



# **Information Superiority Battle Command (Network Centric Warfare Environment) What is the US Army doing? Paper 123**

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# Agenda

- Network Centric Warfare
- Introduction to Battle Command Battle Laboratory (Gordon)
- BCBL-G contribution to developing US Army Network Centric Warfare capability
  - Modeling and Simulation
  - Battle Lab Collaborative Simulation Environment (BLSCE)
  - Future Force Concept Experimentation
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# Network Centric Warfare

- 1997, VADM Arthur Cebrowski
  - Information and Intelligence architecture built around sensors, information, and engagement grids that would enable new operational concepts of speed of command and self-synchronization.



# Military Network Centric Warfare Approach

- An information superiority-enabled concept of operations that:
  - generates increased combat power by networking sensors, decision makers and shooters to achieve shared awareness,
  - increased speed of decision making and command, higher tempo of operation, greater lethality,
  - increased survivability, and
  - a degree of self synchronization



# Network Centric Warfare Paradigm

- Shift from platform centric warfare based upon overpowering and destroying enemy forces with the aim of removing courses of action due to a lack of material strength.
- NCW focus on non-tangible collective attributes:
  - Leadership, individual morale, unit cohesiveness, situational awareness, information transport and processing.



# BCBL(G) Mission



Provide overall direction, oversight, vertical and horizontal integration of all activities that are focused on providing the means to improve and merge Battle Command and information warfare.





# BCBL-G Responsibilities

- Investigate, leverage, and adapt emerging commercial communications and battle command automation technologies, capabilities and concepts that *support* the current and Future Force

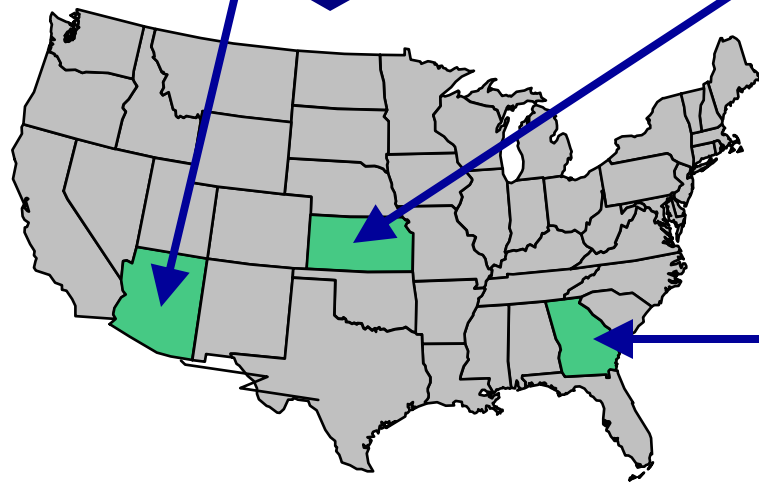


# Battle Command Triad



**FT. HUACHUCA, AZ**  
**FOCUS on :**  
The **“INTEL”** of Battle Command  
Technology Solutions  
Intelligence Capabilities

**FT. LEAVENWORTH, KS**  
**FOCUS on :**  
The **“ART”** Of Battle Command  
(C2) Rqmts  
Desired Capabilities  
CP Structure / Organizations



