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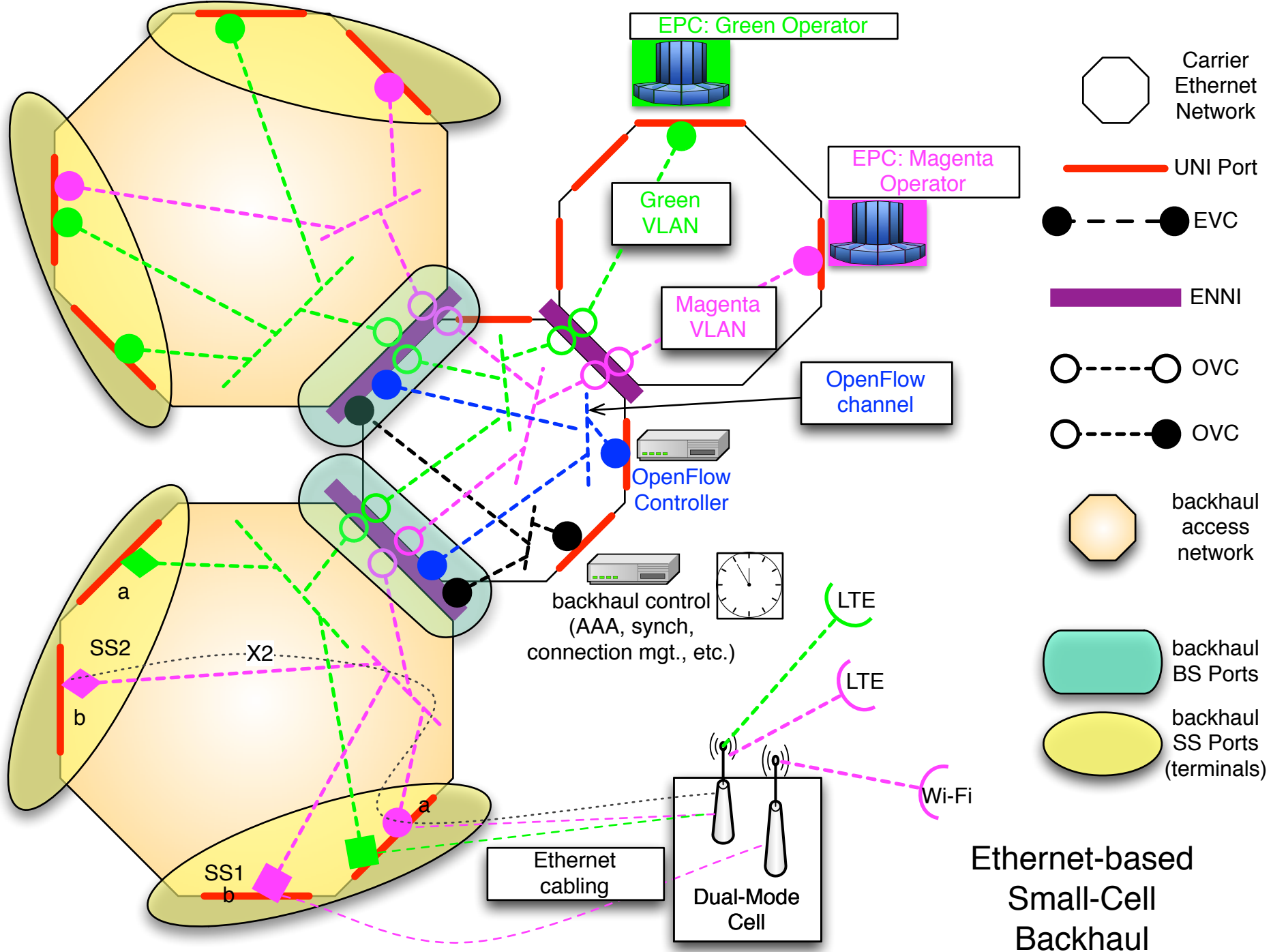
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