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Solving The Network Planning Challenge

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The Vision/Mission of VPIsystems

VPIsystems is the leading provider of software solutions that streamline network capacity planning and network engineering

- ***VPI provides:***
 - ***Network Operators*** solutions that streamline the processes of designing, deploying and optimizing their networks, saving significant CapEx and OpEx;
 - ***Communications Equipment Vendors*** with solutions that automatically design optimized equipment configurations in response to customer proposals and quotation requests, enabling a competitive sales advantage;
 - ***Communications Equipment Vendors Subsystem Vendors*** with software tools for optimizing engineering design

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CUSTOMER BASE



40+ network operators

- Bell Canada
- Bell South
- AT&T Wireless
- Worldcom
- Vodafone
- Many European Operators



90+ equipment vendors


- Cisco
- Fujitsu
- Siemens
- Alcatel
- Huawei



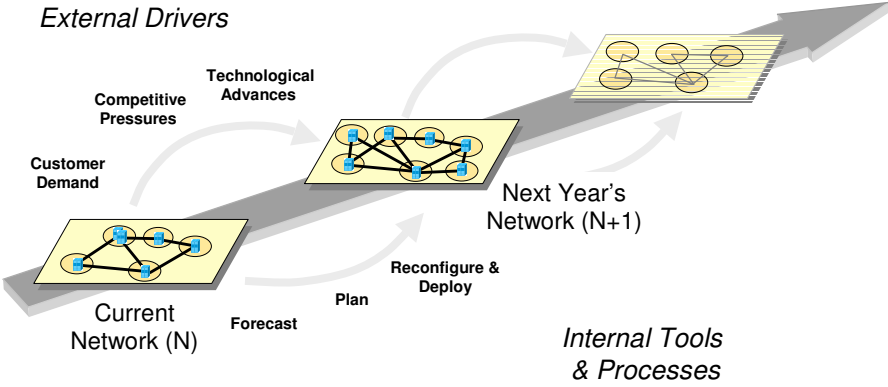
20+ component vendors

- JDS Uniphase
- Hewlett Packard
- Lasertron
- Hitachi

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The Network — Your most valuable asset



The diagram illustrates the network lifecycle. It starts with a 'Current Network (N)' represented by a network diagram. An arrow labeled 'Forecast' points to a 'Next Year's Network (N+1)' diagram. Above this transition, 'External Drivers' are listed: 'Competitive Pressures', 'Technological Advances', and 'Customer Demand'. Below the transition, 'Internal Tools & Processes' are listed: 'Plan' and 'Reconfigure & Deploy'. The entire process is shown on a large upward-pointing arrow.

Do you have a defined process to manage the network lifecycle, minimize CapEx and maximize profitability?

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Inefficient Network Planning and Engineering processes cost each carrier €Millions in CapEx and OpEx annually

- *Network capacity over-engineering*
- **Poor design optimization**
- *Incorrect engineering plans, non-standard installations, older equipment installs*
- **Poor consumption rules resulting in network hot spots**
- *No data flow through and process automation*

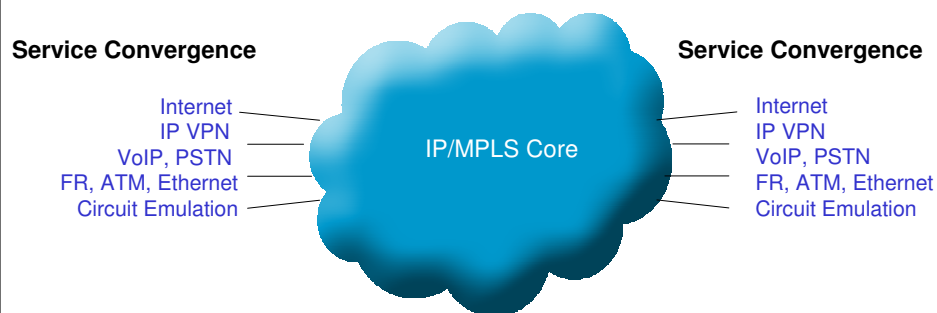
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The challenge of MPLS enabled IP network planning



- How does every service map across the core?
- **What is the impact of services at each layer of the network, including fiber, Sonet/SDH, WDM, and IP?**
- How to do traffic engineering to off-load congested links?

