CSC4200/5200 – COMPUTER NETWORKING

RELIABLE DELIVERY – PART 1

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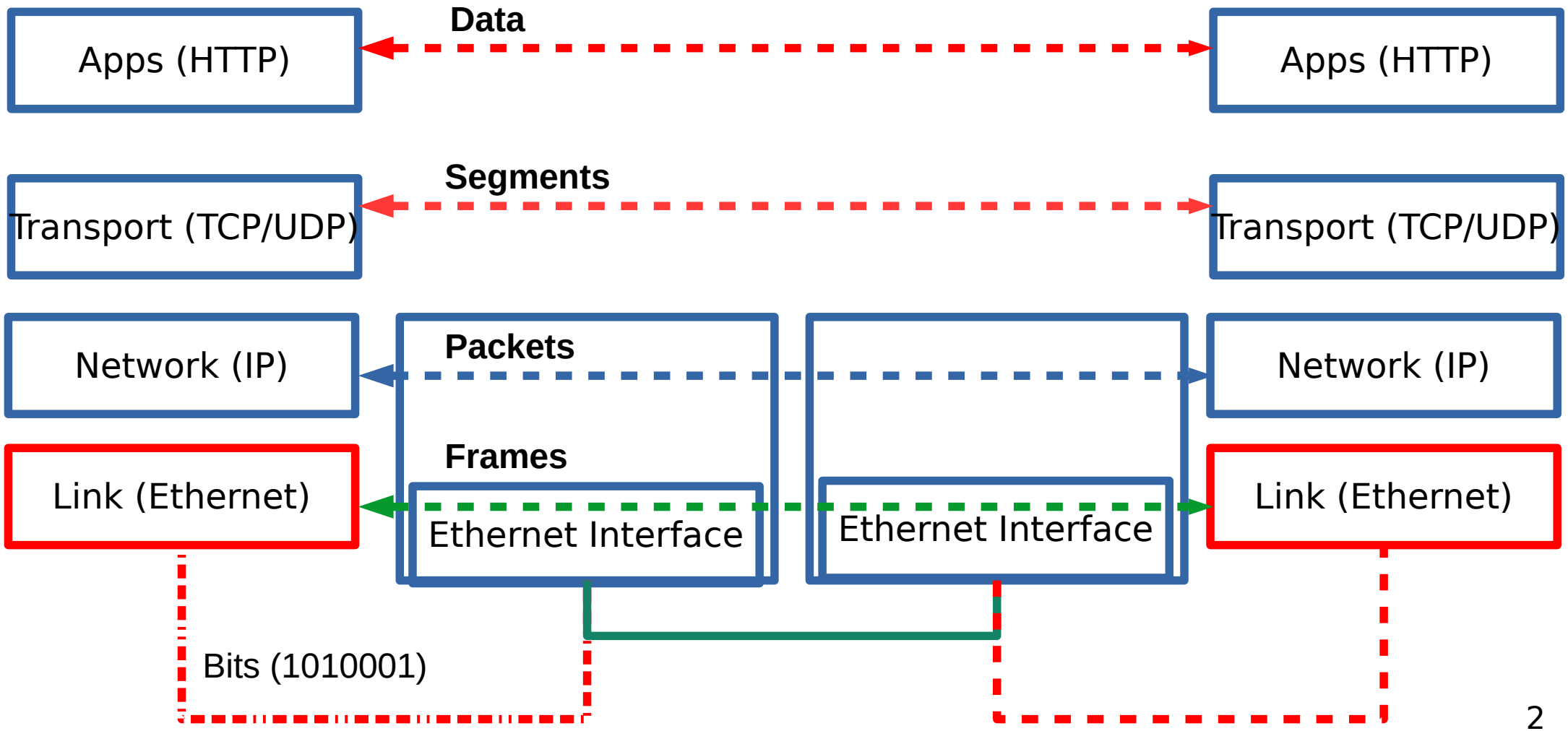
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Packets
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Frames
Ethernet Interface
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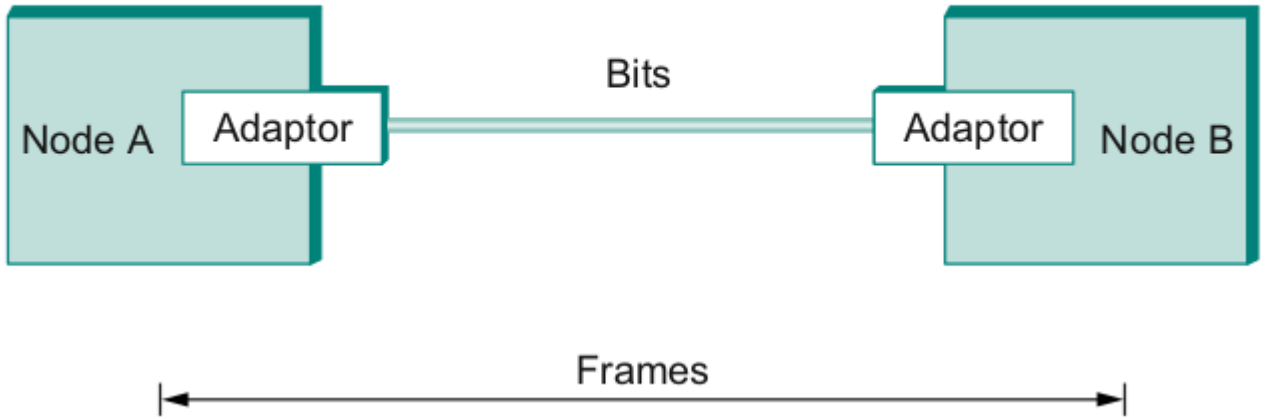
Bits (1010001)

Frames – bag of bits



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Two (2.5) Steps to a Link

- Create a physical medium between nodes **(wire, fiber, air!)**
- Make it carry bits
  - **Encoding** bits so that the other end understands **(encoding)**
  - Create bag of bits to create messages (**framing**)
  - Detect errors in frames (**error detection**)
  - Deal with lost frames **(reliable delivery)**
  - Create shared access to link, e.g, WiFi **(media access)**

Reliable Delivery

- Frames might get lost
  - Too many bits lost
  - Clock did not sync properly
  - Error detected but the report got lost
- Can we build links that does not have errors?
  - Not possible
- How about all those error correction stuff we learned?
  - Can we add them to frames?
  - We could, but think of the overhead
  - What happens when the entire frame is lost?

