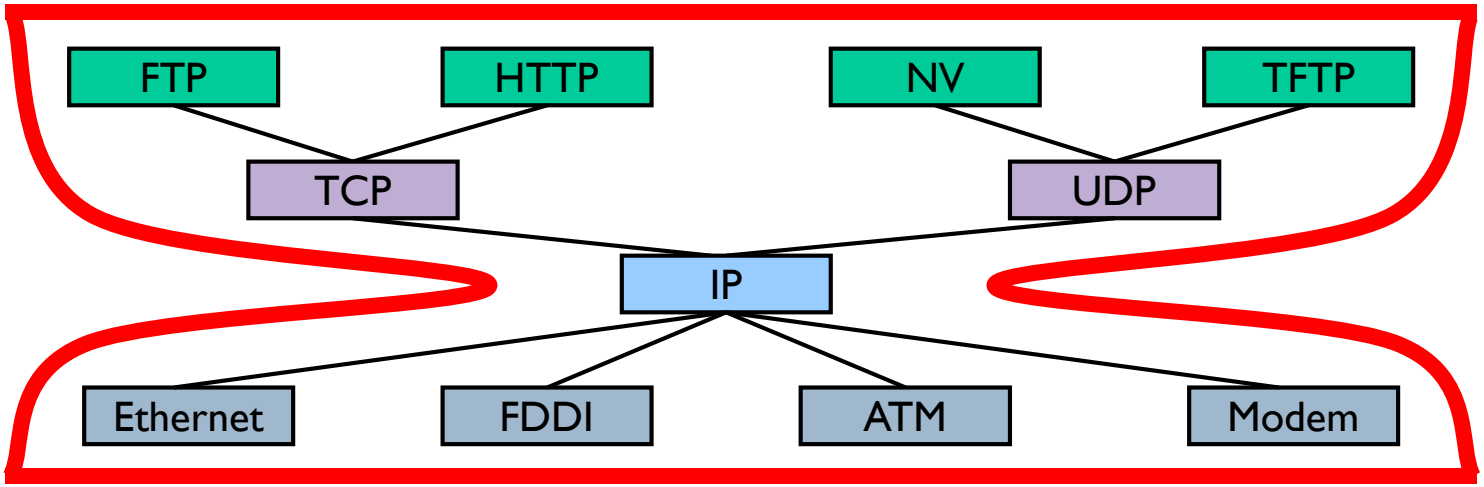
CS/ECE 439: Wireless Networking

What you need to know about the Internet to understand the challenges of wireless and mobile hosts

IP and the Internet

- Network-level protocol for the Internet
- Operates on all hosts and routers
  - Routers are nodes connecting distinct networks to the Internet



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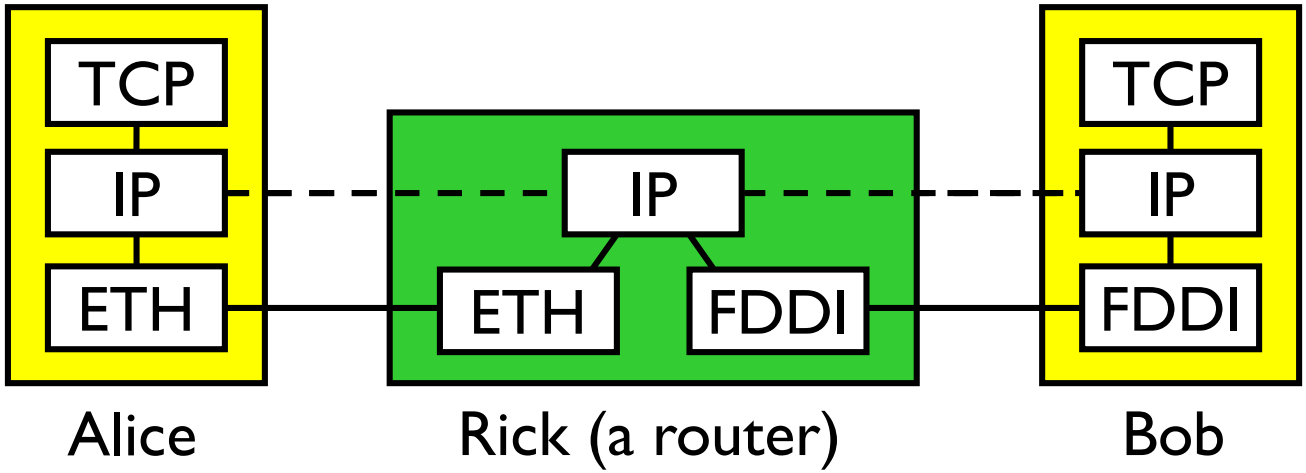
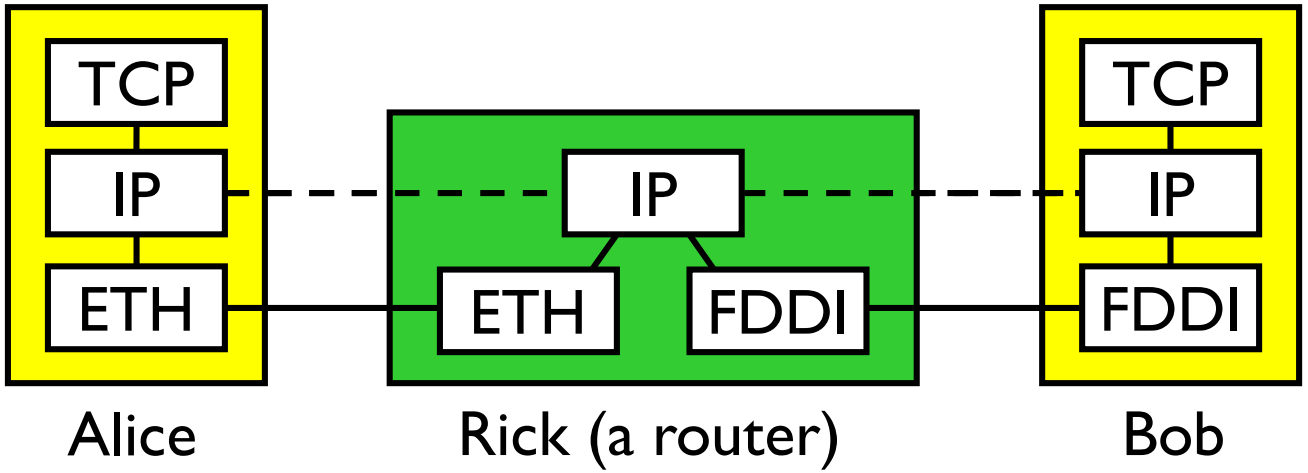


Message Transmission



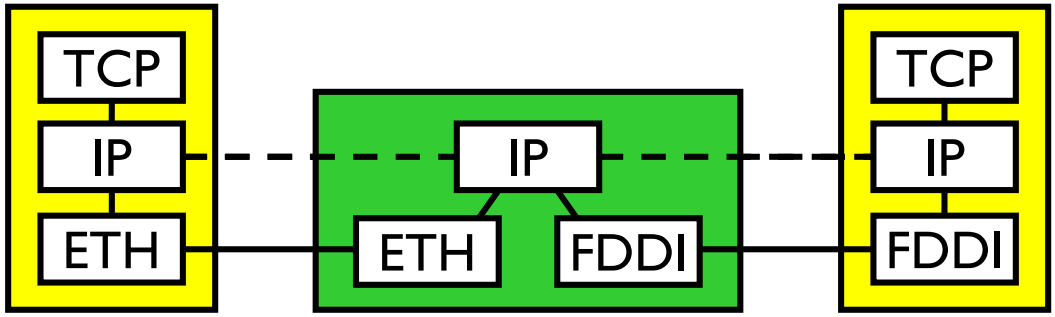
1. Alice/application finds Bob's IP address, sends packet
2. Alice/IP forwards packet to Rick
3. Alice/IP looks up Rick's Ethernet address and sends
4. Rick/IP forwards packet to Bob
5. Rick/IP looks up Bob's FDDI address and sends

Internet Protocol Service Model

- Service provided to transport layer (TCP, UDP)
  - Global name space
  - Host-to-host connectivity (connectionless)
  - Best-effort packet delivery
- Not in IP service model
  - Delivery guarantees on bandwidth, delay or loss
- Delivery failure modes
  - Packet delayed for a very long time
  - Packet loss
  - Packet delivered more than once
  - Packets delivered out of order

