

❑ Wireless network – 802.16 broadband wireless N/W (wireless MAN, WLL)

➤ Need for a separate standard : 802.11 Vs 802.16

❖ Static Vs Mobile

- 802.16 provides wireless connection to buildings from static base stations

- Much of 802.3 deals with mobility (both PCF & DCF)

❖ Single Vs multiple stations in one location

- 802.11 stations are usually a single entity – mostly, had held devices

- Buildings can & do have multiple stations – handled by 802.16

❖ Sophisticated high power Vs simple low power transceivers/ radio equipment

- 802.11 mobile stations keep radio transceivers simple (half – duplex) because of cost/ size constraints, are highly power constrained (battery operated), have limited radio range

- 802.16 transceivers & other radio equipment usually have none of these constraints; they are sophisticated state-of-the-art systems with full – duplex communication

❖ Simple Vs elaborate security/ privacy mechanism

- 802.11 is essentially for indoor use – an extended wireless 802.3 where perceived security threat level is appreciable lower as compared unrestricted outdoor urban environment

- 802.16 wireless broadband 'MAN' needs elaborate security mechanism to ensure WEP

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#### ❖ High Vs low bandwidth requirements

##### ○ 802.16 must provide high bandwidth

- All stations in most buildings(at varying distances from base station) may be streaming HD video, using real time interactive video, downloading big security sensitive files, etc.

- Extremely unlikely that multiple 802.11 users will watch full length movies or download big sensitive files(financial transactions) on their hand held devices, all at the same time

##### ○ High bandwidth channel possible only in available millimeter waves, i.e., 10 – 66 GHz range

- Millimeter waves much more strongly absorbed by rain, snow, fog, etc., compared to longer wavelengths used in 802.11

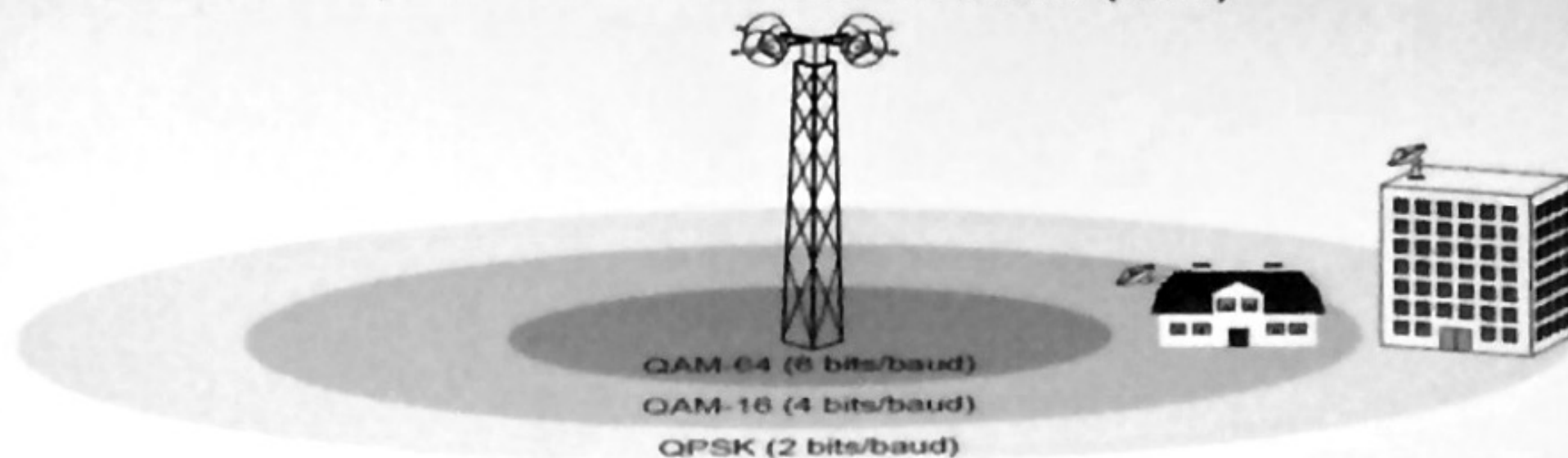
- 802.16 requires sophisticated error handling compared to 802.11

- Millimeter waves can be focused in directional beams

- 802.16 can use directional antennas to send focused radio beams to different city zones – NLOS transmission related complications minimised

