

Photonic Networks: ELG 5381

# Module 1: Introduction



# Course Objectives

- ❖ Learning the principles of operation of modern optical networks
- ❖ Evolution of optical networks and technological state-of-the-art in the field
- ❖ New paradigms in optical communications
- ❖ Understanding the principles of operation of optical fibre and optical network elements
- ❖ Optical signal transmission



# Course Evaluation

- ❖ **Homework – 20%**  
( $4 \leq x \leq 7$  assignments)  
Questions? – Contact your TA (Jungmin Hwang).
- ❖ **Quizzes – 40%**  
(assigned at random,  
~15 min,  $5 \leq y \leq 7$  assignments)
- ❖ **Project – 40%**
- ❖ **No Final Exam**



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# Course Textbooks



## **Optical Network Design and Planning**

Author: Jane M. Simmons

2<sup>nd</sup> edition, *Springer*, 2015.

## **Optical Networks: A Practical Perspective**

Authors: Rajiv Ramaswami, Kumar N. Sivarajan, Galen H. Sasaki

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# Bright Space Accounts

- ❖ **All students:** If there is a technical issue with your account, please contact [support@genie.uottawa.ca](mailto:support@genie.uottawa.ca) or call **6555**.

# Outline



- ❖ Optical Networks
- ❖ Network Layers



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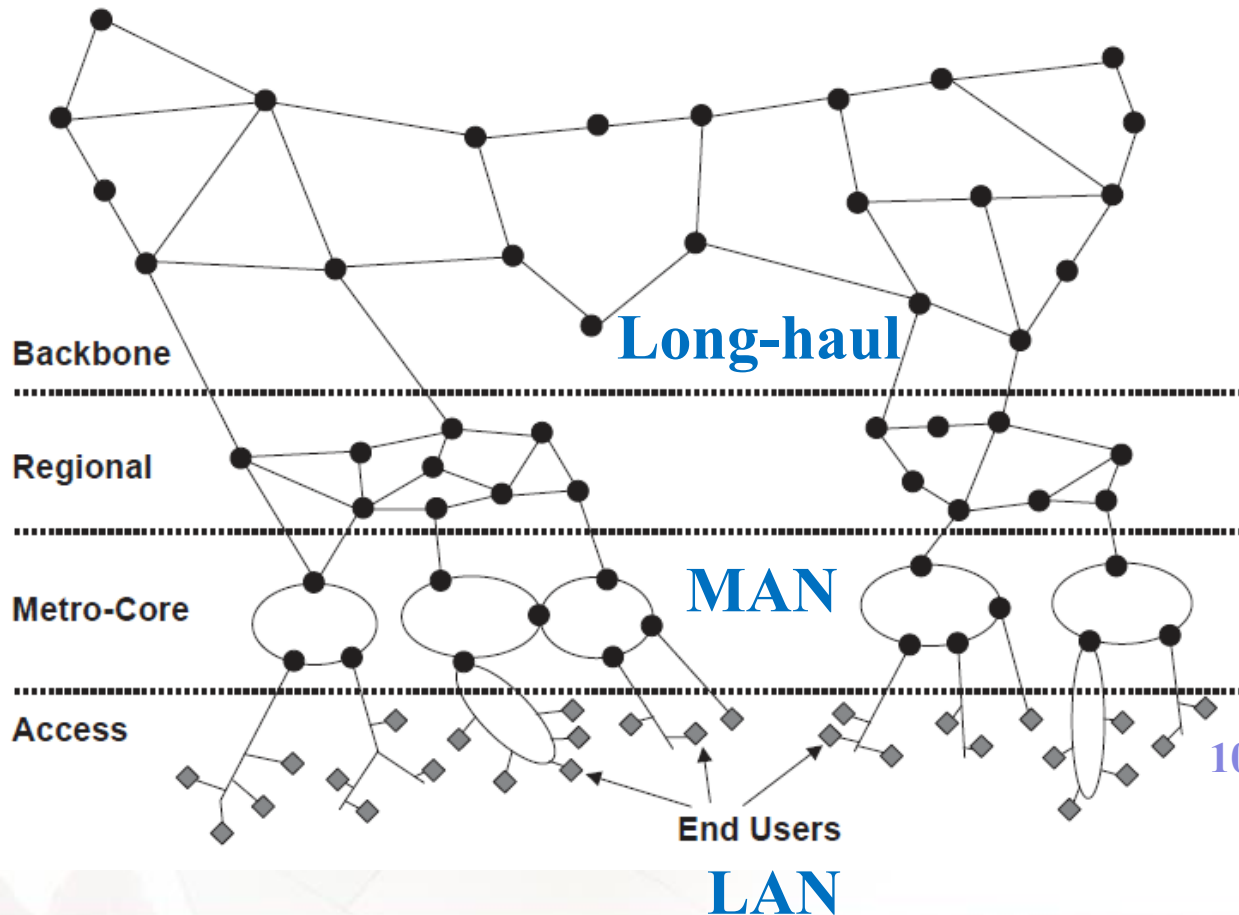


# Communication Networks

- ❖ Public and private;
- ❖ Underground, hung-up on overhead poles, terrestrial, undersea, buried beside oil and gas pipes;
- ❖ Local-area, access, metropolitan, long-haul



# Networks: Geographic Hierarchy



Carries interregional traffic,  
spans 1,000s of km, serves  
1,000,000s of customers

Carries the traffic spanning  
multiple metro-core areas, 100s-  
1,000s customers, 100s-1,000s km

