

Today's Access Network

Reality and an Ambitious
Future

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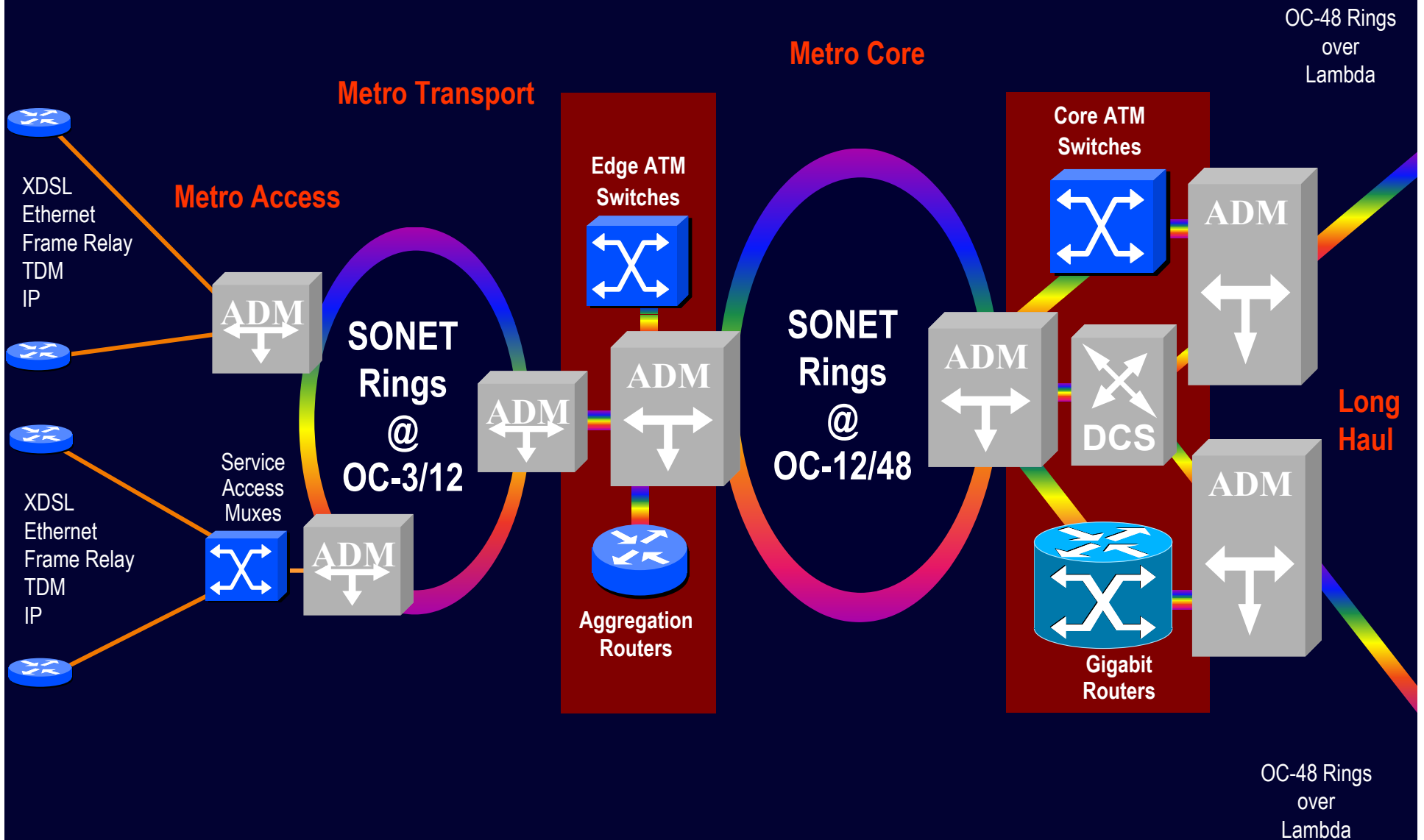
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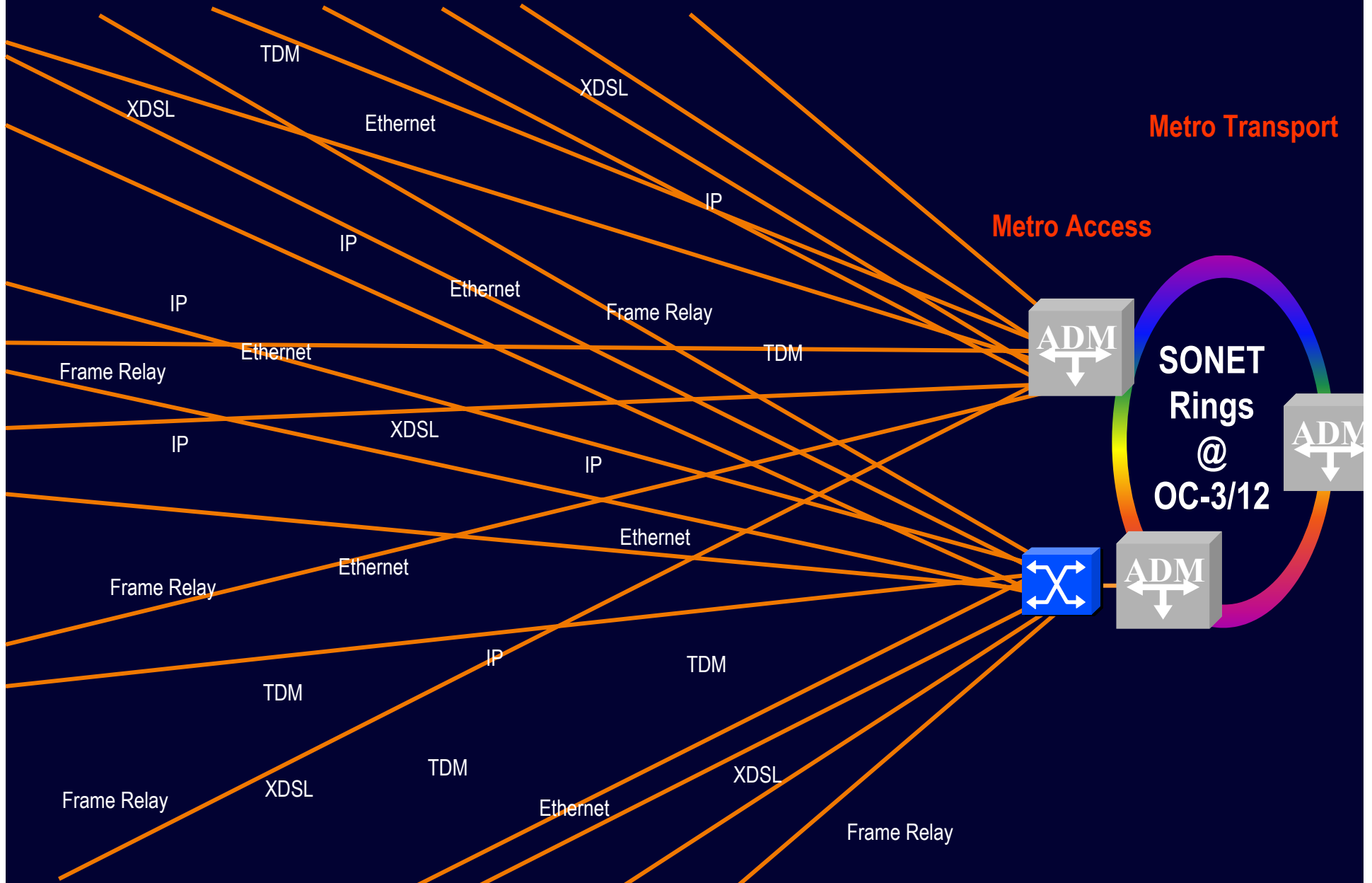
Agenda

