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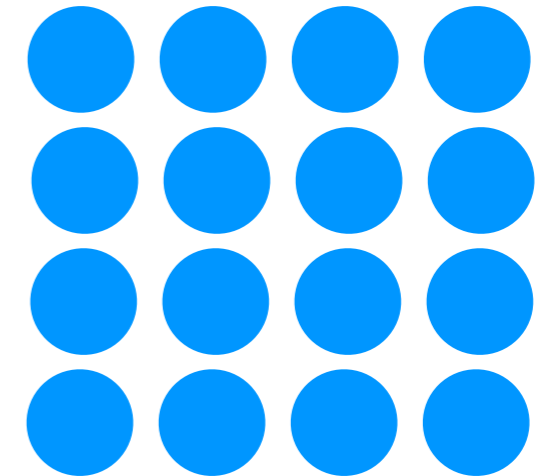
Introduction

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● Tesla Model 3 controller

● your washing machine

● heart pacemaker

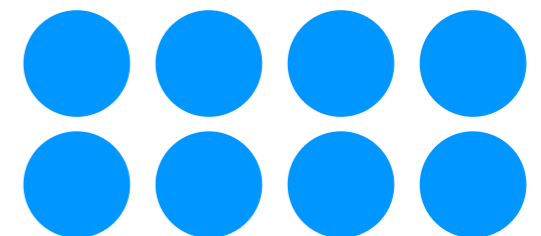


Google servers

● end-system

● laptop

● smartphone



World of Warcraft
servers

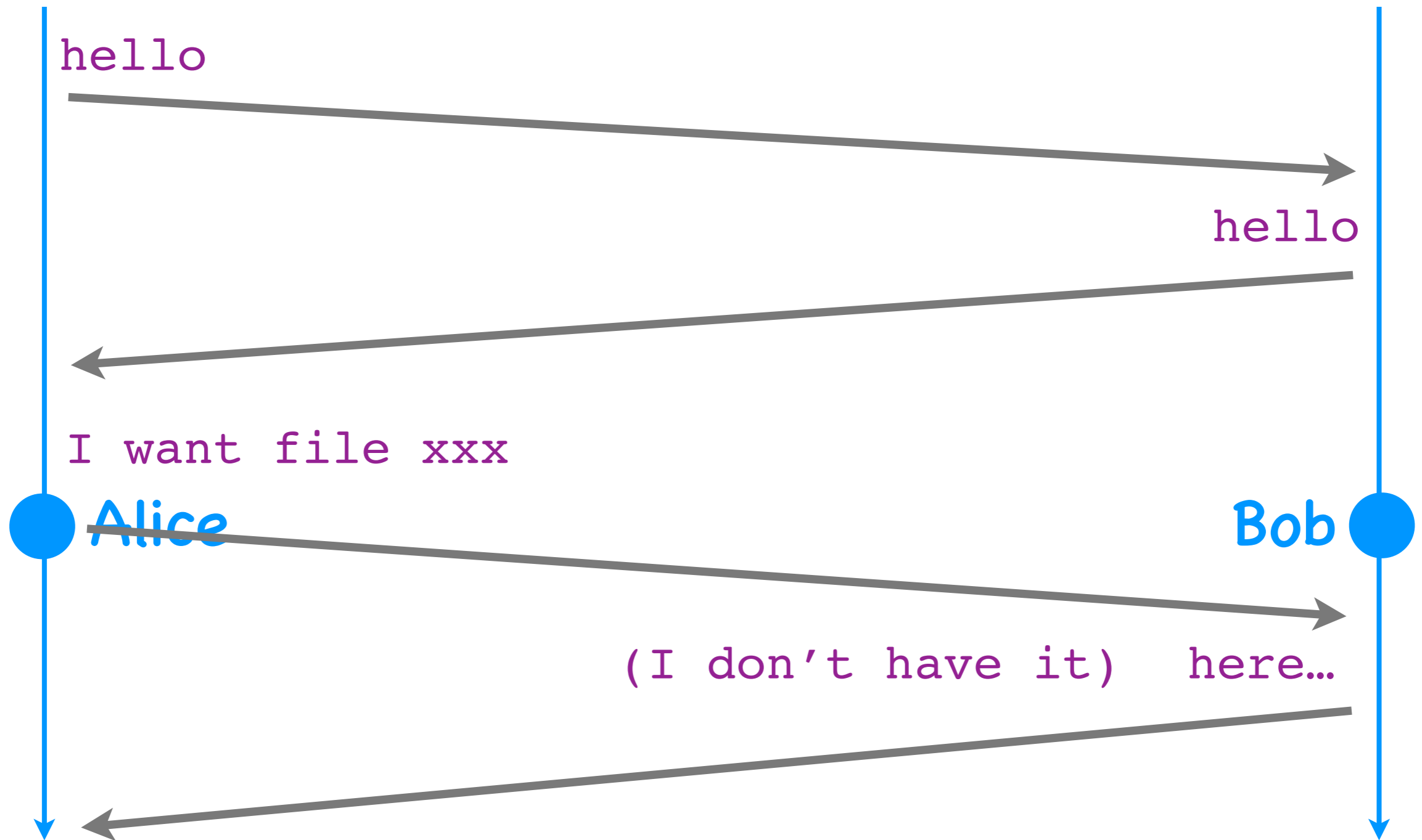
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● Alice

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Bob ●

Application Programming Interface



Alice

Bob

hello

I want ...

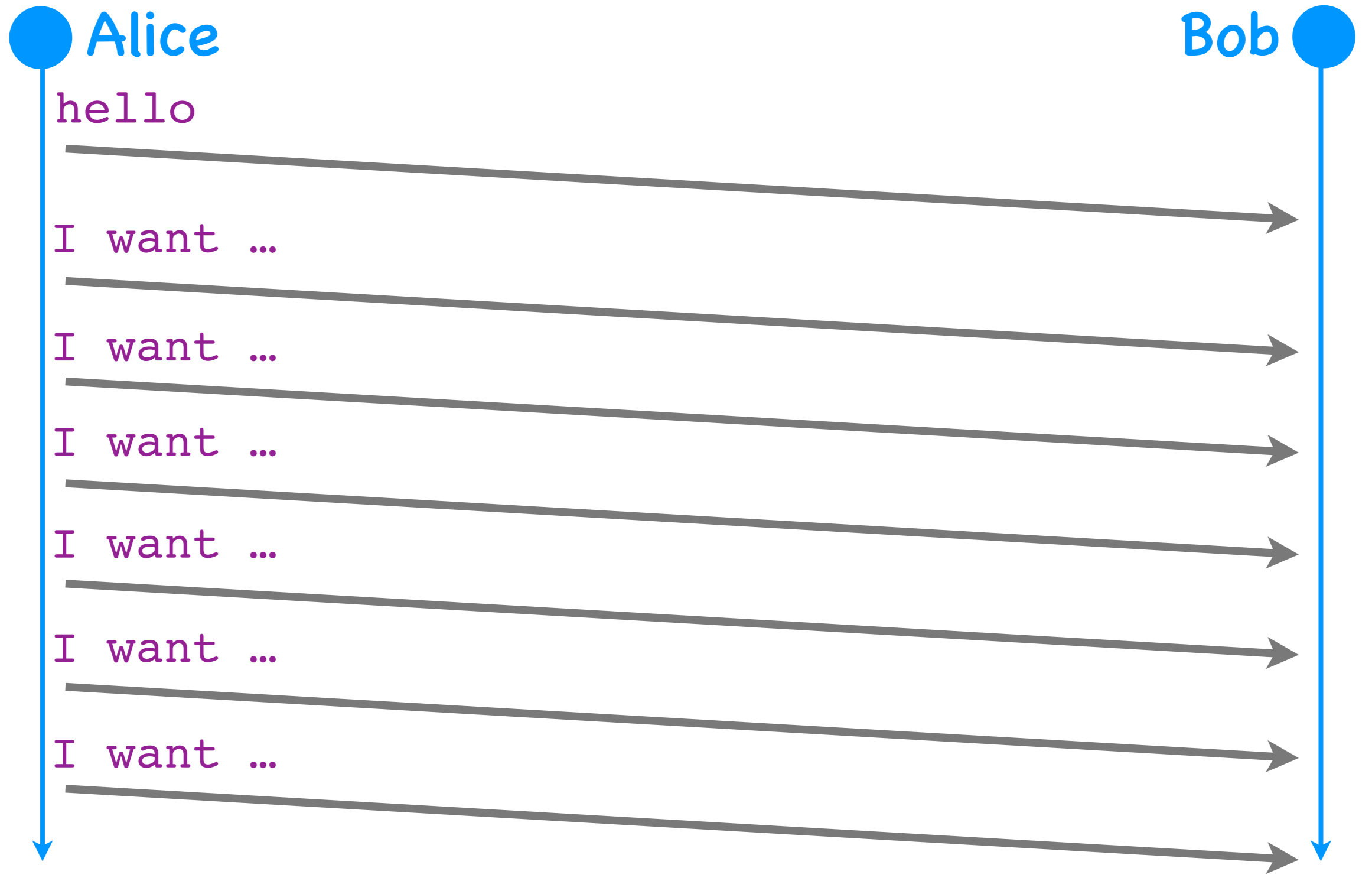
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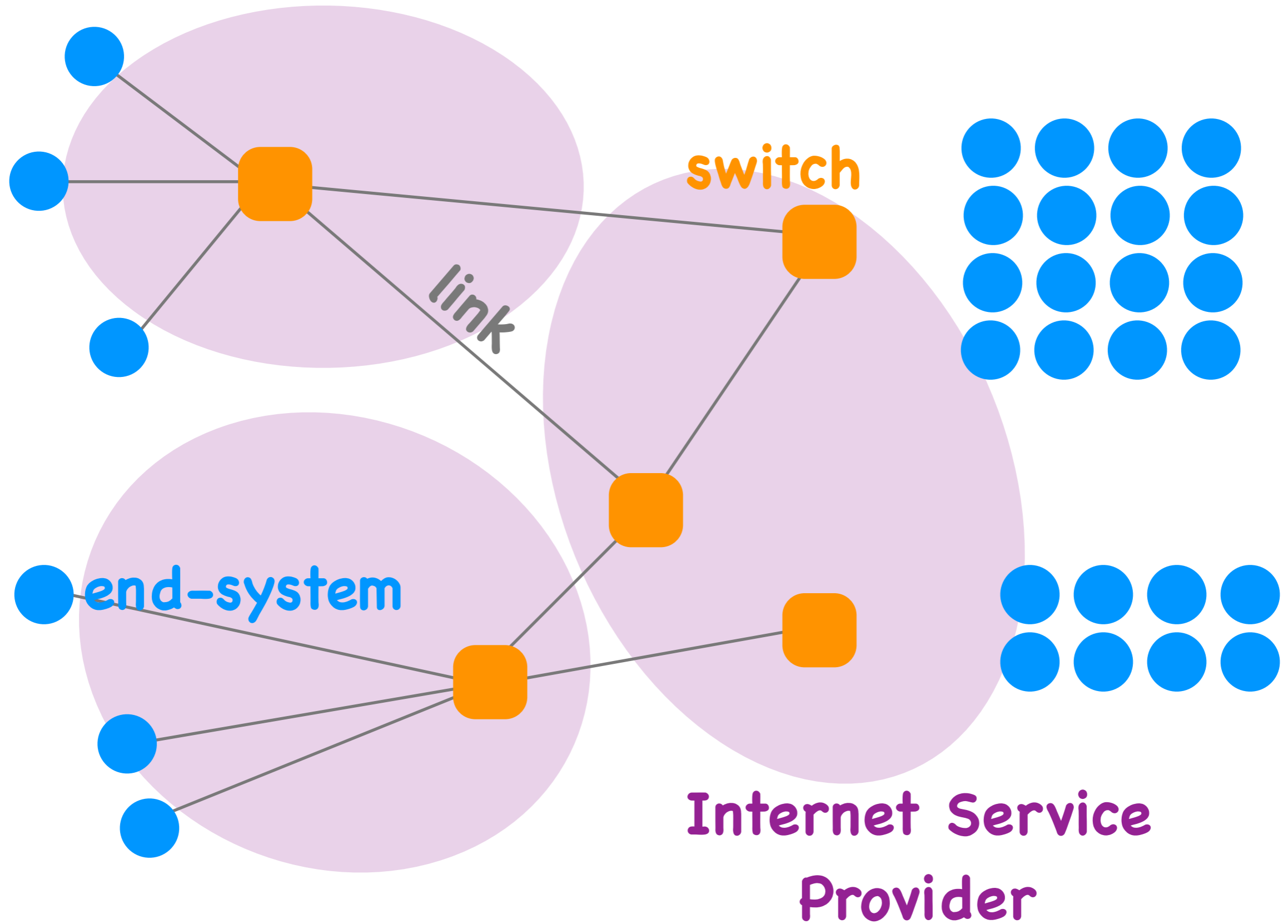


