Development of Mobile TV standards in DVB

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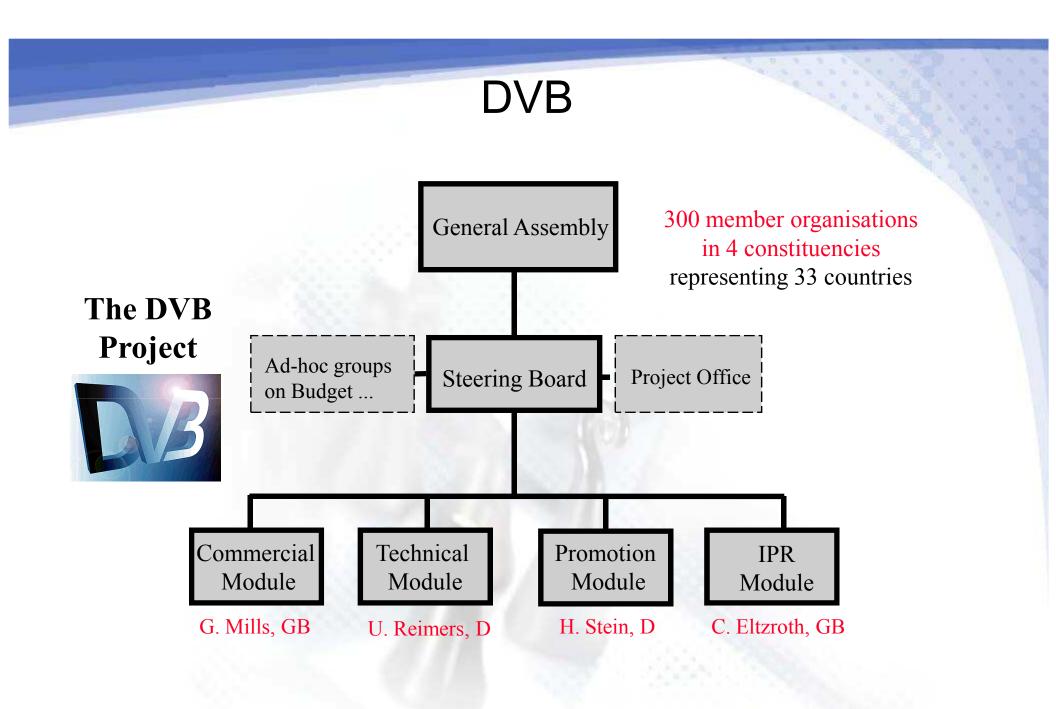
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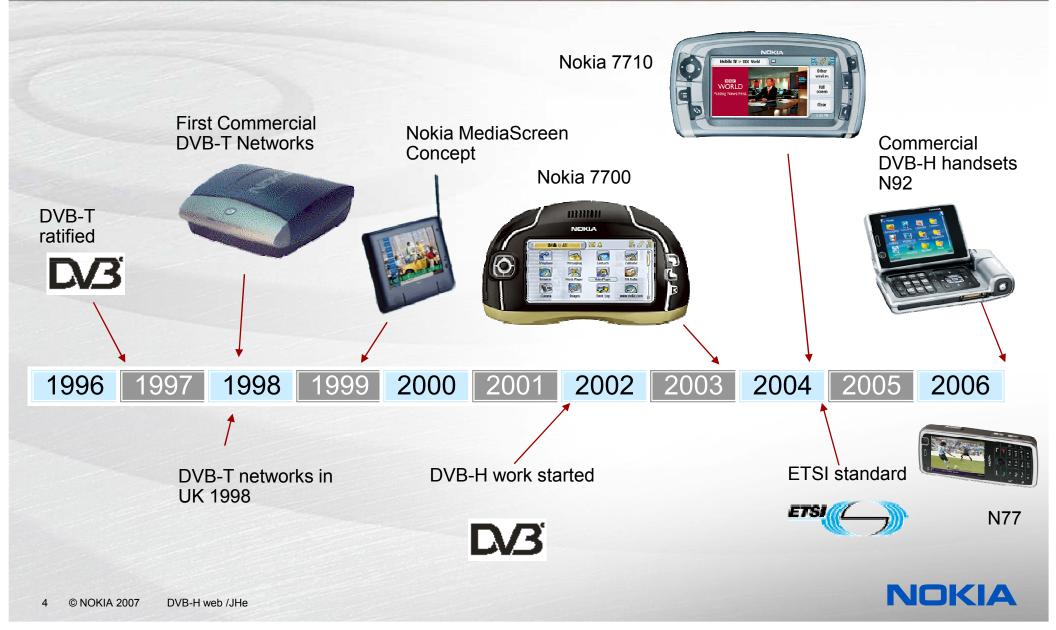
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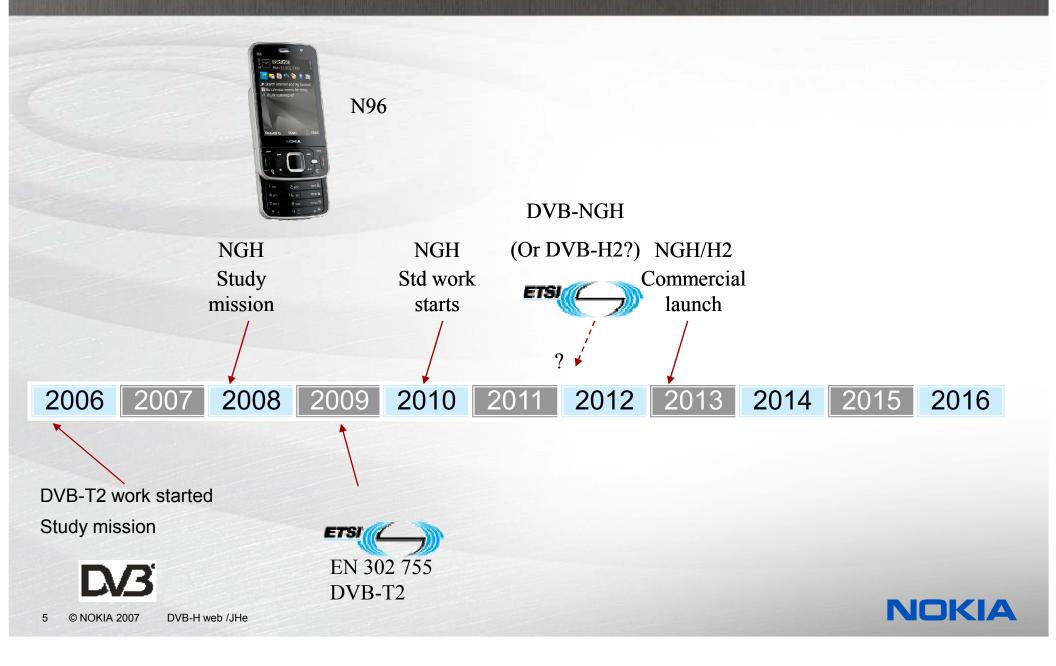




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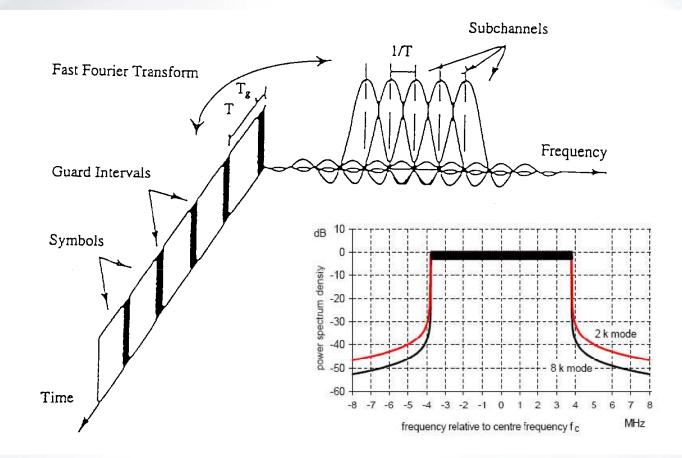
From DVB-H to DVB-NGH