- A realistic view of today's access network
- Accommodating carrier and end-user demand
- Evolution to an all-optical network

Today's Network Architecture



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- Copper still dominates the access network
- New voice and data lines are being deployed daily
- Carriers face massive overlay networks which are only becoming more complex
- Intelligent aggregation is the immediate concern

Metro Transport

Metro Access



SONET
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OC-3/12



Frame Relay

XDSL

TDM

Ethernet

XDSL

Frame Relay

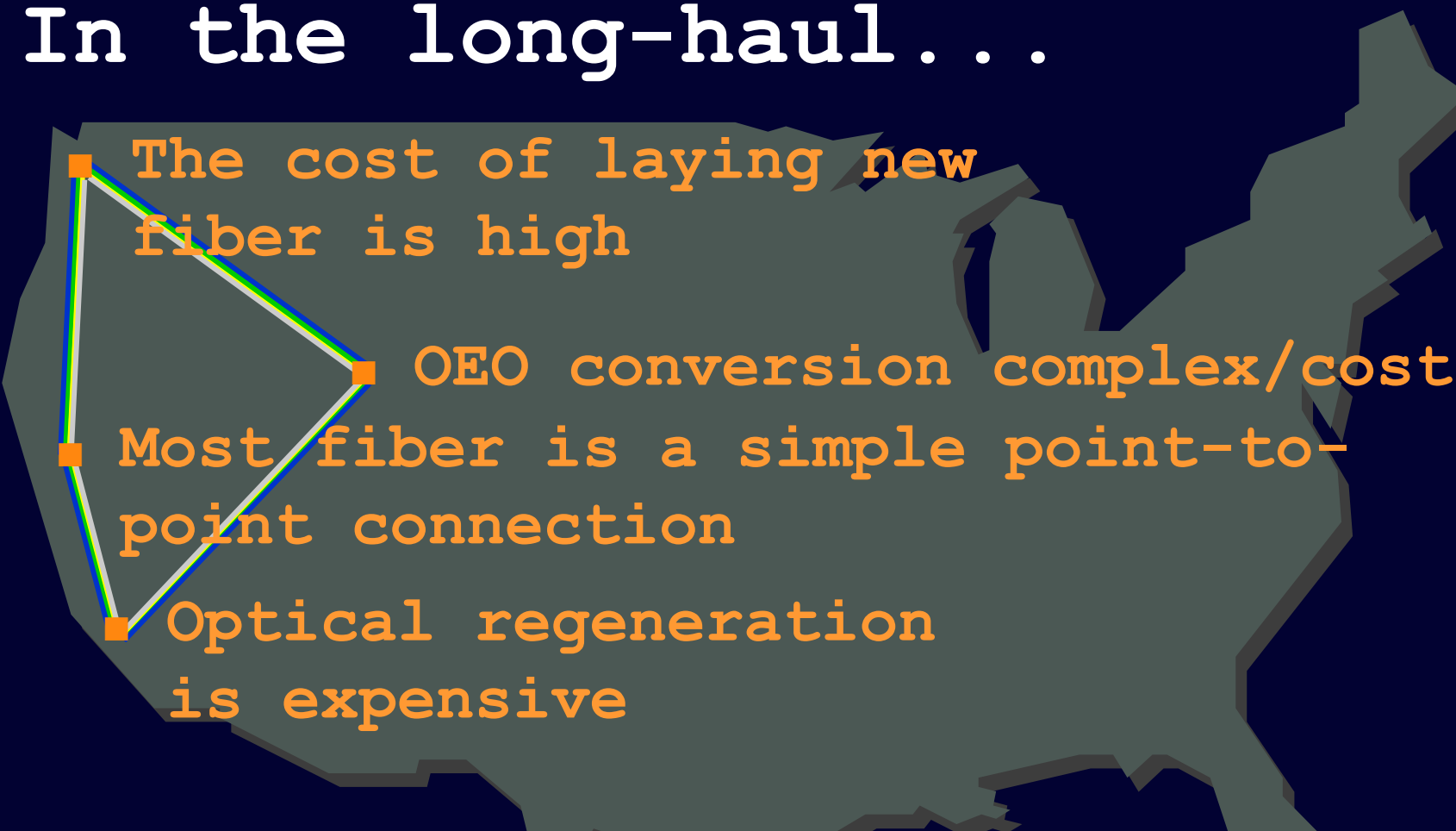
Understanding the Long-Haul

- Long-haul network has been built up with terabits of capacity
- Metro and access networks are slow to catch up
- Bottleneck is being pushed out to the access network

The long-haul pipes are not being filled

Trends in the Long-Haul

In the long-haul...

