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INTRODUCTION

Software defined networking (SDN) technology is widely recognized as a promising solution for flexible and efficient provisioning of networks by virtualizing their infrastructures, which results in cost-effective realization of high capacity, low energy consumption and even low latency. SDN technology will remain highly influential over global industries, societies, and the environment for many years to come.

Optical fibre communication technology has offered sufficient transport capacity with a fixed physical topology. However, recent technological progress in optical networking enables physical reconfiguration of optical paths by controlling multiple dynamic modules such as wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) devices and switching devices. Here, the key is to have an intermediate controller that controls and maintains the multiple dynamic modules in an integrated fashion, according to the upper layer controller of the SDN.

In order to realize such a reconfigurable and/or dynamically switchable optical network infrastructures at a hardware level in a cost-effective, reliable, scalable and low-carbon manner, it is important to initiate, in a timely manner and to a wide extent, conceptual and technical discussions, particularly on the intermediate controller for future standardization.

It is very important for industries to identify requirements for network architecture and devices/components in a timely manner, and to improve the technology development and investment efficiencies.

The objective of this part of IEC 62343 is to contribute to the standardization of basic requirements of the dynamic optical path networks using the intermediate controller.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62343, which is a Technical Report, discusses the rationale, conceptual definition, and minimum list of functions for an intermediate controller that delivers a dynamic control signal to multiple dynamic modules. These modules are included in an optical-switch-based network node, according to the upper layer controller of software-defined optical networking.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.