International Submarine Cable Development: New Infrastructure, New Prices?

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### Outline

- Recent Cable Investment
- Planned Builds
- Reasons to Construct Cables
- Geography of International Connectivity
- Future of Capacity Prices



## The Magical Kingdom of Submarine Cables





#### **Recent Cable Investment**







#### Connectivity: 1998

Countries without Fiber-Optic Connectivity (Shaded Red)





#### Connectivity: Now

Countries without Fiber-Optic Connectivity (Shaded Red)





#### The Final Investment Frontier?

#### Countries without Fiber-Optic Connectivity

Country	Population	Country (continued)	Population
Eritrea	4,996,000	Tuvalu	10,000
Guinea-Bissau	1,800,000	* Saint Helena	6,241
Timor Leste	1,000,000	Falkland Islands	2,913
* Solomon Islands	500,000	Norfolk Island	2,302
Western Sahara	400,000	Niue	1,909
* Vanuatu	230,000	Christmas Is. (Indian Ocean)	1,403
* Tonga	102,000	Tokelau	1,400
Kiribati	100,000	Ascension Island	1,270
Palau	21,000	Antarctica	1,000
Cook Islands	19,390	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	600
Wallis and Futuna	15,000	Pitcairn Islands	67
Nauru	13,000	South Georgia	30

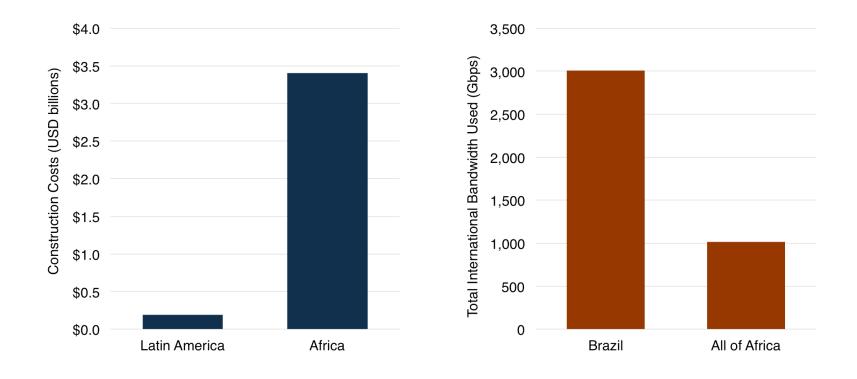
Notes: List includes independent countries and semi-autonomous entities that have no access to international submarine fiber-optic networks via direct landings or terrestrial fiber connections through neighboring countries. Countries with an asterisk (\*) would be connected by international cables proposed for construction in the next three years.



#### Cable Development Not Balanced

Cost of New Cables, 2009-2012

Int'l Bandwidth Usage, 2012





#### Planned Cable Builds







#### **Proposed Cables**





#### Proposed Cables that are <u>Funded</u>





## Where's the Development?

- Regions getting the most attention:
  - Latin America
  - Southeast Asia
  - South Pacific
- Lots of talk about other regions but not much action yet:
  - Trans-Atlantic
  - Australia
  - Trans-Pacific
  - Northwest Passage/Arctic

