Networks Introduction

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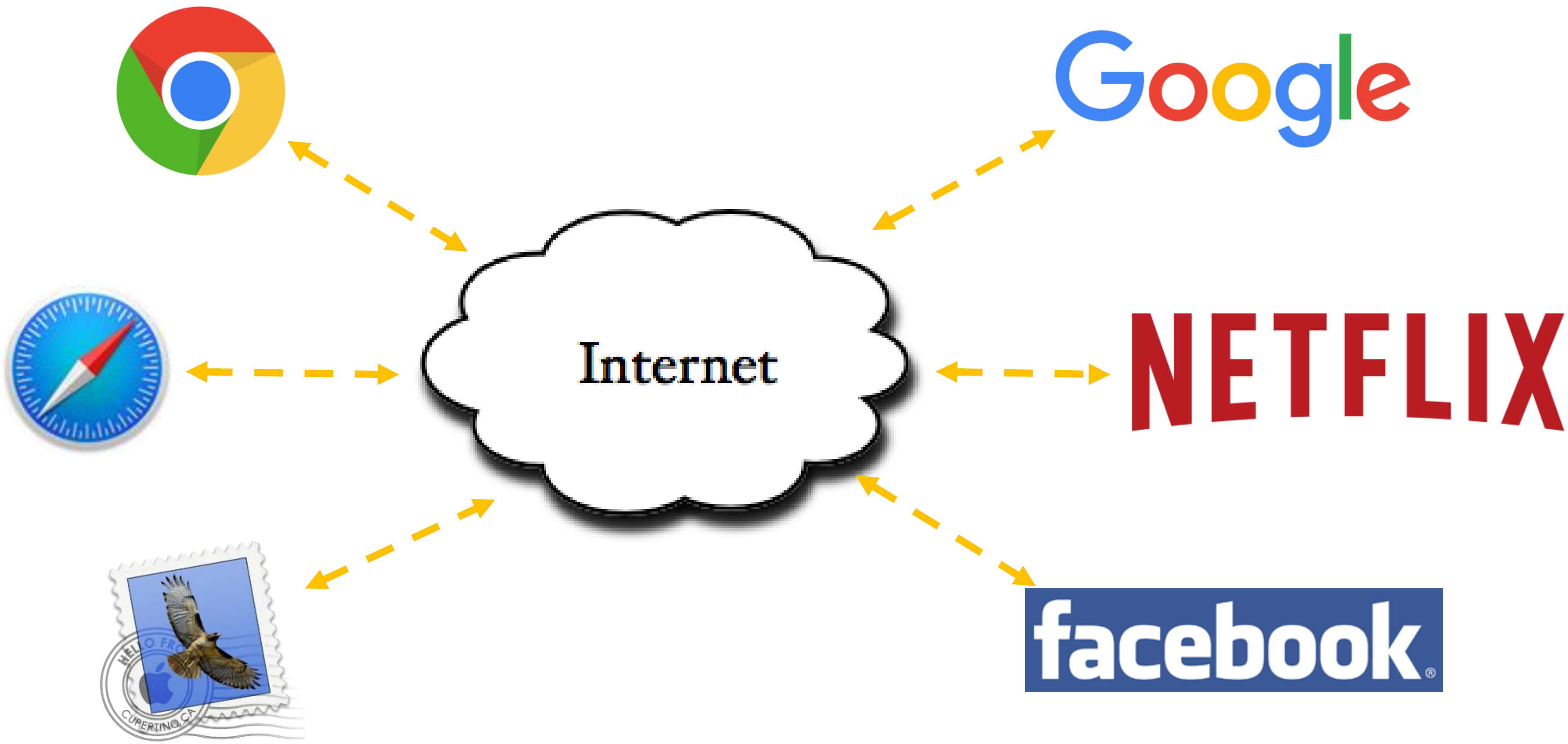
Lecture Outline

- **Introduction to Networks**
  - **Layers upon layers upon layers…**

Today's Goals

- Networking is a very common programming feature
  - You will likely have to create a program that will read/write over the network at some point in your career
- We want to give you a basic, high-level understanding of how networks work before you use them
  - Lecture will be more "story-like;" we will purposefully skip over most of the details, but hopefully you will learn something new about the Internet today!
  - Take CSE 461 if you want to know more about the implementations of networks (the course is pretty cool ☺)
- Let's also examine "the network" as a *system*
  - Inputs? Outputs? Robustness? Efficiency? Customers?

Networks From 10,000 ft



clients

servers

"Network" Latency is Highly Variable

- Jeff Dean's "Numbers Everyone Should Know" (LADIS '09)

