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This includes for instance

- regional and local broadband cable networks,
- extended satellite and terrestrial television distribution systems,
- individual satellite and terrestrial television receiving systems,

and all kinds of equipment, systems and installations used in such cable networks, distribution and receiving systems.

The extent of this standardization work is from the antennas and/or special signal source inputs to the headend or other interface points to the network up to the terminal input of the customer premises equipment.

The standardization work will consider coexistence with users of the RF spectrum in wired and wireless transmission systems.

The standardization of any user terminals (i.e. tuners, receivers, decoders, multimedia terminals, etc.) as well as of any coaxial, balanced and optical cables and accessories thereof is excluded.

The reception of television signals inside a building requires an outdoor antenna and a distribution network to convey the signal to the TV receivers.

The installation of an outdoor antenna for each TV receiver should be avoided for technical, economical and practical reasons.

In a building divided into apartment blocks, the installation of a master antenna television system for terrestrial (MATV) and/or satellite (SMATV) reception, as shown in Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 5, describing as an example the various parts of the system is usual. Most of the terms used in the IEC 60728 series can be referred to these figures.

When signals to be conveyed to the TV receivers are picked up far away, for geographical reasons, and the number of users (subscribers) is very high, the installation of a cable network using coaxial cables and/or fibre optic cables is used, as indicated in Figure 4, describing as an example the various parts of the system.

A system model of a cable network is shown in Figure 5, where the main parts of the systems are indicated, as defined in Clause 3.

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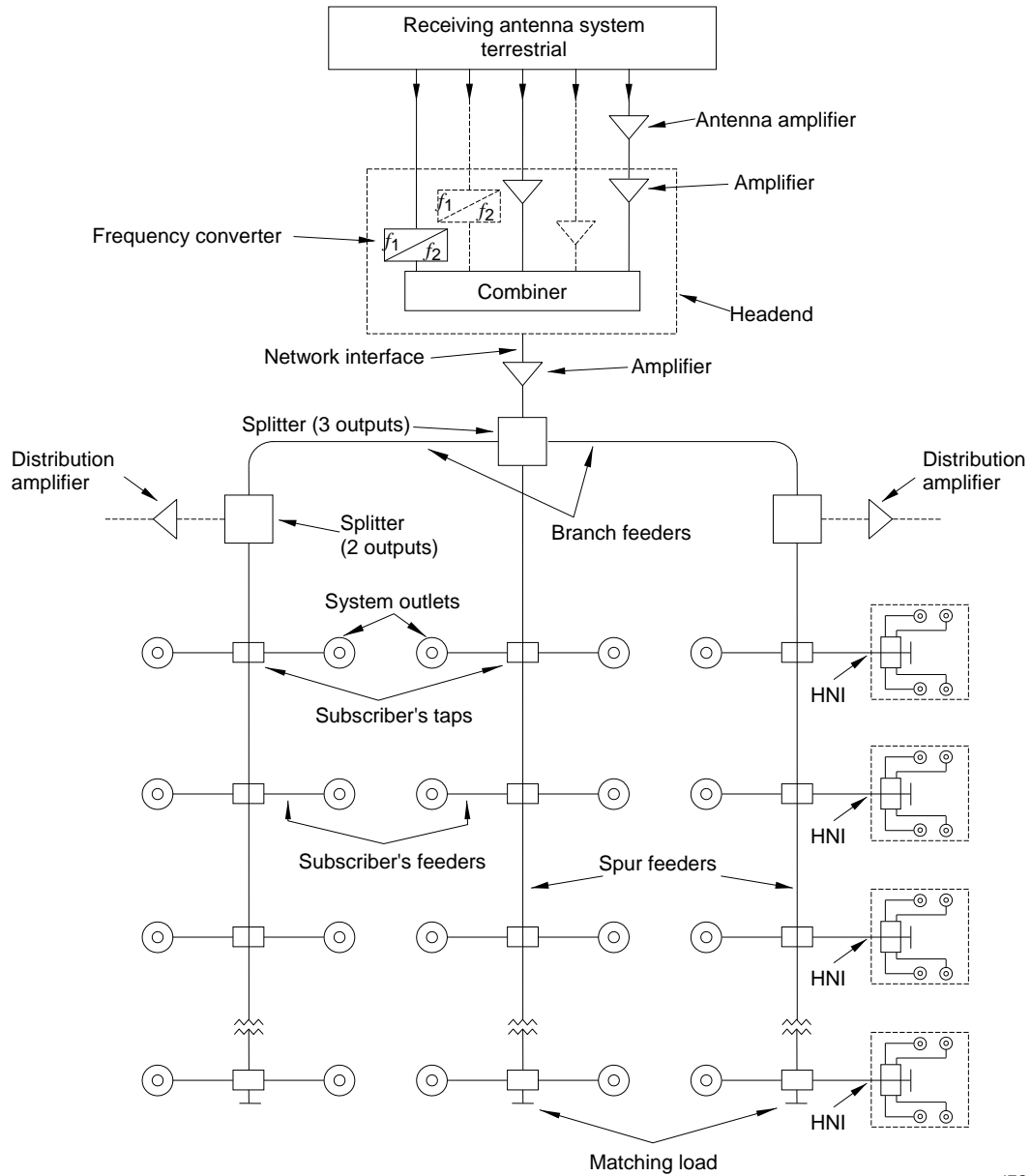
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Clause 4 defines the methods of measurement of the system performance parameters at the system outlet.

