

#### HF TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATIONS

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#### QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

## MANY YEARS AGO...





Lived on a 100,000 acre sheep/cattle property in remote Australia

HF Radio was the only means for receiving primary education via local School Of the Air



#### Codan HF radio – 7 channel crystal based oscillator design



## CODAN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

#### **OVERVIEW**

- Parent company founded in 1959
- 60 years of HF communications solutions design and development
- 3 Divisions Mintec, Minelab, Radio Communications
- HF radios tested and proven in over 125 countries around the world in some of the harshest conditions imaginable
- Customer focussed product design and manufacture
- Business migrating from professional remote area communications to tactical military solutions
- Customer base extending from Humanitarian, Government through to defence sector









# HIGH FREQUENCY TECHNOLOGY

#### WHY IS IT STILL RELEVANT?

- Budget pressures in defence sectors lower cost of ownership to alternatives
- EMP threat resilient emergency communications
- Mitigation of satellite dependency
- Satellite vulnerability
- Next generations waveforms offering new advantages
- Troop deployments in remote austere global locations
- Limited infrastructure environments
- Flexible fluid solution adaptable to the mission less infrastructure for longer range





## HIGH FREQUENCY TECHNOLOGY

#### **HF MARKET TRENDS & DRIVERS**

- Traditional markets on the decline roll out of cellular networks and decreasing cost of satellite solutions creating headwinds
- SAT PTT improving but still has reliability, cost and practicality issues
- HF for military experiencing a resurgence
- Militaries looking for easier to use, more cost effective operationally focussed equipment and solutions
- Interoperability is an ongoing issue
- Increasing shift to data communications





# HIGH FREQUENCY TECHNOLOGY

## PRODUCT DESIGN FOCUS AREAS

- Make it easier to use
  - Design that appeals to the modern generation
  - Native language UI
  - Utilise good UX principles in the design
  - Configuration simplicity
  - High level of integration
- Modern interfaces (IP, USB)
- Standards
- Better linking probability
- Better voice quality
- Higher data throughput make it fast and robust
- Smaller and lighter
- Better antenna solutions (smaller, less obtrusive)
- Improved upgradeability
- Training and education

#### LISTEN TO YOUR USERS







## CODAN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS

#### ADRESSING THE INTEROPERABILITY CHALLENGE









Harris



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Datron

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**Digital Voice & AES 256** 







## **3G ALE**

#### **Codan 3G ALE** Compliant and enhanced implementation

- Sync from non-master station
- Asynchronous calling when time sync unavailable
- Non-network member calling capability
- Simultaneous 2G/3G ALE scanning
- Enhanced LQA management time stamping
- Call types to support operational needs
- Automatic voice encryption activation
- Voice Message call
- Sprint software applications
  - Text/email/file transfer
  - Easy to use UX
  - SMS / Email gateway services





## **3G ALE - APPLICATIONS**

- Sprint suite of applications
  - Tactical text / email / file transfer
  - SMS / Email gateway services
- Codan SDR supports IP/USB/Serial interfaces
- Uncluttered UI for ease of use
- Linking and radio status data limited to only important information
  - Online/offline
  - Secure status
  - TX/RX % progress or Scanning
  - Link status
  - Robust / Fast waveform status
- Image file size compression
- Bi-directional text chat and concurrent file transfer
- AES-256 encryption





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Close Link			

#### **3G ALE VS MIL-STD-188-110B Data transfer time comparisons**





#### **DIGITAL VOICE**

## **DIGITAL VOICE**

- TWELP Vocoder technology resulting in superior voice quality in poor conditions
- Digital voice mute providing clear voice only
- Voice Message Call (VMC) providing crystal clear voice in otherwise unusable channel environment
  - Provides effective operation in highly compromised comms scenarios e.g. covert tactical
  - Record, Pause, Replay, Forward
  - 200 messages store capacity
    - Max 2 minutes @ 1200 bps
    - Max 1 minute @ 2400 bps
- AES-256 encrypted / non-encrypted switching for cross agency scenarios







## HF DIGITAL VOICE

CHANNEL CONDITION (SNR)	ANALOG VOICE	DIGITAL VOICE				
		2400 BPS	1200 BPS	600 BPS	4	
<b>GOOD</b> (+16 dB)			$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
AVERAGE (+6 dB)				$\checkmark$		
<b>POOR</b> (0 dB)						
VERY POOR (-3 dB)						
EXTREMELY POOR (-4 dB)						
UNUSABLE (-6 dB)						





\*300/480 BpS vocoder rates not available on Envoy radio

#### **SECURE INTEROP**

- Multi network scanning
  - Multi agency operations
  - Integration/interoperability
  - Real time ground truth information flow
- Secure Mode and Key index
  - Channel
  - Network
- Simplification of operation
  - Lessens compromise
  - Guaranteed network security
- On the fly Select Active Networks

#### JOINT OPERATIONS









#### **HF VOTING**

- Improved probability of linking
- Improved quality of service
- Solving HF black spots with geographical diversity
  - Codan best-in-group call (2G ALE)
- VCP or Consoles providing IP networked centralised command and control





# **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

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