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| **Purpose/Objective:** This is a Fact Sheet for continued work on the Working Document Towards a preliminary draft revision to Recommendation ITU-R F.1762 “Characteristics of enhanced applications for high frequency (HF) radiocommunication systems” that includes characteristics of systems that could be used to provide enhanced applications through high-speed digital networks within the 3 to 30 MHz frequency range. | |
| **Abstract:** The continued work will include minor editorial modifications, language modifications to improve clarity, simplification of several Tables and re-insertion of protection criteria text as requested during the most recent ITU-R WP-5C meeting. | |

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| Characteristics of enhanced applications for high frequency (HF) radiocommunication systems | |

Proposal

The United States proposes that ITU-R Working Party (WP) 5C consider the proposed revisions to Recommendation [ITU-R M.1762](https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.1638/en). The proposed updates are highlighted in turquoise.

**Attachment:** Working document towards a preliminary draft revision to Recommendation ITU-R F.1762 – *Characteristics of enhanced applications for high frequency (HF) radiocommunication systems*

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| ATTACHMENT  WORKING DOCUMENT TOWARDS A PRELIMINARY DRAFT  REVISION TO RECOMMENDATION ITU-R F.1762  Characteristics of enhanced applications for high frequency (HF) radiocommunication systems |

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Summary of revisions

The proposed updates include a list of additional enhanced applications as well as updated system parameters that would support the deployment of enhanced applications through high-speed digital networks within the 3 to 30 MHz frequency range. Also revisions to conform with the mandatory format for ITU-R recommendations.

Scope

This Recommendation describes the technical characteristics of enhanced applications for high frequency (HF) radiocommunication systems to provide digital services.

Keywords

Skywave - the propagation of radio waves reflected or refracted back toward Earth from the ionosphere

Groundwave - radio waves propagating parallel to and adjacent to the surface of the Earth, following the curvature of the Earth.

Abbreviations/Glossary

e.i.r.p - Effective Isotropic Radiated Power

NVIS - Near vertical incidence skywave

PSK – Phase Shift Keying

FSK – Frequency Shift Keying

HF – High Frequency

PSK – Phase Shift Keying

QAM- - Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

OFDM - Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing

RF – Radio Frequency

Related ITU Recommendations and Reports

Recommendation ITU-R BS.80-– *Transmitting antennas in HF broadcasting*

Recommendation ITU-R BS.705 – *HF transmitting and receiving antennas characteristics and diagrams*

Recommendation ITU-R F.240 - *Signal-to-interference protection ratios for various classes of emission in the fixed service below about 30 MHz*

Recommendation ITU-R F.1610 – *Planning, design and implementation of HF fixed service radio systems*

Recommendation ITU-R F.1611 – *Prediction methods for adaptive HF system planning and operation*

Recommendation ITU-R F.1761 – *Characteristics of HF fixed radiocommunication systems*

Recommendation ITU-R F.1778 – *Channel access requirements for HF adaptive systems in the fixed and land mobile services*

Recommendation ITU-R F.1821 – *Characteristics of advanced digital high frequency (HF) radiocommunication systems*

Recommendation ITU-R SM.326 - *Determination and measurement of the power of amplitude-modulated radio transmitters*

Recommendation ITU-R SM.339 - *Bandwidths, signal-to-noise ratios and fading allowances in complete systems*

Report ITU-R [BS.458](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-BS.458) – *Characteristics of systems in LF, MF and HF broadcasting*

Report ITU-R F.2061 – *HF fixed radiocommunications systems*

Report ITU-R F-2062 – *Enhanced high frequency digital radiocommunication systems capable of providing enhanced applications*

Report ITU-R F.2087 – *Requirements for high frequency (HF) radiocommunication systems in the fixed service*

Report ITU-R F.2484 – *Cooperative frequency competition model and the corresponding algorithms*

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

*a)* that some high frequency (HF) systems can be used to provide enhanced applications for electronic messaging systems (e-mail), digital voice and large file transfer providing a communications path to the Internet for exchanging information;

*b)* that the increasing use of spectrum in the HF bands for enhanced applications such as electronic messaging systems, both with and without attachments, should be taken into account;

*c)* that such HF systems are not standardized in use and may have different operational technical characteristics;

*d)* that with electronic messaging, and other enhanced applications for HF systems, equipment interoperability is an important issue,

noting

*a)* that such HF systems are capable of providing routine and emergency public protection and disaster relief;

*b)* that HF digital networks utilizing increased channel bandwidths can be used as a mechanism for providing enhanced applications;

*c)* that additional information on such HF systems capable of providing enhanced applications can be found in Report ITU-R F.2062,

recommends

that the technical characteristics of those HF systems providing enhanced applications, including electronic messaging and other Internet capability, described in Annex 1 should be considered representative of those systems operating in the HF frequency bands between 3 and 30 MHz.

