



Who Will Profit from Social TV Service?

Insights and Queries From A Technology Disruption Model

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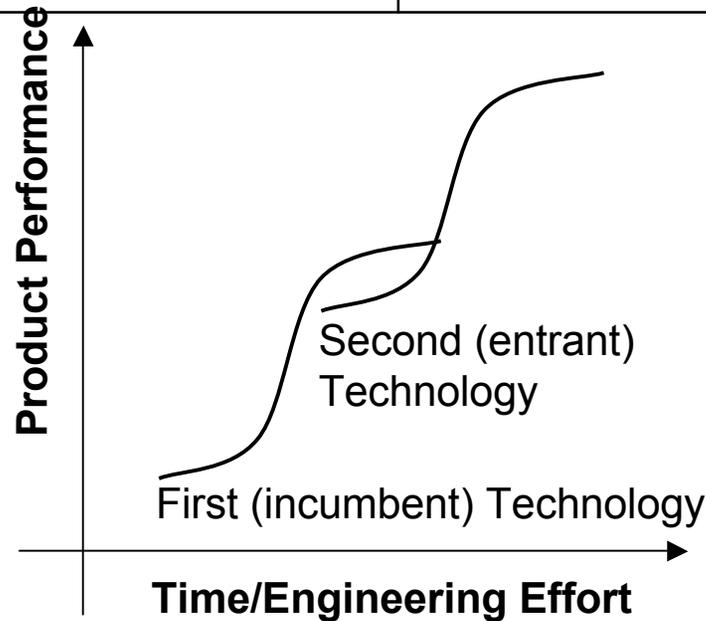
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Disruptive Technology

Firm	Price	Primary Performance (Basic Features)	Ancillary Performance (Additional Features)
Incumbent	High	High	Low
Entrant	Low	Low	High



Example Cases:

Mini mills
Disc Drives

*Ref: The Innovator's Dilemma,
Clayton Christensen (1997)*

Question: Does Social TV Service fit this picture?



Social TV Service

Starting from CFP Working Paper

Innovation at the Edge: Social TV and Beyond, Natalie Klym and Marie Jose Montpetit, September 1, 2008

“edge-based trends [are] driving ‘social TV,’ including the personalization of devices, the integration of social networks with the video value chain, and P2P networking among STBs.”



Is Social TV Service a Disruptive Technology?

Firm	Price	Primary Performance (Basic Features)	Ancillary Performance (Additional Features)
Traditional TV Service (Incumbent)	\$50-\$60 (High)	Device Quality Connection Quality Content Quality (High)	Mobility Sharing Content Sharing Experience Device Variety (Low)
Social TV Service (Entrant)	\$0-\$ (Low)	Device Quality Connection Quality Content Quality (Low)	Mobility Sharing Content Sharing Experience Device Variety (High)

“Technology disruption *alone* may not change the existing industrial order despite meeting Christensen’s Conditions. One must also look at other technological, market, and organizational uncertainties.”

Does Technology Disruption Always Mean Industry Disruption, Chintan Vaishnav, ISCSO 2008, Athens, Greece



The Disruption Model

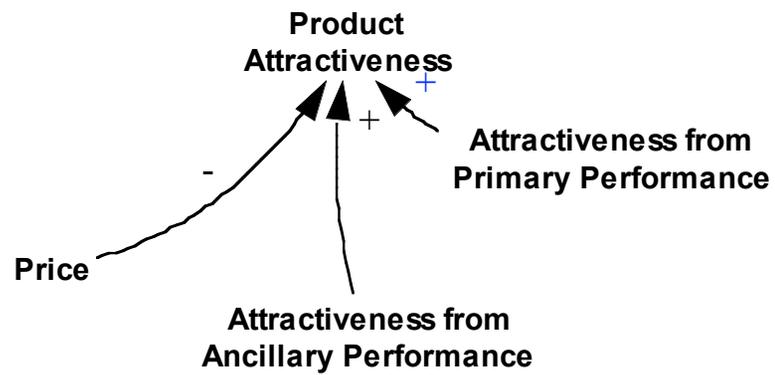


Model Setup and Assumptions

- A behavioral model (akin to behavioral game theory model)
- 2 Firms – Incumbent, Entrant
- 20 year period (think technology paradigms...)
- Incumbent enters at Year 0
- Entrant enters at Year 6 (when incumbent is mature)
- Firms initialized with Christensen's conditions...
 - Entrant has half Cost base than Incumbent
 - Entrant has half Initial Primary Performance than Incumbent
 - Entrant has double the Initial Ancillary Performance than Incumbent
- Both Incumbent and Entrant are equally capable (technically and organizationally) to produce the same products
- Consumers are homogenous in their preferences

