

# 2019 Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Meeting

DHS Portfolio



## **Next Generation First Responder Deployables and Internet of Things Technology**

Panel Members

#PSCR2019

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# Project Background: Deployables and IoT



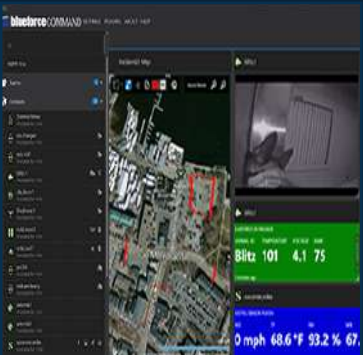
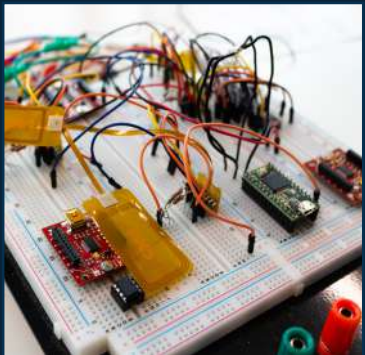
## Deployable Systems

Configuration and integration of deployable LTE networks with applications and services to create a complete system for first responders.



## Highly Mobile Deployable Networks

Interconnection of multiple deployable systems with limited or no backhaul connection (portable, manpacks, airborne).



## Personal Area Networks for Public Safety

Issues surrounding Internet of things (IoT) technology for public safety. Determining how to maintain sensor data availability in mission critical scenarios.

# Agenda



## Introduction

*Sam Ray, DHS Portfolio Lead*



## Personal Area Networks

*Alison Kahn, Project Lead*



## Highly Mobile Deployed Networks

*Maxwell Maurice, Project Lead - HMDN*



## Highly Mobile Deployed Networks

*Hien Nguyen, Project Lead – Deployable Systems*



## Q & A

- Timeline, Architecture
- IoT Roundtable
- Issues, Future Research

- Why We Need Deployables
- Research Highlights
- Real Scenario, Dataset

- Drones for Public Safety Comms
- PSCR Research – Simulations
- Lab/Field Testing

*Demonstration: Michigan Ballroom*



**PUBLIC  
SAFETY  
INTERNET  
OF THINGS**

**Alison Kahn**

# Project Timeline

DHS Personal Area Networking Project

A person wearing a helmet and a vest with "SHERRIFF" on the back is rappelling down a rope. The background is a blue sky with clouds.

