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LTE and Network Evolution

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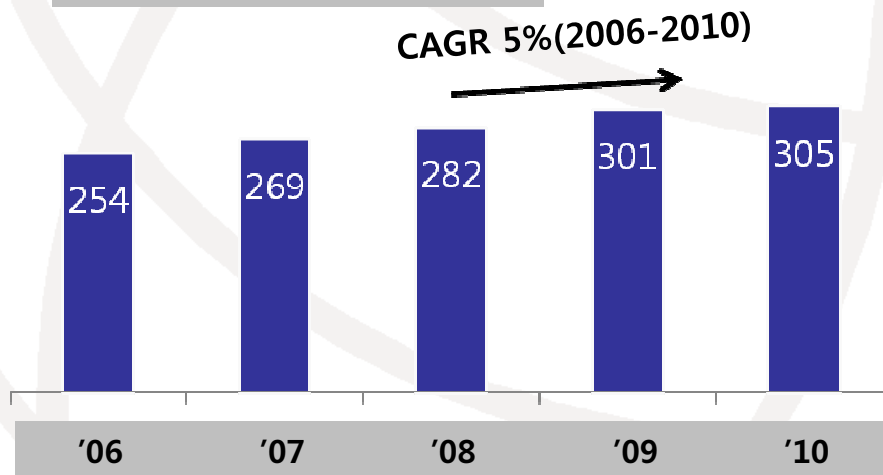
In recent years, SKT's analysis shows small increase in voice traffic, but explosive increase in data traffic due to popularization of smart devices.

Voice Traffic Trend

○ Voice Traffic Saturation

- CAGR for voice traffic increases by 5%
- Increasing rate diminishes after '09

Voice (seconds/month, x 10⁹)

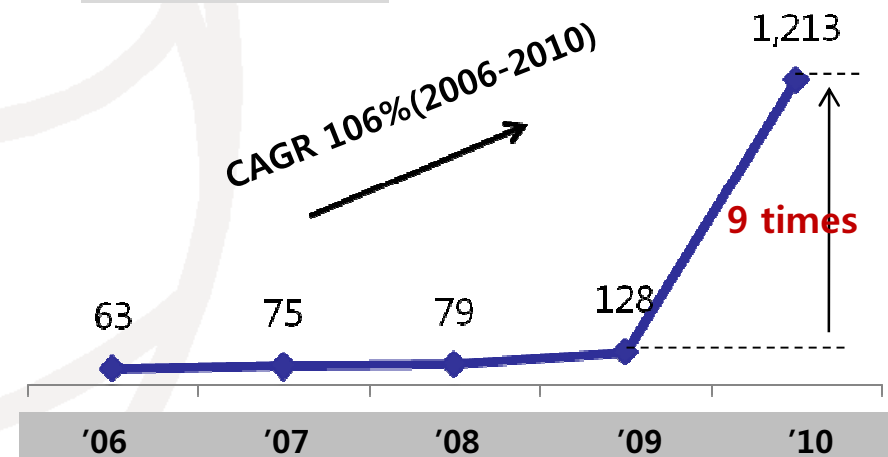


Data Traffic Trend

○ Data Traffic Explosion

- CAGR for data traffic increases by 106%
- Data traffic explosion after '09
(About 9 times increase from '09 to '10)

Data (TB/month)



