



Research on the Application of Digital Technology in Military Communications

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ABSTRACT

This paper focuses on exploring the application of digital technology in the field of military communications. After introducing the background and concept of digital technology, the paper delves into various applications of digital technology in the military communications sector, including digital communication, social networking, mobile applications, data analysis, and virtual reality. Finally, the paper summarizes the advantages and challenges of digital technology in military communications and explores future trends in digital technology development in the military communications industry.

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1. Introduction

In the era of digital technology, digital communication has become a determining factor in the field of communication, especially in military communication. Digital communication is the combination of various types of media created, disseminated, and displayed by digital technology, including text, images, sound, and video. Digital communication takes various forms of expression and dissemination, making communication content vivid, diverse, and highly interactive. The application of digital communication has significantly impacted the development of the communication industry as well as enhancing the command, control, intelligence, and defense capabilities of the military. Through digital communication, the production and dissemination of military communication content have become more efficient and convenient. Military communication organizations can quickly generate various content, such as news, advertisements, propaganda, and military education, through digital communication. The dissemination of digital communication is also more diverse and flexible. Military communication organizations can provide content to users through various channels, such as the internet, mobile devices, social networks, and satellites. At the same time, the application of digital communication enriches the user experience. Users can access, share, and engage in multimedia content more easily through digital communication. The interactivity and diversity of digital communication also lead users to use digital communication for information and entertainment more frequently. However, the application of digital communication also faces some challenges. Although the production and dissemination of digital communication content have become simpler, it also means that the quality and accuracy of the content are somewhat reduced. Moreover, the richness and interactivity of digital communication also create greater competitive pressure for military communication organizations. Military communication organizations need to innovate and improve continuously to adapt to the development trends of digital communication. In the field of military communication, the application of digital communication has its own advantages and disadvantages. Digital communication can improve communication capabilities, enhance understanding and collaboration between military units, and improve the responsiveness and initiative of the military. However, digital communication also poses challenges in terms of cybersecurity, information security, and content control. Therefore, research on the application of digital technology in the field of military communication is essential and practically significant.

2. Concept of digital technology

Digital technology is the result of the development of computer technology. Since the 1960s, computer technology has advanced tremendously, enabling the processing of digital data and laying the technical foundation for the emergence of digital technology. With the explosion of the internet and mobile information technology, digital technology has been widely applied and has penetrated every aspect of life.

Digital technology encompasses fundamental concepts such as digitization, digital signals, and digital media. Digitization is the process of converting analog signals into digital signals. Digital signals are a form of signal that uses discrete numerical values to represent analog signals. Digital media is a form of communication that uses digital technology to convey information, including digital music, movies, digital television, etc. Digital technology has

many advantages, such as digitization, programmability, and network connectivity. This helps digital technology operate efficiently, quickly, flexibly, and in a way that is customizable. Digital technology has brought about many opportunities and challenges for the communication industry, especially the military communication sector. The military communication sector needs to continuously update technology and operating models to adapt to the development of the digital age. In addition to the advantages of digital technology mentioned, such as efficiency, speed, flexibility, and customizability, digital technology also significantly enhances access to information and expands the scope of communication. With the Internet and social media platforms, individuals and organizations can easily disseminate information and connect with audiences globally. This is particularly important for the military communication sector, as accurate and timely information dissemination to the public and secure information for military units are crucial. However, the rapid pace of technological development also poses challenges for the military communication sector. Traditional military media, such as military newspapers and television stations, must compete with digital media sources. The increase in fake news and misinformation on social media further complicates the military communication landscape. To maintain relevance and competitiveness, military communication companies must continuously adapt and innovate to meet changes in technology and consumer preferences. This may involve developing new digital platforms and distribution channels, investing in data analytics, and targeting specific audiences.

3. Impact of digital technology on the military communications industry

Digital technology has created powerful changes in the military communications industry. These effects are mainly expressed in the following aspects:

3.1 Changing the military media industry ecosystem

Traditional forms of military communication are gradually being supplemented and replaced by new digitized and networked military media, including the Internet, social networks, digital publishing, etc. These media help users access information, share opinions, and express creativity conveniently. Traditional military media organizations have gradually improved their discourse capabilities as well as their need to interact with users. The ecosystem of the military media industry is increasingly modern, diverse, and rich.

3.2 Fostering forms of military communication

Digital technology has fueled many new forms of communication in the military communications industry. New forms of media, such as digital media, mobile applications, virtual reality, etc., bring innovation and growth to the military communications industry. The rise of digital technology has posed enormous challenges for the military communications industry, but it has also presented new opportunities.

3.3 Improve military communication efficiency and user experience

The application of digital technology has improved the efficiency and user experience of military media. The digital production process can effectively complete the production and release of military media content. Digital technology can also intelligently process military media content, improving its quality and sustainability. In addition, digital technology also helps users access, share, and participate in military media content more conveniently, enhancing the user experience and engagement. Digital technology makes military communications smarter and more user-oriented.

4. Application of Digital Technology in Military Communications

Digital technology plays a crucial role in enhancing military communication capabilities, thereby ensuring national security and facilitating the execution of political tasks. It is applied in various aspects of military communications, including:

4.1 Military Communications via Digital Media

Digital military media refers to forms of military communication created, distributed, and displayed using digital technology. This encompasses digital devices facilitating the transmission of text, images, sound, video, maps, 3D models, and more. The utilization of digital media aids in conveying military information with precision, timeliness, and efficiency, thereby bolstering interoperability and collaboration among military units.

