

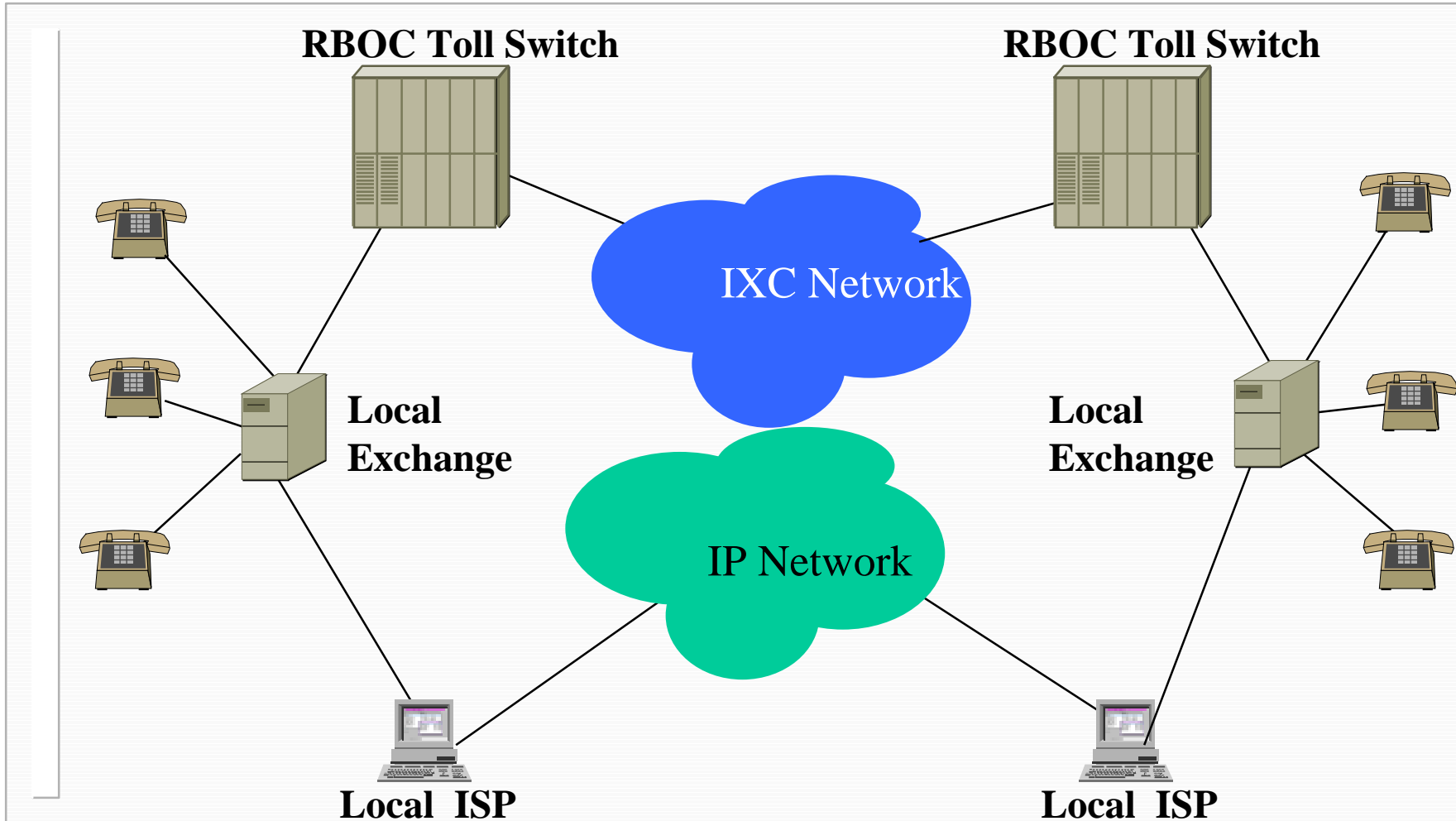
Telecommunications @ Crossroads

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Current Network Infrastructure



