Lecture 3-3

Link Layer Addressing, ARP

Ethernet

LAN Technologies

Data link layer so far:

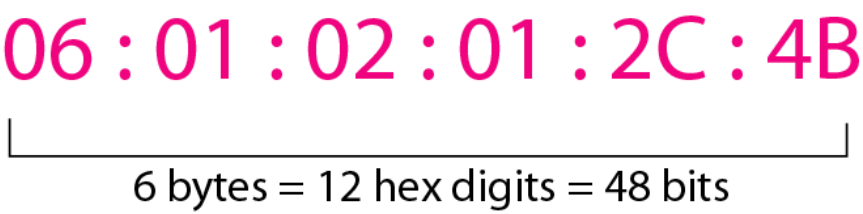
- services, error detection/correction, multiple access

Next: LAN technologies

- addressing
- Ethernet
- switches
- PPP

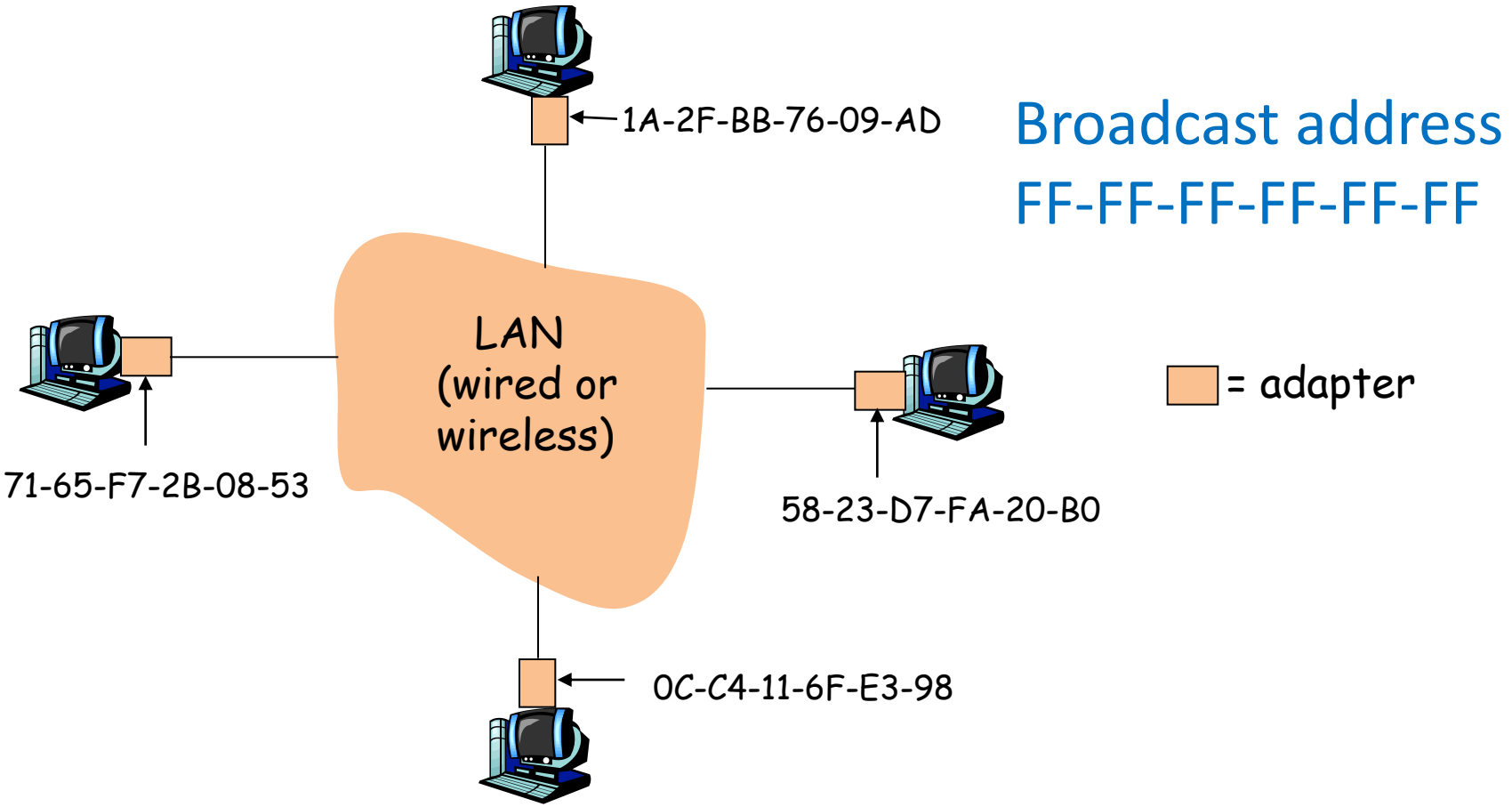
MAC Address

- MAC (or LAN or physical or Ethernet) address:
  - function: *get frame from one interface to another physically-connected interface (same network)*
  - 48 bit MAC address (for most LANs)
    - burned in NIC ROM, also sometimes software settable



LAN Address

Each adapter on LAN has a unique LAN address

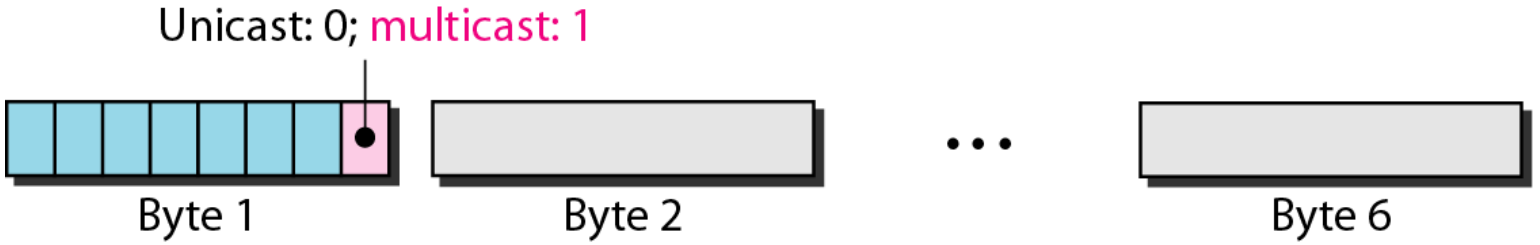


LAN Address (more)