Clause 5 defines the system performance limits which will, with an unimpaired input, (headend input signal), produce picture and sound signals (at system outlets) where the quality requirement is a quasi-error-free (QEF) reception.

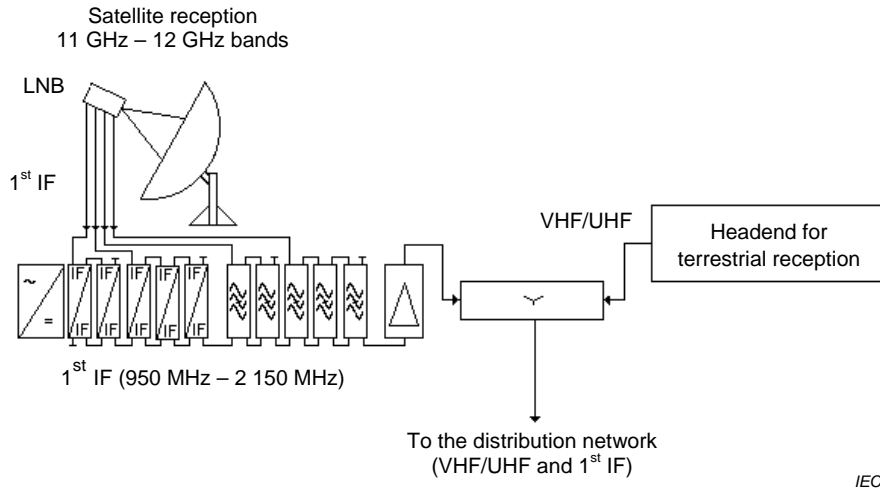
Appropriate performance requirements for the signals at the receiving antennas site are given in Clause 6 in order to provide, at the input of the headend of the cable network, for digital television signals with suitable quality.

Clause 7 is applicable to home networks (including those of individual receiving systems) using coaxial cables, balanced cables or optical cables and is primarily intended for television signals, sound signals and interactive services, operating between about 30 MHz and 3 000 MHz. Clause 7 also considers basic operational characteristics of a home network, specifies the requirements with respect to the home network interface (HNI) taking into account the performance requirements given at the system outlet or at the terminal input.



Some apartments (dwelling units) are served with a home network (HN), interfaced to the MATV system by the home network interface (HNI).

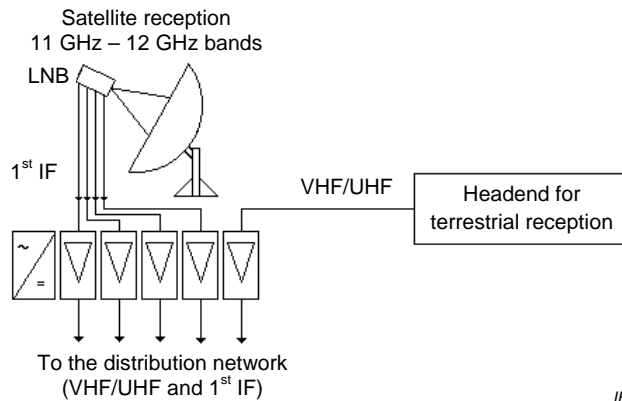
**Figure 1 – Example of a master antenna television system (MATV) for terrestrial reception**



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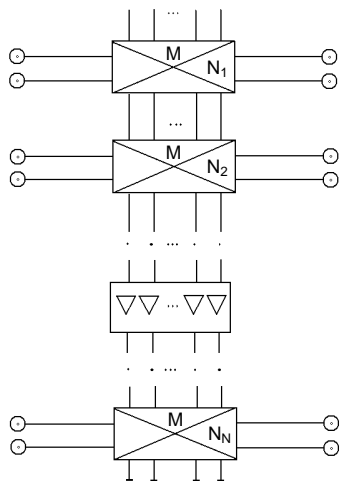
NOTE Distribution at the 1<sup>st</sup> IF on the same cable as terrestrial VHF/UHF channels.