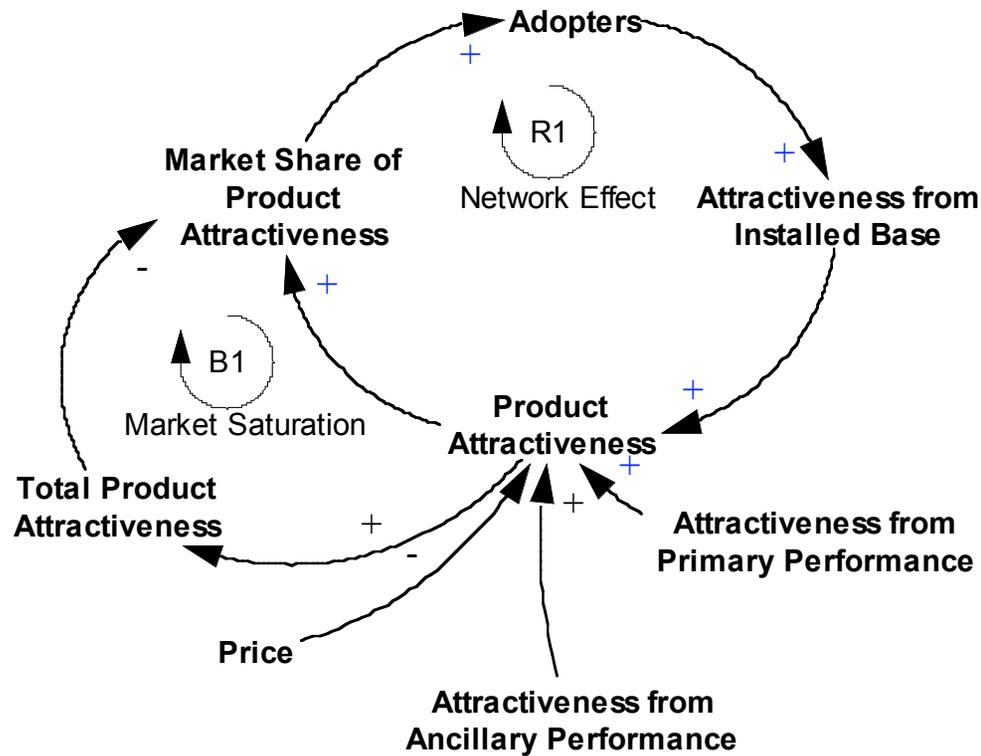


Consumer Preference and Behavior



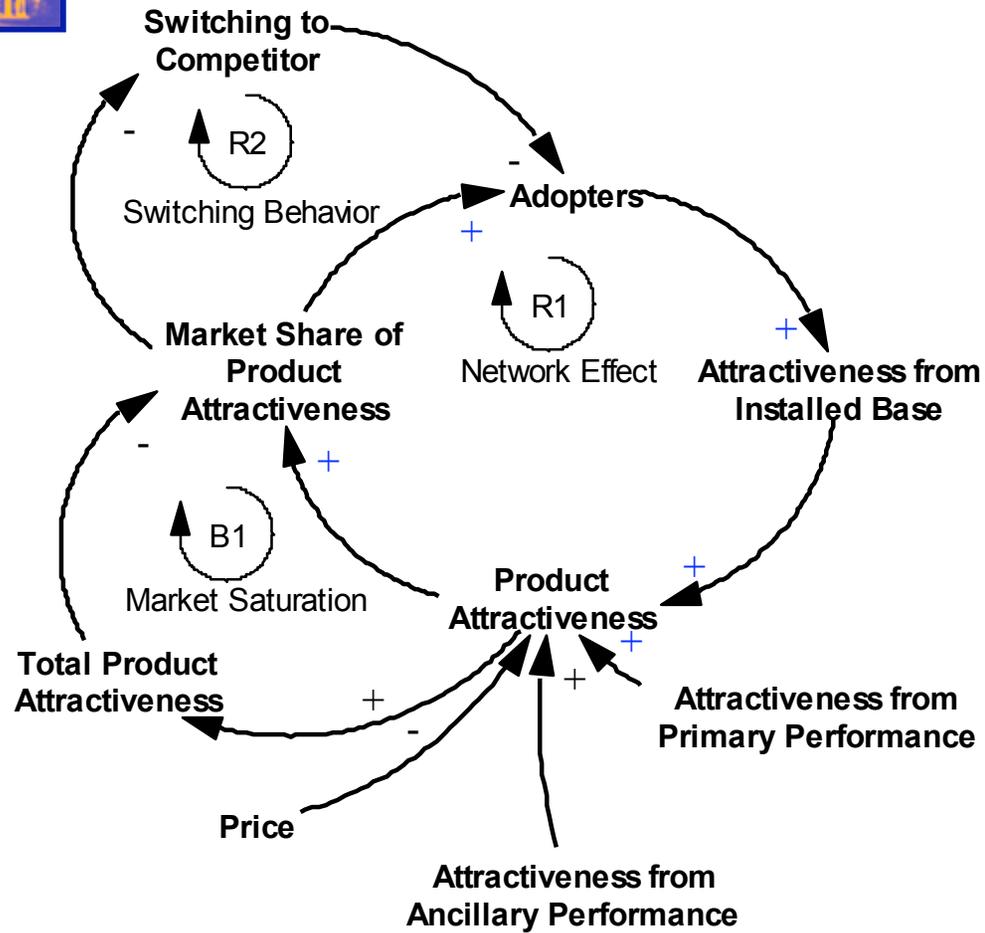


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