IPv4 Address Translation support

- IP addresses to LAN physical addresses
- Problem
  - An IP route can pass through many physical networks
  - Data must be delivered to destination's physical network
  - Hosts only listen for packets marked with physical interface names
    - Each hop along route
    - Destination host



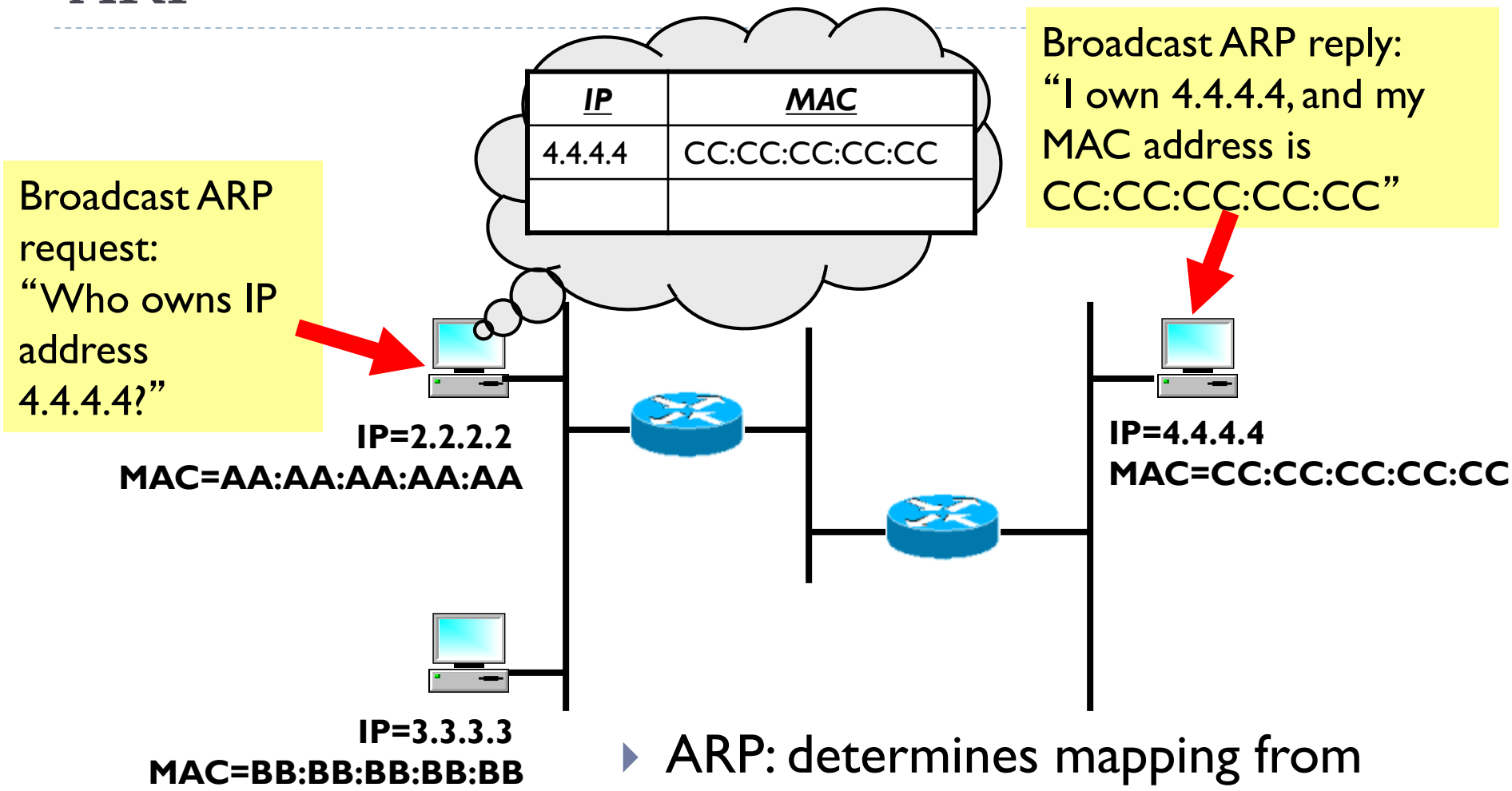
IP to Physical Address Translation

- Hard-coded
  - Encode physical address in IP address
  - Ex: Map Ethernet addresses to IP addresses
    - Makes it impossible to associate address with topology
- Fixed table
  - Maintain a central repository and distribute to hosts
    - Bottleneck for queries and updates
- Automatically generated table
  - Use ARP to build table at each host
  - Use timeouts to clean up table

ARP: Address Resolution Protocol

- ARP table contains physical address mappings
- If target address not present
  - Broadcast an ARP query, include querying host's translation
  - Wait for an ARP response
- Upon receipt of ARP query/response
  - Targeted host responds with address translation
  - If address already present
    - Refresh entry and reset timeout
  - If address not present
    - Add entry for requesting host
    - Ignore for other hosts
- Timeout and discard entries after O(10) minutes

ARP



- ARP: determines mapping from IP to MAC address

ARP

- What if IP address is not on subnet?
  - Each host configured with "default gateway"
  - Use ARP to resolve its IP address

- Gratuitous ARP: tell network your IP to MAC mapping
  - Used to detect IP conflicts, IP address changes; update other machines' ARP tables, update bridges' learned information

