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# Transition to the digital TV And technical aspects

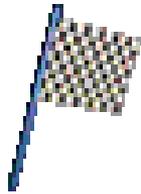
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End of Transition

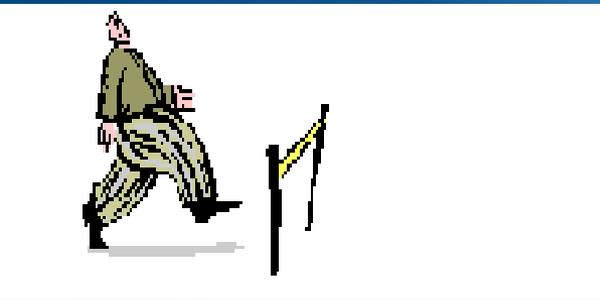
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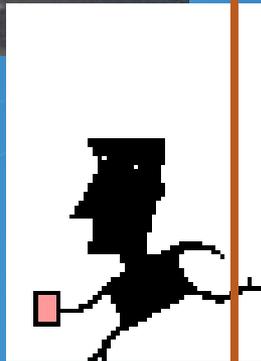
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Transition accomplished



Transition going-on



Start of Transition



2<sup>nd</sup> Generation  
3d,4th..???



# Overview

- Basic definitions : ASO, DSO, Simulcast...
- Why changing? (advantages and disadvantages)
- ASO/DSO models
- Planning ASO/DSO
- Existing DTT Standards tables
- Planning criteria

# Basic Definitions

- **ASO:** Analogue Switch-Off: Stop broadcasting in analogue Mode
- **DSO:** Digital Switch-Over: Migration process from analogue to digital broadcasting
- **Simulcast:** Broadcast simultaneously of analogue and digital
- **Transition** deadlines for Members part of GE06 Agreement:
  - 2015
  - 2020

# Why changing?

Any choice? Really?

Advantages of going Digital:

New possibilities to the viewers:

- Additional number of programs
- Reduction of transmission costs (Sharing infrastructure)
- Additional reception modes: portable and mobile reception
- Improve quality of image and sound including HDTV
- Additional type of services: interactivity, Electronic Program Guides, etc.

For regulators:

- Fair competition: To develop a terrestrial platform competitive with cable and satellite platforms
- To be in line with GE06 Plan (as from 2015 no protection of analogue TV)

**Efficient use of spectrum**

Disadvantages: New and big costs, new planning work, new

# ASO/DSO Models

- Simulcast: broadcasting analogue and Digital
  - Everybody still can watch terrestrial TV
  - Frequency resource double used
- National shut-off of analogue services:
  - Clear and optimized use of frequencies
  - Risk of non covered regions or viewers not ready

# Planning the ASO/DSO: Regulatory aspect

## ● Establish legislative framework

- Define ASO/DSO strategy (Implementation and timelines)
- Ensure that the coverage is not less than the analogue one
- Define areas for coverage
- Licenses strategy :free-to-air or/and pay-tv services
- Create a funding, if needed and if possible, to ensure sufficient financial structure
- To ensure adequate digital receivers (Set top boxes) are in market at a reasonable price.
- Ensure a good communication campaign to inform the Viewers and deploy means to assist (Web site, TV and Radio spots...)

# Planning the ASO/DSO : Technical considerations

- Frequency Plan situation : Analyze the compatibility internal and with neighboring countries, coverage calculation (MFN/SFN), and take into account the Digital Dividend
  - If needed, modify (update) the national frequency assignment Plan, or GE06 Plan if Region 1
  - Notify to MIFR
  - If simulcast, ensure compatibility between digital and analogue
- Analogue transmitters to be replaced with digital equipment
- Analyze DTT Standards (modulation scheme, bite rate, guard interval, compression coding, HDTV, SDTV, etc.) to ensure the best reception conditions

# DTT System standards

## ● DVB:

- DVB-T : Digital Video Broadcasting Terrestrial (System B)
- DVB-H: Digital Video Broadcasting Handheld
- DVB-T2 : Second Generation of DVB-T
  - At least 30% higher transmission capacity and improved SFN performance

## ● ATSC: Advanced Television Systems Committee (System A)

- ATSC-M/H- Advanced Television Systems Committee Mobile & Handheld.

