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# Wholesale and Networks

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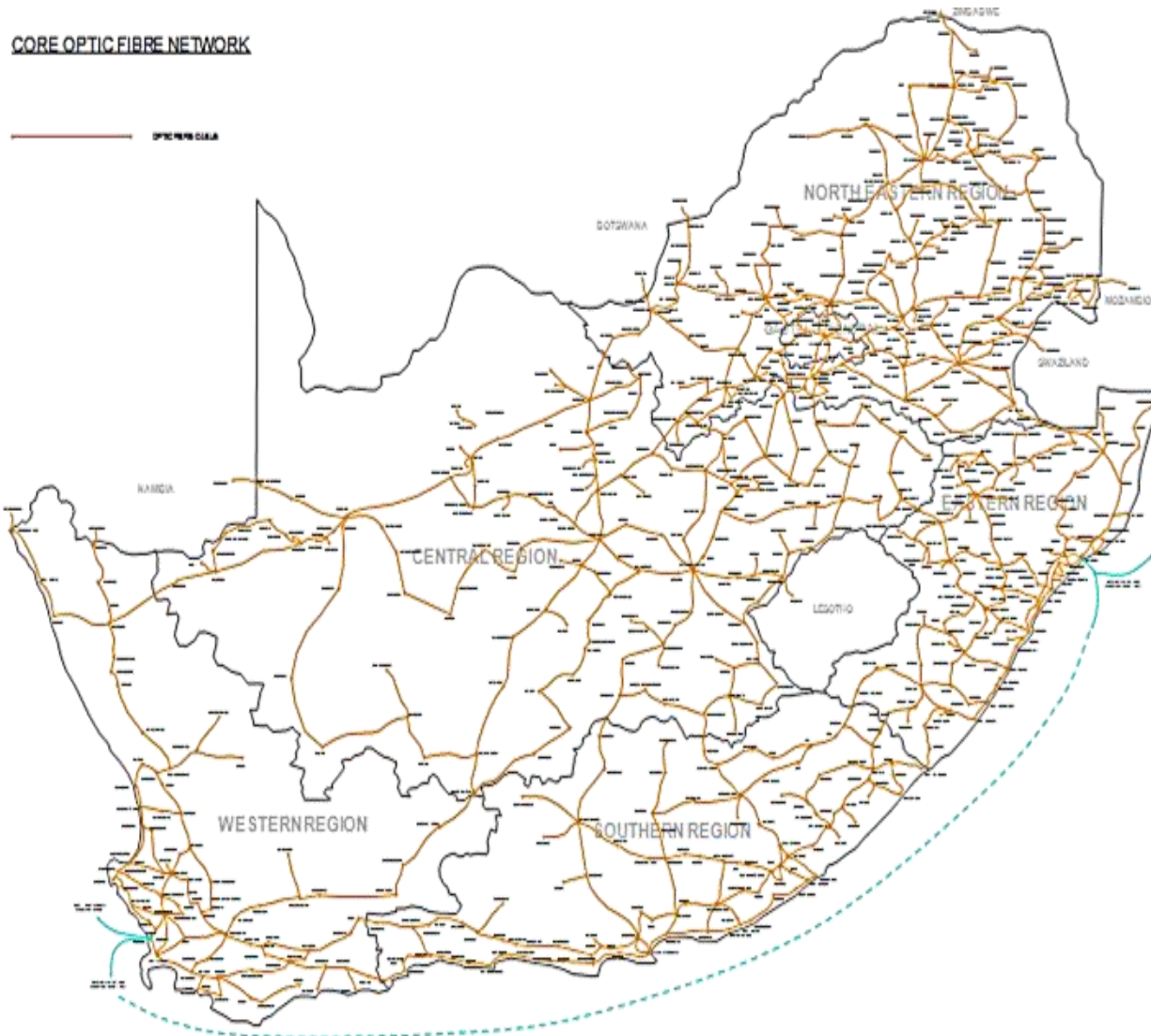
# LANDSCAPE

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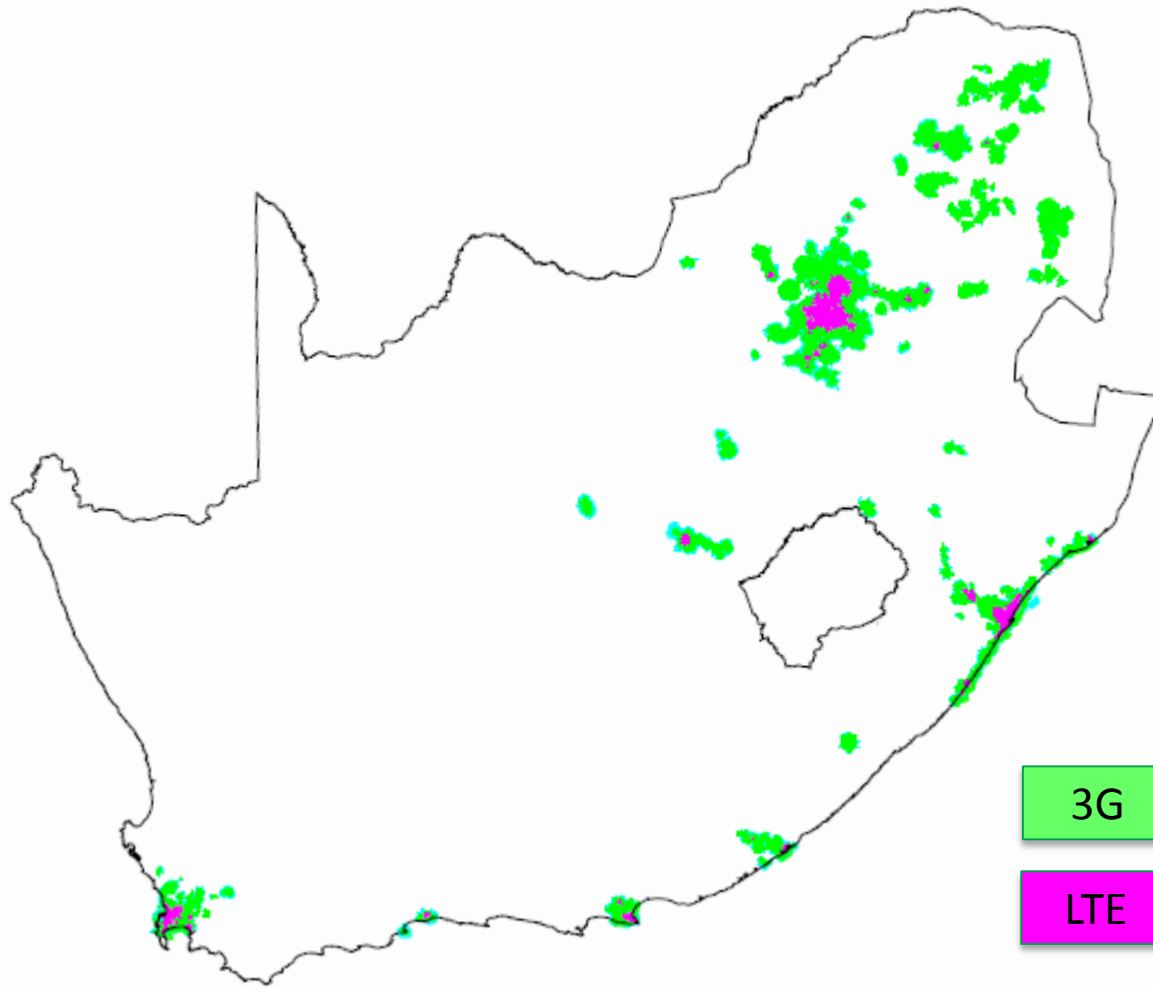
The quality and reach of telecommunications infrastructure in South Africa has improved dramatically over the last decade. The most notable areas of improvement are:

- The number of undersea cables that have landed on our shores
- National and regional data backhaul networks being built out by Telkom and others
- Significant Metro and access fibre roll-out
- Satellite coverage covering the country and beyond; and
- Significant build out of mobile networks

## Telkom's national fibre network



- Telkom has more than 147,000 km of fibre (largest footprint in SA – critical to support a nationwide deployment)
- 16,588 Fibre Distribution Points already enabling more than 100,000 services
- 948,868 ADSL subscribers



Telkom mobile 3G coverage reaches approx. 55% of the population

2428 sites on air

1165 LTE sites on air

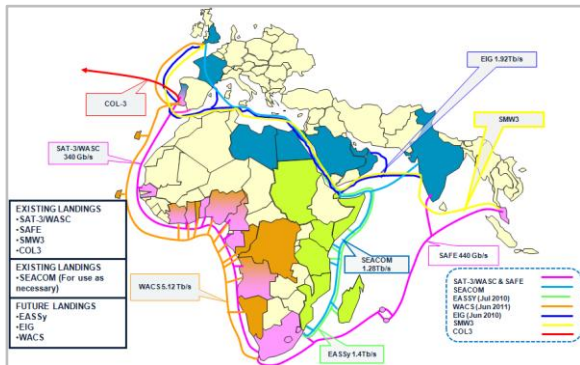
2426 WiFi access points



## Submarine cables (3-2-3)

- 3 gateways out of the country (Yserfontein, Melkbosstrand, Mtunzini)
- 2 rings around Africa (WACS/EIG/EASSY and SAT#/SAFE/SMW3)
- 3 diverse routes (WACS and SAT2/EIG and EASSY/EIG or SMW3)

