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**Economical Evaluation of 2G to 3G Migration and**  
**Business Planning**

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**Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G**  
**Content**

- **Factors in the 2G to 3G evolution**
  - **Motivation and Key economical issues**
  - **Driving services**
- **Techno-Economical and Business modeling**
  - **Demand, services and revenues**
  - **Dimensioning criteria**
- **Tool based planning**
  - **Techno-economical tool modeling**
  - **Typical planning results**



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Motivation for 3G

- Introduction of **New Services** generating more revenues
- Increase **Market share** addressing all market interests
- Design of **Bundles** of services optimized per customer category
- **Economies of scale** with higher increase of profitability for more customers and services than additional investments



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Key Economical Factors

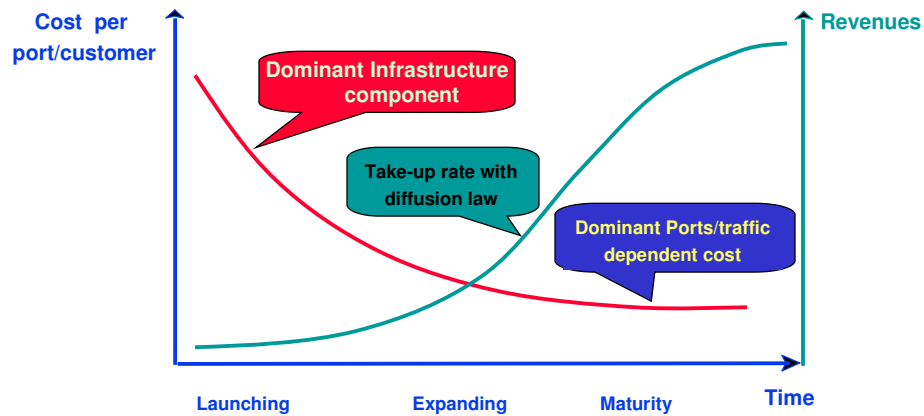
- Dominant dimensioning criteria evolving in 3 phases:
  - **Geo coverage** due to propagation at start phase
  - **Ports/users** as customers grow
  - **Traffic** increase due to applications
- High cost impact of network physical infrastructure (around 70%)
- Significant savings by physical resources sharing among operators
- Business profitability as a function of Revenues for new services, Take-up rate and Cost of Ownership

**Impact on business?** → **What-if analysis**



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- Evolution for unitary costs and revenues



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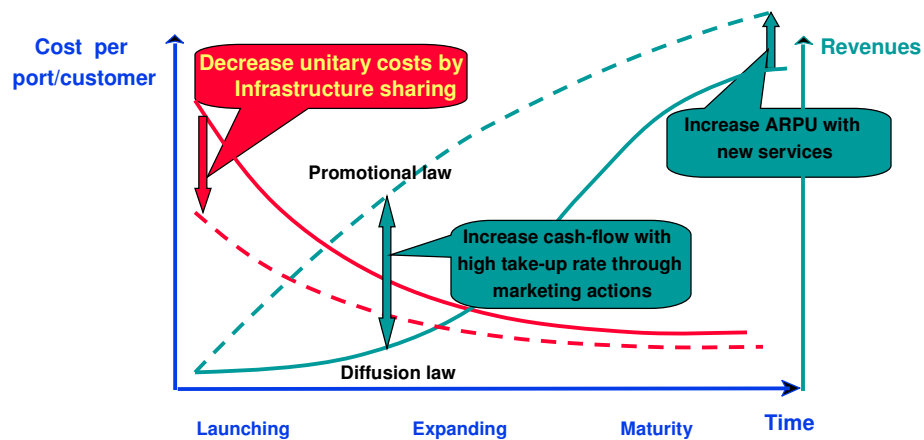
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## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Actions for profitability

!! Joint Techno-economical evaluation at all phases !!



