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### New services and applications : The new paradigm...

**Web1.0**

User   Search   Portal


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**Web2.0**

Anyone can create applications   Key Factors   Availability of open API


Social Networking   Prosumer   Mashup

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INTERNET no more as a **Library**  
but as a **open market place**

TELECOM INDUSTRY no more as a **Walled Garden**  
but as an **open market place**




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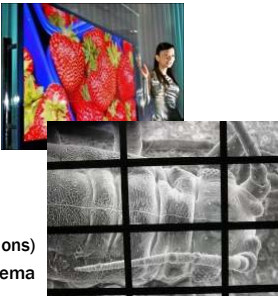
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### ...joint with UBB Services

Ultra Broadband enables new consumer and business applications

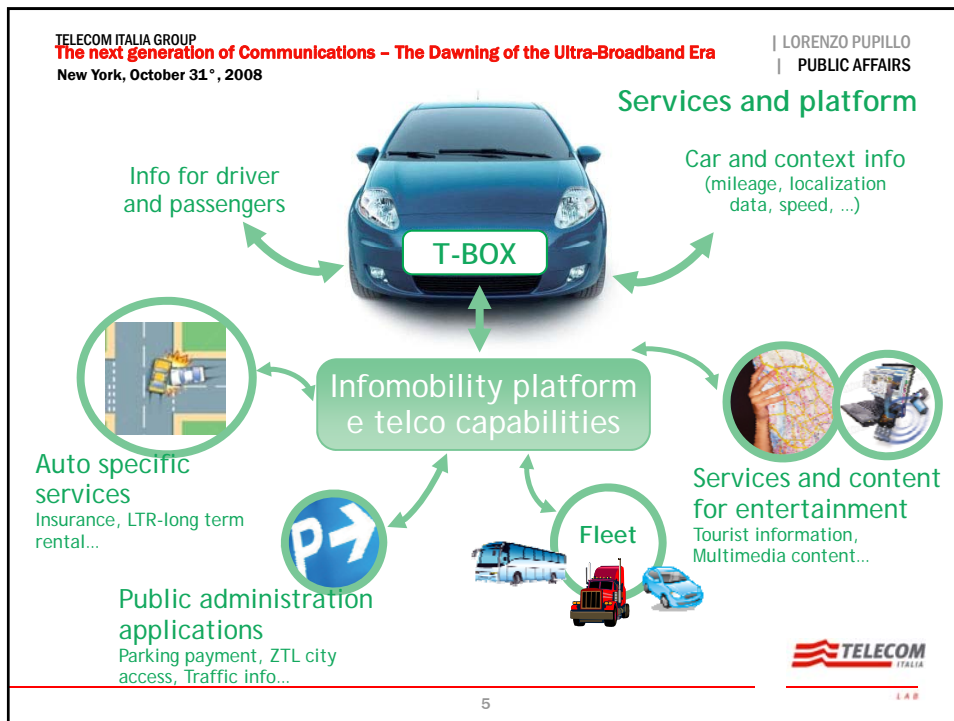
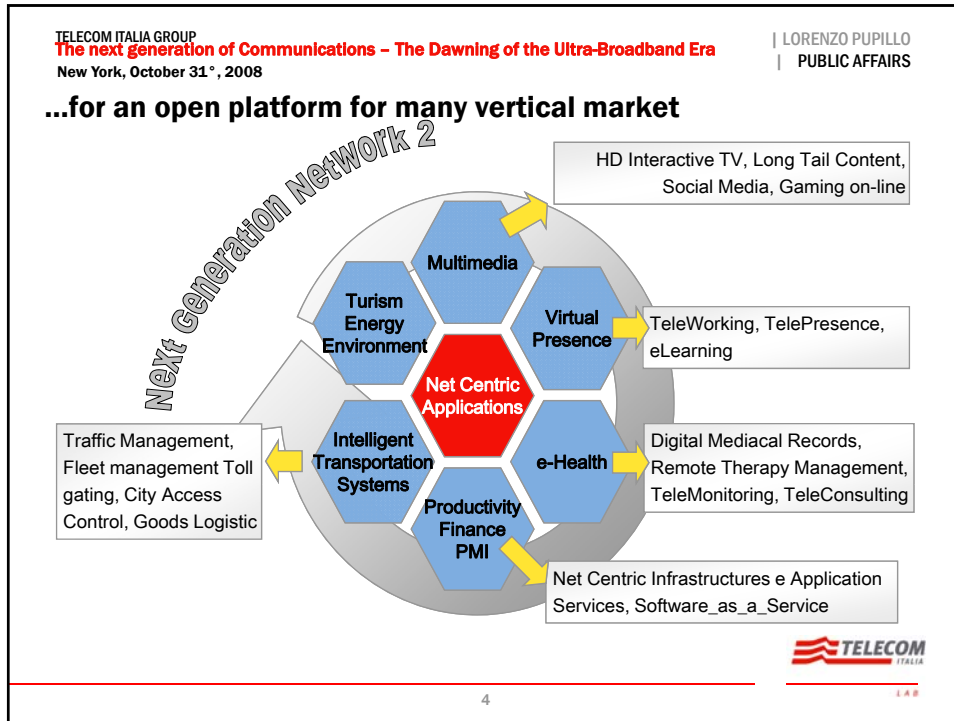


