



#### **GEO-LOCATION OF RF EMISSIONS**

Technological advances in improving Situational Awareness by Gathering of Critical Data from RF Spectrum



#### Content table (Geo-location of RF emissions)

From field strength measurement to geo-location of RF emissions – technological advances

Geo-localization based on AoA and PoA algorithms - semi-automated / fully automated

Geo-localization based on TDoA algorithm - - time difference between multiple RF receiving sites

Hybrid geo-localization and SIGINT capabilities

(a combination of AoA and PoA)

Use cases and network applications

COMINT classification and decoding

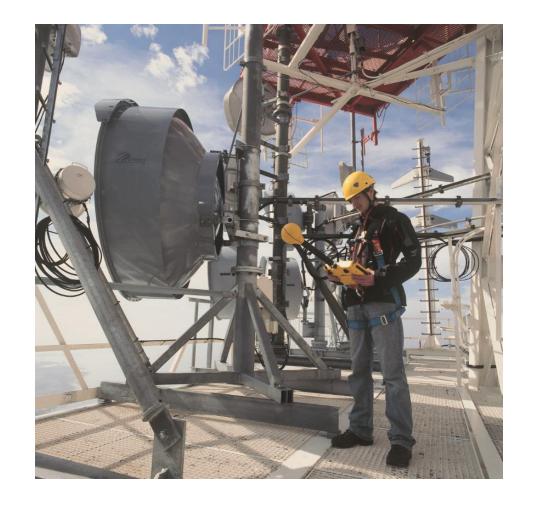
Questions and feedback





Geo-location of RF emissions electromagnetic field strength measurement know-how

Isotropic RF sensors
insuring human safety
working or just staying within
electromagnetic environment
part of the DNA of Narda
(Narda Safety Test Solutions, Germany)





Handheld measurement equipment personal warning broadband frequency selective RF level measurement insuring the safety of people exposed to electromagnetic fields in RF environment

idea of compact and man portable RF geo-location measurement devices
Optimization of Size, Weight and Power (SWaP)





Handheld and portable receivers radio direction finding antennas geo-location of RF emissions

- Interference
- analysis of unknown communication
- creation of a RF situational awareness
- spectrum monitoring
- creation meta data from the RF emission
- Interception and production of content

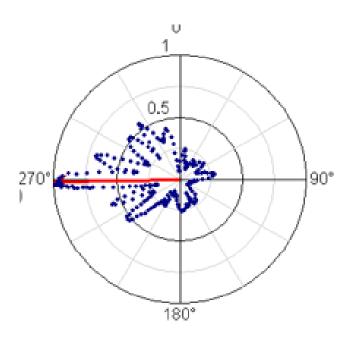


#### Handheld Direction Finding



Manual Localization based on AoA & PoA

High bearing sensitivity – directivity and LNA (NF 5 dB)