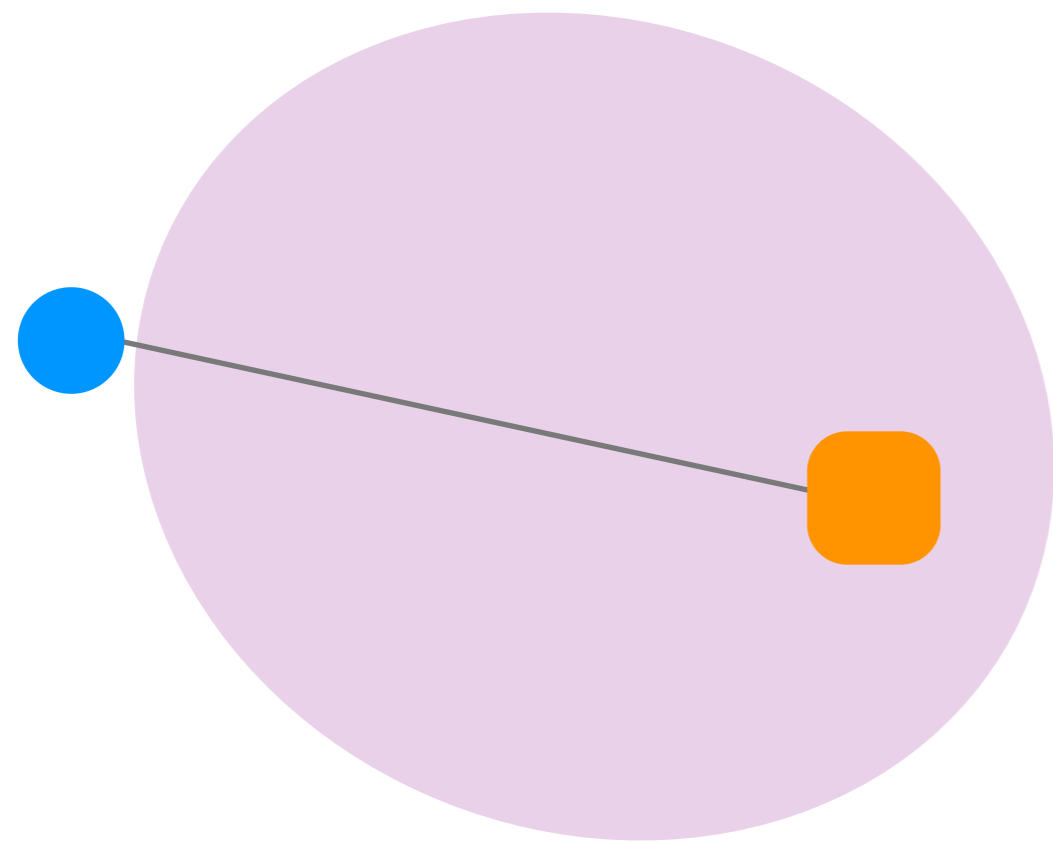
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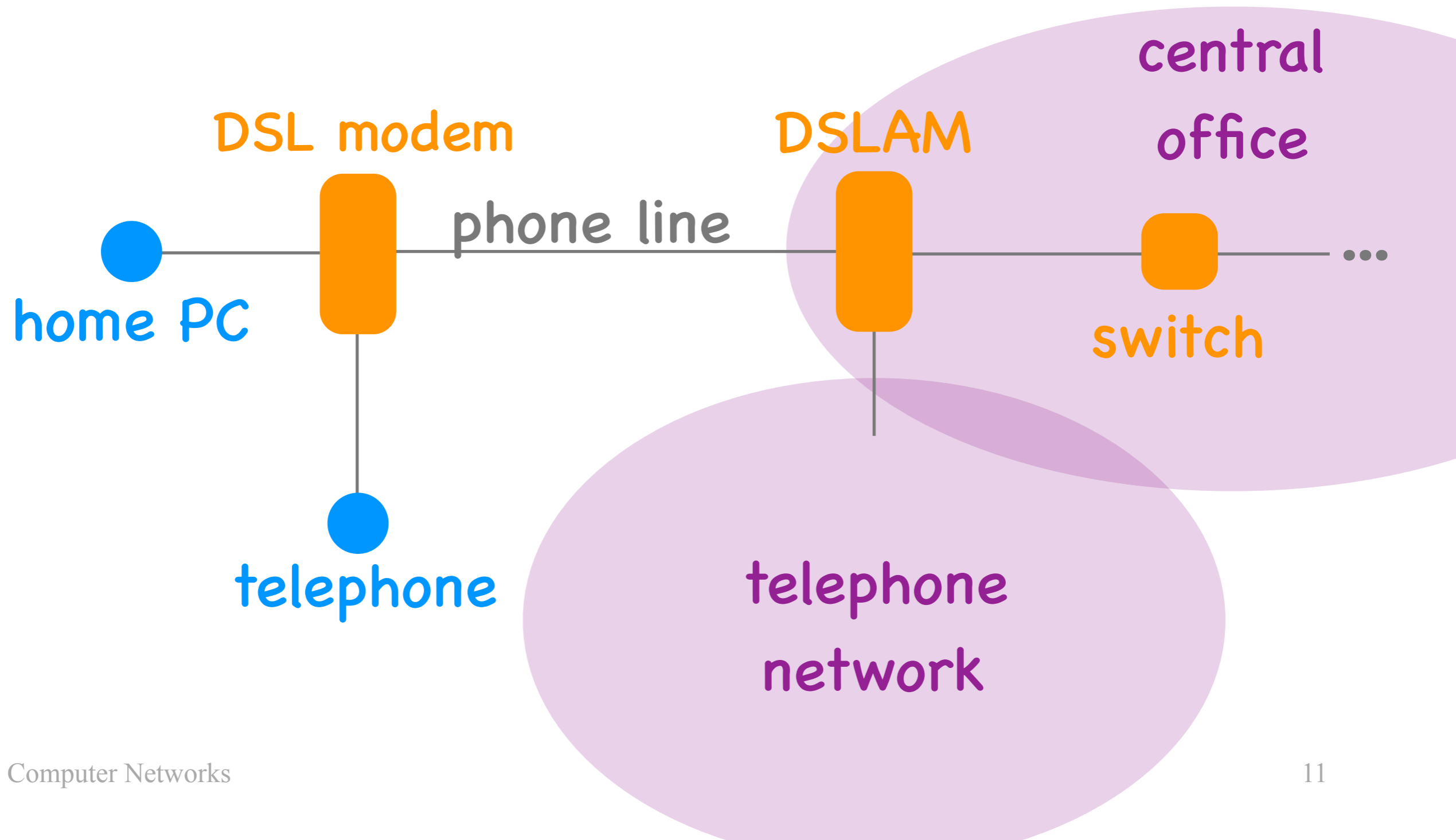




home PC



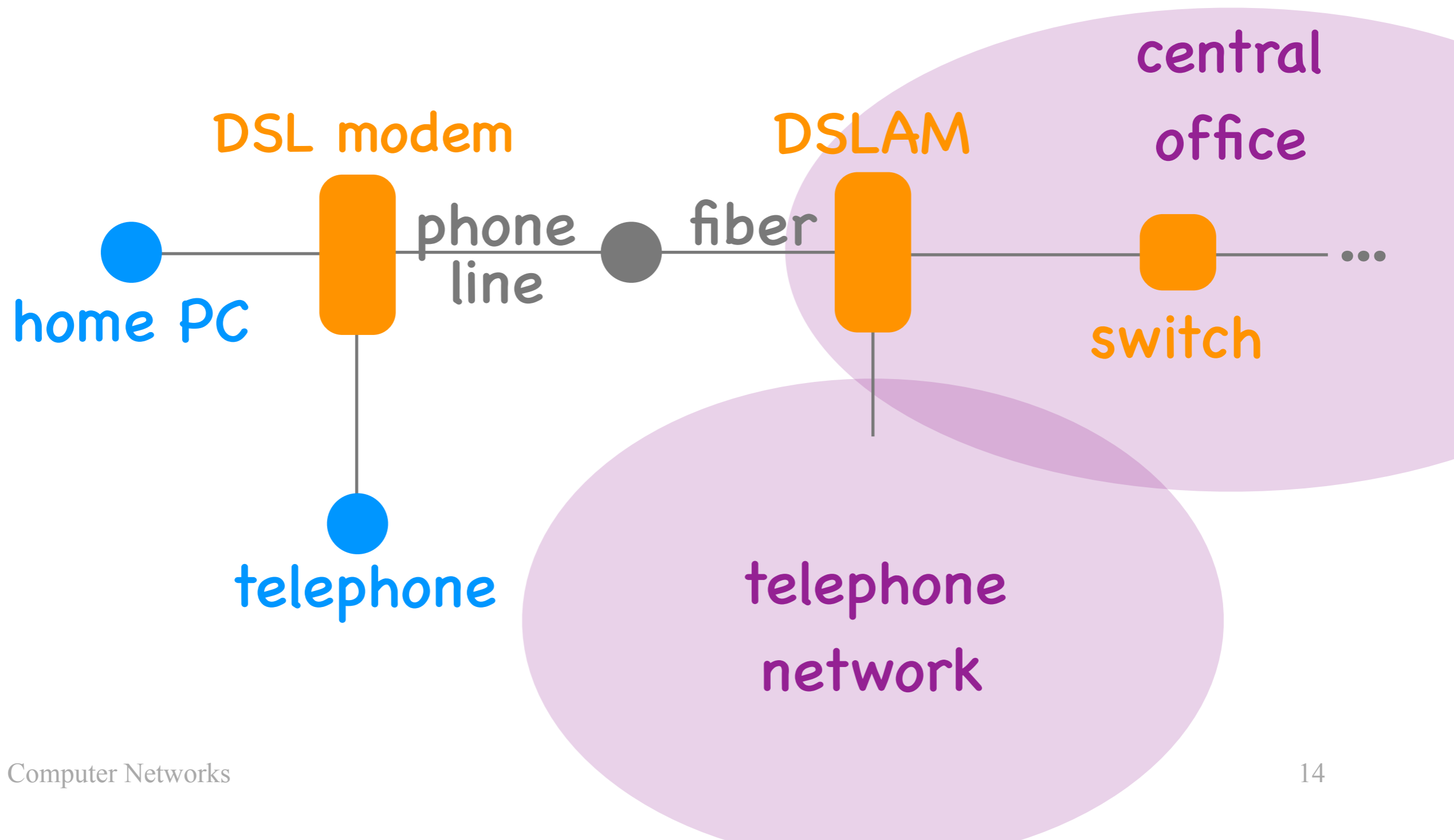
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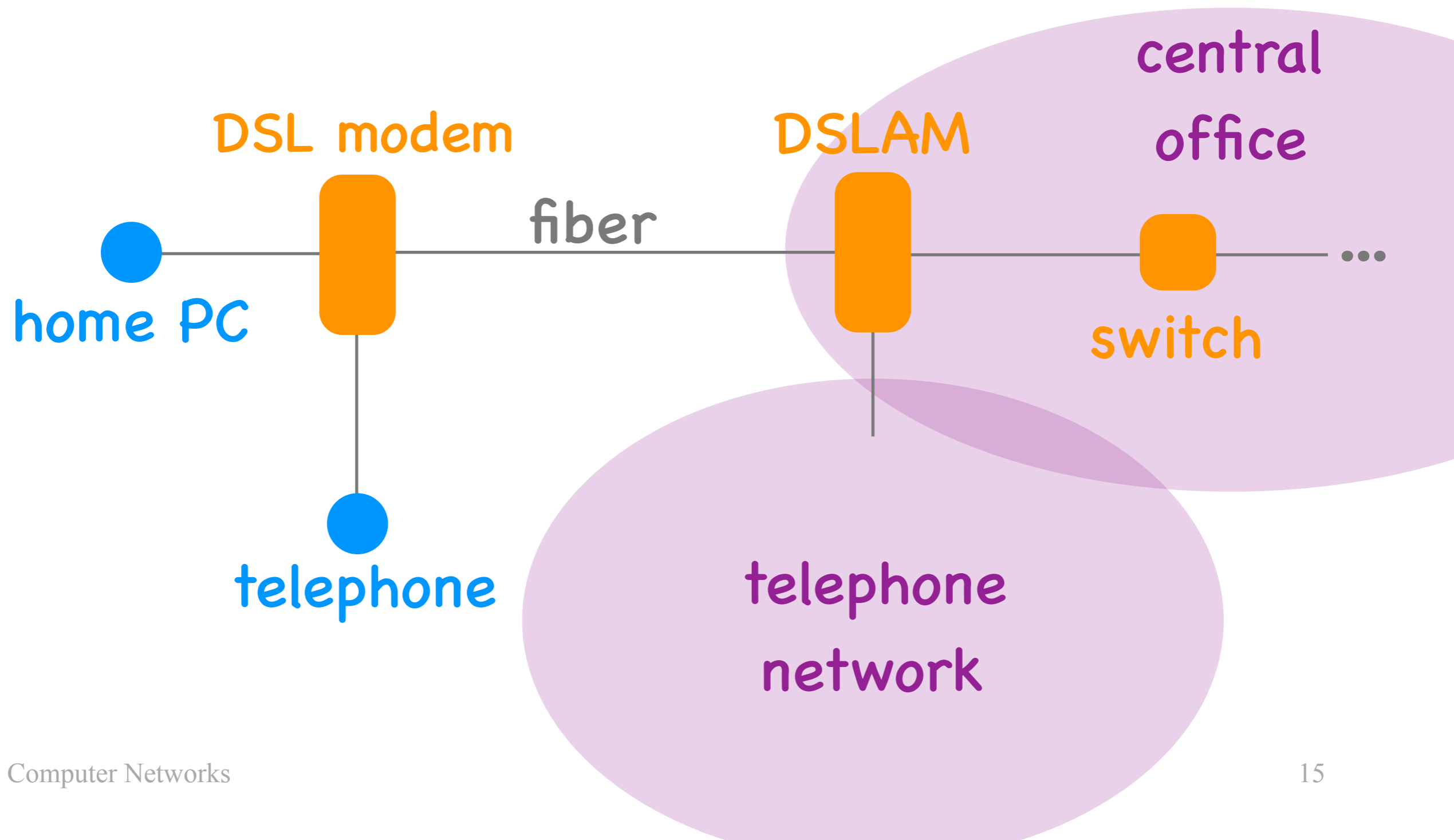


Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)

- DSL modem + phone line (copper)
- 3 channels (downstream data, upstream data, voice)
- typically 10s to 100+ Mbps
 - most allocated to the downstream data channel


Why phone lines?






Fiber to the Home

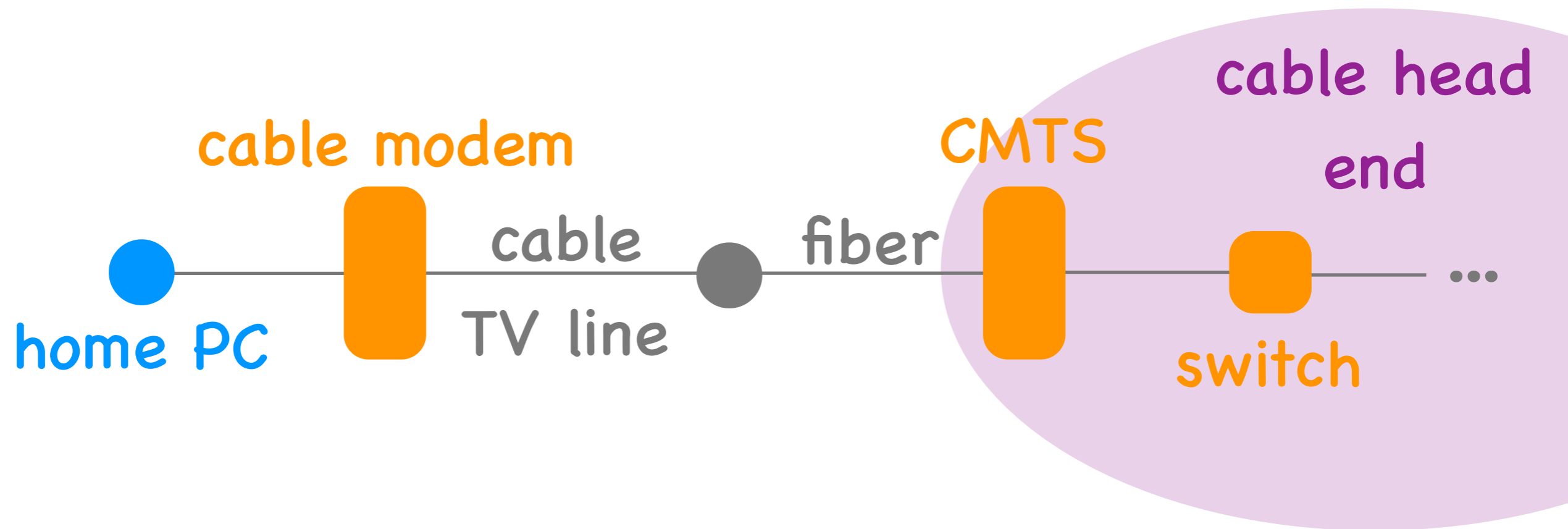
- ...or to the Building/Curb/Street
- modem + fiber (+ copper phone line)
- up to 1 Gbps per direction
(as deployed in Switzerland)

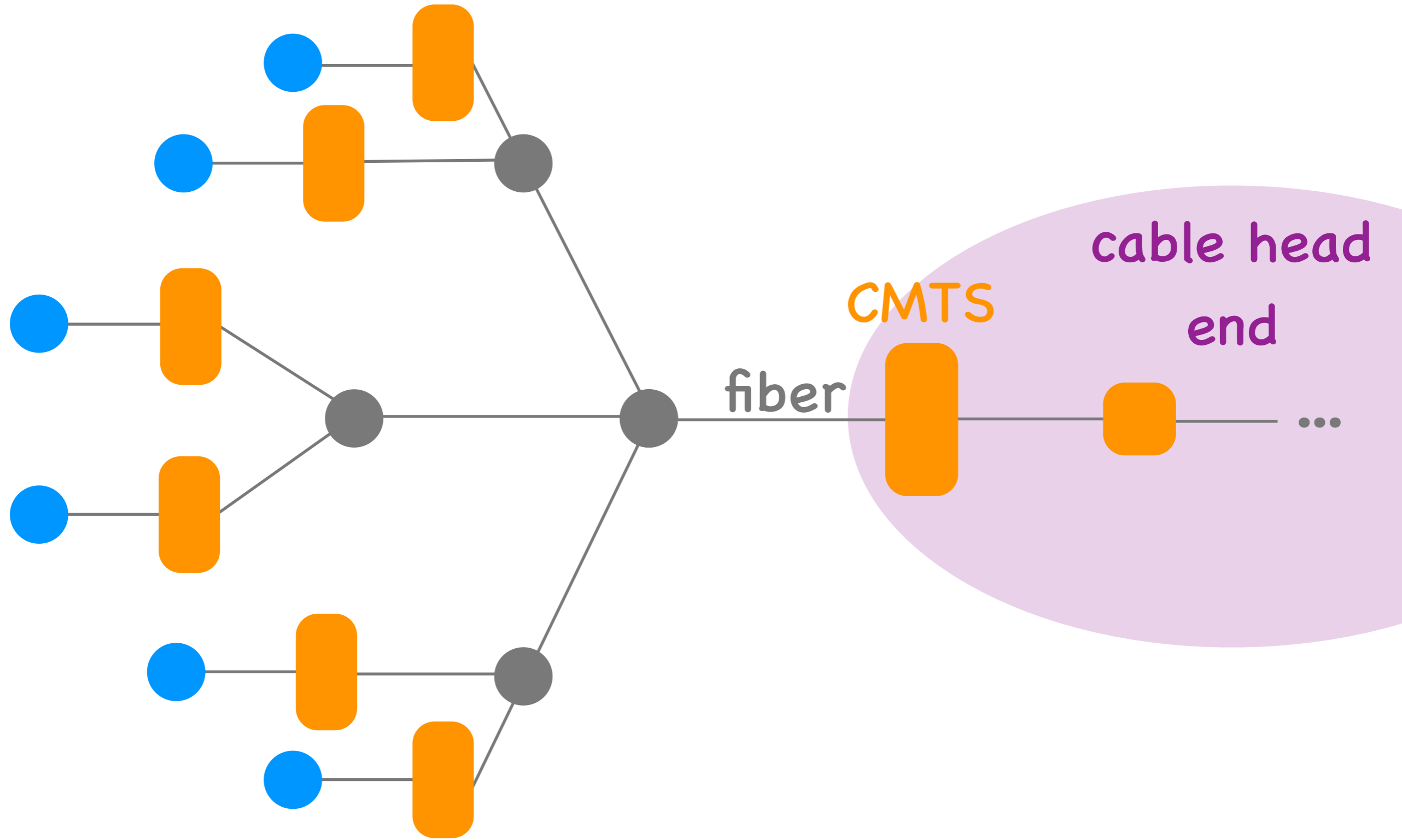


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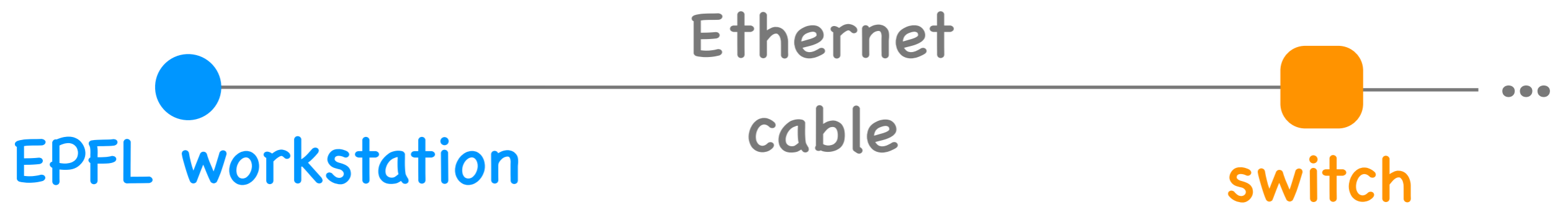
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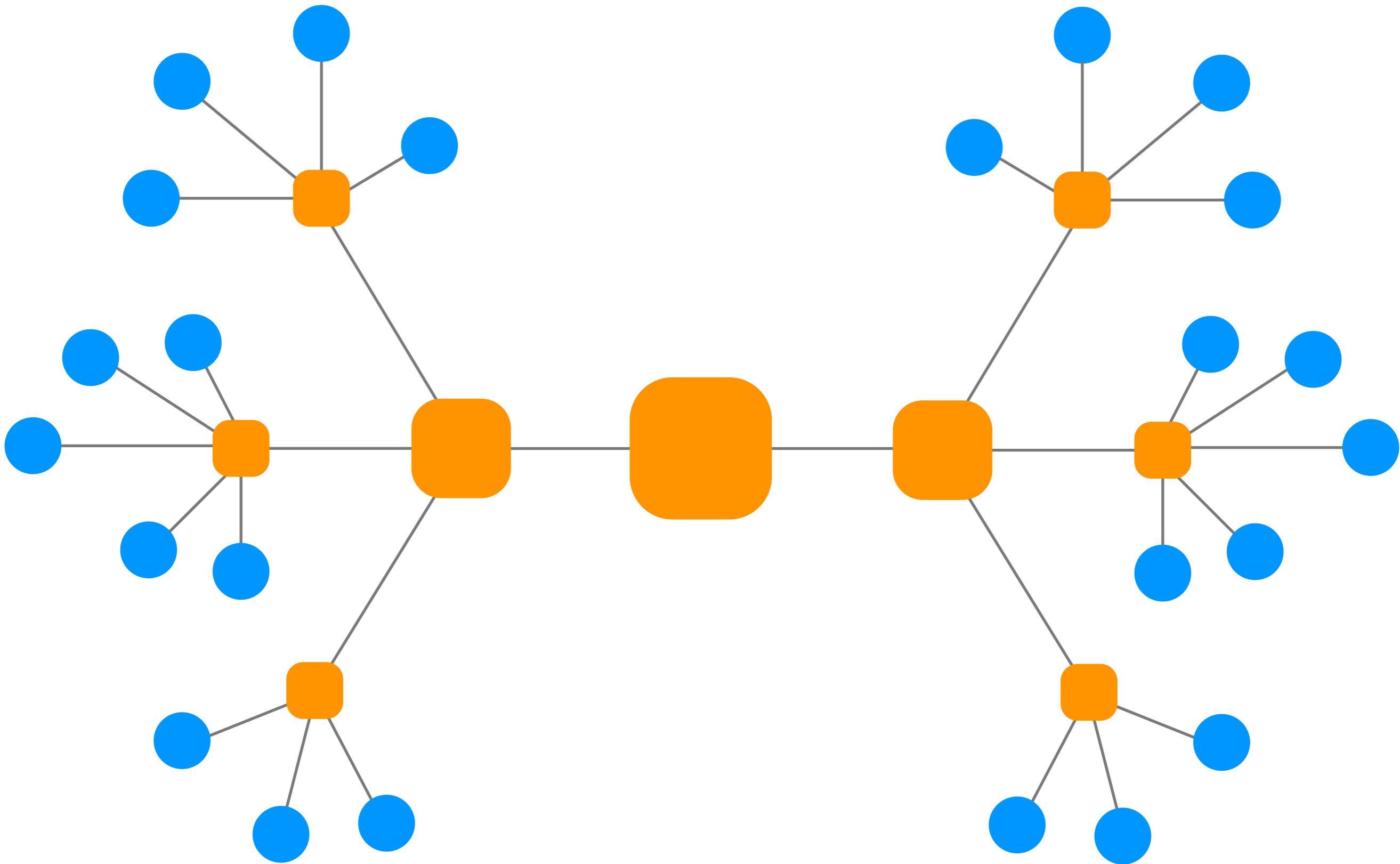




