

Alcatel-Lucent Mobile Evolution Transport Architecture

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Enabling the Profitable
Evolution to All-IP



The mobile market is changing, and to remain competitive, mobile service providers must deliver new services at lower cost. Mobile user demand continues to move beyond basic data services like instant messaging and email to more delay sensitive applications like streaming media and real-time multimedia. In response, broadband wireless technologies including high-speed packet access (HSPA) and evolution data optimized (EV-DO) are evolving to enable even higher transmission speeds and packet interfaces. Mobile transport networks must evolve to meet these new bandwidth demands and support 3G and 4G (LTE & WiMAX) mobile services profitably.





Mobile Transport Networks Under Pressure

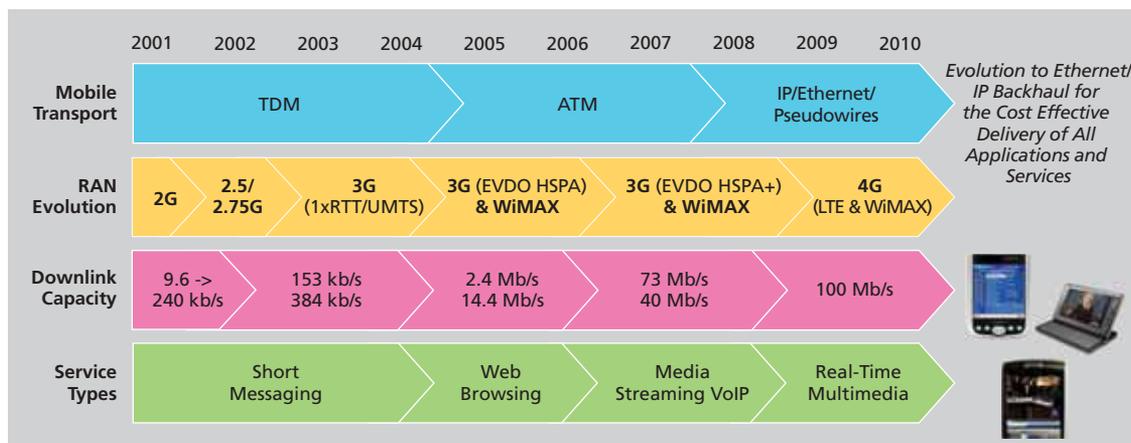
As more subscribers begin to adopt advanced 3G services, existing backhaul networks based on leased lines are strained to cost-effectively deliver increased capacity. As a result, service providers are challenged to evolve mobile transport networks to accommodate new packet-based services while simultaneously supporting existing 2G services.

As this evolution to packet occurs, service providers must meet or exceed the quality of experience that subscribers expect from voice, video, and data services. To do so, they must leverage existing network infrastructures and simultaneously transform their mobile transport networks to support packet-based traffic.

To meet business objectives and user demands, mobile transport networks must:

- Support new multimedia and current services (2G, 3G, and beyond)
- Enable scalable bandwidth at lower cost (leveraging Ethernet/IP over multiple media: copper, fiber, microwave)
- Provide service assurance across all services (via carrier grade Ethernet)
- Lower operations costs (via integrated management)

Evolution of the Radio Access Network (RAN) and Mobile Transport Network



A Comprehensive Solution for Mobile Transport Evolution

The Alcatel-Lucent Mobile Evolution Transport Architecture (META) is designed to help service providers meet these objectives and make a profitable transition to a more cost-effective mobile transport network infrastructure. It supports the delivery of new multimedia services and applications with stringent QoS requirements, and reduces costs in the mobile transport network — with an evolution path to all-IP.

