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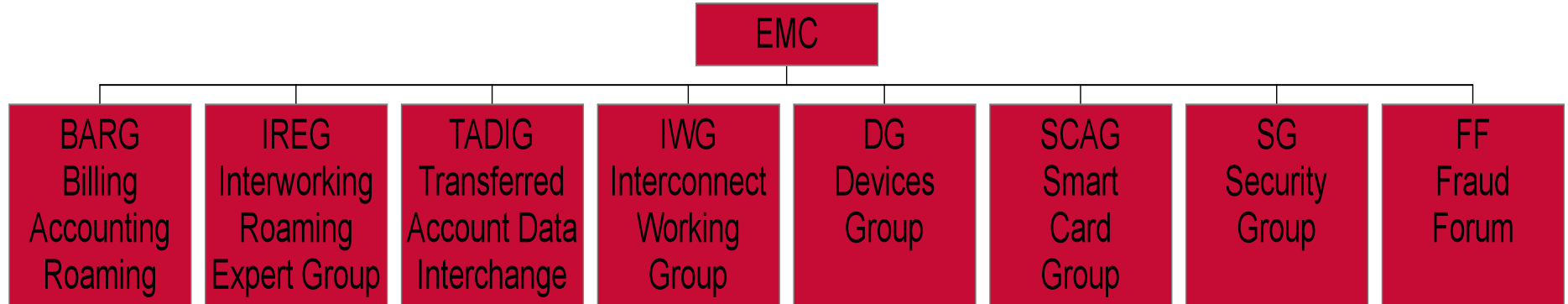
GSM Association (GSMA) Background

- Global trade association responsible for GSM family of technologies
- Global membership of nearly 800 operators and 200 manufacturers and suppliers
- Organised into working groups and projects on many topics, open to all employees of GSMA member companies
- Participation leads to industry solutions, information sharing and education



GSMA Working Groups

- Eight Working Groups report to EMC
- Focus on a particular area of competence, e.g. security
- Deliver solutions for the GSM community where cooperation is needed, e.g. roaming
- Operators provide subject matter experts to the Working Groups
- HQ provides support via a WG Director and Coordinator



Fraud Forum (FF) – Objectives & Membership

- Trusted forum on GSM fraud issues to minimise exposure for members
 - Develop fraud awareness
 - Exchange intelligence & best practice
 - Develop & maintain industry countermeasures e.g. NRTRDE
 - Assess the fraud exposure of new services
 - Collaborate with other GSMA working groups and projects
- Provides value through **education** in addition to formal work items.

FF Membership – Jan 2012

	<i>Total across FF, Asia-Pac FF & Africa FF</i>
Individual members	487
Countries	106
Companies	242
<i>Operators</i>	199
<i>Associate members</i>	43

Evolution of Mobile Fraud

- Analogue - subscription fraud
- Analogue cloning - personal use, Call Selling (later inc. PBX fraud)
- Premium Rate Service (PRS) fraud (domestic)
- Roaming PRS fraud
- Credit card fraud – prepay
- SIM cloning (small numbers) + Roaming PRS, etc.
- International Revenue Share Fraud (IRSF)



Current key issues:

- Subscription fraud
- Roaming
- GSM Gateway/SIMbox (bypass)



