



EE 5410 High Speed and Embedded Computer Networking

Syllabus (Tentative)

- Introduction
- High-speed networking in the network backbone
 - Basic switch/router architectures
 - QoS Support
 - Interconnection architectures
- On-chip switches and networking
- Packet processing and table look-up
- Networks for embedded systems
 - Basics of real-time networks
 - In-vehicle networking
 - CAN bus
 - FlexRay
- Real-time Ethernet
 - AFDX
 - TSN
- Other Topics according to available time



Course Philosophy

- High Speed Networking:
 - Relaxed constraint: No limit on hardware, use the most expensive highest end devices
 - Tight constraint: 100s of Gbps data rates, nanosec times
- Embedded Networking
 - Relaxed constraint: Lower data rates (10s of Kbps, Mbps)
 - Tight constraint: Life critical, time sensitive applications



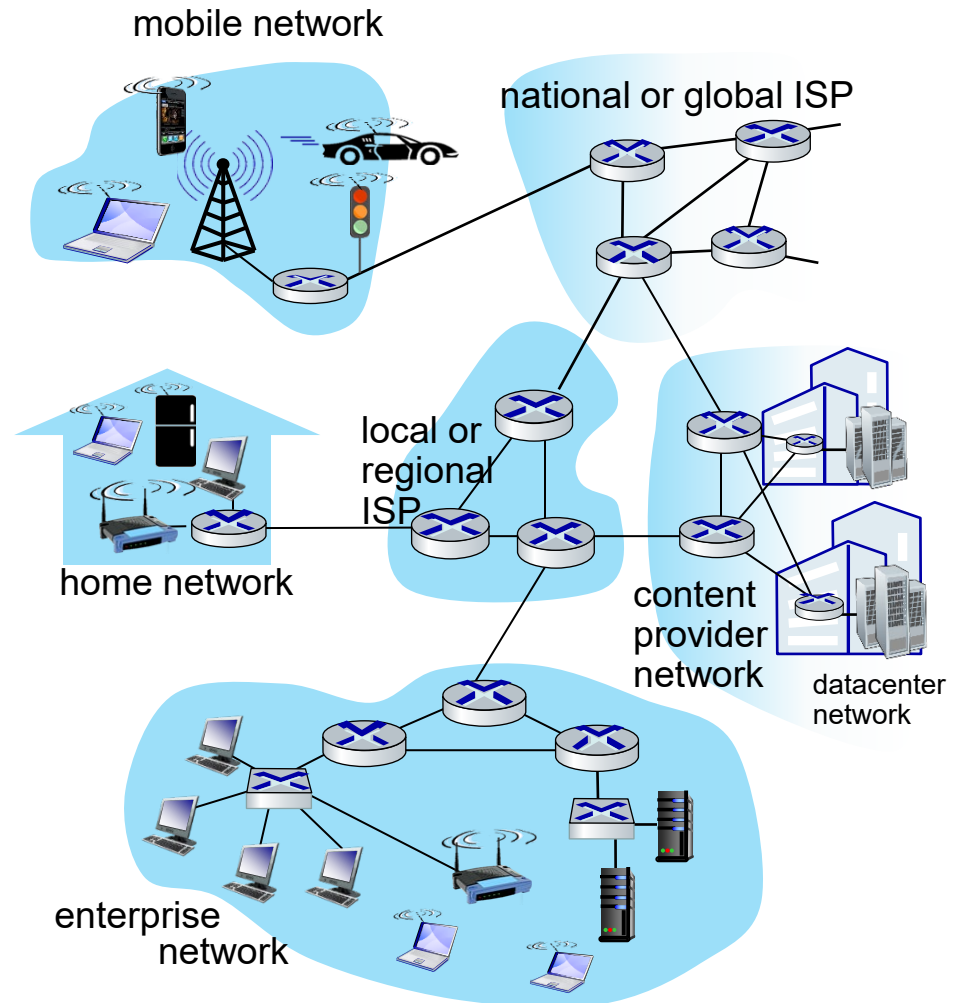


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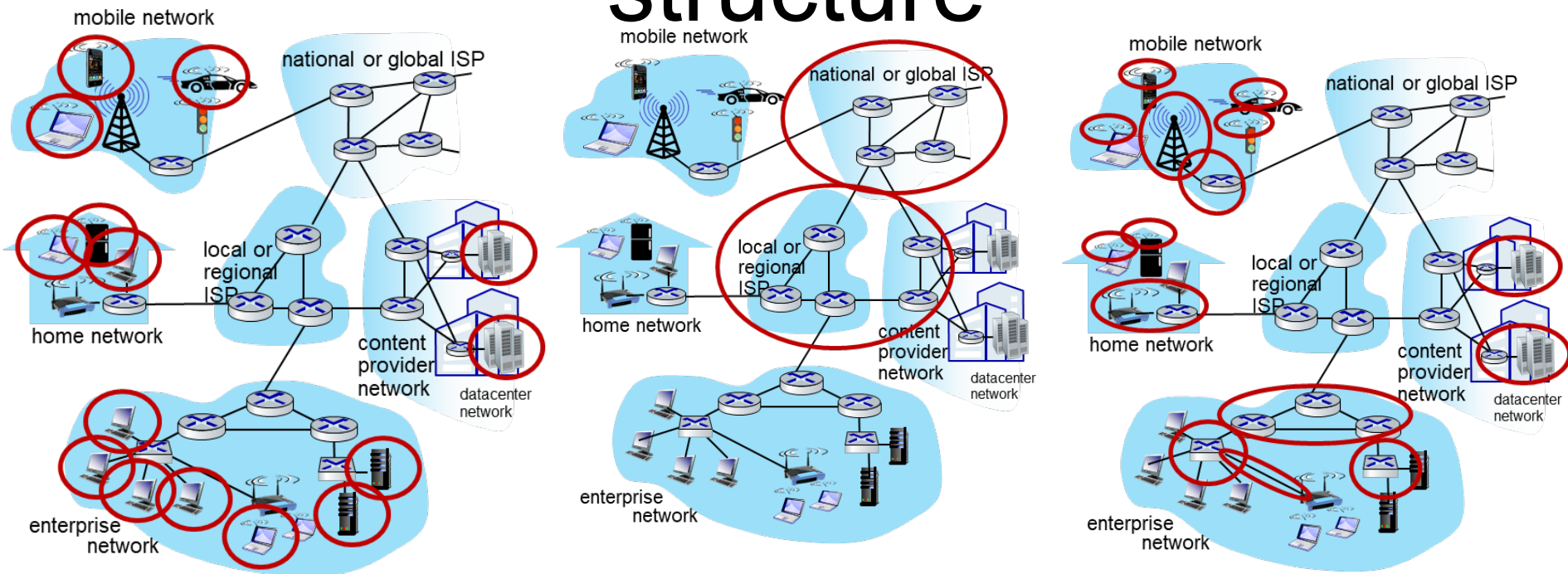
Introduction 1: Basic Networking Concepts for the Wide Area Networking

What's the Internet?

- ❖ millions of connected computing devices: *hosts = end systems*
 - running *network apps*
- ❖ *protocols*: rules of communication
- ❖ *routers*: special network devices
 - On demand connection
- ❖ *communication links*
 - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
 - transmission rate = *bandwidth*



A closer look at network structure



network edge:

- Low-speed
- applications and hosts

network core:

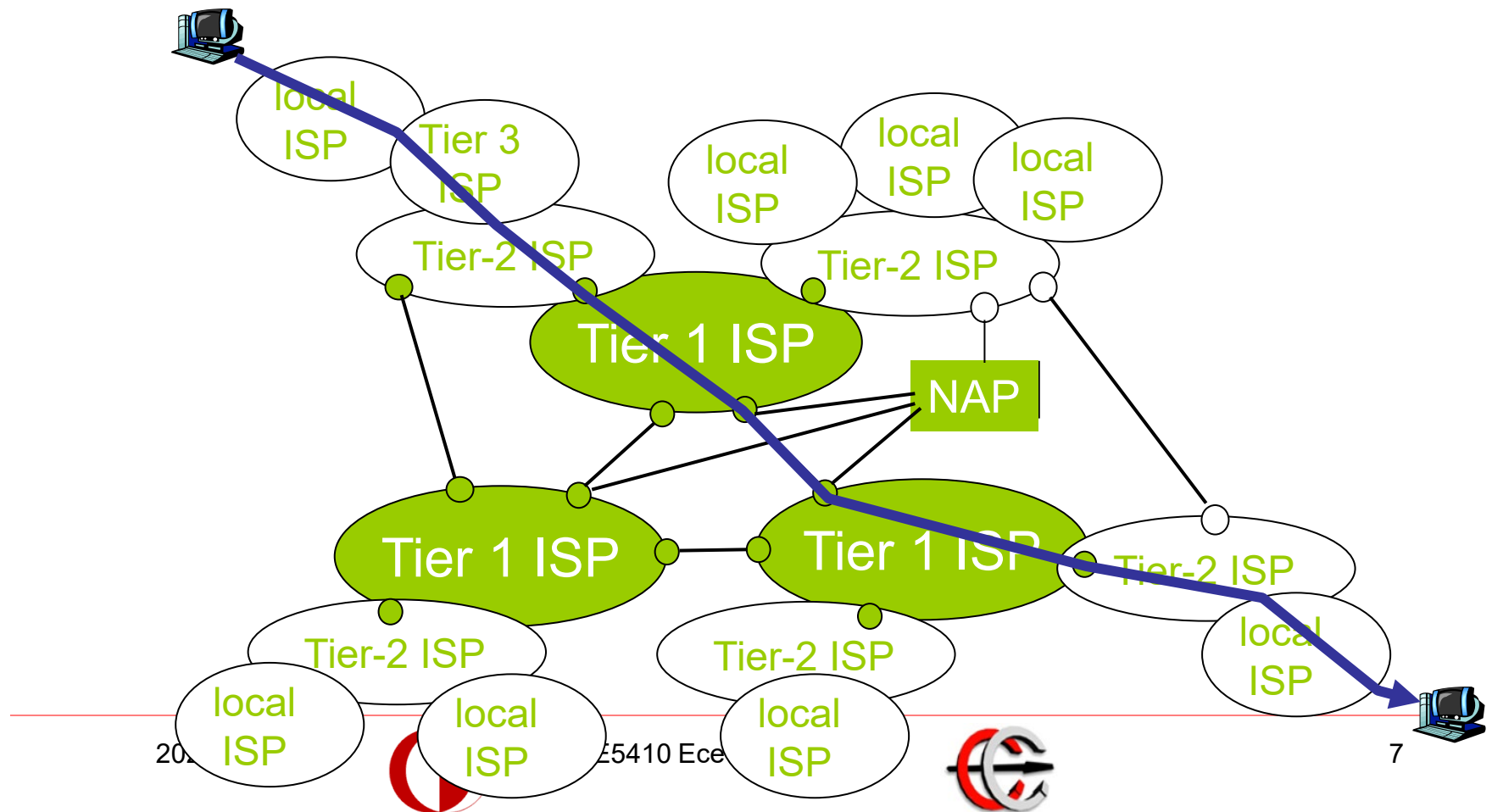
- High-speed
- interconnected routers
- network of networks

access networks, physical media:

- Connection between edge and core
- Edge routers
- wired, wireless communication links

Internet structure: network of networks

- a packet passes through many networks!

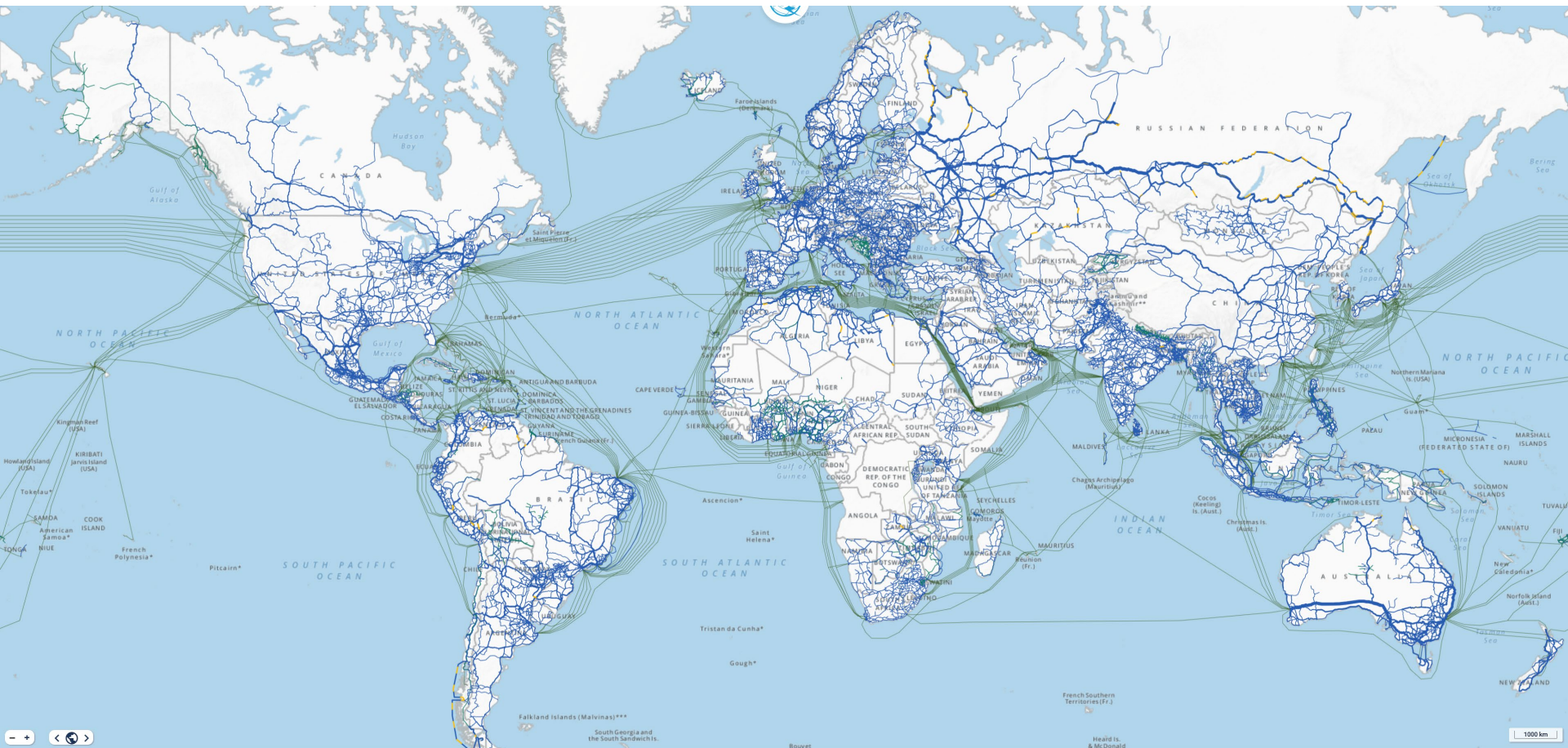


Tier-1 ISP

Complete Network Assets : XO Communications



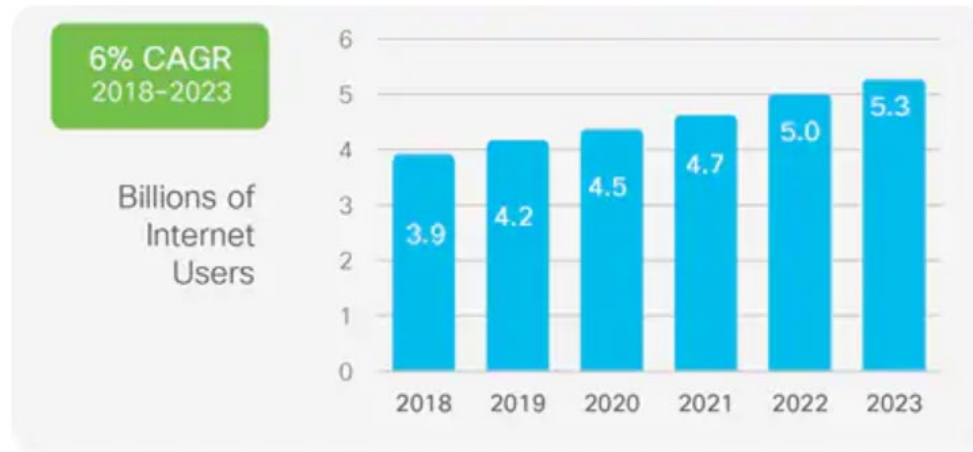
Current Internet



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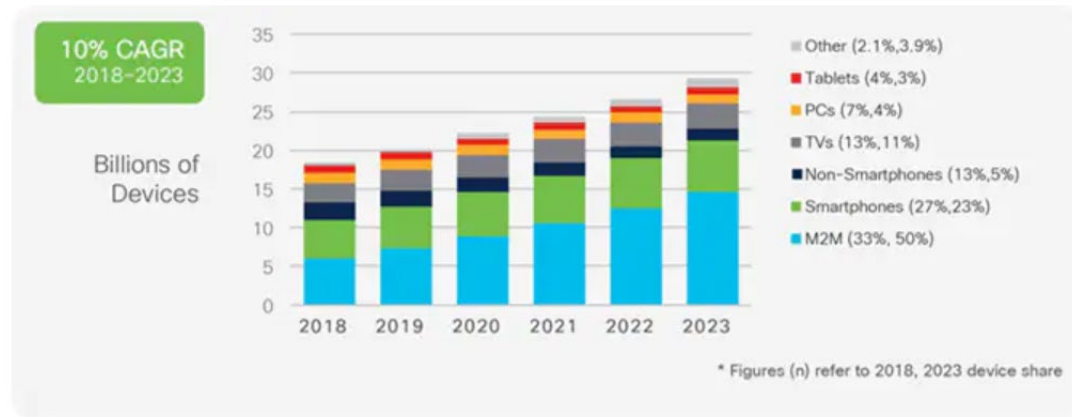
Users and Hosts