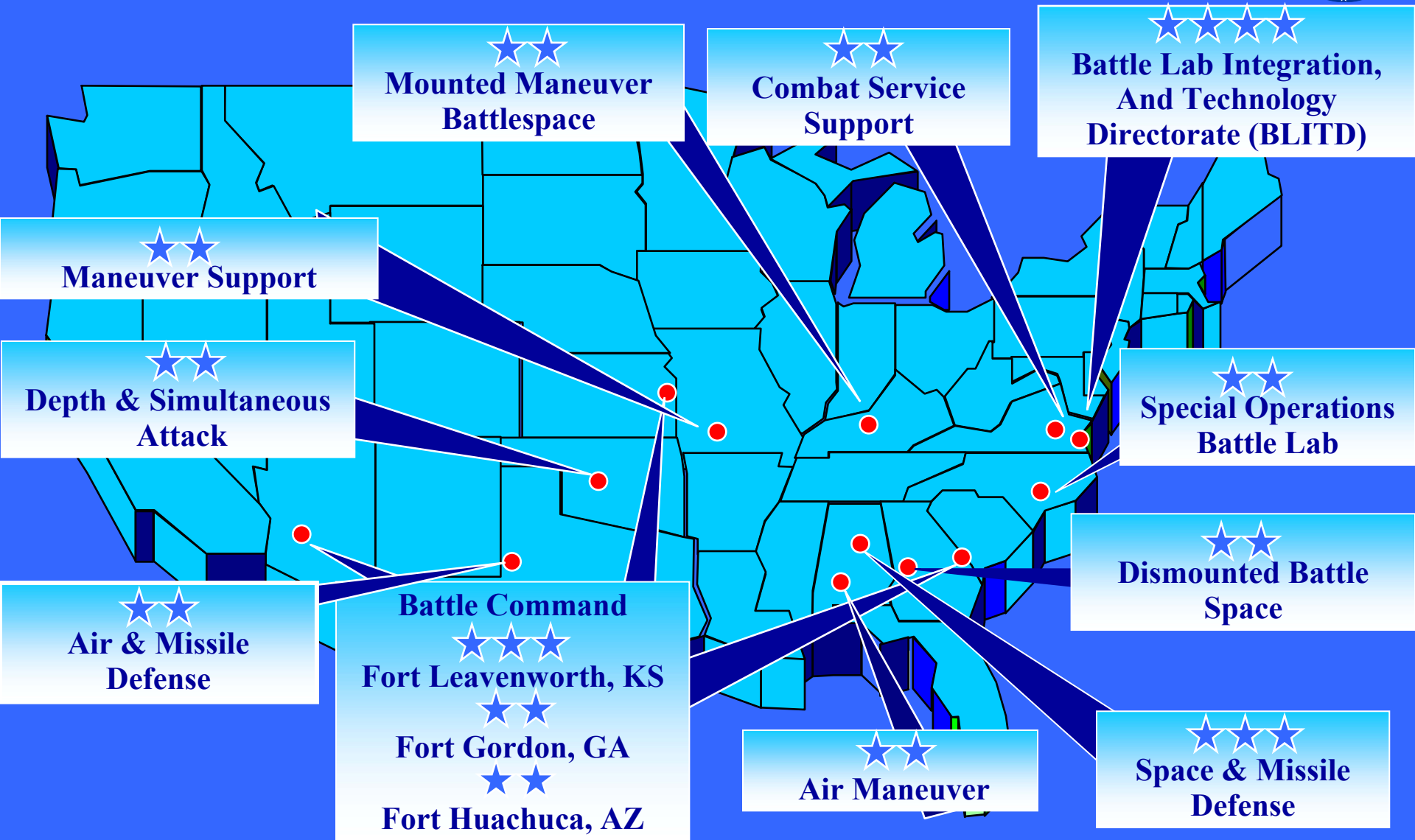
**FT. GORDON, GA**  
**FOCUS on :**  
The **“MEANS”** of Battle Command  
Technology Solutions  
C2 Standardization  
Information Systems  
Networks / Protocols

**Fort Gordon BCBL(G) is the TRADOC executive agent  
for the “means” of BC and technical integration of  
Information Networks (Army & Joint)**





# Army Battle Laboratories





# Modeling and Simulation

- Developing communications and networking models and simulation that accurately portray the network effects is critical to the achievement of Network Centric Warfare.



# NPST Mission and Vision



## MISSION:

- To provide a Network Management, Planning & Simulation toolset that models and predicts network performance within Future Force experiments.
- To provide Warfighter Signal Staff with a toolset that allows the staff to plan, monitor and maintain the health of the network in support of the Commander's scheme of maneuver during Future Force experimentation.

## TRANSITION VISION

- Transition proven NPST functionality to WIN-T, JTRS, & FCS Network Management programs of record.