- MAC address allocation administered by IEEE
- Manufacturer buys a portion of MAC address space (to assure uniqueness)
- MAC flat address ➜ portability
  - can move LAN card from one LAN to another
- IP hierarchical address NOT portable
  - address depends on IP subnet to which node is attached

LAN Address (more)

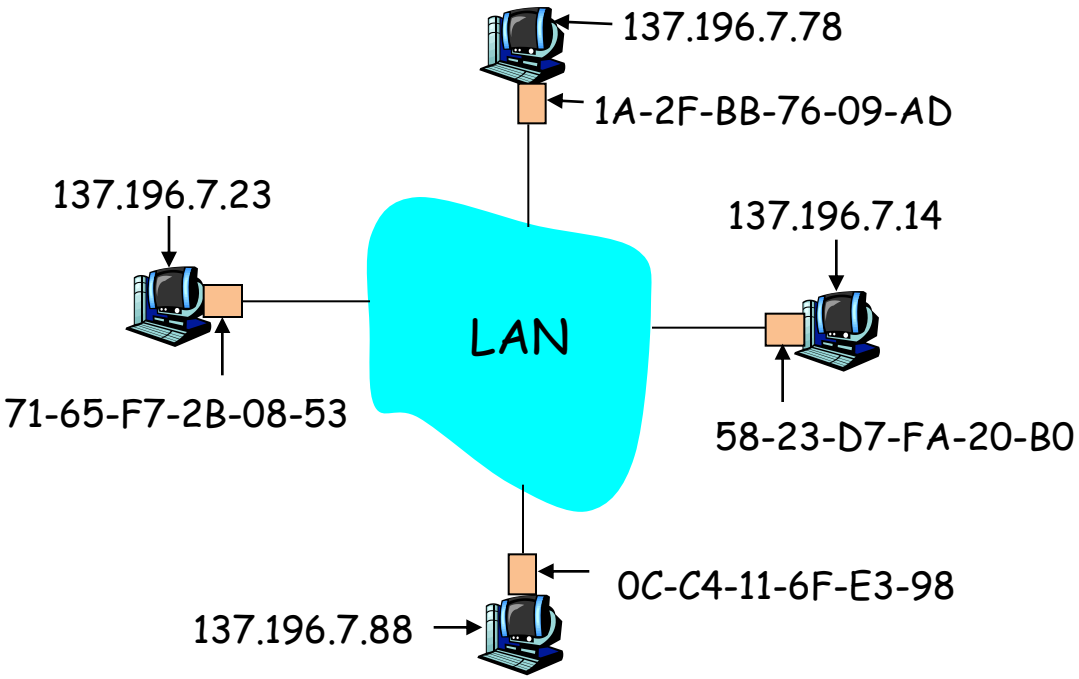
- The least significant bit of the first byte defines the type of address. If the bit is 0, the address is unicast; otherwise, it is multicast



- The broadcast destination address is a special case of the multicast address in which all bits are 1s

ARP: Address Resolution Protocol

Question: how to determine MAC address of B knowing B's IP address?



- Each IP node (host, router) on LAN has ARP table
- ARP table: IP/MAC address mappings for some LAN nodes

  < IP address; MAC address; TTL>

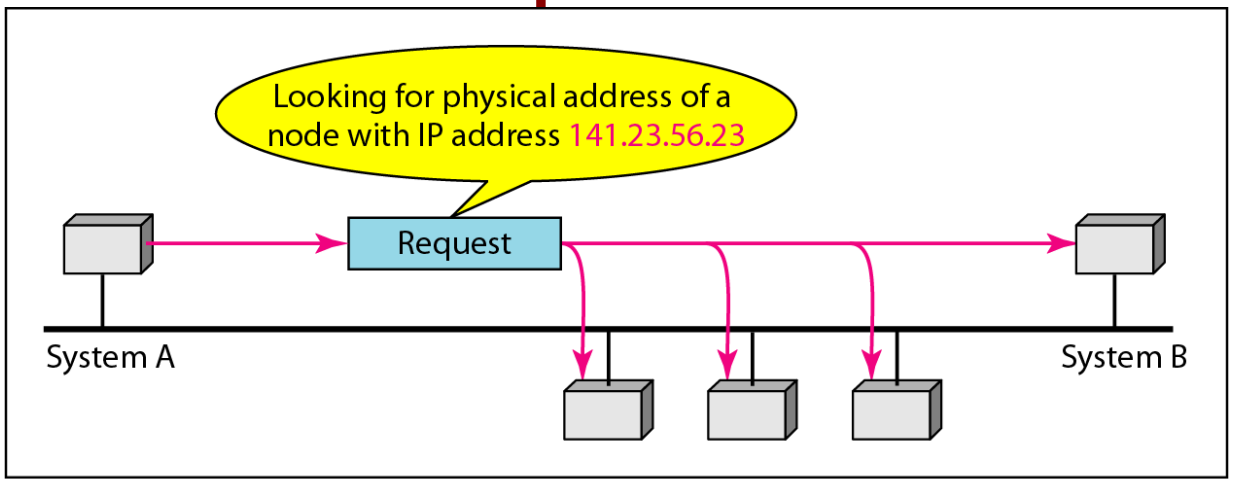
  - TTL (Time To Live): time after which address mapping will be forgotten (typically 20 min)

ARP protocol: Same LAN

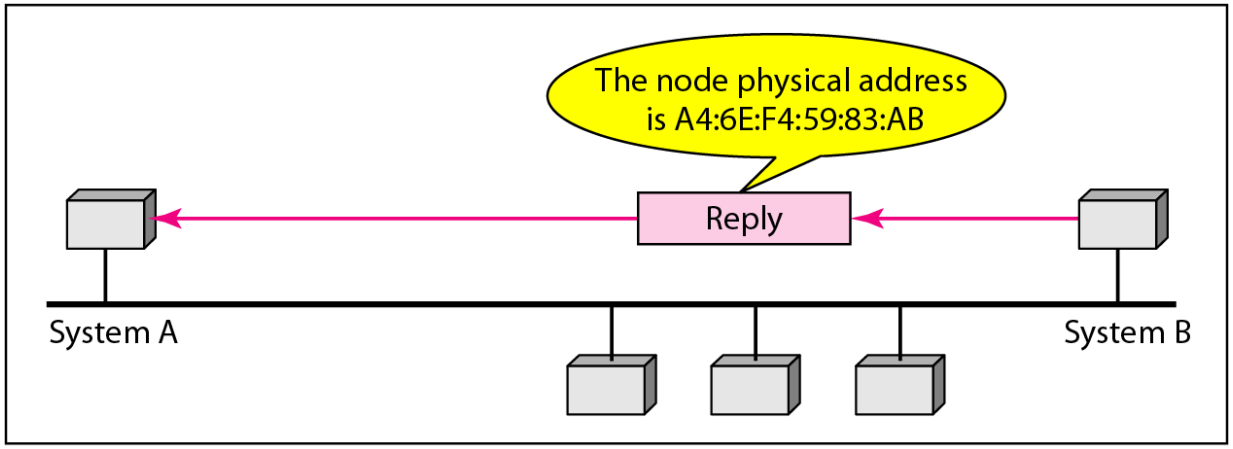
- A wants to send datagram to B, and B's MAC address not in A's ARP table.
- A broadcasts ARP query packet, containing B's IP address
  - dest MAC address = FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
  - all machines on LAN receive this ARP query
- B receives ARP packet, replies to A with its (B's) MAC address
  - frame sent to A's MAC address (unicast)

