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SERVICE ASSURANCE: ARE YOU UP TO THE TEST?

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Zero-touch Automated Service Activation and Assurance of Metro Ethernet Services

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Topics to Discuss

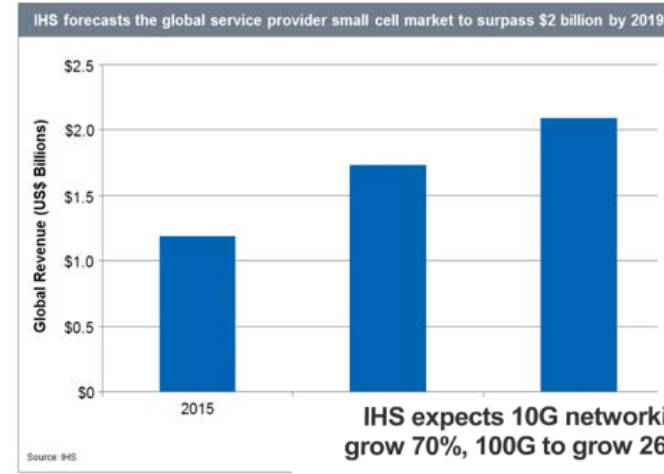
- New market and trends for Metro Ethernet Services
- Service Provider Challenges to Service Activation and SLA Management
- Best practices for zero-touch automation
- Summary

Market Trends

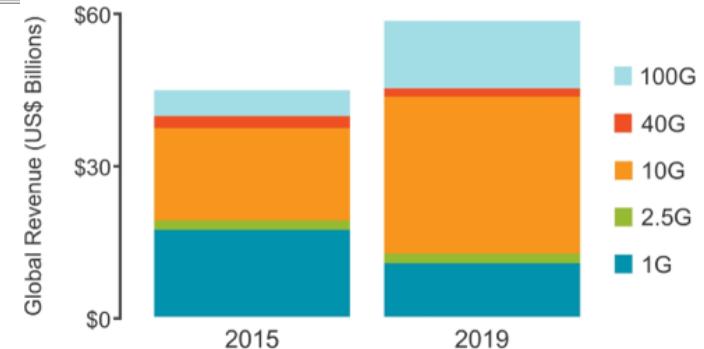
New Service Growth— ex. Small Cell backhaul & Metro Ethernet services

- Small Cell growth drives increased demand for Ethernet backhaul services
- Expected delivery of voice, video, and data services require SLAs around packet delay, jitter, etc.
- IHS forecasts worldwide 100G port revenue to **grow at a 137 percent compound annual growth rate** (CAGR) from 2014 to 2019
- 100G price/port reduction is driving demand

Rapid growth requires
Automated & Intelligent
Service Assurance



IHS expects 10G networking port spending to grow 70%, 100G to grow 262% from 2015 to 2019



© IHS, IHS Infonetics Networking Ports: 1G, 2.5G, 10G, 40G, 100G: Biannual Market Size and Forecasts; September 2015

Market Trends

Stricter and enforced SLA parameters – typical KPIs

Table C.2: Example cloud transport connectivity service attributes and SLA ([i.17])

Service	Priority	CIR	EIR	Frame Delay	Delay Variation	Loss	Availability
VoIP calls	0	10 mbit/s	0	5 ms	< 1ms	0,1 %	≥ 99,99 %
Telepresence	1	50 mbit/s	0	25 ms	< 10 ms	0,1 %	N/A
Mission critical data	2	25 mbit/s	0	5 ms	< 1 ms	0,01 %	≥ 99,995 %
Streamed live content	3	40 mbit/s	0	5 ms	< 1 ms	0,01 %	≥ 99,99 %
Non real-time content	4	15 mbit/s	500 mbit/s	25 ms	10 ms	1 %	≥ 99 %

ETSI GS NFV-REL 004 V1.1.1 (2016-04)

