

## What is ahead for mobile operator

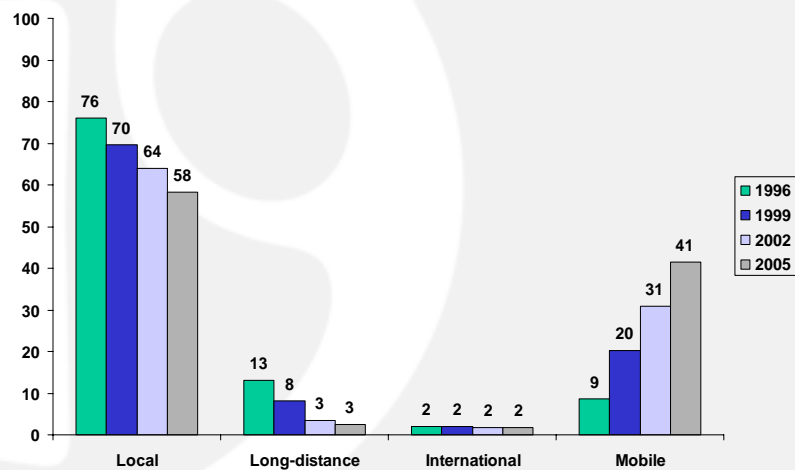
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## Finnish mobile market


- Radiolinja placed world's first GSM call in 1991
- High penetration: more than 3 M subs out of 5 M inhabitants
- High SMS usage:
  - 650 000 000 SMS messages (1999)
  - 1 000 000 000 SMS messages (2000)
  - 1 400 000 000 SMS (estimate 2001)
- Average spent 50-60 USD per month



## Usage of networks - minutes (%)



Source: Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications



## Oy Radiolinja Ab

## Radiolinja services

### Voice

- since 27th March 1991
- several subscriptions/services for corporates + consumers

### SMS-service and value added SMS-services

- SMS-services to all RL customers 27.4.1998
- key force to make this business fly was SMS "roaming" between Sonera and Radiolinja.
- 10 % share in revenue 2000, 7% in 1999...



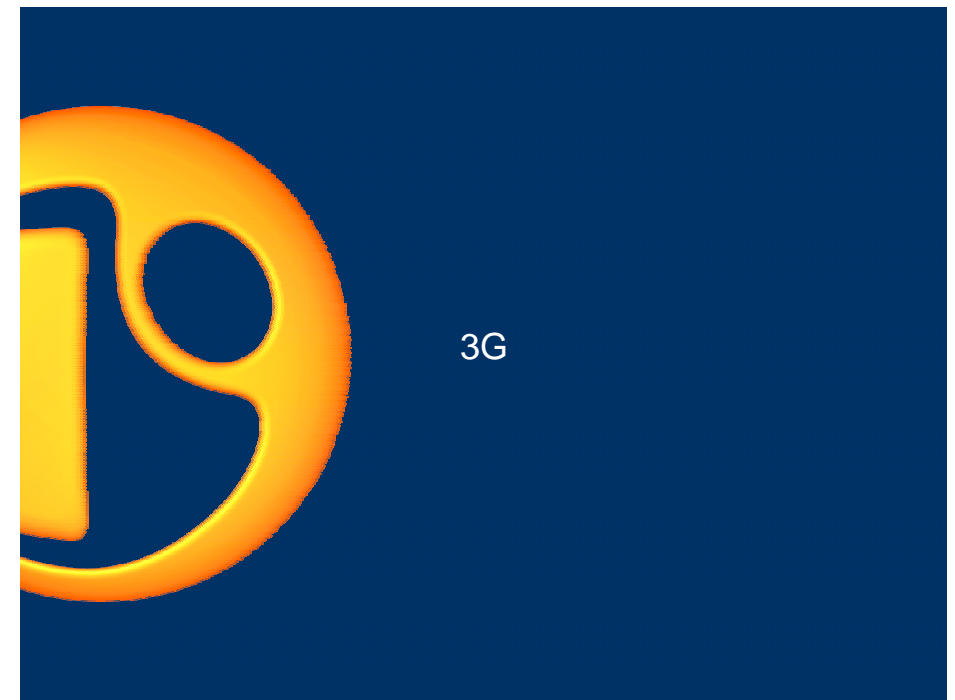
### WAP

- 1st services launched in November 1999
- 100% data service penetration free of charge for all customers



### GPRS

- Launched september 2001, data volume based pricing
- pricing 85% less expensive than i-mode