DVB-T



COFDM based DVB-T is the basis

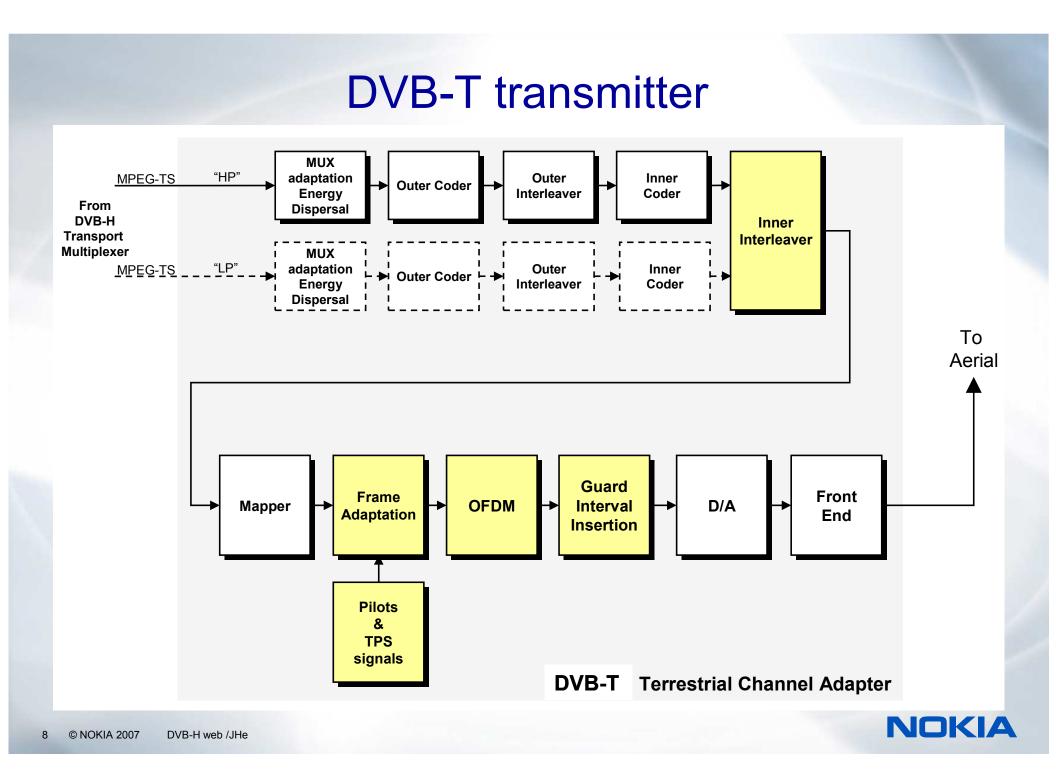


• You may want to visit, e.g., BBC web for COFDM tutorials:

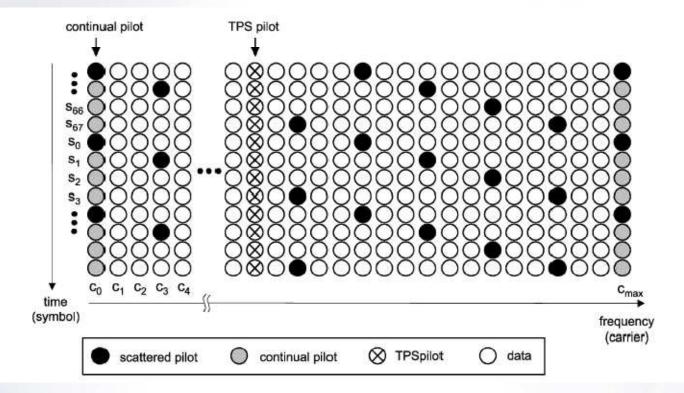
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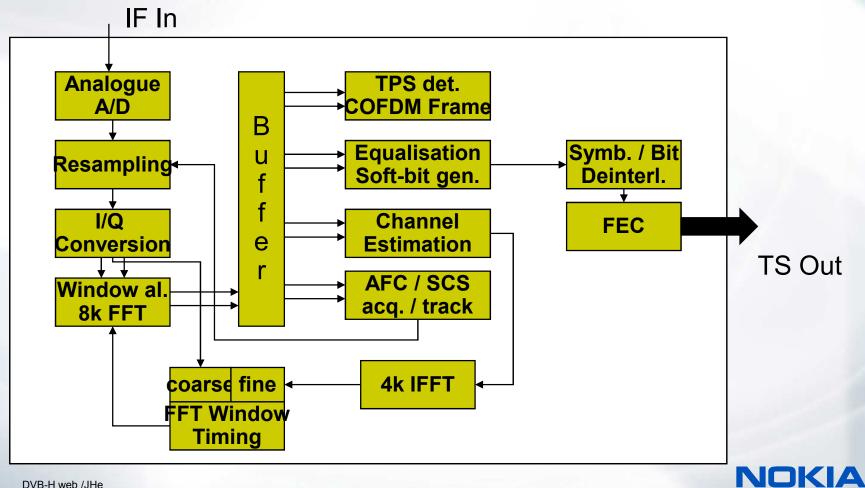
Pilot structure



COFDM Channel Decoder

• Critical points:

Channel estimation / correction



Features of DVB-T

- FFT sizes 2k and 8k
- Convolutional code rates ¹/₂, 2/3, ³/₄, 5/6, 7/8
- Reed-Solomon code (255, 239) (t=8)
- Modulations 4QAM, 16QAM, 64 QAM
- Four guard intervals 1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4
- Supports 6,7 and 8 MHz channels
- Intended for VHF and UHF BC bands
- By selecting various parameter combinations one can support networks from high mobility (car reception) to large (nationwide) SFNs

SFN = single frequency network

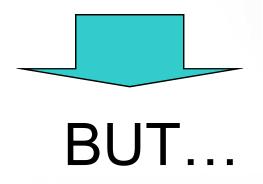


Why a new standard?

DVB-H Why & how?

Why a new standard?

- Broadcast is the way to get cost down (cf. cellular systems, point-to-point)
- **DVB-T** is existing and known to have good mobile performance
- The displays on handheld devices smaller than on fixed reception
 MPEG2 is probably too heavy, something else could be used
- DVB-T based IP-data broadcasting (IPDC) could be the solution





...3 MAIN PROBLEMS REMAIN

1. Power consumption

2. Performance in cellular environment

- C/N in mobile channel
- Doppler in mobile channel
- Impulse interference
- 3. Network design flexibility for mobile
 - Single antenna mobile reception in medium to large SFN

AND DVB-H SHOULD BE BASED ON DVB-T FOR EASY CO-EXISTENCE

Solution: DVB-H based on DVB-T



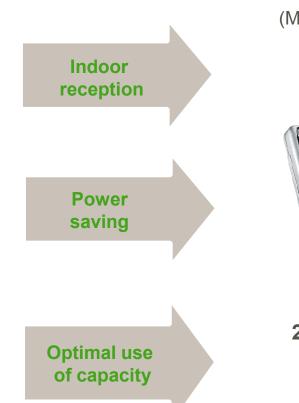
Making TV mobile

MPEG-2 over DVB-T



4-5 Mbps/program

3 - 5 TV channels on big screen



IP Datacast over DVB-H



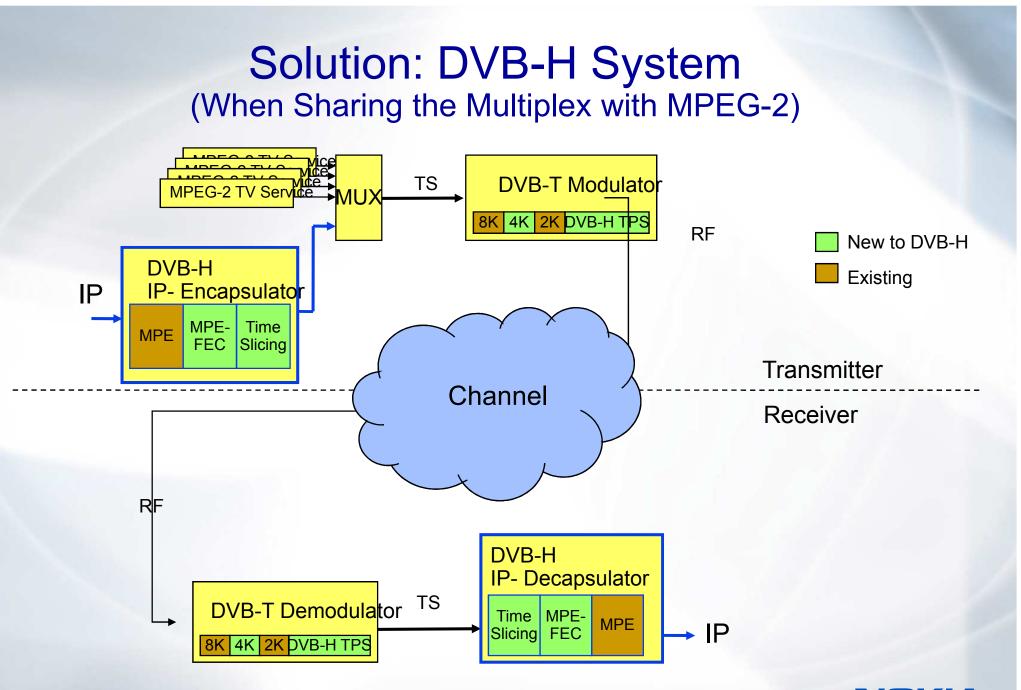
200 - 500 kbps/program

10 – 55 channels on small screen



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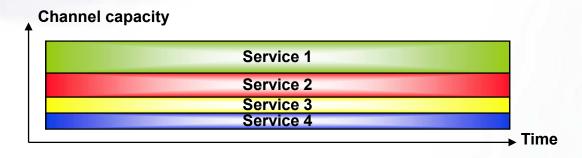
Solution elements

