

Tips ‘N’ Tricks

And Tales from the Trenches

Agenda

- What you requested (121+/400+ registrations)
- What I'd like to cover
- If time permits
 - Round table.... Fire away!



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- What you requested (122/400+ registrations)
 - AUI (15 requests)
 - New products/development (10 requests)
 - Tips – maintenance, troubleshooting, install considerations (21 requests)
 - HD Radio (13 requests)
 - Software updates/AUI/SBC issues (9 requests)
 - Remote control – scheduler, SNMP (7 requests)
 - RDS (6 requests)
 - Power – generator sizing, power requirements, MDCL (6 requests)
 - Grounding/lightning protection issues (6 requests)
 - SFN/fill-in boosters – analog/HD (5 requests)

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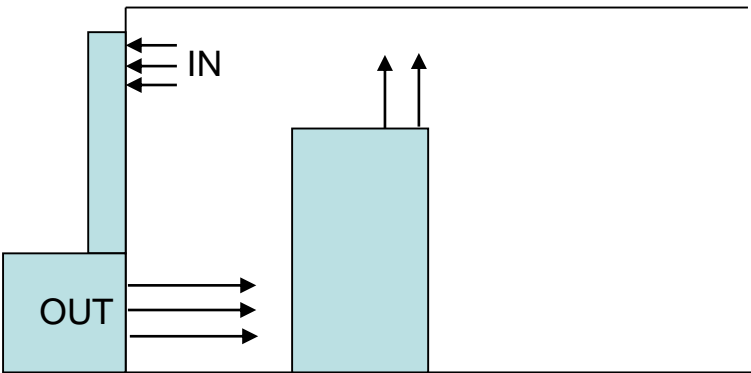
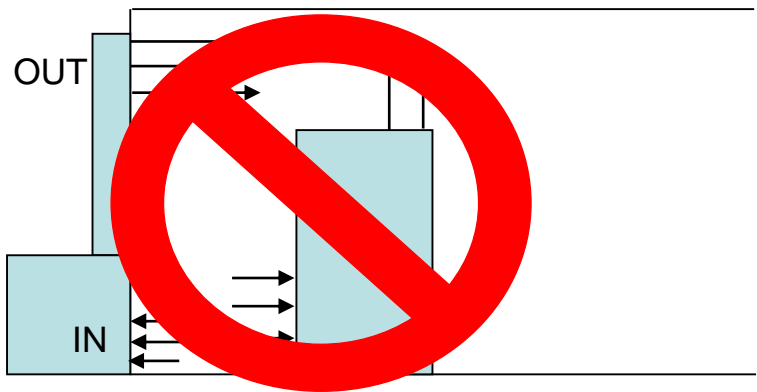
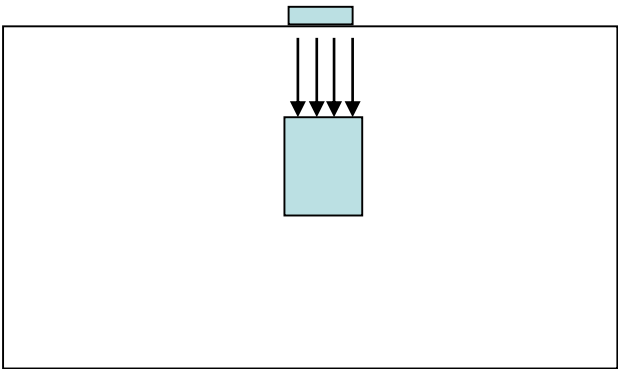
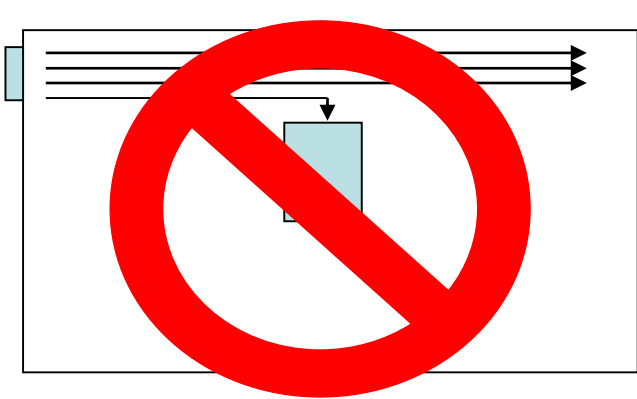
- What I'd like to cover
 - IT security
 - Why it's important
 - Basic requirements
 - Safety!

Maintenance Tips

- Keep it cool
- Keep it clean
- Check hardware

Cooling

AIRFLOW DIRECTION IS CRITICAL!!!



Cooling with Air Conditioning

Calculate transmitter heat load:

$\text{TPO/efficiency} = \text{power consumed} *$

$\text{Power consumed} - \text{TPO} = \text{waste heat (in watts)}$

$\text{Waste heat} * 3.413 = \text{BTU/hr}$

$\text{BTU/hr}/12,000 = \text{tons of AC required}$

Eg: $(10\text{kW}/.72 - 10\text{kW}) = 3888.9 \text{ watts of heat}$

$3888.9 * 3.413 = 13,273 \text{ BTU/hr}$

$13,273/12,000 = 1.11 \text{ tons of air conditioning}$

* - allow for modulation in AM transmitters... multiplying by 1.25 will be close

Cooling with forced air

- POSITIVE PRESSURE!
 - More air into building than out of it
 - Allow for transmitter airflow
 - For example, transmitter requires 1500 CFM
 - Bring 3000 CFM of filtered air into building
 - Exhaust 2000 CFM
- If you install louvres in ducting, you can cycle exhaust air into room in winter for heating.

AC Service Considerations

- Power consumed/voltage = current draw ($P/E=I$)
 - For three phase, divide this by $\sqrt{3}$
- Size breakers to allow 25% extra
- Wiring must be appropriate for breaker
 - Must comply to local electrical codes
- For FM+HD, use total (peak) power, not analog TPO
 - Analog TPO + (4*digital TPO)... eg – 10kW @ -10dBc:
 - $10\text{kW} + 4*1\text{kW} = 14\text{kW}$