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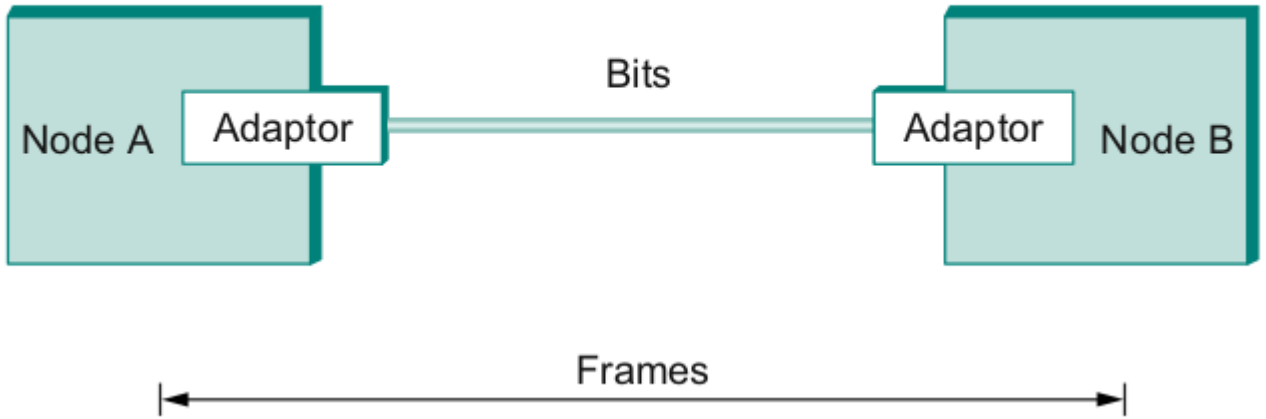

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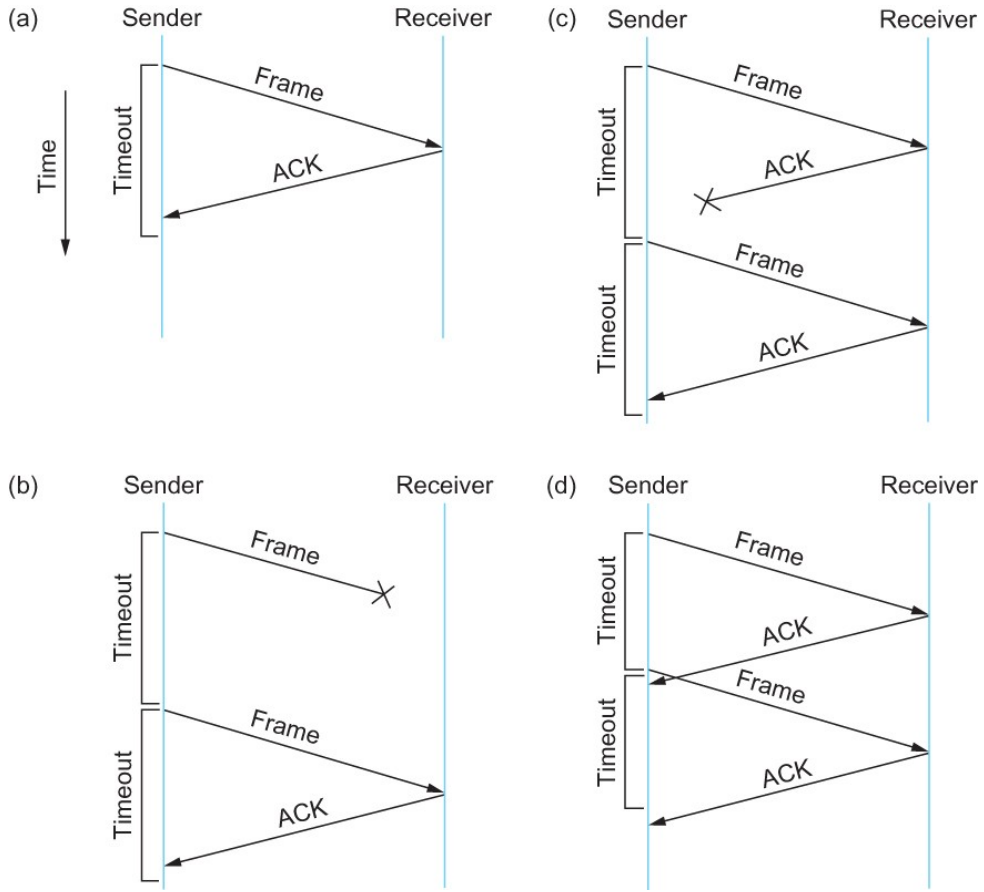
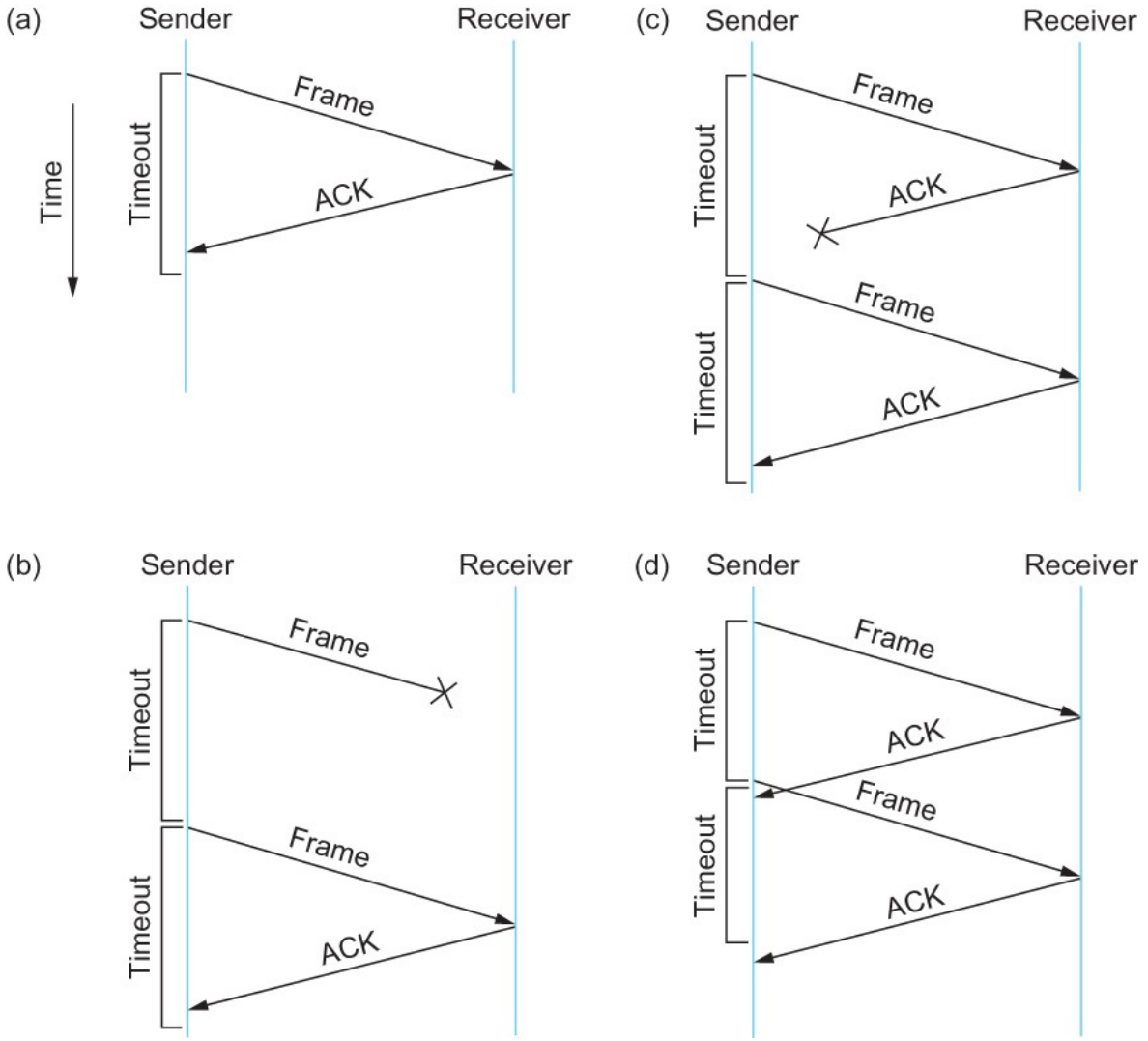