### Submarine cables

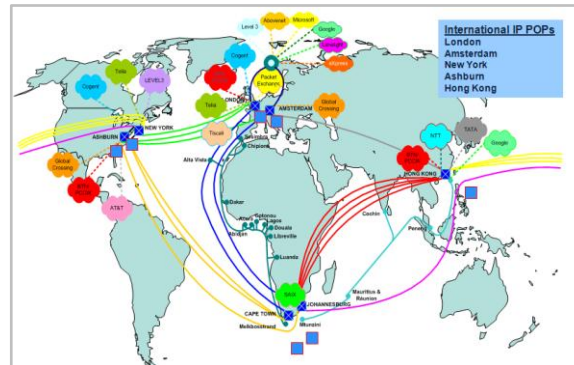


## Terrestrial fibre connects SADC countries

### International IPNet

- POP's (London, Amsterdam, NY, HK, Frankfurt)
- Our Global VPN extended coverage spans across 111 Countries and over 700 Cities globally

### International IPNet



## Satellite services

- 3 major earth stations
- Covering Africa

### Satellite Services

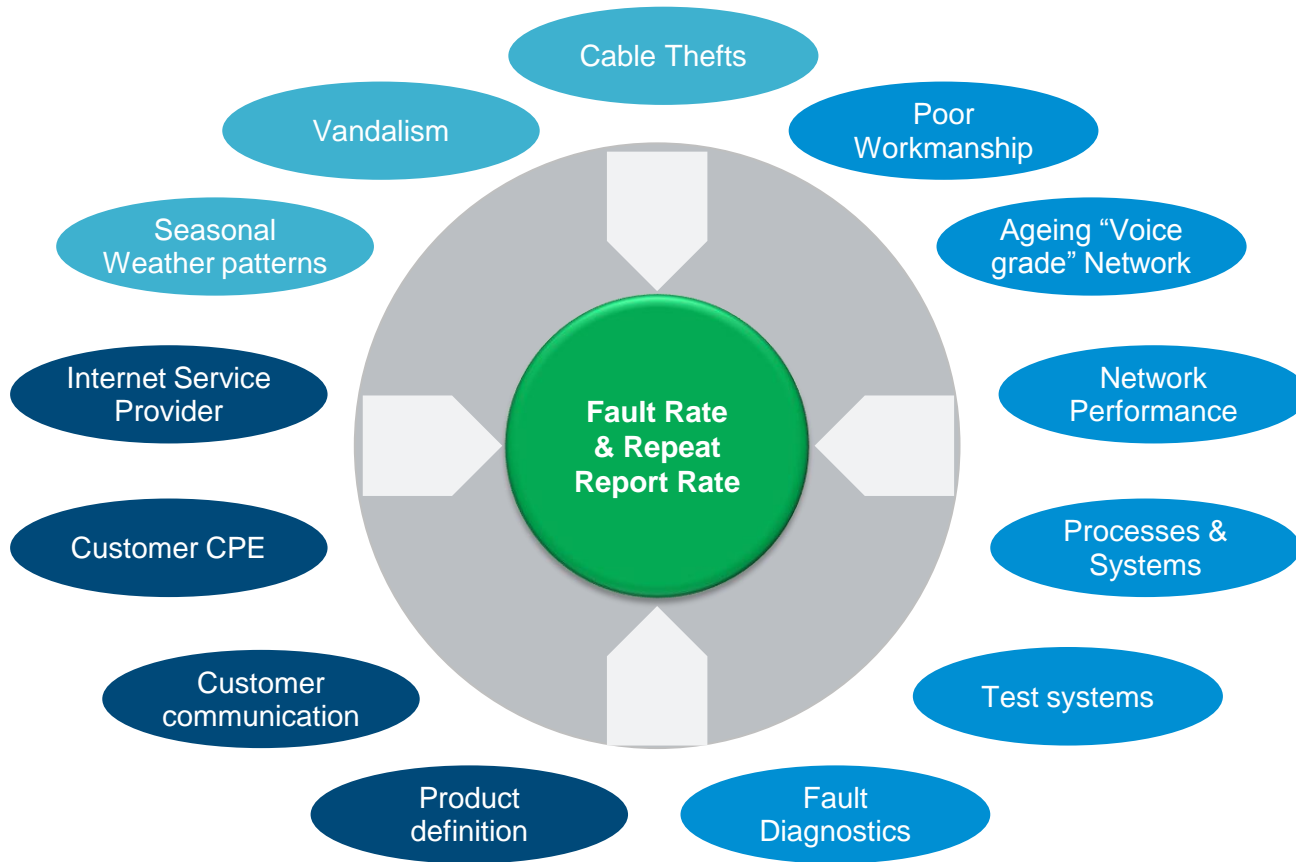


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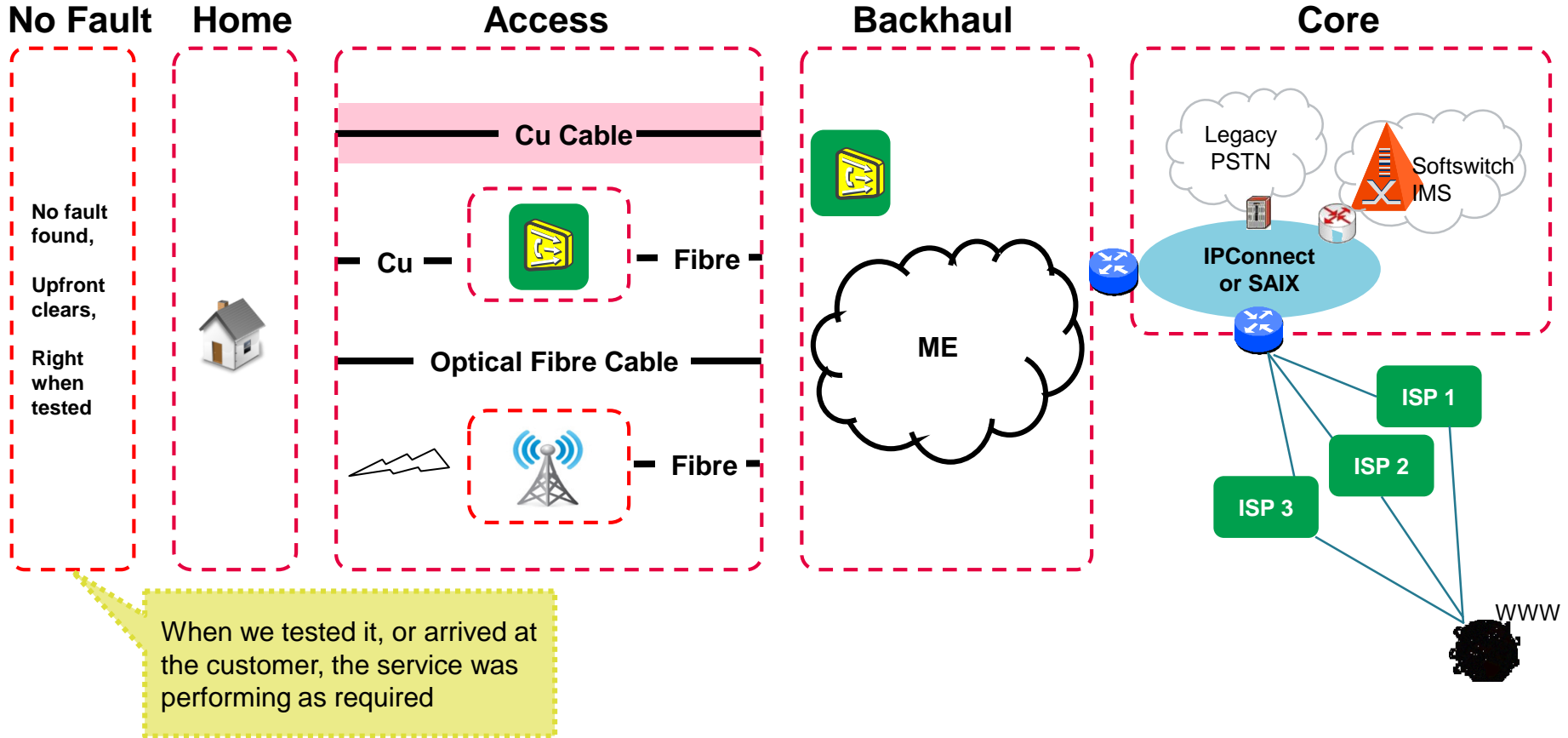
# SERVICE CHALLENGES

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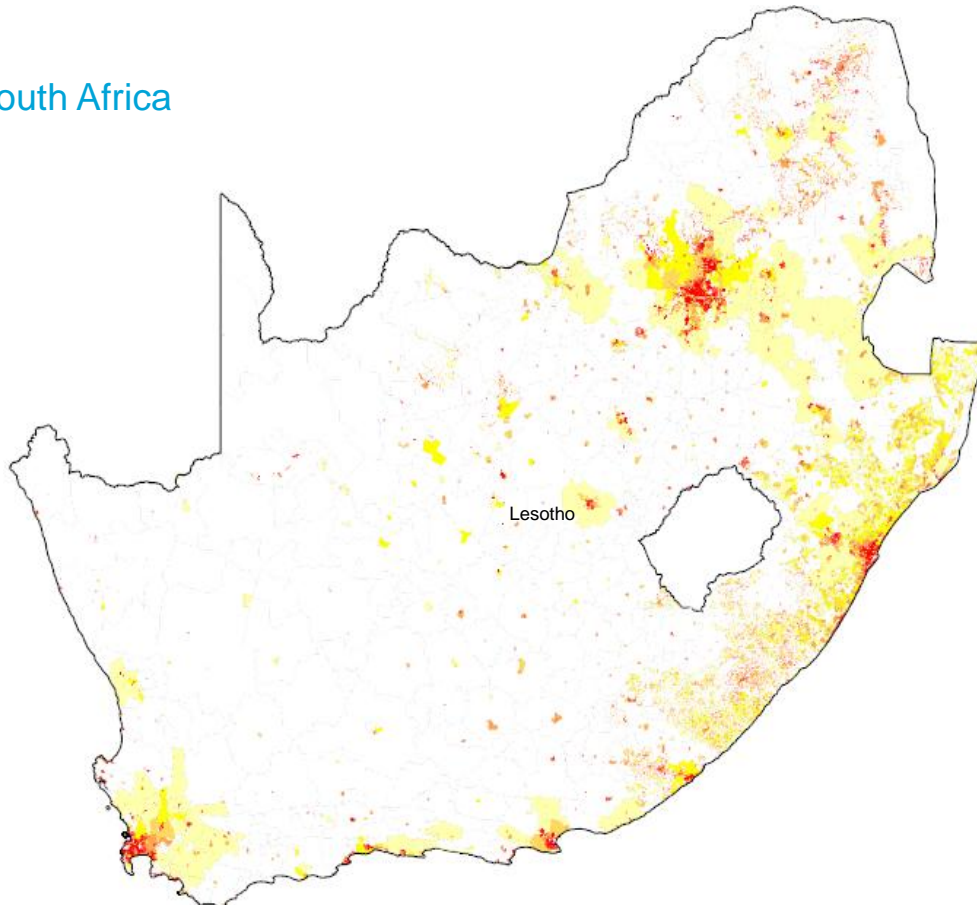
Fault Rate and Repeat Report Rate impacting factors are diverse, for each product/service type, each with its own unique set of circumstances and challenges



