

“Wireless over Pseudowires” Ready for Prime Time



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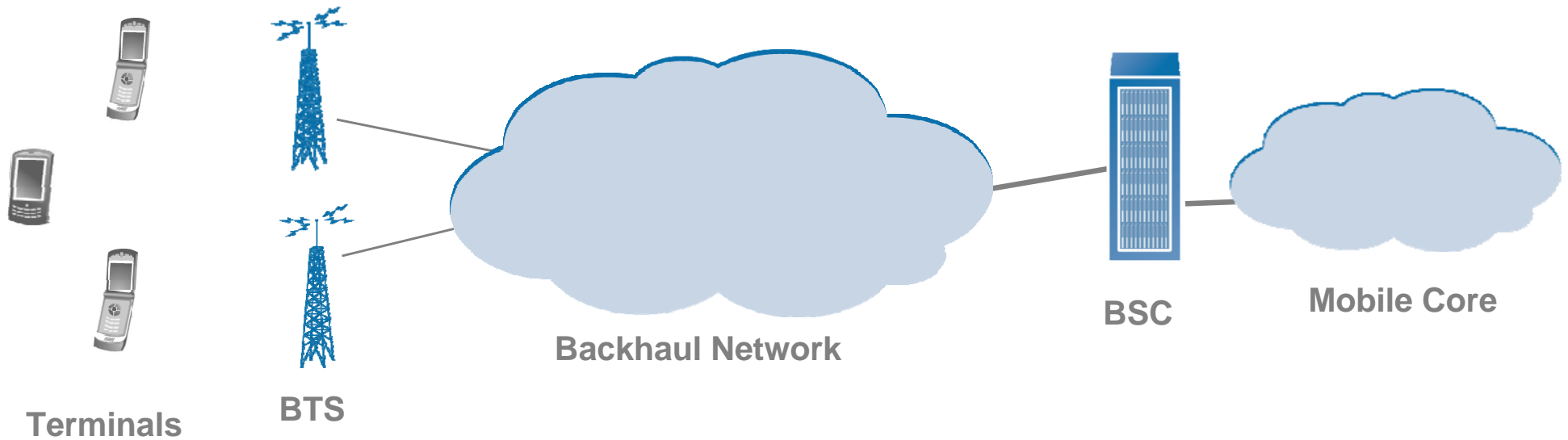
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Agenda

- The challenge of mobile backhaul
- “Wireless over Pseudowires”
- Case studies
- Network synchronization
- Future migration to all-IP

The Challenge of Mobile Backhaul

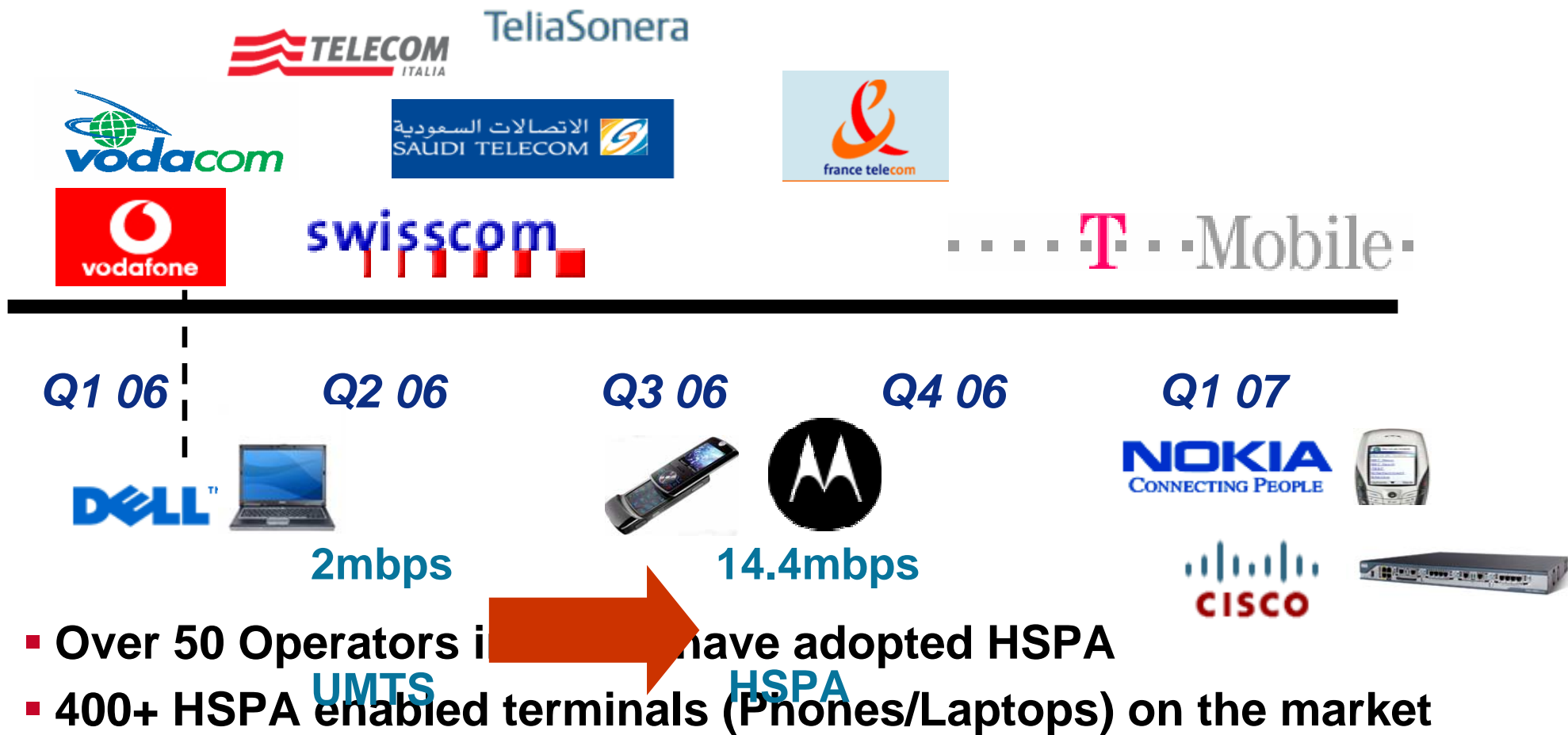
What is the Backhaul Network?



- Connects the mobile base stations (BTS/NodeB) to the radio controllers (BSC/RNC) which sit at the edge of the mobile core
- Also known as the RAN (Radio Access Network)

