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# Network Automation with Routed Optical Networking (RON) Architecture

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# "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication"

Leonardo Da Vinci CTO of the Duke of Milan - 1482



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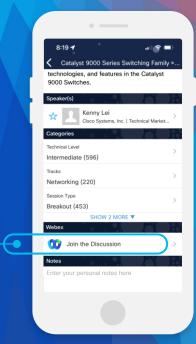
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- Routed Optical Network Architecture
- Crosswork Automation stack
- What automation tools to choose from the toolset
- Automation use cases

### Classic Multi-layer architecture

### Complexity breaks the economics

#### IP/MPLS

- Traffic engineering, protection, transport profiles
- Aggregation of services
- Resiliency

#### OTN

- Protection and restoration
- Switching
- Grooming

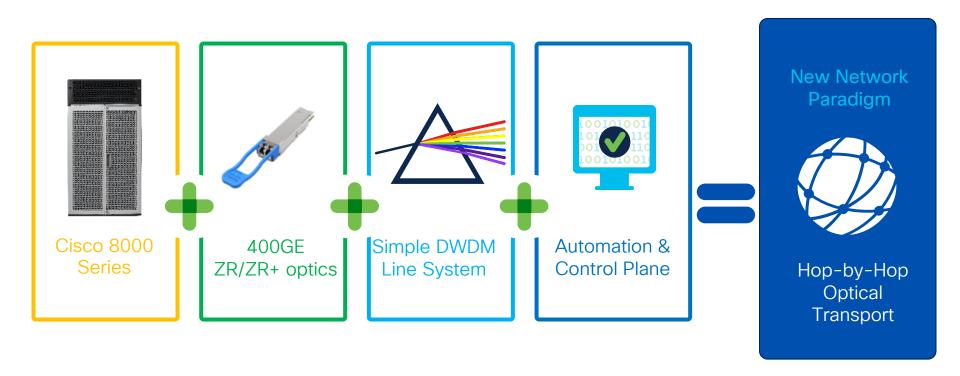
#### **DWDM**

- Protection and restoration
- Switching
- · High capacity long distance

- Each layer originally designed and specialized to solve a specific problem
- Variations and complexity added to each layer
- Engineered independently: suboptimal asset utilization (CAPEX)
- Operated independently: suboptimal automation (OPEX)



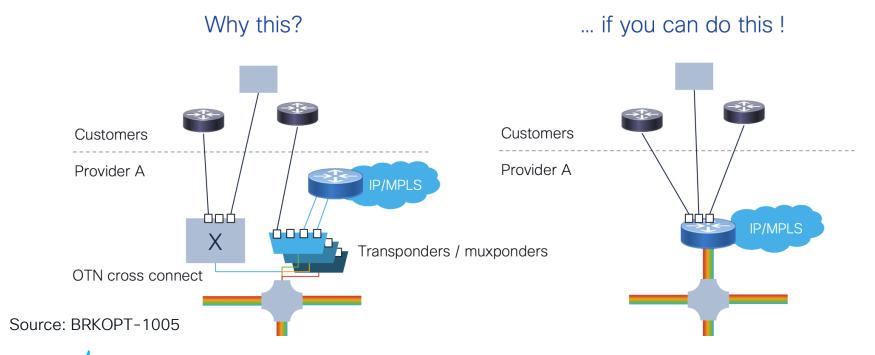
### Technology innovations drive a new network paradigm





### A new network paradigm

**Routed Optical Networking** 



### Routed Optical Networking Architecture

Sophisticated with simplicity providing estimated total TCO savings of 45%

#### IP/SR

- Traffic engineering, protection (CS-SR)
- Aggregation of services (PLE)

#### DWDM

- DCO optics (QDD-ZR/ZR+/Bright)
- Switching
- High capacity long distance

# New architecture that brings many improvements

- Better assets utilization with IP and DCO
- Less Power consumption with less network devices
- Flexibility with IP and Capacity with Optical
- Integrated Services with Segment Routing