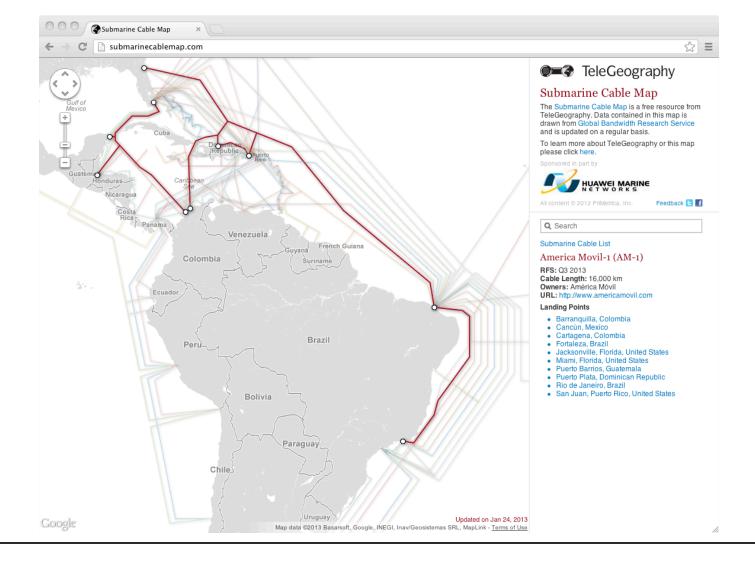


#### Planned Cables in Latin America

Cable Name	RFS	Landing Countries
GlobeNet Segment 5 (Bermuda-U.S.)	Q1 2013	Bermuda, United States
American Movil-1	Q3 2013	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, United States
GlobeNet Colombia Express	Q4 2013	Colombia, branching unit on existing GlobeNet cable
South Atlantic Cable System (SACS)	Q3 2014	Angola, Brazil
Pacific Caribbean Cable System (PCCS)	Q3 2014	Aruba, Curacao, Ecuador, Panama, Puerto Rico, United States, U.K. Virgin Islands
WASACE Americas	Q3 2014	Brazil, Colombia, Panama, United States
South Atlantic Express (SAEx)	Q4 2014	Brazil, Saint Helena, South Africa
WASACE Africa	Q4 2014	Brazil, Nigeria
Seabras-1	Q1 2015	Brazil, United States
SACS Segment 2 (United States)	n.a.	Brazil, Colombia, United States
SACS Segment 4 (Uruguay)	n.a.	Brazil, Uruguay
SACS Segment 5 (Europe)	n.a.	Brazil, Canary Islands

