



# 400G TRANSPORT EXTENSION INTO MIDDLE-MILE NETWORKS

**Why 400G?**  
**Design Considerations**



Experienced, in-depth research on ICT innovations and the transformations they create

# Agenda

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## Introduction

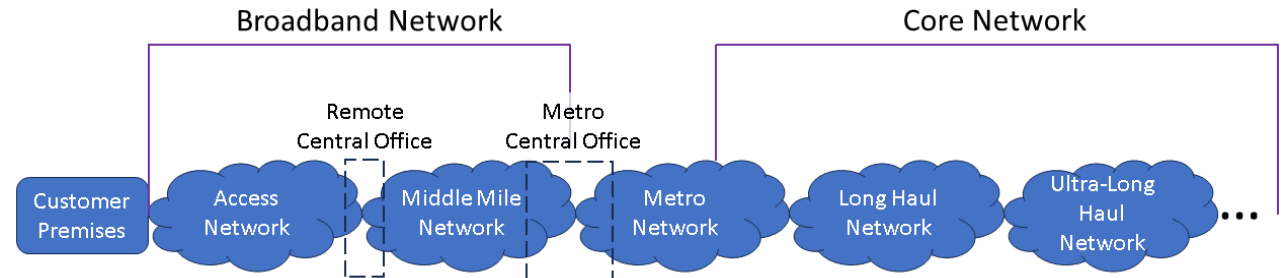
## Why 400G in the middle mile?

## Evolution of the Middle Mile

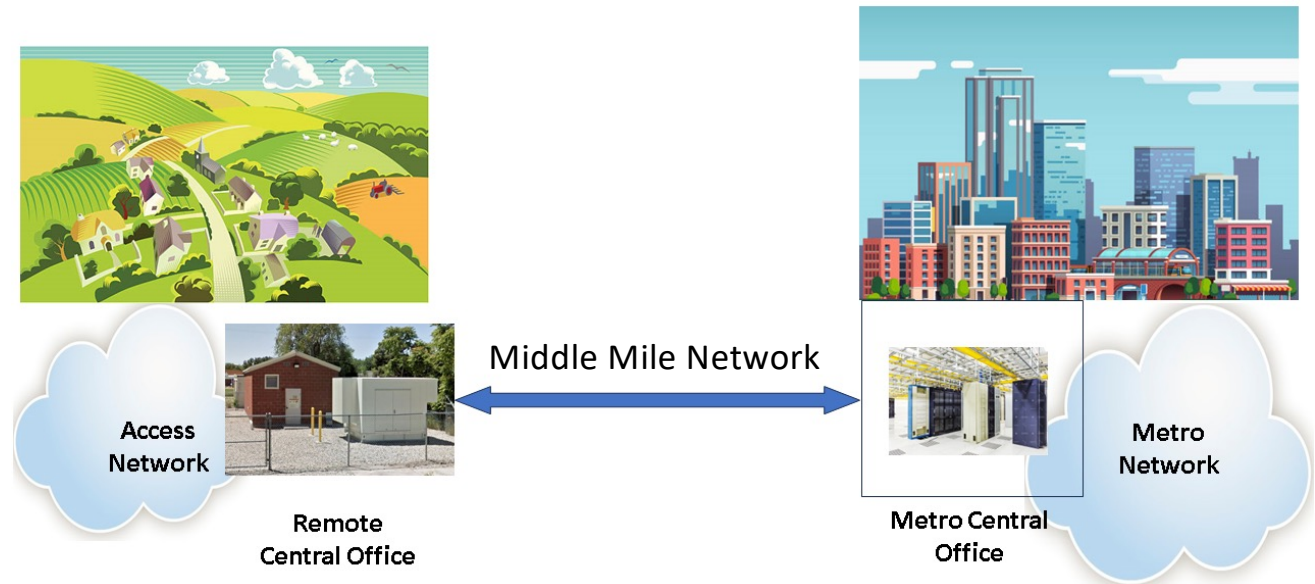
## 400G Coherent Optics and the Middle Mile

