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# **Residential Broadband Technologies for High-Speed Access To Homes**

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56 kbps Modems, ISDN

ADSL, VDSL

HFC, FTTC, FTTH

Cable Modems

Cable Modem Standards: DOCSIS, 802.14, ...

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# Potential Applications

Video on demand (VOD)

Near video on demand (NVOD)

staggered starts

Distance learning, Teleconferencing, Home shopping

Telecommuting

Meter reading

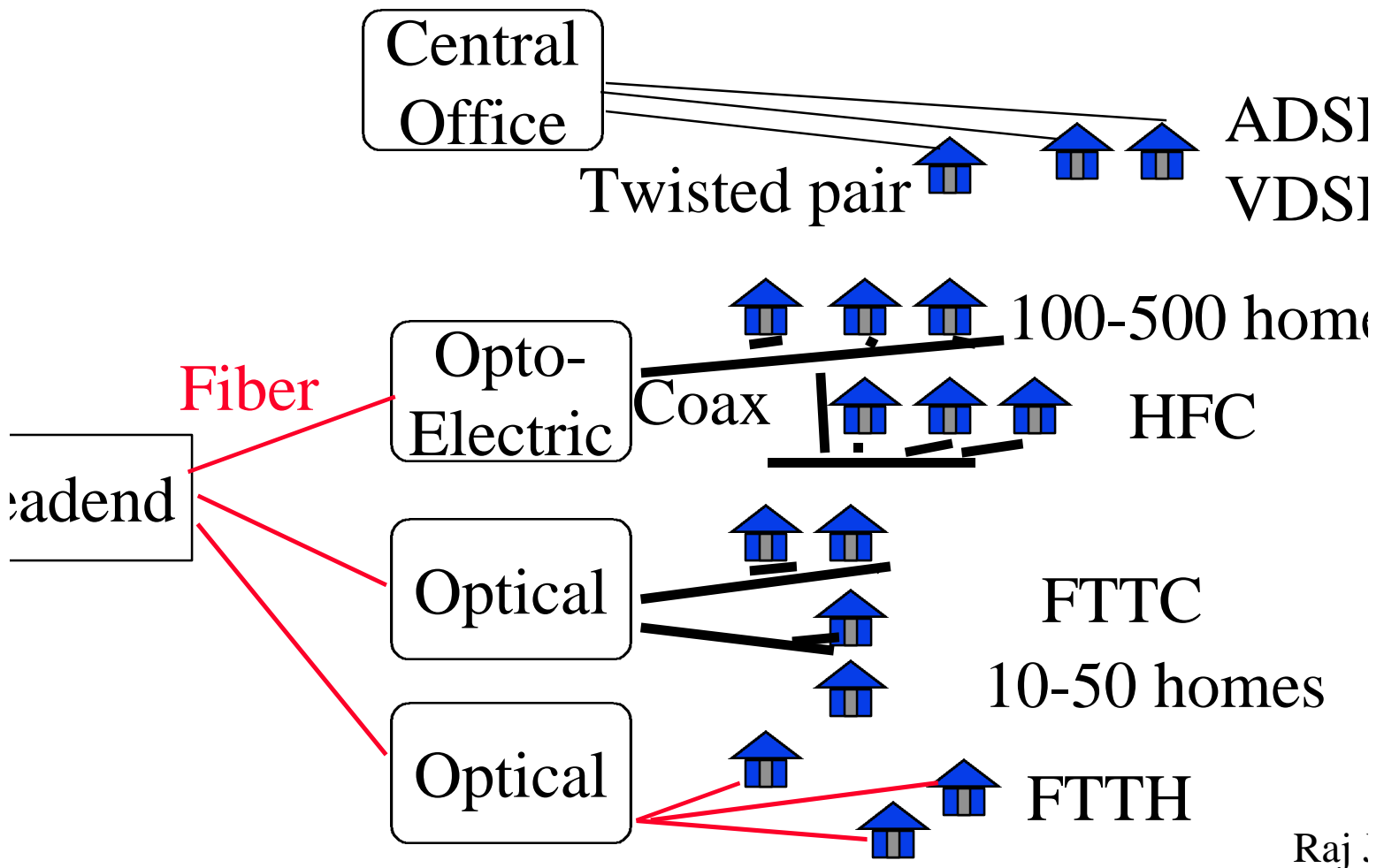
Security

Existing cable TV has the media but no switching

Existing phone service has switching but not enough

bandwidth

# Residential Access Networks (RANs)



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## **RANs (Cont)**

DSL: Digital Subscriber Line (ISDN)

ADSL: Asymmetric DSL

VDSL: Very high data rate DSL

HFC: Hybrid Fiber Coax

FTTC: Fiber to the curb

FTTH: Fiber to the home

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# Why Modems are Low Speed?