- A caches (saves) IP-to-MAC address pair in its ARP table until information becomes old (times out)
  - soft state: information that times out (goes away) unless refreshed
- ARP is "plug-and-play":
  - nodes create their ARP tables *without intervention from net administrator*

ARP protocol

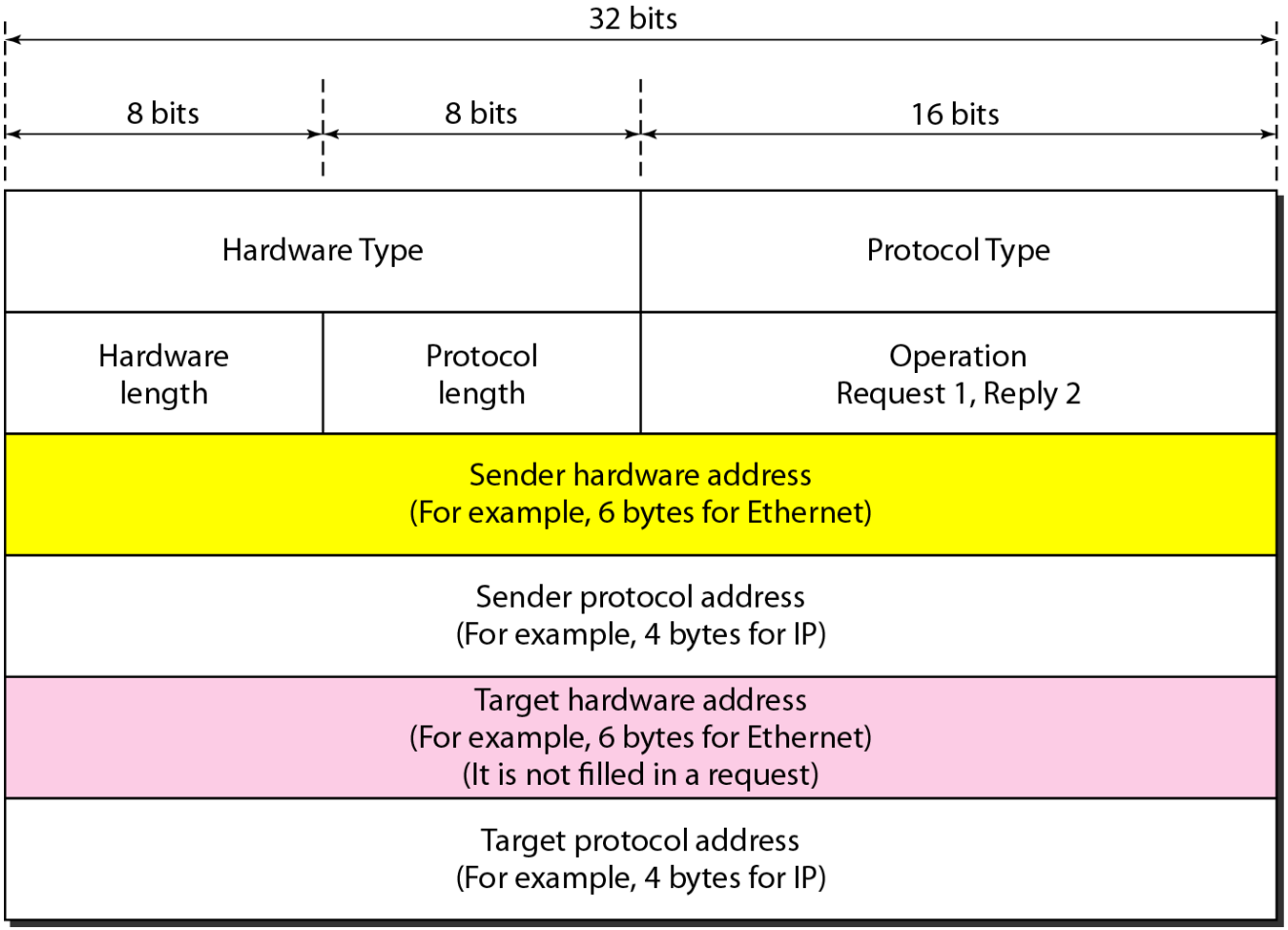


a. ARP request is broadcast



b. ARP reply is unicast

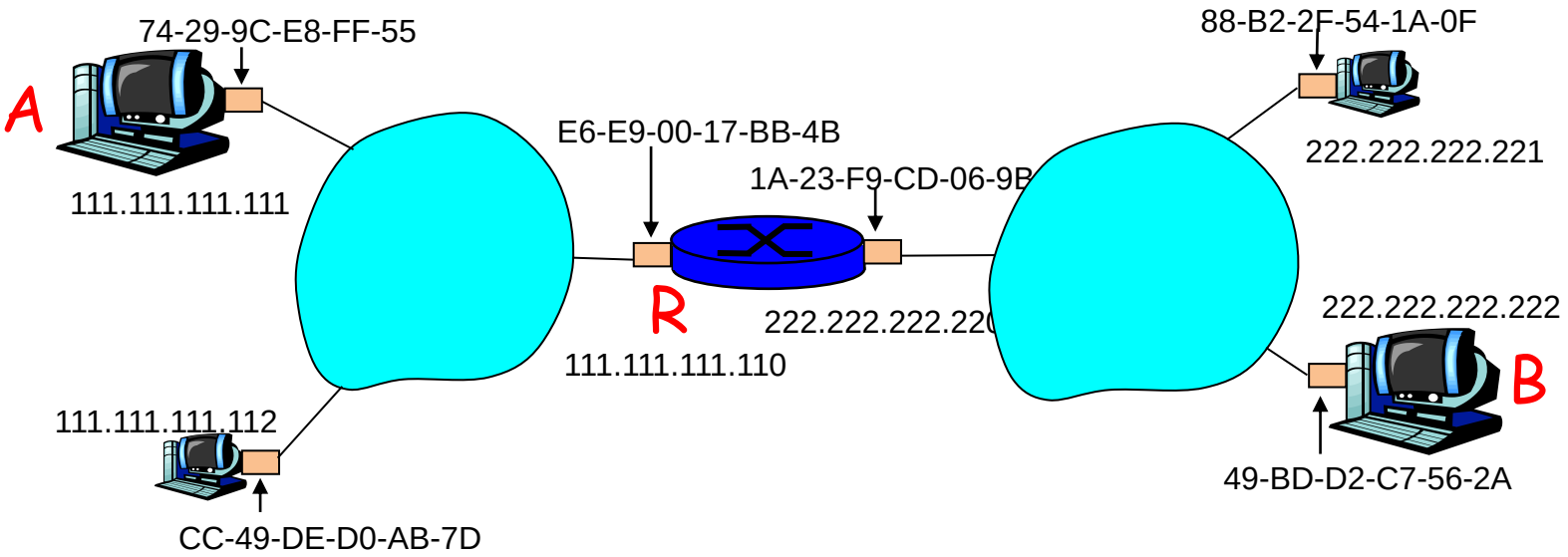
ARP Packet


32 bits
8 bits
8 bits
16 bits
Hardware Type
Protocol Type
Hardware length
Protocol length
Operation Request 1, Reply 2
Sender hardware address (For example, 6 bytes for Ethernet)
Sender protocol address (For example, 4 bytes for IP)
Target hardware address (For example, 6 bytes for Ethernet) (It is not filled in a request)
Target protocol address (For example, 4 bytes for IP)