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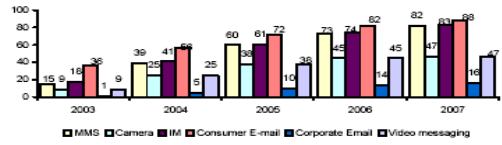
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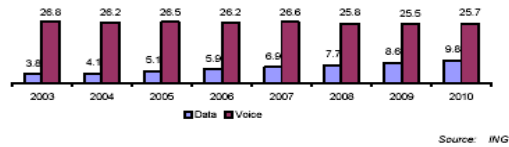


## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Capabilities and Revenue evolution

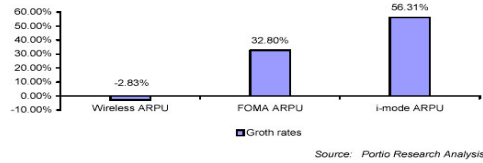
– Grow for data related capabilities and services in terminals and network



– Grow in rate of contribution of Data to Voice revenues (ie: ARPU - GBP projections for Vodafone in EU)



– Relative grow rates in 2003 for Data driven ARPU in DoCoMo - Japan



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Driving new services for 3G

- Videocalls
- Audiostreaming
- Videostreaming
- Top News
- Location Based Systems
- Live-TV
- m- medicine and social applications



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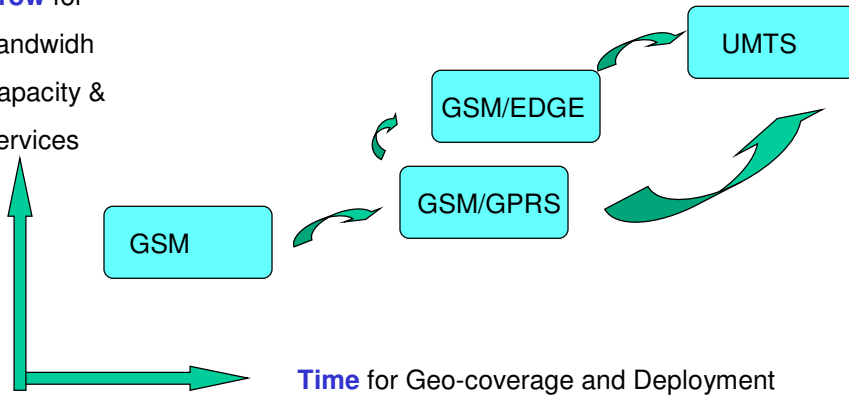
## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Service classes modeling by groups

Technology	Services	Revenue function
GSM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voice</li> <li>Data/circuit 9.6Kbps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time function</li> <li>Subscription/Time function</li> </ul>
GPRS/EDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data/circuit up to 64Kbps</li> <li>Data/packet up to 144Kbps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subscription/Time function</li> <li>Subscription/Message/Information volume function</li> </ul>
UMTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voice</li> <li>Data/circuit up to 64Kbps</li> <li>Data/packet up to 384/2Mbps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time function</li> <li>Subscription/Time function</li> <li>Subscription/Message/Bandwidth/Information volume function</li> </ul>



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Network Evolution steps

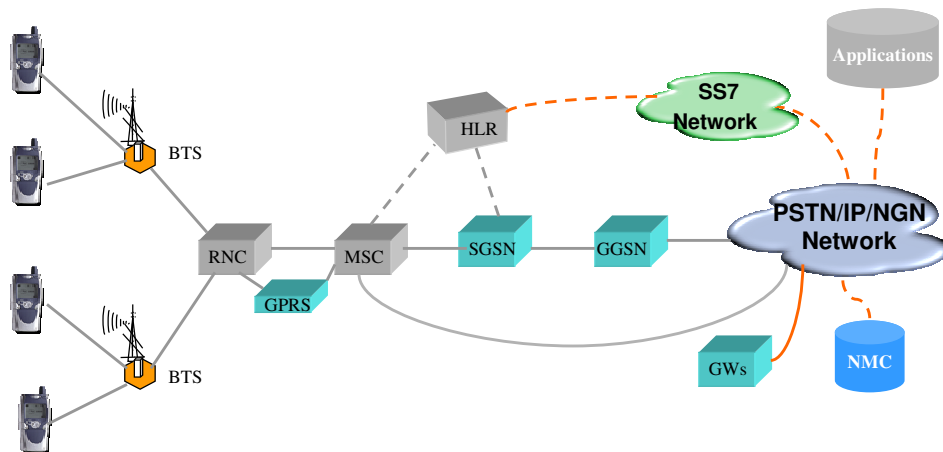
Grow for  
Bandwidth  
Capacity &  
Services



Migration strategy is strongly dependent on **country**  
**Geo-structure** and **density**



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Evaluated architectures





## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Geo-scenarios

Geo-scenarios for network design as a function of customer density and traffic which require different dimensioning criteria

- A) Urban with high customer densities and high voice and data traffic
- B) Suburban with medium customer densities and average traffic
- C) Rural with low customer densities and low traffic volume
- D) Hotspots with specific high density and traffic requirements



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Dimensioning criteria in 3G

Multicriteria Dimensioning principles for multimedia services

C1) - **Radio Coverage** per frequency type: 900, 1800, 2500: dominant for low voice traffic without data.