Annex 1  
  
Characteristics of HF radio systems   
providing enhanced applications

# 1 Introduction

[USA note: the header for introduction was deleted but has been re-inserted.]

l Enhanced applications that can be supported over HF include:

a) electronic mail, also known as e-mail,

b) voice over internet protocol, also known as VoIP,

c) interactive Internet applications,

d) large file transfer,

e) real-time video streams over HF.

In the event of the collapse or overload of normal telecommunication operation due to natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes) and other emergencies, applications for enhanced HF systems using fixed, transportable and mobile stations could provide emergency links during the first phase of the alarm or during the coordination of the relief operation.

# 2 HF Transmitter/Receiver RF Technical characteristics

Tables 1A, 1B, 2, 3A and 3B contain technical characteristics of representative HF systems capable of providing enhanced applications. These characteristics are sufficient for general calculation to assess the compatibility between these systems and systems operating in other services.

In Table 1B, protection ratios are specified as the ratio of wanted-to-unwanted *average* signal powers (PY). This is in contrast to Recommendation ITU-R F.240 where the ratios are expressed in peak envelope powers (PX). Conversion from PX to PY is waveform dependent for both wanted and unwanted signals. Conversion factors can be obtained from Recommendation ITU-R SM.326.

[USA note: The original text below was deleted. It has been re-inserted based upon comments received at the May meeting.]

The parameters in TABLE 1A apply to the Groundwave, Skywave and NVIS Systems that are listed in TABLE 1B.

TABLE 1A

Common Characteristics for RF traditional HF systems[[1]](#footnote-1)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Parameter** | **Value** |
| Necessary bandwidth (kHz) | 3 |
| Feeder loss (dB) | 3 |
| Receiver IF bandwidth (kHz) | 3 |
| Receiver RF bandwidth (kHz) | 3 |
| Receiver noise figure (dB) | 16 |

TABLE 1B

Example of RF traditional HF systems[[2]](#footnote-2)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Parameter | System | | | |
| Mode of operation | Groundwave | Skywave (oblique) | NVIS Near vertical |
| Frequency band (MHz) | 2-10 | 3-30 | 2-10 |
| Transmitter power PX (dBW) | 10-30 | 0-26 | 10-26 |
| Antenna gain (dBi) | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Maximum e.i.r.p. (dBW) | 33 | 26 | 23 |
| Antenna polarization | Vertical/ horizontal | Vertical | Horizontal |
| Protection ratio PY (dB) | 21 | 28 | 10 |
| Signal-to-noise ratio (Recommendation ITU-R F.339) | 21 | 28 | 10 |

TABLE 2

Typical RF characteristic of enhanced HF systems for channel bandwidths of 3 to 48 kHz (transmitter)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Enhanced HF transmitter parameters | Groundwave / Skywave | NVIS / Groundwave | Skywave / NVIS / Groundwave | Skywave |
| Frequency band (MHz) | 3-30 | 3-30 | 3-30 | 3-30 |
| Channel bandwidth (kHz)[[3]](#footnote-3) | Variable 3-48 | Variable 3-48 | Variable 3-48 | Variable 3-48 |
| Transmitter power (dBW) | 36 | 26 | 36 | 27 |
| Feeder loss (dB) | 2.2 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1.1 |
| Antenna gain (dBi) | 14.15 | 4.15 | 11.15 | 2.15 |
| Antenna height (m) | 64 | 3.65 | 28.04 | 1.21 |
| Antenna polarization | Vertical | Vertical | Vertical | Horizontal |
| Antenna type | Broadband Omni | Narrowband Monopole | Broadband Dual Fan-Wire | Narrowband Dipole |
| Maximum e.i.r.p. (dBW) | 34.2 | 24.2 | 35.7 | 26.7 |
| Modulation | AM/FM | AM/FM | FM | FM |
| Typical minimum path length (km) | 161 | 48.2 | 38.6 | 19 |

The parameters in TABLE 3A apply to Groundwave, Skywave and NVIS Systems operating within the 3-30 MHz frequency band. Addition parameters are listed in TABLE 3B.

