



DAB+: EFFICIENT CONTENT DELIVERY

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### **EVOLVING ECONOMY**

- In analogue broadcast systems of the past, power consumption was rarely considered key to the choice of technology or vendor
  - neither from the perspective of overall, end-to-end efficiency, nor for any single component of the broadcasting chain
- Skyrocketing energy prices impact the economic balance
- Many broadcasters find they are in the top energy consumers in a country and face possible "carbon taxes" in the future
- Sharing infrastructure become more desirable
- Green becomes more than a statement in social responsibility it impacts the bottom line

## **TRANSMISSION OVERVIEW**

- Digitisation brought significant power advantages by enabling far higher channel density over similar spectrum/transmitters
- DAB/DAB+ digital terrestrial transmission standard, offers robust modulation scheme enabling reliable delivery of multiple programs
- DAB/DAB+ transmitter consumes approximately 35% less power than an analogue transmitter for the same coverage area
- Power consumption drops
  - Up to 28 analogue transmitters can be replaced with one DAB+ system; with a single transmitter, you can now encompass the same coverage area with 28 digital audio programs

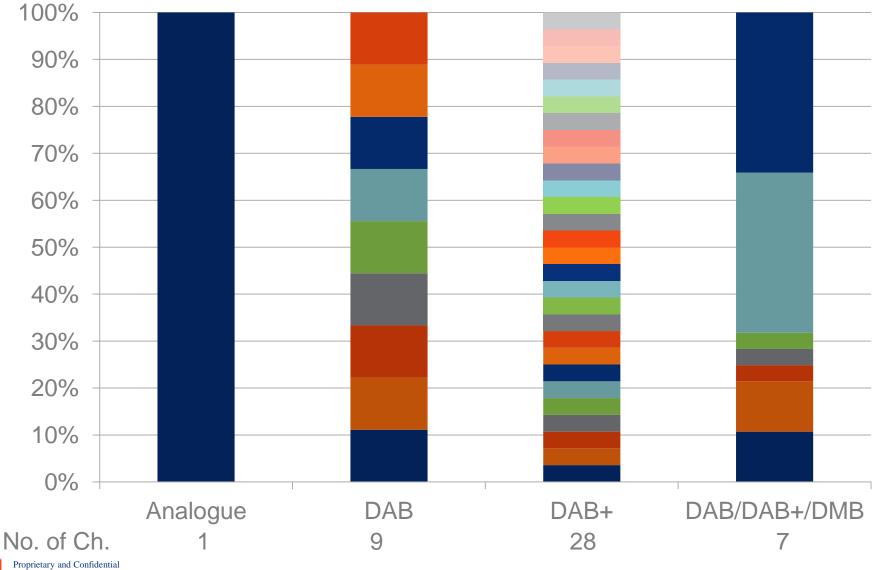
Infrastructure requirements are reduced

#### SHIFTING PARADIGM

# Analog Radio One program stream to one transmitter **Digital Radio** Many program streams to one transmitter

Drives increase in content management needs – processors, automation, data management, STL links, monitor & control

## **Spectrum Utilization**



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## **TYPICAL SCENARIO COSTS**

Сарех	Analog FM	DAB+	DRM+
Main system components			
Antenna	\$27,579	\$18,725	\$27,579
Feeder	\$5 <i>,</i> 650	\$5,650	\$5,650
Mask Filter & cable	\$0	\$10,087	\$10,087
Transmitter inc Exciter	\$53,500	\$70,000	\$48,137
Head End - Mux / Enc etc	\$0	\$76,235	\$19,682
Total - Main	\$86,729	\$180,697	\$111,135
Ancillary equipment and services			
Racks	\$0	\$1,445	\$3,200
Power Conditioning	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Monitoring	\$4,000	\$16,000	\$8,000
Transmitter Installation	\$15,151	\$15,152	\$15,153
Antenna & Other Instal Costs	\$17,250	\$17,250	\$17,250
Total - Ancillary	\$40,401	\$52,847	\$46,603
Total Costs	\$127,130	\$233,544	\$157,738
Number of Services	1	18	2
Cost per service	\$127,130	\$12,975	\$ <b>78,8</b> 69
Ratio to DAB+	9.8		6.1

## **POWERSMART® – GREEN TECHNOLOGY**

- First available 50 Volt LDMOS Power Devices
- Best in Class Power Density
- □ Higher Efficiency up to ~66% improvement
- Lower Power Consumption
- Less Complexity Higher reliability
- Smaller and lighter for ease of handling
- Field serviceable design with sub-assembly repair
- RoHS & CE compliant

