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# 1 Scope

The present document describes the next generation transmission system for digital terrestrial MIMO broadcasting to handheld terminals making use of multi-aerial structures at the transmitting and receiving ends. It specifies the differences of the MIMO Profile physical layer part to the physical layer part of the Base Profile ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1] - from the input streams to the transmitted signals. This transmission system is intended for carrying Transport Streams or generic data streams feeding linear and non-linear applications like television, radio and data services. DVB-NGH terminals might also process DVB-T2-lite signals.

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## 2 References

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- [i.1] ETSI EN 303 105-4: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Next Generation broadcasting system to Handheld, physical layer specification (DVB-NGH); Part 4: Hybrid MIMO Profile".

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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1] apply.

### 3.2 Symbols

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### 3.3 Abbreviations

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## 4 DVB-NGH MIMO system definition

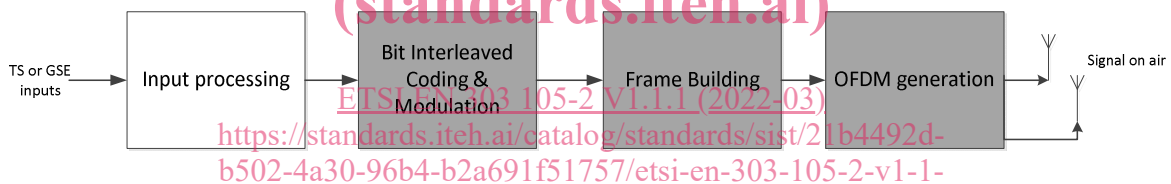
### 4.1 System overview and architecture

#### 4.1.1 Overview

MIMO transmission options are included in the optional MIMO Profile - reflected by the present document - in order to exploit the diversity and capacity advantages made possible by the use of multiple transmission elements at the transmitter and receiver. Channel estimation suitable for MIMO is provided by an appropriate pilot structure, identical to that provided in the Base Profile ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1] for MISO frames. The term 'MIXO frames' encompasses all frames containing such pilots. MIMO may hence form part of a transmission including MISO PLPs as well as SISO frames as defined in the Base Profile [1]. Within MIXO frames, different schemes may be applied to constituent PLPs according to the desired transmission characteristics; for instance MISO is specified for L1 signalling and may also be used for any other low-rate high-robustness transmission. Rate 2 MIMO, which increases the data multiplexing rate by sending distinct information from each transmit element, can be chosen where high data throughput efficiency is the primary goal.

In the following clauses, the differences to the Base Profile ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1] are outlined with reference to their Base Profile [1] counterparts.

Compared to the Base Profile [1], only the BICM and the OFDM generation stage contains functional differences.

