

Terrestrial digital sound broadcasting system

ISDB-T_{SB}



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Digital terrestrial broadcasting systems in the World

| | USA | Europe | Japan |
|-------------------------|------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Television Broadcasting | ATSC | DVB-T | ISDB-T (ISDB-T _{SB}) |
| Sound Broadcasting | IBOC | DAB (Eureka147) | |

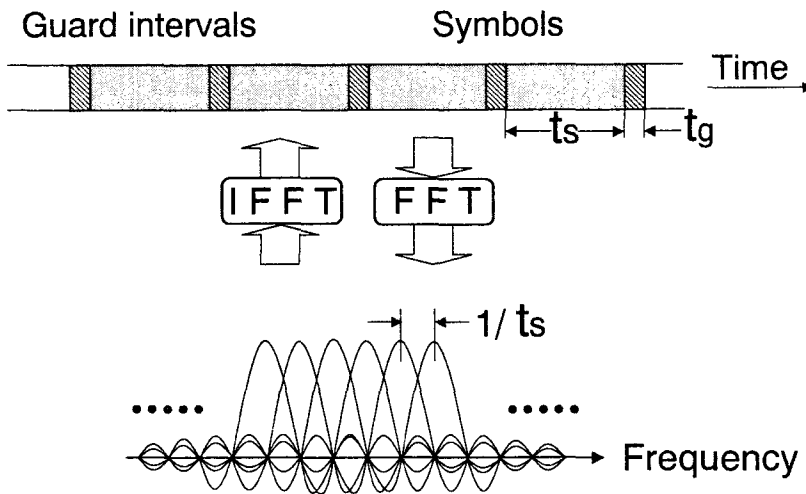
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ISDB-T (ISDB-T_{SB}) system concept

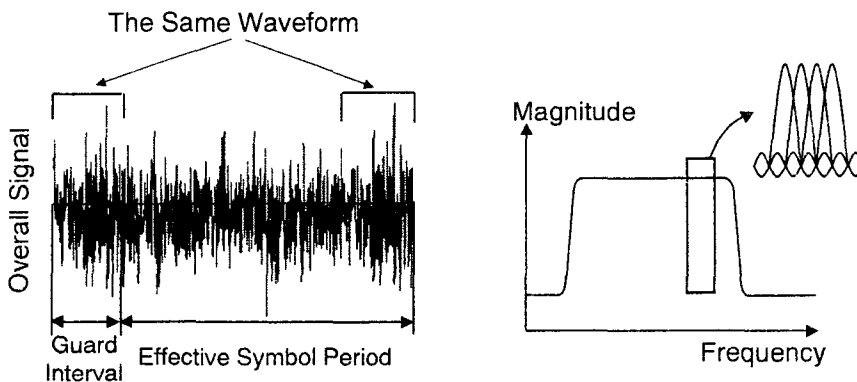
- Suitable transmission scheme for terrestrial (multipath and fading interference)
 - -OFDM, time interleaving
- Common transmission scheme both television and sound broadcasting
 - -Segmented OFDM transmission
- Commonality with other digital broadcasting systems
 - -MPEG-2 base

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Modulated OFDM signals (Time and Frequency domains)



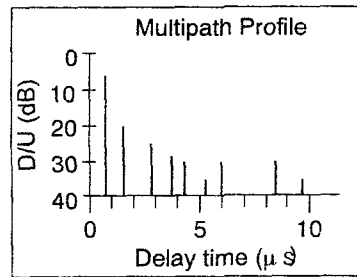
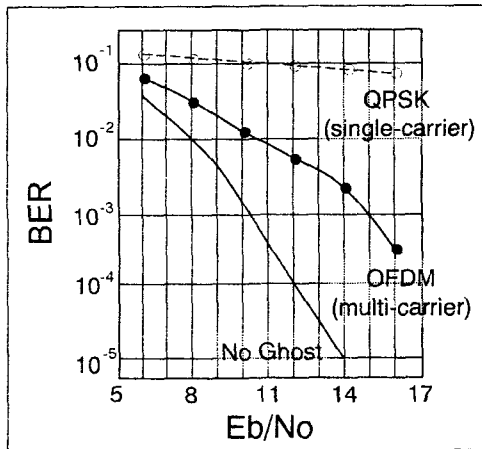
OFDM signals