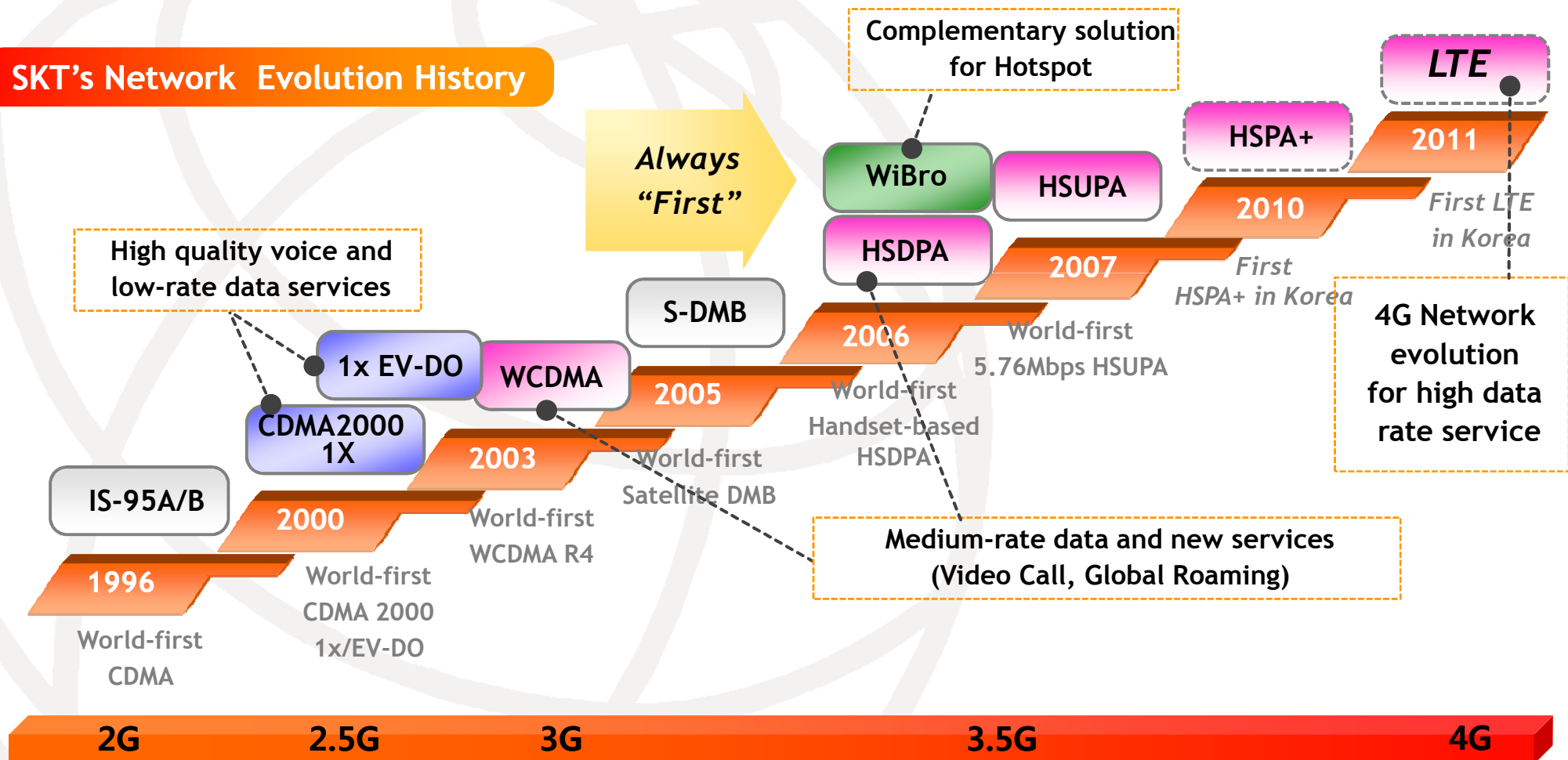
Data Traffic Explosion is "World-wide Trend"

1. SKT's Network Strategy and LTE

SKT's Network Evolution

SKT's mobile network has evolved by rapid adoption of new technologies, and LTE-based evolution is on-going to offer top-class services continuously in the era of data explosion.

SKT's Network Evolution History

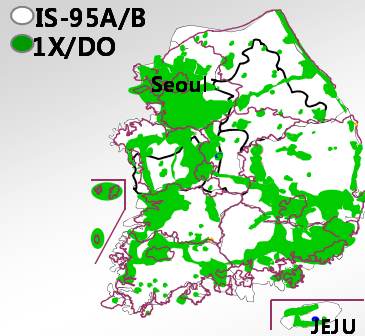


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SKT's Network Strategy

SKT's network portfolio efficiently copes with the data traffic explosion by hierarchical multi-solution considering the traffic characteristics

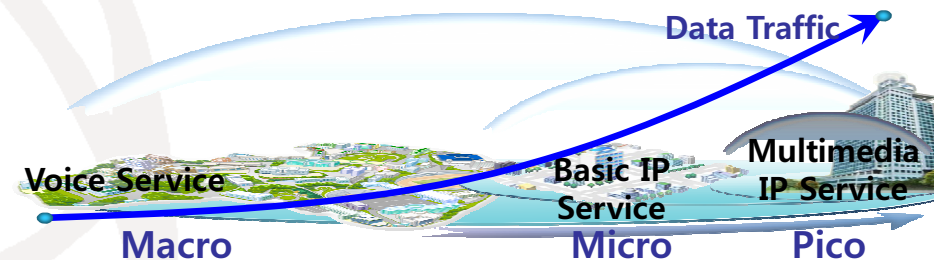
IS-95A/B,
CDMA
1X/EVDO



- IS-95A/B: Nationwide
- 1X/DO: 92% Population
- 800MHz (BW 15MHz)
- 38% of total subscribers

SKT's strategy for Mobile Broadband

- Data Demand in Hot Zone (Campus, Home, Office, etc.)
- Cell Coverage Reduction for Higher Data Rate
→ *New Deployment Concept for Mobile Broadband*

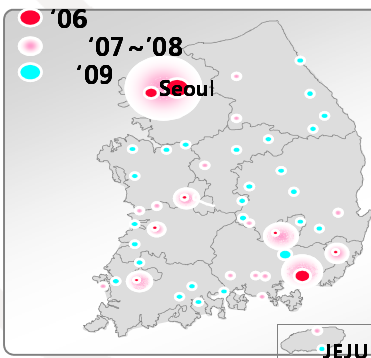


WCDMA
(HSPA)



