Mobile network industry investment challenge: Strategic options.

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About Three.



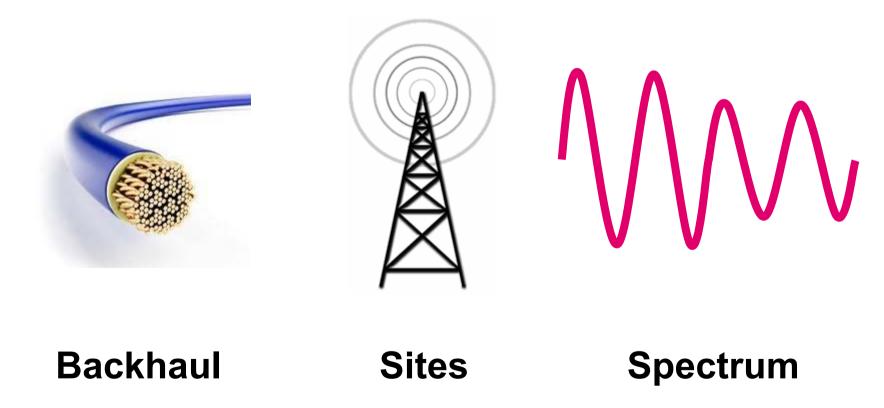
Mobile: neither utility nor free market.



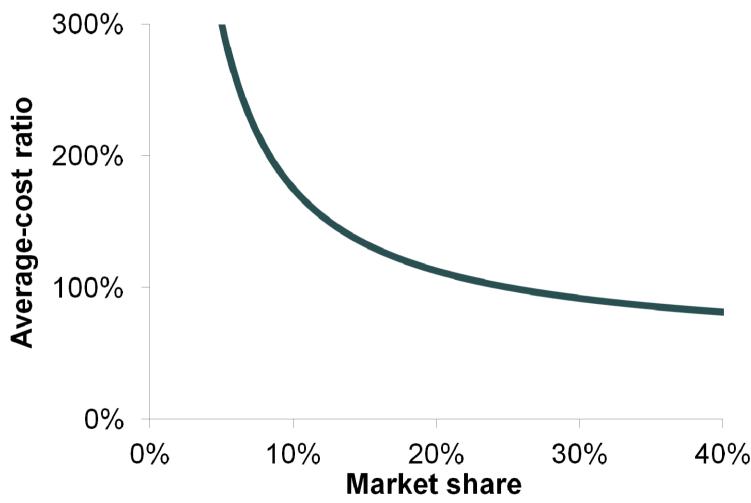




Scarce/ monopolistic upstream inputs.



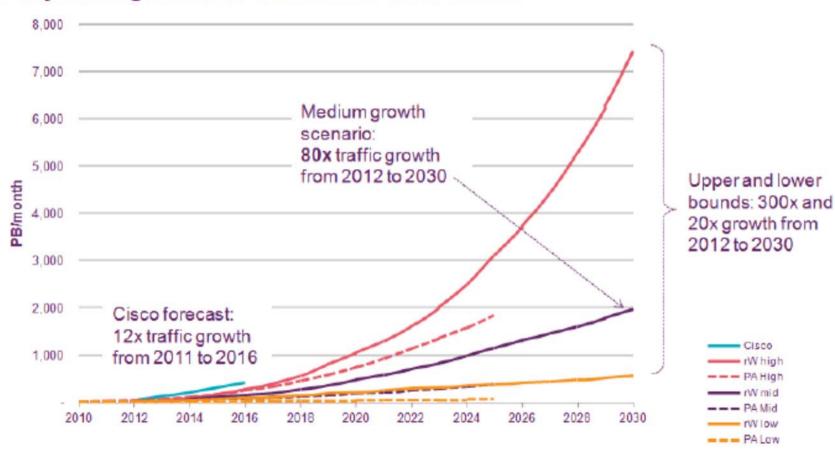
And large network scale economies.



Source: Enders Analysis.