The Challenge of Mobile Backhaul

The Bandwidth Explosion - impact of HSPA

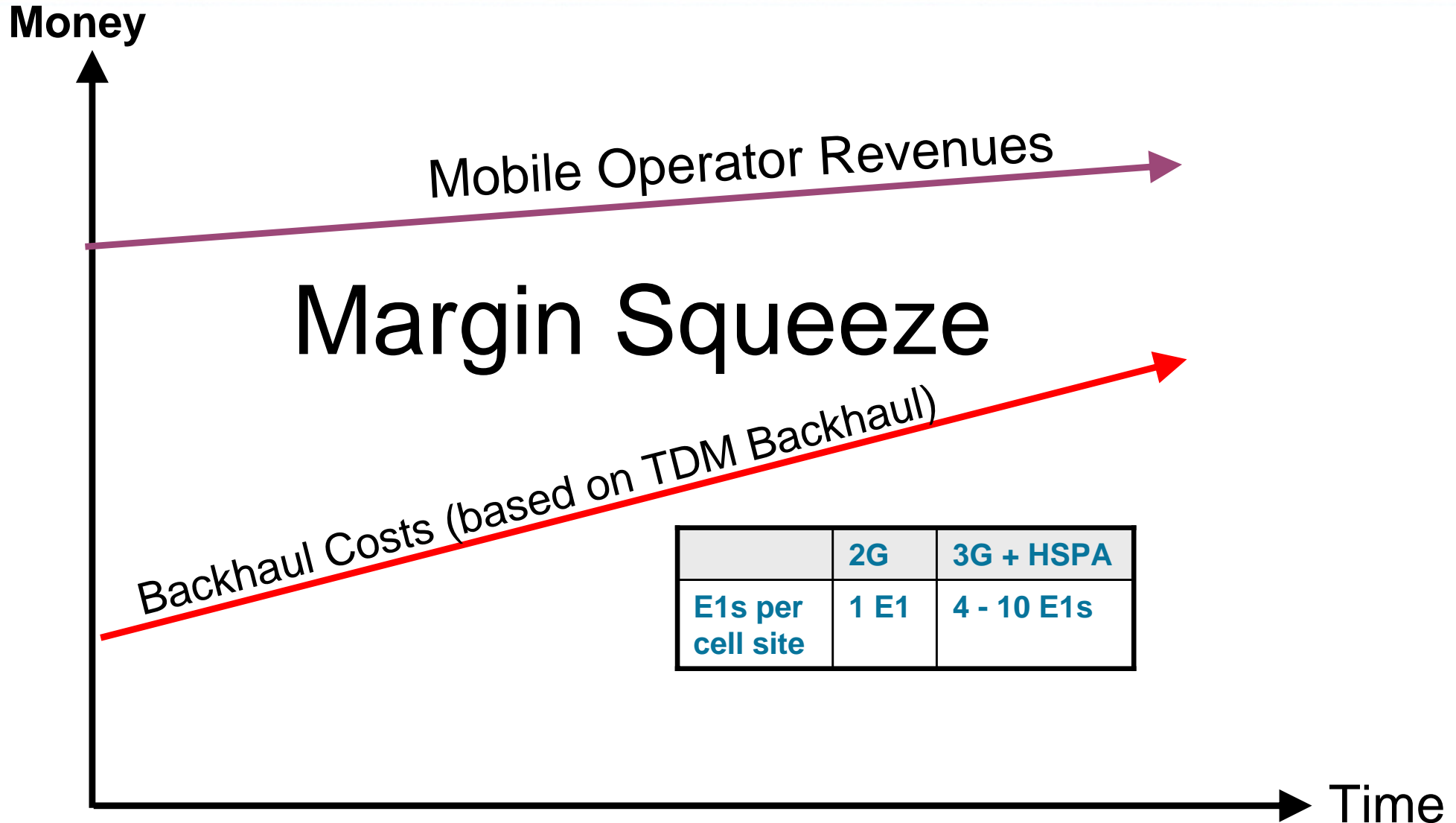


2mbps UMTS → 14.4mbps HSPA

Dramatic increase in capacity in the backhaul network

The Challenge of Mobile Backhaul

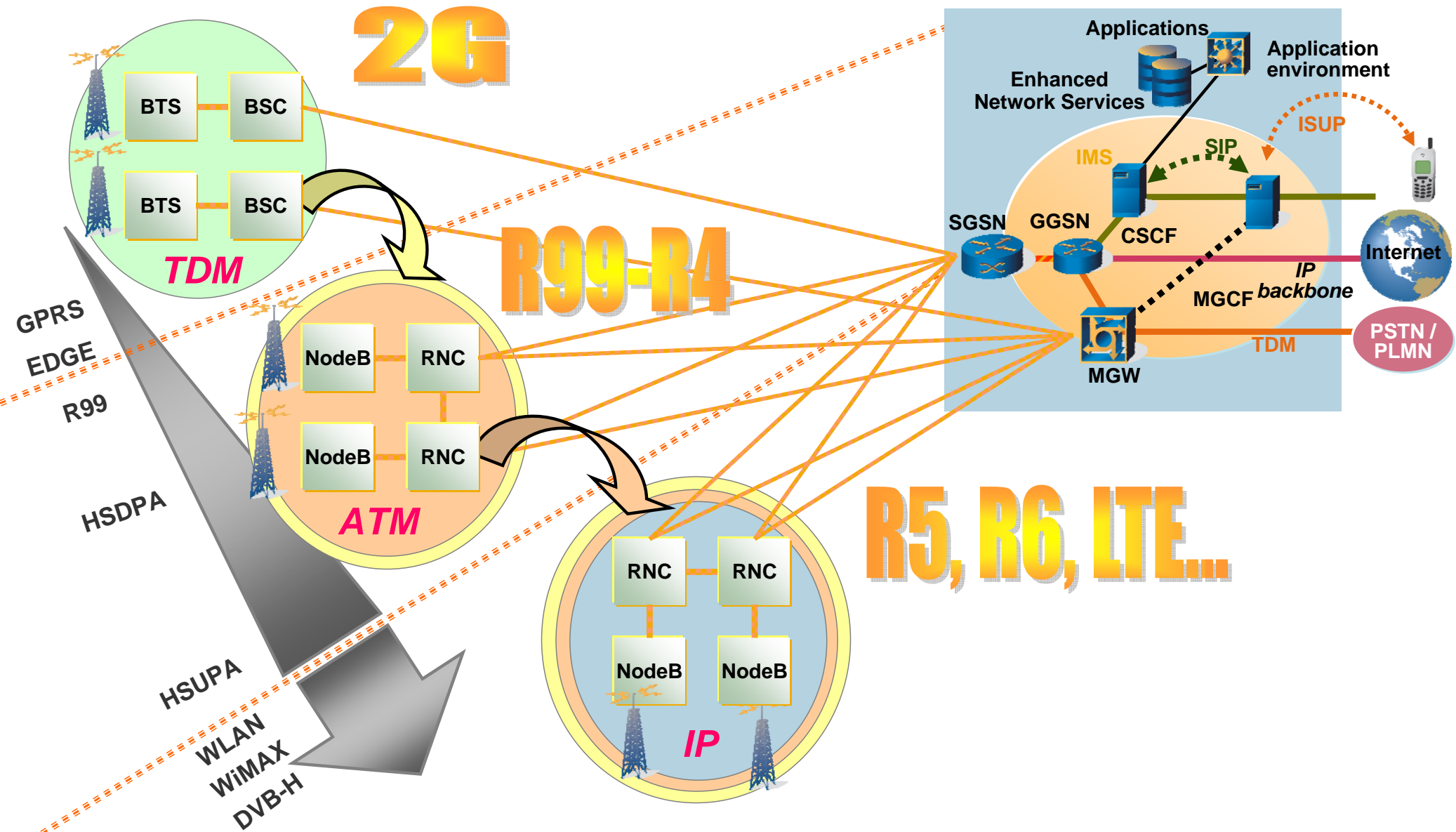
The Bandwidth Explosion – Margin Squeeze



The operator's goal - decouple cost from capacity

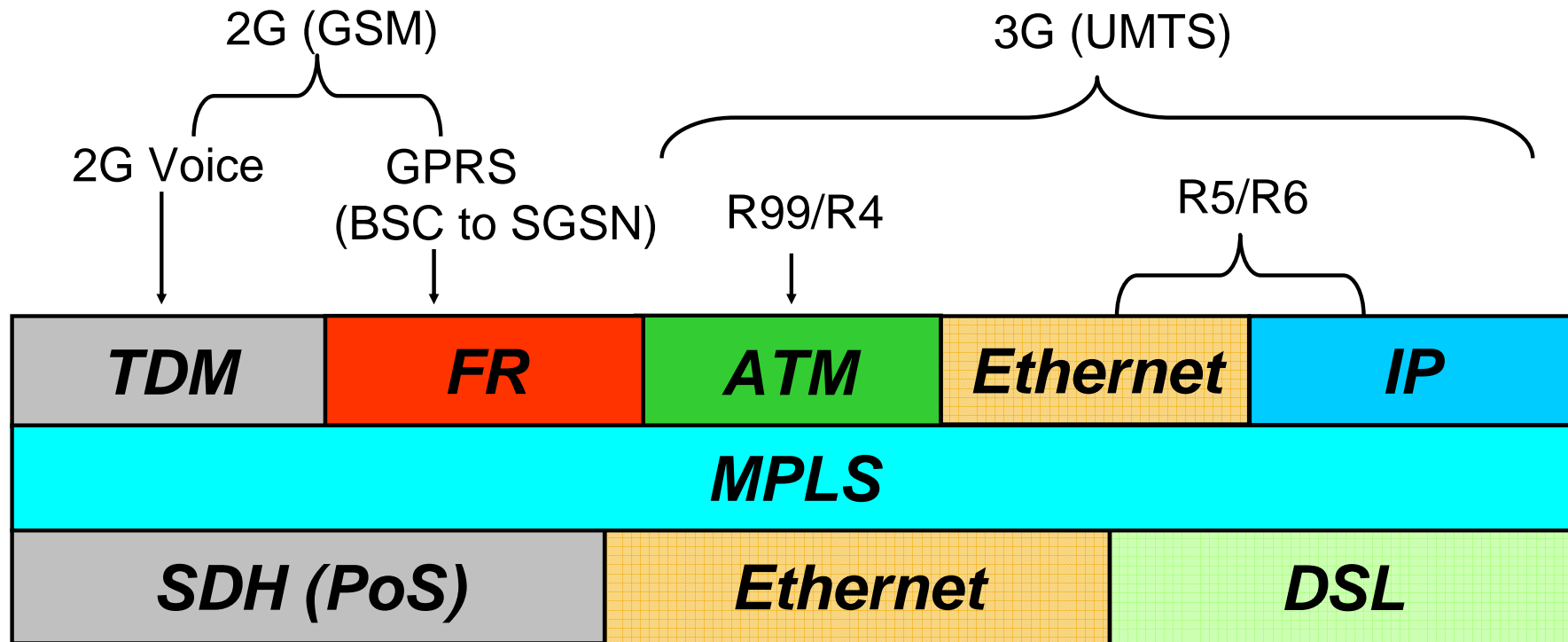
The Challenge of Mobile Backhaul

Technology Evolution – TDM to ATM to IP



Wireless over Pseudowires

MPLS Pseudowires



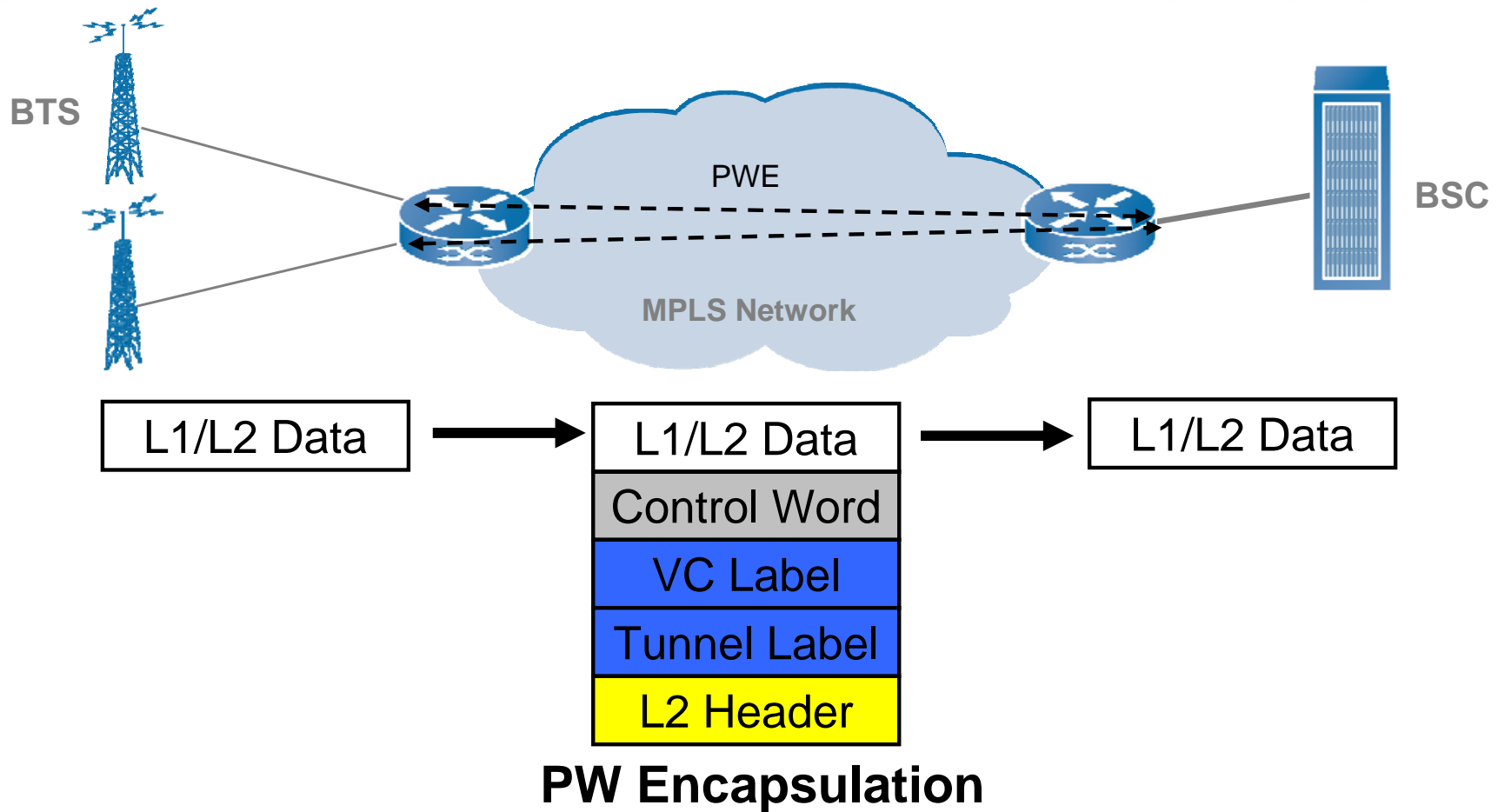
- **Pseudowires decouple service from transport**

- > Enables convergence of all services over one network
- > Which enables use of the cheapest available transport

Enables operator to decouple cost from capacity

Wireless over Pseudowires

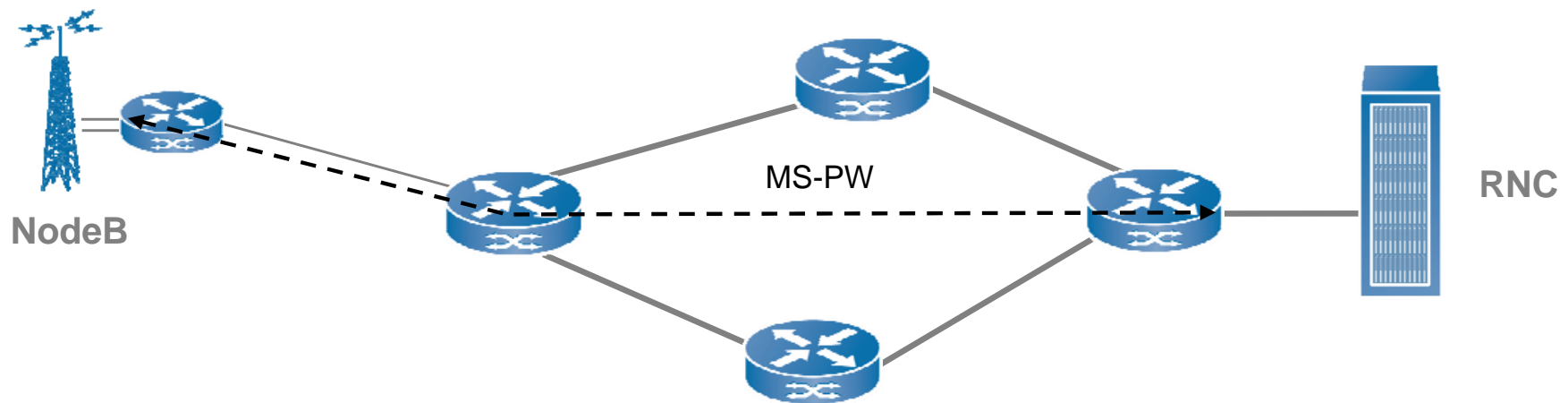
Generic view of Pseudowire Backhaul



- > Pseudowires create circuit layer on top of IP/MPLS
 - Use MPLS LSPs for protection
 - Re-parent Base Stations by redirecting circuit endpoints

