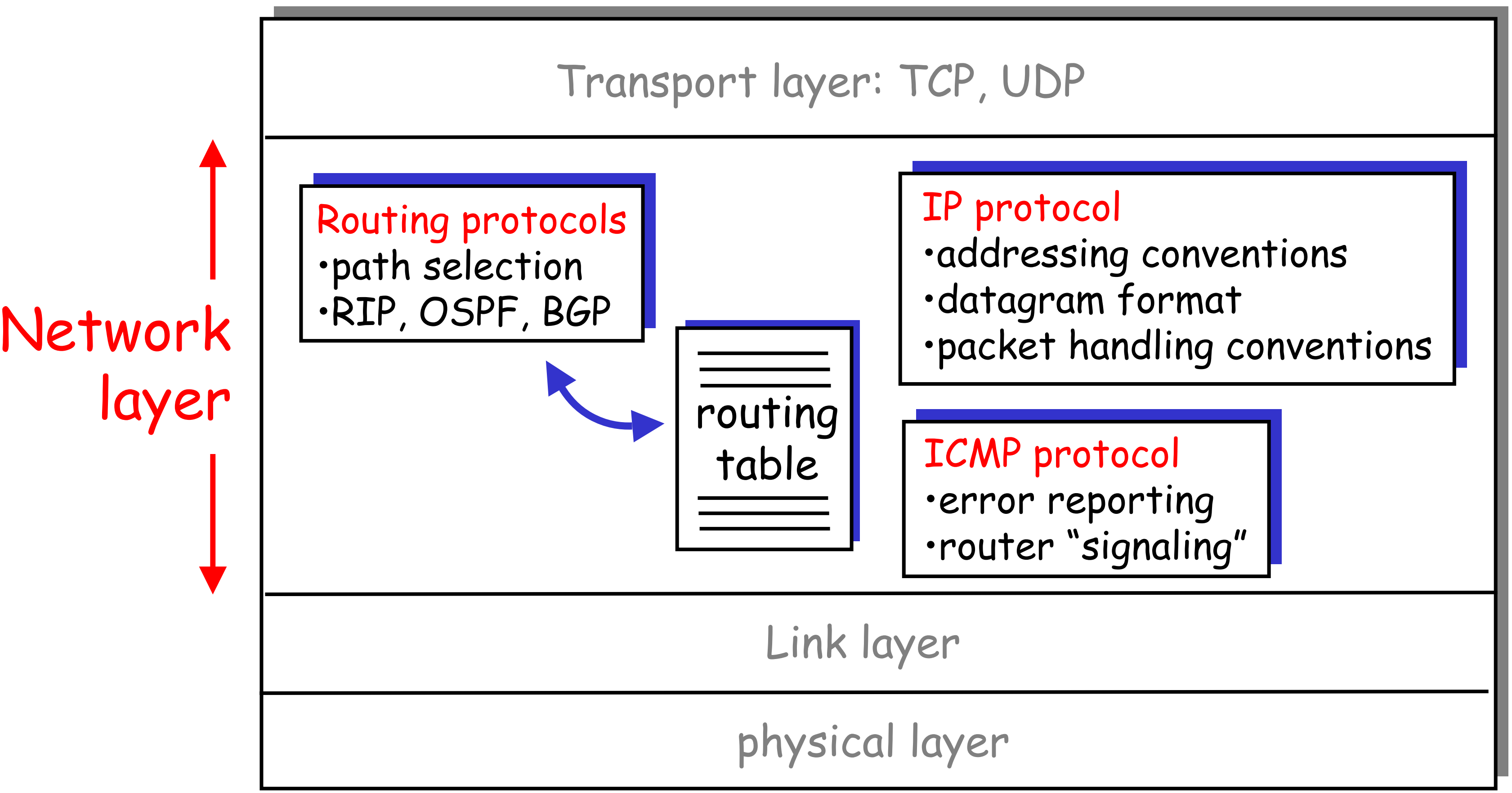
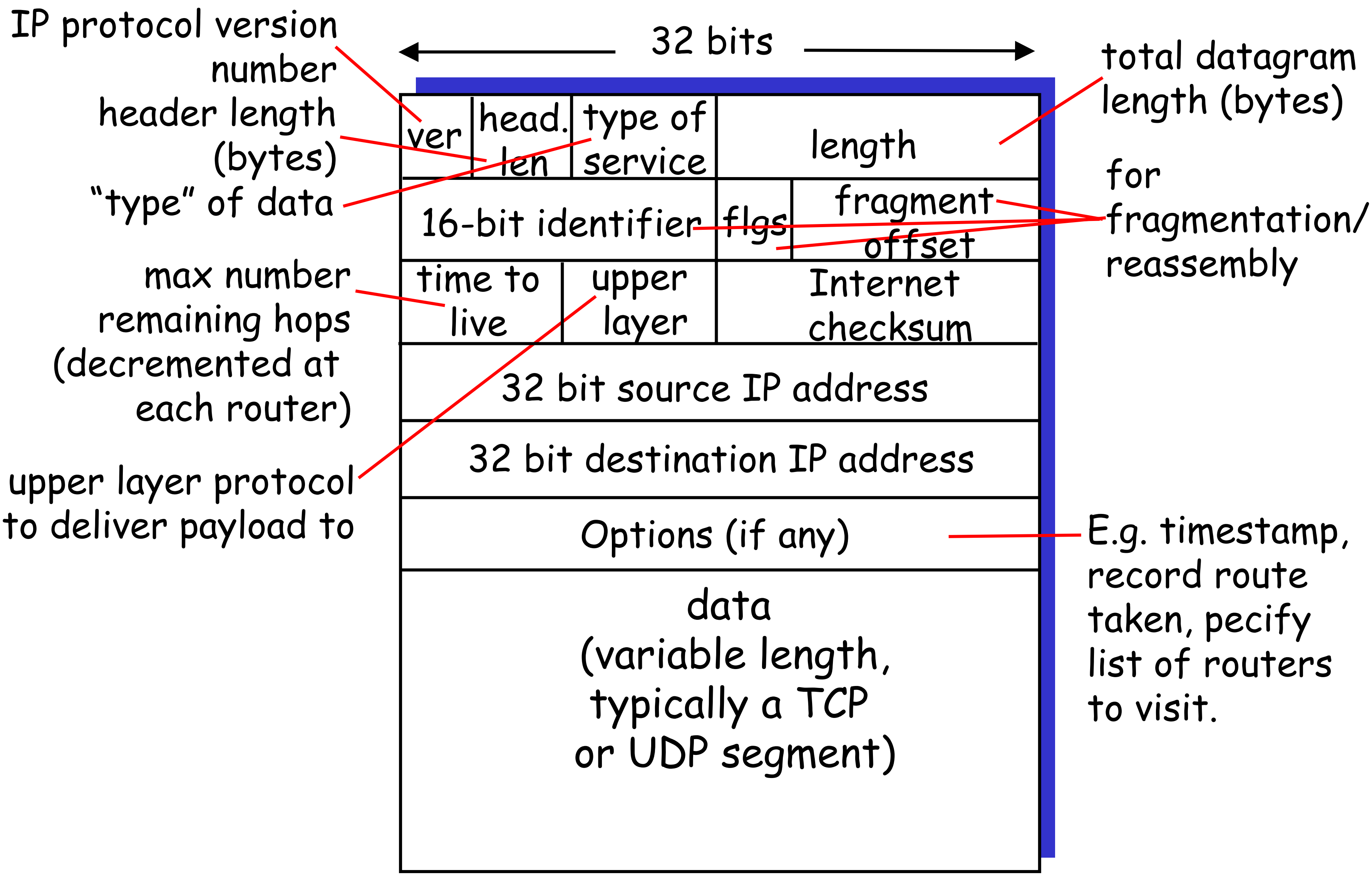
The Internet Network layer

Host, router network layer functions:

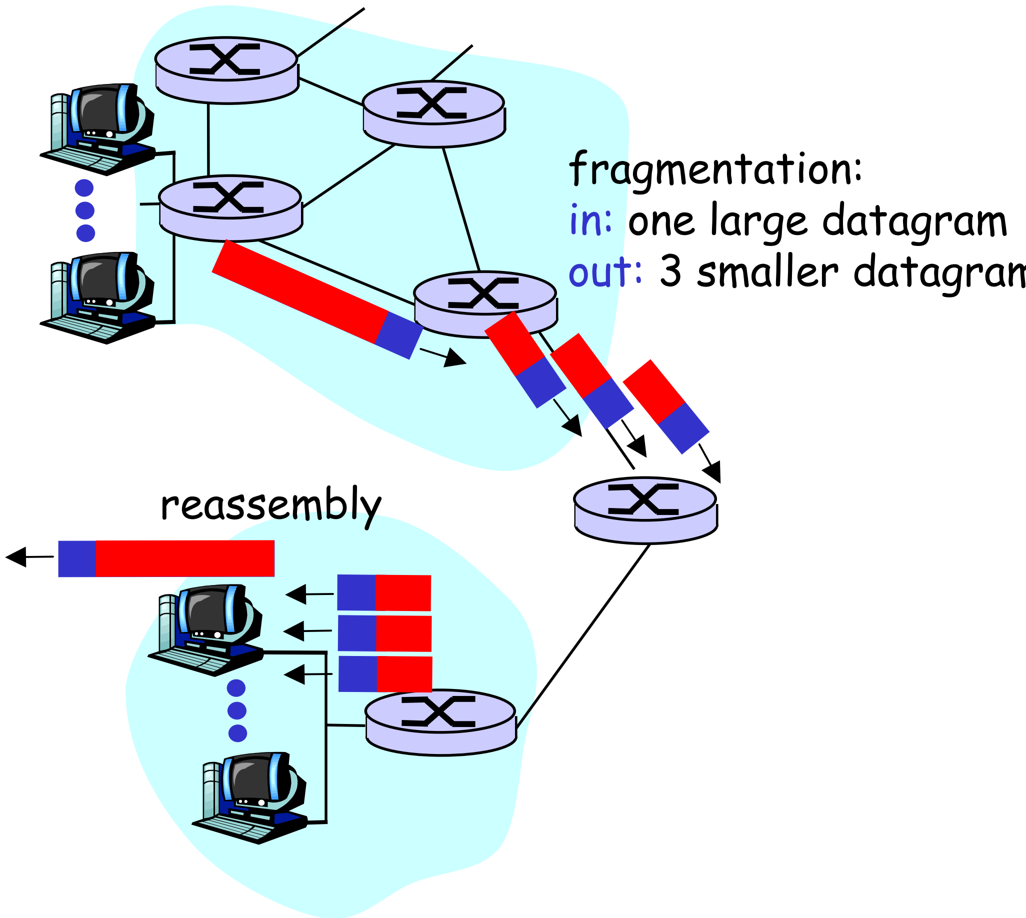


IP datagram format

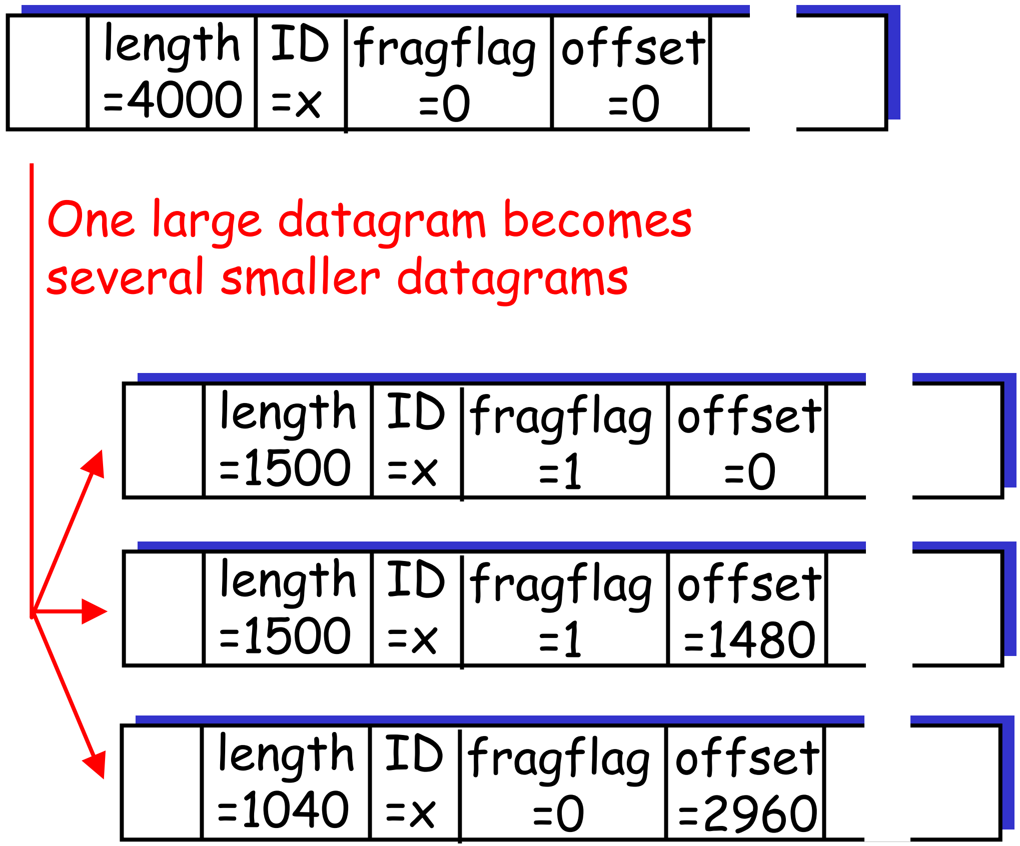


IP Fragmentation & Reassembly

- network links have MTU (max.transfer size) - largest possible link-level frame.
  - different link types, different MTUs
- large IP datagram divided ("fragmented") within net
  - one datagram becomes several datagrams
  - "reassembled" only at final destination
  - IP header bits used to identify, order related fragments



IP Fragmentation and Reassembly



ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

- used by hosts, routers, gateways to communication network-level information
  - error reporting: unreachable host, network, port, protocol
  - echo request/reply (used by ping)
- network-layer "above" IP:
  - ICMP msgs carried in IP datagrams
- ICMP message: type, code plus first 8 bytes of IP datagram causing error

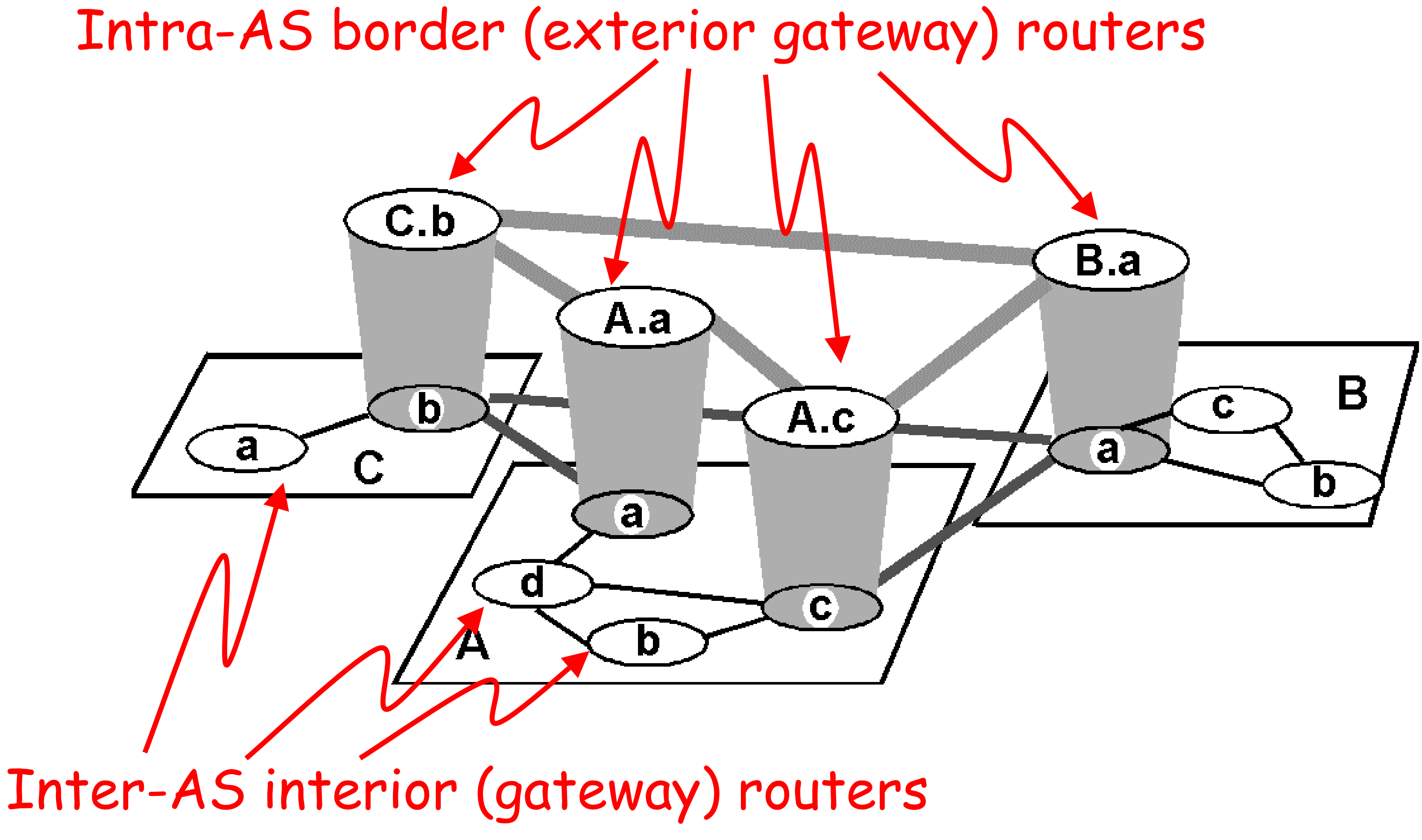
Type	Code	description
0	0	echo reply (ping)
3	0	dest. network unreachable
3	1	dest host unreachable
3	2	dest protocol unreachable
3	3	dest port unreachable
3	6	dest network unknown
3	7	dest host unknown
4	0	source quench (congestion control - not used)
8	0	echo request (ping)
9	0	route advertisement
10	0	router discovery
11	0	TTL expired
12	0	bad IP header