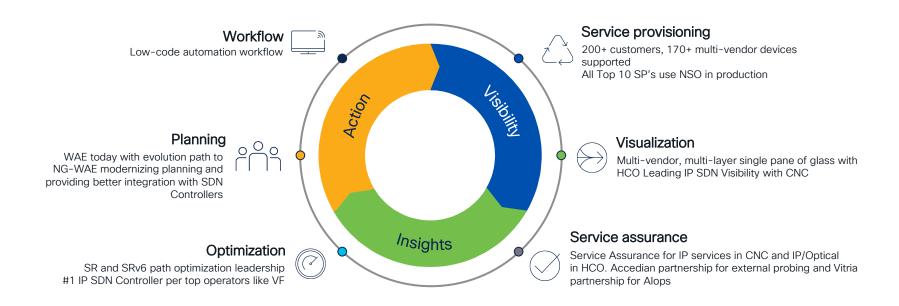


# Crosswork Automation

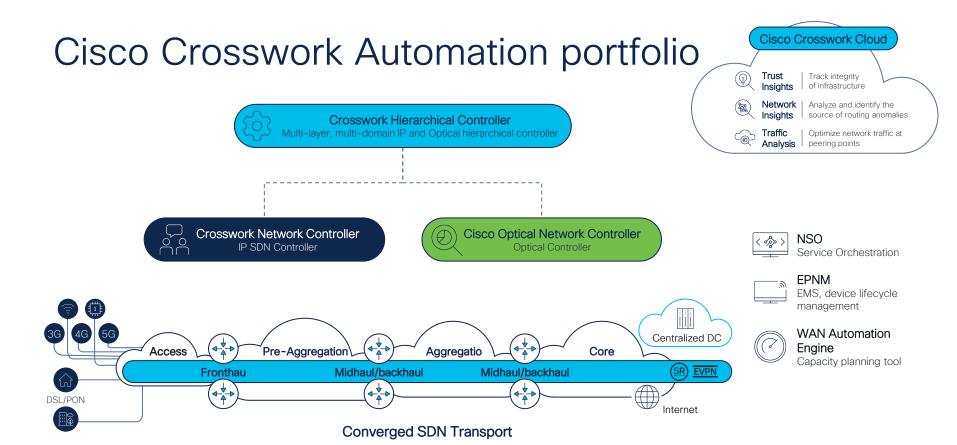




### Operationalizing mass-infrastructure networks



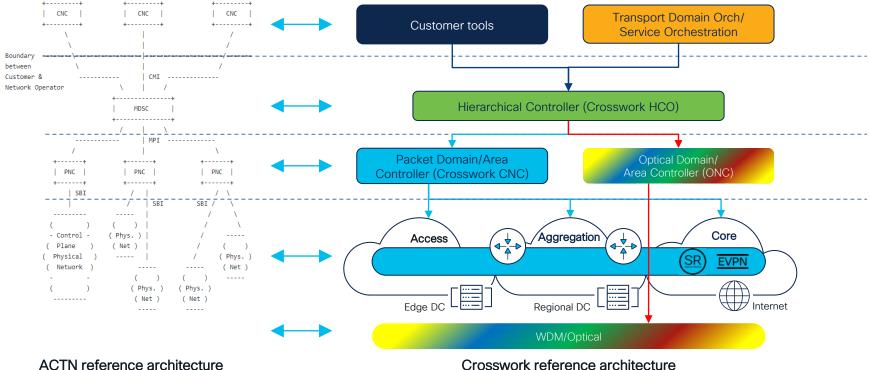






### ACTN Framework (RFC8453)

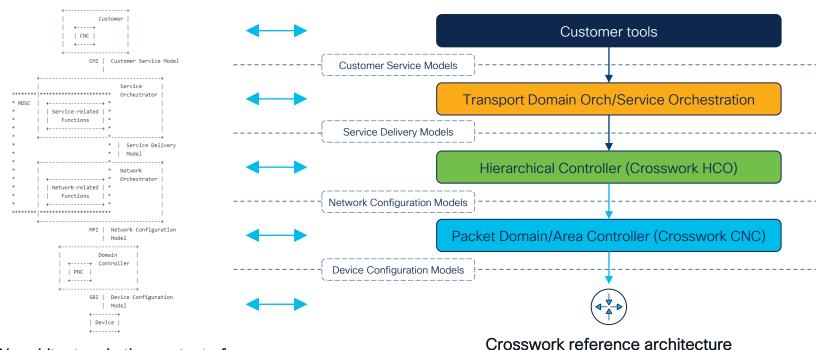
### Architecture mapping



Crosswork reference architecture

