

Application-Based Network Operations (ABNO)

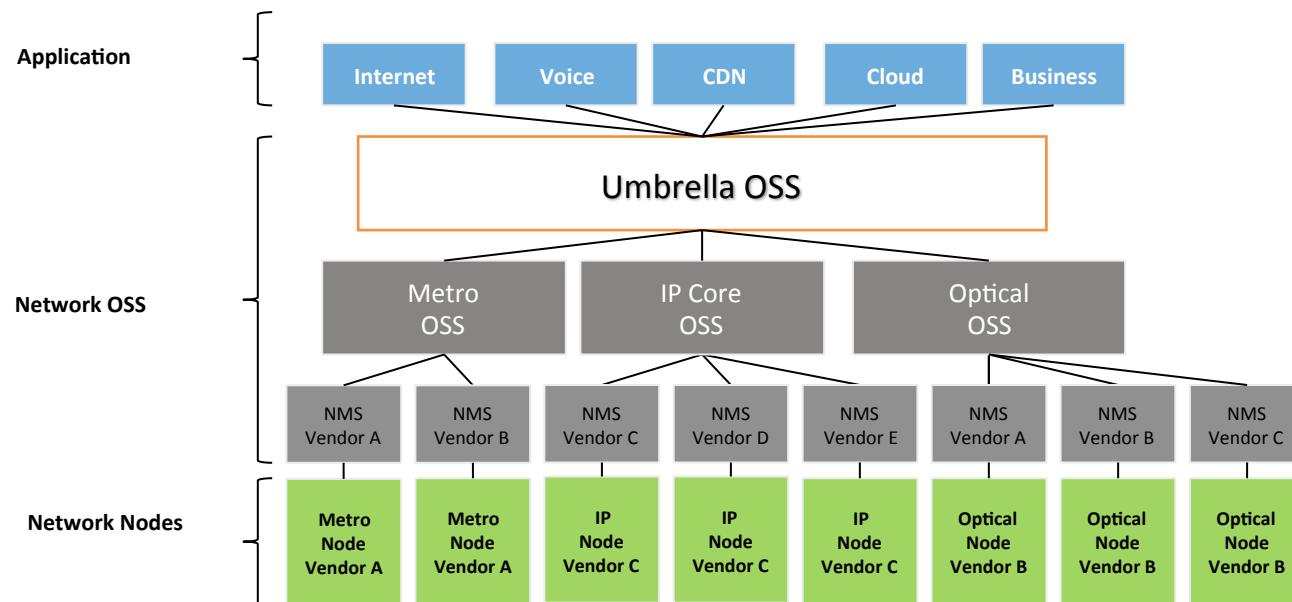
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Control of Today's Networks

- Current network operation is not adapted to flexible networking
- Multiple manual configuration actions are needed for network nodes
- Network solutions from different vendors typically use specific OSS/NMS implementations
- Very long provisioning times
- Lack of network bandwidth flexibility and inefficient use of inherent function



