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#### Summary

Recommendation ITU-T J.298 describes the requirements and technical specifications of a cable TV hybrid set-top box compatible with terrestrial and satellite TV transport. The main purpose of the Recommendation is to specify minimum and basic requirements for a hybrid set-top box (STB), which meets the requirements of developing countries and regions. The hybrid set-top box has full functionalities for traditional cable broadcasting services based on Recommendation ITU-T J.83, at the same time, satellite or a terrestrial broadcast receiving functions will also be implemented so that the STB is able to receive satellite or terrestrial broadcasting services. The basic functionalities for IP-based interactive video services are also required so that the STB be able to support the latest Internet protocol (IP) interactive services together with legacy cable and satellite/terrestrial services.

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## Requirements and technical specifications of a cable TV hybrid set-top box compatible with terrestrial and satellite TV transport

### 1 Scope

This Recommendation describes the requirements and specifications for a hybrid cable set-top box (STB) compatible with terrestrial and satellite TV transport to be used in developing countries and regions. By combining a mix-mode transmission platform with IP network, the STB can offer new interactive services to cable, satellite and terrestrial TV customers and operators.

### 2 References

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### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Recommendation uses the following terms defined elsewhere:

**3.1.1 conditional access system** [b-ITU-T X.1193]: A component of a service and content protection system, the purpose of which is to prevent unauthorized (unentitled) access to a service or to content.



**3.1.2 cable television** [b-ITU-T J.142]: Communications systems distributes broadcast and non-broadcast signals, as well as a multiplicity of satellite signals originating programming and other signals by means of coaxial cable and/or optical fibre.

**3.1.3 electronic programme guide** [b-ITU-T J.90]: A structured multimedia database, intended to provide information on programmes to be broadcast or cablecast.

**3.1.4 Hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP)** [b-IETF RFC 2616]: An application-layer protocol used to transmit data over the World-Wide Web.

**3.1.5 network** [b-ITU-T J.94]: A collection of MPEG-2 Transport Stream (TS) multiplexes transmitted on a single delivery system, e.g., all digital channels on a specific cable system.

**3.1.6 service information (SI)** [b-ITU-T J.94]: Digital data describing the delivery system, content, and scheduling/timing of broadcast data streams etc. It includes MPEG-2 Programme Specific Information (PSI) together with independently defined extensions.

**3.1.7 user interface** [b-ITU-T F.902]: Software and hardware components through which a user can interact with a system.

**3.1.8 video on demand (VOD)** [b-ITU-T Y.1910]: A service in which the end user can, on demand, select and view video content and where the end user can control the temporal order in which the video content is viewed (e.g., the ability to start the viewing, pause, fast forward, rewind, etc.).

**3.1.9 JavaScript** [b-ITU-T J.296]: JavaScript is a scripting language for a Web browser. JavaScript is an implementation of the ECMAScript language standard and is primarily used in the form of client-side JavaScript, implemented as part of a Web browser in order to provide enhanced-user interfaces and dynamic websites.

**3.1.10 subtitle** [b-ITU-T J.296]: A service of superimposing related text on a TV video broadcast.

**3.1.11 transport stream (TS)** [b-ITU-T J.296]: The transport stream defined by the MPEG-2 system standard (in digital terrestrial television broadcasting, one TS is assigned to a master transmitter).

## **3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation**

This Recommendation defines the following term:

**3.2.1 hybrid STB:** A hybrid set-top box (STB) is a STB that uses multiple methods of receiving transmission signals with video and audio content.

NOTE – For the purposes of this Recommendation, the dual streams will be IP based via the Internet protocols and cable, satellite and terrestrial television, based on the ITU-T J.83, DVB-S/S2, DVB-T/T2 or ISDB-T/Tb standards.

## **4 Abbreviations and acronyms**

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
API	Application Program Interface
ATIS	Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions
BAT	Bouquet Association Table
BGA	Ball Grid Array
CAS	Conditional Access System
CGMS	Copy Generation Management System

CWMP	CPE WAN Management Protocol
CPE	Customer Premise Equipment
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CSA	Common Scrambling Algorithm
DC	Direct Current
DDR	Double Data Rate
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DiSEqC	Digital Satellite Equipment Control
DMA	Direct Memory Access
DMIPS	Dhrystone Million Instructions per Second
DRM	Digital Rights Management
DTCP	Digital Transmission Content Protection
EIT	Event Information Table
EPG	Electronic Programme Guide
FCC	Fast Channel Change
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FHD	Full High Definition
GPU	Graphics Processing Unit
HD	High Definition
HDCP	High Definition Content Protection
HDD	Hard Disk Drive
HDMI	High-Definition Multimedia Interface
HFC	Hybrid Fibre/Coax
HLS	HTTP Live Streaming
HTML	Hypertext Mark-up Language
HTTP	Hyper Text Transport Protocol
ICMP	Internet Control Messages Protocol
IGMP	Internet Group Management Protocol
IP	Internet Protocol
IPTV	Internet Protocol Television
IPv4	Internet Protocol Version 4
IPv6	Internet Protocol Version 6
LAN	Local Area Network
LCN	Logical Channel Number
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LNB	Low Noise Block
OS	Operating System

