

THE USE OF IP-BASED TECHNOLOGY OVER DARK FIBRE TO DELIVER S&T SOLUTIONS.

“JOCK WAN – FIBRE FIX”

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IN THE BEGINNING

Ayrshire LLPA System

- No stored announcements for automatic broadcast.
- Poor speech quality
- Long time delay on “real time” announcements
- Early digital design which incorporated products designed for the “home” market

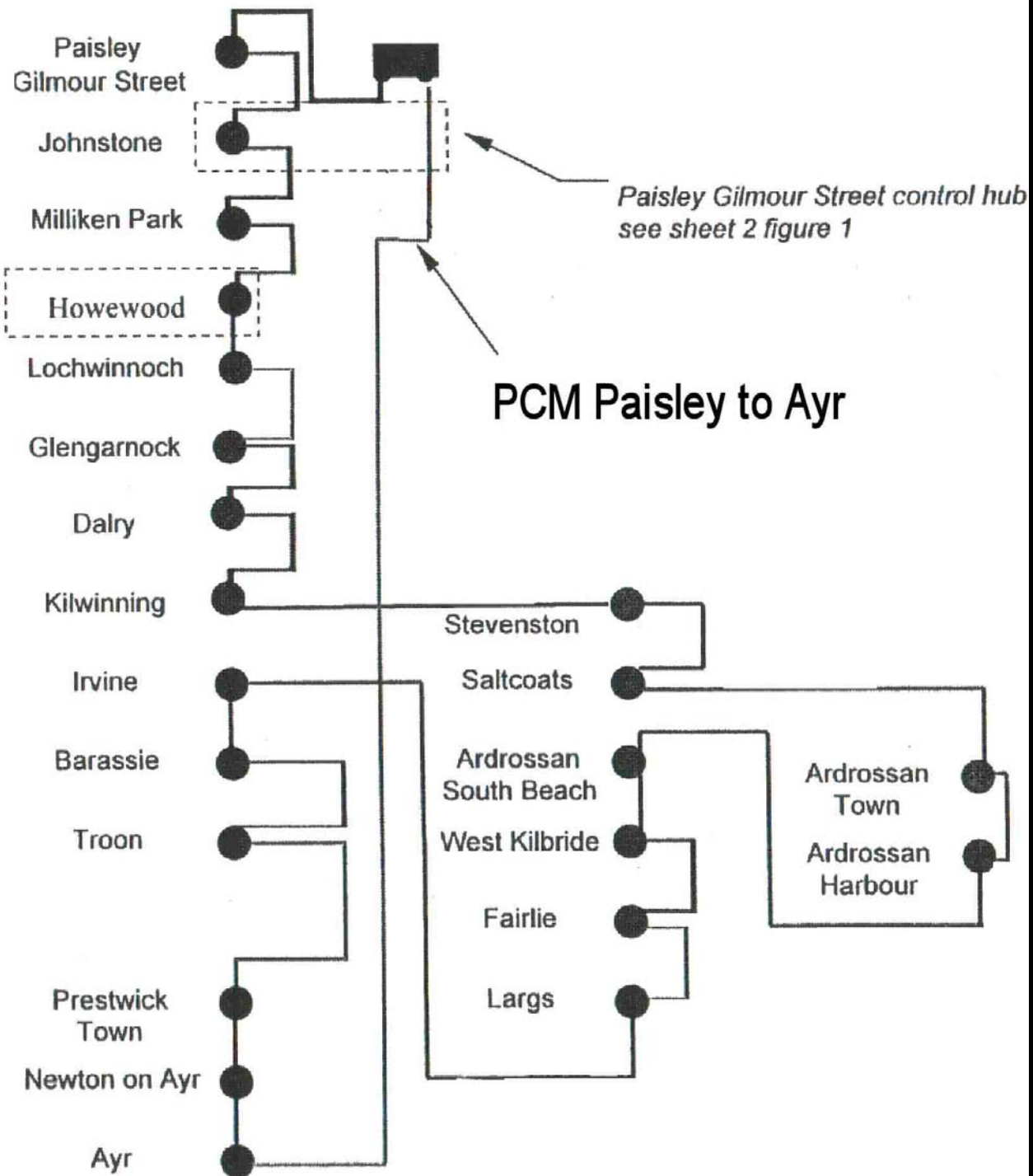




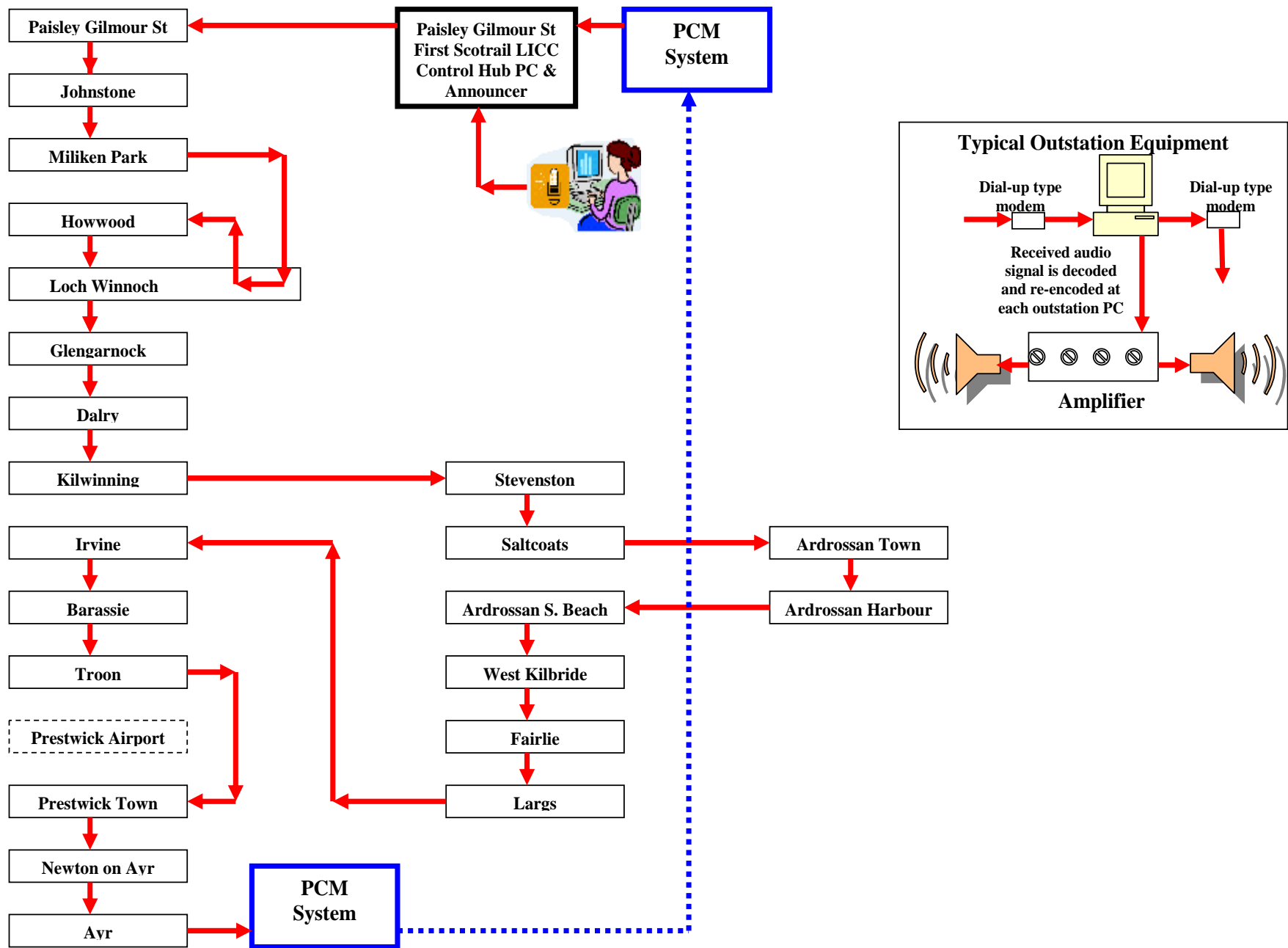
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AYRSHIRE LLPA –EXISTING QSL SYSTEM





Need for Interim Solution

- First Scotrail and Route Director Pressure on RAM to get a working, real-time announcement solution
- Poor reliability of existing system
- Severe bandwidth limitations of 22kb modems and legacy PCM system
- Can't wait for full FTN fibre solution in a year's time

Constraints on Delivery

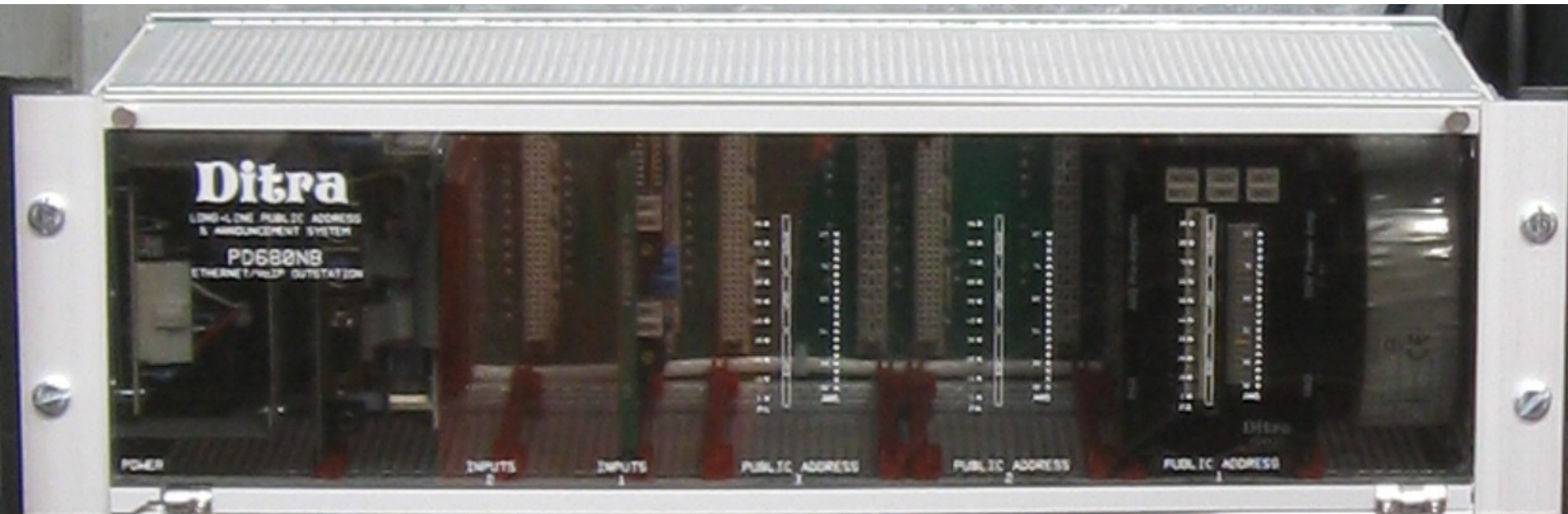
- Legacy copper was only viable solution
- First Scotrail refused to allow use of their WAN (bandwidth constraints)
- Head of Telecoms pushing for VOIP using FTN SDH as backbone
- Interim Solution concentrated on just Getting a Working System

Technical Solution Adopted

- Use DITRA outstation/amplifier with IP addressing
- Use of a new Alcatel DSL product – 1521CLIP (basically an Ethernet extender)
- Use existing speakers and wiring
- Use existing location cabinets