Addressing: routing to another LAN

walkthrough: send datagram from A to B via R

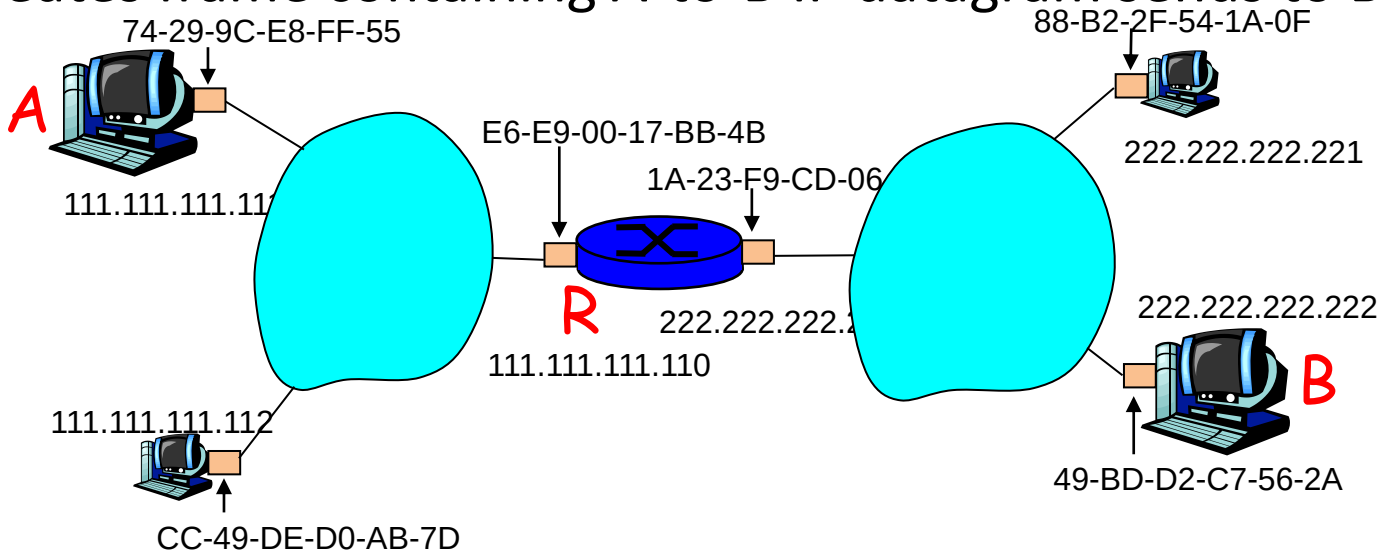
assume A knows B's IP address



- two ARP tables in router R, one for each IP network (LAN)

- A creates IP datagram with source A, destination B
- A uses ARP to get R's MAC address for 111.111.111.110
- A creates link-layer frame with R's MAC address as dest, frame contains A-to-B IP datagram
- A's NIC sends frame
- R's NIC receives frame
- R removes IP datagram from Ethernet frame, sees its destined to B
- R uses ARP to get B's MAC address
- R creates frame containing A-to-B IP datagram sends to B

This is a really important example – make sure you understand!



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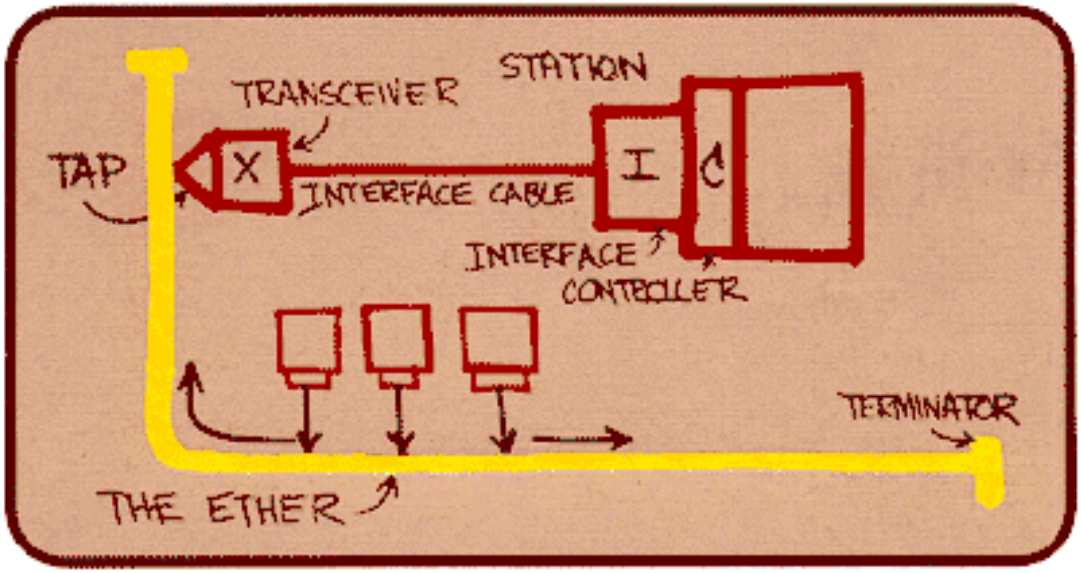
ETHERNET

