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## Migration towards OPS

	OCS optical circuit switching	C-OBS conventional optical burst switching	E-OBS offset time-emulated OBS	OPS optical packet switching
<b>Signalling:</b>	● out-of-band	● out-of-band	● out-of-band	● in-band
<b>Offset time:</b>		● offset in edge	● offset in core	● offset in core
<b>Data unit:</b>	● long-living optical circuits	● long bursts	● short bursts	● short packets
<b>Complexity:</b>	✓ low	✓ relaxed	✓ relaxed	✗ high
<b>Flexibility:</b>	✗ low	✓ high	✓ high	✓ very high
<b>FDL buffering:</b>	-	✗ impractical	✓ possible	✓ yes

lower longer hardware/processing/switching requirements transmission unit (granularity) higher shorter

nowadays/near future mid term long term

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## Connection Oriented OP/BS Scenario

- Hierarchical Meshed Core network:
  - MPLS-like approach, path concept  
(separation of routing and forwarding)
  - Traffic aggregation  
(fixed/variable optical burst/packet duration, transparent to bitrates)


The diagram shows a network topology with two levels. Level 1 consists of electrical nodes (light gray squares) and Level 2 consists of optical nodes (dark gray squares). A central meshed core is highlighted with a dotted background, containing nodes C and D. Node B is connected to the core. An 'Optical packet' is shown at the top, and an 'MPLS packet' is shown at the bottom left. Arrows indicate the flow of traffic from the MPLS packet through node B into the core, and then through nodes C and D.

Level 1: Electrical nodes  
 Level 2: Optical nodes

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## Connection Oriented OP/BS Scenario

← Optical Packet Switching Network →

End-to-end path (LSP)  
Ref.: OIF, Bala Rajagopalan

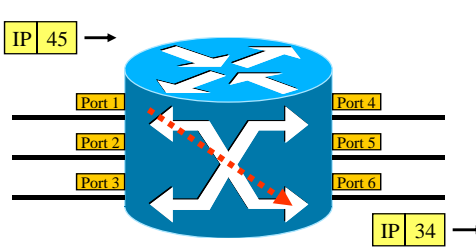
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## MPLS Fundamentals


- Label Switching Router (LSR) Operation



Forwarding Table		
Input	Output	Operation
(port, label)	(port, label)	Label
(1,35)	(4,56)	Swap
(1,45)	(6,34)	Swap
(2,12)	(4,13)	Swap
(3,24)	(5,24)	Swap
(3,37)	(6,49)	Swap
(3,19)	(6,19)	Swap

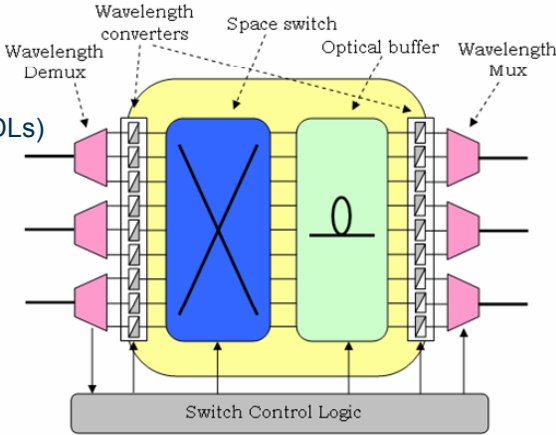
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## Optical Packet Switch architecture

- Assumptions:
  - Use optical buffer for resolving contentions
  - Dedicated buffer (B FDLs) per wavelength

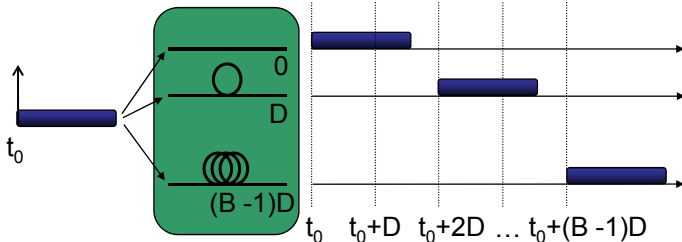


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## Optical Packet Switch architecture



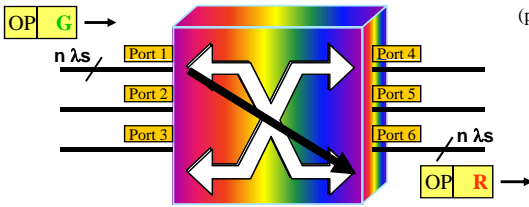
- Contention resolution in time domain
- Consisting of B Fibre Delay Lines (FDLs):
  - Packets are delayed until the output wavelength is available
  - The delay is chosen at packet arrival
  - Usually the available delays are multiples of the **delay unit D**  
 $D = (\text{FDL-size} / \text{Average IP packet-size}) \times (V_t / V_p)$
  - Packets are lost when the required delay is larger than the maximum delay achievable  $D_M = (B - 1)D$

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**MPLS over OPS**

- Optical Packet Switch Operation:
  - The output wavelength is a degree of freedom
  - We can select any, among the “n”, wavelength of the forwarding output port



Input (port, label, lambda)	Output (port, label, lambda)
(1,35)	(4,56)
(1,45, $\lambda_G$ )	(6,34, $\lambda_R$ )
(2,12)	(4,13)
(3,24)	(5,24)
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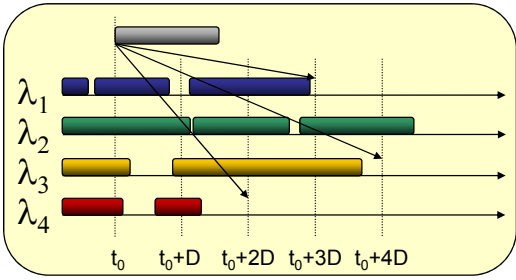
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**MPLS over OPS**

- At packet arrival the forwarding table determines
  - The output fibre
  - The label
  - The output wavelength


Example:

- 4 FDL per wavelength
- 4 wavelengths per fiber
- Asynchronous arrivals
- Variable-length packets



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## Wavelength assignment

- Problem formulation:
  - WDM links
    - Several wavelengths to choose from on the same routing path
  - New requirement (compared with the electrical case)
    - It is necessary to map the Optical Virtual Circuits (Optical LSPs) into a wavelength
  - Static allocation:
    - Map Optical LSPs into Traffic Demand Evolution at the Optical LSP set up (wavelength assignment in the forwarding table) and never change
    - Although the Optical LSPs are assigned to the optimum wavelength, this is not the optimal solution in terms of performance
  - Dynamic allocation
    - Lower Packet Loss Probability expected, but higher process cost and possible out of sequence packets
      - Per packet dynamic allocation (no wavelength assignment in the forwarding table)
      - Per Optical LSP dynamic allocation: the wavelength assignment in the forwarding table is changed when congestion is experienced

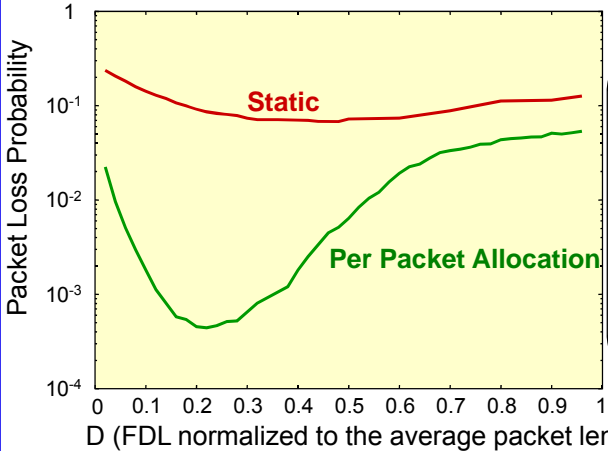
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## MPLS over OPS

- Static allocation vs per packet allocation: Single node performance



Input traffic (packet size and interarrival time distribution):  
Exponential  
(mean packet size = 500 Bytes)

Output traffic distribution :  
Uniform

Load = 0.8  
4 x 4 switch  
16  $\lambda$ s per fiber  
16 Fiber Delay Lines  
3 LSP per  $\lambda$

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**MPLS over OPS**

- Per LSP dynamic allocation:
  - When a queue is congested move LSPs to less congested wavelength
  - Congestion may be defined by means of a threshold in the queue occupancy: When queue over threshold, search for a new wavelength
    - E.g. wavelength searched with a round robin algorithm: Round Robin Wavelength Selection (RRWS)

The diagram shows four horizontal bars representing wavelengths  $\lambda_1$  (blue),  $\lambda_2$  (green),  $\lambda_3$  (yellow), and  $\lambda_4$  (red). A vertical dashed line marks a threshold. A yellow box labeled 'Threshold' points to this line. The x-axis is labeled with time intervals:  $t_0$ ,  $t_0+D$ ,  $t_0+2D$ ,  $t_0+3D$ , and  $t_0+4D$ . Arrows indicate the movement of LSPs from  $\lambda_1$  to  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  at the threshold time.

