



Digital Radio Mondiale

**HFCC B21
Shortwave Coordination Meeting**

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The DRM Consortium – a Reminder

- **Not-for-profit organisation**
- **Around 100 international members**
Broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators, regulators, research institutes, etc...
- **Experts and technologists**
Ready to give expert and objective advice on the technology
- **Open to all**
Companies, organisations, associations and individuals can join at any time
- **Platforms** in Germany, India, Brazil, Russia
and experts' groups in Pakistan, Indonesia
→ **And now the relaunch of the South Africa DRM Group**

For joining the DRM Consortium, write to: projectoffice@drm.org

Selection of Consortium Members



The **not-for-profit** DRM Consortium supports and promotes the DRM Standard and its take-up globally

The DRM Standard – The User's Experience Video



The DRM Standard – A Reminder



Radu Obreja

Marketing Director, DRM Consortium

DRM System – Key Facts

- **Global ITU standard for terrestrial Digital Radio**
 - **enables all coverage scenarios** (in broadcast bands AM & FM/VHF)
local, regional, national, international
- On a single AM/FM frequency, **up to 3 audio services + multimedia**
- Digital-only or **simulcast** operation (with AM or FM analogue signal)
- **DRM upgrades possible for existing AM/FM infrastructure**
- All technical details are **openly standardized** (ETSI) and published, DRM is **not controlled** by a single company/organization
- **No licenses** required
- Not a multiplex solution – **Each broadcaster in full control** of their transmission and content

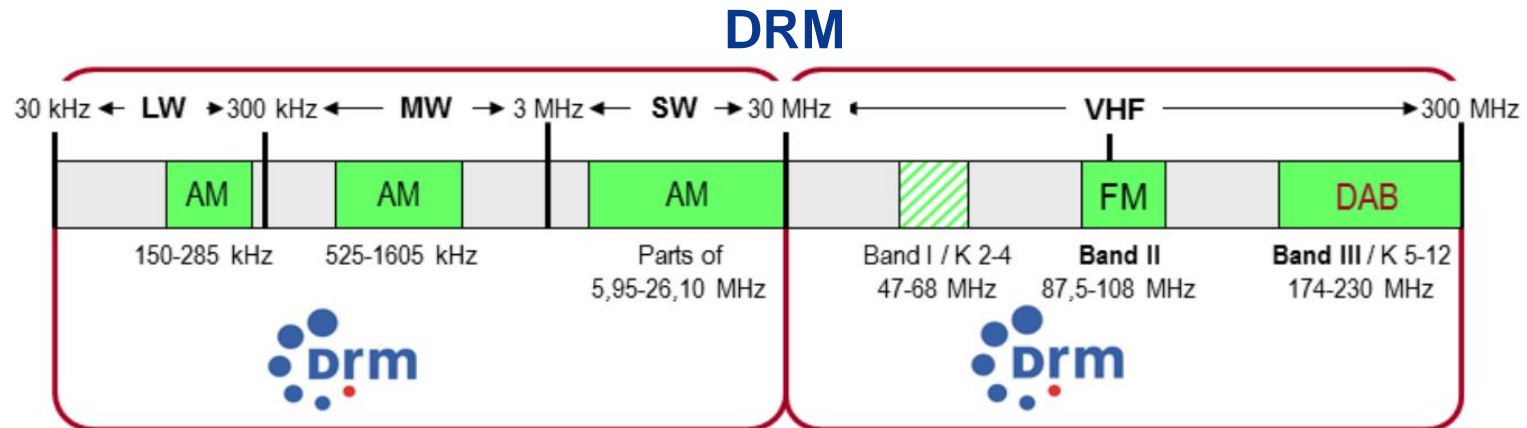
DRM Works In All Frequency Bands



DRM for local / regional coverage (VHF bands)
 (Band I, II – FM band, III)

30 MHz

DRM for medium/large area coverage (AM bands)
 (or LW, MW, SW) – the AM bands



**DRM Digital Radio standard – One single standard:
 Same key features throughout**

DRM Key Features

- **More choice for listeners**
 - Up to 3 programmes + multimedia on 1 frequency
 - Simulcast analogue / digital
- **Excellent audio quality**
 - No distortion
 - Stereo and 5.1 surround sound
- **Multimedia Applications**
 - Great listener benefits
 - Extra revenue opportunities for broadcasters
- **Good coverage area and robust signal**
 - Supporting SFN (Single Frequency Networks)
 - Green and energy efficient

- **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



Multimedia Applications



DRM TextMessages

programme accompanying labels (Unicode),
max. 128 characters, max. every 20 sec.

Journaline

text based information service (Unicode),
supporting all classes of receivers,
triggers interactivity and geo-awareness

Slideshow

programme accompanying images + animation

EPG/SPI – Service Programme Information

Station logos; What's up now & next;
Search for programs and schedule recording

TPEG / TMC Traffic Information

→ **Great listener benefits & revenue source!**


DRM in the AM bands



Simon Keens

Sales and Business Development Manager
Ampegon

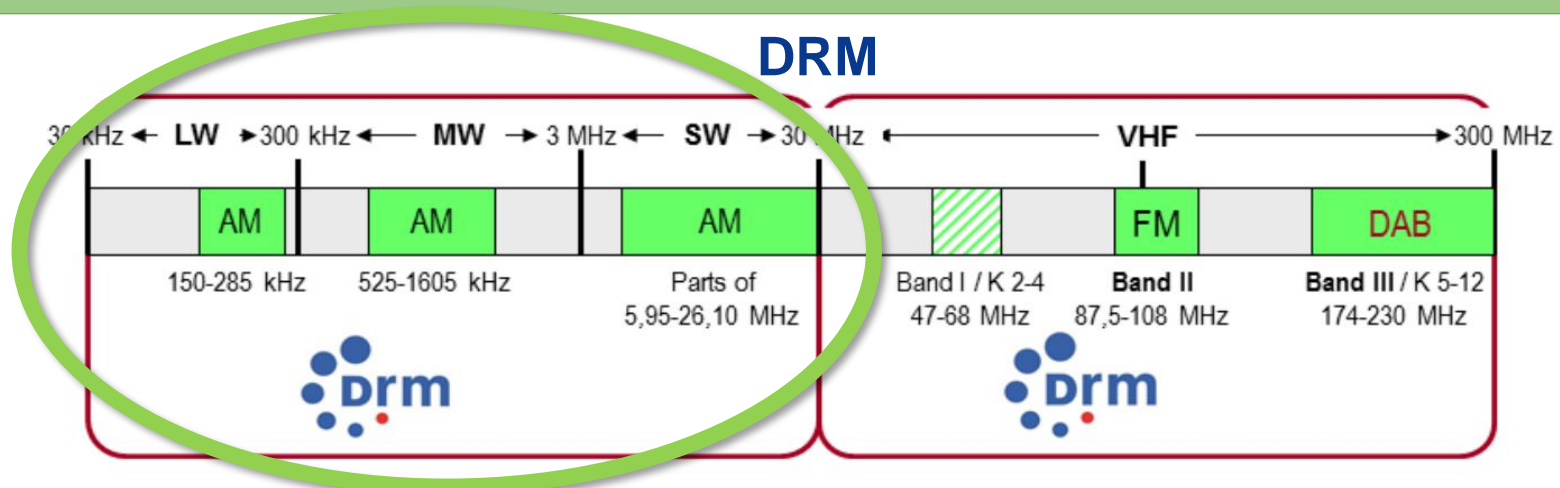
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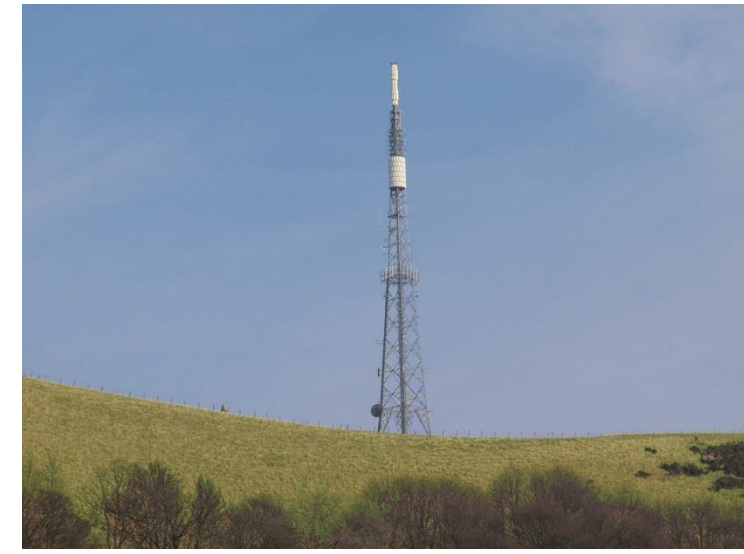
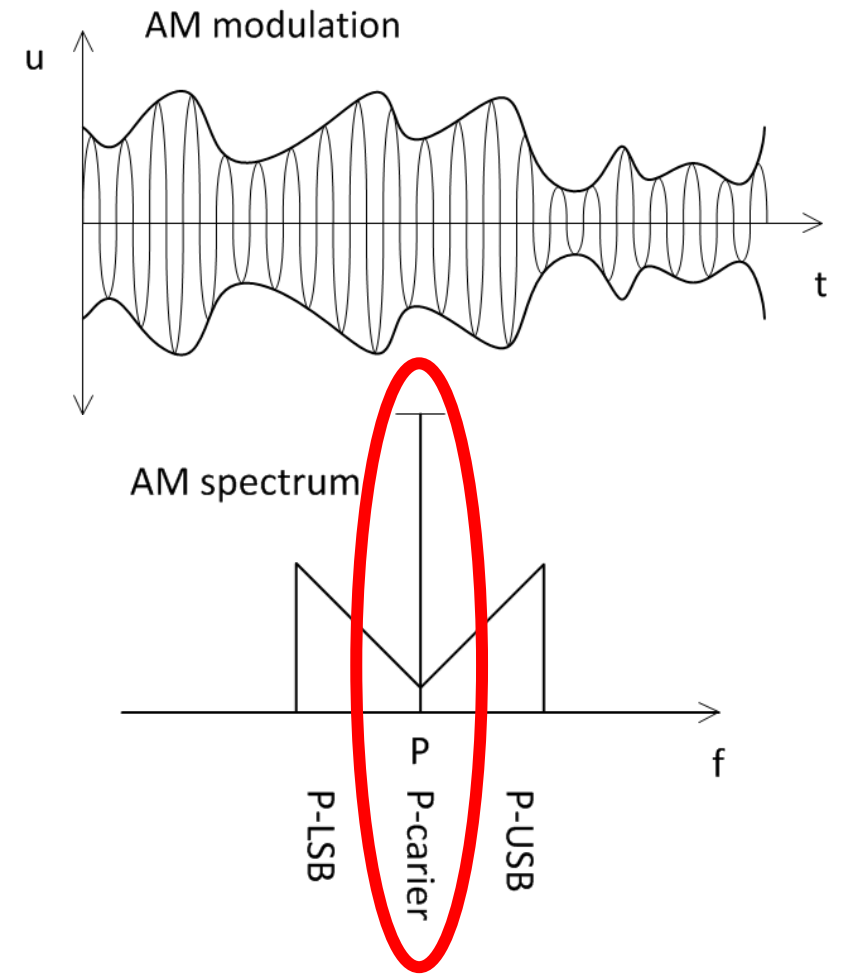


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DRM for Large Area Coverage (AM Bands)

- Offering **FM like sound quality** with large-area coverage (no more fading, crackling, distortions)
- The only standard for all the AM bands:
 - **ETSI standard ratified**
 - **Endorsed by the ITU** (full planning parameters available)
- **Worldwide spectrum compatibility:**
9/10, 18/20 kHz bandwidth
- **Useful content bit rate:** up to 72 kbps
- **Flexible configuration:**
robustness \leftrightarrow coverage \leftrightarrow transmission power
- **Covers large areas using a single frequency (SFN):**
full-country coverage

AM Energy Consumption



- **AM Carrier > 66% of energy (no content)**
- **P-USB and P-LSB <33% energy (content)**
- **AM reception level > 47dByV**

Coverage – AM (MW) analogue vs. DRM MW

AM analogue vs. DRM – Same coverage, 1 single tx

AM Coverage

100kW MW transmitter



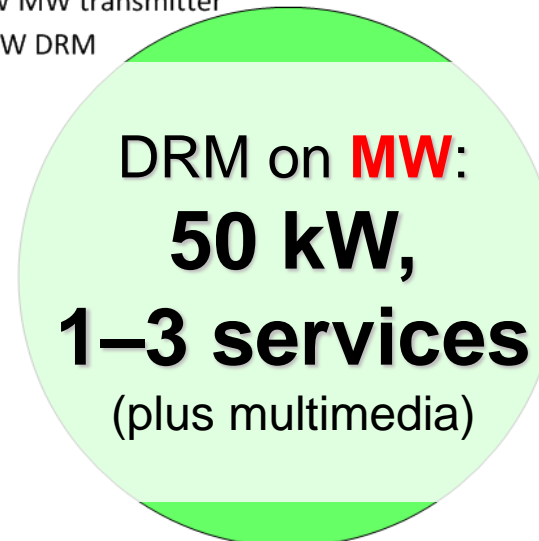
600km

100 kW ERP @ 72% efficiency
→ 142 kW power consumption

DRM Coverage

100kW MW transmitter

-> 40kW DRM



600km

40 kW ERP @ 80% efficiency
→ 50kW power consumption

←→
same
coverage!