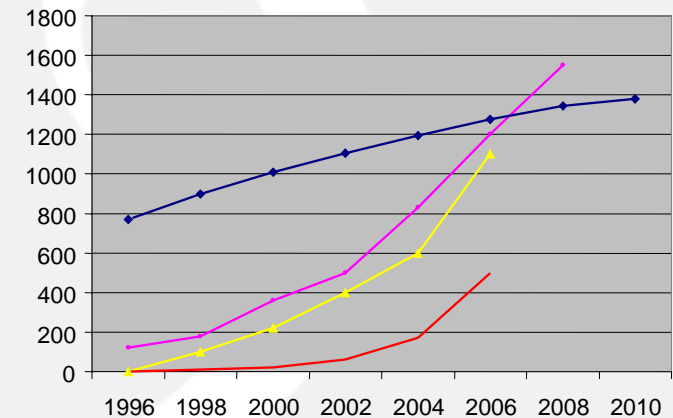
## Wireless motivation?

- The third generation of telecommunications is wideband and mobile
- Internet and IP is dominating
- IP on desktop, IP on TV, IP in your fridge ...and in your mobile phone
- i-mode has shown the potential



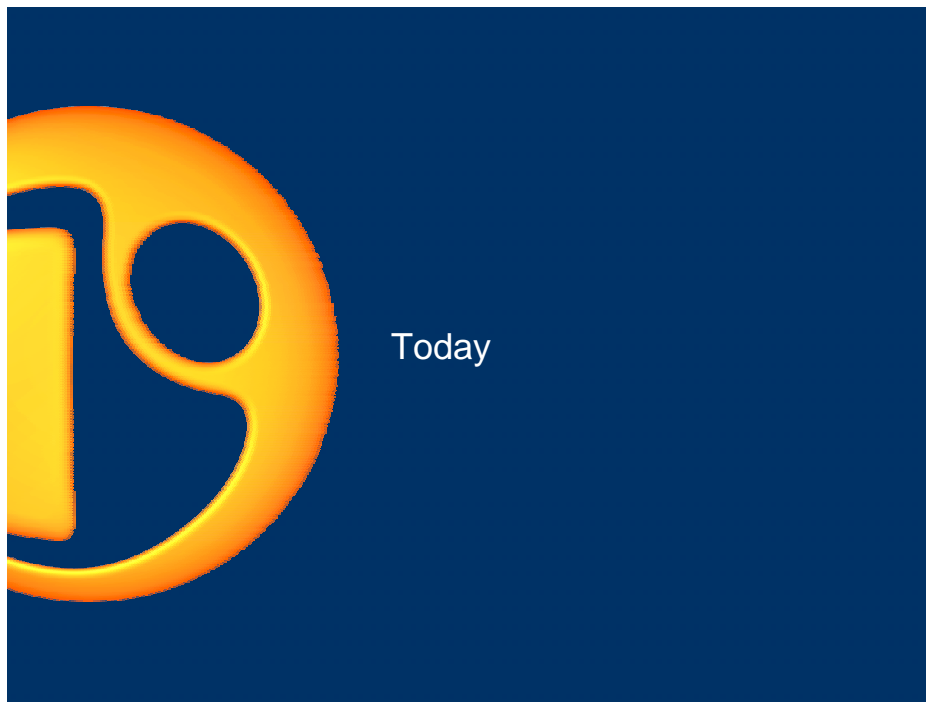
## Worldwide Telecommunications Growth

millions of customers



source ETSI GMM report

◆ Fixed ◆ Mobile ◆ Internet ◆ Mobile Internet

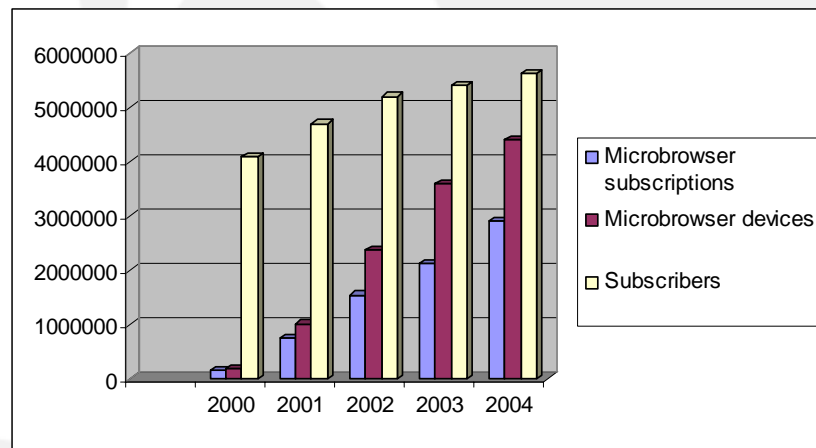


## Forecasts - Finland

Ovum Global Mobile Markets 2001-2005, February 2001

Finland	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Subscriptions	4 093 000	4 708 000	5 203 000	5 409 000	5 616 000
Penetration %	79 %	90 %	100 %	103 %	107 %
ARPU \$/year	435	432	439	448	458
UMTS subscriptions	0	0	19 000	319 000	793 000
Investments, \$	214 000 000	374 000 000	466 000 000	370 000 000	353 000 000
Microbrowser subscribers, pcs	155 000	742 000	1 543 000	2 119 000	2 914 000
Microbrowser devices pcs	185 000	1 013 000	2 377 000	3 589 000	4 410 000