# What is the Middle Mile Network?

In the context of the end-to-end network

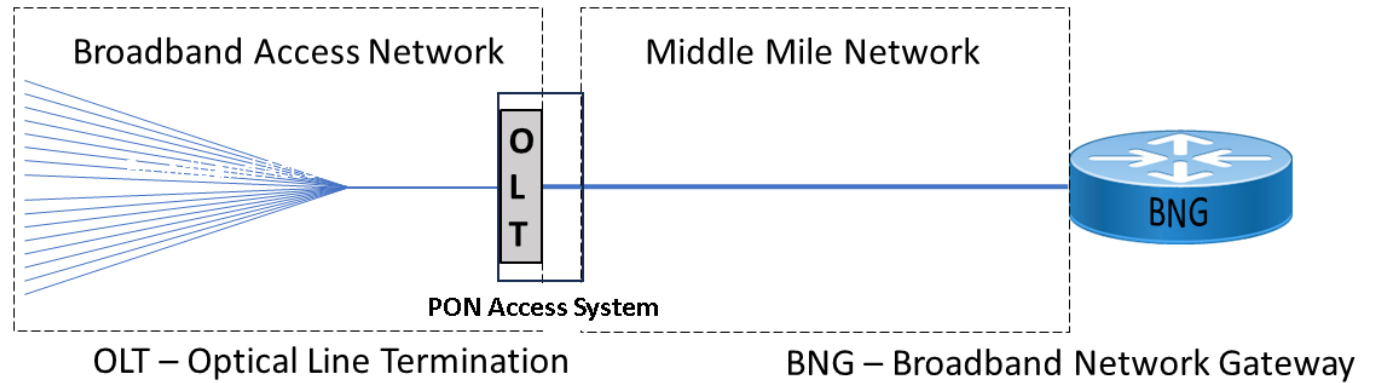


Middle Mile Network as Physical Backhaul

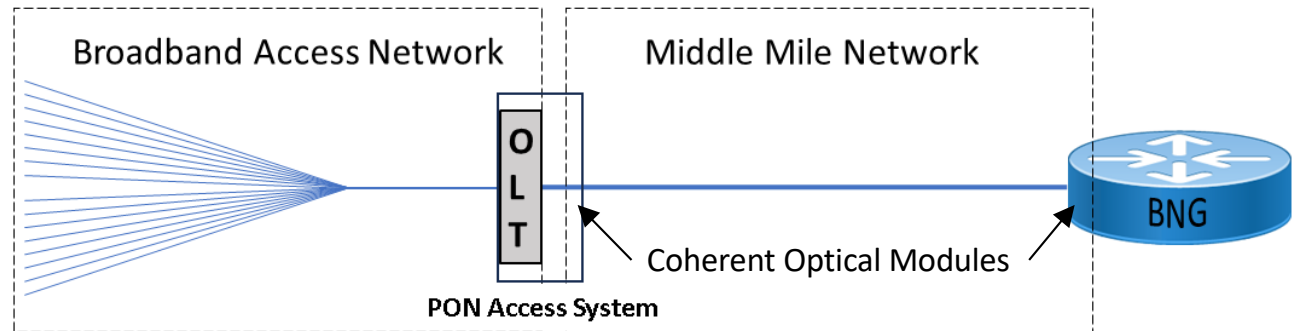


# Middle Mile Network from a New Perspective

## Current Segmentation



## Segmentation from an IP Perspective



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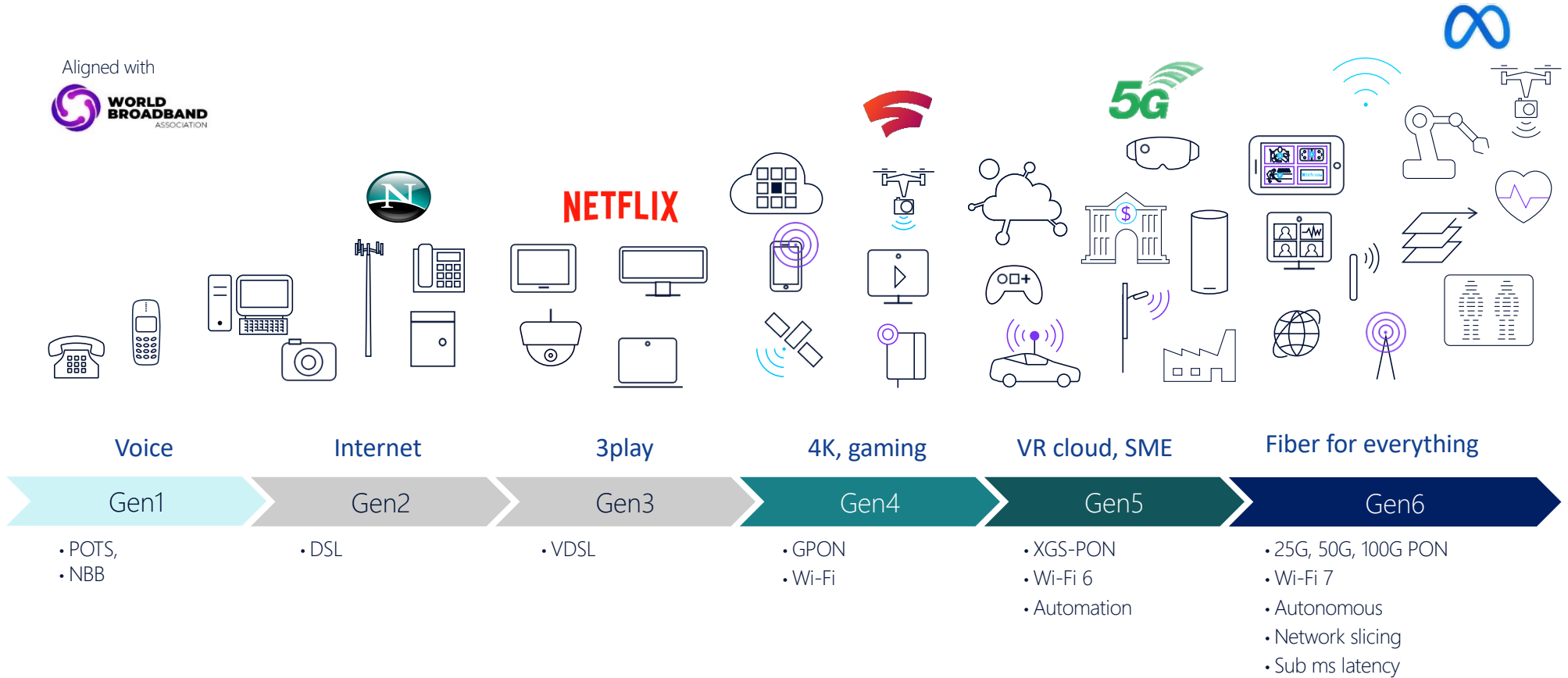
### Factors that influence middle mile network