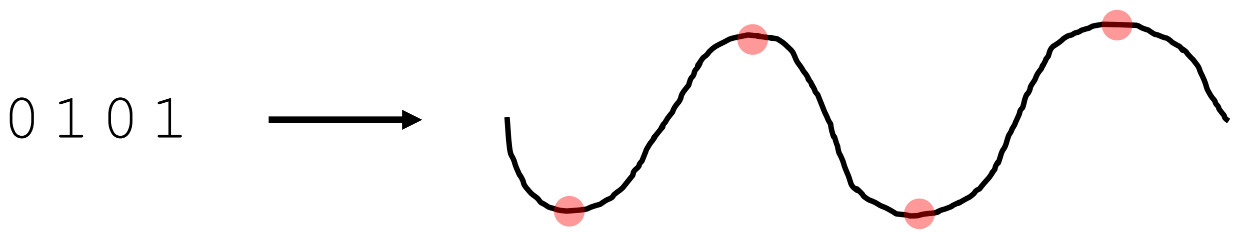
Numbers Everyone Should Know

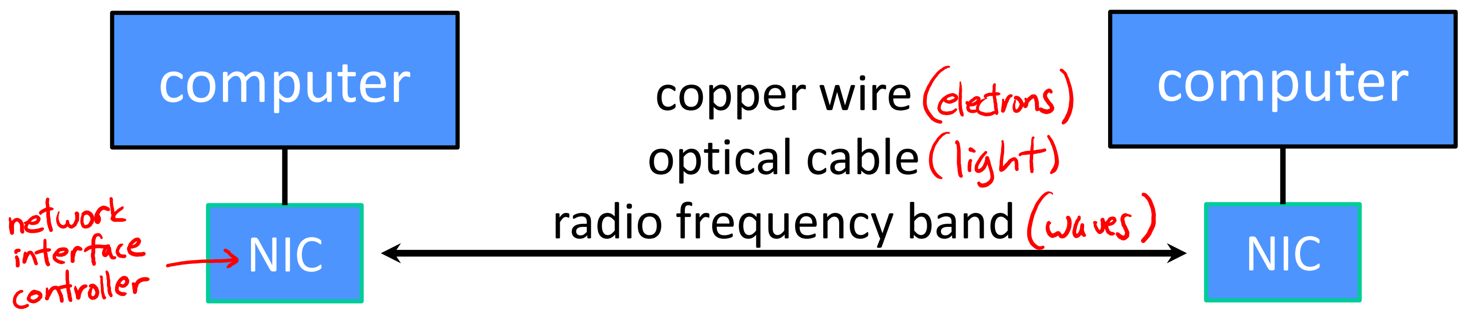
L1 cache reference	0.5 ns
Branch mispredict	5 ns
L2 cache reference	7 ns
Mutex lock/unlock	100 ns
Main memory reference	100 ns
Compress 1K bytes with Zippy	10,000 ns
Send 2K bytes over 1 Gbps network	20,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory	250,000 ns
Round trip within same datacenter	500,000 ns
Disk seek	10,000,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from network	10,000,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	30,000,000 ns
Send packet CA->Netherlands->CA	150,000,000 ns

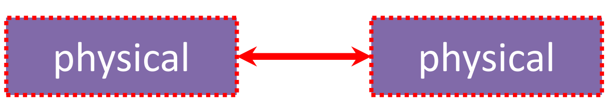
Google

The Physical Layer

- Individual bits are modulated onto a wire or transmitted over radio
  - Physical layer specifies how bits are encoded at a signal level
  - Many choices, *e.g.*, encode "1" as +1v, "0" as -0v; or "0"=+1v, "1"=-1v, …







Materials Matter – Latency

- Fiber optic cables are lower-latency and higher-bandwidth than traditional copper wiring
  - Much of the internet's "long haul" data is transmitted on these
  - (signal attenuation is much better too)

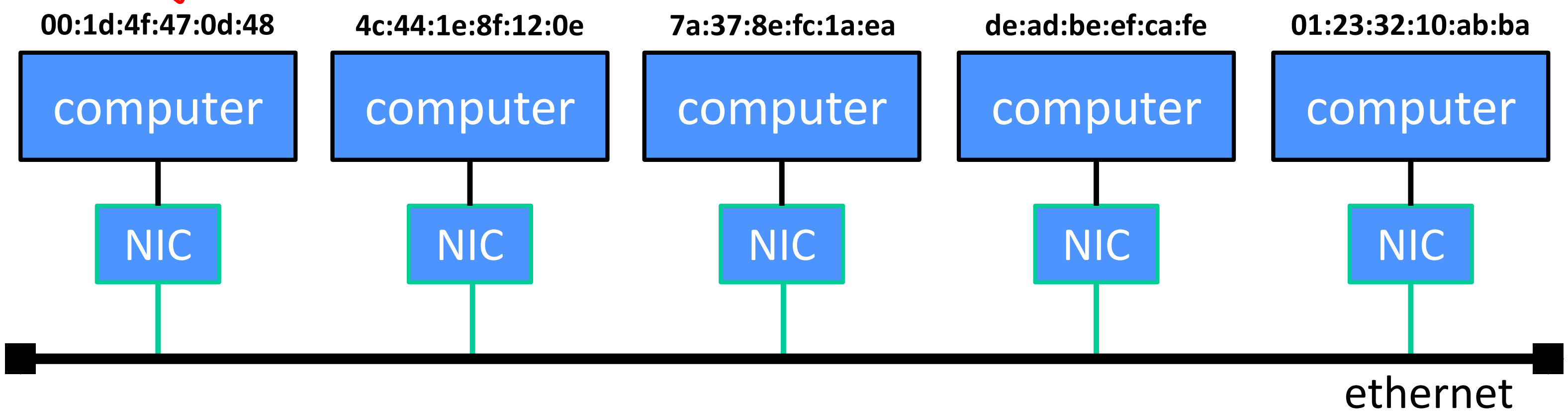
- Is it faster to send 1 person from UW to …
  - Downtown Seattle?
  - Ballard?

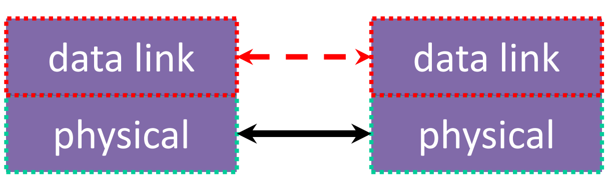
not just distance, but also speed limit & number of lanes
mode of transportation, route, traffic, etc.

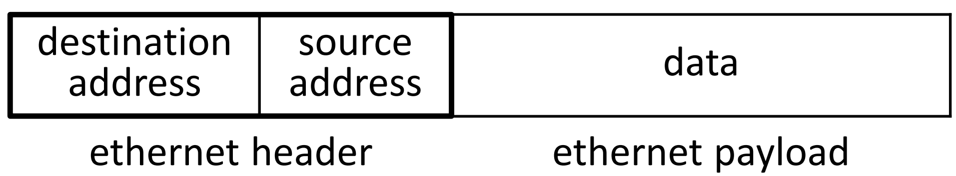
The Data Link Layer

- Multiple computers on a LAN contend for the network medium
  - Media access control (MAC) specifies how computers cooperate
  - Link layer also specifies how bits are "packetized" and network interface controllers (NICs) are addressed

