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### **National Broadband Plan Policy Evaluation**

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### There are a number of useful applications enabled by next-generation access networks (NGA) that will generate public benefits that outweigh the costs of deployment

- 1. At current course and speed, next-generation access (NGA) broadband will be available to a minority of US homes by 2015 and many homes will have only one provider of NGA service
- 2. This base case deployment scenario will be inadequate for enabling next-generation services such as HD/3D video, cloud computing, and very large downloads/uploads due to throughput constraints and QoS limitations
- 3. Accelerating NGA broadband deployment to 80% of the US (101.6M homes) by 2015 will facilitate widespread adoption of next-generation applications
- 4. Incremental annual consumer and public good benefits over our base case stemming from services enabled by NGA broadband acceleration could reach \$5.7B (if 54% homes passed), \$8.9B (if 69% HP), or \$11.3B (if 80% HP)
- 5. The total investment required for deploying NGA broadband at an accelerated pace would be \$33.3B (if 54% HP), \$62.2B (if 69% HP), or \$89.2B (if 80% HP) scales of investment that are possible given historical capex levels of major service providers
- 6. The incremental cost to connect anchor institutions within a broad deployment of NGA broadband would likely be much less than a program specifically targeting those institutions alone
- 7. Other national governments in Asia, Europe, and Australia/New Zealand have aggressively pursued initiatives to expand the depth and breadth of NGA broadband deployment, in some cases seeking to deliver speeds of up to 1 Gbps and covering ~90% of households
- 8. Tax-credit bonds may be one effective policy tool for incenting NGA broadband deployment. An Empiris study has shown that \$1.3B in tax credits over 3 years could potentially lead to the \$30B in NGA investment required for 54% deployment, thus generating \$5.7B in public benefits in addition to substantial economic stimulus

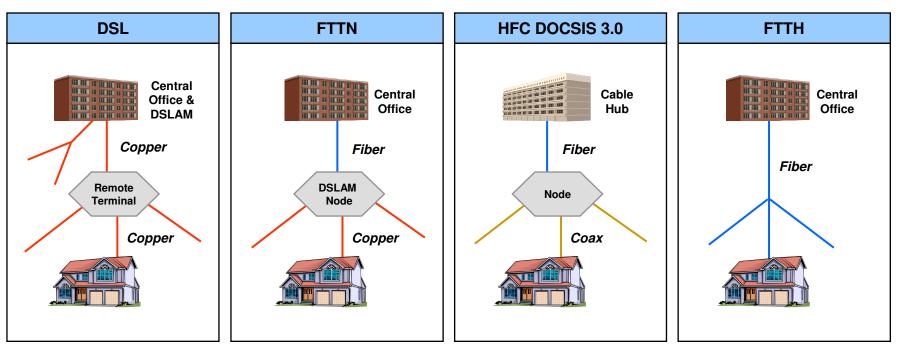


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### Today, a variety of network access methods are used to enable broadband

- A national broadband policy should consider the benefits of fast, next-generation broadband availability in addition to lower speed broadband availability
- In this presentation we focus on wired networks, which generally offer the fastest speeds and greatest reliability, rather than wireless networks, which generally enable lower speed portable and mobile broadband



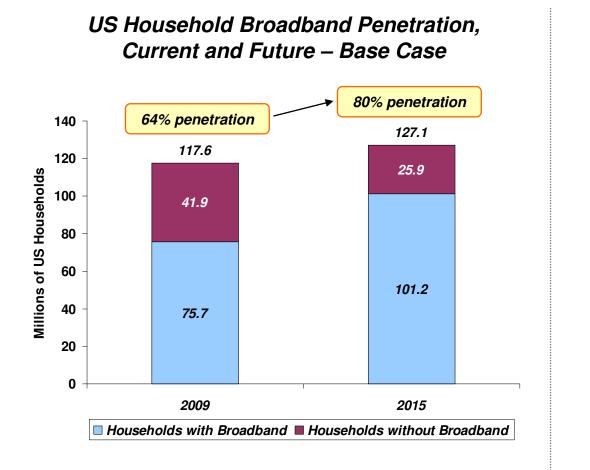
#### Wired Broadband Network Alternatives

Increasing Broadband Network Capacity





We expect that at current course and speed, the US will continue to see deployment of broadband technologies but that DSL and HFC will be the prevailing alternatives



#### HHs Passed by Technology Type – Base Case (M)

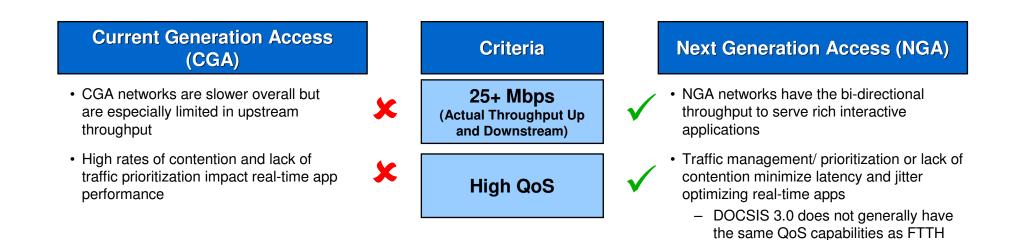
	# Households					
	2009 2015					
DSL / FTTN	85.5	94.4				
HFC	110.2	121.0				
FTTH	18.0 34.5					
Total Households	117.6	127.1				



Sources: SNL Kagan, OECD, CSMG Analysis

# In this study, we focus on the benefits of applications enabled by networks capable of 25 Mbps symmetric throughput, which we define as Next-Generation Access (NGA) networks

• Our methodology assesses applications that are degraded from a use case perspective below 25 Mbps



#### Example CGA Technologies

- DSL (ADSL, VDSL, etc)
- FTTN
- HFC DOCSIS 2.0
- HFC DOCSIS 3.0 (as commonly deployed)
- 3G and 4G wireless

#### **Example NGA Technologies**

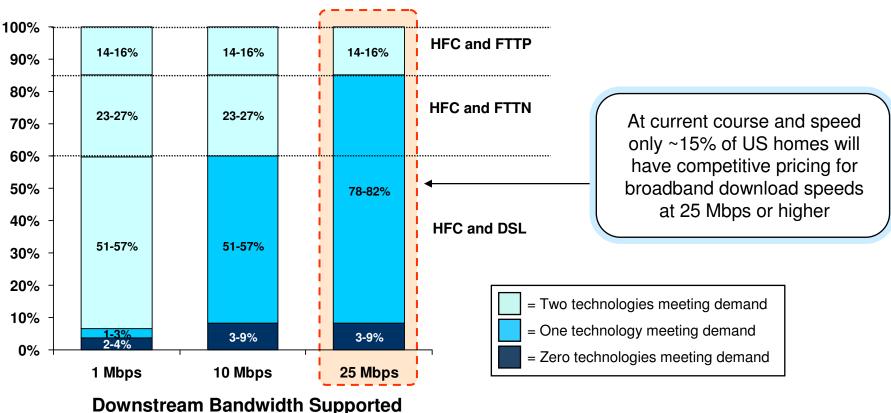
- FTTH
- HFC DOCSIS 3.0 (enhanced with node splits and 8-channel bonding)
- Bonded VDSL2



# Our estimates suggest – and are corroborated by draft FCC data – that at current course and speed most households will not have access to at least two network providers capable of 25 Mbps throughput

• This two provider dynamic for next-generation broadband will exist primarily in the Northeastern US

#### Wireline Broadband Technology Platform Coverage (After Completion of Announced DOCSIS 3.0 Build-out)



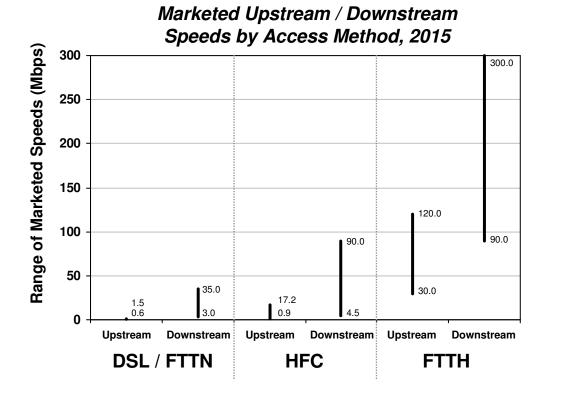
Percent of HUs Passed

Source: Draft FCC National Broadband Plan



### While some technologies are inherently capable of providing faster speeds, market speeds vary by commercial segmentation

• Actual speeds vary based on technology type, speed tier, and contention



#### Comments

- We have forecasted broadband adoption by service tier (budget, standard, and premium) for each technology type
  - Across all broadband subs, 42% use budget, 39% use standard, and 19% use premium service within their respective technology type
- Actual throughput received by subscribers is often significantly lower than marketed speeds
  - We expect median actual throughput across all broadband HHs to increase from 2.4 Mbps in 2009 to 11.1 Mbps by 2015 at current course and speed
- Across all technologies, we estimate that 48% of subs today receive actual speeds of 3 Mbps and less
  - FCC and comScore report ~50% receiving <3 Mbps</li>

