

# Chapter 7

## Wireless and Mobile Networks

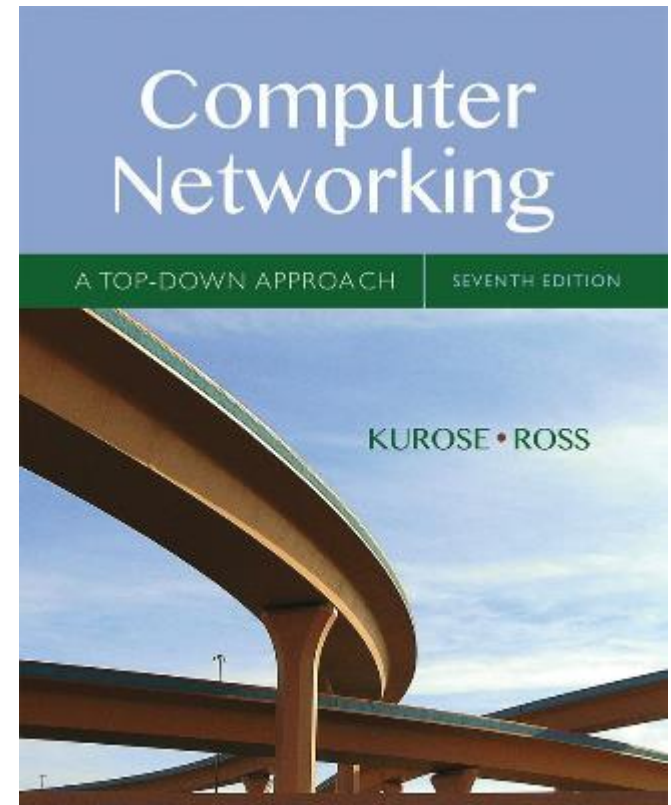
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# Ch. 6: Wireless and Mobile Networks

## Background:

- # wireless (mobile) phone subscribers now exceeds # wired phone subscribers (5-to-1)!
- # wireless Internet-connected devices equals # wireline Internet-connected devices
  - laptops, Internet-enabled phones promise anytime untethered Internet access
- two important (but different) challenges
  - *wireless*: communication over wireless link
  - *mobility*: handling the mobile user who changes point of attachment to network