Ethernet

"dominant" wired LAN technology:

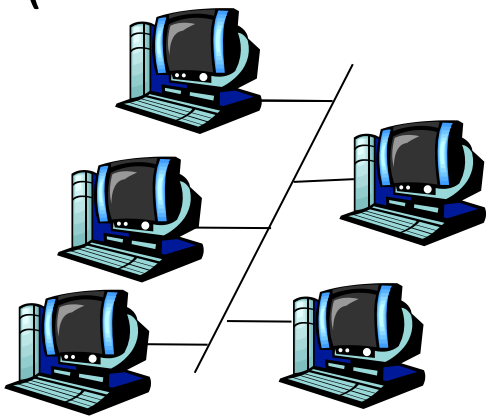
- cheap $20 for NIC
- first widely used LAN technology
- simpler, cheaper than token LANs and ATM
- kept up with speed race: 10 Mbps – 10 Gbps



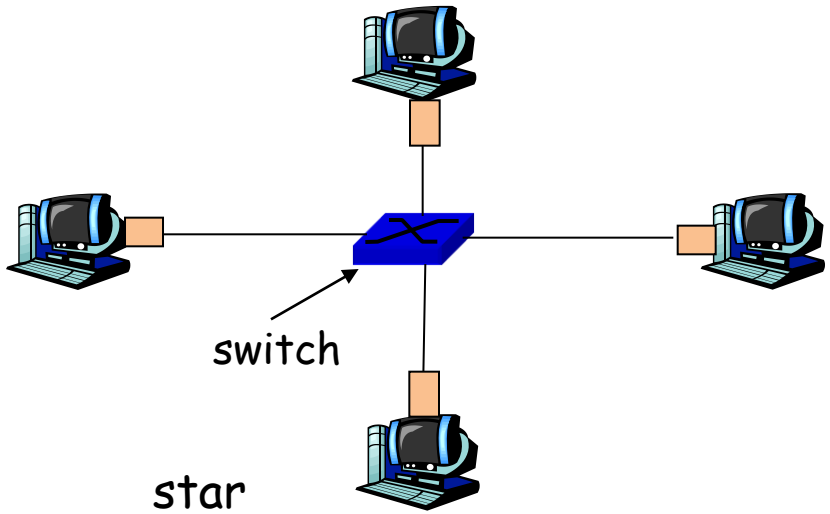
Metcalfe's Ethernet sketch

Star topology

- bus topology popular through mid 90s
  - all nodes in same collision domain (can collide with each other)
- today: star topology prevails
  - active ***switch*** in center
  - each "spoke" runs a (separate) Ethernet protocol (nodes do not collide with each other)