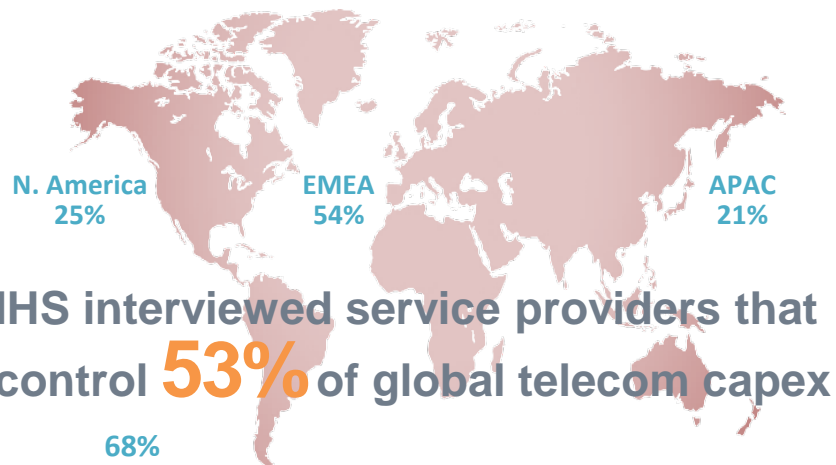
“Latency is a very critical SLA metric, rated very important by 100% of respondents, followed by uptime/reliability, downstream bandwidth, jitter, and upstream bandwidth”

Infonectics Macrocell Backhaul Strategies and Vendor Leadership: Global Service Provider Study

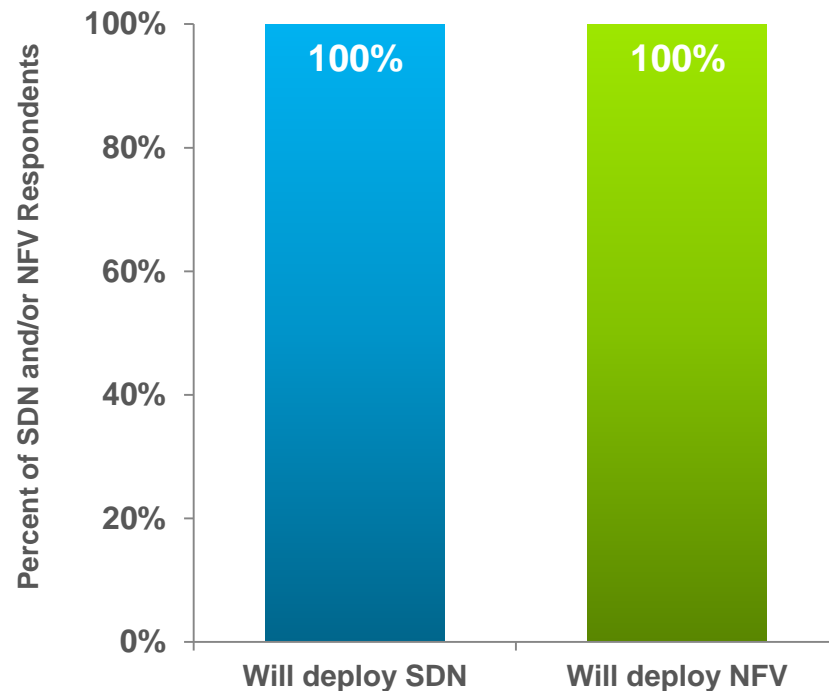
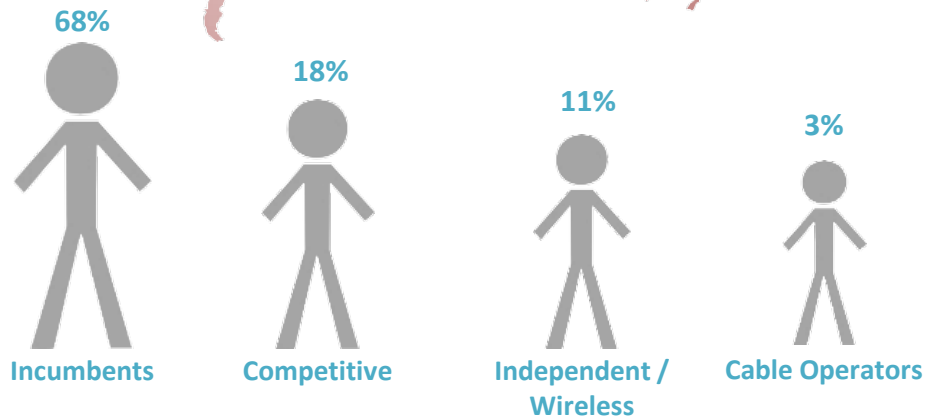
Requires increased focused on both delivery and performance

