The Field Element Communications End Game:

From POTS

To Licensed Microwave

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List of Acronyms

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List of Acronyms

- IP Internet Protocol
- **ITS Intelligent Transportation System**
- DDR Dial-on-Demand
- PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network
- **RSL Received Signal Level**
- **ARP Address Resolution Protocol**
- NMS Network Management System
- SSH Secure Shell
- SSL Secure Sockets Layer
- LTE Long Term Evolution

- Relevant Past Presentations
 - "Microwave Communications for Rural ITS Applications", Ian Turnbull, June 2006 <u>http://www.westernstatesforum.org/Documents/200</u> 6/2006%20WSRTTIF%20Turnbull.pdf
 - Relevant topics
 - Deployment strategy
 - Frequency planning
 - Path clearances and calculations
 - Reliability requirements
 - -Link Budget

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 - "Field Element Network Design for a Rural Transportation Management Center, Parts One and Two" Ian Turnbull and Jeremiah Pearce, June 2012
- Relevant topics
 - Small, winter operations, wildfires, floods, major freight corridor incidents, etc.
 - Harsh field conditions, telecommunications issues
 - TMC architecture (Dial-on-Demand, ITS Node, etc)

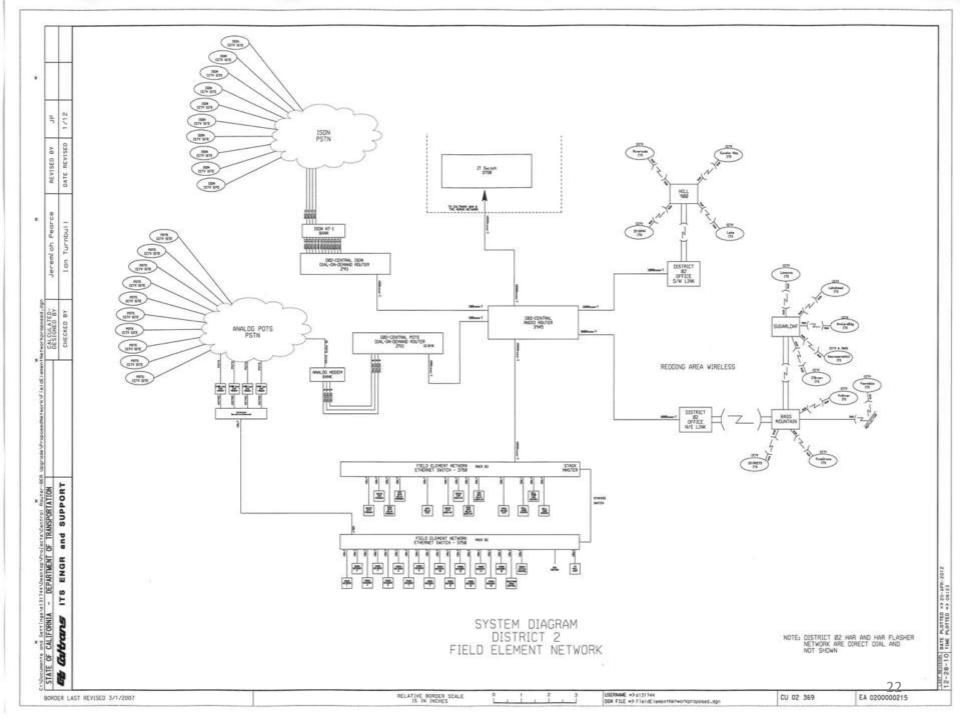
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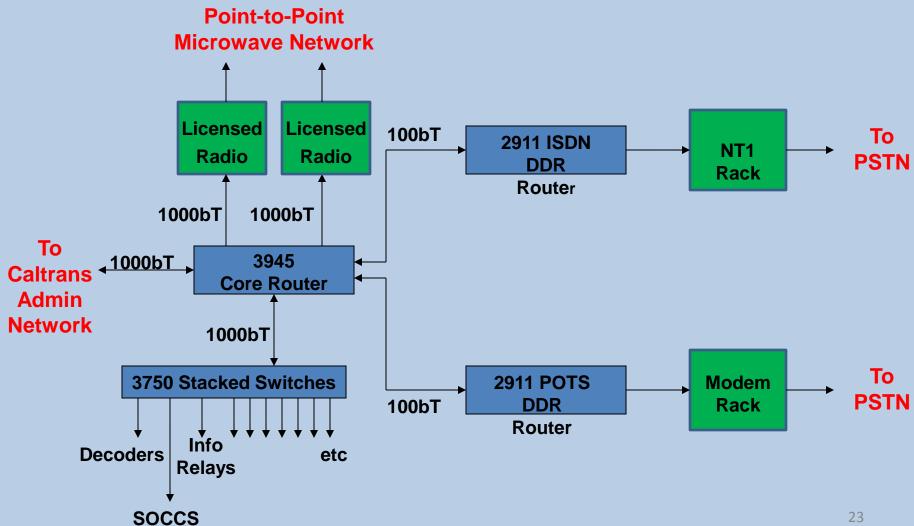
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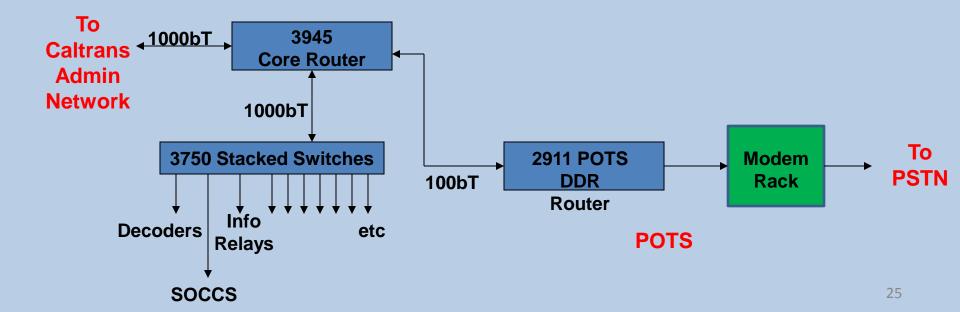




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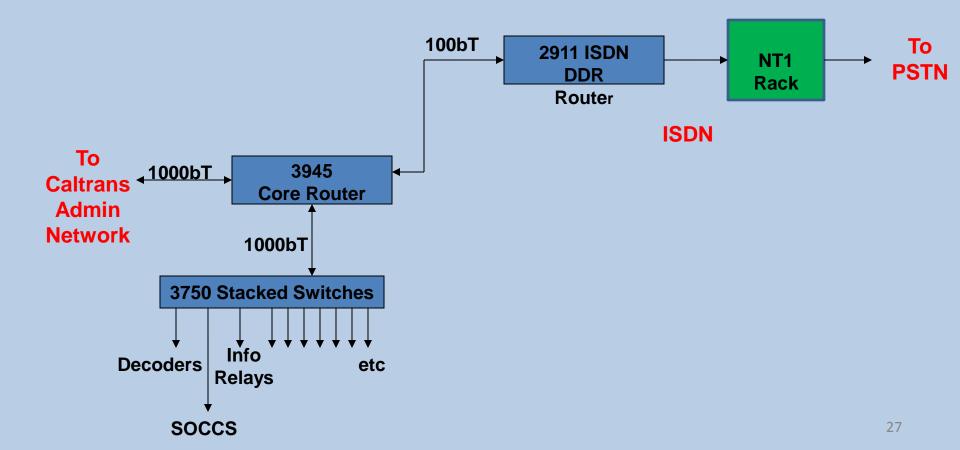




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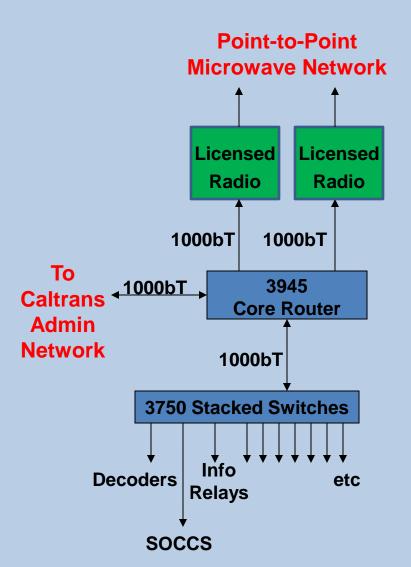




