

End-to-End Mission Critical Push-to-Talk.

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Acronym Glossary

- AMBE = Advanced Multi-Band Excitation
- AMR-WB = Adaptive Multi-Rate Wideband
- API = Application Program Interface
- APN = Access Point Name
- ARQ = Automatic Repeat Request
- AS = Authorization Server
- CP = Cyclic Prefix
- CSM = Channel Switching Module
- CQI = Channel Quality Indicator
- DSP = Digital Signal Processor
- eMBMS – Evolved Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Services
- eNB – E-Ultran Node B
- EPC = Evolved Packet Core
- EPA = Extended Pedestrian A model
- ETSI = European Telecommunications Standards Institute
- ETU = Extended Typical Urban model
- EVS-SWB = Enhanced Voice Services – Super Wide Band
- FCC = Federal Communications Commission
- FEC = Frame Error Concealment
- FEC – CA = Frame Error Concealment Clean Audio
- FFO = Federal Funding Opportunity
- GBR = Guaranteed Bit-Rate
- GUI = Graphical User Interface
- HARQ = High Availability Resolution Queue
- HTML = Hypertext Markup Language
- IdMS = Intelligent Data Movement Service
- KPI = Key Performance Indicator
- LMR = Land Mobile Radio
- MCPTT = Mission Critical Push-to-Talk
- MCS = Modulation and Coding System
- MIMO = Maximum Input Maximum Output
- MSDC = Multicast Services Device Client
- OAM = Operations, Administration, and Maintenance
- OFDM = Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing
- OFDM NR = Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing New Radio
- PRB = Physical Resource Block
- ProSe = Proximity Services
- PS = Public Safety
- PSCR – Public Safety Communications Research
- PSIAP = Public Safety Innovation Accelerator Program
- PSN = Public Safety Network
- QCI = QoS Class Identifier
- QoS = Quality of Services
- RI = Rank Indicator
- SDK = Software Development Kit
- SDR = Software-Defined Radio
- SESB = Static Equal Sized Blocks
- SIP = Session Initiation Protocol
- SINR = Signal-to-Interference-Plus-Noise-Ratio
- SRS = System Requirements Specification
- SW = Software
- XDMS = XDM Server
- UE = User Experience
- UI = User Interface

Agenda.

- **Project objectives**
- **Client UE/ application**
- **MCPTT servers**
- **Functional & performance testing**
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- **Dissemination**
- **Project summary**
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- **Q & A**



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Project Objectives

Statement of Work

- Middleware for MCPTT Client Integration on Android UE
 - LTE-level support
 - Application-level support
 - Mission Critical Experience / UI
- MCPTT Service Implementation (next slide)
- Testing
 - Protocol testing
 - Interoperability testing
 - System integration tests / KPI
 - Field tests

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PSIAP - Project: End-to-End Mission Critical Push-to-Talk: beginning June 1 2017

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	Test Reports	Sonim	Per milestone

Technical objectives



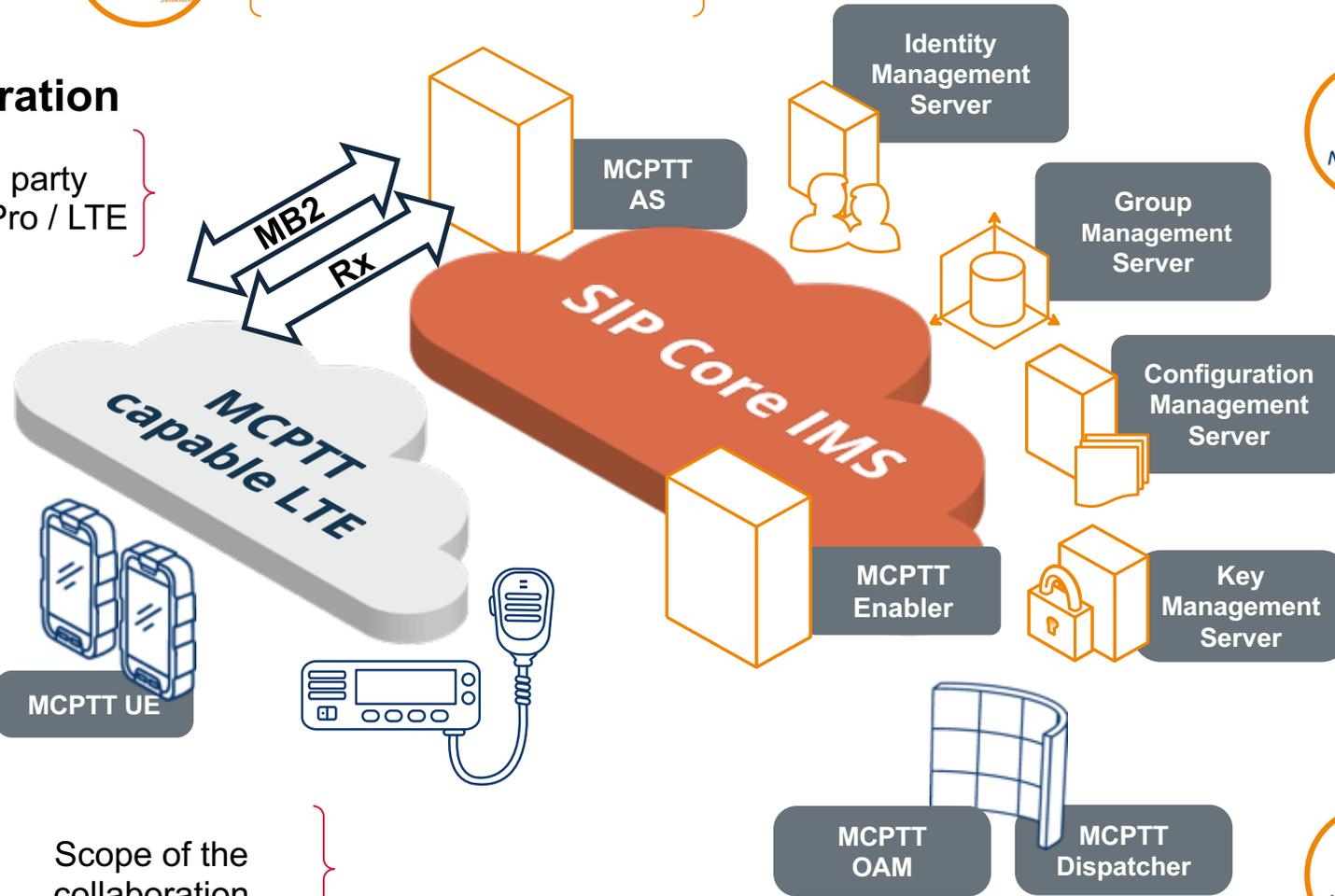
Own development
Evolve R2016 to R2017

Integration

Third party
LTE-A Pro / LTE



Evolve ongoing
developments



To be
developed



Scope of the
collaboration



Not initially
considered

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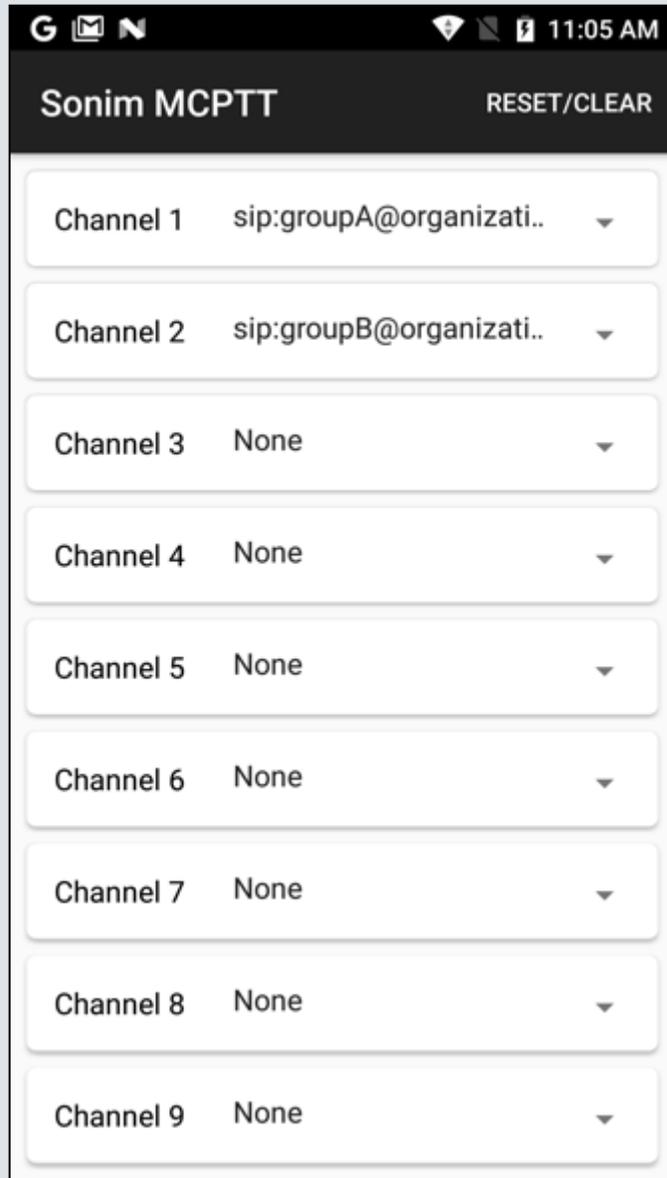
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Rotary Knob



Channel Switching Module (CSM) SDK APIs

- Allows any developer to use the SDK to write a MCPTT application that can interact with the CSM connected to the device
- Connect/ Disconnect events
- Channel Switching events
- Current Channel Selected



MCPTT client with CSM SDK

Sonim MCPTT client uses this SDK to allow a user to easily switch between groups by turning the rotary knob.

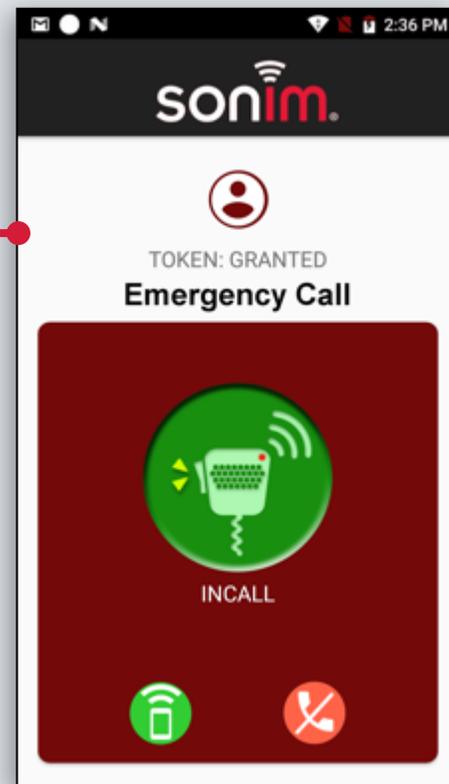
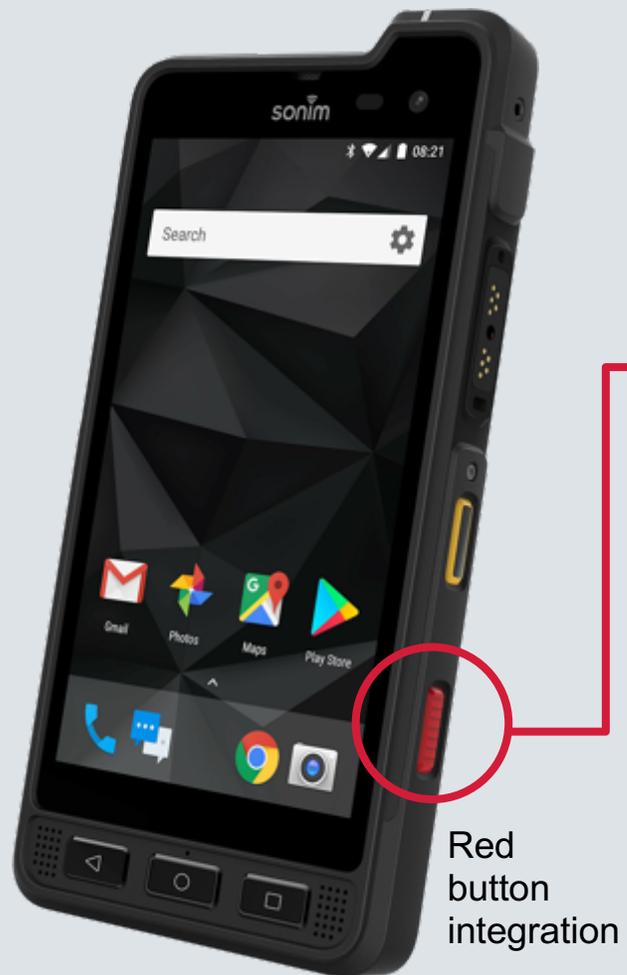
User can assign any channel to any existing group.



Yellow
button
integration

Physical Button Integration APIs

- Long press of the yellow button puts MCPTT in emergency mode
- Any calls made thereafter are emergency calls with higher priority



Physical Button Integration APIs

- Long press of the red button starts a PTT call to a pre-defined emergency contact or group



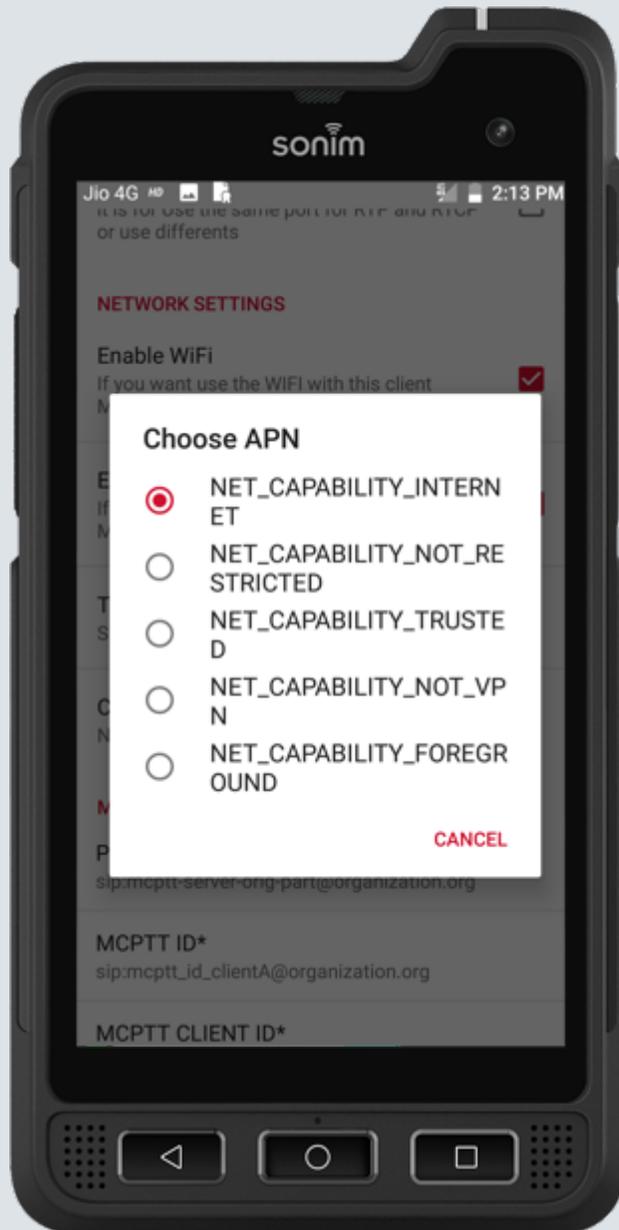
Audio Quality Improvements



New Audio Calibration DSP Profile for MCPTT on Sonim XP8 device

Provides great audio clarity even when speaker is in noisy environments

Tuned for MCPTT use case



QCI Integration

- XP8 support QCIs for MCPTT specifically QCIs 65/66/69/70
- Successfully validated QCI 65 and 69
- Option in MCPTT Client to choose any APN type for QCI mapping

QCI Integration – Default MCPTT signaling bearer (QCI 69) in the APN

Time	Diff	MME	UE ID	Info	Message
10:44:35.558		NAS	105	EMM	Attach request
-		NAS	105	EMM	EPS encryption caps=0x0 integrity cap
-		NAS	105	EMM	Attach accept
10:44:35.729	+0.171	NAS	105	EMM	EMM information
-		NAS	105	EMM	Attach complete
10:44:36.249	+0.520	NAS	105	ESM	PDN connectivity request
-		NAS	105	ESM	Activate default EPS bearer context
10:44:36.289	+0.040	NAS	105	ESM	Activate default EPS bearer context ac
10:46:50.029	+133.740	NAS	105	ESM	Activate dedicated EPS bearer context
10:46:50.089	+0.060	NAS	105	ESM	Activate dedicated EPS bearer context
10:46:56.447	+6.358	NAS	105	ESM	Deactivate EPS bearer context request
10:46:56.490	+0.043	NAS	105	ESM	Deactivate EPS bearer context accept
10:48:20.810	+84.320	NAS	105	ESM	PDN disconnect request
-		NAS	105	ESM	Deactivate EPS bearer context request
10:48:20.850	+0.040	NAS	105	ESM	Deactivate EPS bearer context accept
10:48:21.210	+0.360	NAS	105	EMM	Detach request

Activate default EPS bearer context request

Data:

Protocol discriminator = 0x7 (EPS Mobility Management)
 Security header = 0x2 (Integrity protected and ciphered)
 Auth code = 0x1b460cbd
 Sequence number = 0x07
 Protocol discriminator = 0x2 (EPS Session Management)
 EPS bearer identity = 6
 Procedure transaction identity = 31
 Message type = 0xc1 (Activate default EPS bearer context request)

EPS Qos:
 Length = 1
 Data = 45

Access point name = "eBox_for_CCW.mnc001.mcc001.gprs"

PDN address:

PDN type = IPv4

ESM cause = configuration error

Protocol discriminator = 0x7

Ext = 1

Configuration = 0

Protocol discriminator = 0x7

Data =

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  InitiatingMessage
  procedureCode: id-E-RABSetup (5)
  criticality: reject (0)
  value
  E-RABSetupRequest
  protocolIEs: 4 items
  Item 0: id-MME-UE-SIAP-ID
  Item 1: id-eNB-UE-SIAP-ID
  Item 2: id-uAggregateMaximumBitrate
  Item 3: id-E-RABToBeSetupListBearerSUReq
  ProtocolIE-Field
  id: id-E-RABToBeSetupListBearerSUReq (16)
  criticality: reject (0)
  value
  E-RABToBeSetupListBearerSUReq: 1 item
  Item 0: id-E-RABToBeSetupItemBearerSUReq
  ProtocolIE-SingleContainer
  id: id-E-RABToBeSetupItemBearerSUReq (17)
  criticality: reject (0)
  value
  E-RABToBeSetupItemBearerSUReq
  e-RAB-ID: 6
  e-RABLevelQoSParameters
  qCI: 69
  allocationRetentionPriority
  
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On LTE connection.

QCI Integration – Dynamic establishment of MCPTT media plane bearer (QCI 65)

Time	Diff	MME	UE ID	Info	Message
10:44:35.558		NAS	105	EMM	Attach request
-		NAS	105		EPS encryption caps=0xf0 integrity cap
-		NAS	105	EMM	Attach accept
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Activate dedicated EPS bearer context request
Data:
Protocol discriminator = 0x7 (EPS Mobility Management)
Security header = 0x2 (Integrity protected and ciphered)
Auth code = 0x88acc473
Sequence number = 0x08
Protocol discriminator = 0x2 (EPS Session Management)
EPS bearer identity = 7
Procedure transaction identity = 0
Message type = 0xc5 (Activate dedicated EPS bearer context)
Linked EPS bearer identity = 6
EPS Qos:
  Length = 5
  Data = 41 49 49 49 49
TFT:
  Length = 61
  Data = 23 30 00 11 10 c0 a8 10 68 ff ff ff ff 30 11 50 2
  
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SI Application Protocol
  SIAP-PDU: InitiatingMessage (0)
    InitiatingMessage
      procedureCode: id-E-RABSetup (5)
      criticality: reject (0)
      value
        E-RABSetupRequest
          protocolIEs: 3 items
          Item 0: id-MME-UE-SIAP-ID
          Item 1: id-eNB-UE-SIAP-ID
          Item 2: id-E-RABToBeSetupListBearerSUReq
            ProtocolIE-Field
              id: id-E-RABToBeSetupListBearerSUReq (16)
              criticality: reject (0)
              value
                E-RABToBeSetupListBearerSUReq: 1 item
                Item 0: id-E-RABToBeSetupItemBearerSUReq
                  ProtocolIE-SingleContainer
                    id: id-E-RABToBeSetupItemBearerSUReq (17)
                    criticality: reject (0)
                    value
                      E-RABToBeSetupItemBearerSUReq
                        e-RAB-ID: 7
                        e-RABlevelQoSParameters
                          qCI: 65
                          allocationRetentionPriority
  
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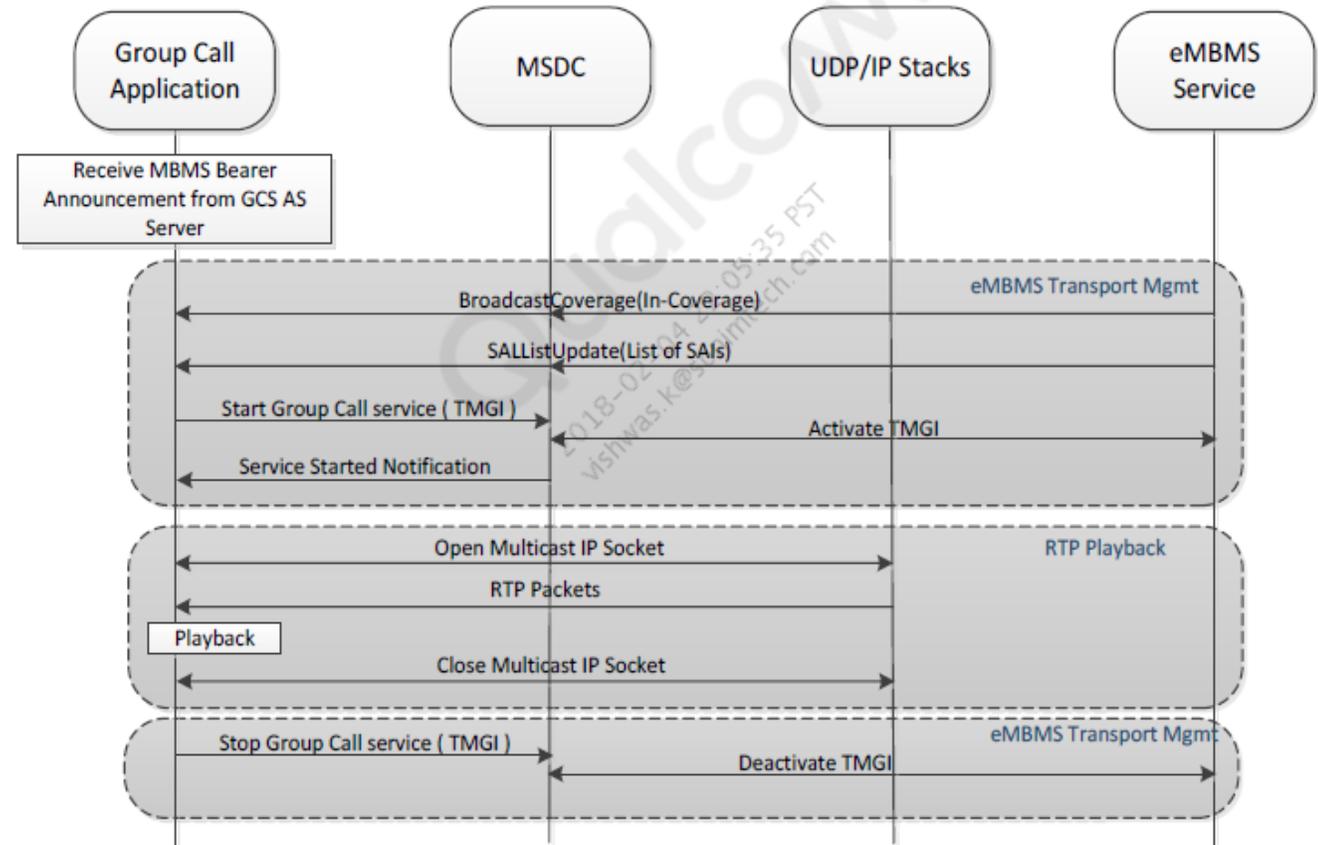
Upon MCPTT calling.

eMBMS Integration using QC Middleware



Qualcomm MSDC API used for eMBMS

Group Communication Service Startup and Playback



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Located in Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain.

Founded in January 2017.

Next generation Mission Critical communications

- 3GPP R13 MCPTT
- 3GPP R14 MCVideo & MCDData



MCPTT Application Server



MCPTT Authentication & Authorization

Group Affiliation

MCPTT Location

New call types

CSC interfaces to Management Servers

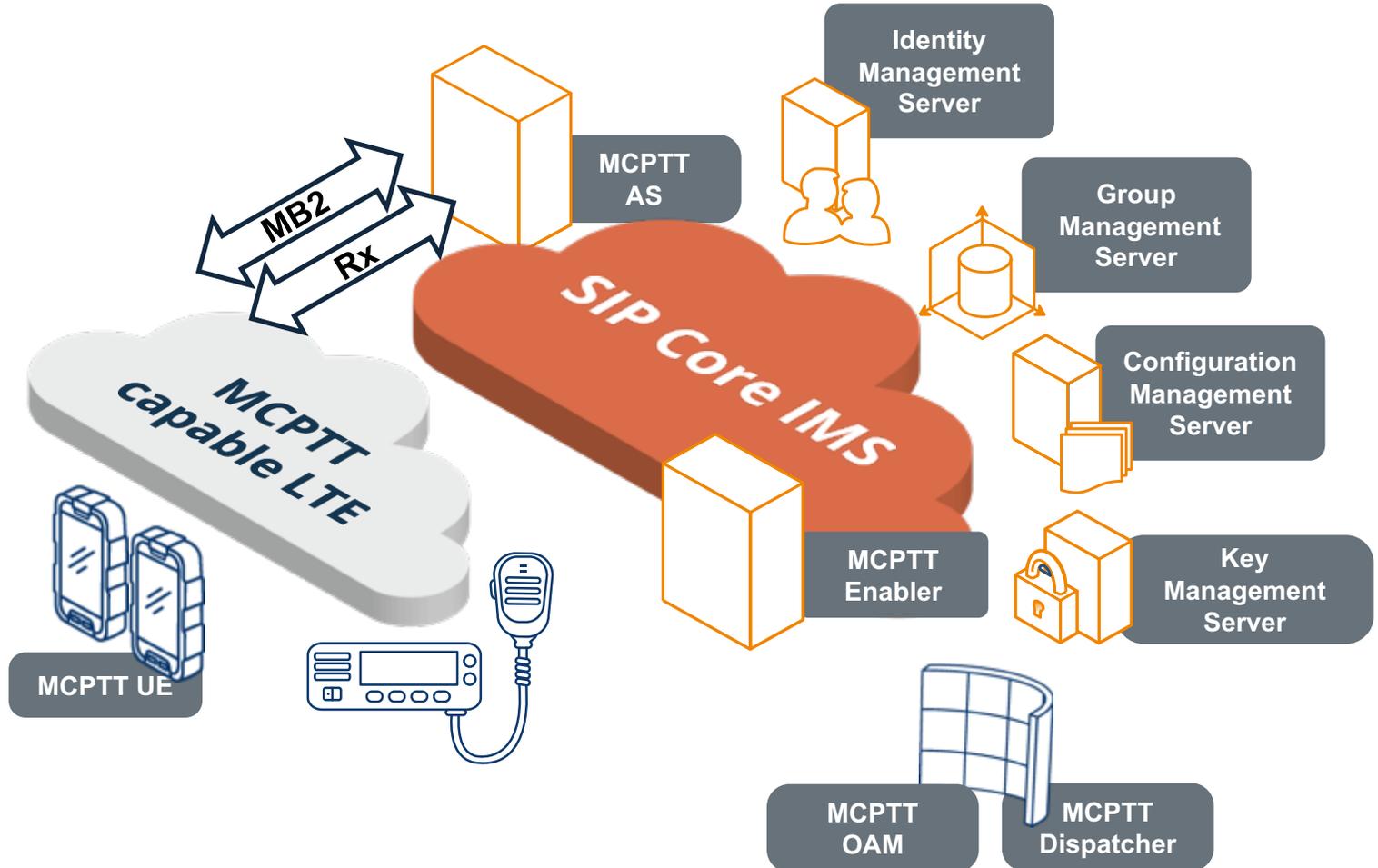
QoS & eMBMS - Rx & MB2 interfaces

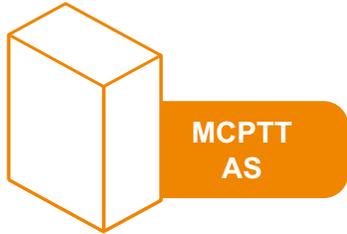
Enhanced media forwarding

MCPTT ciphering (initial support)

SW troubleshooting & debugging

Technical evolution

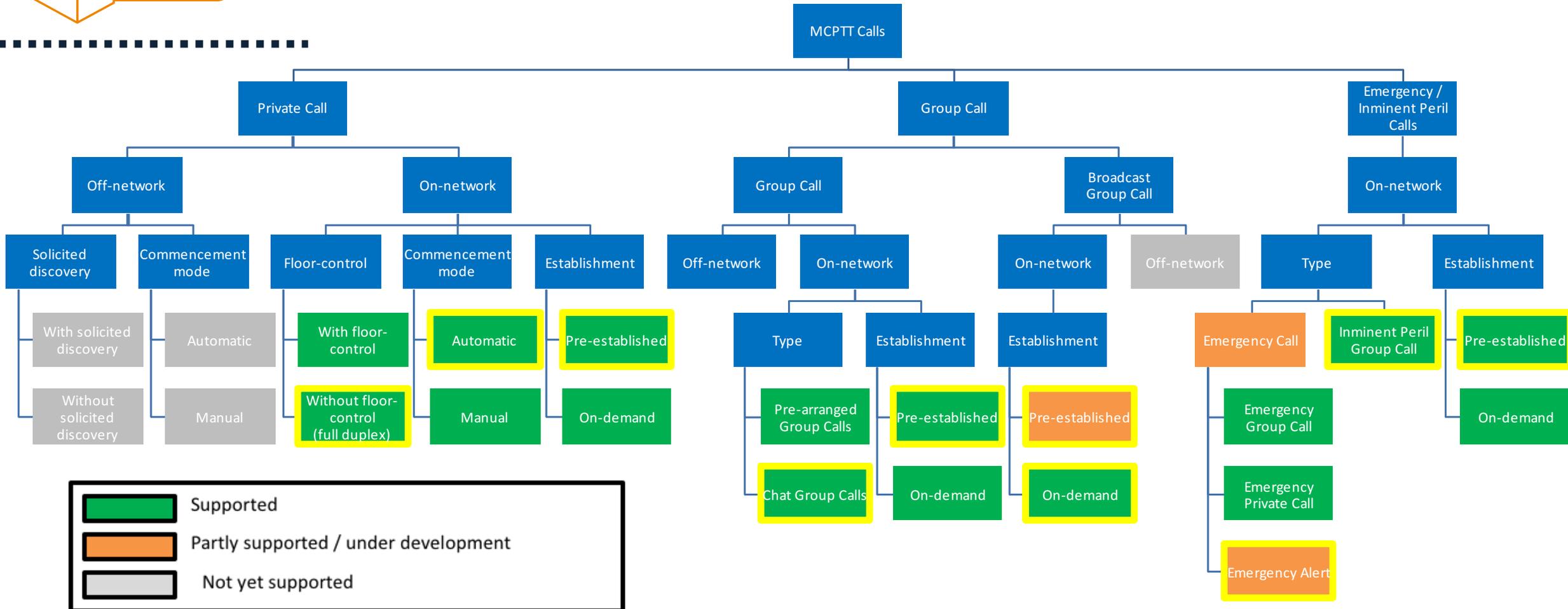




MCPTT AS

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Technical evolution



R14 MCS Application Server



Common Core Services

R14 Authentication & Registration

MC-Data (One-to-one & Group)

Standalone SDS over SIP

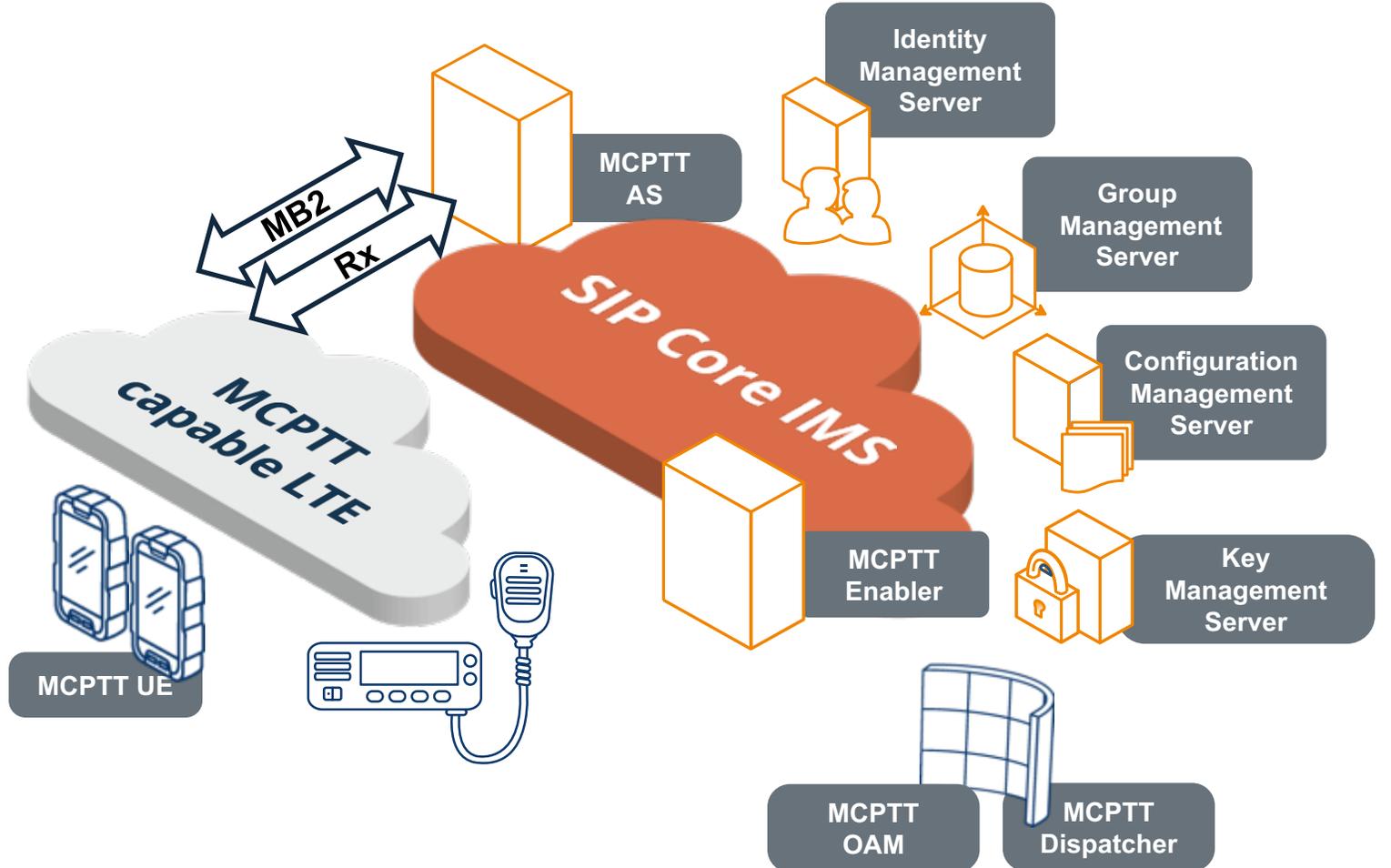
FD using HTTP

MC-Video

Private calls

Group call signalling

Technical evolution



Management Servers



IdMS

Initial R13 OpenID Connect for MCPTT

Update to R14



CMS



GMS

R13 XDMS with SIP and HTML interfaces

MCPTT Managed Objects

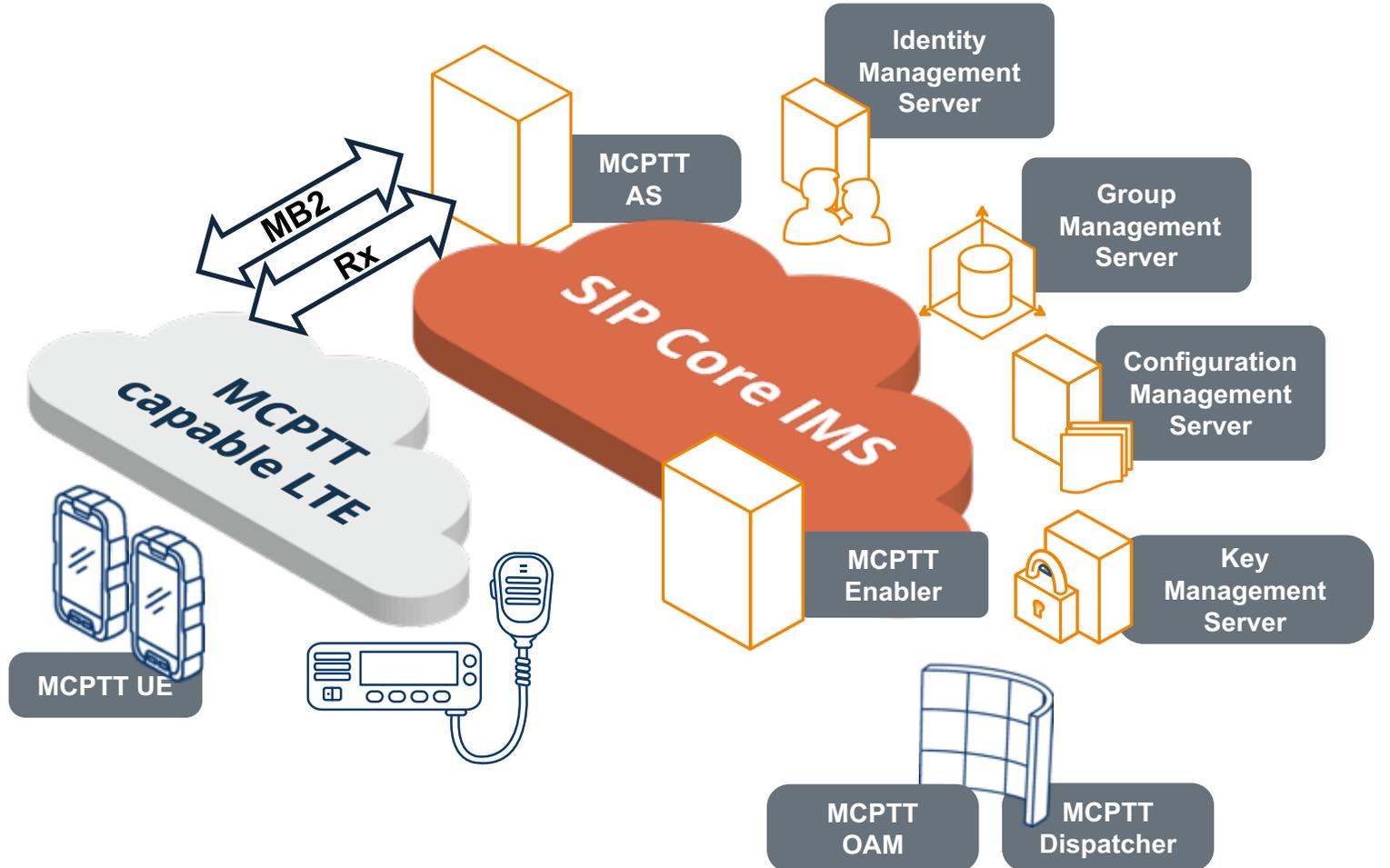
Update to R14



KMS

Initial R13 key distribution support

Technical evolution



New component – MCPTT Enabler



Northbound - Standard MCPTT

OAM API

Southbound – Web friendly API

OAM interface

User administration

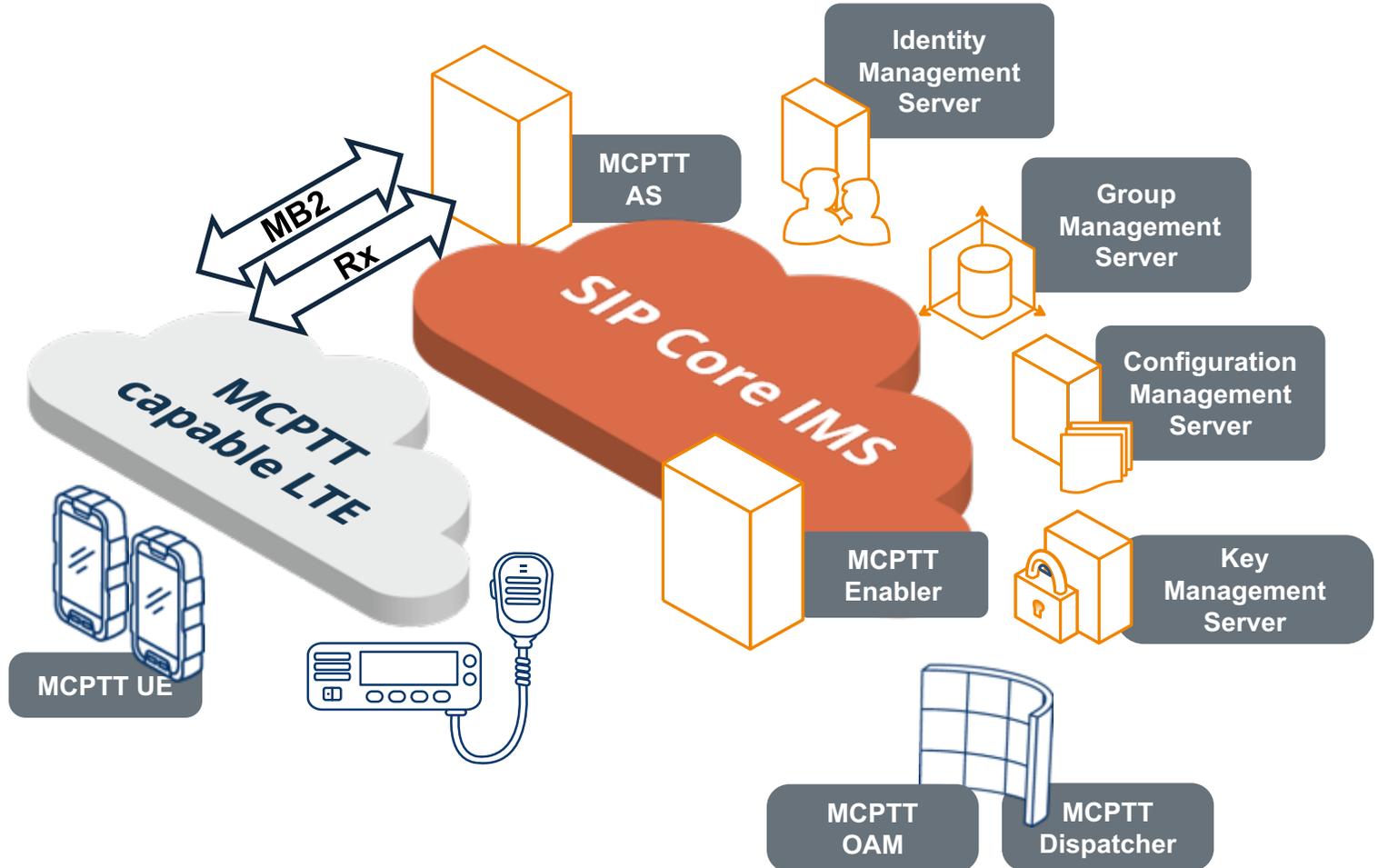
Group administration

Dispatch interface

Call handling

Location GUI

Technical evolution



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Protocol & Interoperability testing

Official interoperability testing



1st ETSI MCPTT Plugtest (June 2017)



2nd ETSI MCPTT Plugtest (June 2018)

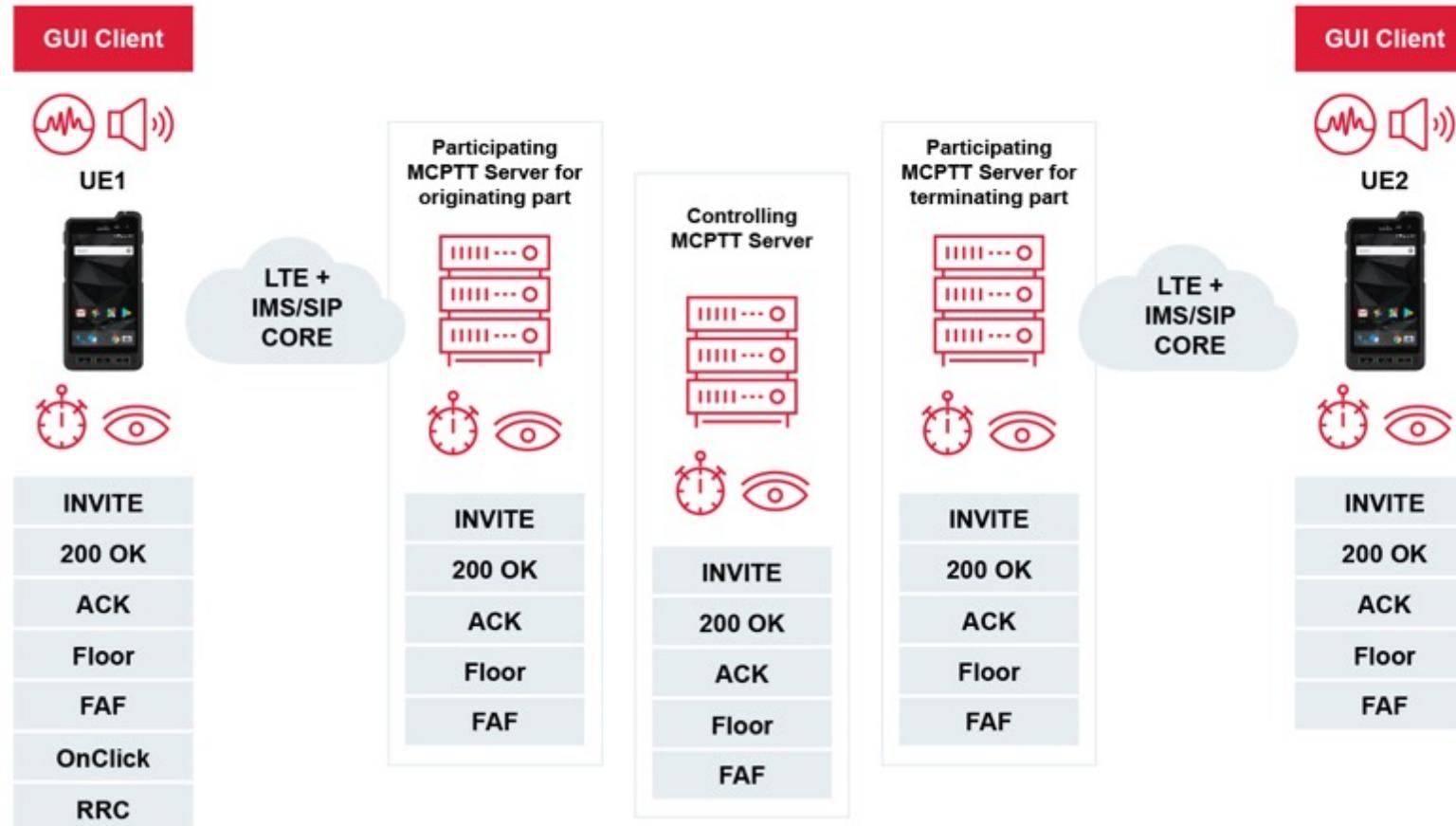
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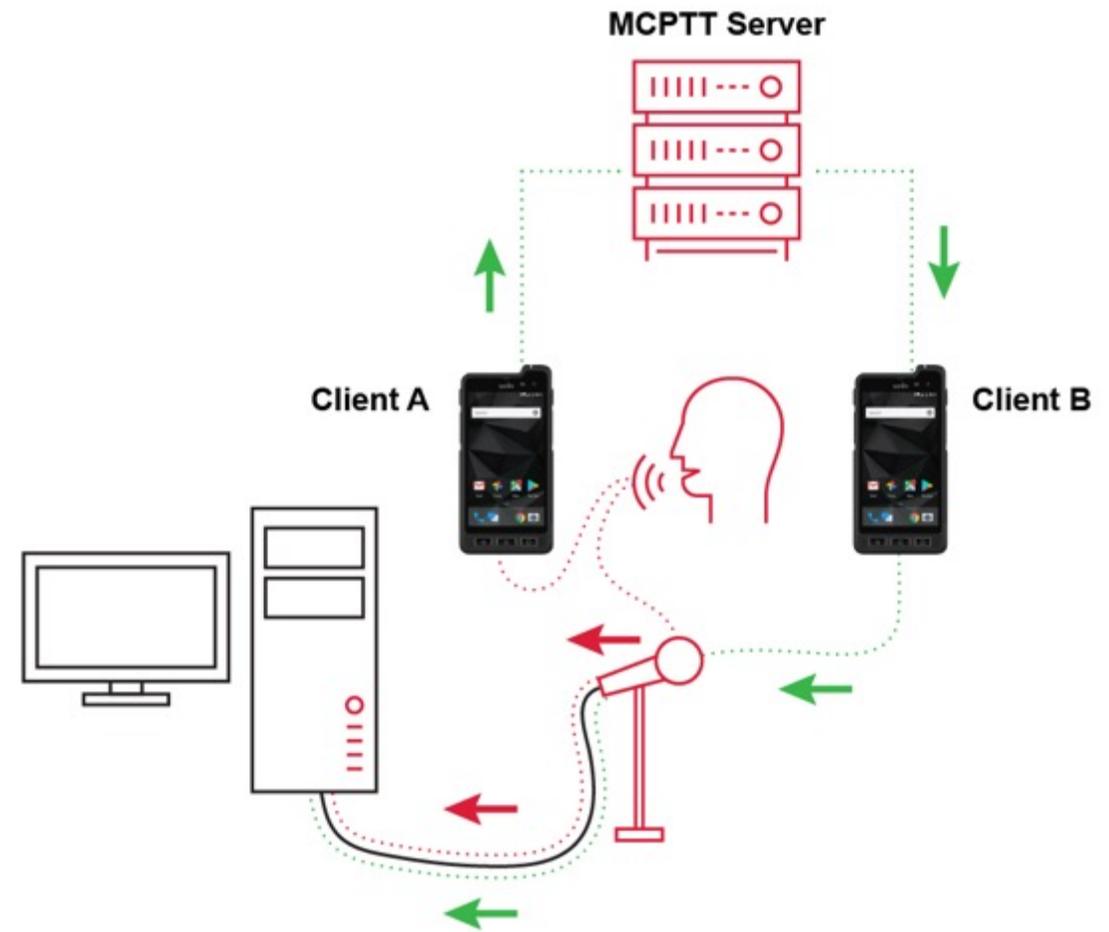
Additional testing

- Different LTE EPC PCRF's & eMBMS's
- Other MCPTT client SDKs
- Other Public Safety UEs

KPI measurements (I) - On-site KPI measurements



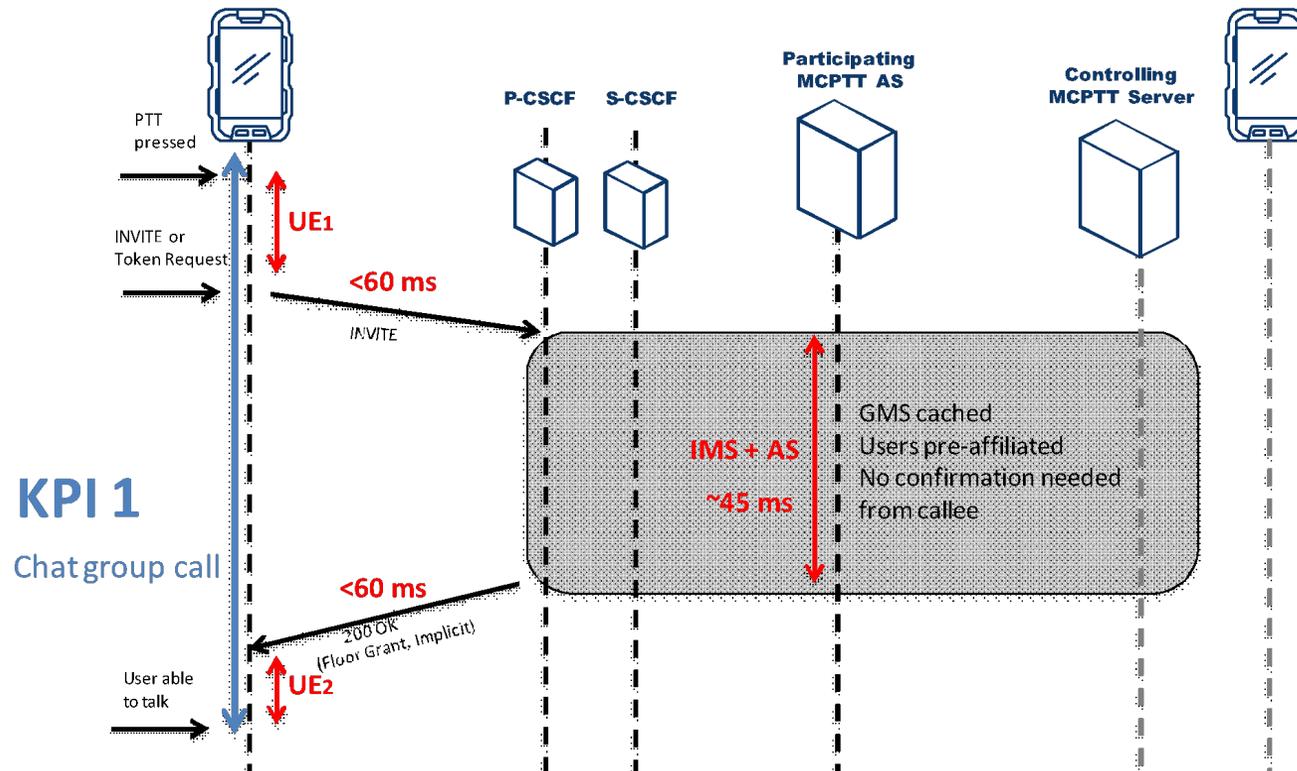
KPI measurements (II) – Lab KPI measurements



