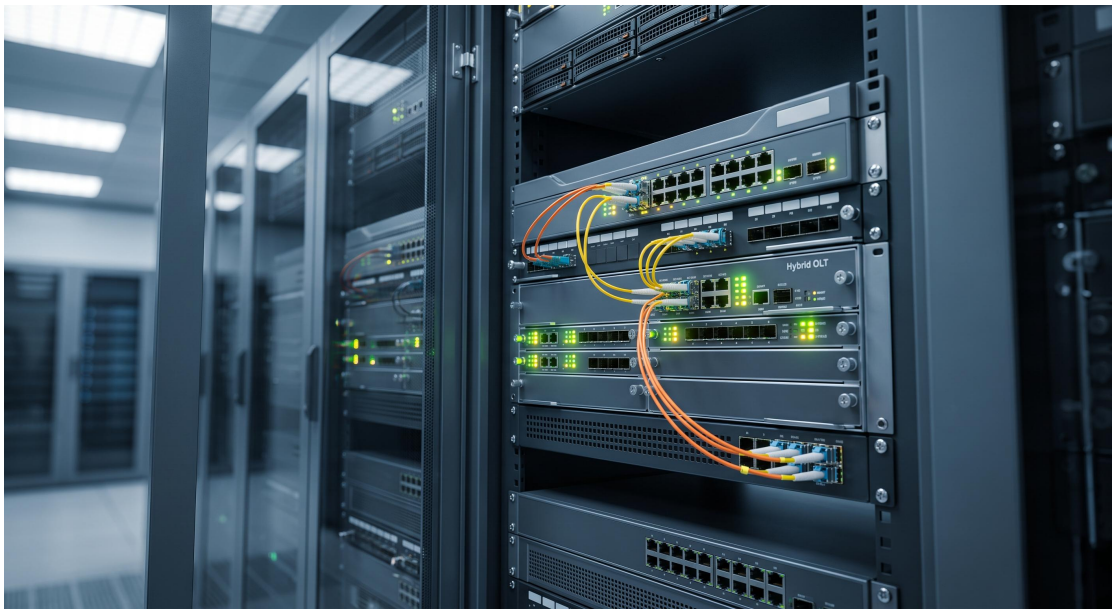
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TARGET NETWORK POSITIONING

As global IPTV subscriber bases continue to expand at a compound annual growth rate exceeding 12%, network operators face unprecedented challenges in managing multicast traffic efficiently across heterogeneous access infrastructures. The Hybrid Optical Line Terminal (Hybrid OLT) platform represents a paradigm shift in access network architecture, bridging the gap between legacy TDM-based PON systems and next-generation 10G-EPON/XGS-PON deployments. This document provides a comprehensive technical overview of the multicast snooping and IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol) profile configuration capabilities integral to the Hybrid OLT's feature set, specifically addressing the operational requirements of Tier-1 service providers and MSOs (Multiple System Operators).



HARDWARE-LEVEL FAILOVER REDUNDANCY

The Hybrid OLT chassis incorporates a fully redundant, carrier-grade hardware architecture designed to maintain multicast service continuity through any single-point-of-failure scenario. The system integrates dual, hot-swappable supervisor engines that host the multicast control plane, ensuring stateful IGMP/MLD (Multicast Listener Discovery) snooping database synchronization across active/standby pairs. The advanced hardware-based failover mechanism, operating at sub-50ms convergence, leverages the Inter-Chassis Communication Protocol (ICCP) and Non-Stop Forwarding (NSF) extensions to preserve multicast forwarding state during switchover events. All line cards feature independent PON MAC processors with dedicated multicast replication engines, offloading the central CPU from the intensive task of duplicating IPTV streams to multiple subscribers. The power supply subsystem provides N+N

redundancy with automatic load-sharing and seamless transition during mains failures, while the fan tray assembly incorporates speed-controlled, high-static-pressure fans capable of maintaining optimal operating temperatures in ambient conditions up to 55°C.