## WAP devices - forecast, Finland



Source: Ovum

## Check the chat...






## Mobile operator Business

### Mobile operator business

- Licensed
  - licence cost
  - safe environment
  - choice of technology
- Unlicensed
  - no licence cost
  - easy to start operating
  - vulnerable to competition



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## Different technologies

### Faster and faster...

New wireless technologies:

GPRS	<del>1</del> kbit	20 kbit
EDGE	<del>38</del> kbit	60 kbit
UMTS	<del>2 000</del> kbit	144 kbit
WLAN	<del>1 000</del> kbit	6 Mbit

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# GPRS Performance

## GPRS performance is put on the terminal

- Technically cheaper to receive than to send
- Fits well with internet browsing
- No need for Full duplex radio

Transmit		Receive
1	+	1 Timeslots
1	+	2 Timeslots
1	+	4 Timeslots
2	+	2 Timeslots



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## GPRS Transmission speeds Radio Link layer

CS-1	9,05 kbps
CS-2	13,4 kbps
CS-3	15,6 kbps
CS-4	21,4 kbps

1-8 timeslots

171,2 kbps in theory

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# Enhanced Data rates for Global Evolution

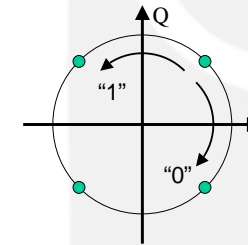
## EDGE - basic parameters

	GSM	EDGE/GSM
Modulation	GMSK	8-PSK (also GMSK)
Symbol rate	270 ksym/s	270 ksym/s
Modulation bit rate	270 kbit/s	810 kbit/s
Radio data rate per time slot	22.8 kbit/s	69.2 kbit/s
User data rate per time slot	9.6 kbit/s or 14.4 kbit/s	48 kbit/s
User data rate (8 time slots)	115 kbit/s	384 kbit/s

Source: Ericsson

## EDGE principle

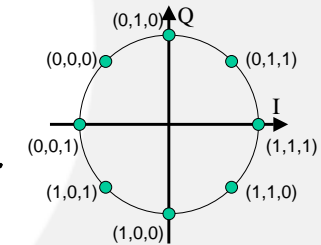
GSM:  
GMSK Modulation



"1 bit per symbol"



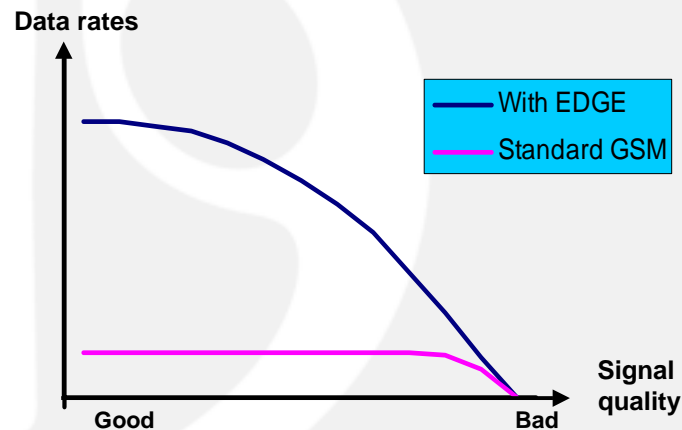
EDGE:  
8PSK Modulation



"3 bits per symbol"

Source: Ericsson

## EDGE Radio Link Adaptation



Source: Ericsson

## EDGE terminal complexity

**Complexity has impact on manufacturing cost**

**High data rates in downlink only**

Impacts mainly receiver part compared with existing terminal - increased complexity low

