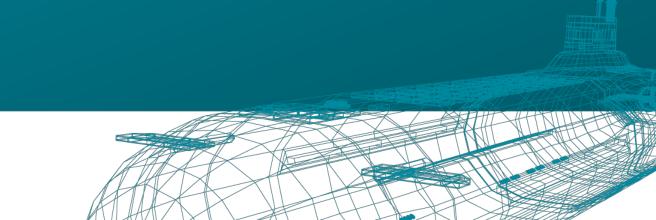
OTV – L2 Transport mezi DC

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Traditional Layer 2 VPNs

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Dark fiber, DWDM, EoMPLS, VPLS

> Flooding Behavior

- Traditional Layer 2 VPN technologies rely on flooding to propagate MAC reachability
- The flooding behavior causes failures to propagate to every site in the Layer 2 VPN

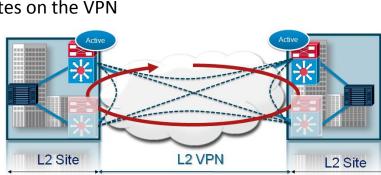
> Pseudo-Wires Maintenance

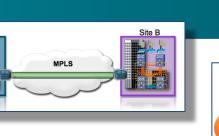
- Before any learning can happen a full mesh of pseudo-wires/ tunnels must be in place
- For N sites, there will be N*(N-1)/2 pseudo-wires. Complex to add and remove sites
- Head-end replication for multicast and broadcast. Sub-optimal BW utilization

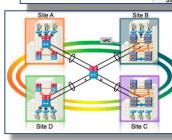
> Multi-homing

- Require additional protocols to support Multi-homing
- STP is often extended across the sites of the Layer 2 VPN. Very difficult to manage as the number of sites grows
- Malfunctions on one site will likely impact all sites on the VPN









Overlay Transport Virtualization

"MAC in IP" technique to extend L2 domains over any transport infrastructure

> Flooding Based Learning => Control-Plane Based Learning

 Move to a Control Plane protocol that proactively advertises MAC addresses and their reachability instead of the current flooding mechanism

> Pseudo-wires and Tunnels => Dynamic Encapsulation

- Not require static tunnel or pseudo-wire configuration
- Offer optimal replication of traffic done closer to the destination, which translates into much more efficient bandwidth utilization in the core

Complex Dual-homing => Native Automated Multi-homing

 Allow load balancing of flows within a single VLAN across the active devices in the same site, while preserving the independence of the sites.
 STP confined within the site (each site with its own STP Root bridge)





OTV Terminology

Edge Device

- Is responsible for performing all the OTV functionality
- Can be located at the Aggregation Layer as well as at the Core Layer depending on the network topology of the site
- A given site can have multiple OTV Edge Devices (multihoming)

Join Interface

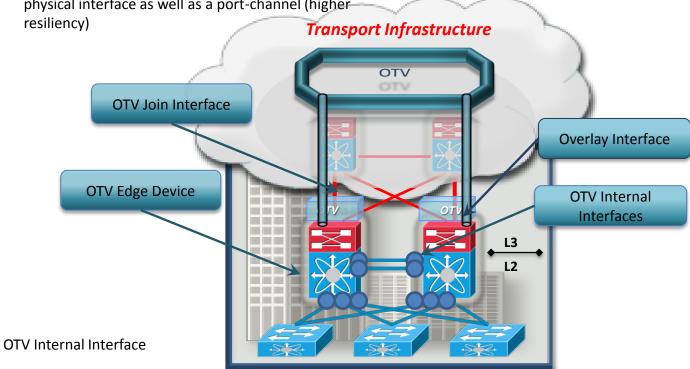
- One of the uplink interfaces of the Edge Device
- Point-to-point routed interface and it can be a single physical interface as well as a port-channel (higher

> Internal Interface

- Face the site and carry at least one of the VLANs extended through OTV
- Behave as regular layer 2 interfaces. No OTV configuration is needed on the OTV Internal Interfaces

Overlay Interface

- > Virtual interface where all the OTV configuration is placed
- > Logical multi-access multicast-capable interface
- > Encapsulates the site Layer 2 frames in IP unicast or multicast packets that are then sent to the other sites