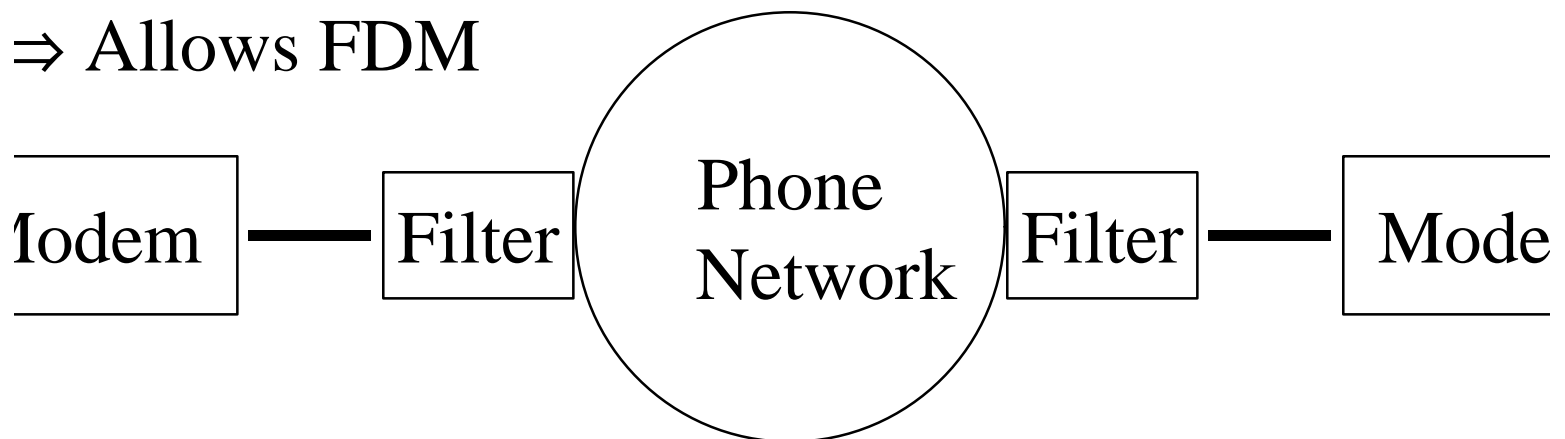
Telephone line bandwidth = 3.3 kHz

V.34 Modem = 28.8 kbps  $\Rightarrow$  10 bits/Hz

Better coding techniques. DSP techniques.

Cat 3 UTP can carry higher bandwidth

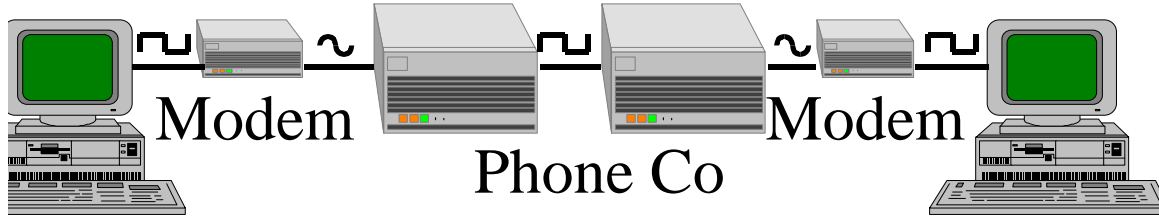
Phone companies put 3.3 kHz filters at central office  
 $\Rightarrow$  Allows FDM