OSD	On Screen Display
OTA	Over the Air
OTT	Over The Top
PCM	Pulse Code Modulation
PID	Packet Identifier
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PIP	Picture in Picture
PPV	Pay Per View
PSU	Power Supply Unit
PVR	Personal Video Recorder
QoS	Quality of Service
RAM	Random Access Memory
RCU	Remote Control Unit
RF	Radio Frequency
ROM	Read Only Memory
RTCP	RTP Control Protocol
RTP	Real-Time Protocol
RTSP	Real Time Streaming Protocol
SDK	Software Development Kit
SDP	Service Delivery Platform
SID	Service Identifier
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SNS	Social Network Service
SOC	System on a Chip
SSL	Secure Sockets Layer
SSU	System Software Update
STB	Set-Top Box
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TDES	Triple Data Encryption Standard
TDT	Time Date Table
TOT	Time of Transmission
TP	Transponder
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UI	User Interface
UPnP	Universal Plug and Play
URI	User Right Information
USB	Universal Serial Bus

VOD	Video on Demand
WAN	Wide Area Network

## 5 Conventions

In this Recommendation:

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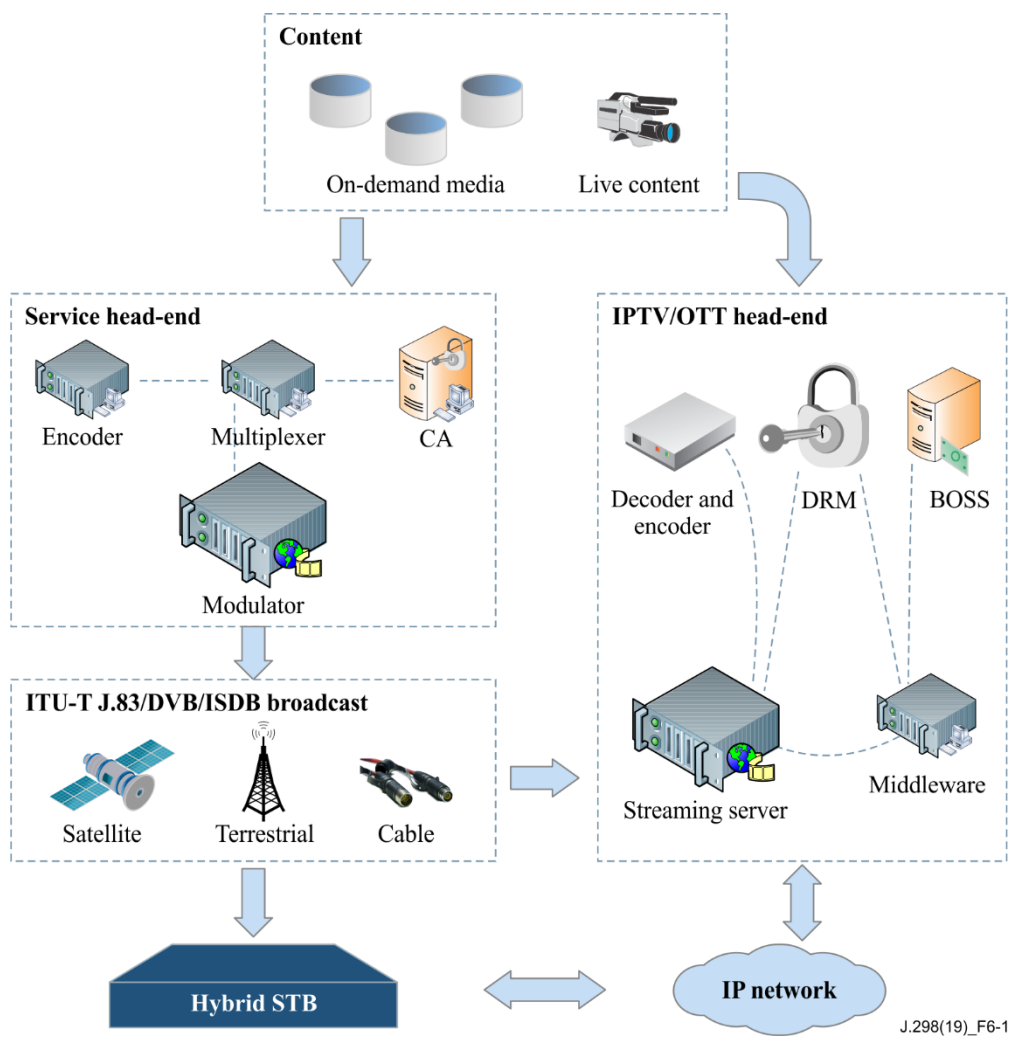
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## 6 Overview

