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# **Cable's Triple Play: VoIP is Here!**

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# Broadband Competitive Landscape

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Vonage  
*VoIP*

Cable (HFC, DOCSIS)  
*Triple play bundling*

AT&T  
*VoIP*

Telco/PTTs (DSL)  
*HSD*  
*FTTx*

Satellite  
*Entertainment, HSD*

High-speed  
Personalized  
Dynamic  
Triple-Play  
Services

Skype  
*VoIP*

Wireless (Wi-Fi)  
*Tiered & per-sub services*

Utilities (FTTH, BPL)  
*Bandwidth + triple-play*

# A Changing Cable Industry Model

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## Changing Models

### Old Model

- Regulated
- Analog networks
- Proprietary systems
- Single service
- Headend to subscriber
- Residential only

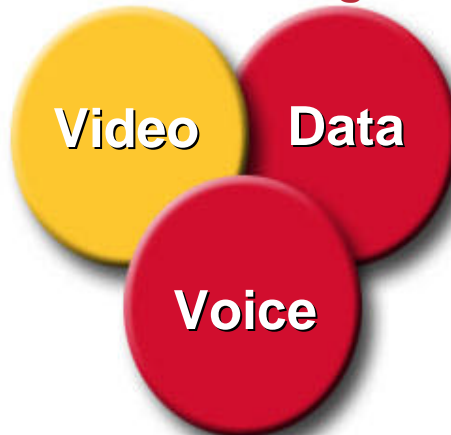


### New Model

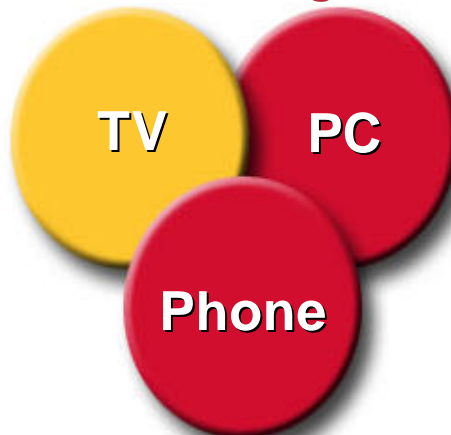
- Competition
- Digital networks
- Standards based
- Multi-services
- End-to-end network
- Commercial + resident.

## Blurring Services

### Service Convergence



### Device Convergence



## New Requirements

### Migration Challenges

- Build triple-play network
- Lower CAPEX/OPEX
- Personalize services
- Enable end-to-end QoS
- Subscriber perceptions

### Key Drivers

- Subscriber retention
- Revenue growth
- Subscriber growth
- Market expansion
- Lower CAPEX

# Cable's Triple Play

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*Video:*  
Analog video  
↓  
Digital video

*Data:*  
Proprietary  
cable  
modems  
↓  
DOCSIS®  
cable  
modems

*Voice:*  
Circuit-  
switched  
↓  
VoIP

VoIP: Voice Over  
Internet Protocol

# Cable: An Industry In Transition

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## Competitive Context

Competition from DBS, FW and DSL

Increasing Competition from DBS, LECs & VDSL

Full Competition from DBS, FTTH, LRE, Mobility

## Service Mix

Video Broadcast Service

Video, HSD & Some Voice

IP service-based, On-Demand & Interactive

## Supplier Solutions

Purpose-Built, Analog Networks

Parallel Silo Hybrid Analog & Digital network

Converged Digital Infrastructure

## Subscriber Profile

One-way Video home Only service

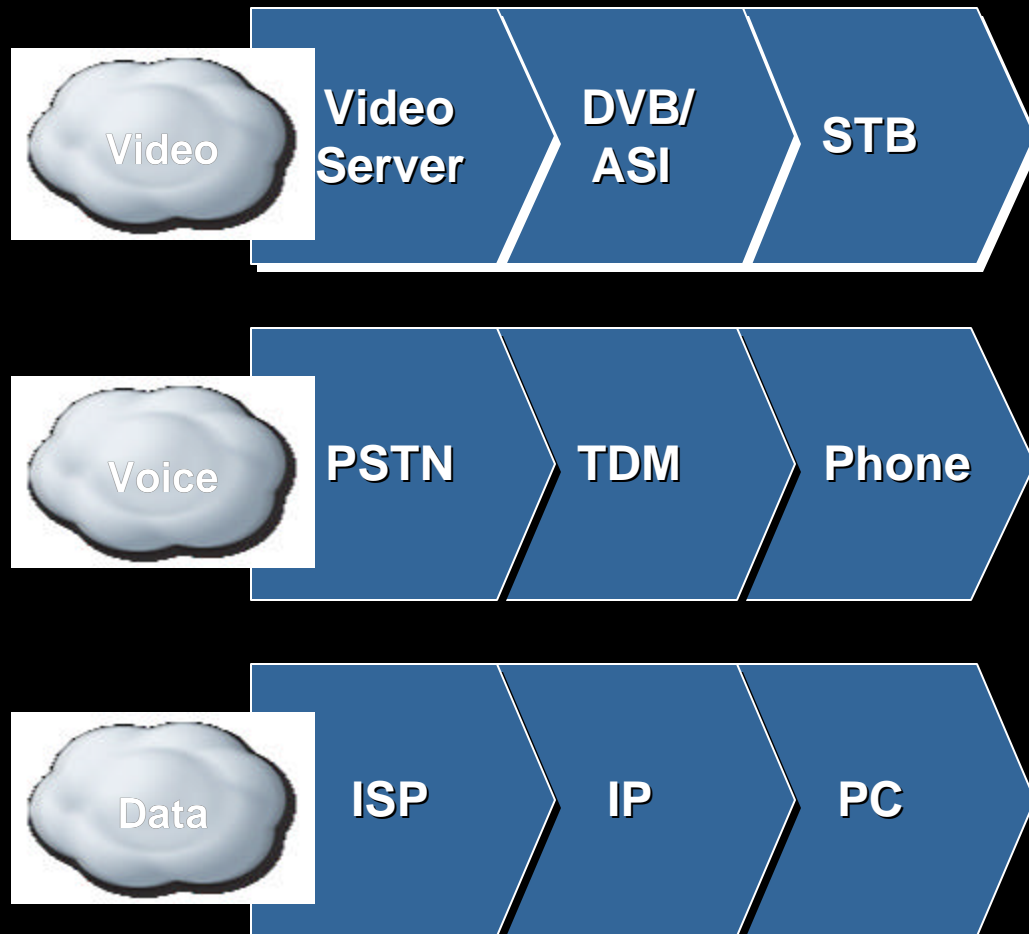
Triple play with TDM residential Service

Mobile subs with bundled dynamic IP-based services

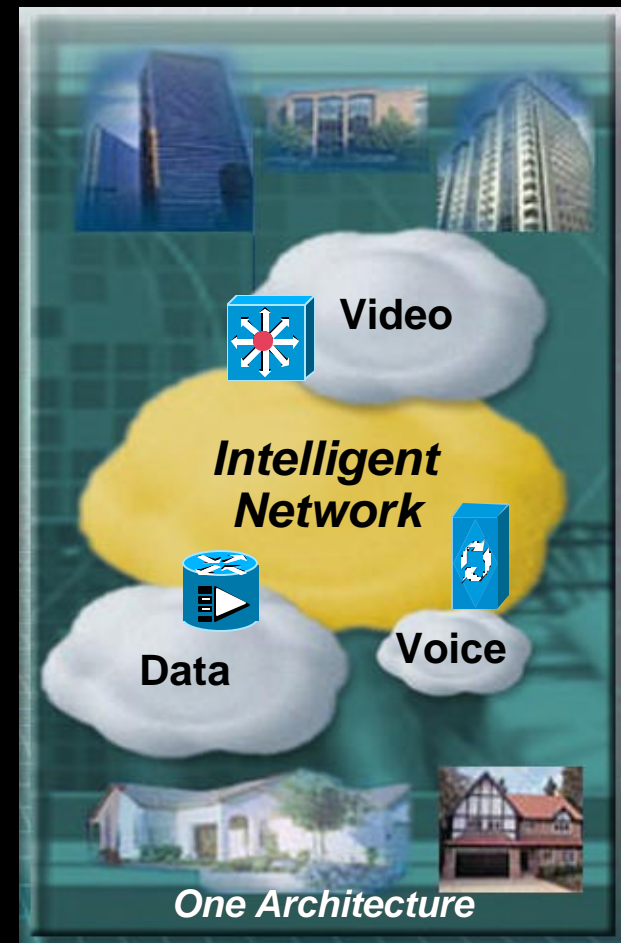
# Evolving Cable Network from Analog to Digital