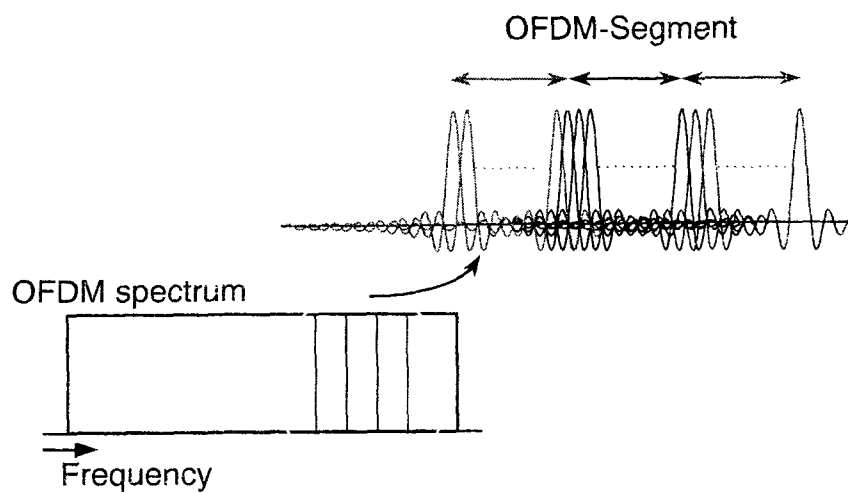


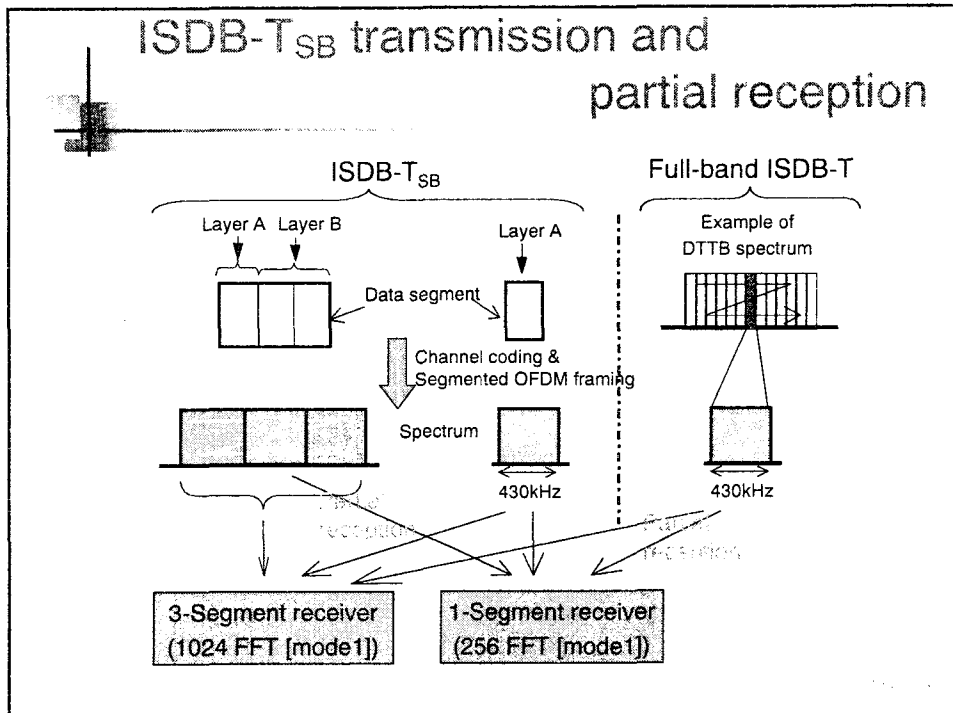
Superiority of OFDM

Performance comparison under multipath interference



Segmented OFDM transmission

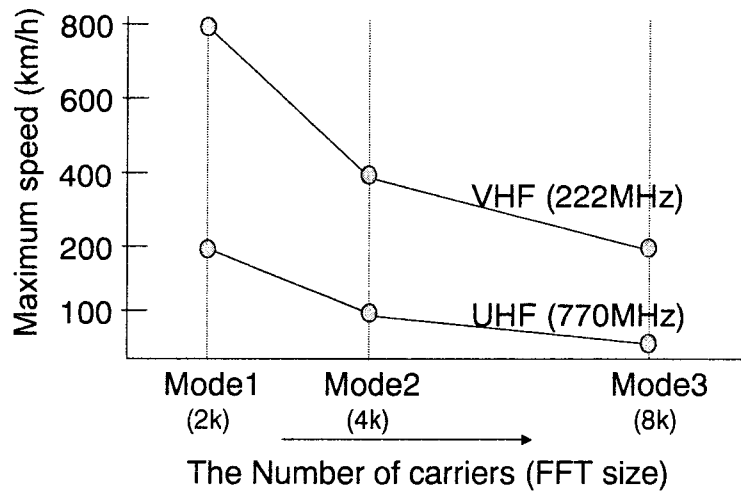




Transmission parameters of OFDM segment

| ISDB-T Mode | Mode 1 | Mode 2 | Mode 3 |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| Bandwidth | 430kHz | | |
| Carrier spacing | 3.968kHz | 1.984kHz | 0.992kHz |
| Total number of carriers | 108 | 216 | 432 |
| Carrier modulation | QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, DQPSK (OFDM) | | |
| Number of symbols per frame | 204 | | |
| Useful symbol duration | 252 μs | 504 μs | 1.008 ms |
| Guard Interval duration | 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32 of useful symbol duration | | |