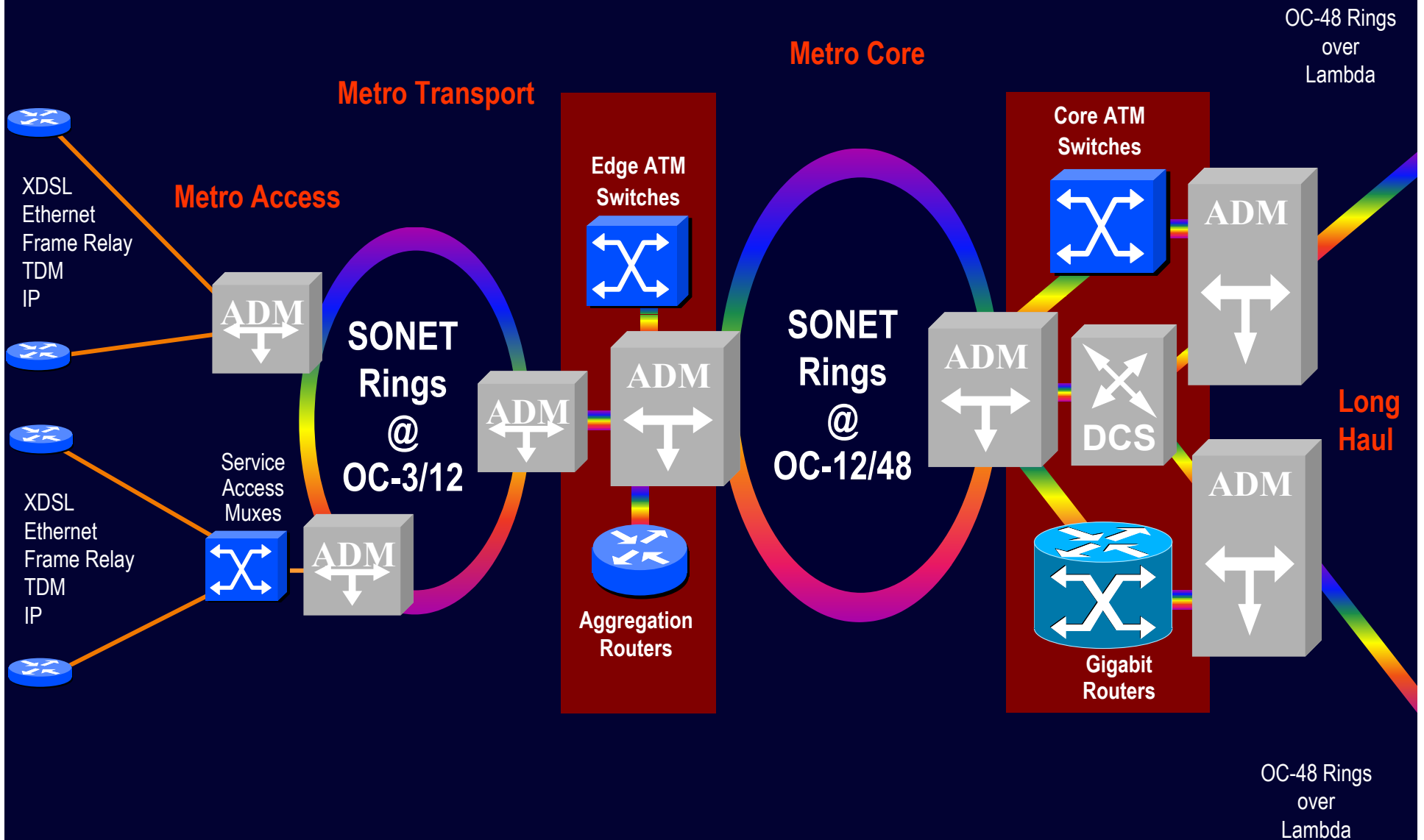
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- The cost of laying new fiber is high
 - OEO conversion complex/costly
 - Most fiber is a simple point-to-point connection
 - Optical regeneration is expensive

DWDM and all-optical solutions provide massive bandwidth

Trends in the Long-Haul

- Terabits of traffic can now be transmitted through a single fiber
- Advanced optical technologies are easier to implement in the long-haul topology
- To actually utilize the backbone bandwidth, half of the city would have to be a central office!