Aggregates traffic from  
access networks, 1000s of  
customers, 10s-100s km

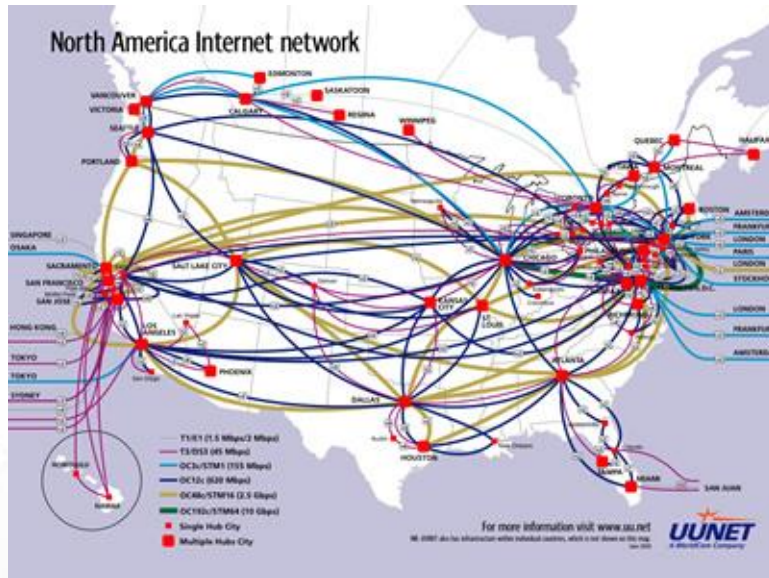
10s-100s customers, spans a few km

**Different tiers require  
different technologies**

# American and European Networks

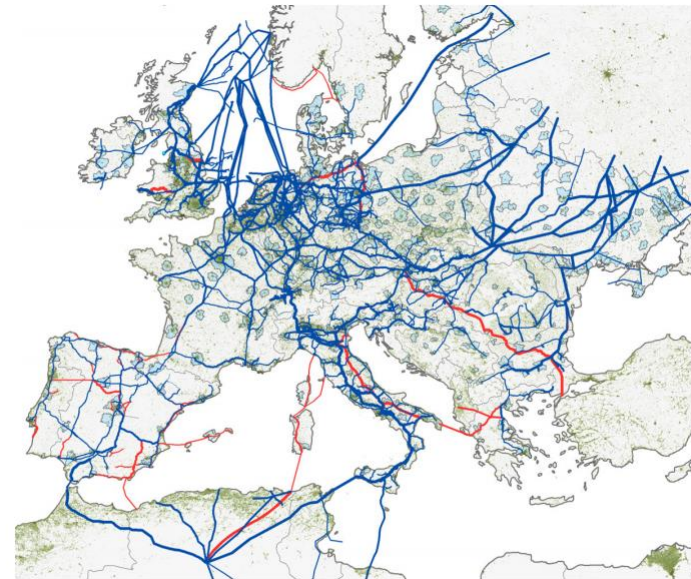


## North American



[www.visualcomplexity.com](http://www.visualcomplexity.com)

## European



[www.technologyreview.com](http://www.technologyreview.com)

# Undersea Network



<http://thednetworks.com/2012/03/21/how-are-undersea-cables-laid-in-the-oceans-advantages-over-satellite/>



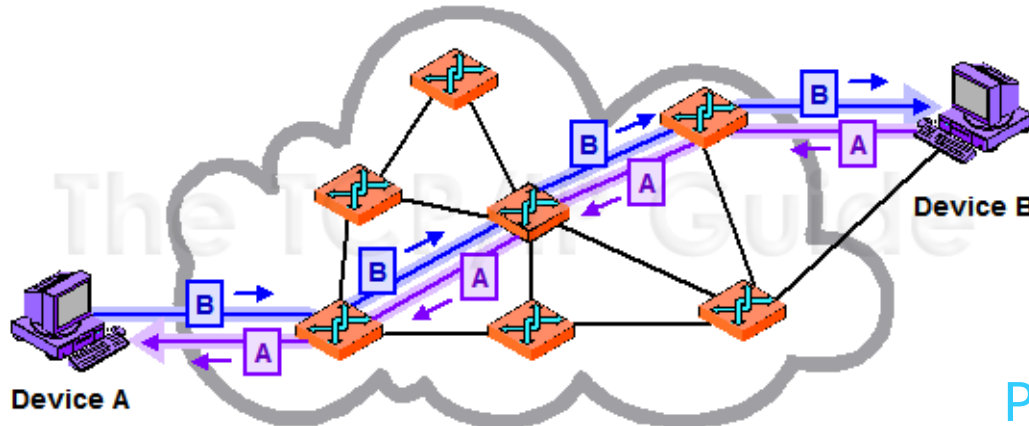
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# Types of Network Infrastructure

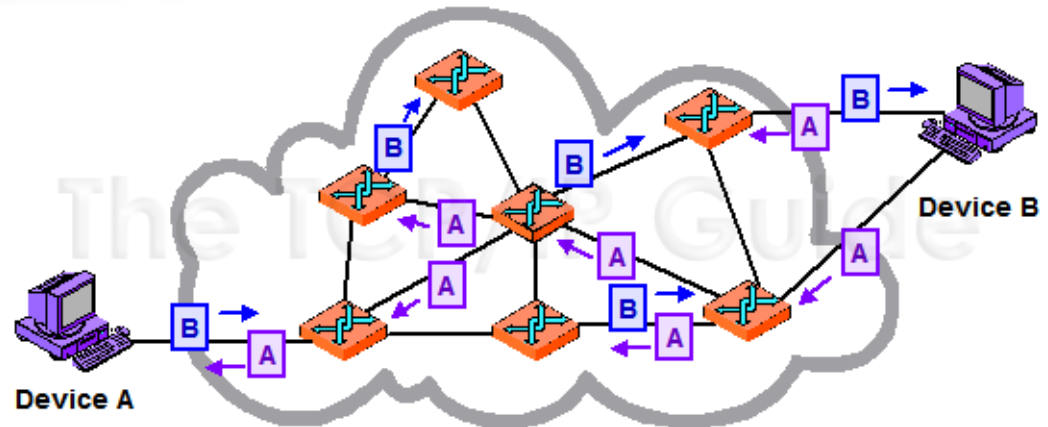
## Circuit-Switched



Before the communication between two devices can occur, circuit (connection) between them is established.