MAC addresses

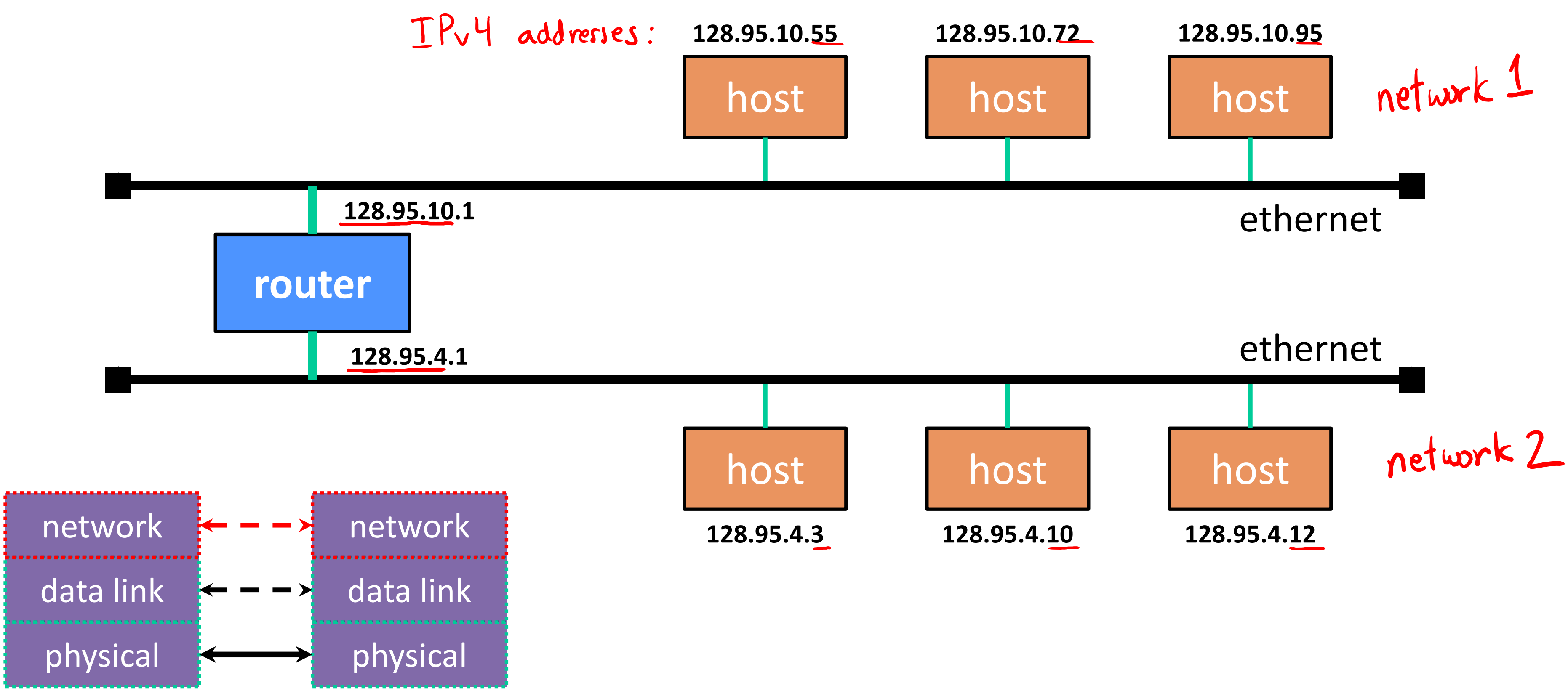






The Network Layer (IP)

- Internet Protocol (IP) routes packets across multiple networks
  - Every computer has a unique IP address
  - Individual networks are connected by routers that span networks



