

# Cost savings and revenue benefits from Next Generation Hotspot (NGH) Wi-Fi

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# WBA Members have a Common Vision

***Better Customer Experience  
New Growth Opportunities***

**“Next Generation” Wi-Fi Platform**



**Interoperable**



**Seamless**



**Secure**

**Our Diverse Organization Has The Expertise To Deliver  
This Vision And Remove Friction**

# Diverse Membership Across The Wi-Fi Ecosystem

**100**  
Members

24

Mobile operators

28

Integrated & fixed  
broadband operators

15

Wi-Fi operators/  
aggregators

33

Vendors & other  
industry players



# Central role in accelerating the ecosystem



# WBA key strategic objectives

## 2013 Objectives



**Next Generation Hotspot**

**Commercial  
Reality**



**Wi-Fi Roaming**

**Globalize**



**Carrier Wi-Fi**

**Set Clear  
Roadmap**

# NGH Wi-Fi: a new Wi-Fi experience in public locations



- **Wi-Fi is a mature, yet evolving technology:**

- Better support for mobile devices
- Full-fledged RAN technology
- Efficient spectrum utilization
- Better support for public access

- **Enthusiastic support from users**

- **Wider commitment from operators**

## Next Generation Hotspot Wi-Fi: Features

Seamless SIM-based (cellular devices) and EAP-TTLS (devices without a SIM card) authentication.

Automatic network discovery and selection, with the ability to steer subscribers toward preferential Wi-Fi use.

Secure access to trusted networks.

Policy support for defining connection preferences – e.g., to decide which Wi-Fi network a device should associate with, when multiple ones are available.

## NGH Wi-Fi: Benefits to operators

Increased traffic on Wi-Fi networks.

More visibility into subscriber experience.

Policy management and enforcement extended to Wi-Fi and, if desired, integrated with cellular policy control, enabling operators to leverage Wi-Fi access more extensively to relieve traffic load in cellular networks.

Wi-Fi as a radio-access technology that can be tightly integrated with the cellular RAN and core network, and jointly deployed in cellular small-cell networks.

Support for location-based services, such as navigation, mobile advertising, geofencing and B2B applications, especially at indoor locations where the GPS signal is not available or is less accurate than outdoors.

# Yet, questions remain

What is the  
business case?

How do you  
monetize  
Wi-Fi?

What are the  
service revenues  
from Wi-Fi?

Can you recoup  
your investment  
in Wi-Fi?

