

# **ATM Networks: An Overview**

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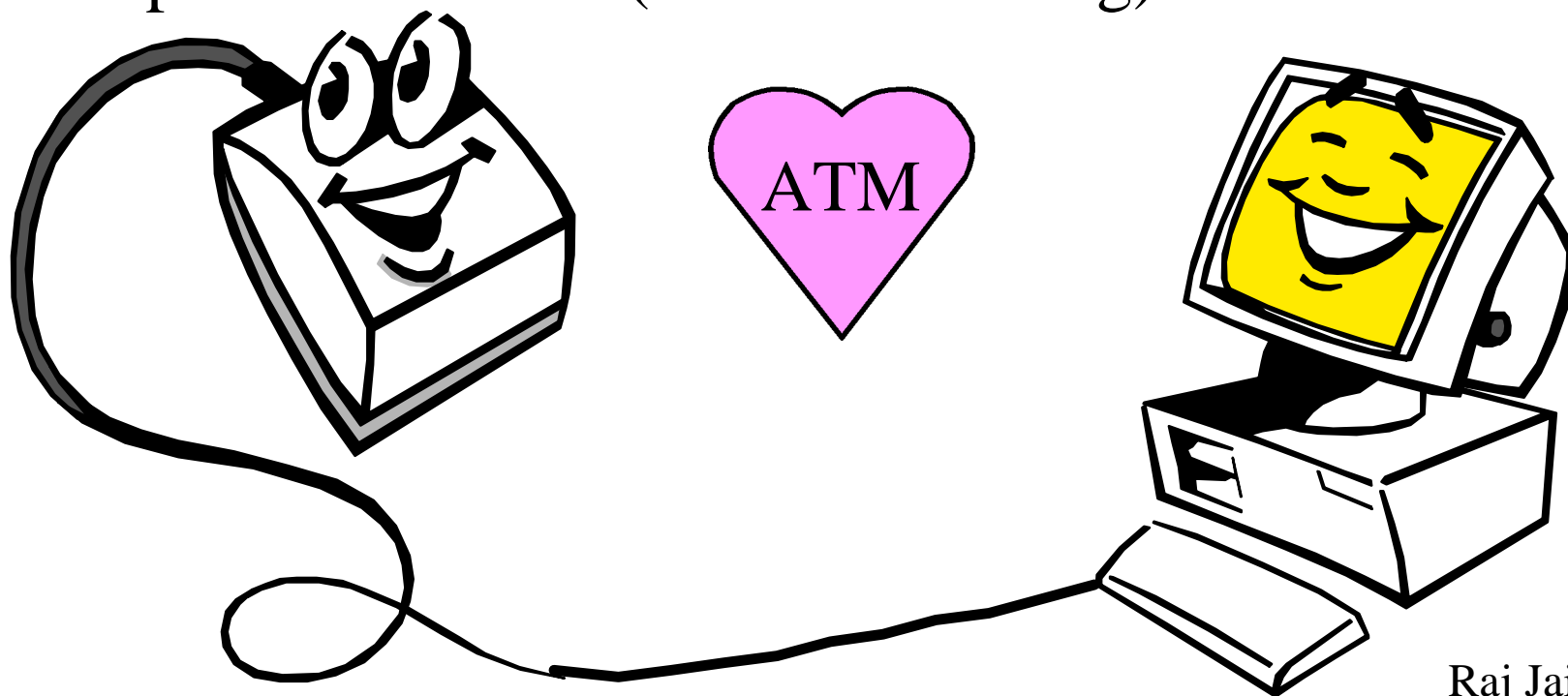
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- ❑ ATM vs Phone Networks and Data Networks
- ❑ ATM Protocol Layers
- ❑ Cell Header Format, AALs
- ❑ Physical Media
- ❑ Traffic Management: ABR, UBR, GFR