| Frame duration | 53 - 64 ms | 106 - 129 ms | 212 - 257 ms |
| Inner code | Convolutional Code (1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8) | | |
| Outer code | RS (204,188) | | |
| Interleaving | frequency and time interleaving | | |
| Length of time interleaving | 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8s | | |
| Information rate | 280kbps - 1.8Mbps | | |

Maximum speed depending on Mode



Source coding and Multiplexing

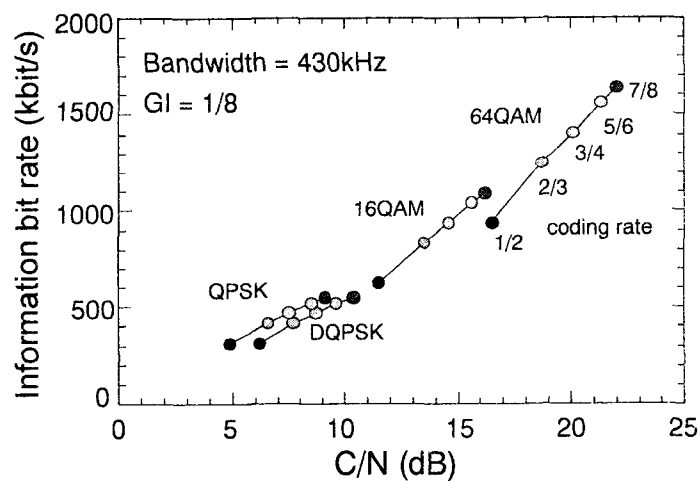
- Source coding
 - MPEG-2 AAC (Advanced Audio Coding)
 - International standard : ISO/IEC 13818-7
 - High efficiency coding
 - AAC 144 kbps audio quality is better than MPEG-1 layer 2 192 kbps audio quality.
- Multiplexing
 - MPEG-2 Systems
 - International standard : ISO/IEC 13818-1
 - Compatible with many other digital systems

