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Advances in IP+Optical and Multi-Layer Integration **BRKOPT-2661**







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- Introduction to IP+Optical
- New ROADM Trends to support seamless integration
- Multi-layer Control Planes
- IP+Optical Architectures and Management
- Conclusion



Introduction to IP+Optical









Circuit to Packet Migration



- Massive change in SP traffic make-up in next 5 years*
- SP revenue shifting from circuits to packet services**
 - -5 yrs $\rightarrow -80\%$ revenue derived from packet services

 Packet traffic increasing at 34% CAGR*** (mobility, video and cloud) *ACG Research 2011, ** Cisco Research 2010, ***Cisco VNI 2011

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Changing Traffic Patterns Drive Architecture Evolution No Longer North and South; now East and West



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How Technology Affects Economics Percent of CAPEX, cost per bit

- The higher data rate means more complexity in optics and higher optical cost
- The ratio of L3 and Optical cost is changing with the data rate



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IP+Optical Business Drivers

- Increase Service Velocity
- Collapse Layers reduce devices, space, power & OpEx
- Hybrid IP+TDM capabilities
 - Support legacy services
 - Migrate to single wavelength
- Eliminate interconnect optics cost









IP+Optical Business Drivers, Continued

- Flexibility of L3 and Optical results in the following benefits:
 - Reduce port numbers
 - Optical bypass opportunity
 - Greater flexibility for Layer 3 services
 - Additional network connectivity options, lower CAPEX
 - -All network changes driven by software
 - Increase average utilisation per link
 - Release underutilised connections









What does IP+Optical Mean?

Distinct aspects define a true added value IP+Optical solution

- Data Plane integration
- Control Plane Integration
 - Multilayer Control Plane
- Management Plane Integration



Standards Bodies and Organisations

Charter: Evolution of the Internet (IP) Architecture

Active Participants:

- Service Providers
- Vendors



Charter: Development of Optical Networking Products and Services

Member Organisations:

- PTTs, ISPs, ILECs, IXCs
- Optical Networking Vendors

Charter: Global Telecom Architecture and Standards

- **Member Organisations:** Global Service Providers
- PTTs, ILECs, IXCs
- Telecom equipment vendors
- Governments

Charter (802.3 working group): Define the physical layer and data link. layer's media access control (MAC) of wired Ethernet **Member Organisations:** Component Vendors Networking Vendors









Standards Drive Adoption





New ROADM Trends to Support Seamless Integration









What is a ROADM? A ROADM is a Wavelength Switch

Traditional OADM

Reconfigurable OADM





A fixed number of channels A fixed set of channels Physical Ring Only (2 Degree) Any number of channels (0 to 40/80) Any set of channels, directional Physical Ring (2D) or Mesh (Multi-Degree)





... because ROADM ports were coloured and directional.

Coloured Add/Drop Fixed port frequency assignment One unique frequency per port

Directional Add/Drop Physical add/drop port is tied to a ROADM "degree"





Due to these restrictions, a change in **direction** or **frequency** of an optical circuit required a physical change (move interface to different port) at the endpoints.



Colourless and Omni-directional Capabilities

Add Touchless flexibility, and hence Programmability, to ROADM networks

Colourless Add/Drop No port-frequency assignment Any frequency, any port

Omni-Directional Add/Drop Add/Drop ports can be routed to/from any ROADM degree





With **Colourless** plus **Omni-Directional**, the frequency and direction of the signal can be changed, without requiring a change of ROADM add/drop port, therefore no truck rolls.



But...Colourless and Omni-directional introduce wavelength contention at the add/drop stage. Need a Contentionless architecture.

Directional Add/Drop ROADMs are by definition Contentionless Contentionless allows multiple add/drop from one unit.



With **Contentionless**, N instances of a given wavelength (where N = the number of line degrees in the ROADM node) can be add/dropped from a single device, eliminating any restrictions on dynamic wavelength provisioning.

instances of the same frequency to



Tuneable lasers and coherent receivers are also key enablers of IP+Optical

Transmitter can tune its laser's frequency to any channel in the ITU grid.

