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**Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet
Call-for-Interest
Opening Report**



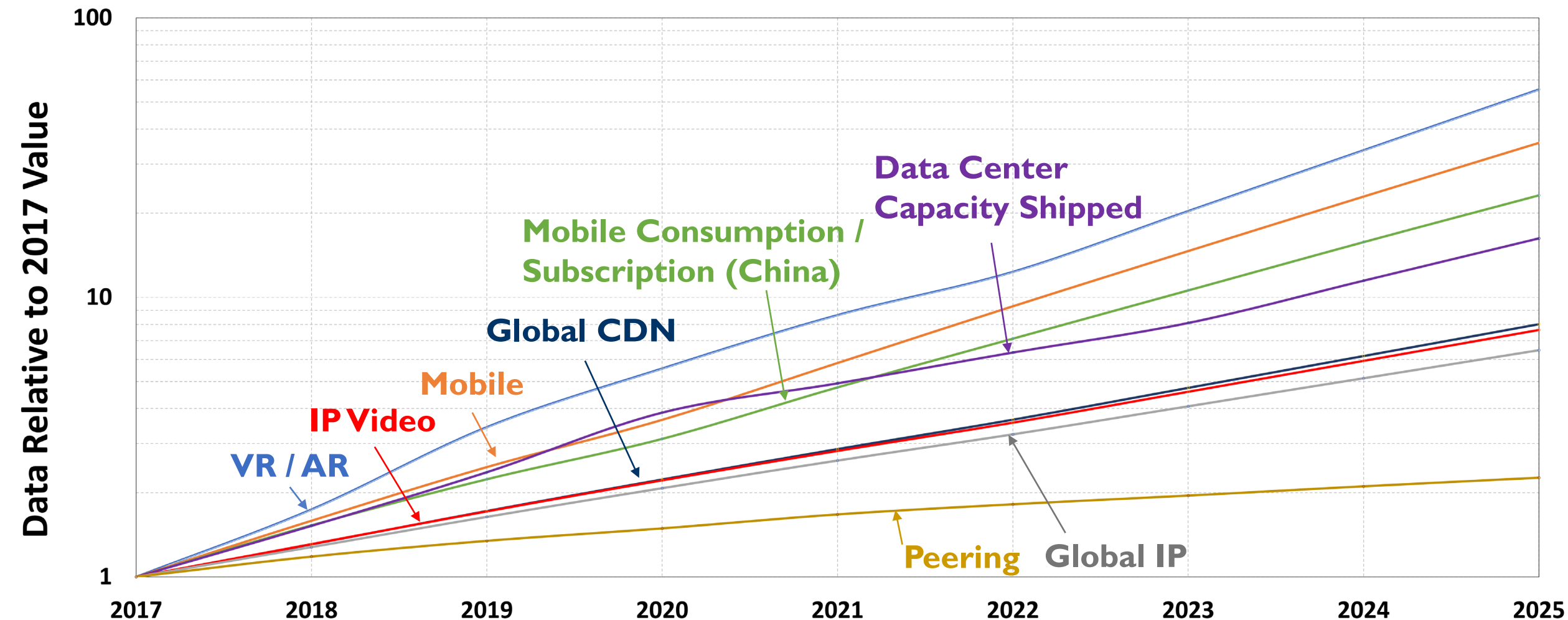
THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME

- **2020 Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment (BWA)** documented latest analysis of industry bandwidth needs and driving factors

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Increased} & & \text{Increased access} & & \text{Increased} & & \text{Bandwidth} \\ \text{\# of users} & \times & \text{methods and} & \times & \text{services} & = & \text{Explosion} \\ & & \text{rates} & & & & \end{array}$$

- **2020 Ethernet BWA**
 - Report - <https://bit.ly/802d3bwa2>
 - Tutorial – https://bit.ly/802d3bwa2_tut