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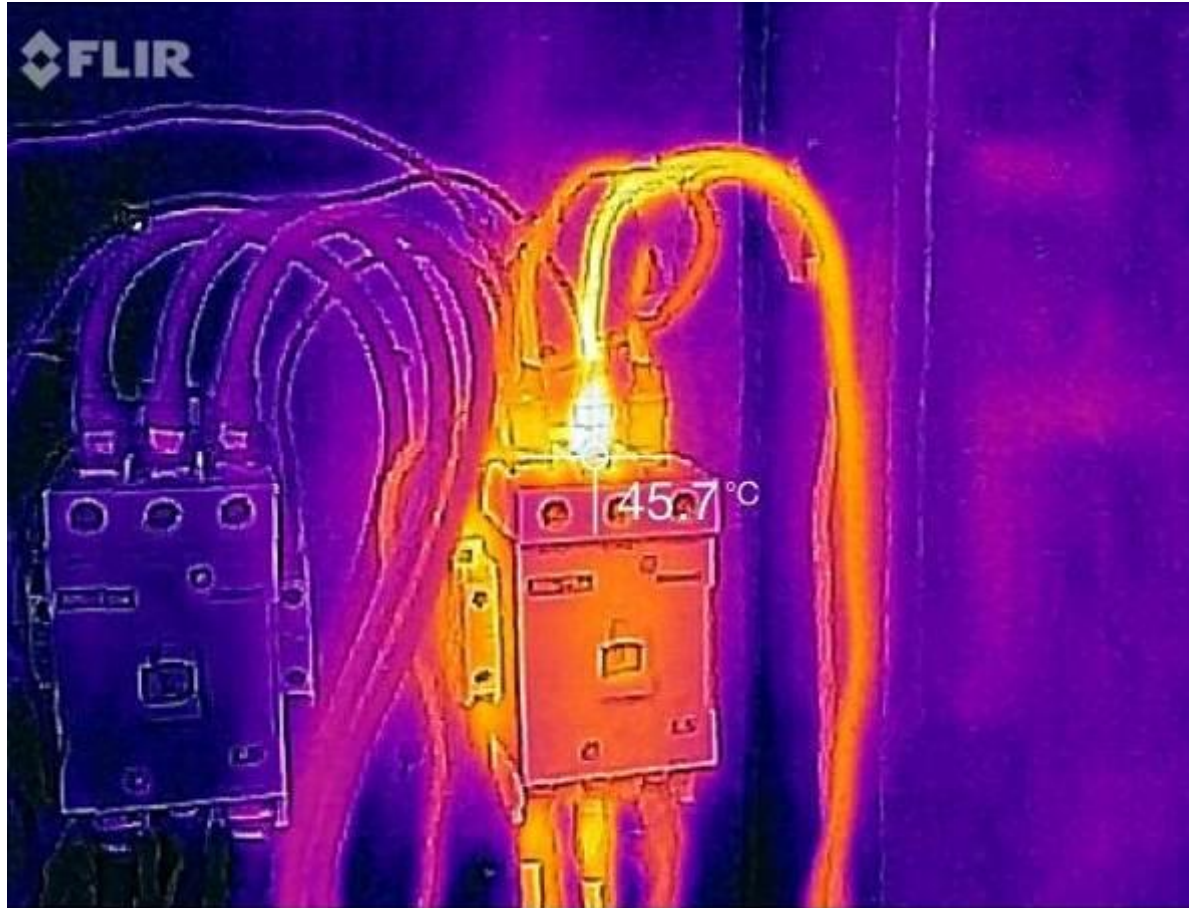


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Maintenance Tips



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Maintenance Tips

User Settings [Close]

- Network Setup
- Email Configuration
- Notifications
- SNMP Configuration
- Critical Parameters**
- External 10MHz
- Spectrum Mask
- Time Setup
- NTP Servers
- Nautel Phone Home
- Call Sign/ID
- Audio Low Thresholds

Critical Parameters

Capture Meters	Copy Meters	57 Meters Captured
Capture Alarms	Copy Alarms	No Values for Alarms
Capture Preset	Copy Preset	Capture Preset button reads all current preset.
Capture Settings	Copy Settings	Capture Settings button reads current settings.

HD Radio™ and DRM

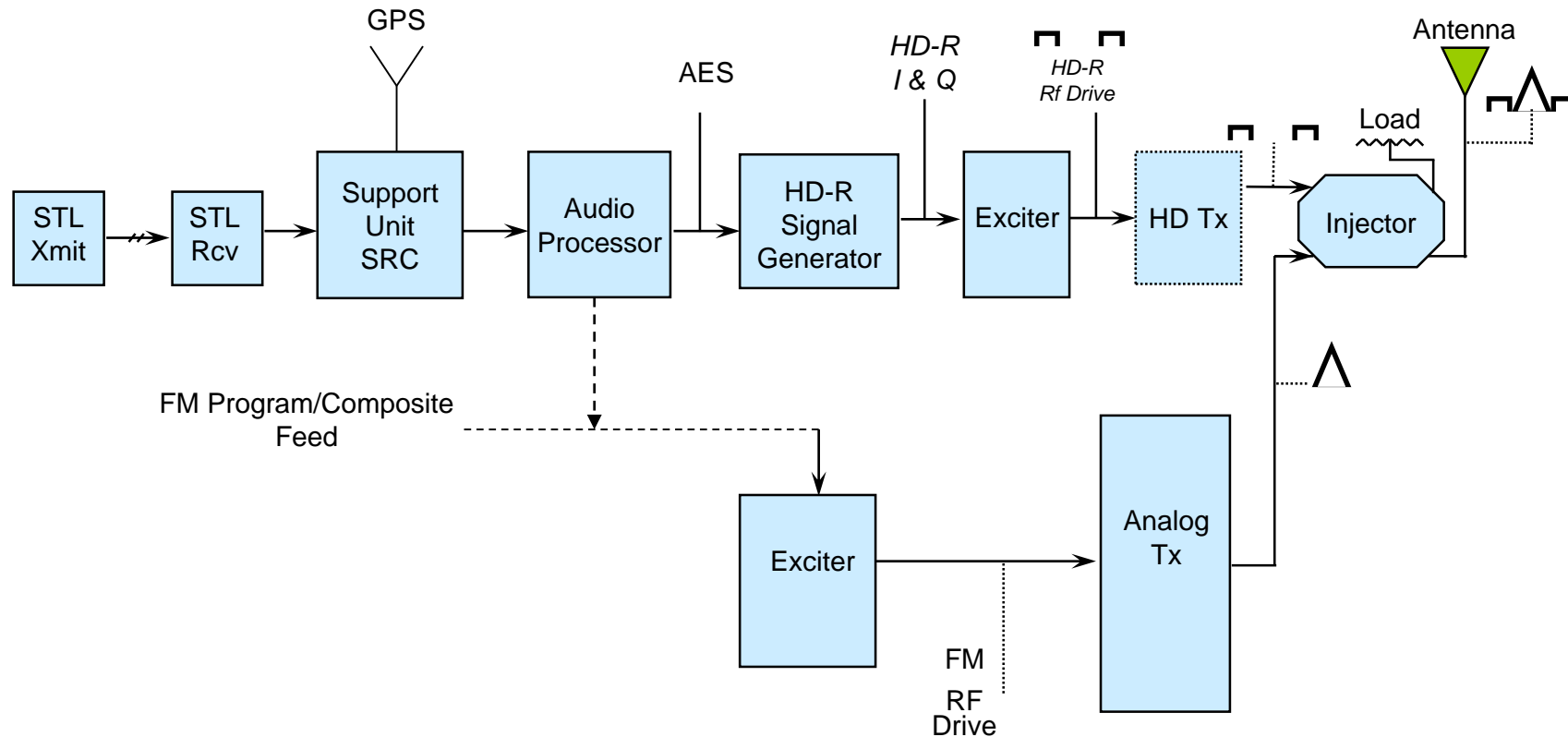
- Points to consider:
 - Cost of implementation
 - Overall cost, including STL, studio changes and licensing
 - Cost of various injection methods, up front and ongoing.
 - Total system requirements
 - Data path to transmitter site and impact on installation
 - Processing for additional audio signals
 - Studio needs for multiple simultaneous audio feeds

Transmitters: High level injection

- Less transmitter cost than hybrid
- No additional antenna required
- Higher HD injection level may reduce the analog TPO capability
- Higher cost of operation, due to losses in injector
- Much bigger footprint
- Overall project cost could exceed other options significantly
- Requires a reject load

