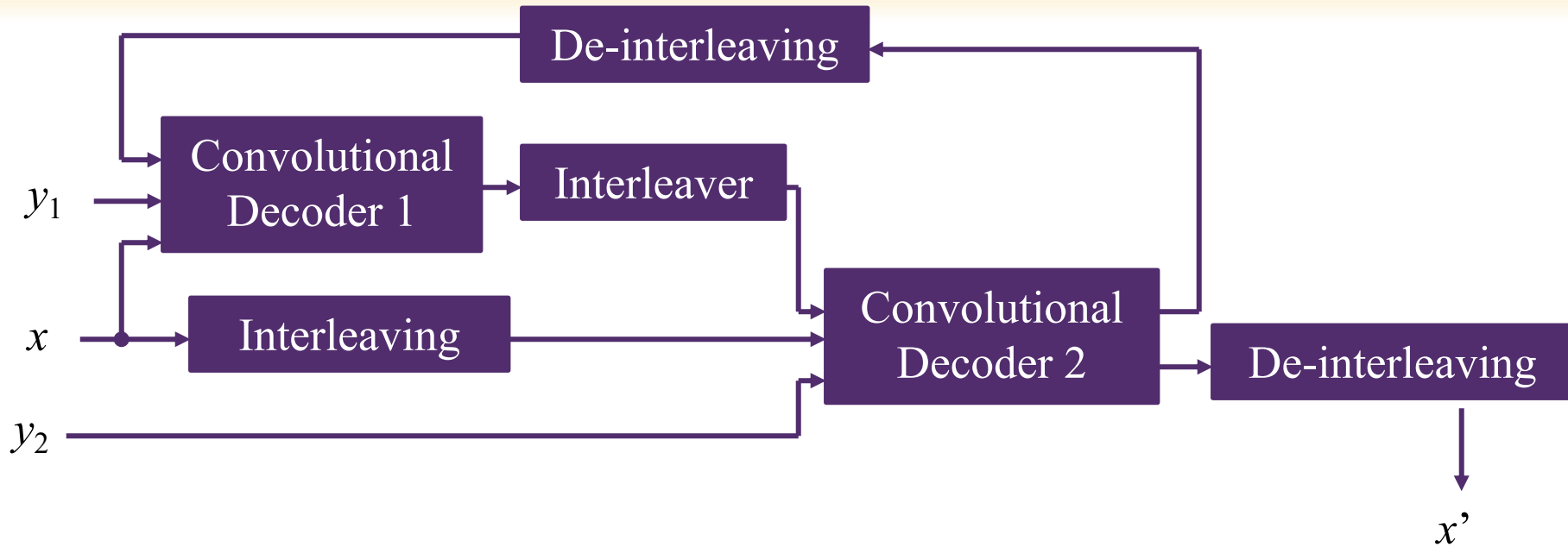
Turbo Code: Encoder



x : Information

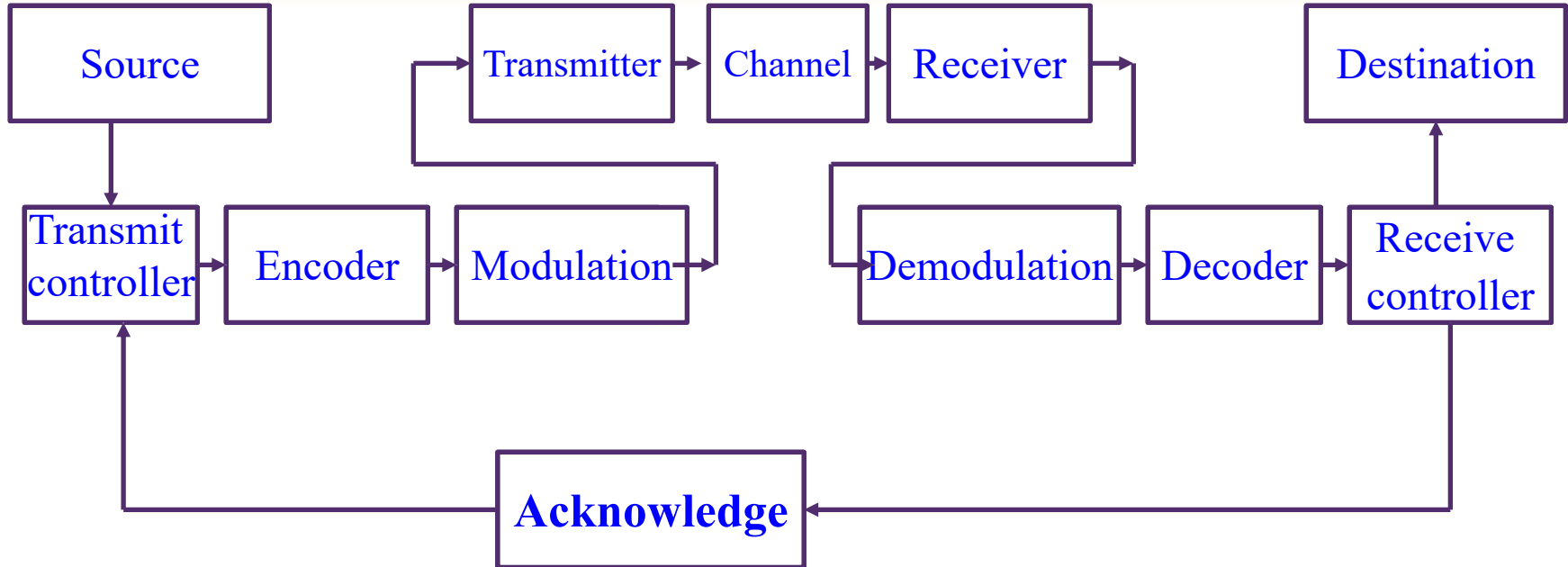
y_i : Redundancy Information