The 2020 Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment

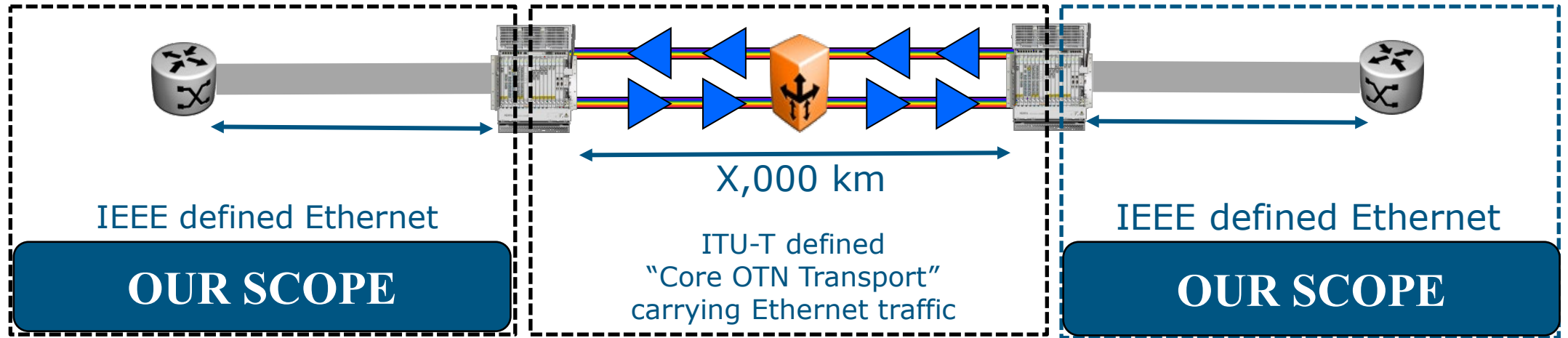


What are We Talking About?

- **Continuous bandwidth growth everywhere!**
 - **By 2025 traffic levels of applications studied will be 2.3x to 55.4x 2017 levels**
 - **Underlying trends support continued bandwidth growth**
- **Ethernet interconnect must continue to scale to support bandwidth growth of multiple applications**
- **Goal of the CFI is to form a study group to explore the market need and solutions for Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet**

THE SCOPE OF ETHERNET TODAY

Scenario #1



Scenario #2



The Entire Ethernet Family Needs Consideration



CFI Consensus Presentation

- **A consensus building presentation was held in the New Ethernet Applications Ad hoc on Thursday, Oct 29, 2020**

- **CFI Consensus Presentation - http://bit.ly/B400G_CFIC**
- **# of attendees – 117 (per IMAT)**

- **Strawpoll summary**

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Should a Study Group be formed for “Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet”? | 1. Y/N/A - 98 / 2 / 3 |
| 2. I would participate in the “Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet” Study Group in IEEE 802.3 | 2. Tally – 88 |
| 3. I believe my affiliation would support my participation in the “Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet” Study Group in IEEE 802.3 | 3. Tally: 51 |

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Call-For-Interest

The IEEE 802.3 2020 Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment examined a multitude of applications and forecasts a broad diversity in network traffic growth rates by 2025 ranging from 2.3x to 55.4x the amount of traffic these same applications experienced in 2017. This same assessment also examined the underlying factors of bandwidth growth, i.e. users, access rates, and applications, and highlighted the forecasted growth of these factors, which will only provide further pressure on future network bandwidth requirements. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic, which occurred after the completion of the 2020 Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment, highlighted the critical role of networking in everyday life. The importance of these networks to support the bandwidth demand of these times cannot be overstated.

The development of a new Ethernet rate and physical layer solutions supporting greater than 400 Gb/s will provide the industry with the next solution set it needs to address the bandwidth demands of the various applications examined, such as mobile, data center, and IP video. It is also recognized that any signaling rates used for higher speed physical layer specifications may be applicable to creating physical layer specifications for existing Ethernet rates, which would enable optimized solutions to meet bandwidth demands throughout network architectures.

This call for interest is to request the formation of the "Beyond 400 Gb/s Ethernet" Study Group to consider the development of solutions supporting Ethernet rates greater than 400 Gb/s, and the application of any signaling rates used to support Ethernet rates greater than 400 Gb/s to existing Ethernet rates.

THANK YOU!