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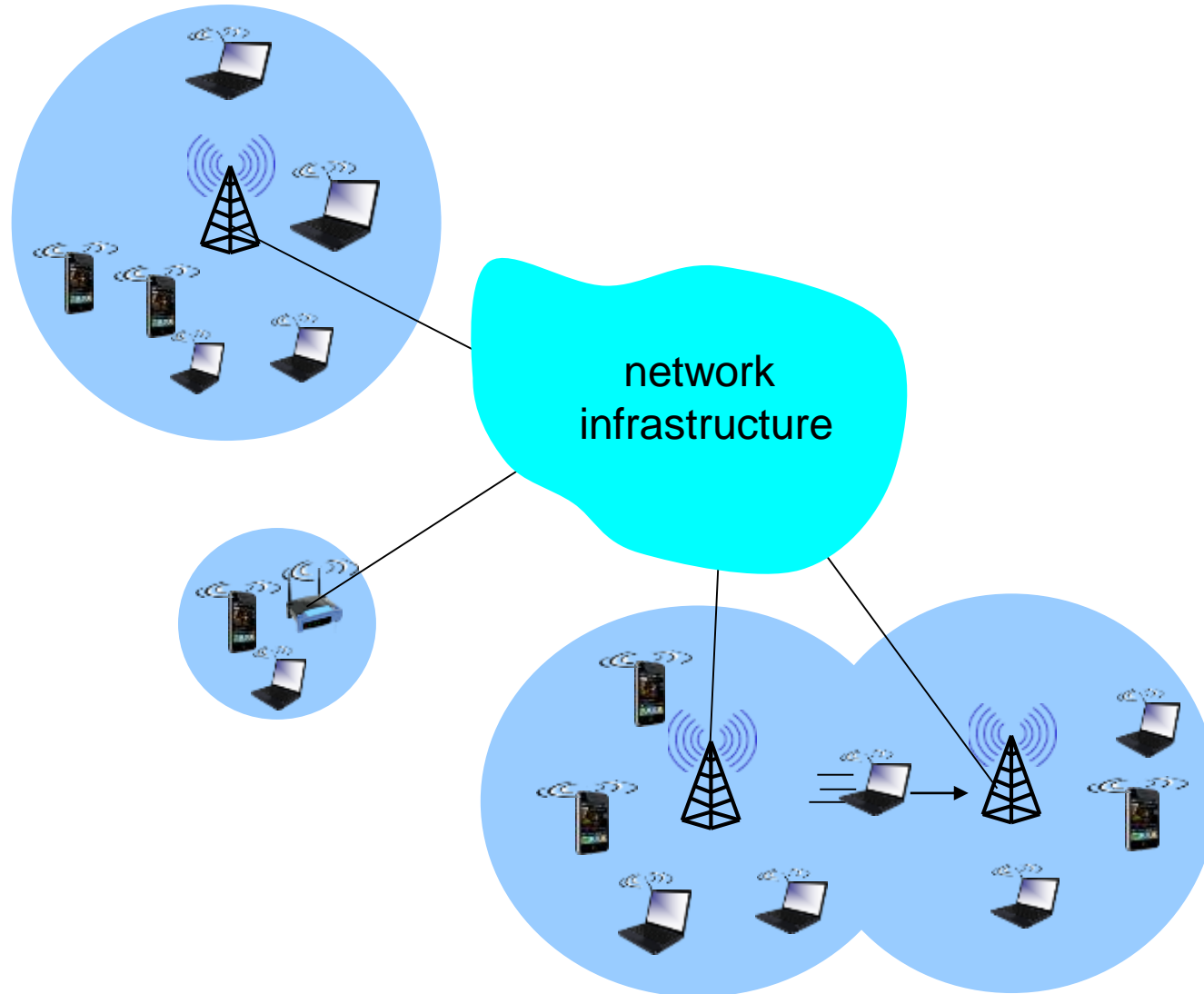
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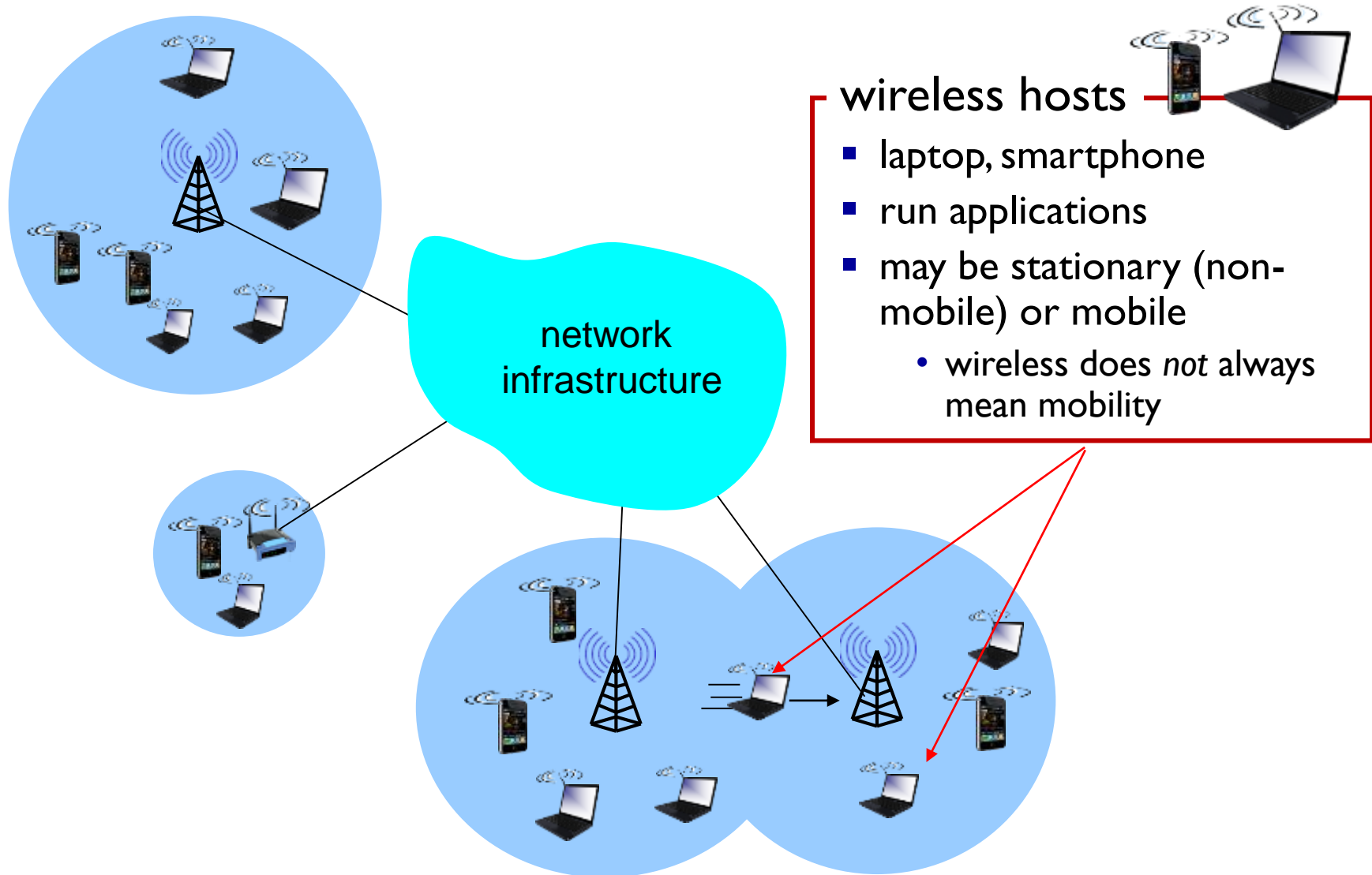
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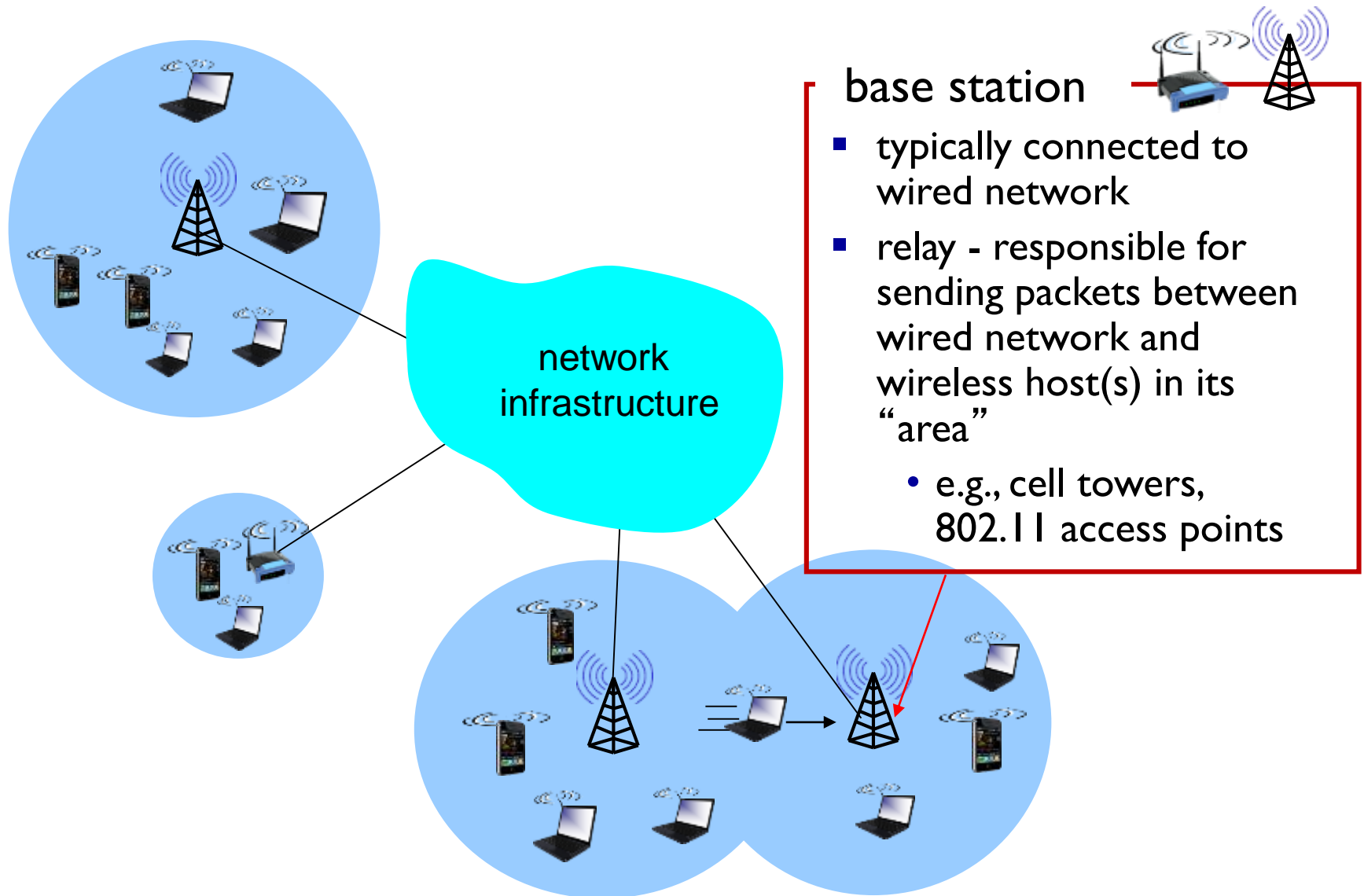
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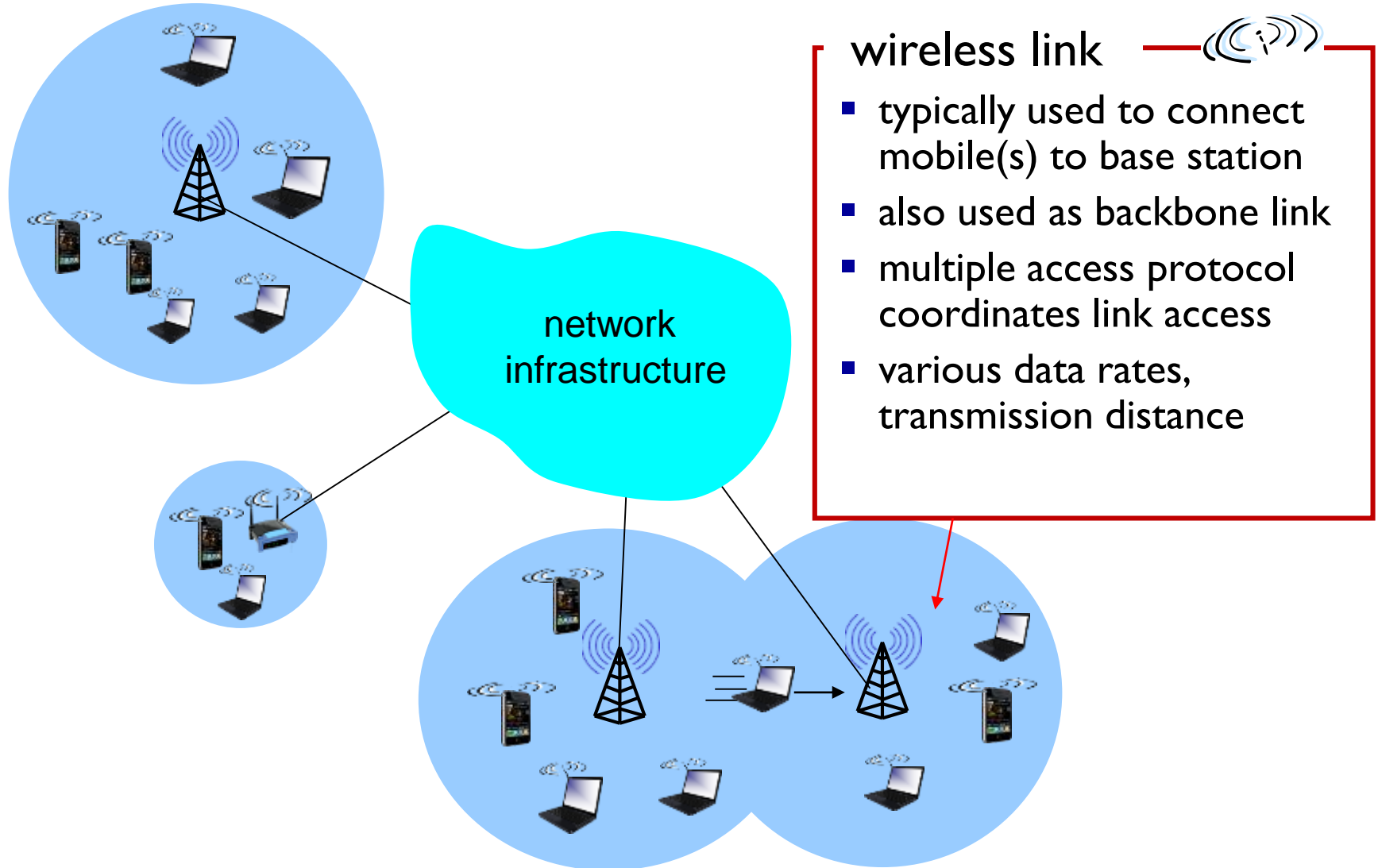
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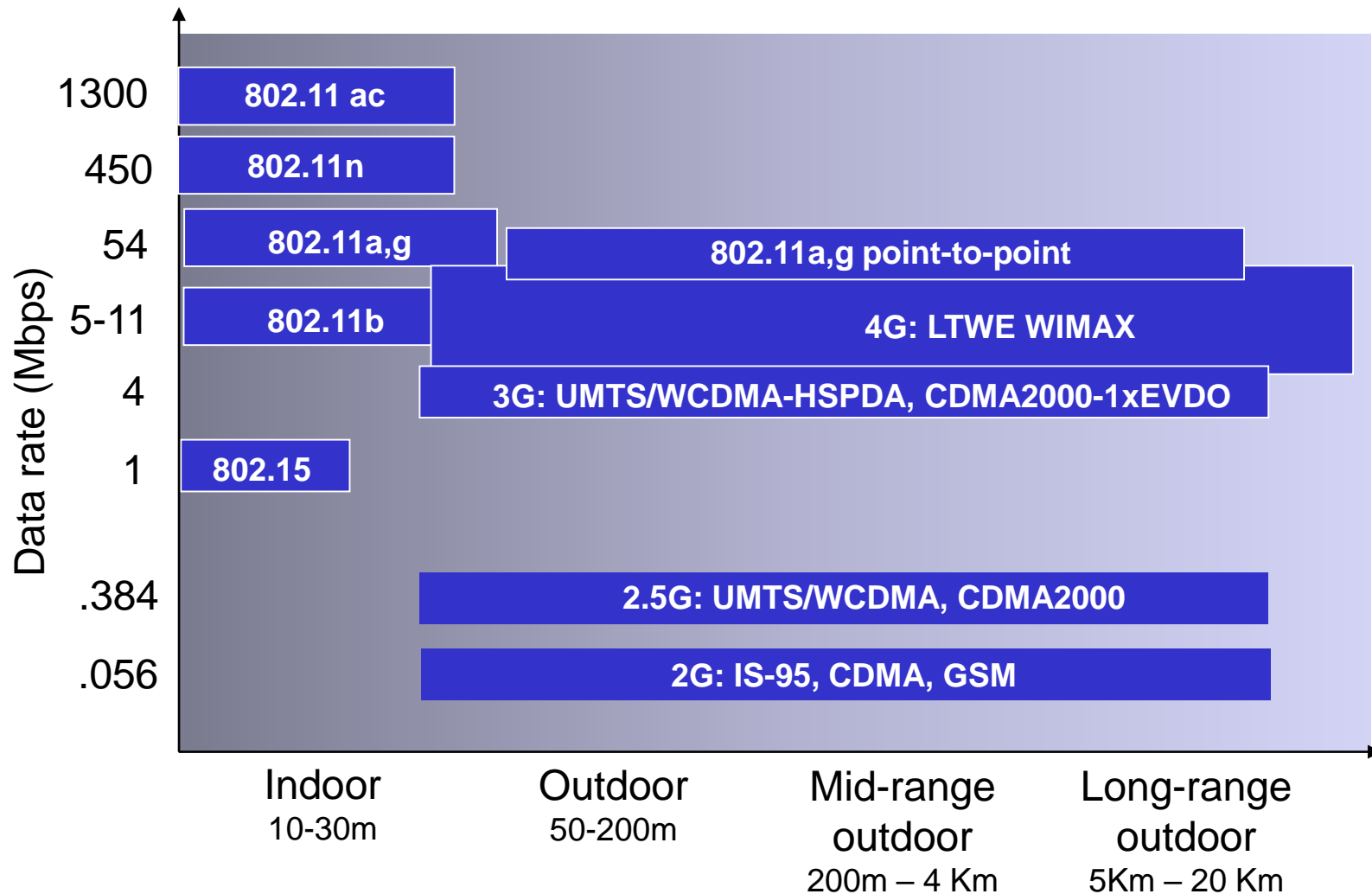
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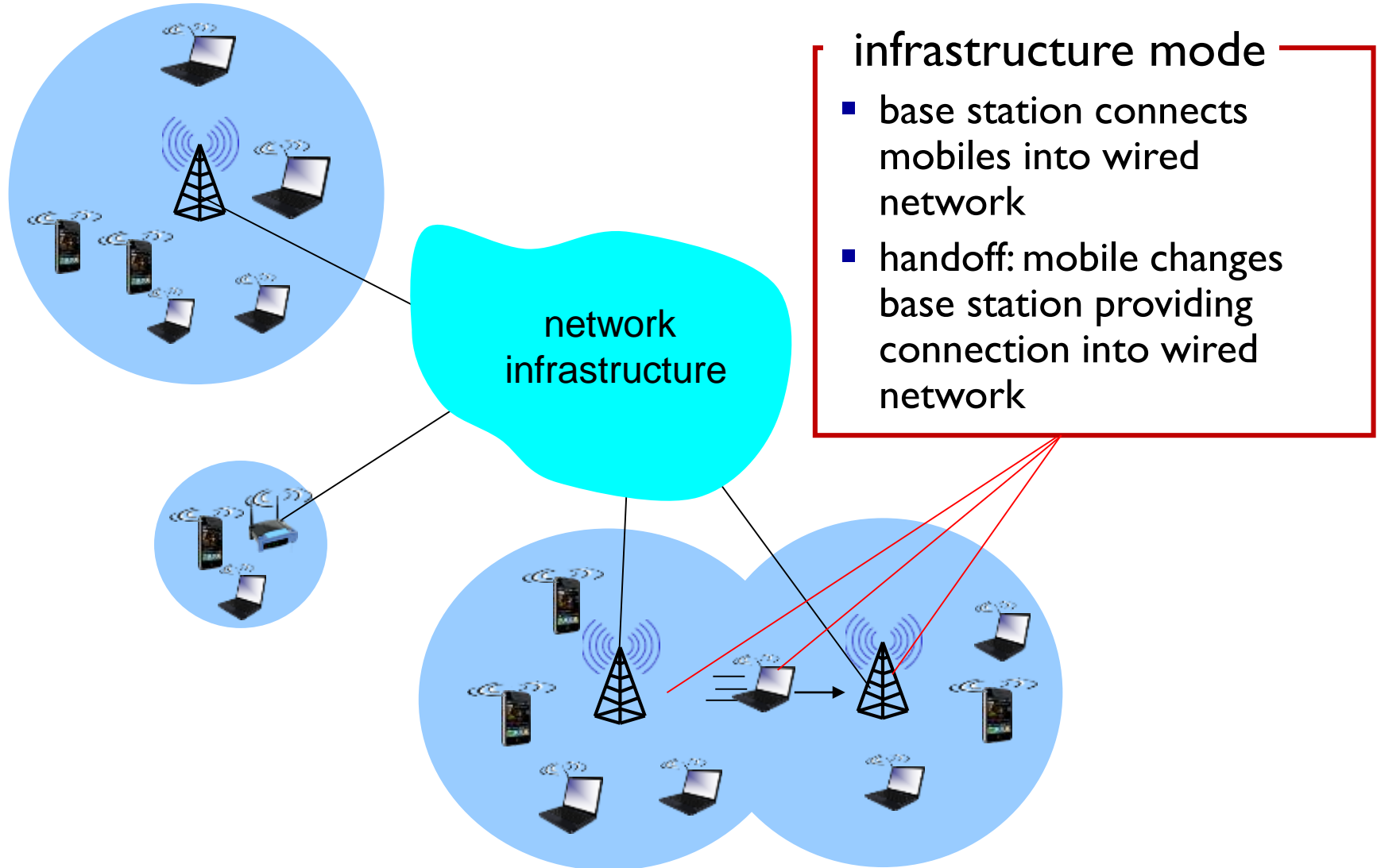