PowerSmart<sup>®</sup>

- All digital Real Time Adaptive Correction (*RTAC*)
- Incorporates new Apex M2X multimedia exciter
- Easy software upgradeability to new standards as they become available



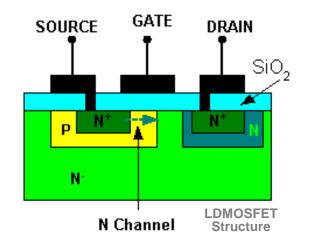




## **ADVANCE IN DEVICE TECHNOLOGY**

#### Laterally Diffused Metal–Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor (LDMOS-FET) LDMOS-FETs have significant advantages over VMOS-FETs for RF amplifiers:

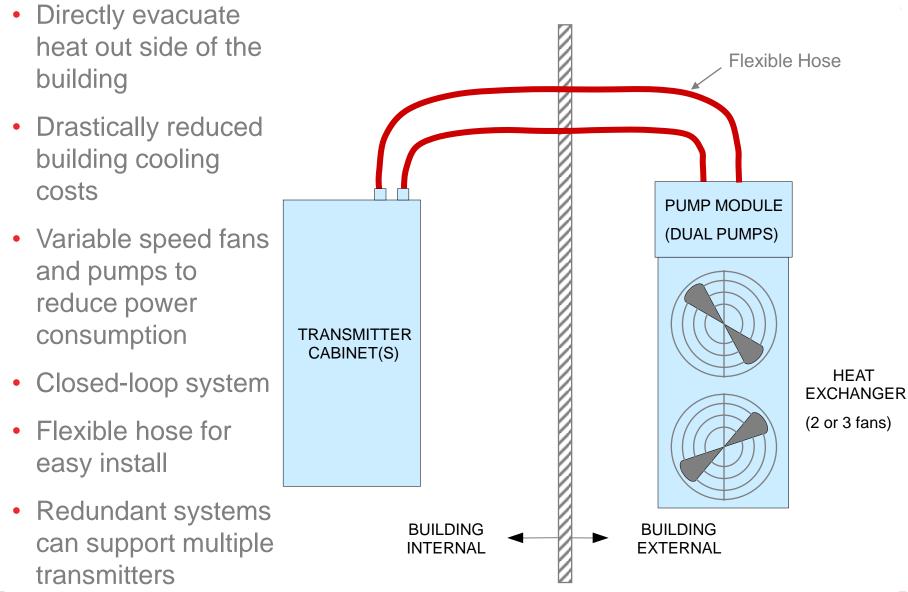
- Higher current handling
- Higher breakdown voltage
- Increased power density (2 x VMOS)
- Increased maximum power output
- Improved linearity
- Higher gain (~20dB) (less drive required)
- Improved efficiency
- Lower thermal resistance
- Increased ruggedness Can tolerate extreme VSWR reflections of up to 65:1 pulsed at full rated power, at all phase angles



The LDMOS-FET is an asymmetric MOSFET designed for low onresistance, higher blocking voltage and current handling capability than their VMOS counterpart.

Combined with a short channel length superior thermal performance and high breakdown voltage, these characteristics make them very attractive for high power RF amplifiers in many applications.

## LIQUID COOLING SOLUTIONS



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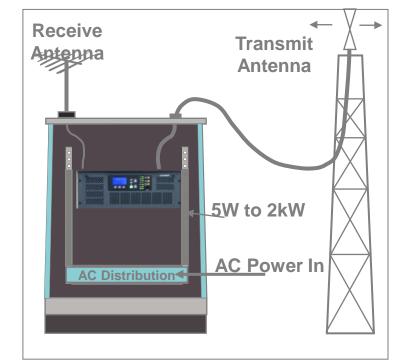
### **POWER SAVINGS INSTALLATIONS**

Ducted Air racks

Evacuate the heat from the building
Reduces Cooling costs

Outdoor shelter
Reduces site costs
Fast deployment

 Both solutions reduce operating costs







## **SUMMARY**

- Economic factors impact technology selection
- DAB/DAB+ standard enables green operation and new revenue opportunities
- Multiple Channel per transmitter drives lower cost per channel
- Key technologies deliver superior green footprint
  - PowerSmart<sup>®</sup> (1) DAB/DAB+ transmitters
- Additional savings are realized from facility space, cooling, construction and maintenance costs
- Unicast wireless data does not scale
- Digital Radio is a cost effective mobile content delivery platform

## Green becomes more than a statement in social responsibility - it impacts the bottom line





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