

# Future Trends in the Mobile Telecommunications Industry

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# Future Trends

- **Future of Mobile Multimedia**

*Mobile-centric or application-centric: A huge difference in value and a matter of standardisation*

- **Fixed-to-Mobile Convergence and Substitution**

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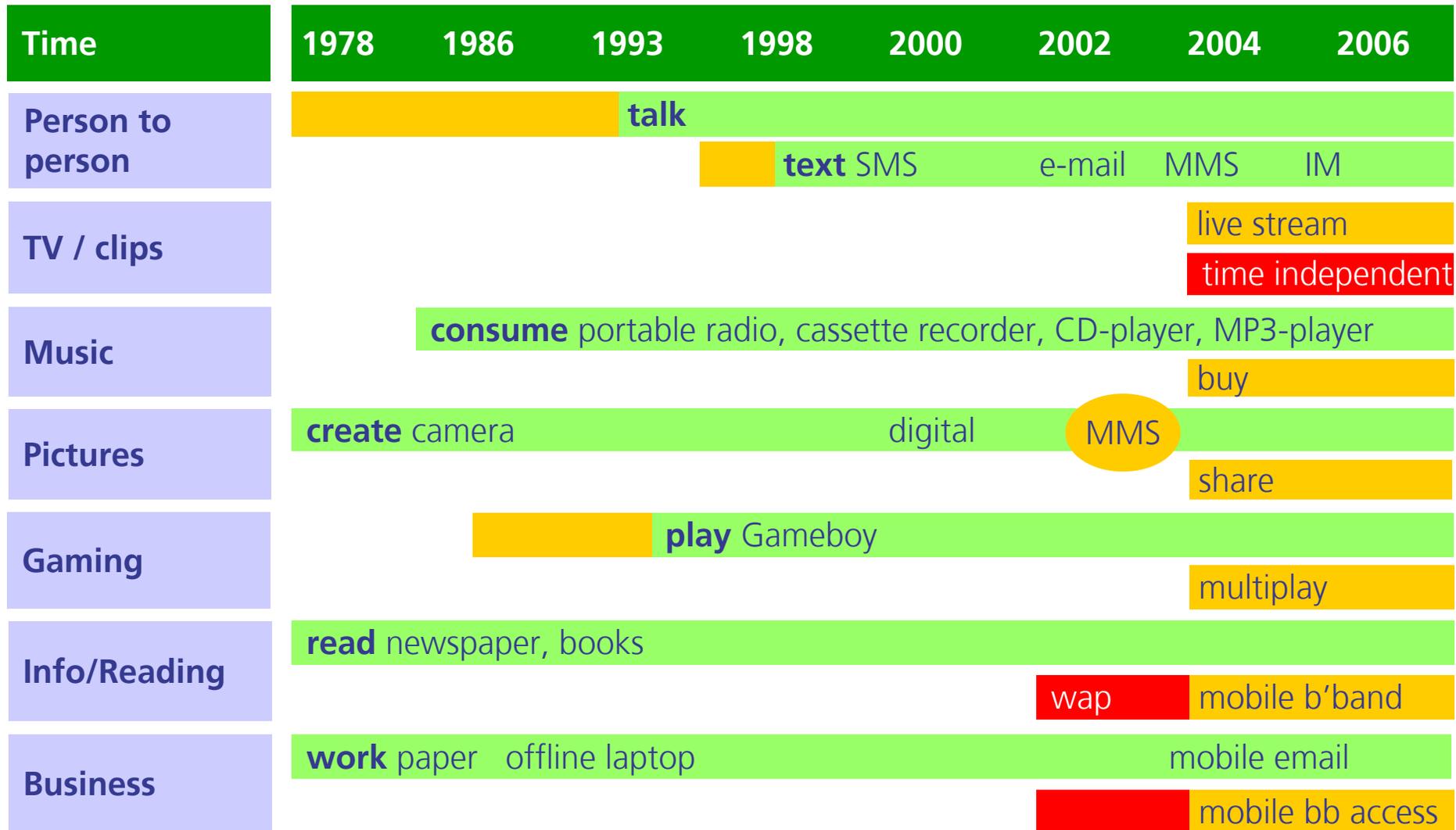
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# Mobile Multimedia: Development of Mobility



■ technically existent, mass market capability failed
 ■ technically existent, mass market capability proven
 ■ technically existent, mass market capability unproven