**Figure 2 – Example of the headend of a master antenna television system for satellite (SMATV) reception**

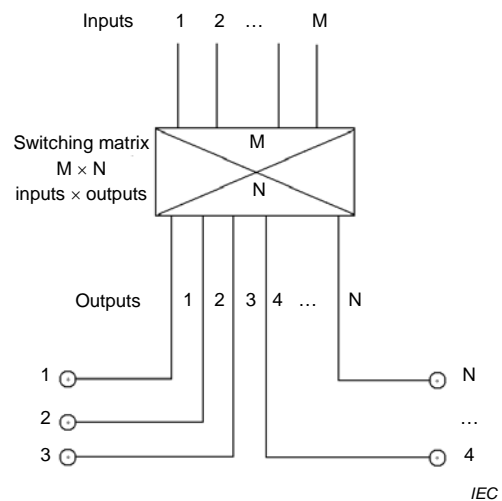


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**Figure 3a – Headend for terrestrial and satellite reception using multicable distribution**



**Figure 3b – Distribution with switching matrix at each flat**



**Figure 3c – Distribution with switching matrix: star configuration**

NOTE Distribution at the 1<sup>st</sup> IF using multicable and multi-switch technique.

**Figure 3 – Example of a master antenna television system for terrestrial and satellite (SMATV) reception**

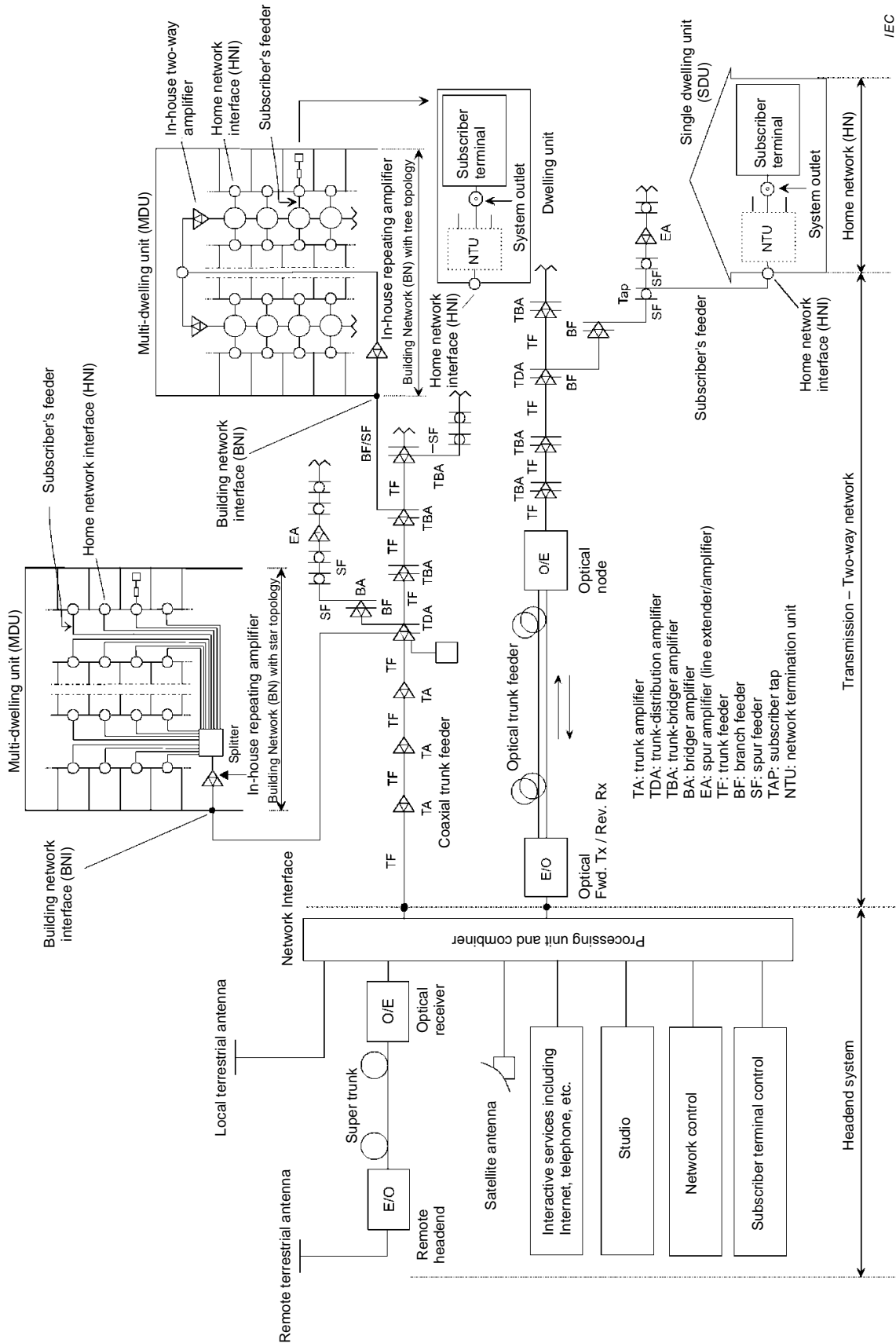


Figure 4 – Example of a cable distribution system for television and sound signals

