

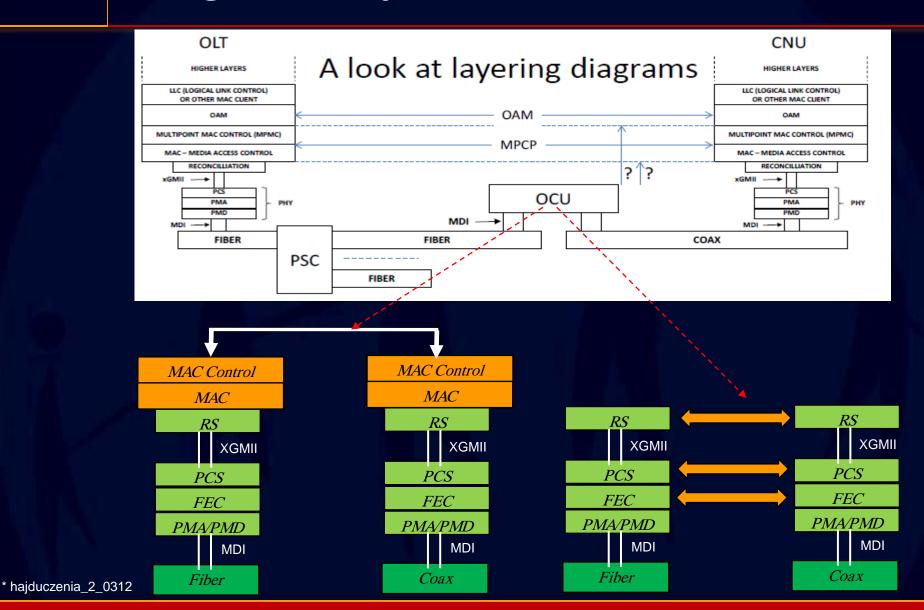
# To bridge or to repeat in an EPOX Network

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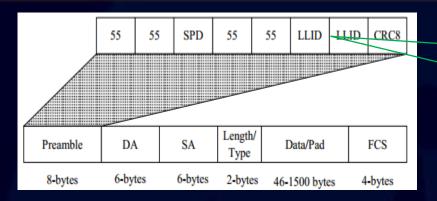


# Bridge Vs. Repeater in EPOX Network\*





## **MPCP**



Fields	Octets
DA	6
SA	6
Length/Type	2
Opcode	2
Timestamp	4
Opcode-specific field/pad	40
FCS	4

Bridge mode – maintain a EPON LLID to EPOC LLID mapping on OCU

Repeater mode – transparent

EPON MPCP frames are limited to 64B
-Adding additional fields into existing
MPCP messages may not be possible

- new MPCP messages to be defined for EPOC (new Opcode)
- However, this will impact existing EPON OLT



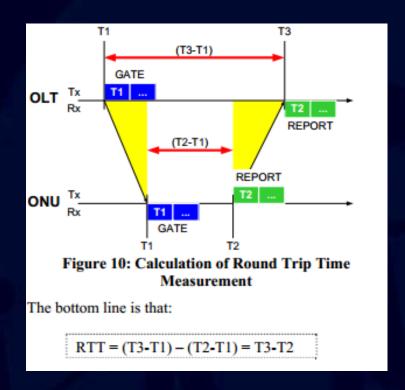
# Downstream Packet Buffering @OCU



- 1) 1Gbps EPON feeding into 1Gbps EPOC link
- 2) 10Gbps EPON feeding into 1Gbps EPOC link
- 3) Packet buffering will be needed on the OCU for link rate mismatch
- 4) Impact
  - 1) RTT calculation accuracy
  - 2) OCU thus needs QOS functions outside the scope for a repeater



### RTT measurement



#### Bridge mode:

- -Separate RTT measurement for EPOC
- Use of same RTT calculation mechanism as in EPON