Network Operation Requirements

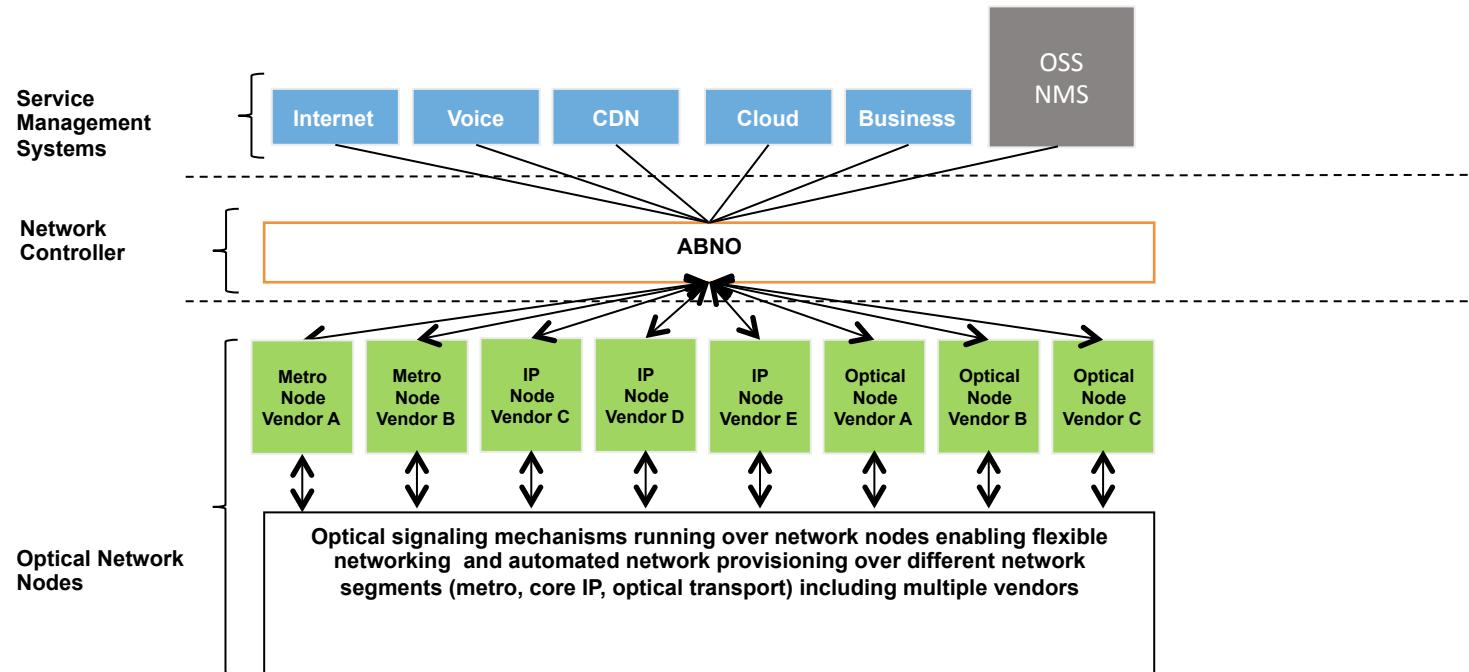
- The network does not need to be seen any longer as a composition of individual elements
- Applications need to be capable of interaction with the network
- Support of the next generation of variable and dynamic transport characteristics
- Automated deployment and operation of services.
 - “Create a new transport connection for me”
 - “Reoptimize my network after restoration switching”
 - “Respond to how my network is being used”
 - “Schedule these services”
 - “Resize tunnels”

Network Operation Framework Building Blocks

- Avoiding the mistake of a single “controller” architecture
 - As it encourages the expansion and use of specific protocols
- Discovery of network resources
- Network resource abstraction, and presentation
- Routing and path computation
- Multi-layer coordination and interworking
 - Multi-domain & multi-vendor network resources provisioning through different control mechanisms (e.g., Optical, OpenFlow, GMPLS, MPLS)
- Policy Control
- OAM and performance monitoring
- Leveraging existing technologies
 - What is currently available?
 - Must integrate with existing and developing standards

Application-Based Network Operations (ABNO)

- Application-Based Network Operation (ABNO) framework.
- “A PCE-based Architecture for Application-based Network Operations”
 - draft-farrkingel-pce-abno-architecture



Application-Based Network Operation (ABNO)

- “Standardized” components and co-operation.
- Policy Management
- Network Topology
 - LSP-DB
 - TED
 - Inventory Management
- Path Computation and Traffic Engineering
 - PCE, PCC
 - Stateful & Stateless
 - Online & Offline
 - P2P, P2MP, MP2MP
- Multi-layer Coordination
 - Virtual Network Topology Manager
- Network Signaling & Programming
 - RSVP-TE
 - ForCES and OpenFlow
 - Interface to the Routing System (I2RS)

