

Challenges With MPLS and IP Routing Applications

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Key Issues and Applications

- Application and standards development focus
 - Layer III Virtual Private Networks (L3 VPNs)
 - Layer II tunneling
 - Optical signalling and routing
- Implementation challenges
 - Control plane data plane complexity
 - Translating routing concepts into data plane applications
- System level design considerations
 - Scalability vs complexity
 - Redundancy and resiliency

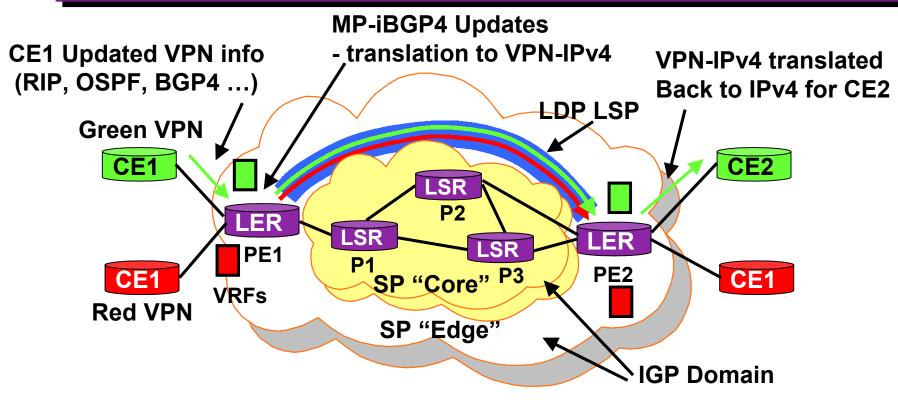
Focus On Service Provider Revenue Generating Opportunities

BGP/MPLS VPNs (RFC 2547 bis*)

- Actively deployed in major carrier networks (ATT, Swisscom)
 - Cisco/Juniper driven
- Deliver network based VPN services over shared IP network
 - Security access controlled via VPN Routing and Forwarding (VRFs) – customer isolation
 - Scalability Provider core routers not VPN aware
 - Addressing Customer overlap
 - Configuration No special changes for customer side
- Constrained distribution of routing information
 - Mulit-Protocol BGP updates
 - Extended BGP community attributes
 - Multiple routing/forwarding instances at Provider Edge

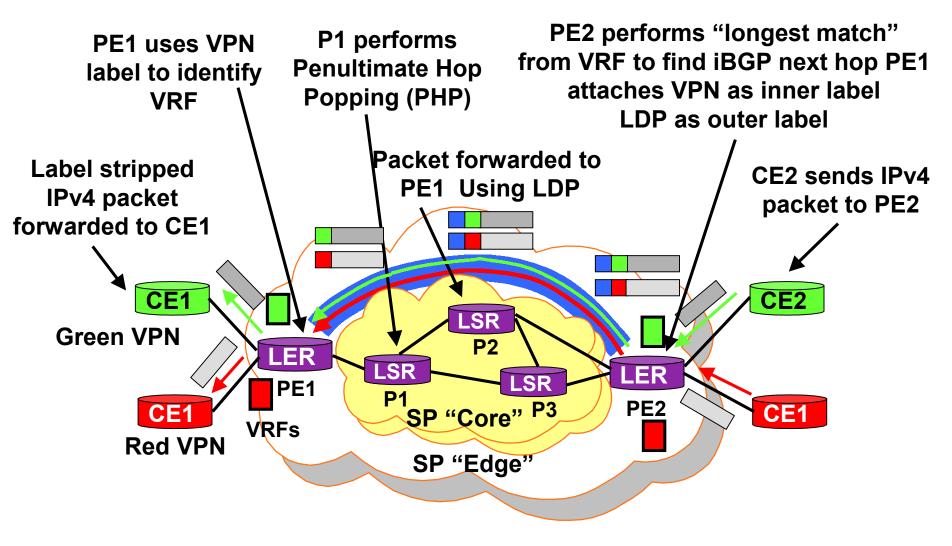
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Layer III VPN Control Plane Components



- CE1 updates peer PE1 (any routing mechanism)
- PE1 translates IPV4 into VPN-IPv4 (red/green VPNs)
 - Assigns VRF labels
- Distribute via MP-iBGP4 updates
- PE2 translates VPN-IPv4 back to IPv4
 - sets VPN-IPv4 label into VRF
 - Forwards IPv4 update to CE2