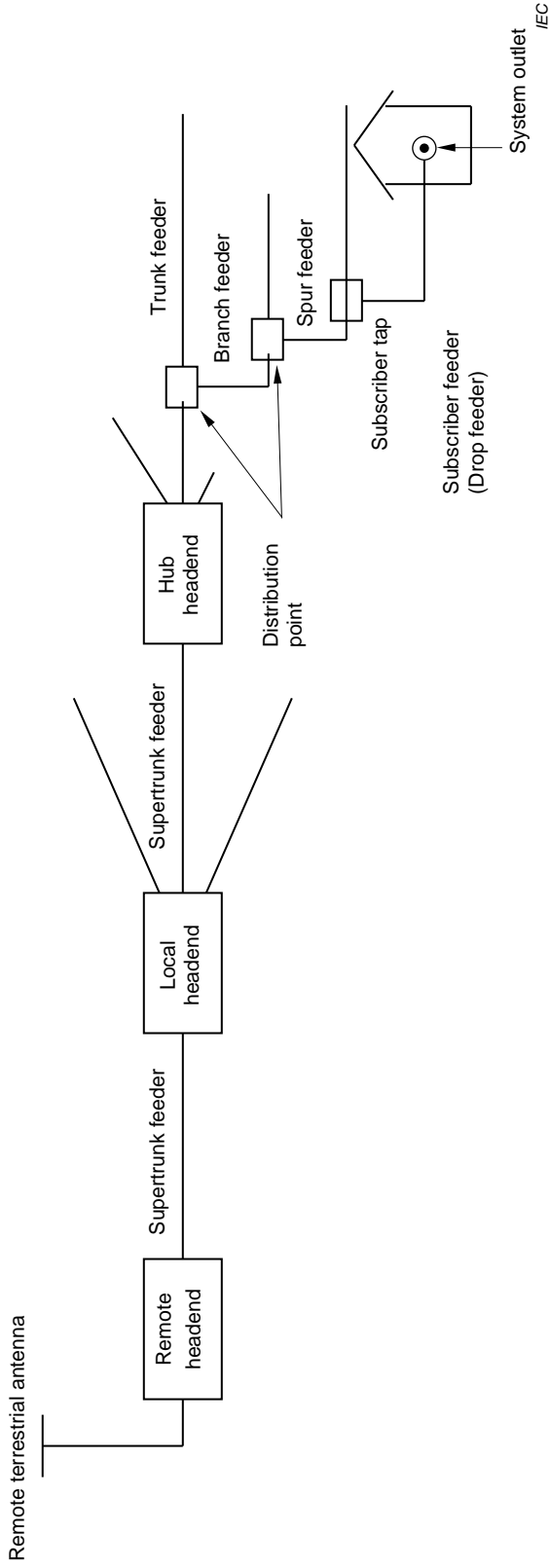


Figure 5 – System model for downstream direction of a cable network for television and sound signals (CATV)

# CABLE NETWORKS FOR TELEVISION SIGNALS, SOUND SIGNALS AND INTERACTIVE SERVICES –

## Part 101: System performance of forward paths loaded with digital channels only

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60728 is applicable to any cable network (including individual receiving systems) distributing only digital channels having in the forward path a coaxial cable output and primarily intended for television and sound signals operating between about 30 MHz and 3 000 MHz.

This standard specifies the basic methods of measurement of the operational characteristics of a cable network having coaxial cable outputs in order to assess the performance of these systems and their performance limits.

### 2 Normative references

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

IEC 60050-705, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 705: Radio wave propagation*

IEC 60050-712, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 712: Antennas*

IEC 60050-725, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 725: Space radiocommunications*

IEC 60728-1, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 1: System performance of forward paths*

IEC 60728-1-1, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 1-1: RF cabling for two way home networks*

IEC 60728-1-2, *Cable networks for television signals sound signals and interactive services – Part 1-2: Performance requirements for signals delivered at the system outlet in operation*

IEC 60728-2, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility for equipment*

IEC 60728-3, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 3: Active wideband equipment for cable networks*

IEC 60728-3-1, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 3-1: Active wideband equipment for cable networks – Methods of measurement of non-linearity for full digital channel load with DVB-C signals*

IEC 60728-5, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 5: Headend equipment*

IEC 60728-10, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 10: System performance of return paths*

IEC 60728-11, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 11: Safety*