

# Chapter 1: Conceptual Basis

Review Sect. 1-4

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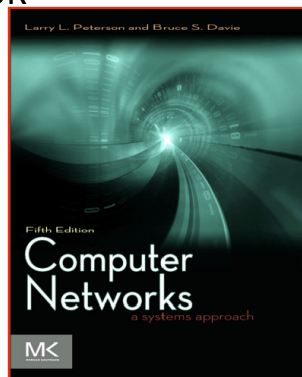


Figure 2. Total transfer time of two back-to-back frames. (In reality, these two frames won't necessarily be transmitted consecutively, but we assume so to enrich this exercise a little).

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Figure 3. Protocol stack of file application over UDP/IP/Ethernet

By observing the conceptual chronogram in Figure 2, we calculate the total number

# Units and multipliers



## □ Bandwidth

- Bps (Bits Per Second = Bits/Sec)
- Since bandwidth is a rate, the multipliers take on the following values:
  - K (Kilo =  $10^3$ )
  - M (Mega =  $10^6$ )
  - G (Giga =  $10^9$ )
  - T (Tera =  $10^{12}$ )

## □ Delay

- Seconds
- The time between the start and finish of an operation: data transfer, response time of a server, etc.

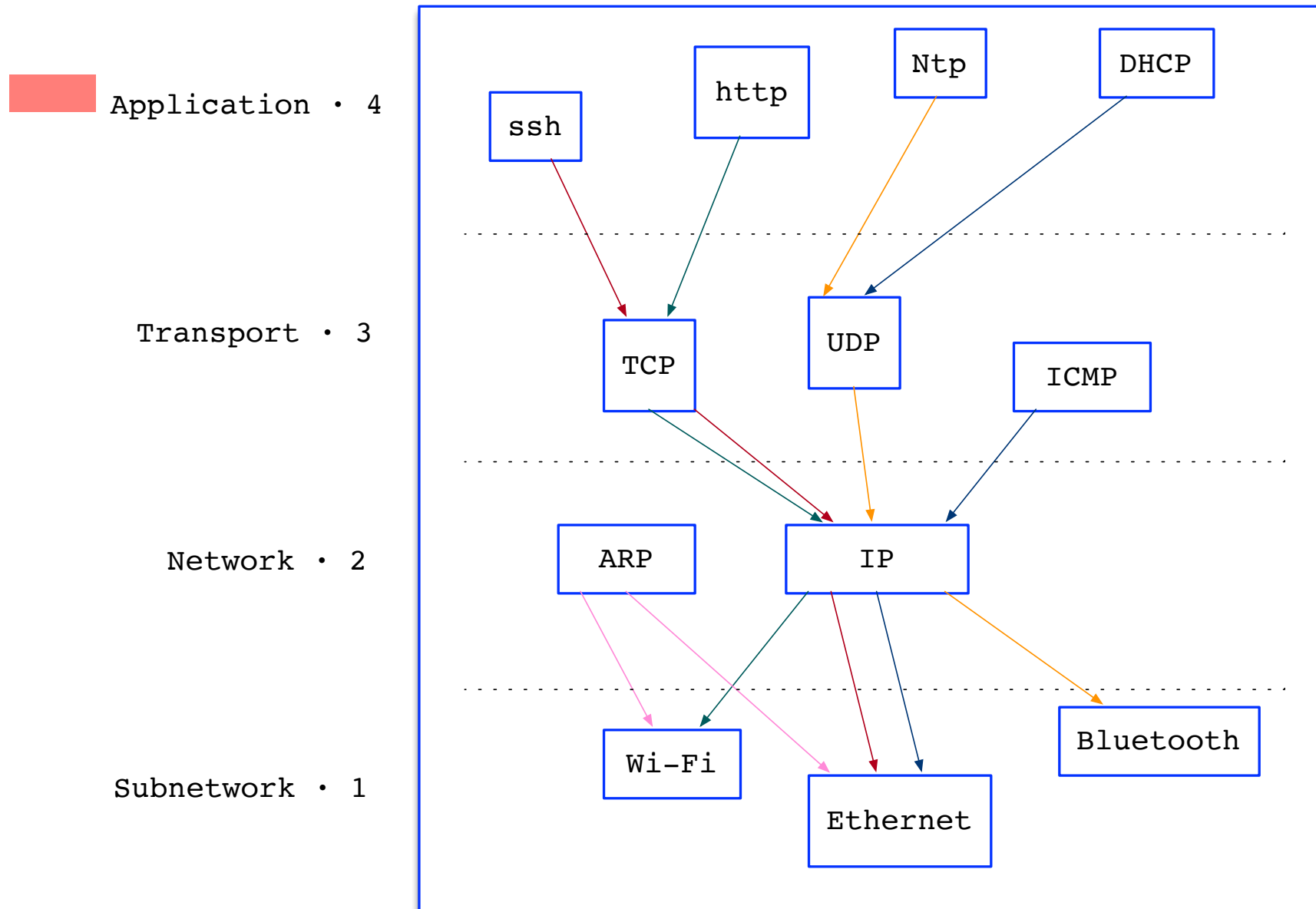
## □ Jitter

- The variance of the delay

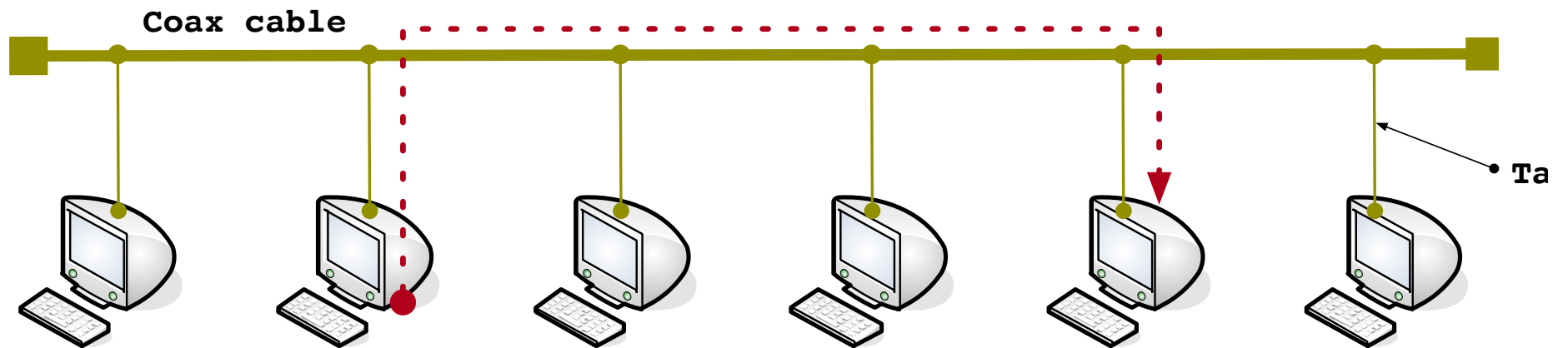
## □ Counting aggregates of bits, bytes, etc

- $K = 2^{10}$
- $M = 2^{20}$
- $G = 2^{30}$
- 1 Byte = 8 bits

# Typical Internet Protocol Stack



# Ethernet

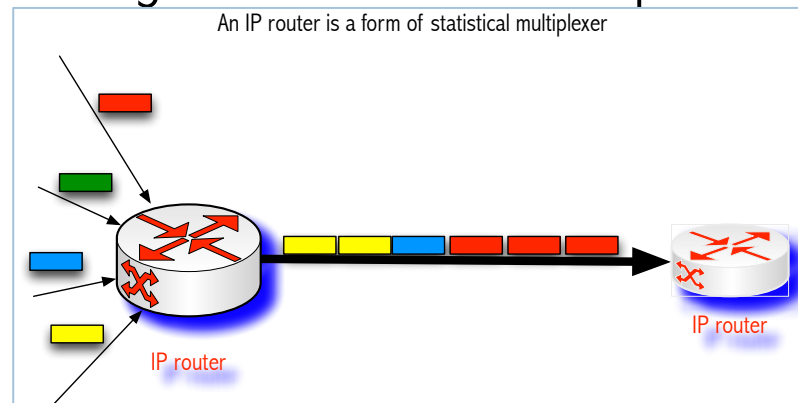


# Latency = total time to transfer one packet

(Point-to-point connection)