DITRA Outstation Amplifier



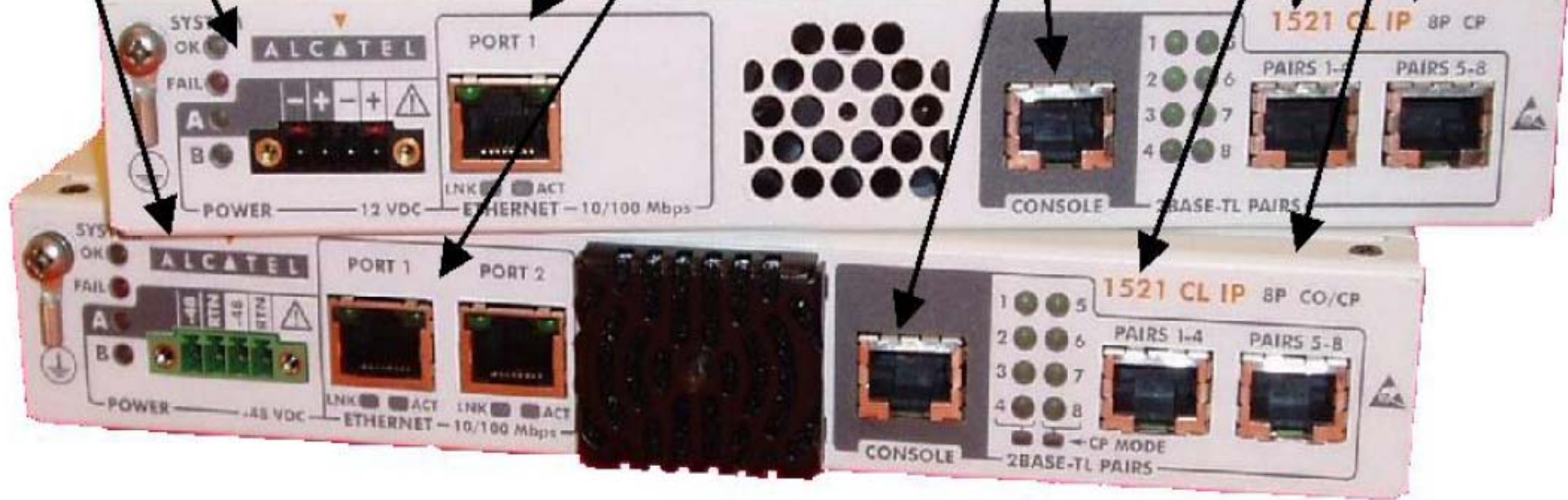
Alcatel 1521CLIP

Redundant
Power Input

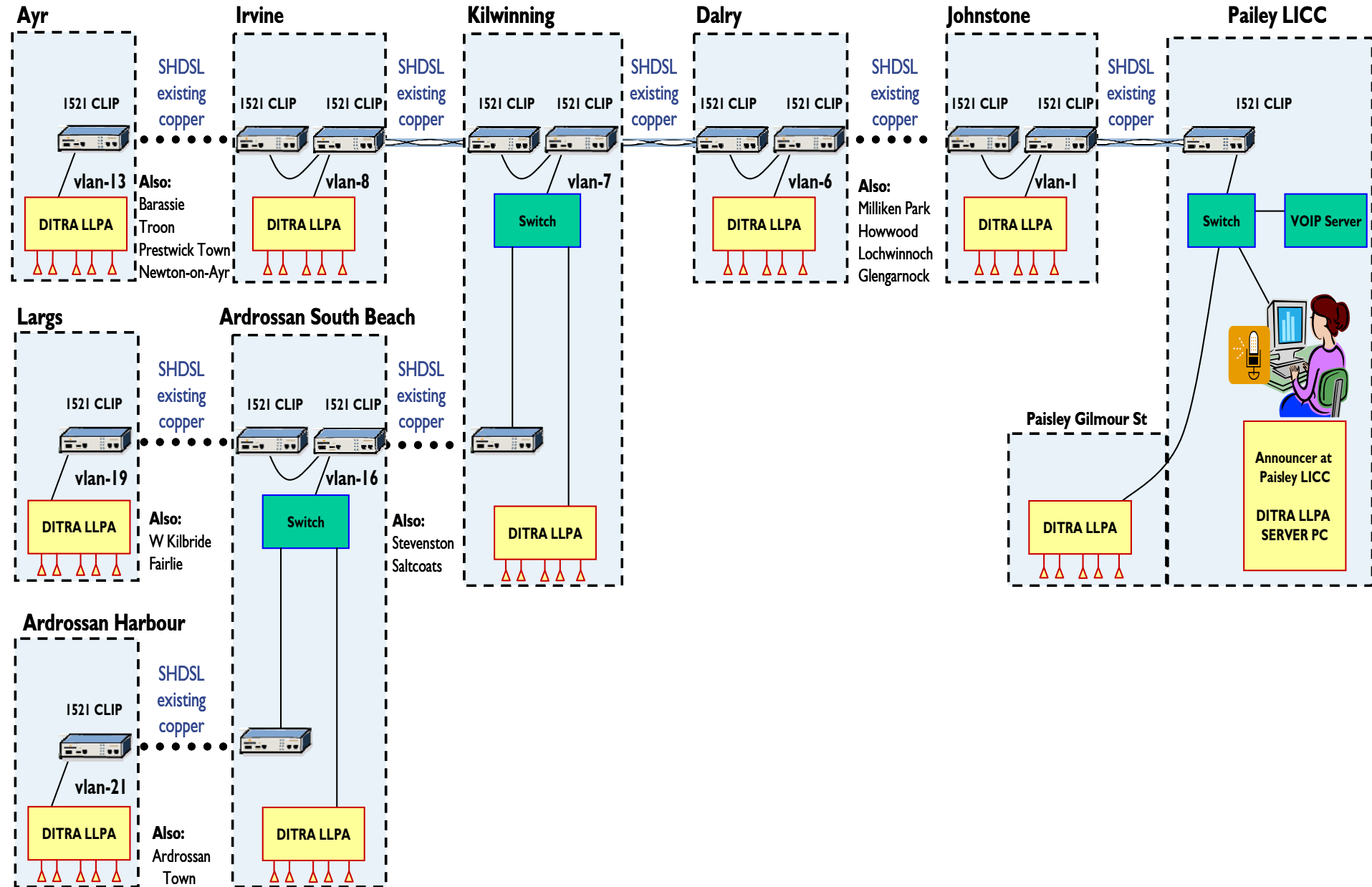
10/100Base-TX
Ethernet interface

1 to 8 Pairs
Bonded 2Base-TL

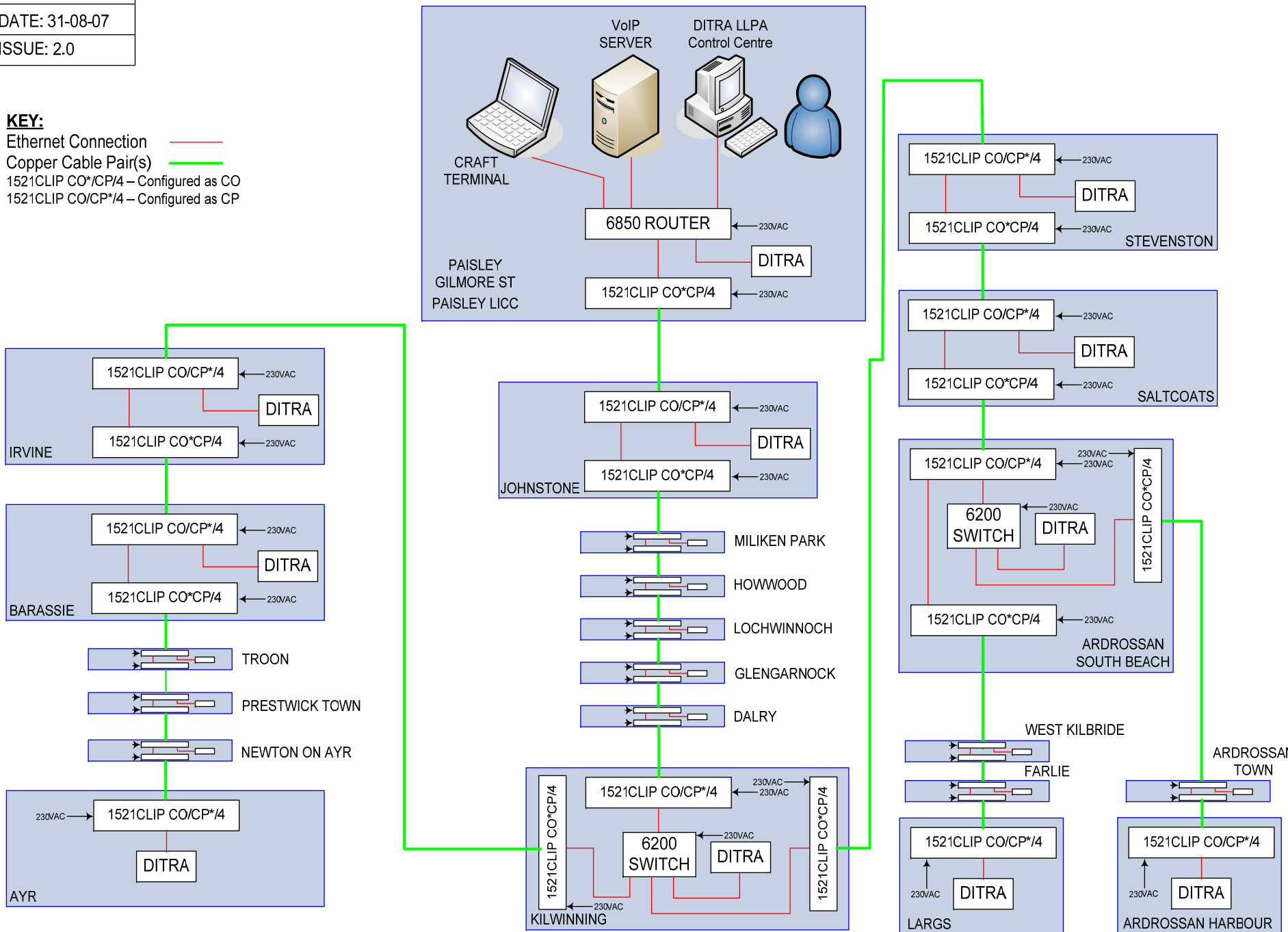
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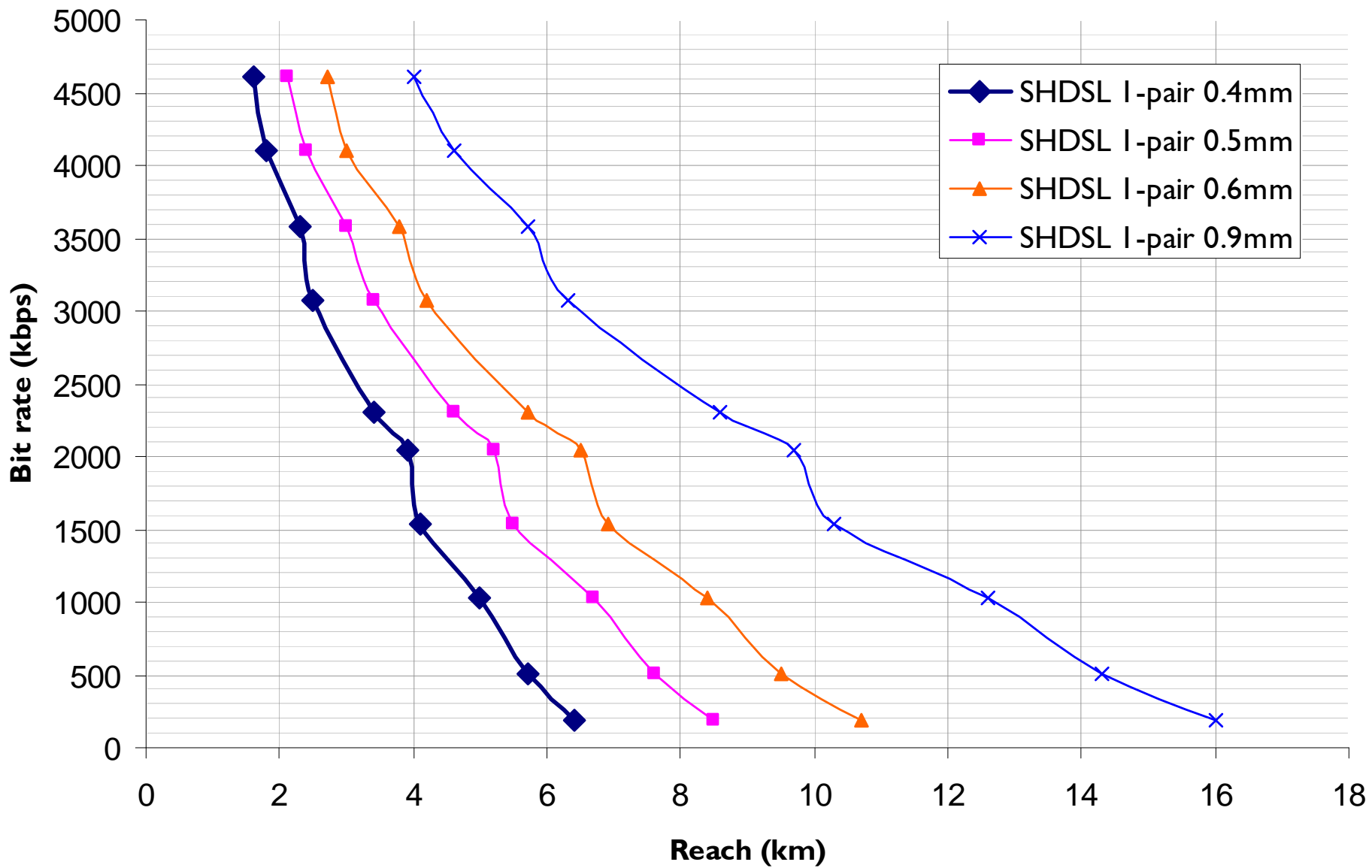


AYRSHIRE LLPA – PROPOSED USE OF 1521 CLIP WITH VLAN CONFIGURATION



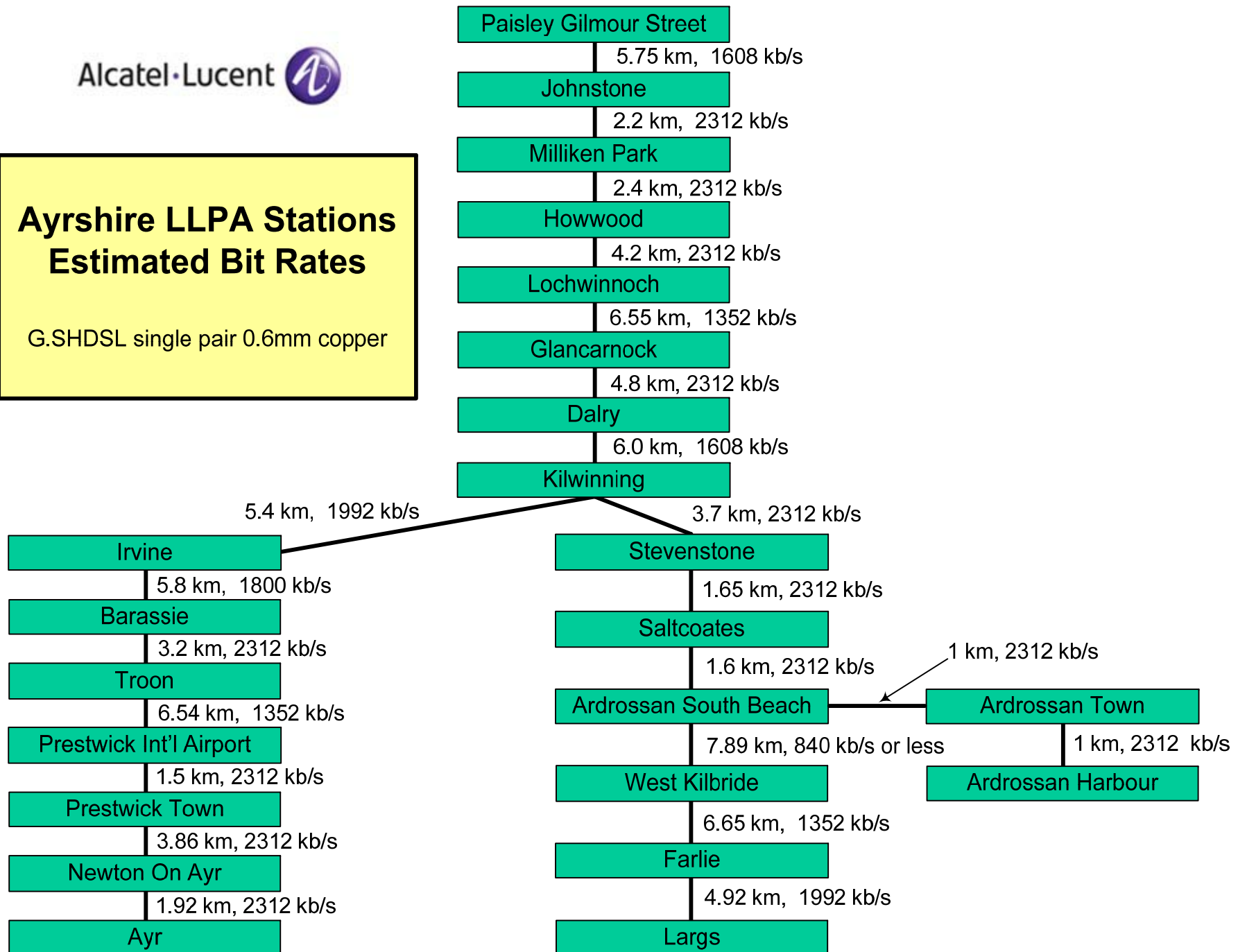
KEY:
Ethernet Connection —
Copper Cable Pair(s) —
1521CLIP CO*/CP/4 – Configured as CO
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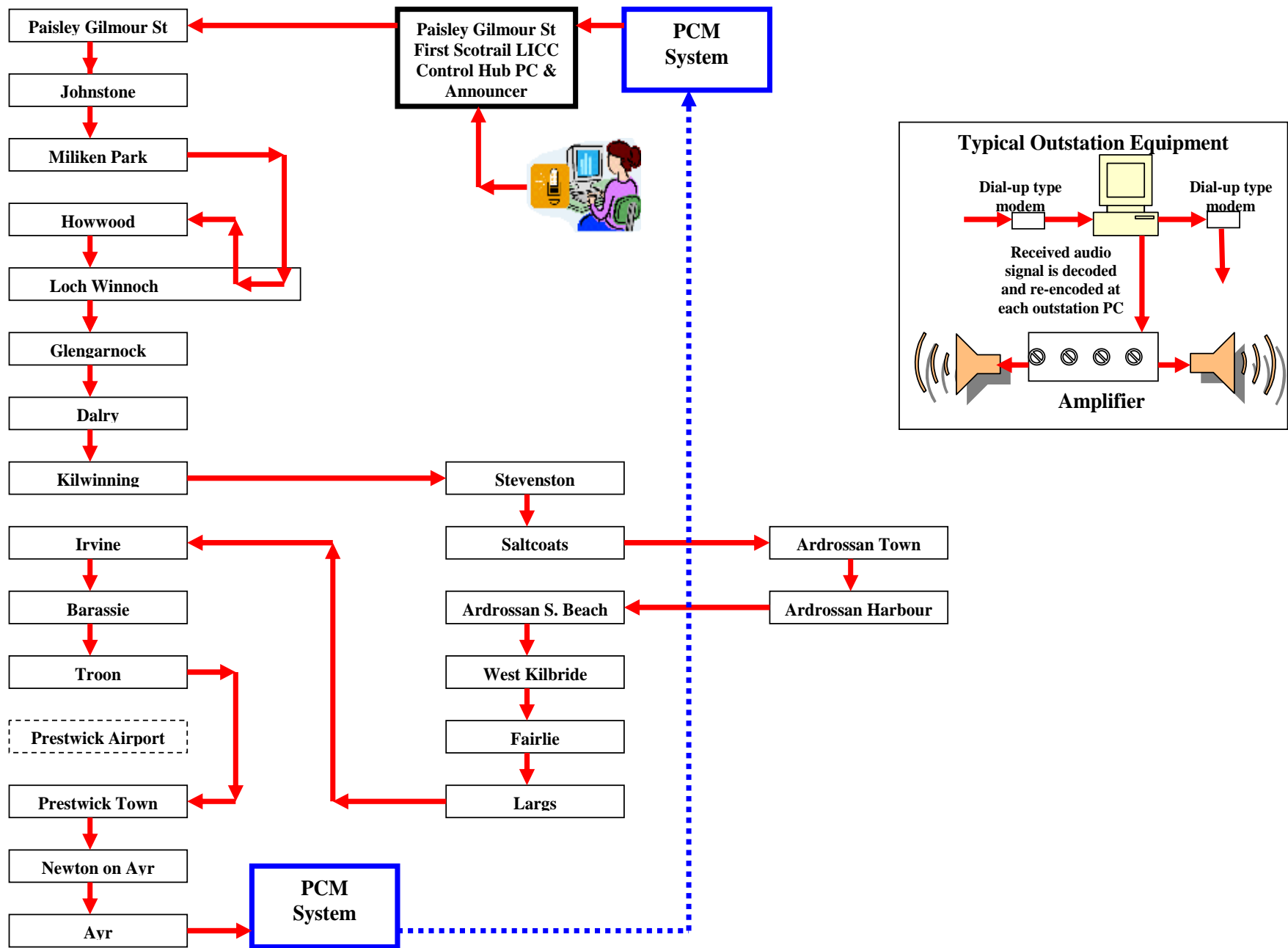


Ayrshire LLPA Stations Estimated Bit Rates

G.SHDSL single pair 0.6mm copper



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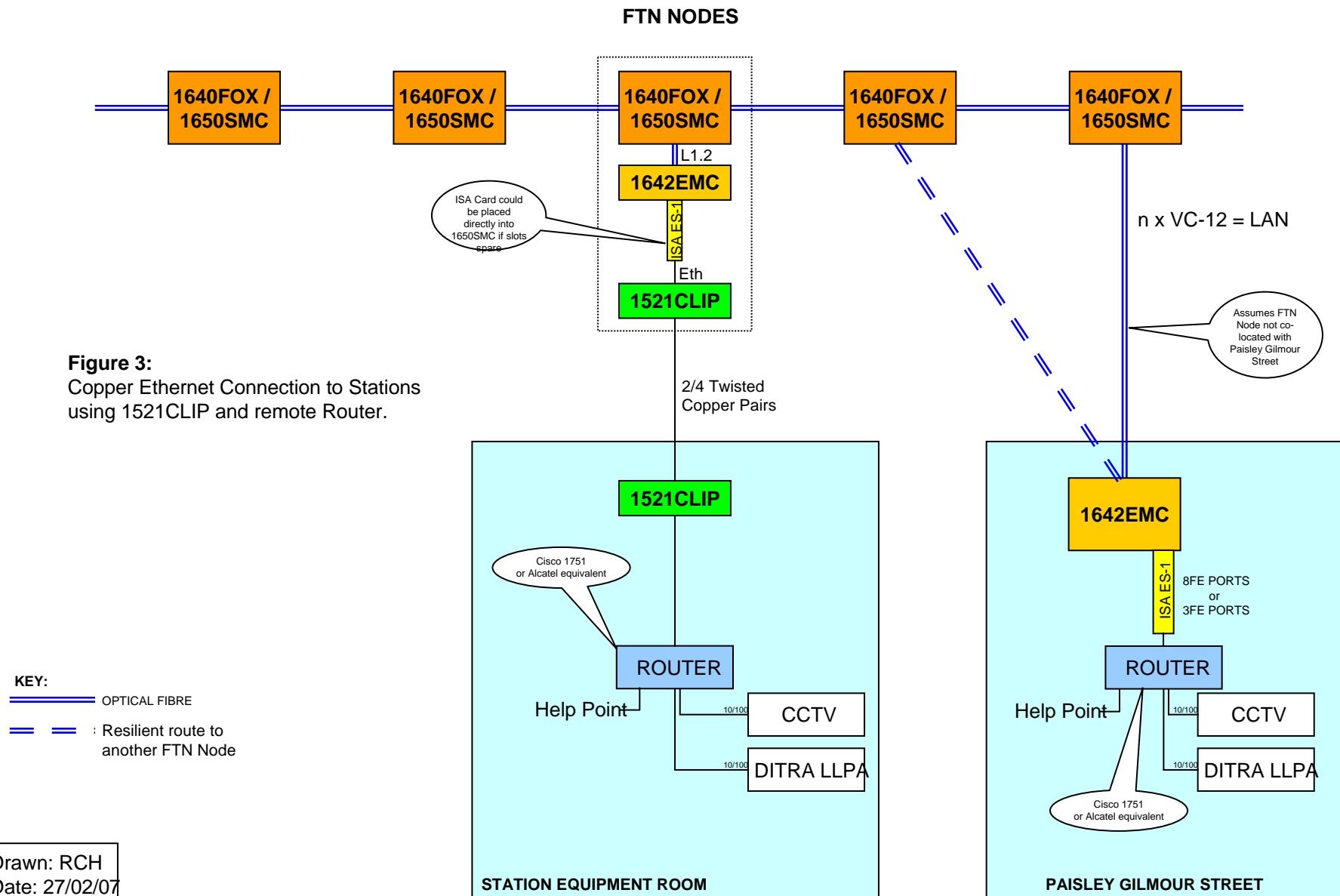


*Long Term
Solution:-*

*Let's Use the FTN
SDH Network!*

Proposed Design Using FTN SDH

- Use existing Alcatel 1640FOX as main fibre bearer with 1642EMC and ISA card as interface to get to Ethernet connectivity
- Use Alcatel 1521CLIP to extend Ethernet over copper to Stations
- Provide 1521Clip “receiver”, router and IP based LLPA at Stations (plus new speakers)
- Would have some resilience in the event of a cable cut
- Remit for final solution includes additional locations on the G&SW as far as Gretna





Difficulties Adopting FTN Design

- No FTN design resource available (2012 top of agenda)
- Bandwidth not available in some sections
- Relatively expensive and complicated solution for a project that was not safety-critical
- Design not flexible for non-fibre areas
- FTN nodes not located at Stations
- Some SDH products were nearing the end of their life spans