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## Silo Networks



## Converged Network



# New Services: Increased \$ and Reduced Churn

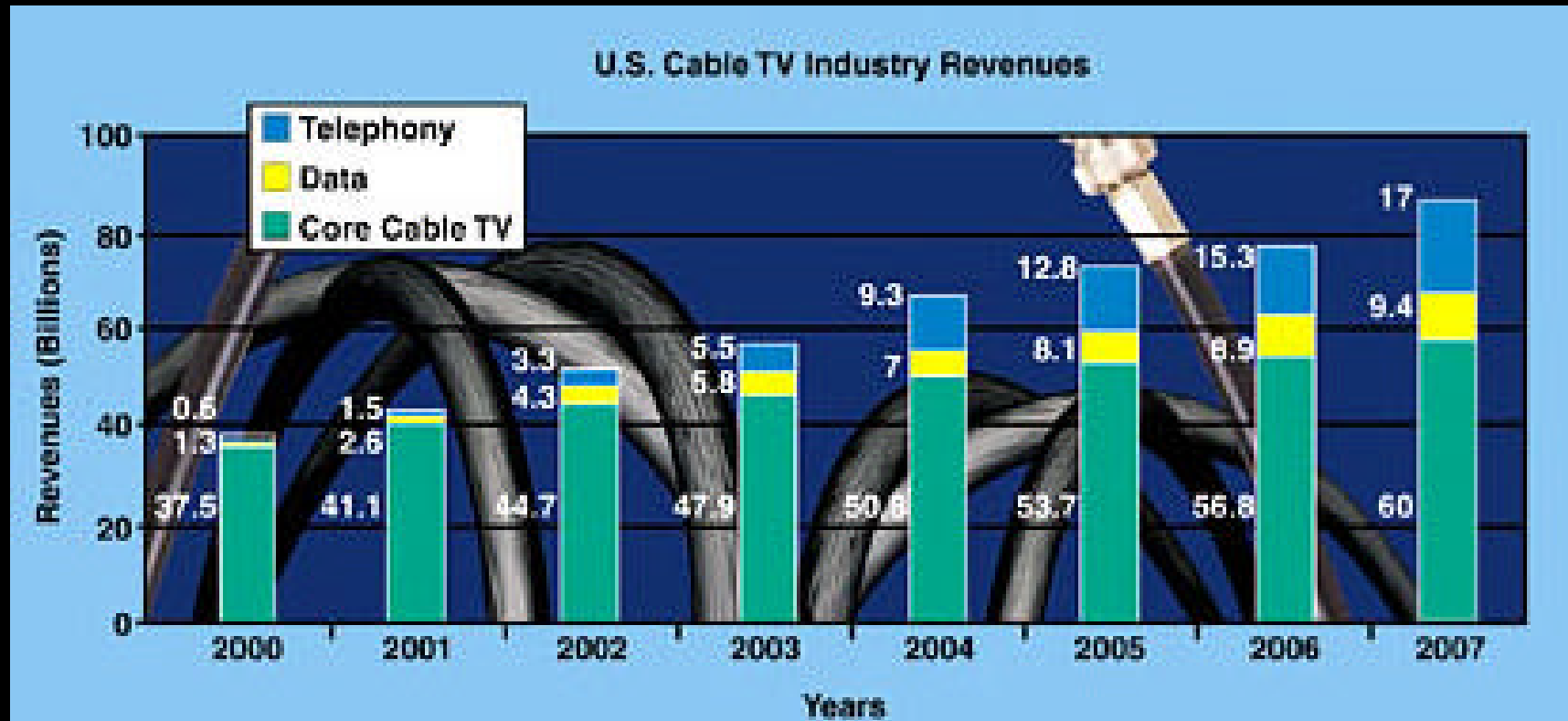
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*Exciting New Devices and Services Demand  
Intelligent Infrastructure*



# Triple Play Will Fuel Cable Growth

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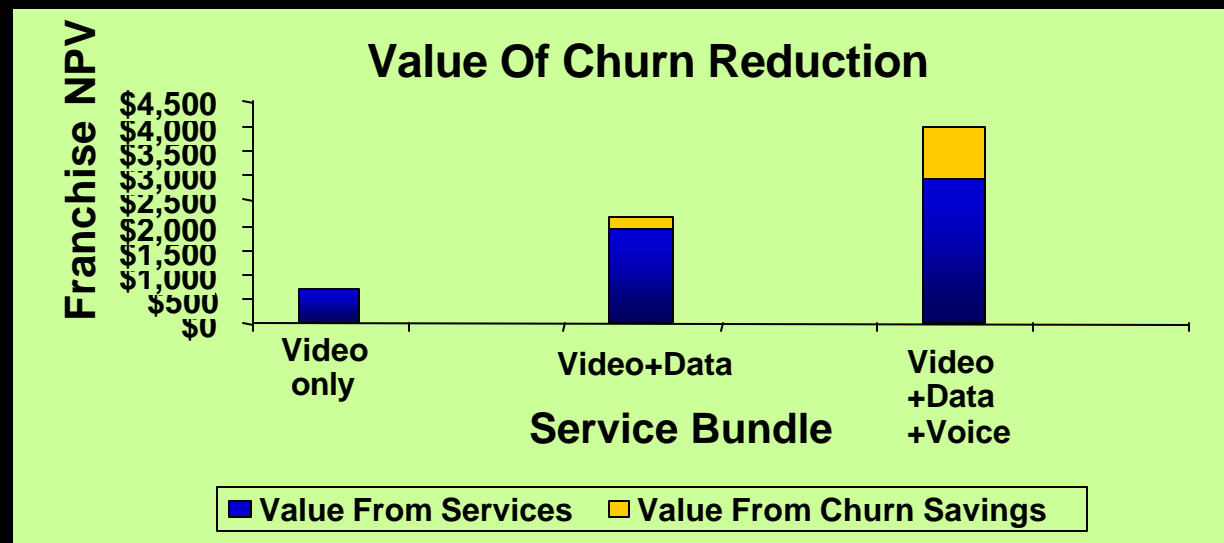
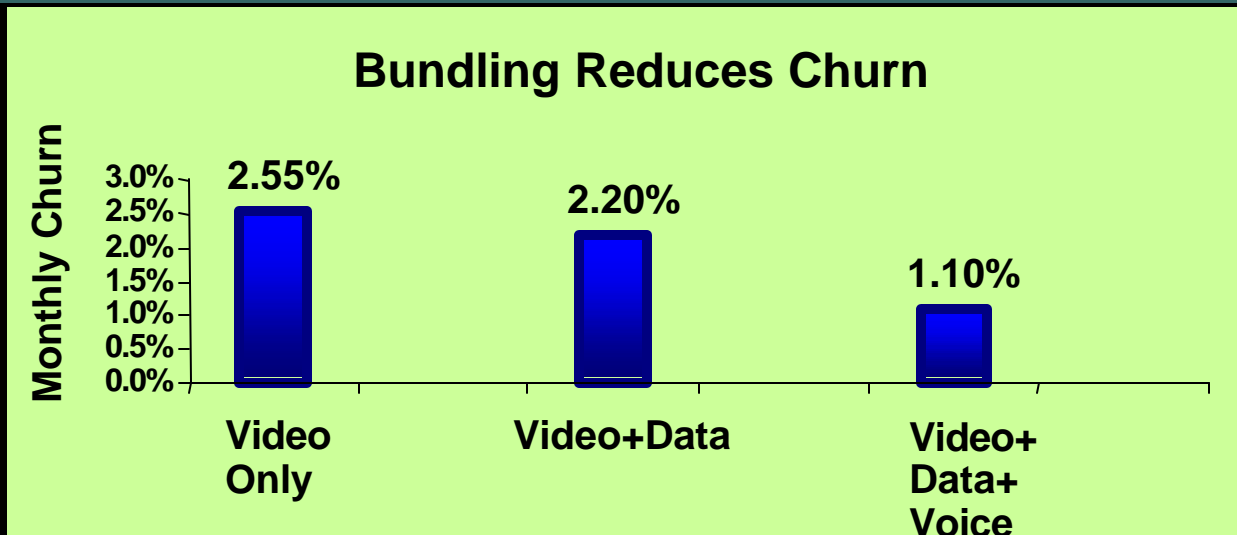
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***By 2007 20% of cable revenue will come from VoIP  
- But VoIP is more than revenue -***