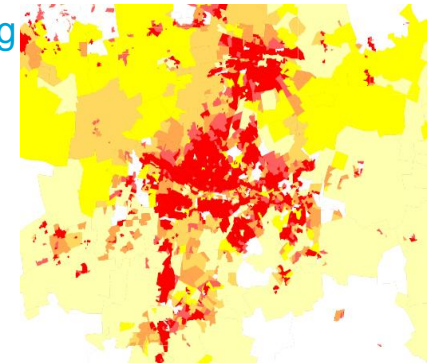
25% to 30%	10% to 15%	45% to 50%	5% to 10%	5% to 10%
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□ Low income areas    □ Low-mid income areas    □ Mid income areas    □ Mid-high income areas    □ High income areas

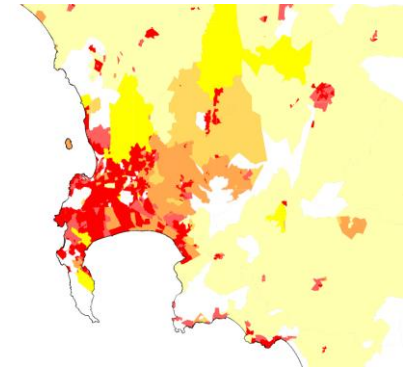
South Africa



Johannesburg and Pretoria



Cape Town



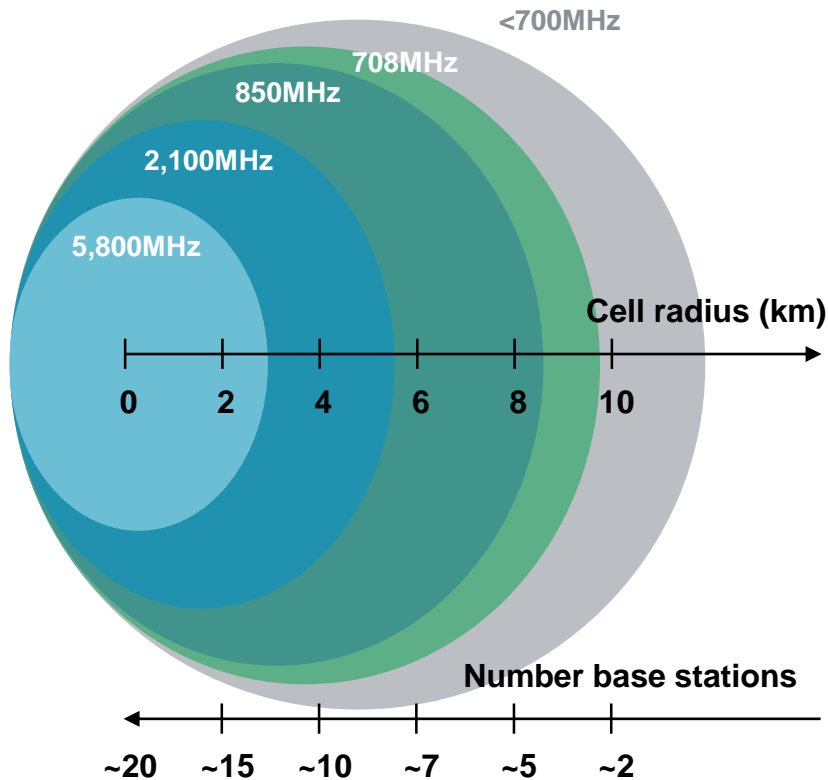
- 2% of South Africa's area concentrates 50% of population and 77% of national income
- Mid and high income areas are highly concentrated in a few urban and suburban areas
- 59% of households represent 83% of total income

# Vast geography and relatively dispersed customer base makes for a unique challenge...

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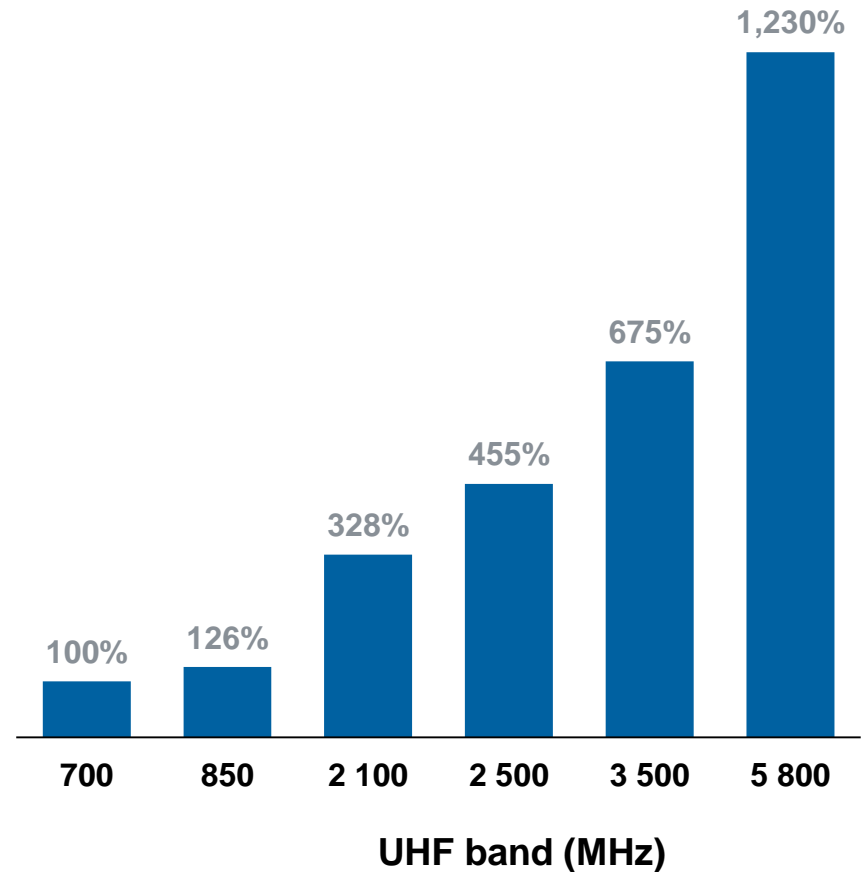
Area type	Disposable income	Broadband needs	Target solution
Urban corp. & business parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High bandwidth requirements (&gt; 100Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FTTB &amp; PON</li> </ul>
SMMEs, branch offices & Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High bandwidth requirements (&gt; 100Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHDSL, VDSL &amp; 2.6 GHz hotspots</li> </ul>
Gated comm & SOHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High bandwidth requirements (10 - 100 Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PON &amp; VDSL</li> </ul>
Urban suburban & SOHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium bandwidth requirements (10 - 40 Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADSL2/2+ &amp; VDSL</li> </ul>
Urban township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium-low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low bandwidth requirements (4 - 10 Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3G/LTE in 2.1 GHz and 900 MHz</li> </ul>
Farms, rural bus. & game lodges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low bandwidth requirements (4 - 10 Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LTE in 800 MHz and satellite</li> </ul>
Rural settlements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very low bandwidth requirements (1 - 2 Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LTE in 800 MHz and satellite</li> </ul>
Deep rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very low bandwidth requirements (less than 1 Mbps)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satellite</li> </ul>

## The propagation characteristics of spectrum



Source: BBC R&D

## Relative CAPEX required for network infrastructure investment





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# NETWORK TRANSFORMATION

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### Telkom's transformation strategy

#### Voice centric

- Significant portion of the revenue coming from voice (and declining)
- Limited broadband capabilities on the back of legacy technologies (e.g. copper based)
- Low economies of scale limiting potential growth and affordable services
- Manual driven processes (ultimately driving high cost to serve)
- Slow to market – new lines and services
- Economically not sustainable

Legacy technologies limit Telkom's abilities to offer advanced data services at affordable prices

#### Data centric

- Revenue driven by data services (stabilizing revenue or growing)
- Future proof capabilities based on fibre technologies (e.g. FTTx) and mobile
- High economies of scale allowing high speed data intensive services at affordable prices
- Automated processes bringing efficiency and lower cost to serve
- Improved Speed to market & Enhanced services
- Focus on economically viable areas