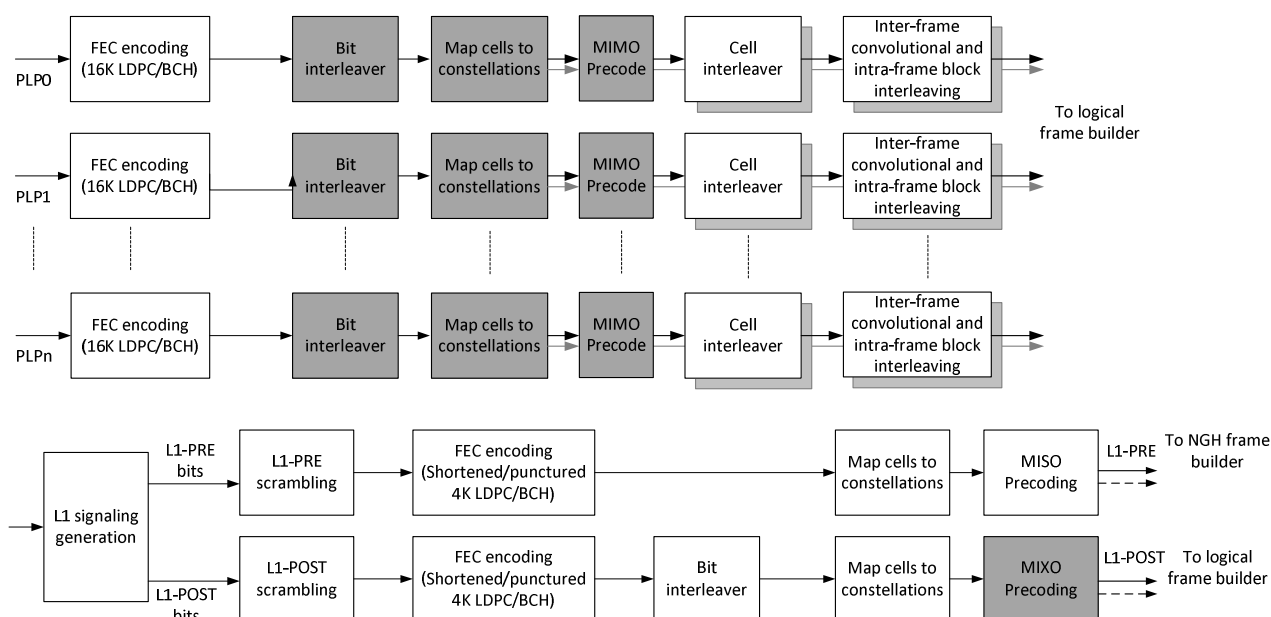


NOTE: Blocks differing from the Base Profile ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1] are shaded to grey.

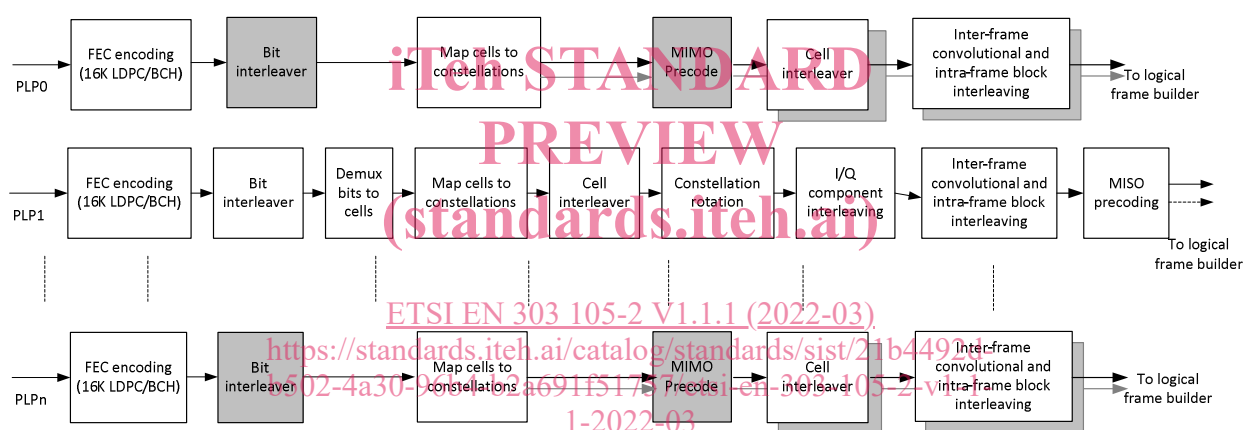
**Figure 1: High level NGH physical layer block diagram of the MIMO Profile**

#### 4.1.2 Bit interleaved coding and modulation, MISO and MIMO precoding

The block diagram illustrating the functional differences in the BICM stage is shown in figure 2.



**Figure 2: Bit Interleaved Coding and Modulation (BICM) of the MIMO Profile**



NOTE: Layer 1 signalling as in figure 2 above.

**Figure 3: Bit Interleaved Coding and Modulation (BICM) with mixed MIMO and MISO PLPs**

### 4.1.3 FEC encoding and interleaving inside a FEC block

MIMO PLPs within the MIMO Profile - reflected by the present document - employ a revised bit interleaver intended to simplify iterative MIMO decoding at the receiver. The Base Profile ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1] bit to cell demultiplexing is no longer explicitly present.

### 4.1.4 Modulation and component interleaving

The constellation is non-rotated QPSK, 16-QAM and 64-QAM. The constellation may be the same or different on the output MIMO pair depending on the chosen operational mode.