PROTOCOL SUPPORT MATRIX

The Hybrid OLT offers an exhaustive multicast protocol stack compatible with modern IPTV middleware and set-top box ecosystems. The IGMP snooping implementation fully conforms to RFC 4541 and supports IGMPv1, v2, and v3, with seamless interoperation between legacy and modern subscriber equipment. The platform enables transparent snooping of MLDv1 and v2 for IPv6-based IPTV services, facilitating a transition path to dual-stack deployments. Key protocol capabilities encompass immediate-leave processing, robust host tracking, explicit host tracking, and throttling of membership reports to prevent control plane saturation. The IGMP proxy functionality permits the OLT to aggregate membership queries upstream, significantly reducing the multicast routing state maintained by the core network. For complex deployment scenarios, the system supports IGMP filter profiles for per-subscriber channel access control, multicast VLAN registration (MVR) for efficient channel distribution across VLAN boundaries, and configurable querier election parameters to avoid querier conflicts in multi-vendor environments.

CORE PARAMETERS

Multicast forwarding performance is a cornerstone of the Hybrid OLT's design, with each line card capable of forwarding up to 4,000 simultaneous IPTV streams per PON port while maintaining wire-speed throughput of 9.6 Gbps for XGS-PON interfaces. The multicast forwarding table supports up to 8,000 (S,G) entries per system, with an additional 4,000 (*,G) entries for wildcard group subscriptions. The IGMP snooping database can track up to 16,000 active hosts per line card, with configurable aging timers ranging from 60 to 600 seconds to accommodate varying network dynamics. The channel change latency, measured from the reception of a membership report to the initiation of multicast data forwarding, is consistently maintained below 15 milliseconds through the use of speculative forwarding and preamble packet caching. The system supports up to 256 configurable IGMP profiles, each containing granular parameters such as maximum groups, maximum sources, and access control lists (ACLs).

Parameter	**Specification**
Form Factor	2RU Modular Chassis with 8 Line Card Slots
Switching Capacity	3.2 Tbps (Full-Duplex)

Power Supply	Dual Hot-Swappable Redundant AC (100-240V) / DC (-48V) Options
Multicast Stream Capacity	4,000 Streams per PON Port
Multicast Forwarding Entries	8,000 (S,G) / 4,000 (*,G)
IGMP Version Support	v1, v2, v3 (RFC 1112, 2236, 3376)
MTBF	>250,000 Hours

LIFECYCLE ASSURANCE (MTBF)

System reliability and longevity are paramount in access network deployments, with the Hybrid OLT designed to deliver a Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) exceeding 250,000 hours under normal operating conditions. This exceptional reliability is achieved through rigorous component derating, advanced thermal management, and the use of enterprise-grade electronic components sourced from Tier-1 semiconductor manufacturers. The system lifecycle is supported by a comprehensive 10-year hardware availability commitment, accompanied by the vendor's advanced replacement service that guarantees shipment of critical spares within four hours of fault notification. Regular firmware updates, delivered through the vendor's secure support portal, provide continuous security enhancements and feature additions, ensuring the platform remains current with evolving IPTV and multicast standards.

TARGET BACKBONE TOPOLOGIES

The Hybrid OLT is engineered for flexibility, seamlessly integrating into a wide range of network topologies to address diverse deployment scenarios. In the context of IPTV delivery, the platform excels in Point-to-Multipoint (P2MP) fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) architectures, where a single OLT port serves up to 64 subscribers. For multi-dwelling units (MDUs), the OLT's VLAN mapping capabilities enable efficient channel distribution to aggregated customers. The system's support for multi-chassis link aggregation groups (MC-LAG) permits the construction of highly resilient Metro Ethernet rings, with sub-50ms protection switching to guard against fiber cuts and node failures. Additionally, the platform can be deployed as a hub OLT in a centralized IPTV headend architecture or as a remote OLT in distributed access architectures (DAA), where the IGMP snooping functionality is extended via the Remote PHY Device (RPD) and Remote MACPHY Device (RMD) protocols. The network-side interfaces, available in 10GE, 25GE, and 40GE variants, connect directly to the regional aggregation routers, completing a high-performance, end-to-end IPTV delivery chain.