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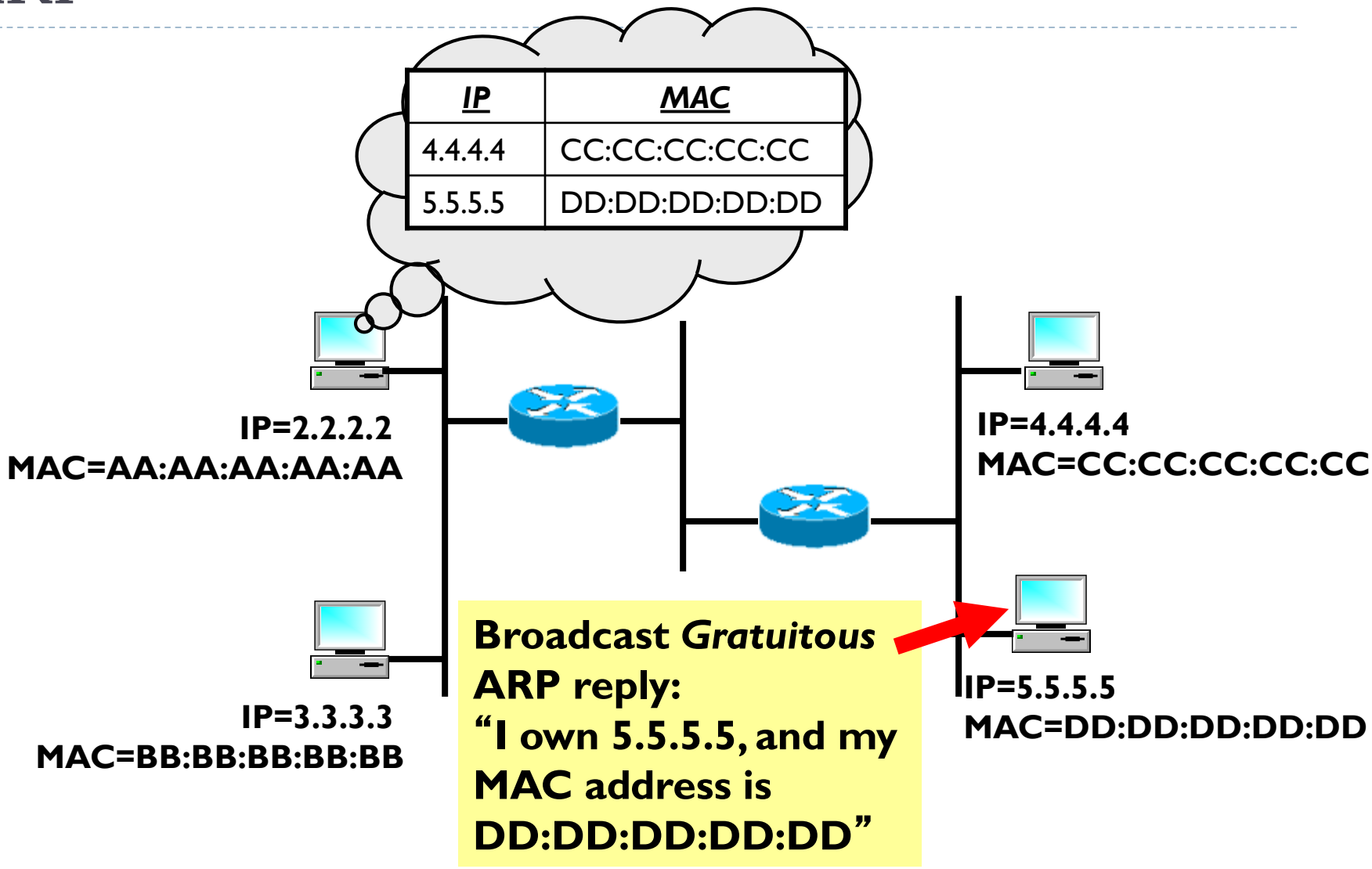
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5.5.5.5
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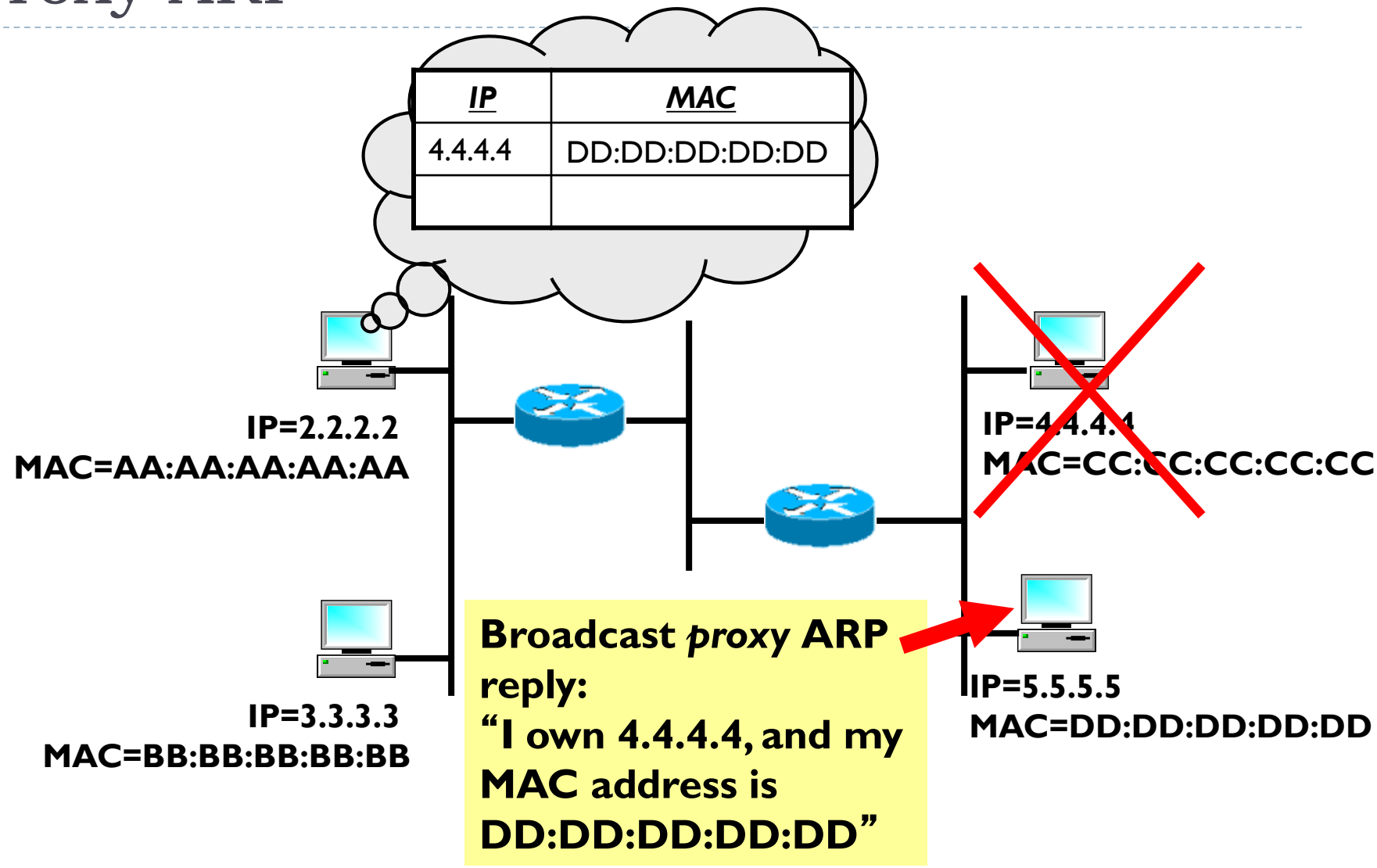
Proxy ARP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Host Configuration

- Plug new host into network
  - How much information must be known?
  - What new information must be assigned?
  - How can process be automated?

- Some answers
  - Host needs an IP address (must know it)
  - Host must also
    - Send packets out of physical (direct) network
    - Thus needs physical address of router

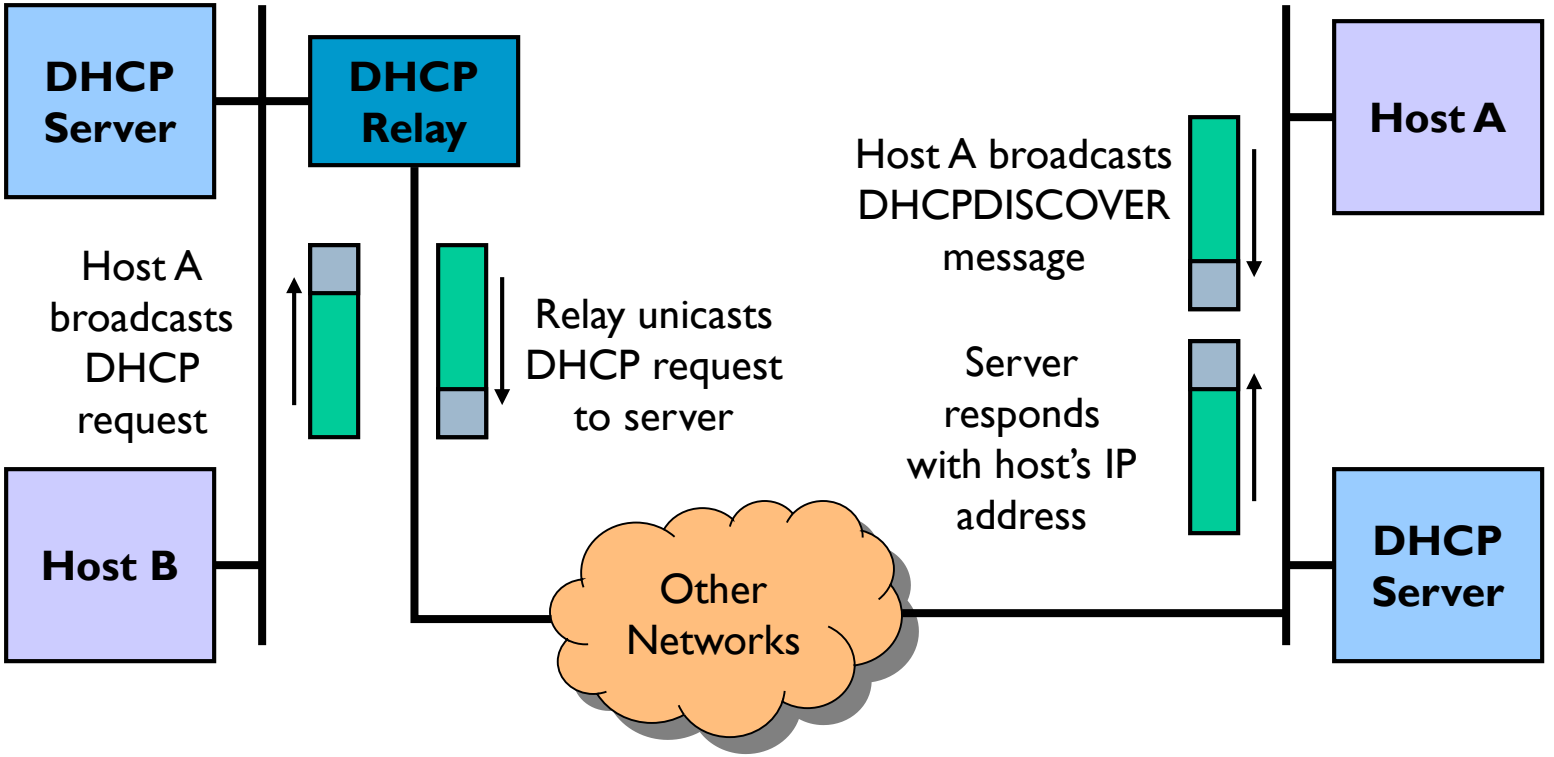
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)

- A simple way to automate configuration information
  - Network administrator does not need to enter host IP address by hand
  - Good for large and/or dynamic networks

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)

- New machine sends request to DHCP server for assignment and information
- Server receives
  - Directly
    - If new machine given server's IP address
  - Through broadcast
    - If on same physical network
    - Via DHCP relay nodes
      - Forward requests onto the server's physical network
- Server assigns IP address and provides other info
- Can be made secure
  - Present signed request or just a "valid" physical address

DHCP


DHCP Server
DHCP Relay
Host A
Host A broadcasts DHCPDISCOVER message
Host A broadcasts DHCP request
Relay unicasts DHCP request to server
Server responds with host's IP address
Host B
Other Networks
DHCP Server

What does this all have to do with Mobility?

