## **Optical Networking & DWDM**

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Fine Light at the end of the Tunnel



# Agenda\_

- Technology and market drivers
- Abundant bandwidth
- Underline the Internet is optical networking
- What is WDM?
- Where are the bottlenecks?
- Architecture and protection
- Summary
- Backup slides
  - Underline technologies
  - Protection Rings

### Fast Links, Slow Routers



Source: Prof. Nike McKeown, Stanford

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### **Evolving Role of Optical Layer**





## Breakthrough...Bandwidth



Wavelengths will become the communications circuits of the future...

Source: Nortel marketing

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## Abundant Bandwidth

Why does this change the playground?

- Optical core bandwidth is growing in an order of magnitude every 2 years, 4 orders of magnitude in 9 years
  - 1992 100Mbs (100FX, OC-3)
  - 2001 1.6 Tbs (160 DWDM of OC-192)
  - OC-768 (40Gbs) on single ! is commercial (80Gbs in lab)
- 2-3 orders of magnitude bandwidth growth in many dimensions
  - Core Optical bandwidth (155mb/s ! 1Tb/s)
  - Core Metro DWDM optical aggregation (2.4Gb/s ! N\*10Gb/s)
  - Metro Access for businesses (T1 ! OC3, 100FX, 1-Gb/s)
  - Access Cable, DSL, 3G (28kb/s! 10mb/s, 1.5mb/s, 384kb/s)
  - LAN (10mbp/s ! 10Gbp/s)

## Why Does This Matter?

- How do these photonic breakthroughs affect us?
- This is a radical change to the current internet architecture
- WAN starts to be no longer the bottleneck
  - How congestion control/avoidance affected?
  - Why DiffServ if you can get all the bandwidth that you need?
  - Why do we need QoS?
  - Why do we need cache? (if we can have big pipes)
  - Where to put the data? (centralized, distributed)
  - What changes in network architecture needed?
  - What changes in system architecture needed?
  - Distributed computing, central computing, cluster computing
  - Any changes to the current routing?

## Bandwidth is Becoming Commodity

- Price per bit went down by 99% in the last 5 years on the optical side
  - This is one of the problems of the current telecom market
- Optical Metro cheap high bandwidth access
  - \$1000 a month for 100FX (in major cities)
  - This is less than the cost of T1 several years ago
- Optical Long-Haul and Metro access change of the price point
  - Reasonable price drive more users (non residential)



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### Our Concept of the Internet











Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) acts as "optical funnel" using different colors of light (wavelengths) for each signal

Source: Prof. Raj Jain Ohio U

#### Wavelength Division Multiplexing



Source: ??



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#### The Access





#### **Characteristics of Metro Network Centers**



Source: Nortel's Education

#### Unidirectional path switched rings





#### Protection example



Idle Ring

Protected Ring



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### If we had the bandwidth...

What if we all had 100Mb/s at home?

- Killer apps, other apps, services
- Peer-to-peer video swapping
- Is it TV, HDTV, something else?
- What if we had larger pipes at businesses?
  - IGbs home office, 10GE/DWDM large organizations
- How would the network architecture look, if we solve the last mile problem?

#### Summary\_

- DWDM phenomenal growth
- Abundant bandwidth
- Underline optical technologies
- The access is still bottleneck
- Reliability and protection



#### "Blindsided by Technology"

- When a base technology leaps ahead in a dramatic fashion relative to other technologies, it always reshapes what is possible
- It drives the basic fabric of how distributed systems will be built



Source – Nortel's marketing

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### **Backup Slides**



### **DWDM underline technologies**

- Wavelength a new dimension growth
- Optical multiplexing
- Regenerators and Amplifiers
- WDM system benefits
- Filters
- Ad Drop Multiplexes

#### **Multiplexing Options**



#### **TDM**

Electrical multiplexing

50Mb/s to 10Gb/s data services

#### Electrical bandwidth

- management
  - flexible trib to aggregate time slot allocation

flexible aggr. to aggr. time slot allocation

flexible trib to trib connection



#### WDM (or DWDM)

Optical Multiplexing Up to 160 wavelengths today 2.5G, 10G, & 40G per !

Optical bandwidth management Wavelength add & drop

#### Total Capacity = TDM x WDM

#### **Regens and Optical Amps**

#### Regenerator



#### WDM System Benefits

- Lower equipment cost
- Lower operating cost
- Increased f ber capacity
- Shorter turn-up time





### Fiber-Bragg Gratings





### Add Drop Multiplexer



### **Common Protection Rings**

- UPSR (Unidirectional Path Switched Ring)
- BLSR (Bidirectional Line Switched Ring)
- BLSR/4 (4-Fiber, Bidirectional Line Switched Ring)





### UPSR – Unidirectional Path Switched Ring



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NE2 replies back to NE1

#### BLSR – Bidirectional Line Switched Ring



NE1 send data to NE2 & NE2 replies to NE1





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### Example of a new Bottleneck







#### Recent DWDM Records

- 32I x 5 Gbps to 9300 km (1998)
- 64I x 5 Gbps to 7200 km (Lucent'97)
- 1001 x 10 Gbps to 400 km (Lucent'97)
- 16I x 10 Gbps to 6000 km (1998)
- 132I x 20 Gbps to 120 km (NEC'96)
- 70I x 20 Gbps to 600 km (NTT'97)
- 1281 x 40 Gbps to 300 km (Alcatel'00)
- 1022 wavelengths on one fiber (Lucent'99) Ref: Optical Fiber Conference 1996-2000 (Raj Jain)