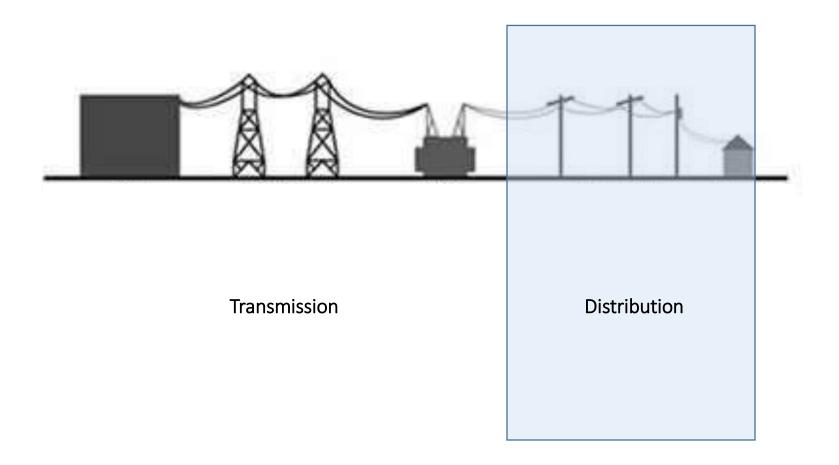
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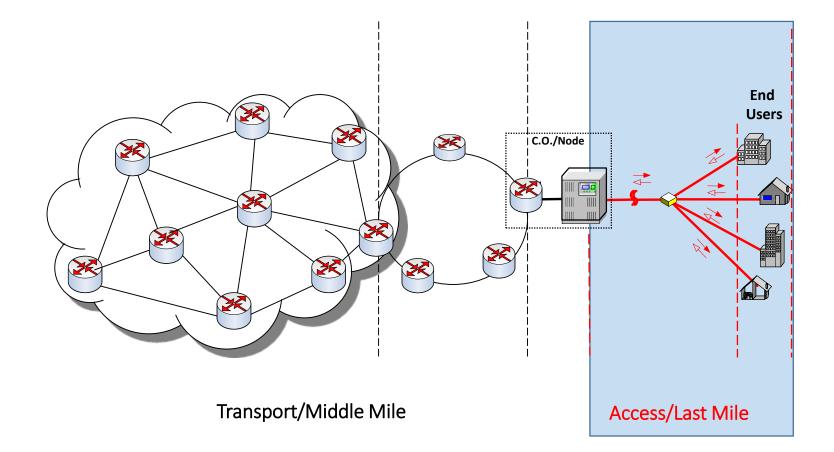
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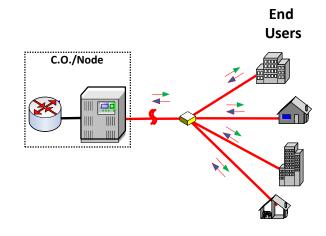


#### **Communications Network Architecture**



# Passive Optical Network (PON)

- Uses a Point to Multipoint (PMP) topology
- From "Central Office"/Node's Optical Line Terminal (OLT), a single fiber goes out to a passive splitter where signal is divided onto multiple fibers
- Transmit and receive directions on different wavelengths
  - Example: Upstream 1310nm and Downstream 1490nm
- Powered Optical Network Terminal (ONT) (aka., Optical Network Unit) at each endpoint
- Splitter ratios vary by technology and network design



# **PON Splitters**

- PON splitters are 1X32 or some smaller number of splits in binary sequence (2, 4, 8, 16)
- Splitters add considerable loss to an FTTH link, limiting the link distance. Following are typical losses for various split ratios:

| Splitter Ratio | <u>Typical Loss (dB)</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1:2            | 4                        |
| 1:4            | 7                        |
| 1:8            | 11                       |
| 1:16           | 15                       |
| 1:32           | 19                       |







# How do PONs work?

- Transmitting downstream
  - The OLT broadcasts all traffic to every ONT
  - Each ONT only reads packet content addressed to it
  - Encryption is used to prevent eavesdropping
- Transmitting upstream
  - OLT controls all ONT transmissions/arbitration protocol
  - Popular methods are:
    - TDM timeslot arrangement
    - Pre-scheduled packet allocation
    - Bandwidth allocation

