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3D in digital Cinema

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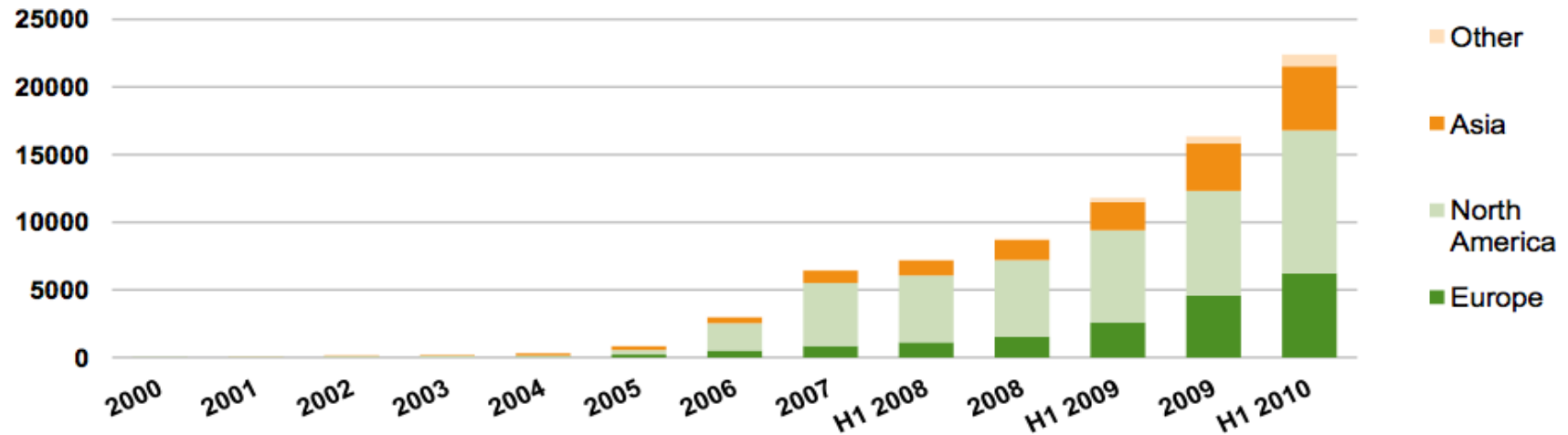
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3D in D-Cinema

0 to 3D in a minute

D-Cinema screens by world region



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In 2009, 7000 (44%) of D-Cinemas were 3D capable

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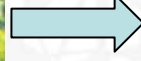
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History – Live 3D to Cinema

- 2008 1 live event
- 2009 8 broadcasts
- 2010 – 60 broadcasts and counting
- Live 3D events to Cinema in 2010
 - French open
 - 6 Nations Rugby
 - NBA all star game
 - BCS game
 - **Black Eyed Peas**
 - Fashion show – Tokyo
 - Final four basketball
 - NHL games
 - English Premier league games
- Live 3D events to Cinema in 2010
 - Masters Golf
 - Cricket Premier league – India
 - Football game - Poland
 - **World Cup**
 - Home run Derby
 - X games
 - Shanghai world expo
 - Various college football games
 - Ryder cup
 - We still have two months left!

The Transition

4X3 → 4X3 → 16X9 → 3D



3D Cinema leads the way

- Most 3D events have been produced and delivered for both Cinema and broadcast
- D-Cinema normally uses the contribution feed as is
 - Normally is retransmitted using a simple digital turnaround
- D-Cinema normally has a full transponder available
 - With a full transponder a normal movie file is delivered in 8 hours
 - Compressed at 250 mbps (at 60 mbps full transponder a 2 hour movie is delivered in approximately 8 hours)
 - Errors in transmission or reception increase transmission time
 - 5 to 12 movies released per week
 - 1 live event = 1/4 movie

Introducing Seamless 3D[®]

- First Generation
- 3D to 2D compression (2 (LR) * HDSDI => 1* HDSDI)
- 2D to 3D decoder (1 * HDSDI => 2(LR) * HDSDI)



- Second Generation
- 3D IRD (Satellite or IP = > 2(LR) * HDSDI or HDMI)
- 3D Encoder (2(LR) * HDSDI => Satellite, IP or ASI)



