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AND MULTIPLEXING, AND PULSE  
CODE MODULATION (PCM) TERMS**

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## **VOCABULARY OF DIGITAL TRANSMISSION AND MULTIPLEXING, AND PULSE CODE MODULATION (PCM) TERMS**

*(Melbourne, 1988; revised at Helsinki, 1993)*

### **1 Introduction**

This Recommendation provides a vocabulary of terms and definitions that are appropriate to digital and pulse code modulation multiplexing and transmission systems.

A small number of the terms in the Recommendation are duplicated in Recommendation I.112. References to these definitions are given in parenthesis as an aid to ensuring consistency between the two Recommendations in the event of future amendments.

According to the conventions applied in this Recommendation any term in common usage, but whose use is deprecated in the sense defined, is shown after the recommended term as in the following example: “2026 controlled slip [slip]”.

Where a truncated term is widely used in an understood context the complete term is quoted following the colloquial form, for example: “1007 circuit, telecommunication circuit”.

Furthermore, any term which is in general use in addition to the principal term is shown after the principal term as in the following example: “6002 timing recovery (timing extraction)”.

In the interest of standardization in the drafting of documents the following abbreviations are recommended:

kbit/s;

Mbit/s;

Gbit/s.

To avoid misinterpretation of the use of the point (.) and the comma (,) in different languages to separate the whole and decimal parts, it is recommended that the use of decimals should be avoided wherever possible. For example, “2048 kbit/s” is preferred to “2.048 Mbit/s” or “2,048 Mbit/s”.

Annex A to this Recommendation contains an alphabetical list of all of the terms defined in this Recommendation.

Appendix I to this Recommendation contains a list of abbreviations used in G-, H- and J-Series Recommendations.

### **2 Vocabulary of digital transmission and multiplexing and pulse code modulation terms (PCM)**

#### **2.1 General**

For the purposes of this Recommendation, the following definitions apply.

##### **1001 signal [102]**

*F: signal*

*S: señal*

A physical phenomenon one or more of whose characteristics may vary to represent information.

##### **1002 analogue signal [103]**

*F: signal analogique*

*S: señal analógica*

A signal one of whose characteristic quantities follows continuously the variations of another physical quantity representing information.

1003 **discretely-timed signal** [104]

*F: signal (temporel) discret*

*S: señal discretamente temporizada*

A signal composed of successive elements in time, each element having one or more characteristics which can convey information, for example, its duration, its waveform and its amplitude.

1004 **transmission** [106]

*F: transmission*

*S: transmisión*

The action of conveying signals from one point to one or more other points.

NOTES

- 1 Transmission can be effected directly or indirectly, with or without intermediate storage.
- 2 The use of the English word “transmission” in the sense of “emission” is deprecated.

1005 **channel, transmission channel** [108]

*F: voie, voie de transmission*

*S: canal, canal de transmisión*

A means of unidirectional transmission of signals between two points.

NOTES

- 1 Several channels may share a common path; for example each channel may be allocated a particular frequency band or a particular time slot.
- 2 The term may be qualified by the nature of the transmitted signals, by the bandwidth, by the digit rate, or by an arbitrary designation.
- 3 See also Recommendation I.112, Term 414, access channel.

1006 **telecommunication** [110]

*F: télécommunication*

*S: telecomunicación*

Any transmission and/or emission and reception of signals representing signs, writing, images and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems.

1007 **circuit, telecommunication circuit** [111]

*F: circuit, circuit de télécommunications*

*S: circuito, circuito de telecomunicación*

A combination of two transmission channels permitting bidirectional transmission of signals between two points, to support a single communication.

NOTES

- 1 If the telecommunication is by nature unidirectional (for example: long distance television transmission), the term “circuit” is sometimes used to designate the single channel providing the facility.
- 2 In a telecommunication network, the use of the term “circuit” is generally limited to a telecommunication circuit directly connecting two switching devices or exchanges, together with associated terminating equipment.
- 3 A telecommunication circuit may permit transmission in both directions simultaneously (duplex), or not simultaneously (simplex).
- 4 A telecommunication circuit that is used for transmission in one direction only is sometimes referred to as a unidirectional telecommunication circuit. A telecommunication circuit that is used for transmission in both directions (whether simultaneously or not) is sometimes referred to as a bidirectional telecommunication circuit.

1008 **interface** [408]

*F: jonction (interface)*

*S: interfaz*

The common boundary between two associated systems.

1009 **congestion**

*F: encombrement/engorgement*

*S: congestión*

Congestion is the conditions that exists in a network if the capacity needed for the instantaneous traffic exceeds the bandwidth available in the network.

## 2.2 Digital signals

2001 **digit**

*F: élément numérique*

*S: dígito*

A member selected from a finite set.

NOTES

1 In digital transmission, a digit may be represented by a signal element, being characterized by the dynamic nature, discrete condition and discrete timing of the element, for example it may be represented as a pulse of specified amplitude and duration.

2 In equipment used in digital transmission, a digit may be represented by a stored condition being characterized by a specified physical condition, for example it may be represented as a binary magnetic condition of a ferrite core.

3 The context of the use of the term should be such as to indicate the radix of notation. (The meaning of “digit” in Notes 1, 2 and 3 translates into French as “élément numérique”.)

4 In telephone subscriber numbering, a digit is any of the numbers 1, 2, 3 . . . 9 or 0 forming the elements of a telephone number (Recommendation Q.10 [1]). (This meaning of “digit” translates into French as “chiffre”.)

2002 **binary figure**

*F: chiffre binaire*

*S: cifra binaria*

One of the two figures (that is, 0 or 1) used in the representation of numbers in binary notation.

2003 **binary digit (*bit*)**

*F: élément binaire (*bit*)*

*S: dígito binario (*bit*)*

A member selected from a binary set.

NOTES

1 Bit is an abbreviation for binary digit.

2 In the interest of clarity, it is recommended that the term “bit” should not be used in two-condition start-stop modulation instead of “unit element”.

2004 **octet**

*F: octet*

*S: octeto*

A group of eight binary digits or eight signal elements representing binary digits operated upon as an entity.

2005 **code word [character signal]**

*F: mot de code [signal de caractère]*

*S: palabra de código [señal de carácter]*

A set of signal elements representing the quantized value of a sample in PCM.

NOTE – In PCM, the term “PCM word” may be used in this sense.

2006 **digital signal** [105]

*F: signal numérique*  
*S: señal digital*

A discretely timed signal in which information is represented by a number of well-defined discrete values that one of its characteristic quantities may take in time.

NOTE – The term may be qualified to indicate the digit rate, for example: “140 Mbit/s digital signal”.

2007 **signal element**

*F: élément de signal*  
*S: elemento de señal*

A part of a digital signal, characterized by its discrete timing and its discrete value, and used to represent a digit.

2008 **digit position**

*F: position d'un élément de signal, position d'un élément numérique*  
*S: posición de dígito*

The position in time or space into which a representation of a digit may be placed.

2009 **n-ary digital signal**

*F: signal numérique n-aire*  
*S: señal digital n-aria*

A digital signal in which each signal element has one of  $n$  permitted discrete values.

2010 **redundant digital signal**

*F: signal numérique redondant*  
*S: señal digital redundante*

The signal that is produced by encoding a given signal in accordance with a redundant line code.

2011 **redundant n-ary signal**

*F: signal n-aire redondant*  
*S: señal n-aria redundante*

A digital signal whose elements can assume  $n$  discrete states where the average equivalent binary content per signal element is less than  $\log_2 n$ .

NOTE – The relative redundancy  $R$ , of an  $n$ -ary digital signal, is given by:

$$R = 1 - \frac{r_e}{r_d \cdot \log_2 n} = \left[ 1 - \frac{r_e}{r_d \cdot \log_2 n} \right] \cdot 100\%$$

where  $r_d$  is the symbol rate of the  $n$ -ary signal and  $r_e$  is the equivalent bit rate.

This may also be expressed in terms of the number of binary digits which can be transmitted by an element of a particular line code. Examples are:

- AMI (37% redundant), 1 binary digit per element;
- 4B3T (16% redundant), 1.33 binary digit per element.

2012 **pseudo n-ary signal**

*F: signal pseudo n-aire*  
*S: señal pseudo n-aria*

A redundant  $n$ -ary digital signal that is derived from a  $m$ -ary digital signal without change of the line digit rate.

NOTE – An alternate mark inversion signal is an example of a pseudo-ternary signal, i.e.  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 2$ .

2013 **digit rate**

*F: débit numérique*  
*S: velocidad digital*

The number of digits per unit time.

NOTES

- 1 An appropriate adjective may precede the word “digit”, for example, binary digit rate.
- 2 In the interests of clarity it is recommended that this term should not be used to express the symbol rate on the line.

2014 **line digit rate [symbol rate]**

*F: débit numérique en ligne [débit de symboles]*  
*S: velocidad digital de linea [velocidad de símbolos]*

The number of signal elements of the line signal transmitted per unit time.

NOTES

- 1 The baud is usually used to quantify this, one baud being equal to one single element per second.
- 2 Modulation rate is the term used in telegraphy and data communication; it is the reciprocal of the duration of the unit interval.

2015 **equivalent binary content**

*F: contenu binaire équivalent*  
*S: contenido binario equivalente*

The number of binary digits strictly necessary to convey the same information as a defined number of signal elements in a given digital signal.

2016 **equivalent bit rate**

*F: débit binaire équivalent*  
*S: velocidad binaria equivalente*

The value of the bit rate strictly necessary to convey the same information in the same time as a given digital signal at a given digit rate.

2017 **significant instant, significant instant of a digital signal**

*F: instant significatif, instant significatif d'un signal numérique*  
*S: instante significativo, instante significativo de una señal digital*

The instant at which a signal element commences in a discretely-timed signal.

2018 **unit interval**

*F: intervalle unitaire*  
*S: intervalo unitario (o intervalo unidad)*

The nominal difference in time between consecutive significant instants of an isochronous signal.

2019 **decision instant, decision instant of a digital signal**

*F: instant de décision, instant de décision d'un signal numérique*  
*S: instante de decisión, instante de decisión de una señal digital*

The instant at which a decision is taken as to the probable value of signal element of a received digital signal.

2020 **decision circuit**

*F: circuit de décision*  
*S: circuito de decisión*

A circuit that decides the probable value of a signal element of a received digital signal.