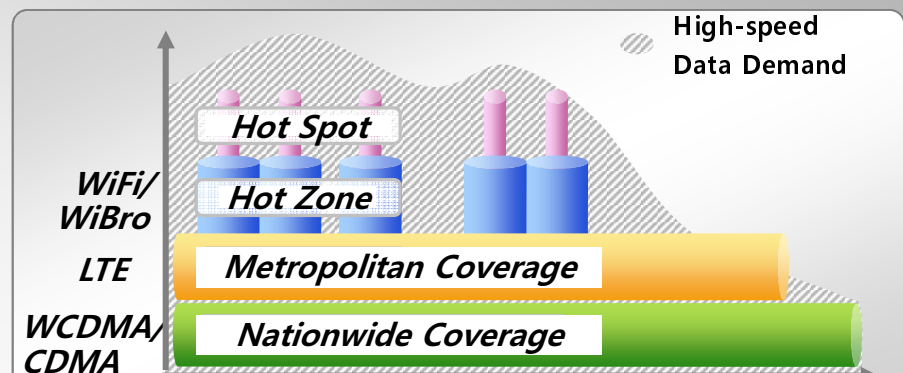
- Nationwide coverage
- 2.1GHz (BW 30MHz)
- 62% of total subscribers

WiBro
(Mobile
WiMax)



- Metropolitan area (Seoul)
- Hot zones in major cities
- 2.3GHz (BW 27MHz)

Optimal Network Portfolio



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SKT's LTE Deployment

In July of 2011, SKT will provide the First LTE Service in Korea.

LTE will be used for dealing with high data traffic in metropolitan area over nationwide WCDMA/HSPA ('11/'12), then extended to nationwide coverage ('13).

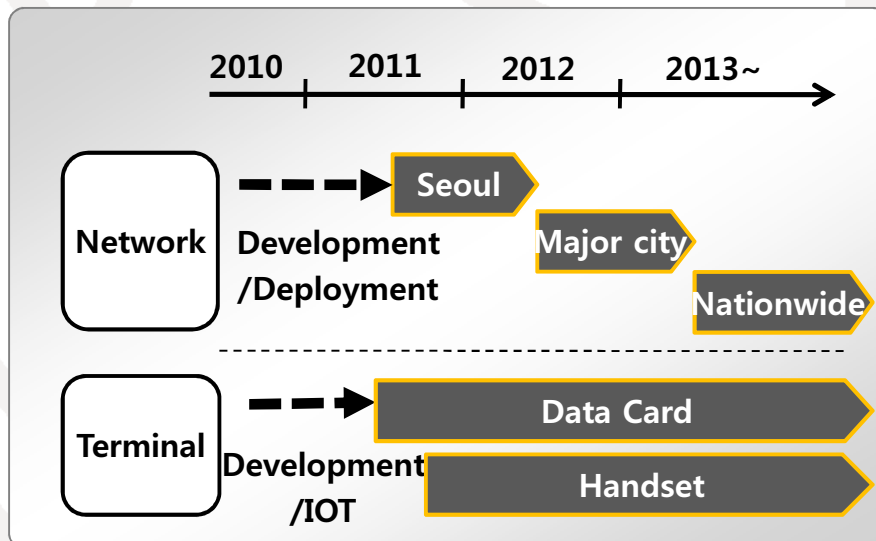
SKT's LTE Plan

2011: **First LTE service in Korea ('11, July)**

with data card type terminal (Handset type terminal will be available in 2nd half of '11)

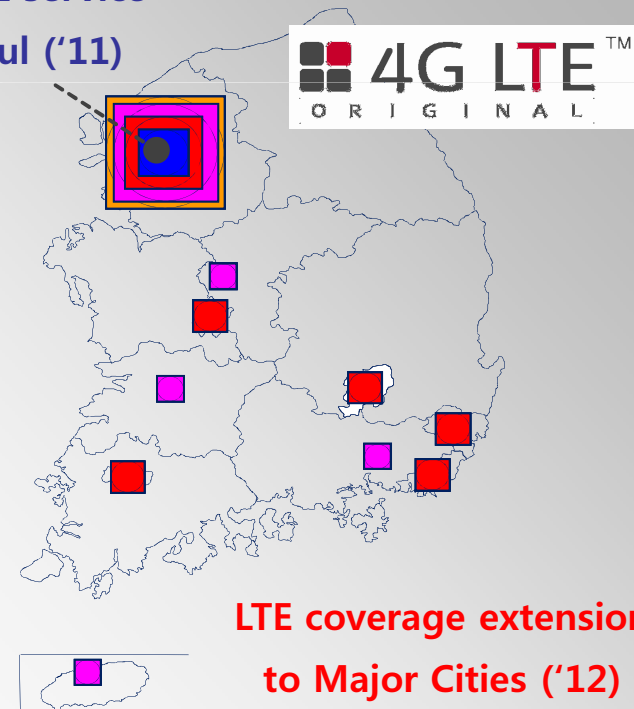
2012: Coverage extension to major cities

