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**The Flexible Way  
from FM to Digital**

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Seamless digital solution





## 1 – What is DRM?

**Speaker**

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Digital Radio Consultant



## What is DRM?

- **Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM)** is the only global open digital radio system which can be used in all frequency bands (*AM and VHF*).
- **DRM system** can be used to cover large geographic areas as well as rural and local markets and when on the move. A low power local service option is also available.
- **DRM receivers** are simple and easy to use with better audio quality and Multimedia applications.
- DRM fits with **existing broadcast channelization** and enables broadcaster-controlled infrastructure
- The DRM standard is **ITU recommended** for worldwide adoption on all frequencies
- DRM complements and **works seamlessly with other digital radio standards**





## WHAT IS DRM?

- Global Digital Radio standard endorsed by ITU
- Only global open standard recognised worldwide
- Applies equally for AM and FM → in HF and VHF high quality audio
- Can cover large geographic areas as well as rural and local markets
- Up to 4 programmes on 1 frequency
- Option for stereo and even 5.1 Surround sound (Bollywood content!)
- Offers more than audio: Data and Multimedia (images, text, news, ...)
- Emergency & Disaster Warning Alerts



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## DRM for all Bands



**DRM above 30 MHz VHF  
(Band I, II – FM band, III)**



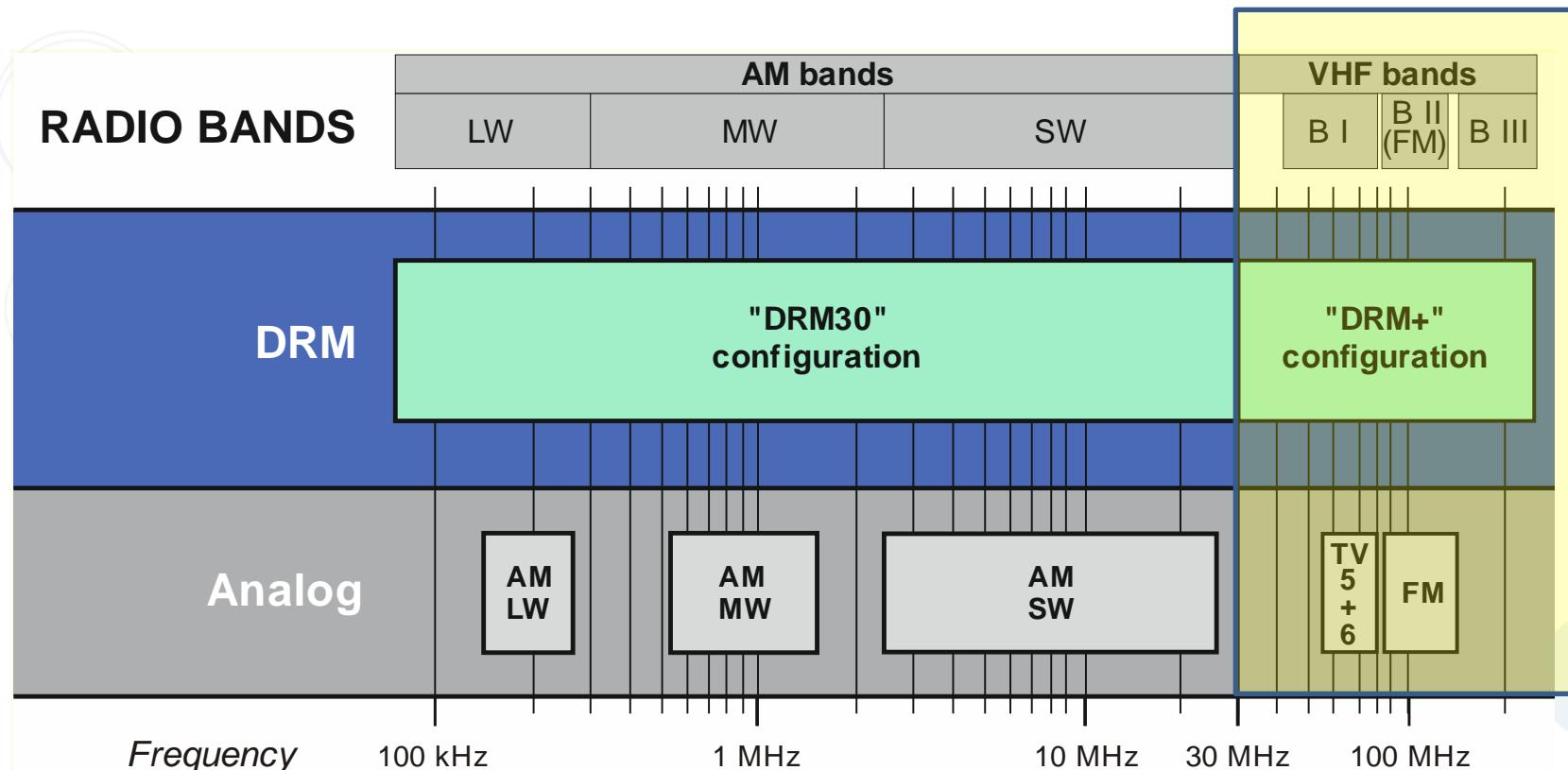
30MHz

**DRM below 30 MHz LF, MF, HF  
(or LW, MW, SW) – the AM bands**



**BOTH MODES (DRM30 and DRM+) SHARE ALL DRM FEATURES!**

## DRM Frequency Bands



## Where DRM fits – Coverage Needs

**30**

HF, (MF at night) – many 1000's km



MF daytime – many 100's km

VHF band II (FM) –  
many 10's kmVHF band III –  
line of sight  
((o))



## DRM+

- **ETSI standard ratified** in 2009
- **Endorsed by the ITU** in 2011 “ITU-R Rec. BS.1114 (system) and ITU-R Rec. BS.1660 (planning parameters)
- **More content and choice:** up to four programmes on one frequency  
The new digital transmissions can also co-exist with the current analogue broadcasts.
- **Worldwide spectrum compatibility:** 100 kHz bandwidth
- **Useful content bit rate:** 37-186Kbps
- **Easier tuning and selection of programming:** e.g. station selection by brand not frequency and automatic switching between different transmitters and standards to give continuous service.
- **Worldwide tests:** Already tested in Asia Pacific, Europe and Brazil



Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM);  
System Specification

DRM standard  
specification  
version 1.0

## 2 – Key Features of DRM

### Speaker

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## DRM Key Features

**The DRM Key Features are  
common to the full DRM Standard –  
whether DRM30 and DRM+**

## DRM Key Features

- **More choice** for listeners
  - Up to 4 programmes on 1 frequency
  - Simulcast analog / digital
- **Excellent audio** quality
  - No distortion
  - Stereo and 5.1 surround sound
- **Good coverage** area and robust signal
  - Supporting SFN (Single Frequency Networks)
  - Green and energy efficient
- **Multimedia Applications**
  - Great listener benefits
  - Extra revenue opportunities for broadcasters
- **Automatic tuning**
  - by station name, no longer by frequency
  - re-tunes when leaving coverage area
- **Emergency warning & alert**
  - All stations switch, present audio and text information





## DRM 5.1 Surround Sound Audio

### MPEG Surround

- Enables true 5.1 surround services (sports, jingles, ads, concerts, ...)
- Very small embedded audio-data channel
- Compatible with all stereo/mono receivers

**Mono → Stereo → 5.1 Surround**  
past            present            future!





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## DRM – More than Audio

- **DRM Text Messages –**

Programme accompanying labels (Unicode)

- **Journaline –**

Text based information service (Unicode)

**Easy access & “Hot Button triggers” interactivity:**

- Web pages (sites)
- Phone numbers
- SMS / E-mail
- Links to other Journaline or DRM services pages

- **MOT Slide Show –** Graphics with Animation

- **EPG –** Electronic Programme Guide

- **TPEG / TMC –** Traffic Information

→ **Great potential for new revenue sources!**



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## DRM is Excellent in Multimedia



10:26 09-01-2009 German

DRM	FM	AM	Favourite
DLR Kultur	08:00-11:00	177kHz	Germany
Test	00:00-24:00	243kHz	Denmark
RTE	07:00-14:00	252kHz	Ireland
DKultur	00:00-24:00	729kHz	NE Germany
RAI	00:00-24:00	846kHz	Italy
DLF	00:00-24:00	855kHz	
DRM test	00:00-24:00	999kHz	

Play now  
Add to favourite  
Delete

DRM Radio menu

11:01 09-01-2009 German

Mono

TdoT-Programm  
243 kHz  
Pop Music

SWR - Journaline Demo

SWR - Südwestrundfunk  
FH Kaiserslautern - E-Technik/Inf...