This comprehensive solution for mobile transport evolution offers service providers the flexibility,

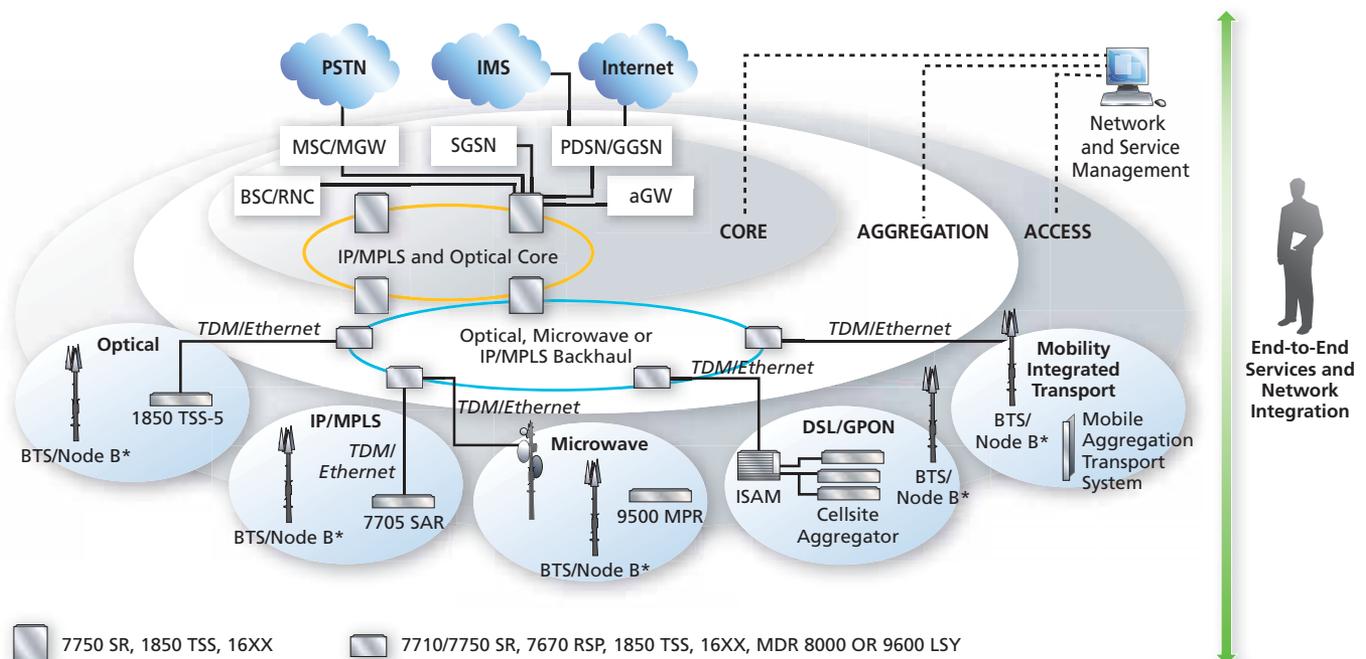
reliability, and scalability they need to profitably migrate from time division multiplexing/plesiochronous digital hierarchy (TDM/PDH) mobile transport to all-IP supported by Ethernet.

With unprecedented flexibility, the architecture lets operators evolve at their own pace, supporting multiple backhaul alternatives, including synchronous optical network (SONET) / synchronous digital hierarchy (SDH), IP/MPLS, Ethernet, multiservice wide area network (MSWAN), packet-

optimized microwave, digital subscriber line (DSL), gigabit passive optical network (GPON) and integrated transport within the base station.

With this comprehensive approach, mobile service providers can cost-effectively transform their backhaul infrastructure from TDM/PDH to packet over copper, fiber or wireless at their own pace.

Mobile Evolution Transport Architecture



* SUPPORT OF MULTI-GENERATIONAL WIRELESS NETWORKS USING ANY BTS/NODE B (CDMA BTS, GSM/GPRS BTS, UMTS, WIMAX, EVDO/HSPA, BSR FEMTO, LTE)

The Alcatel-Lucent META end-to-end architecture, spanning from cell site to core, enables service providers to simplify operations via integrated network and service management. In this way it:

- Provides flexibility and scalability to support new, profitable 3G and 4G (LTE & WiMAX) mobile services
- Provides QoS support for all mobile services, efficiently allocating scarce network resources in real time
- Increases network optimization and capacity, improving cost per bit transported as leased lines are replaced
- Addresses infrastructure diversity via flexible backhaul alternatives, each providing an evolution to all-IP



Flexible Options for Customized Transformation

Alcatel-Lucent META is designed to give service providers complete control over their network transformation. It can be tailored to meet diverse transport network strategies whether following a hybrid data offload approach or converging all services onto an IP-RAN.