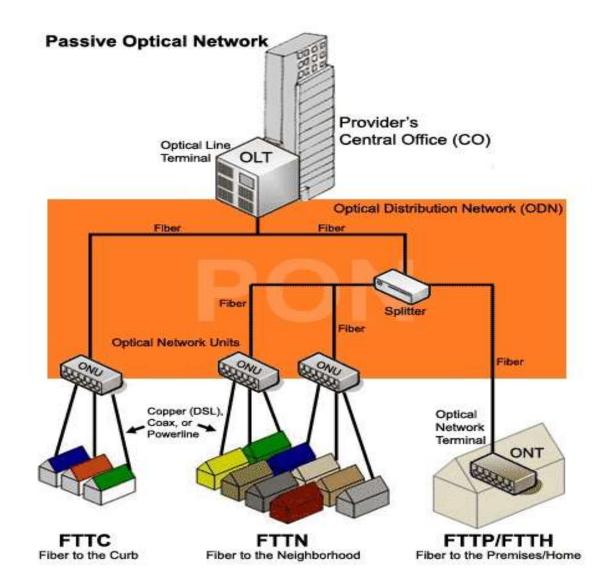
# How do PONs work?

- "Ranging" difficulties
  - OLT must coordinate all ONT upstream transmission into proper timeslots
  - Physical delay from each ONT measured and figured into "offset"
    - along with timeslot assignment to avoid collisions
  - Misbehaving ONT can impact entire upstream transmission
  - Aging optical components may cause drift requiring OLT monitoring
- Operating speeds, frame formats, optical interface specifications, etc. depend on the type of PON

# PON Types (aka, FTTx)

- FTTx is general term used to describe the penetration of optical fiber into the last mile network
- Possible to use P2P links to reach end users or a PON based PMP topology. Most current FTTx deployments use PON
- The 'x' in FTTx stands for different things based on how close the fiber terminates to end user

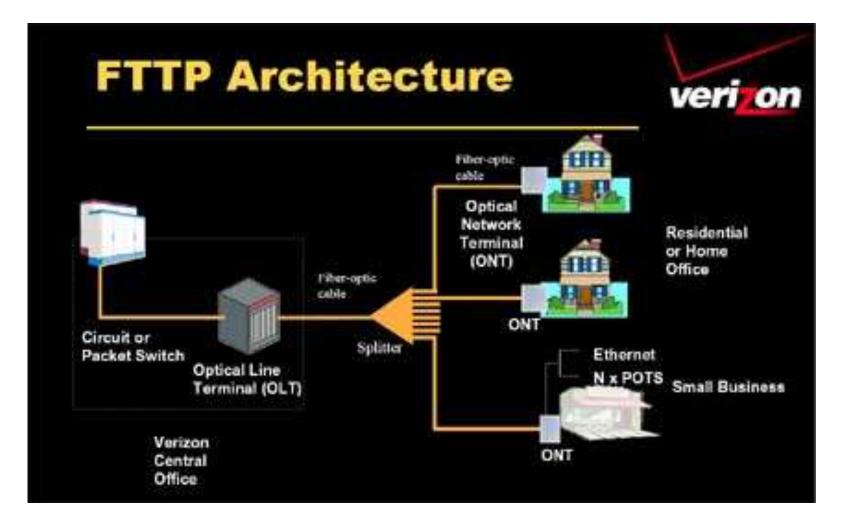
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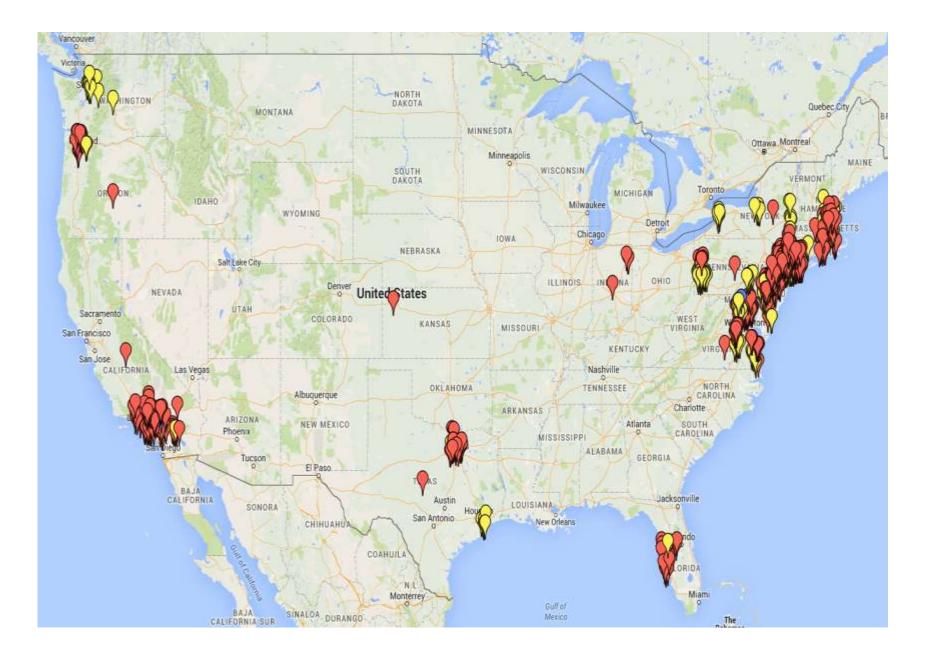