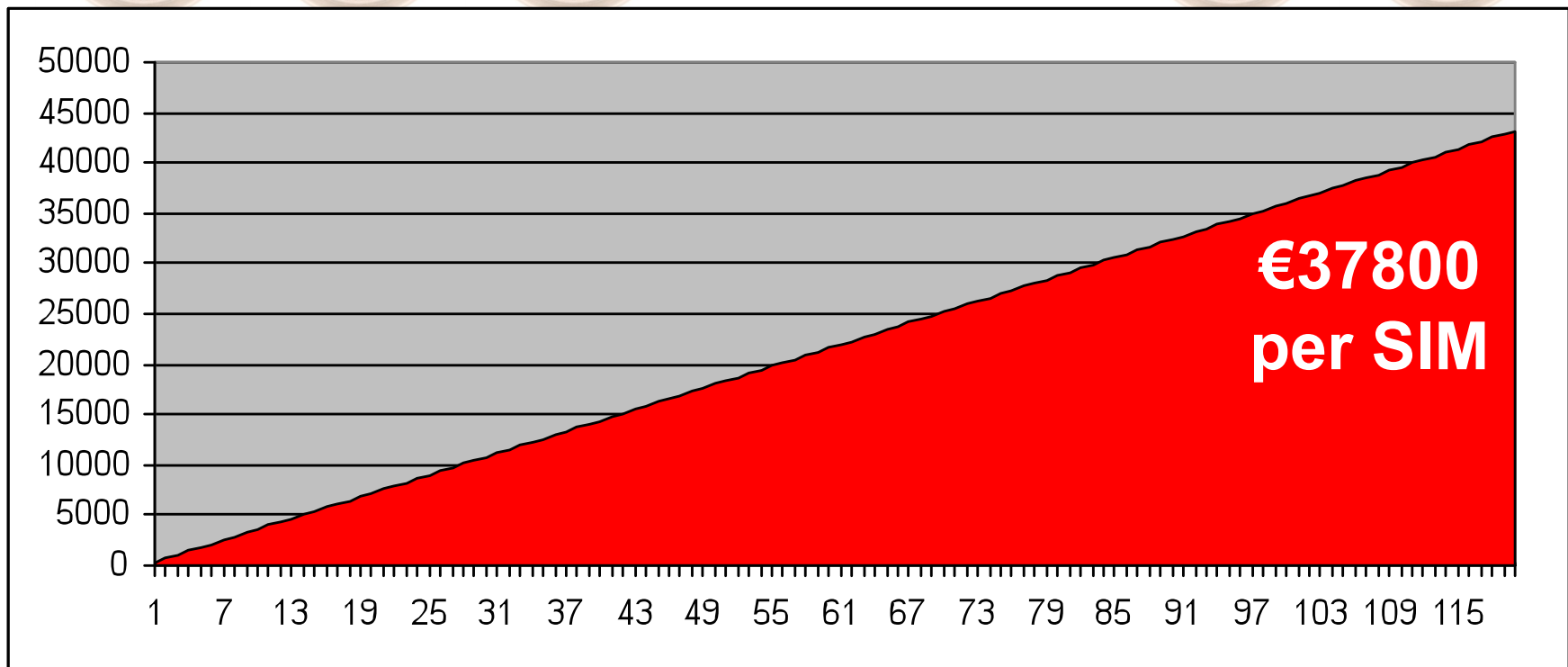
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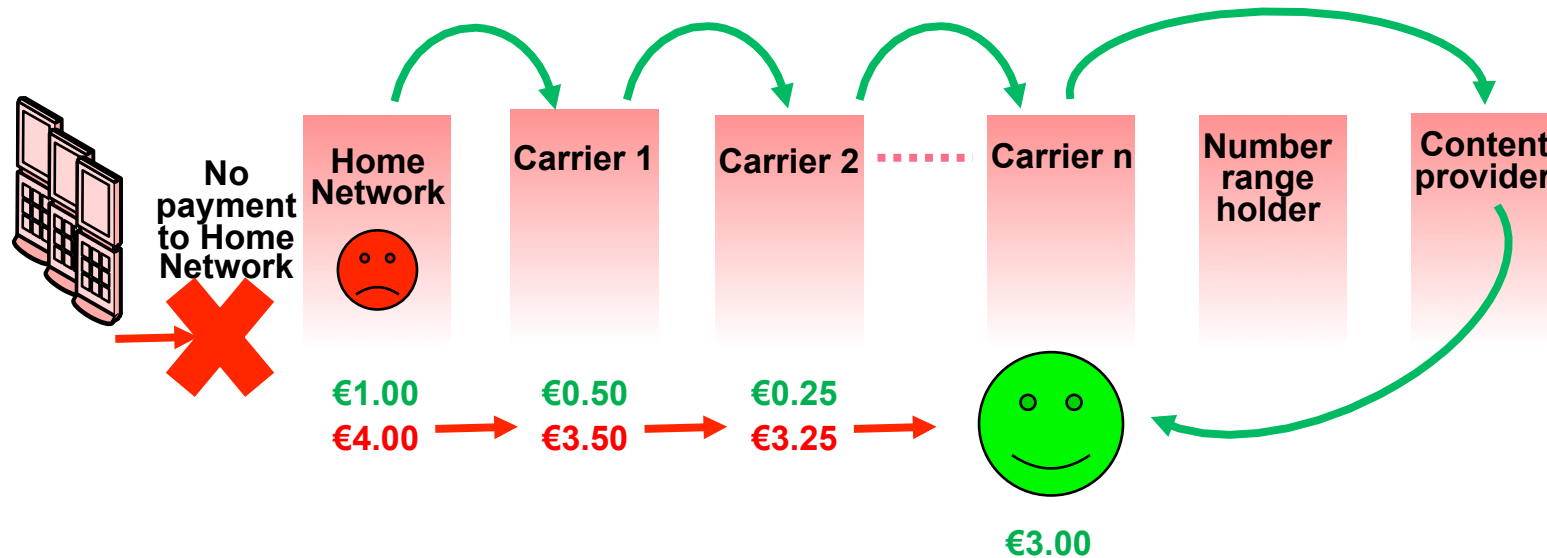
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Optimised Fraud



