5G-Xcast Overview

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Point-to-Multipoint (PTM) Wireless Transmissions

- Suitable to deliver the same content to an unlimited number of people/devices within the covered area with a defined and stable quality of service
  - without substantially increasing network capacity requirements, energy consumption, costs
- Can offer huge capacity gains and sustainable operation of services, ensuring a cost effective high quality delivery mechanism
  - This also allows valuable network resources to be reused for PTP-only applications

Cartoon: 5G-Xcast: enabling point-to-multipoint transmissions in 5G networks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xleoeNHVKU&t=15s
5G Driven by New Use Cases and Designed for New Vertical Industries

Broadcast/Multicast Point-to-Multipoint (PTM) transmissions are key in many 5G use cases—also airborne communications.

- **Multimedia & Entertainment**
  - UHDTV delivery
  - VR, AR, 360° video
  - Content prepositioning
  - Push to X (talk/video)

- **Connected Automotive**
  - Autonomous driving information, Infotainment
  - Safety applications, Signage information

- **Internet of Things**
  - Software Updates
  - Common Control Messages

- **Public Warning and Safety**
  - Disaster alerts (e.g. tsunami, earthquake)
  - Emergency alerts (e.g. hazar, amber alerts)
PTM in LTE

- Originally included in Rel’9 (eMBMS), based on 3G MBMS from Rel’6
- It has been significantly enhanced in the latest releases of LTE-Advance Pro for different types of communications:
  - Television services (EnTV) – based on broadcasters’ requirements
  - Critical communications
  - Vehicular communications
  - Machine-type communications
- Two major trends and main technology enhancements:
  - Dedicated broadcast networks for TV services
    - Receive only, shared network infrastructure, external interface towards content providers, ...
  - PTM as delivery optimization feature
    - MooD, SC-PTM, ...
- But built on top of an initially conceived basic and static TV-like service
  - Following LTE backwards-compatibility design principle
PTM Evolution in 4G

- Two major trends from Rel’12:
  - Dedicated broadcast networks for TV services
  - PTM as RAN delivery optimization feature
Rel’14 EnTV - towards stand-alone eMBMS broadcast networks

- **Radio Access Enhancements**
  - **Dedicated carriers** with up to 100% MBMS allocation
  - **Self-contained system information** and synchronization signals
  - **200 μs long cyclic prefix** to support large inter-site distances

- **Architecture Enhancements**
  - **Receive-Only Mode** (ROM) for devices without SIM card or 3GPP subscription
  - New service types to enable **free-to-air** content broadcast that can be received by ROM devices and also **interactive services**
  - **Open standardized broadcasting application programming (xMB) external interface** towards the TV content providers to simplify access to complex eMBMS procedures
  - **Transport-only (pass-through) MBMS bearer service type** to use the eMBMS network as content delivery platform in the native format without transcoding
  - **Shared networks among several MNOs** to avoid broadcasting the same content at the same time over different networks
5G Broadcast Outlook

- **Broadcasters interest** in 3GPP technologies is increasing
  - EBU broadcast requirements taken into account in Rel’14 (EnTV)
  - Rel’14 has a long legacy from Rel’8
  - 5G is an **opportunity** for broadcasters to define a **5G broadcast mode** using the latest 3GPP technology

- Many 5G **use cases require PTM** transmissions, not just TV broadcast
  - Treat **PTM transmissions** as **delivery optimization tool**
  - Unified framework for multiple verticals

- 5G Broadcast **not included** in the first 5G release (Rel’15)
  - Currently under discussion for Rel’16, but it is not one of the priority topics
    - Terrestrial Broadcast (based on LTE enTV)
    - Mixed Mode Multicasting (based on 5G NR)
  - Eventually there would be Terrestrial Broadcast mode in NR
5G WILL OFFER UNPRECEDENT COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES

PTM AS BUILT-IN NETWORK DELIVERY OPTIMISATION, NOT AS A SERVICE,

5G XCAST 5G Broadcast Vision

NETWORK SLICING FOR BROADCAST SERVICES

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CONVERGENCE OF FIXED, MOBILE AND BROADCAST NETWORKS

Non-official definition! efficient mix of uni-, multi- and broad-cast
Basic Information about 5G-Xcast

- **Title**: Broadcast and Multicast Communication Enablers for the Fifth-Generation of Wireless Systems
- **Acronym**: 5G-Xcast
- **Call**: H2020 ICT-07-2017: 5G PPP Research and Validation of critical technologies and systems (5G-PPP phase-2)
- **Grant number**: 761498
- **Duration**: 24 months*
- **Starting date**: June 2017
- **End date**: May 2019*
- **Budget**: ~8 M€
- **Project Coordinator**: UPV (Spain)
- **Number of Partners**: 18

Website: [www.5g-xcast.eu](http://www.5g-xcast.eu)
Consortium

- 18 partners from 9 countries
  - 2 broadcasters & associations
  - 5 telecom operators & vendors
  - 8 SMEs
  - 3 universities