- 802.11 longer wavelength transmission is omnidirectional

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- ❖ High & multiple power levels Vs single, low power level transmission
  - 802.16 base station must communicate over full/ large part of city
  - Different power levels needed for city zones at different distances
  - Transmission/ reception at different power levels involves widely differing signal/ noise ratios
- ❖ Single Vs multiple modulation techniques
  - Varying S/ N ratio requires different modulation techniques
    - 802.16 uses three – QAM-64, QAM-16 & QPSK
  - Different modulation techniques result in different effective speeds :  
25 MHz of spectrum gives 150, 100 & 50Mbps for QAM-64, QAM16 & QPSK respectively
  - 802.11 uses single power level & single modulation technique



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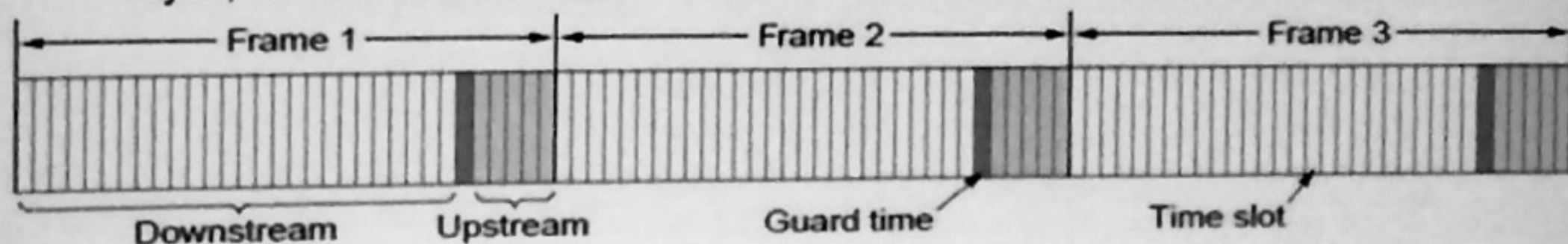
**❖ Quality of service (QoS), a very important parameter in 802.16; relatively less stringent in 802.11**

- 802.11 provides limited security support (half – duplex) for real time traffic (through PCF) for mobile stations, i.e., mobile Ethernet**
- 802.16 designed to provide wireless services to fixed/ static stations**
  - Heavy duty multimedia (video on demand, interactive gaming, etc.,)**
  - Secure high speed data transfer (secure transfer of large files, interactive sessions with sensitive data bases)**
  - Both entertainment & business applications are full –duplex in nature**

**➤ 802.11 & 802.16 have different design goals, try to optimise different parameters, hence standards are significantly different**

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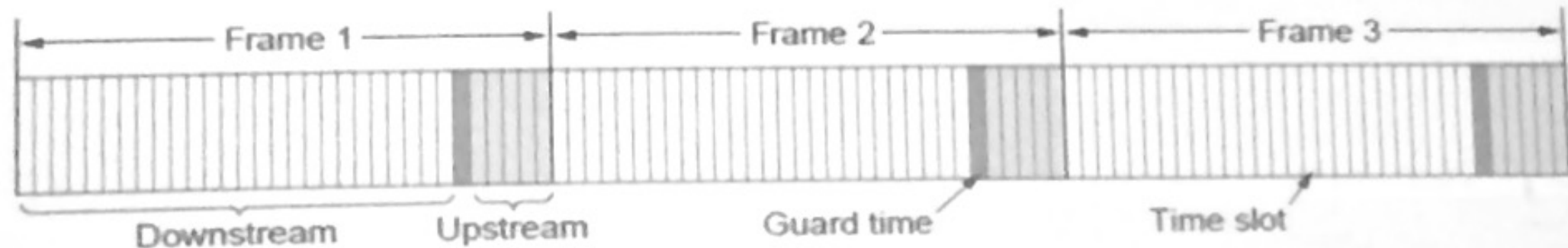
- Asymmetric traffic – downstream traffic, i.e., base station to subscriber station traffic is much higher than upstream traffic, particularly for interactive multimedia & business file transfer
- 802.16 uses FDD or TDD (frequency/ time division duplexing) in physical layer; TDD is shown below