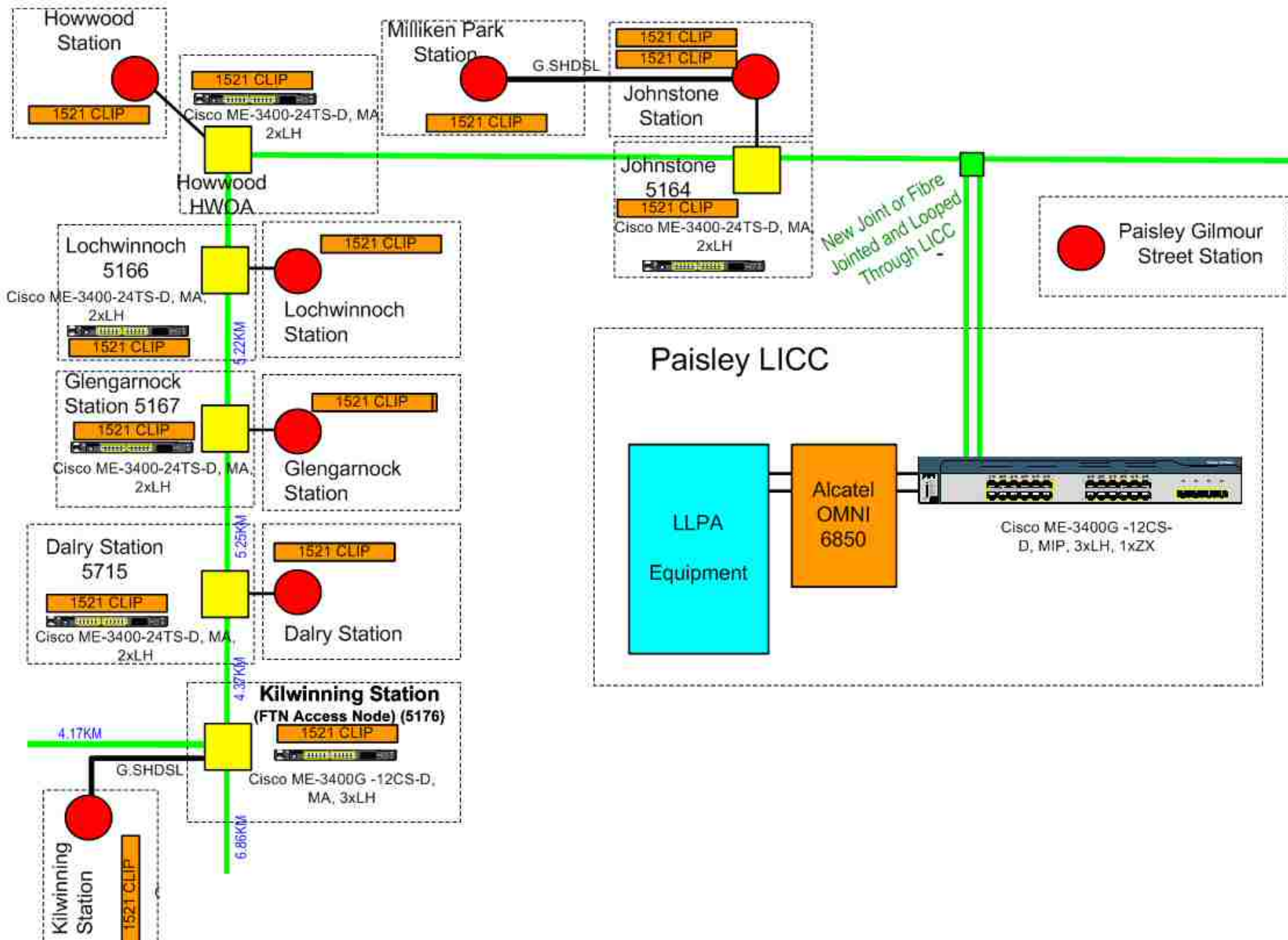
*Let's Look at a Low
Cost Alternative that
we can Design and
Manage Ourselves!*

The Birth of “JOCK WAN”



Where the Idea Came from...

- RCM Pilot Project was already using IP based technology
- FTN had kindly provided plenty of spare fibres along most of the route
- FTN had provided secure, climate-controlled accommodation with battery back-up along route
- Low cost CISCO fibre switches/routers could form a simple but resilient network backbone
- No longer reliant on FTN design availability
- Expertise in network design was available and willing
- Bandwidth – no longer a problem with 1Gb routers



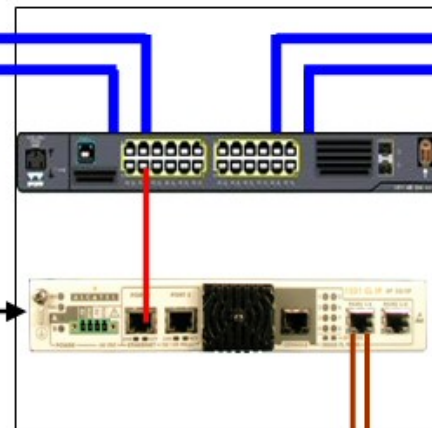
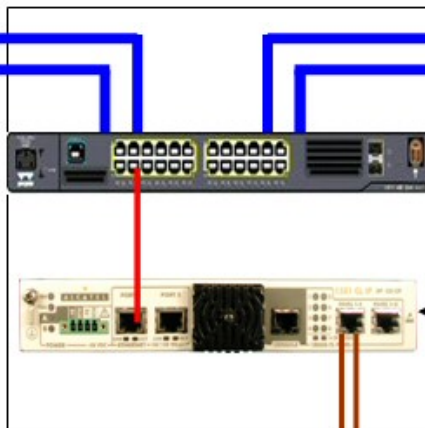
FTN Node "X"

FTN Node "Y"

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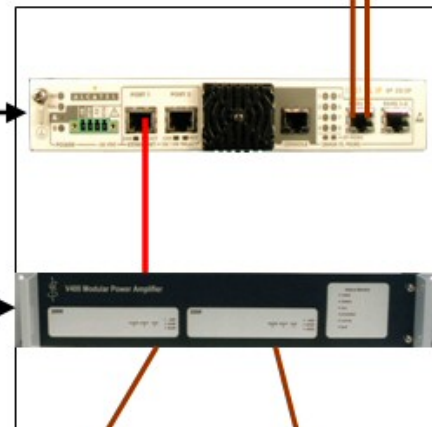
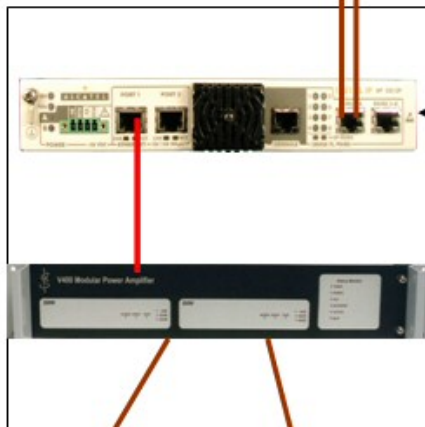
**Alcatel
1521 CLIP**

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Station "A"

Station "B"



**Alcatel
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**ASL Station
Amplifiers**

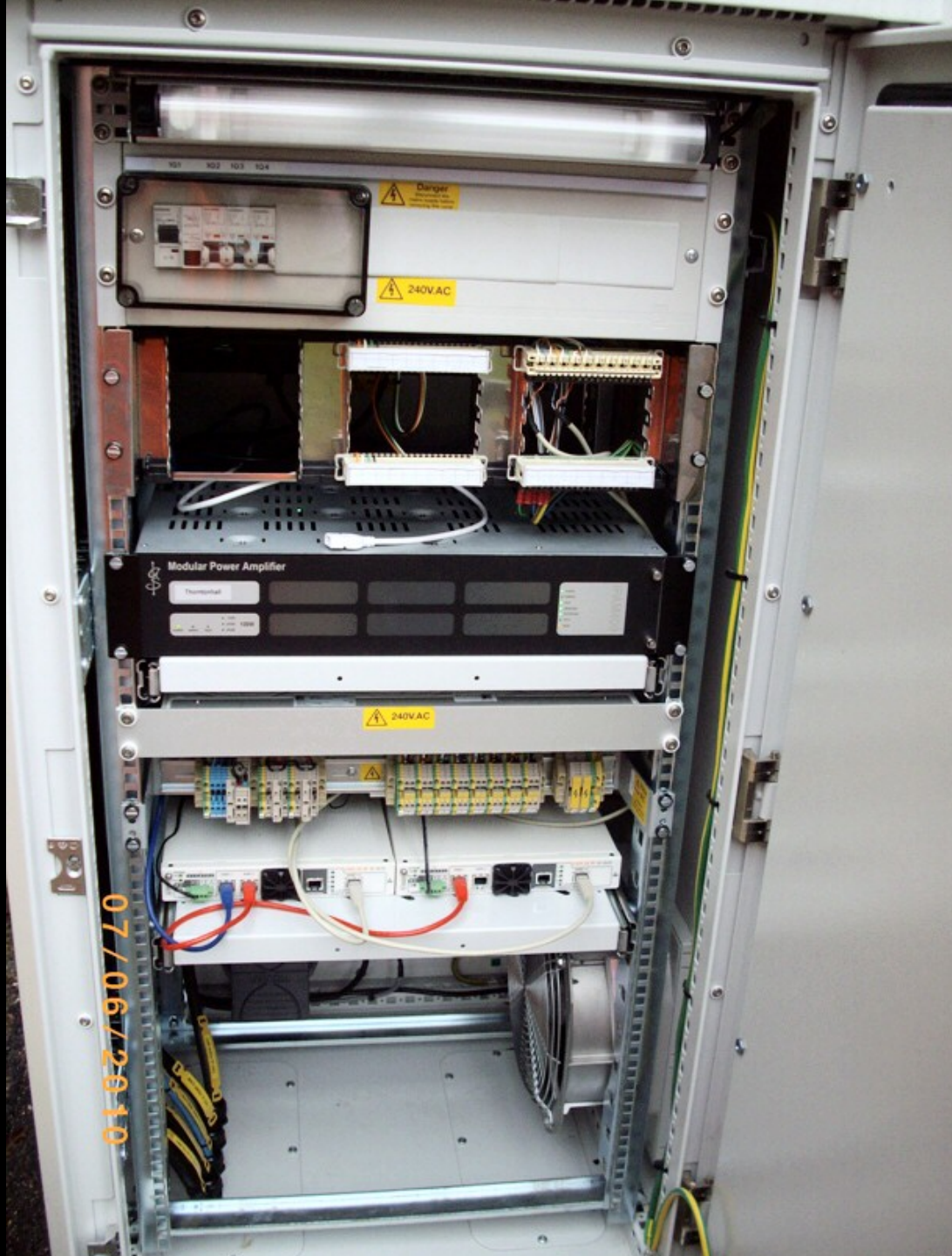




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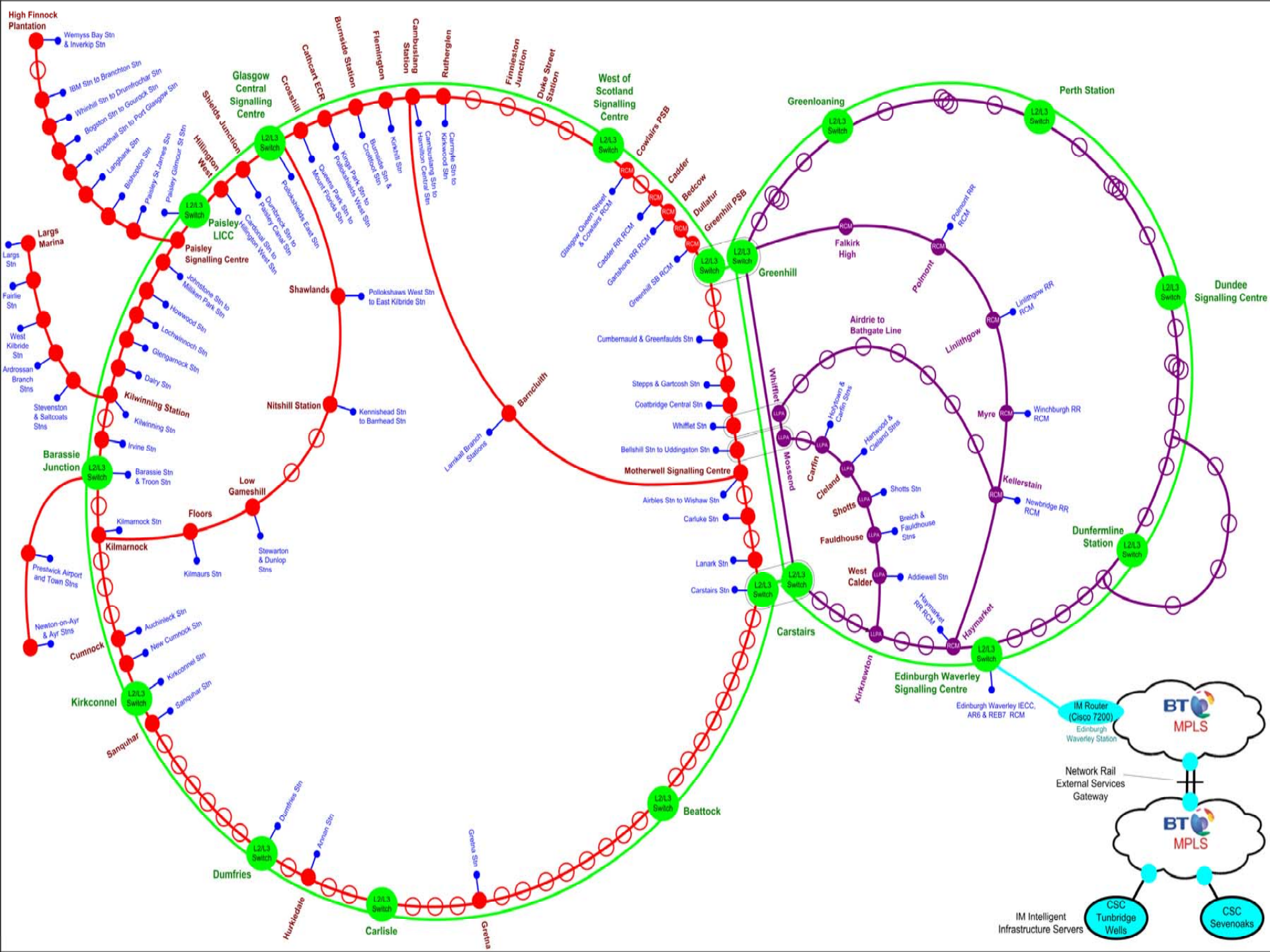
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- Prove that design on the bench and at the factory to minimise risk
- Consider all other uses the Network could deliver

Next Steps

- Maximise the potential of the network
- Work with IM to reduce BT private wire charges
- Extend the RCM data collection since the larger network is now established
- Take first steps to provide Signalling bearer circuits over IP
- Consider initially LC CCTV with a local camera identification
- Contract negotiations are in final stages for FTNe roll out
- Long term replacement of SDH with IP – even talk of SDH over IP as an interim step

Ethernet Transport Networks for the railways

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Should we just stick to what we know?

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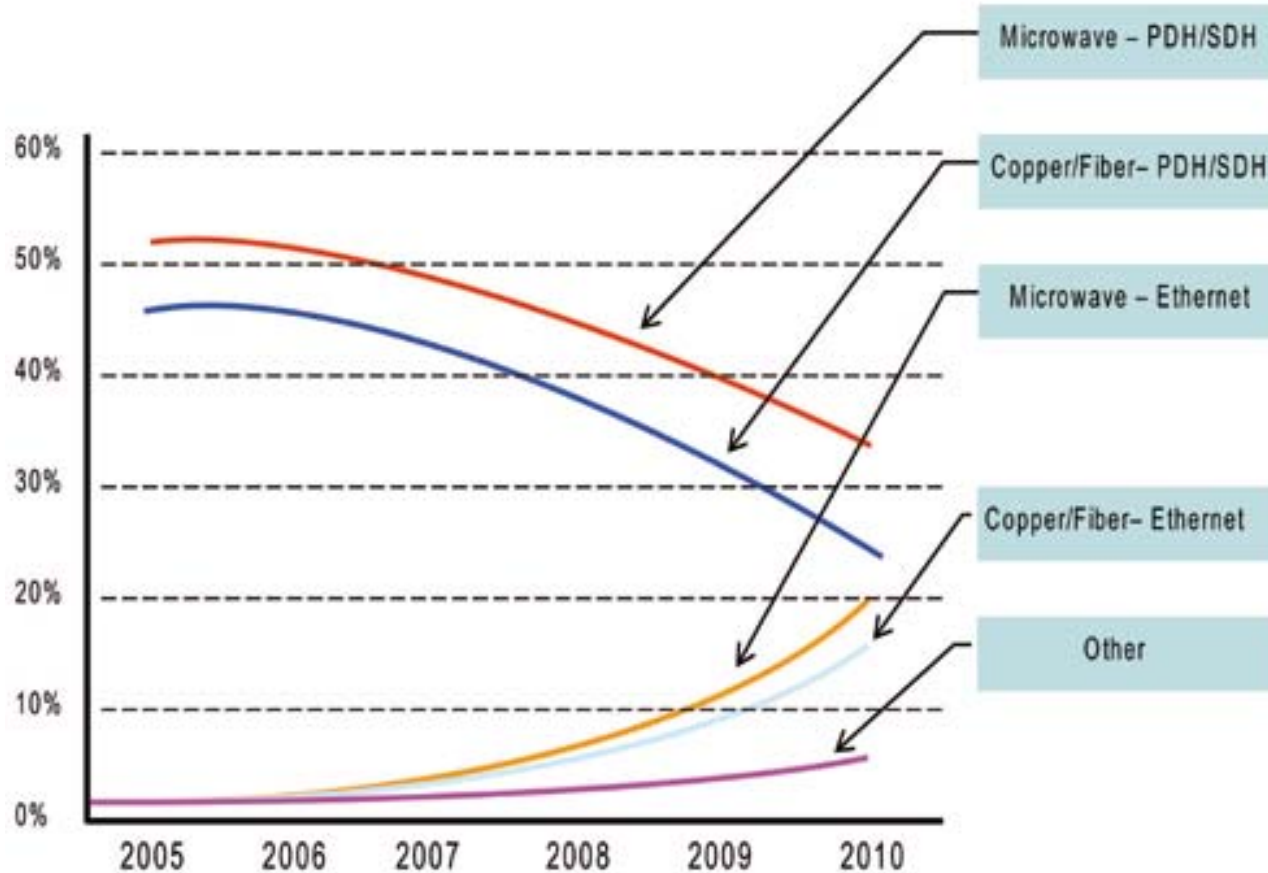
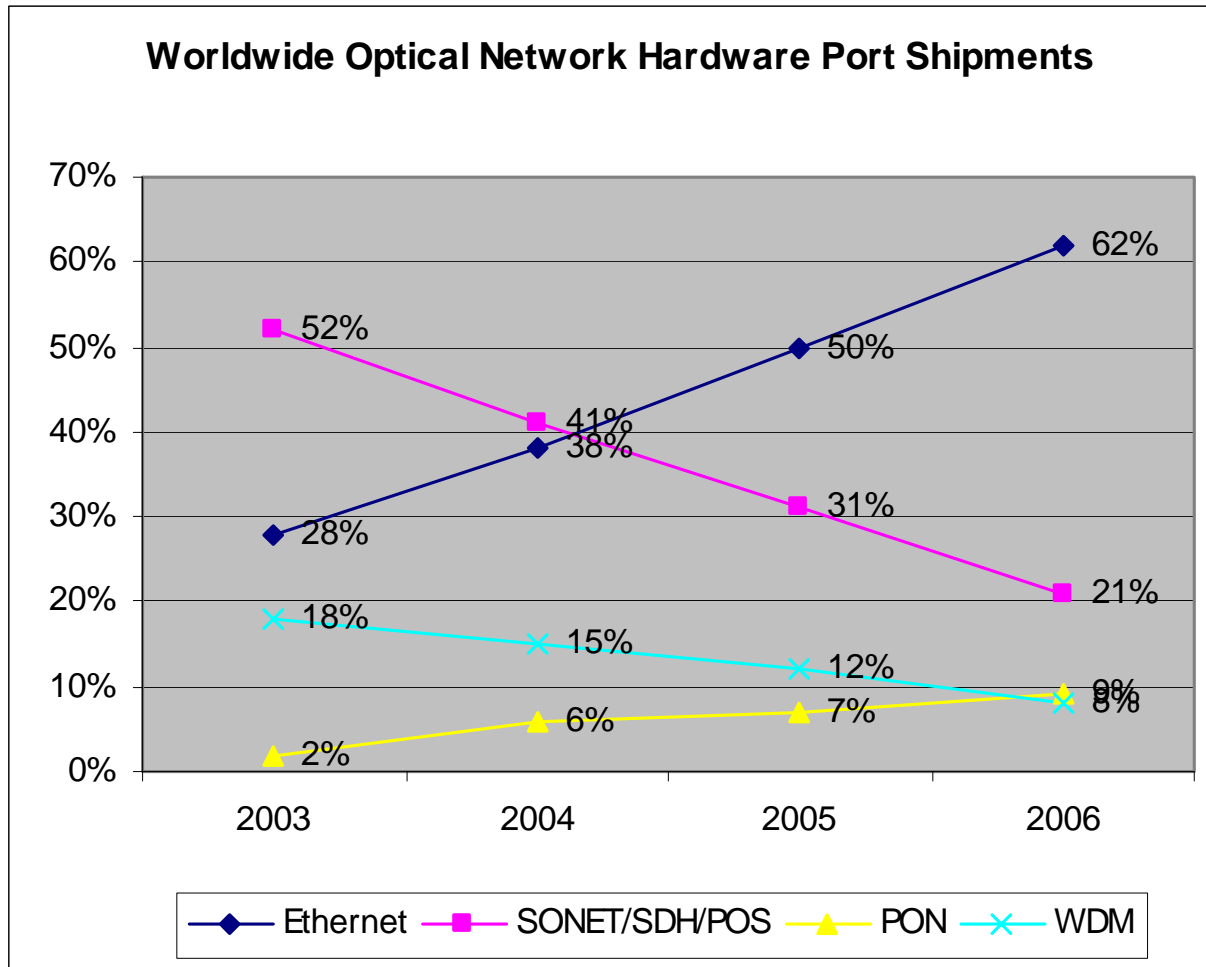