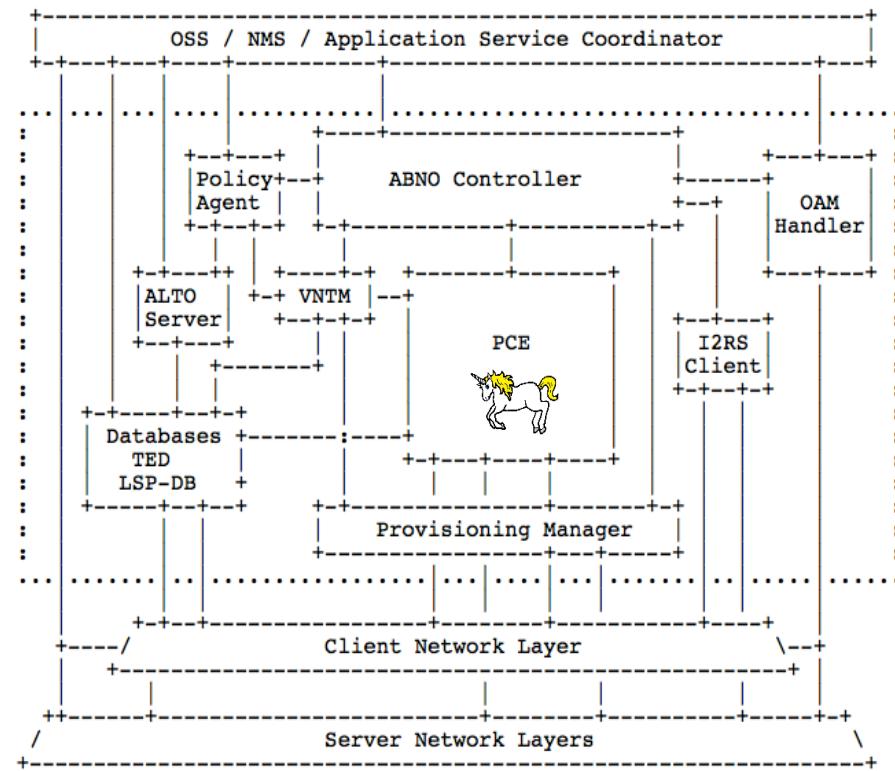


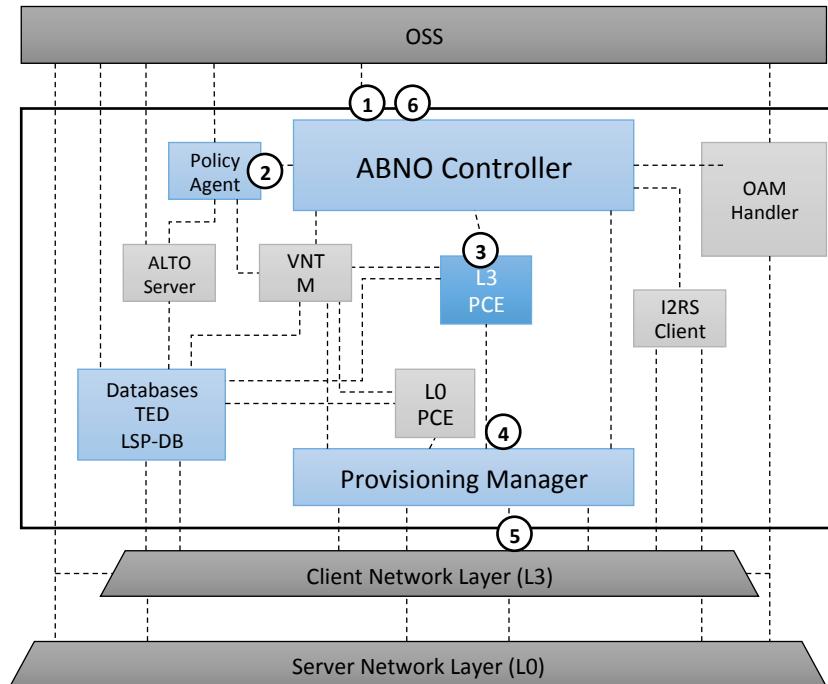
Figure 1: Generic ABNO Architecture

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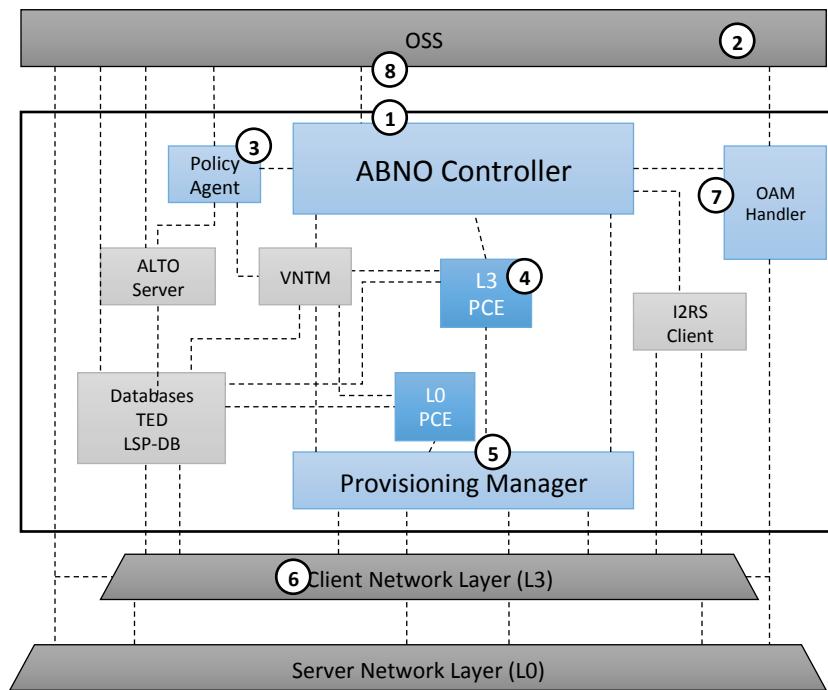
- The following slides present various use cases shaping the development of ABNO:
 - Multi-layer Path Provisioning
 - Multi-layer Restoration
 - Network Optimization after Restoration

ABNO - Multi-layer Path Provisioning (Path)



1. OSS requests for a path between two L3 nodes.
2. ABNO controller verifies OSS user rights using the Policy Manager.
3. ABNO controller requests to L3-PCE (active) for a path between both locations.
4. As L3-PCE finds a path, it configures L3 nodes using Provisioning Manager.
5. Provisioning manager configures L3 nodes using the required interface (RSVP-TE, OpenFlow, etc.).
6. OSS is notified that the connection has been set-up.

ABNO - Multi-Layer Restoration



- Upon network failure, the OSS notifies the ABNO controller of all failed E-2-E connection and possible root cause.
- NMS requests a new E-2-E connection.
- ABNO controller verifies request via the Policy Manager.
- ABNO controller requests to L3-PCE (active) for a path between both locations.
- As L3-PCE finds a path, it configures L3 nodes using Provisioning Manager.
- Provisioning Manager configures L3 nodes using the required interface (RSVP-TE, OpenFlow, etc.)
- OAM Handler verifies new connectivity.
- OSS is notified that the new IP links are up and tested (SNMP, etc.).

Next Steps for ABNO

- Further discussion on key components
 - Policy
 - Capability discovery and registration
 - Resilience
 - North-bound Interfaces
 - Use of Common Network Models
- Continued development and polishing of Use Cases
- Prototyping
 - European Commission Project FP7 IDEALIST