### 4.1.5 Time interleaving (inter-frame convolutional interleaving plus intra-frame block interleaving)

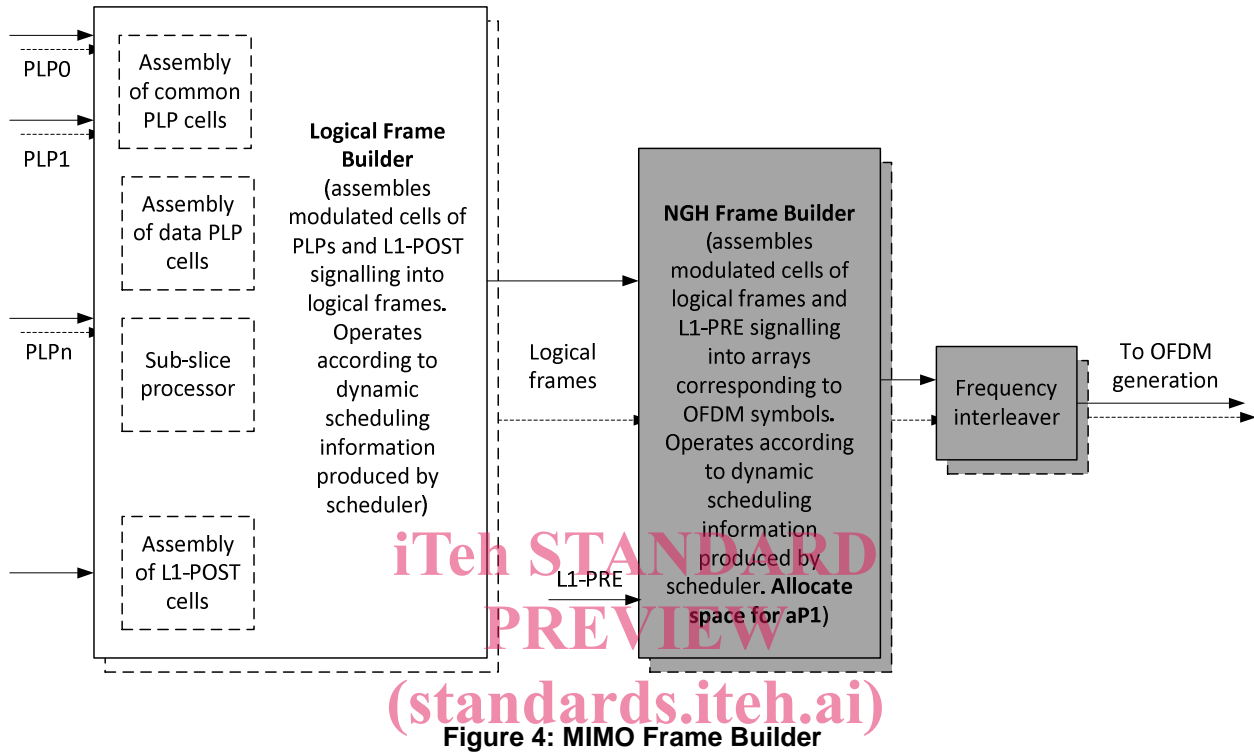
Since the time interleaving is carried out after the generation of two MIMO streams there are two parallel time interleavers. The time interleaving applied to both MIMO streams is identical. To keep the total memory requirement the same, each of these MIMO streams has half the maximum depth as the Base Profile [1].



### 4.1.6 Frame building, frequency interleaving

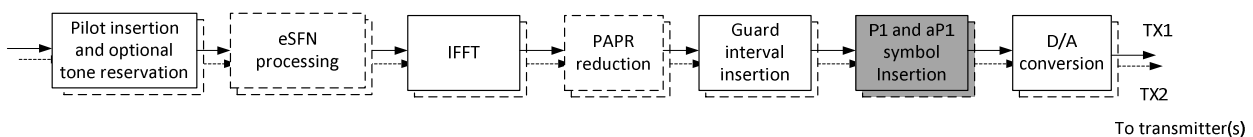
MIMO frames are built according to figure 4. This is the same architecture as the Base Profile [1] except for the allocation of space for the aP1 symbol.

The frequency interleaver is a pairwise interleaver defined in Base Profile [1], clause 9.10.



### 4.1.7 OFDM generation

The ACE PAPR technique cannot be applied to frames of preamble format "NGH-MIMO".



