

**E4-E5 (CFA)**

**Dense Wavelength  
Division Multiplexing  
DWDM**

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# AGENDA

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- **The Challenges of Today's Telecommunications Network**
- **Resolving the Capacity Crisis**
- **Capacity Expansion and Flexibility**
- **Capacity Expansion Potential**
- **Optical Layer as the Unifying Layer**

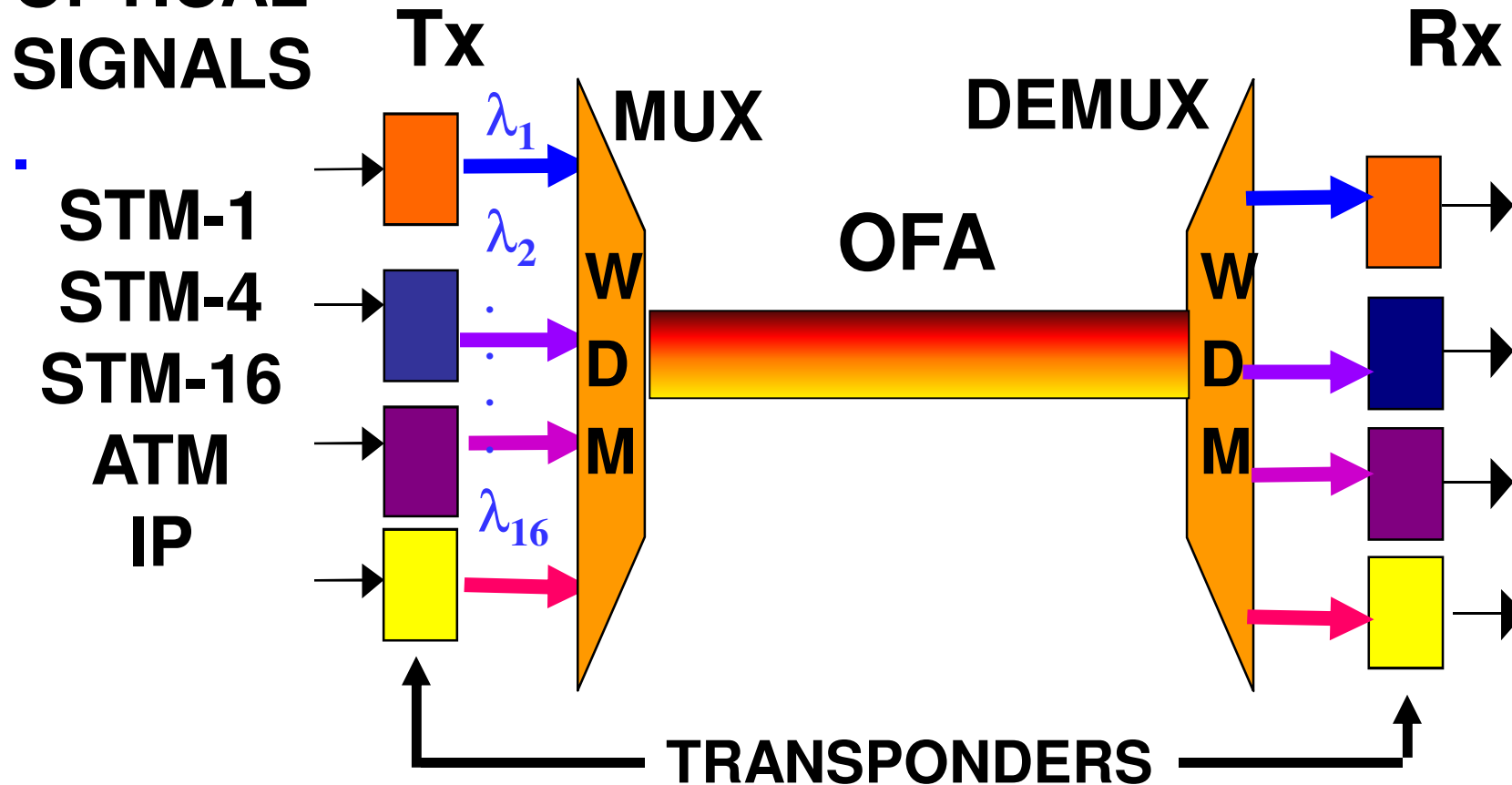
# DWDM

## ■ Definition

Dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) is a fiber-optic transmission technique that employs multiple light wavelengths to transmit data in parallel through a single fiber.

