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Technical Evolution of Optical Networks Towards New Revenue-Generating Applications

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Asian Operators – Healthy and Growing in 2003

Increased revenue and profitability ...

| | Revenue | | | Profit Margin | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| | Growth 02/01 | 2002 | Growth 03/02 E | 2002 | 2003E |
| Fixed | -5.1% | 113 BE | 1.4% | 4.5% | 6.0% |
| Mobile | 4.9% | 111 BE | 4.4% | 8.3% | 11.5% |
| Fixed & Mobile | 7.6% | 30 BE | 2.2% | 17.3% | 16.0% |
| Total | 0.5% | 254 BE | 2.8% | 7.7% | 9.6% |

Estimated CY2003 Source: MSDW, Company data



Operators expect Revenues up, Costs down. Profits up

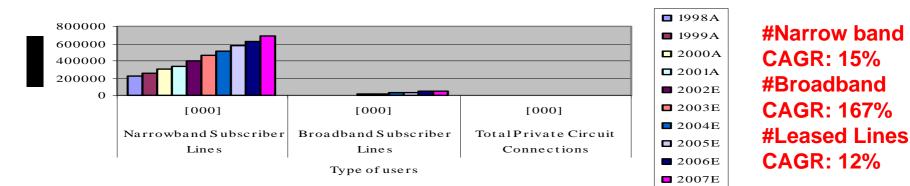
| Indicator | 2002 | 2003E |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Fixed Line | | |
| Overall Penetration | 29.7% | 29.8% |
| ARPU | \$26.2 | \$26.1 |
| Lines/employee | 385 | 418 |
| Capex/sales | 24.0% | 20.3% |
| Mobile | | |
| Overall Penetration | 45.5% | 48.8% |
| ARPU | \$21.3 | \$20.8 |
| Data Rev/Total Rev | 4.8% | 7.8% 🔶 |
| Subs/employee | 2,111 | 2,273 |
| Capex/sales | 66.3% | 34.4% |

Source: Goldman Sachs. Figures are arithmetic averages, not weighted averages.

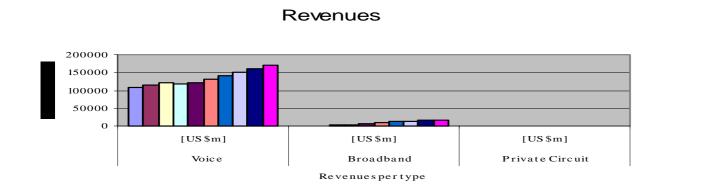


Strategic aspects in APAC: revenues and users growth

Number of Suscribers



Source: Pyramid Research

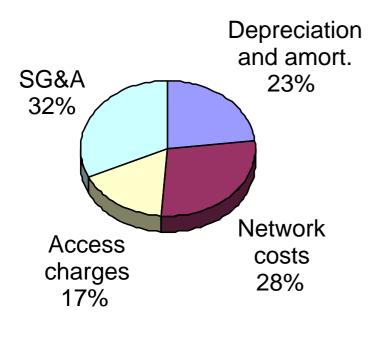


\$Total CAGR: 3% \$Broadband CAGR: 115% \$Leased Lines CAGR: 9.7%



Do the ABC: Opex improvements becoming as important as Capex improvements

2002 Opex: \$161 billion for NA ILECs and IXCs



Source: RHK Inc. 2003

- > Network costs
 - Operations
 - Maintenance
 - Provisioning
- > Access charges
 - Fees paid to use another network
- > SG&A
 - Sales & Marketing
 - Finance
 - Corporate Overhead
- > Depreciation and amortization
 - Allocation of tangible and intangible fixed assets



Revenues Opportunities: Growing demand for metro services

| | Service | 2007 Revenues (\$Millions USD) | 5-year CAGR |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Ethernet access | 5,657 | +59% |
| 2. | IP-VPN | 3,239 | +27% |
| 3. | VoIP (wholesale) | 1,721 | +28% |
| 4. | Native ATM | 1,126 | +20% |
| 5. | Web-hosting (carrier) | 875 | +40% |
| 6. | Web-hosting (ISP) | 673 | +41% |
| 7. | IP multi-cast (retail) | 450 | +115% |
| 8. | Content distribution/ Caching (wholesale) | 407 | +35% |
| 9. | IP multi-cast (wholesale) | 267 | +72% |
| 10. | Unified Messaging | 246 | +63% |

