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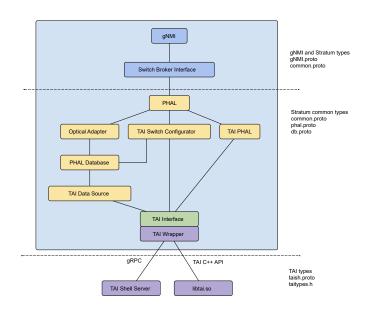
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# Transponder Abstraction Interface(TAI) support

This document provides an overview of the TAI library and interaction with TAI library wrapper and Stratum.

# The Overview

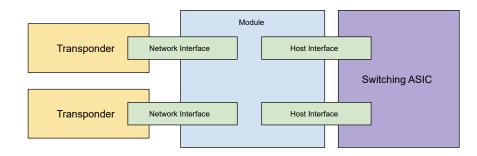
Figure below shows the overview of components which related to TAI support, we will cover these components from bottom to the top in following sections.



# Terminology

• Adapter Host - is hardware-independent software which uses the TAI interface to provide optical transponder functionality to other parts of the system. An adapter host loads the shared library adapter.

- Module is an object which represent an optical module (e.g., AC400 that is used in Voyager transponder).
- Host Interface is an object which represents an interface between an optical module and the host system, sometimes called client interface. Actually, this is an interface between an optical module and Ethernet ASIC.
- Network Interface is an object which represents hardware components that transmits/receives one wavelength. Or in other words, this is actually hardware that caries about an optical connection.



# **Enabling TAI Support in Stratum**

To build PHAL with the TAI backend, add the following define to all Bazel build commands:

bazel build --define phal\_with\_tai=true //stratum/...

Follow the relevant build instructions for Broadcom chips as usual.

#### Additional TAI Switch Setup

When built like described above, the Debian package will depend on the TAI package being available on the switch as well. To prepare the switch, download the pre-built package cassini-tai\_1.0\_amd64.deb from your distributor and install it:

apt-get install --reinstall cassini-tai\_1.0\_amd64.deb

The TAI package itself depends on Docker, so you might want to install that first.

TAI is managed by systemd, so use the usual commands to manage that:

- systemctl start taish-server.service # status|stop
- systemctl enable taish-server.service
- journalctl -feu taish-server

#### TAI Troubleshooting on Cassini

#### Optical ports (host interfaces) do not come up in the SDK

Occasionally the host interfaces will stop coming up in the SDK, but did so before and the configuration did not change.

1. Stop Stratum

- 2. Stop Taish server: systemctl stop taish-server.service
- 3. Pull and re-insert the big line-cards from both switches (on both sides)
- 4. Start taish server: systemctl start taish-server.service
- 5. Check taish logs until this message appears: docker logs -f taish-server :

```
DEBUG [int tai::nel::HW::controller_status()@1866] [module(1)] auto traffic state:
3
DEBUG [int tai::nel::HW::controller_status()@1868] [module(1)] auto traffic err
history: 0x0
DEBUG [int tai::nel::HW::controller_status()@1870] [module(1)] RX_LOS: false
DEBUG [int tai::nel::HW::controller_status()@1872] [module(1)] RXI-LOSI: false,
MLD-LOL: false
```

- 6. Start Stratum
- 7. Check port status: ps

### Stratum TAI Interface and TAI Wrapper

#### **TAI Interface**

The TAI interface provides an abstract interface between Stratum data source and the actual implementation.

This interface provides these function definitions for Stratum data source:

- Get module, network interface, and host interface IDs
- Get current input and output power
- Get/Set TX laser frequency of a network interface
- Get/Set target output power
- Get/Set modulation format

#### **TAI Wrapper**

A TAI Wrapper is an implementation of the TAI Interfcace.

There are two ways to manage optical transponders via TAI.

- Native C/C++ API (tai.h)
- gRPC TAI Shell (taish.proto)

In Stratum, we are using the taish.proto to create a gRPC client to communicate to TAI Shell. The Native C/C++ API is still work in progress. For more information, see taish\_client.cc

#### **PHAL** integration

According to the current PHAL architecture, the following interfaces were implemented for TAI.

#### **TaiOpticsDataSource**

This component provides a common layer between PHAL database and the TAI interface. It will call functions from TAI interface (the wrapper) directly to get/set information for a specific TAI network interface.

#### **OpticsAdapter**

The optics adapter helps PHAL to access the PHAL database. It basically create a database get or set request based on the function call from PHAL layer and returns the result.

#### TaiSwitchConfigurator

This component provides a default optical module and network interface configurations and it is responsible for configuring PhalDB during the initialization.

#### TaiPhal

Enables PhalBackendInterface functionality for TAI. This component should manage the gNMI event writters and TAI wrapper state. Also, it should be able to help collecting transponder states.

Note: This component is currently not implemented.

#### **PHAL Configuration**

The PhalInitConfig was extended with the PhalOpticalModuleConfig config support.

In PhalOpticalModuleConfig, there will be one or many network interfaces in a module, each module or network interface includes a special field called vendor\_specific\_id which is used for storing a vendor specific identifier for different implementation. In this case(TAI), this ID is repersent the object ID in TAI abstraction.