2021 **regeneration**

*F: régénération*

*S: regeneración*

The process of receiving and reconstructing a digital signal so that the amplitudes, waveforms and timing of its signal elements are constrained within specified limits.

2022 **regenerator**

*F: régénérateur*

*S: regenerador*

A device that performs regeneration.

2023 **regenerative repeater**

*F: répéteur régénérateur*

*S: repetidor regenerativo*

A repeater that regenerates digital signals.

NOTES

1 A regenerative repeater may operate in one or both directions of transmission, and the term may be qualified by “unidirectional” or “bidirectional” as appropriate.

2 Repeater is defined in Recommendation G.601.

2024 **jitter**

*F: gigue*

*S: fluctuación de fase*

Short-term non-cumulative variations of the significant instants of a digital signal from their ideal positions in time.

2025 **wander**

*F: dérapage*

*S: fluctuación lenta de fase*

Long-term non-cumulative variations of the significant instants of a digital signal from their ideal positions in time.

2026 **controlled slip [slip]**

*F: glissement commandé [saut]*

*S: deslizamiento controlado [deslizamiento]*

The irretrievable loss or gain of a set of consecutive digit positions in a digital signal, in which both the magnitude and instant of that loss or gain are controlled, to enable the signal to accord with a rate different from its own.

NOTE – Where appropriate the term may be qualified, for example: controlled octet slip, controlled frame slip.

2027 **uncontrolled slip**

*F: glissement non commandé*

*S: deslizamiento incontrolado*

The loss or gain of a digit position or a set of consecutive digit positions in a digital signal resulting from an aberration of the timing processes associated with transmission or switching of a digital signal, and in which either the magnitude or the instant of that loss or gain is not controlled.

2028 **scrambler**

*F: embrouilleur*

*S: aleatorizador*

A device that converts a digital signal into a pseudo-random digital signal having the same meaning and the same digit rate.

2029 **descrambler**

*F: désembrouilleur*  
*S: desaleatorizador*

A device that performs the complementary operation to that of a scrambler.

2030 **error, digital error**

*F: erreur, erreur numérique*  
*S: error, error digital*

An inconsistency between a digit in a transmitted digital signal and the corresponding digit in the received digital signal.

2031 **error ratio [error rate]**

*F: taux d'erreur [rapport d'erreur]*  
*S: tasa de errores [proporción de errores]*

The ratio of the number of digital errors received in a specified period to the total number of digits received in the same period.

NOTES

1 Numerical values of error ratio should be expressed in the form

$$n \cdot 10^{-p}$$

where  $p$  is a positive integer.

2 Error ratio may be qualified, for example by the term “bit” or “block”.

2032 **error multiplication**

*F: multiplication d'erreurs*  
*S: multiplicación de errores*

The property of an apparatus whereby a single digital error in the input signal presented to it results in more than one digital error in the output signal.

NOTE – Line code converters and descramblers are examples of apparatus that may cause error multiplication.

2033 **error multiplication factor**

*F: facteur de multiplication d'erreurs*  
*S: factor de multiplicación de errores*

The ratio of the number of digital errors in the output signal to the number of digital errors in the input signal.

NOTE – The error multiplication factor may be expressed as either an average or maximum value.

2034 **error spread**

*F: étalement d'erreurs [répartition des erreurs]*  
*S: dispersión de errores*

The number of consecutive digits of the output signal over which digital errors are distributed when a single digital error in the input signal causes error multiplication.

## 2.3 Digital transmission

3001 **digital transmission [107]**

*F: transmission numérique*  
*S: transmisión digital*

The transmission of digital signals by means of a channel or channels that may assume in time any one of a defined set of discrete states.

3002 **digital channel, digital transmission channel** [109]

*F: voie numérique, voie de transmission numérique*  
*S: canal digital, canal de transmisión digital*

The means of unidirectional digital transmission of digital signals between two points.

3003 **digital circuit, digital telecommunication circuit** [112]

*F: circuit numérique, circuit numérique de télécommunications*  
*S: circuito digital, circuito de telecomunicación digital*

A combination of two digital transmission channels permitting bidirectional digital transmission in both directions between two points, to support a single communication.

NOTES

1 If the telecommunication is by nature unidirectional (for example, long-distance television transmission), the term “digital circuit” is sometimes used to designate the single digital channel providing the facility.

2 In a telecommunication network, use of the term “digital circuit” is generally limited to a digital telecommunication circuit directly connecting two switching devices or exchanges, together with associated terminating equipment.

3 A digital telecommunication circuit may permit transmission in both directions simultaneously (duplex), or not simultaneously (simplex).

4 A digital telecommunication circuit that is used for transmission in one direction only is sometimes referred to as a unidirectional digital telecommunication circuit. A digital telecommunication circuit that is used for transmission in both directions (whether simultaneously or not) is sometimes referred to as a bidirectional digital telecommunication circuit.

3004 **digital connection** [310]

*F: connexion numérique*  
*S: conexión digital*

A concatenation of digital transmission channels or digital telecommunication circuits, switching and other functional units set up to provide for the transfer of digital signals between two or more points in a telecommunication network, to support a single communication.

3005 **digital link, digital transmission link [digital path]** [302]

*F: liaison numérique, liaison de transmission numérique [conduit numérique]*  
*S: enlace digital, enlace de transmisión digital [trayecto digital]*

The whole of the means of digital transmission of a digital signal of specified rate between two digital distribution frames (or equivalent).

NOTES

1 A digital link comprises one or more digital sections and may include multiplexing and/or demultiplexing, but not switching.

2 The term may be qualified to indicate the transmission medium used, for example, “digital satellite link”.

3 The term always applies to the combination of “go” and “return” directions of transmission, unless stated otherwise.

4 The term “digital path” is sometimes used to describe one or more digital links connected in tandem, especially between equipments at which the signals of the specified rate originate and terminate.

3006 **digital distribution frame**

*F: répartiteur numérique*  
*S: repartidor digital*

A structure that provides flexibility of semipermanent interconnection of digital channels or digital circuits.

NOTE – Digital sections and digital links normally terminate at digital distribution frames.

3007 **digital section<sup>1)</sup>**

*F: section numérique*

*S: sección digital*

The whole of the means of digital transmission of a digital signal of specified rate between two consecutive digital distribution frames or equivalent.

NOTES

1 A digital section forms either a part or the whole of a digital link, and includes terminating equipments at both ends, but excludes multiplexers.

2 Where appropriate, the digital rate or multiplex order should qualify the title.

3 The definition applies to the combination of “go” and “return” directions of transmission, unless stated otherwise.

3008 **section termination**

*F: extrémité de section*

*S: extremo de sección*

A connective interface selected to be the boundary between a physical transmission medium and its associated equipment.

NOTE – This point will usually be the connectors at the input and output of an equipment.

3009 **elementary cable section [repeater section]**

*F: section élémentaire de câble [section (élémentaire) d'amplification]*

*S: sección elemental de cable [sección con amplificación]*

The whole of the physical transmission medium between the section termination at the output of one equipment and the section termination at the input of the following equipment.

NOTES

1 An elementary cable section usually consists of several factory lengths of cable connected together and any associated accessories (such as flexible cables) necessary to connect it to the section terminals.

2 Examples of the physical transmission media are a coaxial or symmetric pair, and optical fibre.

3010 **elementary repeater section**

*F: section élémentaire amplifiée*

*S: sección elemental de repetición*

In a given direction of transmission, an elementary cable section together with the immediately following analogue repeater.

3011 **elementary regenerator section [regenerator section]**

*F: section élémentaire régénérée [section de régénération]*

*S: sección elemental de regeneración [sección de regeneración]*

In a given direction of transmission, an elementary cable section together with the immediately following regenerative repeater.

3012 **digital line section<sup>1)</sup>**

*F: section de ligne numérique*

*S: sección de línea digital*

A digital section implemented on a single type of manufactured transmission medium, such as symmetric pair, coaxial pair, or optical fibre.

NOTE – A digital line section includes line terminating equipments at both ends, and regenerative repeaters if needed, but excludes multiplexers.

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<sup>1)</sup> Figure 1 gives examples of digital sections, digital links, digital line sections, etc.

3013 **digital line link [digital line path]<sup>2)</sup>**

*F: liaison de ligne numérique [conduit de ligne numérique]*

*S: enlace de línea digital [trayecto de línea digital]*

A digital link that comprises a digital line section or a number of tandem-connected digital line sections.

3014 **digital transmission system**

*F: système de transmission numérique*

*S: sistema de transmisión digital*

A specific means of providing a digital section.

3015 **digital line system**

*F: système de ligne numérique*

*S: sistema de línea digital*

A digital transmission system that provides a digital line section.

3016 **digital radio section<sup>2)</sup>**

*F: section radioélectrique numérique*

*S: sección radiodigital*

A digital section implemented on a radio-relay system.

3017 **digital radio link [digital radio path]<sup>2)</sup>**

*F: liaison radioélectrique numérique [conduit radioélectrique numérique]*

*S: enlace radiodigital [trayecto radiodigital]*

A digital link that comprises a digital radio section or a number of tandem-connected digital radio sections.

3018 **digital radio system**

*F: système radioélectrique numérique*

*S: sistema radiodigital*

A digital transmission system that provides a digital radio section.

3019 **bit sequence independence**

*F: indépendance de la séquence des bits*

*S: independencia de la secuencia de bits*

The property of a binary transmission channel, telecommunication circuit or connection, that permits all sequences of binary signal elements to be conveyed over it at its specified bit rate, without change to the value of any signal elements.

NOTE – Practical transmission systems that are not completely bit sequence independent may be described as quasi bit sequence independent. In such cases the limitations should be clearly stated.

3020 **digit sequence integrity**

*F: intégrité de la suite des éléments numériques*

*S: integridad de la secuencia de dígitos*

The property of a digital transmission channel, telecommunication circuit or connection, that permits a digital signal to be conveyed over it without change to the order of any signal elements.

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<sup>2)</sup> Figure 1 gives examples of digital sections, digital links, digital line sections, etc.

3021 **octet sequence integrity**

*F: intégrité de la suite des octets*  
*S: integridad de la secuencia de octetos*

The property of a digital transmission channel, telecommunication circuit or connection that permits a digital signal to be conveyed over it without change to the order of any octets.