Source: Gartner Dataquest Apr03



Worldwide Revenues

| Service/Year | 2003 | 2007 |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Frame Relay | \$16.7B | \$16.7B |
| Leased Lines | \$23.2B | \$24.2B |
| Ethernet | \$1.2B | \$8.3B |

Source: Infonetics Research



Services Price and Quality Positioning

| Leased Lines | 100 | No Overbooking |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Frame Relay | 70 | CIR + BE nx64Kb/s |
| Ethernet (Objective) | 70 | CIR + BE |
| Network based IP VPN | 45 | No QoS |
| CPE IP VPN | 15 | No guarantees |

Source: Internal studies



The strategic aspects of the Metro network

- The metro network has been up to recently built in overlaying networks, one per type of service.
- The current pressure for financial performance and cost efficiency, is leading operators to built metro networks with the following characteristics:
- Migrating services and protecting revenues
- Simplifying and collapsing the network reducing the number of overlaying networks.
- OPEX reduction through centralized OAMP

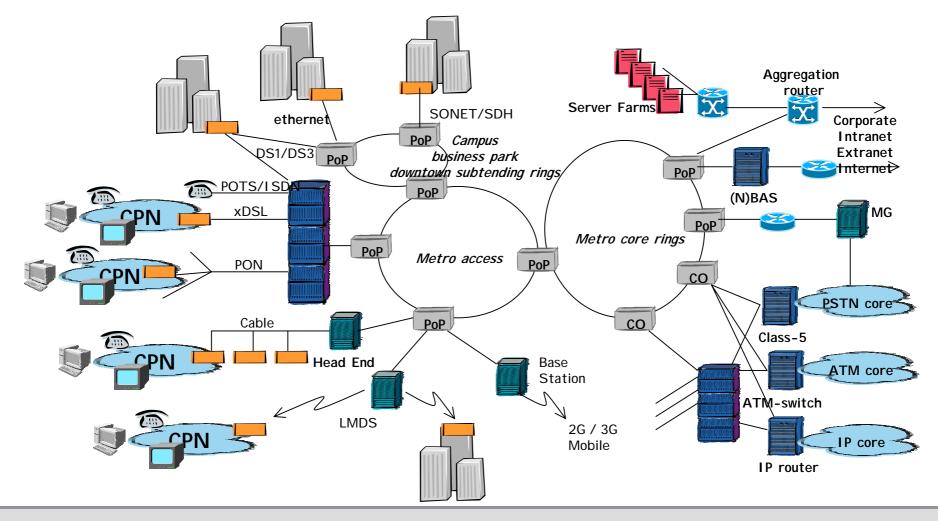


Yield management: One metro network or many?

- How to achieve economies of scale?
- Corporate services:
 Existing leased lines services and frame relay
 New emerging Ethernet services
 Future GPRS/EDGE/3G cellular services
- → Residential services:
 - →Existing ADSL services
 - Future VDSL services
 - Future GPRS/EDGE/3G cellular services
 - Emerging Ethernet services