No circuit is set up prior to sending data. Blocks of data can take any paths around the network.

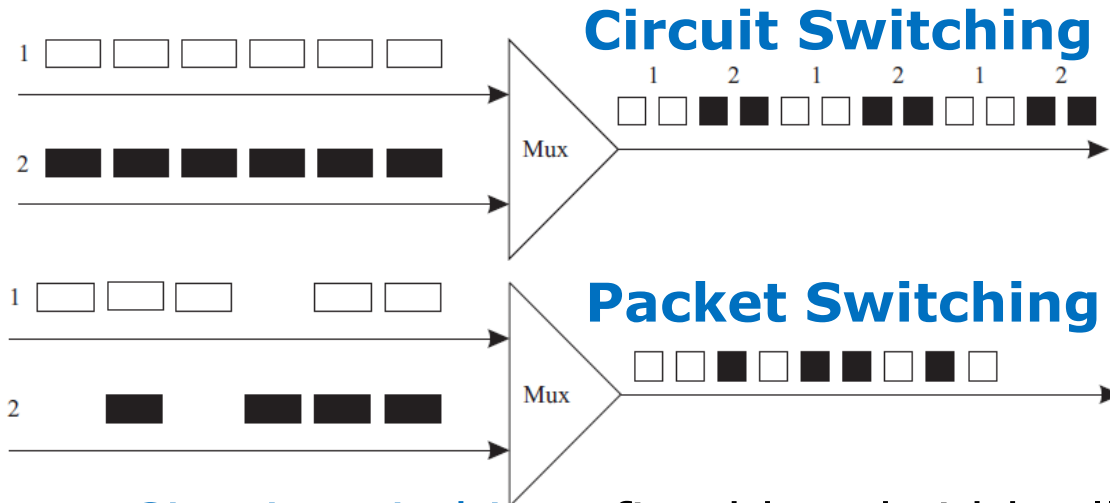
## Packet-Switched



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# Circuit and Packet Switching



- **Circuit switching:** fixed bandwidth allocated to the connection, guaranteed.  
E.g.: phone line, dial-up
- **Packet switching:** statistical switching, no guarantee, "best effort".  
E.g.: Internet Protocol (IP), it is connectionless; frame relay





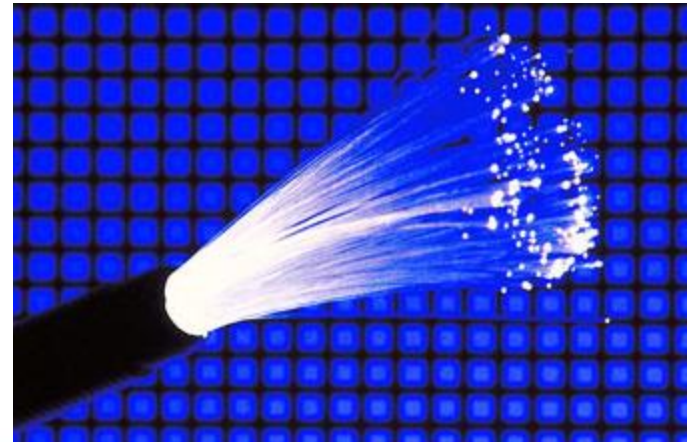
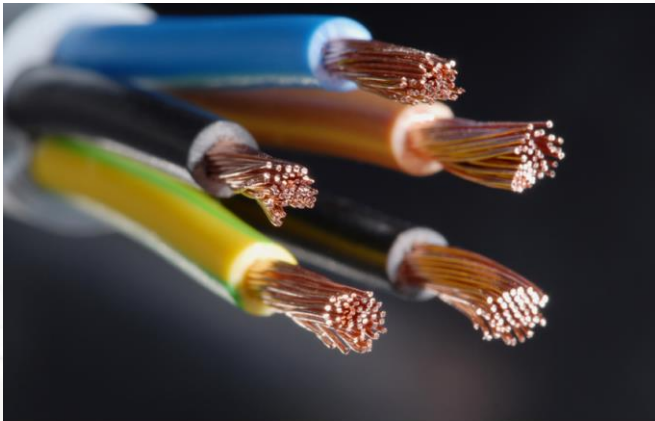
# Internet Service Today

- ❖ Service model changes rapidly
- ❖ Capacity increasing: 155 Mb/s – 2.5-100 Gb/s
- ❖ Availability 99.999 % (< 5 min down time per year)
- ❖ Fast restoration (< 50 ms)
- ❖ More variety of services, circuit- and packet-switched services delivered over separate overlay networks



# Optical Networks

- ❖ Enormous capacity
- ❖ Common infrastructure for all services (fibre)
- ❖ Bandwidth delivery when and where needed
- ❖ Optical fibres: much higher bandwidth, less susceptible to various E&M interferences