# Characteristics of selected wireless links

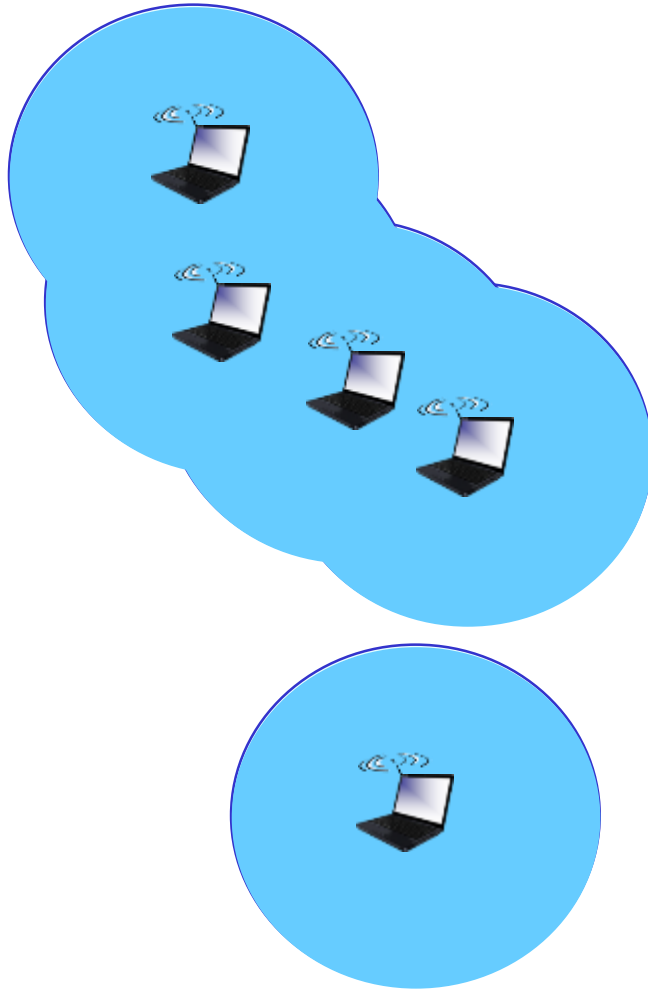




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## ad hoc mode

- no base stations
- nodes can only transmit to other nodes within link coverage
- nodes organize themselves into a network: route among themselves

# Wireless network taxonomy

	single hop	multiple hops
infrastructure (e.g., APs)	host connects to base station (WiFi, WiMAX, cellular) which connects to larger Internet	host may have to relay through several wireless nodes to connect to larger Internet: <i>mesh net</i>
no infrastructure	no base station, no connection to larger Internet (Bluetooth, ad hoc nets)	no base station, no connection to larger Internet. May have to relay to reach other a given wireless node MANET, VANET

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# Wireless Link Characteristics (I)

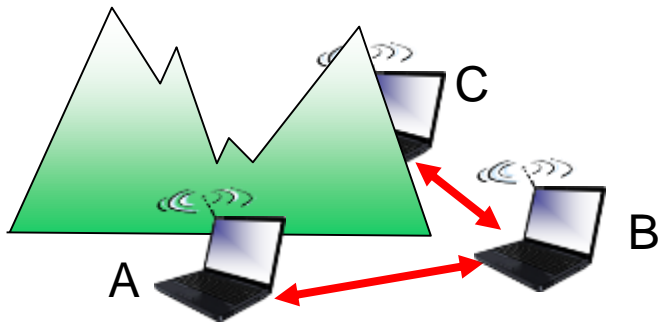
*important* differences from wired link ....

- *decreased signal strength*: radio signal attenuates as it propagates through matter (path loss)
- *interference from other sources*: standardized wireless network frequencies (e.g., 2.4 GHz) shared by other devices (e.g., phone); devices (motors) interfere as well
- *multipath propagation*: radio signal reflects off objects ground, arriving at destination at slightly different times

.... make communication across (even a point to point) wireless link much more “difficult”

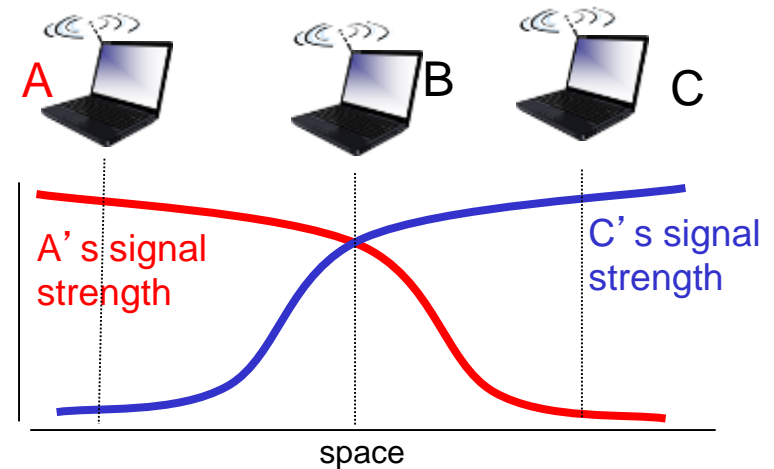
# Wireless network characteristics

Multiple wireless senders and receivers create additional problems (beyond multiple access):



## *Hidden terminal problem*

- B, A hear each other
- B, C hear each other
- A, C can not hear each other means A, C unaware of their interference at B



## *Signal attenuation:*

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# IEEE 802.11 Wireless LAN

## 802.11b

- 2.4-5 GHz unlicensed spectrum
- up to 11 Mbps
- direct sequence spread spectrum (DSSS) in physical layer
  - all hosts use same chipping code

## 802.11a

- 5-6 GHz range
- up to 54 Mbps

## 802.11g

- 2.4-5 GHz range
- up to 54 Mbps

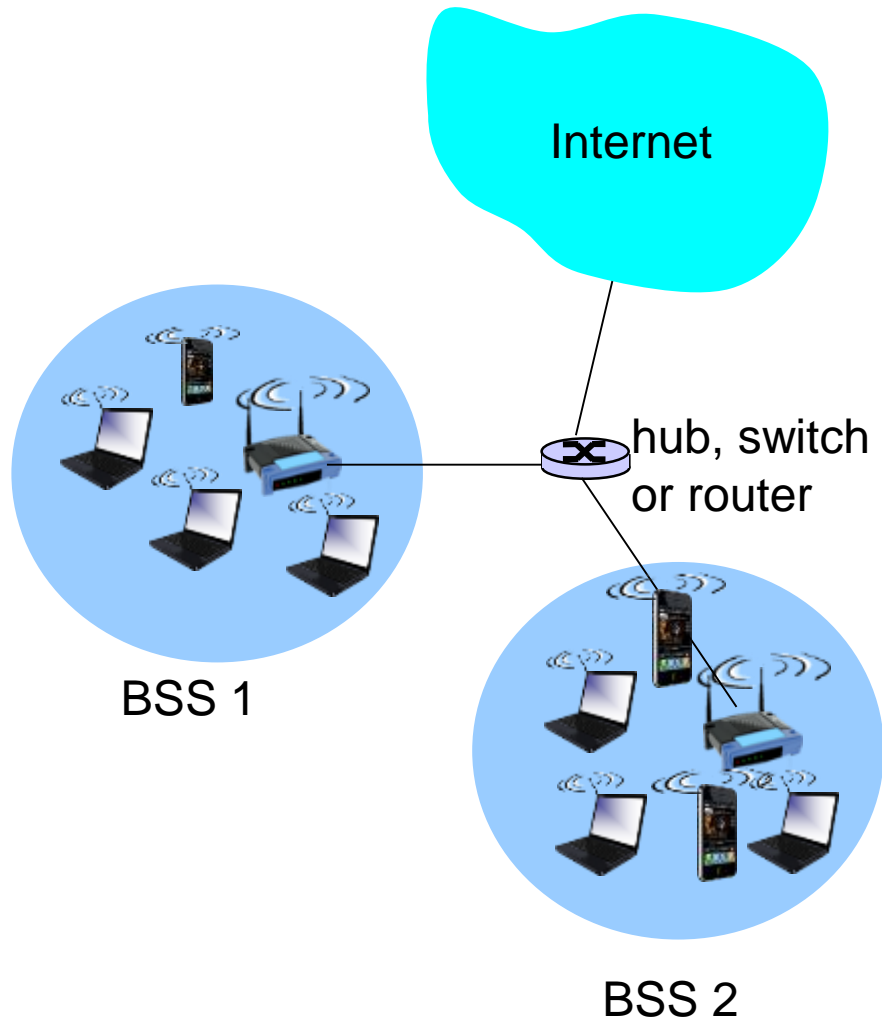
## 802.11n: multiple antennae

- 2.4-5 GHz range
- up to 200 Mbps

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- all use CSMA/CA for multiple access
  - all have base-station and ad-hoc network versions



# 802.11 LAN architecture

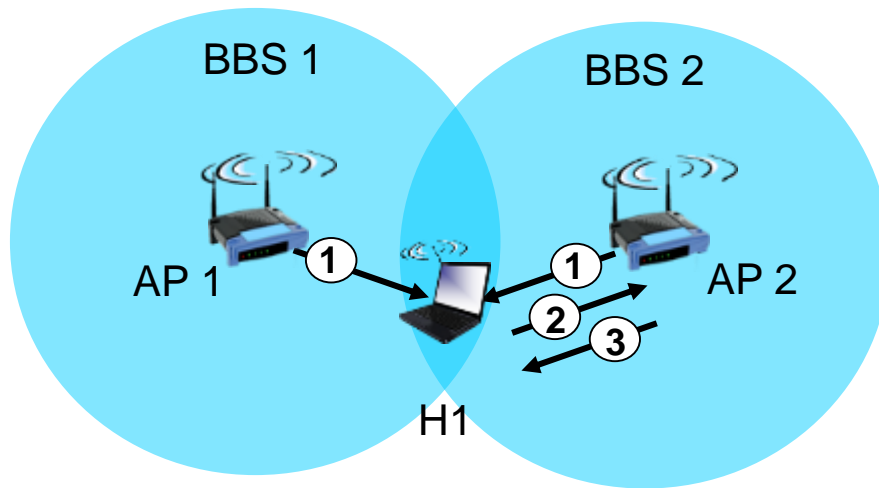


- wireless host communicates with base station
  - **base station = access point (AP)**
- **Basic Service Set (BSS)** (aka “cell”) in infrastructure mode contains:
  - wireless hosts
  - access point (AP): base station
  - ad hoc mode: hosts only

# 802.11: Channels, association

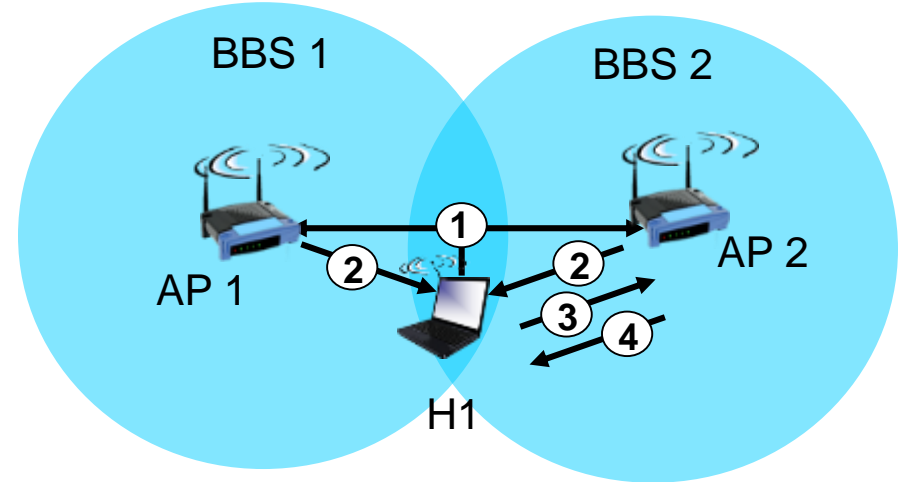
- 802.11b: 2.4GHz-2.485GHz spectrum divided into 11 channels at different frequencies
  - AP admin chooses frequency for AP
  - interference possible: channel can be same as that chosen by neighboring AP!
- host: must *associate* with an AP
  - scans channels, listening for *beacon frames* containing AP's name (SSID) and MAC address
  - selects AP to associate with
  - may perform authentication [Chapter 8]
  - will typically run DHCP to get IP address in AP's subnet