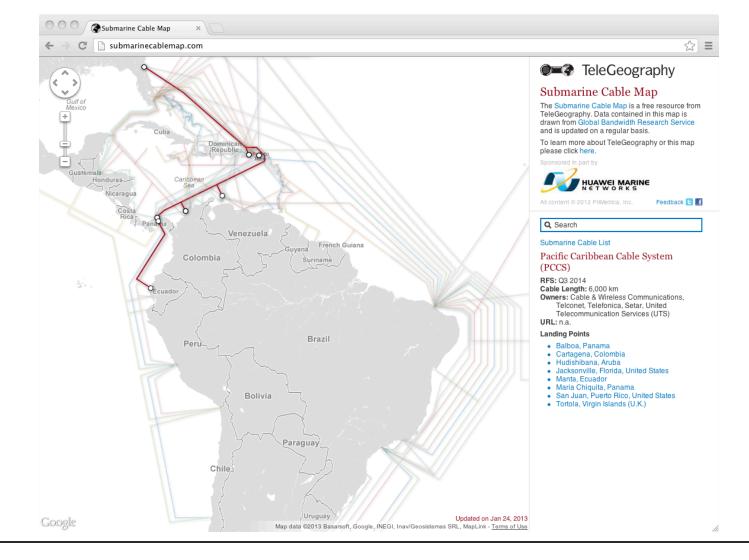


#### Planned Cables: AM-1



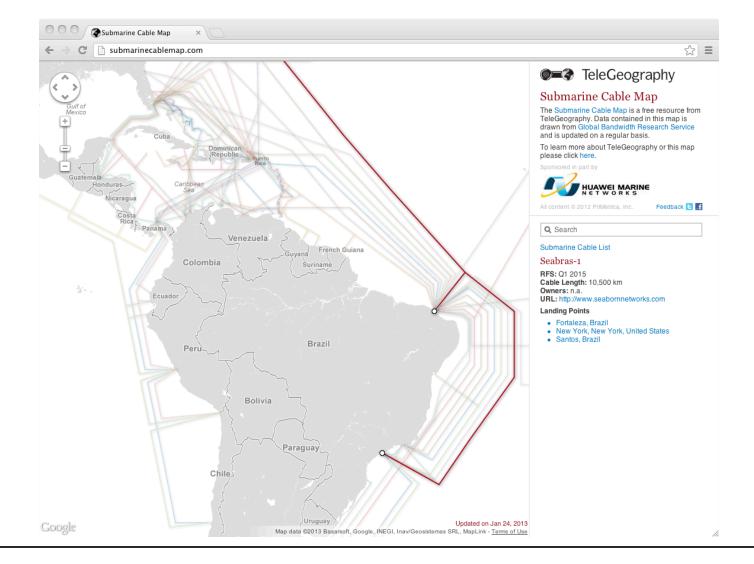


#### Planned Cables: PCCS



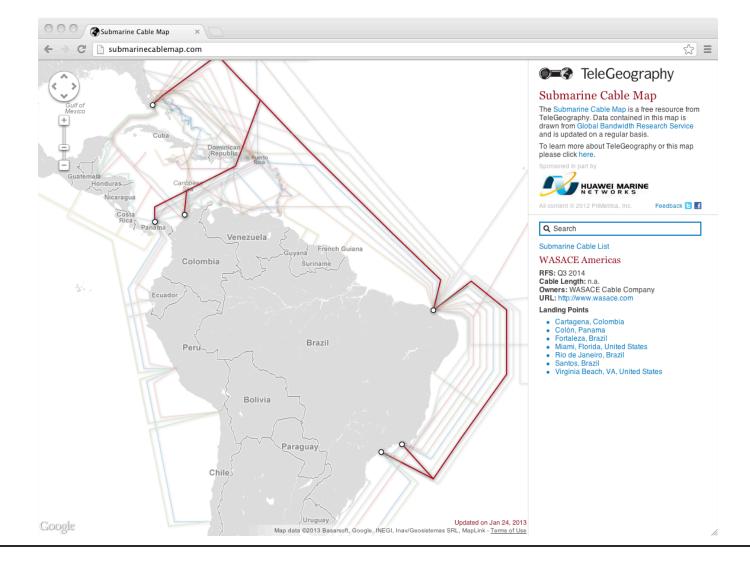


#### Planned Cables: Seabras



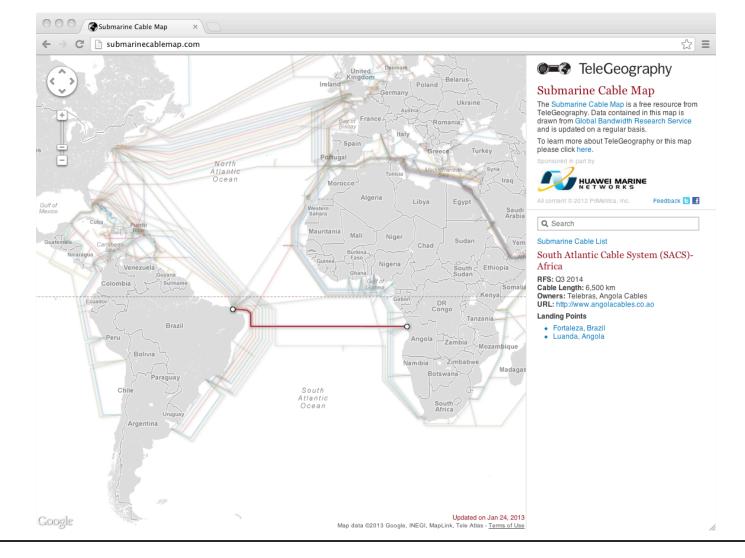


#### Planned Cables: WASACE





#### **Planned Cables: SACS**





#### **Reasons to Construct Cables**



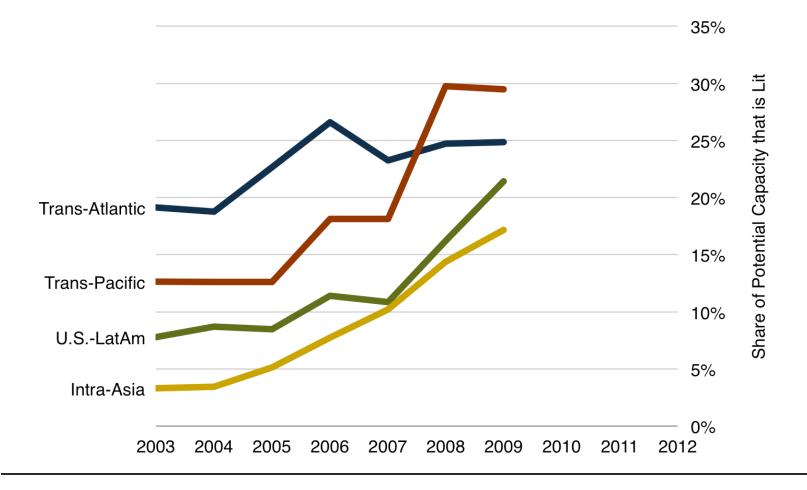




