

NetWorld2020 5G PPP Expert Group Optical Networking Challenges

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- The NetWorld2020 ETP Expert Group produced a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) report on the research priorities in optical networking for 2018-2020
- There were 75 contributors with a strong participation from the European Industry and Academia.
 - Members of 5G Expert Advisory Group
 - o Major European Operators (BT, Telefonica, TelecomItalia)
 - Major EU-based Vendors (Nokia, Ericsson, ADVA, Coriant, Huawei)
 - $\circ\,$ The CaON cluster
 - $\,\circ\,$ Representatives from the "Photonics21" initiative

The report identified key convergence actions that will enable a ubiquitous Digital Environment fostering economic activity by serving Industry 5.0 priorities



□ The convergence of all networks in Access

 Exploiting the synergy of fixed and wireless technologies for creating a technology-agnostic, last-drop framework

Dynamic Clouds through the convergence of Networks and DCs

- DCs necessary to support Cloud services while Clouds postulate a dynamic and flexible network between remote locations
- Exploit of virtualization to its full extend ie to utilize virtualized resources regardless of location

Integration of Clouds and Machines

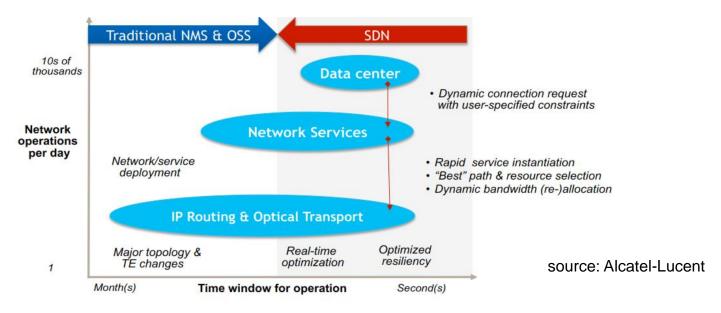
- The "death of distance" requires integrated "global" and "local" scale networks for a seamless resource coordination
- An overarching OS for both networks and machines
- Integration of Access and Core networks through novel architectures



Research Priorities (1)

Focus on Manageability

- Bridging the response times between DCs and Networks in a converged Digital Environment
 - Programmability of the data-plane and an open software- based control plane
 - Automation exploiting cognition and self-organization principles





Focus on Decentralization

 Exploitation of distributed, Cloud-based, processing and traffic forwarding architectures, bringing the "edge" closer to the end-user

Focus on Homogenization

- Use of common standard and scalable technologies across all network segments, adapted to the specific performance goals
- Example: standard processing systems, standard and self-adapted "optical modems", global encapsulation/framing technologies orchestrated by a new, open, automated control paradigm and operated by means of open software etc.

Focus on Performance

- Network performance-oriented instead of technology-oriented, objectives
- No primacy of one technology over another; set-up e2e KPIs across the entire chain of interconnected systems





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