## ● ISDB-T: Integrated Services Digital Broadcasting Terrestrial- (System C)

- SBTVD: Adapted by Brazil

## ● DMB-T/H (ChinaDTV): Framing structure, channel coding and modulation for DTTB system: designed for fixed and mobile reception.

## ● T-DMB: Terrestrial Digital Multimedia Broadcasting system: enables

# Description of Digital Television Broadcasting systems

| Standard          | Channels          | Band    | Modulation        | Applicable standards      |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| ATSC              | 6 MHz             | UHF/VHF | 8-VSB             | A/52,A/53,<br>A/65, A/153 |
| ChinaDTV<br>DMB-T | 8 MHz             | UHF/VHF | OFDM              | GB 20600-2006             |
| DVB-T             | 6, 7 and 8 MHz    | UHF/VHF | OFDM              | EN 300 744                |
| DVB-H             | 5, 6, 7 and 8 MHz | UHF/VHF | OFDM              | EN 302 304                |
| ISDB-T            | 6, 7 and 8 MHz    | UHF/VHF | Segmented<br>OFDM | ARIB STD-B31              |

# Mobile digital broadcasting

| Standard or Spec. | Modulation           | Transport stream     | RF channel (MUX) size (MHz) | Int. Broadcast bands | Regional national origin |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| DVB-H             | QPSK or 16-QAM COFDM | IP/MPE-FEC/ MPEG2 TS | 8                           | IV and V             | Region 1 (Europe)        |
| ISDB-T            | QPSK or 16-QAM COFDM | MPEG2 TS             | 0.433                       | IV and V             | Region 3 (Japan)         |
| T-DMB*            | DQPSK COFDM          | MPEG2 TS             | 1.75                        | III and 1.5 GHz      | Region 3 (Rep. of Korea) |
| T2-lite           | QPSK                 | H.264                | 8                           | IV and V             | Region 1 (Europe)        |