# A few definitions

NGH Wi-Fi

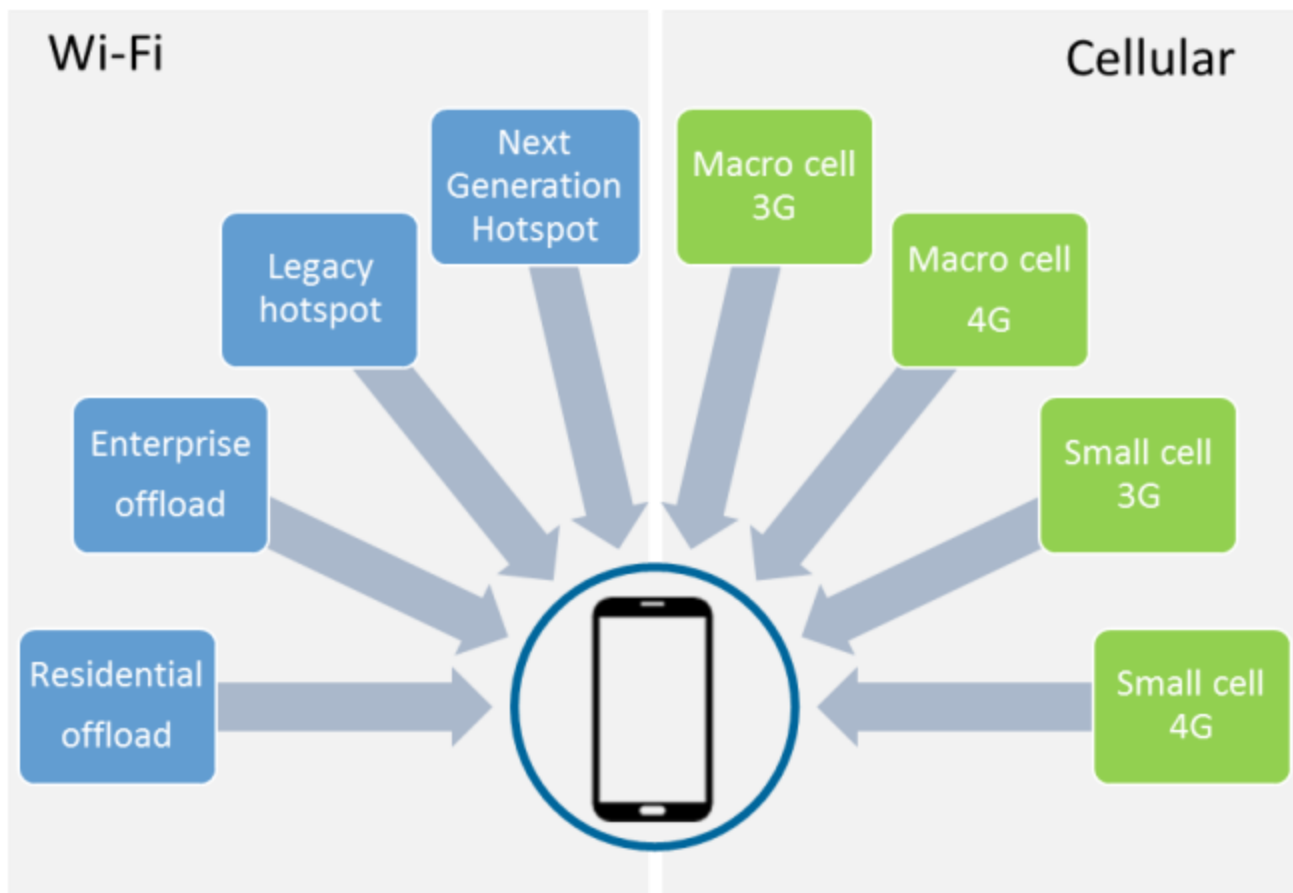
Wi-Fi offload

Legacy Wi-Fi

3G and 4G

Small cells  
(and Wi-Fi)

ARPU  
(and data ARPU)





# A TCO model for NGH Wi-Fi in public networks



Wi-Fi can add capacity to congested mobile networks, but is it cost effective?

If Wi-Fi access is cheaper than cellular access in the macro network, is it also cheaper when deployed alongside small cells?

And does NGH Wi-Fi provide a cost benefit over legacy hotspot Wi-Fi?

## Model assumptions

Mobile network components:

- 2G macro cell (2GM)
- 3G macro cell (3GM)
- 4G macro cell (4GM)
- 3G small cell (3GS)
- 4G small cell (4GS)
- NGH Wi-Fi

Base case:

ARPU: \$22 per subscriber, per month

Subscribers: 10 million

Traffic per subscriber, per month: from 0.5 GB (3G only) to 1.25 GB (3G, 4G, Wi-Fi)

Wi-Fi traffic: ranges from 0% (3G only) to 20% (3G, 4G, Wi-Fi)

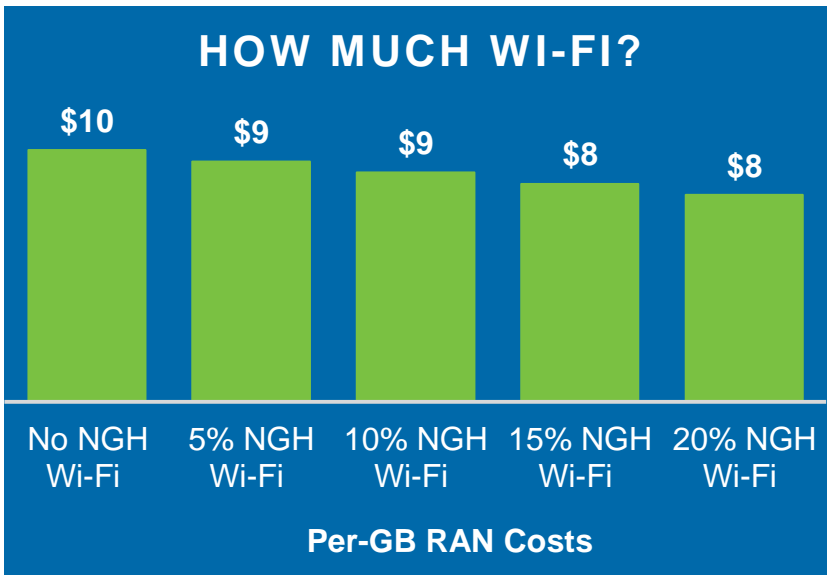
*Sources: Senza Fili, Cisco, GSMA, Ericsson and mobile operators.*