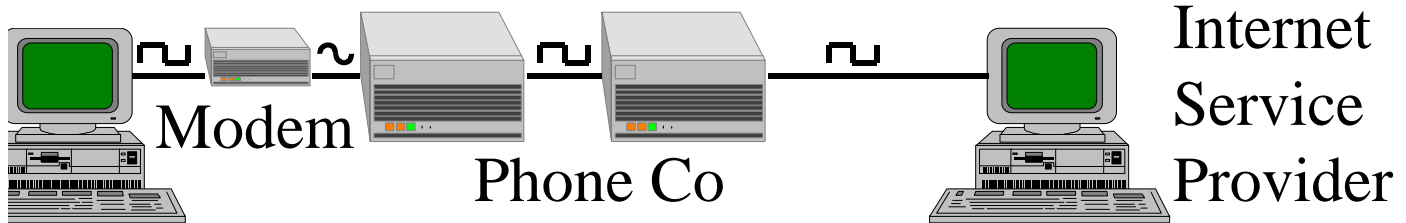
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# 56 kbps Modems

Past:



Current:



SP's have direct digital link (T1 or T3)

Only one D/A/D conversion  $\Rightarrow$  Higher speed possible

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# DSL

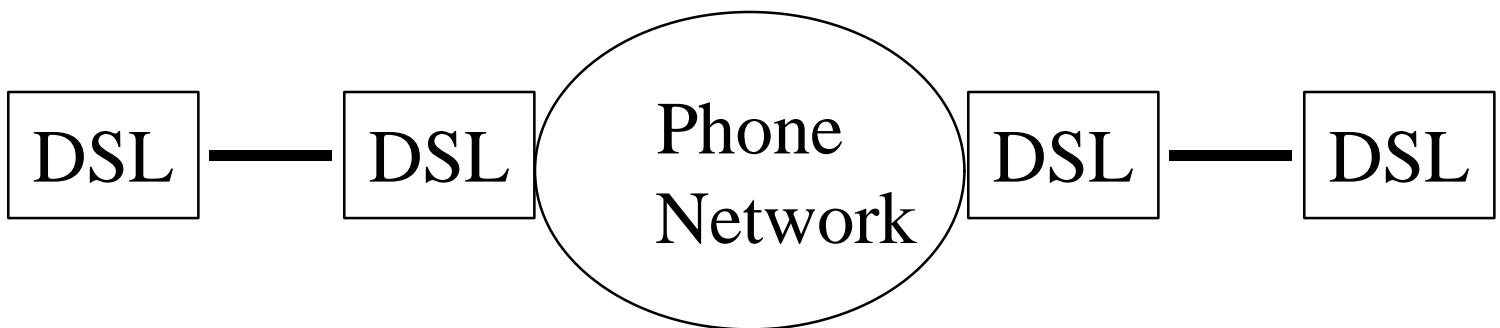
Digital Subscriber Line = ISDN

$54 \times 2 + 16 + \text{overhead}$   
= 160 kbps up to 18,000 ft

DSL requires two modems (both ends of line)

Symmetric rates  $\Rightarrow$  transmission and reception on same wire  $\Rightarrow$  Echo cancellation

Use 0 to 80 kHz  $\Rightarrow$  Can't use POTS simultaneously



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# DSL Technologies

DSL: Digital Subscriber Line (ISDN)

HDSL: High data rate DSL (T1/E1 on 2 pairs)

SDSL: Single line DSL (T1/E1)

ADSL: Asymmetric DSL

RADSL: Rate-adaptive ADSL

VDSL: Very high data rate DSL

VADSL: Very high data rate Asymmetric DSL  
= VDSL

3DSL: Another name for VDSL

VDSL<sub>e</sub>: European version of VDSL

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# HDSL

Initially T1/E1 over copper used AMI coding  $\Rightarrow$  Repeaters every 3000 - 6000 ft

Uses 1.5 MHz for 1.5 Mbps  $\Rightarrow$  Wasteful of bandwidth  $\Rightarrow$  Interference  $\Rightarrow$  Can't put more than 1 circuit in a 50 pair cable

HDSL transmits T1/E1 over two pairs using 80 to 240 kHz  $\Rightarrow$  repeaters at 12,000 ft

Used in PBX interconnection, cellular antenna stations, interexchange POPs

SDSL = Single pair version of HDSL. T1/E1 simultaneously. Up to 10000 ft.