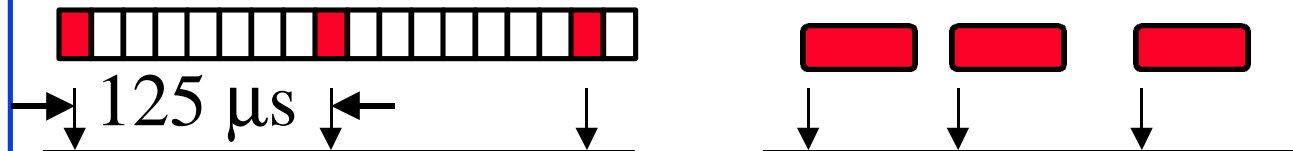
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- ❑ ATM Net = Data Net + Phone Net
- ❑ Combination of Internet method of communication (packet switching) and phone companies' method (circuit switching)



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# ATM vs Phone Networks



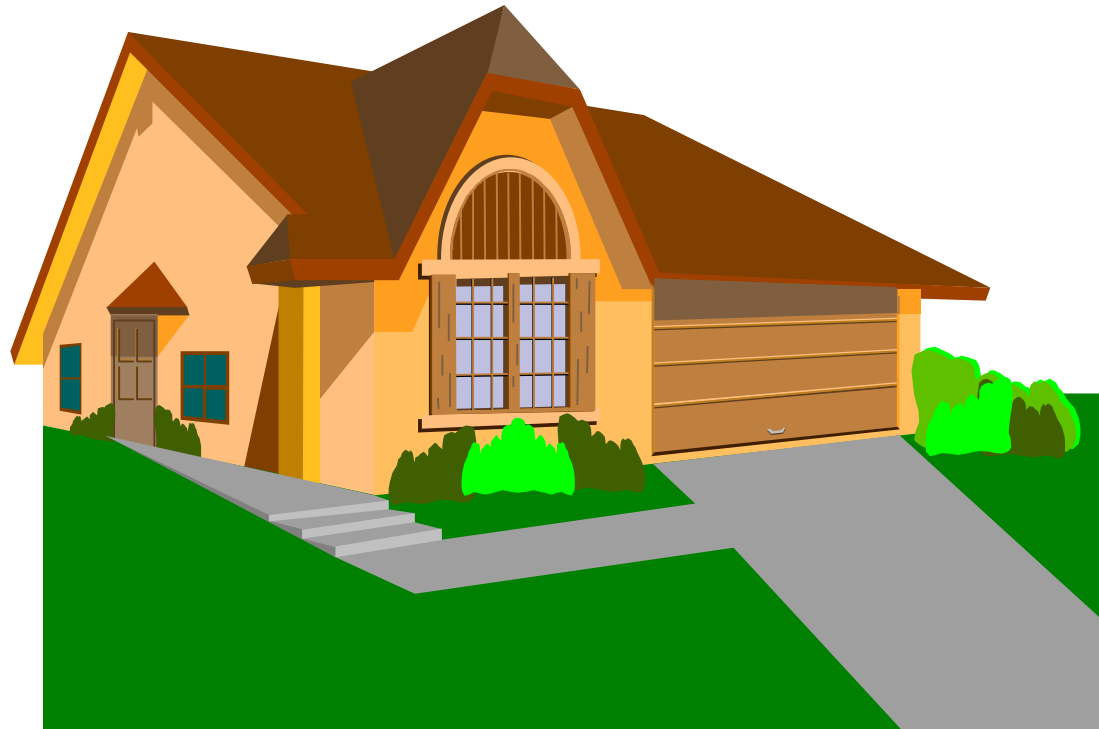
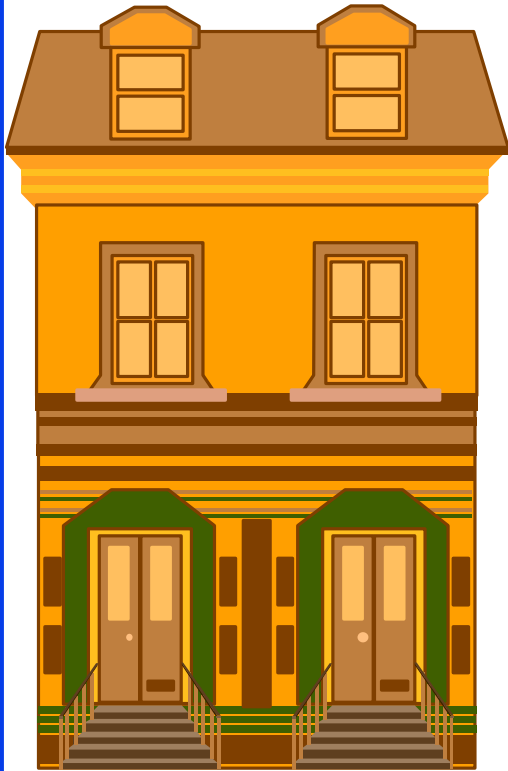
- ❑ Current phone networks are synchronous (periodic).  
ATM = Asynchronous Transfer Mode
- ❑ Phone networks use circuit switching.  
ATM networks use “Packet” Switching
- ❑ In phone networks, all rates are multiple of 8 kbps.  
With ATM service, you can get any rate.  
You can vary your rate with time.
- ❑ With current phone networks, all high speed circuits are manually setup. ATM allows dialing any speed.