- Sender sends a frame, sets a timeout (e.g., 1 sec)
- Receiver receives the frame, sends an ACK
- Sender
  - sends the next frame on ACK
  - retransmits the same frame if timeout happens
- **Spot the bugs in the protocol**

Stop and Wait – Bugs (C and D)

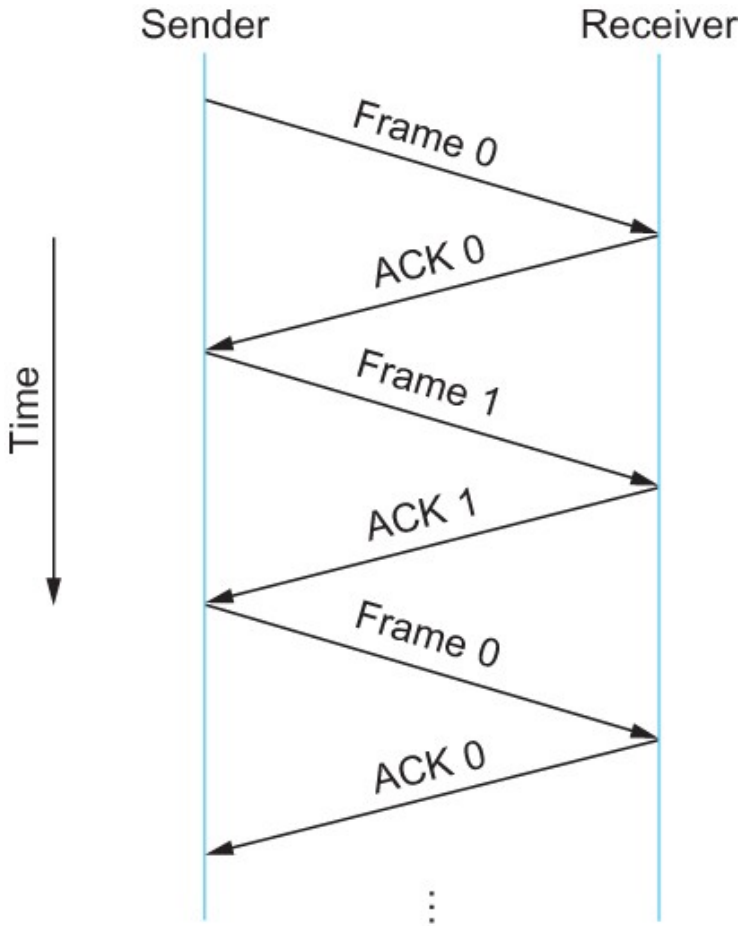


Stop and Wait – How to fix the bug?