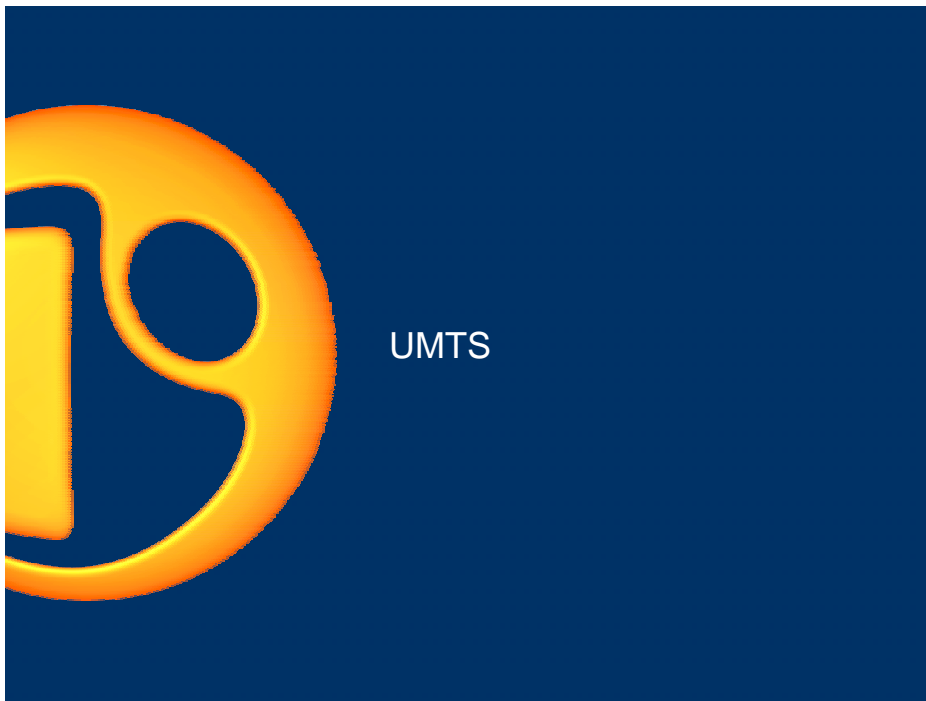
Typical application: Internet browsing & LAN access

**High data rates in both up & downlink**

Impacts both receiver and transmitter part - increased complexity larger

Typical application: File transfer etc.





## UMTS

Universal Mobile Telecommunications System

UMTS = European variation of the WCDMA technology

FDD and TDD bands

New licences

"GSM compatible"

What is new?

- Wideband data access and multimedia support
- Open service creation environment
- Videophone