# End Devices: The Game is Open

## ■ Mobile-centric

Convergence towards **“one device”** with mobile broadband access

- Notebooks for business customers
- Smart Phones for residential customers



## ■ Application-centric

Convergence towards **„multiple devices”**, each one equipped with a mobile broadband access



# Fragmentation

Currently fragmented devices, operating systems and networks

- **End user devices**
  - Fragmentation of devices
  - Fragmentation of operating systems
  - Security issues / DRM
- **Mobile networks**
  - Fragmentation of access technologies due to physical limitations
  - „Seamless Access“ at highest available bandwidth preferred by end user
- **Applications**
  - Fragmentation on the application layer
  - „Walled Garden“ instead of „Open Garden“

**High level of fragmentation prevents offering of scalable, performing multimedia services. For now, this leaves the predominance to application-centric devices.**

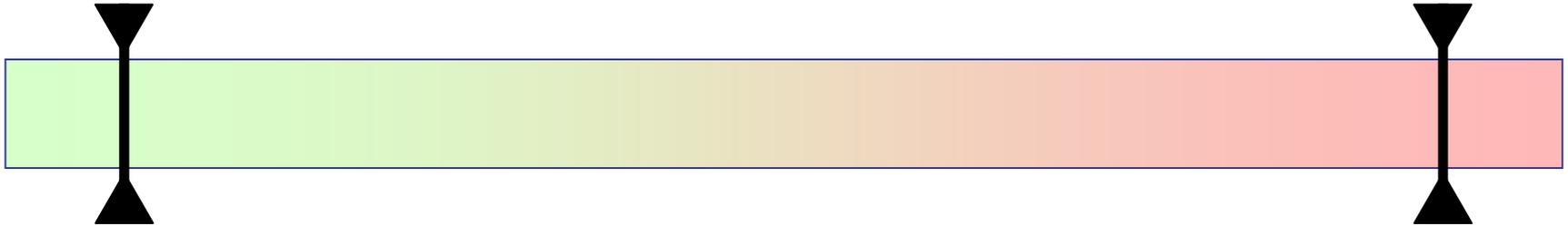
# Future of Mobile Multimedia

## Conclusion

### Mobile Operator

Opportunity

Threat



Huge opportunity, but need to overcome the limitations of a fragmented world first during short window of opportunity. If this problem is not solved in medium term, it might become huge threat.

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# FMC / FMS Customer Needs

- Customer needs regarding Fixed-to-Mobile Convergence and Substitution are heterogeneous
  - Business vs. residential customers
  - Singles vs. families
  - Students vs. pensioners
- Thus, there will be different technical solutions for these different customer needs and the current technical debate (UMA, CTP, SIP, IMS etc) is being held in vain
- Regardless of the different segments, the most expected customer benefits are lower prices (one access fee, in-house mobile voice) and easy-to-use solutions

## Impact on revenue streams for mobile operators

- Access 
- Voice  -  (dependant on fixed line/mobile premium)
- Data services successful, but data revenues not growing at expected rates
- Thus, some mobile operators see FMS offerings as a potential growth engine
- The long-term outcome of this strategy is unclear
  - Different scalability of mobile networks vs. fixed lines
  - Potential cannibalization of the 60% in-house revenues
  - Arguments for a mobility price premium might be challenged
  - Need of some form of fixed line broadband bundling
  - UMTS / HSDPA are ill alternatives for DSL

## Impact on revenue streams for fixed line operators

- Narrowband Access → (instead of declining without FMC)
- Voice ↗
- Broadband Access →
- Broadband Services →
  
- As broadband penetration increases, broadband applications such as VoIP will reach critical mass
- Thus, the revenue flow for a fixed line operator will move towards broadband revenues with mainly flat fee pricing

# FMC / FMS for an Integrated Operator

## Impact on revenue streams for fixed line operators

- Narrowband Access                      ↘↘
  - Voice (PSTN & Mobile)                ↘-↘↘↘
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- For an integrated operator, FMC is a defensive move against attacks from
    - existing players from the fixed or mobile only world
    - new entrants like VoIP players

# FMC / FMS Conclusion



FMC / FMS can be everything between a huge opportunity or a huge threat. It depends mainly on

- whether a telco is a stand alone operator or an integrated player
- the fixed line/mobile premium
- the regulatory situation

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# VoIP on Mobile Phones

WLAN enabled handsets foster VoIP on mobile phones



## NEC N900iL

First UMTS/WLAN  
Handset for Japanese  
market



## Qtek 9090

GSM/WLAN Pocket PC

The quality of service becomes easier to guarantee with the new WLAN standard 802.11e, which is critical for delay-sensitive applications such as Voice over Wireless IP. The new technologies will drive down tariffs for on-campus mobile telephony towards those of fixed line telephony over IP.