# Bundling and Churn

*Voice Is Key Driver For Reducing Churn*



Source: Cisco Internal Modeling, Morgan Stanley 2003. Assumes 11.5% WACC

# Is the Time Right? The “Perfect Storm” for U.S. Public VoIP Services

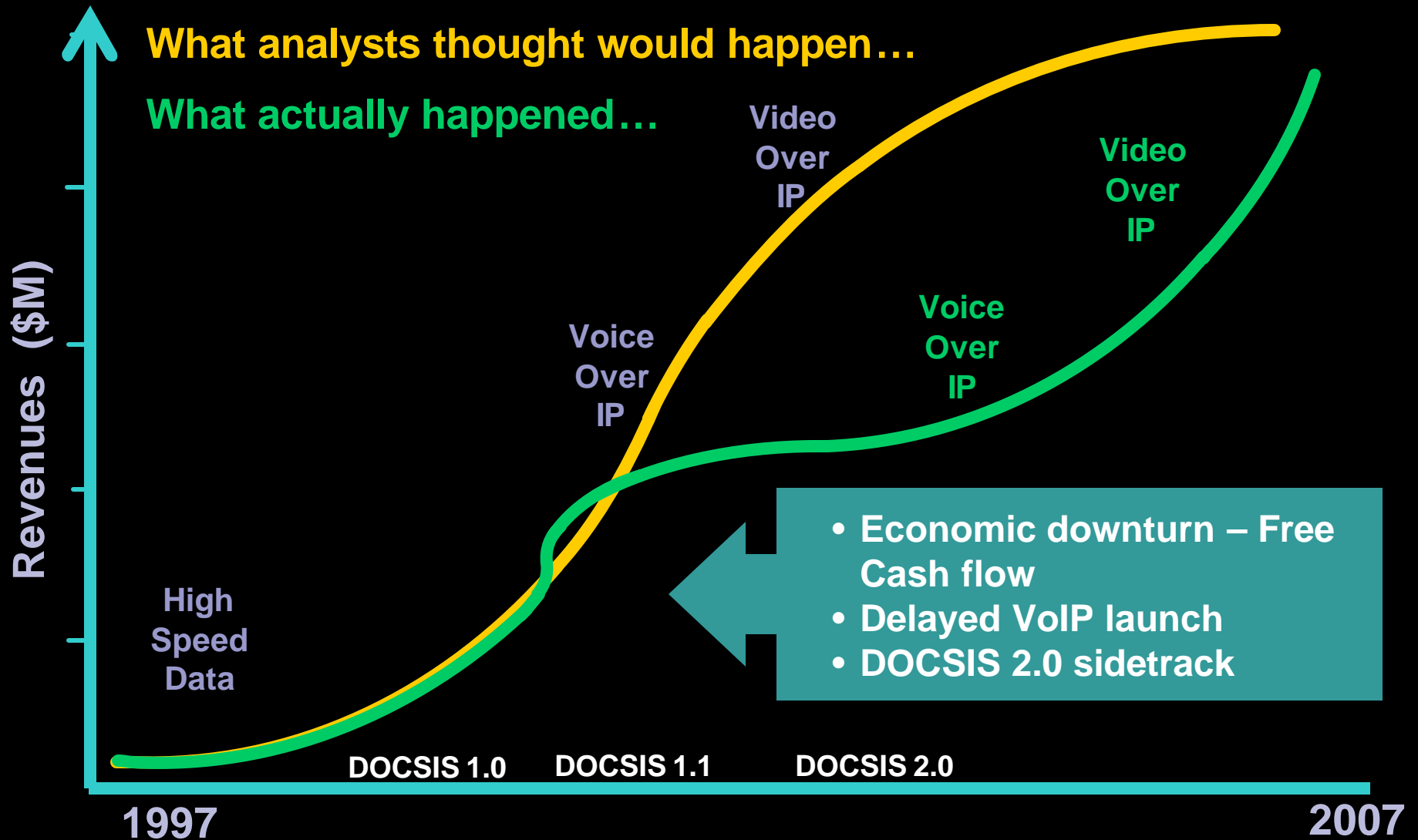
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***Increasing broadband penetration, a favorable regulatory environment, and significant advances in technology are creating a “perfect storm” for VoIP deployment.***

# U.S. Cable IP Services Market Trends

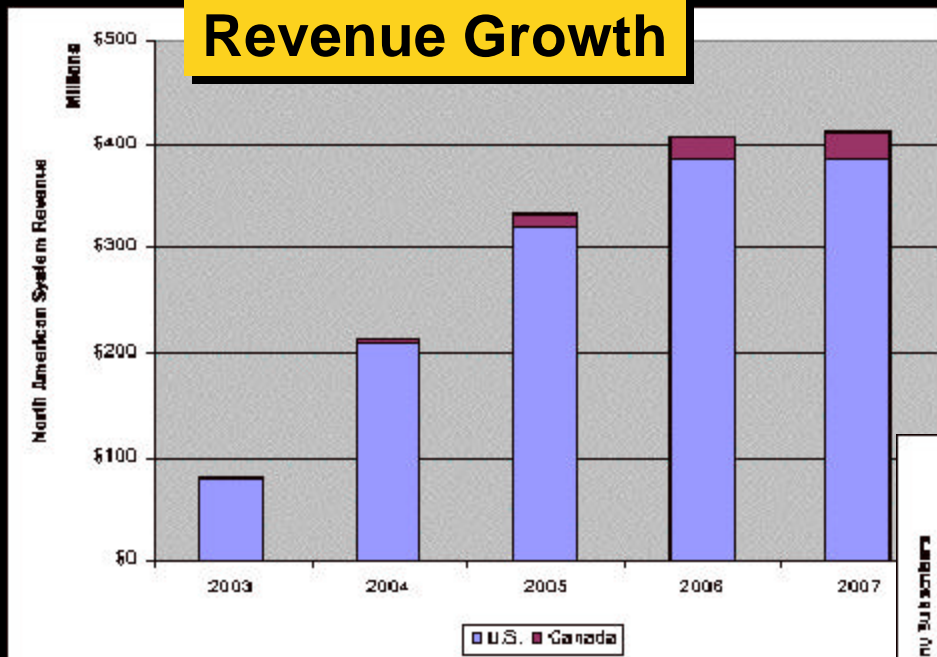
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# Cable VoIP Subscriber/Revenue Growth

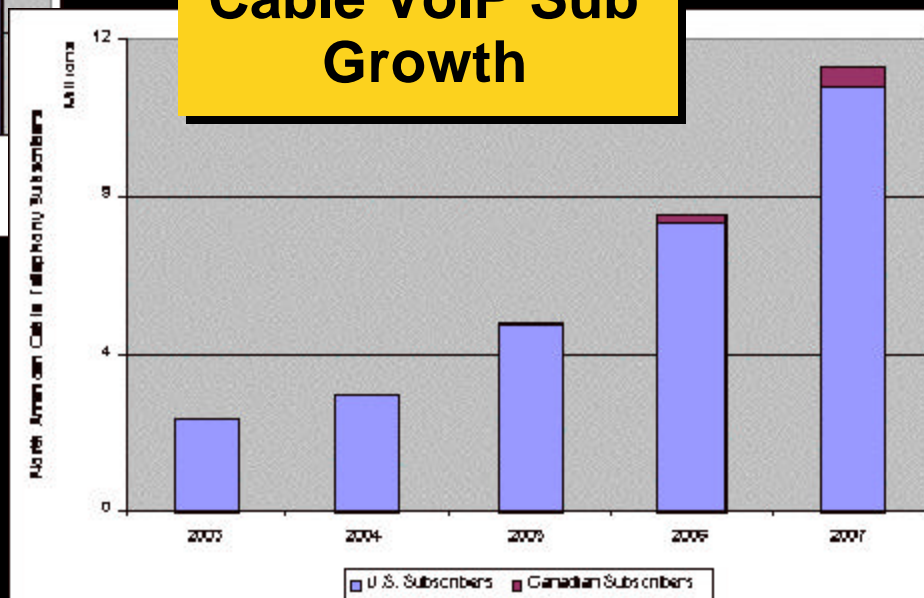
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## Cable VoIP Revenue Growth