Picture: Nokia

## What is new with UMTS radio?

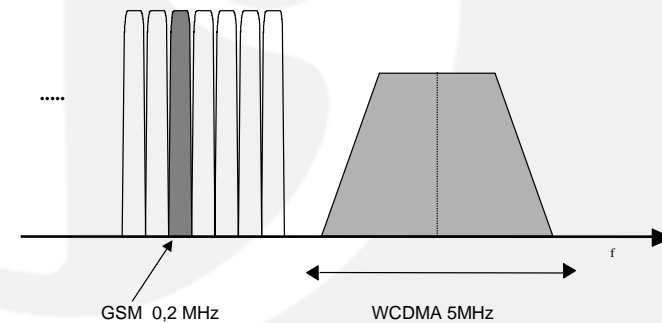
In shot: everything

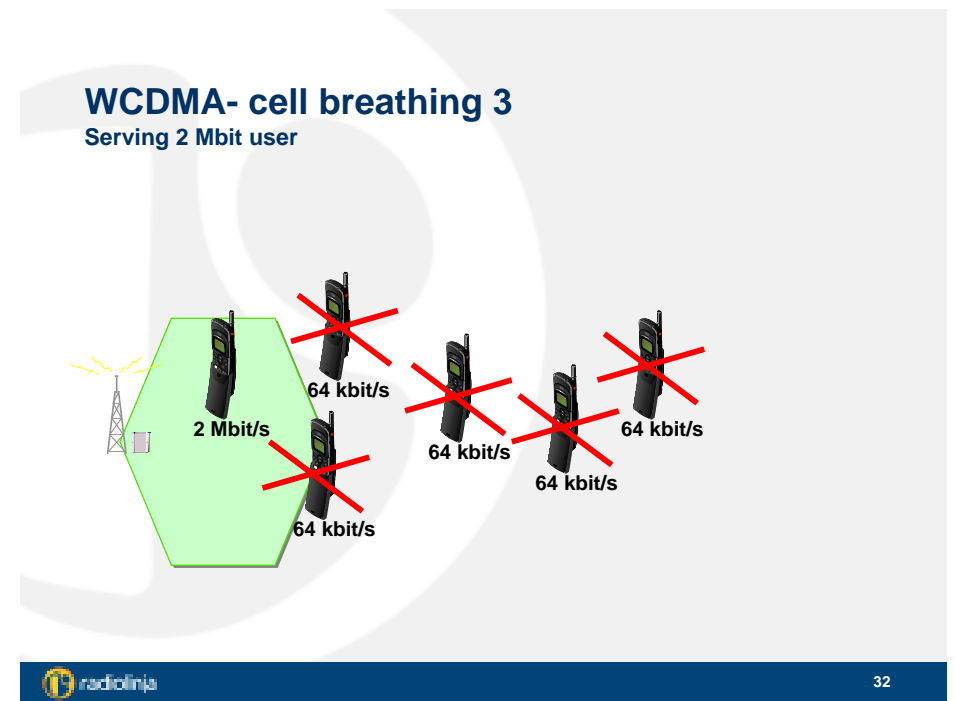
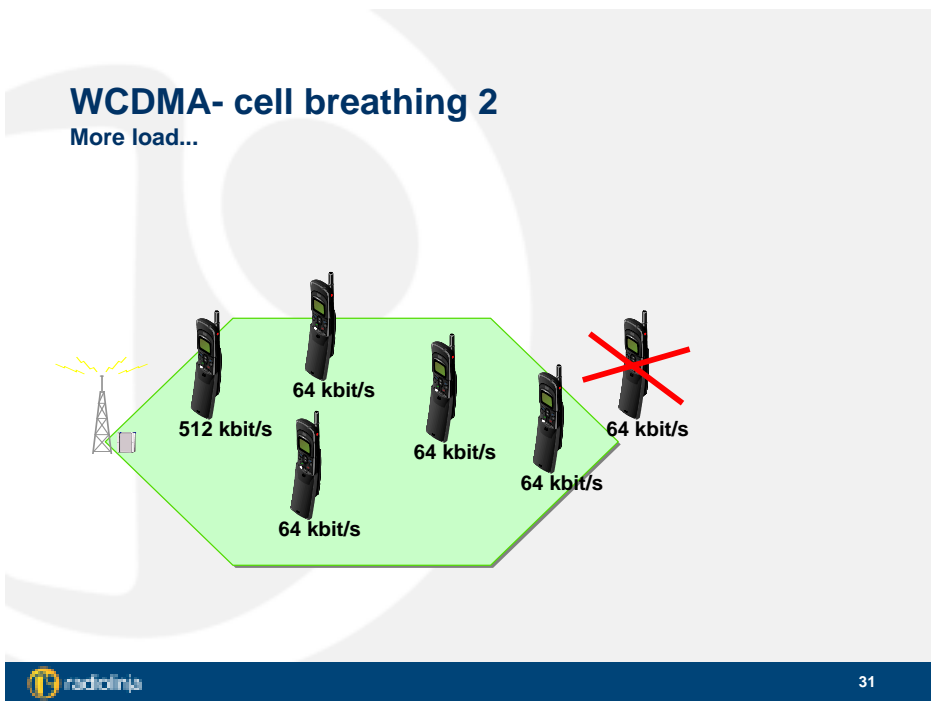
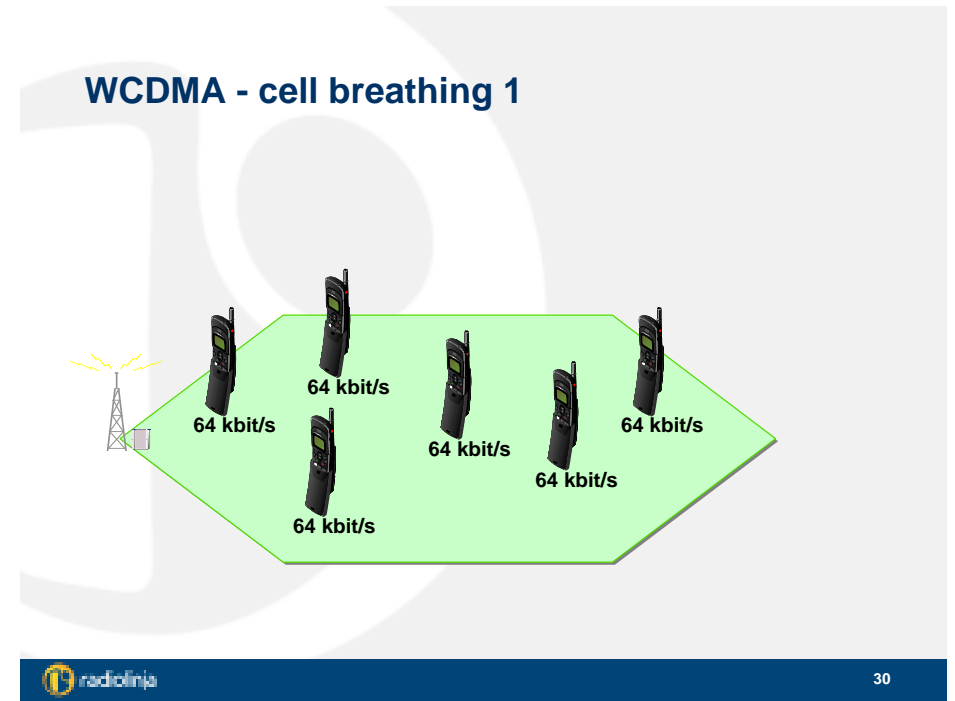
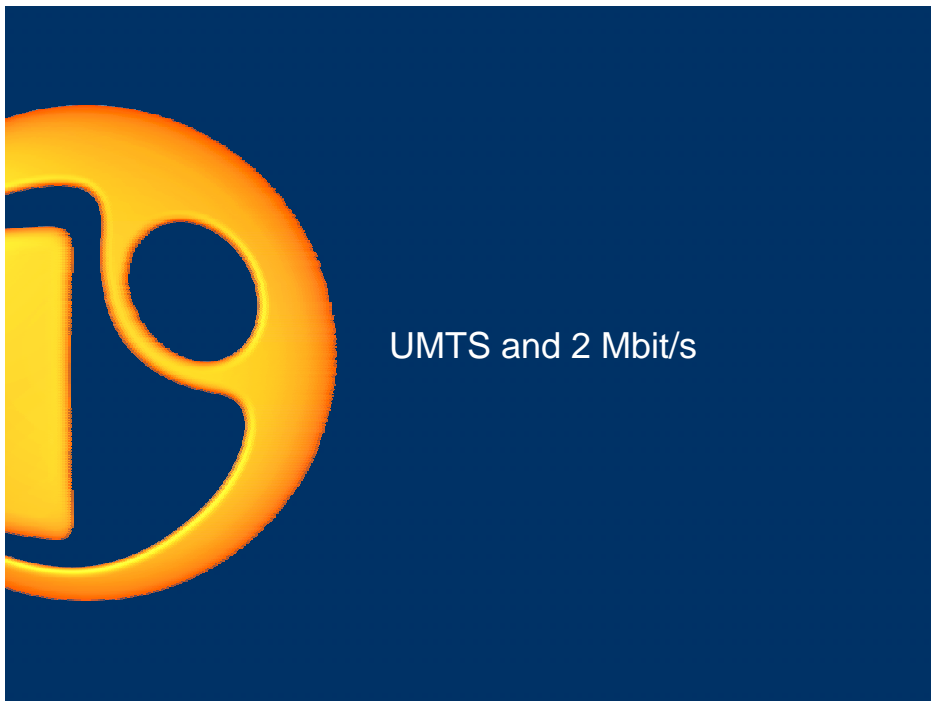
- New frequencies 2100 MHz = 2,1 GHz
- Later other frequency bands (900, 1800, 2600...)
- Cell planning is changed from frequency planning into capacity planning

