# Synchronous Optical Networks SONET

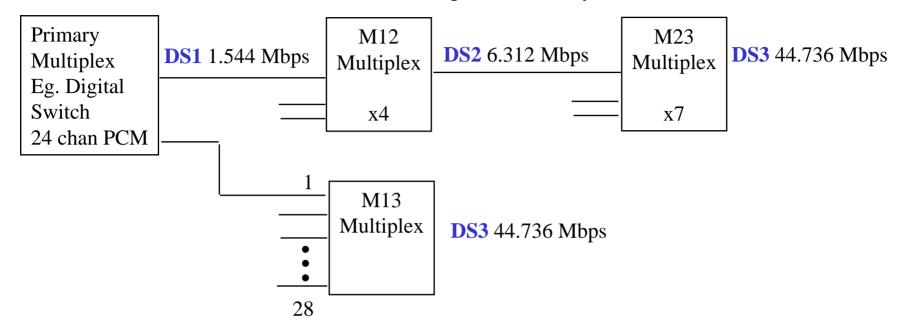


## Telephone Networks (Brief History)

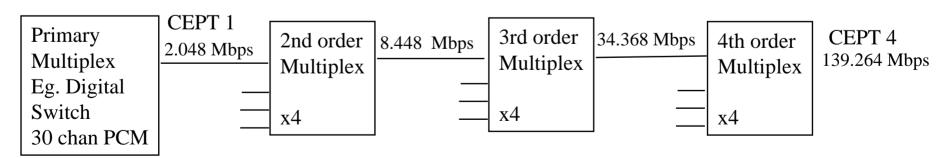
- Digital carrier systems
  - The hierarchy of digital signals that the telephone network uses.
  - Trunks and access links organized in **DS** (digital signal) hierarchy
  - Problem: rates are not multiples of each other.
- In the 1980's Bellcore developed the Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) standard.
- Previous efforts include: **ISDN** and **BISDN**.



#### North American Digital Hierarchy



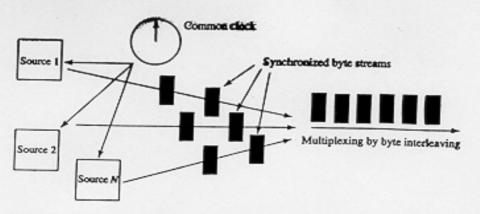
#### European Digital Hierarchy



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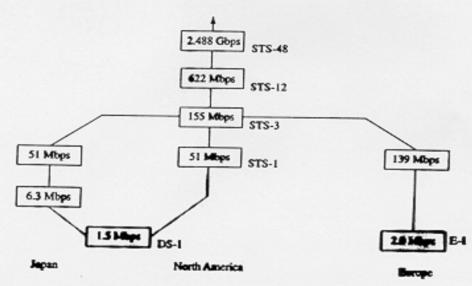
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4.2 FIGURE

SONET sources are synchronized to a common master clock. Different streams are multiplexed by byte interleaving.



4.3 FIGURE The STS-n signal has a rate equal to  $n \times 51.84$  Mbps. In Europe the hierarchy starts at 155.52 Mbps. All the standards become compatible at speeds of 155 Mbps.



### SONET

SONET:: encodes bit streams into optical signals propagated over optical fiber. SONET defines a technology for carrying many signals of different capacities through a <u>synchronous</u>, <u>flexible</u>, optical hierarchy.

- A bit-way implementation providing end-to-end transport of bit streams.
- All clocks in the network are locked to a common <u>master</u> <u>clock</u> so that simple TDM can be used.
- Multiplexing done by byte interleaving.
- SONET is backward compatible to DS-1 and E-1 and forward compatible to ATM cells.
- Demultiplexing is easy.



### SONET

- Transmission links of the telephone network have been changing to **SONET** where rates are arranged in **STS** (Synchronous Transfer Signal) hierarchy.
- The hierarchy is called **SDH** (Synchronous Digital Hierarchy) defined by CCITT.
- It is an ITU standard.



