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### Datacenter Optical Infrastructure For The Enterprise

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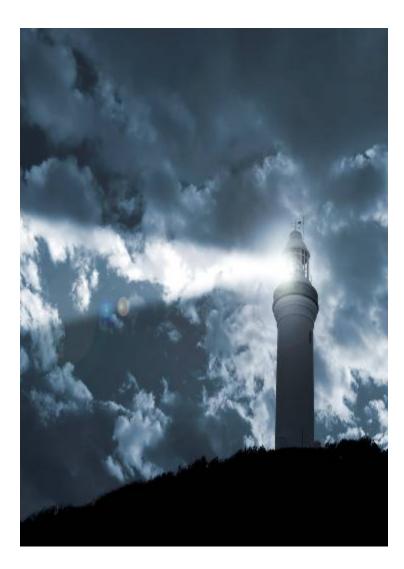
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## **Outline**

### DC Interconnect At A Glance

DC Back-end
 Interconnect
 Technologies

- Storage + Optical
   Synergies
- Case Studies

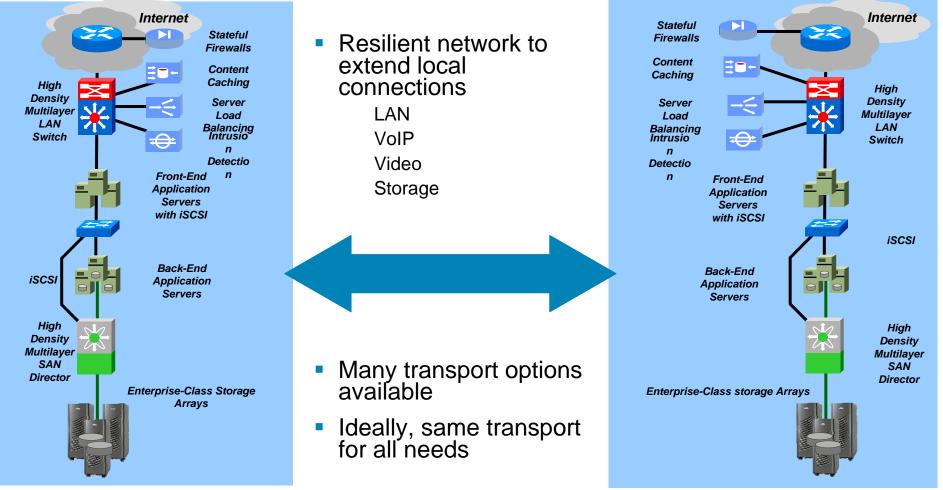


## **Business Reality** Driving Network Requirements

BUSINESS IMPERATIVES	IT MANDATES	MAN/WAN REQUIREMENTS
<ul> <li>Prepare for the worst—Protect business critical assets</li> <li>Profitability— Reduce costs</li> <li>Productivity—Do more with less</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disaster Recovery</li> <li>Distributed data centers</li> <li>Collaborative apps</li> <li>B2B applications</li> <li>Web services</li> <li>IP telephony</li> <li>Consolidation</li> <li>Content distribution</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High bandwidth</li> <li>Highly available</li> <li>Reduced complexity</li> <li>Easily Manageable</li> </ul>

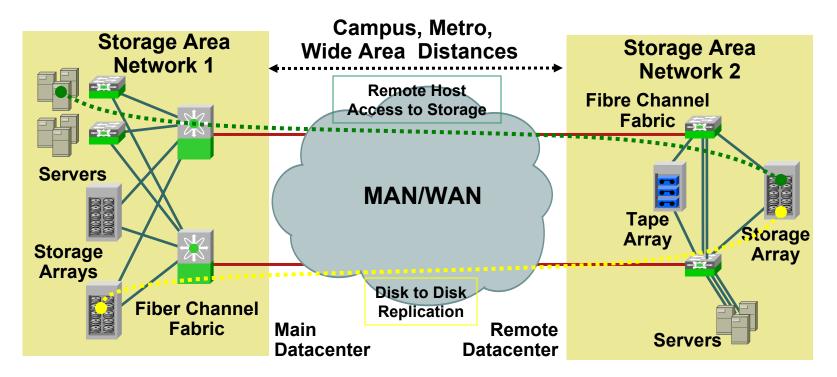
## **DC Interconnect**

 Goal: Allow remote data center to appear as if it is local to the primary data center

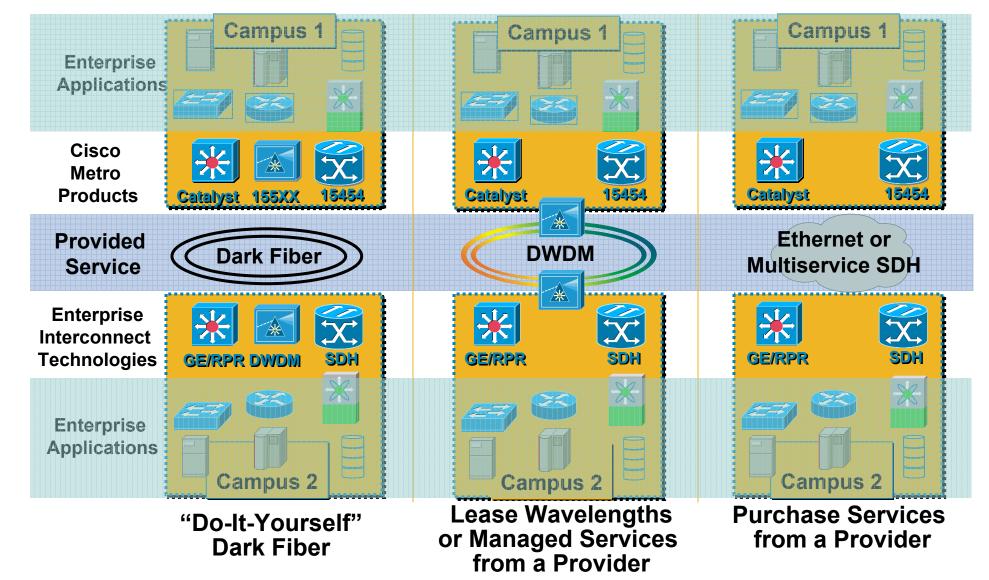


### What Is SAN Extension?

- Extending Storage Area Network over metro or WAN distances
- Data Center back-end interconnect for business continuance or disaster recovery
- Connection bandwidth from 2 Mbps up to multiple 10Gbps
- Most stringent requirements (distance, latency, bandwidth...)



## **Different Approaches To DC Interconnect**



### DC Back-end Interconnect Technologies



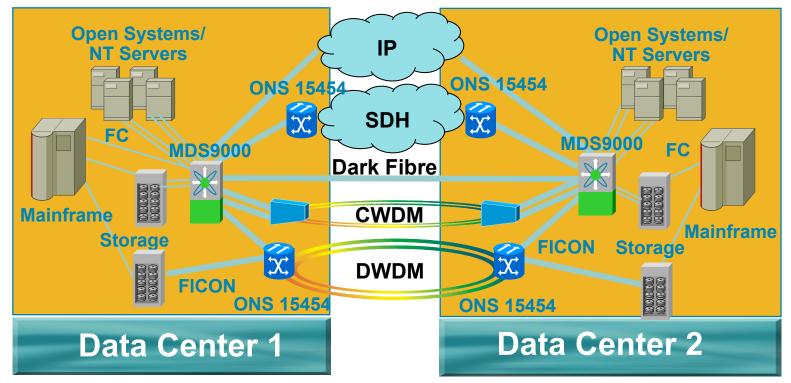
## **SAN Extension Connectivity Options**

- Dark Fiber
- CWDM

DWDM

 Fibre Channel over IP (FCIP) Carried over pure IP networks Carried over optical

Fibre Channel over SONET/SDH



### **Considerations for Selecting The Appropriate Data Center Interconnect Technology**

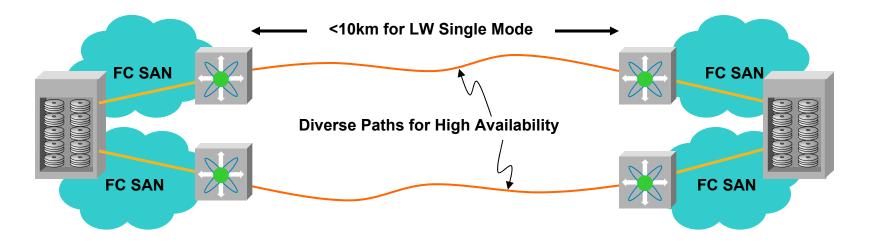
- Application Sensitivity to Delay synchronous vs. asynchronous
- Distance Requirements propagation delays
- Available connectivity at a Customer Site
- Bandwidth Requirements
  - Present and future demand Type and density required for applications Growth factored in for most cost-effective option
- Need for enahanced functionalities Compression, write and tape acceleration, Data-in-transit encryption
- Original Storage Manufacturer (OSM) certifications

DWDM provides high density, high bandwidth, low latency connectivity between Data Centers. Typical deployment is within Metro Regions and is ideal for synchronous apps.

SONET/SDH provides dedicated sub-rate capabilities and can extend beyond metro regions. Typically when Dark fiber and DWDM is not available SP's are able to provide SONET/SDH connectivity

IP protocols are considered when the datacenter interconnect requirements are beyond metro and regional boundaries. FCIP solutions provide enhanced features like compression, encryption, write acceleration, ecc.