Strategy will enable ICT play through future proof more efficient technologies

**'One Network, all IP'**

<b>Obsolescence</b>	<b>Voice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E10</li> <li>• EWSD</li> </ul>
	<b>Broadband &amp; Data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATM</li> <li>• ADSL</li> <li>• Diginet</li> </ul>
<b>Revenue generation and protection</b>	<b>Consumer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 : 40 revenue protection versus new revenue</li> </ul>
	<b>Business</b>	
	<b>Wholesale</b>	
<b>Cost &amp; Customer</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Centralised Control &amp; configuration</li> <li>• Combo ports</li> <li>• Cost per bit</li> </ul>
	<b>Customer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower fault rate</li> <li>• Higher speeds</li> <li>• Reputation: Fixed/mobile differentiation</li> </ul>
<b>IT</b>	<b>Enhanced IT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost avoidance</li> <li>• Product &amp; services (rationalise legacy systems &amp; applications)</li> <li>• Enable the improvement of customer experience</li> </ul>

## MSAN solution

The MSAN provides the ability to enable different service types, which target various segments from the same access node

- Four use cases differentiate four demand patterns
- International leading players' best practices and industry trends have been used to benchmark the access solution

## MSAN specifications (non-exhaustive)

MSAN enables a future-proof access network

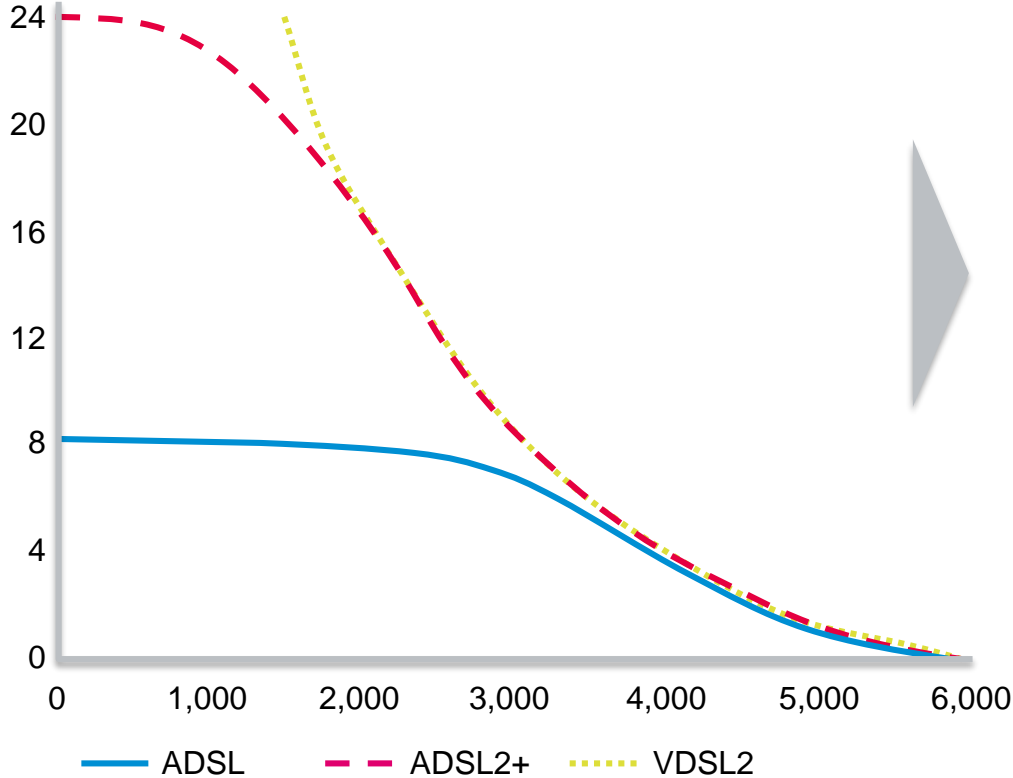
- Addresses current and future demand requirements by being scalable and flexible
- Based on Next Generation Network technologies
- Aligned with international standards
- Specification based on evolving open standards, ensuring interoperability
- Upgradable to FTTx: Capability to support next generation xPON technology
- DSL standards
- Ethernet & Networking specifications
- Supports emerging voice protocols

# xDSL speed is influenced by copper thickness and its length

## Maximum attainable speed in copper networks

### Maximum attainable speed for DSL technology<sup>1</sup>

(Mbps vs. meters)



MAS (meters)	ADSL (Mbps)	ADSL2+ (Mbps)	VDSL2 (Mbps)
580 m	8.0	23.9	63.6
1,160 m	8.0	22.1	30.9
2,320 m	7.7	13.8	14.0
2,552 m	7.5	11.6	11.6
3,480 m	5.4	6.0	6.0
4,060 m	3.4	3.7	3.7
4,640 m	1.8	2.0	2.0
4,988 m	1.0	1.4	1.4
5,568 m	0.1	0.4	0.4

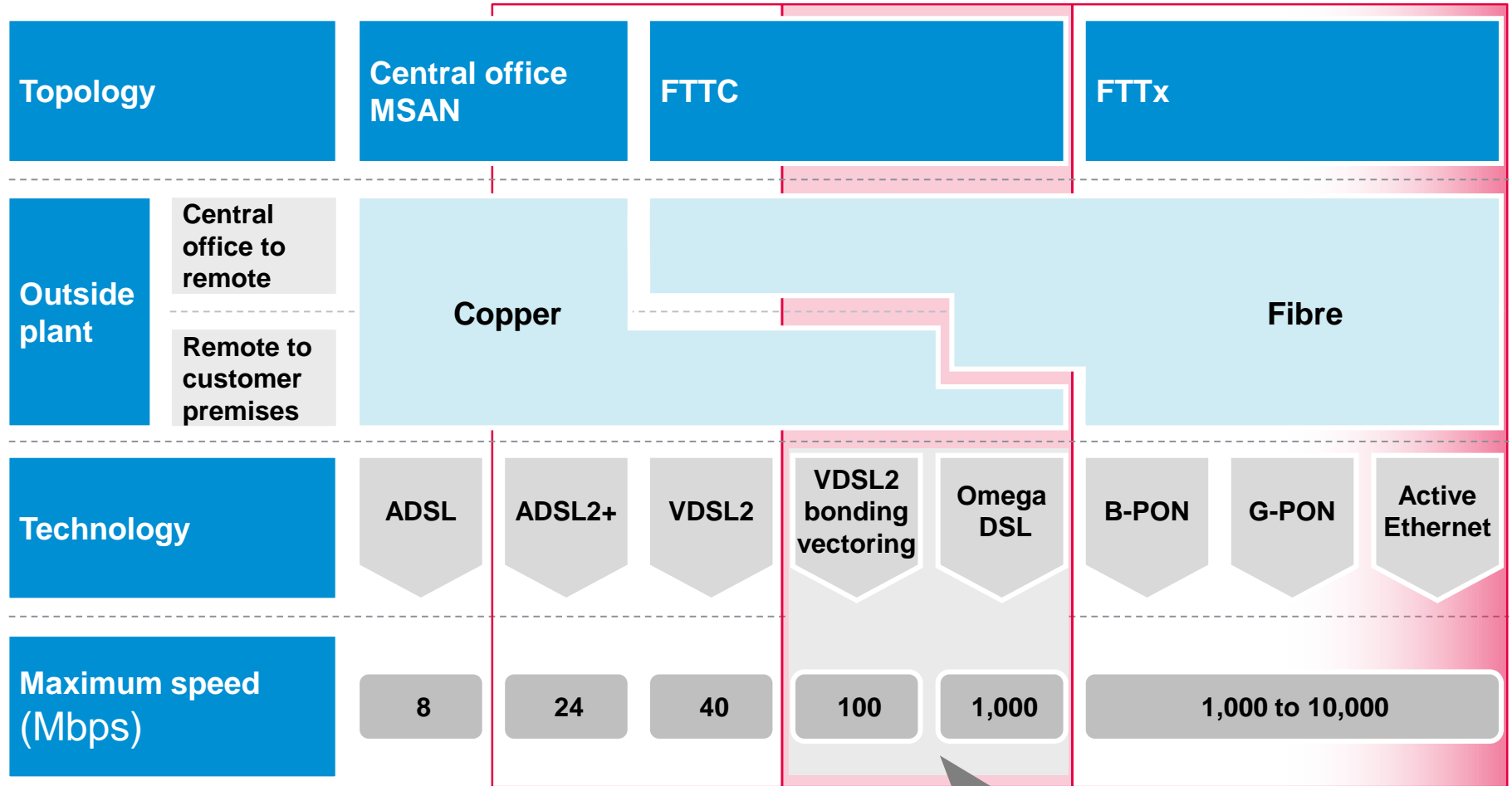
After 2.5 km all technologies deliver the same speed

The thickness of the copper cable determines the signal transmission loss per km, thus impacting on the maximum attainable speed for a given distance

Note: <sup>1</sup> Considering a wire gauge of 22 AWG (loss of 8.62 dB/km)  
Source: Speedguide.net