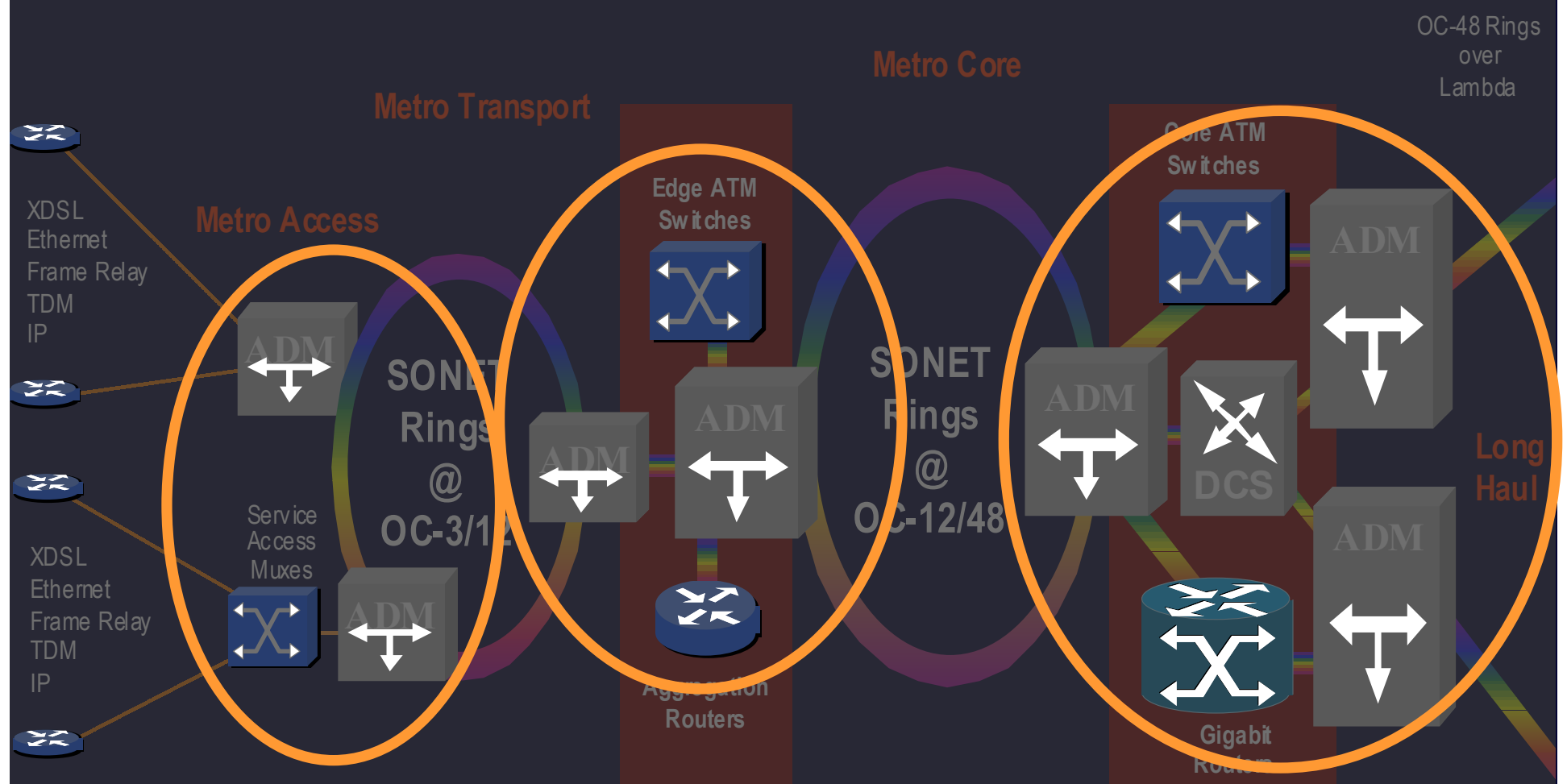
A Closer Look at the Metro Area





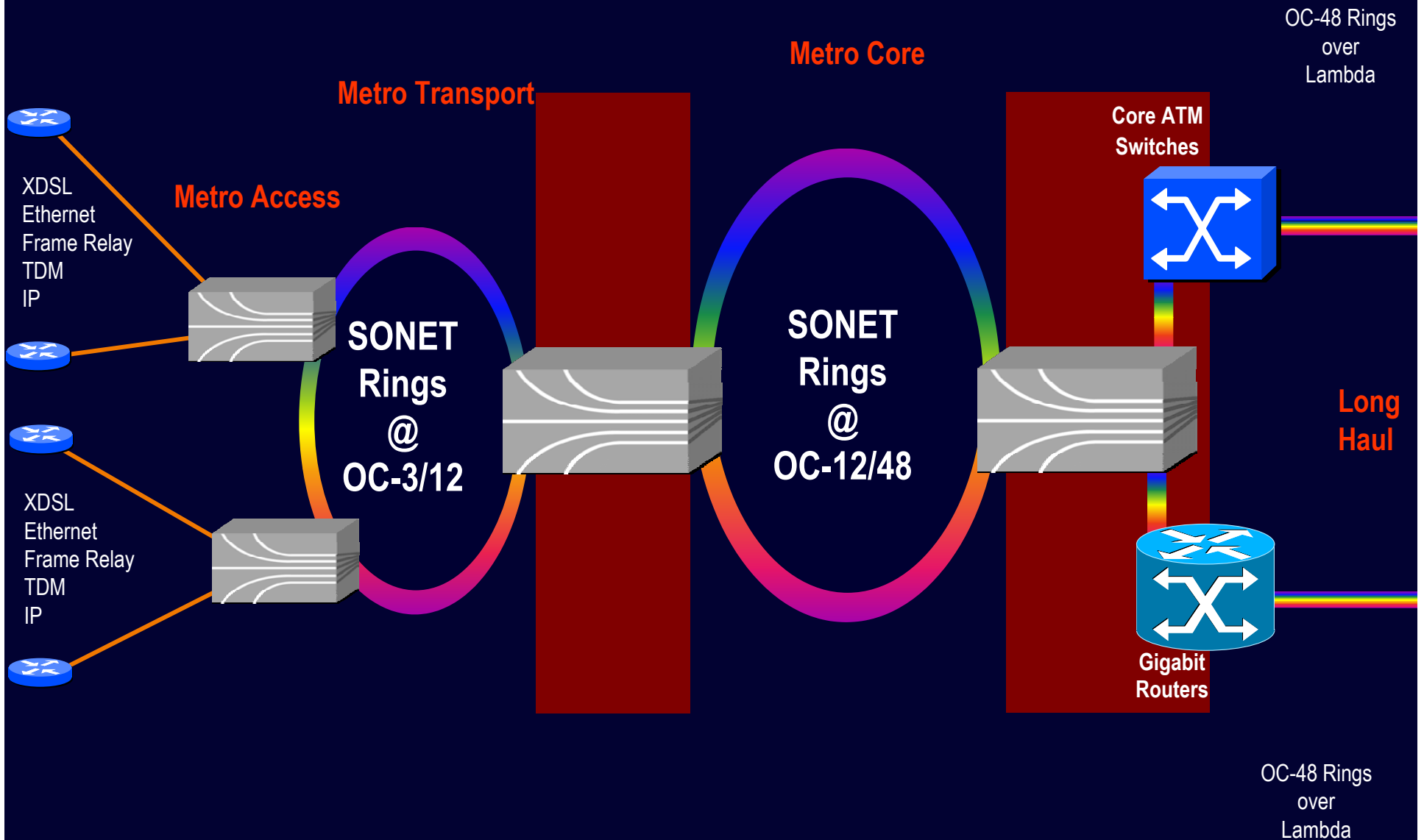
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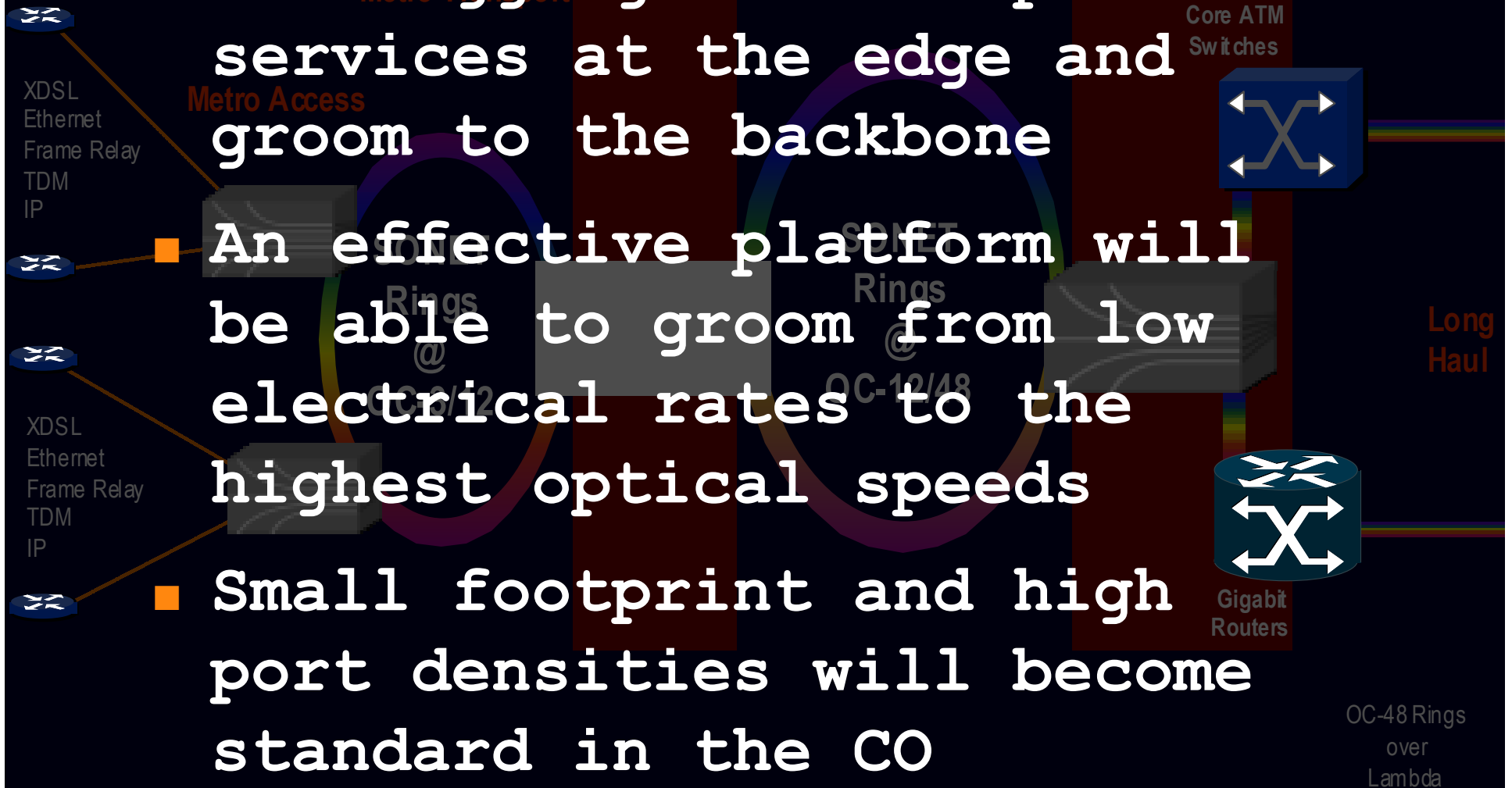
Even more important is the simplification of fiber-to-electrical in the CO