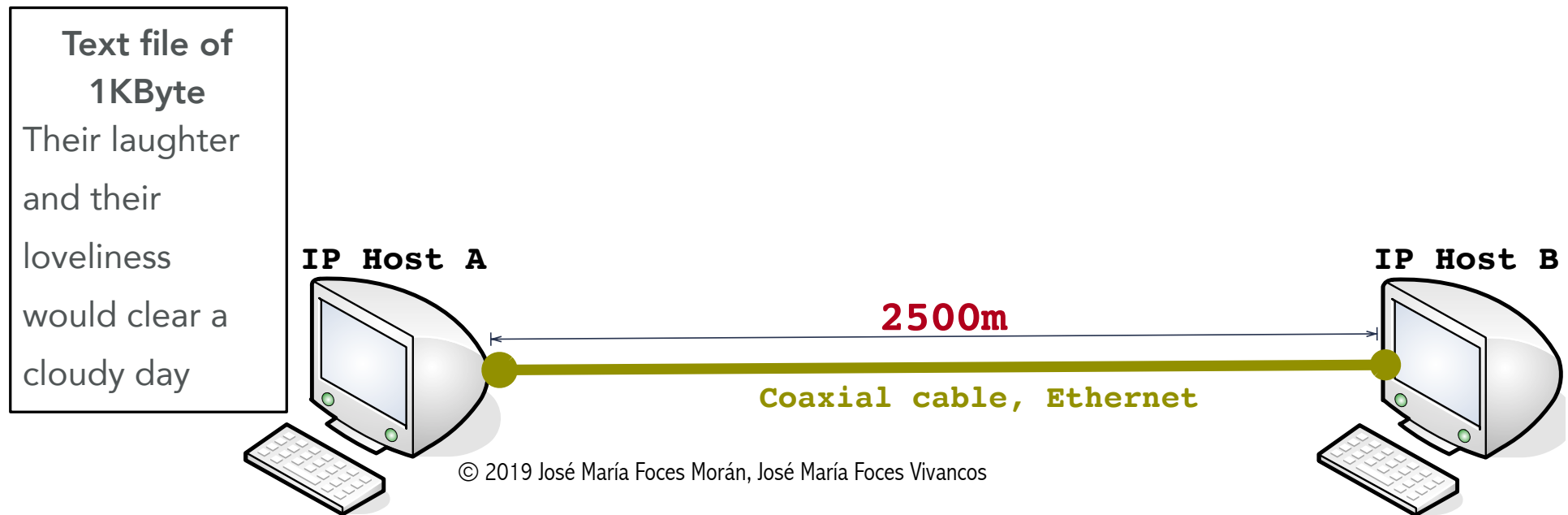
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- Latency = Propagation + transmit + queue
- Propagation time = physical link distance/speed of light  $m / (m/s)$
- Transmit time = packet size/bandwidth  $bits / (bits/sec)$
  
- If only one bit is transmitted  $\Rightarrow$  propagation is important
  - ▣ Or a small amount of bits
- If the amount of bits transmitted is large  $\Rightarrow$  bandwidth is important