- A frame consist of physical layer time slots in three sections
  - ❖ Downstream slots for transmissions from base station
  - ❖ A one slot wide 'guard time' to allow direction switching
  - ❖ Upstream slots for subscriber to base station communication
- Position of guard time slot can be dynamically changed to allow for variable upstream & downstream traffic rates
- Downstream traffic is completely under base station control
- Upstream traffic is controlled by individual subscriber/ station
  - ❖ Depends on QoS needed by subscriber
  - ❖ Multiple subscribers may compete to acquire upstream slots

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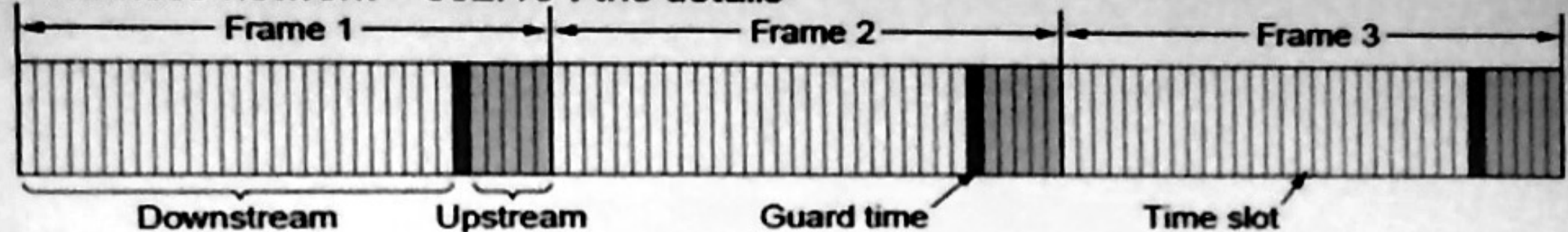
- Physical layer mapping of frame to time slot depends on frame size
  - ❖ Multiple short frames packed in a single block transmission; reduces no. of preambles & physical layer headers
  - ❖ Fragments large frames over several upstream/ downstream sections
- Physical layer error rate is high (open wide area wireless broadband)
  - ❖ Error correcting Hamming code used in physical layer
  - ❖ Usual CRC used in higher layers (separate CRCs for header & payload)



- MAC sub layer protocol
  - ❖ All services are connection oriented – unlike other 802.Q standards
    - Needed to ensure/ guarantee QoS to subscribers
  - ❖ Downstream/ upstream sections in a frame are called downstream/ upstream frame maps
  - ❖ Frame maps specify what is in which (physical layer) time slot & which slots are empty
  - ❖ Upstream frame map time slots are loaded with data/ info by subscriber stations



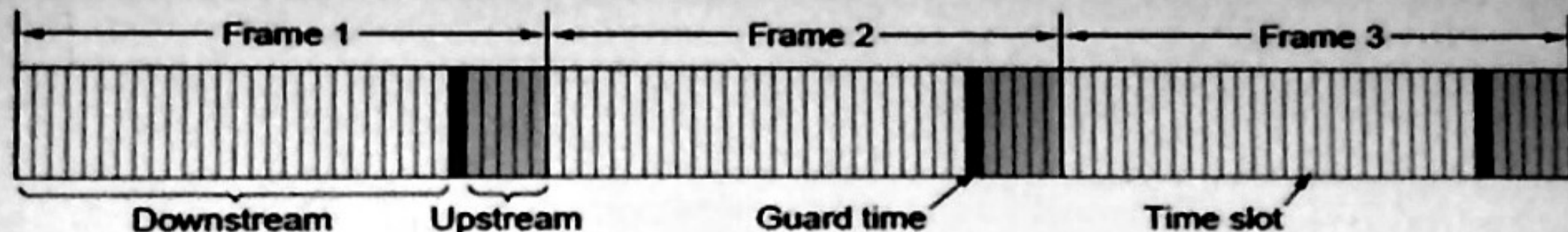
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### ➤ MAC sub layer protocol (cont.)