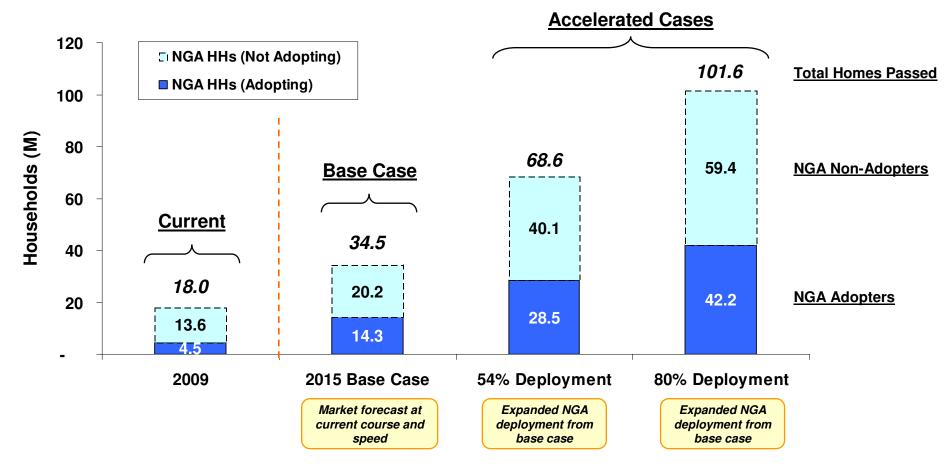
### In this study, we focus on actual throughput enabled by all broadband network types

Source: SNL Kagan, CSMG analysis



### There will be relatively few households with next-generation broadband in our base case scenario

• If deployment is accelerated (e.g. to the point at which 80% of households have access to NGA), we believe adoption of next-generation applications will be proportionately higher



#### **Next-Generation Broadband Subs & Homes Passed Scenarios**

Source: SNL Kagan, CSMG analysis



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### The applications that require NGA broadband are forward-looking, but many are beginning to be offered today

	Description	Example	Requirements
Advanced HD Video	<ul> <li>Next-gen super high-resolution video:</li> <li>Quad HD: 3840 x 2160 (2160p)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Ultra HD: 7680 x 4320 (4320p)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Technical approaches are being defined<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Quad HD hardware in development<sup>3</sup>; currently available in Japan</li> <li>Ultra HD undergoing testing in Japan<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Real-time and streaming:         <ul> <li>Quad HD: 64 Mbps<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Ultra HD: 256 Mbps<sup>1</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>Moderate to high QoS requirements</li> </ul>
3D/HD Video	<ul> <li>HD stereoscopic video content</li> <li>Requires 3D-enabled content and hardware (TV set, glasses, etc.)</li> </ul>	uires 3D-enabled content and	
Advanced HD/3D Video	<ul> <li>Combination of advanced HD (Quad or Ultra) and 3D video formats</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Philips and other manufacturers have trialed 3D Quad HD TV sets<sup>5</sup></li> <li>London 2012 Olympics could potentially be shot in 3D and Quad HD<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires 2-4X bandwidth of single Quad/Ultra HD stream<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Potential for 256+ Mbps requirement</li> <li>Moderate to high QoS requirements</li> </ul>
Massive Downloads & Uploads	<ul> <li>Non real-time downloads and uploads of very large files (10+ GB) including images, videos, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>GigaPan &amp; Photosynth stitch 100s of photos together (multi-gigapixel images)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Other types of rich imagery are emerging (satellite, panorama, etc.)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>12 min HD video can be uploaded in ~10 min with 10 Mbps</li> <li>Reduced to &lt;10 sec with 1 Gbps</li> <li>Low QoS required (non real-time)</li> </ul>
Cloud Computing	<ul> <li>Computing processing power shifted to the network</li> <li>Desktop machine used as thin client</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cloud-based consumer apps emerging (e.g. Google Docs, MS Office 2010)</li> <li>Potential to drive move to thin client computing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very high QoS required to minimize latency to sustain program performance</li> <li>Current generation bandwidth is sufficient</li> </ul>

### Applications Enabled by NGA Broadband

Source: (1) ITIF, 2009; (2) SMPTE, 2008; (3) Engadget, 2008; (4) CSMG; (5) Wired, 2008; (6) HDTV Org; CSMG analysis



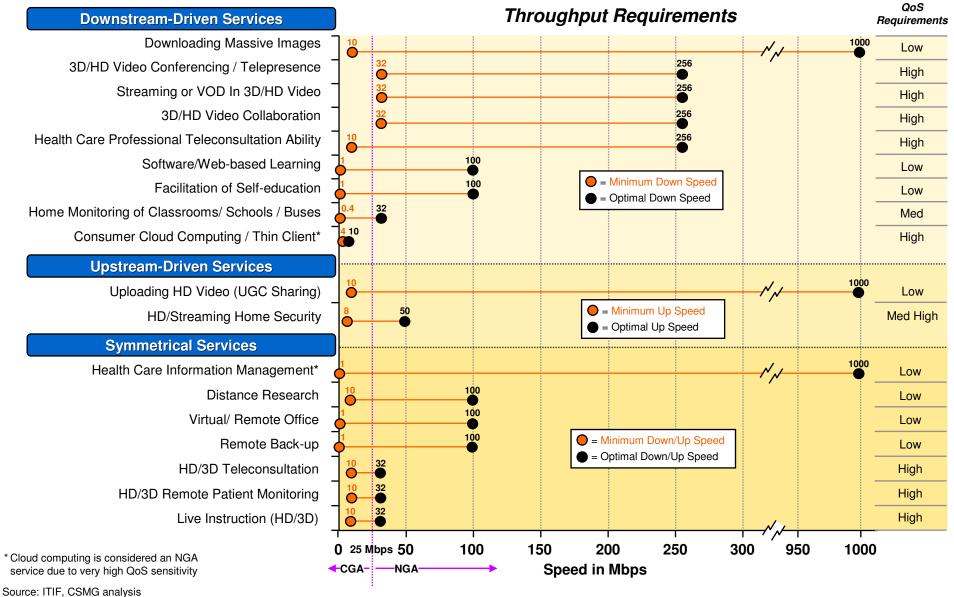
### We have identified 19 services with possible public benefits enabled by nextgeneration applications

• We believe these services provide incremental benefits over current-generation broadband

	Service Name	Description / Public Benefit
	HD/3D Video Conferencing / Telepresence	Real-time 1-to-1 or multiparty video communication with friends/relatives (in HD and/or 3D)
	Streaming Video or VoD in 3D/HD	Download streaming high-resolution webcast or VoD content (replaces physical media)
	HD/Streaming Home Security	Upload high-resolution streams from (one or multiple) home security cameras
	Place Shifted HD/3D Video	Ability to view home DVR contents from another location (e.g. HD/3D Slingbox)
	Uploading HD Video (UGC Sharing)	Quickly upload very large high-res (HD/3D) video files; Not real-time – QoS not required
(Advanced)	Real-time HD Video Blogging	Upload HD webcast in real-time (one-to-many); Stream may be buffered
HD/3D Video	HD Video Collaboration	HD telepresence capabilities combined with collaborative document sharing & editing tools
	HD/3D Teleconsultation	HD/3D video consultation and/or diagnostic-focused interaction between patient and doctor
	HD/3D Remote Patient Monitoring	HD/3D video monitoring & vital sign tracking of remote patients; enables treatment at home
	Health Care Professional Teleconsultation Ability	Enables remote doctors to perform real-time HD/3D consultation, diagnosis, telesurgery, etc.
	Live Instruction (HD/3D)	• 1- or 2-way HD/3D interactive video instruction with tools for multimedia and collaboration
	Home Monitoring of Classrooms / Schools / Buses	Enables parents, sick students, and school admin to observe class (or school bus) in HD/3D
	Downloading Massive Images	Quickly download very large, multi-gigapixel images (e.g. GigaPan, Photosynth) or HD video
	Virtual / Remote Office	Improved telework functionality (VPN, file share/backup, security, etc.) due to enhanced speed
Massive	Distance Research	Immediate access to very large databases, files, & collaborative tools for academic researchers
Downloads & Uploads	Health Care Information Management	Real-time access to patient records, medical databases, and very large medical images
-product	Software/Web-Based Learning	Non real-time virtual instruction, learning, & training tools for students (K-12, college, etc.)
	Facilitation of Self-Education	Improved access to publicly-available educational materials on the web due to higher speeds
Cloud Computing	Consumer Cloud Computing / Thin Client	Network-based processing power; Could reduce need for frequent hardware upgrades