The Next-Gen Metro Area



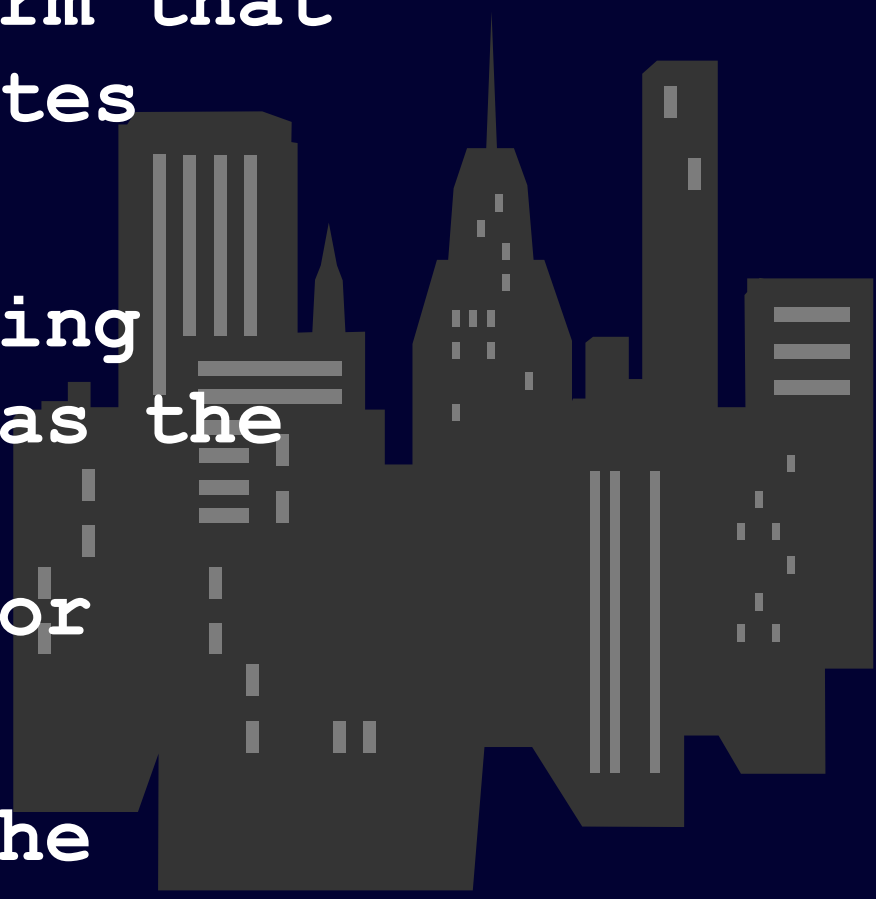
The Next-Gen Metro Area

- Next-gen metro equipment must aggregate multiple services at the edge and groom to the backbone
- An effective platform will be able to groom from low electrical rates to the highest optical speeds
- Small footprint and high port densities will become standard in the CO

