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## Testing the feasibility of OTT sport

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## Topics of Conversation

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**The growth of Sports  
OTT and its place in  
the wider sport  
media landscape**



**Who are the D2C  
players and what are  
their economics**

## Power of live sport



### Premier League 2018/19 season

**3.2bn**

cumulative global  
audience – **up 6%**  
from 2017/18



### ICC Cricket World Cup

**1.6bn**

cumulative global  
audience – **up**  
**38%** from 2015



### FIFA Women's World Cup

**1.1bn**

cumulative global  
audience – **up**  
**30%** from 2015

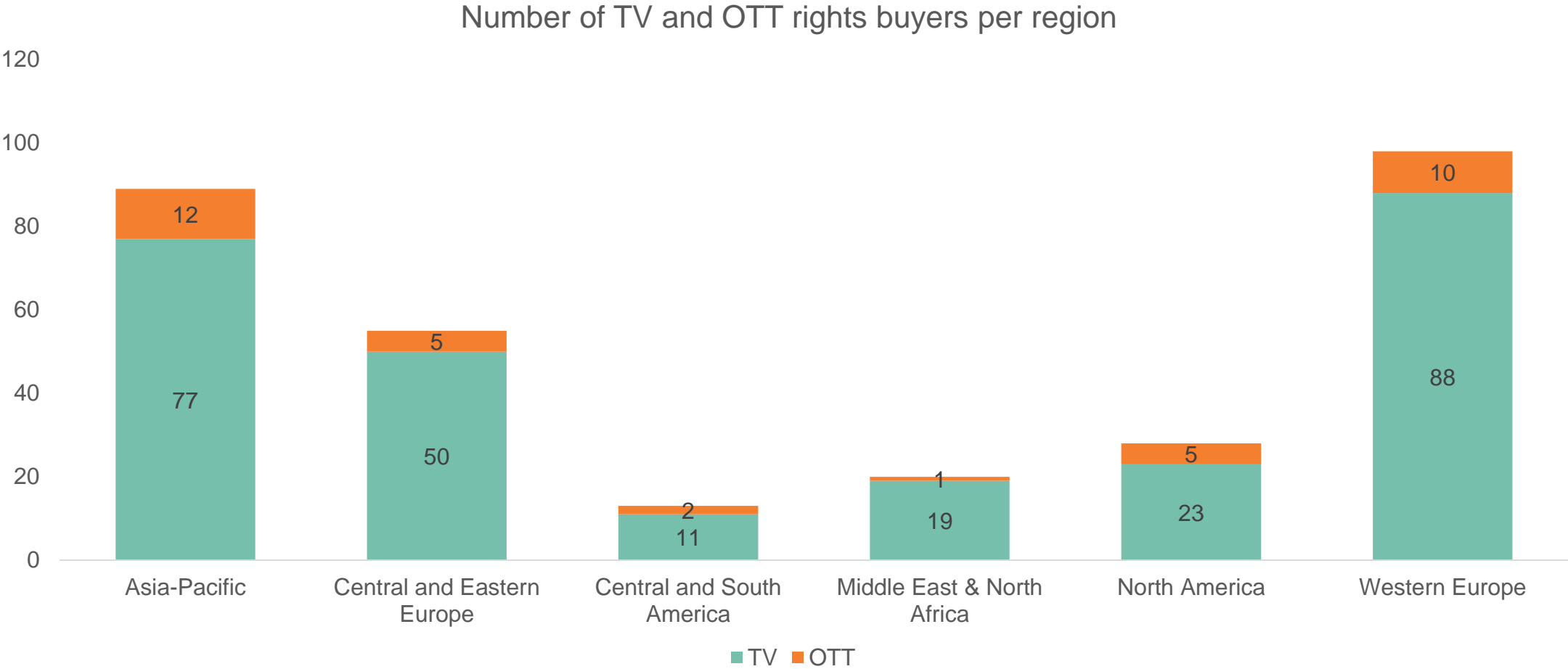


### Rugby World Cup

**41.4%**

record average  
domestic audience for  
Japan v South Africa

# This has produced an increasingly competitive media landscape



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Source: Ampere Markets

\* NB includes rights buyers and pure OTT platforms across 92 countries



## But what does sport OTT actually mean?

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**Pure  
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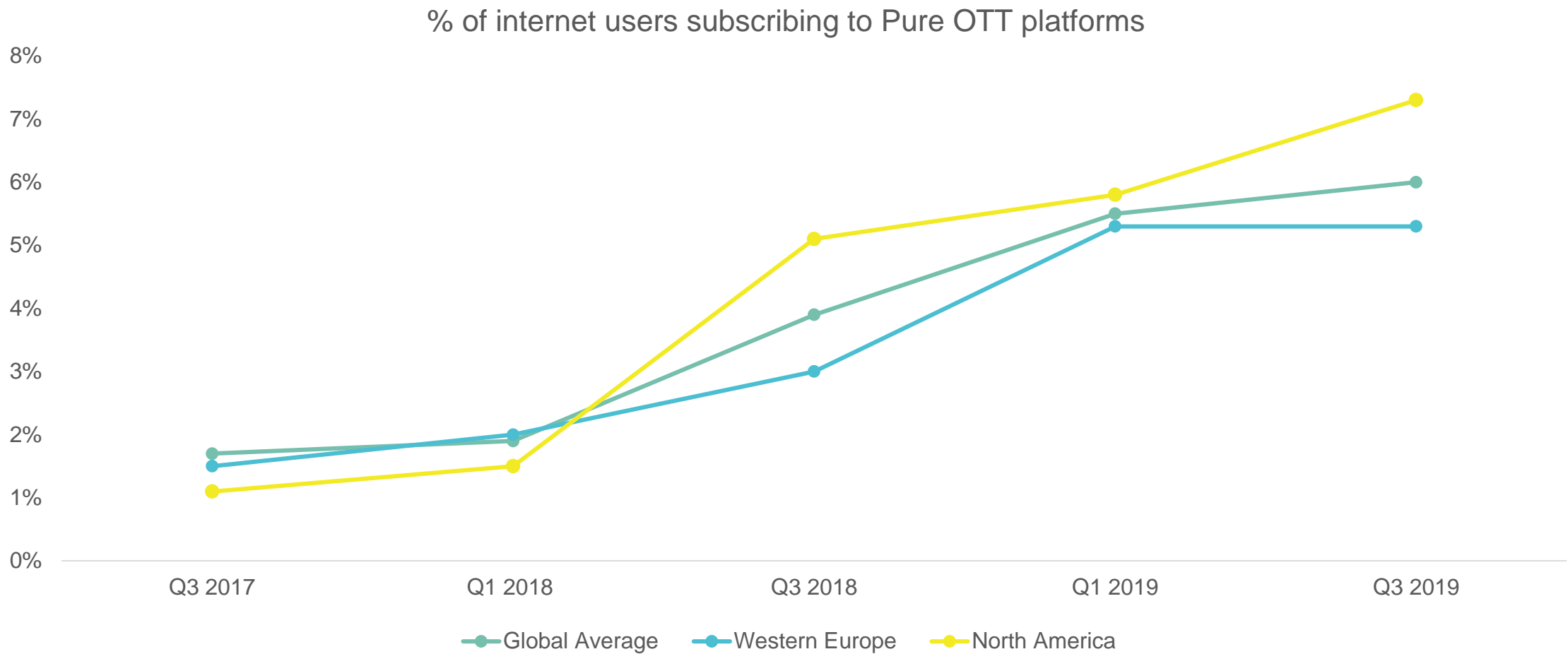


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# Globally, the pace of growth of sport OTT is steady



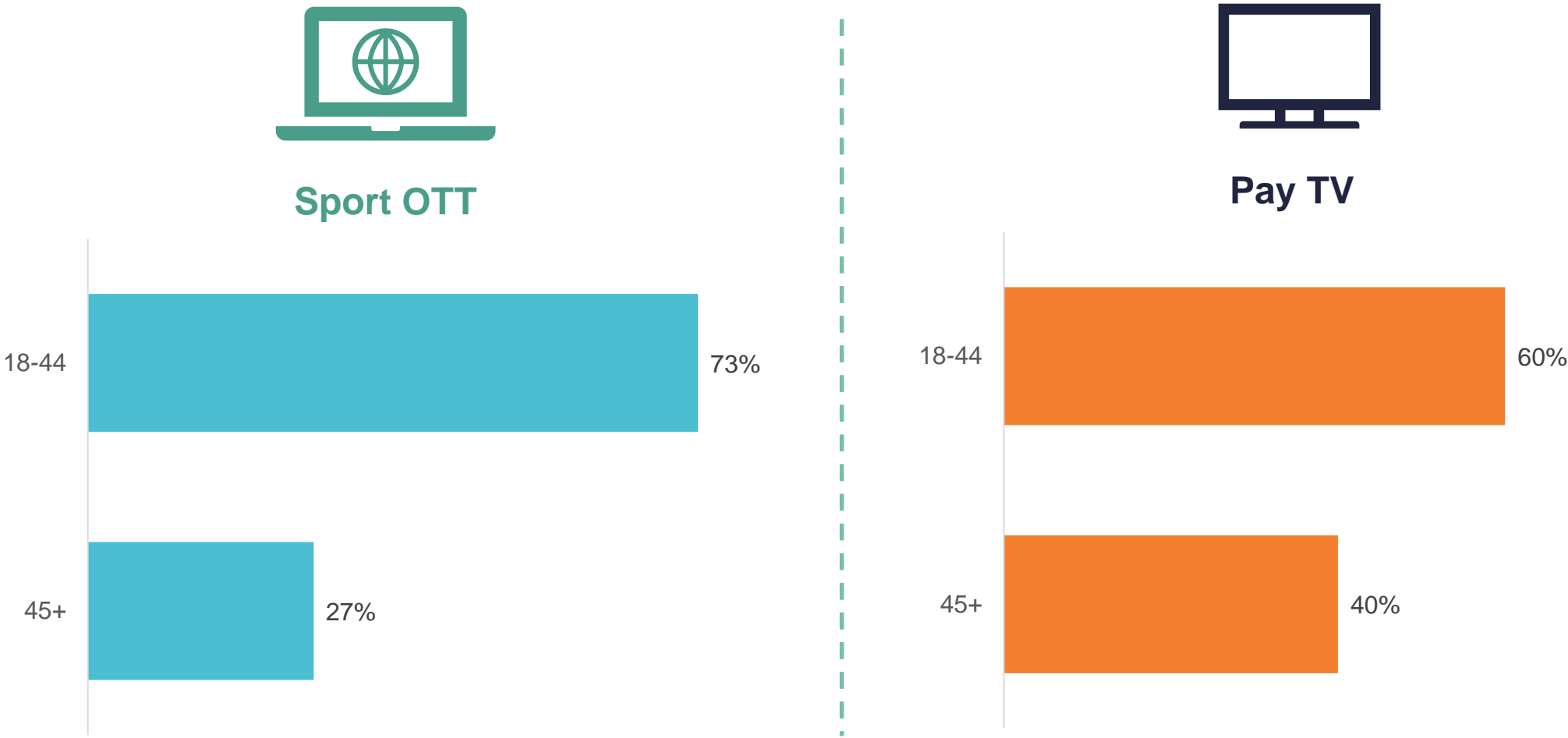
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Source: Ampere Consumer Q3 2019