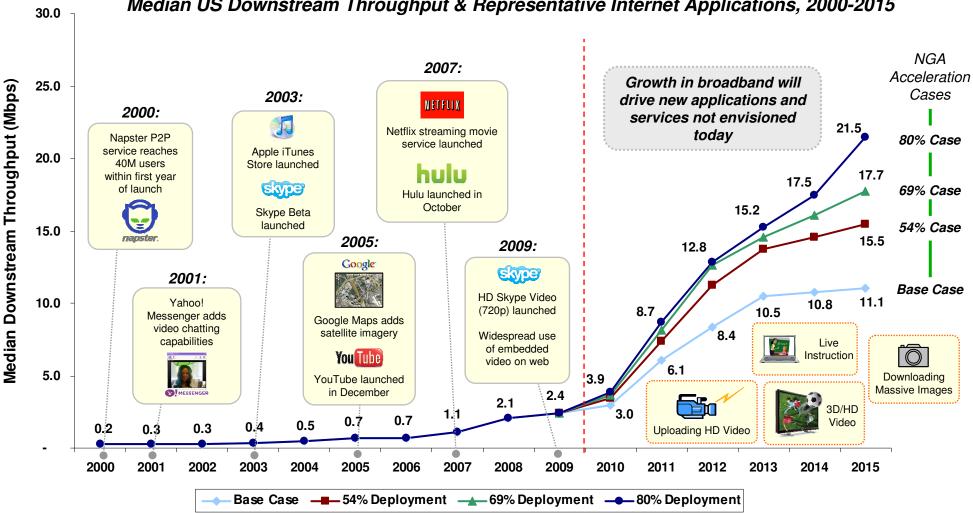
### Each of these NGA services have use cases or requirements for 25+ Mbps of symmetric throughput or high QoS





### History has shown that innovative application development is preceded by increases in bandwidth

We anticipate but do not quantify benefits from these future undefined applications •



Median US Downstream Throughput & Representative Internet Applications, 2000-2015

Source: SNL Kagan, Company websites, CSMG analysis



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### We have grouped the NGA-enabled services together in order to estimate their incremental public benefits

Consumer	Service Sized As	
HD/3D Video Conferencing / Telepresence Streaming or VoD in 3D/HD Video HD/Streaming Home Security Place Shifted HD/3D Video Uploading HD Video (UGC Sharing)	"Streaming or VoD in 3D/HD Video"	
Real-time Video Blogging (HD Video Streaming) Downloading Massive Images Consumer Cloud Computing / Thin Client	Not quantified "Consumer Cloud Computing / Thin Client"	
Business / Telework Related	Service Sized As	
HD Video Collaboration Virtual/ Remote Office Distance Research	"Virtual / Remote Office"	In every case, we focus on the benefits from these services
Health Care Related	Service Sized As	associated with next-
HD/3D Teleconsultation HD/3D Remote Patient Monitoring Health Care Information Management Health Care Professional Teleconsultation Ability	"HD/3D Remote Patient Monitoring" Included under "Virtual / Remote Office"	generation applications vs. those enabled by current- generation applications
Education	Service Sized As	
Live Instruction (HD/3D) Software/Web-based Learning Facilitation of Self-Education Home Monitoring of Classrooms/ Schools / Buses	<i>"Live Instruction"</i> Wot quantified	
Other Social/Economic Benefits to Model	Service Sized As	
Innovation Boost Updated Emergency Broadcast System/ Amber Alert Interactive Webcast of Government/Civic Events	Not quantified	

## We have focused on public goods and positive externalities from NGA-enabled services, excluding the value of direct consumer spending on broadband

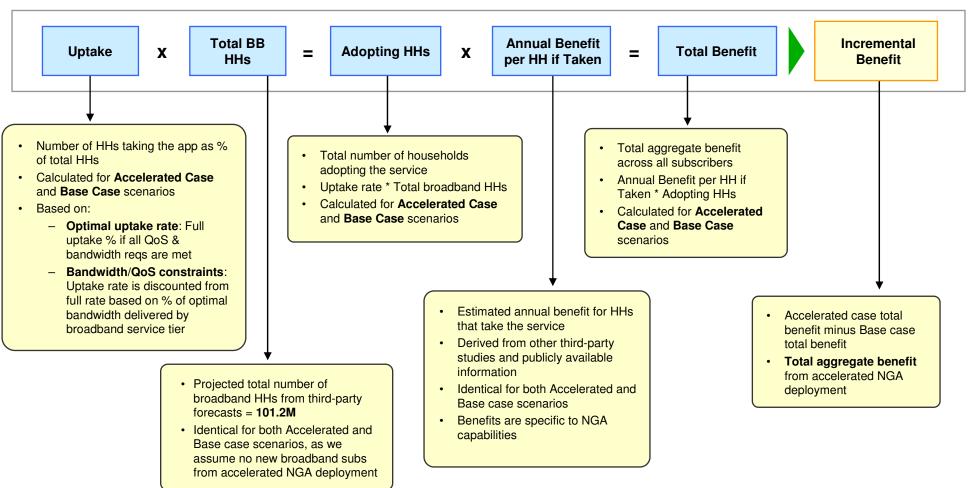
• We have quantified only a portion of the potential benefits from these services

	Benefit Types	Benefits Included
	Health	<ul> <li>Reduced consumer medical costs resulting from more efficient treatment/ monitoring</li> </ul>
Goods	Education	<ul> <li>GDP benefits from bridging portion of US educational performance gap relative to top-performing OECD countries</li> </ul>
Public G	Environmental	<ul> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> reduction from fewer private trips/ less gas consumption</li> </ul>
<u> </u>	Productivity	<ul> <li>Reduced absenteeism among workforce via remote office (e.g. sick workers)</li> <li>Productivity from retirees who remain in the workforce via remote/virtual office</li> <li>Productivity from disabled workers and parents of young children</li> </ul>
er Surplus	Mileage-Driven	<ul> <li>Fuel and vehicle maintenance savings from reduced driving</li> <li>Benefits from reduced traffic congestion (e.g. lower insurance premiums)</li> <li>Time savings from reduced / avoided driving (e.g. to and from work, doctor's office, video store, etc.)</li> </ul>
Consumer	Other Consumer Benefits	<ul> <li>Fewer computer purchases due to new technologies (i.e. thin client/ cloud computing)</li> <li>Savings from reduced burglaries</li> <li>Airfare savings from reduced flights to visit friends/family</li> </ul>





### We have taken a bottom-up approach to calculating the incremental benefit of each application by estimating the uptake rate and per household benefit for each



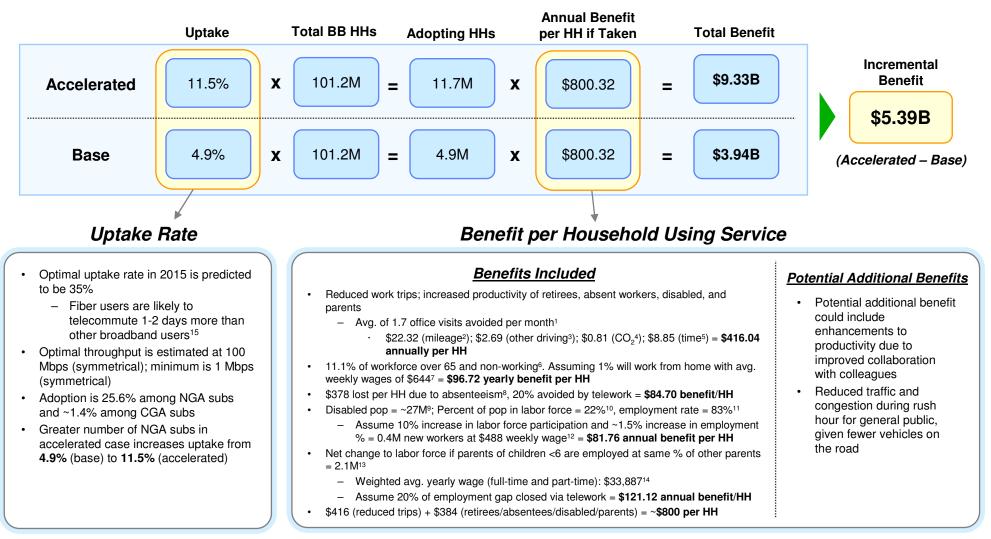
### Methodology for Incremental Benefit Calculations\*

\*Note: All calculations have been segmented by Accelerated Case and Base Case scenarios in order to demonstrate our methodology for calculating total incremental benefit



### Teleworking could produce ~\$5.4B in annual benefits due to reduced commuting and increased productivity from a larger workforce

