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(57) Abstract

A combination of broadband program materials, such as TV, plus digital communications services of all types, are broadcast to a cell in the same frequency band, such as 27.5 to 28.5 GHz. The combination of all the transmitted channels have a combined bandwidth substantially exceeding the frequency band. At least some of the channels are transmitted with two diversity characteristics different from those of other channels. In one embodiment analog signals transmit the broadband services, preferably using wide deviation FM modulation, the FM channels filling the band. By choosing carrier frequencies selectively, between 5 and 9 T-1 digital channels can be broadcast in each FM channel when polarization is the same. Differing polarization of digital and FM signals in the same band can enable selection and detection of the desired one of a full spectrum of digital signals, or any one of the analog signals.

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