



Accommodates all data, voice and IP traffic requirements on a single future-proof platform

The industry leading platform: goes the greatest distance, delivering the greatest capacity

Technically and financially outperforms higher frequency links, VSAT and leased lines

# Aprisa XE

Point-to-point microwave links distance-engineered for demanding applications



- Long range
- High capacity
- Carrier-class performance
- Flexible interfaces
- Cost-effective
- Reliable
- Easy installation and maintenance
- Rugged and robust
- Interference-free

## WHY DOES THE APRISA XE OUTPERFORM THE COMPETITION ?

### DISTANCE

Sub-3 GHz licensed frequency spectrum bands means longer links and a more cost-effective network architecture.

### THROUGHPUT

64 and 128 QAM modulation, even over long distances, mean greater capacity can be delivered.

### FUTURE-PROOF

Legacy and Ethernet interfaces in a single flexible platform make the Aprisa XE suitable for all applications now and in the future.

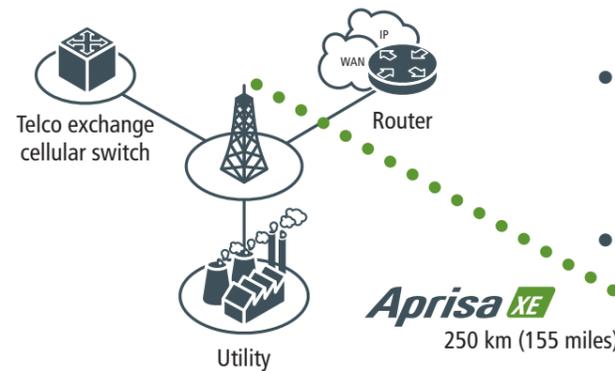
### EFFICIENT SINGLE BOX ARCHITECTURE

The Aprisa XE's built-in multiplexer and cross connect eliminate external equipment and minimise the over-the-air requirements.

## APRISA XE BENEFITS

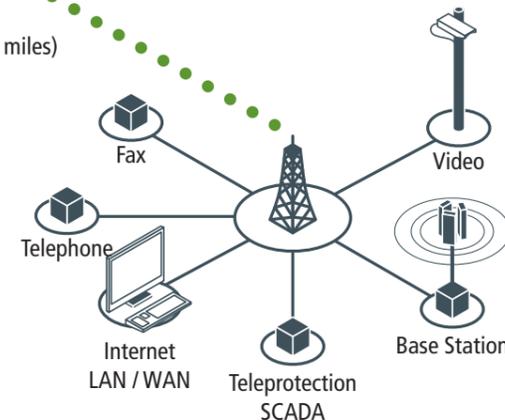
The Aprisa XE is the technical and commercial choice of customers in more than 120 countries around the world, for all applications and industries, for many reasons:

- **Long range:** a single Aprisa XE link can cover up to 250 km (155 miles), overcoming the problems of water, environmental conditions and topographical obstacles
- **High capacity:** class-leading spectral efficiency and up to 128 QAM modulation make the Aprisa XE perfect for bandwidth-intensive applications, with a single link providing up to 65 Mbit/s capacity
- **Cost effective:** the Aprisa XE has a low total cost of ownership and a rapid return on investment, virtually eliminating operational expenditure and minimising capital expenditure
- **Reliable:** industry-leading reliability for even the most mission-critical applications, even over long distances, with Monitored Hot Standby and Hitless Space Diversity options for redundancy
- **Easy installation and maintenance:** the Aprisa XE's small form factor box is installed rapidly with lightweight grid / Yagi antennas, and Java and SNMP mean easy network management
- **Rugged and robust:** the Aprisa XE can reliably be used in harsh or remote environments, natural disaster scenes and the exposed densely-packed metal structures of transmission towers and offshore oil and gas rigs
- **Interference-free:** licensed sub-3 GHz frequency bands mean interference-free operation for unbeatable reliability



- **Carrier-class performance:** 'five 9s' availability is underpinned by state of the art forward error correction and low latency for unbeatable performance

- **Flexible interfaces:** the Aprisa XE's built-in multiplexer and cross connect efficiently aggregate and transport IP, voice and data traffic, with eight customer-configurable interface slots integrating legacy and today's traffic



## MARKETS AND APPLICATIONS

| MARKET   | APPLICATION  | WHY THE APRISA XE ?  |
|--|--|--|
| UTILITY<br>Electric, gas, and water                                  |  SCADA, teleprotection, telephone, mobile radio, LAN, VoIP, video   | Safe, efficient, reliable infrastructure supporting range of applications                      |
| OIL AND GAS<br>Oil, gas, and mining                                  |  Remote monitoring and control, data transfer, broadband web, e-mail and voice services                     | Coping with the complexity of the link while providing sufficient bandwidth                    |
| BROADCAST<br>Radio and television                                    |  Linking transmitters in rural and remote locations, interfacing with third party CODEC equipment as needed | Eliminating repeater equipment and real estate through direct long distance links              |
| TRANSPORT<br>Road, rail, air, and maritime                           |  Telephony, signalling, control and ticketing data, teleprotection, PBX, mobile radio, video, LAN          | Reliable and safe real-time wide area voice and data communications                            |
| PUBLIC SAFETY<br>Security, military, emergency and peacekeeping      |  Security, control and monitoring data, phone, PBX, Tetra and P25 mobile radio voice, LAN, VoIP, video IP | Dependable communications between field and central command locations                          |
| ENTERPRISE<br>Private enterprise, government, hospitals, and schools |  Internet access, high-speed data transfer, web hosting, telephony  | Low total cost of ownership and easy integration with existing IT infrastructure               |
| FIXED WIRELESS / WIMAX<br>Fixed wireless access networks             |  Backhauling traffic from fixed wireless access base stations   | Making a profitable business case for the provision of rural services                          |
| MOBILE<br>Cellular mobile networks                                   |  Backhaul of cellular traffic: 2G, 2.5G, 3G, CDMA etc.  | Profitable extension of services and subscriber growth without compromising quality of service |
| RURAL TELECOMS<br>Fixed line networks in rural areas                 |  Basic POTS telephony, DSL extension, high-speed Internet access  | Overcoming commercial and technical limitations of other technologies                          |