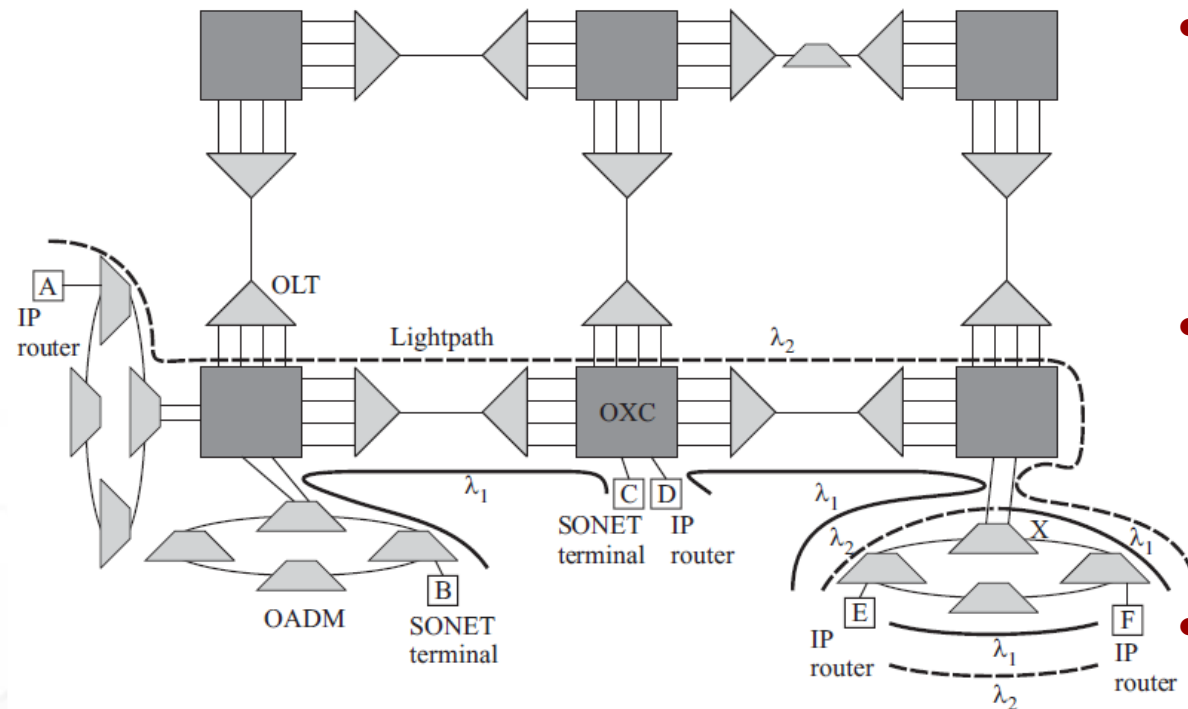
# Optical Networks: Two Generations

- **1<sup>st</sup> generation**: optical fibre was used for transmission and capacity, and low bit error rate (BER). Electronics at the node must handle all the data intended for that node and all the data passed through that node.  
E.g.: SONET = Synchronous Optical Network;  
SDH = Synchronous Digital Hierarchy
- **2<sup>nd</sup> generation**: routing, switching and intelligence in optical layer. The data passing are routed through the optical domain.





# Second Generation Optical Networks



Actively Deployed

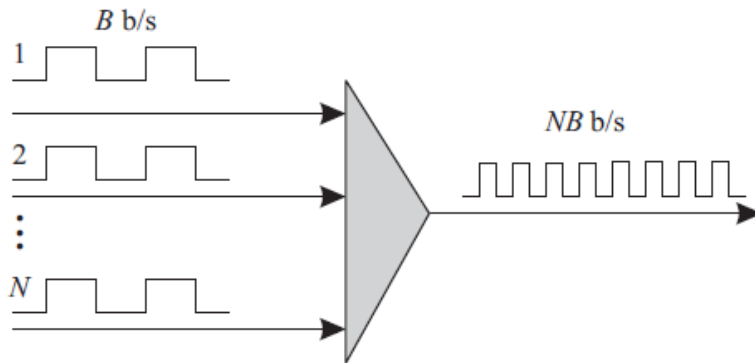
- **OLT = Optical Line Terminal.**  
Function: Multiplexing and de-multiplexing of optical wavelength.
- **OADM = Optical Add-Drop Multiplexers.**  
Function: Selective adding-dropping certain wavelength; transmitting
- **OXC = Optical Cross-Connect.**  
Function: same as OADM, but larger scale.