>> SWR - DASDING <<

News

Journaline,  
live information

10:26 09-01-2009

- Radio
- Picture
- Music
- Video
- Settings

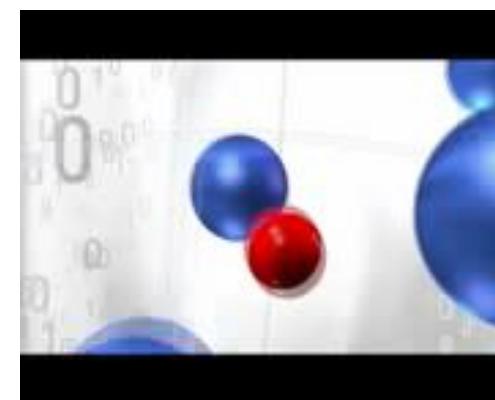
Main menu

02:22 12-01-2009

Mot.

Select Volume Back

Pictures menu



Videos

# Application: Emergency Information

- Natural disaster strikes → local communications infrastructure is OFF
- Digital radio broadcast → reaching trouble spots from a distance – no dependency on local infrastructure



## Emergency Warning & Alert



### DRM Emergency & Disaster Warning

- All receivers switch,  
present audio and text information
- Should be mandatory feature for all radios

### Use case:

- Immediately spreads urgent information
- E.g. to be used in case of natural disasters or pending catastrophes (earthquakes, tsunamis, ...)

### Benefits:

- Deploys **wide-spread radio sets**
- Provides **spoken announcements** on alert channel
- Provides **detailed textual information (Journaline)** for immediate look-up by listeners,  
explaining alert reason and behaviour recommendat.
- Textual information to be **multi-lingual/-script**

## Listener Experience – Detailed Text Info

Examples for receiver screen renderings with disaster warning content (Journaline):

### AIR Emergency Broadcast

#### ► Information in English

हिन्दी में सूचना (Hindi)

中文信息 (Chinese)

Info auf deutsch

### Information in English

What is going on?

#### ► What do I need to do?

Where can I get help?

### What is going on?

A major tsunami is  
expected for the Mumbai  
region at 16:00 today.

The tsunami will hit the ↓

### What do I need to do?

1. Move away from shore!

2. Evacuation has started.

Find the nearest meeting  
point: Look for green ↓

## 3 – Brittany and Agora DRM+ trials

### Speaker

**Hermann Zensen**  
*Sales Manager, Digidia, France*





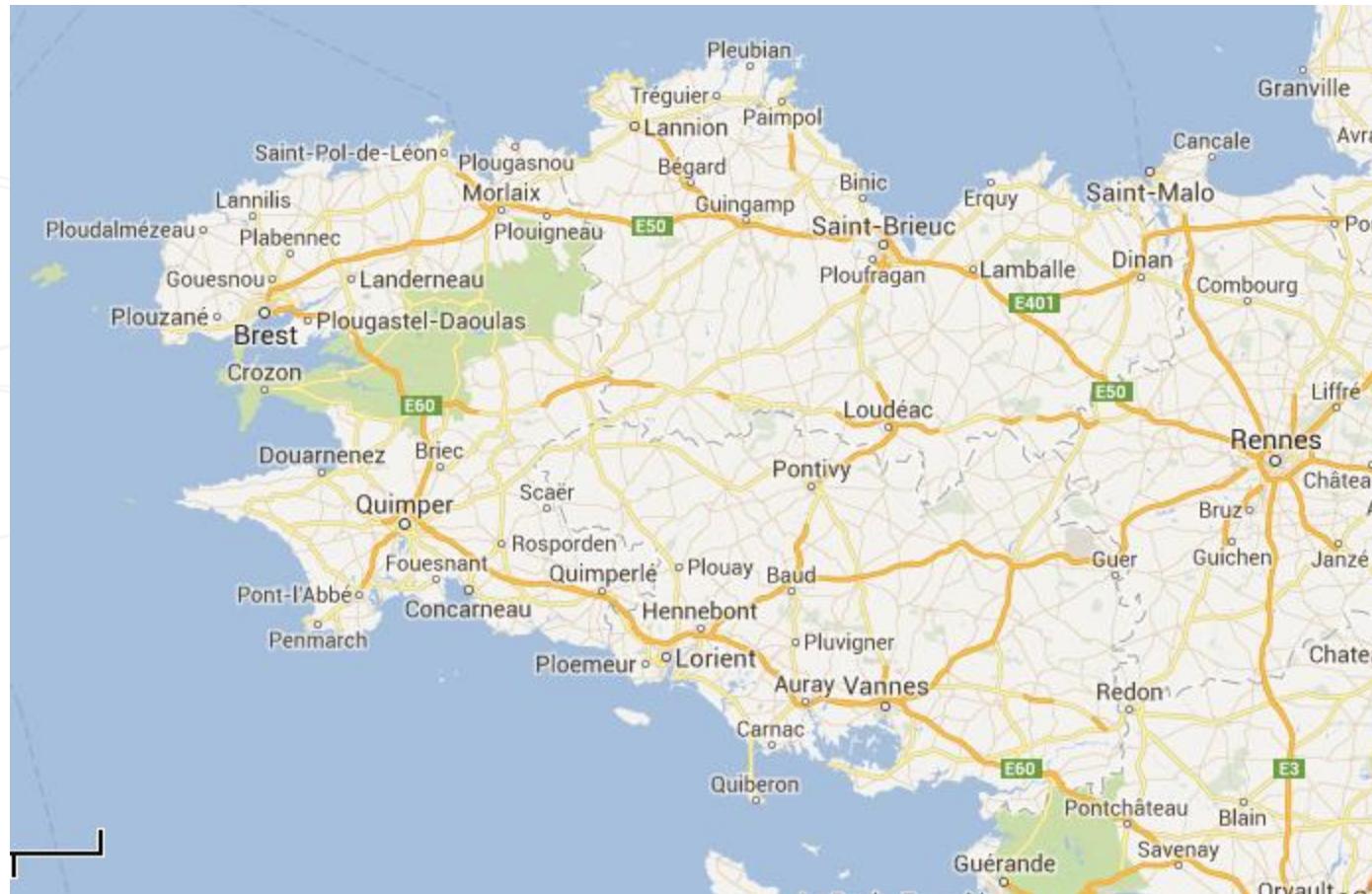
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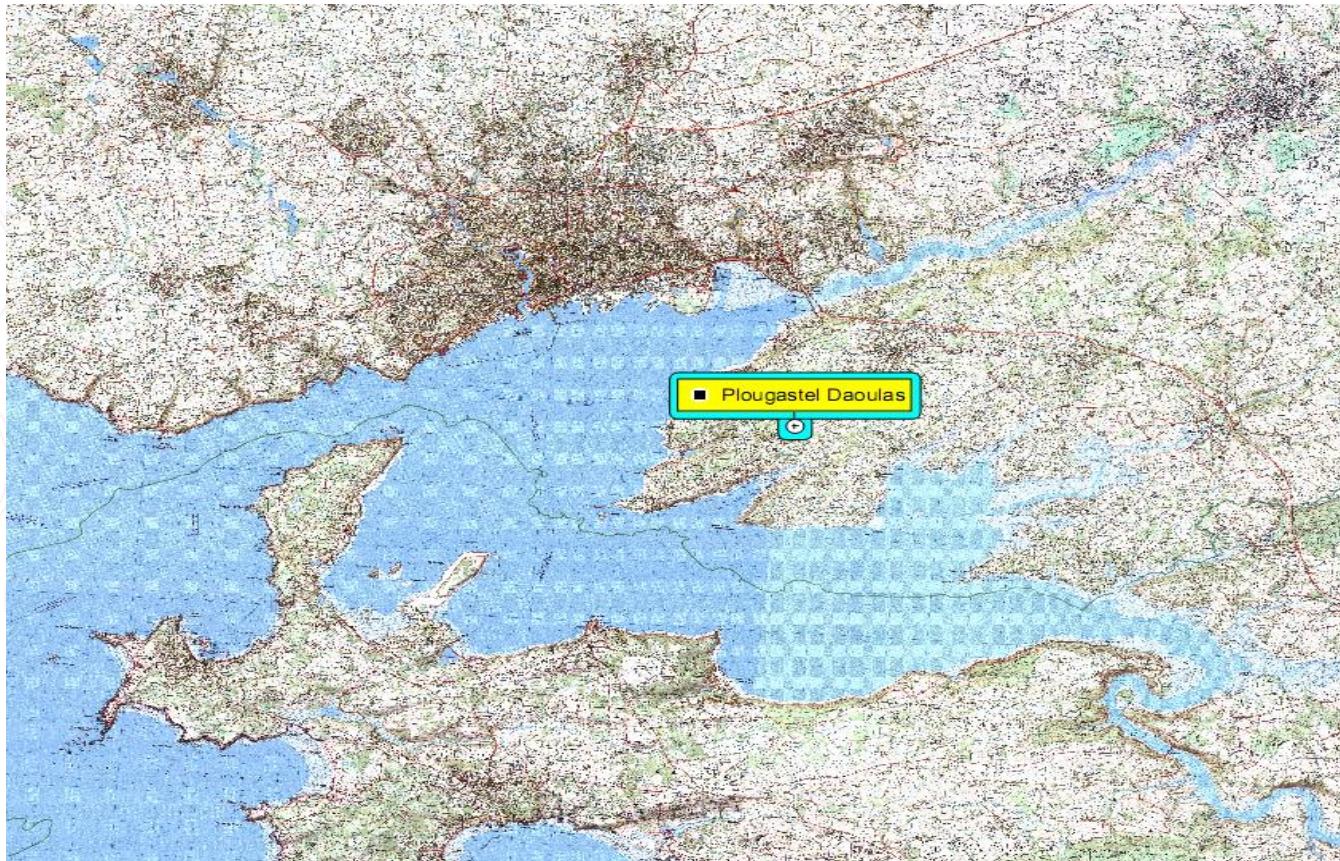
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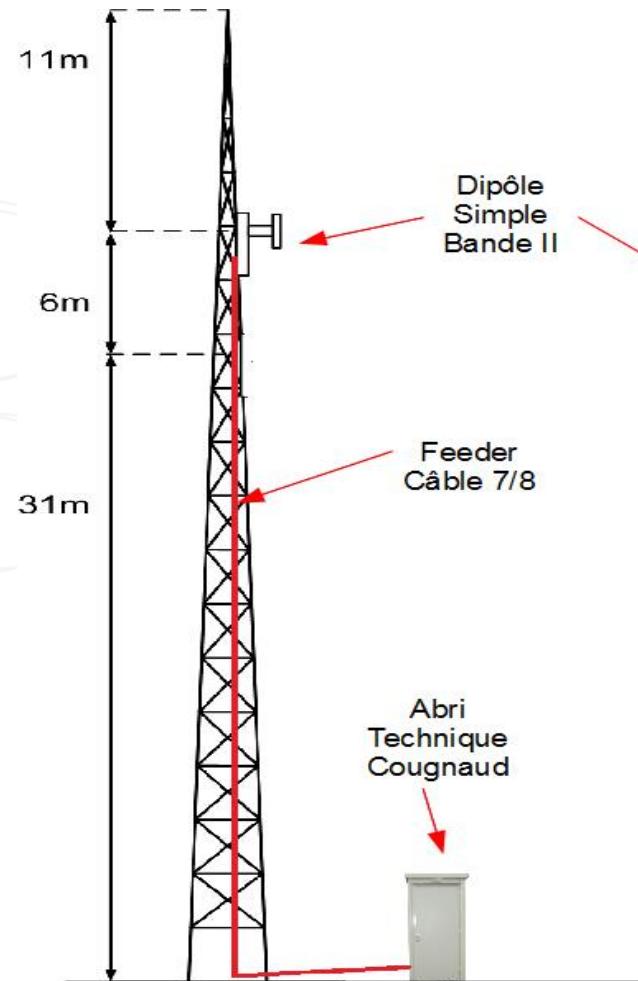


