

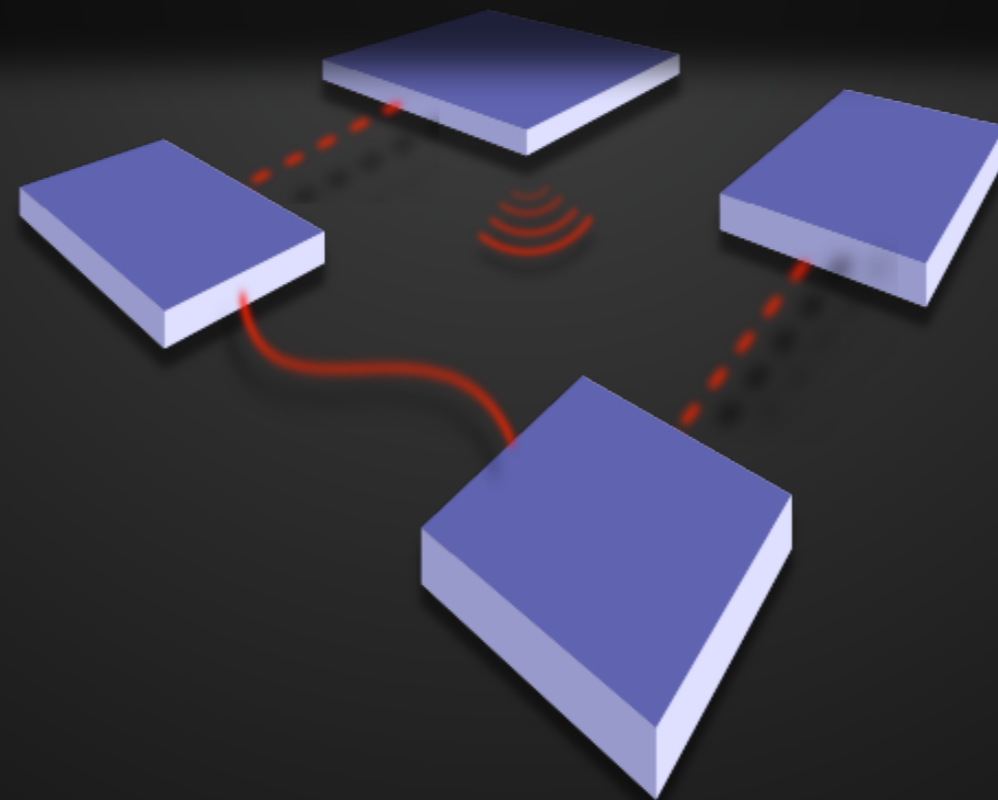
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Lecture #16 preview