3022 **transparency, digital transparency**

*F: transparence, transparence numérique*  
*S: transparencia, transparencia digital*

The property of a digital transmission channel, telecommunication circuit or connection, that permits any digital signal to be conveyed over it without change to the value or order of any signal elements.

NOTE – The digital transmission channel, telecommunication circuit or connection concerned may introduce delay, and may contain reversible code conversion functions.

3023 **alarm indication signal (AIS)**

*F: signal d'indication d'alarme (AIS)*  
*S: señal de indicación de alarma (AIS)*

A signal that replaces the normal traffic signal when a maintenance alarm indication has been activated.

3024 **upstream failure indication**

*F: indication de défaillance en amont*  
*S: indicación de fallo atrás*

An indication provided by a digital multiplexer, line section or a radio section, that a signal applied at its input port is outside its prescribed maintenance limit.

3025 **service digits [housekeeping digits]**

*F: éléments numériques de service*  
*S: dígitos de servicio*

Digits that are added to a digital signal at the sending end of a digital link, normally at regular intervals and removed at the receiving end of that link and used to provide ancillary facilities.

## 2.4 **Digital multiplexing**

4001 **highway (American: bus)**

*F: bus (jonction multiplex interne) [canal]*  
*S: arteria (bus)*

A common path within an apparatus or station over which pass signals from a number of channels identified by time division.

4002 **channel gate**

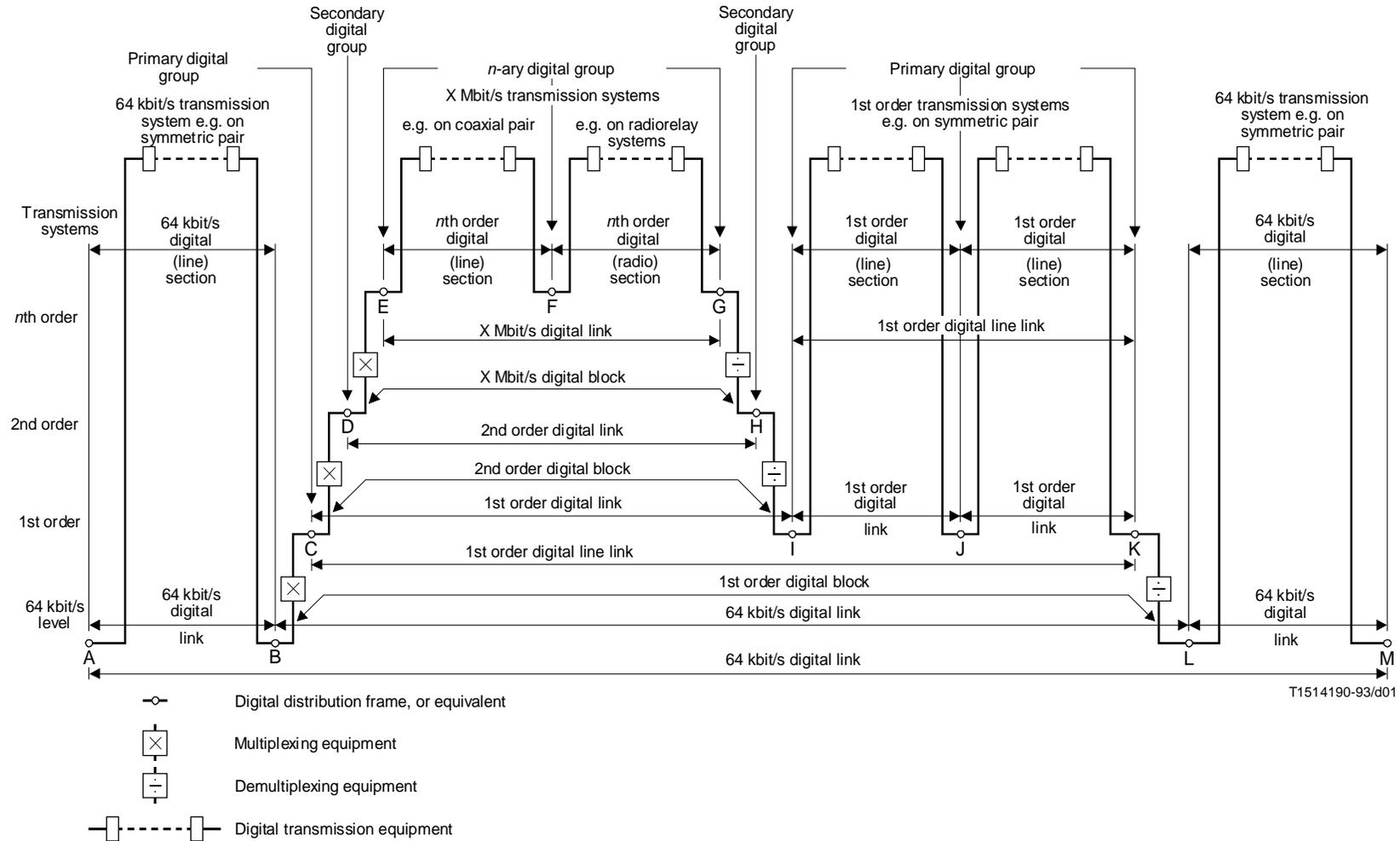
*F: porte de canal*  
*S: puerta de canal*

A device for connecting a channel to a highway, or a highway to a channel, at specified times.

4003 **digital multiplex hierarchy**

*F: hiérarchie de multiplexage numérique*  
*S: jerarquía de los múltiplex digitales*

A series of digital multiplexers graded according to capability so that multiplexing at one level combines a defined number of digital signals, each having the digit rate prescribed for a lower order, into a digital signal having a prescribed digit rate which is then available for further combination with other digital signals of the same rate in a digital multiplexer of the next higher order.



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## NOTES

- 1 Digital line and radio sections may be at digit rates which are either hierarchical or non-hierarchical.
- 2 A-B is a 64 kbit/s digital link consisting of a single 64 kbit/s digital section.
- 3 A-M is a 64 kbit/s digital link which contains six 64 kbit/s digital sections, A-B, E-F, F-G, I-J, J-K and L-M.
- 4 F-G is an X Mbit/s digital radio section which forms part of an X Mbit/s digital link E-G.
- 5 G-I is a 1st order digital link which contains a 2nd order digital link D-H.
- 6 I-K is an example of a digital line link.

FIGURE 1/G.701

Examples of digital link, digital section, digital line section, etc.

4004 **primary digital group**

*F: groupe numérique primaire*

*S: grupo digital primario*

An assembly, by digital multiplexing, of digital signals occupying a specified number of channel time-slots to form a composite signal having a digit rate of 2048 kbit/s or 1544 kbit/s.

NOTE – Normally each channel time-slot has eight digit time-slots and an effective digit rate of 64 kbit/s.

4005 **primary PCM group [primary block] (American: digroup)**

*F: groupe primaire MIC [bloc primaire]*

*S: grupo primario MIC [bloque primario]*

An assembly, by digital multiplexing, of PCM signals occupying a specified number of channel time-slots to form a composite signal having a digit rate of 1544 kbit/s or 2048 kbit/s, in both directions of transmission.

NOTE – The following conventions could be useful:

Primary group  $\mu$  – a basic group of PCM signals derived from 1544 kbit/s PCM multiplex equipment.

Primary group A – a basic group of PCM signals derived from 2048 kbit/s PCM multiplex equipment.

4006 **n-ary digital group**

*F: groupe numérique n-aire*

*S: grupo digital n-ario*

A number of primary digital or PCM groups assembled by digital multiplexing to form a composite signal of specified digit rate, in both directions of transmission.

NOTES

1 A secondary digital group may comprise four primary digital or PCM groups to form a composite signal having a digit rate of 8448 or 6312 kbit/s.

2 A tertiary digital group may comprise four 8448 kbit/s secondary digital groups or five or seven 6312 kbit/s secondary digital groups to form a composite signal having a digit rate of 34 368, 32 064 or 44 736 kbit/s.

3 A quaternary digital group may comprise four 34 368 kbit/s tertiary digital groups to form a composite signal having a digit rate of 139 264 kbit/s.

4007 **frame**

*F: trame*

*S: trama*

A cyclic set of consecutive time slots in which the relative position of each time slot can be identified.

4008 **multiframe**

*F: multitrame*

*S: multitrama*

A cyclic set of consecutive frames in which the relative position of each frame can be identified.

4009 **subframe**

*F: sous-trame, secteur de trame*

*S: subtrama*

A sequence of noncontiguous time-slots within a frame, each occurring at  $n$  times the frame repetition rate where  $n$  is an integer  $>1$ .

4010 **parallel to serial converter (American: serializer) [dynamicizer]**

*F: convertisseur parallèle/série*

*S: convertidor paralelo/serie*

A device that converts a group of signal elements, all of which are presented simultaneously, into a corresponding sequence of consecutive signal elements.

4011 **serial to parallel converter (American: deserializer) [staticizer]**

*F: convertisseur série/parallèle*

*S: convertidor serie/paralelo*

A device that converts a sequence of consecutive signal elements into a corresponding group of signal elements all of which are presented simultaneously.

4012 **time-division multiplexing**

*F: multiplexage temporel [multiplexage par répartition dans le temps]*

*S: multiplexación por división en el tiempo*

Multiplexing in which several signals are interleaved in time for transmission over a common channel.

4013 **digital multiplexing**

*F: multiplexage numérique*

*S: multiplexación digital*

A form of time division multiplexing applied to digital channels which convey digital signals.

4014 **digital multiplexer**

*F: multiplexeur numérique*

*S: multiplexor digital*

Equipment that combines by time-division multiplexing several digital signals into a single composite digital signal.

4015 **digital demultiplexing**

*F: démultiplexage numérique*

*S: demultiplexación digital*

The separation of a composite digital signal into its component digital signals.

4016 **digital demultiplexer**

*F: démultiplexeur numérique*

*S: demultiplexor digital*

Equipment that separates a composite digital signal into its component digital signals.

4017 **digital multiplex equipment**

*F: équipement de multiplexage numérique*

*S: equipo múltiplex digital*

The combination of a digital multiplexer and a digital demultiplexer at the same location, operating in opposite directions of transmission.