Layer III VPN Data Plane Forwarding



PE Scalability Issues

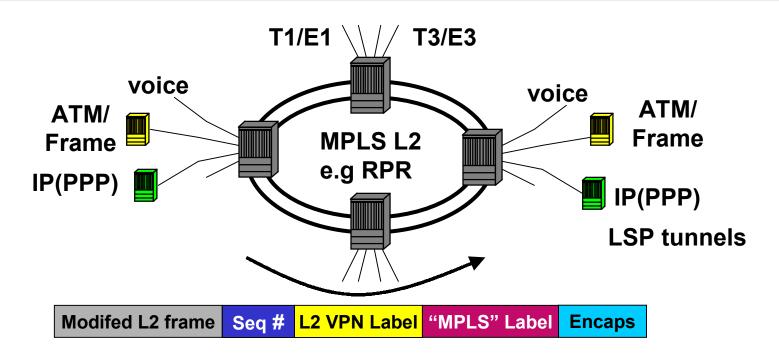
System Design Considerations

• Scalability

- Multiple control plane routing instances
- Mulitiple forwarding and label manipulation tables (VRFs)
- Address lookups and translation
- CE's "identifed" by "sub-interface" physical/logical
- Complex information translation
 - VPNs identified by VPN-IPv4 addressing
 - Route Distinguisher (RD) VPN-IPv4 uniqueness
 - Route Target (RT) filtering and access
 - Route Origin (RO) defining next hop characteristics
 - Overlapping IPv4 addresses mapping to label stacks
- Additional functionality
 - Introduction of Traffic Engineering constraints
 - Redundancy and resiliency support LII tunneling

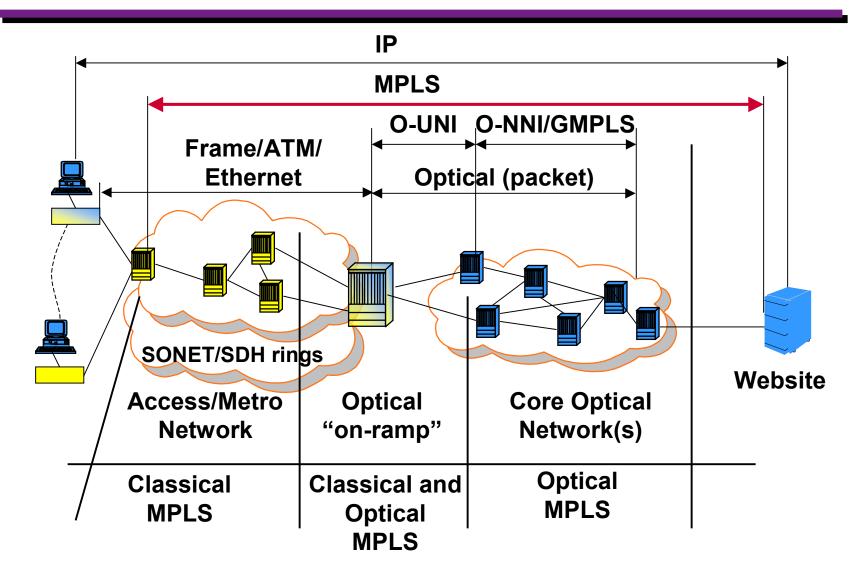
Line Card – Switch Fabric – Line Card Issues

MPLS and Layer II Integration



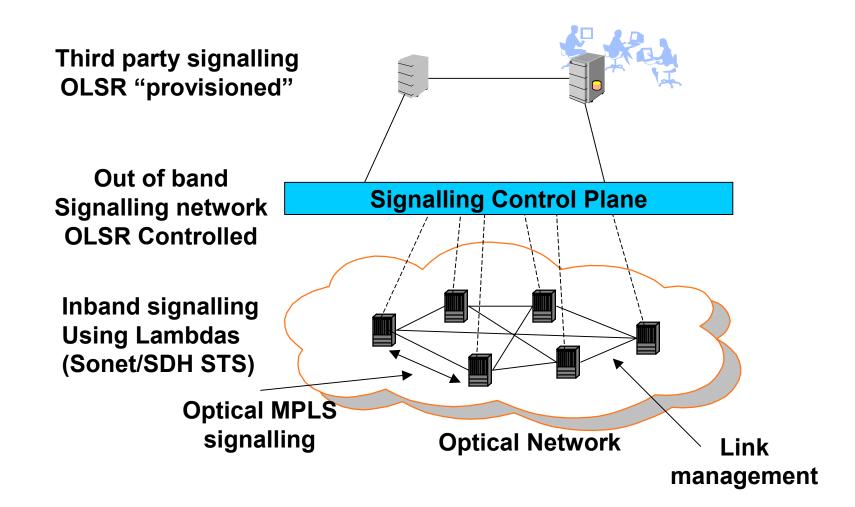
- Utilize concepts for IP VPNs
- Simplify to one dynamic technology
- Migration strategy to preserve existing services
- MPLS/routing to apply QoS/Cos concepts
 - e.g. circuit emulation

NetPlane Market View



Common Routing And Signalling Control Plane

Optical Control Plane Requirements



Data Communication Network (DCN) Type Opportunities

NetPlane Systems

- Leading supplier of IP technology for next generation networks
 - 60+ MPLS customers deployed in tier 1 IXC
 - First carrier class IP routing solution
 - Expanding into the optical control plane
- Focus on customer time to market
 - Value added components
 - Redundancy, distribution, tooling

• Experience and depth

- 300+ customers worldwide
- 200+ man years of development and testing portable protocol software
- 1,000,000+ lines of code
- Industry forums/standards bodies, IETF, OIF, MPLS Forum, ATMF



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