\* NB this only includes platforms whose content is primarily sport focused



# Sport OTT provides an opportunity to re-engage younger audiences



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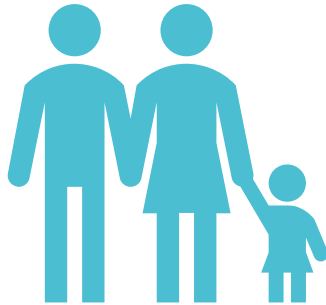




## And crucially families



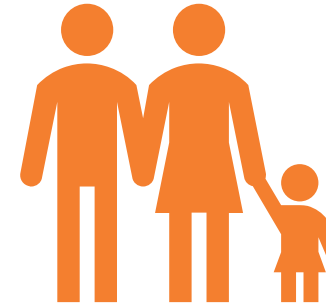
Sport OTT



**30% more likely**  
to have children in the  
household



Pay TV



**11% more likely**  
to have children in the  
household



They have more disposable income



Sport OTT



**More than twice  
as likely**  
to have premium channels



Pay TV



**33% more likely**  
to have premium  
channels

## Sport OTT audiences are more receptive to an advertising model



**Sport OTT**



**42%**

**don't mind seeing advertising  
when watching TV**



**Pay TV**



**32%**

**don't mind seeing advertising  
when watching TV**



# There is a huge addressable market to capture

Current sport OTT audience vs. the addressable audience (m)



## What does this mean for rights holders?

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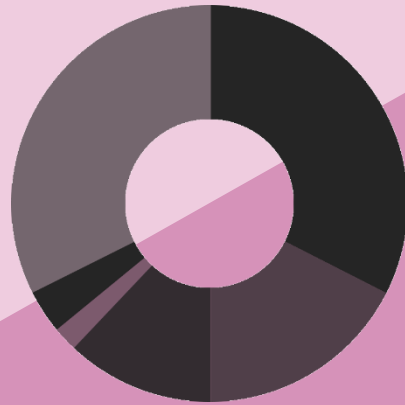
In the short term, sport OTT platforms will not be replacing traditional TV operators as the main broadcaster, but they have a significant part to play



Sport OTT platforms can be used to grow younger fanbases through access to children in the household



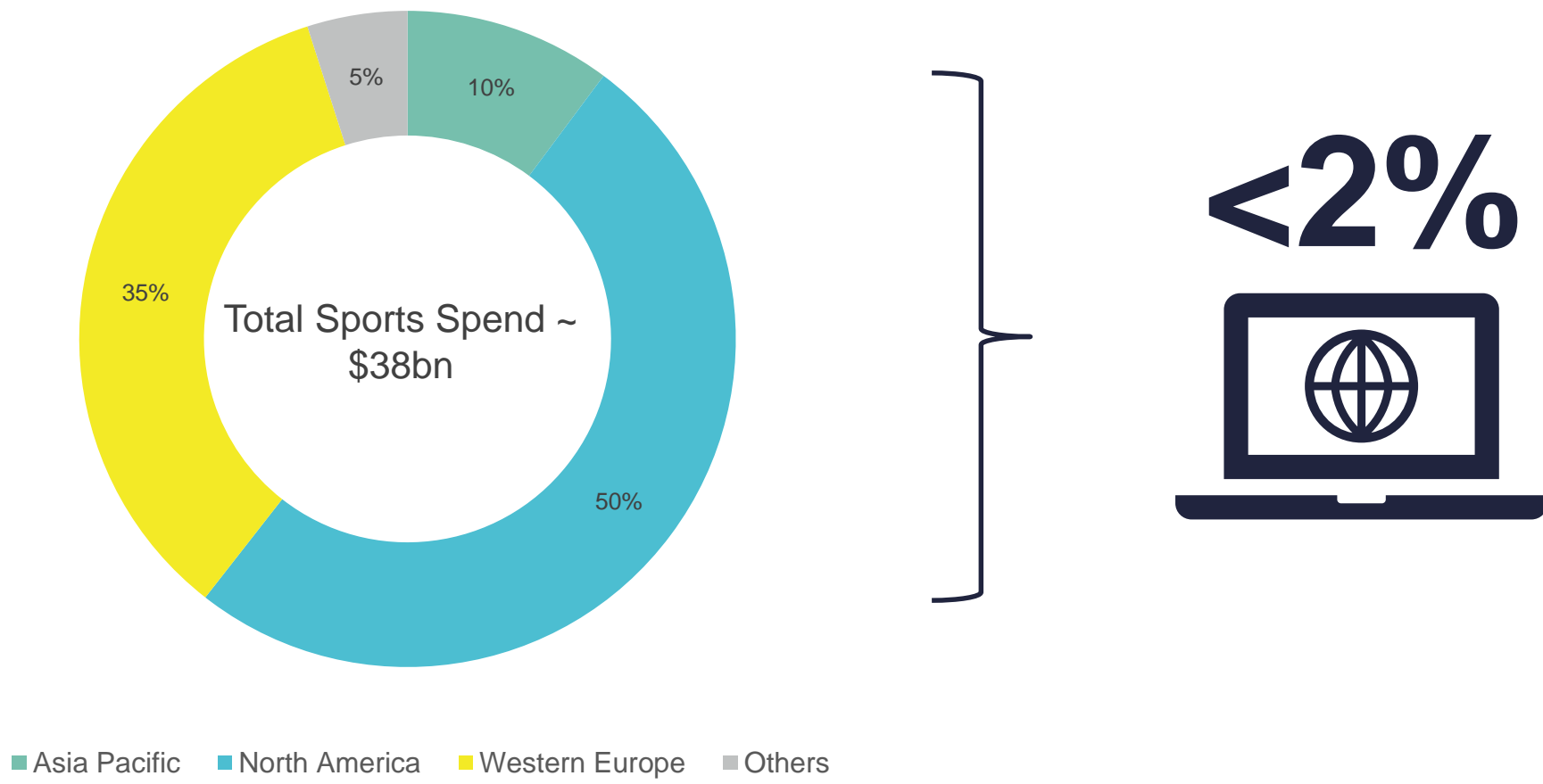
The creation of mobile only rights packages, particularly for markets such as India and China.



Do the economics of sport OTT stack up?

Big money is being spent on acquiring sport, but pure OTT players are not the ones spending it

Sports rights spend market share by region\* (2018)



Source: Ampere Content Markets Q3 2019 – represents spend by broadcasting and OTT groups on acquisition of sports rights in markets representing ~80%+ of global TV revenue

However, we expect this to grow

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**5%**  
**in 2021**





## DAZN is often called the Netflix of sport... But is this true?

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**Upfront licensing / production investments**

**Multi-market, localised content and interface**

**Low consumer pricing**



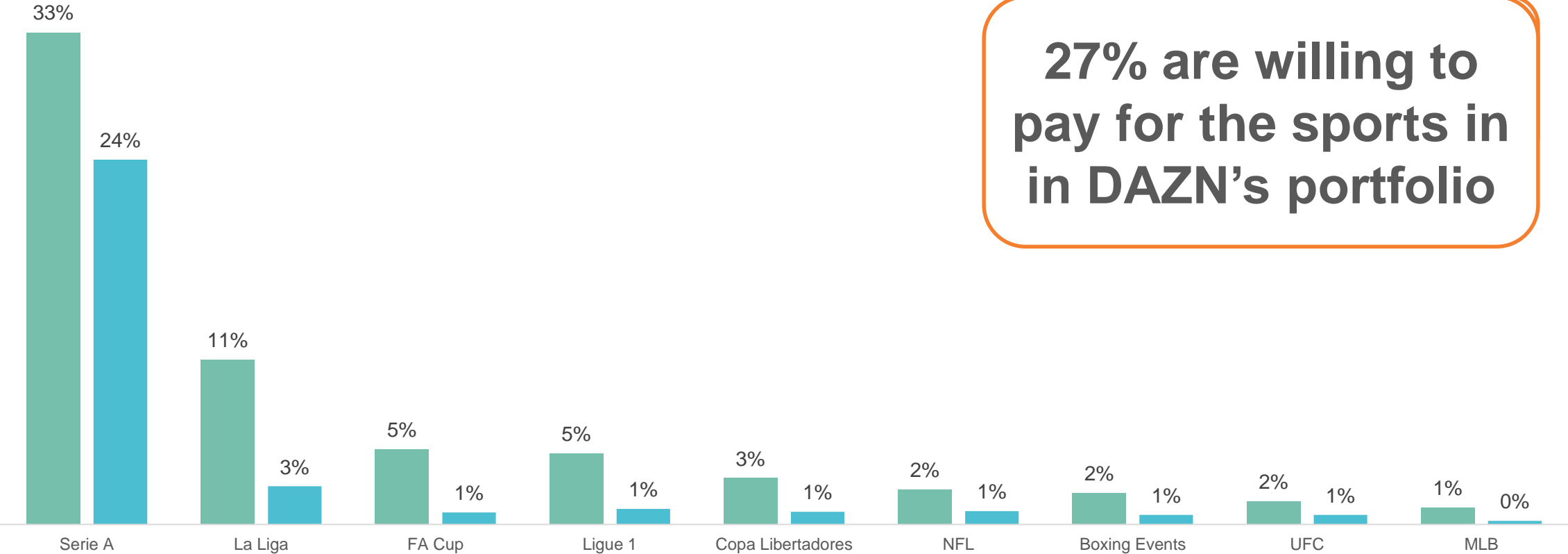
**Live broadcasting**

**Original rights ownership**

**Geographic licensing of content**

# DAZN has a large addressable audience in Italy

Top sport competition interest and willingness to pay in DAZN's portfolio among internet users in Italy (Q3 2019)



Source: Ampere Consumer Q3 2019



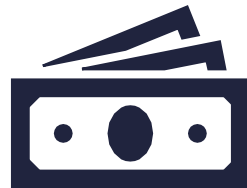
## How does that translate to actual potential subscriber numbers?