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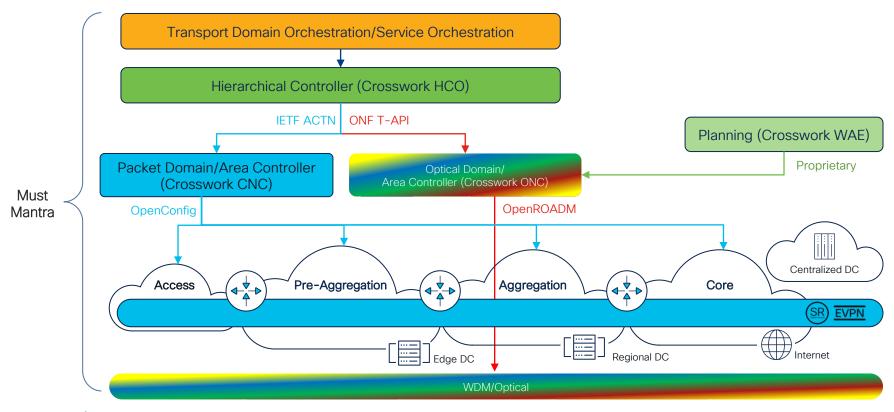
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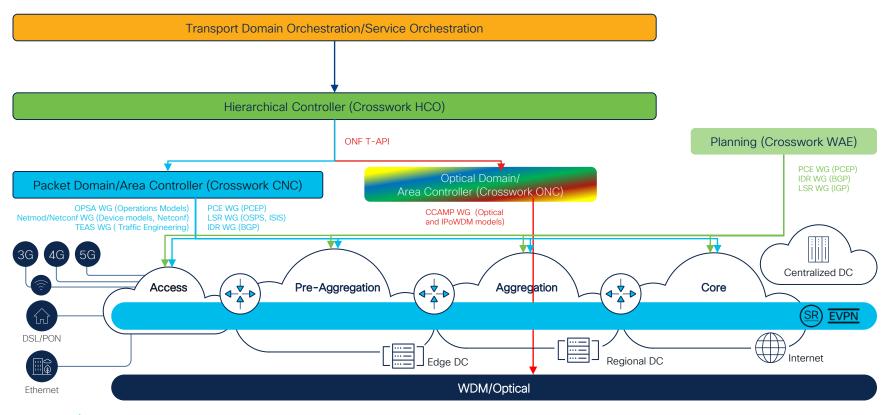
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# TIP and ONF T-API relevance in the Crosswork portfolio