C2) - **Traffic in erlangs** for voice: dominant in urban scenarios and hot-spots

C3) - **Data services** quality as a function of speeds: dominant in suburban and rural scenarios

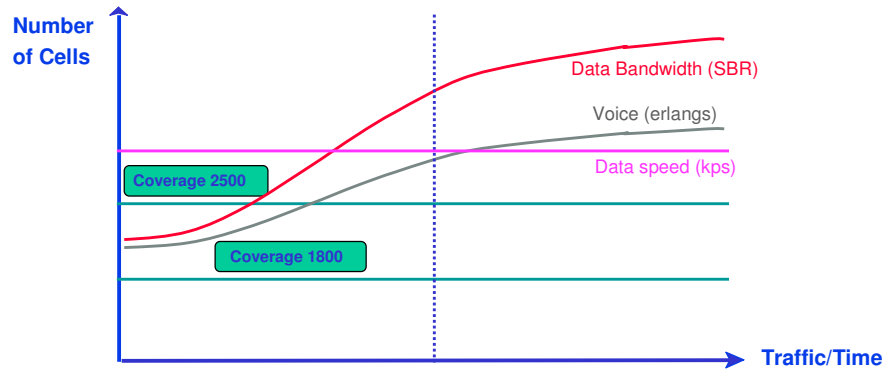
C4) - **Data bandwidth** as a function of mix of data services **Sustained Bit Rates** and QoS along the cell due to the cell-breathing effect: dominant for significant proportion of data and video consumption in all scenarios

Actual dimensioning for cells and equipment as a result of the convolution of all of them per geo-scenario



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Dimensioning criteria in 3G

Illustration of Multicriteria Dimensioning for QoS (urban case)

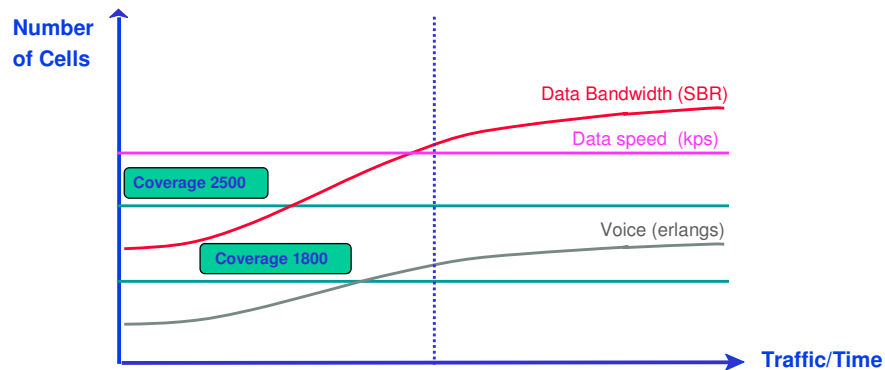


**!! Escape from dimensioning based only on coverage !!  
Data BW dominant in 3G**



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Illustration of Multicriteria Dimensioning for QoS (suburban case)



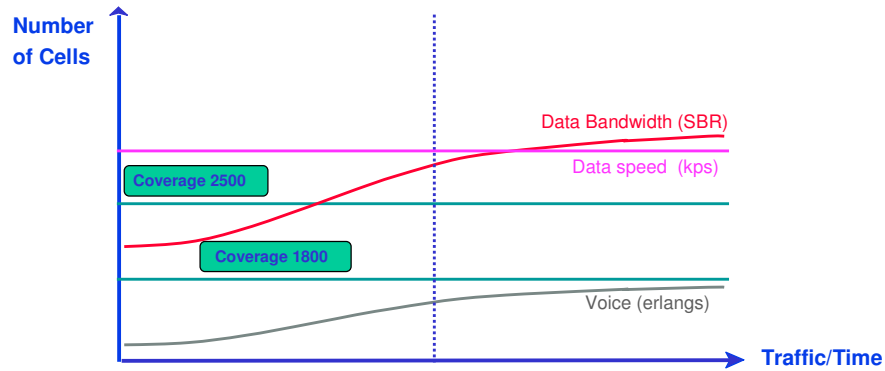
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Illustration of Multicriteria Dimensioning for QoS (rural case)