- Based on DVB-T,
 - can share multiplex with DVB-T services (backwards compatible)
 - can share frequency band with DVB-T (spectrally compatible)
- **IP-based solution**, Multi Protocol Encapsulation (MPE) used over DVB-T
- New 1: Time Slicing for power saving
- New 2: MPE-FEC (with virtual time-interleaving) for mobile performance and tolerance to impulse noise
- New 3: features to DVB-T PHY
 - Optional 4K mode and 4K symbol interleaver
 - Optional in-depth interleaver (= short time-interleaving) for 2K and 4K
 - 5 MHz channels for non-broadcasting bands
 - + something else...



Time Slicing 1

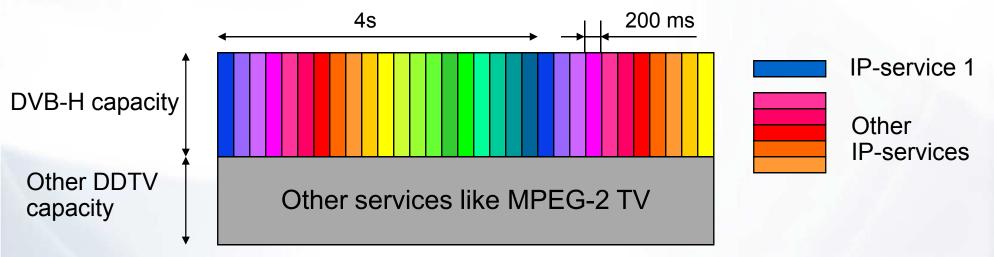
- In normal DVB-T MPEG-2 and data transmissions the transport streams from the services are multiplexed together with high frequency on the TSpacket level.
- This means that the services are transmitted practically in parallel.



For a DVB-T receiver it is impossible to receive only the wanted TS-packets due to the high multiplexing rate. All data must be received -> high power consumption.

Time Slicing 2

- In time slicing IP-services within a MPE data service are organised:
 - One service will use the full DVB-H data capacity for a while, say 200 ms.
 - After that comes the next service and so on...
 - After longer period, say 2-4s, the first service is again in the air
 - There might be some 20-50 H –services depending on MUX and service properties



 The DVB-H service is just another "MPE-data pipe" for the DVB-system and can be freely multiplexed with other transport streams.

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Best invention since sliced bread?







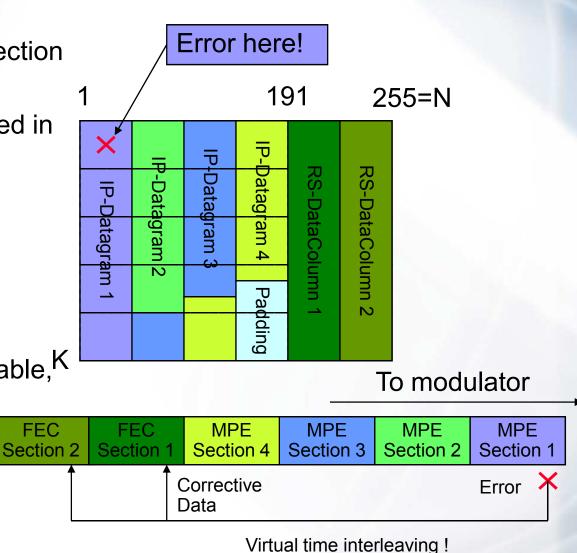
At least we have time slicing!



MPE-FEC

- IP-Data is filled in vertical direction
- RS-Code words are calculated in horizontal direction

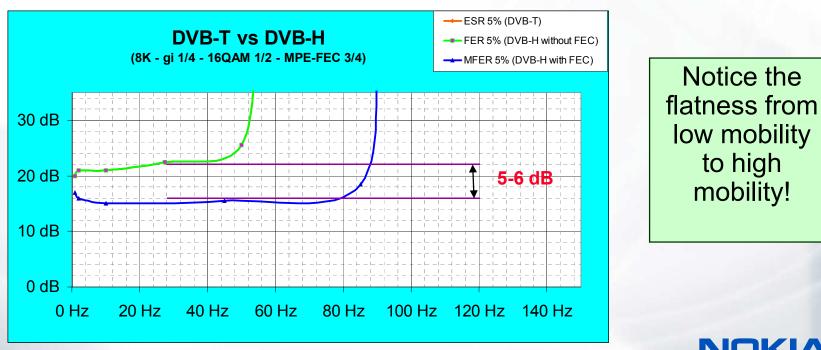
- Data is transmitted in vertical direction
- The number of rows K selectable,^K max 1024
- The code may be punctured or shortened => selectable robustness





Performance of DVB-H

- Virtual interleaving provided by FEC gives a real improvement to tolerance to Doppler by 50% and more.
- MPE-FEC gives several dB improvement in tolerance to impulse interference
- General improvement in tolerance to noise.



to high

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Why a new standard?

DVB-T2 Why & how?

Motivation & background

- HDTV is a new service that is coming already via satellite
 - More capacity needed in terrestrial network
- Technology progress in semiconductors
 - More complexity can be allowed for receiver
- Technology progress in theory & algorithms
 - MISO , MIMO
 - Coding
 - Etc
- DVB had developed second generation DVB-S2 standard with extreme efficiency
 - Wish to repeat the same in terrestrial
- Capacity increase, robustness and flexibility were the main drivers

T2 work

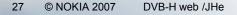
- Starting point for T2 work was to take as much as reasonable from existing DVB-T
 - OFDM with guard intervals
 - QAM modulated carriers
- But many things were changed
 - TDM structure with synch symbols
 - Possibility of time slicing
 - Service specific robustness
 - LDPC coding
 - Extended modulation
 - => 256QAM
 - Rotated constallations
 - Interleaving
 - etc



Closer Summary of Techniques (1)

- S2 LDPC (Rates: 1/2, 3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6)
- Compatible S2 system layer (Baseband Frames)
- Classical GI-OFDM
 - FFT sizes: 1K, 2K, 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K
 - GI sizes: 1/128, 1/32, 1/16, 19/256, 1/8, 19/128, 1/4
 - Bandwidths 1.7, 5, 6, 7, 8,10 MHz
- 8 Scattered Pilot patterns
- Time interleaving at physical layer to improve impulse noise robustness
- Time slicing at physical layer
 - Different PLPs can have different levels of robustness
 - Enables power saving
- Sub-slicing within frame
 - Increases time diversity/interleaving depth without increasing deinterleaver memory

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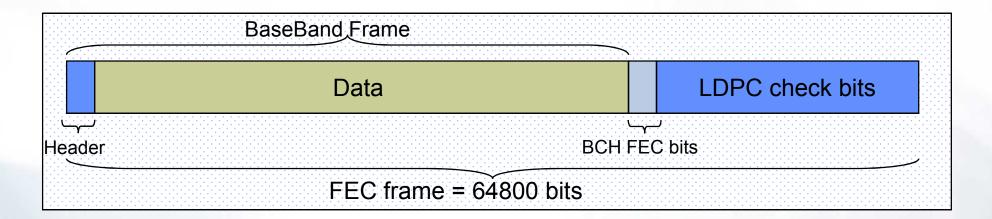
Closer Summary of Techniques (2)

- P1 symbol for frame sync. and for rapid T2 signal detection
- P2 symbol carrying frame construction data and PSI/SI information
- Three main levels of interleaving
 - Bit interleaving, Time interleaving and Frequency interleaving
- Rotated constellations
- MISO capability (Alamouti-based transmit diversity)
- Peak-to-average-power reduction via tone reservation and constellation distortion
- Future Expansion Frames
- Signalling and compatibility with future implementations of Time Frequency Slicing