# **BATTLE LAB COLLABORATIVE SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT (BLCSE)**



- TRADOC Battle Labs & Branch proponents digitally networked & integrated.
  - Enable collaboration, routine virtual teaming (voice, VTC, whiteboard, & TKN)
  - Enable distributed M&S, link Warfighting simulations and experiment events
  - Deployable network for experimentation / integrating virtual & live Force play
  - Gateway for Joint experimentation / link to DCEE and other Service labs
  - Gateway to technology base ( CECOM, SPAWAR, ROME Lab, etc) & industry
  
- Integrated environment to support development of systems-of-systems combined arms capabilities across the Army and in support of Joint operations, optimized for Future Force Development:
  - Validate / refine O&O, OA/SA, MNS, ORDs
  - Get at KOC ( Deployability, C4ISR, NetFires, LOS/NLOS, Mounted/Dismounted Ops)
  - Bridge capability gaps between Current, Stryker, Future Force

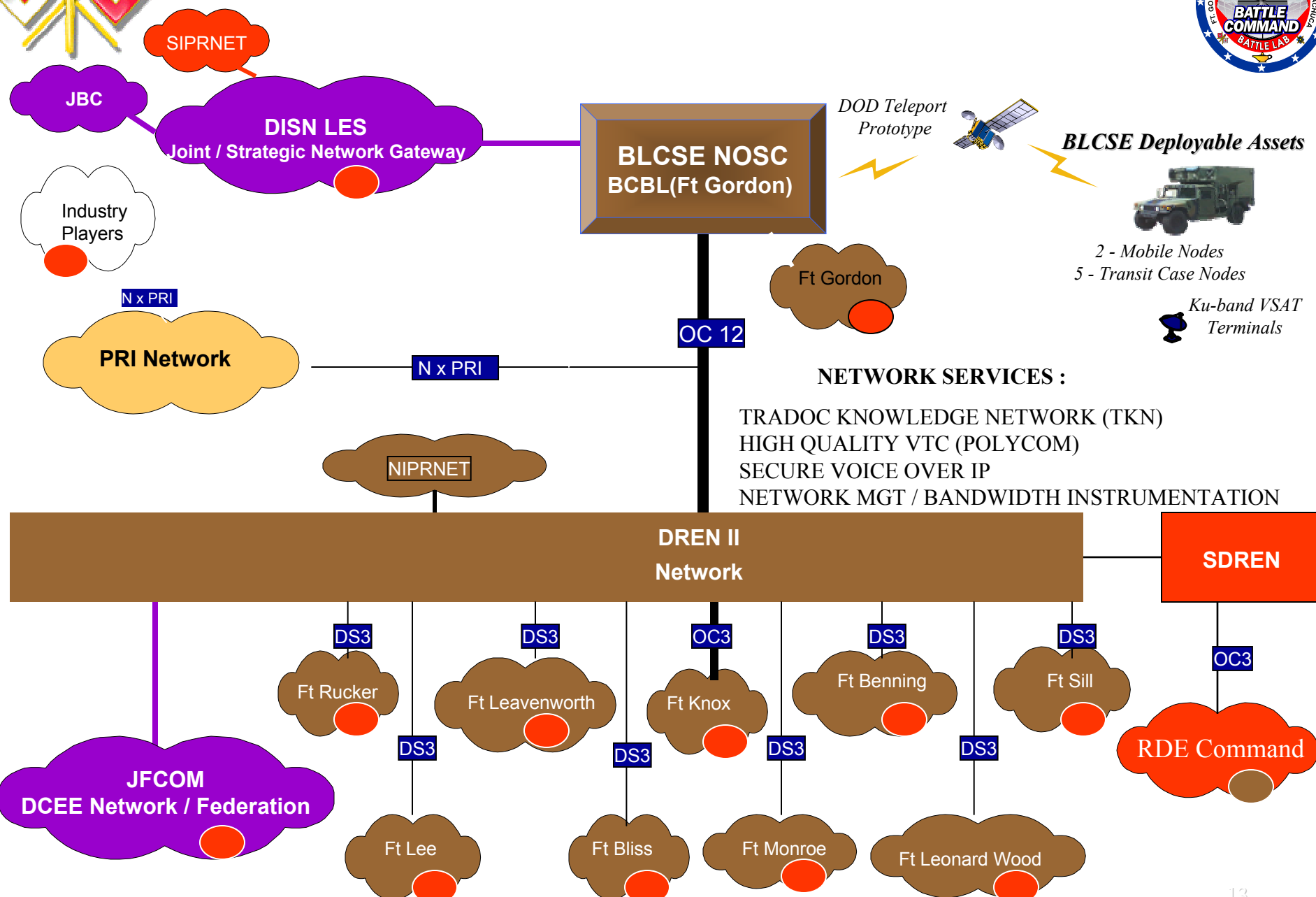
***Enabling Network-Centric Experimentation within TRADOC***