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# ADSL

Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line

Asymmetric  $\Rightarrow$  upstream  $\ll$  Downstream

Symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  Significant decrease in rate

5 Mbps downstream, 640 kbps upstream

Using existing twisted pair lines

No interference with phone service (0-3 kHz)

$\Rightarrow$  Your phone isn't busy while netsurfing

Up to 7500 m

ANSI T1.413 Standard

Quickest alternative for Telcos

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# Why Asymmetric?

Unshielded twisted pair  $\Rightarrow$  Crosstalk

Downstream signals are all same amplitude  $\Rightarrow$  Not affected

Upstream signals start at different distances  $\Rightarrow$  Different amplitudes  $\Rightarrow$  Weak signals are highly affected

Solutions:

1. Use asymmetric rates
2. Use lower frequencies for upstream  
(Cross talk increases with frequencies)

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# VDSL

Very High-Speed Digital Subscriber Lines

Also called VADSL, BDSL, VHDSL

ANSI T1E1.4 standardized the name VDSL and ETSI also adopted it

VDSL<sub>e</sub> to denote European version

For use in FTTC systems

Downstream Rates: 51.84 - 55.2 Mbps (300 m), 25.92 - 27.6 Mbps (1000 m), 12.96 - 13.8 Mbps (1500 m)

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## VDSL (Cont)

Upstream Rates: 1.6-2.3 Mbps,  
9.2 Mbps, Same as downstream

Admits passive network termination

⇒ Can connect multiple VDSL modems like  
extension phones

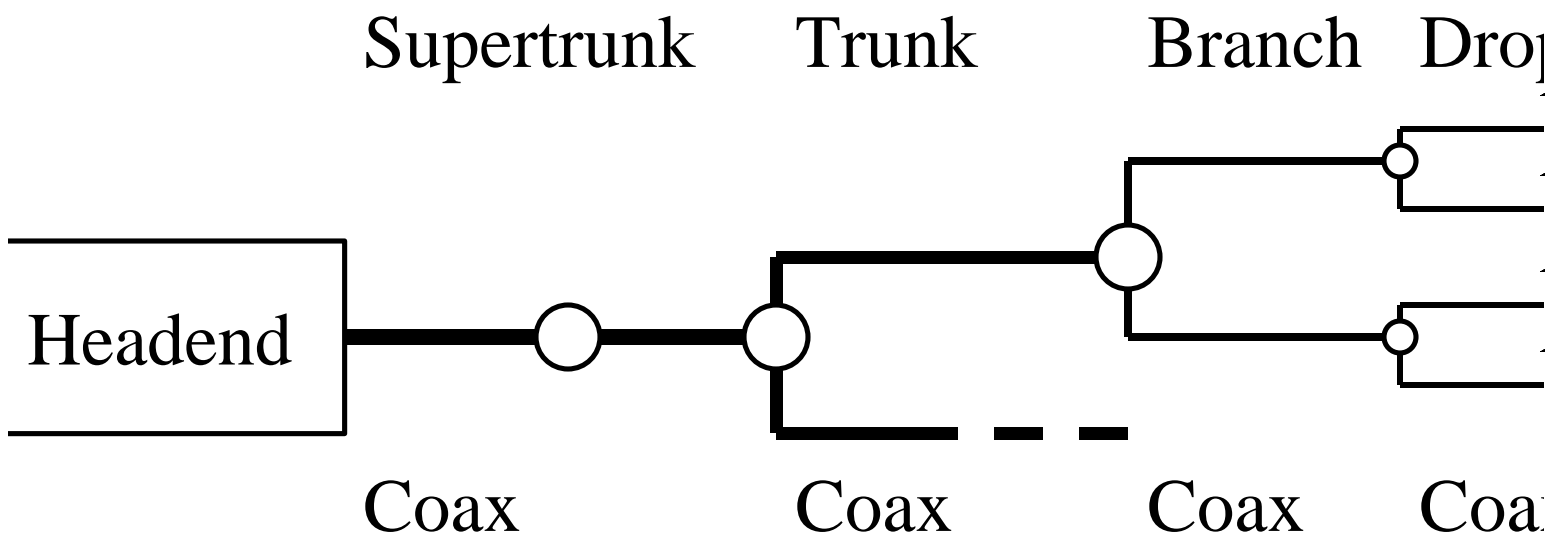
(ADSL requires active termination)