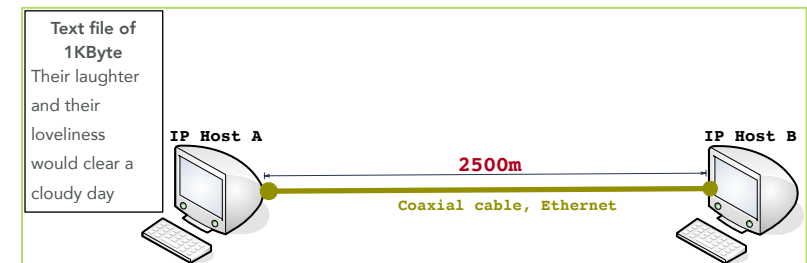
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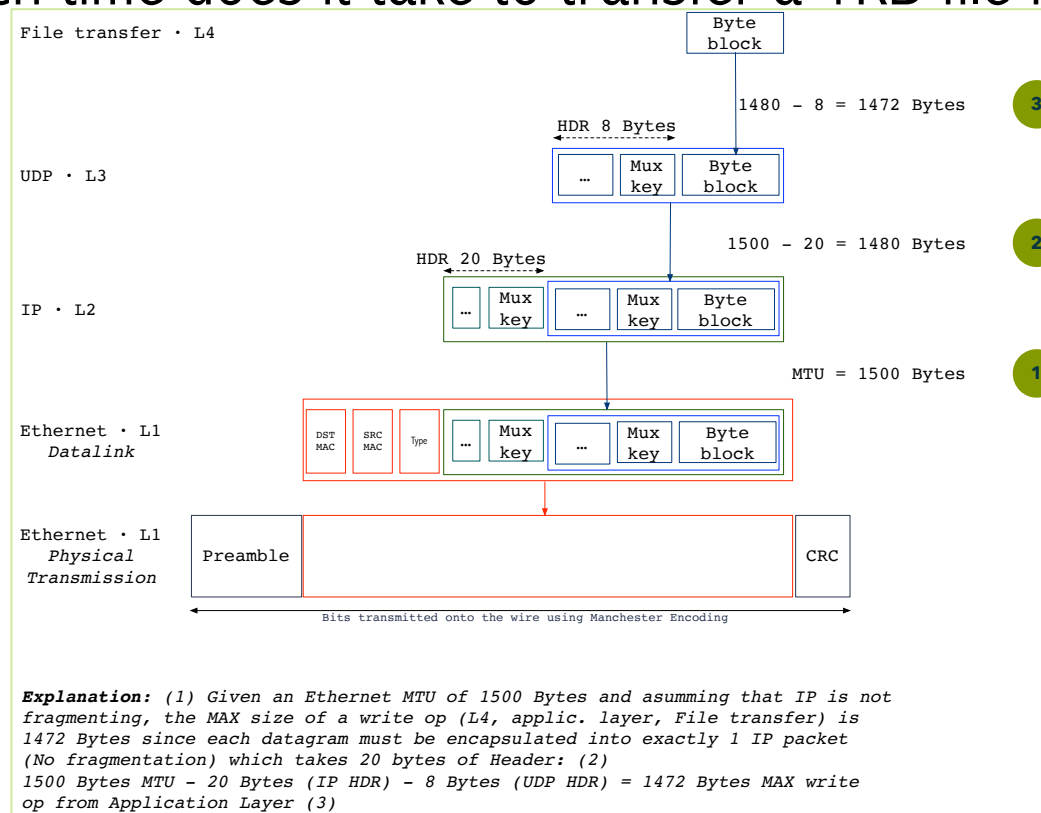
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- Time from start of transmission of first bit at A to the moment at which B finishes receiving the last bit
- In Ethernet 2500 m  $\Rightarrow$   $R_{tt} = 51,2 \mu s$
- Transmission speed is 10 Mbps
- Assume:
  - UDP header takes 8 Bytes
  - IP header takes 20 Bytes
  - Max allowable payload size = 1500 Bytes





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- Full solution of similar exercise:
  - <http://palermo.unileon.es/cn/Q/CN-Ex1-2018-RefSOL.pdf>

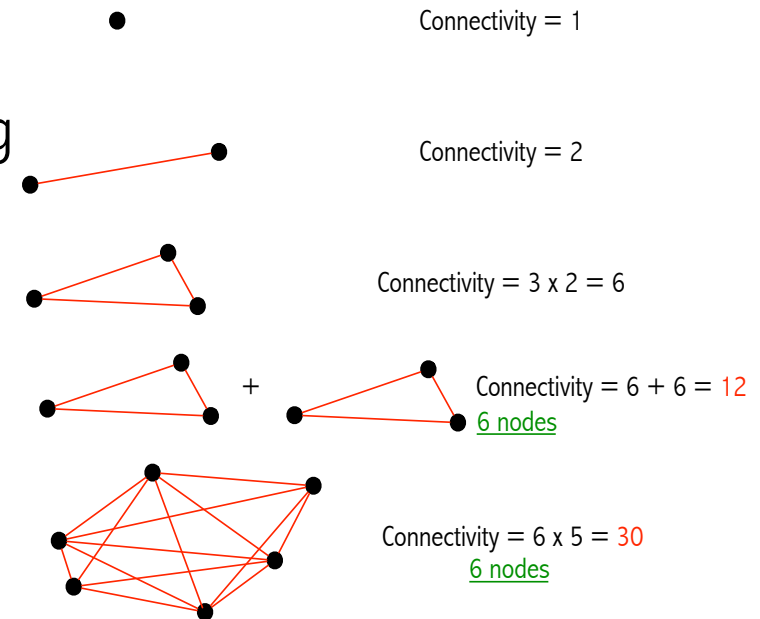
# Theroretical connectivity is bounded by network *technology*

□ Metcalf's law: Represents the potential connectivity of a network

□ Nodes communicate by sending/receiving messages through the links which bandwidth is limited