- The forwarding table is updated to keep the same destination for all subsequent packets belonging to the same LSP

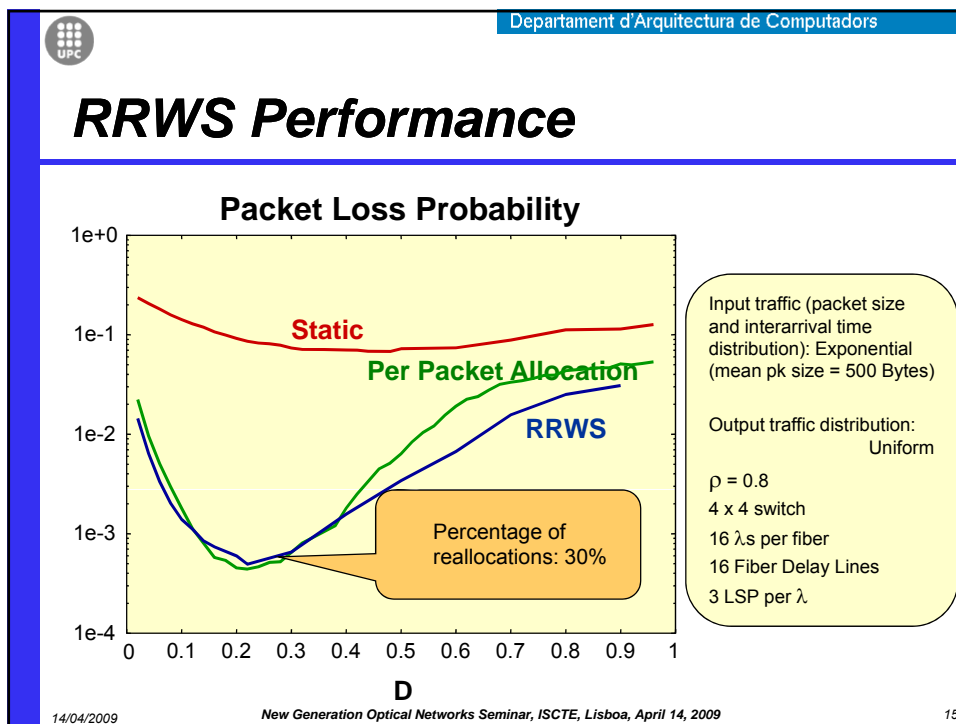
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**Round-Robin Wavelength Selection**

- Actions in case of congestion
  - Wait until a new packet arrives
  - Start a round-robin search for another not congested wavelength of the same fiber
  - If such a wavelength is found, the forwarding table is updated and new packets of this LSP are sent through it


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- Per LSP Dynamic Allocation (cont.)**
- RRWS is simple to implement but not very efficient
  - Other more efficient algorithms are:
    - Min-Queue Wavelength Selection (MQWS)
      - Which search for the minimum length queue
    - Empty-Queue Wavelength Selection (EQWS)
      - Which exploits the LSP Grouping Effect
    - Sequence Keeping Wavelength Selection (SKWS)
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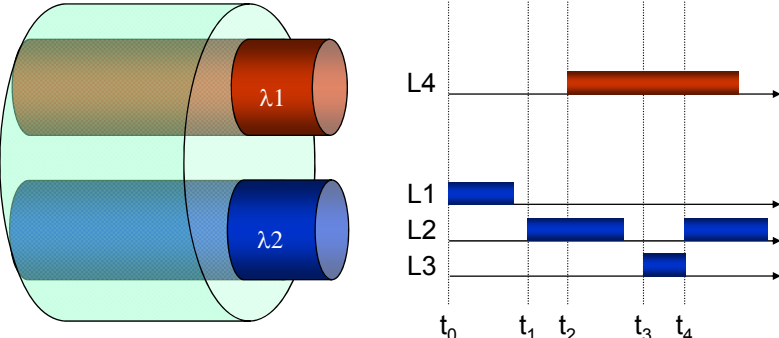
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## Grouping Effect

▪ Packet overlapping


INPUT FIBRE



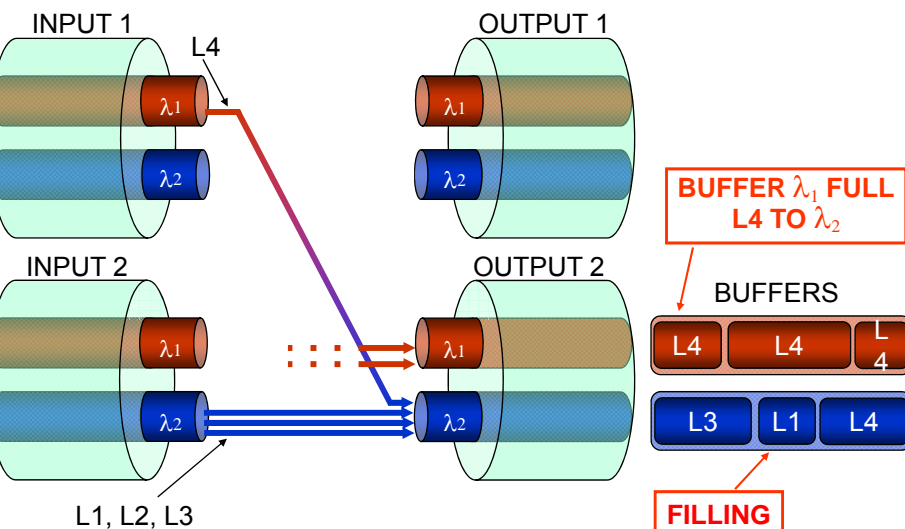
- Packets belonging to LSP's incoming on the same input wavelength never overlap
- Packets belonging to LSP's incoming on different input wavelengths overlap