- **PM** UPV (Spain)
- **TM** Nokia (Finland)/Samsung (UK)
- **IM** Samsung (UK)

Balanced and strong consortium between the telecom and broadcast world
Consortium and M&E Value Chain

- The 5G-Xcast consortium covers the complete M&E Value Chain
The converged media delivery architecture of 5G-Xcast over fixed broadband, mobile broadband and terrestrial broadcast networks allows a seamless, uninterrupted service to be offered to the users as they move.
Future Media Convergence Scenario

- Users do not care about distribution technologies!
  - They care about a seamless experience
**Project Scope**

**USE CASES**
- M&E, Public Warning, Automotive and IoT

**RAN**
- Radio interface, RAT protocols and RAN architecture on top of 5G NR Rel’15. Both “Terrestrial Broadcast” and “Mixed Mode Multicasting” modes

**CONVERGED CORE NETWORK**
- Combining fixed, mobile and broadcast networks
- Mix of unicast/broadcast/multicast capabilities
- On top of 5G service-based core network (Rel’15)

**CONTENT DISTRIBUTION FRAMEWORK**
- Network-agnostic. Combines unicast, multicast, broadcast and caching for dynamic network resource optimization

**TEST-BEDS**
- Munich, Germany (Hybrid broadcast service)
- Turku, Finland (Public warning)
- Surrey, UK (Object-based broadcast)
Work Packages Overview

- WP1 Management, WP7 Dissemination & Standardization
Project Management Structure

General Assembly (GA)

Project Management Team (PMT)
- Project Coordinator
- Technical Manager
- Innovation Manager

Work Package Leaders (WPLs)
- WP0
- WP1
- WP2
- WP3
- WP4
- WP5
- WP6

Advisory Board (AB)
- Chairs
  - SWR
  - EE
External Advisory Board

14 partners from 10 countries:

- **Roland Beutler** (SWR, Germany) – Chair
- **Mat Stagg** (EE/BT, UK) Vice-chair
- Avanti, UK – Sat5G coordinator
- CRC, Canada
- EHU, Spain
- ETRI, South Korea
- Digita, Finland
- Ericsson, Sweden
- LGE, South Korea
- NERCDTV, China
- NHK, Japan
- TDF, France
- Thales, France
- Sony, Germany
- Retevision (Cellnex), Spain
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WP2 Use Cases

WP2 Leader
Andrew Murray (BBC)

- Definition of 5G use cases for PTM transmissions for media, PW, automotive and IoT verticals, with high-level requirements
  - Hybrid broadcast, AR/VR broadcast, remote live production
- Technology evaluation and use case refinement in cooperation with the technical WPs
- Definition of future use cases

[Link to document: http://5g-xcast.eu/2017/10/31/deliverable-d2-1-definition-of-use-cases-requirements-and-kpis-now-available/]
WP3 Radio Access Network (RAN)

- Analysis of eMBMS LTE-Advanced Pro (Rel’14)
  - ATSC 3.0
- Performance Evaluation of 5G NR (Rel’15)
  - Participation in the IMT2020 Evaluation Process via 5G-PPP
  - Development of 5G NR link-level and system-level simulators
- 5G-Xcast RAN
  - Air Interface
  - RAN logical architecture
  - RAT protocols and RRM

http://5g-xcast.eu/2017/12/07/deliverable-d3-1-lte-advanced-pro-broadcast-radio-access-network-benchmark-now-available/
WP4 Mobile Core Network

- Definition of the 5G converged core network architecture combining fixed, mobile and broadcast networks and using a mixed of unicast, multicast and broadcast transport based on 3GPP 5G (Rel’15) service-based architecture
  - Alternative 1: transparent multicast transport

http://5g-xcast.eu/2018/06/01/deliverable-d4-1-on-mobile-core-networks-available/
WP5 Content Distribution Framework

- 5G Content Distribution Framework with design principles:
  - PTM and caching as internal network optimization
  - Simple APIs
  - Application layer intelligence over network signaling
  - Network-agnostic

- Relevant technologies:
  - 3GPP MooD
  - DVB ABR multicast
  - QUIC

http://5g-xcast.eu/2017/12/01/deliverable-d5-1-content-delivery-vision-now-available/

WP5 Leader
Steve Appleby (BT)
WP6 Test-Beds

WP6 Leader
Jordi G. Gimenez (IRT)

- **Test-beds**
  - IRT (Munich), TUAS (Turku), 5GIC (Surrey)
- **Trials**
  - Hybrid broadcasting
  - Public warning
  - Object-based broadcasting
- **Demonstrations**
  - EUCNC 2018, IBC 2018, MWC 2019, EUCNC 2019
- **Showcase**
  - European Championships 2018
WP7: Dissemination & Standardization

• Public deliverables, scientific papers, presentations:

WP7 Leader
Belkacem Mouhouche
(Samsung)

• Videos

• News and events
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