**25.8m**  
Italy  
households



**17.4m**  
Internet  
households  
(67.3%)

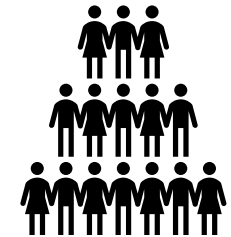


**6.9m**  
are willing  
to pay



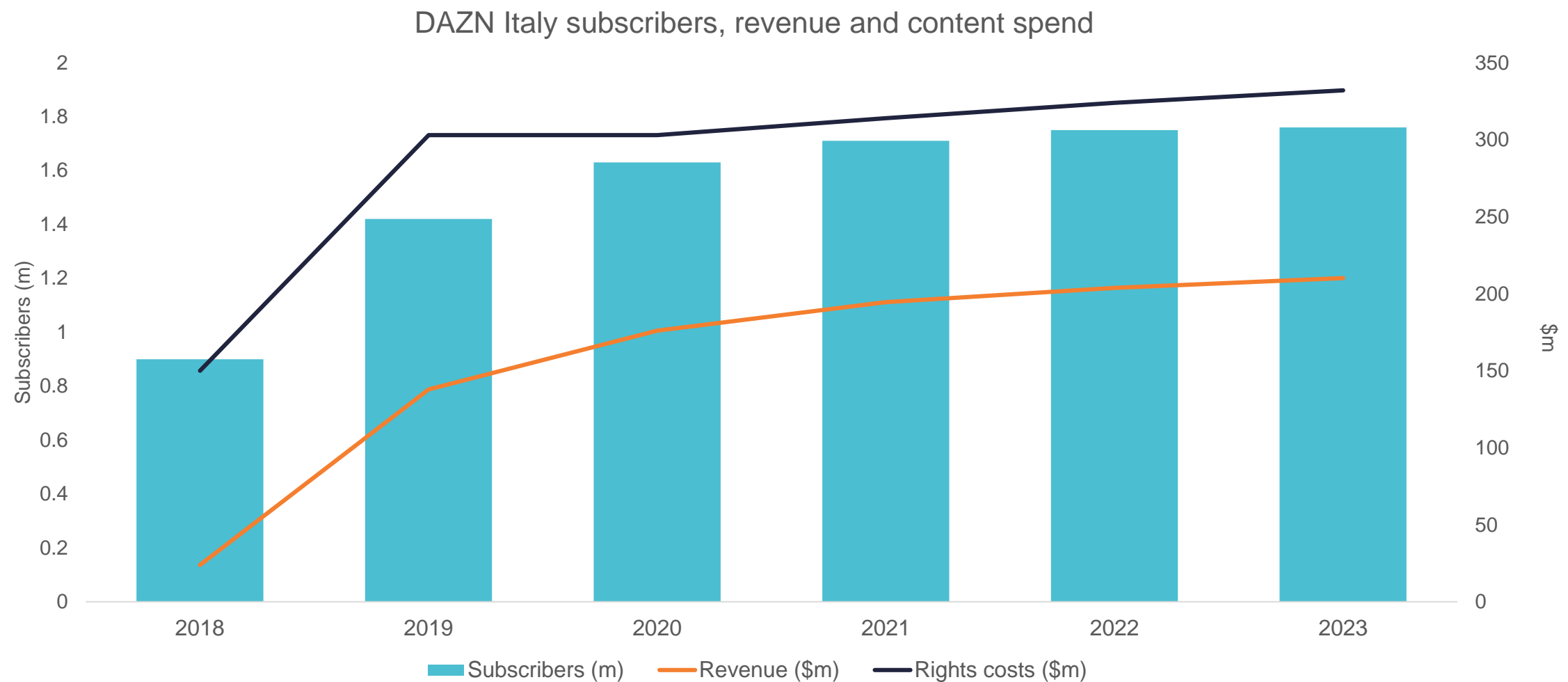
**65%**  
currently  
have a SVoD  
service

This equates to 4.5m  
potential customers



**2.2m**  
Number of DAZN  
subscribers if 50% of  
the willing to pay  
group is converted

# DAZN Sky's Italia deal will be key to driving profitability



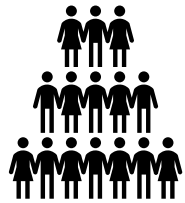
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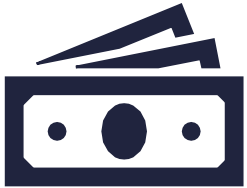


The picture is the same across DAZN's core markets

2018



**3.1m Subscribers**

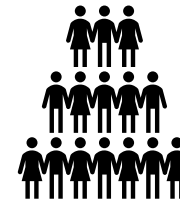


**\$268m Revenue**

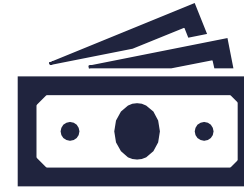


**\$395m Rights Cost\***

2019



**4.3m Subscribers**



**\$484m Revenue**



**\$610m Rights Cost\***

How many subscribers would DAZN need to break even in these three markets?

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**5.6m**  
**Subscribers**



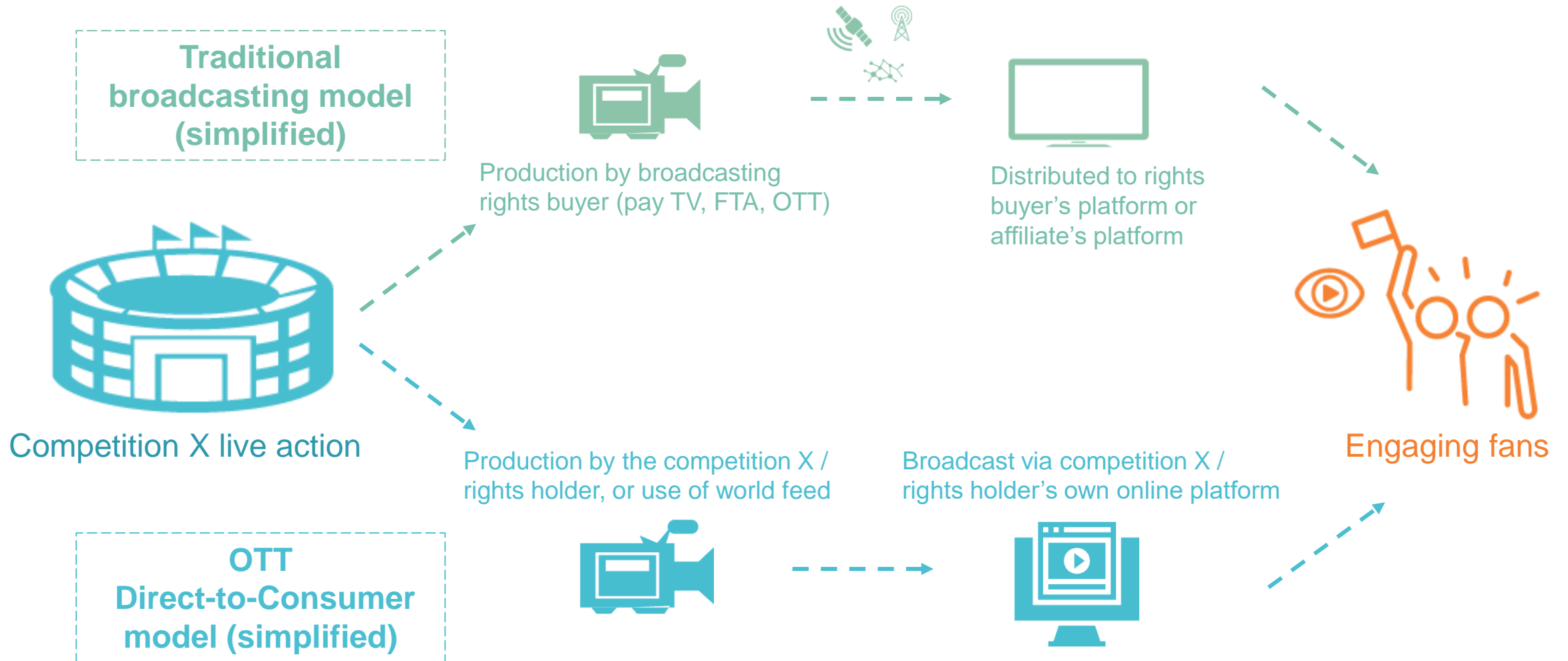




What are Direct-to-Consumer sports  
services



# So what is the Direct-to-Consumer OTT model?



## Many major and 2<sup>nd</sup> tier competitions are launching D2C



## D2C dominated by 'out of market' and 'ancillary'





So what about tier 1 sports?  
Can they go D2C domestically?