4018 **PCM multiplex equipment**

*F: équipement de multiplexage MIC*

*S: equipo múltiplex MIC*

Equipment that derives a single digital signal at a defined digit rate from several voice frequency channels by a combination of pulse code modulation and time division multiplexing, and that also carries out the complementary functions in the opposite direction of transmission.

4019 **digital block**

*F: bloc numérique*

*S: bloque digital*

The combination of a digital link and associated digital multiplex equipments.

NOTE – The bit rate of the digital link should form part of the title.

4020 **transmultiplexer**

*F: transmultiplexeur*

*S: transmultiplexor*

An equipment that transforms a frequency-division multiplexed signal (such as group or supergroup) into a corresponding time-division multiplexed signal that has the same structure as if it had been derived from PCM multiplex equipment, and that also carries out the complementary function in the opposite direction of transmission.

4021 **digital filling [digital padding]**

*F: remplissage numérique*

*S: relleno digital [complementación digital]*

The addition of signal elements at regular intervals to a digital signal to change the digit rate from its original value to a predetermined higher value.

NOTE – The added digits are not normally used to transmit information.

4022 **justification [stuffing, pulse stuffing]**

*F: justification*

*S: justificación [relleno de impulsos]*

The process of changing the digit rate of a digital signal in a controlled manner so that it can accord with a digit rate different from its own inherent rate, usually without loss of information.

4023 **positive justification [positive stuffing, positive pulse stuffing]**

*F: justification positive*

*S: justificación positiva [relleno positivo de impulsos]*

A method of justification in which the digit time-slots used to convey a digital signal have a digit rate that is always higher than the digit rate of that original signal.

NOTES

1 Positive justification is usually achieved by the provision of a fixed number of digit time-slots (justifiable digit time-slots) per frame in the resultant signal which may be used to transmit either information from the original signal, or no information, according to the relative digit rates of the resultant signal and the original signal.

2 Information which indicates whether the justifiable digit time-slots contain information digits or justifying digits is conveyed by means of the justification service digits.

4024 **negative justification [negative stuffing, negative pulse stuffing]**

*F: justification négative*

*S: justificación negativa [relleno negativo, relleno negativo de impulsos]*

A method of justification in which the digit time-slots used to convey a digital signal have a digit rate that is always lower than the digit rate of that original signal.

NOTES

1 The deleted digits are conveyed by separate means.

2 Information which facilitates the recovery of the deleted digits is conveyed by means of the justification service digits.

4025 **positive/zero/negative justification [positive/zero/negative stuffing, positive/zero/negative pulse stuffing]**

*F: justification positive/nulle/négative*

*S: justificación positiva/nula/negativa [relleno positivo/nulo/negativo de impulsos]*

A method of justification in which the digit time-slots used to convey a digital signal have a digit rate that may be higher than, the same as, or lower than the digit rate of the original signal.

## NOTES

- 1 Justifiable digit time-slots are provided in accordance with Note 1 of 4023 above.
- 2 Separate means of transmitting deleted digits are provided in accordance with Note 2 of 4024 above.
- 3 Information which facilitates the recovery of the original digits, which are conveyed by means of the justification service digits.
- 4 Usually the digit time-slots used to convey a digital signal have the same nominal digit rate as the original signal.

### 4026 **justifiable digit time-slot [stuffable digit time-slot]**

*F: créneau temporel élémentaire justifiable*

*S: intervalo de tiempo de dígito justificable [intervalo de tiempo de dígito rellenable]*

A digit time-slot that is provided for the purpose of justification and which may contain either an information digit or a justifying digit.

### 4027 **justifying digit [stuffing digit]**

*F: élément numérique de justification*

*S: dígito de justificación [dígito de relleno]*

A digit inserted in a justifiable digit time-slot when that time slot is not required for an information digit.

### 4028 **justification service digit [stuffing service digit]**

*F: élément numérique de service de justification*

*S: dígito de servicio de justificación [dígito de servicio de relleno]*

A digit that transmits information concerning the status of a justifiable digit time-slot.

### 4029 **justification rate [stuffing rate]**

*F: débit de justification*

*S: velocidad de justificación [velocidad de relleno]*

The rate at which justifying digits are inserted, or at which information digits are transmitted by other means.

### 4030 **nominal justification rate [nominal stuffing rate]**

*F: débit nominal de justification*

*S: velocidad nominal de justificación [velocidad nominal de relleno]*

The justification rate that occurs when the digit rates of both the original signal and the justified signal are at their nominal values.

### 4031 **maximum justification rate [maximum stuffing rate]**

*F: débit maximal de justification*

*S: velocidad máxima de justificación [velocidad máxima de relleno]*

The maximum possible justification rate that can be accommodated by a justification process.

NOTE – In practice the tolerance limits of the original signal and of the system used to convey the justified signal might be such that the maximum justification rate is never realized.

### 4032 **justification ratio [stuffing ratio]**

*F: taux de justification*

*S: relación de justificación [relación de relleno]*

The ratio of the actual justification rate to the maximum justification rate.

### 4033 **nominal justification ratio [nominal stuffing ratio]**

*F: taux nominal de justification*

*S: relación nominal de justificación [relación nominal de relleno]*

The ratio of the nominal justification rate to the maximum justification rate.

4034 **packetized circuit multiplication equipment (PCME)**

*F: équipement de multiplication de circuits par mise en paquets*

*S: equipo de multiplicación de circuito por paquetización*

A packetized circuit multiplication equipment is a general class of equipment that compresses and integrates voice, voice-band data, digital data, signalling, image, facsimile and network control into packets of common formats.

4035 **packetized circuit multiplication system**

*F: système de multiplication de circuits par mise en paquets*

*S: sistema de multiplicación de circuito por paquetización*

A packetized circuit multiplication system is a telecommunications network comprising of two or more PCME nodes.

## 2.5 **Frame alignment**

5001 **frame alignment<sup>3)</sup>**

*F: verrouillage de trame*

*S: alineación de trama*

The state in which the frame of the receiving equipment is synchronized with that of the received signal.

5002 **frame alignment signal<sup>3)</sup>**

*F: signal de verrouillage de trame*

*S: señal de alineación de trama*

The distinctive signal inserted in every frame or once in every *n* frames, always occupying the same relative position within the frame, and used to establish and maintain frame alignment.

5003 **bunched frame alignment signal<sup>3)</sup>**

*F: signal de verrouillage de trame concentré*

*S: señal de alineación de trama concentrada*

A frame alignment signal whose signal elements occupy consecutive digit time slots.

5004 **distributed frame alignment signal<sup>3)</sup>**

*F: signal de verrouillage de trame réparti [signal de verrouillage de trame distribué]*

*S: señal de alineación de trama distribuida*

A frame alignment signal whose signal elements occupy non-consecutive digit time slots.

5005 **frame alignment recovery time<sup>3)</sup>**

*F: temps de reprise du verrouillage de trame*

*S: tiempo de recuperación de la alineación de trama*

The time that elapses between a valid frame alignment signal being available at the receive terminal equipment and frame alignment being established.

NOTE – The frame alignment recovery time includes the time required for replicated verification of the validity of the frame alignment signal.

5006 **out-of-frame alignment time<sup>3)</sup>**

*F: durée de perte du verrouillage de trame*

*S: duración de la pérdida de la alineación de trama*

The time during which frame alignment is effectively lost.

NOTE – That time includes the time to detect loss of frame alignment and the frame alignment recovery time.

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<sup>3)</sup> Similar definitions are applicable to multiframe alignment.

## 2.6 Timing

### 6001 timing signal

*F: signal de rythme*  
*S: señal de temporización*

A cyclic signal used to control the timing of operations.

### 6002 timing recovery [timing extraction]

*F: récupération du rythme*  
*S: recuperación de la temporización [extracción de la temporización]*

The derivation of a timing signal from a received signal.

### 6003 retiming

*F: réajustement du rythme*  
*S: reajuste de la temporización*

Adjustment of the intervals between the significant instants of a digital signal, by reference to a timing signal.

### 6004 time-slot

*F: créneau temporel [intervalle de temps]*  
*S: intervalo de tiempo [sector de tiempo, celda de tiempo]*

Any cyclic time interval that can be recognized and defined uniquely.

### 6005 digit time-slot

*F: créneau temporel élémentaire [intervalle de temps élémentaire]*  
*S: intervalo de tiempo de dígito*

A time slot allocated to a single digit.

### 6006 channel time-slot

*F: créneau temporel de voie*  
*S: intervalo de tiempo de canal*

A time slot occupying a specific position in a frame and allocated to a particular time-derived channel.

#### NOTES

1 Where appropriate a description may be added, for example “telephone channel time-slot”.

2 In addition to its main function of transmitting a character signal, a channel time-slot may also be used for in-slot signalling or for transmitting other information.

### 6007 signalling time-slot

*F: créneau temporel de signalisation*  
*S: intervalo de tiempo de señalización*

A time slot occupying a specific position in a frame and allocated to the transmission of signalling.

### 6008 frame alignment time-slot

*F: créneau temporel de verrouillage de trame*  
*S: intervalo de tiempo de alineación de trama*

A time slot occupying the same relative position in every frame and used to transmit the frame alignment signal.

6009 **clock**

*F: horloge*

*S: reloj*

Equipment that provides a timing signal.

NOTE – Where replicated sources are used for security reasons, the assembly of these is regarded as single clock.

6010 **reference clock**

*F: horloge de référence*

*S: reloj de referencia*

A clock of very high stability and accuracy that may be completely autonomous and whose frequency serves as a basis of comparison for the frequency of other clocks.

6011 **master clock**

*F: horloge maîtresse*

*S: reloj maestro*

A clock that is used to control the frequency of other clocks.

6012 **time interval error**

*F: dérive temporelle*

*S: error de intervalo de tiempo*

The total difference over a specified interval of time in the significant instants of a digital signal from their ideal positions in time.

6013 **relative time interval error**

*F: dérive temporelle relative*

*S: error de intervalo de tiempo relativo*

The total difference over a specified interval of time in the corresponding significant instants of two digital signals.

6014 **isochronous**

*F: isochrone*

*S: isócrono*

The essential characteristic of a time-scale or a signal such that the time intervals between consecutive significant instants either have the same duration or durations that are integral multiples of the shortest duration.

NOTE – In practice, variations in the time intervals are constrained within specified limits.