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Data BW dominant in 3G**



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Infrastructure Sharing Scenarios for cost saving

Sharing Levels for economy of scale

- A) No sharing with full overlay and independent networks
- B) Site and Tower sharing
- C) Site, Tower and physical BST sharing
- D) Mobile Virtual Operator or leasing for all accessibility subnetwork



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Network Systems Modeling for the migration

- **Customer Segments** (business, residential) and Services (Voice and Data low/medium/high speed)
- **Sites and Base Stations** at Urban, Suburban, Rural and Hot spots
- **Backhaul** per geo-scenario
- **Core Network** with the specific network elements in the architecture
- **Transport** for voice, circuit mode data and packet mode data
- **Interconnection** for voice and data



## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Resources modeling over time

- **Network resources** are associated to Network elements per type
- Resources modeled by **capacity, utilization**, physical lifetime and depreciation policy
- Capital cost structure modeled with **trends over time**
- Operational costs modeled for: **Maintenance, Churn, Decommissioning, Connection, Rental, Usage and Operation costs**
- Models **keeps track and history** for all these capital and operational costs components for later reverse cost allocation



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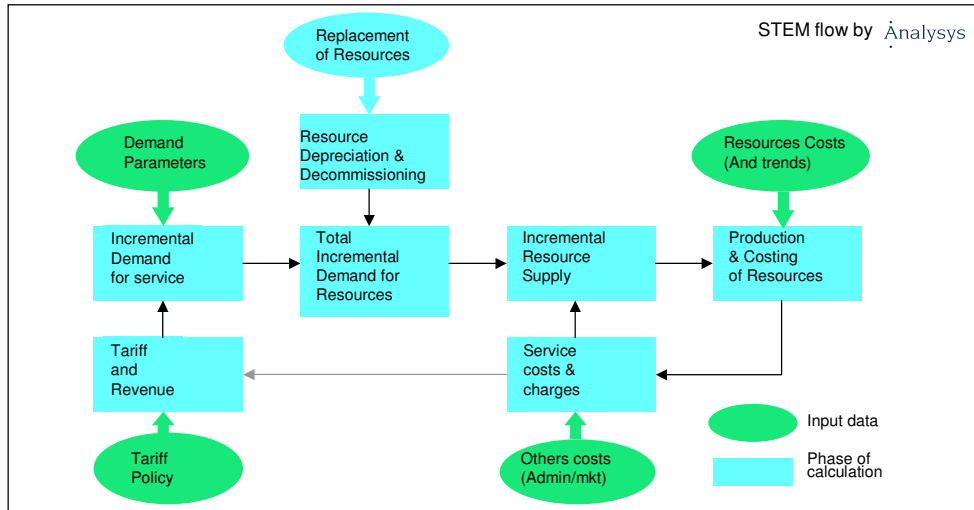


## Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Support tools: Business

- **Required functionality for Business tools**
  - Service Demand Projection
  - Dynamic modeling for technology [substitution and migration rates](#)
  - Dimensioning [multiple flows](#) (circuit and packet modes)
  - Evaluation of network resources and associated investment (CAPEX)
  - Evaluation of revenues for given tariffs and installation rate
  - Modeling [multiple resource lifetimes](#)
  - Modeling of demand elasticity to tariffs
  - Interrelation between network growth and operational cost (OPEX)
  - [Cost assignment](#) as a function of utilization rates
  - Generation of standard financial results like Cash Flow, Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, NPV, IRR, etc.