## **SAN Extension Over Dark Fibre**

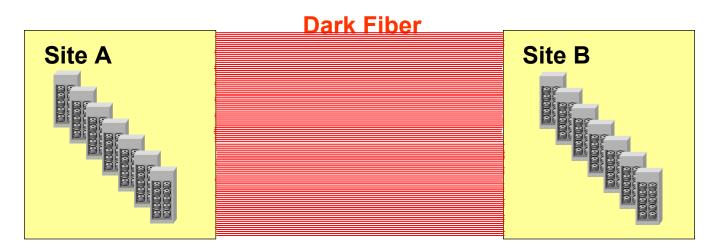


- Single 1 or 2 or 4 or 10 Gbps link per fibre pair
- Typically limited to less than 10Km 9/125µm Single Mode Fiber Type Transceiver LW (1310nm) 10km Transceiver LW (1310nm) 4km (4G SFP only) Colored Transceiver (CWDM/DWDM) up to 100km
- "Client Protection"—ULP (SAN or Application) responsible for failover protection

# **Considerations On Dark Fiber Solution**

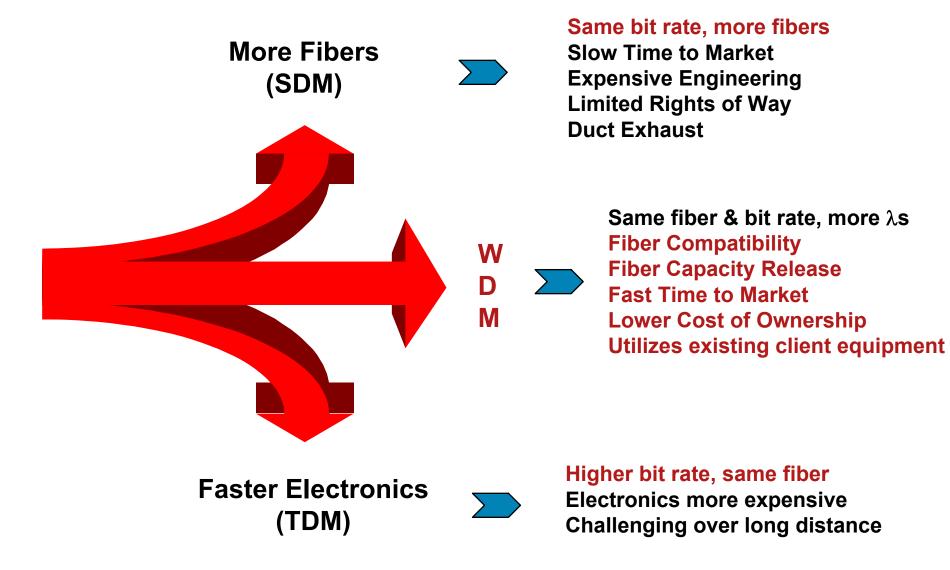
- What if I have to extend many channels?
- How many fibers do I need?
- How to go beyond 10Km?

ESCON	80	Protected
ETR	12	Unprotected
FICON	64	Protected
ISC	16	Unprotected
Gigabit Ethernet	32	Protected
FibreChannel	16	Protected
10 Gigabit Ethernet	2	Protected



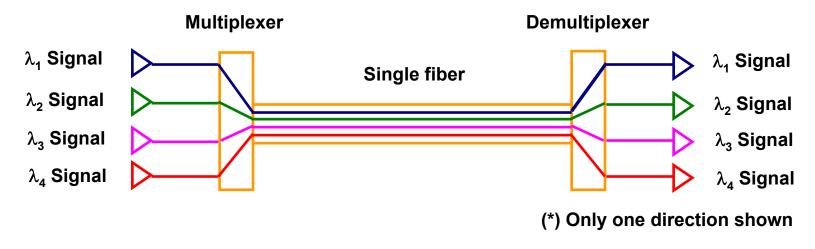
- 320 Gbps of capacity, 832 fibers, multiple cables
- Very expensive and ...where do you get all those fibers?

## **Increasing Network Capacity Options**



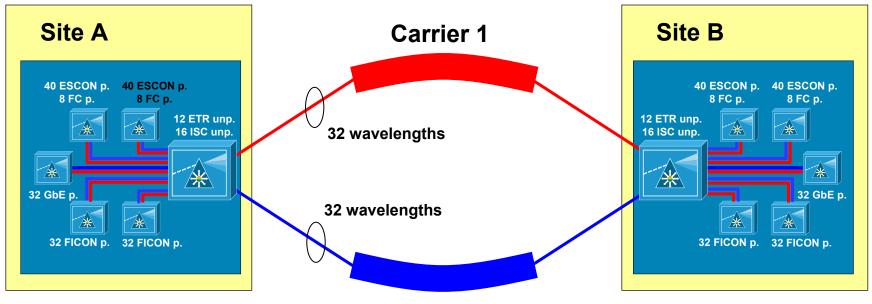
### What is WDM all about?

### Wavelength **Division Multiplexing**



### **The Bandwidth Multiplier**

## **Metro DWDM Solution**

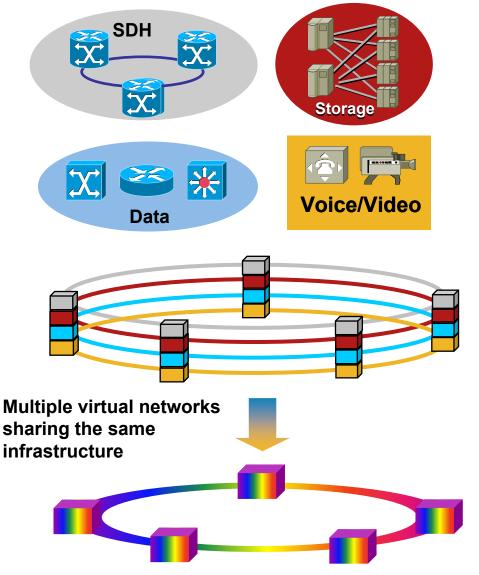


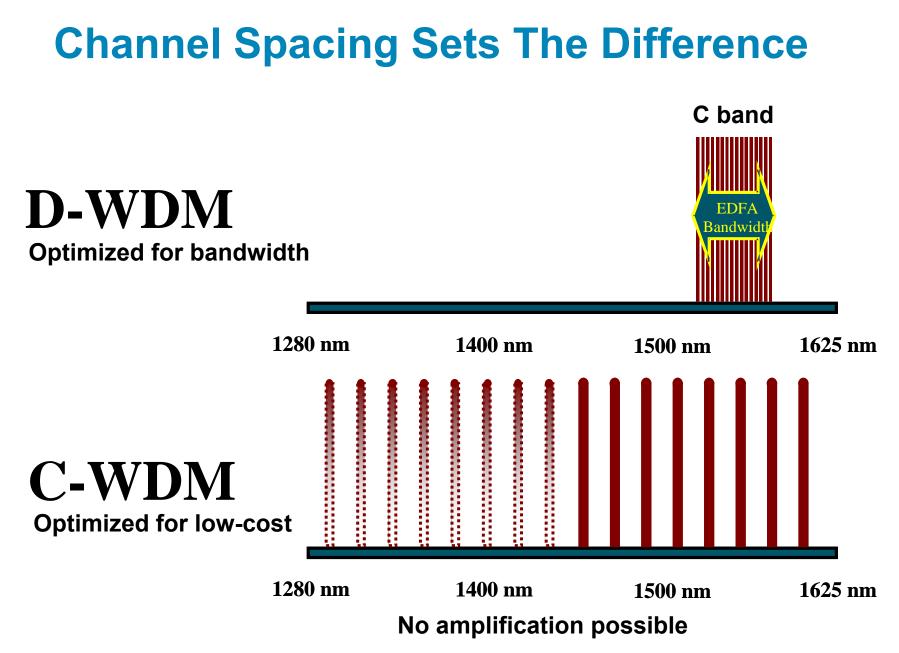
**Carrier 2** 

- 320 Gbps worth of capacity
- 2 fiber pairs
- Optical protection
- Two carriers for better resiliency
- Reasonably priced

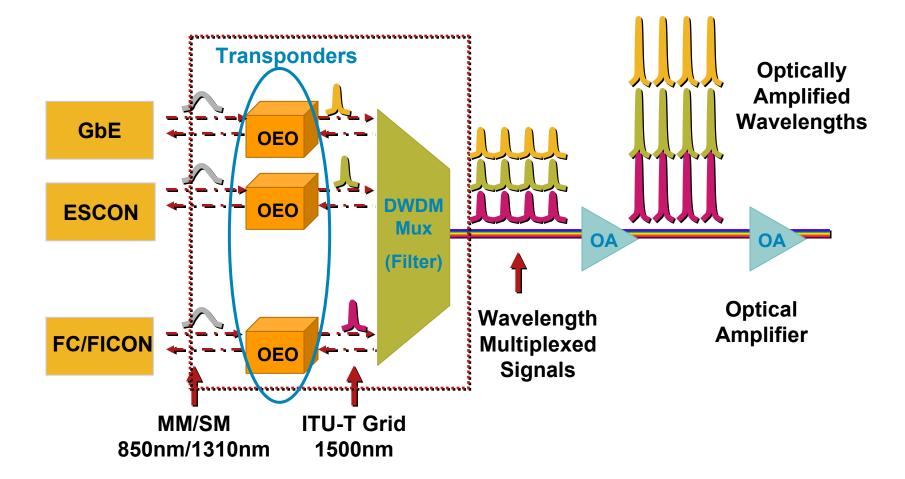
### **The Virtual Fiber Concept**

- Flexible upgrade of network capacity
   Plug&Play of new interfaces
- Multiservice transport over common fiber
  - bit rate transparent protocol transparent format transparent
- Highest security: separation at the physical layer