RMS: 83.23 dBµV/m

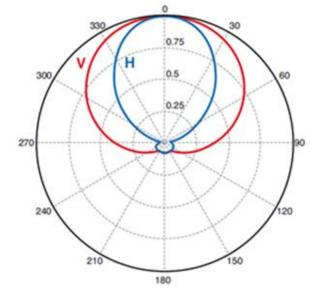
Azimuth: 269.2 °

Elevation: 0.7

Polarization: V-1.3 °



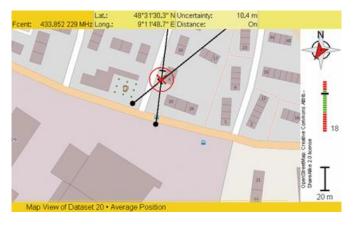


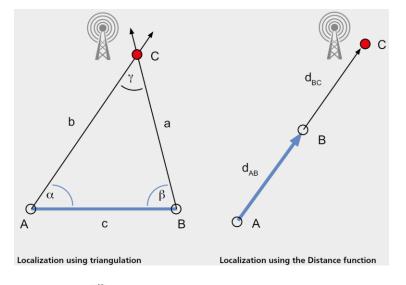


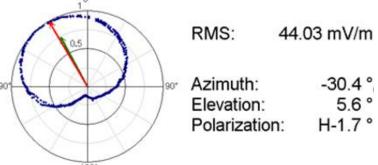












#### Technical data of measurement unit inside:



Frequency range: 8 kHz to 8 GHz

Real-time bandwidth: 40 MHz

• Scan rate: up to 50 GHz/s

• DANL (w/o pre-amp):  $-159 \text{ dBm/Hz} \le 3 \text{ GHz}$ 

• IP2, two tones: + 40 dBm

• IP3, two tones: + 14 dBm ≤ 3 GHz

+ 12 dBm > 3 GHz

=> ITU driven performance

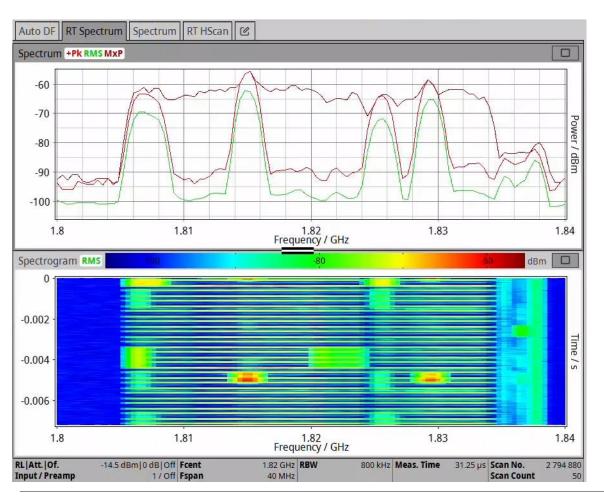
=> Desktop performance in handheld format



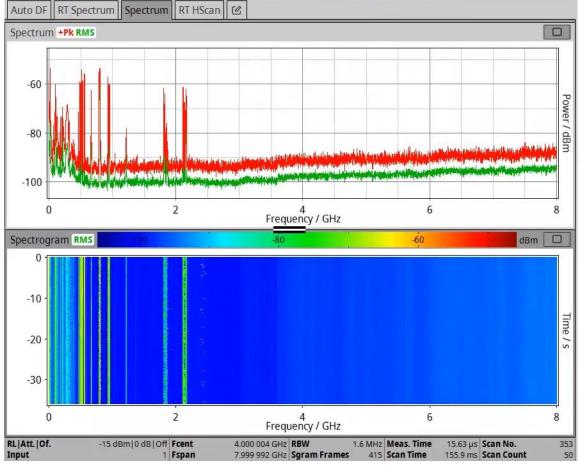
#### POI (probability of intercept) to nano seconds range



- Real time at 40 MHz gapless
  - sweep rate of 1.26 THz/sec



- Scanned spectrum / Panorama scan
  - 50 GHz/s for fast overview over of entire 8 GHz frequency band



#### Use Cases - Radio Monitoring & DF



Strategic, tactical and operational level sensor and intelligence system offering:

- RF interference emission identification of your own troops
- RF Emission of enemy's fixed location
- RF Emission of enemy's on the move position
- Tracking of suspicious objects on the move (land, sea, and air)
- Finding of buried persons by their RF ID
- Interference & illegal emission identification
- Homeland Security / border control missions
- Radio communications surveillance & interception
- Radio localization & direction finding (AoA / TDoA)







# **SignalShark – The Narda Platform**

Three form factors: identical receiver / RT-SA









#### **Automatic Direction Finding Antenna ADFA**



Central monopole as a reference element for DF and omnidirectional monitoring antenna

Frequency range

ADFA 1: 200 MHz - 2.7 GHz

ADFA 2: 10 MHz – 8 GHz



Fast bearing acquisition down to 1.2 ms

Compact Design:

Diameter: 480 mm

Weight ADFA 1: 5.6 kg / 12.3 lbs

ADFA 2: 6.5 kg / 14.3 lbs

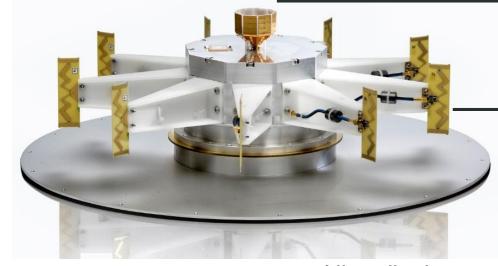
#### ADFA 1 & ADFA 2



• ADFA 1 • ADFA 2

Central monopole as a reference element for DF and omnidirectional monitoring antenna

Nine dipoles arranged on a 128 mm diameter circle 2.7 – 8 GHz



Nine dipoles arranged on a 380 mm diameter circle for DF with large aperture 200 MHz – 2.7 GHz



2 orthogonal crossed loops 10 MHz – 200 MHz

Automatic Direction Finding

## Possible site configurations I



#### Outdoor left behind mast



Commercial vehicle



Handheld + Hardcase



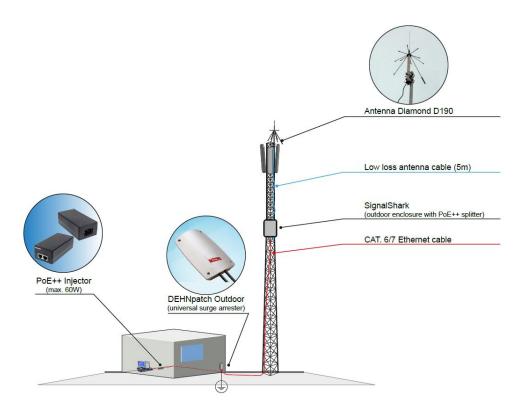




