



# Toward the joint design of electronic and optical layer protection

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## **IP-over-WDM**



- Networks use many layers
  - Inefficient, expensive
- Goal: reduced protocol stack
  - Eliminate electronic layers
  - Preserve functionality
- Joint design of electronic and optical layers
  - Medium access protocol
  - Topology reconfiguration
  - Efficient multiplexing (grooming)
  - Joint electronic/optical protection









- Survivable routing of logical topologies: How to embed the logical topology on a physical topology so that the logical topology can withstand physical link failures
- Physical topology design: How to design the physical topology so that it can be used to embed rings in a survivable manner
- *Path protection with failure localization:* What are the benefits of failure localization for path protection





- Physical Topology
  - Optical layer topology
  - Optical nodes (switches) connected by fiber links
- Logical Topology
  - Electronic layer topology; e.g., routers connected by *lightpaths* Lightpaths must be routed on the physical topology
     Lightpaths are established by tuning transceivers and switches



# Routing the logical topology on a physical topology





- How do we route the logical topology on the physical topology so that we can keep the logical topology protected ?
  - Logical connections are lightpaths that can be routed in many ways on the physical topology
  - Some lightpaths may share a physical link in which case the failure of that physical link would cause the failure of multiple logical links
     For rings (e.g., SONET) this would leave the network disconnected
  - Need to embed the logical topology onto the physical topology to maintain the protection capability of the logical topology





- Protection provided at the electronic layer
  - E.g., SONET, ATM, IP
  - Physical layer protection is redundant
- However, must make sure that the protection provided at the electronic layer is maintained in the event of a physical link cut
- <u>Simple solution</u>: Route all logical (electronic) links on disjoint physical routes
  - E.g., physical and electronic topologies look the same
  - Approach may be wasteful of resources
  - Disjoint paths may not be available





- Route the lightpaths that constitute the electronic topology in such a way that the protection capability is maintained
- Examples:
  - Make sure logical topology remains connected in the event of a physical link failure
  - For SONET rings, make sure alternative route exists in the event of a physical link failure (same as topology remains connected)
- <u>Our focus</u>: Route the lightpaths of the logical topology so that it remains connected in the event of any single physical link failure

Eytan Modiano and Aradhana Narula-Tam, <u>"Survivable lightpath routing: A new approach to the design of WDM-based networks,"</u> IEEE Journal of Selected Areas in Communication, May 2002.





- Consider a graph (N, E)
  - A cut is a partition of the set of nodes N into subsets S and N-S
  - The *cut-set* CS(S,N-S) is the set of edges in the graph that connect a node in N to a node in N-S
  - The size of the cut-set is the number of edges in the cut-set



$$CS(S,N-S) = \{(1,2), (5,2), (5,3), (5,4)\}$$

Menger's Theorem: A logical topology is 2-connected if for every cut (S,S-N)

 $|CS(S,N-S)| \ge 2$ 

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<u>Theorem 1</u>: A routing is survivable *if and only if* for every cut-set  $CS(S,N_L-S)$  of the logical topology the following holds:

Let E(s,t) be the set of physical links used by logical link (s,t). Then, for every cut-set CS(S,N<sub>L</sub>-S),



- The above condition requires that no single physical link is shared by all logical links belonging to a cut-set of the logical topology
  - not all of the logical links belonging to a cut-set can be routed on the same physical link
- This condition must hold for all cut-sets of the logical topology







Minimize  $\sum_{\substack{(i,j)\in E\\(s,t)\in E_L}} f_{ij}^{st}$  Subject to:

A) Connectivity constraints:

$$\sum_{j \text{ s. t.}(i,j)\in E} f_{ij}^{st} - \sum_{j \text{ s. t.}(j,i)\in E} f_{ji}^{st} = \begin{cases} 1 & if \quad s=i\\ -1 & if \quad t=i\\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

**B)** Survivability constraints:

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall (i,j) \in E \\ \forall S \subset N_L \end{array}, \quad \sum_{(s,t) \in CS(S, N_L - S)} f_{ij}^{st} + f_{ji}^{st} < CS(S, N_L - S) \end{array}$$

**C)** Capacity constraints: 
$$\forall (i, j) \in E, \qquad \sum_{(s,t) \in E_L} f_{ij}^{st} \leq W$$

**D) Integer flow constraints:**  $f_{ij}^{st} \in \{0,1\}$ 





- Difficult for large networks due to the large number of constraints
  - Exponential number of cut-set constraints
- Solution for ILP can be found using branch and bound and other heuristic techniques
- Alternatively relaxations of the ILP can be found that remove some of the constraints
  - LP relaxation removes the integer constraints, but unfortunately solution becomes non-integer => can't determine the routings
  - Can relax some of the less critical survivability constraints
     Start with only a subset of the cut-set constraints, if survivable solution is found then done; otherwise add more cut-set constraints until survivable solution is found