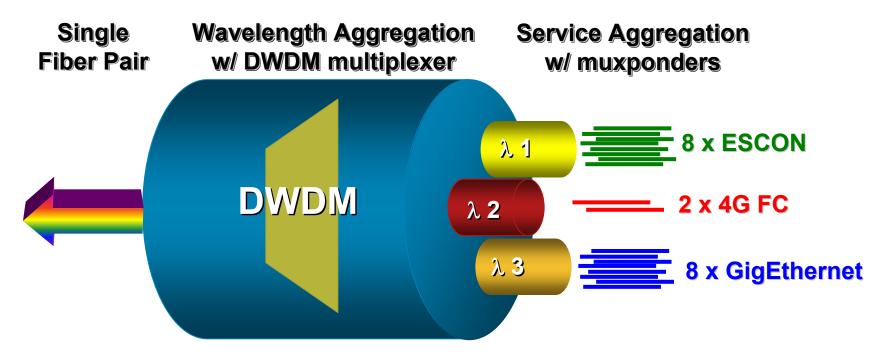




### **DWDM Building Blocks**



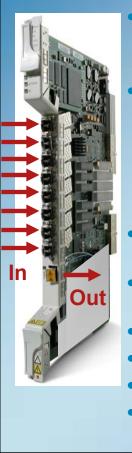
## **Double Service Aggregation**



- Service Aggregation allows the electrical multiplexing of signals to maximize the carrying capacity of each wavelength
- DWDM is used to multiplex several of these wavelengths onto a single fiber pair
- Combination of Service Aggregation and DWDM multiplexing provides a scalable, high-density Metro Optical solution

### **Example: ONS15454 10Gbps Data Muxponder**

### **10 Gbps Data Muxponder**



- Trunk side: Tunability across Full C-band / Lband (80chs capable @ 50GHz each)
- Client side: Pluggable optics SFP
- SM (@ 1310nm)
- MM (@ 850nm)
- Data and Storage aggregation over 10Gbps wavelength:
- 8x GE
- 8x 1G FC / FICON / ISC-1
- 4x 2G FC / FICON / ISC-3
- 2x 4G FC
- SW Provisionable E-FEC / FEC / No FEC operating mode
- SONET/SDH framer with GFP-T encapsulation (G.7041 compliant)
- Buffer-to-Buffer Credit up to 1,400 Km
- Full Performance Monitoring Statistics
- E-Port, TE-port, F-Port, and N-Port support
- SAN Environment Certification EMC, HDS, IBM, HP, SUN



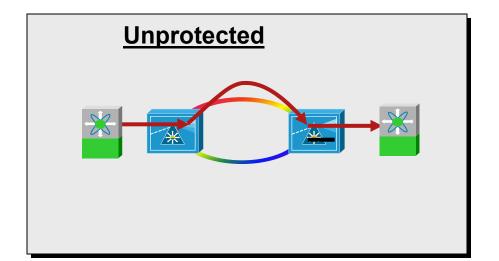
Cisco ONS 15454

#### **Customer Benefit:**

•Variety of data and storage services possible from one platform for lower investment to provision multiple services, highly manageable for ease of provisioning.

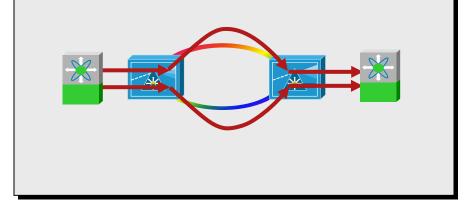
•Spares cost reduction

# **DWDM Protection Options for Storage (1)**



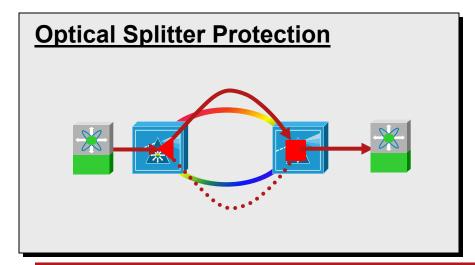
- Single transponder required
- No protection
- May be used with redundant system for client protection

#### **Client Protection**



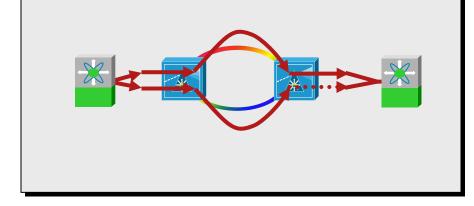
- Each service routed via diverse fibre route
- Client mechanism such as FSPF or portchannel used for resilience
- 50% capacity during fibre break

# **DWDM Protection Options for Storage (2)**



- Single transponder required (low cost)
- Protects against fibre failure
- Failover causes Loss of Light (and Fabric Change if only link)
- 100% capacity during fibre break



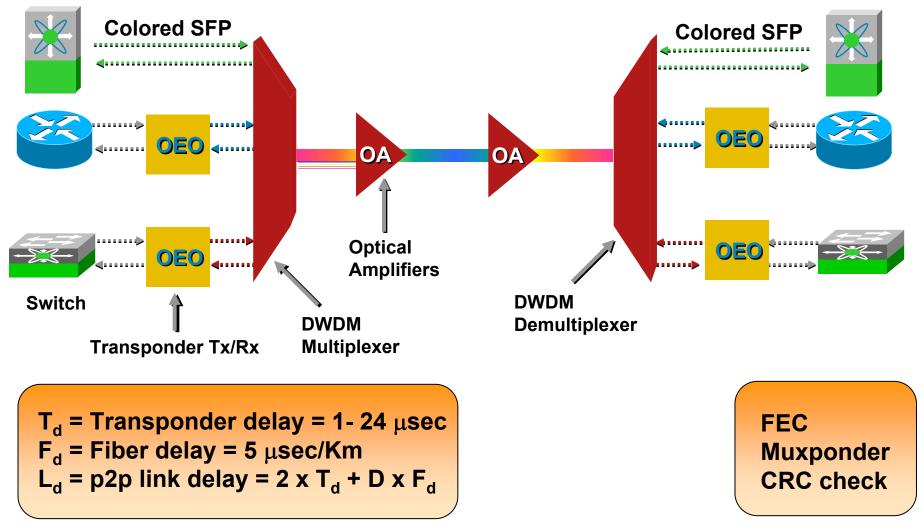


- Dual transponders required per service
- 100% capacity during fibre break OR laser failure

## **Delay And Storage Applications**

- Storage applications can be very sensitive to delay
- Mostly relevant to synchronous applications
- Very critical for ESCON-based services
- Delay can significantly affect the overall application throughput
- Key parameter for SAN Extension design
- WDM technology is best compared to other SAN extension options ("speed of light" technology)
- For boosting application performance, overall system delay can be mitigated with advanced Write and Tape Acceleration features on state-of-the-art FC switching products (e.g. Cisco MDS9000)

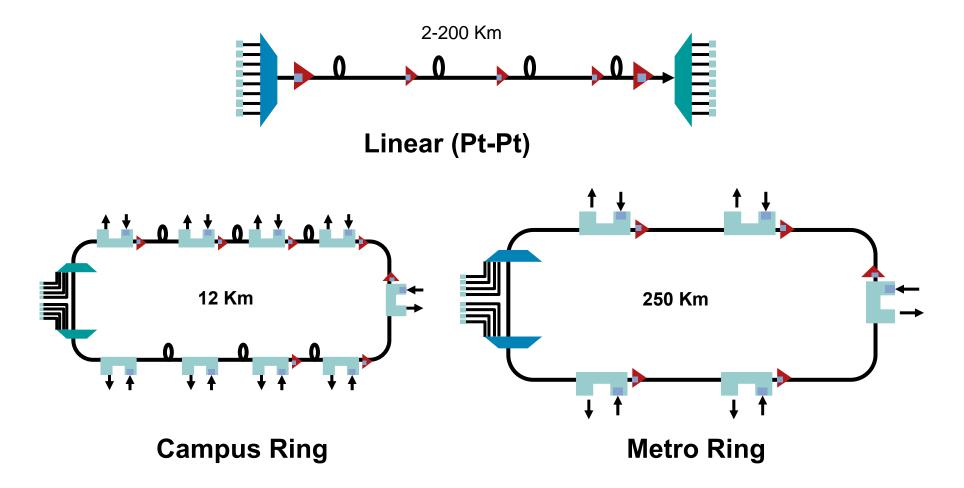
## **Delay With DWDM Systems**



#### Total delay is determined by fiber length

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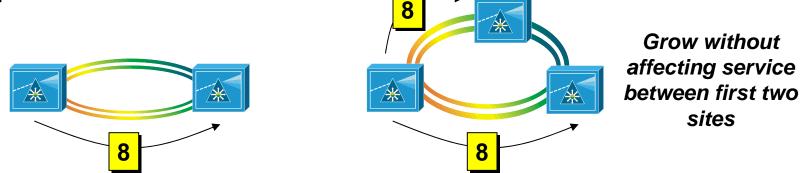
### **Common DWDM Architectures For DC Interconnect**



