GLIF Demonstration: International High Performance Digital Media (HPDM) With Dynamic Optical Multicast

An Experimental Architecture and Prototype Optical Digital Media Service – A Cooperative Project Undertaken By an International Consortium of Network Researchers

Overview

Background

- Multiple Sites Require HPHD Media Streaming Simultaneously Among All Locations
- HD Equipment Is Now Inexpensive and Common
- However, L3 Techniques Cannot Be Used for Many Types of HD Media
- L1/L2 Capabilities Can Provide Service Solutions
- Various Architectural Approaches And Technologies Are Being Explored
- Not All Issues Have Been Resolved Further Research Is Required

Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Digital media standards have been developed independently of WAN/LAN standards
- Traditional WAN/LAN standards have been developed independently of considerations for many HDDM requirements
- Consequently, today's communications capabilities do not always meet application requirements

Opportunities

- Using existing and emerging technologies several powerful solutions can be designed today
- However, an optimal approach for meeting unmet current and future requirements has not yet been determined
- Various options exist for addressing HPDM requirements
- Current research is exploring these options and experimenting with alternative approaches
- This demonstration incorporates several promising emerging technological approaches

Communications Technologies

The technologies include the following:

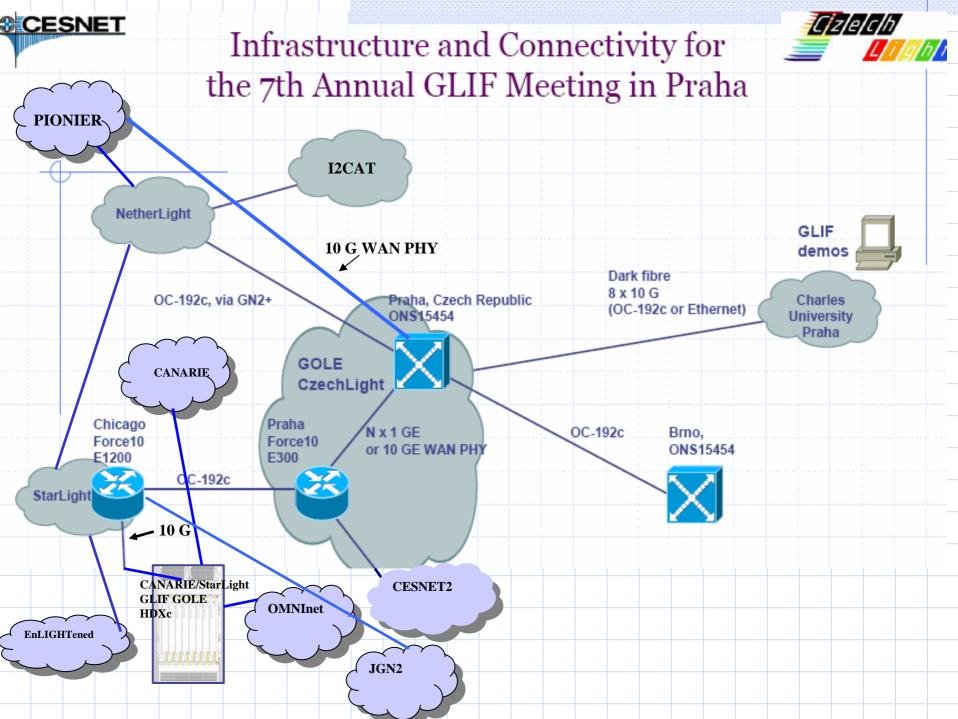
- Dynamic L2 and L1 (lightpath) allocation and adjustment is an emerging technique
- Both persistent and dynamic large scale L1/L2 resources can be allocation, depending on requirements
- Integrated, addressable WAN and LAN paths can be used
- High level path control capabilities from an application perspective is a key resource
- To further enable network optimization, HPDM streams can be "branched" by setting parameters through the device control systems
- Multiple path options can be individually selected to optimize stream flows

Logical Structure

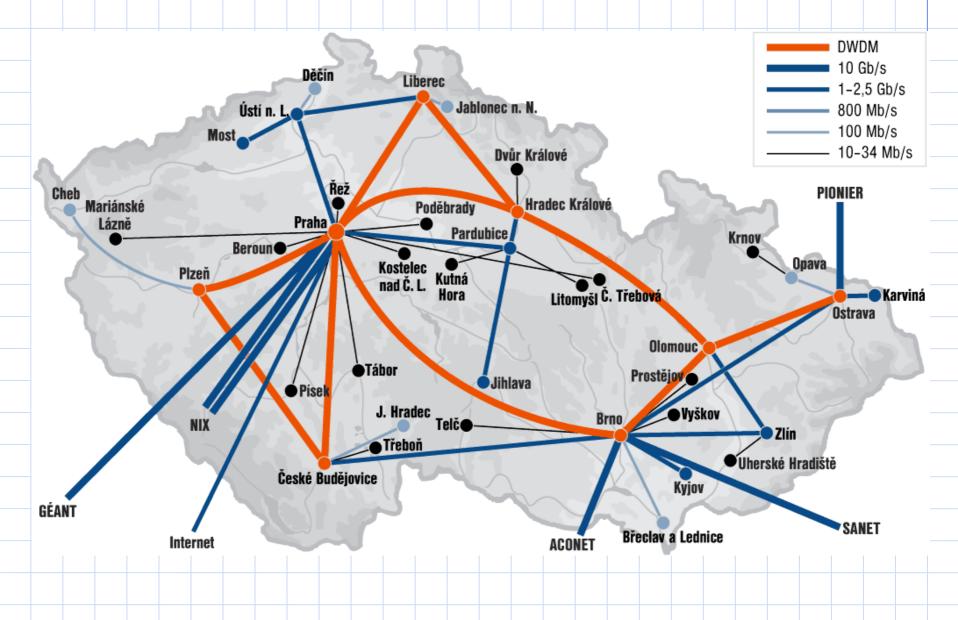
- Each Site Can Send N₁ and Receive N₂ Streams
- In a Basic Case, Each Site May Send One Stream and Receive As Many As Required (e.g., TX=a*RX=b, Send 1, Receive 4)
- Displays Can Be Individual Monitors Or Composites
- Technology Exists To Stream Multiple HPDM Windows To Tile Displays Simultaneously
- Stream Control Capabilities Can be Mapped to Physical Network Resources

Physical Topology

- Capability Option Selections Can Be Integrated With Physical Topology, e.g., Enabled by UCLPv2
- The Current Testbed Is Implementing a Static Configuration
- The Potential For Designing and Implementing a Highly Dynamic Topology Exists
- The Current Testbed Has a Centralized Control Process
- The Potential For Designing and Implementing Highly Distributed, Multidomain Processes Exists



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