## What's at stake? Over a billion a year per country for annual domestic TV rights

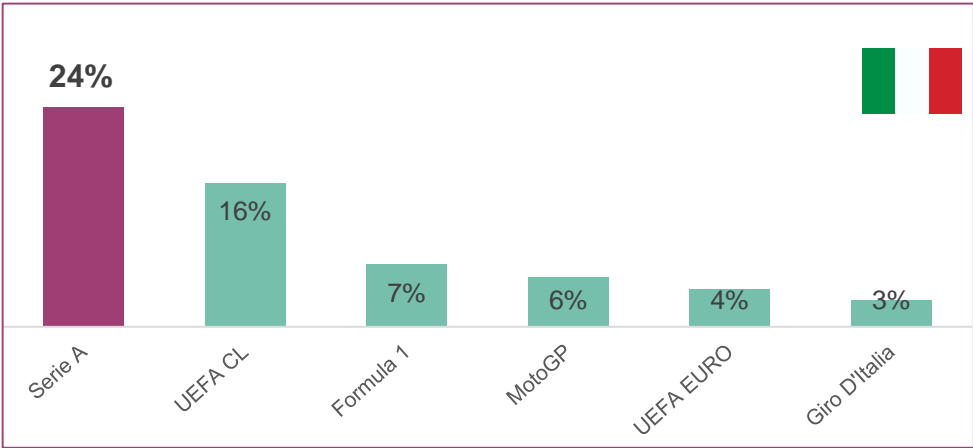
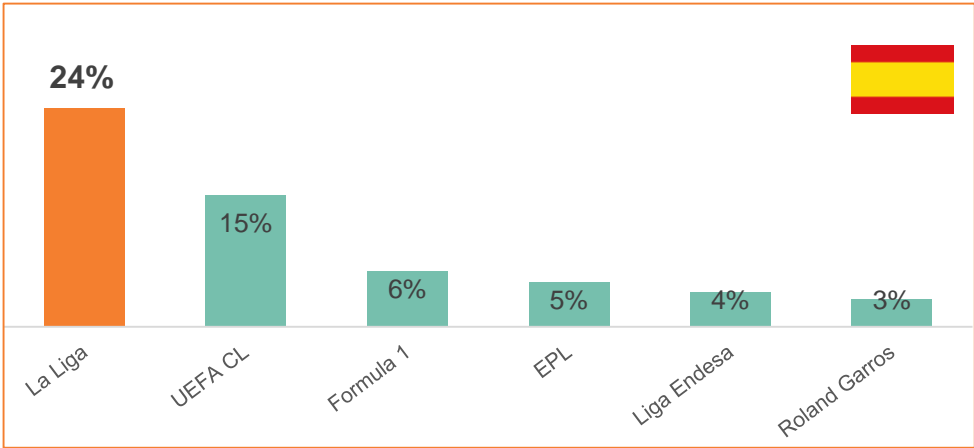
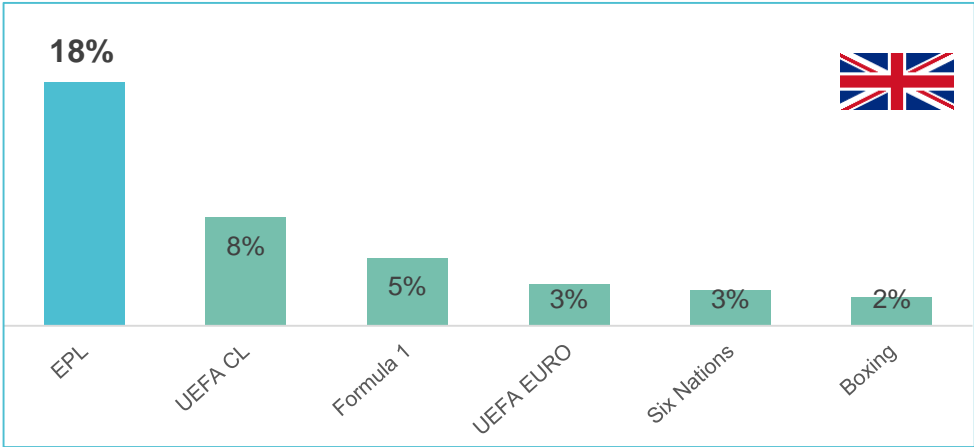


# The main packages of tier 1 domestic rights go to pay TV operators like Sky



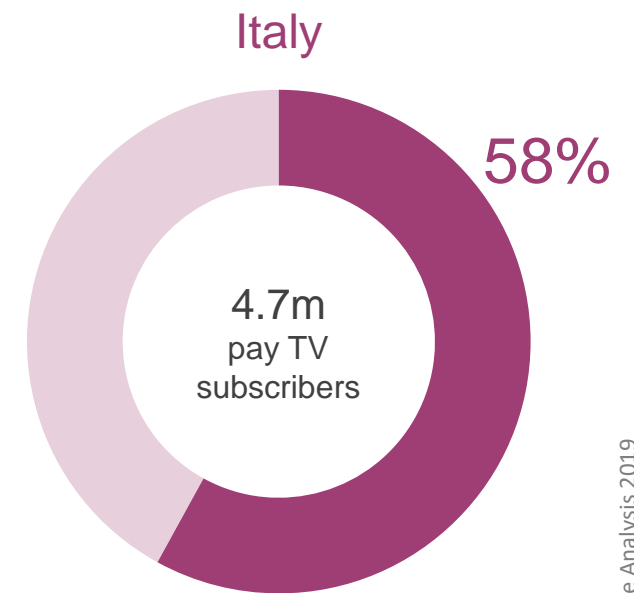
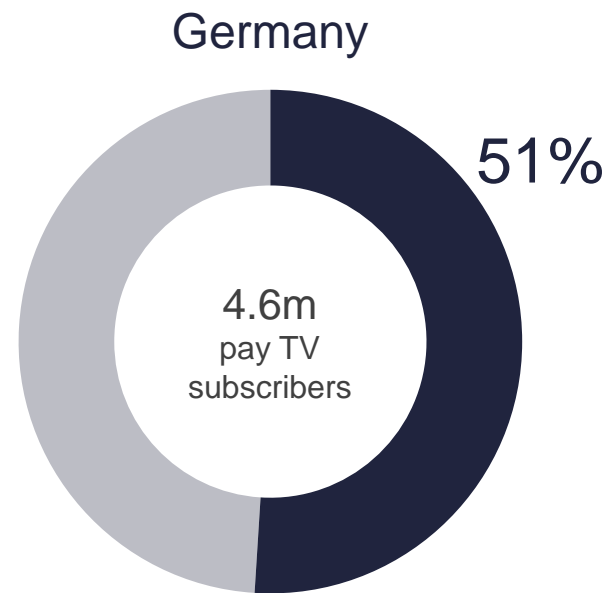
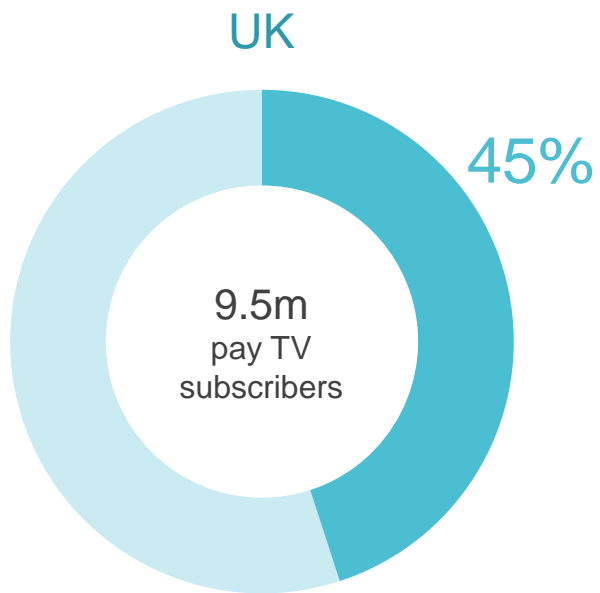
# Operators are buying a large addressable audience...

Percentage of internet respondents willing to pay to watch the competition



...which typically makes up ½ of subs

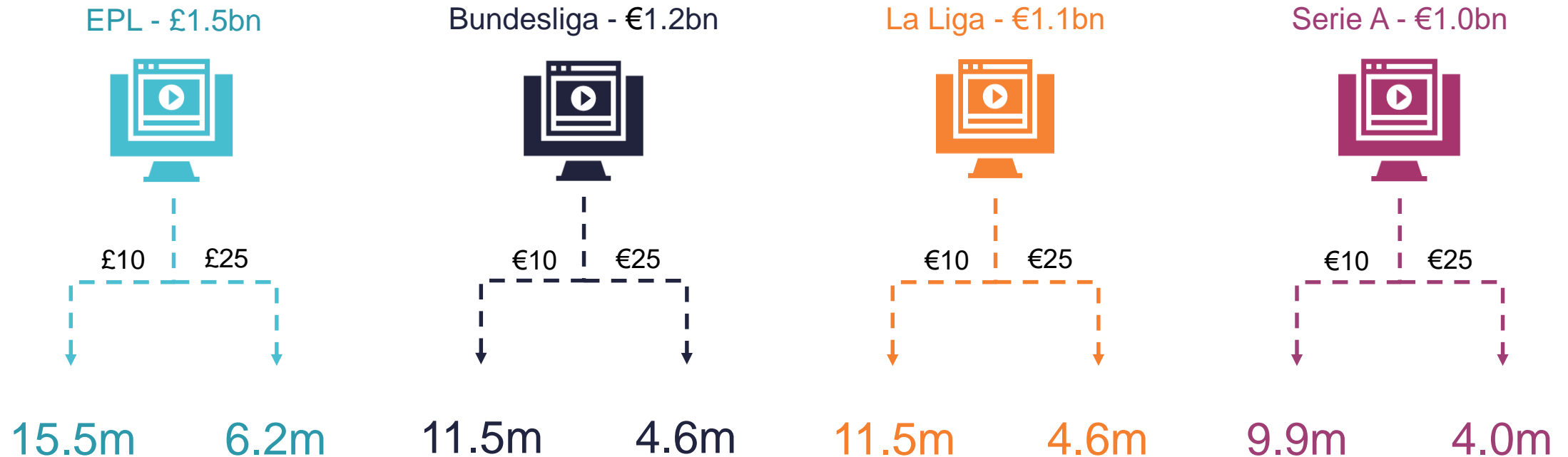
Sky's pay TV subscribers and % who take sports packages (Ampere consumer Q3 2019)