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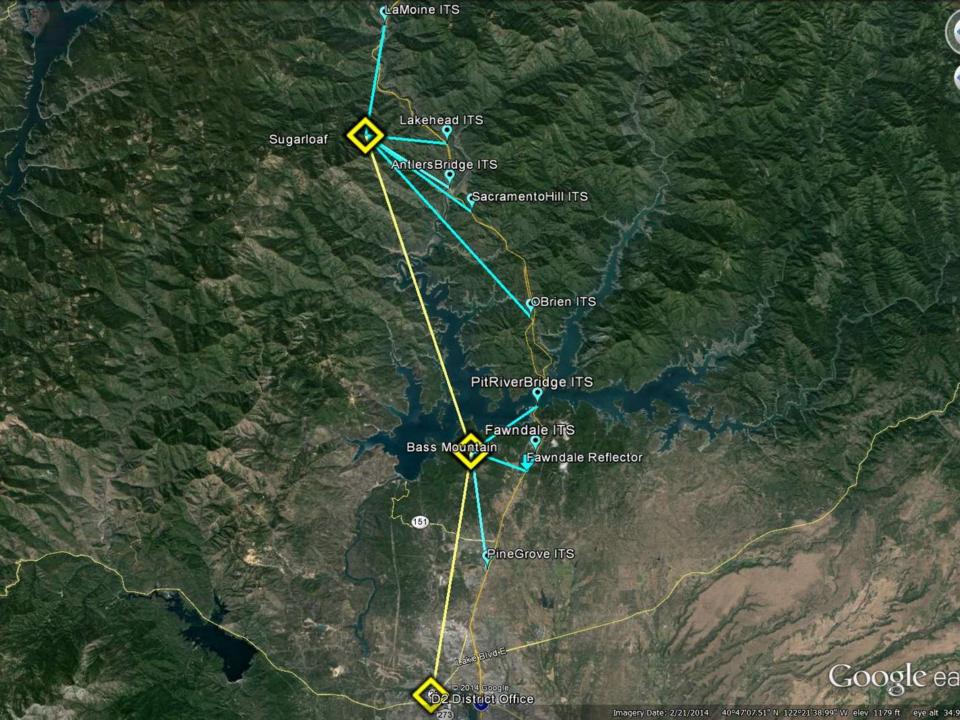
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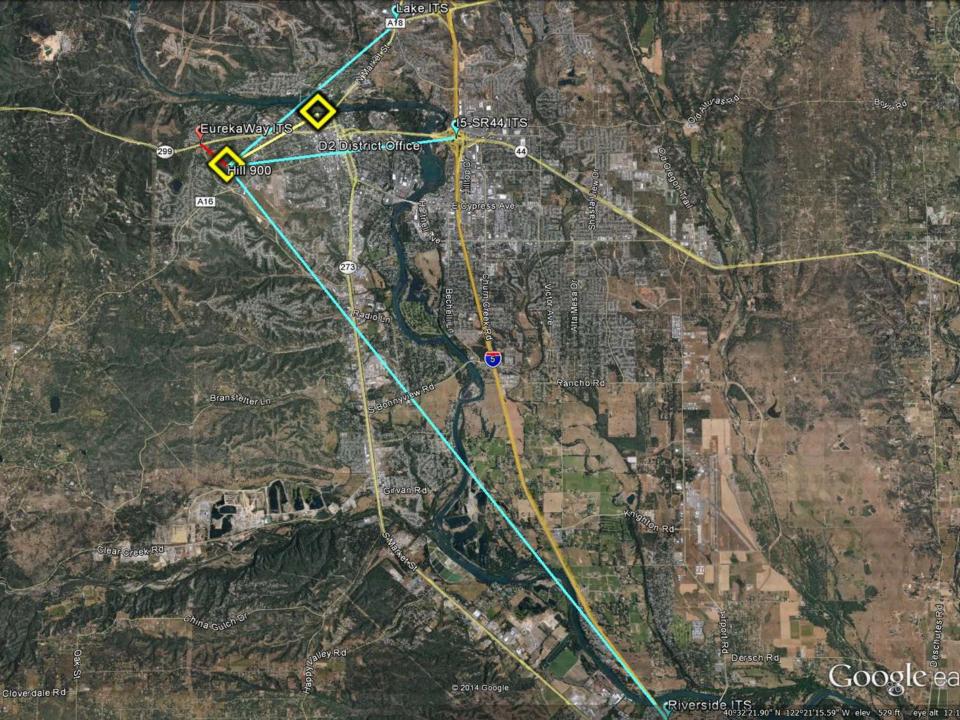
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- Steps for selecting frequency, equipment, coordination, etc
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 - Market Research
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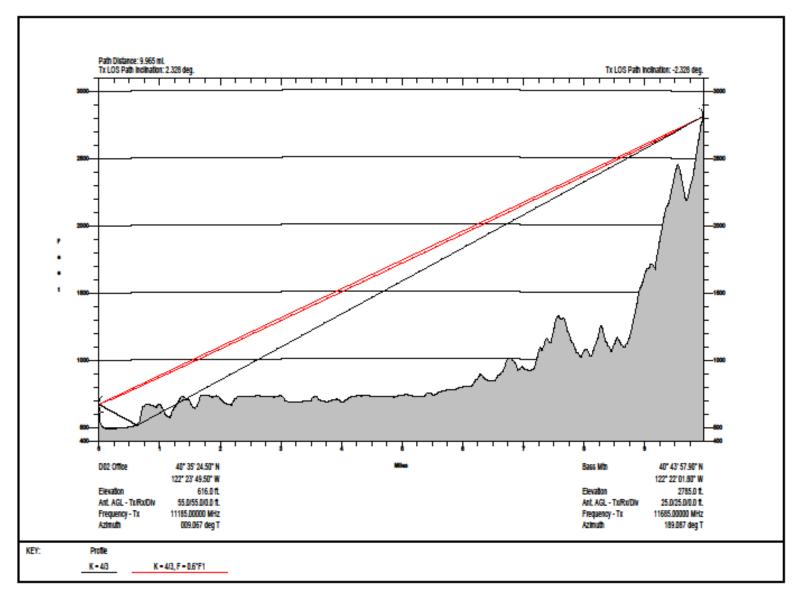
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Bass Mtn from District Office – Close-up

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District Office -> Bass Path Profile

Microwave Link Analysis

		Site A		Site B
Site Name	:	D02 Office		Bass Mtn
Location		Redding, CA		
Call Sign		N/A		N/A
Latitude	1	40° 35' 24.50" N		40" 43' 57.90" N
Longitude	:	122" 23' 49.50" W		122" 22' 01.80" W
Elevation	fi/m:	616.0 / 187.8		2785.0 / 848.9
Azimuth		9.067		189.0865
Distance		9.965 / 16.0		9.965 / 16.0
Frequency	MHz:	11185.00000		11685.00000
Equipment	1	NEC N-Lite N 100Mbp	6	NEC N-Lite N 100Mbp
Tx Antenna Height		55.00		25.00
Tx Antenna Type	1	Andrew HP4-107B		Andrew HP4-107B
Tx Antenna Size / Polarization		4/V		4/V
Tx Transmission Line Length		120.01		89.99
Tx Transmission Line Type		EWP90S		EWP90S
Rx Antenna Height		55.00		25.00
Rx Antenna Type		Andrew HP4-107B		Andrew HP4-107B
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Rx Transmission Line Length	ft;	120.01 EWP90S		89.99 EWD000
Rx Transmission Line Type				EWP90S
Effective Isotropic Radiated Power	dBm:	65.59		66.96
System Gains		Site A to B		Site B to A
Tx Antenna Gain		40.40		40.80
Rx Antenna Gain		40.40		40.80
Transmitter Power	dBm:	31.50		31.50
Total System Gain	dB:	112.30		113.10
System Losses		Site A to B		Site B to A
Free Space Path Loss		137.523		137.903
Diffraction Loss		0.00		0.00
Atmospheric Absorption		0.26		0.28
Follage Loss		0.00		0.00
Tx Jumper Loss		0.52		0.52
Tx Radome Loss Tx Connector Loss		1.12		0.00
Tx Transmission Line Loss		3.68		2.71
Tx Standby Switch Loss		0.00		0.00
Tx Power Splitter Loss		0.00		0.00
Tx RF Branching Loss		0.00		0.00
Tx Attenuator Pad Loss	dB:			0.00
Tx Miscellaneous & Safety Loss	dB:	1.00		1.00
Rx Connector Loss		1.16		1.17
Rx Transmission Line Loss	dB:	2.76		3.61
Rx Jumper Loss		0.52		0.52
Rx Radome Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Rx Hybrid Loss		0.00		0.00
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Rx Attenuator Pad Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx Miscellaneous & Safety Loss	dB:	1.00		1.00
Total System Loss	dB:	149.53		149.82
Path Calculations		Site A to B		Site B to A
Unfaded Receive Signal Level		-37.23		-36.72
Rx Threshold Level		-69.00		-69.00
Fade Margin		31.77		32.28
Outage	sec/year:			43.31
Rain Outage	sec/year:			0.00
Propagation Reliability	%:	99.99985223		99.99986268
Outage Parameters: Vigants - Digital				45 5510 450 015
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District Office -> Bass Link Analysis