2013: Nationwide coverage



SKT's LTE Deployment

First LTE service in Seoul ('11)



II. Technology Evolution and LTE

Technology Evolution

CDMA-based mobile technology is evolving to OFDMA-based technology for high data rate service. LTE will provide 3~15 times peak data rate as compared to HSPA

	IMT2000 (3G)					IMT Advanced (4G)	
3GPP (Asynchronous)	GSM DL 9.6kbps UL 9.6kbps	WCDMA DL 384kbps UL 64kbps	HSDPA DL 14Mbps UL 64kbps	HSUPA DL 14Mbps UL 5Mbps	HSPA+ DL 21Mbps UL 5Mbps	LTE DL 300Mbps UL 150Mbps	LTE Advanced DL 1Gbps UL 500Mbps
3GPP2 (Synchronous)	IS95 DL 14.4kbps UL 14.4kbps	1x cdma2000 DL 153.6kbps UL 153.6kbps	EVDO DL 2.4Mbps UL 153kbps	Rev.A DL 3.2Mkbps UL 1.8Mbps	Rev.B DL 14.7Mbps UL 5.4Mbps	UMB DL 300Mbps UL 150Mbps	
	CDMA-based technology					OFDMA-based technology	
	"Mobile Broadband"						

- **CDMA(Voice-oriented):** Connectivity, Circuit, Soft Handover
- **OFDMA(Data-oriented):** Wider Bandwidth, Packet, Less Interference

■ Peak data rate

- 100 Mbps DL/ 50 Mbps UL within 20 MHz bandwidth
(DL : 5bps/Hz, UL : 2.5bps/Hz, 2x2 MIMO default)

■ Capacity

- Up to 200 active users in a cell (5 MHz)

■ Latency

- Less than 100 ms on control-plane (Idle to Active)
- Less than 5ms on user plan (Unload condition, one-way transmit time bw UE ~ RAN Edge node)

■ Mobility

- Optimized for 0 ~ 15 km/h, 15 ~ 120 km/h supported with high performance
- Supported up to 350 km/h or even up to 500 km/h

■ Handover

- Hard Handover

■ Spectrum

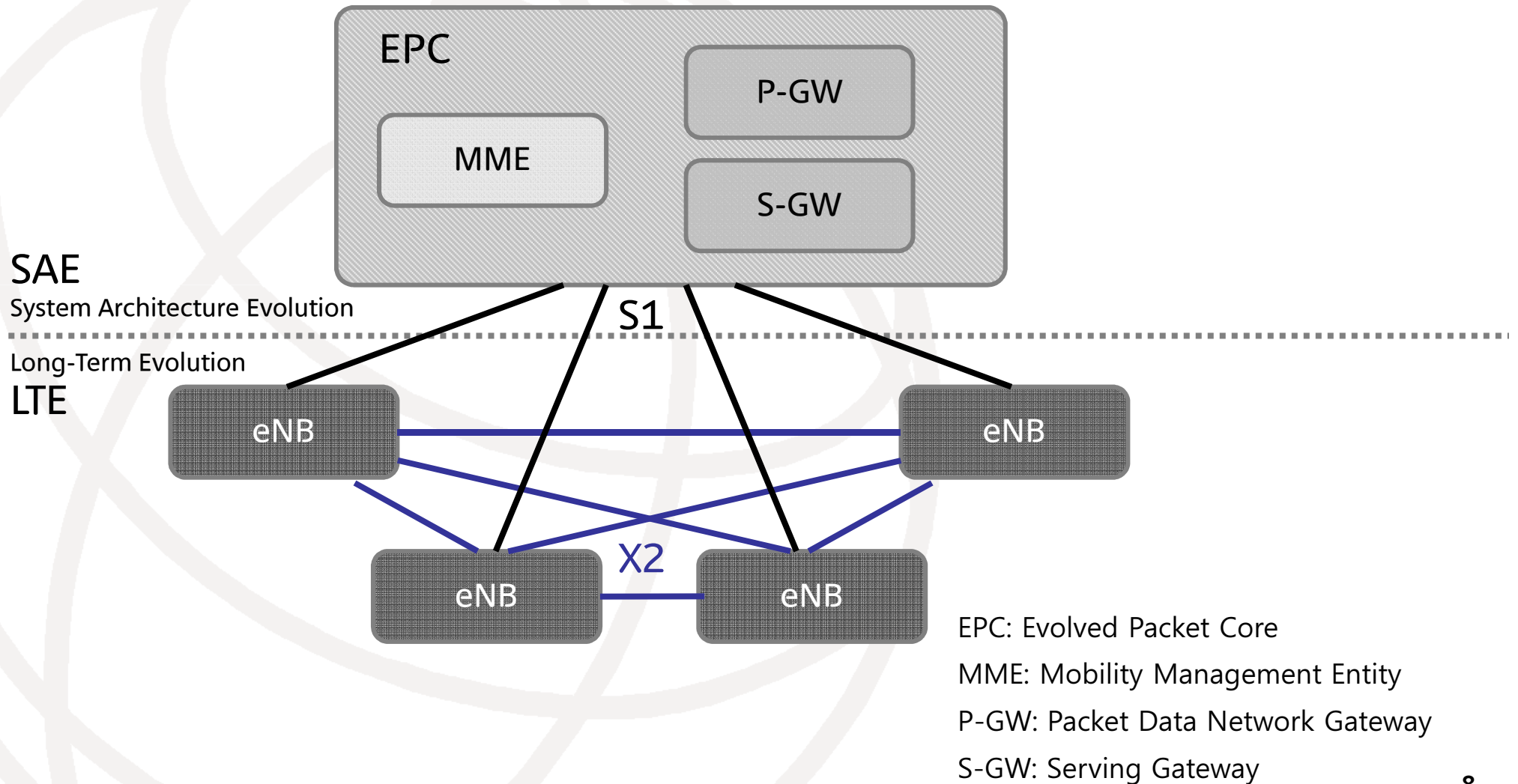
- Flexibility: 1.4 , 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 MHz

