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Digital TV Systems and Standards

ATSC, ADTB, DVB and ISDB Standards

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 - **Overview of digital television systems;**
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 - RF / Transmission subsystems for terrestrial broadcast systems (ATSC, DVB-T, ISDB-T);
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 - Interactivity in cable, satellite and terrestrial networks;
 - Return channel for terrestrial networks: DVB-RCT standard;

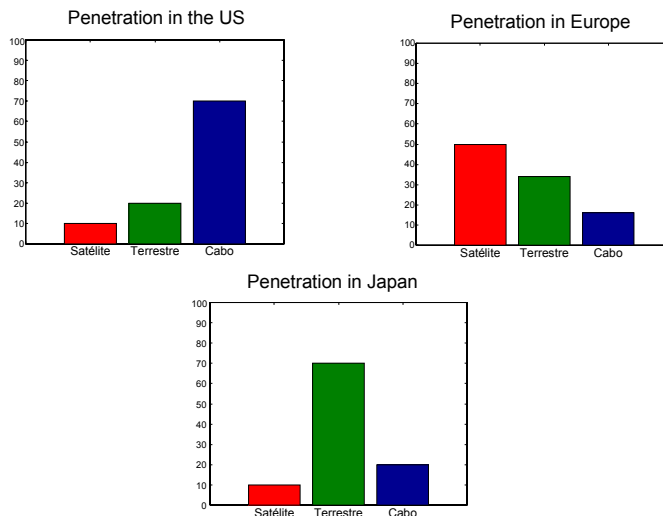
Digital TV systems

- Substantially improves the quality of the received signal;
- Increases the number of possible services to be offered;
- Video, audio and data can be multiplexed together to form a program;
- Interactive services if a return channel is available;

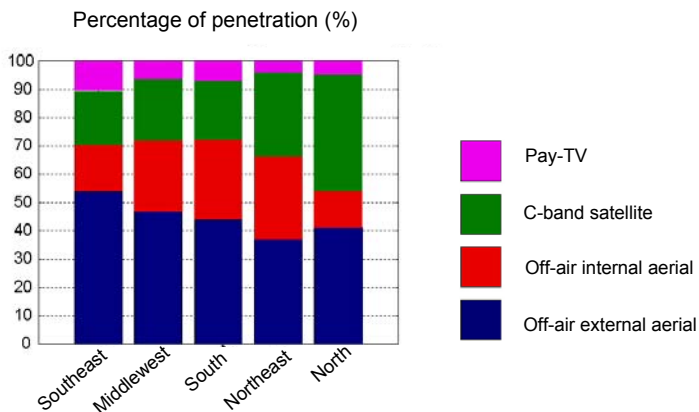
Status of DTV in Brazil

- Satellite
 - DirecTV, Sky
- Cable
 - Digital trial in Sorocaba (2001)
 - Net and TVA announcement (2004)
- Terrestrial
 - Field trial with DVB-T, ATSC and ISDB-T (2000)
 - SBTVD (targeted to 2006)
 - Partnership of Inatel, Linear and FINEP

How do people watch TV?

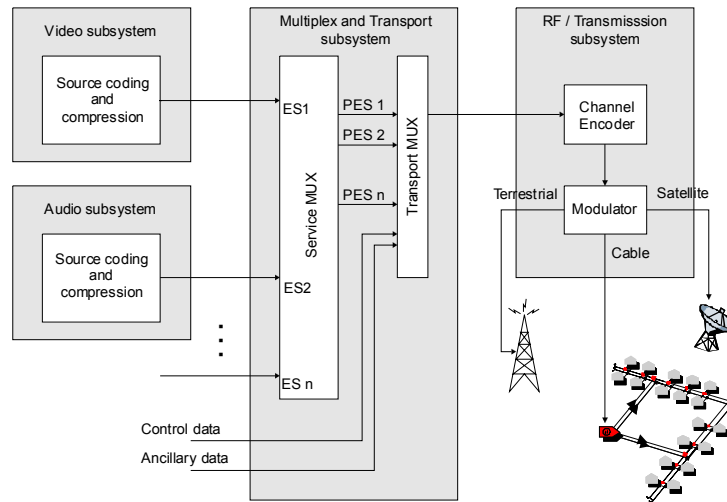


How do people watch TV in Brazil?



Total number of homes with TV sets: \cong 60 million

A DTV broadcast system model

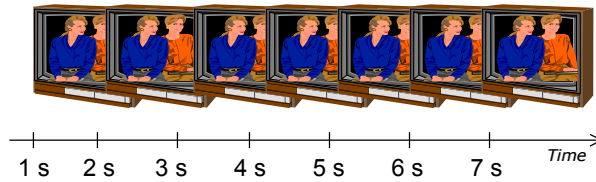


Source coding subsystems

- Video compression subsystem
 - Spatial and temporal redundancies
 - MPEG-2: Video (ISO/IEC 13818-2)
- Audio compression subsystem
 - MPEG-2: Audio (ISO/IEC 13818-3), Layers 1, 2 and 3
 - Dolby AC-3: ATSC A/52 standard

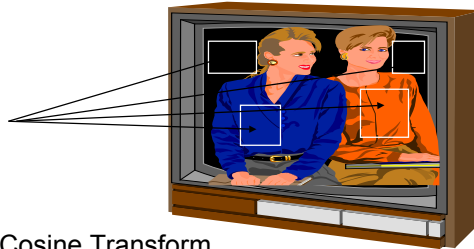
Source coding: Video

Redundancy in time



Removed by: Motion Compensation

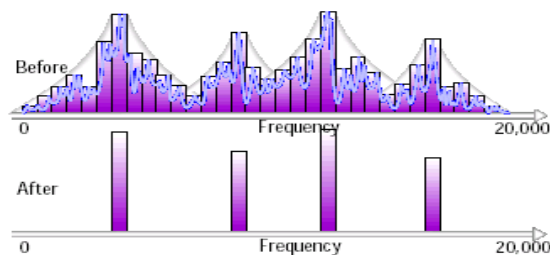
Spatial redundancy



Removed by: Discrete Cosine Transform

Source coding: Audio

- System relies on masking tones at either side of hi-power tone
- If you can't hear it, don't code it



Multiplex and Transport subsystem

- MPEG standard (ISO-13818-1) defines ways of multiplexing more than one stream (video, audio and data) in order to produce one program
- A program consists of one or more elementary streams, which may or may not be MPEG encoded
 - Currently programs consist of primarily one video channel and possible multiple audio channels
 - Multiple video streams for the same program (different camera shots of a soccer game!!)
- Two schemes for the multiplexing process of the PES:
 - Program streams
 - Transport streams

Multiplex and Transport subsystem

- Program Stream
 - Primarily intended for storage and retrieval from storage media
 - Grouping of video, audio, and data elementary streams that have a common time base
 - Each program stream consists of only one program
 - Useful in error free environments
 - Large packet size
 - DVD standard uses the MPEG-2 Program Stream

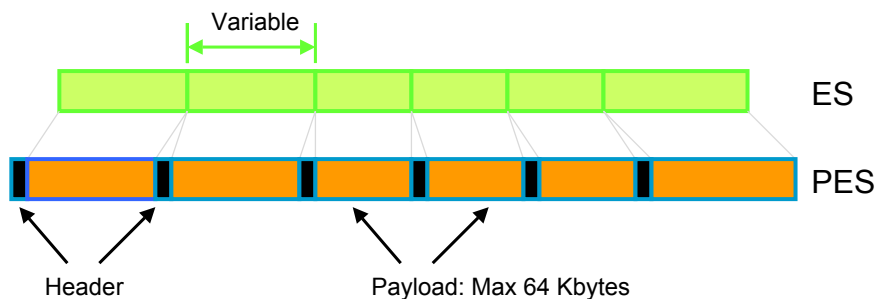
Multiplex and Transport subsystem

- Transport Stream
 - Combines multiple programs into a single stream
 - The programs may or may not have common time base
 - Fixed length packet size
 - Intended for non error free environments
 - Variable rate with insertion of null packets

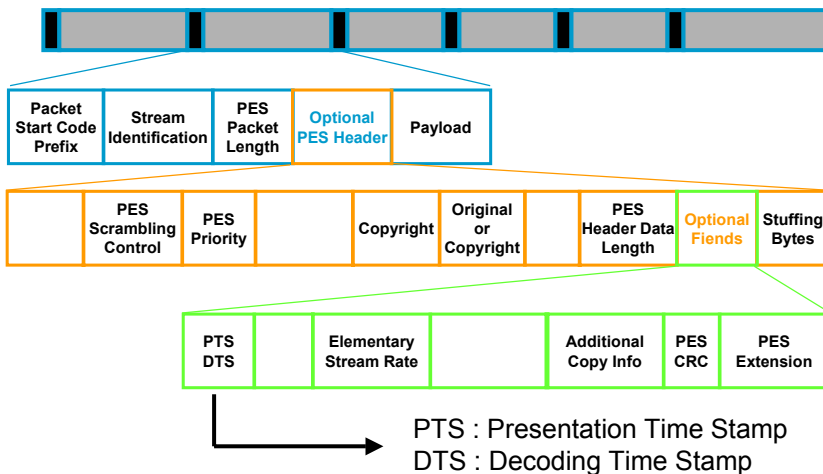
RF/Transmission Subsystem uses TS at its input!

Multiplex and Transport subsystem

From ES to PES

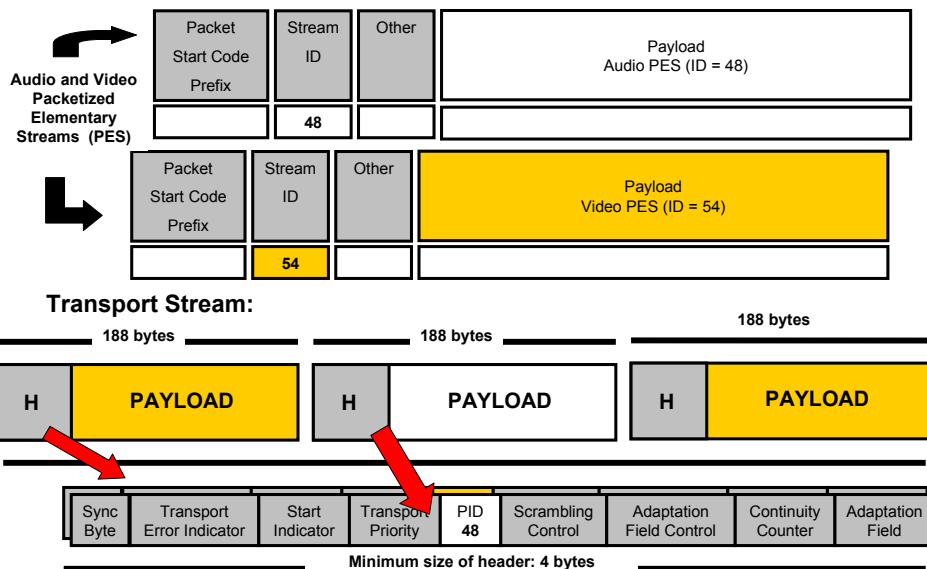


PES packet



Multiplex and Transport subsystem

From PES to SPTS



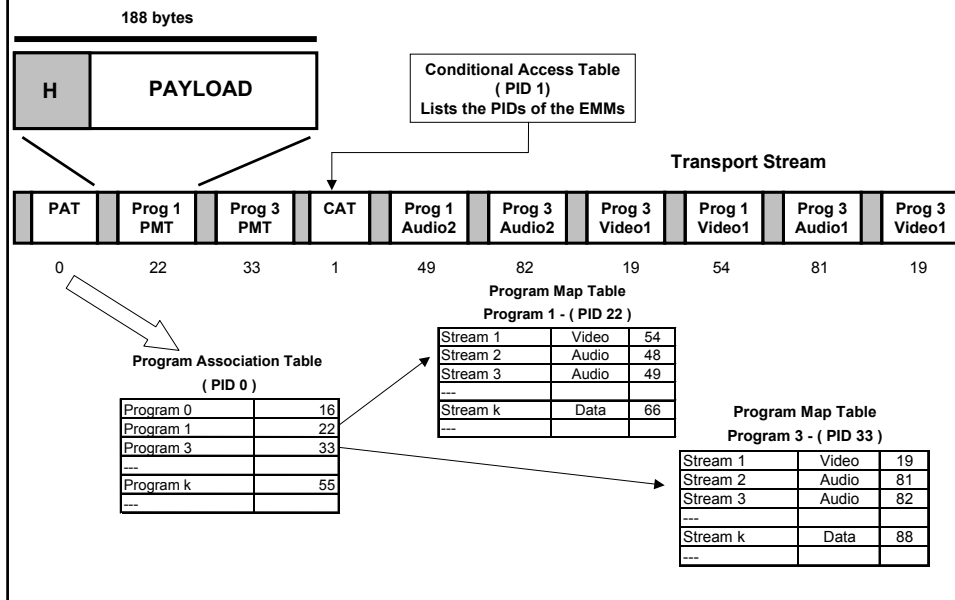
Program Specific Information

- PSI transport packets - used by decoder to learn about the transport stream
 - Program Association Table (PAT)
 - Contains complete list of all programs in the transport stream along with the PID for the PMT for each program
 - Transmitted in transport packets with PID 0
 - Program Map Table PMT
 - contains the PID for each of the channels associated with a particular program