- Network design issues
 - Original intent was to interface with the router via an OC-3 card
 - I made a mistake and purchased a "fat-pipe" OC-3 card, I couldn't channelize the traffic
 - Researched options w/ Cisco, no channelized OC-3 cards available for our platform
 - Two options at this point
 - 1. Break the signals out with a DSX patch panel
 - 2. Use the Ethernet interface on the radio

- Network design issues
 - We had very limited rack space at one site, the DSX patch panel required a lot of rack space at each mountain top
 - Using the Ethernet interface started making sense
 - Using Ethernet required us to change our network topology
 - Still extended star, as we still route at the mountain tops, but the backbone is one large flat switched network





- Network design issues
 - Needed a switch to interface with back-to-back radios at mountain tops
 - Specified the Cisco c3750x-24
 - Based on the distances involved and number of hops from the District Office to the network edge, we decided to investigate timing constraints in a switched network (maximum number of hops)

- Network design issues
 - 5-4-3 rule, mitigating latency or collision domains?
 - Based on 802.3 spec, generally two points on a network shouldn't be separated by more than,
 - 5 Network segments
 - 4 repeaters
 - 3 of the segments may be populated
 - Determined the rule is intended to mitigate the latency produced by collisions within a network
 But...

- Network design issues
 - We have a switched network, switches break up collision domains
 - Varying sources differ on whether the 5-4-3 rule is applicable to switched networks
 - Concluded the rule not applicable to our network, though we still have a latency issue due to propagation delay

- Network design issues
 - Network latency issue due to propagation delay
 - ARP table updates
 - Switch at far end, ARP info will timeout before near end switch receives due to latency
 - Three main components to latency in a switched network, propagation delay, transmission delay, and processing delay
 Our biggest offender is propagation delay
 - Cisco Solution: Adjust switch timers at full build

Waveguide Installation

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 - Specs
 - Attenuation @ 11.2 GHz: 3.06 dB/100 ft
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Standard Parabolic

Andrew P4F-52-N7A

- Gain: 35.3 dBi
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- Front-to-back ratio: 52 dB
- Cross Poll: 30 dB
- Input: N-Female
- Return Loss: 14 dB
- VSWR: 1.50

High Performance Andrew HP4-107/B - Gain: 40.8 dBi - Beam width: 1.6° H/V - Front-to-back ratio: 61 dB - Cross Poll: 30 dB - Input: Waveguide - Return Loss: 28.3 dB - VSWR: 1.08

 The "barrel" of the high performance parabolic dish is lined with RF absorbing materials which reduces beam width for side lobe suppression, and increases the front-to-back ratio for interference mitigation



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LaMoine CCTV Microwave site

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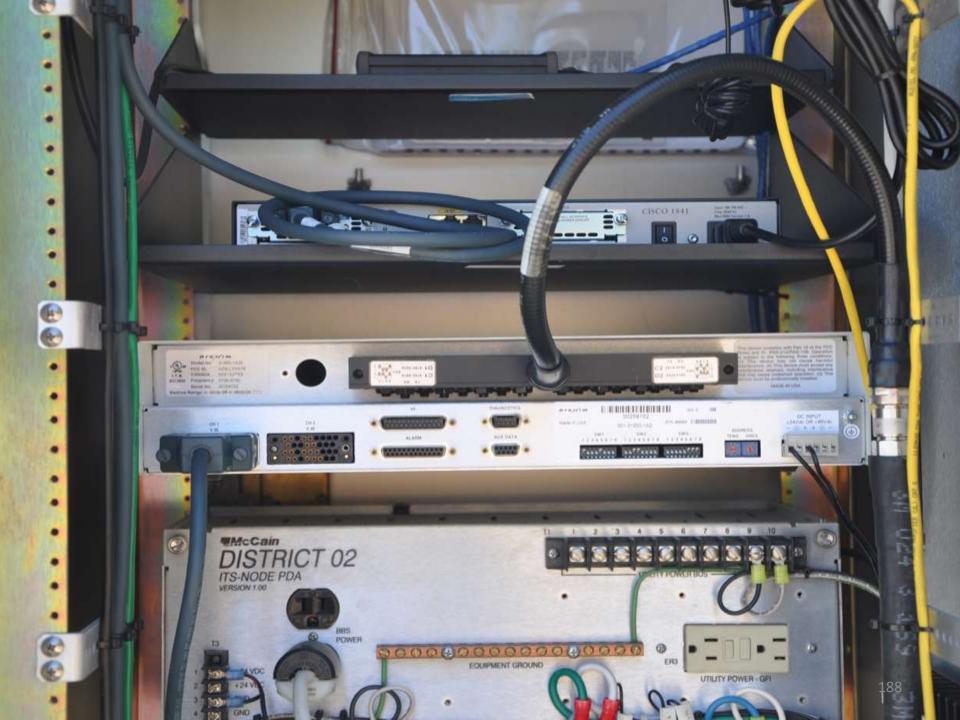
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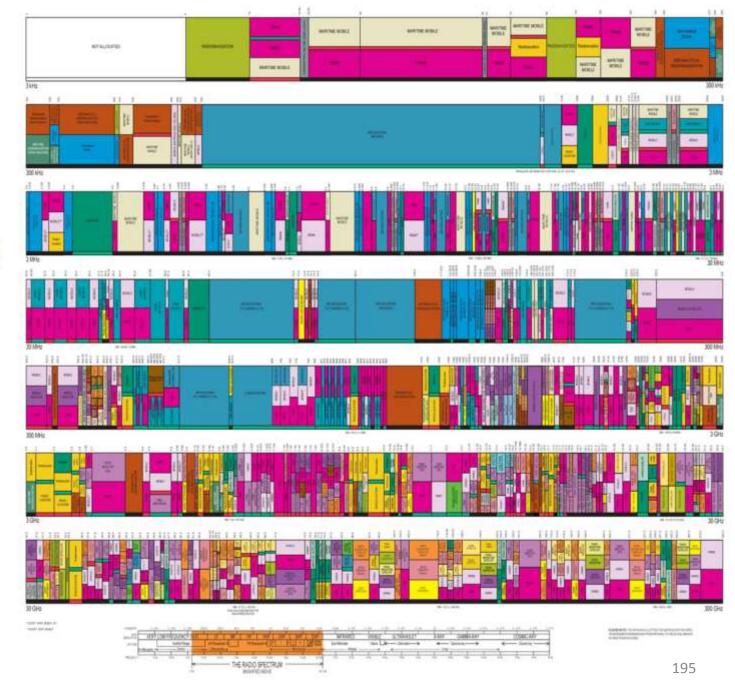




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Channels can be aggregated to 5, 10, 15, or 20
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 - As a registered user, login to the FCC account and select, "Apply for a New License"
 - Complete the information in the pop-up java applet and submit
 - The FCC will grant the license within 1 3 business days...

