

A Scenario for 2015

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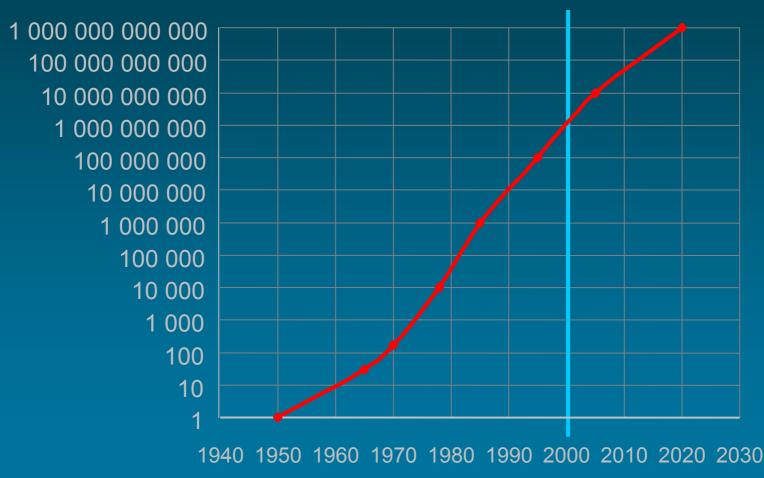


A Scenario for 2015

- ICT technology
- Comms economics
- Gadgets why they are important ingredients
- Changes in economic structure, growth rates, globalisation
- Situation in 2015
- Implications for policy

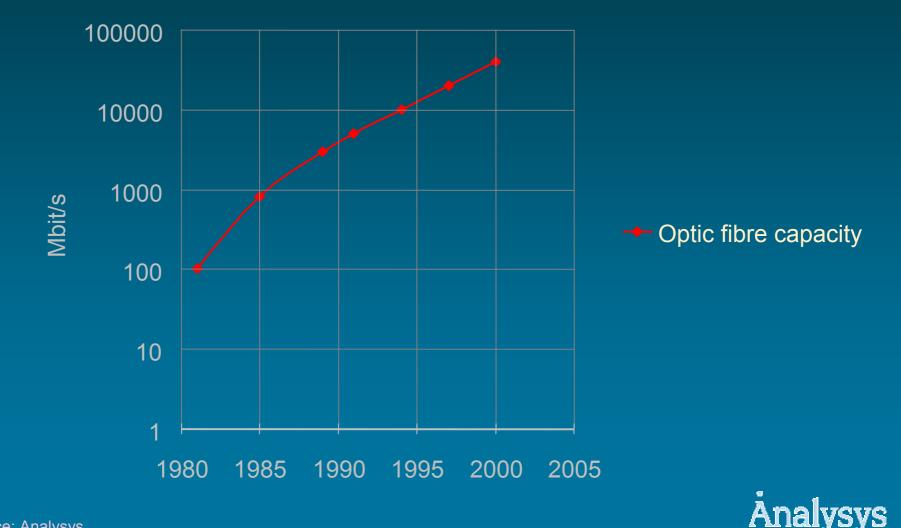


The cost-performance of electronics doubles every 18 to 24 months (Moore's Law)