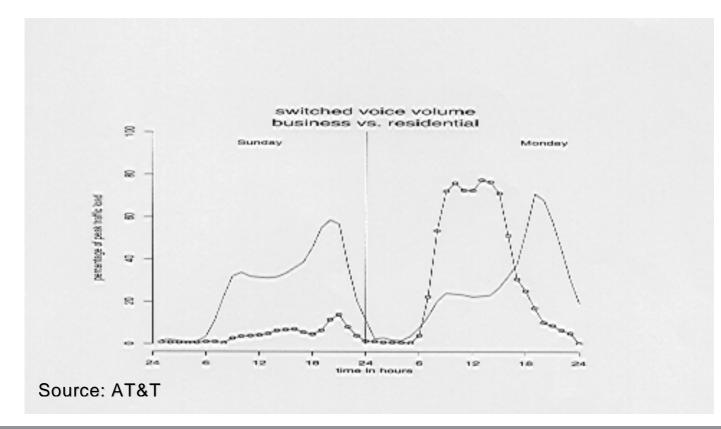
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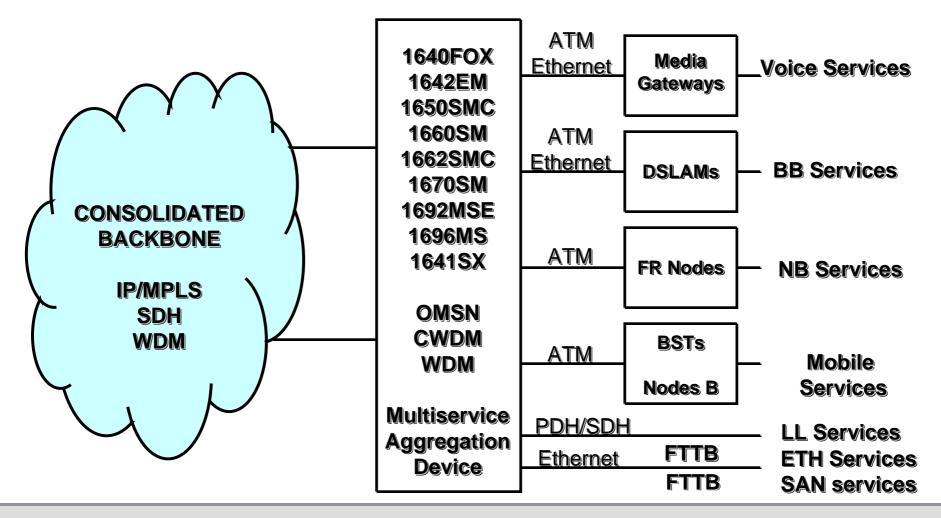
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→ QoS allows one network to better use complementary traffic matrixes on the same infrastructure.





Yield management: One metro aggregation system or many?





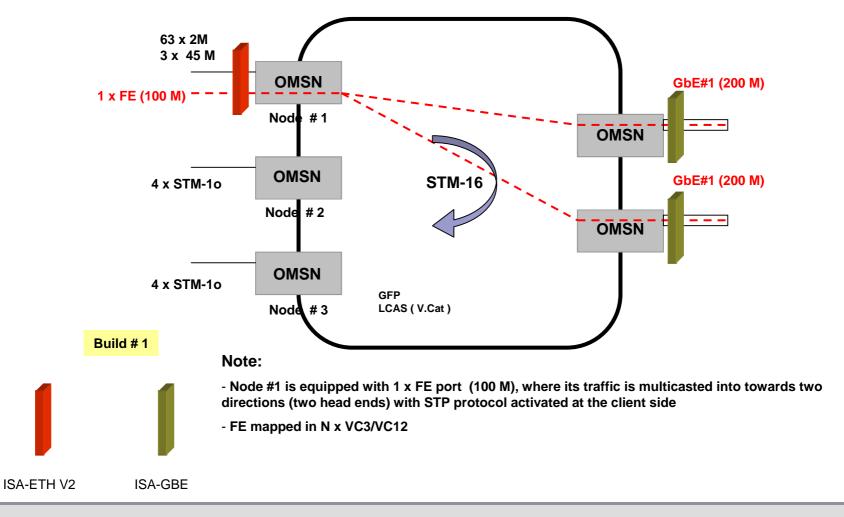
Connectivity required in the WAN

- Connectivity between large hubs
 - →Consolidated traffic
 - →QoS managed in the enterprise
 - Point to point leased lines type of services suffice
 - → VCX, LCA, GFP are the solutions adopted
- Connectivity between small branches and large hubs and LAN to LAN connectivity
 - →Volatile traffic
 - →QoS managed by the service provider
 - → Point to multipoint services welcome