Receiver can select any channel from of a composite (unfiltered) signal.



Tuneable lasers work with colourless add/drop to enable touchless changes in the frequency of an optical signal. Coherent receivers simplify the construction of colourless and omni-directional ROADM nodes.





Key Takeaways

- Colourless and tunable optics allow changing wavelength with no physical re-cabling
- Allow for any to any switching in the optical domain
- Allow for re-routing in the optical domain
- Omni-directional and tunability
- Use the C-band spectrum to its full capacity

These features open the door for a new agile DWDM control plane



Multilayer Control Planes









The Optical Layer – Current

Manual Patching

- Manual provisioning of each node
- Manual patching of each node
- High OpEx
- Truck rolls to every node





What Should an Optical Control Plane do?



Elements of an OCP

Resource Discovery

Topology Discovery

Traffic Provisioning

Traffic Restoration

Network Restoration

Increasing Complexity

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Agile Control Plane Requirements

Requirements

Tunability

Colourless

Omni-Directional

Enabling Zero Touch End to End Solution



Impairmentaware





GMPLS Introduction

- Generalised control plane for different types of network devices
 - Packet-Switch Capable (PSC)
 - -Layer-2 Switch Capable (L2SC)
 - -Time-Division-Multiplex Capable (TDM)
 - Lambda-Switch Capable (LSC)
 - -Fibre-Switch Capable (FSC)
- Two major models: peer (NNI) and overlay (UNI)
- Different label formats depending on network type
 - We focus on LSC here



GMPLS Introduction (Cont'd)

- Based on initial RSVP-TE, OSPF-TE and ISIS-TE extensions
- Strict separation of control and forwarding planes
- Supports bi-directional LSPs
- IP based control plane (no LDP)
- No IP based forwarding plane



What is Wavelength Switched Optical **Network (WSON)?**

It is a GMPLS control plane which is "DWDM aware":

- LSP are wavelength and,
- the control plane is aware of optical impairments
- WSON enables lambda setup on the fly
- WSON enables lambda re-routing
- WSON enables a lambda revalidation against a failure reparation





Cisco WSON Parameters – Embedded Optical Layer Intelligence

Foundation for Multi-layer Information Exchange





Route choices (C-SPF)



Automating the Optical Layer with WSON

Dynamic Service Activation with Colourless, Omnidirectionality and **GMPLS**

- •Auto provisioning wavelength on demand via GMPLS
- Auto restoration via ROADMs and WXC
- Lower OpEx even further
- No truck rolls







WSON Restoration























Embedded WSON intelligence locates and verifies a new path

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Restoration is Slower than Protection

- If rapid failure detection and recovery is needed it is assumed that existing packet IP/ MPLS mechanisms (e.g., BFD, IP-FRR, TE-FRR, LDP-FRR, mLDP-FRR, fast convergence) will be used for protection and recovery.
- IP+Optical Solutions can use Proactive Protection
- Protected services (Y-cable, PSM, FibreSwitch) should be used for valuable traffic to provide rapid protection at the optical layer.
- Restoration is Best Effort.



What if we Integrate IP Control Plane with WSON?

- Reduce Optical Circuit Turn Up Time
- On Demand Bandwidth Provisioning
- Constrained Circuit Request to Avoid Shared Risk
- Alarm Correlation
- Network Optimisation





Multi Layer Control Plane Two key models

Peer Model – Optical NEs and Routing NEs are one from the control plane perspective, same IGP.

