

Overcoming NLoS: Connecting TDL Networks with SATCOM

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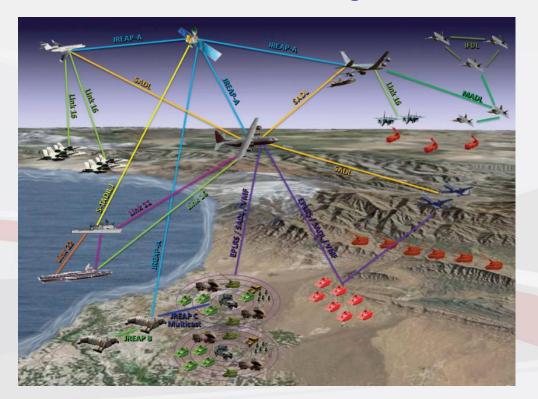
- Advances of military technology and the evolving threats necessitate the development and deployment of C4ISR systems that enable commanders and decision makers to have real-time access on battlefield tactical information in an accurate and precise manner
- The response time for decision making and information forwarding to other Command and Control centers or the fighting units in the theater of operations is essential
- Advanced communication systems that support the rapid exchange of Situational Awareness and Command and Control information within the mission elements are critical





Introduction

 Data Link network technology provides interoperability of diverse services and platforms by providing a common medium for the exchange of surveillance, command and control, and intelligence information







Tactical Data Links

Tactical Data Link Comparison **TDL** Link 11A Link 16 Link 1 Link 11B **IJMS** Link 22 Bearer Landline HF / UHF Multi-Media **UHF** UHF HF / UHF HF 1,200 Speed (BPS) 1,200 1,800 1,200 28,800 53,760+ UHF 12,667 **ECM Resistance** N/A None N/A High High Medium **Encrypted** No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

+High
Capacity
+ECM Res.

-Line of Sight

Link 16 Message- Functional Areas

- Precise Participant Location and Identification (PPLI)
- Platform Status Information
- Surveillance
- Information Man.
- Network Man.
- Weapon Coord. & Man.
- Aircraft Control
- Electronic Warfare
- Free Text

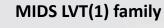


Link 16 Terminal (MIDS)

- Jam-resistant radio that operates in the 960-1215MHz
- Employs Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)
 Architecture
- Line of Sight (LoS)
- Three MIDS families

	Voice	TACAN	1553	Ethernet	Output Power	Example Platforms
MIDS LVT(1)	Х	X	X	Platform D	200W, 1000W*	F/A-18,
MIDS	Х		X	Platform D	200W, 1000W*	E-2D JAS-39,
LVT(4)					10000	Ground
MIDS LVT(5)	X		X	Platform D	200W, 1000W*	Maritime C2
MIDS LVT(6)		X	X	Platform D	200W	AC-130, F-16
MIDS LVT(7)			X	Platform D	200W	B-2

^{*} requires additional hardware





MIDS LVT(1)

	Voice	TACAN	X.25	Ethernet	Output Power	Example Platforms
MIDS LVT(2)			X	Platform J	200W	Army Ground Patriot
MIDS LVT(11)	X		Х	Platform J	200W	Air Force Ground TACP