Figure 1. Global Internet user growth



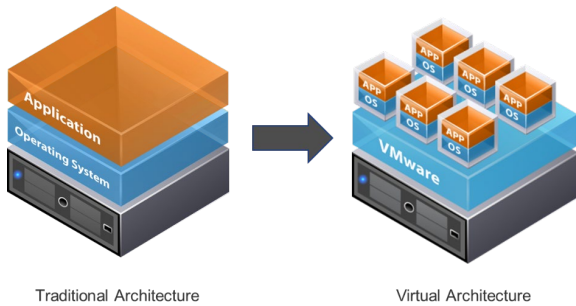
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Figure 2. Global device and connection growth

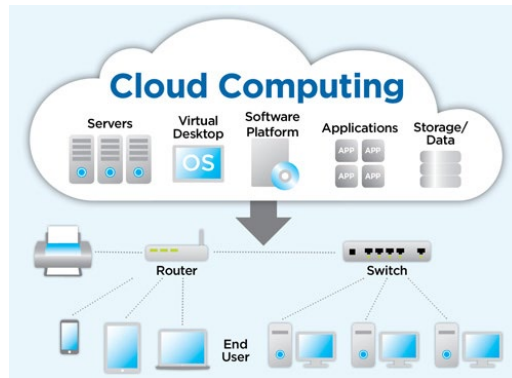
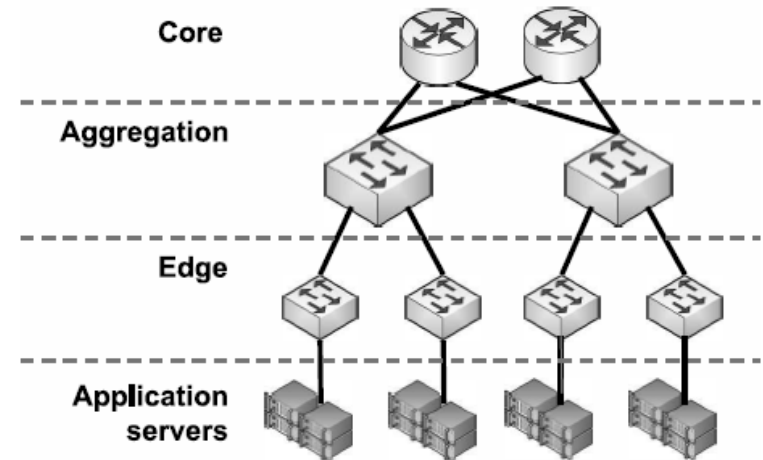


Architecture Trends

Virtualization

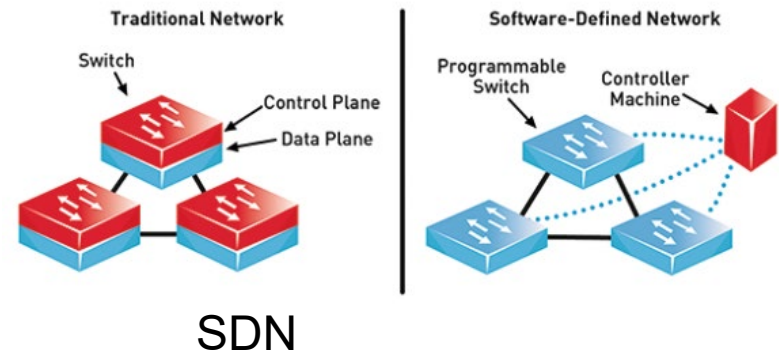
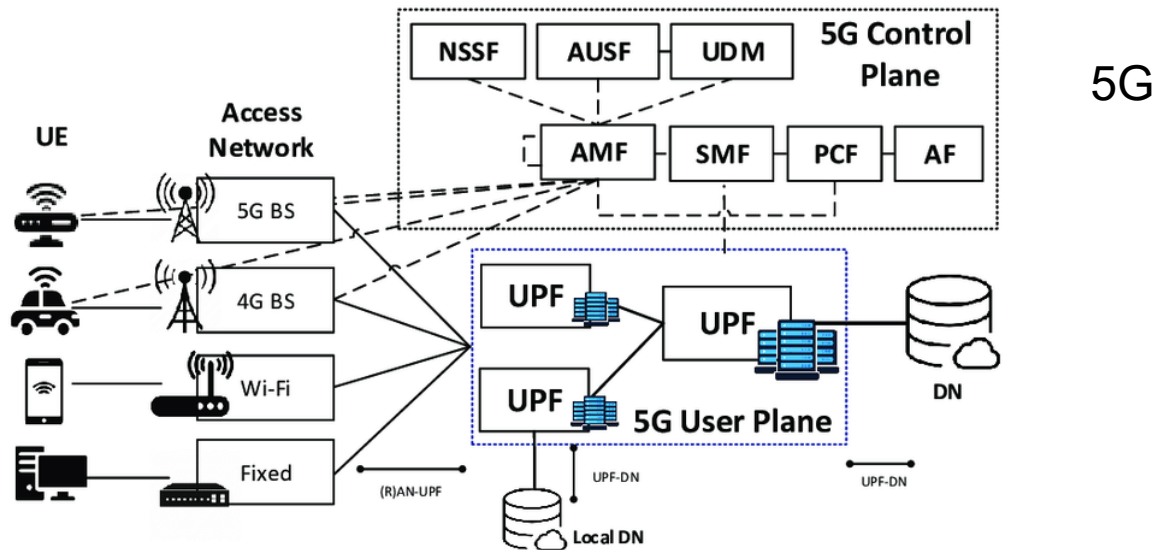