Conditional Access

- Traditional role is to ensure that viewers see only those programs that they have paid to view;
- In addition, it is possible to target programming, advertisements, and promotions to subscribers by geographic area, by market segment, or according to subscribers' personal preferences;
- EMM (Entitlement Management Messages): distributes management information such as access permits to specific users, access revocations, etc.;
- ECM (Entitlement Control Messages): delivers the key that will enable unscrambling at the receiver;

Program Specific Information



RF / Transmission subsystem

- Satellite
 - ETSI EN 300 421 (DVB - Framing structure, channel coding and modulation for 11/12 GHz satellite services)
- Cable
 - ITU-T J-83 (Digital multi-programme systems for television, sound and data services for cable distribution)
- Terrestrial
 - ATSC
 - DVB-T
 - ISDB-T
 - ADTB

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DTV Standard with Single-carrier Modulation

ATSC
8 VSB

Advanced **T**elevision **S**ystem **C**ommittee
8 level - **V**estigial **S**ide **B**and
Origin: **USA**

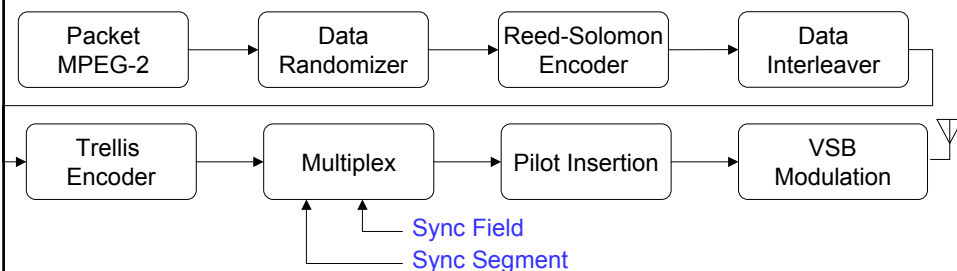
ADTB
OQAM

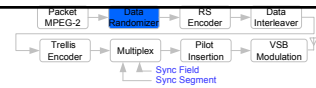
Advanced **D**igital **T**elevision **B**roadcasting
Offset **Q**uadrature **A**mplitude **M**odulation
Origin: **China**

ATSC Standard

- On May 24, 1993, the three groups that had developed the four final digital systems agreed to produce a single, best-of-the best system to propose as the standard.
- The three groups (AT&T and Zenith Electronics Corporation; General Instrument Corporation and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Philips Consumer Electronics, Thomson Consumer Electronics, and the David Sarnoff Research Center) have been working together as the “Digital HDTV Grand Alliance.”
- The Digital Television Standard describes a system designed to transmit high quality video and audio and ancillary data over a single 6 MHz channel.
- The system can deliver reliably about 19 Mbps of throughput in a 6 MHz terrestrial broadcasting channel and about 38 Mbps of throughput in a 6 MHz cable television channel.

Transmitter System Block Diagram

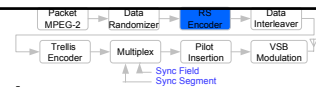
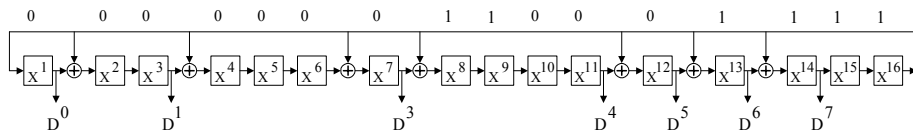




Data Randomizer

- Randomize all input data in data payload.
- The data randomizer XORs all the incoming data bytes with the PRBS.
- The PRBS generator is initialized at the beginning of the Data Field.
- Generator Polynomial $G(16) = X^{16} + X^{13} + X^{12} + X^{11} + X^7 + X^6 + X^3 + X + 1$

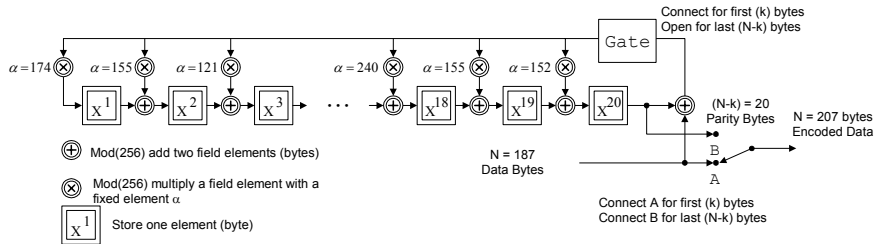
The initialization (pre-load) to F180 hex (load to 1) occurs during the Data Segment Sync (set to 1: $X^{16} X^{15} X^{14} X^{13} X^9 X^8$)



Reed-Solomon Encoder

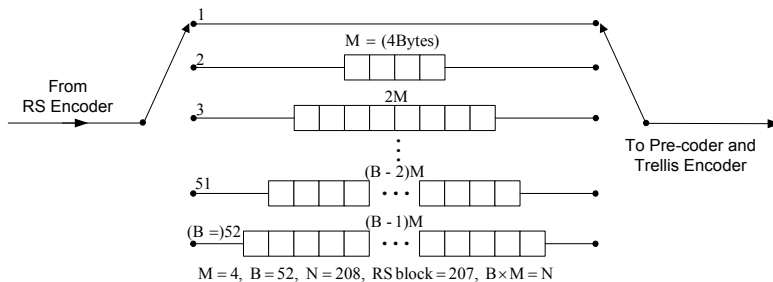
- The RS code used in the VSB transmission subsystem shall be a RS(207,187,10) code.
- The RS data block size is 187 bytes, with 20 RS parity bytes added for error correction.
- A total RS block size of 207 bytes is transmitted per Data Segment.
- The 20 RS parity bytes shall be sent at the end of the Data Segment.

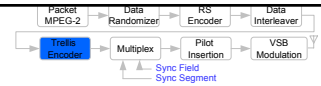
Reed-Solomon Encoder



Data Interleaver

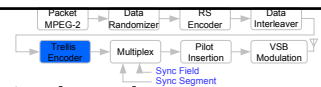
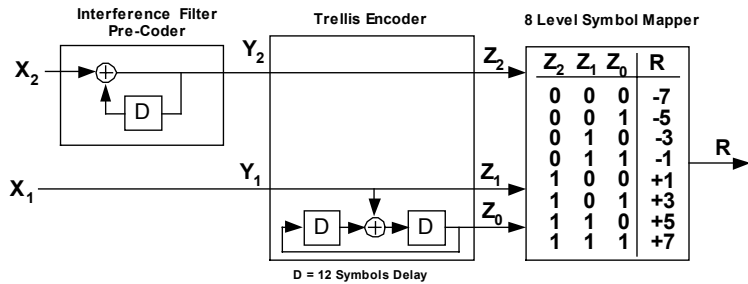
- The interleaver shall be a 52 data segment (intersegment) convolutional byte interleaver.
- Only data bytes shall be interleaved.
- The interleaver shall be synchronized to the first data byte of the data field.





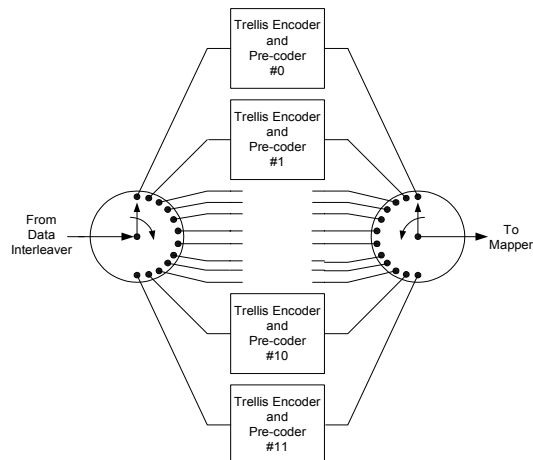
Trellis Encoder

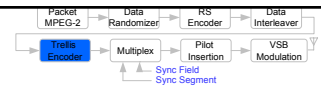
- The system shall employ a $2/3$ rate ($R = 2/3$) trellis code.
- One input bit is encoded into two output bits using a $1/2$ rate convolutional code while the other input bit is precoded.
- The signaling waveform used with the trellis code is an 8-level (3 bit) one-dimensional constellation.
- A 4-state trellis encoder shall be used.



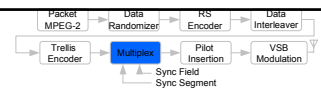
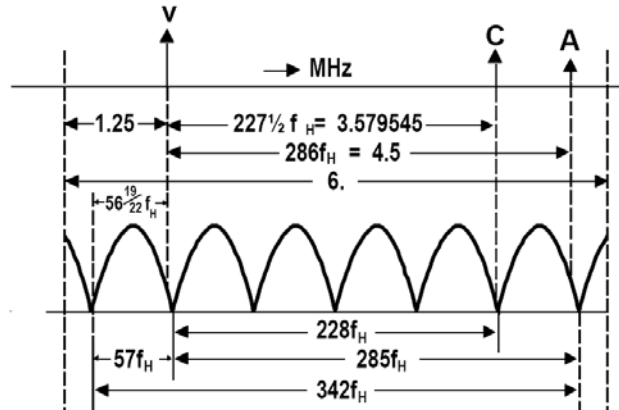
Trellis Code Intrasegment Interleaving

- Intrasegment interleaving is also performed for the benefit of the trellis coding process.

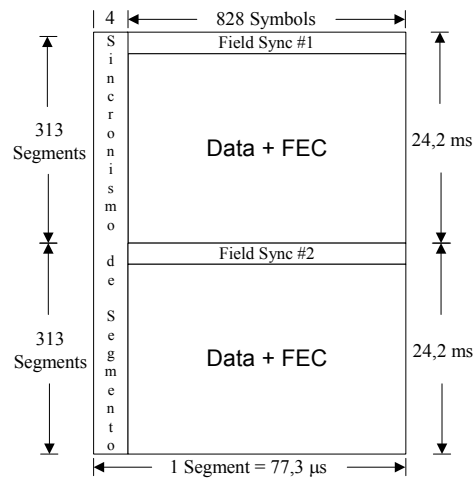




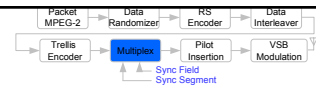
Location of NTSC carriers — comb filtering



VSB Data Frame

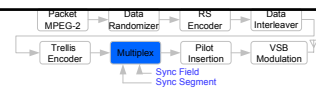
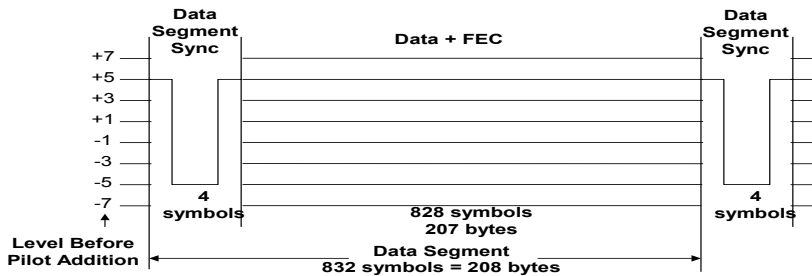


- The adaptive equalization is performed using the Field Sync.



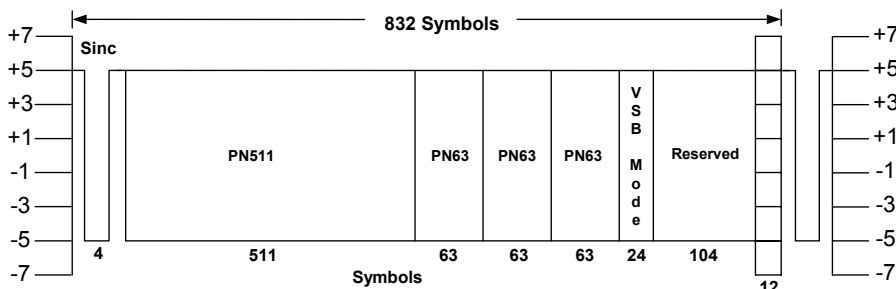
Data Segment

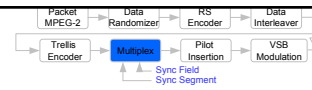
- A 4-symbol Data Segment Sync shall be inserted into the 8-level digital data stream at the beginning of each Data Segment.
- The MPEG sync byte shall be replaced by Data Segment Sync.
- The Data Segment Sync is binary (2-level).
- A segment shall consist of 832 symbols:
 - 4 symbols for Data Segment Sync, and 828 data plus parity symbols.
- The Data Segment Sync are not Reed-Solomon or trellis encoded, nor are they interleaved.