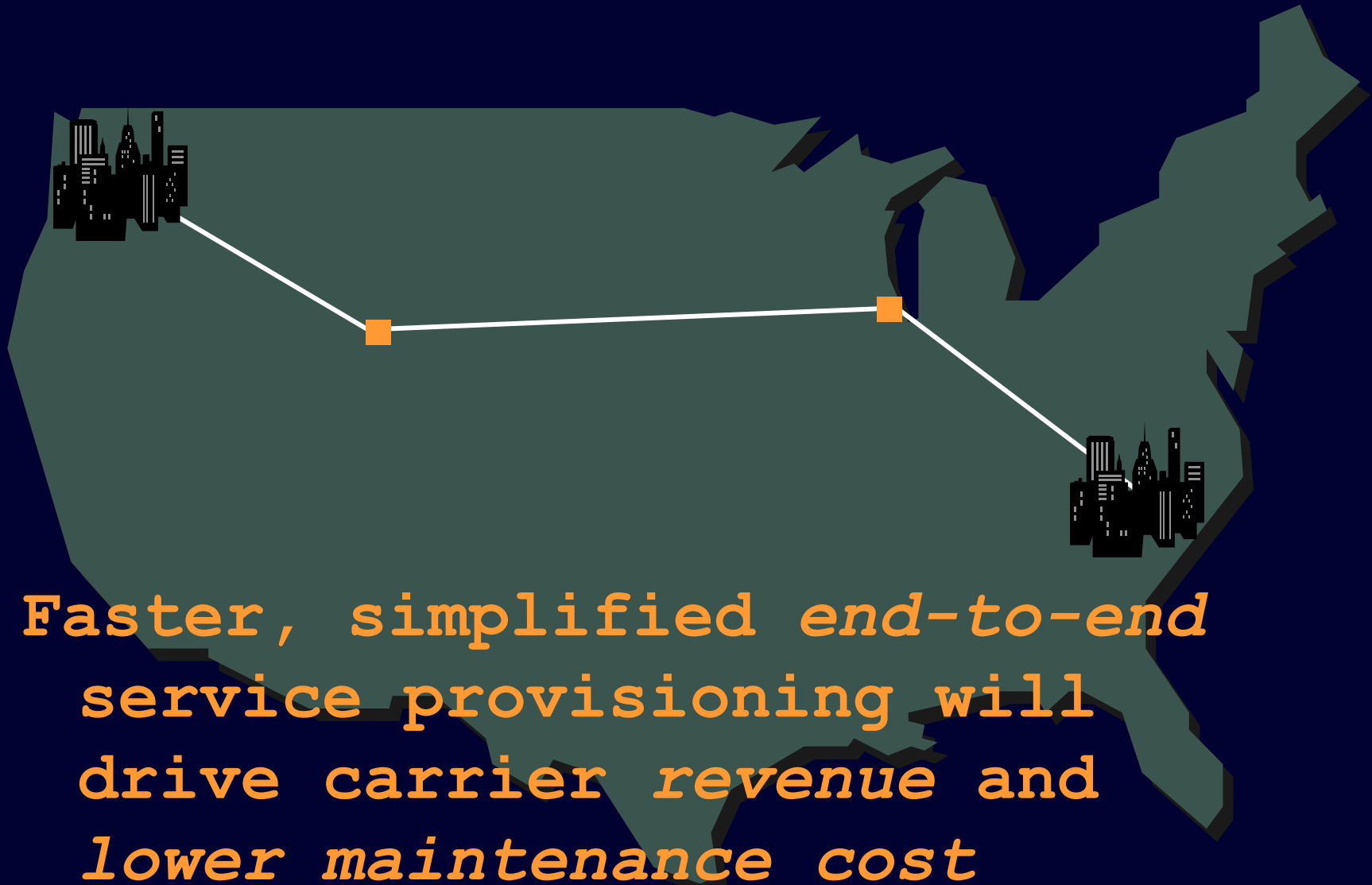


The Next-Gen Metro Area

- Carriers will need an evolutionary platform that effectively aggregates voice and data
- Leap-frogging existing technologies (such as the PONs strategy) is unattractive to major carriers
- Simplification of the system *and* network management is key

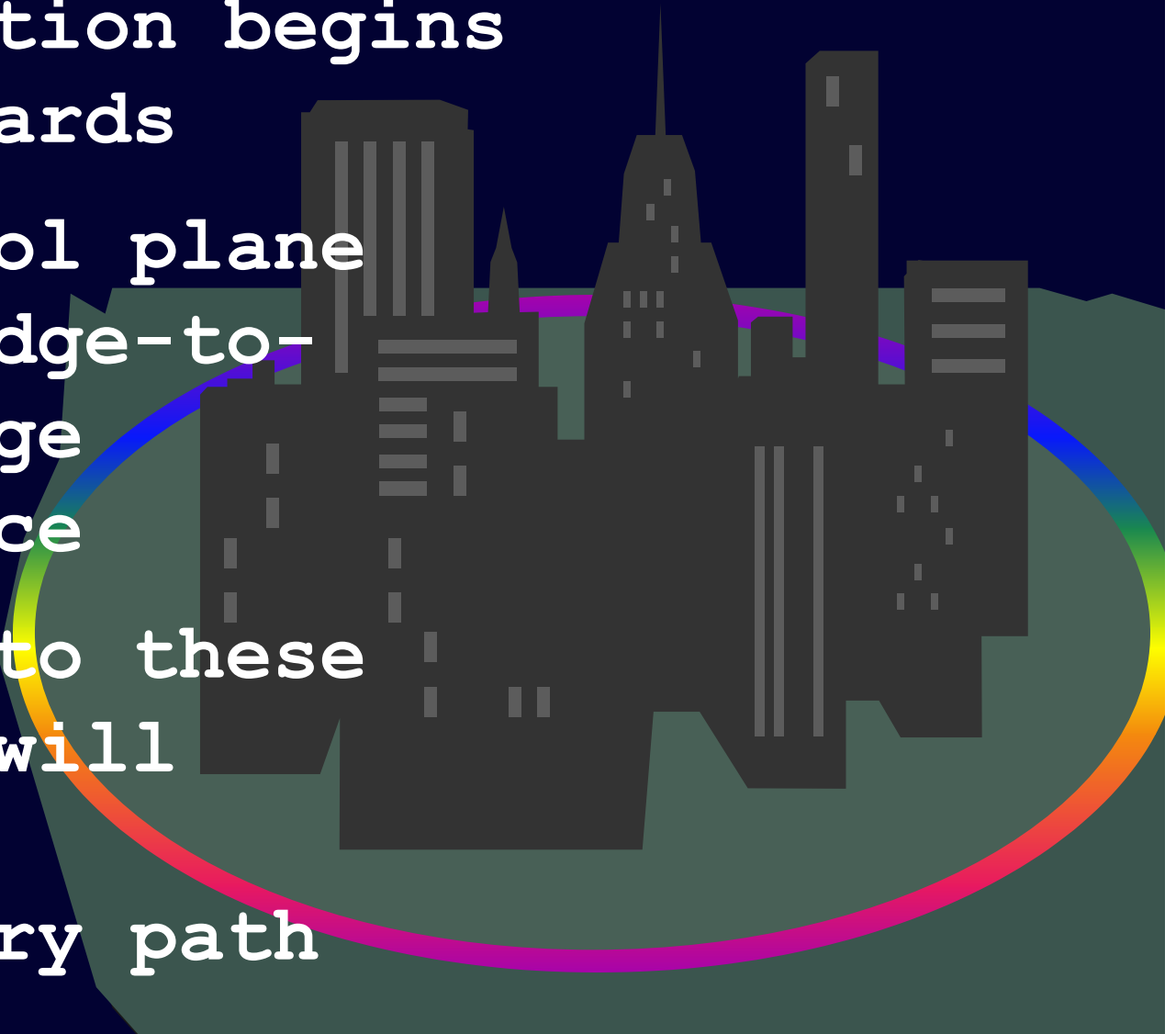


The Next-Gen Provisioning



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- Simplification begins with standards
- MPLS control plane will add edge-to-core-to-edge intelligence
- Adherence to these standards will provide an evolutionary path



OEO vs OOO in the Metro Area

- For service aggregation, OEO conversion is necessary
- “Burning” wavelengths is spectrally inefficient
- Adding intelligence at the edge is key to filling wavelengths



WDM Alternatives in the MAN



Next-Gen SONET intelligence fills
each wavelength



Lambda switching burns wavelengths
without optimizing

Associated Metro WDM Costs

Throwing lambdas at the bandwidth crunch

- Is spectrally inefficient
- Quickly becomes more expensive than traditional solutions
- Raises interoperability issues