\*: Fully compatible with T-DAB

# DVB-T 2 DVB-T2?

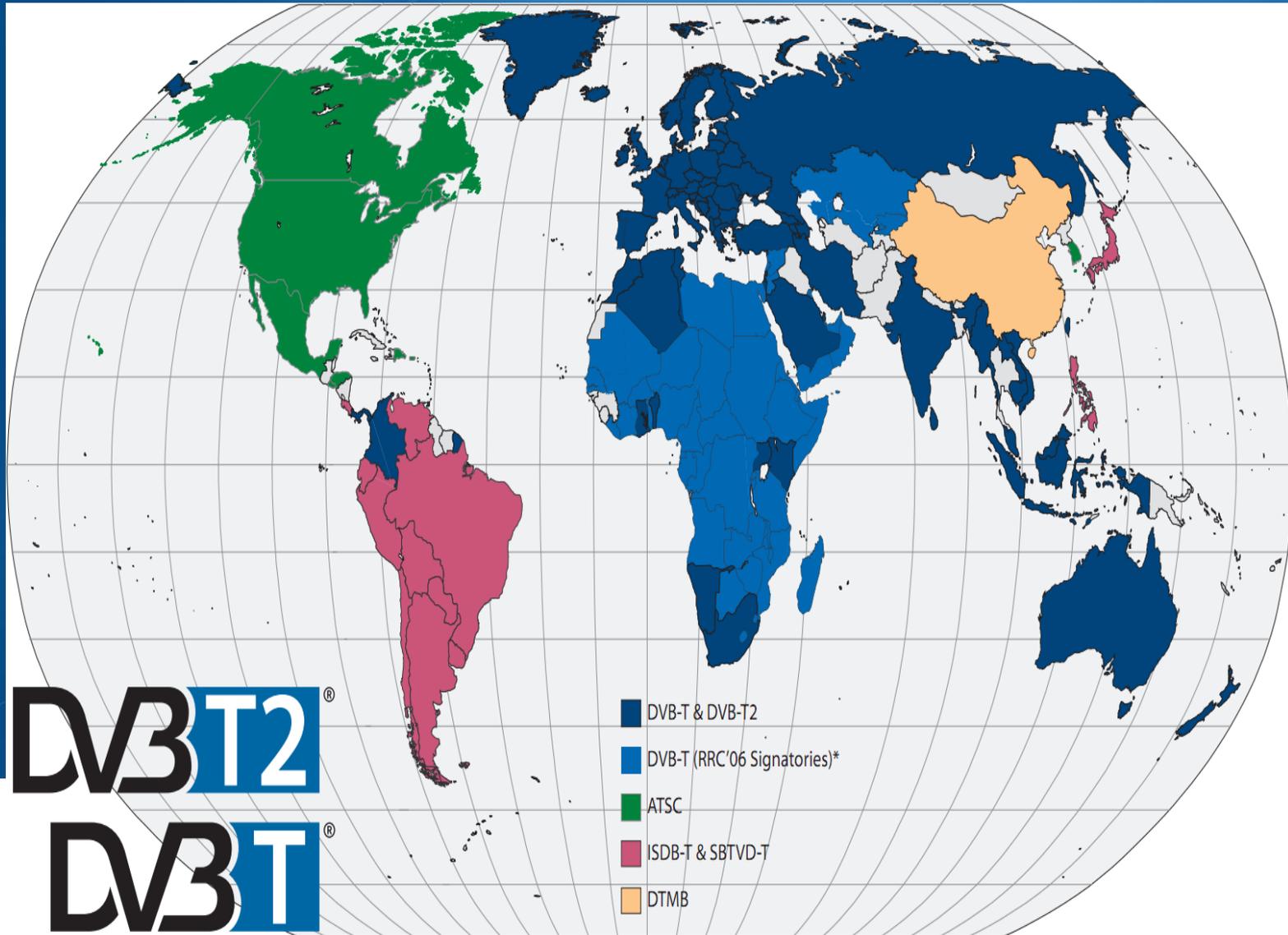
|                                | DVB-T   | DVB-T2                                      |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| FEC (forward Error Correction) | Convolutional Coding + Reed Solomon 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 | LPDC+BCH 1/2, 3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6       |
| Modes                          | QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM  | QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM                  |
| Guard interval                 | 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32  | 1/4, 19/256, 1/8, 19/128, 1/16, 1/32, 1/128 |
| FFT size                       | 2k, 8k  | 1k, 2k, 4k, 6k, 8k, 16k, 32k                |

# DTT Compression coding

- MPEG2/H.262: 4-6 programs SDTV in 1 channel 8Mhz
- MPEG4 AVC/H.264:
  - 6-10 SDTV programs in 1 channel,
  - 4-6 HDTV programs in 1 channel
- H.265 High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC):
  - double the data compression ratio compared to H.264,
  - can support 8K UHD



# TV standards in the World



**DVB-T2**®

**DVB-T**®

Source: DVB  
Date: January 2011

# Modulation type features

- QPSK, QAM 16,64,256: phase/amplitude constellations.
- The choice of constellation determines :
  - the number of bits that are carried at a time on each sub-carrier:2 bits (QPSK), 4 bits (16-QAM) or 6 bits (64-QAM).
  - noise tolerance, with QPSK being around 4 to 5 times more tolerant than 64-QAM