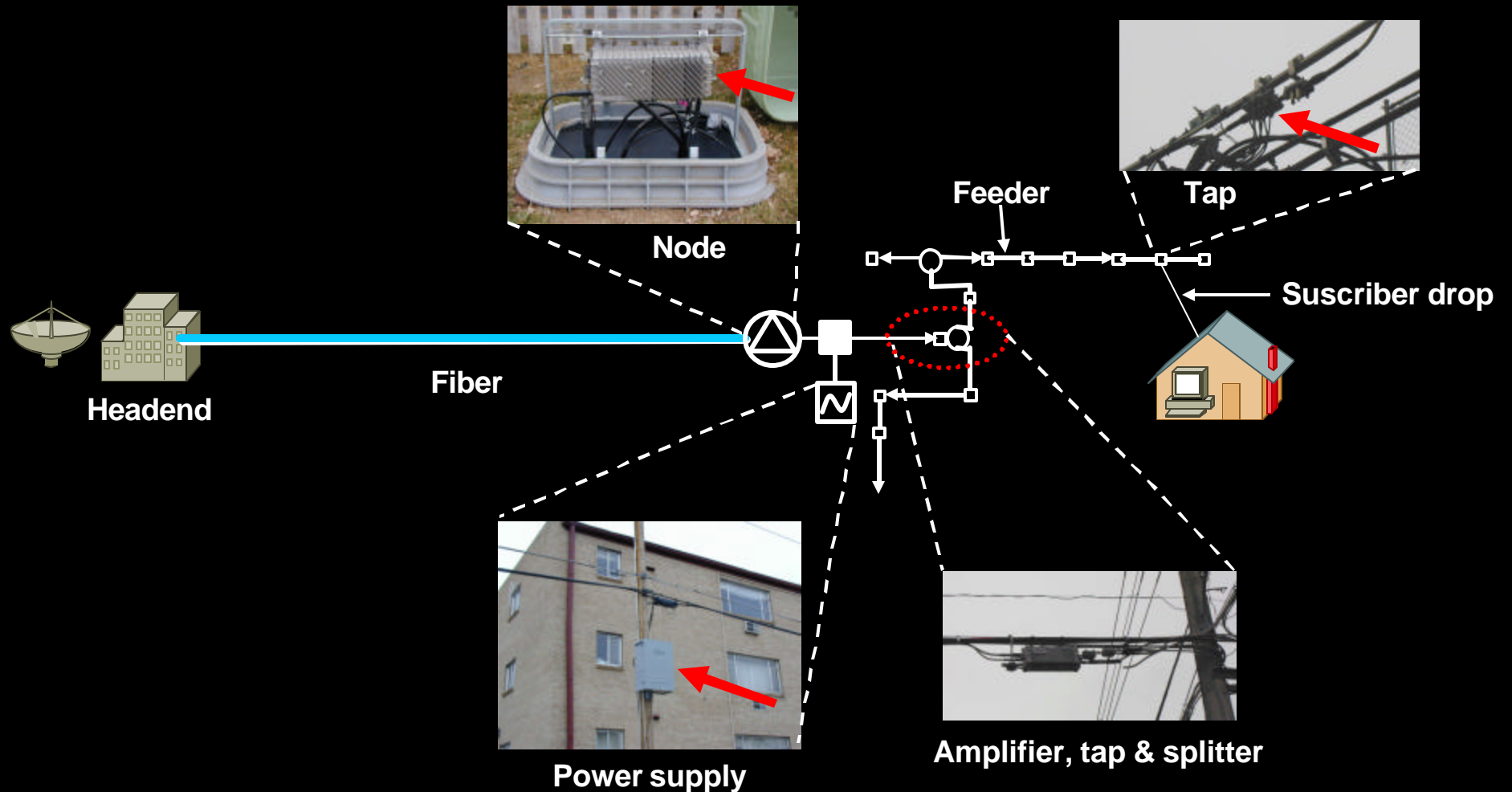
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## Cable VoIP Sub Growth



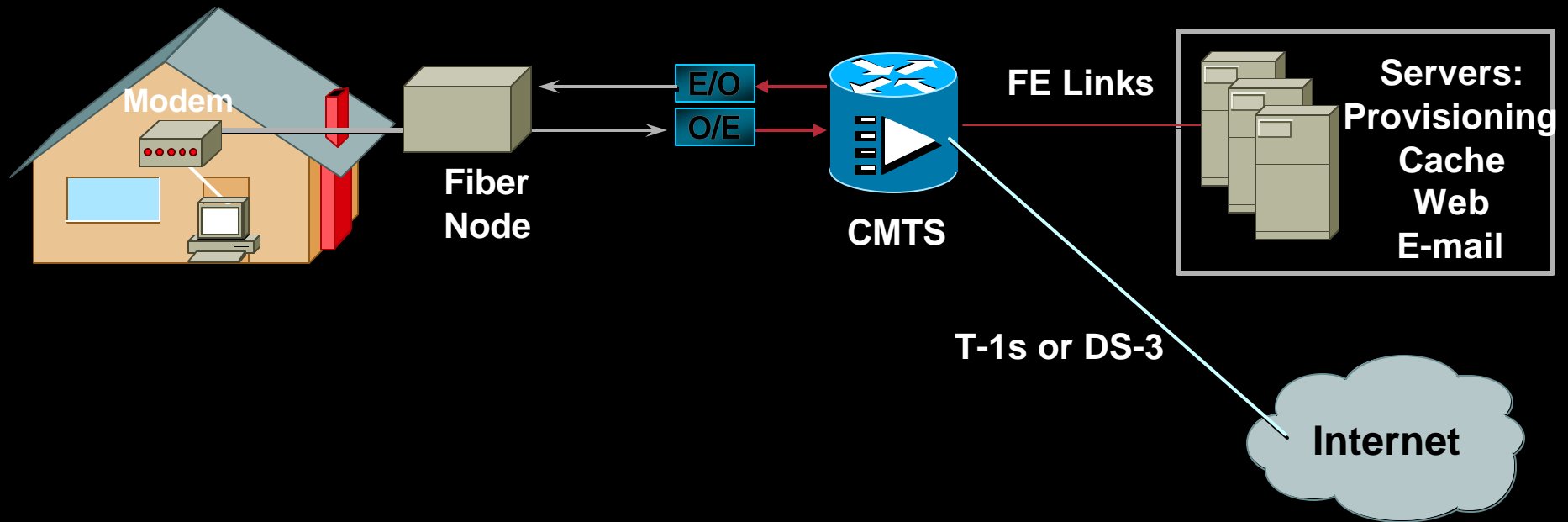
# HFC Architecture: A Broadband Pipe

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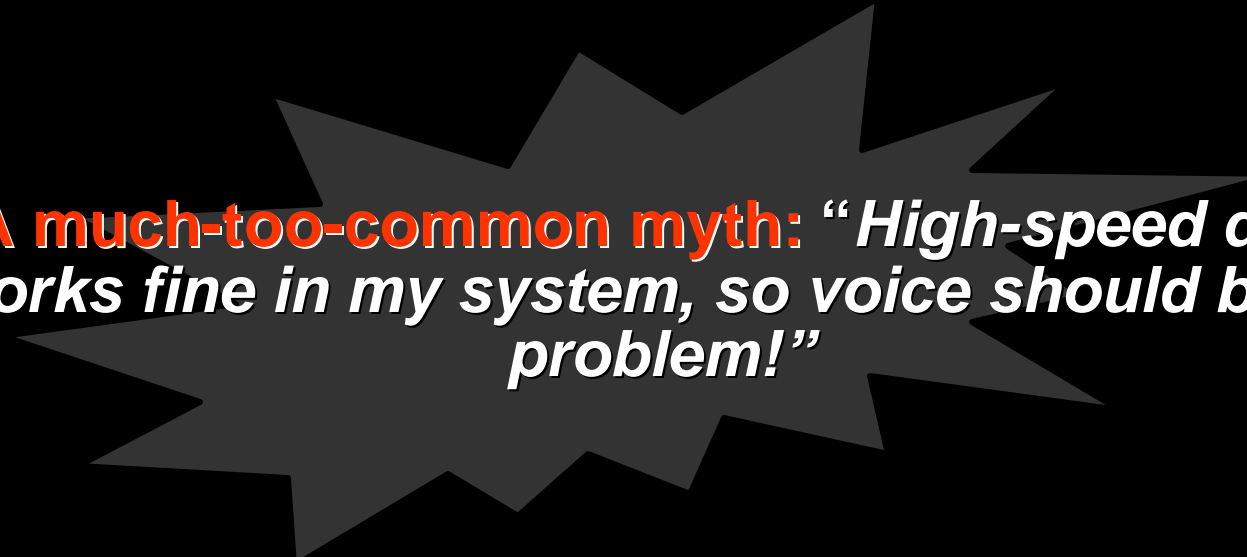
# Cable System Topology for High-Speed Data

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# VoIP—Voice Over Internet Protocol

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**A much-too-common myth:** *“High-speed data works fine in my system, so voice should be no problem!”*

# VoIP—The Philosophy

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**VoIP requires an organizational change:  
It's not your father's high-speed data!**



# VoIP—The Reality

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- High-speed data *and* voice services can in most cases be successfully deployed on a CATV network if the **ENTIRE** cable system—headend, distribution network, and subscriber drops—meets or exceeds certain minimum technical performance parameters.