Cable

- Cable modem + cable line (copper, fiber)
- 2 channels (downstream, upstream)
- typically 100s of Mbps
 - most allocated to the downstream channel
- shared broadcast medium



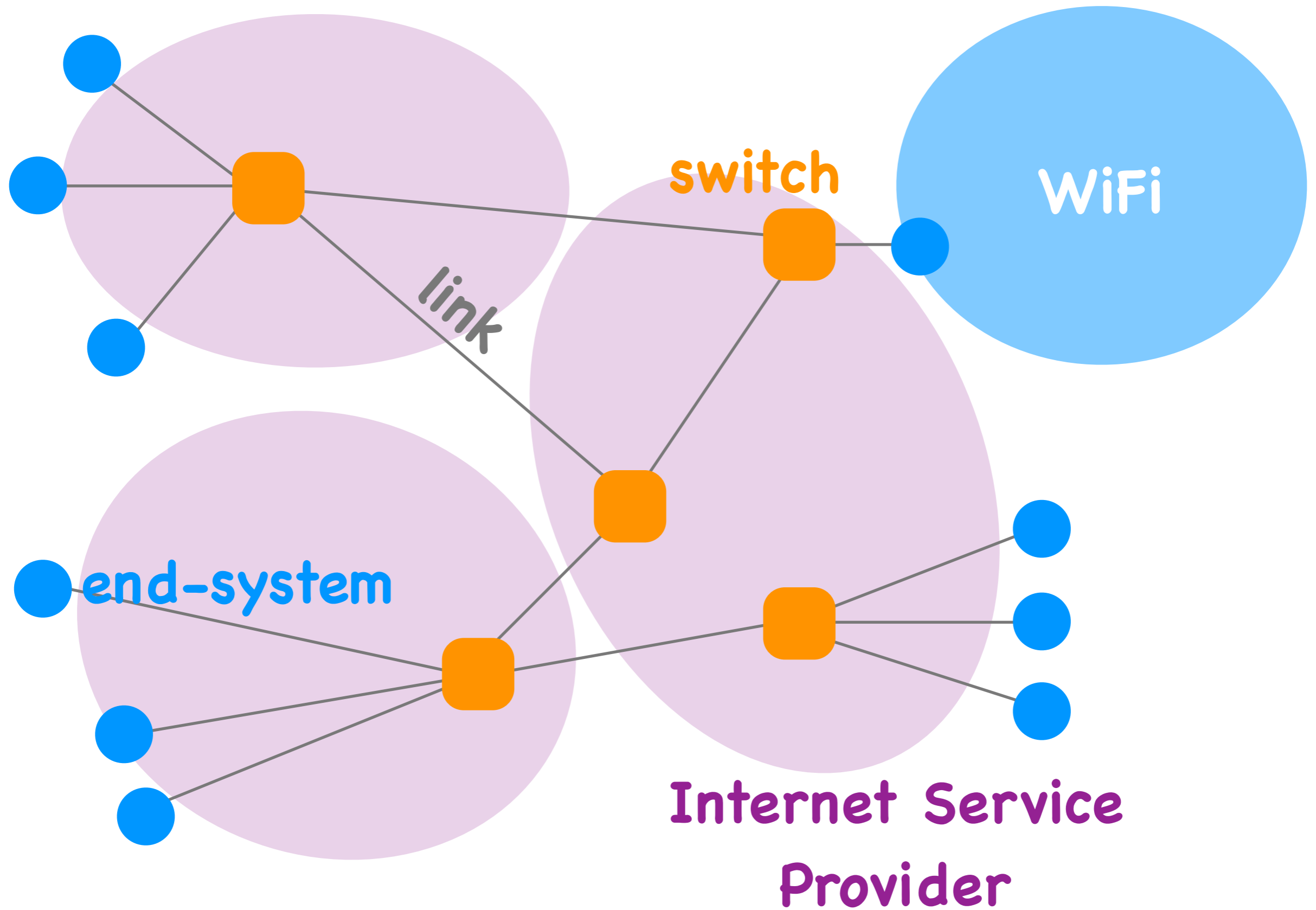


Ethernet

- Ethernet switches and cables (copper)
- 2 channels (downstream + upstream)
- 1 Gbps, 10 Gbps, 40 Gbps
in each direction

& more

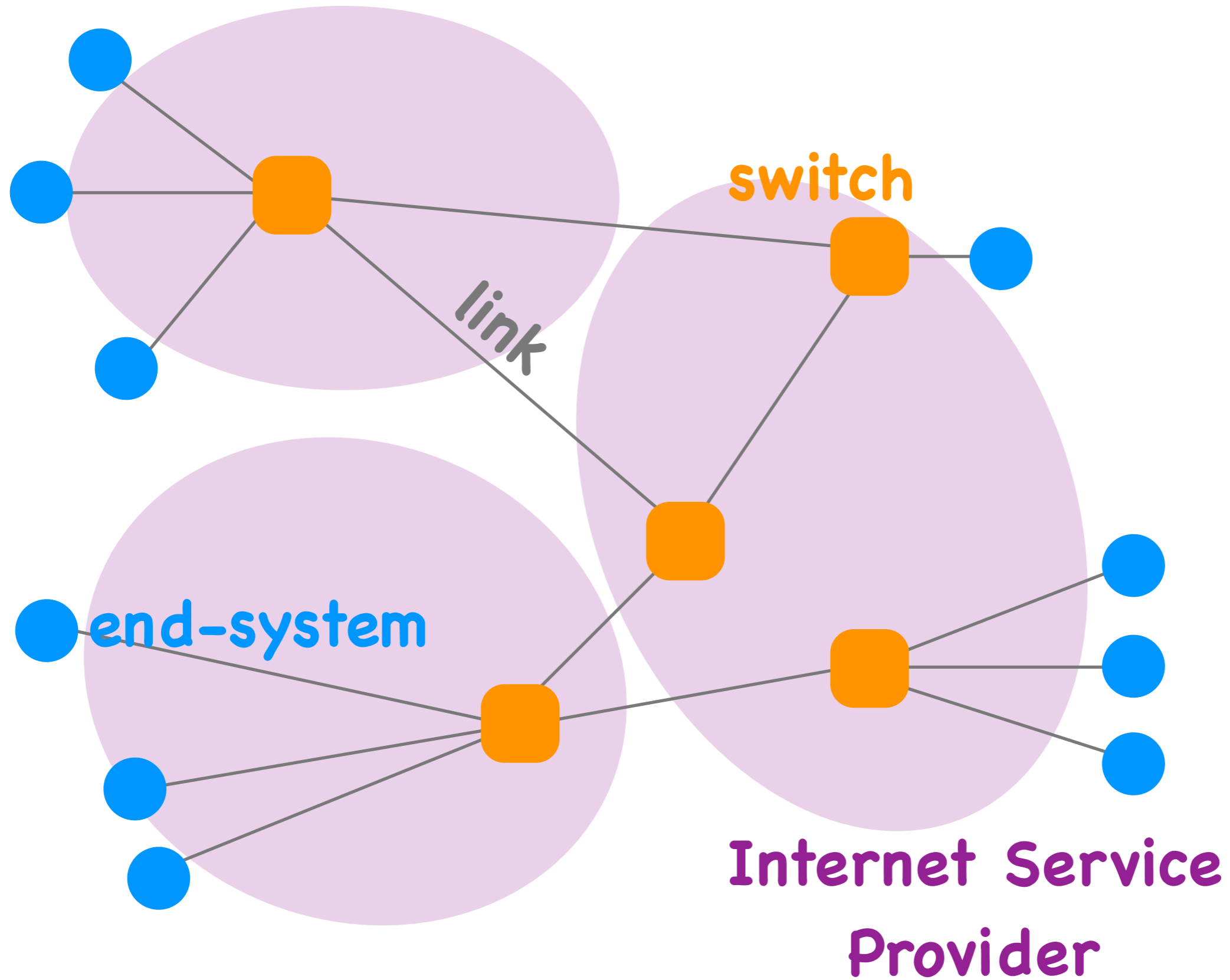
- Cellular (smart phones)
- Satellite (remote areas)
- ...

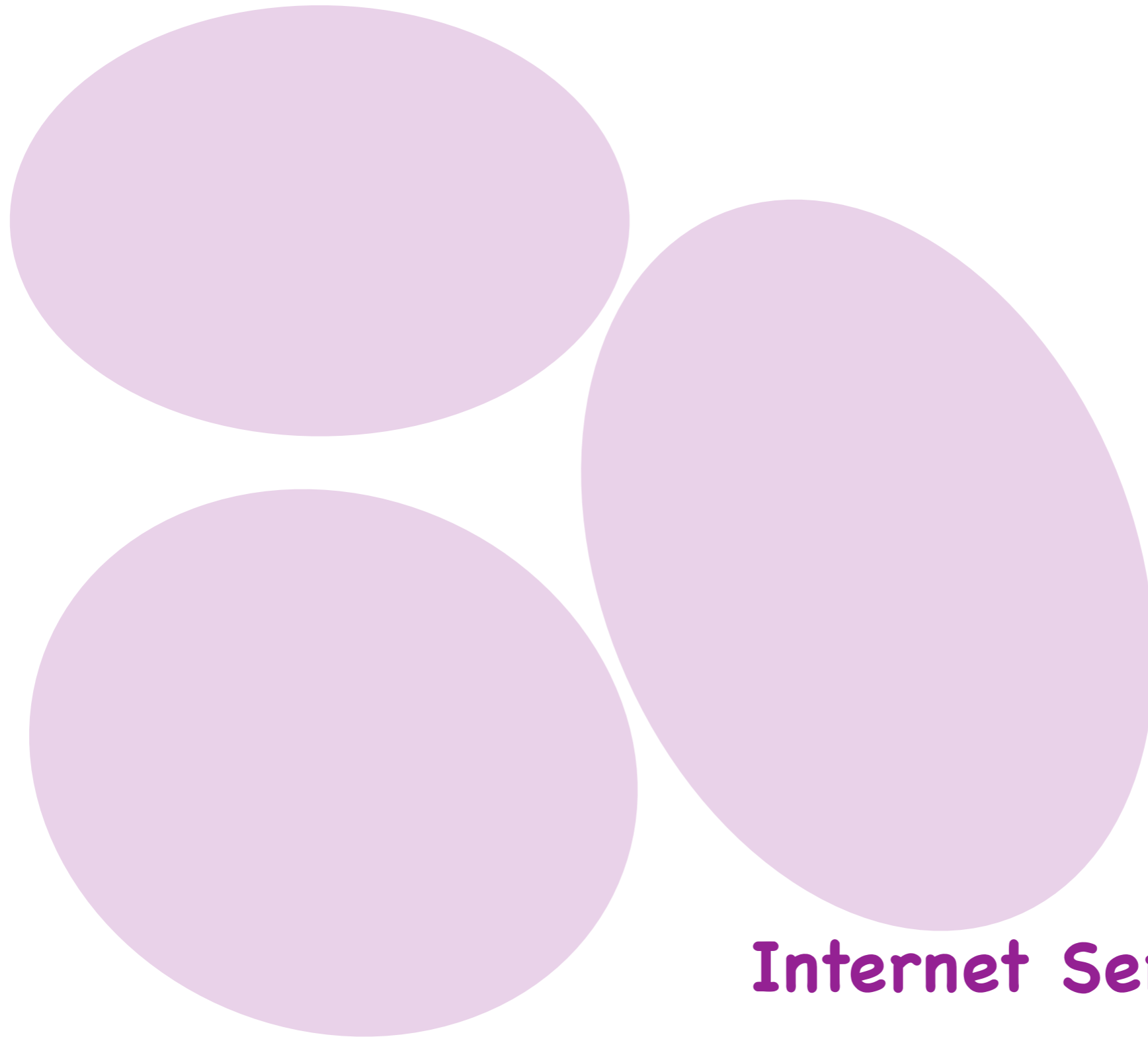


What physical infrastructure is
already available?