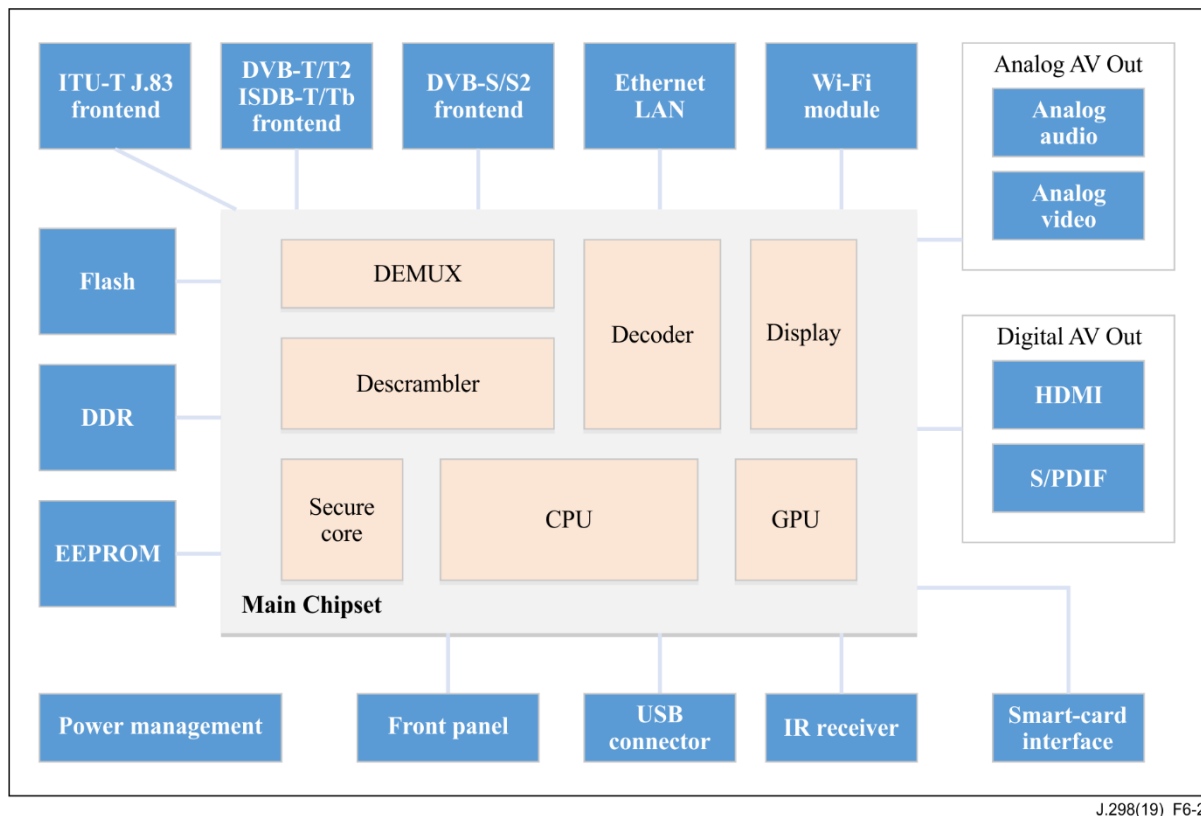
### 6.1 Overview of hybrid video system

The overall outline of a content distribution system for a hybrid STB is shown in Figure 6-1, basically it contains following parts:

- Content
- Service head-end
- Cable, terrestrial and satellite broadcast path
- Over the top (OTT) and Internet protocol television (IPTV) head-end
- IP network
- Hybrid STB device



**Figure 6-1 – Hybrid STB video system overview**



**Figure 6-2 – The hybrid STB hardware block diagram**

The basic hardware diagram for the hybrid STB is shown in Figure 6-2, which contains the following modules:

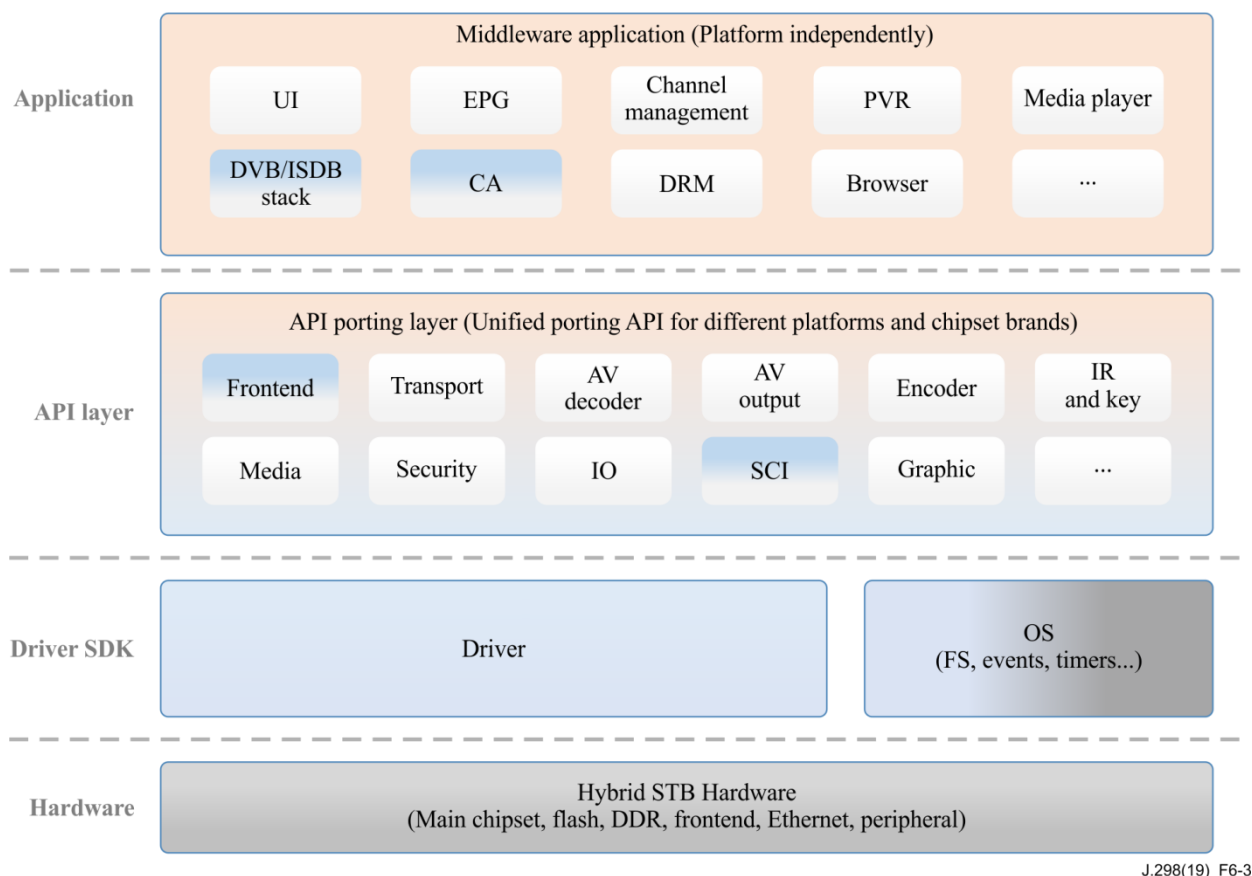
- Main chipset, the core module of the STB, contains the central processing unit (CPU), graphics processing unit (GPU), audio and video decoder and all the relevant processors
- Memory, which contains double data rate (DDR) for software execution and Flash for storage
- Frontend which includes at least one of ITU-T J.83, DVB-T/T2, DVB-S/S2 and ISDB-T/Tb
- Power module
- Ethernet interface
- USB interface
- Wi-Fi module
- Audio and video output interface
- Conditional access system (CAS) smart card interface
- Keyboard interface

