# Mobile Broadband and Metrics Challenges

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### **Mobile Broadband**

Mobile BB is a game-changing Mobile/Fixed: Complements or Substitutes? Regulatory Agenda for Mobile BB

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# Mobile BB is game-changing....

#### **Mobile BB = convergence personal communication + computing**

- -- pervasive computing: always on/everywhere connected
- -- Internet of things/smart everything
- -- wireless (of all types....not just LTE)

#### **Post-PC**

-- Smartphones, tablets, eReaders, sensors, connected homes, ....

#### **Traffic growth**

- -- spectrum scarcity
- -- Next 6B

#### **Edge-based control (end-user deployed networks)**

- -- wireless offers new model for building networks
- -- multihoming, route selection : who makes the choice?

# Mobile v. Fixed BB: substitutes or complements?

#### What is BB?

- 100s MBps v. 10s MBps?
- per HH or per user?
- QoS strategies: down-coding? Buffering? MIMO? (network mgmt?)
- Reliability?

#### **Competition? Universal Service? Interconnection?**

- Substitutes? low-invest equilibrium (??)
- Complements? HDTV/multi-devices v. Mobility; Cost sub or demand aug?
- (AT&T v. VZ, VZ-Comcast, ...)
- USF subsidies?
- WiFi offload and infrastructure sharing, tethering, roaming, backhaul

#### **Metrics issues**

- Averaging over coverage area: how to weight?
- Crowd sourcing Device heterogeneity WiFi v. Cellular
- Pricing (device+usage pricing+??) Privacy (how to anonymize?)

# Mobile BB Policy Issues

#### **Mobile v. Fixed Regulation Convergence**

#### **Spectrum Policy: future shared spectrum**

- Novel management regimes: LSA/ASA, TVWS, ...
- Spectrum utilization and rights trading, dbases, sensing, ...

#### **Public safety**

- Commercial/Public safety integration and sharing

#### Small cell (DAS) architectures (Internet architectures...)

- Infrastructure & spectrum sharing
- Conduit/antenna site access (Zoning, municipal planning)
- Backhaul

#### Privacy, mobile identity management

# **Additional Slides**

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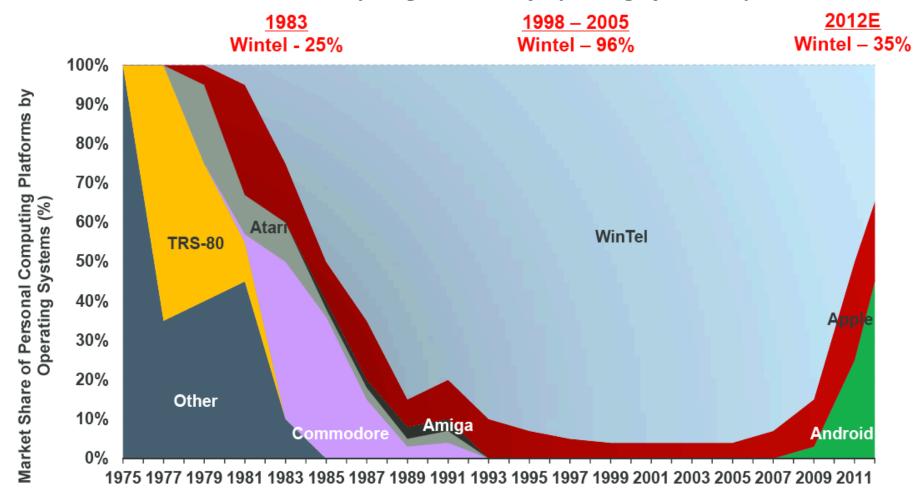
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#### Global Market Share of Personal Computing Platforms by Operating System Shipments, 1975 – 2012E