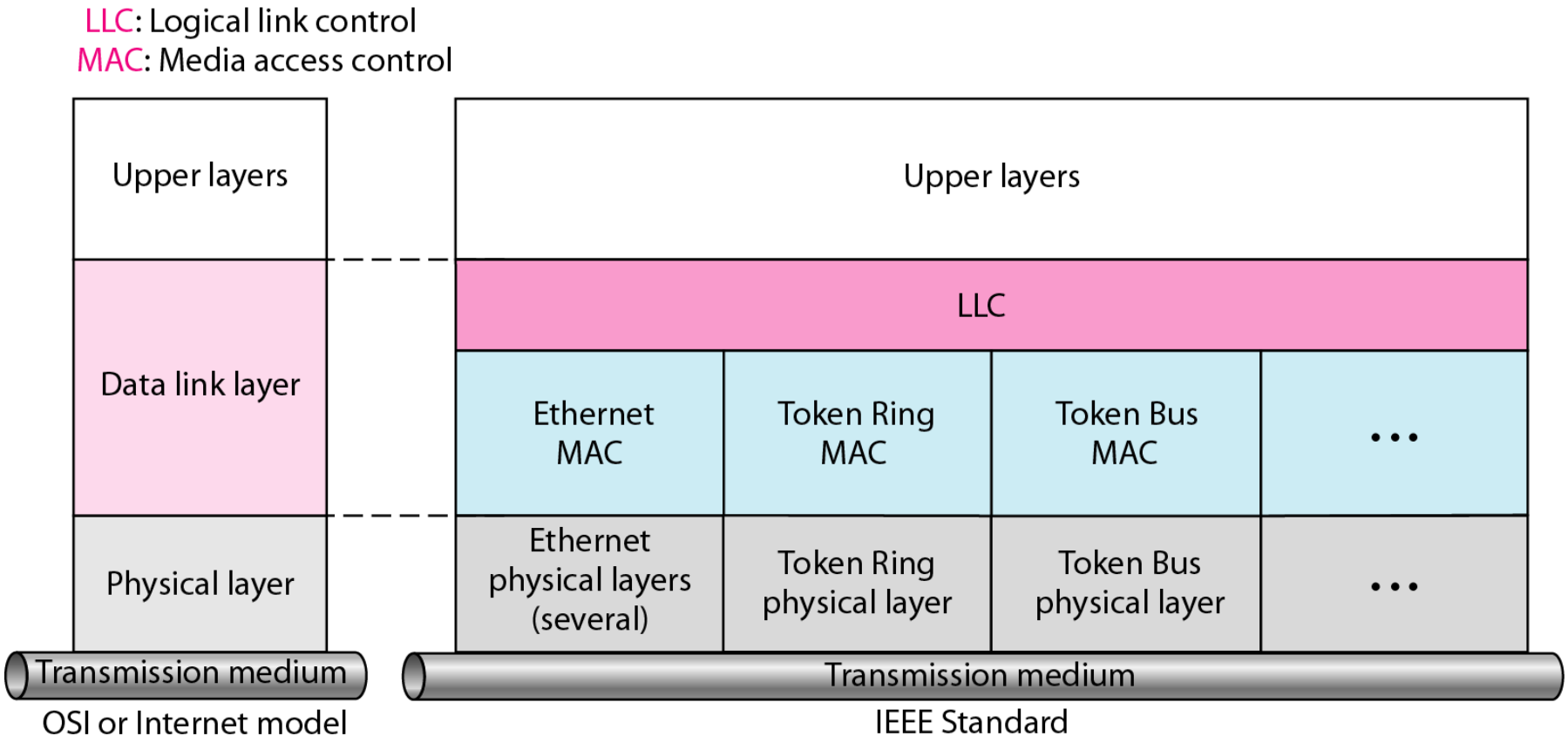


bus: coaxial cable

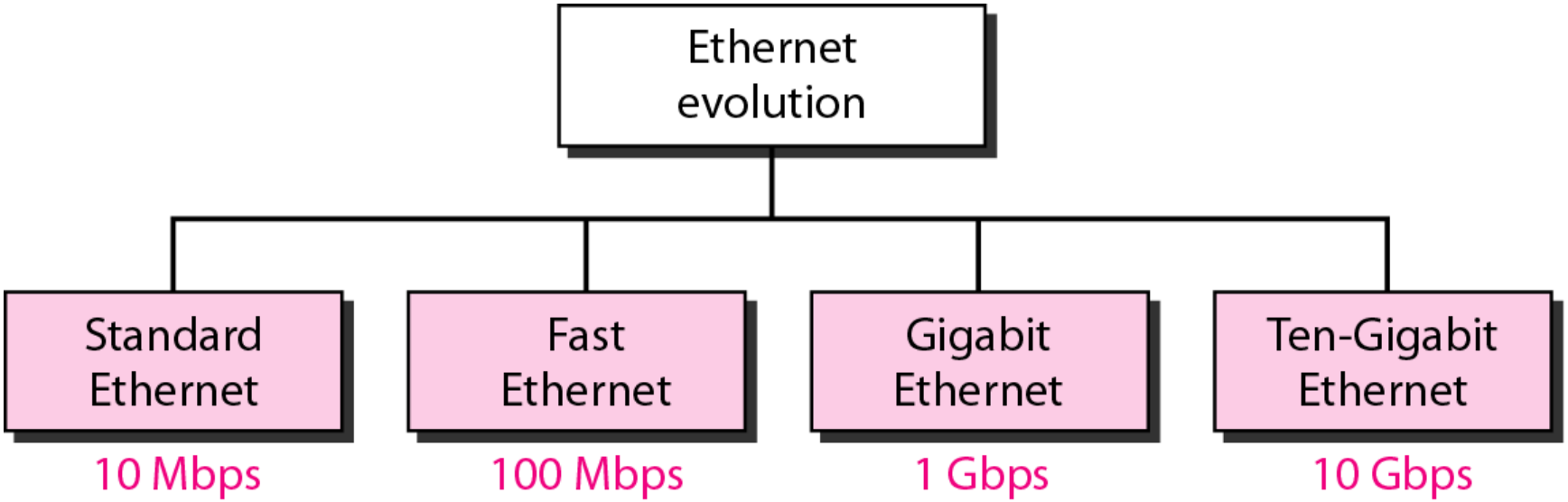


star

IEEE standard for LANs



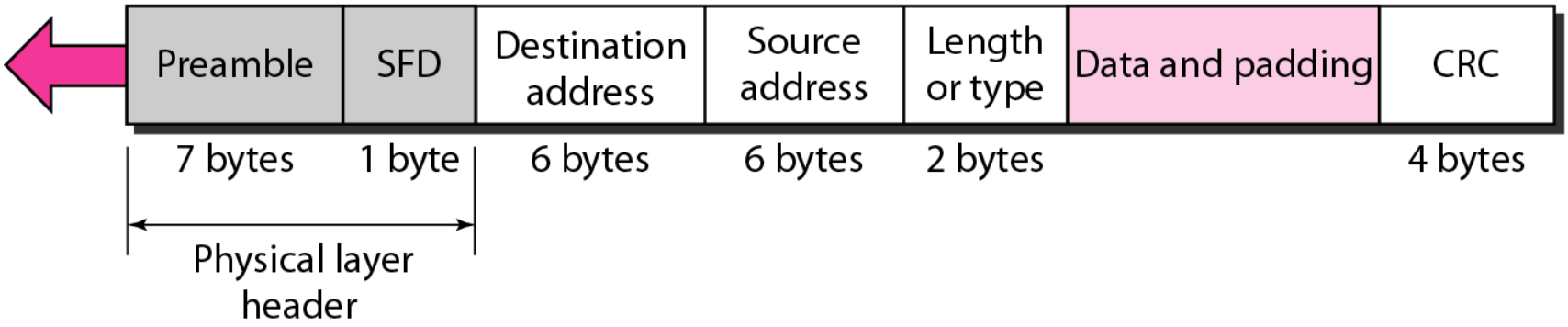
Ethernet evolution through four generations



802.3 MAC frame

Preamble: 56 bits of alternating 1s and 0s.

SFD: Start frame delimiter, flag (10101011)