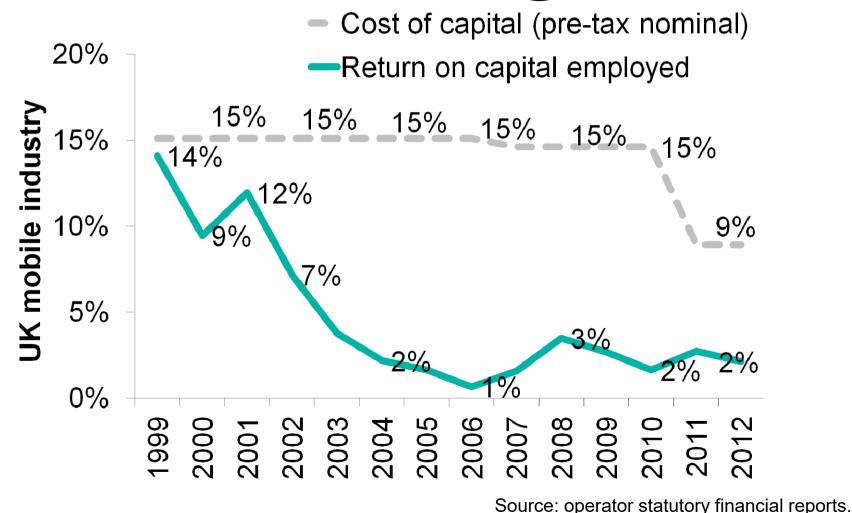
Demand: it's going up.

Projected growth in UK mobile data traffic

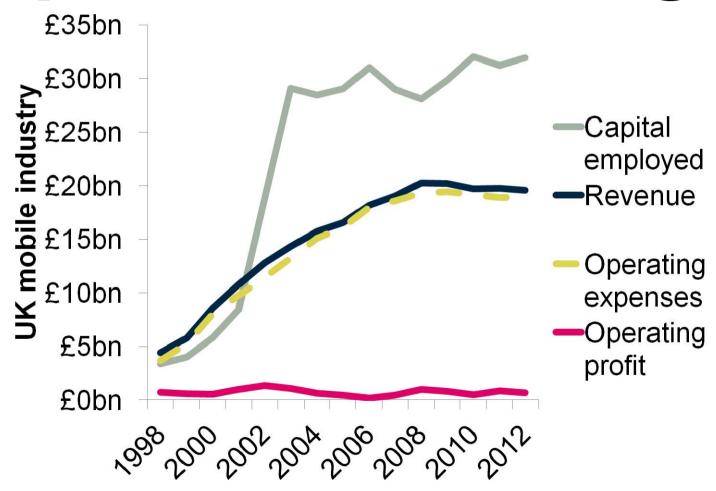


Source: Ofcom.

Supply: underwater and still sinking...

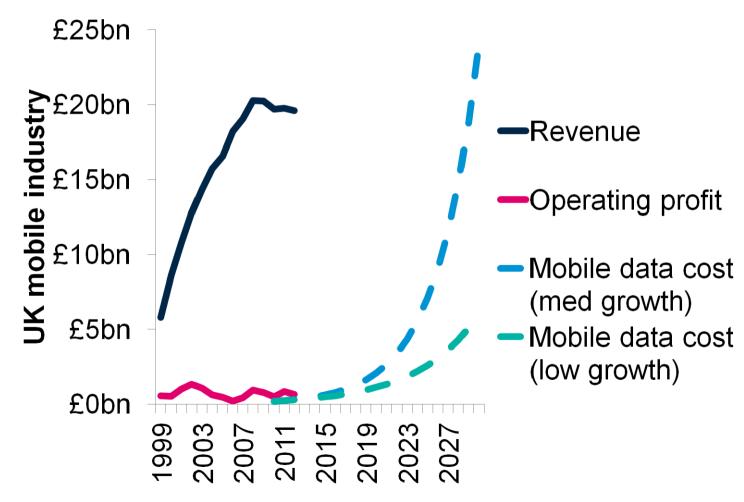


...Driven by huge capex and flat margins.



Source: operator statutory financial reports.

Future predicted demand not viable.



Source: operator statutory financial reports, Ofcom, Three.