Data Field Sync

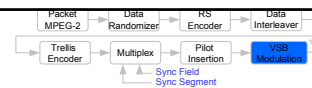
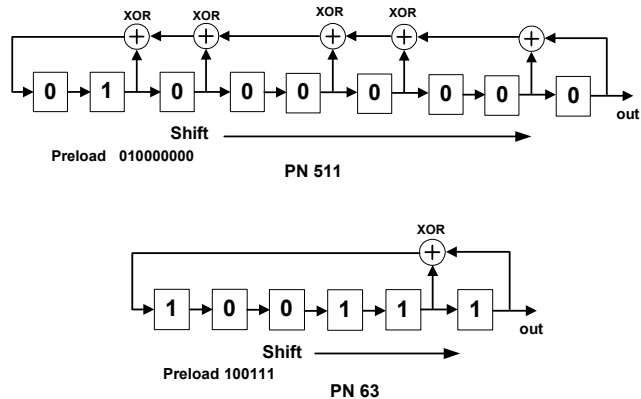
- The data are not only divided into Data Segments, but also into Data Fields, each consisting of 313 segments.
- Each Data Field (24.2 ms) shall start with one complete Data Segment of Data Field Sync.
- Each symbol in the sync segment represents one bit of data (2-level).





Sync Segment

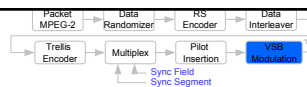
- The data for Sync Segment are generated using PN sequences, defined as



8VSB - Modulation

- Vestigial Side Band - 8 Level

Parameter	Terrestrial	Cable
Channel bandwidth	6 MHz	6 MHz
Excess bandwidth	11.5%	11.5%
Symbol Rate	10.76 Msymbols/s	10,76 Msymbols/s
Symbol Duration	92.917 ns	92.917 ns
Bits per symbol	3	4
Trellis coded modulatoion	2/3	-
Reed-Solomon	RS(207,187,10)	RS(207,187,10)
Segment length	832 symbols	832 symbols
Segment sync	4 symbols	4 symbols
Frame sync	1 for 313 segments	1 for 313 segments
Payload data rate	19.28 Mb/s	38.57 Mb/s
NTSC co-channel rejection Filter	NTSC rejection filter in receiver	N/A
Pilot power contribution	0.3 dB	0.3 dB
C/N threshold	14.9 dB	28.3 dB

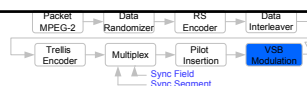
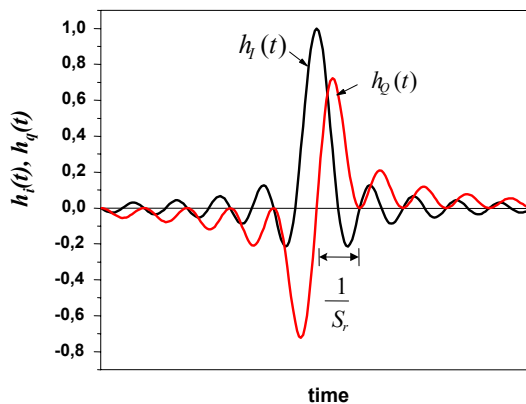


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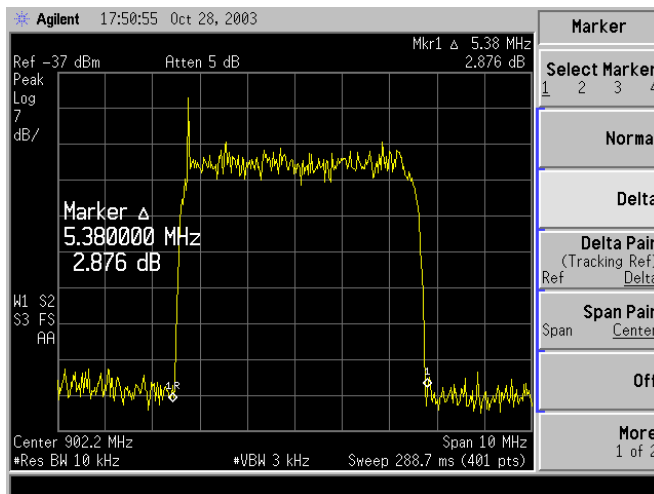
$$h_I(t) = \frac{\sin(4\pi\Delta f t)}{4\pi\Delta f t} \times \frac{\cos(2\alpha\pi\Delta f t)}{1 - (4\alpha\Delta f t)^2}$$

$$h_Q(t) = \frac{\sin(2\pi\Delta f t)^2}{2\pi\Delta f t} \times \frac{\cos(2\alpha\pi\Delta f t)}{1 - (4\alpha\Delta f t)^2}$$



8VSB - Modulation

- Vestigial Side Band Spectrum



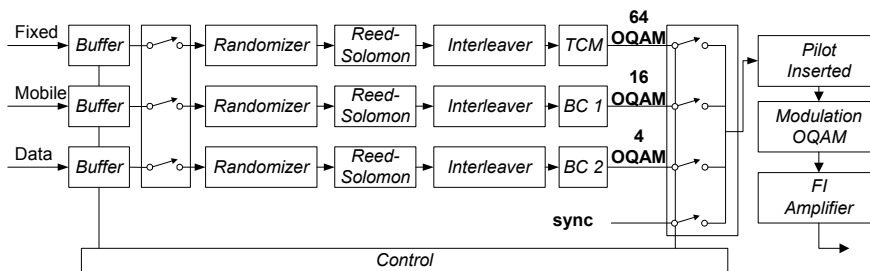
Advanced Digital Television Broadcasting Standard

- Design based:
 - on geographical environment.
 - on city construction characteristics.
 - with enhanced functionalities to best fit the needs of both, industry and consumers, on new applications.
 - for different applications
 - fixed reception: outdoor/indoor for HDTV/SDTV
 - mobile reception: portable/mobile for SDTV/LDTV
 - mobile data reception: mobile for reliable data reception
- Support for single frequency networks and channel repeaters.
- The system also includes easy extension to cable modes.

Technical Requirements

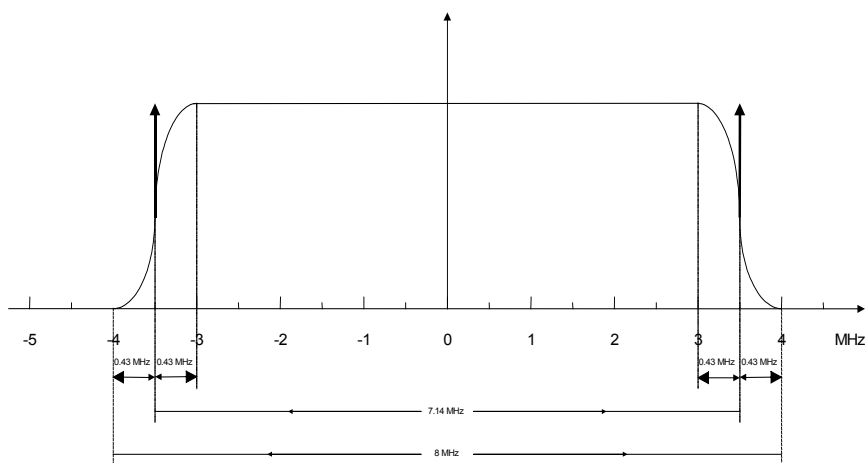
- High efficiency, high data rate to support HDTV programs
- Low reception threshold to maximize coverage
- Mixed mode operation to provide different services
- Handles strong ghosts and fast varying ghosts
- Improved dynamic performance for indoor and mobile reception
- Co-existence with analog TV services
- Resistance to large impulse noise and large phase noise

ADTB Standard



Parameter	Terrestrial Mode		
	Fixed	Mobile	Data
Channel bandwidth	8 MHz	8 MHz	8 MHz
Modulation	64 OQAM	16 OQAM	4 OQAM
Excess of bandwidth	12%	12%	12%
Inner coding	RS	RS	RS
Extern coding	TCM (2/3)	Block (1/2)	Block (1/2)
Payload data rate	25,24 Mbps	12,62 Mbps	6,31 Mbps
Pilot Tom	2	2	2

OQAM Signal Spectrum



Mixed Mode Operation

- Different transmission modes mixed in a TDM manner in the same 8 MHz channel
- Bandwidth allocation for different service can be dynamically adjusted
- Different transmission modes mixed in the unit of a field
- Transmission mode of each field defined by system information
- **Single Transmission Mode**
 - TCM-64-OQAM: 25.24 Mbps
 - **OR** Block code-16-OQAM: 12.62 Mbps
 - **OR** Block code-4-OQAM: 6.31 Mbps
- **Mixed Transmission Mode Example**
 - TCM-64-OQAM: 15 Mbps for one EDTV program
 - **PLUS** Block code-16-OQAM: 4 Mbps for one SDTV program
 - **PLUS** Block code-4-OQAM: 512 kbps for mobile data service

Synchronization

- Based on redundant information included in the OQAM signal:
- 2 pilot carriers.
- Segment sync.
- Field sync/Frame sync.
- Coding, Trellis/Block Modulation and Reed-Solomon.
- Optimal equalizer structure is less sensitive to carrier phase and timing errors.

DTV with Multi-carrier Modulation



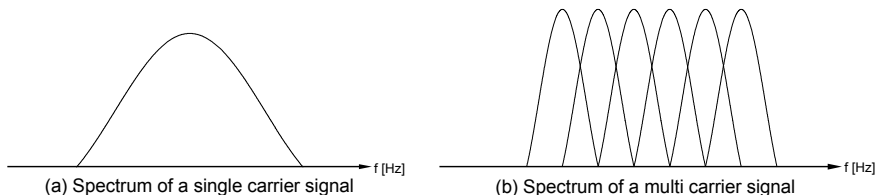
Digital **V**ideo **B**roadcasting
Coded **O**rthogonal **F**requency **D**ivision **M**ultiplexing
Origin: **Europe**



Integrated **S**ervice **D**igital **B**roadcasting
Bandwidth **S**egmented **T**ransmission
Orthogonal **F**requency **D**ivision **M**ultiplexing
Origin: **Japan**

Introduction to OFDM

- The principle of the OFDM system is to transmit N parallel data stream with N sub-carriers instead of using only one carrier to transmit all data.
- The bandwidth occupied by each sub-carrier is N times smaller than the bandwidth occupied by the single carrier signal.
- To improve the spectral efficiency, the sub-carriers are orthogonal between each other and separated by the OFDM symbol data rate.

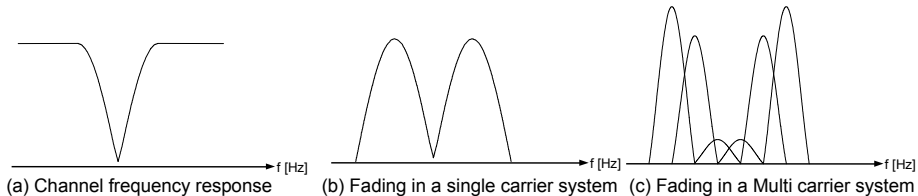


- The minimal frequency interval between each sub-carrier that has practical use is given by

$$\Delta f_{\min} = R_{mc} = \frac{1}{T_{OFDM}}$$

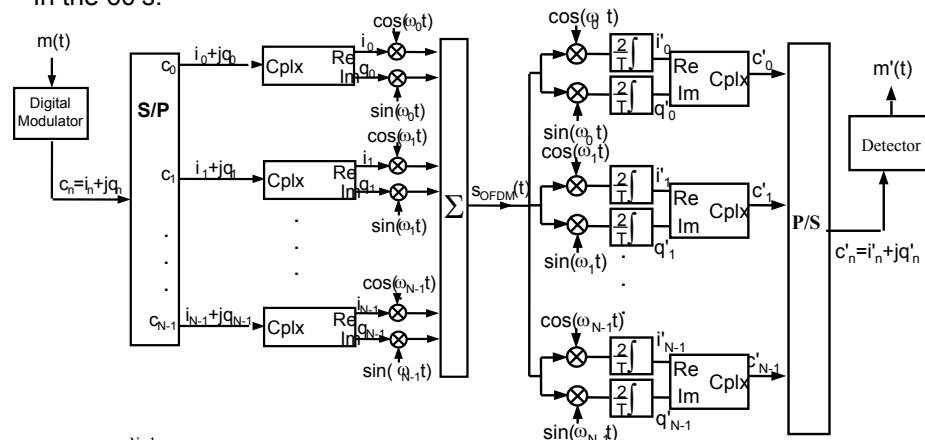
Introduction to OFDM

- The main aim of this approach is to avoid intersymbol interference, that is introduced by a multipath channel.
- A selective fading channel for a single carrier signal becomes a flat fading channel for each sub-carrier of the OFDM signal.
- Only the carriers around the channel nulls suffer the interference of the channel.



