

Disruption-minimized Re-adaptation of Virtual Links in Elastic Optical Networks

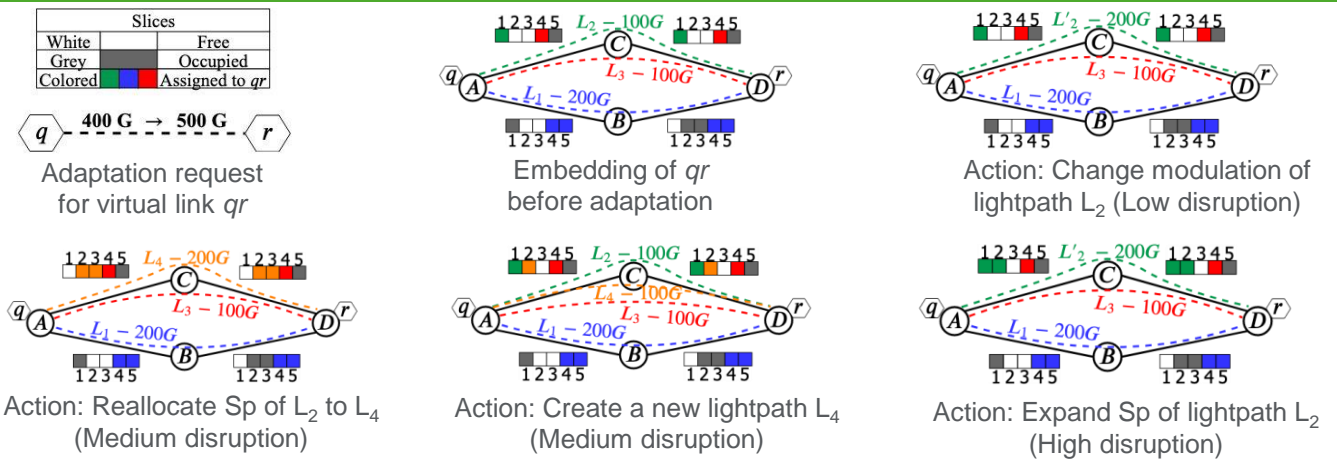
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Introduction

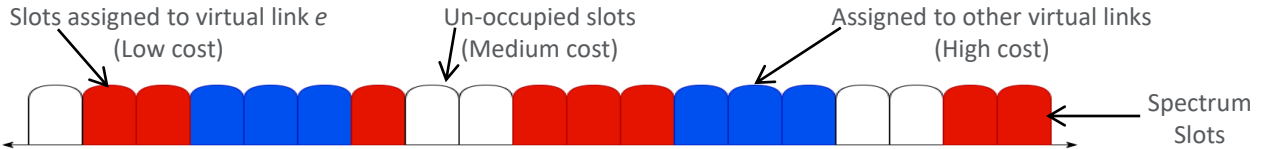
- Applications hosted on a network slice evolve over time requiring increased bandwidth for virtual links
- We propose a novel solution to accommodate an existing virtual link's (i.e., lightpath's) bandwidth increase
- We assign different levels of disruption costs to different types of re-configuration actions
- Our solution minimizes disruption (Ds) to traffic and transponders (Tx) and spectrum (Sp) resources
- We devise a multi-objective integer linear program to tune priorities among different objectives

Adaptation with Different Re-configuration Actions



Proposed Solution

- Free up spectrum slots used in virtual link e 's embedding and mark slots of other virtual links as occupied
- Assign differential costs to each slot, transmission configuration, and path combination based on action

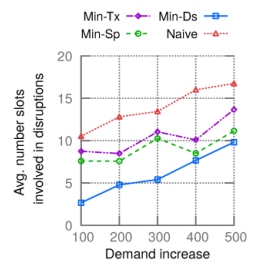
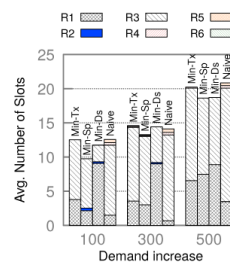
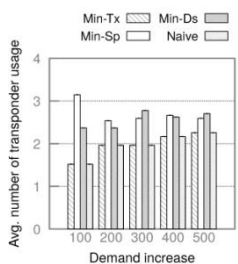
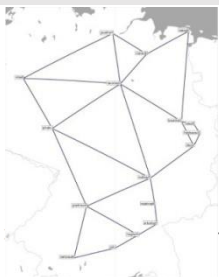


- Re-embed e such that each existing split of e takes one of the re-configuration actions
- Satisfy spectral continuity and contiguity constraints and new demand of e , while minimizing objective function

$$\text{minimize}(\theta \times \text{Cost}_e^{tr} + \omega \times \text{Cost}_e^{sp} + \sigma \times \text{Cost}_e^{ds})$$

Evaluation Results

- Topology: fully-flexible Elastic Optical Network (EON) using Nobel Germany* (17 nodes and 26 links)
- Link capacity: 4THz spectrum divided into 160 slots of 25GHz in each direction
- Input generation: Embed virtual links using a discrete event simulator and select those with bandwidth of 500G
- Compared variants: Min-Tx, Min-Sp, and Min-Ds consider transponder, slot usage, and disruption as primary objectives; Naïve ignores disruption and considers transponder as primary objective



Key Findings

- Min-Ds 1) disrupts 44%, 35%, and 58% less traffic compared to Min-Tx, Min-Sp, and Naïve, respectively; 2) reuses existing lightpaths to minimize disruption, 3) creates extra lightpaths incurring 23% more transponders and 6% more slots than Min-Tx and Min-Sp, respectively
- Disruption minimization has a trade-off with transponder and spectrum usage in an EON