





# Arquitecturas de Redes

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# Network Architectures

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    - Practical Classes

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## Planning

- 14 weeks scheduled for theoretical and practical classes
  - Information in elearning...
  - English language in slides

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## Objectives

- to provide an integrated vision of communication networks, including aspects associated with user, service, and network requirements.
  - Focus on architectures and “the converged operator”
  - Management, multimedia communications, and virtualization and service distribution.
  - Students should be able to:
    - the evolution of telecommunication systems;
    - service support in an operator environments, with aspects as management, transport protocols and signalling.
    - the current network architectures and the virtualization trends.

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## Program

- Groups of classes as theoretical and practical
  - Need to understand the class to close the practical works
  - Some classes will be mixed
  - Is it possible to change times for the classes?
    - 30 min later
    - Warnings on elearning
    - Some dates are a problem

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## Program

2023		
1	14/09/2023	Introduction. Program and Rules.
2	21/09/2023	BGP review and Advanced topics
3	28/09/2023	
4	12/10/2023	IP-based QoS models: IntServ and DiffServ Architectures)
5	19/10/2023	
6	26/10/2023	Network Monitoring and Management: basics and SNMP
7	02/11/2023	
8	09/11/2023	Data centers: L2 overlay networks
9	16/11/2023	
10	23/11/2023	Corporate networks: MPLS tunnels and VPNs
11	30/11/2023	
12	07/12/2023	Multimedia networks: interdomain and CDN
13	14/12/2023	Convergent telecom networks: interdomain, virtualization
14	21/12/2023	

Exam


– 12-Jan-2024, 10h00

Second phase

– 01-Fev-2024, 10h00

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## Evaluation criteria

- Theory: 50%
  - Single test.
  - Final exam (a.k.a. exame de recurso) will contain all subjects as well
- Practical: 50%
  - mini-test (practical material), 15%
  - Project Work: 30%,
    - including "presentation" and "reporting" (5%).

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## Organization

- All information to be displayed in e-learning
  - Announcements
  - Classes handout
  - Practical works
  - Evaluation and grades
- Summaries in paco.

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# Arquitecturas de Comunicações

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## Outcomes

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- Understand the basics of large networks, structure and transmission

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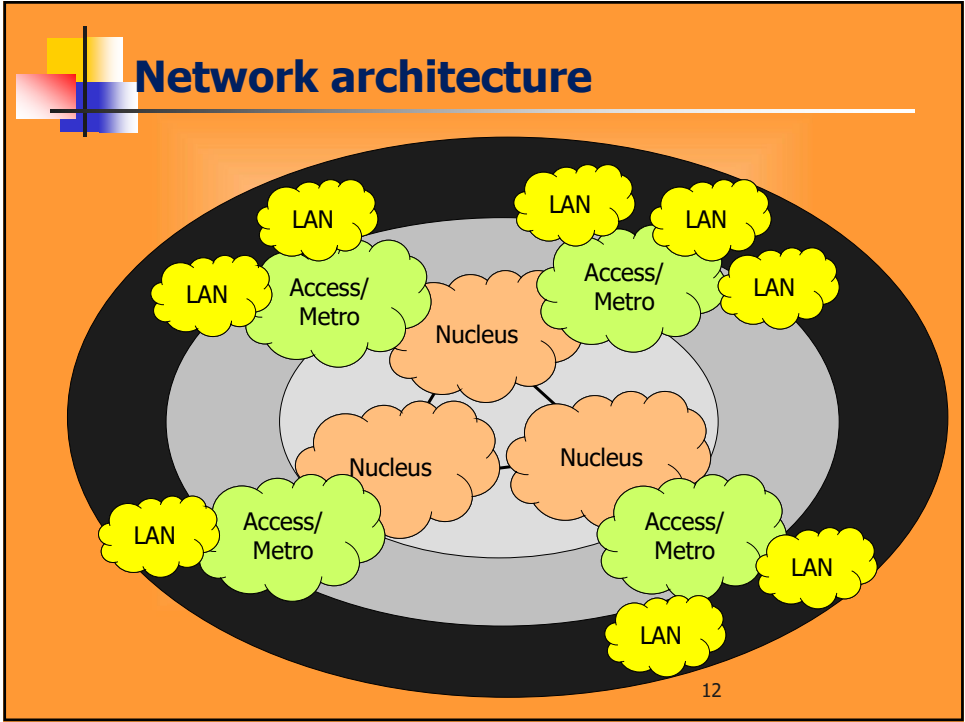