Introduction to OFDM

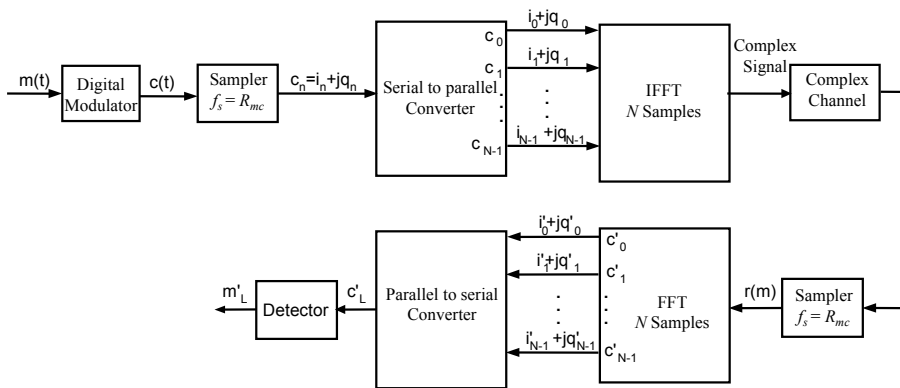
- The first approach to generate an OFDM system has been proposed in the 60's.



$$s_{OFDM}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} i_n \cos(\omega_n t) + q_n \sin(\omega_n t)$$

FFT/IFFT for OFDM

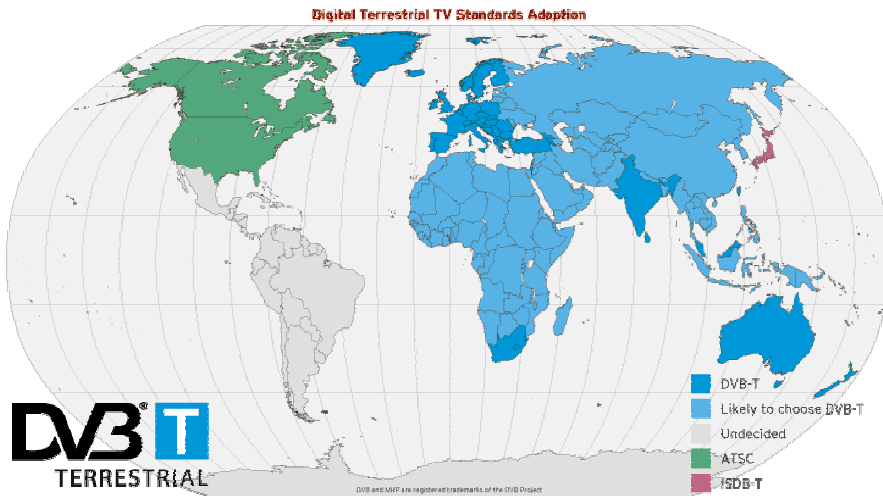
- To avoid these problems, the OFDM symbol can be generated using the Inverse Fast Fourier Transform and can be detected using the Fast Fourier Transform, as shown in the block diagram bellow.



DVB-T Standard - Introduction

- DVB-T was created in 1993 by a group called ELG.
- To attend the demand of every country in Europe, the DVB-T must be a robust system.
- The ELG decided to use Coded Orthogonal Frequency Multiplexing (COFDM) to mitigate the ISI introduced by the channel.
- In 1995 the first transmissions using the DVB-T have been made.
- Today, the DVB-T has been adopted by several countries all over the world.

DVB-T Standard - Introduction



DVB-T Standard - Main Characteristics

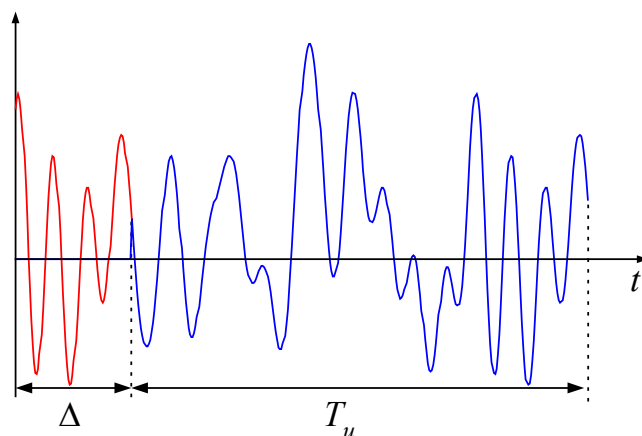
- The system is directly compatible with MPEG-2 TV signals.
- The DVB-T must coexist with the analog standards (PAL, SECAM, NTSC) and must be robust against co-channel interference.
- DVB-T must present high bandwidth efficiency, mainly when operating in VHF and UHF bands.

DVB-T Standard - Main Characteristics

- The DVB-T standard is specified to 6,7 and 8MHz bandwidths.
- This flexible specification has been proposed to guarantee that the DVB-T can be used in countries that uses different channel bandwidth to broadcast TV signal.
- DVB-T standard also uses different guard time to increase the system performance in a multipath environment and also to permit the use of Single Frequency Networks to cover a large area with high spectrum efficiency.

DVB-T Standard - Guard Interval

- The guard time in a OFDM system is a cyclical extension of the symbol, as shown bellow.



DVB-T Standard - Main Characteristics

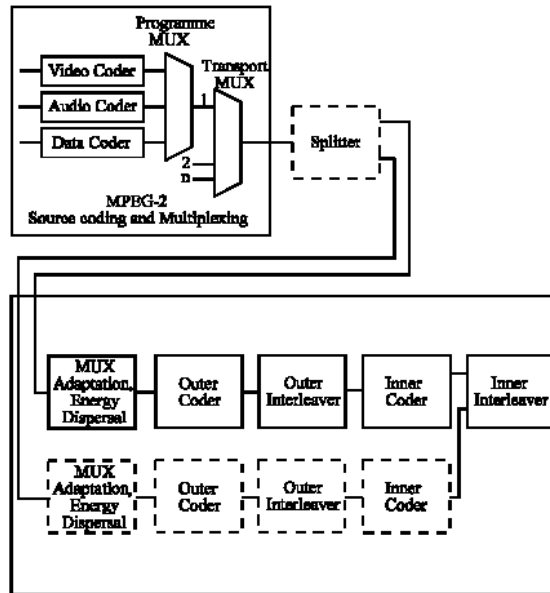
- The DVB-T presents two operational mode called 2k and 8k modes.
- 2k mode is used for single transmitter configuration or for small SFN's.
- 8k mode is used for large SFN's or in channels with severe multiple paths.
- The main difference between these two modes is the number of subcarriers and, consequently, the OFDM symbol time.

DVB-T Standard

- DVB-T can provide different trade-off between data rate and robustness.
- Beside the two available operational modes, there are several guard time and code rates that can be used to obtain either higher data rates or higher protection for the data.
- DVB-T also allows the use of different constellations to improve the the data rate or the robustness of the signal.
- DVB-T presents the possibility to use non-hierarchical and hierarchical transmission modes, as described following.

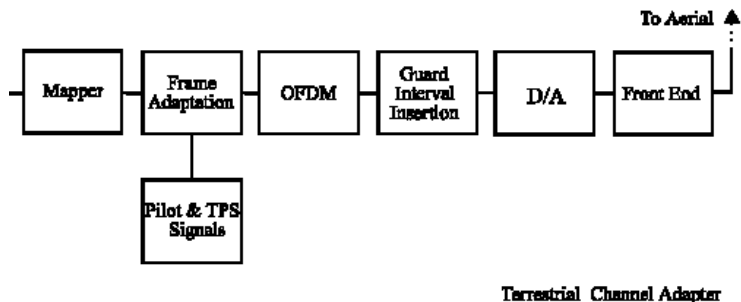
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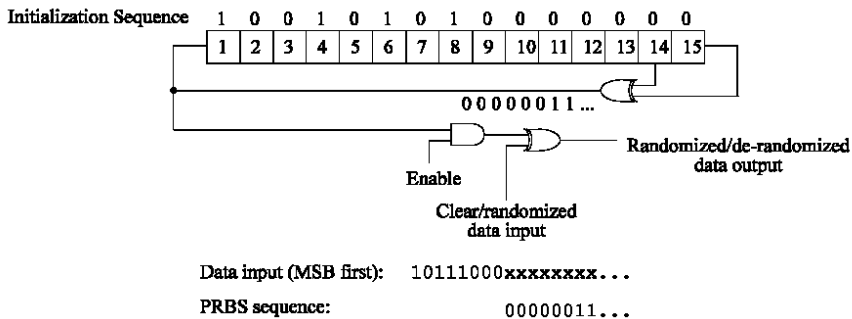
- The Splitter is used to separate the high priority information from the low priority information.
- The hierarchical process is restricted in the modulation and encoding to guarantee that a non-hierarchical receiver is able to decode the information.
- The source encoding is the same for the hierarchical and non-hierarchical transmissions.

DVB-T Standard - Main Characteristics

- With hierarchical transmission, it is possible to simultaneously transmit
 - a) the desired video and audio information at a high data rate and a EPG information at a low data rate or;
 - b) two versions of the same program, one with high robustness and low data rate and another with low robustness and high data rate.
- The hierarchical and non-hierarchical receivers are the same. The only difference is the ability to select one or another program.

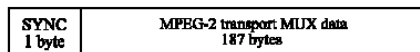
DVB-T Standard - Energy Dispersion

- The main aim of this block is to uniformly distribute the energy of the MPEG-2 packages in the available bandwidth.
- The MPEG-2 frame is composed by 188 bytes, 187 bytes of information and 1 byte for synchronism (47_H).
- The energy dispersion is realized by an OR-Exclusive operation between the incoming data bytes and the bytes given by a PN generator.

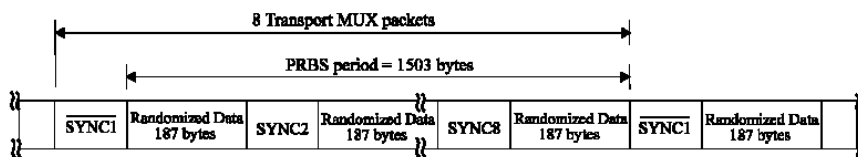


DVB-T Standard - Energy Dispersion

- The PN generator polynomial is given by $g(X)=1+X^{14}+X^{15}$.
- The initial seed is $4A80_H$ and the generator must be reinitialized with this seed every 8 MPEG-2 packages.
- To provide a synchronism to the receiver, the sync byte is inverted every 8 packages, which means that the data $B8_H$ is transmitted instead of 47_H .



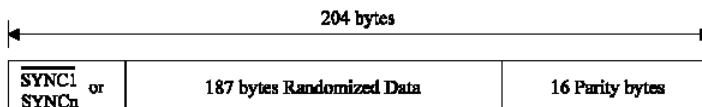
a) MPEG-2 transport MUX packet



b) Randomized transport packets: Sync bytes and Randomized Data bytes

DVB-T Standard - Outer Code

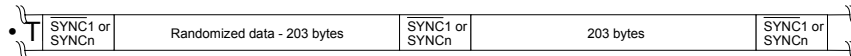
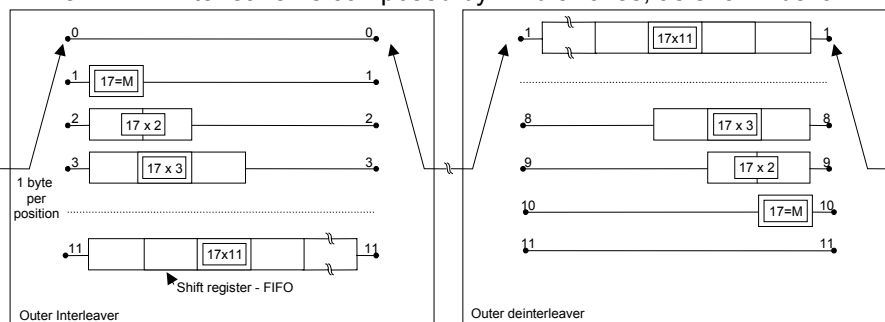
- The channel error code is a process where redundancies are inserted in the data stream to allow the receiver to identify and correct the errors introduced by the channel.
- The outer code used in DVB-T standard is a Reed Solomon code where 16 parity bytes are introduced for each MPEG-2 package, what results in a 204 bytes package.
- The error correction capability of this code is 8 bytes in a block of 204 bytes RS(204,188,8).
- Code generator polynomial - $g(x) = (x + \lambda^0)(x + \lambda^1)(x + \lambda^2) \dots (x + \lambda^{15})$ where $\lambda = 02_{16}$.



c) Reed-Solomon RS(204,188,8) error protected packets

DVB-T Standard - Outer Interleaver

- The aim of this block is to “scramble” the coded symbol to avoid burst errors in the reception.
- The DVB-T interleaver is composed by 12 branches, as shown bellow.