Strategic options.

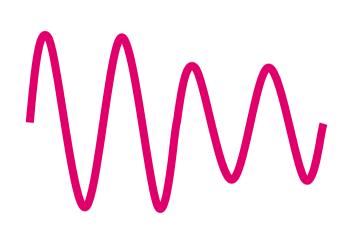
#1. Better regulation of upstream inputs.



✓ Regulated at cost

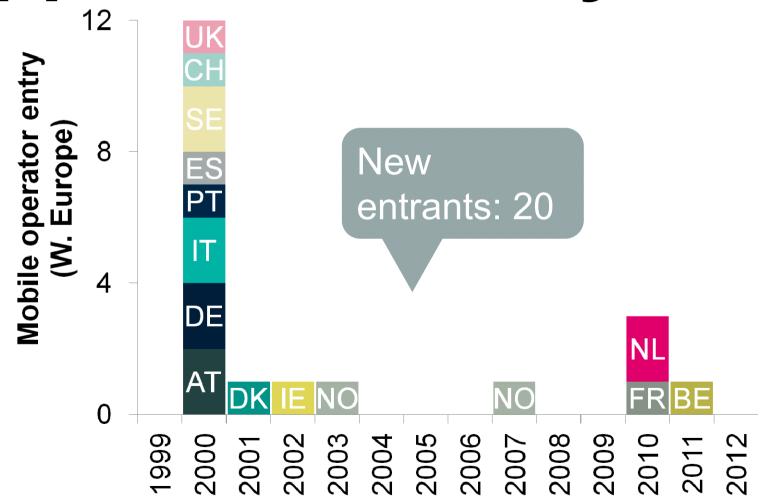


Unregulated: ransom pricing



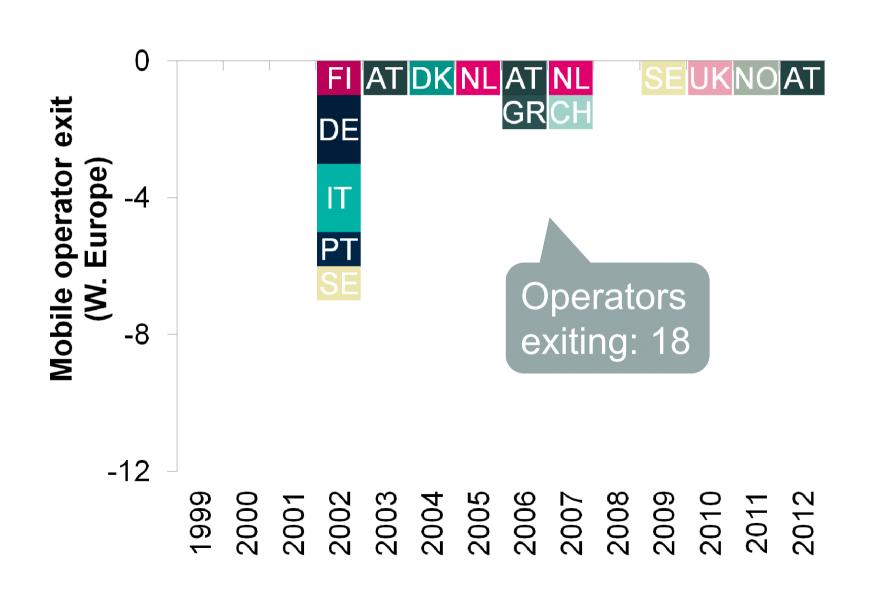
Auctioned: scarcity/ strategic pricing

#2. Strategic policy approach to entry...