# 802.11: passive/active scanning



## passive scanning:

- (1) beacon frames sent from APs
- (2) association Request frame sent: H1 to selected AP
- (3) association Response frame sent from selected AP to H1

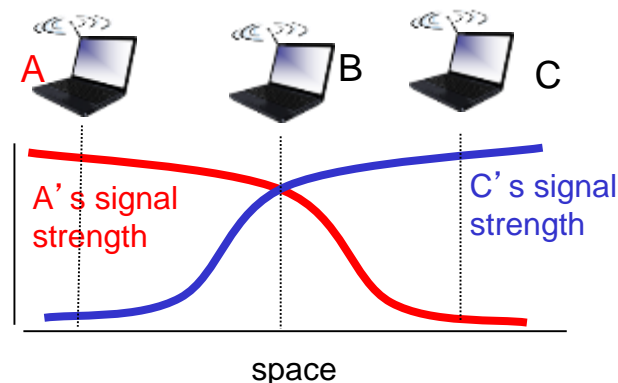
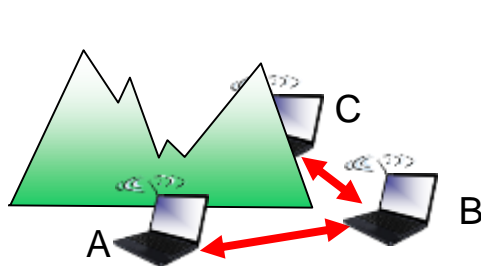


## active scanning:

- (1) Probe Request frame broadcast from H1
- (2) Probe Response frames sent from APs
- (3) Association Request frame sent: H1 to selected AP
- (4) Association Response frame sent from selected AP to H1

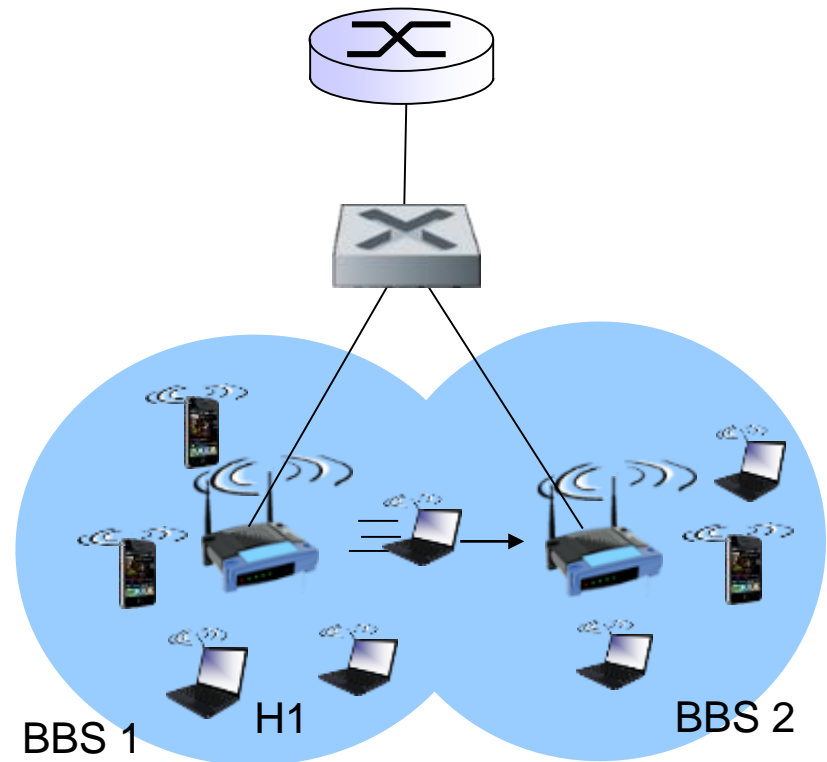
# IEEE 802.11: multiple access

- avoid collisions: 2<sup>+</sup> nodes transmitting at same time
- 802.11: CSMA - sense before transmitting
  - don't collide with ongoing transmission by other node
- 802.11: *no* collision detection!
  - difficult to receive (sense collisions) when transmitting due to weak received signals (fading)
  - can't sense all collisions in any case: hidden terminal, fading
  - goal: *avoid collisions*: CSMA/C(ollision)A(voidance)



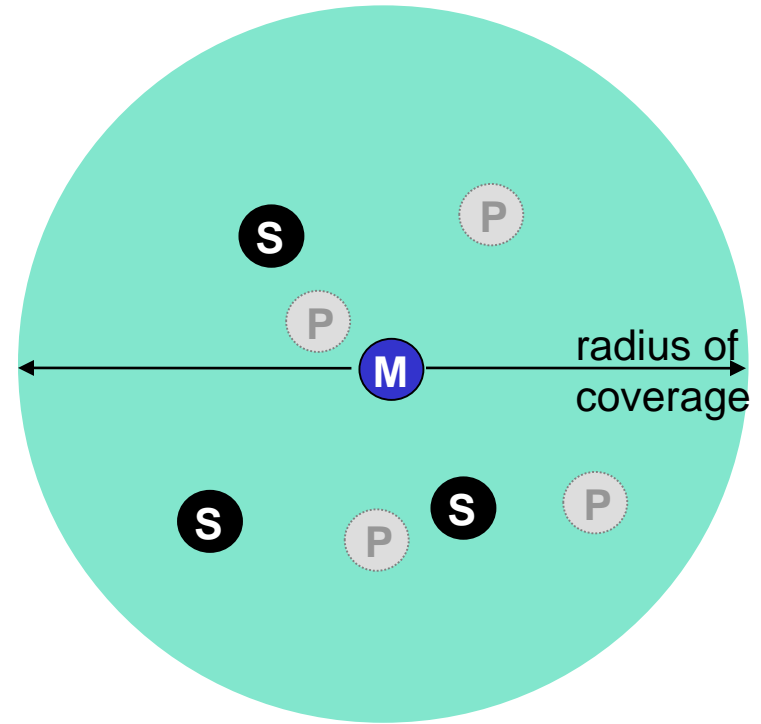
# 802.11: mobility within same subnet

- HI remains in same IP subnet: IP address can remain same
- switch: which AP is associated with HI?
  - self-learning (Ch. 5): switch will see frame from HI and “remember” which switch port can be used to reach HI



# 802.15: personal area network

- less than 10 m diameter
- replacement for cables (mouse, keyboard, headphones)
- ad hoc: no infrastructure
- master/slaves:
  - slaves request permission to send (to master)
  - master grants requests
- 802.15: evolved from Bluetooth specification
  - 2.4-2.5 GHz radio band
  - up to 721 kbps



- (M)** Master device
- (S)** Slave device
- (P)** Parked device (inactive)

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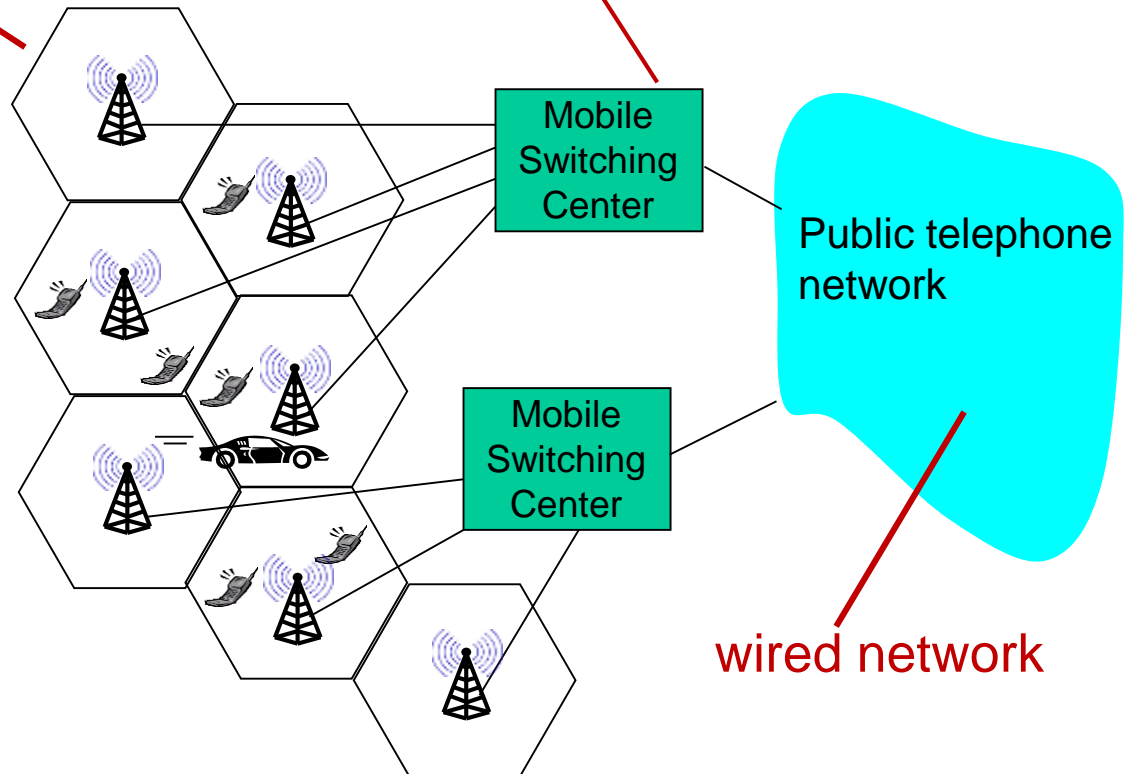
# Components of cellular network architecture

## cell

- ❖ covers geographical region
- ❖ *base station* (BS)  
analogous to 802.11 AP
- ❖ *mobile users* attach to network through BS
- ❖ *air-interface*: physical and link layer protocol between mobile and BS

## MSC

- ❖ connects cells to wired tel. net.
- ❖ manages call setup (more later!)
- ❖ handles mobility (more later!)

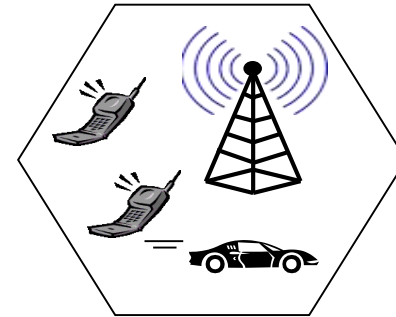




# Cellular networks: the first hop

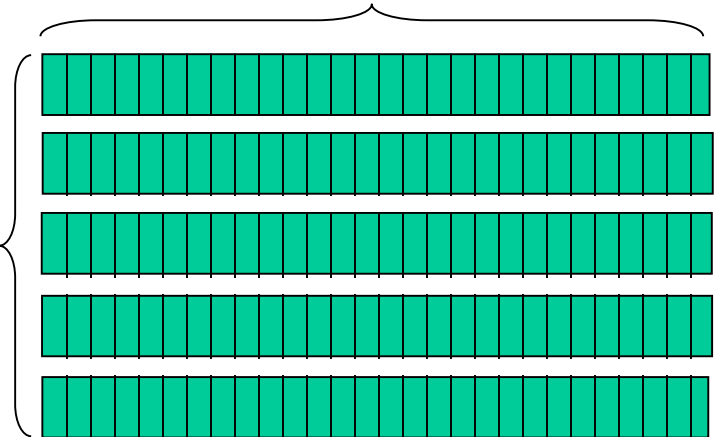
Two techniques for sharing mobile-to-BS radio spectrum

- **combined FDMA/TDMA:** divide spectrum in frequency channels, divide each channel into time slots
- **CDMA:** code division multiple access

