

RECOMMENDATION ITU-R F.701-2

**RADIO-FREQUENCY CHANNEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANALOGUE AND DIGITAL
POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT RADIO SYSTEMS OPERATING IN FREQUENCY
BANDS IN THE RANGE 1.350 TO 2.690 GHz
(1.5, 1.8, 2.0, 2.2, 2.4 AND 2.6 GHz)**

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considering

- a) that both analogue and digital point-to-multipoint microwave systems are now widely used to provide wireless access to telephone and other telecommunication subscriber services in rural and remote areas of many countries;
- b) that many of these systems are operating in a number of specific frequency bands between 1.350 and 2.690 GHz as established by administrations;
- c) that some administrations permit sharing of certain of these frequency bands between point-to-point (P-P) and point-to-multipoint (P-MP) systems;
- d) that the radio-frequency (RF) channel arrangements for fixed radio systems are given in Recommendations ITU-R F.283, ITU-R F.382, ITU-R F.746, ITU-R F.1098, ITU-R F.1242 and ITU-R F.1243;
- e) that efficient use of bands of different width can be achieved by RF channel arrangements matched to the width of the band available;
- f) that a high degree of compatibility between RF channels of different arrangements could be achieved by selecting all channel centre frequencies from a uniform basic pattern;
- g) that the centre gaps of the individual channel arrangements and the guard spacing at the edges of the band can be chosen by non-occupancy of a suitable number of RF-channel positions in a homogeneous basic pattern;
- h) that the uniform basic pattern spacing should not be unjustifiably small (i.e. the number of RF-channel positions too high) nor so large as to jeopardize efficient use of the available spectrum;
- j) that the absolute frequencies of the basic pattern should be defined by a single reference frequency,

recommends

1 that the preferred RF channel arrangement for P-MP radio-relay systems carrying of the order of 10 to 120 telephone channels or a bit rate of the order of 1 to 8 Mbit/s or the equivalent and operating in the frequency bands between 1.350 and 2.690 GHz should, if practicable, be the same as the corresponding arrangements for P-P radio-relay systems;

2 that if it is not practicable to use the same channel arrangements as for P-P radio-relay systems, the channel arrangements should be selected from a pattern with the following characteristics:

centre frequencies, f_n , of the radio-frequency channels within the basic pattern:

$$f_n = f_R - 0.5 m \quad \text{MHz}$$

where:

m : integer whose maximum value depends on the available frequency band

f_R : reference frequency;

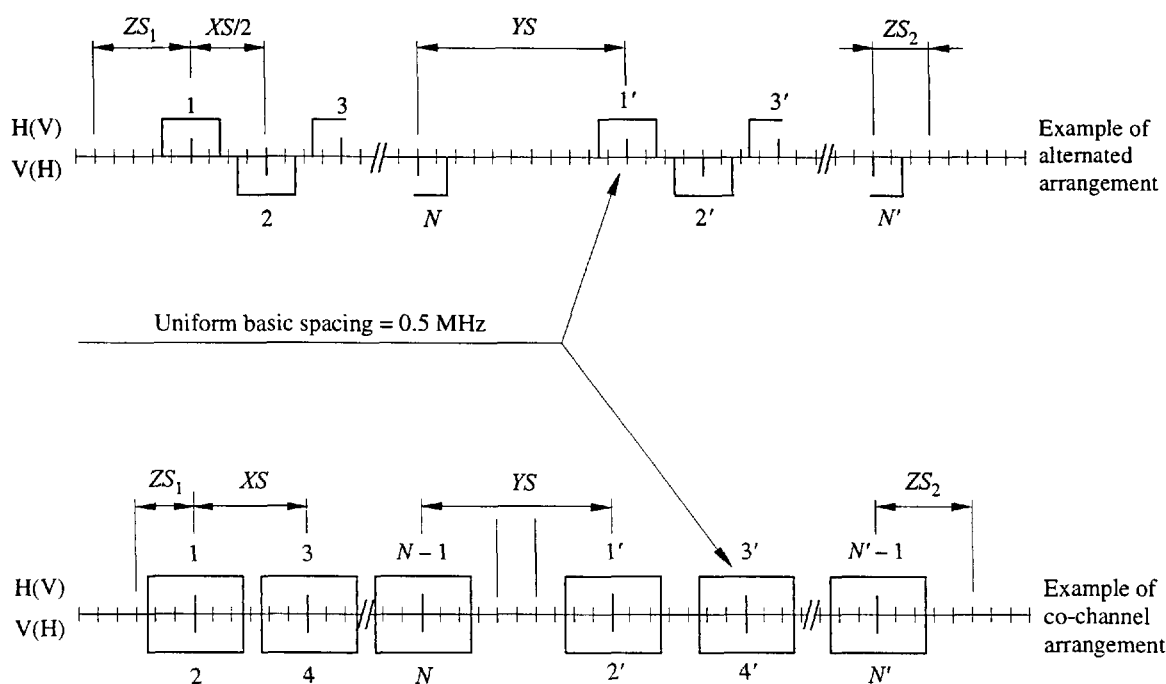
3 that these arrangements be applicable to the following frequency bands with the stated values of reference frequency f_R (see Notes 1 and 2):

Frequency band (MHz)	f_R (MHz)	Notes
1 350-1 530	1 530	4
1 700-1 900	1 900	5 and 6
1 900-2 100	2 100	5, 6 and 7
2 100-2 300	2 300	5, 6, 7 and 8
2 300-2 500	2 500	3, 8 and 9
2 500-2 690	2 690	5 and 8

4 that the channel spacing XS , the centre gap YS , the guard spaces ZS_1 and ZS_2 , and antenna polarization should preferably be chosen to allow P-MP radio systems to coexist with P-P systems operating on channel plans described in Recommendations ITU-R F.283, ITU-R F.382, ITU-R F.746, ITU-R F.1098, ITU-R F.1242 and ITU-R F.1243, and should be agreed between the administrations concerned (see Note 1);

5 that the alternated or co-channel arrangement plan should be used, examples of which are shown in Fig. 1.

FIGURE 1
Examples of channel arrangements based on § 1, 2 and 3



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NOTE 1 – It is recognized that some administrations have developed frequency channel arrangements that differ from this Recommendation inasmuch as ZS_1 , ZS_2 and YS were not always integer multiples of the channel spacing XS .

NOTE 2 – Some administrations have selected f_R to be a frequency other than those shown in *recommends* 3.

NOTE 3 – A frequency channel arrangement for fixed radio systems in this band is described in Recommendation ITU-R F.746.