Commune	Plougastel Daoulas
Name of place	Kroas Ar Vossen
Code postal	29470
Latitude GPS	48° 21'10" W
Longitude GPS	04° 24'02" N
Height	95 meters above sea level
Type of support	Autosupporting power (see photo)
Height of support du support	48 mètres
Bande II Antenna	Used frequency: 107.7
Type	Dipôle simple
Model	I50A15B53
Height	37 mètres
Orientation	300°
Polarisation	Verticale

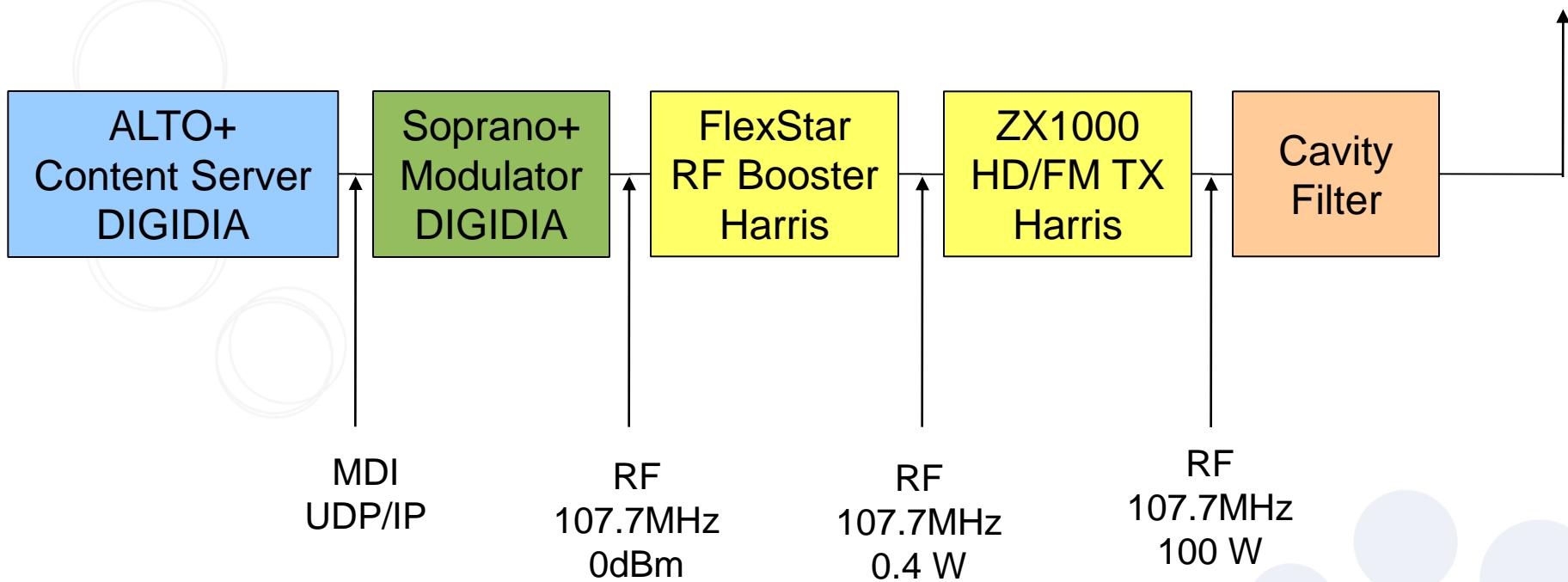
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Operators: DIGIDIA and Telecom Bretagne (Engineer University in Brest)



## DRM+ Transmission Chain





Serveur de contenu  
DRM+ ALTO+ de la  
société DIGIDIA

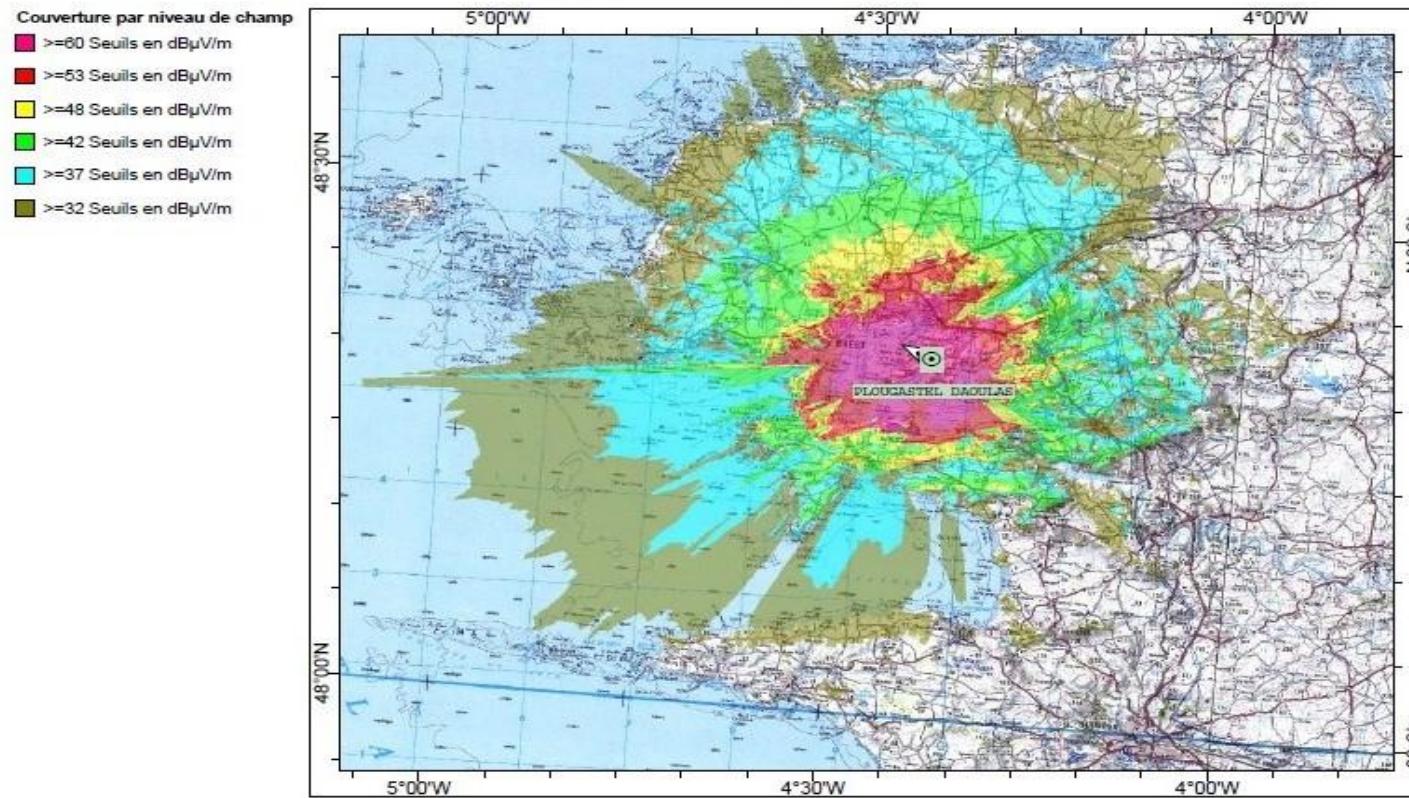
Modulateur DRM+  
SOPRANO+ de la  
société DIGIDIA