# The communication network

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What is then a network

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## Networks: service vision

- Distributed communications infrastructure supporting applications, also potentially distributed
  - WWW, email, games, e-commerce, databases, voting
- Communications services supporting:
  - Connection-oriented
  - Connection-less
- Service platforms for millions of devices: *hosts, end-systems*
  - Pc's, workstations, servers
  - PDA's, phones, fridges...

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## Network structure

- Administrative borders define:
  - Autonomous systems(AS)
    - **Intradomain routing**
      - Internal policies
      - Different metrics can be used on different domains

(connectivity protocols in Internet: RIPv2, OSPFv2)
    - Interconnection of ASs
      - **Interdomain routing**
        - (Connectivity information protocols in Internet: BGP)

border router

intra-domain routing exchanges

inter-domain routing exchanges

**NOTE: this structure is for ALL NETWORKS**

- But details presented are for ISPs.

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## Real structure

■ **TIER** concept:

Apparently hierarchical (**bold** lines)

■ Backbone ISP provides service a ISPs increasingly smaller

■ Smaller ISPs eventually providing service end users.

■ But hierarchy is not respected

■ Private connection agreements

■ Mechanisms for improvement of the network

■ All companies provide service to (some) users – Corporate users are different in structure

■ Service providers connect to multiple connection provider

■ Users connect to multiple ISPs

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## Connection-oriented versus Connectionless

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## Connection-oriented versus Connectionless

In a given communications today, most probably we are using **at the same time** technologies that are connection-oriented and connectionless. At each technology level, the most efficient and cost effective method is used.

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## Connection-oriented versus Connectionless

- A connection-oriented application can operate over both a circuit switched network or a packet switched network.
- A connectionless application can also operate over both a circuit switched network or a packet switched network but a packet switched network may be more efficient.

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The bits must go on

MULTIPLEXING AND TRANSMISSION - ELECTRICAL

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History of Multiplexing

- Synchronous digital hierarchy (SDH) is a world-wide standard for digital communication network.
- Two other systems were before it:
  - the plesiochronous digital hierarchy (PDH) and
  - frequency division multiplexing (FDM).
- **Frequency division multiplexing (FDM):**
  - a number of signals share a medium that has a much larger bandwidth.
  - Support of many stages

Stage 1

Circuit 6  $f_{c6}$

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Circuit 2  $f_{c2}$

Circuit 1  $f_{c1}$

0-4 kHz

0 24 kHz

Stage 2

Four different 24 kHz signals

$f_{c(iv)}$

$f_{c(i)}$

0 96 kHz

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## Time Division Multiplexing (two ways)

Tributary 1

a1a2a3a4a5a6a7a8

Tributary 2

b1b2b3b4b5b6b7b8

Tributary 3

c1c2c3c4c5c6c7c8

Multiplexed signal

a1b1c1a2b2c2a3b3c3a4b4c4a5b5c5a6b6c6a7b7c7a8b8c8

(a) Bit-interleaving

Tributary 1

a1a2a3a4a5a6a7a8

Tributary 2

b1b2b3b4b5b6b7b8

Tributary 3

c1c2c3c4c5c6c7c8

Multiplexed signal

a1a2a3a4a5a6a7a8b1b2b3b4b5b6b7b8c1c2c3c4c5c6c7c8

(b) Byte-interleaving

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## Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy

- PDH basic data transfer rate is 2048 Kbps
- It is broken in
  - 30 x 64Kbps
  - 2 x 64Kbps (synchronization and signaling)
- The exact frequency of the 2Mpbs is controlled by a clock with some percentage +/- %0.005
- **Justification or Stuffing**
  - Extra bits that are need to reconstruct correctly

The diagram illustrates the Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy. It starts with a 'p-mux' (payload multiplexer) at 2048 kbit/s, which has a clock tolerance of  $2048 \pm 50$  ppm. This signal goes through a '2 / 8 mux' to 8448 kbit/s ( $8448 \pm 30$  ppm). Then, it enters an '8 / 34 mux' to 34 368 kbit/s ( $34\,368 \pm 20$  ppm). This signal is then multiplexed into a '34 / 140 mux' to 139 264 kbit/s ( $139\,264 \pm 15$  ppm). The signal then goes through a '140 / 34 mux' and a '34 / 8 mux' before reaching another '8 / 2 mux' and finally a 'p-mux' at 2048 kbit/s.

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## SONET / SDH

- What is SONET / SDH?
  - **S**ynchronous **O**ptical **N**etwork – ANSI (US)
  - **S**ynchronous **D**igital **H**ierarchy –ITU-T Europe
  - Similar and compatible
  - A standard to be used for fibre optics
  - Recommendation for FOTS equipment
    - Fibre Optic Transmission Systems
  - Can carry incompatible DS-0, DS1 (Asyn)

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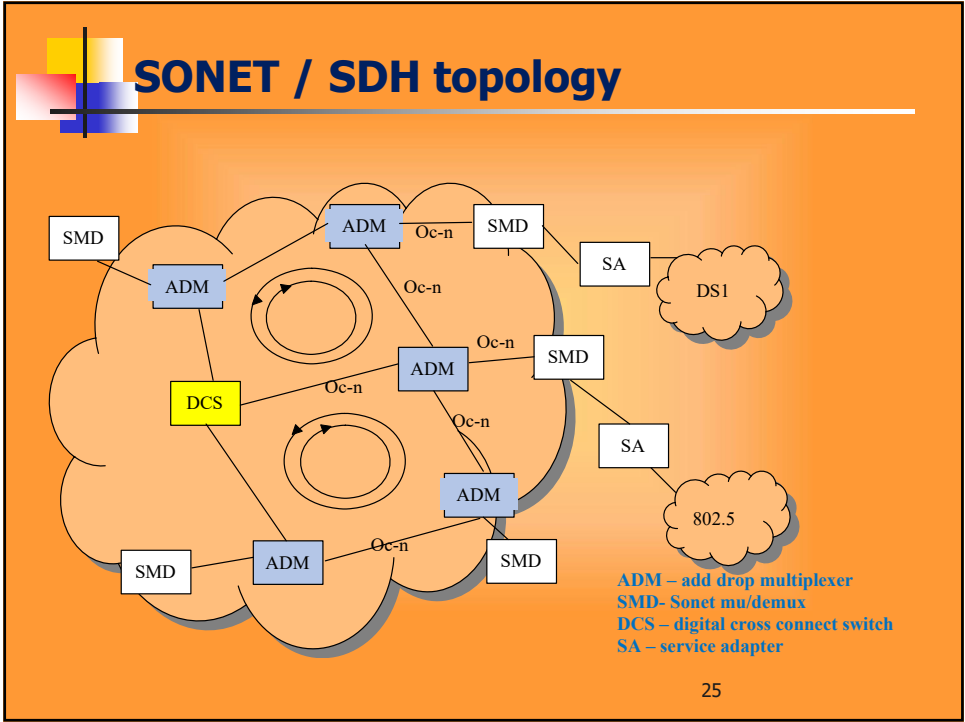


## SONET / SDH

- What is SONET / SDH?
  - Single reference clock
    - synchronize transmissions
  - Predictability
  - Powerful frame – Transmission envelope
    - Multiplex channels
  - Multiplexed transport mechanism
    - Optical based Carrier System
  - Self healing ring topology
  - Consolidate and segregate traffic from different end-points
  - Extensive integrated OAM&P
  - Backward compatibility