6015 **anisochronous**

*F: anisochrone*

*S: anisócrono*

The essential characteristic of a time-scale or a signal such that the time intervals between consecutive significant instants do not necessarily have the same duration or durations that are integral multiples of the shortest duration.

6016 **synchronous [mesochronous]**

*F: synchrone [mésochrone]*

*S: síncrono [mesócrono]*

The essential characteristic of time-scales or signals such that their corresponding significant instants occur at precisely the same average rate.

NOTE – The timing relationship between corresponding significant instants usually varies between specified limits.

6017 **homochronous**

*F: homochrone*

*S: homócrono*

The essential characteristic of time-scales or signals such that their corresponding significant instants have a constant, but uncontrolled, time relationship with each other.

6018 **non-synchronous [asynchronous/heterochronous]**

*F: non synchronie [asynchrone/hétérochrone]*

*S: no-síncrono [asíncrono/heterócrono]*

The essential characteristic of time-scales or signals such that their corresponding significant instants do not necessarily occur at the same average rate.

6019 **plesiochronous**

*F: plésiochrone*

*S: plesiócrono*

The essential characteristic of time-scales or signals such that their corresponding significant instants occur at nominally the same rate, any variation in rate being constrained within specified limits.

NOTES

1 Two signals having the same nominal digit rate, but not stemming from the same clock or homochronous clocks, are usually plesiochronous.

2 There is no limit to the time relationship between corresponding significant instants.

6020 **heterochronous**

*F: hétérochrone*

*S: heterócrono*

The essential characteristic of time-scales or signals such that their corresponding significant instants occur at different nominal rates.

NOTES

1 Two signals having different nominal digit rates, and not stemming from the same clock or from homochronous clocks are usually heterochronous.

2 Terms 6014 to 6020 are based on the following Greek roots:

iso = equal

homo = same

plesio = near

hetero = different.

6021 **codirectional interface**

*F: interface codirectionnelle*

*S: interfaz codireccional*

An interface across which the signals to be transferred and their associated timing signals are transmitted in the same direction.

6022 **centralized-clock interface**

*F: interface à horloge centralisée*

*S: interfaz de reloj centralizado*

An interface across which, for both directions of transmission of the signals to be transferred, the associated timing signals of both the exchange terminal on the line side and the exchange terminal on the service side are supplied from a centralized clock.

NOTE – The timing of the centralized clock may be derived from a nominated incoming line signal.

6023 **contradirectional interface**

*F: interface contradirectionnelle*

*S: interfaz contradireccional*

An interface across which the timing signals associated with both directions of transmission of the signals to be transferred, are directed towards the same side of the interface.

## 2.7 Synchronization

7001 **synchronization**

*F: synchronisation*

*S: sincronización*

The process of adjusting the corresponding significant instants of signals to make them synchronous.

7002 **timing information**

*F: information de rythme*

*S: información de temporización*

Information contained in a signal relating to the timing of another signal.

7003 **synchronization information**

*F: information de synchronisation*

*S: información de sincronización*

Information that indicates the relationship between the timing of two or more signals.

7004 **clock control signal**

*F: signal de commande d'horloge*

*S: señal de control de reloj*

A signal that directly controls the phase or frequency of a clock.

7005 **synchronization node**

*F: nœud de synchronisation*

*S: nodo de sincronización*

A point in a synchronized network at which synchronization information is derived, sent or received.

7006 **synchronization link**

*F: liaison de synchronisation*

*S: enlace de sincronización*

A link between two synchronization nodes over which synchronization information is transmitted.

7007 **synchronization network**

*F: réseau de synchronisation*

*S: red de sincronización*

An arrangement of synchronization nodes and synchronization links provided in order to synchronize the clocks at, or connected to, those nodes.

7008 **single-ended synchronization**

*F: synchronisation locale [synchronisation unilatérale]*

*S: sincronización uniterminal*

A method of synchronizing a specified synchronization node with respect to another synchronization node in which synchronization information at the specified node is derived from the phase difference between the local clock and the incoming digital signal from the other node.

7009 **double-ended synchronization**

*F: synchronisation locale et distante [synchronisation bilatérale]*

*S: sincronización biterminal*

A method of synchronizing a specified synchronization node with respect to another synchronization node in which synchronization information at the specified node is derived by comparing the phase difference between the local clock and the incoming digital signal from the other node, with the phase difference at the other node between its local clock and the digital signal incoming from the specified node.

7010 **unilateral control**

*F: synchronisation unilatérale [commande unilatérale]*

*S: control unilateral*

Control between two synchronization nodes such that the frequency of the clock of only one of these nodes is influenced by timing information derived from the clock of the other node.

7011 **bilateral control**

*F: synchronisation bilatérale [commande bilatérale]*

*S: control bilateral*

Control between two synchronization nodes such that the frequency of the clock of each of these nodes is influenced by timing information derived from the clock of the other node.

7012 **analogue control**

*F: synchronisation analogique [mode analogique]*

*S: control analógico*

A method of controlling clocks in which the clock control signal is a continuous (monotonic) function of the phase difference between clocks, at least over a limited range.

7013 **linear analogue control**

*F: synchronisation analogique linéaire [mode analogique linéaire]*

*S: control analógico lineal*

Analogue control in which the clock control signal is proportional to the phase difference between clocks, at least over a limited range.

7014 **amplitude quantized control**

*F: synchronisation quantifiée [mode à quantification d'amplitude]*

*S: control por cuantificación de amplitud*

A method of controlling clocks in which the clock control signal is a quantized function of the phase difference between clocks.

NOTE – In practice this implies that the working range of phase errors is divided into a finite number of subranges and that a unique signal is derived for each subrange whenever the error falls within a subrange.

7015 **time quantized control**

*F: synchronisation échantillonnée [mode à quantification temporelle]*

*S: control por cuantificación temporal*

A method of controlling clocks in which each clock control signal is derived or utilized only at a number of discrete instants, which may or may not be equally separated in time.

7016 **synchronized network [synchronous network]**

*F: réseau synchronisé [réseau synchrone]*

*S: red sincronizada [red síncrona]*

A network in which the corresponding significant instants of nominated signals are adjusted to make them synchronous.

7017 **non-synchronized network**

*F: réseau non synchronisé*

*S: red no sincronizada*

A network in which signals need not be synchronous.

7018 **mutually synchronized network**

*F: réseau à synchronisation mutuelle*

*S: red mutuamente sincronizada*

A synchronized network in which each clock exerts a degree of control on all others.

7019 **democratic network, democratic mutually synchronized network**

*F: réseau démocratique, réseau à synchronisation mutuelle démocratique*

*S: red democrática, red democrática mutuamente sincronizada*

A mutually synchronized network in which all clocks are of equal status and exert equal amounts of control on the others; the network operating frequency (digit rate) being the mean of the natural (uncontrolled) frequencies of all the clocks.

7020 **hierarchical network, hierarchical synchronized network**

*F: réseau hiérarchisé, réseau à synchronisation hiérarchisée*

*S: red jerárquica, red con sincronización jerárquica*

A synchronized network in which each clock is assigned a particular status which determines the degree of control it exerts over the other clocks.

7021 **hierarchical mutually synchronized network**

*F: réseau hiérarchisé à synchronisation mutuelle*

*S: red jerárquica mutuamente sincronizada*

A mutually synchronized network in which each clock is assigned a particular status which determines the degree of control it exerts over other clocks; the network operating frequency being a weighted mean of the natural frequencies of all the clocks.

7022 **monarchic network, monarchic synchronized network [despotic network, despotic synchronized network]**

*F: réseau despotique, réseau à synchronisation despotique*

*S: red despótica, red con sincronización despótica [red monárquica, red con sincronización monárquica]*

A synchronized network in which a single clock exerts control over all the other clocks.

7023 **oligarchic network, oligarchic synchronized network**

*F: réseau oligarchique, réseau à synchronisation oligarchique*

*S: red oligárquica, red con sincronización oligárquica*

A synchronized network in which a few selected clocks are mutually synchronized and exert control over all the other clocks.

## 2.8 Pulse code modulation

8001 **pulse code modulation (PCM)**

*F: modulation par impulsions et codage (MIC)*

*S: modulación por impulsos codificados (MIC)*

A process in which a signal is sampled, and each sample is quantized independently of other samples and converted by encoding to a digital signal.

8002 **differential pulse code modulation (DPCM)**

*F: modulation par impulsions et codage différentiel (MICD)*

*S: modulación por impulsos codificados diferencial (MICD)*

A process in which a signal is sampled, and the difference between each sample of this signal and its estimated value is quantized and converted by encoding to a digital signal.

NOTE – The estimated values of the signal are calculated by a predictor from the quantized difference signal.

8003 **delta modulation**

*F: modulation delta*

*S: modulación delta*

A form of differential pulse code modulation in which only the sign of the difference between each sample and its predicted value is detected and encoded by a single bit.

8004 **adaptive differential pulse code modulation (ADPCM)**

*F: modulation par impulsions et codage différentiel adaptatif (MICDA)*

*S: modulación por impulsos codificados diferencial adaptativa (MICDA)*

ADPCM algorithms are compression algorithms that achieve bit rate reduction through the use of adaptive prediction and adaptive quantization.

8005 **predictor**

*F: prédicteur*

*S: predictor*

A device that provides an estimated value of a sampled signal derived from previous samples of the same signal or from a quantized version of those samples.

8006 **adaptive predictor**

*F: prédicteur adaptatif*

*S: predictor adaptativo*

A predictor whose estimating function is made variable according to the short term spectral characteristics of the sampled signal.

For ADPCM in particular, an adaptive predictor is a time-varying process that computer an estimate of the input signal from the quantized difference signal.

8007 **sample**

*F: échantillon*

*S: muestra*

A representative value of a signal at a chosen instant, derived from a portion of that signal.

8008 **sampling**

*F: échantillonnage*

*S: muestreo*

The process of taking samples of a signal, usually at equal time intervals.

8009 **sampling rate**

*F: fréquence d'échantillonnage [taux d'échantillonnage]*

*S: velocidad de muestreo [frecuencia de muestreo]*

The number of samples taken of a signal per unit time.

8010 **working range**

*F: plage de fonctionnement [gamme de fonctionnement]*

*S: gama de funcionamiento*

The range of values of an input signal over which an equipment is designed to operate with a specified performance. (See Figure 2.)