- Internet Architecture Assumptions
  - Hosts are (mostly) stationary
    - Address assignment, routing
- But
  - Many clients today are mobile
  - Mobility inside a subnet is supported
    - e.g. moving across APs that are part of a single network
  - Mobility across subnets is harder
    - IP address is used as address and identifier
      - Identifier: who are you?
      - Address: where can I find you?

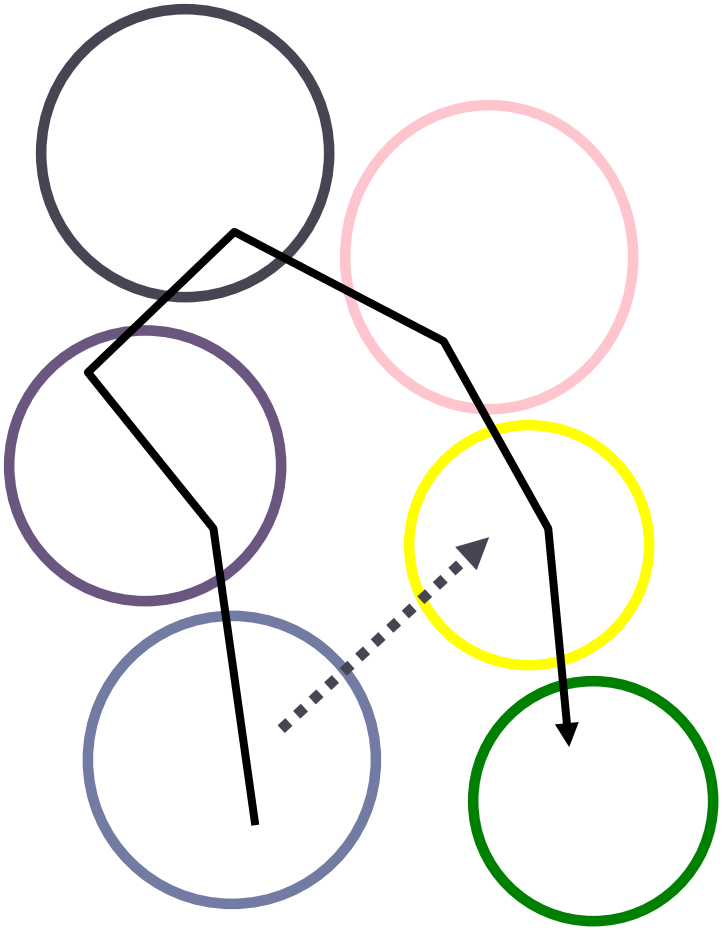
Mobility options

- Keep IP address
  - Network gets confused
  - Delivers packets to wrong "old" subnet

- New IP address
  - Host gets confused
  - Transport protocols, applications, etc.

Mobility across IP Subnets

- Moving across IP subnets
  - Different protocols have conflicting requirements
- Network layer
  - Wants IP address in current subnet
  - Needed for routing of packets
- Transport layer
  - Wants IP address that was used to create connection
  - Needed to identify the connection
- Applications
  - Often do not care
  - In practice, they want to keep the IP address the same
  - Tied to sockets



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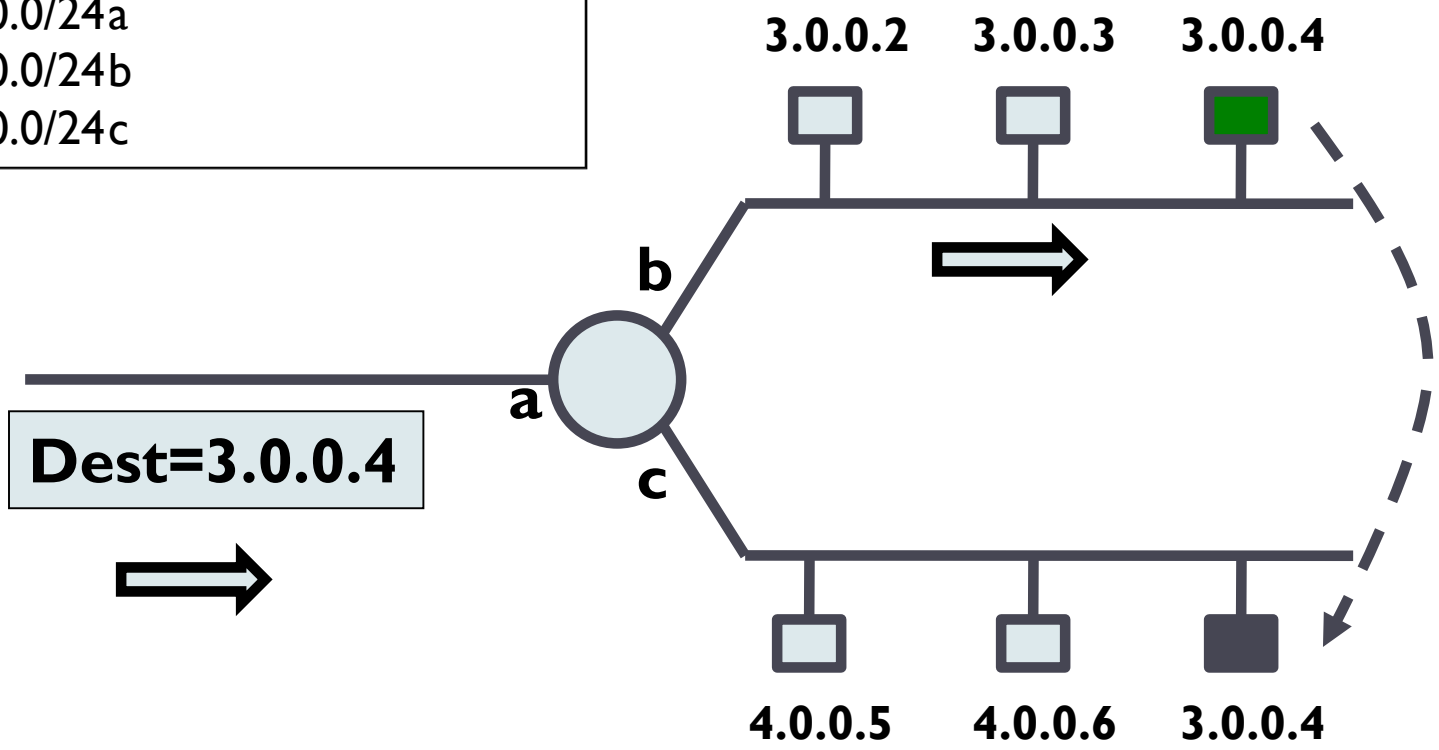
- Internet hosts/interfaces are identified by IP address
  - DNS translates host name to IP address
  - IP address identifies host/interface and locates its network
  - Mixes *naming* and *location*

Traditional Routing for a Mobile Host

Target	Interface
2.0.0.0/24	a
3.0.0.0/24	b
4.0.0.0/24	c



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  - Mixes *naming* and *location*
- Moving to another network requires different network address
  - But this would change the host's identity
  - How can we still reach that host?