Alcatel-Lucent META interworks with IP/MPLS and optical backbones to meet the reliability and service scaling requirements of next generation networks (NGN), IP multi-media subsystems (IMS) and IP-based services. By using a service router or transport service switch in the MTSO to interconnect mobile elements, service providers can optimize resources and networking flexibility of inter-element connections to drive costs out of the radio access network (RAN). Furthermore, by using a service router combining the

functions of an edge router and a Multi-Layer Switch (MLS), CDMA service providers can deploy a cost-effective and flexible solution requiring fewer devices while preparing the network for further mobile transport evolution.

Additional flexibility is provided by allowing service providers to take IP/MPLS and transport multi-protocol label switching - T-MPLS (the initial version of MPLS transport), and the capabilities of service routing and Carrier Ethernet transport to intermediate hub locations in the RAN. This allows a common, shared infrastructure to be used for all aggregated traffic between the hub and the MTSO. It also delivers significant leased line savings because Carrier Ethernet or optical connections can be used for backhaul.



Alcatel-Lucent META provides additional benefits by extending IP/MPLS, T-MPLS and Ethernet aggregation towards the cell site. In the cell site there are opportunities for aggregation solutions that converge multi-generational traffic streams and/or adapt legacy base station interfaces onto packet transport infrastructures. This can occur whether these solutions are integrated into new base stations or deployed as standalone systems as in the case of the 7705 SAR, 1850 TSS-5, or 9500 MPR. Additionally these solutions can help service providers by linking small clusters of base stations and grooming the traffic to reduce backhaul costs.

Multiple first mile transport options exist to transport traffic between the cell site and a hub. These include: DSL, GPON, fiber and microwave connections. DSL provides a connectivity solution for the first mile where optical fibers are not available but copper pairs are. For base stations having optical fiber available, GPON provides the connectivity solution for backhaul. Both the DSL and GPON solutions leverage the deployments for triple play services to backhaul mobile traffic. The clock delivery capabilities of these solutions allow TDM/ATM leased lines to be completely replaced.

In areas where no fiber is available at the cell site, service providers can utilize Ethernet enabled microwave access. This provides a quick and economical backhaul alternative, such as in the case of WiMAX base stations. Ethernet enabled microwave access and aggregation capabilities optionally built into Alcatel-Lucent WiMAX base stations provide a reduced footprint, optimized layout and cabling, faster installation time, and verified interoperability.

Through the implementation of Carrier Ethernet between the cell site and the MTSO, traffic can be aggregated efficiently and end-to-end service delivery upheld. For service providers evolving to packet-based backhaul, the combination of both Ethernet for reduced costs and MPLS for enhanced services delivery with reliability and QoS are essential to support all mobile services.

The Alcatel-Lucent META can also support multi-generational access via simultaneous support for TDM/PDH, SONET/SDH, multilink point-to-point protocol (MLPPP), ATM with ATM Inverse Multiplexing (IMA), Ethernet and IP as the access network evolves.

By supporting a variety of RAN traffic aggregation and backhaul technologies Alcatel-Lucent META allows operators to carefully manage the evolution from 2G to 3G and beyond.



Leveraging Existing Investments, Ethernet and MPLS

The goal of mobile transport network modernization is to enable new service delivery while lowering the cost of transport. Alcatel-Lucent META leverages the optimal cost points of newer transport technologies including Carrier Ethernet and MPLS to help service providers prepare for the profound changes that long term evolution will bring.

A key component of the architecture is a packet-optimized, data-aware transport infrastructure suitable for the full range of legacy and new services. This infrastructure will need to support different QoS requirements (i.e., delay), depending on the application.



