

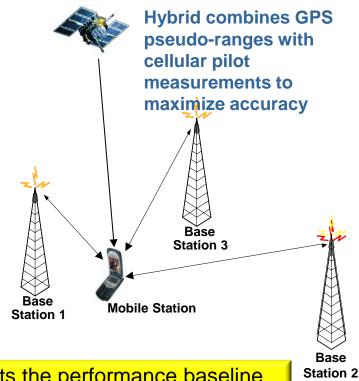
# APCO International Discussion on E911 Location Accuracy and Dispatchable Location



### **Today's Technology Hybrid A-GPS/AFLT**

- Works outdoors and indoors
- Outdoor fixes rely predominantly on GPS measurements and highly accurate GPS-only fixes are produced
- Hybrid fixes use both GPS pseudo-ranges and CDMA Pilot measurements in the same trilateration calculation when an insufficient number of GPS pseudo-ranges are available for a GPS-only fix
- Hybrid allows the maximum accuracy when a GPS-only solution is not possible (e.g., two or fewer GPS pseudo-ranges are available)
- Hybrid, perhaps AFLT only in some cases, allows for indoor coverage and nearly 100% yield.
- Enhanced Cell ID (E-CID) and Cell ID (CID) provide 100% yield
- Carriers without AFLT today just use GPS E-CID, and CID

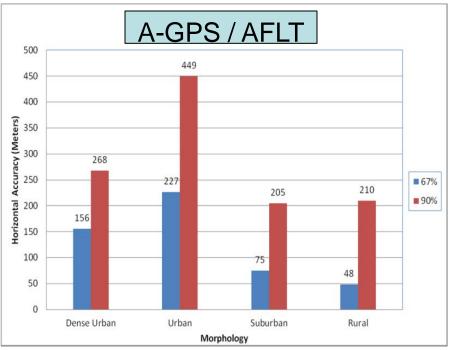
This positioning technology represents the performance baseline





### **Today's Indoor Accuracy**

### From The CSRIC Report – Emulated live 911 Performance on real networks



Newer ranging methods, such as OTDOA and Wi-Fi, will improve E911 indoor performance

Dispatchable Location will provide complementary approach to locating the caller

Figure 6.1.2-7. Indoor Accuracy by Morphology for Qualcomm



# **New Technologies Improving Indoor 911 Accuracy**

- New Access Networks
  - 4G/LTE
  - Wi-Fi
- New Positioning Methods
  - 4G/LTE Observed Time Difference Of Arrival (OTDOA)
    - A highly detectable LTE reference signal designed to outperform 3G solutions
  - Wi-Fi Positioning
    - Signal strength and ranging measurements available for E911 positioning
- New Network Topologies
  - Wi-Fi data offloading
  - Small / Femto cells
  - Both are a powerful positioning asset for wireless operators
- Dispatchable Location
  - The "Gold Standard" Use of these new networks / topologies as well as BT beacons



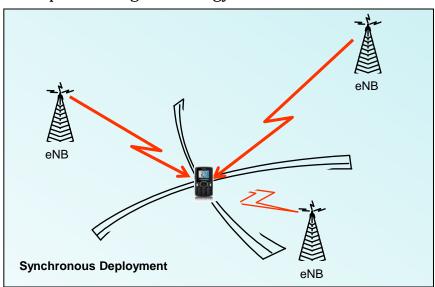
### **Key Benefits of Wireless WAN (WWAN)**

- Penetrates buildings deep indoors
- Ranging is possible from cell towers giving a position indoors
  - 3G/AFLT showed we have indoor coverage
  - 4G/LTE networks with OTDOA will improve indoor accuracy
  - 4G/LTE positioning coverage for mobile user base will grow quickly
- Leverages existing infrastructure to do positioning
- Leverages LTE modem
  - No new handset hardware required
- Leverages trusted, accurate cell tower base station almanac of wireless operators
- Multiple bands available for ranging
- Strong ecosystem exists



## **Observed Time Difference of Arrival (OTDOA)**

- Downlink positioning method (similar to AFLT) but for 4G/LTE networks
- The mobile measures the difference in time of arrival of the new LTE signal between multiple base station pairs
- Designed to outperform AFLT (higher bandwidth, increased hearability, inter-frequency, etc.)
- OTDOA will be a useful indoor positioning technology





### How to Leverage Wi-Fi and BT

- Wi-Fi and BT information may be used to supplement cellular indoor positions
  - Specifications exist for:
    - How to report Wi-Fi MAC address, signal strength and time measurements along with the cellular and GPS information
    - How to report BT Identifiers
    - How to send back an alternative (potentially consumer LBS) position to the server, be it from sensor aided, device specific database solutions, etc.

### Challenges

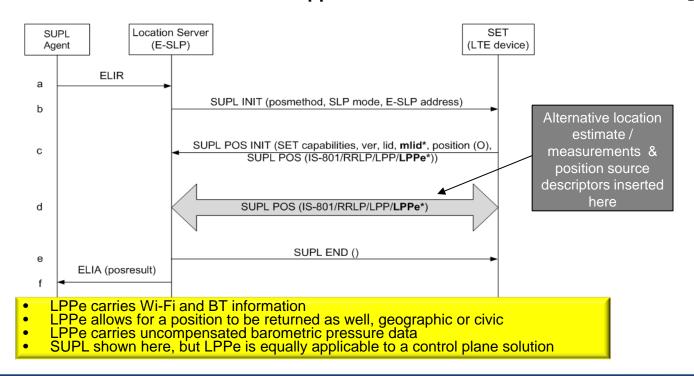
- Multiple decentralized databases of unvalidated accuracy exist today
- The need for and the issues with creating centralized database(s)
- Targeted / Phased Rollouts Possible
  - Wi-Fi Data Offloading provides the carriers with managed Wi-Fi databases to use for location
  - Leverage the forming National Emergency Address Database (NEAD)
- Wi-Fi and BT solutions can be cross checked
  - Validate Wi-Fi / BT solution against solution from OTDOA / AFLT / A-GPS methods



### WLAN / BT Information in a 911 Call

### **E911 UP Call Flow with WLAN Support**

### From The CSRIC Report





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