## A SUPERIOR CHOICE

The Aprisa XE is used wherever a reliable, high capacity communications link is needed. Whether to bypass existing infrastructure, replace expensive satellite services or because it's quite simply the only solution that can handle the distance, terrain or climate, the Aprisa XE goes where other products simply cannot.

### VSAT REPLACEMENT

The Aprisa XE has significantly lower latency than VSAT, for reliable use in teleprotection and latency-dependent applications. Operational costs are virtually eliminated and data costs do not very quickly become prohibitive.

An Aprisa XE link can cover up to 250 kilometres, perfect for cost-effectively reaching rural and remote locations.

- 4RF has deployed many links for VSAT replacement, with better throughput, better availability and greatly reduced system latency.

### HIGHER FREQUENCY MICROWAVE

The Aprisa XE, using sub-3 GHz licensed frequency bands, is often used to bypass a network of higher frequency microwave links, owing to the greater distance it can achieve in a single link without being affected by free space loss and atmospheric conditions.

- 4RF is chosen over higher frequency links where capacity is needed, rapidly and cost-effectively, particularly for rural and remote locations.

### UNLICENSED MICROWAVE

While unlicensed links are rapid to deploy, they are typically used by private users because there is no spectrum protection, resulting in reduced throughput and interference issues, and service guarantees are not possible.

- 4RF is preferable to unlicensed spectrum: the overhead is minimal compared to the Aprisa XE's guaranteed performance.

### LEASED LINES

The Aprisa XE virtually eliminates operational expenditure, and achieves a rapid return on investment, without data costs quickly becoming prohibitive as capacity increases.

- 4RF is chosen over leased lines where greater traffic or greater distances are needed, minimising operational expenditure and providing a rapid return on investment.

| SPECIFICATION             | APRISA XE   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| SUPPORTED FREQUENCY BANDS | 300 MHz (330 – 400 MHz)<br>400 MHz (400 – 470 MHz)<br>600 MHz (620 – 715 MHz)<br>700 MHz (698 – 806 MHz)<br>800 MHz (805 – 890 MHz) | 900 MHz (850 – 960 MHz)<br>1400 MHz (1350 – 1550 MHz)<br>1800 MHz (1700 – 2100 MHz)<br>2000 MHz (1900 – 2300 MHz)<br>2500 MHz (2300 – 2700 MHz) |
| MODULATION                | Software configurable from QPSK to 128 <sup>1</sup> QAM   |   |
| CAPACITY                  | 72 kbit/s – 65 Mbit/s   |   |
| CHANNEL SIZES             | From 25 kHz to 14 MHz (band-dependent)  |   |
| INTERFACES                | E1 / T1 framed and unframed<br>2-Wire FXO / FXS<br>4-Wire E&M   | V.24 asynchronous, synchronous and over sampling mode<br>High-speed synchronous X.21 / V.35 / RS-449 / RS-530<br>10 / 100Base-T Ethernet        |
| MANAGEMENT                | Element: Embedded web-based SuperVisor software<br>Network: Any SNMP-compliant NMS platform   |   |

## EASY MANAGEMENT AND DEPLOYMENT

### INDUSTRY-STANDARD ELEMENT AND NETWORK MANAGEMENT

The Aprisa XE SuperVisor application, an embedded Java™-based application, provides management on an element level. The easy to use SuperVisor application is remotely accessible from any location and provides the following functionality:

- Summarise by links or by terminal
- View and configure interfaces, capacities and port settings
- Configure Layer 2 Ethernet settings
- View alarm summary and detailed information
- View summary or constellation performance information
- Carry out maintenance and software upgrades

An Aprisa XE network of links can be managed with industry-standard SNMP network management packages, for easy integration with existing infrastructure.

### DESIGN EXCELLENCE

The Aprisa XE's design and production excellence enable it to outperform other products:

- High linearity transmitter supports 64 and 128 QAM modulation for greater throughput
- Superior receiver design provides low noise reception and handles high interference environments
- Forward Error Correction and transversal equaliser combat multipath interference
- Superior duplexer filter provides isolation and filtering between transmitter and receiver
- Innovative mechanical construction, building the transmitter and receiver on separate circuit boards, provides high isolation of spurious leakage signals

#### NOTES

1 Unreleased: Please contact 4RF for availability.

#### ABOUT 4RF

Operating in more than 130 countries, 4RF provides radio communications equipment for critical infrastructure applications. Customers include utilities, oil and gas companies, transport companies, telecommunications operators, international aid organisations, public safety, military and security organisations. 4RF point-to-point and point-to-multipoint products are optimized for performance in harsh climates and difficult terrain, supporting IP, legacy analogue, serial data and PDH applications.

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