

# Non-ISSI LMR to LTE MCPTT

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# Executive Summary

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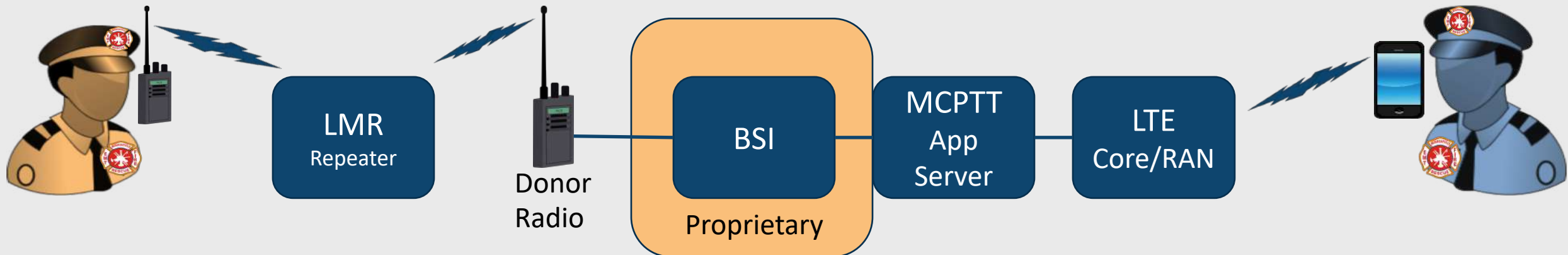
# Status of LMR to LTE Capabilities and Development

- **Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI)**
  - **Designed for P25 to P25 System Interoperability**
  - **Focus of Government and Industry for LMR to LTE**
  - **Solution for Compatible Systems (Newer P25)**
  - **3GPP Interface Compliant Through Interworking Function (IWF)**



# Status of LMR to LTE Capabilities and Development

- **Bridging System Interfaces (Radio Over IP <ROIP>)**
  - Originally Designed for non-ISSI LMR Systems
  - Requires Donor Radios or System Level Connection
  - Proprietary Interfaces
    - May Include 3GPP IWF (DHS Small Business Innovation Research) Interface

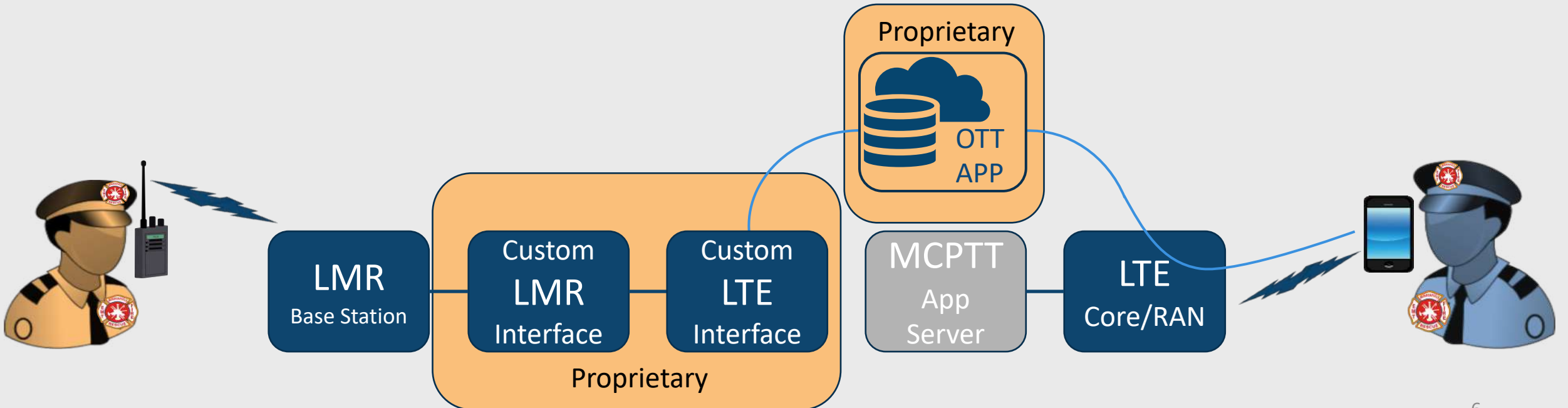




# Status of LMR to LTE Capabilities and Development

- **Custom Solutions**

- **LMR Infrastructure to LTE App**
- **Do Not Inherently Function on LTE Devices**