- A little bit about the 4.9 GHz band
 - Unless you work for the State of California, then it will take 10 weeks, and counting...
 - We are required to obtain FCC licenses through the State Public Safety Communication Office (PSCO)
 - Submitted request 3/12/14 and have not received license

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- FCC mandated frequency coordination process established by creating Regional Planning Committees (RPC)
- The Northern California RPC, Region 6, hasn't updated their website since 2004
- Talked to a 4.9 GHz band user, never heard of the RPC and was under the impression that coordination was not required
- <u>http://www.rgn6rpc.org/4940main.htm</u>



- Used requirements to screen 14 different radio manufacturers
 - Form Factor IDU (indoor unit)
 - Duplexing FDD (frequency division duplexing)
 - Throughput 10 Mbps to the roadside
 - Channelization Need at least 5 channels
 - Security Network security (SSL, SSH, etc)
 - Receiver threshold Hard to quantify, need good enough to make 99.999% reliability
 - Power (-)48V compatible, 24/48V preferred

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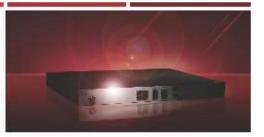
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Carrier-class TDD. The EX-4.9i combines native TDM and native Ethernet transport with low, fixed latency to deliver guaranteed throughput and service quality. Capacity can be allocated variably between TDM and Ethernet via software, while the selectable throughput symmetry control feature enables radio capacity to efficiently match asymmetric traffic requirements, such as those associated with video surveillance systems. Security, Management and Data Networking. The EX-4.9i delivers the highest data and management security available with included 96-bit encryption, optional 128- and 256-bit AES encryption and secure SNMP v3 management, together with enhanced fault management and diagnostic features. The 802.1Q VLAN option provides built-in network administration and security flexibility.

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Primary Specifications		EX-4.9i	
Maximum Capacity ^s	TDM	4xT1/E1	
	Ethernet (Aggregate)	55 Mbps	
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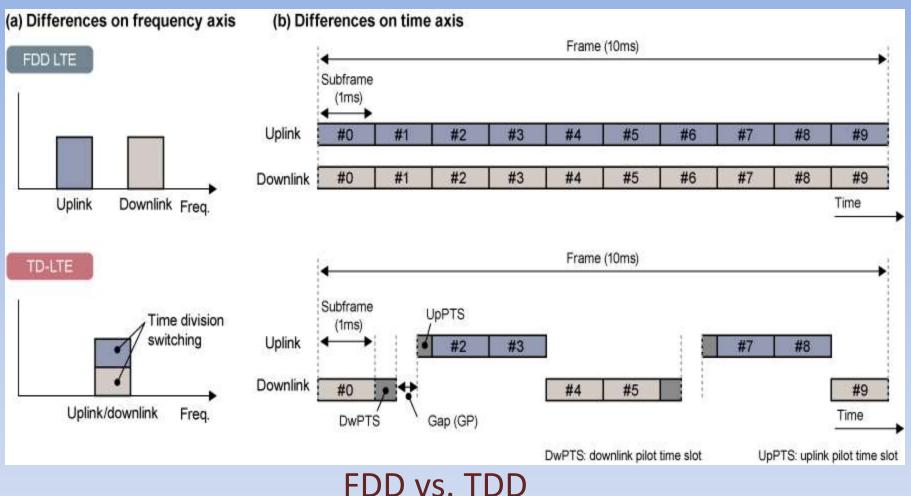
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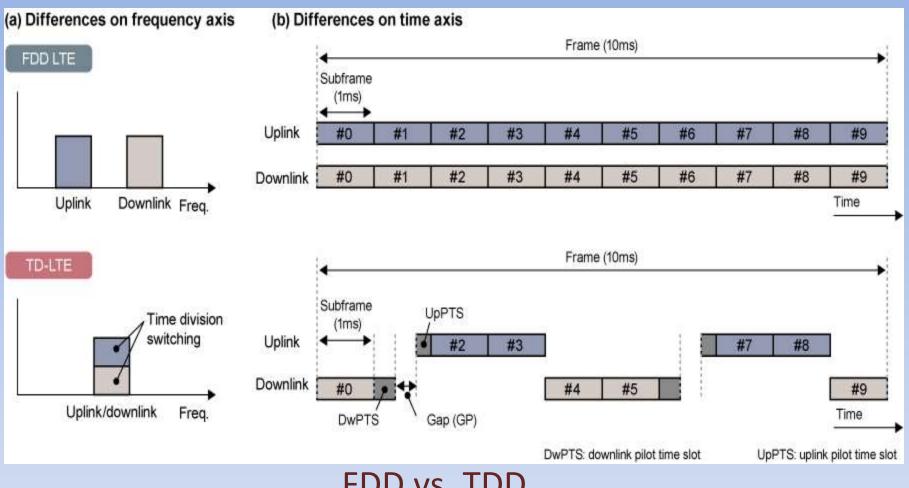
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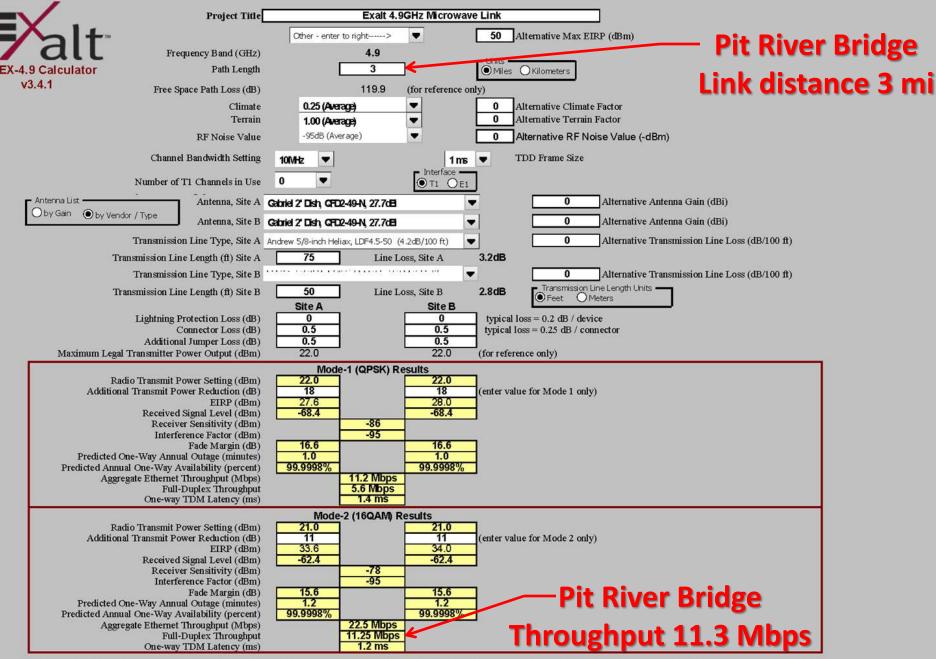