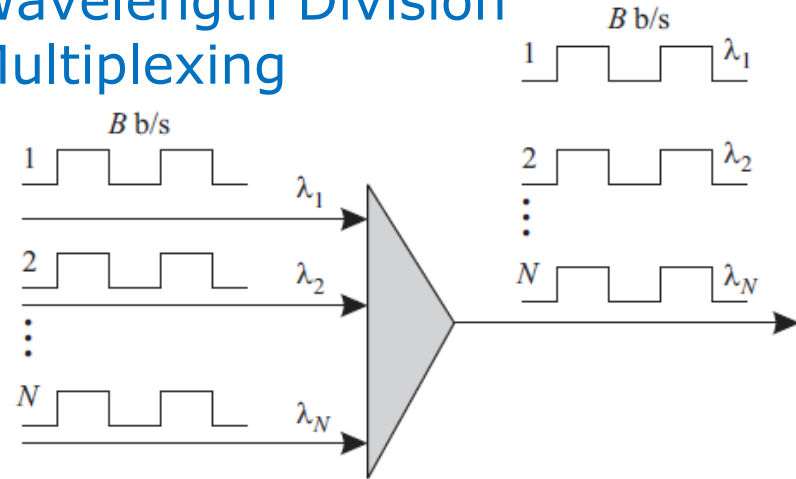


# Multiplexing Techniques

## Time Division Multiplexing

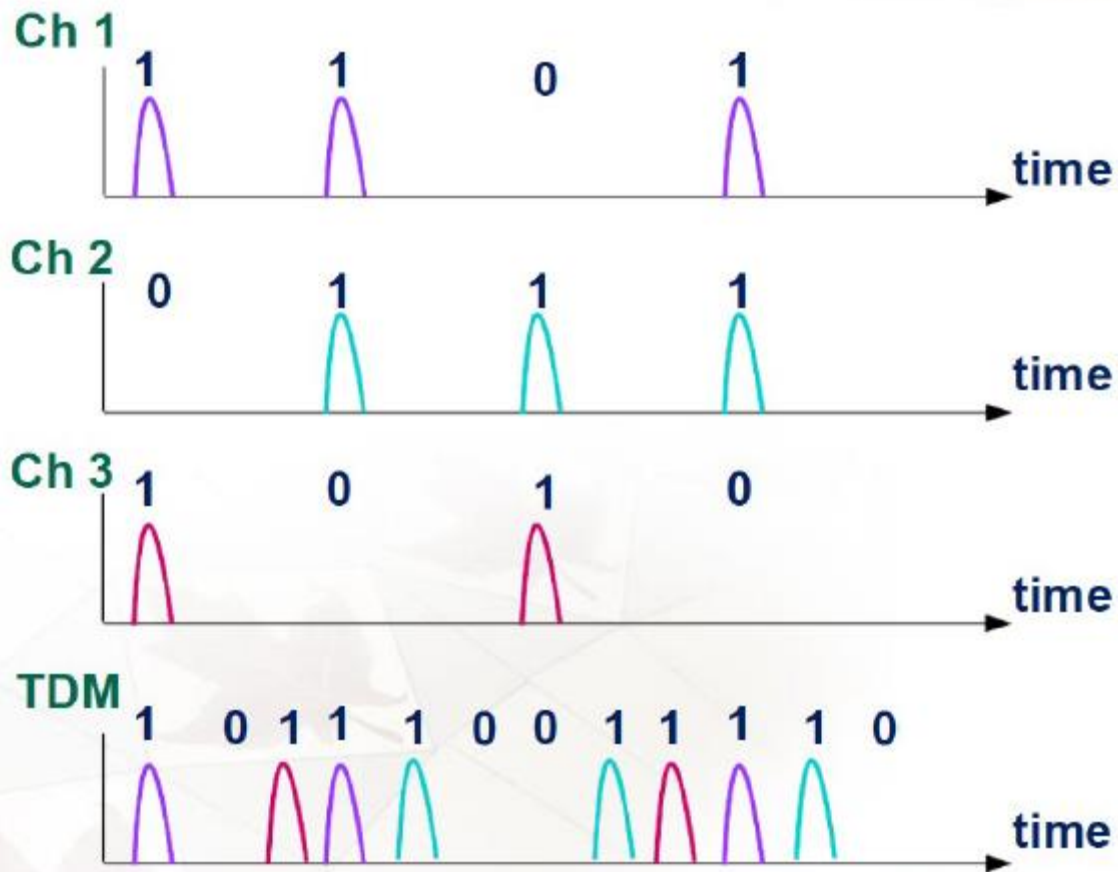


## Wavelength Division Multiplexing

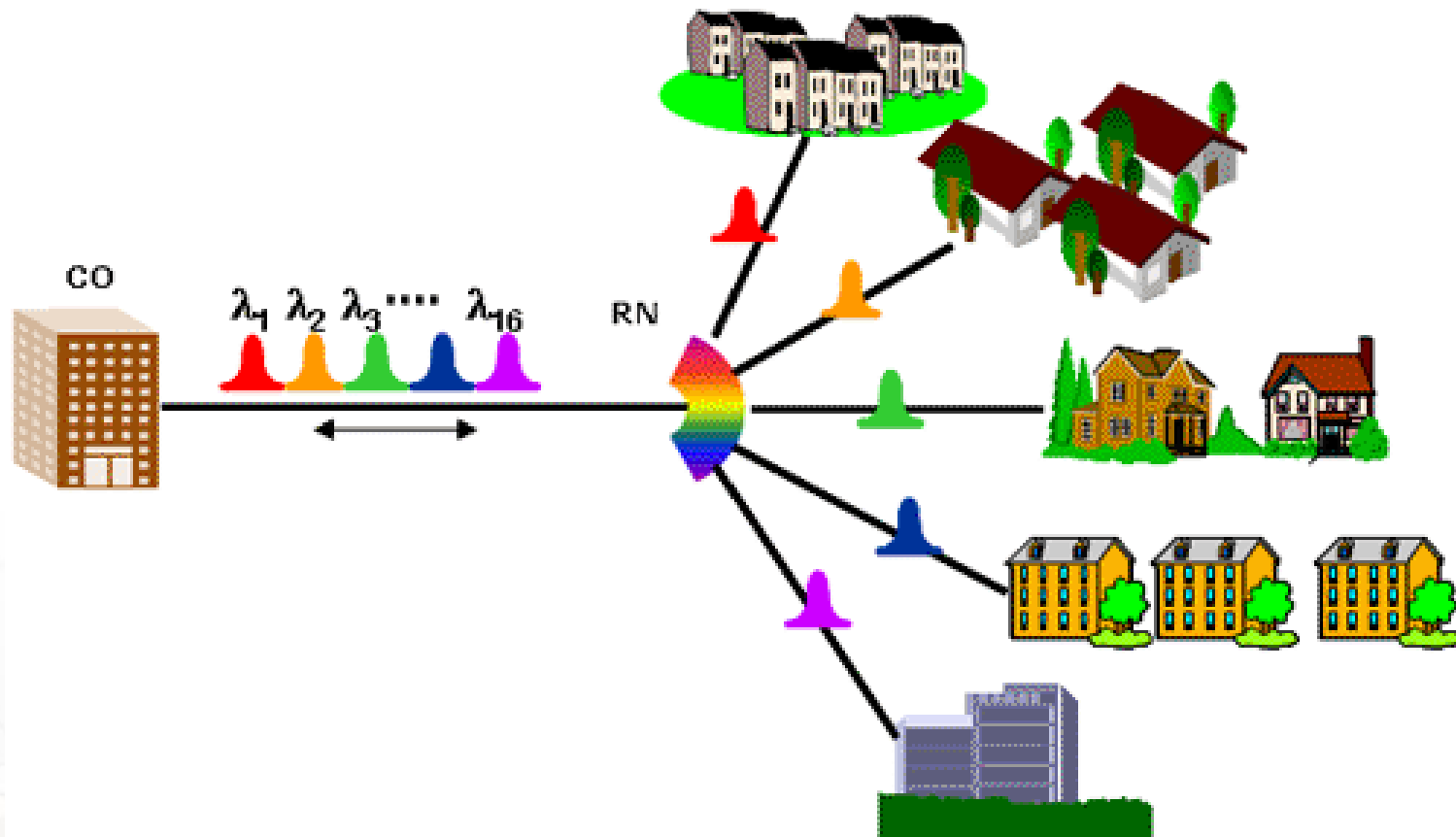


- ❖ **TDM = Time Division Multiplexing**: increasing bit rate, requires faster electronics
- ❖ **WDM = Wavelength Division Multiplexing**: transmitting many wavelength channels simultaneously; deployed in long-haul and undersea networks
- ❖ TDM + WDM allow to achieve capacities up to 1 Tb/s