Key features: BB Frames and LDPC

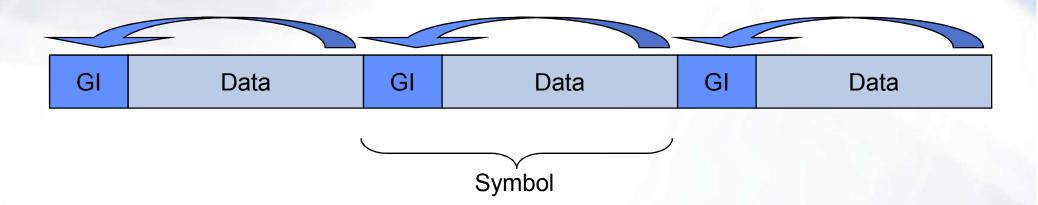
- Data packaged into BaseBand Frames
- BaseBand Frames protected by the S2 LDPC FEC
 - With an additional small BCH code to mop up any residual errors after LDPC decoding



- This FEC frame, of length 64800 bits, is a fundamental unit within T2
 - Code rates: 1/2, 3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6
 - A shorter FEC frame of 16200 bits also provided for low data rate services

Key Features: Modulation (1)

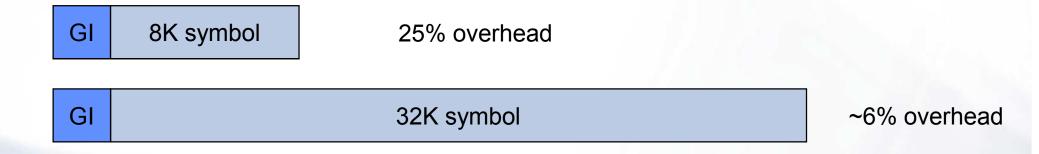
T2 uses conventional Guard-Interval OFDM (GI-OFDM)
 as in DVB-T



- Each symbol carries data on a large number of separate carriers
 - 1K, 2K, 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K options are available in T2
 - 16K and 32K: to give improved SFN performance
 - 1K for bandwidth and frequency flexibility
 - Increasing the number of carriers increases the symbol period

Key Features: Modulation (2)

- Increasing the symbol period
 - Can reduce guard interval overhead for given size of SFN
 - Can increase SFN capability for a given fractional GI

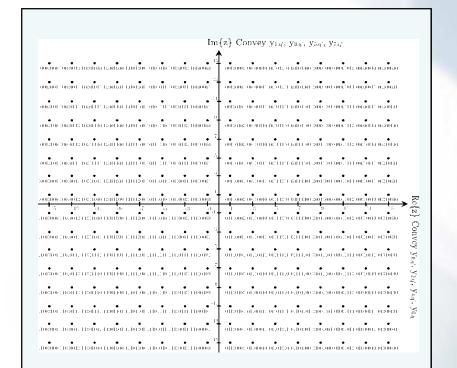


- T2 extends guard interval range to allow reduced overhead and additional flexibility
 - Gls in T2: 1/128, 1/32, 1/16, 19/256, 1/8, 19/128, 1/4



Key Features: Modulation (3)

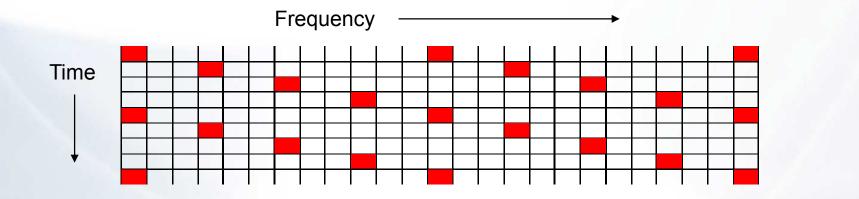
- T2 includes 256 QAM mode
 - Carries 8 bits/ data cell
 - (c.f 6 bits / data cell for 64 QAM)
 - Enables greater capacity, exploiting improved FEC performance of LDPC
 - Studies show that typical tuner phase noise should not be a problem



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Scattered Pilot Patterns (1)

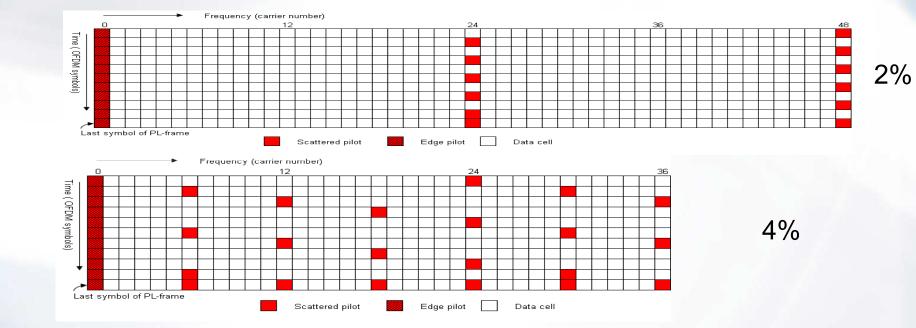
- Scattered pilots are OFDM cells of known amplitude and phase
 Receiver uses these to compensate for effects of channel changing in frequency and time.
- In DVB-T, 1 in 12 OFDM cells is a scattered pilot
 8% overhead
 Independent of guard-interval fraction





Scattered Pilot Patterns (2)

- T2 has 8 different scattered pilot pattern options
 - Aim: to minimise pilot pattern overhead for a given fractional guard interval; e.g.



- Pilot cells are boosted by up to 7 dB depending on density
 - Improves signal to noise on channel estimate
- Pilot pattern modulated by pseudo-random sequence
 - Can be used for improved time synchronisation algorithms
- Pilot pattern modified for edge carriers and for last symbol of frame

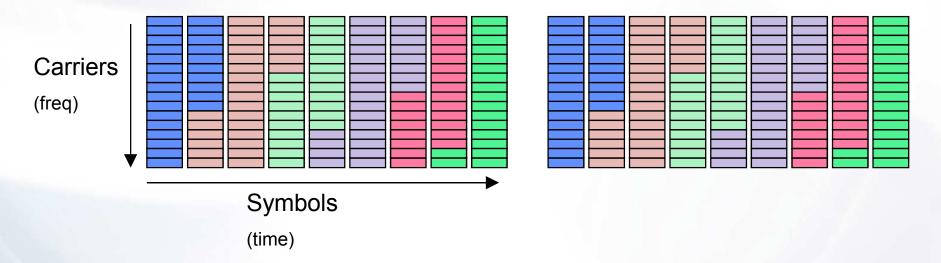


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Time

Key features: Service Specific Robustness

- Each service can be given its own modulation mode (e.g. 256QAM, 16 QAM) and FEC coding rate (e.g. rate 3/5, rate 3/4)
 - Different applications: roof-top reception/portables



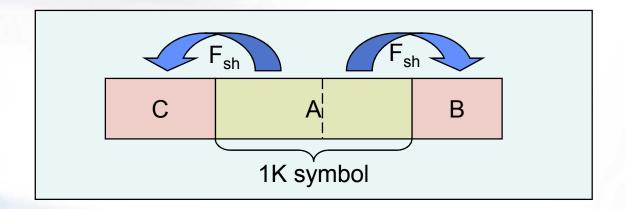
- Each service is given a slice of data cells within a frame
 - Each slice is part of a *Physical Layer Pipe* for that service
 - Also enables power saving in the receiver
 - Slices can be sub-divided into sub-slices within frame in order to give more time diversity



Key features: Frame Structure

Start of frame is signalled by a short P1 symbol

 Based on 1K OFDM symbol with frequency shifted repeats at front and rear of symbol



Only a sparse proportion of 1K carriers occupied

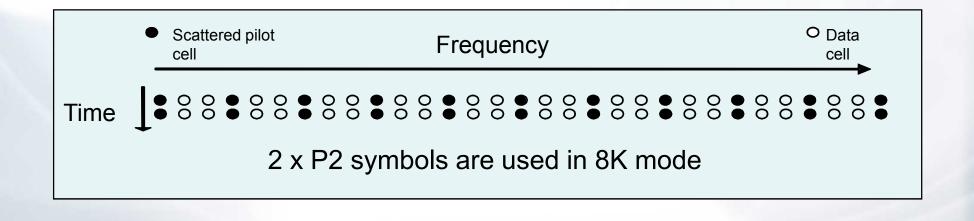
- Carrying carefully chosen data patterns
- Lengths of segments carefully chosen

- This format of P1 symbol provides
 - Simple and robust mechanism for rapid detection of T2 signal
 - Fast frequency lock mechanism
 - 7 bits of signalling (e.g. for FFT size in main frame)



Frame Structure (2)