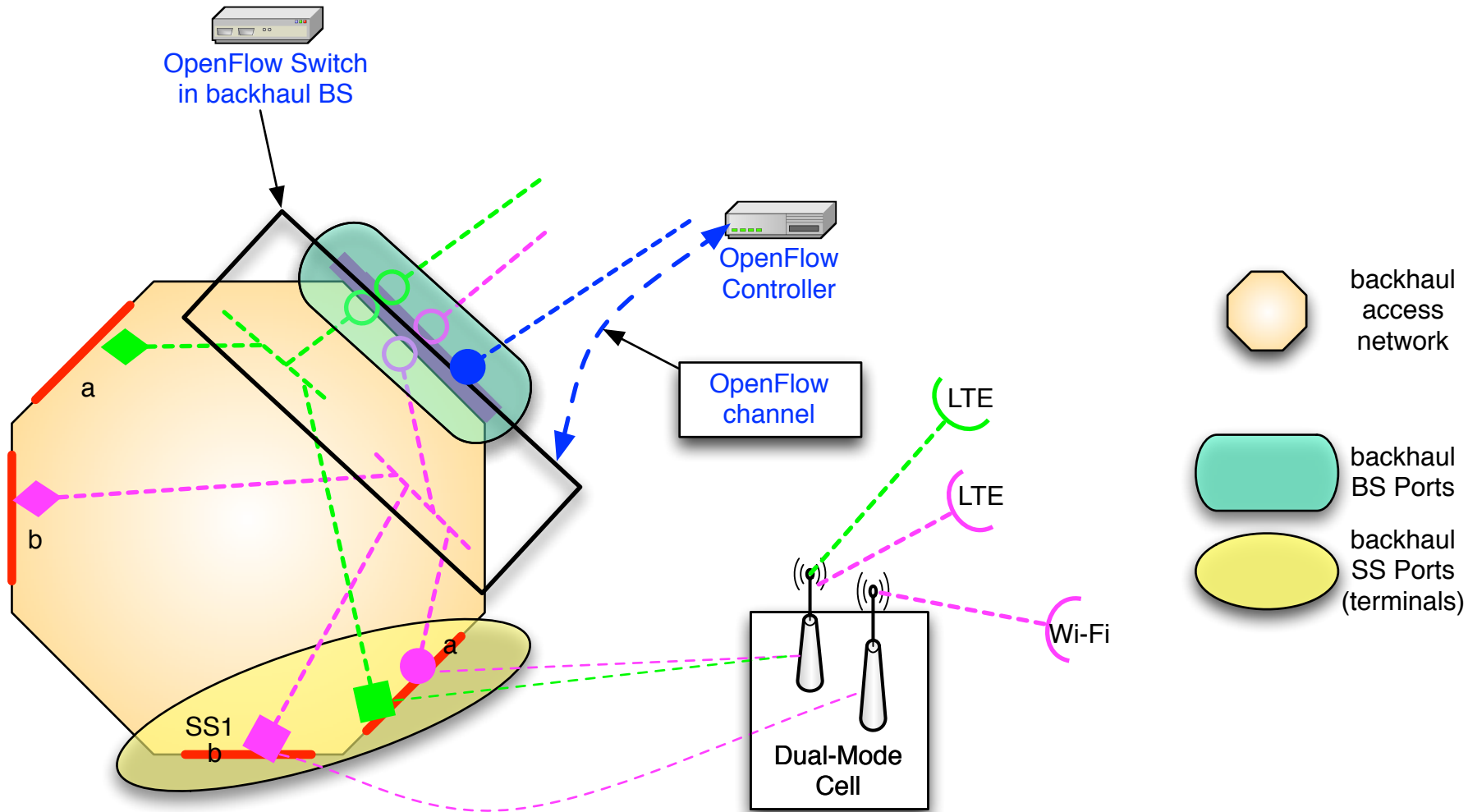
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Wireless Backhaul of Small Cells