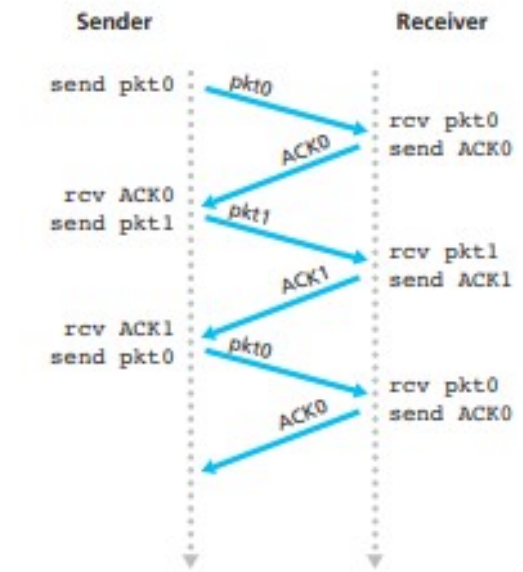
Hint: Uniquely identify each packet

1 bit sequence number - 0 or 1

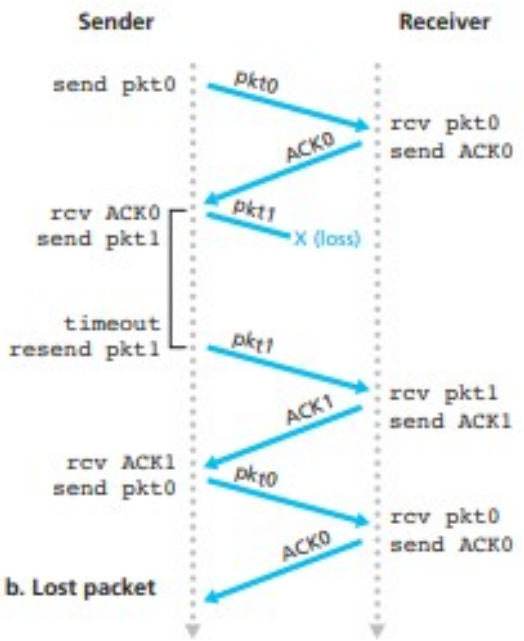
Alternate between 0 and 1



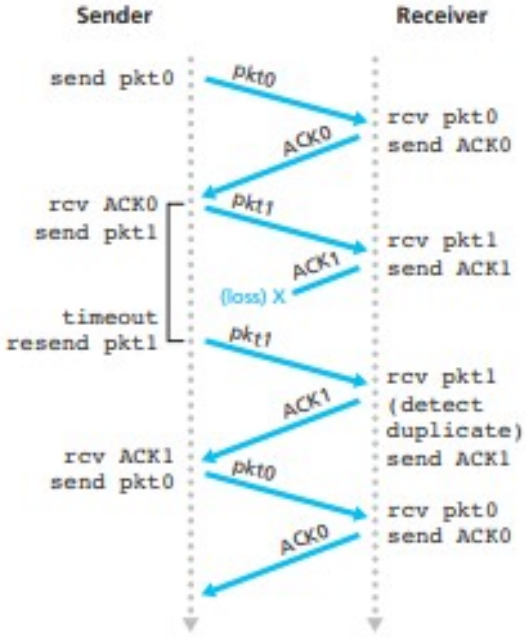
Stop and Wait v2



a. Operation with no loss



b. Lost packet



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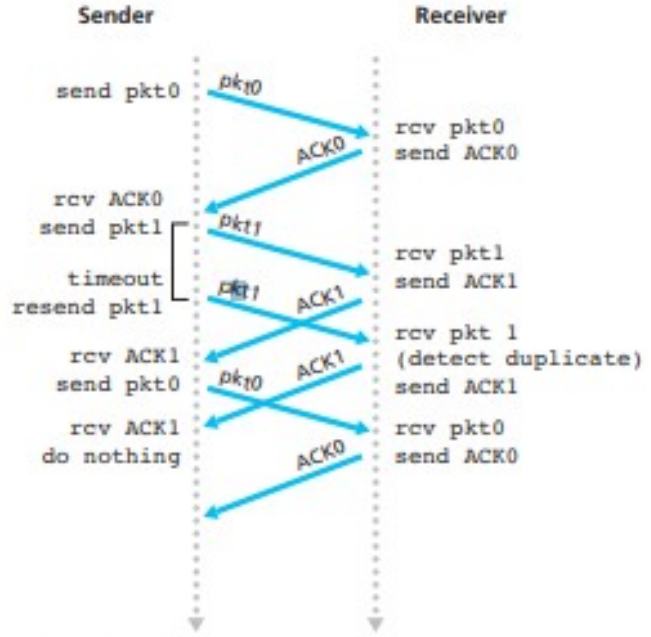
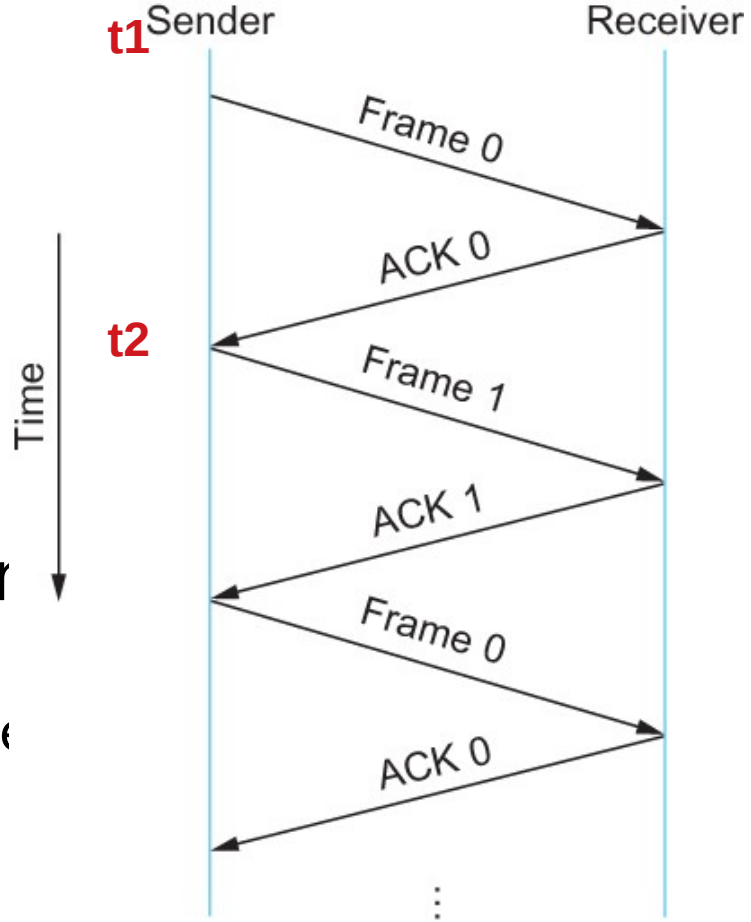


d. Premature timeout

Stop and Wait - V2 Problems

- Sender sets a timeout to wait for an ACK
  - Too small – retransmissions
  - Too large – long wait if frames are lost

- Solution:
  - Keep a running average of Round Trip Tir
    - EstimatedRTT = (1 – α) • EstimatedRTT + α • Sample
    - Timeout = 2*EstimatedRTT
    - Value of α = 0.125
    - Where does α come from? RFC 6928 (for now)



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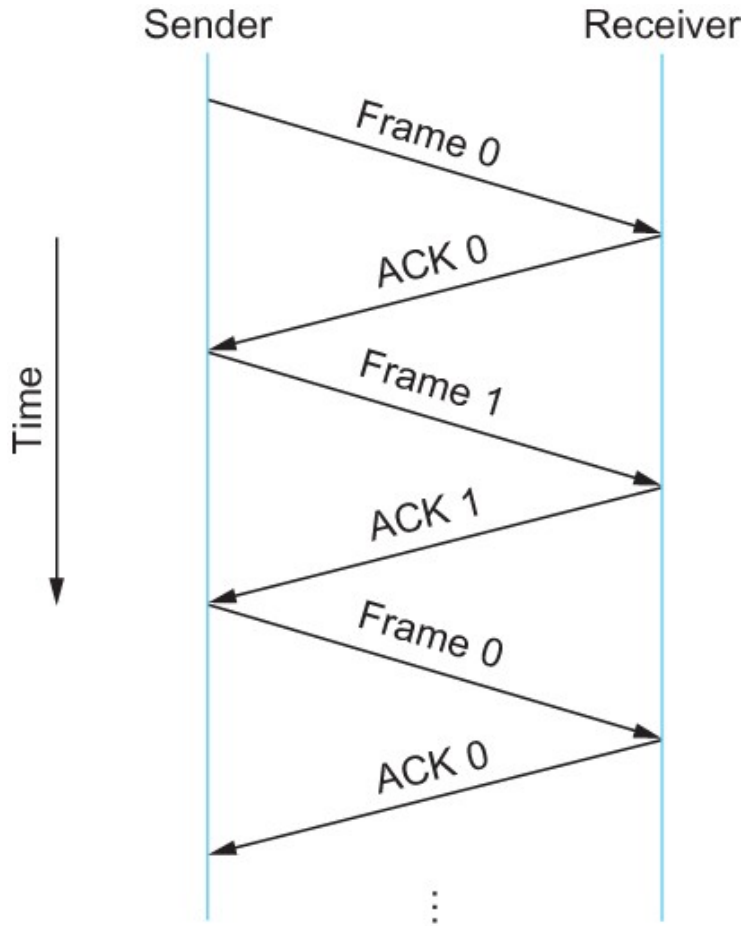
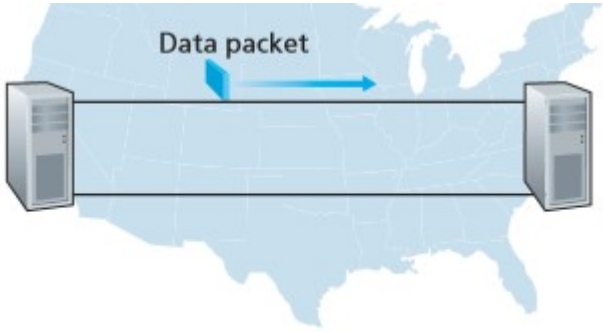


Stop and Wait – How does it perform?

