



A High Performance Wireless Trackside Meshed Network for Buenos Aires Commuter Trains

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SOFSE – The Train Company

- Operadora Ferroviaria Sociedad del Estado - Operates regional passenger services in Argentina
- State-owned company created in 2008, since March 2015 also runs the Buenos Aires urban commuter rail services previously operated by private companies
- Manages 9 lines (1000 km) including:
 - Sarmiento
 - San Martin
 - Mitre (3 Lines)
 - Roca
 - Belgrano (2 lines)
 - Urquiza

The Once Tragedy

22 February 2012

- A crowded train - about 1,200 passengers
- Approached station at speed— working brakes were never applied
- Hit buffers at 26 kph- 51 killed, more than 700 injured
- Second fatal accident on the Sarmiento line within six months, third deadliest train accident in Argentine history
- Cause never officially determined

SOFSE Objectives

Goals:

- Make Sarmiento a model of safety
- Avoid recurrences
- Address operator errors

Early Steps:

- CCTV to capture cockpit video for later review
- Saw need for real-time viewing in main control center

SOFSE's Required Solution

- Live streaming of video from Cab to main control center
- Aggregate network capacity for up to 26 simultaneous Hi-Def live video streams.
- A real-time Command and Control and station linked to the Public Address alert system at the main control center and at each station
- Command and Control system must include sufficient backbone network capacity to link each of the 16 stations with the main control center and with each other whenever needed

Public Tender

Specifications:

- 32 km of track, 16 stations 26 Trains (2 radios per train)
- No available 3G, 4G, or Fiber
- Stream 26 Hi-Def videos simultaneously
- Unlicensed spectrum (5.8 Ghz at 1 watt per radio)
- All stations and trains on a single network (>70 nodes)
- Command and Control with Station Alerting

Response: NO OTHER QUALIFIED BIDDERS!

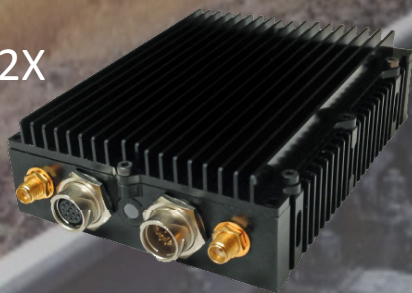
The Proposed Solution

- K Mesh, based on MN MIMO wave form, not restrained by 802.11 specifications
- Mutualink™ Emergency Collaboration Network

K (Carrier) Mesh Technology

- 2X and 4X MIMO COFDM - far exceeds the capabilities of WiMesh 802.11
- Superior proprietary meshing algorithm – development funded by DARPA
 - No tower to tower failover - assured delivery at the packet level
 - **Extremely robust in Urban Canyons and Subterranean Passages**
 - Very high DATA throughput (>100 Mbs)
 - Extremely reliable at long ranges (30 Mbs at 25 miles, 2 Mbs at 60 miles or more)

Model 42X



Model 44X



Model 42X
Hand Held



K Mesh Advantages

Due to the extraordinary level of real-time, packet-level control and the advantages of MN MIMO, K Mesh advantages include:

- Instantaneously routes each packet by the current optimal path
- Automatically selects the optimal modulation scheme for each packet according to current conditions
- Space-Time coding distributes redundant copies of data across multiple antennas to improve robustness
- Spatial multiplexing permits multiple data streams to be sent simultaneously , increasing the capacity of the link
- Rx Beamforming allows radios efficiently to sum energy received by all receiving stations
- Tx Beamforming allows radios to steer transmit beams toward the receiver on a real time basis

