

# OPTICAL NETWORKING



This Power Point Presentation was created by:

Joseph David Clement Fournier B.Sc.E.E., M.Sc.E.E.  
President and Senior Engineer of AscenTrust, LLC.  
Website: <http://ascentrust.com>

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ OUTLINE

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ First Generation Optical Networks
  - ❖ Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI)
  - ❖ Synchronous Optical Network/Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SONET/SDH)
- ❖ Second Generation Optical Networks
  - ❖ Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM)
  - ❖ Optical Networking Components
  - ❖ Wavelength Routing Networks

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ OUTLINE

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ First Generation Optical Networks
  - ❖ Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI)
  - ❖ Synchronous Optical Network/Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SONET/SDH)
- ❖ Second Generation Optical Networks
  - ❖ Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM)
  - ❖ Optical Networking Components
  - ❖ Wavelength Routing Networks

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ INTRODUCTION-ONE



## ❖ Advantages of Optical Transmission

- ❖ Large bandwidth permits high data transmission, which also supports the aggregation of voice, video, and data
- ❖ Technological improvements are occurring rapidly, often permitting increased capacity over existing optical fiber
- ❖ Immunity to electromagnetic interference reduces bit error rate and eliminates the need for shielding within or outside a building
- ❖ Glass fiber has low attenuation, which permits extended cable transmission distance
- ❖ Light as a transmission medium provides the ability for the use of optical fiber in dangerous environments
- ❖ Optical fiber is difficult to tap, thus providing a higher degree of security than possible with copper wire
- ❖ Light weight and small diameter of fiber permit high capacity through existing conduits

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ INTRODUCTION-TWO

### ❖ Disadvantages of Optical Transmission

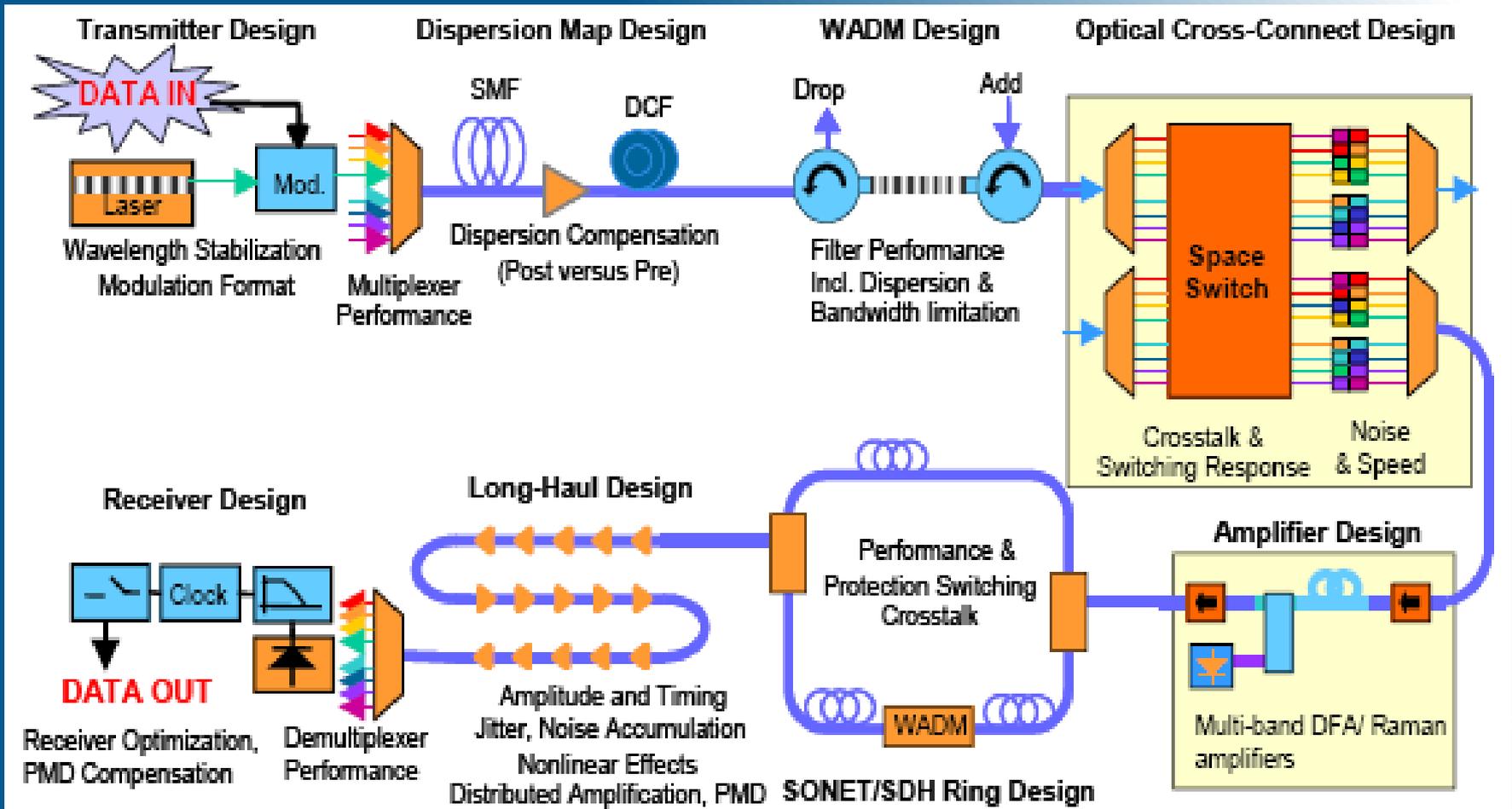
#### ❖ Cable splicing:

- ❖ Welding or fusing: you must clean each fiber end, then align and carefully fuse the ends using an electric arc.
  - ❖ Time consuming
  - ❖ Least amount of signal loss between joined elements.
- ❖ Gluing
  - ❖ Bonding material that matches the refractive index of the core of the fiber.
  - ❖ Time consuming
  - ❖ Higher loss of signal power than fusing.
- ❖ mechanical connectors
  - ❖ Considerably facilitate the joining of fibers,
  - ❖ More signal loss than do the other two methods
  - ❖ Can reduce the span of the fiber to a smaller distance.

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ INTRODUCTION-THREE

### ❖ Schematic Outline of Optical Network



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ FIRST GENERATION OPTICAL NETWORKS

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ FIBER DISTRIBUTED DATA INTERFACE (FDDI)



- ❖ Dates back to the early 1980s
- ❖ FDDI uses token-passing scheme
- ❖ Uses two fiber pairs, each operating at 100 Mbits/s.
- ❖ Data rates approaching 90% of its 100 MB/s operating rate
- ❖ FDDI was, and in some locations still is, commonly used at the Internet Service Provider (ISP) peering points that provide interconnections between ISPs.
- ❖ Relatively expensive

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ FIBER DISTRIBUTED DATA INTERFACE (FDDI)

- ❖ FDDI is defined as the two bottom layers of the seven-layer OSI reference model
- ❖ It provides a transport facility for higher-level protocols such as TCP/IP

OSI Reference Model

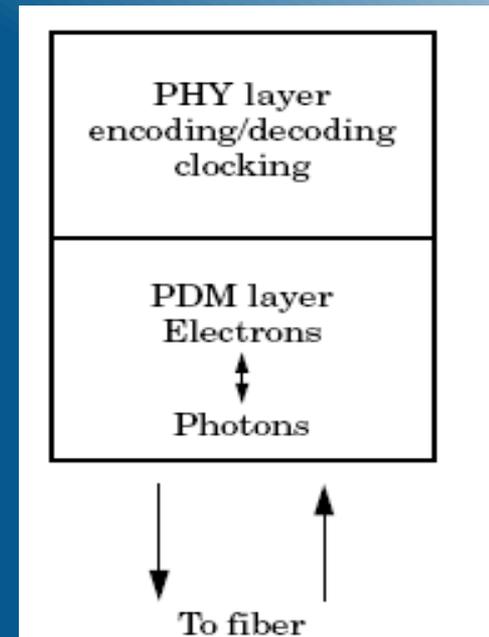
7	Application
6	Presentation
5	Session
4	Transport
3	Network
2	Data Link
1	Physical

### ■ Physical layer is subdivided into:

- ❑ physical-medium-dependent (PMD) sublayer defines the details of the fiber-optic cable used
- ❑ the physical (PHY) layer specifies encoding/decoding and clocking operation

LAN Standards

	FDDI	Ethernet	Token Ring



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ FDDI 4B/5B CODING



- ❖ The selection of the 4B/5B coding was based on the need to reduce the signaling level from 200 MHz to a 125-MHz rate (cost reduction)
- ❖ Each bit is encoded using non-return-to-zero-inversion (NRZI) transmission
- ❖ Because 4 bits are encoded into 5 bits, this means there are 16, 4-bit patterns.
- ❖ Those patterns were selected to ensure that a transition is present at least twice for each 5-bit code.
  - ❖ DC balance: important for thresholding at receiver
  - ❖ For some input data sequences the worst case DC unbalance is 10%
- ❖ Because 5-bit codes are used, the remaining symbols provide special meanings or represent invalid symbols.
- ❖ Special symbols
  - ❖ I symbol is used to exchange handshaking between neighboring stations,
  - ❖ J and K symbols are used to form the Start Delimiter for a packet,
    - ❖ which functions as an alert to a receiver that a packet is arriving

# OPTICAL NETWORKING



## ❖ FDDI FIBER SPECIFICATIONS

### ❖ OPTICAL FIBER SUPPORT

- ❖ FDDI can support **62.5/125-**, 50/125-, and 100/140- $\mu$ m multimode fiber sizes. Maximum distance 2 Km.
- ❖ FDDI also supports the use of single-mode fiber,
- ❖ Long-distance transmission (up to 40 Km)
- ❖ FDDI single-mode fiber is commonly specified as 8/125, 9/125, and 10/125.

