Optical Networks

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- Physical technology, devices
- How are optical networks currently deployed?
- Customer-empowered networks
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 - How does this change the "big picture"?
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Why optical?

- Handle increase in IP traffic
 - Moore's law doesn't apply here
 - 1984: 50Mbps, 2001: 6.4Tbps
- Reduce cost of transmitting a bit
 - Cost/bit down by 99% in last 5 years
- Enable new applications and services by pushing optics towards the edges

Fiber capabilities/WDM



- Wavelengths can be time-division multiplexed into a series of aggregated connections
- Sets of wavelengths can be spaced into wavebands
- Switching can be done by wavebands or wavelengths
- 1 Cable can do multi terabits/sec





Devices

- Add/Drop multiplexer
- Optical Cross Connect (OXC)
 - Tunable: no need to keep the same wavelength end-to-end
 - Switches lambdas from input to output port
- For "transparent optical network", wavelengths treated as opaque objects, with routing control brought out-of-band

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Overview of SONET

- Synchronous
 Optical Network
- Good for aggregating small flows into a fat pipe
- Electric endpoints, strong protection, troubleshooting functionality





Today's provisioning

- Anywhere between months to minutes
 - Semi-automatic schemes
 - Much like old-style telephone operator
- The fact is there are tons of fibers underground, but they are not organized in a way where you can utilize their full potential

Drive to autoswitched network

- Make the network intelligent
- On-demand bandwidth to the edge of the network
- New applications
 - Disaster Recovery
 - Distributed SAN
 - Data warehousing
 - Backup Bunkers (no more tapes)
 - Big Pipes on Demand
 - Download movies to movie theaters
 - Site replication
 - Optical VPN

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Customer empowered nets

- Huge bandwidth to the enterprise
 - The curb
 - The house
 - The desktop
- End hosts can submit requirements to the network, which can then configure itself to provide that service
- Issues of APIs, costs, QoS

Changing the big picture

- Now the converged network looks different
- Dial-up bandwidth has huge implications
- Pushing bandwidth to the edges of the network
 - Affects service placement, for example

Bandwidth at the edges

- Services placed there (ServicePoP)
- Need to connect services to customers and other services
- Metro networks
 - Use of Ethernet as low cost/flexible mechanism
- Eventually fibers to pcmcia?!

Protocol and Services on Edge Devices



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ServicePoPs



- ServicePoPs act as intermediary between service provider and customer
- Connectivity between ServicePoP and customer more important than provider to customer
- Feature is very fast infrastructure

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Metro networks

- Interim step: services in servicePoPs
- Tap into fast connections here for enterprises
- Use of Ethernet as protocol to connect the enterprise to the MAN
- Avoid need for last mile for certain applications/services

Amazon.com-vs-Amazon.co.uk



- One site wants to do a software upgrade
- Reserve 100Gbps for outage time
- Send entire database over at outage time, reroute all customer requests to other site
- When outage is over, transfer all data back to original site

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Movie Distribution

- Each movie theater in a large area (SF, New York, Houston) requests 1 hour of bandwidth a week (OC192)
- All movies transferred during this time
- Efficient use of expensive but necessary fat pipe



New type of businesses

- Data warehousing: no more mailing tapes
- Have tape vaults with gigabit connectivity
- Data is sent optically to destination, where it is written to magnetic tape



How to do it

- Generalized Multiprotocol Label Switching (GMPLS)
- UNI: user-to-network interface as API to specify requirements, service requests
- NNI: network-to-network interface acts as API between entities for service composition/path formation

How to do it

- Interdomain?
- Wavelength selection/routing
- Exchange info
 - Connectivity
 - Wavelengths
 - Qos, bandwidth requirements
 - Switching instructions

Canarie's approach

- OBGP (Optical BGP)
- Routers spawn "virtual BGP" processes that peers can connect to
- By modifying BGP messages, lightpath information can be traded between ASes







•BGP OPEN message sent to router with information about optical capabilities

•A virtual BGP process is spawned

•A BGP session is initiated independently with new BGP process

•The virtual process (running on the router) configures the OXC to switch the proper optical wavelengths

Optical BGP Networks



What is ASON?

- The Automatic Switched Optical Network (ASON) is both a framework and a technology capability.
- As a framework that describes a control and management architecture for an automatic switched optical transport network.
- As a technology, it refers to routing and signalling protocols applied to an optical network which enable dynamic path setup.
- Recently changed names to Automatic Switched Transport Network (G.ASTN)

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			ASON value added					

ASON Network Architecture



ASON Layer Hierarchy



Resilient packet ring (802.17)

- Put lan on top of man
- 50ms protection



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RPR - Expanding the LAN to the MAN/WAN



What is RPR?

Ethernet networking on Optics (STS-Nc)



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Scalable Bandwidth and Services



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Network & Customer Management



Move to optical

- The key is to find a way to use the infrastructure that we have available in an efficient manner
- What services are available? What can we do?
- Challenges?





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