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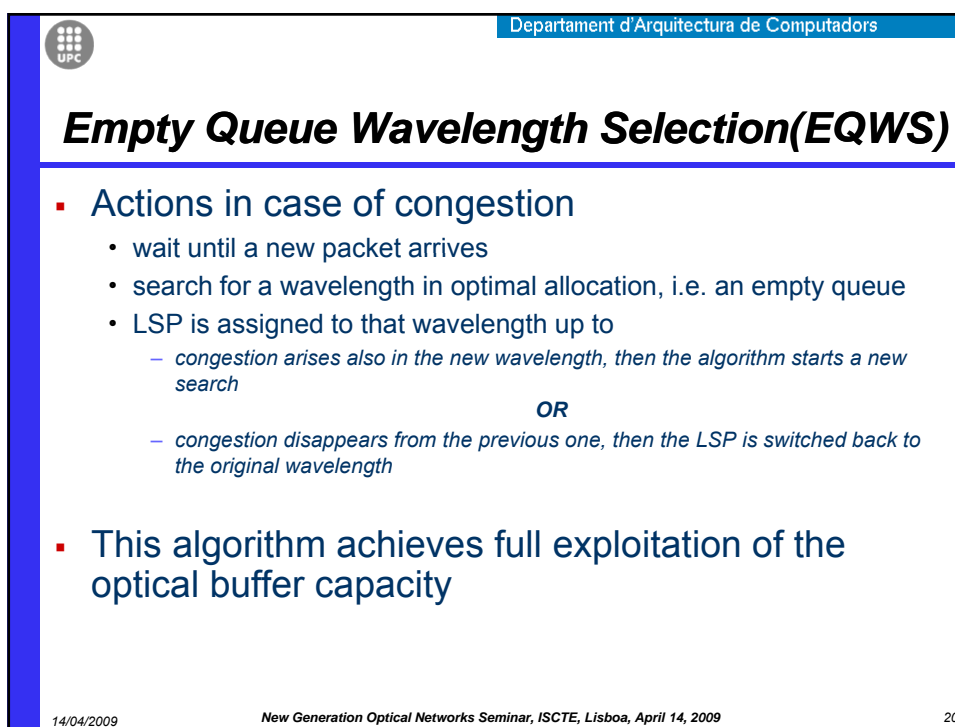
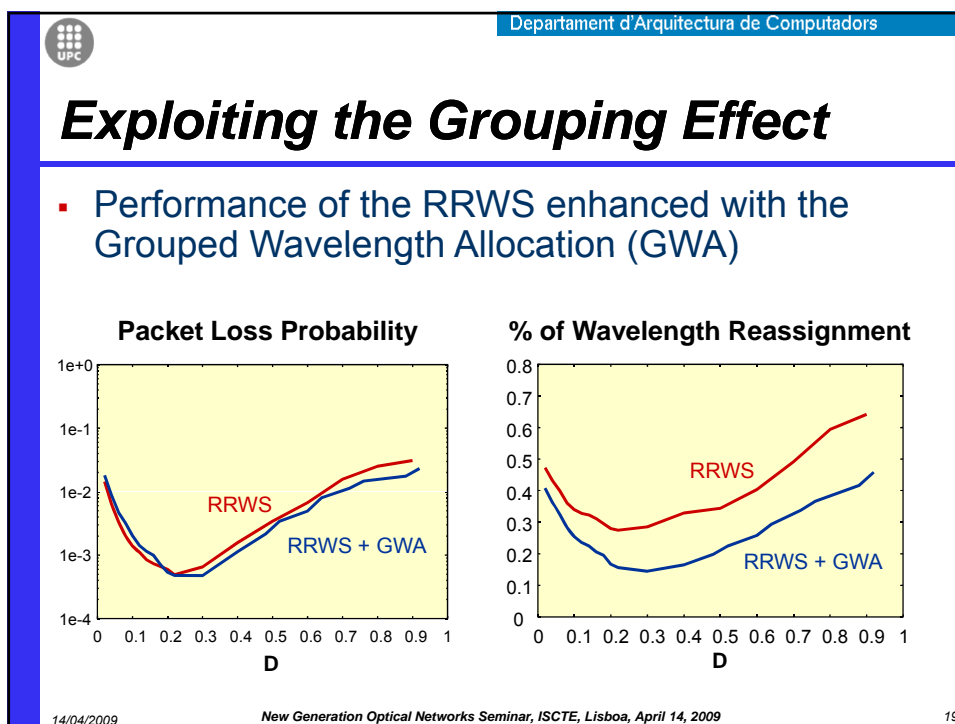
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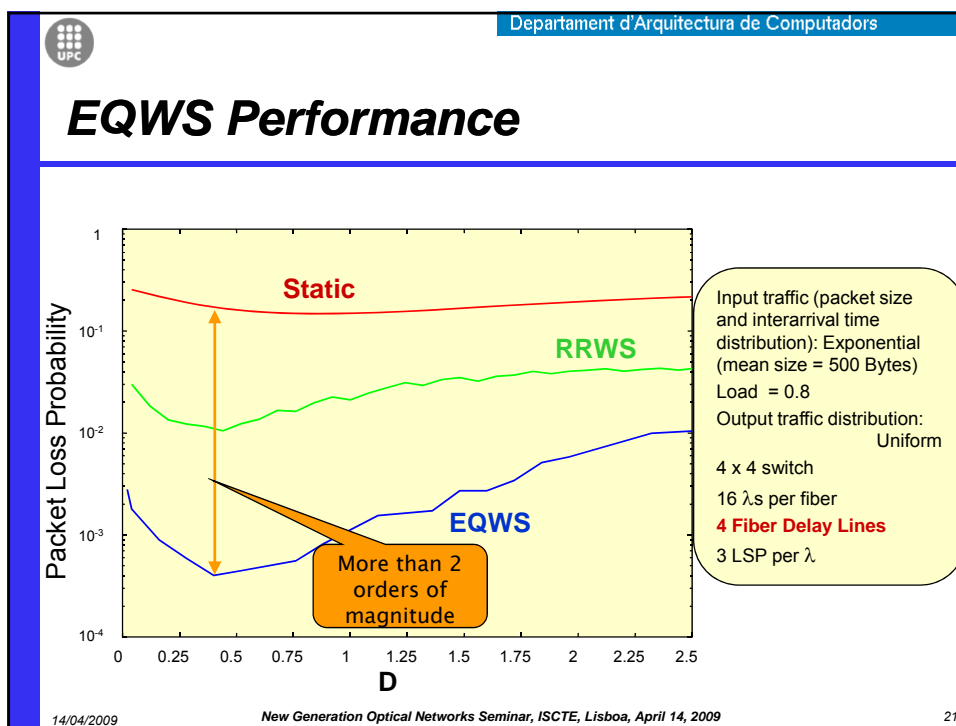


## Grouping Wavelength Allocation




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- Per LSP Dynamic Allocation (cont.)**
- Problem of the EQWS algorithm
    - Out of sequence delivery of packet belonging the same LSP due to the LSP reallocation
    - Causing complex reordering operation at the edge
    - Throughput degradation at upper layers (e.g. due to TCP behavior)
  - Answer
    - The dynamic algorithms have to take into account the time constraint in order to keep the correct packet sequence
  - Two new algorithms
    - Sequence Keeping Wavelength Selection v1: SKWS (1)
    - Sequence Keeping Wavelength Selection v2: SKWS (2)
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## Sequence Keeping Wavelength Selection (1)

- Actions in case of new packet arrives
  - if the previous packet belonging the same LSP is still in the buffers
    - assign to the new packet an amount of delay ( $D_{min}$ ) at least as long as the residual transmission time of the previous one,
    - if the assigned wavelength (queue) cannot provide the delay  $D_{min}$ , LSP is assigned to the wavelength that introduce the minimum delay greater than  $D_{min}$
  - if not, whatever time and wavelength is valid, those selects the queue among those not full which introduces the minimum gap between subsequent queued packets
- LSP is assigned to that wavelength up to
  - congestion arises also in the new wavelength, then the algorithm starts a new search

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## Sequence Keeping Wavelength Selection (2)

- Actions in case of new packet arrives
  - if the previous packet belonging the same LSP is still in the buffer
    - assign to the new packet an amount of delay ( $D_{min}$ ) at least the residual waiting time of the previous one,
    - if the assigned wavelength (queue) cannot provide the delay  $D_{min}$ , LSP is assigned to the wavelength that introduce the minimum delay greater than  $D_{min}$
  - if not, whatever time and wavelength is valid, shortest queue is selected
- LSP is assigned to that wavelength up to
  - congestion arises also in the new wavelength, then the algorithm starts a new search

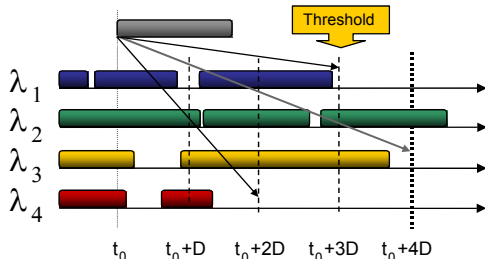
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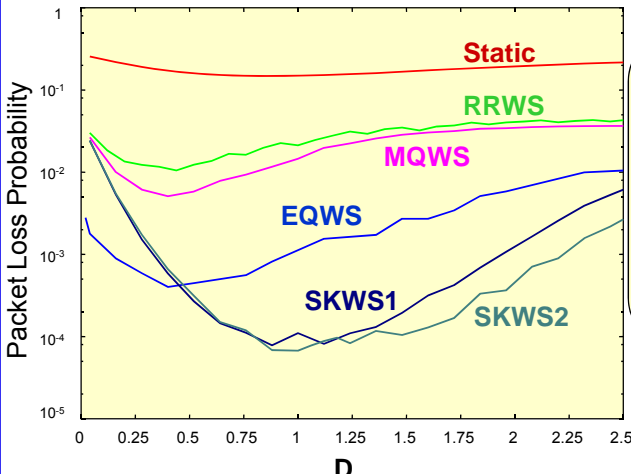
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## SKWS Performance