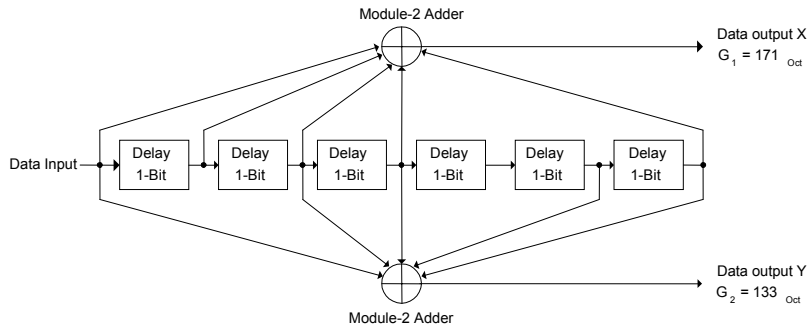
d) Data structure after the interleaver

DVB-T Standard - Inner Code

- DVB-T standard also uses a convolutional code to increase the BER performance of the system.
- The convolutional code introduces redundant bits.
- The generator polynomial used in this code are

$$G1(X)=1+X+X^2+X^3+X^6 \text{ or } G1=171_{\text{Oct}}$$

$$G2(Y)=1+Y^2+Y^3+Y^5+Y^6 \text{ or } G2=133_{\text{Oct}}$$

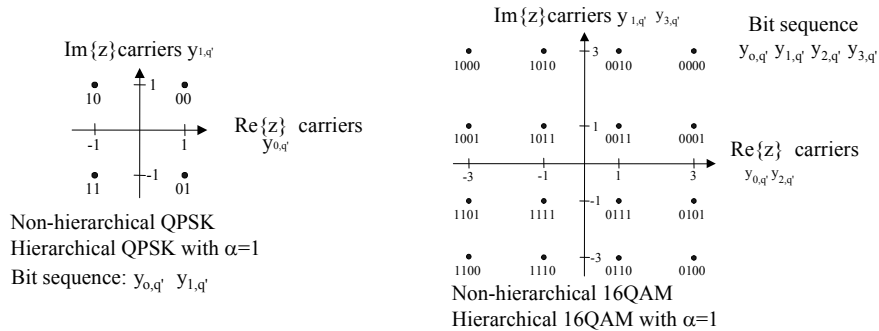


DVB-T Standard - Inner Interleaver

- The Inner interleaver is also used to void burst errors that can reduce the performance of the inner code.
- The inner interleaver is composed by a bit interleaver followed by a symbol interleaver.
- The bit interleaver depends on the modulation that is being used. It also depends if the transmission is hierarchical or non-hierarchical.

DVB-T Standard - Constellation and Mapping

- The DVB-T uses three different modulations to transmit the data symbols: QPSK, 16-QAM and 64-QAM.
- The 16-QAM and 64-QAM can be uniform or non-uniform, depending of the hierarchical or non-hierarchical modes.
- The shape of the constellation depends on the parameter α that can assume the values 1, 2 or 4.

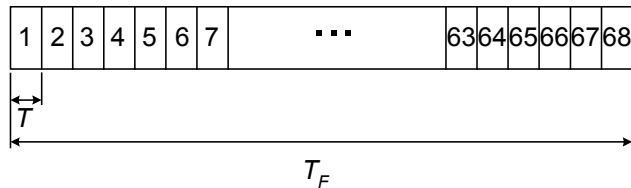


DVB-T Standard - Constellation and Mapping

- The α parameter is defined as the smallest distance between two high priority symbols divided by the smallest distance between two low priority symbols.
- The high priority symbols are always mapped in the corners of the 16-QAM and 64-QAM.
- A QPSK receiver can always demodulate the the high priority information.
- The high priority bits are transmitted in the symbols $y_{0,q'}$ and $y_{1,q'}$.
- To receive the low priority information it is necessary to decode the whole constellation.

DVB-T Standard - OFDM Frame Structure

- The information is structured in frames.
- Each frame is composed by 68 OFDM symbols with time duration of T_F seconds.



- In the 2k mode, the OFDM symbol is composed by 1705 carriers.
- In the 8k mode, the OFDM symbol is composed by 6817 carriers.
- OFDM symbol time: $T = T_u + \Delta$ where T_u is the useful time and Δ is the guard time interval.
- The available guard time interval are $T_u/4$, $T_u/8$, $T_u/16$ and $T_u/32$.

DVB-T Standard - OFDM Frame Structure

- In a OFDM frame there are four types of carriers:
 - 1) Data carriers: transmit the video and audio data.
 - 2) Continual pilot carriers: reference for frequency equalization and synchronization.
 - 3) Scattered pilot carriers: reference for frequency equalization and synchronization.
 - 4) TPS carriers: used to transmit the parameters used in the transmission.

DVB-T Standard - OFDM Frame Structure

- The scattered pilots changes its spectral position from OFDM symbol to OFDM symbol. A scattered carrier coincides with a continual carrier every fourth symbols.
- The number of useful carriers in a OFDM symbol is constant: 1512 in mode 2k and 6048 in mode 8k.
- The frequency distance between two adjacent carriers is given by $1/T_U$.

DVB-T Standard - OFDM Frame Structure

- Table bellow shows the main parameters of the OFDM symbol for 2k and 8k modes in different channel bandwidths.

Parameter	8k			2k		
	8MHz	7MHz	6MHz	8MHz	7MHz	6MHz
Number of carriers (K)	6817	6817	6817	1705	1705	1705
K_{min}	0	0	0	0	0	0
K_{max}	6816	6816	6816	1704	1704	1704
OFDM Symbol Time T_U [μs]	896	1024	1194,67	224	256	298,67
Carrier distance $1/T_U$ [Hz]	1116	976,563	837,054	4464	3906,25	3348,21
Occupied bandwidth $(K-1)/T_U$ [MHz]	7,61	6,66	5,71	7,61	6,66	5,71

DVB-T Standard - OFDM Frame Structure

- The following tables present the available guar time intervals, for the different bandwidths.

Mode	8k				2k			
Time guard interval Δ/T_U	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
Useful symbol duration T_U	8 192 * T 896 μ s				2 048 * T 224 μ s			
Time guard duration Δ	2048*T 224 μ s	1024*T 112 μ s	512*T 56 μ s	256*T 28 μ s	512*T 56 μ s	256*T 28 μ s	128*T 14 μ s	64*T 7 μ s
Symbol duration $T_s = \Delta + T_U$	10240*T 1120 μ s	9216*T 1008 μ s	8704*T 952 μ s	8448*T 924 μ s	2560*T 280 μ s	2304*T 252 μ s	2176*T 238 μ s	2112*T 231 μ s

BW=8MHz

DVB-T Standard - OFDM Frame Structure

- The following tables present the available guar time intervals, for the different bandwidths.

Mode	8k				2k			
Time guard interval Δ/T_U	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
Useful symbol duration T_U	8 192 * T 1024 μ s				2 048 * T 256 μ s			
Time guard duration Δ	2048*T 256 μ s	1024*T 128 μ s	512*T 64 μ s	256*T 32 μ s	512*T 64 μ s	256*T 32 μ s	128*T 16 μ s	64*T 8 μ s
Symbol duration $T_s = \Delta + T_U$	10240*T 1280 μ s	9216*T 1152 μ s	8704*T 1088 μ s	8448*T 1026 μ s	2560*T 320 μ s	2304*T 288 μ s	2176*T 272 μ s	2112*T 264 μ s

BW=7MHz

DVB-T Standard - OFDM Frame Structure

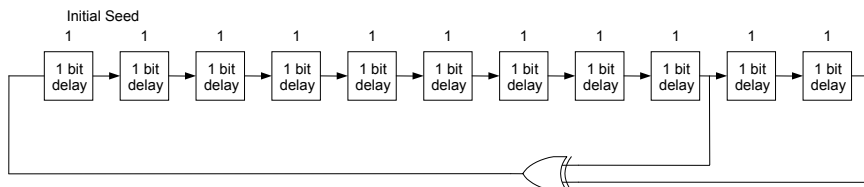
- The following tables present the available guard time intervals, for the different bandwidths.

Mode	8k				2k			
Time guard interval Δ/T_U	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
Useful symbol duration T_U	$8\,192 * T$ $1194,67 \mu s$				$2\,048 * T$ $298,67 \mu s$			
Time guard duration Δ	$2048 * T$ $298,67 \mu s$	$1024 * T$ $149,33 \mu s$	$512 * T$ $74,67 \mu s$	$256 * T$ $37,33 \mu s$	$512 * T$ $74,67 \mu s$	$256 * T$ $37,33 \mu s$	$128 * T$ $18,67 \mu s$	$64 * T$ $9,33 \mu s$
Symbol duration $T_S = \Delta + T_U$	$10240 * T$ $1493,3 \mu s$	$9216 * T$ $1344 \mu s$	$8704 * T$ $1269,3 \mu s$	$8448 * T$ $1232 \mu s$	$2560 * T$ $373,3 \mu s$	$2304 * T$ $336 \mu s$	$2176 * T$ $317,3 \mu s$	$2112 * T$ $308 \mu s$

BW=6MHz

DVB-T Standard - Reference Signals

- Some carriers are used to transmit reference signals that are known a priori by the receiver.
- The values transmitted by the continual and scattered pilot carriers are derived from a Pseudo Random Bit Sequence (PRBS).
- The PRBS used to modulate the pilot carriers is obtained from the circuit below with the following generator polynomial: $g(X)=X^{11}+X^2+1$

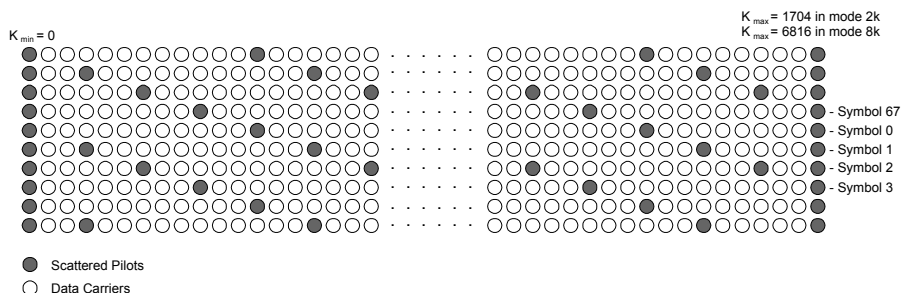


PRBS: $w_k = 1111111111100...$

- The first bit of the PRBS coincides with the first active carrier. The index k is the number of the pilot carrier.

DVB-T Standard - Scattered Pilots Position

- The Scattered Pilots carriers are transmitted with boosted power, which means that its amplitude is 16/9 times higher than the amplitude of a data carrier.
- Figure below presents the position of the scattered pilots for different OFDM symbols.



DVB-T Standard - Continual Pilot Position

- There are 45 continual pilot carriers in 2k mode and 177 in 8k mode.
- Continual pilot carriers are transmitted at boosted power level.

Continual pilot carrier position (index number k)	
2k mode	8k mode
0 48 54 87 141 156	0 48 54 87 141 156 192 201 255 279 282 333 432 450 483 525 531
192 201 255 279 282	618 636 714 759 765 780 804 873 888 918 939 942 969 984 1050
333 432 450 483 525	1101 1107 1110 1137 1140 1146 1206 1269 1323 1377 1491 1683
531 618 636 714 759	1704 1752 1758 1791 1845 1860 1896 1905 1959 1983 1986 2037
765 780 804 873 888	2136 2154 2187 2229 2235 2322 2340 2418 2463 2469 2484 2508
918 939 942 969 984	2577 2592 2622 2643 2646 2673 2688 2754 2805 2811 2841 2844
1050 1101 1107 1110	2850 2910 2973 3027 3081 3195 3387 3408 3456 3462 3495 3549
1137 1140 1146 1206	3564 3600 3609 3663 3687 3690 3741 3840 3858 3891 3933 3939
1269 1323 1377 1491	4026 4044 4122 4167 4173 4188 4212 4281 4296 4326 4347 4350
1683 1704	4377 4392 4458 4509 4515 4518 4545 4548 4554 4614 4677 4731
	4785 4899 5091 5112 5160 5166 5199 5253 5268 5304 5313 5367
	5391 5394 5445 5544 5562 5595 5637 5643 5730 5748 5826 5871
	5877 5892 5916 5985 6000 6030 6051 6054 6081 6096 6162 6213
	6219 6222 6249 6252 6258 6318 6381 6435 6489 6603 6795 6816

DVB-T Standard - Transmission Parameter Signaling

- The TPS is used to inform the receiver which configuration is being used to broadcast the data, as modulation scheme, code rate, etc.
- These data are transmitted in every OFDM symbol.
- The TPS carriers are transmitted with the same power used to transmit the data.
- The TPS carriers are modulated using DBPSK modulation.
- There are 17 TPS carriers in 2k mode and 68 in 8k mode.
- The position of each TPS carrier is defined in the following table.