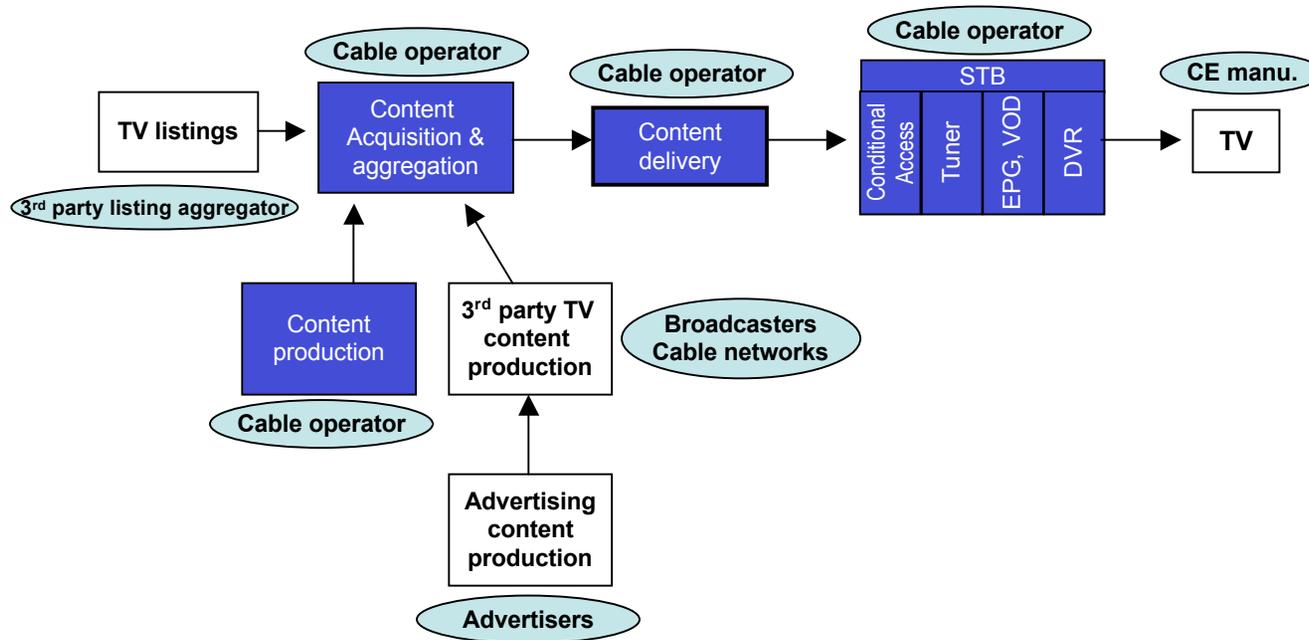


The P2P Networking of STB





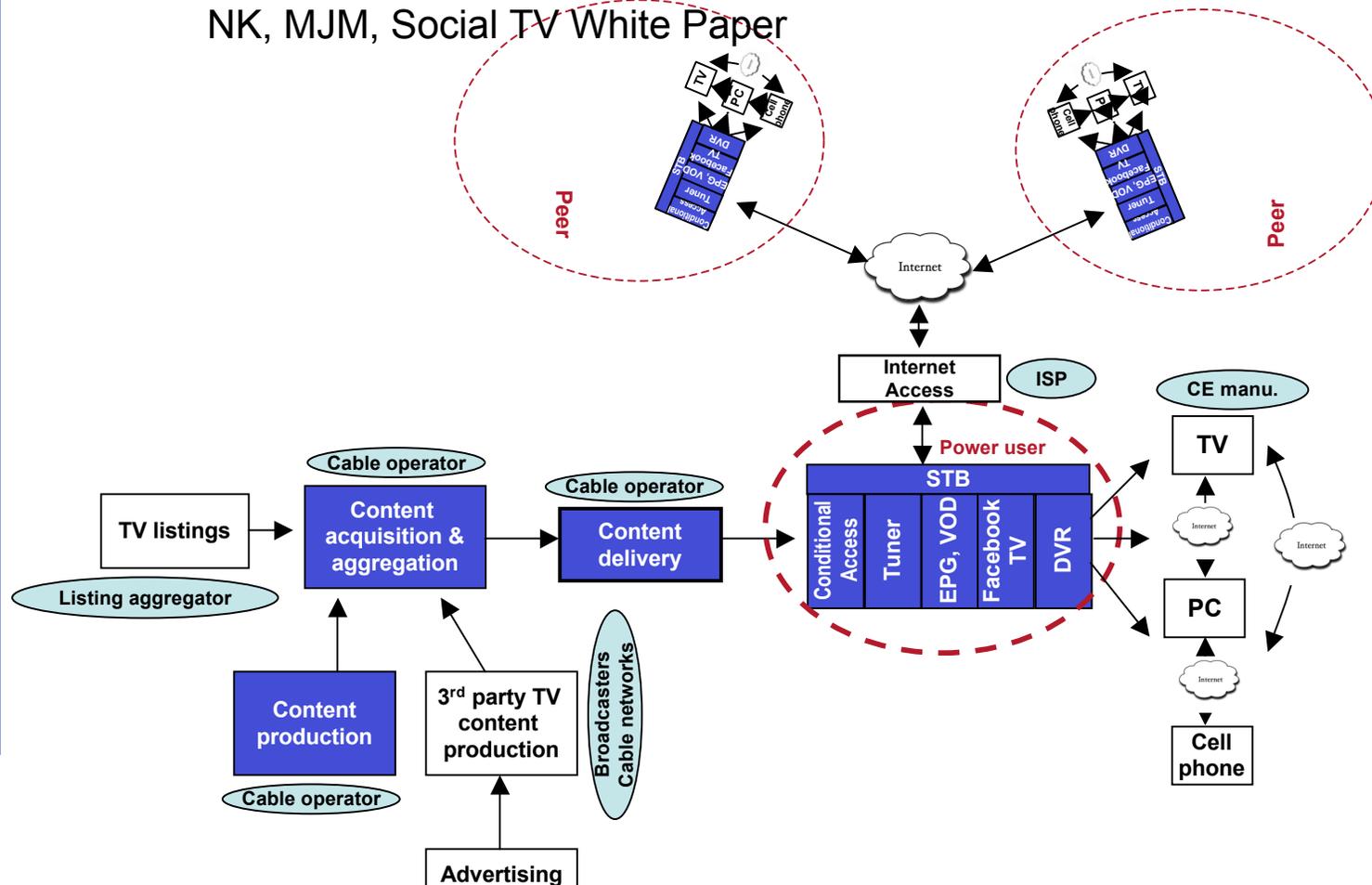
Traditional service – simplified version