Routing in the Internet

- The Global Internet consists of Autonomous Systems (AS) interconnected with each other:
  - **Stub AS**: small corporation
  - **Multihomed AS**: large corporation (no transit)
  - **Transit AS**: provider

- Two-level routing:
  - **Intra-AS:** administrator is responsible for choice
  - **Inter-AS:** unique standard

Internet AS Hierarchy



Intra-AS Routing

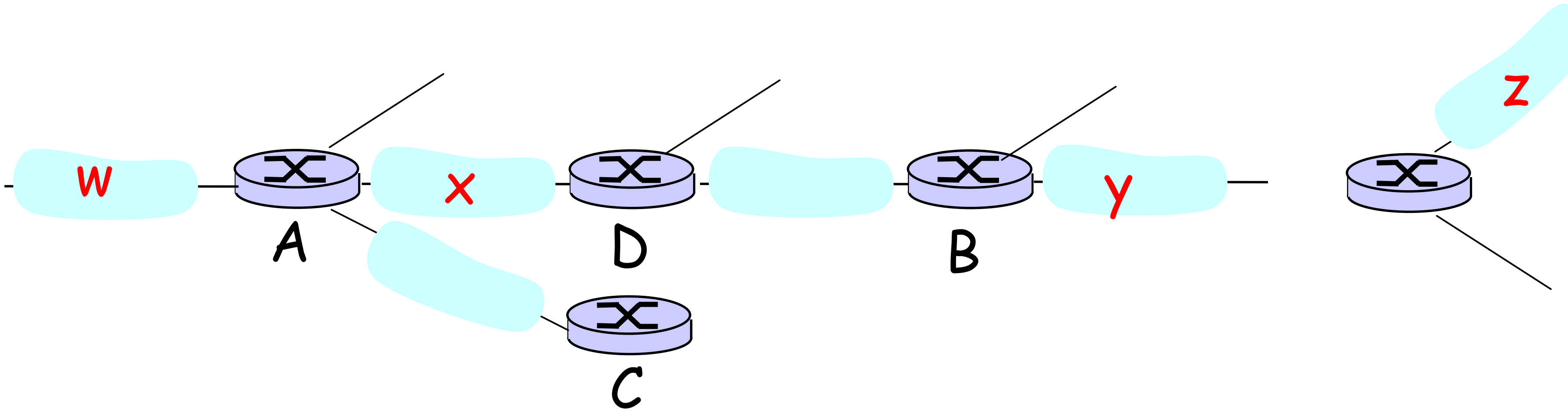
- Also known as Interior Gateway Protocols (IGP)
- Most common IGPs:
  - RIP: Routing Information Protocol
  - OSPF: Open Shortest Path First
  - IGRP: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco propr.)

RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

- Distance vector algorithm
- Included in BSD-UNIX Distribution in 1982
- Distance metric: # of hops (max = 15 hops)
  - *Can you guess why?*

- Distance vectors: exchanged every 30 sec via Response Message (also called **advertisement**)
- Each advertisement: route to up to 25 destination nets

RIP (Routing Information Protocol)



Destination Network	Next Router	Num. of hops to dest.
w	A	2
y	B	2
z	B	7
x	--	1
….	….	….

Routing table in D

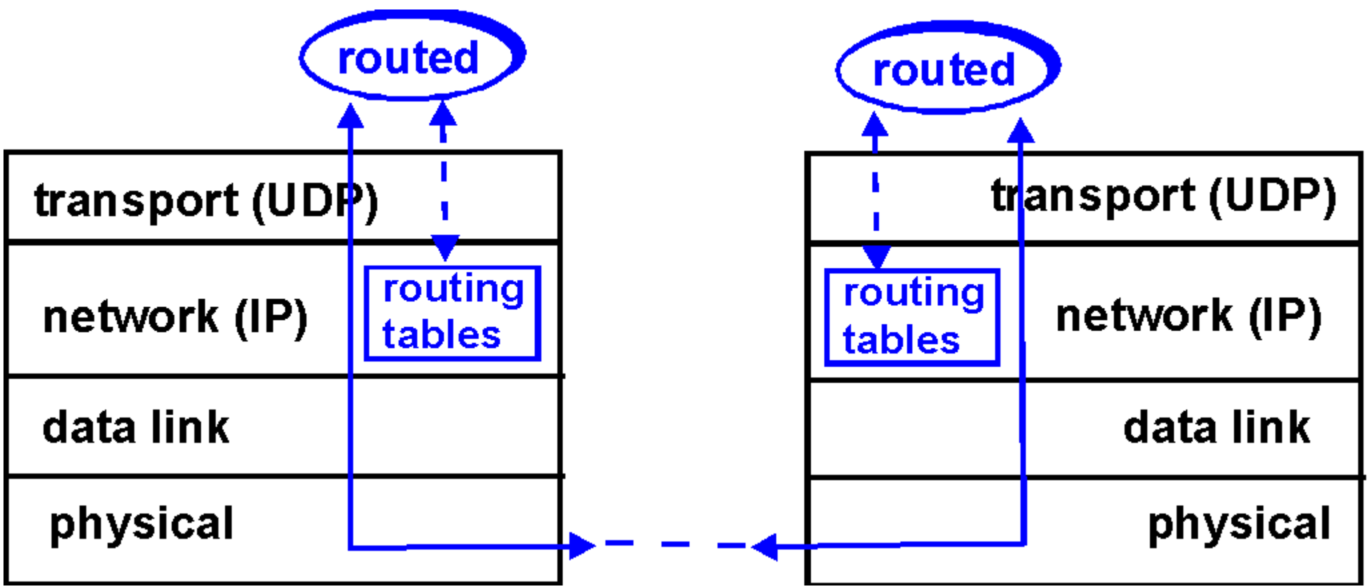
RIP: Link Failure and Recovery

If no advertisement heard after 180 sec --> neighbor/link declared dead

- routes via neighbor invalidated
- new advertisements sent to neighbors
- neighbors in turn send out new advertisements (if tables changed)
- link failure info quickly propagates to entire net
- poison reverse used to prevent ping-pong loops (infinite distance = 16 hops)

RIP Table processing

- RIP routing tables managed by a**pplication-level** process called route-d (daemon)
- advertisements sent in UDP packets, periodically repeated



RIP Table example (continued)

Router: *giroflee.eurocom.fr*

Destination	Gateway	Flags	Ref	Use	Interface
127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	UH	0	26492	lo0
192.168.2.	192.168.2.5	U	2	13	fa0
193.55.114.	193.55.114.6	U	3	58503	le0
192.168.3.	192.168.3.5	U	2	25	qaa0
224.0.0.0	193.55.114.6	U	3	0	le0
default	193.55.114.129	UG	0	143454	

- Three attached class C networks (LANs)
- Router only knows routes to attached LANs
- Default router used to "go up"
- Route multicast address: 224.0.0.0
- Loopback interface (for debugging)

OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

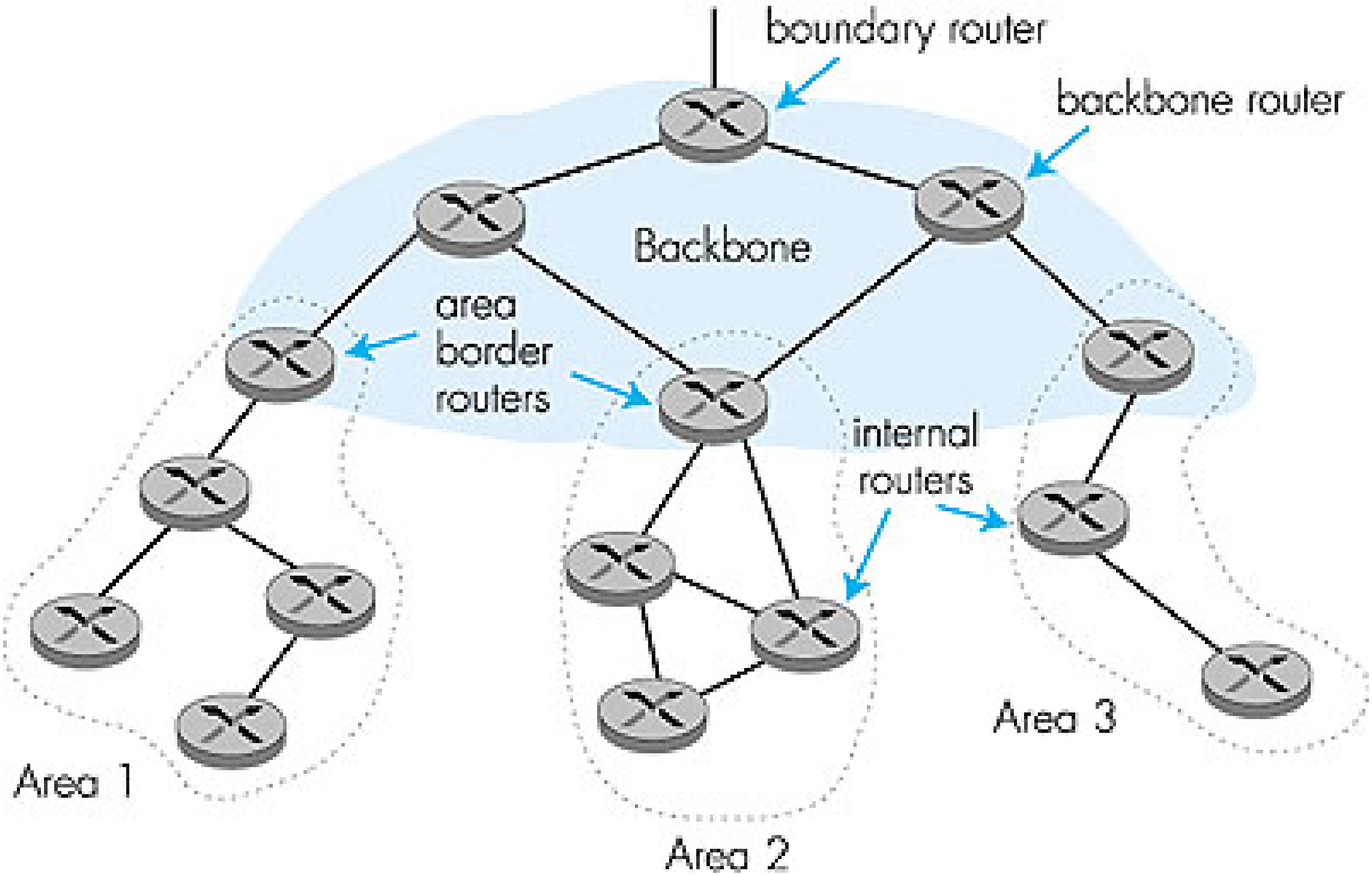
- "open": publicly available
- Uses Link State algorithm
  - LS packet dissemination
  - Topology map at each node
  - Route computation using Dijkstra's algorithm

- OSPF advertisement carries one entry per neighbor router
- Advertisements disseminated to entire AS (via flooding)

OSPF "advanced" features (not in RIP)

- Security: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion); TCP connections used
- Multiple same-cost paths allowed (only one path in RIP)
- For each link, multiple cost metrics for different TOS (eg, satellite link cost set "low" for best effort; high for real time)
- Integrated uni- and multicast support:
  - Multicast OSPF (MOSPF) uses same topology data base as OSPF
- Hierarchical OSPF in large domains.

Hierarchical OSPF



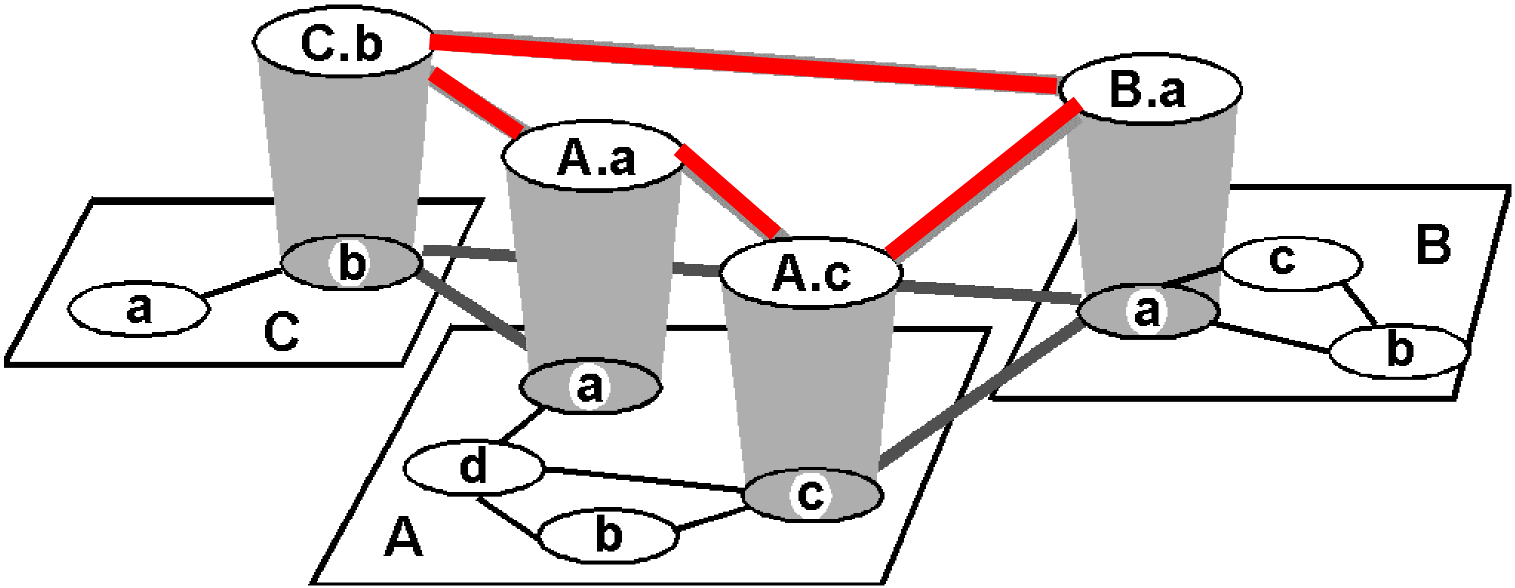
Hierarchical OSPF

- Two-level hierarchy: local area, backbone.
  - Link-state advertisements only in area
  - each nodes has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.
- **Area border routers:** "summarize" distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- **Backbone routers:** run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- **Boundary routers:** connect to other ASs.

IGRP (Interior Gateway Routing Protocol)

- CISCO proprietary; successor of RIP (mid 80s)
- Distance Vector, like RIP
- several cost metrics (delay, bandwidth, reliability, load etc)
- uses TCP to exchange routing updates
- Loop-free routing via Distributed Updating Alg. (DUAL) based on *diffused computation*

Inter-AS routing



Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): *the* de facto standard
- **Path Vector** protocol:
  - similar to Distance Vector protocol
  - each Border Gateway broadcast to neighbors (peers) *entire path* (I.e, sequence of ASs) to destination
  - E.g., Gateway X may send its path to dest. Z:

Path (X,Z) = X,Y1,Y2,Y3,…,Z

Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

Suppose: gateway X send its path to peer gateway W

- W may or may not select path offered by X
  - cost, policy (don't route via competitors AS), loop prevention reasons.
- If W selects path advertised by X, then:

  Path (W,Z) = w, Path (X,Z)
- Note: X can control incoming traffic by controling it route advertisements to peers:
  - e.g., don't want to route traffic to Z -> don't advertise any routes to Z

Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP messages exchanged using TCP.
- BGP messages:
  - OPEN: opens TCP connection to peer and authenticates sender
  - UPDATE: advertises new path (or withdraws old)
  - KEEPALIVE keeps connection alive in absence of UPDATES; also ACKs OPEN request
  - NOTIFICATION: reports errors in previous msg; also used to close connection

Why different Intra- and Inter-AS routing ?