Turbo Code: Decoder

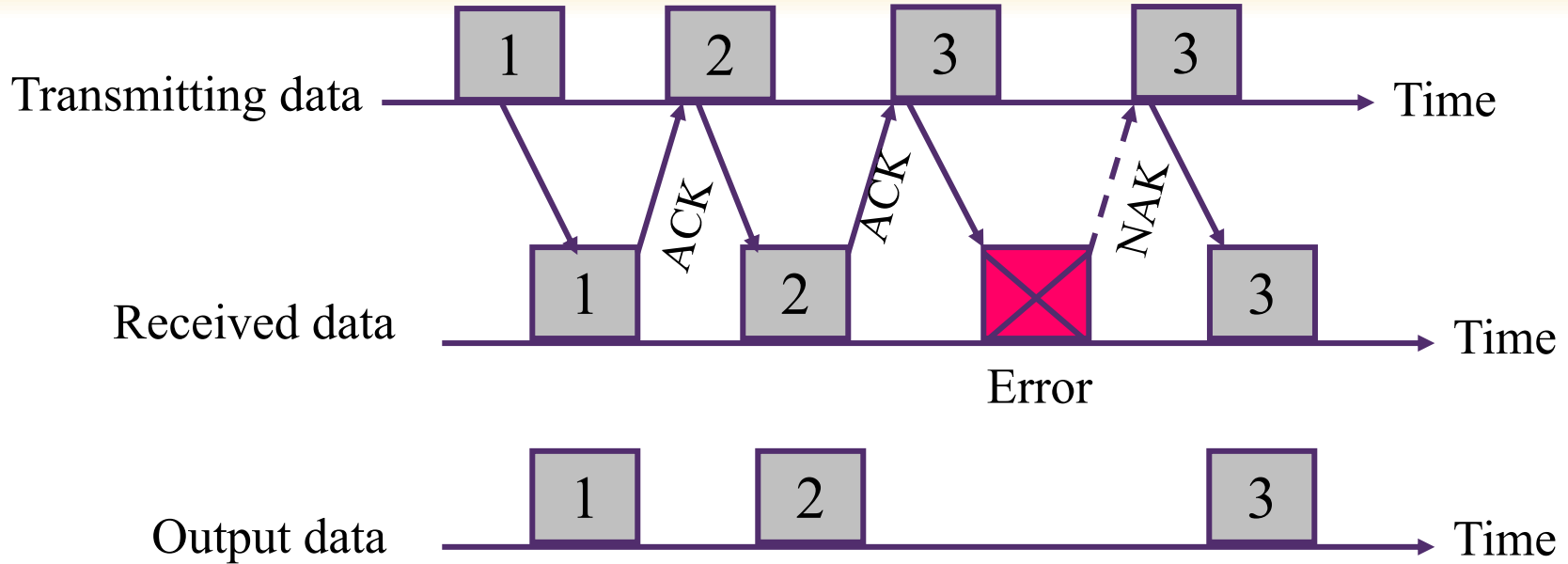


x' : Decoded Information

Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ)