1. The applications that drive bandwidth demand
2. Number of households in the service area
3. Business/enterprise service opportunities
4. Average usage rates (Off Peak and Peak)
5. Yearly growth rate
6. Broadband service penetration rate

# The shift to new generation broadband

Aligned with  

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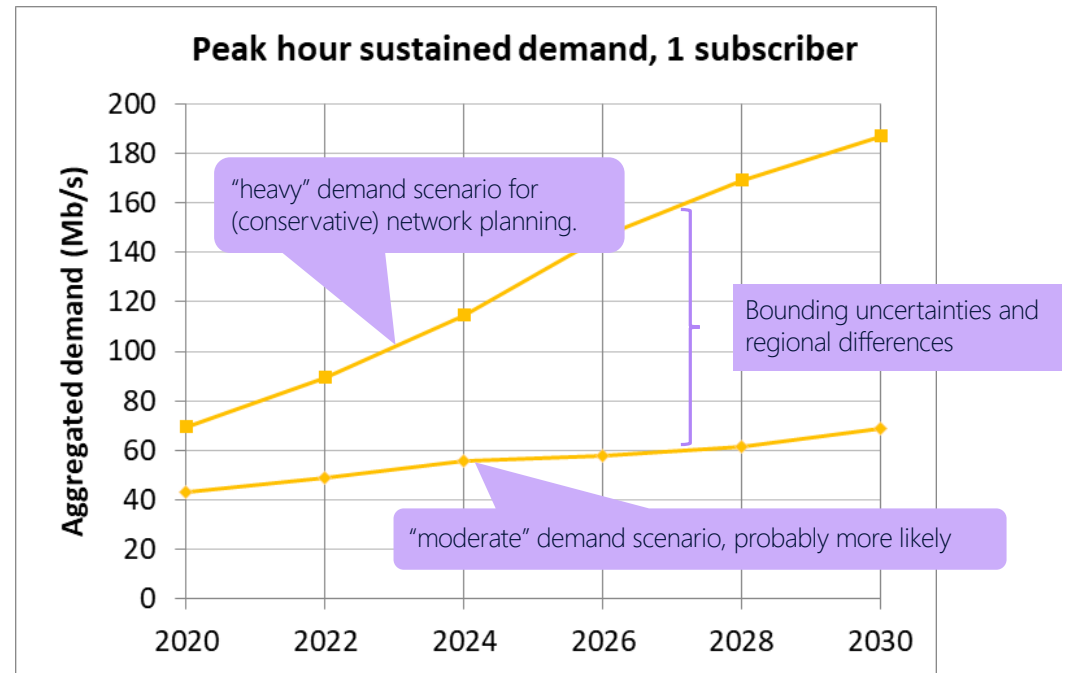
# Broadband subscriber demand

## Estimates for off peak and peak demand

Rural broadband networks need to support increasing traffic and bandwidth:

- Average household bandwidth of 13 Mbps in 2021
- Average household bandwidth of 20.1 Mbps in 2025
- Rural area served with an average of 20,000 households
- Service providers' penetration rate growing from 25% to 60%
- This drives the requirement for a 200 Gbps by 2022 and 400 Gbps middle-mile ring by 2025

Middle-Mile Networks Capacity Requirements for Fixed Broadband  
Peter Fetterolf, Ph.D for ACG Research