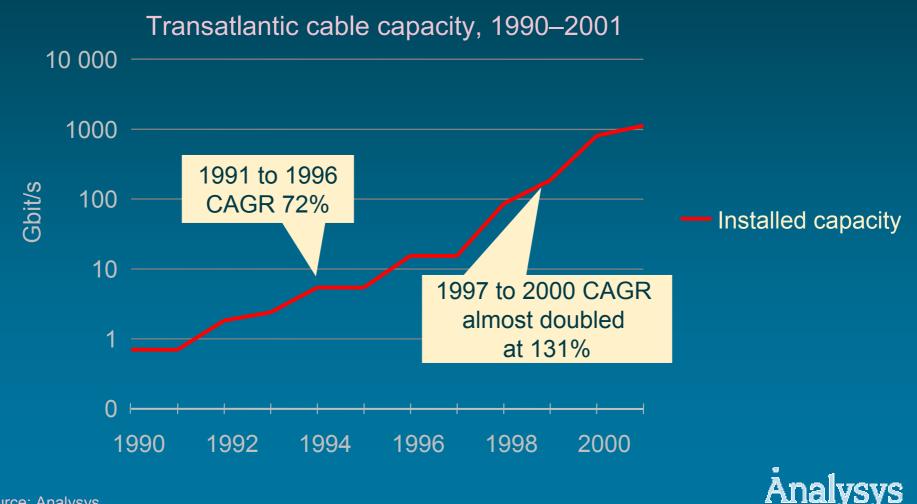


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Opto-electronics are following the same path (Moore's Law operates in telecoms too)

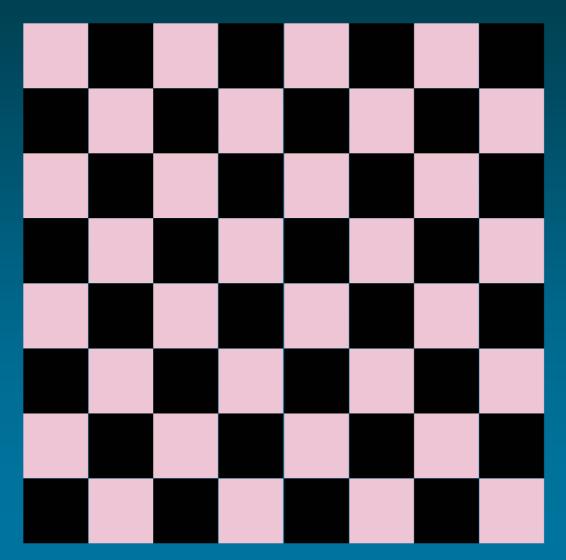


Undersea cable capacity is growing faster than ever



Source: Analysys

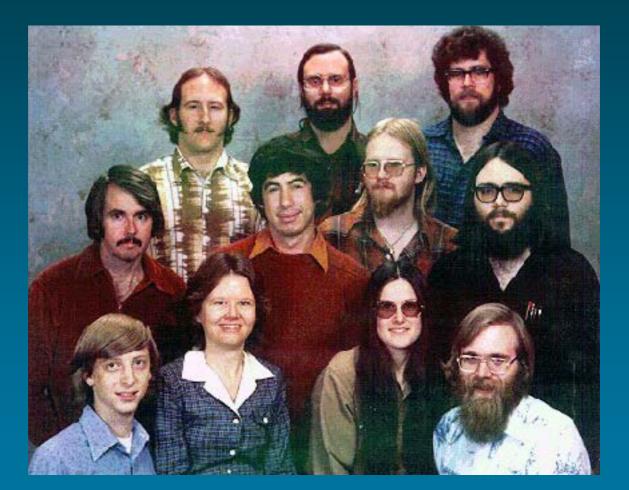
The second half of the chessboard



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Original idea: George Gilder

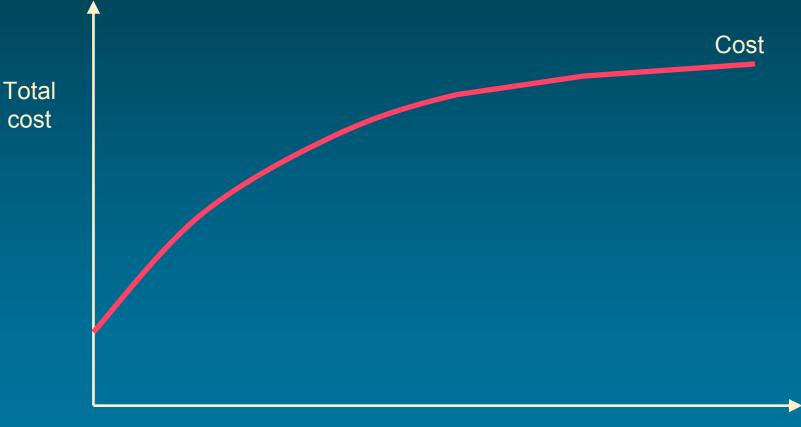
No one knows what it's going to be like living on a planet covered in rice...