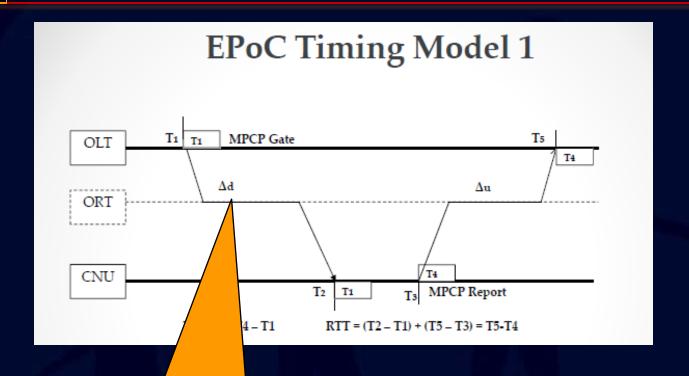
#### Repeater mode:

- packet buffer introduced downstream latency (variable)
- bit stream processing introduced downstream and upstream latency (consistent)
- adaptive rate change on EPOC link affects calculated RTT
- ☐ Due to OCU, the above RTT formula is not longer valid
- $\square$  A residency time,  $T_{ocu-up}$  and  $T_{ocu-dn}$  may need to be introduced
- $\square$  RTT = (T3-T2) +  $\overline{(T_{ocu-up} + T_{ocu-dn})}$

<sup>\*</sup> From MEF EPON Tutorial



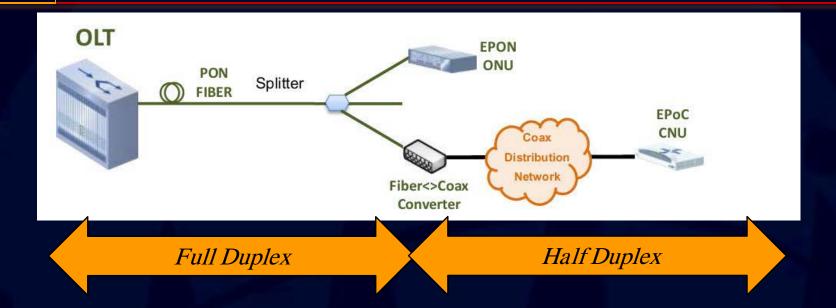
## RTT Measurement



Due to EPOC/EPOC link rate mismatch, possible TDD mode in EPOC segment, or adaptive rate on EPOC segment, this latency may vary on per packet basis – instead of a consistent constant value



## **TDD Impacts**



- 1) EPON segment is continuous SCB
- 2) With Half Duplex mode in TDD coax segment, the OCU needs to buffer downstream
- 3) Existing EPON OLT DBA needs to be adjusted for downstream transmission

**EPOC** EPON ONU1 EPON ONU4 **EPOC EPOC EPOC** LLID 1 LLID 4 downstream CNU downstream CNU 3/LLID6 Grant Grant 1/LLID5 Grant Grant



# TDD Impacts

Fields	Octets
DA	6
SA	6
Length/Type	2
Opcode = 00-02	2
TS (Time Stamp)	4
# of grants/flags	1
Grant #1 start time (TQ)	4
Grant #1 length (TQ)	2
Grant #2 start time (TQ)	4
Grant #2 length (TQ)	2



Fields	Octets
DA	6
SA	6
Length/Type	2
Opcode = TBD	2
TS (Time Stamp)	4
# of grants/flags	1
Grant #1 start time TX (TQ)	4
Grant #1 TX length (TQ)	2
Grant #1 start time RX (TQ)	4
Grant #1 RX length (TQ)	2

A normal EPON GATE to an EPON ONU

A normal EPON GATE to an EPOC CNU

Such changes, if necessary to support half duplex, may break 802.3ah/av MPCP state machine



## Summary

 Bridge or Repeater mode of the OCU has significant impacts to existing EPON operation

 Half duplex mode on EPOC link may require hardware changes on existing OLT EPON hardware

 The spirit of EPOC CFI and success call for the leverage of existing EPON eco-system on chipsets and deployed OLTs, not limited reuse of selective functions from EPON



