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DVB-H: the history



The Digital Video Broadcast (DVB) project included research work related to mobile DVB reception in 1998, during the introduction of commercial digital TV services in Europe.



The *Motivate* project concluded in 2000 that mobile reception of DVB-T is possible, but requests dedicated networks in order to fulfil the robustness requirements of a "network anywhere" mobile service with regards to a fixed DVB-T service on the rooftops only.

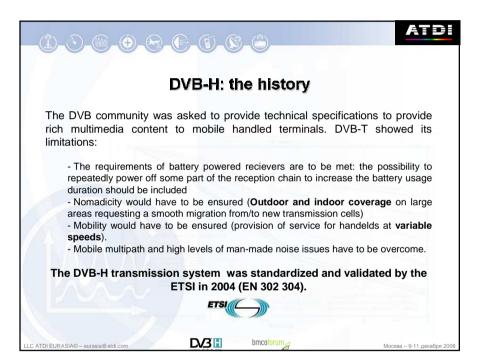
The *Multimedia Car Platform* project introduced spatial diversity in addition to the frequency and time diversities provided by the DVB-T transmission layer. The reception improvement allows a mobile receiver to access DVB-T signals broadcast for fixed receivers. DVB-T Mobile broadcast services have then be deployed in countries such as Singapore, Taiwan or Germany (Berlin).

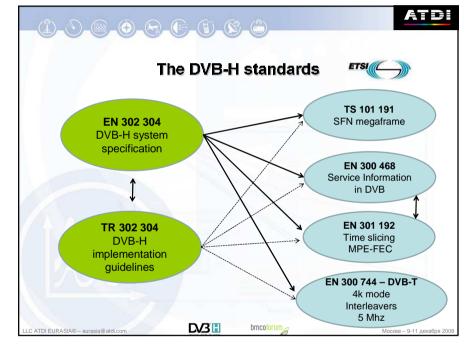
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The DVB-H: a mobile broadcasting multimedia platform among others

Most of the mobile broadcasting technologies are C-OFDM based (see section2). Among which are:

- DAB (UK, Australia...), 1.7 MHz BW approx, VHF and 1.5 GHz L-Band
- DVB-T mobile (as seen earlier), 6-7-8 MHz, UHF
- DVB-H (Europe, America, Australia, Philippines...), 5-6-7-8 MHz, UHF and 1.5 GHz L-Band
- DVB-SH, dual BW, S-Band
- T-DMB (Korea, France) in combination with S-DMB (Korea), 1.7 MHz BW approx, VHF/L-Band and 2.5 GHz
- ISDB-T (Japan), 6-7-8 MHz, UHF
- MediaFLO (Qualcom USA), 5-6-7-8 MHz, UHF and L-Band
- -TDtv (UK, not C-OFDM), 5 MHz BW, around the 2 GHz
- **DRM**, up to 120 Mhz
- Mobile WiMax (MBS mode)



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DVB-H vs DVB-T

- Based on DVB-T, backwards fully compatible
- Gives additional features to support Handheld portable and mobile reception
 - battery saving
 - mobility with high data rates, single antenna reception, SFN networks
 - impulse noise tolerance
 - increased general robustness
 - 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
- -plus additional minor changes, e.g., in signalling
- DVB-H is meant for IP-based services via MPE insertion
- DVB-H can share DVB-T multiplex with MPEG2 services
- Portable/indoor coverage should be built to the network for fully exploit the DVB-H possibilities businesswise

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