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# ATM vs Data Networks

- ❑ Signaling: Internet Protocol (IP) is connectionless. You cannot reserve bandwidth in advance. ATM is connection-oriented. You declare your needs before using the network.
- ❑ PNNI: Path based on quality of service (QoS)
- ❑ Switching: In IP, each packet is addressed and processed individually.
- ❑ Traffic Management: Loss based in IP. ATM has 1996 traffic management technology. Required for high-speed and variable demands.
- ❑ Cells: Fixed size or small size is not important

# Old House vs New House



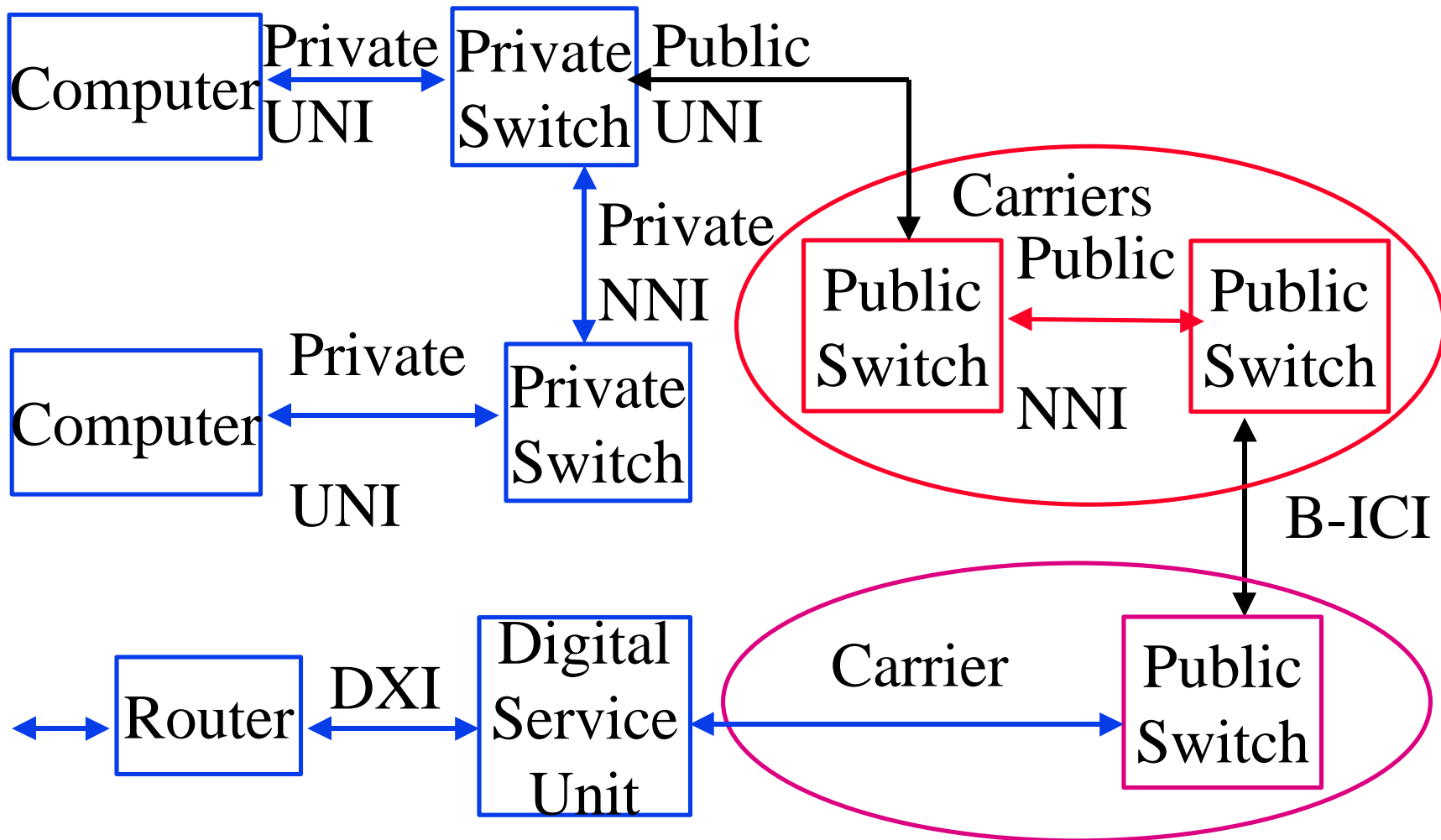
## New needs:

Solution 1: Fix the old house (cheaper initially)

Solution 2: Buy a new house (pays off over a long run)

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# ATM Interfaces



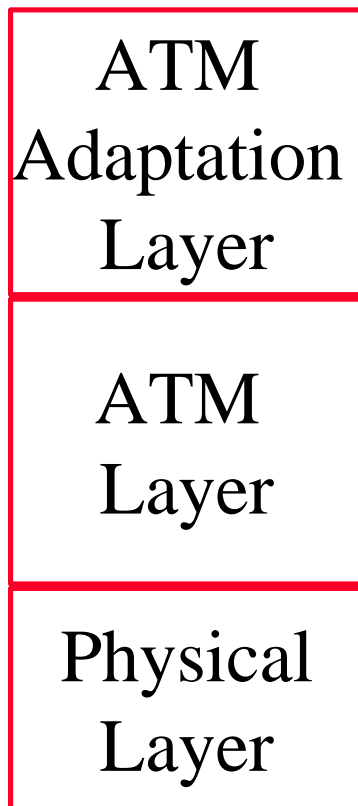
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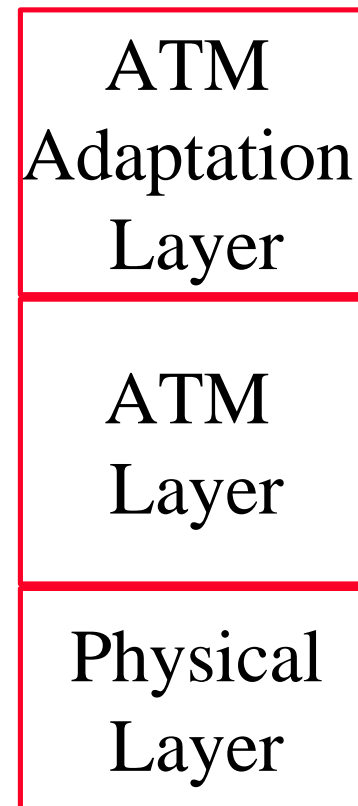
- ❑ User to Network Interface (UNI):  
Public UNI, Private UNI
- ❑ Network to Node Interface (NNI):
  - Private NNI (P-NNI)
  - Public NNI = Inter-Switching System Interface (ISSI)  
Intra-LATA ISSI (Regional Bell Operating Co)
  - Inter-LATA ISSI (Inter-exchange Carriers)  
⇒ Broadband Inter-Carrier Interface (B-ICI)
- ❑ Data Exchange Interface (DXI)  
Between routers and ATM Digital Service Units (DSU)