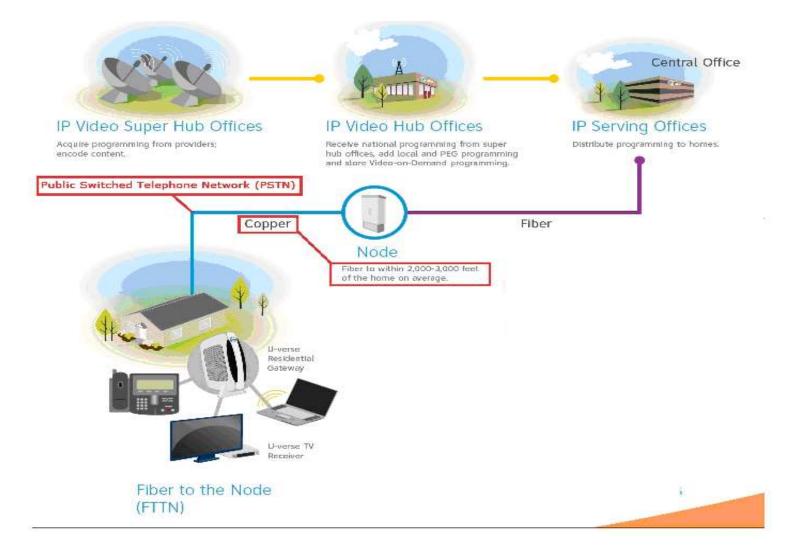
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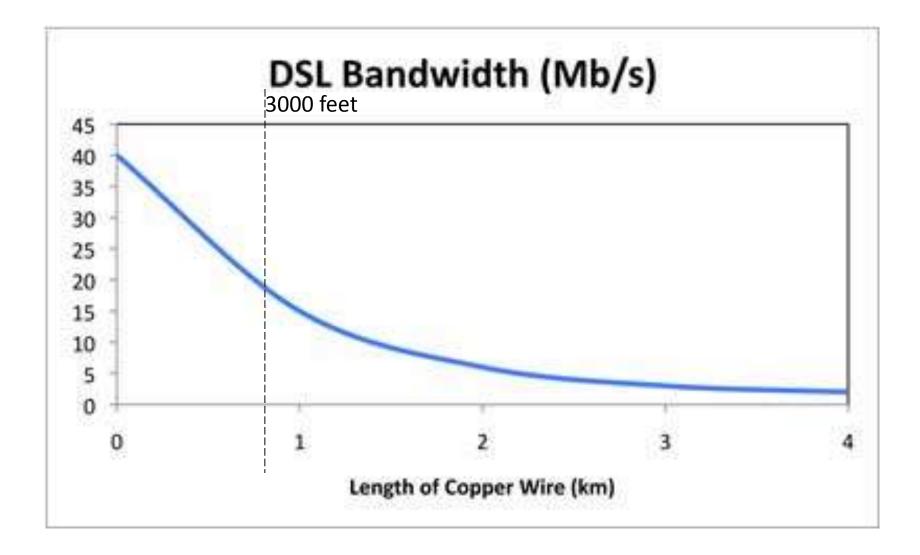






