UK Interoperability Standards

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NICC Standards

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- Why UK standards?
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What is NICC?

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- NICC is the design authority for the UK telecoms network
- We deliver interoperability standards for UK telecoms networks
- Our standards, which draw upon those developed in international fora, underpin
  - Interworking of traditional telephony networks
  - Interworking of next generation networks
  - Commercially neutral access networks
  - Number portability, Calling Line Identity
  - Network Security
  - End-to-end service quality

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Why uk standards?

Why UK standards?

National standards are bad

International standards are good

So why have UK standards?

Why UK standards?

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In general we don't!

NICC Standards works in two spaces:

- Profiling international standards
- Driving international standards

Why UK standards?

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Profiling international standards:

- International standards generally have options
- There needs to be some liaison to agree which options are used
- NICC develops the UK profile
- e.g. SIP

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Driving international standards #1:

- International agencies & blank sheets of paper don't mix
- Concepts are better socialised before going straight to an international agency
- Sometimes the business needs dictate a national solution which is then socialised internationally

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Driving international standards #2:

- Profiling, writing test specs & testing identifies flaws
- We can then take these back into international agencies
- e.g. SIP UNI

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A history of nicc

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NICC History

The history of NICC is the history of UK competitive telecoms

- Established in 1990s as a committee of Oftel
- With Ofcom emphasis on co-regulatory approach, NICC Standards was spun off as an industry owned body

NICC History

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Some NICC achievements

- The C7 protocols that have interconnected UK voice networks for the last 25 years
- Calling Line Identity standards
- Number portability
- Location for 999 service
- Access Network Frequency Plan that allows local loop unbundling
- Standards allowing competition in Next Generation Access
- SIP interconnect standards

Case study :
Next Generation Access (FTTH)

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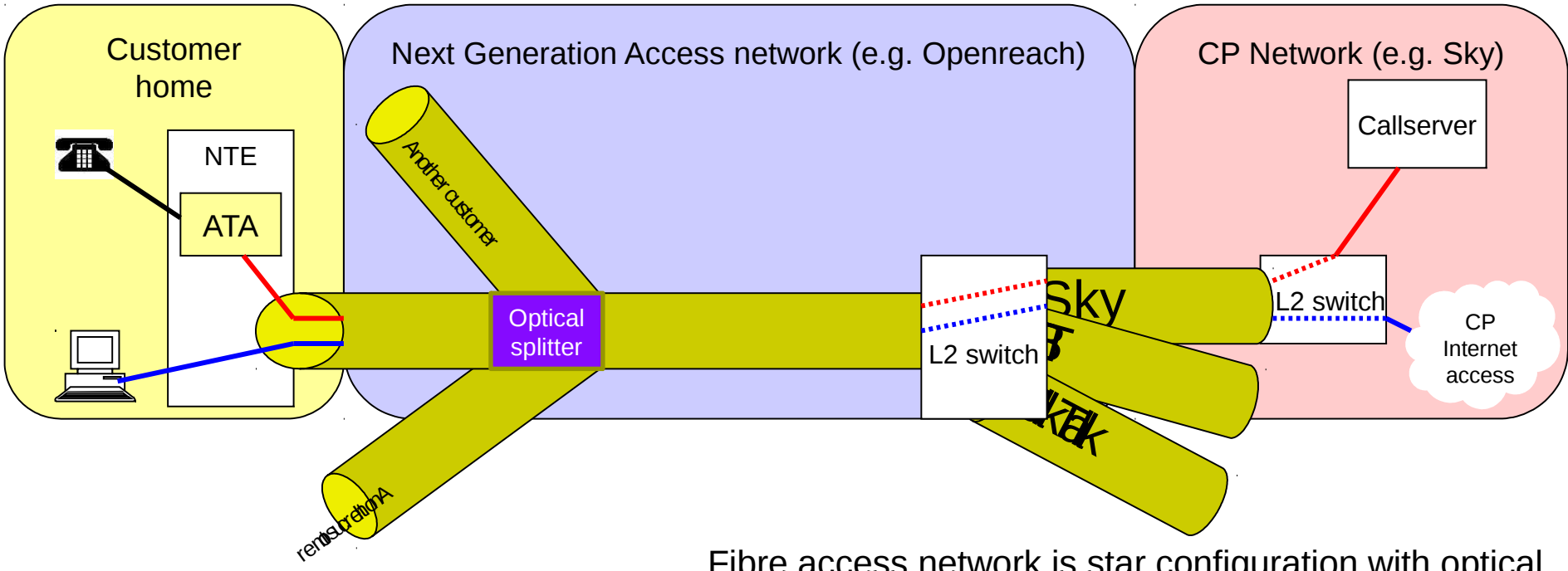

Competition is enabled by Ethernet VLANs

Fibre access network is star configuration with optical splitters.

So each fibre from exchange has multiple customers, each with their own CP, and each customer has multiple services

Voice is carried as Voice over IP (VoIP), seamlessly to customer

Case study :
Next Generation Access

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- Transport layer is called Active Line Access (ALA)
  - Requirements for Ethernet Interconnect and Ethernet ALA (ND1642)
  - Architecture for Ethernet ALA (ND1644)
  - Ethernet ALA Service Definition (ND1030)
  - ALA UNI specification (ND1031)
  - ALA NNI specification (ND1036)
  - Management specs…(ND1649, ND1651)
- Voice application layer is called NGA-Telephony
  - NGA telephony : Architecture & Requirements (ND1645)
  - NGA telephony : SIP User Profile (ND1033)
  - NGA telephony : Management (ND1646)