Microsoft Corporation, 1978

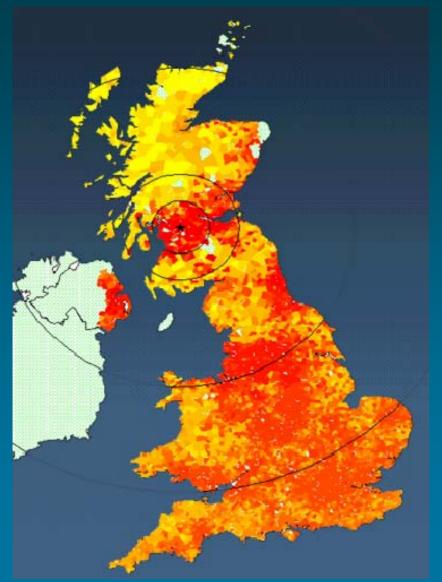
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Telecoms networks have significant economies of scale



Volume Analysys

... and economies of density ...



Cost of calls from Glasgow

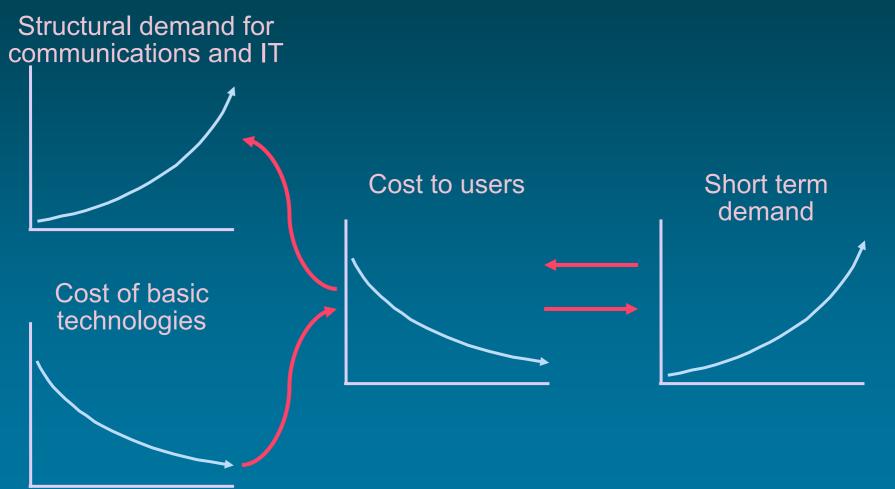
Cheapest

Most expensive



Source: Analysys, 1997

... which will have major implications for the economy





Gadgets





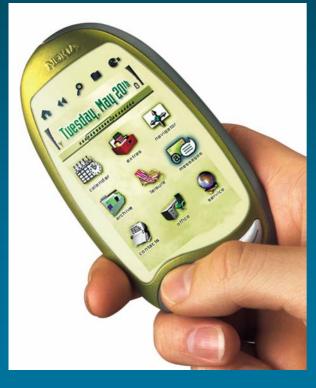


The fridge which talks to the internet is already here

Electrolux



A vast array of mobile devices are coming soon ...







... including the 'wireless wallet'