# Protocol Layers

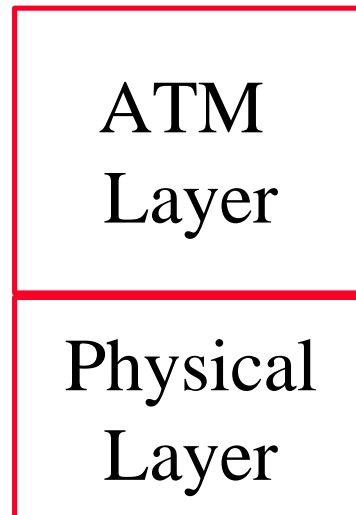
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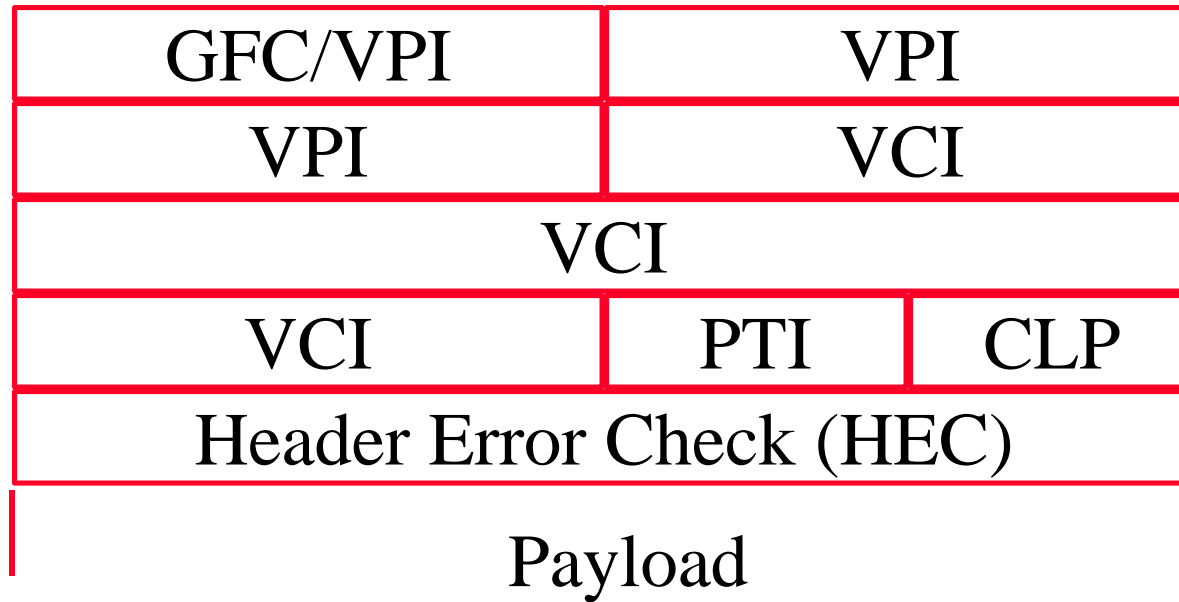
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# Protocol Layers

- ❑ The ATM Adaptation Layer
  - How to break messages to cells
- ❑ The ATM Layer
  - Transmission/Switching/Reception
  - Congestion Control/Buffer management
  - Cell header generation/removal at source/destination
  - Cell address translation
  - Sequential delivery