OTV Control Plane

> Neighbor Discovery and Adjacency Formation

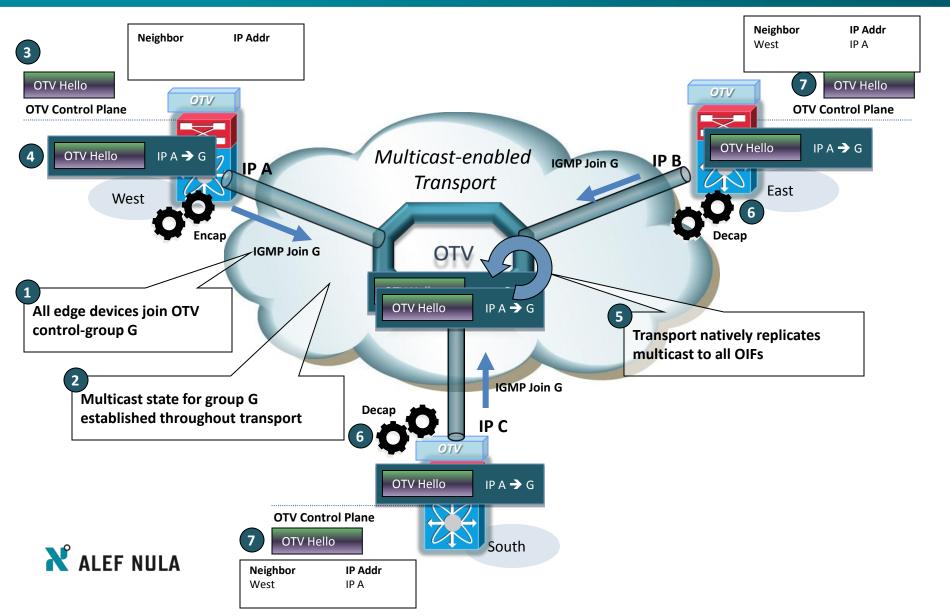
- Before any MAC address can be advertised the OTV Edge Devices must:
 - Discover each other
 - Build a neighbor relationship with each other
- The neighbor relationship can be built over a transport infrastructure, that can be:
 - multicast-enabled
 - unicast-only

> Building the MAC tables

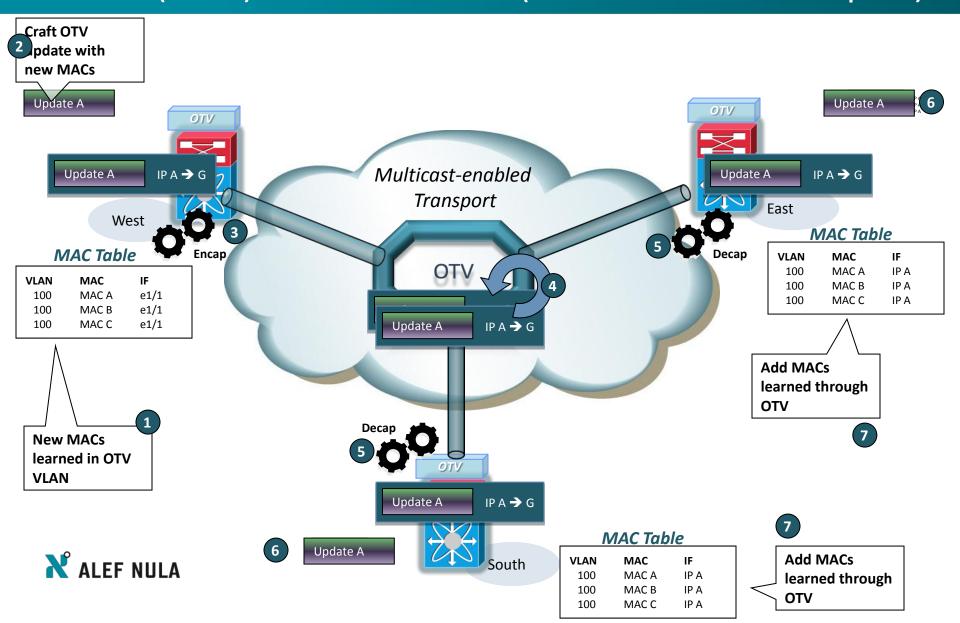
- OTV proactively advertises MAC reachability (control-plane learning)
- MAC addresses advertised in the background once OTV has been configured
- No specific configuration is required
- IS-IS is the OTV Control Protocol running between the Edge Devices. No need to learn how IS-IS works