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VPIsystems is the only software vendor with a cross domain view of network planning and engineering

- **Vertical integration:** Layer 1, 2, & 3 Convergence
- **Horizontal integration:** Engineering Support Systems Domain

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Consistent transport network design

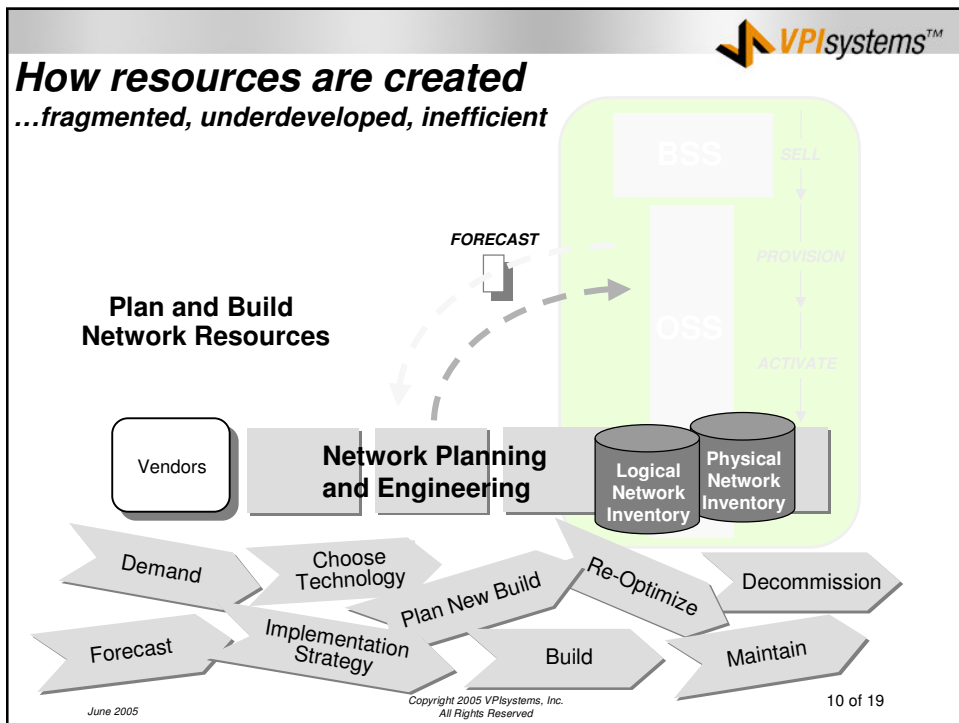
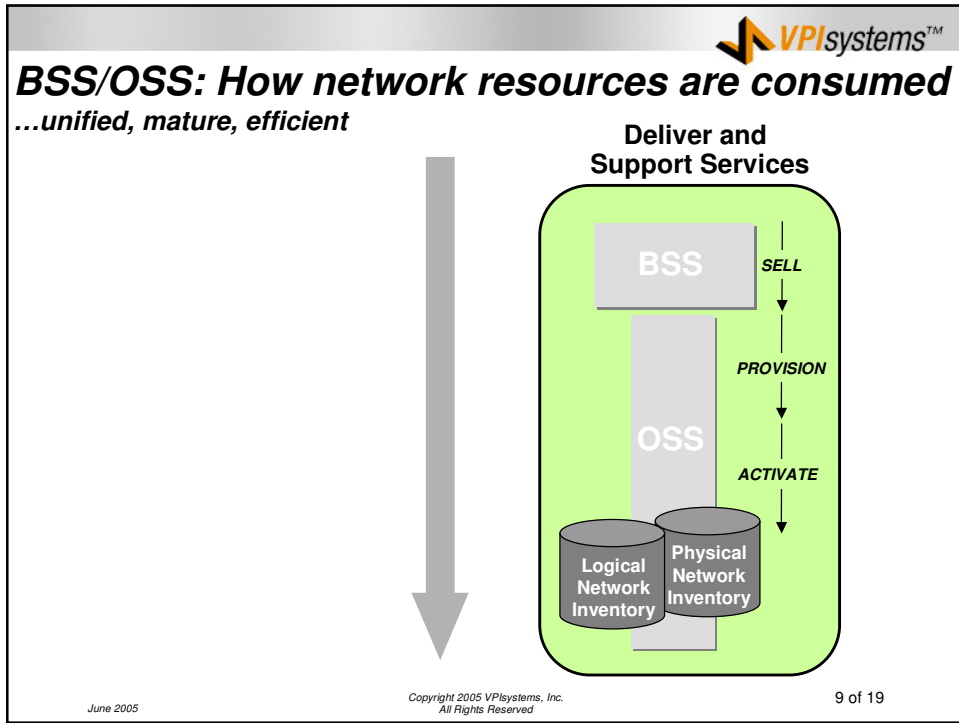
Hybrid network design