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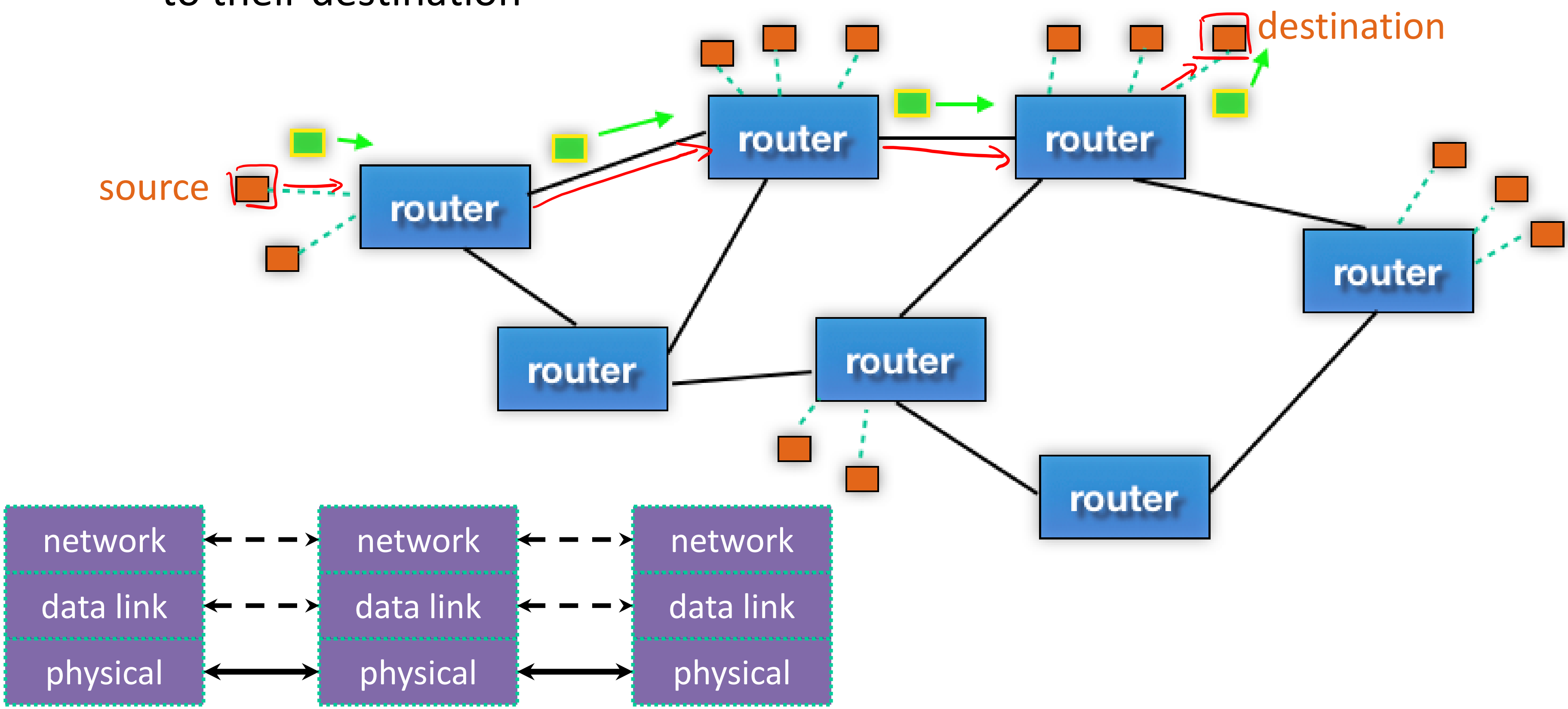
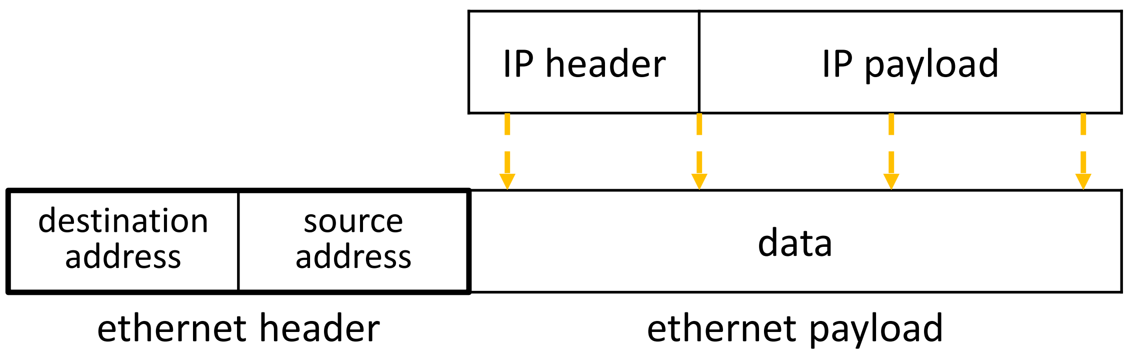
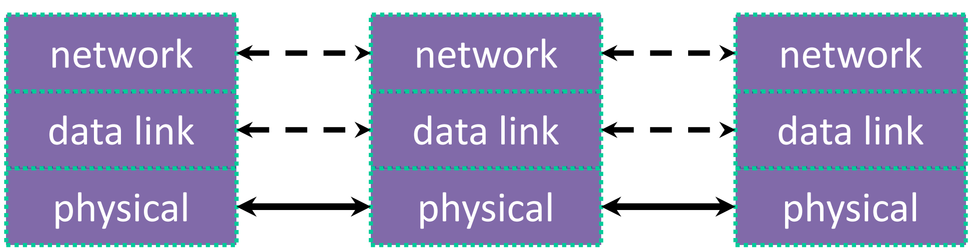
- There are protocols to:
  - Let a host map an IP to MAC address on the same network
  - Let a router learn about other routers to get IP packets one step closer to their destination



The Network Layer (IP)

- Packet encapsulation:
  - An IP packet is encapsulated as the payload of an Ethernet frame
  - As IP packets traverse networks, routers pull out the IP packet from an Ethernet frame and plunk it into a new one on the next network





Distance Matters – Latency

- Distances within a single datacenter are smaller than distances across continents

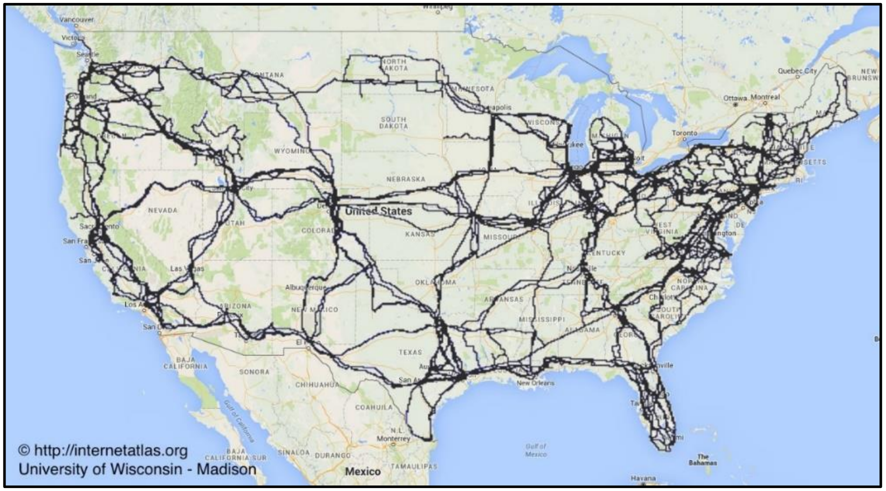
- Even within a datacenter, distances can sometimes matter

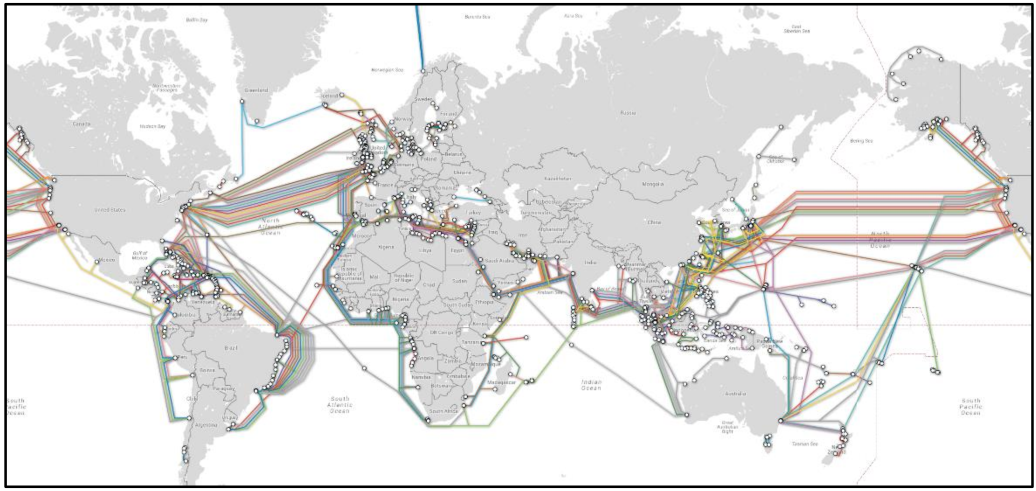
123Net Data Center, Wikimedia

Topology Matters – Latency, Reliability

- Some places are surprisingly well- or poorly-connected to "backbone" infrastructure like fiber optic cables