Wireless over Pseudowires

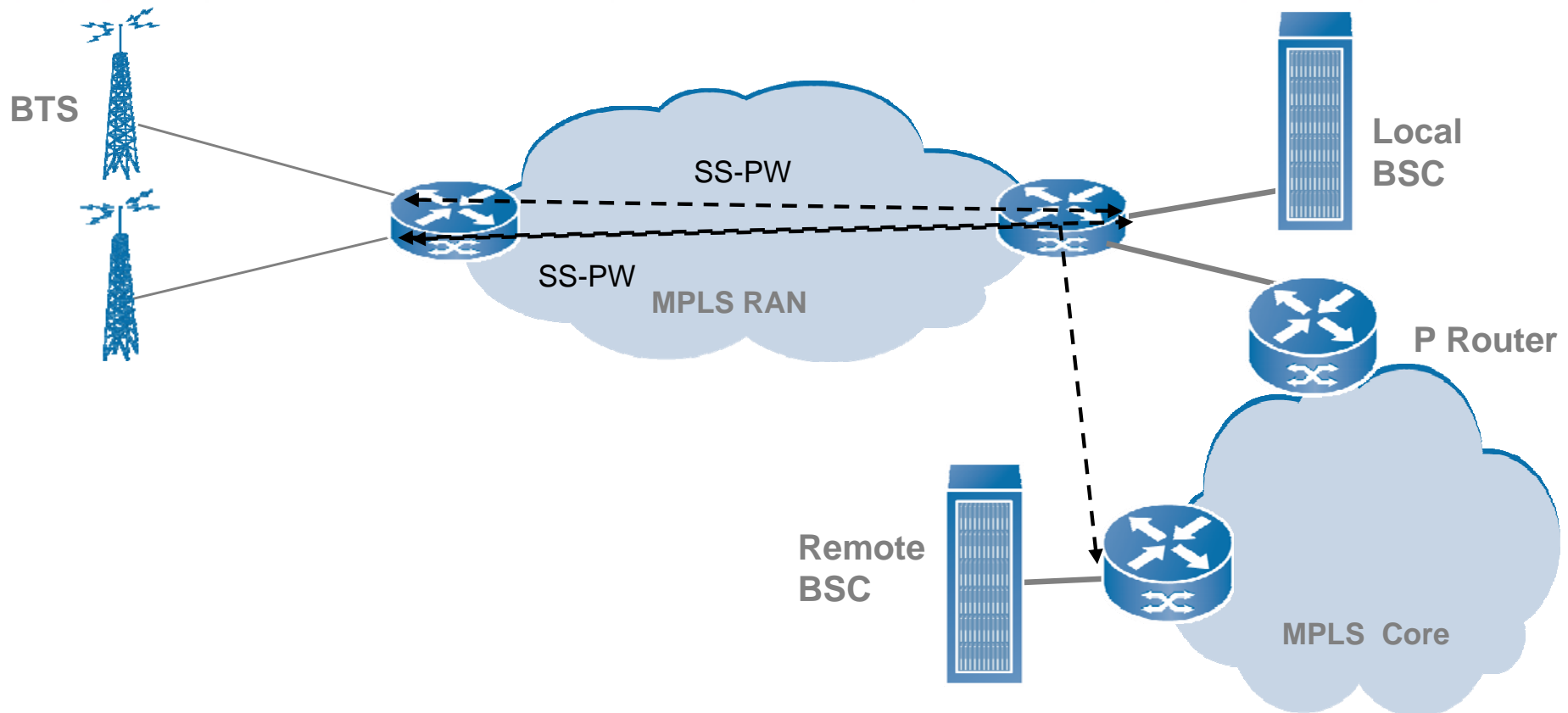
Using Pseudowire Switching in the RAN



- > Cell-Site boxes may be small “pizza box” MSA devices
 - No routing or signalling
 - Pseudowire forwarding, no L3
- > No protection available from cell-site to hub (copper T1/E1, or microwave)
 - But carriers wish to make use of protection from the hub site towards the core

Wireless over Pseudowires

Using Pseudowire Switching to Cross the Core



- > Carriers want to keep RAN and core separate
- > Carriers sometimes need to reattach to BSCs or RNCs outside the RAN
- > Pseudowires can be switched at the RAN/core boundary

Case Studies

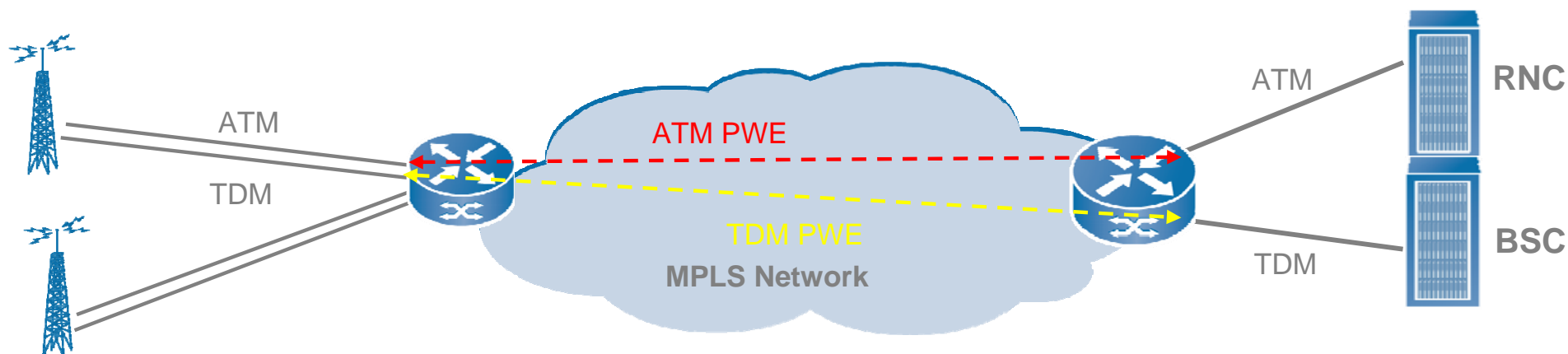
Rural Deployment – Optimising Capacity

■ Capacity Today

- > Leased T1/E1 or PDH microwave from cell site to hub site
- > Leased SONET/SDH (or SONET/SDH microwave) from hub to RNC site

■ Solution: MPLS at Hub Site

- > Maintain ATM or TDM T1/E1 circuits to hub site
- > Use MPLS PWE from hub site to RNC site
 - Enables clear-channel transport (plus option to use Ethernet if available)
 - Enables statistical gain between cell-sites



Case Studies

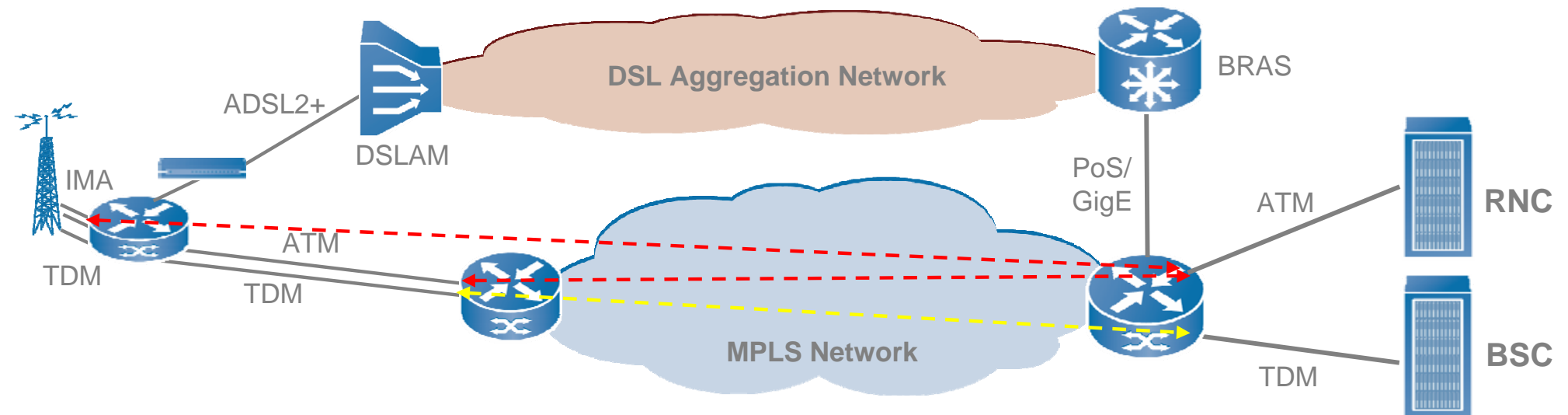
Suburban Deployment – Adding HSDPA

■ Capacity Today

- > Leased T1/E1 or PDH microwave from cell site to hub site
- > SDH/SONET from hub site to RNC site

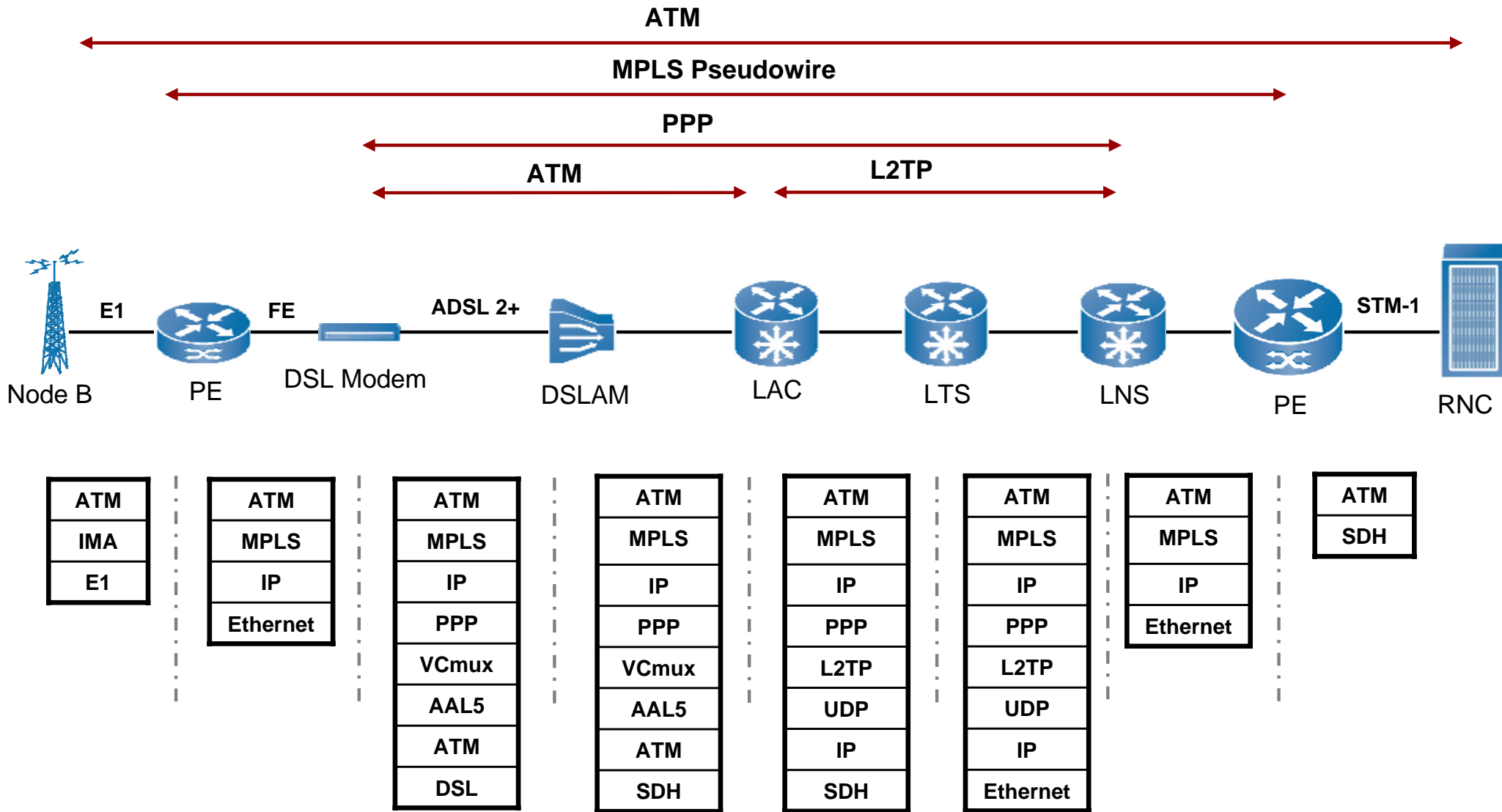
■ Solution: MPLS at Cell Site with DSL offload