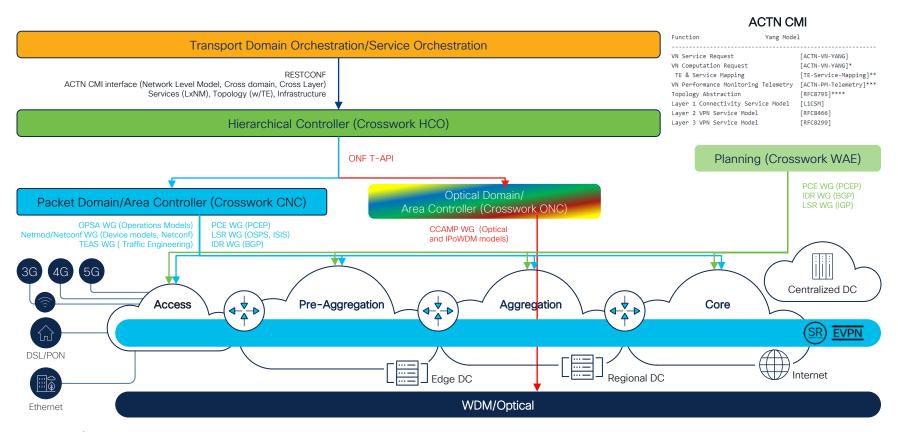


## Crosswork portfolio - Interfaces and protocols



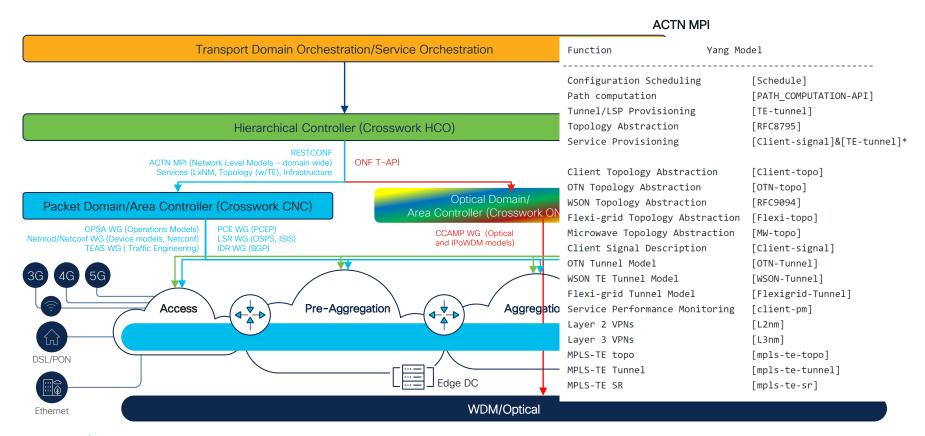


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## **RON** Automation

simple ingredients for RON



# How the Crosswork tools help the architecture transition

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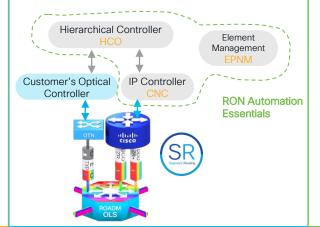
- Introduce RON Starter Automation (Cisco-only Routers with ZR/ZR+)
- HCO-based Solution for ZR/ZR+ & Optical OLS
  - Single Pane of Glass Visualization
  - E2E Optical Circuit Assurance
  - E2E Optical Circuit Provisioning

RON Starter Automation – Hierarchical Controller
HCO Solution

Customer's Optical
Controller

# Phase 2 RON SDN Transition → SR Control Plane

- Introduce CNC & EPNM\*\* to HCO
- Leverage RON Automation Essentials Bundle
- SDN Transformation to SR(v6) Control Plane
- CNC IP Path Optimization & Orchestration
- PLE Bandwidth Reservation
- EPNM\*\* Element Management



### Phase 3 Complete RON Transformation

Complete Crosswork Automation Suite with EMS functions migration in CNC (+CONC for Cisco Optical)

Crosswork Automation Suite (HCO, CNC, NG-WAE)

Customer's Optical Controller/ ONC





\*\* will be integrated in CNC



### Migration from existing Cisco Optical installations

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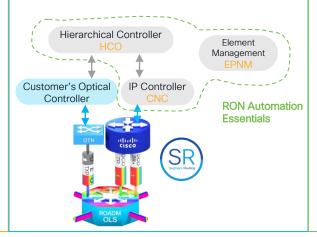
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RON Starter Automation - Hierarchical Controller HCO Solution



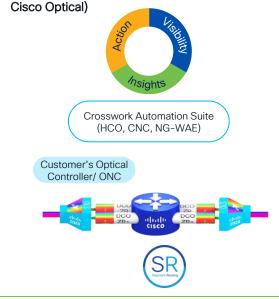
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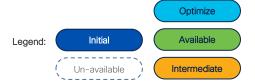


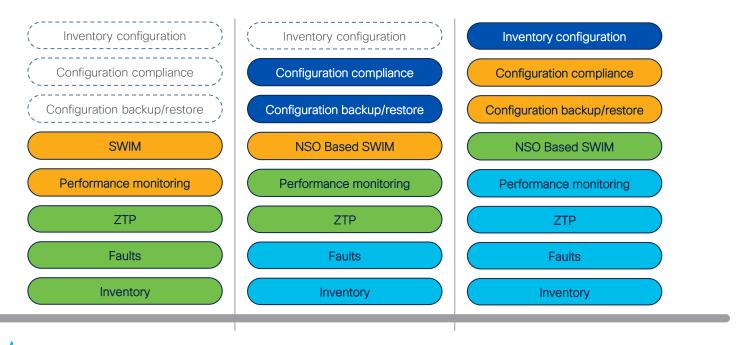
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### Native CNC EMS functions

