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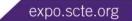
# SDN IN CABLE ACCESS NETWORKS

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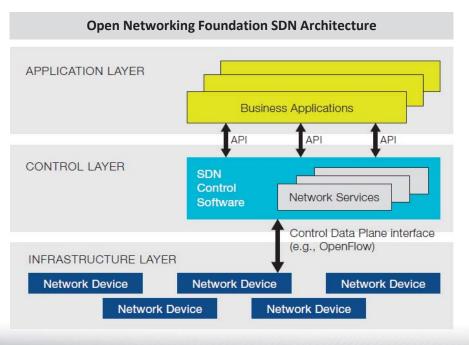
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### **Concept of SDN**

- Traditional Networking Gear Integrated Control, Data and Management Plane
  - Network Rigidity
  - Closed Network Environments
  - Proprietary vendor technology lock-ins with slower innovation cycles

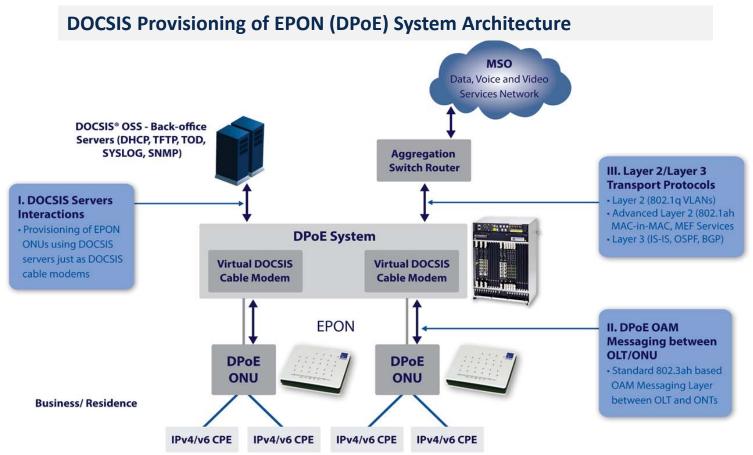
- High equipment CAPEX
- SDN or Software-Defined Networking is a brand new network paradigm
  - De-couple Control and Forwarding Planes
  - Control protocol intelligence logically centralized in the software controller
  - Forwarding plane resides in highly optimized switching hardware
  - Standard API between controller and network hardware







# Cable Operator Access Network – FTTH and DPoE<sup>™</sup>

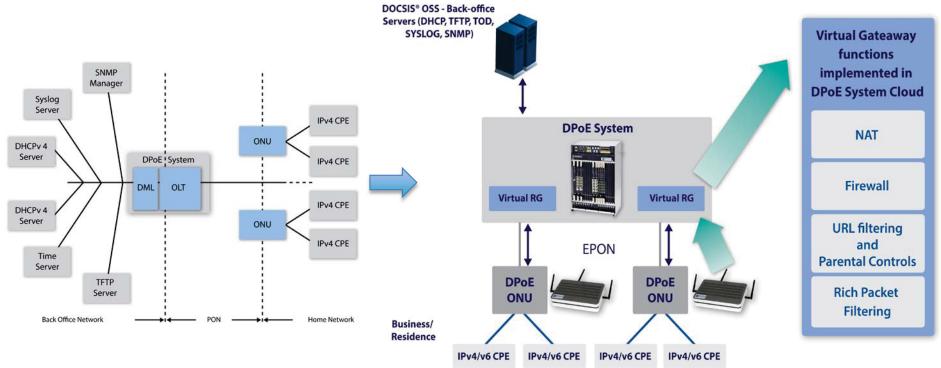


Several areas of DPoE amenable for SDN concepts application





### **SDN (DPoE) Application:** Virtual Residential Gateway

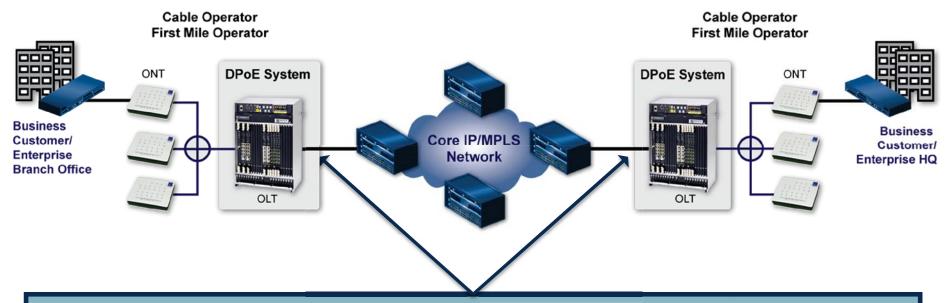


- Enhanced sharing of computing resources CAPEX savings
- Offload complexity to cloud CPE hardware functional simplicity
- Operational ease Simplified troubleshooting and maintenance, configuration and firmware upgrades, and truck-rolls OPEX Savings