To meet the stringent QoS requirements of real-time traffic, the mobile transport network must integrate many of the qualities and attributes of switched networks: predictability, reliability and manageability. The implementation of MPLS/ T-MPLS within the Alcatel-Lucent META provides the QoS, traffic engineering and management capabilities necessary to support all mobile services as well as business applications and consumer Internet services over an IP network.

Multiple QoS Requirements

Service	Delay budget
HDTV	Low
Broadcast TV	Low
High-speed Internet	High
Low-speed Internet	High
Person-to-person video	Low
VoIP	Low
SMS	High

Rather than using multiple overlay backhaul networks, Alcatel-Lucent META can accommodate legacy access needs and be optimized for next generation broadband services using Ethernet and MPLS, based on multi-service routing and switching platforms. The use of IP/MPLS-based pseudowires brings mature and efficient functionality to the RAN and enables transition of the legacy RAN to packet. Likewise, the incorporation of Circuit Emulated Service (CES) capabilities onto transport service switches allows operators to leverage existing TDM investments by enabling the transport of TDM traffic over Ethernet.

Integrated Network and Service Management

The mobile RAN and transport network is characterized by rapid growth as well as a diversity of access types. As mobile networks grow, a continuous rebalancing of the RAN and transport network can have a major impact on the cost of network ownership, as the network is modified to accommodate changes in capacity requirements. To support this critical business activity, strong network management tools and processes are needed to control operating expenses.

Network management in the Alcatel-Lucent META is provided by the Alcatel-Lucent 5620 management portfolio supporting Alcatel-Lucent's converged IP, Ethernet and MPLS portfolio inclusive of cell sites having microwave access via the Alcatel-Lucent 9500 Microwave Packet Radio (MPR). As part of this portfolio, the 5620 Service Aware Manager (SAM) enables provisioning of an end-to-end service using wizards or point-and-click configuration from a single application without having to individually configure each device in the service path. It greatly reduces the complexity and risk associated with provisioning complex services, and provides comprehensive support for fault, configuration, accounting, performance and security.

The management system of a transformed mobile transport network must have the capability to understand the hierarchy of end-to-end service construction. With this service awareness the management system can react to individual nodal and composite service events and present correlated, relational information to the operator. This enables faster service provisioning, verification and restoration.



Management of optical and microwave transport systems in the Alcatel-Lucent META is provided by the Alcatel-Lucent 1340 Integrated Network Controller (INC) and 1350 Optical Management System (OMS), a comprehensive set of applications, bundled according to the transport network solutions managed (e.g., connectivity services based on Ethernet, T-MPLS, SDH/SONET, and WDM technologies). This complete solution allows mobile service providers to manage multi-technology, multi-service networks that integrate current and next-generation transport technologies with emerging data traffic like metro Ethernet.

As a first step towards the integration of multi-technology network domains, Alcatel-Lucent has integrated the

management of CDMA/EVDO RAN components (e.g. base stations, radio network controllers, etc.) with optical transport capabilities for Ethernet backhaul via the OMC-RAN. This enables service providers to have single seat management of both the RAN and Ethernet transport equipment greatly simplifying operations, administration, and maintenance of the network.

The Alcatel-Lucent 5520 Access Management System (AMS) supports the ISAM family of Alcatel-Lucent access nodes. It provides all management requirements for provisioning, maintaining and troubleshooting access networks with the necessary means for enabling smooth integration into the service provider's OSS environment. In addition, the product provides a set of productivity tools that drastically increase the operator's efficiency.

Backed By Experience and Professional Services

Successful transformation requires special emphasis on end-to-end service delivery. This requires a services integrator who understands the requirements of the new mobile transport network and can effectively integrate all components. Alcatel-Lucent backs the Mobile Evolution Transport Architecture (META) with extensive experience and comprehensive professional services.

As a leader in developing and delivering 2G/3G networks, broadband wireless access, and carrier-grade optical and IP/MPLS networks, Alcatel-Lucent is the ideal mobile network transformation partner.