Components current maturity roadmap





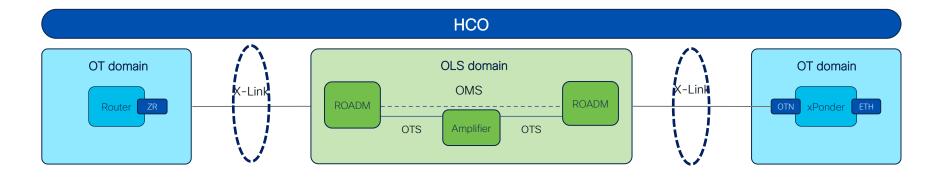


Ron Automation Use Case

IP and Optical link (X-link) discovery



# The X-Link connecting the Terminal to the Line system



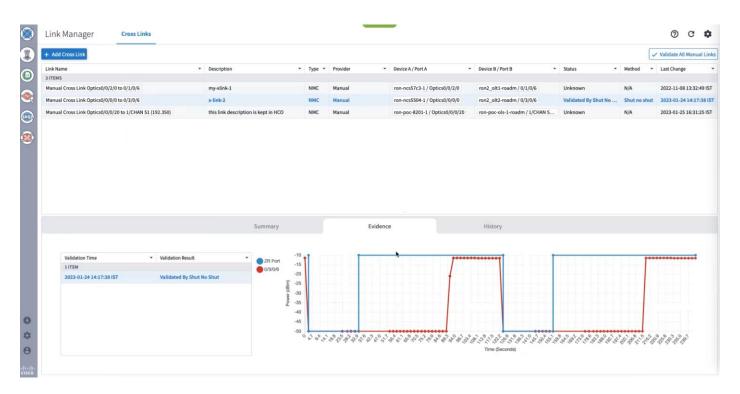
### **Discovery**

Discover the ZR-OLS cross-links



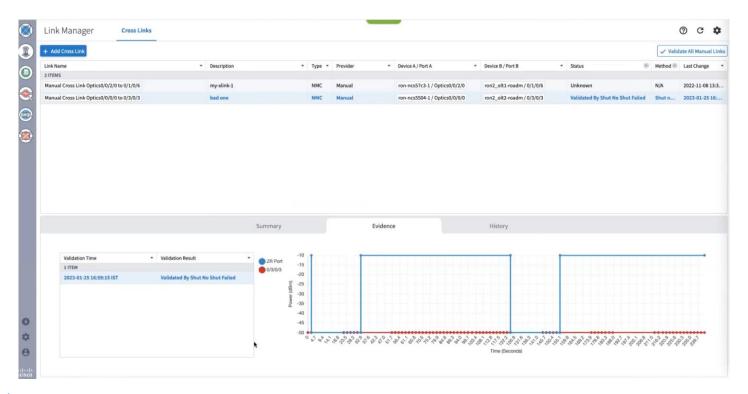
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### Optical X-Link Validation





### Optical X-Link Validation Failed



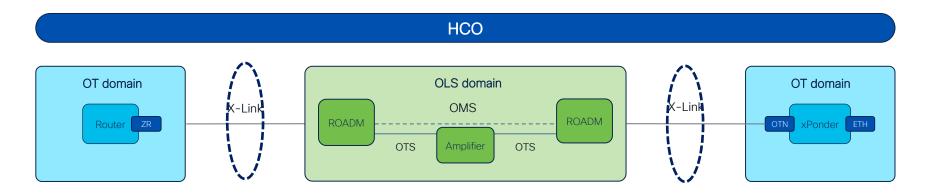


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# IP link provisioning



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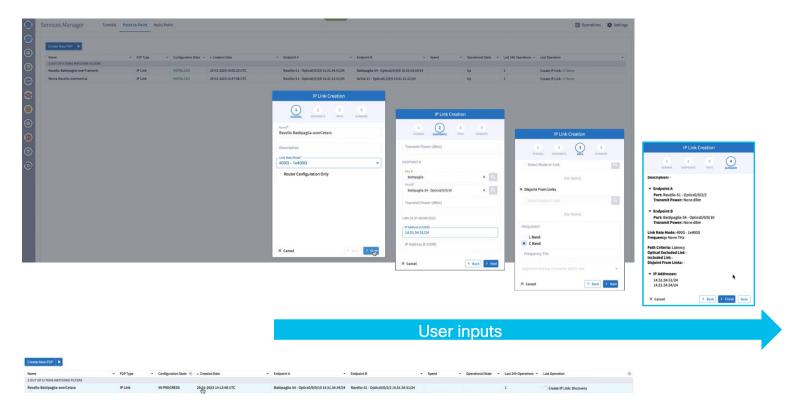