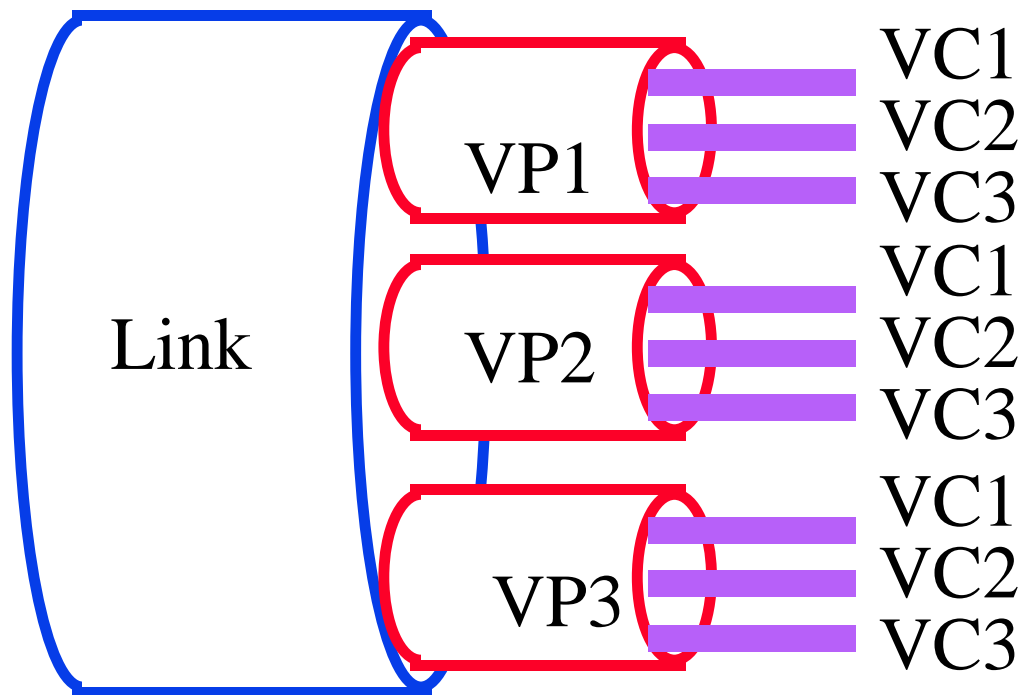
# Cell Header Format

- GFC = Generic Flow Control
  - (Was used in UNI but not in NNI)
- VPI/VCI = 0/0  $\Rightarrow$  Idle cell; 0/n  $\Rightarrow$  Signaling
- HEC:  $1 + x + x^2 + x^8$

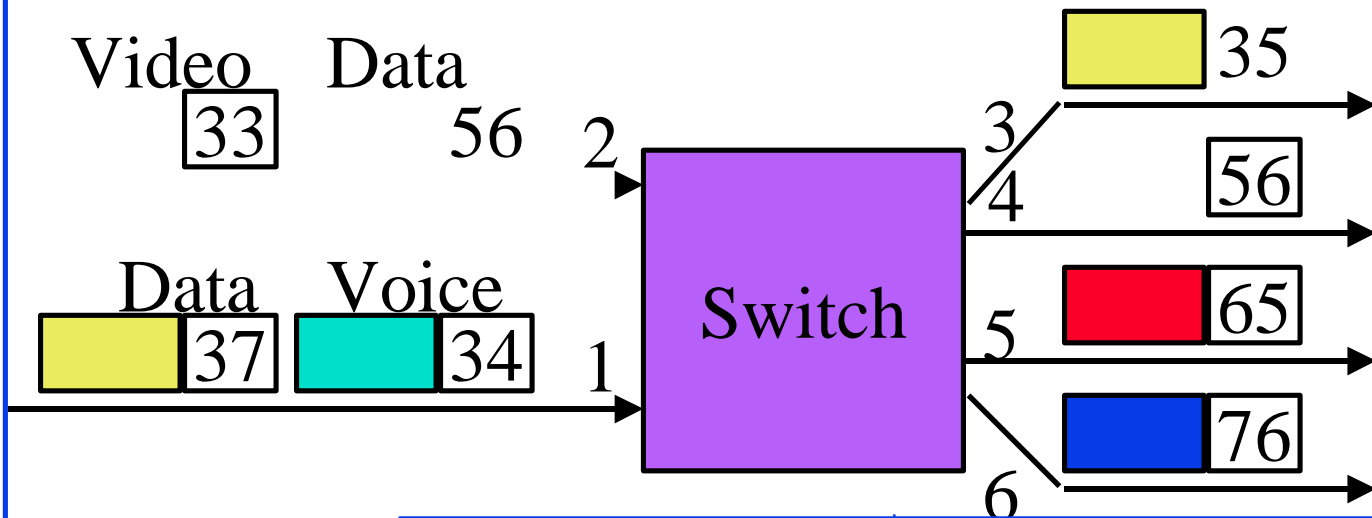


# Path vs Channels

- 24/28-bit connection identifier  
First 8/12 bits: Virtual Path,  
Last 16 bits: Virtual Circuit
- VP service allows new VC's w/o orders to carriers