2k mode							8k mode											
34	50	209	346	413	569	595	34	50	209	346	413	569	595	688	790	901	1073	1219
688	790	901	1073	1219	1262		1262	1286	1469	1594	1687	1738	1754	1913	2050	2117		
1286	1469	1594	1687				2273	2299	2392	2494	2605	2777	2923	2966	2990	3173		
							3298	3391	3442	3458	3617	3754	3821	3977	4003	4096		
							4198	4309	4481	4627	4670	4694	4877	5002	5095	5146		
							5162	5321	5458	5525	5681	5707	5800	5902	6013	6198		
							6374	6398	6581	6706	6799							

DVB-T Standard - Bit Rate

	Modulation	Code Rate	Time guard interval			
			1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
QPSK		1/2	4,98	5,53	5,85	6,03
		2/3	6,64	7,37	7,81	8,04
		3/4	7,46	8,29	8,78	9,05
		5/6	8,29	9,22	9,76	10,05
		7/8	8,71	9,68	10,25	10,56
16-QAM		1/2	9,95	11,06	11,71	12,06
		2/3	13,27	14,75	15,61	16,09
		3/4	14,93	16,59	17,56	18,10
		5/6	16,59	18,43	19,52	20,11
		7/8	17,42	19,35	20,49	21,11
64-QAM		1/2	14,93	16,59	17,56	18,10
		2/3	19,91	22,12	23,42	24,13
		3/4	22,39	24,88	26,35	27,14
		5/6	24,88	27,65	29,27	30,16
		7/8	26,13	29,03	30,74	31,67

ISDB-T Standard - Introduction

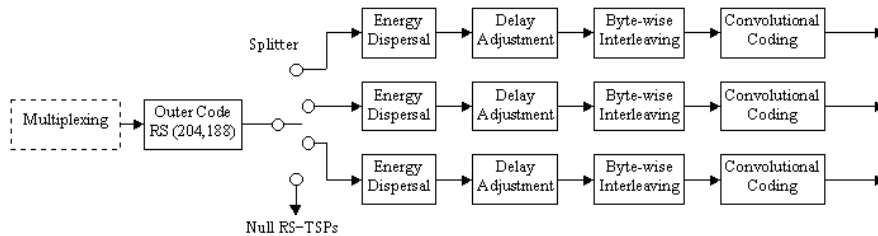
- The Integrated Service Digital Broadcasting - Terrestrial has been proposed by Japan in 1999.
- It has been based on the European standard and presents some improvements to support mobile digital television.
- MPEG-2 is used as video and audio source compression.
- Spectral segmentation allows partial reception of the transmitted data.

ISDB-T Standard - Introduction

- Channel error control and interleaving are the same used in DVB-T.
- A differential modulation has been introduced to allow mobile reception.
- The hierarchical transmission is realized using the band segmented transmission (BST).
- Up to three segments are allowed. Channel coding is applied for each segment.

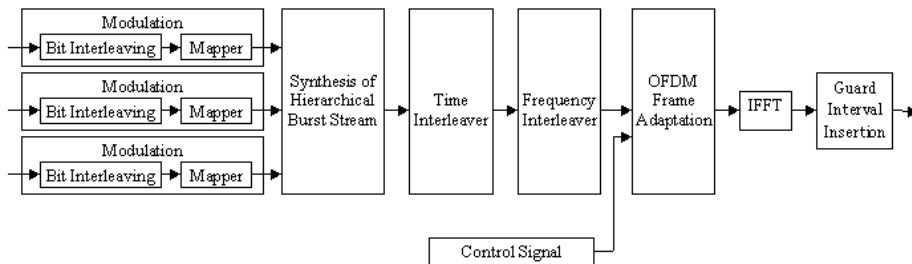
ISDB-T Standard - Introduction

Block diagram of the ISDB-T transmitter



ISDB-T Standard - Introduction

Block diagram of the ISDB-T transmitter



ISDB-T Standard - Specifications

Mode		Mode 1		Mode 2		Mode 3	
Bandwidth		6000/14 = 428.57... kHz					
Carrier Spacing		6000/(14×108) = 3.968... kHz		6000/(14×216) = 1.9841... kHz		6000/(14×432) = 0.99206... kHz	
Number of Carriers	Total	108	108	216	216	432	432
	Data	96	96	192	192	384	384
	SP*1	9	0	18	0	36	0
	CP*1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	TMCC*2	1	5	2	10	4	20
	AC1*3	2	2	4	4	8	8
	AC2*3	0	4	0	9	0	19
Carrier Modulation		16QAM, 64QAM, QPSK		16QAM, 64QAM, QPSK		16QAM, 64QAM, QPSK	
Number of Symbol per Frame		204					
Effective Symbol Duration		252 μs		504 μs		1008 μs	
Guard Interval		63 μs (1/4), 31.5 μs (1/8), 15.75 μs (1/16), 7.875 μs (1/32)		126 μs (1/4), 63 μs (1/8), 31.5 μs (1/16), 15.75 μs (1/32)		252 μs (1/4), 126 μs (1/8), 63 μs (1/16), 31.5 μs (1/32)	
Frame Duration		64.26 ms (1/4), 57.834 ms (1/8), 54.621 ms (1/16), 53.0145 ms (1/32)		128.52 ms (1/4), 115.668 ms (1/8), 109.242 ms (1/16), 106.029 ms (1/32)		257.04 ms (1/4), 231.336 ms (1/8), 218.464 ms (1/16), 212.058 ms (1/32)	
FFT sample clock		512/63 = 8.126984... MHz					
Inner Code		Convolutional Code (1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8)					
Outer Code		RS (204,188)					

*1: SP (Scattered Pilot), and CP (Continual Pilot) can be used for frequency synchronisation and channel estimation.

*2: TMCC (Transmission and Multiplexing Configuration Control) carries information on transmission parameters.

*3: AC (Auxiliary Channel) carries ancillary information for network operation.

ISDB-T Standard - Data Rates

- The minimum and maximum data rates are:

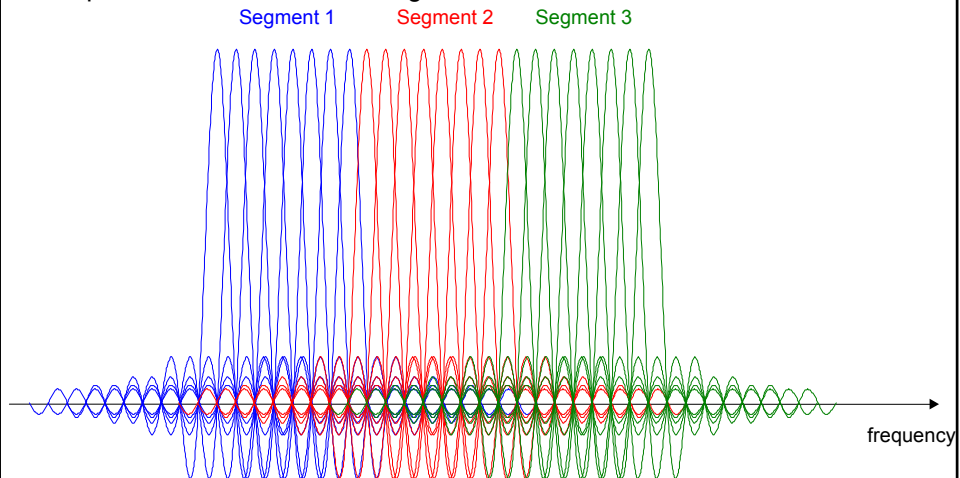
1) For a 6MHz channel: 3.65Mbps up to 23.23Mbps.

2) For a 7MHz channel: 4.26Mbps up to 27.11Mbps.

3) For a 8MHz channel: 4.87Mbps up to 30.98Mbps.

ISDB-T Standard - BST Transmission

- Spectrum of a BST-OFDM signal.



Agenda

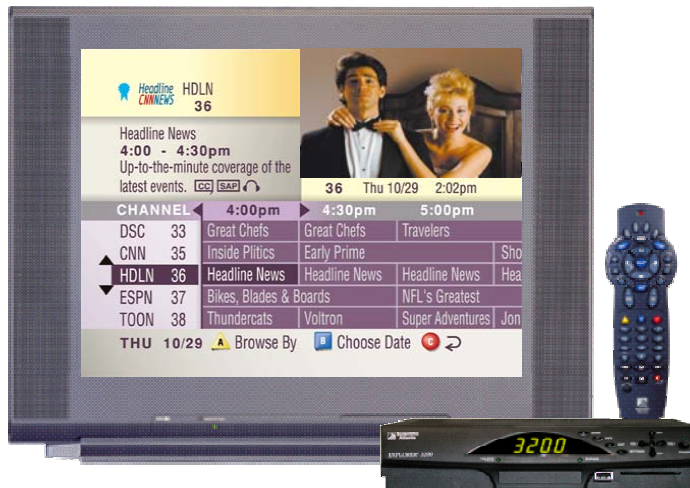
- Part I
 - Overview of digital television systems;
- Part II
 - RF / Transmission subsystems for terrestrial broadcast systems (ATSC, DVB-T, ISDB-T);
- Part III
 - **Interactivity in cable, satellite and terrestrial networks;**
 - **Return channel for terrestrial networks: DVB-RCT standard;**

What is interactive TV?

- Interactive TV is a broad term that includes any services which enhance the TV viewing experience and add new functionality to the TV;
- It enables viewers to play along with TV game shows, vote, answer quiz questions, win prizes, or request information through an interactive advertisement;
- It can also mean t-commerce applications that enable viewers to purchase merchandise using their TV remote control, rather than ordering from the Internet or by telephone;
- Electronic Program Guides, Home banking or ordering pizza;

Passive experience x Active entertainment

Electronic Program Guide



Walled Garden



E-mail



Infrastructure needed for interactivity

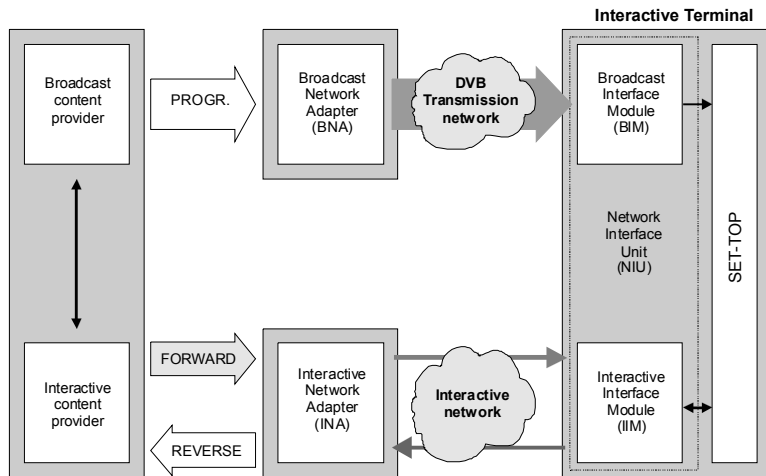
- **Create content:** interactive content is a combination of text, graphics and video, which require a set of tools to be pulled together into a coherent unit;
- **Transmit content:** like traditional TV programming, the interactive content must be transmitted to the viewer. It has to be scheduled, optionally linked or even real-time synchronized with particular TV programming, and sent to the viewers in the transmission stream;
- **Deliver and deploy content:** the set-top box must know how to handle synchronization, display the various types of text, video and graphics, and support viewer interactions locally or via a return path.

Interactivity in DTV systems

- Unidirectional architecture described in Part I is enough to provide broadcast services with standalone applications;
- To support Internet-based applications or pay-per-view, a two-way link between the content provider and the set-top box is necessary;
- The type of platform – cable, satellite or terrestrial – dictates the applications possible to be offered, given the return path available.

Interactive DTV architecture I

Generic reference model



Interactivity in DTH

- DTH pioneered digital TV in Brazil;
- Best position to introduce new services to existing base;
- Currently, almost only standalone applications, due to limitations in the return path via PSTN;
- Broadband internet connection
 - Higher prices than xDSL or cable modem
 - No restriction on geographic location
- EN 300 800 – DVB-RCS; Interaction channel for satellite distribution system.