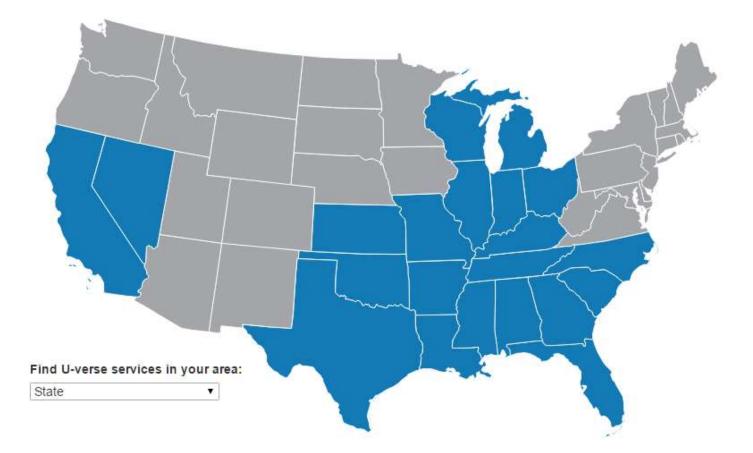
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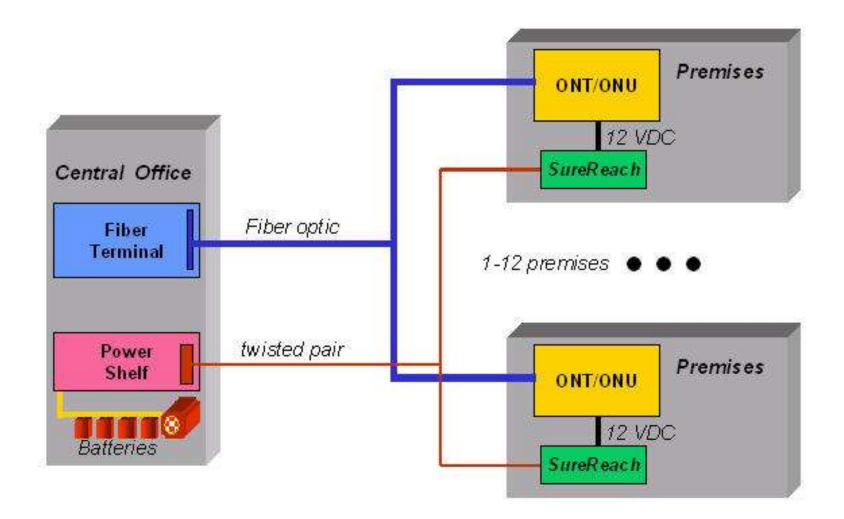


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**Passive Optical Network Evolution** 

**G-PON (Gigabit-capable PON)** 

**XG-PON (10 Gigabit capable PON)** 

NG-PON2 (40 Gigabit capable PON)

[aka, TWDM-PON]

## **G-PON (Gigabit-capable PON)**

- •UPLINK
- •DOWNLINK 2.488 Gbps
- •MAX SPLIT RATIO 128:1
- •YEAR STANDARDIZED 2004
- •OPTICAL

One SM fiber Down 1490 nm Up 1310 nm

1.244 Gbps

## **G-PON (Gigabit-capable PON)**

• System defined in the Recommendation ITU-T G.984 series

- ITU-T G.984.1: System requirements
- ITU-T G.984.2: PMD specifications
- ITU-T G.984.3: TC specifications
- ITU-T G.984.4: OMCI Subsumed by ITU-T G.988
  - Now used for all ITU PONs and P2P systems
- ITU-T G.984.5: WDM matters for the future
- ITU-T G.984.6: Reach extension
- ITU-T G.984.7: Long reach
- Widely Deployed
- Standards considered stable and mature
- Minor optional enhancements continue