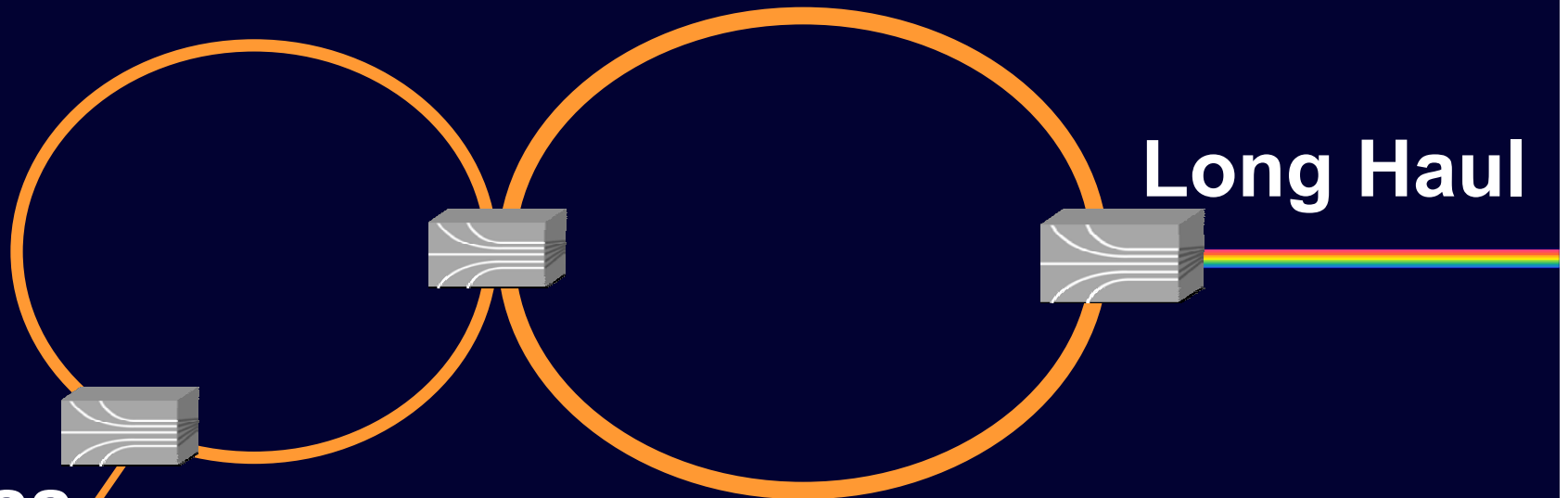
Today's Network

Metro Transport

Metro Core

Long Haul

Access



- Single lambda aggregation; OC-48 OEO solution

- Metro Core, feeding long haul at 10 Gig (OC-192); OEO solution

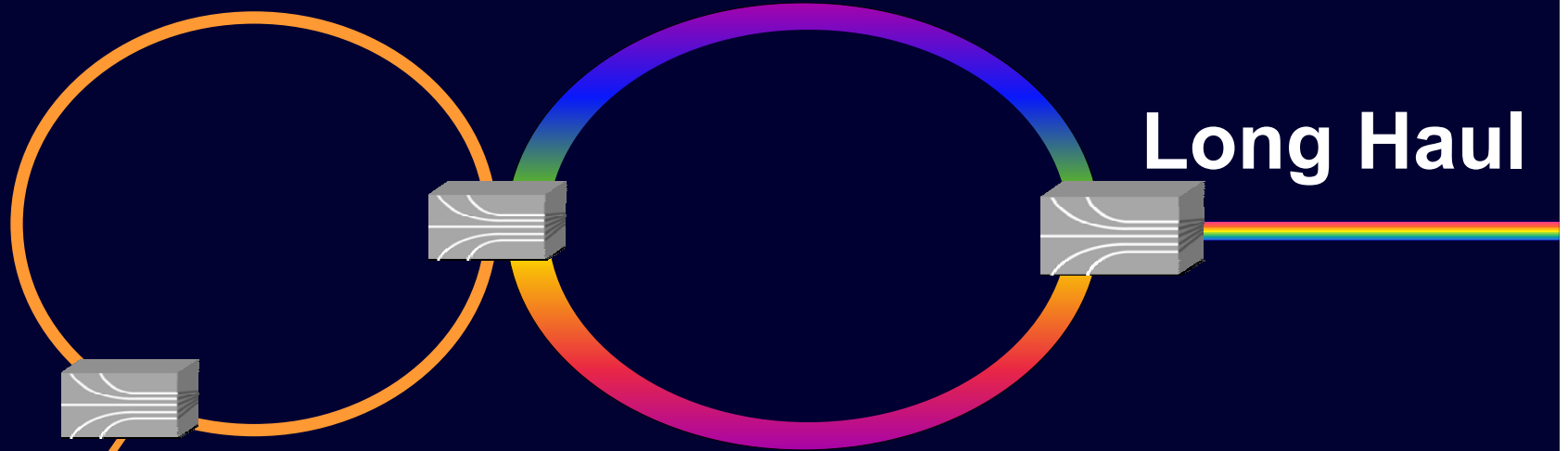
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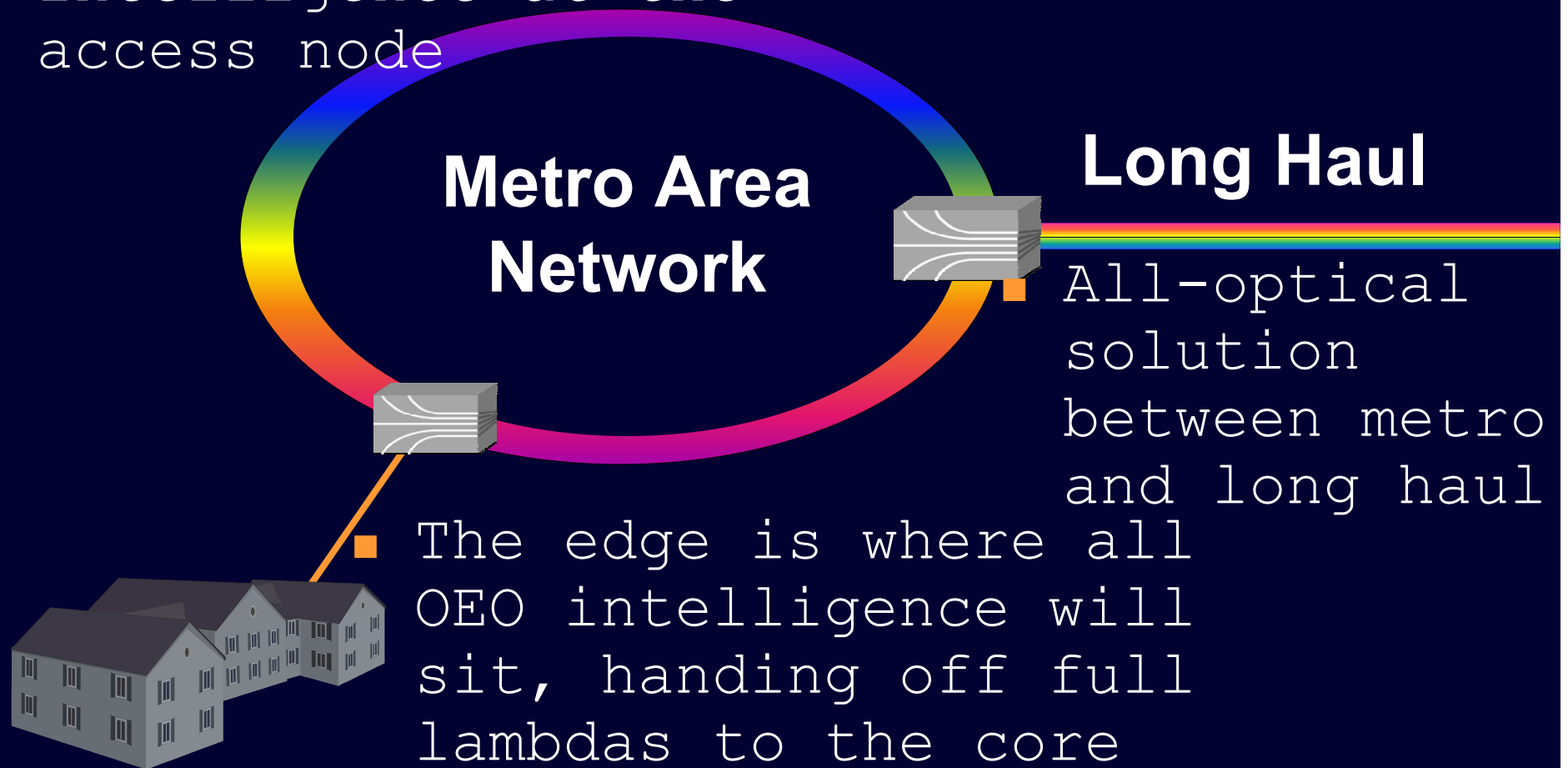
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- Transport will need to be an OEO solution
- Metro Core, feeding long haul will become all-optical

