

DAB - Ensemble Structure



Ensemble Structure





- Multiple different radio stations transmit on the same frequency
- Multiple different radio stations use the same transmitter
- Multiple different radio stations share the cost of that single transmission





Ensemble Structure



Stations (services)			
2			
4			
3			
9			
Total 18 stations			

- Radio network 1
- Radio network 2 •
- Radio network 3
- Radio network 4 •



Capacity used 128kbps 256kbps 192kbps 576kbps **1152kbps**

An Ensemble will typically carry multiple services from multiple radio networks, for example:

- Each network can have their own allocated capacity on the ensemble
- No other network has access to that capacity
- Each network can reconfigure their allocated capacity anytime without impacting the other networks' services
- Pop-up services change their name and sometimes bit rate regularly















Each ensemble has

- its own Ensemble Label
- its own unique Ensemble ID code

Signaling Channel – the Fast Information Channel (FIC)

- Provides details about all services (stations) carried
- Service labels
- Bit rates
- Data location in the stream
- Provides details of all data services and PAD
- Provides announcements and warnings



• can carry a unique identifying code of the transmitter (TII)







FIG type number	FIG Application			
0	MCI and part of the SI			
1	Labels, etc. (part of the SI)			
2	Labels, etc. (part of the SI)			
3	Reserved			
4	Reserved			
5	Reserved			
6	Conditional Access (CA)			
7	Reserved (except for Length 31)			

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FIG type/extension	Description
FIG 0/0	Ensemble information
FIG 0/1	Sub-channel organisation
FIG 0/2	Service organisation
FIG 0/3	Service component in packet mode
FIG 0/4	Service component with CA in stream mode
FIG 0/5	Service component language
FIG 0/6	Service linking information
FIG 0/7	Configuration information
FIG 0/8	Service component global definition
FIG 0/9	Country, LTO and International table
FIG 0/10	Date and time
FIG 0/11 and 0/12	Reserved
FIG 0/13	User Application information
FIG 0/14	FEC sub-channel organisation
FIG 0/15 and 0/16	Reserved
FIG 0/17	Programme Type (PTy)
FIG 0/18	Announcement support
FIG 0/19	Announcement switching
FIG 0/20	Service component information
FIG 0/21	Frequency information
FIG 0/22 and 0/23	Reserved
FIG 0/24	OE services
FIG 0/25	OE announcement support
FIG 0/26	OE announcement switching
FIG 0/27 to 0/31	Reserved







- 2.5 times more audio services than DAB due to the use of HE AAC+ v2
- 48kbps DAB+ vs 128kbps DAB service with equal audio quality
- DAB+ Improve coverage of 1 / 2 dB better than DAB
- Improved signal robustness for Program Associated Data delivery











System Structure Audio





	Sub-channel data rates (kbps)					
n	Stereo Parametric Ste		ric Stereo	Мо	no	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
	24	192	-	-	16	176
	24	136	24	48	16	64
	24	192	-	-	16	168
	24	136	24	48	16	64





System Structure IP data

Data services

Enhanced Packet Mode

- UDP
- Add RS(204,188)

IP data service Packet or stream encapsulation

- Need specific applications to process the data on the receiver
- Can be made secure though the use of encryption / Conditional Access





Video services : T-DMB Video service structure Example receiver e.g. LG smartphone











FEC Code	Code	Capacity	Number of 64kbps	Approximate power
	Rate	(kbps)	channels	required relative to 3A
1A	1/4	576	9	-3 to -6dB
2A	3/8	864	13	-2 to -3dB
3A	1/2	1152	18	0
3B	2/3	1536	24	+3dB
4 A	3/4	1728	27	+6dB





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