### ❖ OPTICAL TRANSMITTER

- ❖ 850, 1300, and 1550 nm
- ❖ 850 and 1300 nm for multimode fiber
- ❖ 1300 and 1500 nm for single-mode fiber
- ❖ For single-mode fiber laser diodes must be used

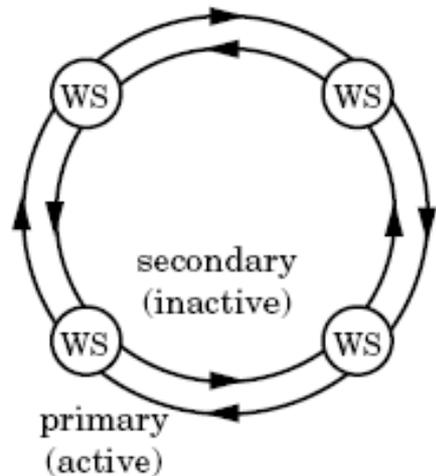
### ❖ ATTENUATION

- ❖ For multimode fiber
- ❖ PMD standard specifies a power budget of 11.0 dB
- ❖ Maximum cable attenuation is 1.5 dB/km at 1300 nm.
- ❖ single-mode fiber
- ❖ power budget extends from 10 to 32 dB

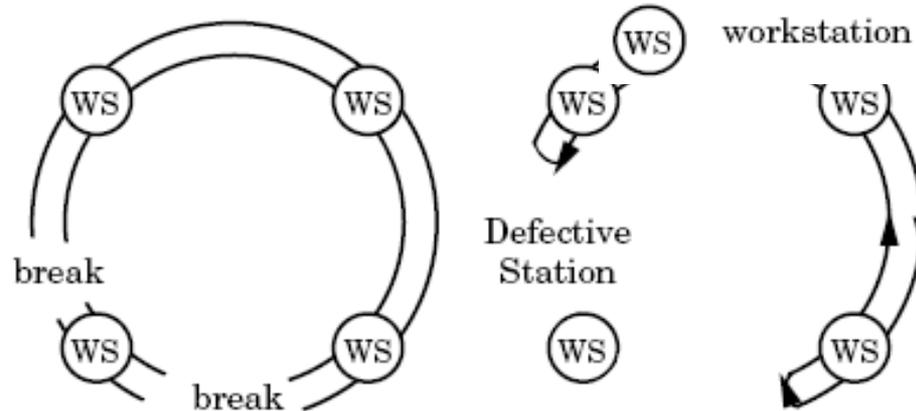
# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ FDDI RING STRUCTURE

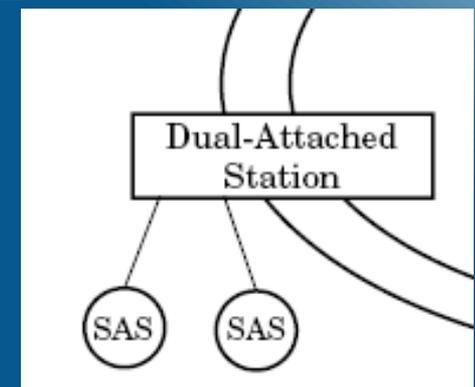
(a) FDDI Ring



(b) Defective Station causing fiber break



- ❖ FDDI backbone consists of two separate fiber-optic rings,
  - ❖ *primary ring*: active
  - ❖ *secondary ring*: “on hold,”
- ❖ Station Types
  - ❖ Class A: dual-attachment stations, Class B: single-attachment station.



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

- ❖ SONET/SDH(1)  
DESIGN IDEAS OF SONET
  
- ❖ **Synchronous Optical NETwork**
- ❖ Designed for ***optical*** transport (high bitrate)
- ❖ **Direct** mapping of lower levels into higher ones
- ❖ Carry all PDH types in **one** universal hierarchy
  - ❖ ITU version = **Synchronous Digital Hierarchy**
  - ❖ different terminology but interoperable
- ❖ Overhead doesn't increase with rate
- ❖ OAM designed-in from beginning

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(1) STANDARDIZATION



The original Bellcore proposal:

- ▶ hierarchy of signals, all multiple of basic rate (50.688)
- ▶ basic rate about 50 Mbps to carry DS3 payload
- ▶ bit-oriented mux
- ▶ mechanisms to carry DS1, DS2, DS3

Many other proposals were merged into 1987 draft document (rate 49.920)

In summer of 1986 CCITT express interest in cooperation

- ▶ needed a rate of about 150 Mbps to carry E4
- ▶ wanted byte oriented mux

Initial compromise attempt

- ▶ byte mux
- ▶ US wanted 13 rows \* 180 columns
- ▶ CEPT wanted 9 rows \* 270 columns

Compromise!

- ▶ US would use basic rate of 51.84 Mbps, 9 rows \* 90 columns
- ▶ CEPT would use three times that rate - 155.52 Mbps, 9 rows \* 270 columns

# OPTICAL NETWORKING



## ❖ SONET/SDH(1)

- ❖ Current transmission and multiplexing standard for high speed signals
  - ❖ North America: Synchronous Optical Network (SONET)
  - ❖ Europe, Japan and rest of the world: Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH)
- ❖ Prior to SONET and SDH: Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy (PDH)
  - ❖ 4KHz sampled at 8KHz quantized at 8 bits per sample → 64kb/s

### Transmission rates for PDH

Level	North America [Mb/s]		Europe [Mb/s]		Japan [Mb/s]
0	DS0	0.064		0.064	0.064
1	DS1/T1	1.544	E1	2.048	1.544
2	DS2/T2	6.312	E2	8.448	6.312
3	DS3/T3	44.736	E3	34.368	32.064
4		139.264	E4	139.264	97.728

# OPTICAL NETWORKING



## ❖ SONET/SDH(2)

### ❖ PDH versus SONET/SDH

#### ❖ Multiplexing

- ❖ PDH: Difficult to pick low bit rate stream from high bit rate stream
- ❖ In PDH, clocks of lower bit streams are not perfectly synchronous
  - ❖ Higher rates are not integral multiples of 64Kb/s
    - ❖ Bit stuffing needed
    - ❖ Multiplexers and Demultiplexers complicated
- ❖ In SONET/SDH a master clock is used → MUX and DEMUX much easier

#### ❖ Management

- ❖ Unlike PDH, SONET/SDH standards are rich of management and traffic performance monitoring information

#### ❖ Interoperability

- ❖ SONET/SDH define standard optical interfaces
- ❖ PDH: different vendors define different line coding, optical interfaces,...