■ User Equipment

- Support up to 20 MHz

■ Duplex

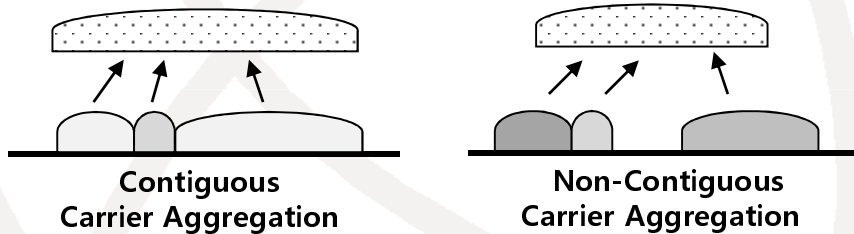
- FDD, TDD



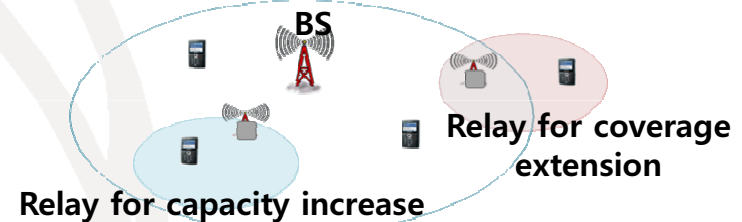
LTE will evolve to LTE-A(Advanced) to enhance the capacity, QoS, and N/W flexibility.
SKT will provide LTE-A service in 2013-14.

LTE-A Technology

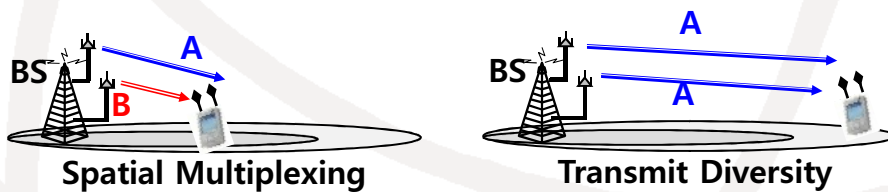
Carrier Aggregation (Up to 100Mhz)



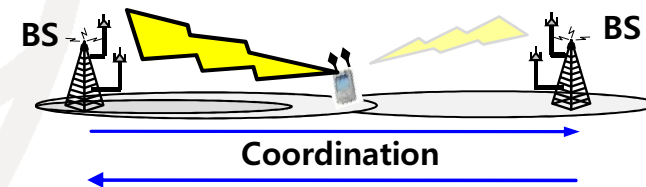
Relay Station



MIMO (up to 8x8)



CoMP(BS Cooperation)



III. Technical Challenges in LTE Deployment

Seamless Operation

Seamless operation is one of most important issues for LTE deployment in multi-N/W environment

N/W Selection

Selecting serving N/W based on customer profiles, operator policy and terminal types

N/W Redirection

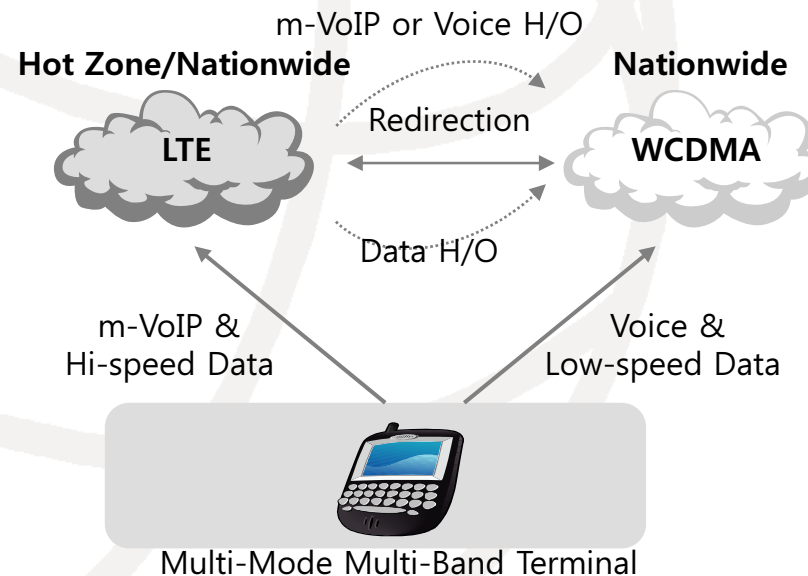
Redirecting requested calls into other N/W (e.g., CS Fallback)