Market Trends

Deployments of SDN/NFV Networks



IHS interviewed service providers that control **53%** of global telecom capex



Source: IHS Markit Carrier SDN Strategies, 2016 and Carrier NFV Strategies, 2016; Respondents control 53% of global telecom capex

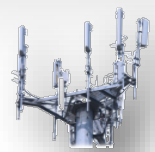
Service Provider Challenges to Service Activation and SLA Mgmt

Service Delivery

**Failure To Meet Installation
Critical Dates**
(Turn-Up / Activation Issues)

**High Percentage of Turned Up
Broke**
(Dead on Arrival)

**Is the Service Delivering What
Was Ordered?**
(Customer Dissatisfaction)



Trouble Management

**Large number of man hours to
isolate troubles**
(Large Mean Time To Repair)

**Multiple Dispatches to Find then
Fix**
(Many Truck Rolls)

**Sectionalizing between Service
Providers**
(Finger Pointing)



SLA Management

**No Visibility into Service
Performance**
(Reactive approach to
problems)

SLAs not being met
(Customer Credits)



Service Provider Challenges to Service Activation and SLA Mgmt

Current Approaches

Service Turn Up with Handhelds

- Requires multiple personnel (field, NOC, etc.) to be “dispatched”
- Difficult to scale handhelds and personnel as the service grows
- Single NOC/Data Center tech can only test one circuit at a time
- Costly and doesn’t scale well

Monitoring SLAs with NIDs

- Every NID is managed by separate by vendor-specific EMS. (requires “swivel chair” in heterogeneous networks)
- End-to-End testing typically treats the network as a “black box”, with no ability to sectionalize, when SLAs **are not** being met.
- Difficult to troubleshoot problems >leads to finger pointing

Monitoring SLAs with Passive Probes

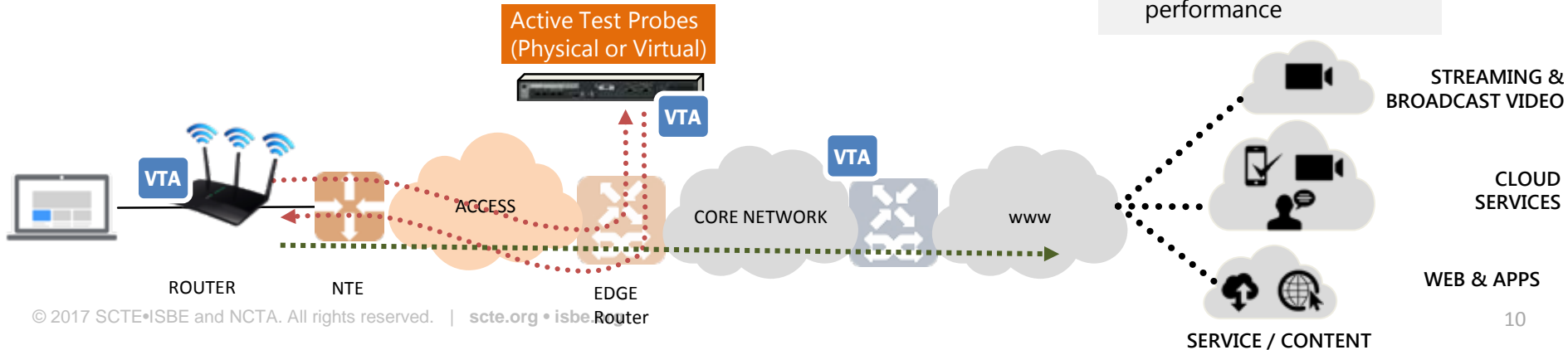
- Passive monitoring involves analyzing real-time user traffic
- Limited to data collection only on the ingress UNI
- Doesn’t provide an end-to-end view of service performance
- Only provides analysis when user traffic is available.
- Doesn’t adequately support virtual & hybrid networks

1. Centralized, automated and intelligent Lifecycle Service Assurance
2. Use of global, industry-wide test standards (e.g., leverage CPE embedded features)
3. End-to-end visibility, troubleshooting & segmentation (e.g., “Dispatch to fix, not to find”)
4. Integration of all dependent systems within a single Service Assurance Test Controller
5. Scalability to handle drastic service growth w/o large increases in OPEX