#### 2015 Incremental Benefits from Virtual/Remote Office

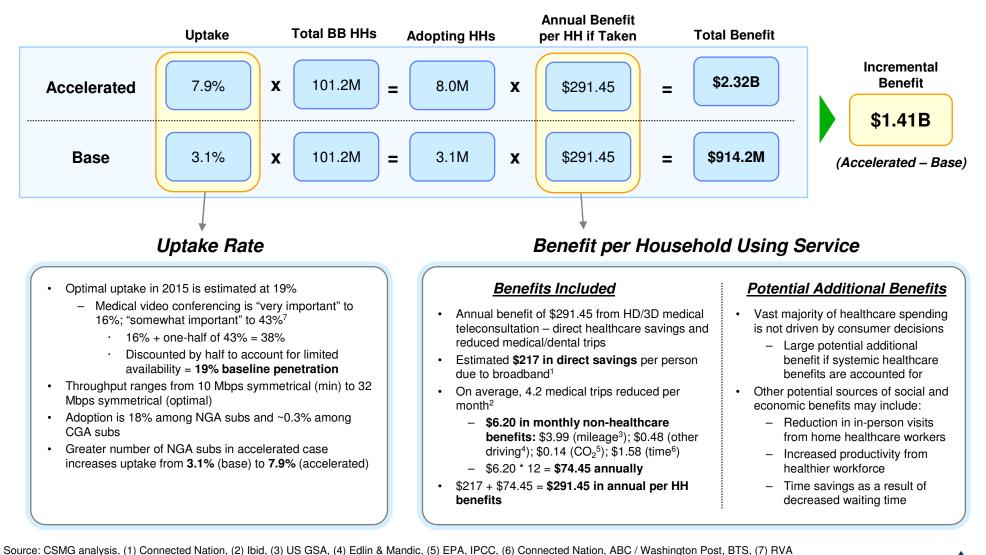


Source: CSMG analysis, (1) RVA, (2) US GSA, World Resources Institute, (3) Edlin & Mandic, (4) EPA, IPCC, (5) Connected Nation, ABC / Washington Post, BTS, (6) US Census Bureau, (7) BLS, (8) Commonwealth Fund, (9-11) US Census Bureau, (12-14) BLS, (15) RVA



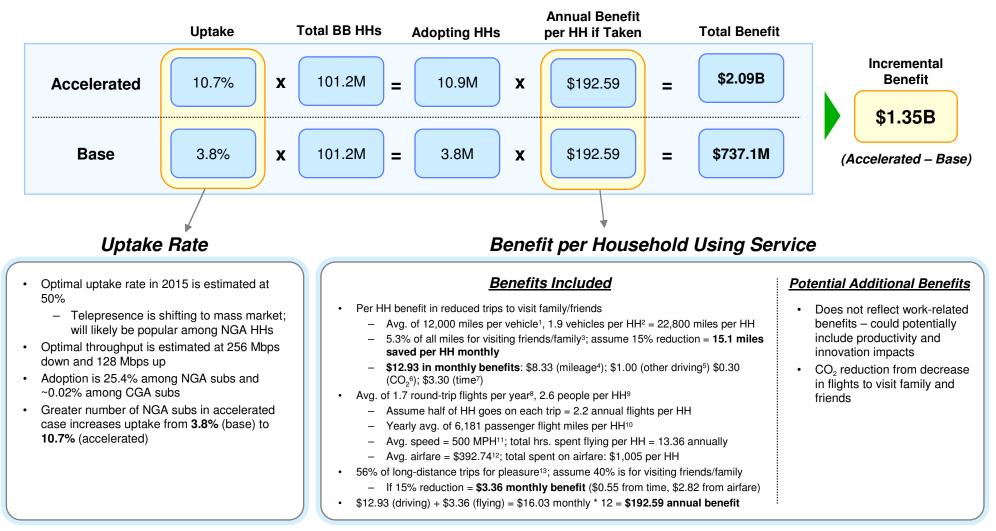
### HD medical teleconsultation could lead to \$1.4B in benefits by lowering medical costs and decreasing time, mileage, and carbon emissions from hospital trips

### 2015 Incremental Benefits from HD/3D Teleconsultation



### Personal HD/3D video conferencing could generate \$1.35B in benefits from reduced trips as face-to-face meetings are replaced by electronic communication

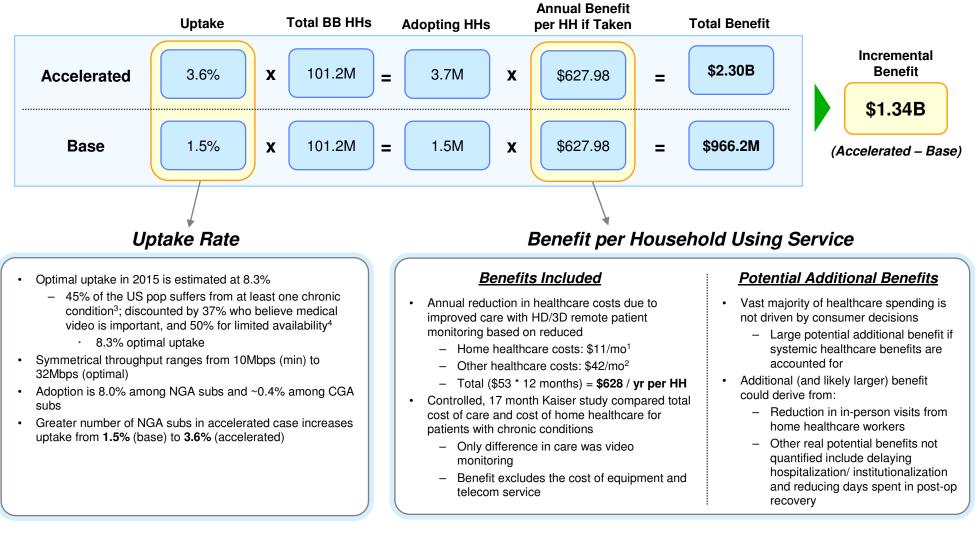
### 2015 Incremental Benefits from 3D/HD Video Conferencing & Telepresence



Source: CSMG analysis, (1) EPA, (2) NHTS, (3) Ibid, (4) US GSA, (5) Edlin & Mandic, (6) EPA, IPCC, (7) Connected Nation, ABC / Washington Post, BTS, (8) Gallup, (9) US Census Bureau, (10) Business Travel Monitor, (11) US Skylink, (12) Business Travel Monitor, (13) BTS: National Household Travel Survey

### A conservative view of savings from remote patient monitoring shows over \$1.3B in incremental benefit from NGA broadband

### 2015 Incremental Benefits from HD/3D Remote Patient Monitoring

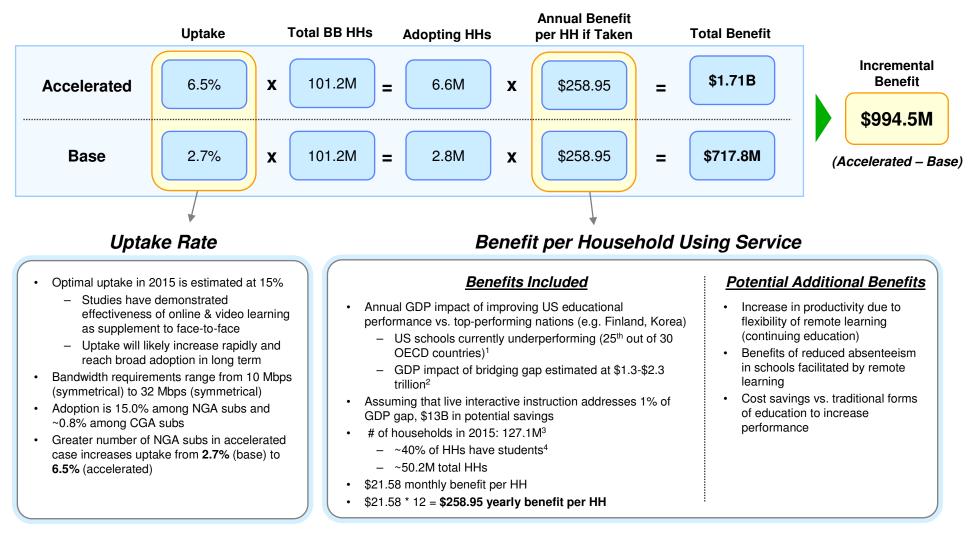


Source: CSMG analysis, (1) Kaiser Permanente, (2) Ibid, (3) Litan, (4) RVA



Education via real-time, high-quality online video could result in nearly \$1B in GDP impact by partly bridging the performance gap with other developed nations

#### 2015 Incremental Benefits from Live Instruction

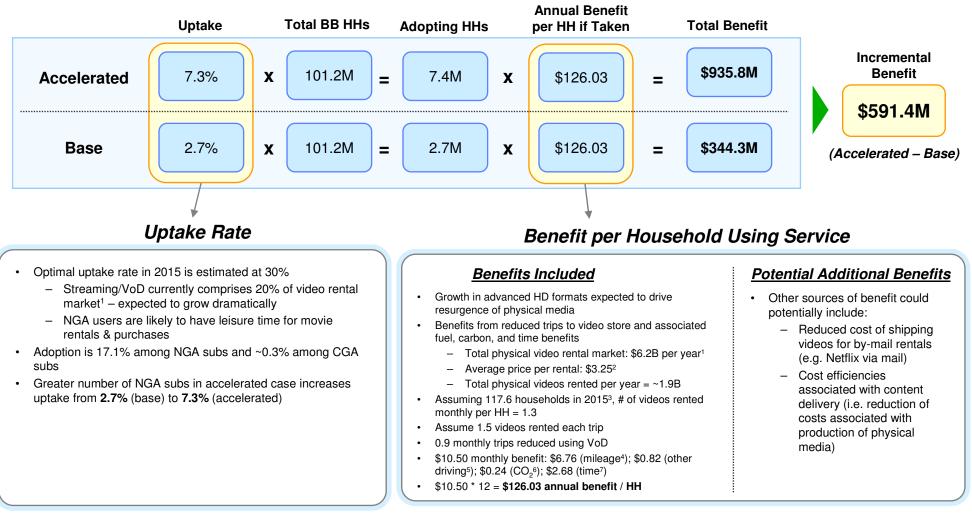


Source: CSMG analysis, (1) PISA, (2) McKinsey, (3) SNL Kagan, (4) US Census Bureau