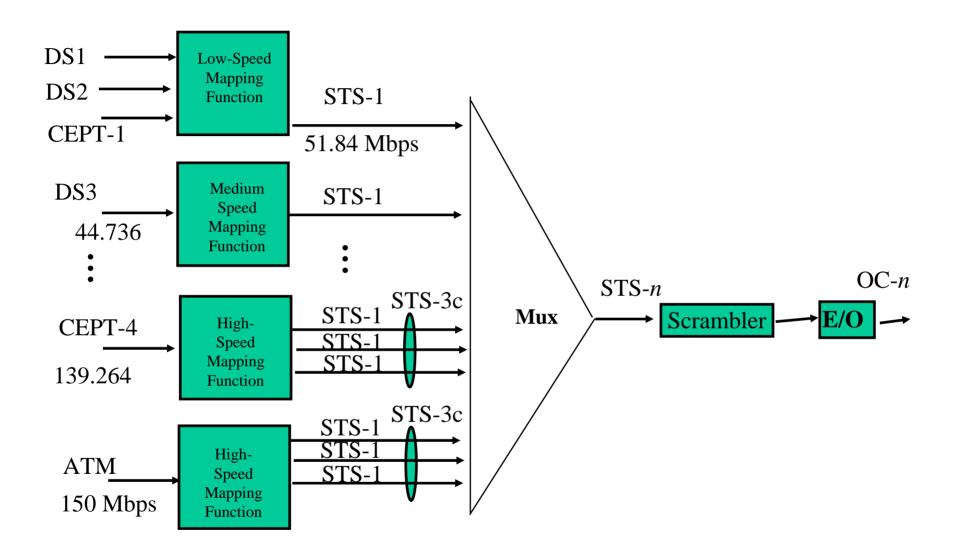
Medium	Signal	circuits	North America	Japan	Europe
T-1 paired cable	DS-1	24	1.5	1.5	2.0
T-1C paired cable	DS-1C	48	3.1		
T-2 paired cable	DS-2	96	6.3	6.3	8.4
T-3 coax, radio, fiber	DS-3	672	45.0	34.0	32.0
Coax, waveguide, radio, fiber	DS-4	4032	274.0		

1.2 TABLE Digital carrier systems. This is the hierarchy of digital signals that the telephone network uses. Note that the bit rate of a DS-1 signal is greater than 24 times the rate of a voice signal (64 Kbps) because of the additional framing bits required.

Carrier	Signal	Rate in Mbps
OC-1	STS-1	51.840
OC-3	STS-3	1 <b>5</b> 5.5 <b>2</b> 0
OC-9	ST3-9	466.560
OC-12	STS-12	622.080
OC-18	STS-18	933.120
OC-24	STS-24	1244.160
OC-36	STS-36	1866.240
OC-48	STS-48	2488.320

1.3 TABLE SONET rates. The rates of multiplexed STS-1 signals are exact multiples; no additional framing bits are used.







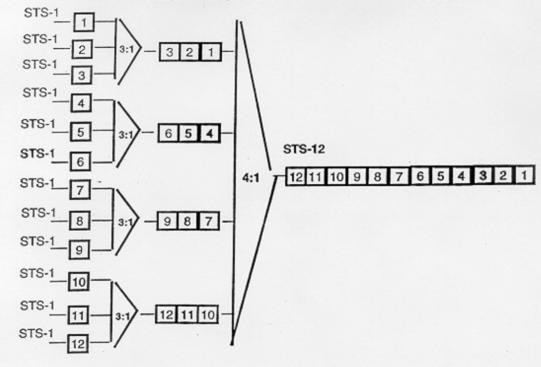
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#### INTERLEAVING

STS-1 SIGNALS ARE BYTE INTERLEAVED TO CREATE A STS-N SIGNAL BY COMBINING EACH BYTE IN THE VARIOUS DATA STREAMS IN A WAY SUCH THAT EACH BYTE IS IN A UNIQUELY SPECIFIED LOCATION FACILITATING DEMULTIPLEXING.

