

Measuring Broadband in CA

Six Years of CalSPEED | Ken Biba/Novarum



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Essential CA Broadband Metrics

- Mobile -> wired -> WiFi
- California Public Utility Commission
 - Partnership w/Novarum and CalStateU Monterey + Chico
- 95% of CA has no crowds, so we sample
 - ~2000 CA locations, every six months, student collection
 - o latest devices (smartphones+), four carriers, multiple servers
 - o 2012 present
- Open source, collaborative, user perspective
 - o iPerf tool based, AWS measurement servers
 - Tested throughput to ~< 1 Gb/s
 - o Innovative interpolated broadband maps: thruput, latency, VoIP, video, etc
 - 6 years, tens of millions of measurements, same locations, same servers
- Information and maps for decision makers





Results with Impact

- Quality and coverage: facts vs opinion
- Improved <u>allocation</u> of state broadband divide \$
- Some carriers are <u>MUCH</u> better than others
- Location matters: user <u>and</u> content
- Rural/tribal users <u>consistently</u> ~3/5ths of urban user
- Wireless is not a wire replacement
 - Mission critical actions
 - o ~80% of CA high-extreme fire risk areas w/ no mobile VoIP
 - ~40% of SF Bay area 911 calls w/ no mobile VolP