# Time Division Multiplexing



# Wavelength Division Multiplexing



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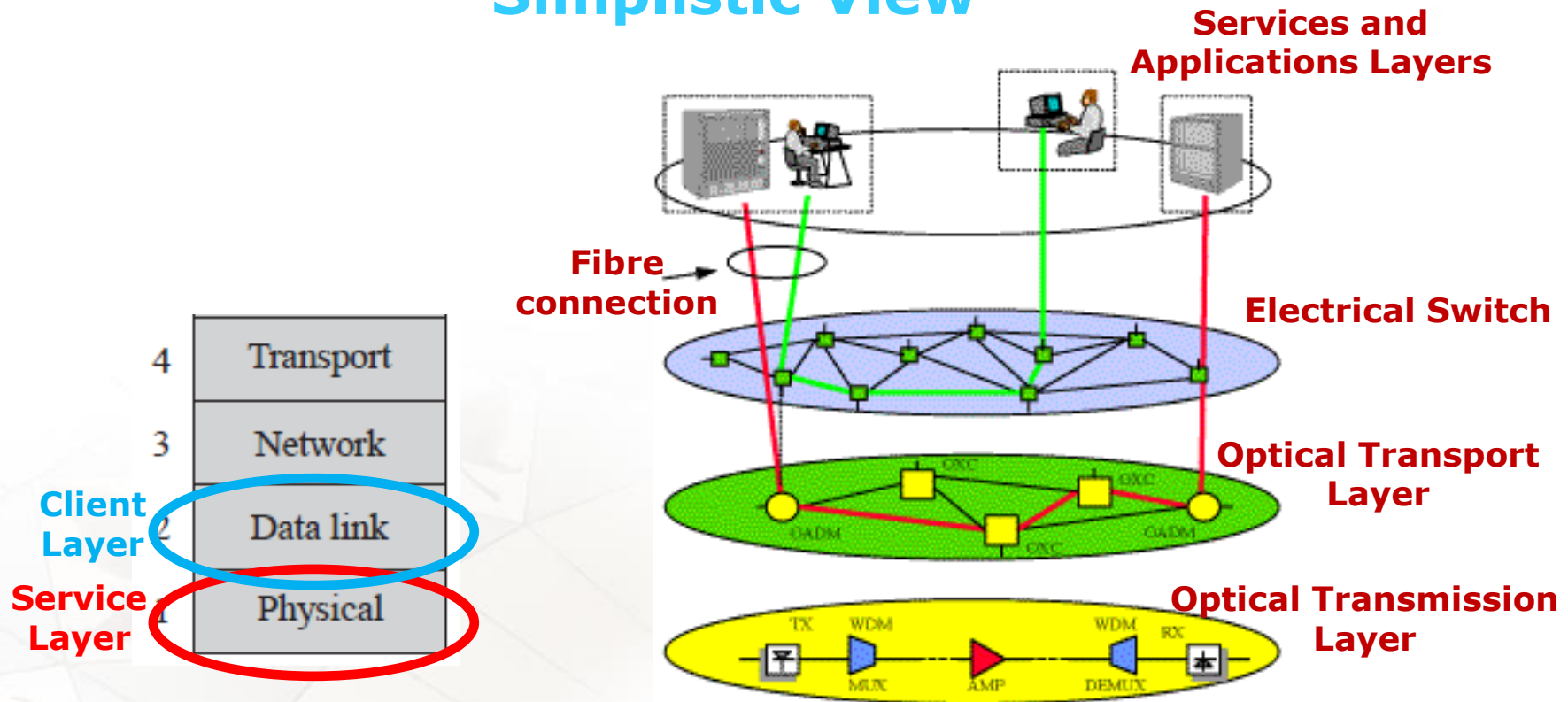
- ❖ Optical Networks
- ❖ Network Layers
- ❖ Transmission Basics