MIDS LVT(2) family

	Voice	TACAN	1553	Ethernet	Output Power	Platform
MIDS LVT(3)			X		50W	F-15

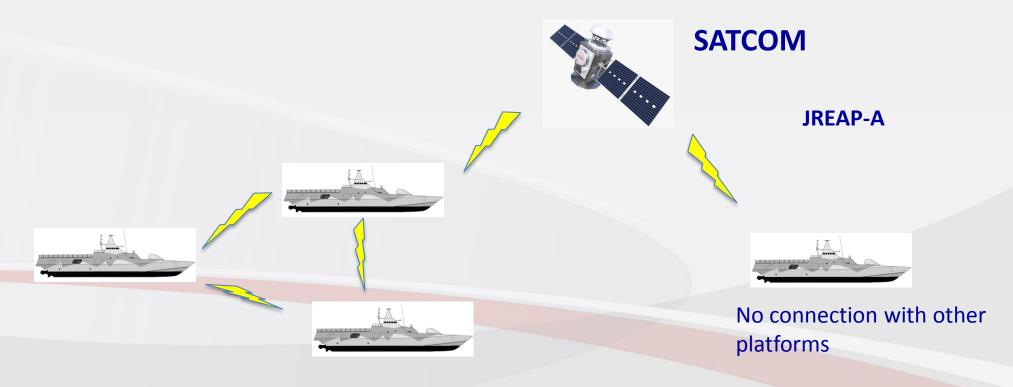
MIDS LVT(3) family





Weakness of Link 16: LoS Operation

Example Scenario I: Connecting a platform to L16 network



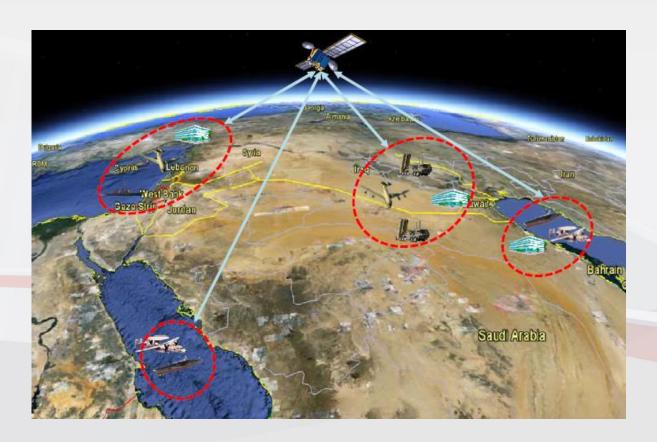
Link 16 Network





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Example Scenario II: Connecting networks via satellite



JREAP (Joint Range Ext. App. Protocol)

Enables tactical data to be transmitted over digital media and networks not originally designed for tactical data exchange

JREAP Capabilities:

- Extend the range-limited network to beyond LoS
- Reduce the loading on stressed networks
- Provide back-up communication in the event of the loss of a normal link





Range Extension Application Protocol (JREAP)

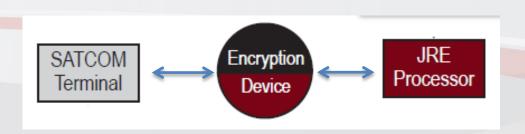
- Implementation is based on STANAG 5518
- The main body of the document describes
 - Common message structures, message elements and protocols primarily at the application level that are independent of the media
 - Appendices are provided for specific communication modes to describe necessary JREAP message and protocol modifications
- The standard addresses 3 communication modes
 - Appendix A: Half-duplex Announced Token Passing (Satellite)
 - Appendix B: Full-duplex Synchronous and Asynchronous Point-to-Point
 - Appendix C: Internet Protocol

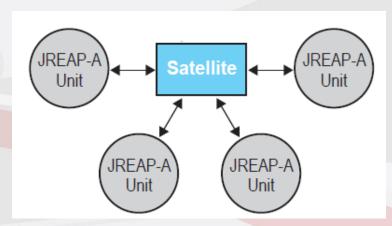




JREAP-A

- JREAP-A implements the full-stack header and uses a token passing protocol, where one unit is allocated a particular period of time to transmit while all other units listen and receive data
- JREAP-A is commonly used over 25 KHz Ultra High Frequency (UHF) Demand Assigned Multiple Access (DAMA)/Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA), Extremely High Frequency (EHF) Low-Data Rate (LDR), and 5/25 KHz UHF Non-DAMA SATCOM Systems. These are multi participant satellite comm. networks









Summary

- Data Link Networks technology has become the tool that support the rapid, secure and effective exchange of critical information among the mission elements
- The exchange of information leads to the creation of a Common Operational Picture thus significantly improve Situational Awareness, a significant Force Multiplier in modern warfare operations
- Satellite communication overcome the limitations of the existing links and support the capability of joint operations
- As SATCOM network capacity improves and costs reduce, the use of SATCOM in military domain will increase.



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