Mobile IP Goals

- Communicate with mobile hosts using their "home" IP address
  - Allows any host to contact mobile host using its "usual" IP address
- Mobility should be transparent to applications and higher level protocols
  - No need to modify the software
- Minimize changes to host and router software
  - No changes to communicating host

Routing for Mobile Hosts

- Problem
  - How can mobility be supported in view of the fact that a portion of an IP address is a network address?
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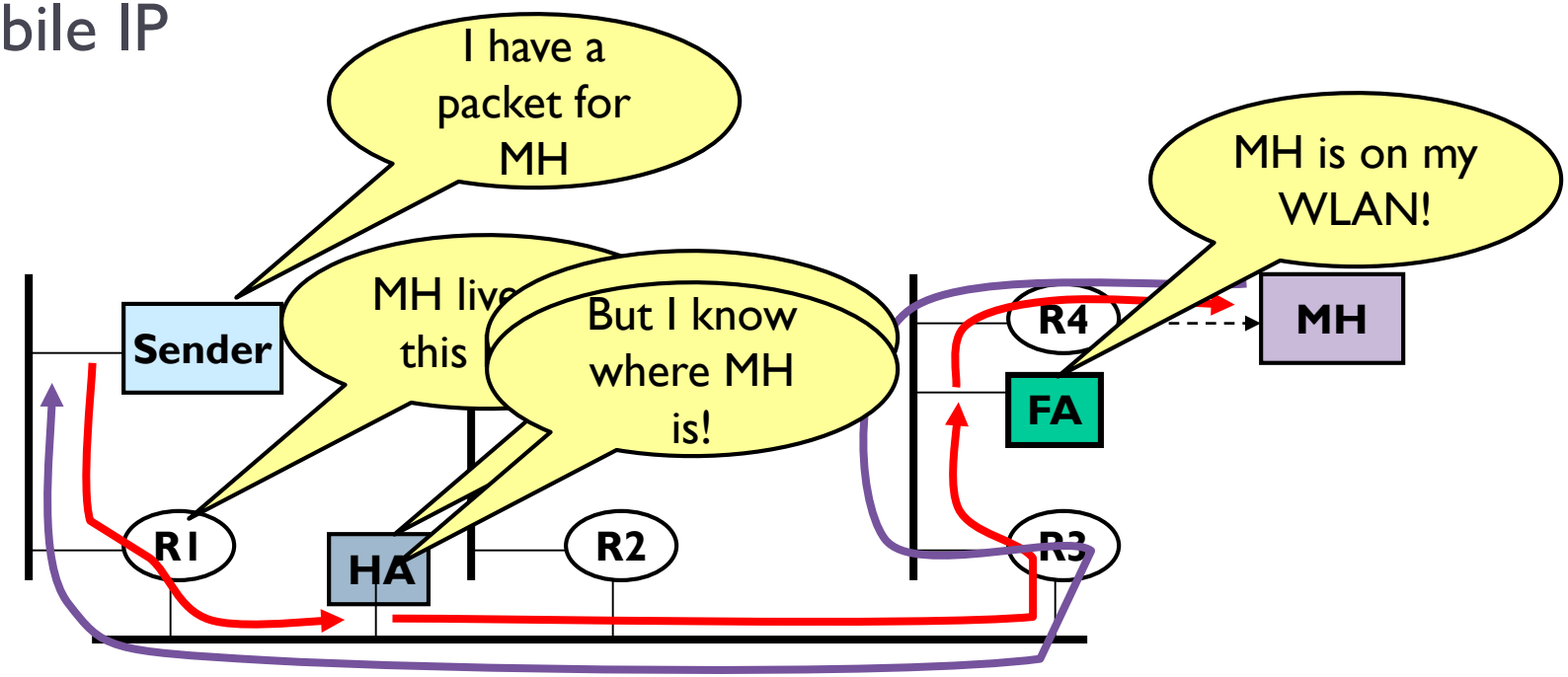

Why Mobile IP?

- Goal
  - IP-based protocol that allows network connectivity across host movement
- Features
  - Doesn't require global changes to deployed router software, etc.
  - Compatible with large installed base of IPv4 networks/hosts
  - Confines changes to mobile hosts and a few support hosts which enable mobility

Basic Mobile IP

- Features
  - Transparent routing of packets to a mobile host
  - No modification of existing routers or non-mobility supporting hosts

- Problem
  - Indirect routing places unnecessary burden on the internet and significant increases latency

Components

- Mobile Host (MH)
  - Assigned a unique *home address* within its *home network*
- Corresponding Hosts (CH)
  - Other hosts communicating with the MH
  - Always use MH's *home address*

Routing for Mobile Hosts

- Home Agent (HA):
  - An agent on the MH's *home network*
  - Maintains registry of MH's *care-of-address*
  - Mobility binding is the connection between the MH's *home address* and *care-of-address*
  - Each time the MH establishes a new *care-of-address*, it must register with its HA

- Foreign Agent (FA):
  - An agent on the MH's *local network*
  - Maintains a mapping from the *MH's home address* to its *care-of-address*

Issues

- Scenario
  - CH sends packet to home network
- Challenges
  - How does the MH get a local IP address?
  - How can a mobile host tell where it is?
  - How does the HA intercept a packet that is destined for the MH?
  - How does the HA then deliver the packet to the FA?
  - How does the FA deliver the packet to the MH?

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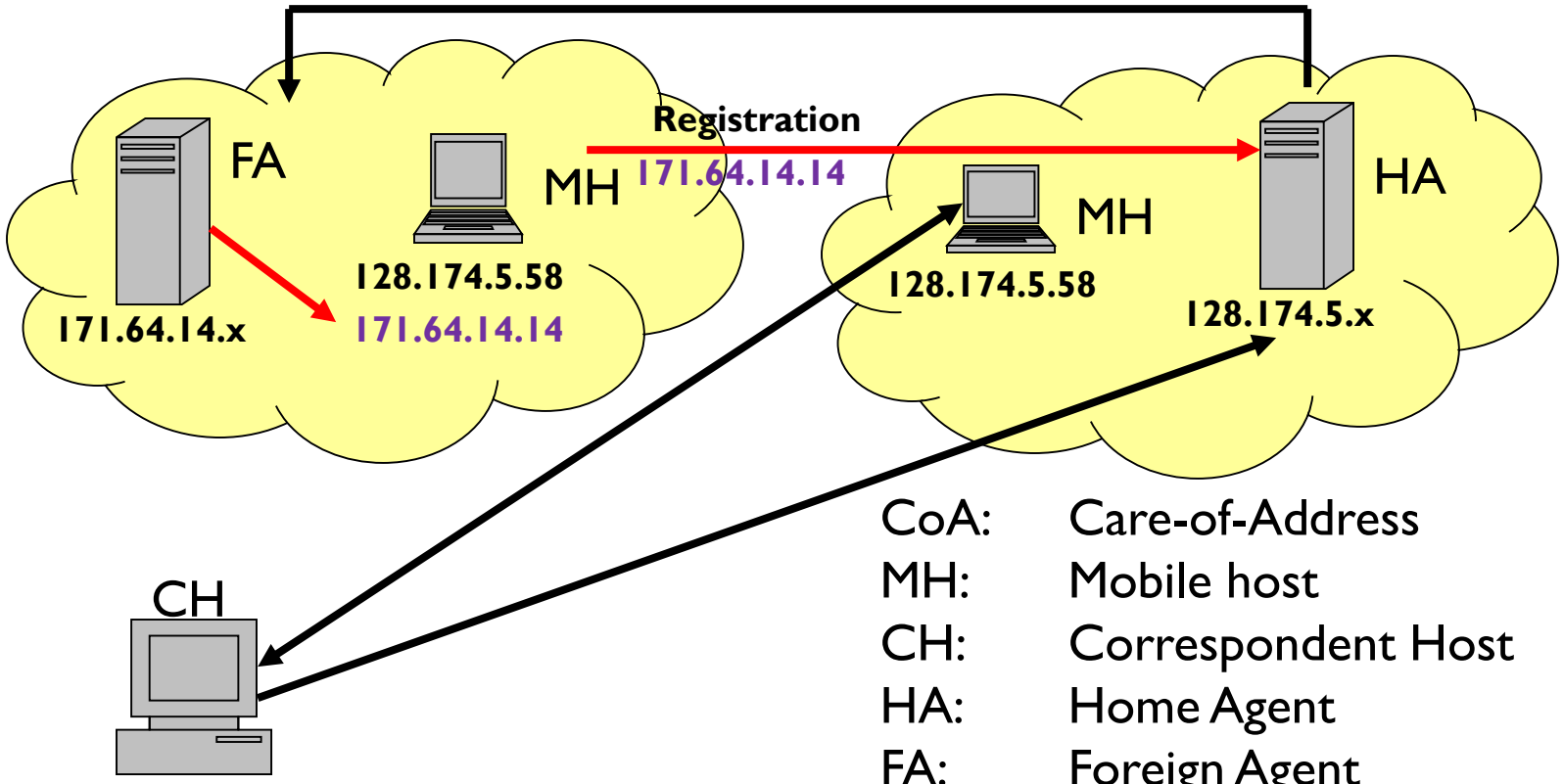