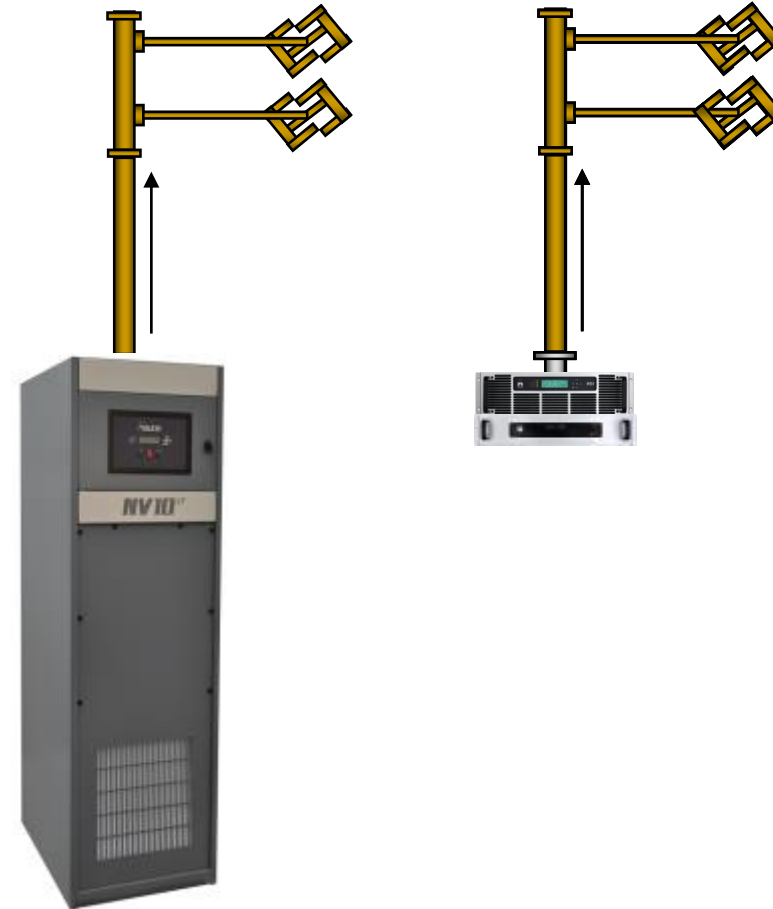


High Level Combined FM System

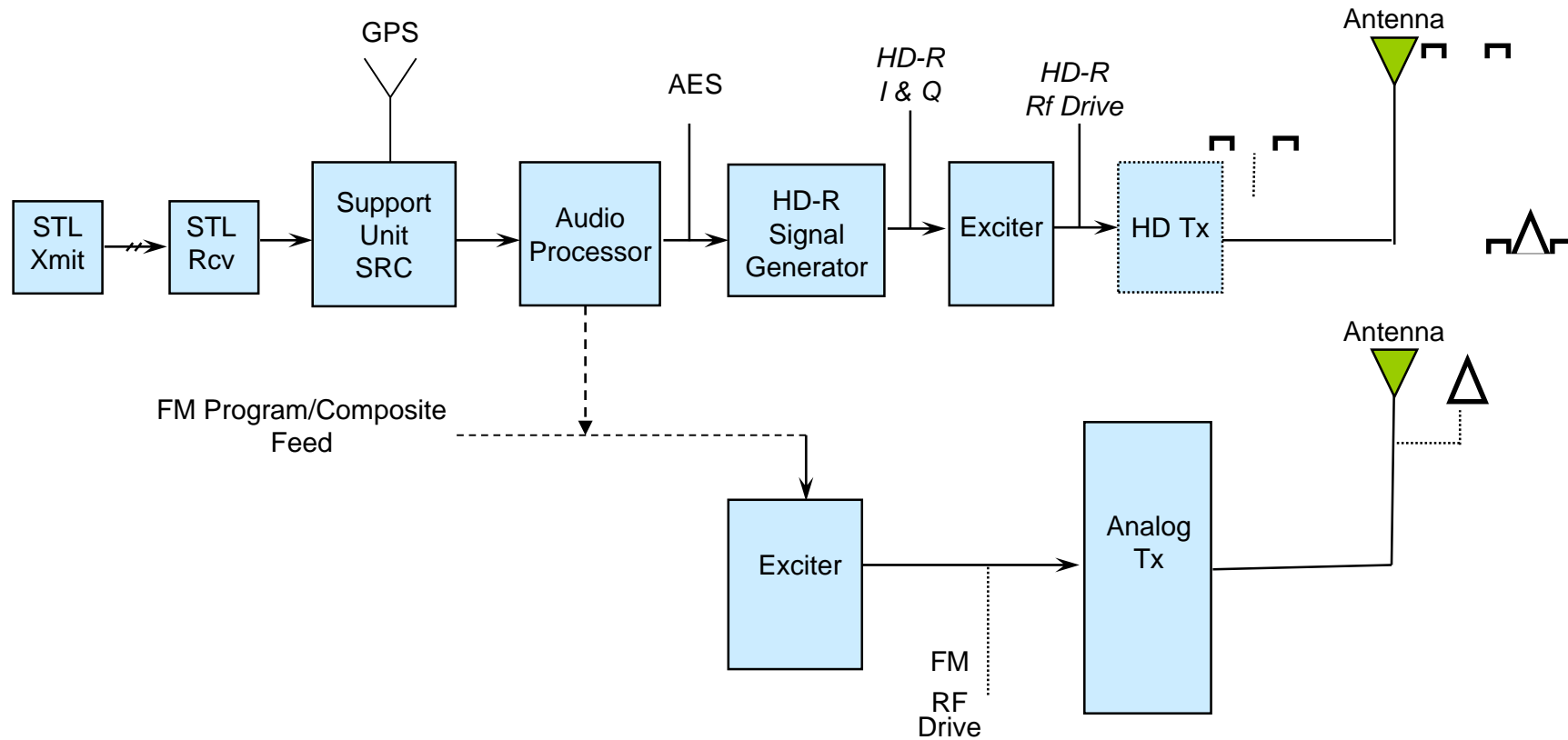


Transmitters: Space Combined

- More efficient
- Digital transmitter/antenna can be used as backup
- Takes up more space
 - In site
 - On tower
- Pattern replication issues



Antenna Combined FM System

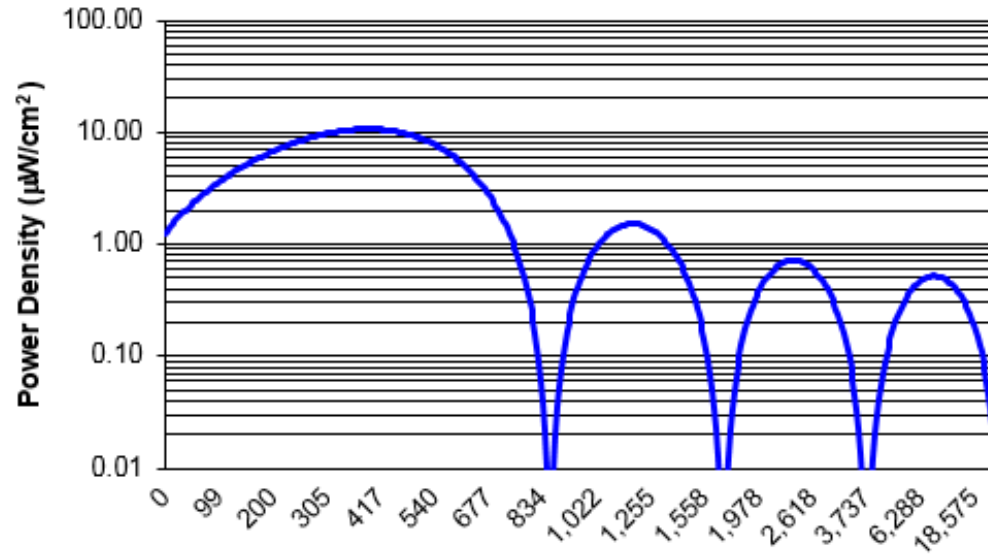


Antenna Combined FM System

Antenna: ERI SHPX-4AC
Bay Spacing: 1 wavelength
Element Field @ -90: 12.6% (avg)
Far-field Pattern Assumed

R/C Height AGL: 980 feet
Max. ERP per polarization: 100.000 kW Analog
3.981 kW Digital (avg)
Date of Study: 28-Apr-15 / ID# 1

Theoretical Power Density per OET Bulletin 65
Calculated for 2 meters (6.56 feet) Above Level Terrain
FCC limits: Uncontrolled Access ≤ 200 ; Controlled Access $\leq 1,000$.