#### ❖ Networking

- ❖ SONET/SDH: Service restoration time is less than 60 ms
- ❖ PDH: restoration time is several seconds to minutes

# OPTICAL NETWORKING



## ❖ SONET/SDH(3)

### ❖ SONET/SDH

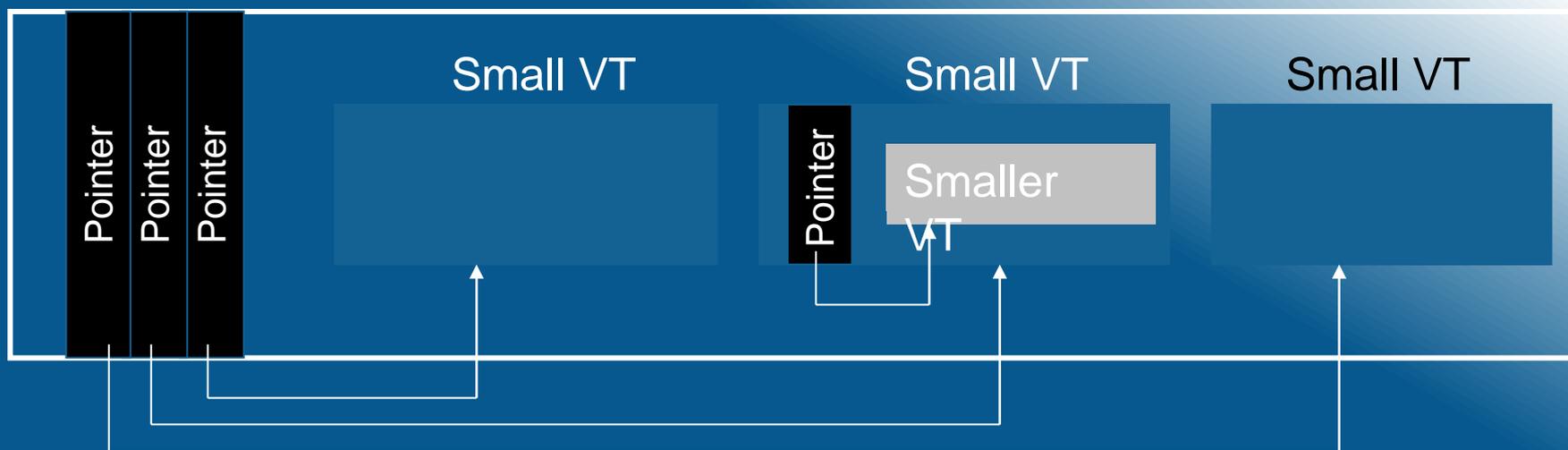
- ❖ Lower speed PDH is mapped into *synchronous payload envelope (SPE)*, or *synchronous container* in SDH
- ❖ Path overhead bytes are added to the SPE
  - ❖ Path overhead unchanged during transmission
  - ❖ Allows PDH monitoring end-to-end
- ❖ SPE+path overhead = *virtual tributary VT (container in SDH)*
- ❖ VT may be placed at different points within a frame (125  $\mu$ s)
- ❖ Many small VTs can be multiplexed into a larger VT (see next slide)
- ❖ The overhead of each VT includes a pointer to smaller VTs multiplexed into the payload of the larger VT
- ❖ This hierarchical structure simplifies extraction of low speed stream from high speed stream

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(4)