- > Maintain ATM or TDM T1/E1 circuits to hub site
- > Add wholesale ADSL capacity for 3G data using PWE over IP



Pseudowires over DSL

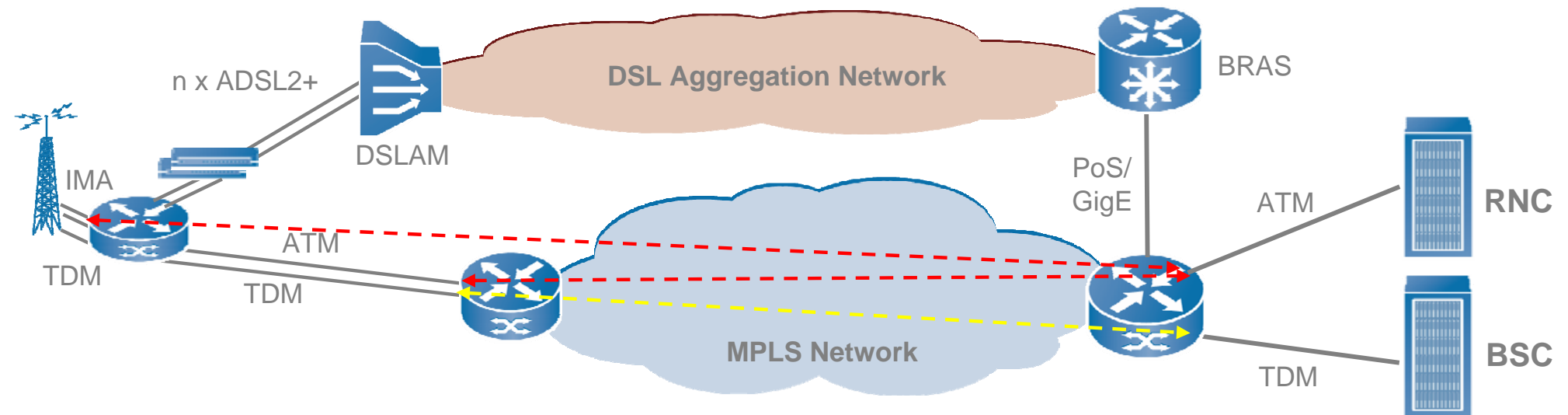
Using MPLS over IP (RFC4023)



Pseudowires over DSL

Using multiple DSL loops

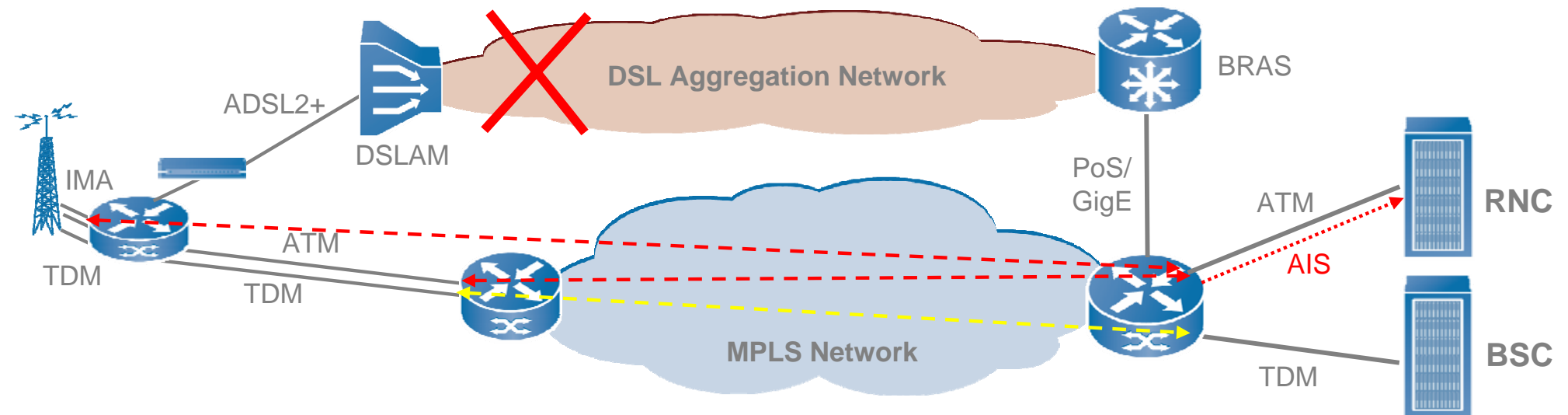
- **Multiple DSL loops may be required to enable full-speed HSDPA**
 - > Per VC load-sharing gives no benefit as typically one VC for HSDPA
 - > Per AAL2 session load-sharing restricts per-user performance
 - > Per packet load balancing works, but:
 - Requires MPLS/IP tunnel per DSL loop – with BFD to detect failures
 - Overall performance limited to N x speed of slowest DSL loop
 - Requires sequence number in the pseudowire Control Word



Pseudowires over DSL

Using MPLS over IP (RFC4023)

- **“Overlay Network” causes control plane challenges**
 - > tLDP session as per RFC4447 can be used to provision PWs, but failure detection will be slow
 - > VCCV-BFD from PE to PE provides faster detection
 - As no QoS in DSL network VCCV packets may be lost due to overload
 - > Need mechanism to notify DSL network failures to the RNC



Case Studies

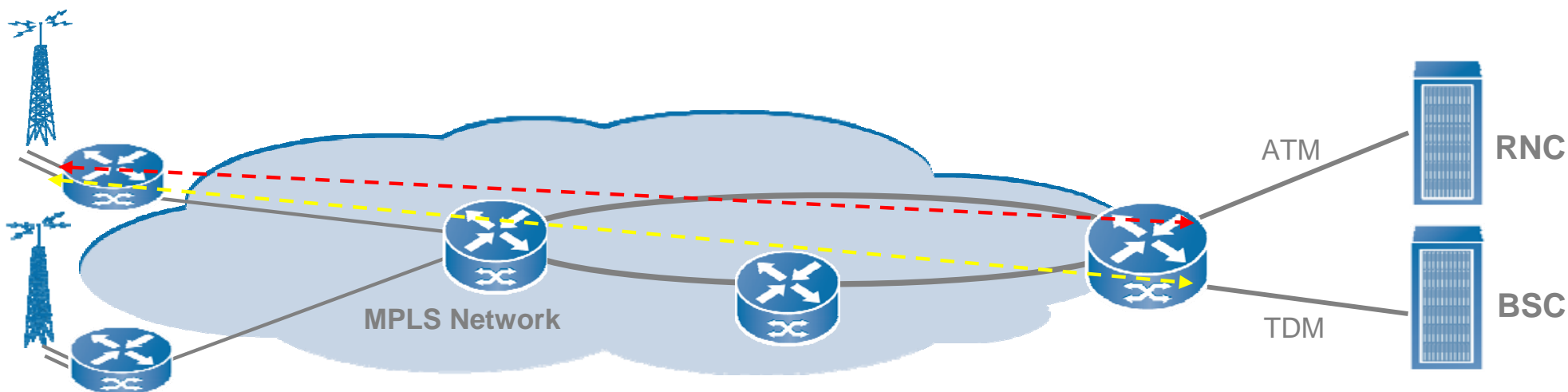
Urban Deployment – Fibre to the Cell Site

■ Capacity Today

- > Leased T1/E1 or PDH microwave from cell site to hub location
- > SDH/SONET from hub location to RNC site

■ Solution: MPLS at Cell Site

- > Use FE or GigE over fibre from cell site to hub location
- > Use GigE or 10GigE over fibre from hub site to RNC site



Synchronization

Distributed

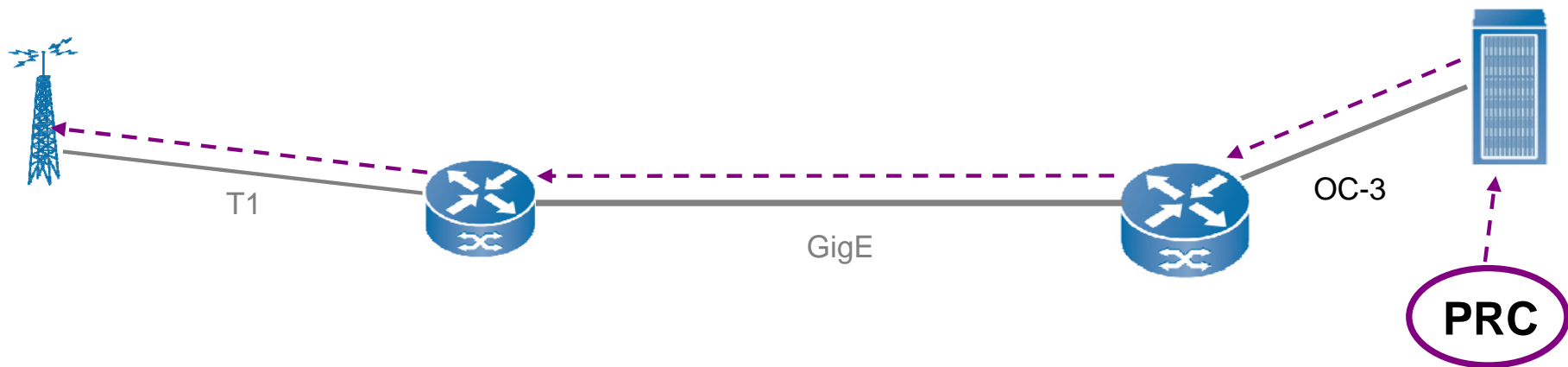
- **Use external clock at each site**
 - > Expensive proposition to provide a clock at every cell-site!