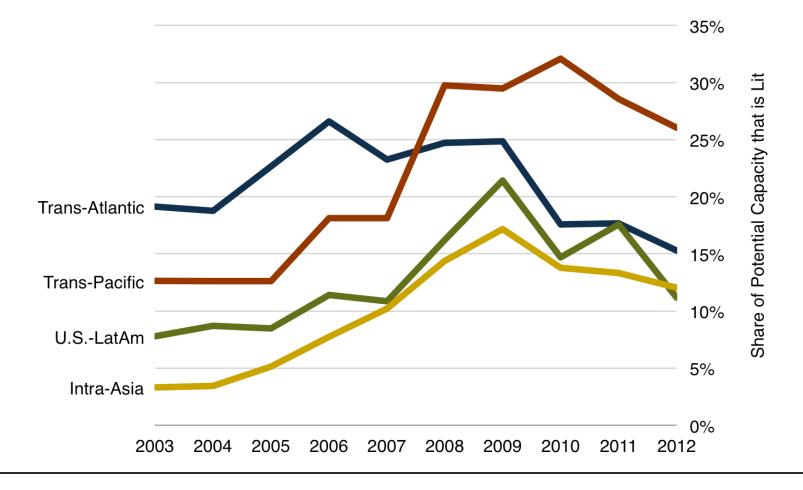
#### **Capacity Exhaustion?**

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#### Capacity Exhaustion? (Nope.)

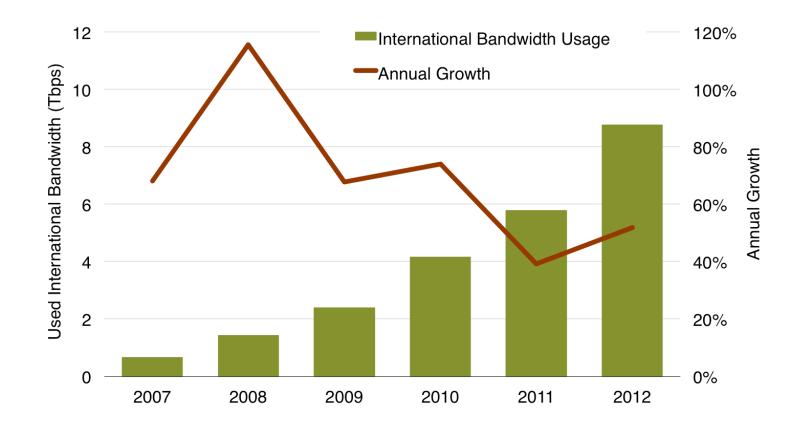


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### Bandwidth Demand Growth: Slowing, but Still Strong