# BLOCK SCHEMATIC

OPTICAL  
SIGNALS



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# CHALLENGES OF TODAY'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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- The forecasts of the amount of bandwidth capacity needed for networks were calculated on the presumption
- Challenge of deploying and integrating diverse technologies in one physical infrastructure.

# CHALLENGES OF TODAY'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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- DWDM provides unique bandwidth management capabilities by offering services such as e-mail, video, and multimedia carried as IP data over ATM and voice carried over SDH.

# RESOLVING THE CAPACITY CRISIS

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- Challenges of increased bandwidth needs as well as of laying new fiber after fiber exhaust.
- By increasing the bit rate using time division multiplexing (TDM), service providers purchase more capacity than they initially need and it may remain unutilized in the near future.

# CAPACITY EXPANSION AND FLEXIBILITY

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- By combining multiple optical signals and transporting over a single fiber of different rate and of different format (SDH, ATM, data, etc.) i.e. DWDM can carry 80 wavelengths, each of STM-16 capacity i.e. total of 200 Gbps.



# CAPACITY EXPANSION AND FLEXIBILITY

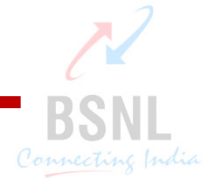
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- High-speed, high-volume transmission is possible through deployment of optical amplifier. Optical amplifiers operate in a specific band of the frequency spectrum while ultra wideband optical-fiber amplifiers can boost light wave signals carrying over 100 channels (or wavelengths) of light.
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# CAPACITY EXPANSION POTENTIAL

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- Flexibility to expand capacity in networks.
- Compared with repeater-based applications it increases the distances between nodes.
- Using fewer regenerators in long-distance networks results in fewer interruptions and improved efficiency.

# OPTICAL LAYER AS THE UNIFYING LAYER

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- Optical layer integrates the diverse technologies of their existing networks into one physical infrastructure
  - DWDM is Bit-rate and format independent and can accept any combination of interface rates
  - Optical layer carries signals without any additional multiplexing, i.e. ATM or IP without deploying an overlay network
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# DWDM SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

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- Well-engineered DWDM systems offer component reliability, system availability, and system margin.
  - Automatic adjustment of the optical amplifiers when channels are added or removed ensures optimal system performance.
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# DWDM SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

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- In the 1530- to 1565-nm range, silica-based optical amplifiers with filters and fluoride-based optical amplifiers perform equally well. However, fluoride-based optical amplifiers are intrinsically more costly to implement

# WHY OPTICAL (DWDM) NETWORKING

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- Fibre Exhaust : Tapping the unlimited bandwidth on a fibre pair
- Bit Rate Transparency
- Format/Protocol Transparency : IP, ATM etc

# ECONOMICS OF DWDM

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- Saving of regeneration costs by multiplexing multiple wavelengths on a single fiber, can decrease the number of amplifiers by a huge factor at each regenerator site.
- Cost effective compared to laying new fibers

# EDFA

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## ■ Erbium Doped Fiber Amplifier (EDFA)

Optical fiber that is doped with the element erbium and the amplifier. When a pump laser is used to energize the erbium with light at a specific wavelength, the erbium acts as a gain medium that amplifies the incoming optical signal.



# Conclusion

- Support existing and emerging technologies with almost limitless amounts of bandwidth
- OXC, OADM, and optical switches provides a unified infrastructure capable of meeting the telecommunications demands of today and tomorrow
- Transparently moving Trillions of bits of information efficiently and cost-effectively

**Thanks**

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