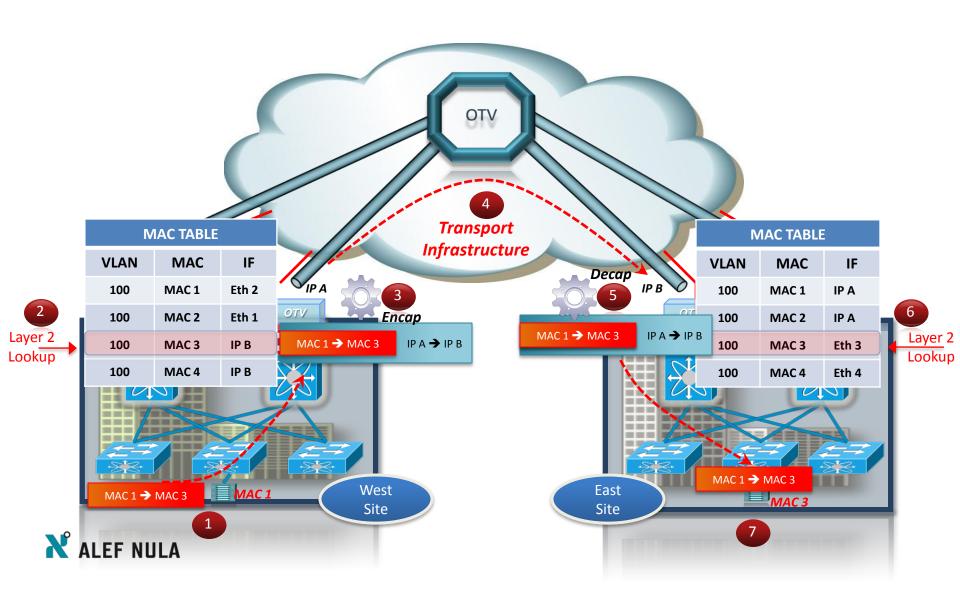
OTV Control Plane Neighbor Discovery (over Multicast Transport)



OTV Control Plane Route (MAC) Advertisements (over Multicast Transport)