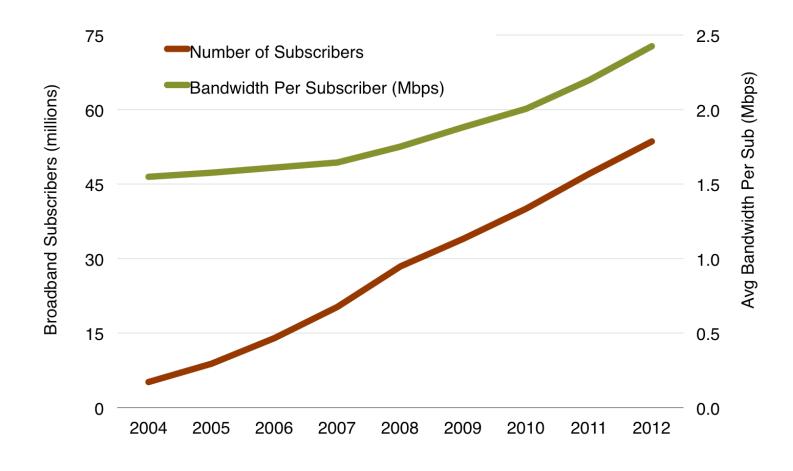
Latin American Used International Bandwidth, 2007-12





#### End-users Drive Internet Traffic

LatAm Broadband Subscribers and Average Access Speeds





#### Who Reaches these Subscribers?

Upstream Provider		Subscribers Reached (m)		
World				
Level 3		369.5		
TeliaSonera		345.4		
Caribbean & Atlantic				
Verizon Business		0.3		
Broadband One		0.3		
Central America				
America Mov	/il	8.2		
Verizon Business		5.9		
South Americ	ca			
Telefonica		14.7		
Telecom Italia		10.7		

Notes: Data reflect number of broadband subscribers of ISPs reached by single-hop ASN adjacency through upstream Internet backbone providers. Data based exclusively on BGP table analysis and do not reflect actual traffic or IP transit revenues of the upstream providers.



## Limited Competition

Transport Tri-opoly to Brazil:

- Level 3 (Global Crossing) / Telecom Italia
- Telefonica
- Globenet (Oi)