## Possible site configurations II



• Radio Monitoring (AoA / TDoA) on mast



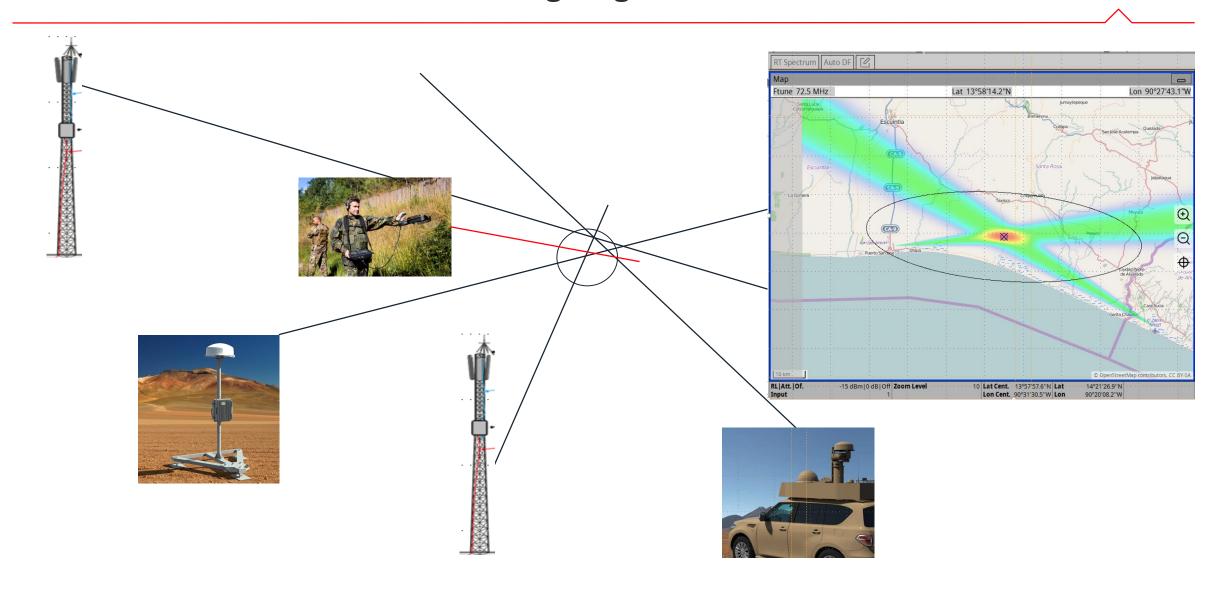
Radio DF and tactical SatCom link



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### **Network of receivers to track moving target**



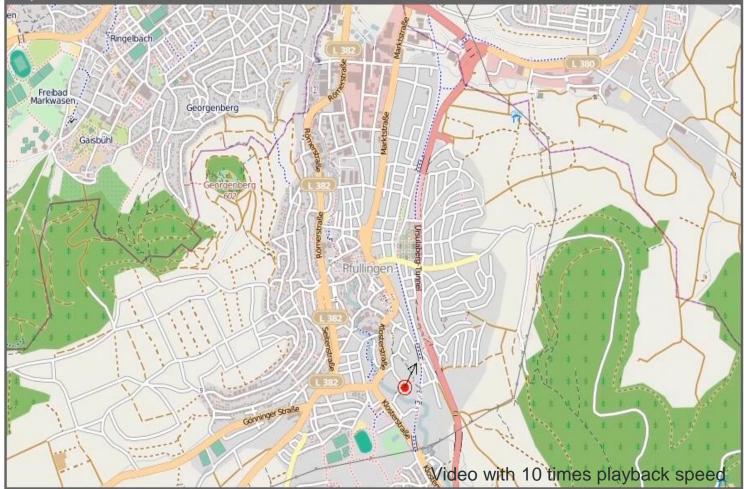


#### SignalShark in conjunction with ADFA



- Powerful localization software for real-time evaluation of bearing results on SignalShark screen:
  - Heat-map view
  - Excellent localization uncertainty
  - Works even in urban environment due to innovative statistical algorithms
  - No external computer necessary