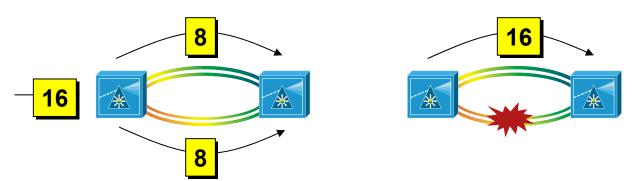
## Optical Technology Can Span Longer Distances

# Why Rings & Enhanced Protection ?

 In-Service Scalability – Many installations start with two, but grow to multiple sites



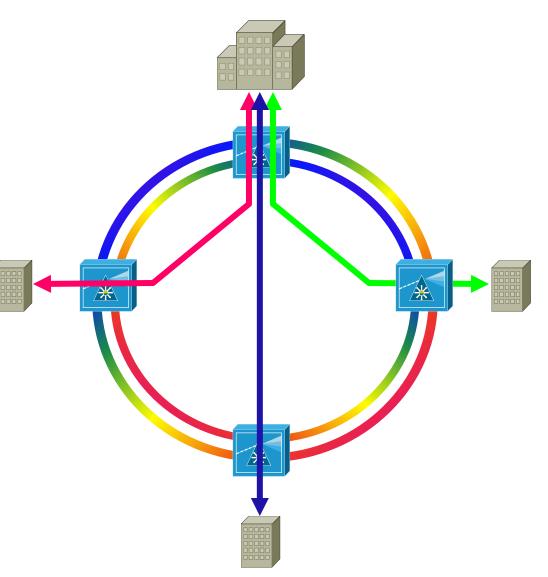
 Minimal hit to applications in case of fiber break – Ring allows to balance channels over alternative path (some applications need to re-sync even if switchover is < 50ms)</li>



Only 8 rather than all 16 channels see the hit

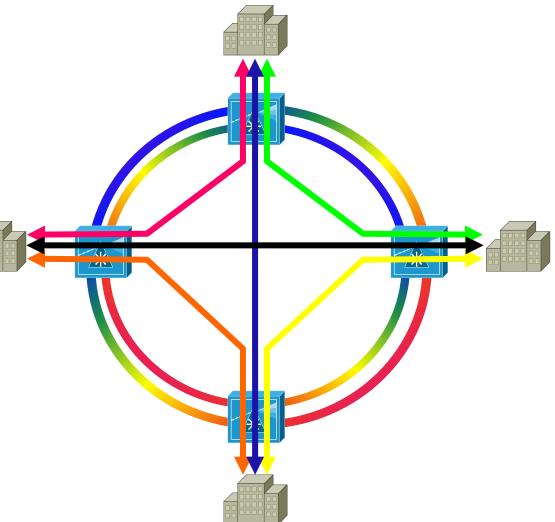
### **Hubbed-Ring Topology**

- Hub node terminates all connections; spoke nodes "pass through" some wavelengths
- Physical ring, logical star
- Protection can be provided via multiple paths around ring
- Example: Connectivity between HQ and remote offices
- Example: Storage service provider



## **Meshed-Ring Topology**

- All nodes "pass through" some wavelengths
- Physical ring, logical mesh
- Protection can be provided via multiple paths around ring
- Example: Connectivity between multiple buildings on a large campus
- Example: Metro service provider



### From Fixed OADM To Reconfigurable OADM

Optical add drop multiplexers

Efficient linear and DWDM rings

Minimized regeneration

Optimized DWDM ring architecture

 ROADM provides operational simplicity

No network reengineering for system growth

Nodes scalable from 1 to 32 wavelengths

Investment protections

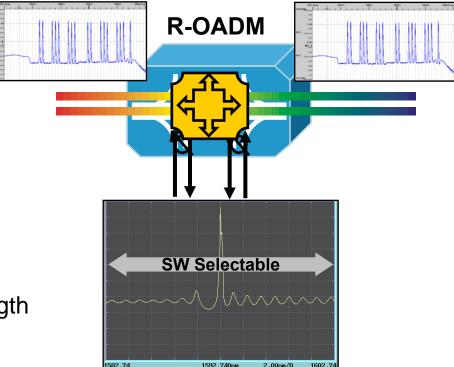
Single node type

Minimum spare

 Scaleable technology and wavelength path provisioning

Scalable wavelengths

Efficient optical layer protection



# **SDH Hierarchy**

### SDH, Synchronous Digital Hierarchy ITU-T Recommendations G.707, G.708, G.709, early '90s

<u>Signal</u>	Bit Rate	<u>Capacity</u>
STM-1	155.52	63 E1s or 3 E3s
STM-4	622.08	252 E1s or 12 E3s
STM-16	2488.32	1008 E1s or 48 E3s
STM-64	9953.28	4032 E1s or 192 E3s

PDH Signal	Bit Rate
• E0	64 kbps
■ E1	2.048 Mbps
• E3	34 Mbps
■ E4	140 Mbps

#### **SONET** is the US counterpart of SDH

## **Next Generation SDH: Enablers**

### • GFP (ITU-T G.7041)

Generic framing procedure for multiplexing of multiple client signals into a single payload

GFP-F (for Ethernet) and GFP-T (for Fibre Channel)

### VCAT (ITU-T G.707)

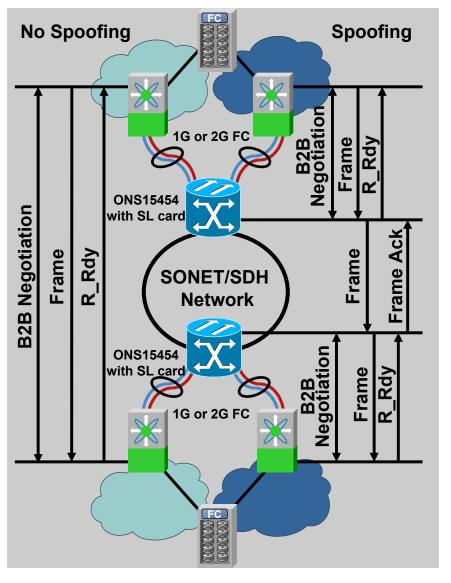
Virtual concatenation is a method of creating a payload made up of 2 or more containers transported through a network independently

### LCAS (ITU-T G.7042)

A mechanism for dynamically adjusting the size of a virtually concatenated channel

Next Generation SDH extends transport capabilities beyond legacy voice traffic (e.g. Data, Storage,...)

# **Fibre Channel over SONET/SDH**



 SONET/SDH prevalent in Service Provider Networks and some Enterprise networks

FC over SONET/SDH follows same distance rules as other optical technologies

 $\rightarrow$  BB\_Credits required

ONS15454 with SL-Series card supports BB\_Credit Spoofing

Up to 1200km@2G FC/FICON

Up to 2400km@1G FC/FICON

 Outage in SONET/SDH network will not cause loss of light

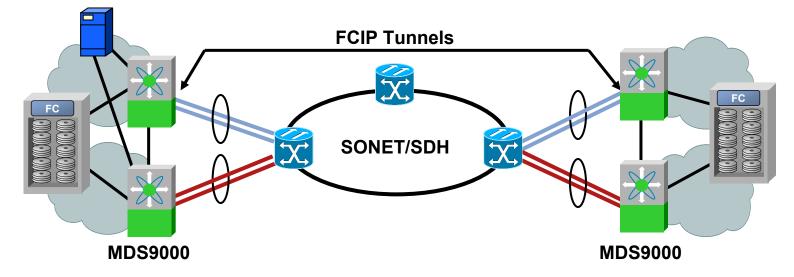
recovers in <50ms

may cause some loss of BB\_Credit from in flight traffic

MDS9000 will recover lost BB\_Credits

 Leverage GFP, VCAT, LCAS for efficient standardized mapping of storage protocols over SONET/SDH networks

# **FCIP SAN Extension over SONET/SDH**



- FCIP is a tunneling technology to extend a SAN across a WAN
- FCIP encapsulates FC frames into an IP payload
- With FCIP, recommended MTU is 3000 bytes; SONET/SDH network must be capable of supporting this MTU
- Multiple high availability options: Etherchannel, PortChannel, SONET/SDH layer protection mechanisms



## The Cisco Advantage Multi-technology SAN Extension Capability

- FC/FICON over CWDM/DWDM MDS 9000 – integrated CWDM MDS 9000 – integrated DWDM
- FC/FICON over SONET/SDH ONS 15454 MSPP with SL card
- FCIP over SONET/SDH ONS 15454 MSPP with CE card
- FC/FICON over DWDM ONS 15454 MSTP