### **Provisioning**

 Create new ZR+ link over OLS, validate ZR-OLS cross-links and provision OCH level and IP level



### IP Link creation



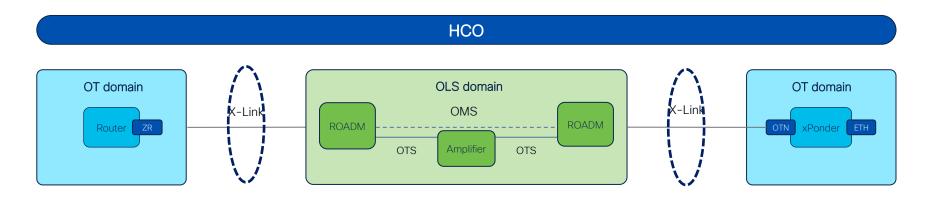


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# Multi-layer link assurance



### Multi-layer (RON) link assurance



### **Assurance**

- ZR+ link assurance, navigate in layers to get L2, L1, L0 performance summary and graphs – find root cause throughout span
- Color span loss and TCAs on ports



### **RON Link Assurance**

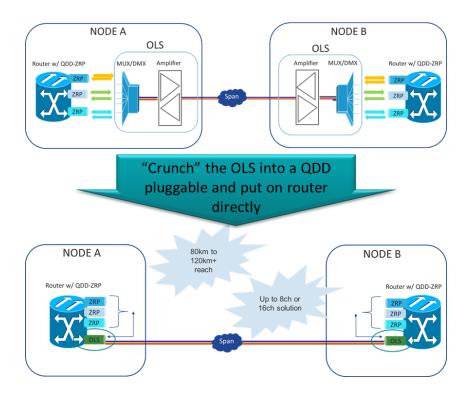


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Automate optical power control with QDD-OLS

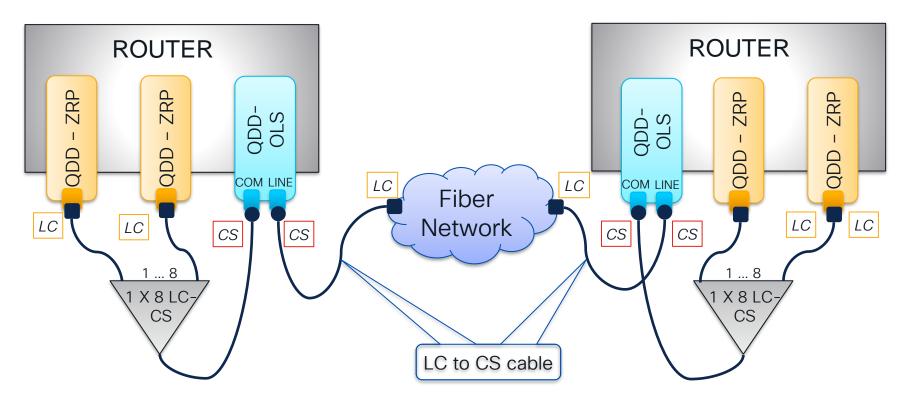


### What is QDD-OLS. The High-Level Solution





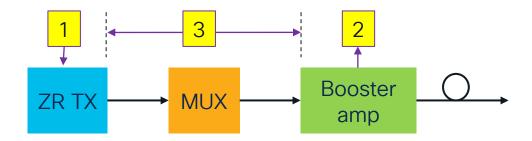
### The solution in more details





### Discover what type of (passive) MUX

- Turn on the ZR at a WL with default power level
- 2. Measure the power at the input to the booster amp (the MUX is passive)
- 3. Based on the insertion loss identify if a MUX exists and what type of MUX
- 4. Turn off ZR untli RON link is requested



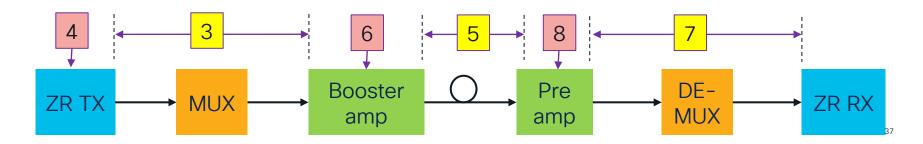
(\*) For subsequent WLs it may be harder to measure power transition because other WLs are already up