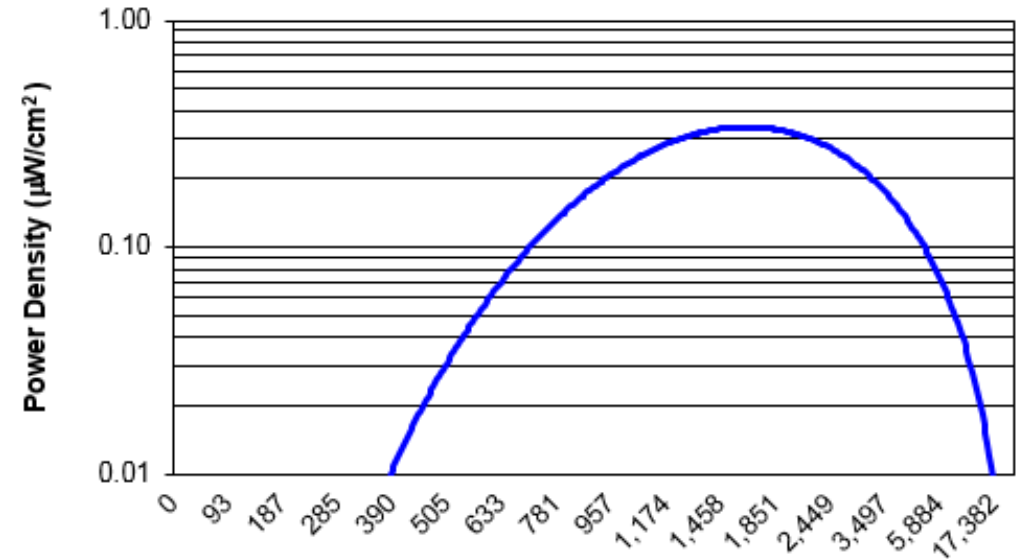
Horizontal Distance from Tower Base (feet)

Calculation only for review and acceptance of station engineer or consultant.

Antenna: ERI SMPX-2HW
Bay Spacing: 0.5 wavelength
Element Field @ -90: 12.6% (avg)
Far-field Pattern Assumed

R/C Height AGL: 917.5 feet
Max. ERP per polarization: 4.000 kW Analog
0.000 kW Digital (avg)
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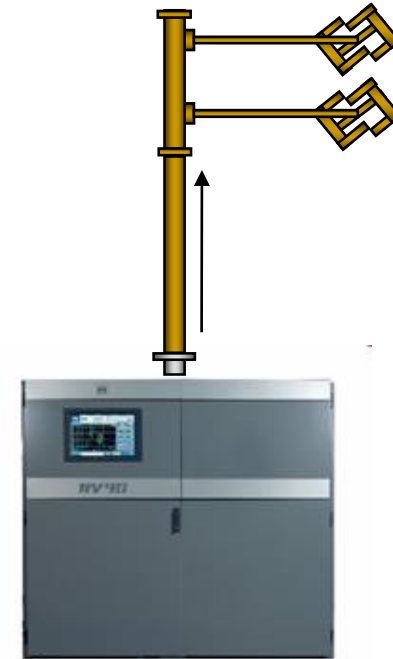
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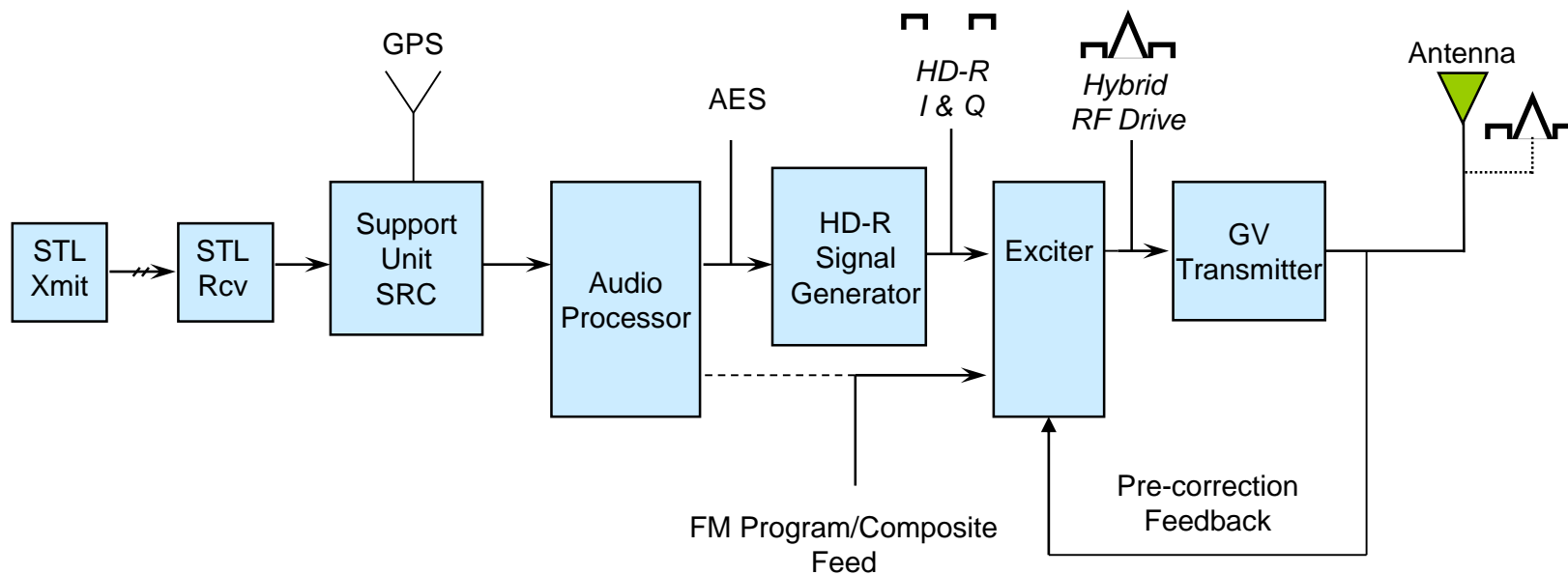
Transmitters: Low Level (Hybrid) Combined

- Simple architecture
- Single box installation
- Higher HD injection level may reduce the analog TPO capability
- May need to replace your transmitter or combine another for higher total power
- Higher injection levels reduce efficiency*

* HD PowerBoost increases digital injection and efficiency of an existing transmitter.