1. Complete Lifecycle Service Assurance

Supports for hybrid networks from activation, monitoring & troubleshooting

Active Service Activation	Active Performance Monitoring	Passive Monitoring (On Demand Troubleshooting)	Active (On-Demand Troubleshooting)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables consistent and repeatable activation Centralized storage of Service Birth Certificate Automated network element control Multiple test methodologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scalable, 24x7 analysis, monitoring & reporting SLA and Availability Monitoring enables SLA management Native web GUI and NB interface to existing OSS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Visibility – VLAN statistics, Class of Service & more Data Analysis – top talkers, top apps, etc. Capture/Decode – deep dive analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration with trouble ticketing and inventory systems enables automated fault isolation Simplified web UI enables customers to self test their services Active Test Suite at Layer 2/3/4 emulates customer traffic, verifies service performance

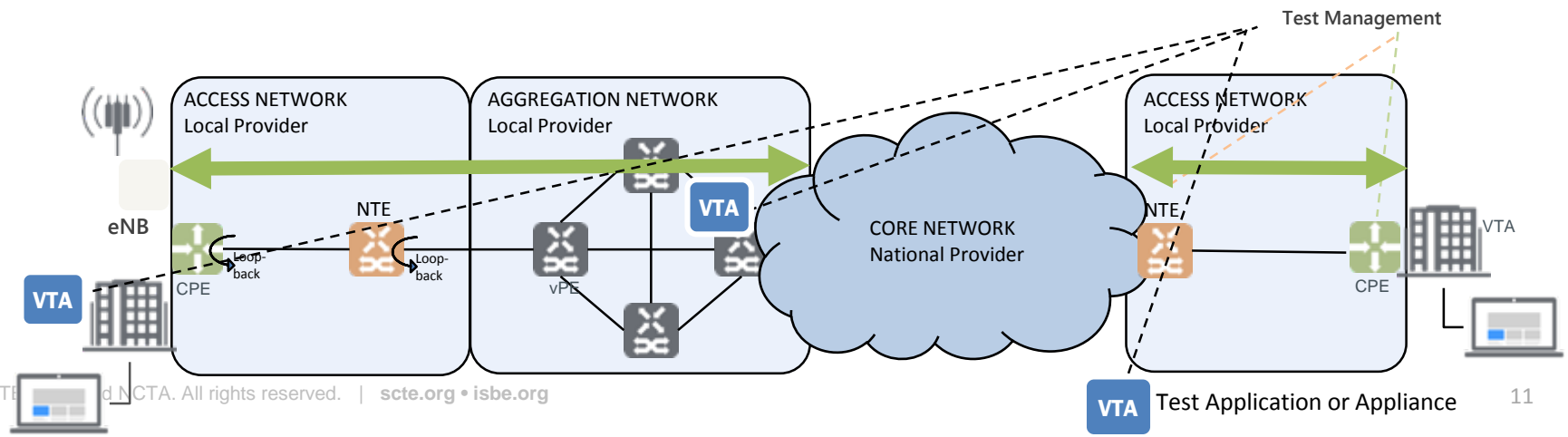


2. Use of global, industry-wide standards

Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF), ESTI, etc. for Service Activation Testing (SAT)

Active Testing at Layer 2/3/4 enables rapid & thorough provisioning validation:

- 802.1ag / Y.1731
 - Loopback Message
 - Delay Message
 - Multicast Loopback
- RFC 2544 – Benchmarking Test
- RFC 5357- TWAMP
 - Session Sender
 - Session Reflector
- RFC 6349 TCP Throughput Testing
- Y.1564 – Service Activation Test
 - EMIX
 - Burst
- PING
 - UDP / TCP
- Trace Route