- ❖ Downstream frame map completely controlled by base station, it decides what to put in a time slot & what slots to keep empty
- ❖ Four classes of service provided by base station
  1. Constant bit-rate service (e.g., uncompressed voice data)
    - Predetermined volume of data transmitted at predetermined intervals
    - Base station allocates certain time slots in every frame or every 'n' frame to requesting subscriber
    - Once allocated, these slots automatically become available to subscriber without need to ask for it over & over again
  2. Real time variable bit-rate service (e.g., compressed multimedia)
    - Base station polls subscribers at fixed time intervals
    - Subscribers specify bandwidth requirement for next interval
    - Base station allocates necessary number of upstream slots to individual subscribers for next interval
    - Base station conveys polling & slot allocation info through

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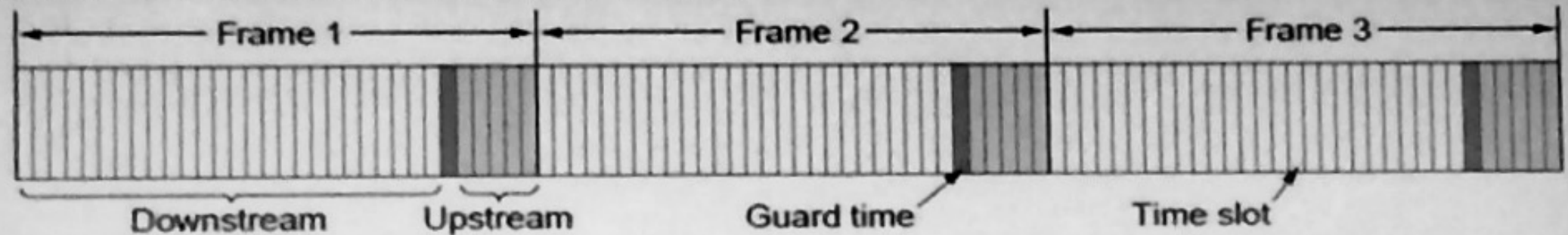
#### ❖ Four classes of service provided by base station (cont.)

##### 3. Non real time variable bit-rate service (e.g., large file transfer)

- Base station polls subscriber frequently, but not at rigidly defined regular intervals
- Subscriber station specifies bandwidth requirement for next interval, as usual (value may be influenced by elapsed time since last poll)
- Base station allocates necessary slots in next upstream section; informs subscribers about allocated slots in appropriate downstream slots
- A 'constant bit-rate' subscriber is also allowed to set certain bit(s) in its upstream time slots to request a poll so that it can ask for additional bandwidth if needed



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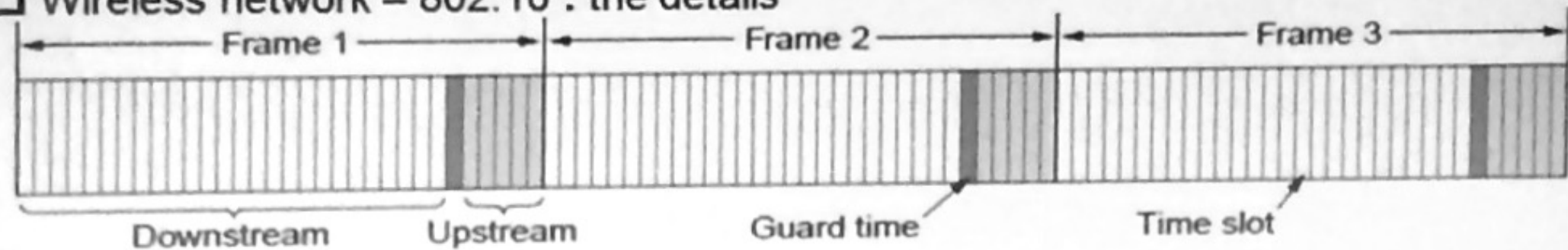
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##### 4. Best effort service (for general non-sensitive applications)

- No polling done by base station
- Subscribers contend for b/w, i.e., upstream slots with other best effort subscribers
- Request for b/w done in upstream slots marked for contention, contention slot nos. info conveyed by base station in some slot(s) of downstream frame map
- Successful subscribers allocated upstream slot(s) in next round as usual
- Collision between subscribers can occur; if so, subscriber station uses Binary Back-off before requesting again