Figure 2 - Global Trends in Backhaul Implementation/Transport

(source: Infonetics Research – Mobile Backhaul Equipment 2007)

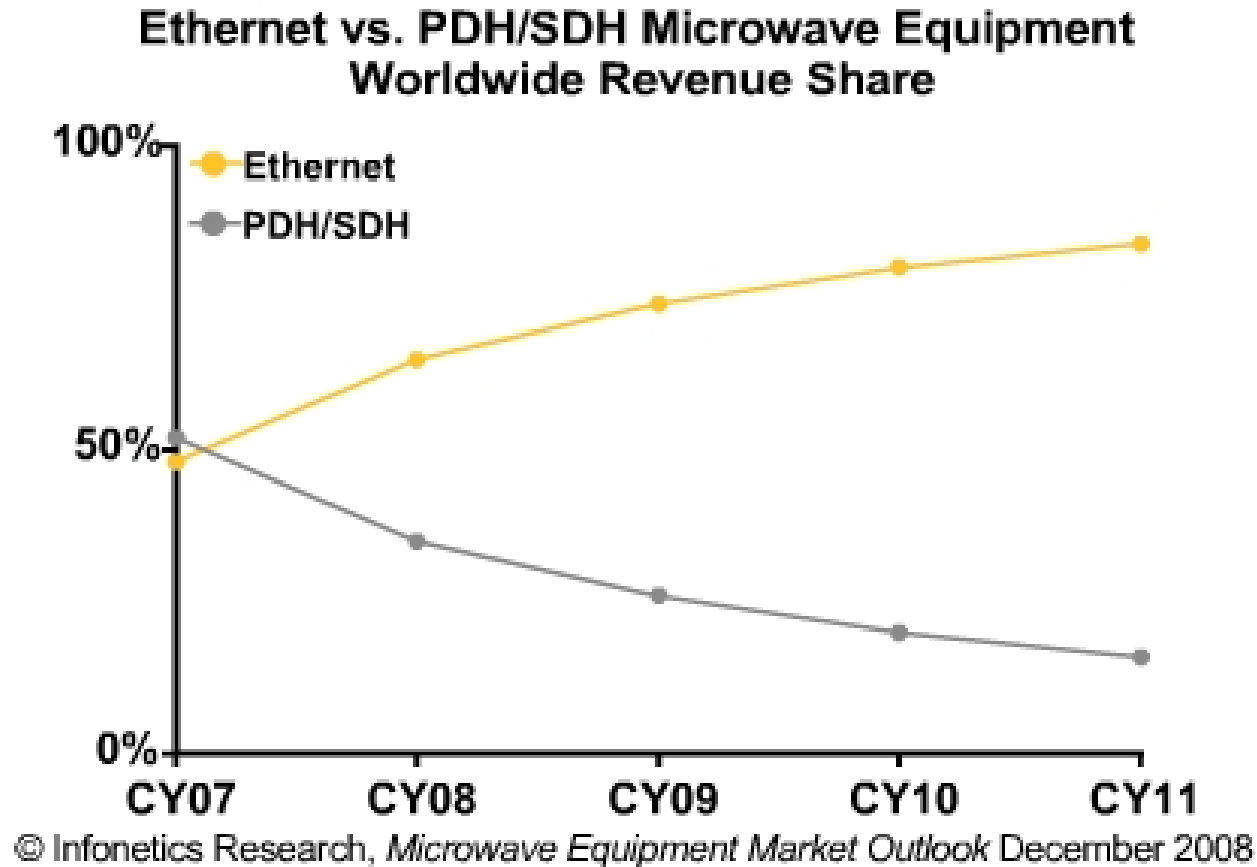
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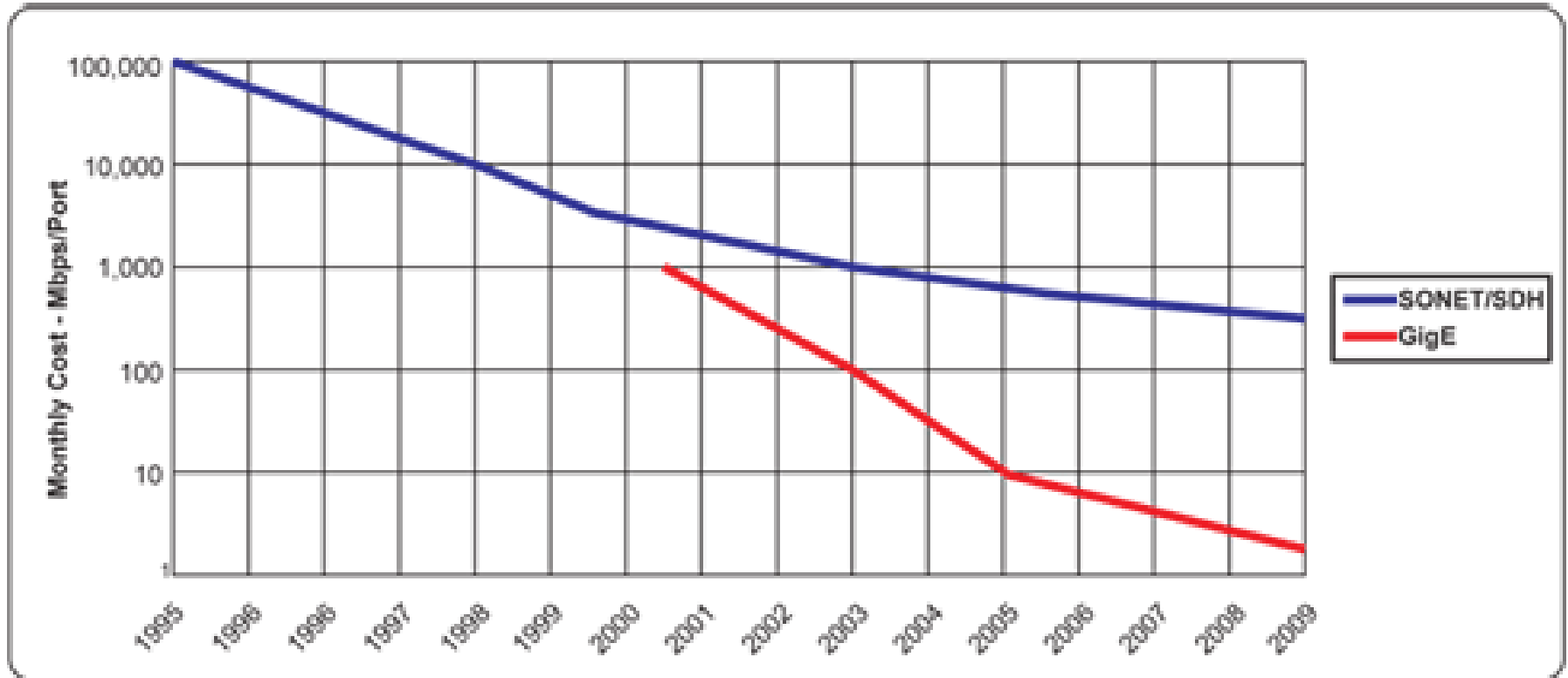


Fig. 5: SONET/SDH vs. Ethernet Monthly Cost

This is the only graph I could find where Gigabit Ethernet is falling (and faster than SDH)

Transmission Systems

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2003 Metro Ethernet

- CAPEX savings of **39%** vs. legacy SONET/SDH network
- OPEX savings of **49%** vs. legacy SONET/SDH

2010 Metro Ethernet

- CAPEX savings of **~60%** vs. legacy SONET/SDH network
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TRANSMISSION

- Does the job, most of the time, albeit a bit slowly... but comfortable and familiar



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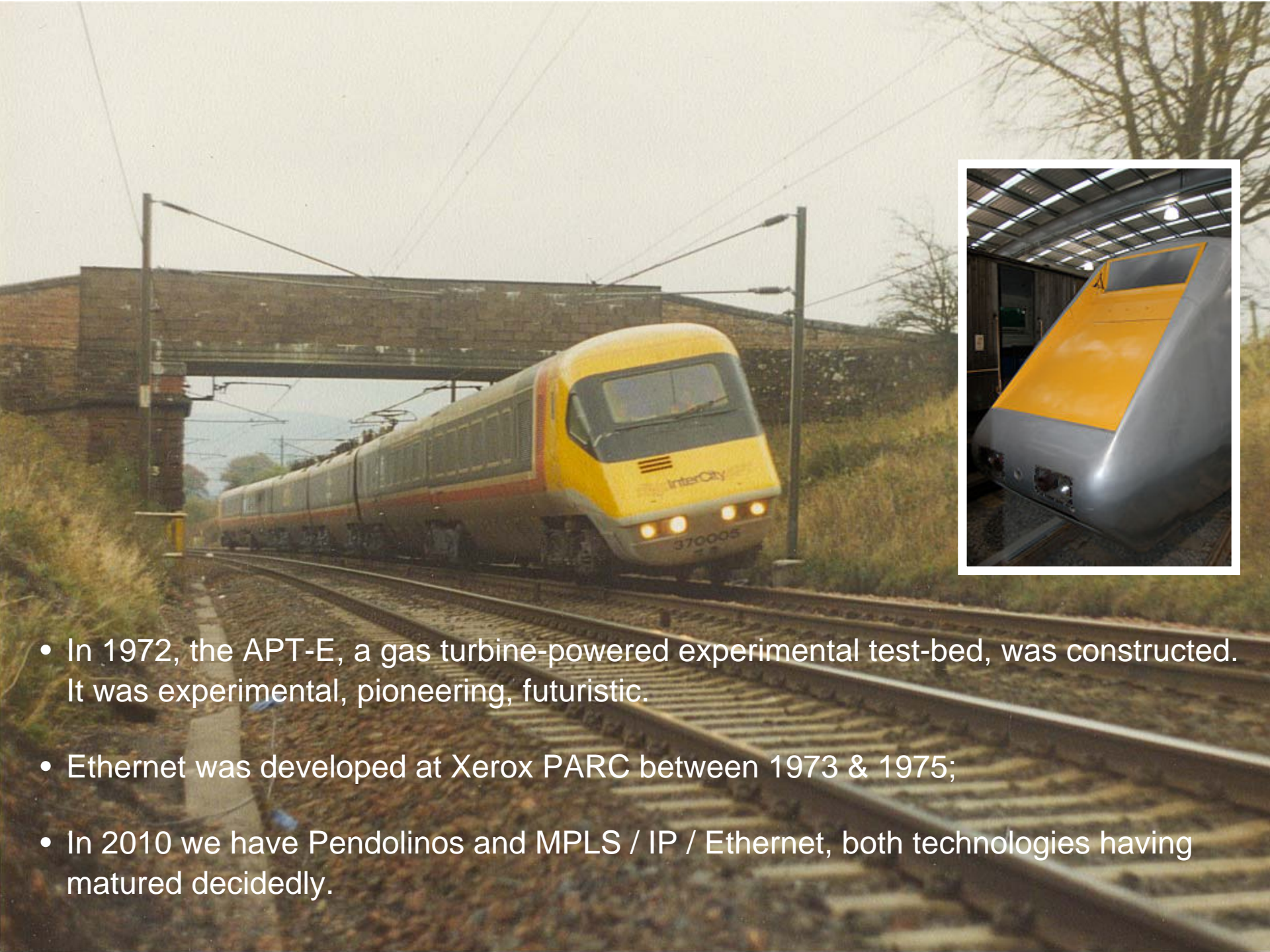
- Quite large and clunky, and very energy-hungry...



TRANSMISSION

- Well understood, safe option... but expensive to maintain
- And doesn't interface easily with newer stock





- In 1972, the APT-E, a gas turbine-powered experimental test-bed, was constructed. It was experimental, pioneering, futuristic.
- Ethernet was developed at Xerox PARC between 1973 & 1975;
- In 2010 we have Pendolinos and MPLS / IP / Ethernet, both technologies having matured decidedly.



...Like the French
TGV...and similarly,
Ethernet just keeps
getting faster!

Transmission Systems

Should we just stick to what we know?

- The communications world is moving at a faster pace than ever before
- The railways need extremely high performance communications at an affordable price and therefore we **MUST investigate and adopt new technologies.**
- If not
 - Old, maintainable equipment → higher cost
 - Interfacing problems → higher cost
 - Lack of trained staff → higher cost
 - Inability to deploy new services → higher cost
 - Poorer network availability → higher cost

Ethernet Transport Vision

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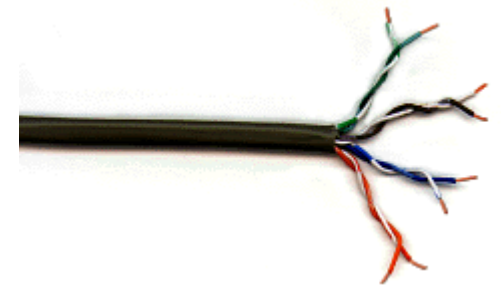
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- The ability to continuously adapt has made Ethernet a significant innovation in facilitating **unified communications**. Since the invention of Ethernet in the 1970s, Ethernet has proven itself to be a technology that can **adapt to evolving market needs**.
- Ethernet was initially developed as a LAN standard for connecting at 10 Mbps speeds but has subsequently been upgraded to offer 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, and now 10, 40 and 100 Gbps speeds over both copper and fibre media.
- Ethernet is one of the most **significant disruptive innovations** of this generation—and has now evolved from Local Area Networks (LANs) to the Metro and Wide Area Network (MAN/WAN). The **implications of these capabilities are immense**.

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- **Ethernet** and the **Internet Protocol (IP)** have emerged as the dominant data communications technology.
- Reasons:
 - high performance vs. relatively low cost
 - flexible yet simple (at the point of use)
- Now widespread in the MAN/WAN with **MPLS** enabling Carrier-Grade enhancements - Carrier (Grade) Ethernet

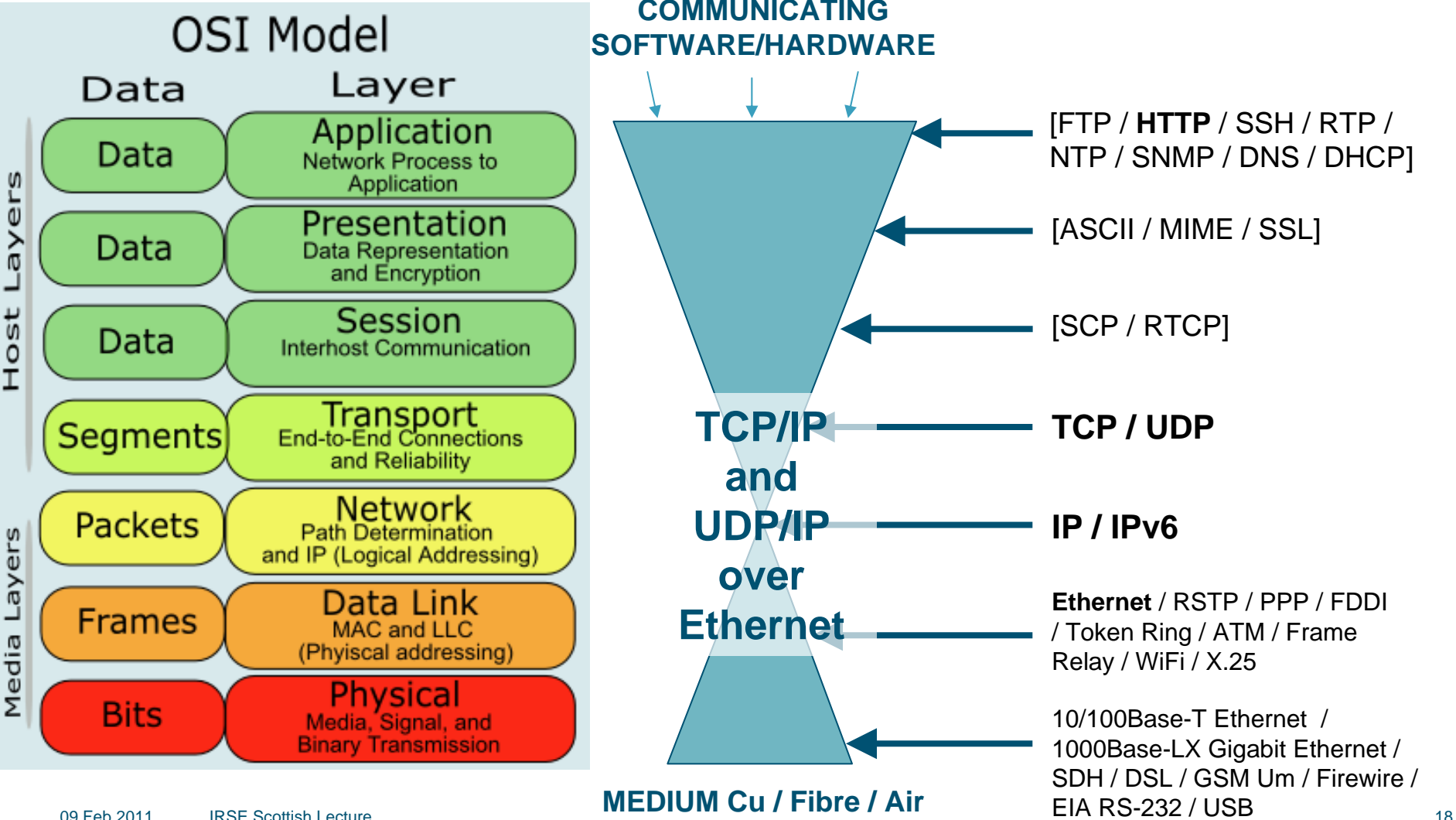


Universal standard 8P8C connector with TIA/EIA-568-B wiring typically used with Cat5e cabling for all non-optical Ethernet speed versions.