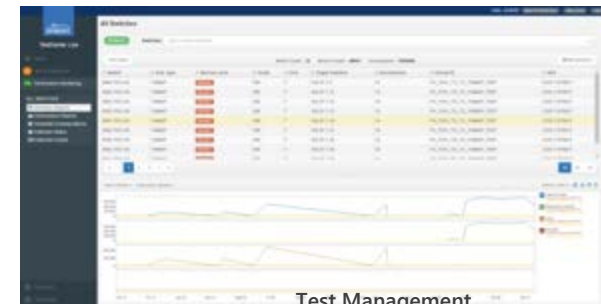


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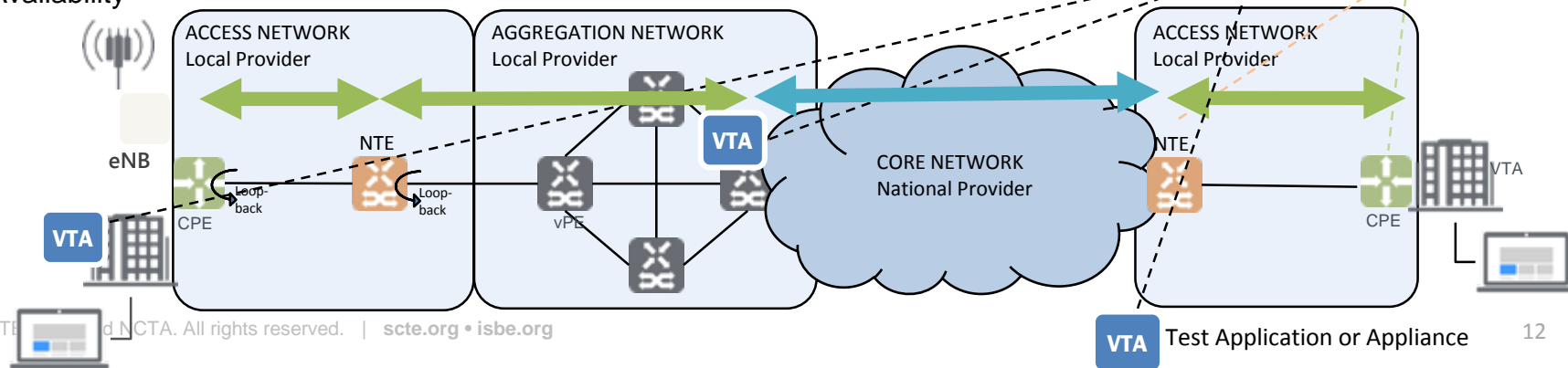
MEF, ESTI, etc. for Active Performance Monitoring of SLAs

24x7 Active Performance Monitoring enables proactive management of SLAs:

- Thousands of endpoints supported from each physical / virtual test head
- 802.1ag / Y.1731 EOAM PM
 - Loopback
 - Delay Message
- L2/L3 Network Quality PM
 - Multi-Stream
 - Loss/Latency/Jitter
 - Availability
- TWAMP PM
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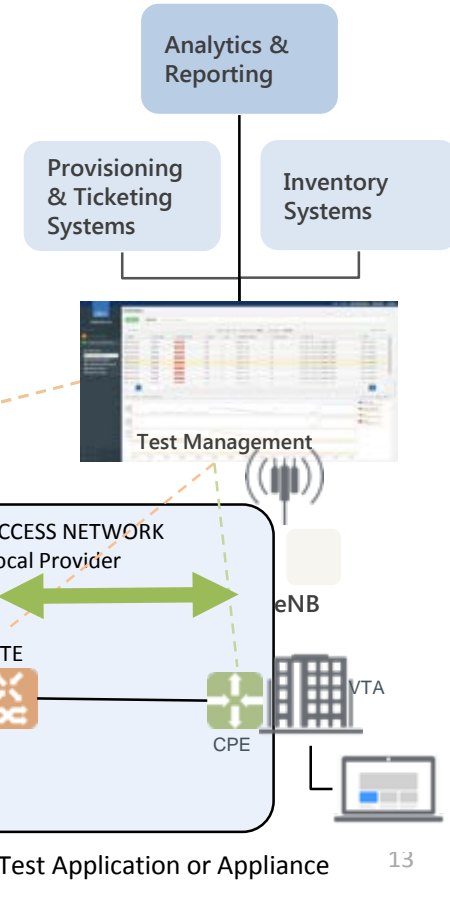