## 6.2 The hybrid STB software architecture

Figure 6-3 shows the basic software architecture for the hybrid STB which contains the following modules:

- Hardware on which the software executes
- Software development kit (SDK) platform which includes board configuration, low level driver, operating system and driver interface
- Porting layer, which is the porting interface for all the driver and OS operation, will be called by high-level applications

- Applications



**Figure 6-3 – The hybrid STB software architecture**

### 6.3 The hybrid STB categories

To adapt to requirements from different regions and operators, it is recommended to design the hybrid STB taking a modular approach such that different combinations can be supported with configuration changes as opposed to full re-design. For instance, DVB-T/T2 may be required in some regions while DVB-S/S2 or ISDB-T/Tb are required in other regions, therefore, the following combination patterns are recommended.

- IP + ITU-T J.83 + DVB-T/T2
- IP + ITU-T J.83 + DVB-S/S2
- IP + DVB-T/T2
- IP + DVB-S/S2
- IP + ITU-T J.83
- IP + ITU-T J.83+ISDB-T/Tb
- IP + ISDB-T/Tb
- IP + DVB-T/T2 + DVB-S/S2

## 7 Requirements

The hybrid STB is required to receive and playback AV programmes via cable, satellite/terrestrial and IP transport. Programmes that are protected by conditional access system (CAS) and digital rights management (DRM) systems shall be descrambled or decrypted by integrating CAS and DRM solutions from qualified CAS and DRM solution vendors.

## **7.1 SOC platform and compatibility**

The hybrid STB is required to be independent of any specific type of CPU architecture. Multi-tasking is required to be supported by the CPU.

Embedded GPU hardware is recommended for supporting Direct-FB or Open-GL.

The selected system on a chip (SOC) platform is required to be certified by a CAS vendor.

## **7.2 AV decoders**

The hybrid STB is required to support following video compression formats.

- H.262/MPEG2, H.264/MPEG4 and H.265/HEVC video compression
- FHD video resolutions

The hybrid STB is recommended to support following audio compression formats.

- MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 audio compression
- MPEG4 AAC and AAC Plus
- AC-3, Dolby Digital and Dolby Digital Plus

The decoder is required to switch between aspect ratio of 4:3 and 16:9 and do suitable conversion in case of receiving an anamorphic video.

At least simultaneous dual video decoding is recommended for picture in picture (PIP) or fast channel change (FCC) application.

## **7.3 Connectivity**

### **7.3.1 Frontend**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate at least one tuner and demodulator for reception of ITU-T J.83, DVB-T, DVB-S or ISDB-T signals.

#### **1) ITU-T J.83**

In case ITU-T J.83 frontend is applied in the hybrid STB, an input radio frequency (RF) connector is required and one RF loop-out connector can be applied optionally.

#### **2) DVB-T/T2**

In case DVB-T/T2 frontend is applied in the hybrid STB, the following requirements are required:

- At least one tuner and demodulator for reception of signals from terrestrial TV transmitters, with one RF input connector
- RF loop-out connector can be applied optionally

#### **3) ISDB-T/Tb**

In case ISDB-T/Tb frontend is applied in the hybrid STB, an input RF connector is required and one RF loop-out connector can be applied optionally

#### **4) DVB-S/S2**

In case DVB-S/S2 frontend is applied in the hybrid STB, the following requirements are required:

- At least one tuner and demodulator for reception of signals from satellite TV transmitters, with one RF input connector
- A low noise block (LNB) power supply is required for the RF input connector  
RF loop-out connector can be applied optionally



### **7.3.2 IP**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate one Ethernet interface of an RJ45 connector, for network streaming and IP applications.

The hybrid STB is recommended to integrate one Wi-Fi module for wireless connection.