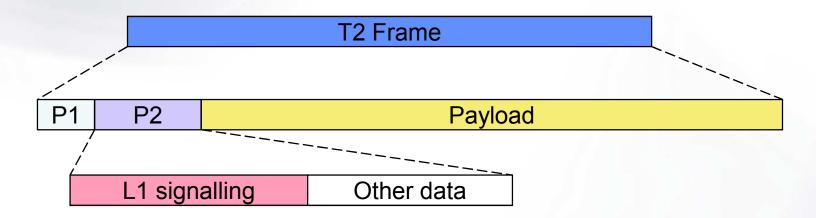
- Structure of frame must be signalled at beginning of frame
 - Start address and length of individual PLPs
 - This data is carried in P2 symbols which follow P1 symbol
 - Number of P2 symbols depends on FFT size
 - Frame structure data must be carried robustly
 - Use strong FEC and modulation modes within P2
 - Channel equalisation must be rapid and robust
 - Use a greater density of scattered pilots



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Frame Structure (3)

Typical frame duration: 150 -250 ms
 P1 & P2 overhead typically less than 1%



- L1 signalling carries frame structure data
 - L1 data must be carried more robustly than payload data
 - L1 data split into 2 parts: L1-pre (very robust); L1-post (quite robust)
- Other data carried in P2 can include common PSI/SI data for services carried in payload



Frame Structure (4)

- Typical use single PLP
 - Complete transport stream is contained within single PLP
 - Including all PSI/SI
- Typical use multiple PLP
 - Each PLP carries a transport stream
 - Frame structure for all PLPs is contained in L1 data which is
 - carried in P2 symbols at beginning of frame
 - And normally carried 'in-band' with each PLP for that PLP (to reduce need to decode P2 symbols)



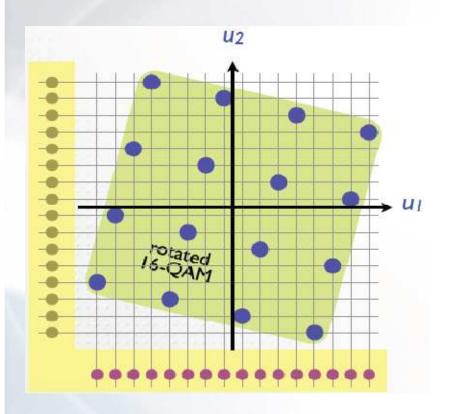
Interleaving

- LDPC works well only for randomly distributed bit errors
 - Must avoid regular patterns of errors and bursts of errors
 - Must randomise mapping of bits from FEC block into constellation points
- T2 uses three main interleavers applied per PLP
 - Bit Interleaving within an FEC block
 - Randomises errors from single errored data cells
 - Based on a row/column block interleaver with a 'twist'
 - Time Interleaver
 - Disperses data cells from FEC blocks of a given service throughout slice (/subslices) for that service
 - Frequency Interleaving
 - Causes randomisation of possibly-damaged adjacent data cells within an OFDM symbol
 - Provides robustness against a frequency-selective channel
 - T2 uses twin interleavers (based on DVB-T interleaver)



Rotated Constellations (1)

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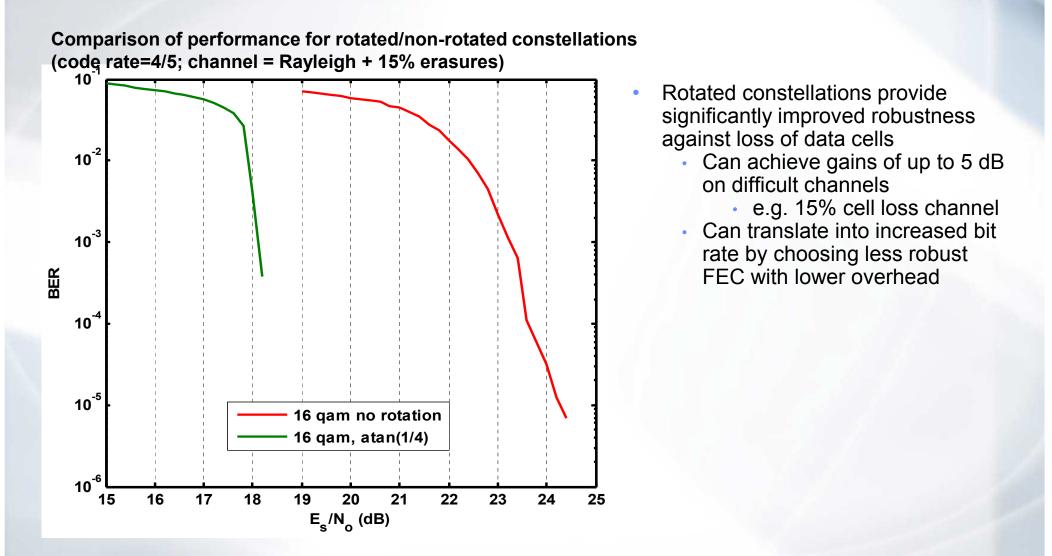


- Map data onto a normal QAM (x,y)
- Rotate constellation (axes now (u₁,u₂))
- Ensure u₁ and u₂ travel in different cells
 So that they fade independently
 Gather together in receiver

Each of u₁,u₂ carries all of the info of original x,y •So can decode (less ruggedly) if one is erased completely

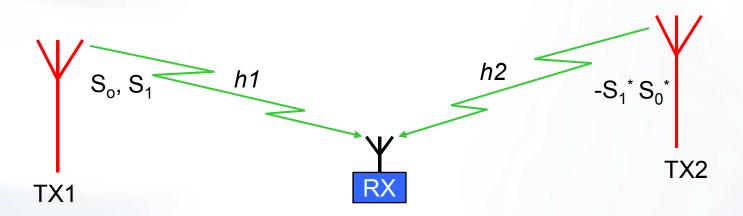


Rotated Constellations (2)



Transmit Diversity (1)

- T2 includes Alamouti coding mode for simple SFNs
 - While Tx1 transmits pair of data cells S_0, S_1 , Tx2 transmits $-S_1^*, S_0^*$
 - Also involves modification of pilot patterns to measure h1 and h2
 - This prevents possibility of 'flat fading' at receiver

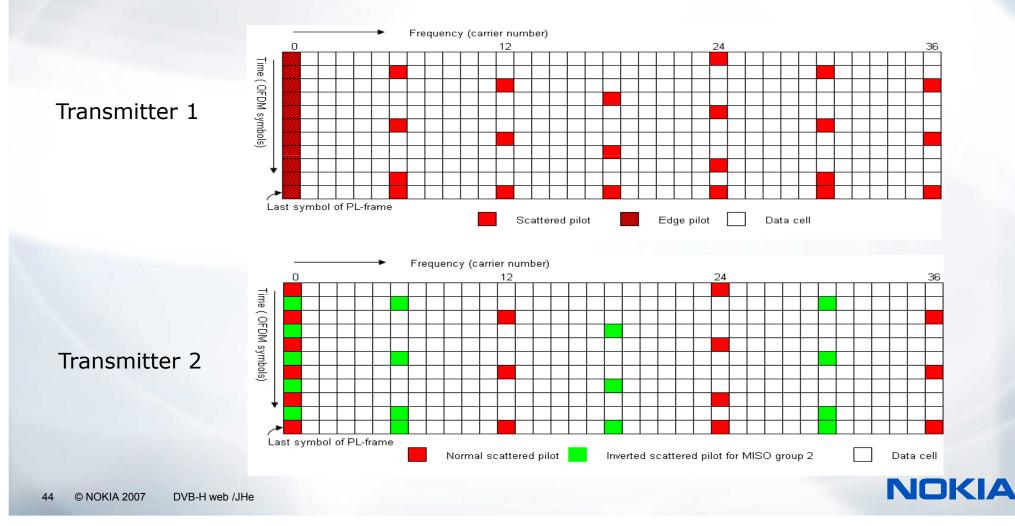


Initial planning studies predict 30% increase in coverage area for simple SFNs



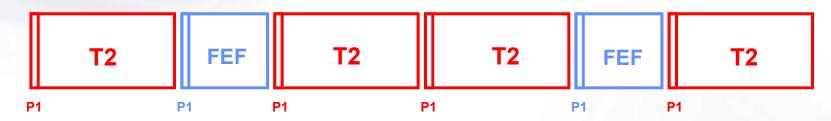
Transmit Diversity (2)

 Scattered pilot patterns are modified (for second transmitter) to enable measurement of channels h1 and h2; e.g. -



Additional Features

- Future Extension Frames (FEFs)
 - Provide a mechanism for future compatible enhancements e.g. MIMO Only requirement is for FEF to start with P1 symbol