Here is an example of module config:

```
optical_modules {
  module: 1 # the 1-based index of the module
  network_interfaces {
    network_interface: 1 # the 1-based index of the network interface
    vendor_specific_id: 10 # the object id of the network interface
  }
  vendor_specific_id: 1 # the object id of the module
}
```

The new attributes were introduced into PhalDB. Like PHAL config, there exists multiple optical module and each module can include several optical network interfaces.

```
message OpticalModule {
  message NetworkInterface {
    int32 id = 1;
    uint64 frequency = 2; // Measured in Hz.
    double input_power = 3; // Measured in dBm.
    double output_power = 4; // Measured in dBm.
    double target_output_power = 5; // Measured in dBm.
```

```
uint64 operational_mode = 6;
}
int32 id = 1;
repeated NetworkInterface network_interfaces = 2;
}
message PhalDB {
   // ...
   repeated OpticalModule optical_modules = 6;
}
```

Note that we are not supprting configuring the Hoet Interface in TAI for now. This may be a future task that contributed by the community.

# Supported OpenConfig models(gNMI paths)

The OpenConfig model provides an optical channel configuration. Below are YANG models on GitHub we are using for TAI support:

- https://github.com/openconfig/public/blob/master/release/models/platform/openconfi g-platform-transceiver.yang;
- https://github.com/openconfig/public/blob/master/release/models/opticaltransport/openconfig-terminal-device.yang.

The entire model represents the set of gNMI configuration paths. Here are supported paths.

```
"state/..." paths (read only):
```

/components/component[name]/optical-channel/state/frequency
/components/component[name]/optical-channel/state/operational-mode
/components/component[name]/optical-channel/state/output-power/instant
/components/component[name]/optical-channel/state/input-power/instant

#### "config/..." paths (read and write):

/components/component[name]/optical-channel/config/frequency
/components/component[name]/optical-channel/config/operational-mode
/components/component[name]/optical-channel/config/target-output-power

#### Other paths:

/components/component[name]/name
/components/component[name]/config/name

Note: Both currently are read-only and report the component node name as well as Stratum doesn't support node renaming for now.

/components/component[name]/optical-channel/state/line-port /components/component[name]/optical-channel/config/line-port Note: The line port should be a reference to another node. Currently, they are both read-only value, which has set through the initial ChassisConfig (for both "state" and "config").

```
/components/component[name]/state/type
```

Note: will get "OPTICAL\_CHANNEL" if it is an optical component

# ChassisConfig extensions

A new OpticalNetworkInterface protobuf message was introduced into the ChassisConfig.

It stores the data required by the Stratum to set up and some initial optical network interface configuration.

Here is an example of the optical network interface configuration.

```
optical_network_interfaces {
    id: 4 # the object id of TAI
    name: "card-1001"
    module: 1
    network_interface: 1
    target_output_power: -3
    line_port: "card-1001"
    frequency: 19500000000
    operational_mode: 2
}
```

# OpenConfig and TAI attributes mapping through the gNMI paths

Find the full TAI attributes' list here: https://github.com/Telecominfraproject/oopt-tai/blob/master/inc/tainetworkif.h

terminal-optical- channel-config attribute	gNMI path under /comonents/component[name]/	Corresponding TAI attribute
frequency	config/frequency	TX_LASER_FREQ
operational-mode	config/operational-mode	MODULATION_FORMAT *
target-output-power	config/target-output-power	OUTPUT_POWER

terminal-optical- channel-state attribute	gNMI path under /comonents/component[name]/	Corresponding TAI attribute
frequency	state/frequency	TX_LASER_FREQ
operational-mode	state/operational-mode	MODULATION_FORMAT *

terminal-optical- channel-state attribute	gNMI path under /comonents/component[name]/	Corresponding TAI attribute
output-power	state/output-power	CURRENT_OUTPUT_POWER
input-power	state/input-power	CURRENT_INPUT_POWER

Note: The "operational mode" is a vendor-specific configuration of the channel represented by 16 bits. In TAI, we set modulation only. The following table pictures the bidirectional mapping of operational mode and modulation.

operational mode	modulation
1	MODULATION_FORMAT_DP_QPSK
2	MODULATION_FORMAT_DP_16_QAM
3	MODULATION_FORMAT_DP_8_QAM

# Todos

#### ChasisConfig to OpenConfig conversion and vise versa

Stratum supports the "Get"/"Set" operations for the entire ChassisConfig only in the OpenConfig format. Applying/retrieving of the entire OpenConfig at once in Stratum should be extended with the optical network interface.

#### "/name" and "/line-port" complete implementation

Stratum doesn't support Yang tree nodes renaming. Since the "config/name" paths represent the names of the actual nodes, they should be made configurable when Stratum supports that.

#### Collecting data from optical network interfaces

In OpenConfig model, there are few leaves which stores min, max, and average input/output power of a network interface. However, TAI does not provide these data. We need to collect those information and store in Stratum.

#### Notification support

Support notification such as input/output power report.