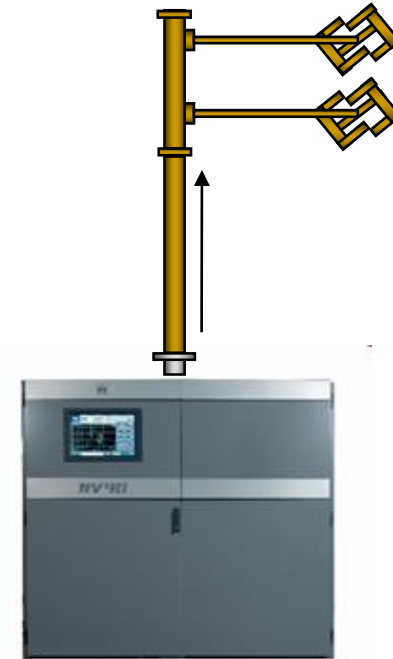


Low Level Combined FM System



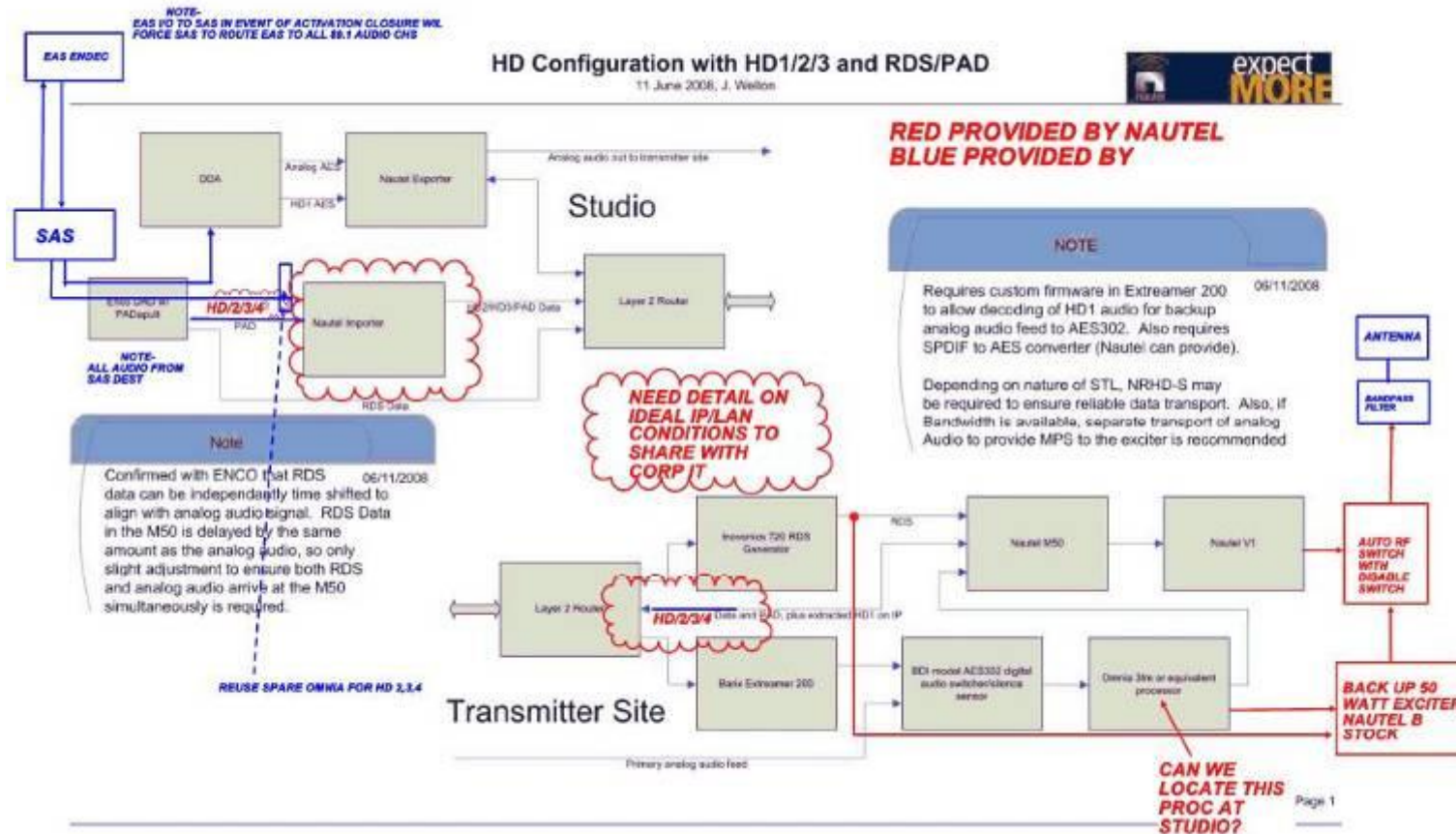
Transmitters: Backfed Combiner

- Only effective in channel combiner applications, with multiple stations on site.
- Can be significantly restricted by combiner capabilities
- Cost of operation breaks even with hybrid at higher injection levels.



HD Radio™ and DRM

- Draw a signal flow diagram
 - Show analog and HD audio, as well as RF chain
 - Don't forget data vs. audio and include telemetry



Software Updates and Issues

Index of /pub/GV_Series/GV_SW_4.4.1

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Apache Server at www3.nautel.com Port 80

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Remote Control

The screenshot displays the Nautek radio control interface. At the top, there are three main sections: Date & Time, Transmitter, and Exciter. The Date & Time section shows 'Thu Aug 14 2014' and '14:52:27'. The Transmitter section shows '0.01 kW' and '98.10 MHz'. The Exciter section shows 'Active Exciter' and 'FM Modulation'. Below these, there is a 'Scheduler: Off' button and a 'Preset: Preset 1' dropdown. A 'Remote I/O' section is visible, showing a list of remote inputs and their configurations. The 'Remote Input 1' configuration is highlighted, showing 'Channel: Custom Input', 'Control: Active Low, Turn On', 'Level: 1', 'Name: Custom Input 1', 'Severity: Low', and 'Log' checkbox. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Apply' and 'Cancel'. The bottom status bar shows 'RF On', 'Menu', 'Status', 'Logs', 'Reset', and 'Log Out'.

Date & Time	Transmitter	Exciter
Thu Aug 14 2014	0.01 kW	Active Exciter
14:52:27	98.10 MHz	FM Modulation
Scheduler: Off	Reflected 0 W	0 % 0.010 % 100 % 160 %
	Set Point 22.00 kW	
	Preset: Preset 1	

Remote I/O

Remote Inputs	Remote Outputs	Analog Outputs	Site Control
Remote Input 1 Custom Input			
Remote Input 2 Not Assigned			
Remote Input 3 Inc/Dec RF Power			
Remote Input 4 Inc/Dec RF Power			
Remote Input 5 Preset : Preset 1			
Remote Input 6 Reset			
Remote Input 7 Preset : FM_HD			
Remote Input 8 Main Exciter			
Remote Input 9			

Remote Input 1

Channel	Custom Input
Control	Active Low, Turn On
Level	1
Name	Custom Input 1
Severity	Low
Log	<input type="checkbox"/>