Features of ISDB-T_{SB}

- Common transmission scheme
 - both television and sound broadcasting
- Mobile and portable reception possible
- Multimedia broadcasting
- High-reliability with powerful error correction
 - Convolutional code + Reed-Solomon code
- High-quality and efficient sound broadcasting
 - MPEG-2 AAC
- Flexible multiplexing
 - MPEG-2 Systems
- SFN (single frequency network) possible
- Hierarchical transmission up to two layers

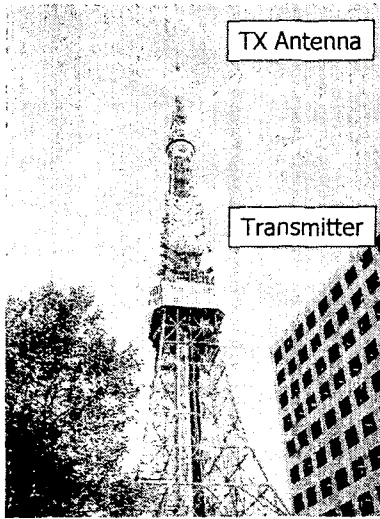
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Bit rate and required C/N (One segment)



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Experimental transmitting station



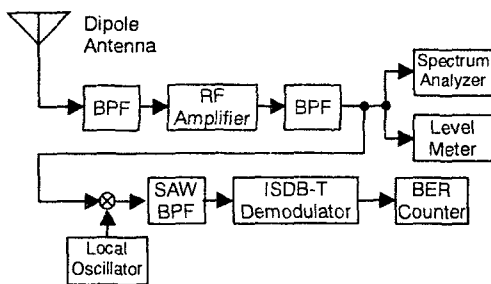
Tokyo Tower

- Mounted on Tokyo Tower

- Specifications

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Antenna height | 247.5 m |
| Frequency | 190.0 MHz (VHF 7ch) |
| Transmitter power | 100 W |
| ERP | 800 W |
| Polarization | Linear-Vertical |

Measuring equipment



- Measurements
 - Field strength
 - BER (bit error rate)
 - Positions of measuring points (by GPS)
- Above items were measured every one second

Wide-area mobile reception trials

- *Purpose of the trials*
 - To investigate mobile reception characteristics
 - over highways and main arterial roads
 - To compare transmission parameters
 - modulation, coding rate, time-interleaving
 - To get required field strength of the system

| Mode | Guard Interval Ratio | Time-interleave | Carrier Modulation | Error Correction | Information Bit Rate |
|------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 3 | 1/16 | 407 ms | DQPSK | 1/2 + RS | 330.42 |
| 3 | 1/16 | 407 ms | 16QAM | 1/2 + RS | 660.84 |