# The Missing Combination

- **Air-Interface (RF) Based**
  - **Does Not Require Special Interface to Existing Systems**
- **Affordable**
  - **No Donor Radios Required**
- **3GPP Standards-Based**
  - **Compatible with IWF and Mission Critical Push-to-Talk (MCPTT) Servers**
  - **Does Not Require Middleware Service**
  - **No Special Apps**
- **Open Source**
  - **Competitive Environment for Companies**

# PSCR's LMR to LTE Strategy

- **Overall Goal: Fill the Technology Gaps**
  - **ISSI is Being Addressed by Industry**
  - **ROIP and Other Custom Solutions Exist**
- **Timeframe**
  - **Full LMR to LTE Effort**
    - **Two to Three Years**
  - **Current Project**
    - **Six Months**



# PSCR's LMR to LTE Strategy

- **Research Objectives**

- **Research and Prototype Software Defined Radio (SDR) Solutions**
  - “LTE core talks to the tower like it’s a radio”
  - Focus on analog FM and non-ISSI compatible P25
- **Determine if Existing IWF and MCPTT Capabilities Are Sufficient**
  - Target Efforts to Fill Gaps
- **3GPP Standards Involvement and Contributions**
- **Position Industry to Benefit Public Safety**



# Recognized Challenges

- **Voice Encryption**
- **Security**
- **Usability**
- **Adoption of Products by Cellular Providers**
- **Adoption by 3GPP**

# Current Research Project

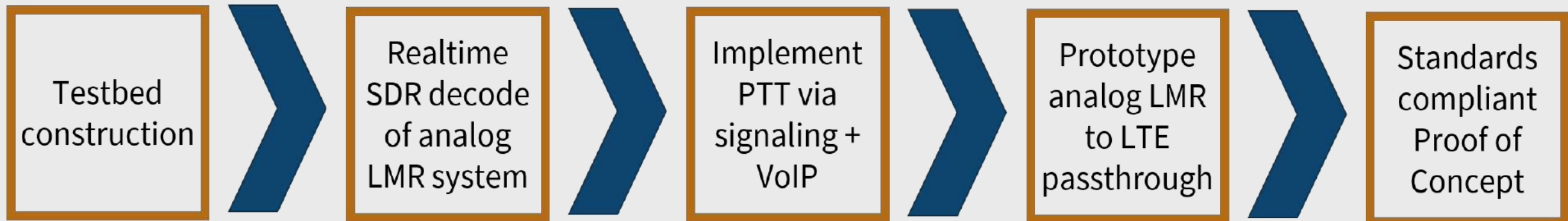
Innovative and affordable interworking of analog FM LMR radios in the LTE MCPTT world

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# Current Research Project

## LMR to LTE Research Project

- **Research the integration of analog FM LMR radios into a MCPTT solution via 3GPP IWF.**
- **Leverage existing technologies for a highly standardized solution. Investigate using SDR (Software Defined Radios via GNU Radio).**
- **Feedback to the standards bodies.**



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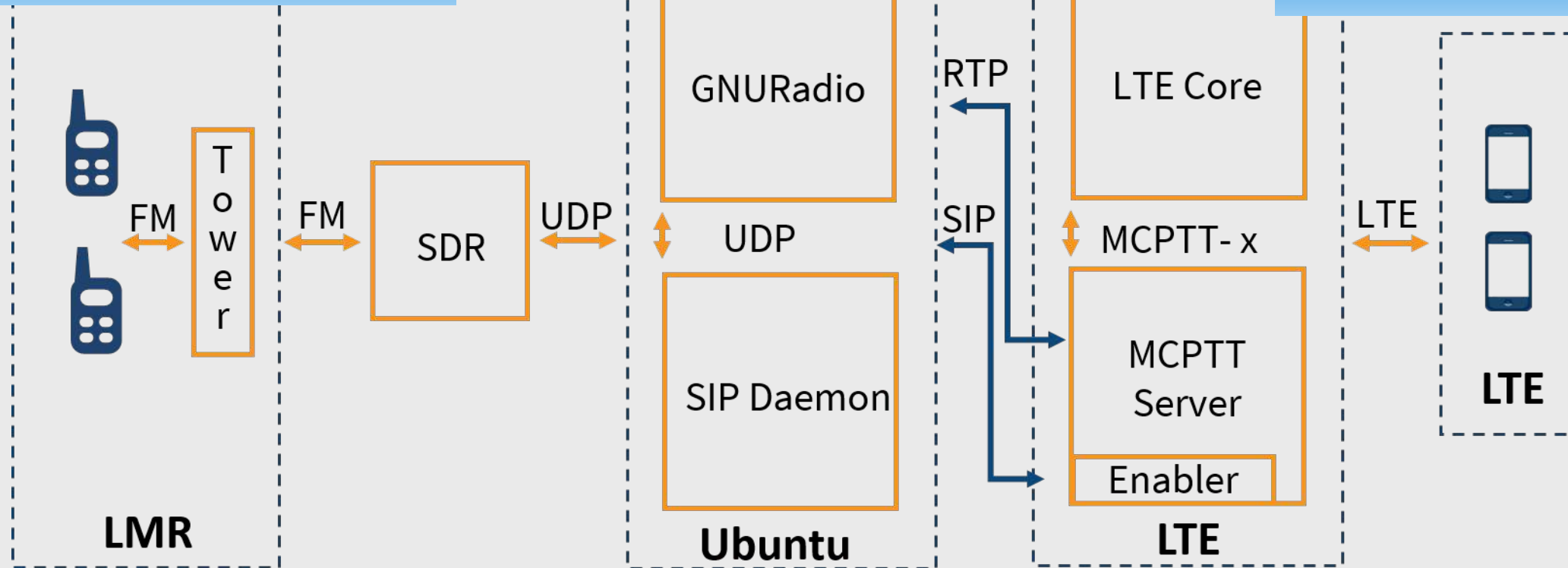
## RTP – Real Time Transport Protocol