Test Management



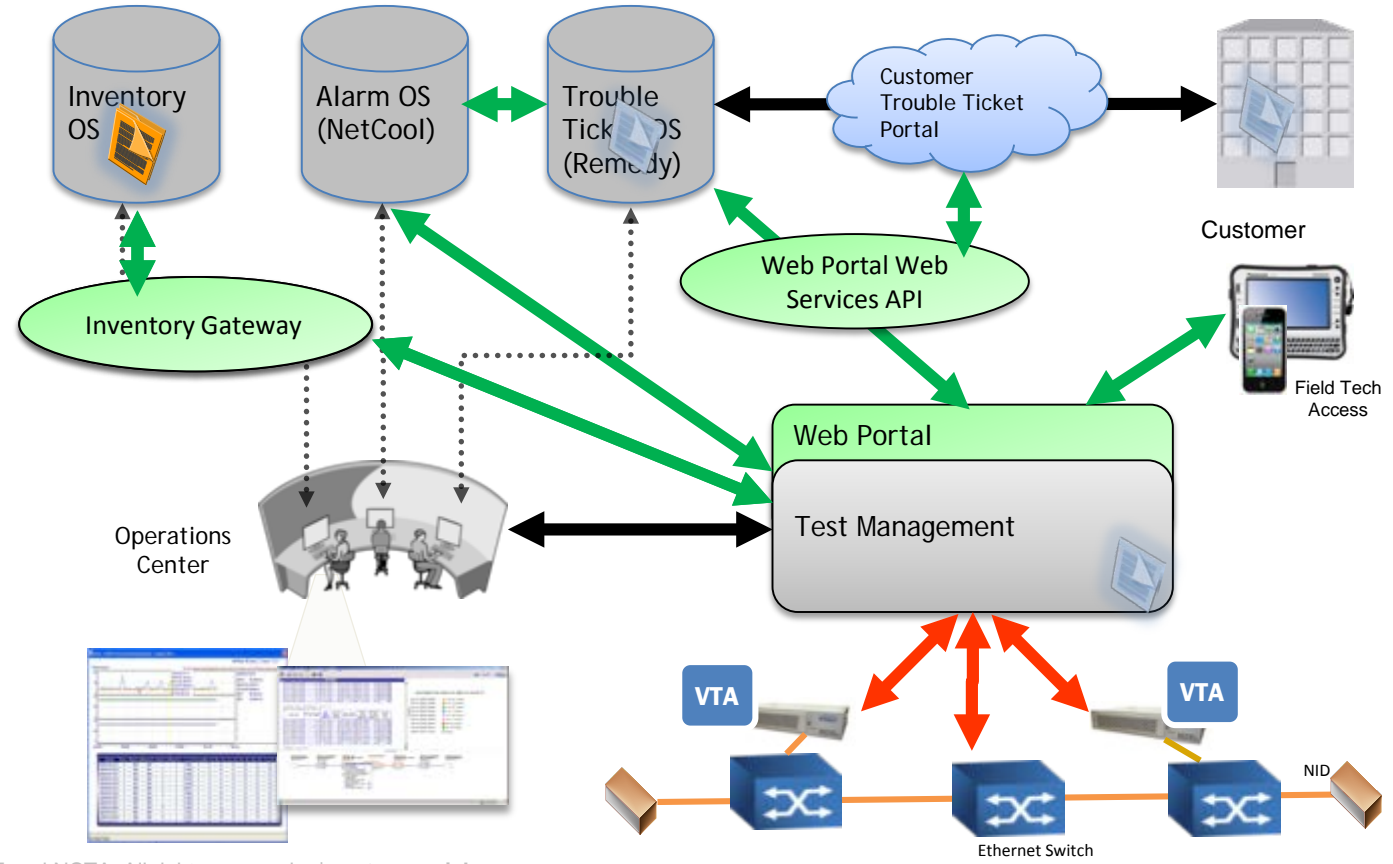
3. Automation of end-to-end troubleshooting & fault segmentation

- Centralized Test Management provides a single pane of glass for testing end-to-end as well as segmenting the network; interfaces to multiple vendor's equipment: Accedian, Ciena, Cisco, ALU, Juniper, Arista, Rad
- Interfaces with Northbound Systems to enable automated ticketing and reporting; complete no-touch provisioning and segmentation
- A single, intuitive point/click UI to reduce swivel chair operations, eliminate dispatch & reduce time-to-repair



4. Integration within a single Service Assurance Test Controller

Integration & automation - with other systems



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Configuration Validation
Port & EVC Throughput
Loopback Setup

NTE/CPE



Configuration Validation
Port & EVC Throughput
Show MAC Table
Show MEP Config
Show Port Counts
Show Device Status
Loopback Setup
RFC-2544 Tests
EOAM Tests
IP Tests

EMUX



Port Throughput
Find MAC
Chassis Information
MEP Information
Port Information
System Configuration
Transceiver Information
VLAN Information
EOAM Tests
IP Tests

