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Verteilen von Satellitensignalen über ein Koaxialkabel – Zweite Generation

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Foreword

This document (CLC/TS 50607:2013) has been prepared by CLC/TC 209 "Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services".

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Introduction

In EN 61319-1:1996/A11:1999, the interfaces for the control and command of the devices associated with the satellite receivers are described in the following clauses:

- Clause 4: Interfaces requirements for polarizer and polar switchers;
- Clause 5: Interfaces requirements for low-noise block converters (LNB).

In these clauses, analogue techniques are described for controlling the LNB and polar switchers.

In the DiSEqC™ Bus Functional Specification, the “Digital Satellite Equipment Control Bus” (called DiSEqC) is introduced as a single method of communication between the satellite and the peripheral equipment, using only the existing coaxial cables. The existing EN 50494 “Satellite signal distribution over a single coaxial cable in single dwelling installations” describes a system for distributing signals via single coaxial cable issued from different bands and polarisations to several satellite receivers This specification is limited to 8 units per output of the Single Cable Interface and to 8 Satellite IF banks (bands, feeds, polarisations).

The second generation described in this Technical Specification is intended for single and multiple dwelling installations and includes the following enhancements compared to EN 50494:

- The number of demodulators is extended to a maximum of 32 units per output of the Single Cable Interface (hereafter referred to as SCIF) device.
- The system is scaled for a maximum number of 256 Satellite IF banks (bands, feeds, polarisations)
- The SCIF replies, which may be used during installation process, are also based on DiSEqC.
- Equipment according to this Technical Specification is downwards compatible to the specifications provided by EN 50494.

1 Scope

This Technical Specification describes:

- the system physical structure;
- the system control signals, which implement a set of messages using DiSEqC physical layer but not the DiSEqC message structure;
- the definition of identified configurations;
- the management of the potential collisions in the control signals traffic.

Figure 1 illustrates the physical system configuration considered in this Technical Specification.

Several satellite signal demodulators can receive signals from any of the input signal banks (Bank 1, Bank 2, ···· Bank M, with M ≤ 256) of the LNB or the switch. The signals selected by the demodulators (or receivers) are transported via a single cable to these demodulators (Receiver 1, Receiver 2, ···· Receiver N, with N ≤ 32).

To achieve these single cable distributions, the Single Cable Interface (SCIF, likely embedded in a LNB or a Switch) features some specific functions and characteristics.

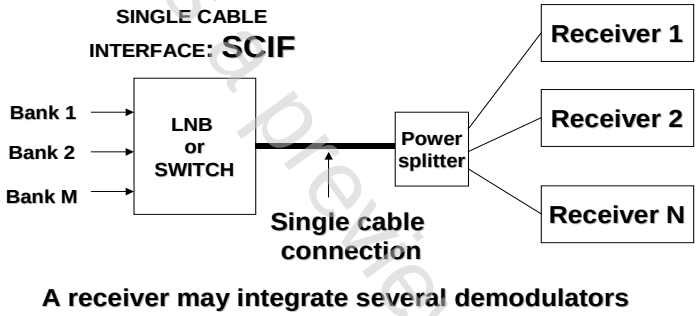

Figure 1 — General architecture of the single cable distribution

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 50494	*Satellite signal distribution over single coaxial cable in single dwelling installations*
EN 60728-4	*Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 4: Passive wideband equipment for coaxial cable networks*
EN 61319-1:1996 + A11:1999	*Interconnections of satellite receiving equipment – Part 1: Europe (IEC 61319-1:1995)*
ISO/IEC 13818-1	*Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information – Part 1*
DiSEqC™ Bus Functional Specification	Version 4.2, February 25, 1998 http://www.eutelsat.com/satellites/4_5_5.html