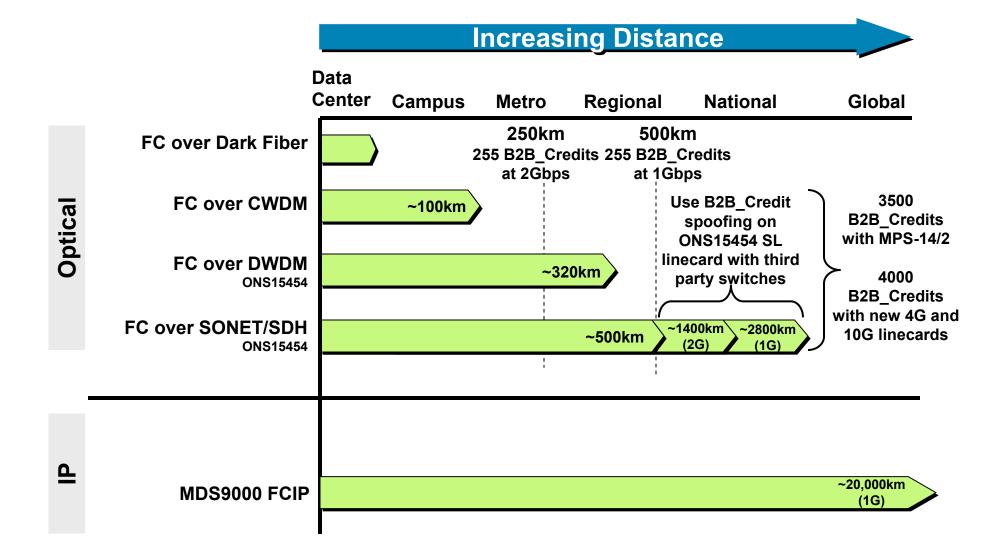




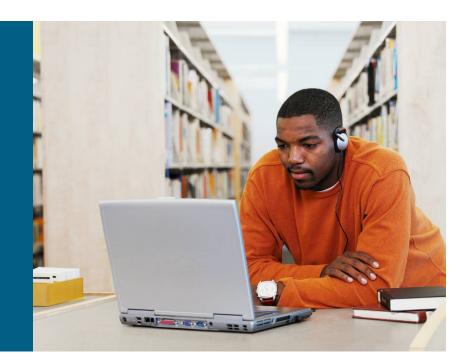
 FC/FICON over IP MDS 9000 – integrated FC, FICON over IP



## DC Back-end Interconnect Distance Summary with MDS9000 SAN Switch



# Storage + Optical Synergies

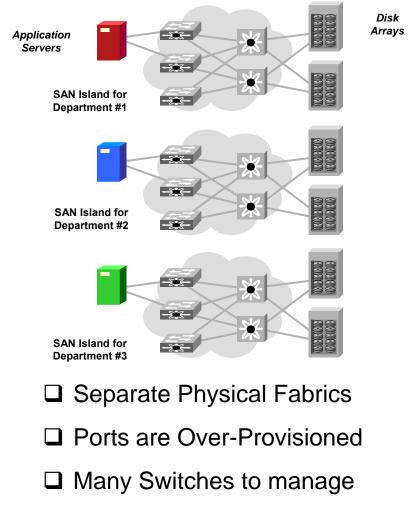


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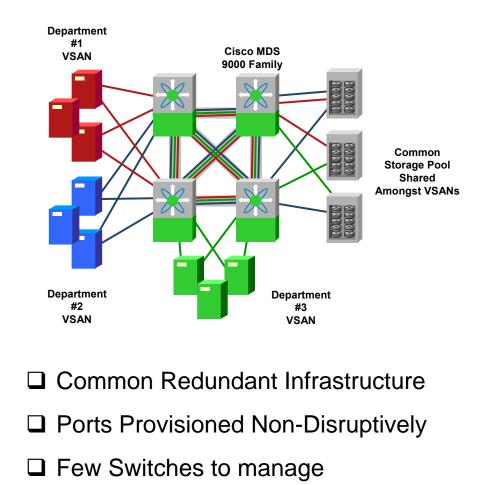
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## **From SAN Islands to Virtual SANs**

#### Application/Department based SAN Islands



#### Consolidated Fabric w/ VSANs



## EISLs and TE\_Ports (VSAN Trunking)

The Virtual SANs feature consists of:

1. Hardware-based frame tagging of traffic belonging to different VSANs

#### Add 8 bytes to FC frame size

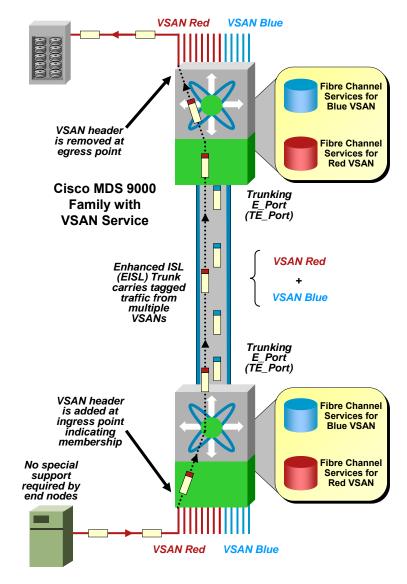
2. Creation of independent partition of Fibre Channel services for each VSAN:

Zone server, name server, management server, principle switch election, etc.

No change to end nodes (hosts, disks, etc)

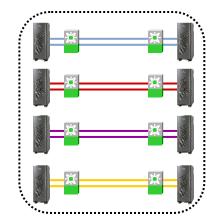
## Multiple VSANs can be carried over the same physical link (VSAN trunking):

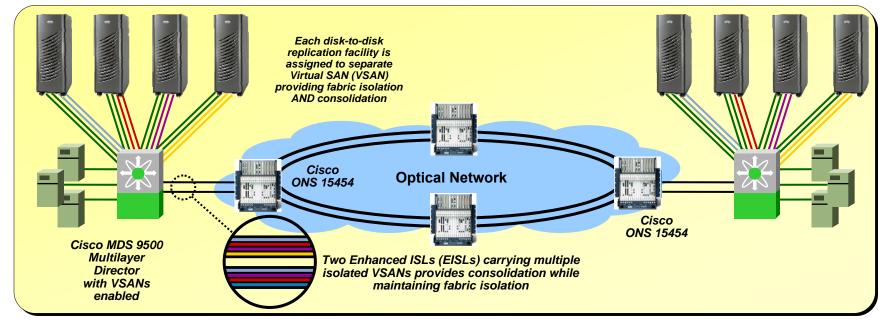
- 1. The Trunking E\_Port (TE\_Port) Negotiated between MDS 9000 switches – default Carries tagged frames from multiple VSANs
- 2. The Enhanced ISL (EISL) link The resultant link created by two connected TE\_Ports Superset of ISL functionality Can be extended over distance (DWDM, FCIP, etc)



## **ONS15454: VSAN-Proof Optical Transport**

- Cisco MDS 9000 Family VSAN Feature enables consolidation of services onto fewer wavelengths
- Strict isolation still maintained to isolate connections
- ONS15454 ASICs designed for VSAN support
- High availability architectures can be used



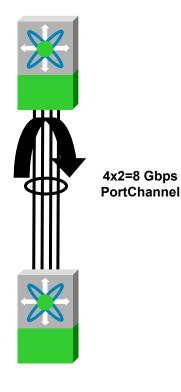


## **ISL PortChanneling**

- A PortChannel is a logical bundling of identical links
- A PortChannel provides:

higher aggregated bandwidth with load balancing

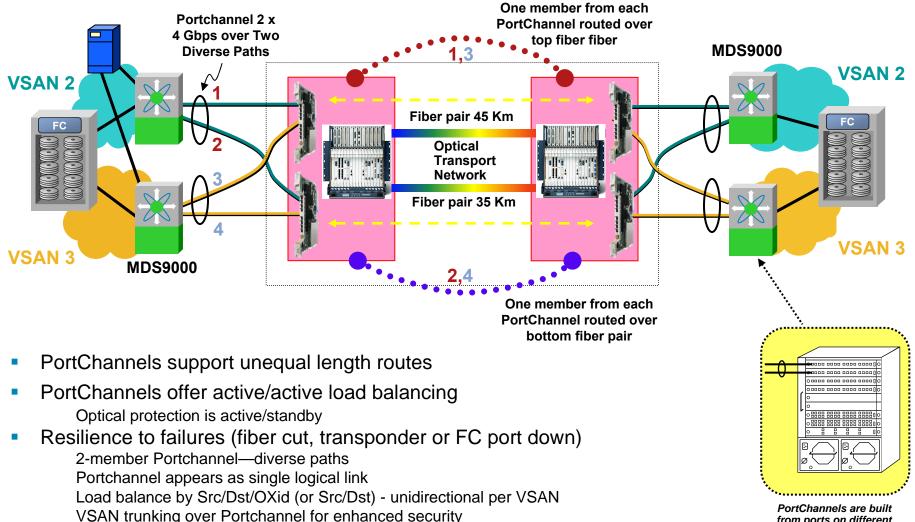
- higher availability
- quicker recovery
- Treated as one logical ISL by upper layer protocols (FSPF)
- Can use up to 16 links in a PortChannel (160Gbps max)
- Can be formed from any ports on any linecard HA enabled
- Exchange-based in-order load balancing Source/Destination FC\_IDs Source/Destination FC\_ID and Exchange ID (OX\_ID)
- Much faster recovery than FSPF-based balancing
- Non-disruptive addition/removal of portchannel members
- Support for VSAN Trunking
- Free of charge with Cisco MDS9000



## High Availability Design: PortChannels and Optical Transport

Fiber cut will halve transported capacity but not alter Fabric topology-no FSPF change