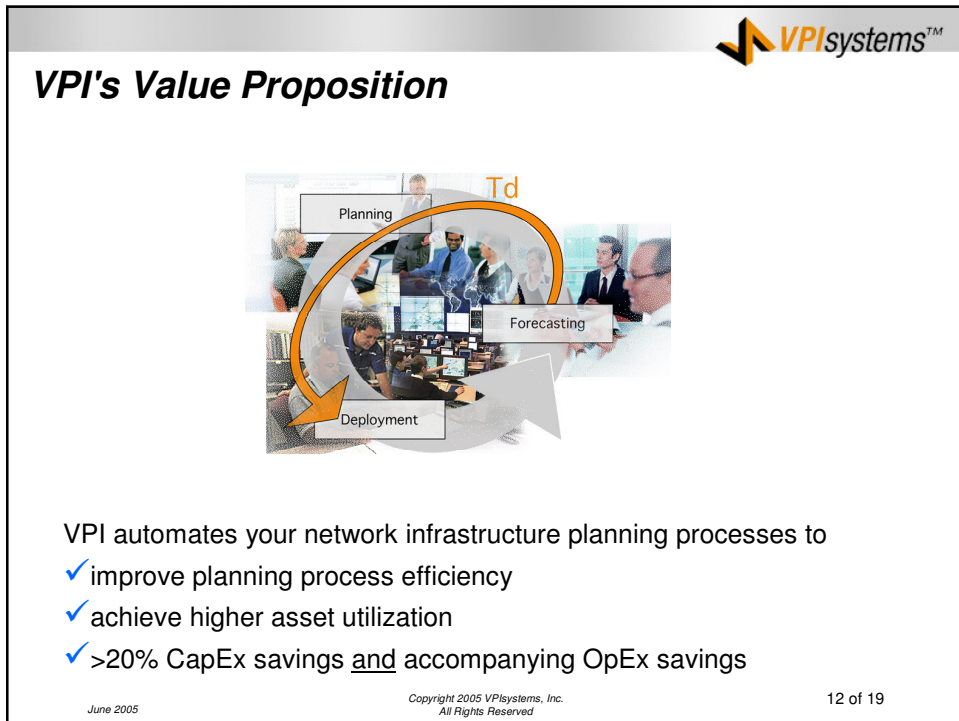
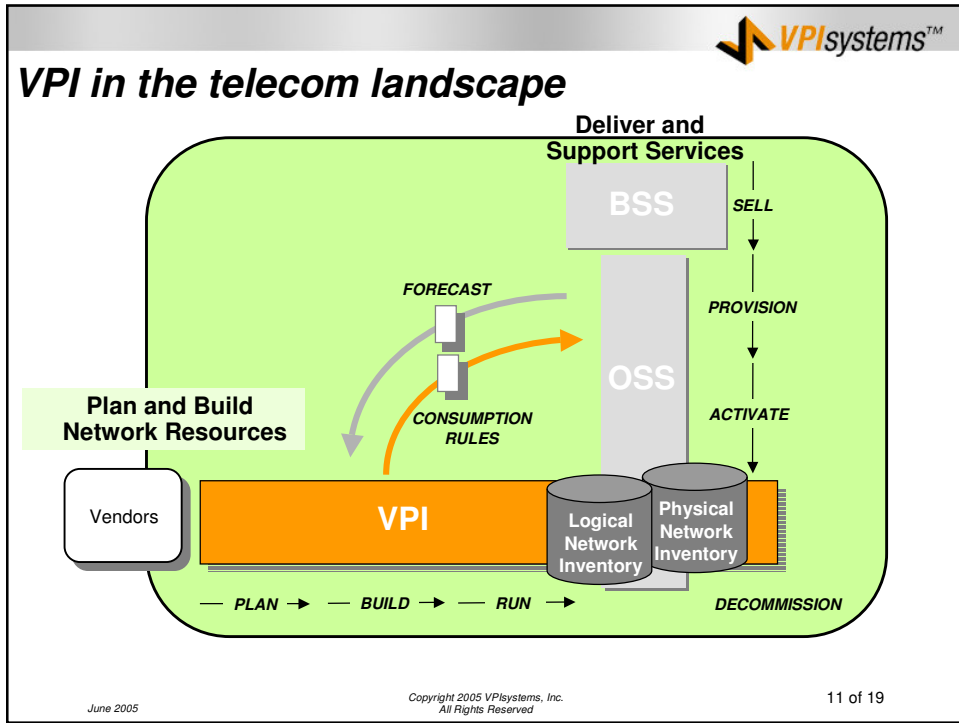
Design cases:

- Hybrid mesh/ring network design
- SONET/SDH ring optimization
- Equipment library definition
- Network analyzing and reporting