#### FIRST ALIGN STS-1 FRAMES

- NEXT BYTE INTERLEAVE TO FORM STS-N SIGNAL
- THE TRANSPORT OVERHEAD IS NOW 3 X N
- THE SPE (SYNCHRONOUS PAYLOAD ENVELOP "DATA") IS NOW N X 87 COLUMNS
- BYTE SEQUENCE IS ROW 1 COLUMN 1 TO ROW 9 COLUMN 90

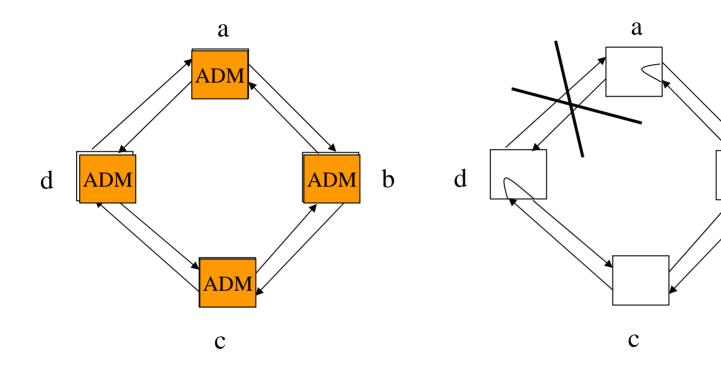




### SONET Architecture

- SONET topology can be a mesh, but most often it is a dual ring.
- Standard component of SONET ring is an ADM (Add/Drop Multiplexer)
  - Drop one incoming multiplexed stream and replace it with another stream.
  - Used to make up bi-directional line switching rings.





(a) Dual ring

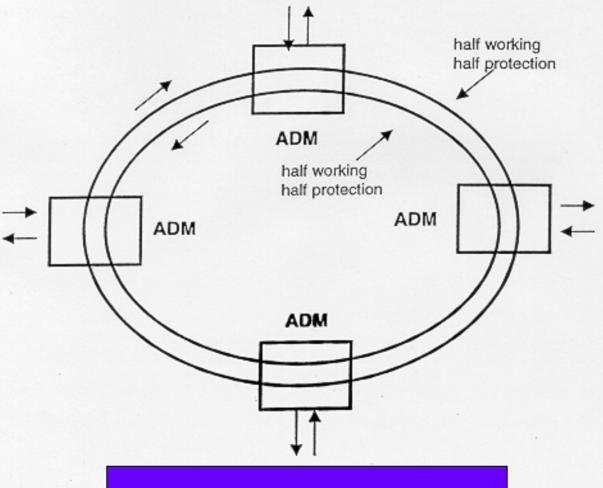
(b) Loop-around in response to fault



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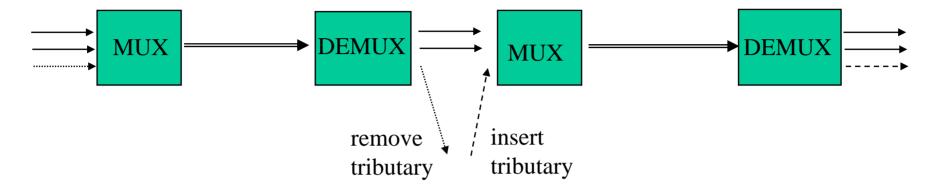
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# TWO FIBER BI-DIRECTIONAL LINE SWITCHING RING