# More or less Wi-Fi?

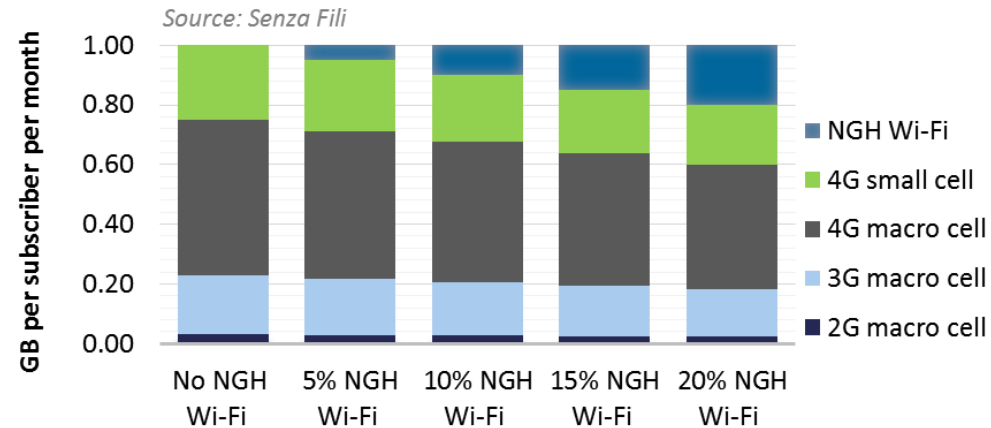
If NGH Wi-Fi carries 20% of mobile traffic

- 18% per-bit cost savings
- 22% more traffic for subscribers for the same RAN costs

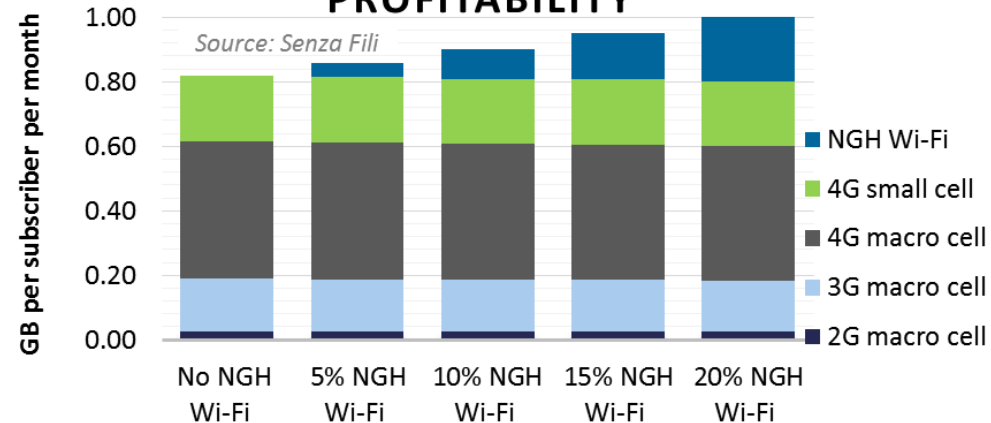
## HOW MUCH WI-FI?