Input traffic:  
 packet size and interarrival  
 distribution: Exponential  
 (mean = 500 Bytes)  
 Load = 0.8

Output traffic distribution:  
 Uniform

4 x 4 switch  
 16 λ.s per fiber  
 4 Fiber Delay Lines  
 3 LSP per λ

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**Summary I**

- As expected, there is a trade-off to reduce:
  - The PLR,
  - The percentage of reallocations and
  - The percentage of out of sequence packets

Input traffic (packet size and interarrival time distribution):  
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**4 Fiber Delay Lines**  
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Algorithm	Min PLR	% Reallocations	% Packet out of sequence
Static	$10^{-1}$	0	0
Per packet allocation	$8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	81	4
EQWS	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	13	3.3
SKWS	$8 \cdot 10^{-5}$	54	0

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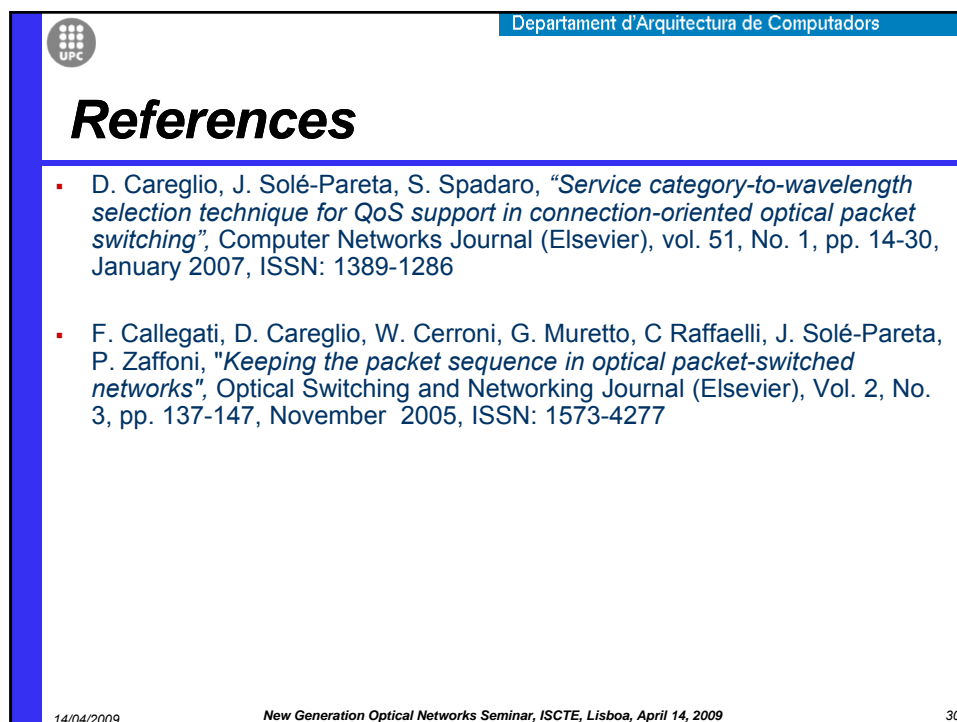
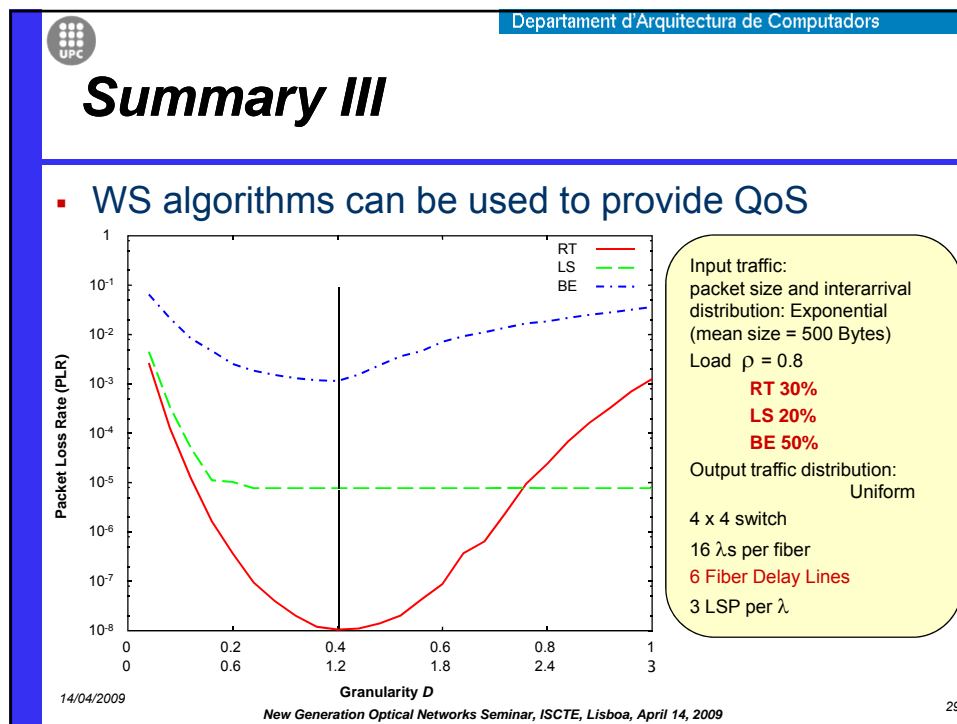
**Summary II**

- Acceptable PLR can be obtained

Input traffic:  
 packet size and interarrival distribution: Exponential (mean = 500 Bytes)  
 Load = 0.8  
 Output traffic distribution:  
 Uniform

4 x 4 switch  
 16 λs per fiber  
 B Fiber Delay Lines  
 D: The best in each case  
 (e.g. for SKWS, D = 1 and for EQWS, D = 0.5)  
 3 LSP per λ

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# Main features of OBS networks

- Main features
  - Aggregation of quite large ( $\mu\text{s}$ - $\text{ms}$ ) data bursts at edge nodes
  - All-optical switching of data bursts in core nodes
  - Out-of-band signalling: control packets sent on a dedicated wavelength
  - Statistical multiplexing: sharing of wavelength resources between burst flows

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**Main features of OBS networks**

- Optical Burst Switching: How it works

The diagram illustrates the architecture of an Optical Burst Switching (OBS) network. It shows client networks connected to an OBS network via WDM links. The OBS network consists of several nodes, including an Assembler (burst size: kB-MB) and an OBS core node with a Reservation Manager (switching times: ns-ms). The diagram also shows Out-of-band signaling (Control channels and Data channels) and a legend identifying IP packets, Burst Control Packets, and Data Bursts.

Legend:

- IP packet
- Burst Control Packet
- Data Burst

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**Main features of OBS networks**

- Advantages
  - High flexibility (suitable for bursty internet traffic), efficient network utilization
    - OBS offers the necessary flexibility for grid applications: high bandwidth, no electronic bottleneck, low set-up times, varied granularity (short/long grid jobs)
  - Moderate switching, hardware, and processing requirements
- Challenges
  - High amount of data losses (bursts are long and can be hardly buffered in FDLs)
  - Control complexity: QoS, routing, possible burst reordering, etc.
  - Not GMPLS compliant

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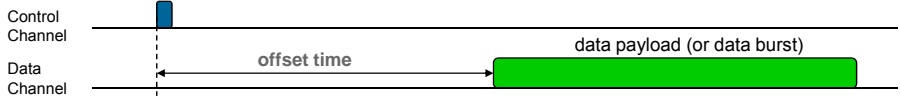
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## C-OBS vs. E-OBS

- The difference relies on the Offset time introduction
  - The Offset time corresponds to the time budget for
    - the processing of a Burst Control Packet (BCP), and
    - the reconfiguration of the switching matrix.