Policy:

- Inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its net.
- Intra-AS: single admin, so no policy decisions needed

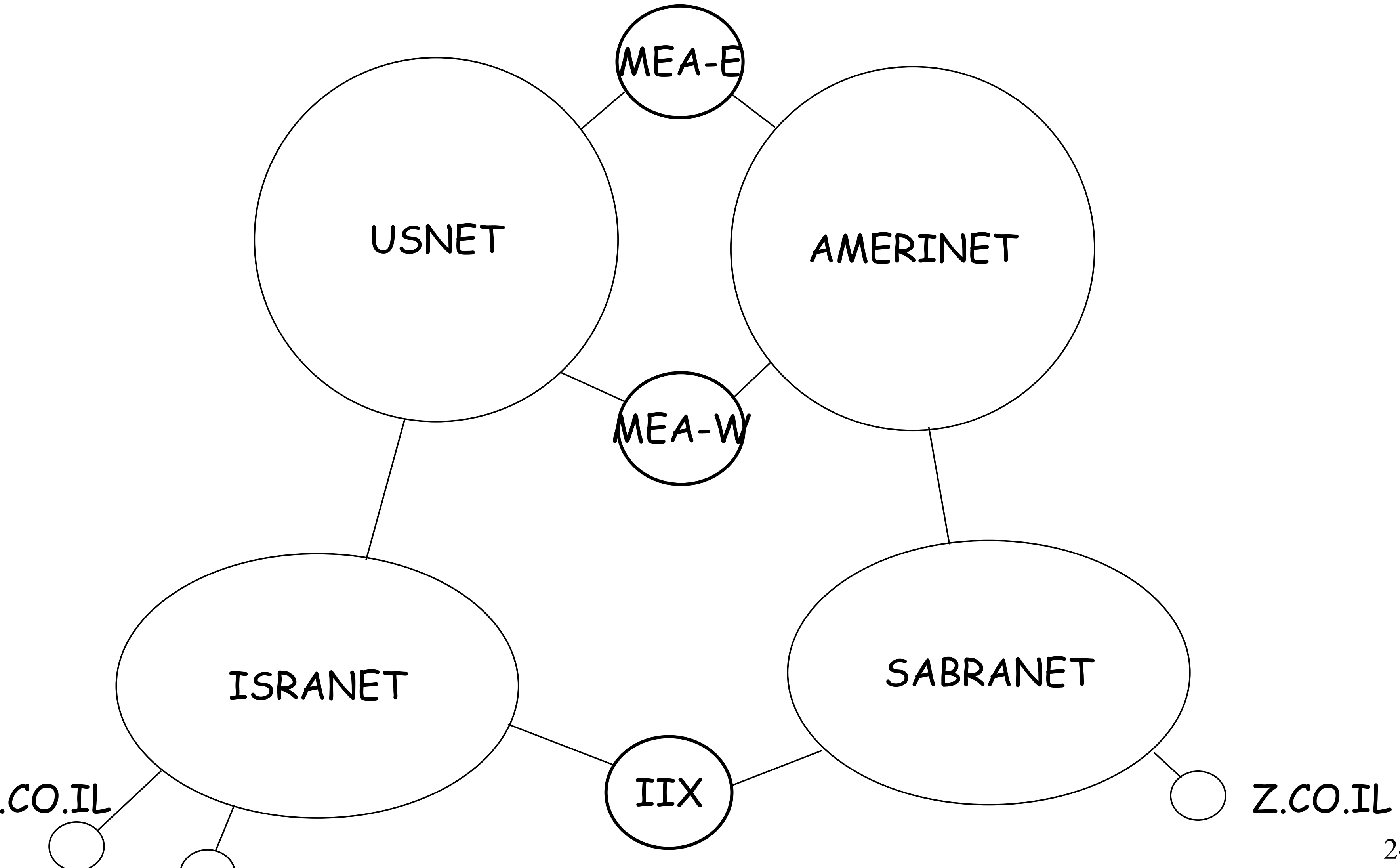
Scale:

- hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

Performance:

- Intra-AS: can focus on performance
- Inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance

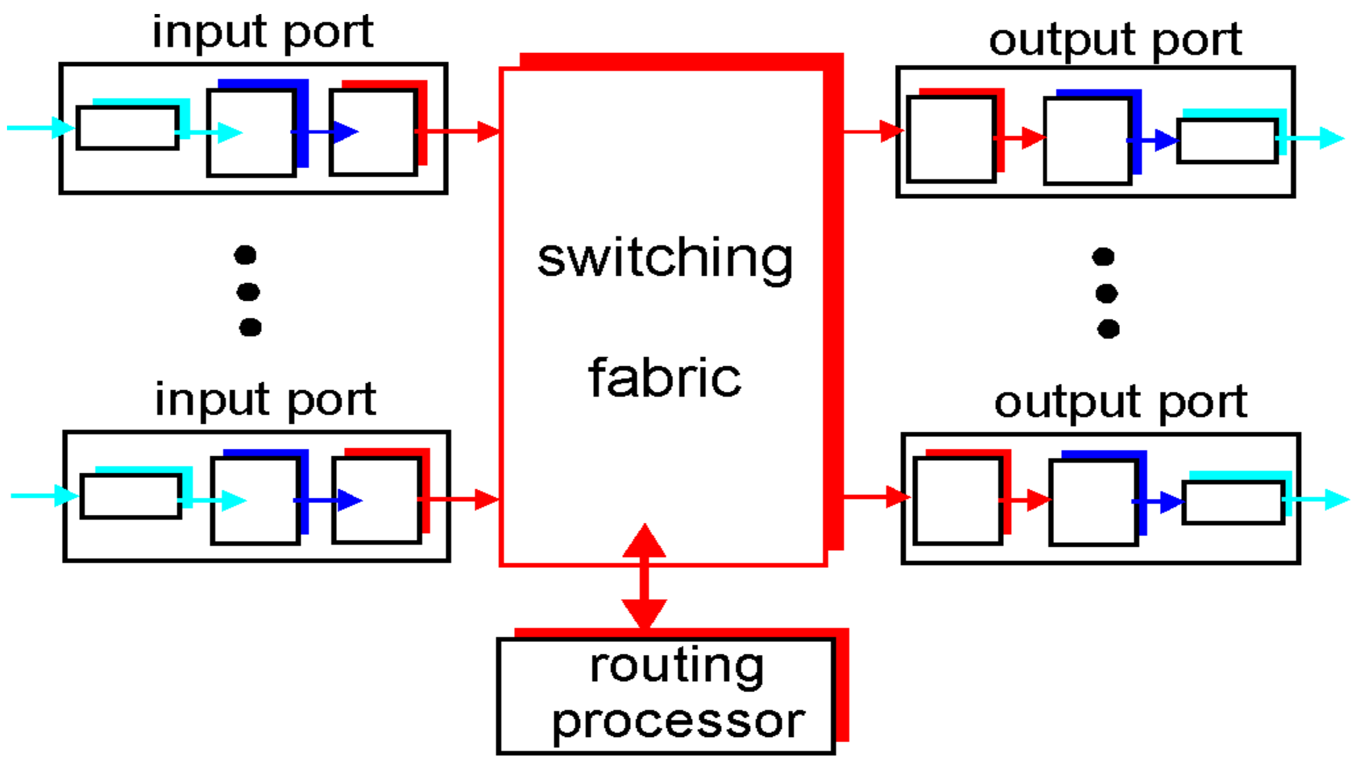
BGP Policy Example



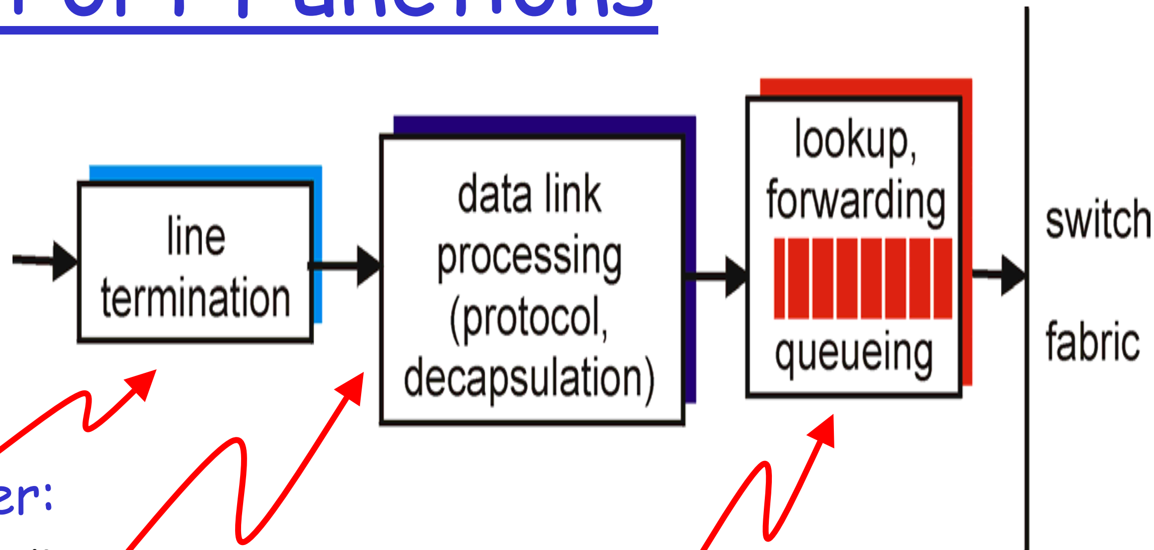
Router Architecture Overview

Two key router functions:

- run routing algorithms/protocol (RIP, OSPF, BGP)
- *switching* datagrams from incoming to outgoing link