~10 Years (and beyond)

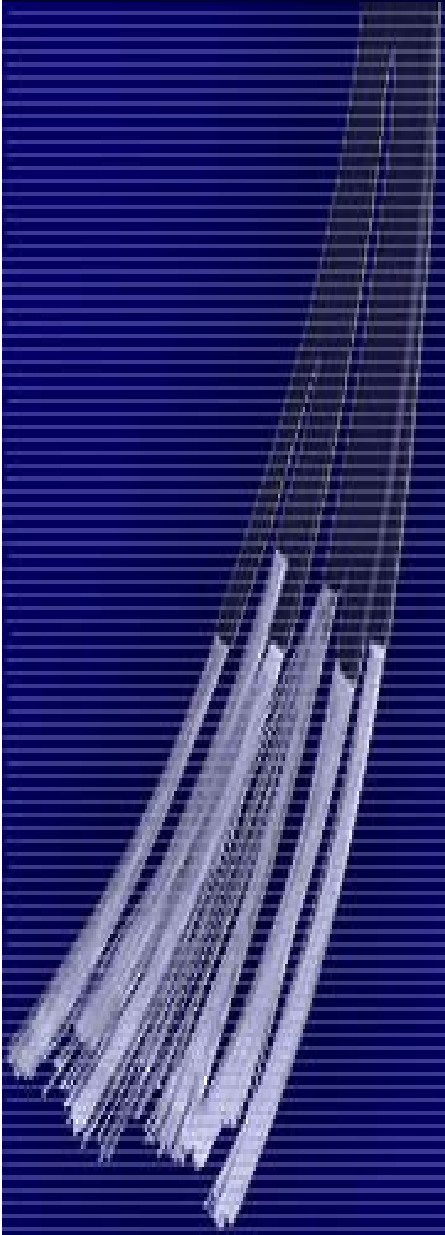
- Metro core and transport unify; multiple lambdas with intelligence at the access node



NG Metro Platform (NMP)

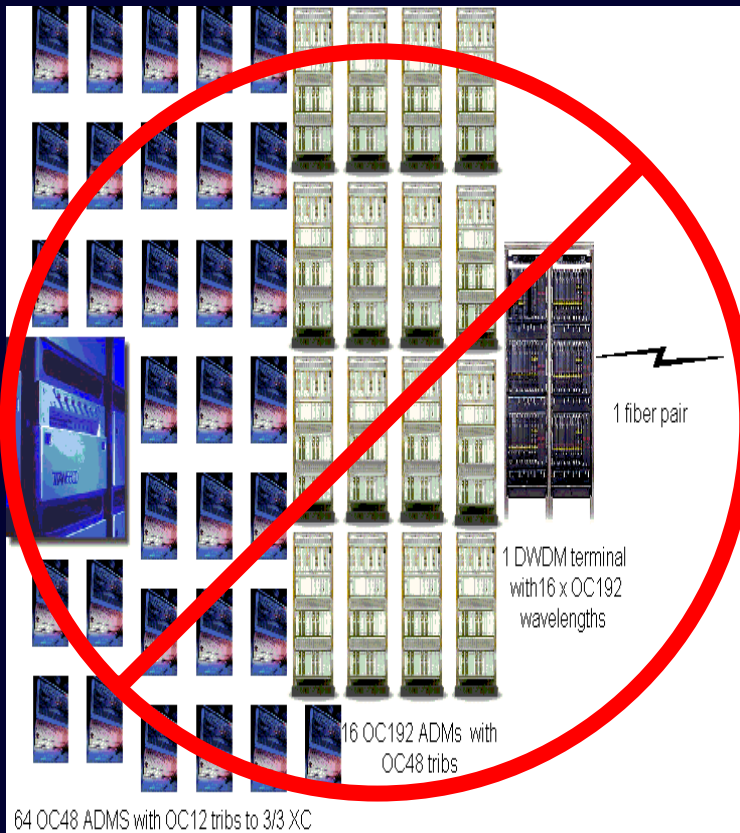
NMP Replaces

- Digital cross-connects
- SONET ADMs
- ATM service access mux/switches
- Frame Relay access switches
- DSLAMs
- Multiple lambdas
- MPLS switches



MNP - Scalability/Port Densities

40 Racks of Traditional Equipment



Most Scalable Interfaces

- DS-1 to OC-192 for TDM
- Fractional DS-1 FR to 4 x OC-12c ATM for data

3 Shelves per 7 ft. Rack

Highest Port Densities (per shelf)

- 280 x DS-1 ; 240 x DS-3
- 128 x OC-3 ; 48 x OC-12
- 12 x OC-48 ; 2 x OC192



5 racks of NMP
(3 shelves/rack)

Conclusion

- The metro area is flooded with multiple services
- Next-gen equipment must look inside the lambdas
- Long-haul will evolve to OOO
- Service provisioning is the key to success