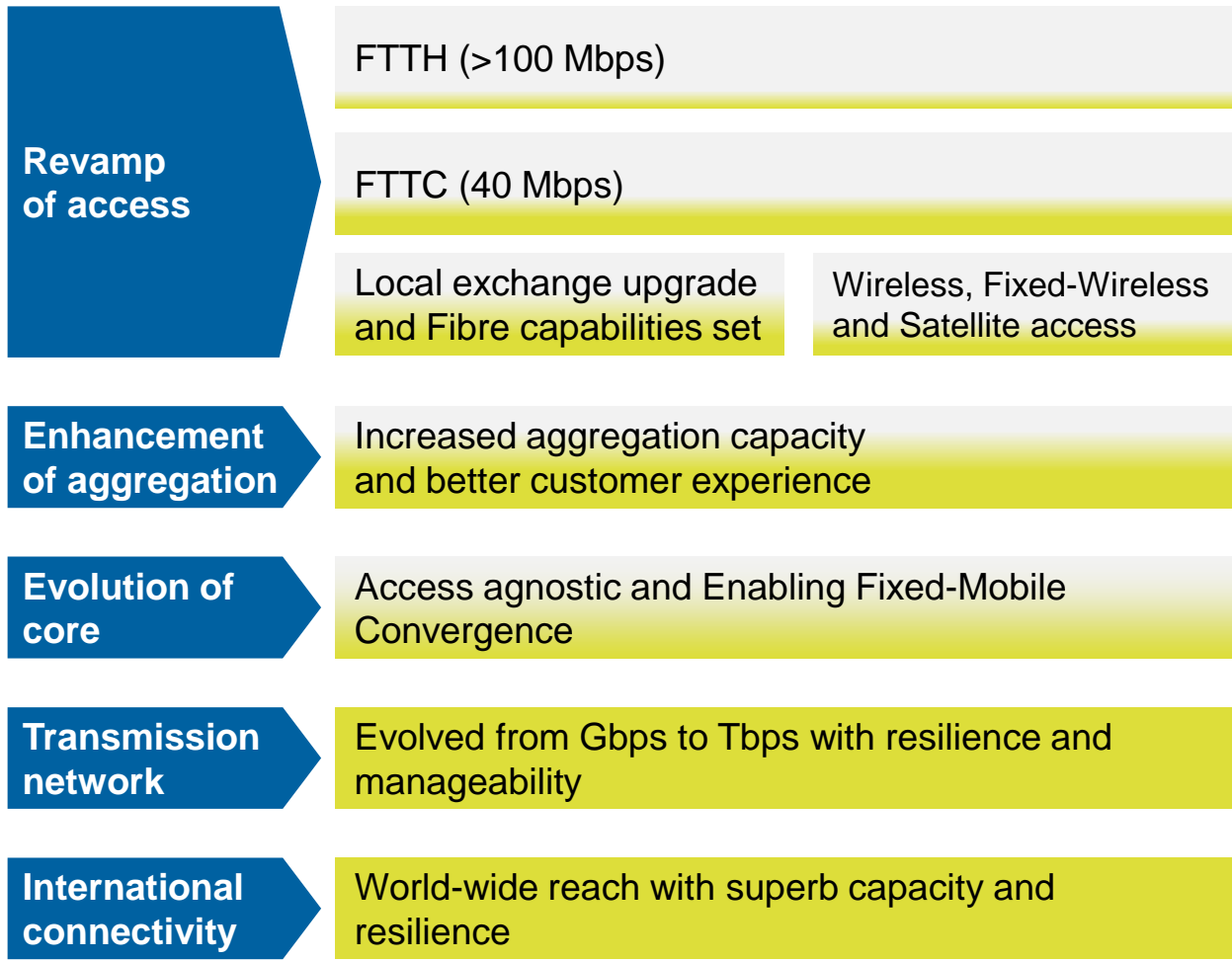


## Revamp Access: The Options



- Current enablement
- Upgradable enablement

Evolution of xDSL technologies will enable higher speeds in copper



FTTC Active Ports = 574,288

FTTH/B Homes Passed = 1,733

## 1 Revamp access Enable differentiated broadband product

- **FTTC**
  - Remote sites = 455 (239,152 ports)
  - 139 Remote sites waiting cut-over = 66,813 ports
  - 42 remotes sites in store (no power)
- **FTTH/B**
  - 6 x TPoC sites for FTTH/B completed
  - Homes passed 1,524
  - Homes connected 16
- **Downtime improvement**
- **Fault reduction**

## 2 Enhance aggregation Protect business data revenue Decommission legacy P&S

- New NG BRAS (BNGs) deployed
  - Additional Metro Ethernet nodes have been deployed
  - Identified buildings which has existing fibre or requiring fibre to be provided.
- Future**  
Reevaluate present technology & vendors of core IP & Transport networks

## 3 Migrate voice Mitigate risks resulting from end-of-life equipment

- Central Offices = 51 (251,232 ports)
- One Central Office decommissioned
- 7 additional central offices deployed representing 54,958 ports
- 3 FTTH/B enabled C.O.
- Utility savings

## 4 Evolve core Enable multi access technology management and multiservice control

- IMS phase 1 completed .
- IMS Phase 2 to commence
- Develop future plan for the convergence fixed and mobile plans

**Future**  
Reevaluate present technology & vendors of core IP & Transport networks

## 5 Overhaul OSS/BSS Meet next generation customer experience demands

- Continual improvements in a phased approach based on services and efficiency introduced.

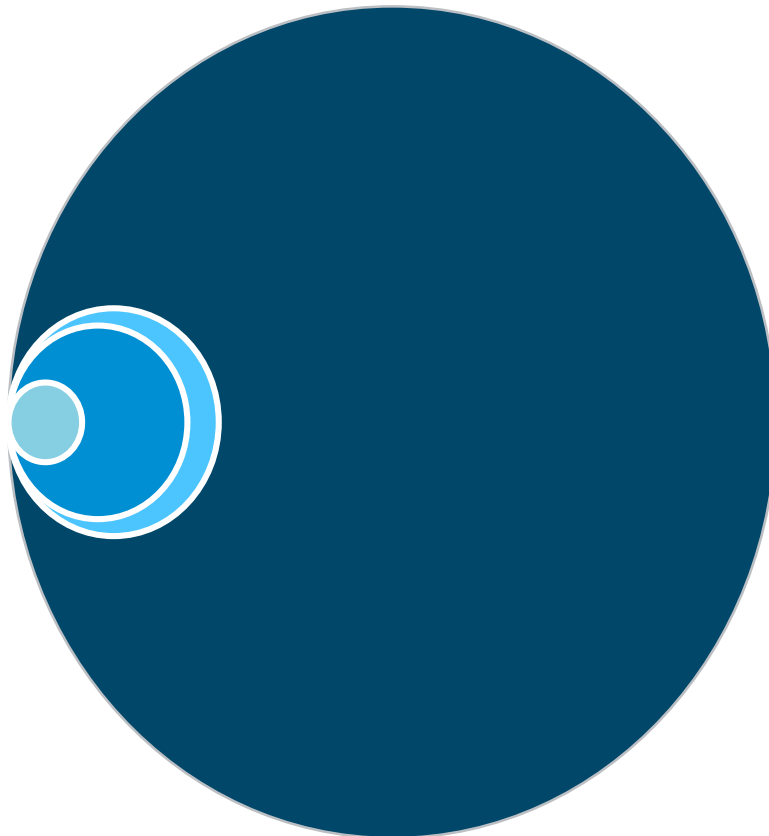
## 6 Enable innovation Enable new business models

- 20 & 40 meg services
- Legacy Diginet (n \* 64k) replacement with Ethernet being `developed
- FTTH/B products being developed
- New training systems

# TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME REVIEW

FTTH / LTE MIX

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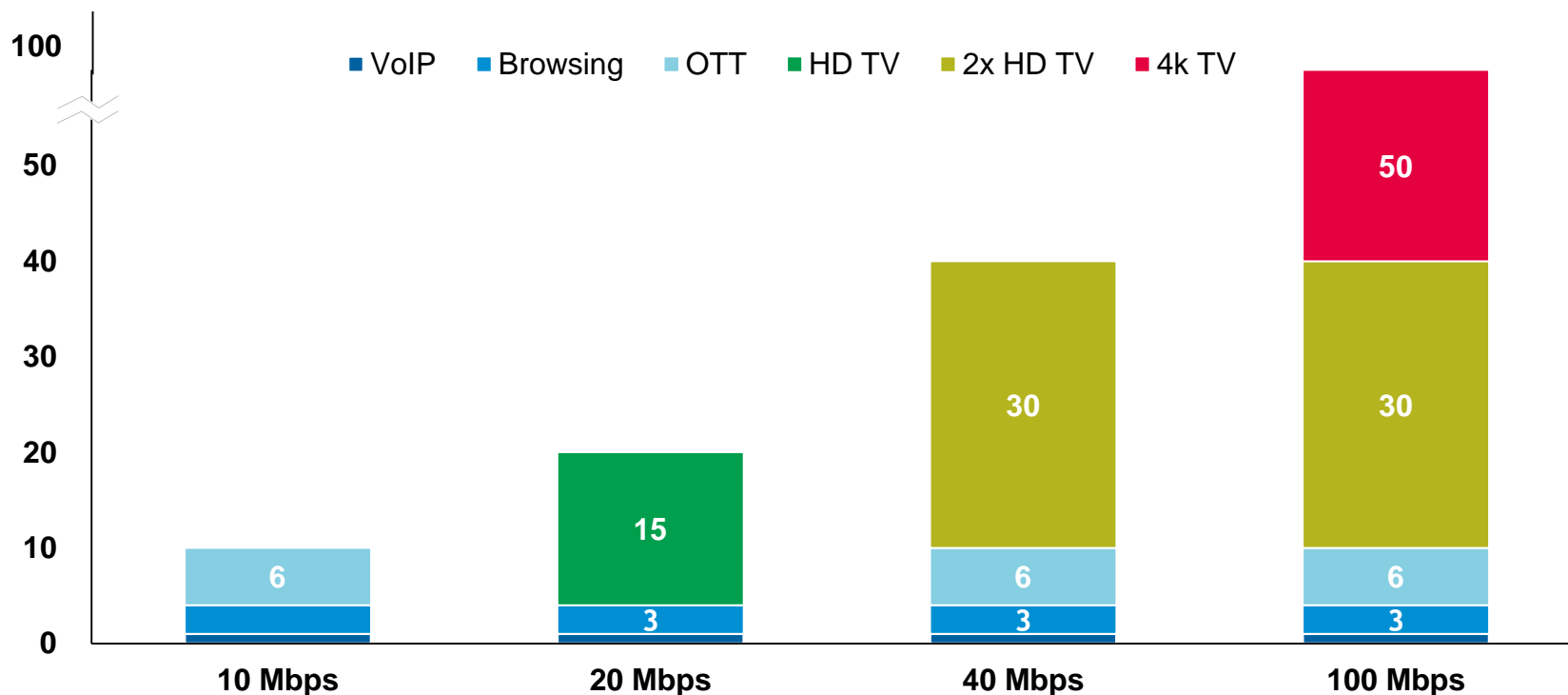


