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Part 2: DVB-S2 Extensions (DVB-S2X)**

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The Digital Video Broadcasting Project (DVB) is an industry-led consortium of broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators, software developers, regulatory bodies, content owners and others committed to designing global standards for the delivery of digital television and data services. DVB fosters market driven solutions that meet the needs and economic circumstances of broadcast industry stakeholders and consumers. DVB standards cover all aspects of digital television from transmission through interfacing, conditional access and interactivity for digital video, audio and data. The consortium came together in 1993 to provide global standardization, interoperability and future proof specifications.

The present document is part 2 of a multipart deliverable covering the optional extensions of the DVB-S2 system, denoted "DVB-S2X", as identified below:

- Part 1: "DVB-S2";
- Part 2: "DVB-S2 Extensions (DVB-S2X)".**

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Introduction

The optional extensions of the S2 system have been approved in 2014 and are identified by the S2X denomination. Such extensions are non-backwards-compatible with EN 302 307 (V1.1.1) [4], are optional for the implementation of new receivers under EN 302 307-1 [3], but are normative for the implementation of receivers under the present document: mapping of specific S2X building blocks to application areas is specified in Table 1. For every S2X application area, as defined in Table 1, the configurations for the corresponding S2 application area, as defined in EN 302 307-1 [3], Table 1, will be implemented. In case of conflicts the definition of the S2X application area applies.

The present document targets the core application areas of S2 (Digital Video Broadcasting, forward link for interactive services using ACM, Digital Satellite News Gathering and professional digital links such as video point-to-point or Internet trunking links), and new application areas requiring very-low carrier-to-noise and carrier-to-interference operation (VL-SNR).

In particular for DTH, a possible use case is the launch of UHDTV-1 (e.g. 4k) television services in Ku-/Ka-band that will adopt HEVC encoding. In this context it may be desirable to eventually use fragments of smaller blocks of capacity on two or three DTH transponders and bond them into one logical stream. This permits to maximize capacity exploitation by avoiding the presence of spare capacity in individual transponders and/or to take maximum advantage of statistical multiplexing.

The S2X system offers the ability to operate with very-low carrier-to-noise and carrier-to-interference ratios (SNR down to -10 dB), to serve markets such as airborne (business jets), maritime, civil aviation internet access, VSAT terminals at higher frequency ranges or in tropical zones, small portable terminals for journalists and other professionals. Furthermore, the S2X system provides transmission modes offering significantly higher capacity and efficiency to serve professional links characterized by very-high carrier-to-noise and carrier-to-interference ratios conditions.

The present document reuses the S2 system architecture, while adding finer MODCOD steps, sharper roll-off filtering, technical means for bonding of multiple transponders and additional signalling capacity by means of an optional periodic super-frame structure, extended PLHEADER signalling schemes and the support of GSE-Lite signals.

The present document maintains the same clause numbering as EN 302 307-1 [3], in order to facilitate cross-reference.

1 Scope

The present document specifies the optional extensions of the S2 system, identified by the S2X denomination.

2 References

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the reference document (including any amendments) applies.

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- [1] ETSI TS 101 545-1 (V1.1.1): "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Second Generation DVB Interactive Satellite System (DVB-RCS2); Part 1: Overview and System Level specification".
- [2] ETSI TS 102 606-1 (V1.2.1): "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Generic Stream Encapsulation (GSE); Part 1: Protocol".
- [3] ETSI EN 302 307-1: "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 1: DVB-S2".
- [4] ETSI EN 302 307 (V1.1.1): "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Second generation framing structure, channel coding and modulation systems for Broadcasting, Interactive Services, News Gathering and other broadband satellite applications".
- [5] ETSI EN 300 468: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for Service Information (SI) in DVB systems".
- [6] ETSI TS 102 606-2: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Generic Stream Encapsulation (GSE); Part 2: Logical Link Control (LLC)".
- [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] ETSI ETS 300 802: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Network-independent protocols for DVB interactive services".
- [11] ETSI EN 301 790: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Interaction channel for satellite distribution systems".

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.

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3 Symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the symbols given in EN 302 307-1 [3] apply.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in EN 302 307-1 [3] and the following apply:

128APSK	128-ary Amplitude and Phase Shift Keying
256APSK	256-ary Amplitude and Phase Shift Keying
64APSK	64-ary Amplitude and Phase Shift Keying
BPSK	Binary Phase Shift Keying
CU	Capacity Unit
GSE	Generic Stream Encapsulation
GSE-HEM	Generic Stream Encapsulation - High Efficiency Mode
HEVC	High Efficiency Video Coding
SF	Super-Frame
SFFI	Super-Frame Format Indicator
SFH	Super-Frame Header
SOSF	Start Of Super-Frame
ST	Super-Frame header Trailer
UHDTV	Ultra High Definition TeleVision
VL-SNR	Very Low - Signal to Noise Ratio

4 Transmission system description

See EN 302 307-1 [3], clause 4.

4.1 System definition

See EN 302 307-1 [3], clause 4.1.

4.2 System architecture

See EN 302 307-1 [3], clause 4.2.

The present document reuses the S2 system architecture as described in EN 302 307-1 [3], Figure 1, while adding finer MODCOD steps, sharper roll-off filtering, technical means allowing time-slicing of wide-band signals (for a reduced processing speed in the receiver), technical means for bonding of multiple transponders, among other technologies.