Compression Technology Choices

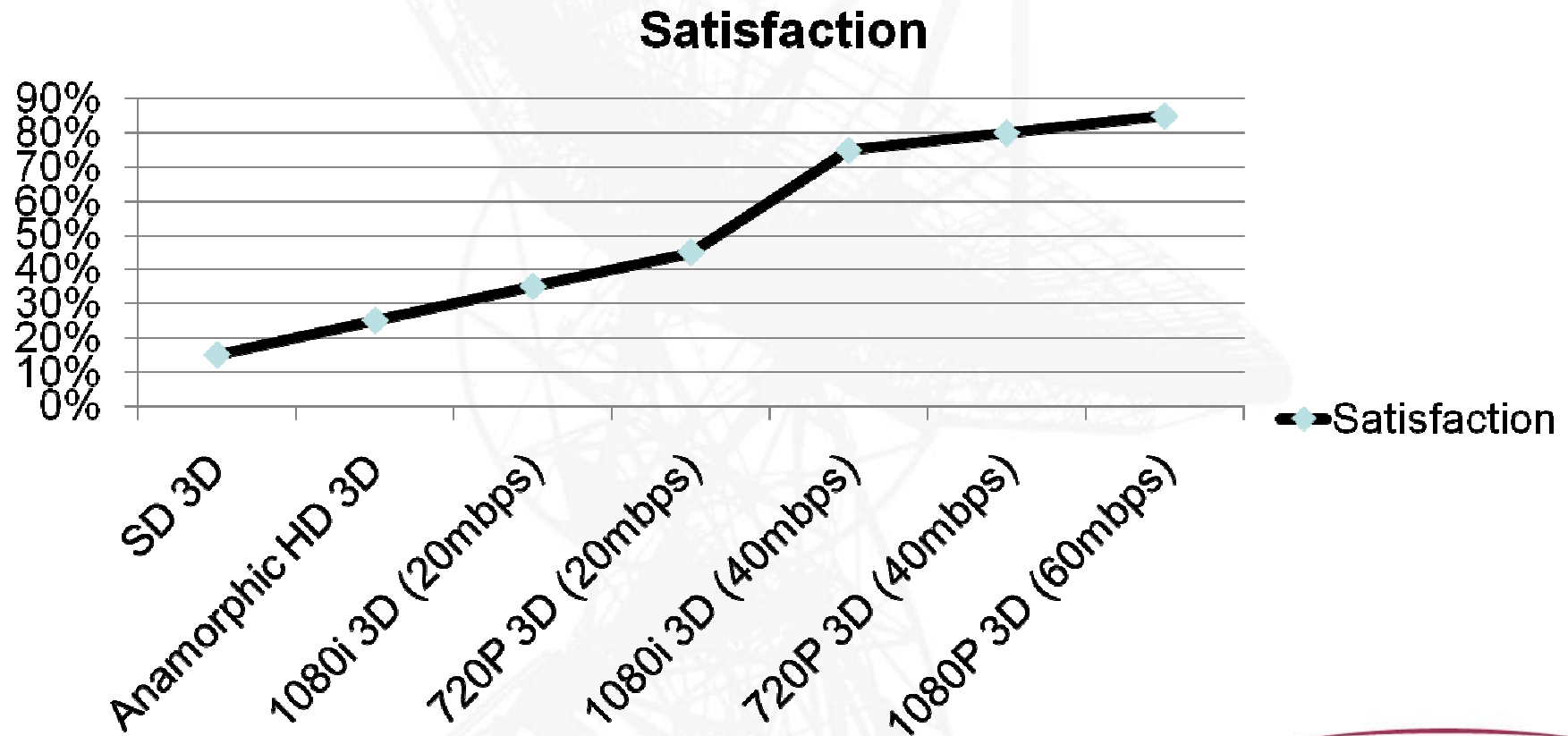
- **Anamorphic**
 - Red / Green separation
 - Most viewers consider this to be unwatchable
 - Does not compress well
- **Simple Side/Side or Top/Bottom**
 - Provides for ½ HD resolution for each eye
 - Some Compression efficiency lost
- **Sensio**
 - Performance improvement up to 90%
 - Quincux Sampling used
- **MT & RealD**
 - Slight improvement in Performance
- **MVC**
 - Open Standard
 - Not yet widely available
 - Provides for 2D plus difference delivery
 - Believed by many broadcasters to be their preferred format
- **A number of new Entrants**
 - Dolby Etc.

Agnostic technology

- Cinema Projectors are agnostic
 - 2 * HDSDI or HDMI (3G)
- Consumer Sets will be agnostic
 - 2 * HDMI or HDMI (3G)
- D-Cinema
 - IRD's can be proprietary
- Cable / DTH / IPTV
 - STB's can be proprietary
- Broadcasters ?
 - Will require standards agreement
 - Will most likely fall behind in 3D

Quality Perception

- Bad 3D is worse than Bad 2D (*Bit rates are MPEG-2*)



IDC 3D Roadmap

- 2011
 - MPEG-4 4:2:2 10 bit **3D** encoder / Modulator
 - MPEG-4 4:2:2 10 bit **3D** IRD

- 2011 / 2012 – MVC codecs or others?

Conclusions

- D-Cinema 3D is here to Stay
 - Live events are growing
- Gaming will drive home displays
- PayTV (Cable / DTH / IPTV) are well positioned and will offer 3D as a differentiating premier service
- Over the Air Broadcast television is less well positioned to benefit from 3D
 - Uncertain business model
 - Less available Bandwidth
 - Standards are unsettled



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