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To support industry growth, we deliver **impactful network technologies** for the entire industry through future-forward innovation.

Fixed Network (Fiber Optics + DOCSIS)	Security + Privacy		Convergence
Wireless + Mobile		Future (Immersive, A.I., Quantum)	

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Cable Networks: Then, Now & Near Future

Substantially fiber, video/data/phone, ~400 homes passed per fiber node





Sharing Network Capacity

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Myth: FTTH networks don't share capacity, while cable networks share capacity.





- DOCSIS/HFC and PON have the same fundamental operating principles
 - Both DOCSIS/HFC and PON solutions use a point-to-multipoint topology which shares capacity in both upstream and downstream
 - Single downstream transmitter sends to all customer premise equipment (CPE) simultaneously, packets are received by all CPE and filtered accordingly
 - Upstream transmissions must be scheduled to avoid collisions on the media

Latency

Myth: Fiber media has lower latency than coaxial cable

- Velocity of propagation for radio frequency on coaxial cable is 87% of speed of light, while photon in single mode fiber is 68%
- Telecom signals propagate faster on coax than fiber





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Symmetry of HFC versus FTTH

Myth: Cable broadband can't provide symmetric capacity

- HFC and FTTH are both capable of providing symmetric capacity
- Networks are *designed* to provide services to meet consumer demand
- Even the most recent PON technology (ITU 50G/25G PON) is designed to be asymmetric



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Broadband Usage Asymmetry

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Average Broadband Household

A snapshot of the average U.S. broadband household.

536 GB Average Bandwidth Usage

OVBI Average Broadband Household Index – 4Q21

504 GB **269 Mbps** Average Downstream Usage Average Downstream Speed

32 GB Average Upstream Usage



19 Mbps Average Upstream Speed





Work and Learn from Home



Myth: Only FTTH will support work and learn from home



Cable service tiers provide more than enough bandwidth to support work and learn from home

https://www.cablelabs.com/blog/bandwidth-usage-of-popular-video-conferencing-applications

Pace of Upgrade



 Jan 7, 2019: "In just 2 years, the cable industry has made an unparalleled technological leap by increasing availability of <u>1 gigabit broadband Internet from only 4 percent to 80 percent</u> of U.S. households." This fast-paced work continues today.



https://www.cablelabs.co m/blog/10g-platformcoming-to-homes-officescities-near-you



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Key Policy Implications

- <u>Scalable Technology</u>: The roadmap for cable broadband technology provides the performance consumers want and need well into the future
- <u>Technology Neutrality</u>: Focus should remain on broadband performance rather than the underlying network technologies
- Evolving Performance Requirements:
 - Speed -> Speed + Reliability, Security & Latency



Invent the Future