

White-Fi: What are the Applications?

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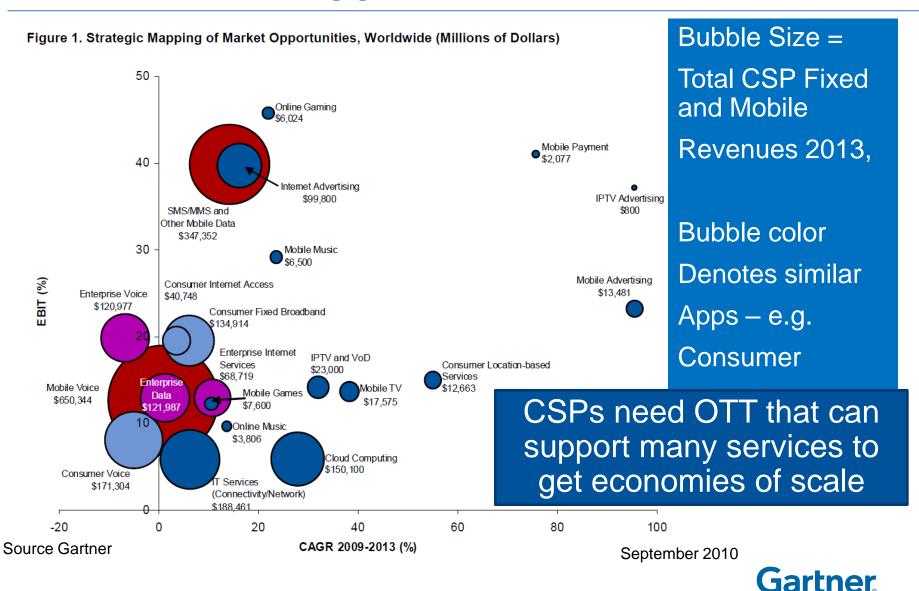


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Reinventing the Role of Communications

CSP Revenue Opportunities



Mobile Trends

Key Findings from H1, 2010

- Global mobile data bandwidth usage increased significantly with 68% growth.
- Video streaming continued to be the fastest growing application with a 92% increase. Video steaming is also the single largest application worldwide.
- YouTube remains one of the single most important websites accounting for 13% of global mobile data bandwidth.
- VoIP and IM grew by 84% becoming the second fastest growing application worldwide.
- Twitter experienced a huge 310% jump in its global mobile data bandwidth share.
- Facebook increased its dominance of the social networking segment and grew by a massive 200%.
- Skype remains the undisputed VoIP market leader, accounting for 83% of global mobile VoIP bandwidth.

Source: Allot Communications

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Opportunities

- "White-Fi", this is a Wi-Fi like system that uses white spaces in the UHF (Ultra High Frequency) band.
- Spectrum Bridge with experimental network that used white space spectrum to provide wireless connectivity to surveillance cameras, and environmental sensors, in a "smart city" deployment.

Trends in 4G/EPC



Can this occur for White-Fi?



Adoption Drivers

- Possibilities around utilizing White Space spectrum in a campus setting for broadband access,
- Promising data rates exceeding several 100-Mbps.
- Lower frequency means better in-building coverage
- Upcoming 802.11 "White-Fi" standard (802.11af).
- Vendors like Google, MSFT, and WiFi vendors behind it
- Mobile-IP standards supporting seamless handoff
- QoS, DPI, Policy controllers can be applied by Managed Service Providers

Adoption Drivers – Newer Features Needed

The Femto Forum has developed APIs for LTE Femtocells which White-Fi 802.11af should adopt as well!

- Presence information when a user enters, leaves or is present on White-Fi Access Point.
- Routing information access to the routing table for the local network, to redirect traffic, Mobile-IP standards for session continuity
- Service Discovery information the ability to discover services on the local or wide area network. Media storage/display sync'ing
- Capability information what throughput the White-Fi AP can support and who can use it.
- Secure remote access the ability to connect remotely to the home network from a smartphone/laptop/tablet.



Adoption Drivers – Newer Applications

- Alerts/Proximity with automated updating to Social Networking sites
- Location-based Printing/Displaying to alternative devices (seamless video session continuity to laptops, and TVs, or printing to printers)
- Location-based DVR Remote Control, from the smartphone/laptop/tablet
- Location-based Streaming Content from PC to smartphone/laptop/tablet and back
- Location-based Content Synchronization for Media across devices
- Policy-based control with end-2-end QoE: quality of experience



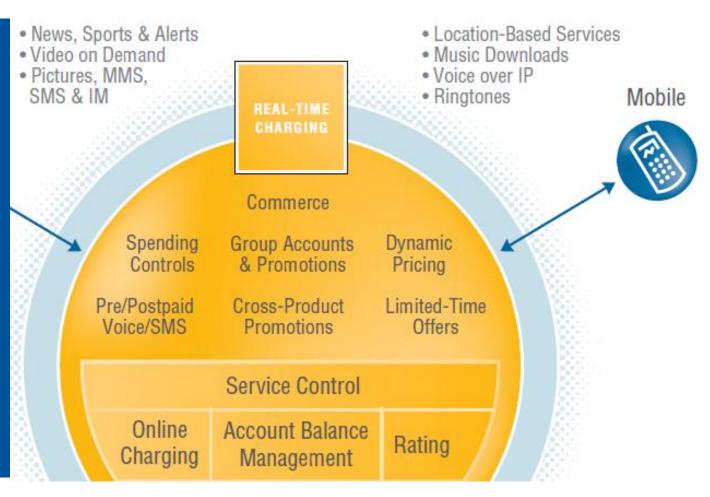
Adoption Inhibitors

- Competition from WiFi, 4G, Femtocells
- Interference, QoS, and capacity issues
- Complexity and cost to solve interference problems Geo Location DBs
- Powerful TV broadcasters will continue to fight 'White Space'
- especially when Web-TV runs over it
- White spaces only support fixed or semi-mobile users (roaming is not yet possible). Can be mitigated via Mobile IP standards.
- LTE is on the horizon to allow offload from 3G to Wi-Fi networks.



The OTT/CSP 4G approach, with Ads/Billing

Targeted ads, Demographics, Location-aware, Search-aware, Policy-aware, Network-aware, Session-aware, App-aware, Content-aware, Cache-aware, Context-aware





White-Fi Potential Applications

- Automatically synchronize music collections across devices with their smartphone/tablet with the content from their PC
- Control their TV from their mobile device and have sessions flow across devices (smartphone, TV, tablet, and laptop)
- Leave virtual notes to be delivered when the recipient returns home or to the office.
- Automated presence/location updates to Social Networking sites
- Remotely control home appliances when out of the house in a secure manner.
- Video: Broadcast TV, Pay-per-view, Movies, User Generated Content, Telepresence, Interactive Gaming, Telemedicine, Remote supervision and control, etc...



White-Fi Potential Applications

- Wide area coverage
- Low-power broadband
- Backhaul for WiFi
- Smart Grid, Smart Cities
- Cellular Offloading
- VoIP/Unified Communications
- Vehicular Communications
- Healthcare Communications
- Mesh Networks → Crowd Computing ?

TV Video Spectrum will kill the Radio Star?



Thank you