Unlike ADSL, VDSL uses ATM to avoid packet  
handling and channelization

Orkit Communications (Israel) demoed VDSL  
modems at Supercomm'96

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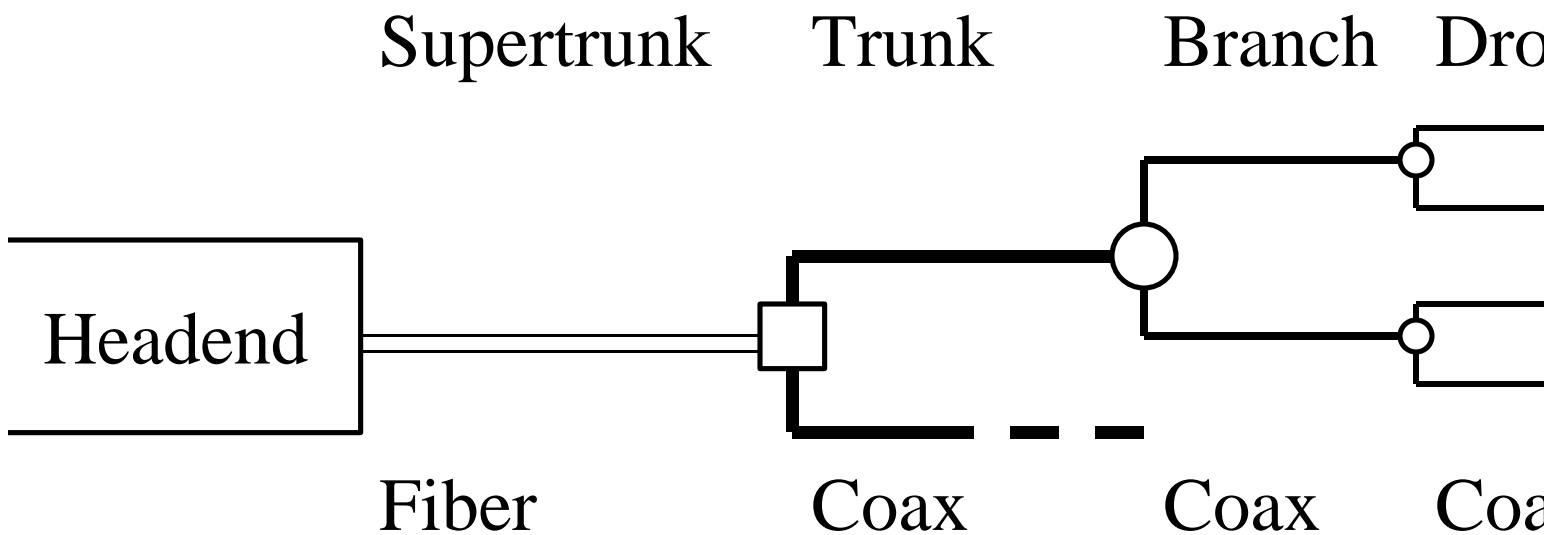
# CATV Distribution Systems



Amplifiers at extension and branch points  
These amplifiers require periodic retuning  
Some of these amplifiers are one-way

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# Hybrid Fiber-Coax



Replace supertrunk with fiber

Electro-optical conversion at headend

Opto-electrical conversion at fiber node

Amplifiers are removed.

Allows two-way, More bandwidth, less noise

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# Cable Modems

Modulate RF frequencies into cable.

Cost \$395 to \$995

Cable is still one-way, upstream path through POT

\$30 to \$40 per month flat service charge

5 Mbps downstream, 1.5 Mbps upstream

MAC protocol required to share upstream bandwidth

sharing  $\Rightarrow$  Security issues

Servers at headend to avoid Internet bottleneck

ISP Plans to create high-speed backbone across US

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# DOCSIS

Data over Cable Service Interface Specification

Developed by Multimedia Cable Network System Partners (MCNS): TCI, Time Warner, ...