2017

## Public Safety Internet of Things

Assessing the state of IoT for Public Safety

2017

## Sensor Integration

Examining standards related to sensor integration

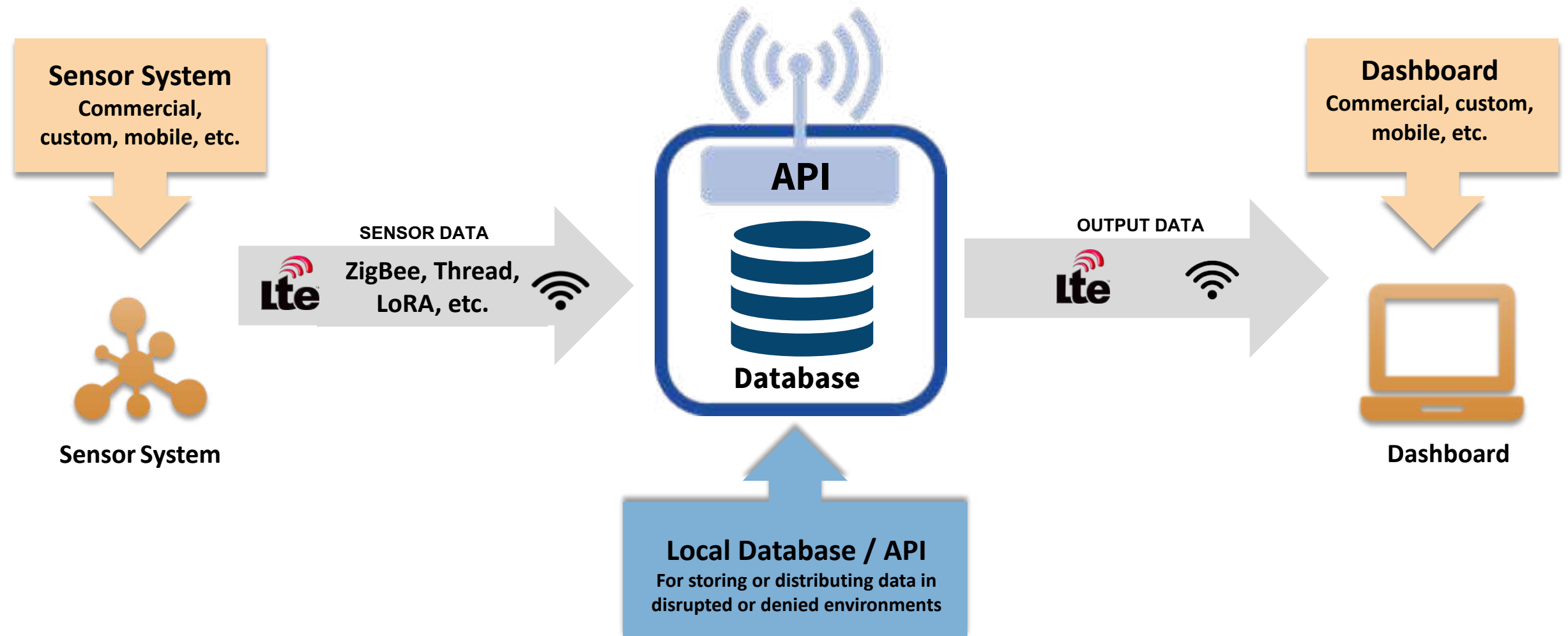
2018

## Architecture Development

Creating an architecture to address gaps

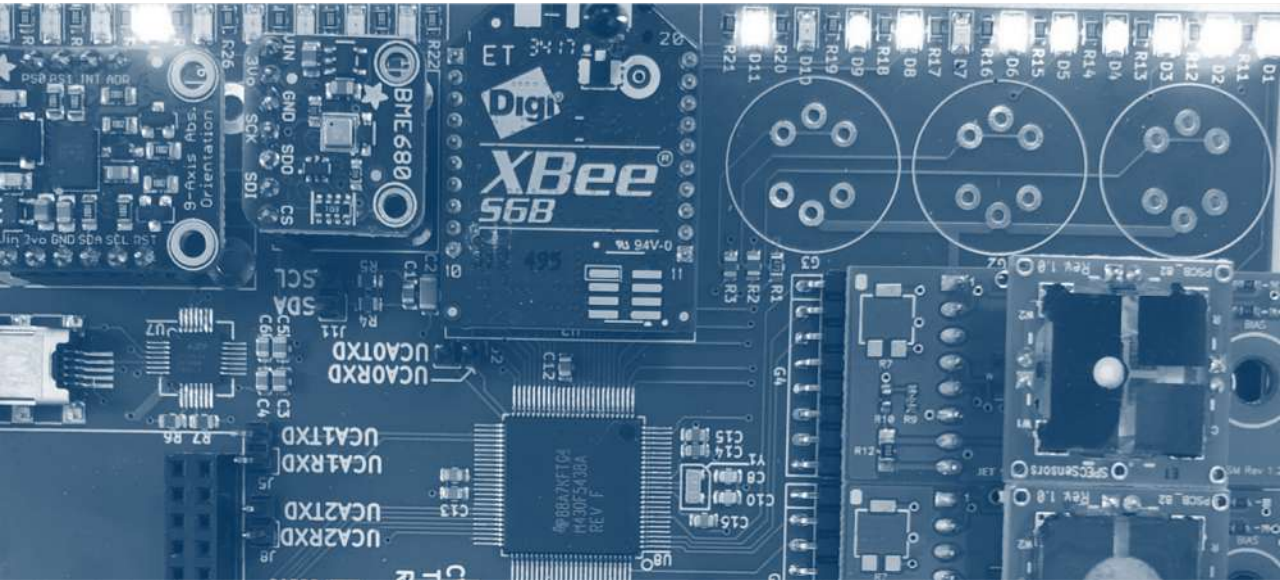


# PSCR Architecture Overview





# PSCR-Developed Components



## Biosuit Sensor Hub

Multi-sensor platform for a first responder

Used to demonstrate sensor input to API

## API

Ingests and stores data from sensors

Makes data available to dashboards

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258     }  
259     }  
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268             i++  
269         }  
270     }
```

# Public Safety IoT Roundtable

April 3 & 4, 2019 – Boulder, CO



Goal: Discuss the current state of IoT for Public Safety, and determine issues that must be solved for it to succeed in the field.

# Roundtable Activities

How the group examined IoT for public safety

**1**

Identification of Enabling Technologies

**2**

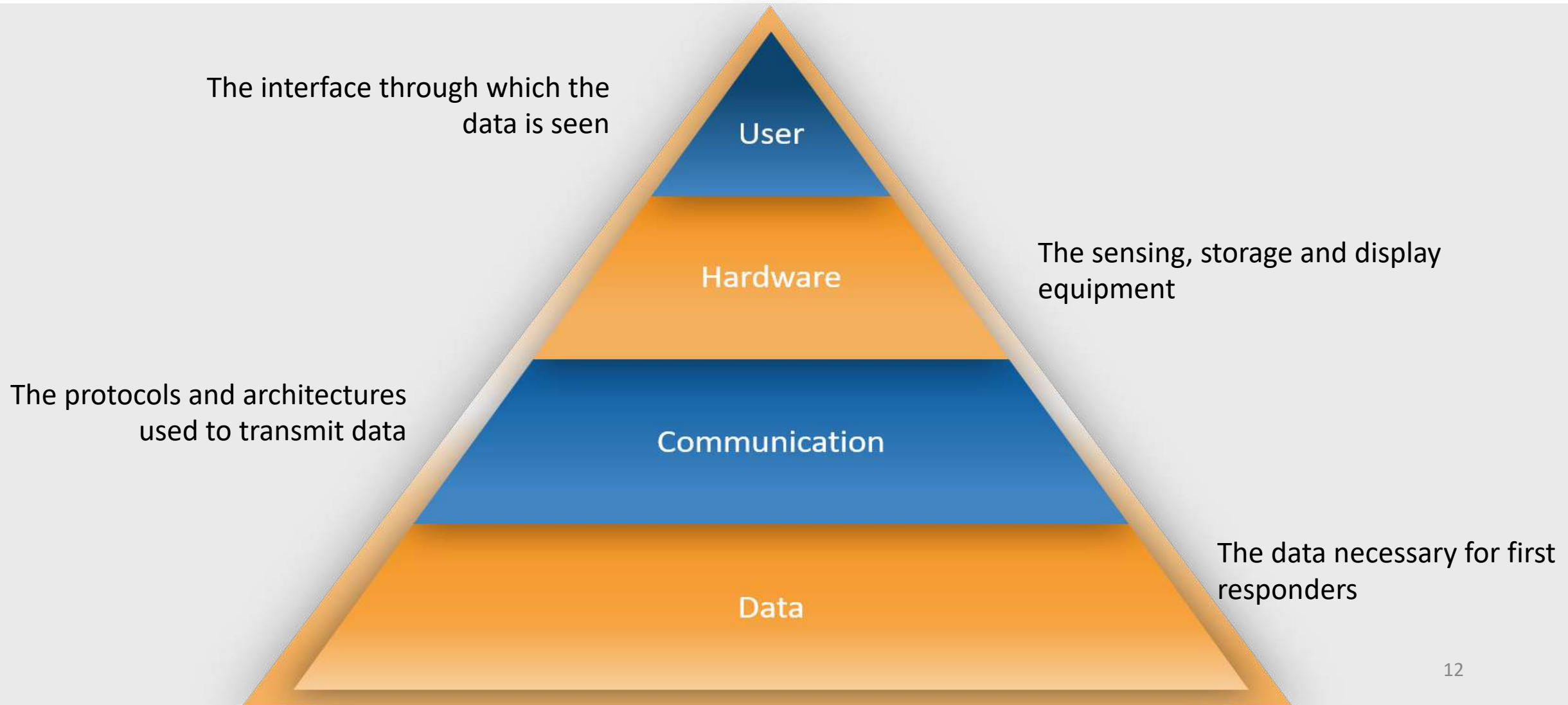
Gap Categorization and Prioritization

**3**

End to End Solution Brainstorming

# Four Elements of a Personal Area Network

Where are the Gaps for Public Safety?





# PSCR Future Research Areas

## Future PSCR Research Areas



### Communication

User

How do we ensure that communication lines are available?

How do we bring the data as close as possible?

Hardware



### Data

Communication

What data elements are used by public safety?

How can they be defined?

Data

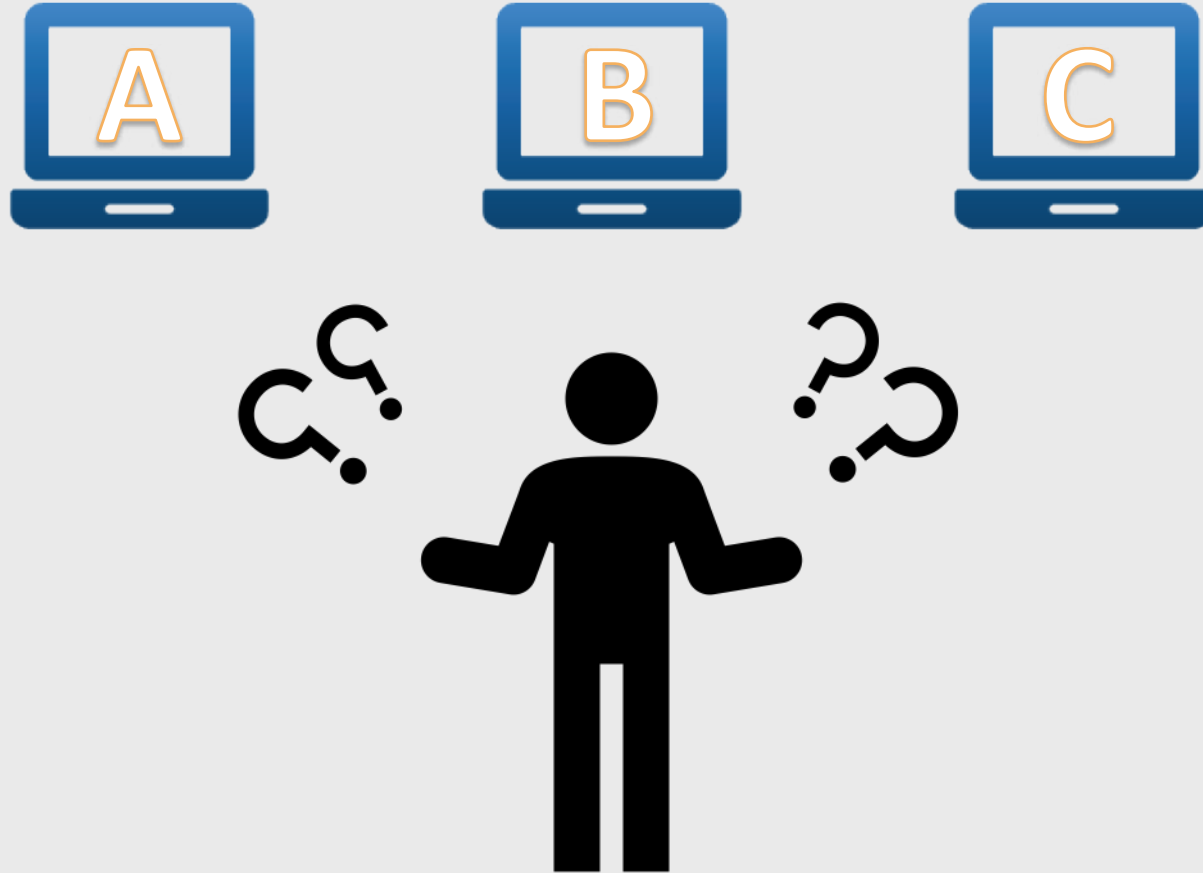
# Data Exchange Obstacles

A “Real World” Example



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A “Real World” Example



# Inter-Vendor Data Exchange – Current Model (Using JSON)

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```

In object form:

```
{
  "id":523525,
  "p":4388,      // PSAP ID
  "d":"06802",   // Department FDID
  "u":598,       // Responder ID
  "r":"F-B12",   // Unit type ('F'ire, 'B12" rack number)
  "s":"A-P",     // Status: 'A'vaialbe 'P'ersonnel
  "x":0,         // CFS identifier Number (0=none)
  "c":"",        // CFS Identifier String
  "t":1558538807, // UNIX timestamp for this IOT data
  "rack":0,      // Receive Acknowledge
  "l":35.96074,  // Latitude (floating point format)
  "g":-79.05737, // Longitude
  "z":171,       // Altitude (MSL)
  "h":354,       // Heading
  "m":40,        // Speed in MPH
  "a":5          // GPS accuracy, Meters
}
```

## Using JSON Objects



Data from A can be displayed on B

**ArcGIS GeoEvent Manager**

Monitor Inputs GeoEvent Services Outputs

PageTrack-JSON-file-in (Receive JSON from a UDP socket)

Name\*: PageTrack-JSON-file-in

Advanced

JSON Object Name:

Create GeoEvent Definition\*: ☐ Yes ☒ No

GeoEvent Definition Name (Existing): PageTrackGeoEventDef-input

Expected Date Format: MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm:ss

Build Geometry From Fields\*: ☒ Yes ☐ No

X Geometry Field: g

Y Geometry Field: l

Z Geometry Field: z

Default Spatial Reference:

Learning Mode: ☐ Yes ☒ No

As GeoJson: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Port\*: 5000

Append Source IP to Message: ☐ Yes ☒ No

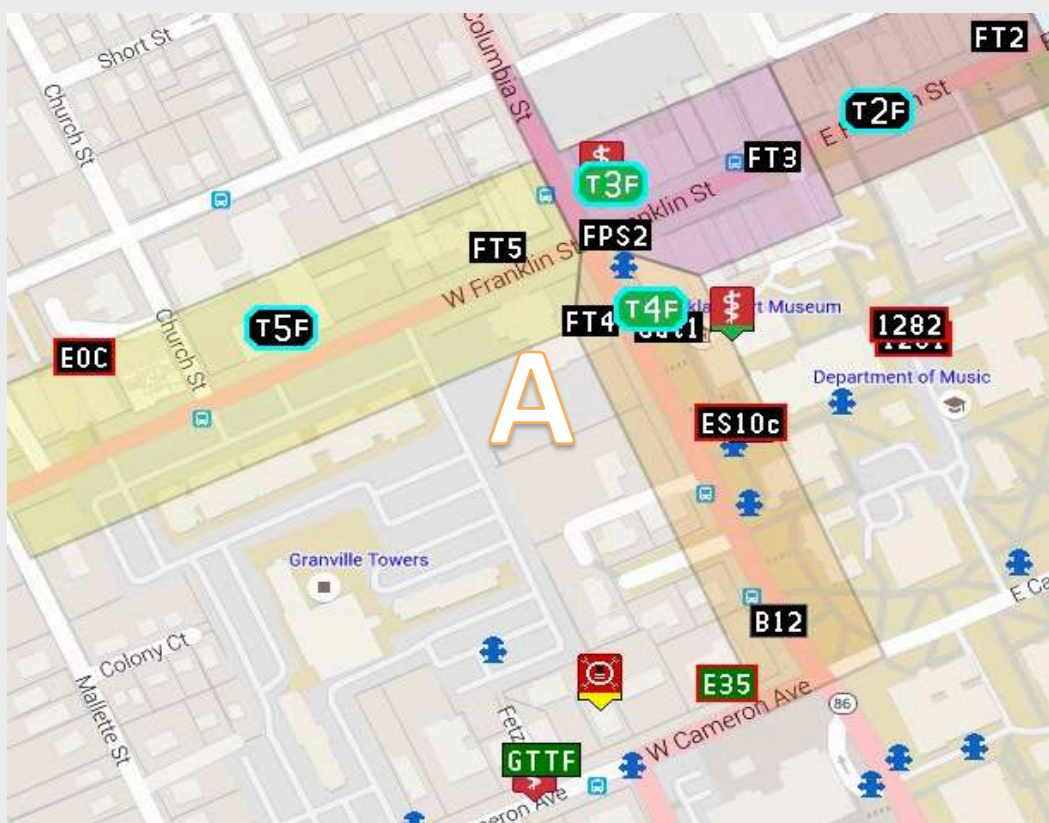
Characters to Append to Each Message:

Multicast mode: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Buffer Size (Bytes)\*: 2048



# Inter-Vendor Data Exchange – Current Model (Using JSON)



First responders' locations in Chapel Hill, NC being tracked on PageTrack in Efland, NC



ESRI taking JSON objects from PageTrack and displaying them in real time in Chapel Hill center

Goal: Disparate Systems To Communicate Without Losing Their Uniqueness By Using A Common Data Exchange Format

# Issues with Current Data Exchange Model

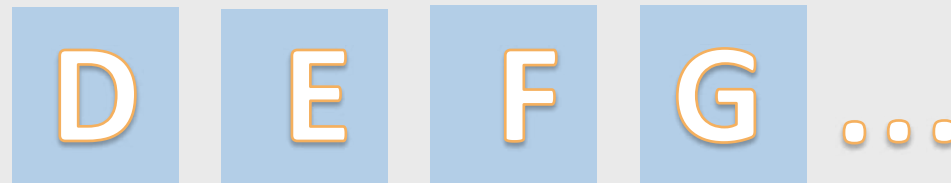
Company A and Company B have an agreement:



What about:



And then we add in:



# Defining Data Objects



**Interested in Participating?  
Sign up in our app!**

# Defining Data Objects

Conduct Interviews  
with First Responders

Step Number One

01

Determine  
needed for

02

Step Number Two

Interested in Participating?  
Sign up in our app!



Step Number Three

Step Number Three

03

04

Step Number Four

Compile information  
into document





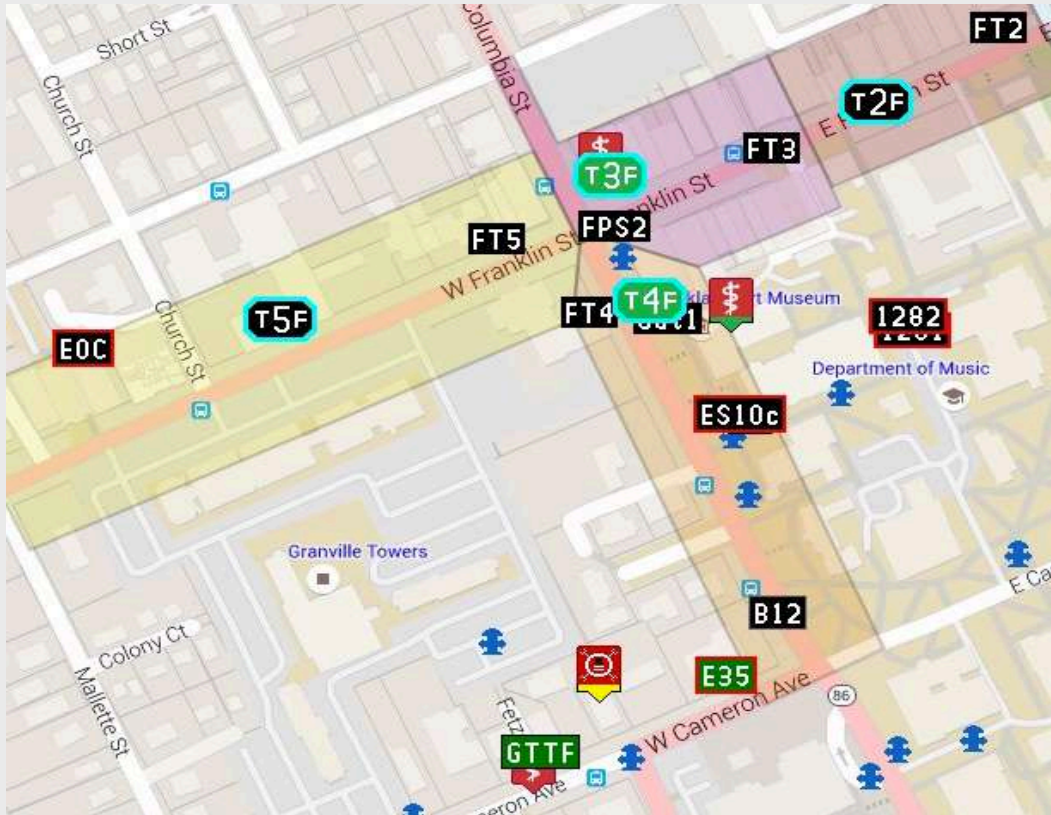
# **HIGHLY MOBILE DEPLOYED NETWORKS**



**Maxwell Maurice and Hien Nguyen**

# How to maintain these services

10 minutes ago



At the incident



This site can't be reached

128.12.33.114 took too long to respond.

Try:

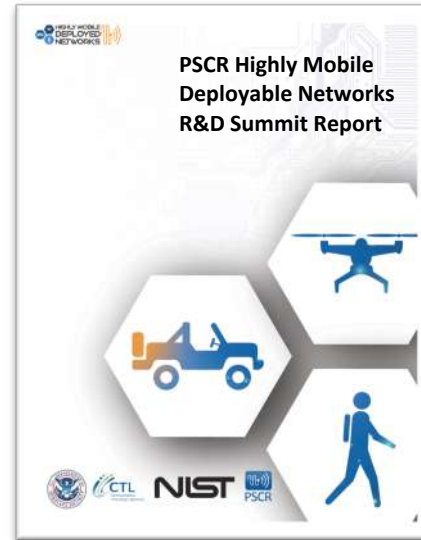
- Checking the connection
- [Checking the proxy and the firewall](#)
- [Running Windows Network Diagnostics](#)

ERR\_CONNECTION\_TIMED\_OUT

Reload