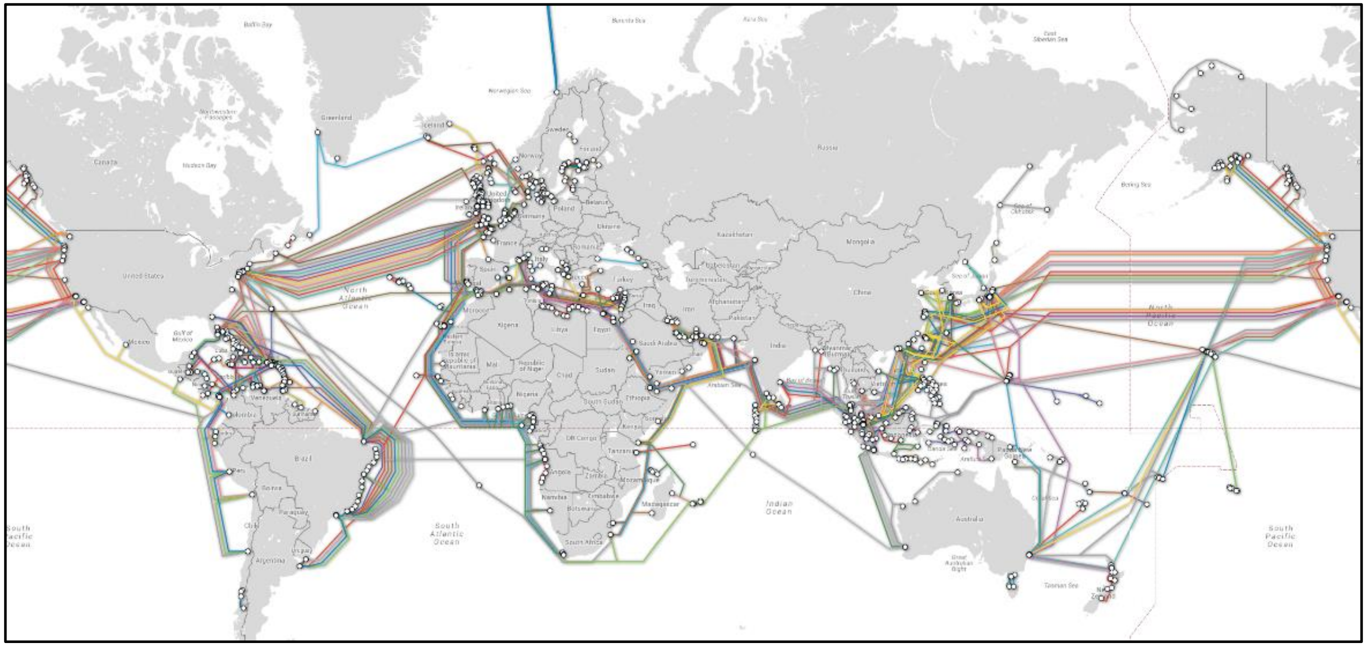
- Unintuitive topology can create interesting failures
  - *e.g.*, 2006 7.0-magnitude Hengchun Earthquake disrupted communications to Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, China, etc. for a month





Reflect and Discuss

- Does this system of submarine cable connections seem ‘optimal’ to you?
- If not, who influences the decision-making process and what might their motivations be?
  - Explore the map here: https://www.submarinecablemap.com/



Submarine Cable Network Today

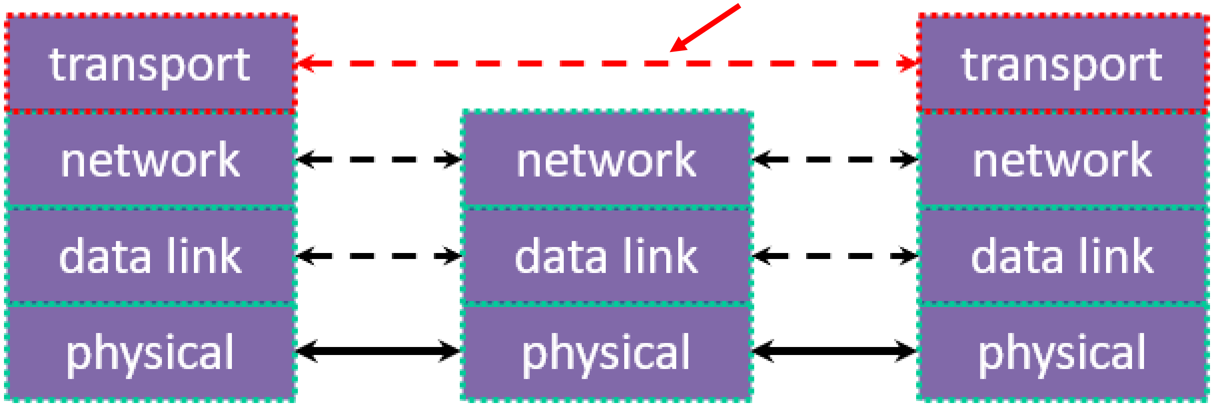
- ~436 fiber optic cables currently in use
  - Supports 99% of transoceanic communication
  - Primarily laid during early 2000's "fiber boom", but still occasional new cables and decommissioned cables
- Owners
  - Telecom carriers
  - Content providers
- Users
  - You and many others…