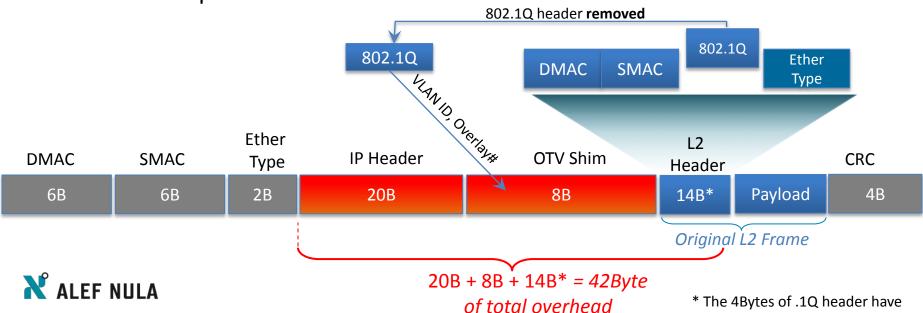


OTV Data Plane: Inter-Site Packet Flow



OTV Data Plane - Encapsulation

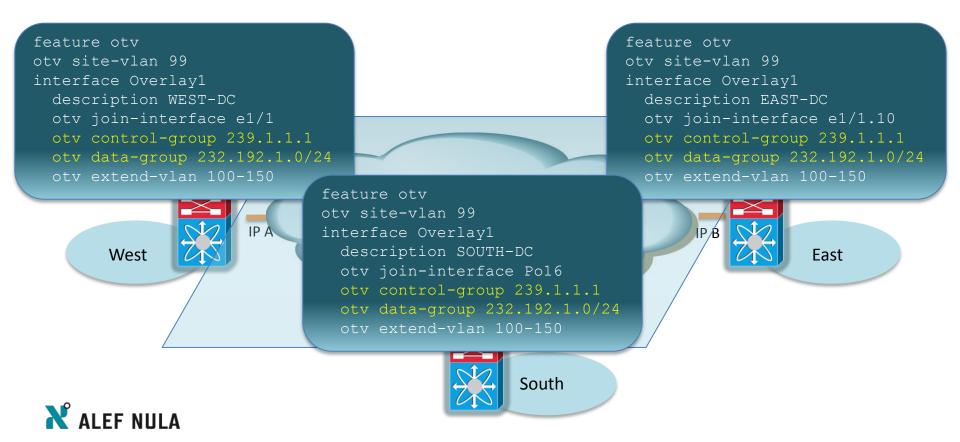
- OTV encapsulation adds 42 Bytes to the packet IP MTU size
- Outer IP Header and OTV Shim Header in addition to original L2
 Header stripped off the .1Q header
- > The outer OTV shim header contains information about the overlay (VLAN, overlay number)
- The 802.1Q header is removed from the original frame and the VLAN field copied over into the OTV shim header



already been removed

Configuration OTV over a Multicast Transport

 Minimal configuration required to get OTV up and running



OTV - Failure Isolation

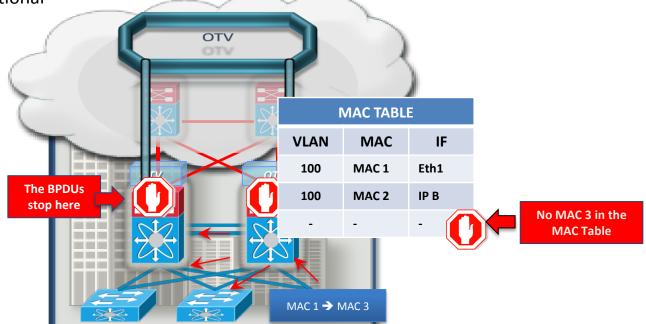
> Spanning-tree

- OTV is site transparent: no changes to the STP topology, each site keeps its own STP domain
- This functionality is built-in into OTV and no additional configuration is required
- An Edge Device will send and receive BPDUs ONLY on the OTV Internal Interfaces

> Unknown Unicast

- No requirements to forward unknown unicast frames
- OTV does not forward unknown unicast frames to the overlay. This is achieved without any additional configuration

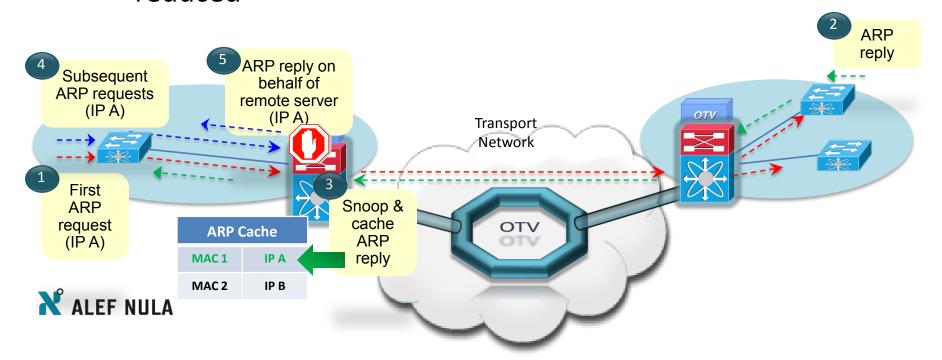
 The assumption here is that the end-points connected to the network are not silent or uni-directional





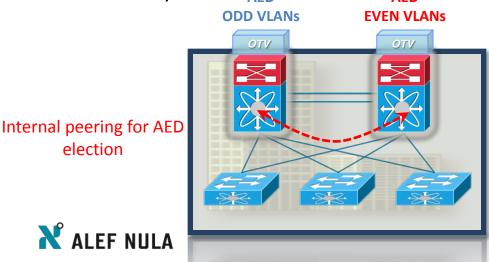
Controlling ARP traffic ARP Neighbor-Discovery (ND) Cache