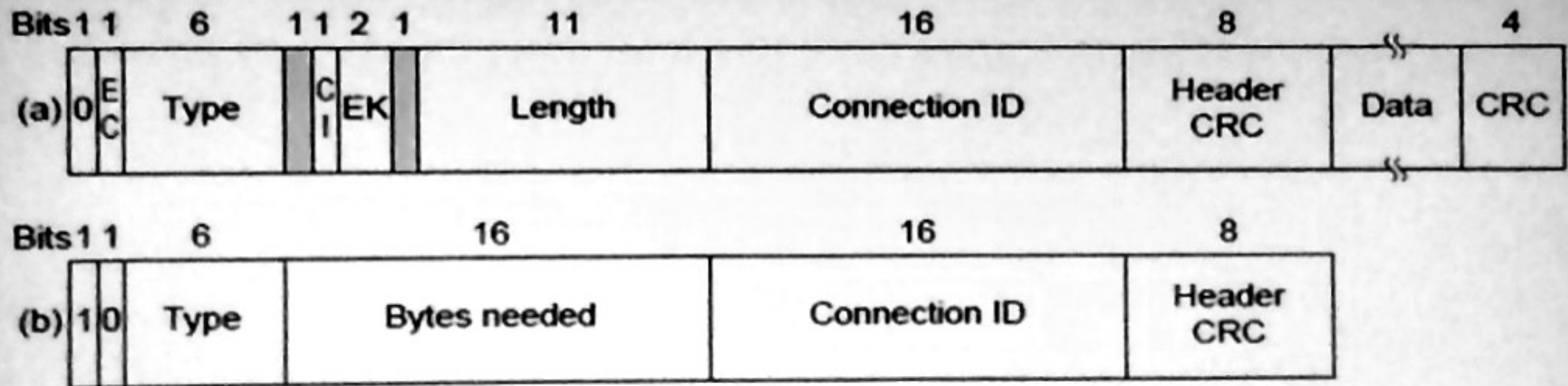
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### ➤ MAC sub layer protocol

- ❖ For variable bit-rate subscriber stations not responding to  $k$  consecutive base station polls
  - Polling of subscriber stopped & it is put in a multicast group
  - When base station polls this group, any station in it may contend for services, usual contention rules apply
  - This avoids polling slot wastage on subscribers which no longer need high guaranteed bandwidth
- ❖ 802.16 bandwidth allocation is of two types
  - Per connection – base station directly manages connection to each station/ computer
  - Per subscriber
    - If subscriber is just an individual station/ computer, treatment is similar to 'per connection'
    - For a building/ organisation with multiple stations, service provider must aggregate b/w requirements & request for this b/w
    - Allocated b/w is distributed between station as per norms mutually

## ❑ Wireless network – 802.16 : Frame format



### ➤ MAC frames of two types

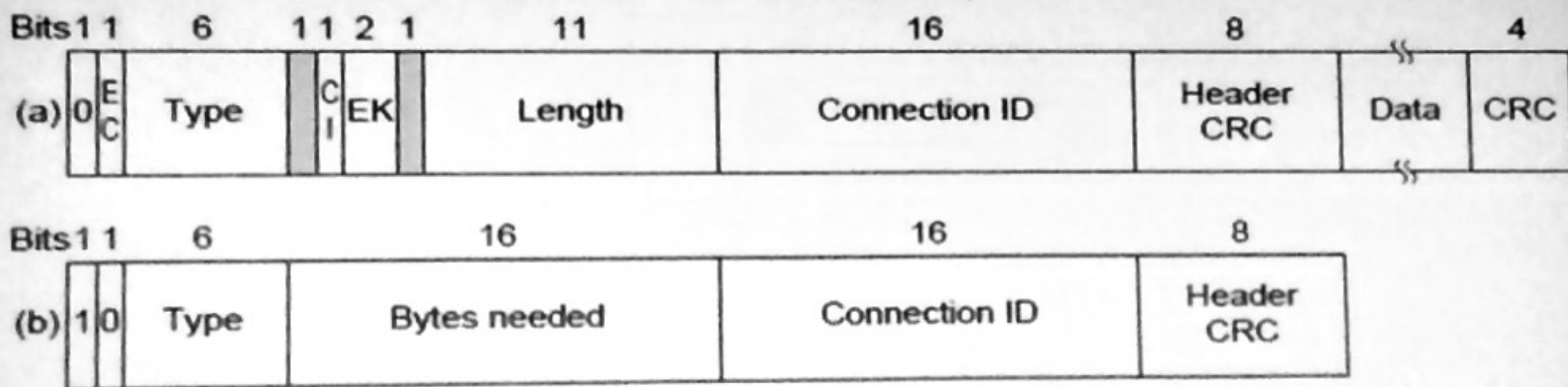
- ❖ Control frames
- ❖ Data frames

### ➤ Frame contains

- ❖ Generic header with own checksum
- ❖ Optional payload (usually absent in control frame)
- ❖ Optional payload checksum
  - Hamming code used to attempt error correction in physical layer
  - No retransmission for real time frames even under checksum errors
  - Retransmission may compromise guaranteed b/w and/or QoS
  - Error handling done at higher layers