- Bandwidth (R)= 1Gbps
- Packet size (L) = 1000 bytes
- RTT = 30ms
- T_{trans} = L/R = 8000bits/10^9bits/sec = 8microsecond
- T_{prop} = 15ms
- Total Delay = 15.008 ms

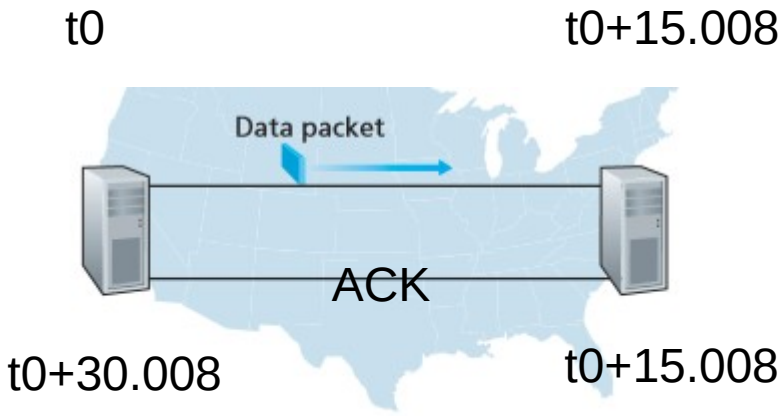


a. A stop-and-wait protocol in operation

Kurose/Ross

Stop and Wait – How does it perform?

- Sender transmits for only 0.008 ms in 30.008ms
- Utilization = 0.008/30.008 = 0.00027
- One bit at a time
- Worse when loss happens!



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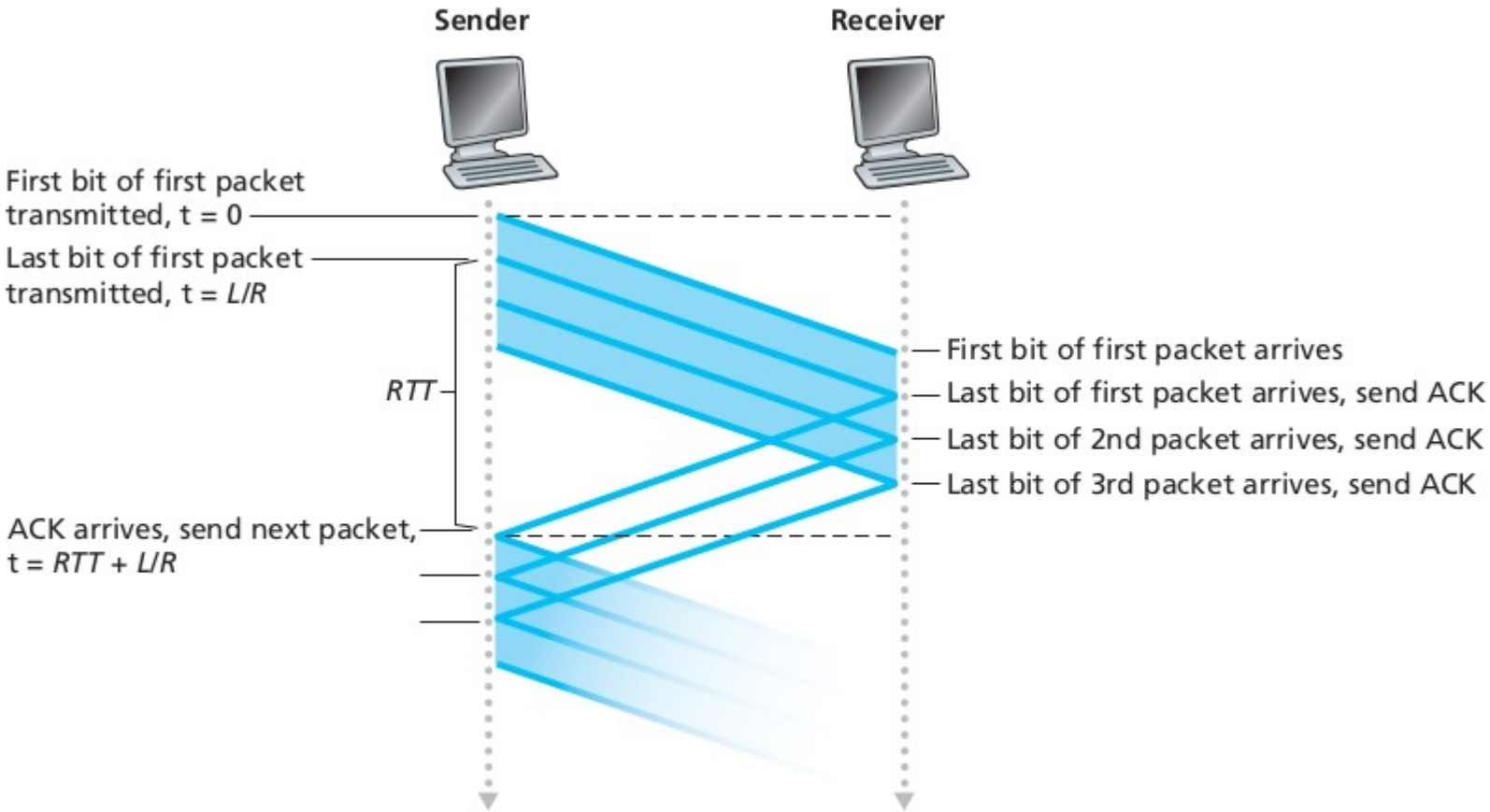

