# Case Study: Rollout of a nationwide Public Wireless LAN Service

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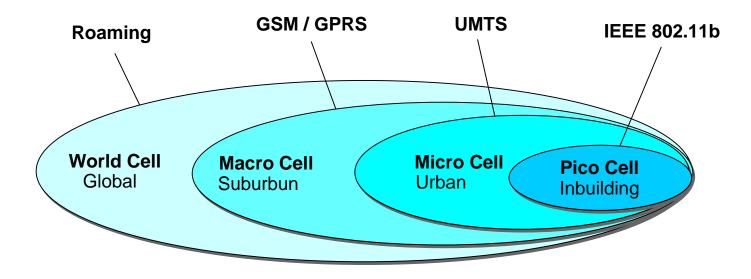


#### Agenda

- Positioning and Differentiation of 802.11
- Market Solution Approach of a Mobile Operator
- Project, Roll Out and First Experience
- The current planning of a possible Roadmap



## Positioning

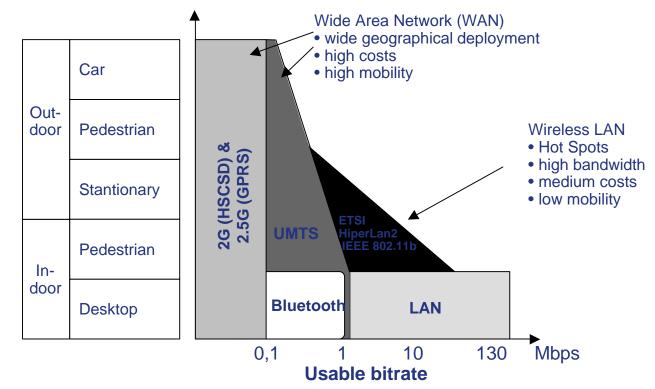


- 802.11 is seen as a convergent technology to UMTS
- There is a market for technologies to continue to co-exist
- End user should not have to deal with access technology
- Seamless and unified mobile broadband access to services
- Wherever a customer moves

### Integration of a set from the Mix of Technologies ...

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**Development of wireless Broadband Technologies** 



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## Differentiation

WLAN-Appplication (% Market Size <sup>1)</sup> )	Description	Party with highest customer intimacy
Residential WLAN (19%)	Wireless extension of existing broadband access	Broadband ISP
<b>Corporate</b> WLAN (69%) -Own employees - Visitors / partners	WLAN as replacement for corporate LAN Cabling by corp IT dept.	Solution providers / System Integrator / MNO
Public WLAN (12%) -Publicly operated -Privately operated	WLAN operated for visitors of hotspot PMN or site owner ops.	Mobile Operator / System Integrator Resp. Site owner

- Different types of WLAN: Private, Corporate and Public
- Primary Focus on PWLAN (for coverage reasons)
- Targeted Customer Segment those who use CWLAN
- Best Value Proposition through unified, secure global single login across the three types of WLANs

1) DC May 2002: Western Europe WLAN Market Forecast

## Why should a MNO provide WLAN services

- Technology: Use as much radio technologies as valuable
- Service: Extension to existing Mobile Data Portfolio
- Marketing: Brand recognition, trust and customer ownership
- Assets: Leverage of large customer-base
- Operations:
  - Site acquisition expertise, teams and contacts
  - Existing GSM customer management and billing interfaces (for pre- and postpaid users), central authentication system
  - Field forces to build-up and operate a mobile data access network
- Coverage: Wide area coverage 'fall-back' supporting broader mobility needs and experience in roaming

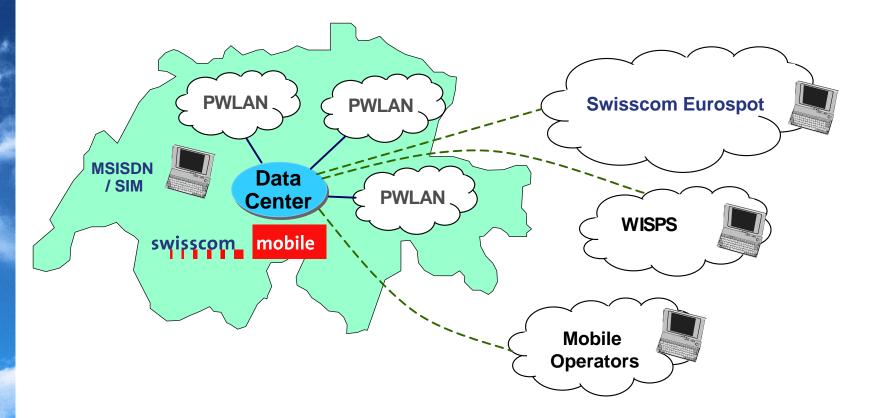
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## Market Solution Approach of a Mobile Operator