## ❑ Wireless network – 802.16 : Frame format (cont.)



### ➤ Data frame – 1<sup>st</sup> bit is '0'

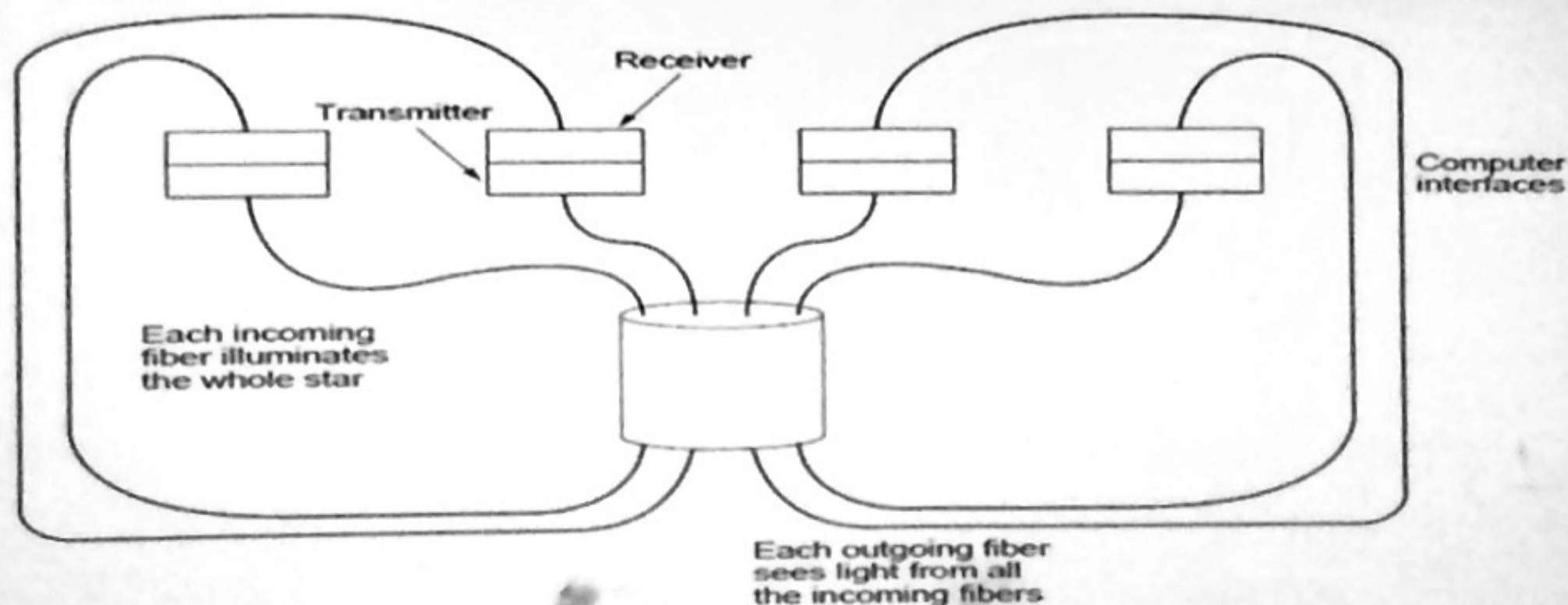
- ❖ EC : frame encrypted or not; only payload is encrypted
- ❖ Type : nature of frame, i.e., whether packaging/ fragmentation present
- ❖ CI : indicates presence/ absence of final checksum
- ❖ EK : specifies type of encryption, if present
- ❖ Length : Specifies complete frame length (includes header)
- ❖ Connection ID : Identifies connection for which frame is intended
- ❖ Header CRC : Checksum for header only; computed using  $x^8+x^2+x+1$

### ➤ Control frame – 1<sup>st</sup> bit is '1'

- ❖ Type : same as in data frame
- ❖ Bytes needed : required b/w needed to carry specified no. of bytes;  
b/w request frame has no payload or full-frame CRC
- ❖ Connection ID & Header CRC : same as in data frame