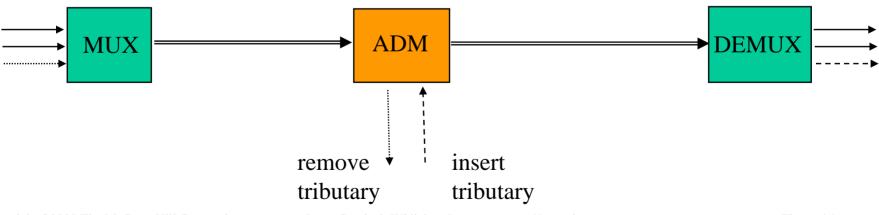




#### (a) pre-SONET multiplexing



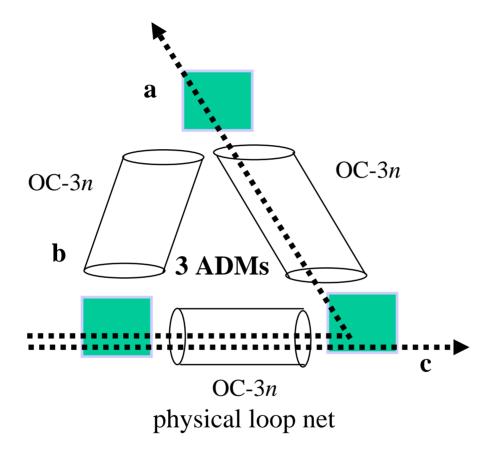
#### (b) SONET Add-Drop multiplexing



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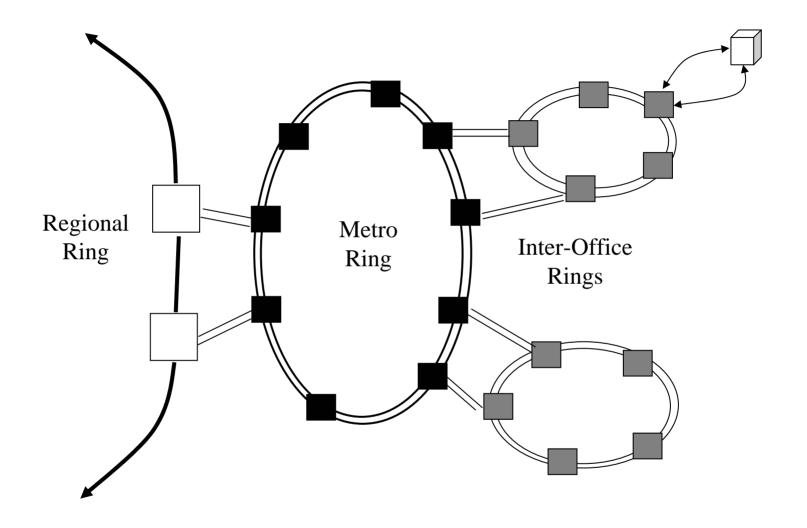
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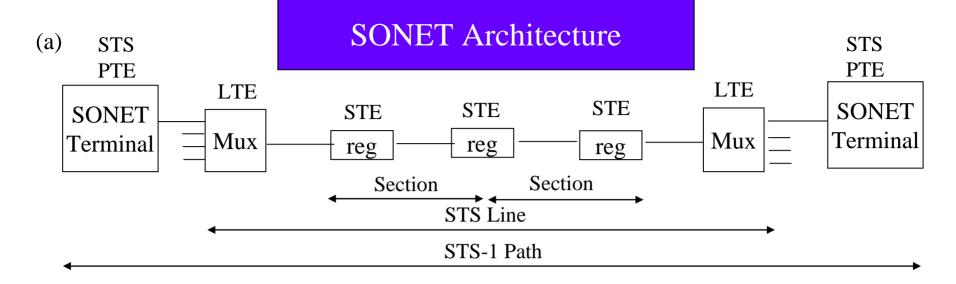




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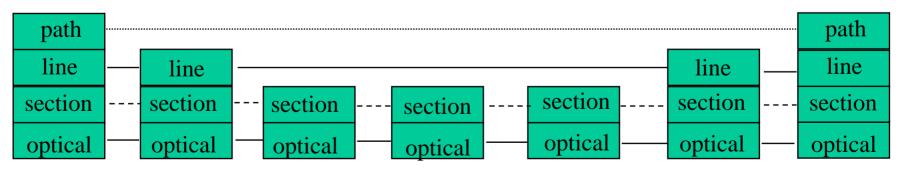


STE: Section Terminating Equipment, e.g. a repeater

LTE: Line Terminating Equipment, e.g. a STS-1 to STS-3 multiplexer

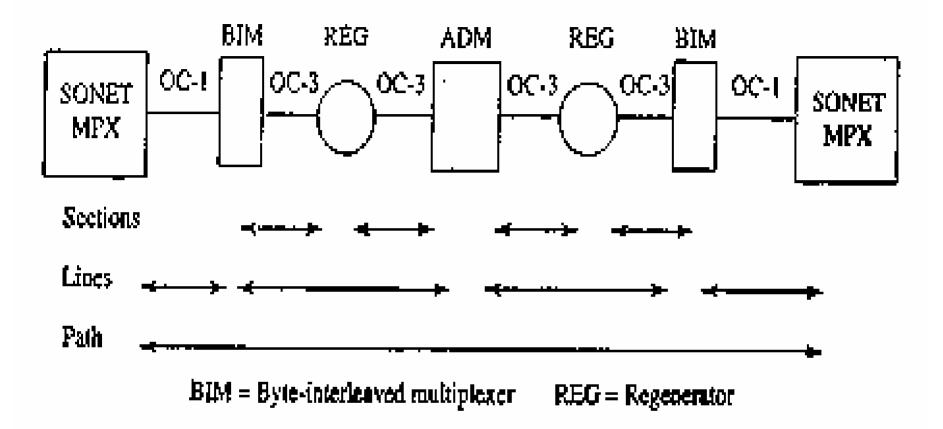
PTE: Path Terminating Equipment, e.g. an STS-1 multiplexer

(b)





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The main SONET network elements.