4.2 Military Communication via Social Media

Social media platforms can be utilized for military communications. Social media encompasses social networks, forums, blogs, wikis, podcasts, and other interactive online platforms. The use of social media aids in fostering awareness, morale, and accountability among soldiers, officers, and colleagues while simultaneously fostering a multi-dimensional, diverse, and transparent military communication environment.

4.3 Military Communication through Mobile Applications

Military communication can be facilitated through mobile applications, which are designed for use on mobile devices like smartphones, tablets, and smartwatches. These applications offer a variety of services and experiences tailored for military users, including collecting, processing, and analyzing

military data; updating military situations; supporting strategic decision-making; and facilitating military training and coaching. Mobile applications enable users to access military information anytime and anywhere, providing more personalized and customized services to military agencies and units.



Fig.1-Digital media is growing rapidly

4.5 Data Analysis

Data analytics entails employing digital technologies like data mining, machine learning, and artificial intelligence to analyze and utilize vast quantities of military data to uncover patterns, laws, and trends. Applications of data analytics can offer military agencies and units profound insights into national and international security situations, thereby furnishing more accurate support for strategic decisions and military actions.



Fig.2- Data Analysis

4.6 Virtual Reality

Virtual reality (VR) technology has made significant strides in various fields, including military communications.

Training and Simulation Environments: VR is extensively utilized in the military for soldier training. By replicating realistic environments, soldiers can immerse themselves in combat scenarios, hone their skills, and acclimate to potential psychological effects they might encounter in real-life situations. VR offers a platform for simulating warfare and military strategy, allowing soldiers and commanders to test tactics, assess their plans' effectiveness, and gauge their impact before implementation in real-world scenarios.



Fig.1- VR applications in military training

Communications and Content Creation: In military communications, VR serves as a tool to craft immersive and lifelike experiences for audiences. For instance, by leveraging VR glasses, viewers can virtually 'participate' in events, operations, or missions, experiencing them firsthand. Moreover, artists and filmmakers can harness virtual reality to produce content depicting warfare, delivering a realistic and vivid portrayal to viewers.

Communication and Collaboration: VR offers the capability to convene and collaborate remotely within virtual environments. Partners and workgroups can engage with one another just as they would in physical spaces, thereby augmenting communication and productivity. Employing VR to visualize intricate data concerning the battlefield situation, intelligence, and strategy can facilitate decision-makers in comprehending the context and rendering precise decisions.

Psychological Support: Virtual reality serves as a valuable tool in mitigating stress and offering psychological aid to soldiers following challenging and distressing situations. VR finds applications in psychology and psychological treatment, aiding soldiers in overcoming issues such as post-war psychological trauma.

Management and Monitoring: VR is instrumental in managing and monitoring security environments, thereby enhancing awareness and enabling swift responses to security risks and challenges.

Overall, virtual reality plays a pivotal role in augmenting training, communication, and management capabilities within the realm of military communications.

5. The application of digital technology in the military communications industry yields numerous advantages, paving the way for additional opportunities.

5.1 Enhanced Production Efficiency and Cost Reduction through Communication Process Modernization

The production and distribution of media content in the military sector involve multiple stages, from collection to editing, production, and distribution. Traditional methods of production are often time-consuming and expensive. Therefore, the application of digital technology can be highly effective, not only enhancing the efficiency of content production and distribution but also reducing costs. For instance, digital editorial platforms enable journalists to create, edit, and publish content in real-time, thereby increasing efficiency and decreasing the expenses associated with using and storing paper documents. Additionally, digital technology supports automated production and distribution, such as automated video production tools, which aid in creating content quickly and cost-effectively. By improving production efficiency and reducing costs, military media organizations can swiftly release diverse and engaging content, thereby enhancing competitiveness and retaining users.

5.2 Digital technology can make it easier for users to access, share, and engage with media content, improving the user experience and engagement.

The integration of digital technology in the military communications industry not only facilitates convenient access to information but also fosters an interactive and personalized experience for users. Digital advancements enable users to easily retrieve content tailored to their individual interests and requirements through social networks, mobile applications, and digital media platforms. Mobile applications, in particular, offer personalized services

and experiences, enhancing user satisfaction and convenience when accessing multimedia content. Furthermore, social media platforms serve as catalysts for discussions, sharing opinions, and fostering interaction among users, thereby cultivating a diverse community within the realm of military communications. Digital technology not only streamlines information access but also encourages interaction and creativity, thus amplifying the value of media content in the military environment.

6. Conclusion

This paper critically examines and assesses the applications of digital technology in the domain of military communication, along with its repercussions on communication modalities, efficacy, and user experiences. The author elucidates specific instances of advanced applications, such as digital media, social media, mobile applications, and data analytics, delving into their advantages and challenges. The adoption of digital technology in military communication represents a significant stride towards promptly addressing user requirements and enhancing the competitiveness and efficiency of military media organizations. Conventional communication avenues like print, radio, and television increasingly fall short of meeting users' interactive demands. Conversely, digital formats offer users rich, immersive, and diverse content, fostering a more open and democratic milieu within military media. However, encountering challenges is inevitable. Ensuring content quality and safeguarding copyright in digital media necessitate meticulous attention and management by media organizations. Concurrently, the rapid proliferation of information and the challenge of information accuracy require concerted efforts from both media organizations and users. We contend that the application of digital technology in military communication not only signifies developmental progress but also constitutes an ongoing journey of refinement. This underscores the pressing need for innovation and digital transformation on the part of media organizations, coupled with user understanding and awareness. Only through symbiotic collaboration between both stakeholders can we chart a prosperous trajectory for the military communication sector, furnishing users with high-quality and diverse communication experiences and services.

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