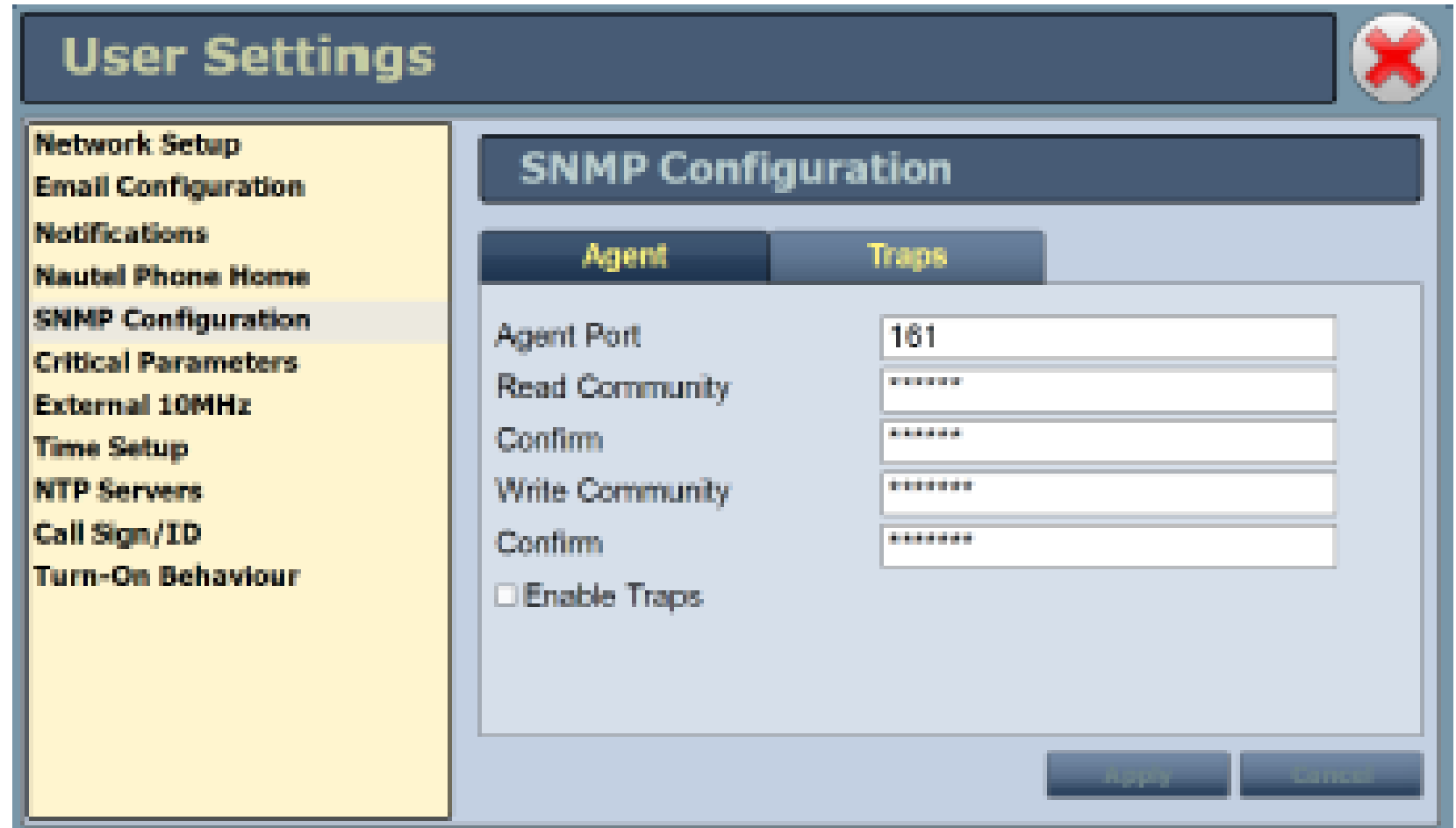
Apply Cancel

RF On RF Off Logged in as: Nautek Menu Status Logs Local Remote Reset Log Out



SNMP

- Firewall
- Client PW
 - May be different for read/write
- Enable Traps to send notifications
 - Need IP and port of rx

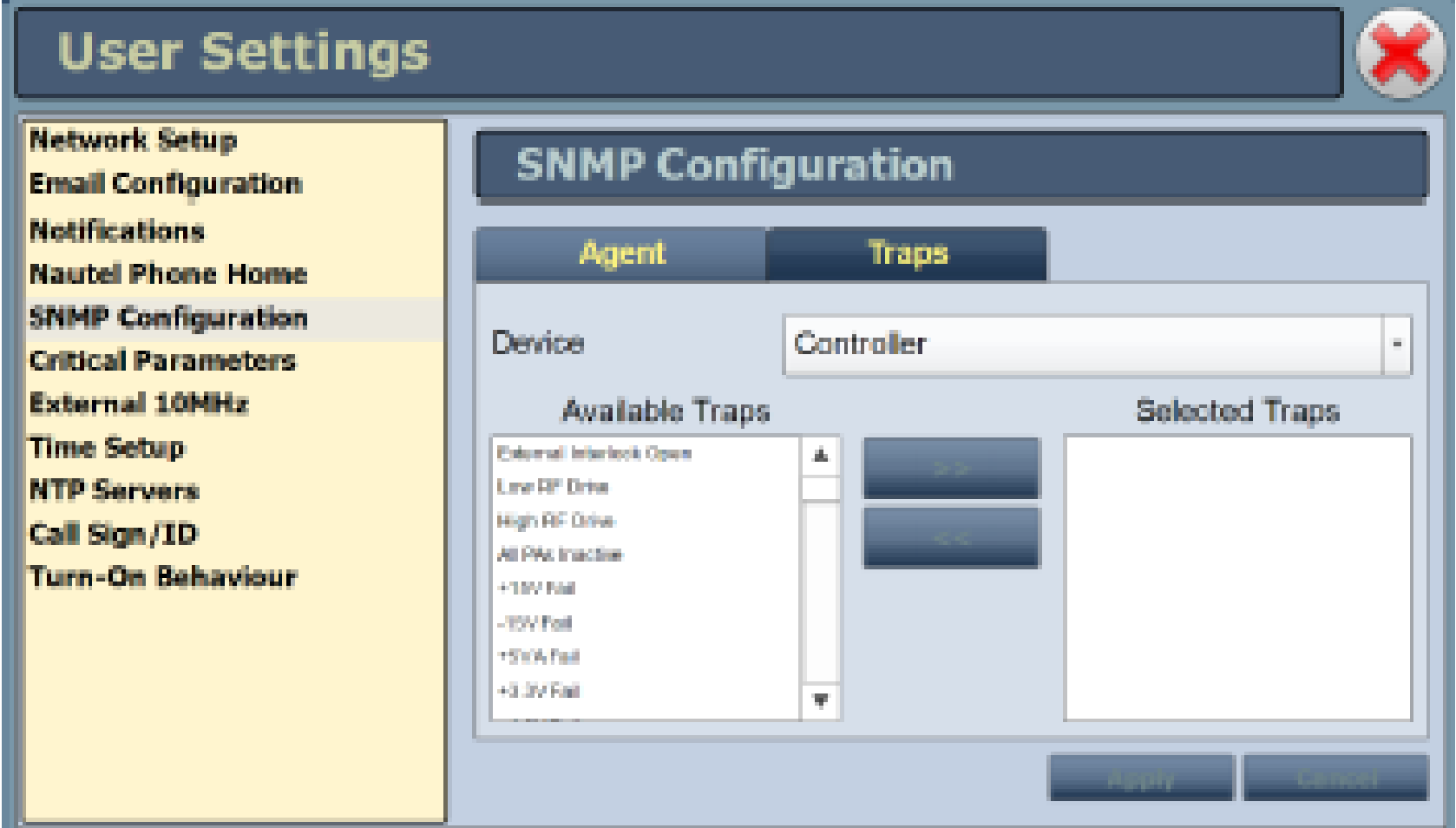


The image shows a 'User Settings' dialog box with a red 'X' icon in the top right corner. On the left is a yellow sidebar with a list of settings: Network Setup, Email Configuration, Notifications, Nautel Phone Home, **SNMP Configuration** (highlighted), Critical Parameters, External 10MHz, Time Setup, NTP Servers, Call Sign/ID, and Turn-On Behaviour. The main area is titled 'SNMP Configuration' and has two tabs: 'Agent' and 'Traps'. The 'Agent' tab is active, showing fields for 'Agent Port' (161), 'Read Community' (password masked with asterisks), 'Confirm' (password masked with asterisks), 'Write Community' (password masked with asterisks), 'Confirm' (password masked with asterisks), and an unchecked checkbox for 'Enable Traps'. At the bottom right are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons.

SNMP Configuration	
Agent	Traps
Agent Port	161
Read Community	*****
Confirm	*****
Write Community	*****
Confirm	*****
<input type="checkbox"/> Enable Traps	