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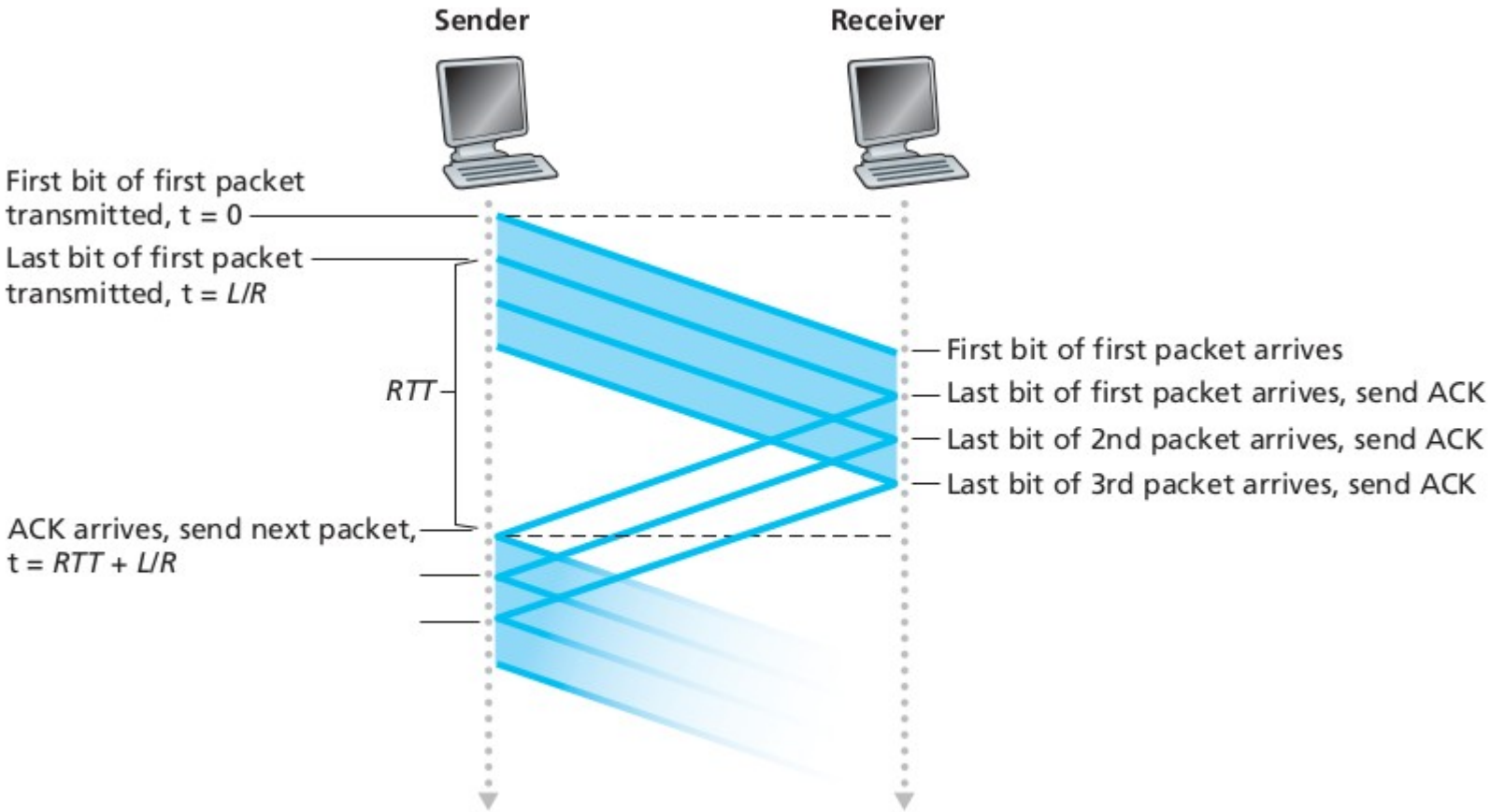

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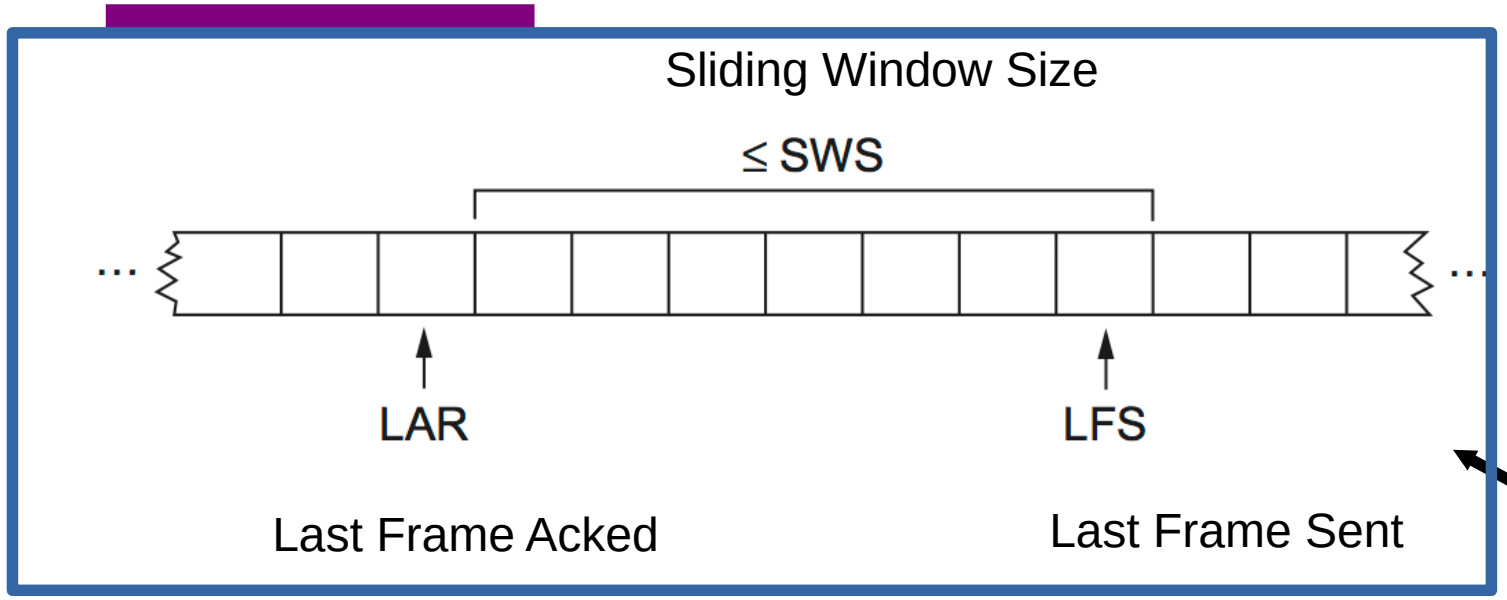