## TRAFFIC SPLIT: CONSTANT TRAFFIC

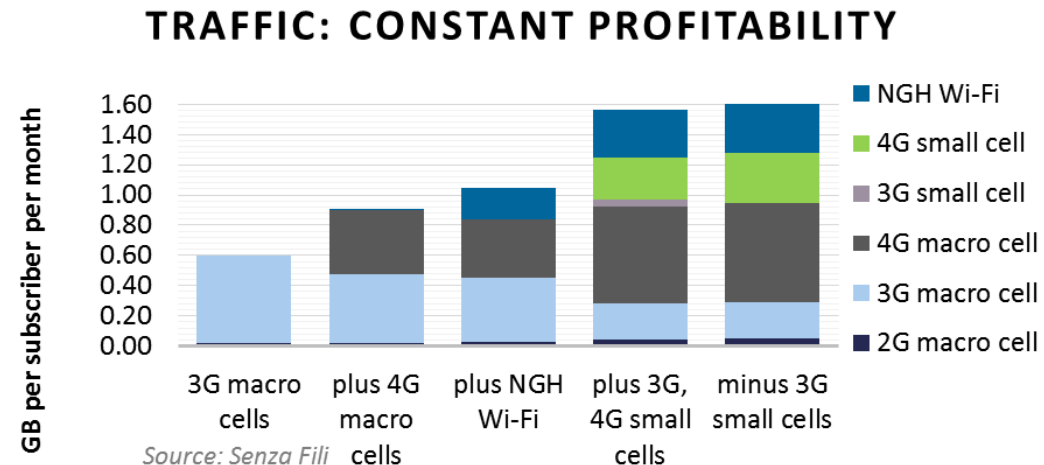
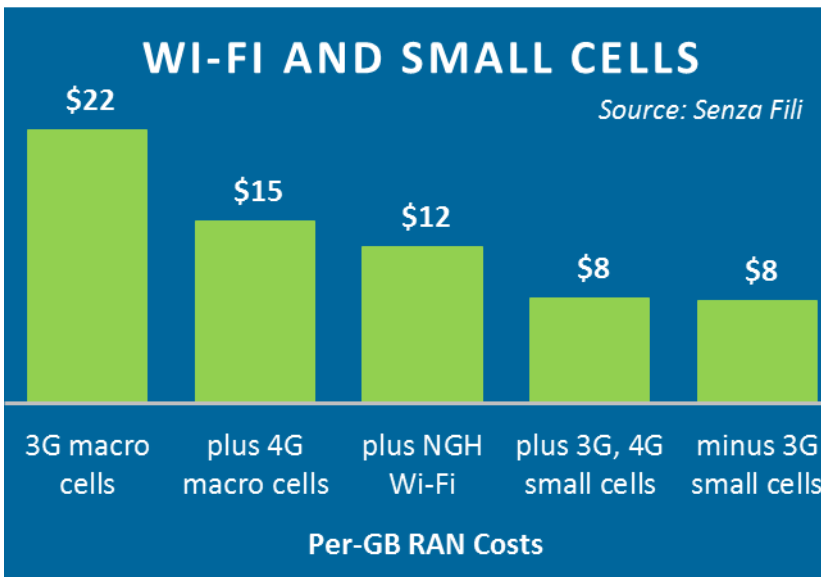
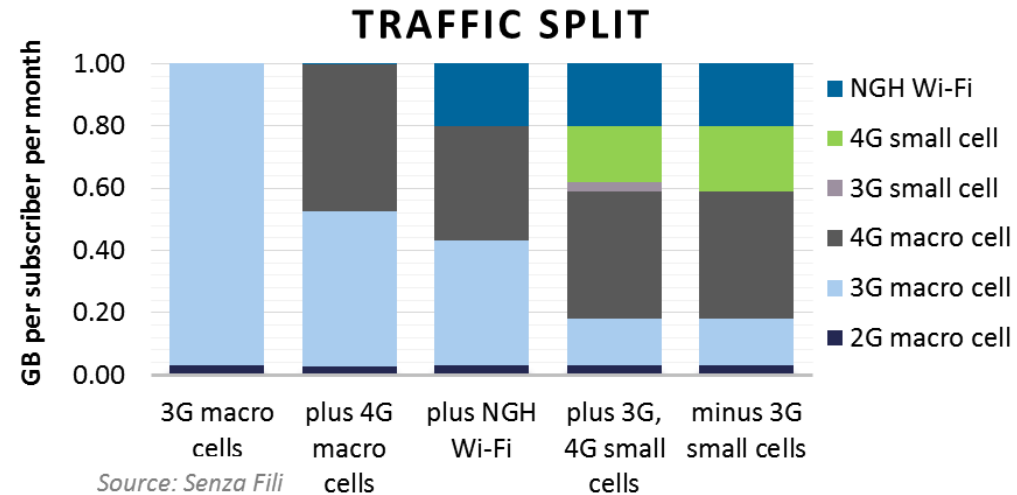