Data Centers

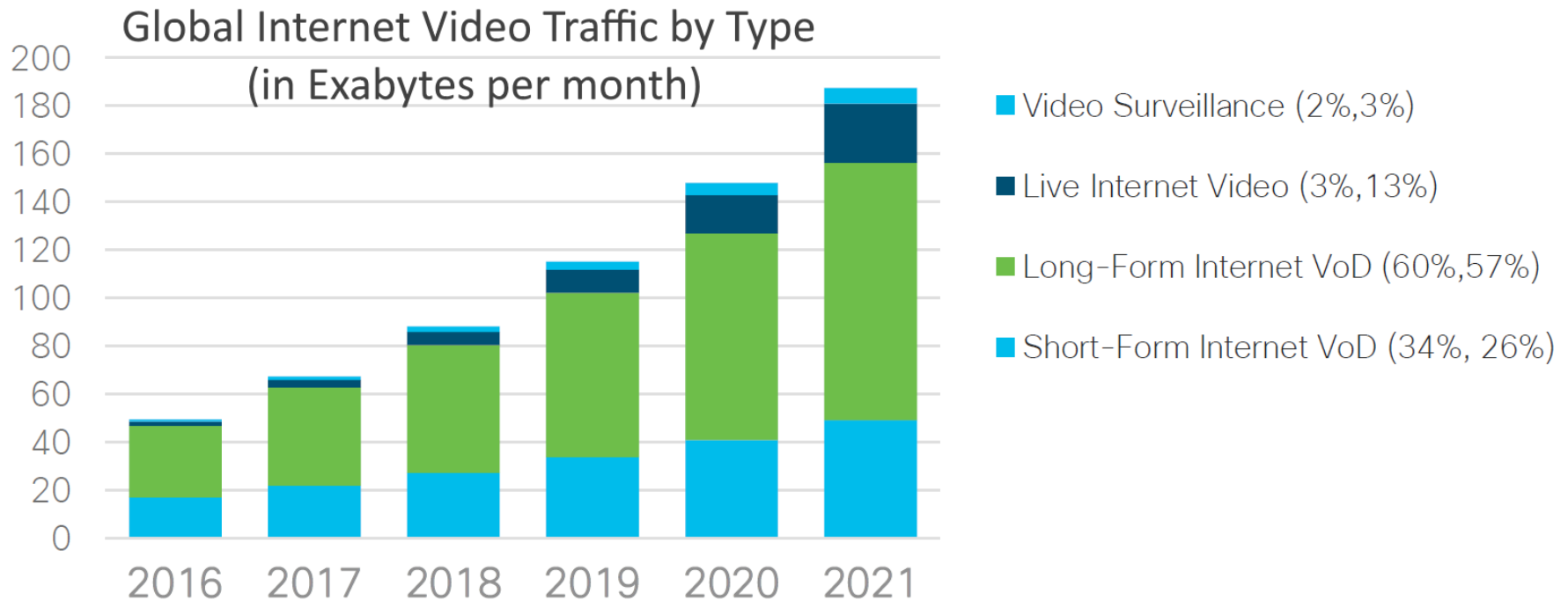


Cloud

Architecture Trends



Application Trends



Source: Cisco VNI Global IP Traffic Forecast, 2016–2021

Requires Quality of Service

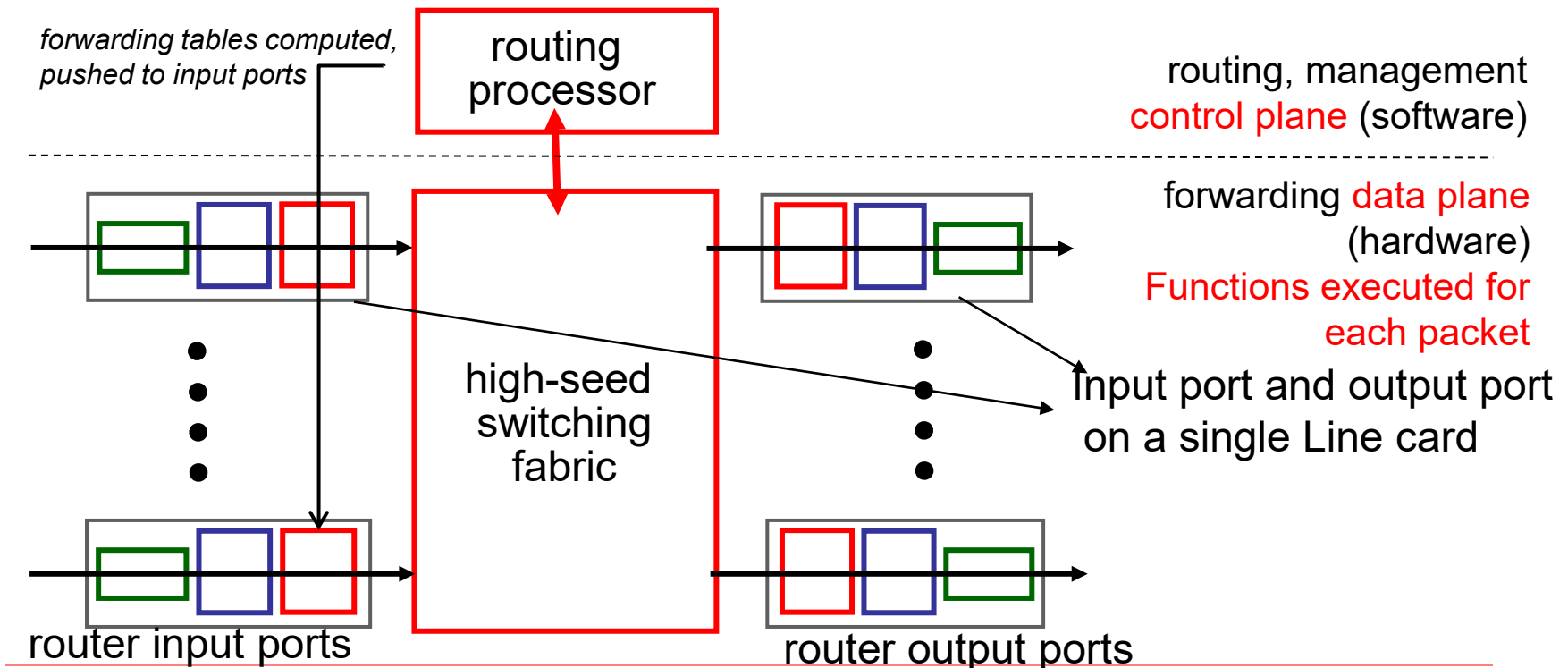
Quality of Service

- Performance metrics:
 - Delay
 - Bandwidth: minimum, average, variance
 - Packet loss
 - End-to-end (source node to destination node)
- QoS: Given the application sends data with certain properties to the network, the network provides certain service guarantees
- Example: End-to-end delay $< 50\text{ms}$ if the average input data $< 8\text{Mbps}$

Router architecture overview

two key router functions:

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



Data Plane

- Line rate operation
- The packet processing should not slow down the packet
- Example: 64 Byte IP packet@10 Gbps line rate takes 51.2 nsec
- Packet processing should be completed in 51.2 nsec/packet → 19.53 million packets/sec

Focus

- How to transfer packets in the network core:
 - IP Router architecture as a node
 - Network Architectures as a whole
 - High-speed data transfer with QoS
 - High-speed table look-ups

