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News Gathering and other broadband satellite applications;  
Part 1: DVB-S2**

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The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable covering a "second generation" modulation and channel coding system, denoted "DVB-S2", as identified below:

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## Introduction

DVB-S (EN 300 421 [2]) was introduced as a standard in 1994 and DVB-DSNG (EN 301 210 [3]) in 1997. The DVB-S standard specifies QPSK modulation and concatenated convolutional and Reed-Solomon channel coding, and is now used by most satellite operators worldwide for television and data broadcasting services. DVB-DSNG specifies, in addition to DVB-S format, the use of 8PSK and 16QAM modulation for satellite news gathering and contribution services.

Since 1997, digital satellite transmission technology has evolved somewhat:

- New channel coding schemes, combined with higher order modulation, promise more powerful alternatives to the DVB-S/DVB-DSNG coding and modulation schemes. The result is a capacity gain in the order of 30 % at a given transponder bandwidth and transmitted EIRP, depending on the modulation type and code rate.
- Variable Coding and Modulation (VCM) may be applied to provide different levels of error protection to different service components (e.g. SDTV and HDTV, audio, multimedia).
- In the case of interactive and point-to-point applications, the VCM functionality may be combined with the use of return channels, to achieve Adaptive Coding and Modulation (ACM). This technique provides more exact channel protection and dynamic link adaptation to propagation conditions, targeting each individual receiving terminal. ACM systems promise satellite capacity gains of up to 100 % to 200 %. In addition, service availability may be extended compared to a constant protection system (CCM) such as DVB-S or DVB-DSNG. Such gains are achieved by informing the satellite up-link station of the channel condition (e.g. C/N+I) of each receiving terminal via the satellite or terrestrial return channels.
- DVB-S and DVB-DSNG are strictly focused on a unique data format, the MPEG Transport Stream (ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1] or a reference to it). Extended flexibility to cope with other input data formats (such as multiple Transport Streams, or generic data formats) is now possible without significant complexity increase.

The present document defines a "second generation" modulation and channel coding system (denoted the "System" or "DVB-S2" for the purposes of the present document) to make use of the improvements listed above. DVB-S2 is a single, very flexible standard, covering a variety of applications by satellite, as described below. It is characterized by:

- a flexible input stream adapter, suitable for operation with single and multiple input streams of various formats (packetized or continuous);
- a powerful FEC system based on LDPC (Low-Density Parity Check) codes concatenated with BCH codes, allowing Quasi-Error-Free operation at about 0,7 dB to 1 dB from the Shannon limit, depending on the transmission mode (AWGN channel, modulation constrained Shannon limit);
- a wide range of code rates (from 1/4 up to 9/10); 4 constellations, ranging in spectrum efficiency from 2 bit/s/Hz to 5 bit/s/Hz, optimized for operation over non-linear transponders;
- a set of three spectrum shapes with roll-off factors 0,35, 0,25 and 0,20;
- Adaptive Coding and Modulation (ACM) functionality, optimizing channel coding and modulation on a frame-by-frame basis.

The System has been optimized for the following **broadband satellite applications**:

### **Broadcast Services (BS) Digital multi-programme Television (TV)/High Definition Television (HDTV)**

Broadcasting services to be used for primary and secondary distribution in the Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) and the Broadcast Satellite Service (BSS) bands.



DVB-S2 is intended to provide Direct-To-Home (DTH) services for consumer Integrated Receiver Decoder (IRD), as well as collective antenna systems (Satellite Master Antenna Television - SMATV) and cable television head-end stations (possibly with remodulation, see EN 300 429 [5]). DVB-S2 may be considered a successor to the current DVB-S standard EN 300 421 [2], and may be introduced for new services and allow for a long-term migration. BS services are transported in MPEG Transport Stream format. VCM may be applied on multiple transport stream to achieve a differentiated error protection for different services (TV, HDTV, audio, multimedia).

### **Interactive Services (IS) Interactive data services including Internet access**

DVB-S2 is intended to provide interactive services to consumer IRDs and to personal computers, where DVB-S2's forward path supersedes the current DVB-S standard EN 300 421 [2] for interactive systems. The return path can be implemented using various DVB interactive systems, such as DVB-RCS (EN 301 790 [6]), DVB-RCP (ETS 300 801 [7]), DVB-RCG (EN 301 195 [8]), DVB-RCC (ES 200 800 [9]). Data services are transported in (single or multiple) Transport Stream format according to EN 301 192 [4] (e.g. using Multiprotocol Encapsulation), or in (single or multiple) generic stream format. DVB-S2 can provide Constant Coding and Modulation (CCM), or Adaptive Coding and Modulation (ACM), where each individual satellite receiving station controls the protection mode of the traffic addressed to it. Input Stream Adaptation for ACM is specified in annex D.