Questions

- What's underneath?
- Who **owns** what?
- How does it work?
- How do we evaluate it?
- How do we share it?





**Internet Service
Provider**



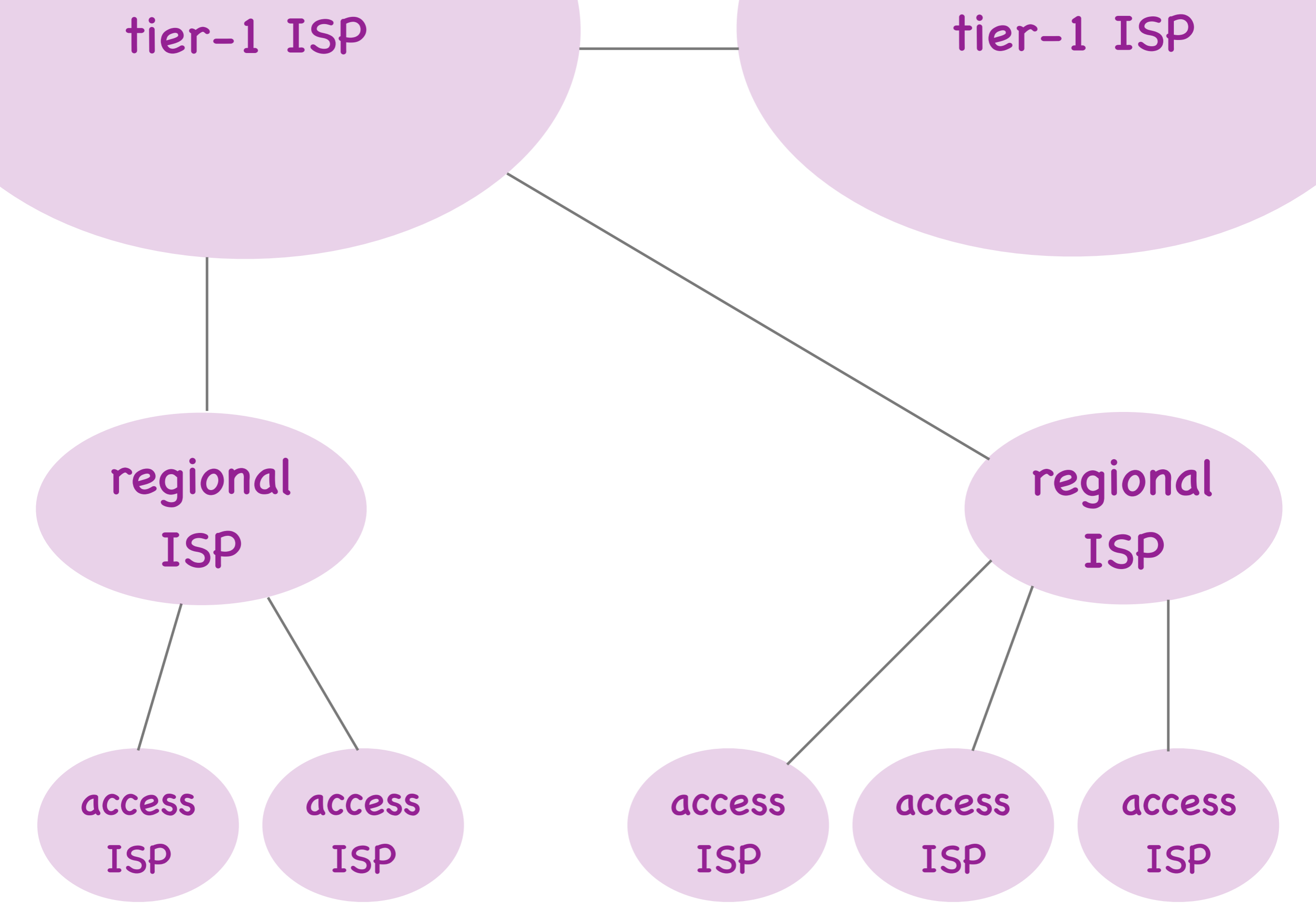
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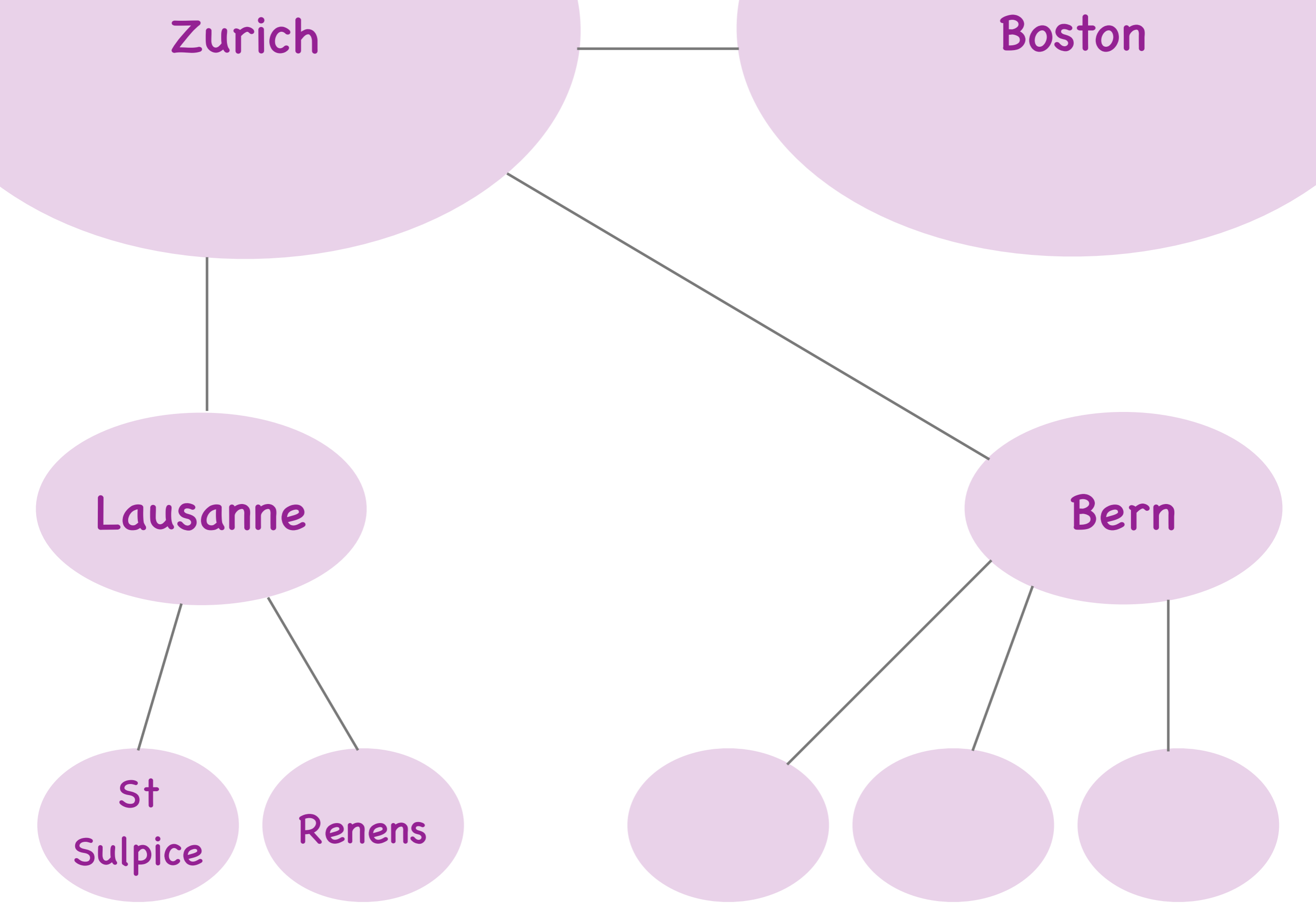
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graph TD; GISP((global ISP)) --- AISP1((access ISP)); GISP --- AISP2((access ISP));
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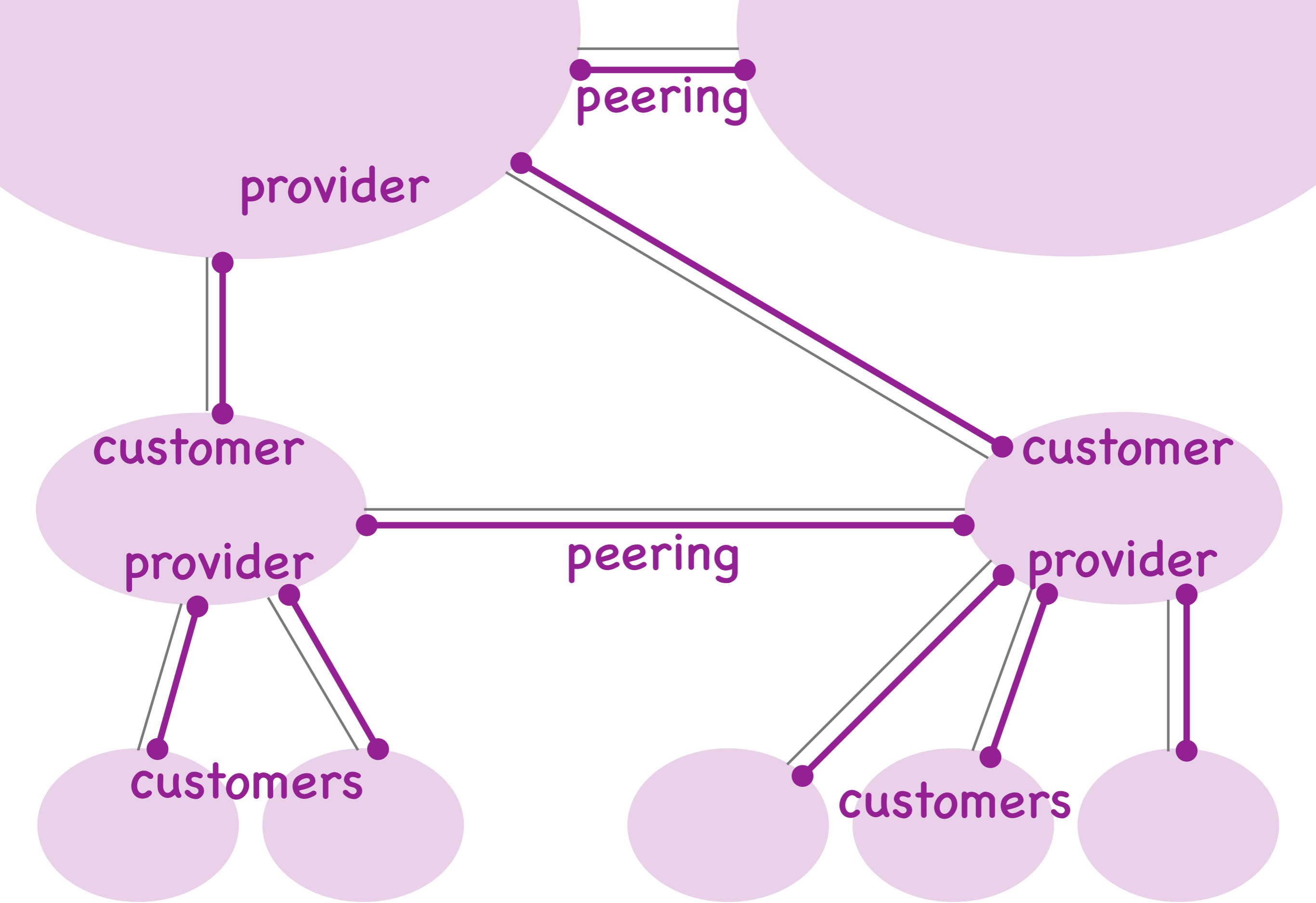
The diagram illustrates a hierarchical network structure. At the top is a large purple oval labeled "global ISP". Two vertical lines extend downwards from the bottom edge of this oval to two smaller purple ovals, each labeled "access ISP".