SNMP

- Select Traps
 - Controller
 - Exciter
 - Etc.
- Apply



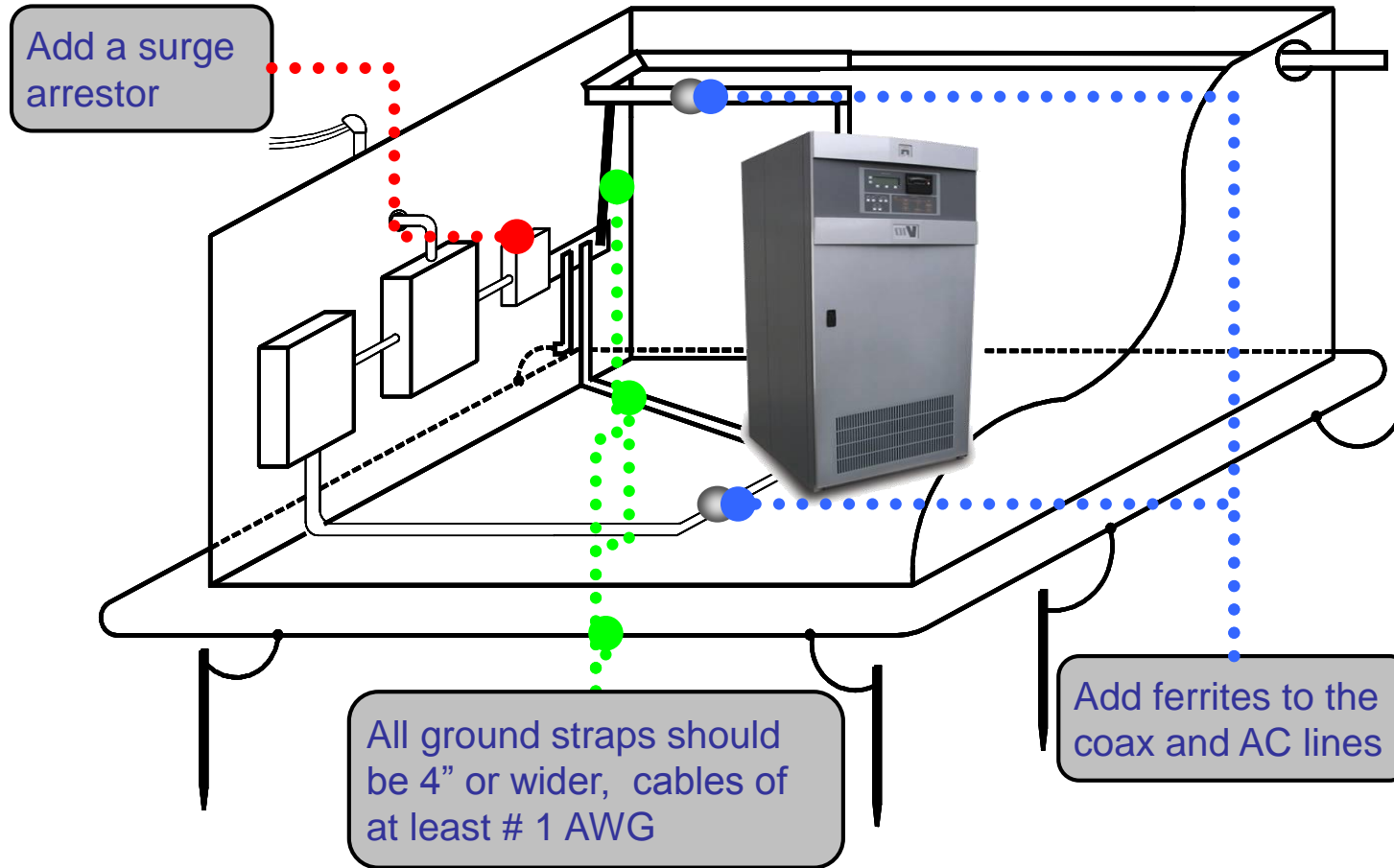
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Available Traps		Selected Traps	
External Interlock Open	<div>+></div> <div><-</div>		
Low RF Drive			
High RF Drive			
All PAs Inactive			
+10V Fail			
-10V Fail			
+50A Fail			
+0.3V Fail			

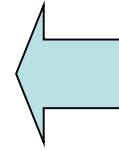
RDS

- Points to consider:
 - When feeding data from automation system over IP, must set port number (7005).
 - May need to open port in router.
 - Most automation can send RT (TEXT=" "), this does not equal PS. Some cars can receive one, but not the other.
 - Some systems send data too often for VS transmitters.

Grounding



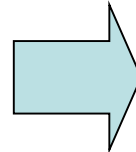
Grounding



- Buss bar for AC grounds
- Tied to station reference ground
- All primary equipment connected

Bulkhead ground for coax cables

- Best done where cables enter building
- Connected to station reference ground
- Keep ground leads as short as possible



Ferrites

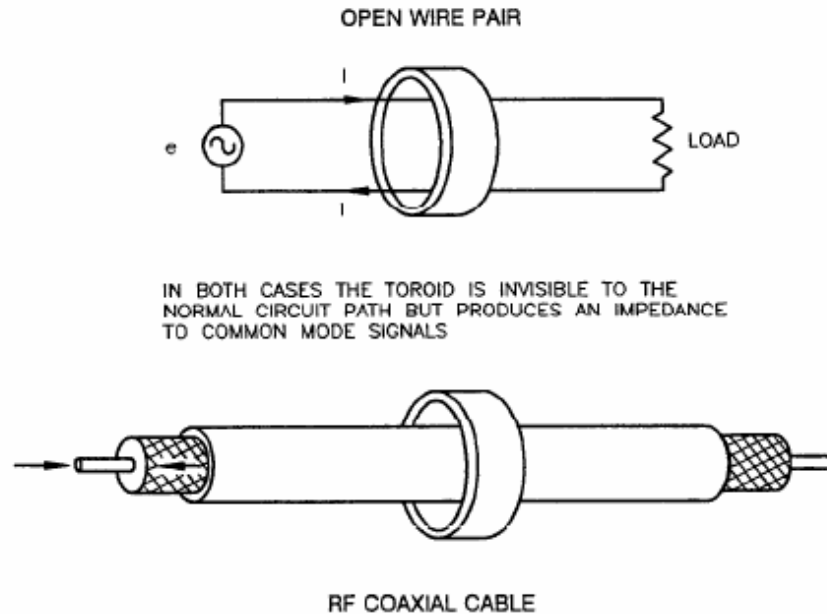


Figure F-4 Use of Toroids to Impede Common Mode Signals

Ferrites are good for reducing common mode signals

- Lightning surges
- Induced RF (especially at co-located AM and FM sites)
- Power line and power supply noise

Grounding



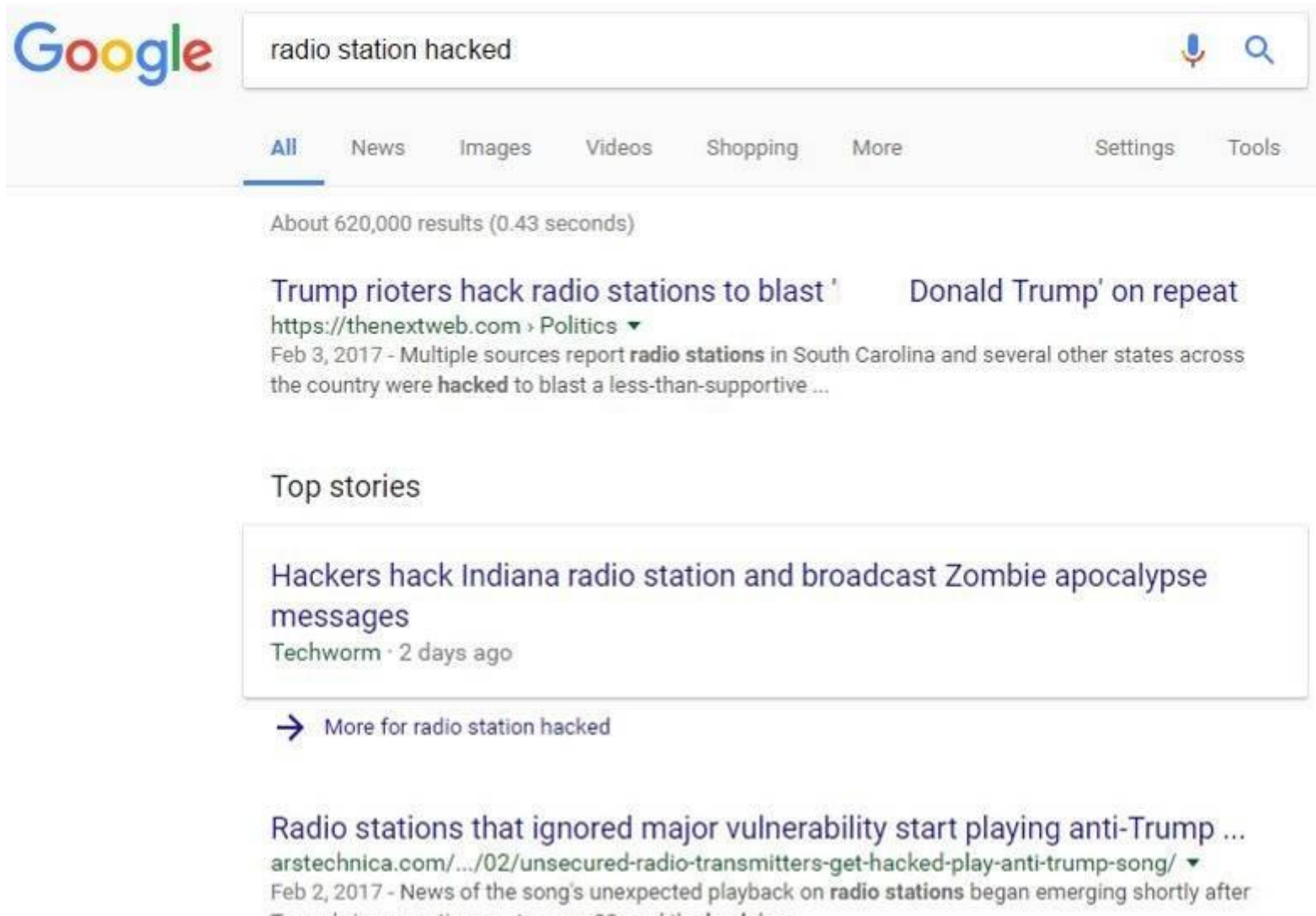
Ferrites can also be a troubleshooting tool