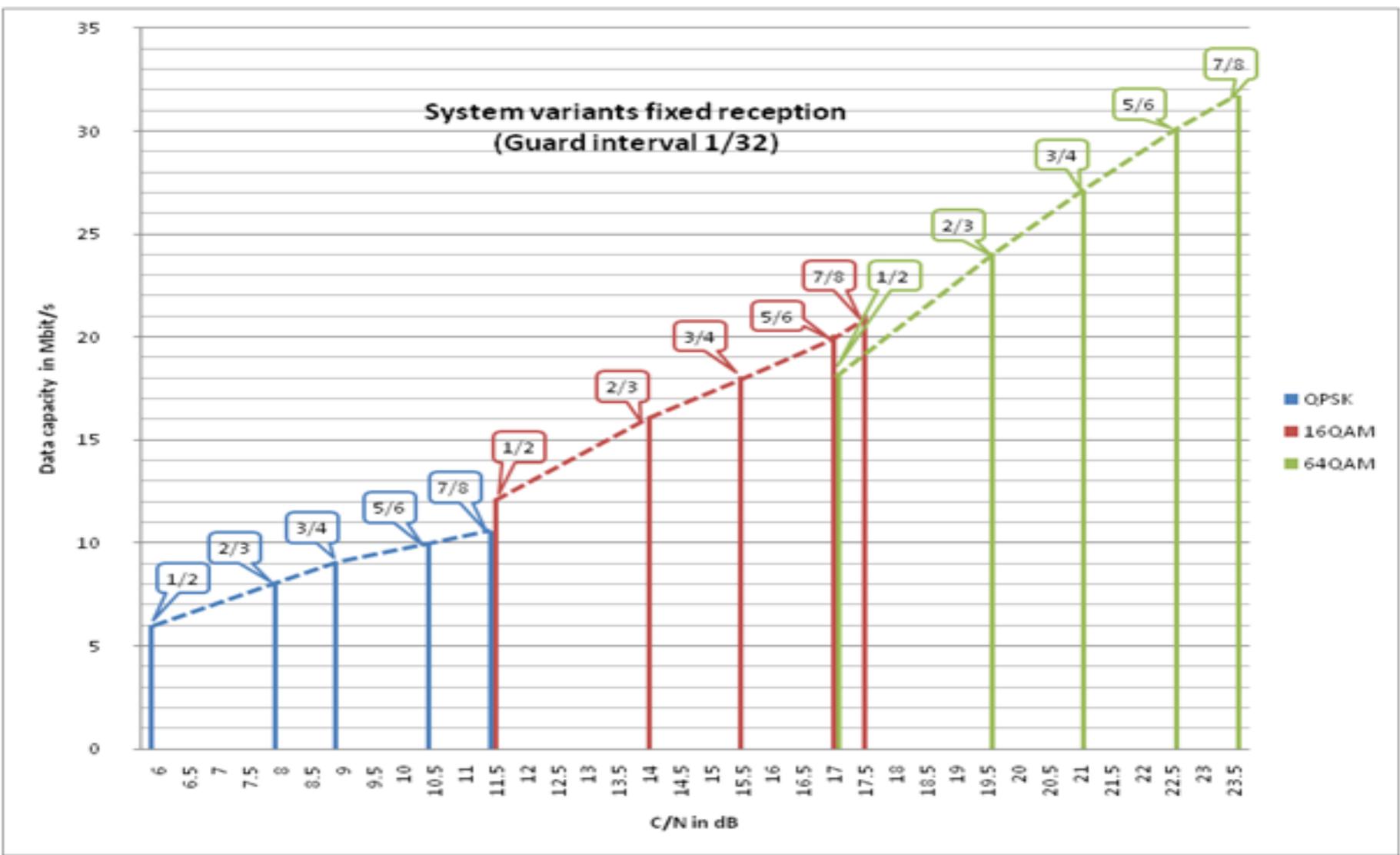
|               | <b>Capacity</b> | <b>Ruggness</b> | <b>Area</b>  |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>QPSK</b>   | low data        | Very            | Urban        |
| <b>16-QAM</b> | Moderate        | Reasonable      | Medium/dense |
| <b>64-QAM</b> | High            | Low             | Large area   |

# Code rates

- Code rate:  $1/2$ ,  $2/3$ ,  $3/4$ ,  $5/6$ ,  $7/8$
- Used to trade bit rate versus ruggedness, e.g. the signal strength required and interference protection required.

|            | <b>Transmission safety/redundancy</b> | <b>Advantage/disadv.</b>  |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>1/2</b> | High                                  | Used in channels with high degree of interference (ex. Mobile implementation)   |
| <b>3/4</b> | Not high                              | Offers additional capacity  |
| <b>5/6</b> | Low                                   | Implementation margin very high (not very realistic)  |
| <b>7/8</b> | Very low                              | Implementation margin very high (not very realistic)<br>High throughput →<br>Used in channels with low level f interference |