- Fixed broadband wireless access can provide Carrier Ethernet services to sites not accessible with wired Carrier Ethernet.
 - supporting Ethernet Virtual Connections among a set of ports
- A major application is backhaul of wireless cells
 - particularly small cells (LTE, Wi-Fi, etc.) that require placement choice driven by user capacity requirements rather than wired backhaul availability
 - mobile operators prefer Ethernet backhaul connectivity for cells
 - IP rides over Ethernet
- Backhaul may be shared
 - could be provided by an independent provider of backhaul service, to multiple mobile operator customers, just like wired Carrier Ethernet
 - cells may carry user traffic and control signaling for LTE, 3G, Wi-Fi, etc.
 - even the cell may be shared among multiple mobile operators
- Capacity must be shared
 - capacity sliced among mobile operators and services, with SLA commitments
 - customer traffic is comprised of multiple flows with varying QoS requirements
- Problem being addressed in IEEE 802.16r project

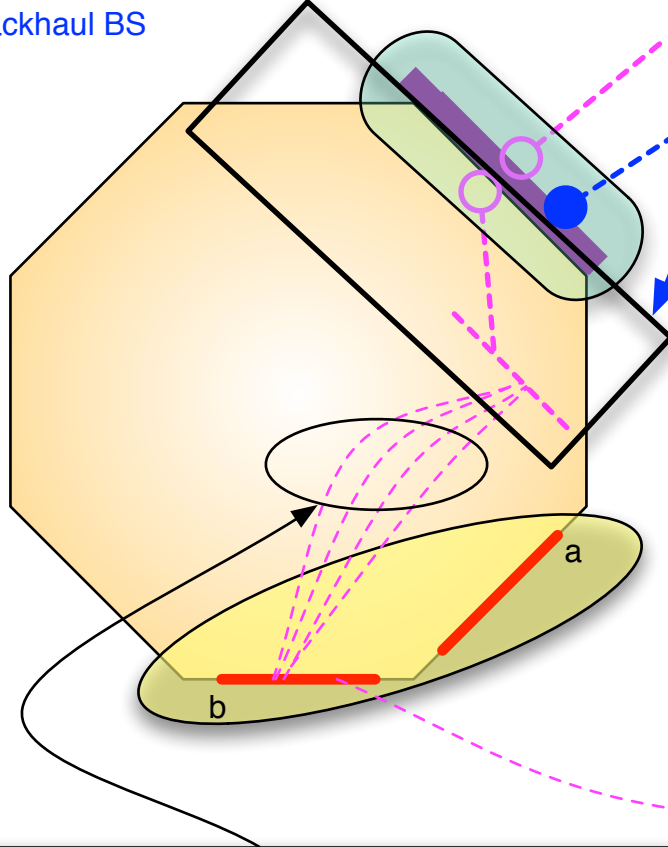


Highlight: OpenFlow Switch and Controller



Highlight: Transport Connections

OpenFlow Switch
in backhaul BS



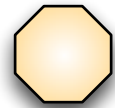
OpenFlow Controller

OpenFlow channel

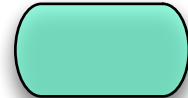
LTE

LTE

Wi-Fi



backhaul access network



backhaul BS Ports



backhaul SS Ports (terminals)

- multiple transport connections (typically over the air or on other bandwidth-constrained channel)
 - for example, IEEE 802.16 point-to-multipoint access, providing connection-oriented service over the air
- each connection maps one switch (virtual) port to one SS (virtual) port
- differentiated QoS; each connection has specified QoS parameters, known to OpenFlow controller
- connections can be assigned to mix of channels and technologies
 - for example, some connections may be point-to-point microwave, Wi-Fi, wired Ethernet, etc.
- connections assigned by OpenFlow switch per flow based on programmed flow tables
- backhaul controller manages connections, radio parameters, scheduling, etc. to meet specified QoS
 - OpenFlow controller not responsible for details
 - backhaul controller feeds back status and reporting to OpenFlow controller

First-Order Open Issue

- OpenFlow should be enabled to assign both port and connection identifier via flow tables (as programmed by controller)
 - port assignment is already inherent in OpenFlow
 - connection assignment should also be provided; two possible approaches:
 - connection assignment could be mapped to an existing OpenFlow field, such as output queue or logical port
 - a new explicit connection identifier field could be added