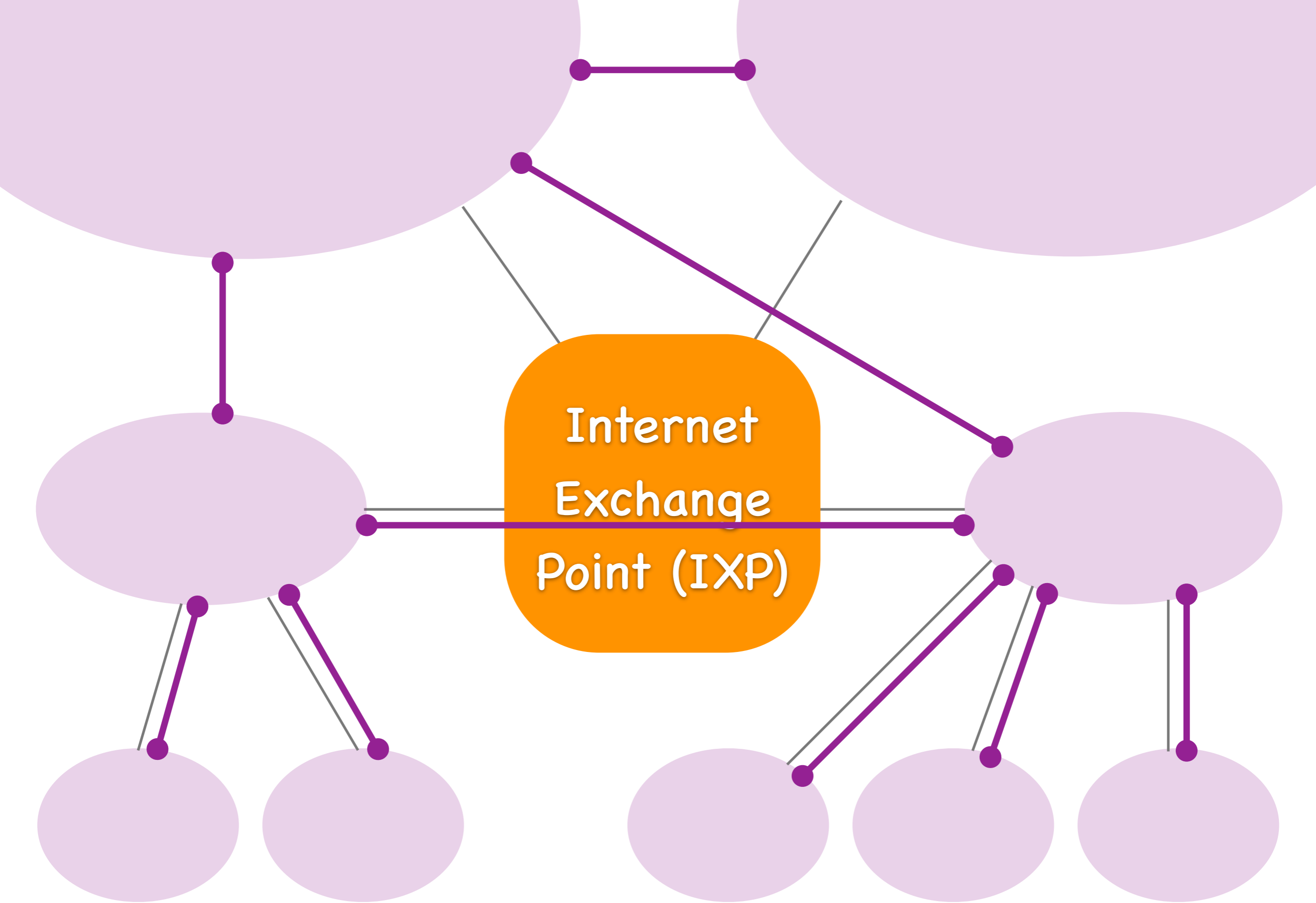
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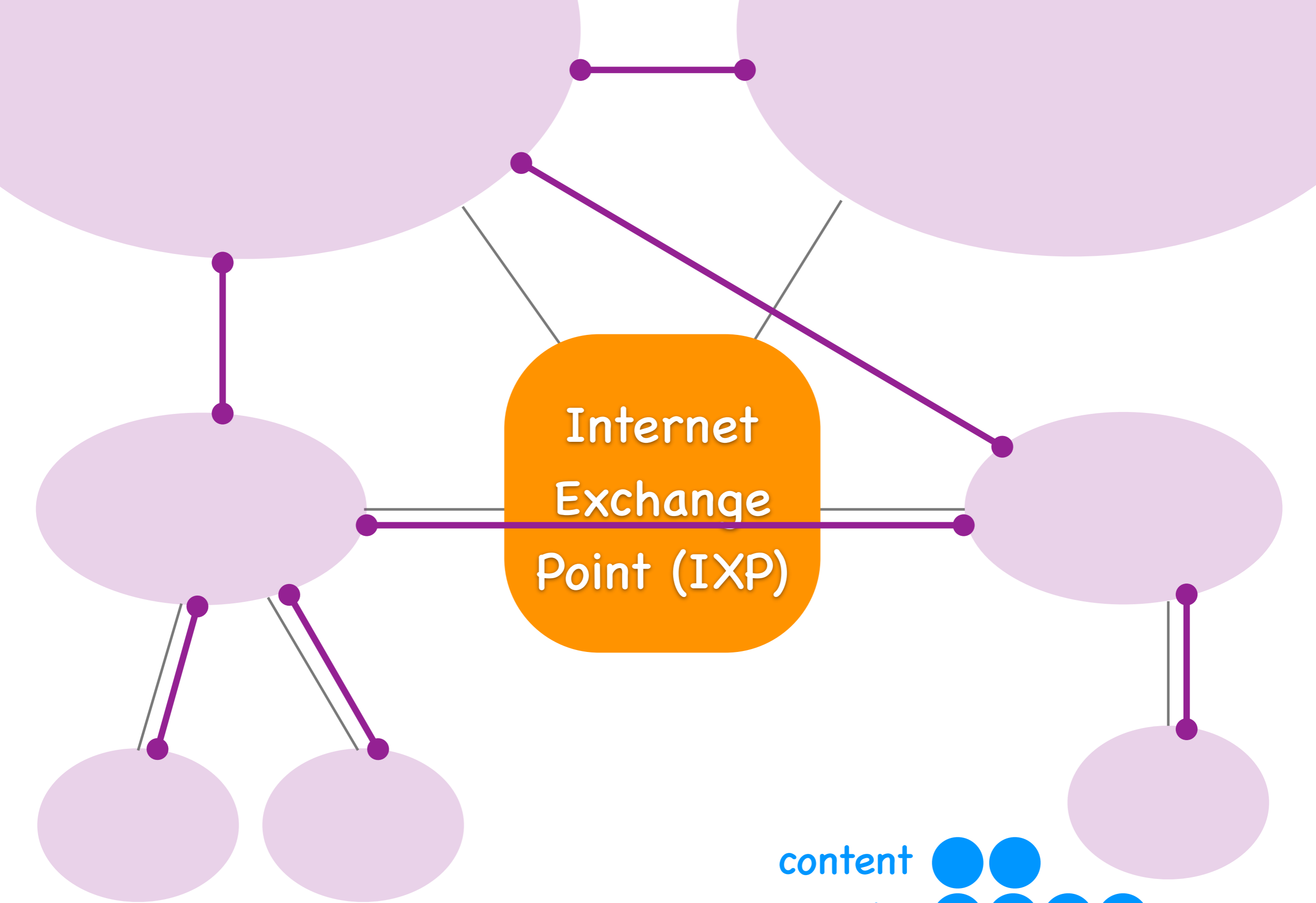
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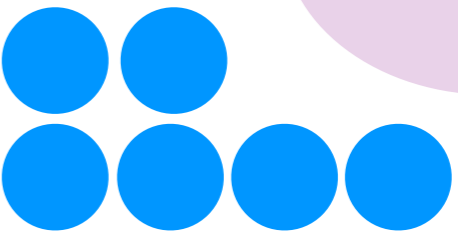


