



## zEnterprise Long Distance Connectivity Using WDM Technology

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- WDM what is it ?
  - Technology fundamentals
  - The WDM System
    - Protocols
    - Channel modules general design
  - WDM optical layer
  - Protection options
- WDM design for datacenter environments
  - Network layout
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## WDM FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPT





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## Which flavors of WDM are available



- WDM means <u>Wavelength Division Multiplexing</u>
  - Parallel transmission of number of wavelengths ( $\lambda$ ) over a fiber
- Two flavors
  - Dense WDM (DWDM)
    - Narrow channel spacing e.g. 0.4nm (50GHz grid) -> up to 160 λ
  - Coarse WDM (CWDM)
    - Wider channel spacing 20nm (2.5THz grid) -> usually 8-16 λ





## WDM optical networking Passive versus active solutions





- Higher capacity per dark fiber
- Higher aggregation bandwidth (100G per λ)
- Higher distance (up to 200km single span)
- Qualified solution available for zEnterprise
- More Features available (Encryption, failover, ...)



## What is TDM ?



Multilple clients signals feed into one network signal







## **Bandwidth Allocation**





Relief of wavelengths for further services



## **OSI 7-Layer Model**





File Transfer, Resource Sharing, Database Access,... (e.g. Internet Protocols: Telnet, SMTP (eMail), FTP, HTTP,...)

Data Encryption/Decryption, Compression, Syntax,...

Establishing and Terminating logical Connections, Dialogue Control,...

End-to-End Data Reliability, Address Translation,... (Transport Layer Protocols: TCP, UDP,...)

Addressing, Routing, Switching, Sequencing, Flow Control,... (Network Layer Protocols: X.25, IP, ATM, MPLS, SDH,...)



Defines Data Format including Framing, Error Control,... (Data Link Protocols: HDLC, X.25, ATM, MPLS, Frame Relay, SDH,...)





Line Coding, Physical Link Control, Synchronization,... (Interface Standards, V.24, X.21, G.703 (SDH), G.692 (DWDM),...)







## ACTIVE WDM SYSTEMS





## **Basic working scheme of active WDM**





## **DWDM** native service offerings



Gbit/s

Mbit/s

	816	12,5		155,52	200	622,08	1.062,5	1.250	2.125	2.488	2.500	2.666	4.250	5.000	8.500	9.953	10.312	10.000	10.518	10.709	39.813	43.018	
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## **Generic system Overview**



- Shelf
  - AC or DC PSU (redundant)
  - Shelf controller
  - Node controller
  - Optical supervisory channel
  - Amplifier and dispersion comp.
  - WDM filters
  - Mux- and transponders



Note: Some systems has DC feed only, so rectifiers are needed too









# WDM MODULE TYPES





## Transponder design

Typical link delay: 5µs ≙ 1km of fiber									
Client I/F	SONET/SDH Mapping	G.709 Mapping w/ FEC	WDM Network I/F						

**Telco/ISP Transponder design** 



Simple Transponder design

- Full standard compliant network (WDM) Interface for Telco/ISP interaction
- Digital performance monitoring
- Up to 2000+km possible

- Proprietary network (WDM) interface
- Simple performance monitoring
- Up to 200km possible without regeneration
- Very fast and reliable (high MTBF)





## Muxponder design (TDM)



#### Telco/ISP Muxponder design



Simple Muxponder design

 Full standard compliant network (WDM) Interface for Telco/ISP interaction

- Digital performance monitoring
- Up to 2000+km possible
- High and unstable delay

- Proprietary network (WDM) interface
- Simple performance monitoring
- Up to 200km possible without regeneration
- Very fast and reliable (high MTBF)
- Transparent also for 'non standard' signals like ISC-3, Infiniband, ....





#### Fibre optics networks security concerns



#### There are multiple ways to access fiber





## WDM OPTICAL LAYER





## 120 lambda WDM system



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Simplified EDFA design



Signal distortion due to chromatic dispersion

- Erbium doped fiber for light amplification without a optical-electrical-optical conversion
- Amplifies up to 80 lambdas at once
- Low latency design

- Dispersion compensation might be needed from 50kms onwards
- Fiber based compensation (spool based)
  - High latency
- Bragg grating based compensation
  - Very low latency
  - But more complicated and expensive
  - Better suitable for datacenters





**Protection – overview** 

- Protection could offer huge leverage over equipment cost
- Wide variety of protection options allows exact match of required availability to • necessary CapEx



## **Protection cost versus availability**



Scenario	Category	Cost Index <sup>1</sup>	Availability [%] <sup>2</sup>		
unprotected		1,00	99,94		
line protection (RSM)	-1	1,10	99,99		
line protection (VSM)	-1	1,10	99,99		
Channel protection (NPCUP)	-	1,38	99,994		
Card protection		2,13	99,996		
Client layer protection (CL)		2,00	99,99997		

<sup>1</sup> Based on a 16Ch System with 4xGbE, 4x10GbE, 6x2G FC; 50km G652, HW Cost only

<sup>2</sup> Based on a fiber availibility of 99,95% and a MTTR of 4h





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# WDM NETWORK DESIGN





## Network design goals #1

- Fiber routes
  - Must be independent and non crossing
  - As short as possible
  - New fiber preferred for latest protocols
- Protection
  - Shall be based on client devices (SAN/Ethernet Switch /MF) (client based protection)
  - Additional protection may be provided by the WDM system





## Network design goals #2

- WDM system
  - Lowest latency possible
  - Qualified by major datacenter vendors (IBM, EMC, HP, Brocade, Cisco)
  - Should behave like a cable rather than like an additional system
- Concept
  - WDM system should be seen as part of the SAN network
  - Proof of concept should be accomplished as part of the theology evaluation

Especially coupling links and sync mirroring links are extremely latency sensitive -> short fiber and low latency devices



## WDM based dark fiber network







## WDM dark fiber network with protection







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# WDM – FUTURE





## What's next in WDM ?

- 100G per lambda as a standard protocol with encryption
- SDN for the optical layer
  - Virtualization of the optical layer
  - Full flexible networks with on demand connectivity
  - Openflow based integration
- WDM enabled end devices
  - Switches/Routers could take over the role of a WDM system
  - Highly integrated and standardized interfaces





## **Extended Distance Redbook**





Please check the IBM Redbook homepage for availability







# **QUESTIONS ?**







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