DRM Transmission Schedules

Click on chart to search for DRM broadcasts

To use the map, simply click on circle to see details of shortwave broadcasts to that region highlighted in green in the list below



Additional DRM Services

The DRM Standard – The Energy Efficiency Calculator Video

The **DRM Energy Efficiency Calculator** is the DRM Consortium's user-friendly tool that allows to calculate how much energy can be saved by switching transmitters from analogue to digital DRM operation



DRM Additional Services – Energy Efficiency Calculator: Ready for Use



Website:
energyefficiency.drm.org

If you are interested, e-mail us:
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DRM in the FM BAND – A FUTURE-PROOF SOLUTION



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Vice-Chair DRM Consortium;
Senior BDM, Fraunhofer IIS

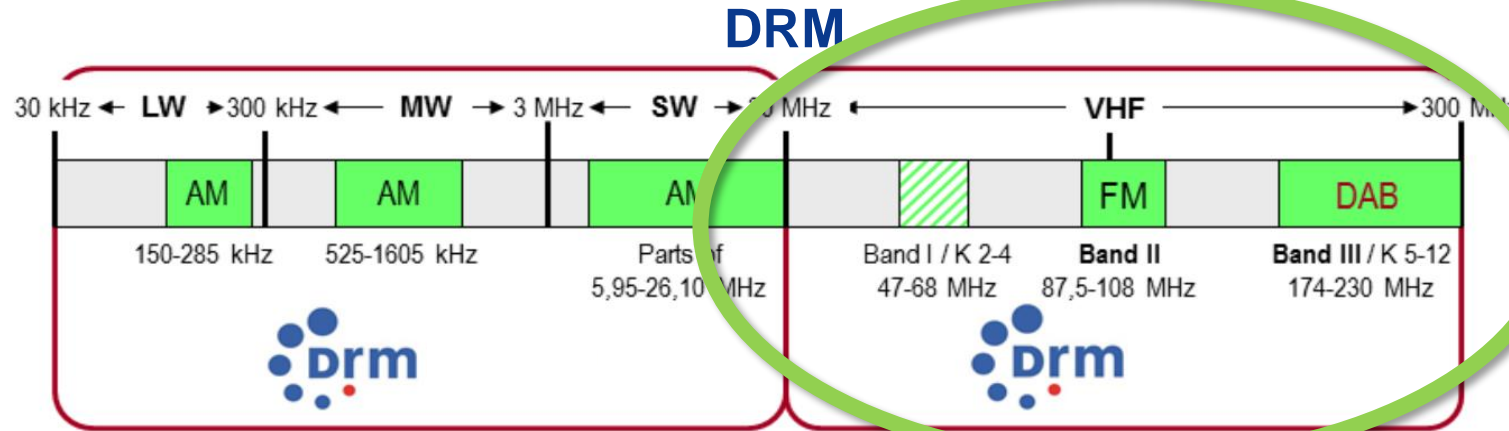
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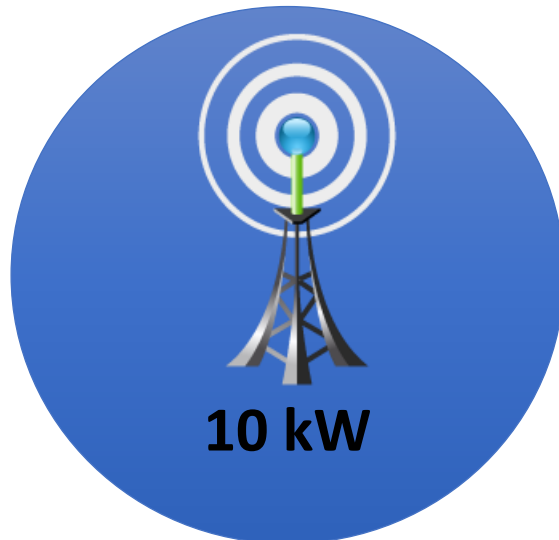
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DRM in FM Band – Given Coverage Scenario

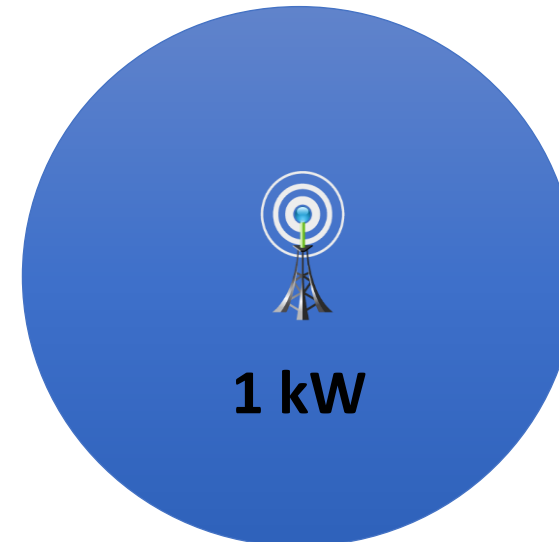
Assumption:

- Same coverage in FM and DRM
- **Stationary** reception profile in acc. to ITU-R
- Same Antenna Gain

FM 1x 
at 200 kHz bandwidth



DRM 3x 
at 96 kHz bandwidth

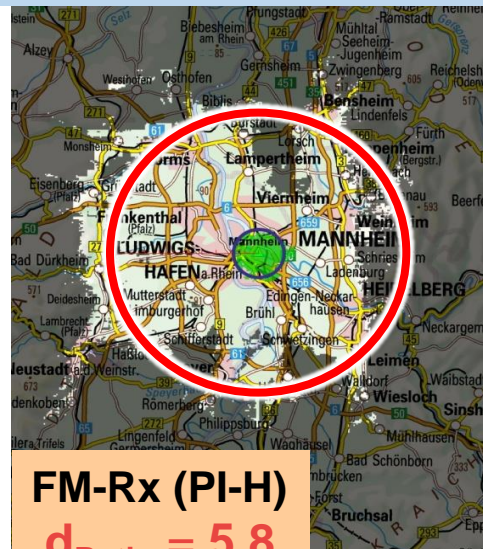
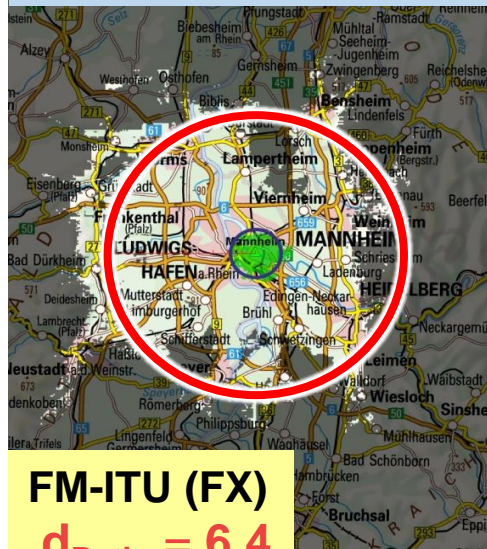


10 : 1 power

DRM in FM Band – Given Tx Power Scenario

Study on the Comparison of the Coverage and Transmitting Power between FM and DRM in VHF Band II

**Coverage of Tx Mannheim, Germany, on 93.2 MHz
with equal transmitting power of 1 kW e.r.p. for DRM and FM**



Green: analogue FM coverage

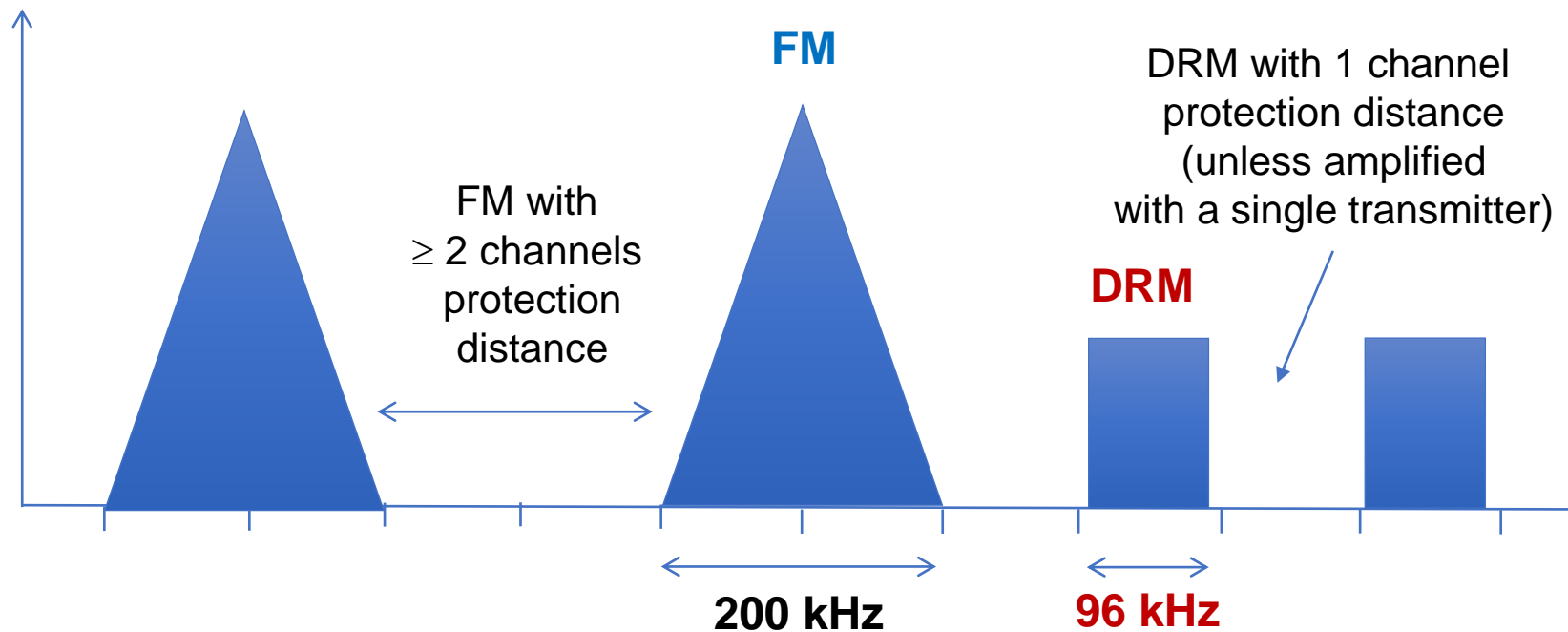
Red/white: DRM coverage

→ Red circles represent white coverage area for easier comparison

Ratio of the coverage within the circles: $d_{Ratio} = d_{DRM+} \text{ (in red)} / d_{FM} \text{ (in blue)}$

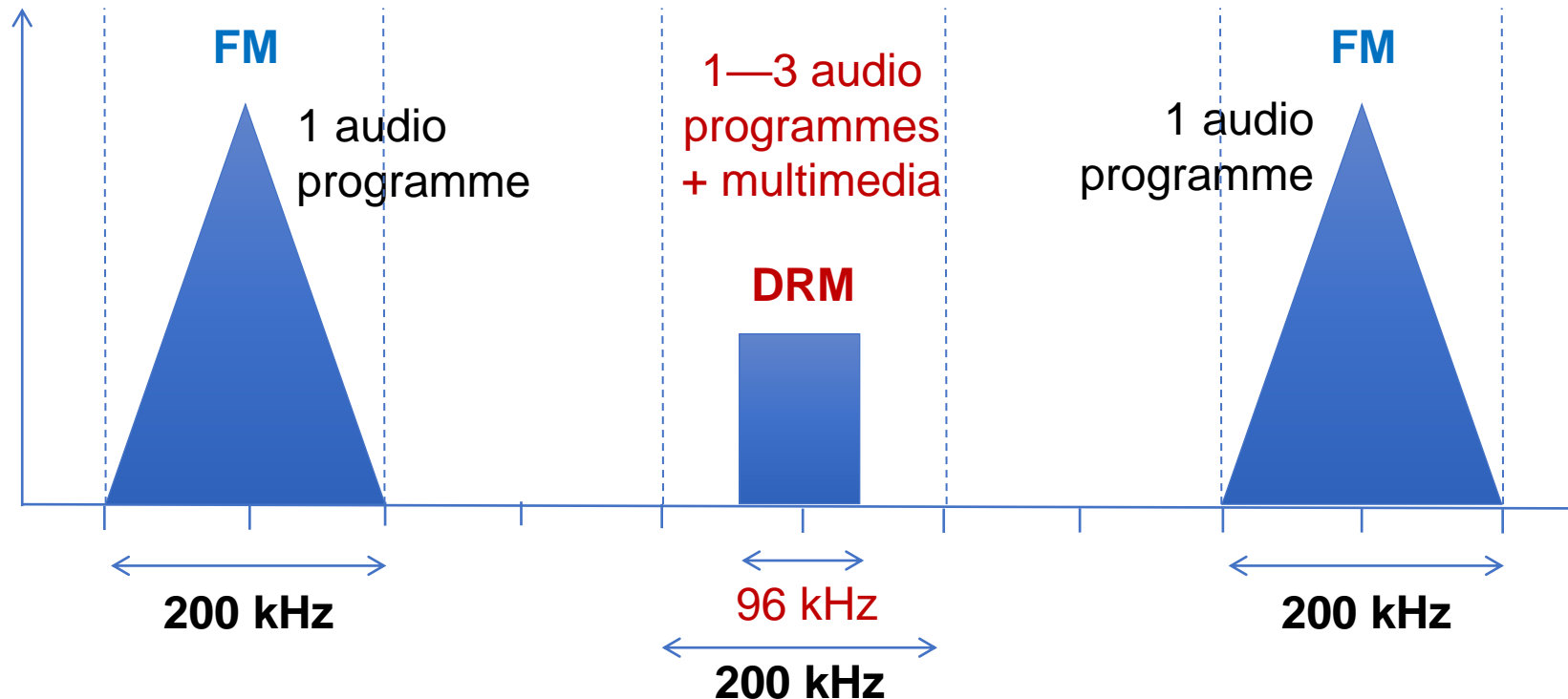
a) DRM Fits in Existing FM Band

- DRM fits into the FM channel raster
- DRM RF signal needs less Spectrum bandwidth compared to FM
- More RF channel possible in VHF Band II as for FM (spectrum efficient!)



