

EPoC :: Management of CNU from OLT (a.k.a. EPoC Use Case)

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ONU Management in EPON

In networks based on EPON technology, the OLT configures and manages ONUs

- Configuration and management messages between OLT and ONU use IEEE 802.3 Clause 57 OAM messages (OAMPDUs)
- The Organization Specific OAMPDU is typically used to provide specific configuration of ONUs



CNU Management in EPoC

In networks using EPON and EPoC technology, a Fiber Coax Unit (FCU) separates the EPON (fiber) domain from the EPoC (coax) domain

OLT remains the central management point, configuring both ONUs and CNUs



Two MAC Domains with Bridge FCU

CNU Management in EPoC

- In the special case of Bridge FCU, two Layer 2 MAC domains exist between OLT and CNU
- However, all ONUs and CNUs in the network are configured and managed by the OLT using OAMPDUs
- Clause 57 PDUs are "link local", so Bridge FCU is not allowed to forward OAMPDUs



Possible Solutions

Tunneling

- Create a specific branch/leaf container to tunnel the OAMPDU through the EPON network
 - OLT creates the OAMPDU for CNU, inserts it in "tunnel" container and transmits to FCU
 - FCU extracts the OAMPDU destined for CNU, then forwards OAMPDU to CNUs
- Creates two-step process with additional overhead

Unicast OAMPDU

- Allow for unicast frame to carry payload of normal OAMPDU
- OLT directly addresses a CNU by using CNU MAC address as DA in frame
- FCU forwards like normal Ethernet frame
- Provides consistent processing in OLT for both ONUs and CNUs

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Preferred Solution

- 1. Allow OAMPDU payload to be transmitted using unicast Ethernet frame, and/or
- 2. Proposed P1904.2 UMT protocol provides this capability



Thank you!

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