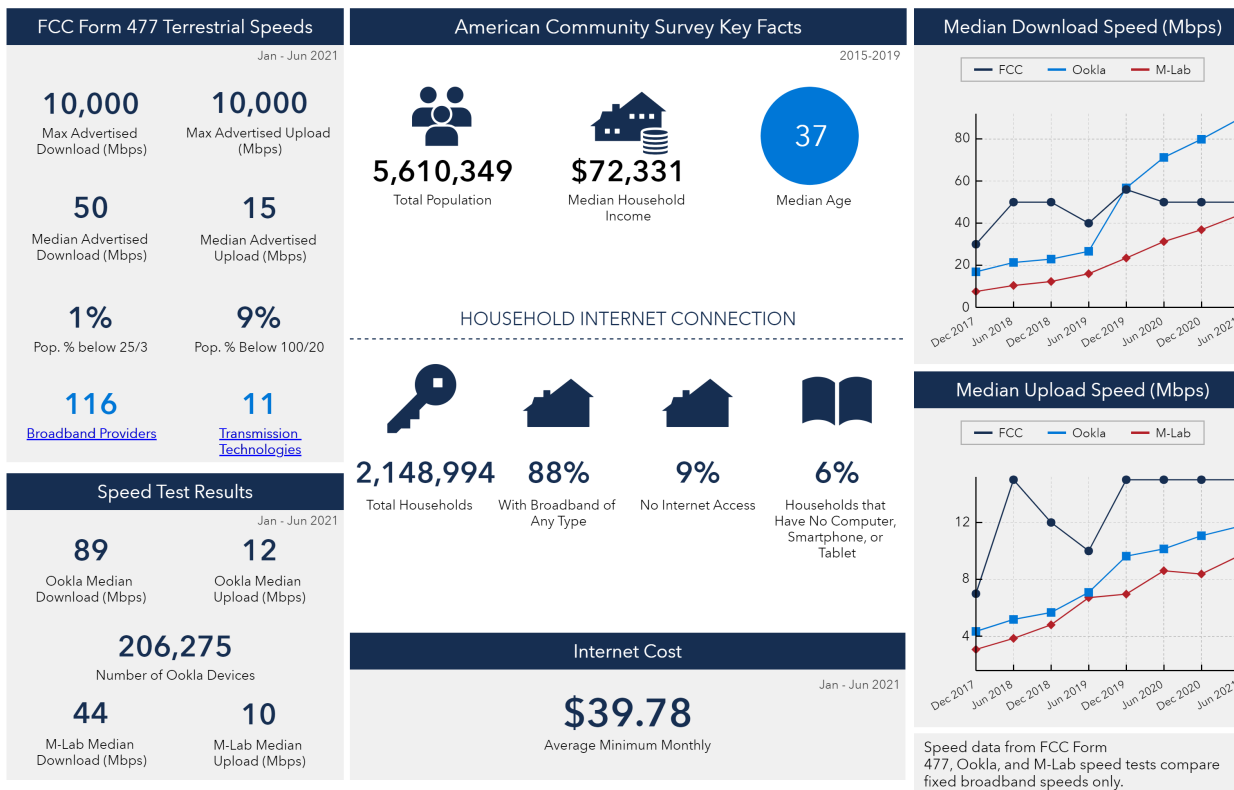


# A view into bandwidth demand, market penetration and growth



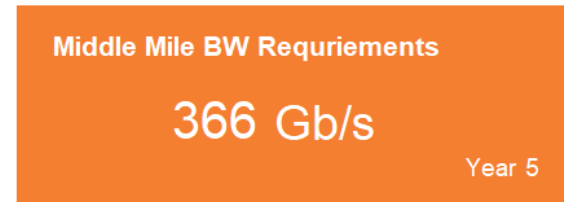
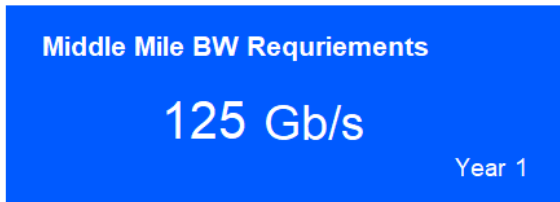
## BroadbandUSA Community Report

Colorado (FIPS 08)





# Middle-Mile Bandwidth Traffic Analyzer



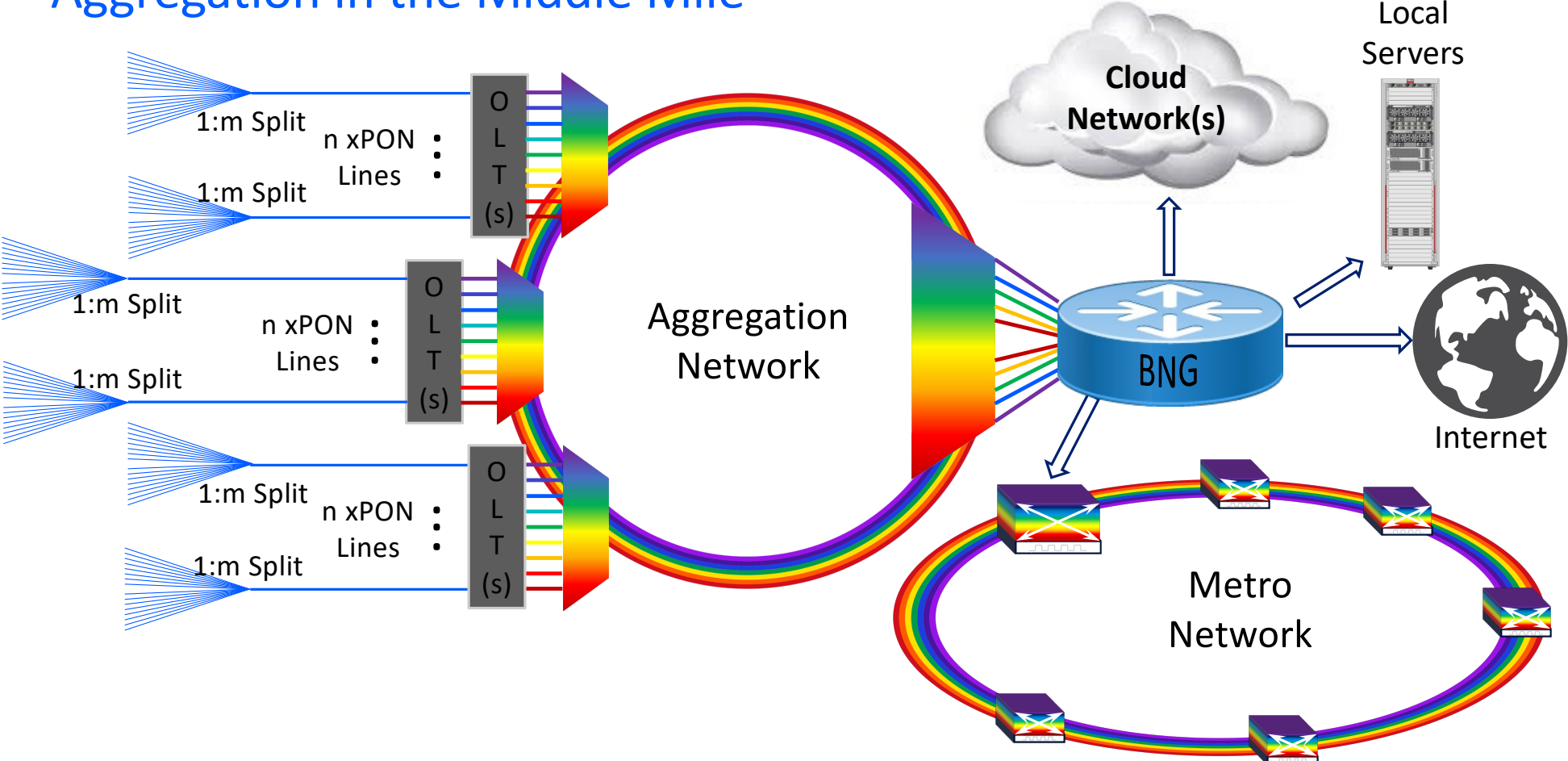
Service Area	
Households	20,000
Businesses	200