Interactivity in cable TV networks

- Brazilian cable operators still broadcasting analog;
- Pay-per-view still being handled through telephone calls;
- Most operators already have their HFC network two-way capable;
- Cable modem is a reality and ADSL is its main competitor;
- Recent announcement from NET and TVA favorable to DVB-C at the physical layer;

Interactivity in cable TV networks

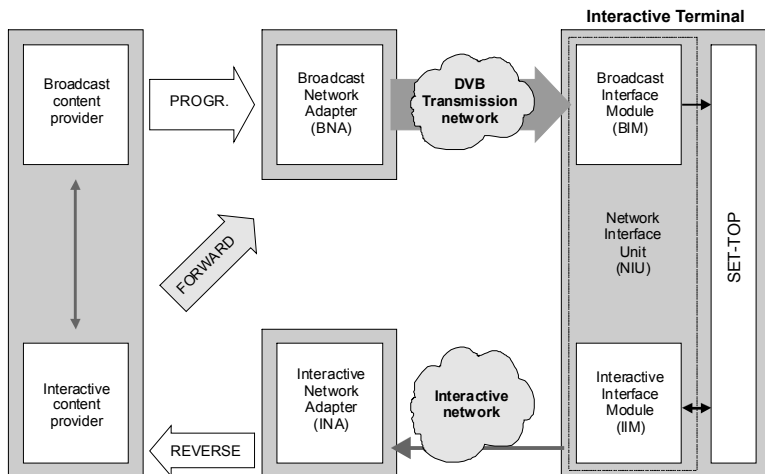
- DOCSIS (Data Over Cable Service Interface Specifications): uses 64-QAM or 256-QAM in the forward path, with rates up to 42.884 Mbit/s, QPSK or 16-QAM in the reverse path, with rates from 0.32 to 10.24 Mbit/s.
- ANSI/SCTE 55-1 (former DVS-178): developed by GI, uses MPEG-2 TS at 2.048 Mbit/s, ATM at 256 kbit/s in the return path, QPSK modulation;
- ANSI/SCTE 55-2 (former DVS-167): developed by SA, uses ATM cells and maximum rate is 3.088 Mbit/s, QPSK modulation.

Interactivity in terrestrial DTV systems

- Current discussions in Brazil more focused in the physical layer of the broadcast channel;
- Interactive applications still a question mark;
- One alternative for the return path is specified by the DVB-RCT standard (EN 301 958 v1.1.1);
 - Defines the physical and MAC layers for a wireless return path using the VHF/UHF bands;
 - Designed to work with DVB-T

Interactive DTV architecture II

Reference model for the DVB-RCT



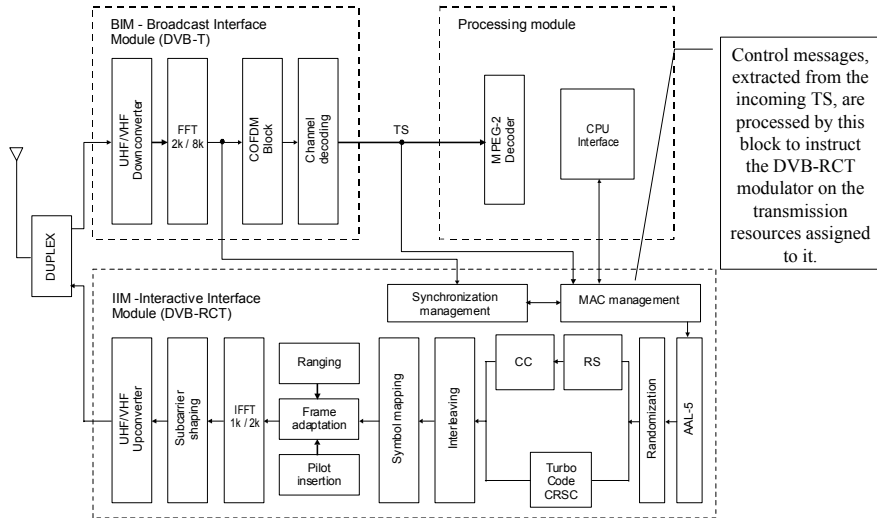
Physical layer of DVB-RCT

- DVB-T x DVB-RCT
 - DVB-T: same data sequence sent to all users;
 - DVB-RCT: multiple users share the same resource;
- OFDMA multiple access
 - On-demand allocation of carriers to users;
- Use of subchannels, with carriers spread along the frequency spectrum;
 - Mitigate effects due to selective fading;
 - Ability to concentrate power in certain subchannels to improve coverage;
- Pulse shaping at the transmission
 - Rectangular shaping;
 - Nyquist shaping

What is OFDMA?

- **O**rthogonal **F**requency **D**ivision **M**ultiple **A**ccess;
- OFDMA combines modulation and a multiple access scheme;
- OFDMA is based on OFDM, multiple narrowband sub-modulated carriers transmitted in parallel;
- OFDMA combines time division and frequency division multiple access techniques;

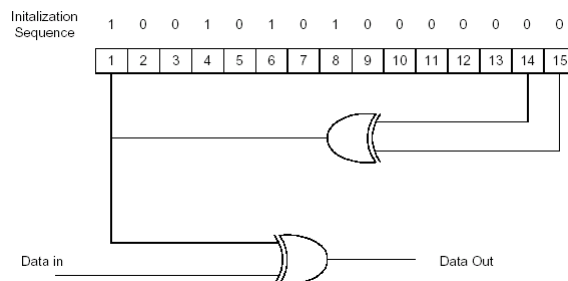
Physical layer of DVB-RCT



DVB-RCT: Randomization

The shift-register of the randomizer shall be initialized for each new data payload with the binary value: 100101010000000 (45 200 in octal). Each data byte to be transmitted shall enter sequentially into the randomizer, MSB first.

The Pseudo Random Binary Sequence (PRBS) generator shall be $1 + X^{14} + X^{15}$.



The objective of randomization is to perform energy dispersion in the available bandwidth

DVB-RCT: channel encoding

- Two channel encoding methods are defined:
 - Concatenated Reed-Solomon encoding and convolutional encoding
 - Turbo encoding
- Whatever the method used, the data bursts, produced after the encoding and physical modulation processes, have a fixed length of 144 modulated symbols

Modulation	Rate	Input block
QPSK	$\frac{1}{2}$	18 bytes
	$\frac{3}{4}$	27 bytes
16-QAM	$\frac{1}{2}$	36 bytes
	$\frac{3}{4}$	54 bytes
64-QAM	$\frac{1}{2}$	54 bytes
	$\frac{3}{4}$	81 bytes

DVB-RCT channel encoding (Reed Solomon + Convolutional)

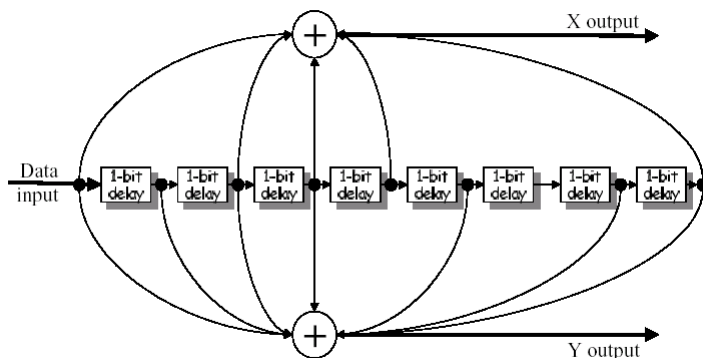
- Each RS symbol contains $m = 6$ bits and the code is capable of correcting up to $t = 4$ errors.
- The resulting RS code follows the conventional form:

$$(N, K) = (2^m - 1, 2^m - 1 - 2t) = (63, 55)$$

Global Code rate	Reed-Solomon Code rate	Convolutional Code rate
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{9}{10}$	$\frac{5}{6}$

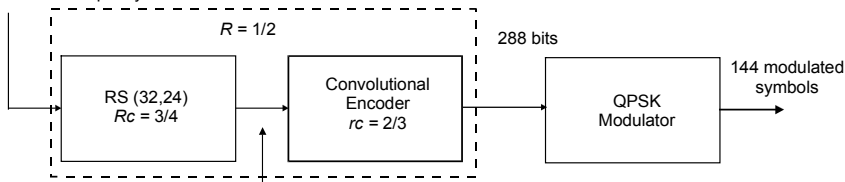
DVB-RCT channel encoding (Reed Solomon + Convolutional)

- Non Systematic Convolutional encoder parameters are: $r = \frac{1}{2}$, $K = 9$, $G_1 = 576_{\text{oct}}$ and $G_2 = 753_{\text{oct}}$



18-byte input RS + CC

144 bits = 24 RS data symbols
+ 31 RS null symbols
= 55 RS input symbols



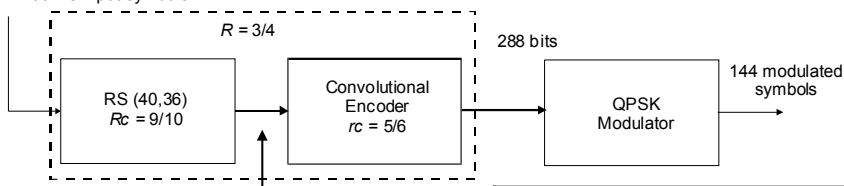
24 data symbols
+ 8 parity symbols
= 32 output symbols
= 192 bits

Global Code rate	Reed-Solomon Code rate	Convolutional Code rate
1 / 2	3 / 4	2 / 3
3 / 4	9 / 10	5 / 6

RS Code Rate	Encoding scheme	Transmitted scheme
$\frac{3}{4}$	31 zero symbols, 24 Data symbols, No erasures - Using 8 parity symbols.	32 symbols
$\frac{9}{10}$	19 zero symbols, 36 Data symbols, 4 erasures - Using first 4 parity symbols of the 8 parity symbols.	40 symbols

27-byte input RS + CC

216 bits = 36 RS data symbols
+ 19 RS null symbols
= 55 RS input symbols



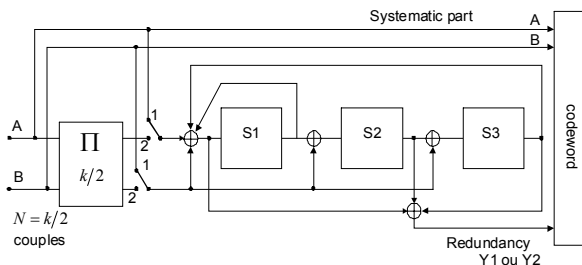
36 data symbols
+ 4 parity symbols
= 40 output symbols
= 240 bits

Global Code rate	Reed-Solomon Code rate	Convolutional Code rate
1 / 2	3 / 4	2 / 3
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DVB-RCT channel encoding (Turbo CRSC)

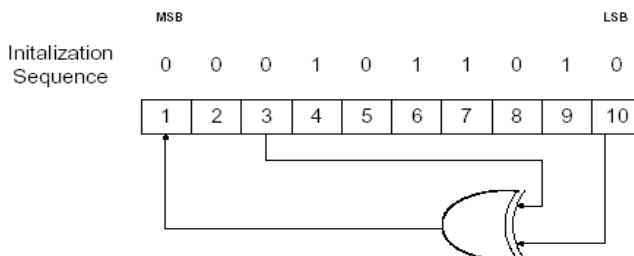
- **C**ircular **R**ecursive **S**ystematic **C**onvolutional encoding;
- Parallel concatenation of two RSC component encoders, each one with two inputs;
- “Circular” because it uses a technique such that, at the end of the encoding operation, the encoder comes back to an “initial” state and there's no need for zero-padding to terminate the block;



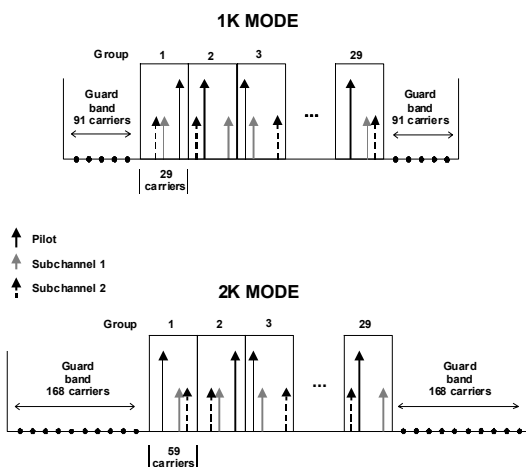
A puncturing device is used to adapt coding rate to $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$

Interleaving

- PRBS generator produces an index value, which corresponds to the output position of the input bit into the interleaved data burst (i.e., the new position is the value of the PRBS memory register).