### **Digital TV Contribution and Satellite News Gathering (DTVC/DSNG)**

Digital television contribution applications by satellite consist of point-to-point or point-to-multipoint transmissions, connecting fixed or transportable uplink and receiving stations. They are not intended for reception by the general public. According to Recommendation ITU-R SNG.770-1 [10], SNG is defined as "Temporary and occasional transmission with short notice of television or sound for broadcasting purposes, using highly portable or transportable uplink earth stations ...". Services are transported in single (or multiple) MPEG Transport Stream format. DVB-S2 can provide Constant Coding and Modulation (CCM), or Adaptive Coding and Modulation (ACM). In this latter case, a single satellite receiving station typically controls the protection mode of the full multiplex. Input Stream Adaptation for ACM is specified in annex D.

### **Data content distribution/trunking and other professional applications (PS)**

These services are mainly point-to-point or point-to-multipoint, including interactive services to professional head-ends, which re-distribute services over other media. Services may be transported in (single or multiple) generic stream format. The system can provide Constant Coding and Modulation (CCM), Variable Coding and Modulation (VCM) or Adaptive Coding and Modulation (ACM). In this latter case, a single satellite receiving station typically controls the protection mode of the full TDM multiplex, or multiple receiving stations control the protection mode of the traffic addressed to each one. In either case, interactive or non-interactive, the present document is only concerned with the forward broadband channel.

DVB-S2 is suitable for use on different satellite transponder bandwidths and frequency bands. The symbol rate is matched to given transponder characteristics, and, in the case of multiple carriers per transponder (FDM), to the frequency plan adopted. Examples of possible DVB-S2 use are given in [i.5].

Annex M specifies the implementation of a DVB-S2 profile suitable for operation in wide-band mode, without requiring a full-speed decoding of the total carrier capacity, by suitably mapping the transmitted services in time-slices.

Digital transmissions via satellite are affected by power and bandwidth limitations. Therefore DVB-S2 provides for many transmission modes (FEC coding and modulations), giving different trade-offs between power and spectrum efficiency (see [i.5]). For some specific applications (e.g. broadcasting) modes such as QPSK and 8PSK, with their quasi-constant envelope, are appropriate for operation with saturated satellite power amplifiers (in single carrier per transponder configuration). When higher power margins are available, spectrum efficiency can be further increased to reduce bit delivery cost. In these cases also 16APSK and 32APSK can operate in single carrier mode close to the satellite HPA saturation by pre-distortion techniques. All the modes are appropriate for operation in quasi-linear satellite channels, in multi-carrier Frequency Division Multiplex (FDM) type applications.

DVB-S2 is compatible with Moving Pictures Experts Group (MPEG-2 and MPEG-4) coded TV services (see ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1]), with a Transport Stream packet multiplex. Multiplex flexibility allows the use of the transmission capacity for a variety of TV service configurations, including sound and data services. All service components are Time Division Multiplexed (TDM) on a single digital carrier.



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# 1 Scope

The present document:

- gives a general description of the DVB-S2 system;
- specifies the digitally modulated signal in order to allow compatibility between pieces of equipment developed by different manufacturers. This is achieved by describing in detail the signal processing principles at the modulator side, while the processing at the receive side is left open to different implementation solutions. However, it is necessary in the present document to refer to certain aspects of reception;
- identifies the global performance requirements and features of the System, in order to meet the service quality targets.

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## 2.1 Normative references

The following referenced documents are necessary for the application of the present document.

- [1] ISO/IEC 13818 (parts 1 and 2): "Information technology -- Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information".
- [2] ETSI EN 300 421 (V.1.1.2): "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Framing structure, channel coding and modulation for 11/12 GHz satellite services".
- [3] ETSI EN 301 210: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Framing structure, channel coding and modulation for Digital Satellite News Gathering (DSNG) and other contribution applications by satellite".
- [4] ETSI EN 301 192: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); DVB specification for data broadcasting".
- [5] ETSI EN 300 429: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Framing structure, channel coding and modulation for cable systems".
- [6] ETSI EN 301 790: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Interaction channel for satellite distribution systems".
- [7] ETSI ETS 300 801: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Interaction channel through Public Switched Telecommunications Network (PSTN)/ Integrated Services Digital Networks (ISDN)".
- [8] ETSI EN 301 195: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Interaction channel through the Global System for Mobile communications (GSM)".
- [9] ETSI ES 200 800: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); DVB interaction channel for Cable TV distribution systems (CATV)".
- [10] Recommendation ITU-R SNG.770-1: "Uniform operational procedures for satellite news gathering (SNG)".