Social TV service – operator based – P2P Networking of STBs

- Instant Messaging-like Overlay (IPTV Middleware, True2Way)
 - P2P connection between STBs in a home/office
- NK, MJM, Social TV White Paper

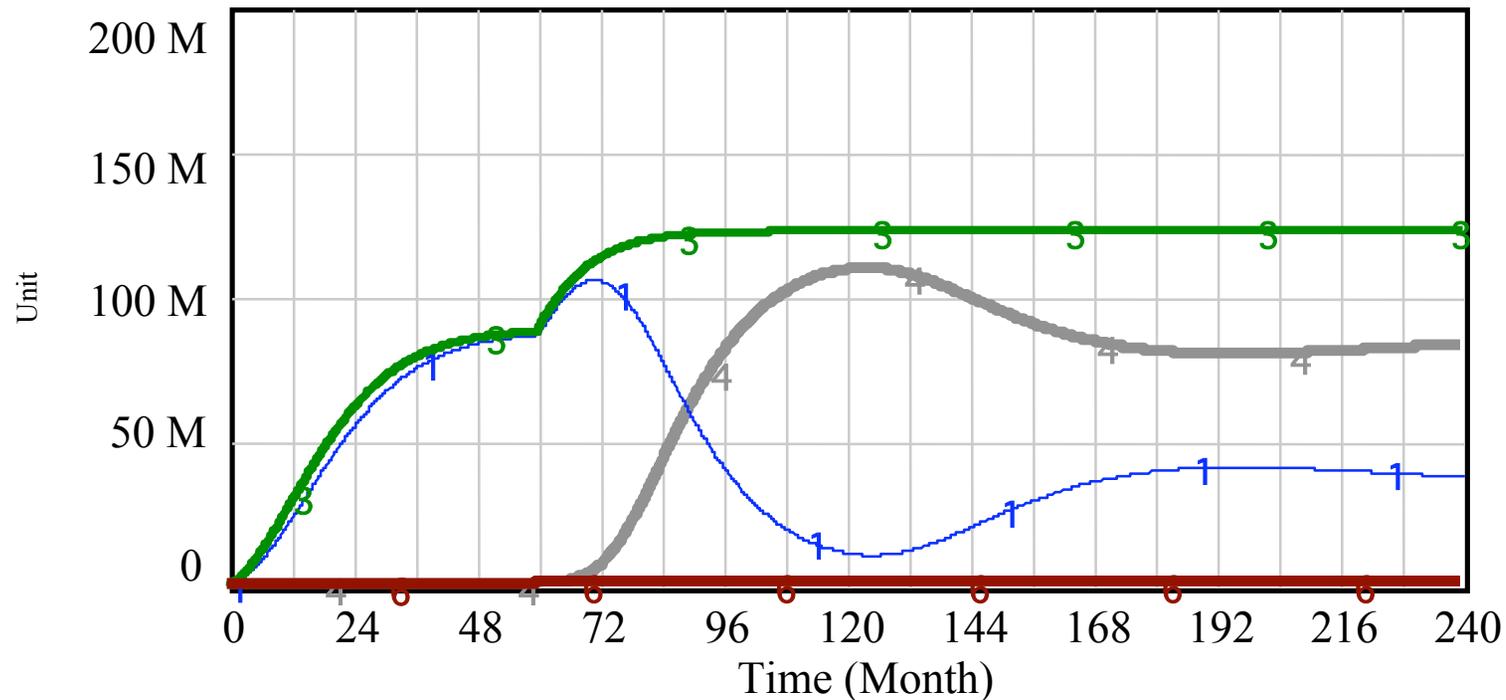


Q: What do these trends broadly imply?
A: Higher Direct Network Effects?



Model Lessons: Network Effect

Adopters



Adopters[Incumbent] : Active Base Case 1 1 1 1 1

Adopters[Incumbent] : Network Effect 3 3 3 3 3

Adopters[Entrants] : Active Base Case 4 4 4 4 4

Adopters[Entrants] : Network Effect 6 6 6 6 6

With network effects the equilibrium can be winner take all (WTA).
The strength of network effect determines the winner



What does the P2P networking of STBs mean?