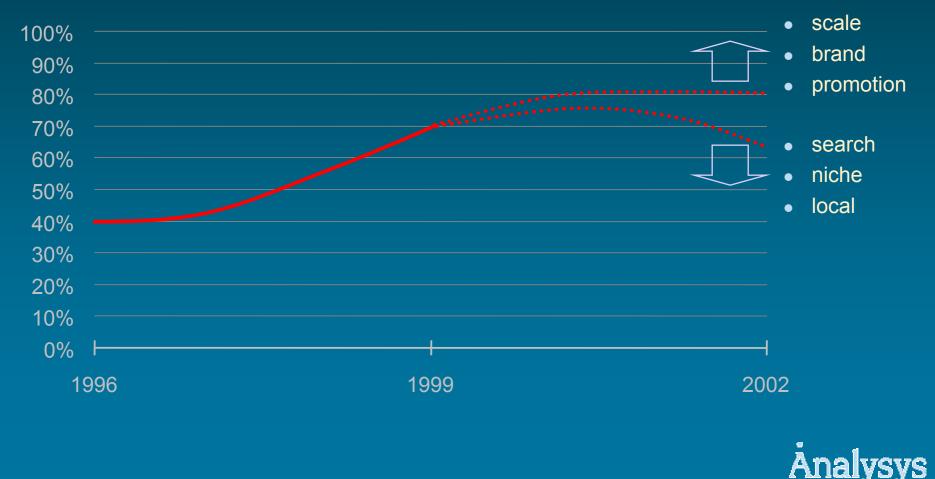
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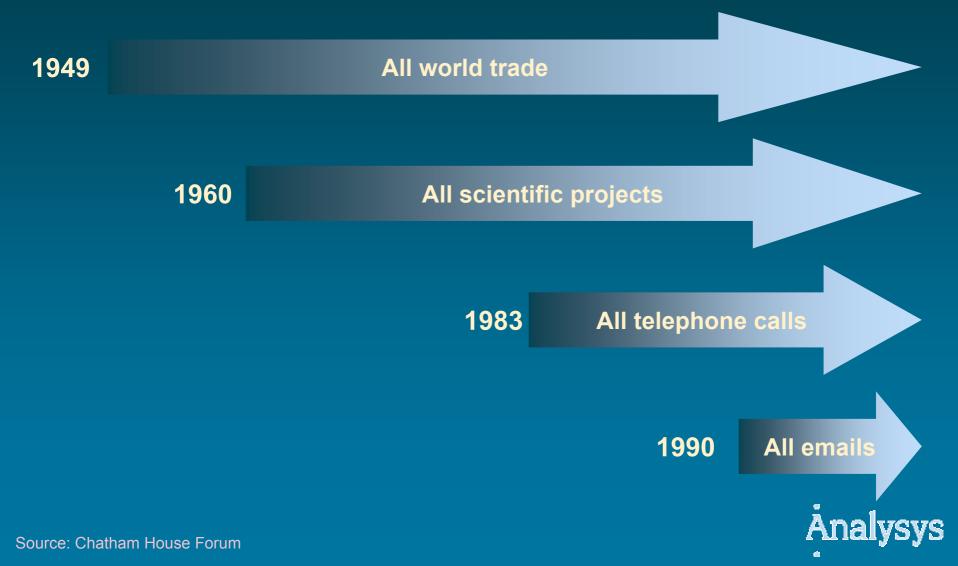
Increasing concentration

% of all hits taken by top 5% of sites

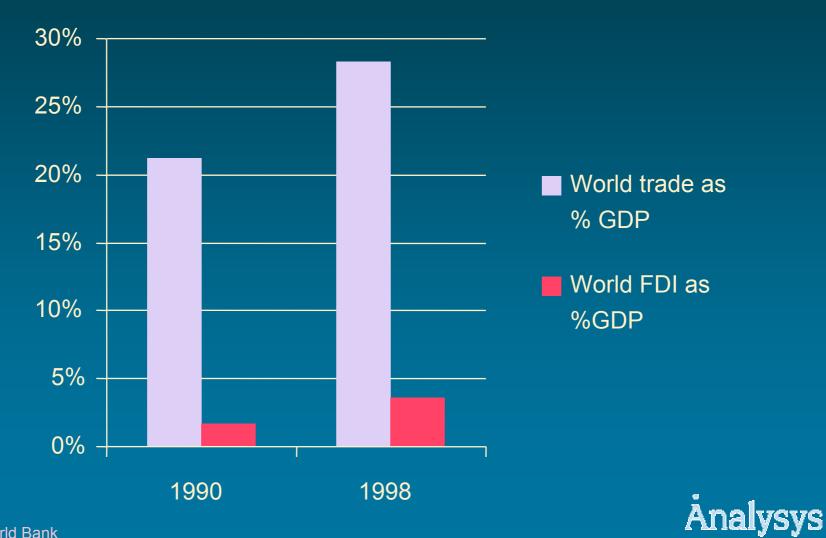


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One day's activity in 1999 was equivalent to ...

