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MULTI-LEVEL MODULATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

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MEHRSTUFIGERMODULATION -SYSTEM UND -VERFAHREN

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Abstract (en)
[origin: GB2478143A] DVB (Digital Video Broadcasting) networks, for example NGH (Next Generation for Handheld), using OFDM (orthogonal frequency division multiplexing) can be deployed as single frequency networks. The invention allows common data (eg networked programs) sent to all/multiple base stations y0-3to be combined with local data h0-1(eg local news) sent to one or a small group of base stations. When only common data is transmitted OFDM sub-carriers use a first modulation94(eg 16QAM). When both common and local data is transmitted sub-carriers are hierarchically modulated into a larger constellation96(eg 64QAM). The QAM constellations may be rotated (Figs. 8-11). Clusters of proximate/ adjacent base stations may be arranged to transmit on a TDM (time division multiplexed) basis (Fig. 12). At the receiver (Fig. 21) data streams are separated. The claims relate to receivers in the above system.

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