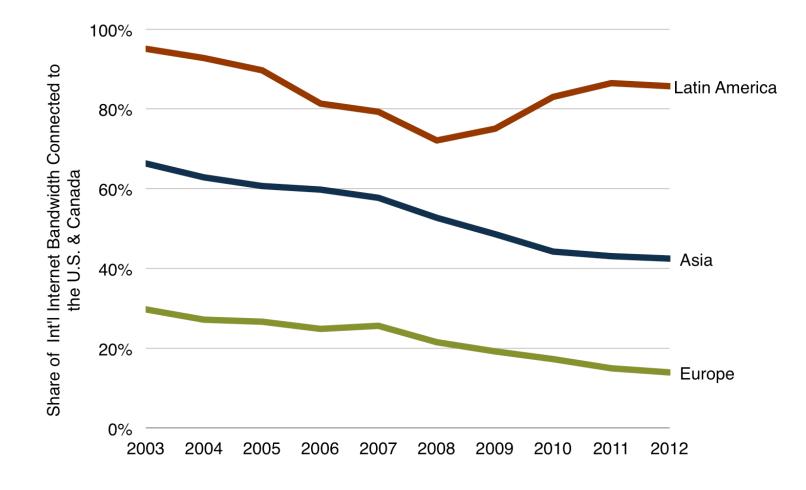


#### Geography of International Connectivity *AKA*





#### Connectivity Still Focused on U.S.

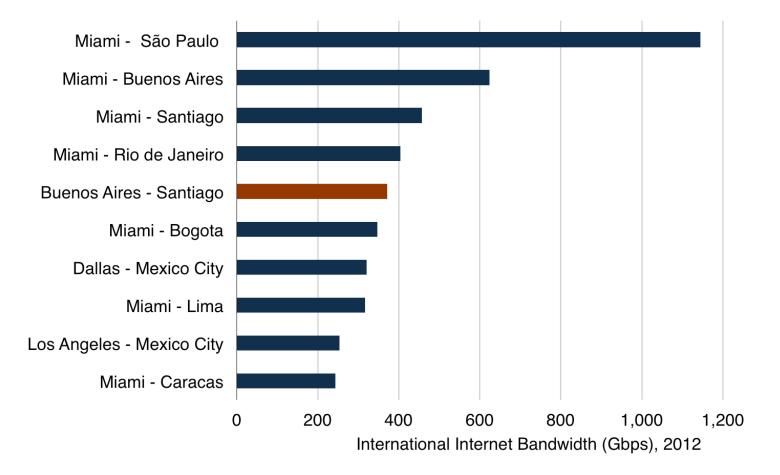


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#### **Biggest Roads Lead Northward**

#### Top 10 International Internet Routes of Latin America





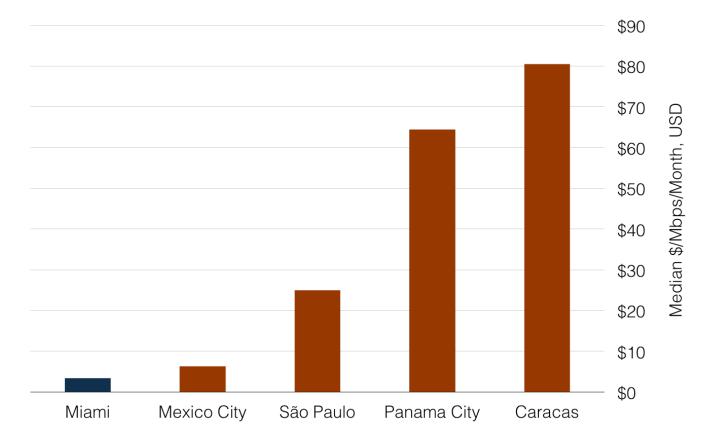
# Future of Capacity Prices *AKA*





#### One Reason to Connect to Miami: Prices

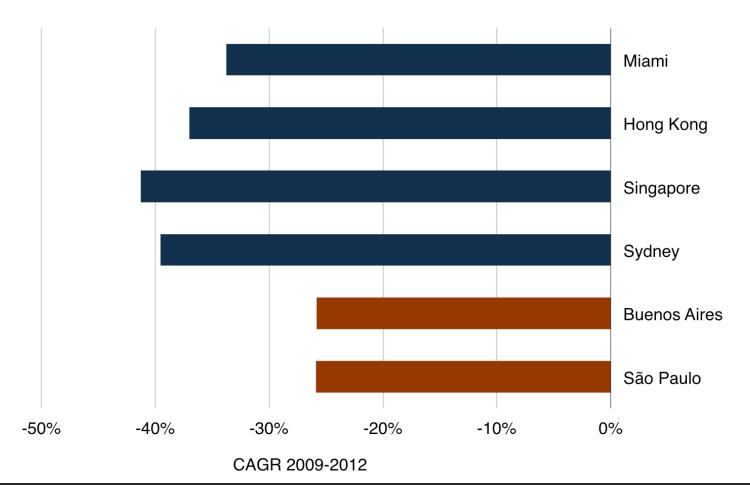
GigE Full Port IP Transit Prices,Q4 2012