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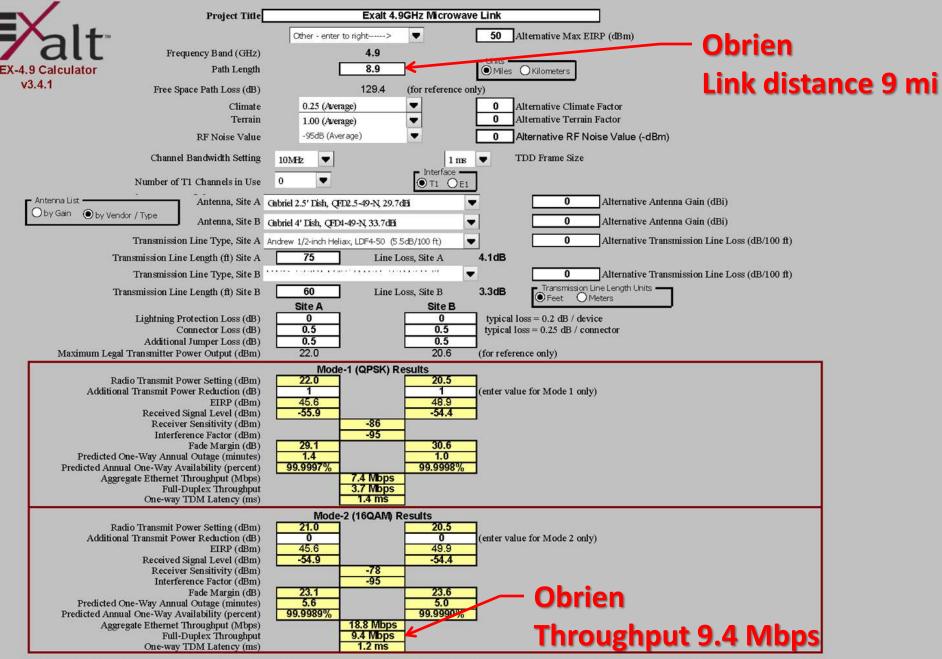
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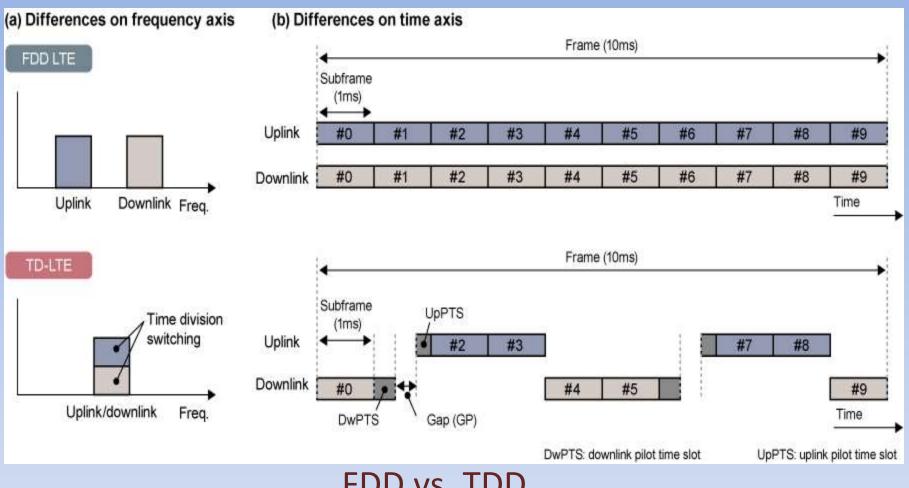
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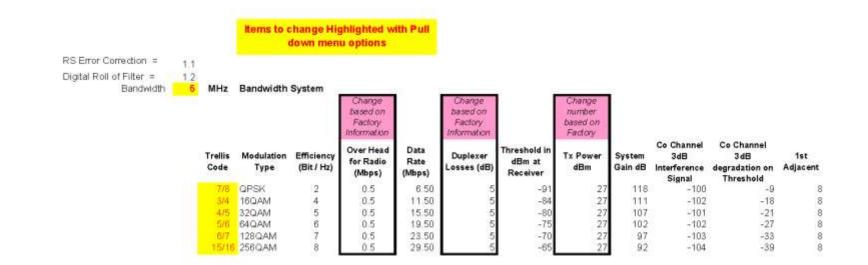
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- With the Moseley radio, we get a true full-duplex connection with a slightly higher throughput using the same amount of spectrum, while sacrificing about 2 dB of receiver sensitivity



Moseley Throughput and Receiver Threshold Calculator

Microwave Link Analysis

		Site A	Repeater	Site B
Site Name	:	Bass	-	Fawndale
Location	:	Bass Mtn		15 South at Fawndale O
Call Sign	1	n/a		n/a
Latitude	:	40" 43' 58.14" N	40" 43' 14.85" N	40" 43' 51.00" N
Longitude	:	122" 22' 01.57" W	122" 19' 36.40" W	122" 19' 13.54" W
Elevation	film:	2785.0 / 848.9	948.2 / 289.0	976.0/297.5
Azimuth		111.3901	291,4164 / 25,69049	205.6946
Distance to Repeater		2.3/3.7	251,41047 20.05045	0.8/1.2
Frequency		4952,50000		4977.50000
Equipment		Moselev NX-GEN-S		Moseley NX-GEN-S
Tx Antenna Height	ft	45.00		30.00
Tx Antenna Type		Radio Waves HP2-4.7		Radio Waves HP2-4.7
Tx Antenna Size / Polarization	ft.	2/H		2/H
Tx Transmission Line Length	ft	89.99		60.01
Tx Transmission Line Type	:	LDF5-50A		LDF4-50A
Rx Antenna Height	ft	45.00		30.00
Rx Antenna Type	:	Radio Waves HP2-4.7		Radio Waves HP2-4.7
Rx Antenna Size / Polarization	ft	2/H		2/H
Rx Transmission Line Length		60.01		60.01
Rx Transmission Line Type	1	LDF5-50A		LDF4-50A
Effective Isotropic Radiated Power	dBm:	41.74		41.80
System Gains		Site A to B		Site B to A
Tx Antenna Gain	dBI:	28.50		28.50
Rx Antenna Gain		28.50		28.50
Transmitter Power	dBm:	18.00		18.00
Total System Gain	dB:	165.77		165.77
System Losses	UU .	Site A to B		Site B to A
Free Space Path Loss	dBI:	117.62 \ 108	.19 117.66\108.24	
Diffraction Loss	dB:	0.00	113 117.00 (100.24	0.00
Atmospheric Absorption	dB:	0.04		0.04
Follage Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Jumper Loss	dB:	0.40		0.40
Tx Radome Loss		0.00		0.00
Tx Connector Loss	dB;	0.74		0.50
Tx Transmission Line Loss	dB:	3.12		3.30
Tx Standby Switch Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Power Splitter Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx RF Branching Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Attenuator Pad Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Miscellaneous & Safety Loss	dB:	0.50		0.50
Rx Connector Loss		0.50		0.74
Rx Transmission Line Loss		3.27		2.11
Rx Jumper Loss		0.40		0.40
Rx Radome Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx Hybrid Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx RF Branching Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx Attenuator Pad Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx Miscellaneous & Safety Loss Repeater Loss	dB: dB:	0.50	0.00	0.50
Total System Loss		235.28		234.39
Path Calculations		Site A to B		Site B to A
Unfaded Receive Signal Level	dBm:	-69.51		-68.62
Rx Threshold Level		-84.00		-84.00
Fade Margin		14.49		15.38
Outage	sec/year:			25.68
Rain Outage	sec/year:			0.00
Propagation Reliability		99.99990056		99.99991856
Outage Parameters: Vigants - Digital	Torrain Fact	or (w) 140.0	Augrana Tamperatura	15 5510 / 50 015
Climate Factor (c) 0.262 CFM 15.38	renam raci	DF(W) 140.0 DFM 0.000	Average Temperature	15.382
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Microwave Link Analysis

		Site A		Site B
Site Name		Sugarioaf		Obrien
Location		Sugarloaf Peak		15 South at Obrien exit.
Call Sign		n/a		n/a
Latitude	-	40" 54' 51.50" N		40" 49' 33.09" N
Longitude		122" 26' 42.10" W		122" 19' 13.02" W
Elevation		3859.8 / 1176.5		1614.0 / 491.9
Azimuth		133.004		313.0856
Distance		8.942 / 14.4		8.942 / 14.4
Frequency		4962.50000		4987.50000
Equipment		Moseley NX-GEN-S 25.00		Moseley NX-GEN-S 30.00
Tx Antenna Height				
Tx Antenna Type Tx Antenna Size / Polarization		Radio Waves HP2-4.7 2 / V		Radio Waves HP3-4.7 3 / V
		50.00		75.00
Tx Transmission Line Length Tx Transmission Line Type		LDF4-50A		LDF4-50A
Rx Antenna Height		25.00		30.00
Rx Antenna Type		Radio Waves HP2-4.7		Radio Waves HP3-4.7
Rx Antenna Size / Polarization	÷	2/V		3/V
Rx Transmission Line Length		50.00		75.00
Rx Transmission Line Type		LDF4-50A		LDF4-50A
Effective Isotropic Radiated Power	dBm:	42.38		42.77
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System Gains		Site A to B		Site B to A
Tx Antenna Gain		28.50		29.30
Rx Antenna Gain	dBI:	29.30		28.50
Transmitter Power	dBm:	18.00		19.00
Total System Gain	dB:	75.80		76.80
System Losses		Site A to B		Site B to A
Free Space Path Loss	dB:	129 523		129.567
Diffraction Loss		0.00		0.00
Atmospheric Absorption		0.11		0.11
Follage Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Jumper Loss	dB:	0.40		0.40
Tx Radome Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Connector Loss	dB:	0.50		0.50
Tx Transmission Line Loss	dB:	2.73		4.13
Tx Standby Switch Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Power Splitter Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx RF Branching Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Attenuator Pad Loss	dB:	0.00		0.00
Tx Miscellaneous & Safety Loss	dB:	0.50		0.50
Rx Connector Loss	dB:	0.50		0.74
Rx Transmission Line Loss	dB:	4.09		2.75
Rx Jumper Loss		0.40		0.40
Rx Radome Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx Hybrid Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx RF Branching Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx Attenuator Pad Loss		0.00		0.00
Rx Miscellaneous & Safety Loss	dB:	0.50		0.50
Total System Loss	dB:	139.24		139.6
Path Calculations		Site A to B		Site B to A
Unfaded Receive Signal Level	dBm:	-63.44		-62.80
Rx Threshold Level		-84.00		-84.00
Fade Margin		20.56		21.20
Outage	sec/year.			171.16
Rain Outage	sec/year:			0.00
Propagation Reliability		99.99937381		99.99945725
Outage Parameters: Vigants - Digital	Temple Fred		Automa Tampantur	15 5510 / 50 015
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 - 1. Andrew
 - 2. Gabriel
 - Radio Waves Offers a variety of High Performance parabolic dishes, mount and alignment mechanism look good, easy to buy