Synchronization

Synchronous Physical Layer

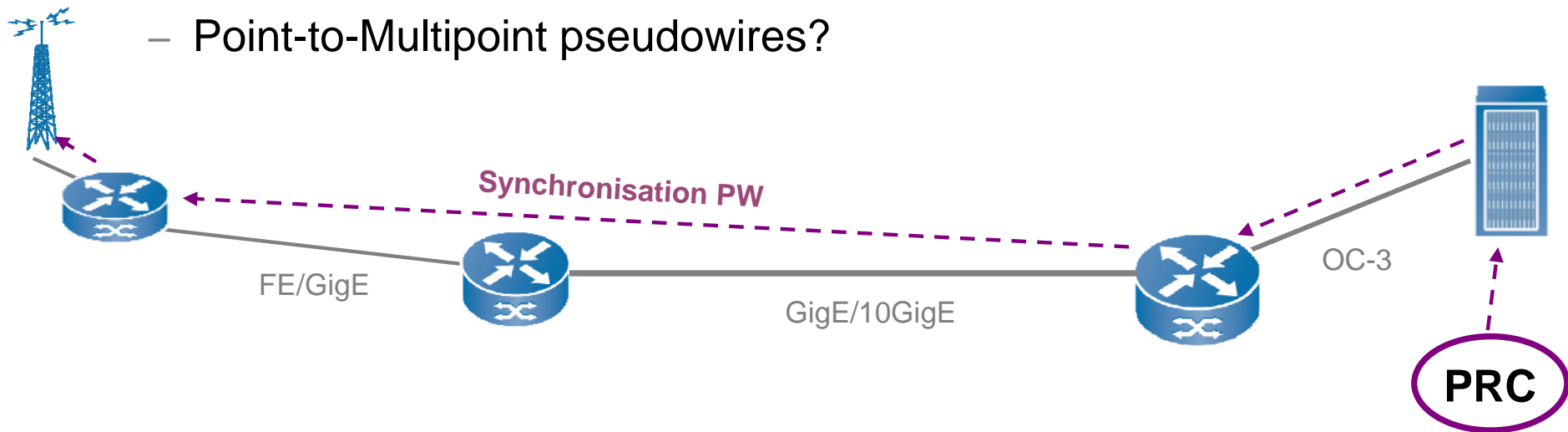
- Synchronise all elements from the physical layer
- Distribute timing from one element to the next
- Well known and understood using SDH/SONET or E1/T1 circuits
- Ethernet Based
 - > G.8261
- Good fit for rural and suburban scenarios above
- Good fit for urban scenario if deploying a dedicated network



Synchronization

Adaptive Timing

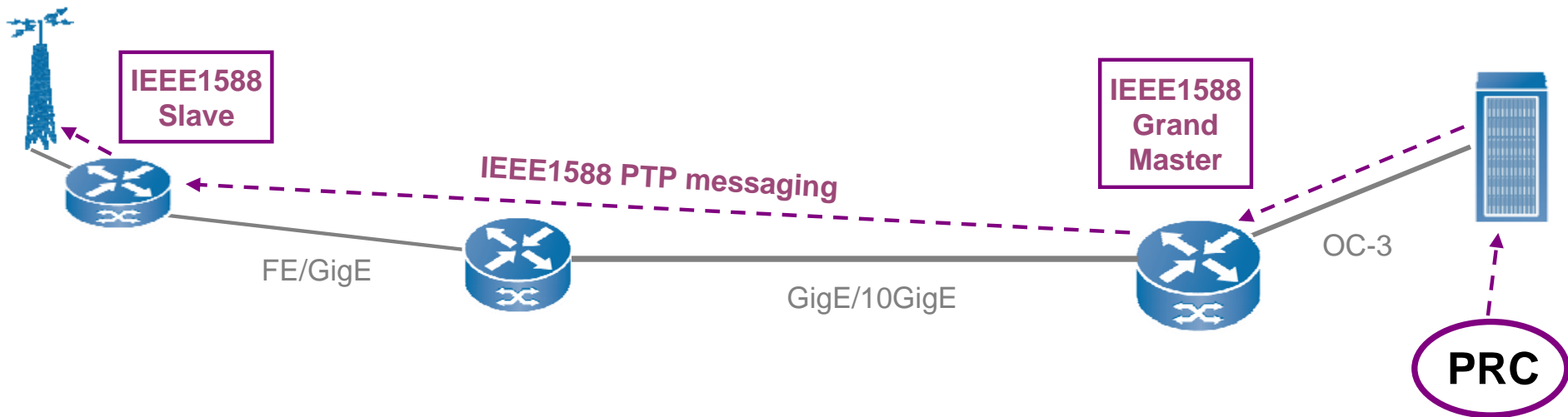
- **Monitor jitter buffer levels**
- **Perform averaging and low pass filter to detect jitter**
 - > Tolerant to packet loss and reordering
 - > Vulnerable to low frequency jitter components
- **Two methods:**
 - > Synchronise each pseudowire
 - > Synchronise node using “synchronisation pseudowire”
 - P2MP 64k CESoPSN Pseudowire?
 - Point-to-Multipoint pseudowires?



Synchronization

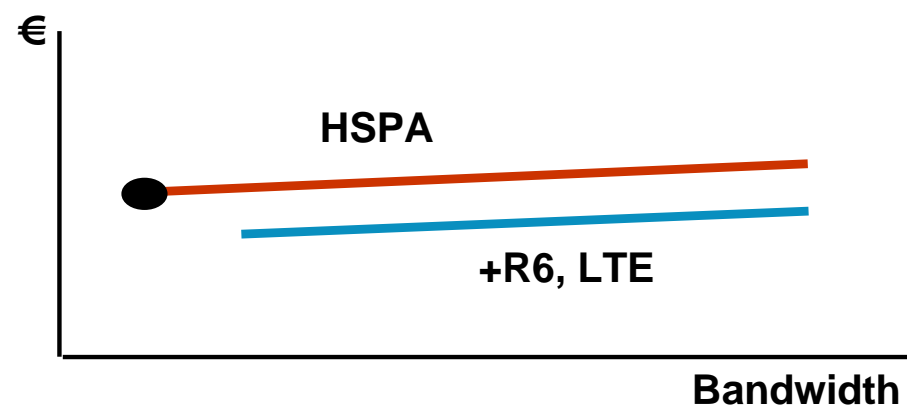
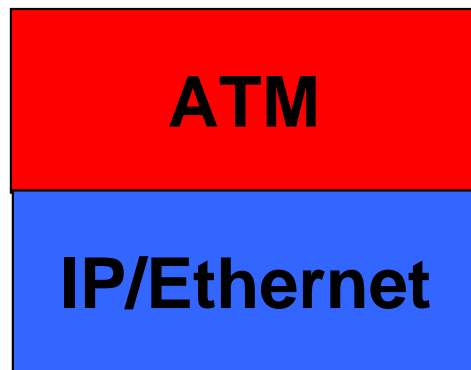
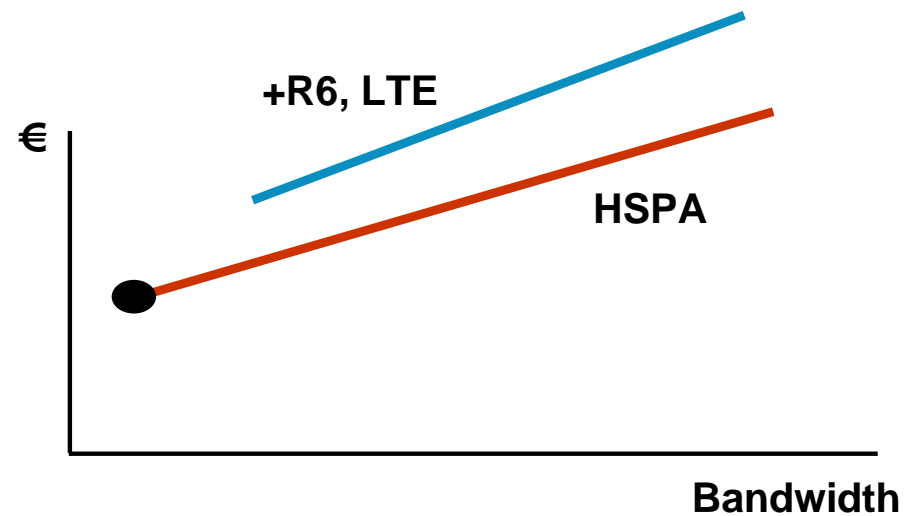
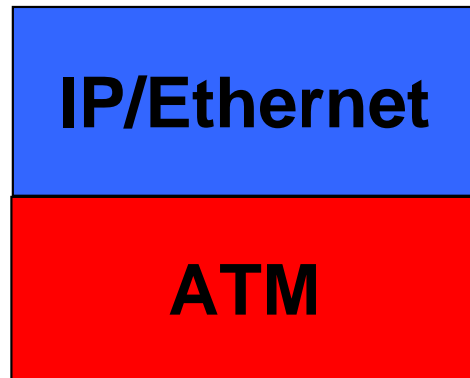
IEEE1588 Precision Time Protocol

- Hierarchical tree with master/slave clocks
- Designed for testing/automation applications
 - > Being enhanced for telecom applications
- Future – TICTOC?



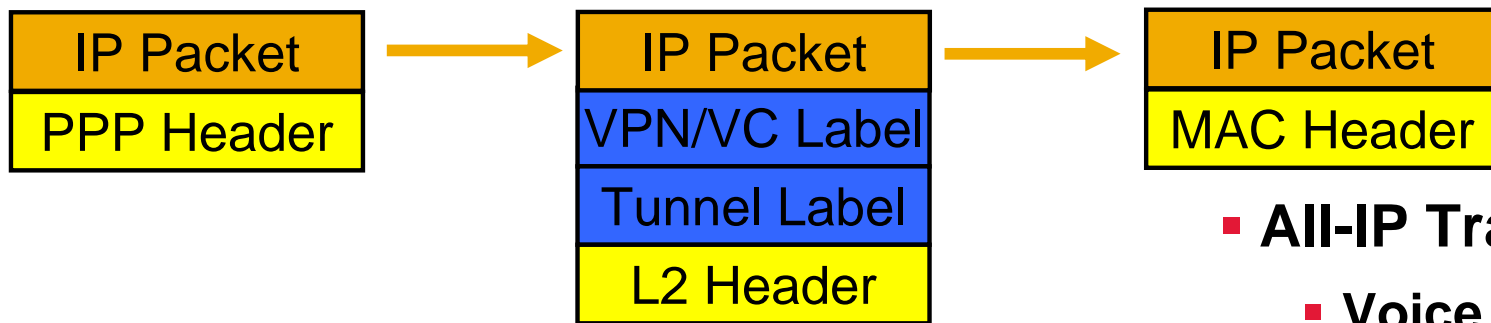
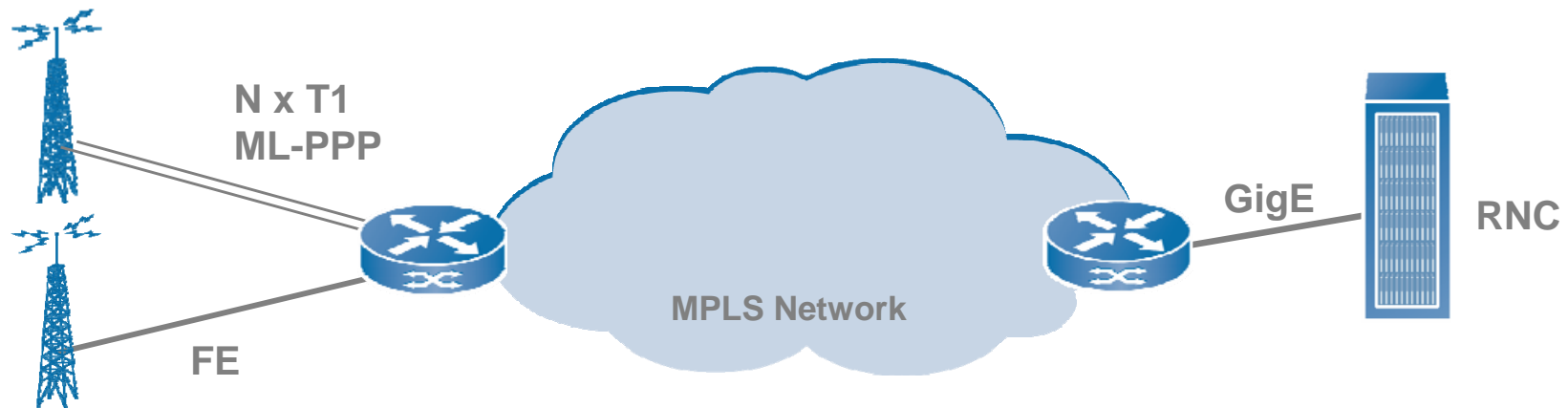
Mobile Technology Migration