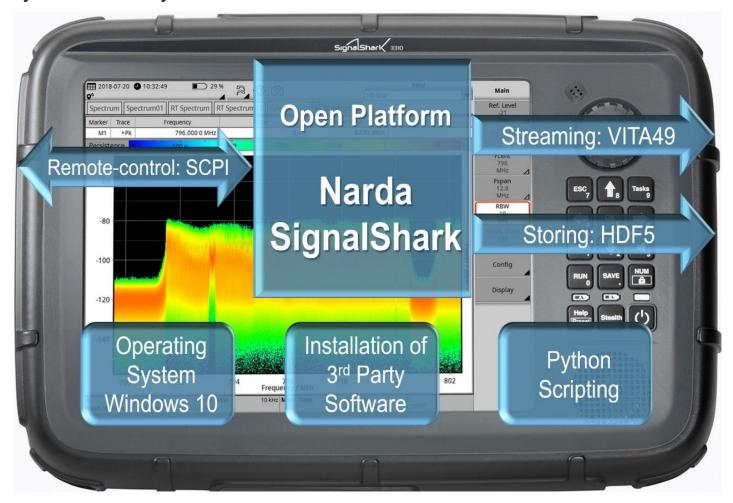




#### SignalShark is an open platform



It uses non-proprietary formats only

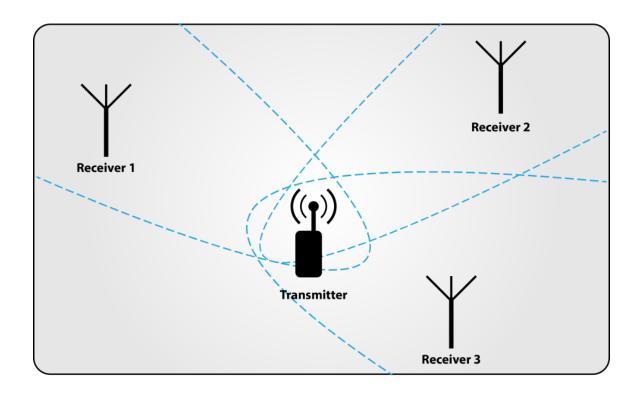


#### Support of AoA – TDoA ready – hybrid localization based on both methods





- highest selection of signals being covered from few Hz (beacons) by AoA to signals up to 20 MHz (jammers) by TDoA
- Very simple antenna
- Target localization inside the polygon of receiver sites by time advance information of same signal from min. 3 sites: crossing point of hyperbola: A-B, A-C,B-C
- Receiver is time stamping IQ streaming data with high accuracy based on GNSS



#### Possible implementation of TDoA / AoA hybrid system





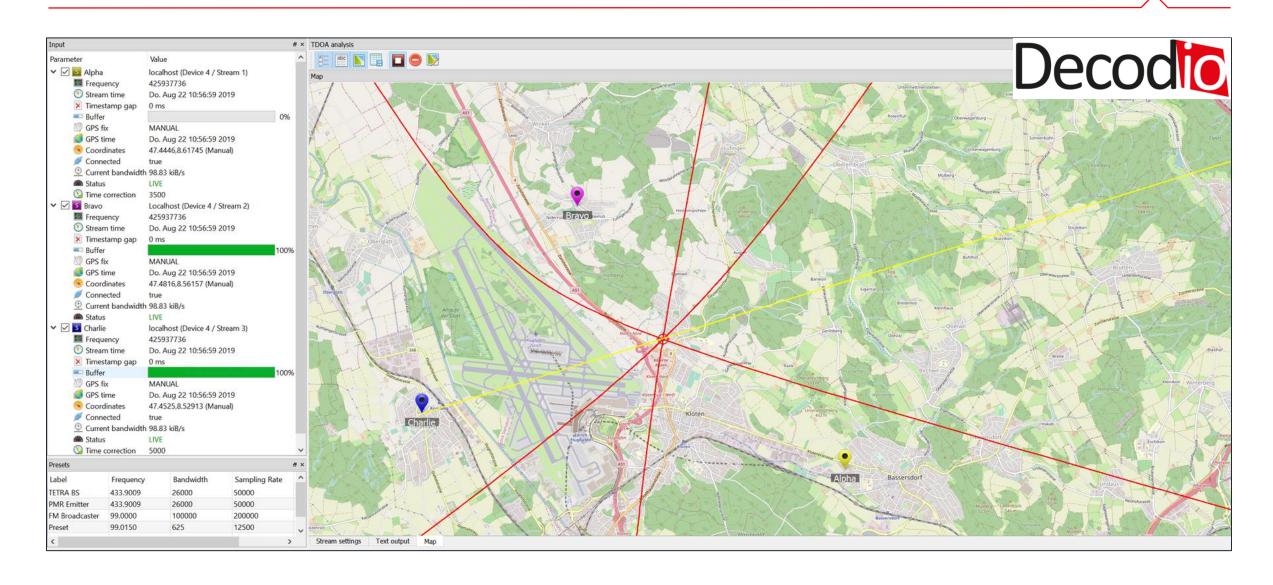
- Internet connection
- Software: Decodio ReX & Decodio Localizer





#### Possible implementation of TDoA / AoA hybrid system





#### **Procitec:** go2MONITOR



- Mobile, compact, on site solution for radio monitoring
- Situational awareness via
  - Capture
  - Classification
  - Decoding
  - Recording
- of complete wireless signal scenarios
- (HF, VHF, UHF, SAT) directly on site.