Optical Protection options also available: Client 1+1, splitter, Y-cable

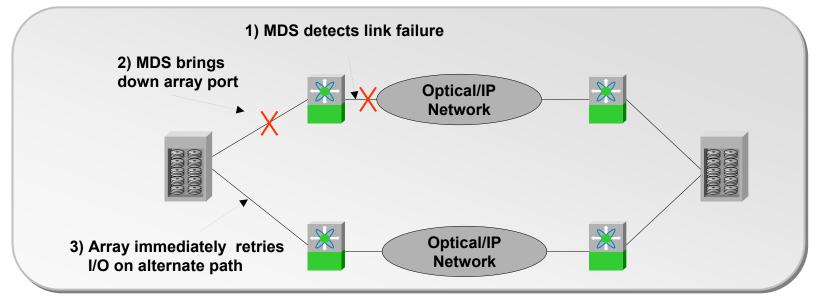


PortChannels are built from ports on different switching modules for higher availability

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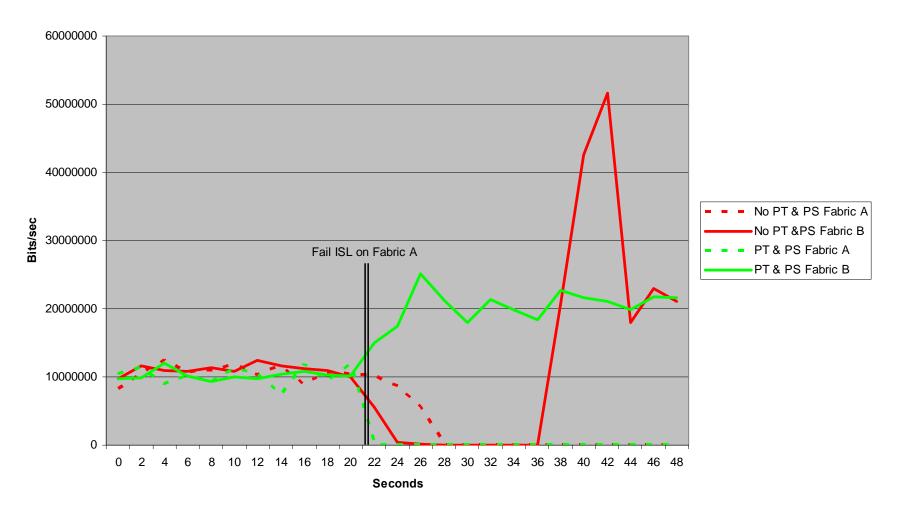
## Port Tracking: Improving SAN Extension Solutions



- For a failure of direct link to array, recovery can be immediate
- For a failure of remote link (e.g. ISL), arrays recover via SCSI I/O timeouts. However, this can take several seconds or longer (depends on TOV, RSCN, replication software...)
- PortTrack feature in SAN OS 2.0 and above addresses this by monitoring the WAN/MAN link and if it detects a failure, it will bring down the corresponding link directly connected to the array
- After detecting a directly connected link failure, the array will re-direct the I/O to another link without waiting for the SCSI I/O to timeout
- Same apply to recovery for host-disk connectivity (with Multipath software onboard)

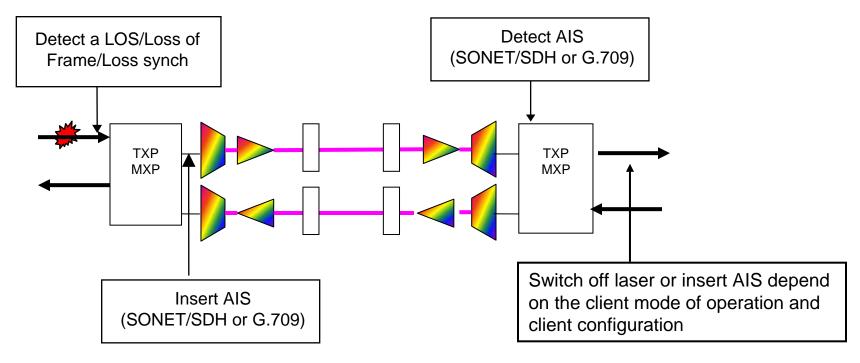
## **Example of Port Tracking Benefit**

Port Tracking vs. No Port Tracking

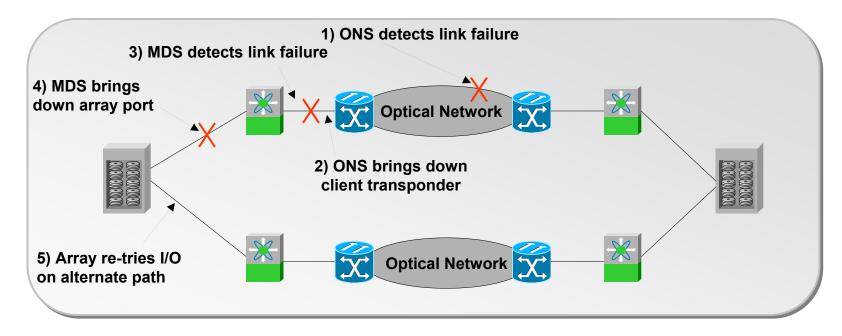


## **ONS15454: Squelching Mechanism**

- Squelching mechanism is configurable per port
- Option to make remote port to send AIS or shut down
- Squelching (shut down) is supported for FC/GE signals on all transponder/muxponder when used in 3R mode
- Quick activation (msec)



## **Port Tracking and ONS15454 Squelching**



- The MDS port tracking feature can be used in conjunction with ONS15454 port squelching feature to further track failures in the network, improving the ability to detect failed paths
- Squelching mechanism and port-tracking offer end to end path failure detection and speed up failover

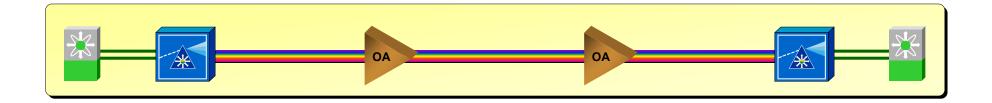
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## **FC over Optical: Distance Limitations**

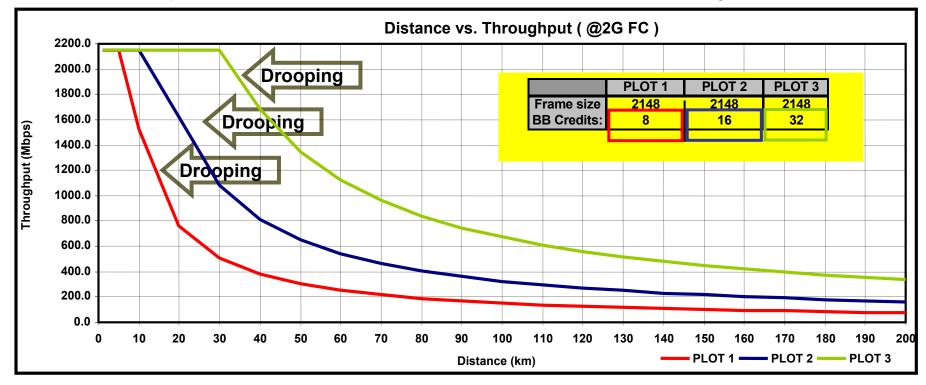
#### Can I extend the distance at pleasure with optical?

- Power budget limitations
   Power, sensitivity, BER, OSNR, dispersion
- Application limitations Sync vs. async
- Protocol limitations Buffer to Buffer credits



## **FiberChannel Flow Control and Drooping**

- Buffer to Buffer Credits are the Flow Control mechanism of FC
- Near end system must wait for R\_RDY's to continue data transmission
- Full throughput cannot be supported beyond a distance based on the buffer capacity (drooping effect)
- Optical systems can provide Buffer to Buffer Credits Spoofing



## How many B2B Credits Do I Need?

- 1G FC: 1 B2B for 2km at max frame size
- 2G FC: 1 B2B for 1 km at max frame size
- 4G FC: 2 B2B for 1 km at max frame size
- 10G FC: 6 B2B for 1 km at max frame size

Example: 64 B2B credits available per port 4G FC speed Maximum distance of 32 Km with maximum frame size

$$\frac{64}{2} \frac{credits}{\frac{credits}{km}} \approx 32 \ Km$$

# Why B2B Credits Spoofing on Optical Systems?

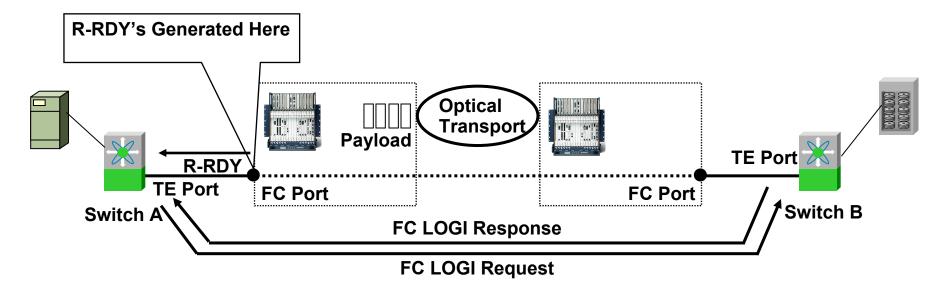
Problem:

- Old switches typically have a limited number of buffer to buffer credits (32-64)
- New switches may provide more buffer to buffer credits but a licence fee is required

Solution:

Use Buffer to Buffer Credits Spoofing on Cisco ONS15454

## **SAN Extension with BB Credits Spoofing**

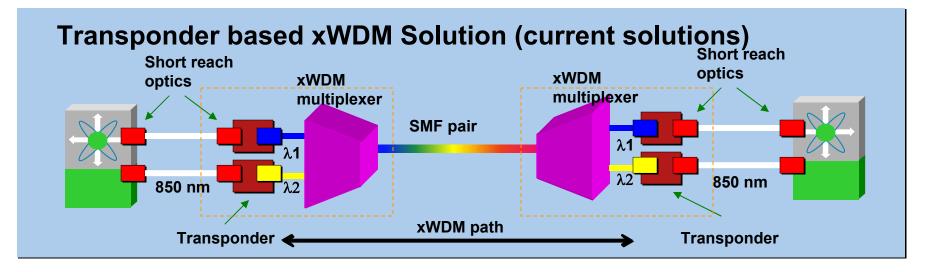


- B2B Credits spoofing is a layer 1 technology (only flow control and error monitoring frames get manipulated)
- Layer 2 FC protocol is NOT terminated at the optical node
- End systems interoperate through solution transparently E port on switch A talks to E port on switch B Example: FC LOGI procedure
- Allows for greatly extended distances with maximum FC throughput
- Specific extended distance depends on linecard and bit rate

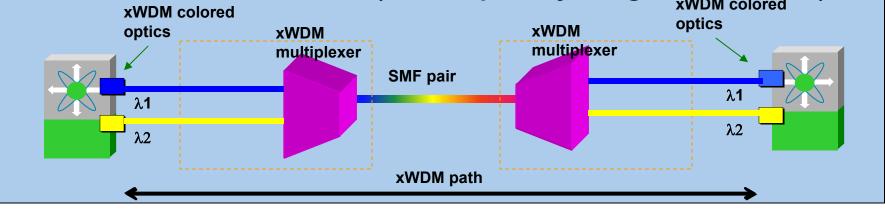
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## **Transponder vs. Integrated SFP Solutions**



SFP based xWDM Solution (Cisco optically integrated solution)



#### Tx/Rx subassembly

## **Gigabit Ethernet Colored Transceivers**

 Gigabit Interface Converter, a.k.a. GBIC: it is an industry-wide standard (or Multi-Source Agreement—MSA) for Fibre Channel and Gigabit Ethernet transceivers. (GBIC specification document: <u>ftp://ftp.seagate.com/sff/SFF-8053.PDF</u>)



 Small Form Factor Pluggable, a.k.a. SFP: it is another standard MSA to support a large number of applications including Gigabit Ethernet (SFP specification document: <u>ftp://ftp.seagate.com/sff/INF-8074.PDF</u>).



#### **Both CWDM and DWDM Versions Exist**

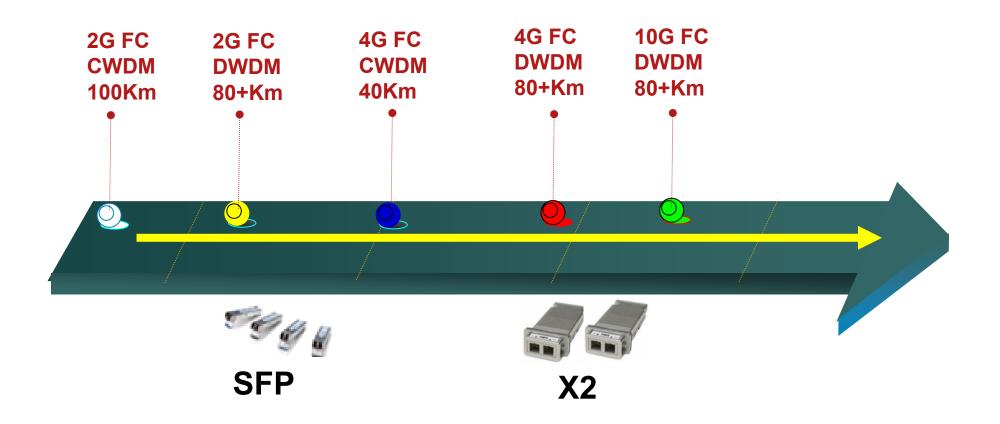
## **10 Gig Ethernet Colored Transceivers**



Supporting Platforms	Catalyst 6500	Catalyst 4500	Catalyst 3xxx	Next Gen. 10G Routers
Xenpak	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	
X2		$\checkmark$		
XFP				

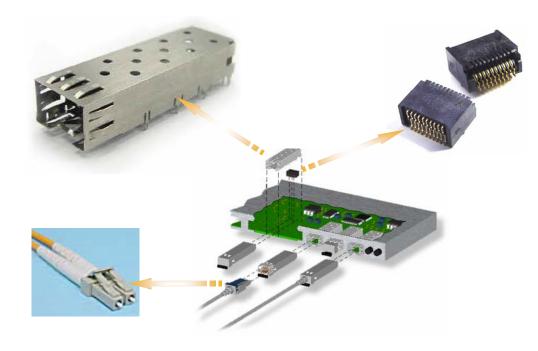
#### **Only DWDM Version Available/Planned**

## **Fibre Channel Colored Transceivers**



Colored Transceivers Popularity is Growing Mix & Match Colored Transceivers and Transponders

#### **Not All Pluggables Are Born Equal**





 Colored pluggables are more demanding than popular grey pluggables Higher consumption

Higher heat dissipation

EMI challenges

 First to market does not mean best

Reliability (MTBF)

Testing (EMI, ESD, laser safety, software)

**Optical Performance** 

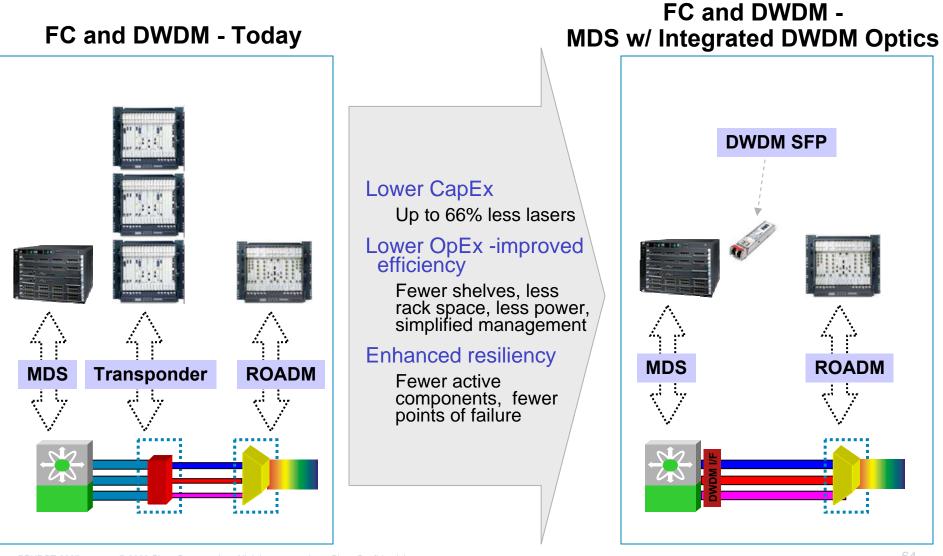
## **Digital Optical Monitoring (DOM)**

 Digital monitoring is a multi-source agreement SFF-8472 (<u>ftp://ftp.seagate.com/sff/SFF-8472.PDF</u>) intended to define a digital interface to access real-time transceivers operating parameters such as:

Optical TX power Optical RX power Laser current Temperature Voltage

- DOM makes troubleshooting easier
- In Cisco products DOM is accessible via CLI interface or SNMP
- Support for DOM is product specific

## **MDS9000 with Integrated DWDM Optics**



## **Colored Pluggable Transceivers On Stage**

Pros

Reduce network cost and complexity Client-integrated managements of colored interfaces (DOM) Lower latency Reduce spare parts Increase overall reliability (less components) Reduce footprint, power consumption, cooling Flexible deployment (interchangeable pluggables) Well perceived approach from all enterprises

#### Cons

Blurred demarcation point between enterprise/SP network Lower optical budget and CD robustness Lower service density on the fiber (no muxponding) No per channel splitter protection Lack of tunability



Pluggable SFP





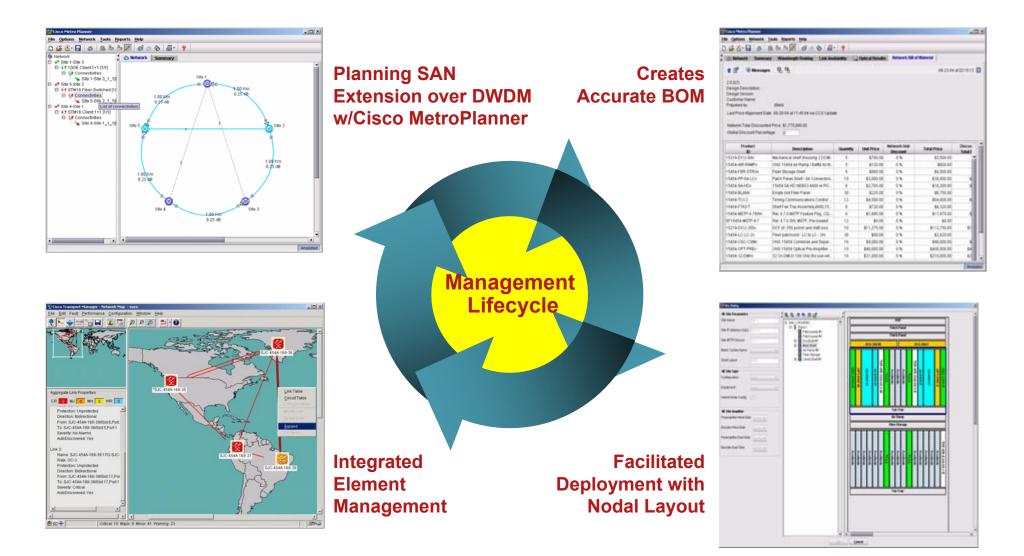
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## Let's Compare (Example)