### **7.3.3 USB**

The hybrid STB is required to install at least one universal serial bus (USB) interface of version 2.0, for connecting external USB storage.

In addition to one mandatory USB interface, one more USB 2.0 port or above is recommended.

### **7.3.4 Key button**

The necessary key buttons on the front panel are recommended, for instance "Power On/Off", "Up" and "Down" buttons, in case the remote control unit (RCU) is not available the user can still use the STB with basic operations.

### **7.3.5 IR/RCU**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate an infrared receiver for STB operation via RCU.

### **7.3.6 Video output**

The hybrid STB is required to have at least one high-definition multimedia interface (HDMI) interface for transmitting HD video output.

For better compatibility with legacy television, an analogue video output interface is recommended, it can be applied as one of the following forms:

- Standard RCA connector for composite video signal
- 3.5 mm jack connector for composite video signal

### **7.3.7 Audio output**

Digital audio is required to be transmitted via HDMI output interface.

For better compatibility with legacy television, an analogue audio output interface is recommended, it can be applied as one of the following forms:

- Standard RCA connector as stereo (L and R) analogue audio signal
- 3.5 mm jack connector for stereo analogue audio signal. Generally, it can be applied by sharing the same ear jack for analogue video signal as proposed in clause 7.3.6

The hybrid STB can optionally have digital audio output interface as coaxial or optical S/PDIF form.

### **7.3.8 Power supply**

It is required that the power supply comply with the regional low power management standards, for example Energy Star in the US and EU code of conduct, the power supply can be an internal integrated module or an external power adaptor. The external power adaptor is recommended, with external power adaptor, the DC power connector is required.

## **7.4 Broadcasting service**

The hybrid STB is required to be able to receive broadcast content of hybrid services, including the following standards:

- ITU-T J.83, DVB-T/T2, ISDB-T/Tb, DVB-S/S2
- OTT or IPTV

## **7.5 Channel search**

The hybrid STB is required to provide a channel searching procedure over the whole available frontend types and its frequency range. The following requirements are required as minimum:

- Support to detect all available source signals: ITU-T J.83, DVB-T/S or ISDB-T/Tb and IP
- Support automatic and manual channel search
- The progress of channel searching procedure is required to be present on and on screen display (OSD) menu, with received programme information and current frequency being displayed
- Search all available tracks for each channel (subtitles, multi-language audios, etc.)
- User can abort the searching process anytime during automatic or manual channel search

In case of DVB-T or ISDB-T/Tb frontend is applied in the hybrid STB, power supply on antenna and its configuration menu is required.

In case of DVB-S/S2 frontend is applied in the hybrid STB, the following requirements are required during channel search process:

- Support power supply for LNB and satellite switcher
- Support automatic search and detection of connected satellite networks through DiSEqC switcher. DVB-S/S2 shall be automatically detected
- The hybrid STB is available for user to set up the satellite dish LNB configuration
- The hybrid STB will connect to the selected LNB and acquire the signal from the selected satellite automatically

## **7.6 Channel management**

The hybrid STB is required to build a list of all received channels and support a logical channel number (LCN) mechanism, in case there is no LCN descriptor in services sections of transport stream, the hybrid STB is required to sort and numerate programmes according to service ID. The channels come from different signals (cable/satellite/terrestrial and IP) are required to be combined.

The hybrid STB is required to support building a favourite channel list by the user, at least 8 groups are required to support the favourite list.

The hybrid STB is required to provide an appropriate method and OSD menu to the user for managing the channel list, including the following actions on channels in the channel list:

- Sort and filter
- Add to favourite list
- Hide/Unhide
- Lock

The services being broadcasted by head-end of operators may be changed over time. To ensure that the user is always able to access the up-to-date service being broadcasted, the hybrid STB is required to detect and reflect to the user any change with minimal user involvement.

## **7.7 Channel play**

The hybrid STB is required to play all the received programmes smoothly (without mosaic or frame freezing), with the following features:

- The hybrid STB is required to display the last channel viewed when it is turned on from main-power or from standby
- Support to select and play channels with channel number or in sequence (channel up and channel down)

- Support to select audio language in case multi-language audio is available in the current channel
- Support to select subtitles language in case multi-language subtitle is available in the current channel

## **7.8 EPG**

The hybrid STB is required to support a view of information about shows on programmes, parallel timetable of shows and detailed description of shows. The electronic programme guide (EPG) shall be implemented in accordance with SI standard [ETSI EN 300 468].

The hybrid STB is required to provide displaying EPG based on event information table (EIT) service information, for today, tomorrow and the next 7 days (including current day).

## **7.9 Subtitles**

The hybrid STB is required to support decoding and viewing of subtitles and teletext.

## **7.10 Programme record and playback**

The hybrid STB is recommended to support native programme record and playback features based on external USB storage, with the following functions:

- The user is able to record content from the broadcast to the USB storage
- The user is able to trick play when an external storage device is connected
- Support immediate recording, scheduled recording and simultaneous playback and recording
- Support to display the storage status in settings menu. (Memory usage, format option, etc.)
- The recorded content shall be re-encrypted by hardware advanced encryption standard (AES) engine with chipset unique root key, to make sure the content can be played on the current STB only.

## **7.11 Multi-media player**

The hybrid STB is required to support a multi-media player for playing local (via external USB storage) and cloud (via IP) media content.