Hierarchical multiplexing structure employed in SONET and SDH



## ❖ In SONET: VTs with four sizes

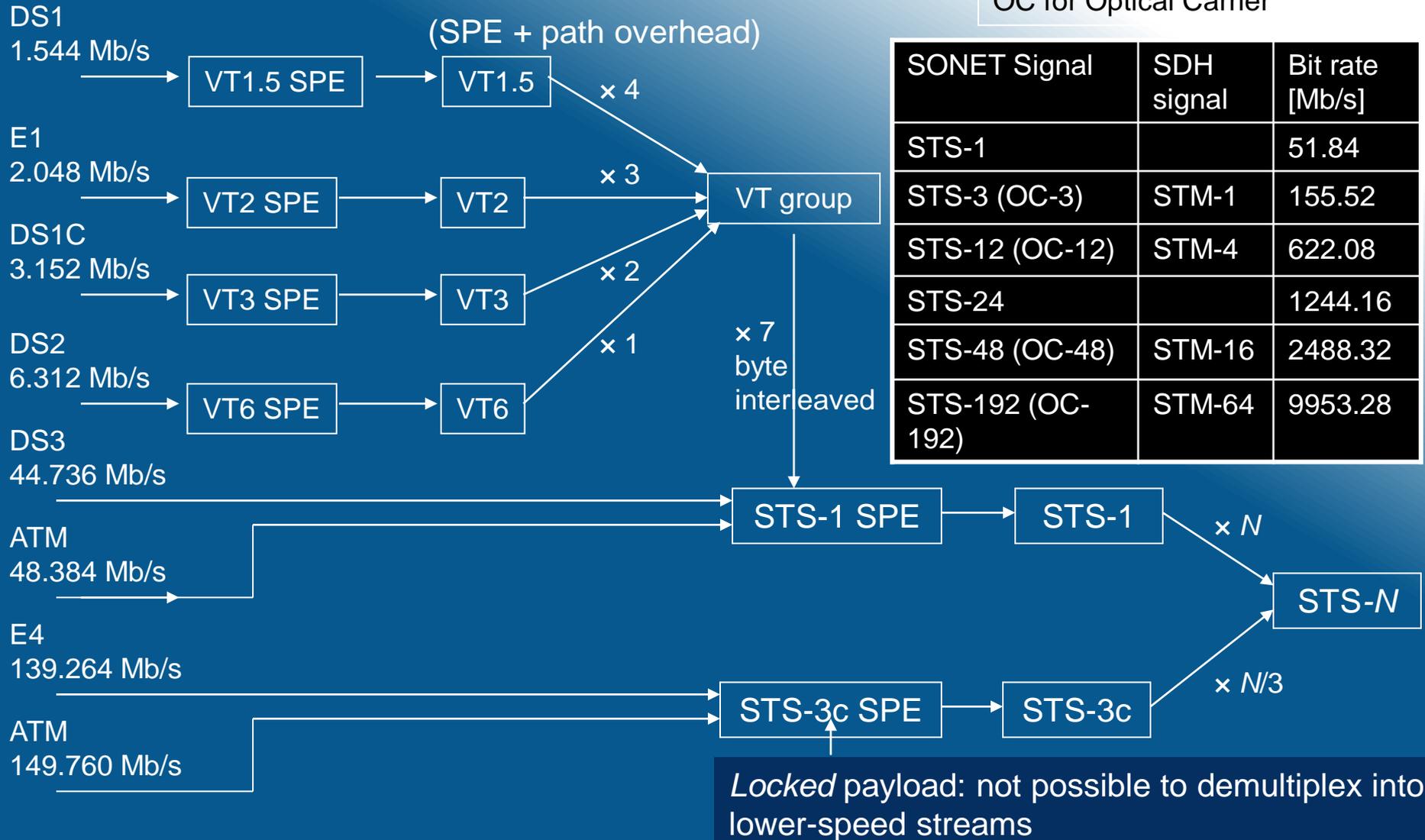
- ❖ VT1.5, VT2, VT3, VT6 that carry 1.5, 2, 3, 6 Mb/s PDH streams
- ❖ VT group = 4 VT1.5s or 3 VT2s or 2 VT3s or a single VT6
- ❖ Basic SONET SPE (STS-1) = 7 VT groups = 51.84 Mb/s
- ❖  $STS-N = N \times STS-1$  (byte interleaved) *STS = Synchronous Transport Signal*
- ❖ STM-1 = *synchronous Transport Module* = 155 MB/s

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(5)



OC for Optical Carrier



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(6)



## ❖ SONET/SDH network configurations

### ❖ Point-to-point

#### ❖ Node at ends

- ❖ Terminal Multiplexers (TM)
- ❖ Line Terminating Equipment (LTE)

### ❖ Linear

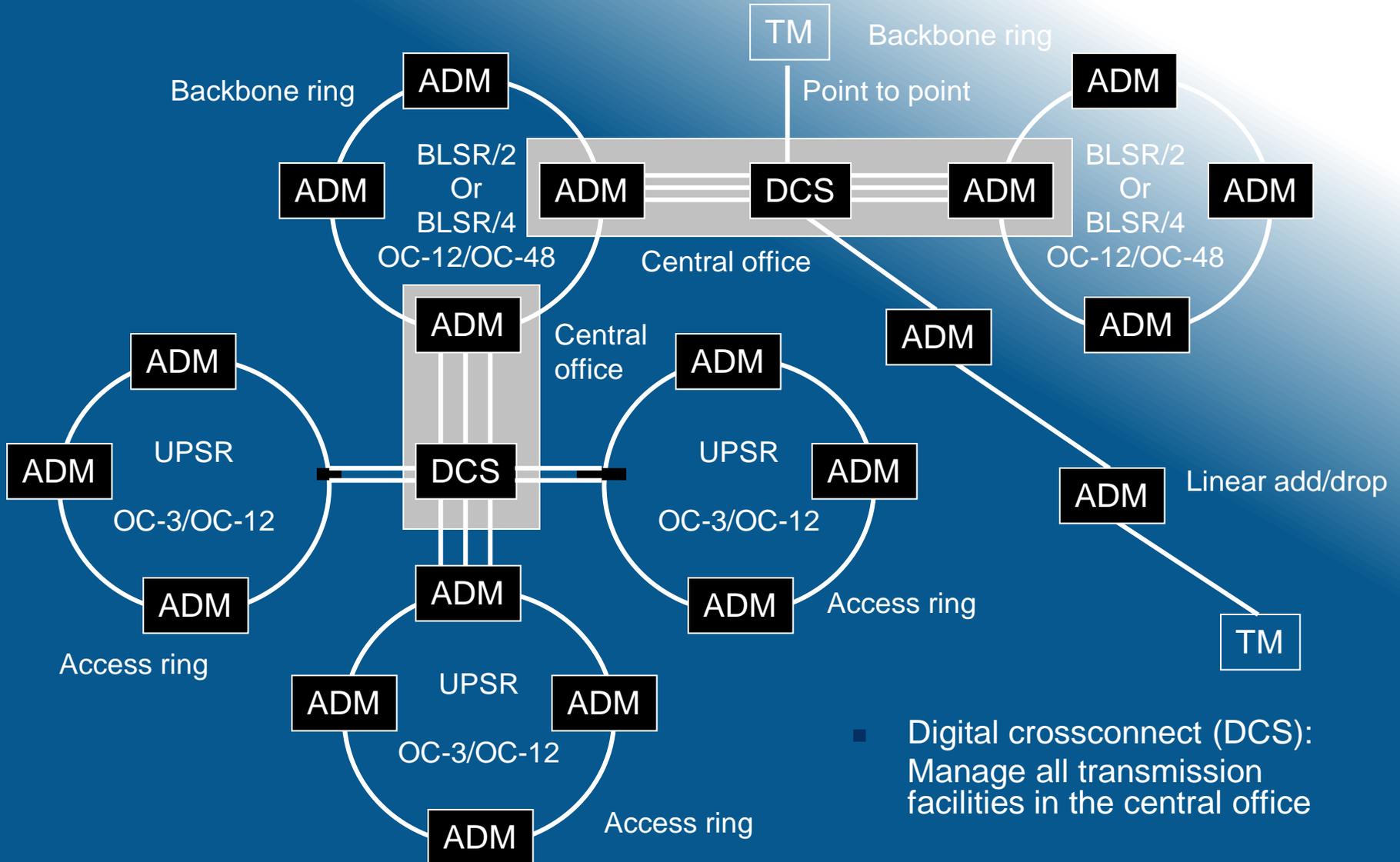
- ❖ Inserting add/drop multiplexers (ADM) between TM in point-to-point-links.
- ❖ Allows insertion or extraction of smaller traffic at mid-points