Cablelabs helped manage changes

Rapidly develop standards (Faster than IEEE)

Intellectual Property Agreement among partners

√1.0 initial release in December 1996,

Final draft in July 1998. Many deployments.

√1.1 in March 1999 added QoS (802.1p), multicast, fragmentation. Required for packet voice.

√1.2 will add higher speed upstream

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# DOCSIS: Key Features

Switched Ethernet service  $\Rightarrow$  One large LAN

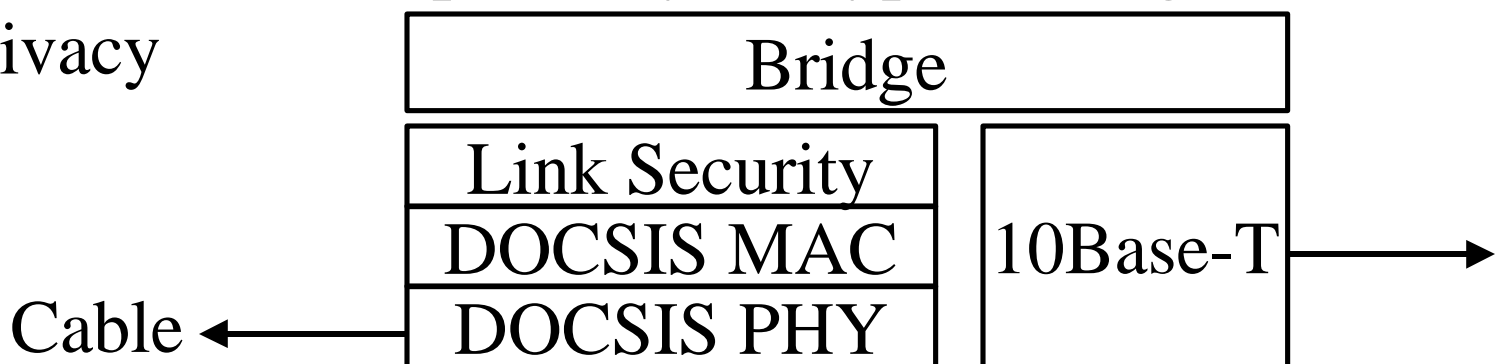
Downstream packets use 188-byte MPEG2 transport stream frames

$\Rightarrow$  Compatible with digital video standards

$\Rightarrow$  Allows mixing data and video in the same channel

Upstream is slotted. Head-end allocates minislots.

Packets can be optionally encrypted using DES for privacy



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# IEEE 802.14

Started November 1994. Still continuing.

ATM and Ethernet interfaces

Different MAC and PHY than DOCSIS

Addresses: Permanent (48-bit) and  
14-bit local id

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# IEEE 802.14 Protocol Stack

802.2
802.1
AAL
ATM
802.14Access
PHY

All ATM

802.2	
802.1	ATM
802.14Access	
PHY	

√ATM Friendly  
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## Other Standards

### OpenCable Project:

- DOCSIS-like effort for set-top boxes
- Initiated by cable industry
- Managed by Cablelabs
- Builds on the DOCSIS for new interactive services
- Ref: [www.opencable.com](http://www.opencable.com)

### PacketCable Project:

- DOCSIS-like effort for packet voice
- Initiated by cable industry. Managed by Cablelab
- POTS over HFC
- Ref: [www.packetcable.com](http://www.packetcable.com)

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## Other Standards (Cont)

DAVIC/DVB:

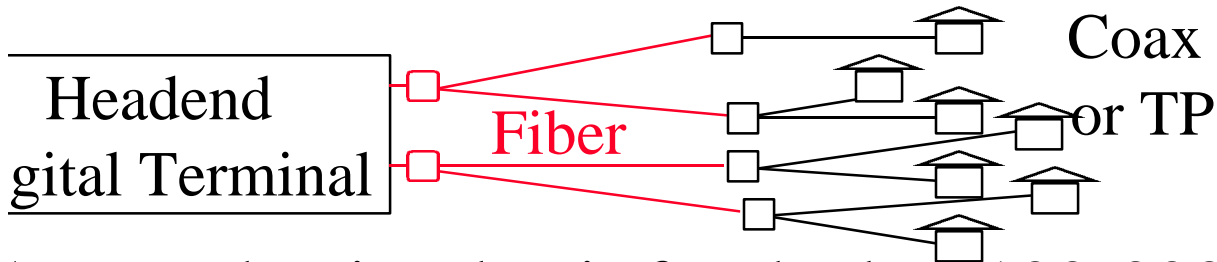
- Digital Audio Video Council/Digital Video Broadcasters
- European set-top box designers
- ATM cell based transport
- Ref: [www.davic.org](http://www.davic.org)