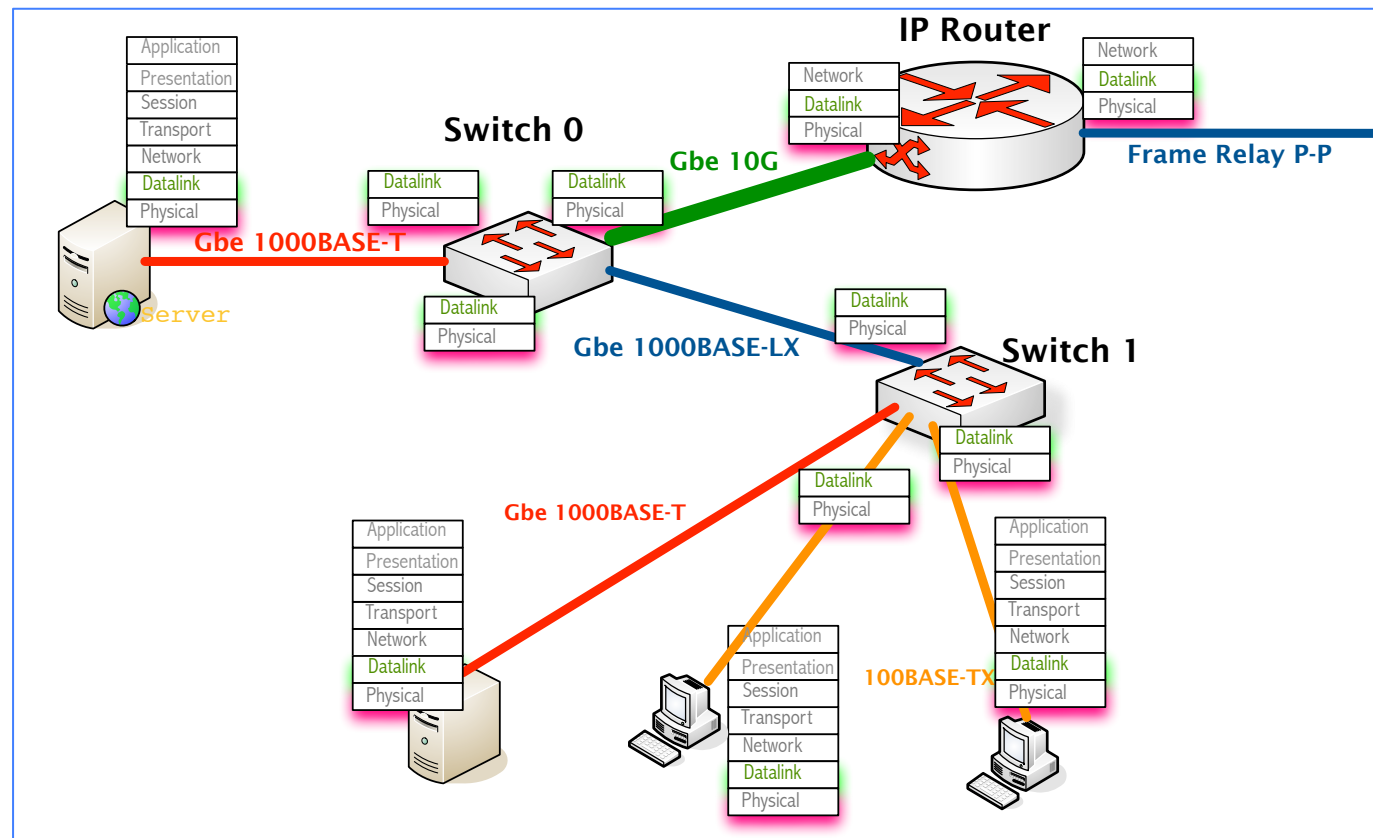
□ Each node must 'have some knowledge' about the topology of the network

□ These factors limit the use of the potential connectivity



# Datalink protocols in an Internetwork

- Each direct connection between two network nodes has a link (Hosts, switches, routers)