#### Tune working set-point of lasers and amplifiers

- 4. Set the default ZR TX power and unlock the port
- To obtain the line loss, measure input power at the pre-amp at the remote end (8) and compare to booster output power (6).
- 6. Set the desired gain in the local booster amp, based on the line loss
- 7. Calculate de-mux insertion loss by measuring the RX power at the remote ZR and comparing to the output power of the pre-amp (note that 3 should be identical to 7 unless there's a high insertion loss due to bad connector need to alarm user)
- 8. Set the pre-amp gain based on de-mux insertion loss (7)

Repeat the process in the opposite direction (if 3 & 7 in the other direction are very different – alarm the user)

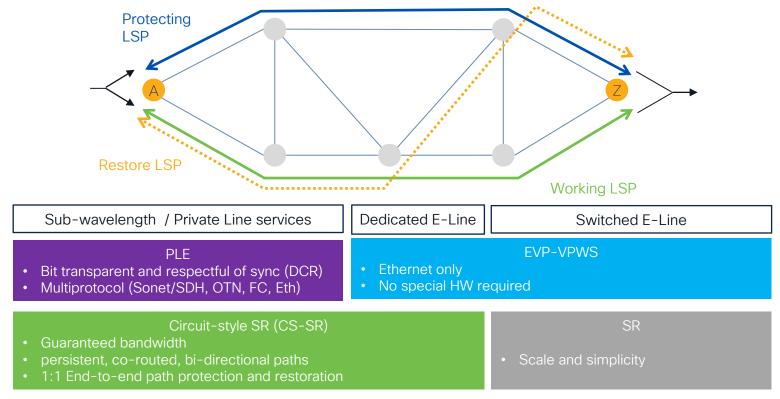


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## Manage Private Line Emulation



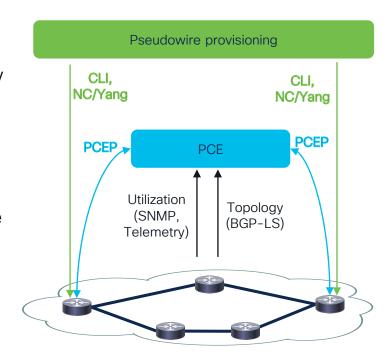
#### What is Private Line Emulation aka PLE



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### CNC-based provisioning and bandwidth book-keeping

- PLE pseudowire has a <u>distinct bandwidth</u> requirement assigned
- Pseudowire is mapped to <u>one</u> (or more) CS-SR policy
- Headend router requests a path via PCEP from a central PCF
  - Bandwidth
  - Path constraints
- The path is encoded via a list of <u>adjacency SIDs</u> in the packet header
- The <u>central PCE</u> maintains a real time view of
  - the network topology (BGP-LS)
  - All path/bandwidth requests (PCEP)





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#### CNC-based visualization and assurance



- Modern look and feel
- Seamless and consistent experience across various Crosswork application workflows
- Detailed information about CS SR Policies, Path Protection, Co-routed Bidirectional







#### Key Takeaways

- Why Routed Optical Network architecture is a game changer
  - Simpler network for Capex and Opex savings
- Crosswork automation Stack
  - The SW toolkit that glues all the tech advances in a powerful architecture
- What automation components are suited for the different scenarios
  - Transport and IP, Greenfield vs Brownfield
- RON automation use cases



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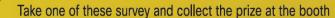
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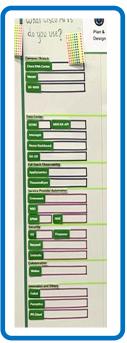
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#### Identify Participant Roles



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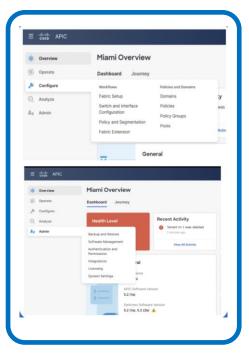
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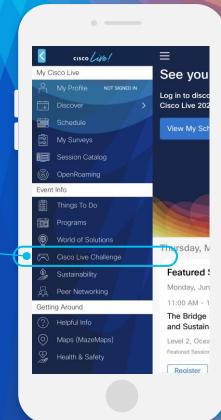
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