The Traffic Transition Model

■ Assumptions:

- Installed Capacity closely matched with peak traffic
- Capacity growing at constant compounded rate

■ Formulation:

- $C(\tau) = C_o(1+r_x)^\tau$

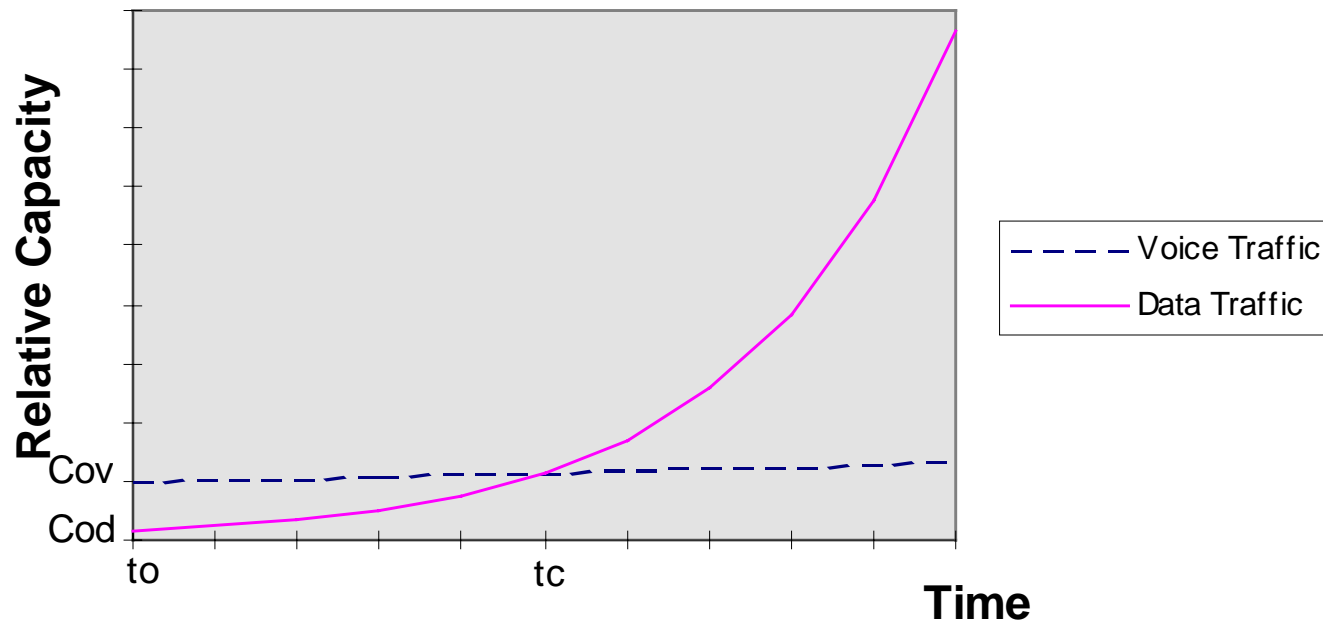
where C_o is a base capacity, r_x is a voice or data growth rate, and τ is a time duration

- $C_{ov} = \alpha C_{od}$

where α is a constant determined during the model's calibration

Model Formulation

GROWTH OF DATA AND VOICE CAPACITIES



* The general function used to plot these graphs was $k(1+x)^t$. A different value of x was used in both the voice and data cases with $x(\text{voice}) < x(\text{data})$.