## Too much of a risk for major leagues to go exclusively D2C in their domestic markets

Subscribers required for hypothetical D2C services from EU's top football leagues



# Current OTT pricing model is simply not feasible

Subscribers required for hypothetical D2C services from EU's top football leagues

EPL - £1.5bn



Bundesliga - €1.2bn



La Liga - €1.1bn



Serie A - €1.0bn



Total UK pay TV subscriber base

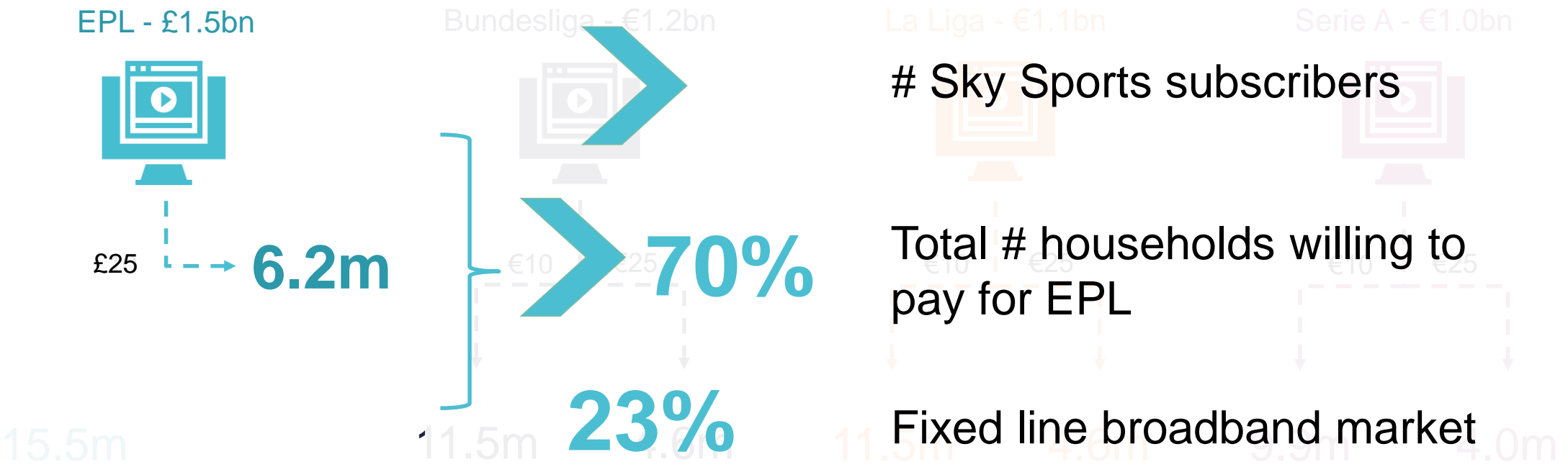
# Sky Sports subscribers

Total # households willing to pay for EPL



Equally, high prices look difficult to sustain

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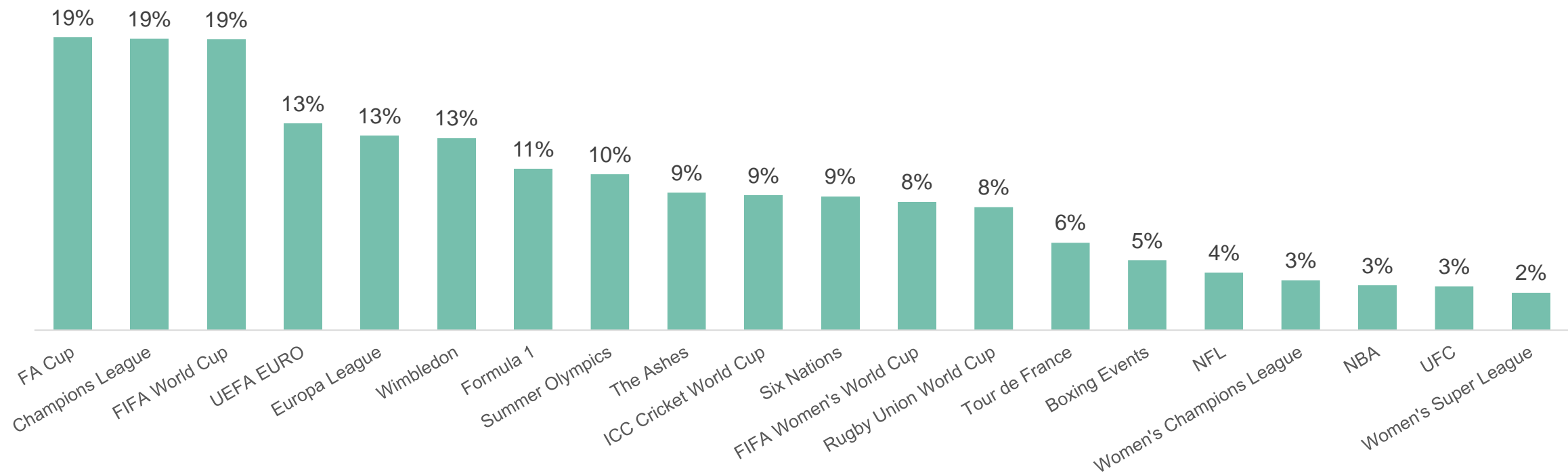




So where is the opportunity?

# Popularity will indicate the overall interest in a competition and potential viewership

Percentage of UK respondents that enjoy watching the competition (Q3 2019 / selected competitions)

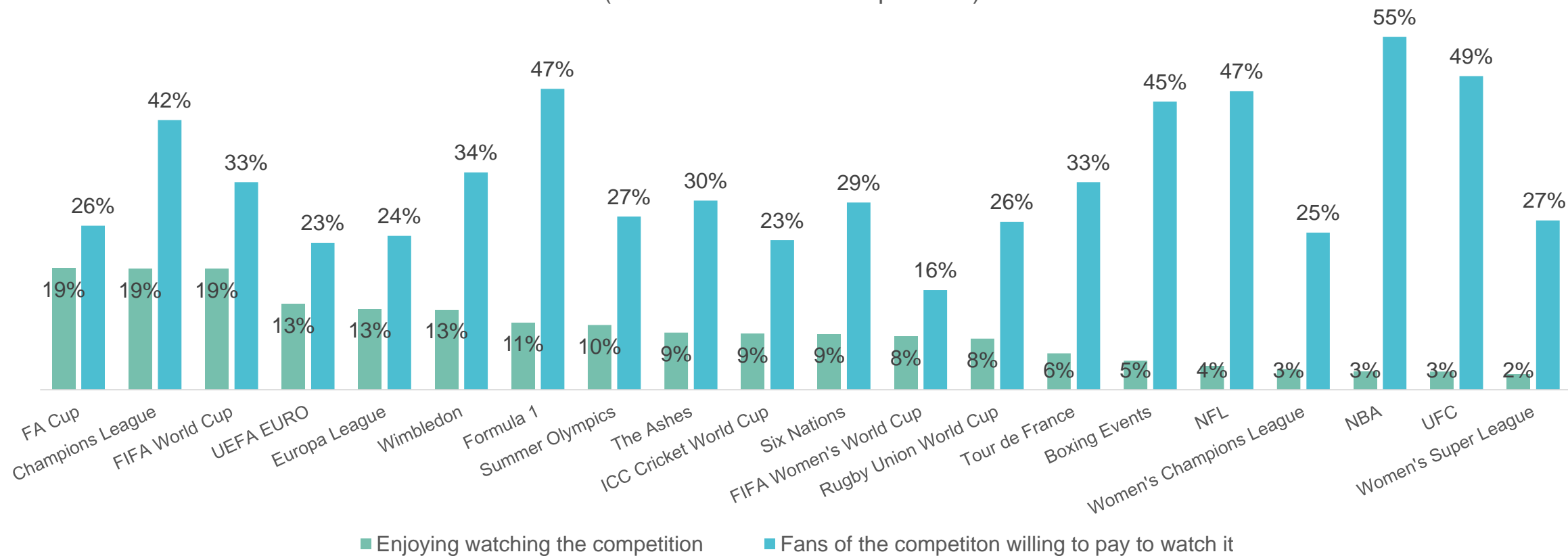


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# Fans' willingness to pay gives an idea of the suitable business model...