The cable operator that produces, acquires, and delivers content popular for social interaction (e.g. sports) could enjoy strong control over the viewership of some programs that is difficult to dislodge.

P2P networking of STBs works very well with the operator's current business model for them to capture value.



The Integration of Social Networks

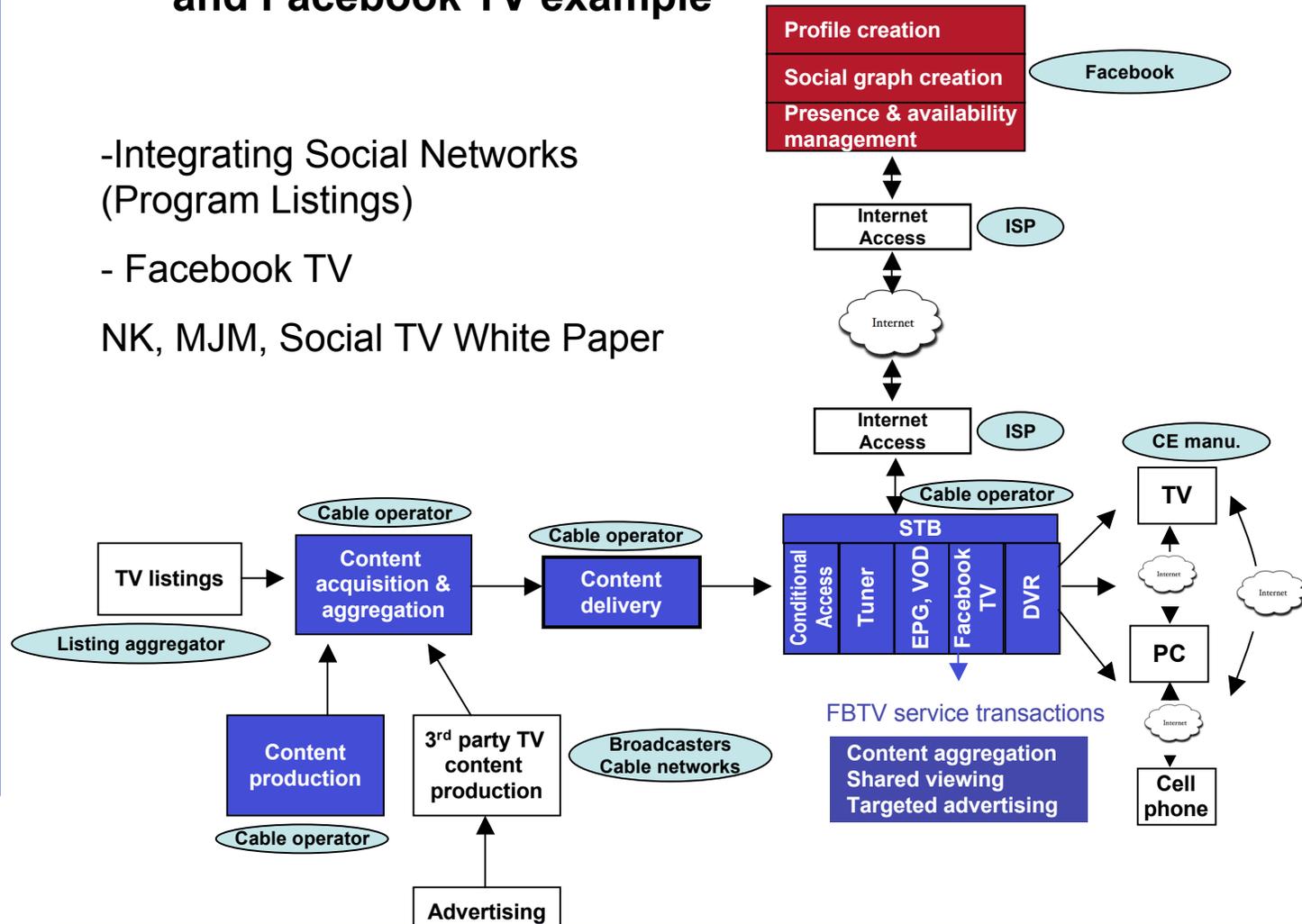


Social TV service – operator based – Social Networking Integration and Facebook TV example

-Integrating Social Networks
(Program Listings)

- Facebook TV

NK, MJM, Social TV White Paper



Q: What do these trends broadly imply?
A: Higher Direct Network Effects



What does the integration of social networks mean?

Who captures value (enjoys higher direct network effect) due to integrating social networking or Facebook TV?

- Traditional Players

- Content Producer (?)
- Content Acquisition / Aggregator (?)
- Content Delivery (Provider) (?)
- Device Manufacturer (?)

- Social Network Websites (?)

How do they monetize the benefits?

What does it mean to make TV interface like a social networking site (like in Facebook TV)?