Figure 10

Measured field strength and BER along by the measured route

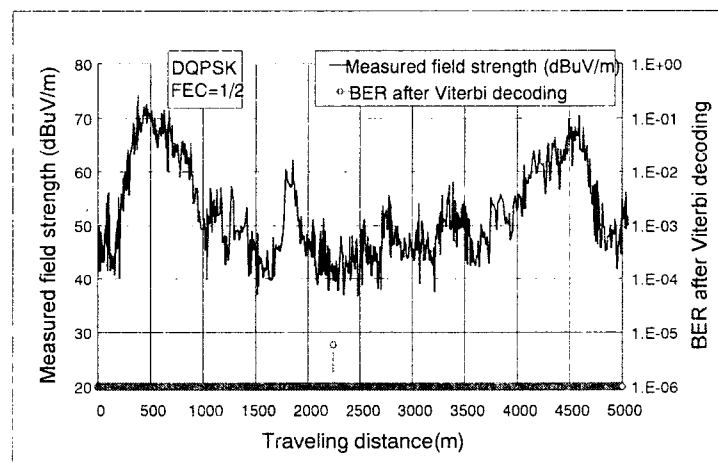
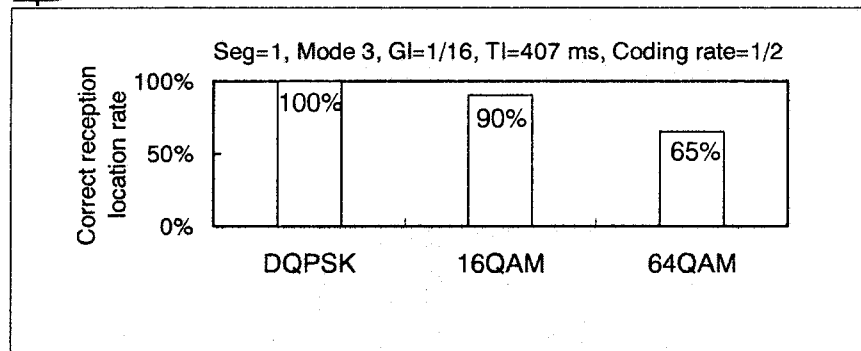


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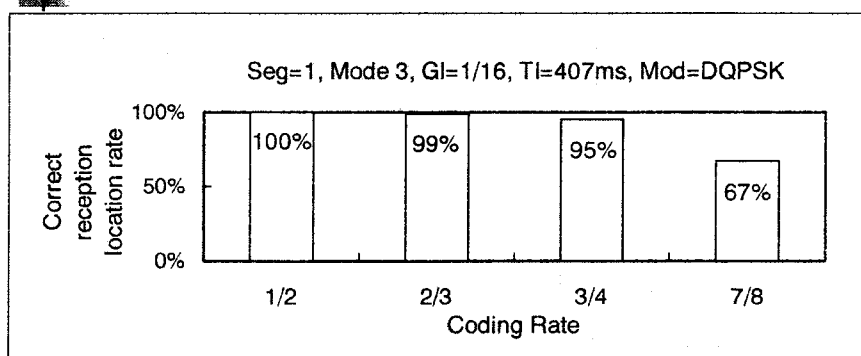
Comparison of modulation methods



- DQPSK : best performance for mobile reception
- 16QAM : not as good as DQPSK
 - Transmission data rate for 16QAM is twice that for DQPSK
- 64QAM : mobile reception seems difficult

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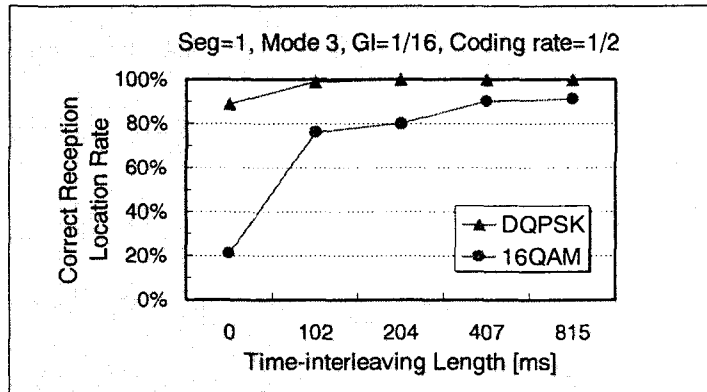
Comparison of FEC coding rates



- Coding rate of 1/2 is the most robust against interference in mobile reception
- Performance of 2/3 is similar to those of 1/2