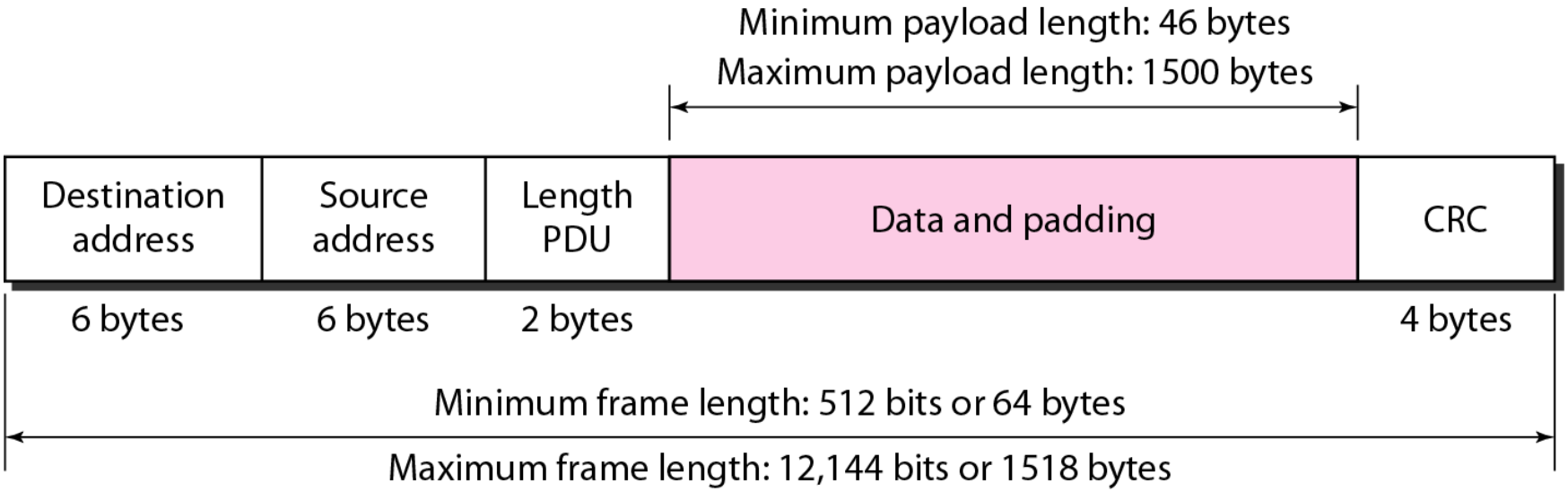
Preamble:

- 7 bytes with pattern 10101010 followed by one byte with pattern 10101011 (SFD)
- Used to synchronize receiver, sender clock rates

802.3 MAC frame (more)

- Addresses: 6 bytes
  - if adapter receives frame with matching destination address, or with broadcast address (e.g. ARP packet), it passes data in frame to network layer protocol
  - otherwise, adapter discards frame
- Type: indicates higher layer protocol (mostly IP but others possible, e.g., Novell IPX, AppleTalk)
- CRC: checked at receiver, if error is detected, frame is dropped

Min and Max Lengths



- **Frame length:**
  - **Minimum: 64 bytes (512 bits)**
  - **Maximum: 1518 bytes (12,144 bits)**

Ethernet: Unreliable, connectionless

- Connectionless: No handshaking between sending and receiving NICs
- Unreliable: receiving NIC doesn't send acks or nacks to sending NIC
  - Stream of datagrams passed to network layer can have gaps (missing datagrams)
  - Gaps will be filled if app is using TCP
  - Otherwise, app will see gaps
- Ethernet's MAC protocol: unslotted CSMA/CD

Ethernet CSMA/CD algorithm

1. NIC receives datagram from network layer, creates frame
2. If NIC senses channel idle, starts frame transmission If NIC senses channel busy, waits until channel idle, then transmits
3. If NIC transmits entire frame without detecting another transmission, NIC is done with frame !
4. If NIC detects another transmission while transmitting, aborts and sends jam signal
5. After aborting, NIC enters **exponential backoff**: after *m*th collision, NIC chooses *K* at random from $\{0,1,2,\ldots,2^m-1\}$. NIC waits K·512 bit times, returns to Step 2

Ethernet's CSMA/CD (more)

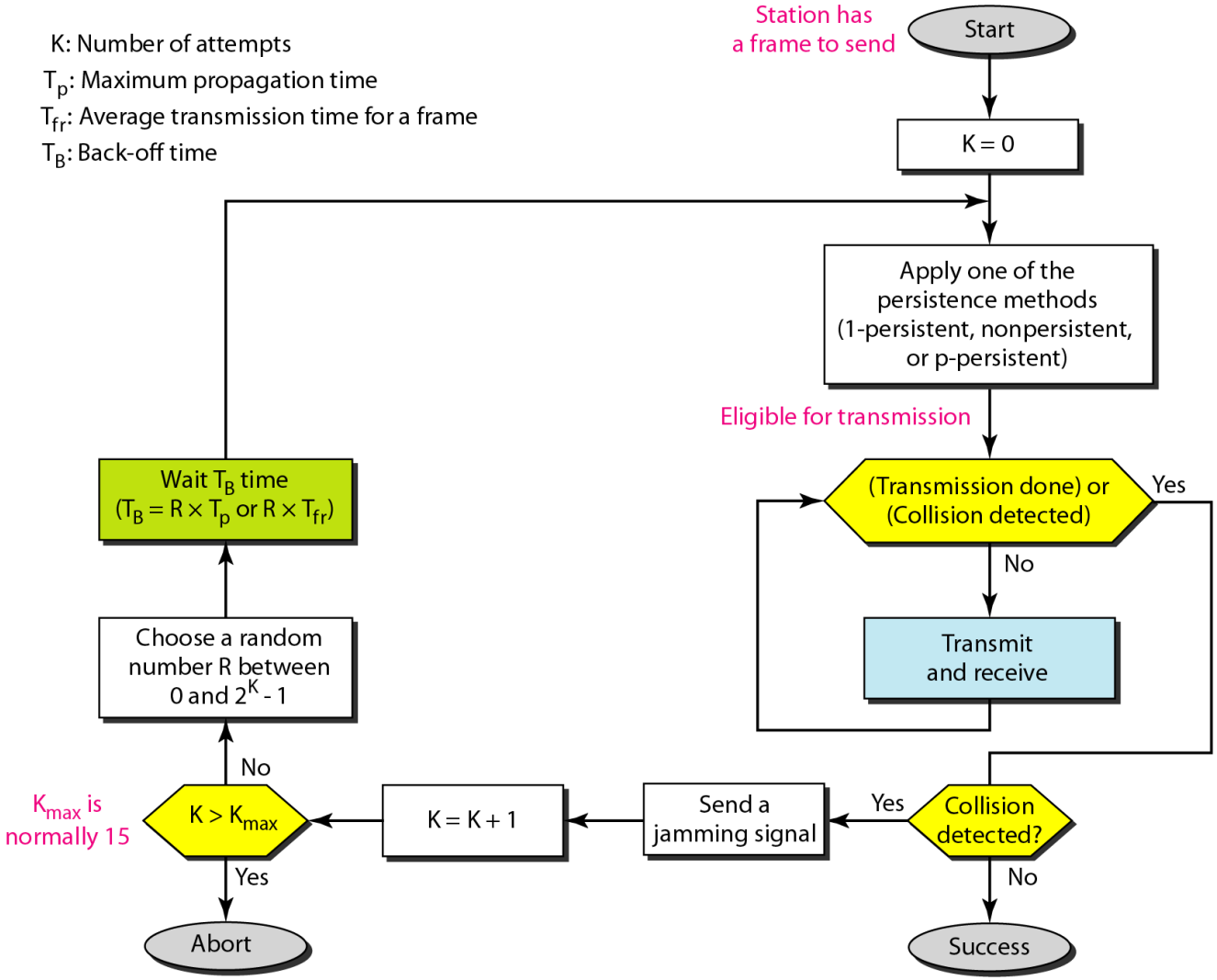
Jam Signal: make sure all other transmitters are aware of collision; 48 bits