Input Port Functions



Physical layer:
it-level reception

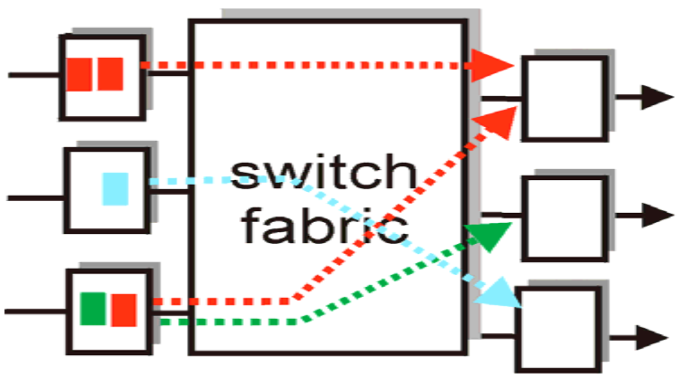
Data link layer:
e.g., Ethernet

Decentralized switching:

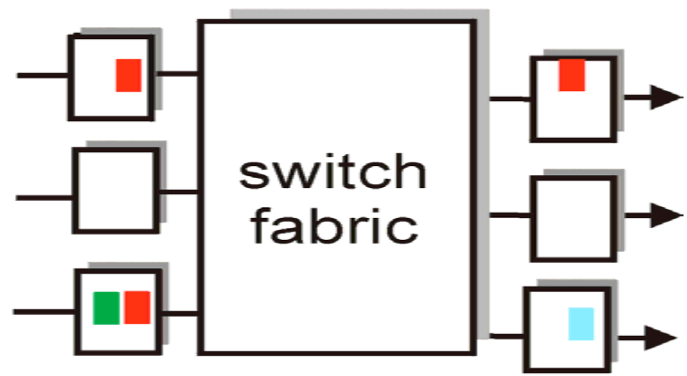
- given datagram dest., lookup output port using routing table in input port memory
- goal: complete input port processing at 'line speed'
- queuing: if datagrams arrive faster than forwarding rate into switch fabric

Input Port Queuing

- Fabric slower than input ports combined -> queueing may occur at input queues
- Head-of-the-Line (HOL) blocking: queued datagram at front of queue prevents others in queue from moving forward
- *queueing delay and loss due to input buffer overflow!*

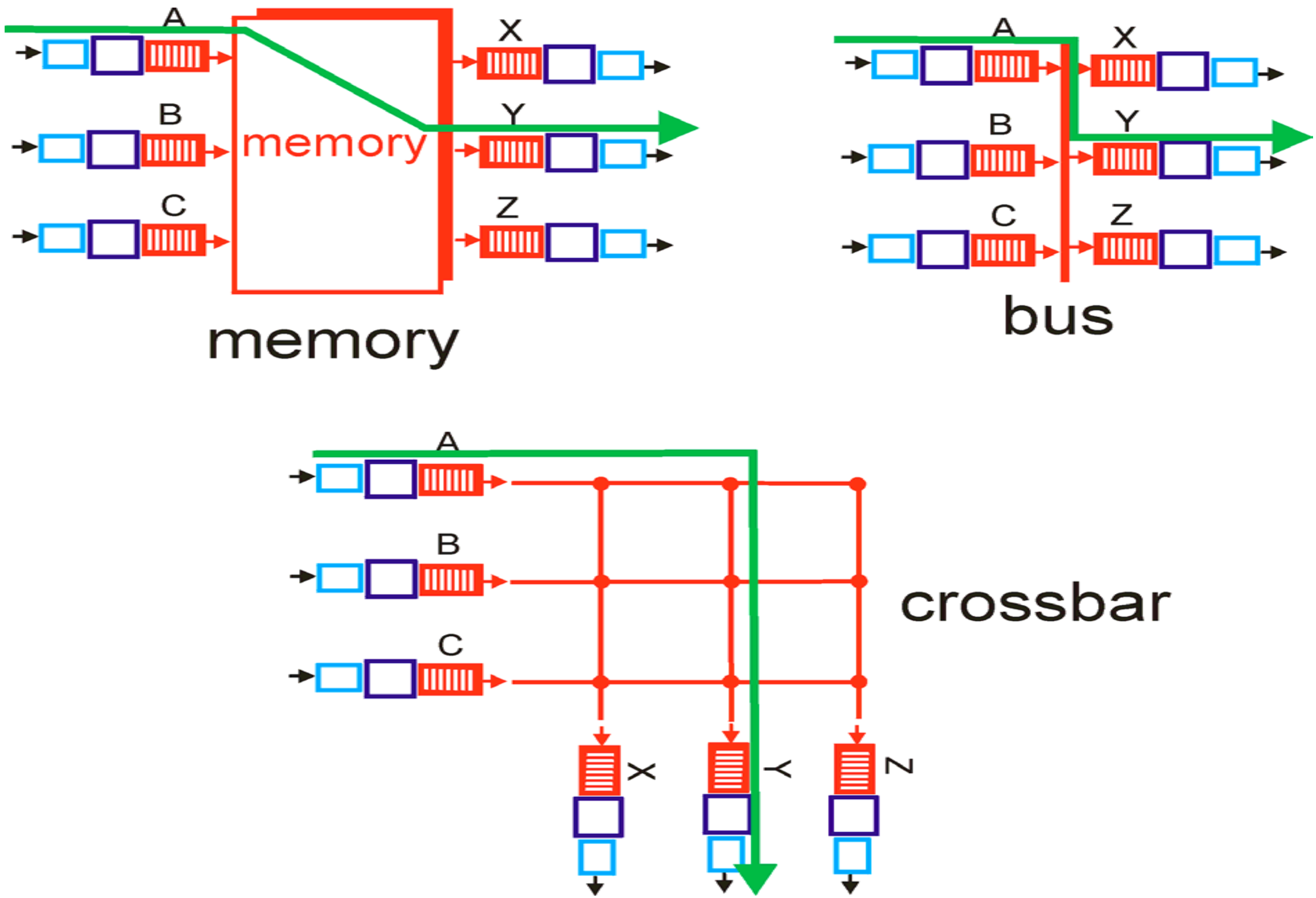


output port contention at time t - only one red packet can be transferred



green packet experiences HOL blocking

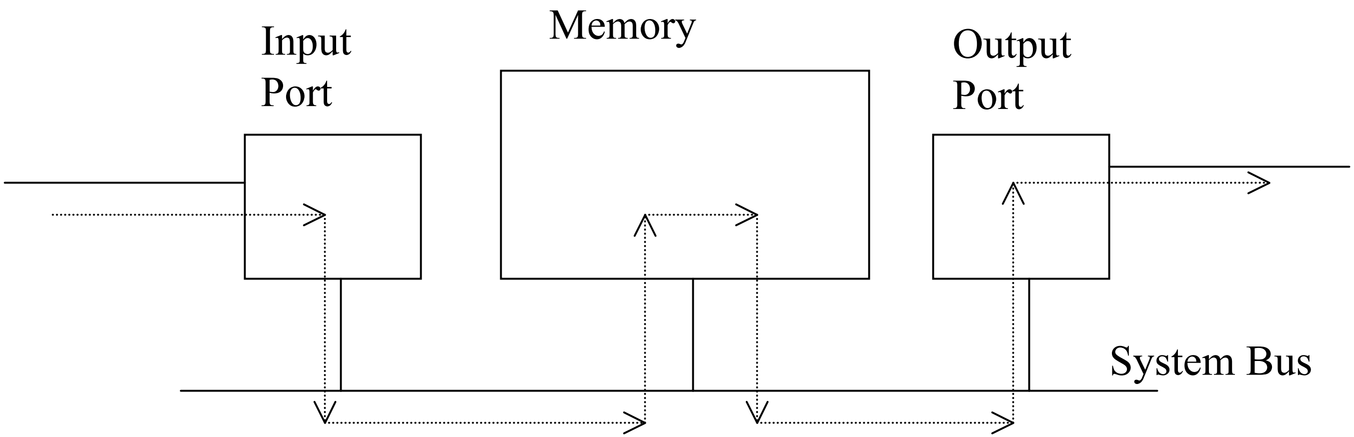
Three types of switching fabrics



Switching Via Memory

First generation routers:

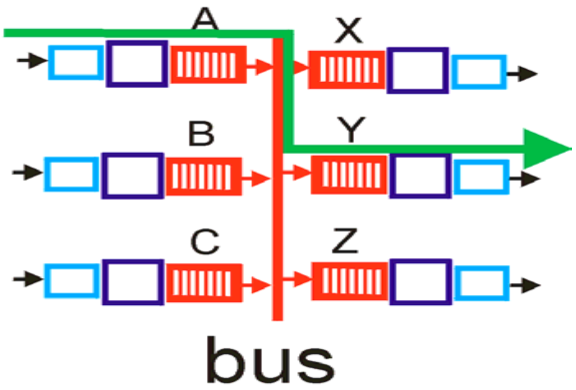
- packet copied by system's (single) CPU
- speed limited by memory bandwidth (2 bus crossings per datagram)