# Project Highlights

1. Defining how to combine deployable systems
2. Looked at some hardware requirements and specs
3. Spectrum study
4. Named Data Networking
5. Real deployment measurements





# Real Deployment Scenario

## The Objective :

Show the coverage and service potential of a realistic public safety scenario

## The Scenario:

A fire team deployed to a brush fire



Pam Boyd. "Update on wildfire burning north of Gypsum" Vail Daily, July 23, 2018  
URL: <https://www.summitdaily.com/news/wildfire-burning-north-of-gypsum/>



# Location

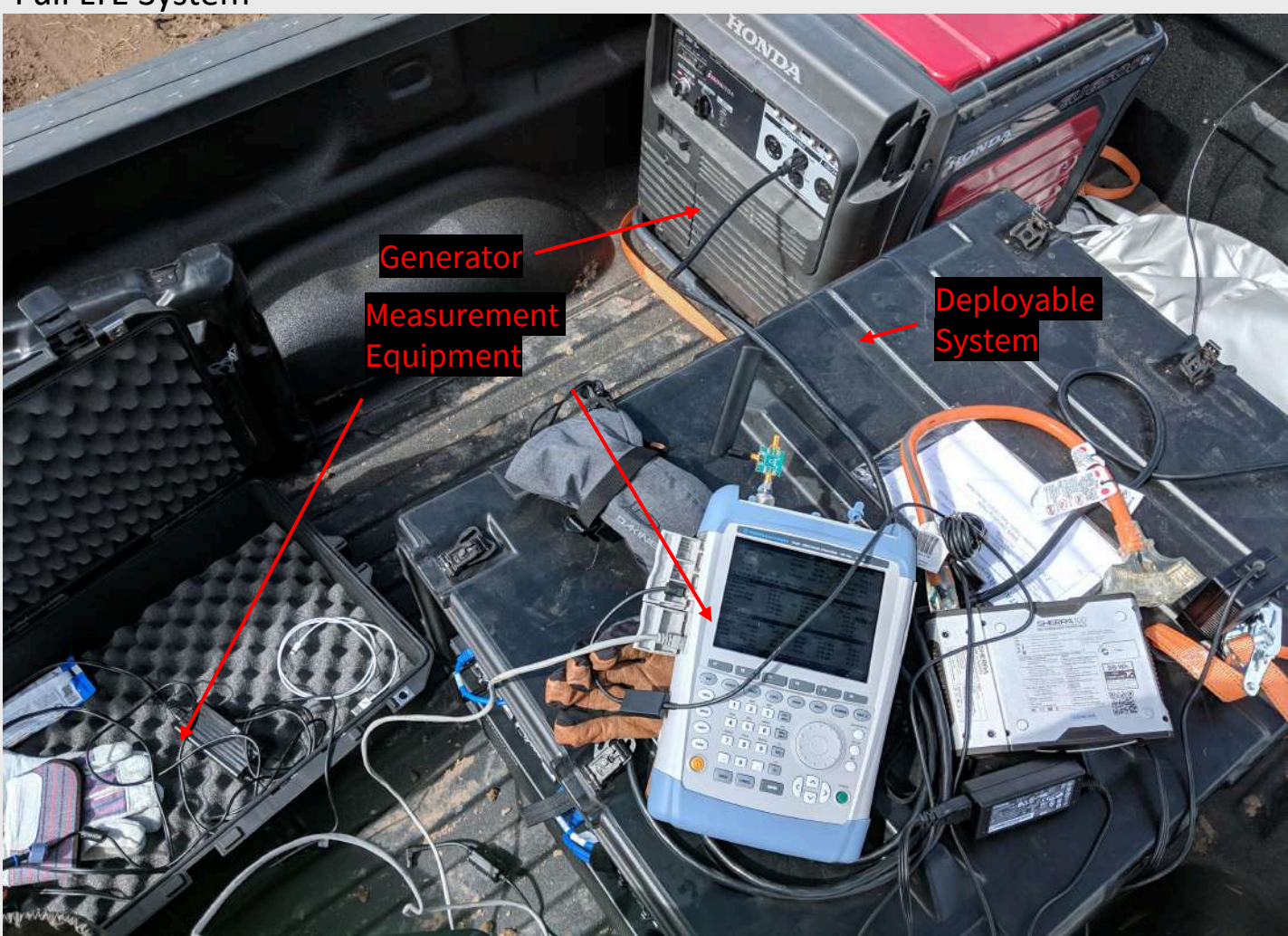
Below are photos of the site where the deployable system was placed for operation.





# Test Equipment

Full LTE System

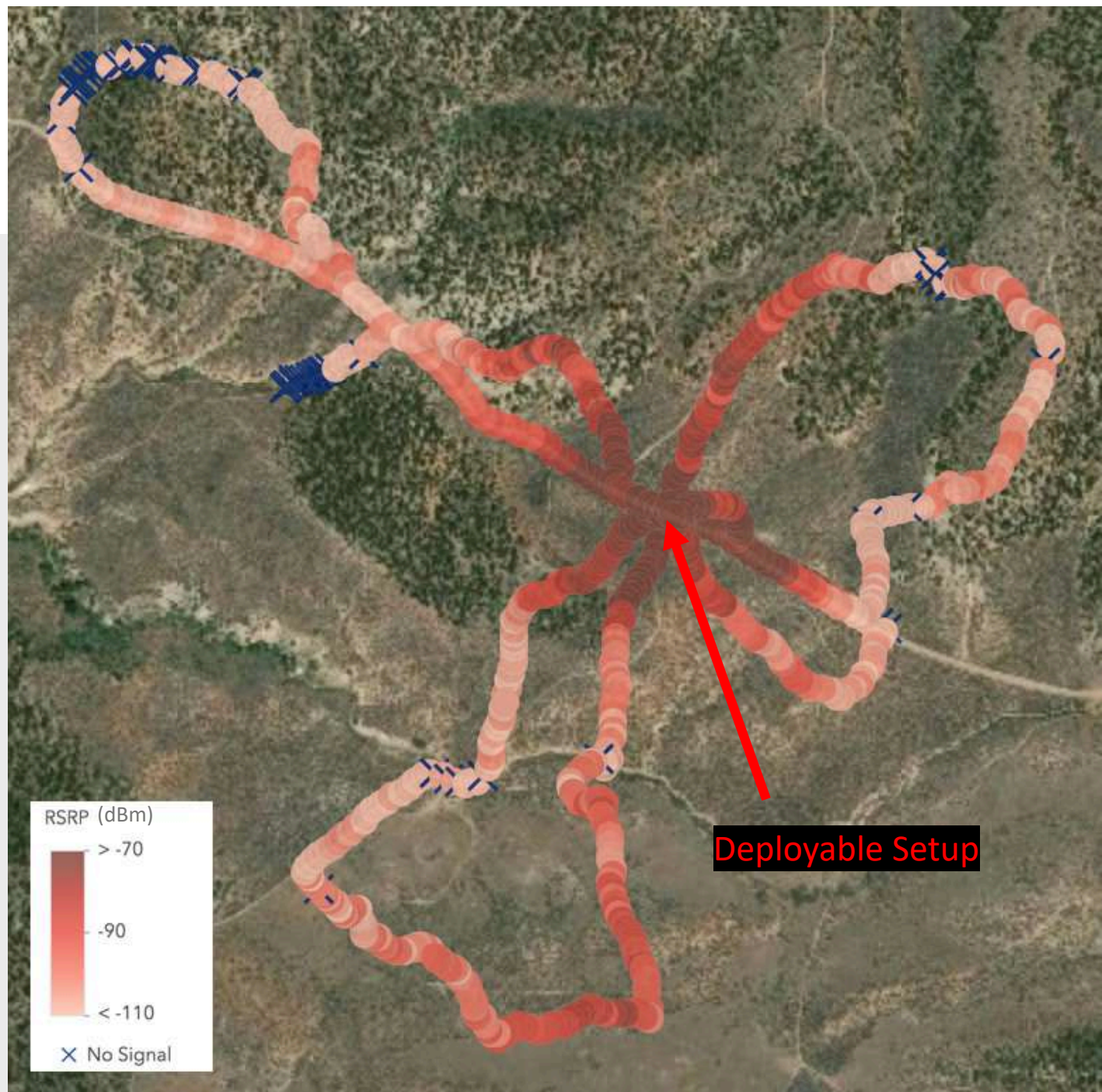




# Dataset

Reference signal received power (RSRP), is the power of the reference signals.

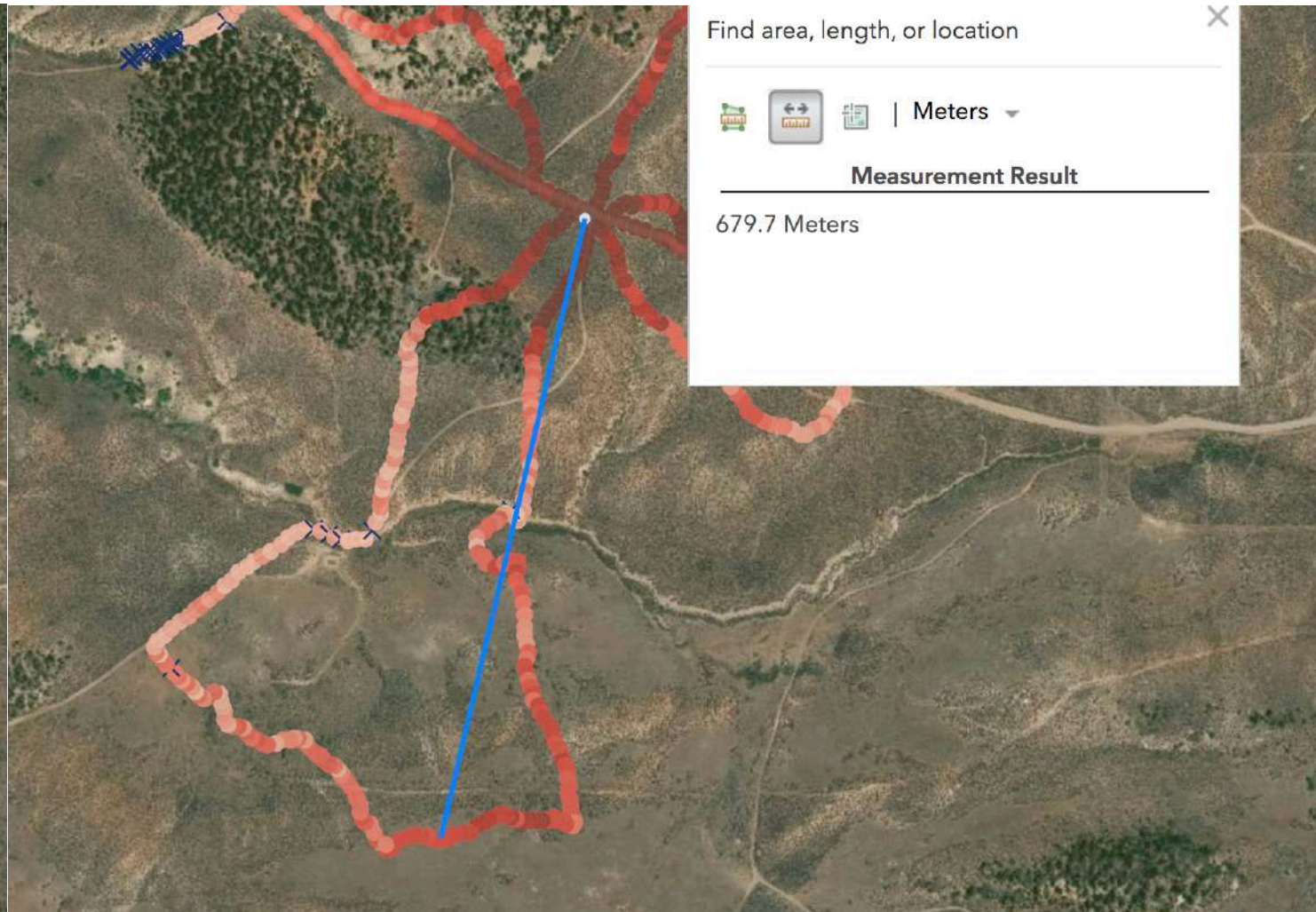
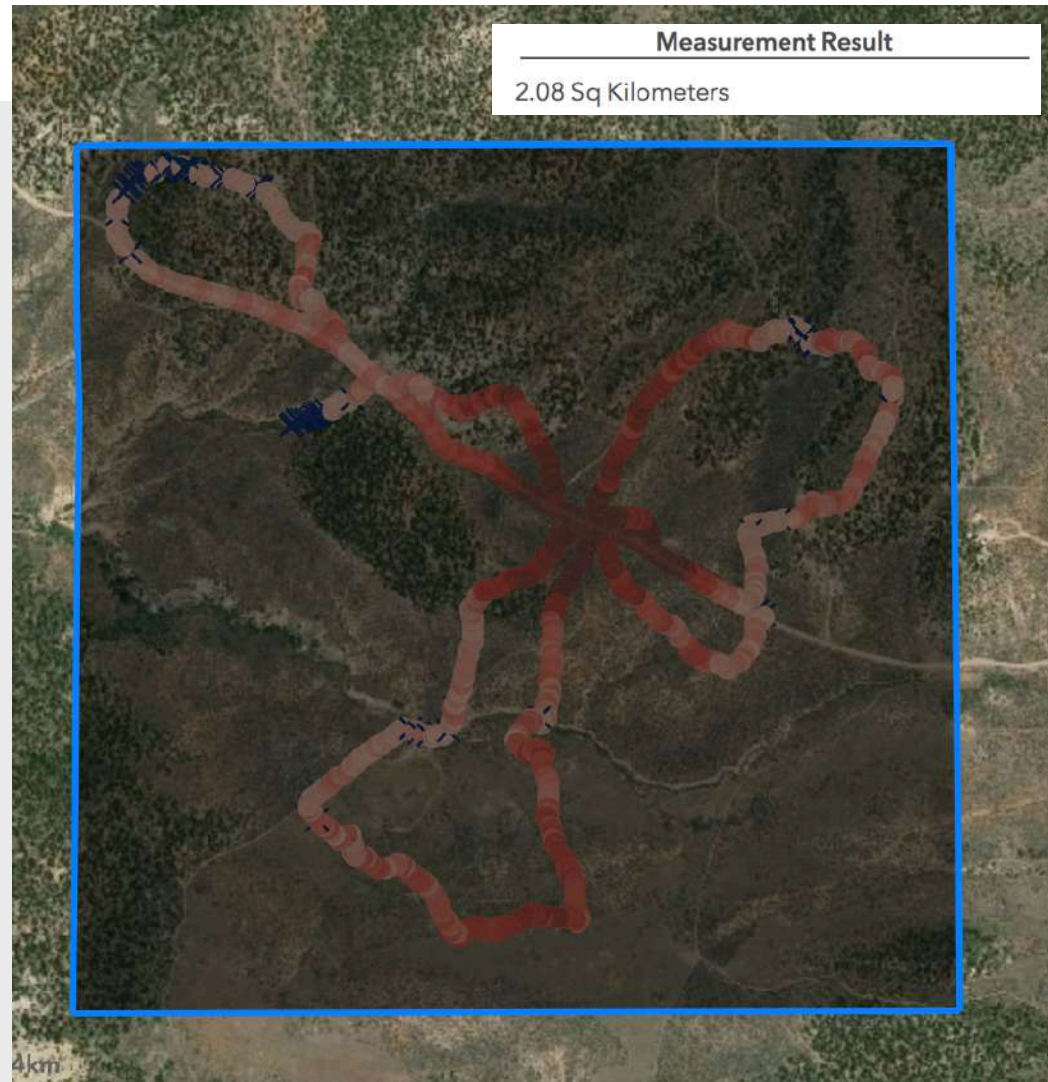
3GPP defined metric for LTE coverage prediction.





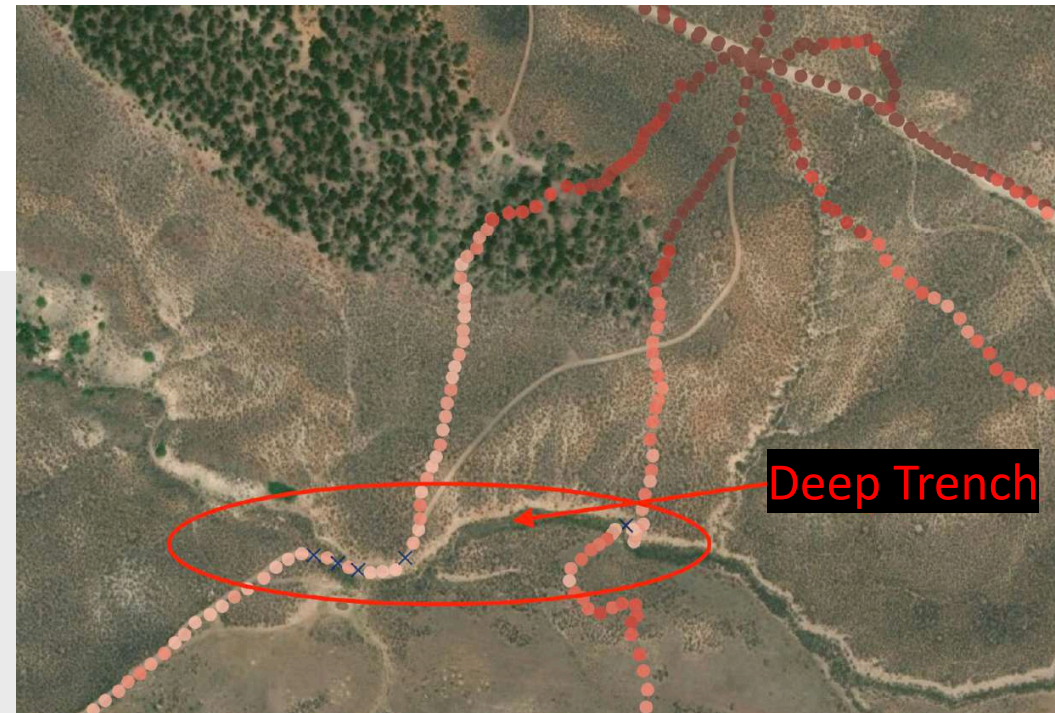
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In total, the area measured was about 2 km<sup>2</sup> (less than a square mile).





# Dataset

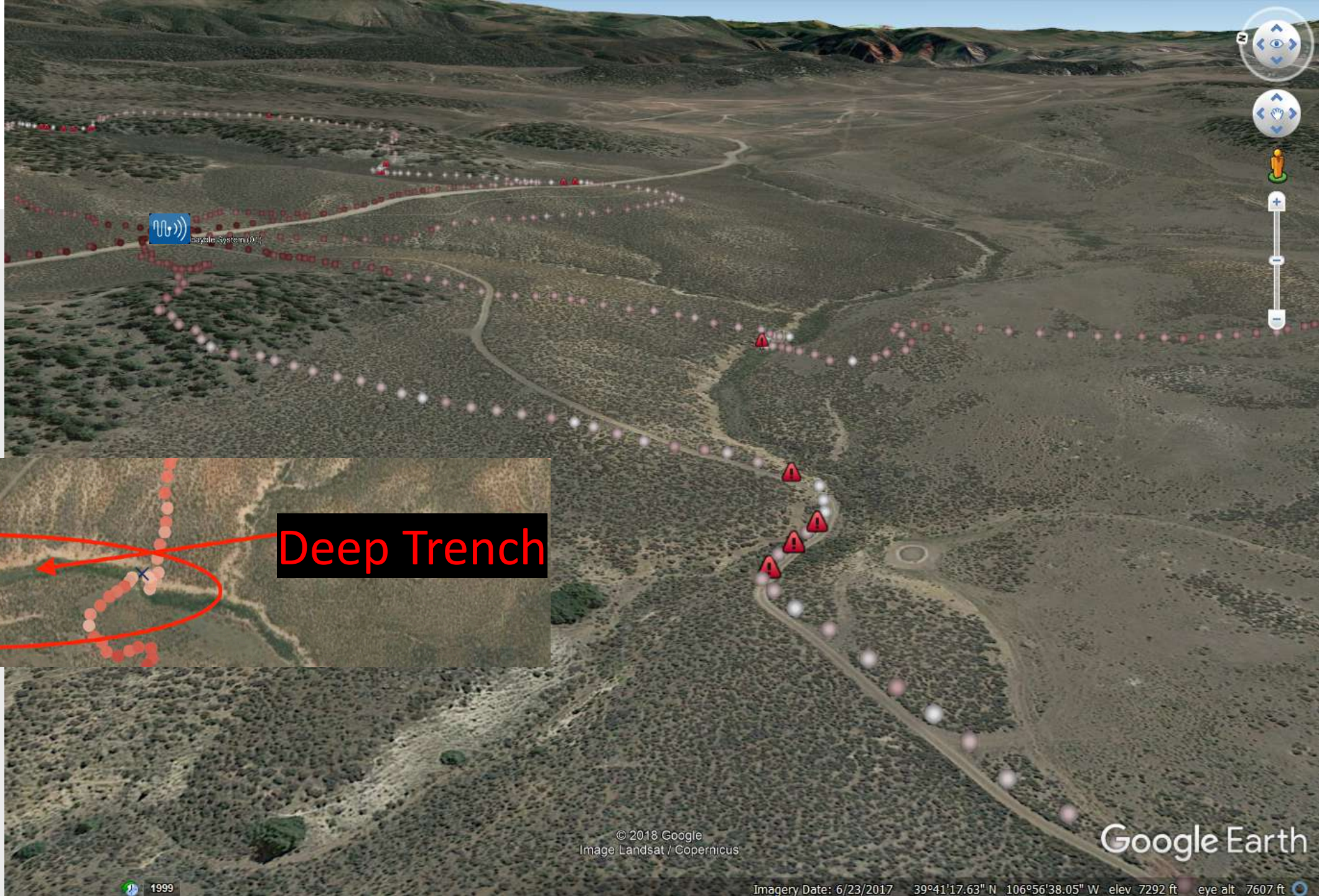




# Dataset



Out of Coverage



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Image Landsat / Copernicus

Google Earth

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Imagery Date: 6/23/2017 39°41'17.63" N 106°56'38.05" W elev 7292 ft eye alt 7607 ft