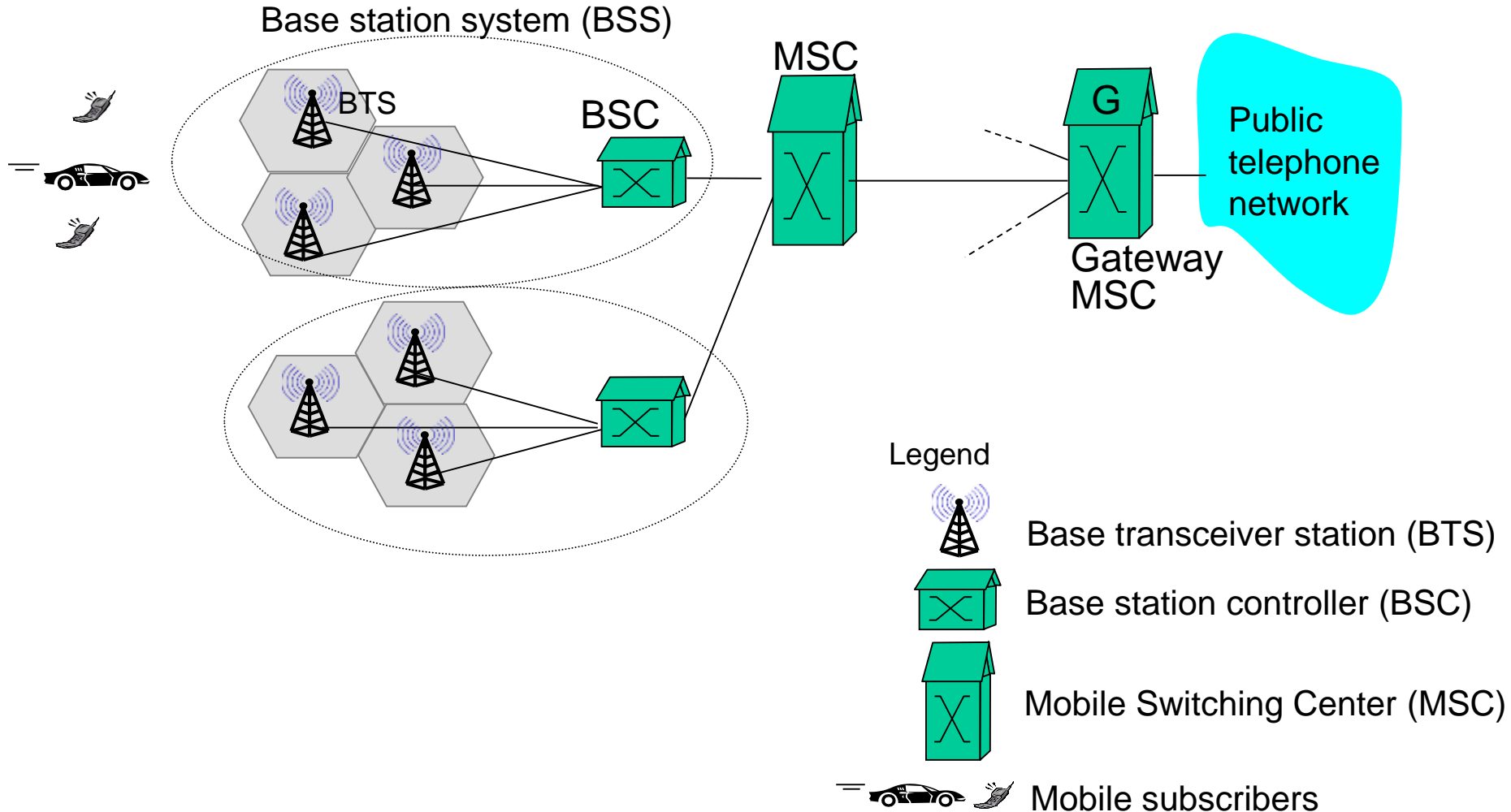


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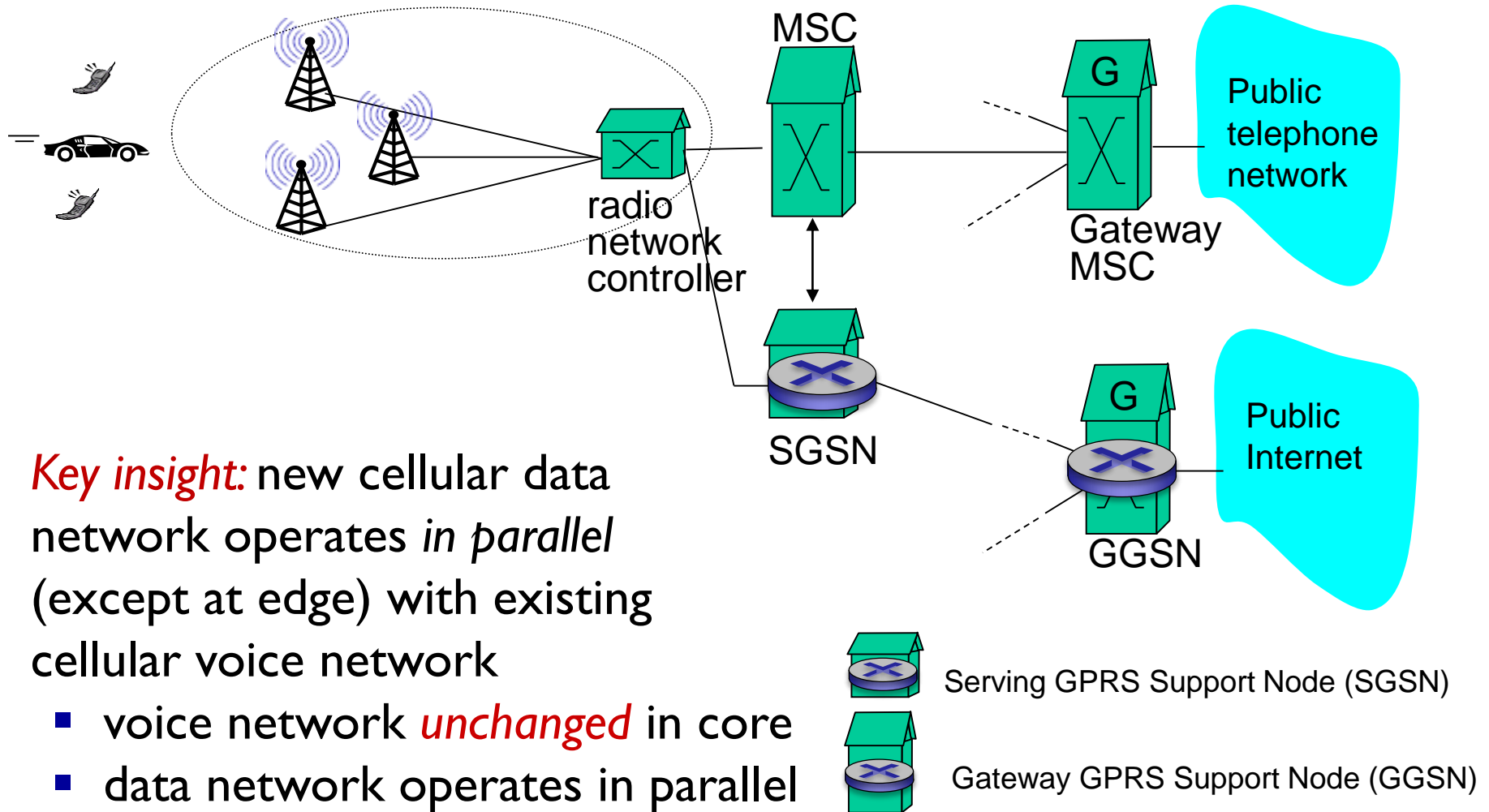
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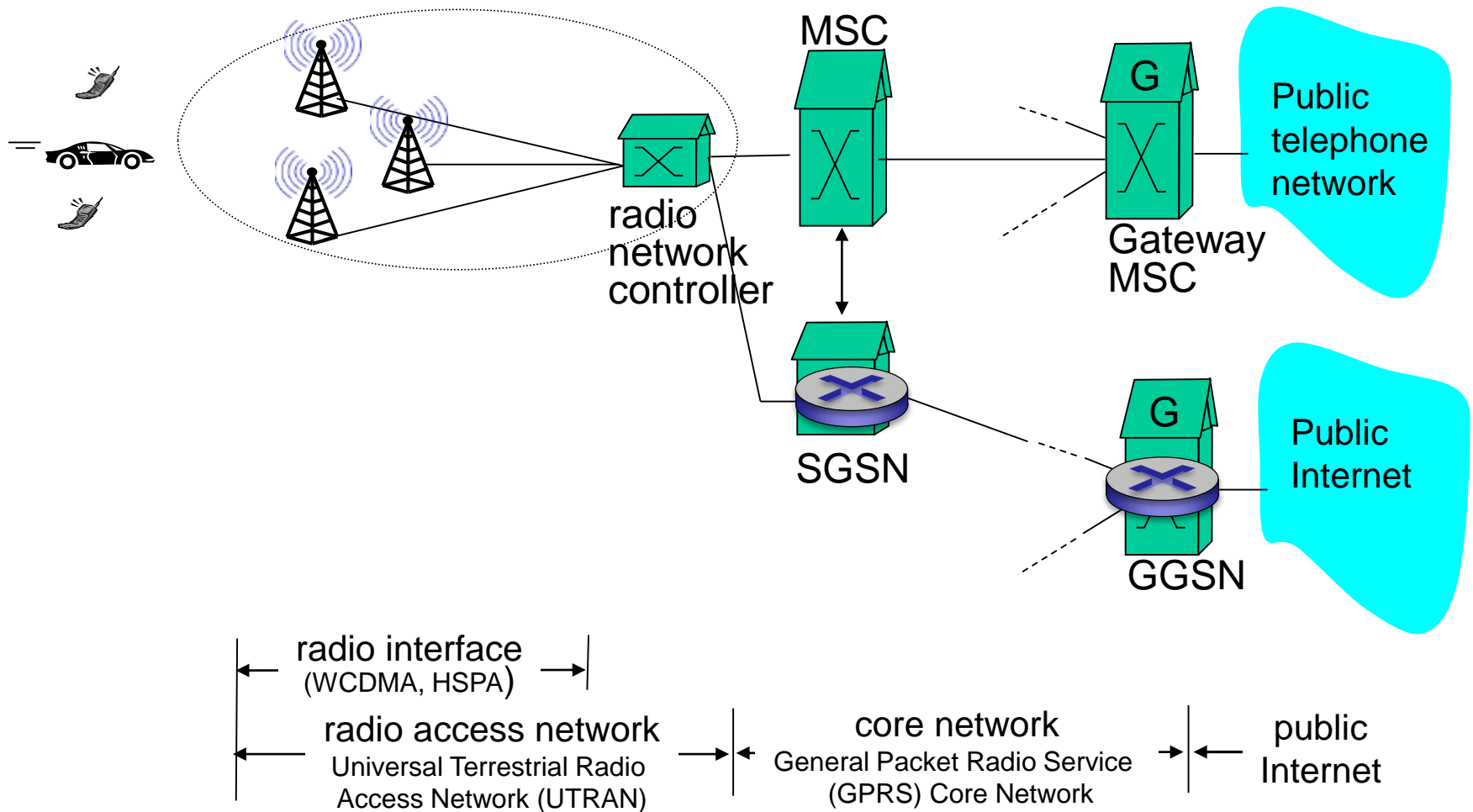
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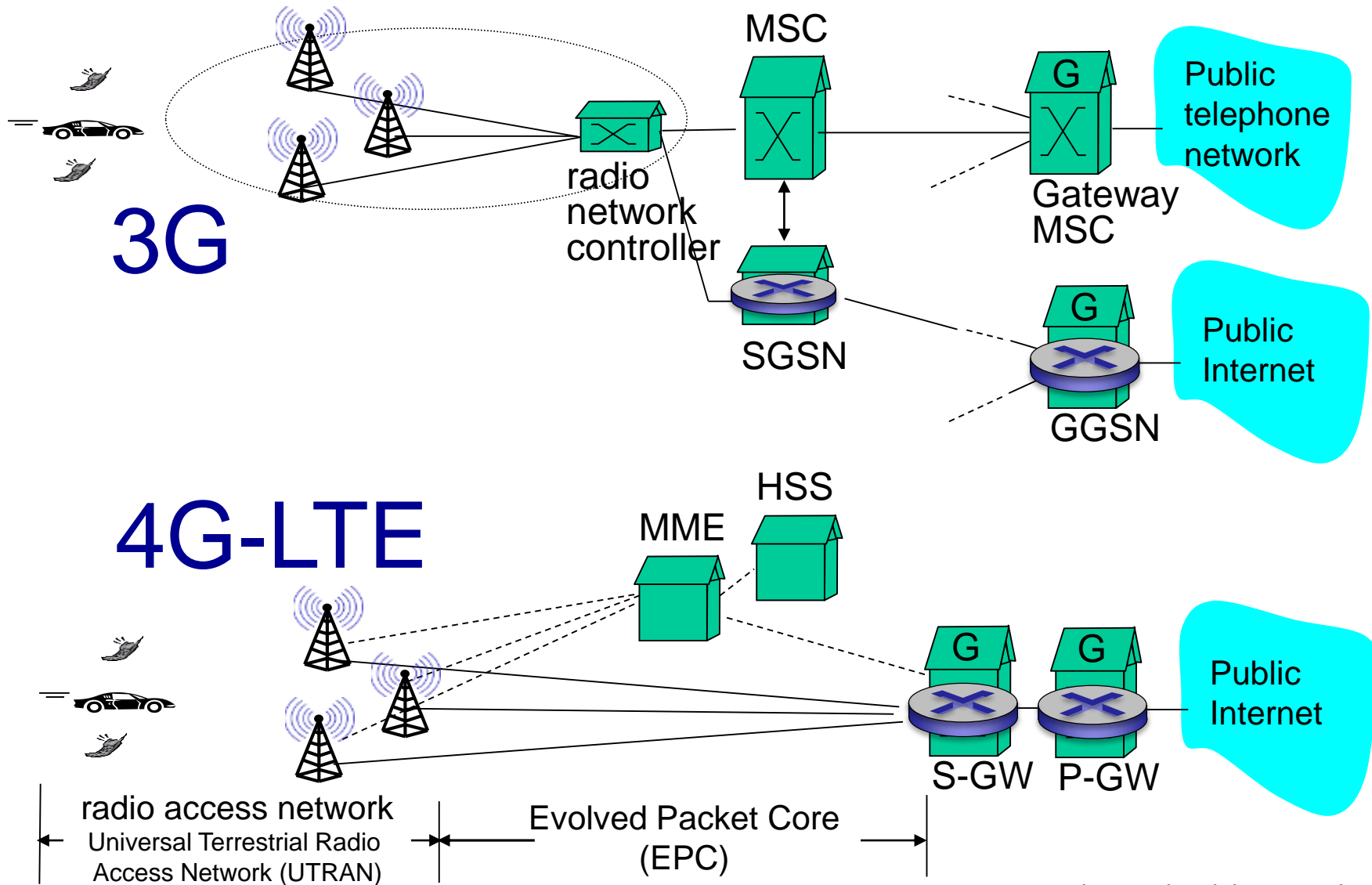
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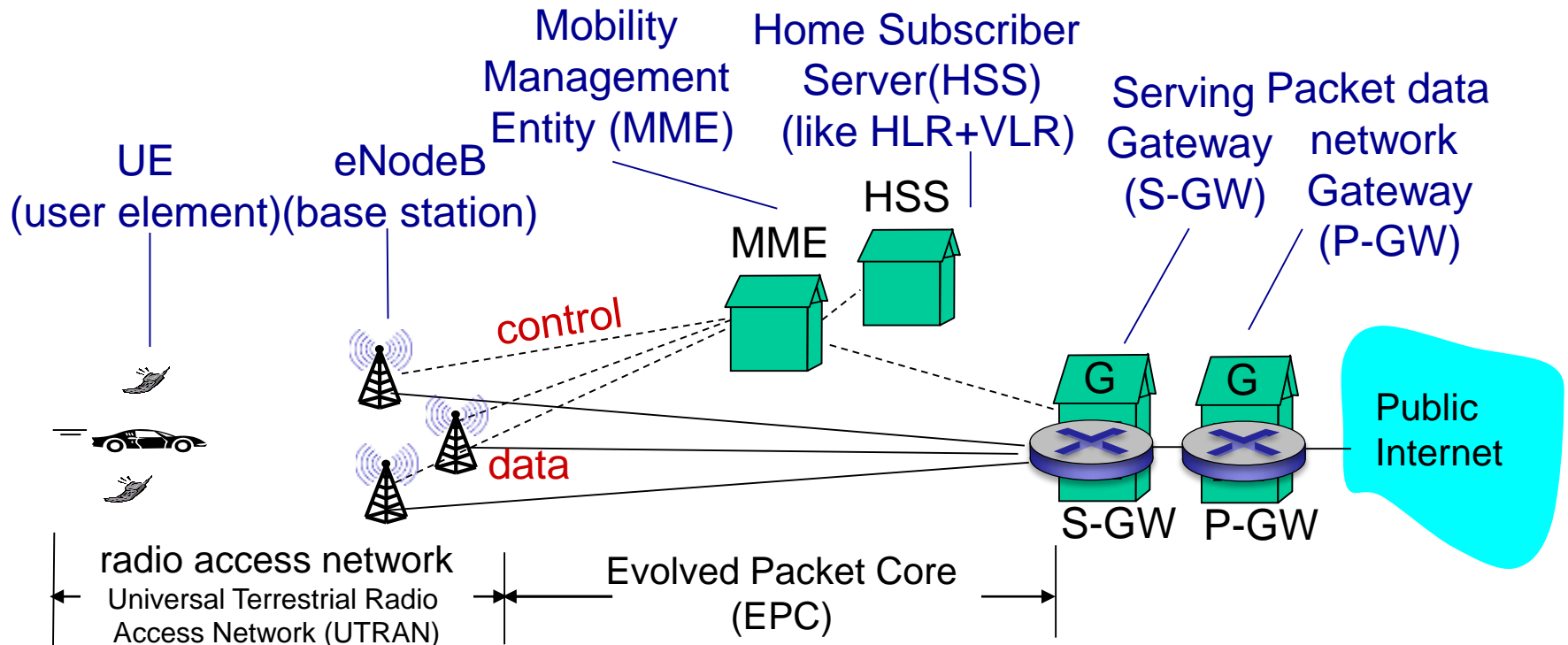