→ MPLS switching is the solution adopted

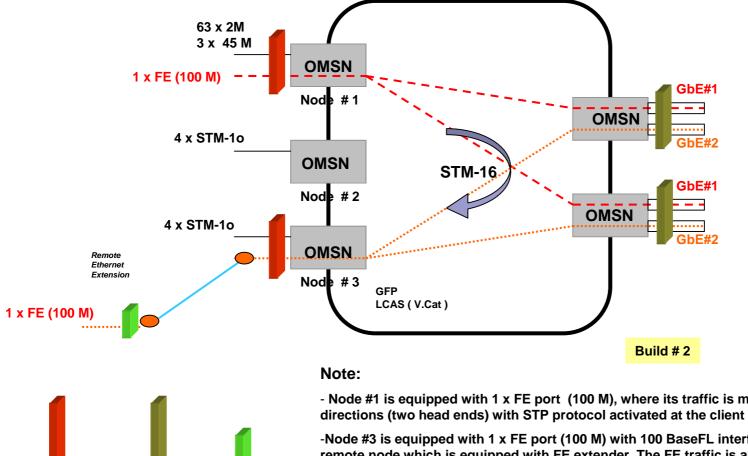


Initiating Ethernet Point to Point with ISA Ethernet boards





Continuing Ethernet Point to Point with ISA Ethernet



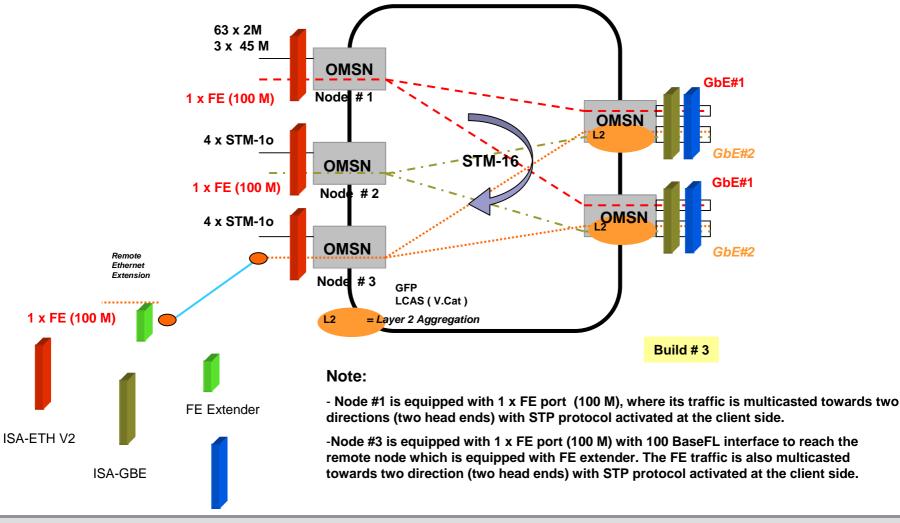
ISA-ETH V2 ISA-GBE FE Extender

- Node #1 is equipped with 1 x FE port (100 M), where its traffic is multicasted towards two directions (two head ends) with STP protocol activated at the client side.

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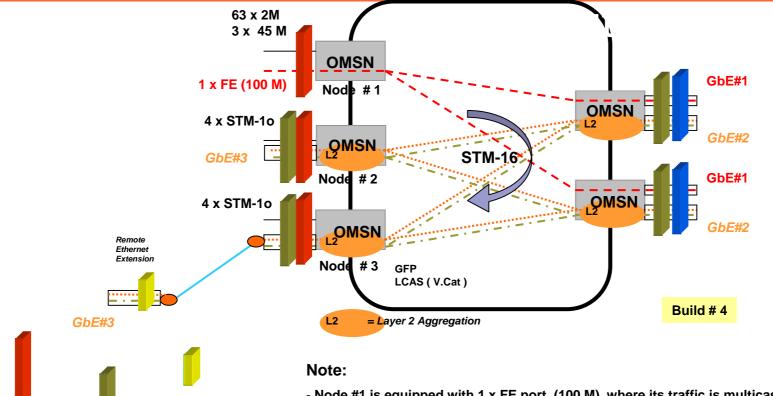
Extending Ethernet Point to Multi-Point with ISA Ethernet







Extending Ethernet Multi –Point to Multi-Point



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GBE Extender



ISA-GBE

ISA-ETH V2

Conclusions

- The metro network holds the key to revenues generation and operator's profitability.
- It is also the most capital intensive piece of infrastructure.
- Tight financial controls will be applied to metro investments strongly focusing on risk management and ROI.
- The only way to achieve these objectives is to have a single convergent multi-service transmission metro network.