# Dataset





# Dataset

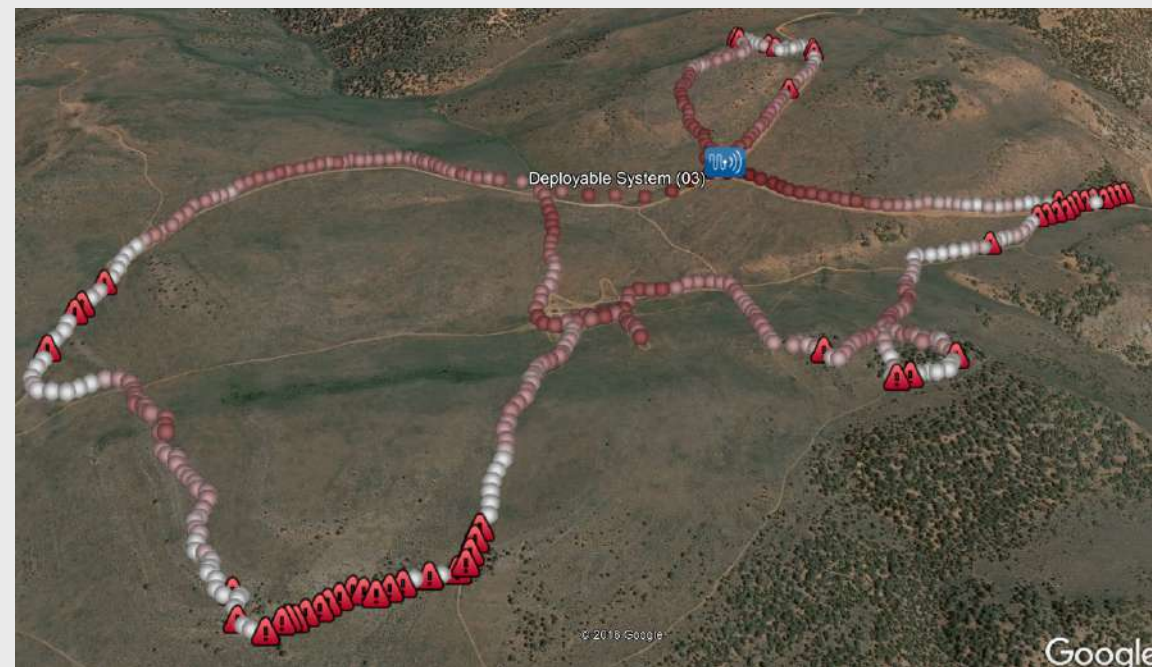
0.5 m separation (1.7 ft or 1.28 wavelengths)



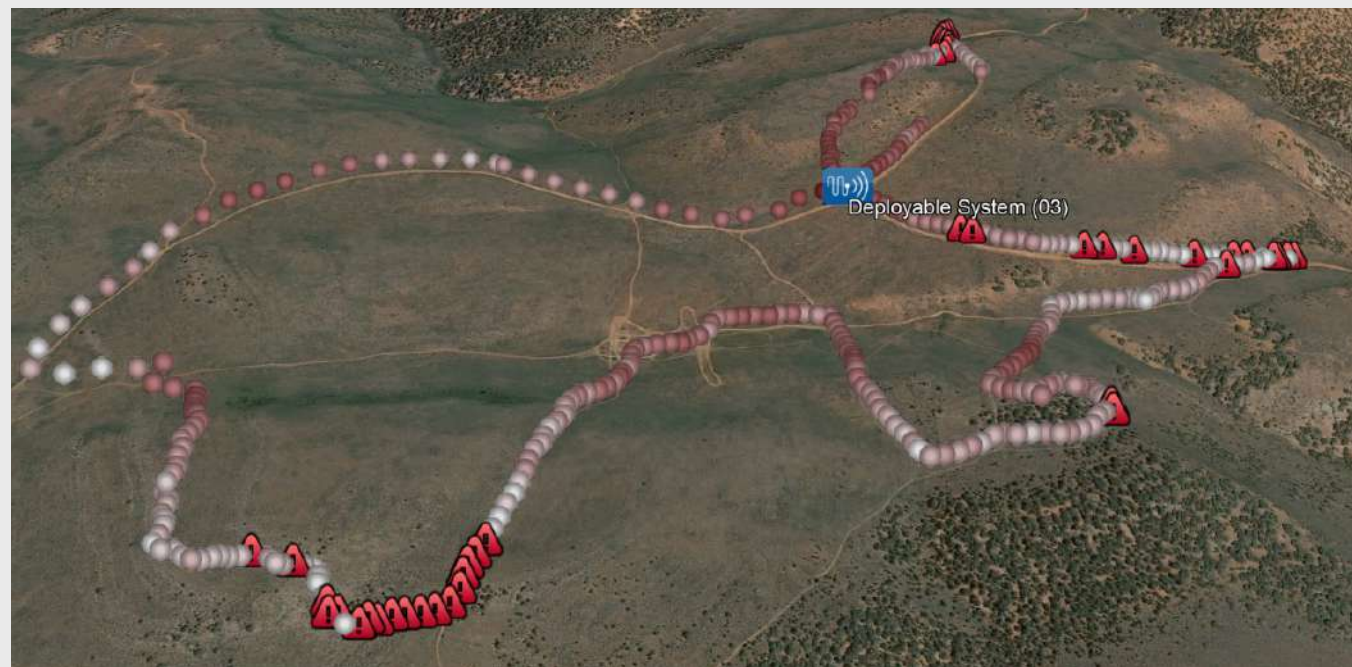


# Dataset

7 ft (no mast)



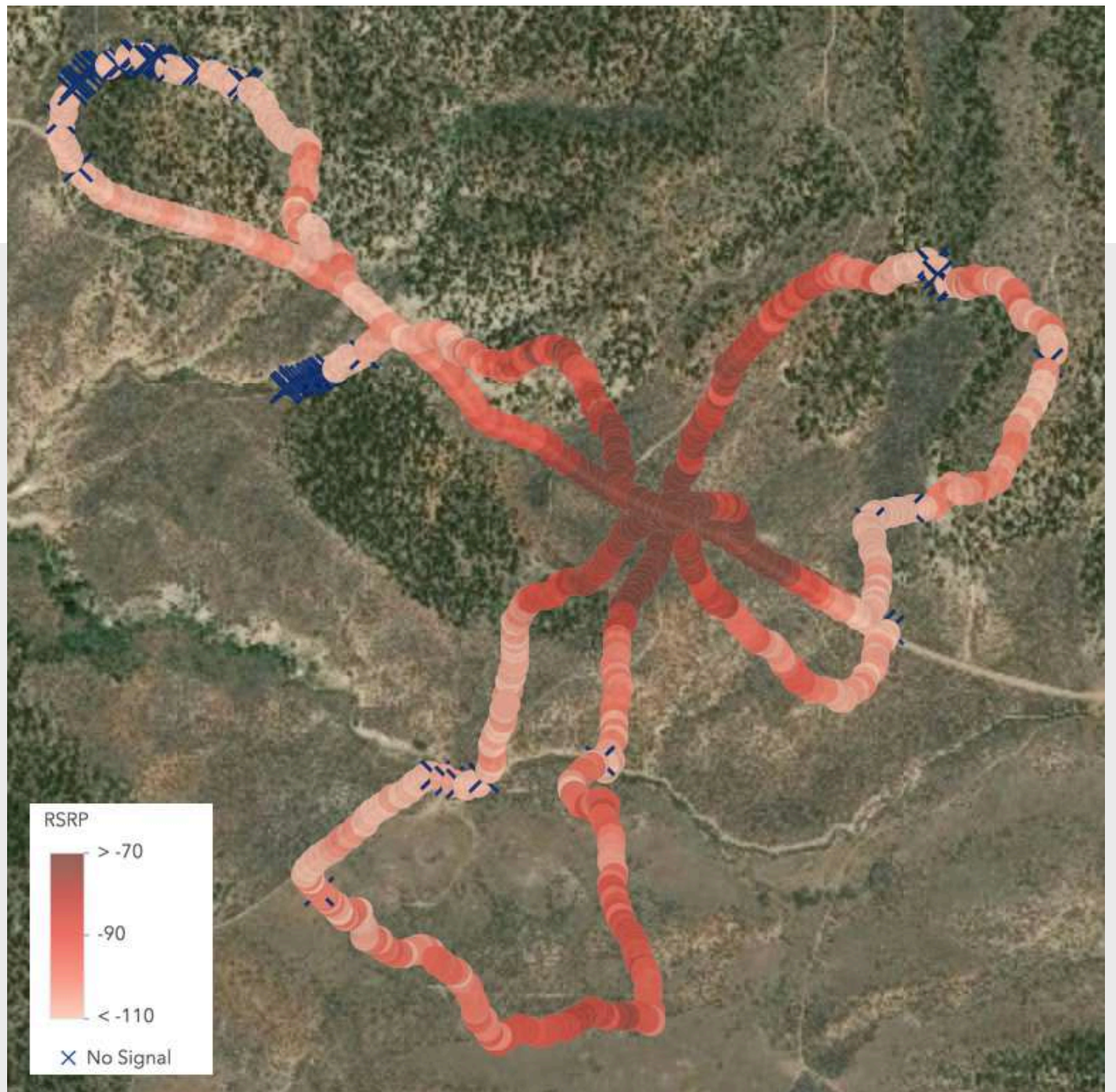
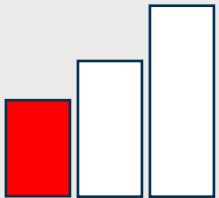
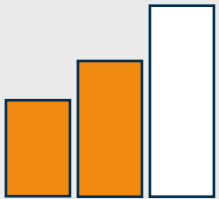
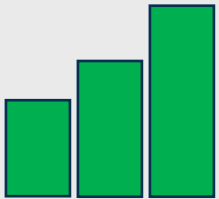
14 ft (mast)





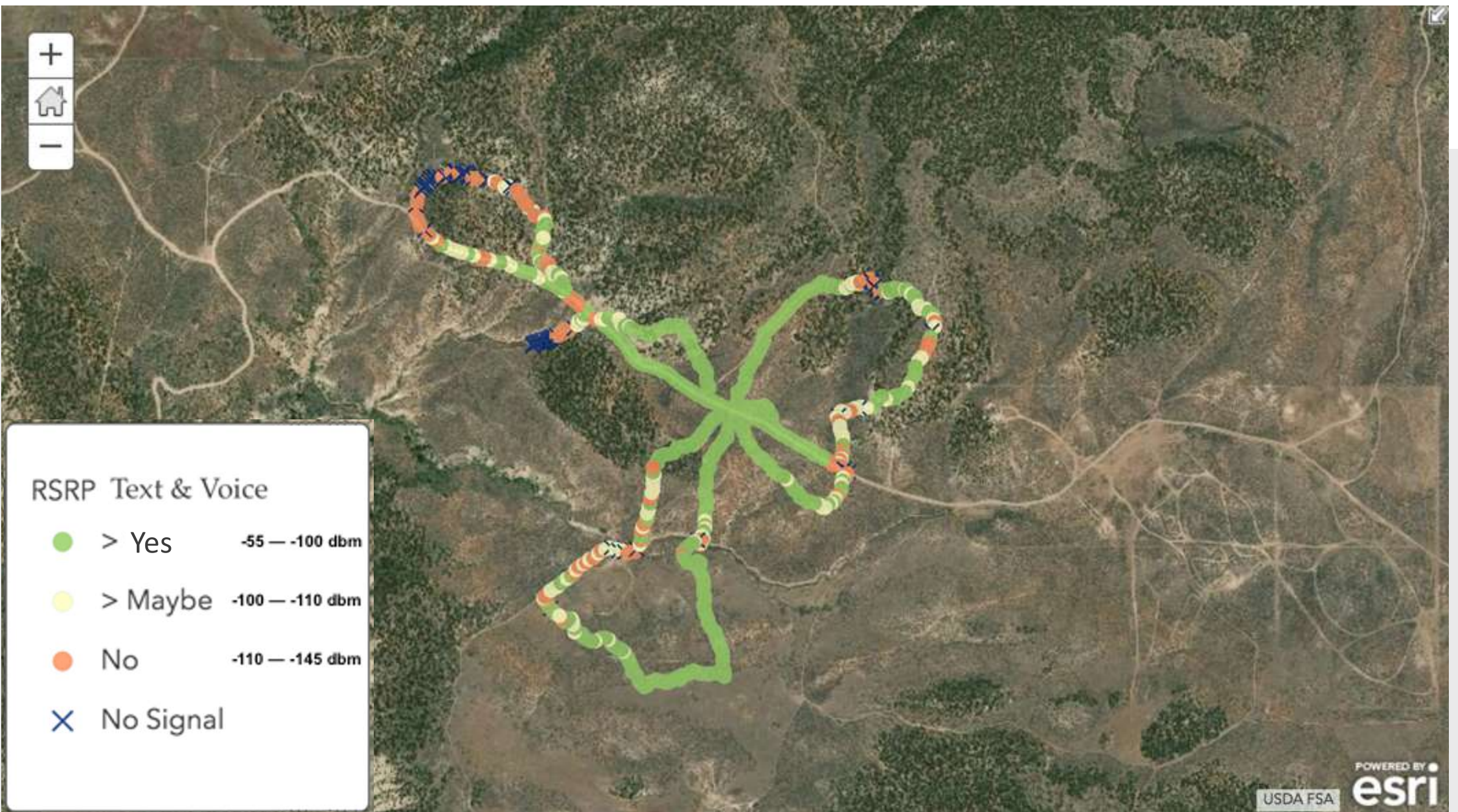
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What is RSRP? What do the colors mean? Why is it Negative?



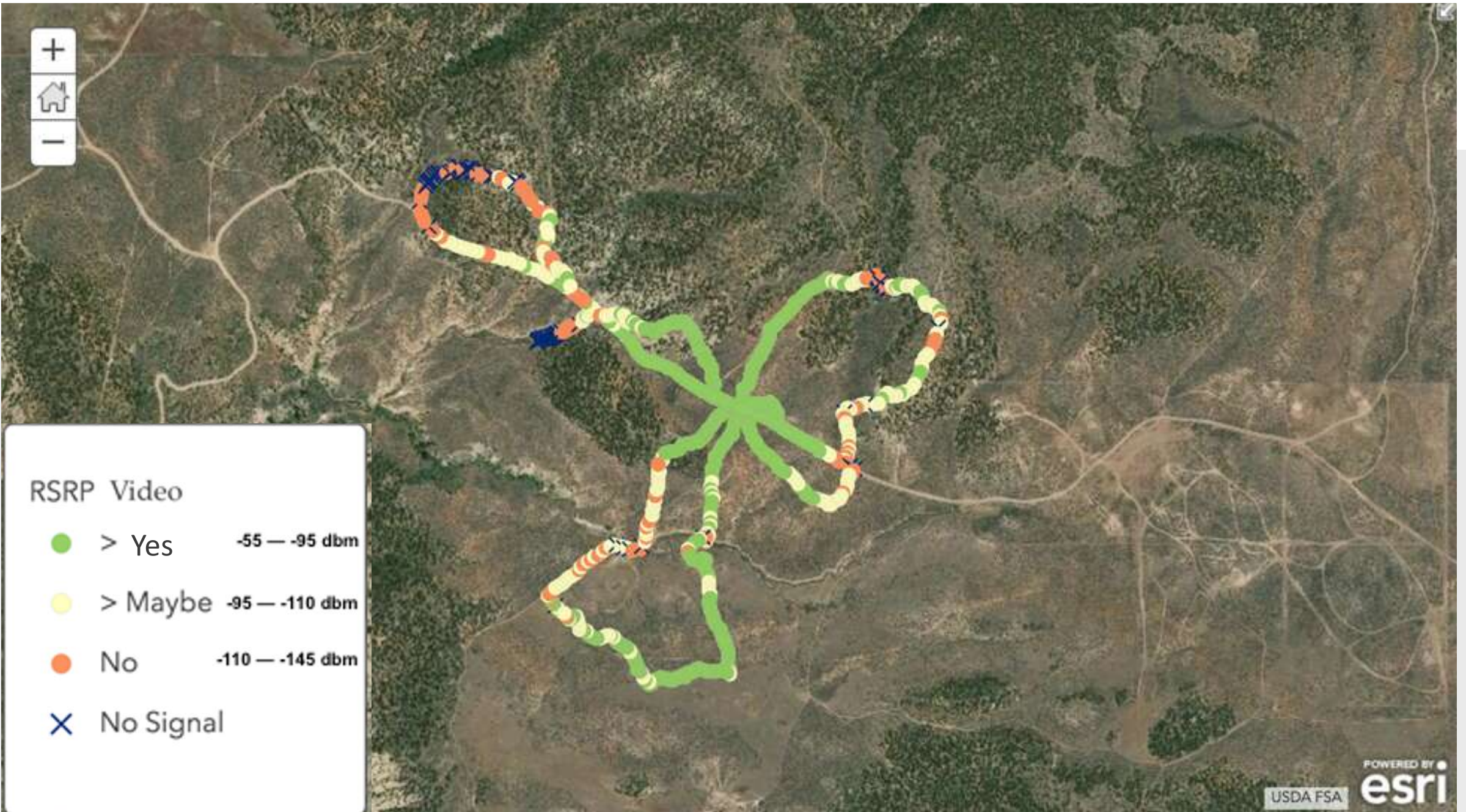


# Translation





# Translation





# Future: Tech to Protect

The objective of this contest is to enable participants to create prototype network diagnostic tools to help emergency responders understand what coverage a broadband deployable system can provide.

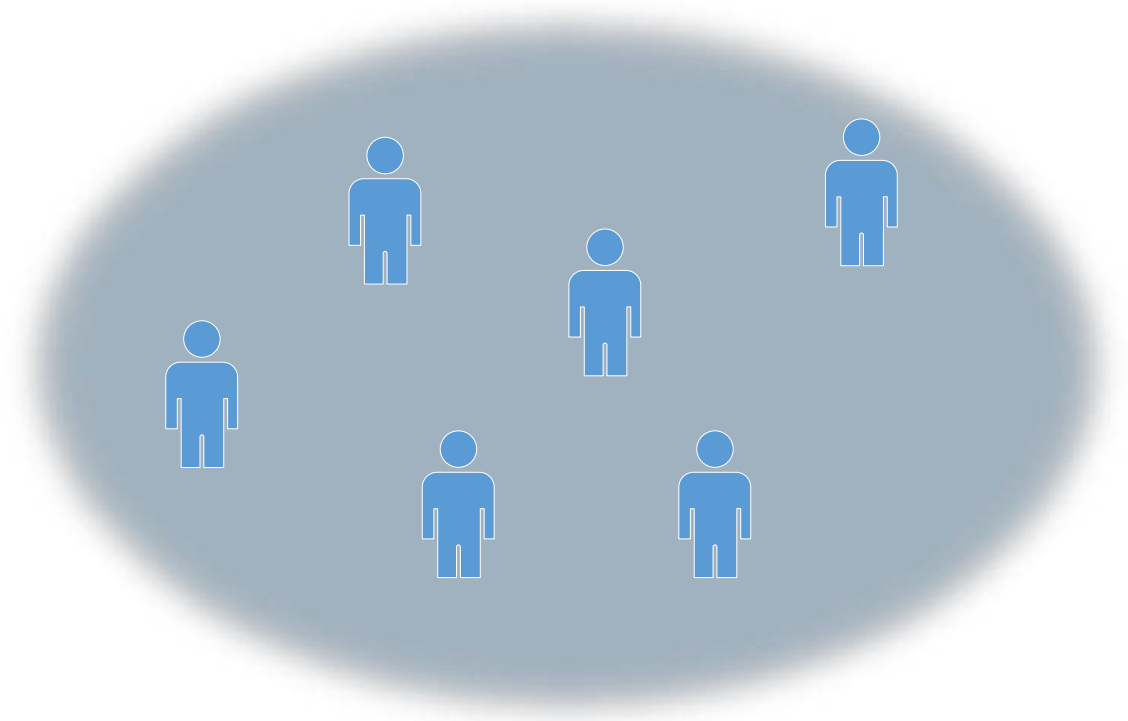


## COME SOLVE WITH US

CONTEST 008//  
**NO COVERAGE:**  
Placing Deployable Networks in Emergencies



# Line of Sight is King



# Drones for Public Safety Communications



## Communication challenge for first responders

- Areas with no/degraded coverage
- Non-accessible terrain

# Drones for Public Safety Communications



## Public Safety Drone Survey

(May 2019)

>94%

Would have benefited from wireless communication

>63%

Agencies had some type of drone operation in the last 5 years

(Note: statistics based on more than 170 survey respondents)