Public Safety Band



4.940 - 4.990 GHz Spread Spectrum UNII Band



Device Specifications

- . Gabriel "Best in Class" Quality & Dependability
- . New Innovative Feed Designs
- . Type "N" Female connector, 50 ohm, standard.
- . CPR 137 Available on Parabolic
- QuickFire feeds allow for easy installation & inspection.
- Gabriel antennas meet or exceed standards EIA/TIA-195-C and EIA/TIA-222-F.

 2-foot (0.6-m) models are supplied with Gabriel's Patented Quick Align Mount

. The Feed assembly on 2-ft. models is front insertable

Technical Specifications

Model Number	Size Ft. (in)	Low	Gain at Mid dBi	High	Nominal Beam Width (deg)	XPD dB	F/B ratio dB	VSWR Max. (R.L.dB)	Connector Type	Weight Pounds
Panels										
EP D1-49	1 (0.3)	21.9	22.4	22.9	9.0	26	35	1.7 (11.7)	N-Type	7
EPD2-49	2 (0.6)	26.5	27.0	27.5	4.6	26	40	1.4 (15.6)	or SMA 6" Cable	21
Parabolics										
QF2-49-N*	2(0.6)	27.6	27.7	27.8	7.0	35	35	1.30(17.7)	N-Type	35
QF2.5-49-N*	2.5(0.8)	29.6	29.7	29.8	5.6	35	38	1.30(17.7)	N-Type	40
QF4-49-N*	4(1.2)	33.6	33.7	33.7	3.5	35	42	1.30(17.7)	N-Type	100
QF6-49-N	6(1.8)	37.2	37.2	37.3	24	35	46	1.30(17.7)	N-Type	200

* Also available in RK (redome included) configurations.

GENERAL DYNAMICS C4 Systems

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High Performance Series for 4.4-5.0 GHz Frequencies

Key Features

- High Performance antennas minimize interference as they have more stringent radiation side lobe and front-to-back suppression characteristic
- Lightweight and rugged design
- Easily installed with our superior mounting system included with the antenna
- RF connector: "N" female connector. Some models are available with 7/16 DIN Connector. Please call the factory for availability
- Our Industry leading 7-year warranty
- Radome is included
- Single (HP) and Dual (HPD) polarization are available



Antenna Specifications, Electrical (typical)

Mo del	Diameter	Fiequency		Gain (dE	36)	3dB BW	X-Pol Rejection.	F/B Ratio	VSWR, Max	Antenn a
Number	12. (m)	GHz	Low	Mid	High	degs	dB	dB	(R.L., dB)	Weight
HP2-47	2 (0.6)	4.4-5.0	25.8	26.4	29.6	7.1 dbg.	28 dB	48 dB	1.5:1 (14.0)	27 bs. (12.3 kg)
HP3-47	3 (0.9)	4.4-5.0	29.2	29.8	30.3	4.7 dag.	30 dB	52 dB	1.5:1 (14.0)	50 bs. (22.7 kg)
HP4-4.7	4 (1.2)	4.4-6.0	31.8	32.4	32.9	3.6 dbg.	30 dB	54 dB	1.5.1 (14.0)	85 bs. (38.3 kg)
HP6-47	6 (1.8)	4.4-5.0	34.8	35.4	35.3	2.6 dbg.	30 dB	57 dB	1.5:1 (14.0)	251 bs. (113.0 kg
HP8-4.7	B (2.4)	4.4-6.0	48.2	38.8	39.3	1.8 dag.	30 dB	61 dB	1.5:1 (14.0)	424 lbs. (194.5 kg
HPLPD1-4.7	1 (0.3)	4.4-5.0	20.2	20.8	21.1	13.1 dag.	20 dB	40 dB	1.5-1 (14.0)	27 bs. (12.3 kg)
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Pit River Bridge Link Turn-up

– Discuss...

Sac River Canyon Rigid Towers Project

Project initiated due to antenna requirements for Licensed Field Radio Upgrade project when it was coordinated to 900 MHz



- The Kathrein-Scala RY series are rugged broadband yagi antennas housed in rugged fiberglass radomes, fabricated of 6061/T6 aluminum rod and seamless drawn pipe, anodized for maximum reliability and corrosion resistance. The radome protects the antenna against snow, ice and other adverse environmental conditions which can degrade performance and cause damage. The hardware and fastenings are stainless steel. The internal balun, coax feed and connector are sealed in a foam potting system to prevent moisture penetration and assure long service life in severe environmental conditions. The heavy aluminum mounting casting allows installation for V or H polarization.
- The RY-900B is specifically designed for professional fixedstation applications in the 890–960 MHz band.

Specifications:

890-960 MHz
12 dBi
50 ohms
< 1.5:1 maximum (1.35:1 typical)
Horizontal or vertical
>20 dB
100 watts (at 50°C)
48 degrees (half-power)
40 degrees (half-power)
N female
16.0 lb (7.3 kg)
29 x 17 x 12 Inches (737 x 432 x 305 mm)
2.78 ftº (0.258 m²)
120 mph (200 kph)
31 x 20 x 14.5 inches (787 x 508 x 368 mm)
28.0 lb (12.7 kg)
Mounting kits available for masts of 2.376 to 4.5 Inch (60 to 114 mm) OD.
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(Shown vertically polarized)



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- The Kathrein-Scala Paraflector[®] is a high-gain half-parabolic antenna used in broadcast and communications systems around the world.
- High front-to-back ratio for point-to-point relay system applications, as well as GSM cellular repeaters and MAS and ISM systems.
- Fabricated from seamless drawn aluminum tubing and extruded pipe and heavy aluminum castings, gold anodized for corrosion protection, plus stainless steel hardware and fastenings. Foamfilled broadband feed assembly requires no pressurization and can be easily replaced if necessary.



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H-plane Horizontal pattern – V-polarization Vertical pattern – H-polarization