***And***

***Execution of BLCSE NOSC Functions***

***Are Key Roles For SIGCEN***

# TRADOC's Objective (BLCSE) Network Concept (FY04)





# Future Force Concept Experimentation

- Future Force is conceptually a Network Centric Enterprise in which success in combat is linked to the “goodness” of the network and the reliability of pertinent information getting to the right user at the right time
- Experimentation provides insights for Future Combat Systems and Future Force Issues including the Network.



# BCBL(G) UA Network Campaign Plan

**Determine - Who in  
The BICC Does It**

**UA NETOPS  
MAPEX  
2-03 (SEP)**

**NETOPS T & F  
MAPEX  
1-04 (DEC)**

**Determine – NETOPS T & F  
Required for BICC**

**UA Network  
MAPEX  
1-03 (APR)**

**Determine - What Has to Be  
Done to 'Fight-Maneuver' the Network**

**Integrating  
Experiment**

**Insert Comms Play into  
Experiments**



# Future Force Experimentation Key Insights

- Ultra-reliable situational awareness via the Common Operational Picture relies on Joint, Interagency and Multinational Communications Systems.
- Requirement for Dedicated All Weather Communications Relay platforms.
- Requirement for Higher level of Networking skills for all soldiers.
- Requirement for Network Planning and Simulation Tool.





# Technology Insertion

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team Beyond Line of Sight Communications Capability



# 1SBCT Ground Segment



- Ground segment consists of Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT)
- Operates in Ku band (11-14 GHz)
- Reference Terminals use 2.4m flyaway
  - 9 transit cases for antenna
  - 3 transit cases for electronics
- Traffic Terminals use 1.5m flyaway
  - 3 transit cases for antenna
  - 2 transit cases for electronics
- Both use 16W solid state PA and LNB.

Ground segment provides outstanding mix of mobility, reliability and performance to provide wideband comms to the tactical warfighter.



# 1SBCT TDMA Services



- 1SBCT TDMA network provides internal broadband services
  - Red VoIP to all sites
  - Black VoIP to select sites for in-band orderwire
  - Data pull from Bde Web server
  - Supports 10 node BVTC conference
- External linkage currently provided by 4<sup>th</sup> ID
- Optionally, data services could be provided by Camp Doha
  - Better reliability
  - Less congestion
  - Less latency