- Single node cuts relaxation: Consider only those cuts that separate a single node from the rest of the network
  - Only N such cut-sets
  - Single node cuts are often the smallest and hence the most vulnerable
  - When network is densely connected most cuts contain many links and are not as vulnerable
- Small cut-sets relaxation: Consider only those cut-sets whose size is less than a certain size (e.g., the degree of the network, degree + 1, etc.)
  - This relaxation includes all the single node cuts, but some other small cuts as well
  - Appropriate for less densely connected networks





- Logical topologies
  - Randomly generated logical topologies of degrees 3, 4, 5
     100 randomly generated topologies of each size
- Physical topology
  - NSF NET (14 nodes, 21 links)







	Logical	Unprotected	Ave. Ave.	
	Top's	solution	links	λ*links
ILP	100	0	19.76	46.07
Short Path	100	86	19.31	45.25
Relax - 1	100	10	19.78	46.03
Relax - 2	100	0	19.78	46.07





	Logical Unprotected		Ave.	Ave.
	Top's	solution	links	λ*links
ILP	100	0	20.30	60.64
Short Path	100	38	20.17	60.47
Relax - 1	100	0	20.30	60.64
Relax - 2	100	0	20.30	60.64





	Logical	Unprotected	Ave. Ave.	
	Top's	solution	links	λ*links
ILP	100	0	20.56	75.40
Short Path	100	27	20.48	75.31
Relax - 1	100	0	20.56	75.40
Relax - 2	100	0	20.56	75.40

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#### Run times of algorithms



	ILP	Relaxation - 1	Relaxation - 2
Degree - 3	8.3 s	1.3 s	1.3 s
Degree - 4	2 min. 53 sec.	1.5 s	1.5 s
Degree - 5	19 min. 17 sec.	2.0 s	2.0 s

Sun Sparc Ultra 10 computer

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- Widely used topology (e.g., SONET rings)
- Ring topology yields simple solutions
  - It can be easily shown that every cut of a bi-directional ring contains exactly two links
  - It can also be shown that every pair of links shares a cut
- Corollary: A bi-directional logical ring is survivable if and only if no two logical links share the same physical link
  - The proof is a direct result of Theorem 1
  - Cut-set constraints can be replaced by a simple capacity constraint on the links

$$\forall (i, j) \in L, \quad \sum_{(s,t) \in E_L} f_{ij}^{st} + \sum_{(s,t) \in E_L} f_{ji}^{st} \le 1$$

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<u>Theorem 2</u>: The survivable routing problem is NP-complete

Proof: Mapping of ring survivable routing to k edge disjoint paths in undirected graphs





Two-edge disjoint paths

Four-edge disjoint paths

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# **Ring experiments**



Physical topologies:





6 nodes

10 nodes

- Logical topologies:
  - All possible 6 node logical rings (120 possible) on 6 node physical
  - All possible 6,7,8,9, and 10 node rings on 10 node physical





- Survivable routing ILP solution
  - Guarantees survivable routing whenever one exists
- Shortest path routing
  - Find the shortest path for every lightpath regardless of survivability
- Greedy routing
  - Route lightpaths sequentially using shortest path
  - Whenever a physical link is used by a lightpath, it is removed so that it cannot be used by any other lightpath Takes advantage of the fact that for ring logical topologies no two lightpaths can share a physical link





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	Logical	No protected	Ave.	Ave.
	Top's	solution	links	λ*links
6 node-ILP	120	0	7.4	7.4
6 node - SP	120	64 (53%)	6.4	7.2
6 node - GR	120	0	8.1	8.1
10 node-ILP	362880	33760 (9%)	17.8	17.8
10 node - SP	362880	358952 (99%)	11.8	15.5
10 node - GR	362880	221312 (61%)	18.4	N/A

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- Path Protection with failure localization



# Physical Topology Design: Embedding Survivable Rings



- N node Network: Embed all permutations of rings of size K<= N
  - There are  $\binom{N}{K}(K-1)!$  rings of size K
- Typical physical topologies are not conducive to embedding rings in survivable manner



- 11 Node NJ LATA
- Supports only 56% of all 9 node rings

- Goal: Design physical topologies that can support survivable logical rings
  - Use minimum number of physical links
- A. Narula-Tam, E. Modiano, A. Brzezinski, <u>"Physical Topology Design for Survivable Routing</u> of Logical Rings in WDM-Based Networks," IEEE JSAC, October, 2004.