### ❖ Rings

- ❖ ADM with added function of protection: High level of availability
- ❖ Unidirectional path-switched rings (UPSRs)
- ❖ Bidirectional line-switched rings (BLSRs)
  - ❖ Two fibers BLSR/2, four fibers BLSR/4

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(7)



- Digital crossconnect (DCS): Manage all transmission facilities in the central office

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

- ❖ SONET/SDH(8)  
SONET/SDH LAYERS(1)



- ❖ Path layer: End-to-end connections
- ❖ Line layer:
  - ❖ Multiplexes a number of path-layer connection into a single link
  - ❖ Responsible for protection switching
- ❖ Section layer: Links consist of sections
  - ❖ Present at each regenerator

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

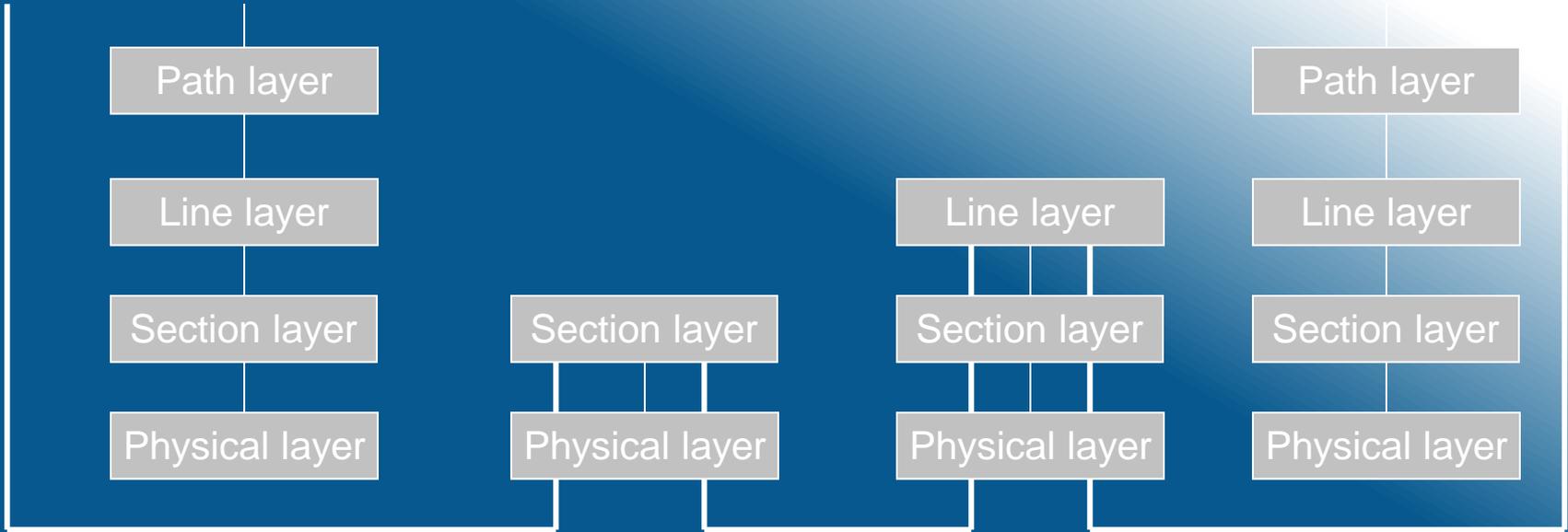
## ❖ SONET/SDH(8) SONET/SDH LAYERS(2)