- STP/RSTP
- storm control
- link aggregation
- SNMP
- discovery protocols

(R)STP

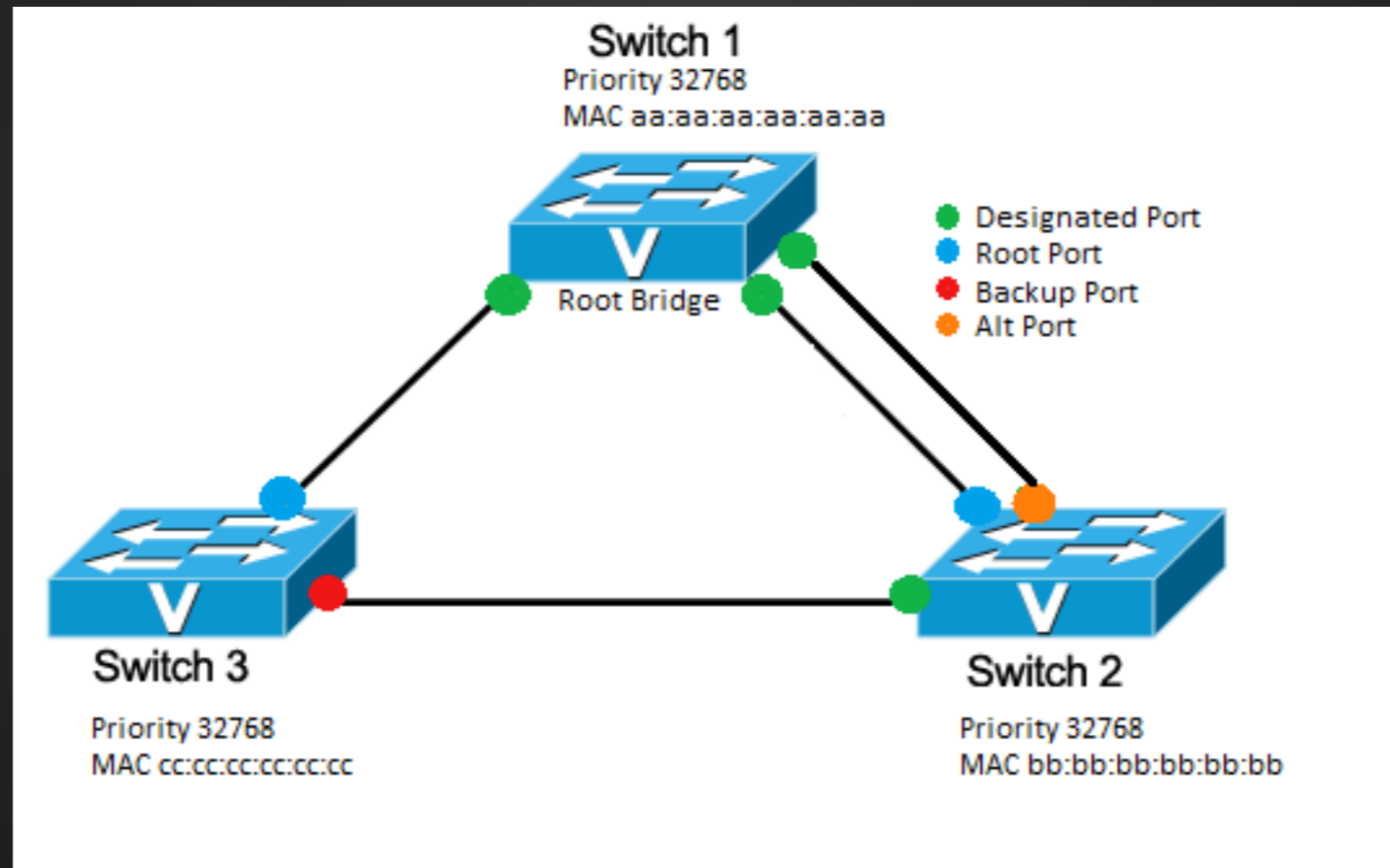
(Rapid) Spanning Tree Protocol

- layer 2 in ethernet
- used for ensuring loop-free logical topology
 - prevents broadcast storms & provides redundancy in case physical loops do exist
- STP = IEEE 802.1D
- RSTP = IEEE 802.1w
- MSTP (for VLANs)= IEEE 802.1s
- All included in IEEE 802.1Q-2014
- For signalling BPDUs (Bridge Protocol Data Units) are used

(R)STP

- Roles: Root Bridge
- The STP root bridge calculates the cost of each path based on bandwidth and selects the path with the lowest cost, as the preferred link
- Cost: STP 1Gbps/rate, RSTP 20Tbps/rate
- STP port states: blocking, listening, learning, forwarding and disabled
 - forward delay - several 10s seconds
- RSTP port roles: root, designated, alternate, backup, and disabled
- RSTP port states: discarding, learning, and forwarding
 - forward delay - few seconds