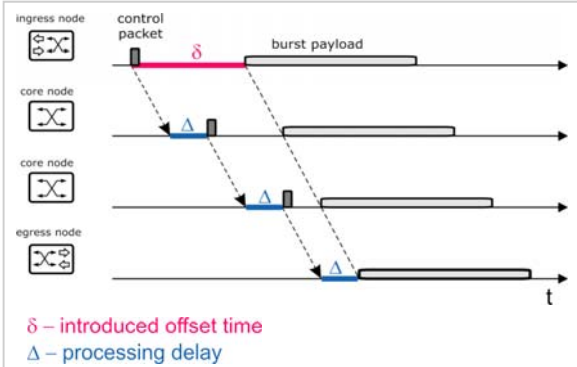
- C-OBS (Conventional OBS)
  - The offset time is introduced at the edges: Source-based offset time provisioning
- E-OBS (offset time-Emulated OBS)
  - The offset time is introduced at the input of the core nodes: Distributed offset time provisioning

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## Offset times: The C-OBS case



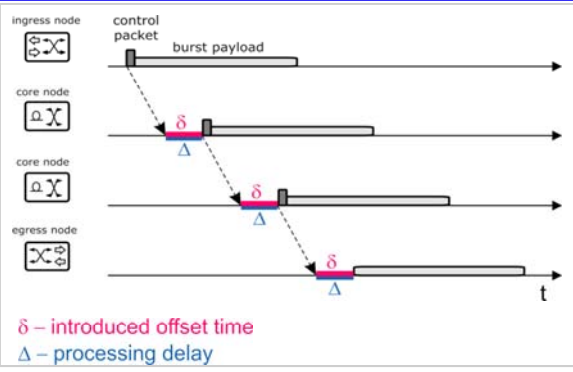
- The offset time varies since it decreases hop-by-hop (at each core node) by the processing time.
  - C-OBS is the most extensively studied case in the literature
  - Was suggested by C. Qiao and M. Yoo in "Optical Burst Switching (OBS) -- a New Paradigm for an Optical Internet", J. High Speed Networks, Mar. 1999

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## Offset times: The E-OBS case




$\delta$  – introduced offset time

$\Delta$  – processing delay

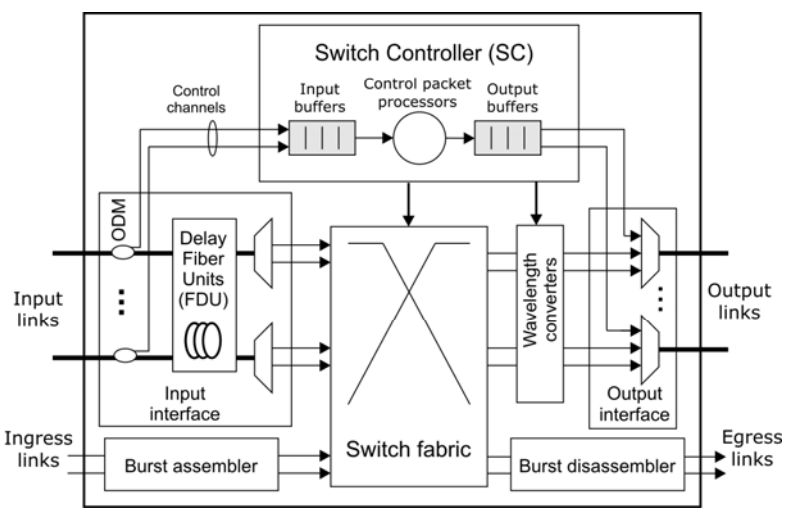
- The offset time can be kept fixed, since it is introduced at each core node
  - Was suggested by Y. Xiong, M. Vanderhoute, and C. Cankaya in “Control Architecture in Optical Burst-Switched WDM Networks”, IEEE JSAC, Oct. 2000

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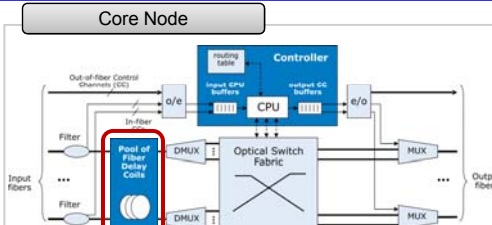
## E-OBS Architecture



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## E-OBS Architecture



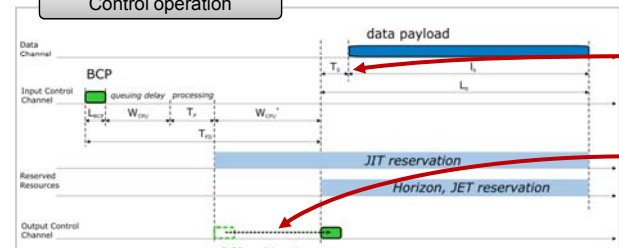
**Core Node**

The diagram shows a Core Node architecture. It includes an In-fiber control channel (OFC) with filters and DMUX components. A Controller (CPU) is connected to the OFC and an Optical Switch Fabric. The switch fabric has multiple input and output ports, each with a MUX. The architecture also shows an Out-of-Fiber Control Channel (OFC) and Input/Output (I/O) buffers.

**Fibre Delay Coil (FDC)**

- A passive piece of fibre of fixed length; less complex than an FDL buffer
- Only one FDC per each input port

**Control operation**



The diagram illustrates the control operation timing. It shows the Data Channel, Input Control Channel, Reserved Resources, and Output Control Channel over time. Key events include BCP queuing delay, processing, and BCP waiting time. A data payload is shown with its length  $L_p$  and transmission time  $T_p$ . A JIT reservation horizon is also indicated.

**Assumptions**

- A small switching offset introduced at the edge node
- Delayed forwarding


⇒ **the offset time does not vary in the network**

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## E-OBS: Feasibility


✓ Fibre Delay Coil commercially available



✓ An E-OBS node at ECOC 2006

OIDA (Japan) test-bed


A. Al Amin et al, "40/10 Gbps Bit-rate Transparent Burst Switching and Contention Resolving Wavelength Conversion in an Optical Router Prototype"

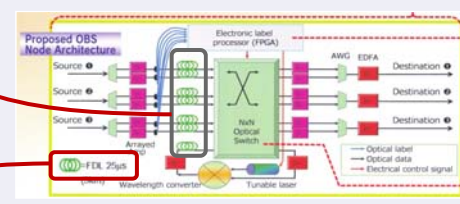


Offset time of 25µs

**Typical FDC parameters**

- 4 km of fibre  $\equiv$  **20µs of delay**
- insertion loss  $<$  **0.3db/km**
- dimension: **6.00" x 6.00" x 1.59"**
- operating wavelengths: **1260 ~ 1650nm**





The diagram shows a Proposed OBS Node Architecture. It includes a Source, an Arrayed Waveguide Grating (AWG), an Electronic label processor (EPG), a Wavelength converter, a Tunable laser, a Wavelength selective switch (WSS), and a Destination. The architecture also shows an Optical label processor (OLP) and an Optical switch.

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## Offset time variation in C-OBS

- Variation of offset times, which is inherent in C-OBS networks, results in the following (unwanted) effects:
  1. **Unfairness** in access to transmission resources  $\Rightarrow$  bursts of bigger offsets have more chances to reserve resources

e.g.:

- × a burst that is approaching its destination is overtaken by a burst just released from an edge node
- × a burst on a shorter path is overtaken by a burst on a longer path

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## Offset time variation in C-OBS

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5. Effective QoS classes in the offset time differentiation mechanism are multiplied and hence less controllable
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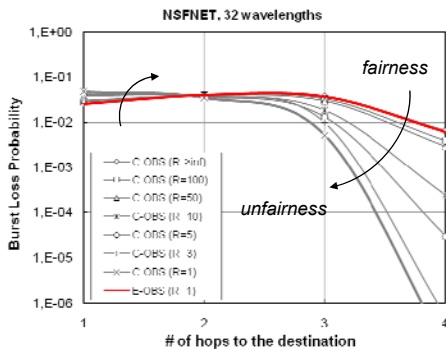
- **E-OBS helps to overcome these (unwanted) effects**