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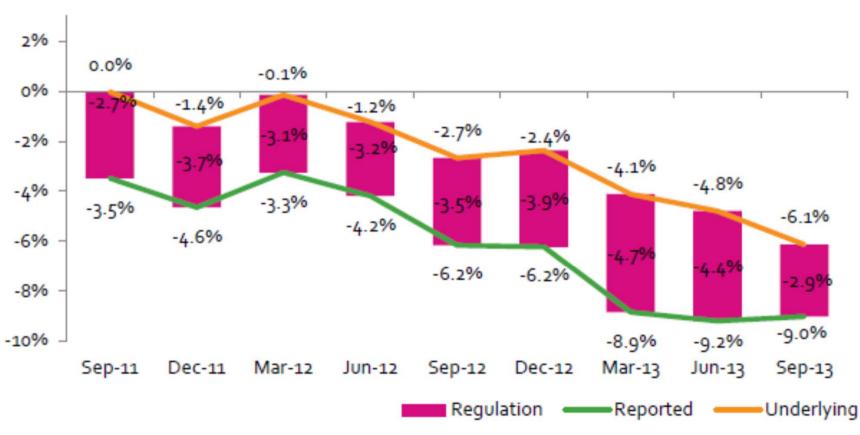
...and market exit.



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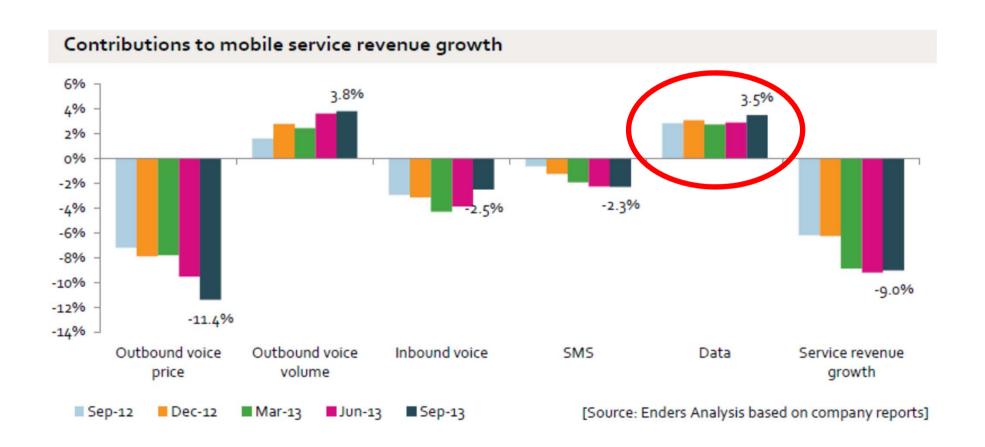
#3. Review regulatory revenue impacts.

Underlying service revenue growth - Top 5 European markets



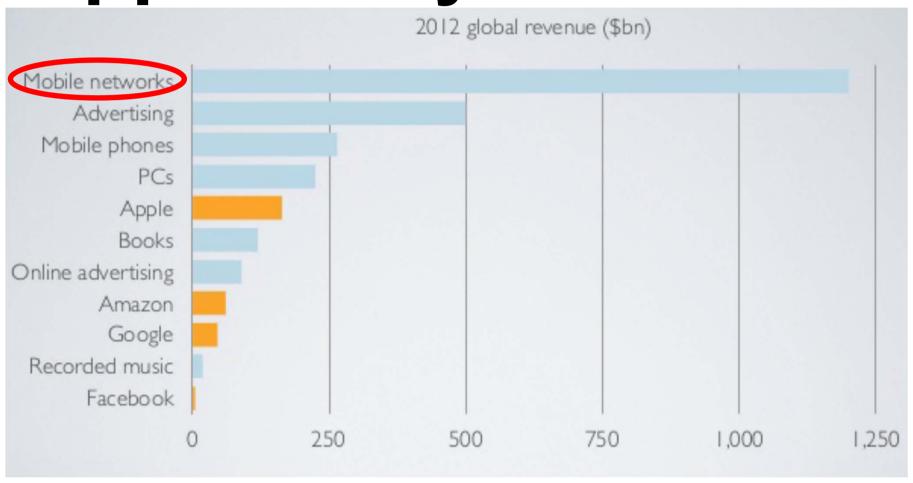
Source: Enders Analysis.

#4. Search for new revenue...



Source: Enders Analysis.

...Although opportunity limited.



Source: Benedict Evans/Enders Analysis.

Thank you.