Today, Alcatel-Lucent is setting the standard for IP network transformation based on a vision, portfolio and commitment to deliver next-generation, user-centric solutions. As the world leader in IP network transformation, Alcatel-Lucent provides mobile service providers with a wealth of industry thought leadership and services integration experience for:

- Consultation on service transformation
- Integration of carrier-grade solutions across multiple vendors and telecom domains
- OSS/BSS and security integration
- Support for policy-driven security, QoS, blending and personalization approaches
- Skills and resources for rapid development and deployment of high-value technologies and services
- Extensive operations and maintenance services

This complete, integrated approach allows mobile operators to ensure their networks are ready to address the needs of their customers. It enables them to launch a broad variety of profitable new, IP-based services and blend them with already available services.

Alcatel-Lucent Leadership



INDUSTRY-LEADING SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO FOR MOBILE NETWORK TRANSFORMATION TO ALL-IP

- Fixed and wireless market leadership in IP transformation deployments worldwide
 - Proven DSL and GPON technology and broadband access platforms marketing leader
 - Global market leader in optical networking — superior WDM and multi-service optical transport platforms
 - High performance service routing IP/MPLS and Carrier Ethernet platforms
 - Leader in CDMA and WiMAX networks and demonstrated leadership in microwave transmission technology

STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP

- Industry leading Carrier Ethernet OAM solutions
- Recognized within the industry for MPLS deployments and innovation

END-TO-END FIXED AND WIRELESS NETWORK TRANSFORMATION EXPERTISE

- Trusted partner in the world’s largest network transformation projects with one of the most expansive and experienced global services teams offering comprehensive design, deployment, integration and management services

RECOGNIZED VISION AND INNOVATION

- Renowned research and development with world-class Bell Labs research and patented innovation

Alcatel-Lucent Mobile Evolution Transport Architecture (META) Components

Application	Cell Site	Aggregation Hub	Central Hub / MTSO
Mobility Integrated Transport	Integrated transport within base station	Multiple transport options*	Multiple transport options*
IP/MPLS Backhaul	7705 SAR	7705 SAR, 7250 SAS, 7450 ESS, 7710 SR	7750 SR, 7670 RSP
Broadband Backhaul	7342 FTTU ONT family, RAD LA-130 & 7705 SAR	7302 ISAM, 7330 FTTN ISAM, 7342 FTTU ISAM	7710 SR, 7750 SR
MSWAN Backhaul	PSAX 1000/1250	7670 ESE, PSAX 2300	7670 ESE/RSP
Optical Backhaul	Packet Transport: 1850 TSS-3/TSS-5 SONET MSPP: 1665 DMXplore SDH MSPP: 1642 EM/EMC, 1643 AMS, 1645 AMC	Packet Transport: 1850 TSS-40/TSS-100 SONET MSPP: 1665 DMX/DMXtend SDH MSPP: 1660 SM, 1663 ADMu	Packet Transport: 1850 TSS-320 OXC: 1671 SC, 1675 LambdaUnite MSS, 1678 MCC
Microwave Backhaul	9400 AWY, 9500 MPR	9500 MXC, 9500 MPR	MDR 8000, 9600 LSY
Service, Network and Element Management	←	5620 SAM, 5620 NM, 1340 INC, 1350 OMS, 5520 AMS, OMC-RAN	→

* IP/MPLS, Optical, and Microwave Backhaul Options



Alcatel-Lucent Mobile Evolution Transport Architecture (META) Benefits

- Delivers a comprehensive integrated solution, unmatched in the industry, for evolving CDMA/EVDO and GSM/UMTS/HSPA mobile transport networks to all-IP.
- Offers flexible backhaul evolution by supporting any access: TDM/PDH, ATM, DSL/GPON, microwave, and SDH/SONET migrating to all IP/Ethernet.
- Provides QoS support for all mobile services, efficiently allocating scarce network resources in real time.
- Increases network optimization and capacity, improving cost per bit transported.
- Supports integrated or standalone base station transport options for optimized backhaul of all mobile services.
- Fully supported by a world-class, comprehensive portfolio of professional services with expertise in managing the complexities of mobile transport network transformation.



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