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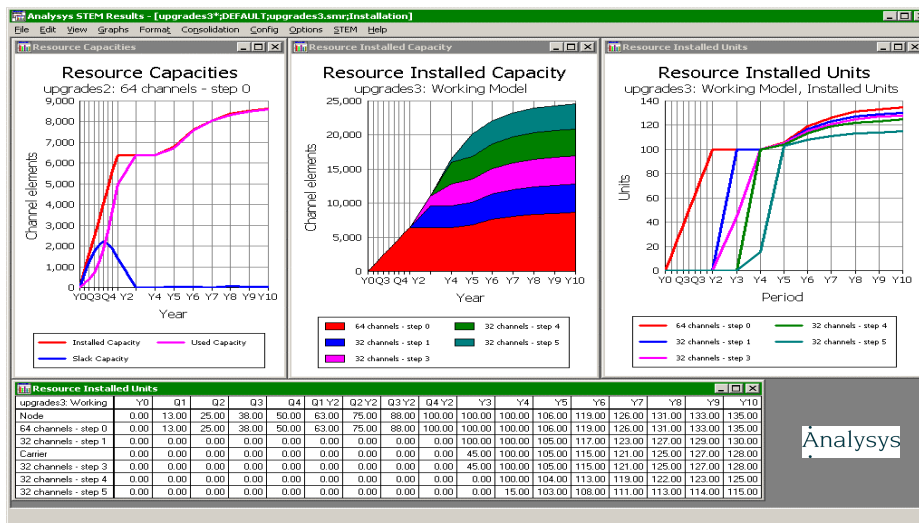
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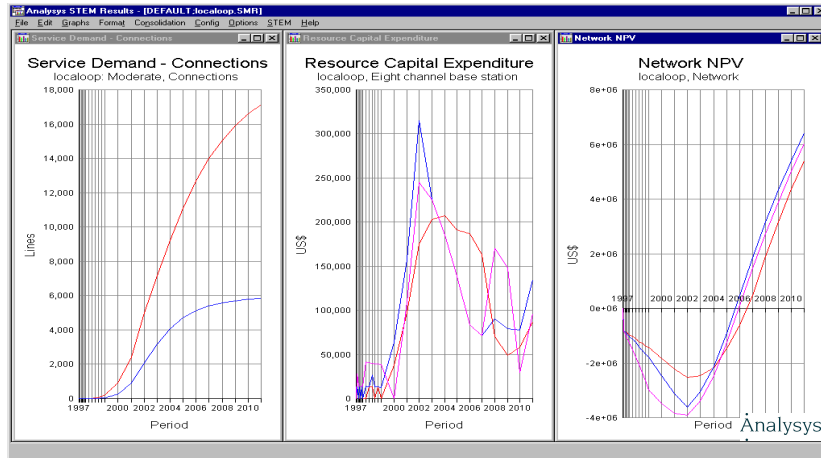
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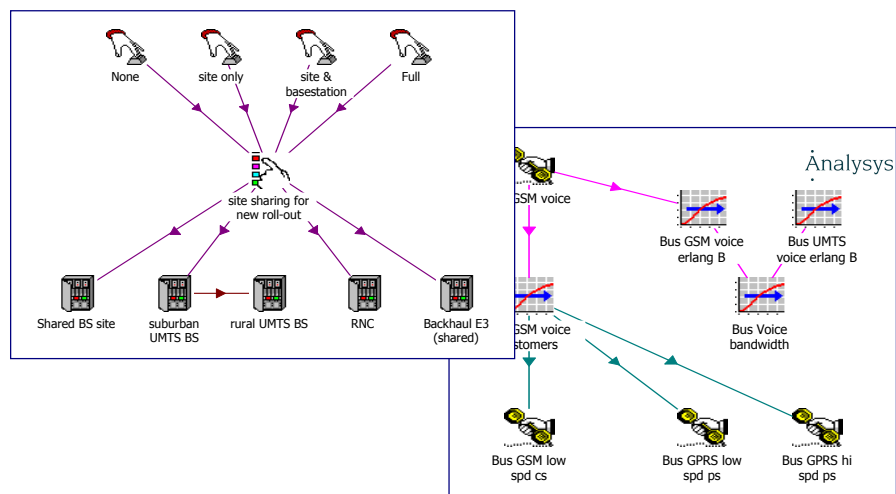
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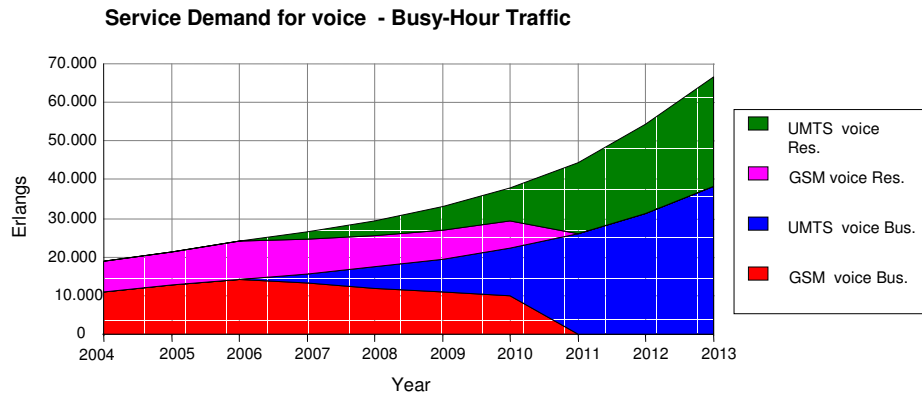
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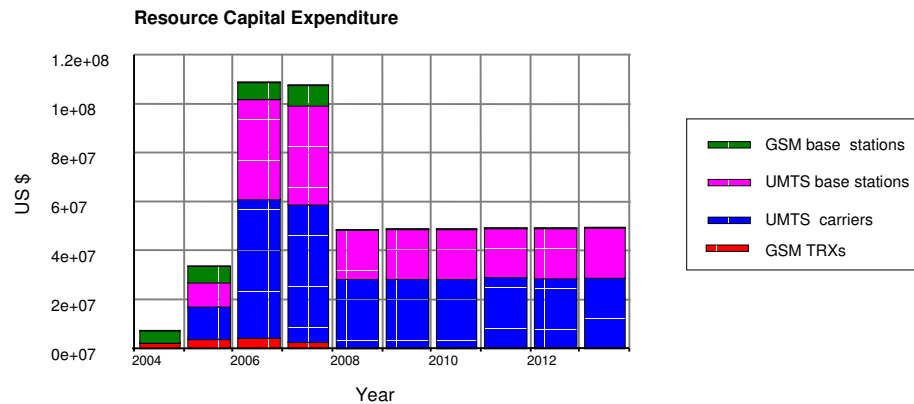