Enable IP – reducing cost per bit - HSPA, R6, LTE



3G Backhaul Using MPLS

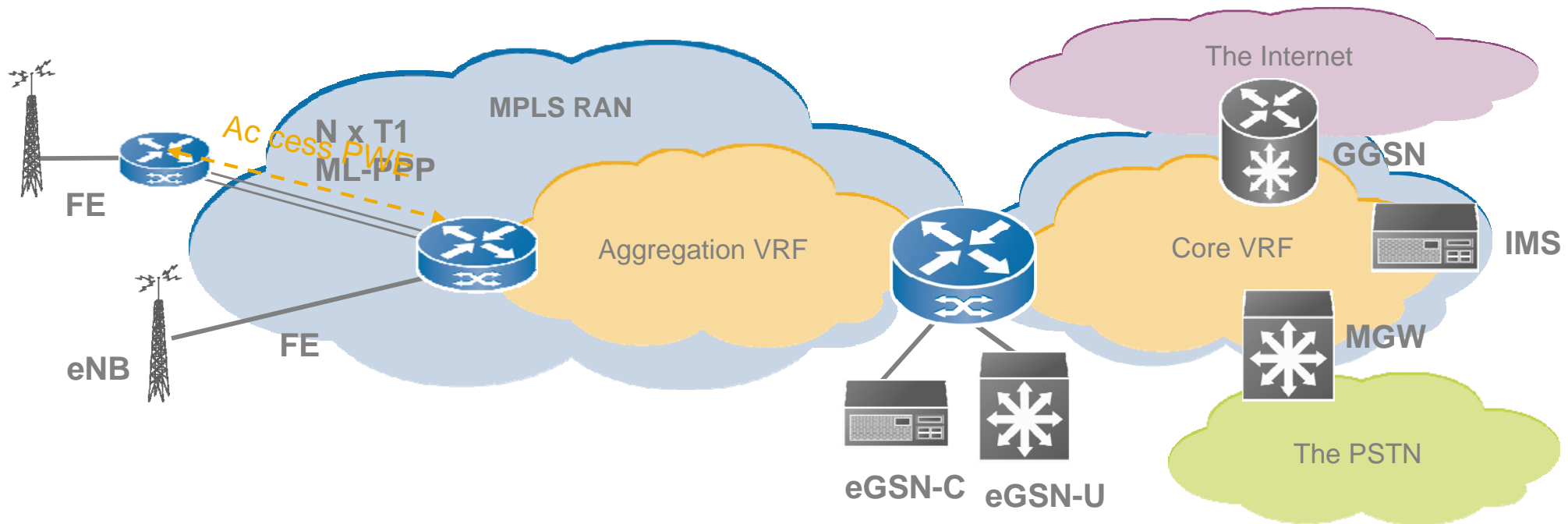
Migration to R5/R6



VPN or IP-PW Encapsulation

- **All-IP Transport**
 - Voice
 - Data
 - Signalling
 - Management

3G Backhaul Using MPLS LTE



- **NodeBs (now eNB) are meshed from a data plane perspective**
 - Enables call handover between adjacent cell-sites
- **Hierarchical IP-VPN model**
 - Optional PWE in access (cell site to hub)
 - VRFs in aggregation (hub to RNC site)
 - VRFs in mobile core

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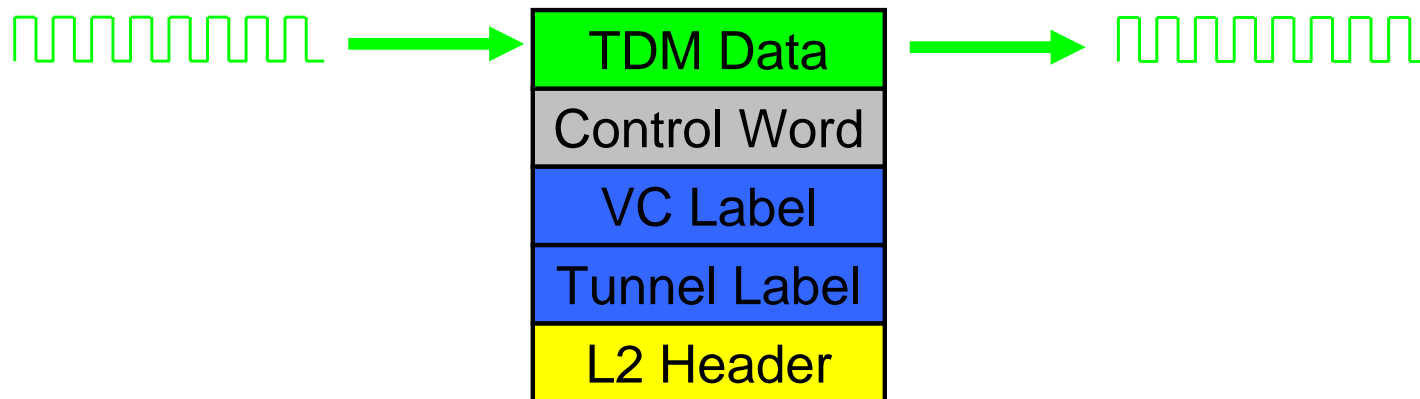
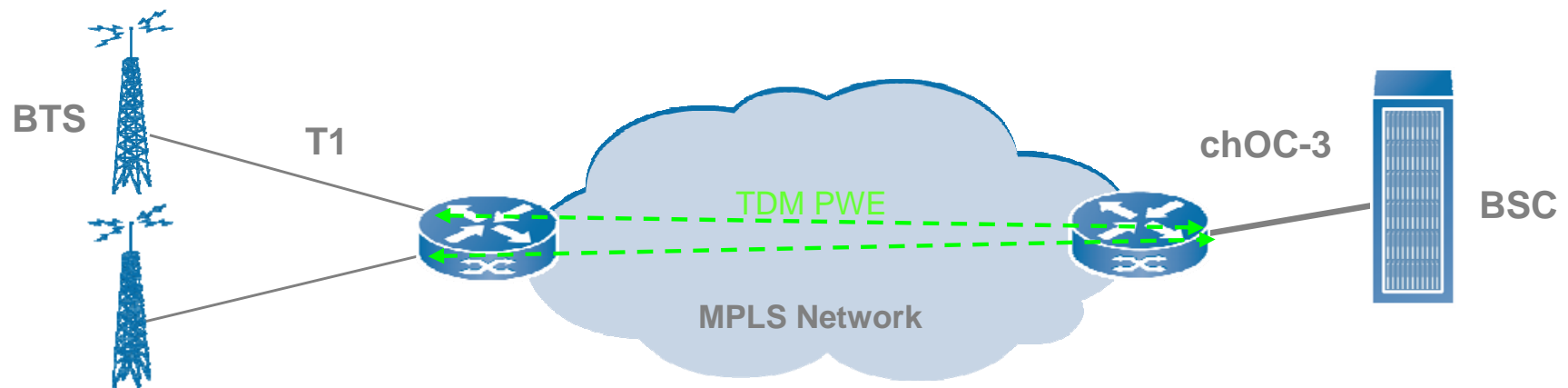
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Backup Slides

- **GSM Backhaul using TDM Pseudowires (SAToP or CESoPSN)**
- **GPRS Transport using FR Pseudowires**
- **UMTS Backhaul ATM VP Pseudowires**
- **UMTS Backhaul using ATM VC Pseudowires**
 - > VC Cell Pseudowires
 - > AAL5 SDU Pseudowires
 - > IP/ATM Termination into VRF
- **CDMA 1xRTT Backhaul using HDLC Pseudowires**

GSM Backhaul Using MPLS

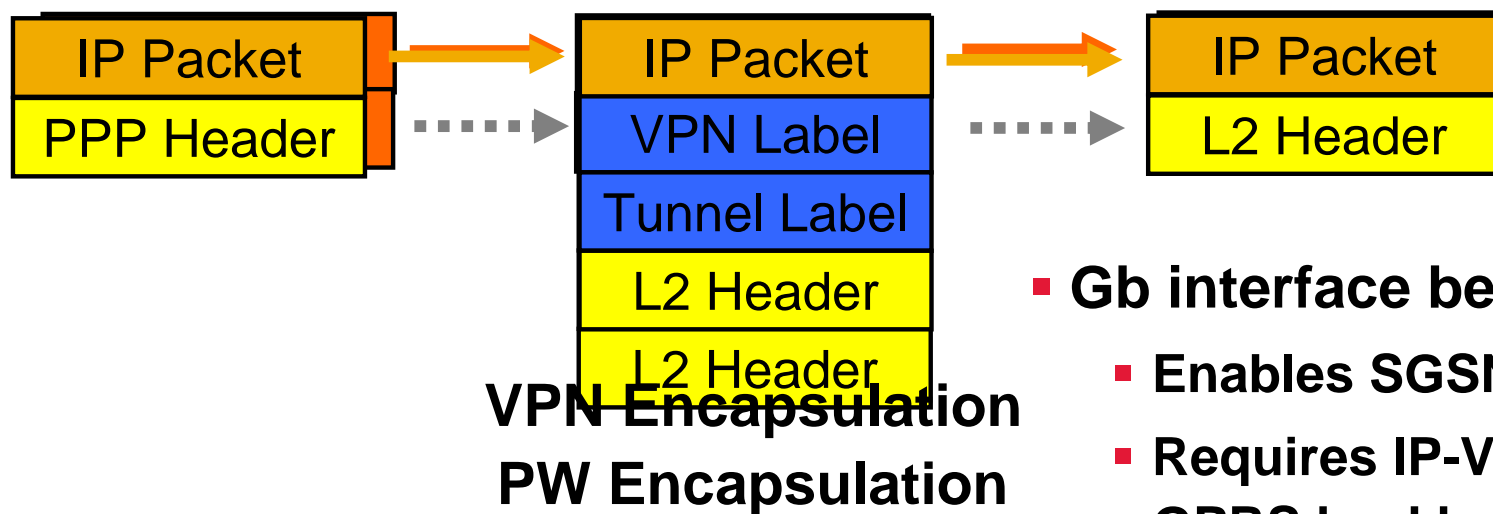
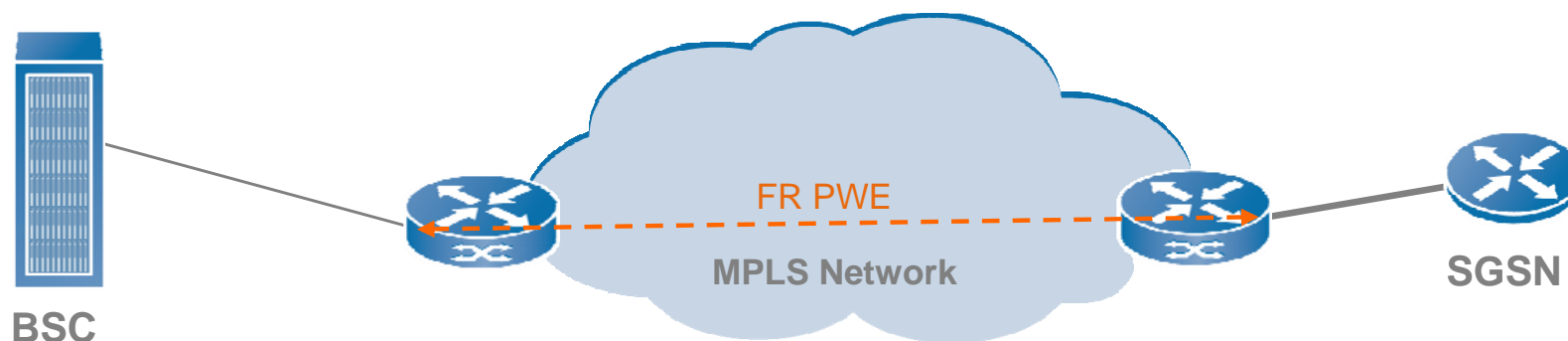
TDM Pseudowires using SAToP or CESoPSN