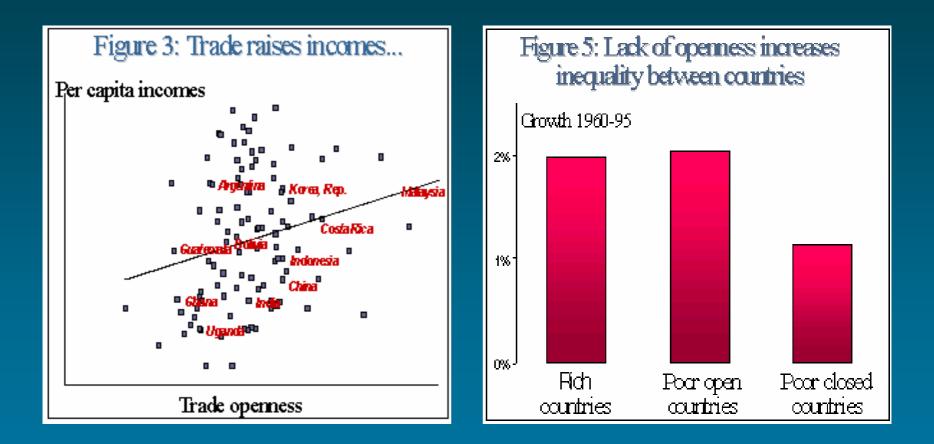


Rapid growth of globalisation



Source : World Bank

Globalisation brings economic growth



Source World Bank, April 2000, PREM Economic Policy Group and Development Economics Group



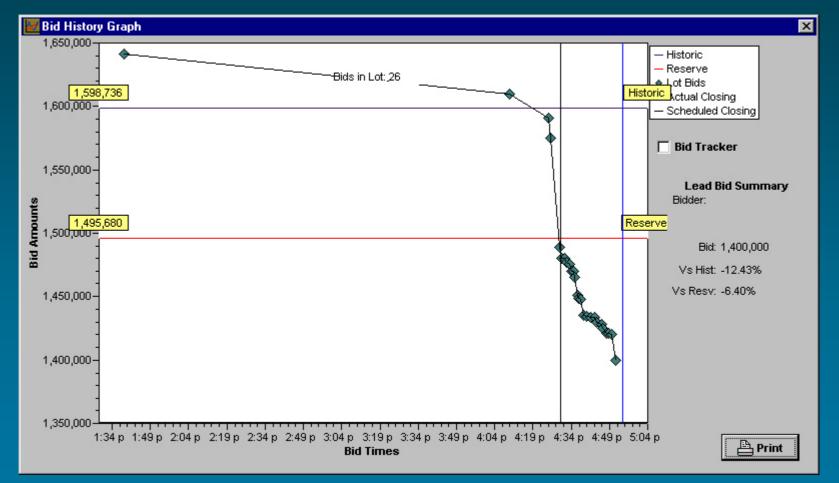
The USA has been growing faster than any other region since the mid-90s