Desired Model Results

■ Five quantities of interest:

1 t_1 or the lead-user point:

Defn - The point at which packet-data traffic required 10% of the total capacity

2 t_c or the crossover point:

Defn - The point where both types of service require the same capacity

3 t_e or the eclipse point:

Defn - The point where packet-data traffic consumes 90% of overall backbone capacity

4 The time interval $t_c - t_1$

5 The time interval $t_e - t_c$

Calibrating the Traffic Transition Model

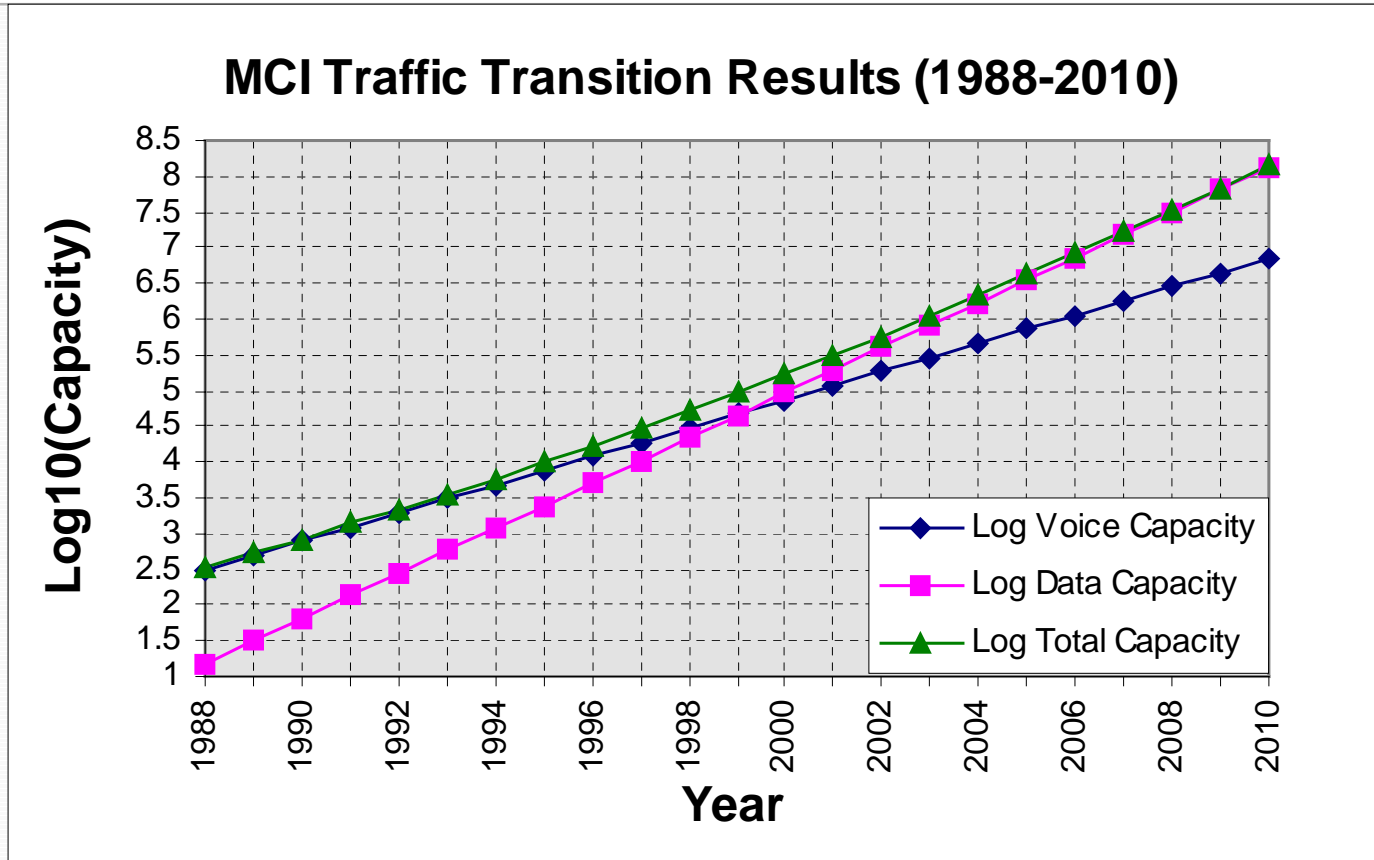
■ Four Step Process:

- 1 Obtain Overall Capacity C_{total} at known points
- 2 Decompose C_{total} into C_{voice} and C_{data} components
- 3 Determine growth rates r_v , r_d , and r_{total}
- 4 Determine t_l , t_c , t_e

■ Process applied to two data sets:

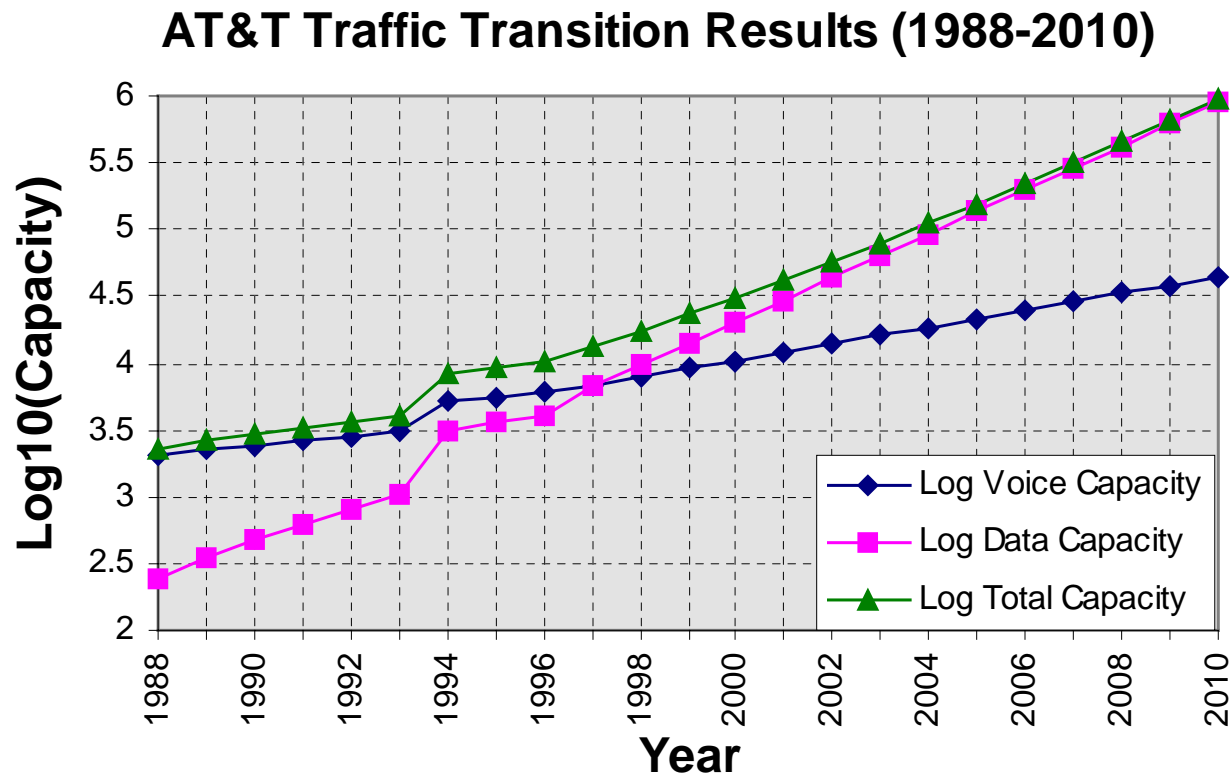
- For a selected MCI POP
- For a selected ATT POP