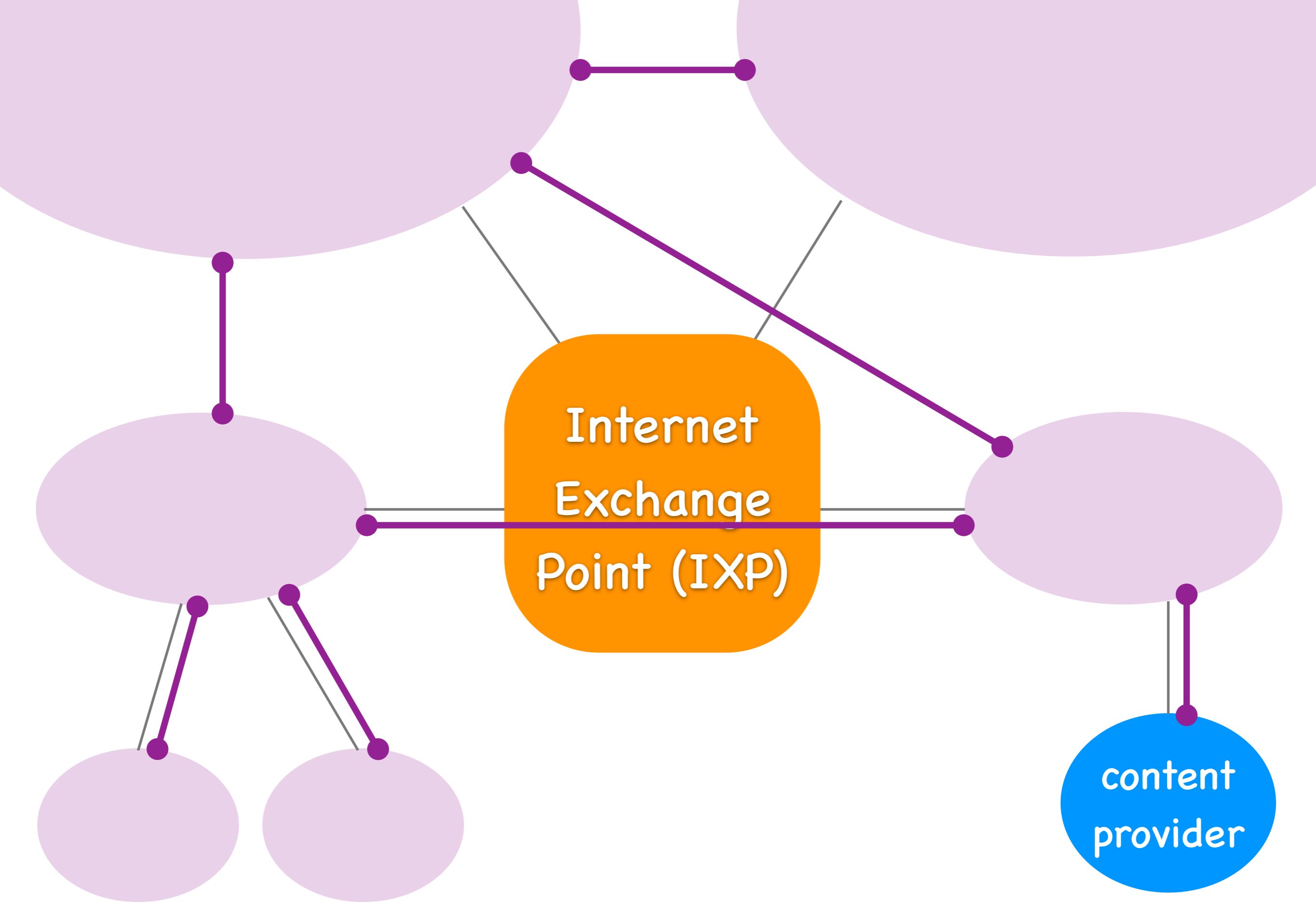


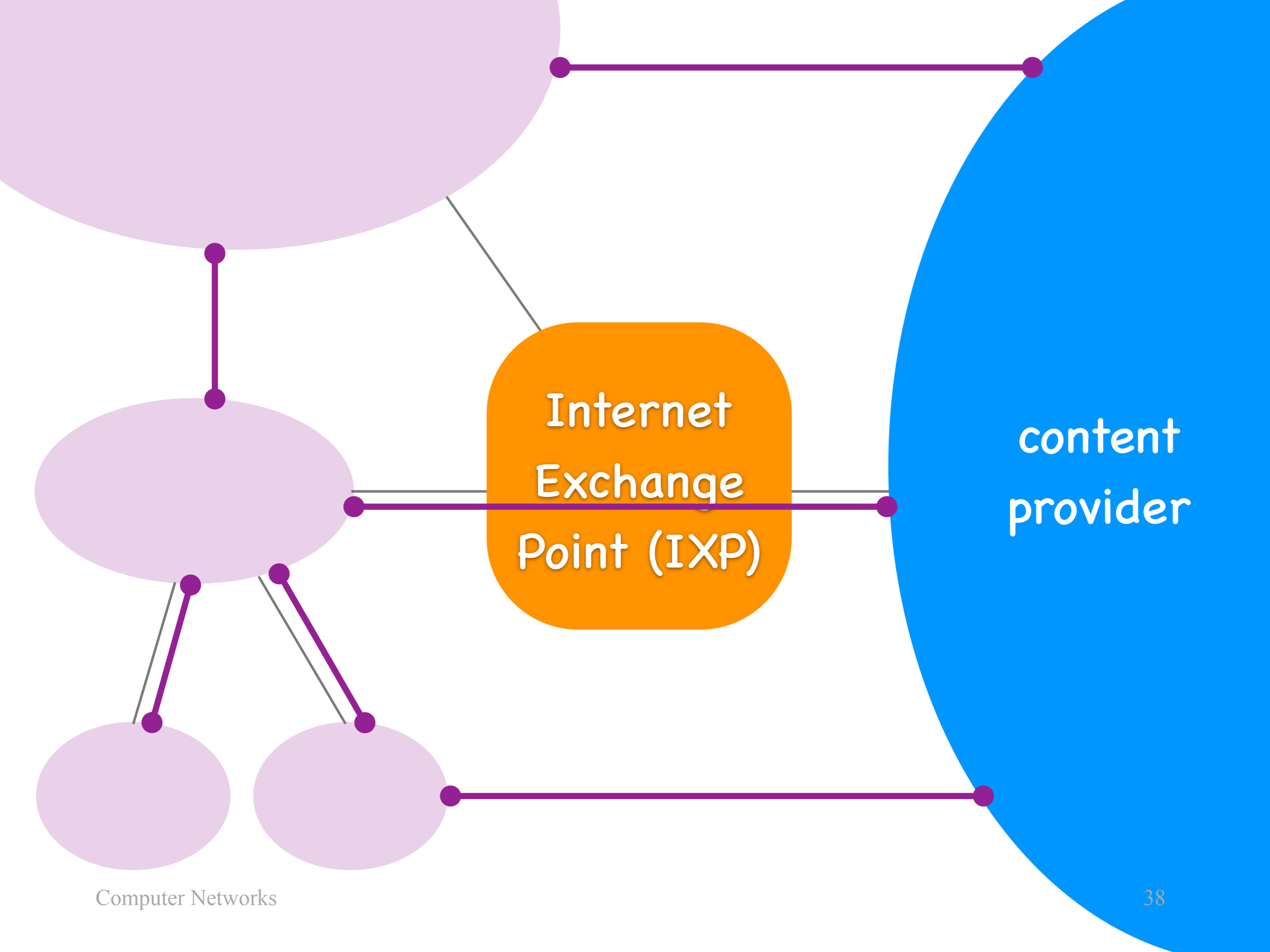


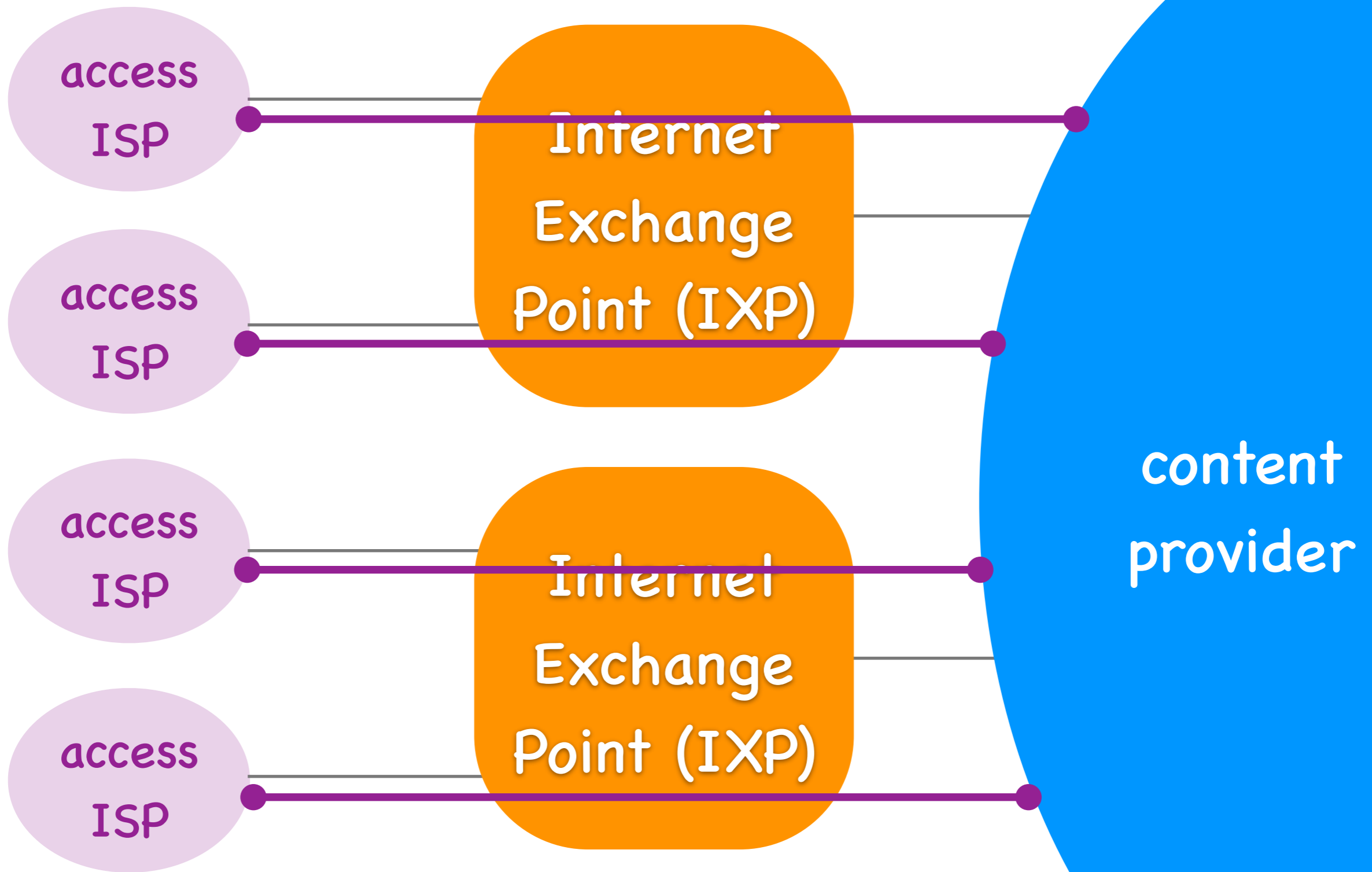
Computer Networks

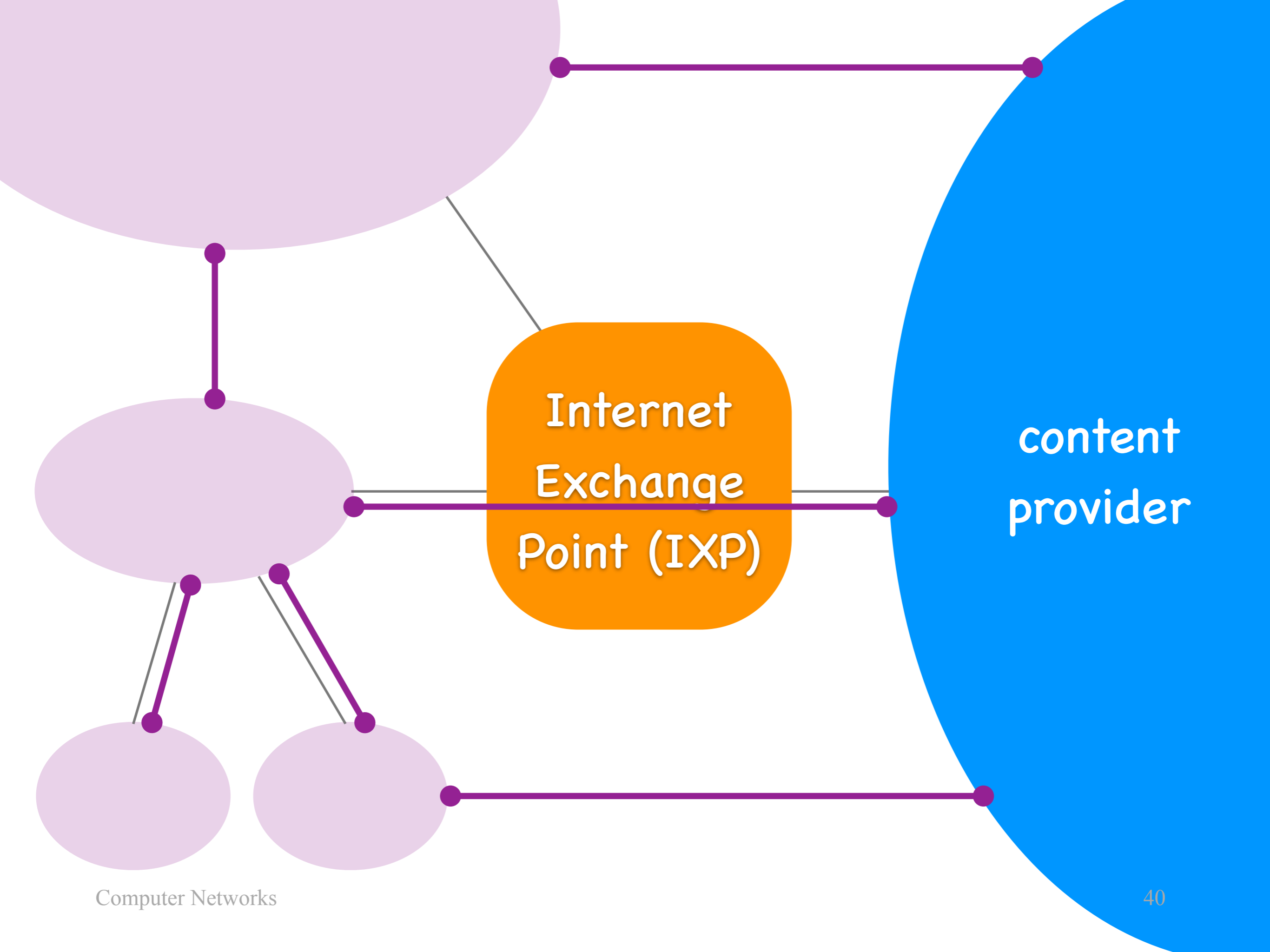
content provider











Internet
Exchange
Point (IXP)

content
provider

What modularity?

What hierarchy?

Questions

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- Who owns what?
- How does it **work**?
- How do we evaluate it?
- How do we share it?