# Recommended Network Specifications

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- **The first is the technical requirements in Part 76 of the FCC Rules**

[www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_03/47cfr76\\_03.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_03/47cfr76_03.html)

- **The second is the assumed RF channel transmission characteristics outlined in the DOCSIS® Radio Frequency Interface Specification**

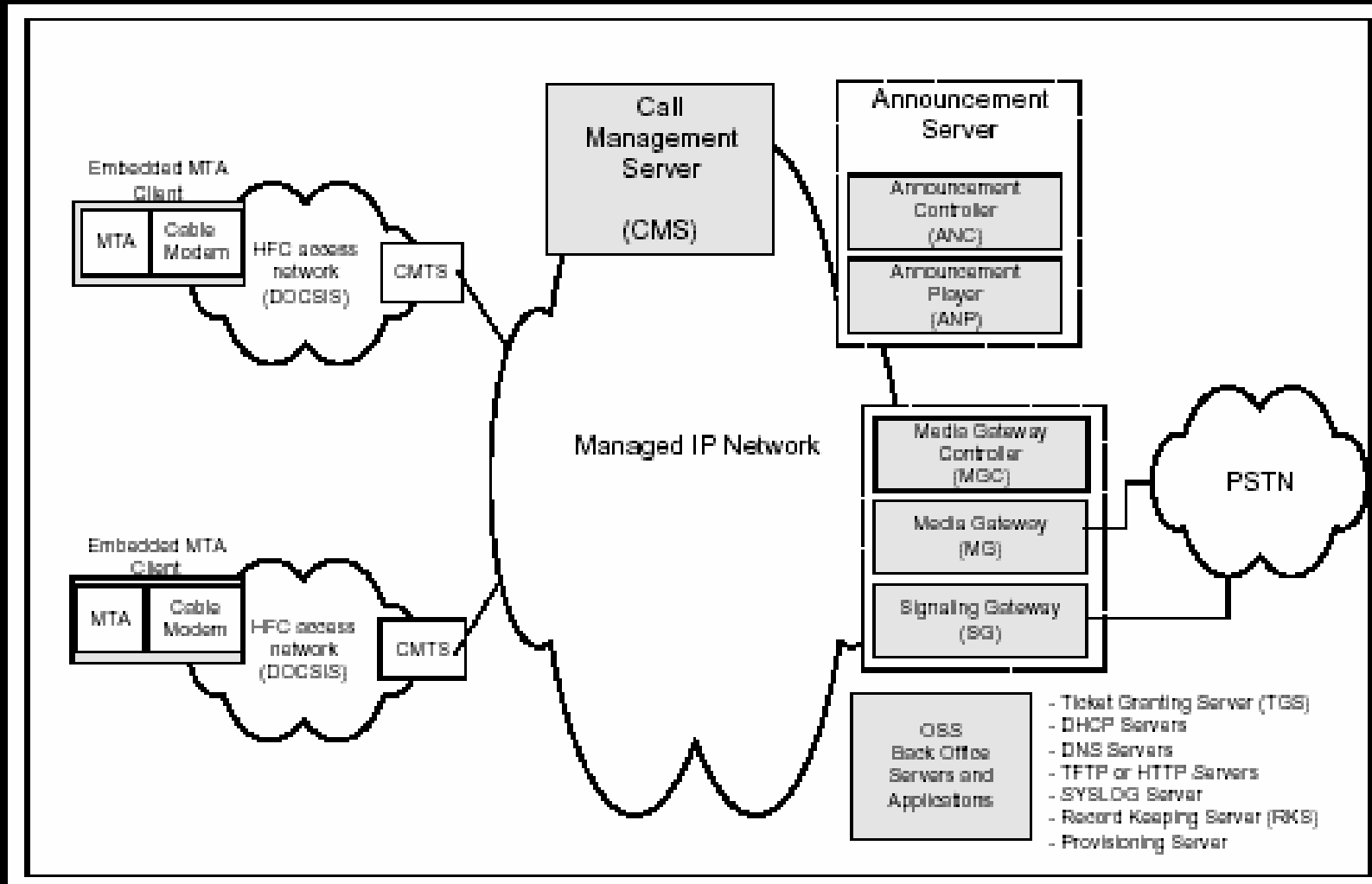
[www.cablemodem.com/specifications](http://www.cablemodem.com/specifications)

- **The third is ensuring the HFC plant's unavailability contribution does not exceed 0.01% as described in the PacketCable™ Availability Reference Architecture**

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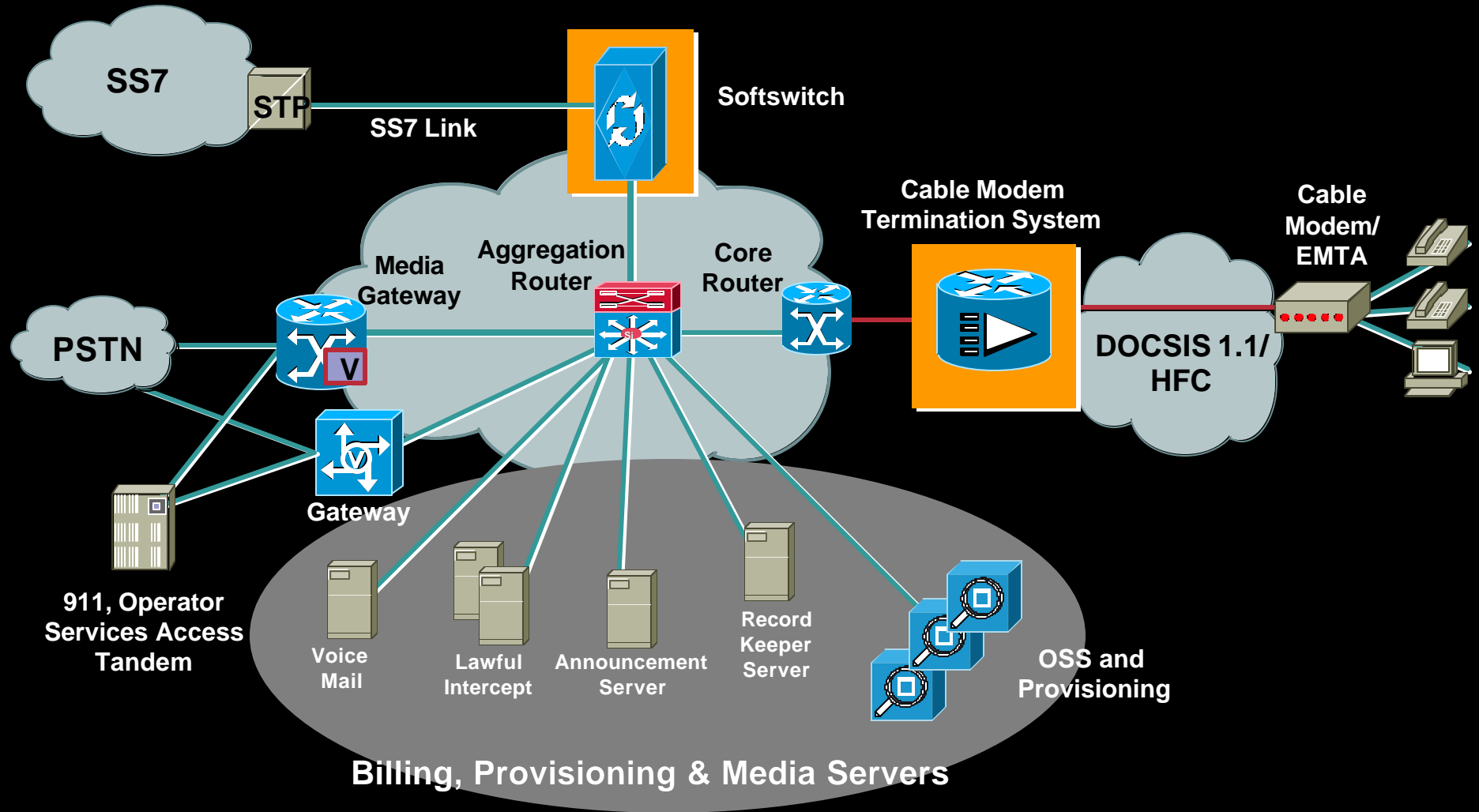
# PacketCable™ Reference Architecture

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# VoIP-Over-Cable Solution

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# Time Warner – VoIP Service



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The screenshot shows a website header with a pink 'digitalphone' logo and a blue 'MY ACCOUNT' button. Below the header is a blue promotional banner for 'Let Freedom Ring With Digital Phone from Time Warner Cable.' The banner features a small image of a woman on a phone, the text 'Introducing Unlimited Calling. One Simple Monthly Price as low as \$39.95', and a list of benefits: 'Unlimited Local Calls', 'Unlimited In-State Calls', and 'Unlimited Long Distance'. To the right of the banner is a form to 'Enter your Zip Code' with a 'Submit' button and a list of features: 'Check availability', 'Learn how much you'll save', and 'Access detailed customer information'.