#### **Basic Business Model**

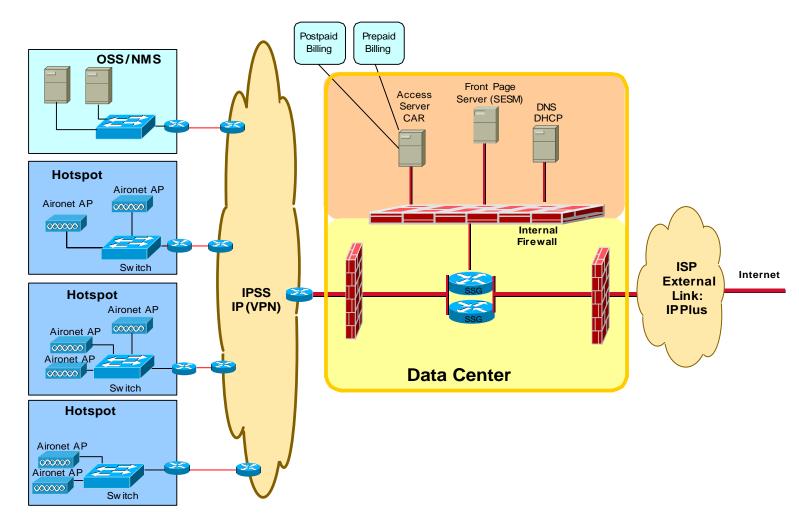


- Provide own service in Switzerland (MSISDN / SIM related)
- Roaming with other partners abroad (in definition)
- In the future: Integrate Corporates into the Model

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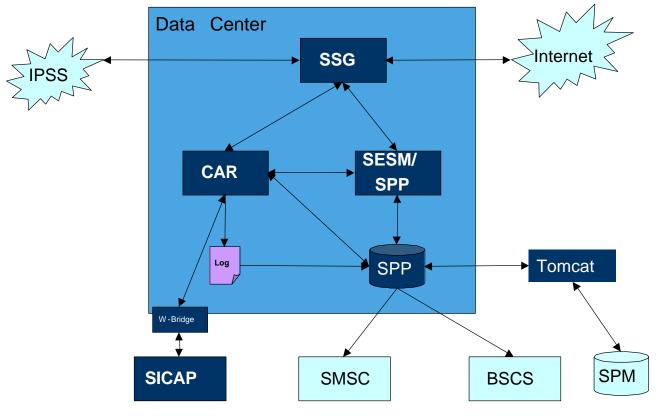
### The current technical Solution (1)