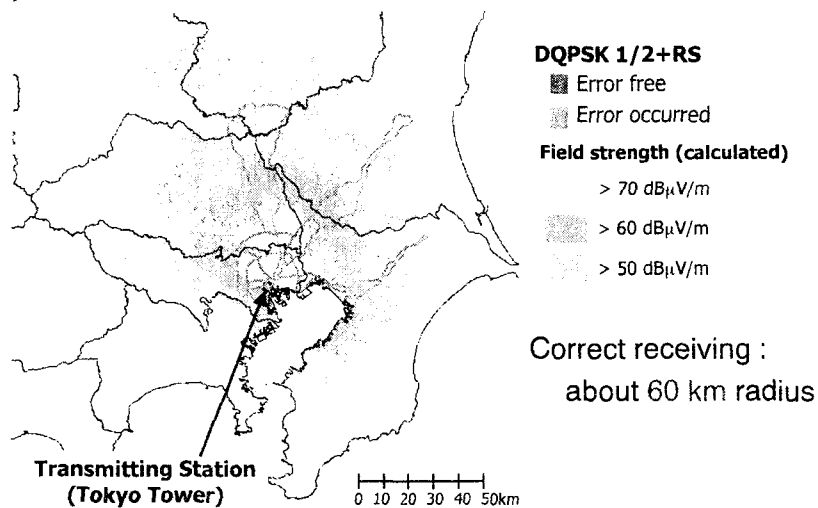
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Effect of time-interleaving

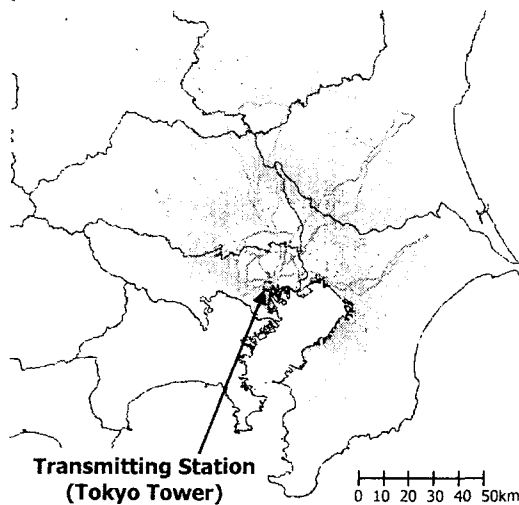


- Time-interleaving length
 - 100 ms: sufficient for DQPSK
 - 400 ms: required for 16QAM

Wide-area mobile reception trial Experimental Result (DQPSK)



Wide-area mobile reception trial Experimental Result (16QAM)



16QAM 1/2+RS

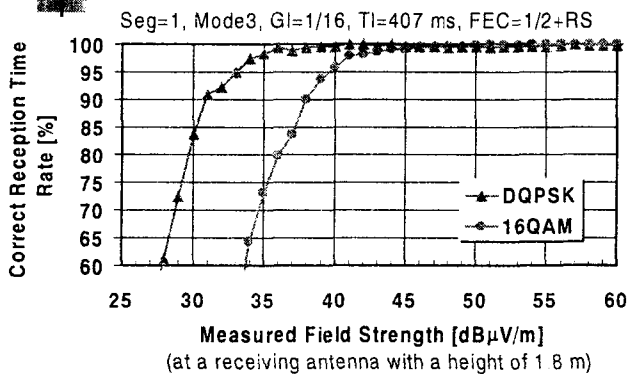
- Error free
- Error occurred

Field strength (calculated)

- > 70 dB μ V/m
- > 60 dB μ V/m
- > 50 dB μ V/m

Correct receiving :
about 40 km radius

Wide-area mobile reception trials



| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Correct reception time rate | 99% |
| DQPSK | 38 dB μ V/m |
| 16QAM | 44 dB μ V/m |

- Correct reception time rate =

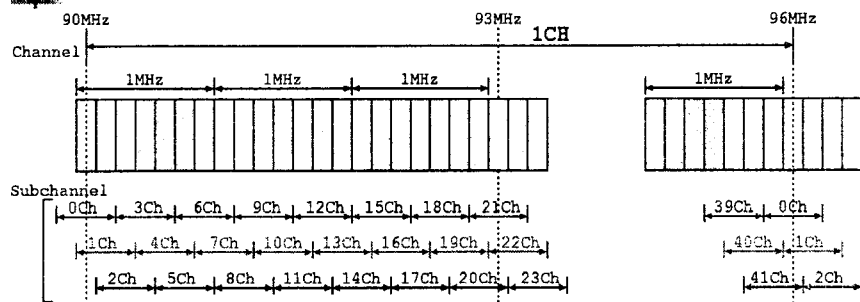
$$\frac{\text{(Number of the measured samples with BER = 0)}}{\text{(Number of samples)}}$$
 Proportion of samples measured in a 1-second interval