- An ARP cache is maintained by every OTV edge device and is populated by snooping ARP replies
- Initial ARP requests are broadcasted to all sites, but subsequent ARP requests are suppressed at the Edge Device and answered locally
- ARP traffic spanning multiple sites can thus be significantly reduced



OTV Automated Multi-homing

- Fully automated and it does not require additional protocols and configuration
- The Edge Devices within a site discover each other over the "otv site-vlan"
- Authoritative Edge Device (AED)
 - MAC addresses advertisement for its VLANs
 - Forwarding its VLANs' traffic inside and outside the site
 - Achieved via a very deterministic algorithm (not configurable, even & odd vlans)



OTV - Broadcast & Multicast Traffic

> Broadcast

 Broadcast frames are sent to all remote OTV edge devices by leveraging the same ASM multicast group in the transport already used for the OTV control protocol. (handled exactly the same way as the OTV Hello messages)

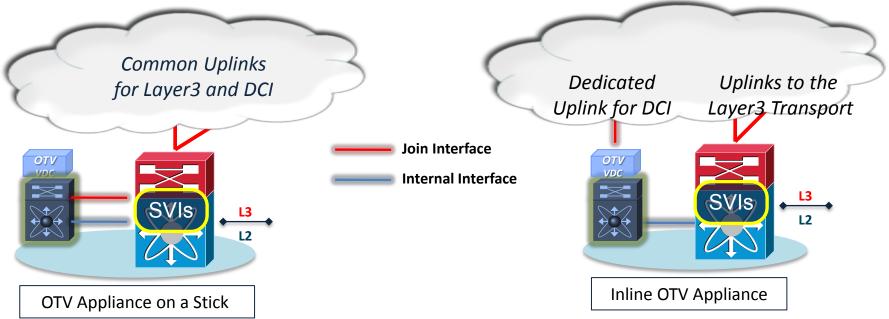
> Multicast

- The site multicast groups are mapped to a SSM group range in the core
- Source ED communicates the mapping information (including the source VLAN) to the other Eds
- Receiver ED joins SSM group
- The source ED adds the Overlay interface to the Outbound Interface List (OIL).
- The right number of SSM groups to be used depends on a tradeoff between the amount of multicast state to be maintained in the core and the optimization of Layer 2 multicast traffic delivery

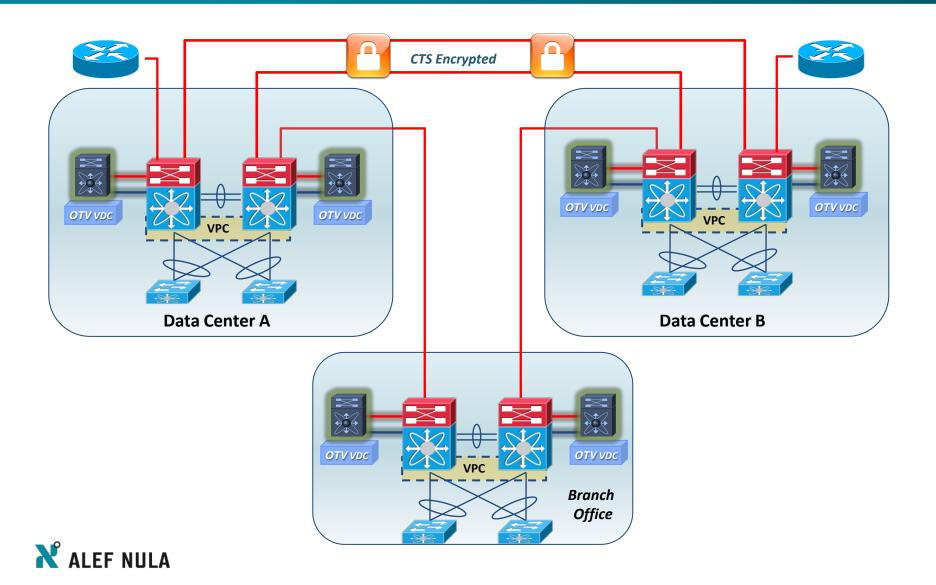


OTV and SVI Separation

- Guideline: The current OTV implementation on the Nexus 7000 enforces the separation between SVI routing and OTV encapsulation for a given VLAN
 - Can be achieved with having two separate devices to perform these two functions
 - An alternative, cleaner and less intrusive solution is the use of Virtual Device Contexts (VDCs) available with Nexus 7000 platform:
 - A dedicated OTV VDC to perform the OTV functionalities
 - The Aggregation-VDC used to provide SVI routing support