Seamless Handover

Supporting continuity and mobility of voice/data calls

Seamless Voice Service

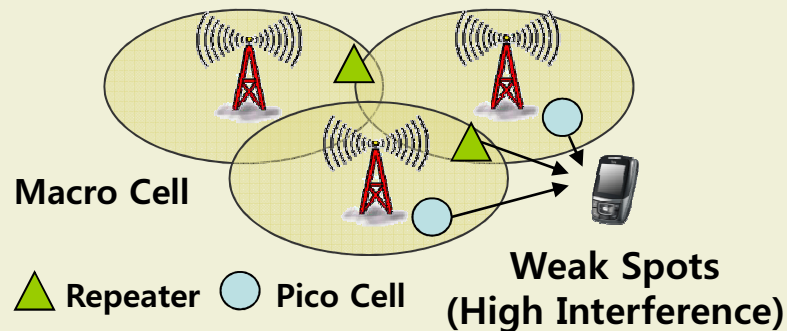
CS Fallback based on 3GPP-R9 standard/ IMS-based mVoIP



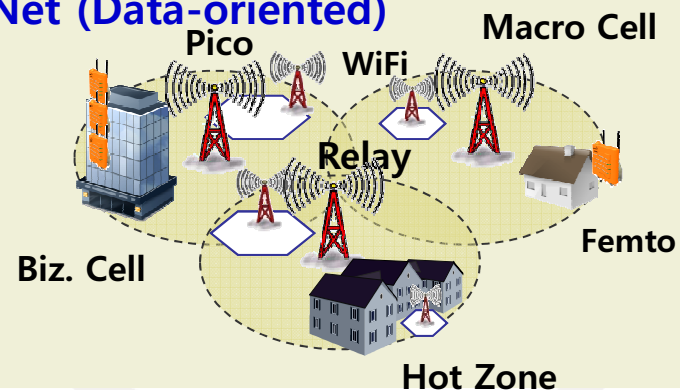
Heterogeneous Network

Heterogeneous network maximizes the spatial reuse gain, and deals with non-uniform traffic.

Conventional (Voice-oriented)



HetNet (Data-oriented)



Network Automation (SON)

Network operation and management can be automated by SON technologies.

Self-Configuration

Plug and Play

Automated setup and configuration

SON (Self Organizing Network)