Target KPIs

MCPTT KPIs	Threshold	Likelihood	LTE Packet Delay Budget
MCPTT KPI 1 – Access Time	< 300 ms	95% of all MCPTT requests	< 60 ms
MCPTT KPI 1 – Access Time (Emergency)	< 300 ms	99% of all MCPTT requests	< 60 ms
MCPTT KPI 2 – End-to-End Access Time	< 1000 ms	N/A	< 60 ms
MCPTT KPI 3 – Mouth-to-Ear Latency	< 300 ms	95% of all voice bursts	< 75 ms
MCPTT KPI 4 – Late Call Entry Time (encrypted calls)	< 350 ms	95% of all Late Call entries	< 60 ms
MCPTT PESQ	MOS-LQO \geq 3.0	N/A	N/A
MCPTT POLQA	MOS-LQO \geq 3.0	N/A	N/A

KPI Measurements – KPI 1



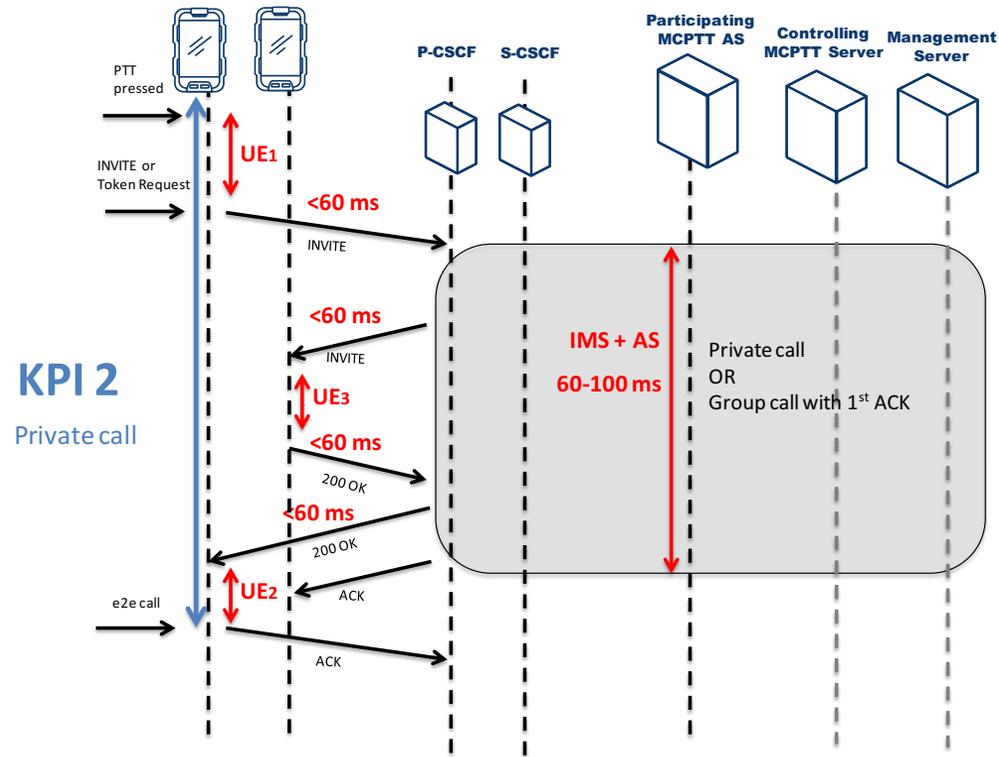
Interim outcomes:

- Android OS
- Good performance in protocol execution
- Higher delays due to modern GUI
- Requires tailored code flows

$UE_1 + UE_2 < (300 - 2 \cdot 60 - 45) = 135\text{ms}$
Dependence on the Android GUI

SDK $\rightarrow UE_1 \sim 30\text{ms}$
Full GUI $\rightarrow UE_1 \sim 110\text{ms}$

KPI Measurements – KPI 2



Interim outcomes:

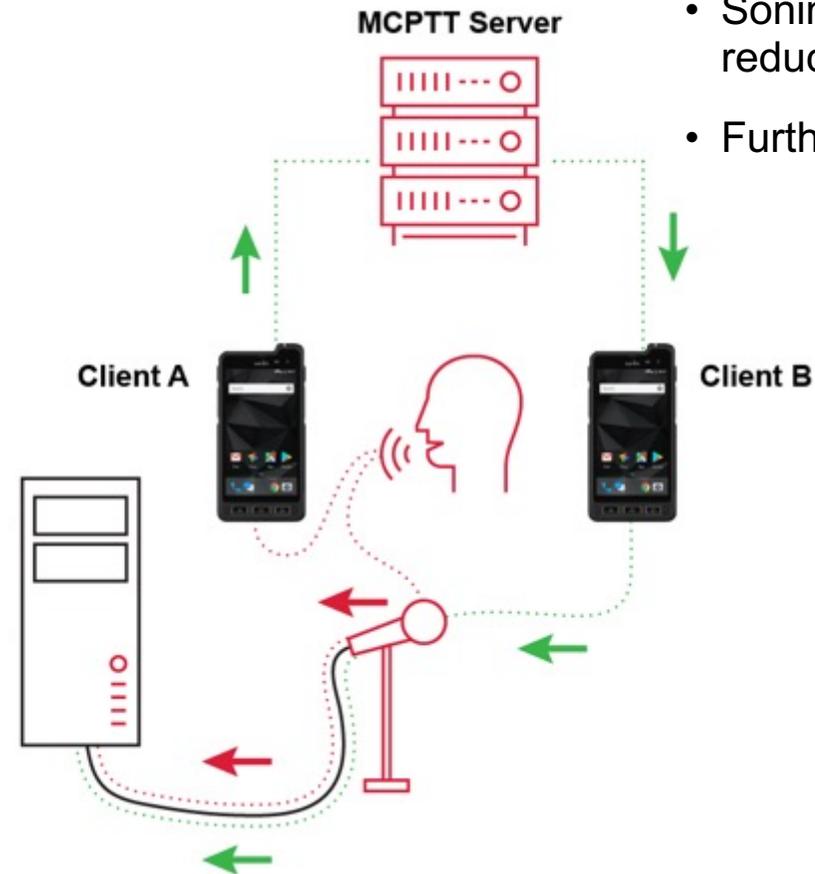
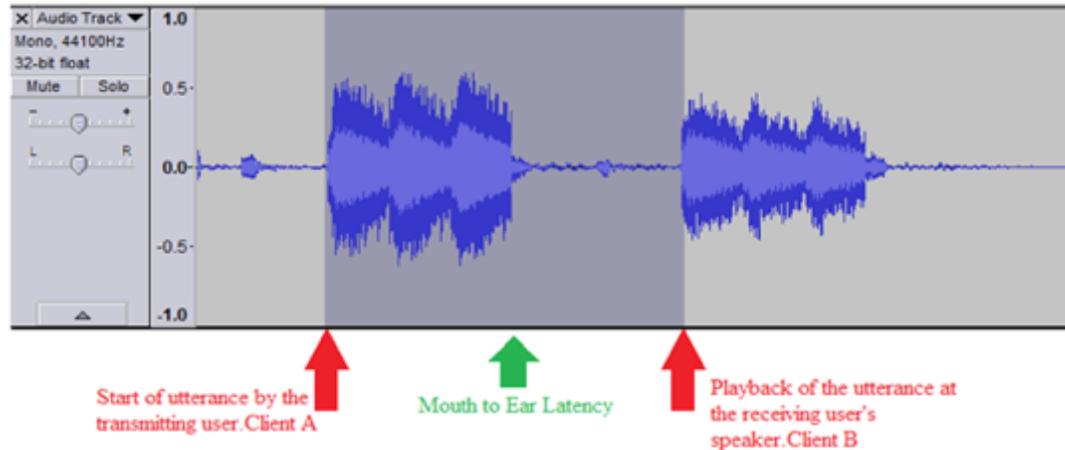
- Easier to cope with

$UE1 + UE2 + UE3 < (1000 - 4*60 - 100 =) 660ms$
Initial measurements... KPI 2 < 700 ms

KPI Measurements – KPI 3

KPI 3 – Mouth to ear latency

Average time in seconds = 0.450 (over LTE)



Interim outcomes:

- Sonim XP8 has shown significant reduction in the audio loopback
- Further enhancement needed

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Mission Critical Open Platform (MCOP)

OpenFIRST

Test deployments

- **Online servers for MCOP testing**
- **Integration with ExpWay EPC**
- **Online servers for SRS testing**
- **Integration with SRS LTE**
- **Nemergent Linux MCPTT client**



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- **Onsite deployments**
- **Remote support**

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EVENTS

- Multi-technology PTT system
- Mutualink core
- Nemergent MCPTT
- SONIM XP7

Dissemination





Madrid, Spain
November 2017



Dissemination



- Speaking slot
- Demo corner
- Onsite servers
- SONIM XP7

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Mission Critical Open Platform (MCOP)

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Develop / evolve MCPTT server components.
Integrate MCPTT client library with SONIM
→ User Experience.
Field tests with PSOs
→ User / Service Experience.

Project target:
• Future open source Android MCPTT client.
Nemergent role:
• Deploy / maintain / upgrade MCPTT servers.

Nemergent

Barcelona, Spain
February-March 2018



EVENTS



Dissemination

- MCPTT + MCVideo demos
- Onsite + Online servers
- SONIM XP7 + XP8 UEs



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3GPP MCPTT standards compliant

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 RCS & 5G Demos ... Hall 4, 4A30	 ... Hall 7, 5E61 Stand 15	 ... Hall 7, Stand G21
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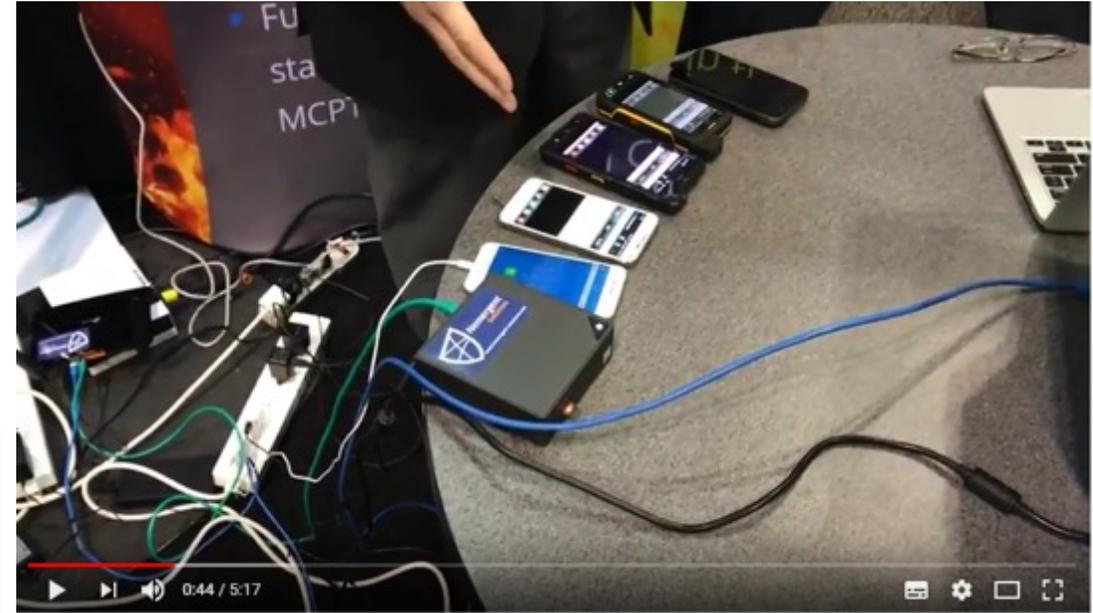
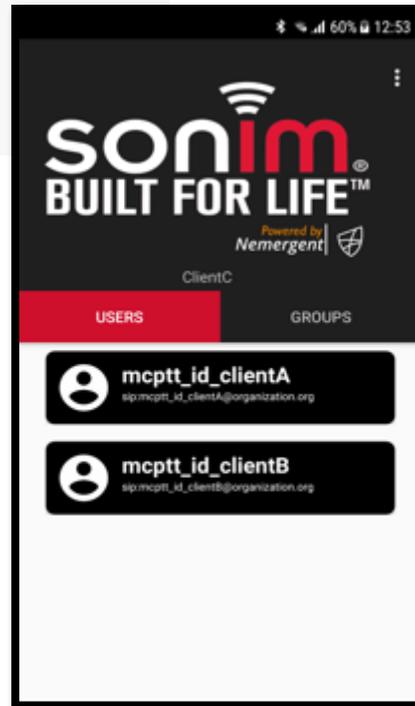
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- XP8 + SONIM branded GUI



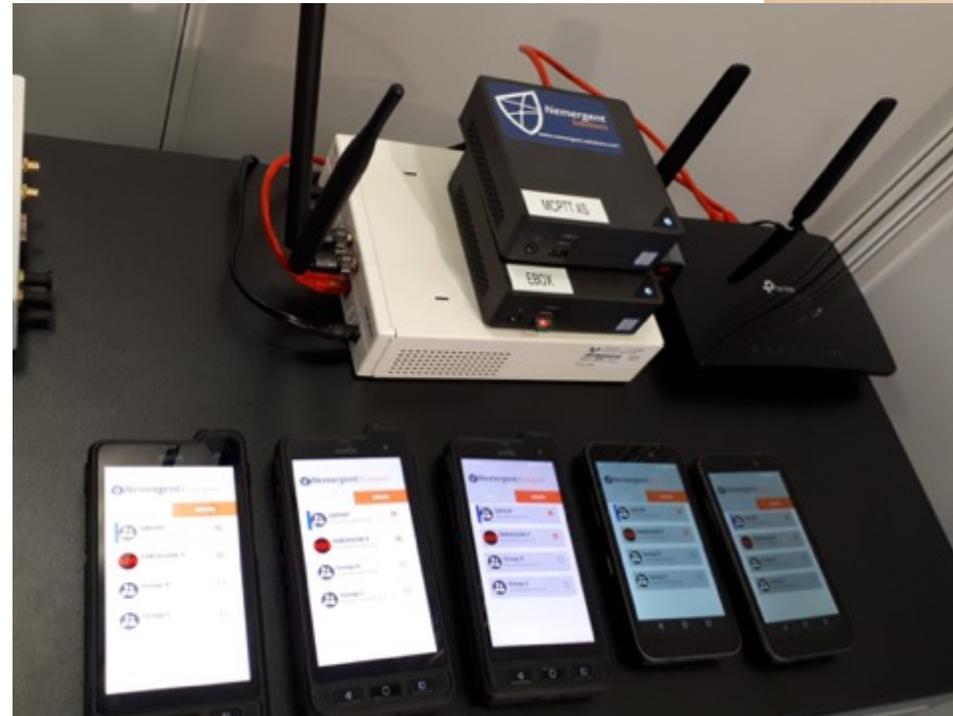
PSIAP work



Berlin, Germany
May 2018



Dissemination



- Nemergent booth
- MCPTT + MCVideo + MCDData
- Onsite servers + LTE
- XP8 with MCPTT QCI

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First Year Progress – Highlights – Platform Integrations

- Server side
 - Full 3GPP R13 compliant servers with QoS and eMBMS support
 - Ongoing evolution to R14
- Client side
 - Hardware button integration for PTT, Yellow and Red keys
 - Channel Selection Module SDK and Integration on MCPTT client
 - DSP Audio calibration for MCPTT, resulting in enhanced audio clarity and noise cancellation
 - QCI Integration
 - eMBMS integration using Qualcomm middleware
- KPI measurements

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Legend

- TBD
- Completed
- In Progress

Objectives for 2018-2019

Better
KPI

Better UI
and UX

Presence
and Location
Integration

Contacts
and Group
Management

Rigorous
Testing for
Mission Critical
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- Client UE/application
- Technical work
- Functional & performance testing
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- Project summary
- **Demonstration**
- Q & A

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Small scale / Portable demo

Portable MCPTT + IMS system

SW-based SDR LTE system

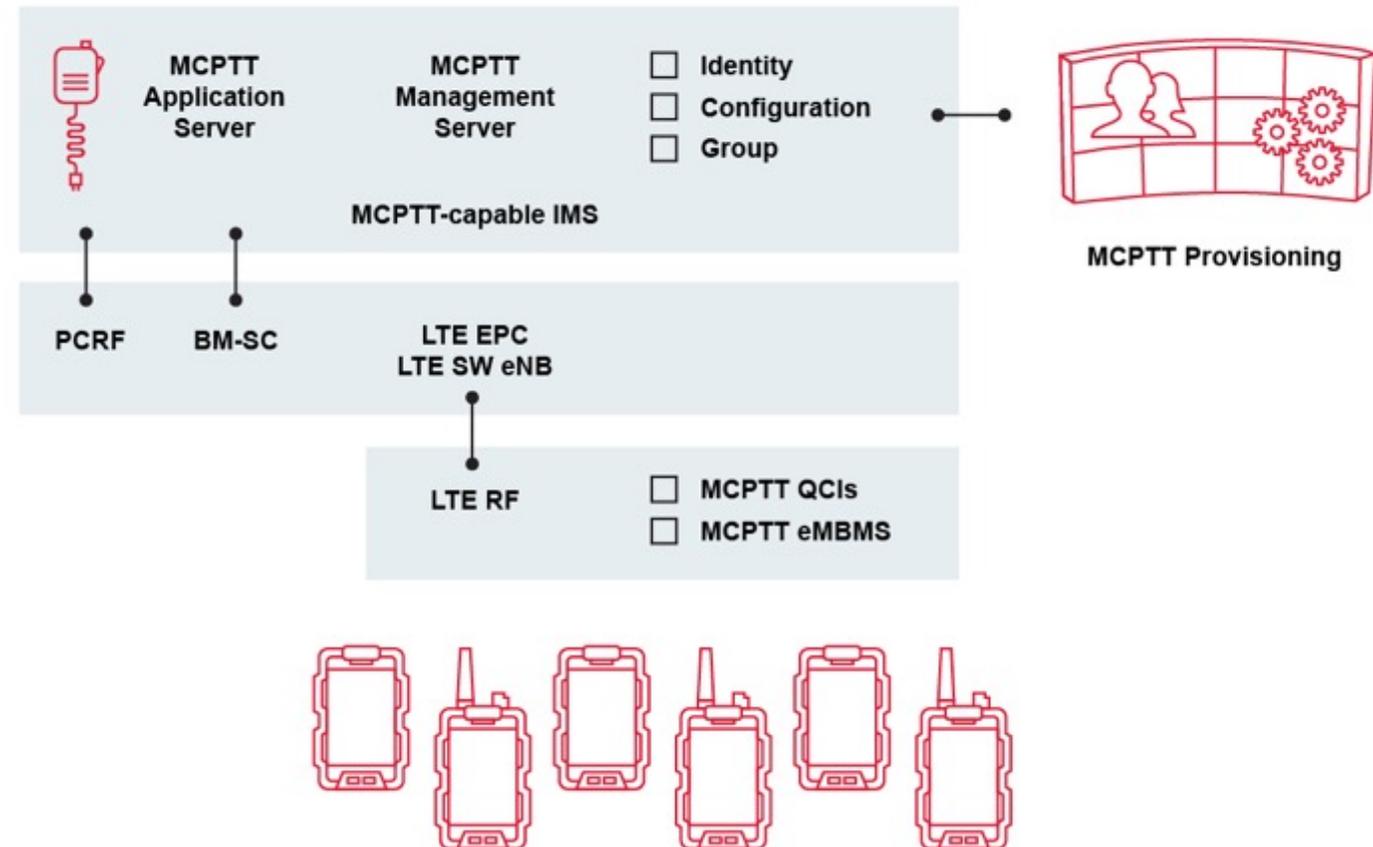
MCPTT compliant UEs

3GPP QoS support - QCI 65 and 69

3GPP eMBMS support

MCPTT GUIs (client, OAM, dispatch)

Protocol traces



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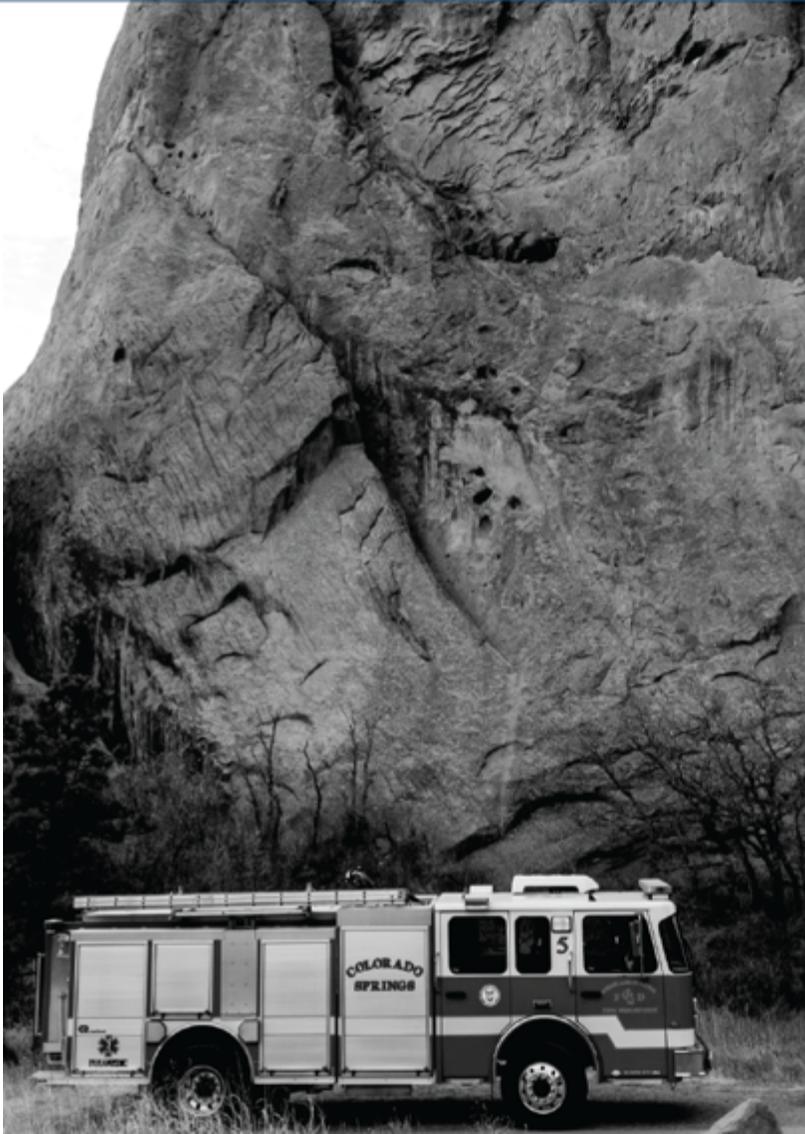
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Coverage, Capacity, & Resilience Enhancement in Limited Public Safety Network

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AGENDA

- Project Overview
- LTE Multicast for Public Safety Networks
- Dynamic Coverage for First Responders
- Q&A



Project Overview

- Objectives: To support communications for First Responders (FRs) through
 - Extending **Coverage** and **Capacity**
 - Real-time **Scheduling** of **Relay** Operation (on/off) and **Coordination**
 - Enhancing LTE **Multicast** Capabilities for PSN
 - **QPP**-Integrated **Resource Allocation** in LTE Multicast
- Main Tasks
 - Investigation of prudent use of relays and mobile eNBs to support FRs through trajectory and placement optimization, and real-time scheduling of relay operation and coordination
 - Investigation of PSN-specific LTE Multicast incorporating QoS, prioritization, and preemption (QPP) for Mission-Critical Communications (**MCC**)

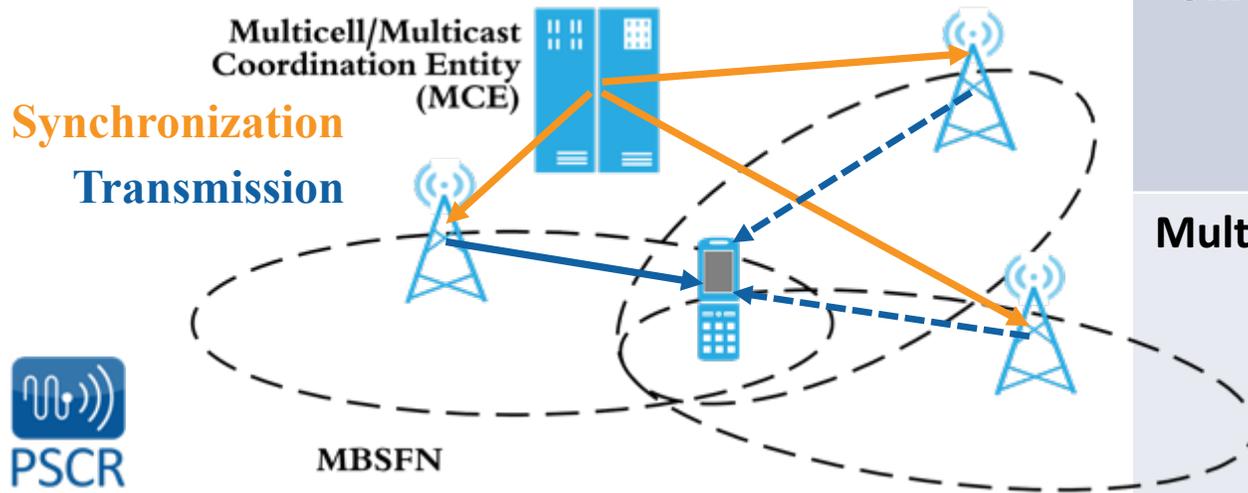
LTE Multicast in PSNs

Overview

- **Public Safety Network**
 - 700 MHz Spectrum by FCC
 - 10 MHz Bandwidth
- Spectrum Efficiency
- PSNs
 - Significant group traffic expected
 - Potential benefits from group communications, instead of transmitting identical contents through point-to-point communications
- **Goal:** To utilize LTE Multicast through optimized resource allocation

LTE Multicast in PSNs

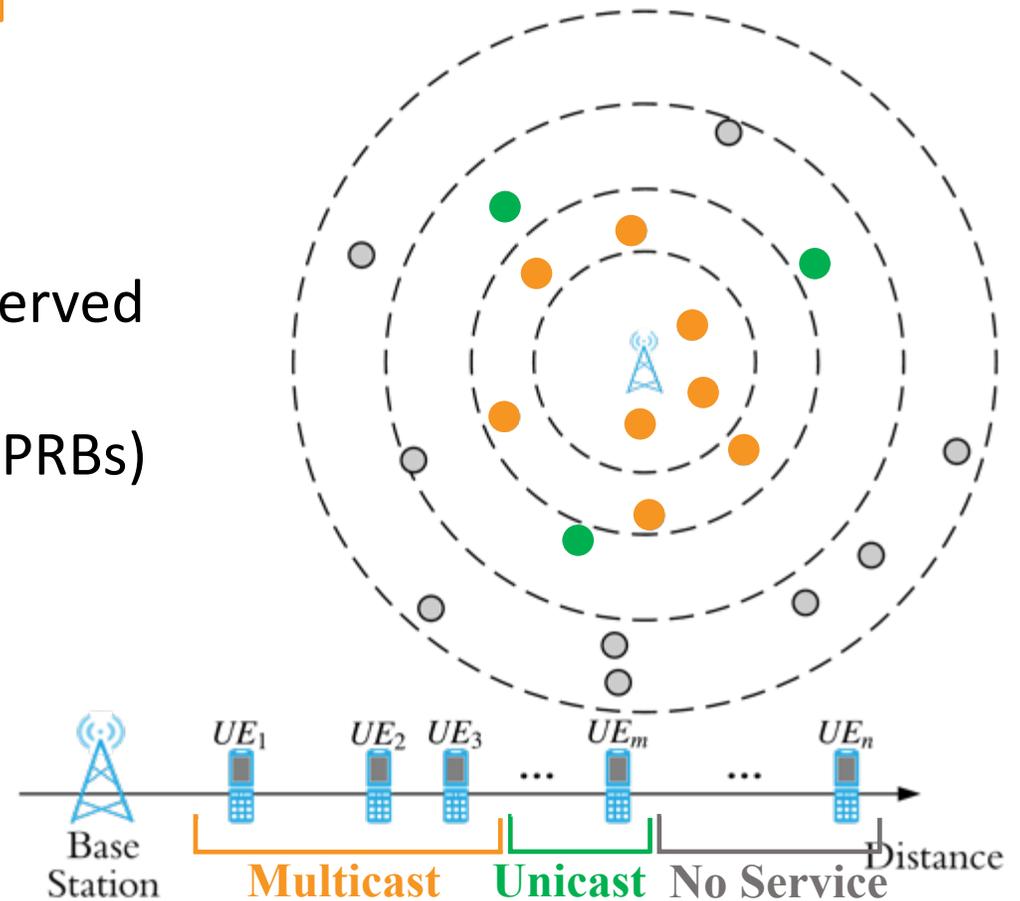
- LTE 3GPP Standard, **enhanced Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (eMBMS)**
 - Transmission Mode: **Multicast/Broadcast Single Frequency Network (MBSFN)**
- **Merits**
 - Avoid transmitting identical contents multiple times
 - Improve SINR especially at cell edge
- **Issues**
 - Base Stations (BS) need to be tightly synchronized
 - Temporal and phase delays of arriving signals at UE side



	Benefit	Overhead
Unicast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIMO utilized (higher Spectrum Efficiency) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same contents transmitted multiple times
Multicast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-cell Multipath Effect • Higher coverage area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No MIMO capability • More Reference Signals for Synchronization, etc. • Extended CP (~15% less OFDM Symbols utilized)

Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource

- Single Cell
- **Non-Congested Situation**
- **Goal:** To minimize the total number of MBSFN resources being used (in terms of PRBs) in order to serve all UEs within service area
- Congested Situation
- **Goal:** To maximize the number of UEs being served given an application with required Bit Rate and available MBSFN resources (in terms of PRBs)
 - Define $f_U(u_i)$ as number of PRBs needed to serve the i^{th} . UE through Unicast
 - Similarly, define $f_M(u_i)$
 - **Observation:** $f_U(u_j) \leq f_M(u_j)$
- Single MBMS Service
- UEs may be served with Multicast or Unicast



Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource

Main Results

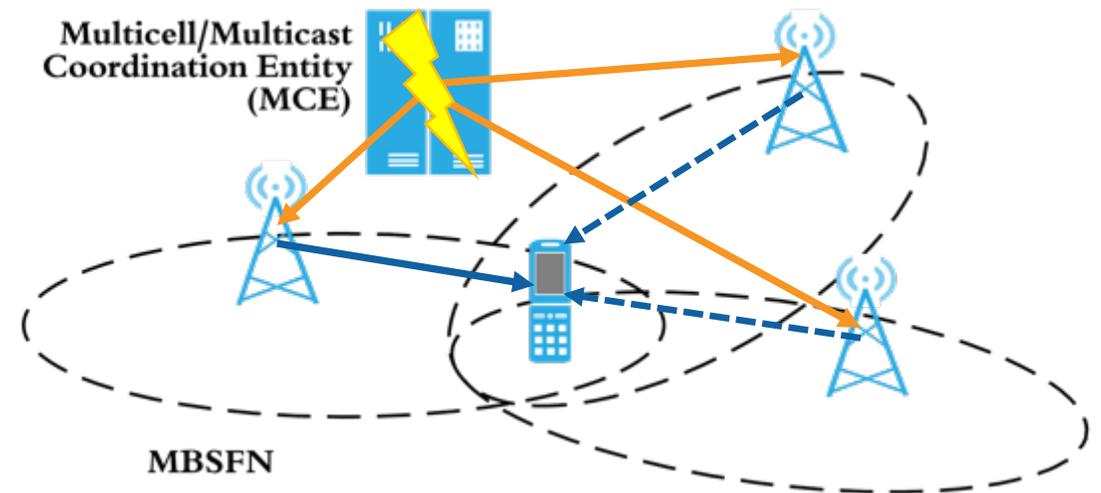
1. Linear-time Optimal Algorithm
2. Linear-time Optimal Algorithm for Prioritized UEs
 - Quality of Service, Priority and Preemption (QPP)
 - i. Lower priority UEs can be served only after all UEs of higher priorities being served
 - ii. Given the policy above satisfied, the goal is to maximize the number of UEs with Multicast or Unicast service
3. Linear-time Optimal Algorithm with Preemption Enabled
 - Remove active sessions of lower priority UEs to serve higher priority UEs
 - Removal is done in such a way that guarantees the number of UEs still being maximized

Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource

Significance of our Results

- Priority/QoS Key Parameters [FirstNet]
 - To manage priority access to the network (or cell)
 - To manage priority allocation of network (or cell)
 - ❖ Our algorithm can manage **priority** allocation for the MBSFN application
 - To ensure application performance during time of congestion/overload
 - ❖ Our algorithm can manage **preemption** of the MBSFN application users
 - To re-assign or preempt connected cell resources

Run Algorithm at MCE*
Synchronization
Transmission



Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource Algorithm

Algorithm 1 Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource in Single Cell

Input: UE Info. (CQI , RI), R

Output: Maximum Number of UEs with Multicast or Unicast Service

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1: Compute  $q_0$ ; //  $q_0$  denotes the Maximum Number of
                // UEs Served with Unicast-only

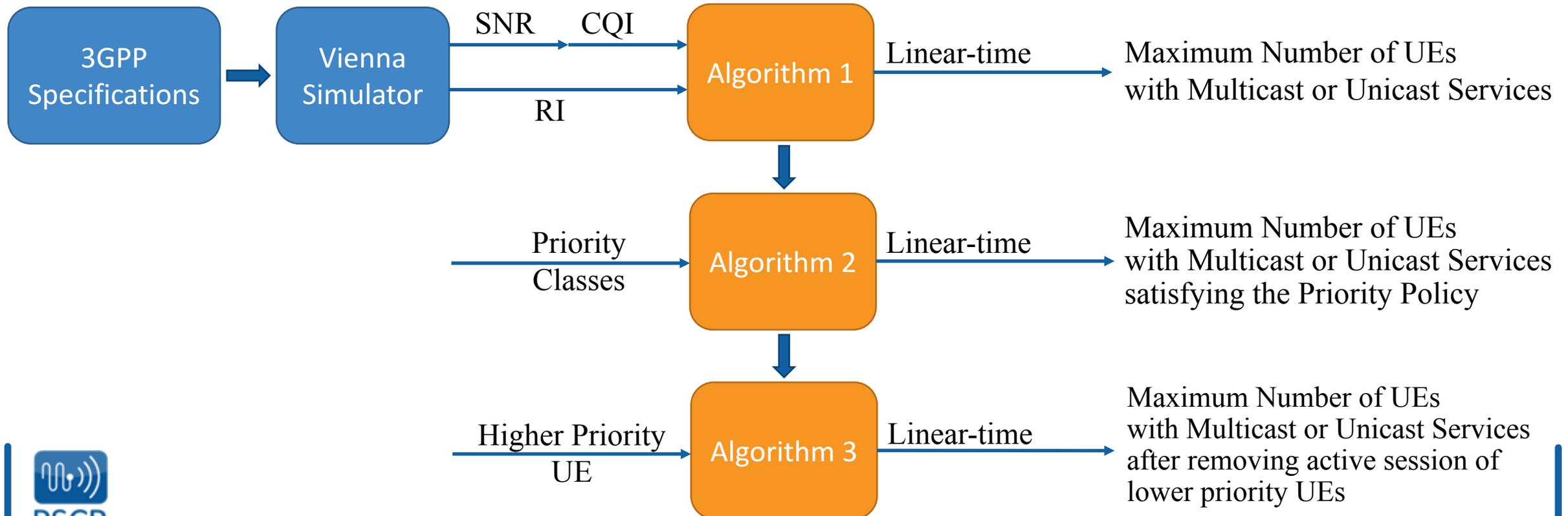
2:  $max \leftarrow q_0$ ;
3:  $m \leftarrow 1$ ;
4: while ( $f_M(u_m) \leq R$ ) do
5:   if ( $f_M(u_m) + F_U(m+1, max) \leq R$ ) then
6:      $q_m \leftarrow max$ ;
7:      $A_m \leftarrow R - f_M(u_m) - F_U(m+1, max)$ ;
8:      $i \leftarrow q_{m+1}$ ;
9:     while ( $f_U(u_i) \leq A_m$ ) do
10:       $q_m \leftarrow i$ ;
11:       $A_m \leftarrow A_m - f_U(u_i)$ ;
12:       $i \leftarrow i + 1$ ;
13:    end while
14:     $max \leftarrow q_m$ ;
15:  end if
16:   $m \leftarrow m + 1$ ;
17: end while
18: return  $max$ ;
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Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource

Simulation Results

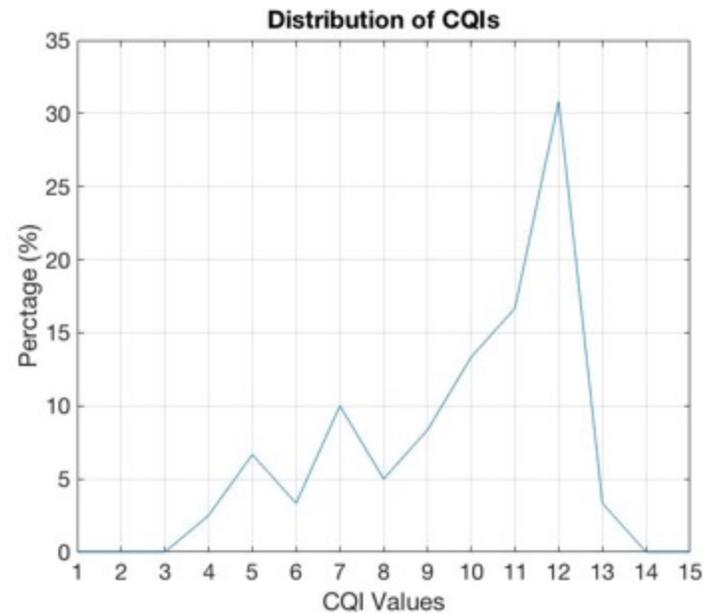
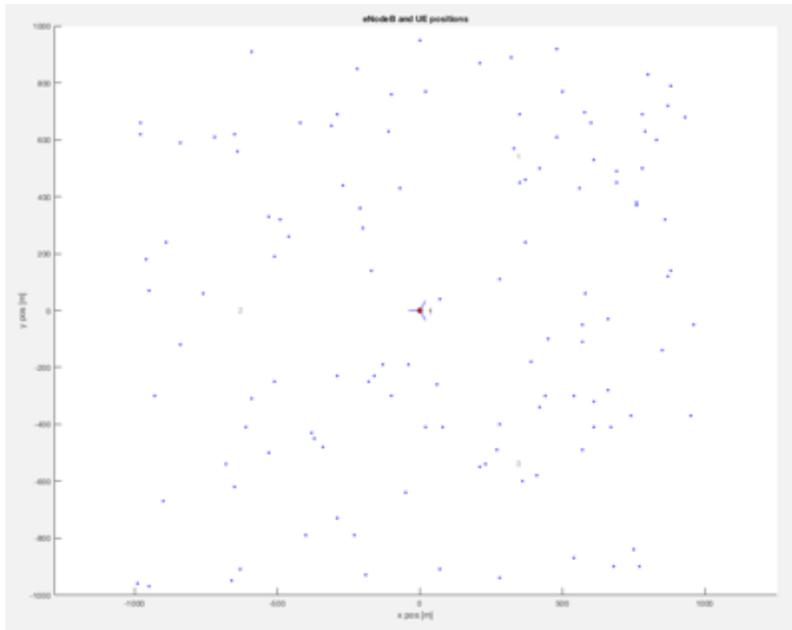
- Simulation Environment

- Vienna LTE-A Downlink System Level Simulator implemented in MATLAB

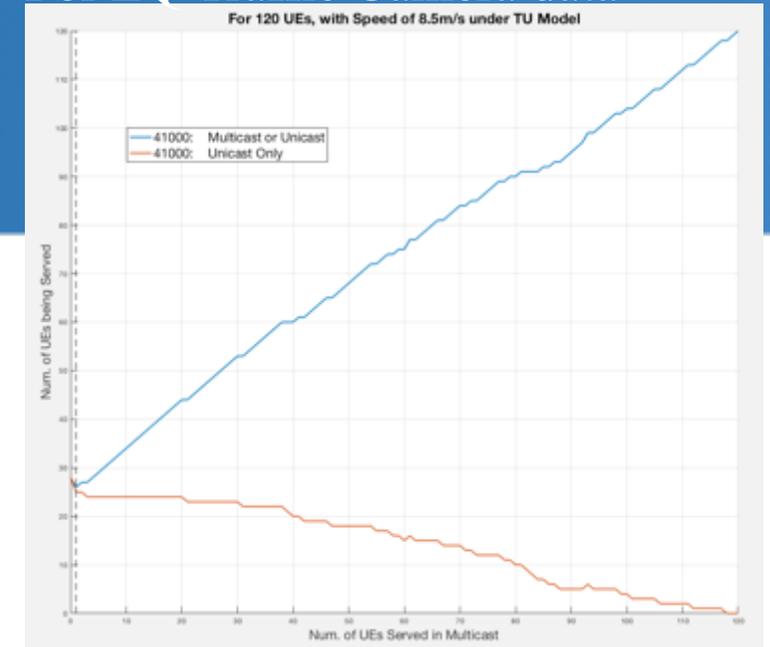


Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource Simulation Results

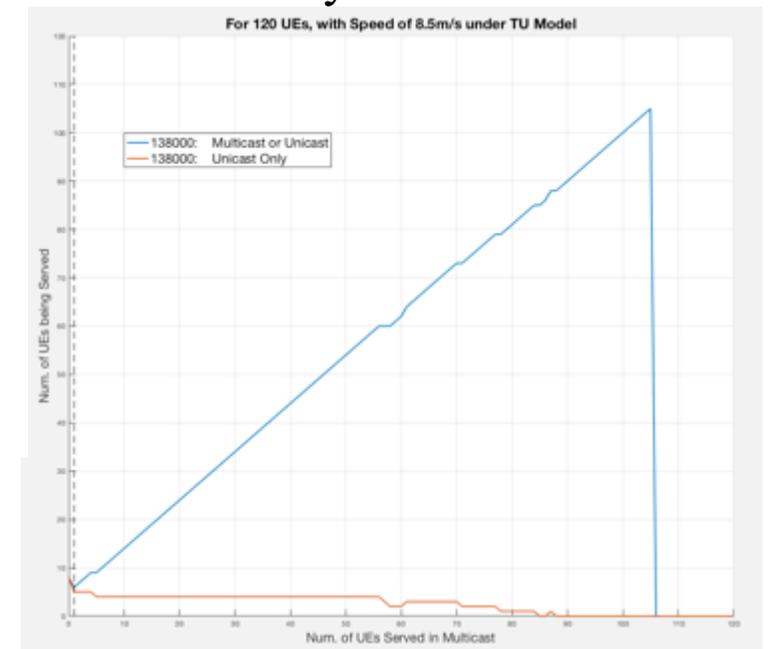
- Simulation Parameters
 - 120 UEs
 - $R = 500$ (10 ms period; 1 LTE Frame length)



For LQ Traffic Camera data

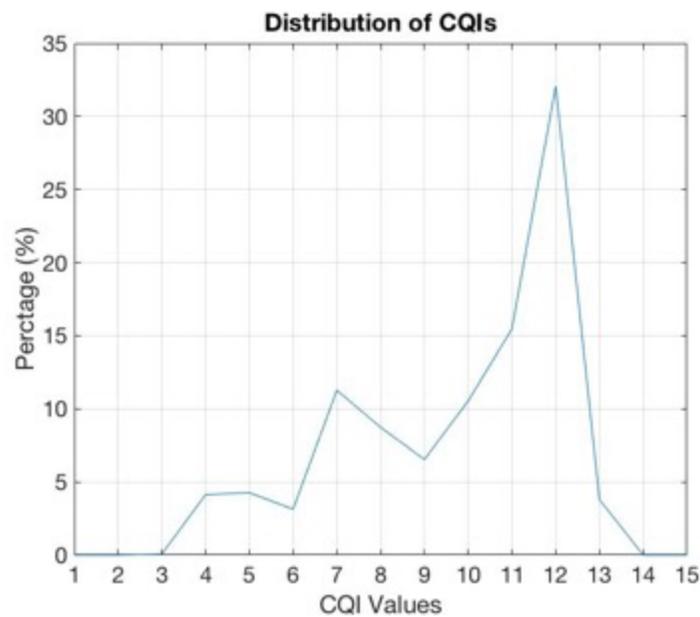
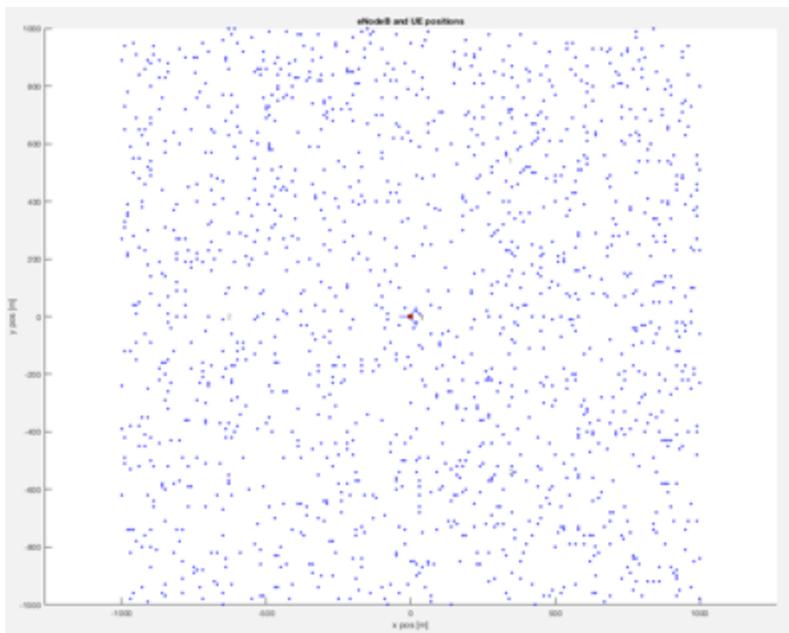


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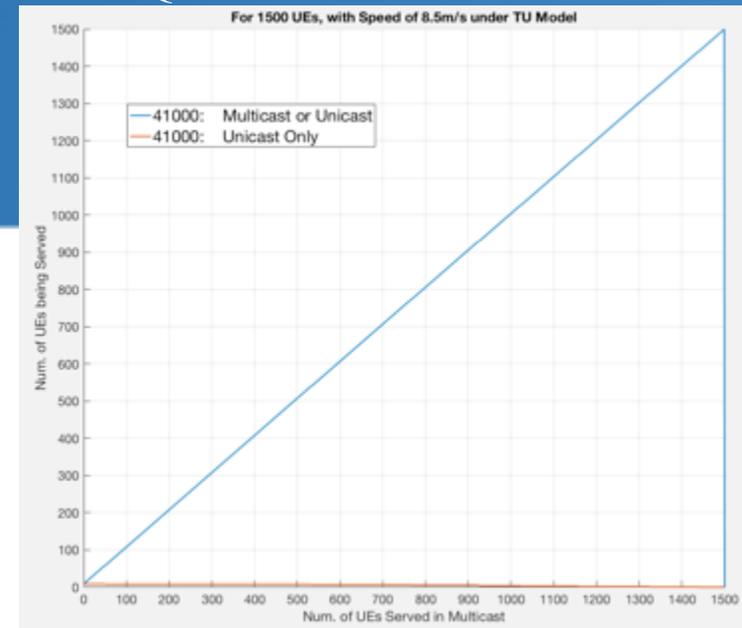


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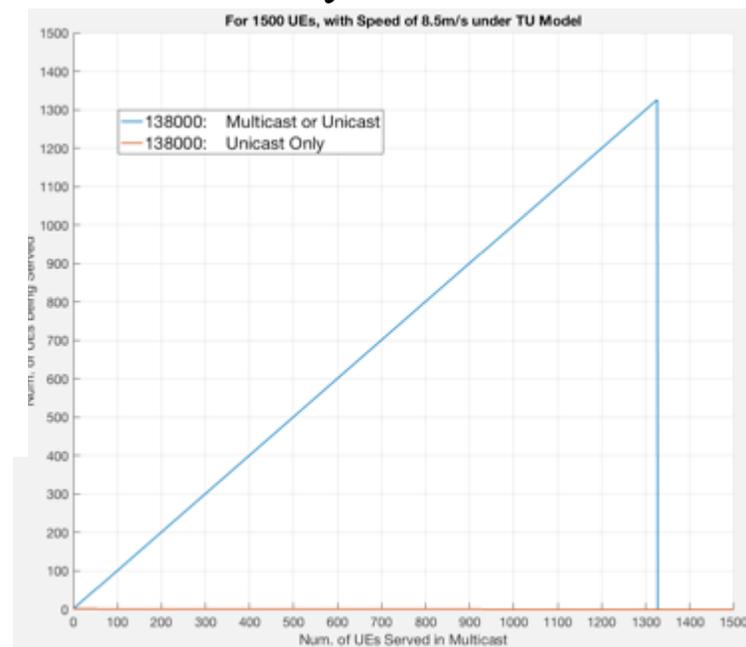
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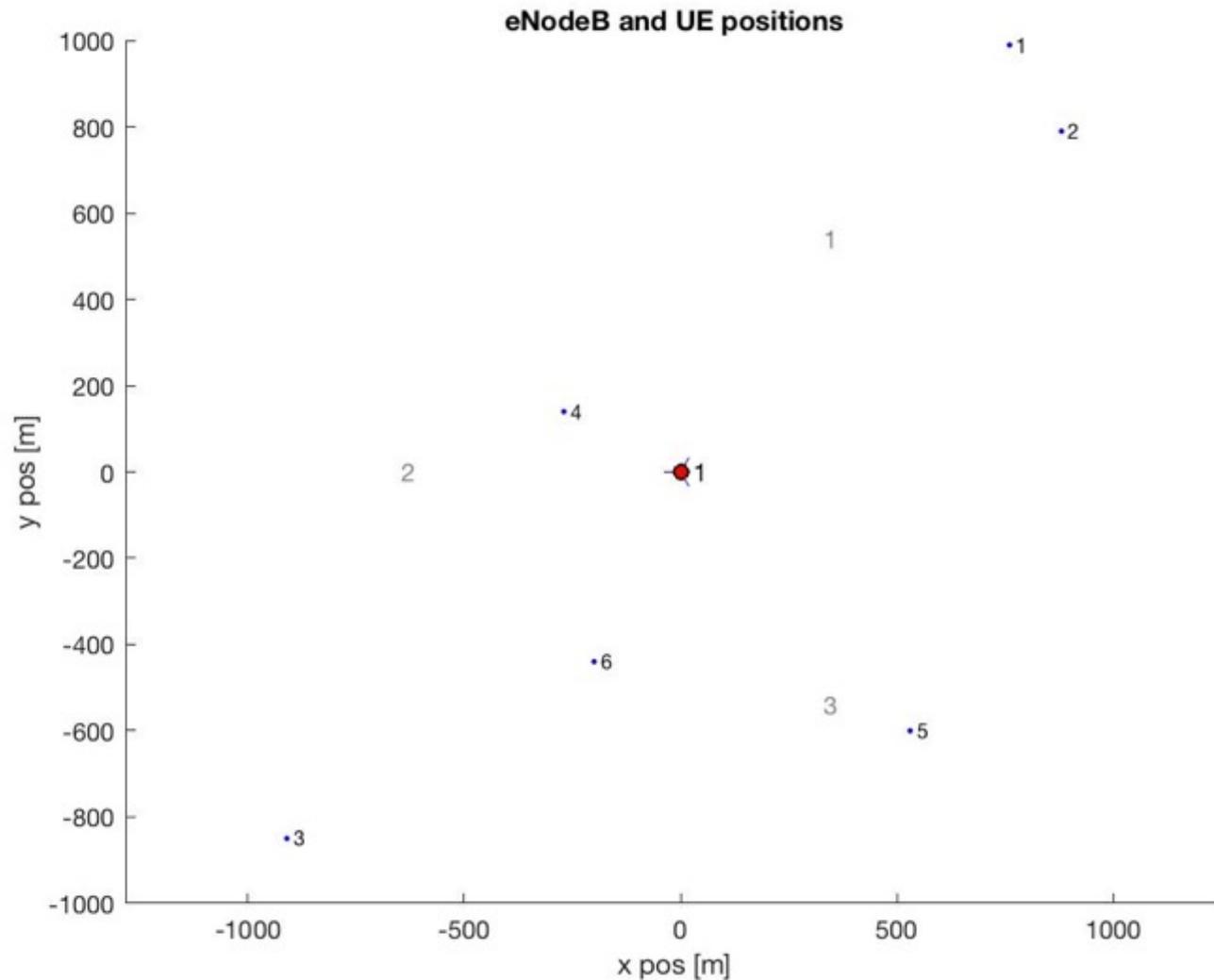
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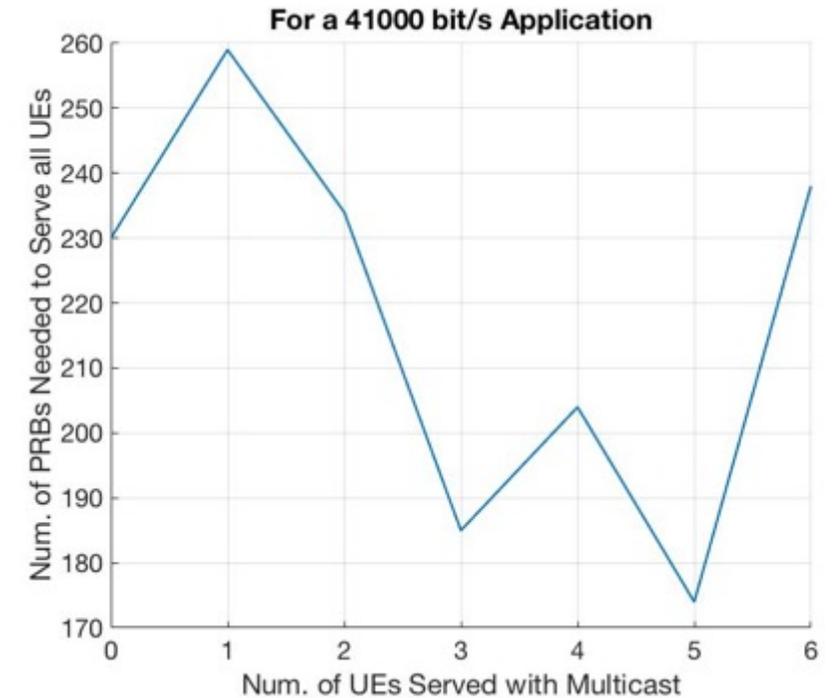
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Optimal Allocation of MBSFN Resource Simulation Results