Additional signalling capacity is provided:

- an optional periodic super-frame structure with signalling of the format of the super-frame content and further benefits like simplifying synch recovery at VL-SNR and allowing periodic pilot structures and PL-Scramblers;
- an extended PLHEADER signalling scheme to support the additional MODCODs;
- an extended PLHEADER signalling scheme to support Mobile Frames (VL-SNR);
- a high-efficiency BBFRAME mode (GSE-HEM), similar to the T2 and C2 systems, to transport GSE/GSE-Lite packets;
- signalling of streams which are GSE-Lite compliant.

4.3 System configurations

See EN 302 307-1 [3], clause 4.3.

Table 1 associates the S2X system elements to the applications areas. All elements in Table 1 are optional in transmitting and receiving equipment complying with the S2 specification. At least "Normative" subsystems and functionalities shall be implemented in the transmitting and receiving equipment to comply with the present document for a specific application area.

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Table 1: S2X System configurations and application areas

System configurations		Broadcast services	Interactive services	DSNG	Professional services	VL-SNR
FECFRAME (normal) (see MODCODs below)	64 800 (bits)					
QPSK	1/4, 1/3, 2/5 (S2-MODCODs)	N	N	N	N	N
	1/2, 3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9, 9/10 (S2-MODCODs)	N	N	N	N	N
	13/45	N	N	N	N	N
	9/20; 11/20	N	N	N	N	N
	8PSK	3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 8/9, 9/10 (S2-MODCODs)	N	N	N	N
	23/36; 25/36; 13/18	N	N	N	N	N
8APSK-L (note 7)	5/9; 26/45	N	N	N	N	N
16APSK	2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9, 9/10 (S2-MODCODs)	N	N	N	N	N
	26/45; 3/5; 28/45; 23/36; 25/36; 13/18; 7/9; 77/90	N	N	N	N	N
16APSK-L (note 7)	5/9; 8/15; 1/2; 3/5; 2/3	N	N	N	N	N
32APSK	3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9, 9/10 (S2-MODCODs)	N	N	N	N	N
	32/45; 11/15; 7/9	N	N	N	N	N
32APSK-L (note 7)	2/3	N	N	N	N	N
64APSK	11/15; 7/9; 4/5; 5/6	O	N	N	N	O
64APSK-L (note 7)	32/45	O	N	N	N	O
128APSK	3/4; 7/9	NA	O	O	N	NA
256APSK	32/45; 3/4	NA	O	O	N	NA
256APSK-L (note 7)	29/45; 2/3; 31/45; 11/15	NA	O	O	N	NA
FECFRAME (short) (see MODCODs below)	16 200 (bits)					

System configurations		Broadcast services	Interactive services	DSNG	Professional services	VL-SNR
QPSK	1/4, 1/3, 2/5 (S2-MODCODs)	NA	N	O	N	N
	1/2, 3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9 (S2-MODCODs)	NA	N	O	N	N
	11/45; 4/15; 14/45; 7/15 8/15; 32/45	NA	N	O	N	N
8PSK	3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 8/9 (S2-MODCODs)	NA	N	O	N	N
	7/15; 8/15; 26/45; 32/45	NA	N	O	N	N
16APSK	2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9 (S2-MODCODs)	NA	N	O	N	N
	7/15; 8/15; 26/45; 3/5; 32/45	NA	N	O	N	N
32APSK	3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9 (S2-MODCODs)	NA	N	O	N	N
	2/3; 32/45	NA	N	O	N	N
VL-SNR Header (see MODCODs below) (note 1)		O	O	O	NA	N
QPSK	2/9 (normal)	NA	O	O	NA	N
BPSK	1/5; 4/15; 1/3 (short)	NA	O	O	NA	N
	1/5; 11/45; 1/3 (medium)	NA	O	O	NA	N
BPSK-S Spreading Factor 2	1/5; 11/45 (short)	NA	O	O	NA	N
Super-frame		NA	O	O	O	O
Part 2 PLHEADER (note 5)	8-bits	N	N	N	N	N
Extended PLHEADER For Wide-band mode (note 5)	8+8 bits (time slicing)	O	O	NA	O	O
GSE-High Efficiency Mode	For GSE/GSE-Lite (note 6)	N	N	N	N	N
Roll-off 0,15; 0,10 and 0,05		N	N	N	N	N
Channel bonding (note 2)		N (note 3)	NA	NA	O	NA

System configurations		Broadcast services	Interactive services	DSNG	Professional services	VL-SNR
VCM (note 4)		N	N	N	N	N
ACM		NA	N	O	O	N
N = normative, O = optional, NA = not applicable.						
NOTE 1: Ability to skip VL-SNR frames: Normative.						
NOTE 2: Requires Input Stream Synchronizer, Null-Packet Deletion and Dummy Frame insertion.						
NOTE 3: Normative for broadcast services in case of optional multiple tuner receivers.						
NOTE 4: Any S2X receiver shall be able to recognize the whole set of MODCODS within the PLHeader and skip the XFECFrame if the MODCOD is not supported.						
NOTE 5: Part 2 PLHEADER and Extended PLHEADER for wideband transponders (Part 1 [3] or Part 2, annex M) cannot coexist in the same carrier but either can coexist with the VL-SNR header.						
NOTE 6: GSE is optional while support for GSE-Lite in GSE-HEM is normative across all the services.						
NOTE 7: xxx-L= MODCODs optimized for quasi-linear channels.						

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