# TDMA Equipment



Master 2.4m antenna – Camp DOHA



Bde Main 2.4m antenna



Traffic Terminal 1.5m antenna



Master Reference  
Terminal Electronics



Traffic Terminal  
Electronics





# Conclusion

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**Questions/Comments ?**

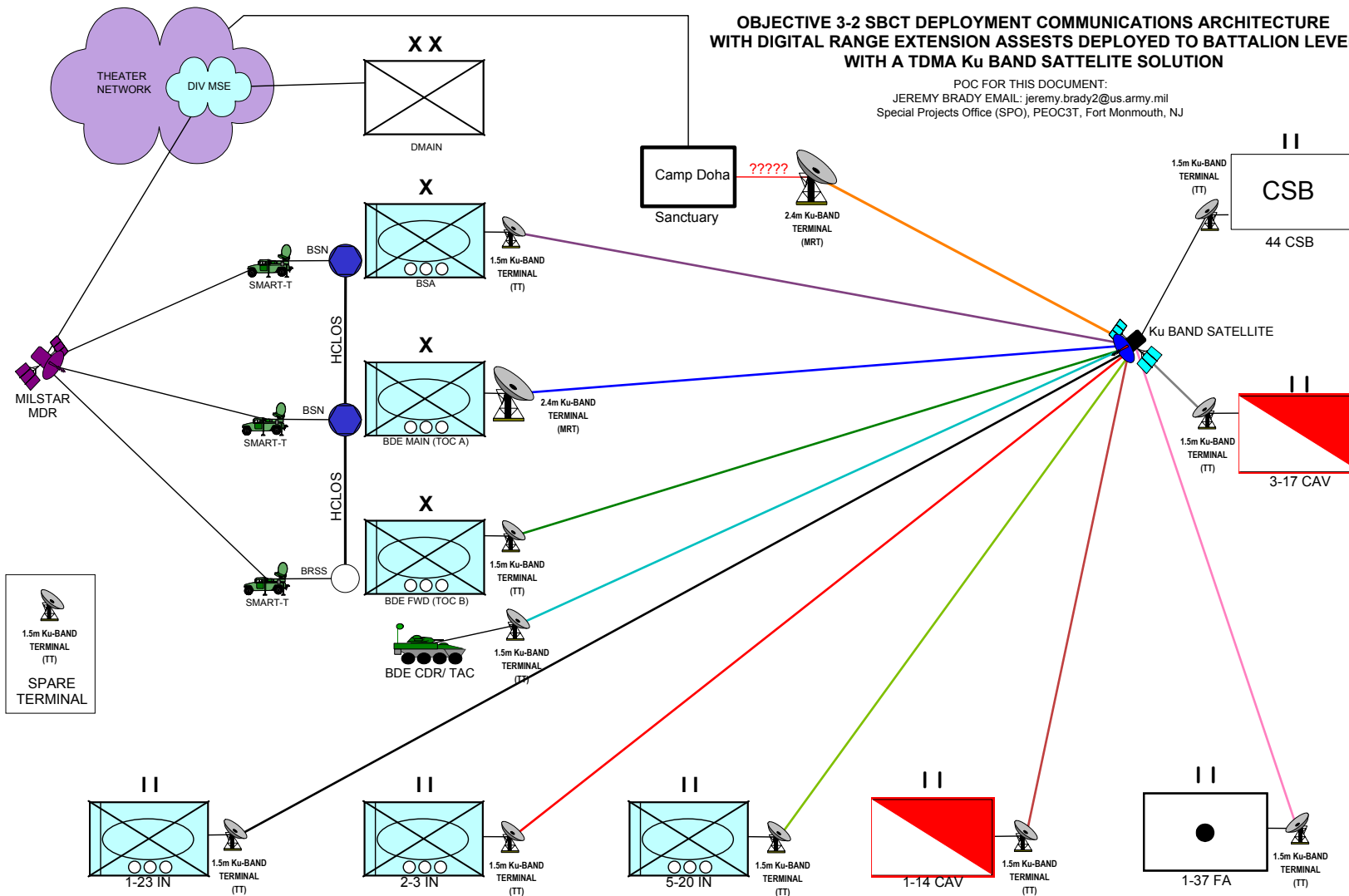


# Backup Slides



### OBJECTIVE 3-2 SBCT DEPLOYMENT COMMUNICATIONS ARCHITECTURE WITH DIGITAL RANGE EXTENSION ASSETS DEPLOYED TO BATTALION LEVEL WITH A TDMA KU BAND SATELLITE SOLUTION

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# 1<sup>st</sup> SBCT TDMA Network Topology



## Master Reference Terminals

## Traffic Terminal

- Active MRTs:**
- MRT – Bde Main
  - AMRT – Camp Doha

- Active TTs:**
- TT1 – 2/3 Infantry
  - TT2 – 1/37 FA
  - TT3 – 5/20 Infantry
  - TT4 – 1/14 Cav
  - TT5 – 1/23 Infantry
  - TT6 – 44 CSB
  - TT7 – Bde Fwd
  - TT8 – 3/17 Cav
  - TT9 – BSB
  - TT10 - Bde Cdr
  - TT11 - Spare