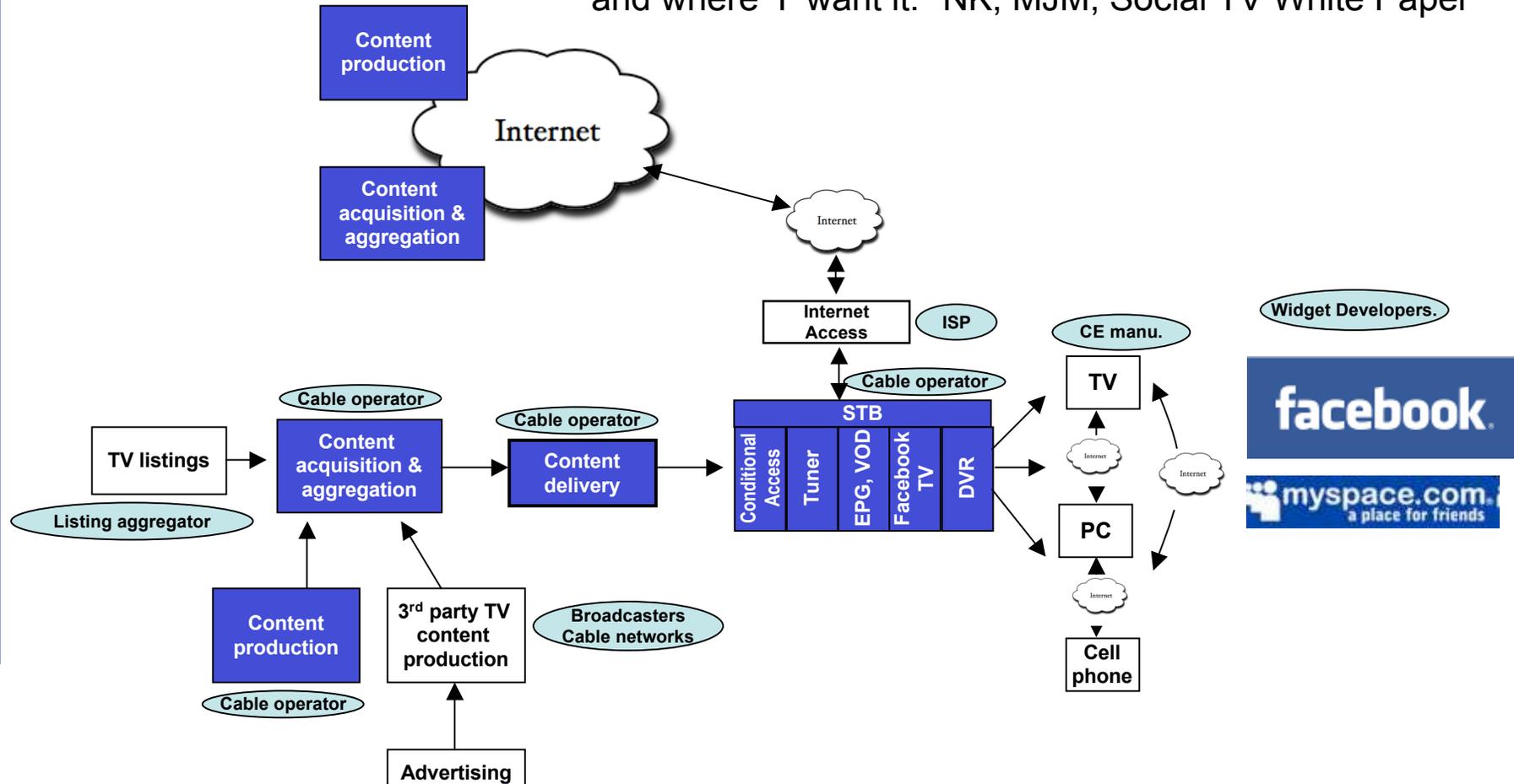


The Personalization of Devices



Social TV service – Device Personalization

“deliver ‘my’ content to ‘my’ device of choice, when and where ‘I’ want it.” NK, MJM, Social TV White Paper



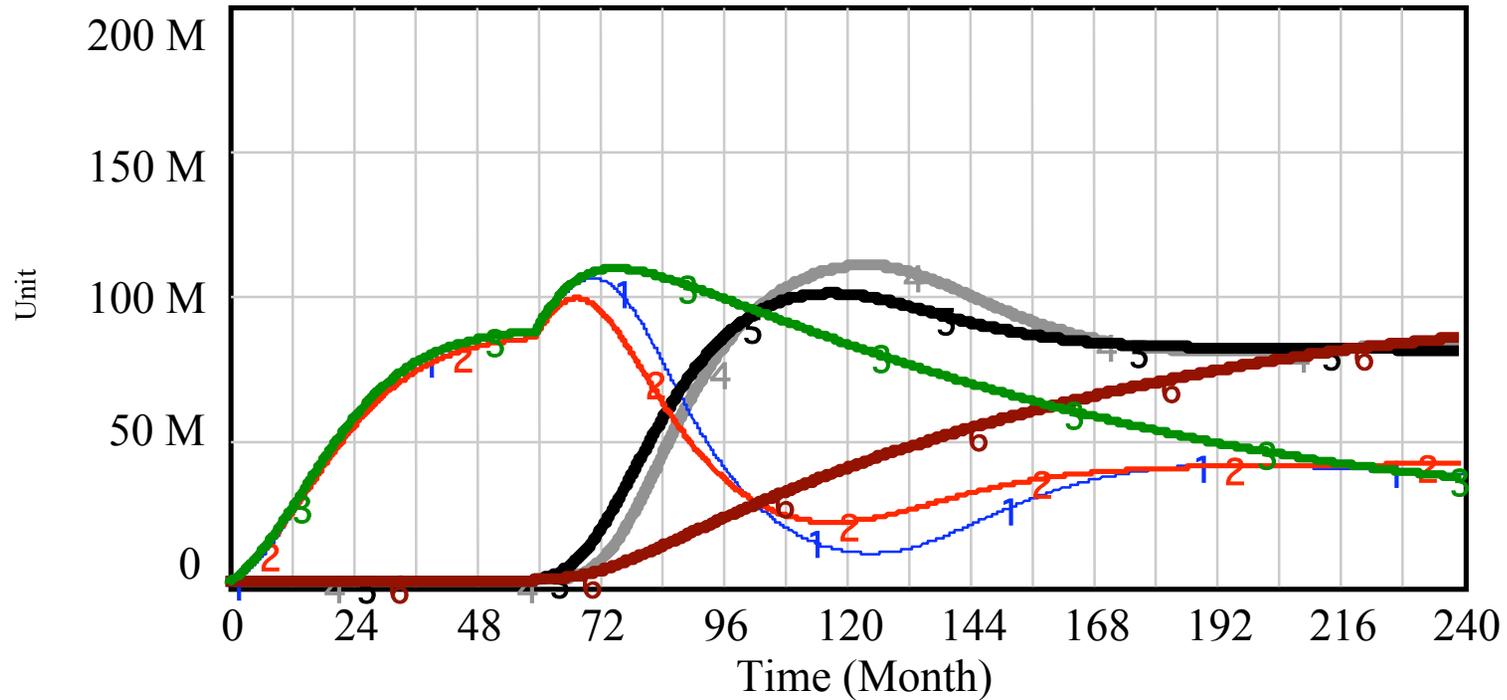
Q: What do these trends broadly imply?