8011 **quantizing**

*F: quantification*

*S: cuantificación*

A process in which a continuous range of values is divided into a number of adjacent intervals, and any value within a given interval is represented by a single predetermined value within the interval. (See Figure 2.)

8012 **adaptive quantizing**

*F: quantification adaptative*

*S: cuantificación adaptativa*

Quantizing in which some parameters are made variable according to the short-term statistical characteristics of the quantized signal.

8013 **uniform quantizing**

*F: quantification uniforme*

*S: cuantificación uniforme*

Quantizing in which all the quantizing intervals lying entirely with the working range are equal. (See Figure 2.)

8014 **non-uniform quantizing**

*F: quantification non uniforme*

*S: cuantificación no uniforme*

Quantizing in which not all the quantizing intervals lying entirely with the working range are equal. (See Figure 2.)

8015 **quantizing interval**

*F: intervalle de quantification*

*S: intervalo de cuantificación*

One of the intervals used in quantizing. (See Figure 2.)

8016 **decision value**

*F: valeur de décision [amplitude de décision]*

*S: valor de decisión*

A value defining the boundary between adjacent quantizing intervals. (See Figures 2 and 4.)

8017 **virtual decision value**

*F: valeur virtuelle de décision [amplitude virtuelle de décision]*

*S: valor virtual de decisión*

Each of the two defined values, that provide conventional bounds for the working range in quantizing. (See Figure 2.)

NOTE – These values are taken to represent hypothetical outer bounds for the two extreme quantizing intervals of the quantizing law.

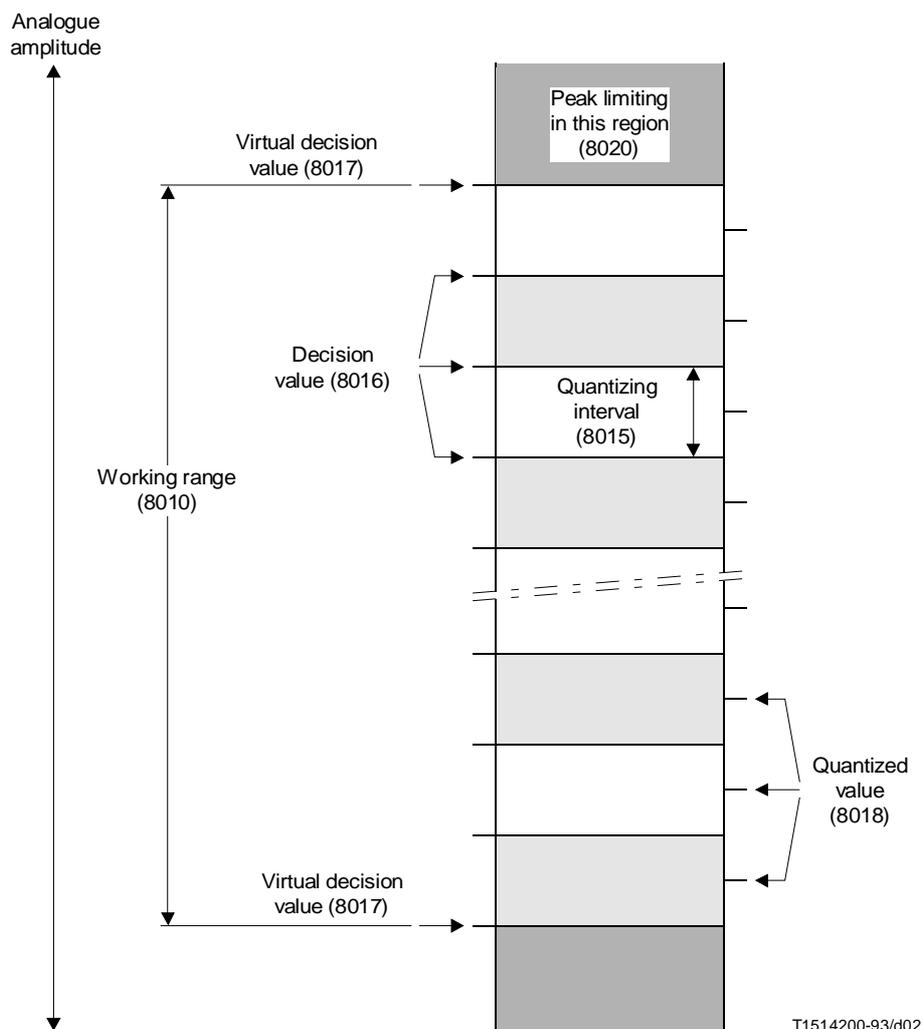


FIGURE 2/G.701  
**Illustration of terms associated with quantizing (8011)**

**8018 quantized value**

*F: valeur quantifiée [amplitude quantifiée]*  
*S: valor cuantificado*

The single discrete value used to represent any value in a particular quantizing interval. (See Figure 2.)

**8019 load capacity [overload point]**

*F: capacité de charge [point de surcharge]*  
*S: capacidad de carga [punto de sobrecarga]*

The level of a sinusoidal signal whose positive and negative peaks coincide with the virtual decision values.

**8020 peak limiting, peak limiting in quantizing**

*F: écrêtage*  
*S: limitación de cresta (en cuantificación)*

The effect whereby any value to be quantized lying outside the working range is replaced by the nearest quantized value. (See Figure 2.)

8021 **quantizing distortion**

*F: distorsion de quantification*

*S: distorsión de cuantificación*

The distortion resulting from the process of quantizing samples within the working range.

8022 **quantizing distortion power**

*F: puissance de distorsion de quantification*

*S: potencia de la distorsión de cuantificación*

The power of the distortion component of the output signal resulting from the process of quantizing.

8023 **encoding [coding, coding in PCM]**

*F: codage*

*S: codificación [codificación en MIC]*

The generation of a code word to represent a quantized value.

8024 **encoder [coder]**

*F: codeur*

*S: codificador*

A device that performs encoding.

8025 **uniform encoding**

*F: codage uniforme*

*S: codificación uniforme*

The generation of code words to represent uniformly quantized values.

8026 **non-uniform encoding**

*F: codage non uniforme*

*S: codificación no uniforme*

The generation of code words to represent non-uniformly quantized values. (See Figure 3.)

8027 **encoding law**

*F: loi de quantification [loi de codage]*

*S: ley de codificación*

The law defining the relative values of the quantizing intervals used in quantizing and encoding. (See Figure 4.)

8028 **segmented encoding law**

*F: loi de quantification à segments [loi de codage à segments]*

*S: ley de codificación por segmentos*

An encoding law in which an approximation to a smooth law is obtained by a number of linear segments. [See diagrams a) and b) of Figure 3.]

8029 **decoding**

*F: décodage*

*S: decodificación*

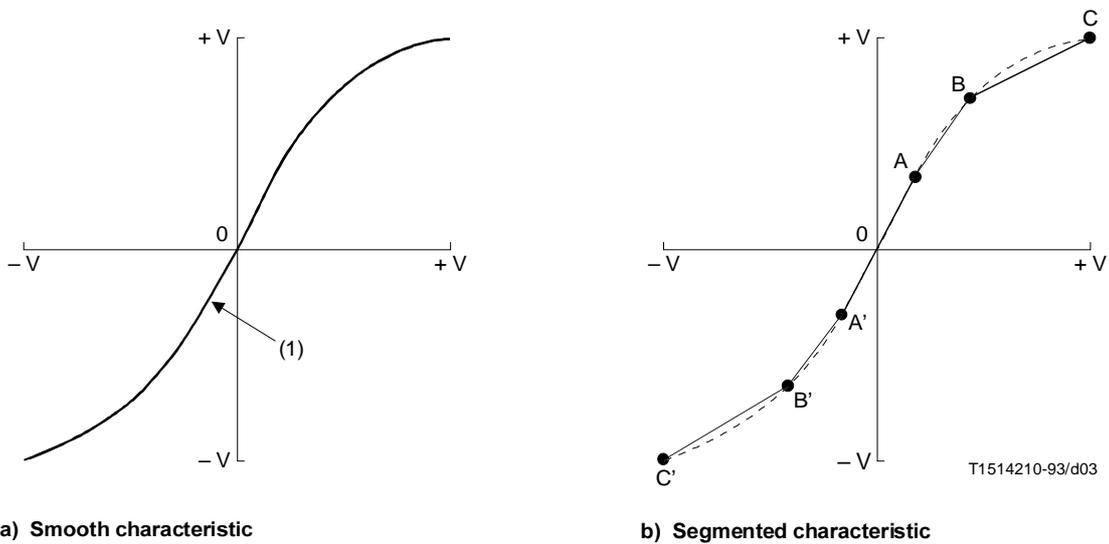
The generation of reconstructed samples.

8030 **decoder**

*F: décodeur*

*S: decodificador*

A device that performs decoding.



NOTES

- 1 A central linear section (1), if present, must tangentially join on to the curved end-section.
- 2 This particular characteristic has 5 linear segments: C'B', B'A', A'A, AB, BC.

FIGURE 3/G.701  
Non-uniform encoding laws

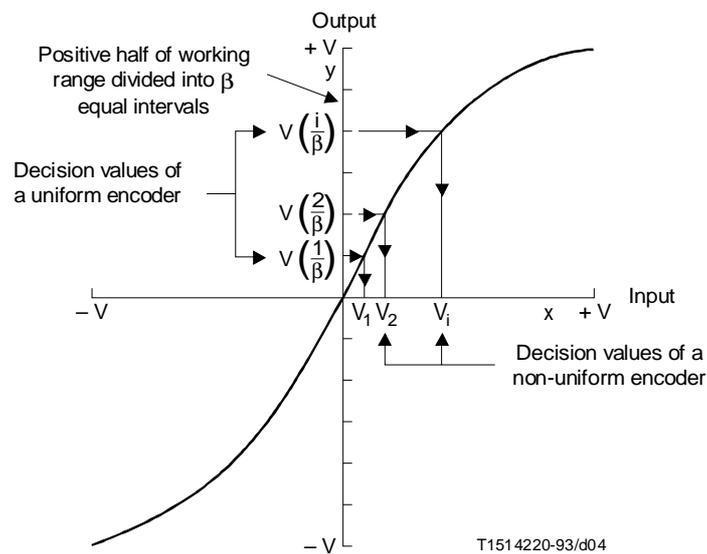


FIGURE 4/G.701  
Relationship between the decision values of a uniform and a non-uniform encoding law

8031 **reconstructed sample**

*F: échantillon reconstitué*

*S: muestra reconstruida*

The signal generated at the output of a decoder when a specified digital signal representing a quantized value is applied to its input.