## **7.12 IP streaming and service**

The hybrid STB is required to support at least one type of http adaptive streaming protocol, such as HLS, MPEG-DASH, Smooth Streaming, etc., the exact selection will be defined by the operators and broadcasters. The hybrid STB is recommended to support both multicast and unicast network technologies and support switching from multicast to unicast when necessary.

## **7.13 Browser**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate a browser which complies with the following specification:

- HTML5 profile compatible
- Support for JavaScript

## **7.14 Security**

The hybrid STB is required to comply to security requirements of CAS vendor, at least the following features shall be applied:

- Embedded advanced security CAS which will be defined by CAS vendors and operators

- Embedded DRM client system for OTT/IPTV streaming which will be defined by operator and content broadcaster
- Contain a secure bootloader that shall be stored in write protected flash area, secure boot process with signature verification shall be applied during boot up process, only the signed software can be executed
- Support high definition content protection (HDCP) copy protection on HDMI output
- Support CGMS-A copy protection on analogue video output
- All content recorded to the USB storage shall be encrypted with a unique chipset root key
- Parental control shall be enabled with viewer age ratings and classifications

## **7.15 System management**

### **7.15.1 First time installation**

The hybrid STB is required to provide a procedure for the user to setup the STB system configuration during first power up. The following items are recommended to be included in the setup menu:

- OSD language
- Time zone
- Aspect ratio
- Resolution
- Home TP/frequency
- Network setting

### **7.15.2 System standby**

The hybrid STB is required to support power standby function for better user experience and power efficiency. At least one type of the following standby mode is required:

- Active standby mode is required, in this mode, most parts of the hybrid STB are still working normally and the STB can be woken up to normal viewing mode in 3 seconds.
- Passive standby mode is recommended, in this mode, most parts of the hybrid STB are powered down, the power consumption is much lower, while the wake-up time is similar with normal power up process.

## **7.16 Maintenance**

### **7.16.1 Software upgrade**

The hybrid STB is required to provide a software download mechanism for upgrading software modules.

The hybrid STB is required to support at least one of the following upgrade methods:

- OTA
- IP
- USB

### **7.16.2 Remote management and diagnostic**

The hybrid STB is recommended to support CPE WAN management protocol (CWMP) according to Amendment 5 of [TR-069 Amd.5], it is also recommended to support [TR-106 Amd.5] and [TR-135 Amd.1] data models for troubleshooting and collecting the information of QoS/QoE statistics.

## **8 Technical specifications**

This clause defines the technical specification for the implementation of the hybrid STB. All the items in this specification are required to be included but not limited for the specific hybrid STB implementation.

### **8.1 Minimum system**

#### **8.1.1 CPU**

The CPU performance of the hybrid STB is required to be more than 2000DMIPS for execution of the applications, for sufficient computing power and a smooth user experience. The selection of CPU architecture is not limited and could be defined by the operators and the STB vendors.

#### **8.1.2 GPU**

The hybrid STB is recommended to implement 3D graphic accelerator supporting OpenGL ES2.0 or above.

#### **8.1.3 Memory**

For the supporting web browser and IP related features, the following memory capacity of the hybrid STB is required:

- Flash: 128 Mbytes as minimum
- DDR: 512 Mbytes as minimum

### **8.2 Decoder**

#### **8.2.1 Audio**

The hybrid STB is required to support the following mainstream audio codecs:

- PCM audio is required
- MPEG-1 Layer I/II [IEC 11172-3]
- MPEG-2 Audio [ISO/IEC 13818-3]
- MPEG4 AAC-HE v2 Level 2 as specified in [ISO/IEC 14496-3]
- MPEG4 AAC-HE v2 Level 4 as specified in [ETSI TS 101 154], section 6.4
- Dolby Digital and Dolby Digital Plus is recommended
- AC-3 [ETSI TS 102 366] is recommended
- Manual lip-sync delay is recommended up to 400 ms

Multichannel audio formats, before transferring to analogue audio output, is required to be converted to stereo format (down mix) and the hybrid STB is required to support down mix digital audio output as below for better compatibility:

- Dolby Digital down mix to stereo for HDMI and S/PDIF
- Dolby Digital Plus down mix to stereo for HDMI and S/PDIF
- Dolby Digital Plus conversion to Dolby Digital for pass through S/PDIF

The hybrid STB is required to support following output mode for digital audio

- PCM (should be switched ON by default)
- RAW bit-stream

The following audio output modes are required:

- Mono
- Dual mono

- Stereo

### 8.2.2 Video

The hybrid STB is required to support the following mainstream video codecs:

- MPEG-2: MP@ML, MP@HL
- MPEG-4: MP@L3, MP@L4.1, HiP@L4.1
- H.265: Main@L5.1, Main 10@L5.1 (or higher)

The hybrid STB is required to support down scale HD video to SD display for analogue video output

The following video resolutions are required to be supported by the hybrid STB:

- 1080p
- 1080i
- 720p
- 576p
- 576i

The following aspect ratios are required to be supported:

- 4:3 with centre cut (cropped) 16:9
- 4:3 with letterboxed 16:9
- 16:9 with pillar boxed 4:3
- 16:9 with zoomed 4:3
- Zoom

### 8.2.3 Picture

The hybrid STB is required to support the following mainstream picture compression formats:

- BMP
- GIF
- GIF w/ Animation
- JPEG up to 8M pixels

## 8.3 Hardware interface

### 8.3.1 ITU-T J.83 frontend

In case ITU-T J.83 frontend is integrated, the hybrid STB is required to integrate cable frontend in accordance with ITU-T J.83 and apply the following specifications as well.