UE	CQI	RI	$f_M(u_i)$	$f_U(u_i)$
1	5	3	238	71
2	9	3	103	30
3	9	3	103	30
4	13	2	54	25
5	13	1	54	49
6	13	2	54	25

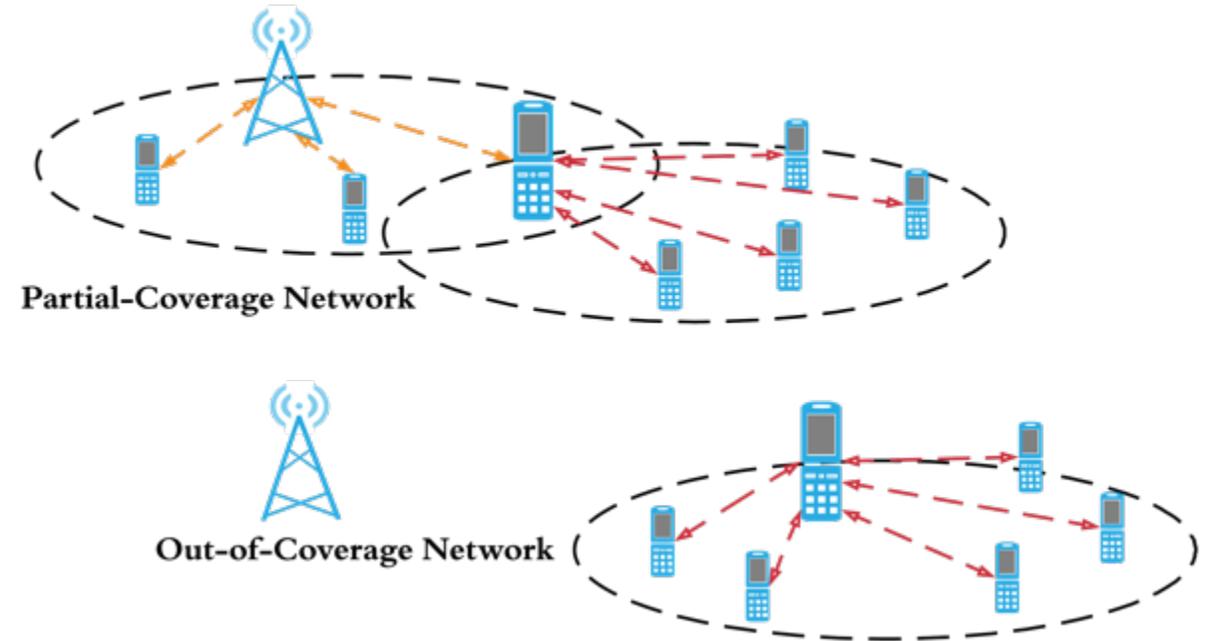


Year-2 Plan

- Multi-Cell MBSFN
 - Revisit single-cell condition: $f_M(u_j) \geq f_U(u_j)$
 - Complete investigation* on inter-cell multipath effect
 - Optimal algorithms

- Off-Network

- Two Coverage Scenarios
- 3GPP ProSe Specification
- Optimal algorithms
 - Uplink and Sidelink Transmissions



Dynamic Coverage for First Responders

- Limited Wireless Network Access
- LTE Framework Mobile Base Station
- Optimal Locations for Base Station Deployment
- Mobility and Priority Analysis

Introduction

- First Responders (FRs) may not have wireless network access due to catastrophic scenarios
- Mobile Base Stations (mBS) under LTE framework, with little modifications, can provide wireless services for FRs
- **Dynamic Nature:** FRs move around; mBS can also be re-located
- **Our Focus:** Optimal location(s) to deploy the mBS in order to maximize the number of FRs served with their corresponding Bit Rate requirements
- Take into account application priority classes and user priority classes

Accommodating Different Operational Policies – Quantification Mechanism

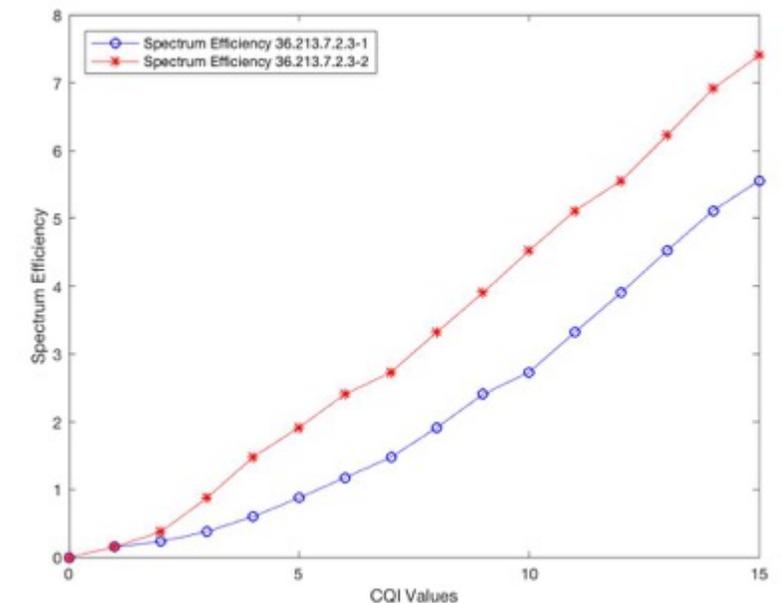
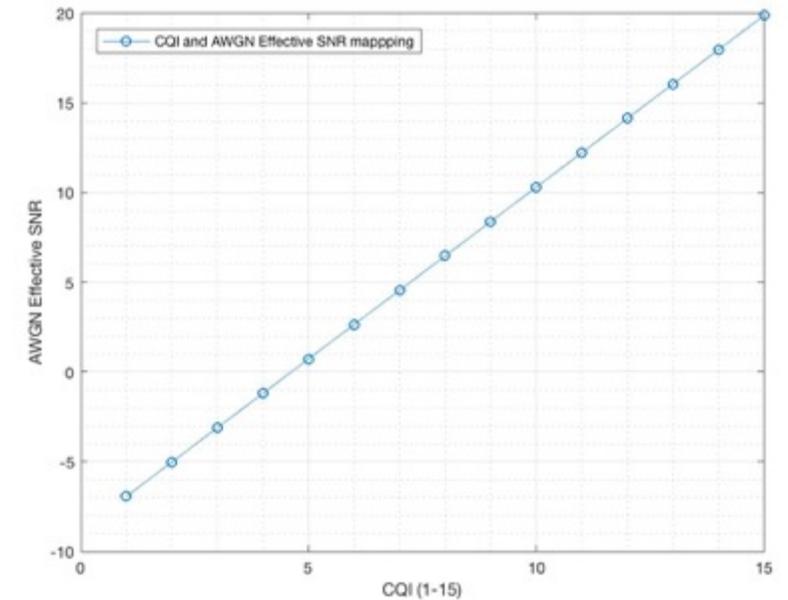
- User Priority
 - Immediate Peril, Responder Emergency, Out-of-service, etc.
- Application Priority
 - Mission Critical Voice, Audio and Video Streaming, etc.
- Operational Policy Constants for each user/application class combination
- Identify UEs for which the Bit Rate requirements are met
- Weighted sum of Operational Policy Constants

Evaluating a Placement

- Establish the UE-mBS affiliations
- Calculate SINR \rightarrow CQI \rightarrow Spectrum Efficiency \rightarrow Bit Rate
- Evaluate if Bit Rate meets the requirement
- Evaluate the Weighted Satisfaction Score

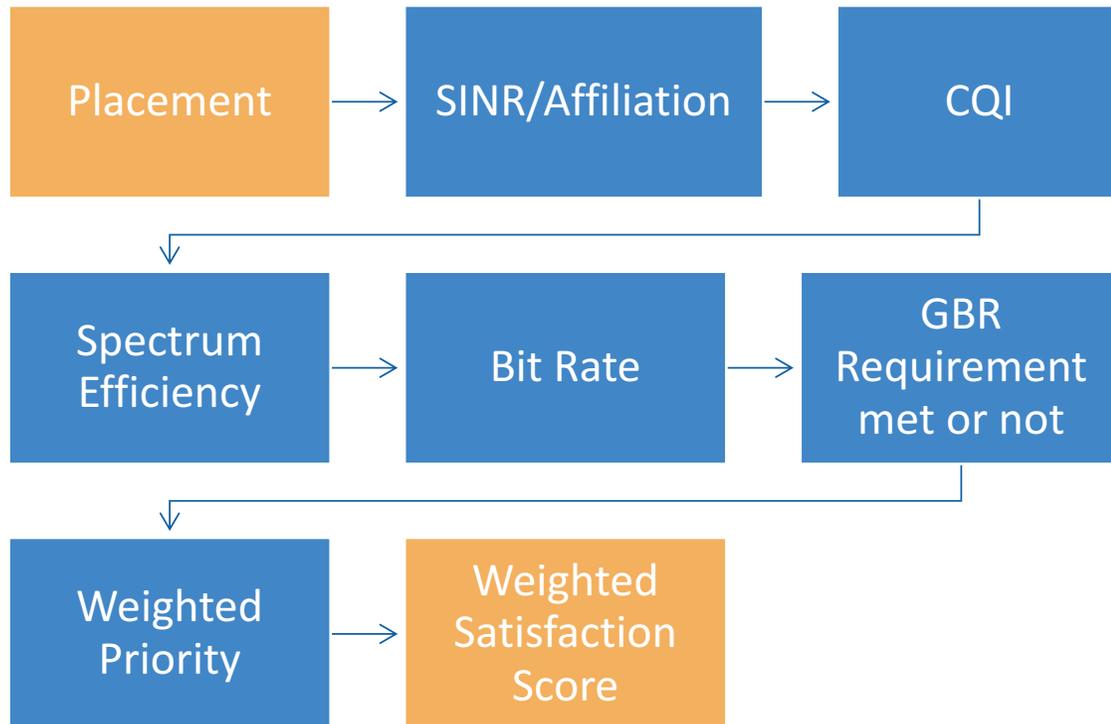
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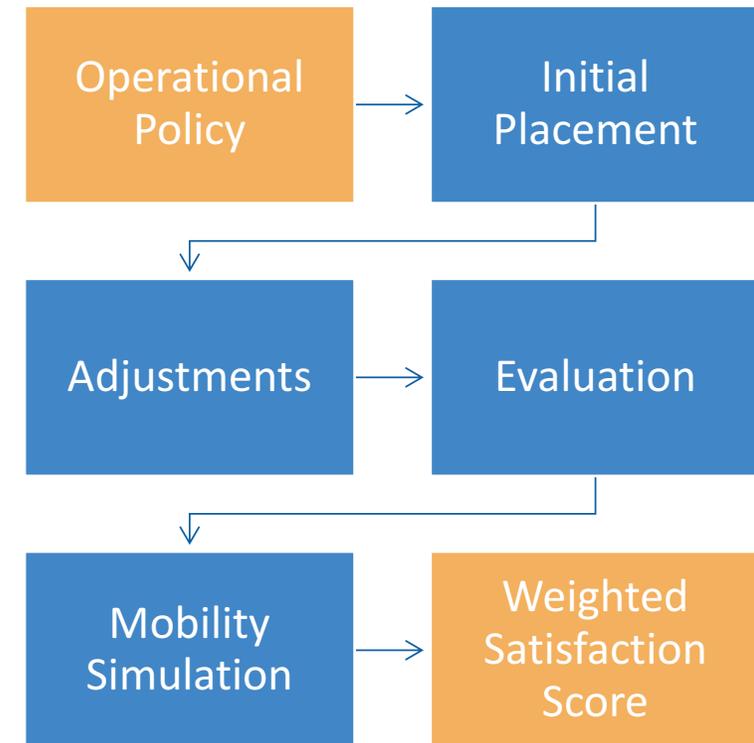


Structure of the Simulator

Placement Evaluation

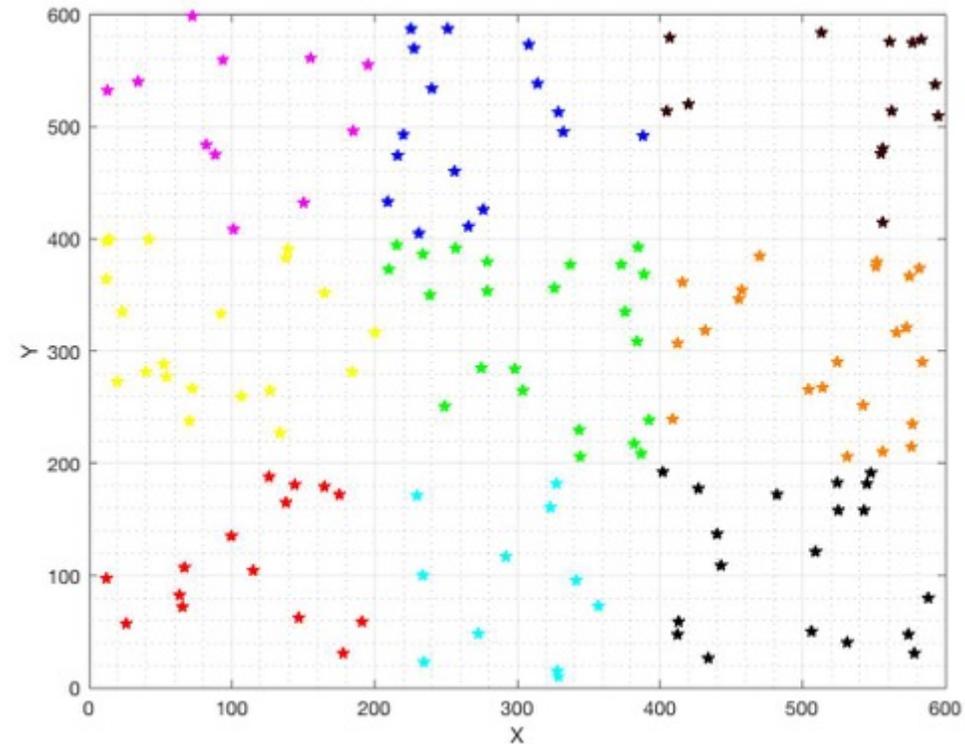
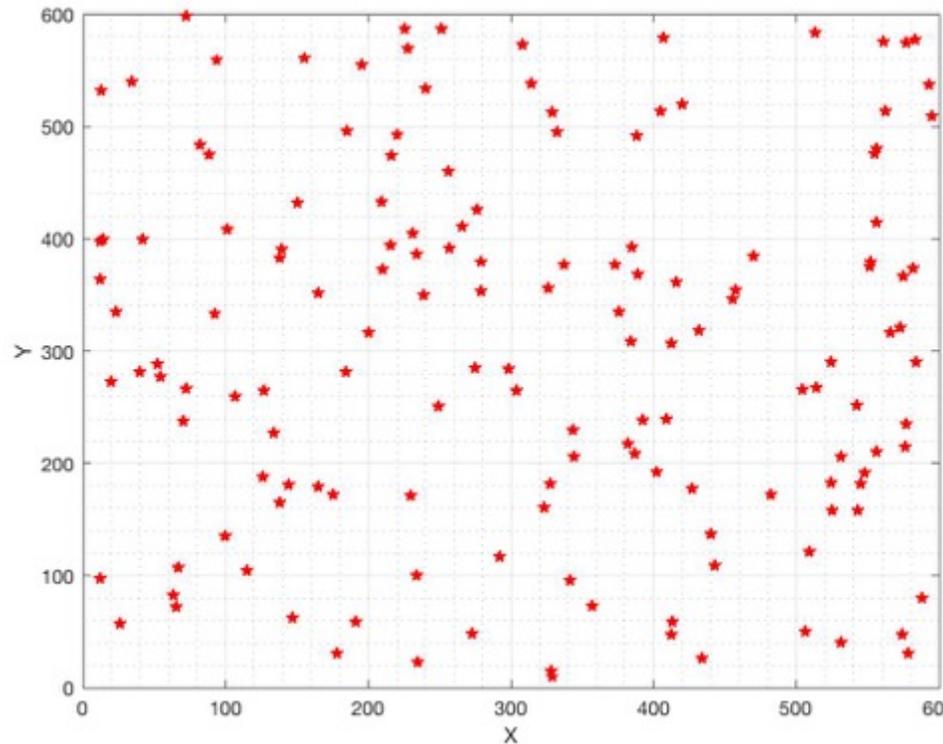


Placement Calculation



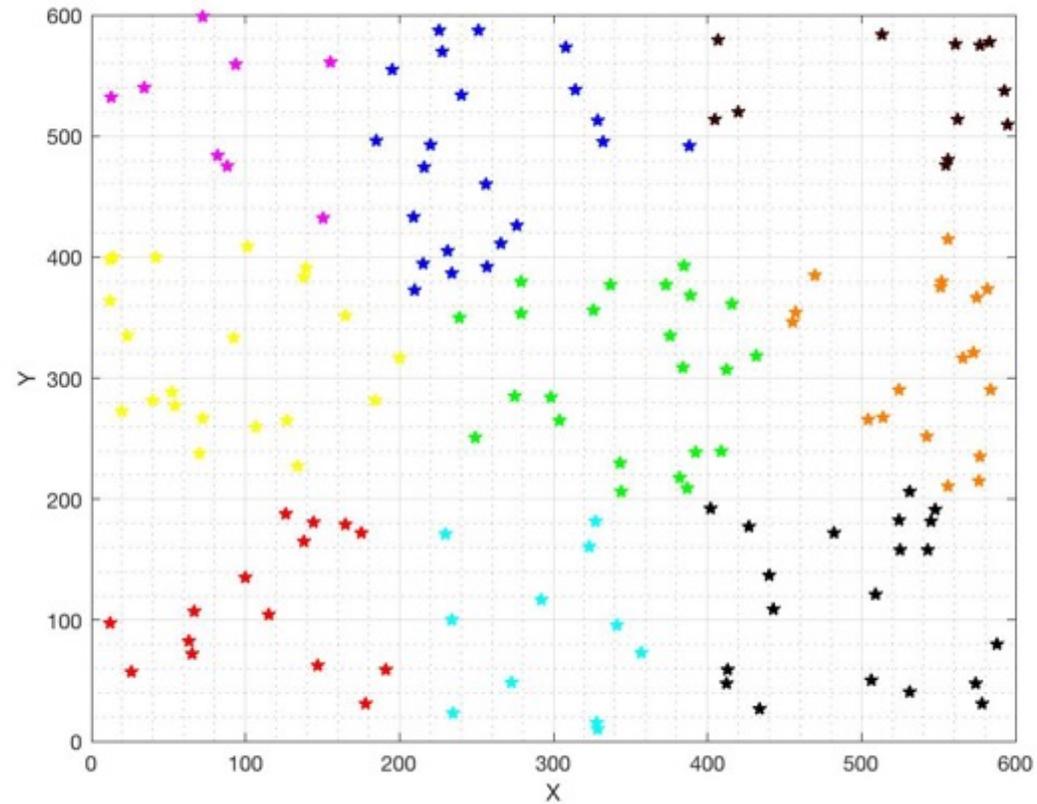
Comparing Placement Algorithms

Static Equal Sized Blocks // Baseline

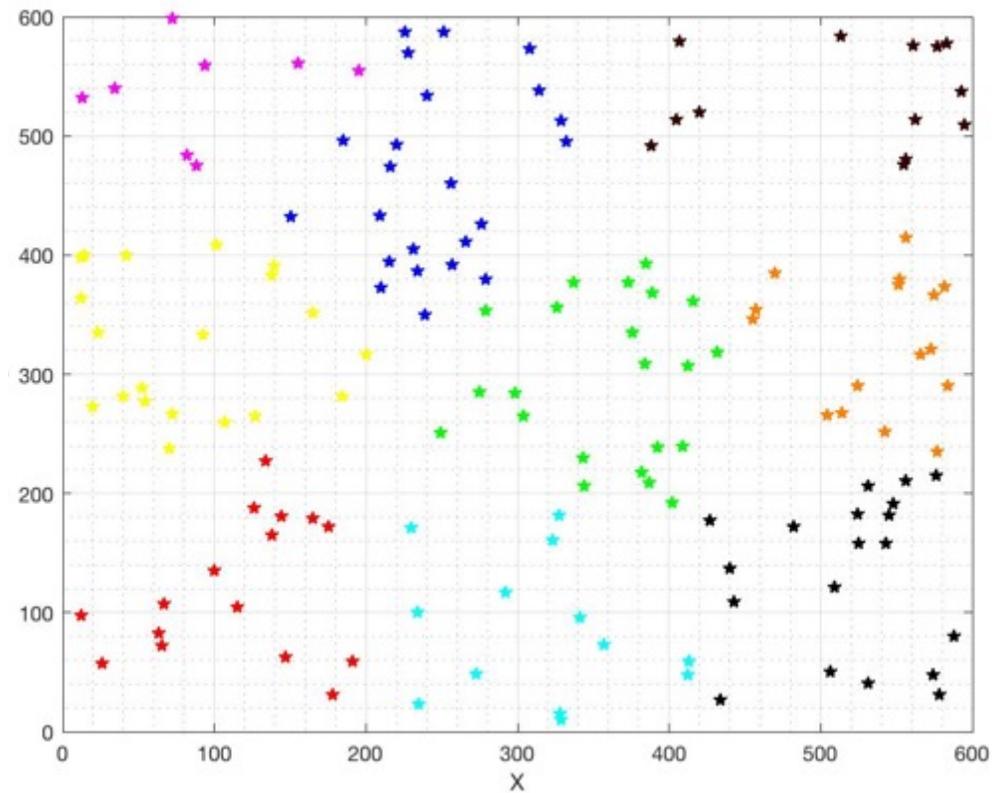


Comparing Placement Algorithms

k-Means (Distance)



GBR and priority weighted k-Means



Weighted k-Means

- Disadvantage of k-Means
 - Some UEs have very low SINR with their affiliated mBS
 - These UEs may have higher priority classes
- k-Means doesn't take priority into account
- Weighted k-Means Clustering attempts to eliminate those scenarios

Empirical Results

- Simulation over 100 scenarios

Number of FRs	Number of mBS	SESB	k-Means	Weighted k-Means
50	4	409.53	508.91	582.36
100	4	815.72	916.41	997.38
150	4	1239.5	1333.5	1410.1
150	9	2522.8	2771.4	2954.1

Understanding Movement Dynamics

- UEs (FRs) move around due to operational requirements
- One mBS placement that is optimal at one time instant may no longer be optimal at the next instant
- Weighted Satisfaction Score after movements
- Cost classes of mBS – Different base stations may have different costs in order to be moved around (and associated time delays)
- Depending on the mBS cost classes, we calculate a placement that performs well when taking the mobility of UEs into accounts

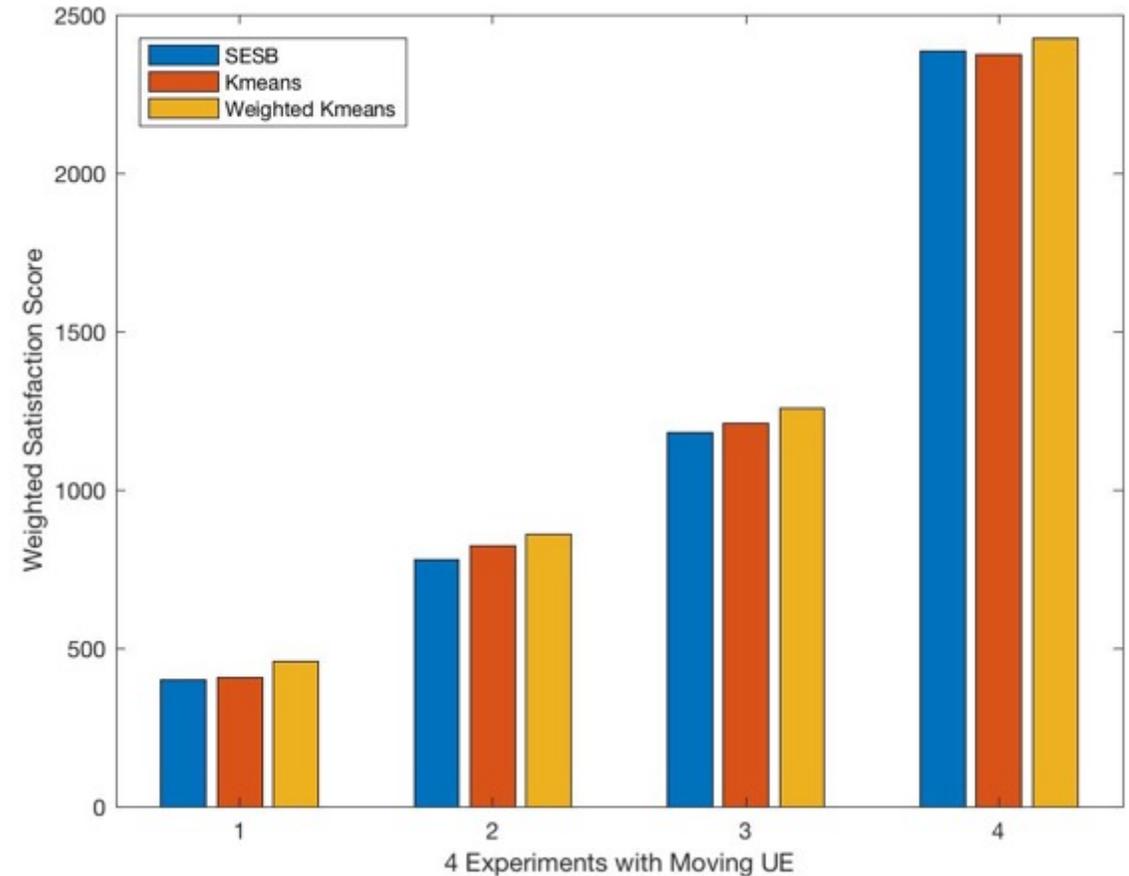
Empirical Results - Dynamic Nature

- Simulation over 100 scenarios with moving UEs

Number of FRs	Number of mBS	SESB	k-Means	Weighted k-Means
50	4	399.77	408.3	459.73
100	4	777.57	823.32	860.92
150	4	1181.4	1208.1	1258.9
150	9	2385.0	2374.6	2423.5

Results Snapshot

- Moving and re-affiliating UEs by closest mBS, weighted k-Means still performs the best, with little advantage over SESB which doesn't take UE locations into account
- Overall, both k-Means and its weighted version degrade significantly with the movement of the UEs





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Description/ key features

- Developing profiles and extensions to ProSe that align its capabilities with First Responder expectations and needs

Key success factors

- Matching the reliability and coverage of existing LMR direct communication capabilities
- Enabling new services with ease of use, continuity across network domains, and data services via PS profiles and extensions

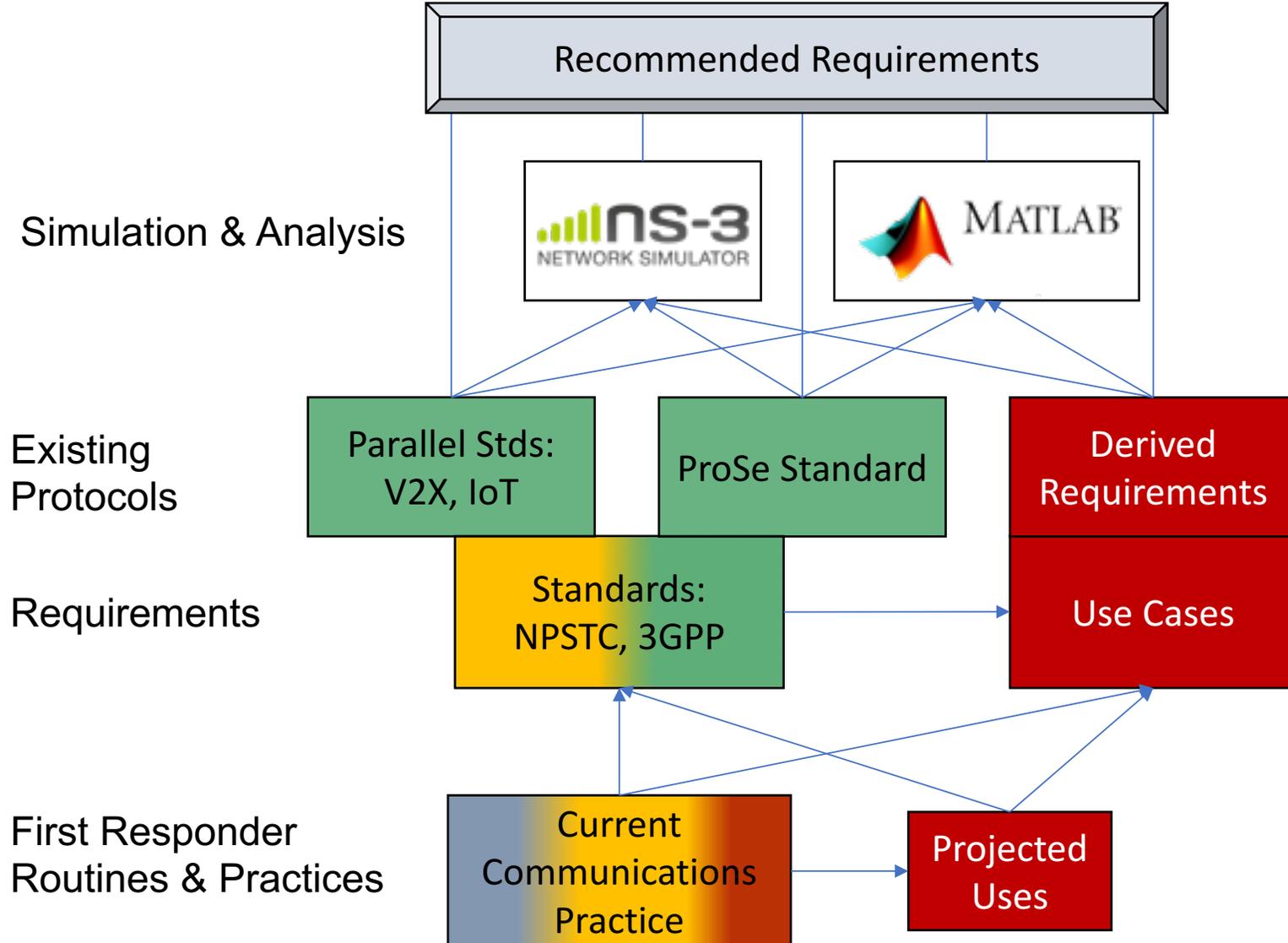
Market

- Direct communication is required for all public safety communication systems
- ProSe is the only broadband direct communication standard designed to address this requirement

Research approach

- Use cases
- Physical layer simulation
- Synchronization
- Group ARQ transmission
- Upper layer research
- Demo
- Questions?





ProSe

R11 High Power UE for B14
March 2013

Improved UL coverage for PS/ ProSe benefits (Regulatory challenge with portables)

R12 Study/ Initial ProSe
March 2015

Multicast communications/ no ACK/ no relays/ limited discovery

R13 eProSe
March 2016

Unicast communications/ HARQ/ multiple bands/ network relay and priority support (PS)

R14 FeProSe
June 2017

Study on FeProSe network relays for IoT & wearables
(power consumption focus) / ProSe conformance requirements

Release 15 FeProSe
September 2018

Limited normative work: network relays for IoT & wearables

Chipset availability uncertain (shared carrier required in US)

V2X

R13 V2X
March 2016

Feasibility study based on ProSe PC5 (ProSe waveform)

R14 V2X
June 2017

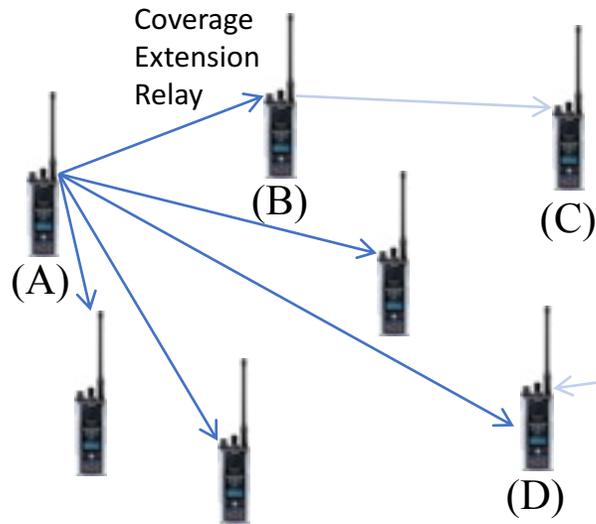
Sept 2016 RAN announces initial spec with enhancements before R14 date
Sept 2017 Qualcomm announces trials of 9150 chip set
High power devices allowed for the service

Release 15 5G
September 2018

Multi-carrier aggregation/ 64 QAM / power Class 2/ extended sensors
Support for: platooning, advance driving, remote driving

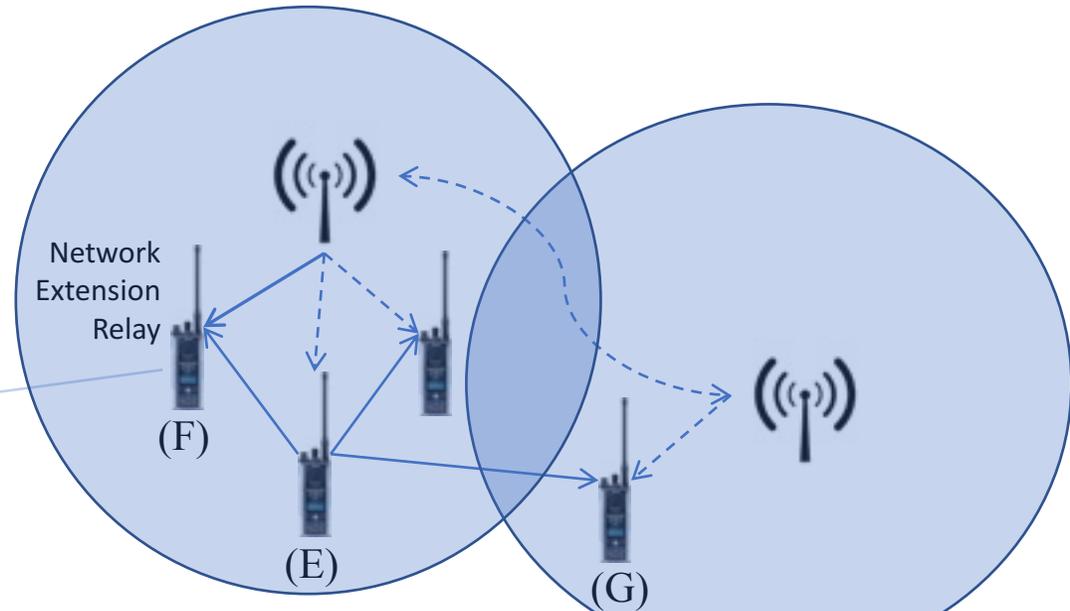
Chipset trials underway (dedicated carrier now; R15 shared)

Out-of-network
direct communications
(public safety only)

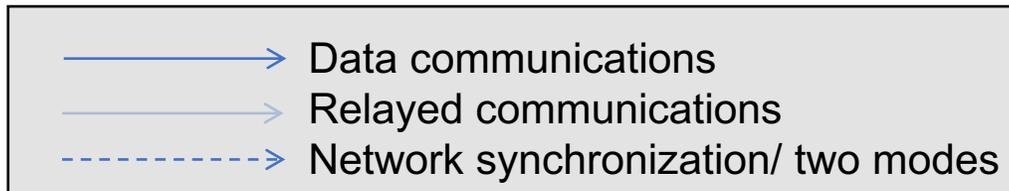


Mode2: provisioned Tx resource pool
(time & frequency allocations)

In-network
direct communications



Mode1: eNB scheduling
Mode2: provisioned Tx resource pool (PS only)



Similar or greater RF link distances to legacy capabilities

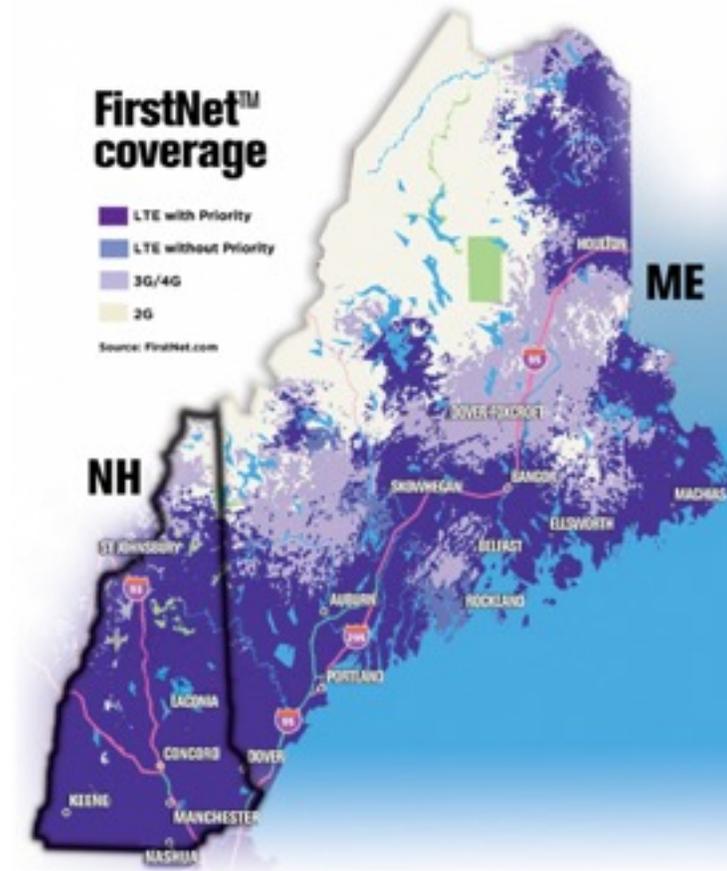
- Serves sparse communications without supporting nodes or relays
- Communications distances should not be limited by protocol

Reliable communications

- Should occur quickly after power on
- Should be unaffected by device movement
- Should be limited by physics not protocol



Mission Critical Communications

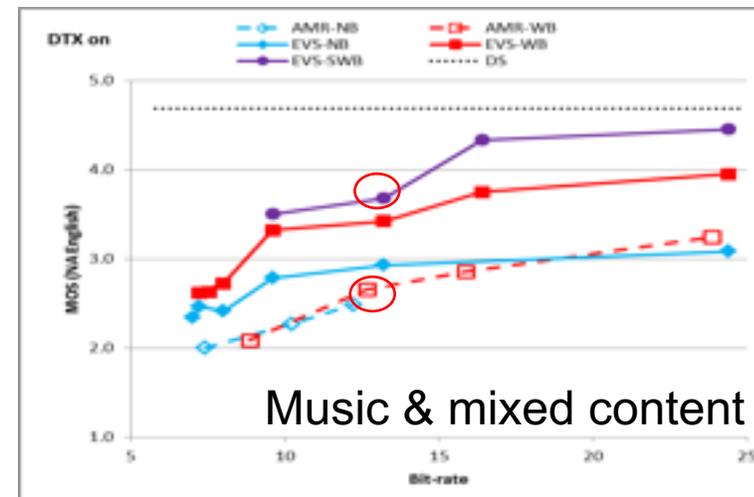
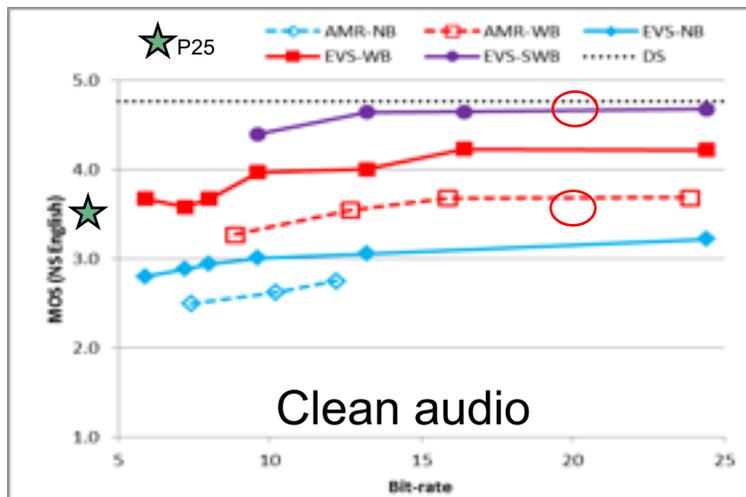


Legacy P25: AMBE 3.6 kbps

- Perceived challenges: audio quality & performance with acoustic noise

3GPP Codec evaluations focus on these issues

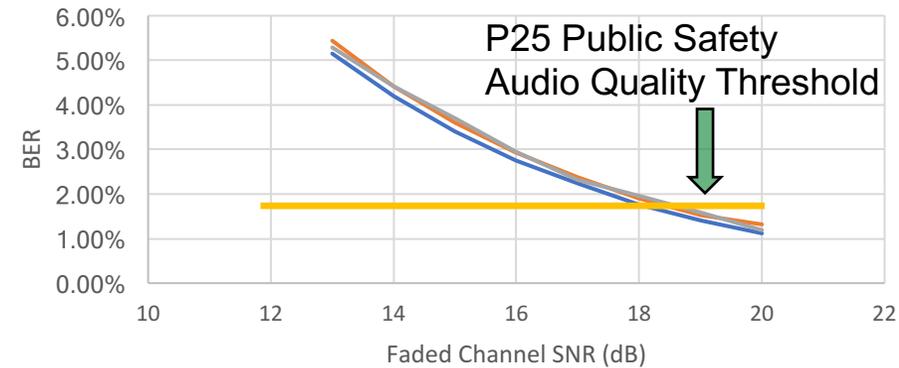
- Performance in noisy audio conditions
 - The claim is made that AMR-WB will have acceptable performance when noise cancellation is applied.
 - EVS –benefits from dynamically coding in voice and waveform models
- AMR-WB – mandatory recommended CODEC: 12.65 kbps: 2% FEC
- EVS-SWB – recommended optional CODEC: 13.2 kbps: 8% FEC CA



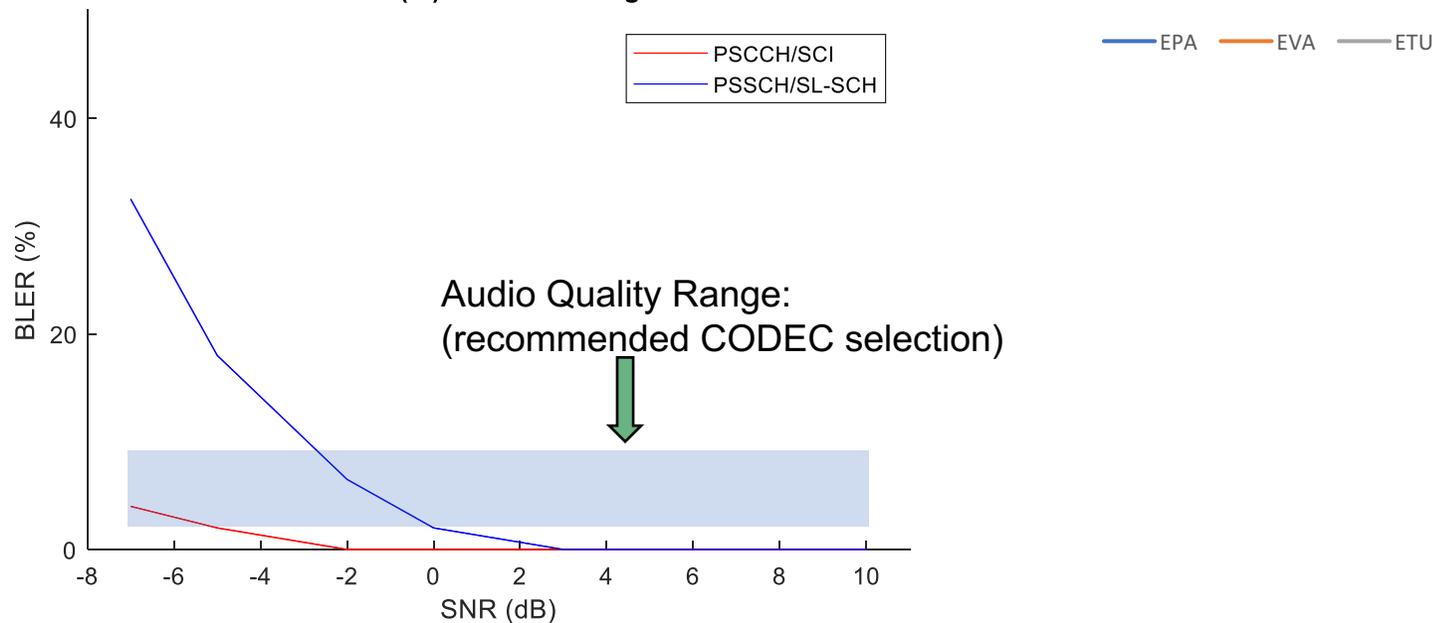
Direct Communications Range

- P25
 - Fixed range
- ProSe
 - Throughput dependent

P25 Bit Error Rate Performance



Sidelink BLER (%) in EPA5 fading and AWGN

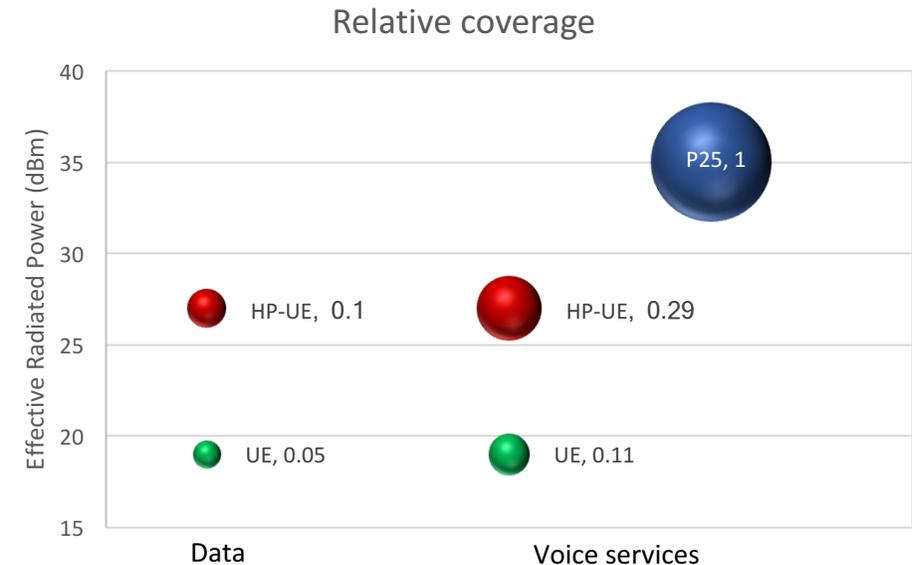


Basis for coverage comparison between P25 and ProSe

- Represents best case scenario
- Coverage decreases with increasing throughput for data services

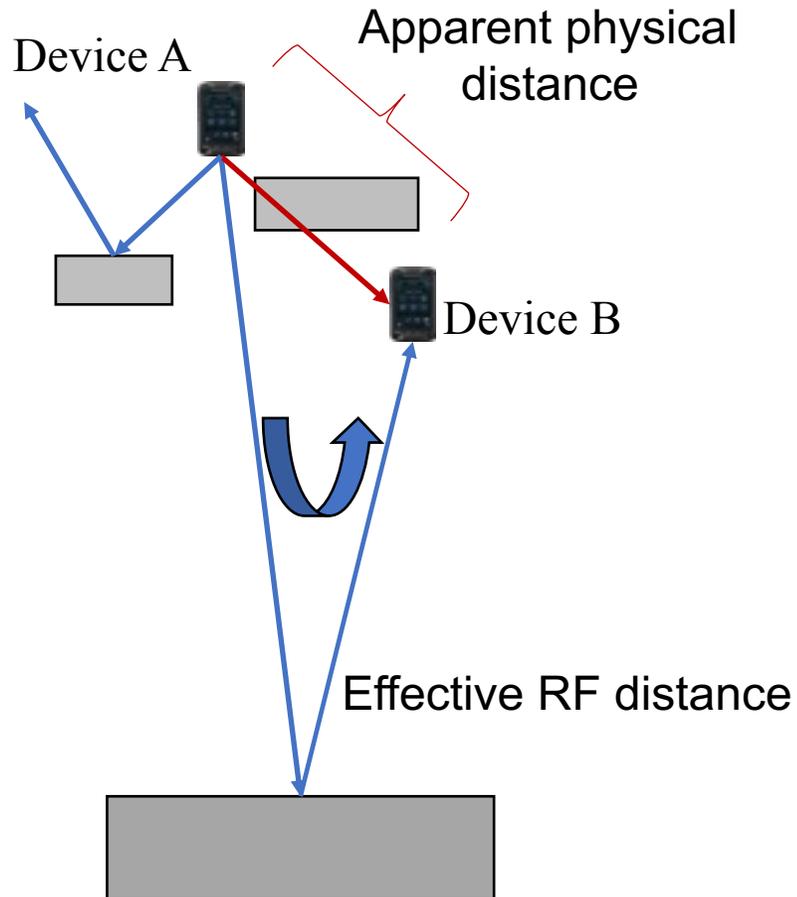
	P25 Portable	Portable	HP-UE Portable
Nominal Tx Power	35	23	31
MIMO	1x1	1x2	1x2
Rx Effective IF Bandwidth (kHz)	6	360	360
Rx Noise Figure (dB)	6	7	7
Faded Performance Threshold DAQ3.4 (dB)	17.7	-2.2	-2.2
Maximum RF Coupling Loss (dB)	147.5	136.6	144.6
Antenna Efficiency. (dB)	0	-4	-4
Maximum Link Loss	147.5	128.6	136.6
Radial Coverage Relative	1.00	0.34	0.53
Area Coverage Relative	1.00	0.11	0.29

Internal antenna



Staying within the standards

- **High power UE (standardized for band 14)**
- **High efficiency antennas**  VS. 
 - Integrated antennas generally have much lower efficiencies
- **Singular transmission scheme in time (configuration)**
 - For example: single service per ProSe period (40 msec.)
 - Counter example: Video, Text, and Voice as separate physical packets
- **Lower rate voice CODECs**
 - For example: P25



The effective RF distance can be many times the apparent physical distance

ProSe propagation delay tolerance is a function of configuration.

- By default the distance is ~ 1500 feet.
- Operation beyond this distances is subject to reduced receiver performance.

