INTEGRATING NETWORKS

ARMS collects data from multiple remote terminals representing the tactical picture as seen at each location, analyzes it for discrepancies and anomalies, and presents the information in user-configurable graphical displays.

WORKS WITH ALL VENDORS’ LINK 16 TERMINALS

The job of the Link 16 Network Manager is to plan, manage, modify, and troubleshoot a tactical data link network distributed over a wide geographical area and often locked onto GPS time. Existing systems employ a single viewpoint solution, but Viasat has developed a distributed approach called the Amalgamated Remote Management System (ARMS) that provides a multi viewpoint solution to network management.

ARMS connects over an IP-based Wide Area Network to multiple remote terminals, including JTIDS, MIDS-LVT, MIDS JTRS, STT, and BATS. It obtains the tactical picture as seen at each location, accepting all transmissions and receptions as well as status from each terminal. From this information, it creates a multi-terminal database that is analyzed for discrepancies and anomalies. A delayed synchronization capability on a single terminal is not required. For example, to detect unauthorized time slot reuse, the network nodes themselves perform this function for any units within sight of more than one ground station.

ARMS can be further enhanced with the FLEXOR feature. FLEXOR is the ARMS capability that originates J-series network management messages to allow the ARMS operator to interactively control Link 16 relay platforms, allocate capacity amongst active platforms, and disable transmission capability of individual platforms when required by frequency usage restrictions.

Together, ARMS and FLEXOR provide a powerful dynamic Link 16 network management system.

ARMS AT-A-GLANCE

Features
» Enables distributed data collection by implementing a multi-homed monitoring system
» Allows coordinated network analysis from multiple viewpoints
» Provides a synthesized analysis of the network architecture
» Plug-n-Play capability—changes to the existing system of terminals are not necessary
» Works with all MIDS-LVT, MIDS JTRS, STT, and BATS; designed for CMN and CCR
» Capable of directly hosting more than 30 terminals simultaneously
» Operates in parallel with existing C2 systems with zero footprint integration
» Provides up-to-date, system-wide status with drill-down capability of terminal BIT for fault isolation
» Real-time Frequency Clearance Agreement (FCA) compliance monitoring
» C2 Adjunct capability provides a single, consolidated tactical feed for all hosted ground radios
» Functions as an anomaly-event-driven, operator-alert-based interface to facilitate expeditious detection and correction of network problems
» The FLEXOR feature supports dynamic (over the air) network management

Ordering Information
PN: 1086429  ARMS master control and two terminals at remote site
PN: 1086432  ARMS annual software update subscription
PN: 1129283  ARMS FLEXOR feature
FLEXOR SEQUENCE PROCESS
The following graphic shows an over the air sequence in process. The sequence step status is updated upon completion, either successful or failure, of each step. An entire sequence is only marked as complete if all of the steps are completed successfully.

LIVER ENABLES SEAMLESS RADIO INTEGRATION
The LVT(1) Interface Viasat Ethernet Repeater (LIVER) is the newest addition to the ARMS Software Suite and simplifies host Ethernet connections from ANY Windows operating system.

SELECTED ALERT LAUNCHES BRAIN
ARMS alert and event drill-down capability includes online access to the ARMS knowledge base, BRAIN, which can be customized for local operations.

UNIT PERSPECTIVE
The new “Unit Perspective” chart provides the network manager an easy to understand presentation of how each radio perceives the active network. At a glance, the network manager can synthesize how the network is connected to see beyond the tactical messaging.

BRAIN VIEWER
The BRAIN (Browser Ready Accessible Insider Knowledge) is a tool that ARMS uses to clearly define and explain what alerts mean to the end user, as well as view data that is event driven within the network. BRAIN also serves as a data repository, providing the operator a method to define what these alerts and events mean to the end user in real time.

SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE
Viasat’s ARMS is built with three functional architectural pieces:
» Link 16 Interface Processes (LIPs)
» Centralized Analysis Process (CAP)
» ARMS User Interface (AUI)