Bit time: .1 microsec for 10 Mbps Ethernet ;
for K=1023, wait time is about 50 msec

Exponential Backoff:

- *Goal*: adapt retransmission attempts to estimated current load
  - heavy load: random wait will be longer
- first collision: choose K from {0,1}; delay is K· 512 bit transmission times
- after second collision: choose K from {0,1,2,3}…
- after ten collisions, choose K from {0,1,2,3,4,…,1023}

Flow diagram for the CSMA/CD



CSMA/CD efficiency

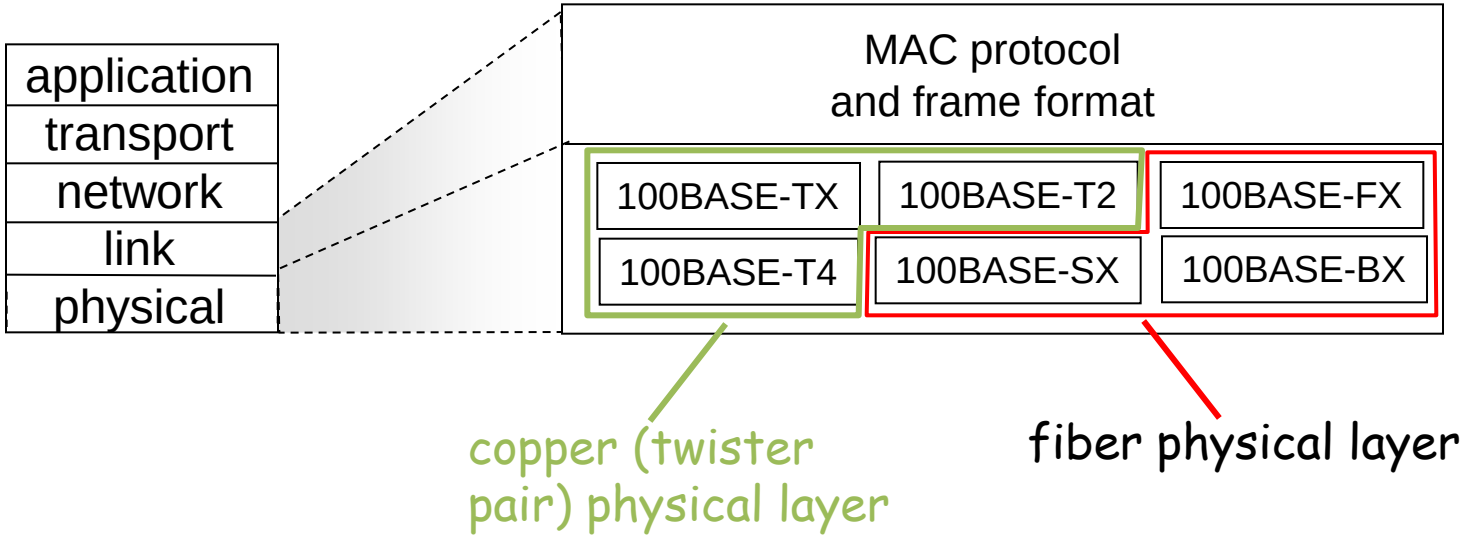
- T_{prop} = max prop delay between 2 nodes in LAN
- t_{trans} = time to transmit max-size frame

$$efficiency = \frac{1}{1 + 5t_{prop}/t_{trans}}$$

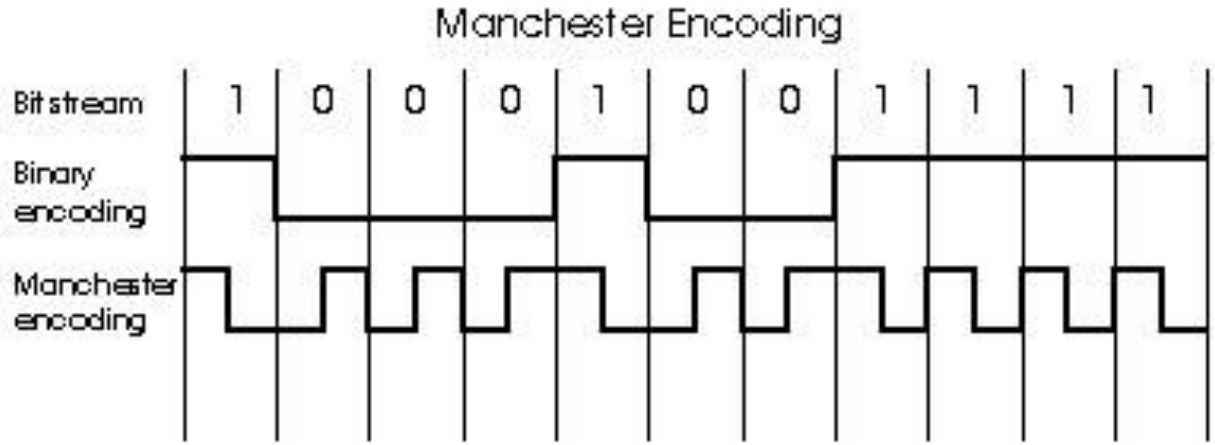
- efficiency goes to 1
  - as t_{prop} goes to 0
  - as t_{trans} goes to infinity
- better performance than ALOHA: and simple, cheap, decentralized!

802.3 Ethernet Standards: Link & Physical Layers

- *many* different Ethernet standards
  - common MAC protocol and frame format
  - different speeds: 2 Mbps, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1Gbps, 10G bps
  - different physical layer media: fiber, cable



Manchester Encoding



- used in 10BaseT
- each bit has a transition
- allows clocks in sending and receiving nodes to synchronize to each other
  - no need for a centralized, global clock among nodes!