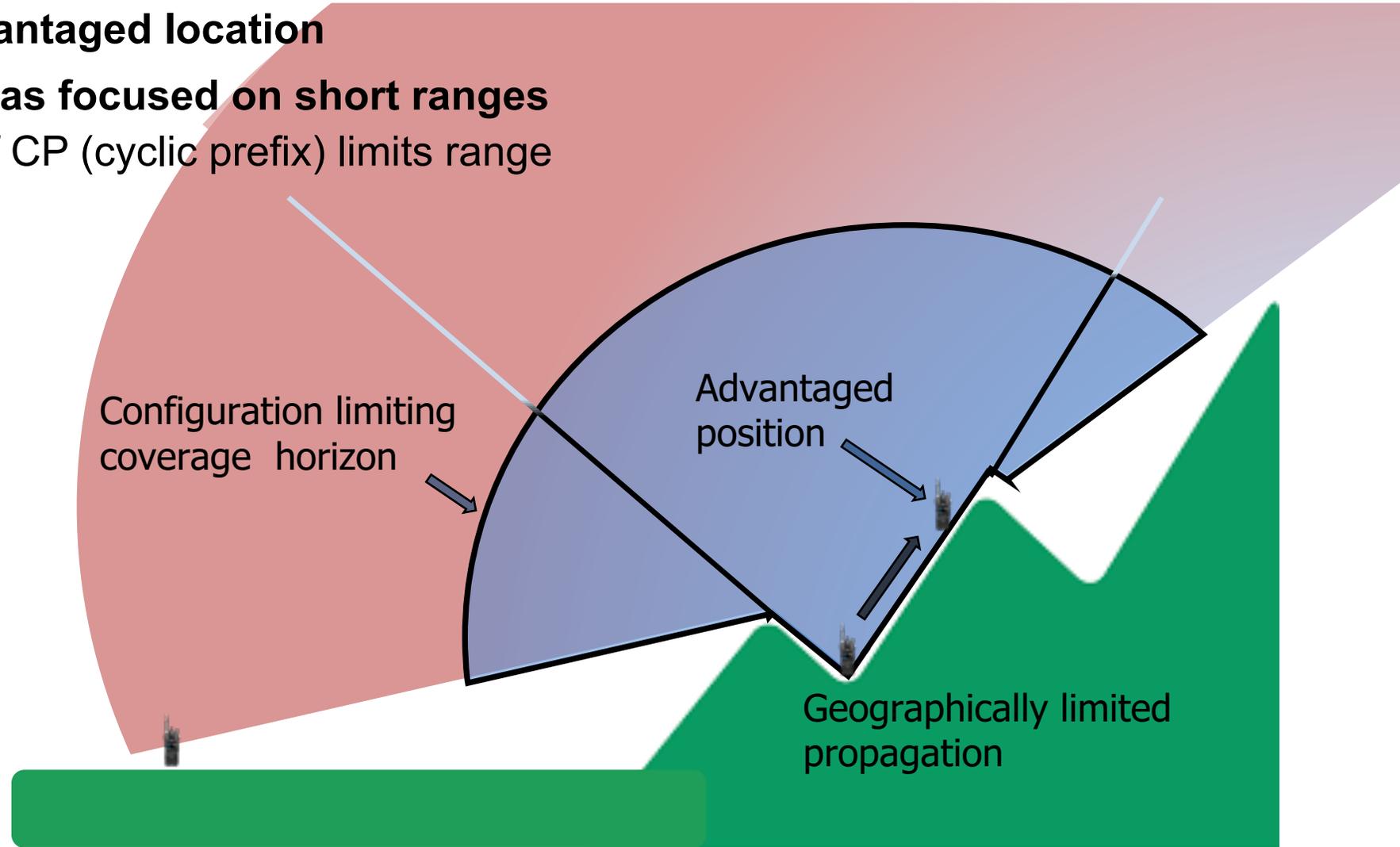


Reliable operation out to propagation limits.

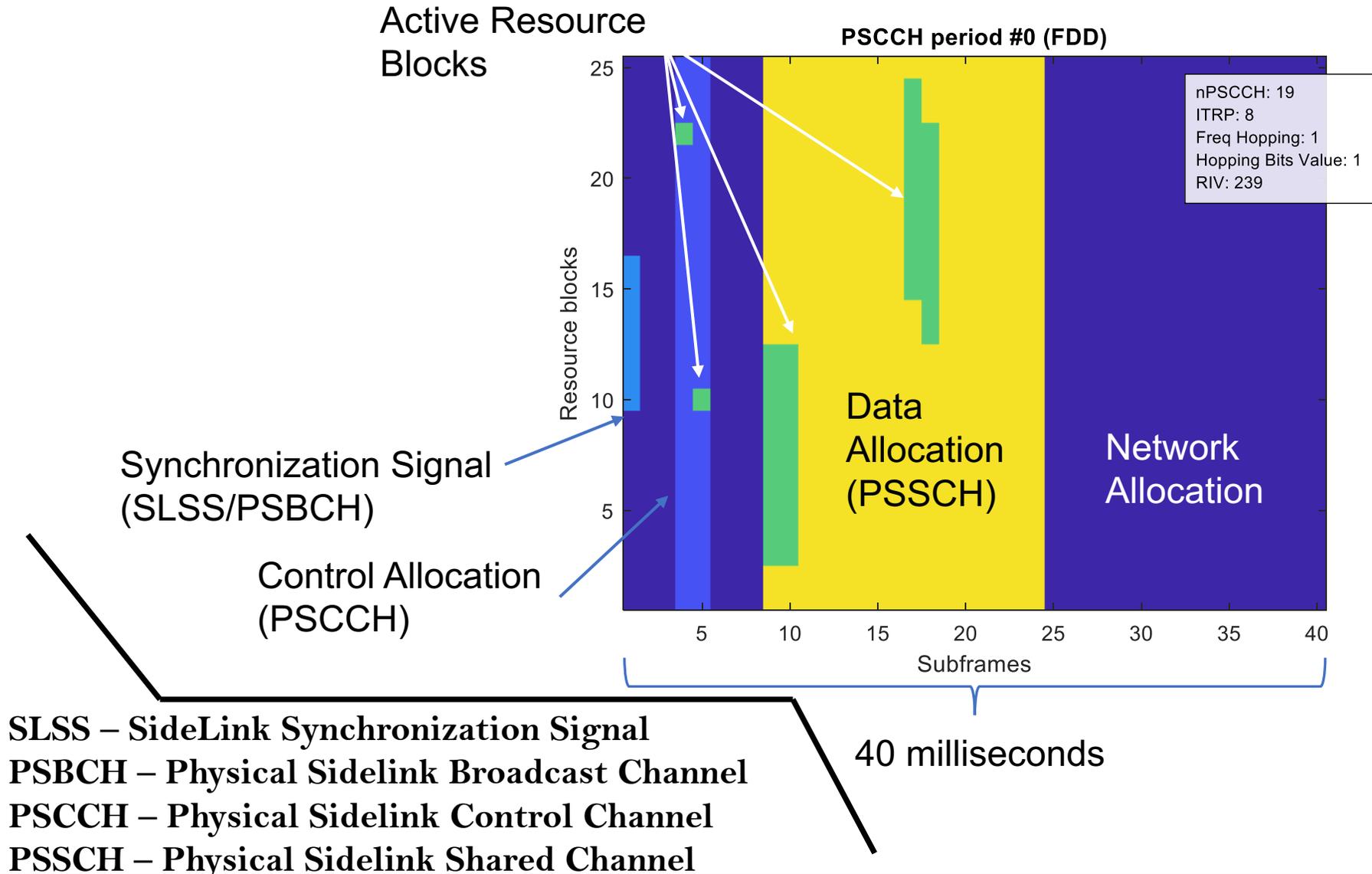
Communication by advantaged location

3GPP standards work has focused on short ranges

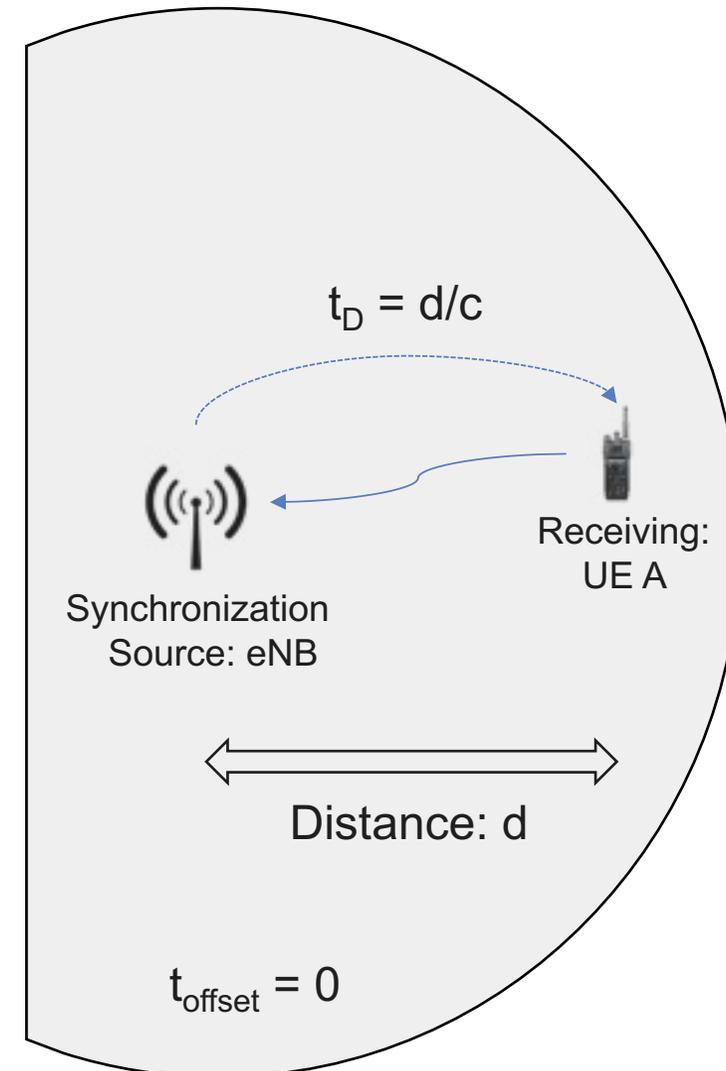
- Default configuration of CP (cyclic prefix) limits range of protocol



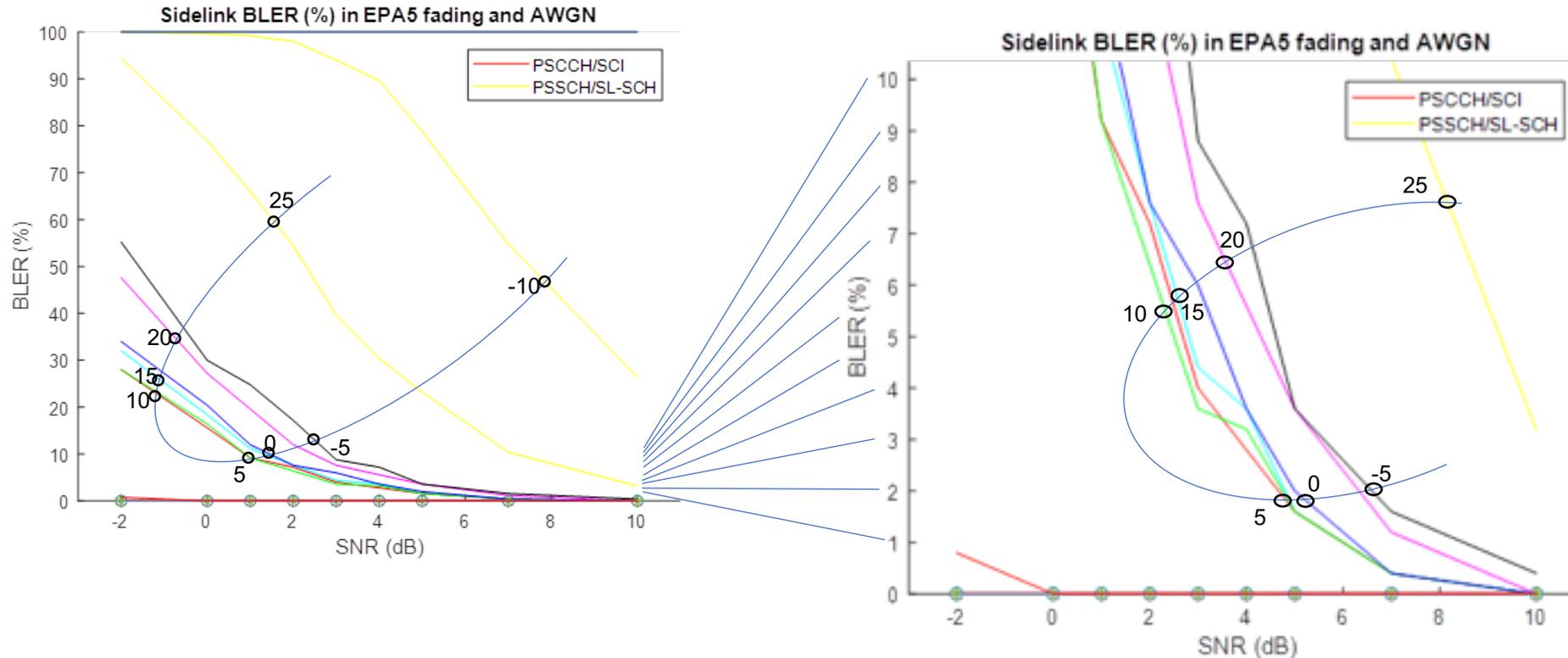
Typical structure of ProSe signals



1. UE A synchronizes
2. UE A sends initial Tx
3. eNB delay for each UE
4. eNB sends message to UE
5. UE A transmits early
6. eNB receives messages time aligned



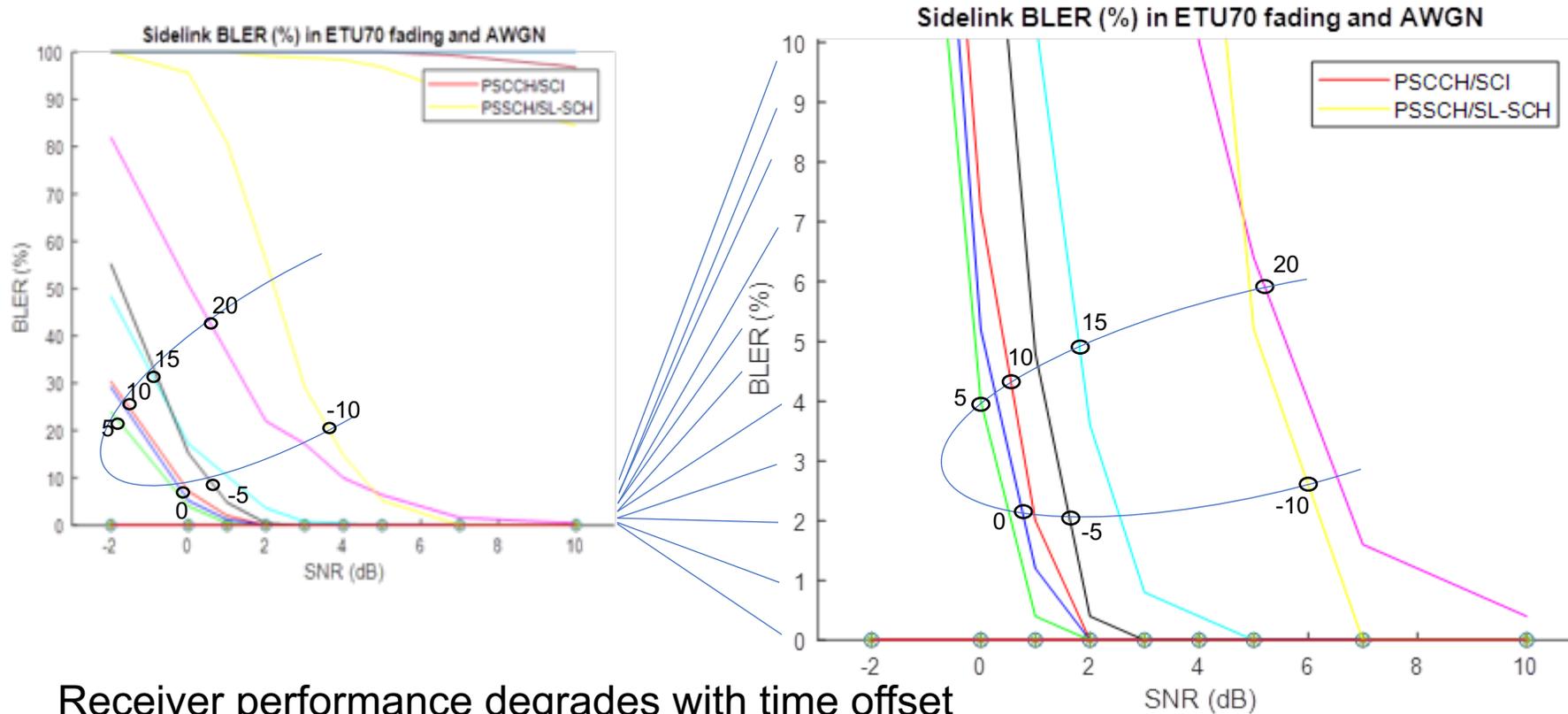
BLER as a function of timing offset in samples



Receiver performance degrades with time offset

- Standard cyclical prefix
- ~40 samples per mile
- Best performance ~ 3/8 mile with EPA5 fading

BLER as a function of timing offset: ETU



Receiver performance degrades with time offset

- Standard cyclical prefix
- ~40 samples per mile
- Best performance ~ 1/4 mile with ETU70 fading

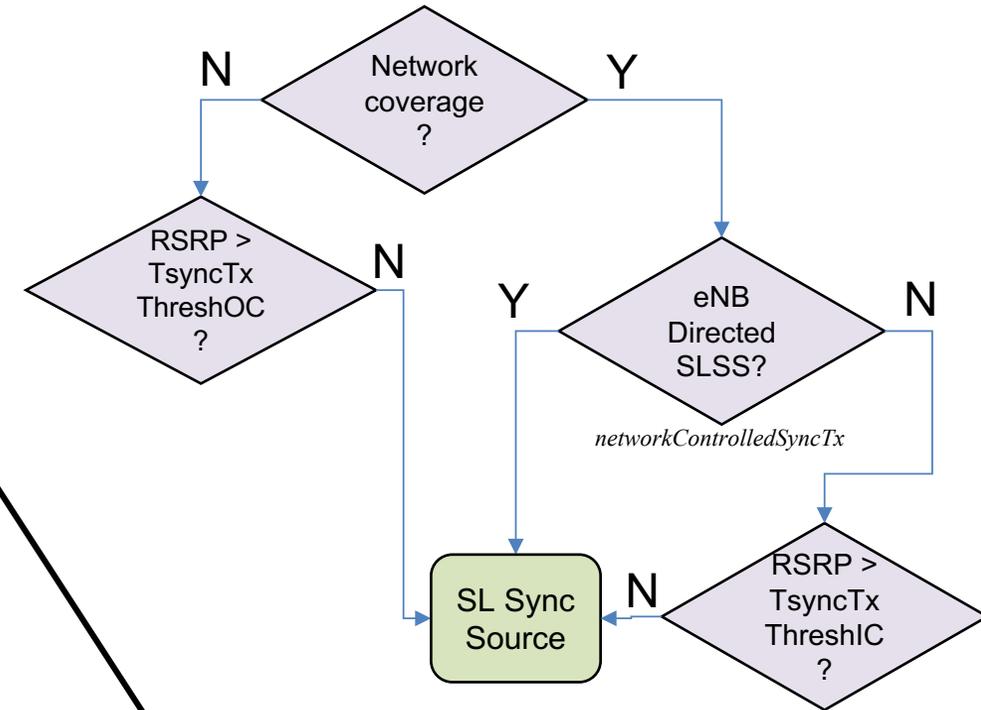
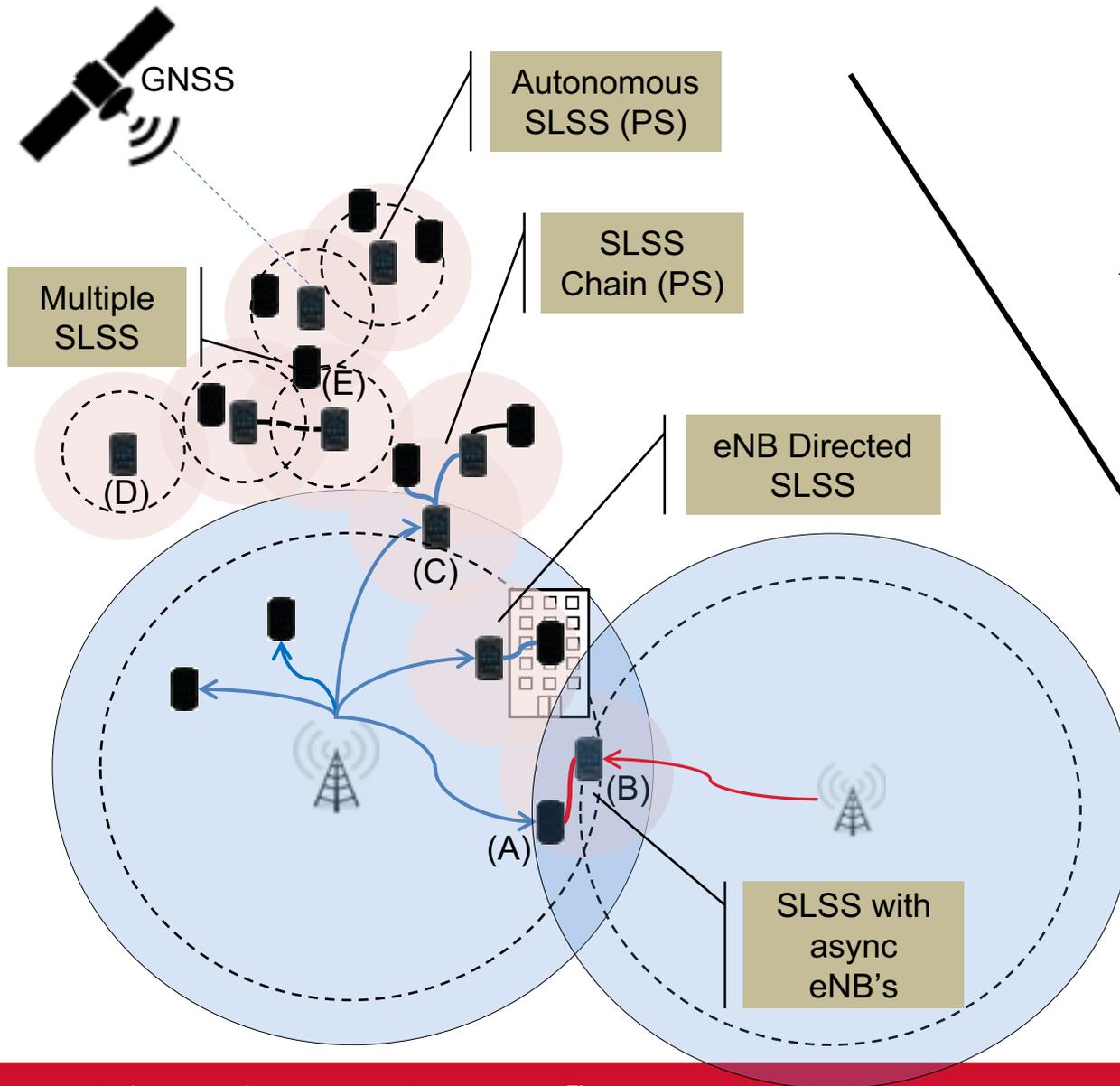
Setting the cyclic prefix to extended

- Allows ~ 3 miles of delay offset
- Reduces throughput by: 14%

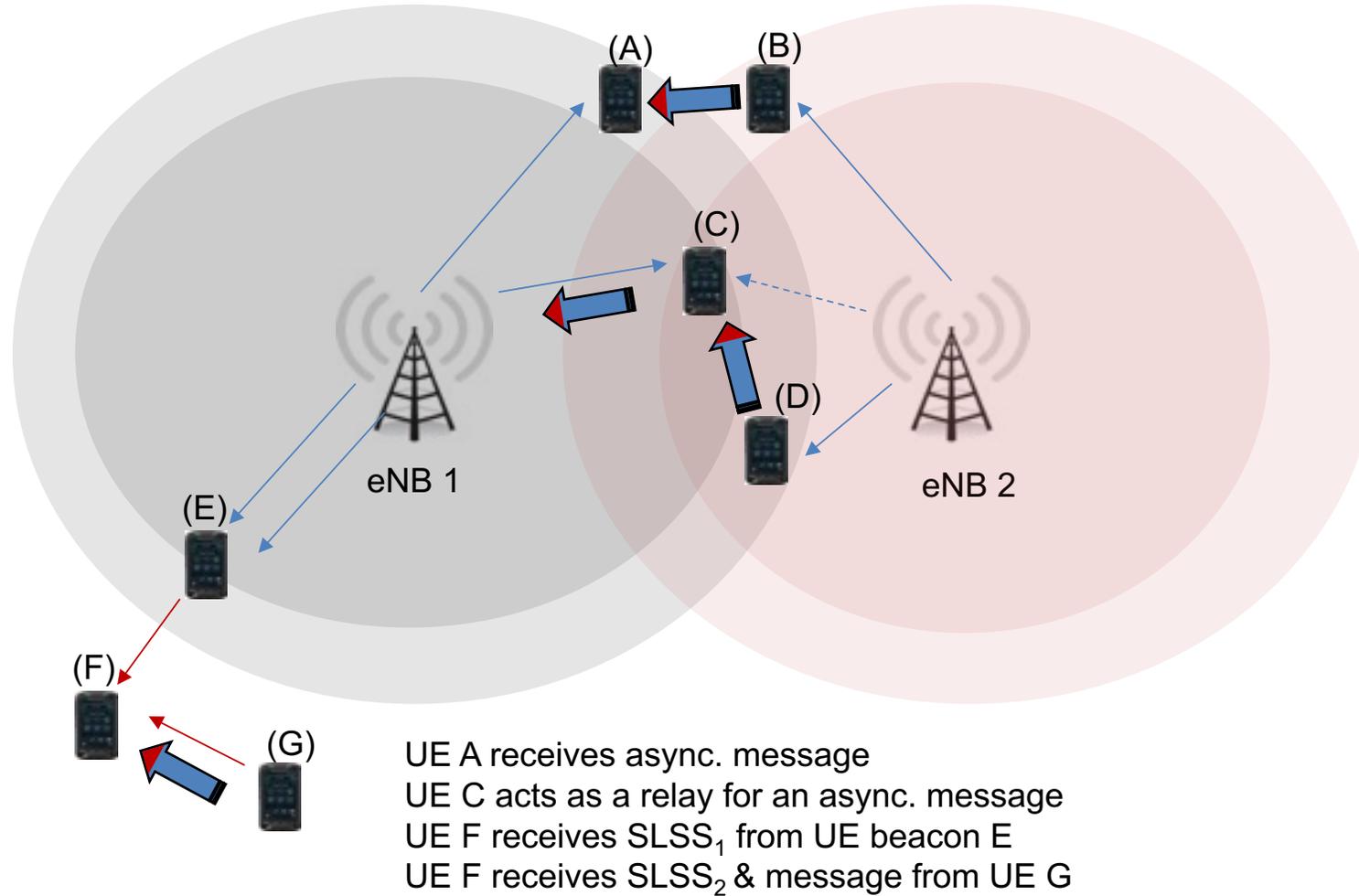
Blind searches for proper timing

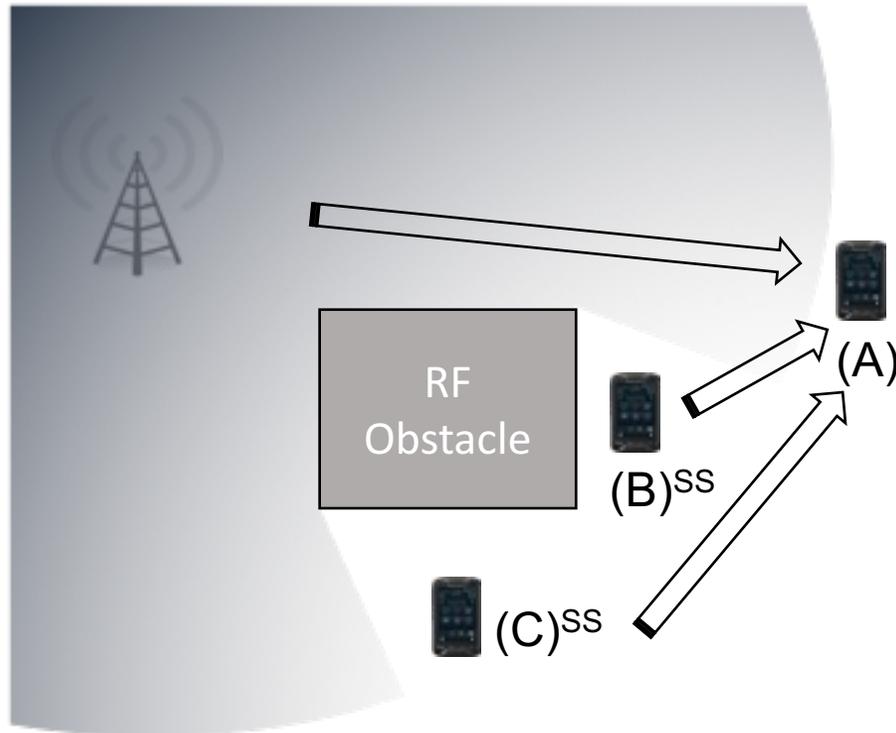
- No loss in throughput
- Reduces battery life

Sync source use cases & determination



Note:
 1. Off network sync shown in black
 2. ProSe devices may receive multiple SLSS



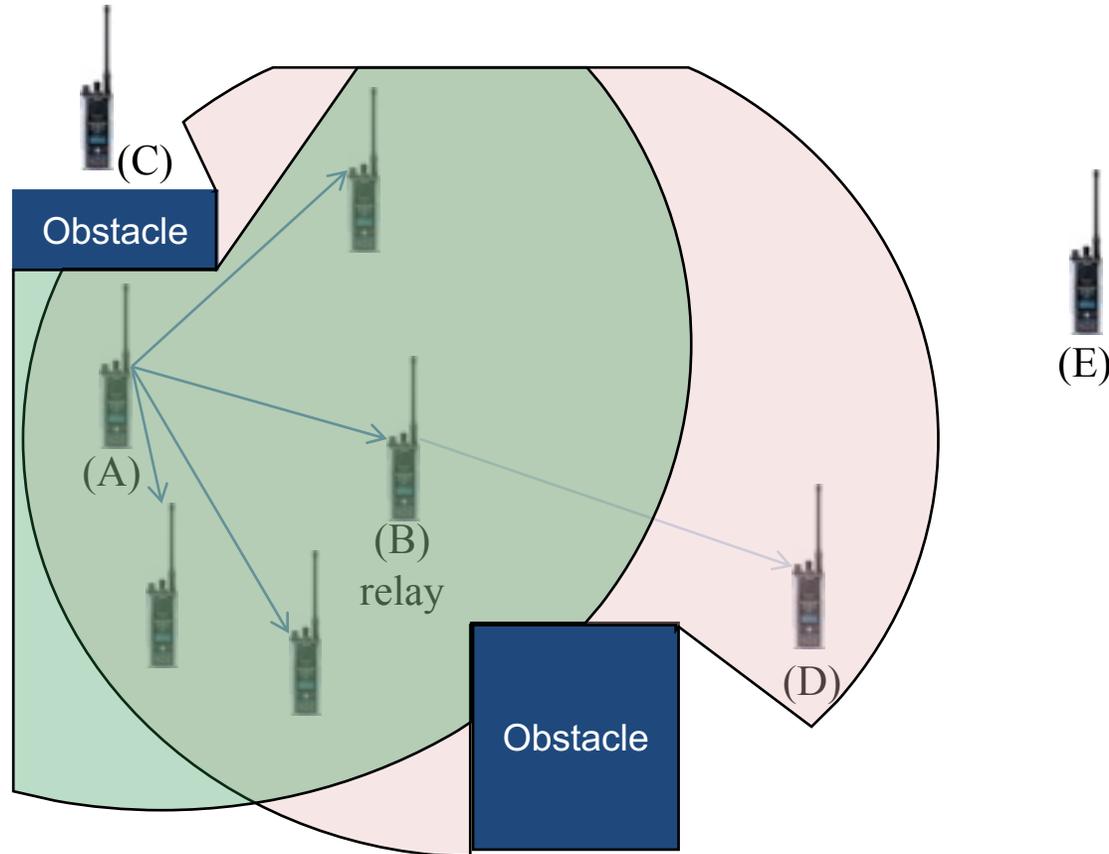


Each device may receive multiple synchronization sources

- It tracks them
- A receiver must search sync sources
 - To minimize missed messages
 - Each sync. source reduces battery life

Managing the sync source life cycle

- Identifying mergeable sources
 - Pruning sources
- Sync sources can evolve their timing to merge sources



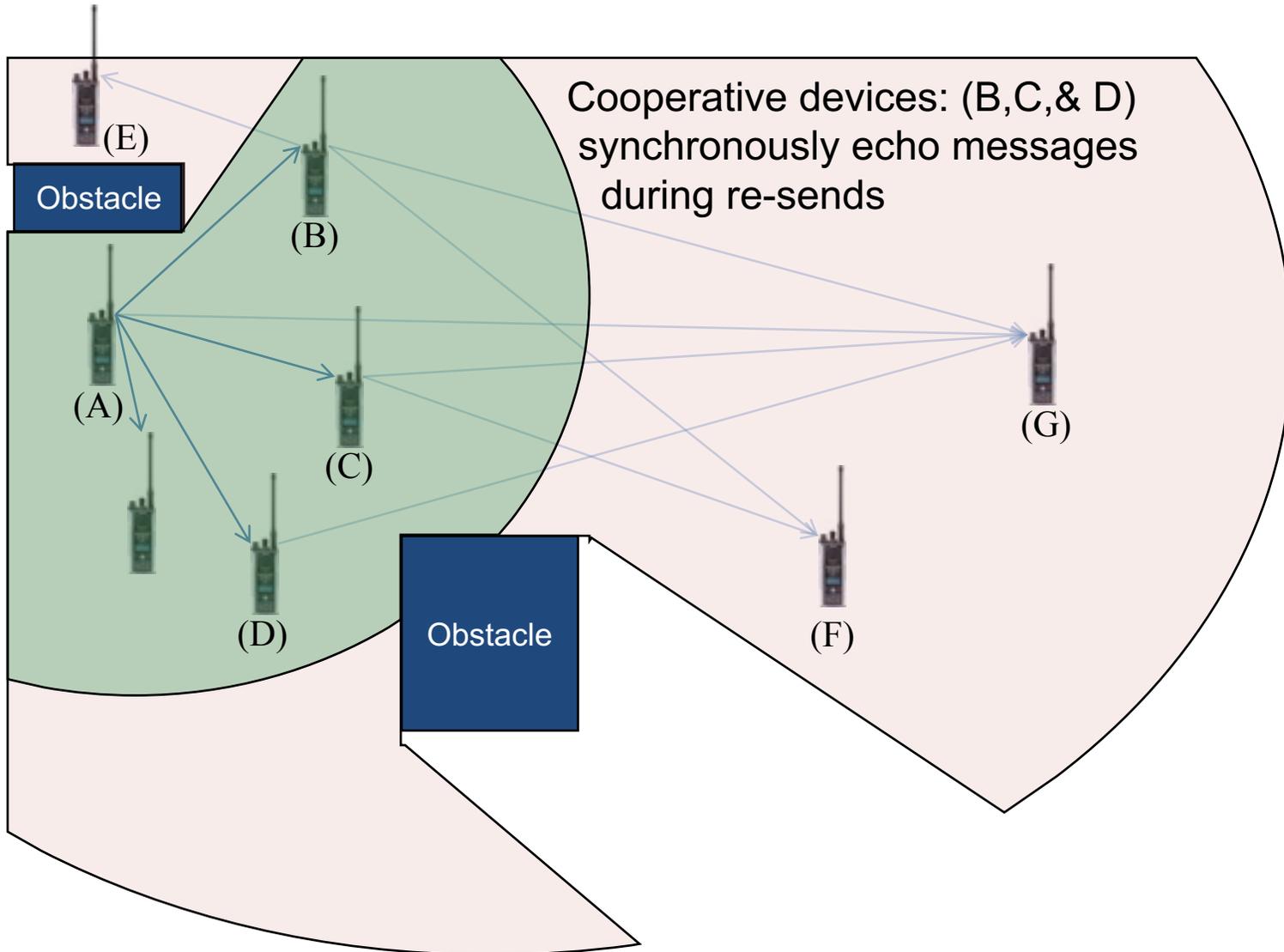
Benefits

- Extended range
- Lessens obstruction effects

Disadvantages

- Twice as many radio resources
- Quasi-static deployment
- MIMO capabilities not fully utilized

Cooperative communication (example)



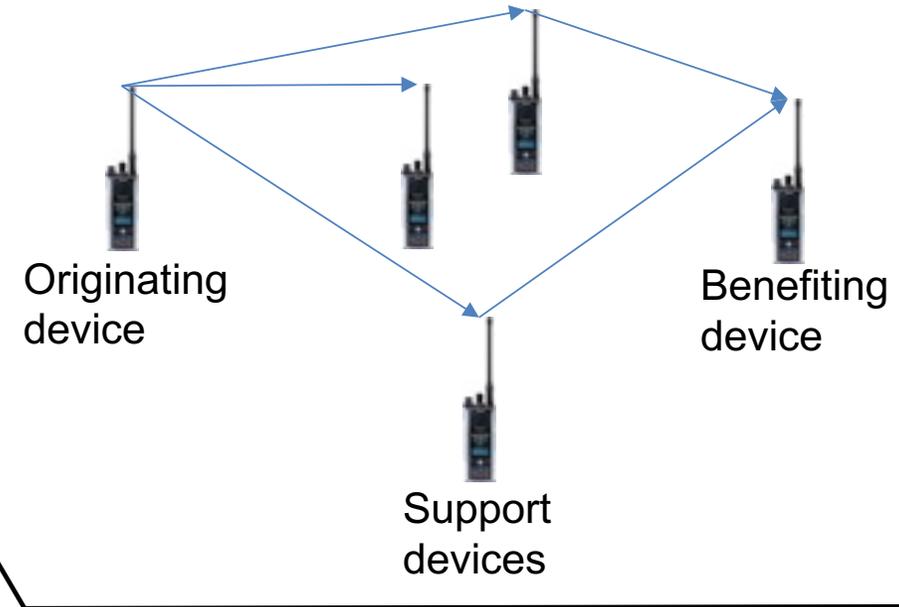
Benefits

- Higher effective transmitter power
- Diversity: $M \times 2$
- Dynamic cooperative communications
- Improves communication with obstructions

Challenges

- Managing congestion

Each device acts independently



Configuration

- System policy
- Local policy



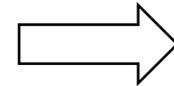
Priority

- Protocol
- Application



Radio Metrics

- Signal quality
- Signal loading



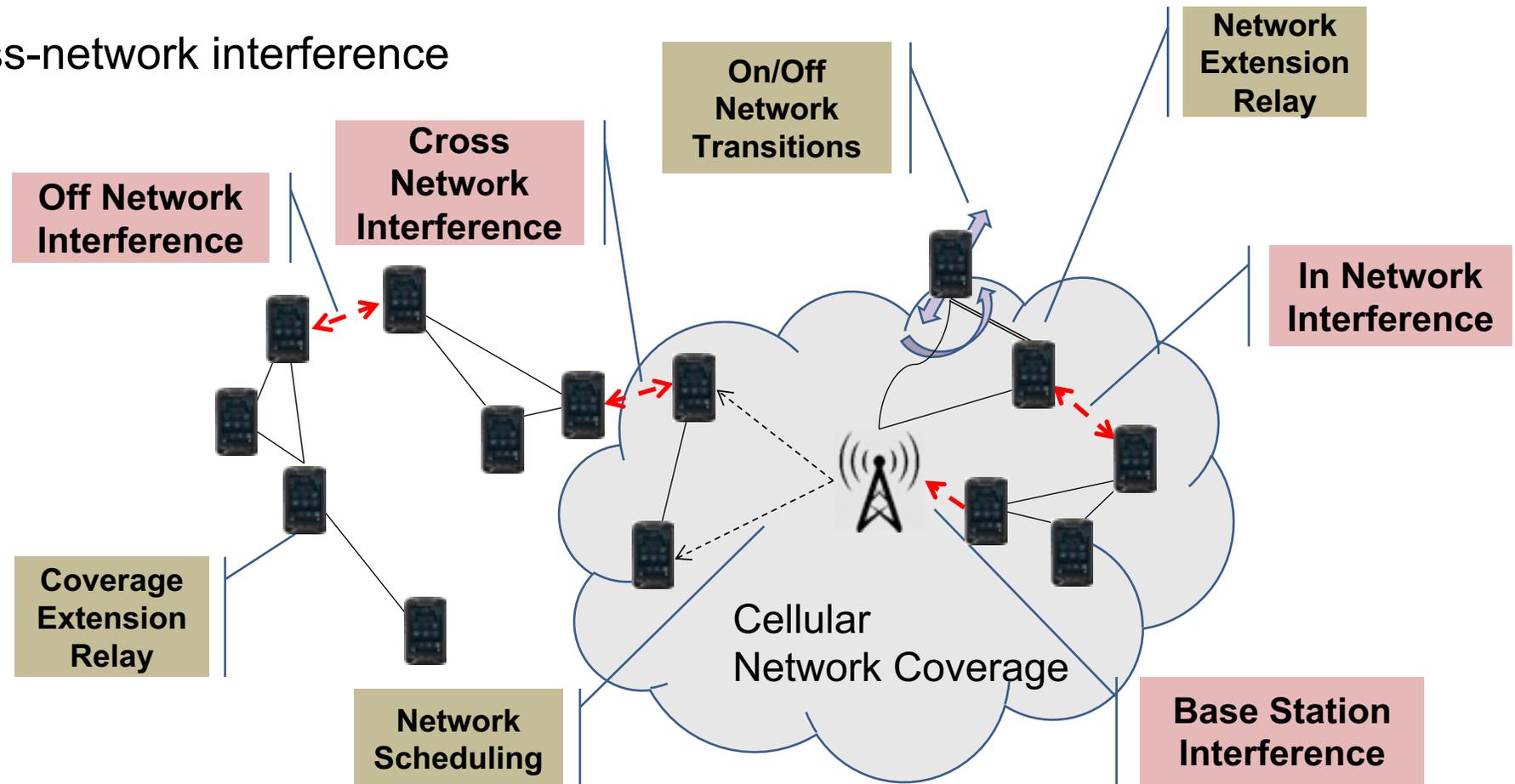
Transmission Support Decision

MANET Management

- Link life cycle, relays, network transitions, resource allocation

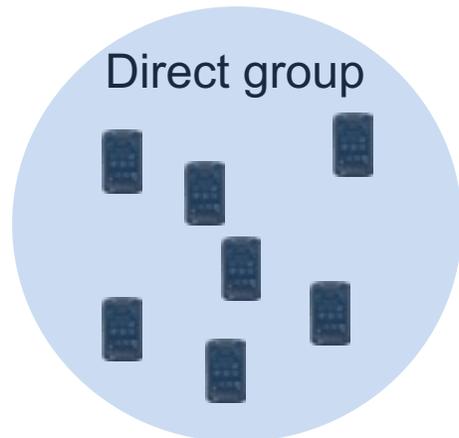
Interference Control

- Intra-MANET & cross-network interference

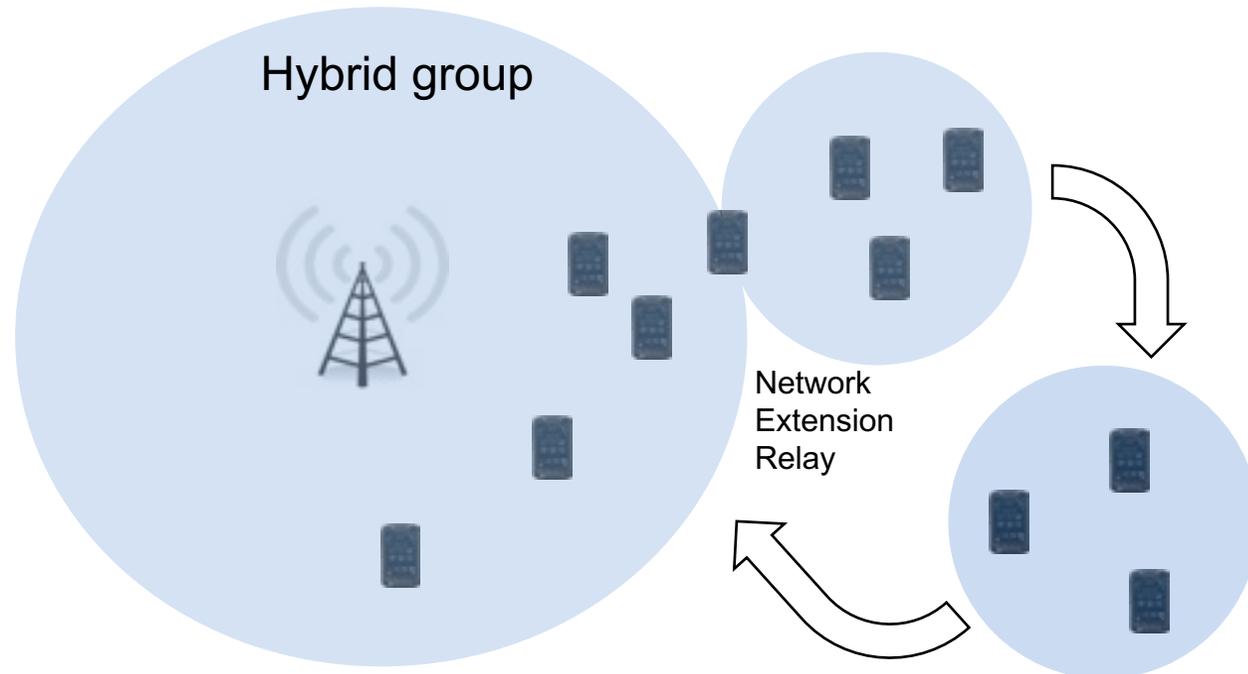


Network communications provides:

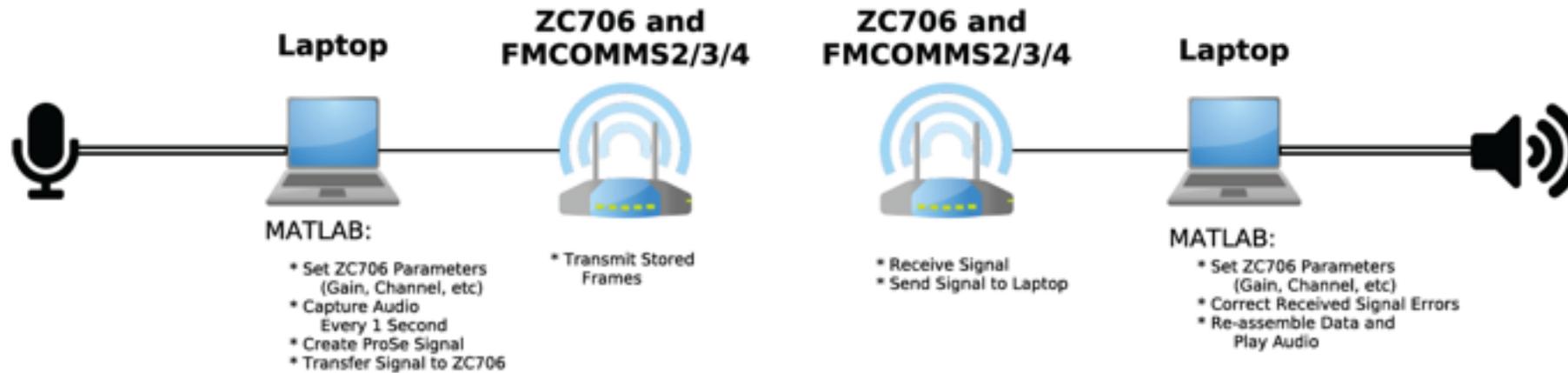
- Greater efficiency
- Less congestion limitations
- Connections for
 - Reporting chain monitoring
 - Evidentiary recording



Not efficient in good network coverage



Development platform for evaluating new capabilities





Modeling, Simulation and Performance Evaluation for Future Public Safety Networks

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Program overview

- > R&D proposal responding to topics A (**Mission Critical Voice**), D (**PSC Demand Models**), and E (**Research and Prototyping Platforms**) of the 2017 NIST-PSIAP-01 NOFO
- > Two year program conducted by **University of Washington** and **Centre Tecnològic de Telecomunicacions de Catalunya (CTTC)** investigators



Presentation outline

- > Topic A (20 minutes): **Advances in ns-3 simulation support for LTE-based public safety networks**
- > Topic B (20 minutes): **Advances in modeling device discovery in LTE D2D mode 2 operation**
- > 10 minutes for Q&A



ns-3 Models and Scenarios for PSCR

Tom Henderson (presenting) and CTTC team (L. Giupponi, Z. Ali, and M. Requena)

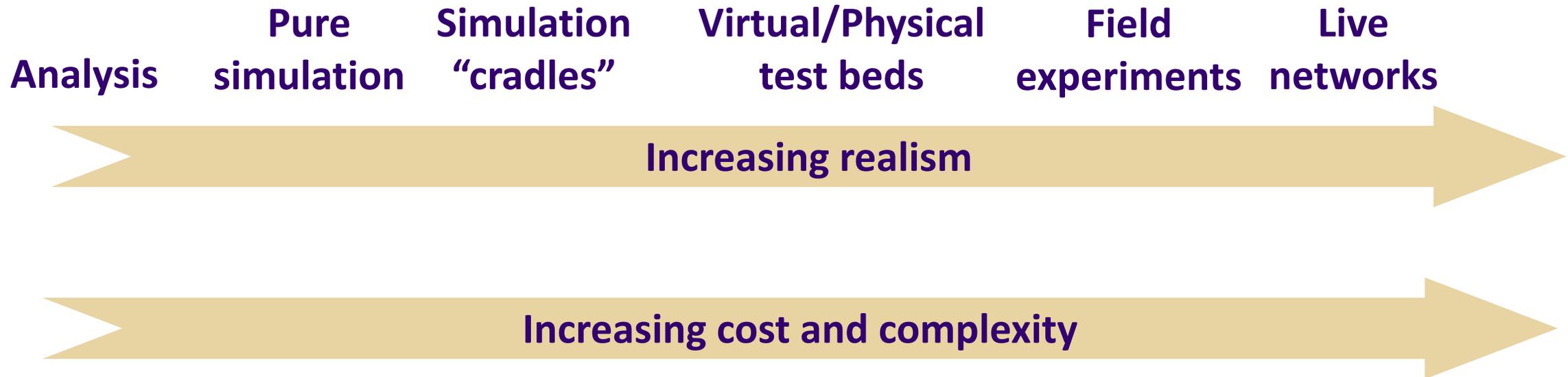
ns-3 Models and Scenarios for PSCR

- > **Need:** Create PSCR-focused research and prototyping platforms (topic E)
 - **Packet-level network simulators** simulate the end-to-end flow of application data through model network scenarios
- > **Project goal:** Enhance the ns-3 discrete-event network simulator to become a preferred simulation framework for public safety communications research
- > **Technical leads:** Tom Henderson (Univ. of Washington) and Lorenza Giupponi (CTTC)

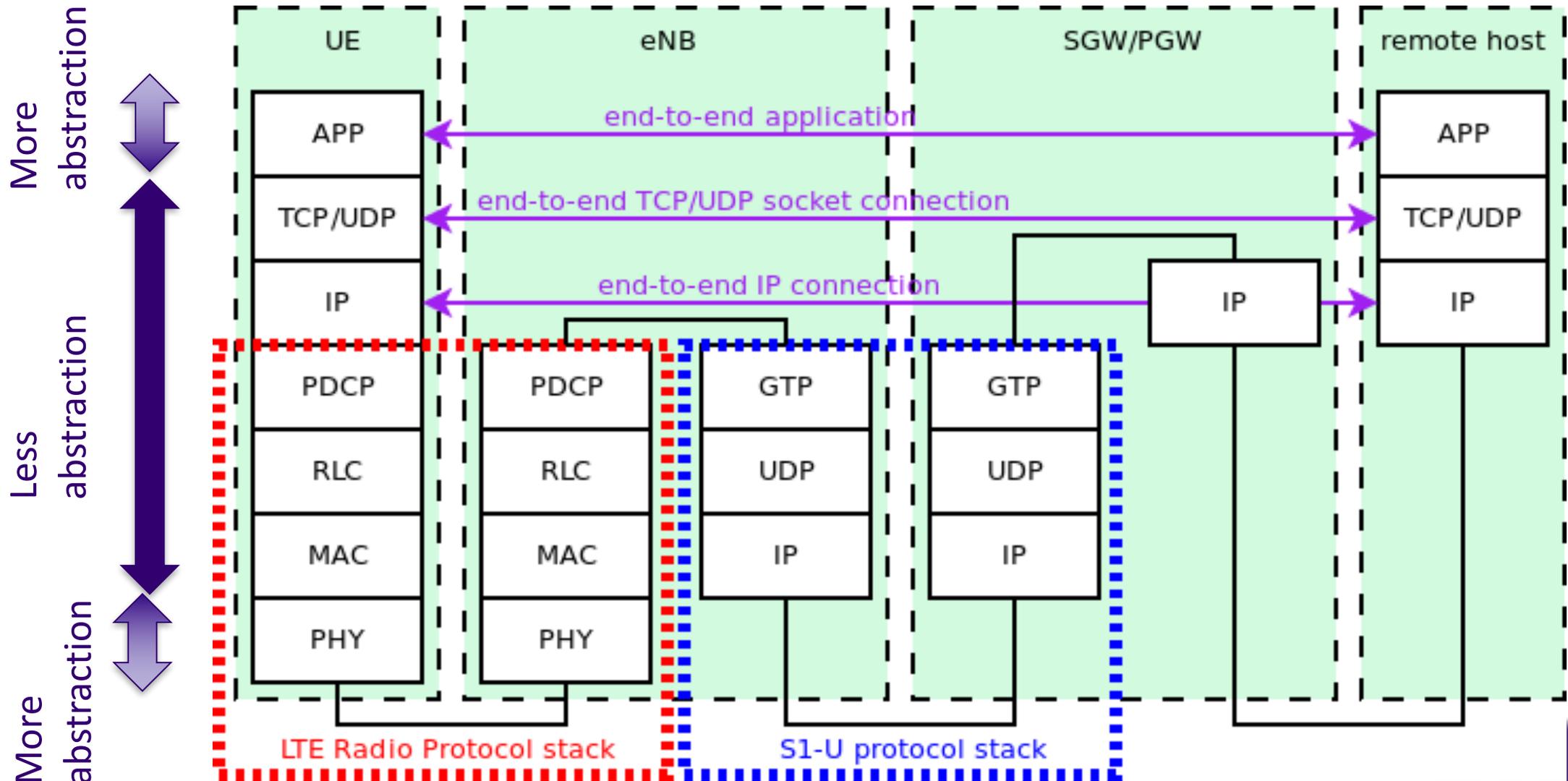


Why simulate networks?