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## Fairness

**fairness**  $\equiv$  each burst treated equally in the network (if no QoS)  
 $\equiv$  BLP does not depend on the # of hops to the destination




$$R = \frac{\text{av. burst length}}{\text{offset time}}$$

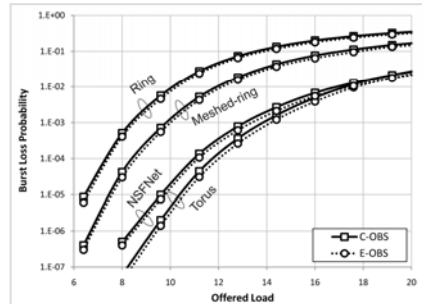
**Network:** NSFNET (15/23)  
**Routing:** Shortest Path  
**Link dimension:** 32λ.s  
**Load:** 0.8  
**Offset time (1hop):** 10μs

C-OBS: fairness achieved only with very long bursts (i.e., when R is high)  
 E-OBS: **fairness achieved even with short bursts (R=1)**

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## Overall BLP and Delay



**Network:** 4 topologies  
**Routing:** Shortest Path  
**Link dimension:** 32λ.s  
**Load:** 0.8  
**Offset time (1hop):** 10μs  
**Burst Scheduling:**  
**JET/LAUC-VF in C-OBS**  
**Horizon/LAUC in E-OBS**

E-OBS can operate with a less complex scheduling algorithm (Horizon), and it still achieves at least as good performance as C-OBS!

$\bar{D}_{C-OBS} = \bar{D}_{E-OBS}$

 $= \bar{B} + \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i + \Delta_i) + \delta_s$

There is no transmission delay penalty when using E-OBS

**B:** burst assembly delay  
**d:** link propagation delay  
**Δ:** processing offset  
**δ<sub>s</sub>:** switching offset  
**n:** # of hops

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## Resources Reservation: JIT

a) JIT in C-OBS      b) JIT in E-OBS

**Just-In-Time (JIT) protocol**

- immediate wavelength reservation (just after the processing of BCP)
- low complexity, but the over-provisioning of resources

JIT protocol can be applied effectively in E-OBS, it substantially improves the burst loss performance provided by C-OBS

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## Resources Reservation (cont.)

Protocol	Protocol Complexity	C-OBS	E-OBS
<b>JIT</b> (Just-In-Time)	<b>Low</b> (immediate reservation)	<b>Low efficiency</b> (high resources over-provisioning, because of longer offsets)	<b>High efficiency</b> (low resources over-provisioning, because of shorter offsets)
<b>Horizon</b>	<b>Moderate</b> (delayed reservation, no void-filling)	<b>Low/Moderate efficiency</b> (due to the voids)	<b>High efficiency</b> (no voids in E-OBS)
<b>JET</b> Just-Enough-Time	<b>High</b> (delayed reservation, void-filling)	<b>Has to be implemented</b> for efficiency	<b>No need</b>

E-OBS can effectively apply the JIT and Horizon algorithms, since the processing of BCP can be less-complex (faster) in E-OBS

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## Routing and Survivability

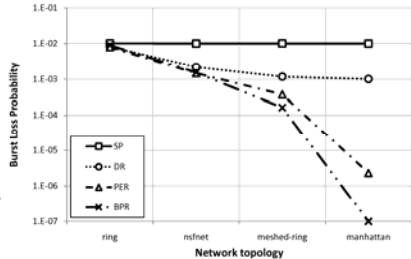
- In C-OBS the offset time has to correspond to the maximum length of the routing path; otherwise, **the insufficient offset problem** may occur (and the burst loss)
  - alternative/deflection routing path can not be created freely
  - also, it affects some restoration schemes that consider deflection routing to coop with link failures

Case study

SP: shortest path routing


DR: a deflection routing algorithm in C-OBS with additional offset time accommodating 2 deflections at most

PER/BER: 2 different deflection routing algorithms in E-OBS



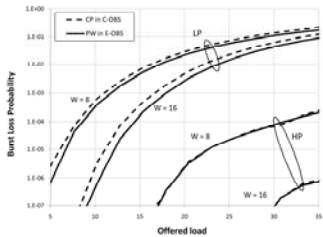
**E-OBS does not suffer the insufficient offset problem ⇒ better BLP performance**

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## QoS Provisioning

- Offset Time Differentiation (OTD) and burst preemption (BP) are the most effective QoS mechanisms and, when applied in C-OBS:
  - OTD performance may be affected by the offset variation,
  - BP creates **phantom bursts** (i.e., bursts that are preempted, but the reserved resources are not released on the ongoing path)
- On the contrary, in E-OBS the offset is kept fixed and the problem of **phantom bursts** can be resolved by applying a **Preemption Window (PW)** mechanism.



PW mechanism

- a small offset added in each core node
- no preemption allowed after the BCP is released

⇒ **no phantom bursts in the network**


⇒ **BLP performance slightly better than in C-OBS**

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## Summary I

	C-OBS	E-OBS
<b>Fairness</b>	No	Yes
<b>Performance</b>	Slightly better BLP in E-OBS End-to-end delay the same	
<b>Resources reservation, scheduling complexity</b>	High	Low / Medium
<b>QoS</b>	Some difficulties	Some facilities
<b>Alternative/deflection routing</b>	Limited	Not limited
<b>Hardware complexity</b>	Memory (in edge)	Fibre delay coil (in core)

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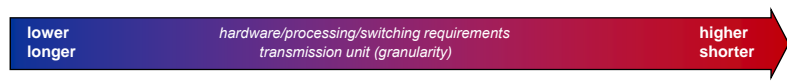
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## Summary II

- Migration towards OPS
  - E-OBS facilitates the coexistence of OBS and OPS


	OCS optical circuit switching	C-OBS conventional optical burst switching	E-OBS offset time-emulated OBS	OPS optical packet switching
<b>Signalling:</b>	● out-of-band	● out-of-band	● out-of-band	● in-band
<b>Offset time:</b>		● offset in edge	● offset in core	● offset in core
<b>Data unit:</b>	● long-living optical circuits	● long bursts	● short bursts	● short packets
<b>Complexity:</b>	✓ low	✓ relaxed	✓ relaxed	✗ high
<b>Flexibility:</b>	✗ low	✓ high	✓ high	✓ high
<b>FDL buffering:</b>	-	✗ impractical	✓ possible	✓ yes



lower longer hardware/processing/switching requirements higher shorter  
transmission unit (granularity)

nowadays/near future mid term long term


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# Reaching Optical MPLS from an OBS network interoperable with GMPLS


## 3. Interoperable GMPLS-OBS Control Plane

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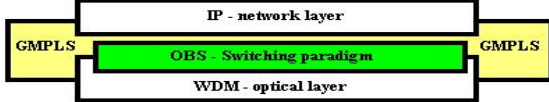
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## Optical Networks evolution


- Light Protocol stack: IP directly over WDM
- Efficient and fast Switching Layer: OBS
- Automatic and fast provisioning of connections: Signalling
- Automatic management of network resources: Routing

} GMPLS Control Plane



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## Why Optical Burst Switching?

- Trade-off between performance and current available technology


Advantages	Drawbacks
<i>High bandwidth transport service at optical layer fitting with the Internet traffic characteristics</i>	<i>High burst block probability due to the impractical use of FDL buffering</i>
<i>Optimized network resource utilization due to statistical multiplexing</i>	<i>Control complexity (signalling, routing, QoS, scheduling, protection...)</i>

**An Open Issue**

Well-defined CONTROL PLANE able to respond to those high control complexity demands

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## Requirements of the OBS Control Plane

- Packet-Switched like network
  - Fast and dynamic provisioning of short duration connections
  - Fast processing
  - Network's resource availability dissemination
- Signalling
  - Two-way reservation: **not viable due to burst traffic dynamics**
  - One-way reservation
- Routing
  - Connectionless (IP-based): **not viable due to the large routing table and processing delay**
  - Virtual connection, LOBS → **GMPLS-based control plane**

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## Quick look at GMPLS

- IP-oriented architecture, encompassing a set of IP protocols
  - Signalling, Routing and Automatic Network Discovery
- Common control plane to operate across dissimilar network technologies
  - Packet, time, wavelength and fibre switching domains
- Simplify the network control and management by automating
  - End-to-end provisioning of connections
  - Management of network resources
- Separation of the Control Plane and the Data Plane
  - Not only logical but also physical
- Fast forwarding and TE capabilities
  - Label and Explicit Routing concepts

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## Why Integrating GMPLS in the OBS control?