***First Commercial  
PacketCable™-based  
VoIP Solution in World***

## Service Model

- Unlimited calls for \$39.95/month
- Full featured
- One bill
- 18.9M HHP: VoIP across footprint
- MCI & Sprint PSTN access partners
- '04 - 31 markets in 27 states
- Adding 1200 subs per day

**Cisco PacketCable™  
VoIP Solution Portfolio**

- uBR7246VXR CMTS
- 10200 BTS Softswitch
- MGX Voice Gateway

# Cablecom – Triple Play + Commercial

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Largest cable operator in  
Switzerland



## Triple-Play in Action

### Consumer Services

- Data: tiered (5) HSD
- VoIP
- Video: digital television service

### Business Services

- Internet connectivity, intranet, extranet, remote access, VPN, managed security, VoIP and messaging & hosting

### Cisco Triple Play Portfolio

- uBR10012 CMTS, Cisco VPN, 7200 router, GSR 12000, MGX8850

# Cable VoIP Deployment Update

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- **Comcast: (40M HHP)**
  - 3 initial VoIP rollouts in 2004
  - Expand availability to 40M HHP by 2006
  - Transitioning 1.5M TDM customers by end of '05
- **Charter (11.9M HHP):**
  - VoIP deployments in 3 markets in 2004
  - Local phone: (\$9/mo); Local + (\$17.95/mo); Unl/ Local + LD (\$45mo)
- **Cox Communications (10.5M HHP):**
  - Expanding 4 VoIP rollouts in '04
  - Emphasis on commercial services
- **Adelphia (10.2M HHP): Preparing for launch**



Source: VoIP Monitor (7/04)

# Cable VoIP Deployment Update (cont'd)

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- **Cablevision (4.4M HHP)**

- Offering VoIP across entire footprint

- Launched at \$35/mo (no E-911); “free” for triple-play customers

- Partner with Sprint and MCI



- **Mediacom (2.8M HHP)**

- Trials in 2004



- **Insight (2.3M HHP)**

- Under study - 2005 launch

- Circuit-switched migration to Comcast VoIP support



- **Bright House Networks (2.1M HHP)**

- VoIP deployments in 2 markets in 2004



Source: VoIP Monitor (7/04)



# Cable VoIP Deployment Update (cont'd)

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- **Tier 2 and 3 cable operators**
  - **Smaller operators are closely watching, although some have deployed voice (e.g., Midcontinent Communications)**
  - **Many lack resources, pursuing alternative strategies:**
    - **Net2Phone, AT&T CallVantage, Vonage, Skype**
- **Business models in these cases are highly variable**
  - **Revenue Sharing partnerships**
  - **Loosely affiliated Joint Reference Sales**
  - **Direct Competition**
- **International cable operators are showing interest**
  - **Embracing PacketCable™ architecture and strong interest in SIP**
  - **beginning market trials**

# VoIP Service Challenges for Cable

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- **Subscriber perceptions**
  - Cable equates to video, not telecommunications services
  - Cable service support quality is poor
  - VoIP is not reliable or has poor quality
- **Subscriber Awareness/Acceptance**
  - Only 27% of U.S. online users have heard of VoIP service – *Pew Research*

# VoIP Service Challenges for Cable (cont'd)

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- **Regulatory**
  - Should VoIP be taxed as a regulated voice service?
  - What about 911 (emergency) and lawful intercept?
- **Technology/Service infrastructure**
  - VoIP requires robust network architecture
  - Existing service and support models must be updated
  - VoIP adds complexity to service and network management
  - Subscribers must have a broadband connection
- **The competition**
  - AT&T will have 1M VoIP subs by the end of '05
  - Vonage and Skype continue to gain momentum



# Cable VoIP Service Strategies

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- **Pricing**
  - Aggressive pricing - bundle with high-speed data/video
  - Package with full features and unlimited calling
  - Leverage TCO and business model advantage
- **Services**
  - Stay under regulatory radar – non-lifeline
  - Co-marketing with Vonage, etc. – Advanced and Armstrong
- **Markets – target residential and commercial subs**
  - Comcast - 40M HHP and 711,000 SOHO/SMB subs
  - Compete on ILECs' turf
  - Utilize third party broadband resellers
- **Networks**
  - Migrate all services and networks to a single IP-based solution
  - Circuit-switched to VoIP by end of 2005

# Wrapping Up

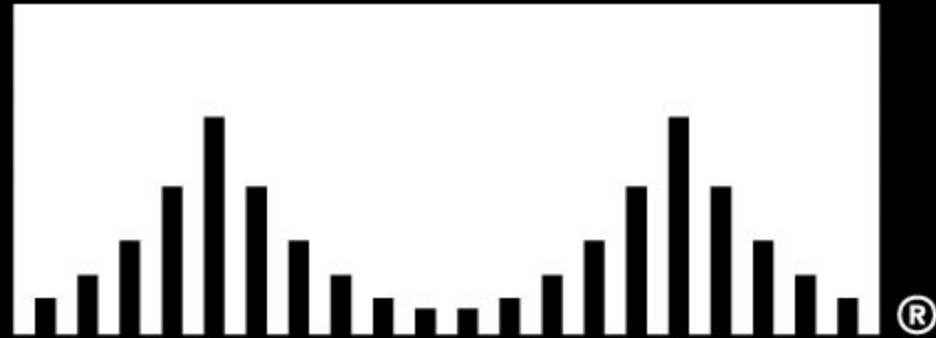
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- Cable VoIP solutions are real and being deployed
- Cable operators have triple play advantage
- Subscribers are embracing new services in record numbers
- Cable infrastructures are VoIP-capable and ready
- Technology is maturing quickly
- Cable operators are successfully changing perceptions
- Increased penetration will follow as systems are scaled
- U.S. cable operators have a substantial lead over telcos in delivering the triple play