- Explore the network and its history: http://www.surfacing.in

The Transport Layer

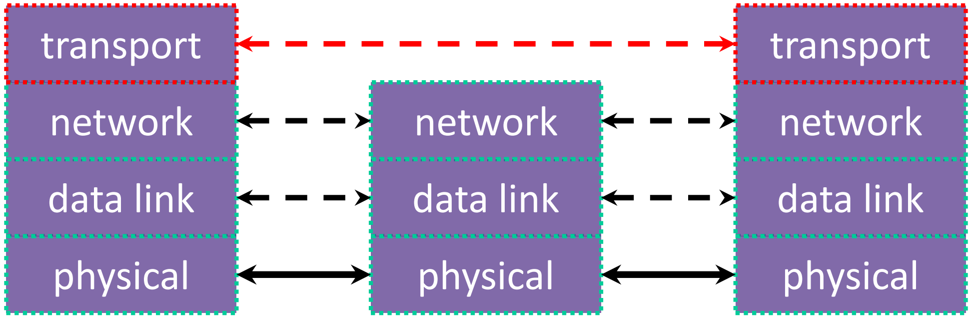
- Provides an interface to treat the network as a *data stream*
- Provides different protocols to interface between source and destination:
  - *e.g.*, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
  - These protocols still work with packets, but manages their order, reliability, multiple applications using the network…

Note that we have the <u>abstraction</u> of a direct connection



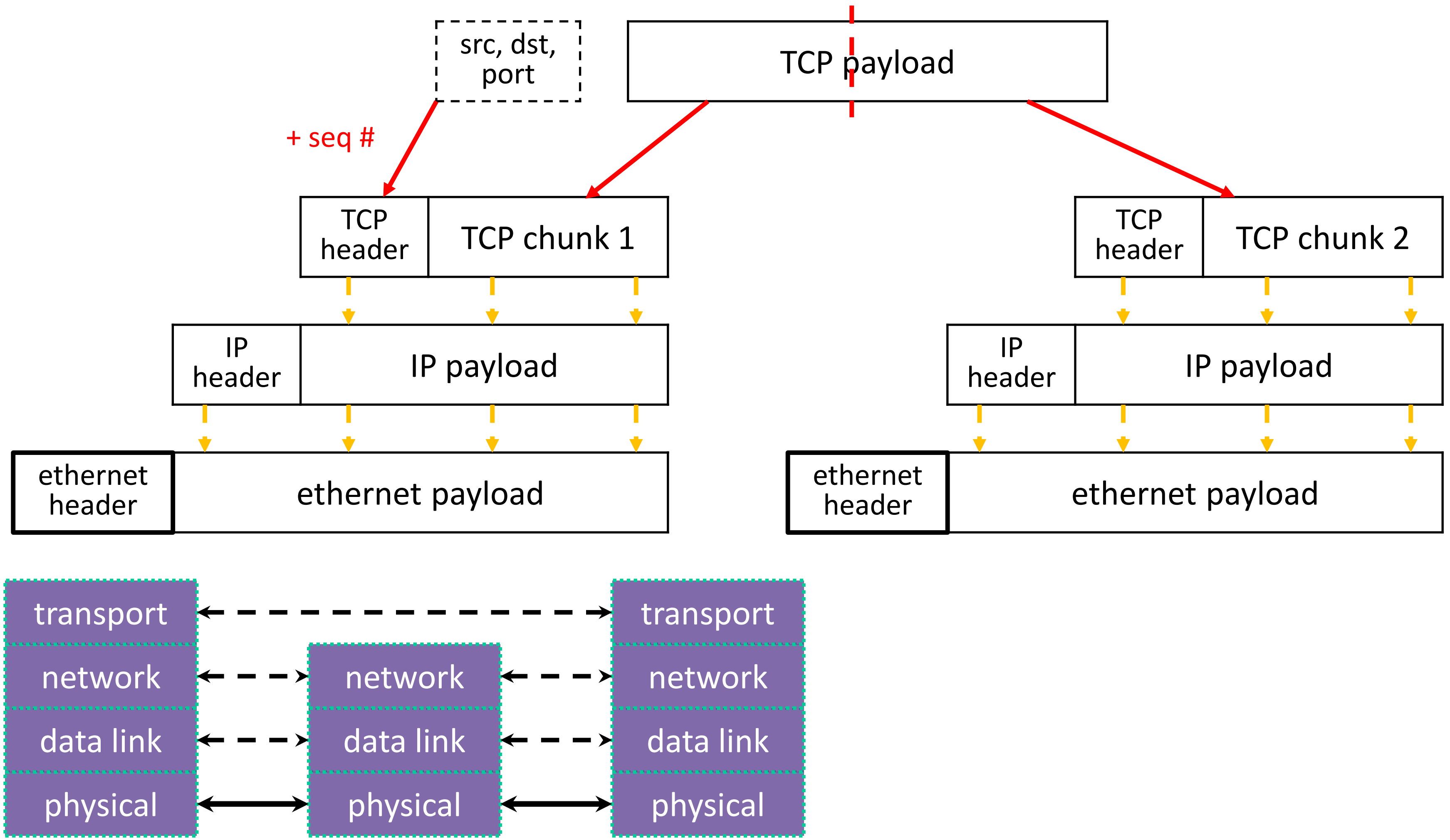
The Transport Layer (TCP)

- Transmission Control Protocol (TCP):
  - Provides applications with reliable, ordered, congestion-controlled byte streams
    - Sends stream data as multiple IP packets (differentiated by sequence numbers) and retransmits them as necessary
    - When receiving, puts packets back in order and detects missing packets
  - A single host (IP address) can have up to 2^{16} = 65,535 "ports"
    - Kind of like an apartment number at a postal address (your applications are the residents who get mail sent to an apt. #)



The Transport Layer (TCP)

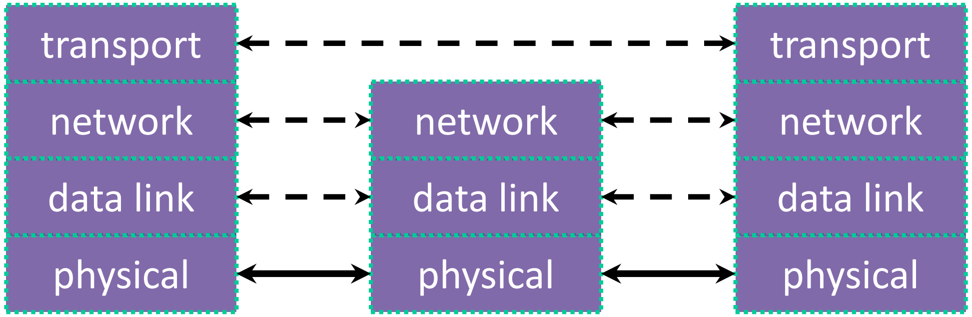
- Packet encapsulation – one more nested layer!