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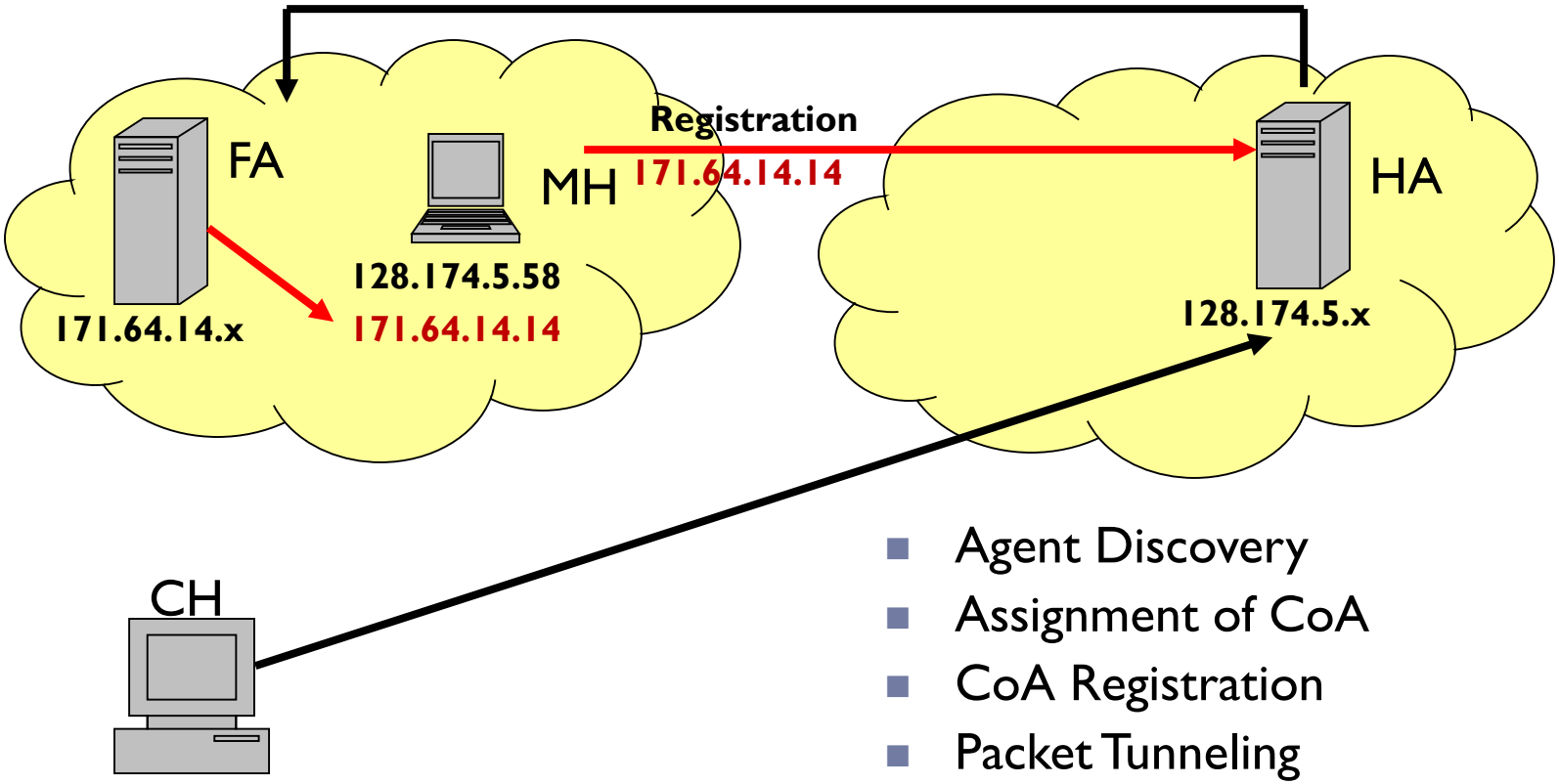


- Agent Discovery
- Assignment of CoA
- CoA Registration
- Packet Tunneling

Addressing

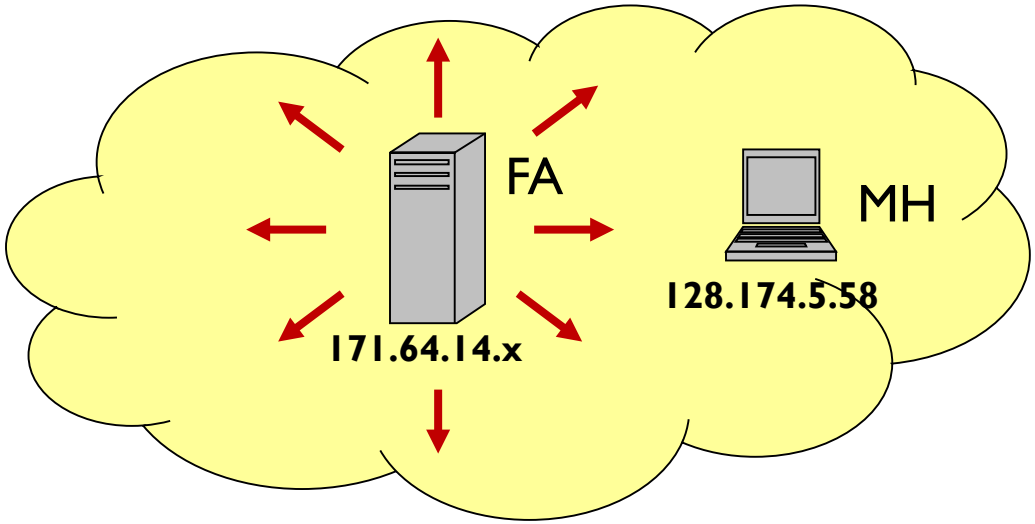
- How does the mobile host get a remote IP address?
  - Listen for router advertisements
  - Use DHCP
  - Manual assignment
- Assigning *care-of-address*
  - MH discovers *foreign agent* (FA) using an agent discovery protocol
  - MH registers with FA and FA's address becomes MH's *care-of-address*
  - MH obtains a temporary IP address from FA or via DHCP-like procedures

Location

- How can a mobile host tell where it is?
  - Am I at home?
  - Am I visiting a foreign network?
  - Have I moved?
- Same!
  - Listen for router advertisements
  - Put network interface into promiscuous mode and watch traffic

Agent Discovery

- How can a mobile host tell where it is?
  - Extension of ICMP protocol
    - Allows MH to detect when it has moved from one network to another, or to home
  - FA Periodically broadcasts agent advertisement message



Agent Discovery

- Register with FA
  - MH determines a suitable FA (or its HA)
- Send agent solicitation message
  - If MA has not received a broadcast for a period of time