Wide-area mobile reception trials

■ Fading margins

| | Required correct reception time rate | Example: 99 % | |
|------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | DQPSK | 16QAM |
| (3) | Required C/N under Gaussian noise environment (Lab. Test) | 6.5 dB | 10.9 dB |
| (4) | Field strength requirement | 38 dB μ V/m | 44 dB μ V/m |
| (10) | Receiver input carrier terminal voltage | 20.6 dB μ V | 26.6 dB μ V |
| (16) | Receiver input noise terminal voltage | 2.5 dB μ V | |
| (17) | Required C/N for mobile reception ((10) – (16)) | 18.1 dB | 24.1 dB |
| (18) | Fading margin ((17) – (3)) | 11.6 dB | 13.2 dB |

Channel allocation considered in Japan

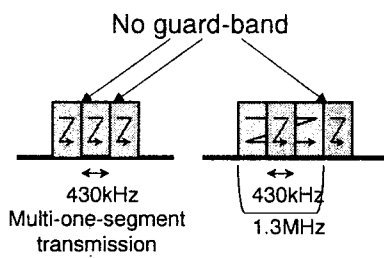


- Channel bandwidth = 6 MHz
- Segment bandwidth = $6/14$ MHz = $3/7$ MHz = 429 kHz
- Number of sub-channels in a channel = 42 (0 - 41 ch)
- Sub-channel separation $1/7$ MHz = 143 kHz
- Japan adopts $1/7$ MHz offset sub-channel allocation
1-1, 1-4, 1-7, ... , 1-40 sub-channel