# **XG-PON (10 Gigabit capable PON)**

- UPLINK
- DOWNLINK
- MAX SPLIT RATIO
- •YEAR STANDARDIZED
- •OPTICAL

2.488 Gbps 10 Gbps 256:1 2012 One SM fiber Down 1260-1280 nm 1575-1580 nm Up

# XG-PON (10 Gigabit capable PON)

- System defined in the Recommendation ITU-T G.987 series
  - ITU-T G.987: Definitions, abbreviations and acronyms
  - ITU-T G.987.1: General requirements
  - ITU-T G.987.2: Physical media dependent (PMD) layer specification
  - ITU-T G.987.3: Transmission convergence (TC) layer specification
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- ITU-T G.988 = Management and control interface

# NG-PON2 (40 Gigabit capable PON)

[aka, TWDM-PON]

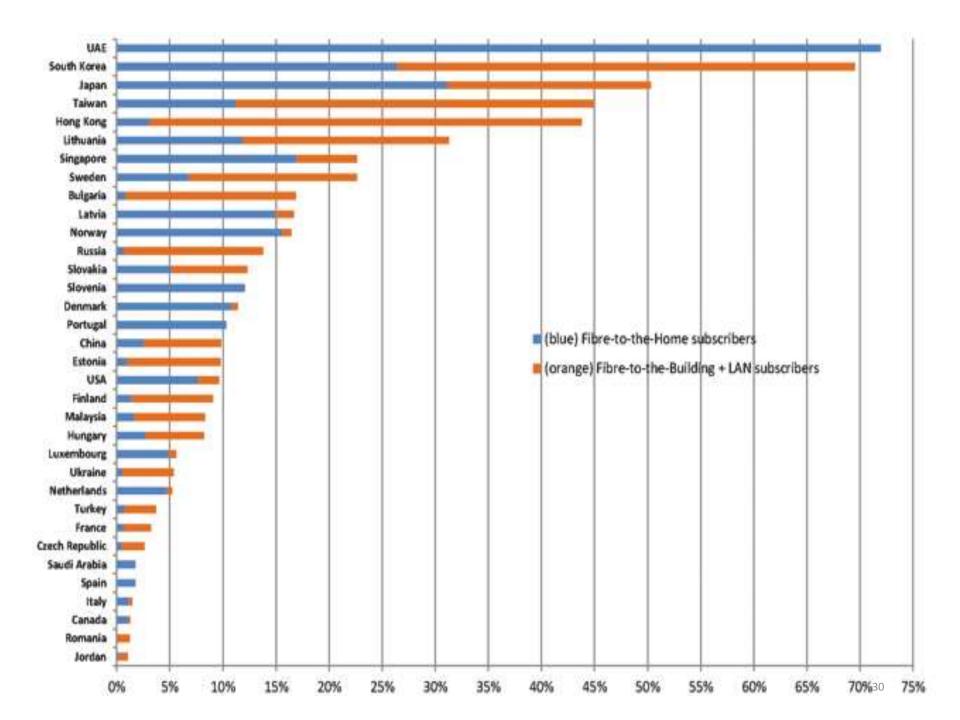
- UPLINK
- DOWNLINK
- MAX SPLIT RATIO
- •YEAR STANDARDIZED
- •OPTICAL

40 Gbps 40 Gbps 64:1 2014/2015 One SM fiber Down  $4^x 10g$ <sup>^</sup>x 10g Up 4

#### **XG-PON2 (40 Gigabit capable PON)** [aka, TWDM-PON]

• System defined in the Recommendation ITU-T G.989 series

- ITU-T G.989 : Definitions and conventions
- ITU-T G.989.1: General requirements
- ITU-T G.989.2: Physical media dependent (PMD) layer specification
- ITU-T G.989.3: Transmission convergence (TC) layer specification
  - Based on G.987.3, with wavelength control and 10G upstream added
- ITU-T G.multi = Wavelength control layer
  - Meant as a general framework for TWDM-systems, of which G.989 is one
- ITU-T G.984.5 = Wavelength coexistence
- ITU-T G.988 = Management and control interface
  - Standard in force, can be easily reused for TWDM



# Deployment

- Issues to consider
  - •Vendor choices?
  - Migration path to higher speeds?
  - Connectorized cabling vs fusion splicing?
  - In-house vs. contracted labor?

