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## INTRODUCTION

This Technical Report describes a measurement method to assess the radio performance of a DVB-T/H hand-held terminal by measuring the radiated sensitivity of the terminal. It is a simplified version of the method described in 3GPP TR 25.914 [1]<sup>1</sup>, and is adopted to be suitable for a broadcast receiver supporting a wide range of reception frequencies.

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<sup>1</sup> The figure in square brackets refers to the Bibliography.

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62002 gives a standard method to test Total Radiated Sensitivity (*TRS*) of a category c) terminal specified in IEC 62002-1. This is a practical measure of the radiated sensitivity as it takes into account both the terminal antenna efficiency and possible terminal generated additional noise. Moreover, it can be used directly in the link budget calculations for the network coverage predictions. The motivation for the TR has been the lack of suitable measurement methods to characterise the terminal antenna in a common and practical way. As the 3GPP TR 25.914 method is in many ways suitable for the task, it was decided to develop a simplified version of this method by taking into account the special requirements for broadcast terminals. The test method applies to terminals in terminal category c) with either internal or external antennas. The effect of the user on the antenna radiation pattern is not taken into account.

The method is based on a 3-D radiation pattern measurement. At first a full 3-D  $4\pi$  sensitivity measurement is performed at three frequencies with both polarisations. From this measurement the *TRS* at these frequencies can be calculated. The best direction for sensitivity at the middle frequency is observed and then the Effective Isotropic Sensitivity (*EIS*) is measured in this direction at all specified reception channels. It is assumed that the average difference between the measured *EIS* and *TRS* is valid also for the other frequencies and thus the *TRS* at all specified channels can be calculated.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 62002-1:2008, *Mobile and portable DVB-T/H radio access – Part 1: Interface specification*

IEC 62002-2:2008, *Mobile and portable DVB-T/H radio access – Part 2: Interface conformance testing*

IEC/TR 62002-3, *Mobile and portable DVB-T/H radio access – Part 3: Measurement interface*

### 3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

$\eta$	Antenna efficiency
$\lambda$	Wavelength in meters
$\Omega$	Direction angle
$\Psi$	Polarisation
$C$	Carrier power [in band carrier power including any echoes]
$C/N$	Carrier-to-noise ratio
dB	Decibel
dB(mW)	Power in dB compared to 1 mW
DVB, DVB-T	Digital video broadcasting, terrestrial digital video broadcasting
DVB-H	Digital video broadcasting to hand-held terminals
$EIS$	Effective Isotropic Sensitivity
$F, f$	Frequency in Hz
MHz	Megahertz
$P_{\min}$	Minimum power
PI	Pedestrian Indoor
$TRS$	Total Radiated Sensitivity

### 4 Basic concepts

#### 4.1 Effective Isotropic Sensitivity ( $EIS$ )

Effective Isotropic Sensitivity ( $EIS$ ) is the isotropic power needed for the terminal to reach the required degradation point (see 6.4.3.1 in IEC 62002-2).  $EIS$  is a function of direction  $\Omega$ , frequency  $f$  and polarisation  $\Psi$  and can be denoted as

$$EIS_{\Psi}(\Omega, f), \text{ for polarisation } \Psi.$$

Typically, when a single figure is given, it is measured in the best direction of the terminal antenna. In principle,  $EIS$  can be measured by adjusting the power level of the transmitter until the receiver reaches the sensitivity threshold. The receiver is then replaced by an isotropic antenna and the power at the output of the antenna is measured as  $EIS$ . Practical measurements use a calibrated reference antenna instead of an isotropic antenna.

#### 4.2 Total Radiated Sensitivity ( $TRS$ )

Total Radiated Sensitivity ( $TRS$ ) is the integrated  $EIS$  power over the sphere with both polarisations:

$$TRS(f) = \frac{4\pi}{\oint \left[ \frac{1}{EIS_H(\Omega, f)} + \frac{1}{EIS_V(\Omega, f)} \right] d\Omega}$$

where

- $\Omega$  is the direction angle;
- $EIS_H$  is  $EIS$  in horizontal polarisation;
- $EIS_V$  is  $EIS$  in vertical polarisation;
- $f$  is the frequency.

$TRS$  is thus the total received power at the sensitivity threshold from all directions and both polarisations.  $TRS$  can be considered to present quite well the practical receiver sensitivity at difficult reception conditions as in multipath conditions several rays arrive from different directions and with different polarisations.

A practical measurement is done with a discrete sampling grid. In this case the  $TRS$  can be defined as:

$$TRS(f) = \frac{4\pi}{\Delta\theta\Delta\varphi \sum_0^{N-1} \sum_0^{M-1} \left[ \frac{1}{EIS_H(\theta_n, \varphi_n, f)} + \frac{1}{EIS_V(\theta_n, \varphi_n, f)} \right]}$$

where

- $\theta$  is the zenith angle;
- $\varphi$  is the azimuth angle;
- $N$  is number of samples in the zenith angle;
- $M$  is number of samples in the azimuth angle;
- $\Delta\theta = \pi/N$  is the sampling grid in zenith angle;
- $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi/M$  is the sampling grid in azimuth angle.