The Transport Layer (TCP)

- Applications use OS services to establish TCP streams:
  - The "Berkeley sockets" API
    - A set of OS system calls (part of POSIX for Linux)
  - Clients `connect()` to a server IP address + application port number
  - Servers `listen()` for and `accept()` client connections
  - Clients and servers `read()` and `write()` data to each other

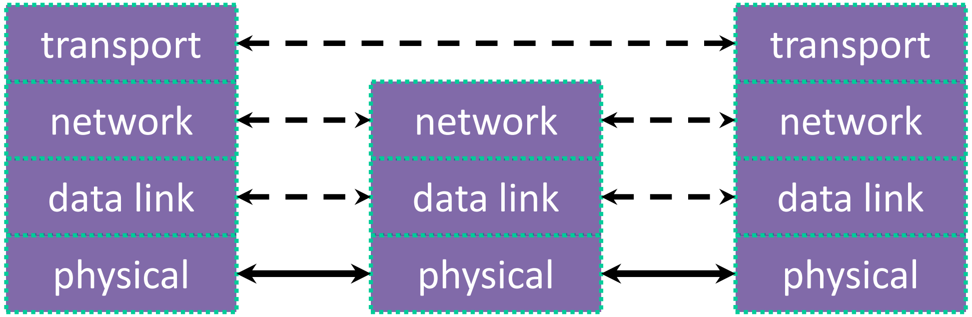
same as for file I/O



The Transport Layer (UDP)

- User Datagram Protocol (UDP):
  - Provides applications with *unreliable* packet delivery
  - UDP is a really thin, simple layer on top of IP
    - Datagrams still are fragmented into multiple IP packets

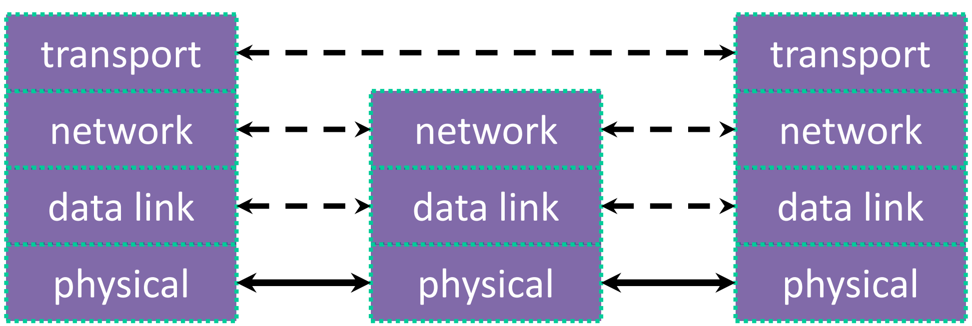
ok for things like video streaming



The Transport Layer

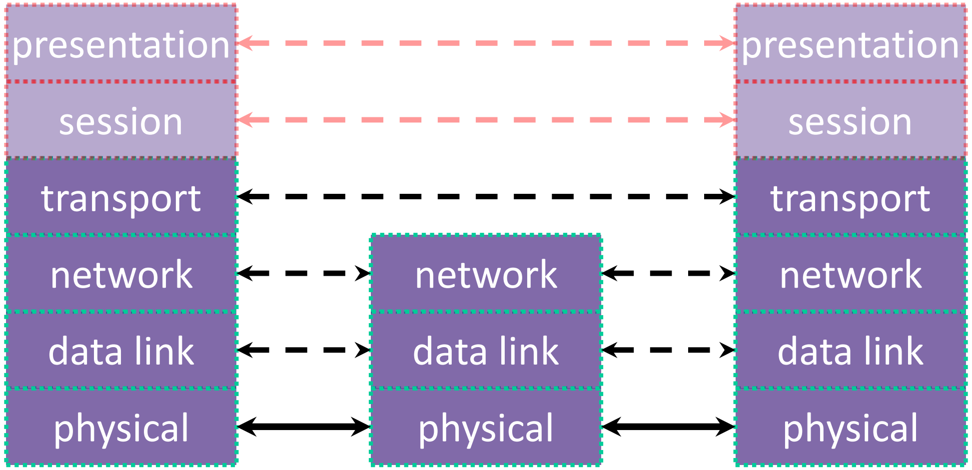
TCP:

UDP:



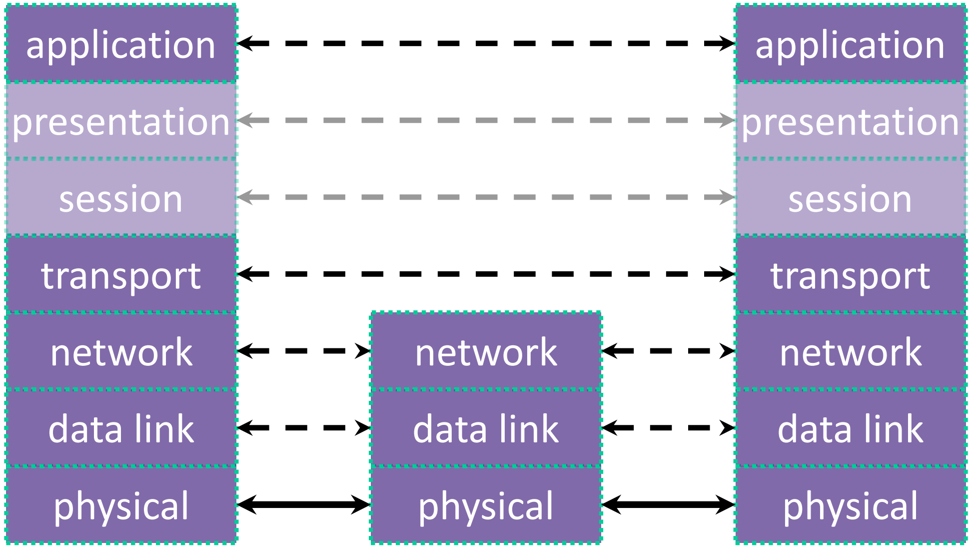
The (Mostly Missing) Layers 5 & 6

- Layer 5: Session Layer
  - Supposedly handles establishing and terminating application sessions
  - Remote Procedure Call (RPC) kind of fits in here
- Layer 6: Presentation Layer
  - Supposedly maps application-specific data units into a more network-neutral representation
  - Encryption (SSL) kind of fits in here



