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XMC20 - CENT2
High-capacity core unit for XMC20 platform

Delivering scalable packet networks with outstanding performance, CENT2 is the new core unit for XMC20 platform with increased packet switched capacity and enhanced timing/synchronization.

CENT2 addresses the needs for large-scale packet (MPLS-TP) operational utility networks, offering up to 4 x 10 Gbit/s MPLS-TP ports per unit or 8 x 10 Gbit/s per XMC20. CENT2 increases XMC20 packet switching capacity and supported MPLS-TP resources by multifold. Similar to CESM1/2, CENT2 performs all node management functions of the XMC20 and the data transport for the packet traffic. CENT2 fully supports the hybrid approach of XMC20 enabling parallel SDH and MPSL-TP networks and a smooth migration from SDH to MPLS-TP.

XMC20 is ABB's multiservice platform made for highly demanding and harsh utility environment. Platform's truly hybrid approach allows a smooth migration from traditional TDM to scalable Packet Switched Networks. Mission critical services with strict timing constraints must be transmitted in a highly secure and reliable manner along with IP-based applications. The new central card CENT2 brings increased MPLS-TP capacity into the chassis, which makes it suitable for large-scale MPLS-TP networks. CENT2 delivers high-precision timing (frequency, phase, and time) and synchronization with the in-built Stratum 3E oscillator. This ensures excellent time accuracy also during network resynchronization phases. CENT2-based networking solution uniquely addresses emerging network timing and synchronization concepts for electrical grid application needs.
Key Features

Key features and benefits of the new CENT2 core unit for XMC20:
- Enabling large-scale packet (MPLS-TP) networks
- 4x 10G/GE front interfaces via SFP+/SFP and 1x 100/1000Base-T Electrical front port
- Up to 146 Gbps switching core unit capacity for external and internal traffic on XMC20 variants
- Multifold increase in number of supported LSP and VPLS instances compared to CESM1/2
- High-capacity hardware-based BFD for high-capacity traffic supervision and guaranteed 50 ms switchover times
- 10 Gbit/s access to 5 service units for broadband applications
- Delivering network timing and synchronization with highest accuracy and precision, supporting:
  - PTP IEEE1588v2 boundary clock, ordinary clock and transparent clock at the same time
  - Synchronous Ethernet
  - Highest precision phase and frequency with exceptional stability for extended holdover times in case of network rerouting
  - Network clock concepts with exceptional resiliency and stability
  - Smooth legacy migration to packet traffic (as CESM1/2 core unit)
- True hybrid of advanced packet and legacy (TDM) technologies and applications

Interfaces
CENT2 provides transport of packet-based data streams via MPLS-TP. For that, the unit provides four 10G/GE front interfaces by means of SFP+/SFP admission as well as a further electrical FE/GE interface. Active or redundant 1:1 transport paths can be realized via these interfaces.

1:1 Equipment Protection
CENT2 can be installed redundantly in the chassis. In this configuration, one CENT2 is in standby mode and takes over operation in case a failure occurs in the active unit. This mechanism ensures highest availability of the system. The component redundancy covers the packet data layer, timing and synchronization as well as network element management.

Operation, Administration and Maintenance (OAM)
CENT2 provides hardware-supported OAM functions, proactively or on demand. OAM functions include delay measurements, continuity verification VF/LSP Ping and route tracing TR etc. These functions ensure the availability and quality of service of data paths, enabling the operator in trouble-shooting.

Timing and Synchronization
The timing and synchronization functionality contains two, 2.048 kHz reference clock inputs and outputs. The front ports support Synchronous Ethernet (SyncE) and IEEE-1588v2 PTP. These options allow for synchronous timing and a very high timing precision of sub-microseconds that are required for various applications.

Management
All XMC20 functions are managed centrally via the management system FOXMAN-UN or via a local craft terminal (graphic configuration tool FOXCST).

Technical data

Interfaces CENT2
- Optical: 4 x 10G with SFP+ modules / GE with SFP modules
- Electrical: 1 x FE / GE
- Management: 1x 10/100/1,000 Mbit/s electrical local management interface (RJ45)
- Backbone: Access to the GE/GE interface and 10 G bit/s (10x) in XMC20/612 chassis

Packet Data Functions CENT2
- MPLS-TP
  - MPLS-TP function in accordance with IETF RFC5921
  - Deterministic (static) LSP/PW connections without application of control plane protocols
  - Co-routed bidirectional LSP support
  - 1:1 linear protection, switching time below 50 ms
- L2 VPN
  - Virtual Private Wire Service (VPLS) (point-to-point) up to 2000 instances
  - Hierarchical VPLS (multi-layer) up to 100 instances
- VLAN services
  - In accordance with IEEE 802.1q: 4096 VLANs are supported
  - Port-/PCC-/DSCP-based classification (CoS) of the ingress traffic

Timing and Synchronization
- Synchronization sources
  - Local oscillator on CENT2 or SDH or Circuit emulation units
  - External 2.048 MHz synchronization inputs
  - Synchronous Ethernet on CENT2 front interfaces
  - IEEE1588v2 on CENT2 front interfaces
- Local SETS function of a SDH component
- SyncE
  - Synchronous Ethernet in accordance with ITU-T G.8262
  - ESMEC Ethernet Synchronization Messaging Channel in accordance with ITU-T G.8264
- PTP
  - Precision Time Protocol (version 2) in accordance with IEEE 1588-2008
  - Stratum 3 oscillator ±0.01ppm/24h
- OAM
  - BFD from 3.3ms up to 1000ms, 500 sessions
  - Continuity check CC, remote defect indication RDI, LSP Ping/continuity verification CV, delay measurement DM

Management CENT2
- General functions
  - Management and monitoring of the chassis and the Line-Cards
  - Database with management information, Embedded-Software Download
  - Storage and display of internal and external alarms (alarm input and output)
- OSPF-routing for management data, management via PDH/SDH ECC and MPLS MCC
- GSF routing for management data, management via PDH/SDH ECC and MPLS MCC
- FOXMAN-UN
  - For local management system
  - FOXMAN-UN
  - For central management system

Power Supply
- Input voltage nominal (min/max): -48/-60 V DC (-39.3 V DC ... -72 V DC)

Operation Environment
- Temperature range and humidity: According to XMC20 environmental specifications
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