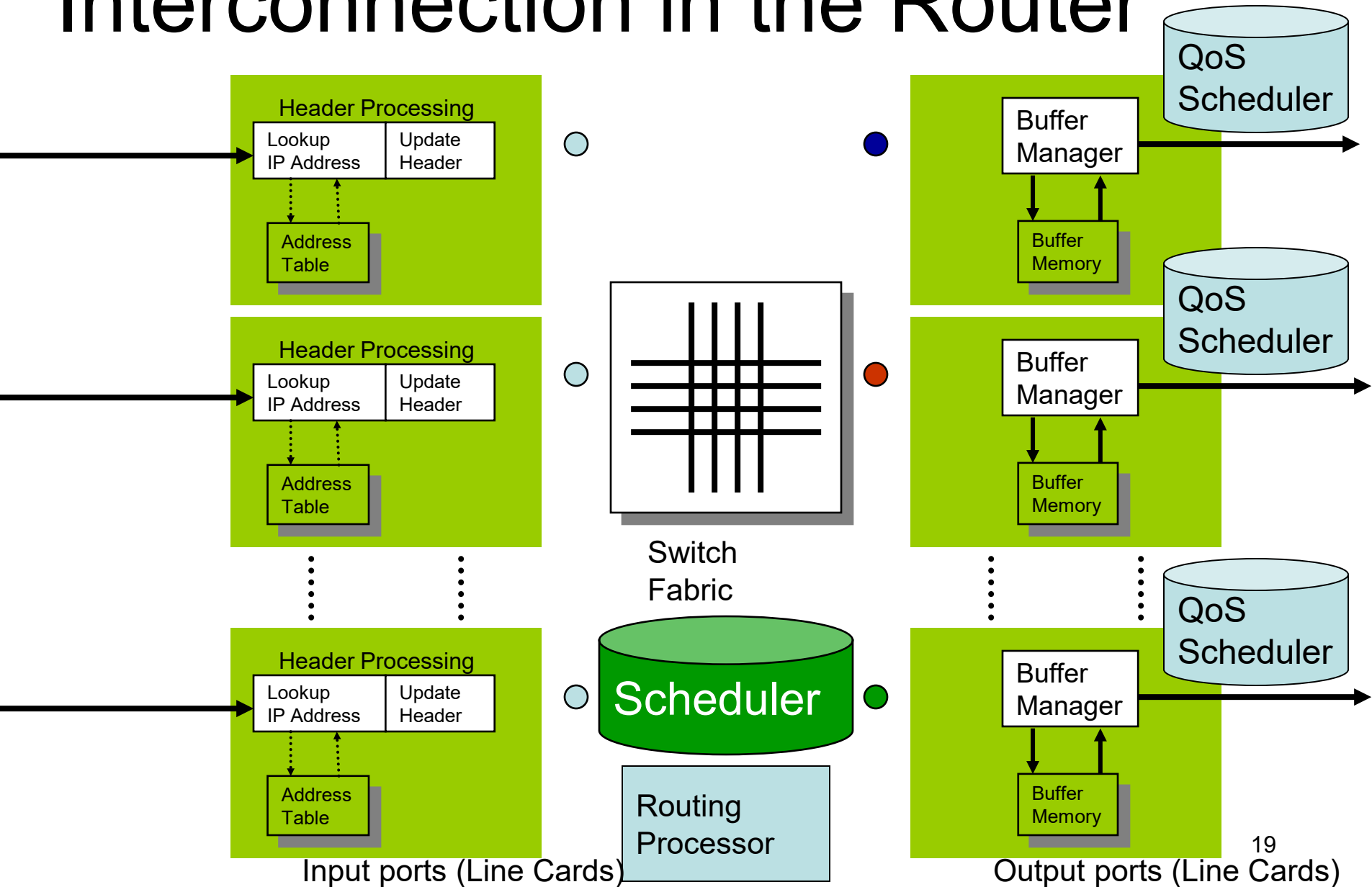


Interconnection Networks

- Routers
- Multiprocessor systems
- Network on chip systems



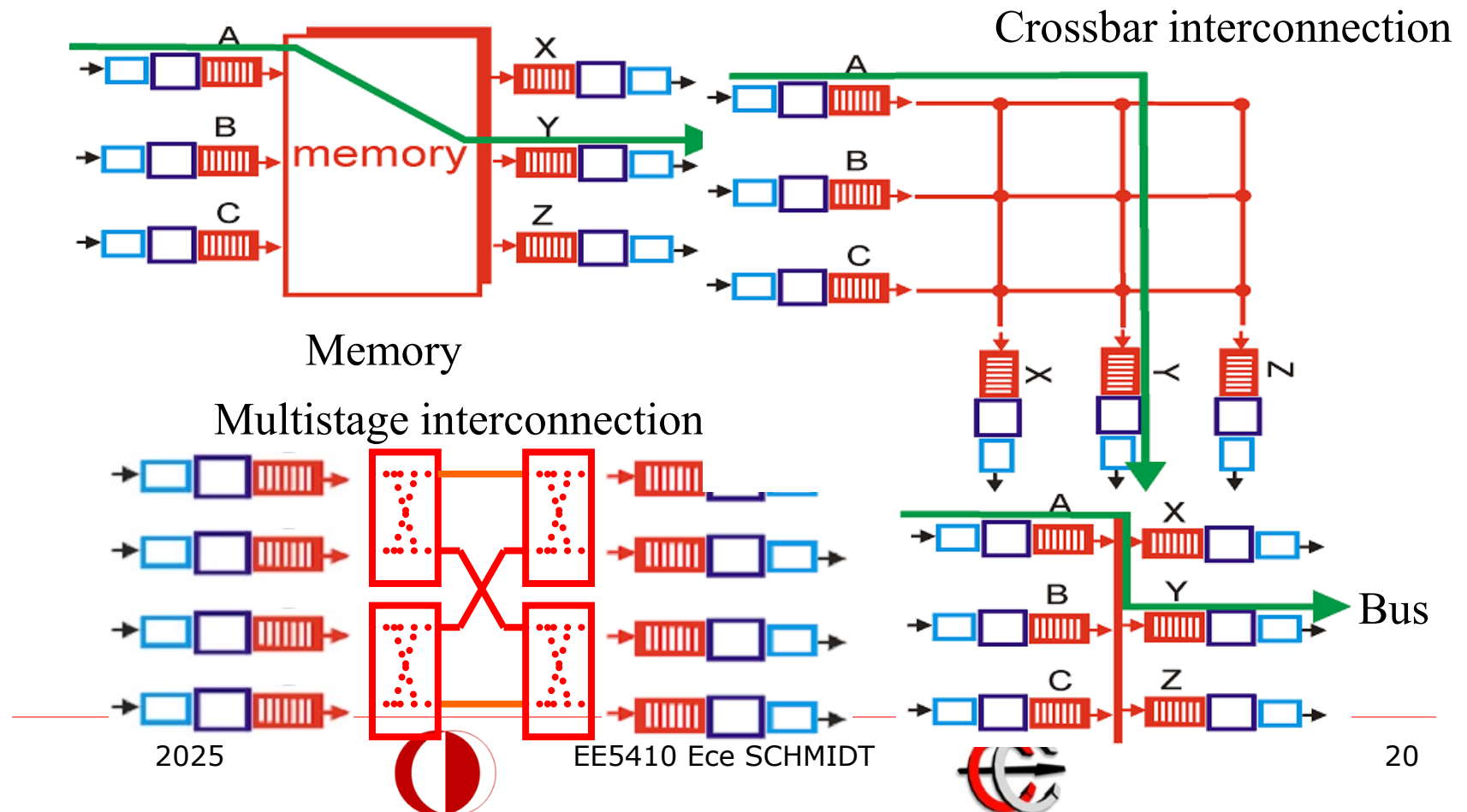
Interconnection in the Router



Switch Fabric

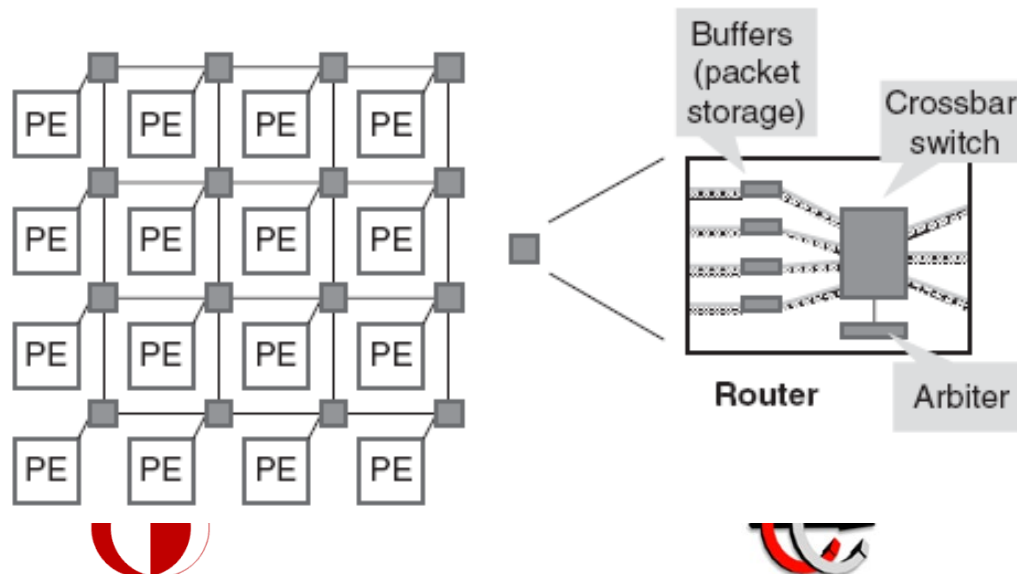
Switch Fabric:

- Combination of hardware & software that move incoming data to the correct output port
- Usually a complex interconnected structure of switching paths and ports -> analogy to woven textile fabric
- Examples: memory, bus, interconnection networks



Network on Chip

- Network-on-chip (NoC) is a packet switched on-chip communication network designed using a layered methodology
- NoCs use packets to route data from the source to the destination PE via a network fabric that consists of
 - switches (routers)
 - interconnection links (wires)



Focus

- To link line cards, processors, memory banks, on chip processing elements (PE)
- Objective function and constraints:
 - Maximize bandwidth
 - Minimize latency
 - Minimize power consumption
 - Volume and cost constraints
- Service:
 - Easy to repair
 - Robustness

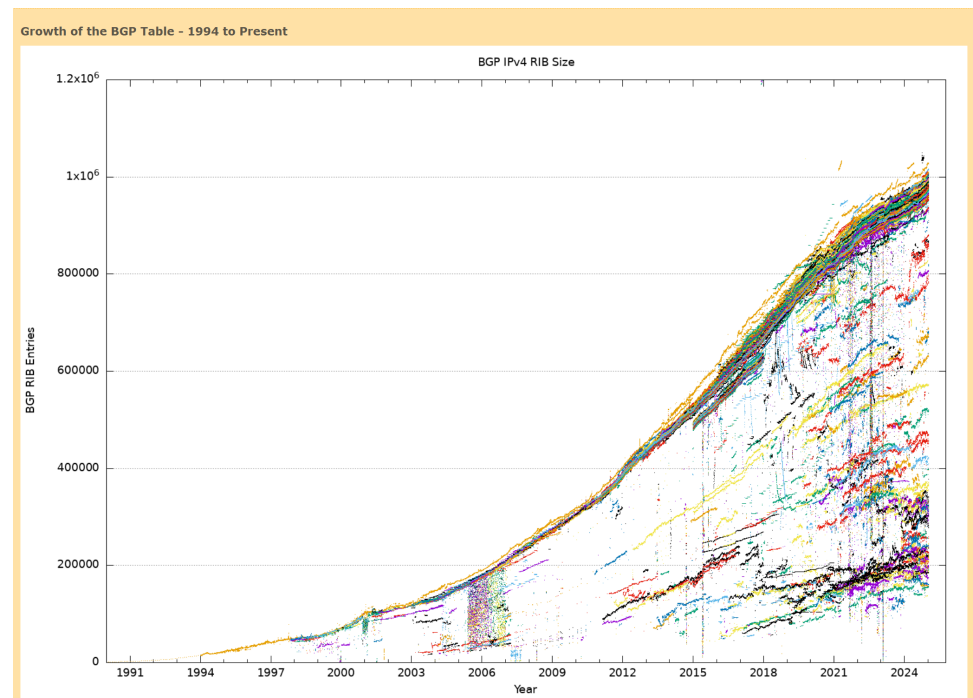
Packet Processing

- IP look-up
- SDN look-up
- 5G UPF look-up
- Deep Packet Inspection



Focus

- Data plane line rate operation → Millions of look up per sec
- Large Tables



<https://bgp.potaroo.net/>

Similar courses

- <https://www.csl.cornell.edu/~jiaxinl/ece6960/fa25/>
- https://tusharkrishna.ece.gatech.edu/teaching/icn_s22/
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Introduction 2: Basic Networking
Concepts for Real-time
Embedded systems, Automobile
networking, Industrial Networking