- Paired with SIP and RTCP
- Transports digitized audio, video
  - VOIP
  - VoLTE
  - MCPTT

## Target Architecture

## SIP – Session Initiation Protocol

- Signaling protocol for session control
- Enables audio and video services
  - VOIP
  - VoLTE
  - MCPTT

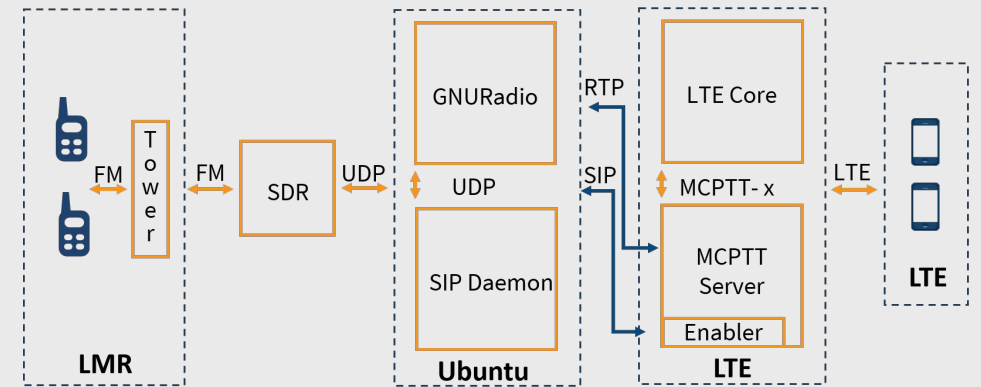


# Current Research Project

## Current Milestones

### Accomplishments (to date)

- **SDR development of an analog FM receiver**
- **Implementation of basic audio and in-band signaling**
- **Ability to initiate SIP based VoIP calls in a scripted testing environment**
- **Voice pass thru from the analog LMR to a LTE UE**



### Next Steps

- **Development of a standards-compliant media plane control to handle floor control across platforms**
- **Drive toward R16 IWF compliant solution**
- **Research co-existence and/or integration with ISSI**

# Current Research Project

## Challenges – Standards publication across various bodies

- **LTE**
  - **3GPP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Partnership Project**
    - Stage 3 R16 work (**Jun19**)
- **P25**
  - **TIA – Telecommunications Industry Association**
  - **ATIS – Alliance for Telecommunications Solutions**
    - Study on Interworking P25 LMR – MCPTT (**Jun19**)
      - **Base on R15 IWF**
- **ETSI**
  - **ETSI – European Telecommunications Standards Institute**
    - **TCCE (TETRA and Critical Communications Evolution) WG4**
      - **Complete work AFTER 3GPP R16 is published**
      - **Will be used by TIA and 3GPP to update future standards**





# Success

- **Publicly Available Technology for Non-ISSI Legacy LMR to LTE**
- **Integration and Testing of a Prototype System**
  - **Bridge PSCR LMR and LTE test beds**
- **Use of Open Source Software Solutions**
  - **Low cost and enduring solution**
- **Use of Software Defined Radios**
  - **No Donor Radios**
- **Technology and Path for Companies to Develop Products**
- **3GPP Compliance and Support**

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