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- GMPLS and OBS share the same basic rule: Separation between CP and DP
- GMPLS offers an efficient and automated control and management platform
  - Automatic end-to-end provisioning of connections
  - Automatic management of network resources
- GMPLS reduces the network complexity allowing an IP-over-WDM network
- Speed up the process developing and standardizing the OBS technology
- It is an easy way to migrate from OCS to OBS while providing a natural OCS/OBS coexistence

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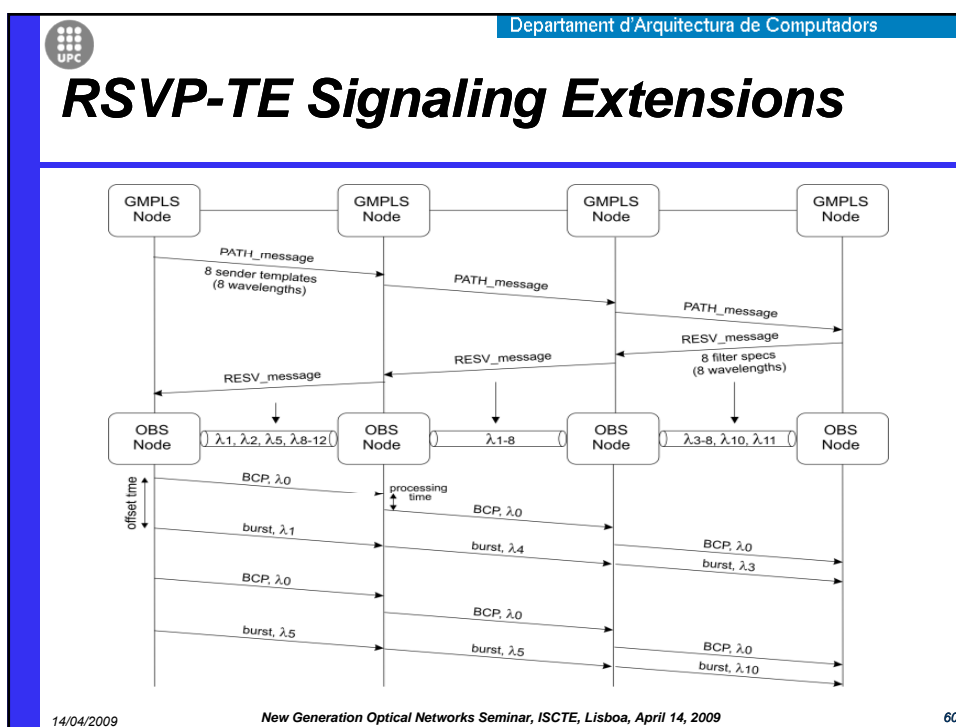
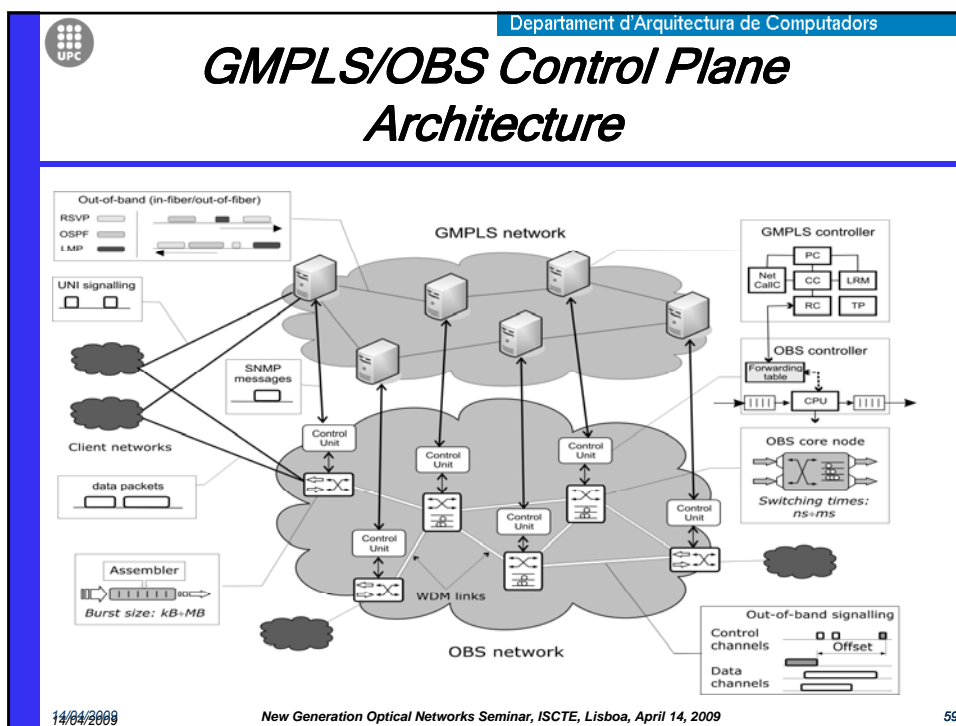


## GMPLS/OBS Control Plane Architecture


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- Proposed Architecture
  - Hybrid OBS Control Plane
    - GMPLS Control Layer
    - OBS Control Layer
  - Transparent OBS Data Plane

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## Problem formulation

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- We focus in:
  - An innovative GMPLS/OBS Control Plane Architecture
    - *Horizontal interworking issues*
    - *Vertical interworking issues*
  - Required GMPLS Protocol Extensions to cope with such an architecture

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## Horizontal Interworking issues

	OBS Signaling Block	OBS Routing Block
OBS Background Task (GMPLS)	Virtual Topology Management	Network Topology Discovering
OBS Specific Task (OBS-CP)	Burst Transmission Resources Reservation	Network Resources Availability

- **OBS background tasks** to be carried out by GMPLS
- **OBS specific tasks** to be carried out by the OBS-CP through the Burst Control Packets (BCP)
- **OBS signaling block** to be carried out through RSVP-TE messages and BCPs
- **OBS routing block**: based on OSPF-TE, and extended Link State Advertisement (LSA) messages

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**OBS Signaling Block**

	OBS Signaling Block	OBS Routing Block
OBS Background Task	Virtual Topology Management	Network Topology Discovering
OBS Specific Task	Burst Transmission Resources Reservation	Network Resource Availability

- Virtual Topology Management (GMPLS)
  - Set up, maintain and tear down LSPs between edge nodes in a two-way RSVP-TE process, without resource reservation
  - A group of wavelengths (1 to all) should be selected for this LSP according to TE oriented policies
  - More than one LSP should be established between pair of nodes
  - LSPs follow an explicit route

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**OBS Signaling Block**


- GMPLS is used to create an overlay logical network of LSPs where to route the incoming bursts

Destination node	Label
B	2 (LSP 1) 7 (LSP 2) 9 (LSP 3)
⋮	⋮

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## OBS Signaling Block

	OBS Signaling Block	OBS Routing Block
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- Resource Reservation (OBS BCP)
  - One-way resource reservation process
  - The Burst Control Packet is labeled at the edge node to follow one of the pre-established LSP provided by GMPLS
    - *The Burst Control Packet format is an open issue: It could be based on the RSVP-TE messages format*
  - The Burst Control Packet allocates a wavelength in a per hop basis when passing through the selected LSP

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## OBS Routing Block

	OBS Signaling Block	OBS Routing Block
OBS Background Task	Virtual Topology Management	Network Topology Discovering
OBS Specific Task	Burst Transmission Resources Reservation	Network Resource Availability

- Network Topology/State Information (GMPLS)
  - Auto-discovery of network topology
    - *No time critical dissemination of information*
  - Path Computation
    - *The highly dynamicity of OBS results in the inaccuracy of the network state information*
    - *Instead of using the network state information, Path Computation of the set of static explicit routes composing the overlay logical network is based on statistics of traffic demands, traffic planning, operator policies...*
    - *There is also the possibility to serve explicit client requests to establish routes on demand, when the destination is not available or when all LSPs get congested*

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## OBS Routing Block

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- Network Resource Availability Information (OBS CP)
  - The collection and dissemination of the “current” state network information is restricted to the resources (links and nodes) belonging to the virtual LSPs to a pair of edge nodes:
    - *More than one LSP for the each pair of edge node are set up and are constantly supervised with Network Resource Availability Information*
  - Link State Advertising placed at the Burst Control Packets
    - *Feedback based on BCP traveling in the backward direction*
    - *Not exact due to the high traffic variation of the OBS network*
    - *Estimation of a set of important parameters*

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## Vertical Interworking Scheme

- Problem formulation
  - Which information should “travel” between the GMPLS and OBS nodes?
  - And how to handle it?