Packet Delivery

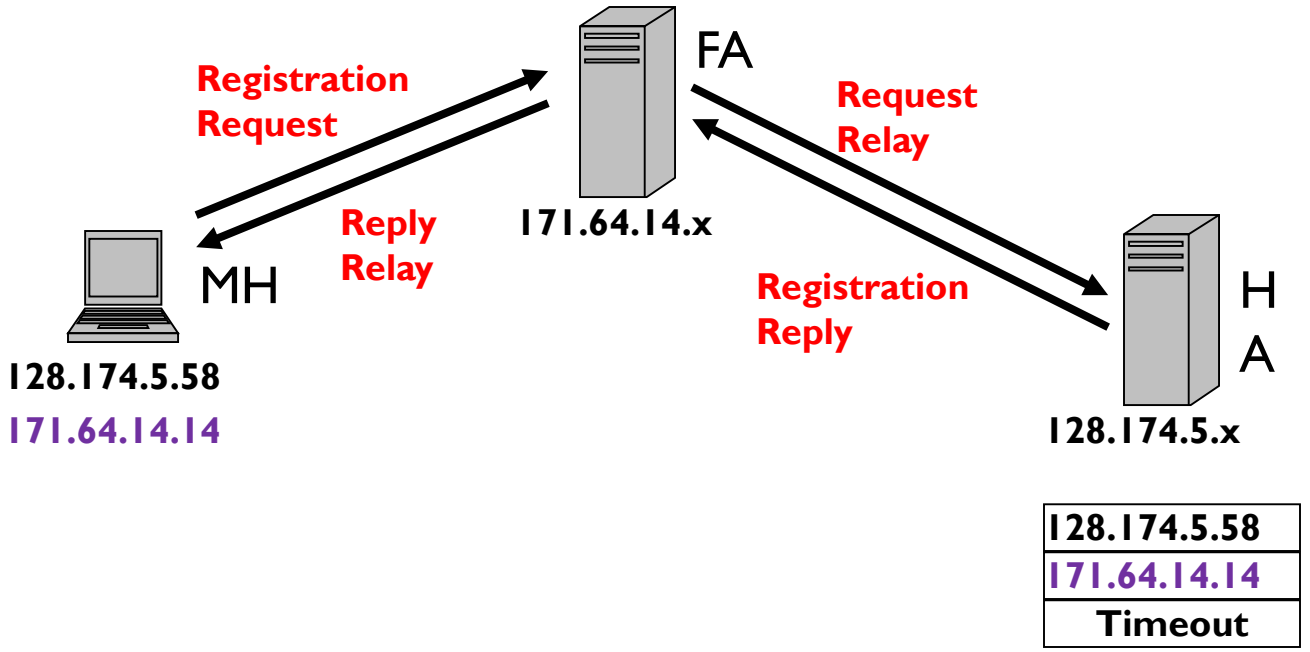
- How does the HA intercept a packet that is destined for the MH?

- While MH in foreign location
  - HA intercepts all packets for MH
    - Using proxy ARP
  - HA tunnels all packets to FA
    - IPIP - "IP within IP"
    - Upon receipt of an IP datagram
      - Packet is encapsulated in an IP packet of type IPPROTO_IPIP and sent to FA
      - FA strips IPIP header and sends packet to MH using local IP address
  - FA strips packet and forwards to MH

Registration

- MA must register with FA and tell HA its new care-of-address
  - MH sends registration request message to FA
  - FA forwards request to HA
  - HA returns registration reply message to FA
  - FA forwards reply to MH
- Registration may have a set lifetime

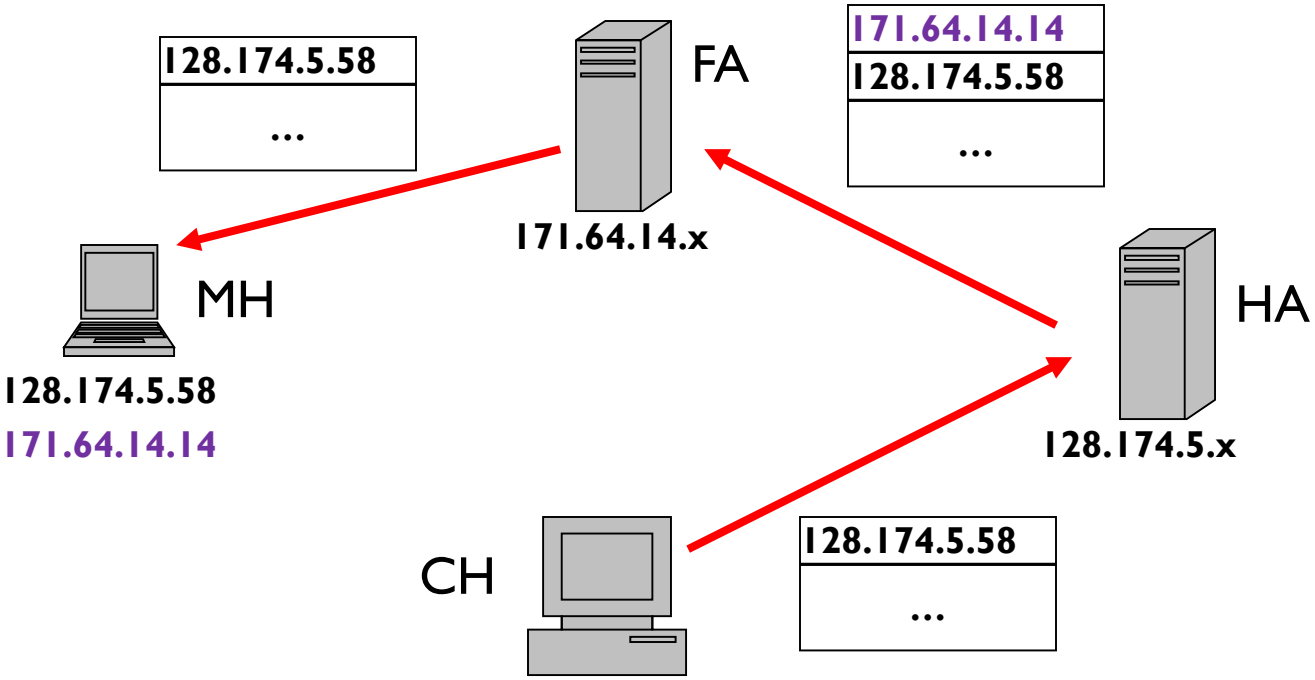
Care-of-Address Registration



Network Layer

- IPIP - "IP within IP"
  - Tunnel IP datagrams from one cell to another
  - Upon receipt of an IP datagram
    - Packet is encapsulated in an IP packet of type IPPROTO_IPIP and sent to remote MSS
    - Remote MSS strips IPIP header and sends packet to MH using "real" IP address