### Benefits of up to ~\$600M could be realized as consumers make fewer trips to the movie rental store in favor of streaming video and Video on Demand services

### 2015 Incremental Benefits from HD/3D Streaming Video or VoD

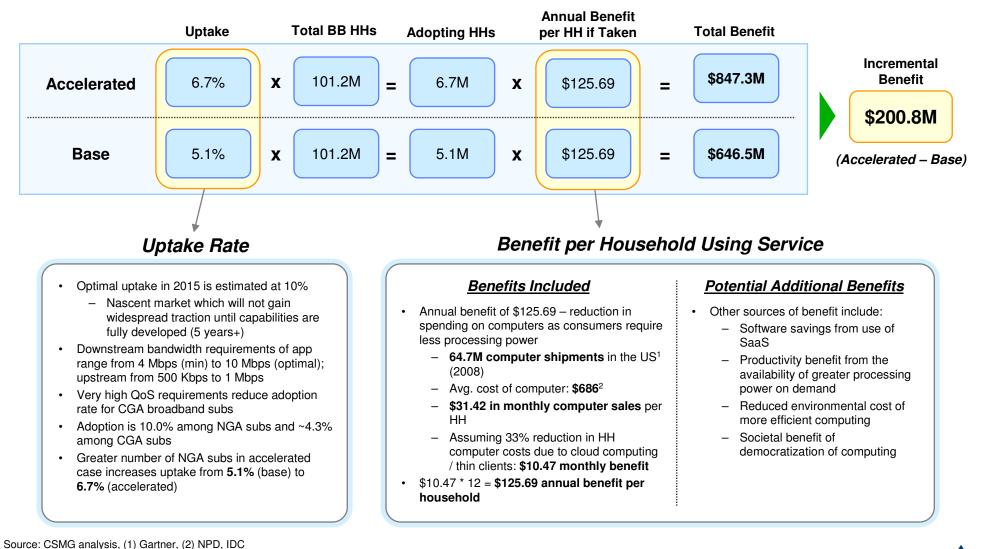


Source: CSMG analysis, (1) Blockbuster, Consumer Electronics Association, (2) Ventura County Star, (3) SNL Kagan, (4) US GSA, World Resources Institute, (5) Edlin & Mandic, (6) EPA, IPCC, (7) Connected Nation, ABC / Washington Post, BTS



As cloud computing shifts toward the consumer segment, we believe computer lifecycles will increase resulting in ~\$200M in annual direct benefits by 2015

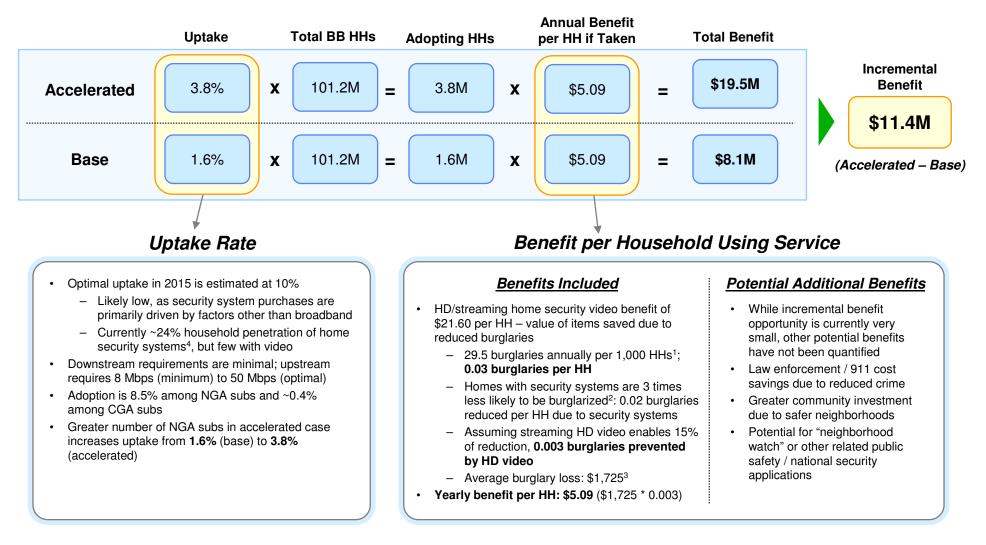
### 2015 Incremental Benefits from Consumer Cloud Computing/Thin Client





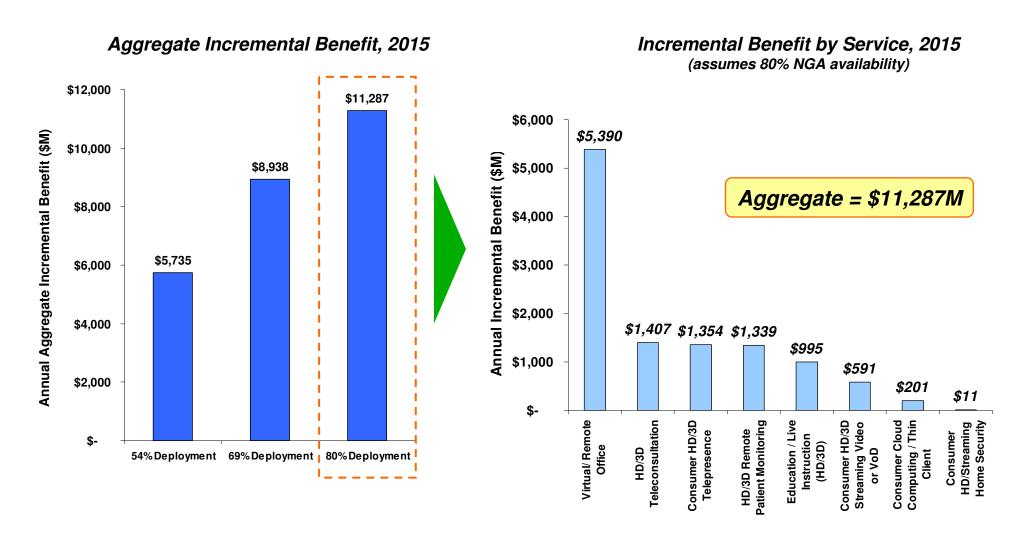
### Reduced burglaries due to HD streaming home security video could result in savings of ~\$11M

### 2015 Incremental Benefits from HD/Streaming Home Security



Source: CSMG analysis, (1) Department of Justice - National Crime Victimization Survey, (2) Temple University, (3) Dep't of Justice - Crime in the United States, (4) Security Products Magazine

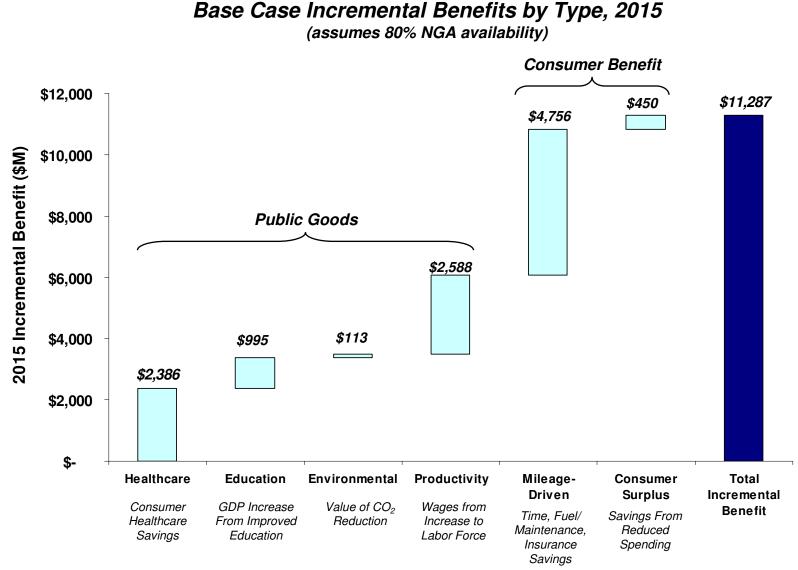
If NGA broadband is deployed widely, total incremental benefits over our base case could exceed \$11B, driven primarily by remote office, e-health, and video conferencing services



Source: CSMG analysis



These \$11.3B in bottom-up quantified benefits are split roughly equally between public and private benefits