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Outstanding
requests → SWS
LFS - LAR <= SWS
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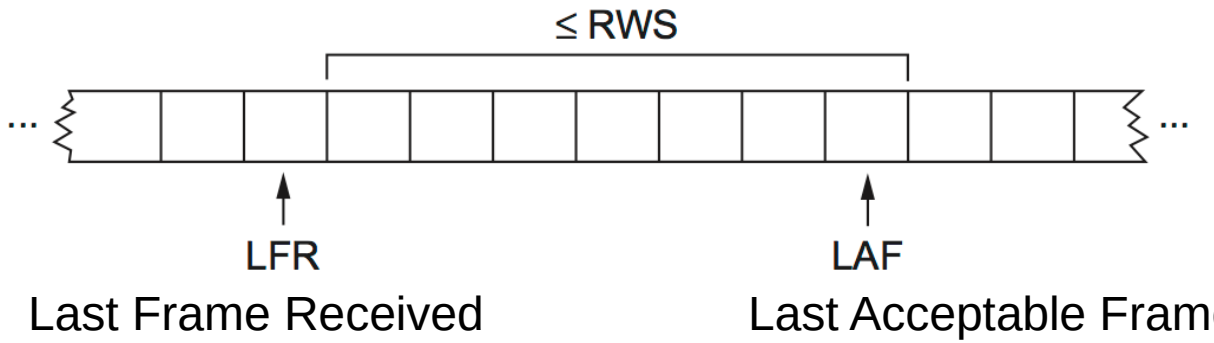
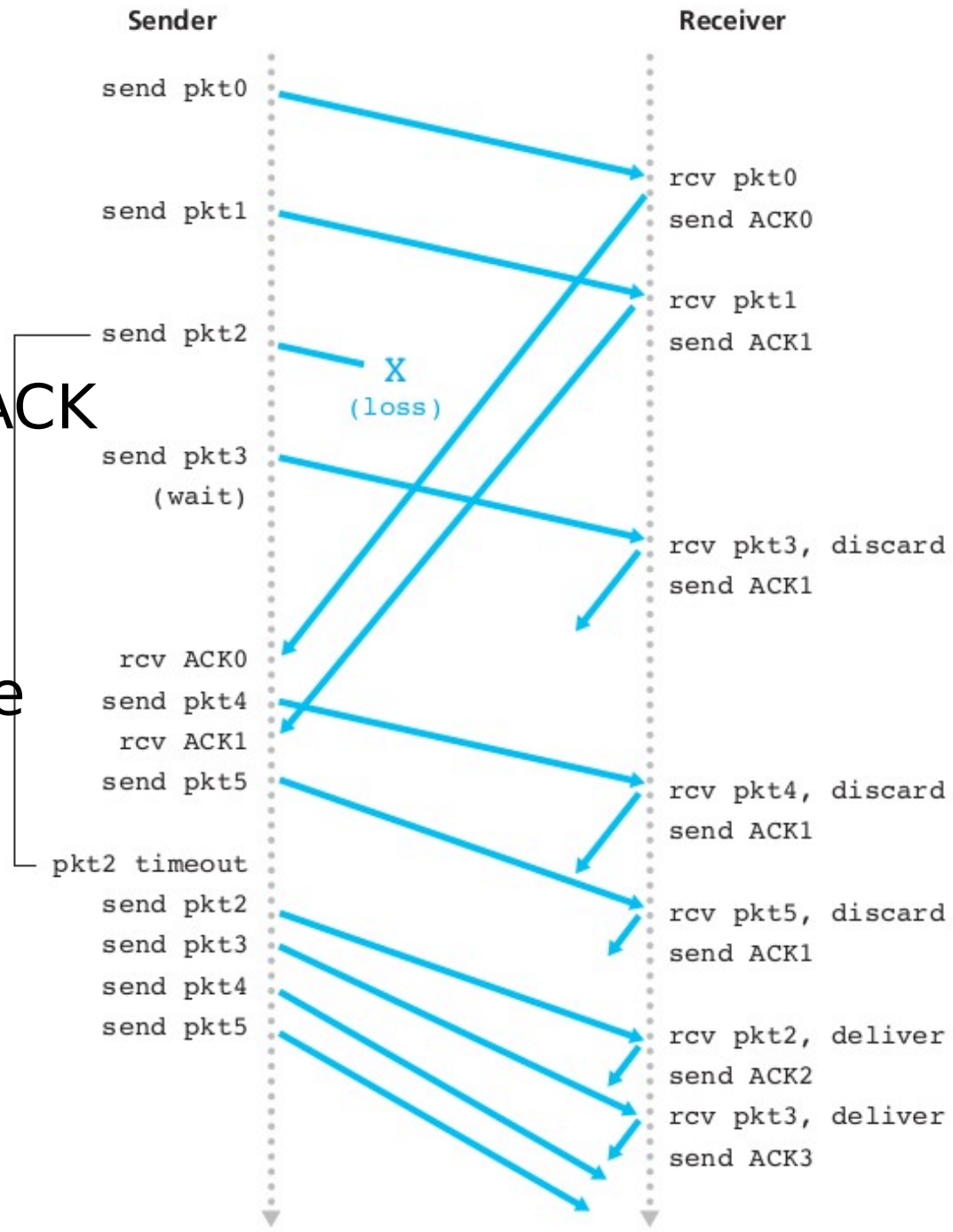


Sliding window - Go-Back-N

- Can transmit N bits before ACK

- See the problem?
- Can not move forward until all previous packets are acknowledged



Sliding Window - Selective Repeat

http://www.exa.unicen.edu.ar/catedras/comdat1/material/Filminas3_Practico3.swf

- Receiver:
  - Individually acks all packets
  - Buffers packets as necessary
  - Buffer packets until lost packets are received

- Sender:
  - Resend packets ***(only)*** for which ACK not received
  - Timer for each unACKed packet
  - Can send only n packets

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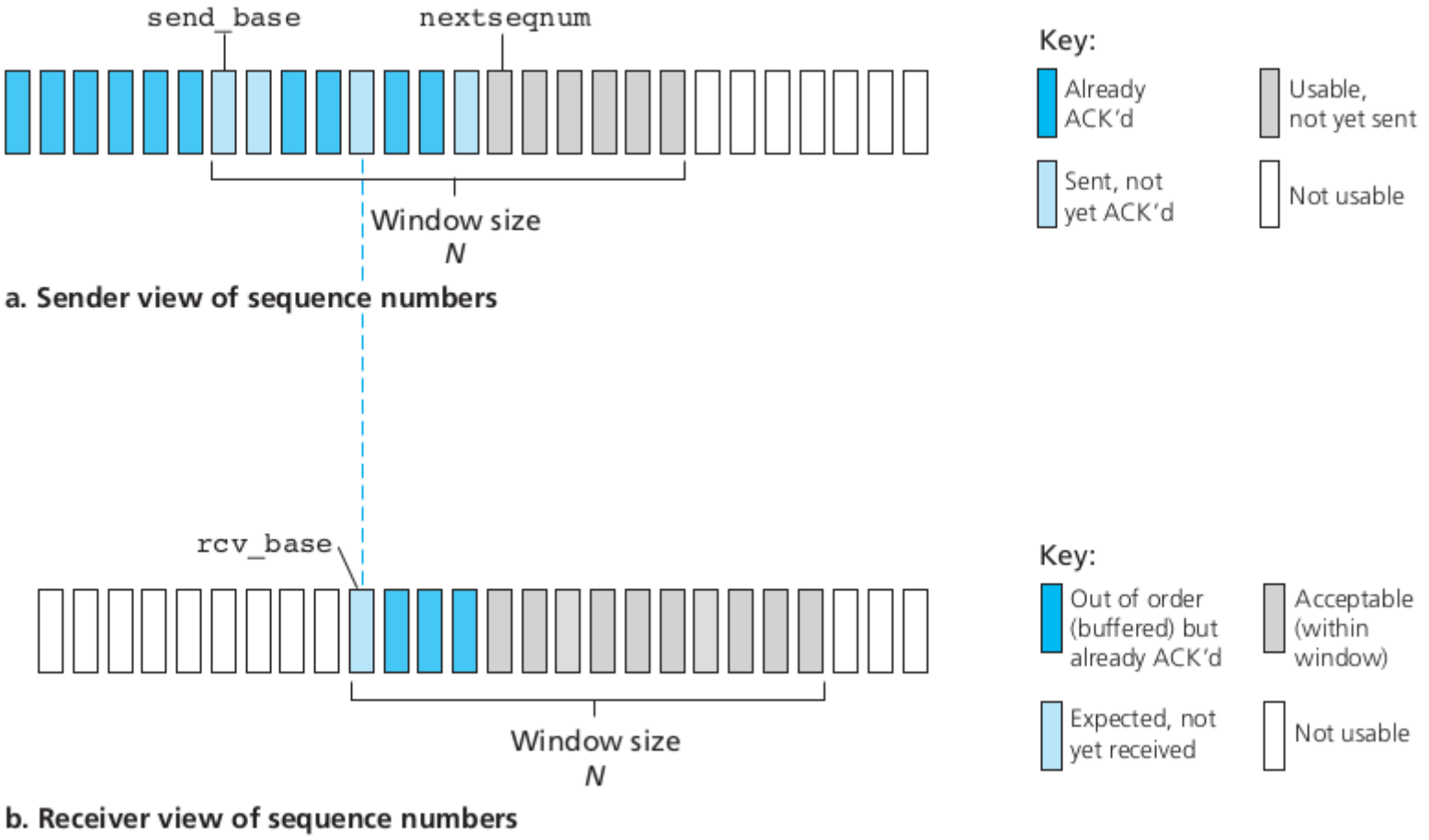