Layers

- Layer = a part of a system with **well-defined interfaces** to other parts
- Two layers interact only **through the interface** between them
- One layer interacts only with layer **above** and layer **below**

Alice

Bob

mailbox

mailbox

local post office

local post office

mail bag

mail bag

central post office

central post office

Alice's program

Bob's program

Alice's OS

Bob's OS

Internet

DSL Cable Ethernet WiFi Cellular Optical

copper fiber wireless

application

web

BitTorrent

email

DNS

transport

TCP

UDP

network

IP

link

DSL

Cable

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transport

moves data between end-systems

network

moves data across the Internet

link

moves data across a link

physical

moves data across a physical medium


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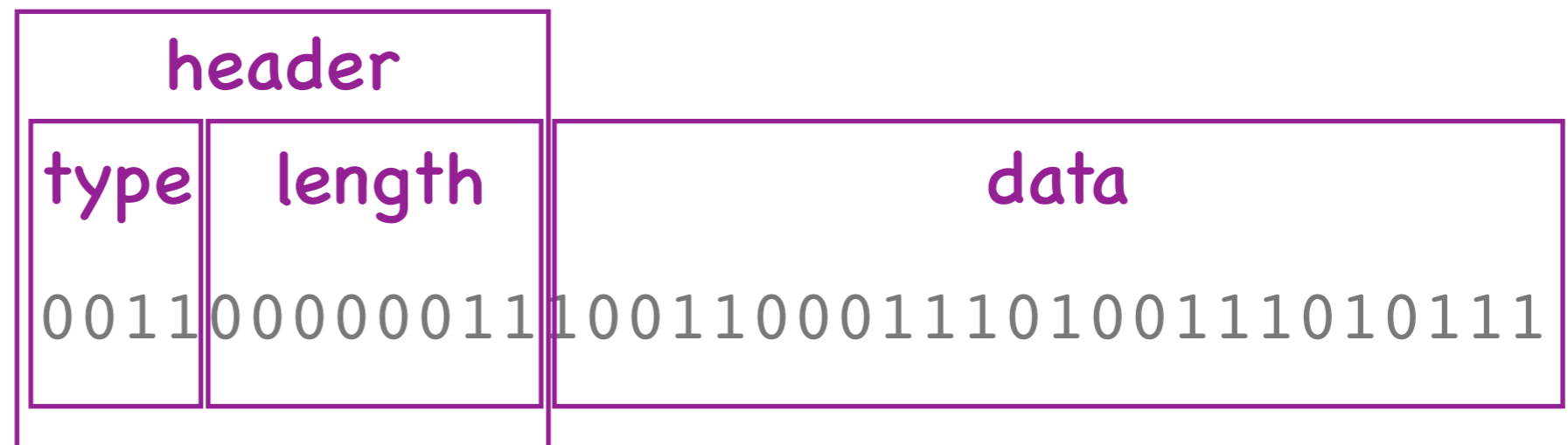
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● Alice



Message format:

agreement on what each bit means

application

header | data

transport

header

header | data

network

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header | data

link

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packet

physical

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header

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header | data

Alice's switch computer

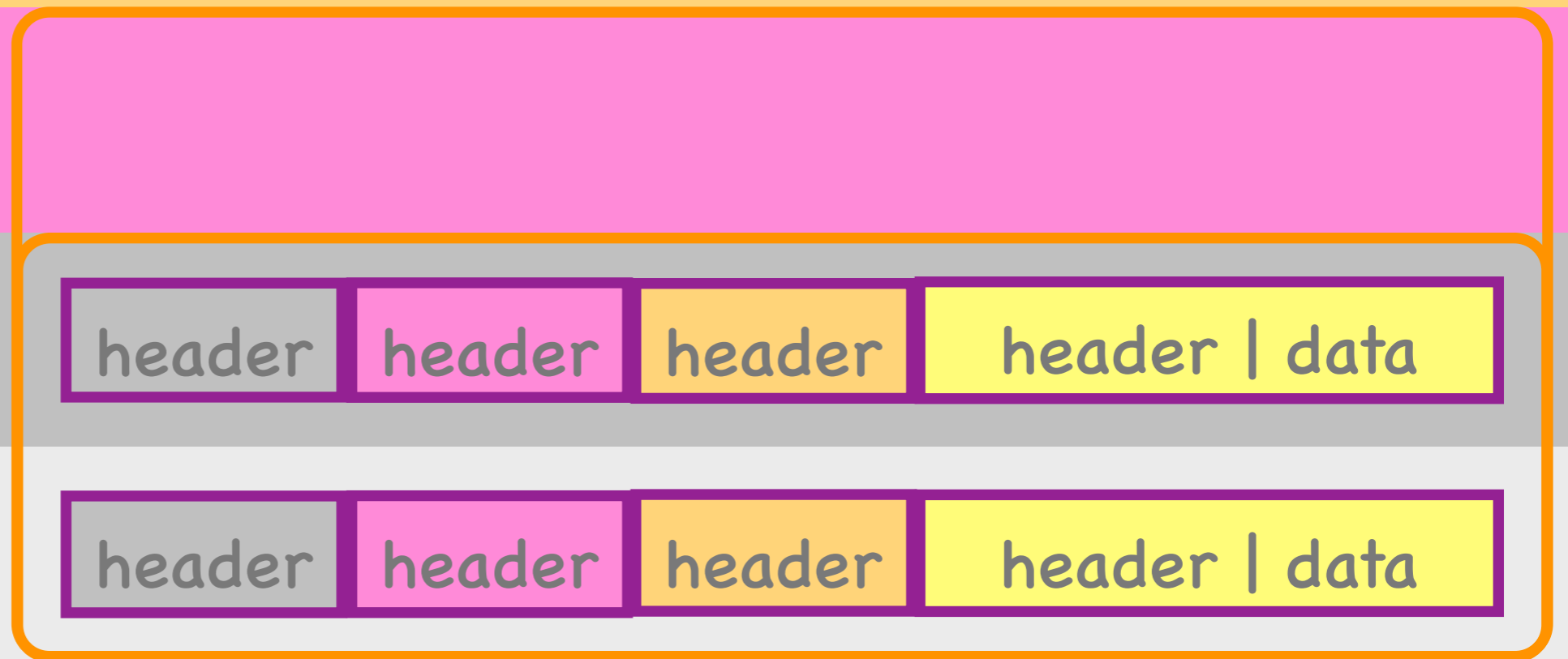
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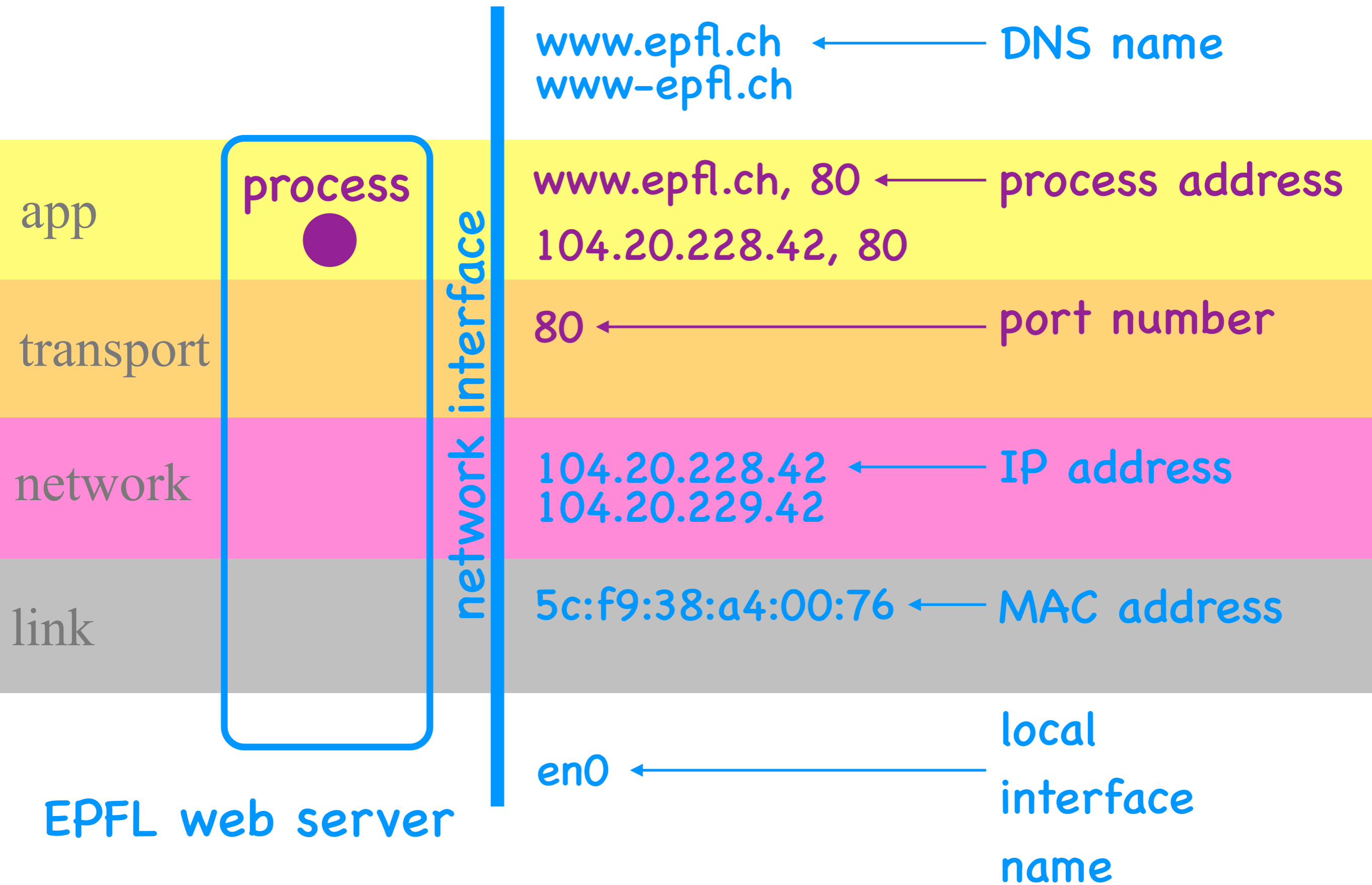
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physical

Bob's computer

Layers

- Each layer touches only the header **of the same layer**
- May add a new header
= **encapsulation**
- May remove the header
= **decapsulation**



Names (Identifiers)

- For network interfaces:
DNS names, IP addresses,
MAC addresses, local names
- For processes:
network-interface name
+ port number

Translate DNS names to IP addresses:

```
> host www.epfl.ch
```

DNS names

```
www.epfl.ch is an alias for  
www.epfl.ch.cdn.cloudflare.net
```

```
www.epfl.ch.cdn.cloudflare.net  
has address 104.20.229.42
```

```
www.epfl.ch.cdn.cloudflare.net  
has address 104.20.228.42
```

IP addresses

Find out the *MAC* and *IP* address of the network interface(s) on your computer:

```
> ifconfig
```

```
en0:
```

```
ether 5c:f9:38:a4:00:76
```

```
inet 128.168.178.27
```

MAC address



IP address



Check whom you are communicating with:

```
> netstat
```

```
Local Address
```

```
goldfish.fritz.b.60242
```

```
goldfish.fritz.b.59740
```

DNS names

port numbers

```
Foreign Address
```

```
ewa.epfl.ch.https
```

```
108.177.119.188.5228
```

IP address

Discover packet switches between your computer and a remote one:

```
> traceroute www.epfl.ch
```

```
1 fritz.box (192.168.178.1) ...  
2 10.136.43.239 (10.136.43.239) ...  
3 as13335.swissix.ch (91.206.52.192) ...
```

DNS names



IP addresses



Look inside network packets:



header source + dst MAC addresses

header source + dst IP addresses

header source + dst port numbers

header | data application stuff

Why layers?

What layers to define?

Course rythme

- Friday: material becomes available
 - slides
 - lab/homework
 - on Moodle
- Friday, 15h15–17h00: lecture
 - INF 213

Course rythme

- **Wednesday, 15h15–17h00: lab/hw session**
 - INF 119
 - on your laptop

Quizzes

- Voluntary, count only if you do well
- 15 min, every other week
- Cover the 2 previous lectures
- Online, in class, on your laptop

Midterm

- Voluntary, counts only if you do well
- 2 hours, in-class, closed-book, open-notes
- Covers all lectures and homework/labs prior to midterm date

Final

- **Mandatory, counts always**
- **2 hours, in-person, closed-book, open-notes**
- **Covers all lectures, and homework/labs**
- **During winter exam session**

Grade

- quiz grade =
average of quizzes (except worst)
- exam grade =
 $\max \{ \text{final}, 0.6\text{final} + 0.4\text{mid} \}$
- overall course grade =
 $\max \{ \text{exam}, 0.9\text{exam} + 0.1\text{quiz} \}$

On Moodle

- Lecture slides & pre-recorded videos
- Lab/homework problems, solutions
- Announcements (News forum)
- Q&A (Discussion forum)
- Course logistics

Communication

- **Discord space**
 - informal, fast, knowledge sharing
- **Moodle discussion forum**
 - for longer interactions, still fast
- **com208-staff@groupe.epfl.ch**
 - for questions you don't want to share

Welcome aboard!