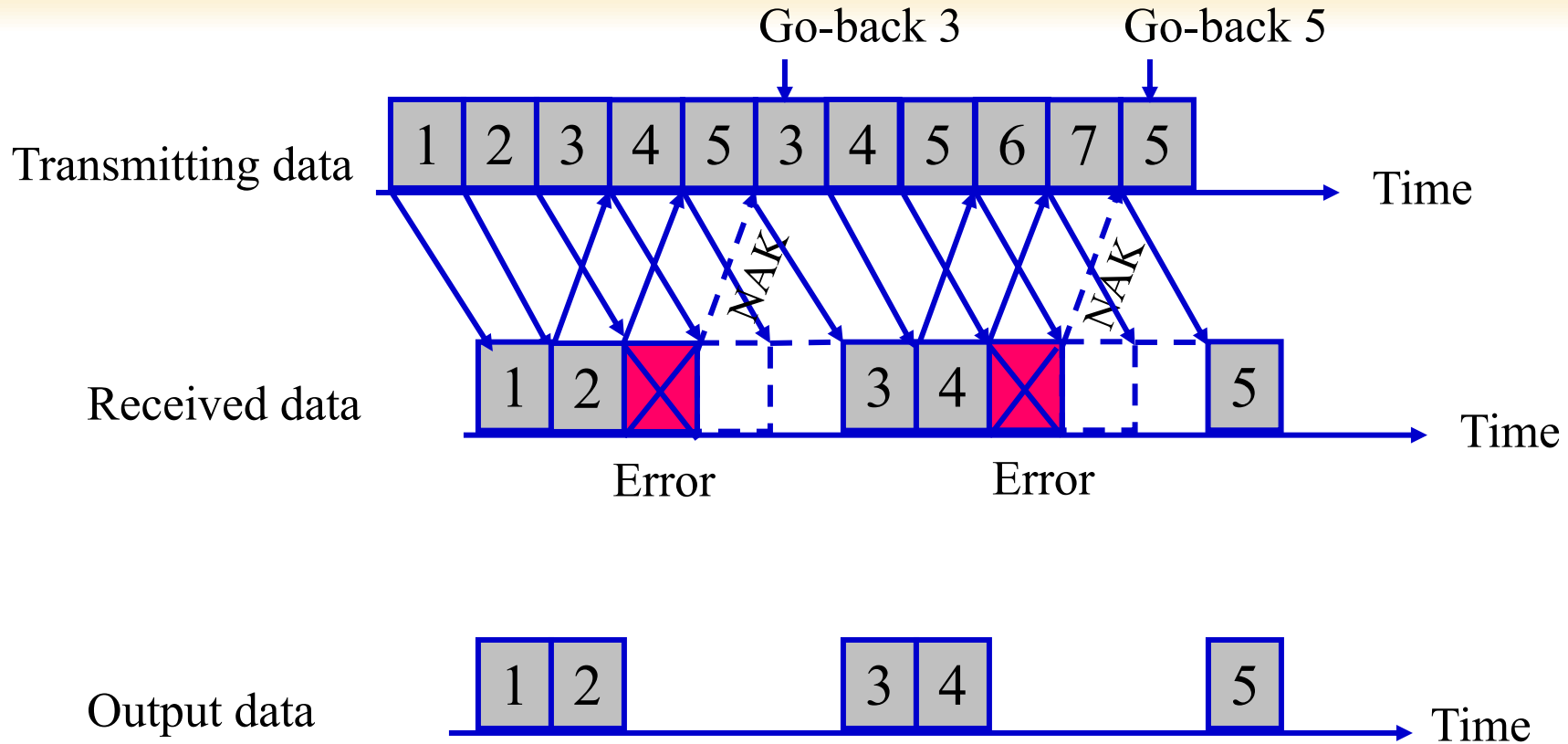
Stop and Wait



ACK: Acknowledge

NAK: Negative ACK

Go Back N



Selective Repeat