**“Triple play is no longer just a revenue enhancer,  
but a must for long-term survival....”**

***Lightreading Telco Triple Play Imperative Report***

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# Questions



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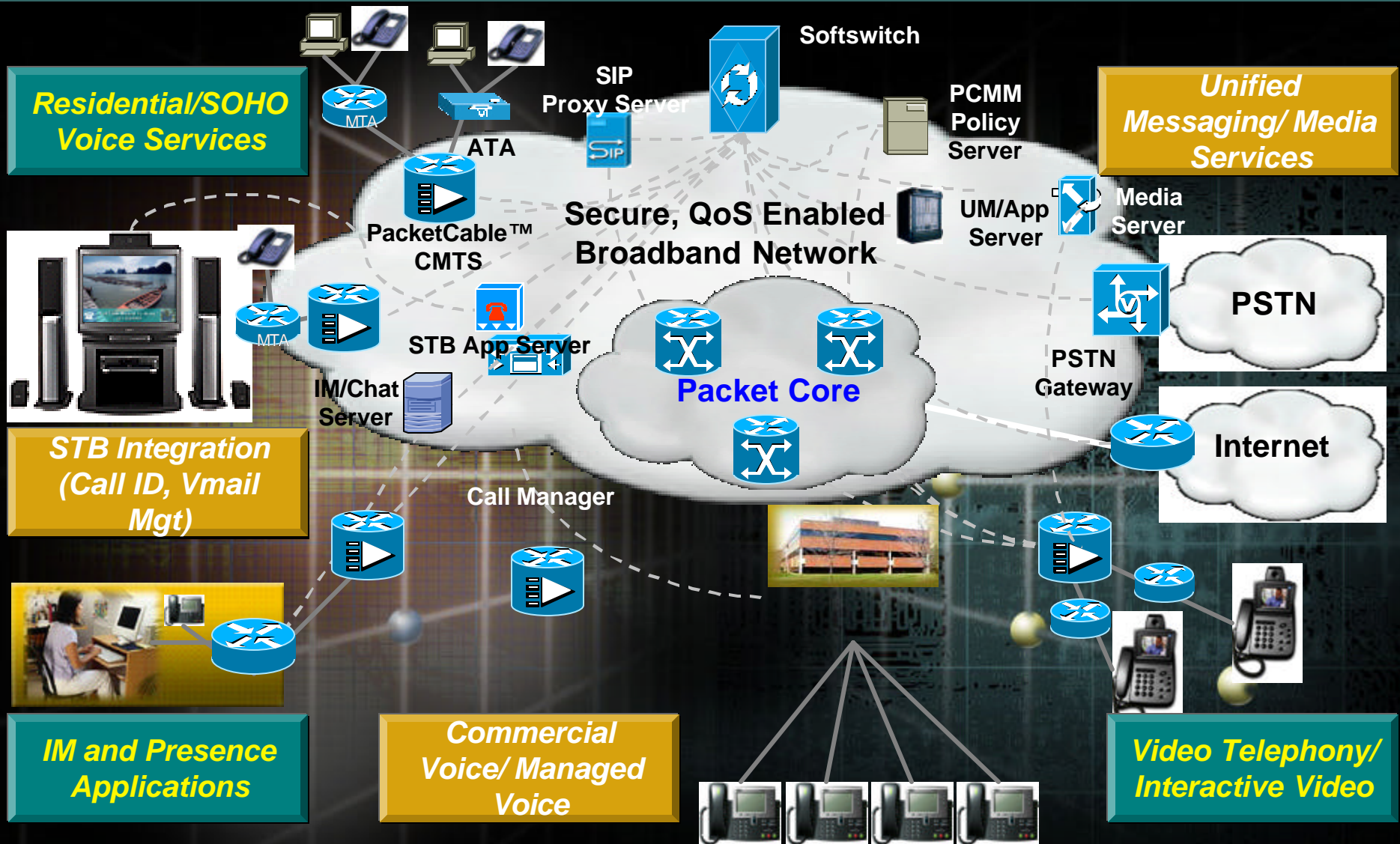
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# Full Cable Voice Service Offering - PCMM

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# Complete Cable Modem/MTA Power-On Flow

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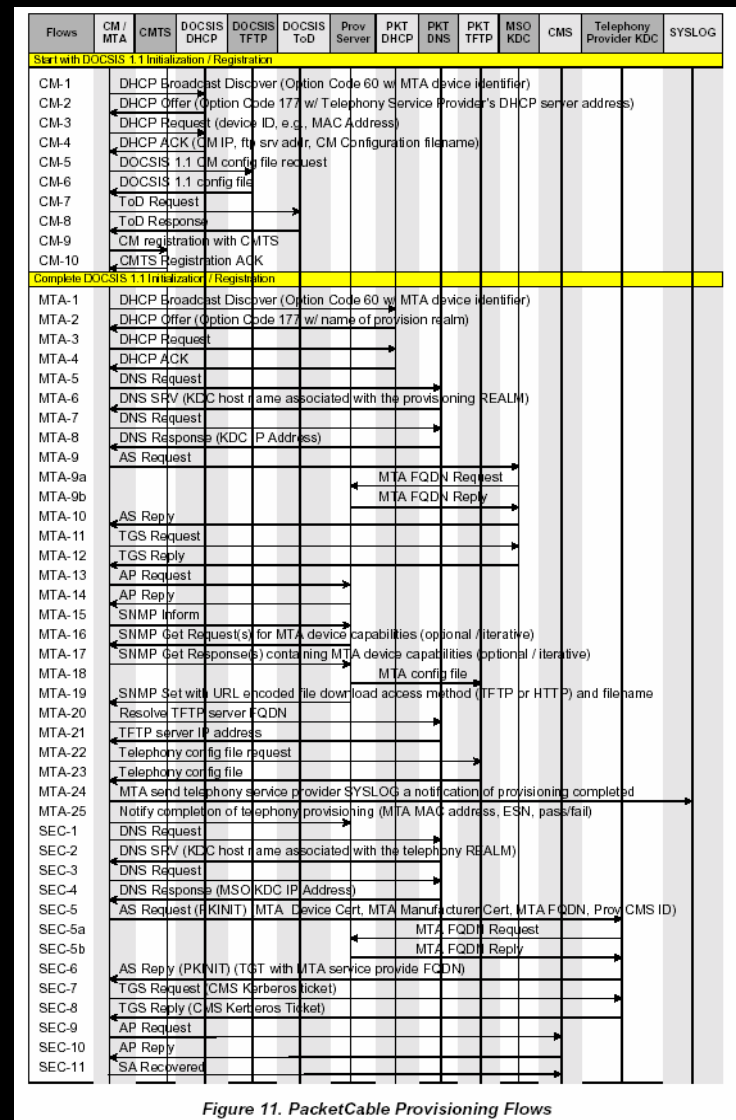
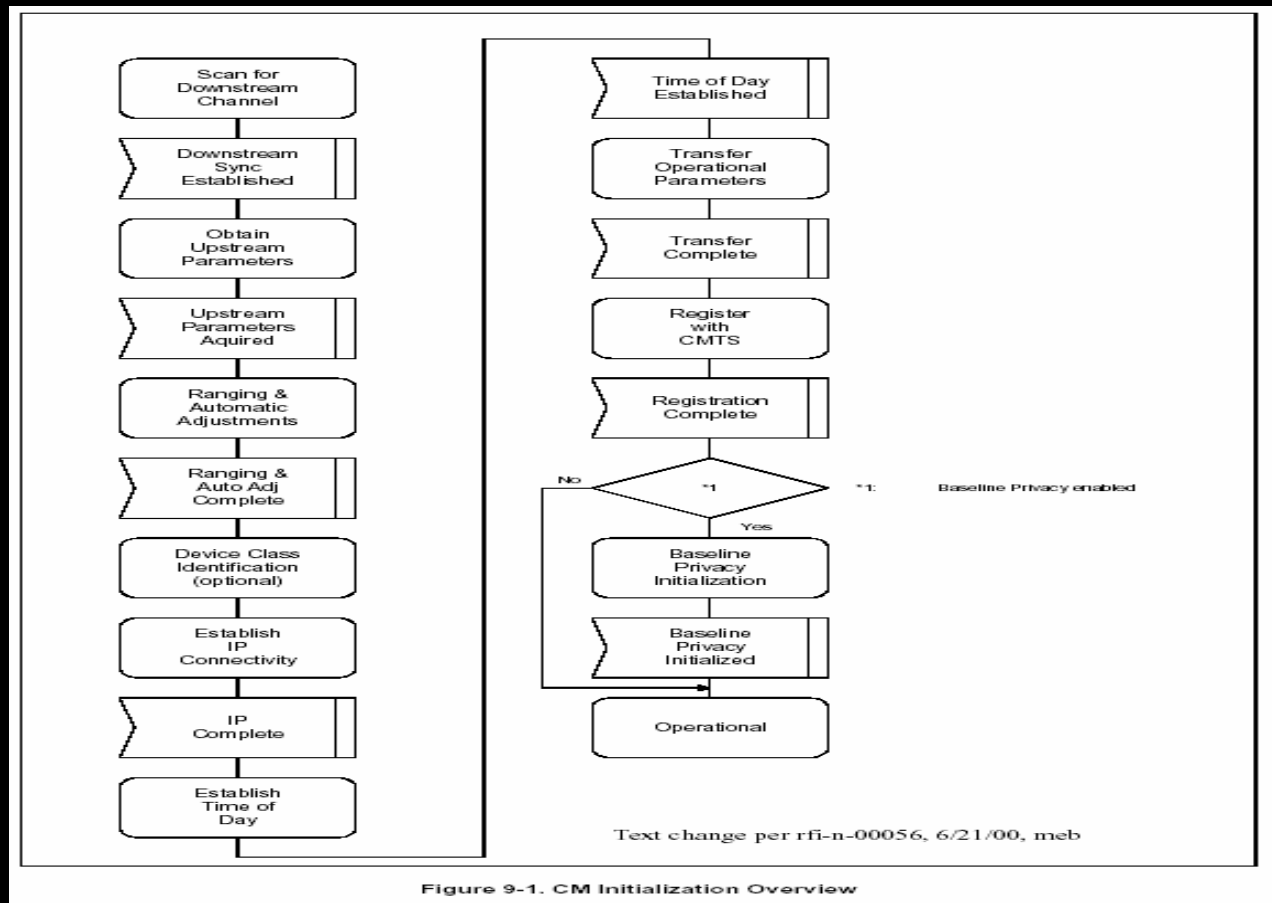