- ❖ SONET was designed with definite layering concepts
- ❖ Physical layer – optical fiber (linear or ring)
  - ❖ when exceed fiber reach – regenerators
  - ❖ regenerators are not mere amplifiers,
  - ❖ regenerators use their own overhead
  - ❖ fiber between regenerators called section (regenerator section)
- ❖ Line layer – link between SONET muxes (**Add/Drop Multiplexers**)
  - ❖ input and output at this level are **Virtual Tributaries (VCs)**
  - ❖ actually 2 layers
    - ❖ lower order VC (for low bitrate payloads)
    - ❖ higher order VC (for high bitrate payloads)
- ❖ Path layer – end-to-end path of client data (tributaries)
  - ❖ client data (payload) may be
    - ❖ PDH
    - ❖ ATM
    - ❖ packet data

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

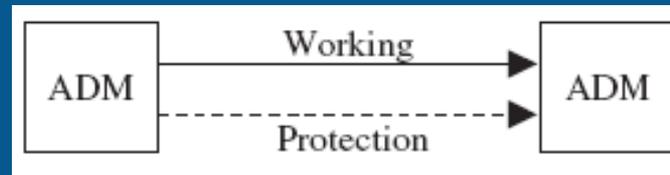
❖ SONET/SDH(9)  
SONET/SDH LAYERS(3)



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

- ❖ SONET/SDH(10)  
SELF-HEALING SONET/SDH RING(ONE)
- ❖ Causes for a ring to go down:
  - ❖ Failure of a fiber link:
    - ❖ Fiber is accidentally cutoff
    - ❖ The transmission or receiver equipment on the fiber link fail.
    - ❖ SONET/SDH device fails (rare)
- ❖ Services automatically restored: using the *automatic protection switching (APS)* protocol.
  - ❖ The time to restore the services has to be less than 60 msec.

- ❖ Link protection:



- ❖ *Dedicated 1 + 1,*
  - ❖ The two devices are connected with two different fibers.
  - ❖ The SONET/SDH signal is split and simultaneously transmitted over both fibers.
  - ❖ The destination selects the best of the two signals based on their quality.
  - ❖ The working and protection fibers have to be *diversely routed*

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

- ❖ SONET/SDH(11)  
SELF-HEALING SONET/SDH RING(TWO)

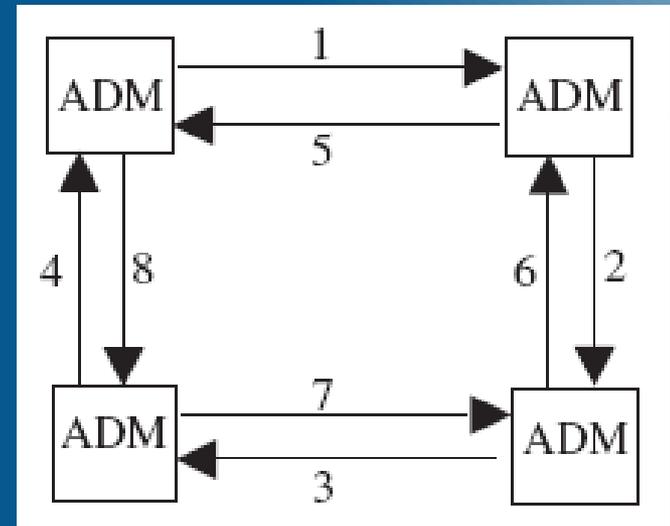


- ❖ Link protection:
  - ❖ 1:1 scheme,
    - ❖ Two diversely routed fibers: a *working fiber* and a *protection fiber*.
    - ❖ The signal is transmitted over the working fiber.
    - ❖ If this fiber fails, then the source and destination both switch to the protection fiber.
  - ❖ The 1:N scheme
    - ❖ Generalization of the 1:1 scheme,
    - ❖  $N$  working fibers are protected by a single protection fiber.
    - ❖ Only one working fiber can be protected at any time.
    - ❖ Once a working fiber has been repaired, the signal is switched back, either automatically or manually, from the protection fiber to the working fiber.

# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(12) SELF-HEALING SONET/SDH RING(THREE)

- ❖ Self-healing SONET/SDH ring architectures are distinguished by
  - ❖ *Number of fibers:* A SONET/SDH ring can consist of either two or four fibers. the working and protection rings are *route diverse*.
  - ❖ *Direction of transmission:* A SONET/SDH ring can be *unidirectional* or *bidirectional*.
  - ❖ *Line or path switching:* Protection on a SONET/SDH ring can be at the level of a *line* or a *path*.
    - ❖ *Line* is a link between two SONET/SDH devices and might include regenerators.
    - ❖ A *path* is an end-to-end connection between the point where the SPE originates and the point where it terminates.
    - ❖ *Line switching* restores all of the traffic that pass through a failed link
    - ❖ *Path switching* restores some of the connections that are affected by a link failure



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(13) SELF-HEALING SONET/SDH RING(FOUR)