# 3G versus 4G LTE network architecture



# 4G: differences from 3G

- all IP core: IP packets tunneled (through core IP network) from base station to gateway
- no separation between voice and data – all traffic carried over IP core to gateway



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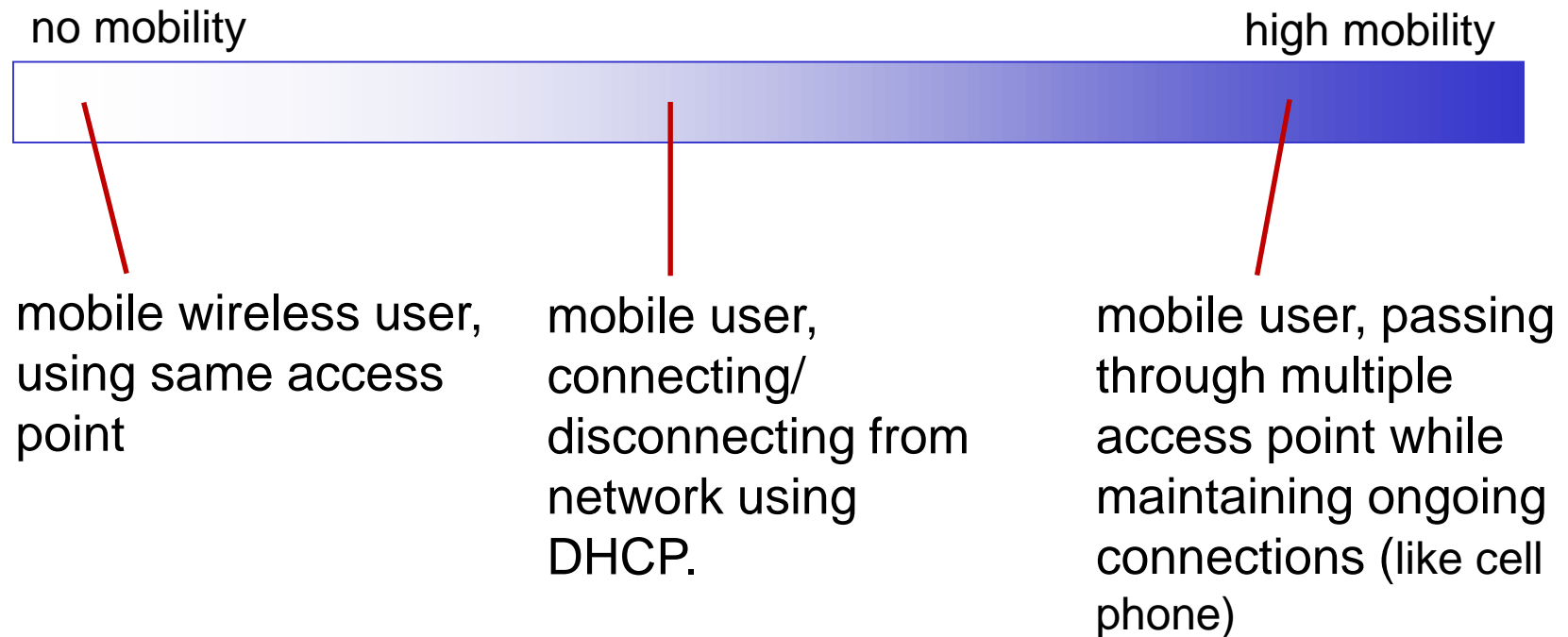
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# What is mobility?

- spectrum of mobility, from the *network* perspective:



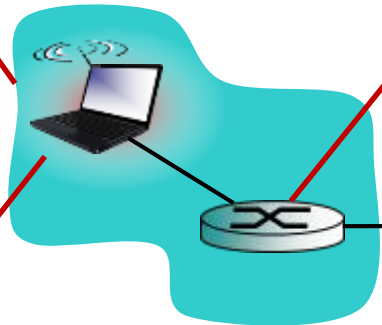


# Mobility: vocabulary

*home network:* permanent  
“home” of mobile  
(e.g., 128.119.40/24)

*home agent:* entity that will  
perform mobility functions on  
behalf of mobile, when mobile is  
remote

*permanent address:*  
address in home  
network, *can always* be  
used to reach mobile  
e.g., 128.119.40.186



wide area  
network



# Mobility: more vocabulary

*permanent address*: remains constant (e.g., 128.119.40.186)

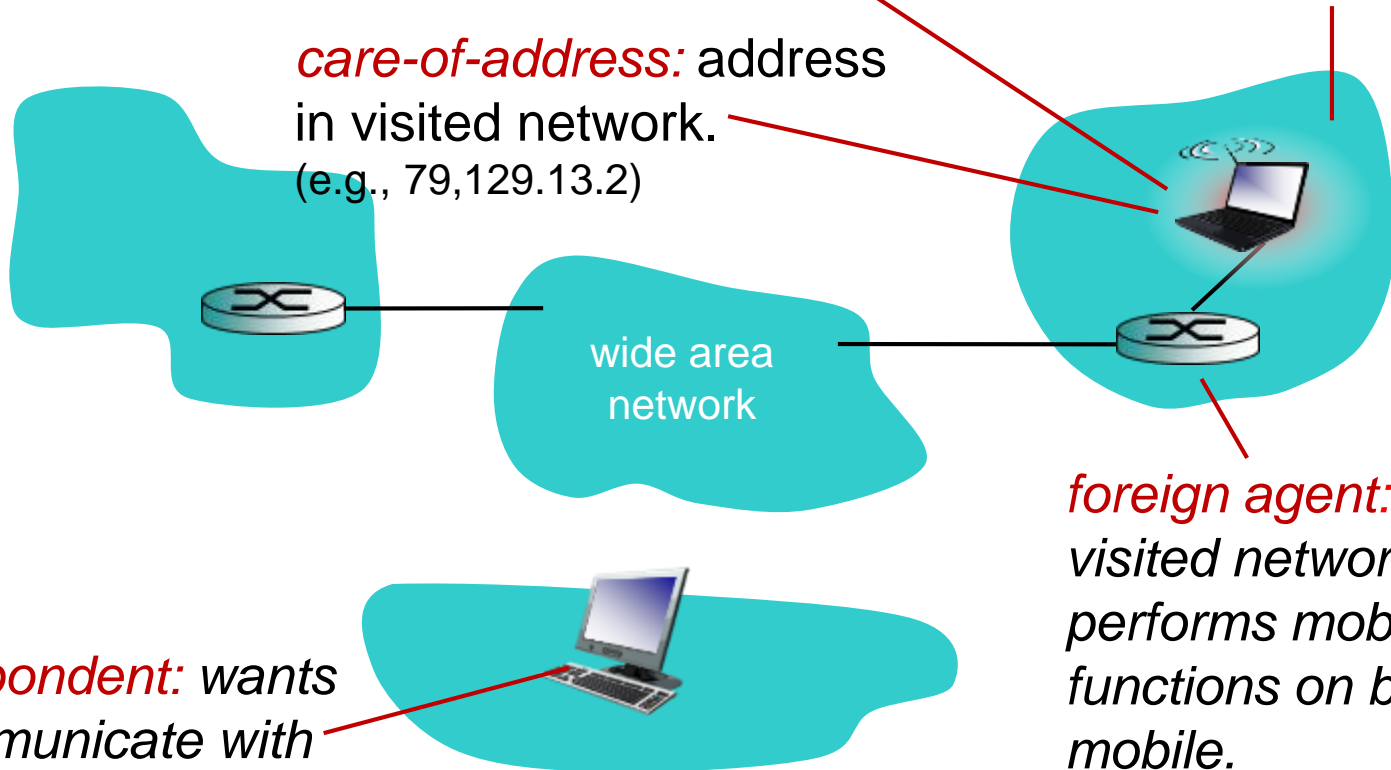
*visited network*: network in which mobile currently resides (e.g., 79.129.13/24)

*care-of-address*: address in visited network. (e.g., 79.129.13.2)

wide area network

*foreign agent*: entity in visited network that performs mobility functions on behalf of mobile.

