



# L2CP Tunneling MEF

This chapter introduces you to L2 Control Protocols (L2CP) tunneling to help initiate control packets from a local customer-edge (CE) device to a remote CE device.

**Table 1: Feature History Table**

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
L2CP Tunneling	Release 7.4.1	<p>This feature is now supported on routers that have Cisco NC57 line cards installed and operates in native and compatibility modes.</p> <p>L2 Control Protocols (L2CP) tunneling helps initiate control packets from a local customer-edge (CE) device to a remote CE device.</p>

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## L2CP Tunneling

The router supports the following tunnel protocols:

- Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP)
- Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)
- Operation, Administration, Management (OAM)
- Ethernet Local Management Interface (ELMI)
- Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)

Some of the L2 transport interfaces are:

- VPWS L2 transport main
- VPWS L2 subinterface
- L2 transport main bridge port
- L2 subinterface bridge port

- VPWS L2 bundle main port
- VPWS L2 bundle subinterface
- L2 bundle main bridge port

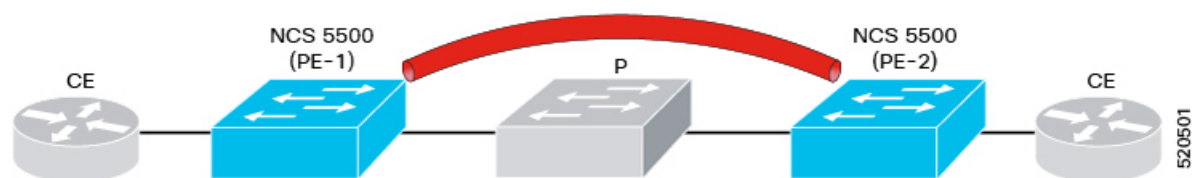
On a subinterface, when control packets such as LLDP and LACP are tunneled, the system tunnels the same control packets to the main interface.

The LACP packet for VPLS (also known as ELAN service) either gets peered or dropped.

The router tunnels Layer 2 packets between PEs.

The following figure depicts Layer 2 protocol tunneling.

**Figure 1: L2CP Tunneling**



L2CP packets are tunneled from NNI to NNI (depicted in red pipe). The Layer 2 traffic is sent through the Cisco NCS 5500 Series Routers, and these routers switch the traffic from end to end.

#### Restrictions

- VPLS service does not support LACP tunneling.
- VPWS and EVPN-VPWS services support LACP tunneling.

## L2CP Protocol Support on Cisco NCS 5500 Series Router

The router supports Layer 2 peering functionalities on a per Ethernet Flow Point (EFP) basis. It supports maximum packet rate of 10 packets per second (per interface) for a protocol, and 100 packets per second for all protocols (on all interfaces).

You do not need to configure L2CP tunneling explicitly. L2CP packets are tunneled over Layer 2 tunnel by default.

The following table lists the options that are supported on the router and displays the supported defaults and configuration options for the router.

Protocol	Packet Type	Action
CDP	Untagged	Peer
LACP	Untagged	Peer
LLDP	Untagged	Peer else Tunneled
STP	Untagged	Peer
VTP	Untagged	Peer

Protocol	Packet Type	Action
OAM	Untagged	Peer
BPDU	Untagged	Tunneled
UDLD	Untagged	Peer
CDP	Tagged	Tunneled
LACP	Tagged	Tunneled
LLDP	Tagged	Tunneled
STP	Tagged	Tunneled
VTP	Tagged	Tunneled
BPDU	Tagged	Tunneled
OAM	Tagged	Tunneled
ELMI	Tagged	Tunneled
UDLD	Tagged	Peer

Protocol	Services and Action on Cisco NCS 5700 Series Line Cards							
	EPL1	EPL2	ELAN	E-Tree	EVPL1	EVLAN	EVTREE	Enable on Interface
STP	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Not supported
RSTP	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Not supported
LACP /LAMP	Tunnel	Tunnel	Discard	Discard	Discard	Discard	Discard	Punt
LOAM	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	NA	NA	NA	Drop
E-LMI	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Punt
LLDP	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Punt
PTP	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Punt
ESMC /SynCE	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	NA	NA	NA	Not supported
CDP	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	NA	NA	NA	Punt
MACSEC	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Tunnel	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Punt-not supported

Protocol	Services and Action on Cisco NCS 5700 Series Line Cards							
	EPL1	EPL2	ELAN	E-Tree	EVPL1	EVLAN	EVTREE	Enable on Interface
UDLD	Drop	Drop	Drop	Drop	NA	NA	NA	Punt



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**Note** L2CP protocols over BVI is not supported.

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