- Does not respect operational boundaries; does not scale

Overlay Model – Having different Control Planes per Layer and signalling between them

- Respects Boundaries and Scales








GMPLS – User Network Interface

- User-Network Interface (UNI) to implement an overlay model between two networks – with limited communication between them
- Enables a Cisco router to signal paths dynamically through a DWDM network
- Paths may be signaled with diversity requirements
- Two UNI components
 - -Client: UNI-C
 - Network: UNI-N



Building block for multi-layer routing

* Formerly known as iOverlay







Link Management Protocol (LMP)

- Performs two core functions
 - -Control channel management
 - -Link property correlation
- Runs over UDP with mechanisms for reliable message transmission
- Includes mechanisms for LMP neighbour discovery
- Most messages exchanged over control channel
- Can also provide link connectivity verification and fault management





RSVP

- Client Requests connections from optical network using **GMPLS RSVP-TE Extensions**
- RSVP signalling is identical to GMPLS extensions specified in RFC 3473 except where noted in RFC 4208.



GMPLS UNI - IP Control Channel







GMPLS UNI – Reference Model (IP+Optical)



UNI honors administrative boundaries while allowing controlled interaction

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Control plane

Forwarding plane



Path Computation and Signalling (no ERO)

- UNI-C (Head)
 - Initiates signalling (default lambda)
 - No explicit path (ERO) defined / signaled
 - Signalling initiated towards remote UNI-C (optical loopback or optical) link address)
 - Bi-directional path (upstream and downstream labels)
- UNI-N
 - Arrival of PATH message without ERO triggers path computation to destination across optical domain
 - PATH calculations performed at the UNI-N head
 - Establishment of optical path (trail) required for UNI signalling to proceed





Signalling –Path Setup



Generalised Label for Lambda-Switch-Capable (LSC) Label Switching Routers

| Grid | Channel Spacing | Identifier | |
|------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| — 3 bits — | 4 bits | 9 bits | |

Grid – Optical grid as defined in ITU-T G.694.1 Channel Spacing – Spacing between DWDM channels in GHz Identifier - Per-node distinguisher between lasers than can transmit same lambda **n** – value used to compute frequency (two's complement)

| Grid | Value | DWDM Channel Spacing (GHz) | Value | Frequency (T |
|------------|-------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Reserved | 0 | Reserved | 0 | |
| ITU-T DWDM | 1 | 100 | 1 | |
| ITU-T CWDM | 2 | 50 | 2 | |
| Future Use | 3 - 7 | 25 | 3 | |
| | | 12.5 | 4 | |
| | | Future Use | 5 - 15 | |





Hz) = 193.1 THz + n * channel spacing (THz)



GMPLS-UNI Example Setup



| Node | L3/Packet ID | Optical Router ID | L3/Packet Link Address | Optical I/F Address |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Head UNI-C | 1.1.1.1 | 10.58.46.1 | 10.0.0.1 | 100.11.11.11 |
| Ingress UNI-N | n/a | 10.58.46.2 | n/a | 100.12.12.12 |
| Egress UNI-N | n/a | 10.58.47.2 | n/a | 100.19.19.19 |
| Tail UNI-C | 2.2.2.2 | 10.58.47.1 | 10.0.2 | 100.20.20.20 |

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Sample Base GMPLS UNI Config – Head

LMP Properties

Optical I/F of LMP Neighbour

UNI-C Optical link address

Control Channel

Optical Router ID

Imp

gmpls optical-uni

controller dwdm0/2/0/0

neighbor nbr_A

- neighbor link-id ipv4 unicast 100.12.12.12 neighbor interface-id unnumbered 13
- link-id ipv4 unicast 100.11.11.11

neighbor nbr_A

ipcc routed

router-id ipv4 unicast 10.58.46.2

router-id ipv4 unicast 10.58.46.1



Sample Base GMPLS UNI Config – Head (Cont'd) **RSVP** Refresh rsvp interface HundredGigE0/2/0/0 signalling refresh optical interval 3600 signalling refresh optical missed mpls traffic-eng interface HundredGigE0/2/0/0 **GMPLS** Tunnel Configuration gmpls optical-uni controller dwdm0/2/0/0 tunnel-id 1

- destination ipv4 unicast 100.20.20.20 path-option 10 no-ero lockdown

Sample Base GMPLS UNI Config- Tail





neighbor link-id ipv4 unicast

neighbor interface-id unnumbered 13 link-id ipv4 unicast 100.20.20.20

router-id ipv4 unicast 10.58.47.2

router-id ipv4 unicast 10.58.47.1



Sample Base GMPLS UNI Config- Tail (Cont'd)





Provisioning using GMPLS UNI Example Circuit Request



Router requests a circuit between Source and Destination Routers Interfaces 1.