Source: CSMG analysis



### The estimated benefits from NGA deployment are relatively small compared to the national metrics they are impacting

Forecasted benefits due to NGA network adoption	Total Benefits (B)	% of US Total		National Metric Description
Reduced Driving (Miles)	5.4B	0.2%	]	<ul> <li>Total of ~3.0 trillion aggregate miles driven in the US</li> </ul>
Healthcare Savings (Costs \$)	\$2.4B	0.7%	]	<ul> <li>Total consumer healthcare expenditures of \$342B (includes insurance, services, drugs, etc.); Excludes public expenditures</li> </ul>
Education Improvement (GDP Impact \$)	\$1.0B	0.08%	]	<ul> <li>Total GDP impact of closing educational gap between top-performing nations is estimated at ~\$1.3 trillion</li> </ul>
Productivity Enhancement (\$)	\$2.4B	0.02%	]	0.02% impact vs. US GDP of \$14.2 trillion in 2008
Consumer Surplus (\$)	\$0.45B	0.01%	]	<ul> <li>Aggregate US consumer expenditures total ~\$6.0 trillion annually</li> </ul>

### Benefits as % of US Aggregate

(assumes 80% NGA availability)

Source: US Department of Transportation, BLS, World Bank, McKinsey, CSMG Analysis



## In addition there are a number of additional benefits associated with NGA deployment that we have not included in our base case forecast

• More work is required to validate these benefits but they would clearly be substantial

Category	Description	Potential Additional Annual Impact		
Consumer Surplus From Other Broadband Applications	<ul> <li>Survey on willingness to pay for NGA broadband indicated a substantial consumer surplus in moving to higher throughput</li> </ul>	~\$2.7B		
Increased Adoption of Current Generation Applications	<ul> <li>Non-quantified benefit of improved performance and greater adoption of CGA apps from NGA acceleration is assumed to at least equal the consumer surplus above</li> </ul>	Additional ~\$2.7B		
Innovation / Productivity Boost	<ul> <li>Assumes accelerated case NGA adoption drives just 1% of the jobs increase that Brookings found was driven by the adoption of 200+ Kbps broadband (in 2003-05)</li> </ul>			
Other Environmental & Mileage-Driven Benefits	Boad maintenance and non-carbon environmental benefits of			
Economic Stimulus	<ul> <li>Estimates on stimulus effects of BB vary significantly</li> <li>One study puts the economic stimulus multiplier effect at around 2-3X NGA network investment</li> </ul>			
Multiple Providers of Next- Generation Broadband				
Other NGA Benefits	<ul> <li>SMB productivity benefits from NGA broadband</li> <li>Systemic healthcare savings from improved care (i.e. incremental to consumer-based benefits accounted for in this study)</li> </ul>	Not Quantified		

#### Incremental Potential Benefits (Not Included in Forecast)

Source: Brookings, BLS, Compass Lexicon, Verizon, Energy Information Administration, Empiris, CSMG Analysis

After analysis of other national studies (adjusted for comparison with NGA-only benefits), our initial benefits estimate appears to be conservative

Adjusted Annual Benefits as % of GDP – Estimated Comparable NGA Benefits Alone

		NGA-Specific Benefits			US GDP E	Equivalent
	National GDP (2008)	Estimated NGA Benefit*	NGA Benefit as % of GDP		US GDP (2008)	US Annual GDP Equivalent
<b>New Zealand</b> (NZ Institute)	\$131 billion	\$268.1M	0.20%		\$14.2 trillion	\$29.1B
United States (Criterion)	\$14.2 trillion	\$24.0B	0.17%			\$24.0B
United States (CSMG)	\$14.2 trillion	\$11.3B	0.08%			\$11.3B
United Kingdom (BSG)	\$2.6 trillion	\$2.1B	0.08%			\$11.1B

\*Note: Based on CSMG analysis of components of each study

Our review of other studies suggests that the benefits from NGA broadband deployment could potentially reach levels 2-3X higher than our estimates

Source: New Zealand Institute, Criterion, BSG, CSMG analysis



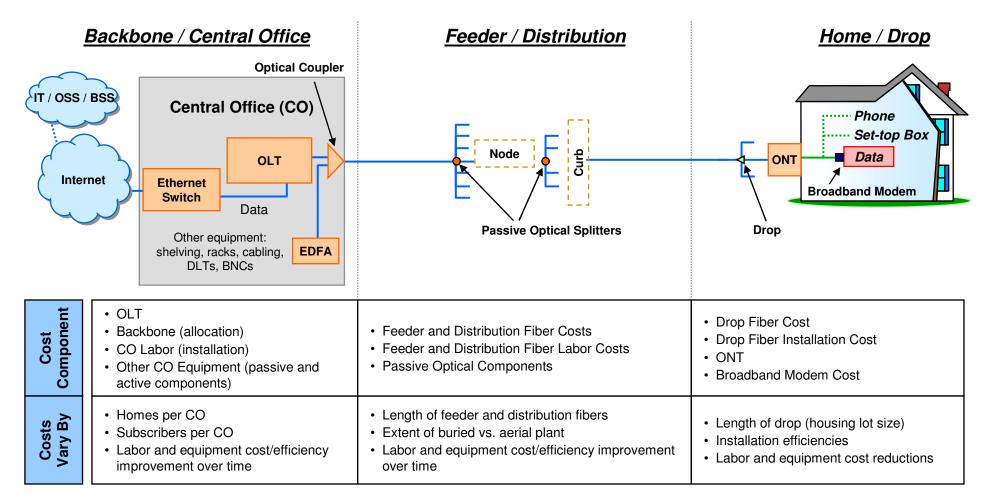
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### FTTH is one way to enable robust Next-Generation Access

• FTTH architectures are based on several components whose investment requirements vary based on the interplay of multiple factors



### Factors that increase the FTTH investment required include: lower household density, greater linear distance between households, fewer homes per CO, higher service uptake, more buried plant

Source: CSMG analysis

Note: The pictured architecture is not specific to any single vendor, but instead is representative of the topology for a typical FTTH build in the US

### FTTH investment requirement estimates based on large-scale deployments and US averages place the cost to pass at ~\$700 per HH and cost to connect at an incremental ~\$650 per subscriber HH

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FTTH Cost to Pass and Connect

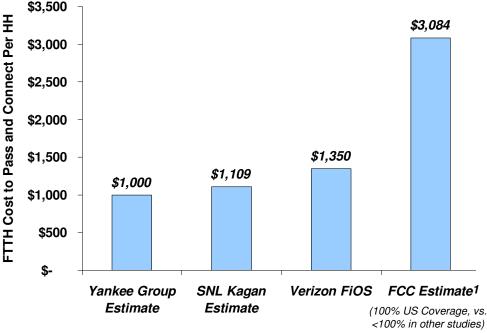
#### 2009 Benchmarks – FTTH Cost to Pass or Connect – Urban and Suburban Builds

Carrier / Analyst Estimate	Cost t	o Pass per HH	cremental Cost to Connect Per HH
Verizon FiOS	\$	700	\$ 650
Jaguar Communications (Minnesota) <sup>1</sup>	\$	474	\$ 586
Hiawatha Broadband (Minnesota) <sup>2</sup>	\$	800	\$ 750
Analyst Estimate - SNL Kagan	\$	697	\$ 412
VARIATION IN COST	\$47	4 - \$800	\$412 - \$750

1. Jaguar Communications market - Blooming Prairie City MN (their sole urban market)

2. Hiawatha Broadband markets - Winona, Wabasha, St. Charles, Stockton, Lewiston, Rollingstone (all in MN)





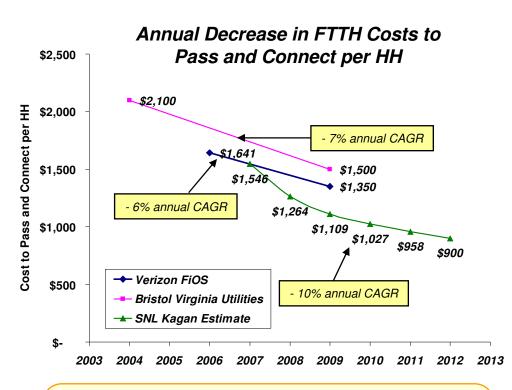
- These figures are representative of realized investment requirements for deployment in relatively dense territories, reflecting the focus of FTTH builds to date in the US
- Verizon's original FiOS deployment was planned for 54% of VZ territory (prior to recent rural line divestitures); Verizon territory pre-divestiture compares roughly to the US as a whole in terms of population densities
- Deployment to more sparsely populated areas will likely surpass these levels of investment, though there are pockets of density and unit deployment costs are often much lower in rural areas
- Note that estimates of the cost to pass AND connect involve assumptions about service uptake rates, which may account for variation in these figures

Source: FCC Filings, Verizon, SNL Kagan, Yankee Group, CSMG Analysis

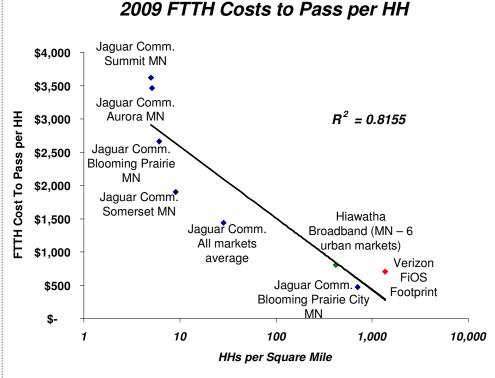
1. FCC estimate per HH based on total cost of \$350B for universal availability to 113.5M housing units (mean of 111-116M housing units). It includes the cost to pass and connect 100% US homes (assuming a greenfield build irrespective of planned FTTH networks) and present value of opex.