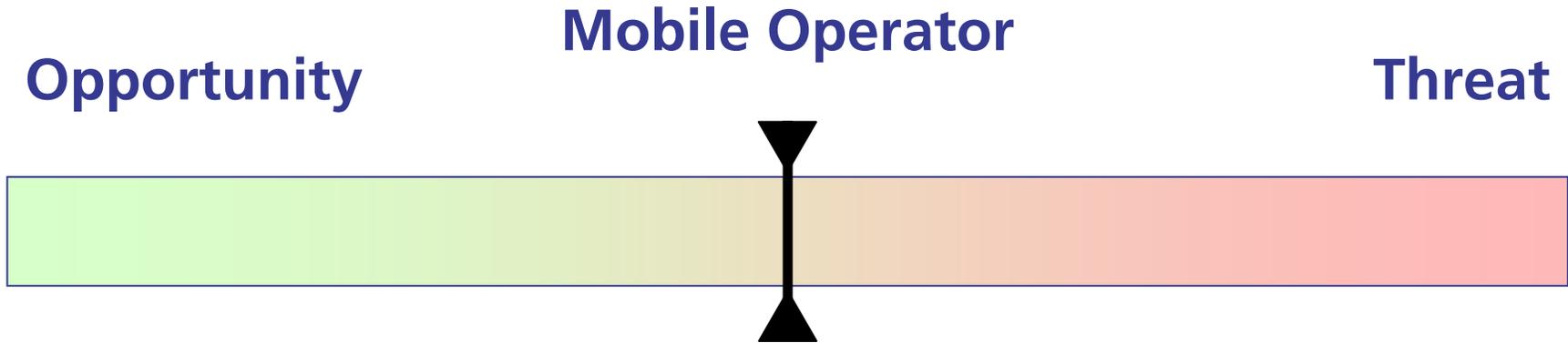
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## Evolution from price-centric to service-centric focus

- Mobile operators could technically prevent VoIP on mobile phones in areas with only GSM/UMTS coverage
- However, the 60% revenues coming from in-house mobile phone calls are at risk, as soon as other access technologies like WLAN are available
- Today, VoIP drives down tariffs in the fixed line world. Tomorrow, focus will shift to new services such as presence management which will increase productivity
- In the medium to long term, customers will demand these new services for the mobile world as well, accelerating the introduction of mobile VoIP

# VoIP on Mobile Phones

## Conclusion



**VoIP on mobile phones makes sense from a customer perspective. The winning strategy for a mobile operator is to satisfy future customer needs instead suppressing the technology.**

**The impact on value is driven by the difficult decision between the risk of doing it early (cannibalisation) vs. doing it late (loss of market share).**

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# Network Technologies

## Mobile bandwidth to increase while prices will come under pressure

- Market research reveals that mobile phone coverage is the main driver of customer satisfaction
  - main differentiator for a mobile operator
  - main justification of a price premium
- Evidence from fixed line operators shows that broadband bandwidth
  - justifies a higher price as long as there is a demand for more bandwidth
  - but then becomes a commodity which is simply expected to increase steadily with unchanged prices

⇒ **same development as in fixed line business**

# Network Technologies

## Limited bandwidth upgrade potential of mobile networks

- Lifecycle of mobile network technologies
  - long for voice services (10-20 years)
  - short for data services (5-10 years)
- Short lifecycle of mobile networks for data services because
  - customers expect bandwidth to increase in line with fixed line
  - but potential to increase performance limited
    - factor 1000x for a given fixed line network technology (copper, fibre)
    - factor 5-10x for a given mobile network technology (2G / 3G)