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UNI-C





Router requests a circuit between Source and Destination Routers Interfaces Using GMPLS UNI I/F Router signals UNI-N system requesting path to destination 3. UNI-N initiates DWDM CP (WSON) and finds best path based on Diversity contraints





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- 6. Path is up and interfaces are ALLOCATED



Layer Interaction – Provisioning

Dramatically Increase Circuit Turn-up Velocity

- -Yesterday \rightarrow Months
 - L3 team requests circuit of L0 team, with specific criteria
 - L0 team verifies available path, matching request criteria
 - L0 team verifies performance and resources
 - L0 / L3 teams coordinate circuit turn-up
- -Today GMPLS \rightarrow Minutes

Client signals circuit request along with criteria

- L0 signals wavelength to use or path error message
- Circuit is turned up









GMPLS

























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Inefficiencies in Layer 2/3 Network



Impacts SLA

- downtime, latency, loss, predictability of service

Impacts bottom-line

 SLA penalty, unoptimised capacity, support complexity

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Basis for nLight Control Plane

- The solution to these problems are simple
- If the client layer knows basic information from the server layer: SRLG, latency...
- To-date, this information is invisible to the client layer
- We need to allow for information sharing between Client and Server





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nLight Architecture



Overlay client uses service from Server layer (i.e. IP/MPLS)

Two independent layers decoupled



Benefits of IGP Decoupling

- The IGP's of each layer are de-coupled
 - L3 network runs multi-level ISIS
 - ROADM network runs OSPF
- Divide et Impera Benefits
 - Scale
 - Operational expertise
 - Organisational segmentation



Multilayer Control Plane - nLight

- GMPLS UNI extension to include SRLG and Coordinated maintenance functionality
- GMPLS UNI extension to support next generation of Multi-rate/Multi-Modulation/Multicarrier HS Optics
- Automatic Bandwidth service from MPLS CP and WSON CP will be the end goal to deploy a true Multi-Layer Network
- Integration of an L1/L3 awareness in a Network Planner Prime module




Information Flowing through nLight with **GMPLS UNI**

- When signalling a circuit, a client may request
 - server SRLG's to be excluded or included
 - the path to follow another Circuit-ID
 - the path to be disjoint from another Circuit-ID
 - an optimisation upon shortest latency
 - a bound on latency not to exceed
 - an optimisation upon lowest optical cost
 - optical restoration
 - optical re-optimisation





Information Flowing through nLight **GMPLS UNI**

- For each circuit it signals, a client may be informed of
 - Circuit-ID unique identifier in server context
 - **SRLG**'s along the circuit
 - Latency through the server network
 - Path through the server network

Information continuously refreshed

A client may be informed of server topology/resource









Agile IP layer

CircuitID, SRLG, Latency...

Agile DWDM layer

Policy Controlled by the Server Layer



nLight Resolves the Inefficiencies

- Efficient IP/MPLS FRR
 - thanks to SRLG discovery
- Enforcement of disjointess or same-path requirements
 - thanks to SRLG/Circuit-ID disjointness
- Efficient diagnostics
 - latency discovery
- Efficient operation
 - multi-layer maintenance coordination





Intelligent Information Exchange **Proactive Protection, GMPLS, Control Plane**





OSNR

CD / PMD power levels non-linear impairments physical topology

Network Topology & Feas



IP+Optical Architectures and Management









The Traditional Approach

- Split Management: Router NE management + Transport NE management
- i.e. WDM Power levels, OTN overhead, and alarms not available on the router
- No topology or performance information sharing between device types