Network layer model (according to ITU G.803)

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Top 20 Carrier predicted savings using VPIsystems

Results from actual Proof of Concept

1. New Build

+

2. Re-optimization of existing rings

Determined the cost of top 50 COs while applying 3 user defined routing rules :

- *Least Hop Routing*
- *Shortest Path Routing*
- *Minimum Cost Routing*

| | Existing Network | Optimized Network |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| # of Modular Rings | 19 | 14 |
| Ring Technology | 2F-BLSR | 2F-BLSR |
| # of Nodes | 27 | 25 |
| Time Slot Assignment | | |
| Design Methodology | Ring validation | Just ring deloading |
| # of ADMs | 71 | 54 |
| # of Pass Thru Nodes | 45 | 38 |
| # of Networkwide Wavelengths | 116 | 92 |
| Avg. Ring Utilization | 39.64% | 64.27% |
| ADM Fixed Cost | 4,896,000 | 3,888,000 |
| ADM Port Cost | 290,200 | 316,600 |
| Pass Thru Node Cost | 45,000 | 38,000 |
| Fiber Cost | 717 | 589 |
| Total Ring Layer Cost | 5,231,917 | 4,243,189 |

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Detail from previous slide:

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Actual Top 20 carrier business case for VPIsystems

- IRR = 115%
- **Payback in under 12 months**
- 7% recurring CapEx savings for optimized new builds
- **1% annual realizable CapEx savings on embedded network optimization**

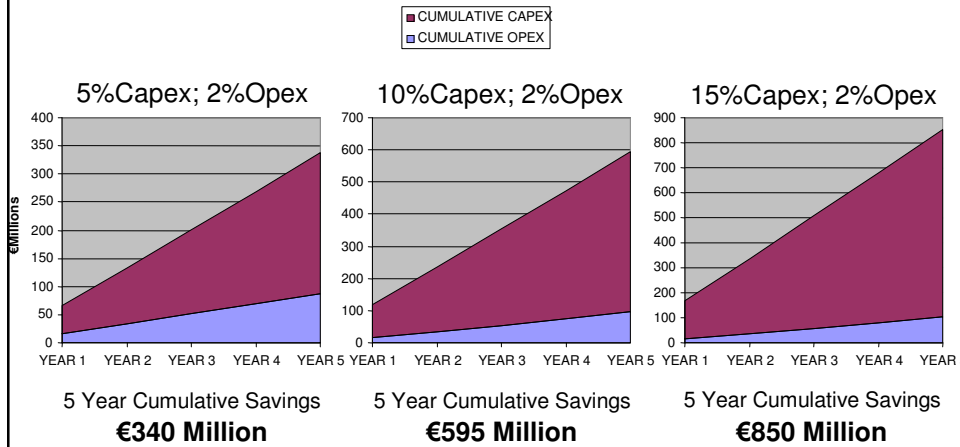
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Carrier savings @ €1 Billion annual CapEx budget



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Some typical problems solved by VPIsystems

- *How can I free up additional network capacity due to inefficient provisioning and gain more revenue?*
- **How can I be sure that the network is not “over built” and minimize my new CapEx investment?**
- *How can I more efficiently plan a migration to VoIP and advanced IP services?*
- **How can I plan my network migration to IP/MPLS, including true service redundancy and QoS?**
- *How can I anticipate and eliminate network hot-spots, and enforce network planning standards?*
- **How can I reduce the cost of backhaul for my mobile network?**
- *How can I minimize the cost of my tariffed enterprise network designs?*

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Recent successes

- *Enabling a tier one carrier to implement their next generation initiative to migrate TDM/ATM network to IP and optimize their core transport layer*
- **Enabled a tier one carrier to optimize infrastructure cost at the transport layer and save 20% CapEx for a €1 billion+ transport network**
- *Saved a wireless carrier €80 million annually by enabling them to selectively arbitrage selected long-haul traffic over owned facilities versus third party facilities*
- **Enabled a tier one carrier to retain key enterprise customers by optimizing network designs to lower costs within existing tariff constraints**
- *Enabled a major IP network vendor to transform their 6,000 sales force into design experts, providing 20% lower price quotations for major RFPs and improving profit margins*

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In summary

- *We offer the only solutions for planning and optimizing network resources across all network layers*
- ***We are the leading vendor of Engineering Support Software solutions that streamline network planning and engineering***
- *Our solutions are business case proven - in both the carrier and equipment vendor markets, providing strong CapEx and OpEx benefits, high IRR and short payback periods*
- ***We offer the most comprehensive portfolio of network planning tools in the industry***

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