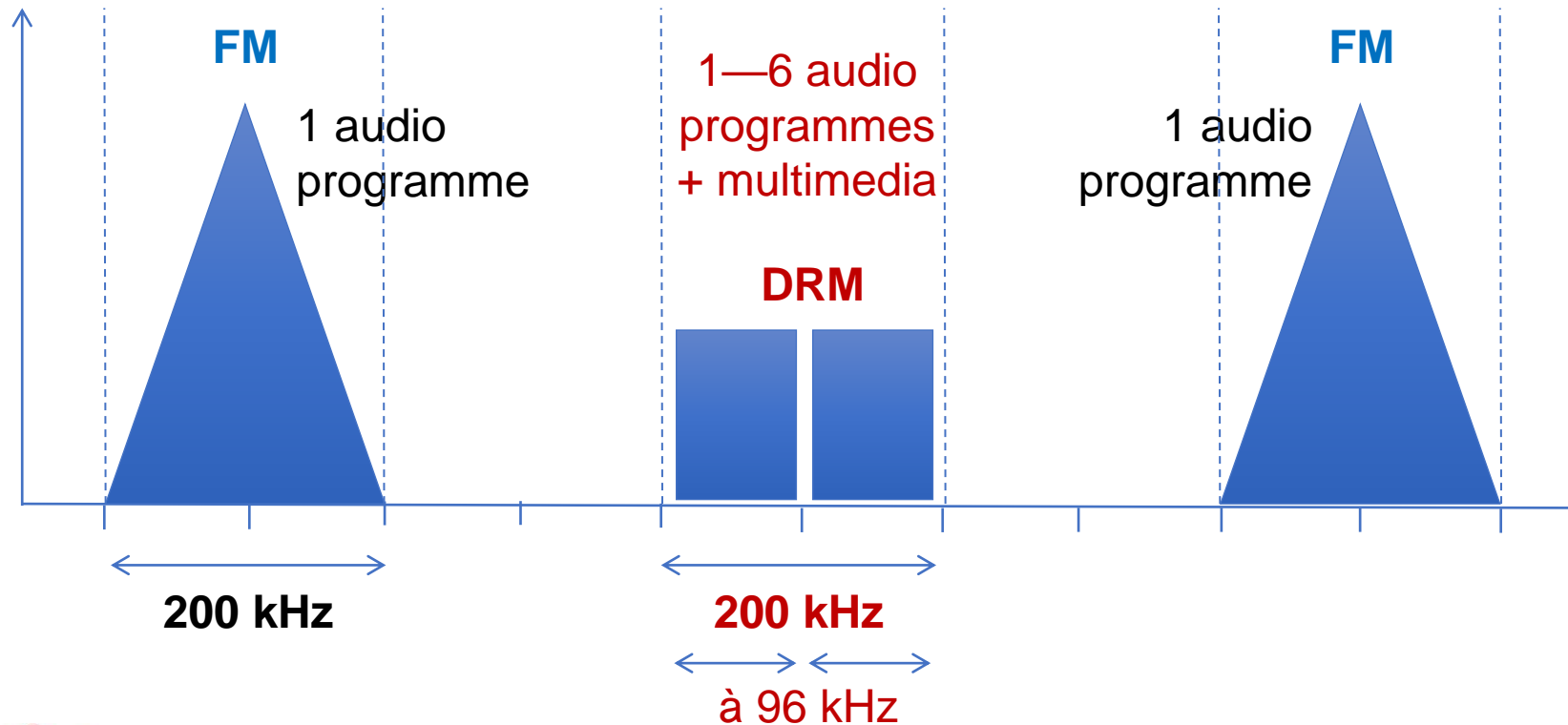
DRM fits in Existing FM Plan

- Existing FM services 700 or 800 kHz apart
- One license allotments (of **200 kHz**) in-between existing FM stations
- No interference** with existing FM stations!



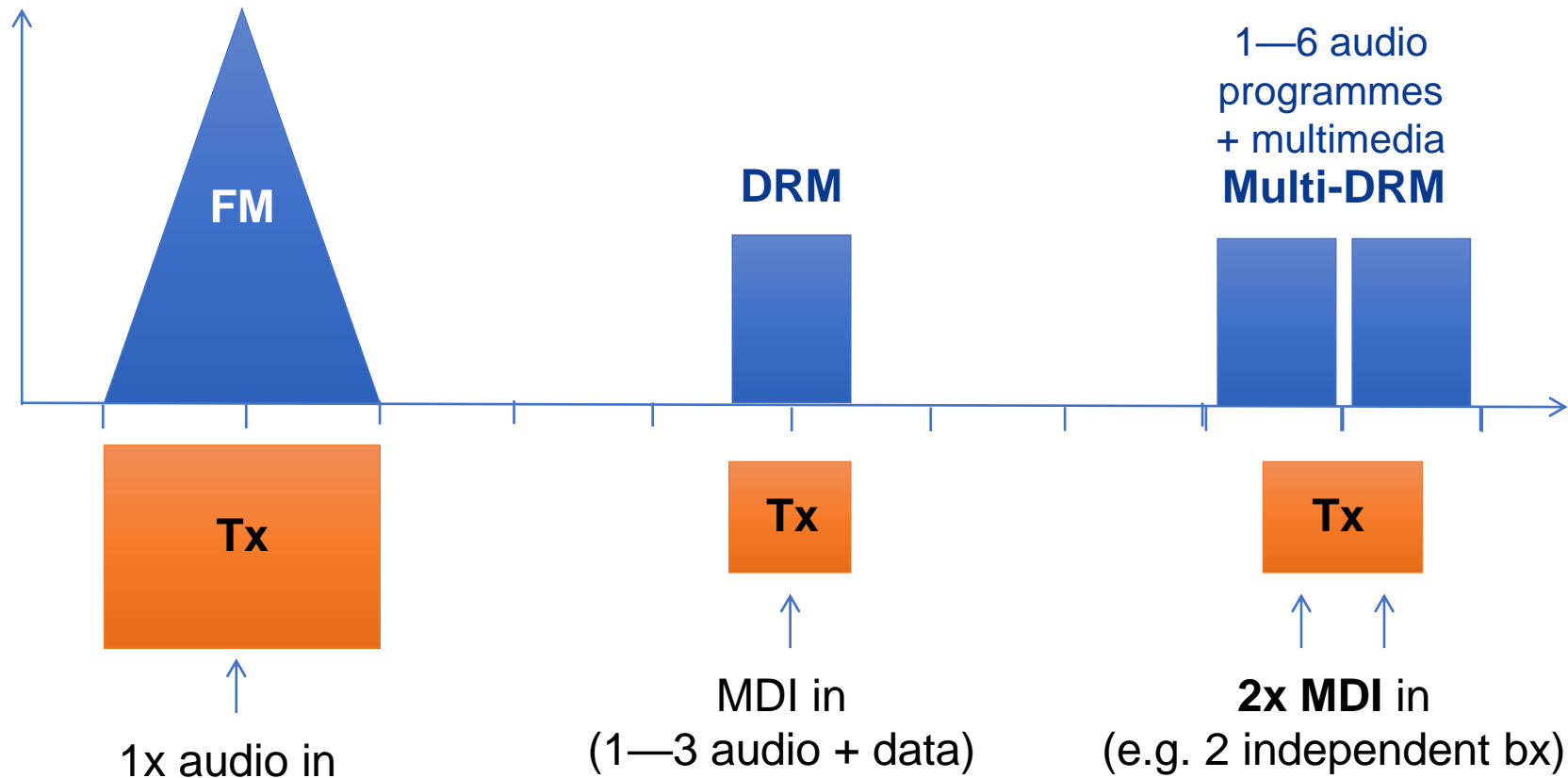
DRM fits in Existing FM Plan

- **Up to 2 DRM blocks** per license allotment
 - Space for up to 6 audio programmes + multimedia
 - 2 DRM blocks (MDI) from **single or different broadcasters**

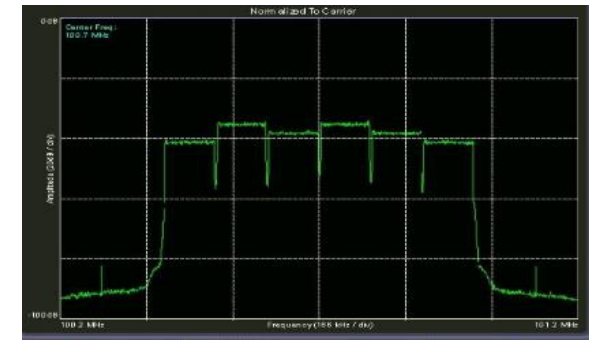
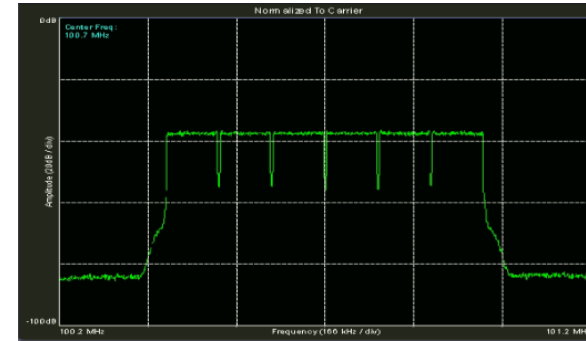
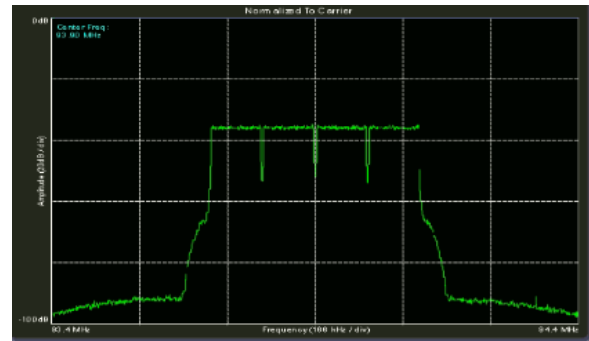
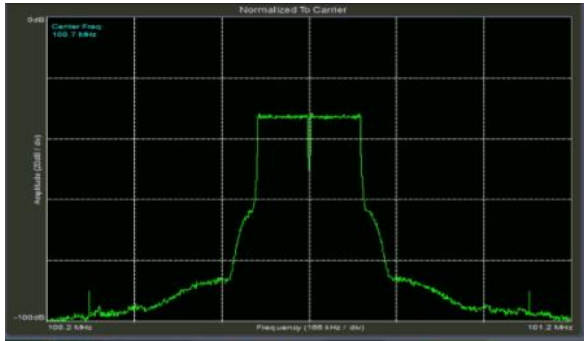


DRM in the FM Band – Infrastructure Efficiency

- FM analogue: each programme requires an individual transmitter
- DRM: **shared transmitter** for all side-by-side DRM blocks
(per DRM block: one MDI signal from studio over IP network)



Pure Digital – Multi-DRM Configuration



Test case	Transmitter		Signal Configuration and Receiver Tuning Frequency (MHz)												
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Colour code:

DRM
analogue FM

Up to 6 DRM signals (18 Audio + 6 Multimedia Journaline services) side-by-side from the same transmitter



India Case Study



Recent DRM FM-band Trial in India



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DRM FM band demos in India – Feb & Mar 2021

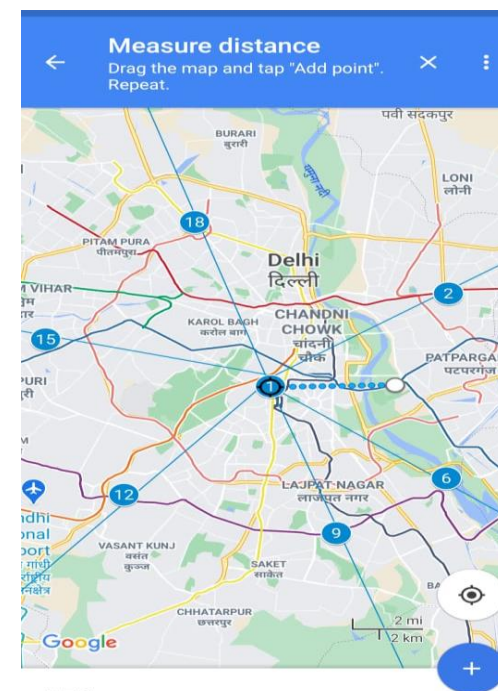
- ✓ 2-day workshop + On-the-road measurements
- ✓ Pure Digital & Feature-Demo
 - Single DRM signal
 - Multi-DRM configuration
- ✓ Simulcast (FM and DRM) operation
- ✓ Multi-DRM in FM white spaces



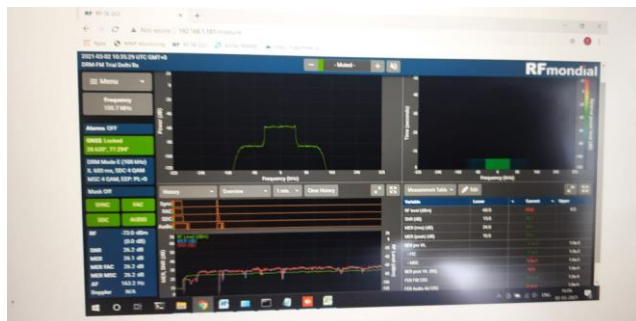
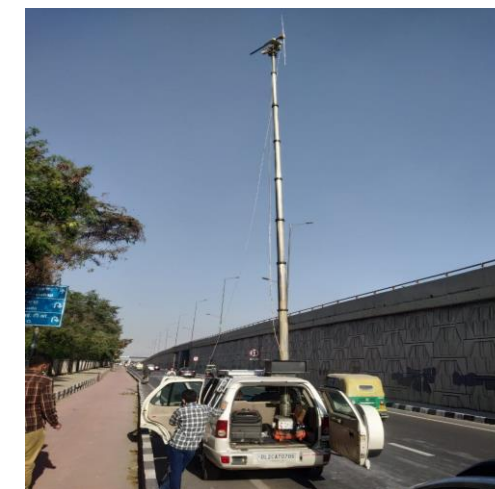
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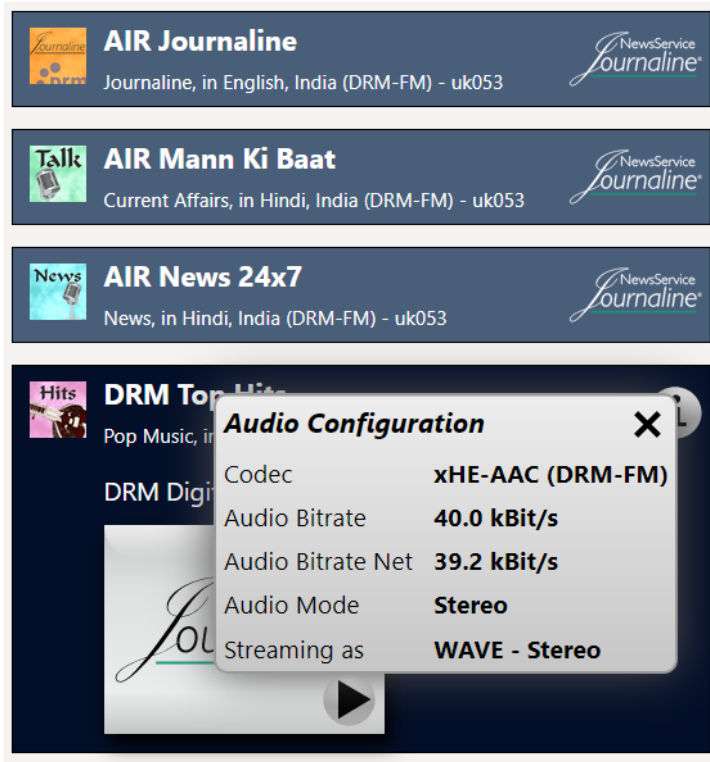


5.7 km



DRM signal – Basic Features

- ✓ Up to 4 services (3 Audio + 1 Multimedia Journaline services) in a bandwidth of 96 kHz
- ✓ High Quality Stereo Sound



The screenshot shows a DRM receiver interface with four service options:

- AIR Journaline**: Journaline, in English, India (DRM-FM) - uk053
- AIR Mann Ki Baat**: Current Affairs, in Hindi, India (DRM-FM) - uk053
- AIR News 24x7**: News, in Hindi, India (DRM-FM) - uk053
- DRM Top Hits**: Pop Music, in Hindi, India (DRM-FM) - uk053

An **Audio Configuration** dialog box is open over the 'DRM Top Hits' service, displaying the following settings:

Codec	xHE-AAC (DRM-FM)
Audio Bitrate	40.0 kBit/s
Audio Bitrate Net	39.2 kBit/s
Audio Mode	Stereo
Streaming as	WAVE - Stereo

- ✓ Service Labels
- ✓ Service Description
- ✓ Station Logos
- ✓ Text messages
- ✓ Unicode support
- ✓ Journaline - interactive text service
- ✓ Online hybrid functionality




The screenshot shows the 'AIR Journaline Service' interface with the following content:

- oneIndia - Regional News & Jobs**
 - ▶ oneIndia Hindi - हिंदी
 - ▶ oneIndia Kannada - ಕನ್ನಡ
 - ▶ oneIndia Tamil - தமிழ்
 - ▶ oneIndia Gujarati - ગુજરાતી



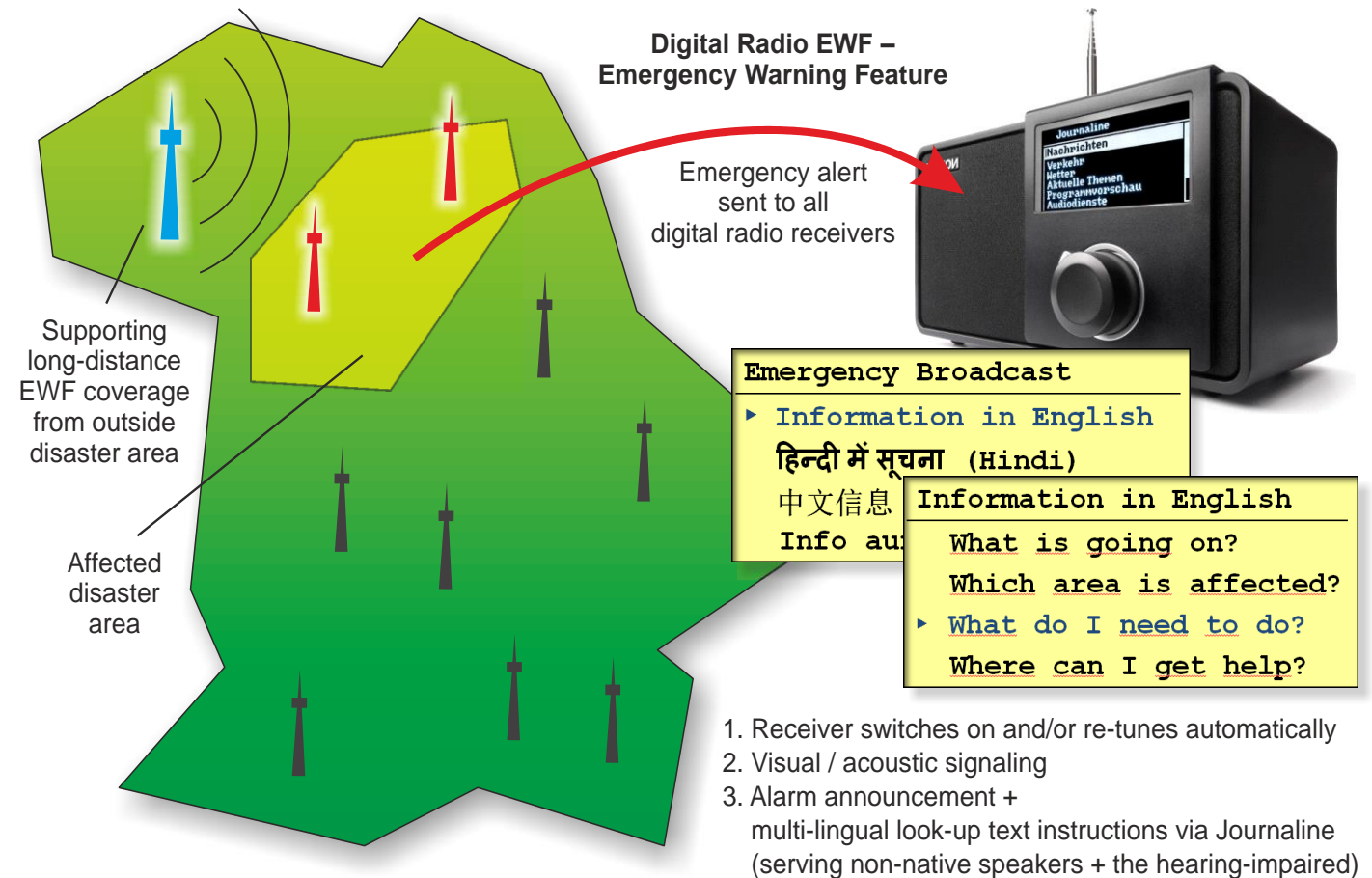
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- I twitter:**
 - www.twitter.com/AkashvaniAIR
 - YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/akashvaniair
 - BlogSpot: akashvanisamvaad.blogspot.in
- Interactive Links:**
 - Visit the AIR homepage
 - Visit Prasar Bharati's homepage on AIR's DRM services
 - Send an e-mail to AIR
 - Listen to the Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat
 - Follow AIR on Facebook
 - Follow AIR on Twitter
 - Visit AIR on YouTube
 - Visit AIR on BlogSpot
 - Call us by phone (callto)
- Geo Reference:**
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DRM signal – Other Features

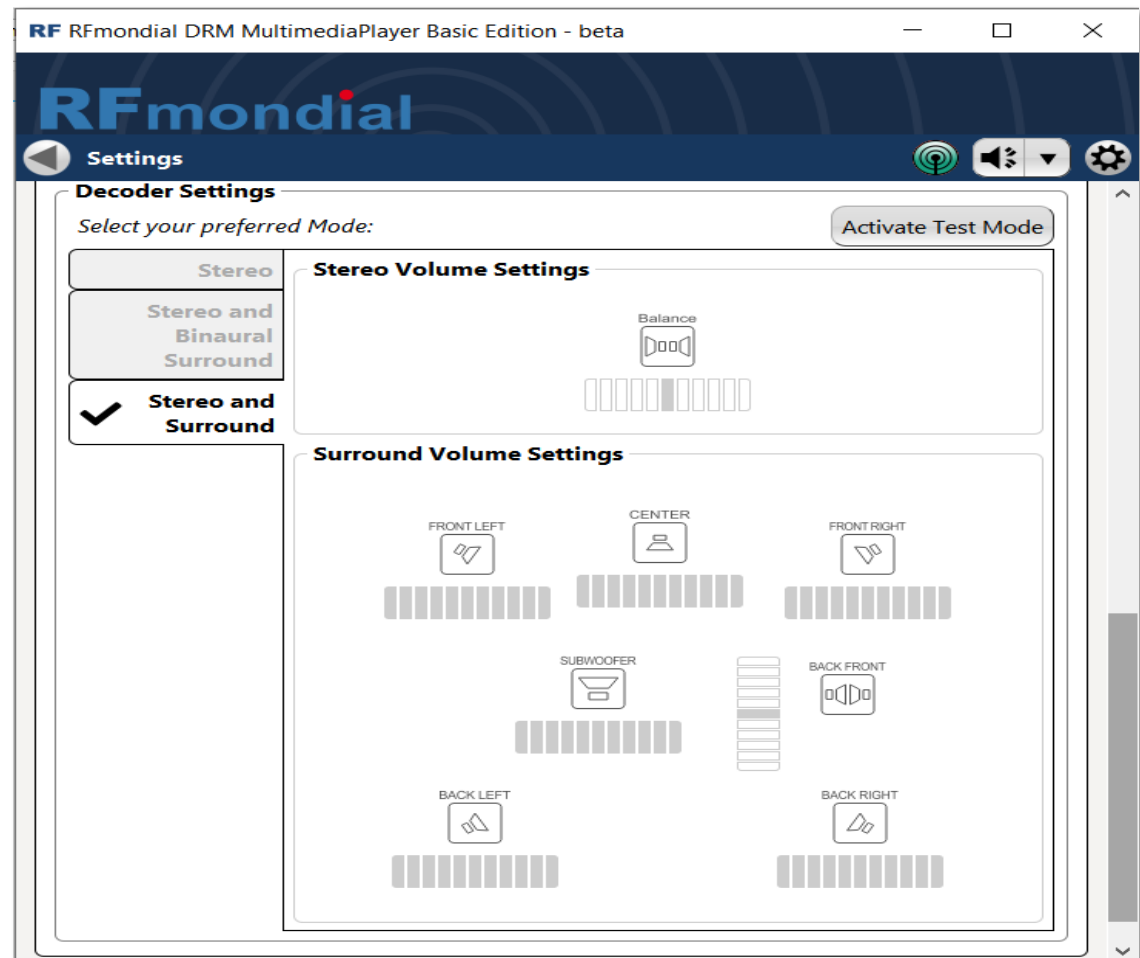
Emergency Warning Functionality (EWF)

AIR had carried out test of EWF, in association with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), on DRM MW transmitters in Delhi



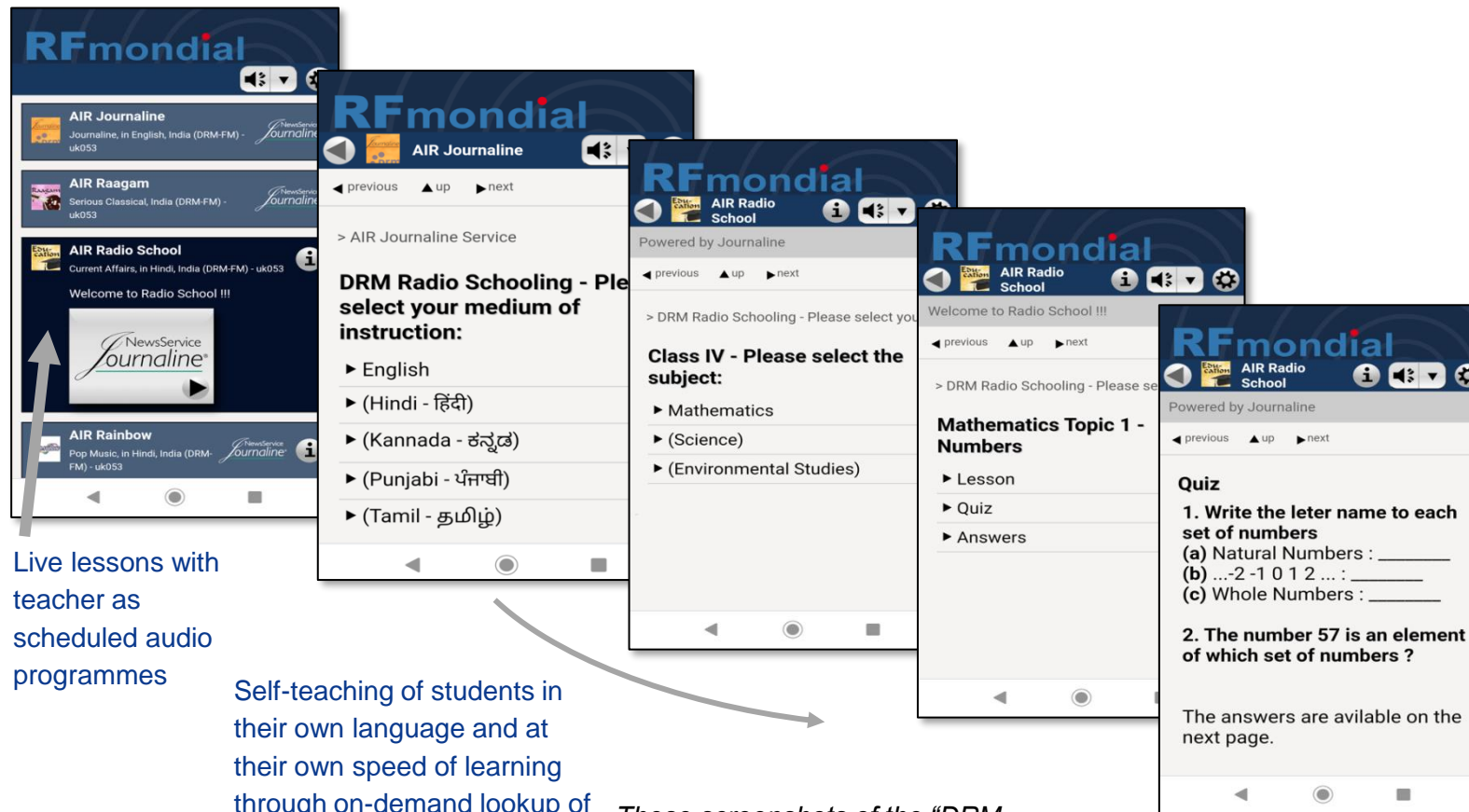
DRM signal – Other Features

5.1 Surround Sound capability



DRM signal – Advanced Applications

Radio Schooling / Distance Learning



These screenshots of the “DRM MultimediaPlayer Radio App” show an example for a radio schooling service.

DRM signal – Advanced Applications

Traffic and Travel Information

AIR Rainbow

Sukhwinder Singh, Vishal Dadlani - Vashmalle (Thugs ...)

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> AIR Journaline Service > Traffic and Travel News

Congestion on Yamuna Bridge, +38 min delay eastward, +17 min delay westward

The map displays the Yamuna Bridge crossing the Yamuna River. It shows the Mahatma Gandhi Marg on the left and the Pranabji Swami Maharaj Marg on the right. Red lines indicate congestion on the bridge, with a +38 min delay for eastward travel and a +17 min delay for westward travel.

AIR Rainbow

Ajay, Atul - Suraiyya (Thugs of Hindostan)

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> AIR Journaline Service > Traffic and Travel News

NH48 Delhi-Jaipur - Rest Areas

The National Highway NH48 between Delhi and Jaipur offers 3 rest areas in each direction.

The map shows the route of National Highway NH48 between Jaipur and Delhi. Rest areas are marked with icons and labels: Shahpura west (62 km), Behror west (133 km), Bhiwadi west (200 km), and Delhi (282 km) in one direction; and Shahpura east (213 km), Behror east (141 km), Bhiwadi east (82 km), and Jaipur (282 km) in the other direction. Each rest area is accompanied by icons representing facilities like fuel, food, and restrooms.