#### Faster Declines in the U.S.

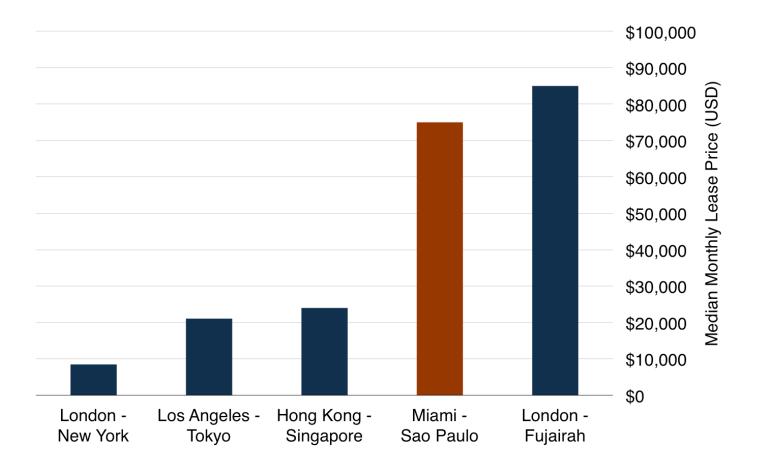
Median 10 GigE IP Transit Price Erosion, 2009-2012





#### **Transport Prices are Still Costly**

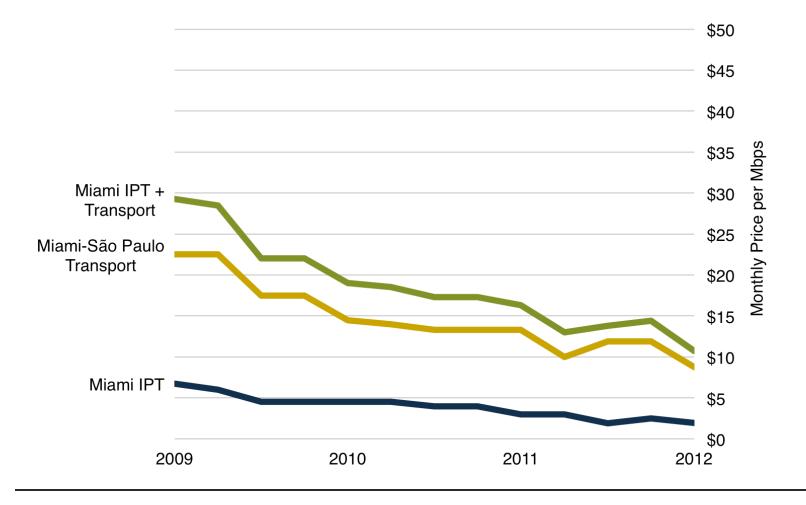
Median 10 Gbps Wavelength Prices, Q4 2012





#### IPT vs. Transport Prices

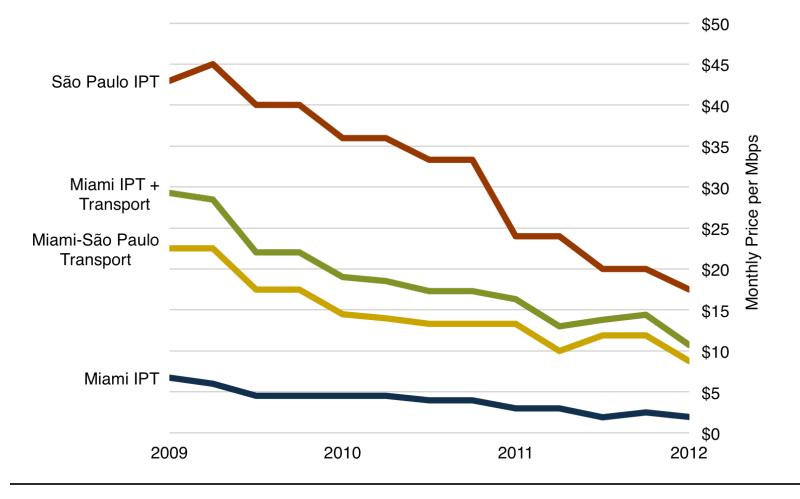
Monthly Price per Mbps for 10GigE Port and 10 Gbps Wavelength





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#### So Long, Pardner!

Questions?



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