Modern routers:

- input port processor performs lookup, copy into memory
- Cisco Catalyst 8500

Switching Via Bus

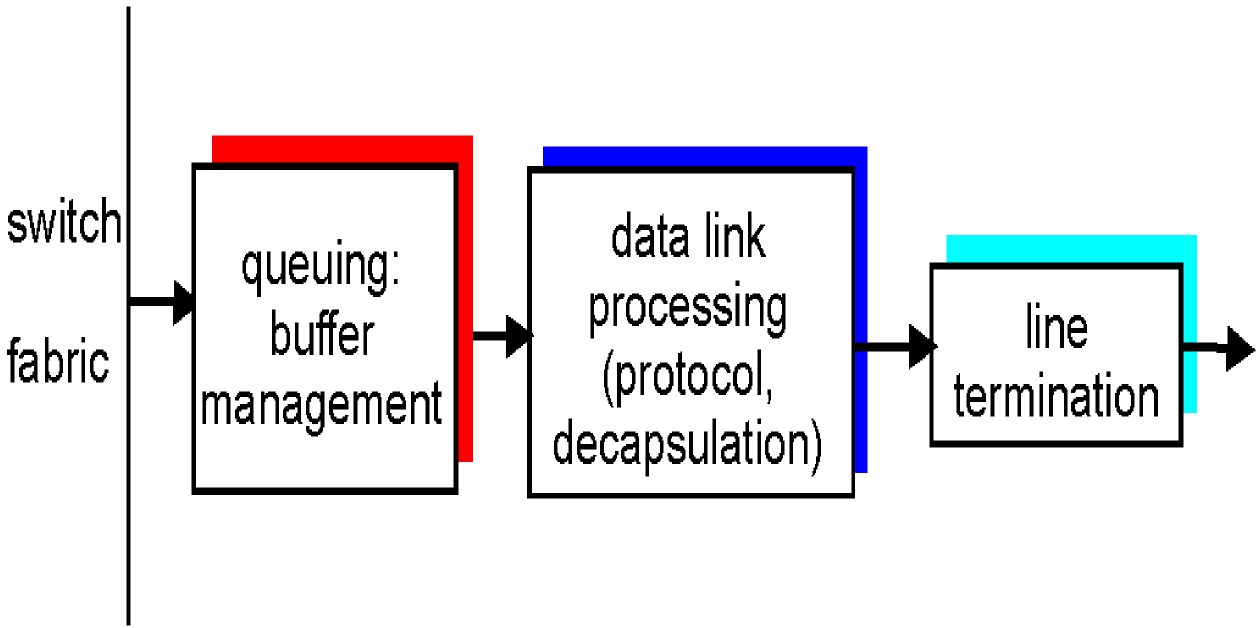


- datagram from input port memory to output port memory via a shared bus
- bus contention: switching speed limited by bus bandwidth
- 1 Gbps bus, Cisco 1900: sufficient speed for access and enterprise routers (not regional or backbone)

Switching Via An Interconnection Network

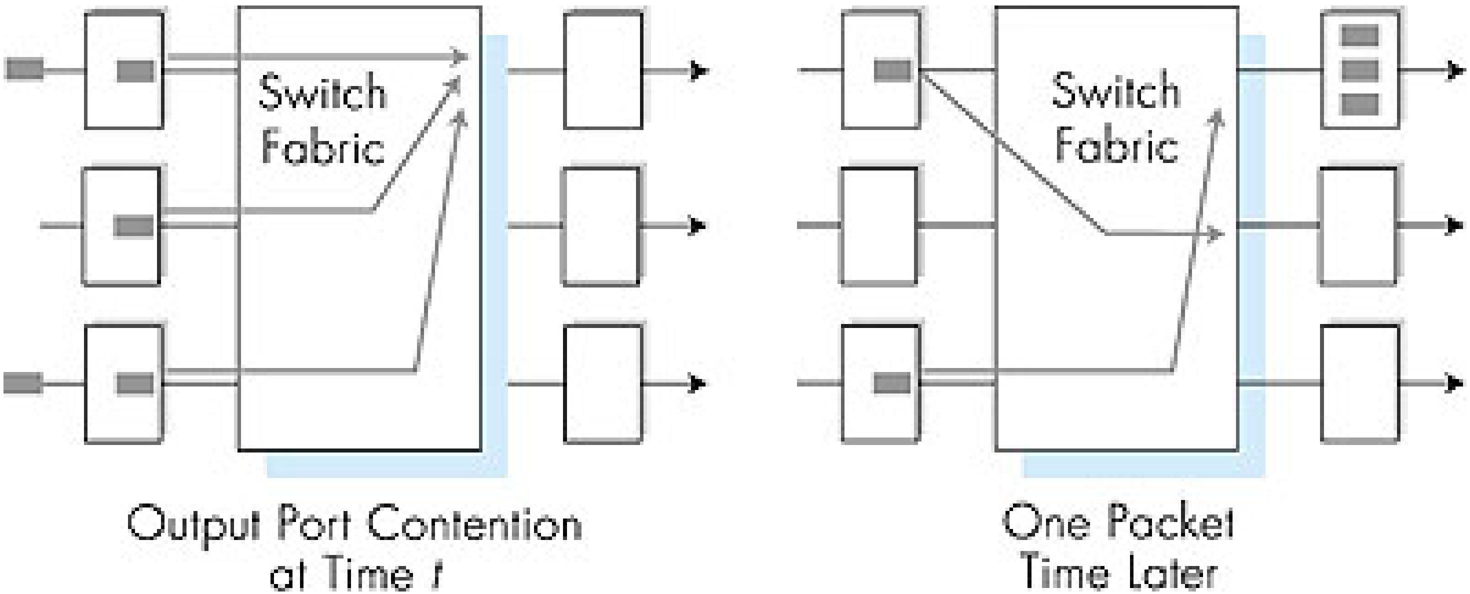
- overcome bus bandwidth limitations
- Banyan networks, other interconnection nets initially developed to connect processors in multiprocessor
- Advanced design: fragmenting datagram into fixed length cells, switch cells through the fabric.
- Cisco 12000: switches Gbps through the interconnection network

Output Ports



- *Buffering* required when datagrams arrive from fabric faster than the transmission rate
- *Scheduling discipline* chooses among queued datagrams for transmission

Output port queueing



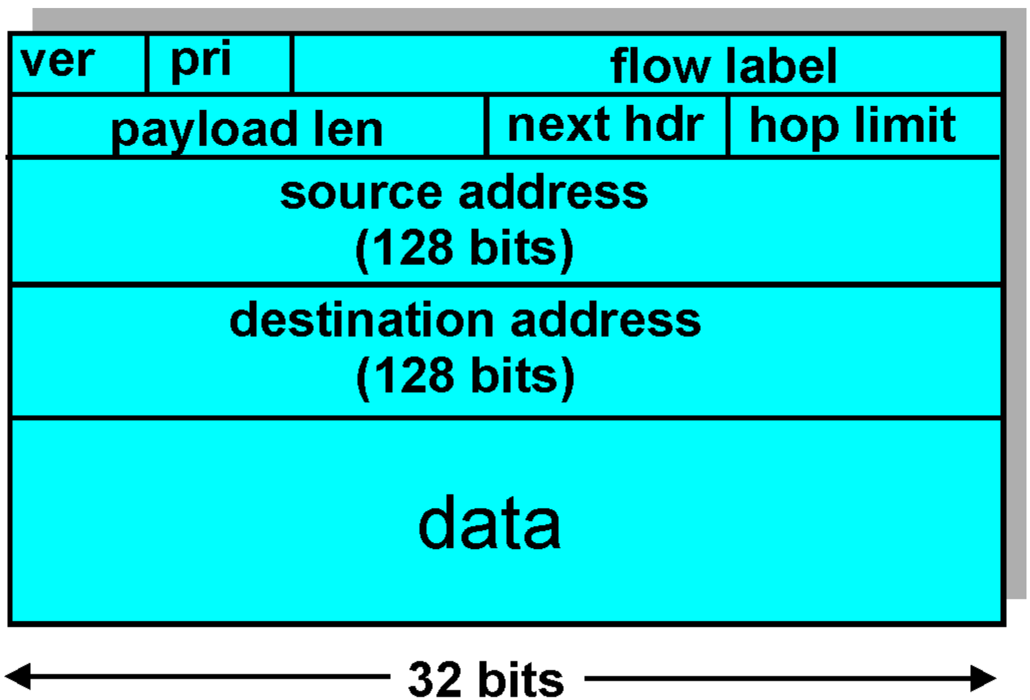
- buffering when arrival rate via switch exceeeds ouput line speed
- *queueing (delay) and loss due to output port buffer overflow!*