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- Under what condition can one embed any ring logical topology on a given physical topology
  - Want to design a physical topology that can support all possible ring logical topologies

Service provider that receive requests for ring topologies and wants to make sure that he can support all requests in a survivable manner

Theorem 3: In order for a physical topology to support any possible ring logical topology, any cut of the physical topology (S, N-S),

$$\left| CS_{P}(S, N-S) \right| \ge 2 \min(|S|, |N-S|)$$



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- Theorem 3 provides insights on physical topology design
  - E.g., all neighbors of degree 2 nodes must have degree  $\geq 4$
- Theorem 4: The number of links that an N node physical topology must have in order to guarantee survivable routing of K node logical rings is given by:

Logical Ring	Physical link	
Size	requirement	
<i>K</i> = 4	4 <i>N</i> /3	
<i>K</i> = 6	<b>3</b> N/ <b>2</b>	
K = 8	<b>1.6</b> N	
K = N - 1	2N - 3	

• Proof: by repeated application of Theorem 3





*Lemma*: Any node of degree 2 must have physical links to nodes of degree 4 or higher.

*Proof:* Suppose a node of degree 2 has a physical link to a node of degree 3, then the cut-set consisting of the degree 2 node and its degree 3 neighbor contains only 3 links. However, since the cut-set contains two nodes, *Theorem 3* requires a minimum of 4 cut-set links.







Let  $d_i$  be the number of nodes with degree i in the physical topology. Then the number of links in the physical topology is

$$L = \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} \frac{id_i}{2} = d_2 + \frac{3d_3}{2} + \sum_{i=4}^{N-1} \frac{id_i}{2}$$

From lemma 1: 
$$d_2 \le \sum_{i=4}^{N-1} \frac{i}{2} d_i \longrightarrow L \ge 2d_2 + \frac{3}{2}d_3$$
 (1)

Also, since nodes of degree i, add a minimum of i/2 physical links we get:

$$L \ge \frac{2d_2 + 3d_3 + 4(N - d_2 - d_3)}{2} = 2N - d_2 - \frac{d_3}{2} \qquad (2)$$
(1) & (2) =>  $L \ge \max(2d_2 + \frac{3}{2}d_3, 2N - d_2 - \frac{d_3}{2})$ 

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#### Proof, cont.



$$L \ge \max(2d_2 + \frac{3}{2}d_3, 2N - d_2 - \frac{d_3}{2})$$

Minimum occurs when

$$d_2 = \frac{2N - 2d_3}{3}$$

 $2d_2 + \frac{3}{2}d_3 = 2N - d_2 - \frac{d_3}{2}$ 

$$L \ge \frac{4N}{3} + \frac{d_3}{6} \ge \frac{4N}{3}$$

Similar arguments for proving the K=6 and K=8 cases

K=N-2 case: Show that we can find an N-2 node logical topology that requires at least 2(N-2) links

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# Integer Linear Program (ILP) Problem Formulation



- Embed batch of R random rings of size K
- Start with a fully connected physical topology with cost of each physical link = 1
  - Minimize number of physical links used to embed all R rings
- ILP results
  - Solvable for small instances
  - Yields insights on properties of appropriate physical topologies

E.g., solutions tend to have a "multi-hub" architecture



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# Physical Topologies for Embedding Logical Rings



• Dual hub architecture



- N nodes, 2(N-2) bi-directional links
- Supports all logical rings of size ≤ N-2
- Uses minimal number of physical links
- With additional link can support all logical rings of size  $\leq$  N-1



# Physical Topology for Embedding Rings of Size N





- Embedding rings of size N is considerably more difficult
- Three hub architecture
- Requires 3N–6 physical links
- Recall, rings of size N-1 required 2N-3 physical links
- Can we do better?