Model Results - MCI Case



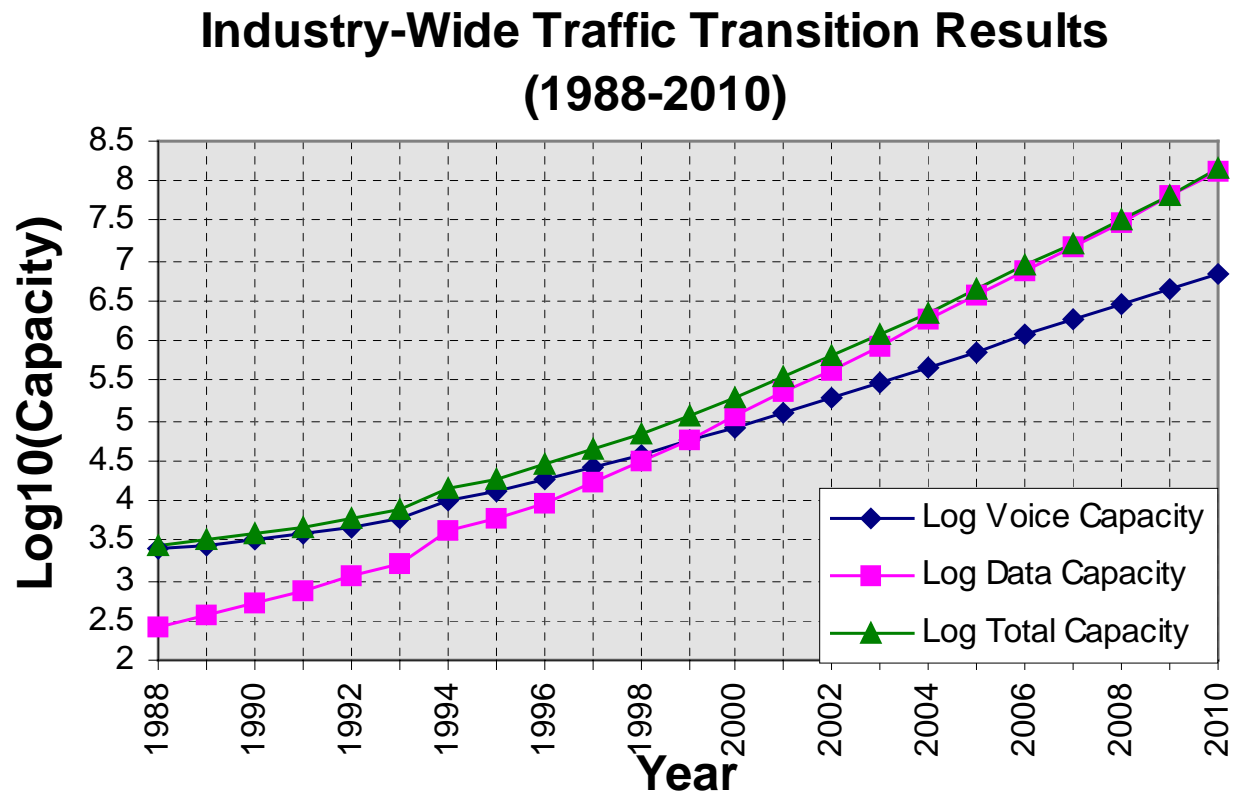
t_1	t_c	t_e	$t_c - t_1$	$t_e - t_c$
1991	Jan 1999	2007	8 yrs	8 yrs

Model Results - ATT Case



t_1	t_c	t_e	$t_c - t_1$	$t_e - t_c$
1988	Apr 1997	2006	9 yrs	9 yrs

Model Results - Industry-wide



t_l	t_c	t_e	$t_c - t_l$	$t_e - t_c$
1988	Nov 1998	2007	10 years	9 years

Key Findings - General

- Window in which data traffic increases to contribute 90% of overall traffic is 10 years from 1997.
- Crossover point in 1998.
- Suddenness of the change, as opposed to change itself, is key in determining post “crossover” industry structure.

Key Findings - IP Telephony

- Due to short transition interval, growth of IP telephony will be very sudden and very significant
- Potential of infrastructure sharing is key driver of IP telephony, not bandwidth savings

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