# System variants



# Technical features FFT

(Fast Fourier Transform)

● The DVB-T standard defines two FFT modes to constitute the OFDM signal:

● **2K**

● **8K**

|           | Number of sub-carriers | Usable symbol time Tu ( $\mu$ s) | Area           | Application |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>2k</b> | 2048                   | 224                              | Small SFN area | Mobile      |
| <b>8k</b> | 8192                   | 896                              | Large SFN Area | Fixed       |

# Technical parameters

## Bit rates/Guard intervals

The guard interval is a proportion of the time there is no data transmitted between the symbols.

|    |   | 1/32 | 1/16 | 1/8  | 1/4  |
|----|---|------|------|------|------|
| 2k | Duration of useful symbol ( $\mu\text{s}$ ) | 7    | 14   | 28   | 56   |
|    | Distances (km)                              | 2.1  | 4.2  | 8.4  | 16.8 |
| 8k | Duration of useful symbol ( $\mu\text{s}$ ) | 28   | 56   | 112  | 224  |
|    | Distances (km)                              | 8.4  | 16.8 | 33.6 | 67.2 |

Example:

- For an 8K-FFT system, and guard interval of 1/4
- it means that the permissible signal delay times are outside the signal delay between adjacent transmitters, when these transmitters are situated more than 67.2 km apart.

# Compromises??

- The guard interval reduces the amount of time available for data transmission → Lengthening the GI decreases the bit rate.
- The more robust the variant is, the less data can be transported, but the larger the SFN can be, examples:
  - In Germany a rather robust variant was chosen with a large guard interval (16-QAM 2/3 guard interval 1/4) in order to allow for SFNs.
  - In France, a variant of high capacity with a small guard interval (64 – QAM 2/3 Guard Interval 1/32) was chosen.

# Example: DTT multiplex use in France

| Multiplex | Modulation | GI   | FEC rate | FFT | Capacity (Mbit/s) | Content                             | Compression             |
|-----------|------------|------|----------|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| R1        | 64-QAM     | 1/32 | 2/3      | 8k  | 24.10             | 6 SDTV programmes                   | MPEG-2                  |
| R2        | 64-QAM     | 1/32 | 2/3      | 8k  | 24.10             | 6 SDTV programmes                   | MPEG-2                  |
| R3        | 64-QAM     | 1/32 | 2/3      | 8k  | 24.10             | 5 SDTV programmes, 1 HDTV programme | MPEG-4                  |
| R4        | 64-QAM     | 1/32 | 2/3      | 8k  | 24.10             | 4 SDTV programmes, 1 HDTV programme | Mixed MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 |
| R5        | 64-QAM     | 1/32 | 2/3      | 8k  | 24.10             | 3 HDTV programmes                   | MPEG-4                  |
| R6        | 64-QAM     | 1/32 | 2/3      | 8k  | 24.10             | 7 SDTV programmes                   | Mixed MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 |

## Number of programmes per multiplex for fixed reception with DVB-T 64-QAM-2/3-8K-GI 1/32 and DVB-T2-256-QAM-2/3-16K-GI 1/32