Investment requirements for FTTH have decreased substantially over the past few years and vary considerably depending on the topography being served



- These reductions in investment required over time are driven by three major factors:
  - Field efficiency improvements by service providers through improved procedures, training, and use of innovative labor-saving methods
  - Materials cost reductions through increasing purchase volumes and manufacturing efficiency
  - Fixed cost allocation across a larger number of passed households and subscribers
- It is noteworthy that multiple service providers (not just Verizon) have achieved cost declines – we expect future deployments by other service providers to reap many of these benefits



- We observe a 5X difference in FTTH costs per HH passed over the range of HH densities with publicly reported data
- This range of densities represents a wide spectrum of HH densities from rural (5 HHs per sq. mile) to urban (1,375 HHs per sq. mile)



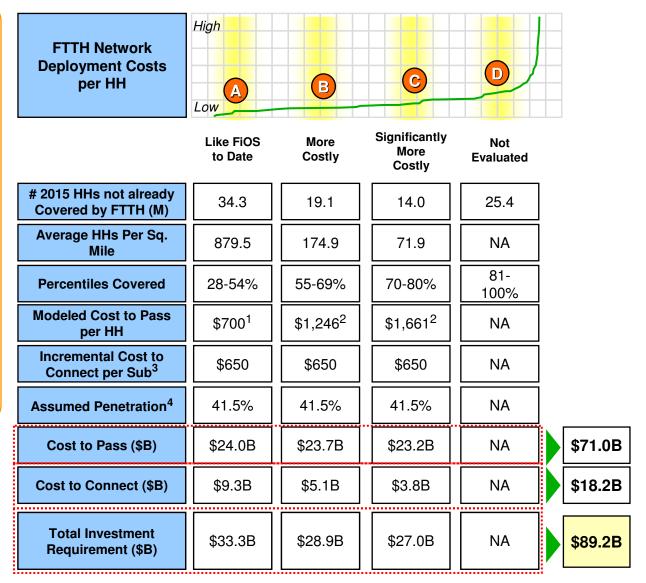
Source: FCC Filings, SNL Kagan, CSMG Analysis

The investment required to pass 80% of homes, beyond the 27% projected to be deployed by 2015, would be ~\$71B, with an additional \$18.2B to connect subscribers

- The basis for universal broadband service should be US households – not housing units
- There are currently 18 million US households with FTTH availability, plus an additional 16.5 million forecasted by 2015 funded by private capital. All 34.5 million should be considered in estimates for universal availability requirements
- Based on current FTTH build investment requirements (FiOS and rural providers), CSMG estimates that the average cost to pass and connect all but the 20% most expensive remaining non-FTTH households in 2015 is ~\$1,704 per HH
- The incremental cost to connect will only be incurred for a subset of homes passed, reflecting FTTH service uptake levels. FTTH penetration short of 100% is recommended – CSMG estimates 41.5% based on current benchmarks and forecasts
- The cost to pass and connect the most rural areas could be significantly higher than the cost of FTTH deployment in non-rural areas
- Though future efficiencies in deployment practices and technology are expected to decrease the cost to connect each FTTH HH, these have not been factored into the estimation for investment required

#### NOTES:

- 1. Current 2009 FiOS Cost to pass per HH
- 2. Current urban and rural FTTH costs to pass per HH benchmarks
- 3.2009 urban and rural FTTH provider cost to connect per HH benchmarks
- 4. Analyst estimate of expected 2015 FTTH uptake rates





Major US broadband service providers have been investing an average of \$35B a year into their wireline networks, suggesting private sector funds exist for widespread NGA deployment

	Wireline CapEx (Average Annual)	CapEx (Avg. % of Revenue)	Time Period
Verizon	\$9,837M	21%	2005-2008
AT&T	\$11,625M	16%	2006-2008
Qwest	\$1,723M	13%	2007-2008
Comcast	\$4,833M	18%	2005-2008
Time Warner	\$3,507M	22%	2007-2008
Cablevision	\$727M	16%	2006-2008
Other Major Wireline SPs and MSOs	\$2,749M	16%	2006-2008
Totals:	\$35,001M	18%	2006-2008

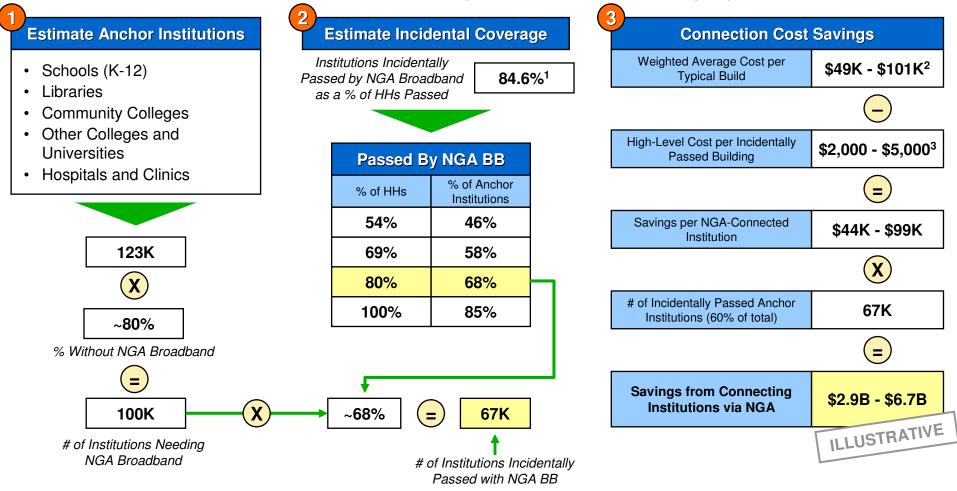
### Wireline CapEx as a % of Wireline Revenue By Major Carrier

Source: SNL Kagan, Annual Reports



Passing 80% of homes with NGA by 2015 could reduce the investment required to connect anchor institutions by \$2.9B - \$6.7B as an ancillary benefit of the program

Illustrative Anchor Tenant Savings from Broad NGA Deployment



1. Assumes 90% of schools (K-12) and libraries are incidentally passed (but no colleges or hospitals). Would require additional upfront planning / design to achieve

2. Weighted average of Gates Foundation estimated cost ranges for connecting anchor institutions with fiber (\$5-10B for ~100K institutions). Ranges indicate low-end (aerial installation with 30% new poles) and high-end (40% aerial, 60% trenching) deployment costs

3. Cost is likely more expensive than for a typical home, but less than for a direct fiber lateral. Assumed to be comparable to FTTH small business service

Source: Gates Foundation: Preliminary Cost Estimates on Connecting Anchor Institutions to Fiber (2009), CSMG analysis



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### A number of countries have undertaken national NGA broadband projects with a mix of public and private funding

Country	Description of Government Initiative
Japan	<ul> <li>Government initiatives have mainly been through unbundling and open access regulation to encourage private investment in fiber builds</li> <li>Funding support has included private investment write downs, subsidized low cost loans, and encouragement of rural fiber builds by subsidizing local public entities for 1/3 of cost of build</li> <li>Active and involved regulation allows the incumbent to invest in the network and sell for profit, but prevents abuse of market dominant position</li> <li>NTT launched the world's largest FTTH build-out; utility companies (K-Opticom) and KDDI have also invested in fiber and are major players</li> <li>Target is to reach 30M FTTH subscribers by 2010</li> </ul>
Korea	<ul> <li>Initiatives I and II – government funding of BB network and IT training programs – total private and public funding estimated at ~\$142B from mid-1990s to mid-2000s</li> <li>Funding initiatives were also accompanied by unbundling regulation and encouragement of apartment complex owners to allow ISP collocation</li> <li>Latest initiative III – super BB fiber network with ~\$1.0B in government funding and ~\$27B in private investment for a last mile FTTH build in urban and rural areas</li> <li>Aims to deliver speeds of 1 Gbps to households by 2012</li> </ul>
Sweden	<ul> <li>Combination of open access regulation and free market competition between facilities-based operators</li> <li>Government funding for local and regional bodies to build an FTTH network in over 200 municipalities</li> <li>Mandated that state-owned utilities build a fiber network to almost every home by 2004</li> <li>Backbone and last mile build in urban and rural areas</li> </ul>
Australia	<ul> <li>Direct investment of \$40B for a fiber build and \$230M to address backhaul black spots</li> <li>Beginning in July 2010, all new estate developments to install fiber-optic networks to homes and workplaces</li> <li>Backbone and last mile build in urban and rural areas</li> <li>Aim to connect 90% of homes and business to an FTTH network over the next 8 years</li> </ul>
New Zealand	<ul> <li>\$1.3B for an open access, passive fiber network infrastructure and ~\$225M to improve rural broadband builds</li> <li>Backbone and last mile build in urban, suburban, and rural areas</li> <li>Aims to connect 75% households to a fiber network</li> </ul>
Other	<ul> <li>Singapore: Intelligent Nation 2015 (iN2015) initiative includes plan to deploy FTTH to every home and business by 2013, with speeds of 1 Gbps</li> <li>Malaysia: Three-phase High Speed Broadband (HSBB) project to build FTTH to 2.2M households by the end of 2017</li> <li>Europe: A number of nations (including Sweden, Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, Portugal, France, and Greece) have announced national plans which include FTTH as primary network infrastructure</li> </ul>