- > Study aspects of technology not yet implemented or specified
- > Repeatable, scalable, cost-effective experiments



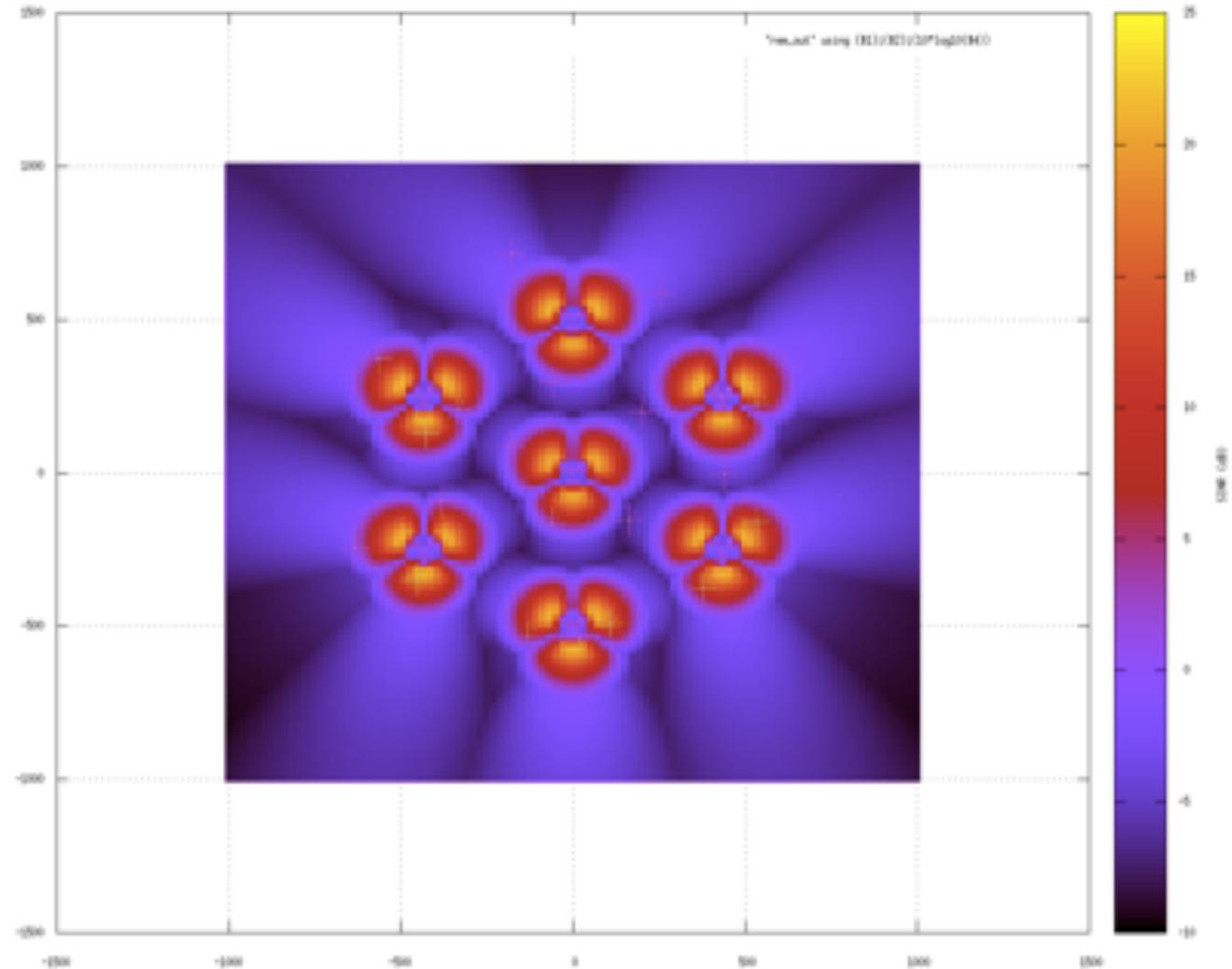
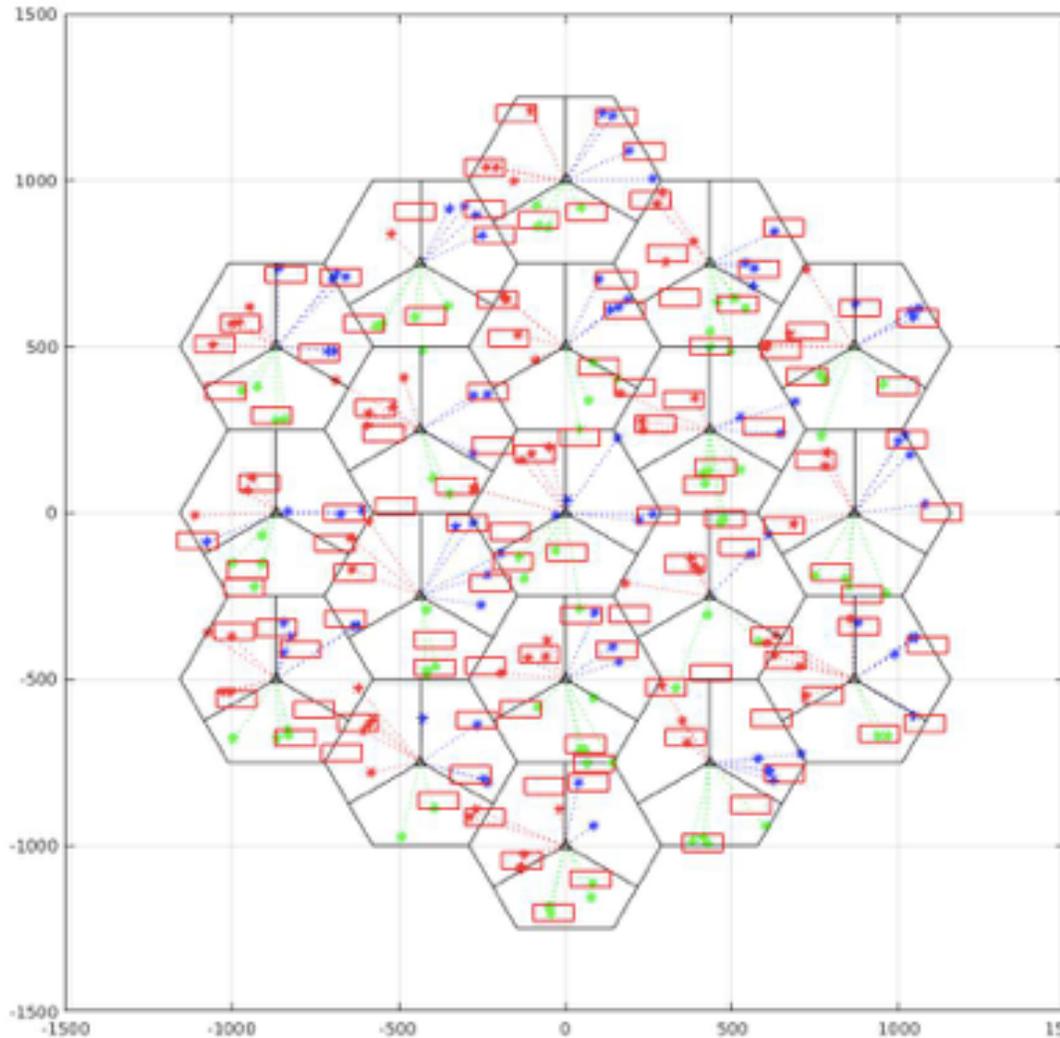
Packet-level simulation overview



Network-level views

Network cell structure showing eNBs, UEs, and buildings

Radio environment map showing signal strength from eNBs



Sample questions for packet-level simulation study

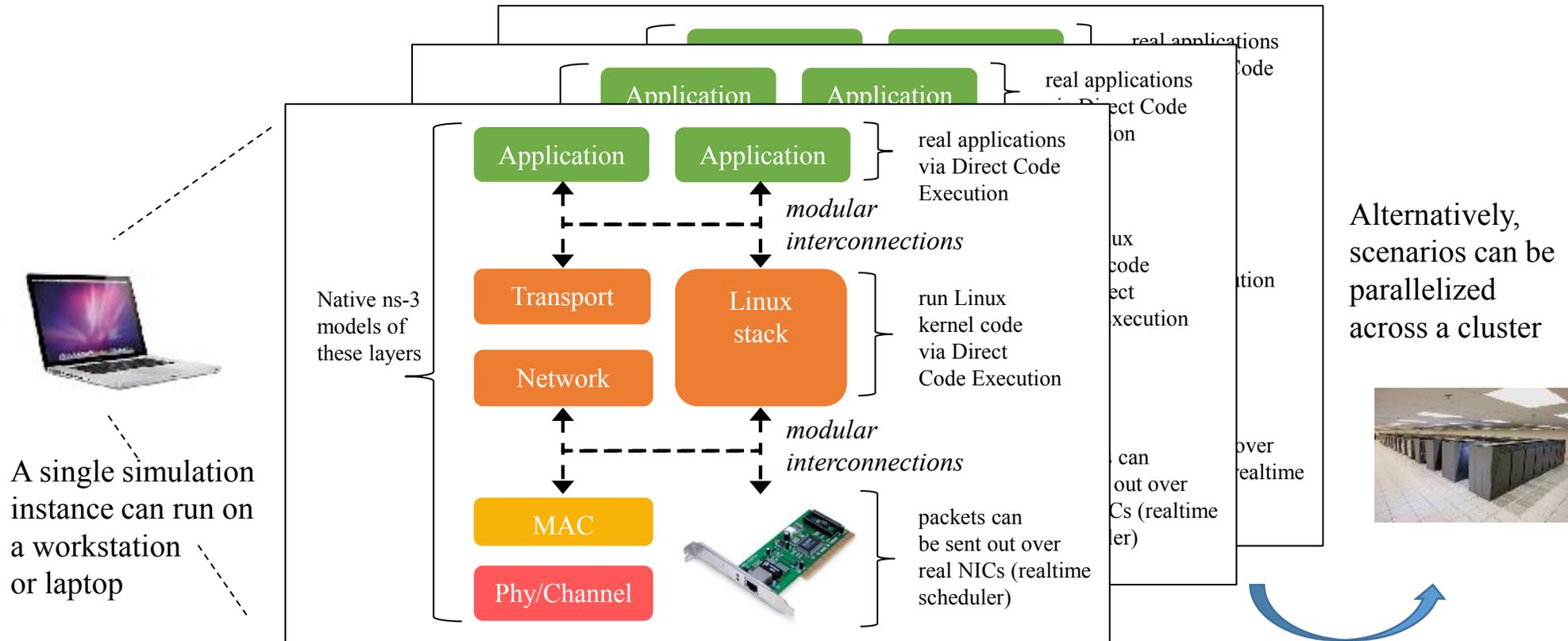
Topics sampled from the literature, found on Google Scholar

- > Performance analysis of hybrid aerial-terrestrial 4G LTE/Wi-Fi multimode base stations deployed on airborne platforms
- > Rate allocation algorithms to optimally allocate resources while delivering minimum QoS guarantees
- > Performance of priority access alternatives on shared commercial LTE networks
- > Performance of distributed base stations in LTE public safety networks

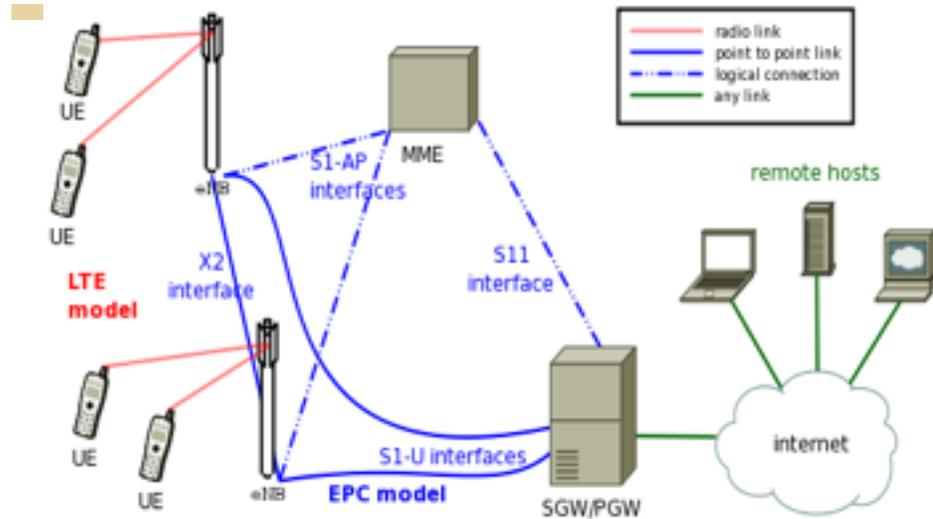


Why ns-3?

- > Common, open source tool to advance the research and leverage the work of others
- > NIST PSCR group has already made significant developments



Development plans for ns-3's PSCR module

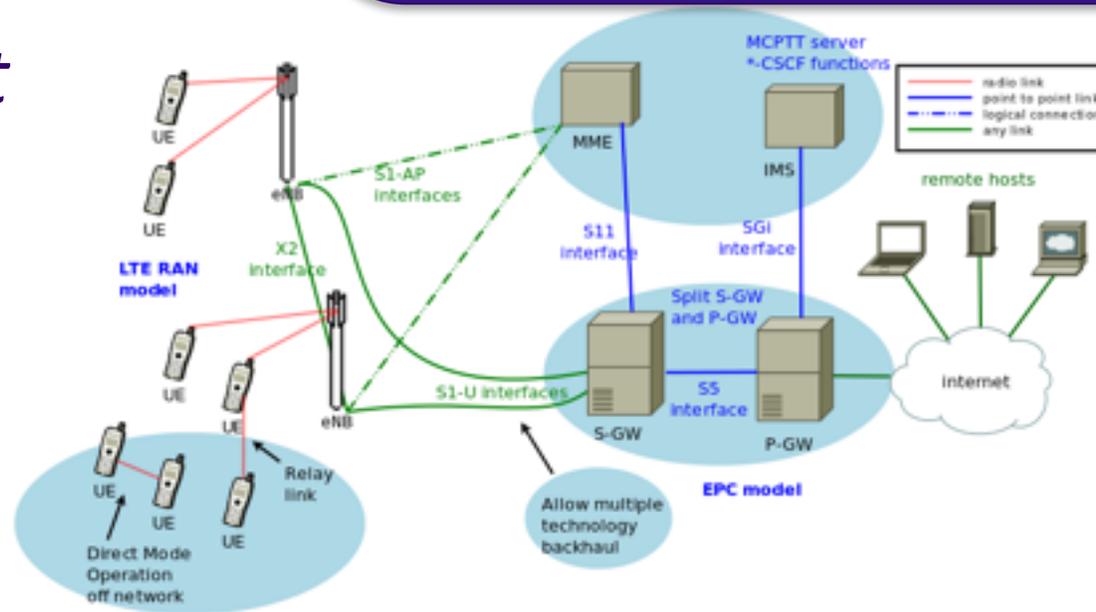
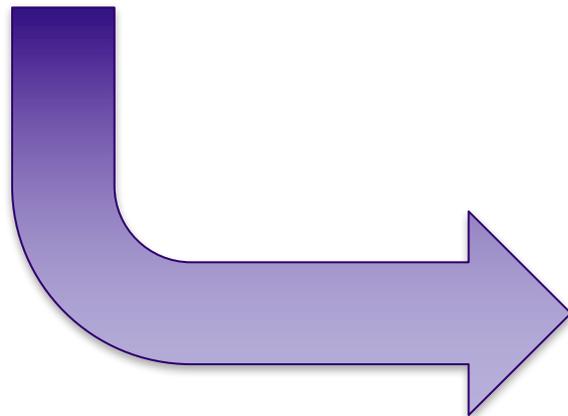


Extend ns-3's existing LTE module to incorporate the public safety extensions

- off-network modes, MCPTT, enhanced backhaul models

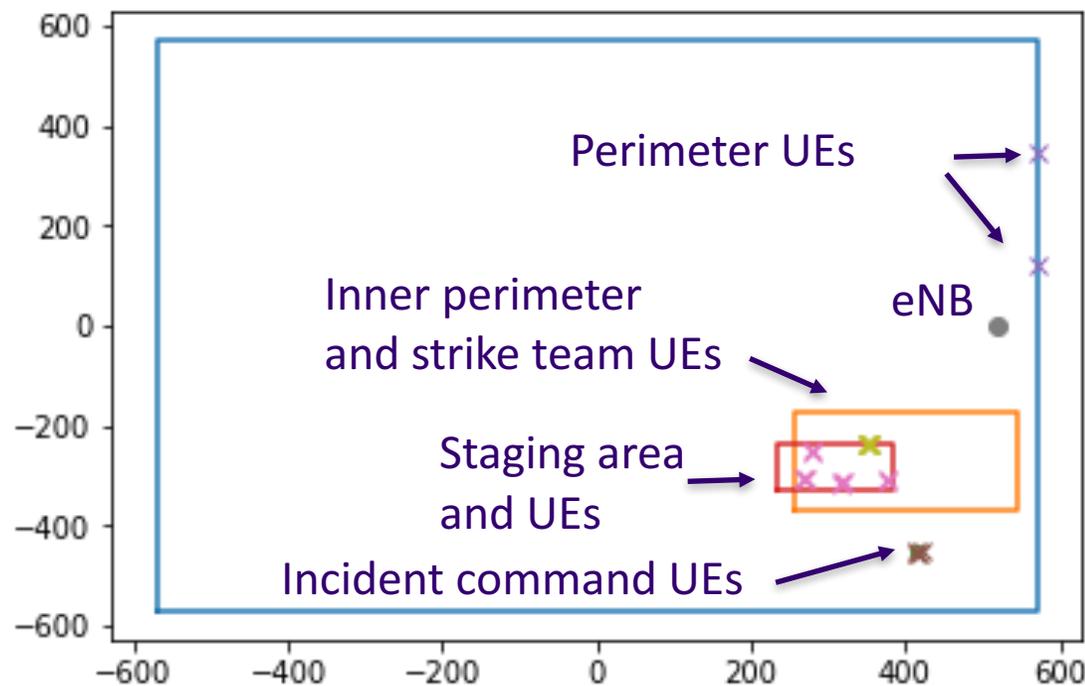
Create sample public safety network scenarios (templates)

Existing ns-3 LTE support



Modeling a first responder scenario in ns-3

NIST PSCR has created a ns-3 scenario based on the **Televate Report**¹ describing a hypothetical (urban or rural) hostage incident



Python Matplotlib rendering of scenario nodes

¹https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ecn/programs/armer/Documents/Minnesota_Needs_Assessment_Report_FINAL.pdf



Televate applications

- > A number of notional applications are configured to generate and consume traffic bursts

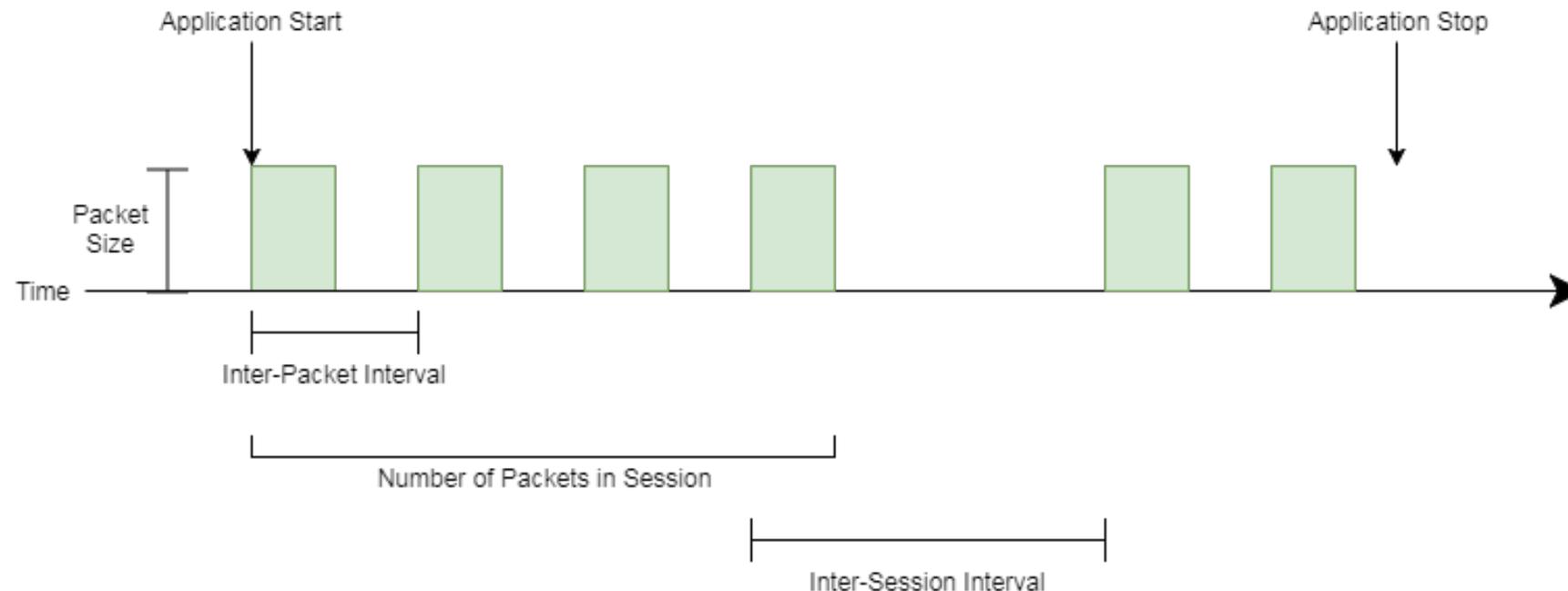


Figure source: Incident Helpers Description, NIST/CTL/WND - 2017/10/25

- > Supplementing with higher fidelity application models as appropriate; e.g. on-network MCPPT



Incident scenario example

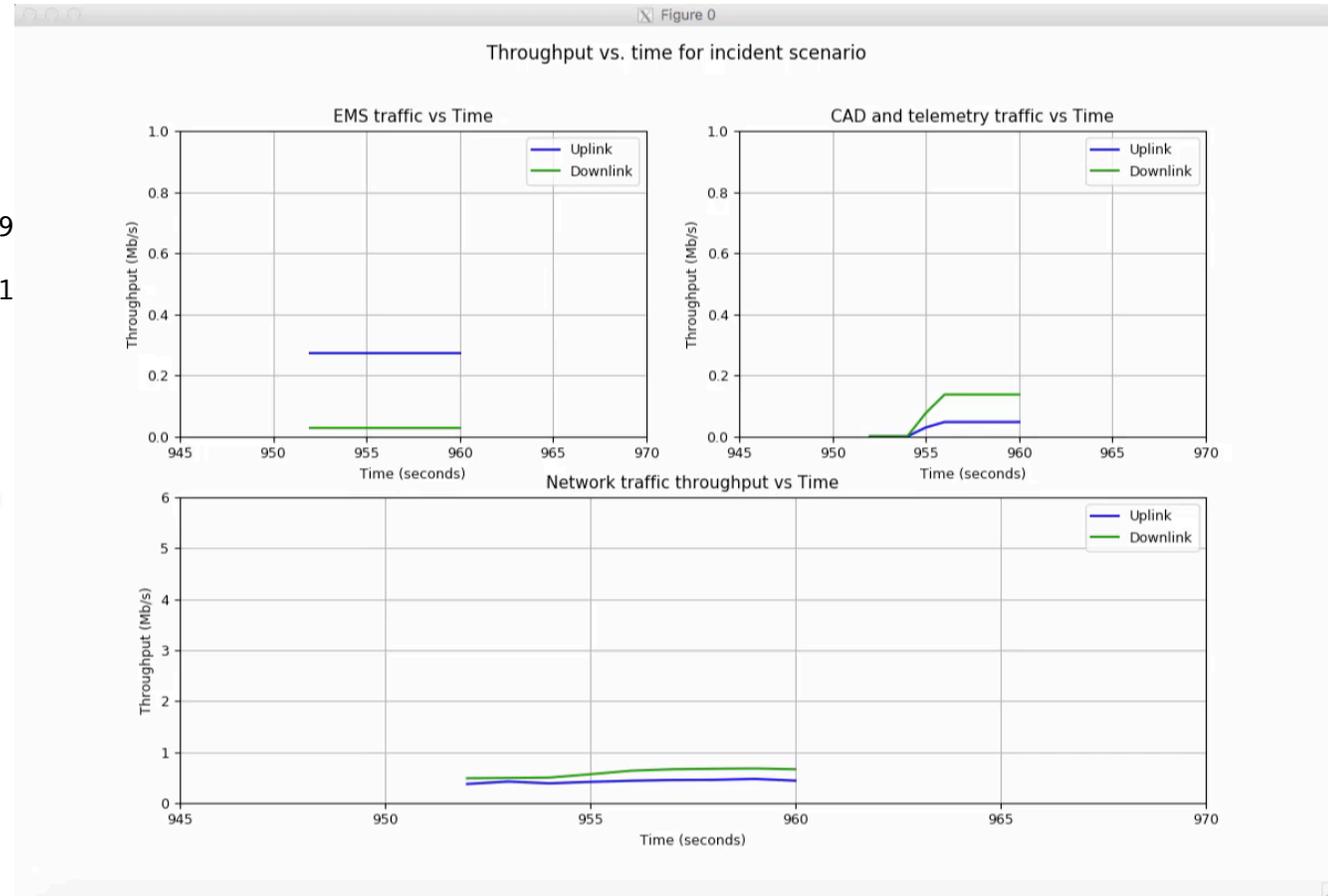
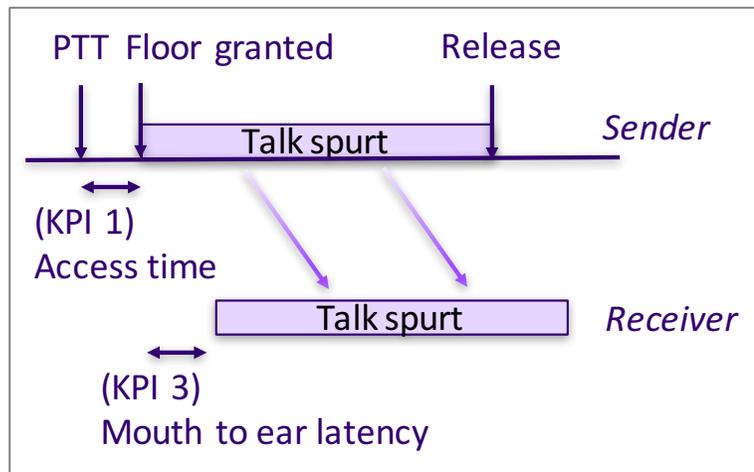
Raw trace data generated by ns-3

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WebBrowsingGraphics_0_Server 942.380928 TX 1024 1073 U 2399
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Used to
measure
KPIs



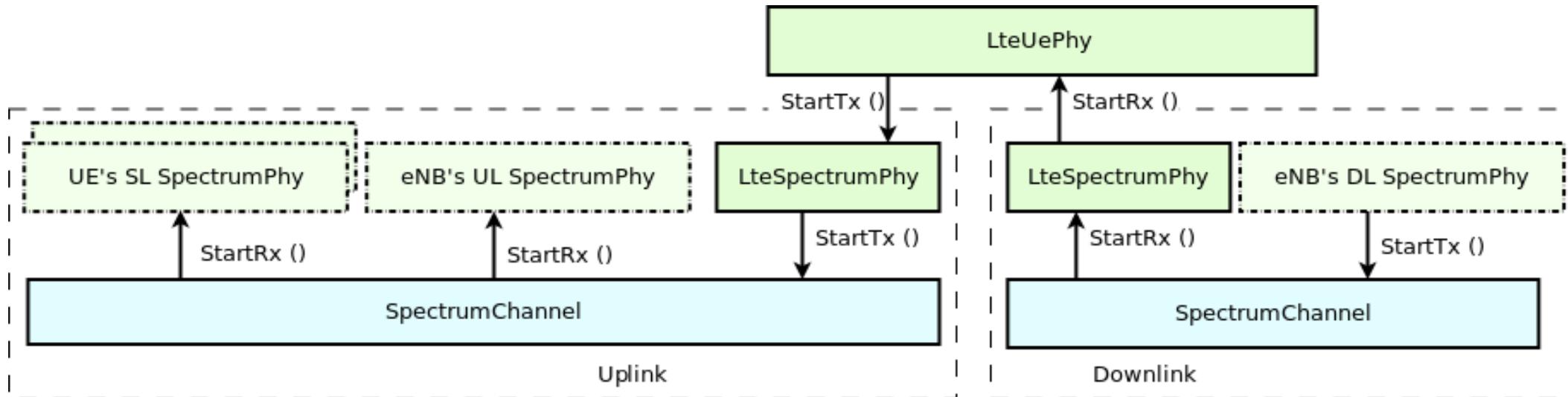
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Summary of year-1 progress

1) Software integration and availability

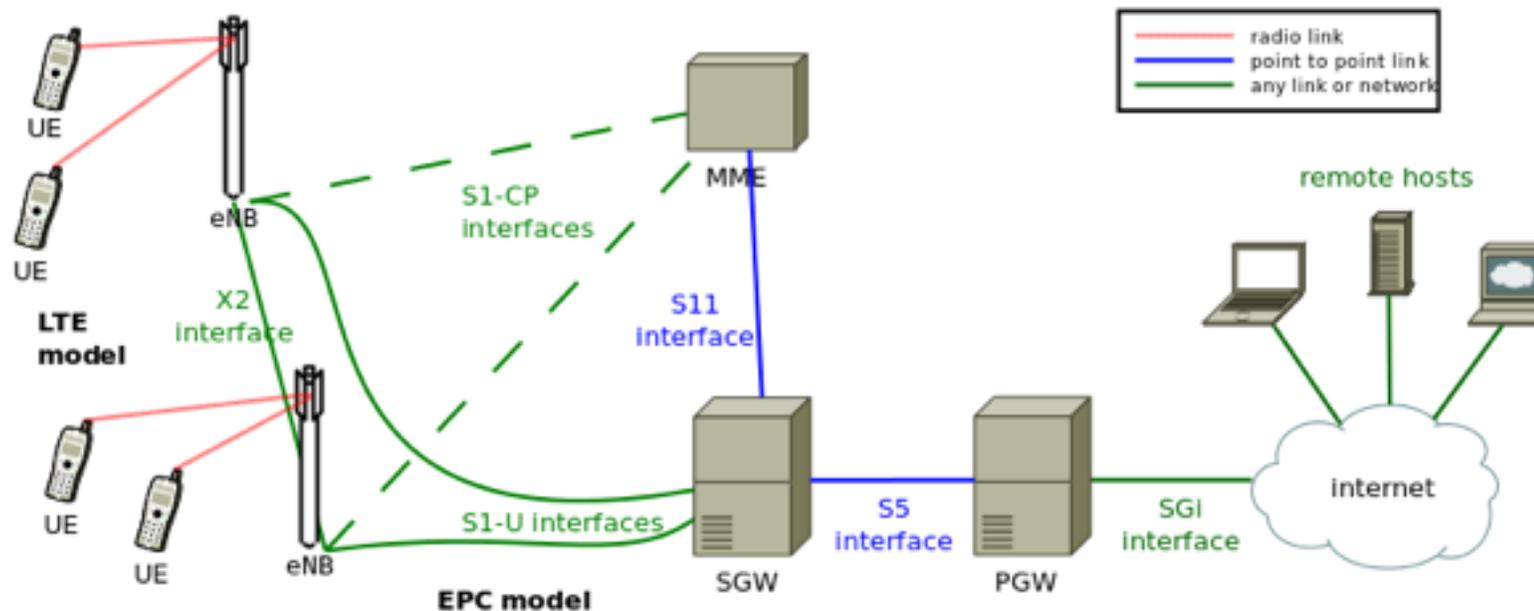
- Make NIST D2D and ProSe models compatible with the mainline ns-3 release



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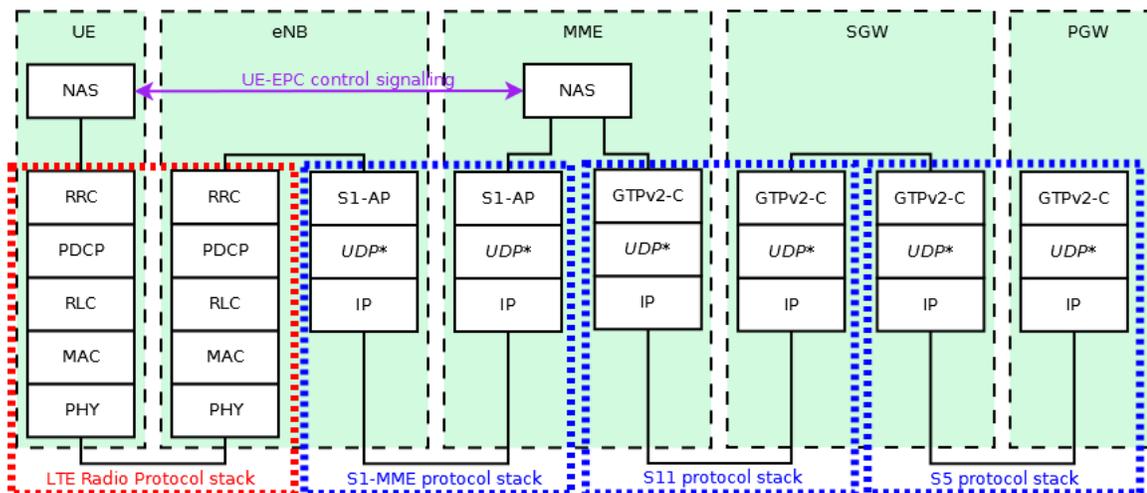
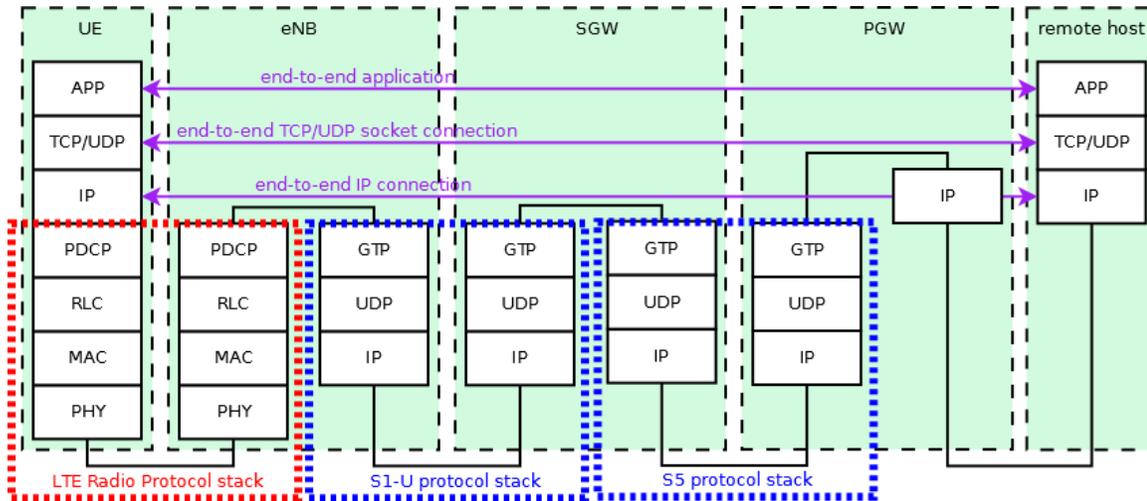
2) Improved model fidelity for public safety scenarios

- Improvements to the LTE EPC model (for more flexible network configurations)
- Start to support on-network modes of MCPTT



Summary of year-1 progress (cont.)

Improvements to the LTE / EPC model

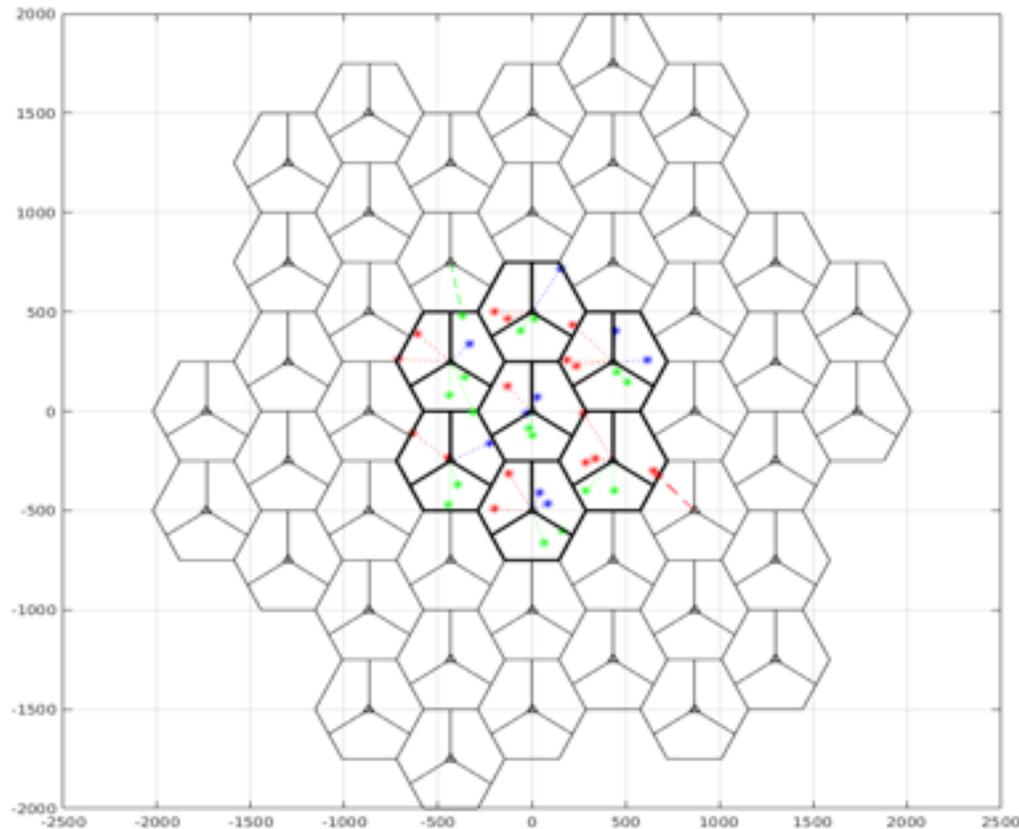


- New SGW, PGW and MME nodes
- New S5 interface
 - GTPv2-C protocol
- Management of data/control TEIDs in core network entities



Example of software testing and integration

- > Testing of wraparound methods to simulate multi-cell edge effects



Future plans

- > Finish **EPC model upgrades** and **in-network MCPTT** support
- > Additional features:
 - Support of **LTE IDLE** mode and **radio link failures (RLF)** as nodes transition in and out of coverage
 - Scalability and system level support for more **real code integration** and for **simulation checkpointing**
 - Support **evolution of D2D/ProSe** to later 3GPP release features (more in-network support and prioritization)
- > Continued **scenario development**, and start to **enable new users** to conduct interesting research on PSC-based LTE networks



Modeling Device to Device Discovery in LTE Mode 2

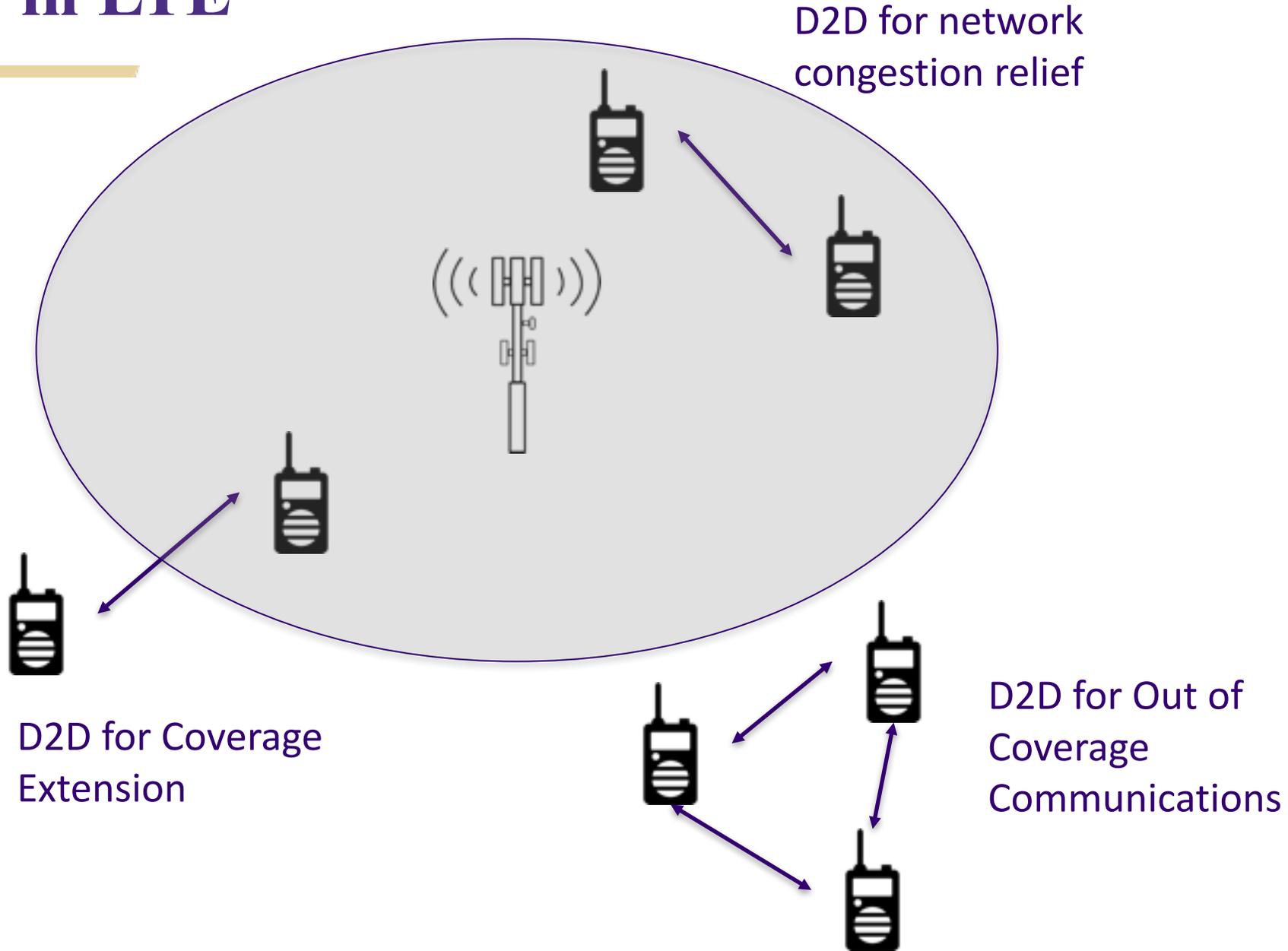
Collin Brady (presenting) and Sumit Roy

Overview

- **Motivation:** Current LTE specifications lack a robust D2D discovery process. As more public safety users adopt LTE, D2D discovery must be optimized for time critical situations.
- **Operational Benefit:** First responders in off-network situations can discover each other and communicate more quickly.
- **Approach:** Modeling each discovery round as an ALOHA like process allows for mathematical analysis complemented by MATLAB simulations.
- **Future Work:**
 - Extension of first round results to subsequent rounds
 - Algorithmic adaptation of transmission probability

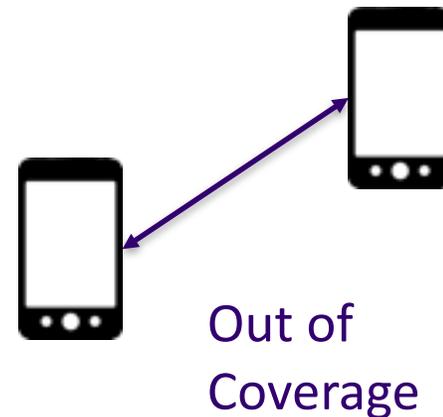


D2D in LTE

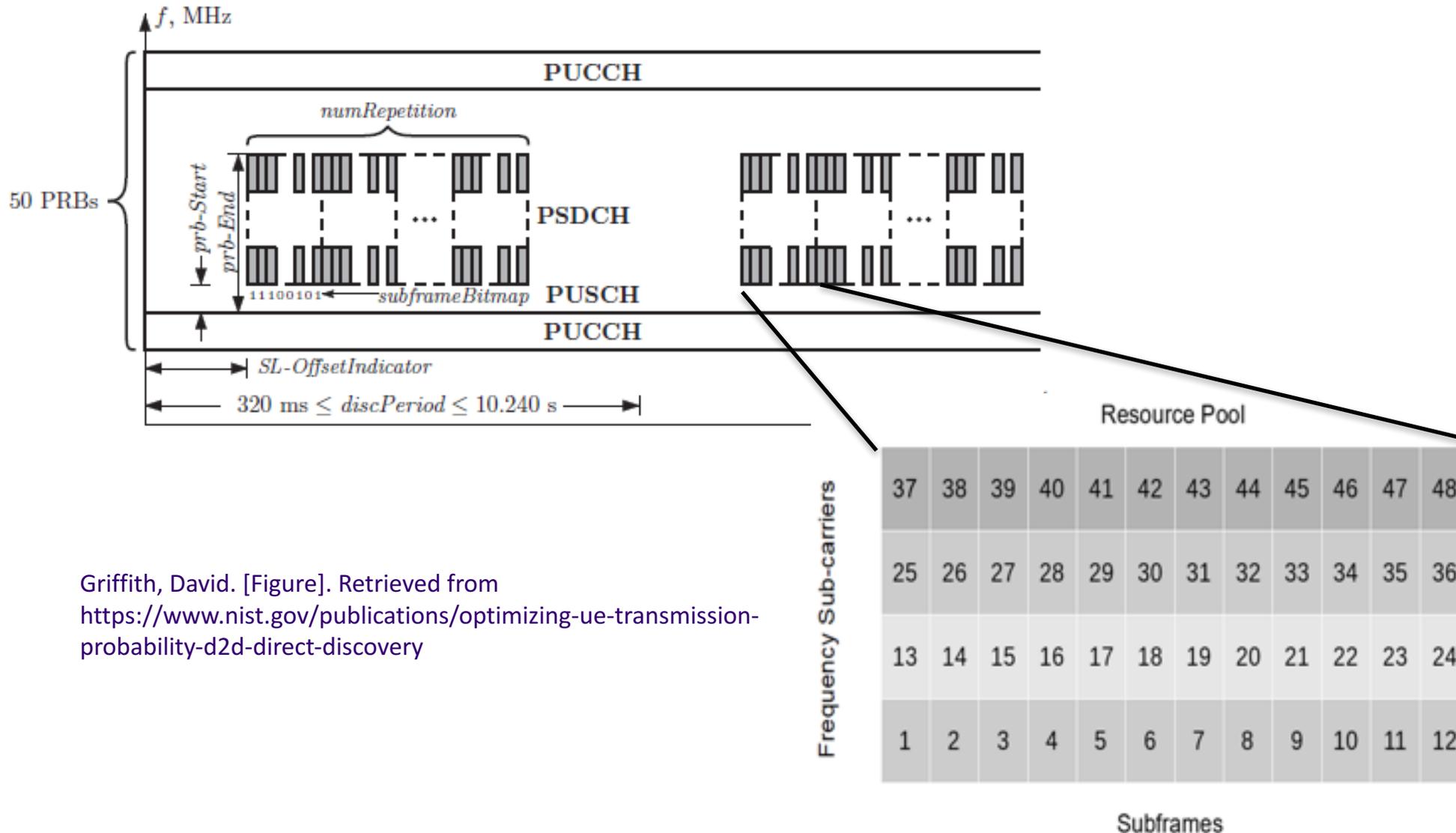


D2D Discovery

- “Discovery” is a function that allows UE to learn about other UE in their vicinity
- Two discovery modes are defined in the standards:
 - Mode 1: In network
 - Mode 2: out of network
- Discovery messages advertise what each UE is capable of



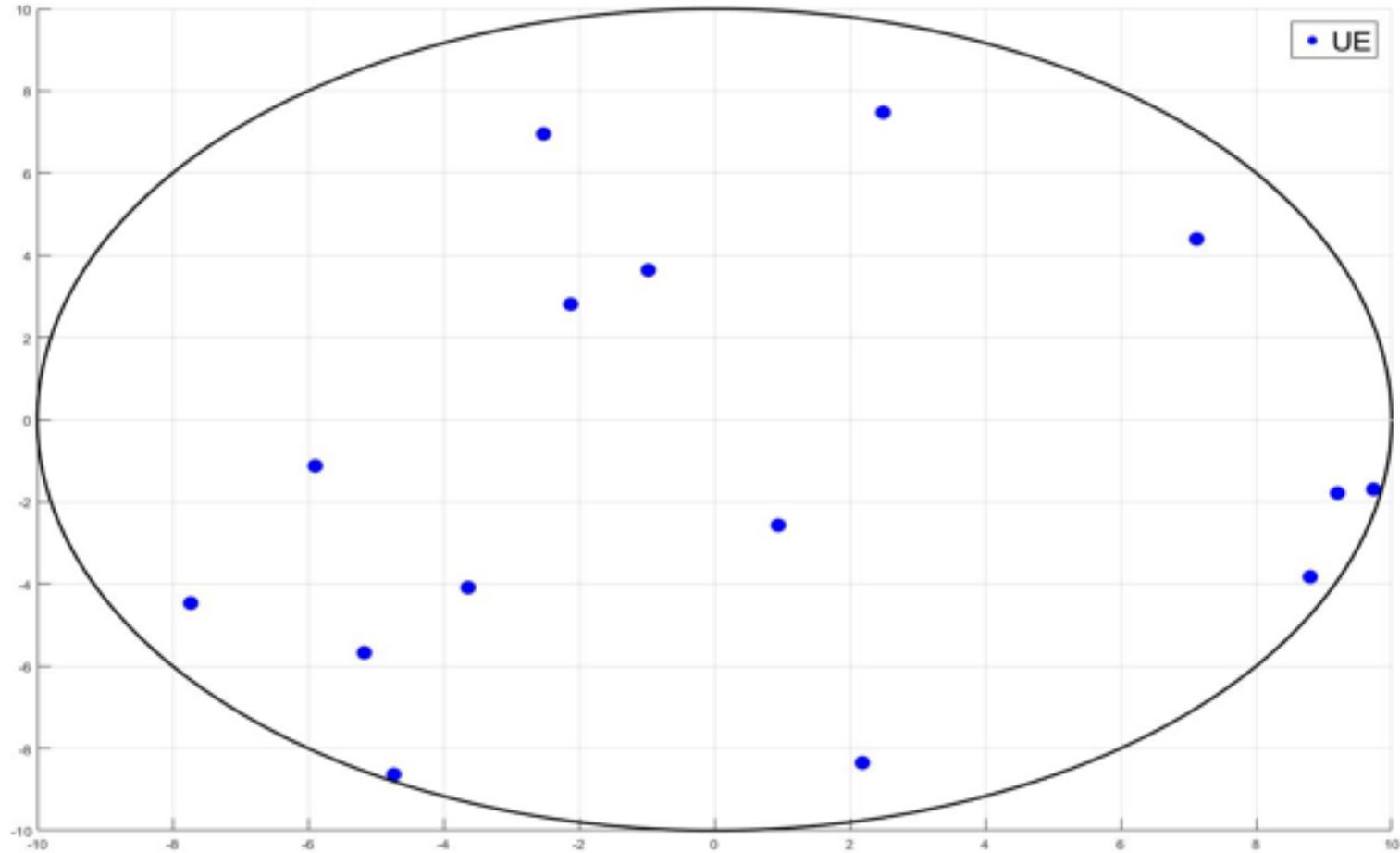
LTE Physical Sidelink Discovery Channel(PSDCH)