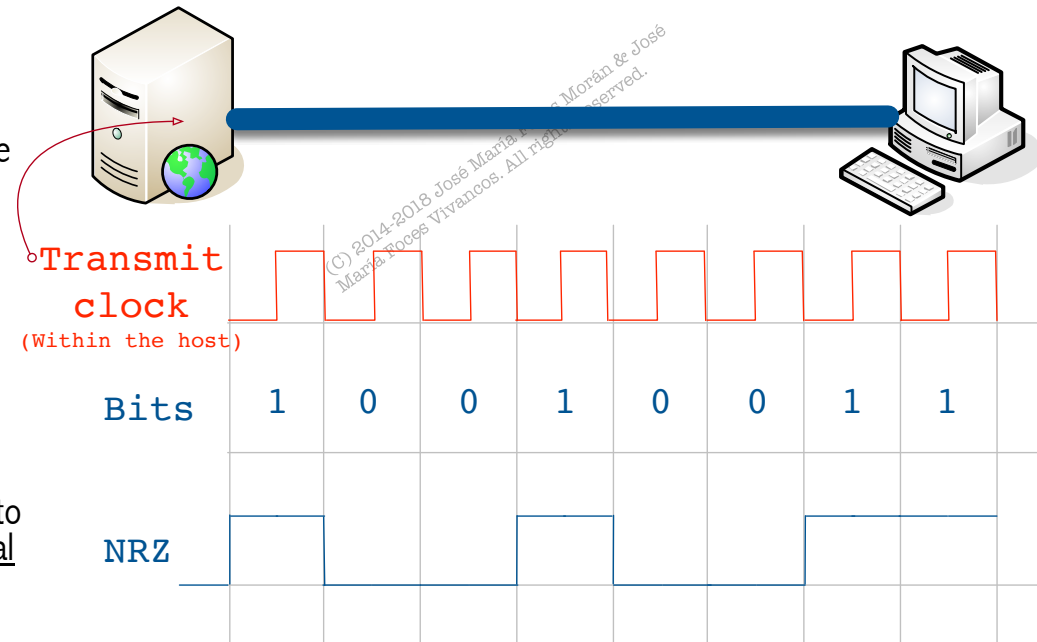


# Problems with NRZ

## Clock recovery

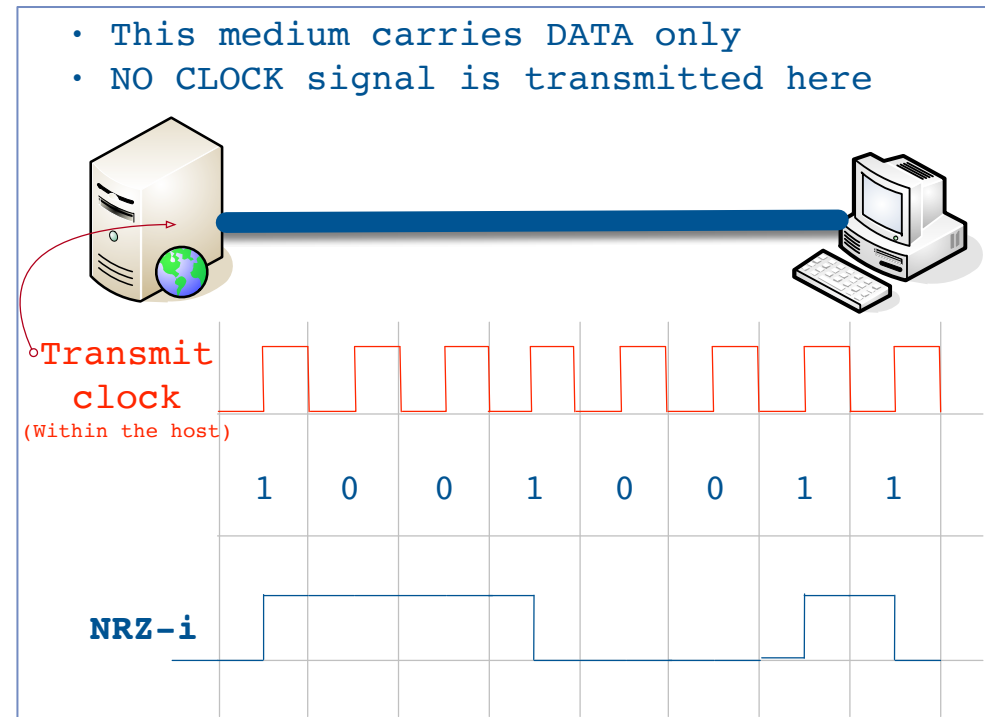
- The transmitter sends symbols (0/1) at some transmission speed determined by an internal clock signal
  - ▣ In data communications this clock signal is not sent from sender to receiver
  - ▣ Then, how does the receiver become aware of the used transmission speed?
- At every clock cycle, the sender transmits a bit
- The receiver must be able to deduce the transmission speed from the signal containing the data
  - ▣ This entails frequent transitions from high to low or vice versa in the received data signal
  - ▣ This is known as clock recovery
  - ▣ Clock recovery yields a precise synchronization of sender and receiver