## TRAFFIC SPLIT: CONSTANT PROFITABILITY



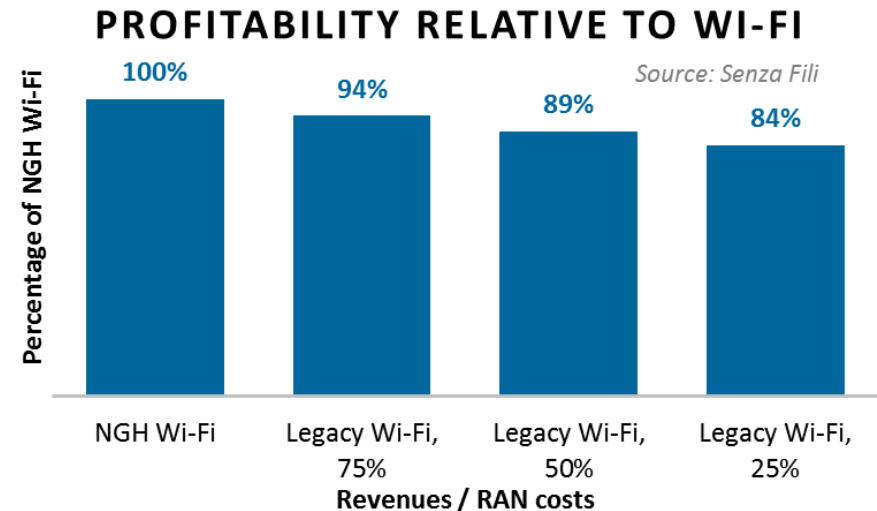
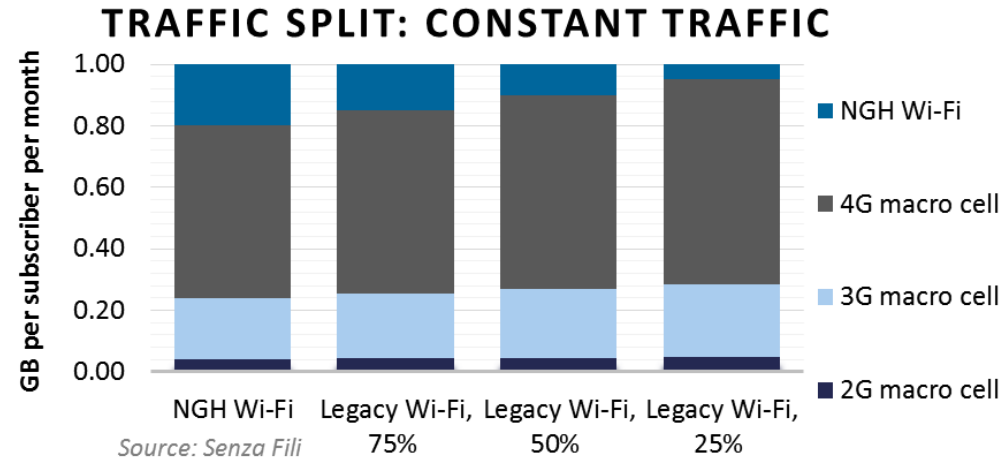
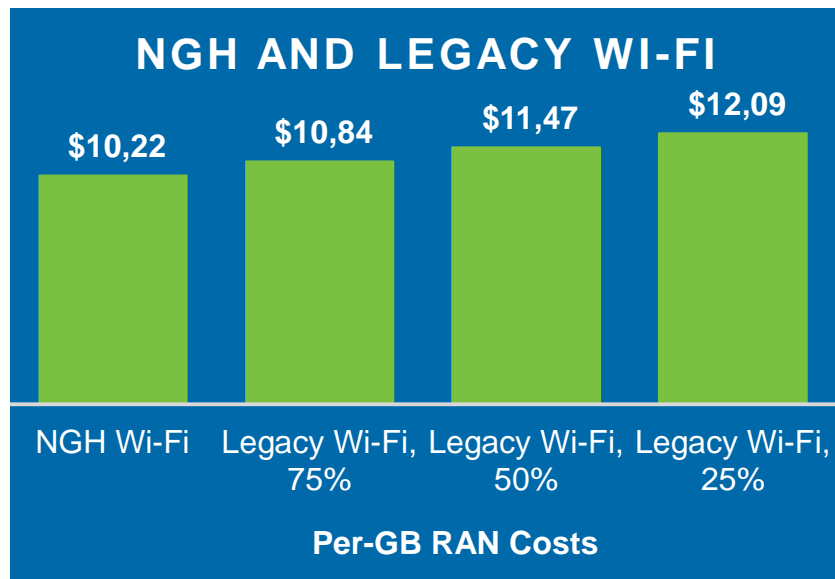
# Adding small cells to NGH Wi-Fi