# VP/VC Assignment/Use



In		Out	
Port	VPI/VCI	Port	VPI/VCI
1	1/37	3	1/35
1	3/34	4	2/56
2	5/33	5	4/65
2	2/56	6	4/76

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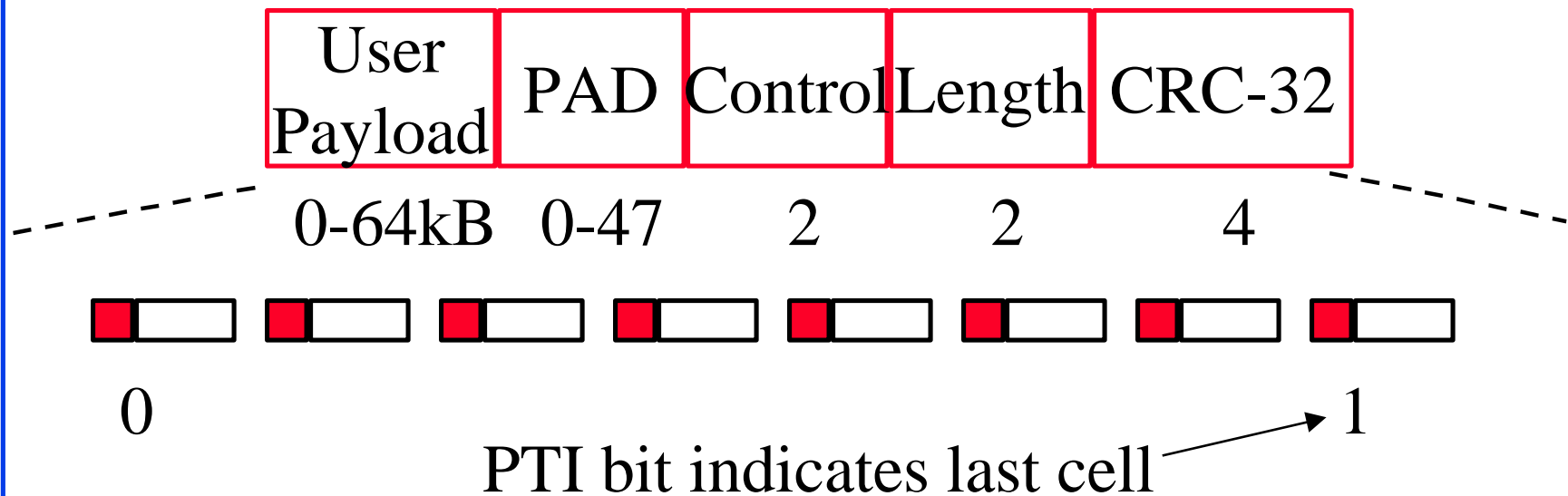


# Original Classes of Traffic

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
Time Sync	Yes	Yes	No	No
Bit Rate	Constant	Variable	Variable	Variable
Connection -Oriented	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Examples	Circuit Emulation	Comp. Video	Frame Relay	SMDS
AAL	AAL1	AAL2	AAL3	AAL4