Pré-amplificateur  
FM/HDRadio  
FlexSTAR de la  
société HARRIS

Amplificateur  
FM/HDRadio ZX 1000  
de la société HARRIS

## Coverage Planning Tool with Atoll

Projet OCEAN  
Site : Plougastel Daoulas  
300 W RMS PAR - Bande II





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**DRM Plus**

Drm Plus Control Interface  
UART COM Port: COM8    USB Connect    Version: KETI:DrmPlusV100824  
[00:25:13]    PckCNT:186828[E:2]

Service Frequency Tune: 107700 kHz    Frequency Tune    Stop

RF Status: LNA ON    RSSI: -31.0 dBm    -58    2

Receiver Status:

- Symbol Sync
- Frame Detection
- Equalizer
- OFDM Lock
- FAC CRC
- SDC CRC
- MSC Decoding
- Source Decoding

Synchronization Status:

- Robustness Mode : E [FrmCnt : 0]
- Spectrum BW : 100kHz
- Frequency Offset : 2446.465 Hz
- Sampling Offset : 1.018 ppm
- Estimated SNR : 29.600 dB
- SDC Mode : 4-QAM r=1/4
- MSC Mode : 16-QAM SM
- Data Rate : 149.070 kbps

Stream Information: Num of Stream : 3    Total Data Rate : (105.28 kbps)

Part B

Protection Level : One Protection Level(EEP), MSC Code Rate All = 0.50  
: R0 = 1/3    R1 = 2/3

Service Select:

- Audio** [ DIGIDIA Radio+ ] Stereo 48kHz (45.28 kbps)
- Application [ SlideShow ] Packet Mode (20.00 kbps)
- Audio [ ] Stereo 48kHz (40.00 kbps)
- No Service

Text Message: Welcome to DIGIDIA training.

Audio Frame Rate : 0.0000e+000  
[ 0 / 44,225 ]

**KETI Korea Electronics Advanced Mobile Techn**

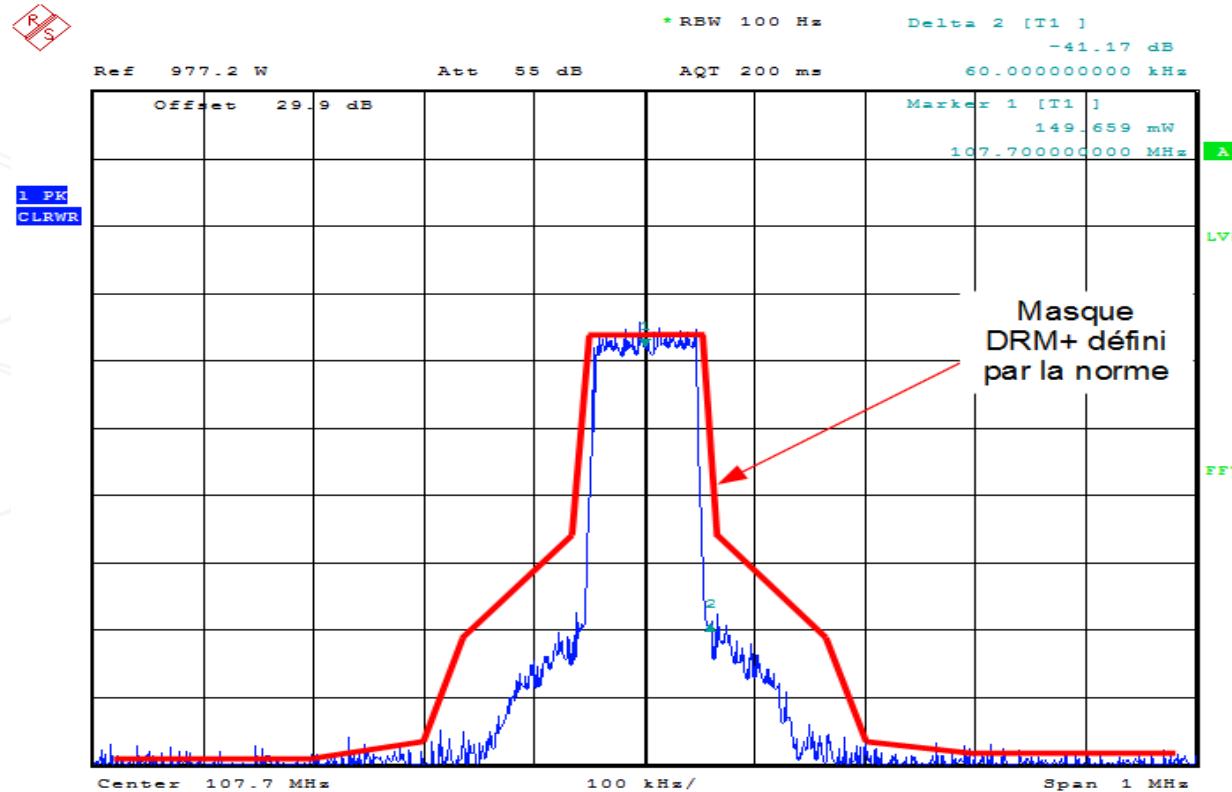
**Baseband Power Spectrum(After AGC)**

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-80 -51.2 38.425.612.8 0 12.825.638.451.2 14  
[kHz]



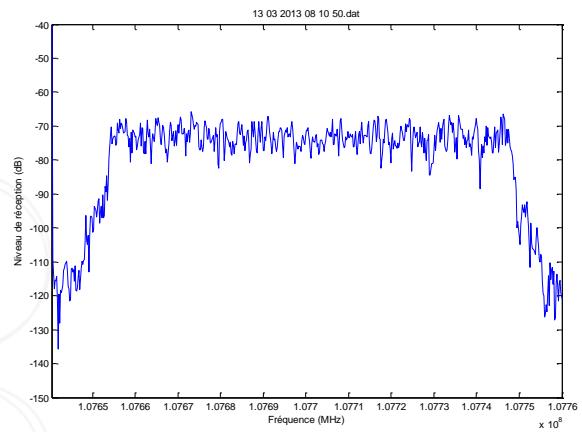
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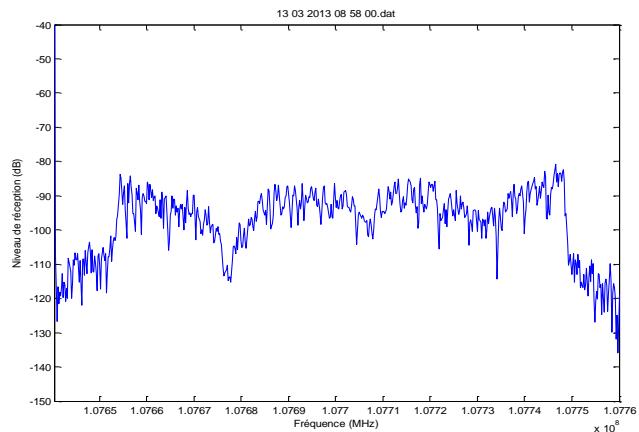