- Integrate an input IEC female connector in accordance with [b-IEC 61169-2] the characteristic impedance is 75  $\Omega$
- The minimum frequency bandwidth on input from 50 MHz to 862 MHz
- Receive incoming RF signal whose level is in accordance with the defined bandwidth of signal level according to [b-IEC EN 60728-1]

### 8.3.2 DVB-T/T2 frontend

In case DVB-T/T2 frontend is integrated, the hybrid STB is required to follow the specifications defined in [ETSI EN 300 744] and [ETSI EN 302 755] and apply following specifications as well:

- Integrate an input IEC female connector in accordance with [b-IEC 61169-2], the characteristic impedance is 75  $\Omega$

- Frequency range from 174 MHz to 862 MHz
- Support at least  $-47\text{dBm}$  of input signal
- Support 5V@100 mA as maximum DC power to an external antenna with amplifier. The DC power shall be protected against short circuit and there shall be an alternative in the menu system to turn the DC power supply on and off

### **8.3.3 ISDB-T/Tb frontend**

In case ISDB-T/Tb frontend is integrated, the hybrid STB is required to follow the specifications defined in [ARIB STD-B21], [ARIB STD-B31] and [b-ITU-R BT.1306-7], and apply following specifications as well:

- Integrate an input IEC female connector in accordance with [b-IEC 61169-2], the characteristic impedance is  $75\ \Omega$
- Frequency range from 174 MHz to 862 MHz
- Support 5V@100 mA as maximum DC power to an external antenna with amplifier. The DC power shall be protected against short circuit and there shall be an alternative in the menu system to turn the DC power supply on and off

### **8.3.4 DVB-S/S2 frontend**

In case DVB-S/S2 frontend is integrated, the hybrid STB is required to follow the specifications defined in [ETSI EN 300 421] and [ETSI EN 302 307-1] and apply the following specifications as well:

- Integrate an input IEC F-Type connector in accordance with IEC 169-24 female, the characteristic impedance is  $75\ \Omega$
- Frequency range from 950 MHz to 2150 MHz as minimum
- Signal level from  $-25\ \text{dBm}$  to  $-65\ \text{dBm}$

The hybrid STB is required to support LNB control and protection with the following specifications:

- DC power for vertical (13V) and horizontal (18V), capable of maximum 350 mA
- Short circuit and over temperature protection
- Remote shutdown via SOC
- DiSEqC
- Uni-cable
- 22 kHz Tone

### **8.3.5 HDMI**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate a HDMI connector for digital video and audio output, it shall be compliant with the following specifications:

- Type-A (female)
- HDMI version 1.4a or above
- HDCP version 1.2 or above

HDMI CEC feature can be optionally applied in the hybrid STB.

### **8.3.6 S/PDIF**

The hybrid STB can optionally integrate an S/PDIF interface (either an optical or coaxial connector) for digital audio output, it shall be compliant with [ISO/IEC 60958-1].

### **8.3.7 RCA**

The hybrid STB is recommended to integrate an RCA connector for stereo audio and composite video output.

### **8.3.8 Ear jack**

The hybrid STB can optionally integrate an ear jack connector for stereo audio and composite video output.

### **8.3.9 USB**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate at least one USB connector with the following specifications:

- USB Type A connector, version 2.0 or above
- 5V@500 mA power supply as minimum
- Comply with Universal Serial Bus Specification v2.0 or above

### **8.3.10 Ethernet**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate an Ethernet network interface with the following specifications:

- RJ 45 connector
- IEEE 802.3 10/100Mbase-T
- IPv4 (mandatory) and IPv6 (recommended)

### **8.3.11 Wi-Fi**

The hybrid STB is recommended to integrate Wi-Fi network interface with the following specifications:

- Compliant with IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n standard as minimum
- Single band (2.4 GHz) Wi-Fi module as client mode

### **8.3.12 Front panel**

The hybrid STB is recommended to integrate a front panel with the following specifications:

- Front panel buttons: Power On/Off, Up, Down
- IR receiver
- Led light to indicate power status

## **8.4 Power supply**

The hybrid STB is recommended to work with an external AC/DC power supply unit (PSU) adaptor, connected with a DC jack interface. The hybrid STB and PSU adaptor is required to comply with the following specifications:

- Input voltage: AC 100V to 240V as minimum range
- AC frequency: 50/60 Hz

## **8.5 Software functions**

### **8.5.1 Channel list**

The capability of the channel list is required to support following specifications:

- At least 3000 TV and radio services from cable/satellite/ terrestrial and IP frontend
- At least 8 groups for favourite channel lists



The operations on channel list are recommended to have the SORT, FIND functions. The SORT is to sort channels in alphabetic order or FTA/scrambled.