E-plane Horizontal pattern – H-polarization Vertical pattern – V-polarization



Specifications:	940-960 MHz
Frequency range	
Gain	18 dBl (16 dBd)
Impediance	50 ohms
VSWR	<1.2:1
Polarization	Horizontal or vertical
Front-to-back ratio	>25 dB
Maximum Input power	100 watts (at 50°C)
H-plane beamwidth	12 degrees (half-power)
E-plane beamwidth	24 degrees (half-power)
Connector	N female
Weight	38 lb (17.2 kg)
Dimensions	68 x 36 x 18 Inches (1727 x 914 x 457 mm)
Equivalent flat plate area	6.35 ftº (.595 m²)
Wind survival rating*	100 mph (160 kph)
Shipping dimensions	40 x 36 x 7 inches (1016 x 914 x 178 mm)
Shipping weight	47 lb (21.3 kg)
Mounting	Mounting kits available for masts of 2.376 to 4.5 Inches (60 to 114 mm) OD.
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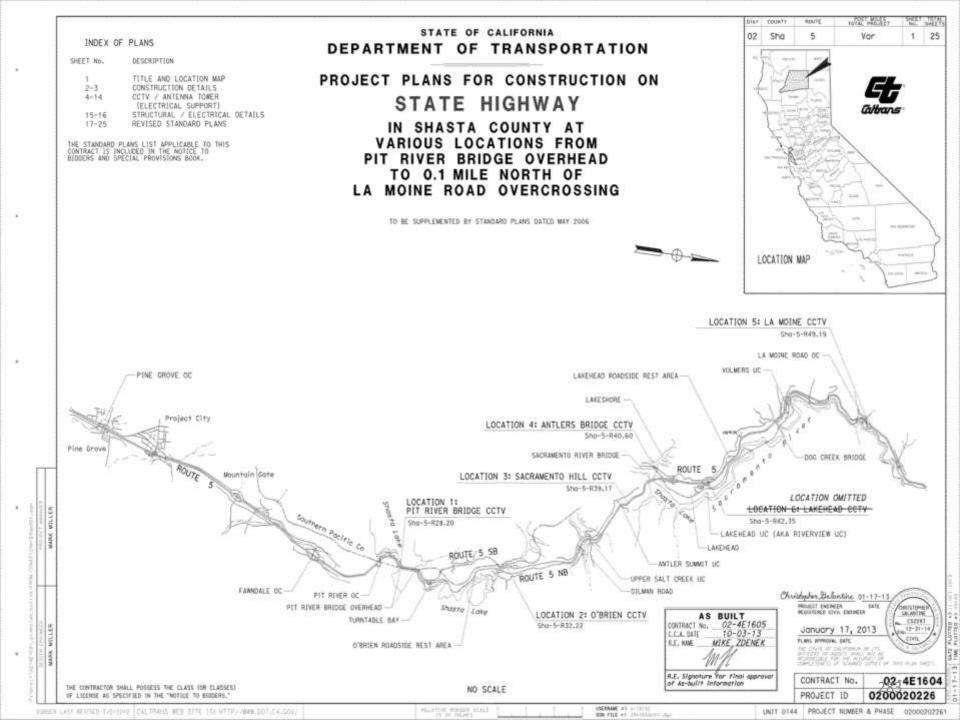
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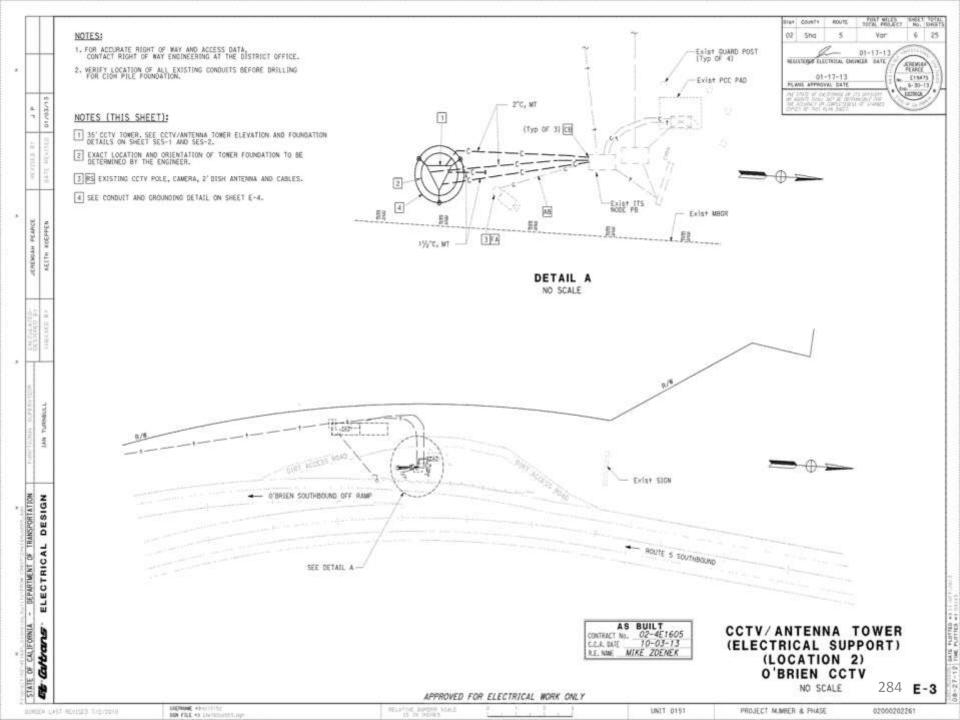
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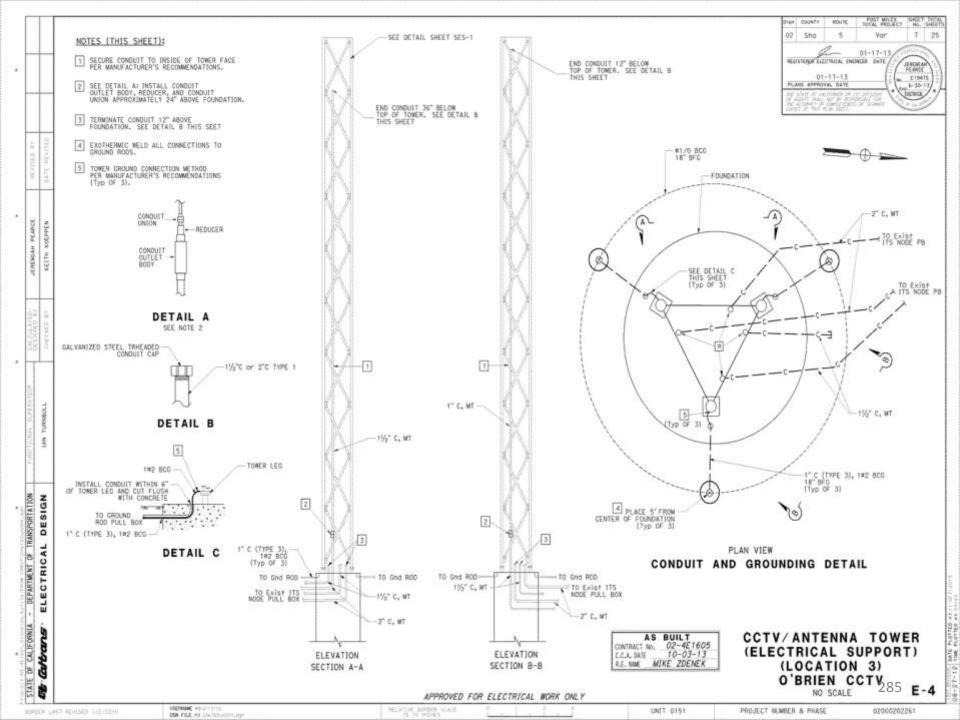
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- Also, this project was meant to set a precedence for taller towers further up canyon in densely forested areas where trees can reach 60 – 80 ft tall

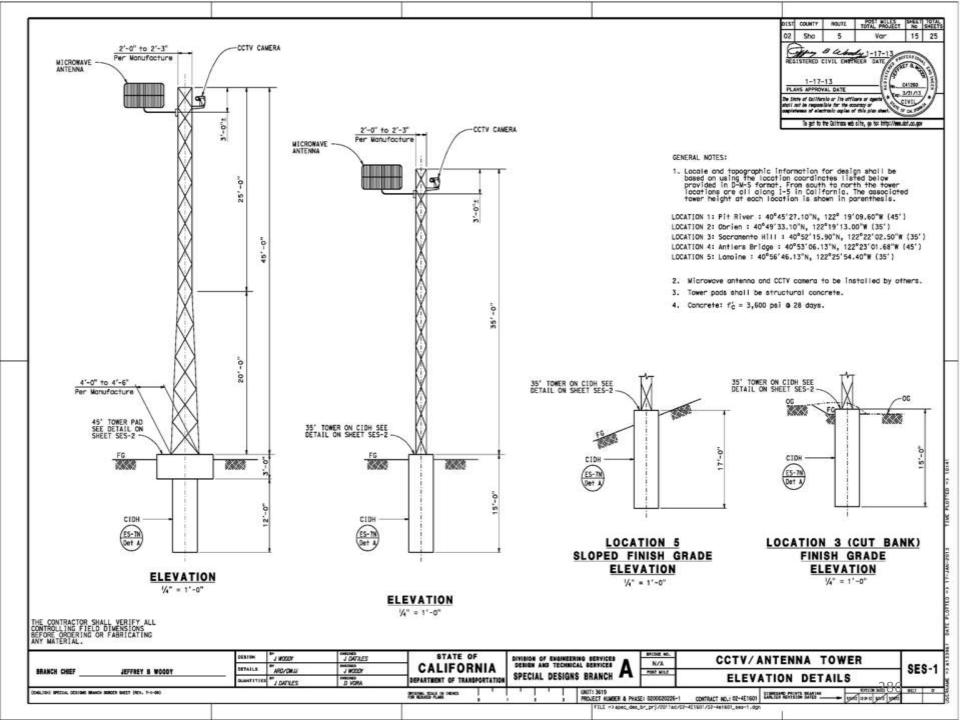
Project Scope

- Install 35' and 45' galvanized steel lattice towers at five existing ITS nodes (originally seven sites)
- Towers need anti-climb panels
- Install conduit up the tower for cables
- Install tower ground system
- Interconnect to existing facilities
- Remove existing CCTV poles