# Network: Layered Perspective

## Simplistic View





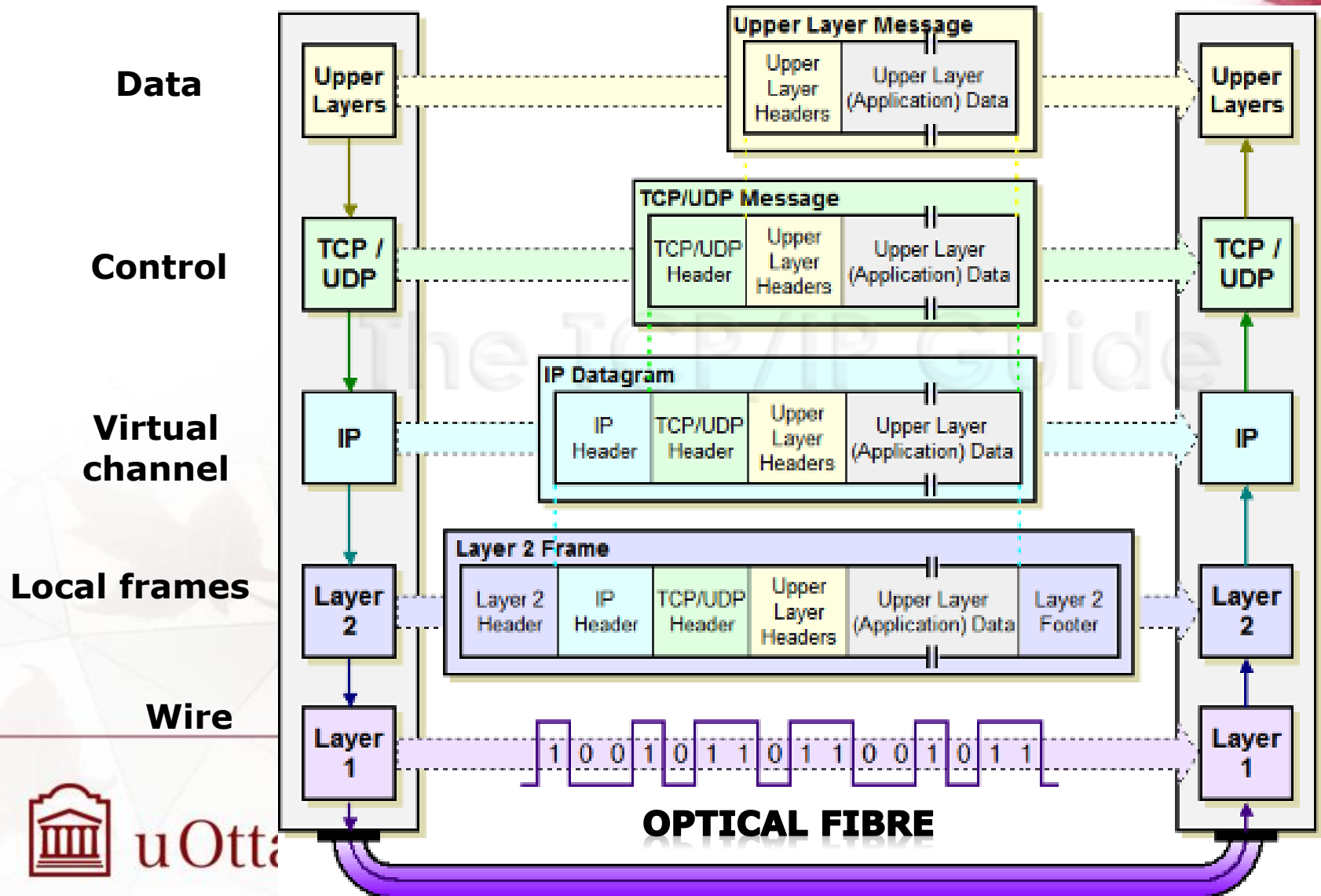
# Layered Network

- ❖ **Physical layer** – a “pipe” to the layers above.  
E.g.: optical fibre, wireless, wires, coaxial.
- ❖ **Data link layer** – framing, multiplexing, demultiplexing the data sent over the “pipe”  
E.g.: Ethernet, PPP (point-to-point protocol).
- ❖ **Network layer** – virtual circuit (VC) or datagram services to the higher layer. End-to-end routing of the message to destination.  
E.g.: Internet Protocol (IP) – provides a way to route packets in a packet-switched network. Provides simple mechanisms of network restoration.
- ❖ **Transport layer** – insuring end-to-end, in-sequence, error-free delivery of the messages.  
E.g.: TCP = transmission control protocol.

4	Transport
3	Network
2	Data link
1	Physical

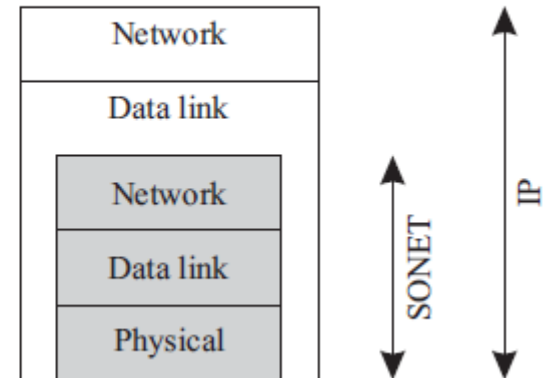
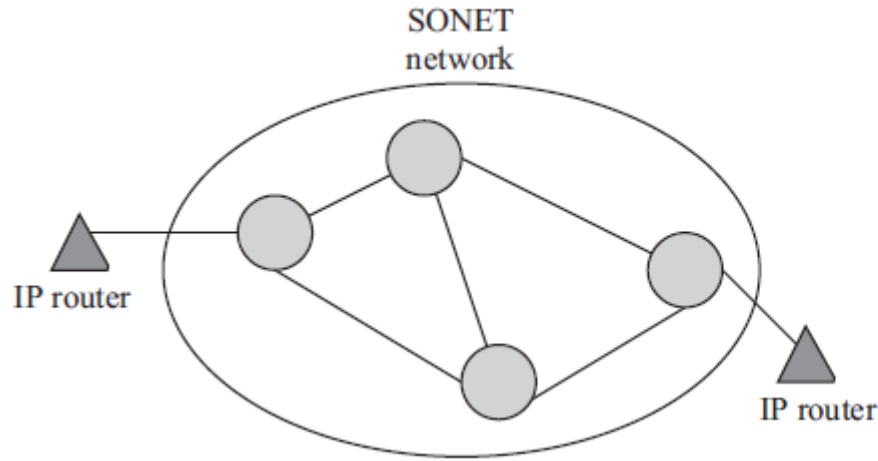