ETF IP over Cable Data Network working group,  
<http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/ipcdn-charter.html>

SCTE (Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers), [www.scte.org](http://www.scte.org)

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# Fiber to the Curb (FTTC)



Coax and twisted pair for the last 100-300 m

Coax is used for analog video, TP is used for POTS

baseband  $\Rightarrow$  No frequency multiplexing

Passive optical network  $\Rightarrow$  signal is optically broadcast

to several curbs  $\Rightarrow$  Time division multiplexing

Up to 50 Mbps downstream, Up to 20 Mbps upstream

Co-exist with POTS or ISDN on the same cable pair

Twisted pair  $\Rightarrow$  EMI  $\Rightarrow$  withstand legal 400W radio

transmissions at 10 m

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# Fiber to the Home (FTTH)

Fully optical  $\Rightarrow$  No EMI

Initially passive optical network

$\Rightarrow$  Time division multiplexing

Upstream shared using a MAC

155 Mbps bi-directional

Need new fiber installation

# Comparison of RANs

Technology	Typical Downstream Rate	Typical Upstream Rate	Max Distance	Homes Per Opt. Unit
FTTC	45 Mbps Shared	1.5 Mbps Shared	N/A	500
FTTC	25-50 Mbps	25-50 Mbps	100 m	10-50
FTTH	155 Mbps	155 Mbps	N/A	10-200
DSL	6 Mbps	640 kbps	4,000 m	1,000
DSL	13-50 Mbps	1.6-5 Mbps	2,000 m	100

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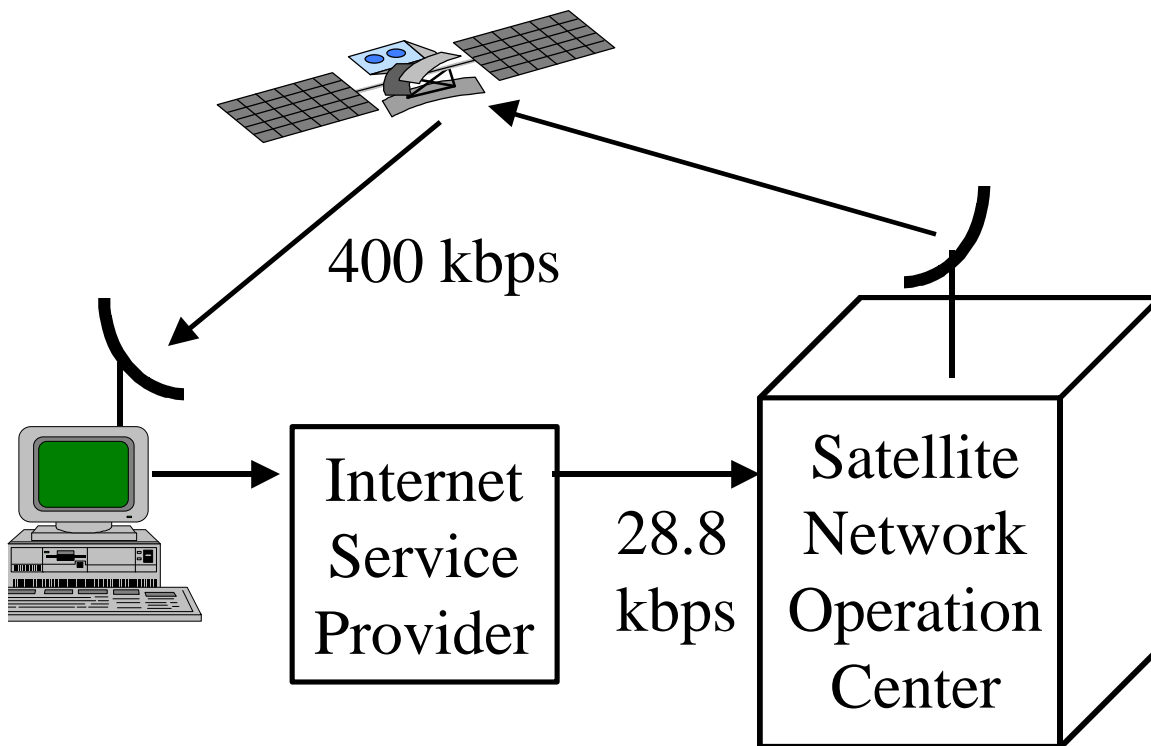
# ADSL Vs Cable Modems