The difference between the conducted sensitivity measurement (see 6.2.1 and 6.4 in IEC 62002-2) and the  $TRS$  measurement gives directly the total efficiency  $\eta$  of the terminal antenna. For ideal isotropic antennas  $\eta = 1$  and  $TRS$  becomes the same as the conducted sensitivity  $P_{min}$ . For example, if the  $TRS$  is 10 dB higher than the conducted sensitivity  $P_{min}$ , the antenna efficiency  $\eta$  is 0,1. Note that this antenna efficiency definition includes possible noise contributions radiated from the terminal to the antenna.

$$TRS(f) = P_{min} - 10 \cdot \log_{10}(\eta(f)) \quad (\text{dB(mW)})$$

It should also be noted that  $TRS$  is typically measured in an anechoic chamber presenting Gaussian channel conditions and using a pure signal from the signal source. When using the  $TRS$  figures in link budget calculations a correction should be made to take into account the wanted channel conditions. For example, in Pedestrian Indoor (PI) channel conditions the difference between  $C/N$ -requirement in PI and Gaussian channel should either be measured or taken from 10.7.1 and 10.7.3 in IEC 62002-1 and then added to the measured  $TRS$  to get a  $TRS$  presenting PI-channel. Another way to measure the difference is to apply a PI channel with a channel simulator to the measurement signal used in the antenna measurement chamber and measure the real  $EIS$  with PI channel conditions.

## 5 Measurement conditions

### 5.1 Initial conditions

Other radio systems in the terminal, like GSM, WCDMA, WLAN etc. should be disabled. The BT is typically needed to read the wanted information from the terminal.

## 5.2 Measurement chamber

Measurements are performed in an anechoic measurement chamber with a capability for full 3-D measurements. The construction of the chamber and the positioner may vary, but care should be taken that the positioner construction (i.e. size) does not disturb the nearly omnidirectional antenna. The shielding effectiveness of the chamber should be good enough so that at least 10 dB margin remains below the sensitivity level of the terminal. The required size of the chamber can be estimated so that far-field conditions between the radiating antenna and the terminal apply:

$$r > \max \left[ \frac{2D^2}{\lambda}, 3D, 3\lambda \right]$$

where

$r$  is distance between the radiating element and the terminal;

$D$  is the maximum extension of the radiating element;

$\lambda$  is the longest wavelength used.

## 5.3 Frequencies

The *TRS* measurements are carried out at channels 22 (482 MHz), 45 (666 MHz) and 54 (738 MHz). *EIS* is measured at channels 21 (474 MHz) to 55 (746 MHz). In case the terminal does not include the GSM-reject filter higher channels may be used. If the terminal is intended to be used on other frequency bands, these can be added according to the need of the market area.

## 5.4 Sampling grid

The practical measurement is carried out by stepping the zenith and azimuth angles  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  with a sampling grid. A recommended value for the sampling grid is  $30^\circ$ . Other values like  $15^\circ$  can be used if higher accuracy is needed.

## 6 Measurement procedure

### 6.1 Set-up

The terminal is placed in the measurement chamber and a DVB-T/H signal source is connected to the transmitting antenna.

A measurement interface according the IEC 62002-3 using a Bluetooth (BT) link is used for

- controlling the terminal so that it can be set to the different operating modes and frequencies required by the measurement procedure,
- reading degradation information from the terminal.

A wireless link like the Bluetooth is preferred over the wired links due to the minimum effect on the terminal antenna behaviour. If desired, the whole measurement procedure can be made automatic if the measurement controller is controlling the positioner, signal source and the terminal.

### 6.2 Calibration

The measurement system is calibrated by replacing the terminal by a reference antenna with known characteristics. The reference antenna is connected to a power meter. The signal source power level is set to a reference value and the received power from the power meter is observed. The true isotropic power can now be calculated using the known antenna characteristics (antenna factor or antenna gain are the usual values given). The reference

value of the power level in the signal source thus corresponds to this isotropic power. Note that the calibration should be done at all frequencies that will be used in the actual measurement. Also both polarisations should be calibrated.

Example:

- a) The signal source power level is set to  $-10$  dB(mW).
- b) A reference dipole with a gain of  $2,15$  dBi is used.
- c) Power meter reading is  $-61,5$  dB(mW).
- d) Isotropic power  $P_1 = -61,5$  dB(mW)  $- 2,15$  dB =  $-63,65$  dB(mW).
- e) Power setting  $-10$  dB(mW) corresponds to isotropic power of  $-63,65$  dB(mW).

### 6.3 TRS measurements

After the calibration the reference antenna is replaced by the terminal. The frequency is set to the first TRS measurement frequency (channel 22, 482 MHz). Horizontal polarisation is selected. The terminal is set to the first position with the positioner and the power level in the signal source is adjusted until the terminal is at the sensitivity threshold. The measurement is then repeated with the vertical polarisation. After these measurements the next position is selected and the same measurements are carried out in this position. The procedure is repeated for all positions.

After completing the measurements the TRS can be calculated from the measured EIS values using the formula given in 4.2.

The TRS measurement is performed at all three measurement channels 22 (482 MHz), 45 (666 MHz) and 54 (738 MHz).

### 6.4 EIS measurement

From the TRS measurement the best direction is observed at the middle frequency, channel 45 and the terminal is set to the corresponding position, using the best polarisation. With this position the EIS is measured at every channel between 21 (474 MHz) and 55 (748 MHz).

### 6.5 Calculation of the TRS at other channels

To obtain a TRS value for all the other channels in the used frequency range the following method can be used.

- a) Difference  $\Delta(f) = TRS(f) - EIS(f)$  between the TRS and EIS is calculated on channels 22, 45 and 54. From the three  $\Delta$ -values an average  $\Delta_{ave}$  is calculated.
- b) Using average  $\Delta_{ave}$  TRS at all channels can be calculated from the EIS measurement.  
 $TRS(f) = EIS(f) + \Delta_{ave}$ .