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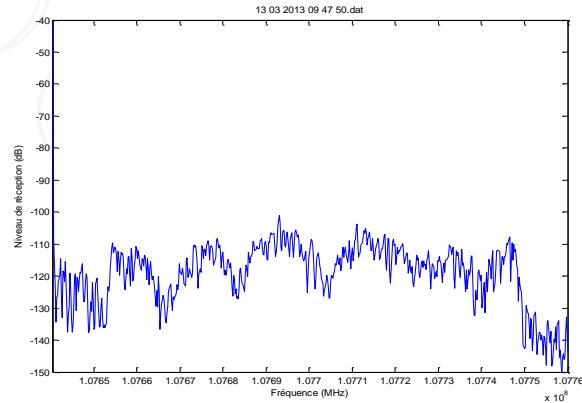
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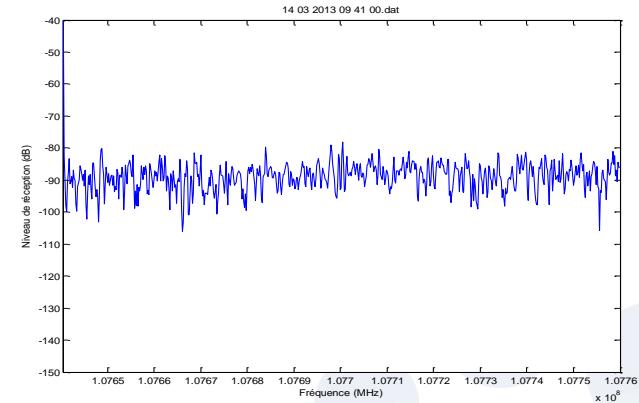
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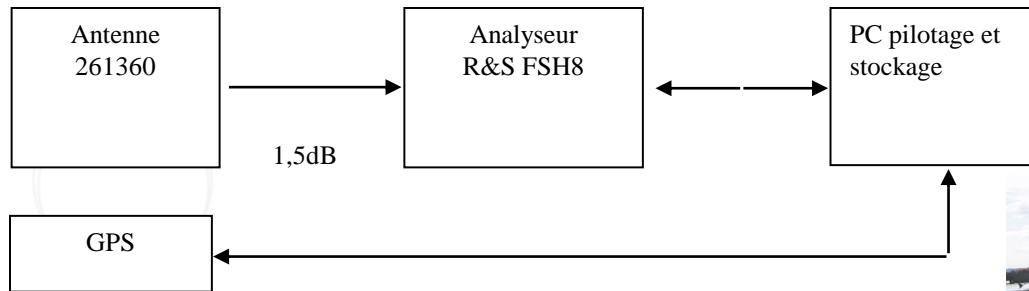
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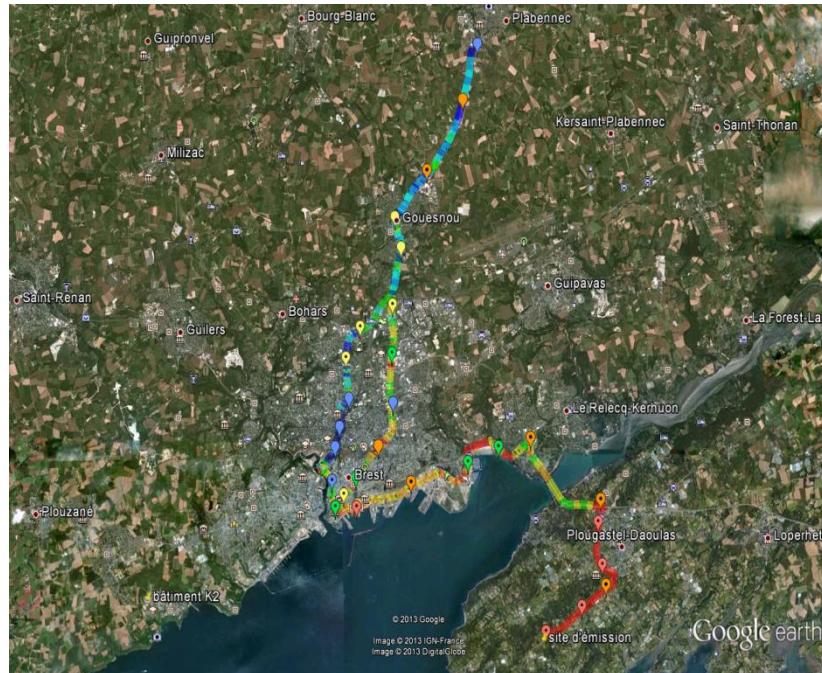
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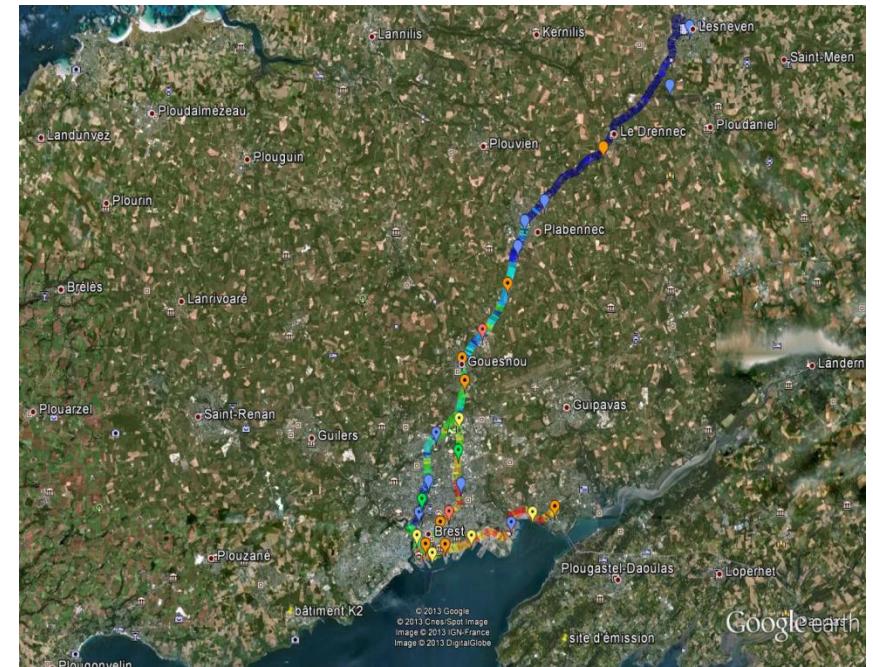


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16QAM

10 km coverage



4QAM

15 km coverage



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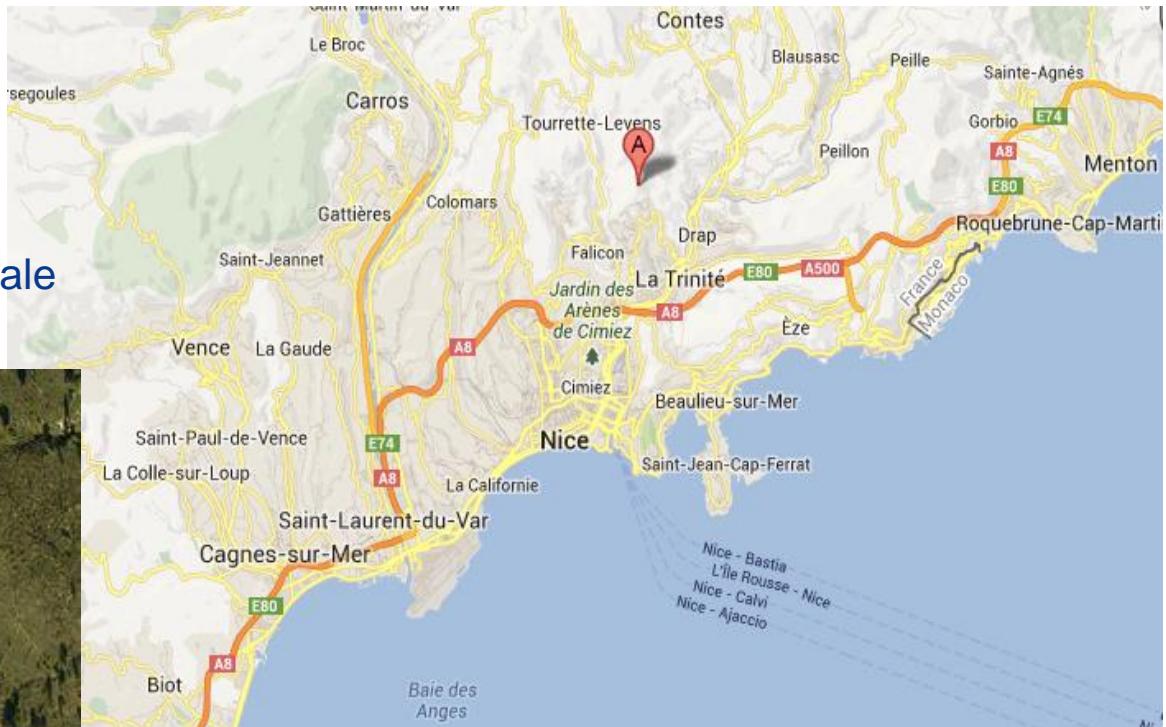
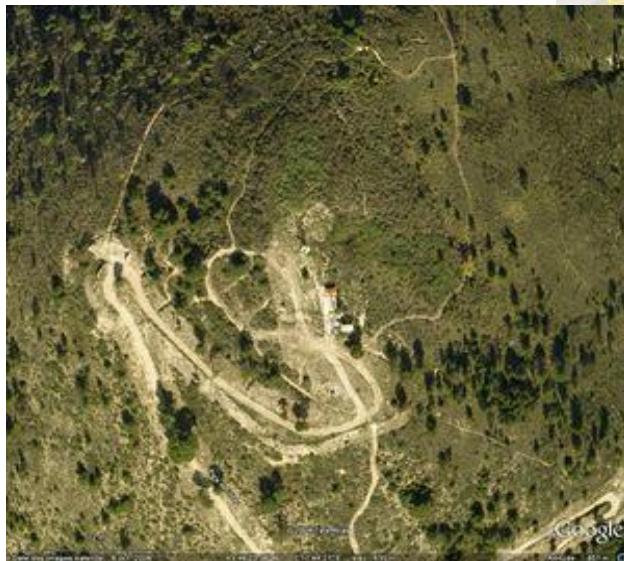
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Nice DRM+ Trials  
in Band I (60 MHz )