DSL	Cable Modems
One company	Cable company
Switching experience at low bandwidth ckts	No switching but high bandwidth infrastructure
Point-to-point $\Rightarrow$ Data privacy	Broadcast. Sharing $\Rightarrow$ More cost effective
Currently 1.5 to 8 Mbps	10 to 30 Mbps
Speed = $fn(\text{location})$	Independent of location
Available everywhere	Cable only in suburbs (not in office parks)
Existing customers $\Rightarrow$ DN and T1 obsolete	New Revenue

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# Satellites for Data

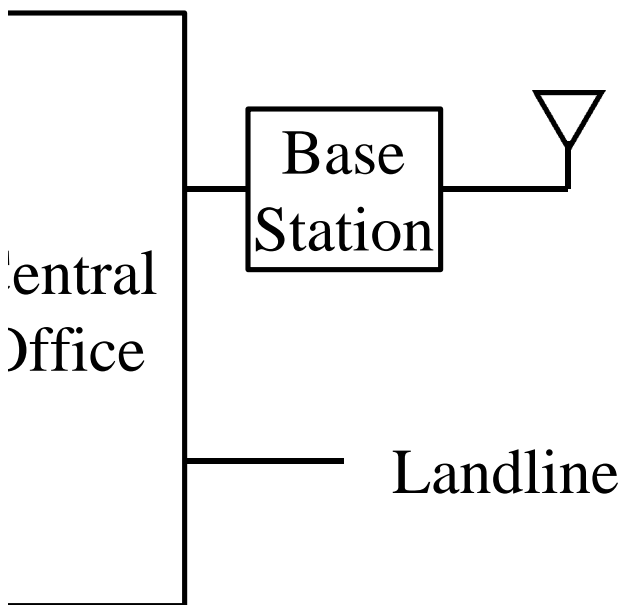


DirecPC from Hughes

One-way high-speed connection

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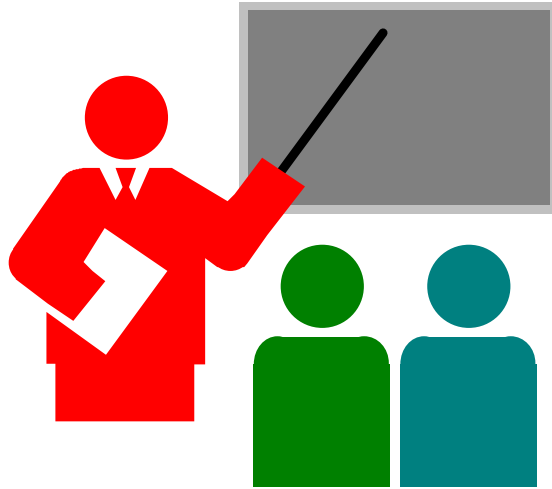
# Wireless Local Loop



Fixed, high, directional antennas  $\Rightarrow$  Lower loss, no handoff

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# Summary



High Speed Access to Home:

ADSL, VDSL, HFC, FTTC, FTTH

5 to 155 Mbps downstream, 1.5 Mbps upstream

Both cable and telecommunication companies are trying to get there with minimal modification to their infrastructure

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# RBB: Key References

For a detailed list of references, see

[http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/~jain/refs/rbb\\_refs.htm](http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/~jain/refs/rbb_refs.htm)

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<http://www.cox.com/modemfaq.html>