(informally and incorrectly known as RJ45)





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Standards Body	Ethernet Services	Architecture/Control	Ethernet OAM	Ethernet Interfaces
	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 802.3 – MAC • 802.1D/Q – Bridges/VLAN • 802.17 - RPR • 802.1ad – Provider Bridges • .1ah – Provider Backbone Bridges • .1ak – Multiple Registration Protocol • .1aj – Two Port MAC Relay • .1AE/af – MAC / Key Security • .1aq – Shortest Path Bridging • .1Qay – PBB-Traffic Engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 802.3ah – EFM OAM • 802.1ag – CFM • 802.1AB - Discovery • 802.1ap – VLAN MIB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 802.3 – PHYs • 802.3as - Frame Expansion
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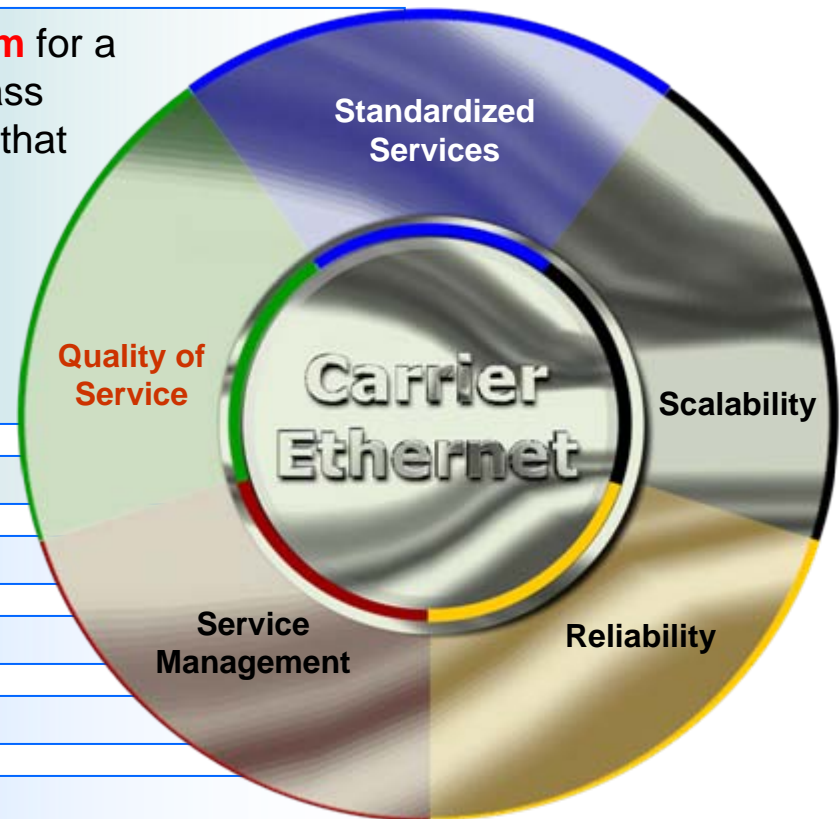
Metro Ethernet Forum

Carrier Ethernet

- Carrier Ethernet is an **umbrella term** for a ubiquitous, standardized, carrier-class **SERVICE** defined by five attributes that distinguish Carrier Ethernet from familiar LAN based Ethernet
- It brings the compelling business benefit of the Ethernet cost model to achieve significant savings

Carrier Ethernet Attributes

- Standardized Services
- Scalability
- Service Management
- Reliability
- Quality of Service



IP/Ethernet Equipment

Comparison with SDH/PDH transmission

Section One

IP/Ethernet Equipment

Comparison with SDH/PDH transmission

- Transmission

- Born out of telecommunications
- Medium: electrical / optical / radio
- Synchronous (SDH) or Plesiochronous (PDH) operation
- Data is Time Division Multiplexed into Timeslots (plesio-/syn-chronous)
- Data separation via timeslot
- 64kbit/s, 2, 8, 34, 155, 625Mbit/s, 2.5Gbit/s etc. at fixed granularity
- Relatively high cost / larger size

- Ethernet

- Born out of data communications
- Medium: electrical / optical / radio
- Asynchronous operation but with Synchronous capability
- Data is Time Division Multiplexed into Frames/Packets (asynchronous)
- Data separation via frame labelling
- 10Mbit/s, 100Mbit/s, 1Gbit/s, 10Gbit/s, 40Gbit/s, etc. at any granularity
- Relatively low cost / smaller size

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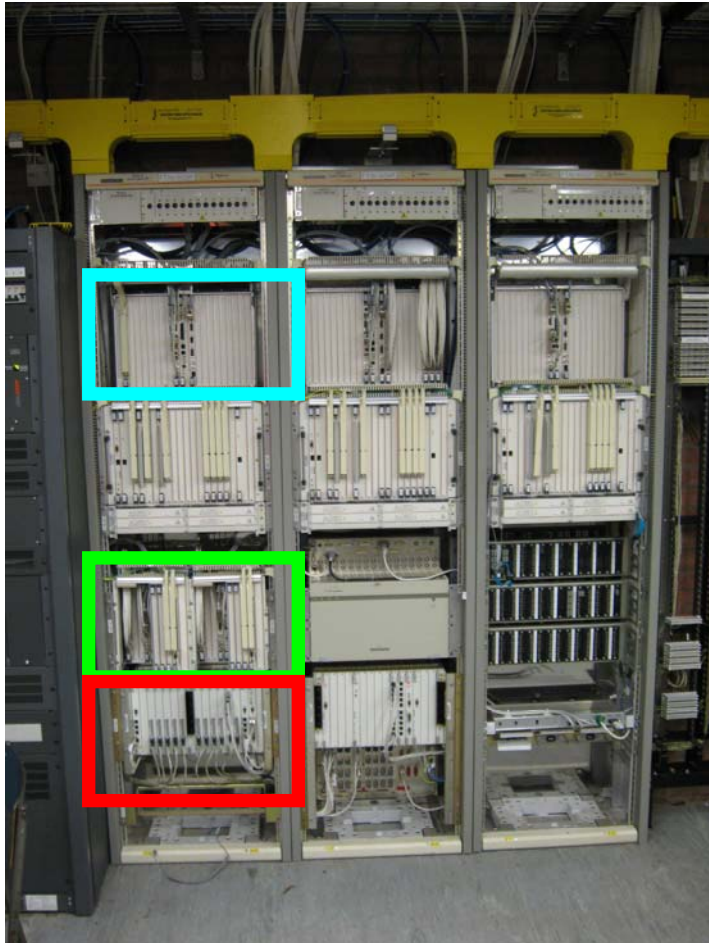
- Protection < 50ms (SNCP)
- Traffic Engineering: Virtual Concaten
- Transport network is not involved in addressing data security threats since it's just a basic point to point pipe
- **Deterministic** performance because all traffic channelised and routes fixed

- Ethernet

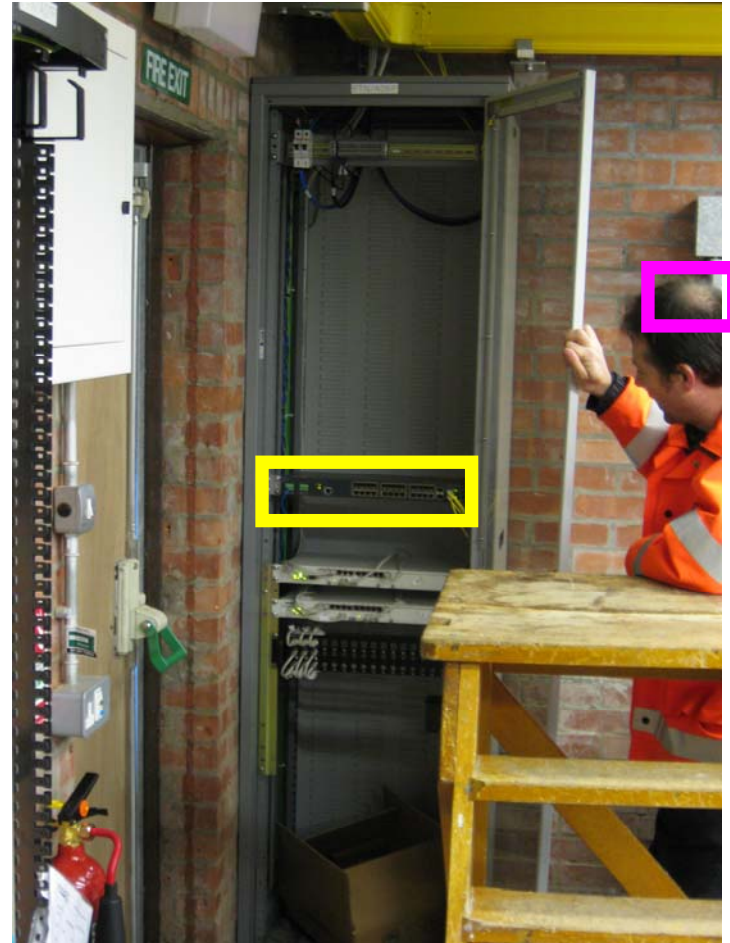
- Redundancy < 50ms (MPLS, REP)
- Traffic Engineering: MPLS
- Packetisation of data provides **inherent BS EN 50159 threat mitigation abilities** and network can enhance security
- **Predictable** Performance (SLAs) using QoS. Routes can be fixed or non-fixed