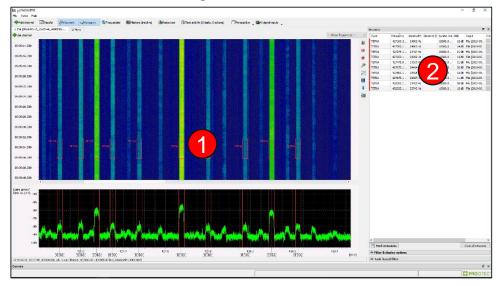
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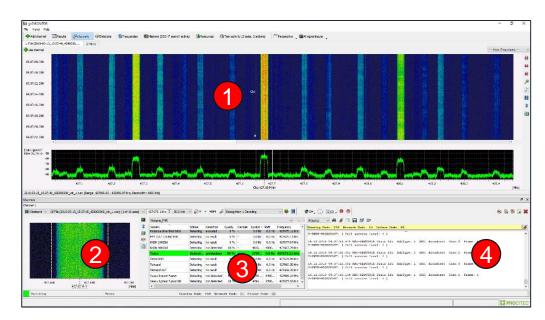
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- 2. List of classified signals





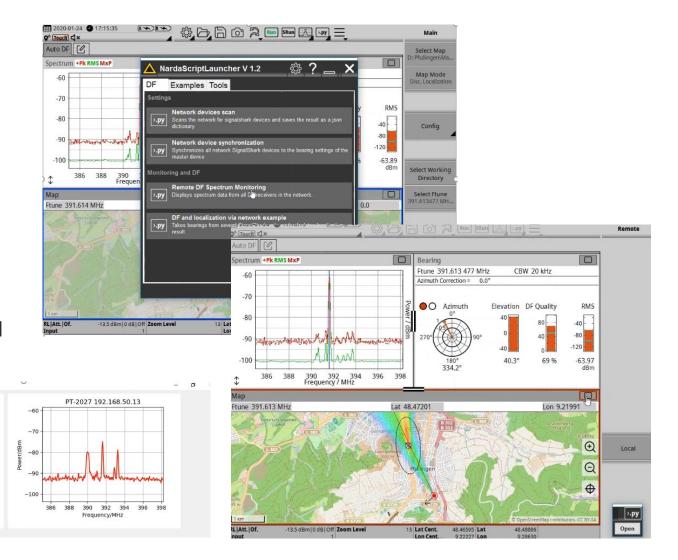
- 1. Broadband signal, shown as a waterfall diagram and as a FFT spectrum
- 2. Display of the selected narrow band signal, Process detection and Decoding mode
- 3. Classification results: decoder / modem
- 4. Decoding of the contents starts after classification

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#### **SignalShark - System Integration**



- Win10 computer 3<sup>rd</sup> party software processing
- Open Interfaces and Scripting capability to achieve a one-button-operation
- Surveillance Mission Control Software (3<sup>rd</sup> party like from Boger Electronics)
- Support of Python scripts enabling 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to convert protocol (from output formats such as .csv, .xml, HDF5, ExtIO) into defense formats (CESMO for SDRs or JICD4.2x) to upload results (meta data such as GIS coordinates, signal strength, Fcent, bandwidth) and for control, i.e. sending commands to receiver and bearing system (Shark/ADFA/Decoders)



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## Various Makes of SignalShark in a DF Pack







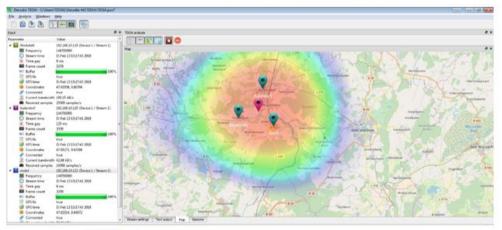


- Non Penetrating Mount
- Military Tripod
- Fast installable masts
- HMVEE Mounted
- Hand-held DF in front of body
- Hand-held DF with receiver in a back-pack













## The End

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