## WCDMA Frequency use

2 times more effective than GSM

1 WCDMA channel = 28 GSM channels

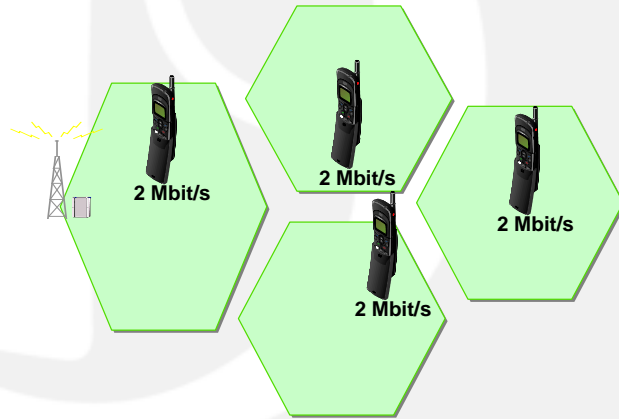






## WCDMA- cell breathing 4

Several 2 Mbit users?



Cost of building UMTS

## Cost of UMTS...

As many answers as there are experts...

In principle two basic categories:

Core network:	Traffic relaying nodes
Radio network:	Coverage and capacity

But significant costs occur also from:

- Licence
- Branding, Marketing...
- Customer care/management
- Billing

## ...building coverage

Approximate cost for basestation hardware:

250 000 Euro

Number of sites needed to cover country size of Finland

5000

Cost for radio hardware:

1 250 000 000 Euro

This is not enough:

- installation engineering
- transmission buildup
- optimisation and traffic planning..