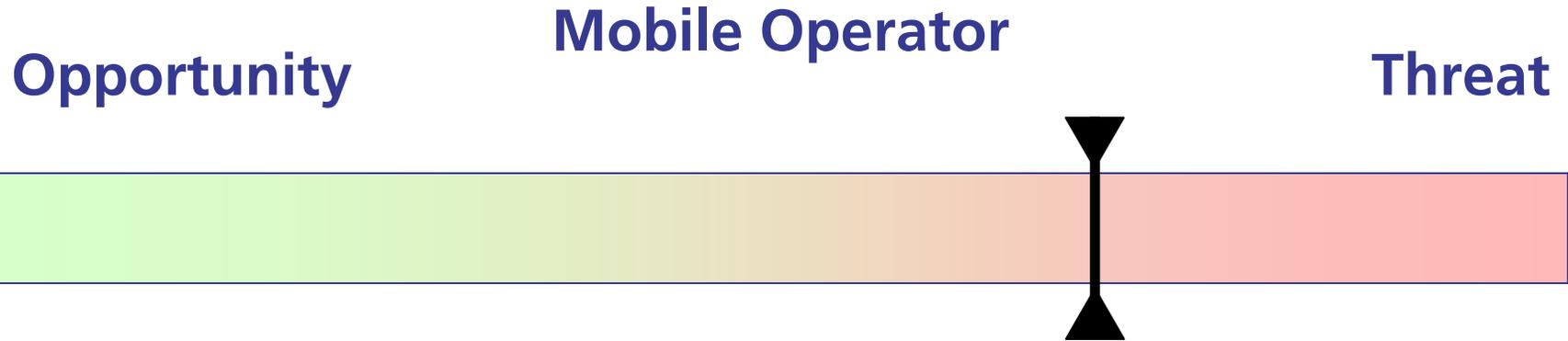
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## Technological risk

- The short lifecycle of mobile networks creates opportunities for attackers using new network technologies
- This evolution is mainly driven by regulation of available frequencies and bandwidth

# Network Technologies Conclusion

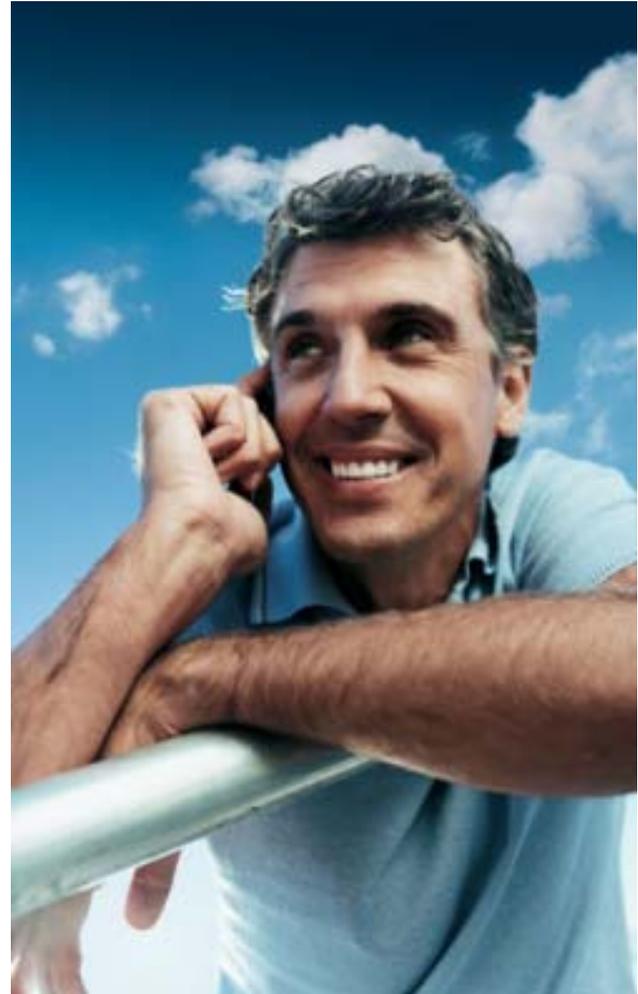


Short lifecycles of data centric mobile network technologies create investment risks for mobile operators.

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# Q & A



# Annex

# Swisscom Mobile: Proven Track Record as Innovation Leader

## Award-winning „Mobile Unlimited“

- Mobile broadband access
- 3in1 PC Card (WLAN, UMTS and GPRS)
- Seamless handover between technologies
- SIM-based authentication



## Next steps

- 3in1 PC Card (WLAN, EDGE und GPRS)
- 4in1 PC Card (WLAN, UMTS, EDGE und GPRS)
- Integration of private networks (C-WLAN) into seamless handover of Mobile Unlimited