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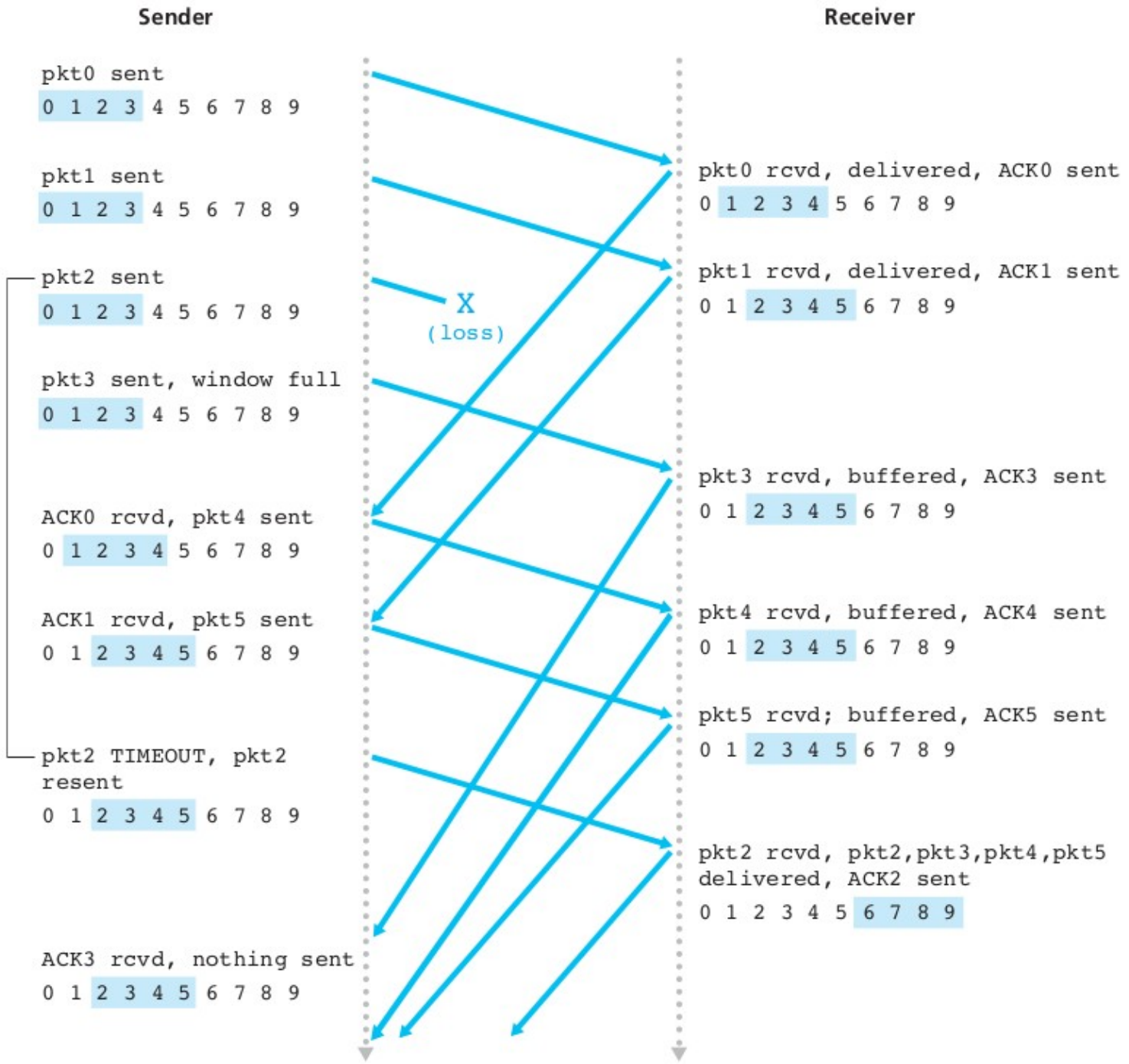

Sliding window – Selective Repeat - LOSS

- **Sender**:
  - Data received, if next to-be-sent-packet's seq # within window, send. Else, buffer or return to application.
  - Timeout: Each packet has its own timer. resend the packet
  - ACK received: Mark received, Advance window to next unacked seq # if ack for send_base

- **Receiver**, packet (n)
  - Sequence between recev_base, recv_base + N - 1, send ack (n)
  - Out of order: buffer
  - In-order or closes gap – deliver to application
  - Packet within <recv_base-N, recv_base -1>, ACK(n)
  - Otherwise: Ignore

Issues with Sliding Window Protocol

- When timeout occurs, the amount of data in transit decreases
  - Since the sender is unable to advance its window
- When the packet loss occurs, this scheme is no longer keeping the pipe full
  - The longer it takes to notice that a packet loss has occurred, the more severe the problem becomes
- How to improve this
  - Negative Acknowledgement (NAK)
  - Additional Acknowledgement
  - Selective Acknowledgement (SAK)

Next Steps

- Reading Material:
  - https://book.systemsapproach.org/direct/reliable.html#reliable-transmission

    You may skip the coding part
    - **About 20 minutes**

  - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Go-Back-N_ARQ
    - 5 minutes