DRM signal – Advanced Applications

Public Signage Service

- Based on **Journaline** feature
- Enhances Journaline text content with **layout style indicators** (design+graphics)
- Can **reference article images/photos**
- Supports **file download** (e.g. over night): article images, CSS styles, background graphics
- Supports **EWF**: activates audio, cycles through EWF information

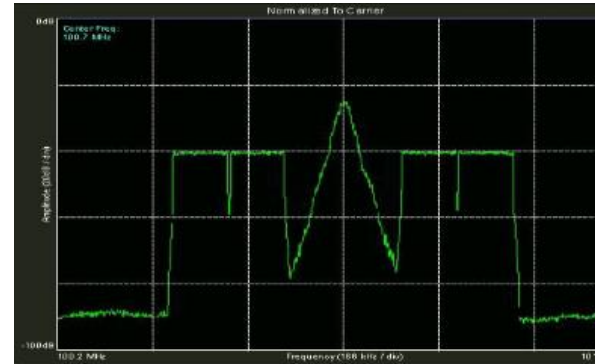
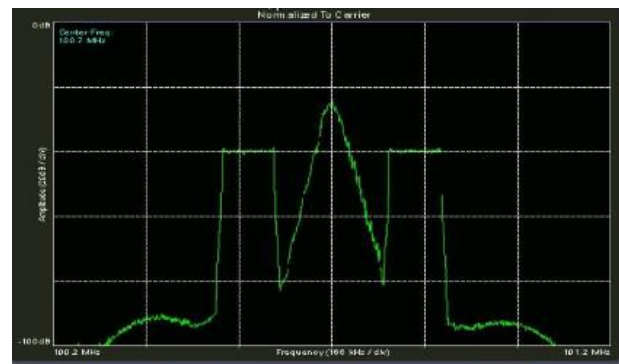
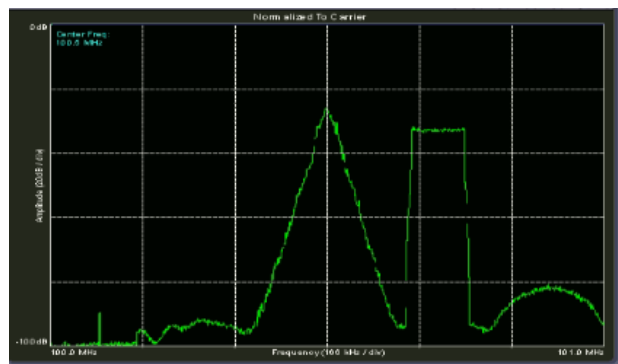
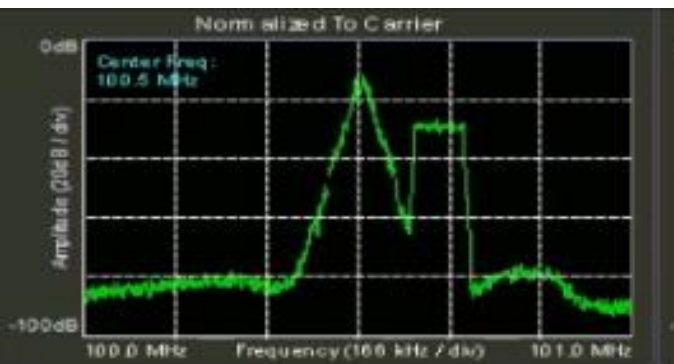


DRM Transmission Delhi – Coverage



100 W DRM power (ERP) – Measurement was stopped after 24.72 km due to sporadic receiver dropouts

Simulcast DRM operation

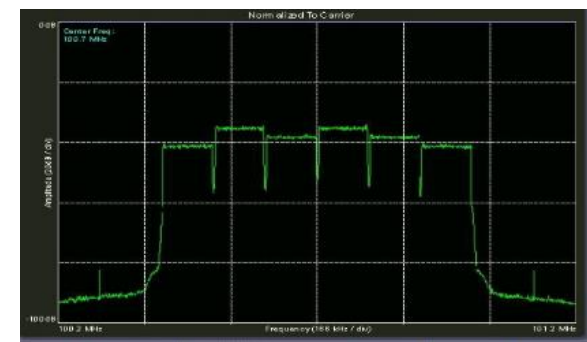
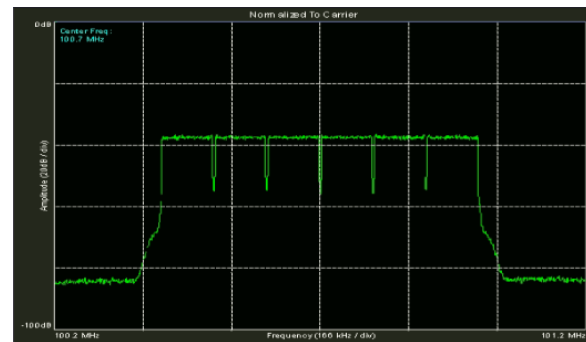
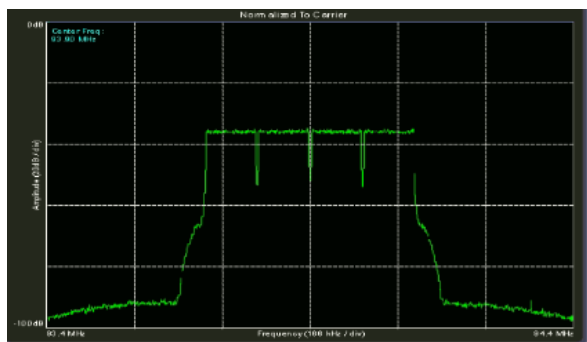
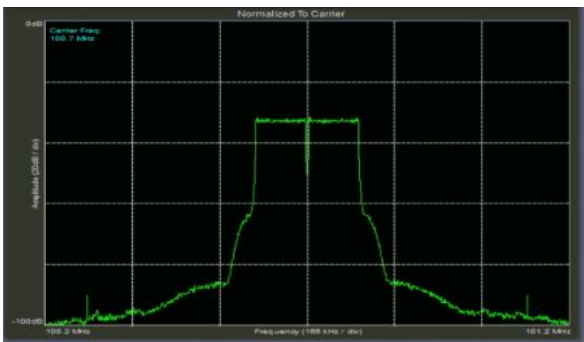


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Test case 3: "Simulcast Showcase C"	100,5	400			equal				equal						
Test case 4: "Simulcast Showcase D"	100,5	400			FM				10%		10%				
Test case 5: "Simulcast Showcase E"	100,7	400					10%		FM			10%			
Test case 6: "Simulcast Showcase F"	100,7	400				10%		10%		FM			10%		

Colour code: DRM analogue FM

**Both analogue FM service and up to 4 DRM signals
(12 Audio + 4 Multimedia Journaline services) from the same transmitter**

Pure Digital – Multi-DRM configuration

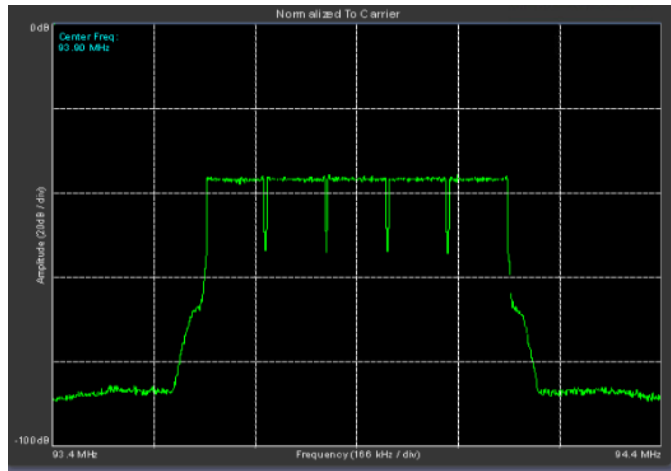
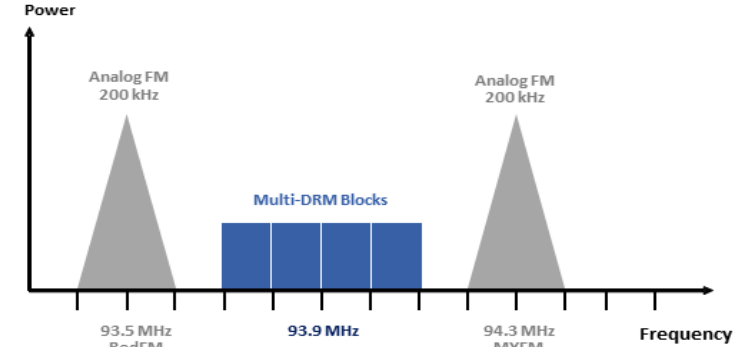
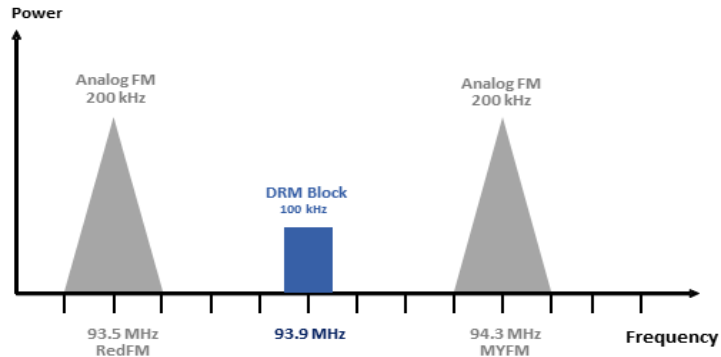


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Colour code: DRM analogue FM

Up to 6 DRM signals (18 Audio + 6 Multimedia Journaline services) side-by-side from the same transmitter

DRM in analogue-FM white spaces



**Up to 5 DRM signals (15 Audio + 5 Multimedia Journaline services),
 from a single transmitter, in the white space of 600 kHz
 in-between the 2 existing analogue FM services (10 kW each)**

DRM Digital Receivers used for demos

Professional Monitoring Receivers

RFmondial



RF-SE19



RF-SE12

Stand-alone/ Desktop Receivers

Gospell



GR-216



GR-224BP



GR-226BP



GR-228BP

Starwaves



W293

DRM Digital Receivers used for demos

DRM in-Car Receivers

DRM Line-fit dashboard Radios

Mobis (Hyundai)



Harman (Maruti-Suzuki)



DRM After-market Car Receiver

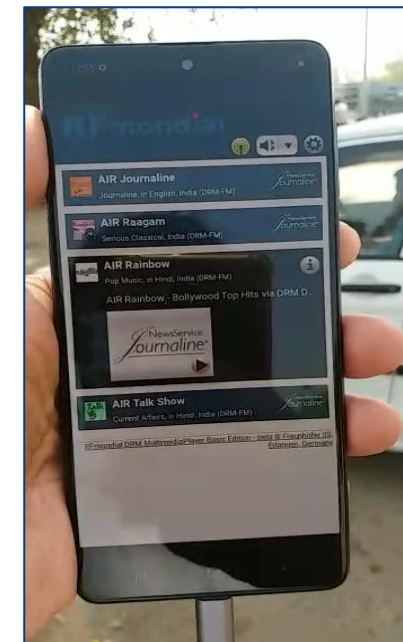
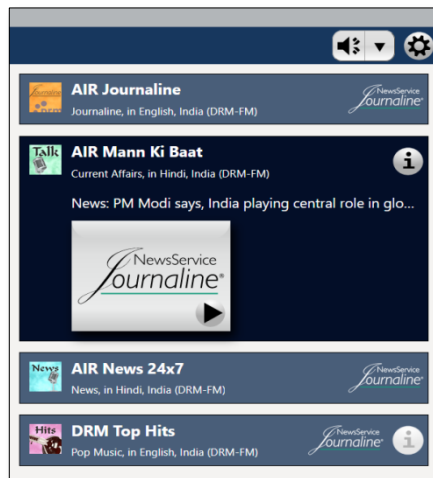
Starwaves Car Box Radio



DRM Digital Receivers used for demos

DRM Mobile Phone Radio Receiver

DRM MultimediaPlayer Radio App by Fraunhofer



FM-USB-Dongles



India

Overview of Radio in India Today

Population – 1.3 Billion

Public Service Broadcaster - All India Radio

- **Transmitters – 678**
 - MW – 135, SW - 48 & FM - 495
- **Domestic Coverage (by population)**
 - MW – 98.4% FM – 52%
 - MW and FM – 99.2%
- **External Services – 72 Hrs/day in 27 Languages (15 Foreign & 12 Indian)**

Private FM Broadcasters – 330 Stations

- **Coverage – About 40%**
- **Expansion Planned – 839 Stations**

Community Radio Stations - 200





India



“One of the world’s largest digital radio deployments”

MW – 35 transmitters

- 1000 kW - 2
- 300 kW - 6
- 200 kW - 10
- 100 kW - 11
- 20 kW – 6

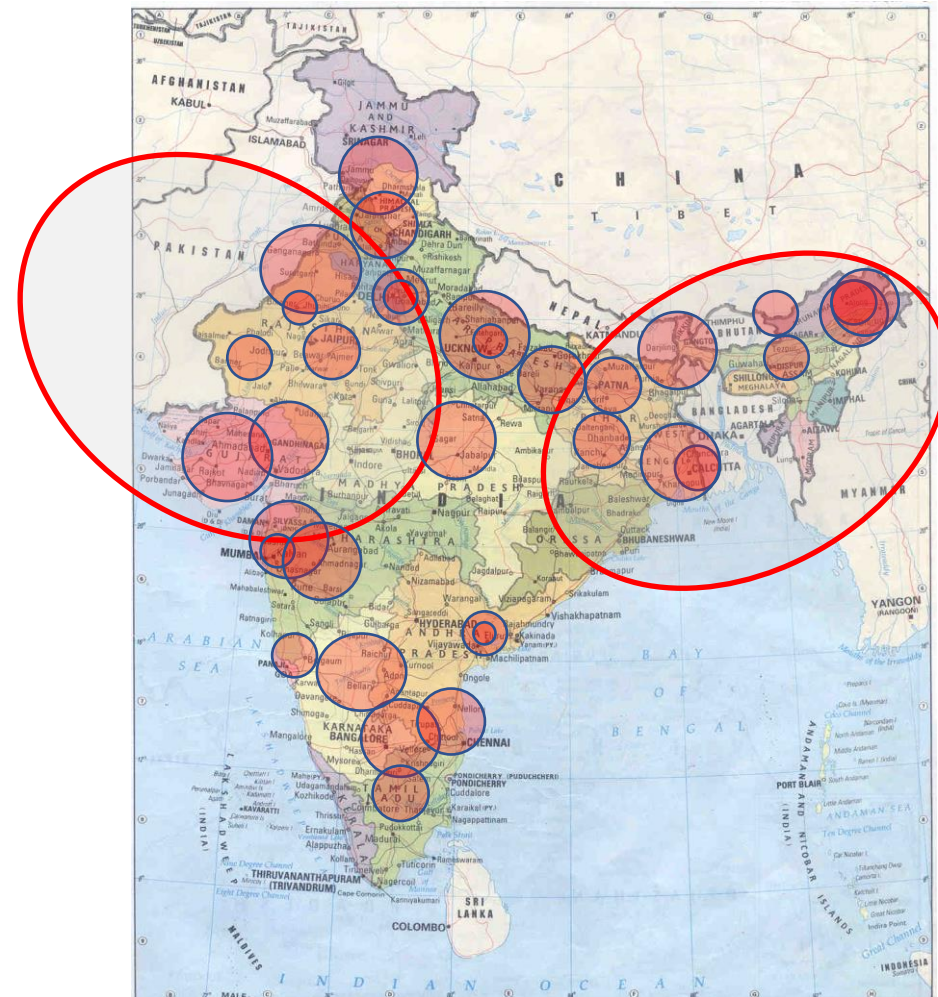
SW – 3 transmitters

- 500 kW - 1
- 100 kW - 2

Transmitters **38**

Power **8,000 kW** (analogue equivalent)