Ferrites on coax help reduce lightning susceptibility



Making Digital Broadcasting **Work.**

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radio station hacked

All News Images Videos Shopping More Settings Tools

About 620,000 results (0.43 seconds)

Trump rioters hack radio stations to blast 'Donald Trump' on repeat
<https://thenextweb.com> › Politics ▾
Feb 3, 2017 - Multiple sources report **radio stations** in South Carolina and several other states across the country were **hacked** to blast a less-than-supportive ...


Top stories

Hackers hack Indiana radio station and broadcast Zombie apocalypse messages
Techworm · 2 days ago

→ More for radio station hacked

Radio stations that ignored major vulnerability start playing anti-Trump ...
arstechnica.com/.../02/unsecured-radio-transmitters-get-hacked-play-anti-trump-song/ ▾
Feb 2, 2017 - News of the song's unexpected playback on **radio stations** began emerging shortly after

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TOP COUNTRIES



United States	915
Israel	56
Argentina	46
Russian Federation	43
Canada	37

TOP SERVICES

SNMP	1,424
8081	58
HTTP	25
NAS Web Interfaces	4
GlassFish Server	4

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University of California, Los Angeles
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Mexico	44
Colombia	41

TOP SERVICES

SIP	842
Qconn	29
9002	5
8081	4
HTTP (81)	3


TOP ORGANIZATIONS

Comcast Business	100
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	24
BT	20
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Total results: 899

Comcast Business

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 United States, Fort Collins

Details

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From: <sip:nn@nm>;tag=root
To: <sip:nn2@nm2>;tag=540537196ec6eb718ba183ebbb24fe93
Call-ID: 50000
CSeq: 42 OPTIONS
Supported: precondition
Contact: <sip:user@nm>;tag=root
User-Agent: Conrex SIP
Allow: ...
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Comcast Business


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 United States, Marietta

Details

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To: <sip:nn2@nm2>;tag=7208cd99eb19f0c3ea7844fcf25e6ae5
Call-ID: 50000
CSeq: 42 OPTIONS
Supported: precondition
Contact: <sip:user@nm>;tag=root
User-Agent: Conrex SIP
Allow: I...
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HTTP	642
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8081	6
HTTP (81)	4

TOP ORGANIZATIONS

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Charter Communications	50
AT&T Internet Services	26
Orange	25
Time Warner Cable	18

TOP OPERATING SYSTEMS


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Linux 2.6.x	27

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Preparing to load the Tieline G5 Toolbox

Vivo

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 Brazil, Curitiba

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Server: Tieline

Time Warner Cable

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 United States, New York

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University of Washington

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 United States, Kirkland

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Server: Tieline

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192.168.0.1/adv_virtual.asp

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ADVANCED NETWORK

GUEST ZONE

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IPv6 ROUTING

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VIRTUAL SERVER

The Virtual Server option allows you to define a single public port on your router for redirection to an internal LAN IP Address and Private LAN port if required. This feature is useful for hosting online services such as FTP or Web Servers.

Save Settings Don't Save Settings

24— VIRTUAL SERVERS LIST

	Name	Application Name	Port	Protocol	Schedule
<input type="checkbox"/>	SSH Access	Application Name	Public Port 22	TCP	Never
	IP Address	NAUTEL-C77ZTM	Private Port 22	6	Inbound Filter Deny All
<input type="checkbox"/>	http	Application Name	Public Port 80	TCP	Always
	IP Address	NAUTEL-C77ZTM	Private Port 80	6	Inbound Filter Allow All
<input type="checkbox"/>	email	Application Name	Public Port 843	TCP	Always
	IP Address	NAUTEL-C77ZTM	Private Port 843	6	Inbound Filter Allow All
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUI	Application Name	Public Port 3501	TCP	Always
	IP Address	NAUTEL-C77ZTM	Private Port 3501	6	Inbound Filter Allow All

Helpful Hints ...

Check the **Application Name** drop down menu for a list of predefined server types. If you select one of the predefined server types, click the arrow button next to the drop down menu to fill out the corresponding field.

You can select a computer from the list of DHCP clients in the **Computer Name** drop down menu, or you can manually enter the IP address of the computer at which you would like to open the specified port.

Select a schedule for when the virtual server will be enabled. If you do not see the schedule you need in the list of schedules, go to the **Tools → Schedules** screen and create a new schedule.

Select a filter that restricts the Internet hosts that can access this virtual server to hosts that you trust. If you do not see the filter you need in the list of filters, go to the **Advanced → Inbound Filter** screen and create a new filter.

More...

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In Summary:

- Use a firewall, block any ports that aren't essential.
- CHANGE DEFAULT USERNAME / PASSWORD!!!
- For critical devices (most of them) consider a VPN.
- Alternately, use a product such as TeamViewer.

Safety

chief engineer found dead

_____ sends thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of _____, who was chief engineer at _____ in _____. The station plays "lite" contemporary Christian music and has many translators including _____

_____ was found dead last Friday in the station's remote mountain transmitter shack.

Technical engineer for _____ Radio, _____, was found dead at the station's transmitter site

Title: **Engineer Electrocuted Making Repairs At _____**

Post by: _____ on August 20, 2010, 06:06:28 PM

It is with sadness that I pass along a report seen on the evening news today out of _____, Mississippi. Engineer _____ died yesterday while working on the station's transmitter

- More frequently, engineers are working alone, often after a full day at another job, bringing fatigue into the equation.

Safety

- ESR (EH in the U.S.) rated footwear can keep you alive if you come in contact with a live circuit.



Electric Shock Resistant Boot / Electric Shock Resistant Footwear (ESR)

Boots labeled "ESR" are manufactured to protect you from electric shock when working near electrical hazards. Testing concluded the leakage current did not exceed 1 mill ampere when applying an 18,000 volt / 60HZ electrical discharge to ground for one continuous minute.



Safety



Safety



Lockout/tagout – it can save your life

Safety



Round Table

Questions?

Comments?

Concerns?

Anything I missed...

Thank You