Transponder in Router



- Transponder integrated in the router
- Manage via CLI, SNMP or EMS system of DWDM transport
- Power levels, OTN overhead, PM, and alarms available in real-time on the router

ROADM Shelf



Transponder in Router Proactive Protection







Virtual Transponder

Transponder Virtualised onto the Router Interface

- Retains existing operational model
- Respects boundaries between packet / optical administrative groups



Security

DWDM Management

 L1 Interface Information • Wavelength Usage Power Levels and Thresholds Performance Monitoring

Virtual Transponder General View



Virtual Transponder View Router G709 and optical characteristics

Open Node rcdn5-tme28 Reset Node Position Synchronize Alarms Delete Node Site Rack #0 Show Router Port Status > 0/0/0/0 0/1/0/0 Synchronize IPoDWDM R Show Active Alarms rcdn5-tme28-crs-2.cisco.com Provision Circuit To Update Circuits With New Node Raman Installation Day0 Multi-Span Add to Perspective





Virtual Transponder Setting up OCHTrail



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Optical Shelf Concept Solving the Moore vs. Shannon dilemma

- Realise benefits from combining Optics + Processing...when it makes sense. But for the future...
- Decouple Optics from Processing
 - Space / Size
 - Lifecycle
- Zero Cost interconnect
- Value add functionality (take advantage of OEO)
 - Pack waves efficiently
- Maintain unified management



IP+Optical: Satellite Router Interface Virtualised onto the Transponder

Transponder Shelf Router PLIM TSP

- Transponder becomes an extension of the router
- Power levels, OTN overhead, and alarms available in real-time on the router
- DWDM interface controlled and monitored by router CLI or OTN MIB
- Control Plane Interaction





ROADM Shelf



DWDM LO Transport

IP+Optical Satellite Proactive Protection



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IP+Optical Network Management

- A modular suite of applications
- A-to-Z

management for next-generation packet and transport networks

 Designed for lower **Total Cost of Ownership**



Crucial to the usability of the NGN, control plane alone is not enough...







Summary

- Packet traffic increasing
- IP+Optical decreases expenses while streamlining services
- New ROADM trends to support optical agile networks enabling multilayer control planes
- Multilayer control planes add network automation and resiliency as well as decrease TCO
- New architectures enable next generation networks



Q & A









Acronyms

| C-SPF | Constrained Shortest Path First |
|--------------|---|
| CD | Chromatic Dispersion |
| CP- DQPSK | Coherent Polarisation-Mux Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying |
| DSP | Digital Signal Processing |
| DWDM | Dense Wave Division Multiplexing |
| ELEAF | E-Large Effective Area Fibre |
| FEC | Forward Error Correction |
| FRR | Fast Re-Route |
| FWM | Four Wave Mixing |
| GMPLS | Generalised Multi Protocol Label Switching |
| IETF | Internet Engineeing Task Force |
| ITU | International Telecommunications Union |
| LFA | Loop Free Alternate |
| LSP | Labeled Switch Path |
| NNI | Network-Network Interface |
| OCP | Optical Control Plane |

| OIF | Optical Internetwo | |
|-------|---------------------|--|
| OSNR | Optical Signal to N | |
| ΟΤΝ | Optical Transport | |
| PMD | Polarisation Mode | |
| QAM | Quadrature Ampli | |
| ROADM | Reprogrammable | |
| SLA | Service Level Agr | |
| SMF | Single Mode Fibre | |
| SRLG | Shared Risk Link | |
| TDM | Time Division Mul | |
| TE | Traffic Engineerin | |
| UNI | User-Network Inte | |
| WSON | Wavelength Switc | |
| WXC | Wavelength Cross | |
| ХРМ | Cross Phase Mod | |
| YoY | Year over Year | |
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