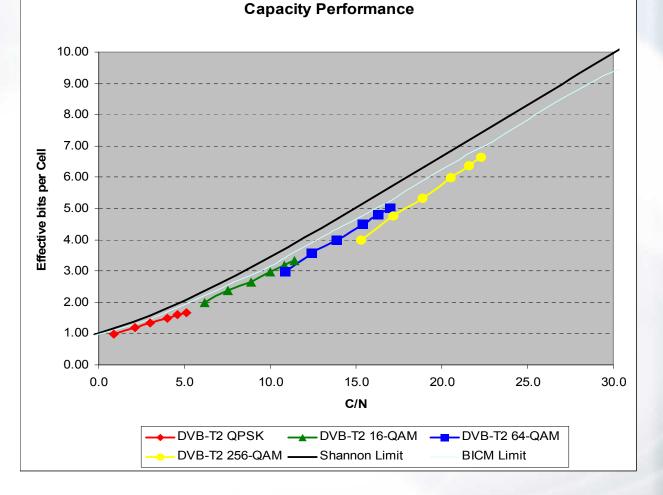
- **Time Frequency Slicing**

 - Multiplex of signals is spread across several linked frequencies
 Can give significant Stat Mux gain (20%) and frequency planning gain (5dB)
 T2 signalling and system is compatible with Time Frequency Slicing system provided
 - receivers have 2 tuners



Modulation and Coding performance

- Capacity limits for simple Gaussian noise channel With LDPC can get close to theoretical limit
- Typically 30% gain in capacity compared with DVB-T codes.



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Why STILL a new standar

Future NGH Why & how?

Motivation & background

- Technology progress
 - Various new things possible
- Business environment changes
 - New standards competing with DVB-H or otherwise changing the situation
 - LTE, T2 etc
- Room for improvement
 - Robustness and indoor reception are the main points
 - There exists reasonable and realistic means to address this within a couple years time frame



DVB study mission on NGH

- A study mission (NGH- next generation handheld) to probe these issues was launched in DVB June 2007
- SM Conclusions Spring 2008:
 - The new standard should address all relevant market segments (terrestrial, terrestrial-satellite hybrid) in order to avoid market fragmentation.
 - If significant capacity increase is needed, feasibility and available performance using multiantenna techniques (MIMO) in handheld terminals should be carefully assessed
 - The new standard NGH, among other things listed above, should be capable of using multiple bands of spectrum and have flexible spectrum use.



2x2 MIMO promise vs. Alamouti 2x2

SIDSA, study mission have computed this capacity for a perfect MIMO 2x2 system, and for the Alamouti system used in diversity 2, which is a particular implementation of 2x2 MIMO.

	Capacity for Alamouti 2x2 (bit/cell)	Capacity for optimal MIMO 2x2 (bit/cell)
SNR = 0 dB	1.44	1.59 (+10.1 %)
SNR = 4 dB	2.36	2.73 (+15.6 %)
SNR = 8 dB	3.46	4.22 (+22.1 %)
SNR = 12 dB	4.68	5.04 (+29.2 %)
SNR = 16 dB	5.96	8.12 (+36.1 %)

Note: very preliminary, overview result

The result depends strongly on the channel model and actual implementation

"Real" MIMO seems to provide substantial benefit



But is there REAL need?

- DVB set up CM group CM-NGH in 2008 to define commercial requirements
- The key findings
 - Technology has progressed and significant improvement in performance is available
 - Robustness and indoor reception are the main points
 - The business environment changes due to T2, LTE etc
- CM listed several general requirements (24.6.2009) like
 - NGH must be sufficiently flexible to deliver content types that match the varying amounts of attention a user might want to devote: e.g. radio, radio with slideshow, high quality (SD) TV
 - Must integrate with 'back channel' technologies to offer a truly immersive, twoway experience
 - Must be able to offer extended viewing sessions therefore extended battery life is important
 - Must offer fast access to services therefore fast start up and channel switching are important
 - Should be able to act as a 'second screen' by offering content that complements and synchronises with content on DVB-T(2) and other platforms
 - Should be possible to offer *location specific content*

Technology comments

Overhead reduction

- Changing the base code (like in DVB-T2) to LDPC (or equivalent), significant reduction is available
- IP overhead can be reduced (e.g. header compression)

Performance increase

- Changing coding ; RS => LDPC (like in T2)
- Additional low code rates for robustness (e.g. rate ¼ ...)
- Longer interleaving
- Two tuner approach
 - Use 2x2 or (distributed) 4x2 MIMO (probably in crosspolarized form)
 - Use diversity (polarization or spatial?)
 - Or even TFS (time-frequency slicing)?!!
- Rotated constellations (from T2)



Technology comments 2

New bands

- MIMO probably not feasible in VHF, UHF still unclear
- Above 1 GHz MIMO is feasible
 - However: No feedback info about the channel to the Tx is available => MIMO is not as efficient as in p-t-p connections
- Satellite bands: Satellite option requires very long interleavers (ca 10 s!) => large memory needed

Challenges for NGH system

- How to deal with MIMO & diversity question?
 Obligatory for UHF and above or optional (e.g. in UHF)?
 Receiver complexity and cost issue
- How to deal with long interleaver issue?
 - Zapping time & delay
 - Memory
 - Cost how to support satellite services without unreasonable burden to all receivers?
- How to share T2 & NGH in one RF channel?
 - Using Future extension frames (FEF) of T2?
- How to handle upper layer issues?TS, IP etc transport

 - Seamless/easy service handover via various bearers

How to simplify – not only adding features??!!

What could it be?

Wild, (educated?) guess

- T2 based system with some additions/modifications
 - More (and less!) coding rates
 - Long time interleaving (at least as option)
 - At least some support for 2x2 and possibly 4x2 MIMO
 - Less overhead
 - Streamlined to allow various service handover
 - Allowing flexible use together with T2 and within T2
 - e.g. using future extension frames

Hope that this does not block anybody to make innovations!

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NGH work scheduling (draft)

- CM approval 24. June 2009
- SB approval 2 July 2009
- Start of technical work (CfT) November 2009 (probably)
- Draft Specification 2H 2010



Conclusions

- DVB is a living organization that has been successful in creating broadcast standards over ten years
- DVB-T => DVB-H => DVB-T2 => DVB-NGH form a natural evolution path for fixed and mobile handheld broadcasting
- The future may provide more tightly knitted family of terrestrial broadcasting standards (T2-NGH)
 - Serving all segmets home rooftop reception, portable, mobile (vehicular) and handheld receivers
- The performance is (will be) very close to Shannon limits
 - One cannot significantly improve spectral efficiency after this by defining a new physical layer standard
 - Other improvement might be possible
 - (e.g. areal/temporal etc spectral efficiency)
 - · ???



Thank You!

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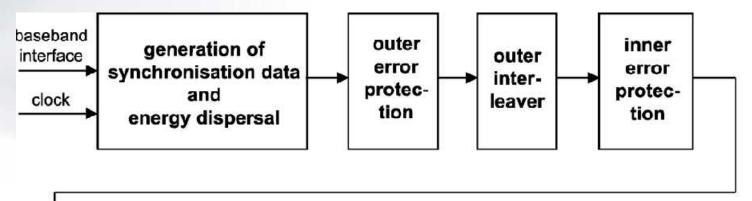
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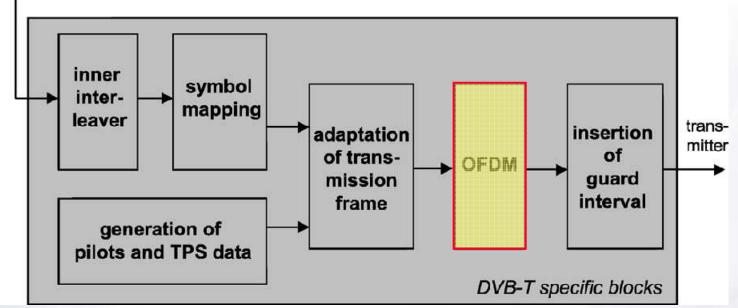
Competition & future

- Several competing standards exist
 - Japanese one segment ISDB-T
 - Korean DMB-T
 - Qualcomm MediaFlo
 - Chinese CMMB
 - (MBMS)
- New evolutions emerging
 - DVB-T2
 - US evolution of ATSC
 - Etc