- [11] ETSI ETS 300 802: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Network-independent protocols for DVB interactive services".
- [12] ETSI EN 300 468: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for Service Information (SI) in DVB systems".
- [13] ETSI TS 101 545-1: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Second Generation DVB Interactive Satellite System (DVB-RCS2); Part 1: Overview and System Level specification".
- [14] ETSI EN 302 307-2: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Second generation framing structure, channel coding and modulation systems for Broadcasting, Interactive Services, News Gathering and other broadband satellite applications; Part 2: S2-Extensions (S2X)".

## 2.2 Informative references

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] ETSI TS 102 005: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for the use of Video and Audio Coding in DVB services delivered directly over IP protocols".
- [i.2] Void.
- [i.3] ETSI TR 101 154: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Implementation guidelines for the use of MPEG-2 Systems, Video and Audio in satellite, cable and terrestrial broadcasting applications".
- [i.4] ETSI ETR 162: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Allocation of Service Information (SI) codes for DVB systems".
- [i.5] ETSI TR 102 376: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) User guidelines for the second generation system for Broadcasting, Interactive Services, News Gathering and other broadband satellite applications (DVB-S2)".

## 3 Symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

$\alpha$	Roll-off factor
$\gamma$	Ratio between constellation radii for 16APSK and 32APSK
$c$	codeword
$C/N$	Carrier-to-noise power ratio (N measured in a bandwidth equal to symbol rate)
$C/N+I$	Carrier-to-(Noise+Interference) ratio
$d_{n_{bch}-k_{bch}-1}, d_{n_{bch}-k_{bch}-2}, \dots, d_1, d_0$	BCH code redundancy bits
$d(x)$	BCH code remainder of the division between the generator polynomial and $x^{n_{bch}-k_{bch}} m(x)$
DFL	Data Field Length
$d_{min}$	LDPC code minimum distance
$E_b/N_0$	Ratio between the energy per information bit and single sided noise power spectral density
$E_s/N_0$	Ratio between the energy per transmitted symbol and single sided noise power spectral density
$f_N$	Nyquist frequency
$f_0$	Carrier frequency
$G$	PLS code generator matrix
$g(x)$	code generator polynomial

$g_1(x), g_2(x), \dots, g_{12}(x)$	polynomials to obtain BCH code generator polynomial
$\mathbf{i}$	LDPC code information block
$i_0, i_1, \dots, i_{k_{ldpc}-1}$	LDPC code information bits
$H(f)$	RC filters frequency transfer function
$H_{(n-k) \times n}$	LDPC code parity check matrix
$I, Q$	In-phase, Quadrature phase components of the modulated signal
$K_{bch}$	number of bits of BCH uncoded Block
$N_{bch}$	number of bits of BCH coded Block
$k_{ldpc}$	number of bits of LDPC uncoded Block
$n_{ldpc}$	number of bits of LDPC coded Block
$\eta$	PLFRAMING efficiency
$\eta_c$	code efficiency
$\eta_{MOD}$	number of transmitted bits per constellation symbol
$\eta_{tot}$	System spectral efficiency
$m$	BCH code information word
$m(x)$	BCH code message polynomial
$m_{k_{bch}-1}, m_{k_{bch}-2}, \dots, m_1, m_0$	BCH code information bits
$M$	number of modulated symbols in SLOT
$P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{n_{ldpc}-k_{ldpc}-1}$	LDPC code parity bits
$P$	number of pilot symbols in a pilot block
$q$	code rate dependant constant for LDPC codes
$\theta$	deviation angle in hierarchical constellations
$r_m$	In-band ripple (dB)
$R_s$	Symbol rate corresponding to the bilateral Nyquist bandwidth of the modulated signal
$R_u$	Useful bit rate at the DVB-S2 system input
$S$	Number of Slots in a XFECFRAME
$T_s$	Symbol period

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

16APSK	16-ary Amplitude and Phase Shift Keying
32APSK	32-ary Amplitude and Phase Shift Keying
8PSK	8-ary Phase Shift Keying
ACM	Adaptive Coding and Modulation
APSK	Amplitude Phase Shift Keying
ASI	Asynchronous Serial Interface
AWGN	Additive White Gaussian Noise
BB	BaseBand
BC	Backwards-Compatible

NOTE: Referred to the system allowing partial stream reception by DVB-S receivers.