IP/Ethernet Equipment

Comparison with SDH/PDH transmission: SIZE

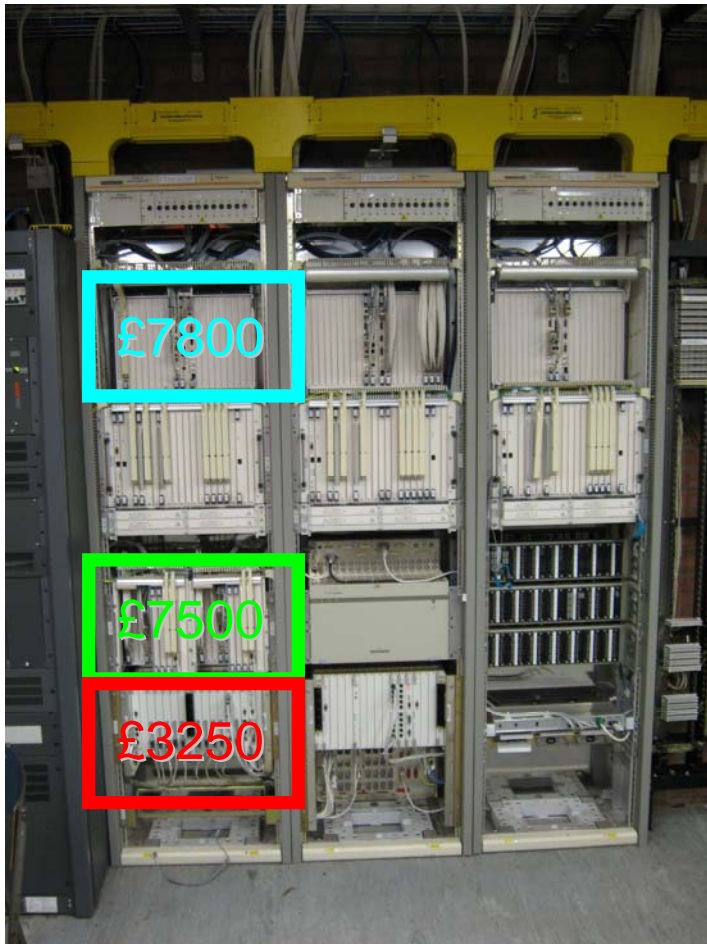


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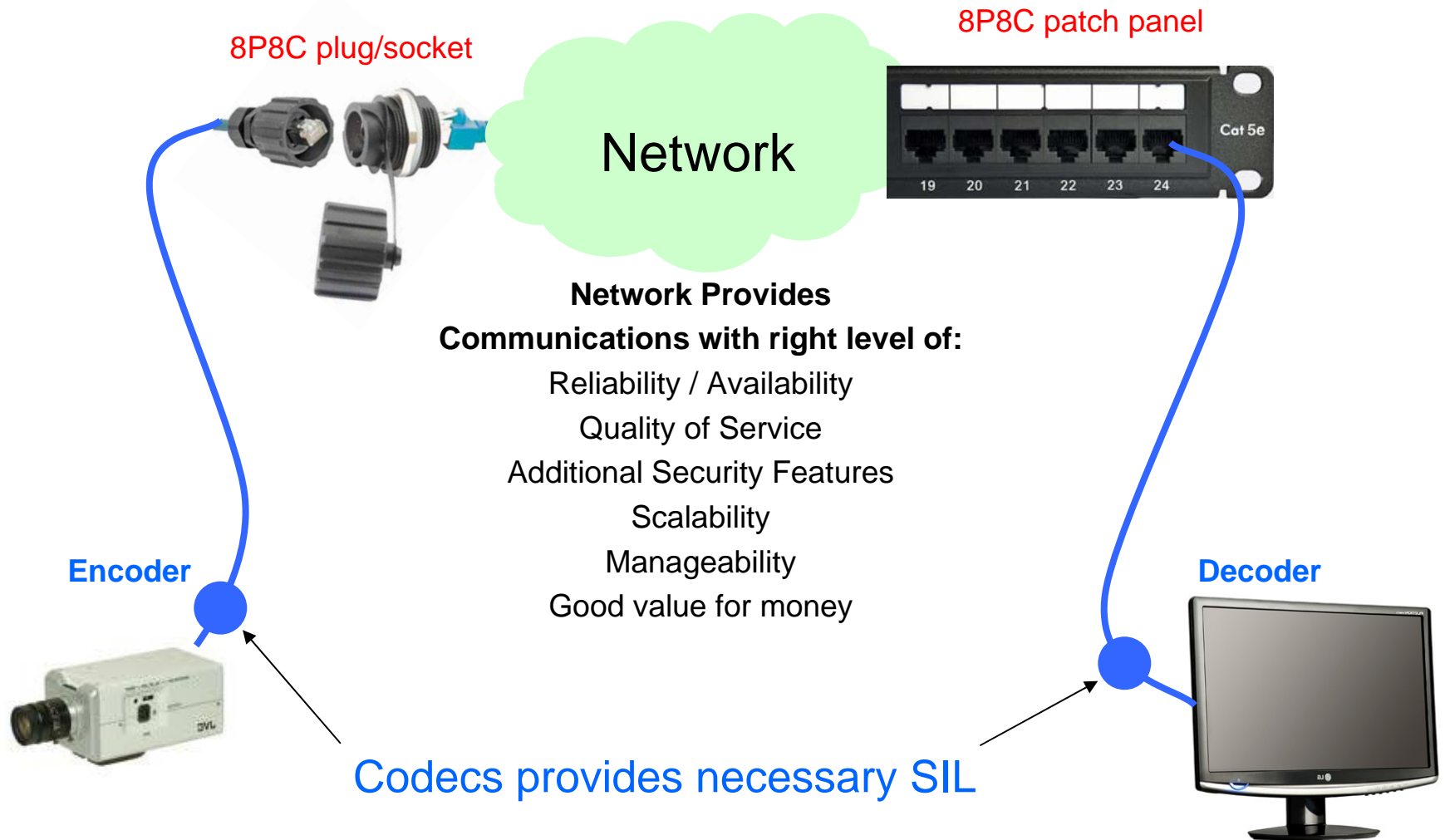
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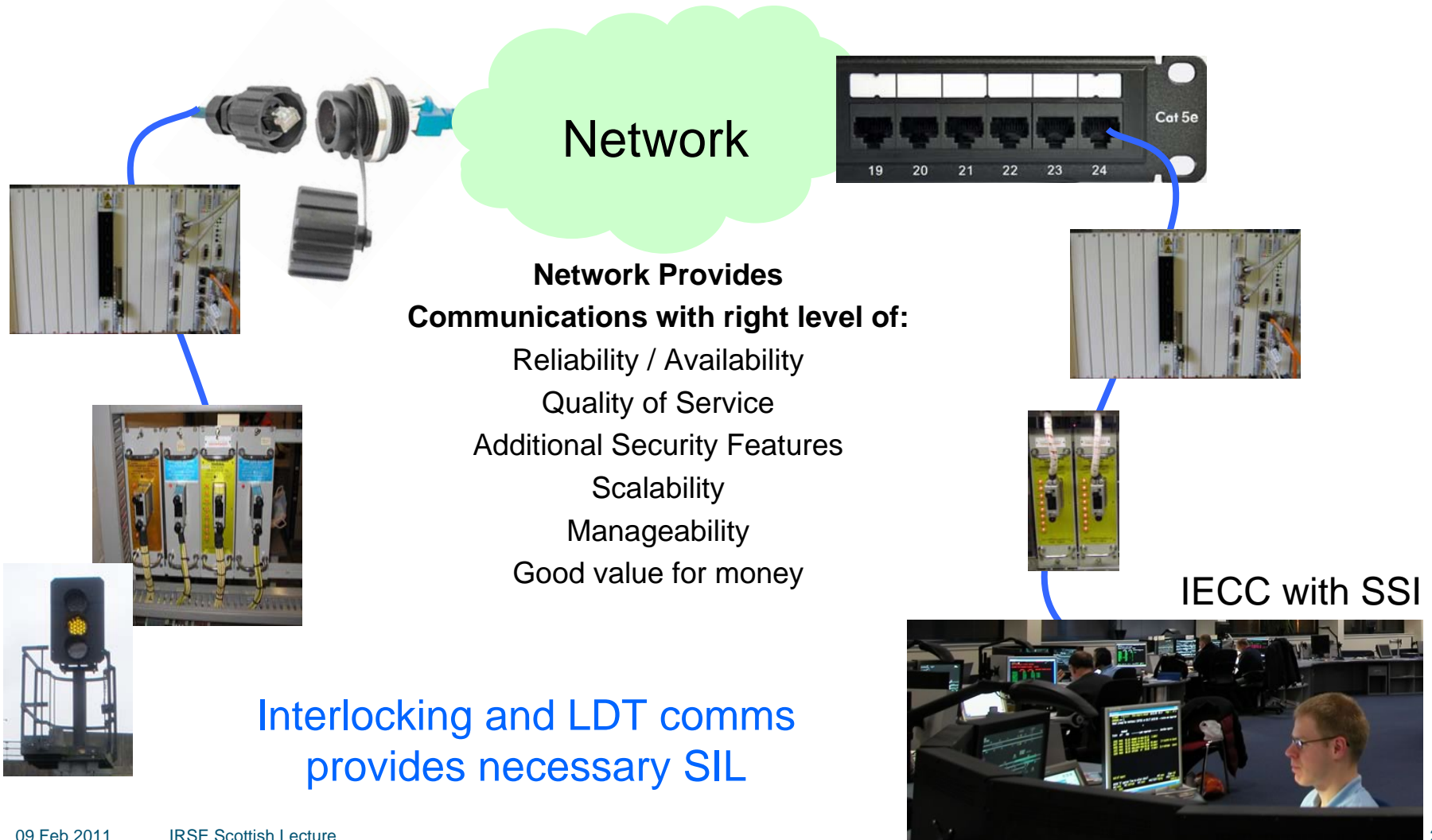
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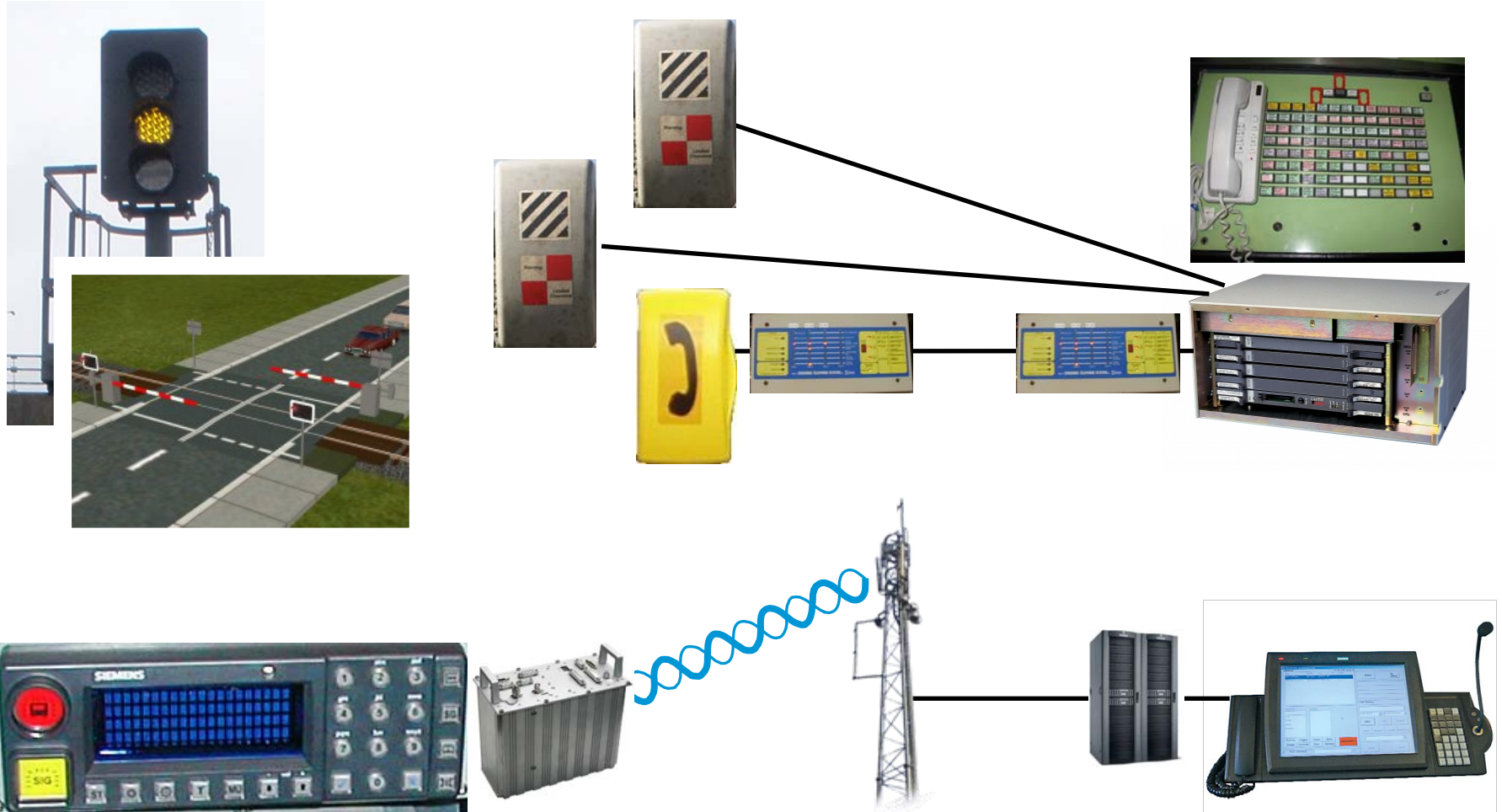
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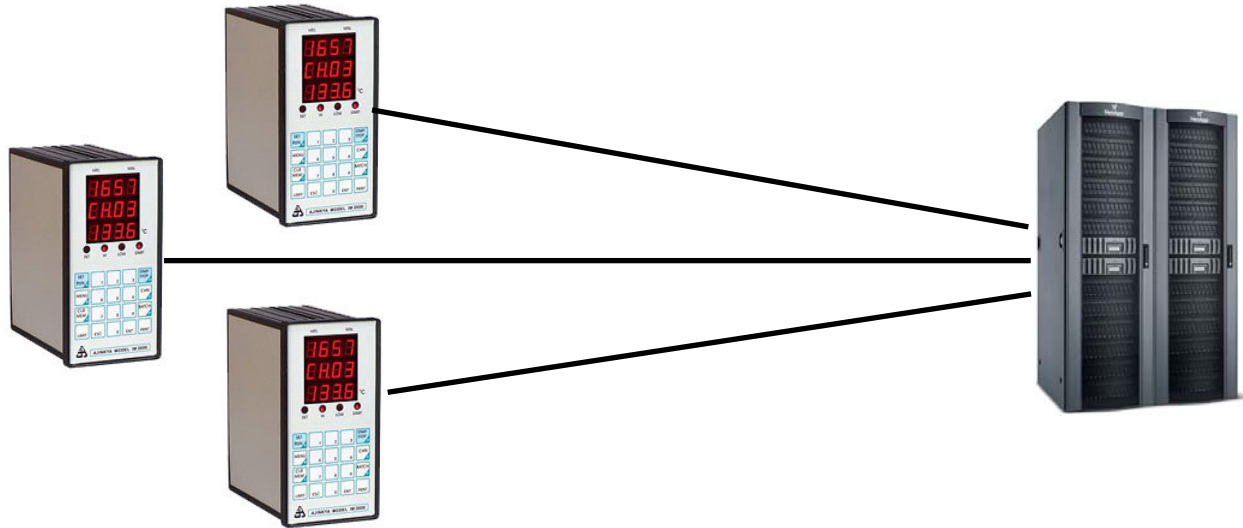
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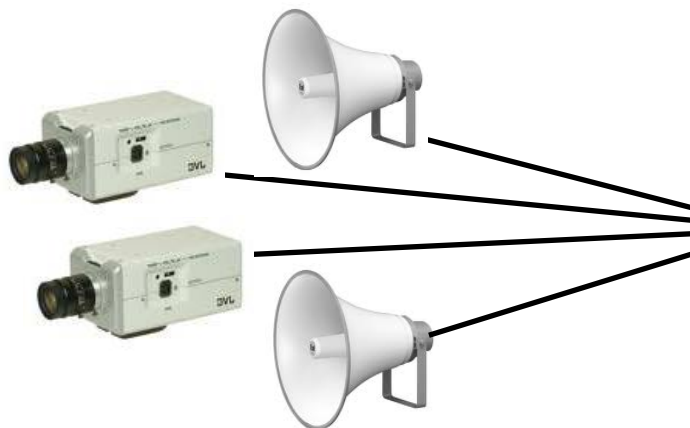


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15:15 Plat 2
Liverpool street
Calling at: Page 1 of 2
Trafford Park
Hughey Park
Uxton
Flitton
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Birkenhead
Pebbles
Merrington
Hildes
Northern Rail
15:16:59



Safety & Performance Standards Compliance

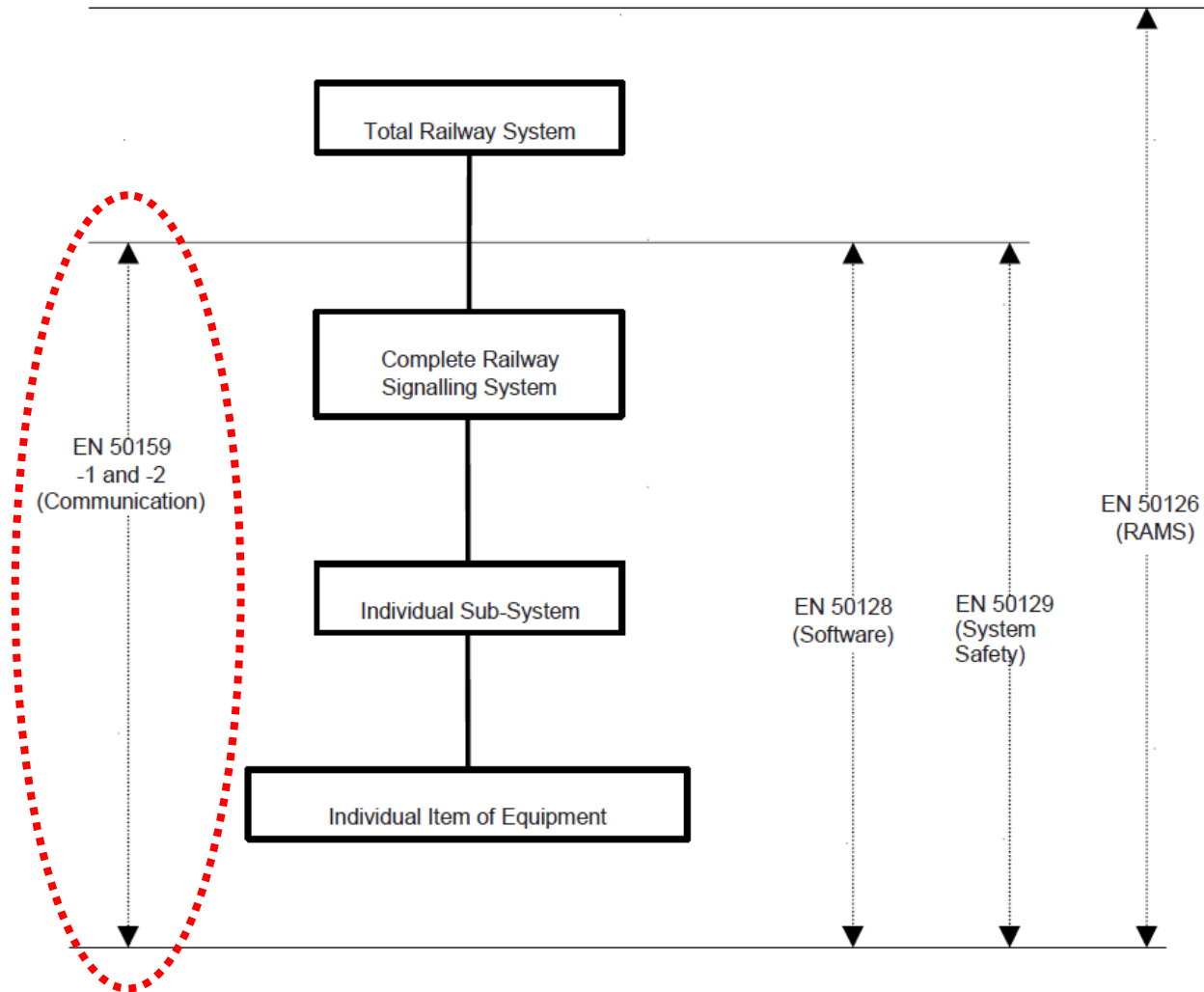
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Safety Integrity and Security

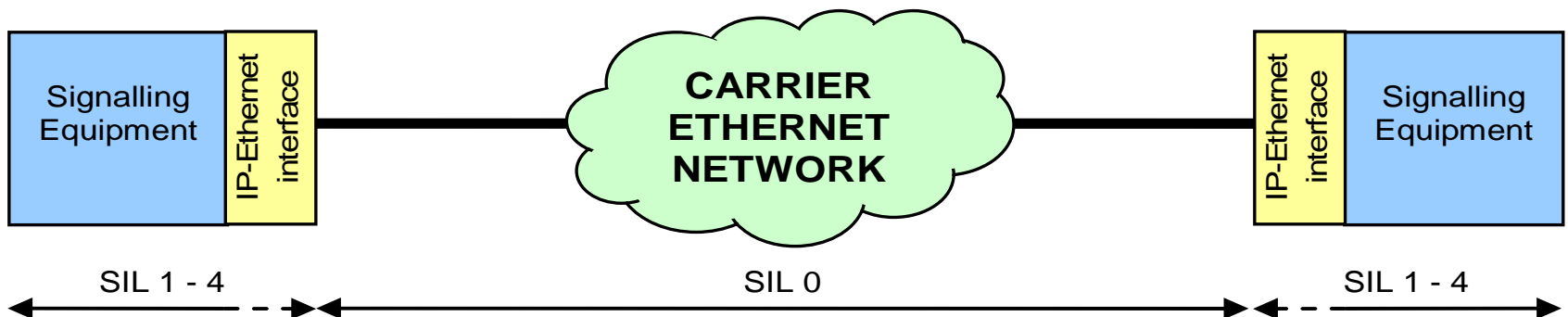
- Important standards associated with Railway Communication, Signalling and Processing Systems are:
 - BS IEC 61508:2003, Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems. (Over-arching document)
 - BS EN 50126-1:1999 – Provides a process for implementing a consistent approach to management of reliability, maintainability and safety (RAMS).
 - BS EN 50129:2003 – Defines requirements for the acceptance and approval of safety-related electronic systems in the railway signalling field. Deals with the Safety Case and Safety Integrity Levels.
 - BS EN 50128:2001 – Specifies procedures and requirements for development of programmable electronic systems for use in railway control and protection applications where there are safety implications.
 - BS EN 50159:2010 – Gives the basic requirements needed to achieve safety-related communication between safety-related equipment connected to a transmission system (open or closed).

Safety Integrity and Security



Safety Integrity and Security

- The network is generally regarded as a SIL Level “0” entity
 - i.e. network normally plays no safety role in the movement of trains.
 - all SIL functionality is normally provided by safety-related signalling equipment, designed according to EN 50129.
 - However, BS EN 50159:2010 permits safety requirements to be implemented in by transmission system equipment, as long as there is control by safety measures to meet the allocated SIL.



Safety Integrity and Security

- BS EN 50159 Threat/Category relationship

Category	Repetition	Deletion	Insertion	Re-sequence	Corruption	Delay	Masquerade
Cat. 1	+	+	+	+	++	+	-
Cat. 2	++	++	++	+	++	++	-
Cat. 3	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Key - Threat can be neglected. + Threat exists, but rare; weak countermeasures sufficient. ++ Threat exists; strong countermeasures required. NOTE This matrix of threats is only a guide – analysis will always be necessary to determine whether countermeasures are required and to what degree. Each threat will be dependent on network type, application and configuration.							

Category 1 (Closed) systems: under the control of the designer and fixed during their lifetime

Category 2 (Open) systems: partly unknown or not fixed; unauthorised access can be excluded

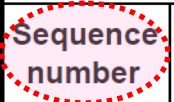



Category 3 (Open) systems: not under the control of the designer, where unauthorised access has to be considered → Cryptographic techniques applicable to counter the threat of masquerade.

Safety Integrity and Security

• BS EN 50159 Threats vs. Defences

Reduced requirements for Category 1
(closed) network:

 required  as required

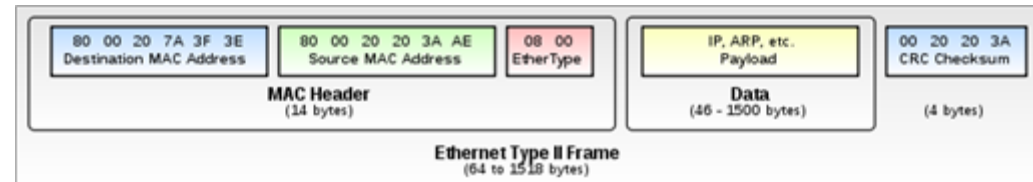
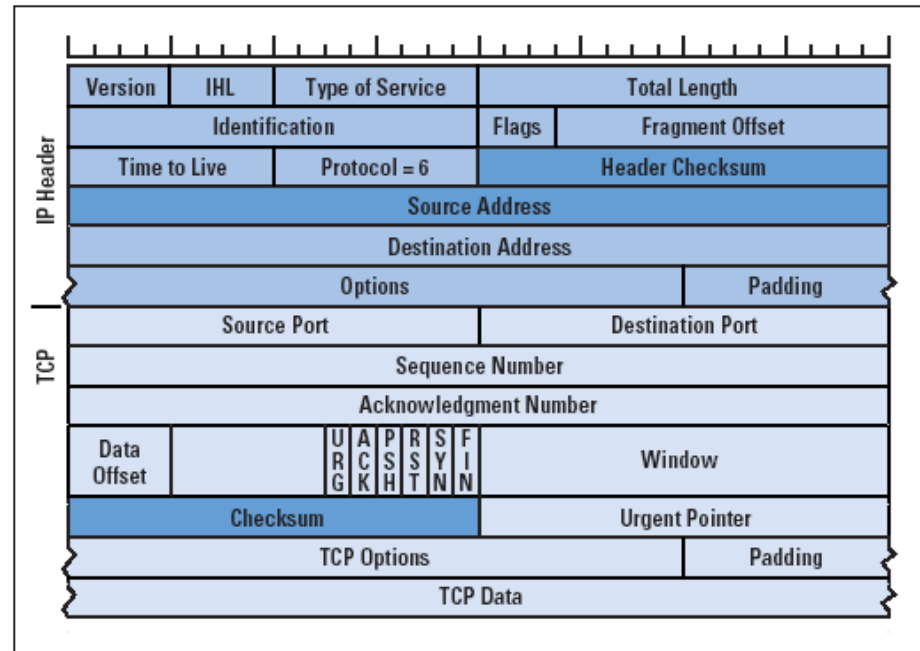
Threats	Defences							
	 Sequence number	 Time stamp	Time-out	 Source and destination identifiers	Feed-back message	Identification procedure	 Safety code	Cryptographic techniques
Repetition	X	X						
Deletion	X							
Insertion	X			X ^a	X ^b	X ^b		
Re-sequence	X	X						
Corruption							X ^c	X
Delay		X	X					
Masquerade					X ^b	X ^b		X ^c
<p>^a Only applicable for source identifier. Will only detect insertion from invalid source. If unique identifiers cannot be determined because of unknown users, a cryptographic technique shall be used, see 7.3.8.</p> <p>^b Application dependent.</p> <p>^c See 7.4.3 and Clause C.2.</p>								

Safety Integrity and Security

- Defence for threats listed in BS EN 50159:2010 for Category 2 networks

- Sequence number in TCP implemented in safety-related equipment protects against: Repetition, Deletion, Insertion, Re-sequence
- TCP timestamps can be used, as required, by safety-related equipment to defend against Delay.
- Safety code is mandatory but not necessarily a cryptographic one.