A: Higher Switching Cost (?), Higher indirect Network Effect (?)



Model Lessons: Switching Costs

Adopters



Adopters[Incumbent] : Active Base Case 1
 Adopters[Incumbent] : Switching Cost Exogenous Lo 2
 Adopters[Incumbent] : Switching Cost Exogenous Hi 3
 Adopters[Entrants] : Active Base Case 4
 Adopters[Entrants] : Switching Cost Exogenous Lo 5
 Adopters[Entrants] : Switching Cost Exogenous Hi 6

Higher the switching costs the longer the incumbent retains the market. Longer retention buys time to reorient resources.



What does the device personalization mean?

Who captures value (enjoys higher customer retention) due to device personalization?

- Content Producer (?)
- Content Acquisition / Aggregator (?)
- Content Delivery (Provider) (?)
- Device Manufacturer (?)
- Social Network Sites (?)

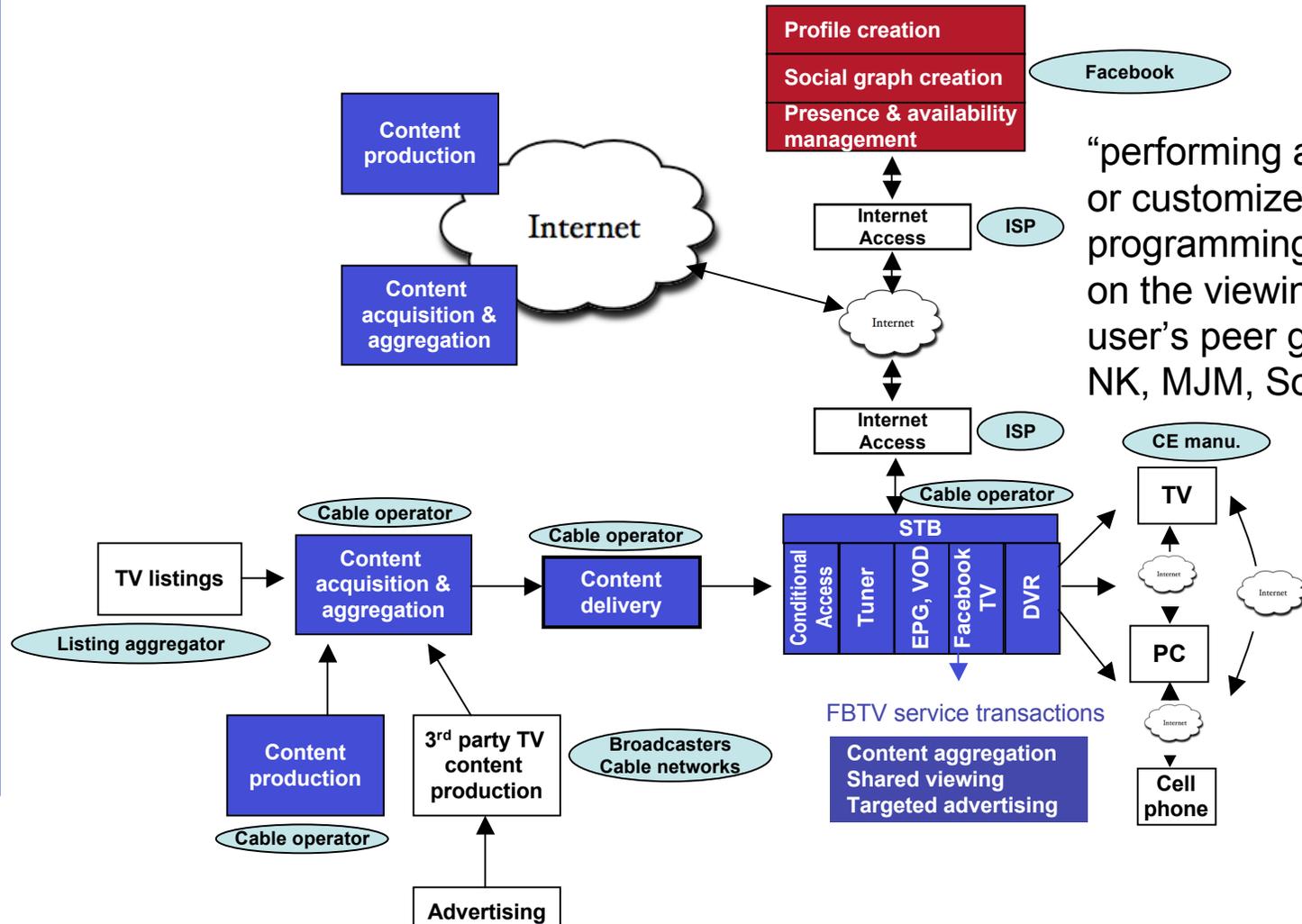
How do they monetize the customer acquisition/retention?