Digital broadcast is strongly & rapidly evolving area

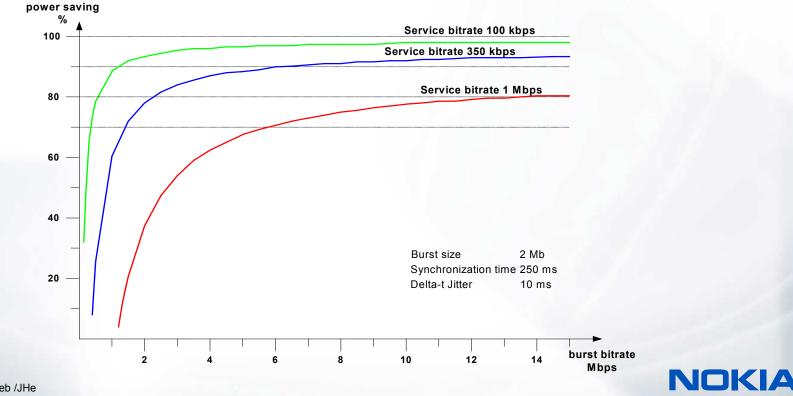
DVB-T encoding block diagram





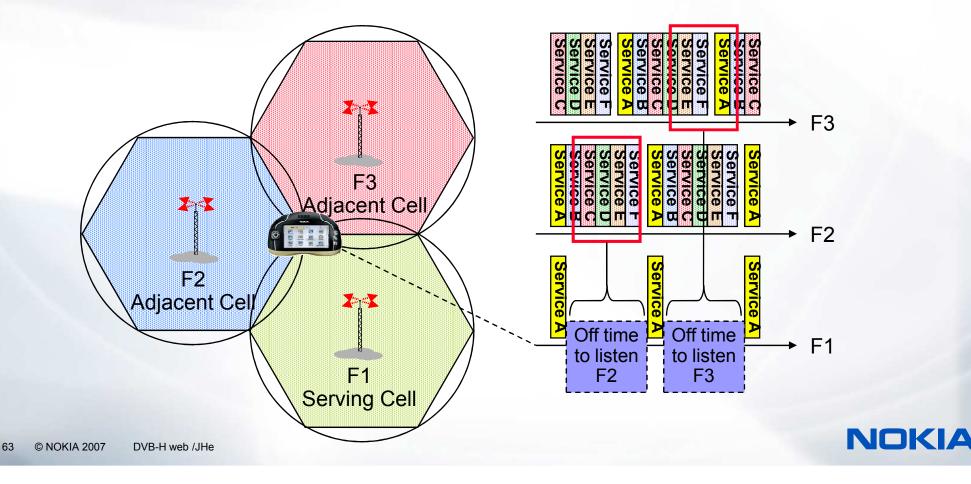
Power saving

- Assuming only two services available, same bitrate, both Time Sliced -> On Time is 50% of the Cycle Time -> Power Saving nearly 50% (Synchronization Time decreases the achieved
 - level)
- Time Slicing always saves power on a receiver
- The greater the Off Time / On Time relation, the greater power saving achieved



Handover Support due to time-slicing

- In normal DVB-T systems smooth handovers would require two front ends in a single terminal
- Time Slicing offers, as an extra benefit, the possibility to use the same receiver to monitor neighbouring cells during the off-time





Benefits for all players

- Consumers: good, understandable service
- New revenue opportunities for all industry players
- Media & broadcasters: re-use of popular content and new distribution platform



 Broadcast network operators: operating new DVB-H networks



- **Mobile operators:** Offering Mobile TV services to customers and additional opportunities for interactive services
- **Regulators:** good use for the spectrum released in digital switchover
- Equipment vendors: new DVB-H network elements, DVB-H enabled mobile phones

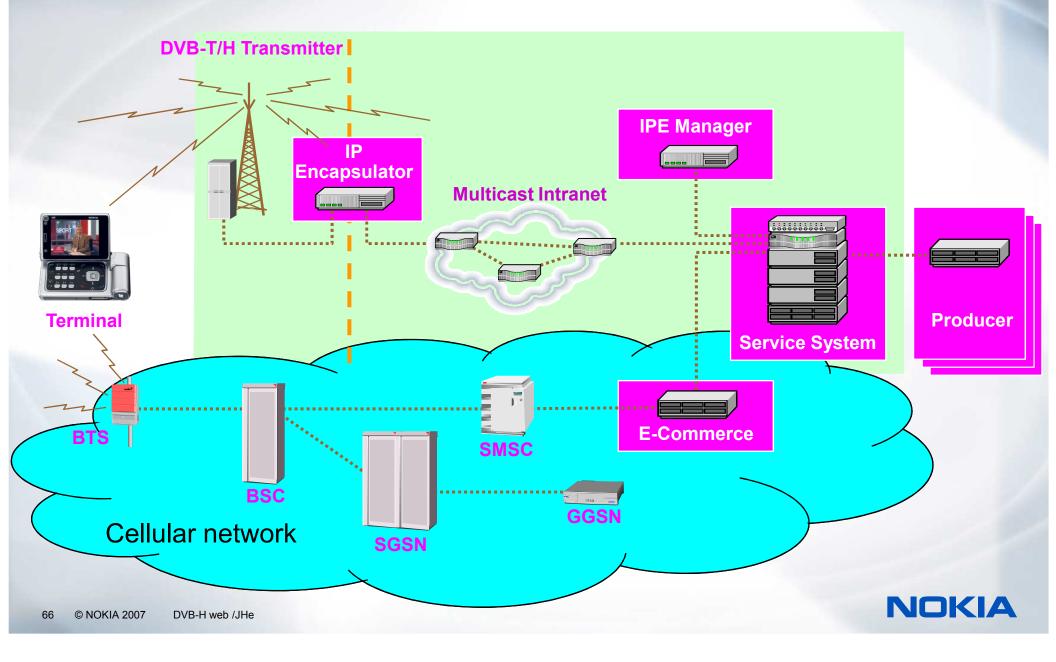


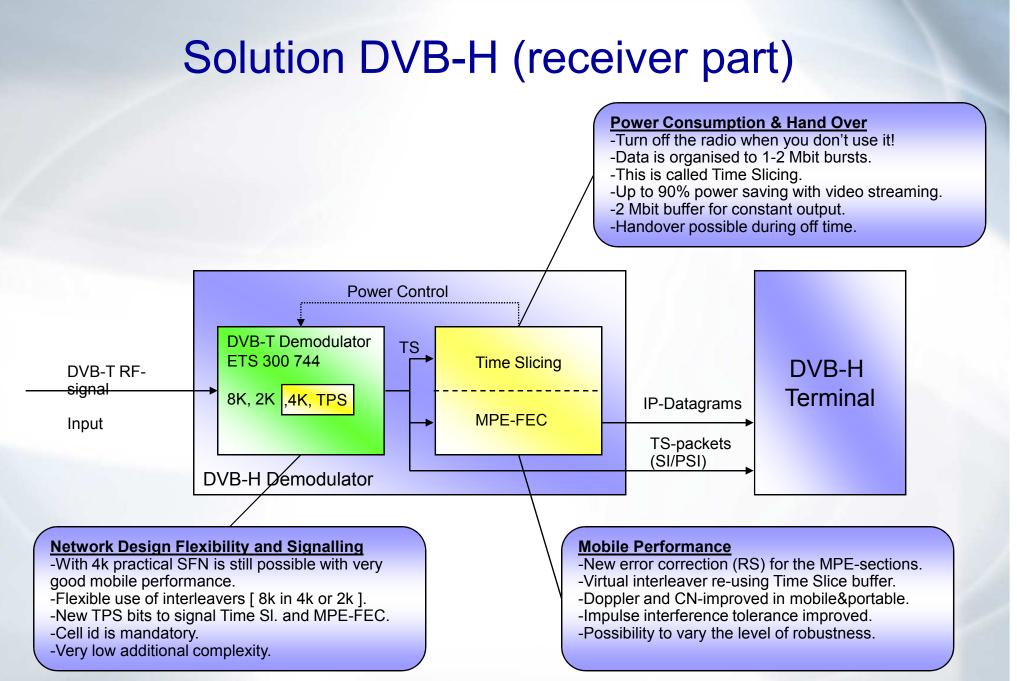
Conclusions on DVB-H

- Based on DVB-T, backwards fully compatible
- Gives additional features to support Handheld reception
 - Battery saving
 - Mobility with high data rates, single antenna reception, SFN networks
 - Increased general robustness, improved impulse noise tolerance
 - Support for seamless handover
- The above have been achieved by adding options
 - Time-slicing for power saving
 - MPE-FEC for additional robustness and mobility
 - 4k mode for mobility and network design flexibility
- DVB-H can share DVB-T multiplex with MPEG2 services