# AAL 5

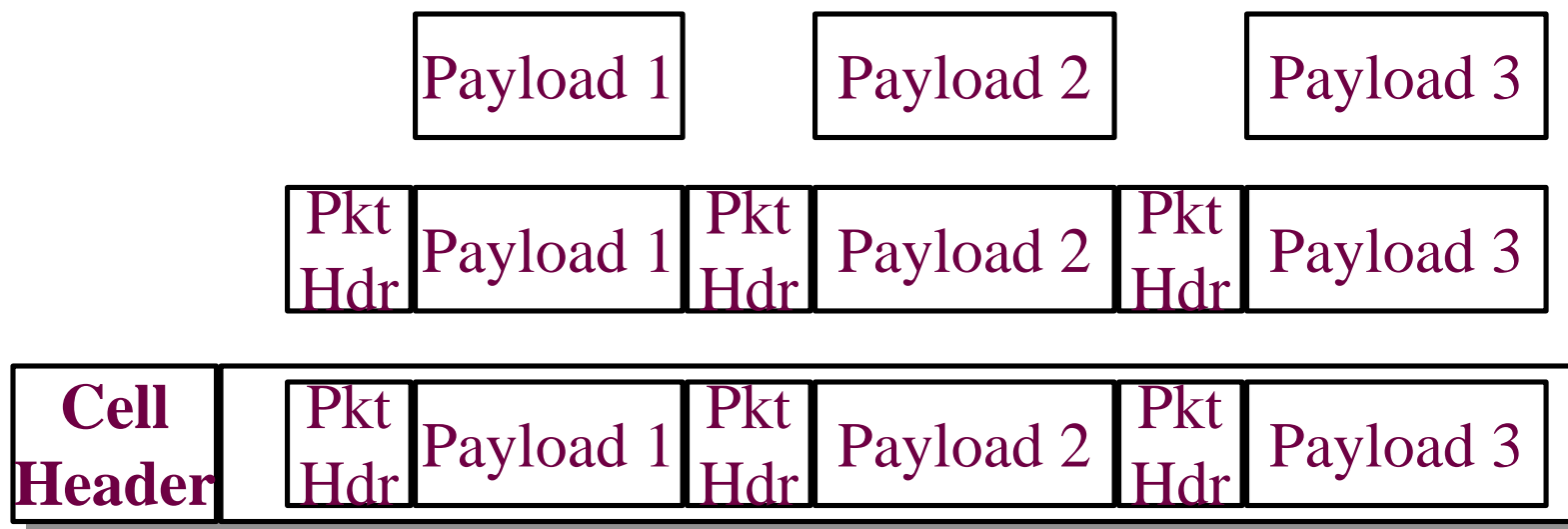
- ❑ Designed for data traffic
- ❑ Less overhead bits than AAL 3/4  
⇒ Simple and Efficient AAL (SEAL)
- ❑ No per cell length field, No per cell CRC



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# AAL2

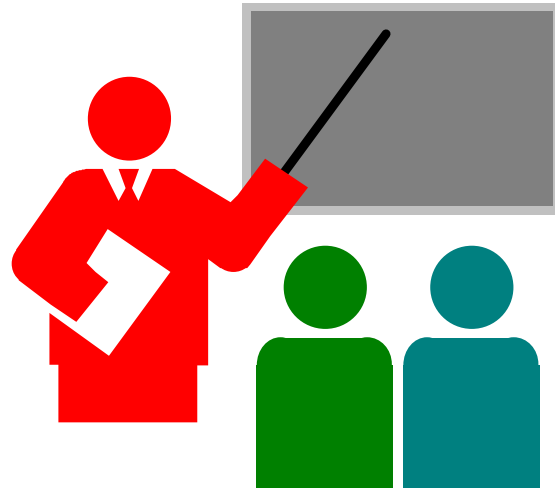
- ❑ Ideal for low bit rate voice
- ❑ Variable/constant rate voice
- ❑ Multiple users per VC
- ❑ Compression and Silence suppression
- ❑ Idle channel suppression



# Physical Media

- ❑ Multimode Fiber: 100 Mbps using 4b/5b, 155 Mbps SONET STS-3c, 155 Mbps 8b/10b
- ❑ Single-mode Fiber: 155 Mbps STS-3c, 622 Mbps
- ❑ Plastic Optical Fiber: 155 Mbps
- ❑ Shielded Twisted Pair (STP): 155 Mbps 8b/10b
- ❑ Coax: 45 Mbps, DS3, 155 Mbps
- ❑ Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP)
  - UTP-3 (phone wire) at 25.6, 51.84, 155 Mbps
  - UTP-5 (Data grade UTP) at 155 Mbps
- ❑ DS1, DS3, STS-3c, STM-1, E1, E3, J2,  $n \times T1$

# Summary



- ❑ ATM Overview: History, Why and What
- ❑ Protocol Layers: AAL, ATM, Physical layers, Cell format
- ❑ Interfaces: PNNI, NNI, B-ICI, DXI
- ❑ ABR, CBR, VBR, UBR, GFR

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