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**SONET structure**

- **Signal Hierarchy**
  - STS – Synchronous Transport Signals
    - support a certain base data rate- 51.84Mbps
    - STS 1 – STS 192 – different hierarchies
  - Corresponding carrier System
    - Optical Carrier – OC-1, OC-3, OC-12, OC-48
  - SDH – STM – Synchronous Transport Module
    - STM 1 = STS 3
- SONET/SDH is *channelized*.
  - STS-3 consists of 3 STS-1 streams, and each STS-1 consists of a number of DS-1 and E1 signals.
  - STS-12 consists of 12 STS-1 streams
- *Concatenated structures* (OC-3c, OC-12c, etc)
  - The frame of the STS-3 payload is filled with ATM cells or IP packets packed in PPP or HDLC frames.
  - Concatenated SONET/SDH links are commonly used to interconnect ATM switches and IP routers (Packets over SONET).

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## The SONET/SDH hierarchy

Optical level	SONET level (electrical)	SDH level (electrical)	Data rate (Mbps)	Overhead Rate (Mbps)	Payload rate (Mbps)
OC-1	STS-1	-	51.840	1.728	50.112
OC-3	STS-3	STM-1	155.520	5.184	150.336
OC-9	STS-9	STM-3	466.560	15.552	451.008
OC-12	STS-12	STM-4	622.080	20.736	601.344
OC-18	STS-18	STM-6	933.120	31.104	902.016
OC-24	STS-24	STM-8	1244.160	41.472	1202.688
OC-36	STS-36	STM-12	1866.240	62.208	1804.932
OC-48	STS-48	STM-16	2488.320	82.944	2405.376
OC-96	STS-96	STM-32	4976.640	165.888	4810.752
OC-192	STS-192	STM-64	9953.280	331.776	9621.504
OC-768	STS-768	STM-256	39813.120	1327.104	38486.016
OC-N	STS-N	STM-N/3	N*51.840	N*1.728	N*50.112

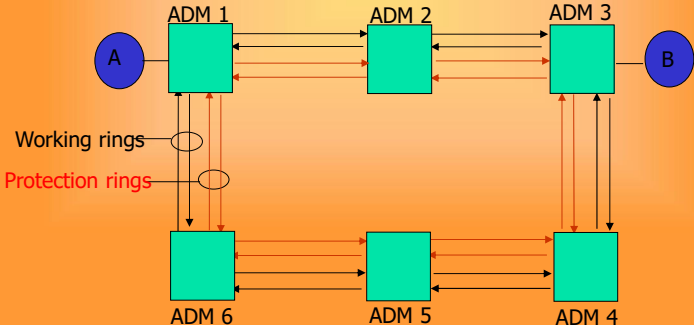
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## SONET/SDH protection

- Features (Four-fiber bidirectional line switched ring)
  - Two working rings and two protection rings.
    - The two working rings transmit in opposite directions, and each is protected by a protection ring which transmits in the same direction.
  - Advantage: it can suffer multiple failures and still function.
    - Deployed by long-distance telephone companies in regional and national rings.



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## Self-healing operation

■ *span switching*: If a working fiber fails, the working traffic will be transferred over its protection ring.

ADM 1ADM 2ADM 3

Normal operation

ADM 1ADM 2ADM 3

Span switching

ADM 1ADM 2ADM 3

ring switching: the working and protection fibers are part of the same bundle of fibers. When the bundle is cut the traffic will be switched to the protection fibers.

ADM 1ADM 2ADM 3

Working rings  
Protection rings

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DCS<sub>ADM</sub>

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## Ring switching: Rerouting a connection

ADM 1ADM 2ADM 3

Working  
Protection

DCSADM 5ADM 4

A

B

ADM 1ADM 2ADM 3

Working  
Protection

DCSADM 5ADM 4

A

B

Recovery time  
~100ms

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