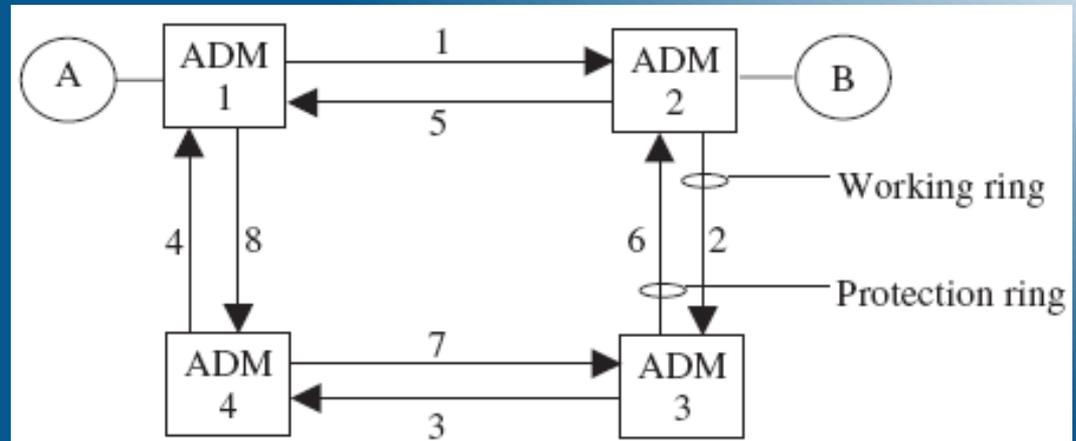
### ❖ Two-fiber Unidirectional Path Switched Ring (2F-UPSR)

- ❖ Example: The working ring consists of fibers 1, 2, 3, and 4; the protection ring consists of fibers 5, 6, 7, and 8.
- ❖ Unidirectional: A transmits to B over fiber 1 (working), and B transmits to A over fibers 2, 3, and 4 (working).

- ❖ Protection: path level using 1 + 1

- ❖ Simple ring architecture:  
Used as a metro edge ring to interconnect PBXs and access networks to a metro core ring.

- ❖ Typical transmission speeds are OC-3/STM-1 and OC-12/STM-4.
- ❖ Disadvantage: The maximum amount of traffic it can carry is equal to the traffic it can carry over a single fiber.



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

## ❖ SONET/SDH(14) SELF-HEALING SONET/SDH RING(FIVE)

### ❖ Two-fiber Bidirectional Line Switched Ring (2F-BLSR)

❖ Used in metro core rings.

❖ Example:

❖ Clockwise transmission  
(Ring 1): Fibers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
and 6.

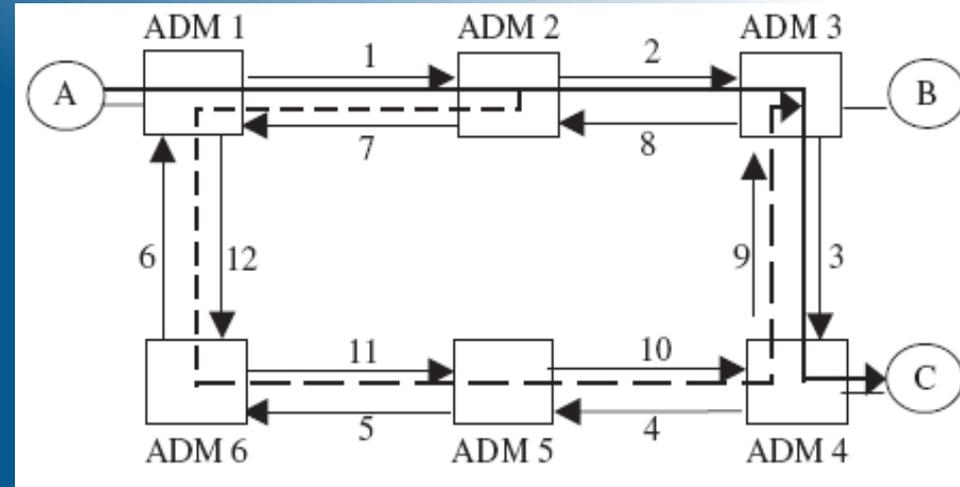
❖ Counter-clockwise transmission  
(Ring 1): Fibers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,  
and 12.

❖ Rings 1 and 2 carry working and  
protection traffic.

❖ Assume: each fiber is OC-12/STM-4. Then, two OC-3/STM-1s are  
allocated to working traffic and the other two to protection traffic.

❖ Since only two OC-3/STM-1s can be used for working traffic, the  
maximum capacity that the 2F-BLSR can carry over both Rings 1 and 2  
is OC-12/STM-4.

❖ The capacity allocated to protection traffic on either Rings 1 and 2 can  
be used to carry low priority traffic.



# OPTICAL NETWORKING

- ❖ SONET/SDH(15)  
SELF-HEALING SONET/SDH RING(SIX)



## ❖ 2F-BLSR

- ❖ Bidirectional:
  - ❖ Ring 1 or Ring 2, depending on the route of the shortest path to the destination.
  - ❖ A transmits to B over the working part of fibers 1 and 2 of Ring 1,
  - ❖ B transmits to A over the working part of fibers 8 and 7 of Ring 2.
- ❖ Fiber 2 fails:
  - ❖ line switching: Traffic over fiber 2 automatically switched to the protection part of Ring 2.
  - ❖ All of the traffic will be rerouted to ADM 3 over the protection part of Ring 2 using fibers 7, 12, 11, 10, and 9.
  - ❖ From there, the traffic continue on following the original path of the connection.
  - ❖ Consider a connection from A to C (solid line).
  - ❖ When fiber 2 fails, the traffic from A will be rerouted (dotted line).
  - ❖ At ADM 3, it will be routed back to ADM 4 over fiber 3.