PW Encapsulation

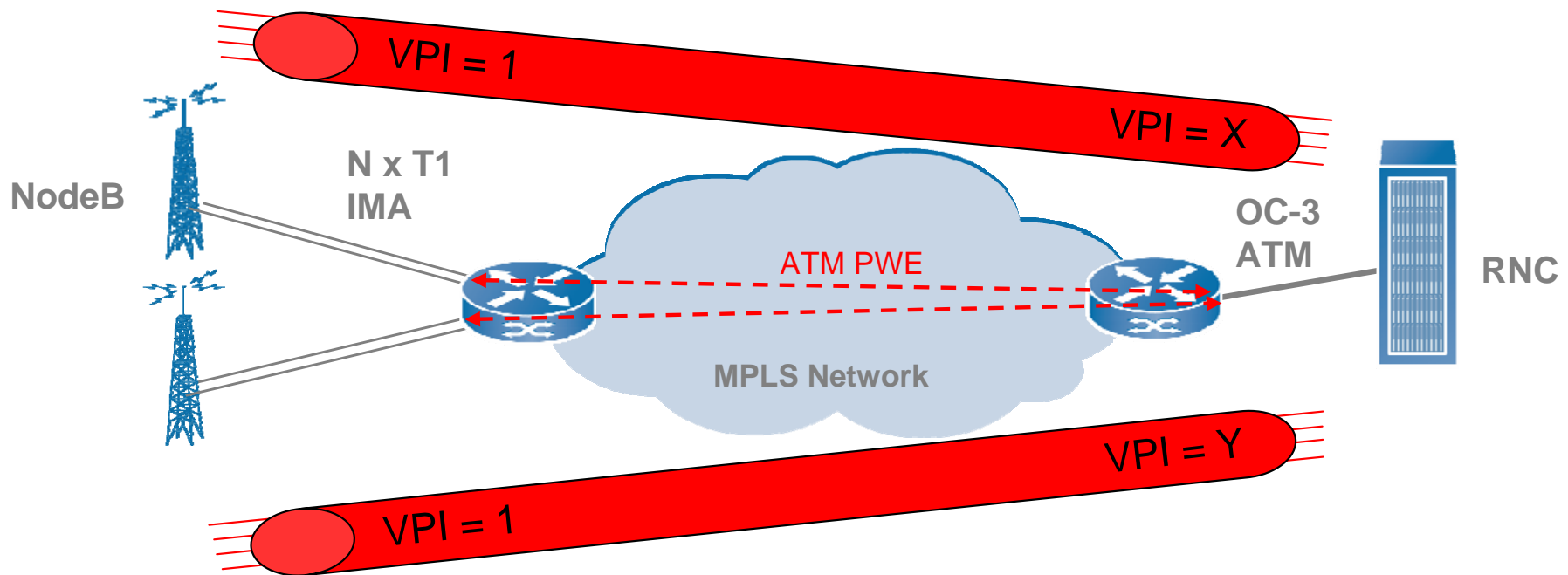
GSM - GPRS Transport Using MPLS

FR Pseudowires - Migrating to IP VPN



- **Gb interface becoming IP**
 - Enables SGSN pooling
 - Requires IP-VPN for GPRS backhaul

UMTS Backhaul Using MPLS ATM VP Pseudowires

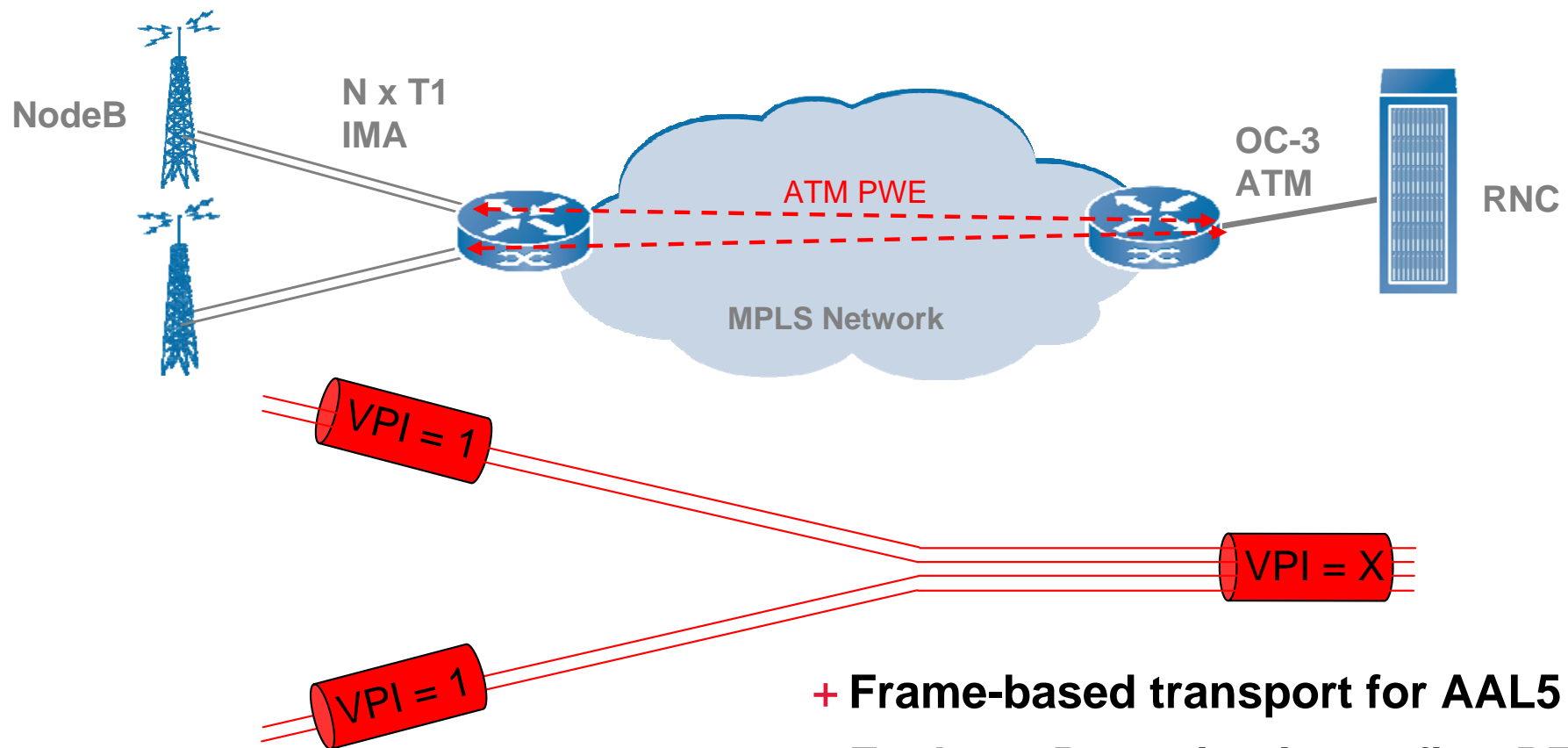


ATM Cell
VC Label
Tunnel Label
L2 Header

PW Encapsulation

- + Simple to provision
- Inefficient transport
- Requires CBR QoS for VP

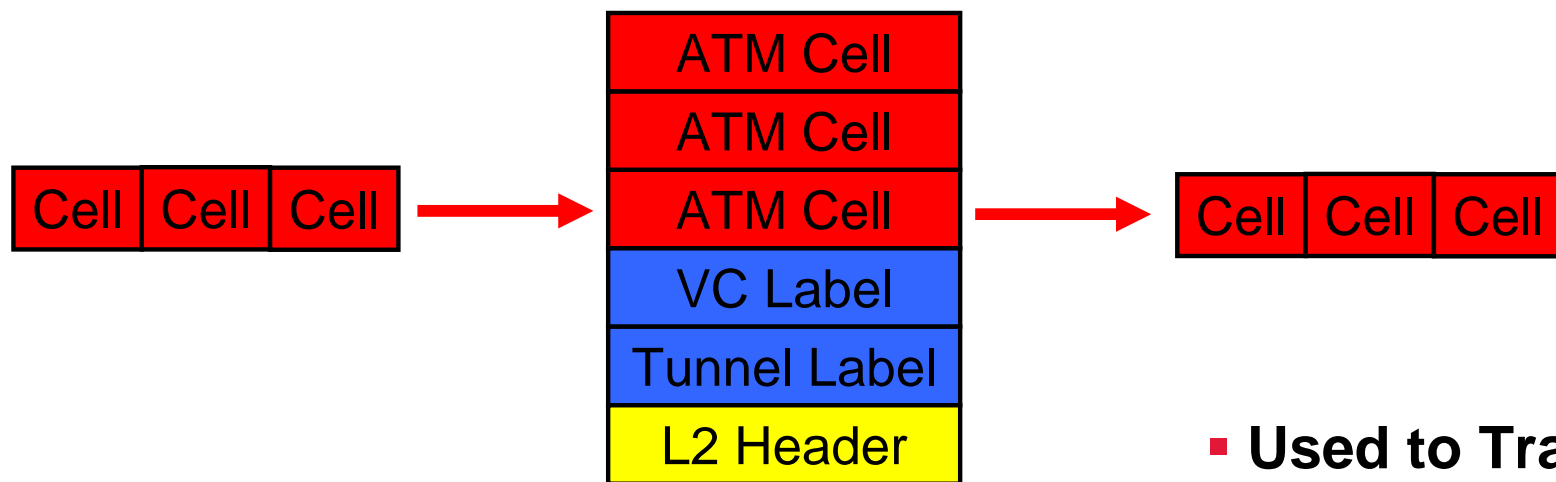
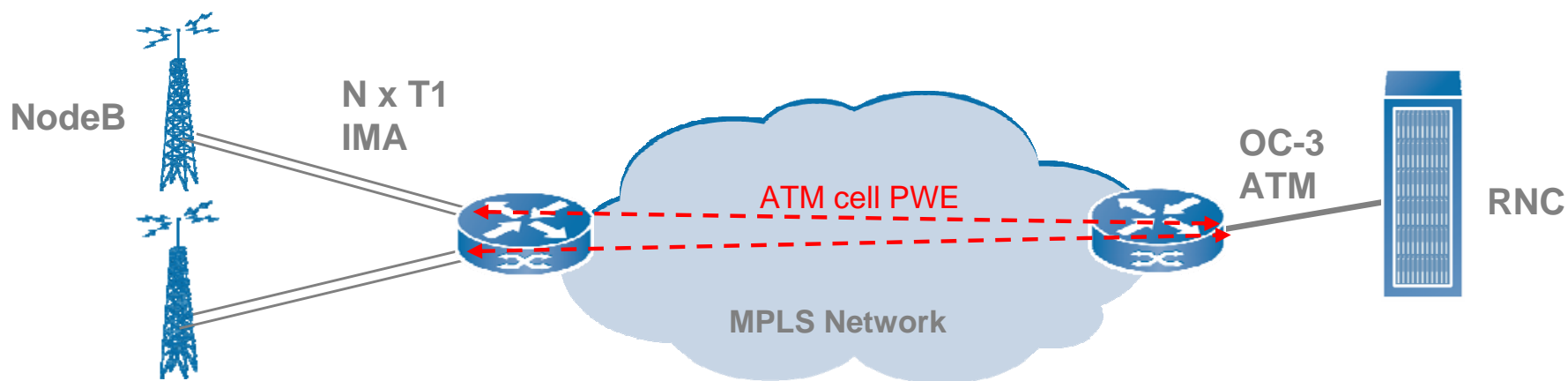
UMTS Backhaul Using MPLS ATM VC Pseudowires



- + Frame-based transport for AAL5 VCs
- + Enables IP termination at first PE for management and signalling traffic
- + Enables per-VC QoS (CBR, VBR, UBR)
- Complex to provision