- Short – stopping by fraudsters
- Number Range hi-jacking

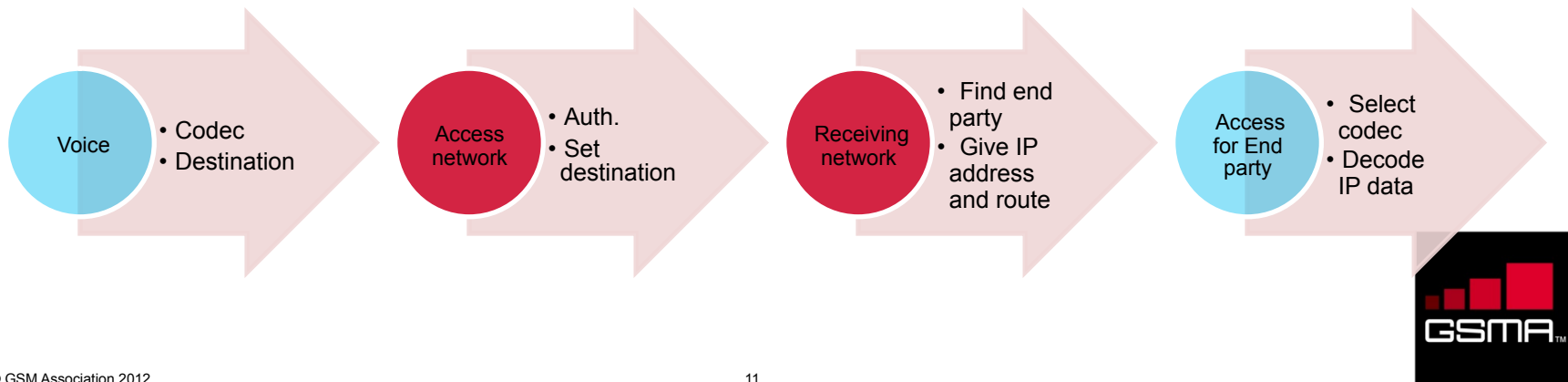
What next (and what's in a name)?

- 4G
- LTE (Long Term Evolution)
- NGN (Next Generation Networks)
- all terms referring to mobile evolution from circuit switched to packet switched services



What is a Next Generation Network?

- Support for services, applications based on
- Interworking with legacy networks via open interfaces
- Unified service
- Converged services
- Services don't have to be from the Mobile Operator



IP & IMS Systems

- First time in mobile telecoms that the bearer providing the service is totally separate from the services offered
- In effect, this means two separate operators can run services, one for the service and one for the bearer
- Within 10 years Telco networks will be solely IP backbone and conventional switching will have disappeared due to cost
- All services offered will be digital

NGN issues - Identity Management

- There are now two types of identity - for the bearer & service layers
- Different identities may be combined into one account
- There will be a number of other identities used internally in the network
- Many of the identities are dynamic and change in session

Service Identity

IMPU

IMPI

sip_uri

tel_uri

E.164

Bearer Identity

- Account ID, Radius ID

- IMSI, Terminal ID

- MSISDN, Fixed line access number

- IMEI, Device Electronic serial number

NGN: The Challenges

- The key areas for challenges and risks are:
 - For Operators - control of separate Bearer and Services
 - Service Providers - lack of total control and information
 - New players with lack of knowledge and/or experience
 - Fraud Management - new technical opportunities for fraud
 - Revenue Assurance - Different billing models and data sources
 - Security - More complex technical controls
 - 3rd parties - Control and trustworthiness of billing and content!

- A mix of:
 - More complex technology
 - Different billing models

So Fraud will be different



IMS: IP Multimedia Subsystem

- IMS means a complete new network that separates the bearer network and can work across many network types
 - Mobile GSM, 3G, CDMA etc.
 - Fixed networks
 - WLAN
 - PAN e.g. Bluetooth, IR or Near Field Communications (NFC)
- IMS does not standardise applications, but aids access of multimedia & voice applications across wireless & fixed terminals
- IMS provides 'horizontal control layers' that allows the separation of the access/bearer network from the service layer
- **This drives different needs for fraud & risk management**

Customer Terminal Device

- In NGN, the “end point” can be called different names in different network types can be:
 - Mobile Phone (GSM, CDMA,)
 - Data terminal – tablets or smartphones
 - ADSL or Cable Router/ Modem
 - IAD (Integrated Access Device)
 - CPE (Customer Premise Equipment) for fixed networks