# Organizing Data Transmission





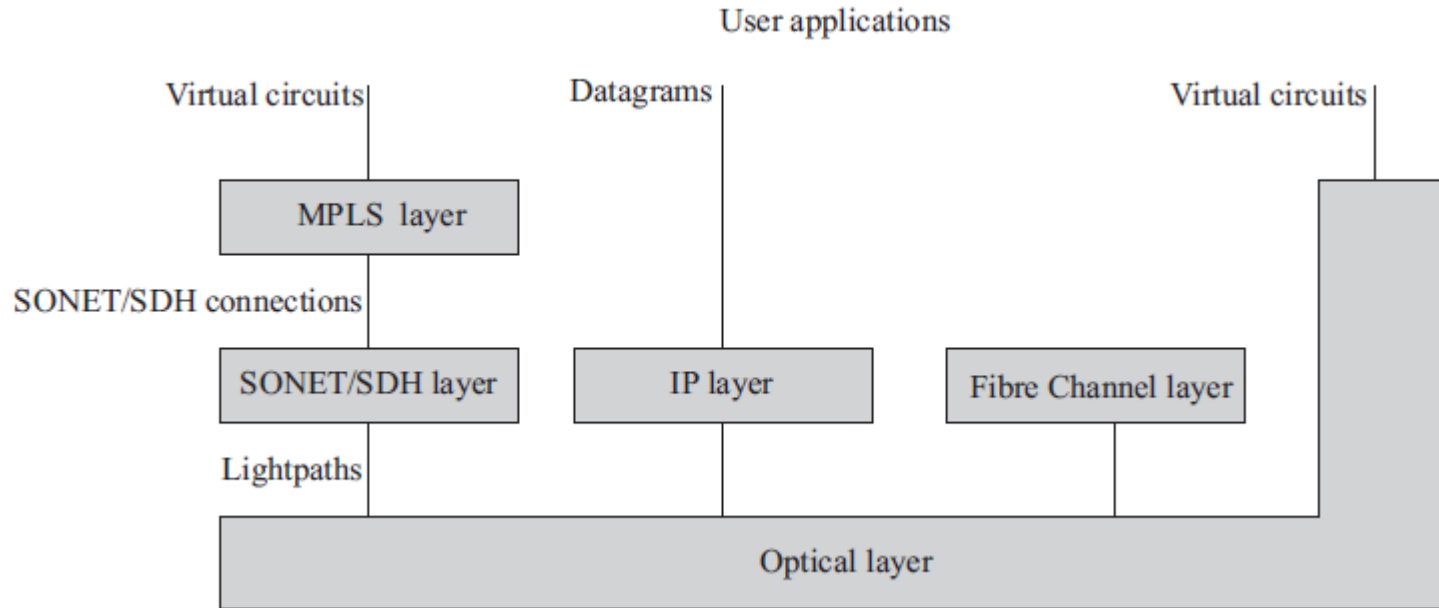
# IP over SONET



- ❖ Classical layer view is simplistic.
- ❖ Realistic networks employ multiple protocol stacks
- ❖ E.g.: IP treats SONET as providing it with point-to-point link between IP routers
- ❖ SONET itself is a network



# Optical Layer

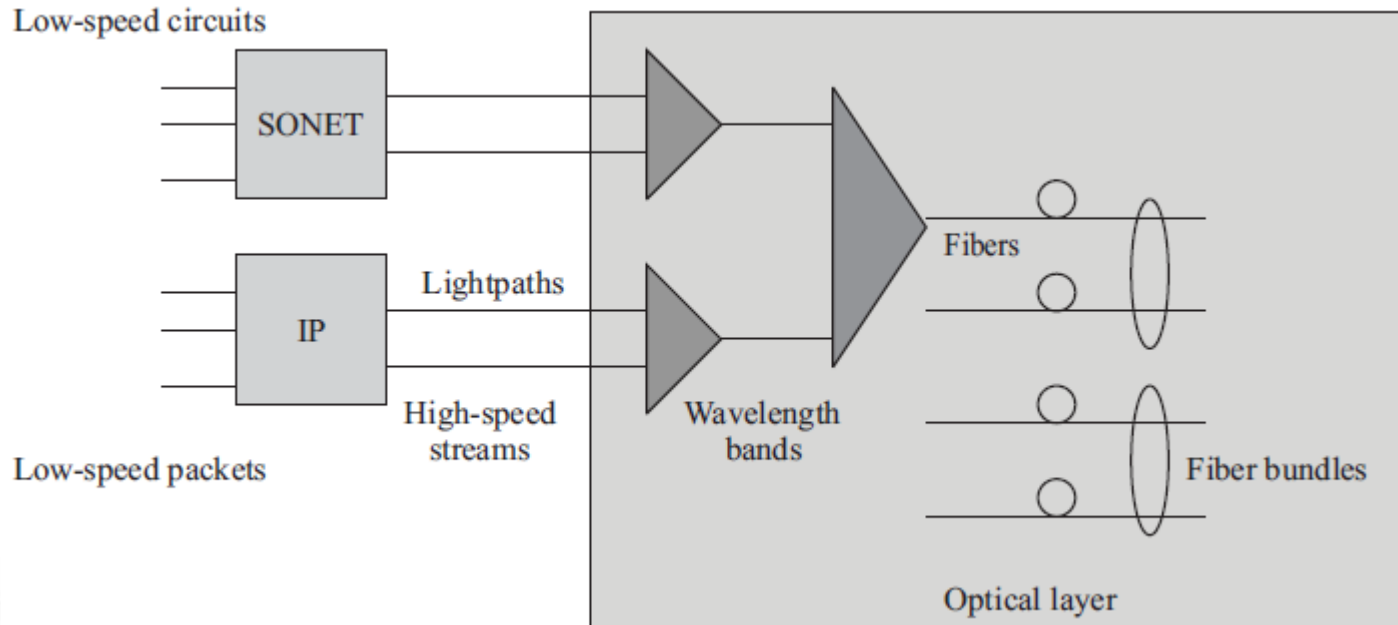


- ❖ **Optical layer** – server layer providing service to client layers.
- ❖ Can provide other services that may directly interface with user applications.





# Multiplexing Layer Hierarchy



- ❖ Before OL, SONET was transmission layer.
- ❖ Now, SONET is built over OL.
- ❖ Functionalities of OL and SONET are similar, but at different bit rates.



# Reading Material

## **Optical Networks: A Practical Perspective**

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### **Chapter I: Sections 1.1-1.7**