# Drones for Public Safety Communications



- **Need for communication**

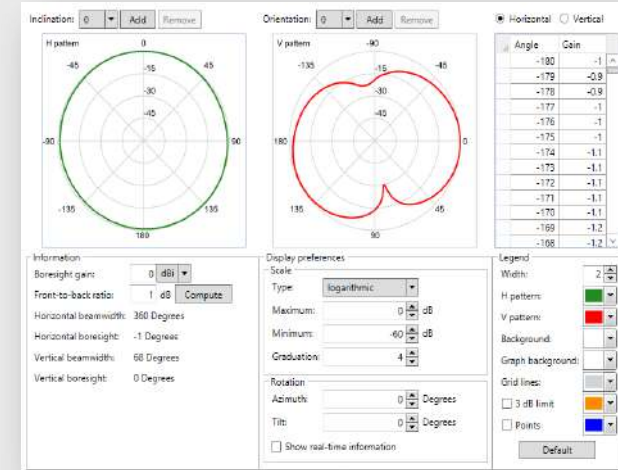
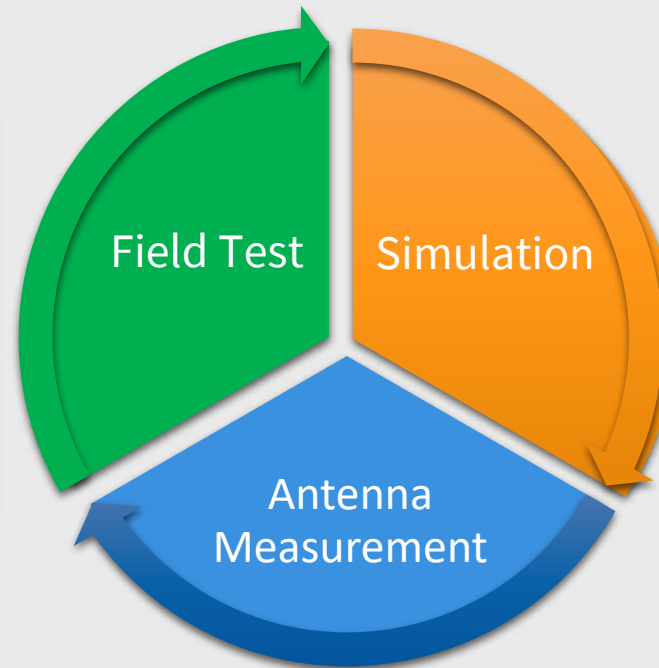
- ✓ **Anytime**
- ✓ **Anywhere**

- **For specific missions, drones carrying communication systems show great potential in fulfilling this need**

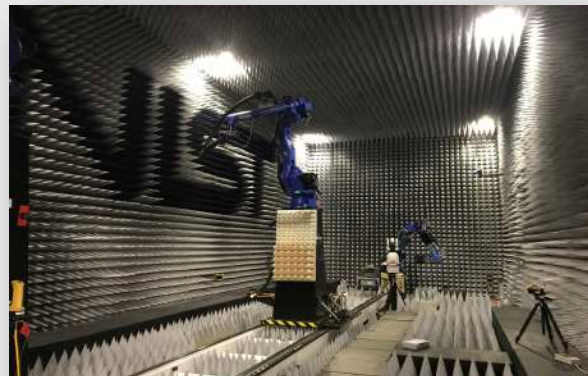
# Drones and Communication Research at PSCR



Field Test  
(Boulder, CO)



Sample of antenna pattern  
used in simulation

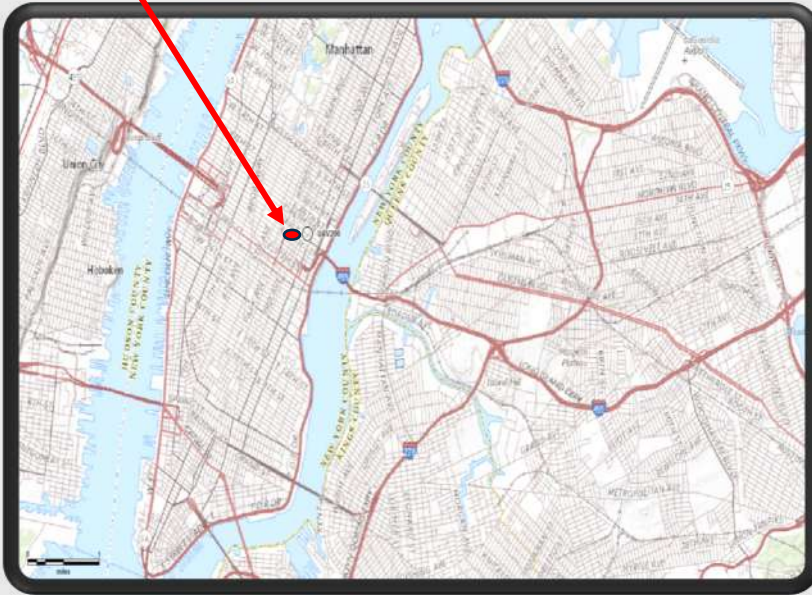


Anechoic Chamber at  
NIST (Boulder, CO)



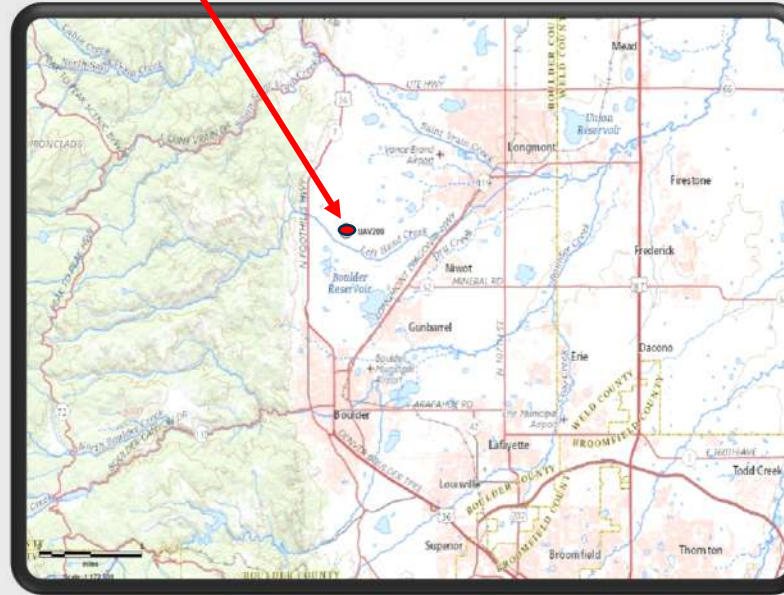
# Drones and Communication Research – Simulation Scenarios

Urban



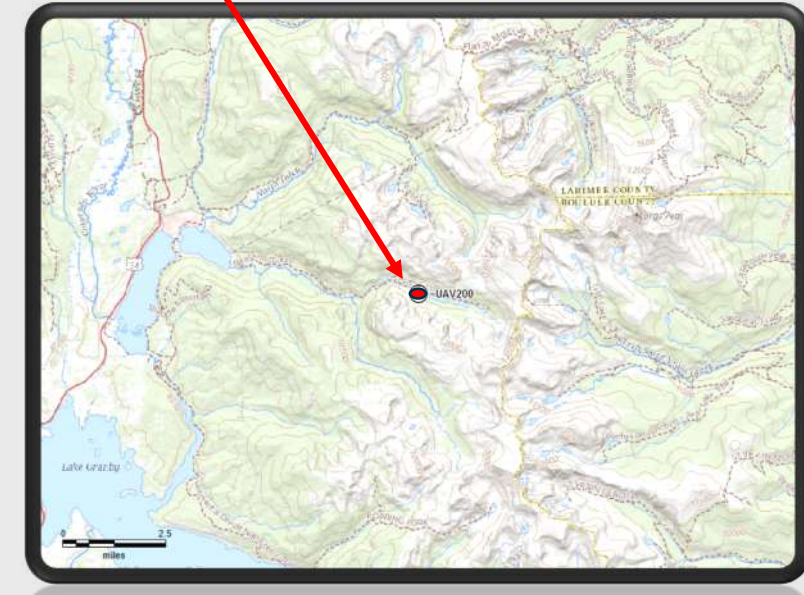
Manhattan, NY  
40.750983N, -73.972874W

Rural



Boulder, CO  
40.120394N, -105.2481960W

Mountains



Boulder, CO  
40.22760N, -105.716700W

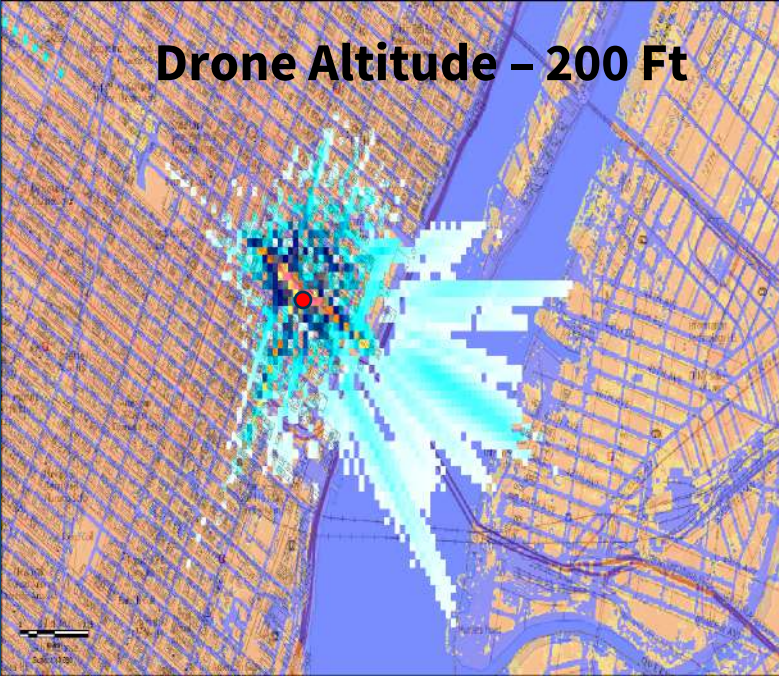
→ ● Drone Location



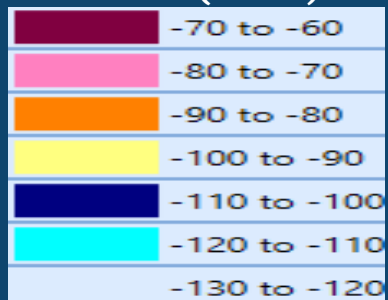
# UAS and Antenna Measurement Research - Simulation

## Urban Scenario

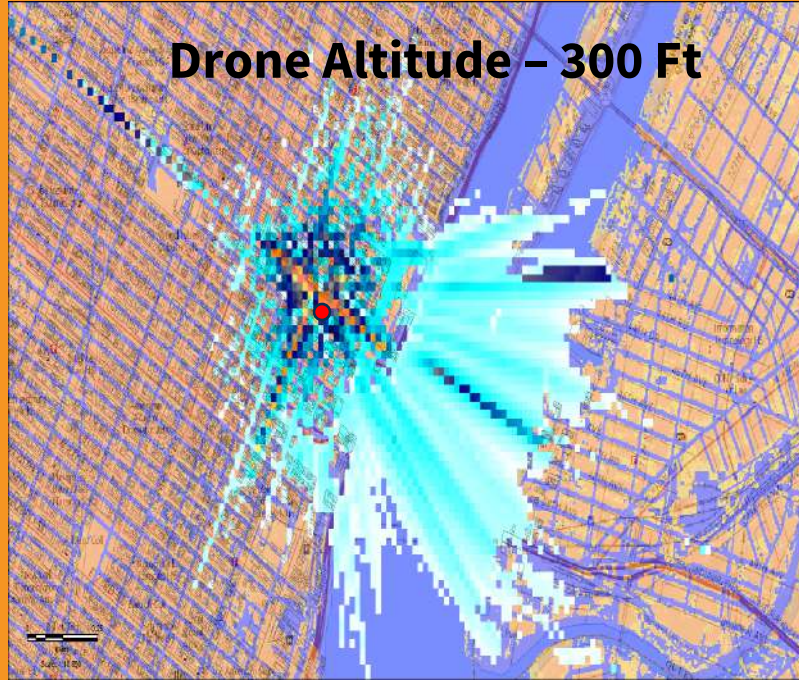
Drone Altitude – 200 Ft



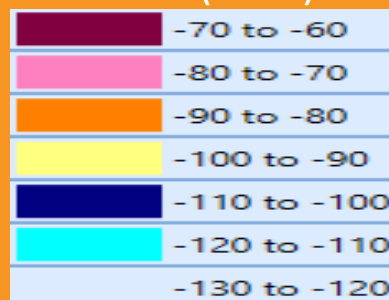
RSRP (dBm)



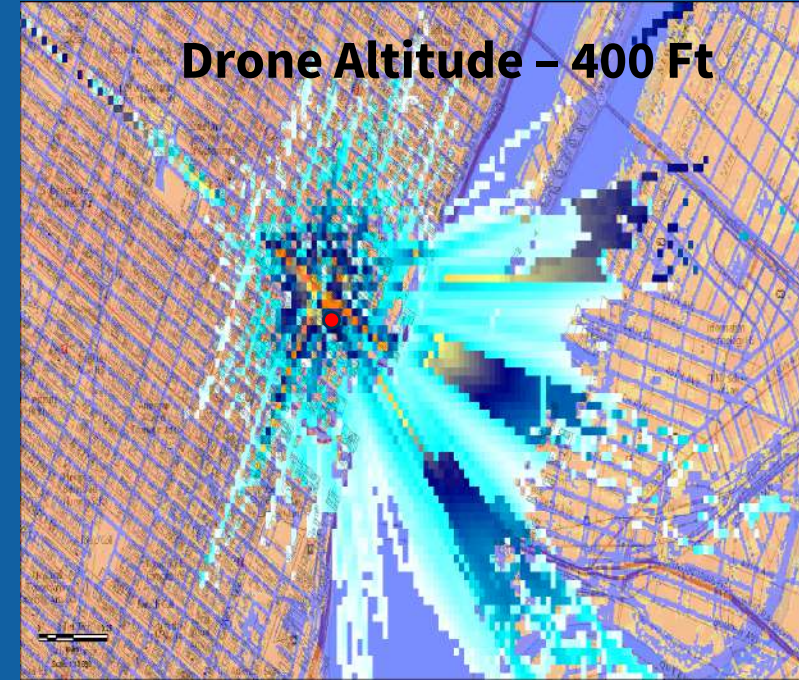
Drone Altitude – 300 Ft



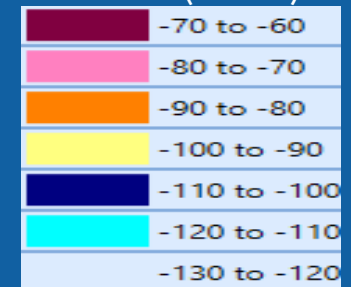
RSRP (dBm)



Drone Altitude – 400 Ft



RSRP (dBm)





# UAS and Antenna Measurement Research - Simulation

## Rural Scenario

Drone Altitude – 200 Ft



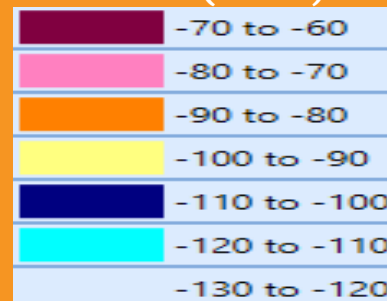