#### Public Wireless LAN Swisscom Mobile



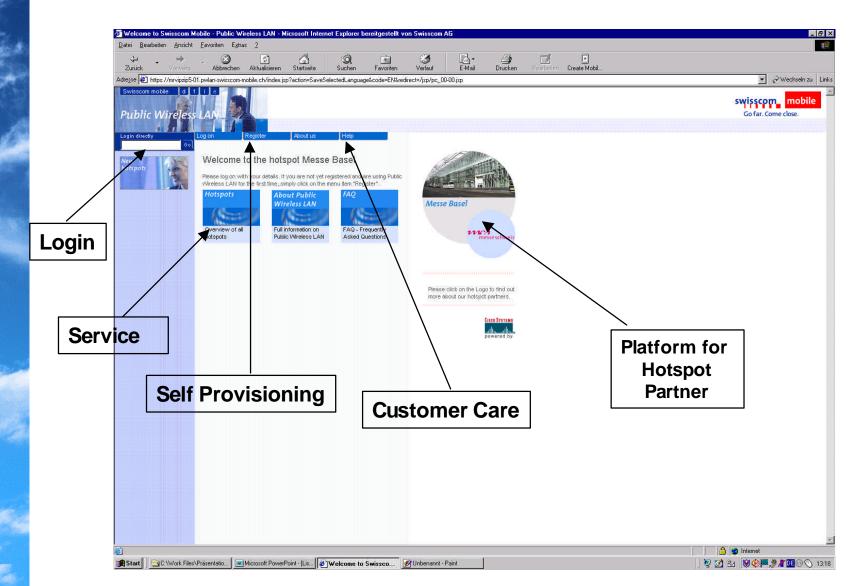


## The current technical Solution (2): Data Center





#### **Customers Perspective: Entry page**





#### Postpaid

0.90/minute max. 81.-/month, no subscription Prepaid

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Value Card

(session based) 2h: CHF 19.-24: CHF 48.-

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**High-Speed Access** 

Hotspot Infrastructure



## **Project, Roll Out and First Experience**

## **Swisscom Mobile Strategy**

- Phase 1: focus on business customers (2003)
  - National Hotspot acquisition at business locations
  - Further at railway-stations, airports etc.
  - In parallel Eurospot activities
- Phase 2: mass-market (2004 at earliest)
  - possibly new product-mix (e.g. bundling offer)
  - > 500 Hotspots end 2006

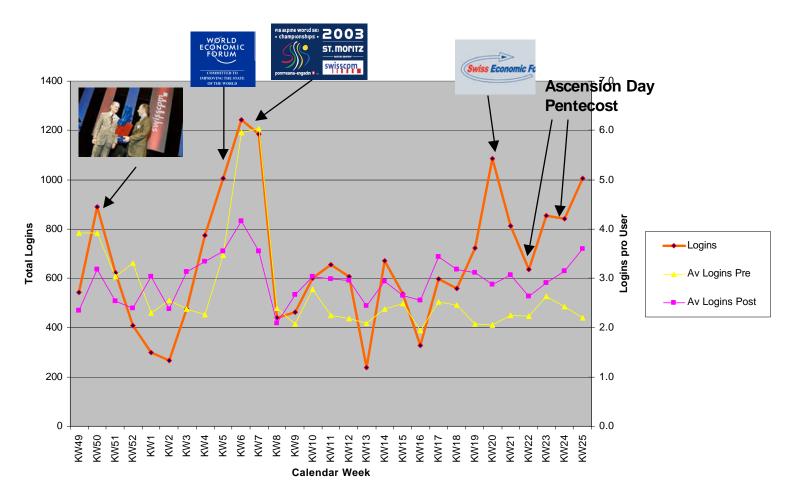


## **Milestones Public Wireless LAN**

- August 2001 decision to build the Public Wireless LAN service
- March 2002 first Media announcement
- April 2002 pilot network with 20 Hotspots
- September 24 announcement of Launch
- December 2002 Service operational / launch
- 100 Hotspots online in Switzerland by end of 2002
- Currently 350 under contract and 230 operational

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## Usage



- Equipped events seam to generate peaks
- Users who have used it once use it more and more



#### **Profiles**

It is still very early for clear statements about user profiles.

Av. Duration per Login Total Av. Duration per Login < 81.-Av. Duration per Login > 81.-

- Journalists
- Consultants

76 Mins 10 Mins 110 Mins. very event specific long online time

## Locations

- Railway station Hotspot is highest used single location
- Congress Centers / Places with events generate peaks
- Airports and its hotels are regionally highest used areas
- Geographical ranking:
  - Zürich (43%), Bern (23%), Geneva (15%), Basel (10%), Davos (8%)

## **Some Learnings**

- Only a few companies use Public Wireless LAN today:
  - availability of VPN access to the company network
  - awareness and knowledge
  - cost pressure
- Users don't want to miss the service after first use
- Even synchronized users stay online longer
- Users are willing to pay price premium for bandwidth
- Significantly higher login rate for postpaid users
- Obviously more national business users than intl. travelers
- Business users from all segments (Corps as well as SME)
- Steady but very moderate increase of service usage

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### **Open topics**

- Roaming expected to be as seamless as with GSM
- Market is not enough educated yet
- Better coverage of highways and railway stations required
- Hotspot recognition is very low
- Hotspot partners dislike prepaid cards



# The current planning of the Roadmap



## **Outlook / roadmap**

- Additional prepaid card levels
- Targeted no of operational swiss Hotspots in 2003: 350
- Public Wireless LAN roaming
- Credit card vouchers
- EAP SIM pilot
- Multiple provider platform
- Convergence with other access technologies (Hand-over)
- Integrated billing (for service rather than for access technology)



## Thank you for your attention