## ...with GSM

Approximate cost for covering Finland with GSM technology

500 000 000\* Euro \*all inclusive

What you get:

- Coverage
- Tested environment
- Choice of suppliers

What you do not get:

- Data traffic flexibility
- Open service creation environment
- ability to offer all-IP services

## ...with EDGE

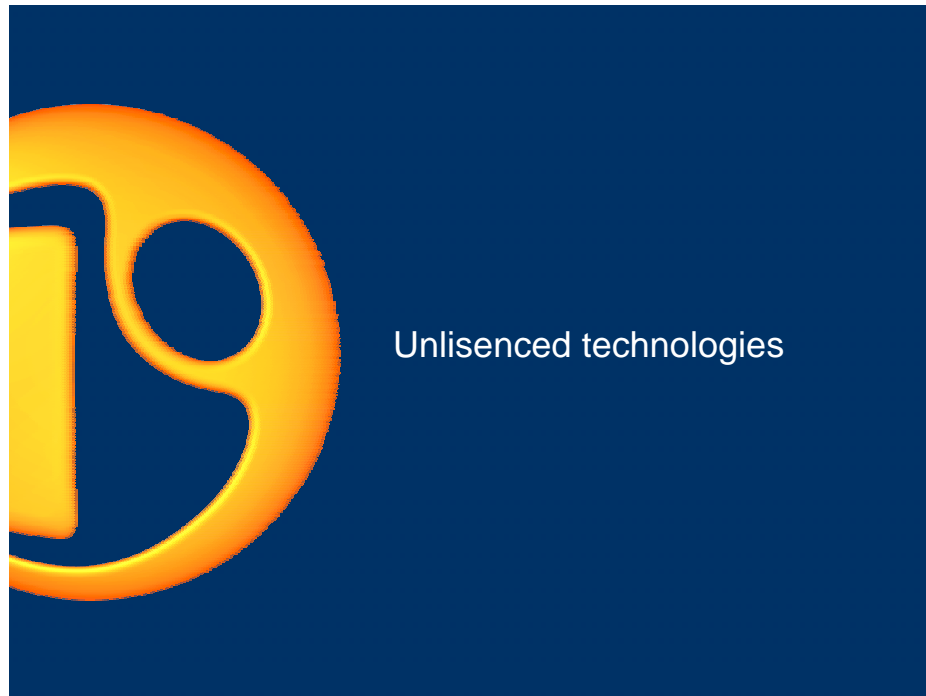
In principle EDGE transceiver is replacement in base station cabinet

IF:

Your base station is newest generation/product line!

Best introduction practice for EDGE is with the expansion of the network

Investment collides with UMTS rollout



## "Free for competition"

Most popular technology today IEEE 802.11b

Well suited for indoor and office applications

For larger systems installation cost exceeds the cost of hardware

Total terminal cost very expensive:

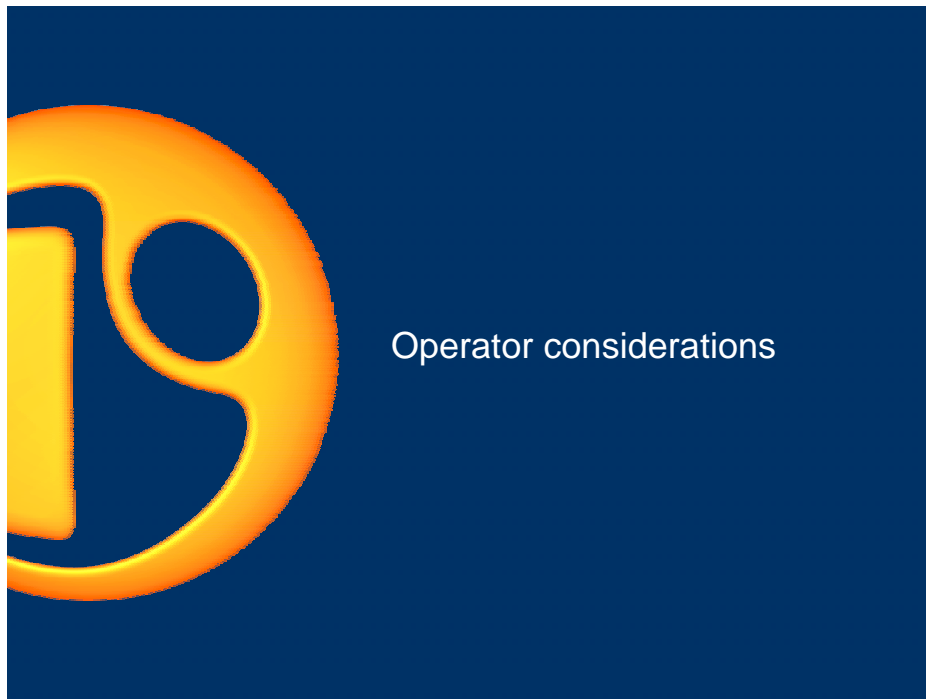
- WLAN radio card + PC/PDA + popular operating system

