Approaching 5G Broadcast: Field Trials in Bavaria

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5G Broadcast: A Broadcast mode into a Mobile Standard

Mobile standards are commonly associated to Unicast / MNO-centric Unicast • • • models • • • •









Broadcast

Point to point

Lack of scalability for massive audiences

Dependency on MNO infrastructure and network

LPLT Networks with limited coverage

Lack of control on delivery path and perceived QoS

Point to area

Unconstraint massive delivery of linear TV content

Dedicated broadcast networks and spectrum

Networks targeting universal coverage

Pre-defined and predictable QoS



LTE Rel-14 includes for the first time features to support TV **Services according to BROADCAST requirements**



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LTE Rel-14 offers the possibility to configure a Broadcast mode for linear TV delivery over dedicated broadcast networks

Enhanced SFN Coverage with 200µs CP

New Frame Structure: 100% Broadcast Capacity





Receive-only Mode (No SIM / No Uplink)

Transport-only Mode (Transparent delivery)

Standardized CSP Interface (xMB)





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No SIM-card + No Uplink are key for re-using terrestrial broadcast infrastructure including HPHT in SFN





Field Trials in Bavaria: 5G-Today Test Network

The new technology needs to be tested

Large-scale Release 14 broadcast network with:

- 2 transmitters in SFN:
 - Wendelstein
 - Munich Ismaning
- 100 kW ERP, Channel 56 UHF
 - 5 MHz BW, MCS 9 (QPSK)
- 1 TV channel: BR Fernsehen @ 3.2 Mbps (HEVC, HD)











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Wendelstein

SFN HF Channel 56 (750

Ismaning

UHF Channel 56 (750 – 758 MHz)

5 MHz Channel Width

100 kW ERP each transmitter

FeMBMS according to 3GPP Release 14



Site height 483 m a.s.l, ant. height 215 m

- UHF antenna on top-mount spine
- Polarisation switchable, H / V / RHC for Tx diversity trials

Site height: 1838 m a.s.l, ant. height 53 m

- UHF antenna covered by GRP cylinder because of extreme icing in winter
- Vertically polarized





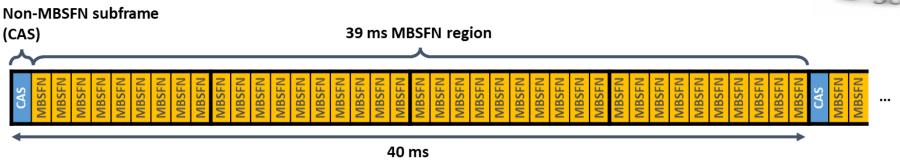
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Two main new standardized features under investigation:

Is 200us CP sufficient for HPHT SFN with reasonable spectral efficiency?

New MBSFN subframe containing a non-SFN preamble (CAS)



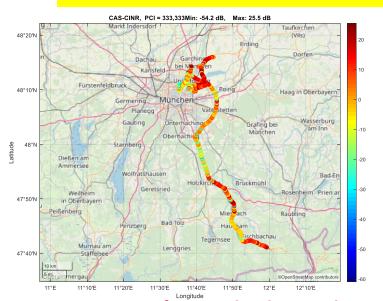


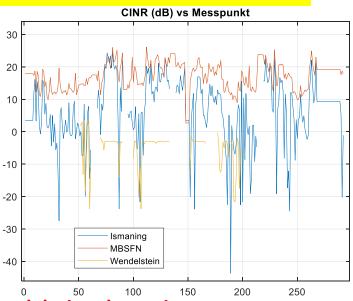
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Professional Rel14 Analyser developed during the project

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Software-defined Receiver developed by IRT



Assisting 35 Standardization

EBU BBC IRT contributing to 5G Broadcast (Release 16)

Ensuring requirements originally input by broadcasters are met

New CP 300us for improved HPHT SFN support New CP 100us for extended mobility performance

Enhancements in the CAS to increase demodulation robustness

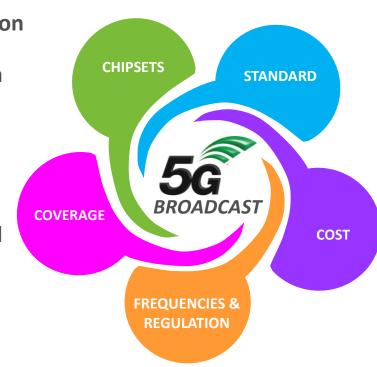
Release 16 is also known as LTE-based 5G Terrestrial Broadcast (to be ready by mid-2020)



But... are we ready?

The ecosystem for 5G Broadcast is yet under development

- 5G Broadcast (Release 16) is still under standardization
- No chipsets are yet available in the market (not even clear if in "production plans")
- Regulation to operate 5G Broadcast in dedicated spectrum is not ready
- The service layer for TV Services has been developed but needs to be evaluated
- Performance, Coverage and Spectral Efficiency to be analysed according to broadcasters' expectations





5G Broadcast is still in a preliminary phase

Broadcasters need to evaluate the value proposition of using 5G Broadcast technology to deliver linear TV services to smartphones, tablets, connected cars...

IRT will continue investigating 5G Broadcast and contributing to standards to ensure that these are shaped to meet PSB requirements

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