Ethernet CRC (CRC-32-IEEE 802.3) is a safety code that protects against Corruption.



$$x^{32} + x^{26} + x^{23} + x^{22} + x^{16} + x^{12} + x^{11} + x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$$

Safety Integrity and Security

- Defence for threats listed in BS EN 50159:2010 for Category 3 networks
 - This appears to be a requirement for any SDH/PDH circuit transiting PTO link. e.g. BT Megastream
 - Must use cryptographic code. Either:
 - Cryptographic safety code
 - Non cryptographic safety code + enciphering
 - Non cryptographic safety code + cryptographic code
 - TCP/IPv6 with Authenticated Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) based on HMAC-SHA-x and TCP or application-layer timestamps will provide defence against: all of the threats
 - IPsec is MANDATORY for IPv6 nodes

Performance

- However, the network must be designed according to RAMS principles to ensure suitable performance.
 - comms downtime → train delays → financial penalties
- Specifically, the communications network must be designed so that faults do not lead to errors and failures (EN 50126:1999)
 - use hardware redundancy, fault protection/isolation mechanisms, failure prediction, etc.



Performance



- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)
 - various standards apply (e.g. EN 50121-4 & NR/L2/TEL/30003)
- Ability to handle the timing requirements of existing railway TDM systems.
- and many other standards and guide books...
 - NR/L2/TEL/30025 – Standby power
 - NR/PS/TEL/00014 and /15 – Optical fibre & UT copper specs
 - No Network Rail standards specifically dealing with Ethernet/IP, yet
 - GK/RT0206 – Signalling and Operational Telecommunications Systems: Safety Requirements
 - Engineering Safety Management (The Yellow Book)



Building the Network Architecture (The Pipework)

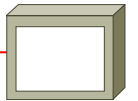
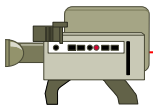
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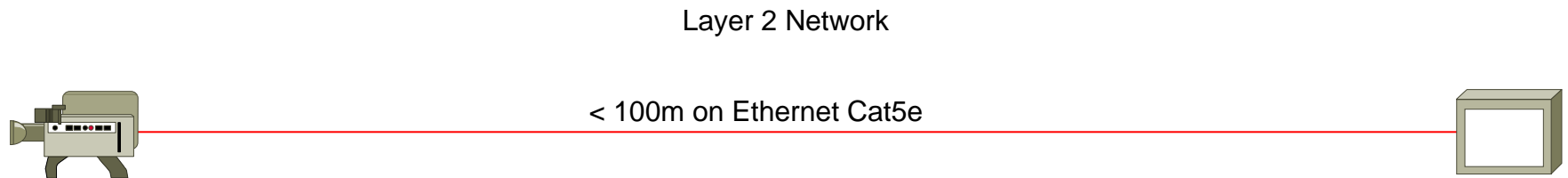
- Connect a camera and a screen (with codecs as necessary) forming a simple Layer 2 LAN network

Layer 2 Network



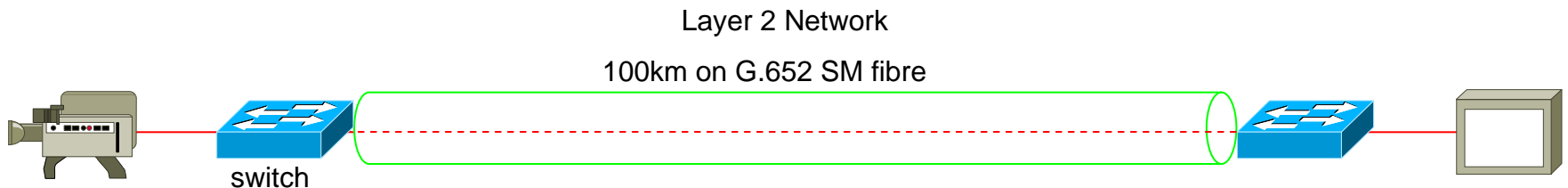
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- But unless it's a fibre interface or extended using a pair of G.SHDSL modems (range up to 10miles) then the limitation is 100m.



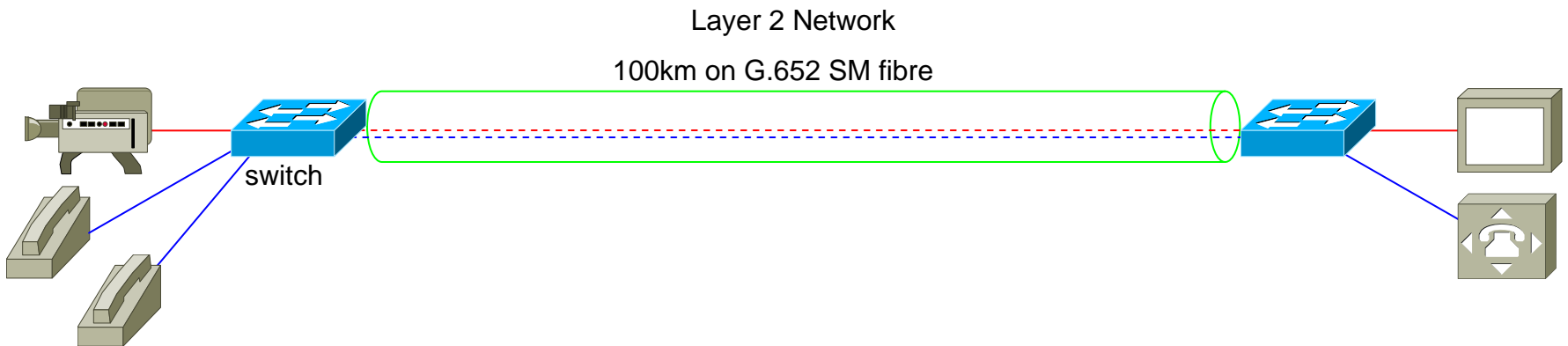
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- Introducing a switch with an optical interface is a convenient way to extend the distance – up to 100km on a single optical hop.
- Still a single physical LAN albeit more or a WAN!



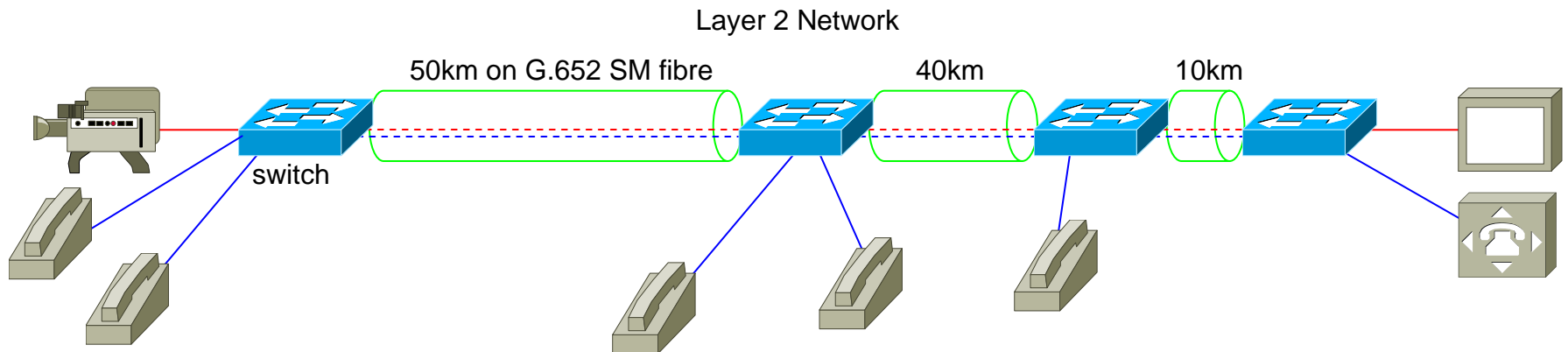
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- It seems a shame not to make better use of the Gigabit link.
 - Add a couple of phones on a second subnet
 - Two separate pipes (VLANs) now used down the same fibre.
 - Data is logically separated by labelling as opposed to time shifting



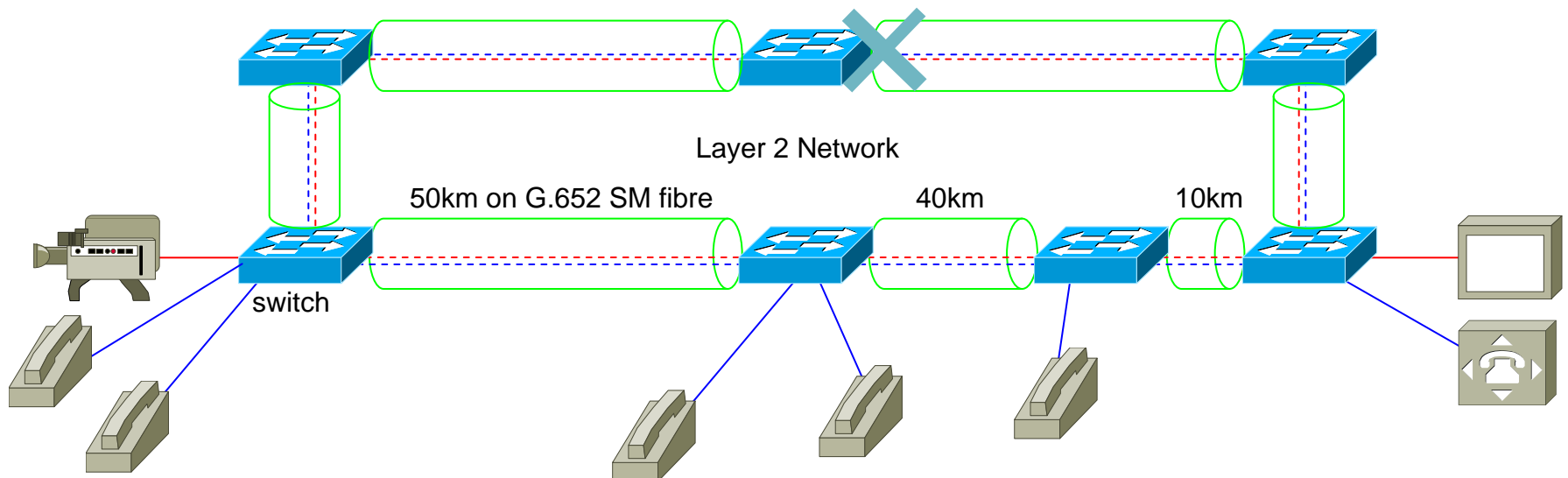
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- All services aren't necessarily in two points
 - All some more phones connecting the same or different pipes
 - This exhibits a nice feature of Ethernet networking – you can easily provide point-to-point or point-to-multipoint.



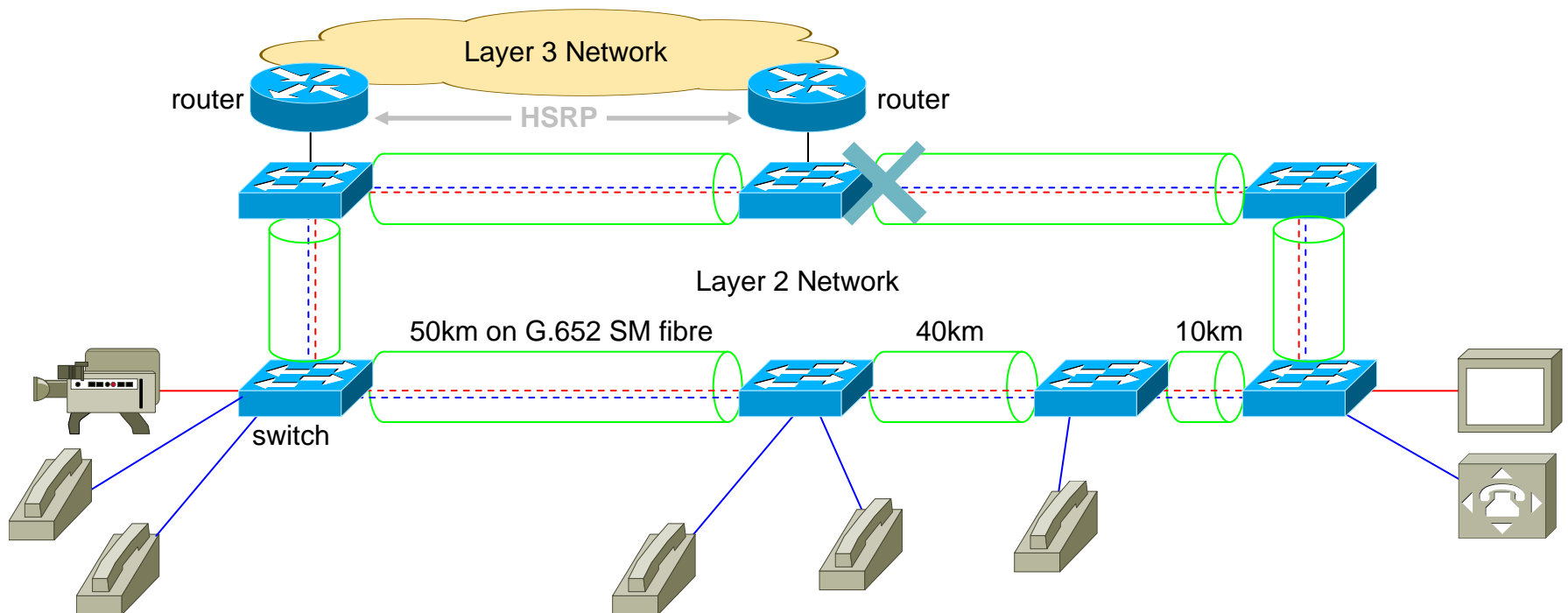
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- What if there's a fibre break or a node failure?
 - Form a ring (or partial mesh) to provide resilience
 - Add a protocol to prevent traffic circulating – e.g. RSTP / REP



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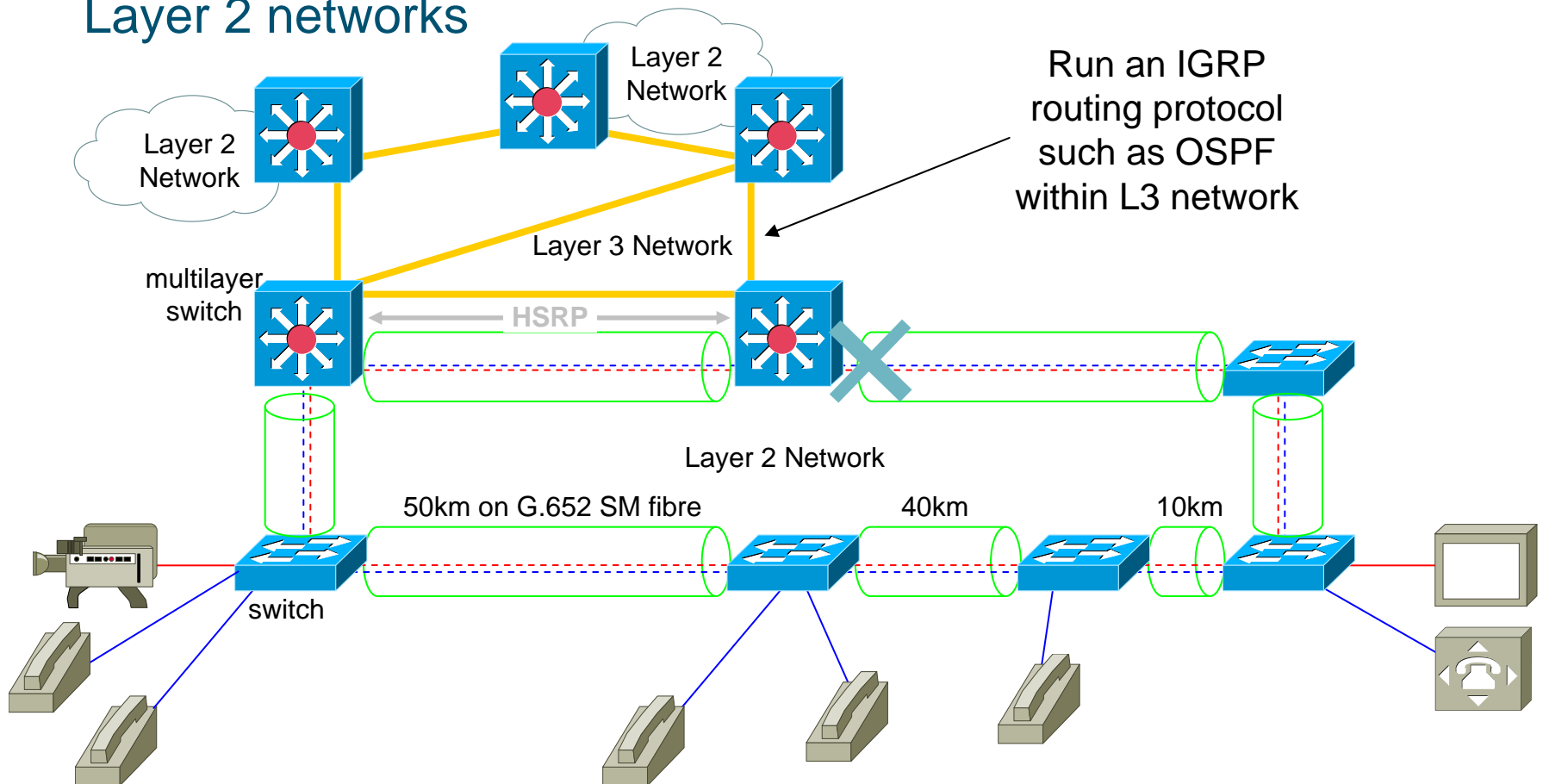
- But if that router fails....
 - Add more routers
 - Use HSRP protocol to provide virtual gateway



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- The diagram illustrates a network architecture with two layers. The **Layer 2 Network** is the primary data plane, consisting of four blue square switches connected in a line. The segments between the switches are labeled with distances: 50km on G.652 SM fibre, 40km, and 10km. Each switch is connected to various end devices: a server and two PCs on the left, and a monitor and a router on the right. The **Layer 3 Network** is shown as a yellow cloud at the top. It includes two blue square multilayer switches. The left multilayer switch is connected to the first Layer 2 switch. The right multilayer switch is connected to the fourth Layer 2 switch. A double-headed arrow between these two multilayer switches is labeled **HSRP**, indicating a Hot Standby Router Protocol configuration. A large blue 'X' is placed over the connection between the second and third Layer 2 switches, suggesting a break or a specific configuration point in the Layer 2 path.