RSRP (dBm)



Drone Altitude – 300 Ft



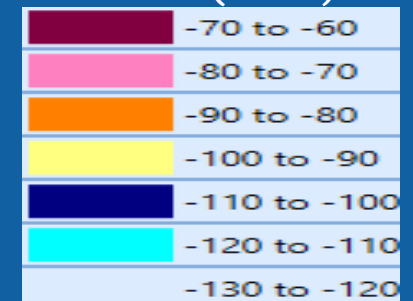
RSRP (dBm)



Drone Altitude – 400 Ft



RSRP (dBm)



# UAS and Antenna Measurement Research - Simulation

## Mountains Scenario

Drone Altitude – 200 Ft



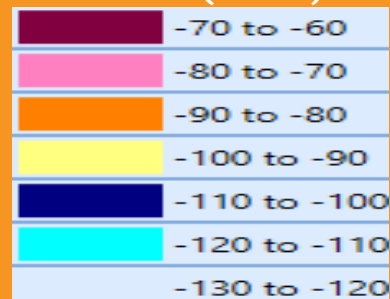
RSRP (dBm)



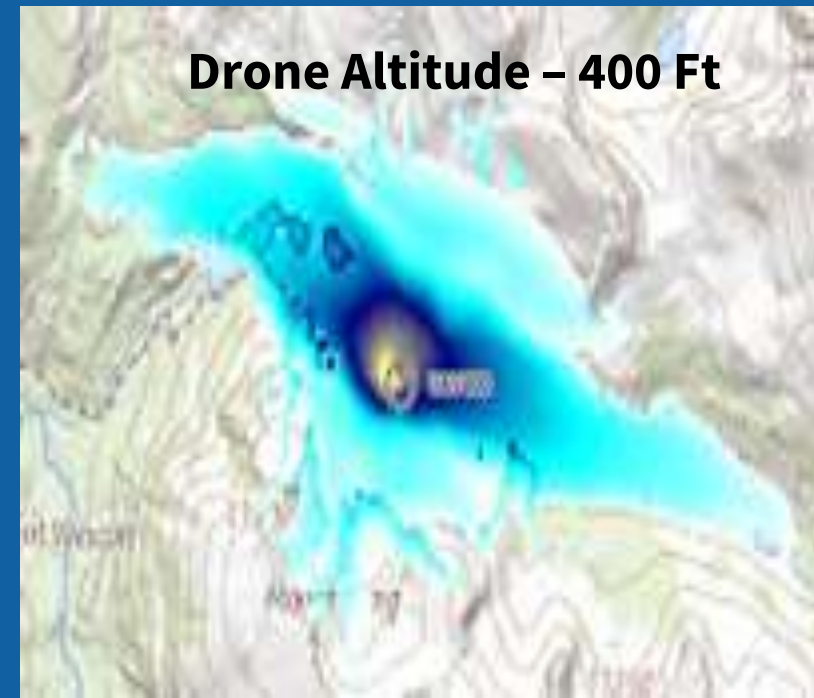
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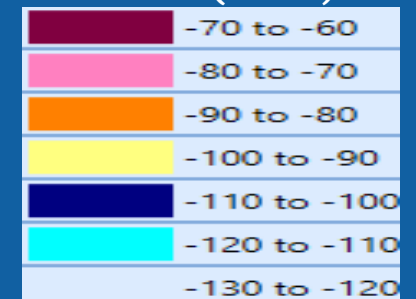
RSRP (dBm)



Drone Altitude – 400 Ft



RSRP (dBm)





# Drones and Communication Research

## Anechoic Chamber Antenna Measurement Testing



**NIST Anechoic Test Chamber – Boulder, CO**



**Robotic arm with 6 degrees of freedom**

\*Planned for 2019

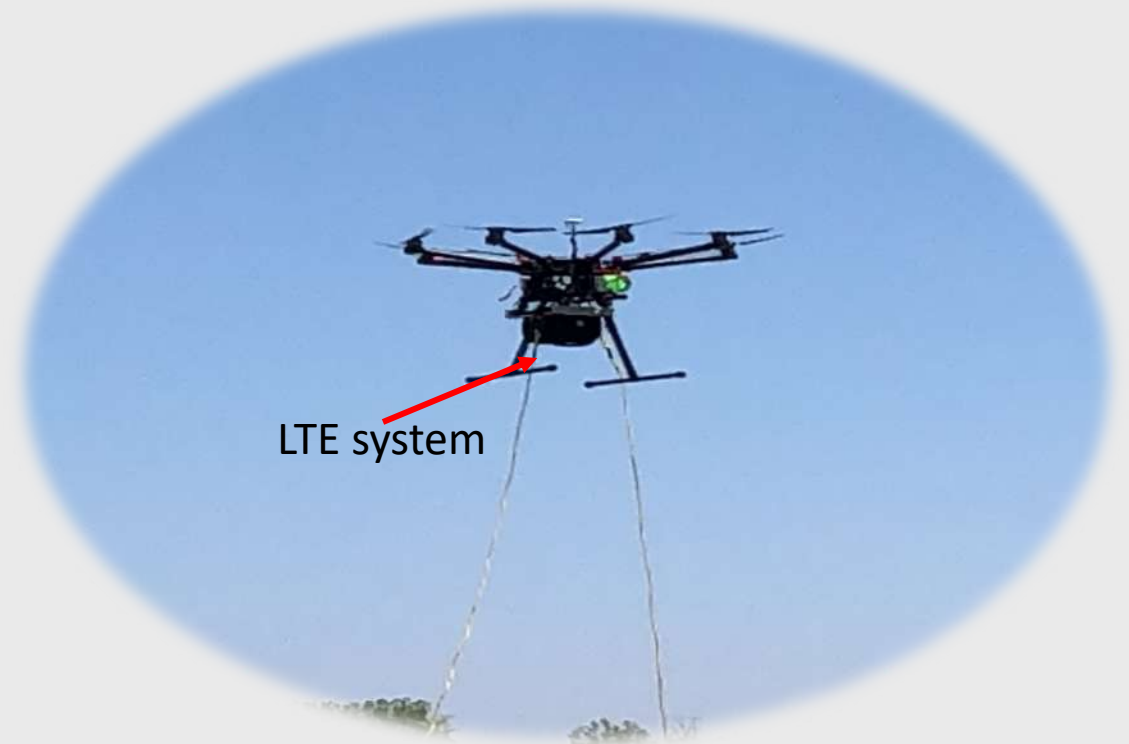
# Drones and Communication Research – Field Testing

Safety Flight – May 2019



LTE system

10-pound (4.5-kg) payload



LTE system



# Drones and Communication Research – YOU CAN HELP US

## PULLING THE FUTURE FORWARD

Completing Drone Survey for  
First Responders  
(Kiosk demo area)

Participating In Upcoming  
Drone Challenge 2

Providing Feedbacks

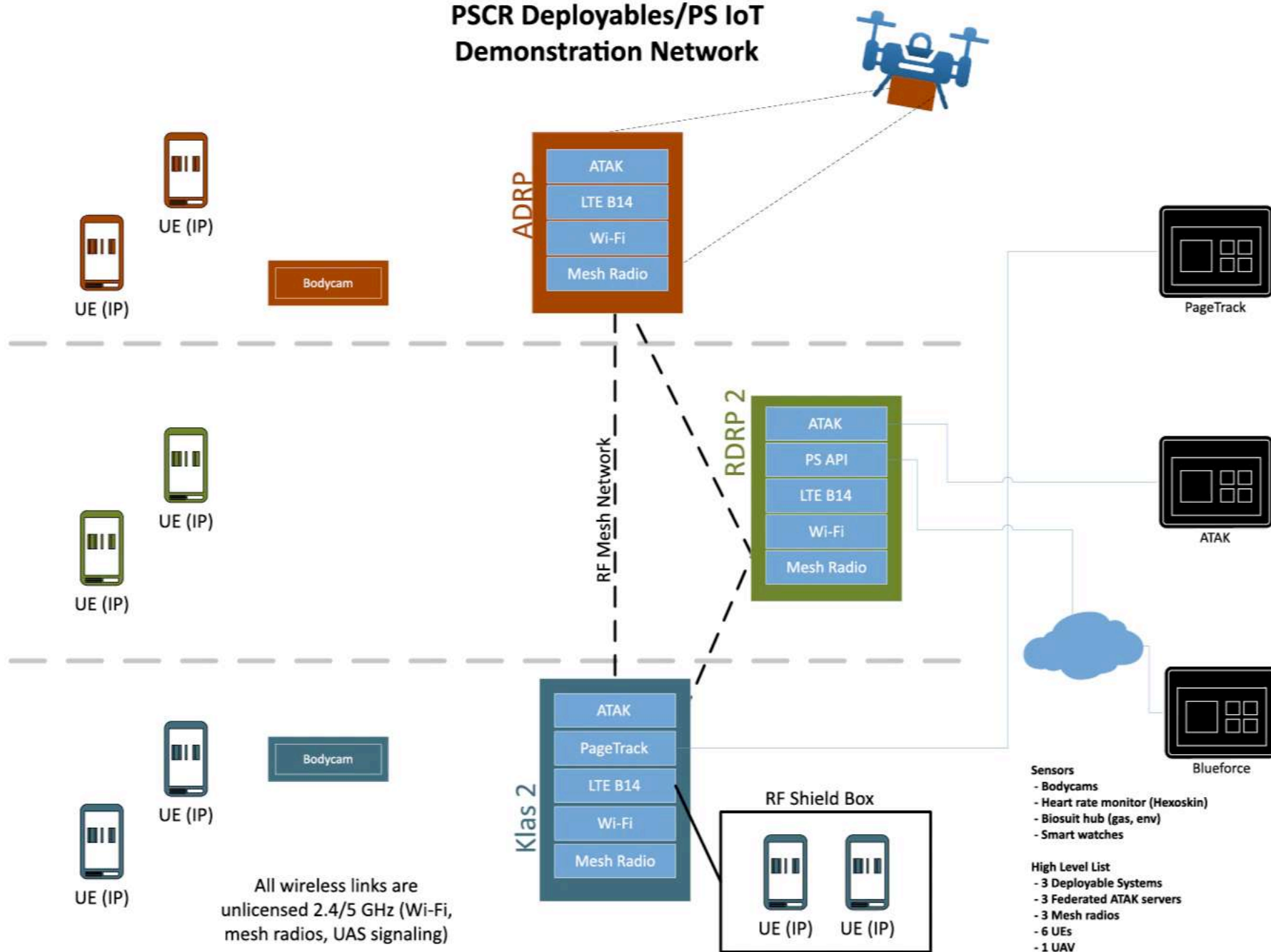


# Questions?

**Please join us at our demo table!**  
**Michigan Ballroom**



# PSCR Deployables/PS IoT Demonstration Network





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**THANK YOU**



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Get your hands on the tech!

**Demos Open**

BACK TOMORROW

**8:00 AM**