DVB-RCT in the frequency domain

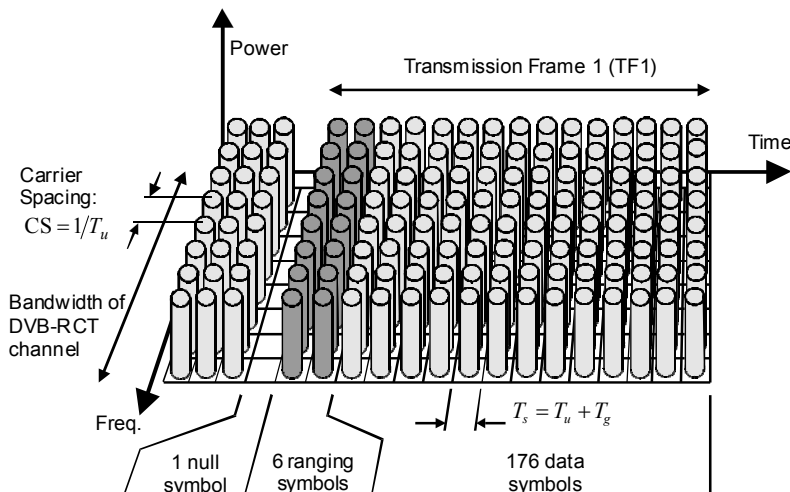


Nº carriers	2,048	1,024
Nº useful carriers	1,712	842
CS1	837 Hz	837 Hz
Useful symbol duration	1.195 µs	1.195 µs
BW	1,433 MHz	0,705 MHz
CS2	1.674 Hz	1.674 Hz
Useful symbol duration	597 µs	597 µs
BW	2,866 MHz	1,410 MHz
CS3	3.348 Hz	3.348 Hz
Useful symbol duration	299 µs	299 µs
BW	5,732 MHz	2,819 MHz

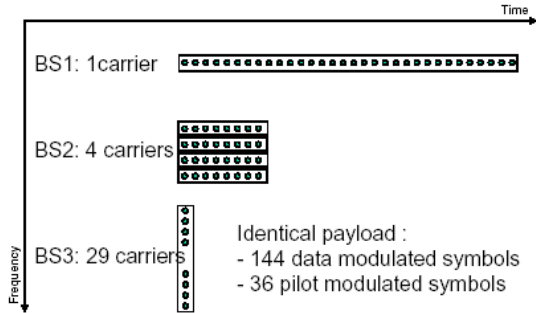
DVB-RCT system clock

- The time reference is derived from the DVB-T downstream. In EN 300 744 the DVB-T reference clock is defined as 149 ns for 6 MHz systems.
- Accordingly, the DVB-RCT system clock is defined as:
 - four times the DVB-T system clock period in the case of CS1;
 - two times the DVB-T system clock period in the case of CS1;
 - one time the DVB-T system clock period in the case of CS1.

DVB-RCT in the time domain



DVB-RCT: three Burst Structures



The mapping of the Burst Structures onto the Transmission Frames is done by the MAC layer

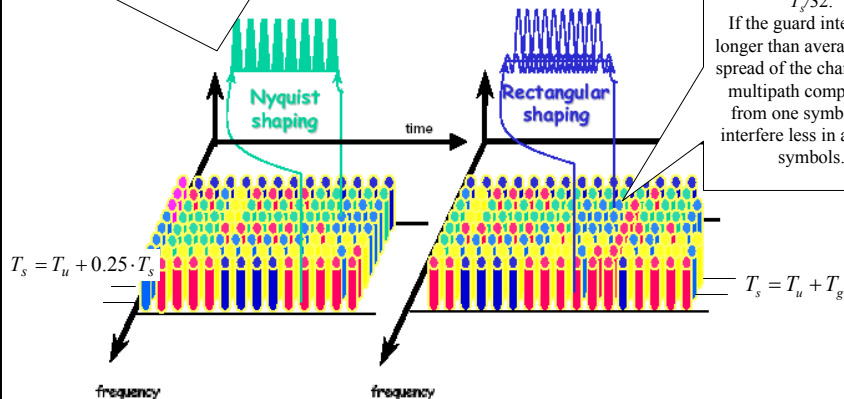
Shorter burst duration is more robust against interference, but it requires more than one carrier to be allocated in parallel to a single user for a single bandwidth request.

Pulse shaping

Pulse shape in the time domain yields a time-limited square root raised cosine pulse with a roll-off factor equal to 0.25. Provides more immunity against ICI because the resulting spectrum decays more rapidly than when rectangular shaping is being used

A guard interval T_g is included between symbols. T_g can be equal to $T_s/4$, $T_s/8$, $T_s/16$ or $T_s/32$.

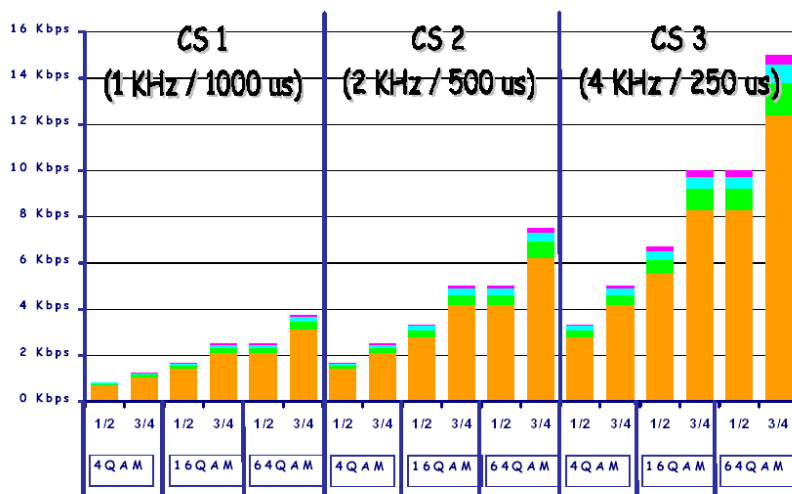
If the guard interval is longer than average delay spread of the channel, the multipath components from one symbol will interfere less in adjacent symbols.



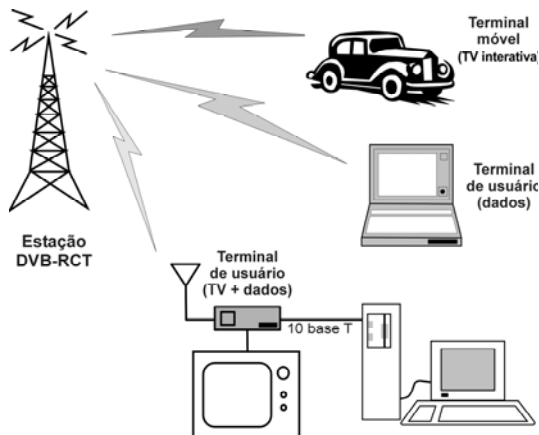
DVB-RCT: Transmission parameters

- Number of subcarriers: 1K or 2K
- Carrier spacing: 837 Hz, 1674 Hz, 3348 Hz
- Carrier shaping: Nyquist or rectangular
- Channel coding: Turbo codes or Concatenated Reed-Solomon & CC
- Coding rates: $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$
- Physical modulation: QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM
- Burst size: 144 symbols + 32 pilots
- Burst structures: BS1, BS2, BS3
- Payload per burst: 18, 27, 36, 54, 81 bytes

DVB-RCT: Bit rate per carrier



Case study



Calculate:

- ☐ Maximum number of users in one cell;
- ☐ Number of 6 MHz channels required in *downstream*;

Case study (premises)

- ☐ One 6 MHz channel dedicated to upstream;
- ☐ Required code rate per user: 128 kbit/s;
- ☐ Concentration factor $\gamma = 0,30$;
- ☐ Asymmetry factor $\rho = 0,25$;
- ☐ Guard interval: $T_g = 1/32 \times T_s$;
- ☐ Propagation model: NLOS;
- ☐ Transmission power of the DVB-RCT module: $P_{usuário} = 1 \text{ W}$;
- ☐ Transmission power of the DVB-T signal at the base station: $P_{rbs} = 100 \text{ W}$;
- ☐ Antenna gain at the user side: $G_{usuário} = 18 \text{ dBi}$;
- ☐ Antenna gain at the base station side: $G_{rbs} = 18 \text{ dBi}$;
- ☐ Antenna height at the base station: 50 m;
- ☐ Noise figure at the base station receiver: 5 dB;
- ☐ Noise figure at the user's terminal: 6 dB;
- ☐ Fading margin at the base station: 5 dB;
- ☐ Fading margin at the set-top return module: 5 dB;

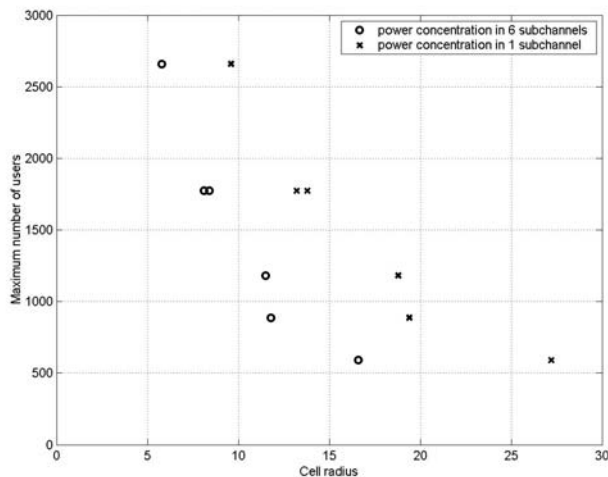
Case study

- Without considering the header of above layers, the total capacity of the system in terms of the maximum number of users can be expressed by this simple equation:

$$N_{\max} = \frac{R_{\text{available}}}{\rho \cdot \gamma \cdot R_{\text{user}}}$$

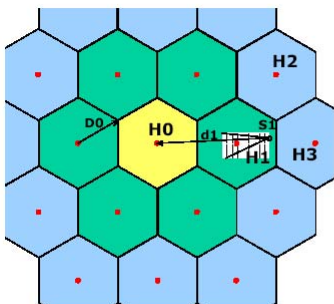


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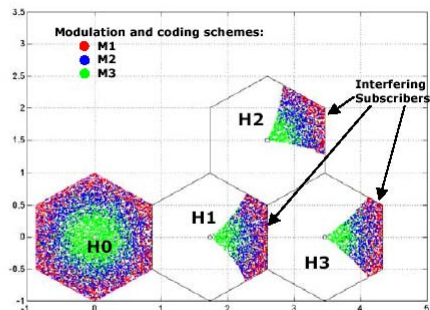


A minimum of three 6-MHz channels would be necessary for the downlink

Interfering scenario



Cellular layout. First two layers interfering with H0.

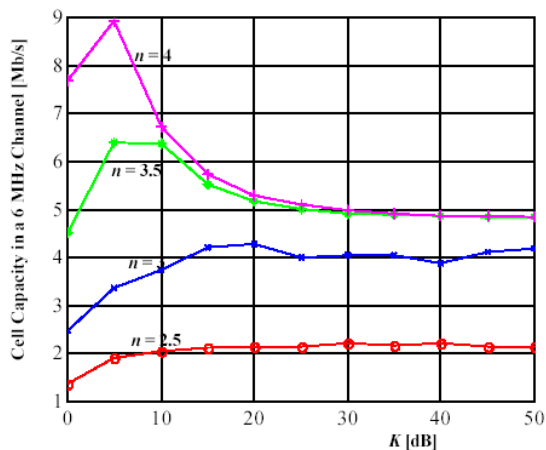


H0: Allocation of modulation and coding schemes to subscribers.
H1, H2, H3: Only for the subscribers interfering with H0

Interfering scenario

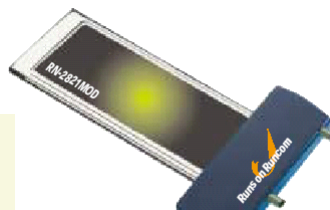
	M1	M2	M3
Modulation	QPSK	16-QAM	64-QAM
Coding	Turbo $R_C = 1/2$	Turbo $R_C = 1/2$	Turbo $R_C = 1/2$
m	2	4	6
G_P [dB]	14.7	11.7	9.9
E_B/N_0 [dB]	5	9	13
C/I [dB]	-9.7	-2.7	3.1
Throughput per subchannel [Kb/s]	96.1	192.3	288.4
Total Channel Payload Throughput [Mb/s]	5.67	11.35	17.0

Interfering scenario



Chipset

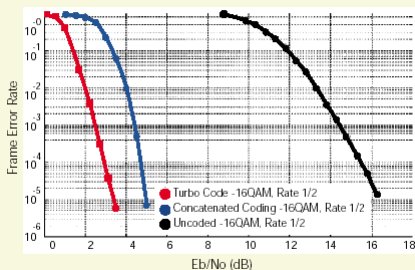
RN-2821MOD



RN-2821MOD Specifications

Item	Description
Chip Set	RN-2821, 32 bit MIPS core CPU, SDRAM and FLASH
Configuration	Single board
RF Front End	RN-2821UHF
Network Interface	Ethernet 10/100 BaseT, RJ45 USB or RS-232
Application Processor I/F	DVB-CI
DC Input	3A @ 15VDC
Operating Temperature	0° C - 50° C

Forward Error Correction:



Summary

- Overview of DTV architectures;
- Details about the physical layer for the standards available today that govern the broadcast channel in terrestrial networks;
- Overview about interactive DTV;
- Description of the physical layer of a wireless return channel for terrestrial DTV: the DVB-RCT standard.

Final remarks

- Interactive DTV applications are a reality for subscribers of CATV outside Brazil;
- For terrestrial DTV, several alternatives exist for the return path: PSTN, cellular, ADSL or the DVB-RCT;
- In Brazil, viewers currently make use of phone calls to participate in interactive programming and to purchase products announced by merchandising;
- Operation of DVB-RCT together with ATSC;
- Some results from field trials of the DVB-RCT are available in the literature.