Percentage of UK respondents that enjoy watching the competition and the % that are willing to pay for it  
(Q3 2019 / selected competitions)



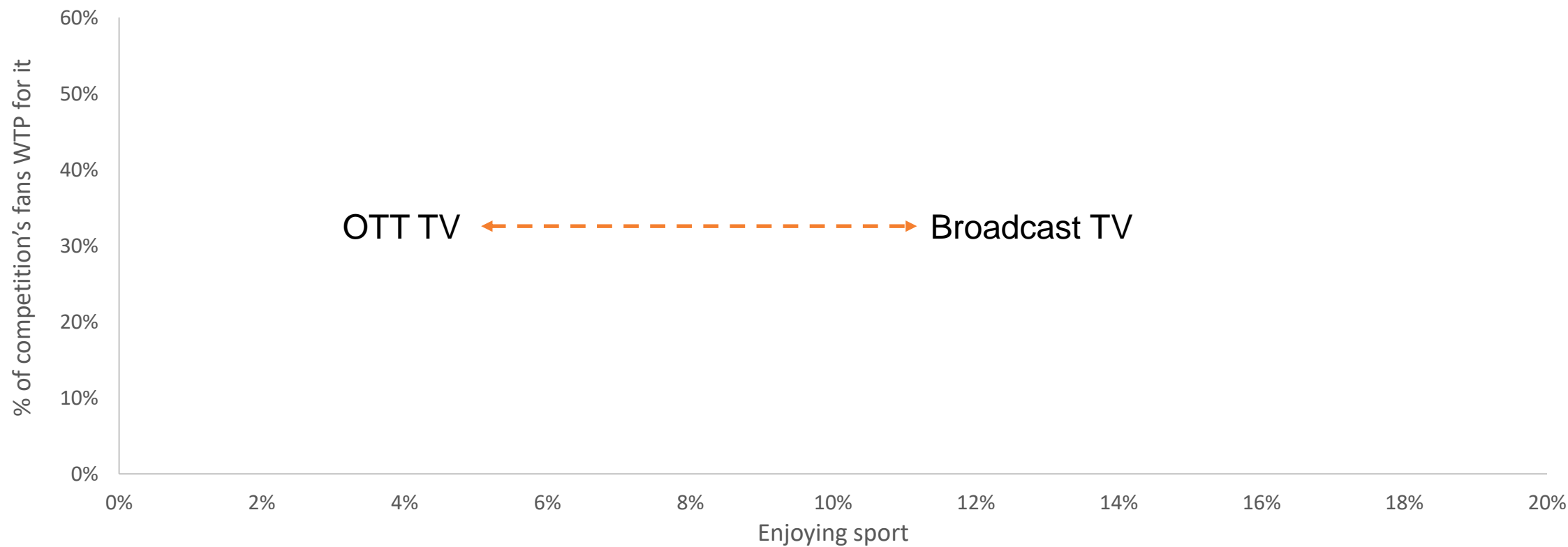
...as a higher % of willingness to pay makes the competition fitting for a subscription service

Top sports enjoyed vs. % of competitions' fans willing to pay for it in the UK



# Highly popular competitions suited for mass broadcast

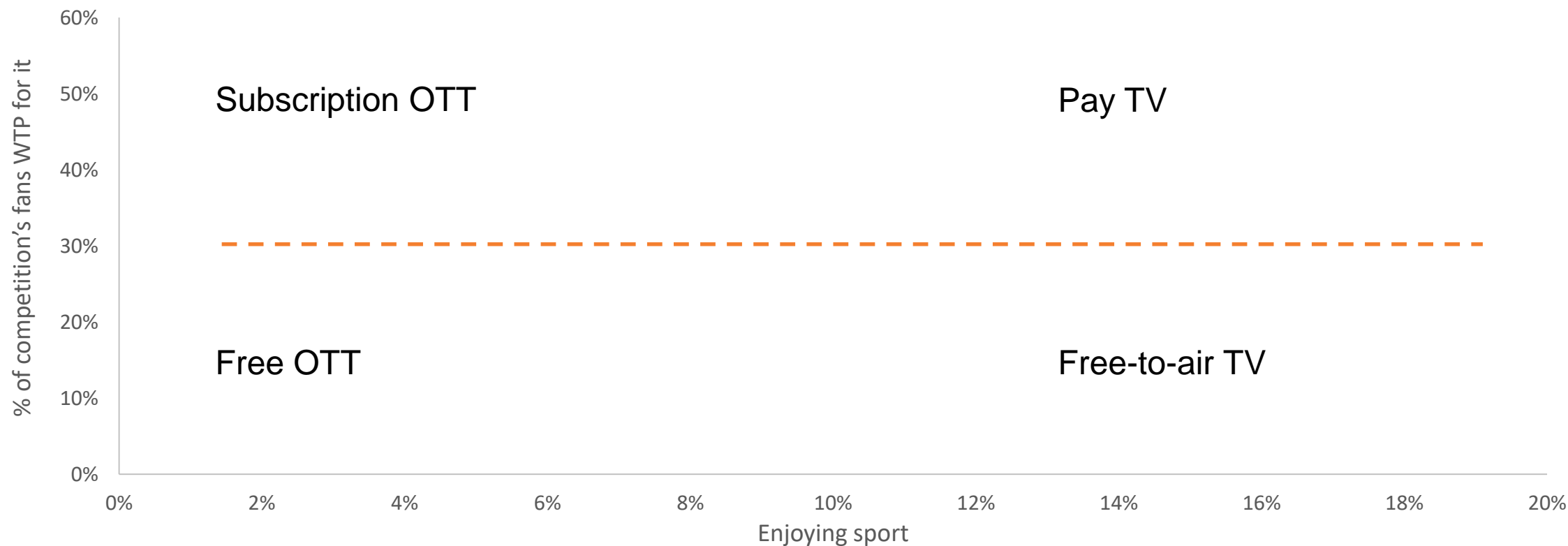
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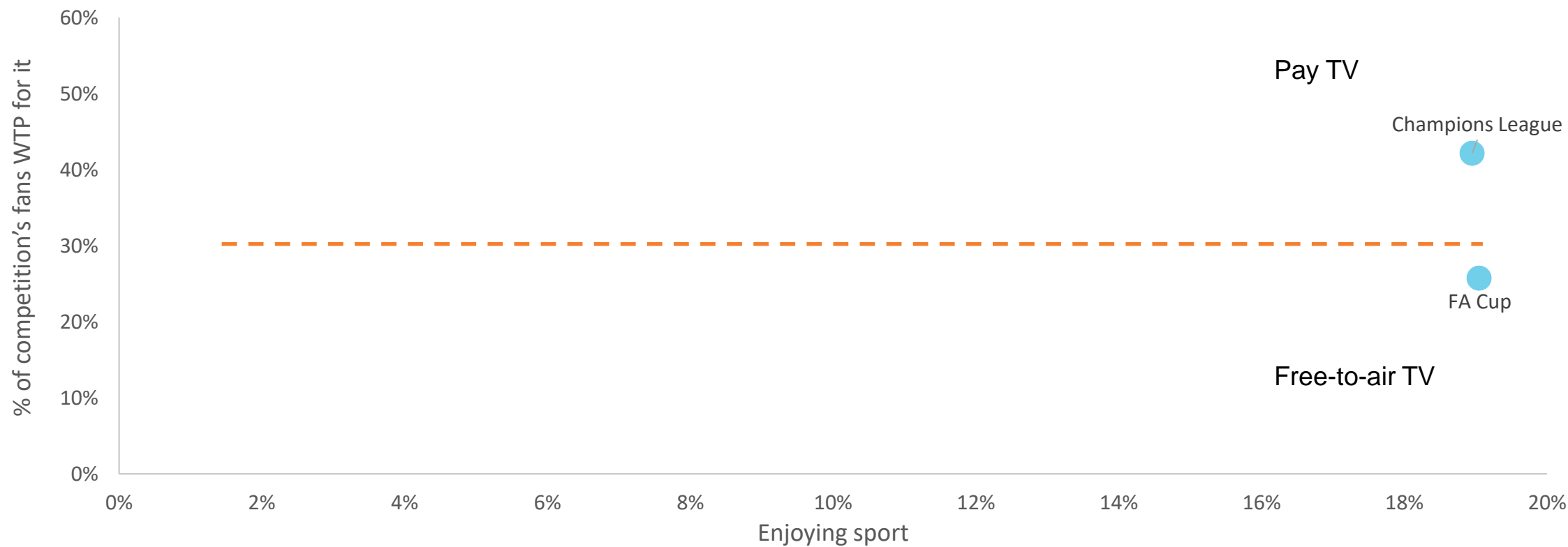
# With current market economics, online services are more suited for niche sports

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# Mainstream - Tier 1 sports negotiate high value broadcasting rights

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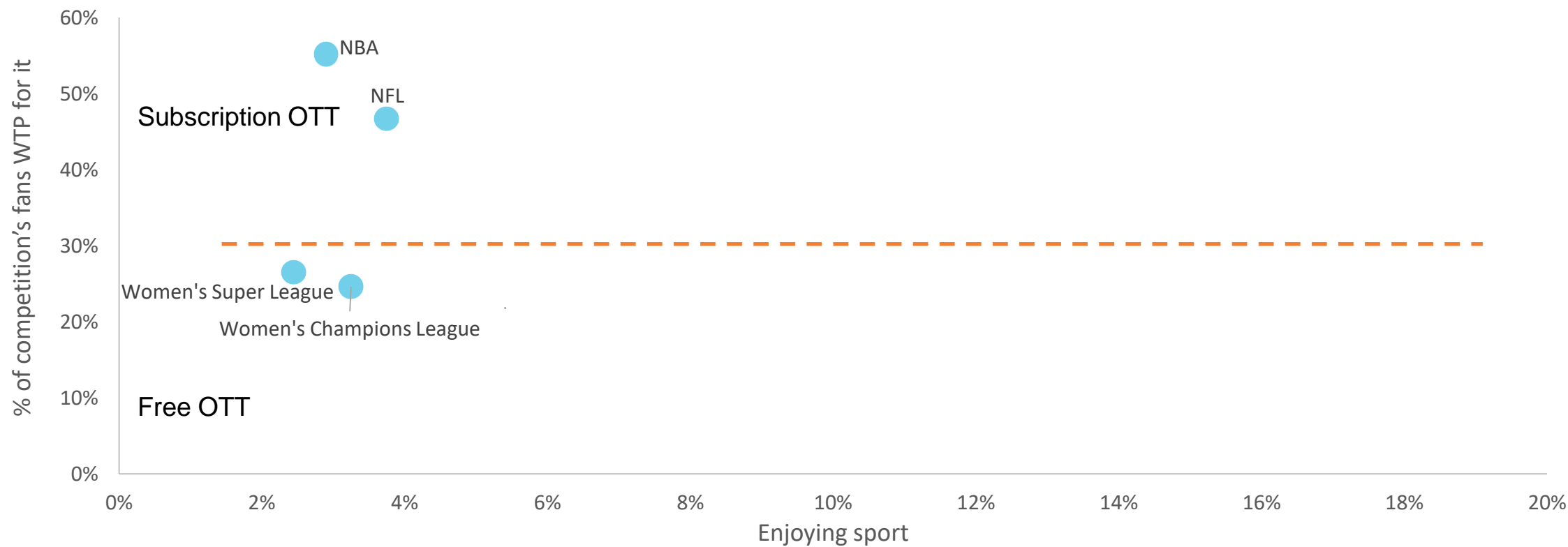