Networking for Real-time Embedded Systems

- Complex functionalities, demanding performance requirements of applications such as DSP, network, and multimedia processors.
- Requirement for real-time operation: Respond within a predefined period, mandated by the dynamics of the process under control

Networking for Real-time Embedded Systems

- Emergence of distributed embedded systems: networked embedded systems
 - a collection of spatially and functionally distributed embedded nodes
 - interconnected by means of wireline and/or wireless communication infrastructure and protocols
 - interacting with the environment (via a sensor/ actuator elements) and each other
 - there can be a master node performing some control and coordination functions, to coordinate computing and communication to achieve certain goal(s)

Networking for Real-time Embedded Systems

- The networked embedded systems appear in a variety of application domains:
 - automotive, train, aircraft
 - office buildings, and industrial areas (factory floor)
 - primarily for monitoring and control

High-speed networking in automobiles

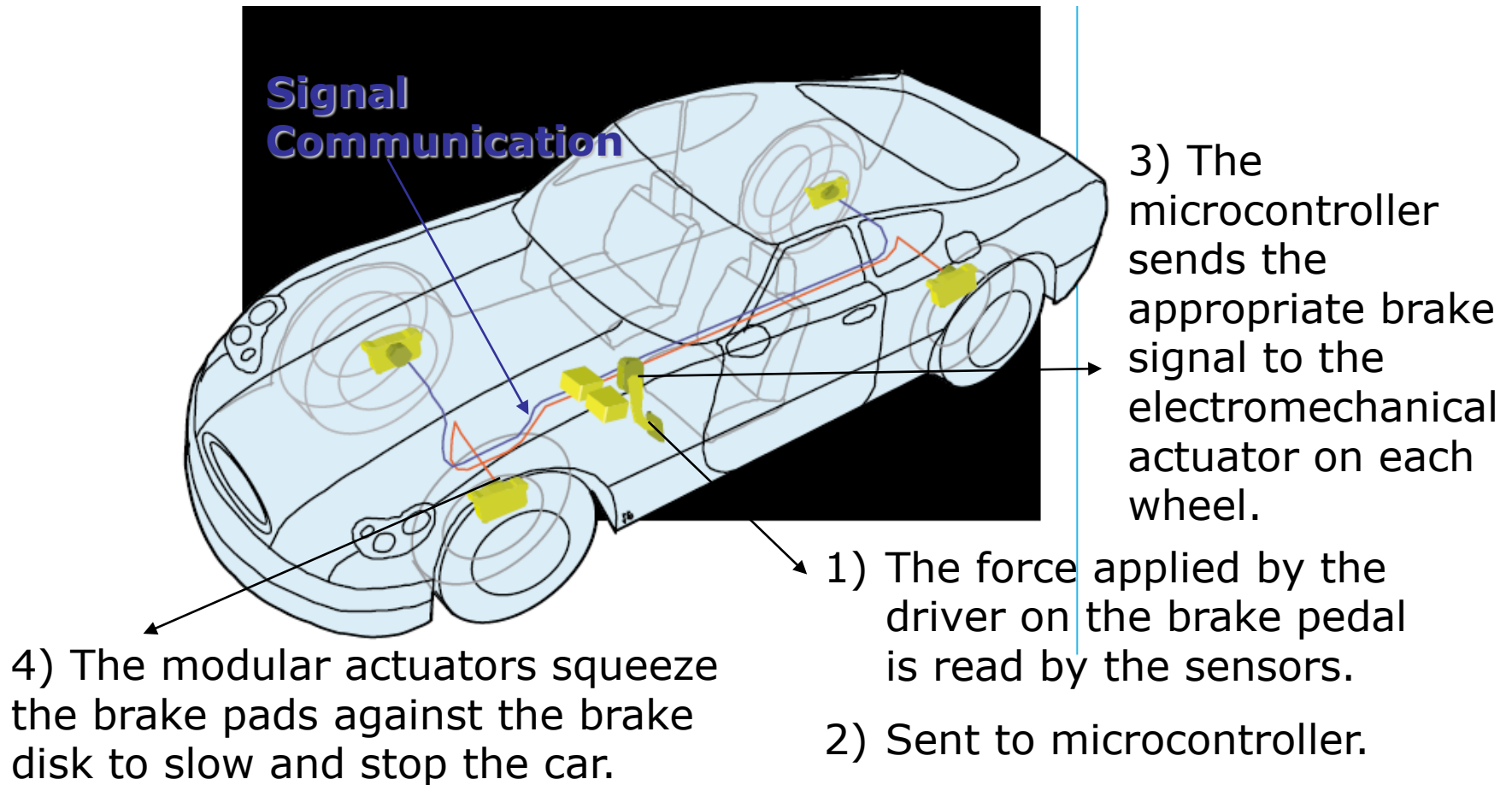
- Question1: What percentage of the manufacturing cost in (luxury) vehicles go to electronics?
- Answer: More than 23%
- Question 2: What percentage of the innovation in the automotive field is in electronics?
- Answer: More than 80%
- The electronic systems in vehicles:
 - Increase exponentially in number and dollar amount
 - Get more complicated

Implications for vehicle engineering

- Focus: developing electronic systems that safely and efficiently **replace entire mechanical and hydraulic applications.**
- Support with sensors and communication



X-by-wire Systems: Brake-by-wire Example



In-vehicle networks

- The vehicle's electronic equipments are interconnected
 - Sharing of information and resources among the distributed applications.
- Interconnection in the past:
 - wiring one element to another
 - N^2 problem

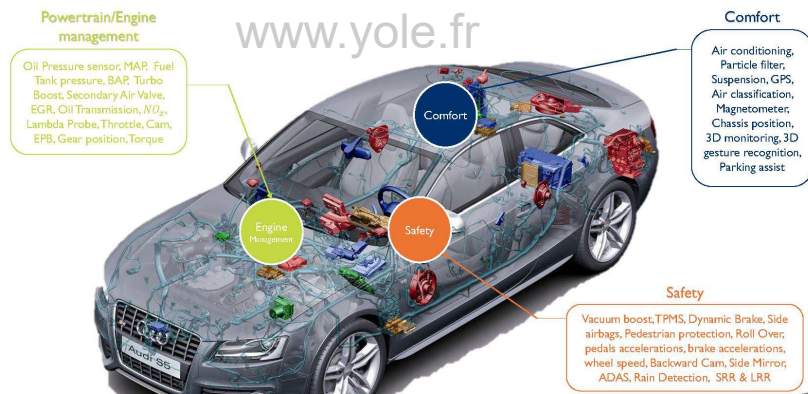
In-vehicle networks

- Problems:
 - Increased vehicle weight
 - Required vehicle volume
 - Difficult to maintain reliability
- Example: Every extra 50 kilograms of wiring, for each 100 kilometers traveled:
 - Consumes extra 100 watts of power
 - Increases fuel consumption by 0.2 liters

In-vehicle networks

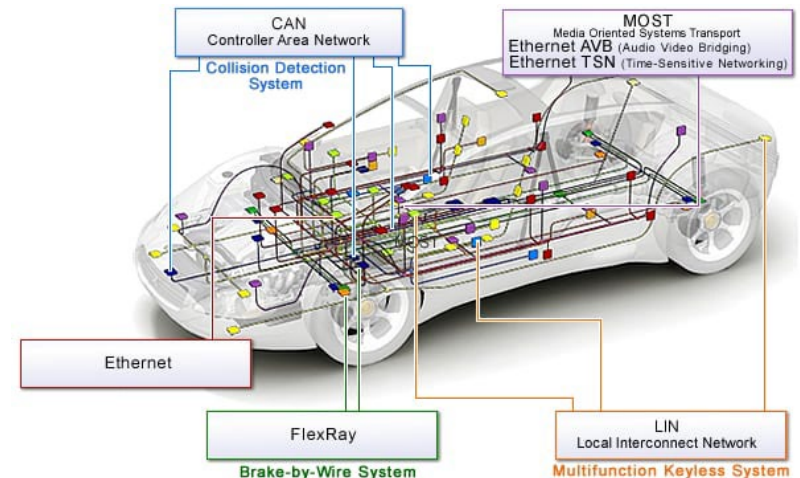
- Solution:
 - Replace one-to-one dedicated wiring by a network similar to computer LANs.
- In a 1998 press release, Motorola reported:
 - Replacing wiring harnesses with LANs in the four doors of a BMW reduced the weight by 15 kilograms while enhancing functionality.
- Beginning in the early 1980s, centralized and then distributed networks have replaced point-to-point wiring.