**TABLE 3A**

Common characteristic of enhanced HF systems for channel bandwidths of 3 to 48 kHz (receiver)

| Enhanced HF receiver parameters | Values |
| --- | --- |
| Channel Bandwidth (kHz)[[4]](#footnote-4) | Variable 3-48 |
| Variable (3 kHz to 12.0 kHz) | 12.0 |
| Variable (3 kHz to 18.0 kHz) | 18.0 |
| Variable (3 kHz to 24.0 kHz) | 24.0 |
| Variable (3 kHz to 48 kHz) | 48.0 |
| IF Filter Bandwidth (kHz) | 48 |
| Sensitivity (dBm) |  |
| SSB for 10 dB SINAD | −113 |
| ISB for 10 dB SINAD | −97 |
| CW for 10 dB SINAD | −116 |

TABLE 3B

Typical RF characteristic of enhanced HF systems for channel bandwidths of 3 to 48 kHz (receiver)

| Enhanced HF receiver parameters | Groundwave / Skywave | NVIS / Groundwave | Skywave / NVIS / Groundwave | Skywave |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Signal-to-noise ratio (dB)[[5]](#footnote-5) | | | | |
| PSK | 5 | 12 | 8 | 14 |
| FSK | 8 | 18 | 12 | 18 |
| QAM | 14 | 24 | 20 | 24 |
| OFDM | 16 | 26 | 26 | 30 |
| Feeder loss (dB) | 2.2 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1.1 |
| Antenna gain (dBi) | 14.15 | 4.15 | 11.15 | 2.15 |
| Antenna height (m) | 64 | 3.65 | 28.04 | 1.21 |
| Antenna polarization | Vertical | Vertical | Vertical | Horizontal |
| Typical minimum path length (km) | 161 | 48.2 | 38.6 | 19 |

# 3 Typical HF Antenna Patterns

HF Systems utilize a variety of antenna types as a function of operational range. For short range applications conventional whip antenna are typically mounted on man-packs and vehicles. Medium range Skywave NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave) applications utilize loop, bent whips and diploes. Long range use large vertical whip antennas, yagi and log-periodic antennas. Dipoles that are higher above ground are also used for long range applications.

Antenna patterns for typical HF antenna types; Whip, Loop, Bent Whip, Dipole and Log-Periodic, can be found in Recommendation ITU-R BS.705-1 “HF transmitting and receiving antennas characteristics and diagrams”. Additional antenna patterns can be found in Appendix 1 to Annex 1 of the Recommendation and include curtain antennas with different feeding arrangements and reflector types, tropical antennas, horizontal and vertical log-periodic, rhombic, quadrant, cross dipole and vertical monopoles.[[6]](#footnote-6) Additional information and data regarding HF Broadcasting antennas can be found in Recommendation ITU-R BS.80-3 “Transmitting antennas in HF broadcasting”.

# 4 Emission characteristics

Figure 1 illustrates spectrum masks that can be applicable to any system utilizing the channel bandwidths that are listed in Tables 1A, 1B , 2, 3A and 3B.

FIGURE 1

Spectrum mask for system utilizing channel bandwidths of 2 to 48 kHz

Diagram

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1. The signal-to-noise ratios in Table 1B are for a traditional BPSK system with a 3 kHz channel bandwidth. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The signal-to-noise ratios in Table 1B are for a traditional BPSK system with a 3 kHz channel bandwidth. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Channel bandwidths of 24 kHz within the 3-30 MHz frequency band have been recognized and defined in Recommendation ITU-R F.339-8 “Bandwidths, signal-to-noise ratios and fading allowances in HF fixed and land mobile radiocommunication systems” (2013), Table 4a. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Channel bandwidths of 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45 or 48 kHz can also be applicable. As a function of the application. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The signal-to-noise ratios in Table 3B are given in a waveform’s necessary bandwidth and are typical of systems that operate under the indicated propagation modes. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. In conjunction with Recommendation ITU-R BS.705, the ITU has developed computer programs to calculate radiation patterns and gain for various antenna types. The output data includes the directivity gain, the relative gain for a particular azimuth and elevation angle, tables of relative gain referred to the maximum and a number of different graphic outputs. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)