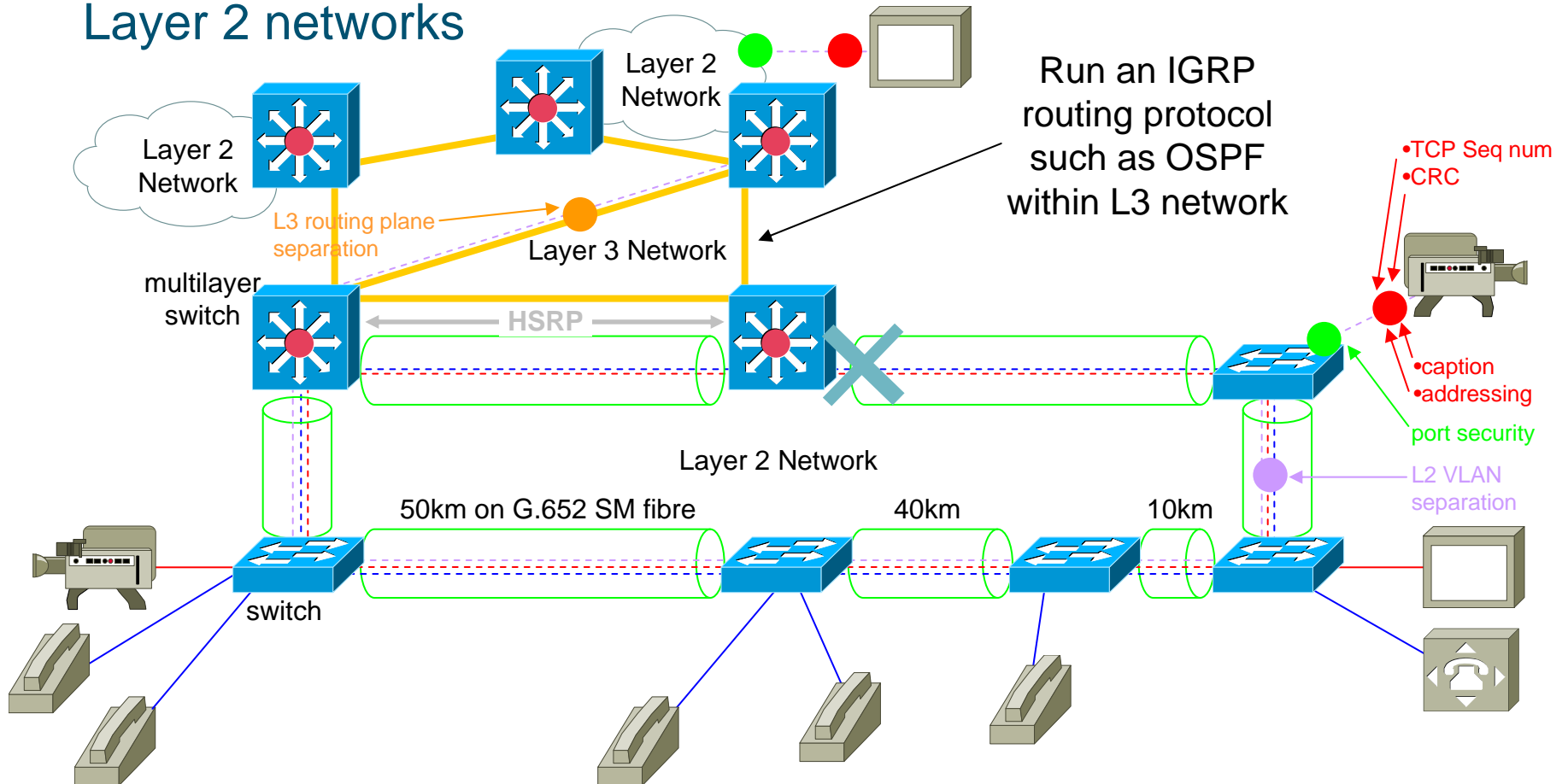
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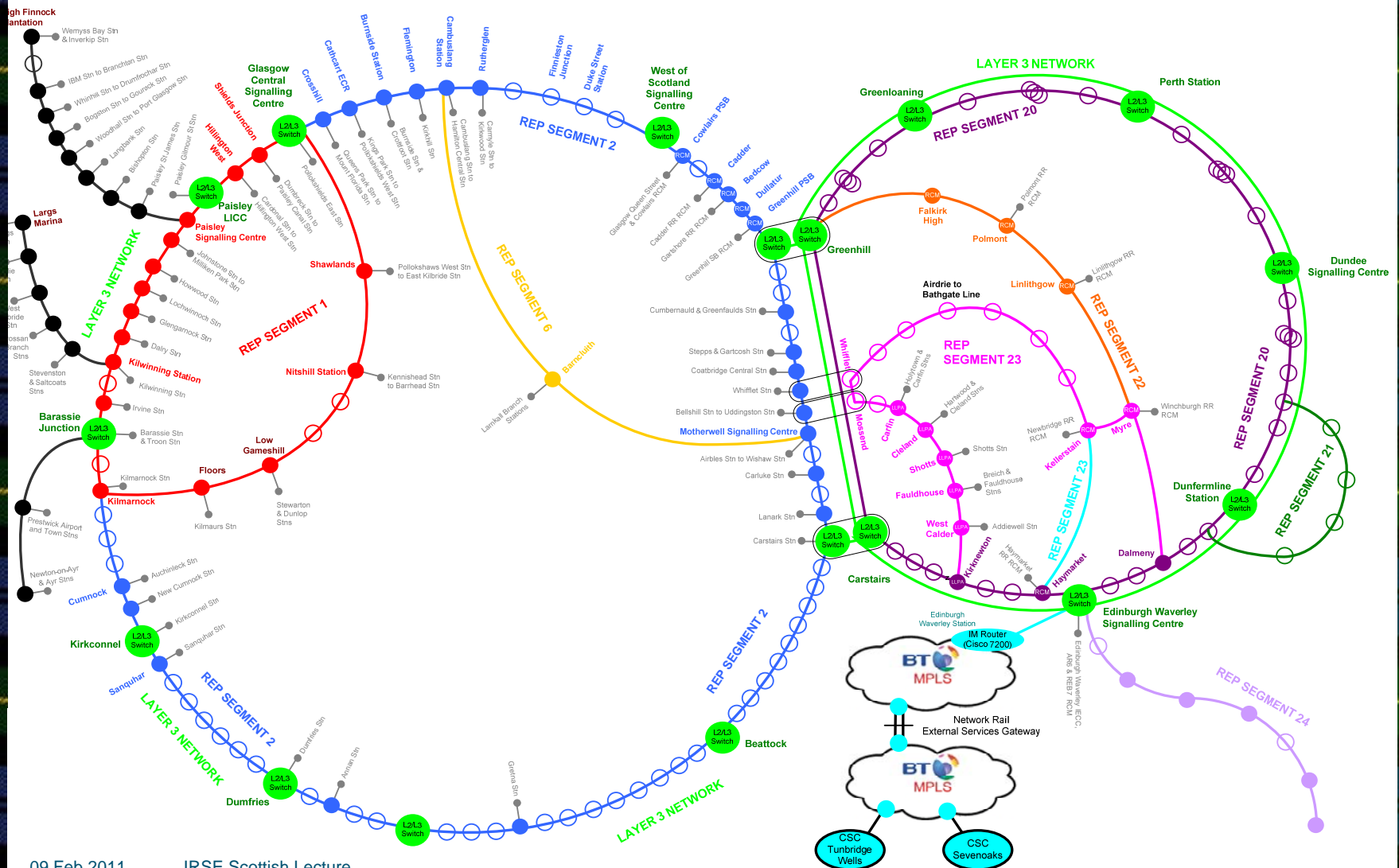


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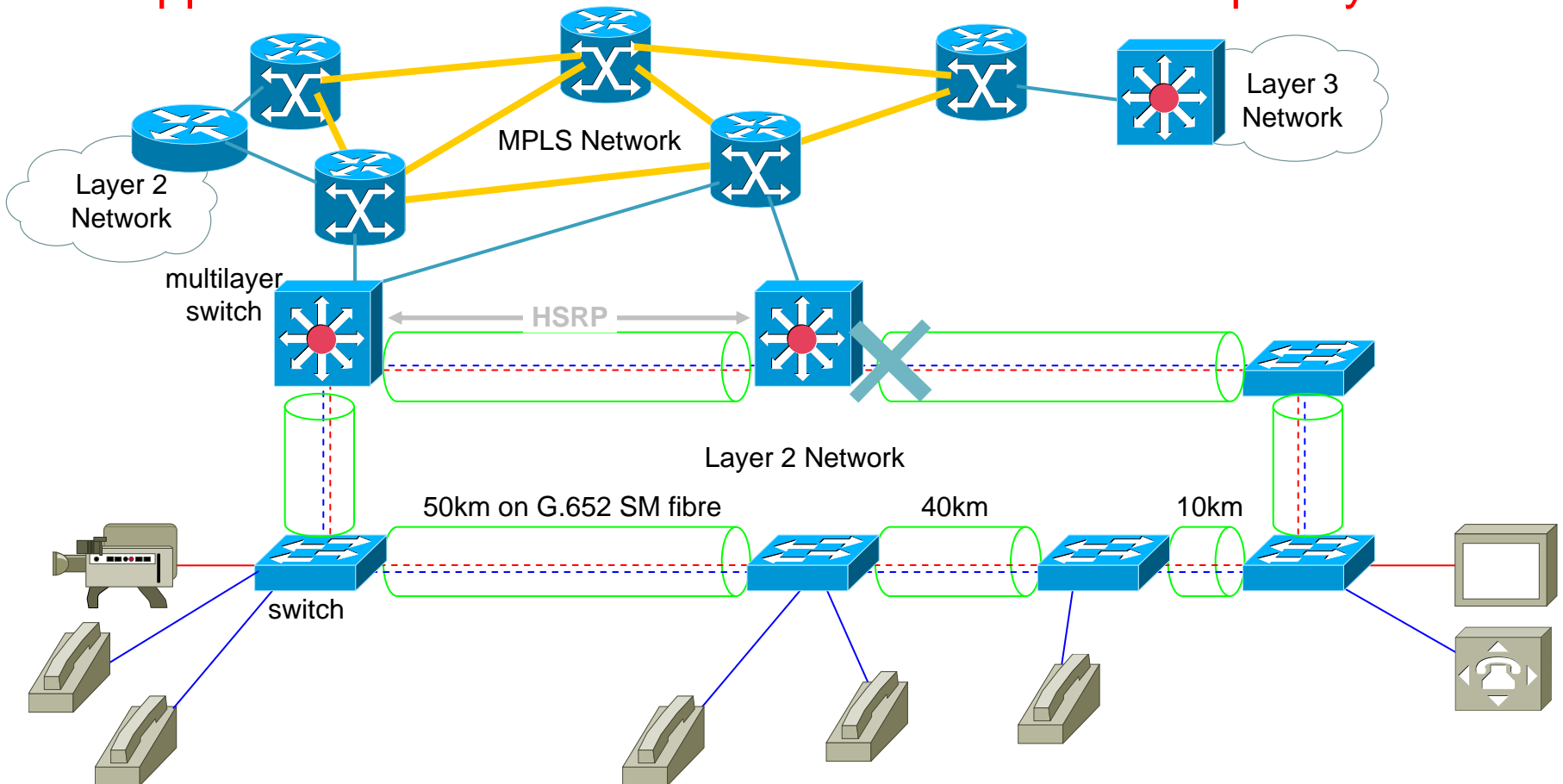


IRSE Scottish Lecture



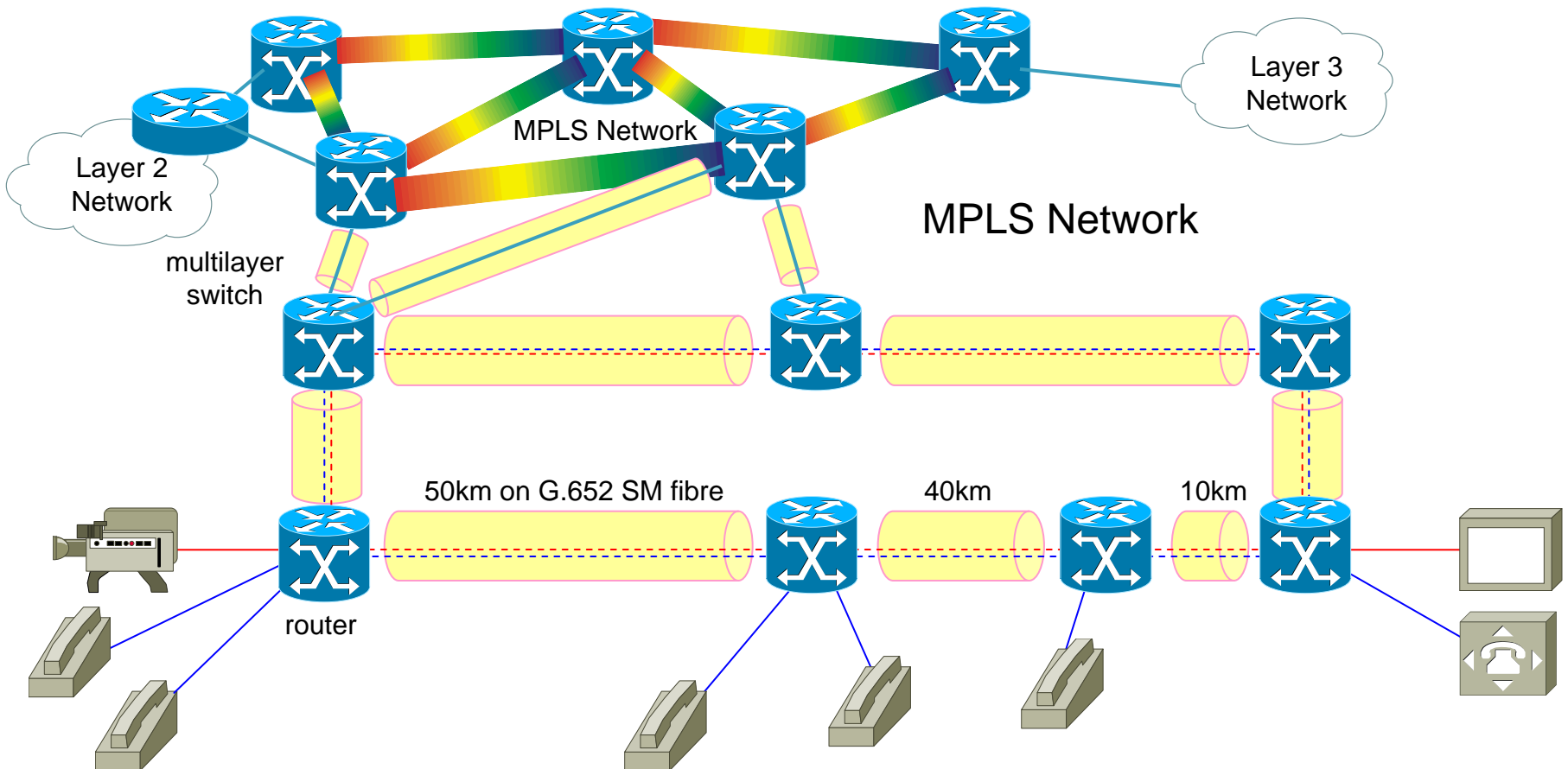
Building the Network Architecture

- Add MPLS / BGP VPN functionality and **SyncE** to properly support PDH data such as **GSM-R** and old VF telephony



Building the Network Architecture

- Add WDM to core (and access if required)
- Replace L2 access with MPLS



Ethernet Transport Vision

What is this?

METRO Thursday, February 3, 2011



The railway network is not the “Internet”

It is a private network so all addresses available

We can even reuse addresses by layering

The network runs IPv4 and IPv6 alongside each other. Select based on end device capability.

BBC News, Tuesday, February 1, 2011

The Telecoms Vision

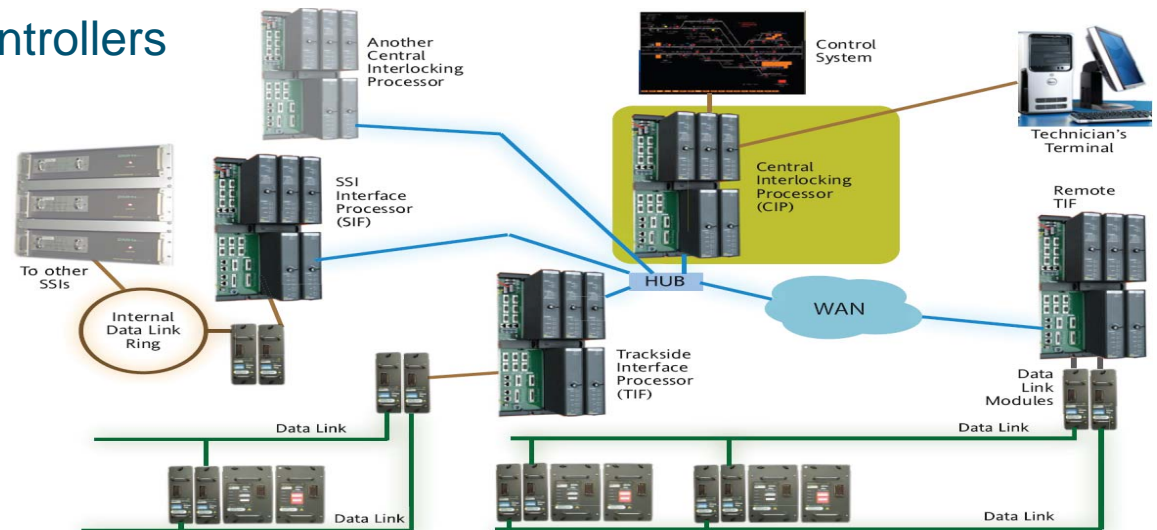
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Applicability

- The most modern signalling and ECR SCADA equipment is already capable of (sometimes favours) communication over an IP-Ethernet network

- e.g. ERTMS object controllers
- Westlock Solid State Interlocking (SSI) comms links.
- SCADA
- Loggers



- We must encourage all new railway signalling and control systems to support IP/Ethernet connectivity.

Drivers and Motivators

- Should individual applications/projects be driving network roll out or should there be national roll out? Carrot & stick compromise?
- Needs to be **direction** on what and how
 - That's the way to do it and here's a bit of help/assistance/consultancy...
- Technology development
 - Need to keep up with comms developments (like BR did)
 - Collaboration with equipment manufacturers to develop technology, appropriate interfaces and test new systems.
- Guidance on documentation, records, management systems
- Who will perform these **vital** functions?

Architectural Compatibility

Nobody at present

Asset Management

Where is the "Operational Datacoms Development" Function

Future Emphasis

- Network Nodes exactly where needed!!! (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
- Asset Management (**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**)
 - Guidance on what and how / Knowing what and where
 - Sustainable record management (ccts, connectivity)
 - Network management (OA&M)
- Integration with FTNe
 - Interconnectivity needed? Yes for ECR SCADA, RCM, CCTV
- VoIP interface with traditional POTS telephony
- Support of FTN PDH Muxes & GSM-R via E1 interface (+SyncE)