## 5 Transmit/receive system compatibility

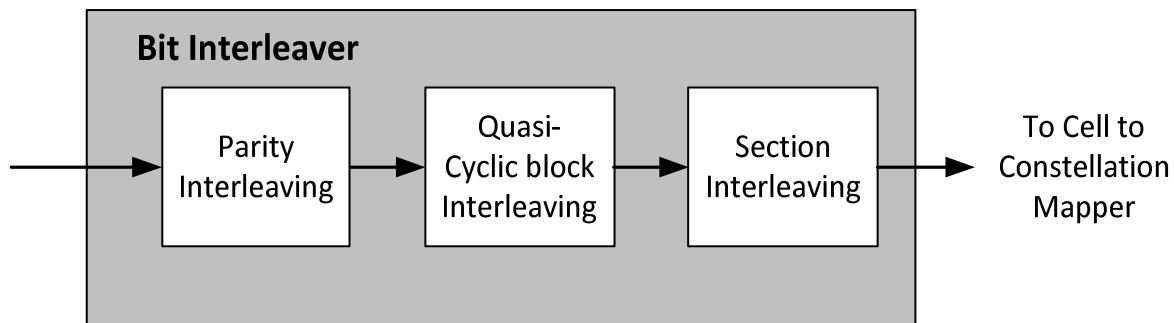
To make use of the MIMO Profile reflected by the present document, the proposed transmitter hardware shall include individually-fed cross-polar antennas (Horizontal (HP) and Vertical POLARIZATION (VP)). In addition, to receive and decode the MIMO signal, a cross-polar pair of antennas is necessary at the receive terminal.

In a given PLP, only one of MISO or MIMO encoding may be used, i.e. they are not cascable.

The bit interleaver for the MIMO Profile described below in clause 6 is a replacement for that described in ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1].

## 6 Bit interleaver

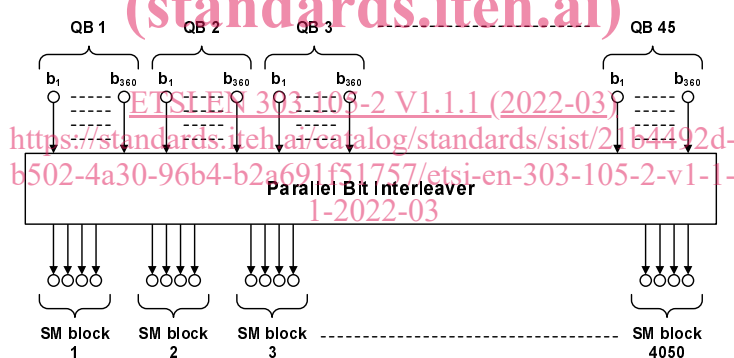
The bit interleaver used for MIMO PLPs is different from the one used in the Base Profile [1]. Figure 6 shows the basic block diagram.



**Figure 6: Bit Interleaver of the MIMO Profile**

In order to allow for a more efficient receiver implementation, the new bit interleaver is adapted to the quasi-cyclic structure of the LDPC code. The new bit interleaver for MIMO consists of two components: a parity interleaver and a parallel bit interleaver.

The parity interleaver is identical to the one used in the bit interleaver of the Base Profile (see ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1], clause 6.1.4). Its role is to convert the staircase structure of the parity part of the LDPC parity-check matrix into a quasi-cyclic structure similar to the information-part of the matrix. At the output of the parity interleaver the LDPC codeword consists of 45 adjacent Quasi-cyclic Blocks (QB), each block consisting of 360 bits (note also the  $Q_{ldpc}$  parameter in ETSI EN 303 105-1 [1], clause 6.1.2). The parity-interleaved codeword is interleaved by the parallel bit interleaver and then mapped to a sequence of Spatial-Multiplexing (SM) blocks of  $N_{\text{bpcu}}$  bits each, as shown in figure 7 for  $N_{\text{bpcu}} = 8$ .



**Figure 7: Parallel bit interleaver, QB and section interleaver part**

The parallel interleaver in turn comprises two stages: a QB interleaver and a section interleaver.

The QB interleaver permutes the order of the 45 Quasi-cyclic Blocks (QBs) of the LDPC codeword. The corresponding QB permutation is optimized for each combination of  $N_{\text{bpcu}}$ , code rate, and power imbalance. Tables 1 to 3 show these permutations for  $N_{\text{bpcu}} = 6, 8$  and  $10$ , respectively, each table containing the permutations for all code rates and power imbalances. The QB indices range from 1 to 45.