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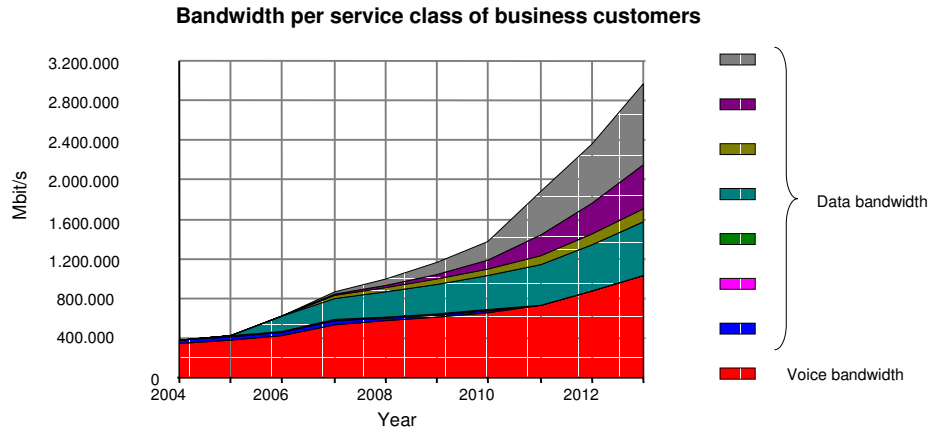
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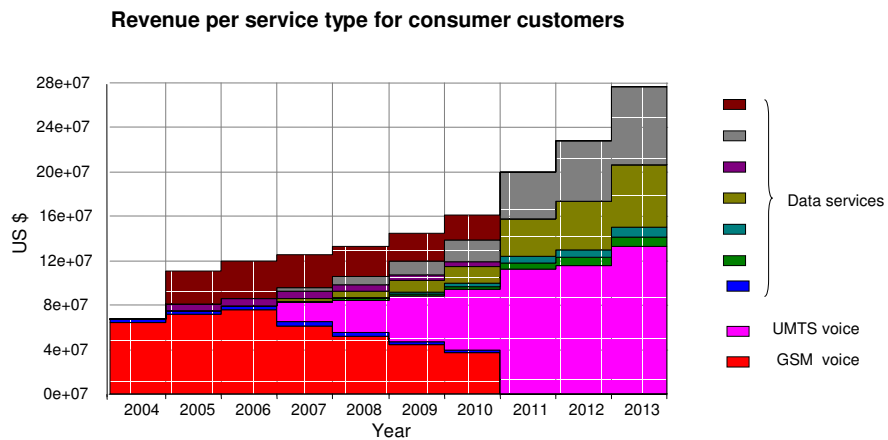
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## **Economical Evaluation for 2G to 3G Conclusions**

**Key economical factors have to be considered with  
dynamic models and validated**

**High impact of sharing factors and take-up rate in the  
profitability**

**Critical multiple dimensioning criteria for QoS in 3G**

**Powerful support tools needed**