SWITCH/ROUTER

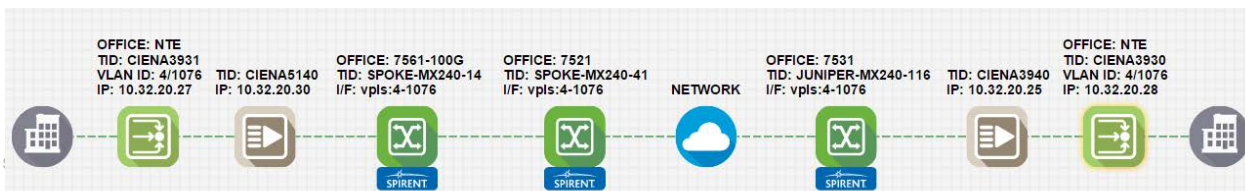


Service reconfiguration to add test head to service under test
ELINE, EPIPE, VPLS, VPWS, MPLS, and other Service types
Port & EVC Throughput
CRC Errors
Show MAC Table
Show QoS Policy
Show Transit Stat
Show VLAN Tag
Show VPLS Stats
RFC-2544 Tests
EOAM Tests

NID/SmartSFP



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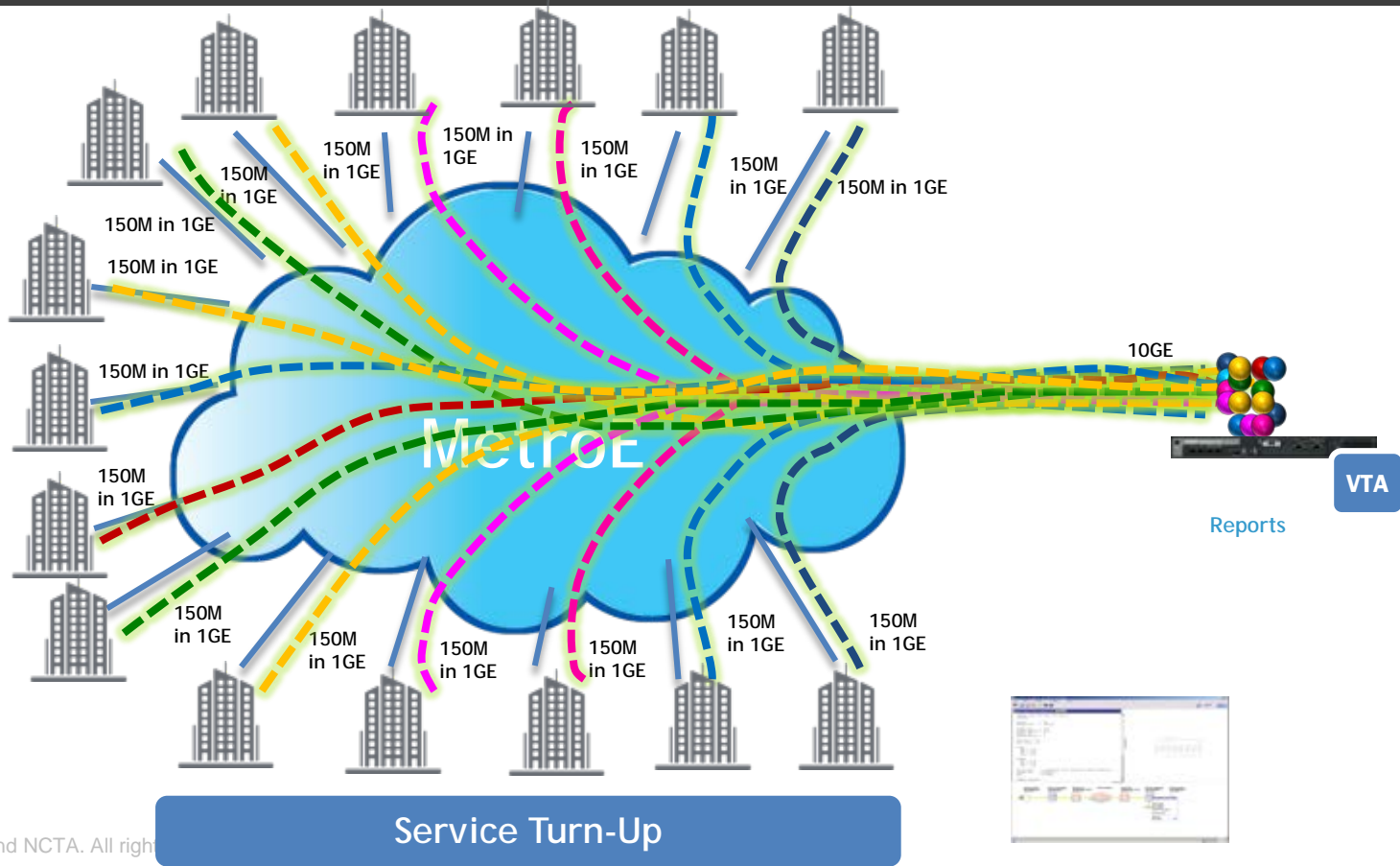
Integration & Automation – Return on Investment