Source: SNL Kagan, AFP, NY Times, Center for Strategic and International Studies - Japan, Sweden PTS, Australian and New Zealand Gov't websites, BSG, FTTH Council, CSMG Analysis

Comparable national programs are largely focused on deploying next generation broadband networks to 75%-90% of HHs

Country	Program Duration	Network Type	Speeds	Coverage	
Australia	2009-2017	Fiber Backbone and Last Mile	100 Mbps download	90% homes and businesses	
France	2009-2012	Fiber Backbone and Last Mile	NA	~33% homes and businesses	
Germany	2009-2014	Universal Broadband Coverage	50 Mbps download	75% homes and businesses	
Korea	2009-2012	Fiber Last Mile	1 Gbps download	100% homes and businesses	Most comparable programs target less than full
Malaysia	2007-2017	Fiber Backbone and Last Mile	10 Mbps+ download	38% homes and businesses	deployment
New Zealand	2009-2019	Fiber Backbone and Last Mile	100 Mbps download	75% homes and businesses	
Singapore	2009-2015	Fiber Backbone and Last Mile	1 Gbps download	100% homes and businesses	
UK	2009-2017	Next Generation FTTC	24-100 Mbps	75% homes and businesses	

### International Broadband Initiatives

Most comparable programs focus on enabling nextgeneration networks

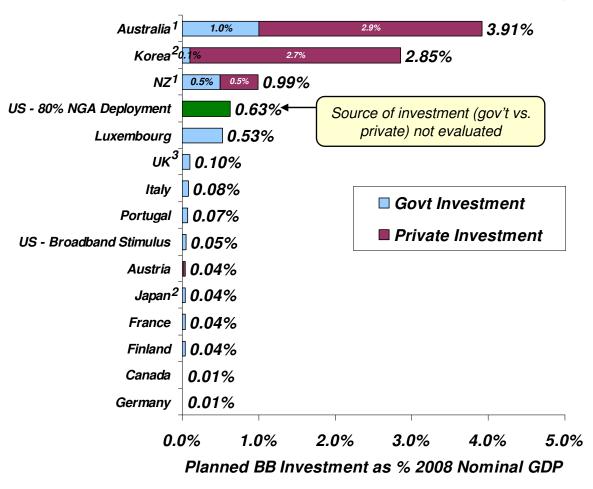
Source: SNL Kagan, AFP, New York Times, Australian and New Zealand Government Websites, BSG, FTTH Council, Metro UK, Telekom Malaysia, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, Telecompaper, Screendigest, CSMG Analysis



### National NGA build programs constitute a substantial portion of national GDPs

### Estimated Future Broadband Initiative Spend as % of 2008 Nominal GDP

(Multi-Year Investment as % of One Year's GDP, not PPP adjusted)



#### NOTES:

1. Australia and New Zealand – Future planned investments announced by the government 2. Korea and Japan – Does not include past government broadband initiatives (e.g. estimated at \$85B for Korea historically) 3. UK – Investment calculated based on an estimated initial funding of 200M GBP plus 150-175 Million GBP per year from 2009-2017

Source: The Berkman Center for Internet and Society 2009 Study - Next Generation Connectivity, CIA Factbook



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### A primary objective of a national broadband plan should be to address the position of the US relative to other countries in broadband adoption and capability

The US must increase average penetration by ~35% and speed by ~3X in order to close the gap with leading • broadband nations

	Broadband Penetration & Speed Rankings					
ILLUST	RATIVE Penetration b	<u>y Country</u>		Avg. Speed by Country		
	Country	HH Penetration		Country	Avg. Speed	
	1. South Korea	95%		1. South Korea	11.0 Mbps	
	2. Singapore	88%		2. Japan	8.0 Mbps	
	3. Netherlands	85%		3. Hong Kong	7.6 Mbps	
	4. Denmark	82%		4. Romania	6.9 Mbps	
	5. Taiwan	81%		5. Sweden	5.8 Mbps	
	6. Hong Kong	81%		6. Netherlands	5.7 Mbps	
	7. Israel	77%		7. Latvia	5.4 Mbps	
	8. Switzerland	76%		8. Switzerland	5.1 Mbps	
	9. Canada	76%		9. Czech Republic	5.0 Mbps	
	10. Norway	75%		10. Denmark	4.9 Mbps	
	20. United States	60%		18. United States	4.2 Mbps	

Indicates country has actively pursued initiatives to expand high-speed internet coverage and quality



Source: Strategy Analytics, 2008; Akamai, 2Q09; CSMG analysis

### A national broadband plan should be designed to balance multiple important policy objectives and consider availability, adoption, and speed of broadband

### Illustrative National Broadband Plan Objectives

<u>Objectives</u>		Activities	Illustrative Potential Impact		
	Rural Broadband Coverage	<ul> <li>Support for broadband in rural communities</li> <li>Addressability improvements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cover an additional 2-5% of households currently lacking broadband of any sort (unserved and underserved according to ARRA Broadband NOFA)</li> <li>An estimated ~80% of these newly-covered HHs will likely adopt service</li> <li>Likely results in a few points of BB penetration on a national scale</li> </ul>		
2	Adoption Programs	<ul> <li>Various programs to increase adoption at household level</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Impact likely scales directly with government resources applied</li> <li>However, initiatives will have little to no impact on speed/quality of broadband service</li> </ul>		
	Connect Anchor Institutions	<ul> <li>Direct support for anchor institution connectivity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improved access at schools, libraries, etc. for administrators, users as well as unserved/underserved and lower-income communities</li> <li>An important policy goal which helps communities provide public access to broadband, computers and training, but which does not help close per HH average penetration and speed gaps</li> <li>Broad deployment of NGA to homes would be synergistic with this objective</li> </ul>		
	Accelerate NGA BB Deployment	<ul> <li>Pursue policies that incent deployment of next-generation broadband</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant positive public benefits as quantified in this study</li> <li>Significant impact on in internet speeds – median throughput will increase by at least 2X according to our estimates</li> <li>Competitive dynamic could drive additional adoption for high-speed BB, as service provider offerings become increasingly attractive</li> </ul>		

### A big vision is required for our national broadband policy

Source: FCC, CSMG



### One policy that would enable widespread NGA deployment is a tax-credit bond

 An Empiris study funded by the FTTH Council indicates that ~\$1.3B in tax credits can drive \$30B of incremental NGA investment over three years

In January 2009, Empiris LLC completed a study analyzing the economic impact of proposed tax incentives for BB deployment on behalf of the FTTH Council

lit Bonds	Private Sector Tax-Credit Bonds	<ul> <li>Private sector issues up to \$10B in tax-credit bonds per year over the next three years to fund investments on NGA BB deployments (100 Mbps down / 20 Mbps up)</li> <li>Deployment in any area of the US</li> </ul>	
Tax-Credit	Public Sector Tax-Credit Bonds	<ul> <li>Public sector issues up to \$1B in tax-credit bonds per year over the next three years to fund investments on NGA BB deployments (100 Mbps down / 20 Mbps up)</li> <li>Deployment in any area of the US</li> </ul>	
Expensing	Immediate Expensing of NGA	<ul> <li>Allows immediate expensing (i.e. accelerated depreciation) of 100% of investments by firms deploying NGA BB service (100 Mbps down / 20 up)</li> <li>Deployment in any area of the US</li> </ul>	
Expe	Immediate Expensing of Rural CGA	<ul> <li>Allows immediate expensing (i.e. accelerated depreciation) of 50% of investments by firms deploying CGA BB service (5 Mbps down / 1 Mbps up)</li> <li>Deployment to rural and underserved areas in the US</li> </ul>	

#### Empiris LLC – Policy Options Assessed

#### **Potential Course of Action**

- Private sector tax-credit bond option has the <u>largest economic stimulus</u> <u>impact</u> among the 4 options evaluated
  - An estimated \$93.9B in total GDP impact, and 197K jobs over 3 years
- The \$30B of total investment enabled by this option would be <u>sufficient to</u> <u>deploy NGA to 54% of US HHs</u> (34.1M additional homes passed)
  - Would result in <u>\$5.7B in annual</u> total public benefits
- Government tax revenues will decrease by by \$1.3B from 2009-2011, and \$11.2B over the entire15-year life of the investments







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