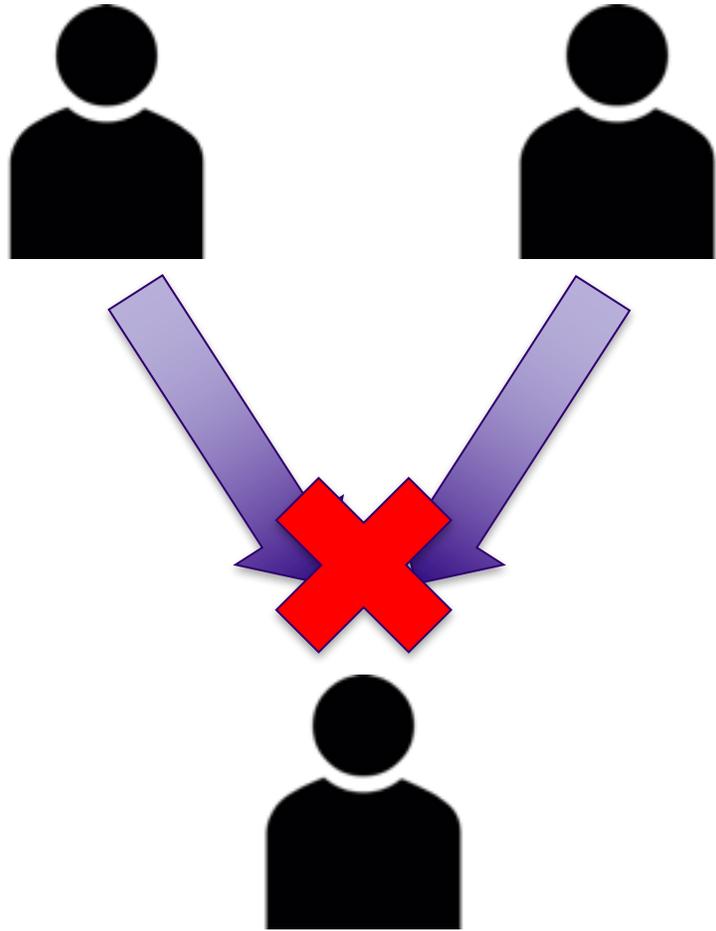
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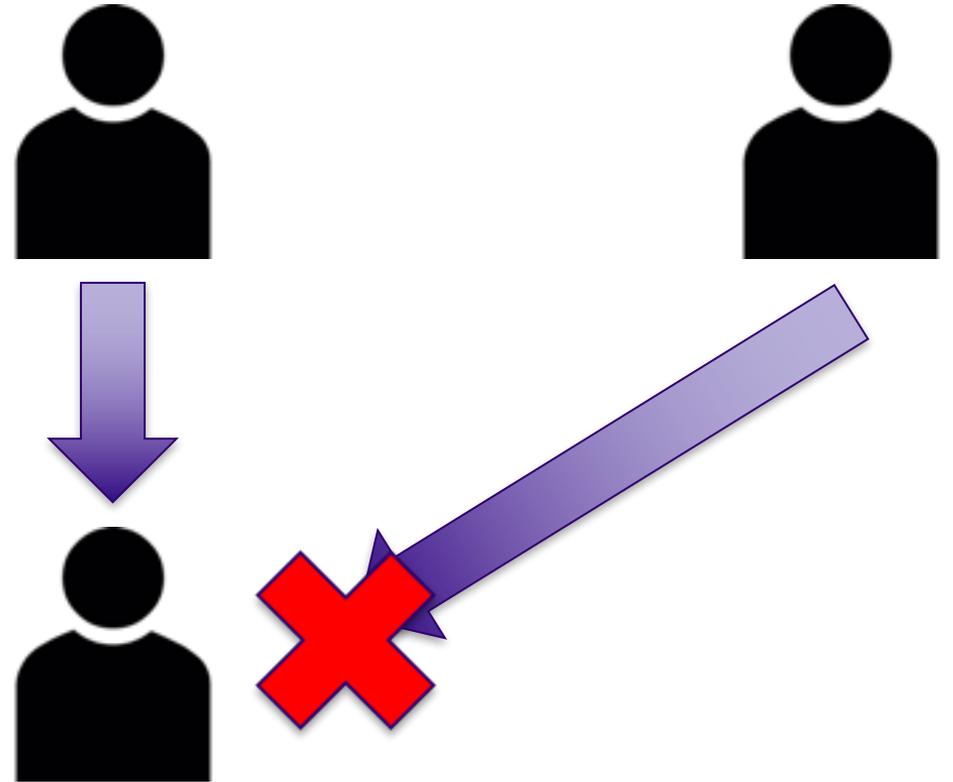
Spatial Distribution of UE



Collisions and Capture



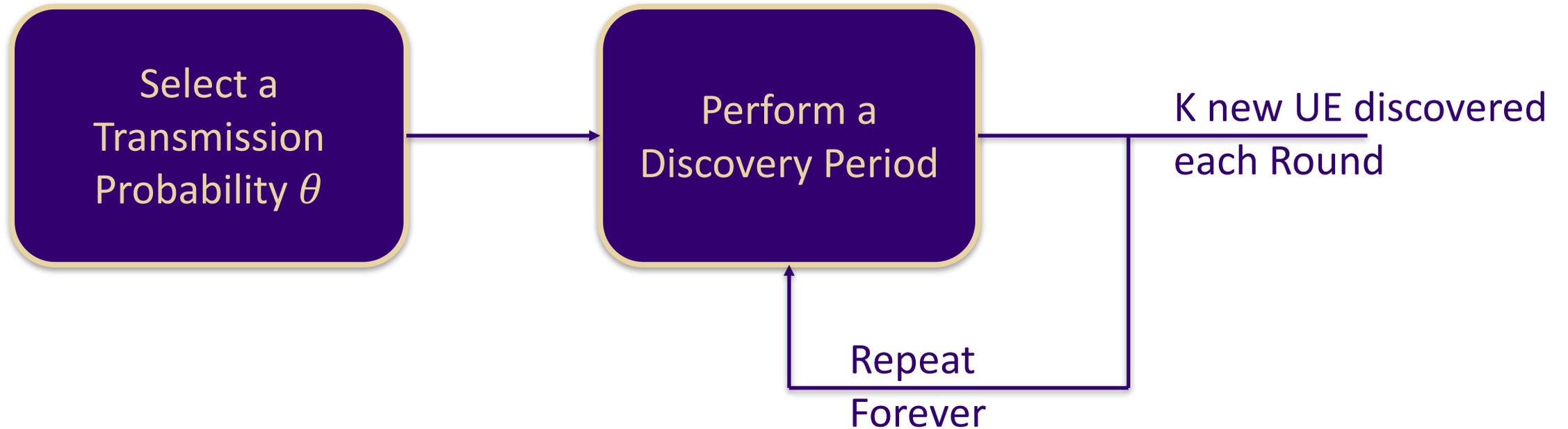
Collision



Capture



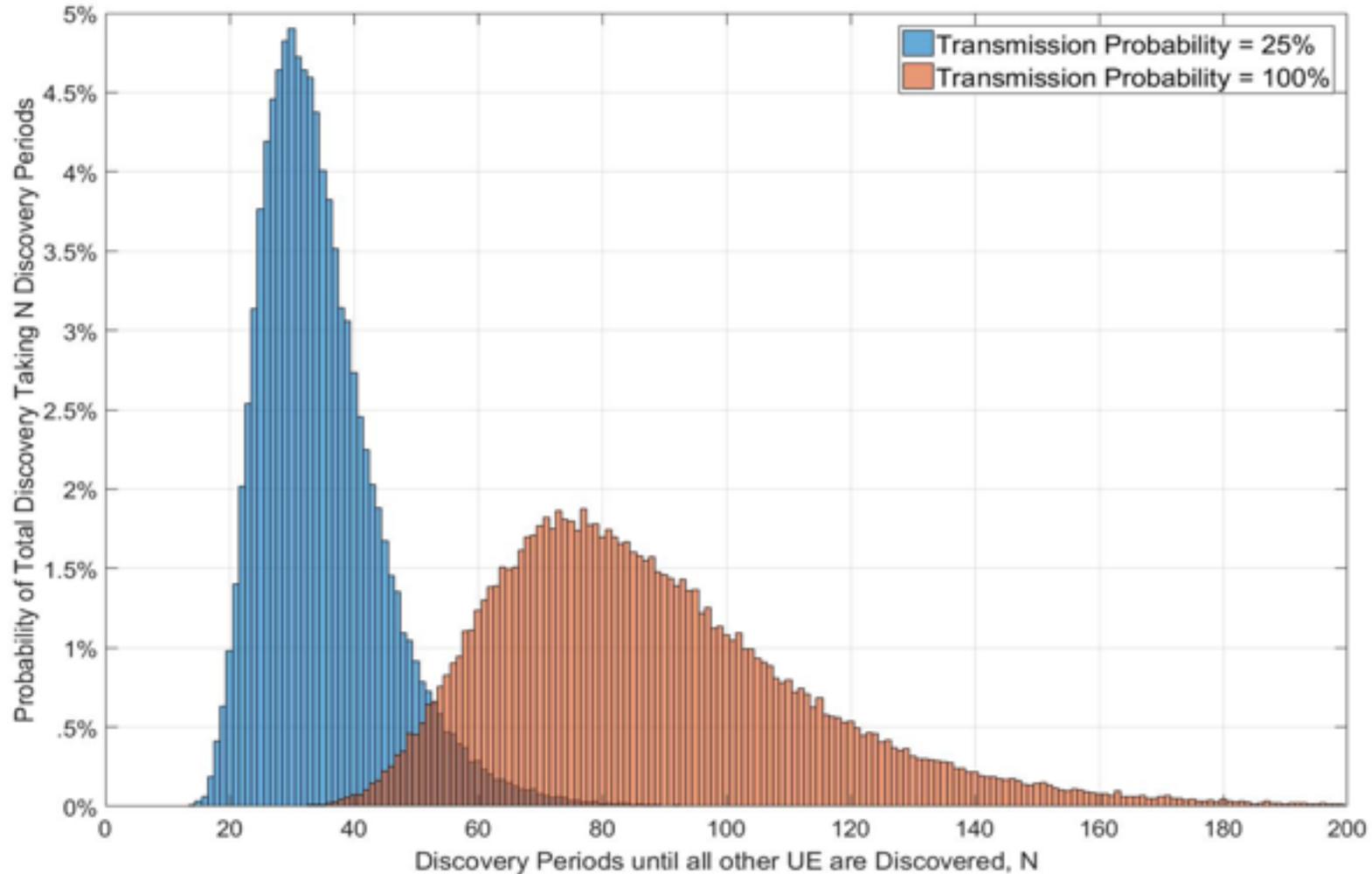
Current Discovery Algorithm



- θ never changes



Effects of suboptimal transmission probability choice on rounds until total discovery



Goal

Using a Markov chain model of the discovery process, minimize the time it takes for one UE to discover all other users

Phase 1: Model the first discovery period and determine a probability distribution for K discoveries

Phase 2: Extend the first round results to rounds beyond the first, and develop an estimator for the number of UE in the group



Phase 1: Single Round Model

- Define $P_{disc}(K)$
- Conditioning on events:
 - Whether or not a reference UE transmits
 - If it does: The number of transmitting UE who select the same PRB as the reference UE
 - The number of other UE that choose to transmit aside from the reference UE, N_{ac}



Phase 1: UE PRB Choices

		Resource selected																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
UE	1			X																	
	2							X													
	3																			X	
	4			X																	
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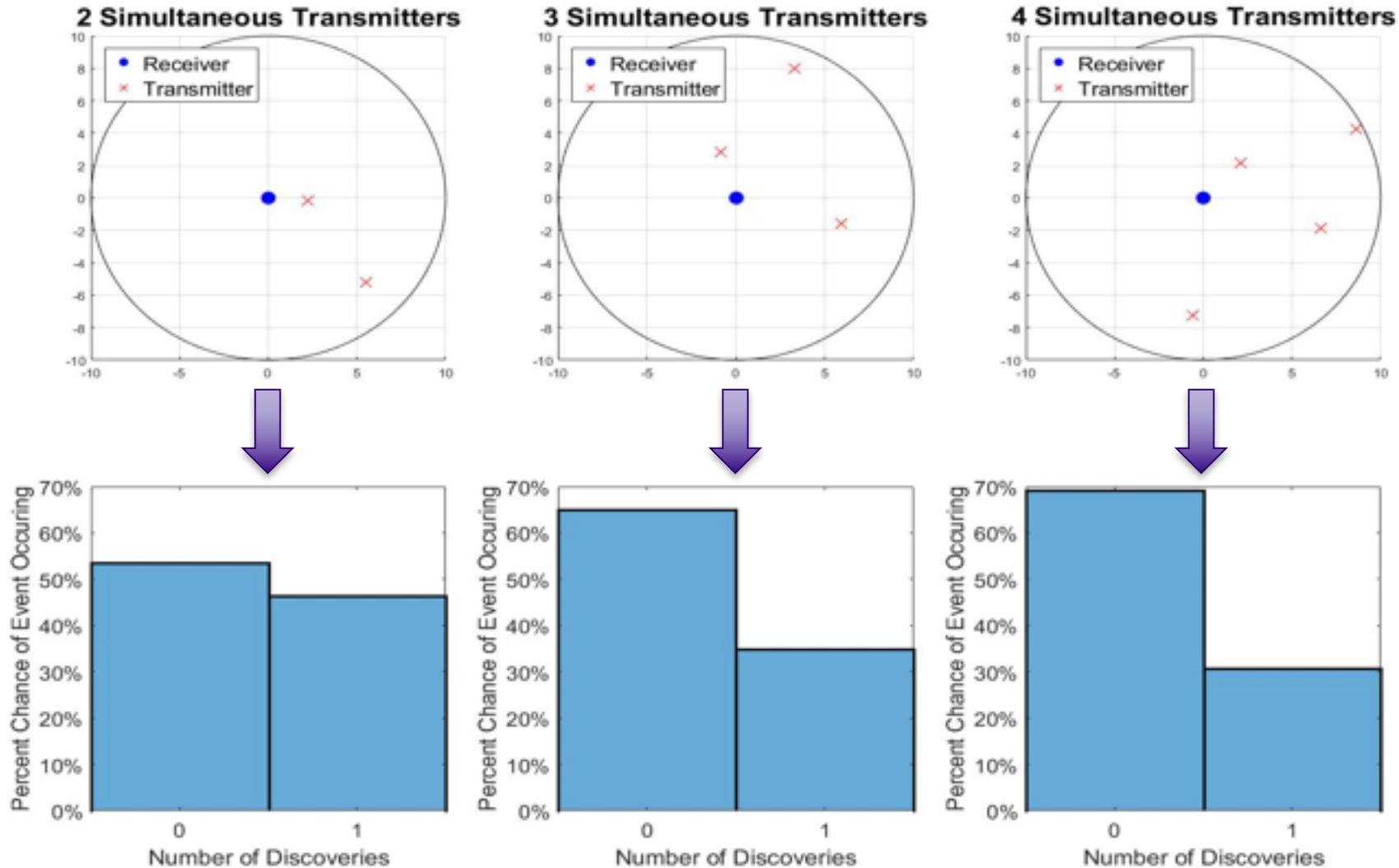
		Number of users in each PRB																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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		Number of UE in each occupied PRB						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A		3	2	2	1	1	1	



Phase 1: Collision and Capture Probabilities



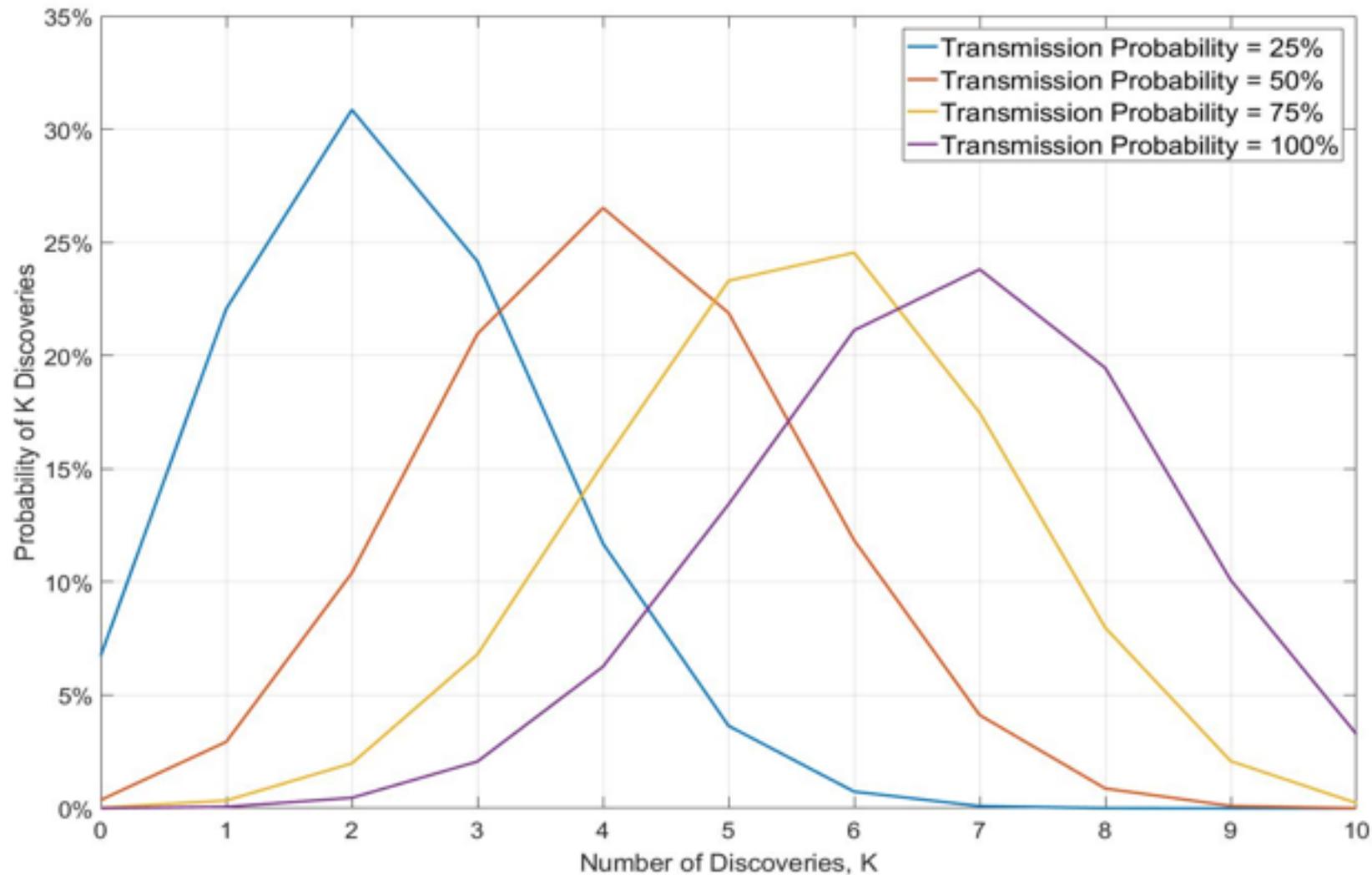
Phase 1: Collision and Capture

PRB Occupancies						
	3	2	2	1	1	1
Event 1	Capture	Collision	Collision	Capture	Capture	Capture
Event 2	Collision	Capture	Collision	Capture	Capture	Capture
Event 3	Collision	Collision	Capture	Capture	Capture	Capture

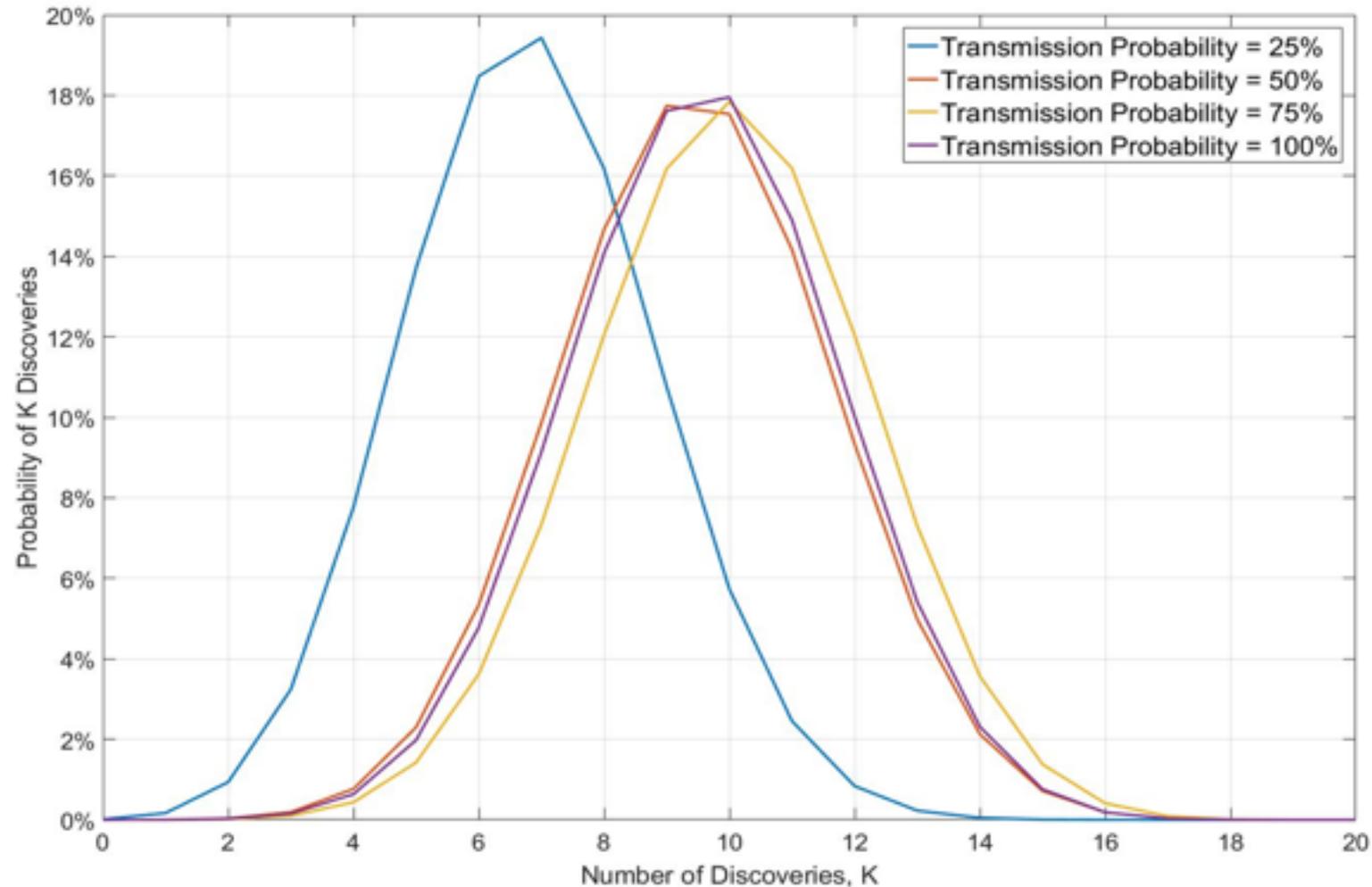
- Single occupancy PRBs are guaranteed to be decoded
- Remaining discoveries must come from multiple occupied PRBs
- Total probability is the sum of all event probabilities



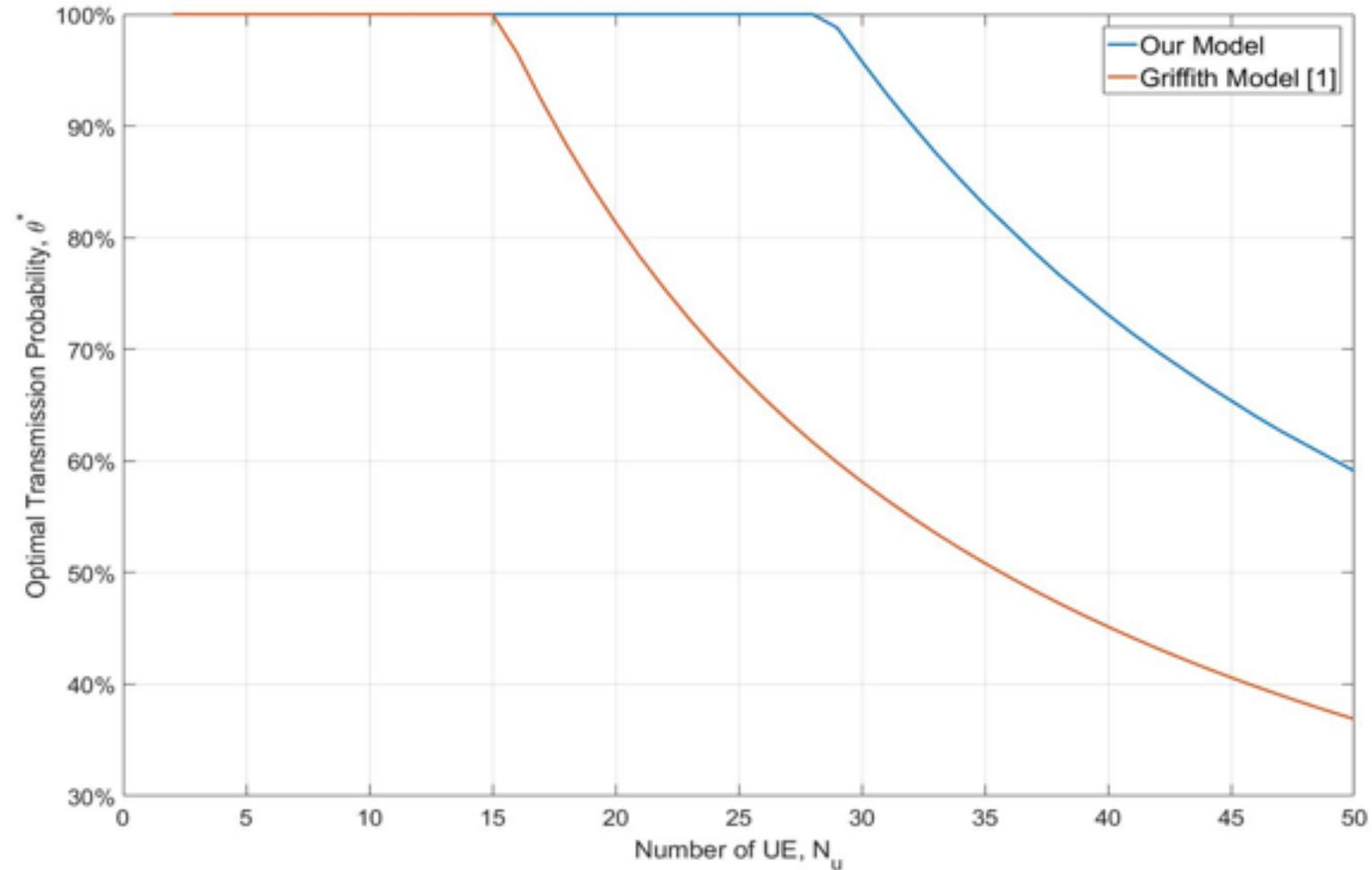
Effects of Transmission Probability on Discovery Probability with few UE



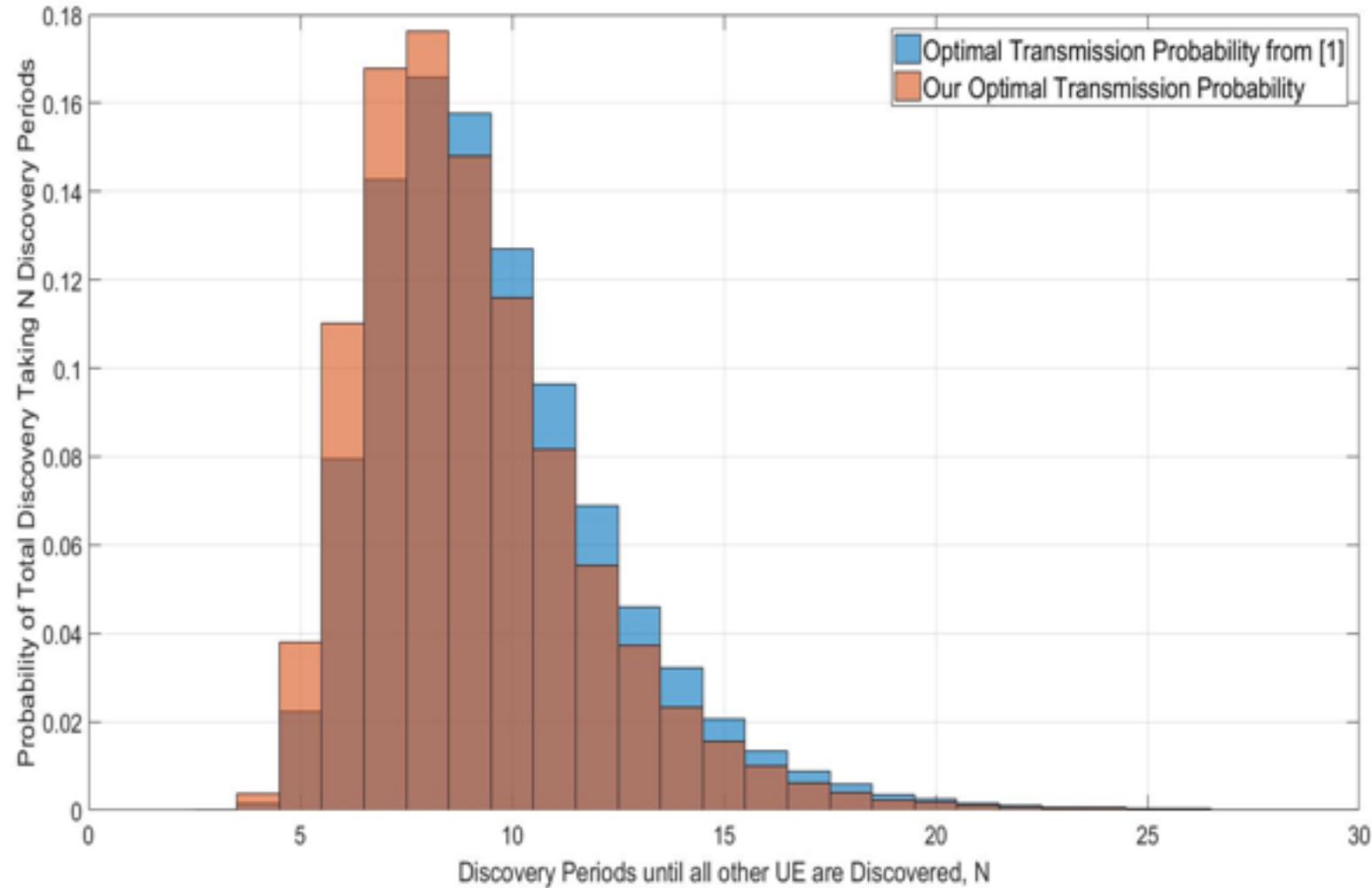
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Optimal Transmission Probability, Our Model vs [1]

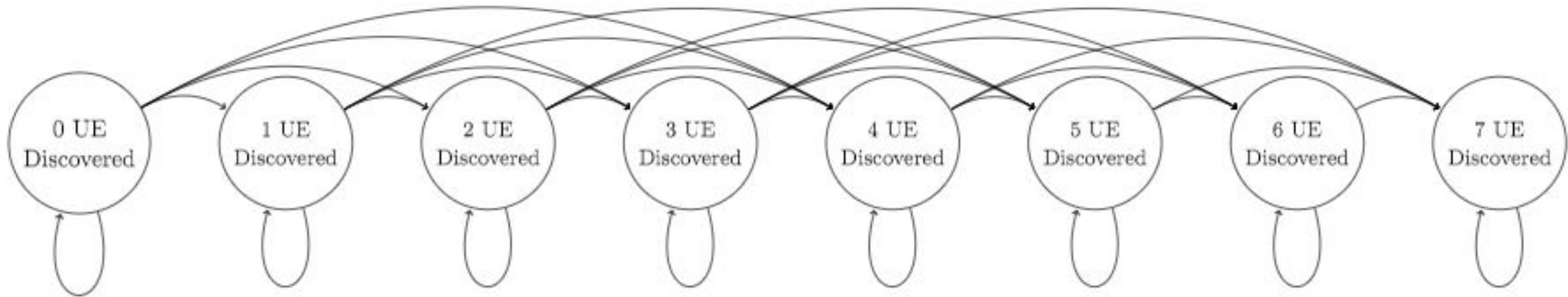


Effects of our Optimal Transmission Probability



Phase 2: Multiple Round Theory

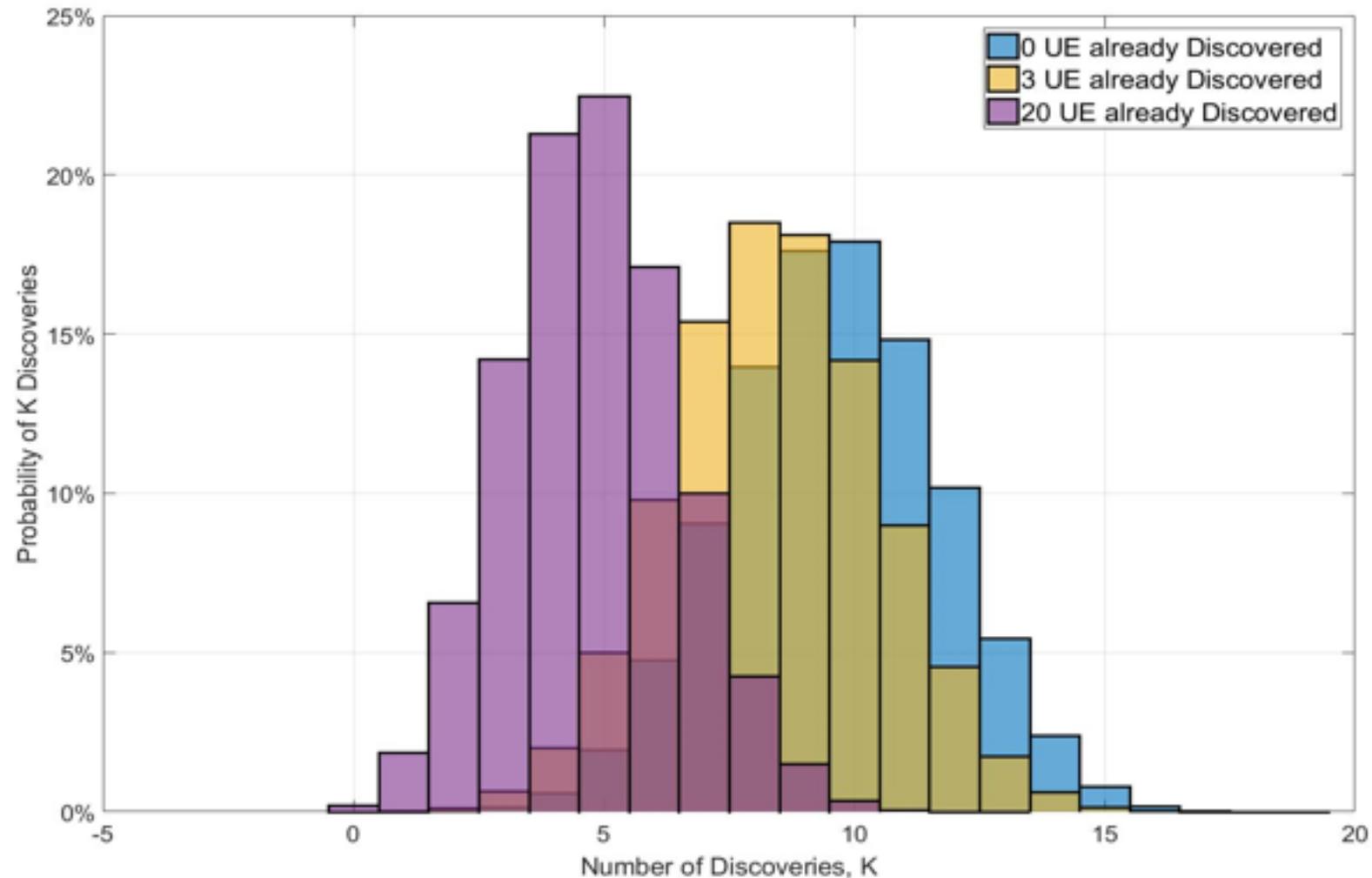
- Use modified coupon collector's problem as a framework



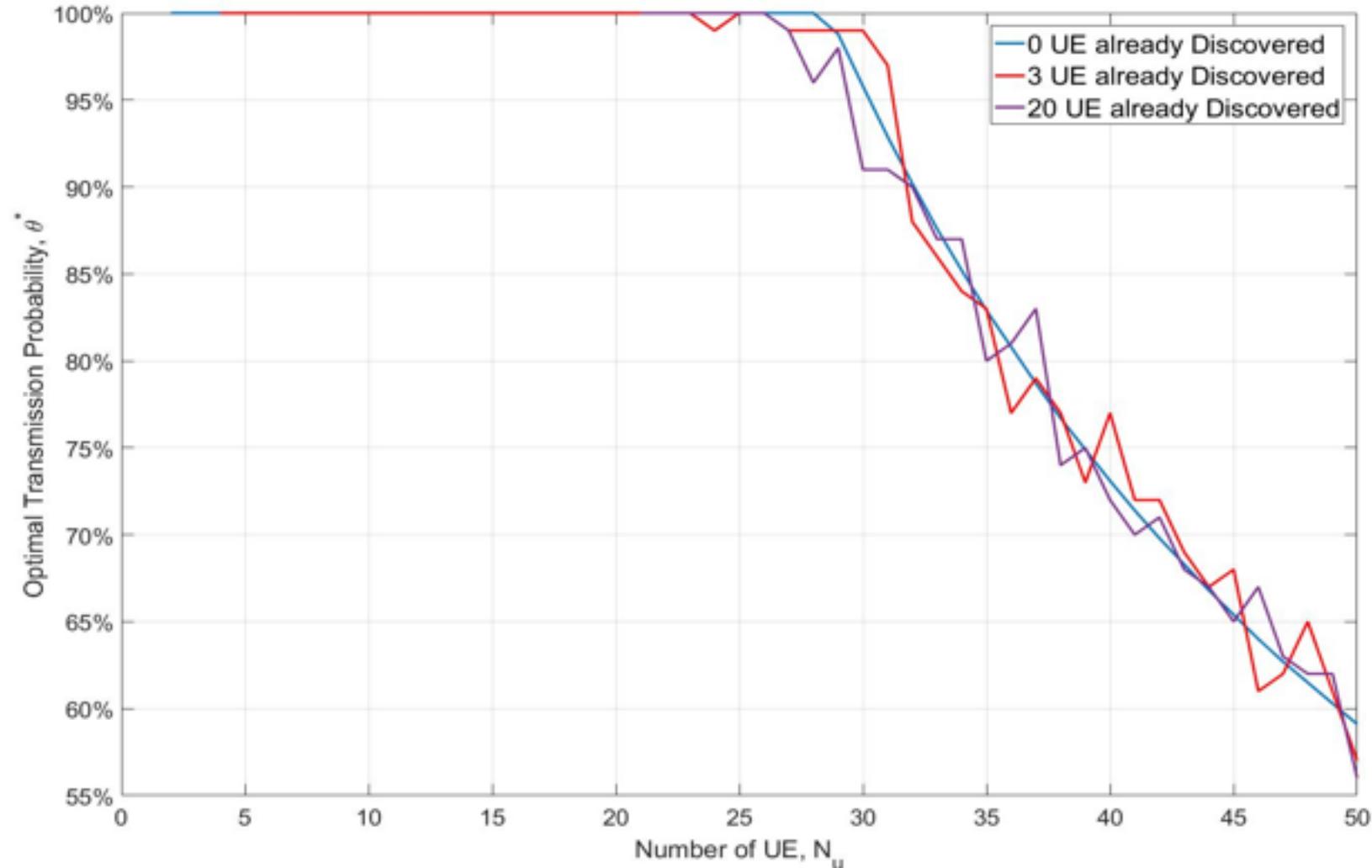
- Define: $P_{disc}(K, N_{disc})$



Effects of Previously Discovered UE on Discovery Probability



Effects of Previously Discovered UE on Optimal Transmission Probability



Future Work

- Using:
 - Current number of UE discovered
 - Previous number of UE discovered
- Find: Estimate of total number of UE
- Use estimate to select θ



Key Takeaways

- In a wireless scenario only one UE can be discovered per PRB unless other methods, successive cancelation or others, are implemented.
- By taking into account the spatial distribution of UE the transmission probability can be set higher than previously thought.
- The optimal transmission probability is not dependent on how many UE have already been discovered and so the best way to improve discovery performance is to estimate the number of UE as quickly as possible.



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Question and Answer Session



Related Work

- Griffith et al. [1] derived analytical expressions for modeling the distribution of time required for a UE to discover all other UEs within a single group. These analytical expressions can be used to guide the selection of transmission probabilities.
- Our results extend those of [1] by accounting for the possibility that not all discovery collisions are destructive. Our more optimistic model provides modified analytical expressions for time distributions and optimal transmission probabilities.



Phase 1: Results

- Final results for $P_{disc}(K)$:

$$P_{disc}(K) = \sum_{n_{ac}=0}^{N_u-1} P(N_{ac} = n_{ac}) \left[\theta \sum_{n_d=0}^{n_{ac}} P(N_d = n_d) \sum_{A \in A_{N_{prb}-1, N_{ac}-N_d}} P(A) P_{disc}(K|A, N_{ac} = n_{ac} - n_d) \right. \\ \left. + (1 - \theta) \sum_{A \in A_{N_{prb}, N_{ac}}} P(A) P_{disc}(K|A, N_{ac} = n_{ac}) \right]$$





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Mission Critical Voice: Quality of Experience and Key Performance Indicators

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AGENDA

- Quality of Experience (QoE)
- Existing LMR/LTE Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- New MCV QoE Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO)
- QoE KPIs for Mission Critical Voice (MCV)
- PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs



Quality of Experience (QoE)

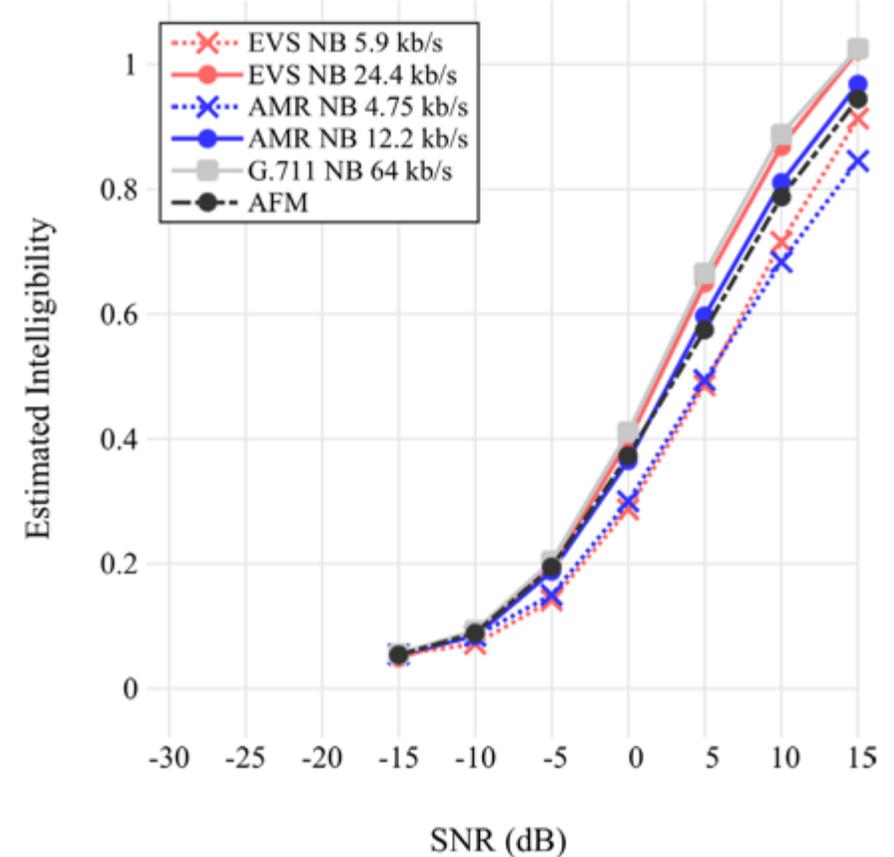
- LMR/LTE Industry
 - Ensure that Their Devices/Systems Function
 - Primarily Concerned with Compliance
 - Technology specific
 - Performance Measurements are Quality of Service (QoS) Based
- Public Safety Users
 - Need Their Devices to Work with Other Devices
 - Primarily Concerned with Operational Success
 - Not concerned with the technology itself
 - Do Not Often Relate to QoS Metrics

Quality of Experience (QoE)

- Public Safety/Industry
 - Need Open Capabilities/Methods to Compare and Fairly Evaluate Technologies
- NIST
 - Tasked with Measurement Science and Standards
- PSCR
 - Customers are Public Safety Users
 - Measurement Science and Standards for Public Safety Communications

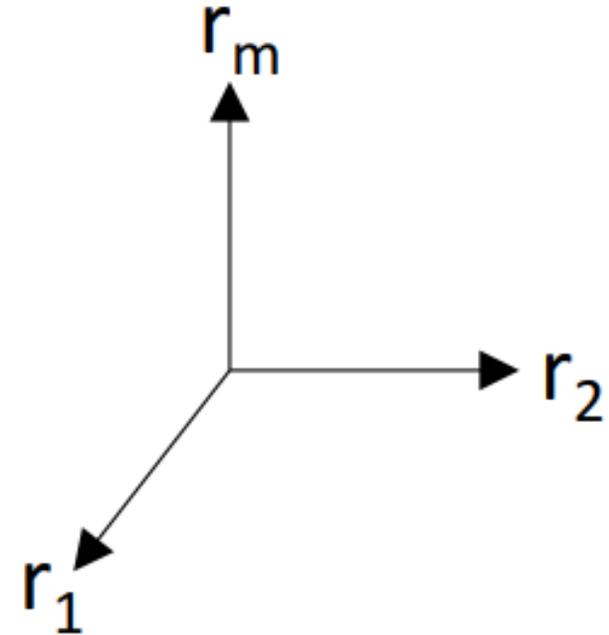
Quality of Experience (QoE)

- QoE Definition
 - Quantity that Numerically Describes User Experience
 - Consists of Other Measurable Quantities
 - Could Be Both Objective and Subjective
- Example
 - Voice Quality/Intelligibility
 - POLQA Scores
 - How good does it sound?
 - ABC-MRT Scores
 - How well can it be understood?