Name of site:  
Mont de l'Ubac

Operator: Agora FM  
Head Engineer: Andre Scandale





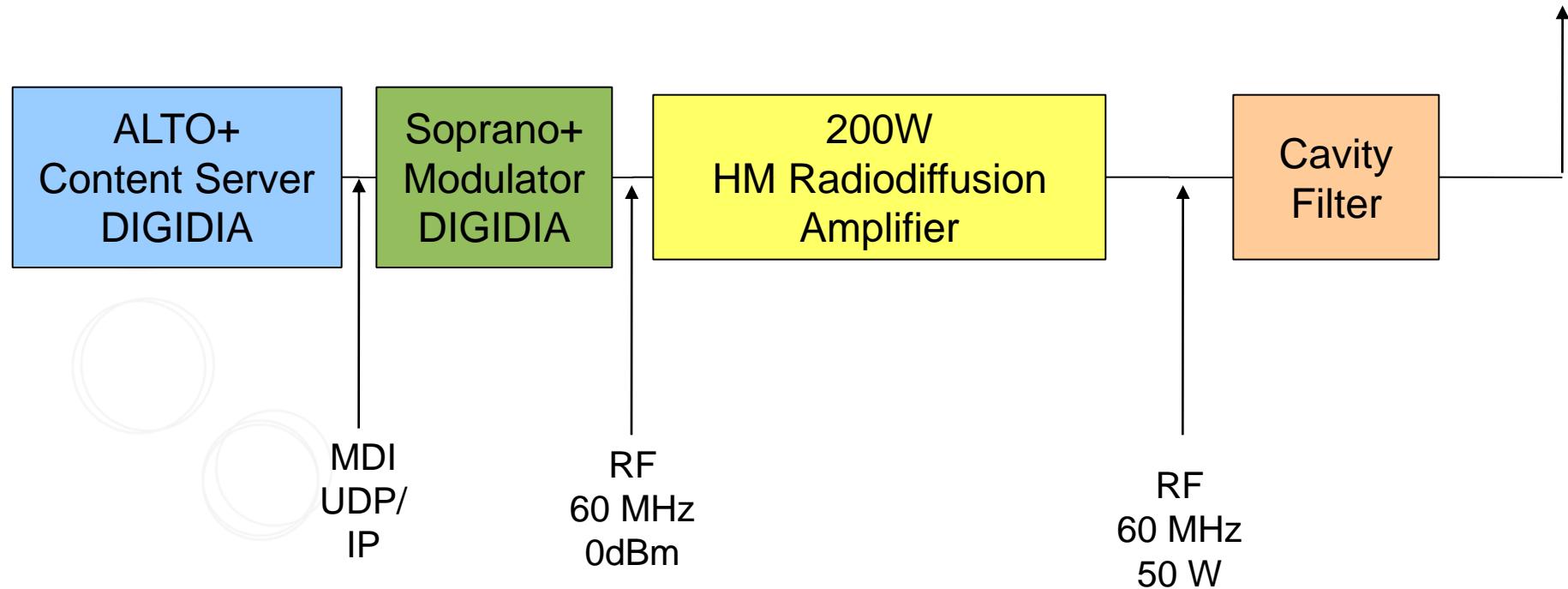
## Multi Antenna Tower

- DAB
- FM
- Band 1 Antenna for DRM+



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## Transmission Set up

## Own developments

- ¼ L Groundplane antenna
- Up converter in front of KETI Receiver from 60 MHz to Band 2, with 3 cavities of 60 Mhz, 2 Mos FETs and 1 Oscillator of 4 to MHz





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KETI Drm Plus Receiver V1.0.01

DRM Plus

DRM Plus Control Interface

UART COM Port: COM1    USB Connect    Version: KETI:DrmPlusV100824  
[02:01:18]    PckCNT:908575[E:3]

Service Frequency Tune: 100000 kHz    Frequency Tune    Stop

RF Status: LNA OFF    RSSI: -25.0 dBm    -114    -6

Receiver Status:

- Symbol Sync
- Frame Detection
- Equalizer
- OFDM Lock
- FAC CRC
- SDC CRC
- MSC Decoding
- Source Decoding

Synchronization Status:

- Robustness Mode: E [FrmCnt: 0]
- Spectrum BW: 100kHz
- Frequency Offset: 2266.022 Hz
- Sampling Offset: 1.966 ppm
- Estimated SNR: 7.331 dB
- SDC Mode: 4-QAM r=1/2
- MSC Mode: 4-QAM
- Data Rate: 74.540 kbps

Stream Information: Num of Stream: 1    Total Data Rate: (32.96 kbps)

Part B

Protection Level: One Protection Level(EEP), MSC Code Rate = 0.50 [1/2]

Service Select:

- Audio    [ Agora DRM+ 1 ] Mono 48kHz (32.96 kbps)
- No Service
- No Service
- No Service

Text Message

Audio Frame Rate: 9.5879e-003  
[ 114 / 11,890 ]

Global Positioning System

Port Num: COM 6    Baud Rate: 115200    Connect

UTC Date/Time:    Latitude:    Longitude:    Speed:    Map Show

**Korea Electronics Technology Institute**  
Advanced Mobile Technology Research Center

**Drm Plus Signal Analyzer**

**Advanced Mobile Technology Research Center**

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PRBS Reset    Time Infor: 2013 / 07 / 11 15 : 12    PRBS Hold

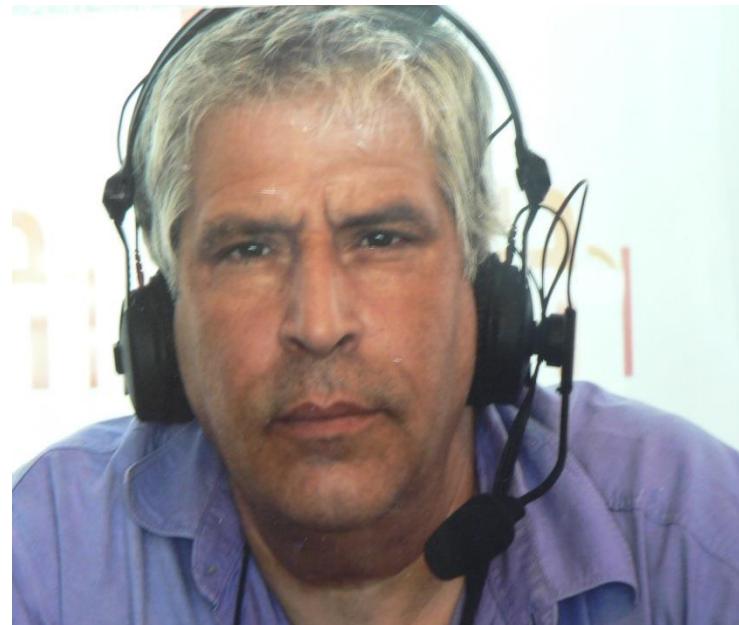
## Measurements Nice - St Laurent du Var- Cagnes - La Fontonne - Antibes



Find more information in French language under

<http://agoradrmplus.canalblog.com/>

Andre Scandale



## 4 – Norway DRM+ trial In Band II

### Speaker

**Eivind Engberg**  
*Chief Engineer*  
*Radio Metro, Norway*



## DRM+ Transmission in Norway

- Transmits from the Tyholt tower in Trondheim  
FM 94,0 MHz
- Transmitter in use: Nautel VS300+VSDRM
- Current output power: 25W
- Antenna in use: Sira FMC-01
- Combiner in use: Delta Meccanica  
star point combiner





## DRM+ Content Server

- Using Fraunhofer DRM ContentServer in two modes:
- 4QAM – One audio channel and three Journaline services
- 16QAM – Three audio channels and one Journaline service

The screenshot shows a user interface for the DRM+ Content Server. At the top, there is a green header bar containing the station information for "-METRO-". Below this, a thumbnail image of a woman's face is displayed, along with the song title "BRYAN FERRY - Slave to love" and the logo for "radiome". To the right of the main content area, there are three small circular icons with symbols: a blue 'i', a red circle, and a grey graph. Below the main header, there are three additional station cards: "-ROX-", "BEAT", and "Rolling Stones". Each card includes a small icon, the station name, and a location indicator (e.g., "Rock, Norway (DRM+)").