The Rise of the Virtual Network



Social TV service – via the Virtual Operator



“performing a more personalized or customized version of the programming function, based on the viewing habits of the user’s peer group.”
NK, MJM, Social TV White Paper

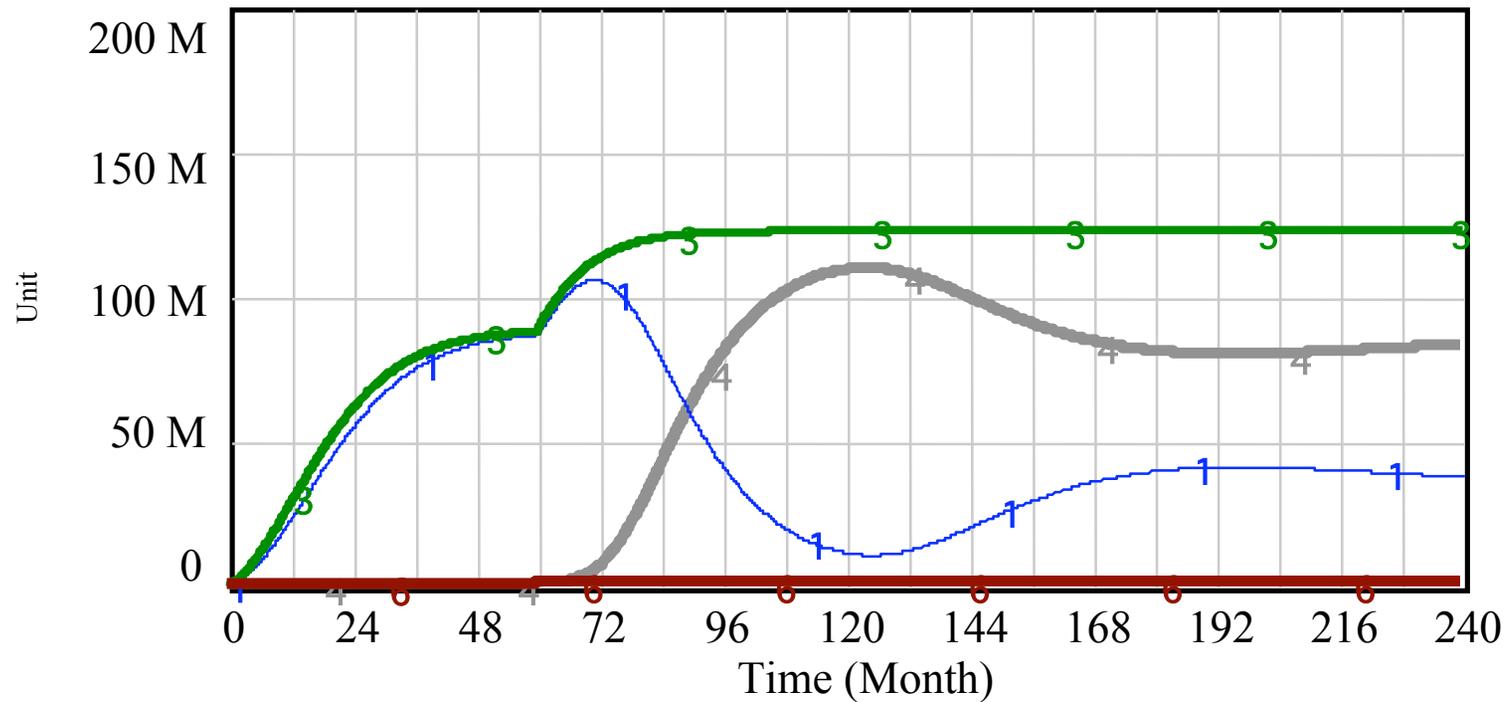
Q: What do these trends broadly imply?
A: Lower switching cost, and lower network effects for the incumbent





Model Lessons: Network Effect

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What does the rise of the virtual operator mean?

If the virtual operator offers attractive customized programming, and matches other performance parameters of the traditional operator, this erodes both...

- the ability to retain customers
- the indirect network effect on advertising

...then there is higher potential for industry disruption.



Thank You!

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