Quality of Experience (QoE)

- PSCR Internal Focus
 - MCV (MCPTT, Direct Mode, Group Communications)
 - Measure Component Quantities (KPIs)
 - Apply generically as possible to any technology
 - Same test for systems with networks, direct mode, and group communications
 - System Level Measurements
 - Heavily audio-based
- PSCR External Focus – New FFO
 - Measure How KPIs Impact Public Safety Users' Job Performance



Existing LMR/LTE KPIs

- QoS Based
- Compliance Based
- Technology Specific
- Depend on Complicated/Proprietary/Internal Measurements
- Example: PTT Access Time - Standards
 - TIA Definition: Time Between Button Press and Traffic Channel Transmit
 - 3GPP Definition: Time Between Button Press and Acknowledgement from System (KPI 1/2)
- QoE Definition
 - Time Between Button Press and Receiving User Hearing Transmitting User (End-to-End Access Time)

QoE KPIs for MCV

- 2017 PSCR MCV Roundtable
 - Basis for MCV KPI Development
- All User Experience Based
- Simple and Inexpensive (Where Possible)
- Distilled Down to Four Primary KPIs

QoE KPIs for MCV

- Access/Retention Probability
 - Ability to Establish Call
 - Ability to Retain Call
 - Coverage
- Mouth-to-Ear Latency
 - Time it Takes Audio to Get from Transmitting User to Receiving User
- End-to-End Access Time
 - Time Between Button Press and Receiving User Hearing Voice
 - Access Delay + Mouth-to-Ear Latency
- Audio Quality/Intelligibility
 - Public Safety Cares Most About Intelligibility

QoE KPIs for MCV

- Why Do All This?
 - Understand How Existing LMR Systems Affect Users
 - Apply to New/Different MCV Technologies
 - Compare LMR to LTE

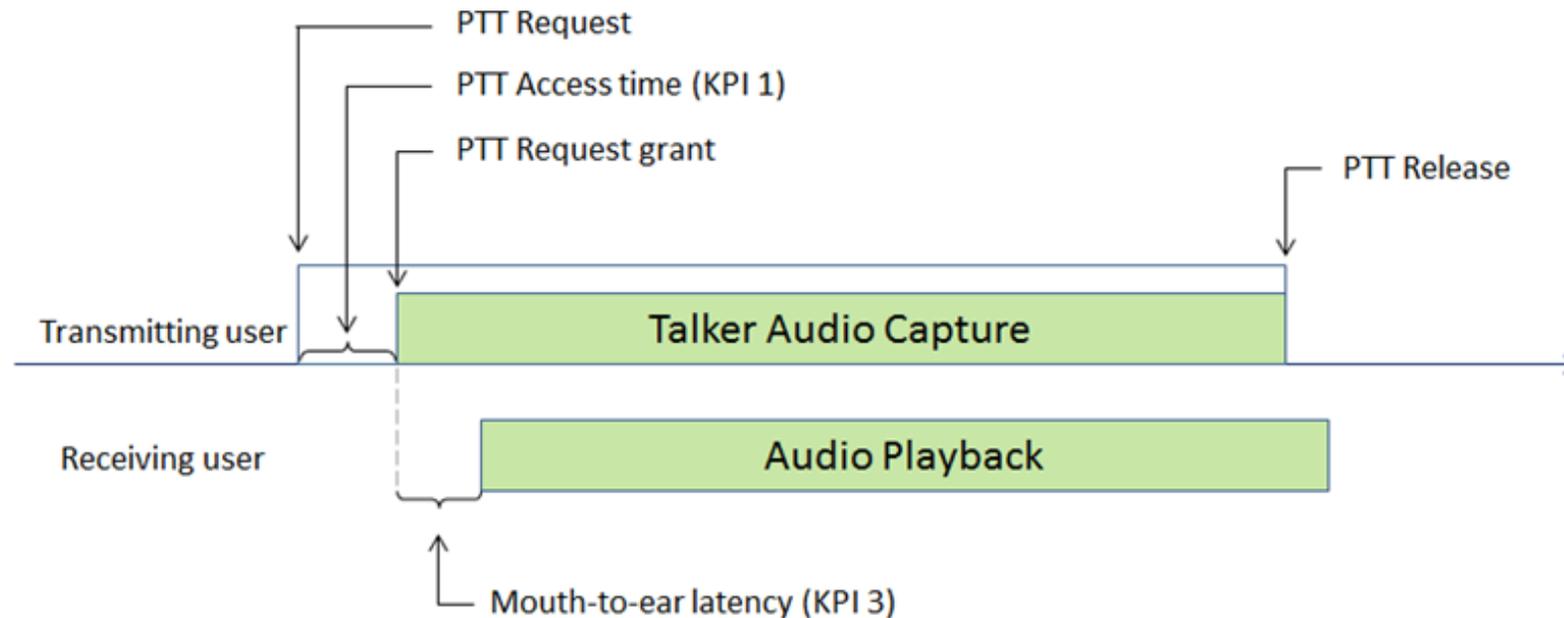
PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- Mouth-To-Ear (M2E) Latency Measurement Method
 - Develop a method to measure & quantify M2E latency of any voice communications system
 - Method is based on audio in/audio out and is technology agnostic
 - Very challenging to develop this measurement methodology
 - Component to system level testing complexities with uncertainties
 - First step in establishing QoE-based Key Performance Indicators (KPI)



PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- 3GPP M2E Latency and Access Time

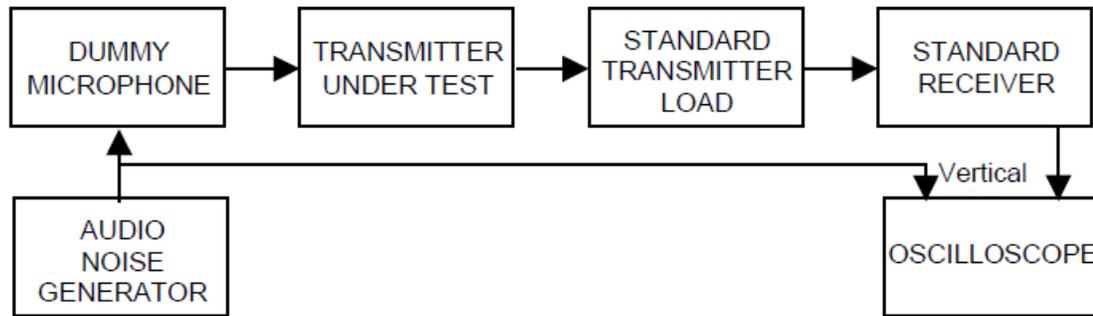


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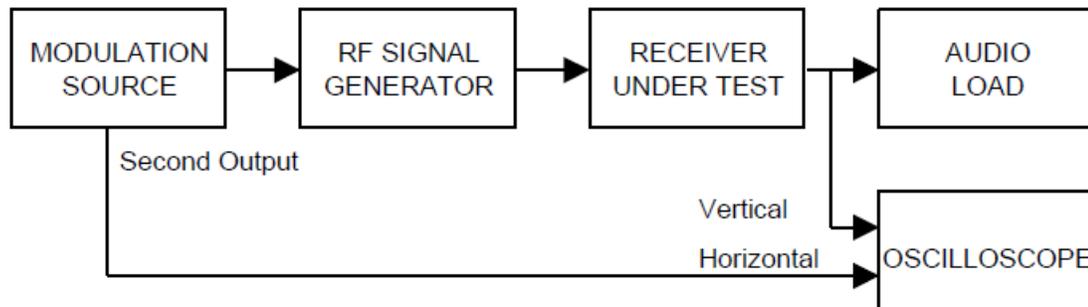
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PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- TIA 102 P25 M2E Latency Measurement Method
 - Transmitter Throughput Delay



- Receiver Throughput Delay



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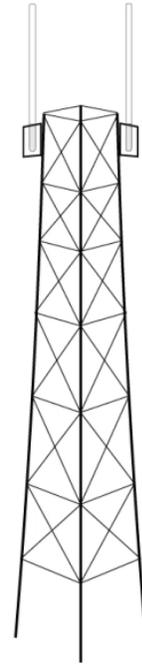
Direct Mode



Talker Audio Capture

PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

Trunked Mode



Talker Audio Capture

PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- Standards Definitions and Measurement Methods are QoS-Based
- TIA 102 does not actually define M2E latency
- 3GPP defines M2E latency but does not specify a measurement method
- NIST/PSCR establishes a method to measure and quantify M2E latency
 - Addresses the end goal of the talker and listener

PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

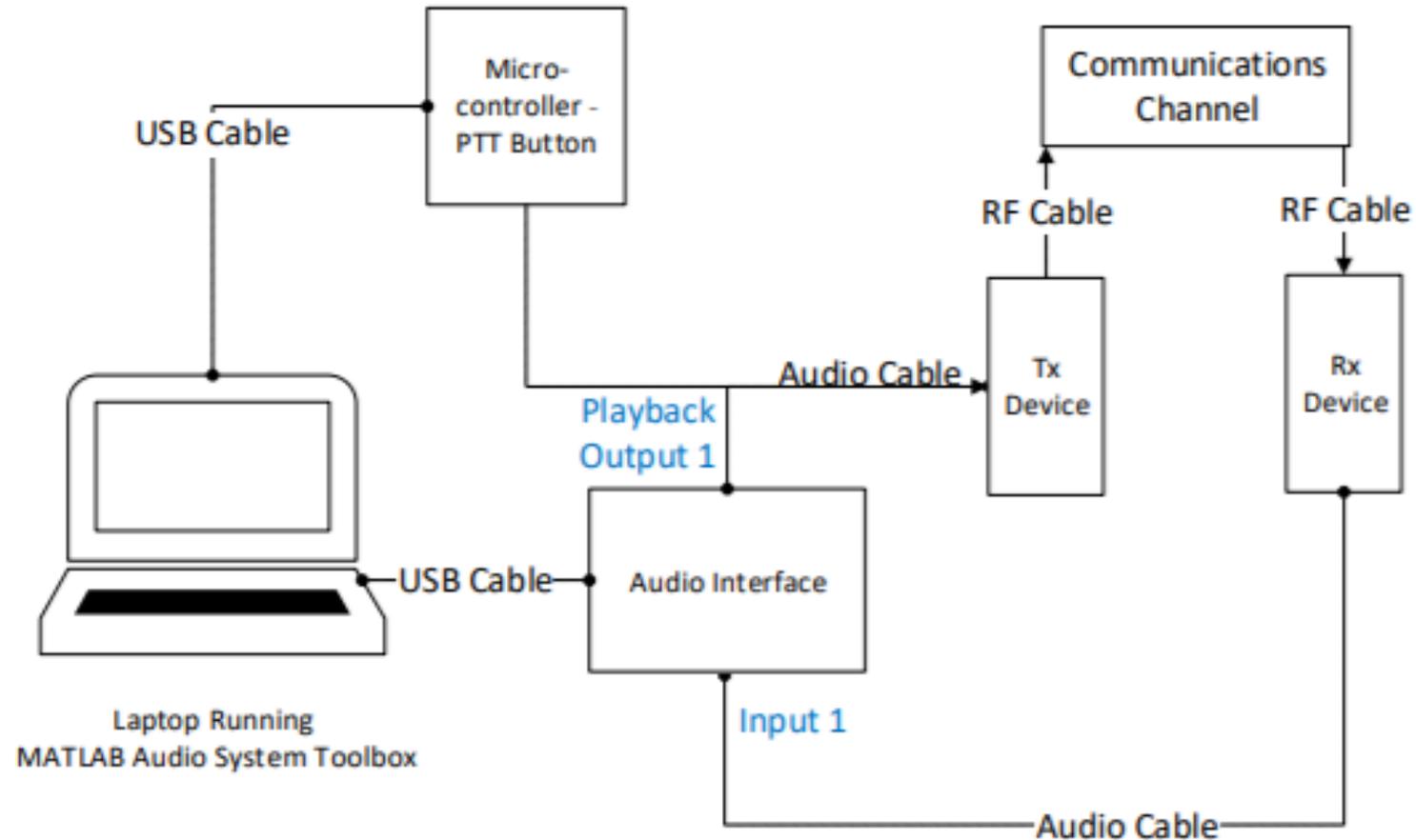
- M2E Latency Measurement Method
 - LMR Direct Mode (VHF/UHF)
 - One Location - Lab
 - Two Location - Lab & Field
 - LMR Trunked Mode (VHF/UHF)
 - One Location - Lab
 - Two Location - Lab & Field

PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- Behringer UMC 204HD Audio Interface
- Audio Interface Settings
 - Sampling rate, buffer size, and USB Streaming Mode values chosen to prevent data over/under runs and audio glitches
- Audio Interface Device Characterization
 - Latency: 21.85 ms (± 0.07 ms measurement uncertainty)
 - Time offset between play and record
- ESE ES-185E GPS Master Clock Timecode Generators
 - Provide synchronization for two location tests
 - Output IRIG-B format signals
- MATLAB
 - Audio System Toolbox
 - Used to play and record audio samples and quantify latency
 - Used to automatically key the PTT button via the microcontroller

PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- One Location Test Setup Diagram



Site 1 – TX/RX

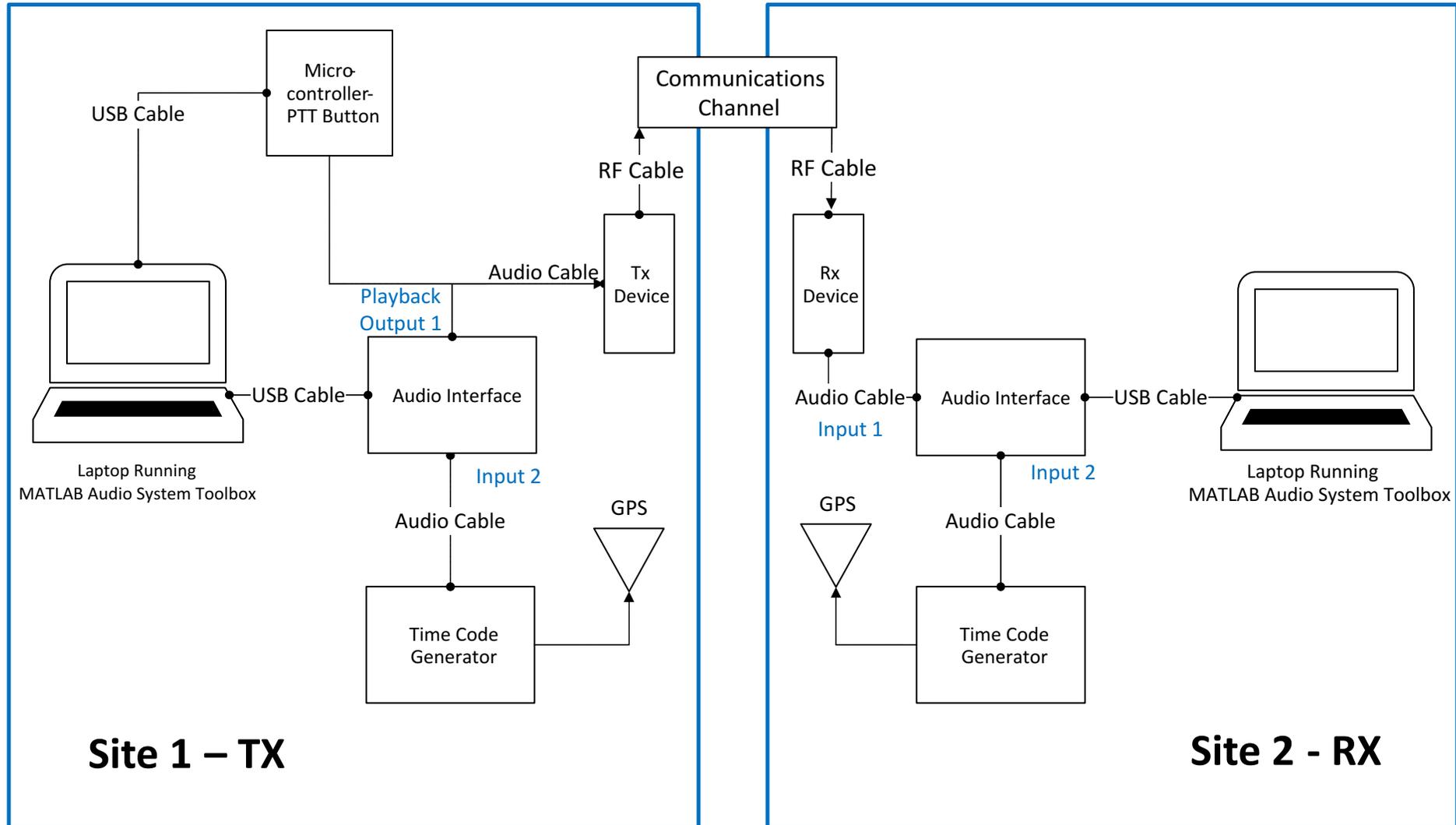
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- UHF Direct Mode One Location Setup (Over the Air)



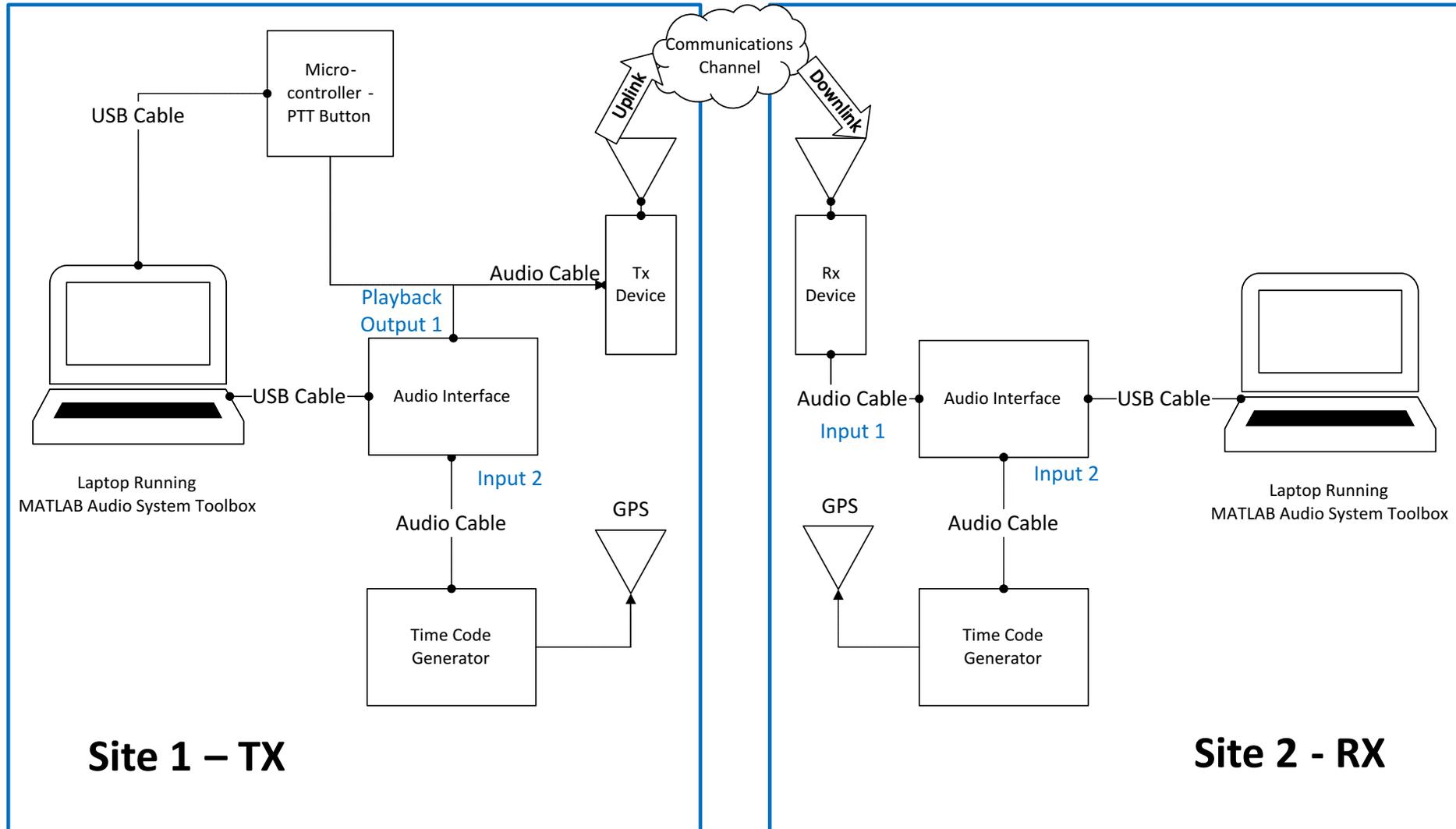
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- Two Location Lab Test Setup Diagram



PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- Two Location Field Test Setup Diagram



PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- M2E Latency Measurement Results

	Single Location Lab (ms)	Two Location Lab (ms)	Two Location Field (ms)
Audio Device Characterization	21.85 ± 0.07	21.85 ± 0.07	21.85 ± 0.07
UHF-Direct	201.4 ± 0.4	201.2 ± 0.3	201.8 ± 0.4
UHF-Trunked	415.8 ± 2.8	413.1 ± 3.3	417.0 ± 2.9
VHF-Direct	201.7 ± 0.5	201.6 ± 0.4	202.4 ± 0.4
VHF-Trunked	403.9 ± 1.8	403.3 ± 2.8	405.3 ± 1.2

- 7 km distance between TX and RX radios for two location field tests
 - 23 μ s (microsecond) propagation delay (negligible)
- Untuned prototype MCPTT system - one location field measurements
 - Not optimized for performance, tested to verify measurement method works on LTE

PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- PSCR MCV QoE M2E Latency Measurement Methods
- Paper is available on the mobile app
- Demo at 1PM Friday
- Webpage
 - <https://www.nist.gov/ctl/pscr/mission-critical-voice-qoe-mouth-ear-latency-measurement-methods>
- Paper
 - <https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.IR.8206>
- MATLAB Code
 - <https://github.com/usnistgov/mouth2ear>
- Test Data
 - Delay Values: https://s3.amazonaws.com/nistmidas/1865/Delay_Values.zip.sha256
 - Processed Audio Files: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/nist-midas/1865/Processed-Audio.zip.sha256>
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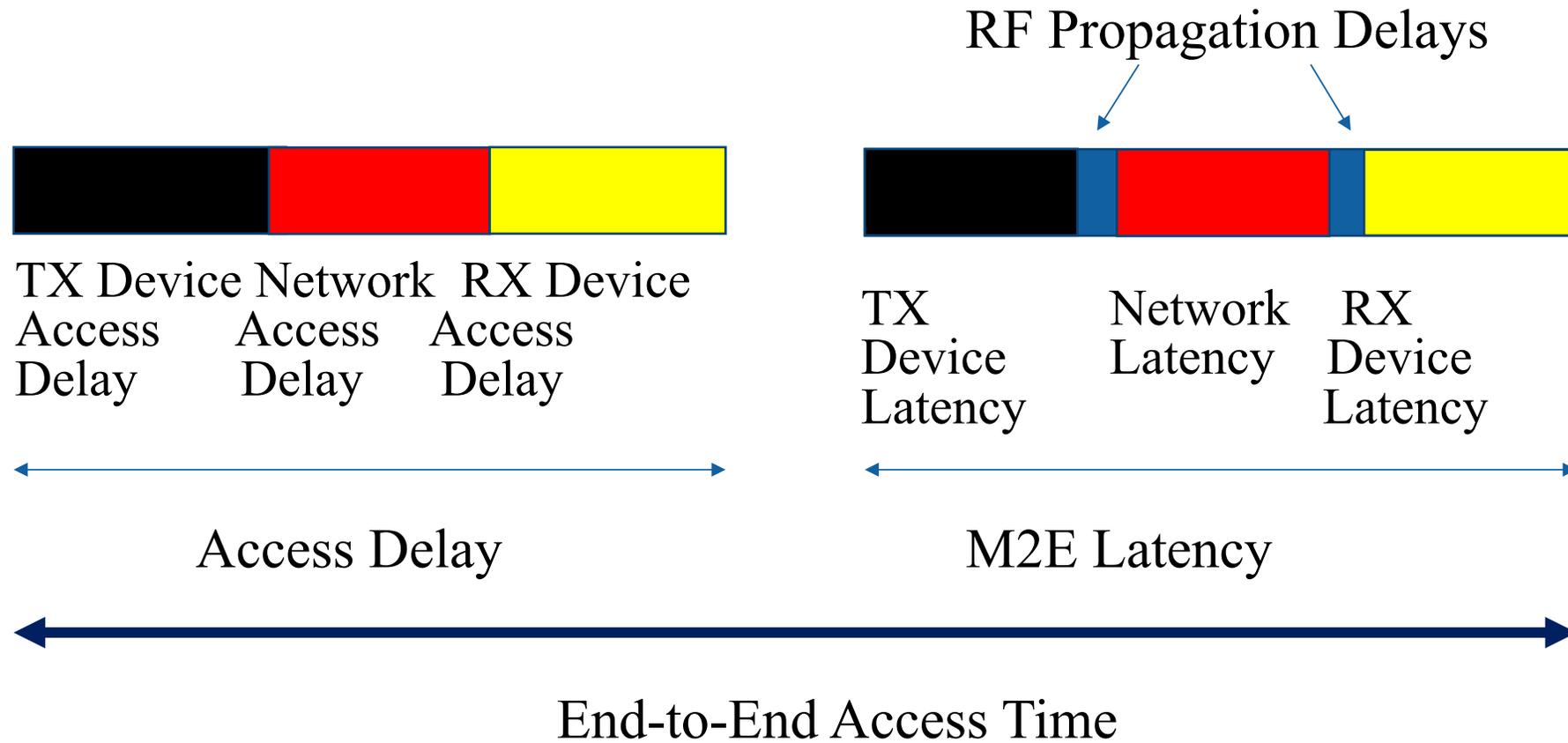
PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- Access Time
 - Trunked Mode/MCPTT
 - Measurement Methods/Definitions
 - TIA-102 P25 - Voice Access Time
 - 3GPP Definition - PTT Access Time (KPI 1)
 - NIST/PSCR Definition
 - End-to-End Access Time
 - Very challenging to develop this measurement methodology
 - Component to system level testing complexities with uncertainties



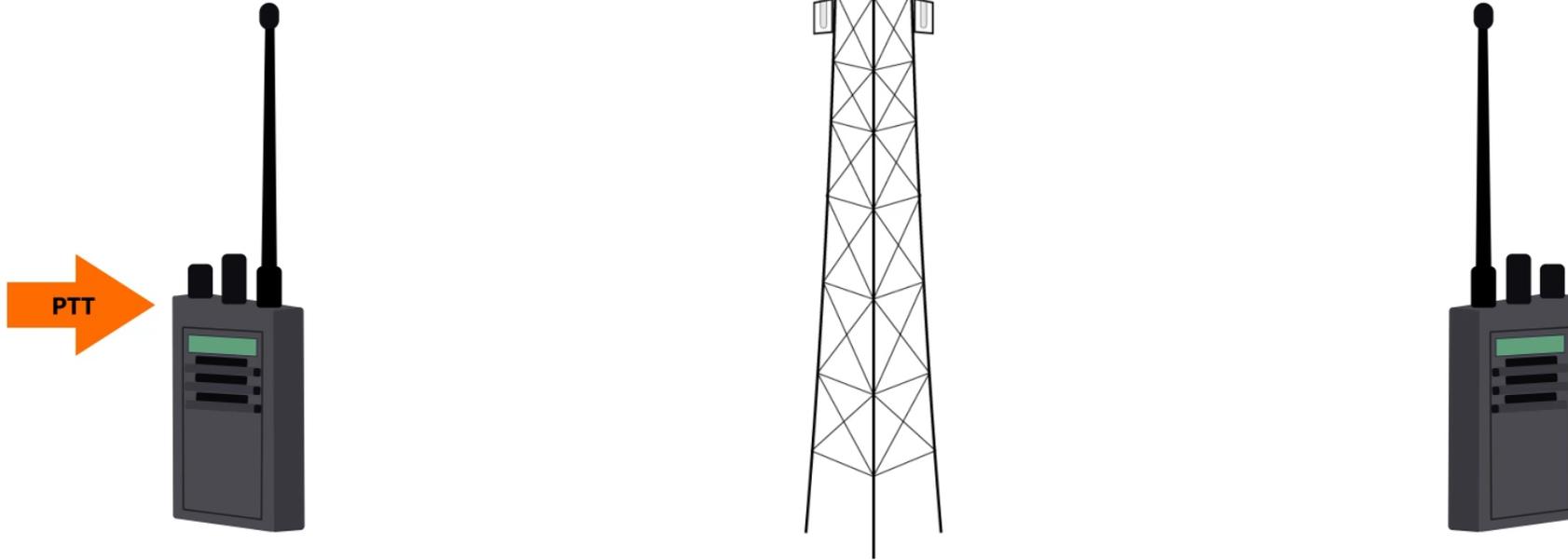
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- End-to-end Access Time: Access Delay + M2E Latency



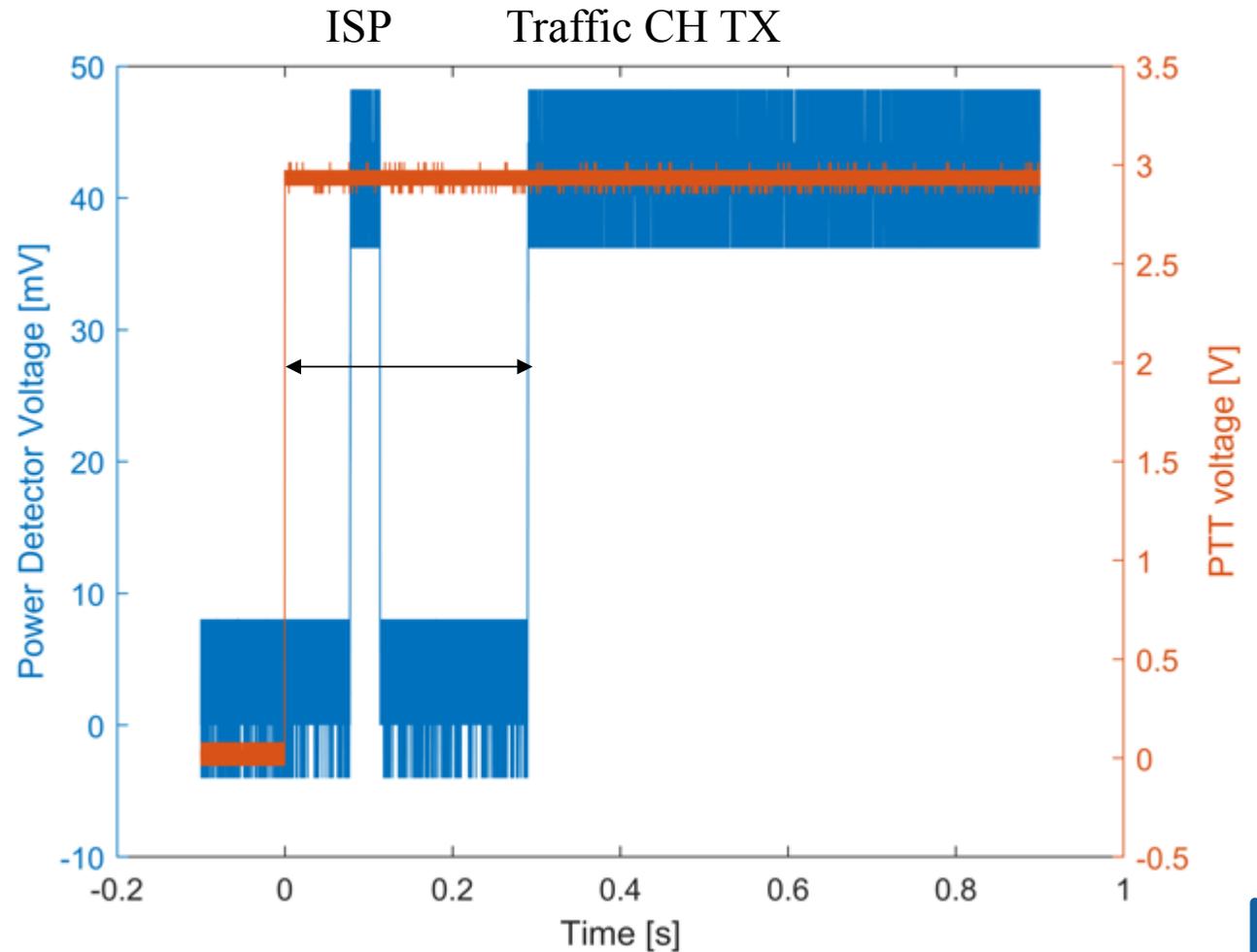
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TIA 102 (P25) Access Time



PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- TIA 102 P25 Access Time
- A power detector and directional coupler are used to measure the power coming from the TX radio
- TIA102 defines access time as the time between the PTT signal and the last rising edge of the power detector
- Only works for P25 systems
- The TX radio will transmit an Inbound Signaling Packet (ISP) on the control channel to request the channel
- Once access is granted, the TX radio transmits the encoded audio



PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

3GPP Access Time

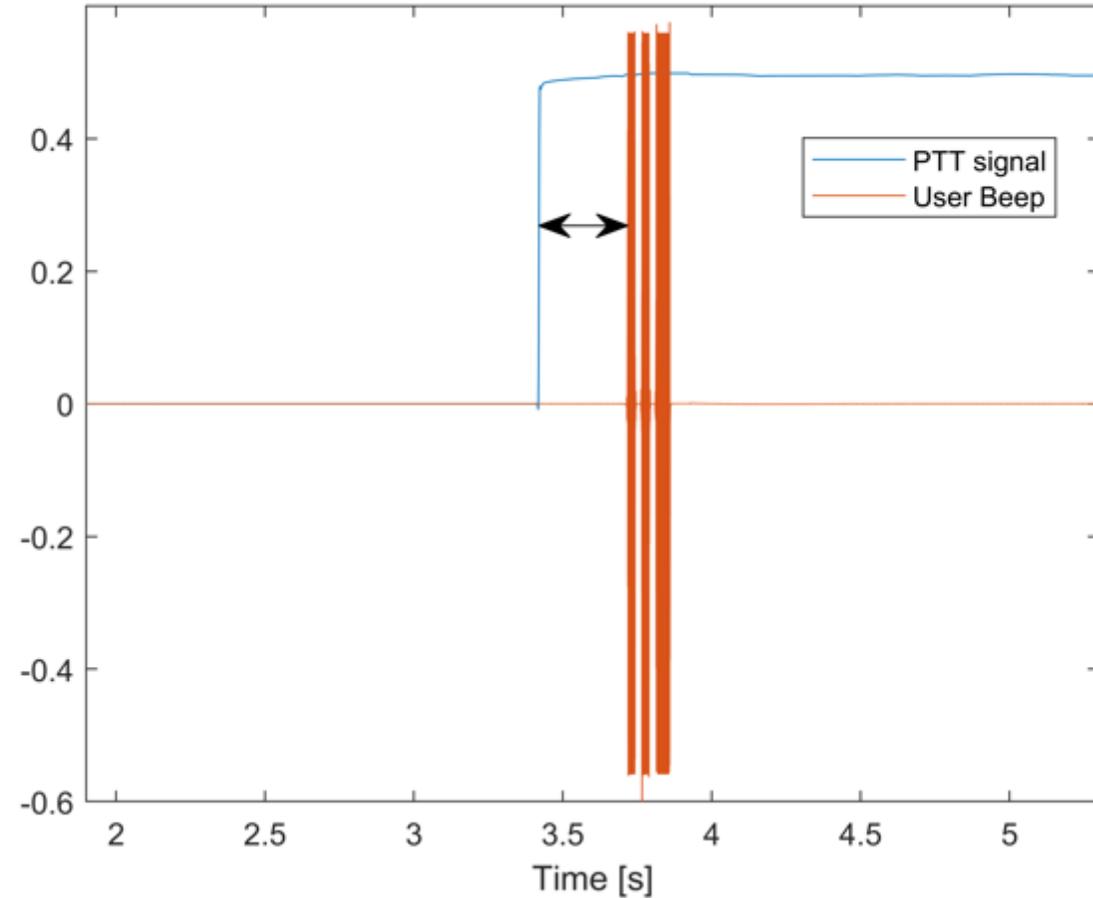


PTT Button Pushed

PTT

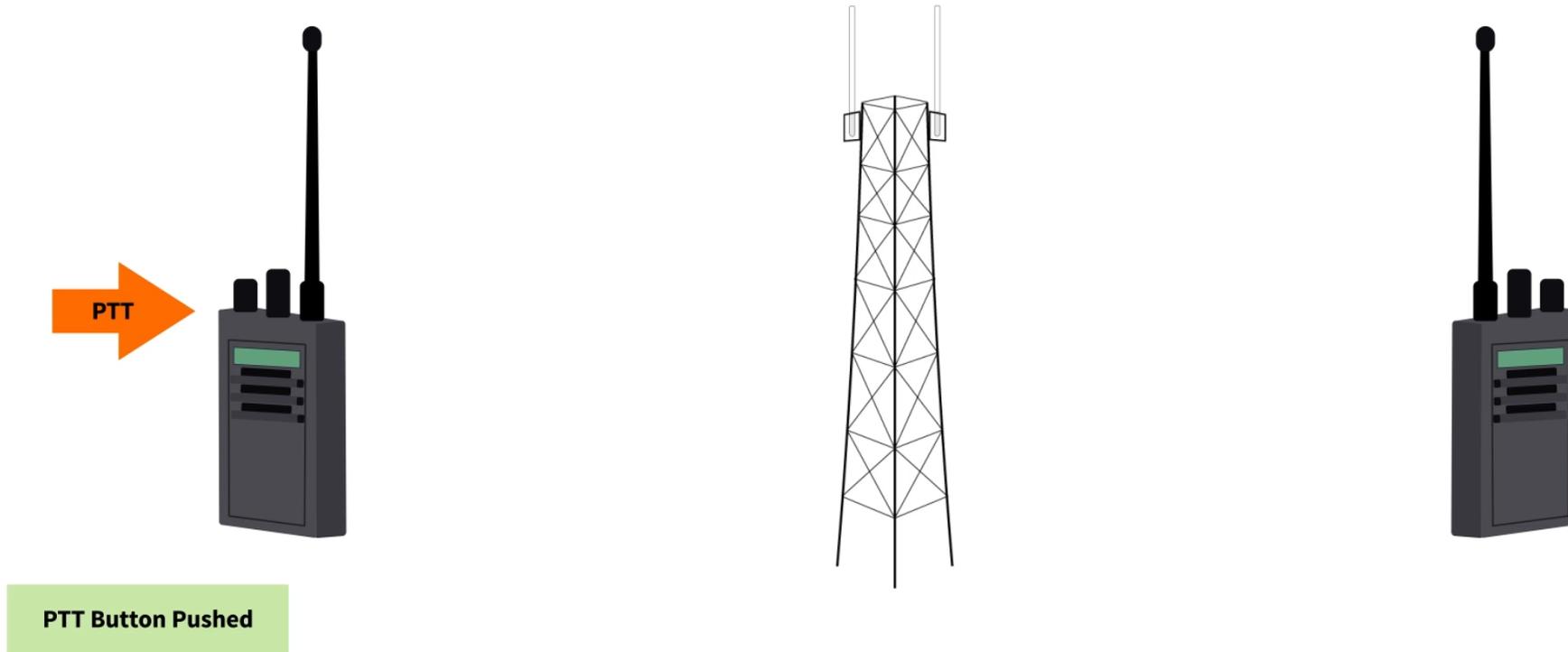
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- 3GPP Defined PTT User Access Time (KPI 1)
- Measures the time between the PTT signal and the signal (or beep) from the TX radio
- Transportable to other technologies



PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

PSCR/NIST Access Time



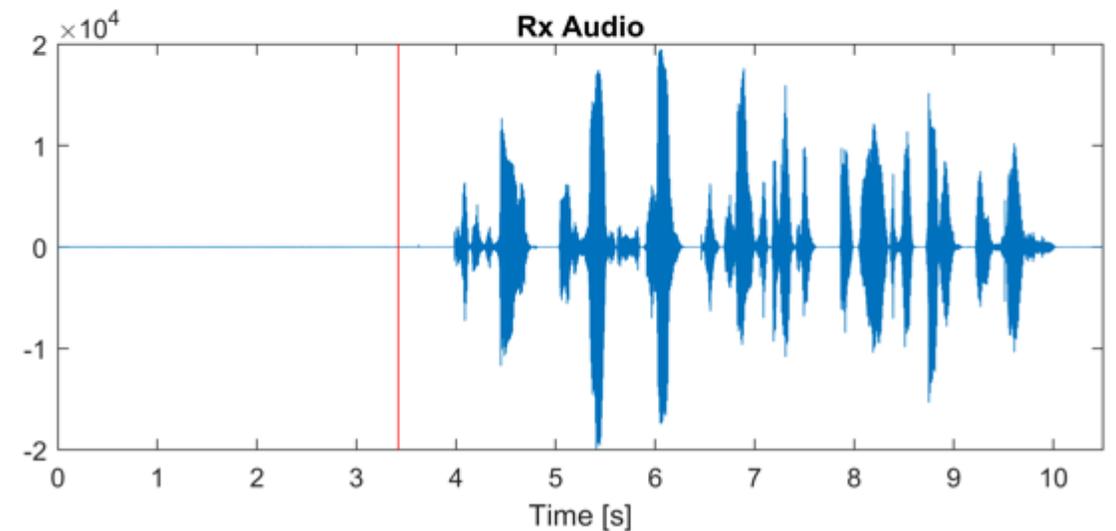
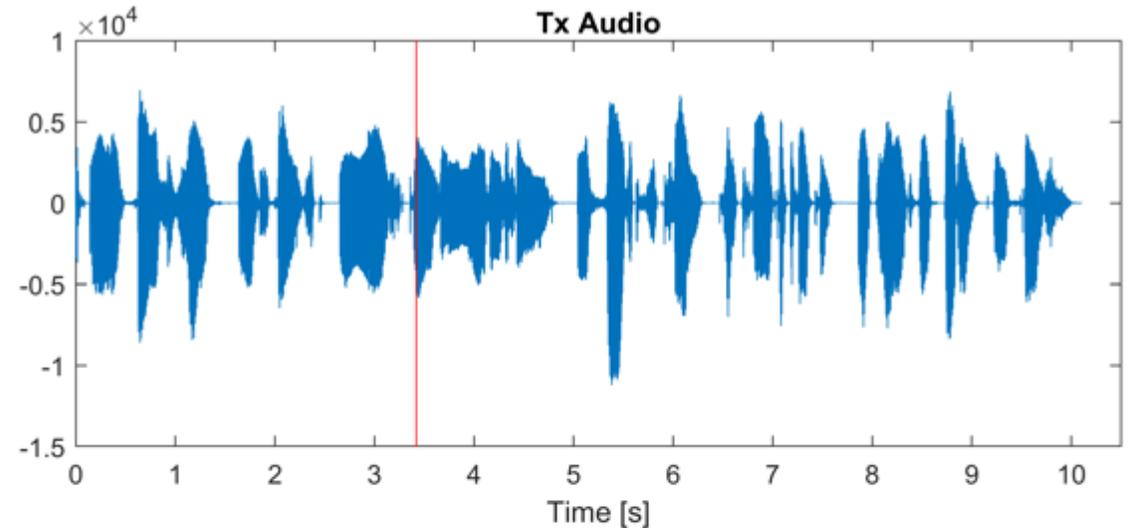
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PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

- NIST/PSCR Definition of Access Time
- Focuses on Access Delay
- Transportable to other Technologies
- More user centric (QoE) measurement than TIA-102 and 3GPP

PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

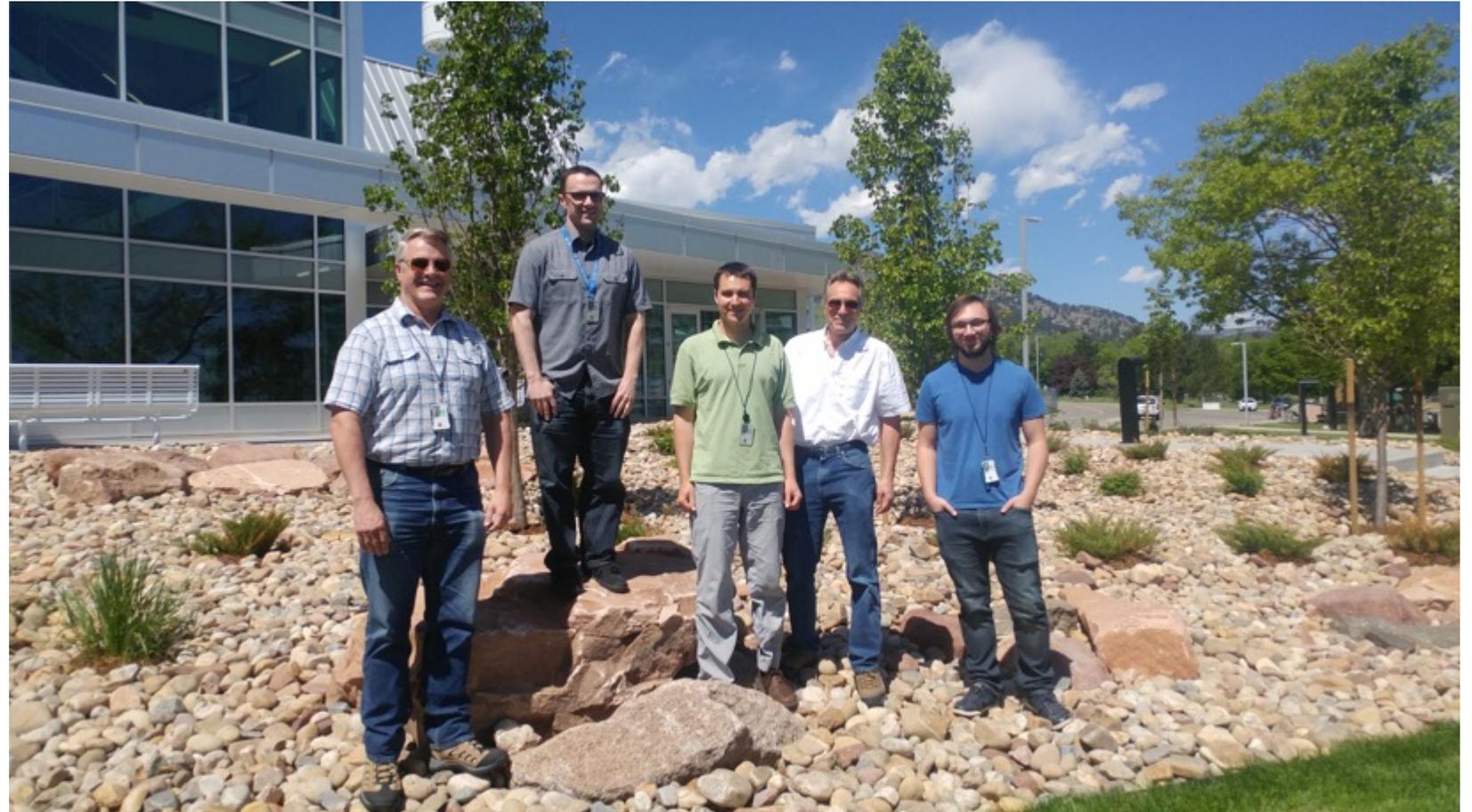
- Measurement Method based on NIST/PSCR definition
- Audio in/audio out method
- Audio is started before PTT button is activated
- Access delay is determined by the first speech played back by the receiver device



PSCR Projects on QoE KPIs

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End-to-End Research Platform for Public Safety Millimeter Wave Communications

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Outline

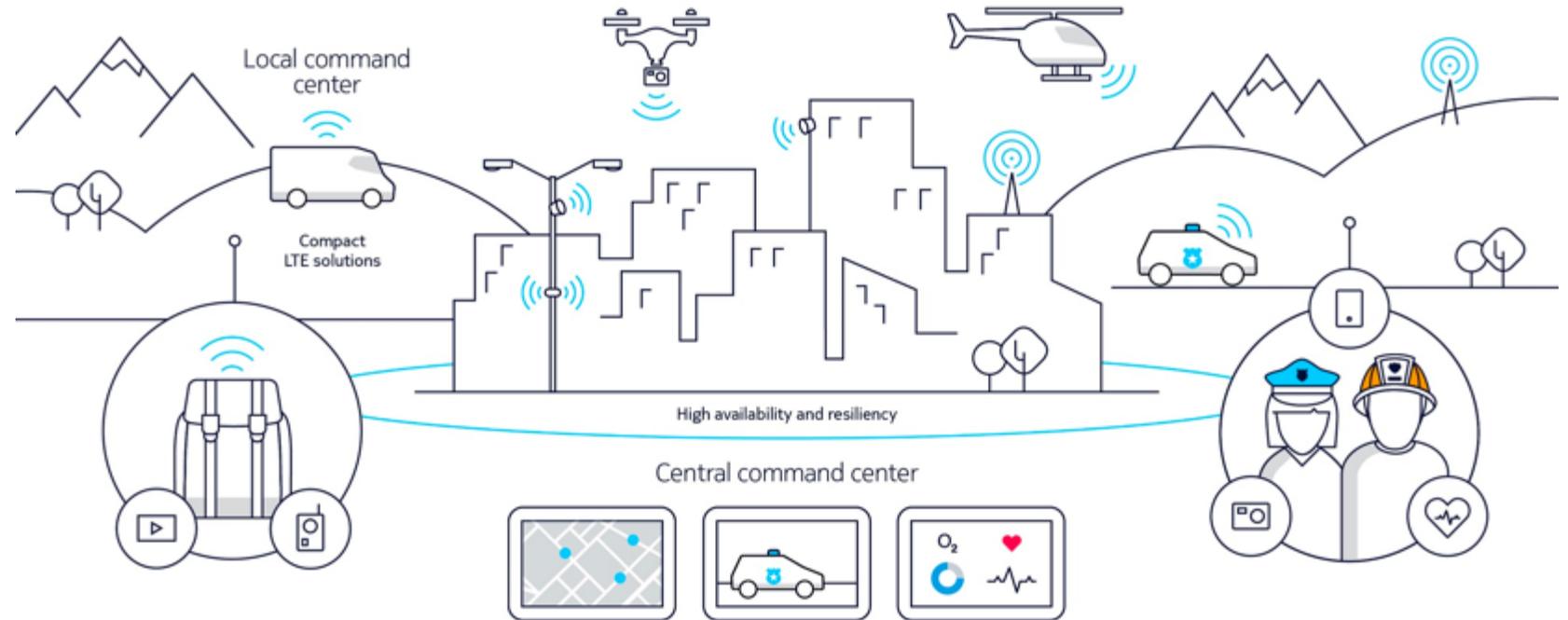
□ Introduction

- Motivation
- mmWave Communications

□ mmWave Research platform

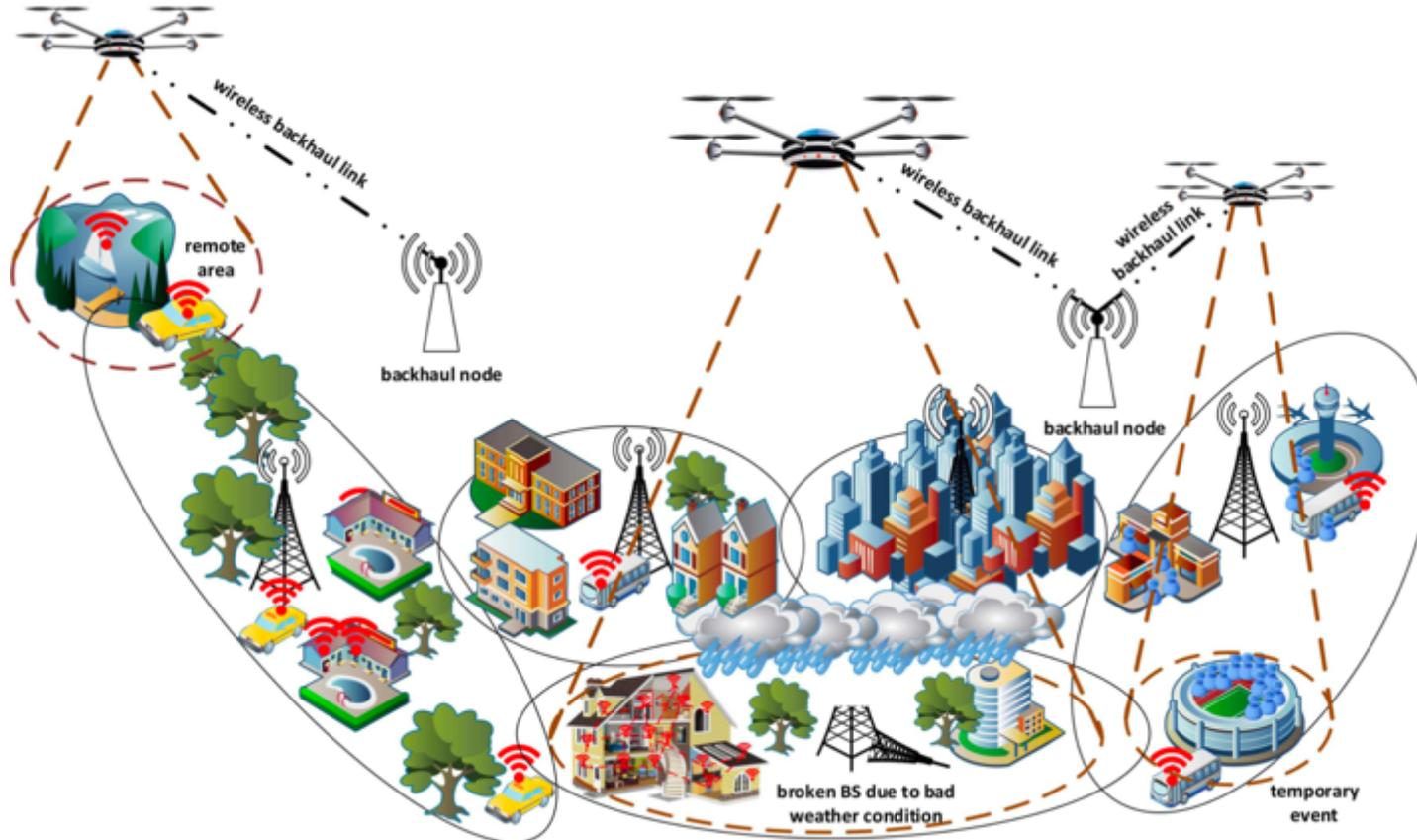
- Thrust 1: Dynamic Channel Sounding
- Thrust 2: Software Defined Radio
- Thrust 3: Channel Emulation
- Thrust 4: End-to-End Network Simulation

4G LTE Public Safety



From Nokia, “ViTrust - End-to-end solution for mission-critical mobile broadband”.

5G NR Public Safety



AT&T CEO highlights FirstNet role as 'foundation' to carrier's 5G plans

Donny Jackson | Urgent Communications

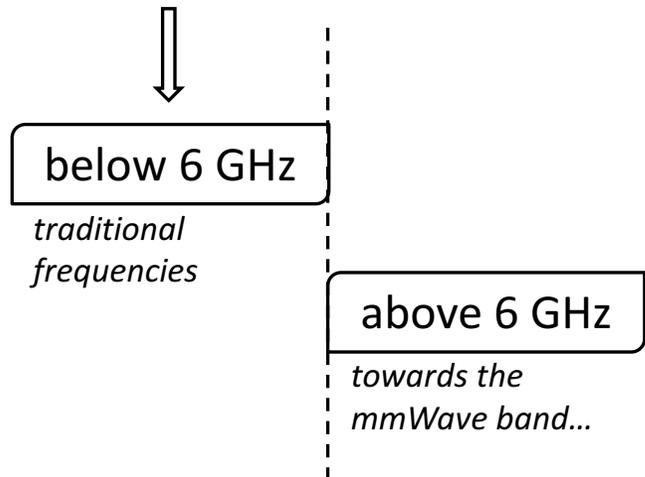
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AT&T says 6 GHz band key for FirstNet, 5G

by Monica Allevan | Mar 21, 2018 8:54am

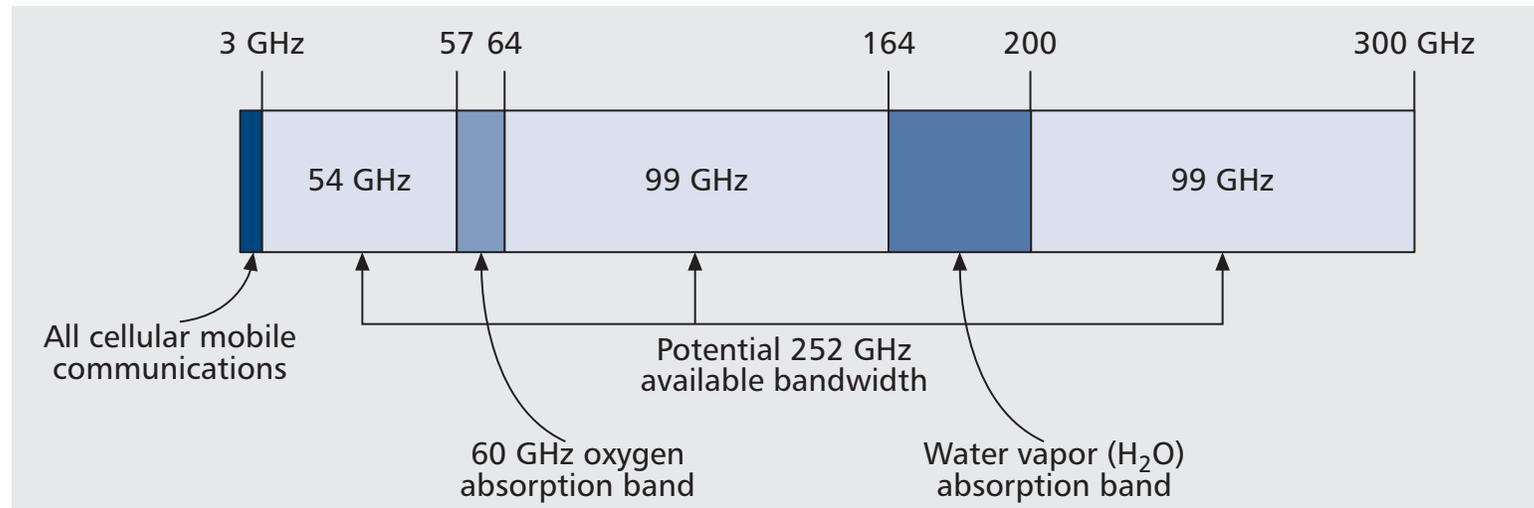
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From E. Kalantari et al., "Backhaul-aware robust 3D drone placement in 5G+ wireless networks".

A Key 5G Enabler: the Millimeter Waves

- Vast untapped spectrum
 - Up to 100x bandwidth than current allocations



From Khan, Pi "Millimeter Wave Mobile Broadband: Unleashing 3-300 GHz spectrum"

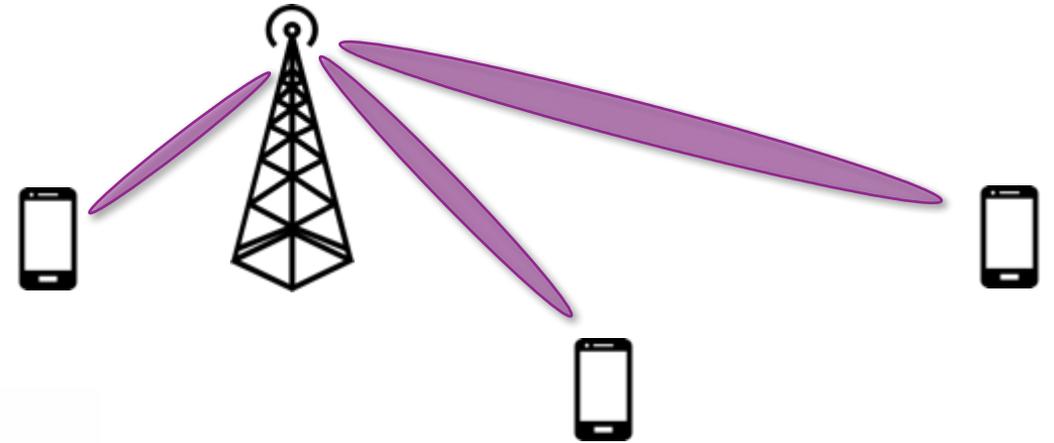
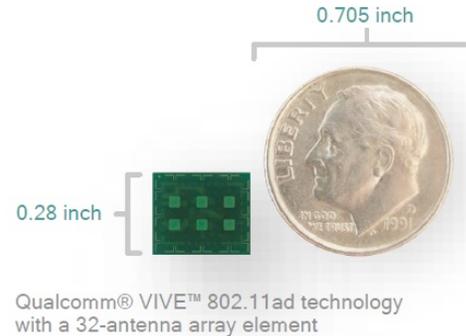
The Main Challenges

□ Pathloss

high isotropic loss

SOLUTION (and challenge)

- MIMO beamforming, resulting in directional transmissions



□ Blockage

very sensitive waves

SOLUTION (and challenge)

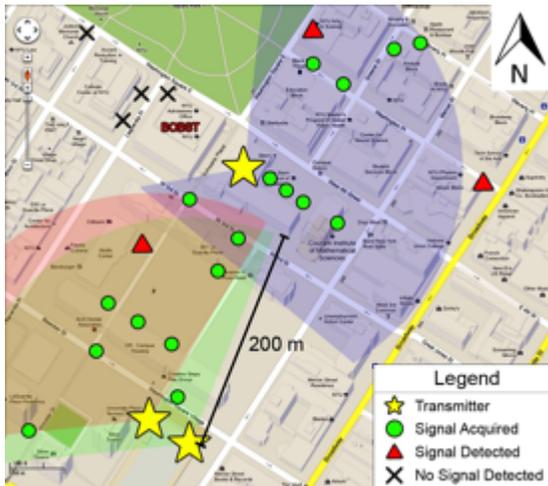
- Beam-tracking/switching



Initial NYU mmWave Measurements



- Millimeter wave: It can work!
 - First measurements in urban canyon environment
 - Distances up to 200m
 - Propagation via reflections



- Proved feasibility of cellular systems
 - Measurements made urban macro-cell type deployment
 - Rooftops 2-5 stories to street-level

Rappaport, Theodore S., et al. "Millimeter wave mobile communications for 5G cellular: It will work!." *IEEE access* 1 (2013): 335-349.