- This medium carries DATA only
- NO CLOCK signal is transmitted here



# NRZ-i: a partial solution to NRZ

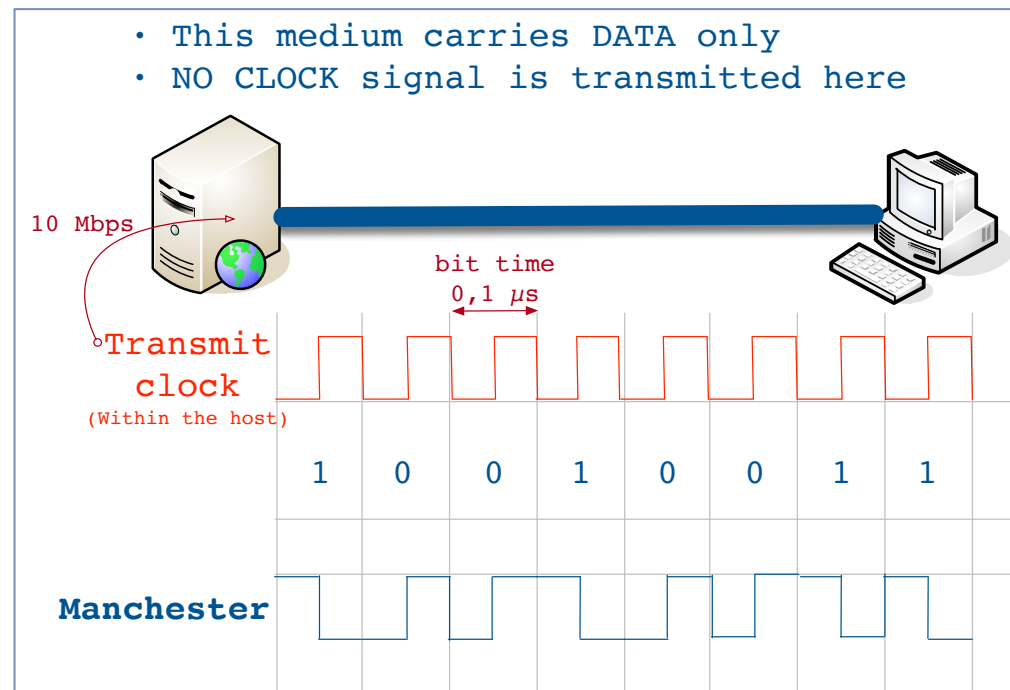
- NRZI
- Non Return to Zero Inverted
- Sender makes a transition from the current signal level to encode 1 and stays at the current signal level to encode a 0
- Solves for the consecutive 1's problem of NRZ



# Manchester: complete solution to NRZ

## □ Strategy:

- Merge the clock with signal by transmitting Ex-OR of the NRZ encoded data and the clock
- Clock is an internal signal that alternates from low to high, a low/high pair is considered as one clock cycle
- In Manchester encoding
  - 0: low → high transition
  - 1: high → low transition



# Links

- Another important link characteristic is the *frequency*
  - ▣ Measured in hertz, with which the electromagnetic waves oscillate
  - ▣ Electromagnetic waves propagate as the *electric* field generates a *magnetic* field that generates an electric field ...

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- Distance between the adjacent pair of maxima or minima of an electromagnetic wave measured in meters is called *wavelength:  $\lambda = v / f$* 
  - ▣ Speed of light divided by frequency gives the wavelength.
  - ▣ Frequency on a copper cable range from 300Hz to 3300Hz; Wavelength for 300Hz wave through copper is speed of light on a copper / frequency
  - ▣  $2/3 \times 3 \times 10^8 / 300 = 667 \times 10^3$  meters.
- Placing binary data on a signal is called *encoding*
- *Modulation* involves modifying the signals in terms of their frequency, amplitude, and phase
  - ▣ So that transmission over the physical medium is improved