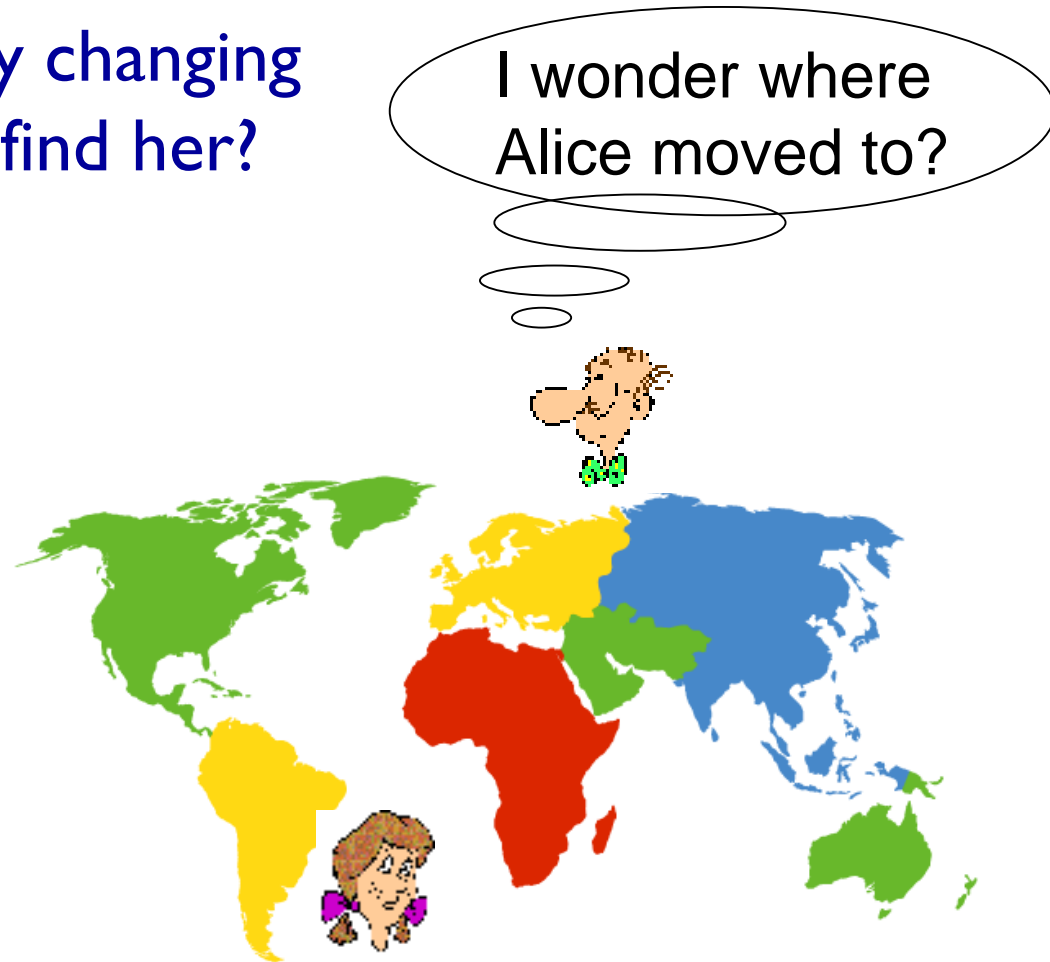
*correspondent*: wants to communicate with mobile



# How do *you* contact a mobile friend:

Consider friend frequently changing addresses, how do you find her?

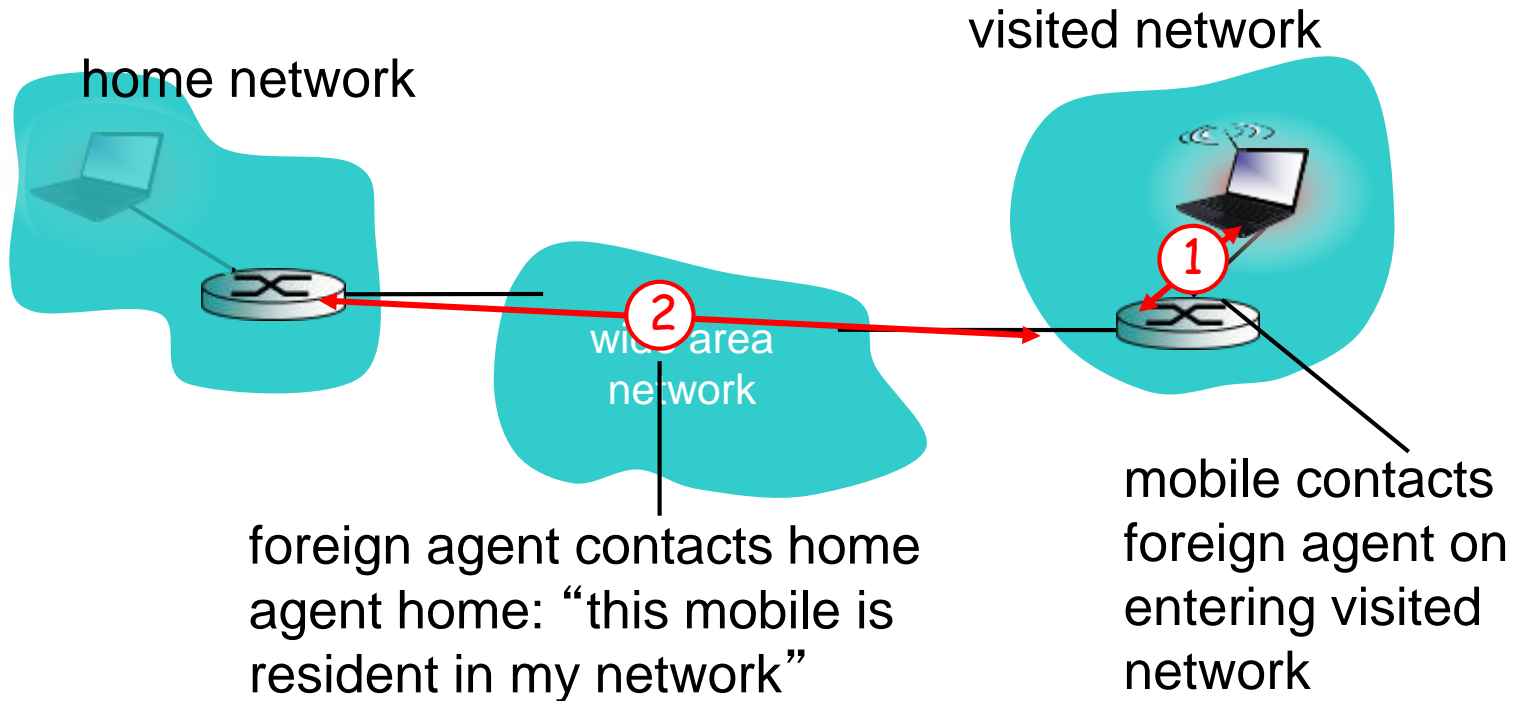
- search all phone books?
- call her parents?
- expect her to let you know where he/she is?
- Facebook!



# Mobility: approaches

- *let routing handle it:* routers advertise permanent address of mobile-nodes-in-residence via usual routing table exchange.
  - routing tables indicate where each mobile located
  - no changes to end-systems
- *let end-systems handle it:*
  - *indirect routing:* communication from correspondent to mobile goes through home agent, then forwarded to remote
  - *direct routing:* correspondent gets foreign address of mobile, sends directly to mobile

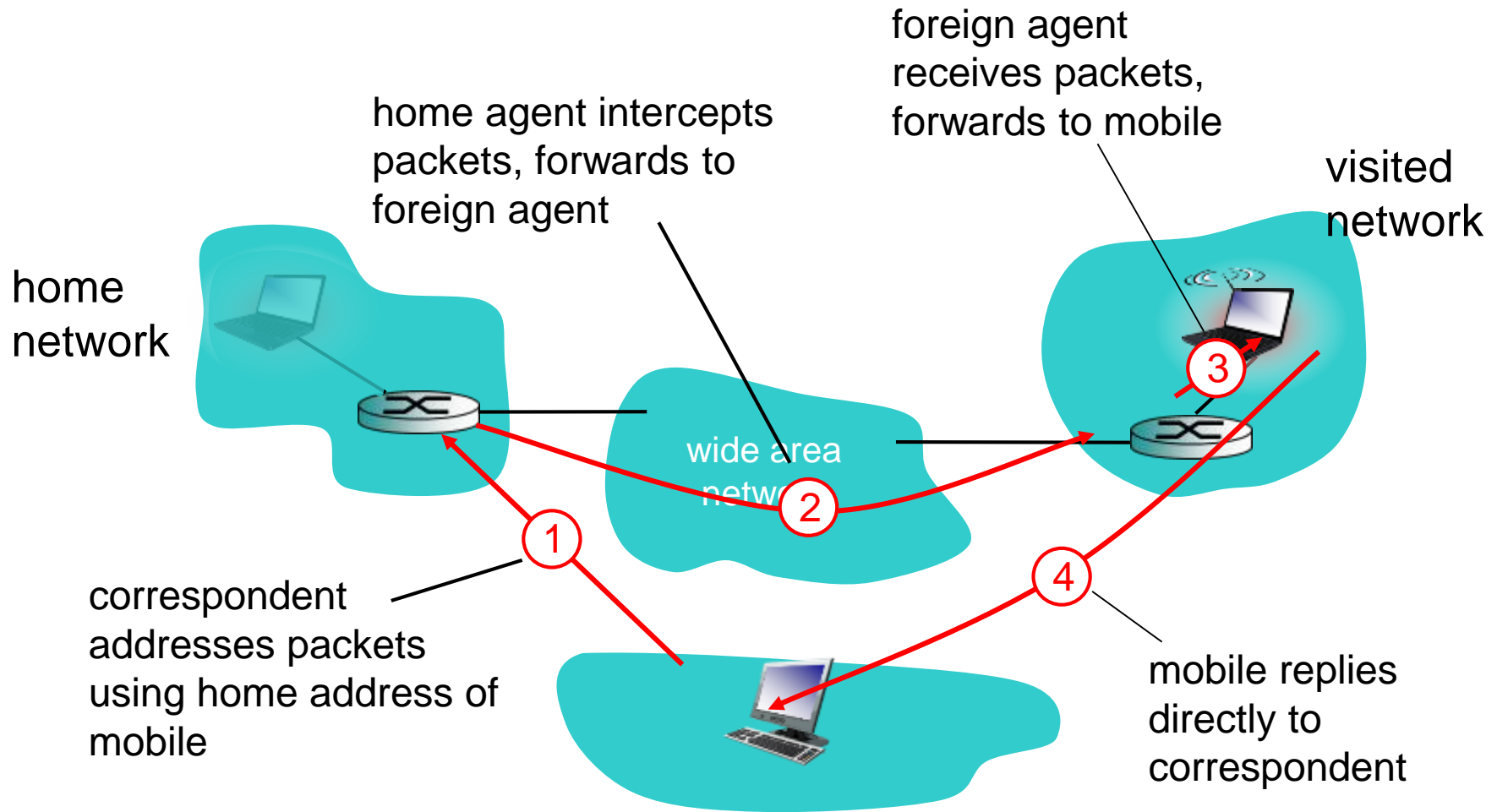
# Mobility: registration



end result:

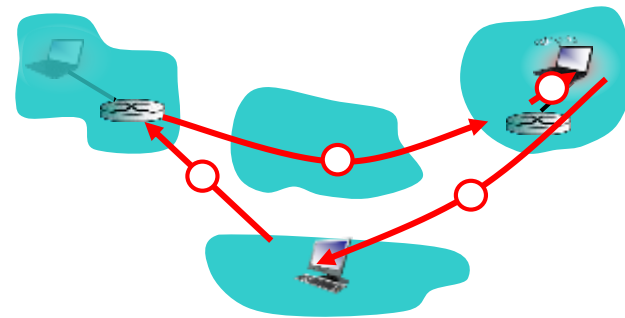
- foreign agent knows about mobile
- home agent knows location of mobile

# Mobility via indirect routing



# Indirect Routing: comments

- mobile uses two addresses:
  - **permanent address**: used by correspondent (hence mobile location is *transparent* to correspondent)
  - **care-of-address**: used by home agent to forward datagrams to mobile
- foreign agent functions may be done by mobile itself
- **triangle routing**: correspondent-home-network-mobile
  - inefficient when correspondent, mobile are in same network

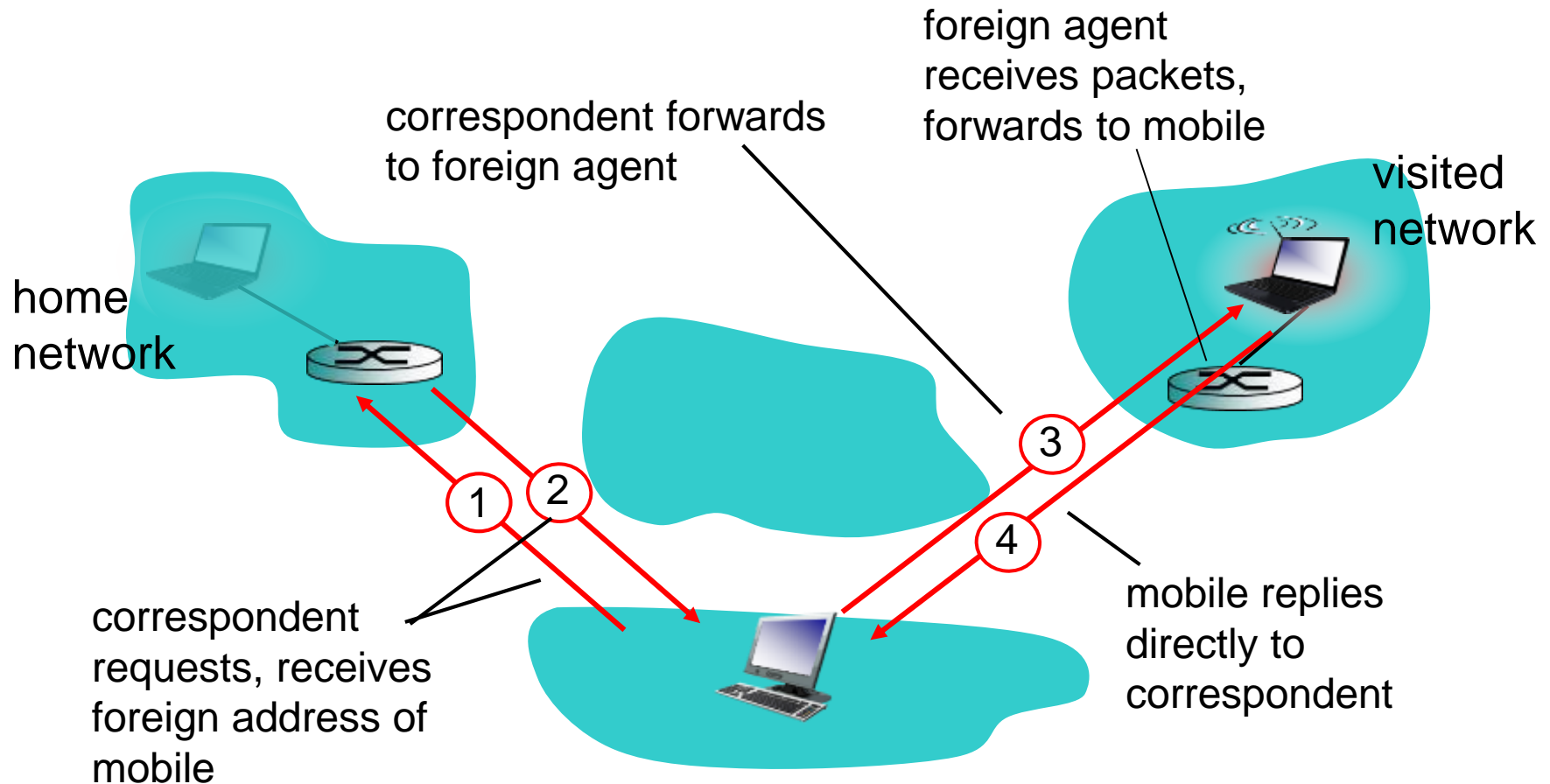


# Indirect routing: moving between networks

- suppose mobile user moves to another network
  - registers with new foreign agent
  - new foreign agent registers with home agent
  - home agent update care-of-address for mobile
  - packets continue to be forwarded to mobile (but with new care-of-address)
- mobility, changing foreign networks transparent: *on going connections can be maintained!*

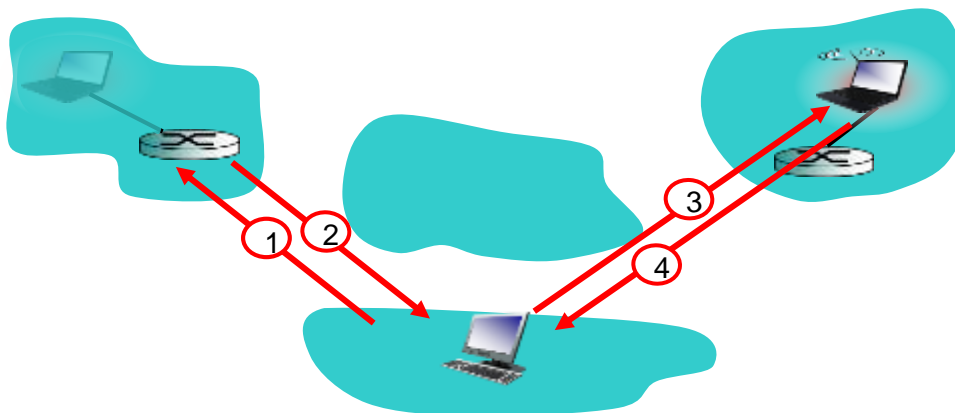


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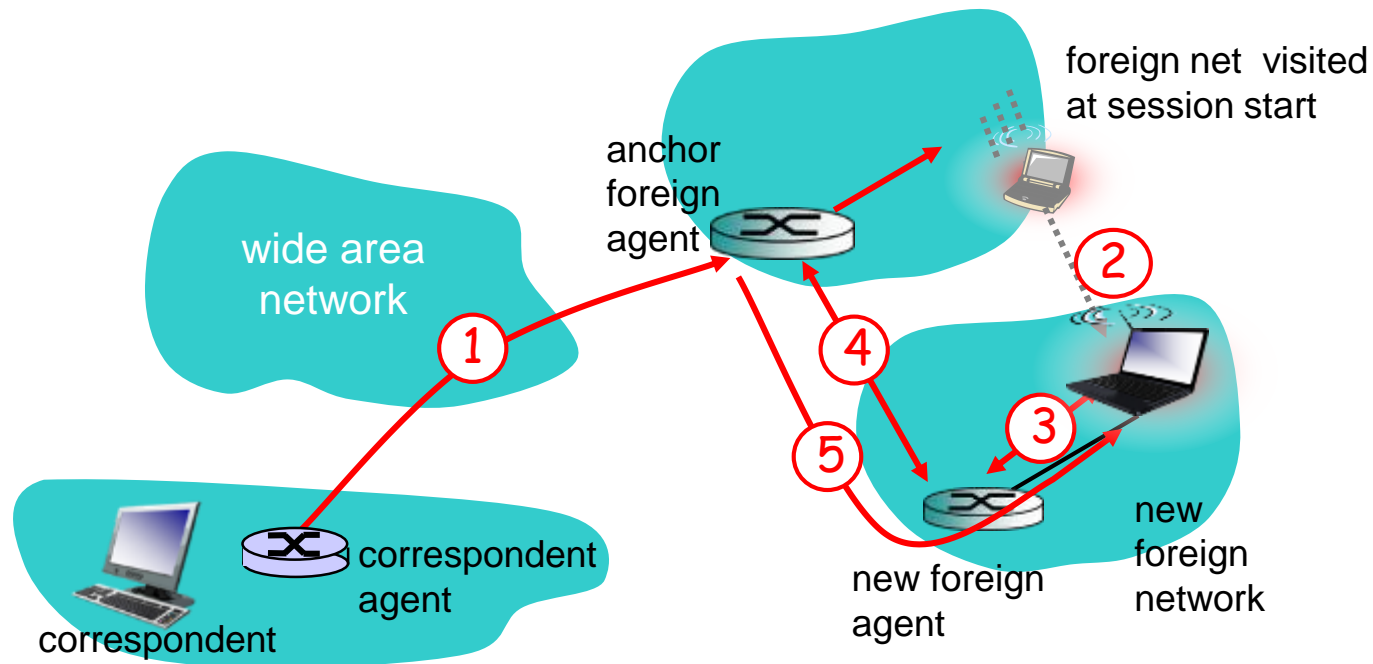
# Mobility via direct routing: comments

- overcome triangle routing problem
- *non-transparent to correspondent*: correspondent must get care-of-address from home agent
  - what if mobile changes visited network?



# Accommodating mobility with direct routing

- anchor foreign agent: FA in first visited network
- data always routed first to anchor FA
- when mobile moves: new FA arranges to have data forwarded from old FA (chaining)



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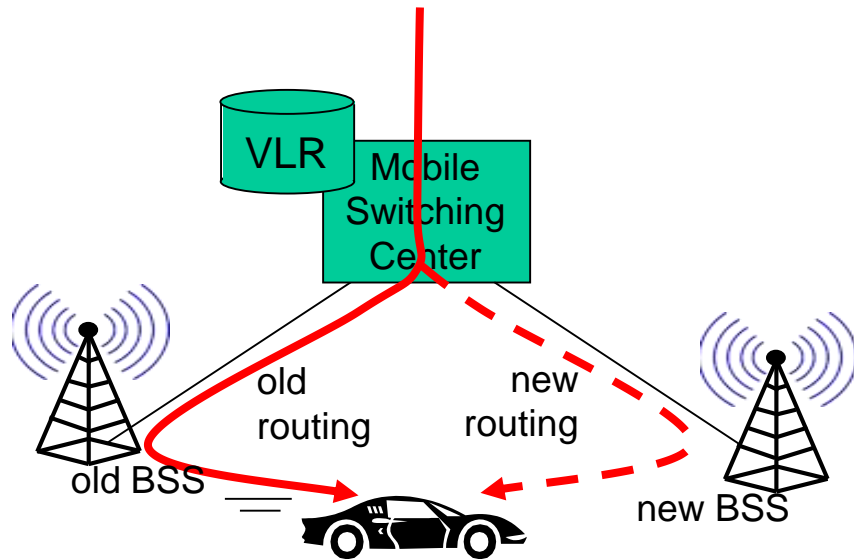
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# GSM: handoff with common MSC



- *handoff goal*: route call via new base station (without interruption)
- reasons for handoff:
  - stronger signal to/from new BSS (continuing connectivity, less battery drain)
  - load balance: free up channel in current BSS
  - GSM doesn't mandate why to perform handoff (policy), only how (mechanism)
- handoff initiated by old BSS