8032 **codec**

*F: codec*

*S: códec*

A combination of an encoder and a decoder operating in opposite directions of transmission in the same equipment.

NOTE – When used to describe an equipment the function of the equipment should qualify the title, for example: supergroup codec, hypergroup codec.

8033 **digilogue channel**

*F: voie digilogue*

*S: canal digi-analógico*

A channel in which information is represented by a digital signal at one end and the same information is represented by the corresponding analogue signal at the other end.

NOTE – The term may be qualified by “A to D” or “D to A” to indicate whether encoding or decoding is being performed.

8034 **digilogue circuit**

*F: circuit digilogue*

*S: circuito digi-analógico*

A circuit in which transmission is provided in one direction by an A to D digilogue channel and in the other direction by a D to A digilogue channel.

NOTE – Because the digital interface is inherently 4-wire, the term may be qualified by “2-W” or “4-W” to indicate whether the analogue interface is 2-wire or 4-wire.

8035 **asynchronous tandem encoding**

*F: codage asynchrone en cascade*

*S: codificación asíncrona en tándem*

An asynchronous tandem encoding is a transcoding of the form ADPCM-PCM-analog signal-PCM-ADPCM.

8036 **build-out delay**

*F: délai de reconstitution*

*S: retardo de reconstitución*

Build-out delay is the maximum variable transmission and processing delay that is permitted in a wideband network.

8037 **check sequence (CS)**

*F: séquence de contrôle*

*S: secuencia de verificación*

The check sequence is a sequence of bits that offers a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) to allow the detection of errors.

8038 **embedded adaptive differential pulse code modulation (embedded ADPCM)**

*F: modulation par impulsions et codage différentiel adaptatif imbriqué (ADPCM imbriqué)*

*S: modulación por impulsos codificados diferencial adaptativa incorporada (MICDA incorporada)*

Embedded ADPCM algorithms are ADPCM algorithms that quantize the difference between the input and the estimated signal into core bits and enhancement bits.

8039 **frame abort**

*F: abandon de trames*

*S: aborto de trama*

The frame abort is the event that occurs when a link layer entity ignores a frame that it is currently receiving.

8040 **frame check sequence (FCS)**

*F: séquence de contrôle de la trame*

*S: secuencia de verificación de la trama*

The frame check sequence is a cyclic redundancy check sequence that is derived over an entire frame (excluding flags).

8041 **synchronous coding adjustment**

*F: ajustement du codage synchrone*

*S: ajuste de la codificación síncrona*

Synchronous coding adjustment is a method that prevents the accumulation of distortion on synchronous tandem encodings in the absence of transmission errors and when the integrity of the bit stream is preserved.

8042 **synchronous tandem encoding**

*F: codage synchrone en cascade*

*S: codificación síncrona en tándem*

A synchronous tandem encoding is a transcoding of the form ADPCM-PCM-ADPCM in the absence of transmission errors and when the integrity of the bit stream is preserved.

## 2.9 Codes

9001 **pulse code**

*F: code d'impulsions (code de modulation d'impulsions)*

*S: código de impulsos*

A set of rules giving the equivalence between each quantized value and its corresponding code word.

9002 **line code**

*F: code en ligne*

*S: código de línea, código en línea*

A code chosen to suit the characteristics of a channel, that defines the equivalence between sets of digits presented for transmission and the corresponding sequence of signal elements transmitted over that channel.

9003 **redundant line code**

*F: code en ligne redondant*

*S: código de línea redundante*

A line code that uses more encoded signal elements than strictly necessary to represent groups of digits of the original signal.

9004 **alternate mark inversion code (AMI code)**

*F: code bipolaire [code bipolaire alternant, code bipolaire strict]*

*S: código de inversión de marcas alternada (código AMI) [código bipolar]*

A line code that employs a ternary signal to convey binary digits, in which successive binary ones are represented by signal elements that are normally of alternating, positive and negative polarity but equal in amplitude, and in which binary zeros are represented by signal elements that have zero amplitude.

9005 **modified alternate mark inversion code**

*F: code bipolaire alternant modifié*  
*S: código de inversión de marcas alternada modificado*

A line code that is based on an alternate mark inversion code, in which alternate mark inversion violations occur in accordance with a defined set of rules.

9006 **alternate mark inversion signal [bipolar signal]**

*F: signal bipolaire [signal bipolaire alternant]*  
*S: señal de inversión de marcas alternada [señal bipolar]*

The encoded signal produced by alternate mark inversion code.

9007 **alternate mark inversion violation [bipolar violation]**

*F: violation de bipolarité*  
*S: violación de inversión de marcas alternada [violación bipolar]*

A non-zero signal element in an alternate mark inversion signal that has the same polarity as the previous non-zero signal element.

9008 **disparity**

*F: disparité*  
*S: disparidad*

The algebraic sum of the values of the departure from notional zero level of one or more consecutive signal elements forming a defined group.

9009 **digital sum**

*F: somme numérique*  
*S: suma digital*

The algebraic sum of the disparities of a sequence of consecutive defined groups of signal elements.

9010 **digital sum variation**

*F: variation de la somme numérique*  
*S: variación de la suma digital*

The difference between the maximum possible digital sum and the minimum possible digital sum of a specified number of groups of signal elements.

9011 **balanced code**

*F: code à somme bornée*  
*S: código equilibrado*

A code that generates only groups of signal elements that have zero digital sum.

9012 **paired-disparity code [alternate code, alternating code]**

*F: code à disparité compensée*  
*S: código con disparidad compensada [código alternado, código alternante]*

A code in which some or all of the digits in the original signal are represented by two assemblies of digits, of opposite disparity, which are used in a sequence to minimize the digital sum of a longer sequence of digits.

NOTE – An alternate mark inversion signal is an example of a paired-disparity code.

9013 **PCM binary code**

*F: code binaire MIC*  
*S: código binario MIC*

A pulse code in which all the quantized values are identified by binary numbers taken in order.

NOTE – This term should not be used for line transmission.

9014 **symmetrical binary code**

*F: code binaire symétrique*

*S: código binario simétrico*

A pulse code in which the sign of the quantized value is represented by one digit, and in which the remaining digits constitute a binary number representing the magnitude.

NOTES

1 In a particular symmetrical binary code, the order of the digits and the use made of the symbols 0 and 1 in the various digit positions must be specified.

2 This term should not be used for line transmission.

9015 **code conversion**

*F: transcodage*

*S: conversión de código*

The conversion of digital signals in one code to the corresponding signals in a different code.

## Annex A

### Alphabetical list of terms defined in this Recommendation

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation)

|      |   |      |  |
|------|---|------|--|
| 8004 | adaptive differential pulse code modulation (ADPCM) | 1005 | channel, transmission channel                                |
| 8006 | adaptive predictor                                  | 4002 | channel gate   |
| 8012 | adaptive quantizing                                 | 6006 | channel time-slot  |
| 3023 | alarm indication signal (AIS)                       | 2005 | [character signal]   |
| 9012 | [alternate code]                                    | 8037 | check sequence (CS)  |
| 9004 | alternate mark inversion code (AMI code)            | 1007 | circuit, telecommunication circuit                           |
| 9012 | [alternating code]                                  | 6009 | clock  |
| 9006 | alternate mark inversion signal                     | 7004 | clock control signal   |
| 9007 | alternate mark inversion violation                  | 2005 | code word  |
| 7014 | amplitude quantized control                         | 8032 | codec  |
| 7012 | analogue control                                    | 8024 | [coder]  |
| 1002 | analogue signal                                     | 8023 | [coding, coding in PCM]                                      |
| 6015 | anisochronous                                       | 6021 | codirectional interface                                      |
| 6018 | [asynchronous/heterochronous]                       | 1009 | congestion   |
| 8035 | asynchronous tandem encoding                        | 6023 | contradirectional interface                                  |
| 9011 | balanced code                                       | 2026 | controlled slip  |
| 7011 | bilateral control                                   | 2020 | decision circuit   |
| 2003 | binary digit  | 2019 | decision instant, decision instant of a digital signal       |
| 2002 | binary figure                                       | 8016 | decision value   |
| 9006 | [bipolar signal]                                    | 8030 | decoder  |
| 9007 | [bipolar violation]                                 | 8029 | decoding   |
| 3019 | bit sequence independence                           | 8003 | delta modulation   |
| 8036 | build-out delay                                     | 7019 | democratic network, democratic mutually synchronized network |
| 5003 | bunched frame alignment signal                      | 2029 | descrambler  |
| 4001 | (bus: American)                                     | 4011 | (deserializer: American)                                     |
| 6022 | centralized-clock interface                         |      |  |