No good method for billing for usage

No good practise for roaming to other service provider networks

Open security problems

Commercial feasibility low in hotspot scenario



## Operator considerations

## 3G for mobile operator

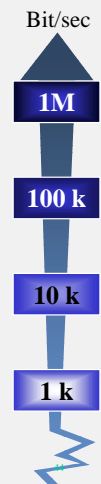
- New set of subscribers: IP devices
- Number of IP connected devices will be greater than number of individuals in the network
- Penalty for using the airtime: no fixed fee access
- If users get time/volume independent charging scheme it can be exploited easily
- Several service networks
- APN concept supports multiple network connections and service networks
- New security challenges in IP: Everything cannot be blocked out, IP has more flexibility

## Addressing

- Today people have phone number as their “primary network address”
  - Uniform addressing globally, not too easy
  - Real person
  - Difficult to change operator
- Today people have email as their “secondary network address”
  - Easiest: real.name@operator.country
  - Bogus identities
  - Several email accounts, easy to change operator
- Tomorrow we have future IP service user - who has his identity?

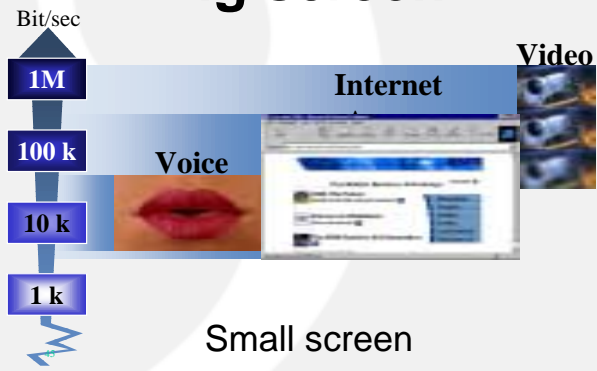
## This is what market wants

- Unlimited bandwidth for internet browsing
- 100% compatibility
- All internet
- Virtually free access
- Easy connection, configuration
- Low terminal price



## Data Requirements

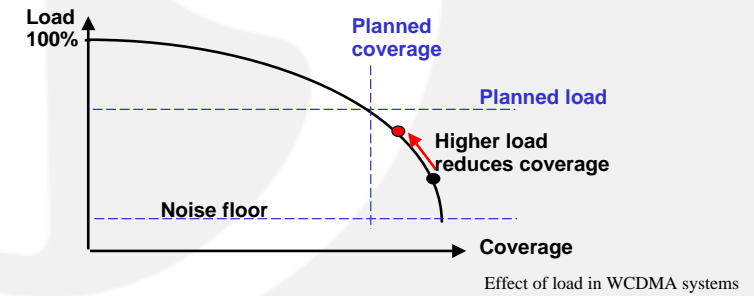
# Big screen



Source: Ericsson

## Radio bandwidth is "natural resource"

- Not a "unlimited bandwidth" - world
- Cost is proportional to the delivered bandwidth
- There must be "penalty" for the use of bandwidth



## Conclusion



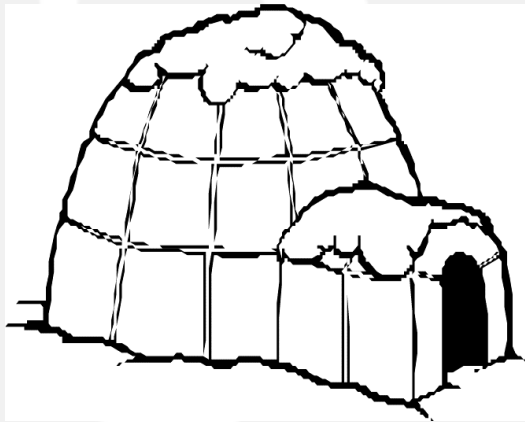
## The financing climate for broadband providers

During the Dot.com / Internet/UMTS hype...



## The financing climate for broadband providers

... and after.



## The users will be ready...

- Today's usage of SMS
  - › SMS has shown that users will use new services
- Choice of mobile technology
  - › For commercial success terminal price is extremely important
- Mobile phone penetration is soon over 80 %
- Internet-access in mobile phones will be as usual as color-TV
- IP connectivity in mobile networks creates base for new "SMS wave"



Check the chat...



Thank You!