

# Convergence of ATSC 3.0 and 5G in South Korea

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## ATSC 3.0 Status in S. Korea



- ATSC 3.0 delivering 4K-UHD started in Seoul metro area (May 2017), extended to major cities (Dec. 2017), and will be nationwide by 2021
- ➢ New frequency bands in 700 MHz were assigned for ATSC 3.0 (Simulcasting: ~ 2027)



Successfully demonstrated high quality mobile broadcast + 4K-UHD in a single RF channel for 2018 Winter Olympics (PyeongChang)



ATSC 3.0 mobile receiver installed in a shuttle bus over Olympic village



Inside the bus introduced by WRAL-TV (U.S.)

## 5G Status in S. Korea



- > South Korea switched on the first mobile 5G network (April 2019, SKT/KT/LGU+), bringing the new technology officially into the first stage of global adoption.
- $\succ$  In South Korea, 5G subscribers surge hitting 1 million in just 69 days

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- > Spectrum auction for the new freq. bands in 3.5GHz (280MHz) and 28GHz (2.4GHz) is completed in June 2018.
- > At first, 5G commercial service has started on dense urban areas of 85 major cities.
- $\succ$  Within the next 2~3 years, a perfect nationwide coverage will be constructed at a similar level to 4G LTE.





## Pros and Cons of Broadcasting and Broadband



#### ATSC 3.0-based terrestrial broadcasting

- Free of charge
- HPHT (high-power high-tower)
- Guaranteed QoS (irrelevant to number of users)
- Narrowband & limited-capacity
- Limited indoor/underground/mobile reception

#### **5G-based mobile broadband**

#### Payment

- LPLT (low-power low-tower)
- QoS depending on number of users
- Broadband & high-capacity
- Easy indoor/underground/mobile reception

#### Convergence of broadcasting and broadband

Possible to reduce mobile service payment

- Possible to provide high-quality & personalized services
- Possible to provide anytime/anywhere seamless multimedia services

## Convergence Concept of ATSC 3.0 and 5G





## Convergence Scenario: Scalable 8K-UHD

- Efficient 8K-UHD distribution within the existing ATSC 3.0-ready TVs
  - Layered video encoding (aka Scalable HEVC (SHVC)) with two layers
    - 'Base layer (BL)' containing 4K-UHD content
    - 'Enhancement layer (EL)' with metadata to enhance the 4K BL into 8K-UHD video
  - Distribution via broadcasting (BC) and broadband (BB)
    - BC-only user can watch 4K UHD (free of charge)
    - If BC and BB links are both available, user can get 8K-UHD for the same content





### Convergence Scenario: Seamless Switch in Device



- > IP-based ATSC 3.0 transmission allows convergence with Broadband networks
- > ATSC 3.0 transmission (HPHT) takes the dominant consumption of video traffic
  - Broadband networks cooperating for coverage extension (deep indoor, mobile) and interactive services thru Unicast
  - Seamless switching between different networks (ATSC 3.0 ←→ 4G/5G, WiFi)
    - $\rightarrow$  Viewers are not aware of the change of network



## Convergence Scenario: Broadcasting Offloading





## • Traffic offloading to prevent network congestion

- Service traffic is kept monitored at the network
- Popularly requested contents are offloaded into broadcast delivery



Thank You!

## Convergence Concept of ATSC 3.0 and 5G

#### 5G-ATSC 3.0 Physical-Layer Convergence

- HPHT-base 5G-MBMS & ATSC 3.0 terrestrial broadcasting service (UHF & VHF)
- Time-divisioned in a single RF channel
- Backward compatible with the existing ATSC 3.0 TVs and possible for 5G-terminal to receive broadcasting contents

#### 5G-ATSC 3.0 IP-Layer Convergence

- All IP-base ATSC 3.0 can converge any IP-base networks (4G/5G, WiFi, etc.)
- Free of charge contents delivered via a large-coverage broadcasting network

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 Additional data (e.g., meta-data) delivered via broadband (payment) to provide enhanced service