Figure 11. PacketCable Provisioning Flows

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 “PacketCable™: Provisioning the Service  
 and Guaranteeing Quality”

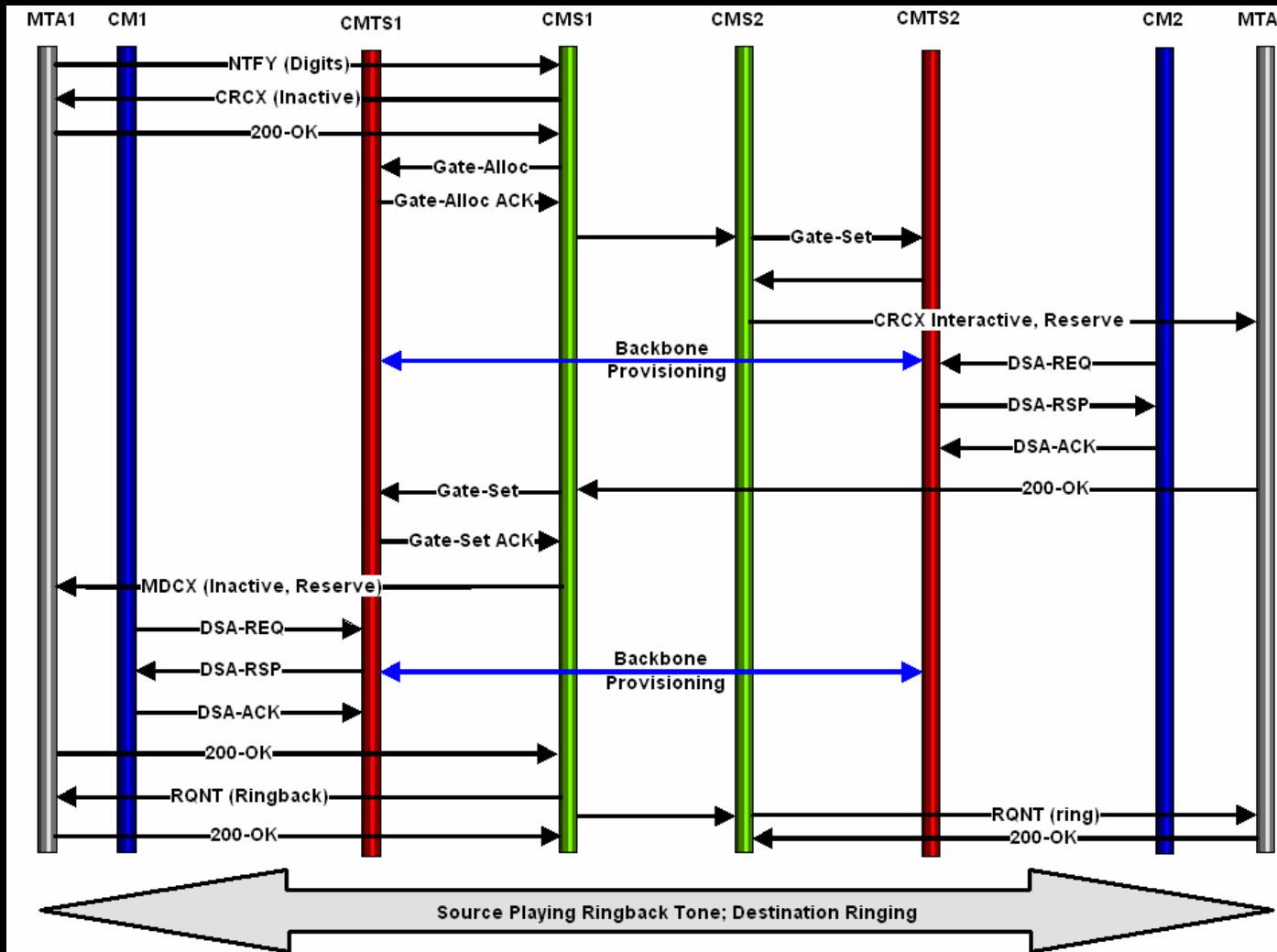
# Cable Modem Registration Process

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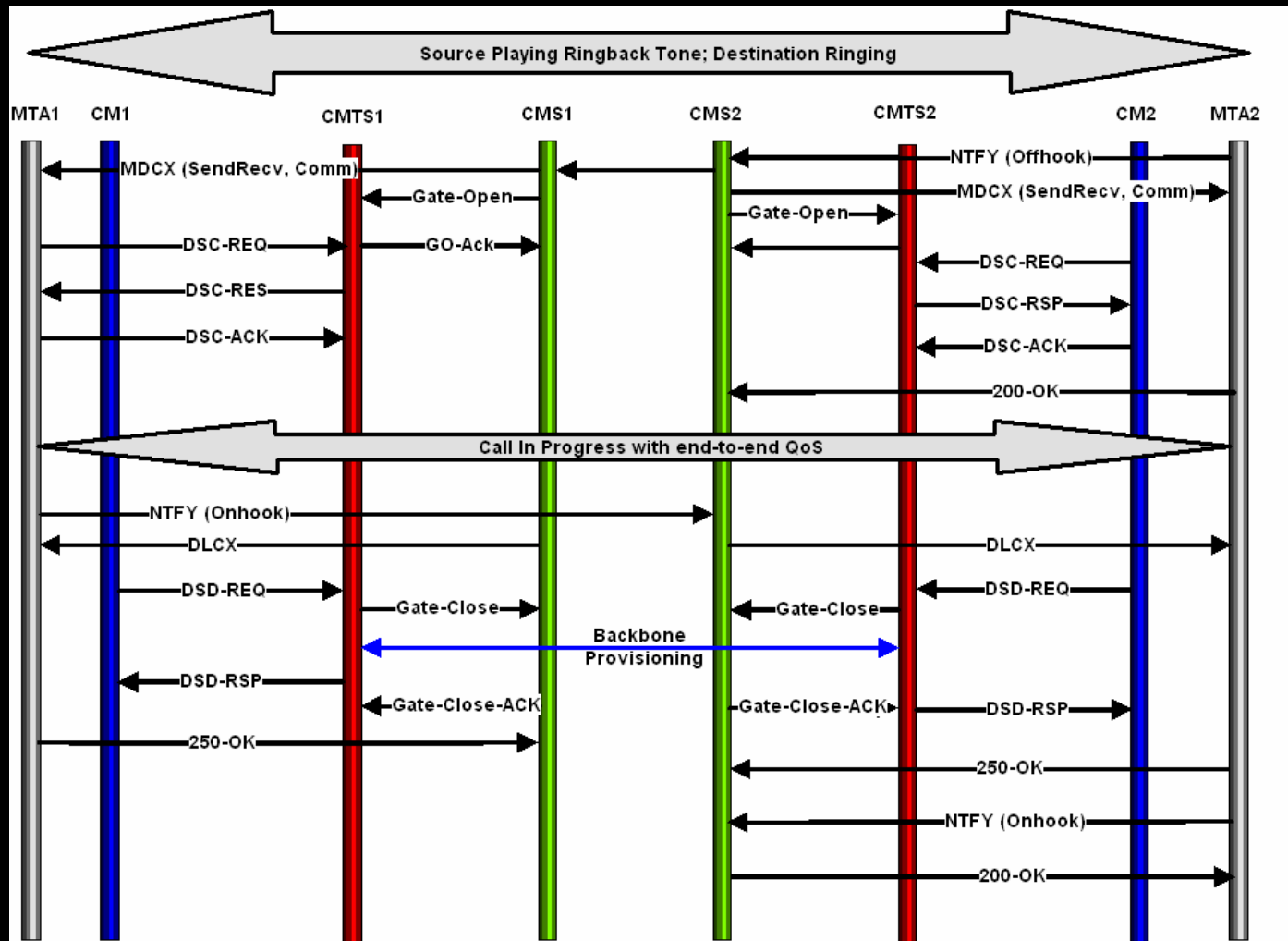
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# Call Flow



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# Call Flow (cont'd)



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