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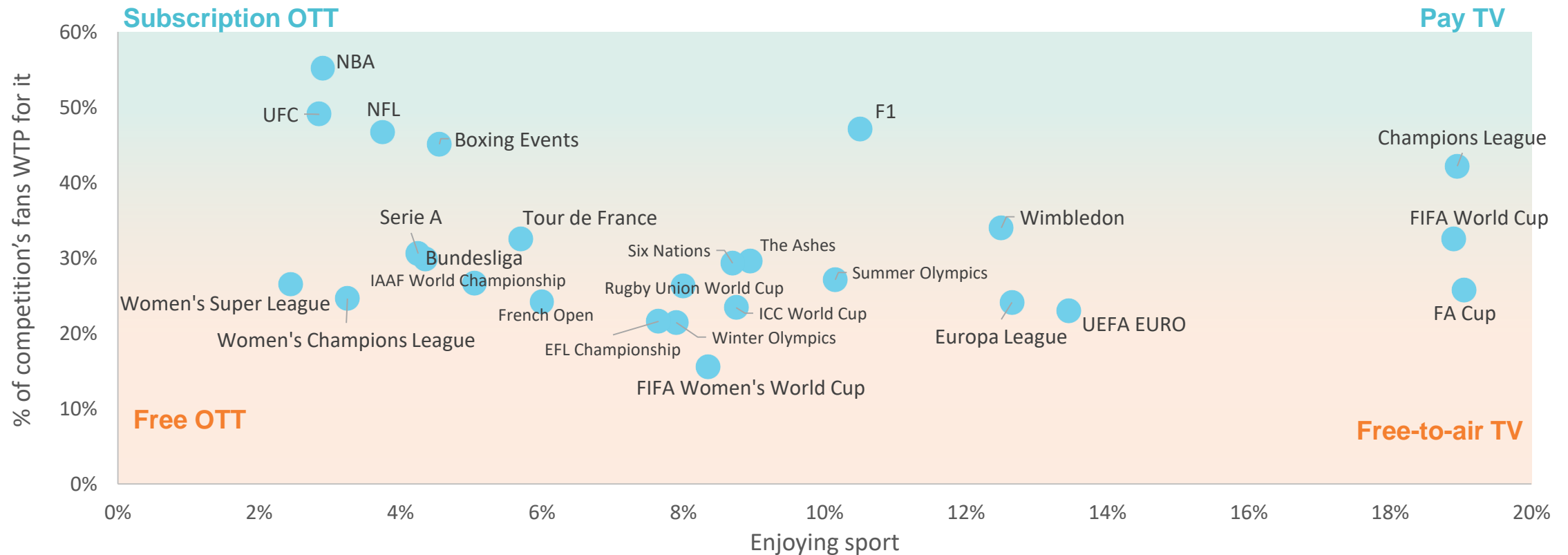
# Niche sports are most likely to explore other outlets - OTT services

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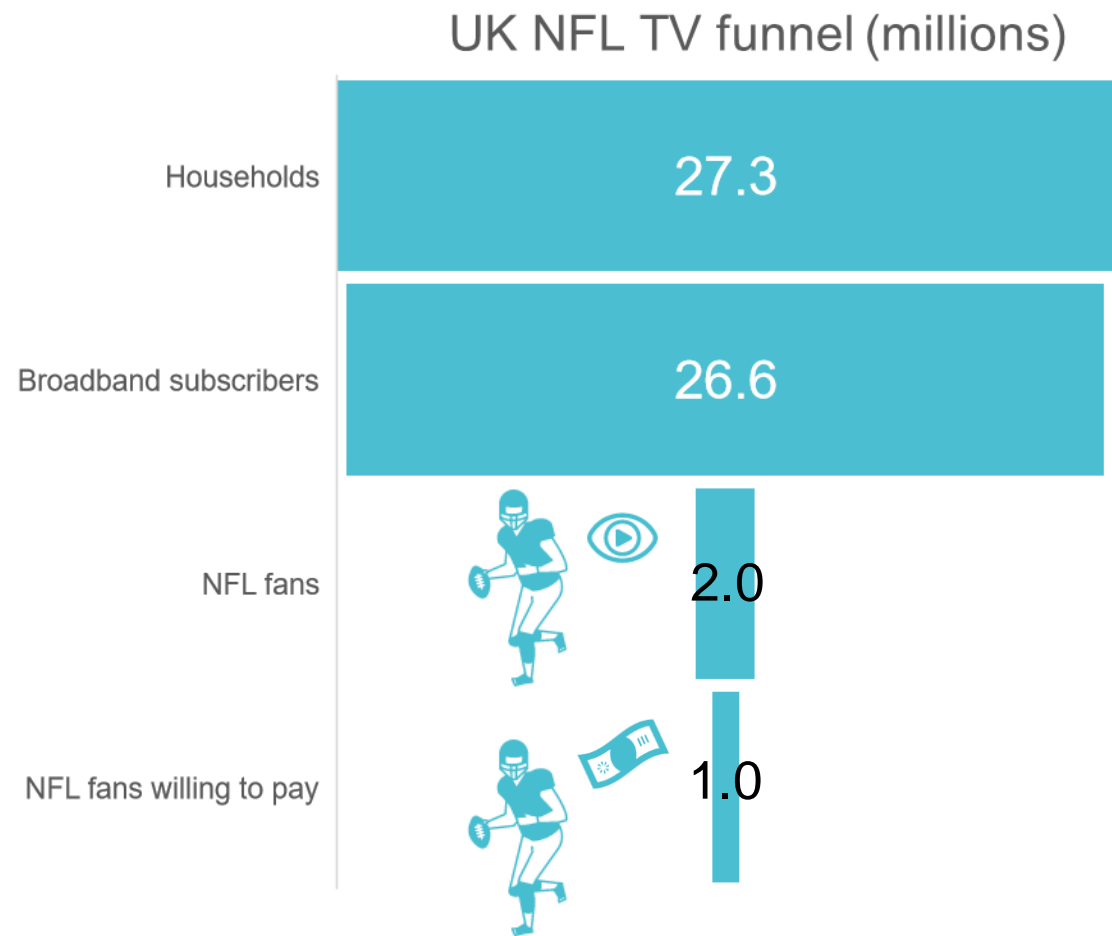