- They all have some common functions:
 - Store an identity such as SIP Username and password
 - Have an IP address (allocated or dynamic)
 - Have some other identity such as an equipment identity
 - Have an operating system and memory and run applications
 - Generally poor internal security or fraud controls so these need to be in the CSP's systems



Key Issues for Next Generation Services

- Every service can be very different and made up of different component parts - both IP with interaction over different **Bearer** and **Services**
- Content and payments will move operators to a different risk profile similar to those of banks and retailers – e.g. money laundering, undelivered goods etc.
- Issues for the operator on CPE, IAD, SIP & smartphones and the applications that exist on them – corruption or malware
- Proof of the location and identity of the user and transaction is difficult with mobile and IP based services!



NGN Service Groupings



Professional:

- Video Conference
- Multimedia Sales
 - Advertising
 - Informative
- Remote Vigilance
- Mobile Marketing
- On Line Training
 - Location Based
- Security Surveillance
 - Mobile Office
 - Presence

Financial:

- M – Commerce
- Virtual Banking
- E – Payments
- On Line Billing
- Stock broking
 - Auctions
- Government
- Community
- Financial Transactions

Entertainment:

- Informative
- Multiparty Gaming
 - Music
 - Movies
- Video Content
 - Gambling
 - TV
 - Radio
 - Pictures
- Messaging
- Video Sharing

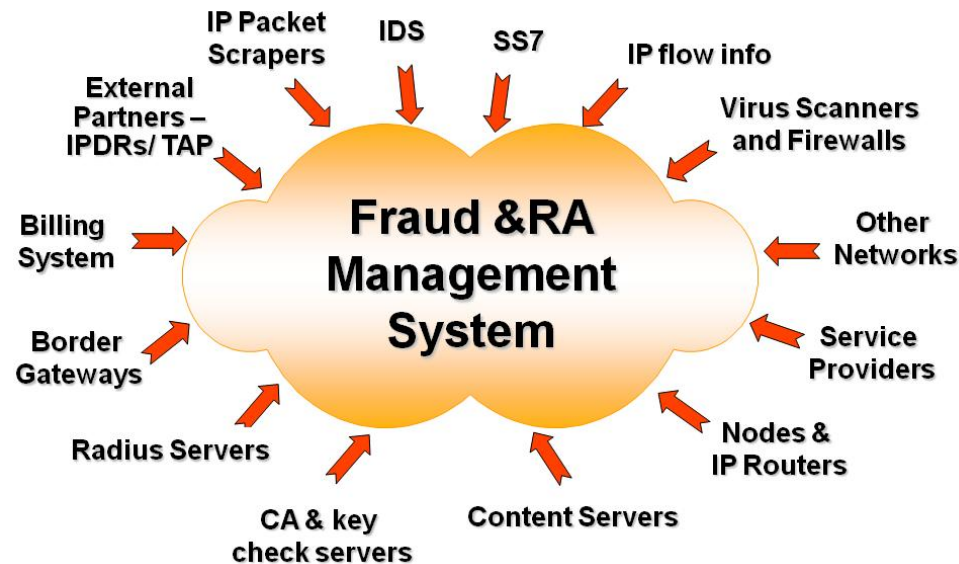
Shopping:

- M – Commerce
 - Auctions
 - Retailing
 - Ticketing
 - Booking
 - Working
- Advertising



Challenges for Fraud & RA

- More complex both from a technical and operational perspective
- Data more real-time and complex - increased need for the collection of events
- Linking data in Bearer & Services
- Requires new data feeds from new services platforms



NGN Frauds?

- Aim for the highest value content or greatest volume
- Hackers and Malware writers looking for notoriety by implementing widespread damage / maximum financial gain
- Fraudsters from the Finance Industry targeting M-banking & M-commerce
- Will make more use of internal information and work with internal staff due to better external controls
- Criminals will exploit the same approaches as today but with a greater potential reward..... Moving away from simple airtime usage – comparatively low value!

NGN Fraud Management Approach

- NGN FM approach will be a variation of what is done today, but it will be more complex both from a technical and operational perspective
- Significantly more data and increased need for the collection of events from many places compared to present
- The identities may not have a known location for traffic origination or termination? 20% of IP are not where they are geographically expected
- Traffic can originate in different places - no need for a central switch location where call records can be collected for FM purposes



Services Fraud Management

- Fraud detection of the services layer will be partly the same as today - many services used combined with multiple bearers
- Provisioning related fraud will need detecting as a lot more self care will take place and it will also be driven by the billing model
- FMS will need to know which services the customer is allowed to use - needs much more control of provisioning fraud than with present systems





Fraud Control & Management Panel Discussion

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