Winner of Donald Fink award: Best paper across all IEEE

Industrial Affiliates



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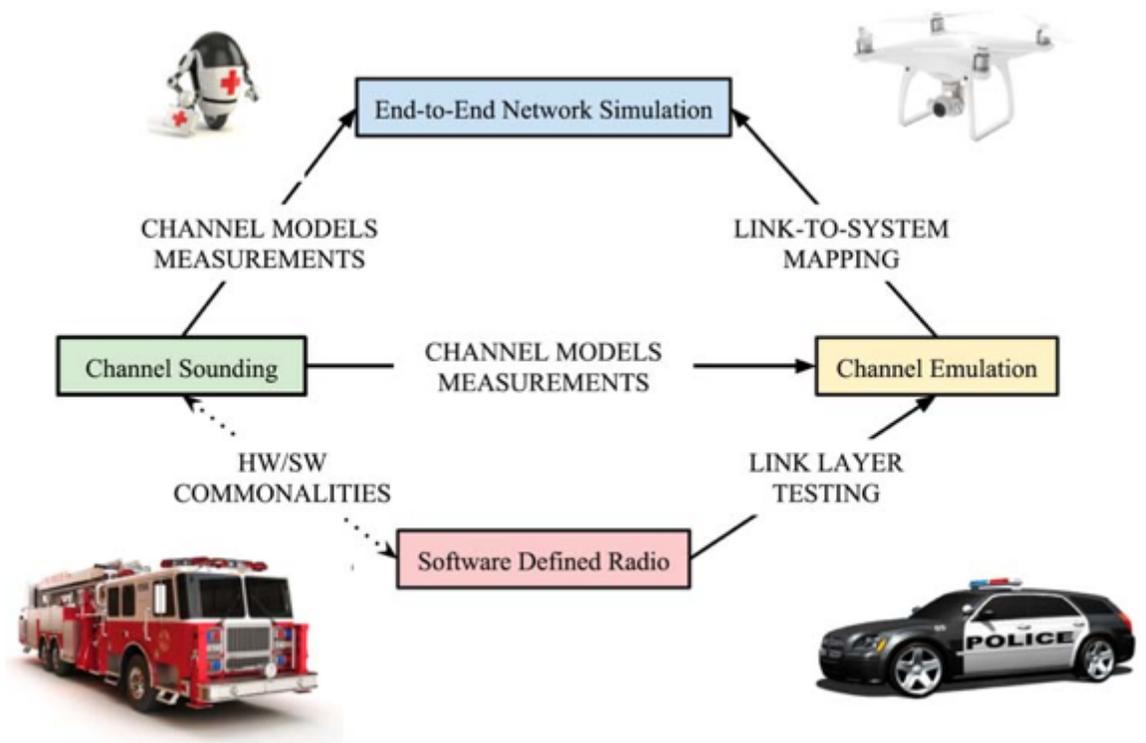
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An end-to-end research platform for Public Safety Communications over mmWave

- ❑ Measure dynamic directional channels in Public Safety (PS) scenarios.
- ❑ Prototyping new ultra-low latency MAC and synchronization algorithms likely to be used in the PS links.
- ❑ Provide the first scalable real-time emulation of complex mmWave channels in PS settings.
- ❑ Development and integration of PS specific scenarios in end-to-end mmWave network simulator.



Austin Fire Department Robotics Emergency Deployment Team



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WATER



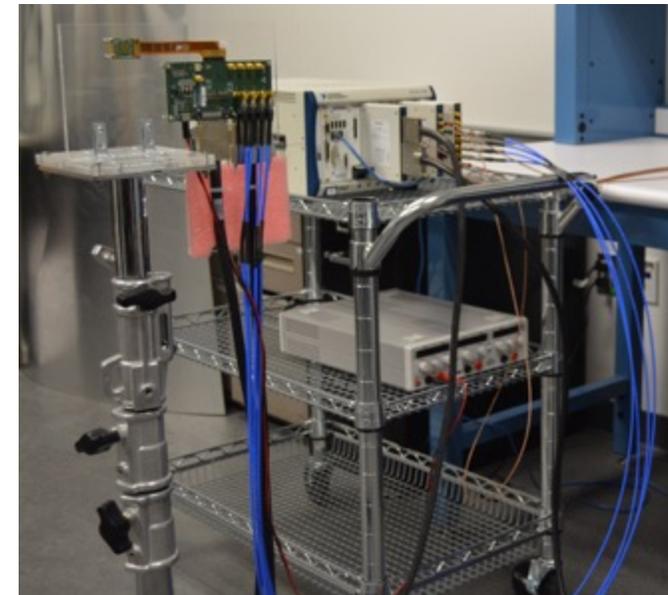
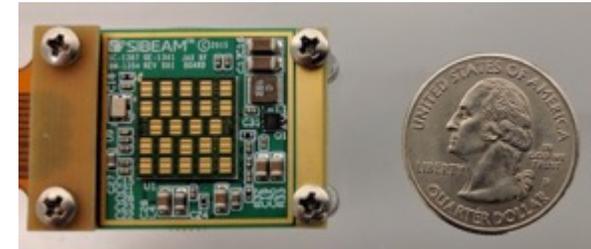
- ❑ The mission of the RED Team is to mitigate real-world problems through the deployment of air, ground, and maritime remotely operated resources
- ❑ The vision of the RED Team is to enhance firefighter safety and improve emergency response through the use of emerging technologies such as robotics.

Thrust 1: Dynamic Channel Sounding



60 GHz Measurements

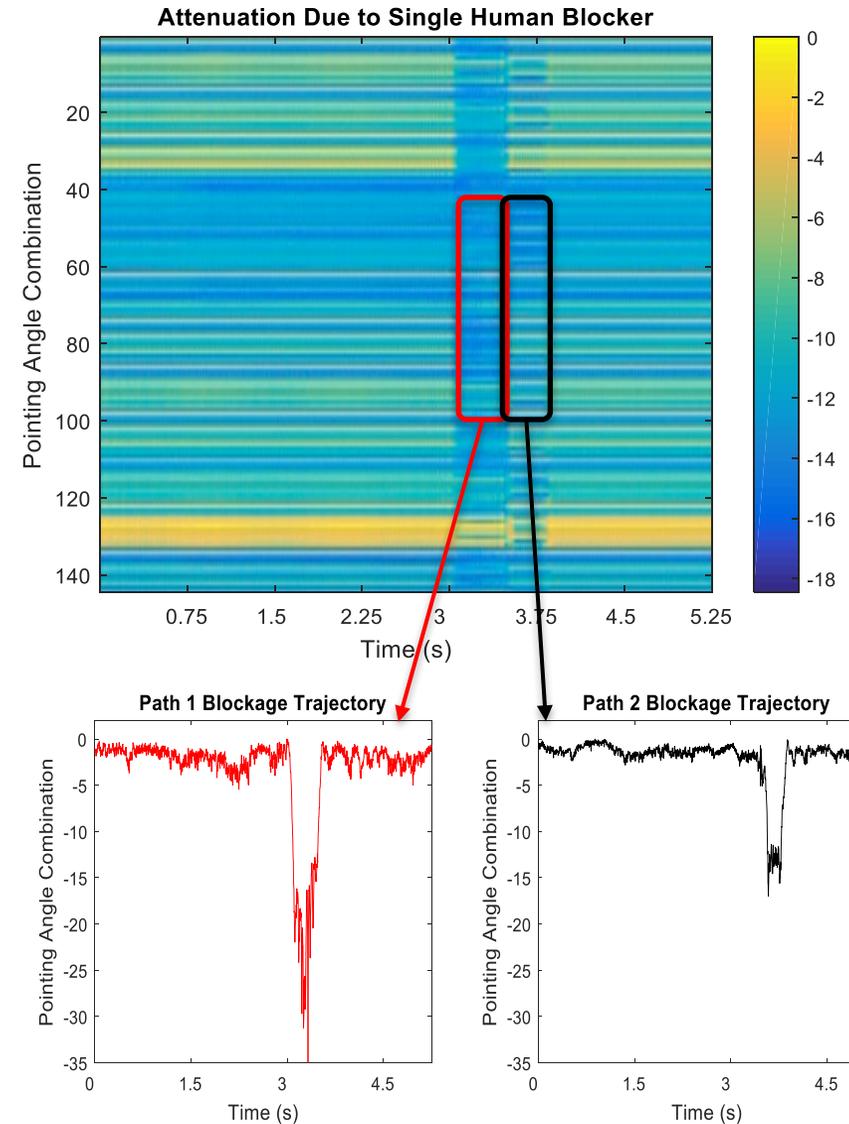
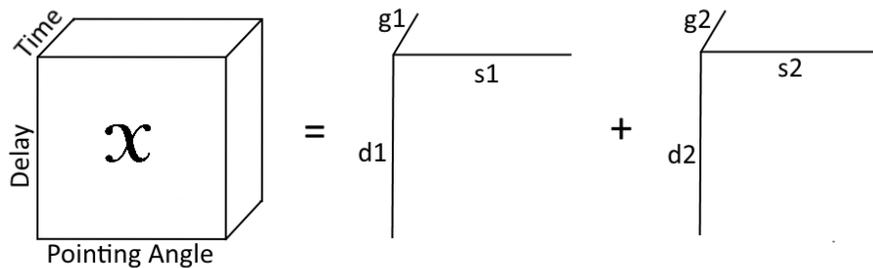
- ❑ Measurements performed at 60 GHz using a custom channel sounder with phased arrays
 - SiBeam Phased Array with 12 steerable antenna elements and 45 degree steerable range.
- ❑ Rapid steering ability and wide bandwidth
 - Scans over 144 TX/RX pointing angles repeated every 3 ms
 - The phased array is mounted on steerable gimbal to simulate orientation motion
- ❑ Primarily investigated human blockage
- ❑ Collaboration with Sony



PARAFAC

- Tensor decomposition technique to aid in extracting blockage trajectories for each path
- Novel model for wireless channel
 - Useful technique for modeling

$$x_{ijk} = \sum_{\ell=1}^L d_{i\ell} s_{j\ell} b_{k\ell}$$



Next Steps

- ❑ New measurement campaigns planned
 - Ceiling mounted AP
 - Large, open venue
 - 3+ nodes, relaying
- ❑ New hardware
 - Additional later generation phased array hardware donated by NI
- ❑ Can implement data link to implement proof-of-concept system instead of measurement system



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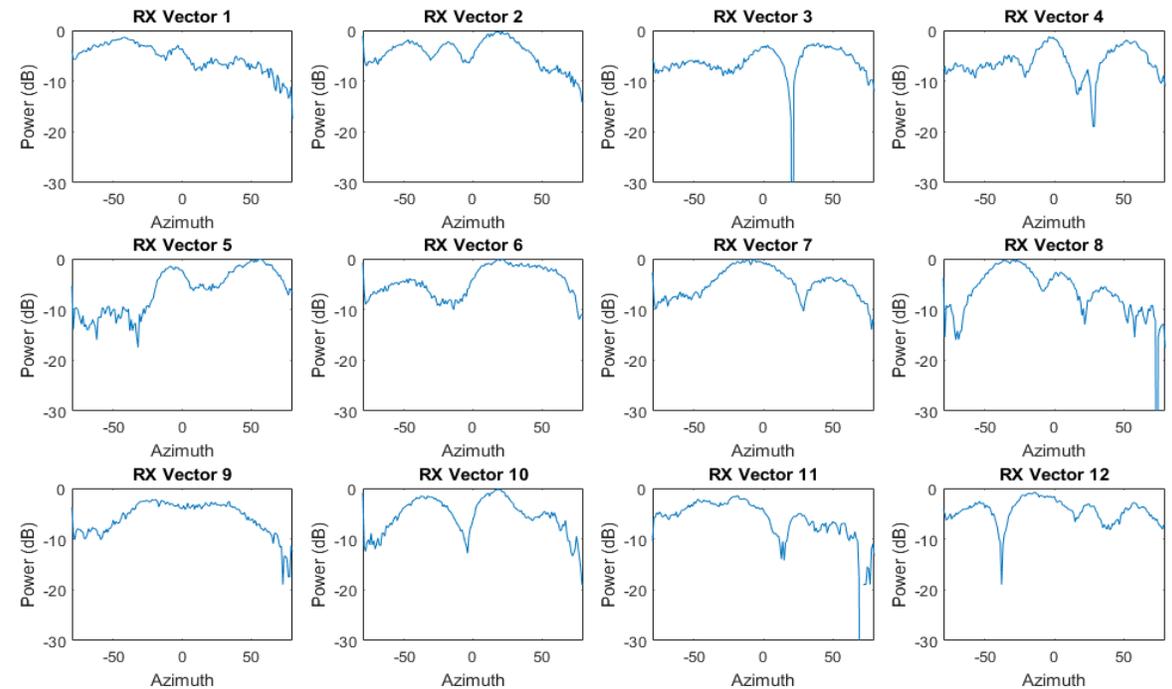
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Thrust 2: Software Defined Radio

Limitations of Current System

- ❑ Limitations / issues in current 60 GHz systems
 - SiBeam phased arrays appear to have poor antenna patterns
 - Limited directional gain
 - Desired system at 28 GHz
- ❑ Significant delay in receiving OFDM NR code
- ❑ Considering developing alternate system
- ❑ Leverage other SDR developments
 - Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research



Platforms for Advanced Wireless (PAWR)

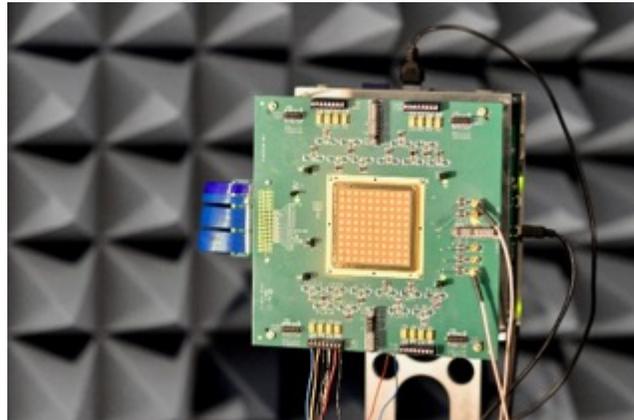
- ❑ NYU, Columbia and Rutgers to lead testbed
 - Rutgers overall lead. NYU leads mmWave
- ❑ One of two awarded in US
 - \$10 million funding per testbed
- ❑ 20 block testbed in Upper Manhattan
- ❑ Showcases several advanced technologies
 - Cloud RAN, NFV, MmWave, Massive MIMO
 - Applications include VR/AR and autonomous driving
 - Can be used to test first responder scenarios
- ❑ Seeks strong industry collaboration.
 - Provide testbed for developing new wireless technologies and applications



PAWR 28 GHz IBM Phased Array System

Module features:

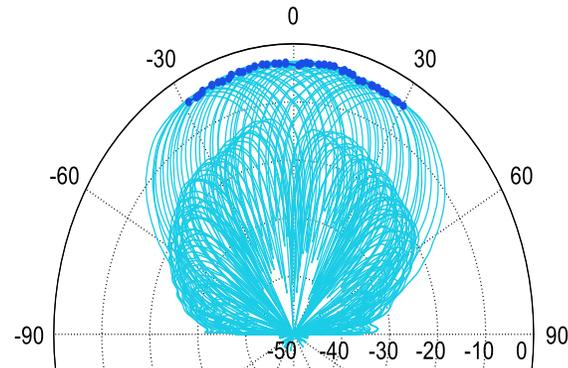
- 64-dual polarized antennas and 4 ICs each with 32 TRX elements
- 128 TRX elements in total
- 8 independent 16-element beamformers, each supporting 1 polarization of 16 ant.
- RF true time delay based architecture
- 28GHz RF, 5GHz ext. LO, 3GHz input/output IF
- 54dBm saturated EIRP on each polarization



28GHz phased array eval. board



Example outdoor link experiment at IBM



Measured Precise
1.4°/step beam steering

- Plan to migrate development to PAWR system
 - Leverage 28 GHz IBM/Ericsson phased array
- Baseband will be co-developed
- Consider various options for FPGA

Next Steps

- ❑ Finalize architecture choice for 28 GHz SDR system
 - IBM phased array has already been selected for 28 GHz
 - Currently evaluating Siverts 60 GHz module
 - Currently in discussion with vendors and other SDR teams on FPGA platform
- ❑ Begin development of 5G NR code
 - Cannot be done by single university
 - In discussion with Open Air Interface to use their stack (designed for sub 6 GHz)
 - Will need to port to higher bandwidths and latest FPGA platforms

Thrust 3: Channel Emulation

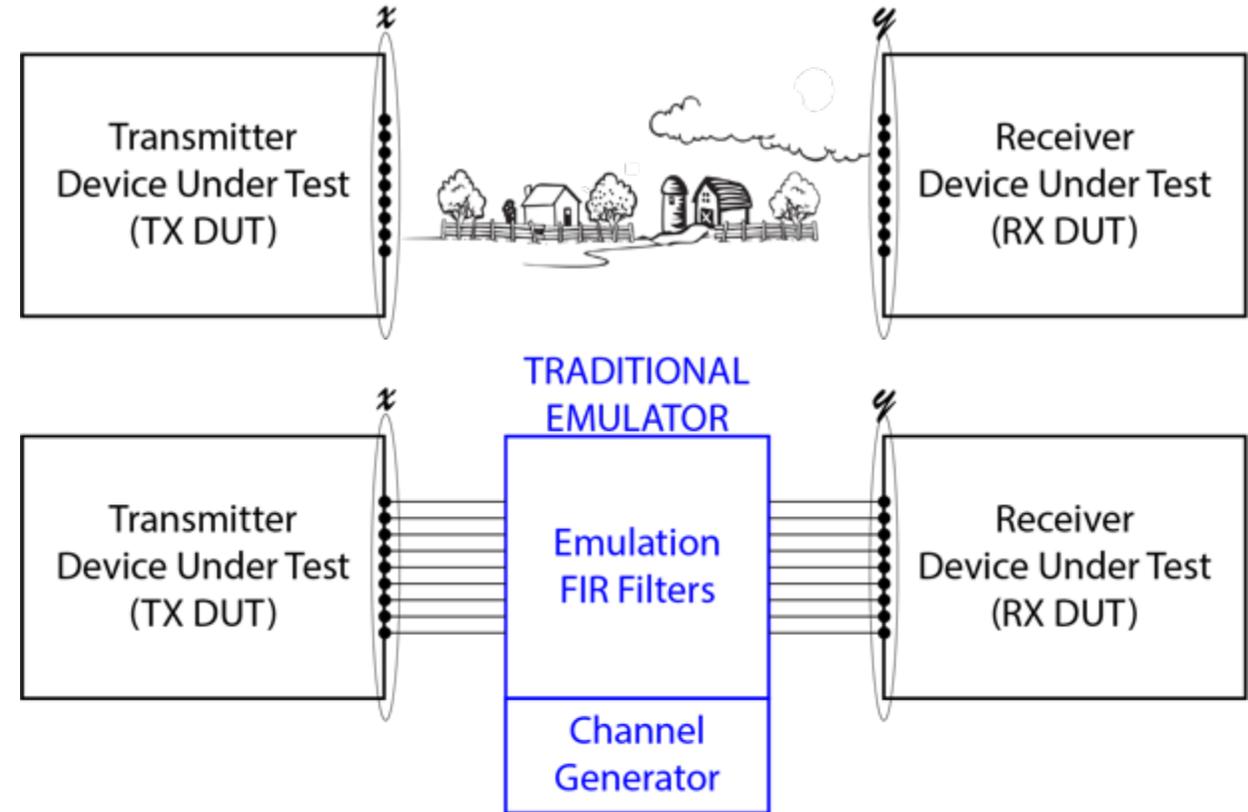
Background: The need for Emulation

Over-the-air: $x \rightarrow y$

- + Realistic scenarios
- Time consuming and expensive
- Labor intensive
- Non-reproducible

Channel Emulator: $x \rightarrow y$

- + No need to leave the lab
- + Easy to replicate and reproduce
- + Standard channel models (i.e. 3GPP, ...)
- + Worst-case scenario testing



**Emulators are a critical tool in the design and test of wireless systems.
They are therefore a staple of any lab bench.**

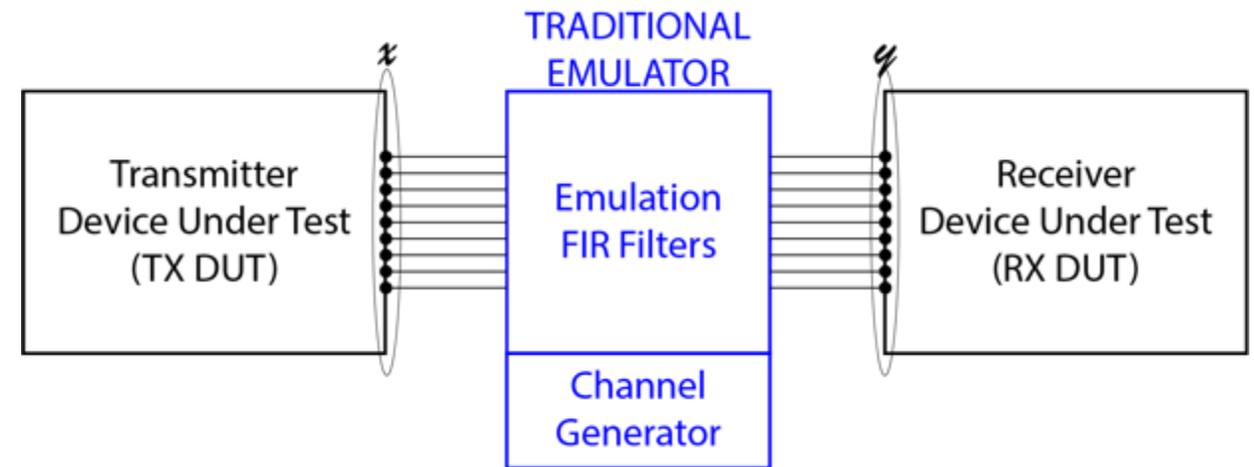
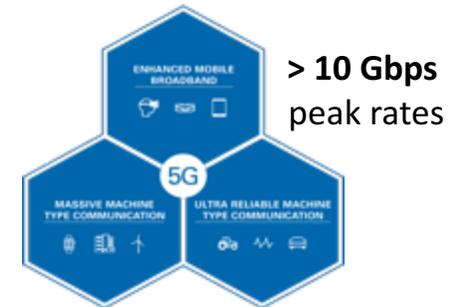
Challenges with Emulation for mmWave 5G

5G mmWave Mobile Broadband

- Large number of antenna elements ($N=10x$)
- Massive bandwidth ($B=10-100x$)
- Fast beam-steering

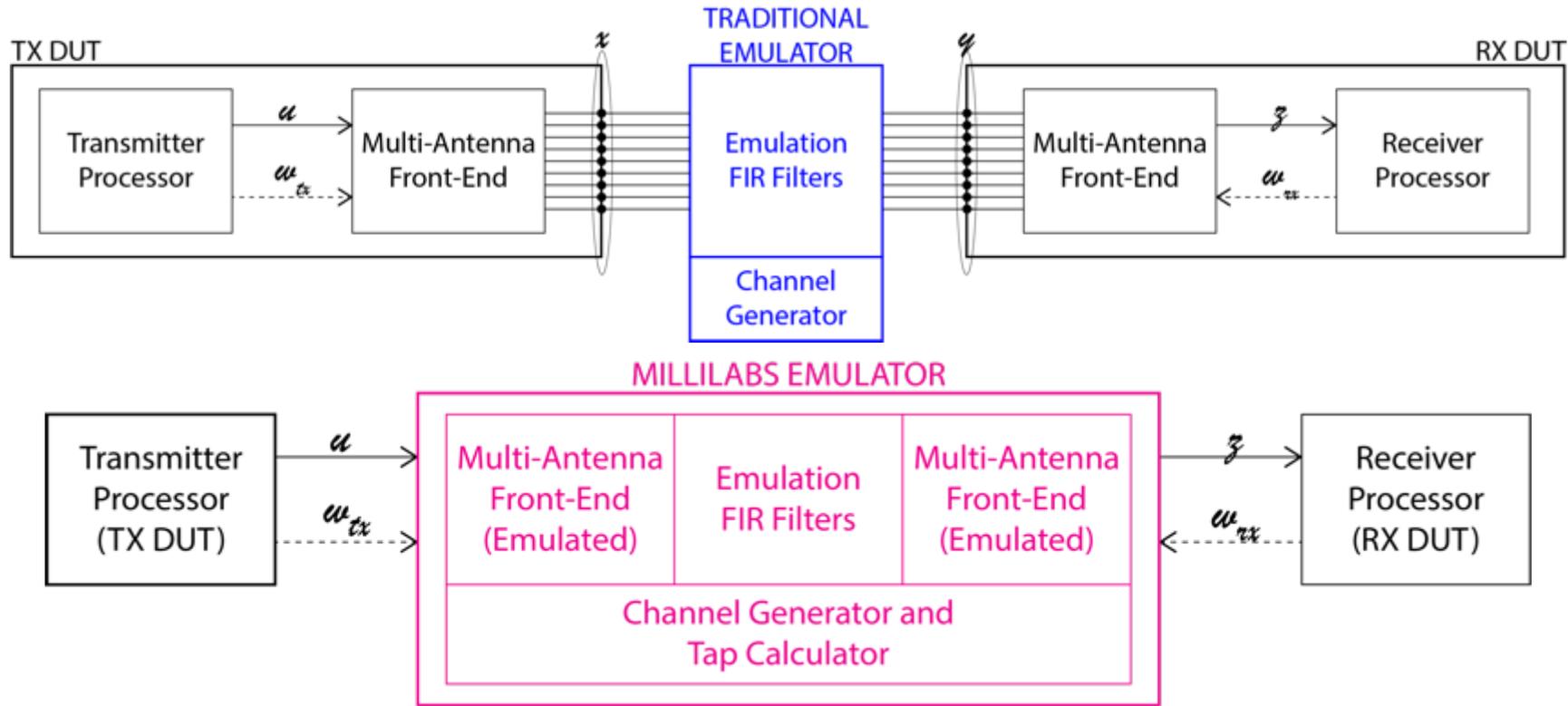
Emulation Challenges

- Prohibitive number of cables (large N)
 - Emulator does $x \rightarrow y$, where signals x and y are RF
 - Connecting a phased array to cables is itself impossible!
- Emulator becomes very expensive to build (large N)
 - Large number of RF up/down-converters
 - Large number of DAC/ADCs
 - Data marshalling (movement) becomes hard to do
- Computational infeasibility (large N, B)
 - Massive number of FPGAs will be needed



**The existing emulation paradigm is unsuitable for 5G mmWave mobile broadband.
A new emulation paradigm is needed!**

NYU Emulator: A New Paradigm

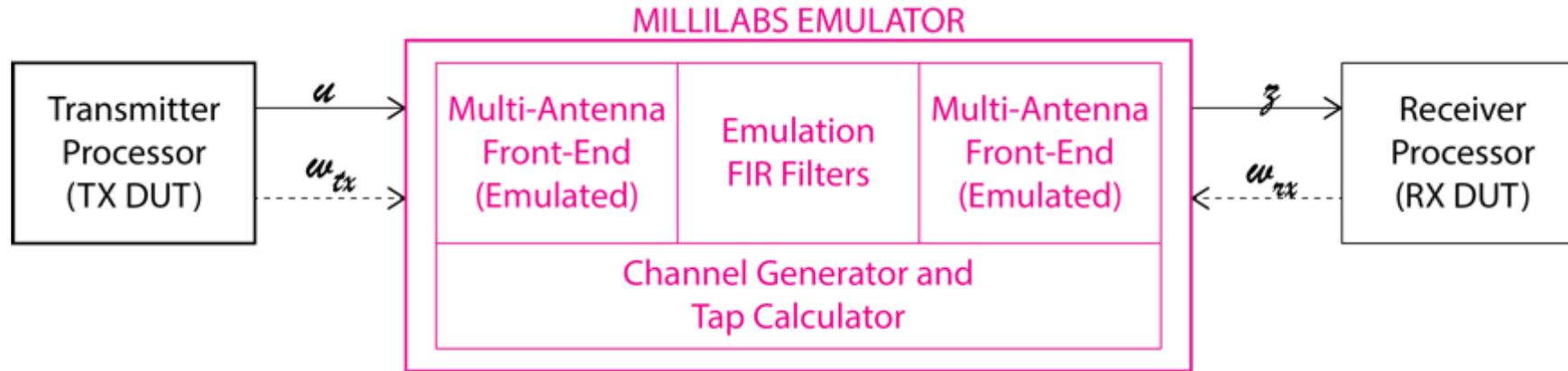


- BF is done on the DUTs
 - TX: $u \rightarrow x$
 - RX: $y \rightarrow z$
- Basic operation: $x \rightarrow y$
 - x, y are N -ary
 - x, y are in RF
- Basic operation: $u \rightarrow z$
 - u, z are m -ary, where $m \ll N$
 - u, z can be baseband, IF, or RF
- BF is done on the Emulator
 - Very efficient implementations
- Highly modular and adaptable architecture

There is a reason why 5G mmWave Emulators aren't available today.

The NYU Emulator is specially designed for large N and B .

NYU Emulator: Key Features and Specs



- Implementation on OTS components
 - NI's PXIe Software-defined radio platform
 - PXIe chassis, FPGAs, DAC/ADCs, IF modules, mmWave heads, ...
- Data signals u and z
 - Analog/digital baseband
 - Easy upgrade path to IF/RF
- Control signals w_{tx} and w_{rx}
 - Serial, generic DIO
 - Custom interfaces upon request
- Number of antennas, N
 - Up to 1024
 - Linear/rectangular arrays
 - Easy (and cheap) upgrade path to $N=1024$
 - Custom array topologies upon request
- Front-end Modeling
 - Steering errors/noise
 - Phase noise, frequency offset modeling
- Bandwidth: $> 2\text{GHz}$
- Channel Models and Features
 - 3GPP, Channel sounding, ray-tracing, ...
 - Multipath, doppler, mobility, blockage, ...
- Beamforming Architectures
 - Analog beamforming
 - Upgrade path to hybrid beamforming
- TX/RX Reference Implementations
 - Available upon request
 - TX/RX can operate in the same chassis

The NYU Emulator is highly modular, flexible, and customizable.

NYU Emulator: Summary

Feature	Traditional Emulators	NYU Emulator
Millimeter Wave Support	No	Yes
Computational Complexity	Prohibitively High	Efficient
Hardware Cost	Expensive	Low-cost
Reusable Hardware	No	Yes
Channel Emulation	Yes	Yes
RF Front-end Emulation	No	Yes
Bandwidth Supported	Less than 200 MHz	More than 2 GHz



Next steps

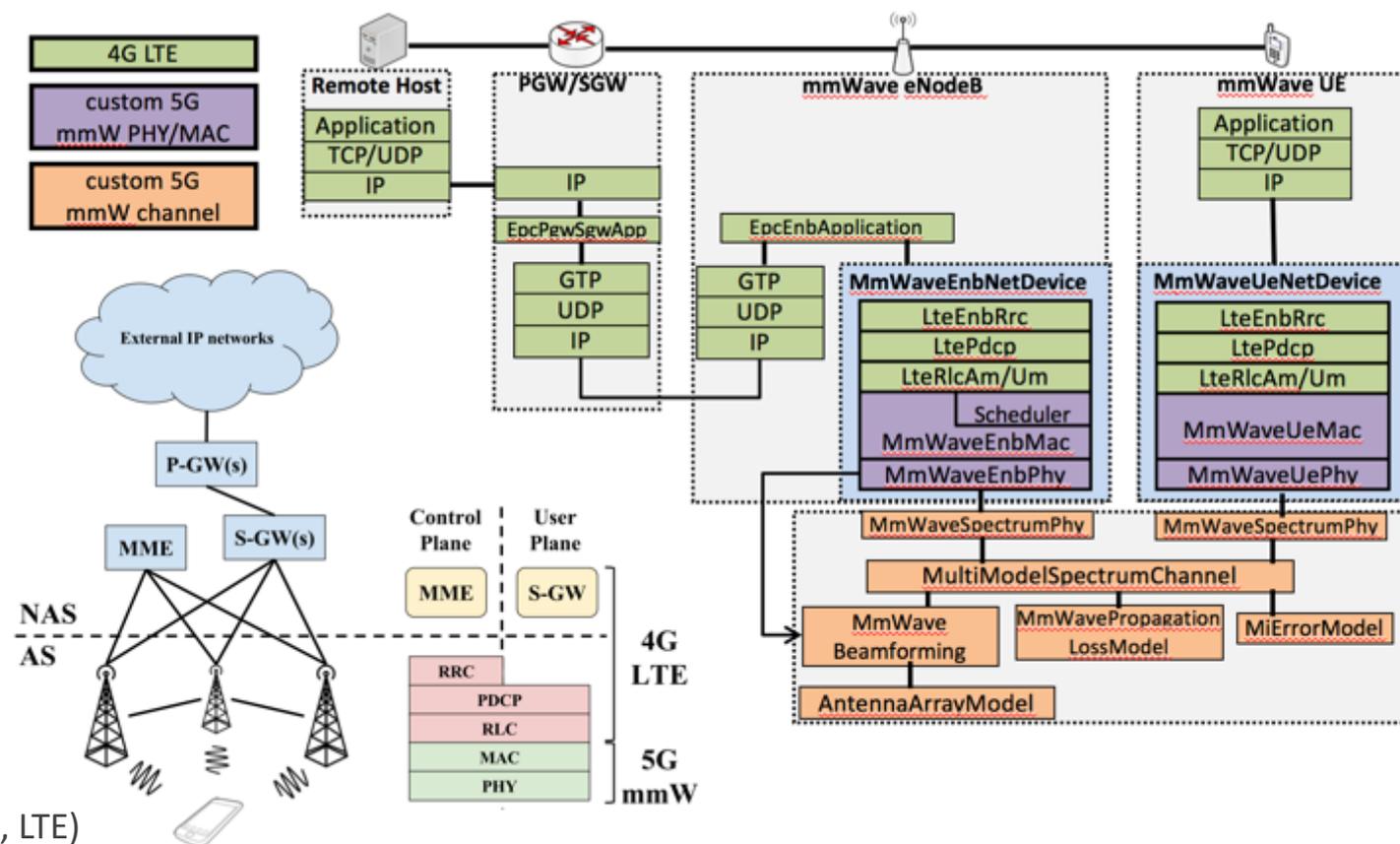
- ❑ Implementation of the new peer-to-peer public safety channel models.
- ❑ Interface with the SDR platform for the synchronization and control design. This may include emulation of fully digital transceivers.
- ❑ Addition of interference sources and multiple synchronization signals.



Thrust 4: End-to-End Network Simulation

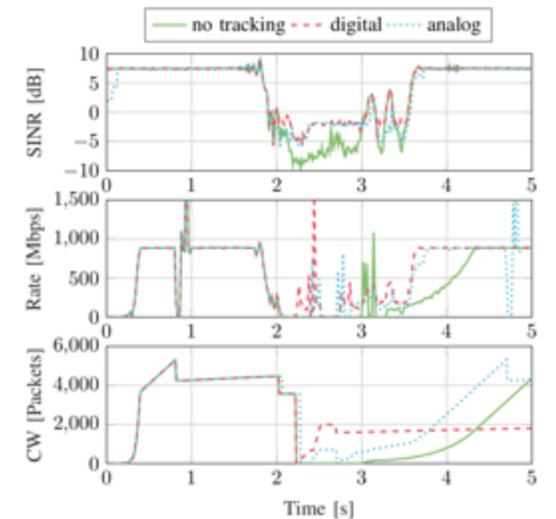
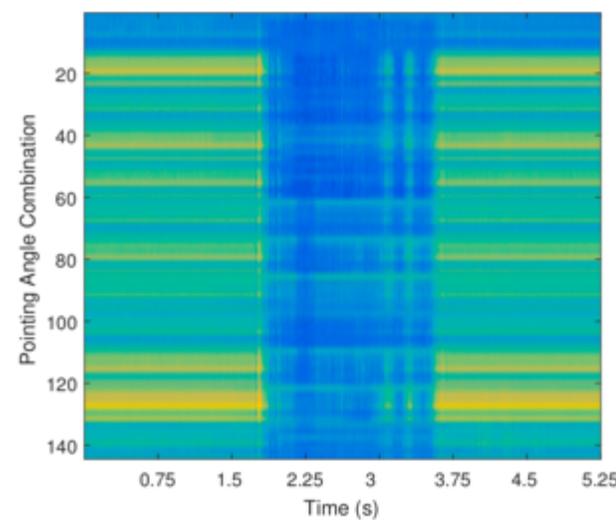
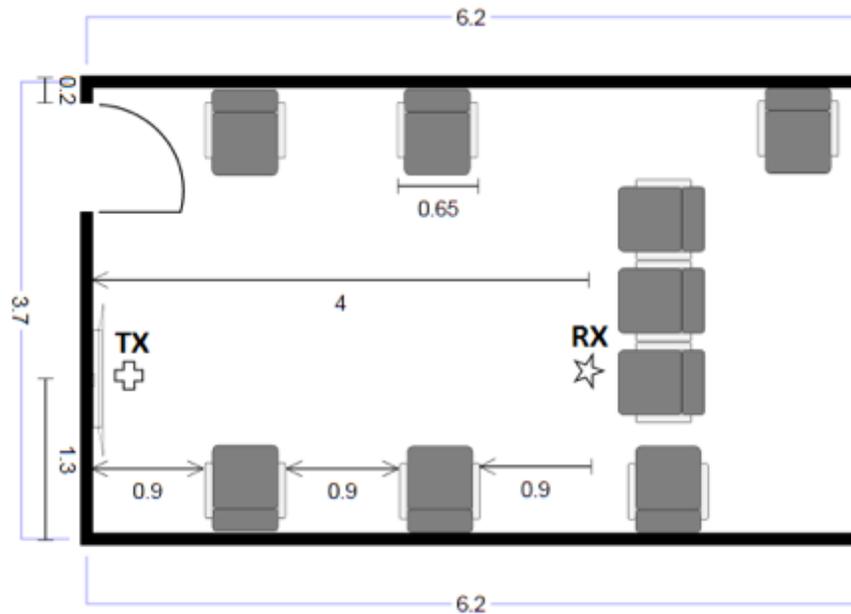
End-to-end mmWave Network Simulator

- ❑ Open source
- ❑ 3GPP channel models / scenarios
- ❑ Mobility (including vehicular / hi-speed transportation / drones)
- ❑ Customizable 3GPP NR frame structures, frequency bands, OFDM numerologies, schedulers
- ❑ 3GPP NR beam management
- ❑ E2E performance evaluation including:
 - ❑ TCP/IP, S2/X1, PDCP, RLC, MAC/PHY metrics
 - ❑ RRC signaling, RLC buffers, HARQ procedures
 - ❑ Coexistence with other radio technologies (e.g., IEEE 802.11, LTE)
- ❑ Dual connectivity, carrier aggregation, IAB, etc.

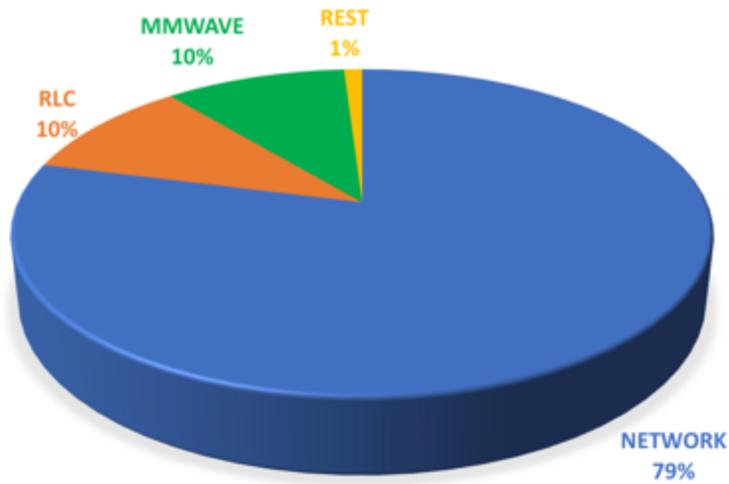


Measured channel dynamics

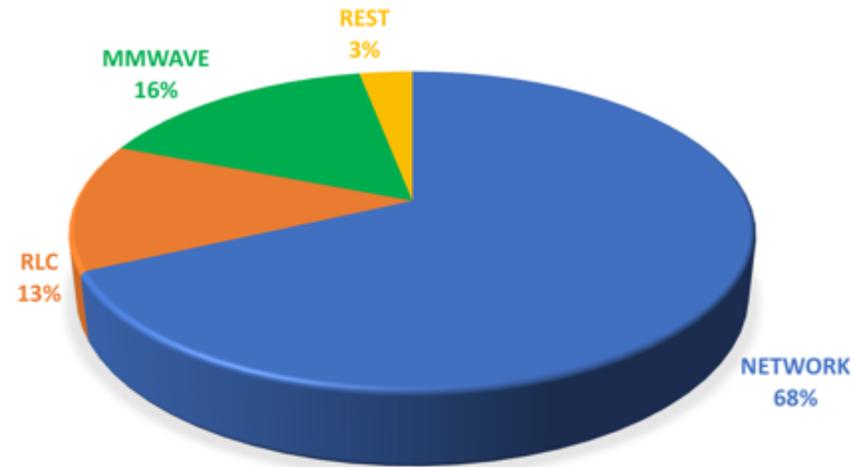
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- Phased-array indoor measurements integrated in ns-3
- End-to-end network performance evaluation with different beamforming architectures



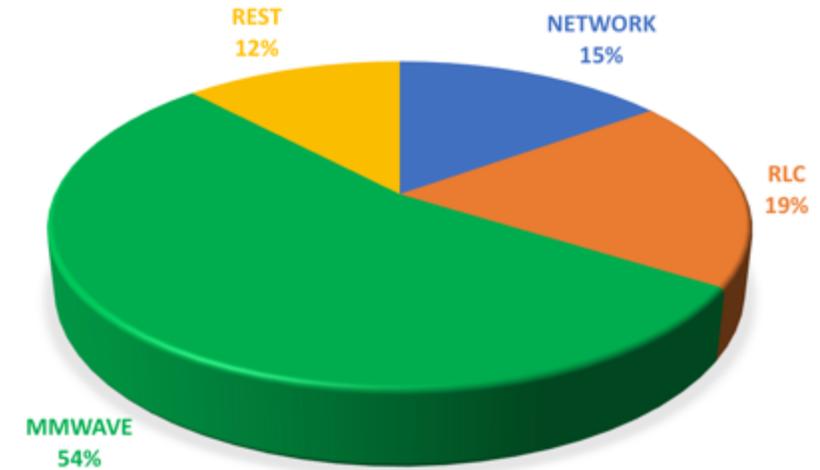
ns-3 profiling



TCP TRAFFIC, 1 BASE STATION AND 1 USER



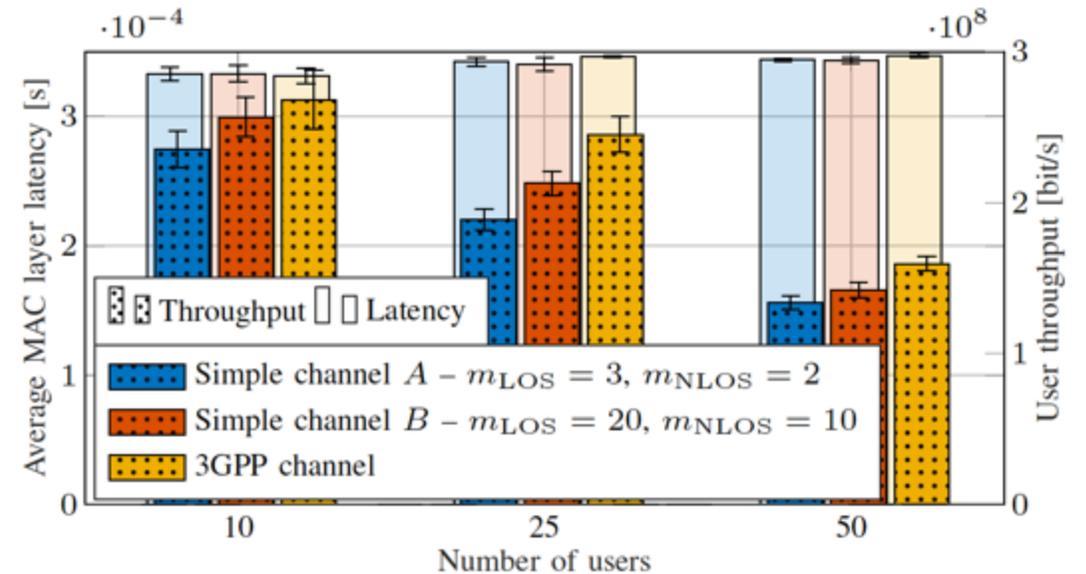
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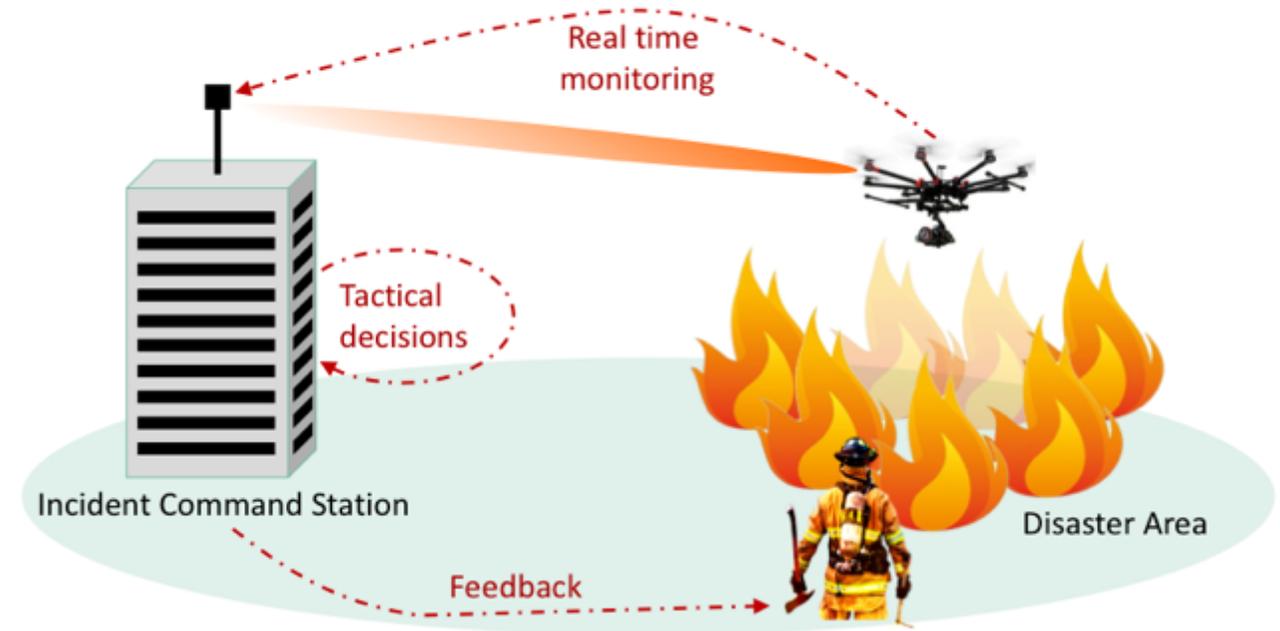
Simulation scalability

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- NYU is working on a new statistical model to abstract the behavior of 3GPP channels [TR 38.900]
- NSF-RCN effort led by NYU and UW (CSP/NET interface for mmWave – with particular focus on link abstraction)
 - Industry participation (Intel, Nokia)



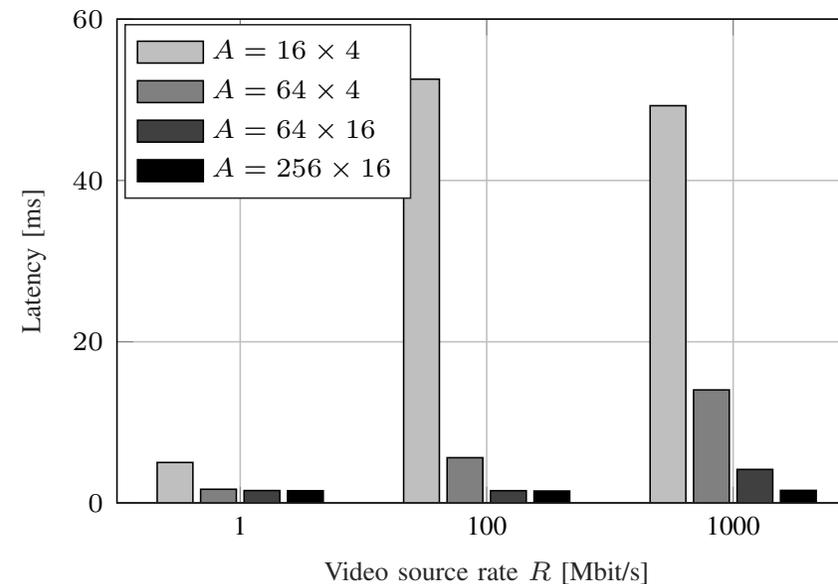
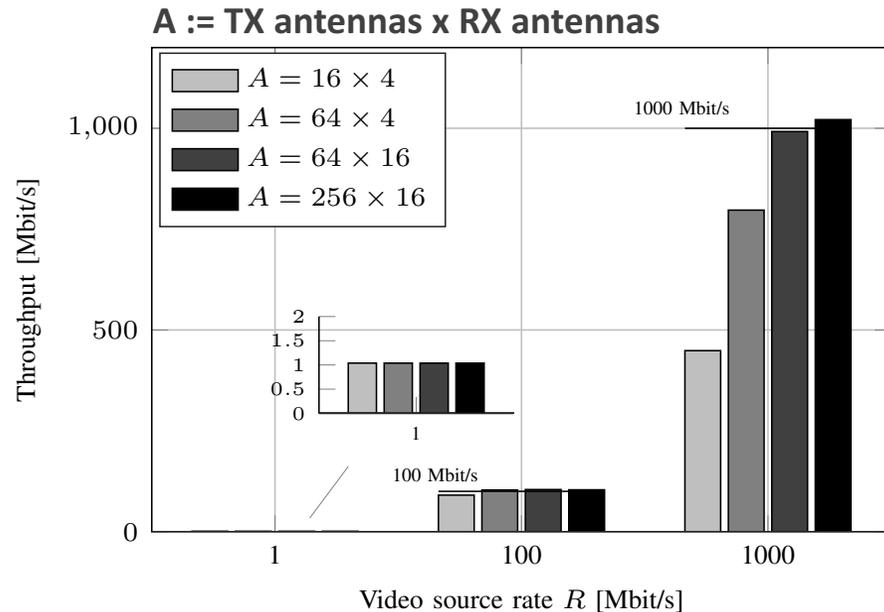
Use case: wildfire

- ❑ Rapid response and coordination need real-time data
- ❑ Fixed infrastructure is not available
- ❑ UAV can be deployed with mmWave links for high quality video streaming and aerial multi-hop



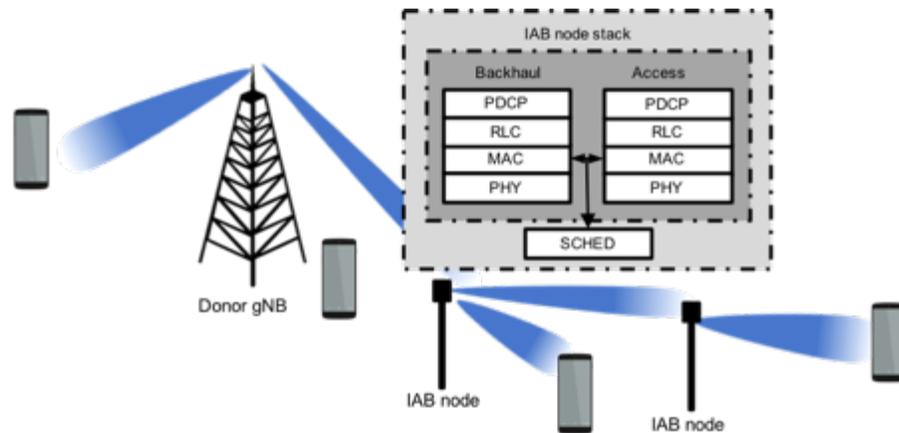
Use case: wildfire

- End-to-end performance evaluation with network simulator ns-3
 - 3GPP-inspired protocol stack, channel models, beam tracking



Next steps

- Integration of flight-traces from disaster response missions (collaboration with [Dronesense](#))
- Vehicular mmWave
- Relaying/Multi-hop (fixed or mobile – drones/cars)



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