#### DPoE System: Network Side Control Protocols

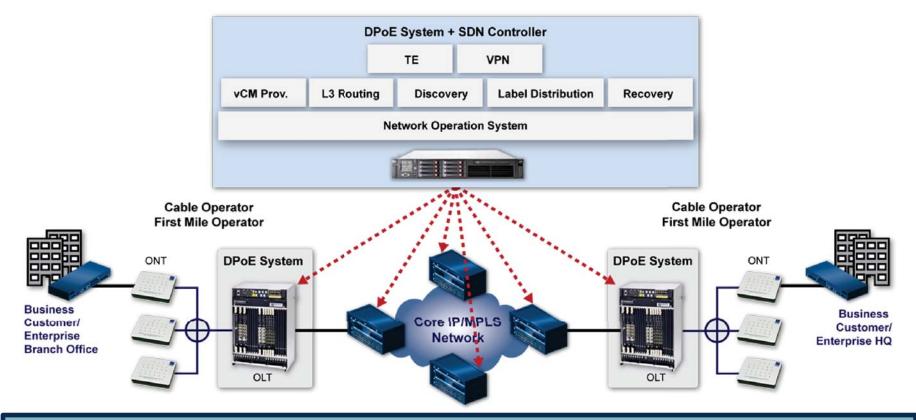


#### **DPoE System EPON OLT**

- Functions as an advanced L3 Router and MPLS LER
- L3 Routing Control Protocol Complexity (L3 Routing: IS-IS, OSPF, BGP)
- MPLS LER Control Protocol Complexity (MP-BGP, VPLS, LDP, RSVP-TE)



### SDN (DPoE) Application: Logically Centralized Control plane

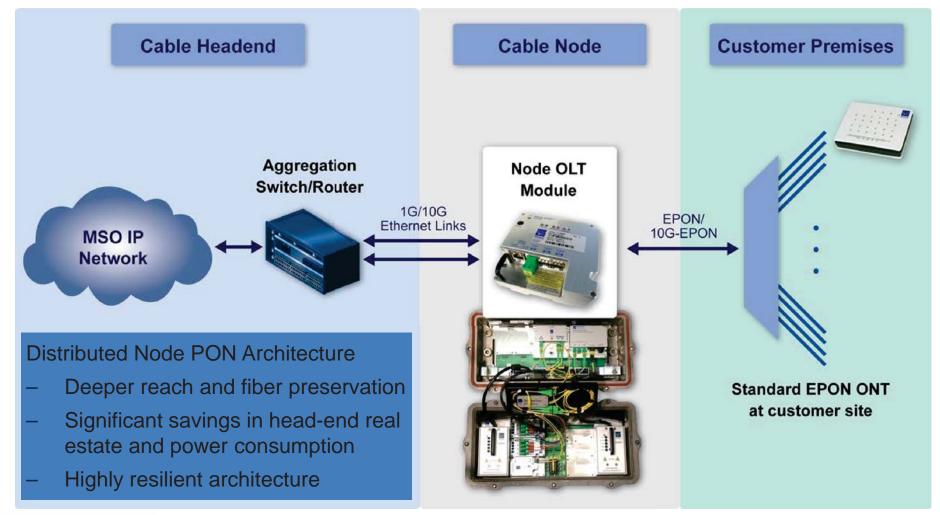


- Logically Centralized Controller with Global View of Network
- More Efficient routing and Traffic Engineering as compared to traditional SPF or policy-based routing





#### Distributed Broadband Access Architecture: Node PON

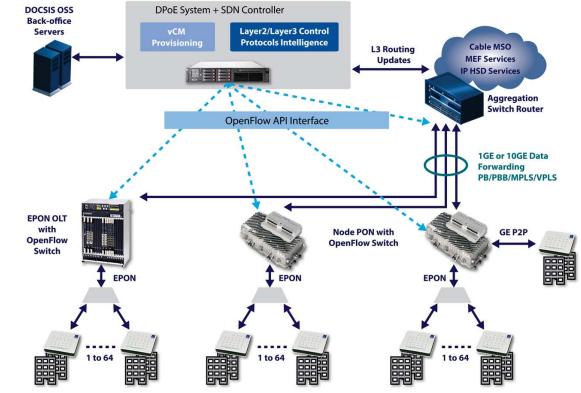






### SDN Application: SDN-enabled Node PON

- Cable Node PON
  - Highly Optimized Low
    Power Node OLT
    Module
  - Optimized for Efficient
    Data Forwarding
  - SDN-enabled DPoE
    System in the Cloud
    - DOCSIS Provisioning
    - L3 Routing Intelligence



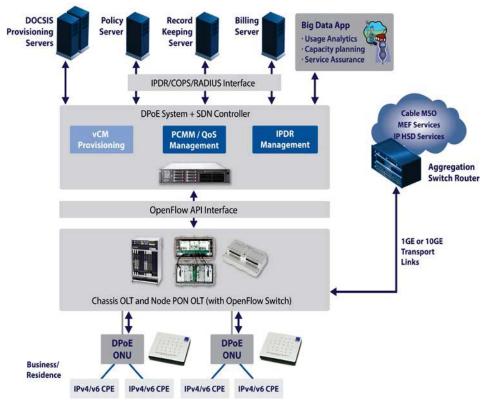
- SDN-Enabled Resilient Node PON Architecture
- Maximally Leverage HFC Infrastructure/Fiber for High Speed PON Services





## SDN (DPoE) Application: Policy Control and Big-Data Analytics

- Enhanced Policy Control with SDN
  - Dynamically allocate network resources such as bandwidth and QoS
  - SDN-enhanced DPoE with PCMM and IPDR
- Big Data Analytics
  - Network Capacity Planning, Usage Analytics and Service Assurance
  - New business models for future Social Networking/Targeted advertising



- Seamless integration with cable's existing policy control/OSS frameworks
- SDN-enabled framework for building rich software ecosystem and apps based support for big data applications





#### Conclusion

- SDN comes with the promise of highly service-agile and programmable networks
- High applicability in Cable's emerging Access architectures such as FTTP and DPoE
  - DPoE enables seamless migration of FTTP EPON technologies into Cable's DOCSIS-based infrastructures
- DPoE areas amenable to applying SDN
  - Virtual Residential Gateway
  - Logically Centralized L3 routing/MPLS control-plane
  - SDN-enabled Node PON
  - SDN for Policy Control and Big Data Analytics







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