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Storm Control

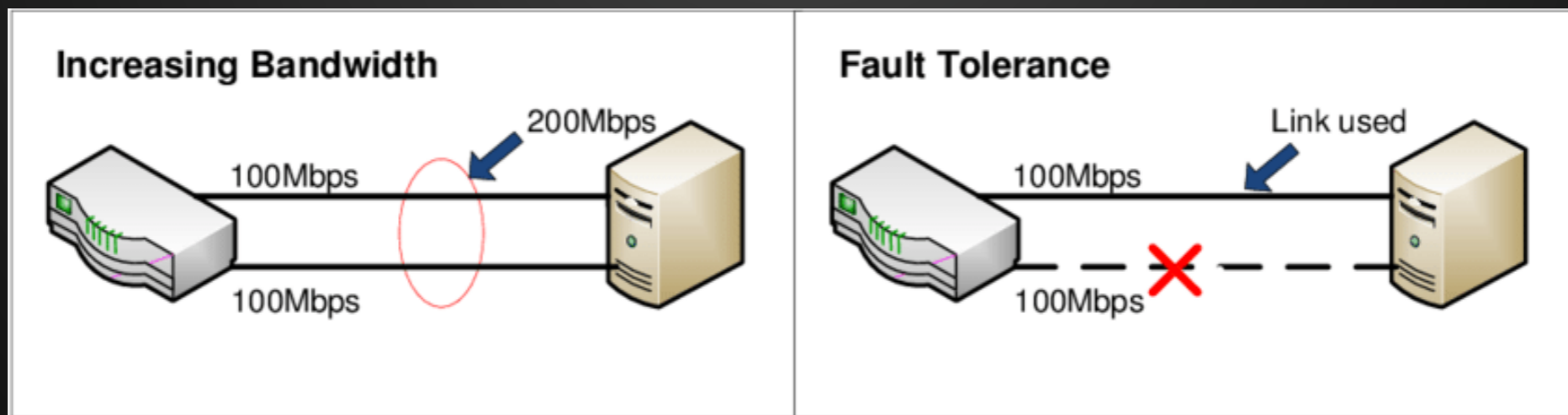
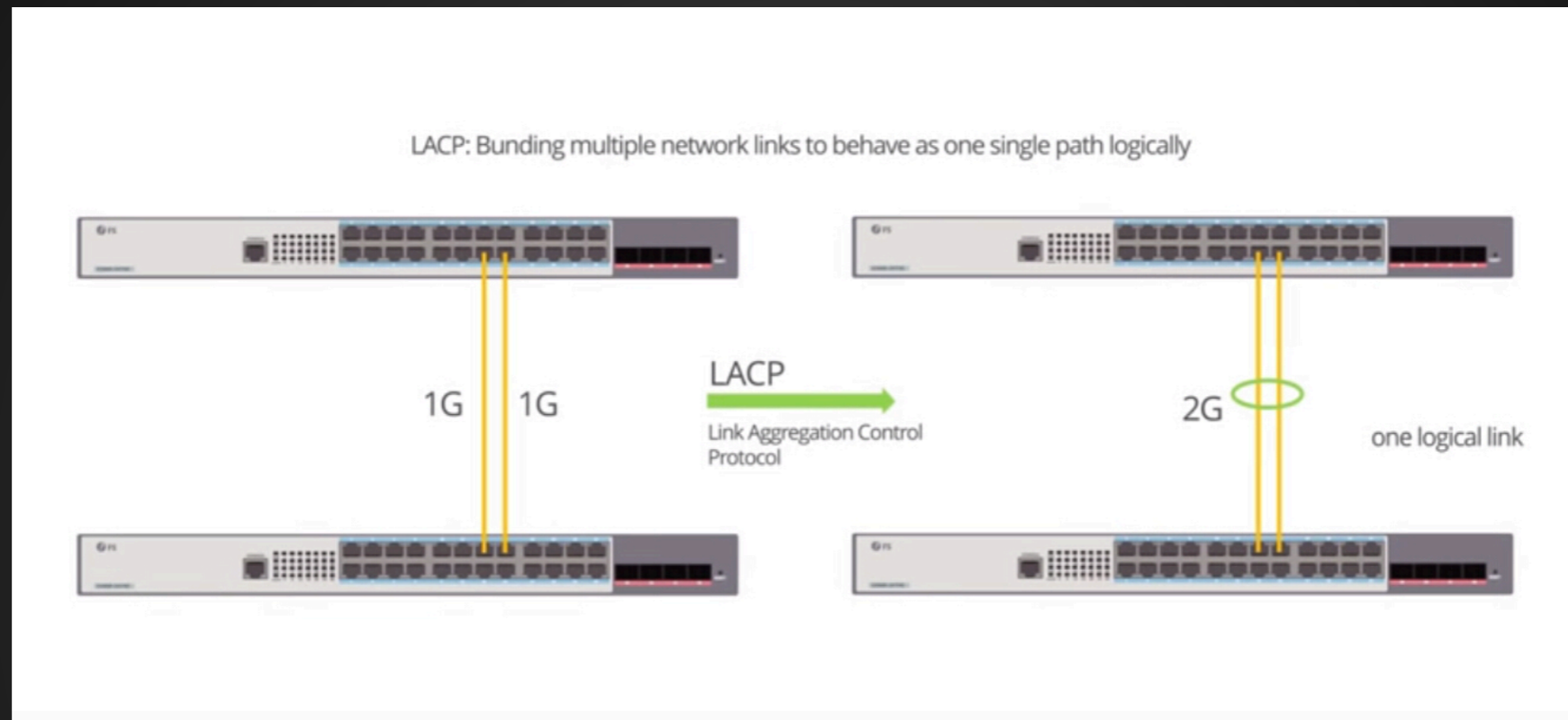
Broadcast poisoning/radiation/storm