BCH	Bose-Chaudhuri-Hocquenghem multiple error correction binary block code
BER	Bit Error Ratio
BPSK	Binary Phase Shift Keying
$B_S$	Bandwidth of the frequency Slot allocated to a service
BS	Broadcast Service
BSS	Broadcast Satellite Service
BW	BandWidth (at -3 dB) of the transponder
CBR	Constant Bit Rate
CCM	Constant Coding and Modulation
CNI	Carrier to Noise plus Interference ratio
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check

D	Decimal notation
DD	Decision Directed
DEMUX	DEMULTipleXer
DF	Data Field
DFL	Data Field Length
DNP	Deleted Null Packets
DSNG	Digital Satellite News Gathering
DTH	Direct To Home
DTT	Digital Terrestrial Television
DVB	Digital Video Broadcasting project
DVB-S	DVB System for satellite broadcasting

NOTE: As specified in EN 300 421 [2].

DVB-S2	second generation DVB System for satellite broadcasting and unicasting
EBU	European Broadcasting Union
EIRP	Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power
EN	European Norm
FDM	Frequency Division Multiplex
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FIFO	First In First Out
FSS	Fixed Satellite Service
GF	Galois Field
GS	Generic Stream
HDTV	High Definition TeleVision
HEX	HEXadecimal notation
HP	High Priority
HPA	High Power Amplifier
IBO	Input Back Off
IF	Intermediate Frequency
IMUX	Input MULTipleXer - filter
IP	Internet Protocol
IRD	Integrated Receiver Decoder
IS	Interactive Services
ISCR	Input Stream Clock Reference
ISI	Input Stream Identifier
ISSY	Input Stream SYNchronizer
ISSYI	Input Stream SYNchronizer Indicator
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
LDPC	Low Density Parity Check (codes)
LNB	Low Noise Block
LP	Low Priority
LSB	Least Significant Bit
LTWTA	Linearized Travelling Wave Tube Amplifier
MA	Mode Adaptation
MIS	Multiple Input Stream
MPE	Multi-Protocol Encapsulation
MPEG	Moving Pictures Experts Group
MSB	Most Significant Bit

NOTE: In DVB-S2 the MSB is always transmitted first.

MUX	MULTipleX
NA	Not Applicable
NBC	Non-Backwards-Compatible
NCR	Network Clock Reference
NP	Null Packets
NPD	Null-Packet Deletion
OBO	Output Back Off
OCT	OCTal notation
OMUX	Output MULTipleXer - filter
PAT	Program Association Table
PER	(MPEG TS) Packet Error Rate

PID	Packet IDentifier
PL	Physical Layer
PLL	Phase-Locked Loop
PLS	Physical Layer Signalling
PMT	Program Map Table
PRBS	Pseudo Random Binary Sequence
PS	Professional Services
PSK	Phase Shift Keying
QEF	Quasi-Error-Free
QPSK	Quaternary Phase Shift Keying
RCS	Return Channel via Satellite
RF	Radio Frequency
RO	Roll-Off
SA	Stream Adaptation
SDTV	Standard Definition TeleVision
SI	Service Information
SIS	Single Input Stream
SMATV	Satellite Master Antenna TeleVision
SNG	Satellite News Gathering
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio
SOF	Start Of Frame
SSA	Solid State Amplifier
SSB	Single SideBand
TDM	Time Division Multiplex
TS	Transport Stream
TSDT	Transport Stream Descriptor Table
TS/GS	Transport Stream/Generic Stream
TSN	Time Slice Number (See Annex M)
TV	TeleVision
TWT	Travelling Wave Tube
TWTA	Travelling Wave Tube Amplifier
UP	User Packet
UPL	User Packet Length
VBR	Variable Bit Rate
VCM	Variable Coding and Modulation

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## 4 Transmission system description

### 4.1 System definition

The System is defined as the functional block of equipment performing the adaptation of the baseband digital signals, from the output of a single (or multiple) MPEG transport stream multiplexer(s) (ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1]), or from the output of a single (or multiple) generic data source(s), to the satellite channel characteristics. The System is designed to support source coding as defined in ISO/IEC 13818 [1], TR 101 154 [i.3] and TS 102 005 [i.1]. Data services may be transported in Transport Stream format according to EN 301 192 [4] (e.g. using Multi-protocol Encapsulation), or Generic Stream format.

If the received signal is above the C/N+I threshold, the Forward Error Correction (FEC) technique adopted in the System is designed to provide a "Quasi Error Free" (QEF) quality target. The definition of QEF adopted for DVB-S2 is "less than one uncorrected error-event per transmission hour at the level of a 5 Mbit/s single TV service decoder", approximately corresponding to a Transport Stream Packet Error Ratio PER <math>10^{-7}</math> before de-multiplexer.