UMTS Backhaul Using MPLS

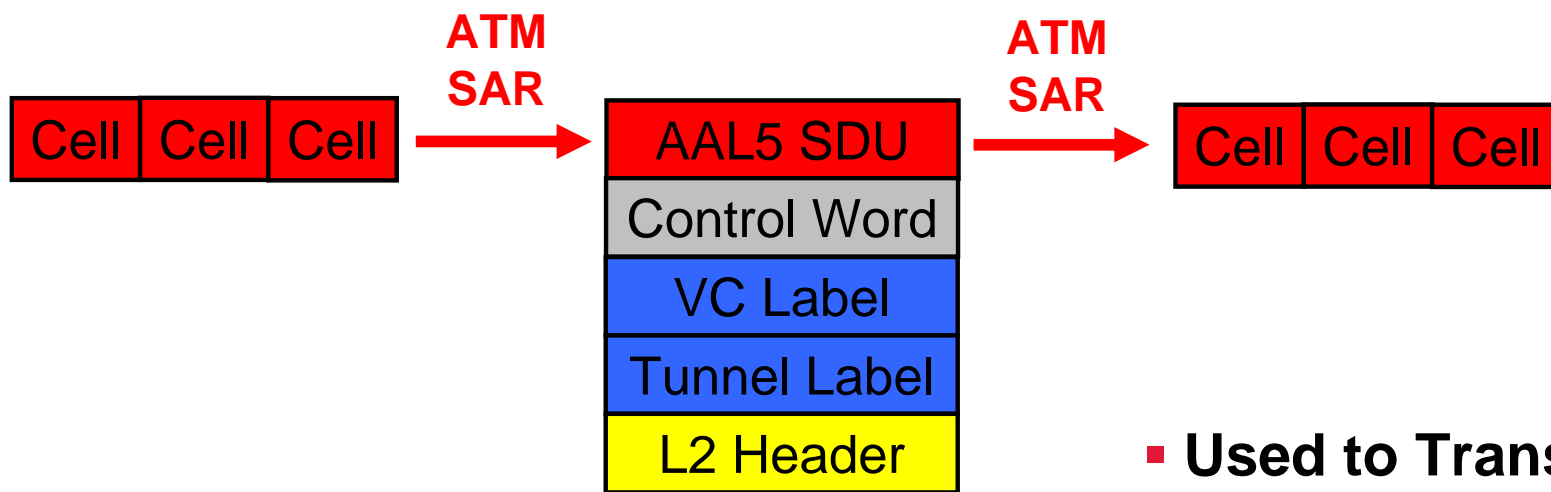
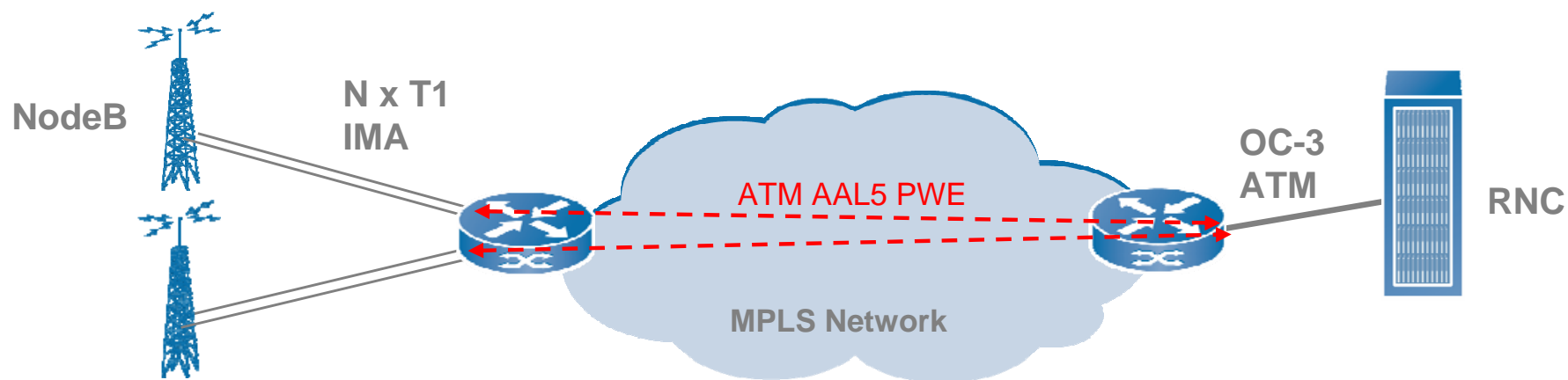
ATM VC Cell Pseudowires



PW Encapsulation

- Used to Transport
 - Sync (AAL0)
 - Bearer (AAL2)

UMTS Backhaul Using MPLS *ATM AAL5 SDU Pseudowires*

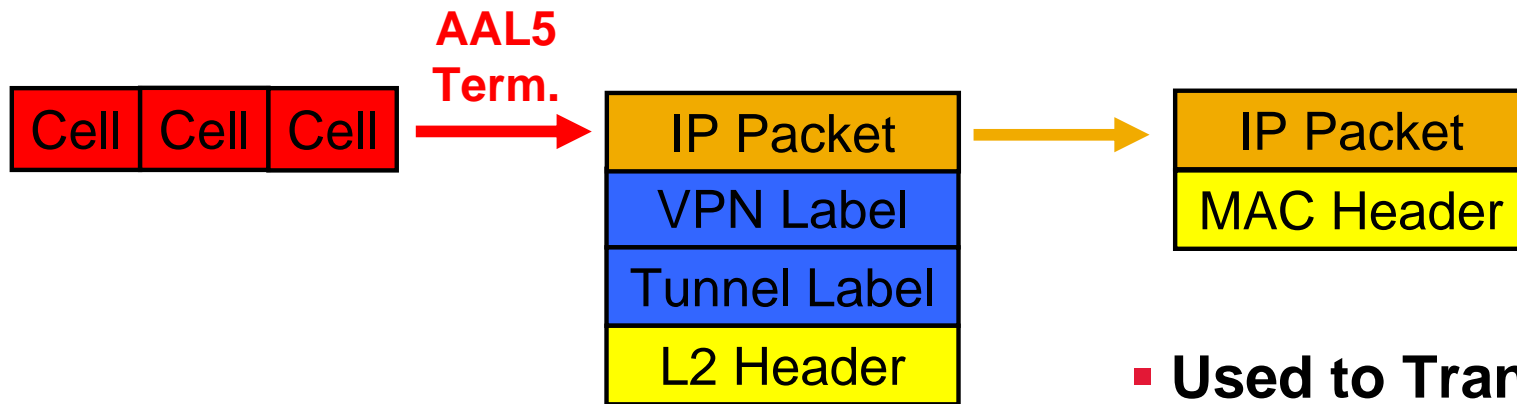
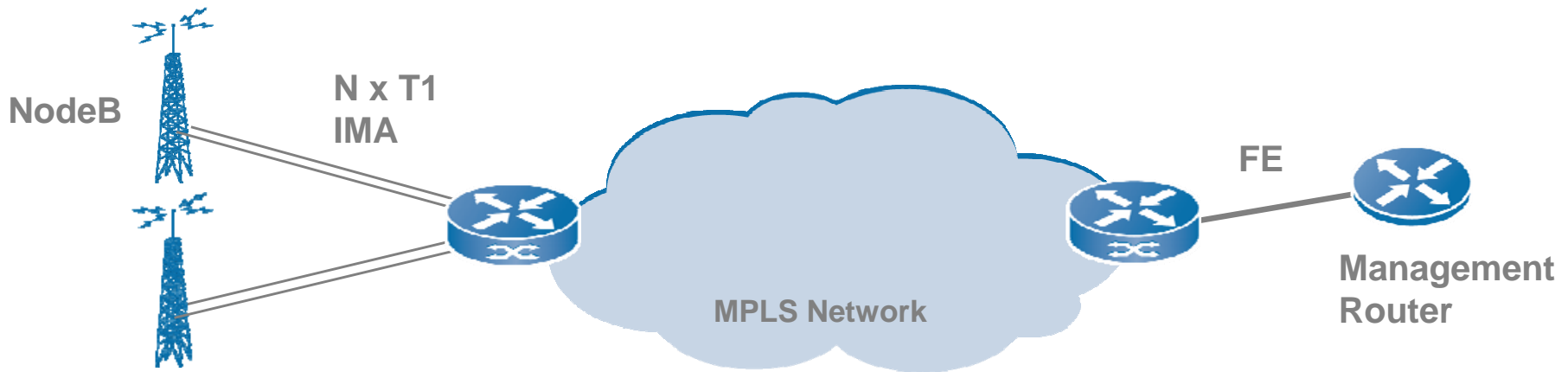


PW Encapsulation

- **Used to Transport**
 - **Signalling (QSAAL)**
 - **Other data**

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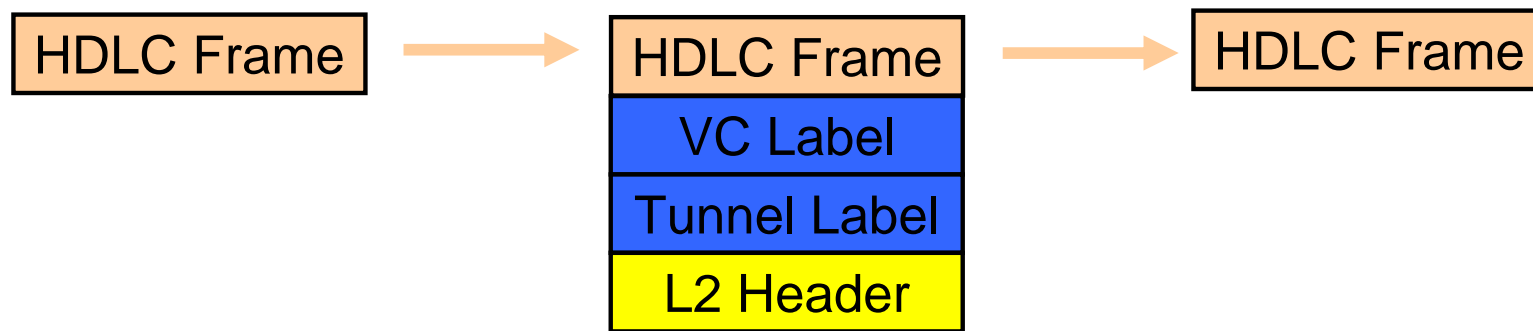
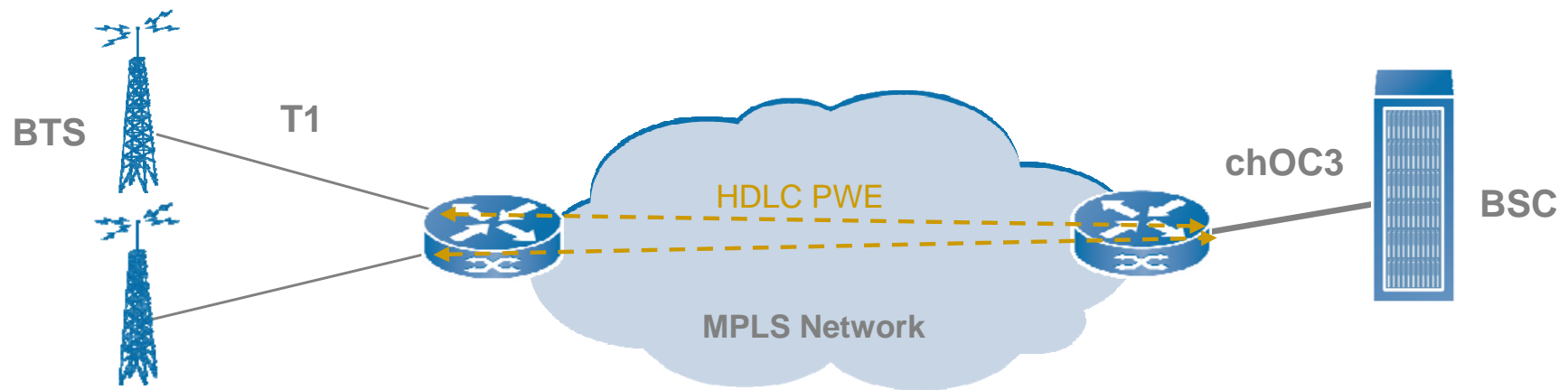
IP/ATM Termination into VRF



VPN Encapsulation

- **Used to Transport**
 - Management (Mub)
 - Signalling (SIGTRAN)
 - Sync? (IEEE1588)

CDMA 1xRTT Backhaul Using MPLS *HDLC Pseudowires*



PW Encapsulation