- Revamp of access
- Enhancement of aggregation
- IT
- Evolution of core

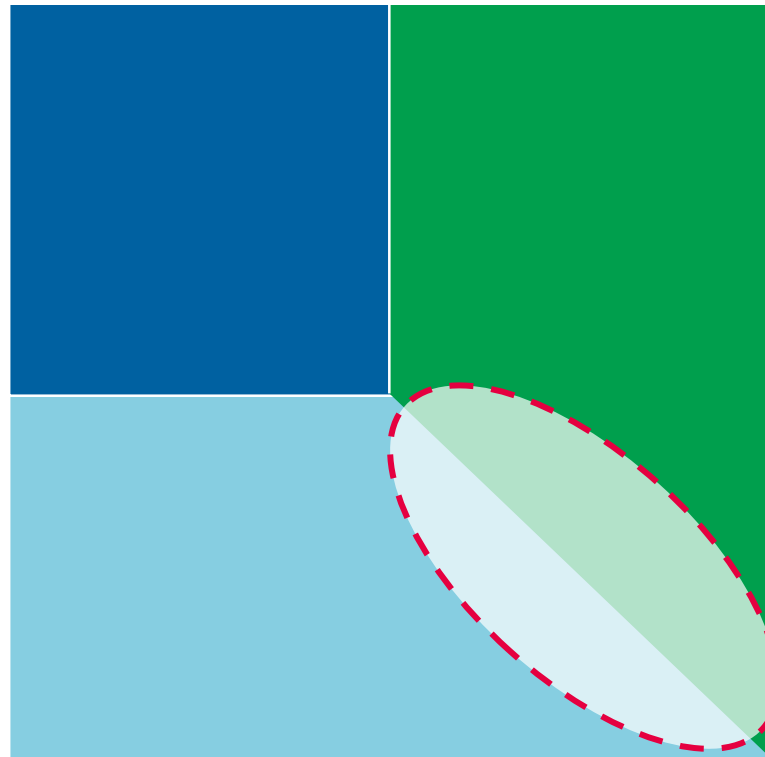
The journey to a future-proof network is based on a comprehensive set of interventions. Investment in the revamp of access is the crucial last step and the most challenging



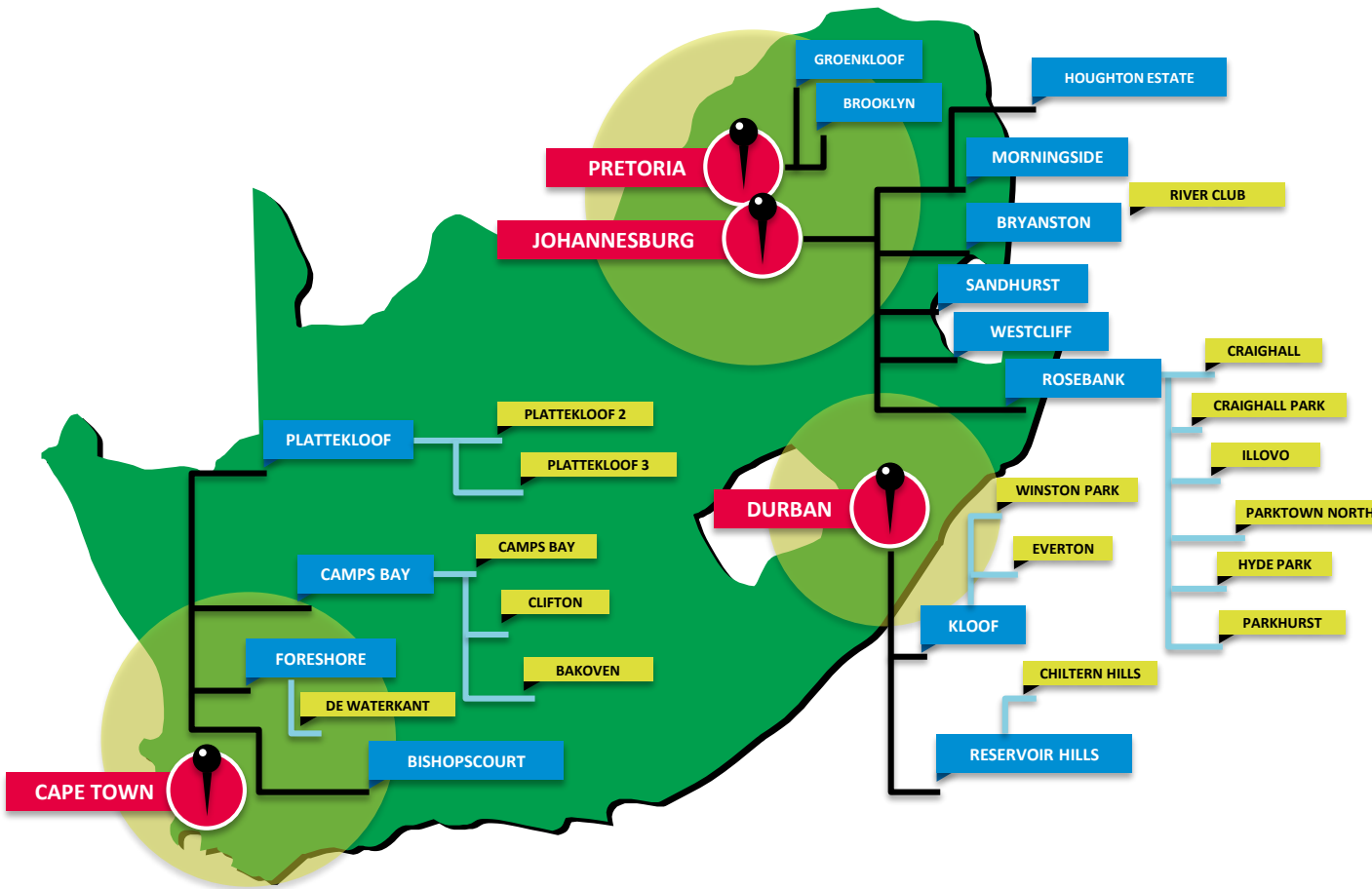
Basket of services per bandwidth (Mbps)



Illustrative



**Network coverage**



## Target

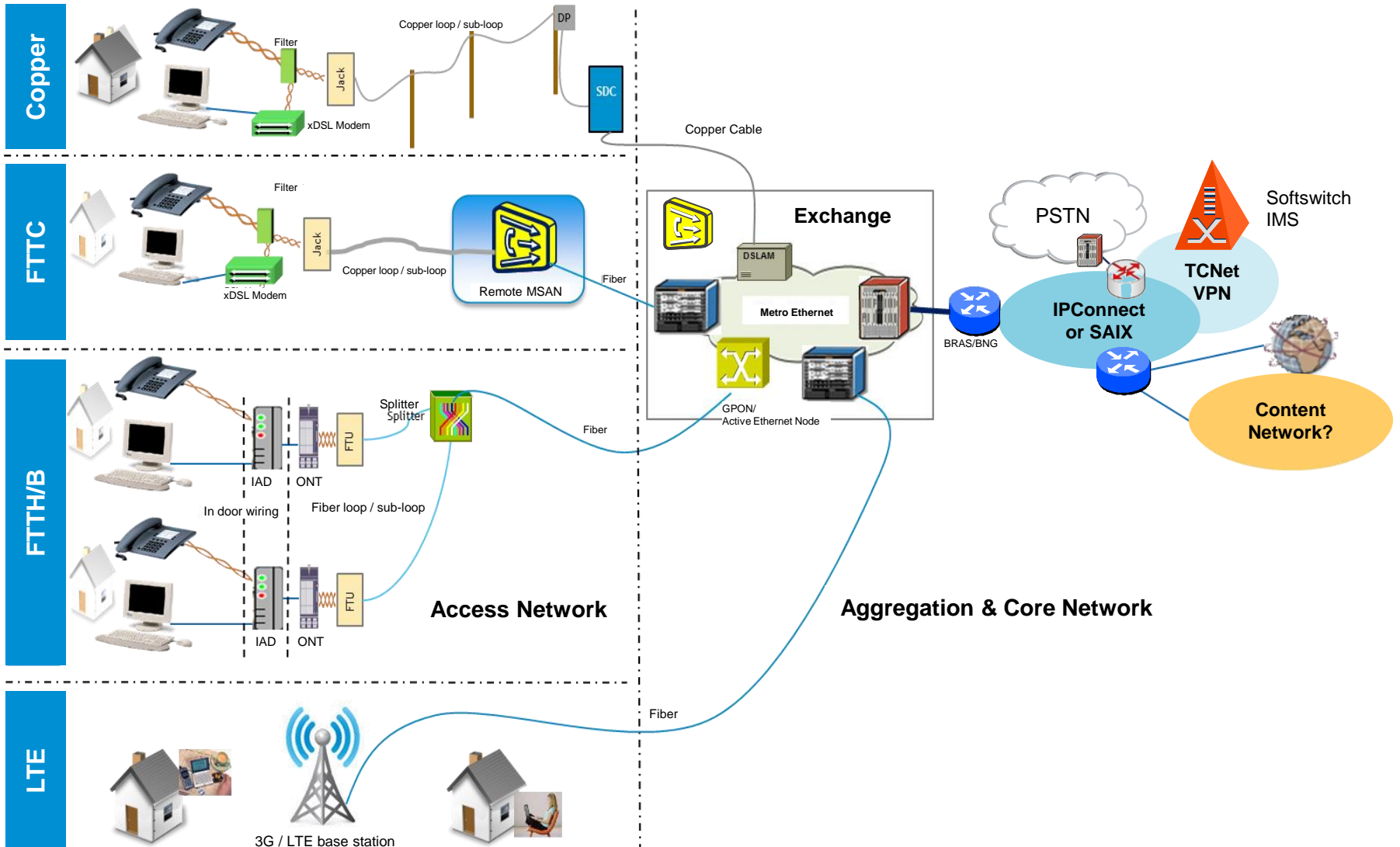
- 23 suburbs covered by December 2014
- 25,000 homes passed by Mar'15