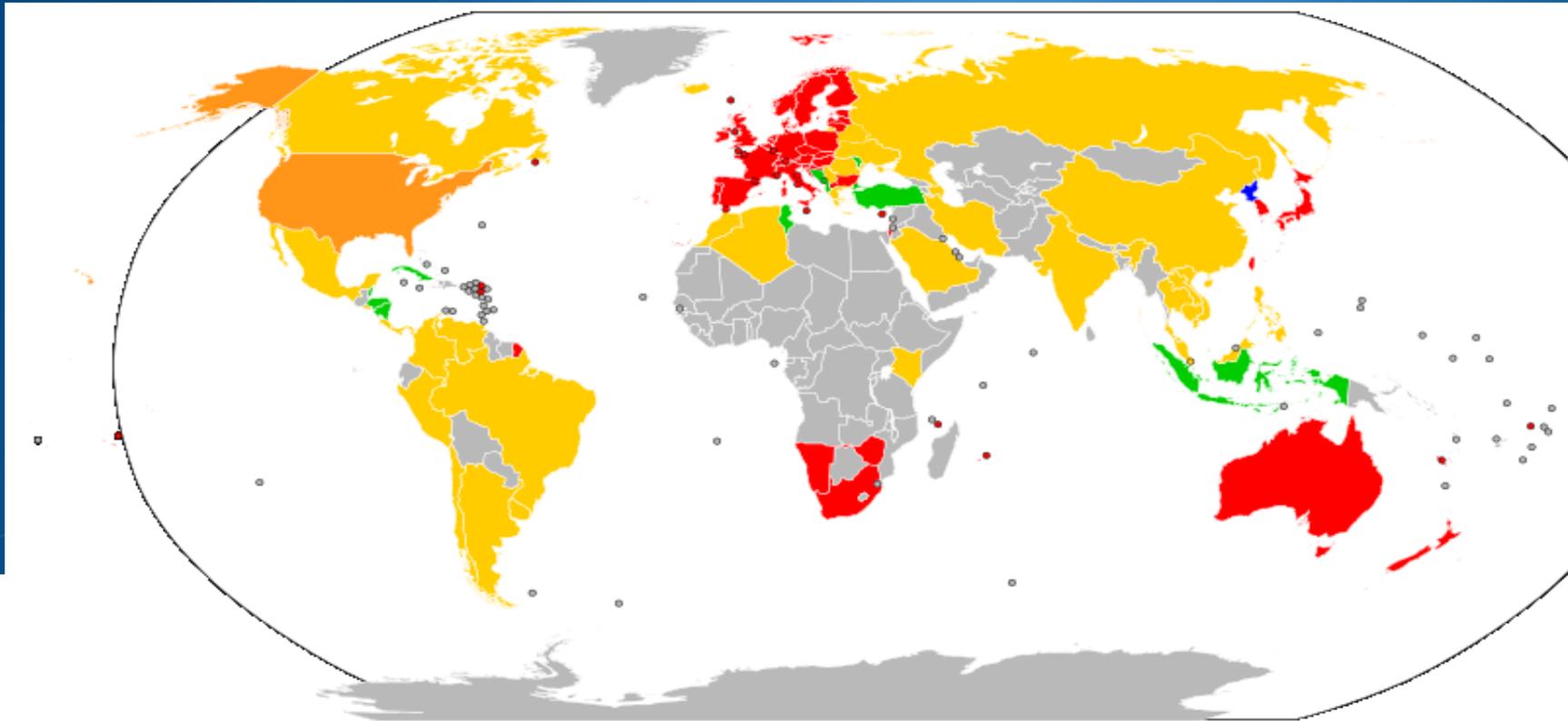
| Format   | Source coding | No of progs DVB-T  | No of progs DVB-T2 | No of progs DVB-T         | No of progs DVB-T2 |
|----------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|          |               | Fixed MUXing       |                    | Fixed MUXing FUTURE       |                    |
| SD       | MPEG-2        | 6                  | 10                 | 6                         | 10                 |
| SD       | MPEG-4/AVC    | 9                  | 13                 | 10                        | 15                 |
| HD-720p  | MPEG-4/AVC    | 3                  | 4                  | 3                         | 5                  |
| HD-1080i | MPEG-4/AVC    | 2                  | 4                  | 3                         | 4                  |
|          |               | Statistical MUXing |                    | Statistical MUXing FUTURE |                    |
| SD       | MPEG-2        | 8                  | 13                 | 8                         | 13                 |
| SD       | MPEG-4/AVC    | 11                 | 16                 | 13                        | 19                 |
| HD-720p  | MPEG-4/AVC    | 3                  | 5                  | 3                         | 5                  |
| HD-1080i | MPEG-4/AVC    | 3                  | 4                  | 3                         | 5                  |

# World map of digital television transition progress

## Legend:

- Transition completed, all analog signals terminated
- Transition completed for full power stations, not yet completed for low power stations
- Transition in progress, broadcasting both analog and digital signals
- Transition not yet started, broadcasting analog signals only
- Does not intend to transition, broadcasting analog signals only
- No information available

Source: Wikipedia (2014)



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