## DRM+ Content Server

- Journaline Service provides news via the DRM system
- Simple RSS feed from internet feeds the receiver,  
can also be used to send newspapers on DRM

▶ Rolling Stones All News

### **Tom Morello Joins Agit8 With 'Flesh Shapes the Day' Live**

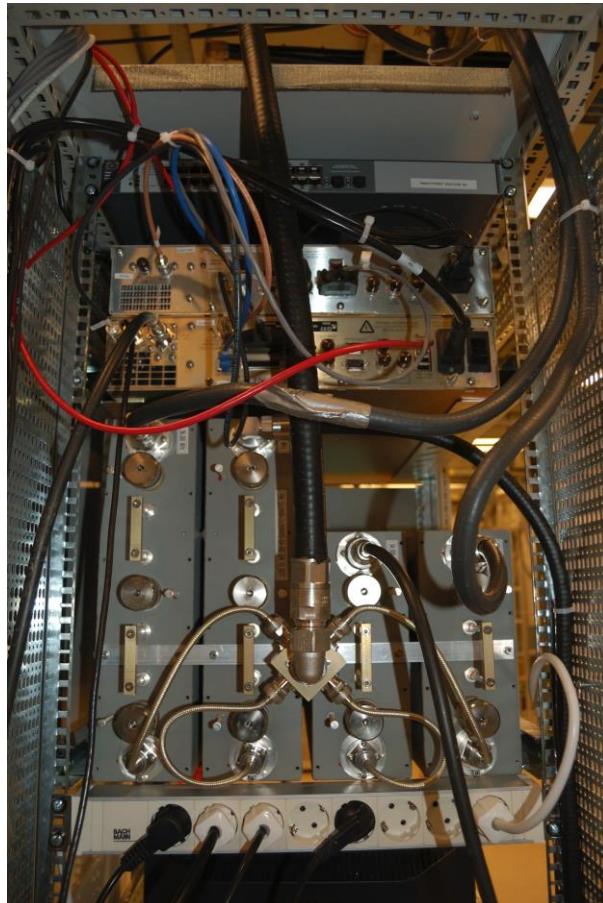
"I don't have 10 more woot-woots in me" Tom Morello jokes after banging through a ferocious version of his "Flesh Shapes the Day" at the YouTube Studios in LA It's a Tuesday afternoon middle of the day and Morello has fought through traffic to get to the Playa Del Rey...





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## DRM+ Transmission in Norway

- Planned coverage analysis during the fall of 2013
- Applied license to increase output power to 100W
- Adjustments need to be done in combiner/transmitter
- With help from BBC and Delta Meccanica



# 5 – Considerations for Introducing DRM+

## Speaker

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## Why Digital Radio?

A – Public Broadcaster:



- **Additional radio programs / audio content**  
(e.g. special-interest content)
- **Internet news**  
get text content into radio sets
- **Disaster Warning** feature  
to quickly alert the public through all radio sets



## Why Digital Radio?



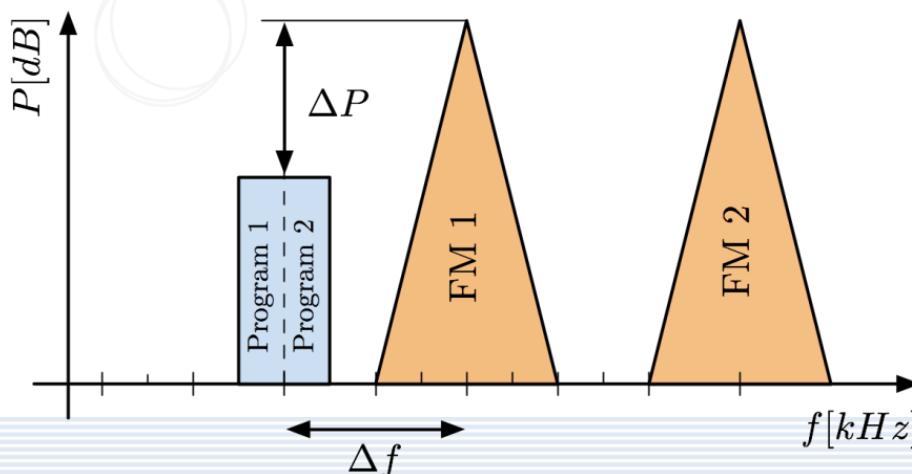
B – Private Broadcasters:

- Secure radio future in **Digital Era**
- Benefit from **new revenue opportunities**
- Link with **online resources**  
(web sites, social media, etc.)
- Linking with **Disaster Warning**  
(typically provided by public service)

## Considerations for DRM+ Introduction



- **Simulcast** during transition period
- Fits with **existing frequency assignment**
- No change in **frequency licensing** required
- Complete **planning parameters** @ ITU



Recommended values:  
 $\Delta f = \text{min. } 150 \text{ kHz}$   
 $\Delta P > 20 \text{ dB for } \Delta f = 150 \text{ kHz}$

## Receiver Availability for Launch Date

### 1. Communication !

- Decide upon a **fixed launch date**
- Communicate launch date in advance to receiver manufacturers
- Educate + excite public & listeners



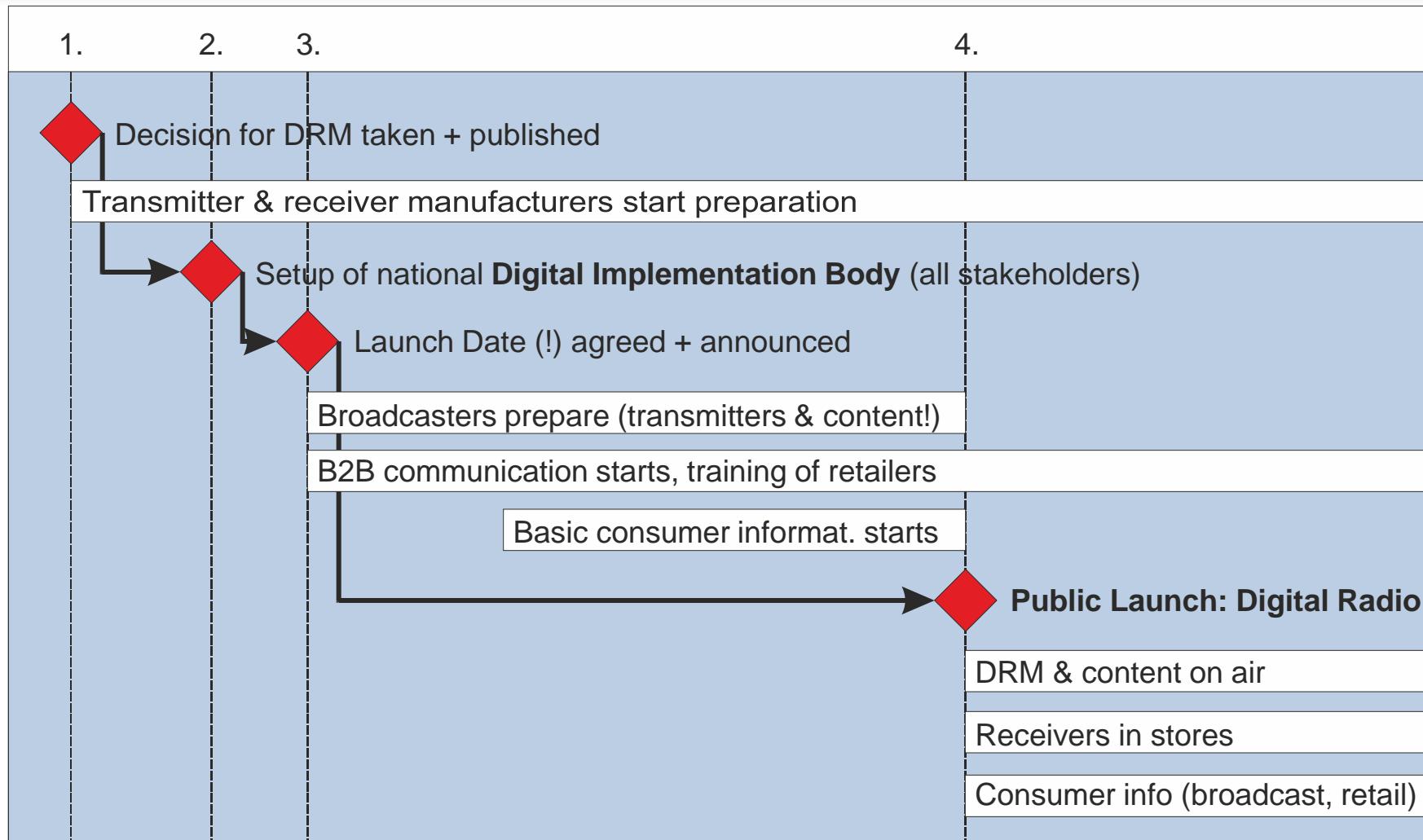
### 2. Political support !