The System Architecture in a Nutshell

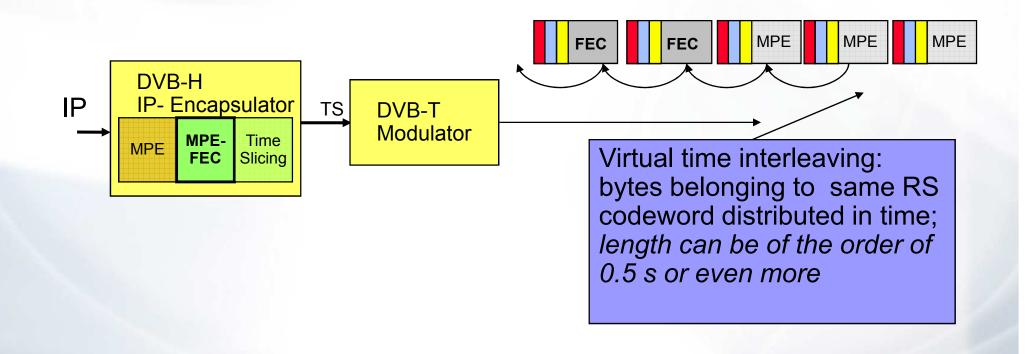






MPE-FEC

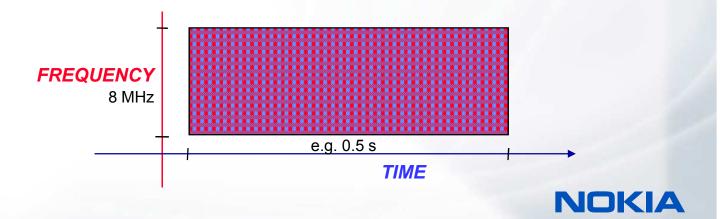
- Additional data link layer Reed-Solomon coding for IP datagrams
- RS data delivered in special FEC sections (*virtual interleaving*)
- Reuses Time Slicing buffer (max 2 Mbit)

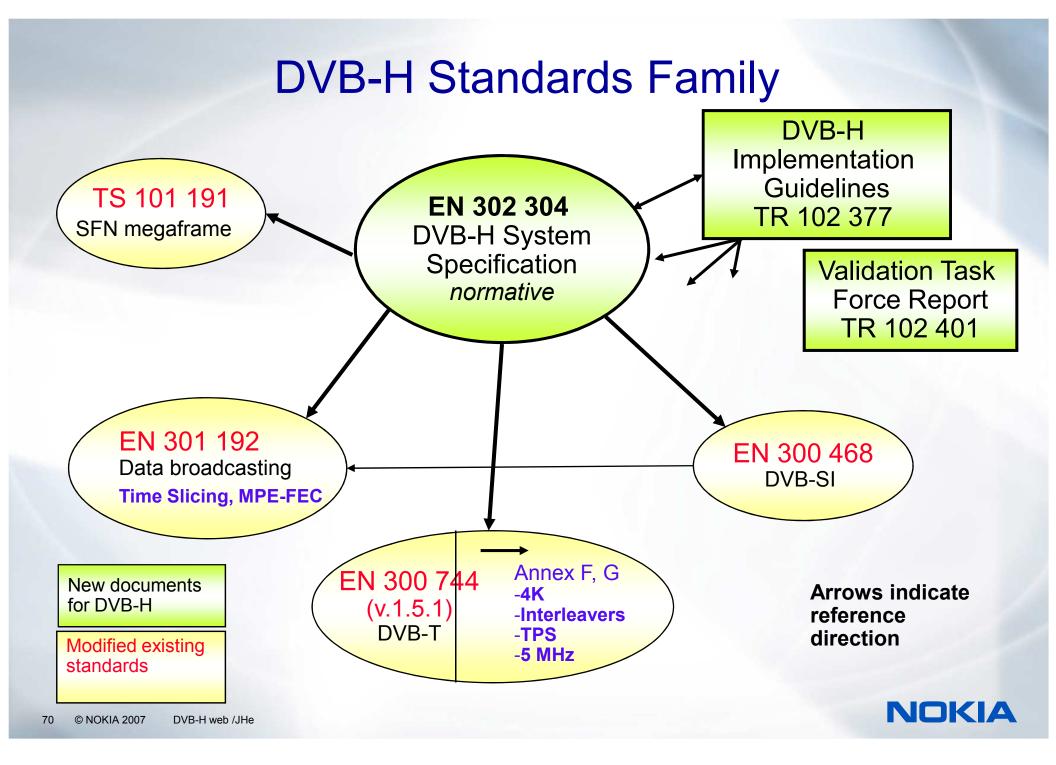




Time slicing 3

- The parameters can be selected from a large range of values: the burst lengths may be shorter or longer; the same with burst intervals
- The power savings in the receiver front-end can typically be of the order of 90 % or higher
- NOTICE: Bytes belonging to one service will be spread both in TIME and FREQUENCY
 - MPE-FEC virtual time-interleaving spreads in time (see later)
 - Time-slicing gives the whole DVB-T bandwidth in use (even when sharing with DVB-T!)





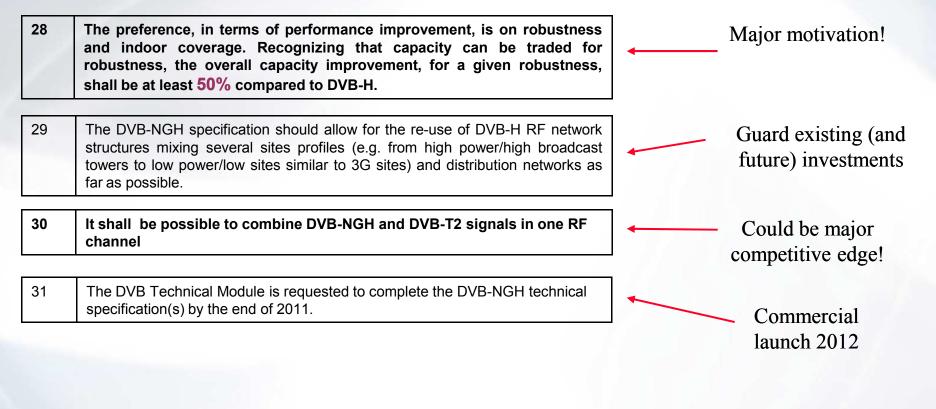
Highlights of the NGH commercial requirements

7	The DVB-NGH specification shall be optimized for outdoor and deep indoor portable and slow mobile reception (pedestrian <15 km/h).	Keep mobility	
8	The DVB-NGH specification shall also be optimized for in-vehicle and outdoor mobile vehicular reception (15 to 350 km/h).		
11	The DVB-NGH specification shall be designed to operate at least in the frequency bands III, IV and V, L-band and S-band.	New bands & bandwidths	
12			
		Avoid market fragmentation!	
15	The system shall be designed for terrestrial use and it may also contain <i>a satellite component.</i>		
18	The system should support for the transport of the whole stream to transmitters over non synchronous networks such as IP .		
19	Individual quality for service components should be possible.	IP support and	
22	The NGH standard should allow for a NGH service to be offered in different qualities. The lower quality being more robust, e.g. based on the use of scalable video coding .	individual & different service quality; possibly SVC	
24	The video, audio or data net throughput shall be maximized for a given reception condition (e.g. C/N), i.e. overheads such as packet headers and metadata should	Reduce overheads!	



be minimized, without losing functionality.

Highlights of the commercial requirements 2



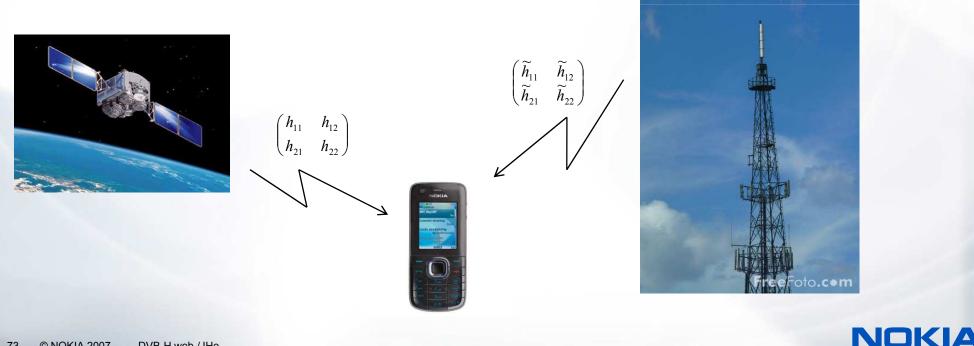
Notes & disclaimers:

- 1) based on draft document from CM
- 2) Selection of certain requirements here does not mean any preference or indication of importance; purely personal interest ⁽²⁾



Goals for channel modelling

- To obtain channel models representative of MIMO delivery to a handheld device (or laptop)
- **Terrestrial and Satellite**
- VHF,UHF, L-Band; dimensionality up to 4x2
- Probably cross-polar receive antennas (+ wired headset) •





Thank You!

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