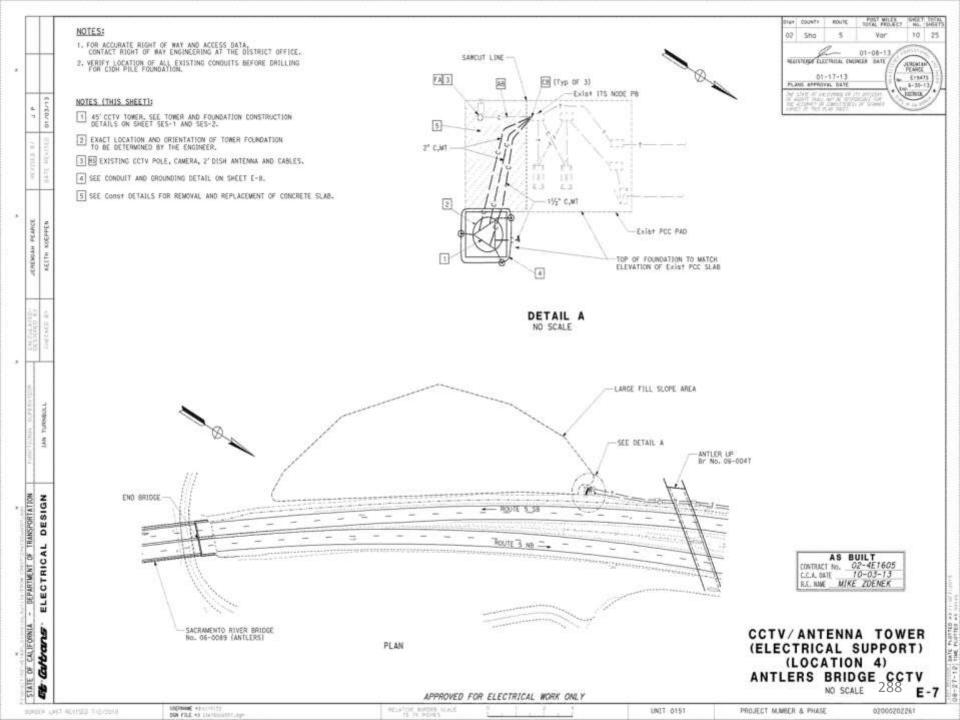


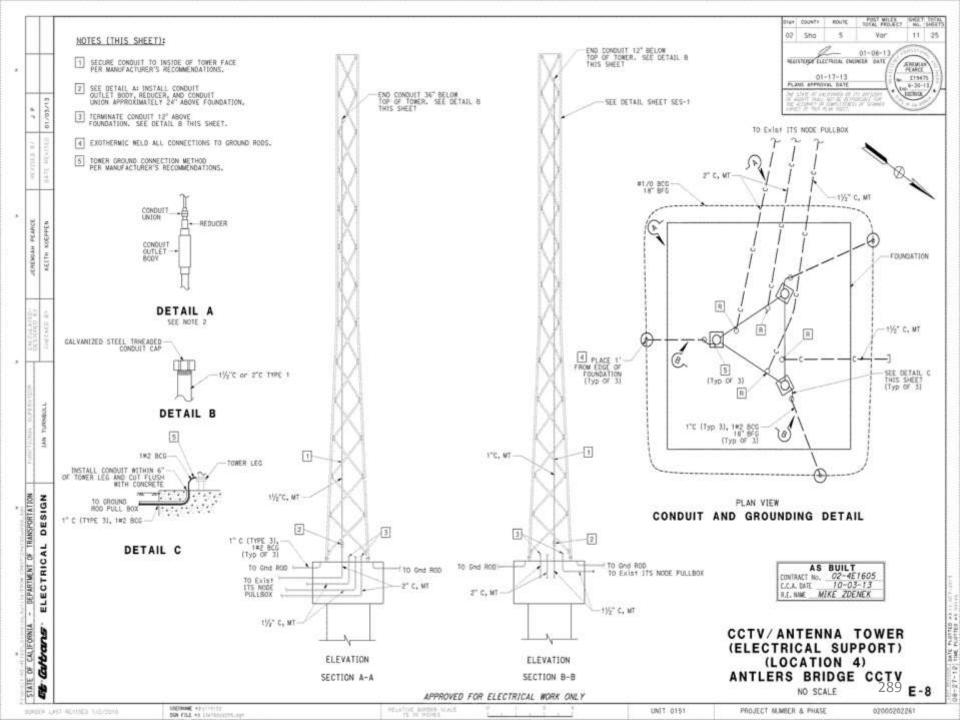


Sacramento Hill CCTV 35' tower

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Pit River Bridge CCTV 45' tower

Existing Pole—

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Connection Details

OVERSITE LOAD

Tower Ground Details

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 - Equipment became available on the 4.9GHz band

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- The new towers allow us to install 3' dishes at the roadside to increase margin.

- Towers also set a precedence with our Headquarters Steel Structures unit to allow us to install 80' towers further up the canyon where trees obstruct line-ofsite paths
- So far no one has complained about the aesthetics, I think they look good

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 - When we get into the facility, we will be using ISM band equipment while we initiate license requests for the new links

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From Bradley looking North

From Bradley looking North East

From Bradley looking East

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From Bradley looking South East

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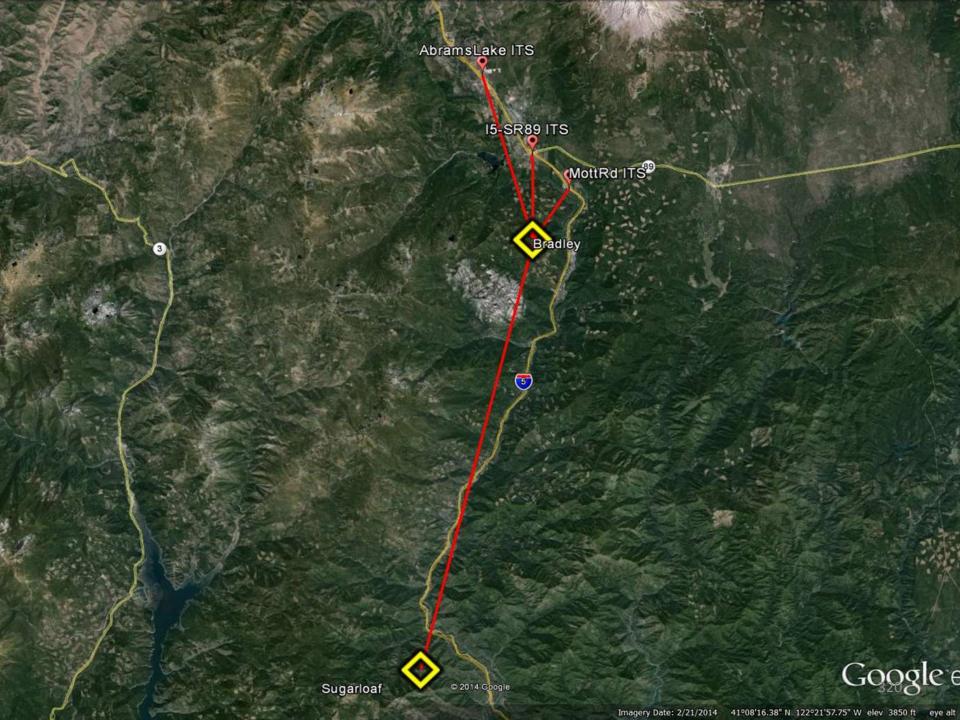
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Conclusions

- Deployment Strategy
 - Field: Telco services -> ISM band microwave if available -> Licensed microwave
 - Backbone: Initiate presence -> ISM band microwave -> Licensed microwave
- Deployment strategy proven effective for our network for 10+ years
- Has made it possible to seamlessly migrate from one level of service to another