## Current Status

- 1,733 Homes Passed

Telkom announced on 13 June 2014 plans to roll out FTTH connectivity to over twenty suburbs. Commercial launch of basic voice & broadband FTTH/B to enable the sale of up to 100Mbps resell DSL by October 2014

# Network Topology showing Copper, FTTC and FTTH/B Access



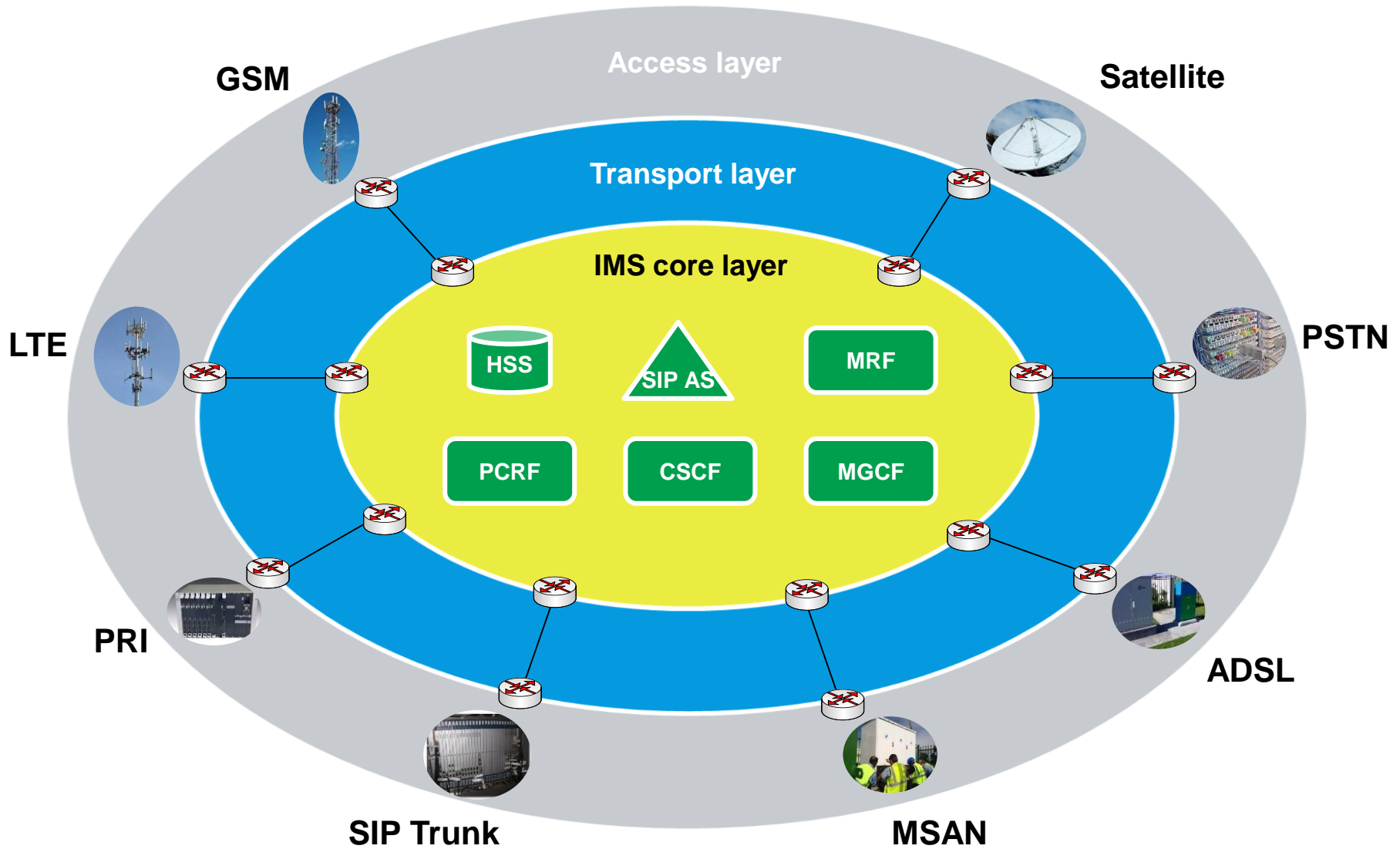
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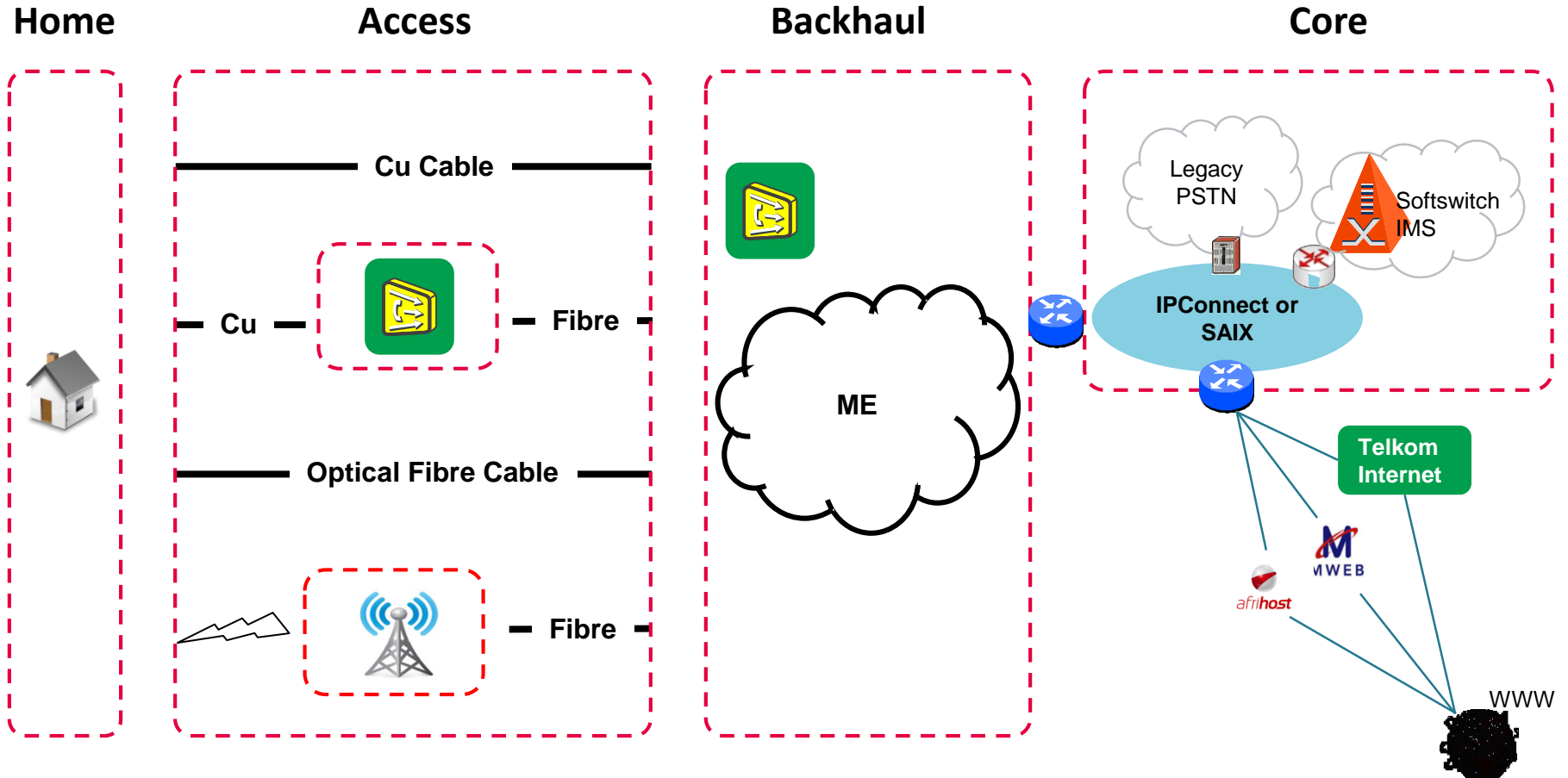
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Extend Ethernet / Metro Ethernet as close as possible to the customer, especially business customers

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## Strategy

- To become the Wholesale Provider of choice, a leader in Broadband and Connectivity Services - Your Partner in Business.

