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ASON/GMPLS Control Plane Solutions for Transport Networks

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Abstract

An overview is given of ASON/GMPLS control plane capabilities and opportunities, the current status of standardisation as well as of application – control plane interworking solutions. Finally examples of practical implementations are highlighted from field trails in the frame of R&D activities up to carrier deployments.

Extended Abstract

An overview is given of ASON/GMPLS control plane functions, providing the basis for enhanced network functionalities and new service opportunities in carrier networks. For making use of these new features on global scale standard based inter-domain and inter-layer interface implementations are a prerequisite. Therefore the current status of the ongoing standardisation work will be reviewed and interoperability evaluations highlighted, which ensure seamless interworking of different vendor implementations.

Furthermore a summary of the main factors for broad control plane function usage is given, e.g. the availability of solutions for control plane instances at customer sites and for application – control plane interworking.

Finally, examples of practical implementations are highlighted ranging from field trails in the frame of R&D activities up to carrier deployments.



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