

FTTP (Fiber-to-the-Premises) Next Generation Broadband Access Network

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Why FTTP? Why Now? What's Different than before?



- Superior Full Service Network
 POTS, Data, Video
- Standards Based {G.983.x}
- Reduced Costs (Actives & Passives)
- Low Cost compared with PMO
- Reduced Maintenance Costs {Passive Plant}
- Continued Increasing Data Bandwidth Demand
 Demand for Video
- DSL Unlikely to Meet Longer Term Needs
- Entertainment Video
- Changing Regulatory Environment



New Network

Re-inventing the Network

New Processes
Increased Revenue
Opportunity
and
Lower Cost

New Regulatory Framework



PON Architecture (ITU-T G.983): A New Network



G.983



- Range defined by:
 - 20 Km range defined by ranging protocol.
 - Used to align ONTs' upstream data into timeslots
 - Optical Budget (See below)

B-PON ODN Class	Maximum Attenuation (dB)	Minimum Attenuation (dB)	Differential ODN Loss (dB)
A	20	5	15
В	25	10	15
С	30	15	15
Enhancement Band system specific. Conventional RF video will require altered ODN	Alignment w/ B-PON Max Attenuation allows common design max budget over 0-20 km range	Enhancement Band system specific	Can be reduced by video Receiver dynamic range. Analog video Receivers have dynamic range of 4-7 dB

FTTP: A New Network





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Dynamic Bandwidth Assignment (DBA)



FTTP Architecture





UPC and APC Connectors





PC Connectors

- More prevalent, due to large deployment in digital systems
- Lower loss than APC connectors
- Historically issue was relative low optical return loss(ORL) ~ 50 dB, due to reflected signal being reflected back into fiber.
 - Present ORL sufficient for digital systems.
 - Newer mated connectors have much better ORL of 60 dB.

APC Connectors

- More prevalent in systems carrying video
- Historically higher insertion loss but this has improved over the last several years
- Higher ORL of ~ 60 dB+ due to angled fiber structure, which reflects unwanted signal into surrounding cladding regardless of mated or unmated state.
- More tolerant {from a reflection point of view} to moisture and dirt.





Fiber Distribution Hub (Medium)





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FTTP Full Build and Overlay Architectures







• Target Market

- Predominantly residential neighborhoods
 - Serves all Consumer & Small/Medium Business services
 - Residence & business customers on same PON; different ONTs/CPE
- Services:
 - Residence 2 to 4 POTS; 10/100BaseT; 860 MHz RF Video (Analog & digital channels; HDTV; VOD)
 - Business 10/100 BaseT; 1-4 DS1; POTS; Specials (adjunct IAD)
 - Multiple Dwelling Units {MDUs with 12 living units}
 - 12 Ethernet/VDSL {for longer inside wiring distances}
 - 24 POTS
 - Video

FullBuild:



- Driver
 - FTTP initial Capex near parity with PMO (DLC/copper/DSL)
 - Lifecycle considerations favor FTTP (reduced Opex, deferred Capex, declining prices, increased revenues, regulatory relief)
- FTTP Built to Serve All Homes and Businesses (All Services) in Distribution Area (DA)
- Used for Greenfield
- All services offered over fiber

Overlay:



- Driver
 - Primary deployment driver is broadband service demand
 - Benefits, in addition to new services & revenues:
 - Operations/Maintenance savings for customers transitioned to FTTP
 - Improved quality of service
- Used in Established Neighborhoods for Broadband Service Demand and Plant Modernization (Relief and Rehab) Applications
- Overlay (No Replacement) FTTP Alongside Existing Access Network (Initially)
- Customers Transitioned to FTTP Over Time
- Feeder and Distribution Fiber Placed Initially Passed all Homes and Businesses
 - Electronics Added As Customers Transition
 - Makes Costs More "Subscriber Driven"
 - Broadband Services Available to all Homes and Businesses Passed
- Employ connectorized drop, saving time, expense and maintenance costs.
- Rate of Transition Triggered by Broadband Service Demand and Repair



Legacy Access Network

Manual Order Taking

Copper Pair Allocation

Service Activation via Installation Dispatches

Limited Fault Isolation With Traditional NID

Manual Asset Inventory





Bandwidth Allocation

FTTP Access Network

Web-based Order Fulfillment



Software-based Service Activation



Proactive Performance Monitoring at ONT



Auto-discovery and Reporting of Assets



FTTP Deployment Activities

• TimeLine

- Verizon, SBC and BellSouth launched a joint effort in February 03 to develop common FTTP requirements
 - Standards Stimulate and Focus Suppliers; Drive Volume; Reduce Prices
- Joint RFP issued June, 2003
- Final vendor recommendation in September timeframe
- Contract signed in January
- Fiber being propositioned since early 2003
- Verizon FTTP general deployment planned to begin in 2Q04
 - Overlay contiguous COs in key market areas
 - Virtually all Greenfield to be built with FTTP
 - Pass about 1 million homes in 2004
 - Potentially double in 2005

Challenges



- Cost, Cost, Cost
 - Cost of ONTs
 - Need continued "Partnership" between vendors and Operators to all mutually invest in FTTP
 - Need cost reduction in ONT components
 - Triplexors
- New and Innovative solutions to cost of deployment in Buried Areas.
- Need interoperability between vendors equipment



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