Self-Optimization

Auto Tune

Real-time network optimization

Self-Healing

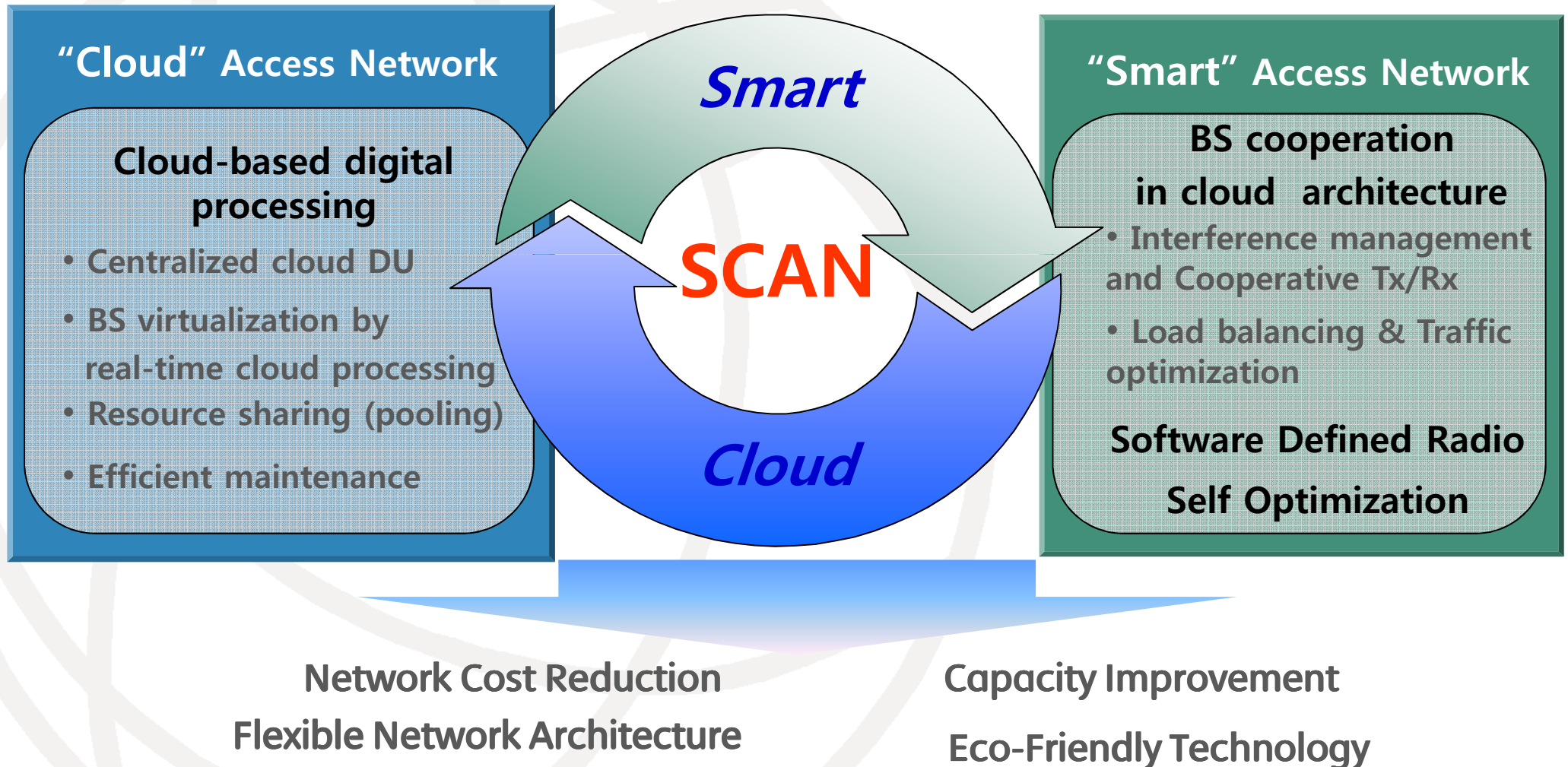
Auto Repair

Fast, autonomous failure mitigation

IV. SKT's RAN Evolution : SCAN

Smart Cloud Access Network

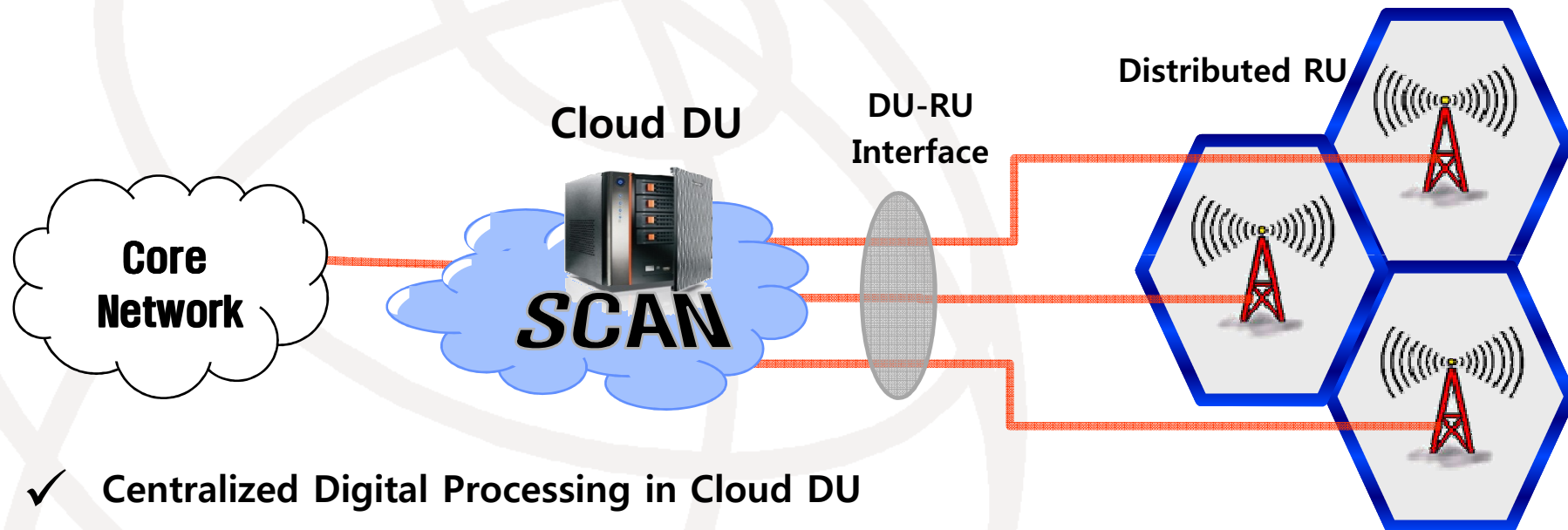
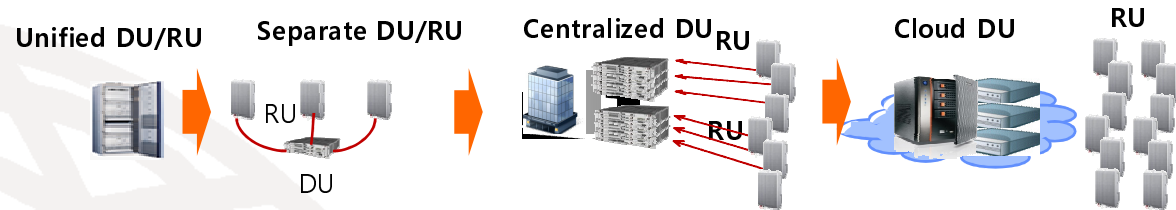
SKT's RAN(Radio Access Network) architecture is evolving to **"SCAN"** in order to reduce the network cost and enhance the capacity