- Make **DRM Disaster Alert** feature mandatory for all new radio sets
- In future potential decision for analog sunset date

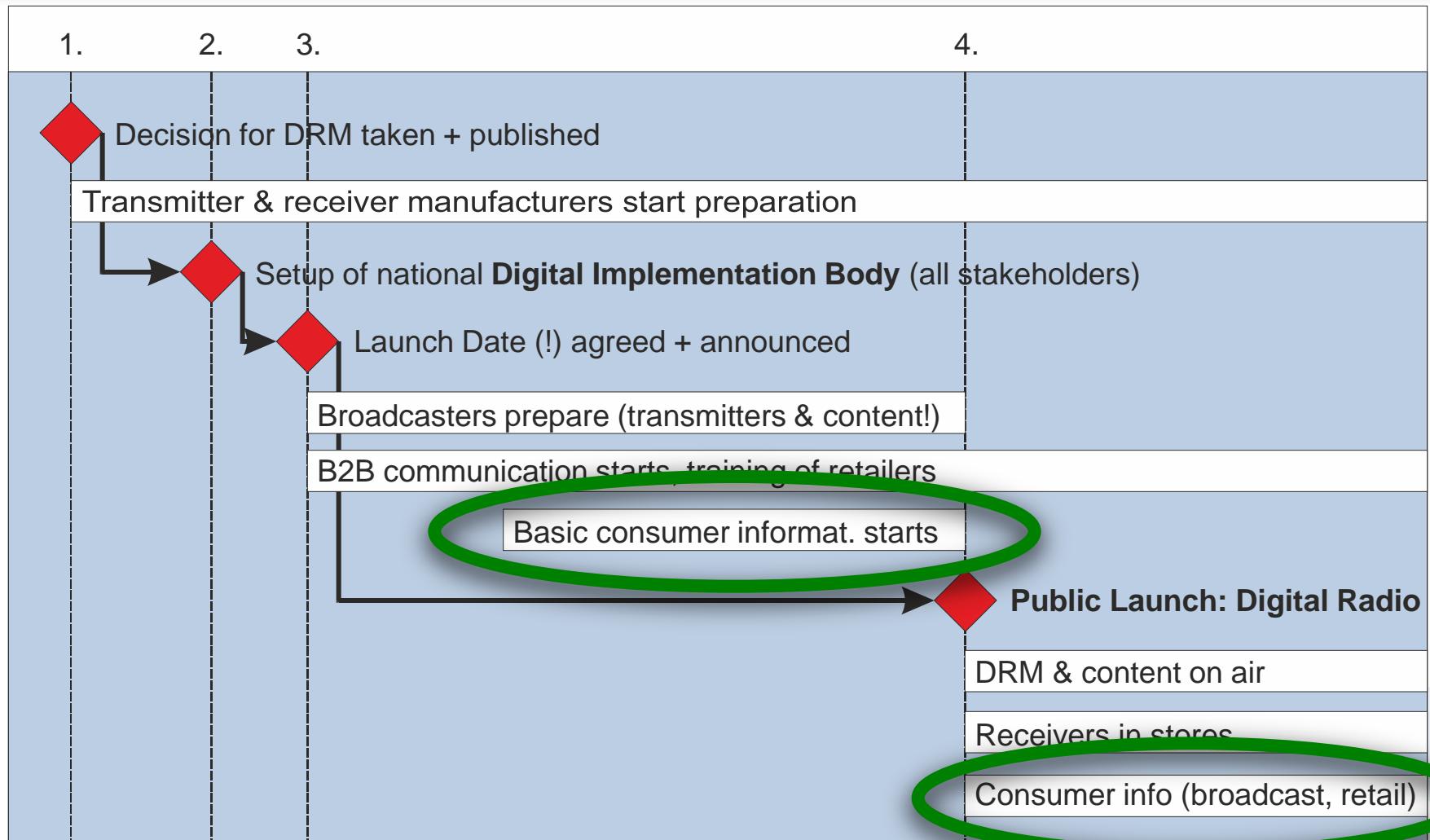
### 3. Content !

- Create **exclusive audio + data offers**

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## 6 – DRM & DAB+

# The Open Standard Digital Radio Family

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**DRM is the digital radio standard  
that complements  
and works seamlessly  
with other digital radio standards.**



## DRM and DAB+ Digital Radio!



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WORLD



Digital Multimedia Broadcasting

Radio • Mobile TV • Multimedia • Traffic Data

- **DAB+** is an efficient solution for local/regional terrestrial broadcast in case of many services with identical coverage area (multiplex transmissions)
- **DRM+** is the efficient local/regional terrestrial broadcast solution for individual services or coverage needs, with broadcaster-controlled transmissions (individual-service transmissions)
- **DRM30** is the terrestrial broadcast solution for large-area MW or SW coverage (individual-service transmissions)

➔ DRM and DAB+ provide complementary solutions



## DRM and DAB+ Digital Radio!



- Most core functionality is shared:
  - Mobile terrestrial broadcasting with SFN
  - Audio codec (MPEG-4 HE-AAC v2)
  - Data applications
  - Mutual service linking (AFS)
  - Open & ITU recommended standards
- ✓ **Listener + broadcaster perspective:**  
**DAB+ and DRM offer equivalent functionality**
- ✓ **Efficient implementation**  
**of combined receivers + chipsets**  
(Frontier Silicon, NXP, PNP, Parrot, ...)
- ✓ **DRM+ does not add any IP royalty**  
**on top of DAB+ & DRM30 receivers!**



## DRM and DAB+ Digital Radio!



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Radio • Mobile TV • Multimedia • Traffic Data

- DRM & DAB+ offer identical features
  - ✓ One Digital Radio Family
- DRM+ adds the individual-service perspective
  - ✓ Complementing DRM30 and DAB+
- DRM & DAB+ are open standards
  - ITU recommended
- Combined receiver implementations are cost-efficient and straight-forward
  - DRM+ does not add IP royalty cost to a DAB+ / DRM30 receiver

**→ DRM and DAB+ combined serve all digital radio broadcast scenarios**  
**→ Leaves individual choice to broadcaster**



## Your Questions NOW

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BBC World Service, UK*



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USA*



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## More information on DRM on:

For the DRM Implementation and Introduction Guide:

[www.drm.org](http://www.drm.org)

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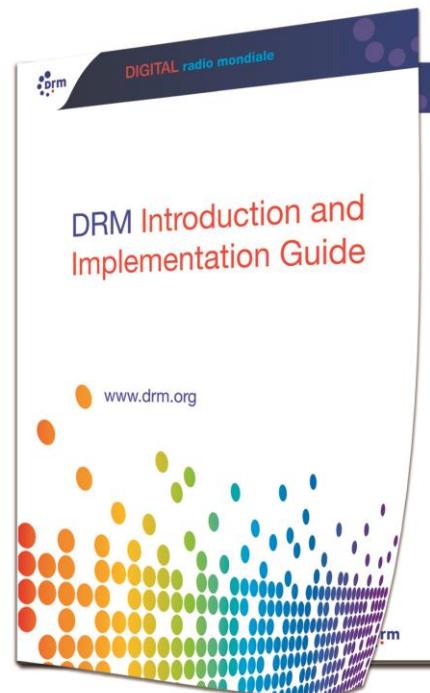
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All you need to know on DRM – Free

## DRM Introduction and Implementation Guide



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# THANK YOU

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