Mux

= BIM (Byte Interleaved Multiplexer)

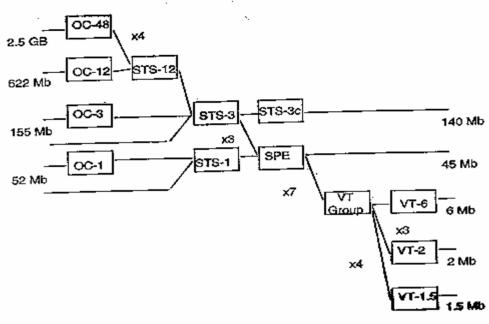
Reg

#### = Regenerator

- Boosts power of optical signal
  - Optical signal *converted to* electrical signal.
  - Amplify electrical signal.
  - Amplified electrical signal *converted back to* optical signal.



#### MULTIPLEXING HIERAROHY



- SERVICE ADAPTORS MAP VARIOUS SERVICES (VOICE, DATA, VIDEO...) INTO THE PAYLOAD ENVELOPE OF VIRTUAL TRIBUTARIES OR STS-1.
- STS-1 SIGNALS ARE MULTIPLEXED INTO STS-N (BYTE INTERLEAVE SYNCHRONOUS MULTIPLEXER)



#### MULTIPLEXING LOWER THAN STS-1 DATA RATES INTO BASIC SONET STS-1

- VIRTUAL TRIBUTARY (VT) DEFINED FOR Sub-STS-1 SIGNALS
- GIVEN EACH SPE-1 COLUMN HAS CAPACITY OF 9 rows x 8 bits x 8000 SPE/sec = .576 Mb/s
- VT-6 TRIBUTARY REQUIRES 6.912 / .576 = 12 COLUMNS

SONET HEIRARCHY	Digital Signals	SPE frame columns
28 X DS1	DS3 (44.736 Mb/s)	
VT-6 (6.912 Mb/s)	DS2 (6.312 Mb/s)	12
VT-3 (3.456 Mb/s)	DS1C (3.152 Mb/s)	6
VT-2 (2.304 Mb/s)	CEPT-1 (2.048 Mb/s)	4
VT-1.5 (1.728 Mb/s)	DS1 (1.544 Mb/s)	3
24 TDM/PCM CHANNEL	T1 (1.544 Mb/s)	
1 TDM/PCM CHANNEL	DS0 (64 Kb/s)	

 VIRTUAL TRIBUTARY GROUPS ARE DEFINED
 TO CONTAIN COMBINATIONS OF VARIOUS
 VTs SUCH THAT THE TOTAL IS 12 COLUMNS.