Coverage **> 0.9 Billion people**
(with the operation of all these transmitters in pure DRM)





India

DRM MW Transmitters – Mode of operation

- **5 transmitters**, incl. in all 4 metro cities, are now carrying **pure DRM transmissions** – **round the clock** (except 3 – 5 pm)
 - Mumbai – 100 kW
 - Kolkata – 100 kW
 - Delhi – 20 kW
 - Chennai – 20 kW
 - Rajkot - 1000 kW
- Remaining **30 transmitters** are working in simulcast mode - with **1 hour in pure DRM**
- Refer [Prasar Bharati official website](#) for details
- **No retuning** of receivers from simulcast to pure DRM & vice-versa operation
- 24-hour **News** Channel, **Entertainment** channel and **Journaline** services from these transmitters
- **6 more high-power MW Transmitters** are likely to start operation in DRM soon

India

DRM in Cars

More than **3 million cars** with DRM receivers on the road in India



Other Key DRM Countries

- Indonesia
- Pakistan
- Southern Africa
- China
- Russia
- Brazil



Ruxandra Obreja

DRM Chairman

Countries rolling out DRM or trialling and planning to launch

- **India**
 - **DRM (AM)** the largest digital radio roll-out in the world currently over 900 million people covered
 - **DRM for FM trial** – finished as of March 22nd, 2021
- **China** – **DRM shortwave for domestic coverage** – full country coverage (with 7 SW transmitters)
- **Russia** (**DRM endorsed for AM and FM**). Successful demos in VHF band II in St. Petersburg (still on air since 2019) and in AM in Siberia.
- **Brazil** (successful tests in both AM and VHF), SW Transmitter for Amazonia installed near Brasilia – **DRM SW transmissions** to north and south until MARCH 2021
- **Indonesia** (successful trials in both AM as well as VHF, planning roll-out). 5 FM transmitters installed and EWF successfully demonstrated. Plans for DRM AM in 2021
- **Pakistan** – **Planning DRM in all bands in 2021**. 3-stage plan with cost allocation. On Oct 5th, 2020 PBC installed signboard of future 10kW (DRM) transmitter.
- **Malaysia** – interested in DRM having found DAB+ not useful at this stage

Countries rolling out DRM or trialling and planning to launch

- In Africa Nigeria, Algeria, Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique, Morocco – planning or broadcasting
- South Africa – adopted DRM and DAB+ = DSB (DRM demonstrated in AM (MW) – in 2014/2015
DRM tested in FM – spectrum and energy savings, non-interference to analogue services, extra features
- SADC (www.sadc.int) 16 countries in Southern Africa) also recommending DRM+ DAB+
- Romania - worldwide DRM SW service, currently received in India and Brazil)
- United Kingdom - intl. services, BBC World Service to Europe and India
- Germany (tested extensively in all bands and used by German Navy)
- Hungary – a. 2 megawatts MW transmitter installed in *Antenna Hungaria*
- USA (Used by Coast Guard)
- Asia: Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, New Zealand – interest – test or roll
- Middle East - **ADOPTED** Kuwait broadcasting in DRM, Saudi Arabia, Oman

Learn more about DRM field trials all over the world:

<https://www.drm.org/what-is-drm-digital-radio/drm-field-trials/>

www.drm.org

Indonesia

PLANNING TRANSMITTER AM DRM LPP RRI



Indonesia

LOCATION TRANSMITTER FM DRM LPP RRI



Indonesia

Asia's first DRM FM regular transmissions 2020



- DRM FM Transmitters:**
1. Labuan Pantai, Banten Regency, Jawa Timur
 2. Pelabuhan Ratu, Sukabumi Province, Jawa Timur
 3. Cilacap, Jawa Tengah
 4. Labuan Bajo, NTT, East Indonesia
 5. Painan, West Sumatra, Indonesia

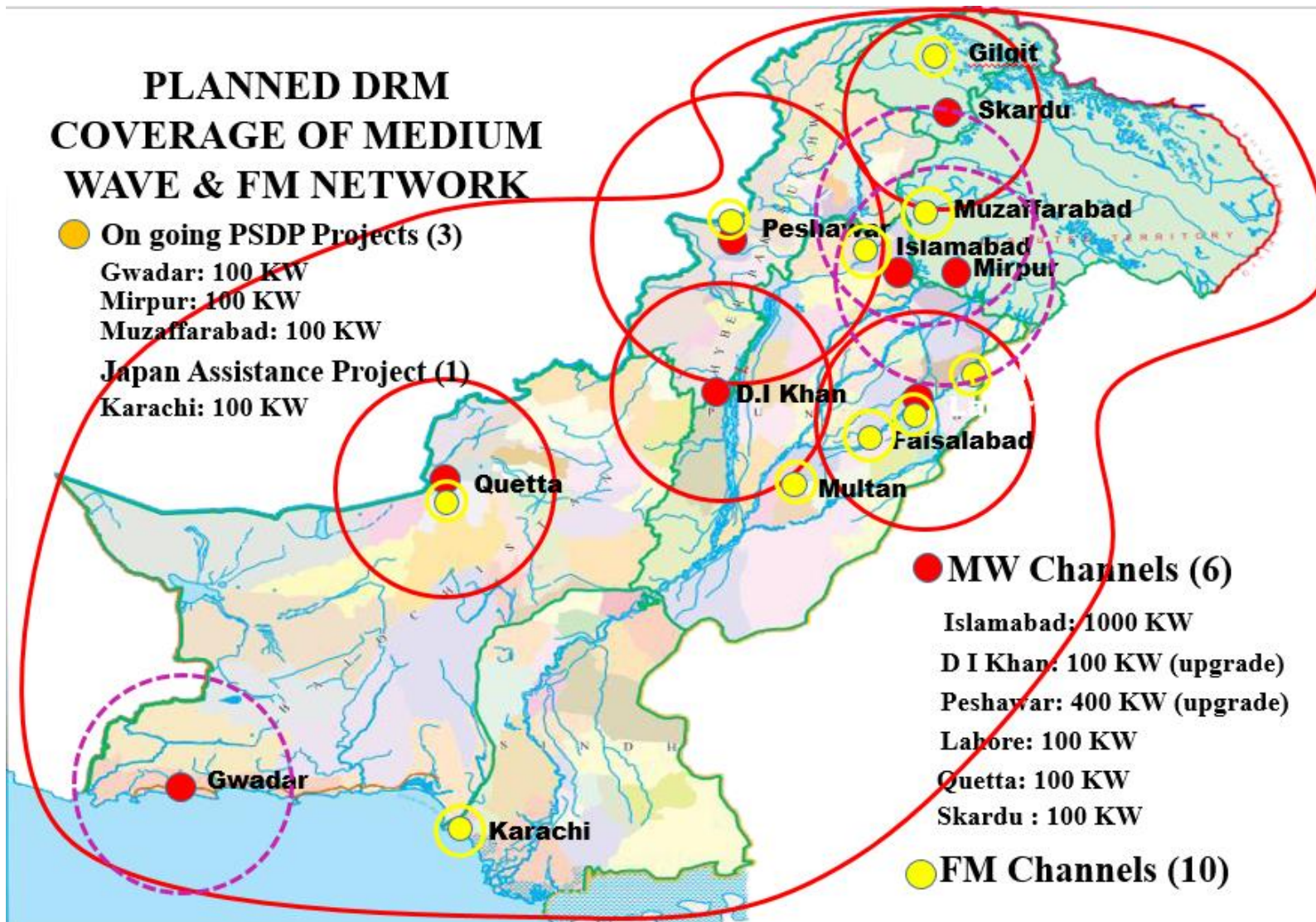
Services: DRM FM – 2 audio services (PRO 1, 3), Journaline News Service, EWF
FM analogue simulcast – one audio service

RADIO PAKISTAN



DIGITAL RADIO MIGRATION PROJECT

RADIO PAKISTAN



South Africa

DRM in South Africa

The first African country with a coherent policy – DSB

- **DRM demonstrated in AM (MW)** – with the support of Radio Pulpit, Broadcom, Sentech in 2014/2015

http://s836646369.websitehome.co.uk/public_html/R15-WP6A-C-0299!P1!PDF-E.pdf

- **DRM tested in FM** – with the support of Wecodec / Radio Kofifi, Thembeke & Associates, JvW, Sentech and other Consortium members and associates.

Excellent results– spectrum and energy savings, non-interference to analogue services, extra features

<https://www.drm.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Final-Report-for-DRM-Mode-E-Trial-in-South-Africa-2.6i.pdf>

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South Africa

Policy Recommendation for Using DRM



Communications Minister:
Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams

- The Department of Telecommunications and Digital Technologies in South Africa has published in July 2020 a document outlining its policy on digital migration in the country.
- This paves the way for the migration to digital radio broadcasting which includes also the use of DRM digital radio technology.
- **South Africa becomes the first country** to recommend both the all bands DRM standard as well as DAB and therefore the availability of multi-standard chipset could be the catalyst in accelerating the adoption of digital radio broadcasting

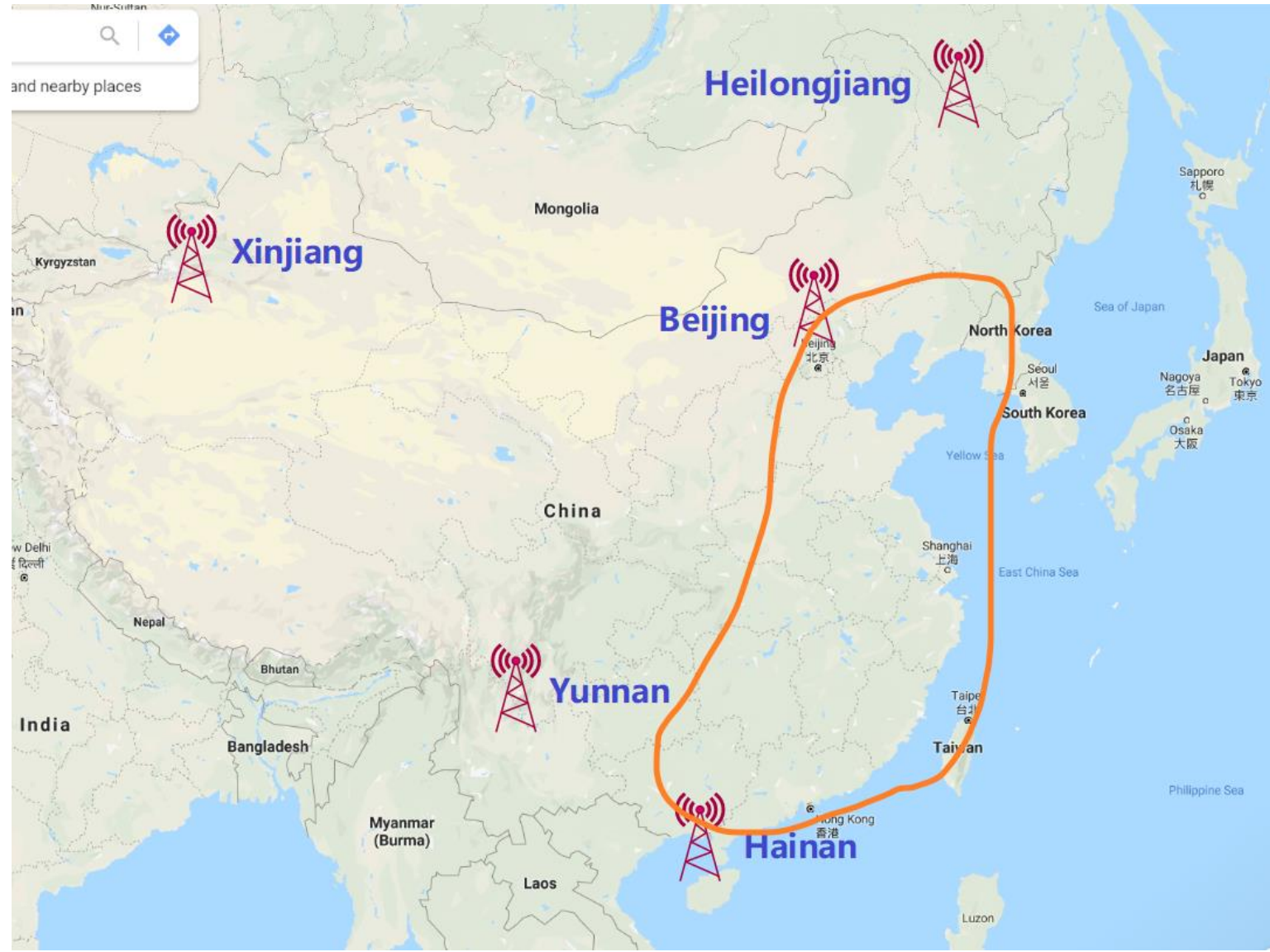
China

CNR

- Since 2016, China restarted DRM shortwave (SW) digital broadcasting.
- Administrative Bureau of Radio Stations (ABRS, NRTA), Academy of Broadcasting Science (ABS, NRTA), Communication University of China (CUC) in charge of this work.
- At present, **7 SW transmitters** (each 30 kW) distributed in 5 stations throughout the country- upgraded and rebuilt.
- These experimental broadcasts - 79.19 hours a day, cover most areas of North China, East China, South China and Southwest China.
- DRM is currently being adopted as the Chinese national standard for digital HF broadcasting.