Today's Vehicle: Internal Connectivity



ECU (Electronic Control Unit):

- Gets Sensor Inputs
- Computes outputs for actuators, motors, relays, LEDs



<https://www.renesas.com>
Contemporary vehicle:

- up to 70 ECUs
- tens of millions of lines of code
- ECUs connected by in-vehicle networks

Speed of data transfer in automobiles

Technology	Speed	Application
LIN	Less than 10Kbps	Body” domain (seat control, door lock, lighting, trunk release, rain sensor, etc.).
CAN	250kbps-1Mbps	Power train
CAN-FD	Up to 10 Mbps in data transmission phase	Power train
MOST	24.8 Mb/s.	Point-to-point audio and video data transfer
FlexRay	10Mbps	X-by wire

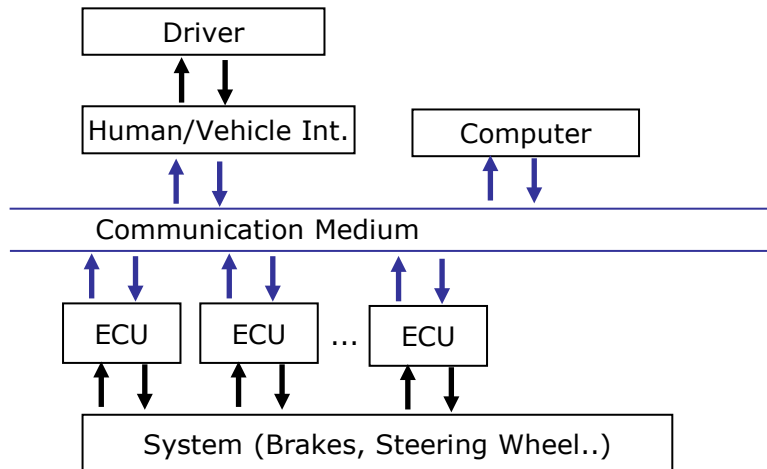


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CAN-XL	Up to 20 Mbps in data transmission phase	Power train
Ethernet 100BaseT1	100Mbps	In Development
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FlexRay	10Mbps	X-by wire



In-vehicle Communication for the Next Generation Applications

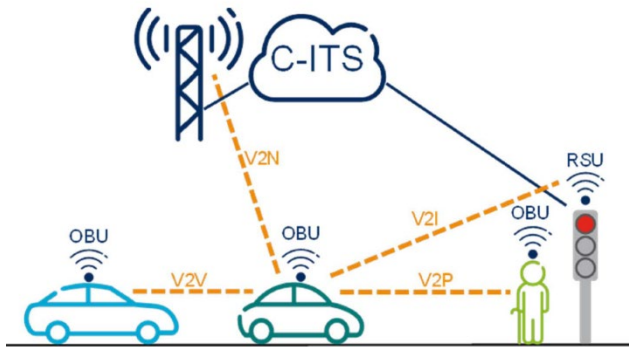


- **Signals:**
 - Information sharing, coordination, commands
 - Periodic
 - Event-triggered, sporadic

- Amount of traffic among the components is increasing
- Requirements for signal communication:
 - Fast
 - Real-time
 - Deterministic
 - Supports periodic communication
 - Reliability and stability