The Application Layer

- Application protocols
  - The format and meaning of messages between application entities
  - *e.g.*, HTTP is an application-level protocol that dictates how web browsers and web servers communicate
    - HTTP is implemented *on top of* TCP streams



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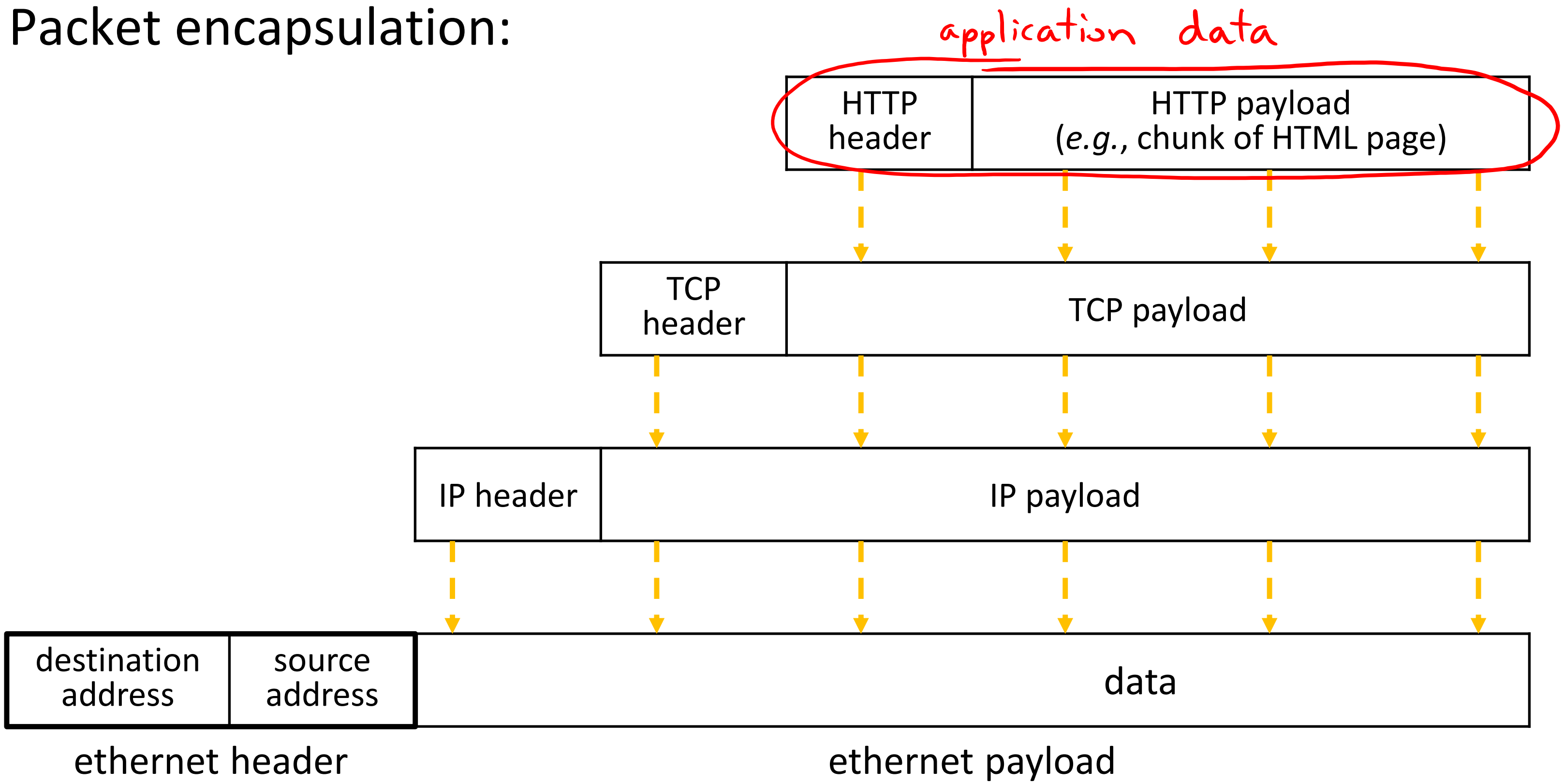
- Packet encapsulation:



The Application Layer

- Packet encapsulation:

ethernet header	IP header	TCP header	HTTP header	HTTP payload (*e.g.*, chunk of HTML page)

The Application Layer

- Popular application-level protocols:
  - **DNS:** translates a domain name (*e.g.*, www.google.com) into one or more IP addresses (*e.g.*, 74.125.197.106)
    - Domain Name System
    - An hierarchy of DNS servers cooperate to do this
  - **HTTP:** web protocols
    - Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  - **SMTP, IMAP, POP:** mail delivery and access protocols
    - Secure Mail Transfer Protocol, Internet Message Access Protocol, Post Office Protocol
  - **SSH:** secure remote login protocol
    - Secure Shell
  - **bittorrent:** peer-to-peer, swarming file sharing protocol

netcat demo (if time)

- netcat (`nc`) is "a computer networking utility for reading from and writing to network connections using TCP or UDP"
  - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netcat

  - Listen on port: `nc -l <port>`
  - Connect: `nc <IPaddr> <port>`
    - Local host: `127.0.0.1`