Average Usage Rates (Mb/s)	
Households	
Peak Times (4 - 9 PM)	25
Off Peak	16
Yearly Usage Growth Rate	5%
Businesses	20

Broadband Service Penetration Rate	
Households	
Yr 1	25%
Yr 2	35%
Yr 3	45%
Yr 4	55%
Yr 5	60%
Businesses	
Yr 1	5%
Yr 2	15%
Yr 3	20%
Yr 4	25%
Yr 5	30%

Service Subscription Levels	
Households	
50 Mb/s Tier	65%
100 Mb/s Tier	30%
500 Mb/s Tier	5%
Businesses	
100 Mb/s Tier	100%

# Aggregation in the Middle Mile





# 400G Coherent Optics and the Middle Mile

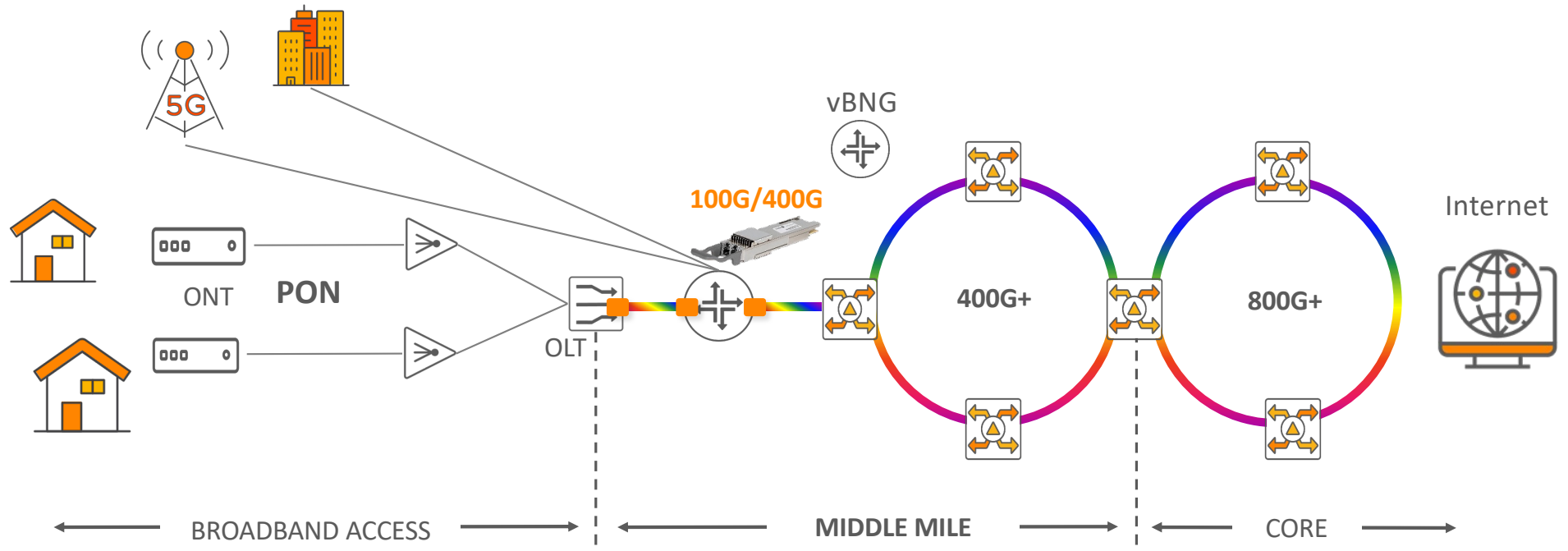
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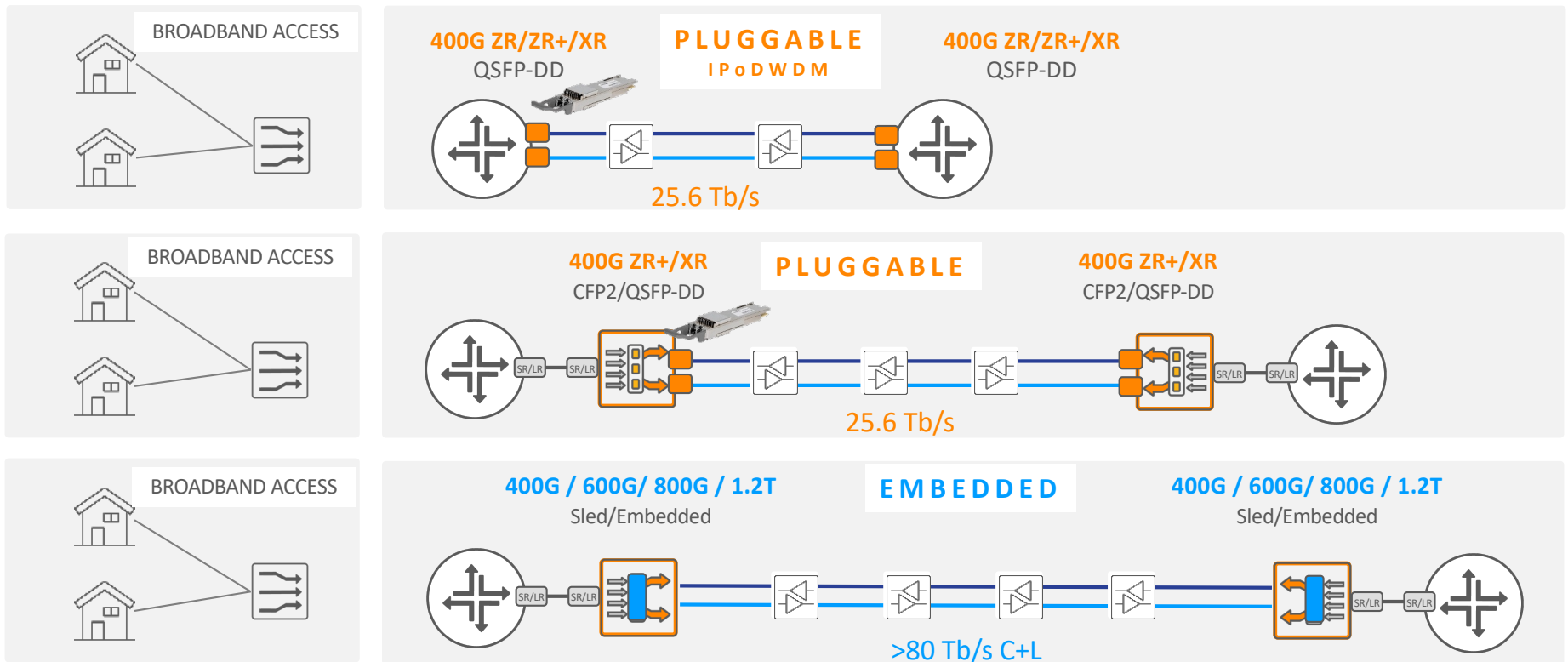