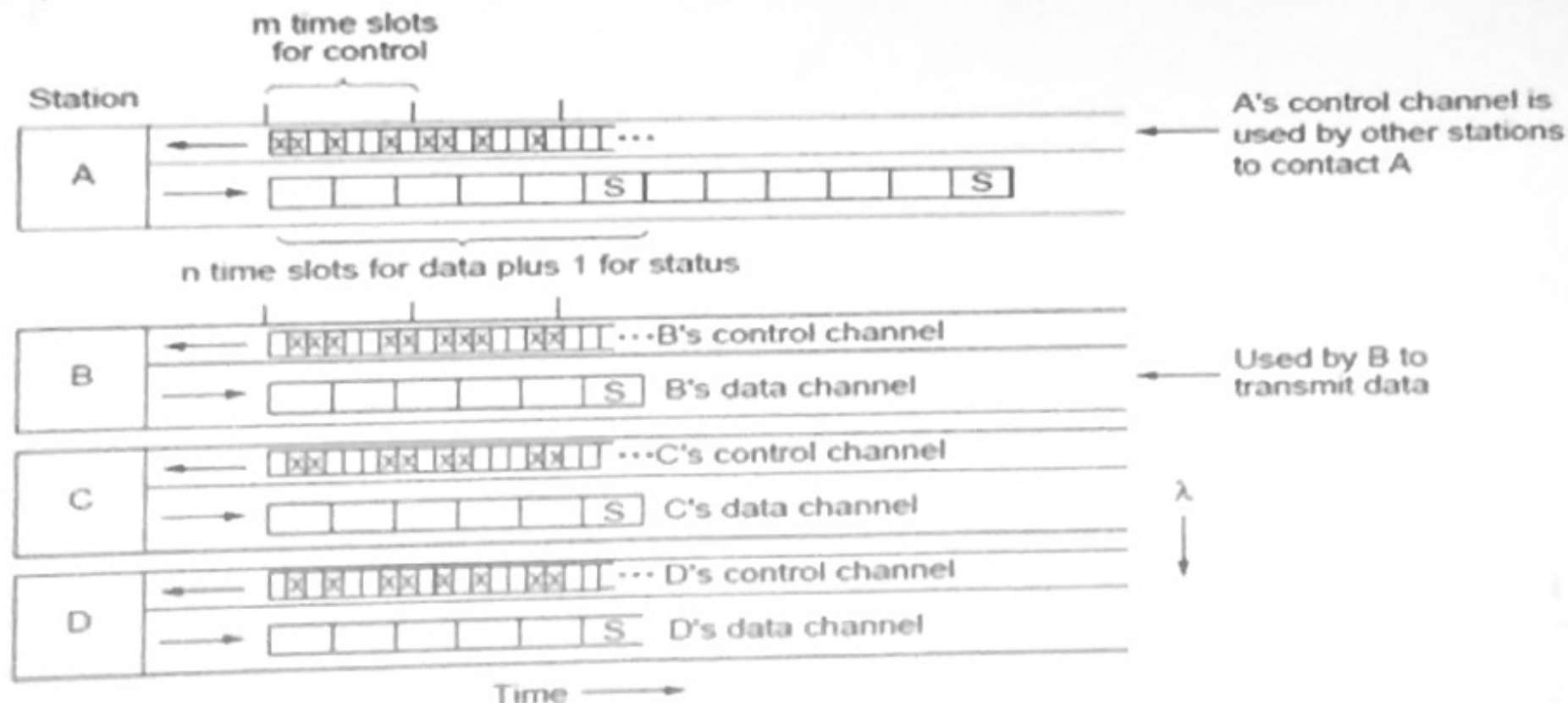
❑ Optical network – WDMA (Wavelength Division Multiple Access)

- Passive star coupler allows easy implementation of all –optical LAN & can handle hundreds of stations



- WDMA permits multiple simultaneous transmissions, each using different wavelengths
- Uses FDM (visible & IR region) to divide available channel into subchannels
- Uses TDM to dynamically allocate subchannels on need basis
- Each station is assigned two channels
  - ❖ Narrow channel for control frames
  - ❖ Wide channel for data frames