# Extremes indicate clear opportunity - sports in the middle are dependent on market dynamics

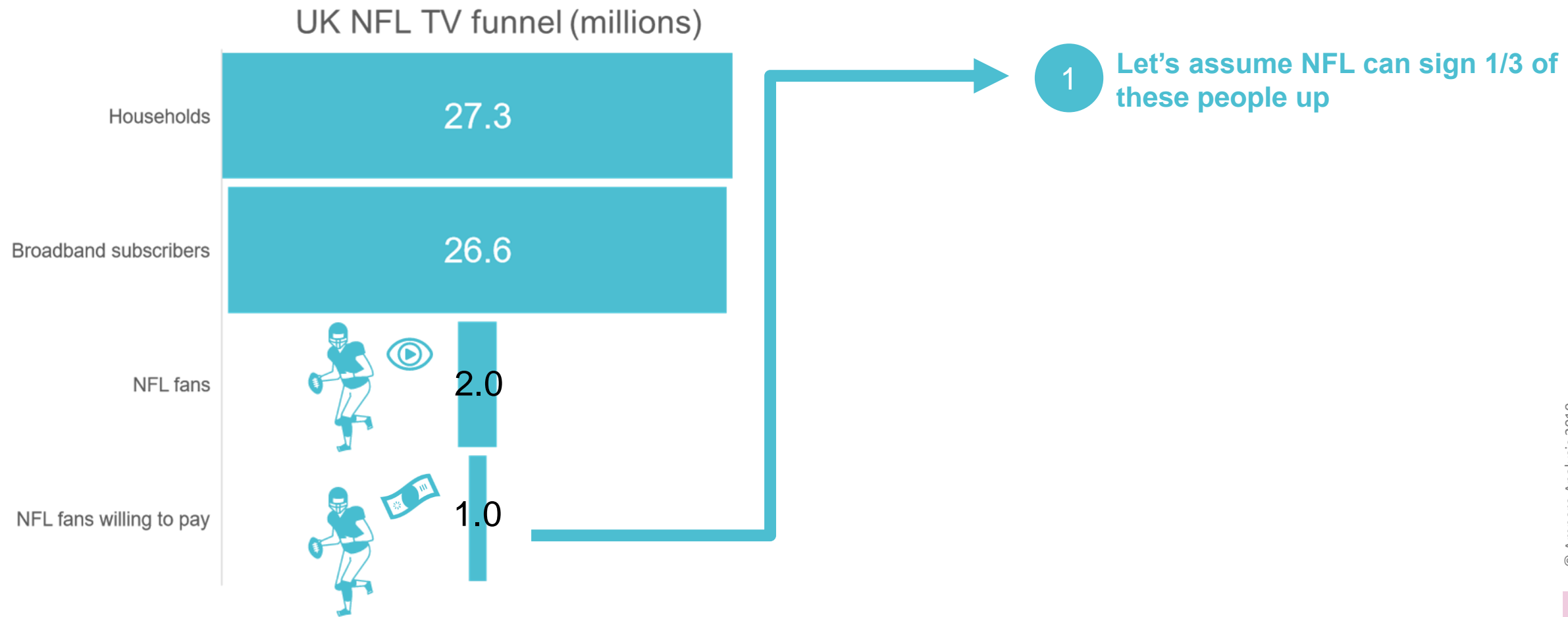
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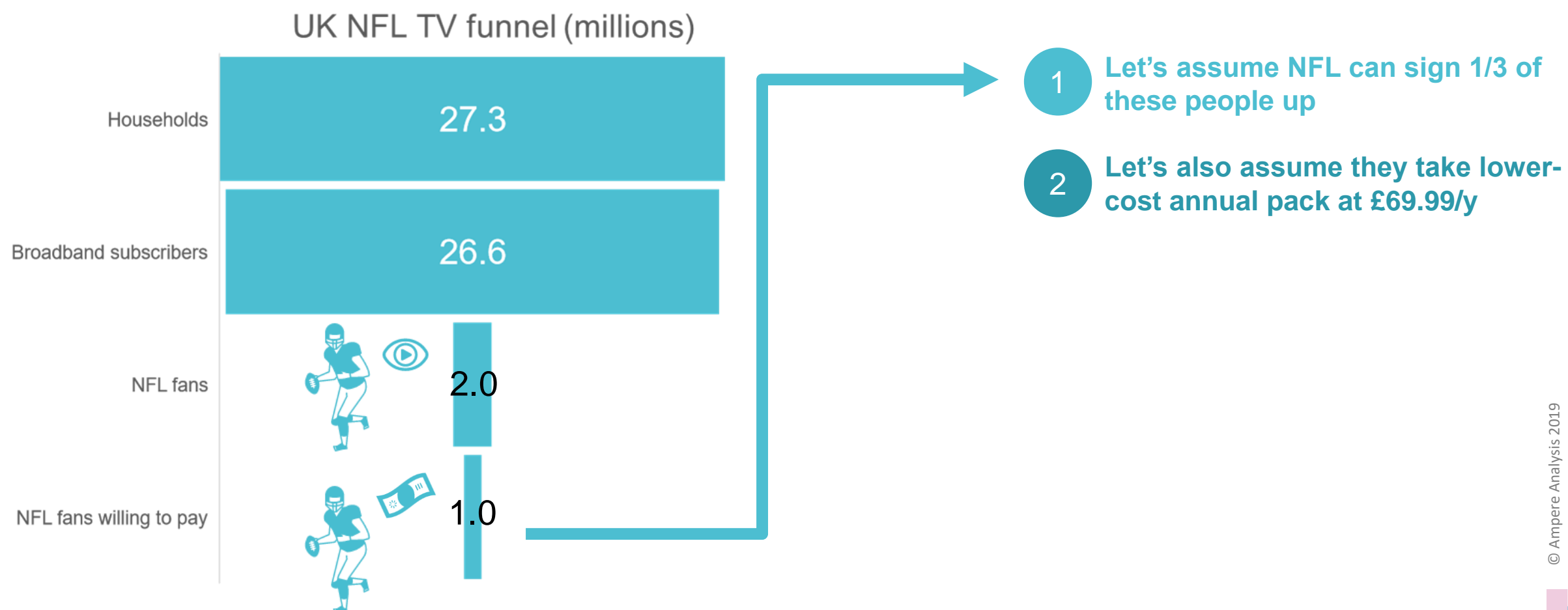
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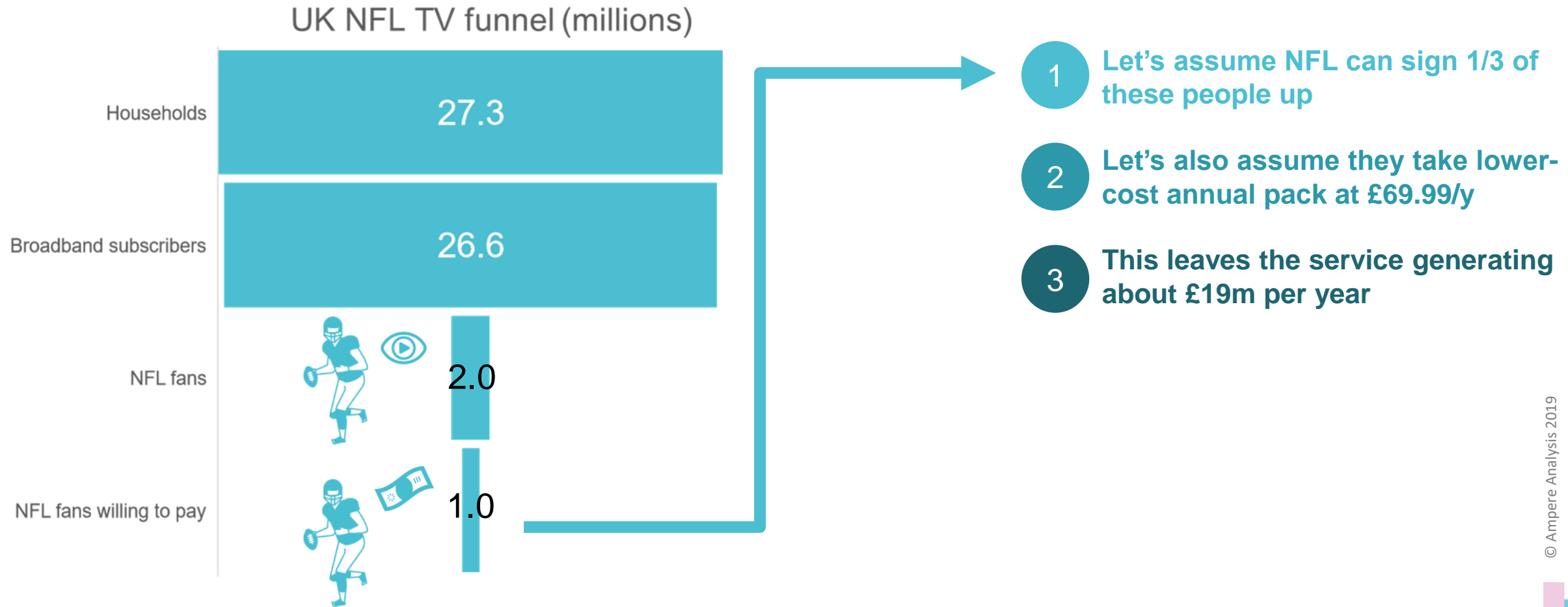
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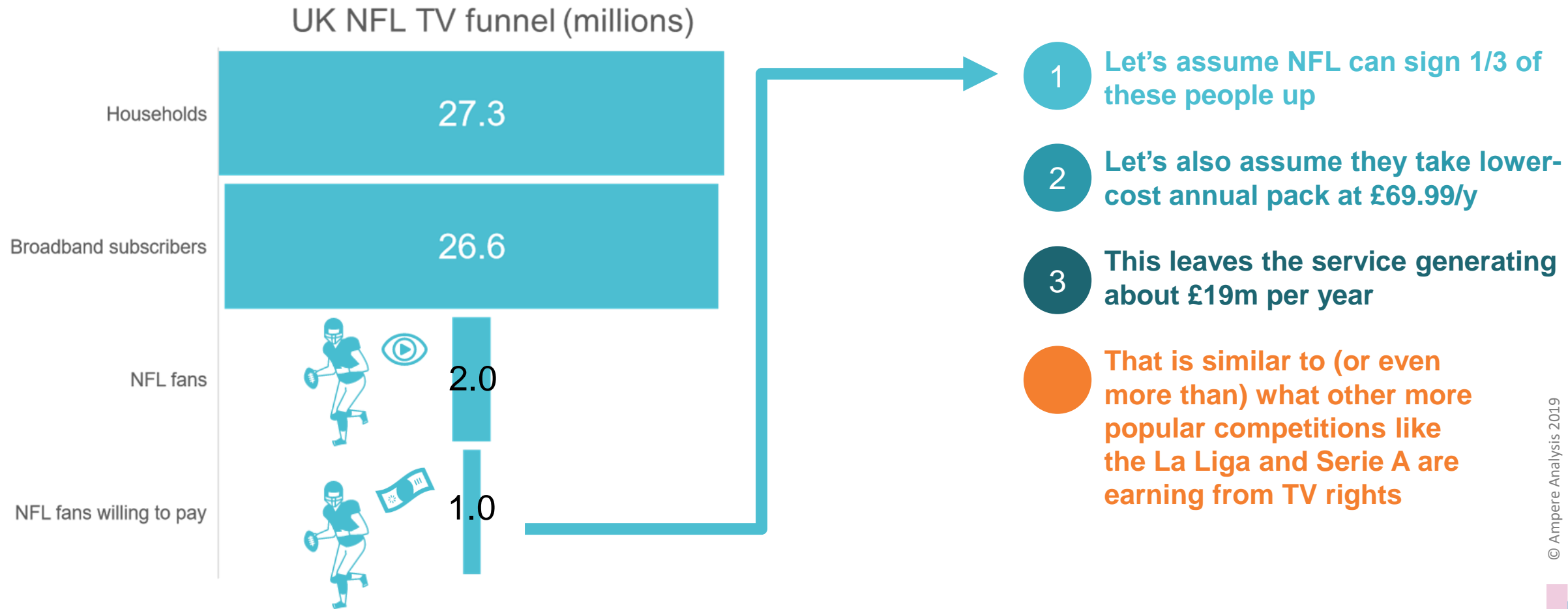


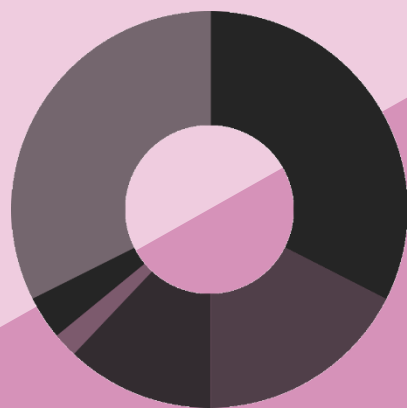
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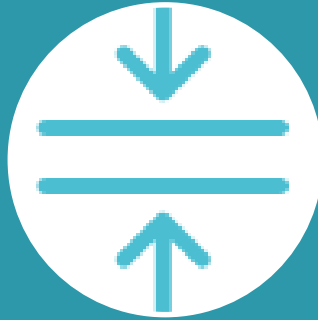
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Although the sport OTT audience is a small one, it is young, has disposable income and could be instrumental in the growth of future fanbases.



Currently, the economics of pure OTT players have a large discrepancy between revenue generated and costs – this becomes even larger once operating costs are factored in meaning auxiliary funding models will be key.



For Tier 1 sports, it is too big of a risk in their domestic markets at present. With current market dynamics, D2C services are suited for out of market rights and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier sports.

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