Tunneling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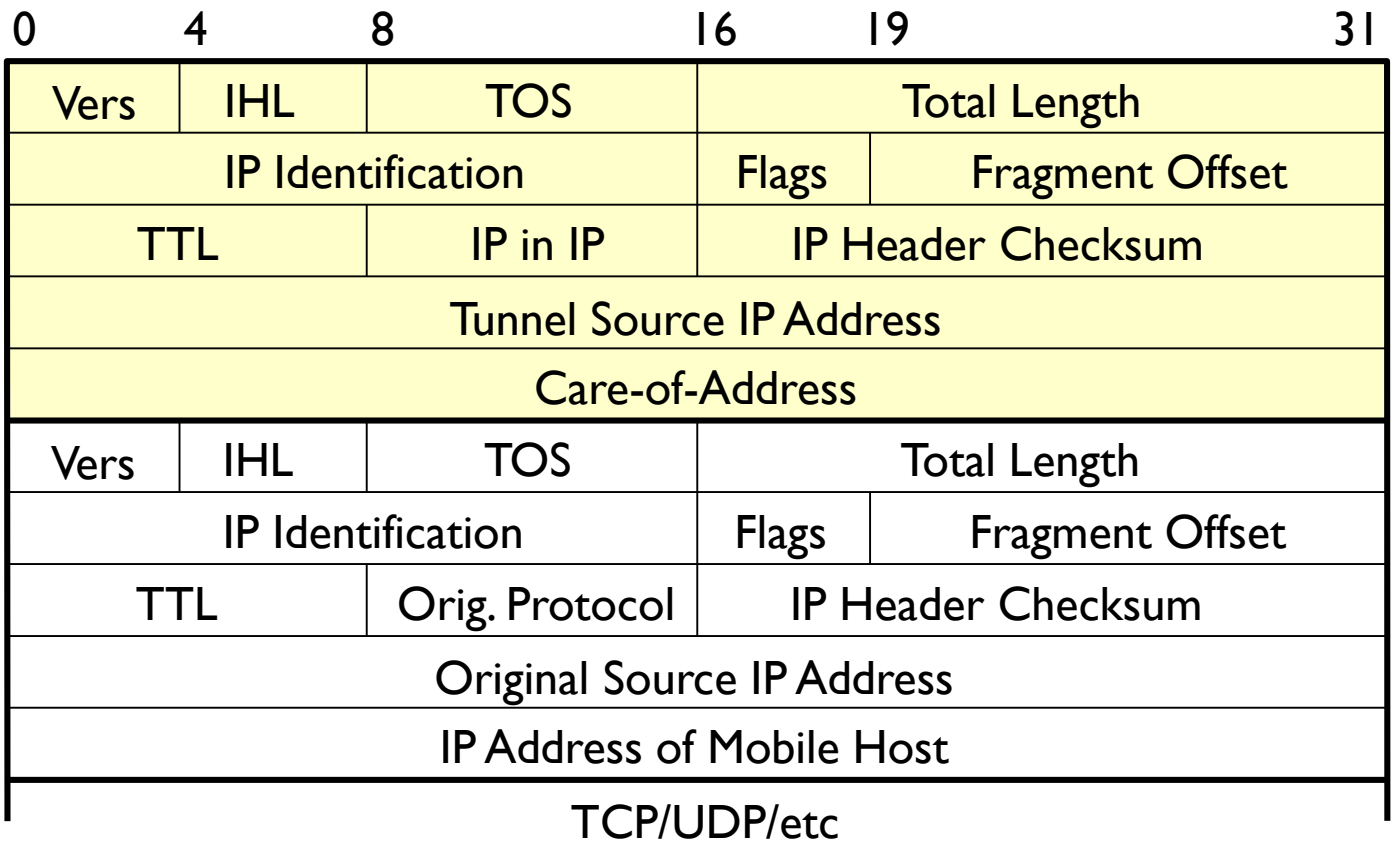
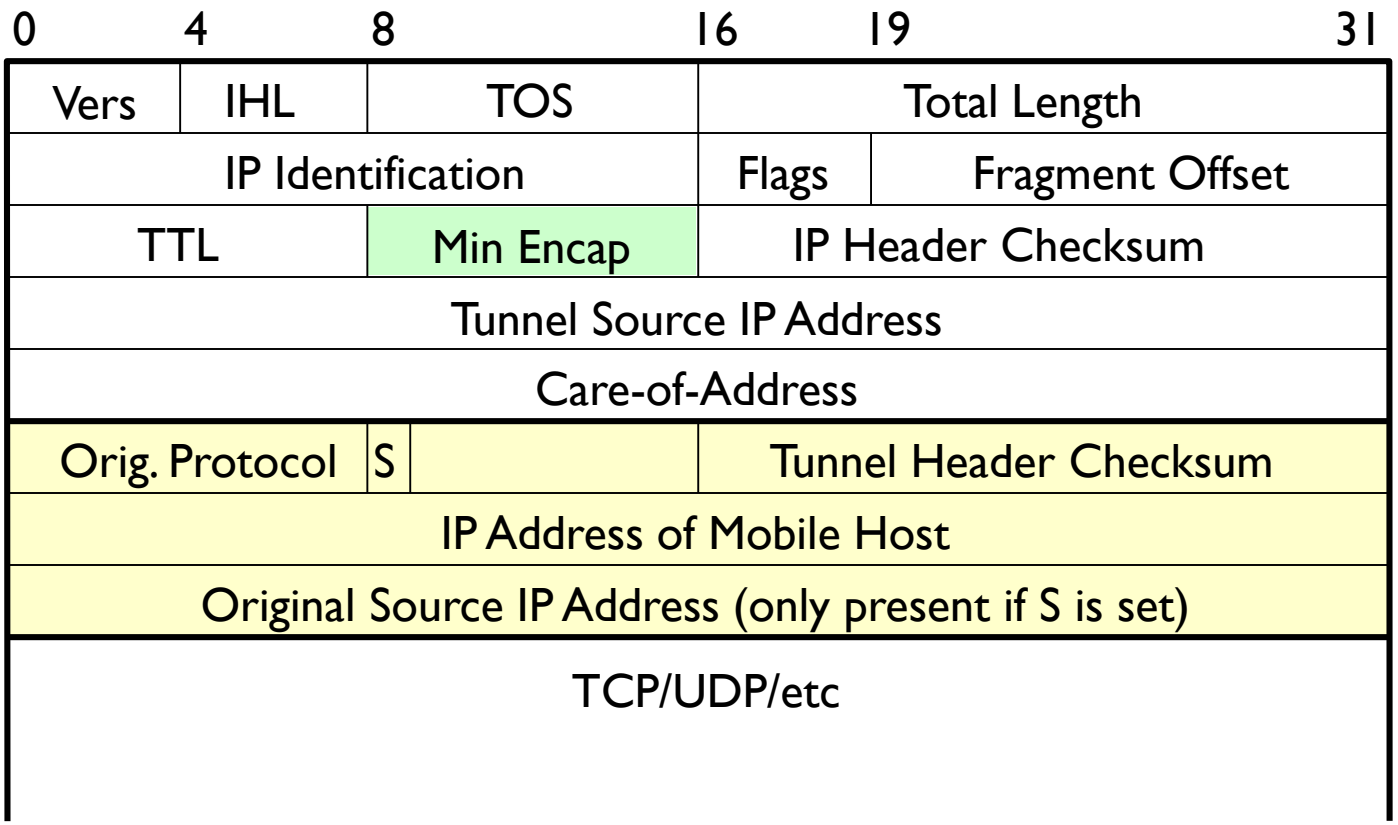
Tunneling Using IP-in-IP Encapsulation



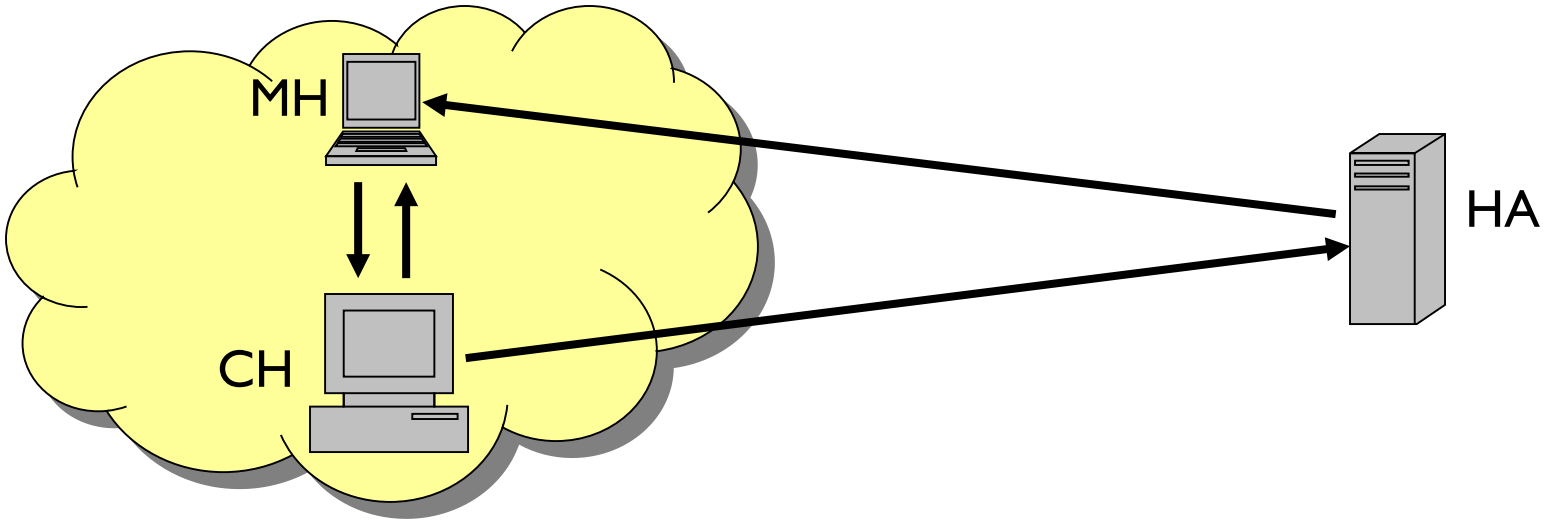
Tunneling Using Minimal Tunneling Protocol



Basic Mobile IP

- ✓ Transparent mobility support at network layer
- ✓ No modification to network infrastructure
- × Routing Inefficiency
  - × Triangle Routing Problem
- × Security Issues
  - × Firewalls, Ingress filtering router

Triangle Routing



Route Optimization

- Basic Mobile IP routes all packets for a MH through its home network and HA
  - Limits performance
  - Potential bottleneck
  - Not scalable
- Solution
  - Cache MH location and care-of address

Protocol Scalability

- The Home Network
  - Home agents provide a decentralized, scalable solution
  - No overhead for MH when they are at their home network
- The Foreign Network
  - Foreign agents provide a local scalable solution
- Binding Caches
  - Provide tradeoff between performance and state
- Impact on the network
  - Routing packets directly to MH reduces overhead in the Internet

Mobile IP Discussion

- Mobile IP not used in practice
- Not designed for truly mobile users
  - i.e. for continuous operation across subnets
  - Switching between subnets is heavy weight
  - Designed for nomadic users, e.g. visitors to a remote site
- Was designed for mobile devices that are contacted by a "client"
  - Very rare: mobile devices usually only run client apps
  - They rarely run services
- Correct solution is to separate identifiers and "locators"