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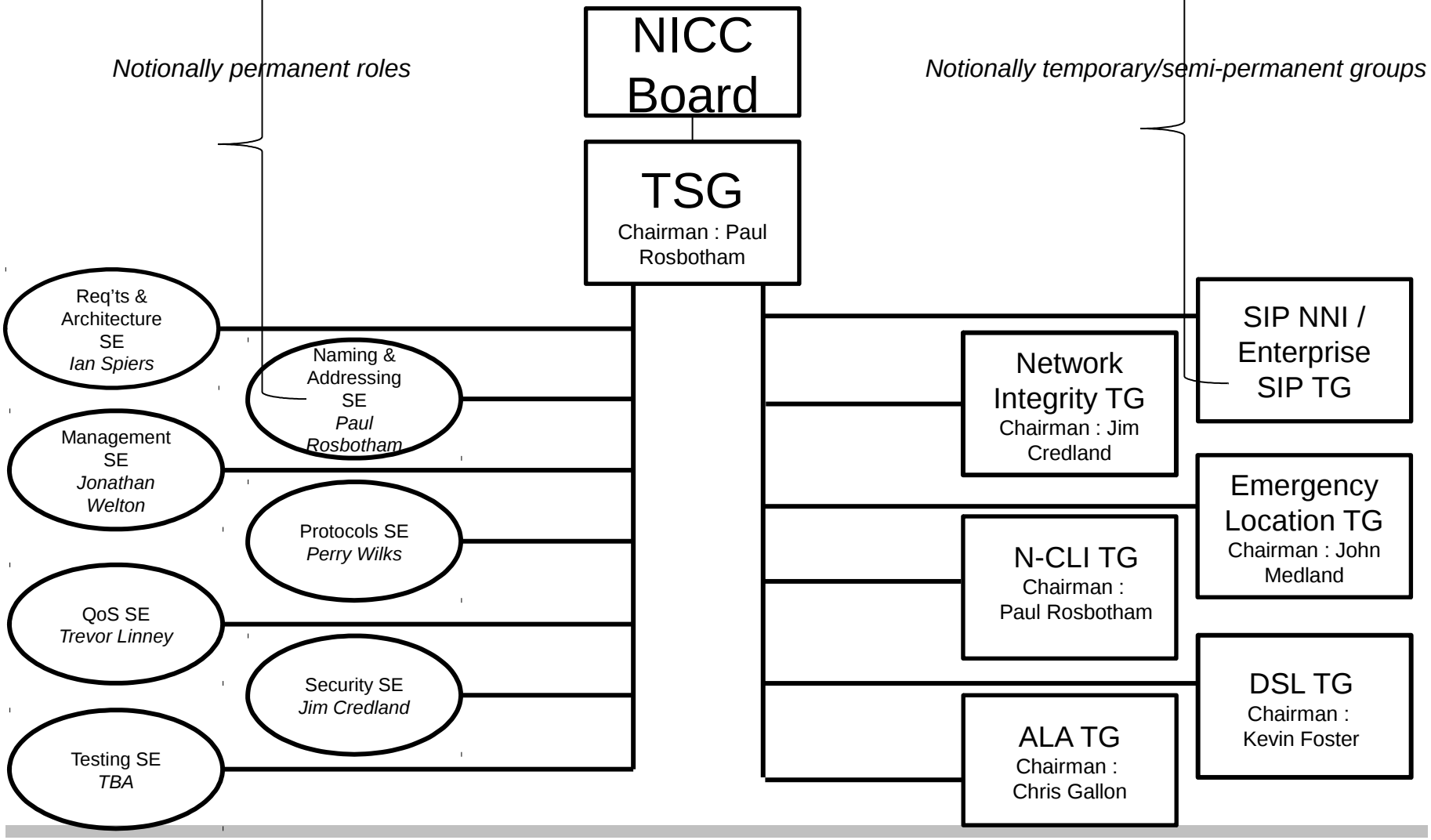
Current activity

Our Structure



Standards Delivered in 2013

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DSL TG

- ND1436 – Wires only VDSL2 test plan

SIP NNI/Enterprise SIP TG

- ND1647 – SIP NNI Basic Voice Architecture
- ND1035 – SIP NNI Signalling Interface

ALA TG

- ND1417 – ALA management & provisioning architecture
- ND1649 – B2B L2C for ALA
- ND1651 – B2B L2C XML standard for ALA
- ND1031 – ALA UNI specification

Nuisance Calling / CLI TG

- ND1437 – Nuisance Call Tracing

Our workstack #1

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DSL TG

- ND1517 – Exchange-based VDSL2
- ND1518 – DSM techniques
- ND1516 – Vectoring use cases

SIP NNI/Enterprise SIP TG

- ND1034 – Corporate SIP Signalling Interface
- ND1035 – SIP NNI Signalling Interface (v2)
- ND1037 – SIP NNI interworking specification

Network Integrity TG

- (Potential) update to ND1407, prevention of dial thru fraud, to reflect SIP PBXs

Our workstack #2

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ALA TG

- ND1652 – NGA-T management XML specification

N-CLI TG

- Update to ND1437 – Nuisance Call Tracing
- ND1016 – CLI Guidelines

Emloc

- ND1432 - Use cases for ND1638
- ND1514 – Report on Emergency services over IP

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Membership

NICC members

NICC membership is open to anyone with an interest in the UK telecoms market. We have approximately 50 members

Traditional fixed Communications Providers:
e.g. BT, Virgin, Gamma, Colt, TalkTalk, Sky, KCOM

Mobile Providers:
e.g. Vodafone, Everything Everywhere, Three, Telefonica

Internet telephony providers:
e.g. Magrathea, Ikanos

Equipment vendors:
e.g. Ericsson, Telent, Ftel, Genband, Huawei, ECI

Government/regulators:
Ofcom, BIS, CPNI

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for Full Members - £2,500 plus VAT
for Associate Members – £1,250 plus VAT

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