OTV Design – Collapsed Core



OTV Current Limits

| Feature | Maximum Limits |
|--|----------------|
| Number of OTV overlays | 3 |
| Number of OTV-connected sites | 3 |
| Number of edge devices in all sites | 6 |
| Number of edge devices per site | 2 |
| Number of VLANs per overlay | 128 |
| Number of OTV-extended VLANs across all configured overlays | 128 |
| Number of MAC Addresses across all the extended VLANs in all configured overlays | 12000 |
| Number of multicast data groups | 1000 |
| Number of multicast data groups per site | 100 |



OTV – Documentation, links

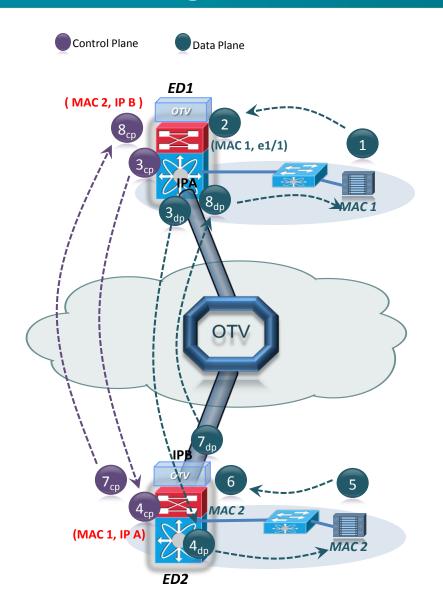
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Děkuji za pozornost



A Packet Walk is Worth a Million Words Establishing OTV Unicast Communication



- 1 Server 1 sends a broadcast ARP for MAC 2
- 2 ARP broadcast is received by ED1, which learns MAC 1 on its internal interface
- 3_{cp} ED1 advertises MAC 1 in an OTV Update sent via the multicast control group
- 4_{cp} ED2 receives the update and stores MAC1 in MAC table, next-hop is ED1
- 3_{dp} ED1 encapsulates broadcast in the core IP multicast group so all the EDs in the overlay receive it
- 4_{dp} ED2 decapsulates the frame and forwards the ARP broadcast request into the site
- 5 Server 2 receives the ARP and replies with a unicast ARP reply to MAC 1
- 6 ED2 learns MAC 2 on its internal interface
- 7_{cp} ED2 advertises MAC 2 in IS-IS LSP sent via the multicast control group
- 8_{cp} ED1 receives the update and stores MAC2 in MAC table, next-hop is ED2
- 7_{dp} ED2 knows that MAC 1 is reachable via IP A so encapsulates the packet and sends it unicast to ED1's IP address (IP A)
- 8_{dp} Core delivers packet to ED1, ED1 decapsulates and forwards it into the site to MAC 1

OTV Control Plane CLI Verification

Establishment of control plane adjacencies between OTV Edge Devices:

```
dc1-agg-7k1# show otv adjacency
Overlay Adjacency database
Overlay-Interface Overlay100
Hostname
             System-ID Dest Addr
                                         Up Time
Adj-State
            001b.54c2.efc2 20.11.23.2
dc2-agg-7k1
                                        15:08:53
                                                   UP
dc1-agg-7k2
            001b.54c2.e1c3 20.12.23.2
                                        15:43:27
                                                   UP
dc2-agg-7k2
             001b.54c2.e142 20.22.23.2
                                         14:49:11
                                                   UP
```

Unicast MAC reachability information:

```
dc1-agg-7k1# show otv route
OTV Unicast MAC Routing Table For Overlay100
VLAN MAC-Address Metric Uptime
                                Owner
                                          Next-hop(s)
2001 0000.0c07.ac01 1 3d15h
                                site
                                          Ethernet1/1
2001 0000.1641.d70e 1 3d15h
                                site
                                         Ethernet1/2
2001 0000.49f3.88ff 42 2d22h
                                overlay
                                          dc2-agg-7k1
                                          dc2-agg-7k2
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