# The Broadband Network and the Middle Mile



**Optical transport connects broadband access to the Core/Internet via the Middle Mile**

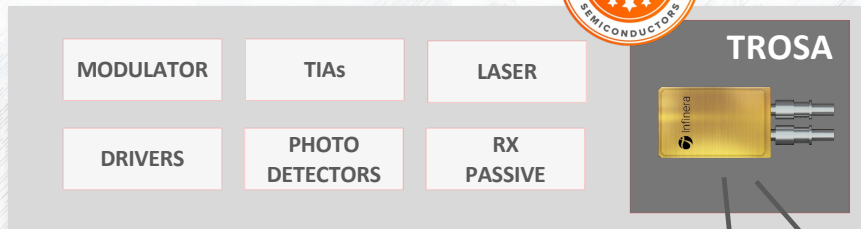
# Embedded or Pluggables? In Optical Gear or Routers? Yes!



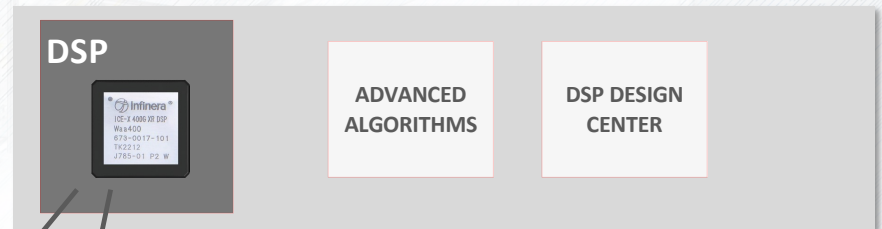
**Reduce Power, Space with Pluggables, Reduce Cost/Bit/Km with Embedded**

# Modular, Building Block Design Strategy

## ANALOG OPTICS

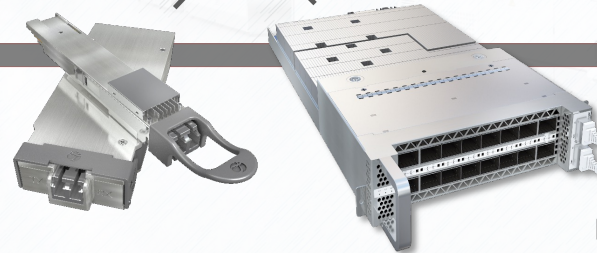


## DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING



TROSA = Transmit Receive Optical Subassembly

ADVANCED  
PACKAGING



PLUGGABLES  
CFP-2, QSFP-DD

EMBEDDED  
(Sled Based)

# COST EFFECTIVELY BUILD MORE COHERENT OPTICAL ENGINES FOR MORE APPLICATIONS

# Building a Better Coherent DWDM Pluggable

## PERFORMANCE



Maximize capacity-reach

## PROGRAMMABILITY



Adapt to diverse environments like single-fiber working

## MANAGEABILITY



Host-independent management, dual management

### Categories

#### 400ZR

- OIF-Defined
- Ethernet only
- 400G only
- 40km – 120km

#### 400G ZR+

- OpenROADM, OpenZR+, More
- P2P
- 100G-400G
- 500km+

#### 400G XR

- Open XR Forum
- P2P, P2MP, SFW
- 25G-400G
- 1,000 km+

P2P = Point-to-Point  
P2MP = Point-to-Multipoint  
SFW = Single-Fiber Working



Thank You








# Mountain Connect

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# Evolving and New Residential Broadband Requirements




