



Implementing an IP-based video contribution network

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Using existing WAN infrastructure?

- Scepticism among broacasters
- Ethernet/IP packet type technology not ideal for real time services
- Can Quality of Services be guaranteed?





Strategy behind choice of Technology

- Server based production already in place (1999)
- Use of file transfer for recorded material offloads the need for real-time contribution circuits
- More than 80% of material is non real-time
- Expensive to mainain separate network for live contribution links





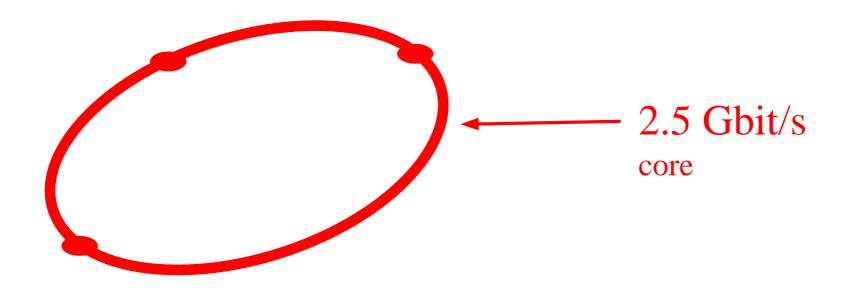
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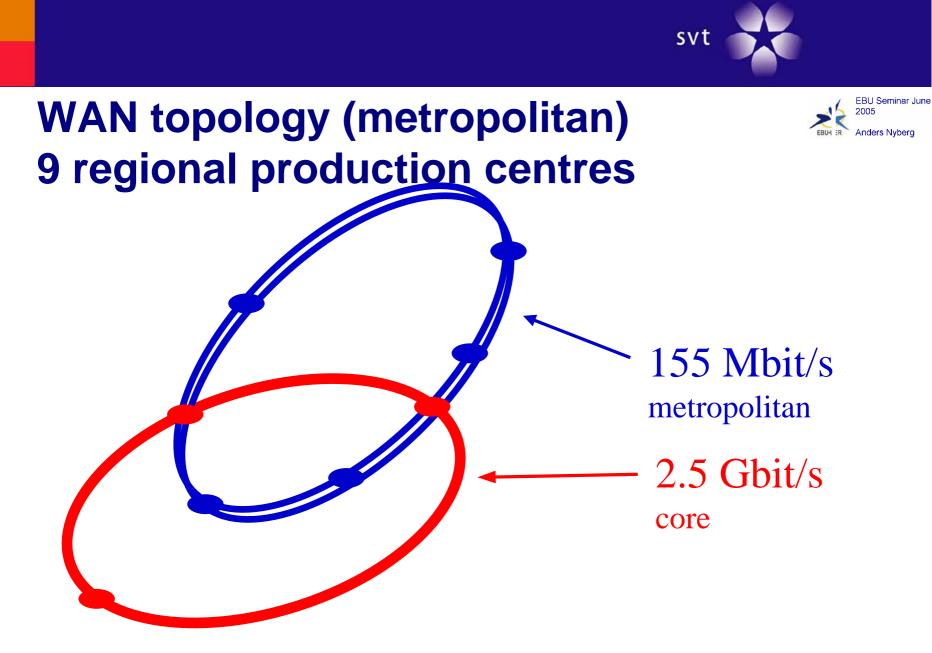
- One common technology for all communication
- Use of Existing Ethernet/IP based infrastructure
- DVB over IP meet flexibility and bandwidth criteria
- Economically viable using standard equipment
- Using well proven equipment
- But can it be done?