## Repositioning of Telkom Wholesale by:

- Secure long term agreements with key MCO's and OLO's
- Evaluate adjacent growth areas and define opportunities
- Advance Wholesale Sales and Business Development Capabilities

**Global  
wholesale  
markets  
trends**

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Most of the wholesale revenue in mature markets is non-voice related

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FTTH better allows incumbents to defend their investment

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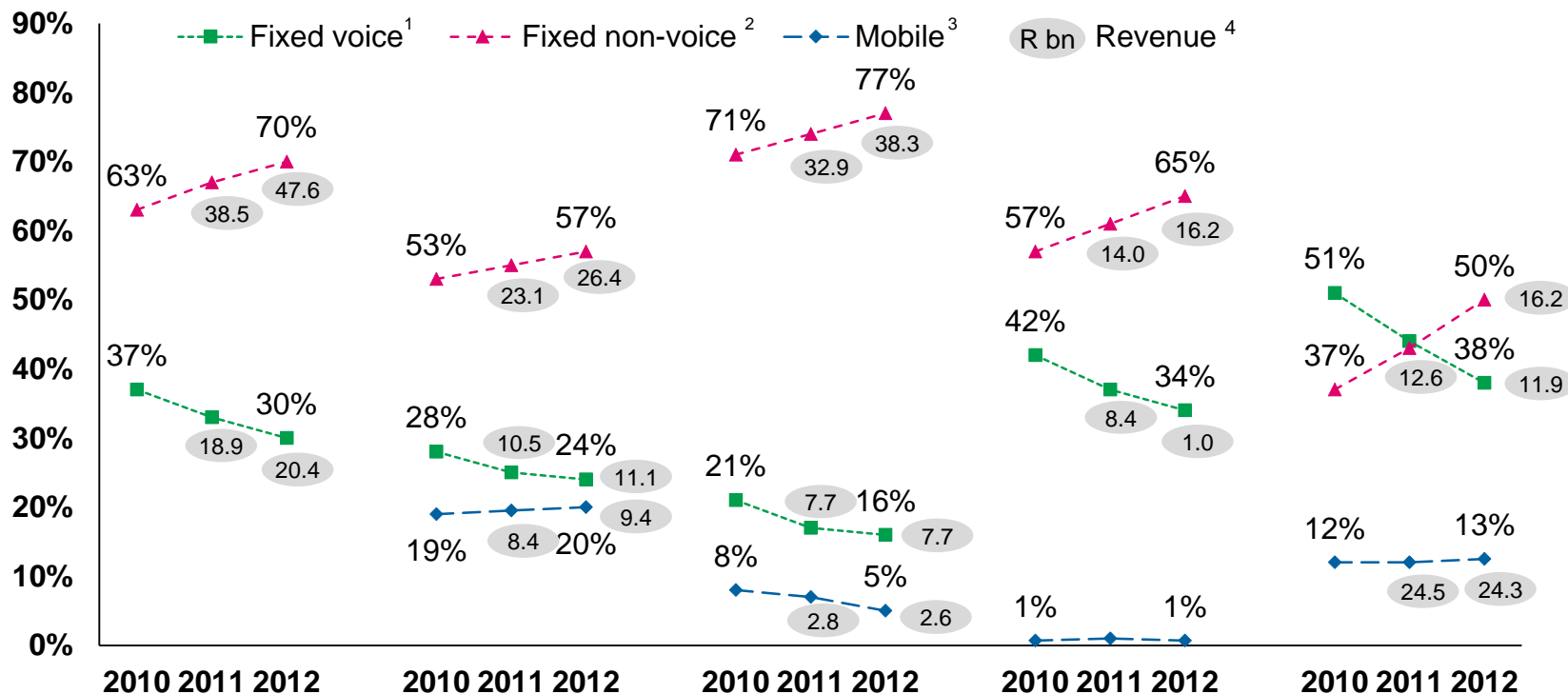
Fixed incumbents have an opportunity to enable digital players' CDN strategies

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Successful wholesalers have managed to extend their activities internationally

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## Evolution of European incumbent wholesale revenue mix



Incumbent

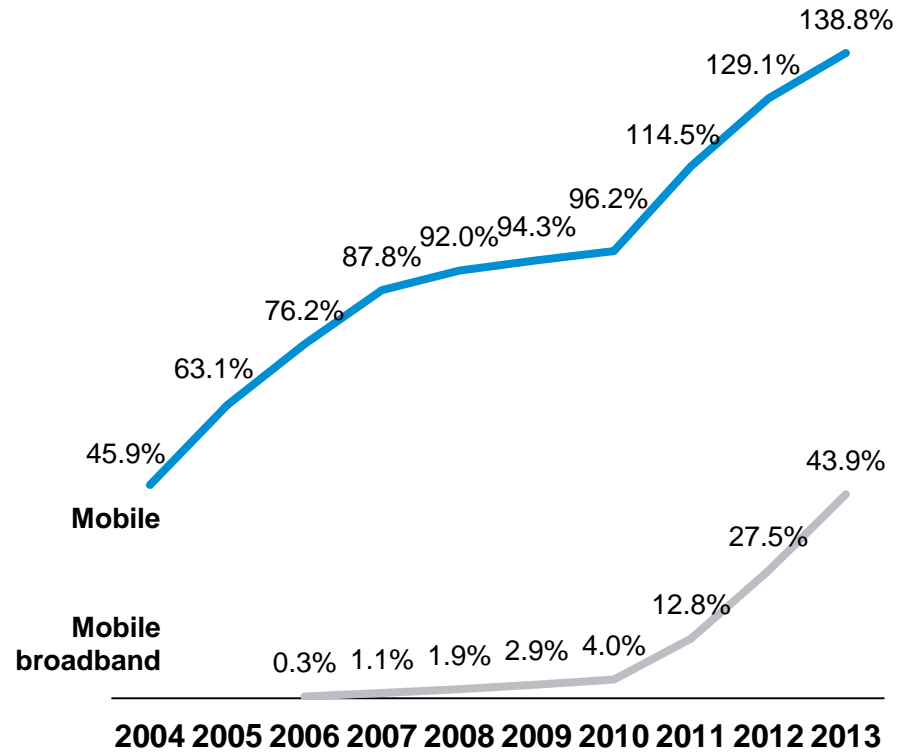
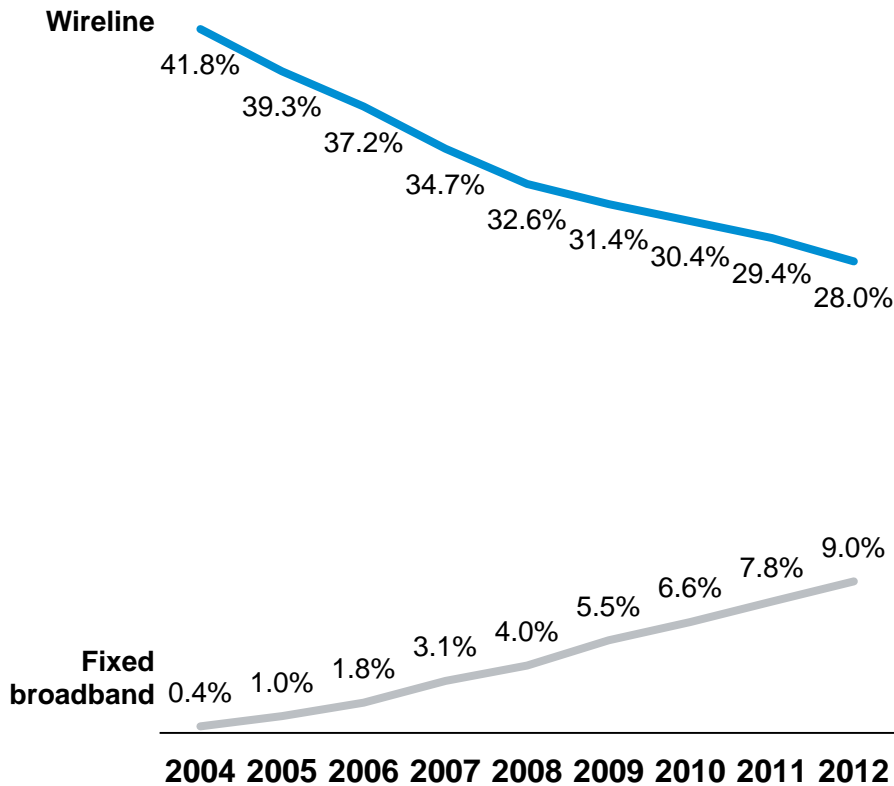


Source: OVUM, Oanda.com, Delta Partners analysis

- <sup>1</sup> Includes Transit voice, Wholesale line rental, Pre-selection, etc. – Excludes interconnection terminating on the operator network;
- <sup>2</sup> Includes data connectivity services (WDM, ATM, Frame Relay, Ethernet, etc.), access services (DSL, fibre, etc.), infrastructure (e.g. dark fibre) and VAS (e.g. CDN, hosting, etc.);
- <sup>3</sup> includes services to MCOs, MVNOs and MVNEs and wholesale mobile-originated voice traffic;
- <sup>4</sup> ZAR/USD exchange rate: 7 (2011) and 8.5 (2012);
- <sup>5</sup> based on BT and FT revenue -

## Fixed tele density (subs / households)

## Mobile penetration (subs / population)







Source: Globalcomms

Source: GSMA Intelligence 26/06/2014

Mobile market has been growing faster than the fixed line market in both in voice and broadband



Telkom Wholesale is expand its connectivity offerings by strengthening its overall propositions with relevant value added services

Sold by Telkom WHS					
Not sold by Telkom WHS					
<b>Infrastructure</b>		Towers co-location			
		Facility co-location			
<b>Connectivity</b>	City to City Intl. Fiber Optic	Bitstream NGA and VULA1	Carrier line sharing	Bitstream	
	Dignet	Wholesale Line Rental	Ethernet & SDH carrier Serv	xDSL	
	Ethernet (Metro & Express)	P2P Ethernet and SDH	Carrier fixed connection	Leased lines	
	SAIX	TDM Interconnect	Interconnection port	IP Connect	
	IP Connect	Satellite	IP/ATM Bitstream Access	P2P Ethernet	
	Intl. Private Leased Lines	Giganet (& shared Giganet)	Wholesale Internet Access	Satellite	
	Megalines	VoIP	Voice	VoIP	
	Resell ADSL	Easy IP ADSL		Broadband	
	VPN (layer 2)	Voice		Voice	
	Voice hubbing				
<b>VAS</b>	Being developed	Data Center	Data Center	Data Center	
		CDN	CDN	CDN	
		Bulk SMS	Bulk SMS	Managed network solutions	
		Managed Security	VOD (VideoRise)	Cloud Services	
		Cloud Services (white label)	IPTV3		

Source: Operator reports, Operator websites

Non-exhaustive

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