The recent surge in telecoms share prices looks like it's over



E-bidding – real example of event for personal care chemical



Source: Nick White, Unilever, speaking at Beyond Networks, March 2000

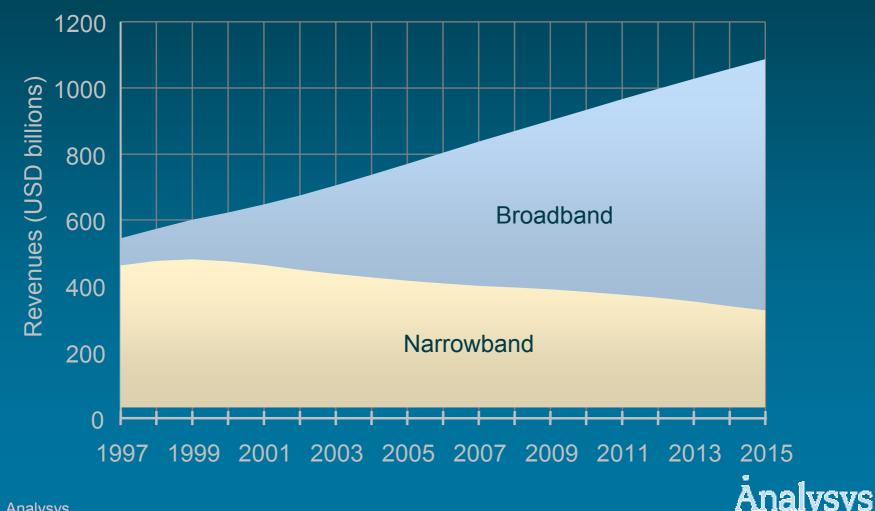
The shape of 2015

- GDP 60% bigger
- Three times more being spent on telecoms
- Communications traffic 2000-3000 times current levels
- Unit costs about one thousandth of their levels in 2000
- Telecoms doubles as a proportion of GDP



Broadband telecoms will dominate the market

Worldwide telecoms services revenues



By 2012, we expect 3G revenues to be significant

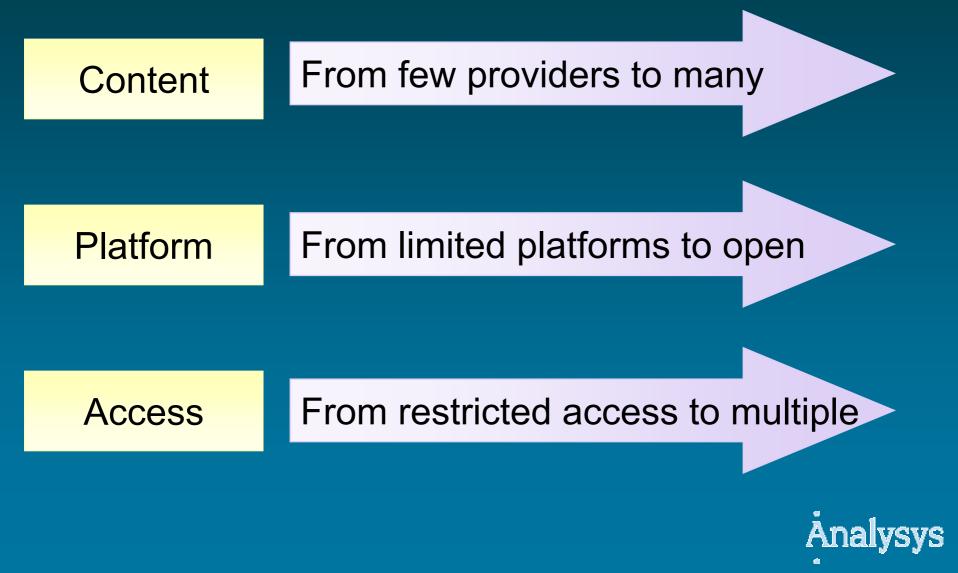


Does this make sense?

- In 1985 the US Internet backbone was just being upgraded to 56kbit/s (it is currently 300 000 times that capacity)
- In 1987 the maximum market for mobile phones in the UK was forecast at 750 000 (there are now more than 35 million)
- Most communications costs are less than 30% of what they were in 1985



Policy needs to reflect ...



HG Wells' prophetic vision of the future, The Shape of Things to Come, 1933

"It is remarkable to note how long mankind was able to carry on without any knowledge organisation whatever. ... Nor was there any conception of the need of a permanent system of ordered knowledge, continually revised, until the 20th century was nearing its end. ... [To those of an earlier age] our Fundamental Knowledge System ... with its special stations everywhere ... would have seemed incredibly vast."

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