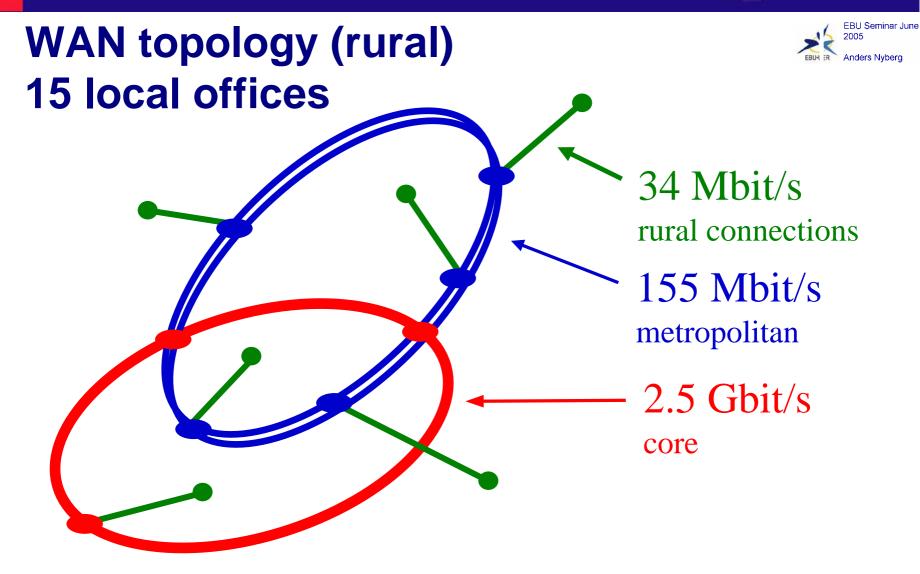


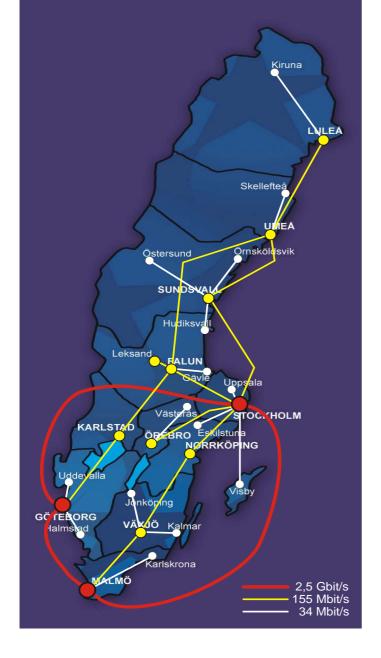
WAN topology (core) 3 major production centres















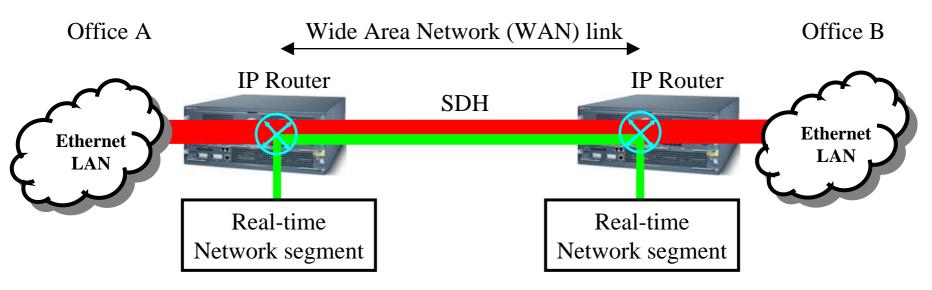
Final solution **27 locations** more than 5000 km total fibre-optic network point-to-point circuits managed and provided by 'Banverket' (Swedish railways)

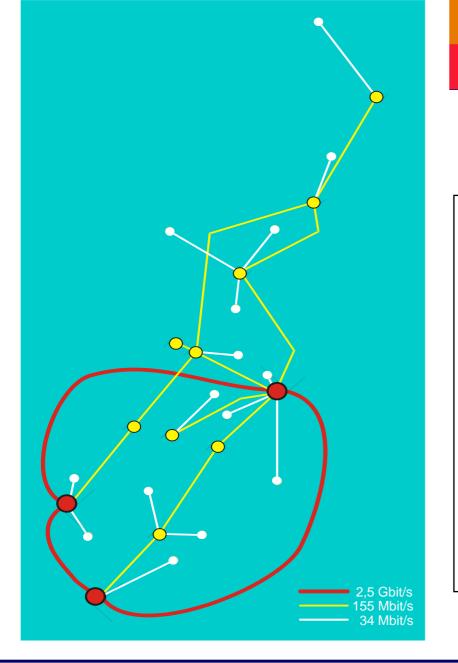


Managing QoS



- Locations are connected over point-to-point links
- Physically separated network segments for real time data at each location
- Real time data only co-exists with other traffic in the WAN links
- Real time data have highest priority
- Real time traffic is allowed up to 80% of WAN-link capacity
- No packets are lost, unless real time data exceeds bandwidth over the WAN link









Dedicated computer performs the following tasks:

- Manages bookings
- Calculates path through network
- Records current and future booked bandwidth utilisation in a SQL database
- Denies a booking if bandwidth will be exceeded on a point-to-point WAN link segment



Transmission modes



- HIGH: 22 Mbit/s, MPEG 4:2:2@ML
- INTERVIEW: 18 Mbit/s, Low delay MPEG-2 4:2:0@ML
- LOW: 9 Mbit/s, MPEG-2 4:2:0@ML
- All modes have 4 sound channels
- Total delay is approximately
 - HIGH 450 ms
 - INTERVIEW 250 ms
 - LOW 720 ms



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Booking software

- The booking and management system is implemented on a Linux server running web services and a SQL database
- Equipment is controlled via SNMP
- Bookings are made through clients using conventional WEB-browser
- The booking system can be accessed from all (allowed) users inside the SVT Intranet
- Server side software is written in Perl
- Client side sofware is Java based



Booking system interface



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Experience



- In permanent operation from Jan. 1, 2004
- More than 10 000 completed transmissions during first 12 months
- OB-events using occasional fibre optical links
- High quality OB production with 5.1 ch. Sound