- Broadcast storms can:
 - disable networks by overload
 - bring down hosts/servers in DoS fashion
- Mitigation:
 - network segmentation (VLANs, etc.)
 - filtering at routers
 - broadcast/multicast rate limits at switches
 - STP/RSTP to avoid loops
 - limit broadcast flow from & towards router (in WiFi hotspots for example)

link aggregation

- Link Aggregation Group (LAG): collection of physical ports combined together
- Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP): IEEE 802.1AX & IEEE 802.3ad
- LACP uses multicast
- bundled ports per group: usually from 1 to 8
- requires that each link is full duplex and all of them have an identical speed

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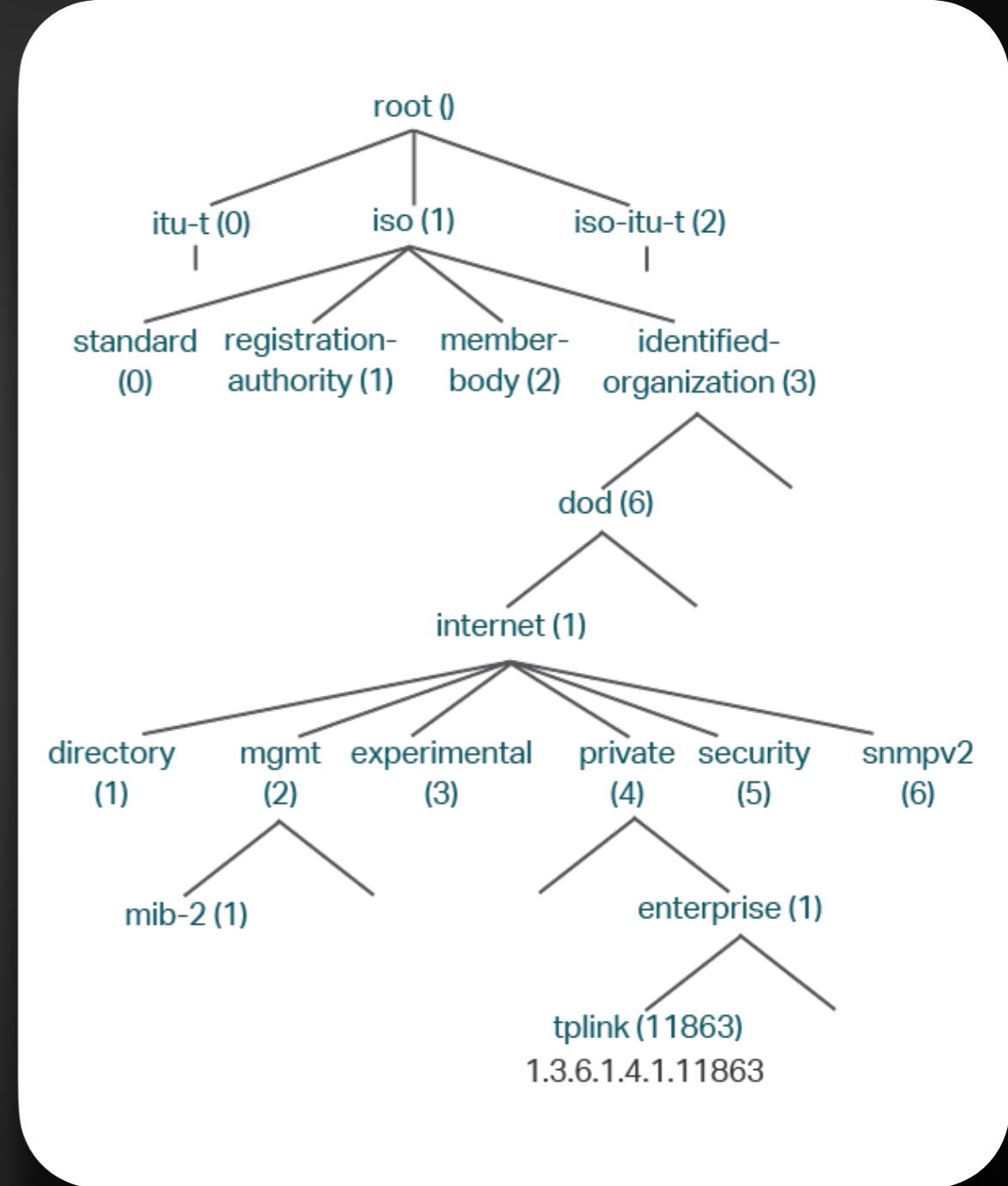
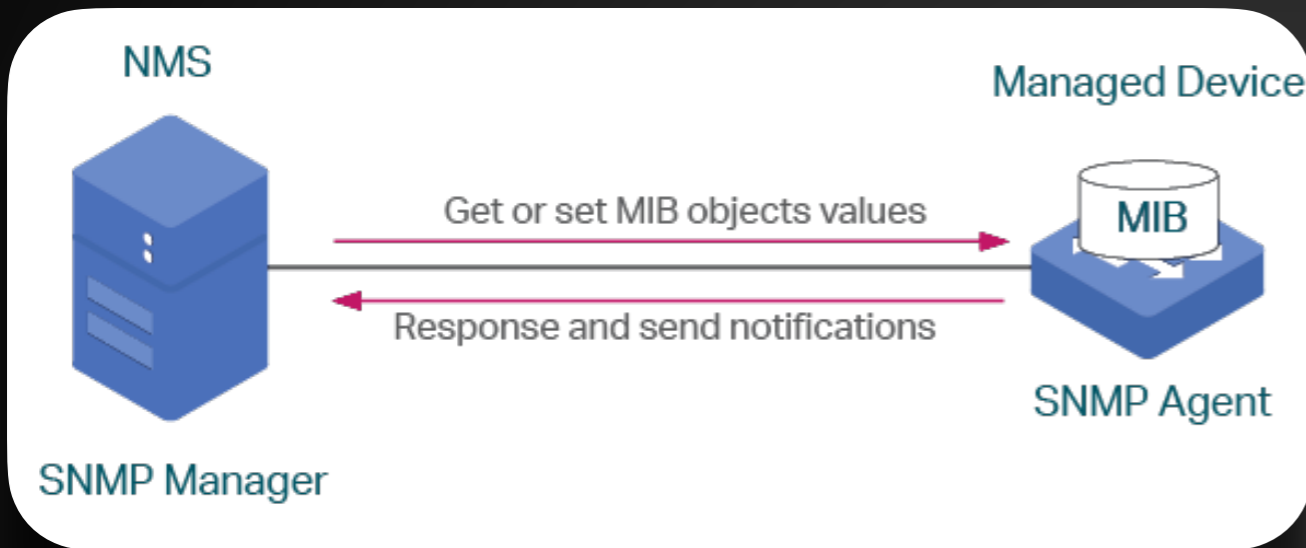


SNMP

Simple Network Management Protocol

- SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, and SNMPv3
- Components:
 - Network Management System (NMS)
 - SNMP agent
 - Managed object
 - Management Information Base (MIB)
- object identifier (OID)
- SNMP get/set/traps
- UDP p.161/162

SNMP



discovery protocols

- Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) [1994]
 - proprietary but popular
 - multicast announcements every 60s
 - mac address 01:00:0c:cc:cc:cc
- Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) []
 - IEEE 802.1AB
 - LLDP Data Unit (LLDPDU)
 - EtherType field = 0x88cc
 - multicast announcements
 - mac address 01:80:c2:00:00:0e / 01:80:c2:00:00:03 / 01:80:c2:00:00:00
 - used also for active PoE

discovery protocols