### **8.5.2 Dynamic update**

The hybrid STB is required to support dynamic update as follows:

- Changes in PSI/SI will be applied automatically
- All changes will be applied in hidden mode without any action from user

### **8.5.3 Subtitles**

The hybrid STB is required to support subtitles with the following specifications:

- [ITU-T J.83] Annex A (DVB-C) subtitle in accordance with [b-ETSI EN 300 743], including characters from code table ISO/IEC 8859-2
- [ITU-T J.83] Annex C subtitle in accordance with [ARIB STD-B24].
- Teletext in accordance with [b-ETSI EN 300 706]
- Closed captions in accordance with CEA-608, CEA-708 and [ARIB STD-B24]
- Selection of subtitle languages and turning on/off of subtitles

### **8.5.4 Multiple languages**

The hybrid STB is required to support multiple languages as specified below:

- Support multi-language for OSD menu, audio track and subtitles
- The language setting shall be used to define the default audio track and subtitle language
- Support minimum 2 multi-language tracks

### **8.5.5 PVR and TimeShift**

The hybrid STB is recommended to support personal video recorder (PVR) and TimeShift features, the following mechanism is required as minimum in case PVR and TimeShift are supported.

- Recorded content will be stored as encrypted transport stream
- Recording one channel while watching the other channels on the same carrier
- The recorded content should include the channel name and programme title if available
- The recorded content could be renamed, locked and deleted
- While in playback, the user is able to select any of multi audio and subtitle streams if they are present in the recorded content.

The hybrid STB is required to support the following specification of trick mode:

- Fast forward/ backward
- Slow forward/ backward
- Pause and resume

### **8.5.6 Media player**

The hybrid STB is recommended to implement a media player for playing both local and cloud media content with the following specifications.

In case the media player is applied in the hybrid STB, the following features are required to be implemented:

- Play content from USB external storage devices
- Play content from IP network interface
- Media formats at least: AVI, MKV, MP4, TS

- Video codecs at least: MPEG-2, MPEG-4 part 2 (ASP, Xvid), MPEG-4 part 10 (AVC/H.264, x264)
- Audio codecs at least: MP2, AAC
- Image formats at least: BMP, TIFF, PNG, JPEG

### **8.5.7 Network**

The hybrid STB is required to integrate a LAN interface, a Wi-Fi interface is recommended to be integrated.

The hybrid STB is required to support Internet protocol as specified below:

- IPv4, IPv6 (optional)
- IGMP v1, v2 and v3
- ICMP
- UDP, TCP, RTP, RTSP/RTCP, HTTP, SSL2.0/3.0
- DHCP

### **8.5.8 IP streaming**

The hybrid STB is required to support IP streaming as specified below:

- Unicast
- Multicast

The hybrid STB is required to support at least one of the following dynamic adaptive streaming standards:

- MPEG-DASH
- HLS
- Smooth Streaming

## **8.6 Security**

### **8.6.1 General**

The hybrid STB is required to implement the following general security specifications:

- Memory to memory encryption and random access memory (RAM) scrambling is required
- AES-128 encryption and a triple data encryption standard (TDES) algorithm is required
- The main chipset of the hybrid STB is required to provide a unique hardware root key
- The algorithm of software signature and verification is required to support RSA 2048-bit keys

### **8.6.2 CA**

The hybrid STB is recommended to implement a CAS function by fully complying with the detailed specification of the selected CAS vendor. For an encryption algorithm, the following basic standard is required:

- Encryption algorithm DVB-CSA, AES 128 (ATIS 0800006)
- DVB-CSA2 is required and should be implemented in hardware on the chipset
- DVB-CSA3 which defined in [ETSI TS 100 289] is recommended and should be implemented in hardware on the chipset

### **8.6.3 DRM**

At least one of the digital rights management (DRM) standards is required for content protection of IP streaming, the detailed selection of DRM will be decided by the operator and the broadcaster.

### **8.6.4 Output protection**

The hybrid STB is required to support output protection as follows:

- HDCP v1.2 or above for HDMI digital video and audio transmission
- CGMS-A for analogue video output protection, with CEA-608, CEA-805 standard

### **8.6.5 Parental control**

The hybrid STB is required to provide a PIN-controlled parental control feature to perform the following functions:

- Setting age and PIN for viewing single events
- Activating or deactivating PIN checking
- The STB shall exercise parental control at event level if there is an event information table (EIT) associated with it.

## **8.7 OSD**

### **8.7.1 User interface**

The hybrid STB is required to support an OSD user interface to the following specifications:

- Support resolution at least 720p
- Include system setting, installation, info bar, channel list, EPG
- Include CAS configuration menu
- Support view of system messages and CAS messages

### **8.7.2 EPG**

The hybrid STB is required to support the EPG application based on DVB-SI according to [ETSI EN 300 468], and is required to support the following features:

- Support UTF-8 character encoding
- Decode full EIT information with capability to display 7 days EPG information

### **8.7.3 Information bar**

The hybrid STB is required to implement the information bar as defined in the following specification:

- Showing channel name
- Showing now and next event details with time
- Showing multi audio, icon to indicate the presence of subtitle and teletext, video resolution

### **8.7.4 CA menu**

The hybrid STB is required to implement a CA service menu for presenting the current CAS status and subscriber information, the detailed specification is required to comply with the requirement of the selected CAS vendor.

## **8.8 System upgrade**

The hybrid STB is recommended to implement over the air (OTA) system software update (DVB SSU) from transport stream (TS) in accordance with [ETSI TS 102 006] and other relevant documents.

## **8.9 RCU**

The hybrid STB is required to have one remote control unit, the minimum required keys are listed below:

- Alphanumerical keys
- Navigation (up, down, left, right)
- Power
- Menu, EPG, OK, Back, Exit, Colour keys

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