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## Next-Generation PON: Status & Prospects

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### Report Highlights

**GPON is highly successful** as an access technology for both FTTH and backhaul from fast copper, and will continue to be successful for many years

**10G-EPON in symmetric** configuration will succeed in existing EPON markets, including for business access services from North American cable companies, as well as in Japan, South Korea and China

**The XG-PON1 standard's** asymmetry limits its use for non-residential applications, and NG-PON2 will likely supersede it within the next two years, as it reaches volume deployment

**Active Ethernet is a** continuing strong competitor to PON; WDM-PON and NG-PON2 need a significant fall in the cost of tunable laser optical components

**Mobile fronthaul and back-**haul applications will be a technology battleground over the next five years

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