- 38% per-bit cost savings
- 167% more traffic for subscribers for the same RAN costs



# NGH and legacy Wi-Fi

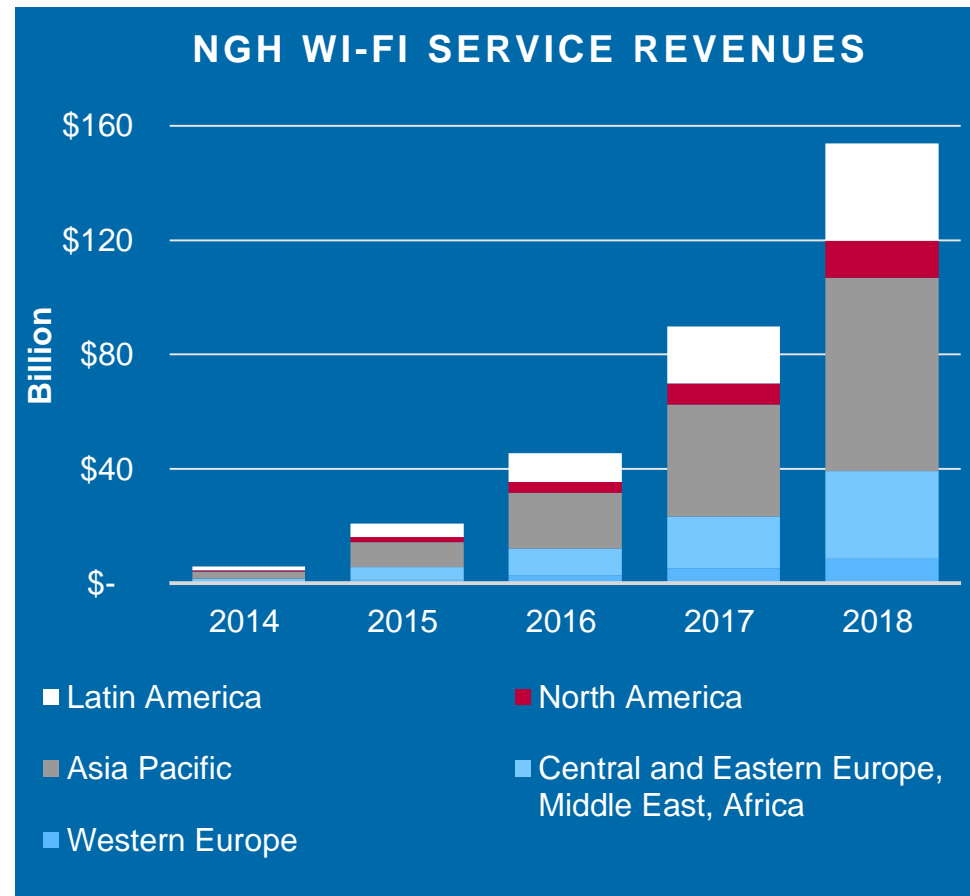
- 18% higher per-bit RAN costs with 75% of traffic reduction with legacy Wi-Fi
- 16% reduction in profitability



# NGH Wi-Fi service revenues

The revenue opportunity  
by 2018:

- 9% of mobile traffic over Wi-Fi networks run by operators
- \$150 billion in service revenues from NGH Wi-Fi



# Summary of results

Lower per-bit costs in networks with NGH Wi-Fi  
18% lower per-bit RAN costs with 20% of traffic through NGH Wi-Fi

The combination of Wi-Fi and cellular small cells brings additional benefits  
38% lower per-bit RAN costs when small cells and Wi-Fi are combined

NGH Wi-Fi to account for 9% of global mobile traffic and reach \$150 billion by 2018.

**For more information see the new white paper from Senza Fili sponsored by the WBA, “Cost savings and revenue benefits from Next Generation Hotspot (NGH) Wi-Fi”**

**Download the white paper from  
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