More bandwidth




Lower latency




Better Symmetry




High Availability




Great QoE



Sustainability

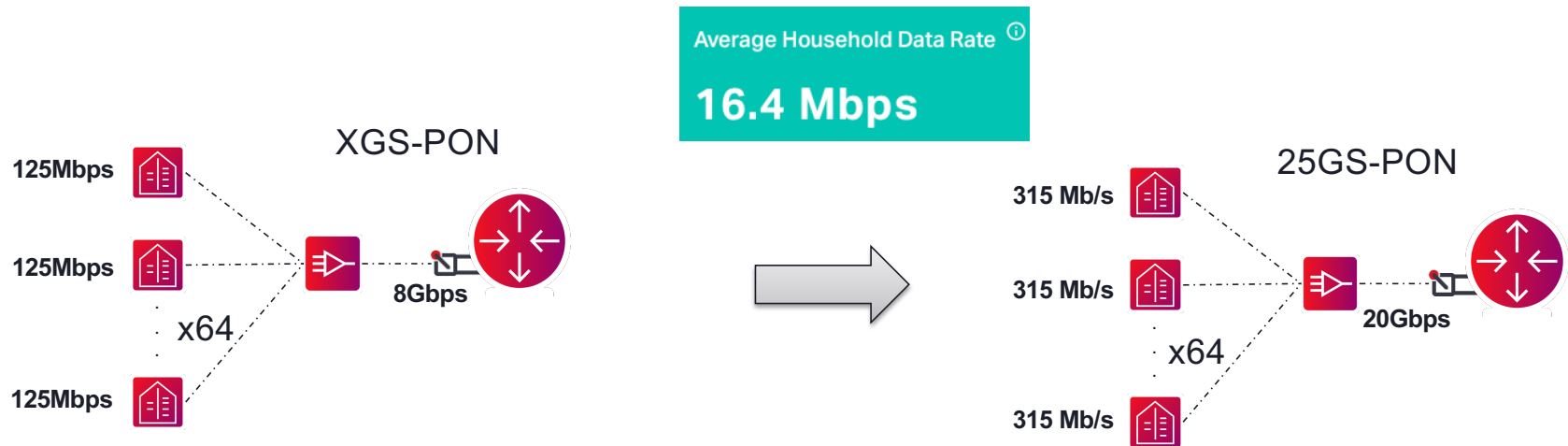


Ubiquity



Affordability

## The challenges are moving from the access to the Middle-Mile

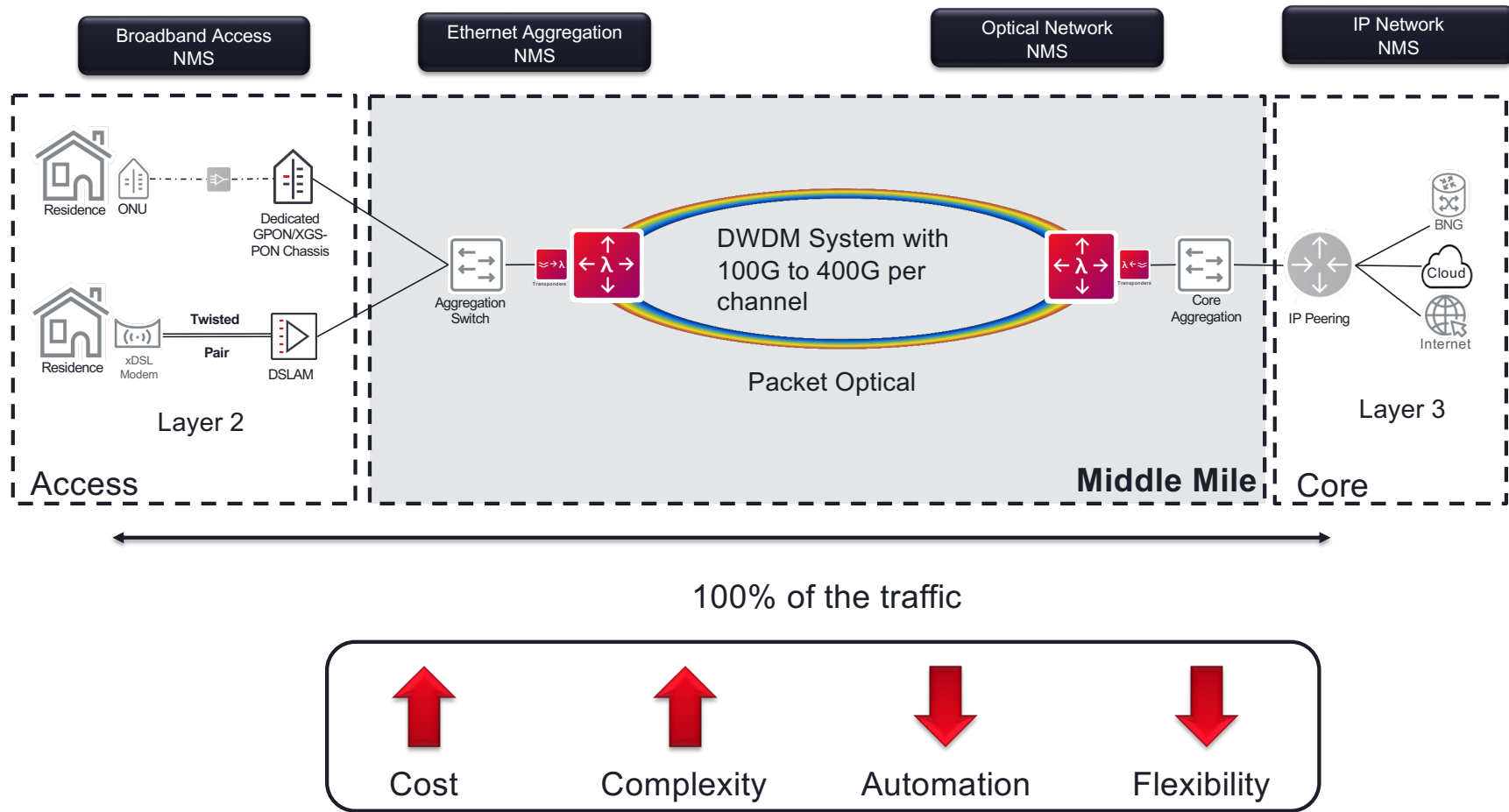


With service provider deploying XGS-PON with an easy evolution to 25GS-PON the access will be able to support the existing and future application for years

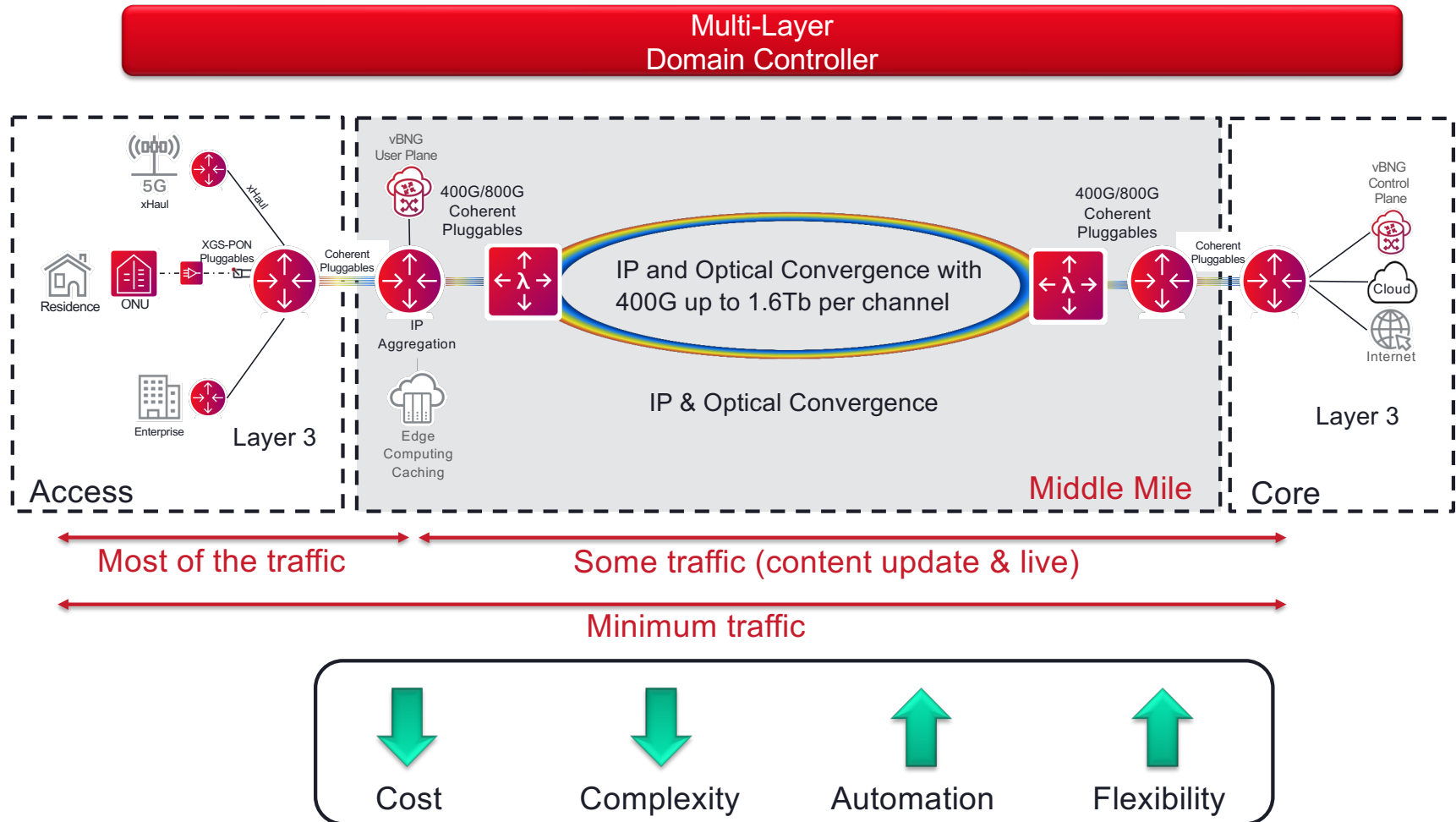
## What about the Middle Mille?



# Legacy Middle Mile



# Evolution of the Middle Mile



## Key Considerations for Middle Mile

- **Adding IP intelligence to the access** enabling local breakout
- **Adopting the virtualization and disaggregation of the BNG** with CUPS (Control and User Plane Separation) model, moving the user plane to the edge.
- **Utilization of 400G Coherent Pluggable** in routers for scalability, cost efficiency and flexibility. An open line system may be needed for amplification and fiber capacity expansion
- **Adoption of a more modern and optimized IP stack (SR)** to accommodate the need for more and smaller IP nodes without multiplying complexity
- **Adoption of a single multi-layer domain controller from the access to the core** to reduce the operational complexity and cost while optimizing the network resources and reliability