China



Russia

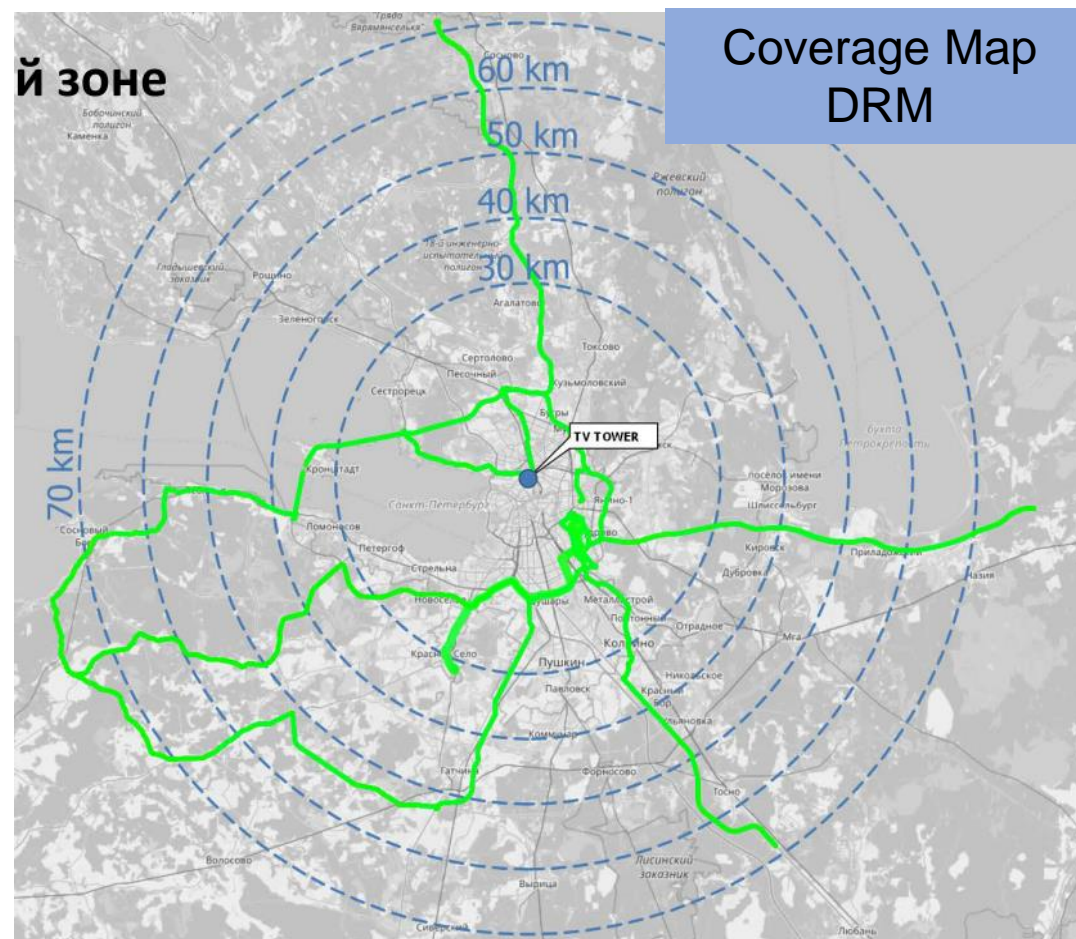
DRM-AM in Russia

- Some demo transmissions in the Eastern part of Russia with DRM-AM (SW)
- Ongoing projects to cover the Eastern part of Russia with DRM-AM (SW, MW)
- DRM receivers are available from the Russian distributors

Russia

DRM-FM Russia

- DRM-FM Simulcast Trial in St.-Petersburg, Russia.
- 3kW FM and 0.4-0.8kW DRM Power
- >1800 km for the test drives
- >30 hours of recorded RSCI Data only in Nov. and Dec. 2020
- DRM coverage > 80km



Brazil



- Brazil has been interested and has been testing DRM for more than 10yrs
- EBC/public broadcaster issued a tender for SW, MW and FM in DRM transmitters in 2020. Please see this link:

<https://www.ebc.com.br/aceso-a-informacao/licitacoes>

- In parallel DRM SW transmitter (near Brasilia) ready to go on air for Amazonian coverage. Locally manufactured DRM SW transmitter used.
- EBC put Amazon National Radio already on the air from the capital Brasilia in DRM for AM June 2015 and then 2020



Rodeator Park near Brasilia

Brazil

Brazil's DRM Next Steps



- National production of MF, HF and VHF DRM transmitters
 - EBC to install 2x 100 kW HF transmitters for national coverage
 - Importation of DRM receivers
 - Raise awareness about DRM among commercial broadcasters
- ➔ **Brazil is ready for fully embracing and rolling out DRM**

The **not-for-profit** DRM Consortium supports and promotes the DRM Standard and its take-up globally

Distance Learning

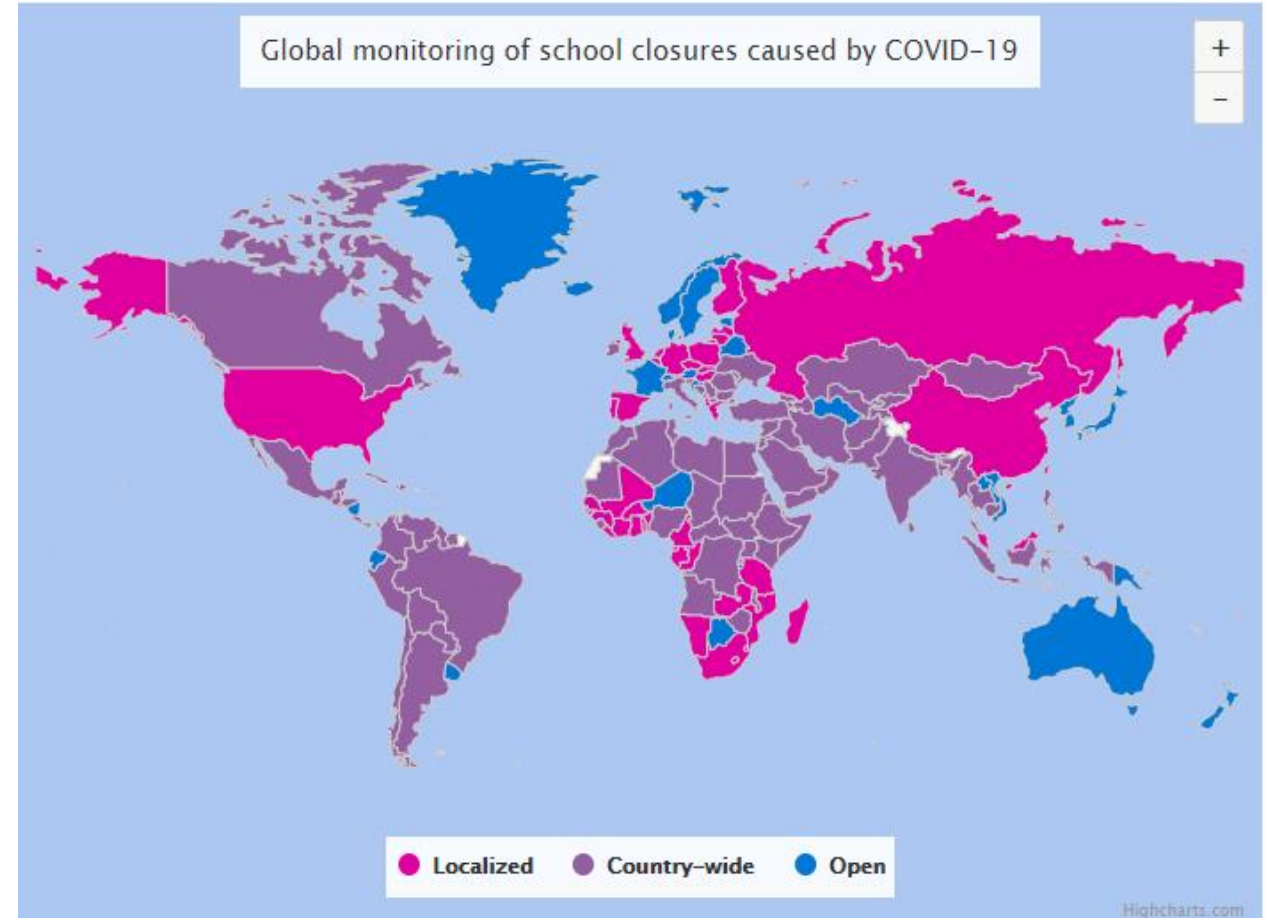


Alexander Zink

Vice-Chair DRM Consortium;
Senior BDM, Fraunhofer IIS

Distance Learning Using the DRM Digital Radio Standard

- Education disruption due to COVID-19
- School closures in 105 Countries affecting 1 billion students
- Technology divide and poor infrastructure – lack of internet, poor/no mobile coverage
- **Solution: DRM for schools and general education**



Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics data

Why Use DRM Digital Radio for Education?

- **Access** to information, education, entertainment and EWF
- Offers **more than audio**. Its **data transmission** possibilities gives it a new dimension
- It can offer **relevant information** to people wherever they are
- It offers information free-to-air to everybody, **without the need for Internet**
- DRM receivers can **cache information** for convenient access at any time (e.g. schooling documents collected over night)
- DRM radio is the **real integrator and universal provider** of education, information and Emergency Warning alerts (EWF)

DRM Distance Learning

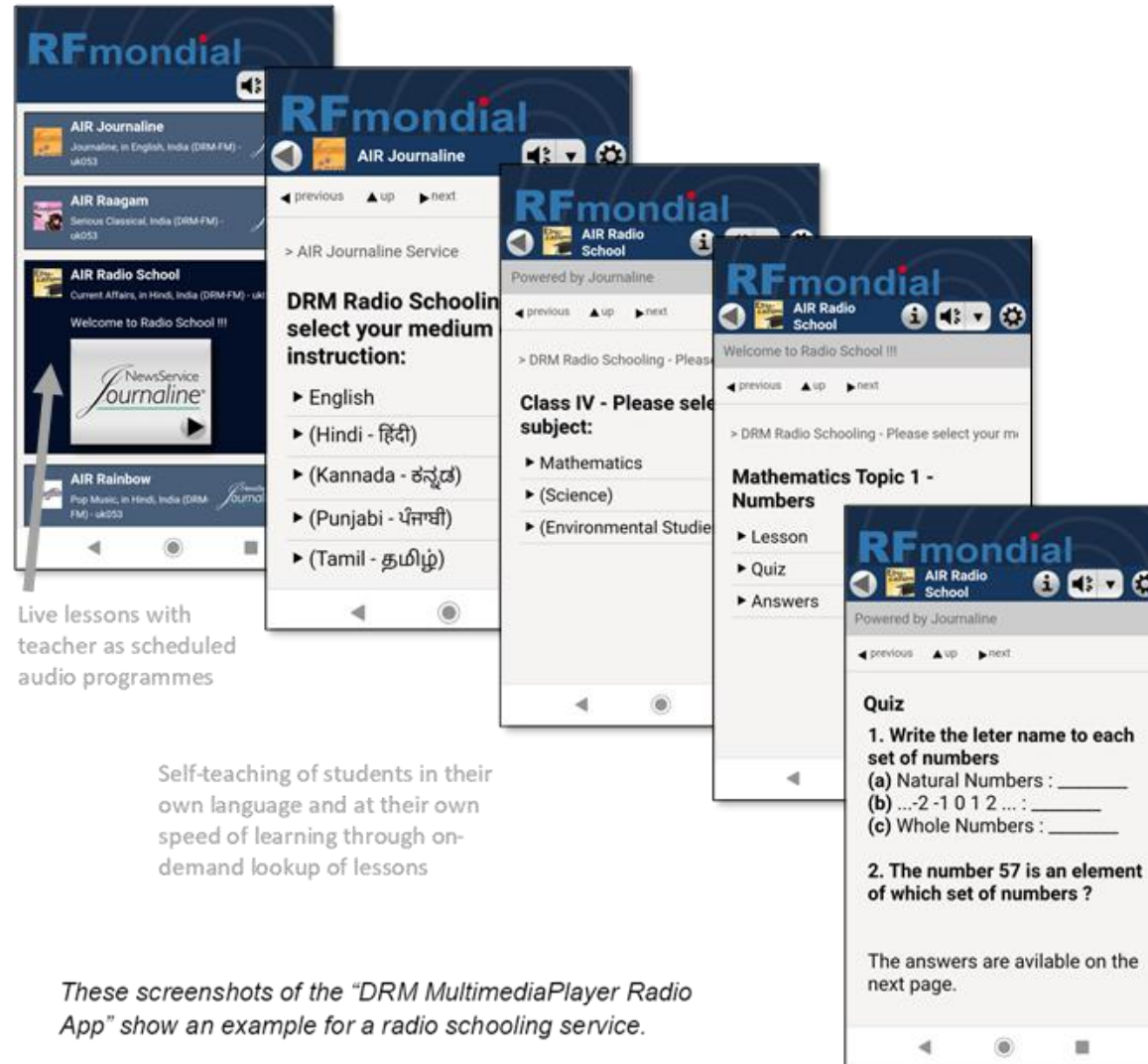
- **Purpose:**

- Self- and class-based learning option via radio
- During pandemics and reaching remote areas
- Pure radio broadcast – no Internet required

- **How it works:**

- Lessons and textbook-content via **Journaline**
 - Always available on-demand, even for self-study
- At specific times, accompanied by **live teacher** (audio service)
 - Referencing the current Journaline textbook location
- Options for student **interactivity**: Journaline quiz, Q&A re-broadcast, etc.

DRM Digital Radio for Education



Live lessons with teacher as scheduled audio programmes

Self-teaching of students in their own language and at their own speed of learning through on-demand lookup of lessons

These screenshots of the "DRM MultimediaPlayer Radio App" show an example for a radio schooling service.

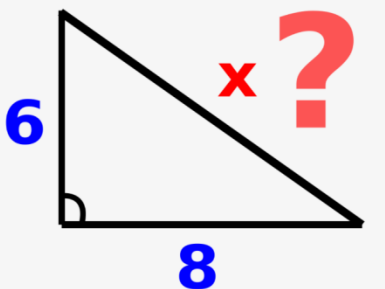
DRM Digital Radio for Education

NewsService Journaline®


Education → ... → Class VI → Mathematics

Homework – Today's Math Challenge for You:

Given the following **triangle** with the **legs** length **a = 6** and **b = 8**, what is the value of the **hypotenuse x**?