- **Consumer:**  
home entertainment applications,
  - IPTV streaming of full HDTV (and, in future, Ultra HDTV)
  - Video On Demand
  - Download&play on STB and PC for deferred play



- **Business:**  
Industrial entertainment applications and scientific environment
  - Medical research, astronomy e areal picture (for civil and military applications)
  - Content distribution of movies for cinema with Digital Cinema projectors

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### Economics of NGAN architectures:

Architecture	Central Office	Cabinet	Building	Home	Relative Capex Estimate
CO	CO (OLT)			Home	Low (mostly Electronics and CPE)
FTTCab	CO (OLT)	Cabinet (RNO)		Home	Medium (Fiber Infrastructure, Civil works, CPE)
FTTB	CO (OLT)		Building (RNO)	Home	High (Fiber Infrastructure, Civil works, CPE)
FTTH	CO (OLT)			Home	Very High (Fiber Infrastructure, Civil works, CPE)

Distances: CO to Cabinet: 300 - 3500 m; Cabinet to Home: 100 - 700 m; Building to Home: 20 - 150 m.

Legend: Electronics (Yellow), Fiber Infrastructure (Blue), Civil works (Dark Blue), CPE (Red).

Source: Telecom Italia (2008)


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### Incumbent vs Alternative Operator's architectures choices:evidence from the literature

- ▶ **FTTCab vs FTTH: JP Morgan the Fiber Battle (2006)** :”It shows that there is a FTTH business case for alternative operators in Europe’s metropolitan markets, as demonstrated by Iliad in France and NetCologne in Germany. Where alternative operators have sufficient market share and access to infrastructure (ducts from the municipalities) apyback of six years or less can be justified without assuming market share or ARPU gains.
  
- ▶ **WIK Consult (2007): FTTH greenfield business case:** a 30% market share operator would be able to avoid 50% of the infrastructure costs due to access to ducts,positive business case with an NPV of +500 euro per customer.
  
- ▶ **Study done by Universidad Politecnica di Madrid (2008):**comparing different cost function af access networks for different technologies shows that industry structure varies greatly with population density, service penetration and demand and that in several scenarios natural monopoly properties do not hold.




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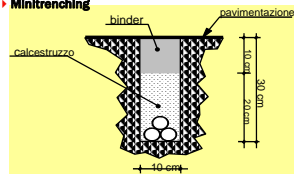
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### Technical innovation in fiber systems: modularizing costs of deployment


▶ **Micro cables in mini tubes**



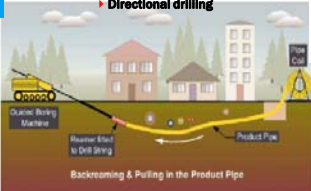
▶ **Minitrenching**



▶ **Microtunneling**




▶ **Directional drilling**



**Innovation lowers the costs of deploying fiber**

- Improving economics of FTTx relative to legacy copper,
- More scalable deployment,
- Enabling additional facilities-based entry, and,
- Facilitating sharing of ROW, Conduit, Ducts...



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### FTTH Alternative operators in Europe

**Adding Fastweb (Italy), B2 (Sweden), Illad/free & Neuf Cegetel (France) and T2 (Slovenia)**  
**FTTH subscribers at end of 2007, we reach nearly 50% of the European FTTH subscribers base**

Players involved in FTTH/B (Number of players)				
	June 2005		December 2007	
Incumbents	8	7,1%	17	8,5%
Municipalities/ Power Utilities	78	69,0%	123	61,2%
Alternative operators/ISP	12	10,6%	43	21,4%
Housing companies & Other	15	13,3%	18	9,0%

Source: IDATE 2008



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### TELECOM 3.0 calls for .....

- ▶ POLICY GRANULARITY (Geographic & Temporal)
- ▶ COMPETITION CONSOLIDATION
  - ▶ From ULL to Fiber : from Carriage to Automobile
  - ▶ Fewer but healthier competitors
  - ▶ Consolidation into larger units

.....COMPETITION 3.0 !



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