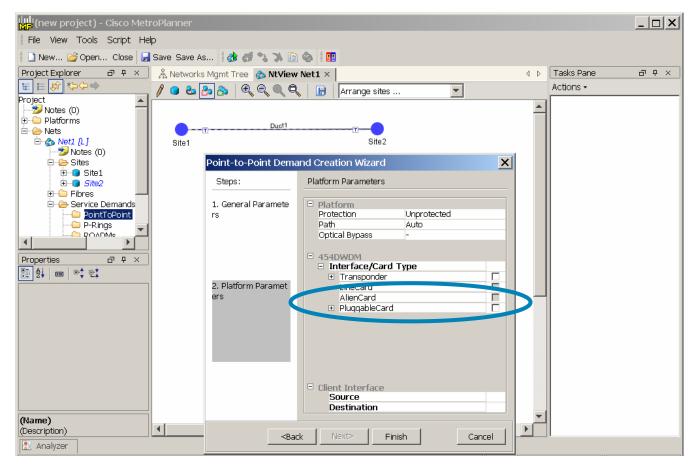
	Transponders	Muxponders	Integrated Pluggables	
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Chassis	3	1	0 100% 01	
Power Consumption	1184 W	464 W	32 W	
Cost/service	19,000\$	13,500\$	6,000 <b>.68% P</b>	

#### (\*) 2G FC services assumed

## **Operational Tools Streamline Deployment Cycle**



## **Cisco MetroPlanner Design Tool: Embedded Support For Colored Transceivers**



Cisco MetroPlanner can design and validate DC Interconnect solutions over DWDM with both transponders/muxponders and client-integrated colored transceivers

## **Alien Wavelength Parameters**

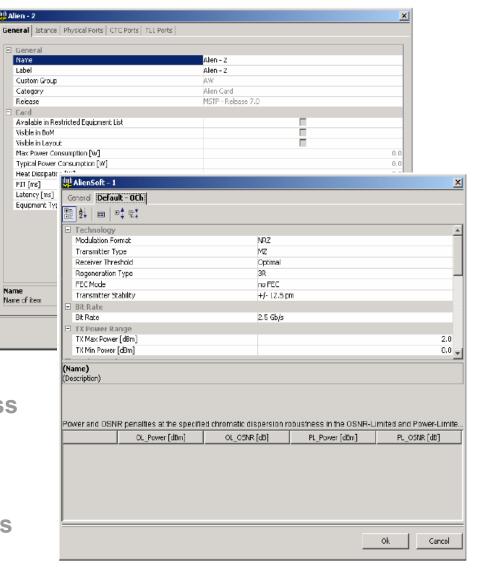
1. Technology:

**Transmitter characteristics:** 

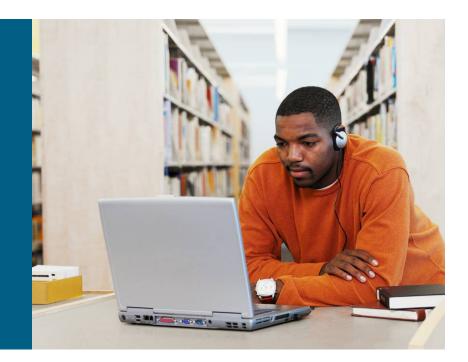
- Modulation format: NRZ / ODB
- Transmitter type: MZ / DML / EML Receiver characteristics:
- Receiver Threshold: Opt / Avg
- no-FEC / FEC / E-FEC
- 2R / 3R
- 2. Bit Rate
- 3. TX Output Power Range: Pmin ÷ Pmax [dBm]
- 4. TX Wavelength Stability: [±pm]
- 5. Sensitivity Back-to-Back
- 6. Chromatic Dispersion Robustness
- 7. Scale Factors for Penalty: F-PPL, F-POL, F-OSNRPL, F-OSNROL
- 8. Gaussian X-Talk-penalties
- 9. Single-interfering X-Talk penalties

#### (\*) Mandatory item in black

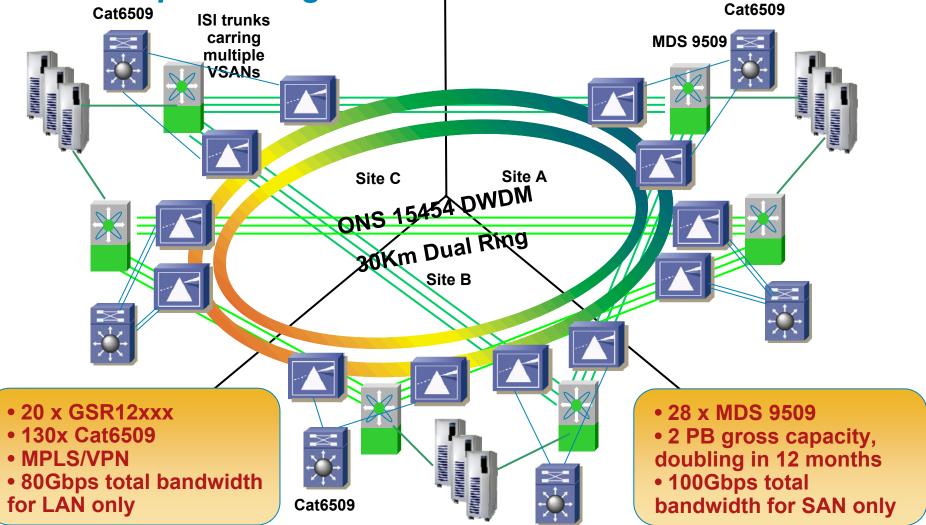
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## **Case Studies**

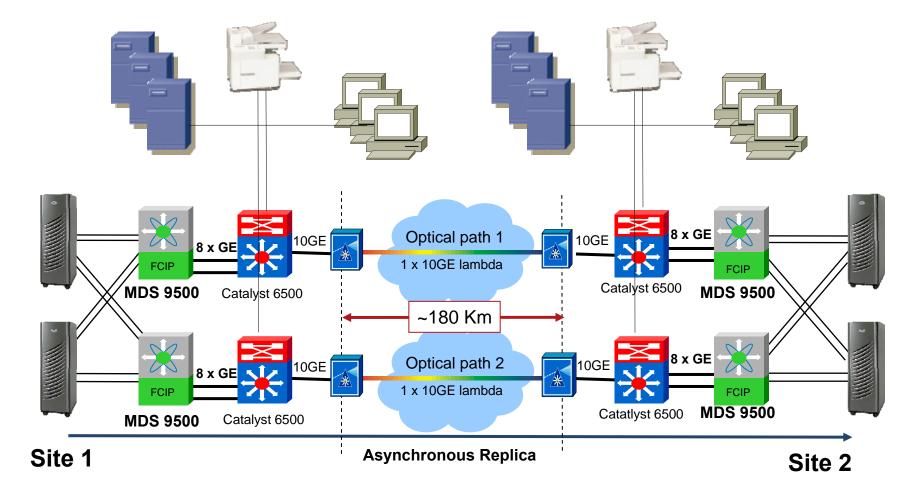


#### Case Study: Intra-city SAN/LAN Transport Dual Optical Ring for FC and Ethernet



**Do-It-Yourself Approach** 

#### Case Study: FCIP and LAN over Metro DWDM Dual P2P Optical Link for 10G Ethernet



**Managed Service Approach** 

## **Summary**

- Many transport alternatives for DC Interconnect
  - Dark Fiber DWDM, CWDM SONET/SDH IP
- Requirements and Budget will drive technology
  - Sync / Async Replication
  - Distances
  - Line price and availability
- Optical is best for highly scalable, multiservice, highly available solutions
- An integrated Storage + Optical solution can provide extra benefits
- Whatever the technology chosen, Cisco has a solution

		Increasing Distance		
		Data Center Campus Metro Regional National		
	Dark Fiber	Sync Limited by Optics (Power Budget)		
cal	CWDM	Sync (2Gbps) Limited by Optics (Power Budget)		
Optica	DWDM	Sync (2Gbps lambda) Limited by BB_Credits		
	SONET/SDH	Sync (1Gbps+ subrate) Async		
≙	FCIP	Sync (Metro Eth) Async (1Gbps+)		

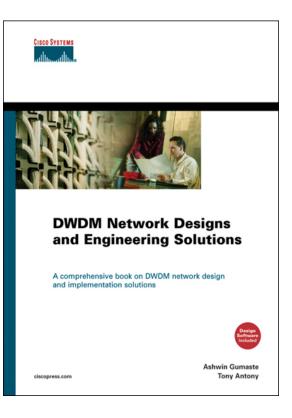
## **Recommended Reading**

## Optical Network Design and Implementation

ISBN: 1-58705-105-2

### Storage Networking Protocol Fundamentals

ISBN: 1-58705-160-5



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