IPTV Technology, Trends and Challenges EE233 Class Presentation

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Outline

The "WWW" of IPTV

- What is IPTV ?
- Why IPTV ?
- When IPTV ?

What is IPTV

IPTV: Internet Protocol Television

Television through Internet



Why IPTV

The "AAA" of what consumers want ??

Content







Any where

Any time

Any device

Why IPTV ?

Digitizing the info enables the AAA's easily



Source Sanford Bernstein & Co.

Why IPTV ?

Imagine a World

- Video on Demand with hundreds of Channels
- Interactive program guide
- Picture-in-Picture
- Search Functionality
- Event Notification
- Integrated Caller I.D.
- Integration w/ Data
- Multiple Angle/Pictures

SBC/AT&T IPTV Demonstration of Key Features



Program Ghide Search Event Notification Caller ID Video on Demand Photos Multiple Picture-In-Picture





Worldwide Broadband Households by Region



IPTV Market



Recent IPTV Roll outs

AT&T

- Offering IPTV to consumers in the San Antonio, Texas market.
- 200 channels, including ESPN, HBO, Disney, MTV, and CNN, along with video-on-demand titles and set-top boxes with DVR capabilities.
- AT&T also plans to allow customers with video-enabled cell phones to watch programs stored at home through a digital video recorder.
- In addition AT&T began offering fiber-based, high-speed Internet, but the fiber is not extended to homes,.

VERIZON

- Began offering its fiber-based FiOS TV service in seven communities in North Texas
- Verizon expects to have 400,000 subscribers in the North Texas area -- more than one million potential viewers.

IPTV: TECHNOLOGY

What is IPTV?

- What is IPTV?
 - Uses broadband internet for delivery of television programming.
- How is it different?
 - Digitally switched architecture, NOT channel based.
 - No tuning. Set top box (STB) decodes IP video.
 Content delivered as needed.
 - Interactive, personalized, robust.
- VOD vs IPTV

IPTV is a type of VOD service

CATV Architecture (e.g. PON RF overlay)



- 54-870 MHz spectrum with 6 MHz bandwidth (~134 potential carriers)
 - Lower 65: analog
 - Upper 65: digital
- Entire bandwidth delivered to homes

Van Veen, et al. Bell Labs Technical Journal, 10 (1), 181-200 (2005)

IPTV Architecture



- Signals encoded and multicast via IP packets
- Digital encoding and decoding required
- Eliminate CATV lasers and EDFAs
- Efficient bandwidth use

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Bandwidth Vs Length



IPTV Broadcast Technologies

• Ethernet vs ATM (Asynchronous Transfer mode)



- Ethernet is dominant LAN technology while ATM is used in Internet Backbones
- ATM is a solution that fits all: WAN/MAN/LAN and offers higher QOS (Quality of Service)
- ATM is a complex technology that needs higher installation times and is also more costly



Supportsoft, "IPTV- The Clear Picture"

- National Headend
 - Pulls content from satellite and encodes video stream to compressed IP packets
 - Telco ownership of entire system ensures QoS
 - Multicast to local offices
 - Forward Error Correction to ensure delivery of packets



Local Office

- Mixes in local tv stations, advertising, VOD
- Middleware handles
 - User authentication
 - Channel change requests
 - Billing
 - VOD requests
- Unicast VOD via Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)



- Local Office (continued...) Bandwidth issues
 - Currently, AT&T offers 1.5-6Mbps high speed internet via DSL
 - Newest ADSL+ max bandwidth 25Mbps
 - Delivery of multiple streams (for PIP, multiple program recording, multi TV households) required
 - Standard definition TV
 - 1-1.5 Mbps in Windows Media encoding
 - 3.5 Mbps in MPEG-2
 - High definition TV
 - 7-8 Mbps in Windows Media encoding
 - 18-20 Mbps in MPEG-2
 - MAJOR upgrades to infrastructure are required and underway (e.g. FTTH)



- Supportsoft, "IPTV- The Clear Picture"
 End User Set Top Box (STB)
 - Reassembles IP packets, decodes video
 - Communicates with local office
 - Change channels via IP Group Membership (IPGM v2) protocol to join multicast

IPTV: Economics

The IPTV Eco System



The Old TV Model

 Programs delivered through the cable or Satellite

How do different parties earn money ? Content – Advertisement Distribution – Subscription Equipment/Device – one time Buy

So, what's wrong with this model ??

Not Movies with commercials but... commercials loaded with bits of movies

It's a lose-lose situation for both content providers and consumers

John Wanamaker the pioneer of departmental store

"50% of my advertising expenditures are wasted. I just don't know which 50%"

Increased sales of PVR reinforces this point

Delivery Network for TV

The old ways Cable or Satellite
The new ways Phone line, Cable, Satellite, FTTH

The battle is on between the Cable companies and Telecom companies

Why the battle ??

• Every one wants a piece of others Pie













Telcos Vs Cables

Telcos

Advantages

- Huge installed network
- Trusted for it's QOS

Disadvantages

- Existing infrastructure is Low speed
- Need to obtain permissions from local communities to roll out service

Cable

Advantages

 Trusted delivery network for TV

Disadvantages

- Doesn't have huge installed base
- Cannot support the huge upfront investments

Cost

Triple Play of Services

Offer three services for less than \$100



Bottle Necks

- Installation costs high
- Customer Service

European market research estimates that it costs €15-17 (US\$18-20) for every customer call to a Customer Service Representative (CSR).

- DRM (Digital Rights Management)
- New coding schemes to support high definition TV channels

Thank You !!

Questions ??

Back Up

Existing ADSL Deployment Upgrade

IP Television Up Front Costs (\$)



Back Up



Back up

OECD Broadband subscribers per 100 inhabitants, by technology, December 2004



Cable TV Bandwidth

- A single downstream 6 MHz television channel may support up to 27 Mbps of downstream data throughput from the cable headend using 64 QAM (quadrature amplitude modulation) transmission technology.
- Speeds can be boosted to 36 Mbps using 256 QAM.
- Upstream channels may deliver 500 Kbps to 10 Mbps from homes using 16QAM or QPSK (quadrature phase shift key) modulation techniques, depending on the amount of spectrum allocated for service.
- Using 64 QAM, upstream speeds can be raised to 30 Mbps.
- This upstream and downstream bandwidth is shared by the active data subscribers connected to a given cable network segment, typically 500 to 2,000 homes on a modern HFC network.