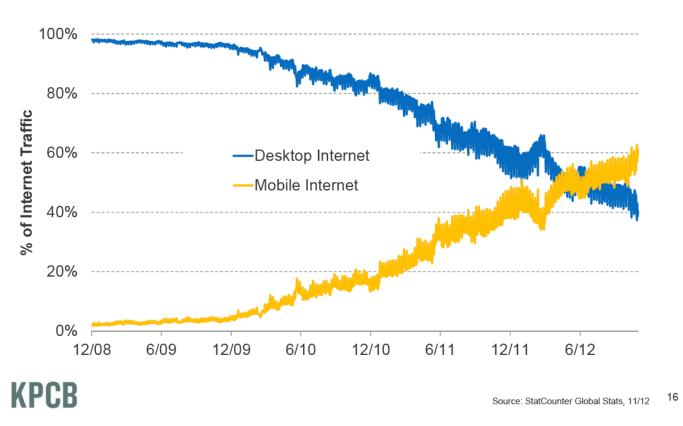


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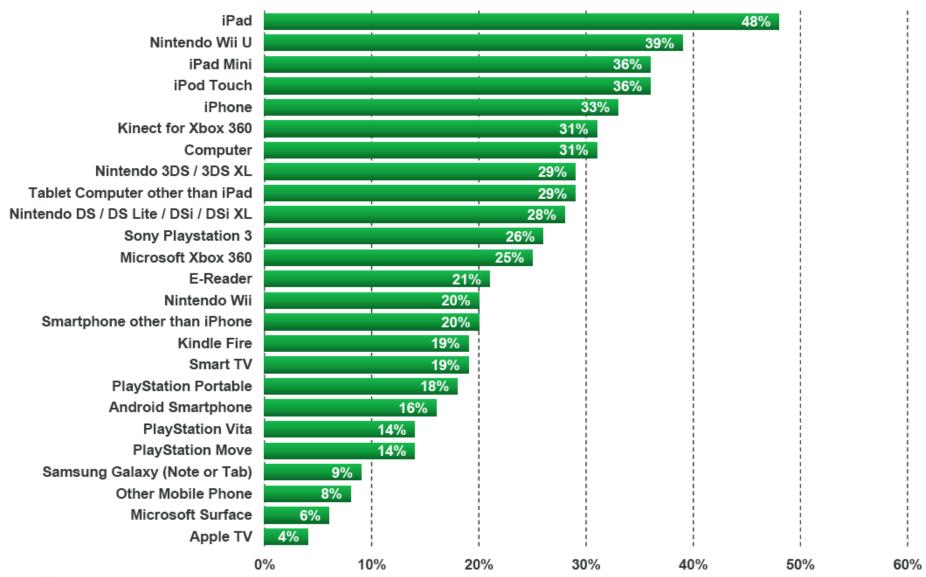
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#### India Internet Traffic by Type, Desktop vs. Mobile, 12/08 – 11/12



- US is 3<sup>rd</sup> in Internet users, but 78%; China #1/2 with 40%/14%
- China/US #1/2 in mobile subs; but 24%/48% smartphone
- Mobile as % global traffic: 4% (Dec2010), 13% (Nov2012)

#### Interest in Buying in Next 6 Months Among USA Kids Ages 6-12





Source: Nielsen, 11/12

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#### Mobile Changes way we work/play, all industries....

#### Re-Imagination of Connectivity...

THEN...



NOW...



#### Re-Imagination of Knowledge...

THEN... (Print Copies / Updated Annually)



NOW...

(Accessible Everywhere / Updated Real-Time / Everyone Can Contribute)



#### Asset-Light Lifestyle Frees: Space...

Asset-Heavy...



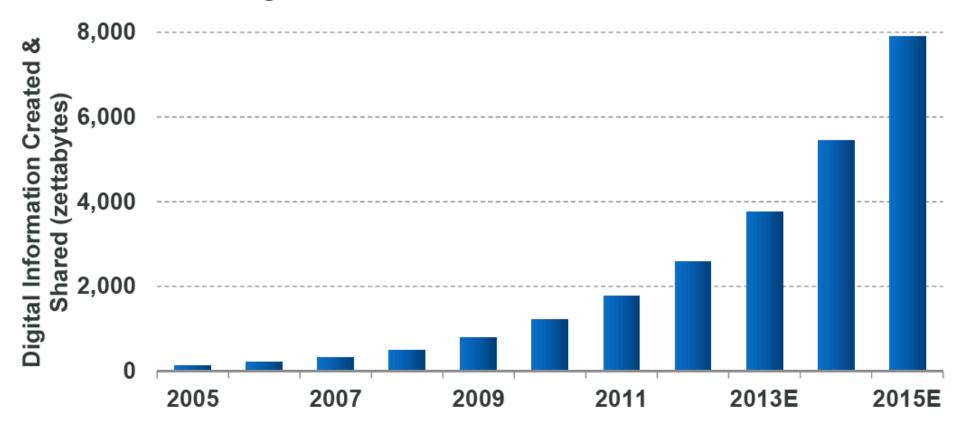
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Amount of global digital information created & shared – from documents to pictures to tweets - grew 9x in five years to nearly 2 zettabytes\* in 2011, per IDC.

#### Global Digital Information Created & Shared, 2005 - 2015E





Note: \* 1 zettabyte = 1 trillion gigabytes. Source: IDC IVIEW report "Extracting Value from Chaos" 6/11.

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