IV. SKT's RAN Evolution : SCAN

Cloud Architecture

✓ Evolution to Cloud Architecture



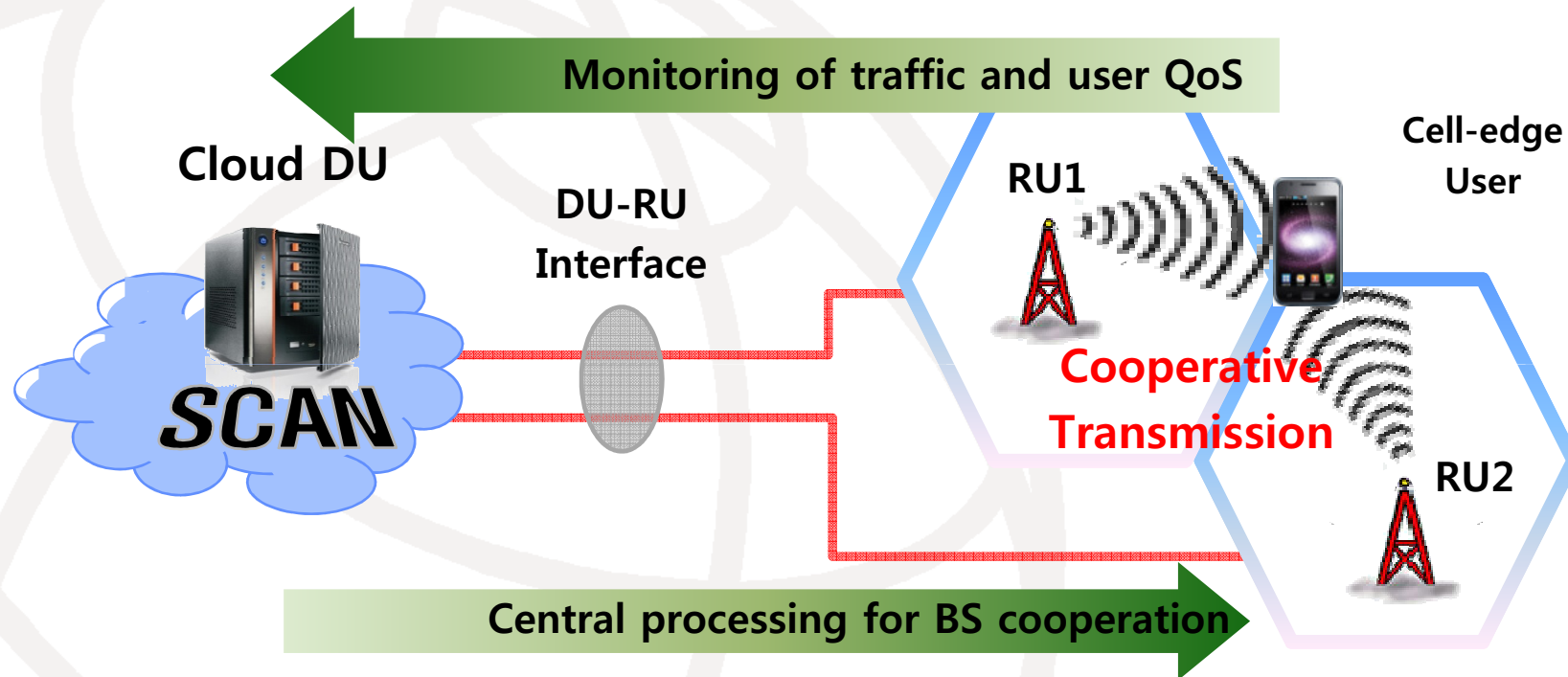
✓ **Centralized Digital Processing in Cloud DU**

- First step: Separate DU/RU & Centralized DU
- Second step: BS virtualization by real-time cloud processing

✓ **Flexible Network Architecture**

- Efficient resource management via virtualization
- Flexible network configuration using open platform

✓ Evolution to Smart Network: Cloud-based BS cooperation, SDR, Self-optimization



✓ **Cloud-based BS Cooperation : Network Capacity Enhancement**

- Cooperative Radio Resource Management
- Multi-cell Transmission based on Multi-antenna Scheme
- Load Balancing and traffic optimization

✓ **SDR (Software Defined Radio) to support multi-technology**



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