IPv6

- Initial motivation: 32-bit address space completely allocated by 2008.
- Additional motivation:
  - header format helps speed processing/forwarding
  - header changes to facilitate QoS
  - new "anycast" address: route to "best" of several replicated servers
- IPv6 datagram format:
  - fixed-length 40 byte header
  - no fragmentation allowed

IPv6 Header (Cont)

Priority: identify priority among datagrams in flow
Flow Label: identify datagrams in same "flow."
(concept of "flow" not well defined).
Next header: identify upper layer protocol for data



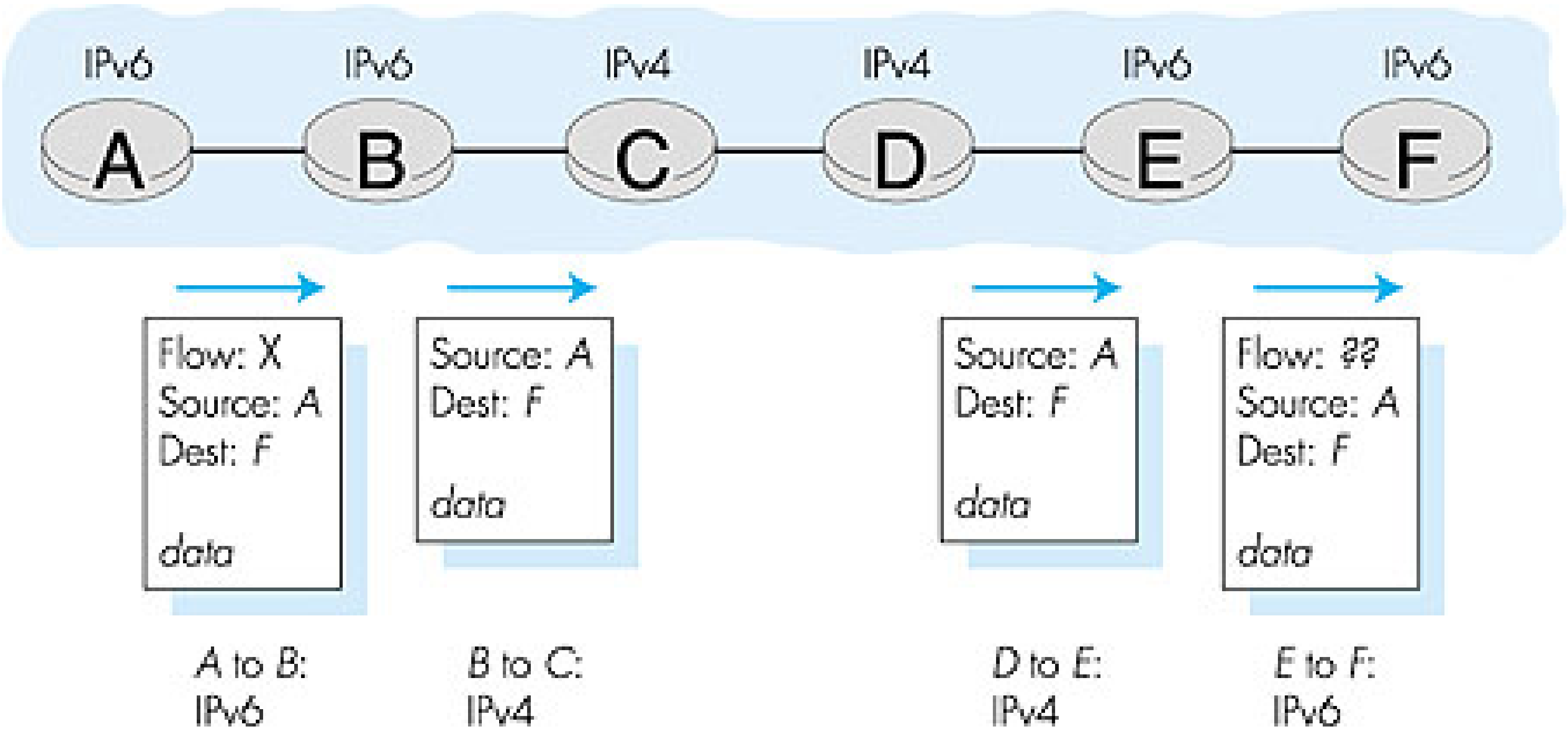
Other Changes from IPv4

- *Checksum*: removed entirely to reduce processing time at each hop
- *Options:* allowed, but outside of header, indicated by "Next Header" field
- *ICMPv6:* new version of ICMP
  - additional message types, e.g. "Packet Too Big"
  - multicast group management functions

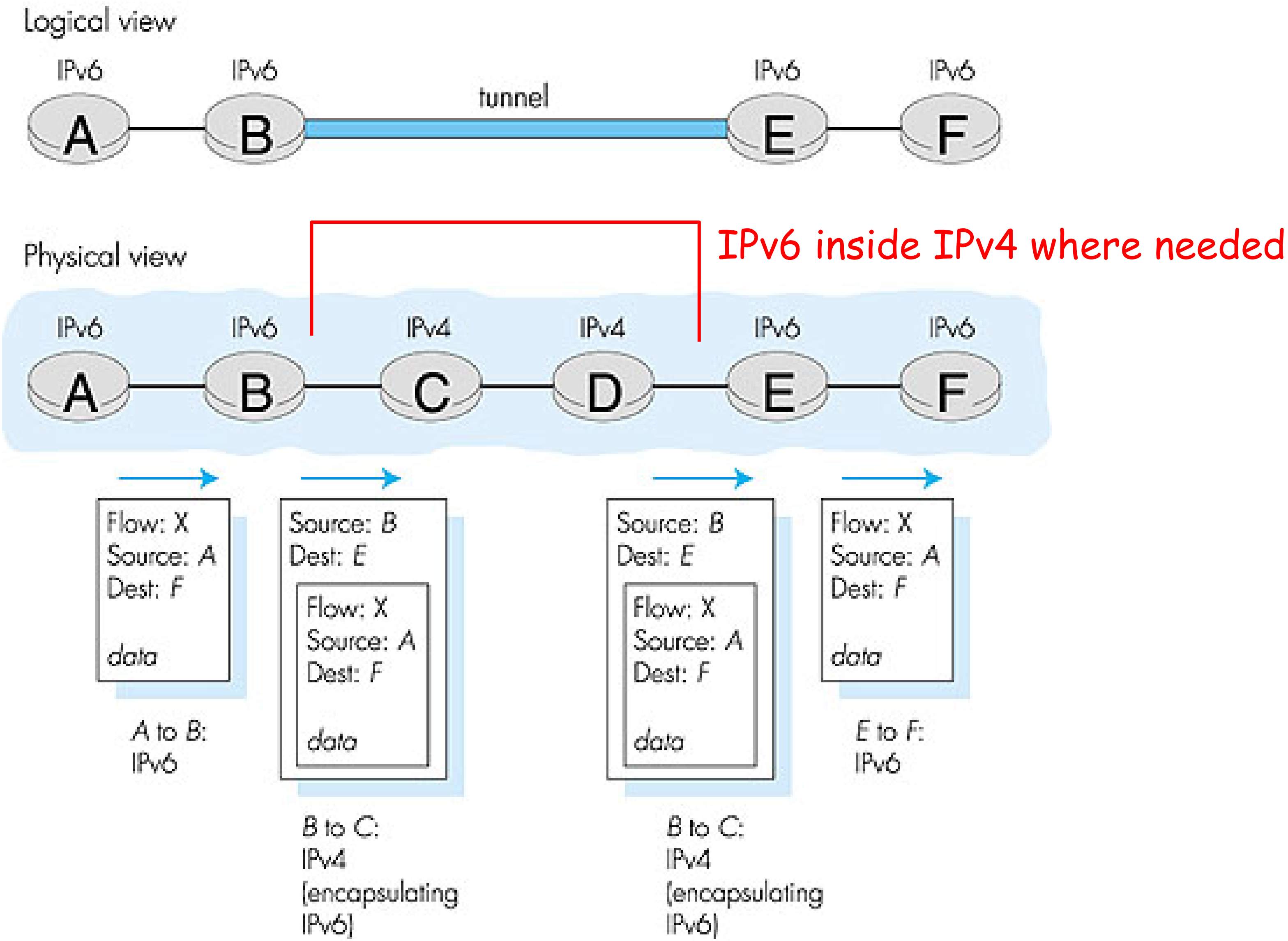
Transition From IPv4 To IPv6

- Not all routers can be upgraded simultaneous
  - no "flag days"
  - How will the network operate with mixed IPv4 and IPv6 routers?
- Two proposed approaches:
  - *Dual Stack*: some routers with dual stack (v6, v4) can "translate" between formats
  - *Tunneling:* IPv6 carried as payload in IPv4 datagram among IPv4 routers

Dual Stack Approach



Tunneling



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