 $1 \times VT-6 = 12$ 

 $2 \times VT-3 = 12$ 

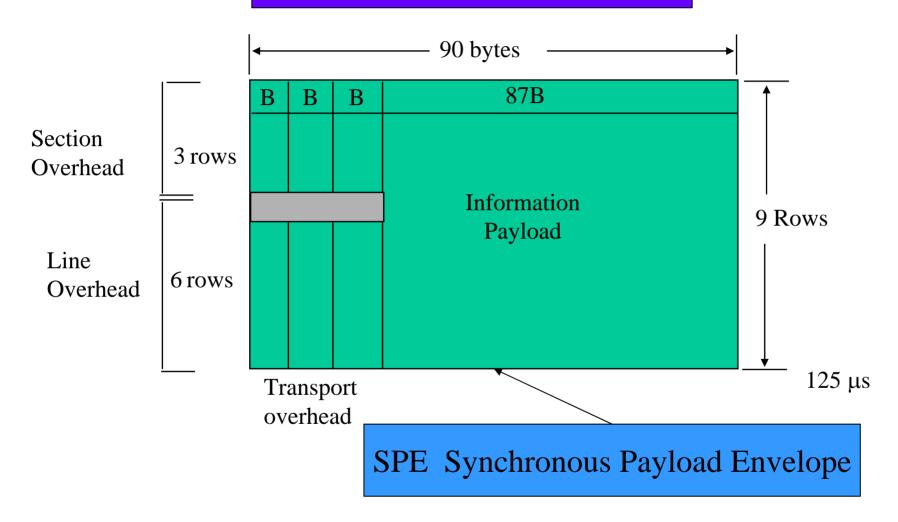
 $3 \times VT-2 = 12$ 

 $4 \times VT-1.5 = 12$ 

 SEVEN (87/12 col/VT-12) ARE MAPPED INTO 1 STE-1 WITH 1 COLUMN LEFT FOR PATH OVERHEAD AND 2 COLUMNS ARE STUFFED.



#### SONET frame

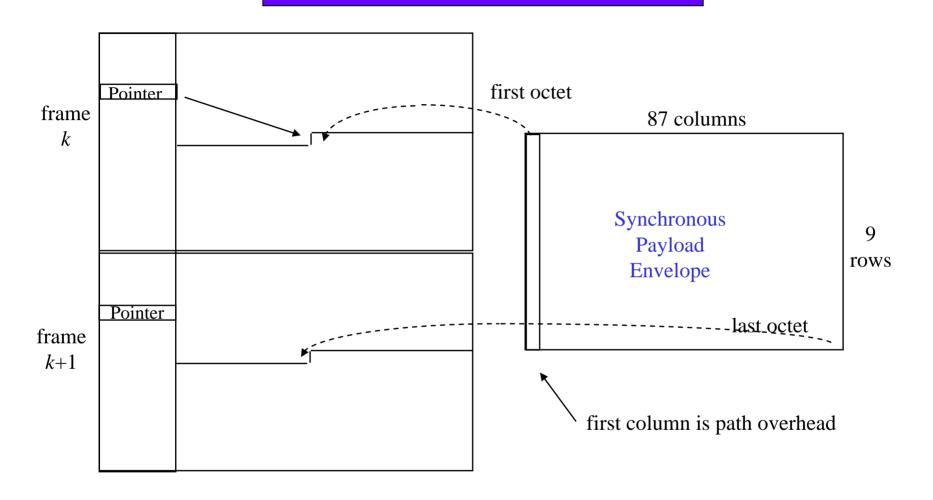


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#### SPE straddling SONET frame

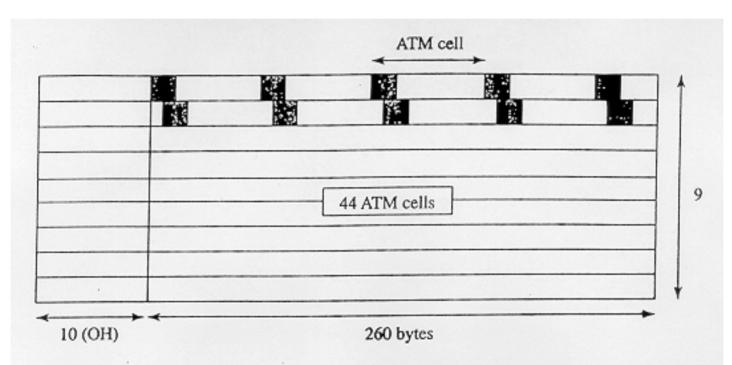


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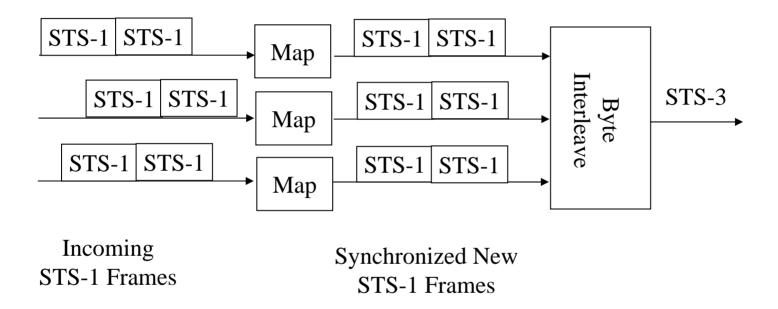
#### ATM Cells in an STS-3 Frame



An STS-3 frame accommodates 44 ATM cells. No framing bits are provided to delimit the cell boundary.



#### Synchronous Multiplexing in SONET



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