Education DRM Distance Learning



NewsService Journaline®

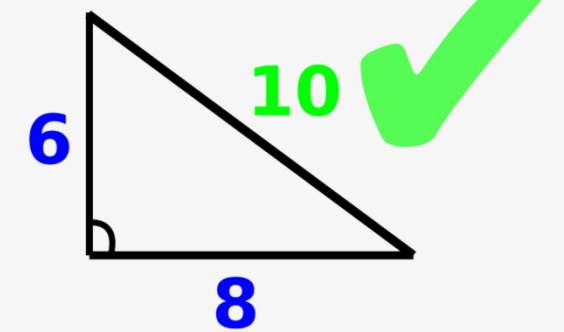
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Answer:


If we pass the values **6** and **8** into the formula we get:
 $6^2 + 8^2 = x^2$

Which is the same as:
 $100 = x^2$

Therefore we can write:
 $x = \sqrt{100}$
 $x = 10$



Education DRM Distance Learning



DRM Receivers: Reality, Successes & Going Forward

Radu Obreja

Marketing Director, DRM Consortium

Over 3 Million Cars On The Roads In India



Smart Radio for All

The Car Industry Rolls Out DRM in India

- **More than 3 million cars with line-fit DRM in India**
- Chipsets exist to support all standards
- Car manufacturers **not charging extra** from consumers for DRM receivers
- **More International car brands adding DRM in their cars**



Mercedes-Benz



mahindra



GR-501BCW for after-market



GR-502BCW for OEMs



DRM Car Stereo – After Market, as well as for OEMs

- Double DIN in-dash car stereo
- 2GB RAM + 32GB ROM
- Quad core
- DRM designed for AM band, ready for FM band
- Journaline® support
- DRM Slideshow support
- AM/FM radio
- Bluetooth music / Handsfree calling / Wi-Fi
- Navigation / backup camera
- USB/SD player
- Internal 4x25w amplifier

GR-500 is a tuner module with DRM radio receiving function, for car multimedia systems in OEM and after market devices



CarBox / “Tuktuk” Radio

- Ready to use existing car radio & antenna
- DRM in the AM, SW and FM Band
- Also plays analogue AM, FM and SW
- High quality automotive tuner
- Journaline
- Emergency Warning Functionality
- It also works as a standalone version with integrated audio and amplifier available
- Frequency and station name can be scrolled on the LED display
- It comes with IR remote control



We made it ready for the market!

Standalone DRM only or DRM Multi-standard receivers

Desktop and Portable DRM Receivers

Manufacturers in **China, Germany, India, South Korea, UK** are planning and already producing portable receivers.





GR-224BP



GR-226BP



GR-228BP



GR-216

Portable DRM/AM/FM Radio

- Portable DRM radio operates on AC or battery
- DRM designed for AM band, ready for FM band
- AM/FM radio
- xHE-AAC audio
- Journaline® support
- Bluetooth stream music and handsfree calling
- USB/SD music player
- DRM scrolling text
- DRM emergency warning reception
- FM RDS
- 60 presets



Gospell Distributor in India



Future Portable Receivers



GR-220P Pocket DRM/AM/FM Radio



- Full band DRM (MW/SW VHF-II) and AM/FM stereo reception
- DRM xHE-AAC audio decoding
- DRM Journaline and scrolling text message
- DRM Emergency Warning Functionality
- DRM alternative frequency switching
- DRM expert mode for reception status inspection
- FM RDS station name display
- 60 station memory presets
- 1kHz step tuning allows fast and precise station reception
- Station auto seeking and store
- Rechargeable battery
- Automatic time set
- Operates on internal battery or AC adapter

➔ **Customer testing expected within next two months**

➔ **Expected launch in 4th quarter 2021**

STAR WAVES **Radio Music Player W293-BT**

STAR WAVES

W293-BT

DrM RADIO
Music player

SUPER BASS MEDIA & BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

BRIGHT LED TORCH FLASHLIGHT

DIGITAL RADIO RECORDING

CRYSTAL-CLEAR SOUND ON THE DIGITAL SHORTWAVE, AM AND FM-BANDS WITHOUT INTERFERENCES WORLDWIDE!











STAR WAVES

DRM Software Radio App

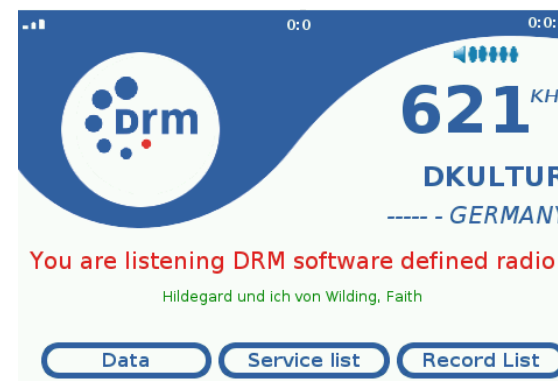
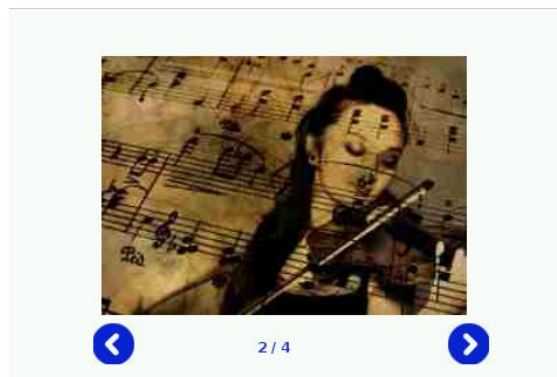


-  Listen to DRM live broadcasts on your Android phone or tablet simply by connecting an external RF dongle to the USB port of your device
-  Works with various SDR RF dongles out of the box, including AirSpy HF+, SDRplay, MSi. SDR Panadapter; and supports RTL-SDR through a third-party driver (experimental); requires a device with USB host capability
-  Supports DRM digital radio services both in the AM and FM/VHF bands (depending on RF dongle capabilities)
-  Supports all standard compliant DRM audio codecs, including xHE-AAC
-  Browse through Journaline text content with latest news, sports and weather updates, programme background information and schedules, distance learning / RadioSchooling or travel information
-  Supports EWF within DRM transmission

DRM Reference Radio Receiver Design for Consumer Market



- Supports DRM-AM DRM-FM
- Journaline, Slideshow, SPI
- AM, FM Reception
- MP3 Playback
- Telescopic and Internal AM Antenna
- External antenna support
- 3.5 inch TFT Color display - 320x240 Pixels





The UK based company is working on a Prototype for an affordable
DRM Receiver Solution (~ \$20 BOM)
TO BE UNVEILED AT IBC 2021

CML / Cambridge Consultants module aims to open up the low-cost end of the DRM market

- Designed for small portable receivers
 - Minimal display, with the option of no display at all
 - Text-to-speech option indicating station, band, ... replaces display
 - Audio-only output in its basic form (no data, slide show etc.)
 - Low module cost - target US\$10.00 in large volume
- Fully tested module for easy build into radio designs, well within capability of manufacturers in any country
 - Sold through network of distributors as well as direct
- Low power, designed to run from
 - small low-cost primary cells (typically AA size)
 - rechargeable with solar charging
 - even hand-cranked!
- Targeted primarily at India & Pakistan, Asia, Africa, South America
 - But anywhere where a service exists or is planned



Cambridge Consultants' 2020
Proof-of-Concept / Demonstrator



- South Korean Company
- Developed Software Defined Radio (SDR)
- Works in all broadcast bands – SW, MW and FM
- RF2Digital has produced a Demo Board with a touchable 7- inch display





- Locates in S. Korea, <http://www.rf2digital.com/>
- The World's First and the Best Pure Automotive SDR solution for all Digital Radio Standards
- Product Name: α -Infuser™
- All Existing and Future Digital Radio Standards
 - ✓ Full DRM, DAB Family, CDR, ISDB-Tsb, HDRadio
- All Digital Tuner Support
- Various Processor Type Support
- All Automotive Platform Support
- Flexible Interface Method
- Automotive Quality Assured

α -Infuser™



Updated DRM receiver leaflet



The image shows the cover of a leaflet titled "DRM Receivers An update". The top header features the DRM logo and "DIGITAL radio mondiale" on the left, and "digital radio for all" on the right. The main title "DRM Receivers" is in a large blue font, with "An update" below it. A line of text provides additional information: "Additional information available also on the DRM website: www.drm.org – Products page". The date "As of March 2021" is printed in the bottom right. A blue box highlights the section "DRM Receivers for Cars". The main text describes the growth of the automobile receiver industry in India, mentioning that over 2.5 million cars are now equipped with DRM digital radio receivers as of January 2021. It lists car manufacturers like Hyundai, Maruti-Suzuki, Mahindra, GM Motors, and Toyota, and notes that many international brands are also planning to incorporate DRM receivers. OEMs are mentioned to use chips from manufacturers like NXP, Silabs, and others.

 **DRM**
DIGITAL radio mondiale

digital radio for all

DRM Receivers

An update

Additional information available also on the
DRM website: www.drm.org – Products page

As of March 2021

DRM Receivers for Cars

The automobile receiver industry in India is already on board and has invested millions of dollars in the development of DRM digital radio capable receivers. The roll-out of DRM equipped cars is growing quickly by the month reaching over **2.5 million by now** (Jan 2021)

Car manufacturers which have so far incorporated DRM digital receivers in their models in India are Hyundai, Maruti-Suzuki, Mahindra, GM Motors and lately Toyota. Many more international car brands are planning or are in the process to fit DRM digital receivers in their vehicles. OEMs use chips from various manufacturers, such as NXP, Silabs and others.

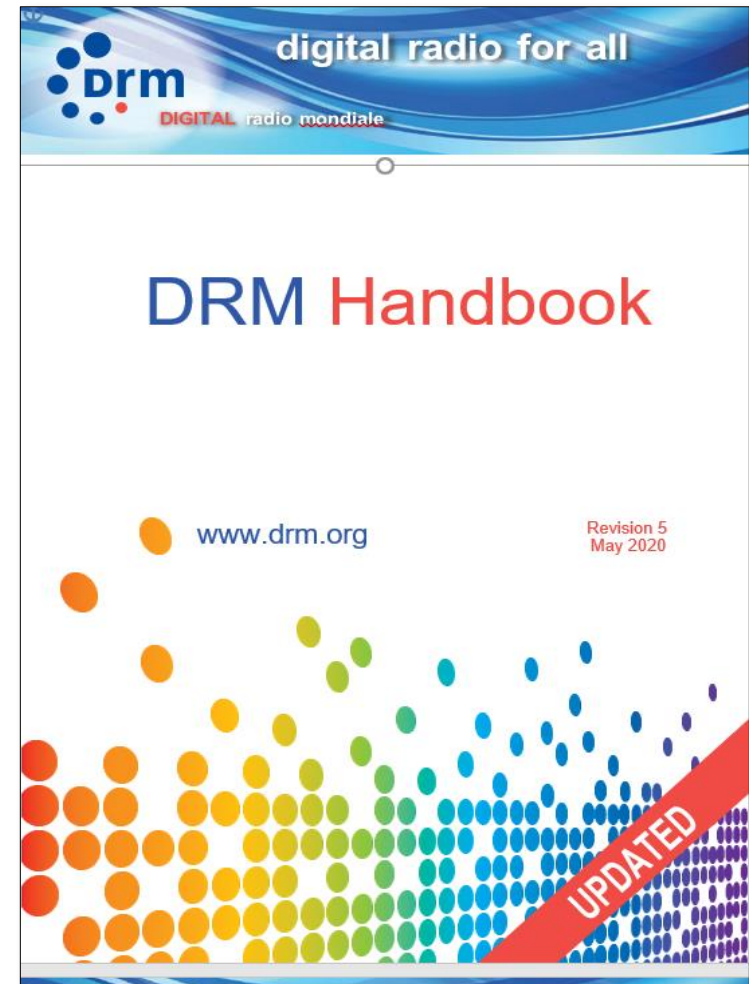
All you need to know about DRM Digital Radio

DRM Handbook

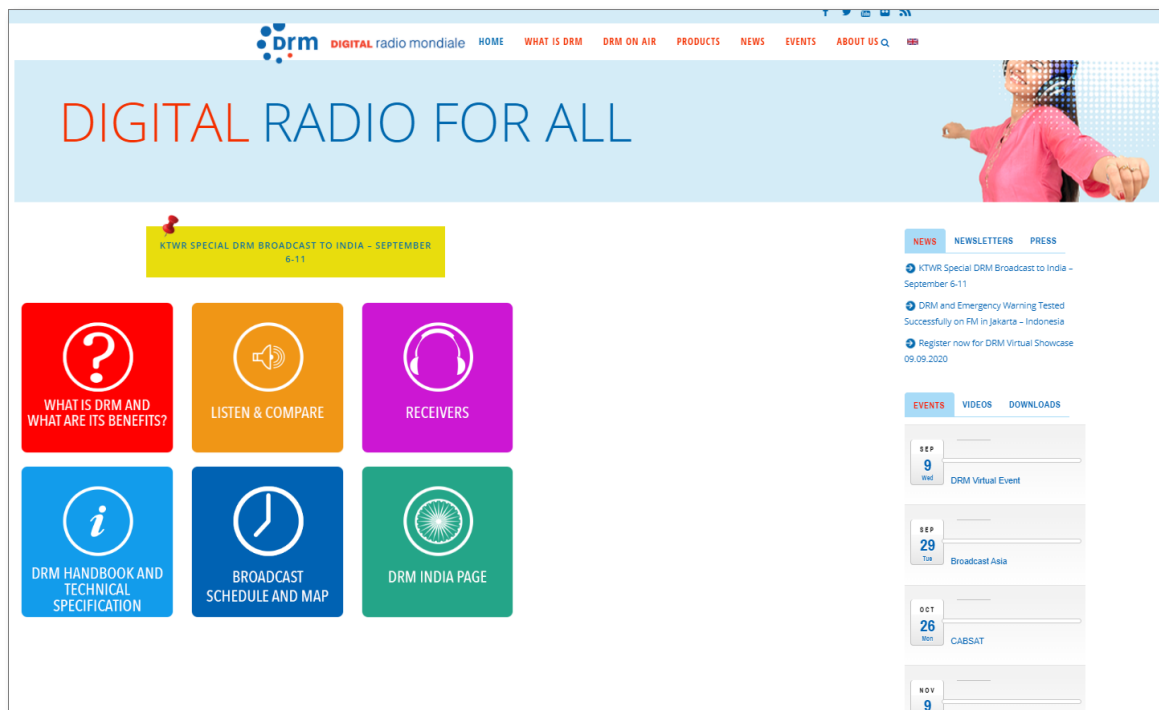
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