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#### **Path Protection and Link Protection**





<b>Protection Schemes</b>	PP	LP
Major Feature	Link-Disjoint	Localization
<b>Resource Efficiency</b>	High	Low

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 System specifies an end-to-end backup path to each link along the primary path



Link on Primary Path (1-2-3-5-4)	<b>Corresponding Protection Path</b>
(1,2)	1-6-2-3-5-4
(2,3)	1-2-5-4
(3,5)	1-2-5-4
(5,4)	1-2-3-4

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- Batch call arrival
  - Typical of a static routing and wavelength assignment problem
  - Usually done for the purpose of logical topology design
  - Requires solving for primary and backup paths for all sessions simultaneously
- Dynamic (random) call arrivals
  - Call-by-call model
     Poisson call arrivals
     Exponential holding times
  - Resources are allocated on a call by call basis, depending on network state information

# **Our focus: Dynamic call-by-call model**





- Greedy approach: Solving MILP problems
  - Guarantee minimum resource used by each call
  - Computationally complex
- Heuristic approach: Seeking the shortest paths
  - Not guaranteed to use the minimum resources to serve a call
  - Computationally simple (e.g. Dijkstra's algorithm)

# Question: Does system achieve optimal resource utilization if each call is served using the minimum resources?



#### **MILP Formulation for PPFL**



 $\sum c_{ij}x_{ij} + \sum y_{ij}$ Minimize  $(i,j) \in L$   $(i,j) \in L$  $\sum x_{Sj} - \sum x_{jS} = \sum x_{jD} - \sum x_{Dj} = 1,$ Subject to  $(S,j)\in L$   $(j,S)\in L$   $(j,D)\in L$   $(D,j)\in L$  $\sum x_{ij} - \sum x_{ji} = 0, \quad \forall i \neq S, D,$  $(i,j) \in L$   $(j,i) \in L$  $\sum v_{ij}^{Sl} - \sum v_{ij}^{lS} \ge x_{ij}, \quad \forall (S,l), (l,S), (i,j) \in L,$  $(S,l) \in L$   $(l,S) \in L$  $\sum v_{ij}^{lD} - \sum v_{ij}^{Dl} \ge x_{ij}, \quad \forall (D,l), (l,D), (i,j) \in L,$  $(l,D)\in L$   $(D,l)\in L$  $\sum v_{ij}^{lk} - \sum v_{ij}^{kl} = 0, \quad \forall (i,j) \in L, \forall k \neq S, k \neq D,$  $(l,k) \in L$   $(k,l) \in L$  $v_{ij}^{ij} + v_{ji}^{ij} = 0, \quad \forall (i,j) \in L,$  $y_{lk} \ge d_{ij}^{lk}(v_{ij}^{lk} - x_{lk}), \forall (i, j), (l, k) \in L,$  $x_{ij} \ge v_{ij}^{lk}, \quad \forall (i,j), (l,k) \in L,$  $x_{ij}, y_{ij}, v_{ij}^{lk} \in \{0, 1\}, \forall (i, j), (l, k) \in L.$ 

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### Example: Greedy vs. Shortest Path heuristic



	SD Pair	Primary Path	Protection Path (protected link)	Total Number of Occupied Wavelengths
Croady	(1,4)	1-2-3-4	1-6-5-4 (1-2-3-4)	6 (no sharing)
Annroach	(6,3)	6-5-3	6-2-3 (6-5-3)	10 (no sharing)
Approach	(3,5)	3-5	3-2-5 (3-5)	13 (no sharing)
Heuristic Approach	(1,4)	1-2-3-4	1-6-2-3-4 (1-2) 1-2-5-4 (2-3) 1-2-5-4 (3-4)	7 (share (2-3-4))
	(6,3)	6-5-3	6-2-3 (6-5) 6-2-3 (5-3)	10 (share (6,2))
	(3,5)	3-5	3-2-5 (3-5)	12 (share (2,5))

# Shortest path heuristic may provide greater opportunity for future sharing of backup paths

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### Simulation: The 11 node, 21 link New Jersey Lata Network





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# Simulation Results Blocking Probability vs. Traffic Load









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- In the dynamic call-by-call case a greedy solution that finds the optimal routes at any point in time fails to take into account future calls
- In order to account for future call arrivals, the problem can be modeled as a Markov Decision Problem (e.g., dynamic programming)
  - Solution can be very complex
- Intuitive explanation:
  - The greedy solution treats primary and backup resources with equal importance and attempts to minimize their overall use
  - However, primary path resources cannot be shared whereas backup can Better to minimize primary resources than backup resources
  - The shortest path approach puts a greater priority on minimizing the primary path resources





- The PPFL scheme is more flexible than the path protection scheme
  - Path protection and link protection can be viewed as "solutions" to the PPFL scheme
  - Hence PPFL results in better resource utilization
- PPFL uses local failure information for finding protection paths
  - This added information requires more sophisticated network management
- The call-by-call model leads to dynamic resource allocation scheme that cannot be solved using a traditional ILP approach
  - Markov Decision formulation too complex
  - Simple heuristics e.g., shortest path





- Cross-Layer optimization is critical to the design of protection algorithms for WDM based networks
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