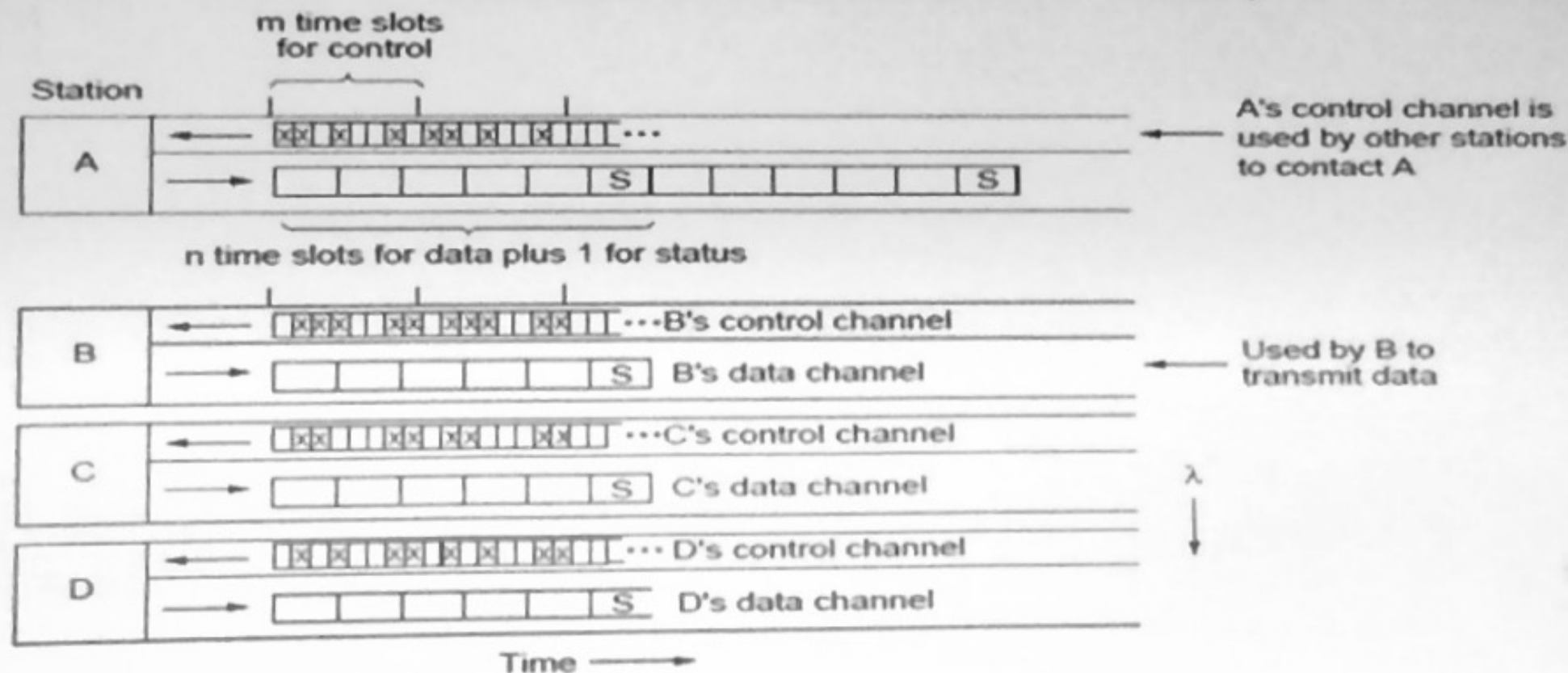
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- Each channel is divided in groups of time slots, start of each group marked
  - ❖ Control channel has  $m$  slots in a group
  - ❖ Data channel has  $n+1$  slots in a group,  $n$  for data & 1 for status info.
  - ❖ Group of slots for both channels repeat continuously
- Channel slots (TDM part) synchronised is by global clock
- Three service classes supported
  1. Constant data rate connection oriented traffic
  2. Variable data rate connection oriented traffic
  3. Datagrams, e.g., UDP (connectionless service)



## ❑ Optical network – WDMA (Wavelength Division Multiple Access)



- Each channel has two transmitters & two receivers
  - ❖ Narrow band fixed wavelength control receiver
  - ❖ Narrow band tunable control transmitter
  - ❖ Fixed wavelength data transmitter
  - ❖ Tunable data receiver
- Transmitter/ receiver tuning is done using electro-optical interferometers (Fabry – Perot)