Today's Vehicle: External Connectivity

Connectivity Modes



C-ITS: Cooperative ITS

V2N: Vehicle to Network

V2I: Vehicle to Infrastructure

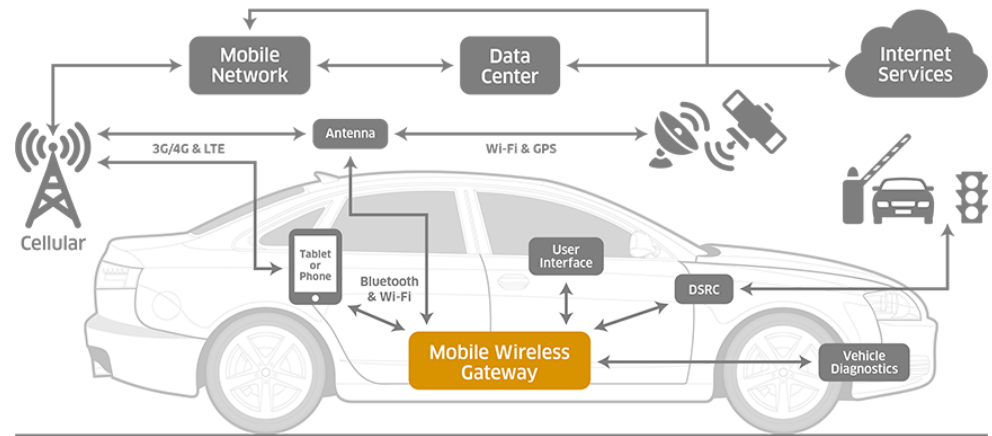
V2V: Vehicle to Vehicle

V2P: Vehicle to Pedestrian

OBU: On Board Unit

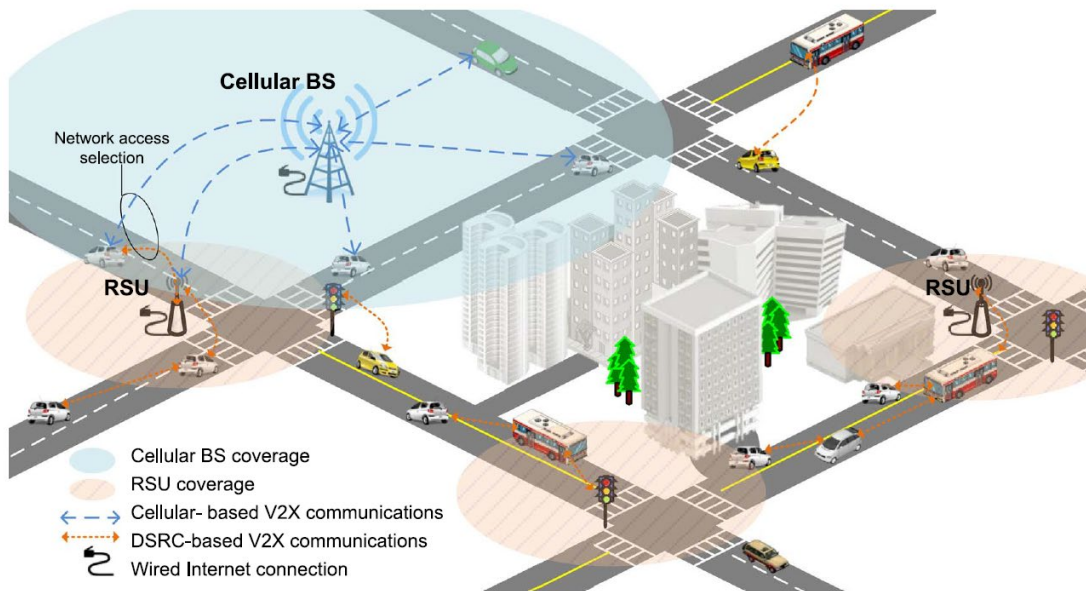
RSU: Road Side Unit

Connectivity Interfaces of the Vehicle



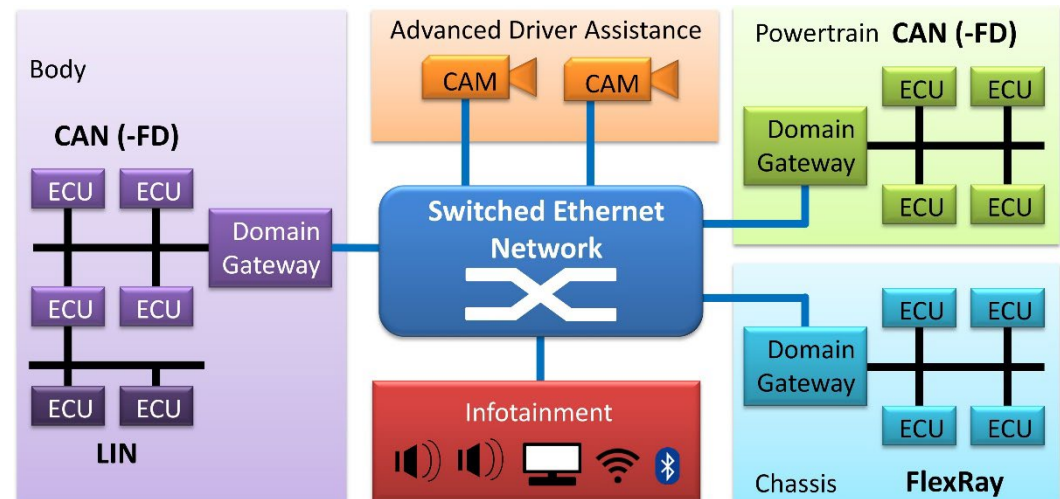
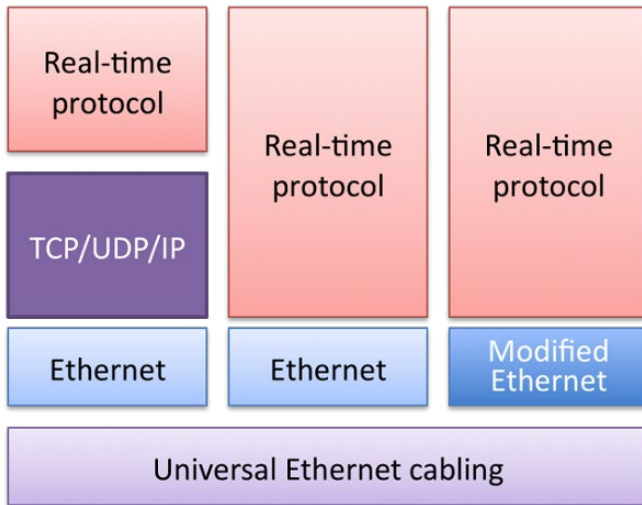
<http://design.avnet.com/axiom/autorama-connecting-your-car-to-the-internet-of-tomorrow/>

V2X Heterogeneous Communications



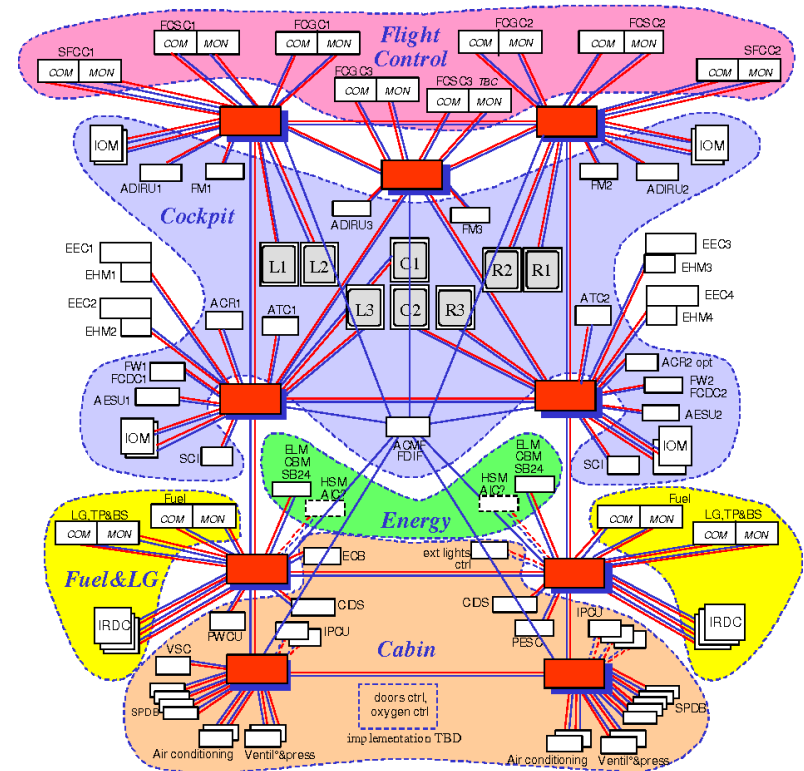
- DSRC:
 - Low delay
 - V2V and V2I are realized by DSRC
- Cellular network:
 - Connects fragmented DSRC segments
 - Acts as a backup for V2V
 - Access network to the Internet for Infotainment

Real-time Ethernet



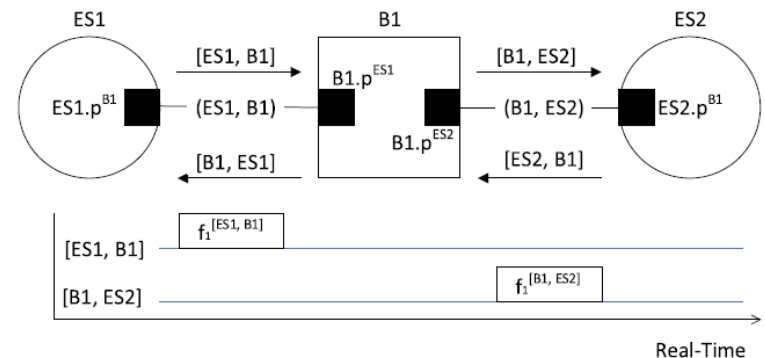
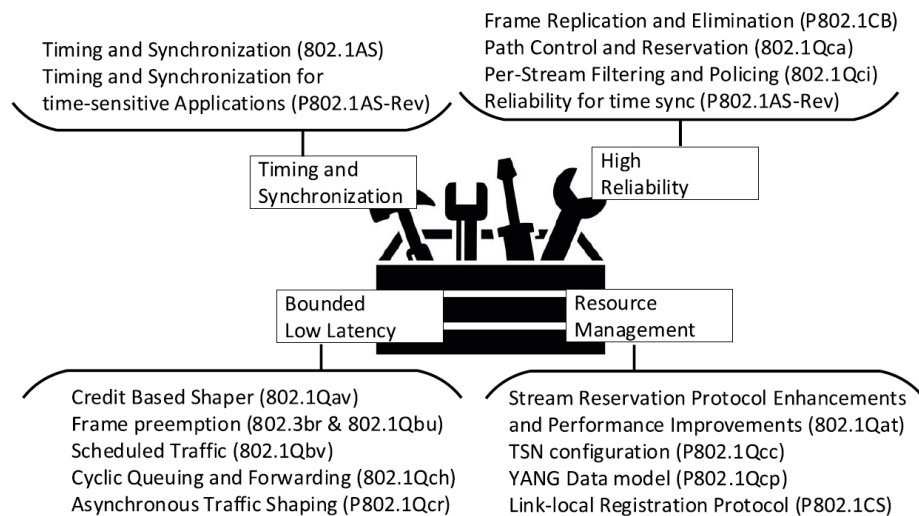
AFDX

- Avionics Full Duplex Switched Ethernet
- 100Mbit/sec / 10Mbit/sec, first 1Gbit/sec implementations
- Built around commercial Ethernet (MAC, IP, UDP, SNMP) with provisions for deterministic behavior
 - Connection oriented
 - Shaped traffic



TSN

- Collection of IEEE Protocols
- Timed switching function with strict bounds (gates)



IEEE 802.1 TSN toolbox.

Focus

- How to transfer packets in the embedded networks:
 - At high speeds or limited hardware resources
 - Guaranteeing application requirements
- Using legacy standards if possible
- How to establish D2X (Device to Any) communications

Similar courses

- <http://users.ece.cmu.edu/~koopman/lectures/index.html#649>



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- Autonomous and Connected Vehicles: Network Architectures from Legacy Networks to Automotive Ethernet Editor(s):Dominique Paret, Hassina Rebaine, Benjamin A. Engel First published:31 March 2022



Grading

- Midterm: 30%
- Paper presentation: 5%
 - Students will select a paper from the recent research papers and present it in the class
- Final: 40%
- Class Project: 25%
 - A development on the presented research paper (simulation, analytical computation, FPGA realization)
 - A suitable research problem from the student's thesis or workplace





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