GMPLS node

OBS node

LSPs

RSVP messages

WDM links

BCP messages

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## Vertical Interworking Scheme

- From GMPLS to OBS: WU2
  - Send information about the created LSPs between a pair of edge nodes: **Forwarding table**
- 1. Send control channel information (LMP protocol):
  - Creation
  - Mantainment
- 2. Failure report of a given LSP (to the source edge node)
- 3. LSP capacity update information for each LSP belonging to a pair of edge nodes

GMPLS node

OBS node

LSPs

RSVP messages

WDM links

BCP messages

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## Diapositiva 69

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**WU1**    mudar o texto!!!  
Windows User; 29/02/2008

## Diapositiva 70

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**WU2**    GMPLS TE Tunnel paths - single LSP or a set of them  
Windows User; 29/02/2008

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**Vertical Interworking Scheme**

- From OBS to GMPLS
- 1. Resource information:
  - Physical failure report to the correspondent GMPLS node in a way to start the protection and restoration mechanisms (LMP tool)
  - Individual link and node status information: inf. to be used by the OSPF-TE to find new routes (Periodicaly)
  - Global LSP status inf. (by the edge nodes): helps in traffic planning
- 2. Request of new LSP:
  - Automatic: due to traffic requirements, changes in the network or other LSP requirements
  - Explicit: client specifies the desired route (LSP)

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**SNMP - A first approach**  
*Simple network management protocol*

- Request-response mode:
  - SNMP managing entity (i.e. OBS node) sends a request to an SNMP agent (i.e. GMPLS node), who receives the request, performs some action and reply.
- Notification mode:
  - SNMP Agent (i.e. GMPLS node) sends an unsolicited message, know as trap message, to a managing entity (i.e. OBS node) used to notify the managing entity of an exceptional situation.

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## GMPLS/OBS Control Plane Architecture

Out-of-band (in-fiber/out-of-fiber)  
 RSVP  
 OSPF  
 LMP

UNI signalling  
 SNMP messages

Client networks  
 data packets

Assembler  
 Burst size: kB+MB

Out-of-band signalling  
 Control channels  
 Data channels  
 Offset

GMPLS network

GMPLS controller  
 PC  
 Net Calc  
 CC  
 LRM  
 RC  
 TP

OBS controller  
 Forwarding table  
 CPU

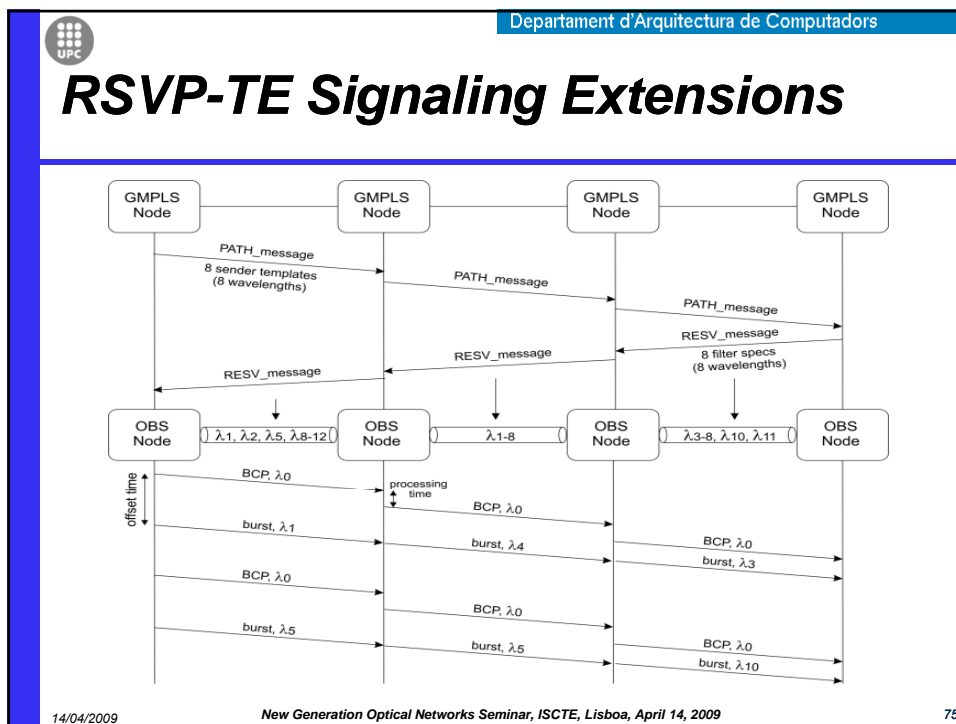
OBS core node  
 Switching times: ns+ms

WDM links

OBS network

Control Unit

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## Proposed GMPLS Protocol Extensions

- Related IETF Draft:
  - Bernstein, G., Lee, Y., "Routing and Wavelength Assignment Information for Wavelength Switched Optical Networks", work in progress: draft-bernstein-ccamp-wson-info-01.txt, November 2007
- OSPF-TE Routing Extensions
  - Extend the Wavelength bitmap concept: A new state to "share" resources (LSPs /  $\lambda$ s) among some Tunnels is required

Lambda	State	
$\lambda_1$	Reserved	(Tunnel 1)
$\lambda_2$	Shared	(Tunnel 1 and 2)
$\lambda_3$	Reserved	(Tunnel 2)
$\lambda_4$	Reserved	(Tunnel 2)
$\lambda_5$	Free	

• It is worth to have three wavelength states: Reserved  $\lambda$ , Free  $\lambda$  and **Shared  $\lambda$**

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**Proposed GMPLS Protocol Extensions**

- Related IETF RFCs:
  - [RFC4974] - GMPLS RSVP-TE Signaling Extensions in Support of Calls
  - [RFC 3473] - GMPLS Signalling RSVP-TE Extensions

- RSVP-TE Signaling Extensions
  - Single Path-Resv message to establish a TE Tunnel of multiple LSPs ( $\lambda$ s)

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**Example**

- Two tunnels may share a wavelength in order to save resources. With this new state we can indicate it.
- If a third tunnel would be setup it would be convenient that not used the shared wavelength to avoid congestion situation in high load periods. Now we know which wavelengths are reserved, free and shared

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## Summary

- GMPLS is the Control Plane Standard for next generation of networks
- OBS is the current switching paradigm to enable the envisioned IP-over-WDM network
- A GMPLS-OBS interoperable Control Plane is a natural solution that enforces the migration from OCS to OBS and the coexistence of this two technologies
  - We, in our group started with some initial steps into the definition of this Control Plane

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## Work in progress

- Definition of a OBS Switch Capable Interface for communicating with GMPLS nodes
- Formal definition of the Bursy Control Packet format
- Horizontal interworking issues: Implementation and test of the suggested GMPLS protocol extensions
- Vertical interworking issues: Study SNMP as an approach for the vertical signalling
- Proof-of-concept of our GMPLS-based OBS Control Plane architecture

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1. OMPLS: Optical MPLS
2. E-OBS: Off-set Time Emulated OBS Architecture
3. Interoperable GMPLS/OBS Control Plane

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## ***From OCS to OPS: The Road Map***

- Definition an interoperable GMPLS–OBS Control Plane
- Star to deploy E-OBS nodes coexisting with the OCS ones in the ASON/GMPLS “current” network
- Reduce progressively the burst size (until having OPS sizes)
- Reduce the FDL at the input of the E-OBS nodes, as far as the optical technology allow for it.
- Star to deply OMPLS nodes coexisting with E- the OBS and OCS ones