	Manual	Automated
Inventory Query (e.g. Granite)	1 min	10 sec
Validate Configuration (e.g., Granite, various EMSs, etc.)	20 min	20 sec
Enable Loopback on NTE (e.g., NID, CSR, etc.)	1 min	10 sec
Add test agent/appliance to service (via. test controller)	5 min	30 sec
Execute Service Tests (via. test controller)	4 min	4 min
Return service to original configuration & validate (via. test controller, various EMSs etc.)	10 min	40 sec
Totals:	41 min	5 min 50 sec

87% reduction in total test time – Elimination of manual entry errors

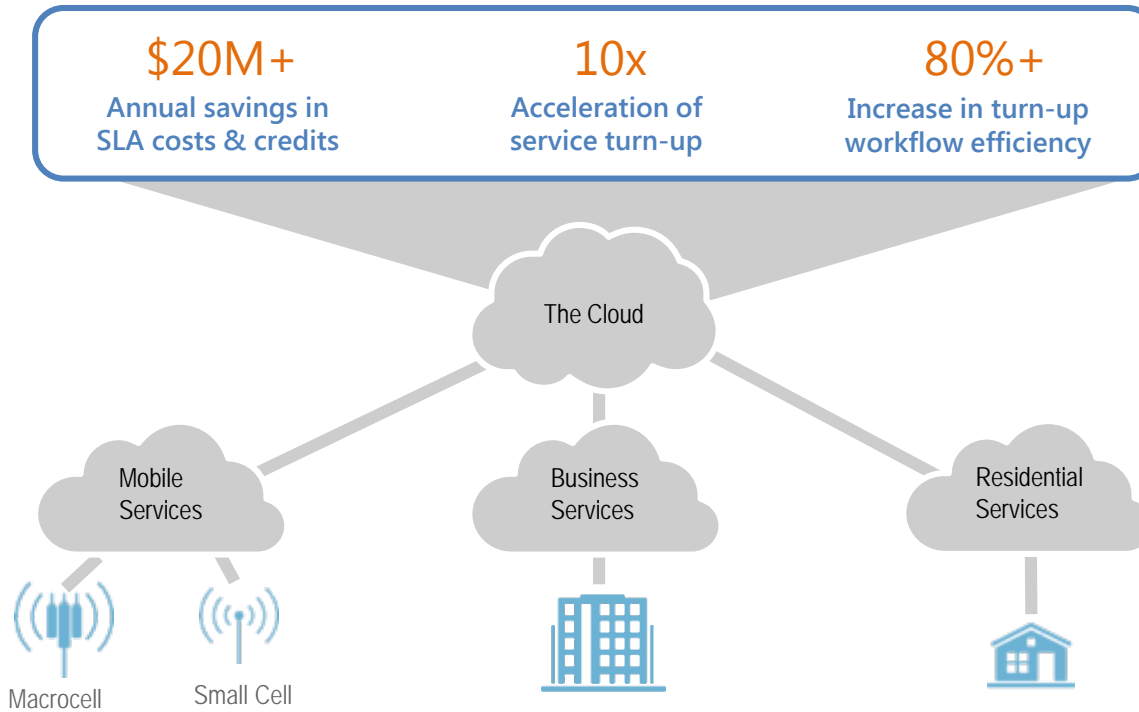
5. Scalable to handle drastic service growth

Scalable – Simultaneous Metro Ethernet Service Activation



Service Turn-Up

Automated Service Assurance Delivers Significant Benefits



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