|      |  |      |   |
|------|--|------|---|
| 7022 | [despotic network, despotic synchronized network]  | 9008 | disparity   |
| 8002 | differential pulse code modulation (DPCM)          | 5004 | distributed frame alignment signal                                    |
| 8033 | digilogue channel                                  | 7009 | double-ended synchronization  |
| 8034 | digilogue circuit                                  | 4010 | [dynamicizer]   |
| 2001 | digit  | 3009 | elementary cable section  |
| 2008 | digit position                                     | 3011 | elementary regenerator section  |
| 2013 | digit rate   | 3010 | elementary repeater section   |
| 3020 | digit sequence integrity                           | 8038 | embedded adaptive differential pulse code modulation (embedded ADPCM) |
| 6005 | digit time-slot                                    | 8024 | encoder   |
| 4019 | digital block                                      | 8023 | encoding  |
| 3002 | digital channel, digital transmission channel      | 8027 | encoding law  |
| 3003 | digital circuit, digital telecommunication circuit | 2015 | equivalent binary content   |
| 3004 | digital connection                                 | 2016 | equivalent bit rate   |
| 4016 | digital demultiplexer                              | 2030 | error, digital error  |
| 4015 | digital demultiplexing                             | 2032 | error multiplication  |
| 3006 | digital distribution frame                         | 2033 | error multiplication factor   |
| 2030 | digital error                                      | 2031 | [error rate]  |
| 4021 | digital filling                                    | 2031 | error ratio   |
| 3013 | digital line link                                  | 2034 | error spread  |
| 3013 | [digital line path]                                | 4007 | frame   |
| 3012 | digital line section                               | 8039 | frame abort   |
| 3015 | digital line system                                | 5001 | frame alignment   |
| 3005 | digital link, digital transmission link            | 5002 | frame alignment signal  |
| 4014 | digital multiplexer                                | 5005 | frame alignment recovery time   |
| 4017 | digital multiplex equipment                        | 6008 | frame alignment time-slot   |
| 4003 | digital multiplex hierarchy                        | 8040 | frame check sequence  |
| 4013 | digital multiplexing                               | 6020 | heterochronous  |
| 4021 | [digital padding]                                  | 7021 | hierarchic mutually synchronized network                              |
| 3005 | [digital path]                                     | 7020 | hierarchic network, hierarchic synchronized network                   |
| 3017 | digital radio link                                 | 4001 | highway   |
| 3017 | [digital radio path]                               | 6017 | homochronous  |
| 3016 | digital radio section                              | 3025 | [housekeeping digits]   |
| 3018 | digital radio system                               | 1008 | interface   |
| 3007 | digital section                                    | 6014 | isochronous   |
| 2006 | digital signal                                     | 2024 | jitter  |
| 9009 | digital sum  | 4026 | justifiable digit time-slot   |
| 9010 | digital sum variation                              | 4022 | justification   |
| 3003 | digital telecommunication circuit                  | 4029 | justification rate  |
| 3001 | digital transmission                               | 4032 | justification ratio   |
| 3002 | digital transmission channel                       | 4028 | justification service digit   |
| 3005 | digital transmission link                          | 4027 | justifying digit  |
| 3014 | digital transmission system                        | 9002 | line code   |
| 3022 | digital transparency                               | 2014 | line digit rate   |
| 4005 | (digroup: American)                                |      |   |
| 1003 | discretely-timed signal                            |      |   |

|      |   |      |  |
|------|---|------|--|
| 7013 | linear analogue control                             | 4004 | primary digital group  |
| 8019 | load capacity                                       | 4005 | primary PCM group  |
| 6011 | master clock  | 2012 | pseudo n-ary signal  |
| 4031 | maximum justification rate                          | 9001 | pulse code   |
| 4031 | [maximum stuffing rate]                             | 8001 | pulse code modulation (PCM)                                  |
| 6016 | [mesochronous]                                      | 4022 | [pulse stuffing]   |
| 9005 | modified alternate mark inversion code              | 8018 | quantized value  |
| 7022 | monarchic network, monarchic synchronized network   | 8011 | quantizing   |
| 4008 | multiframe  | 8021 | quantizing distortion  |
| 7018 | mutually synchronized network                       | 8022 | quantizing distortion power                                  |
| 4006 | n-ary digital group                                 | 8015 | quantizing interval  |
| 2009 | n-ary digital signal                                | 8031 | reconstructed sample   |
| 4024 | negative justification                              | 2010 | redundant digital signal                                     |
| 4024 | [negative stuffing, negative pulse stuffing]        | 9003 | redundant line code  |
| 4030 | nominal justification rate                          | 2011 | redundant n-ary signal                                       |
| 4033 | nominal justification ratio                         | 6010 | reference clock  |
| 4030 | [nominal stuffing rate]                             | 2021 | regeneration   |
| 4033 | [nominal stuffing ratio]                            | 2023 | regenerative repeater  |
| 7017 | non-synchronized network                            | 2022 | regenerator  |
| 6018 | non-synchronous                                     | 3011 | [regenerator section]  |
| 8026 | non-uniform encoding                                | 3009 | [repeater section]   |
| 8014 | non-uniform quantizing                              | 6013 | relative time interval error                                 |
| 2004 | octet   | 6003 | retiming   |
| 3021 | octet sequence integrity                            | 8007 | sample   |
| 7023 | oligarchic network, oligarchic synchronized network | 8008 | sampling   |
| 5006 | out-of-frame alignment time                         | 8009 | sampling rate  |
| 8019 | [overload point]                                    | 2028 | scrambler  |
| 4034 | packetized circuit multiplication equipment (PCME)  | 3008 | section termination  |
| 4035 | packetized circuit multiplication system            | 8028 | segmented encoding law                                       |
| 9012 | paired-disparity code                               | 4011 | serial to parallel converter                                 |
| 4010 | parallel to serial converter                        | 4010 | (serializer: American)                                       |
| 4018 | PCM multiplex equipment                             | 3025 | service digits   |
| 8020 | peak limiting, peak limiting in quantizing          | 1001 | signal   |
| 6019 | plesiochronous                                      | 2007 | signal element   |
| 4023 | positive justification                              | 6007 | signalling time-slot   |
| 4023 | [positive stuffing, positive pulse stuffing]        | 2017 | significant instant, significant instant of a digital signal |
| 4025 | positive/zero/negative justification                | 7008 | single-ended synchronization                                 |
| 4025 | [positive/zero/negative stuffing]                   | 2026 | [slip]   |
| 4025 | positive/zero/negative pulse stuffing               | 4011 | [staticizer]   |
| 8005 | predictor   | 4026 | [stuffable digit time-slot]                                  |
| 4005 | [primary block]                                     | 4022 | [stuffing]   |
|      |   | 4027 | [stuffing digit]   |
|      |   | 4029 | [stuffing rate]  |
|      |   | 4032 | [stuffing ratio]   |
|      |   | 4028 | [stuffing service digit]                                     |

|      |                               |      |                                    |
|------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| 4009 | subframe                      | 6004 | time-slot                          |
| 2014 | [symbol rate]                 | 6002 | [timing extraction]                |
| 9014 | symmetrical binary code       | 7002 | timing information                 |
| 7001 | synchronization               | 6001 | timing signal                      |
| 7003 | synchronization information   | 6002 | timing recovery                    |
| 7006 | synchronization link          | 1004 | transmission                       |
| 7005 | synchronization node          | 1005 | transmission channel               |
| 7007 | synchronization network       | 4020 | transmultiplexer                   |
| 6016 | synchronous                   | 3022 | transparency, digital transparency |
| 7016 | synchronized network          | 2027 | uncontrolled slip                  |
| 8041 | synchronous coding adjustment | 8025 | uniform encoding                   |
| 7016 | [synchronous network]         | 8013 | uniform quantizing                 |
| 8042 | synchronous tandem encoding   | 7010 | unilateral control                 |
| 1006 | telecommunication             | 2018 | unit interval                      |
| 1007 | telecommunication circuit     | 3024 | upstream failure indication        |
| 4012 | time-division multiplexing    | 8017 | virtual decision value             |
| 6012 | time interval error           | 2025 | wander                             |
| 7015 | time quantized control        | 8010 | working range                      |

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## Appendix I

### List of abbreviations used in G-, H- and J-Series Recommendations

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation)

The following abbreviations are used in G-, H- and J-Series Recommendations.

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| AAL    | ATM adaptation layer                             |
| ACSE   | Application control service element              |
| A/D    | Analog/Digital conversion                        |
| ADPCM  | Adaptive differential pulse code modulation      |
| AIS    | Alarm indication signal                          |
| AMI    | Alternate mark inversion                         |
| ASN.1  | Abstract syntax notation one                     |
| ATM    | Asynchronous transfer mode                       |
| AV     | Audio visual                                     |
| BAS    | Bit rate allocation signal                       |
| B-ISDN | Broadband aspects of integrated services digital |
| BER    | Bit error ratio (or rate)                        |
| BLER   | Block error ratio                                |
| B8ZS   | Bipolar eight zero substitution                  |
| CBO    | Continuous bit-stream oriented (services)        |
| CBR    | Constant bit rate                                |

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| CMI   | Coded mark inversion  |
| CMIP  | Common management interface protocol                                  |
| CMIS  | Common management interface service                                   |
| CRC   | Cyclic redundancy check   |
| DCME  | Digital circuit multiplication equipment                              |
| DCMS  | Digital circuit multiplication system                                 |
| DCT   | Discrete cosine transformation  |
| DEMUX | Demultiplexer   |
| DFB   | Distributed feed-back (laser)   |
| DFSM  | Dispersion flattened single mode                                      |
| DLC   | Dynamic load control  |
| DLCI  | Data link connection identifier                                       |
| DSI   | Digital speech interpolation  |
| DSP   | Digital signal processor  |
| DTMF  | Dual tone multi-frequency   |
| DXC   | Digital cross-connect   |
| E/O   | Electro-optical conversion  |
| F-Bit | Framing bit   |
| FSK   | Frequency shift keying  |
| FTAM  | File transfert, access and management (OSI application layer service) |
| HDLC  | High-level data link control (protocol)                               |
| HEC   | Header error control  |
| HLC   | Higher layer compatibility  |
| HRX   | Hypothetical reference connection                                     |
| ISC   | International switching centre  |
| ISDN  | Integrated services digital network                                   |
| LAP   | Link access protocols (e.g. LAPB, LAPD)                               |
| LED   | Light emitting diode  |
| LLC   | Lower layer compatibility   |
| LME   | Layer management entity   |
| LSB   | Least significant bit   |
| MOS   | Mean opinion score  |
| MSB   | Most significant bit  |
| MUX   | Multiplexer   |
| NRZ   | Non-return to zero  |
| O&M   | Operations and maintenance  |
| OMC   | Operations and maintenance centre                                     |
| OSF   | Operations systems functions  |
| OSI   | Open system interconnection   |
| PCM   | Pulse code modulation   |
| PDH   | Plesiochronous digital hierarchy                                      |
| PON   | Passive optical network   |
| qdu   | Quantization distortion unit  |
| QWL   | Quantum well laser  |

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| ROSE | Remote operations service element     |
| SDH  | Synchronous digital hierarchy         |
| TDM  | Time division multiplexing            |
| TDMA | Time division multiple access         |
| TMN  | Telecommunication management network  |
| TS   | Time slot                             |
| UNI  | User network interface                |
| VBR  | Variable bit rate                     |
| WDM  | Wavelength division multiplexing      |
| WSF  | Work station function                 |
| WTDM | Wavelength time division multiplexing |