Connected transmission

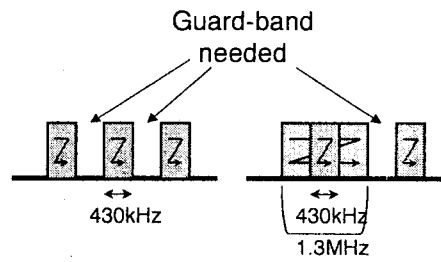
Connected transmission

Synchronize transmission

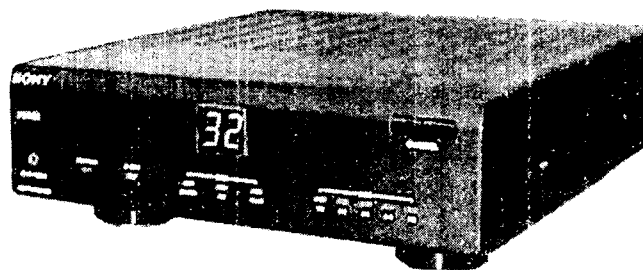


Non-connected transmission

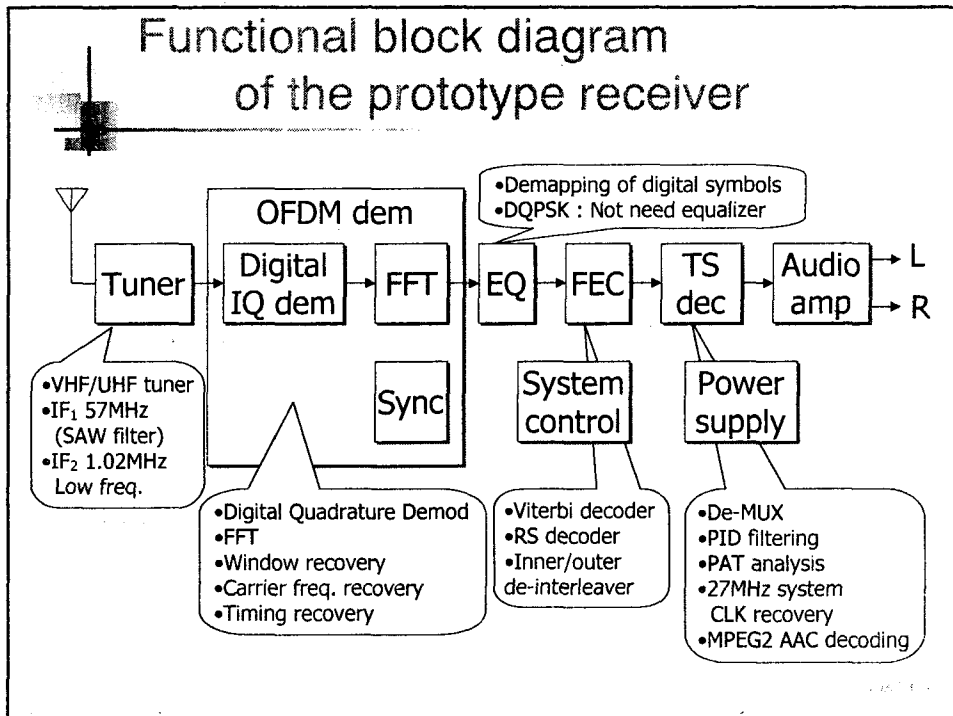
Non-synchronize transmission



Prototype receiver

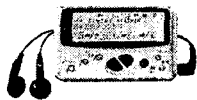


Functional block diagram of the prototype receiver

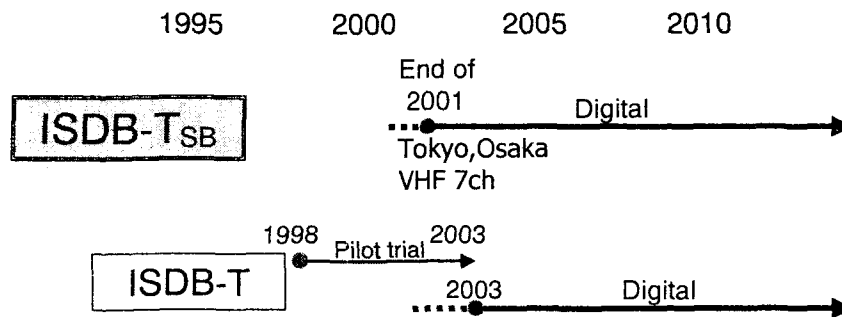


Service examples (1 segment)

| Parameter | DQPSK 1/2 | 16QAM 1/2 |
|-----------|---|--|
| Reception | Mobile | Mobile |
| TS rate | 330 kbps | 660 kbps |
| Services | 2 Audio programs (CD quality stereo) Data (traffic, news) | 3 Audio programs (CD quality stereo) Still picture Data (traffic, news) |



Schedule of ISDB-T_{SB} service



ITU-R Recommendations

- ISDB-T_{SB}
 - BS.1114[-2] : approved at SG6, Sep.2000
 - ITU-R recommends DAB and ISDB-T_{SB} for terrestrial digital sound broadcasting system

- ISDB-T
 - BT.1306-1 (Oct.2000)



Conclusions

- ISDB-T_{SB} system
 - has commonality with ISDB-T (MPEG-2 base)
 - was approved at the SG6 meeting, Sep. 2000 (BS.1114-[2])
- Field trials
 - Required field strength
 - DQPSK, 1/2 : 38dB μ V/m, 16QAM, 1/2 : 44dB μ V/m
 - Required fading margins
 - DQPSK, 1/2 : 11.6 dB, 16QAM, 1/2 : 13.2 dB
- Prototype receiver and services
- At the end of 2001, DSB will start in Japan.