Robust Performance in Urban Canyons

GREEN STREETS = STRONG RECEPTION

802.11 Radio

K Mesh



Exceptional Subterranean Performance

IP Camera - IXE10DN-ADLSL11



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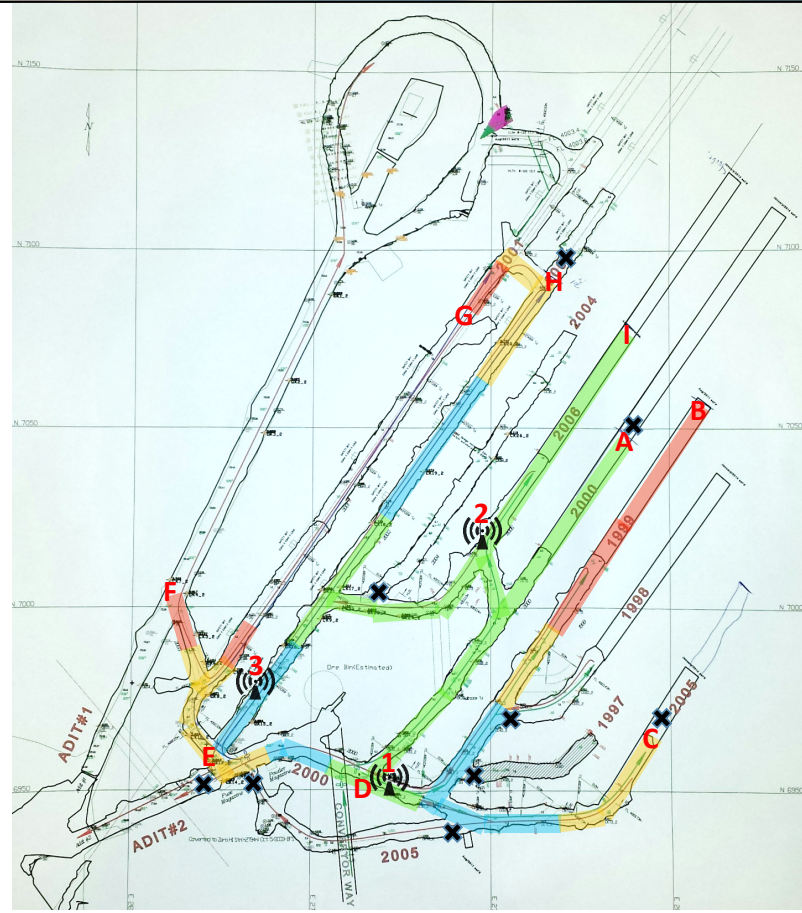
Exceptional Subterranean Performance

- **1, 2, 3** – Denote Locations of Fixed Radios
- 4th Radio Mobile and Followed Colored Path
- **A, B, C, ...** - Denote Location of Measurements of Data Sent From 4th Radio to **Radio 2** (See table below)
- **Radio 1** – Rubber Duck Antenna, **Radio 2** – Helical Antenna, **Radio 3** – Helical Antenna, **Radio 4** – Laird Antenna
- ~50m x 50m Per Grid
- Vehicles Driving Between Signal Path Affected the Signal by Only 1~3dB
- ✖ - Denotes Inaccessible Area or Not Explored Area
- Radio Network Tested at 2.490GHz Center Frequency in a 20MHz BW

Location	MCS	SNR (dB)	File Transfer (Mbps)	TCP Iperf (Mbps)
A	12	37	37	31
B via R1	9, 3	18, 19	8.8	7.3
C via R1	12, 9	22, 22	14.4	10
D	11	29	35	25
E via R1	12, 2	31, 21	13.6	9.96
F via R3	2, 3	5, 12	8.8	7
G via R3	2, 3	3, 13	8	7.8
H via R3	14, 3	40, 12	12.8	12.4
I	14	25	64	37

Legend

- 30+ Mbps
- 20 Mbps – 30Mbps
- 10Mbps - 20 Mbps
- <10 Mbps



ANTI-JAMMING MEASURES IN K MESH RADIOS

How does MN-MIMO overcome jamming?

Radio Interoperability and the ability to change frequencies on demand are InterLink's two most powerful tools for overcoming jamming.

Radio Interoperability:

For both voice and data, InterLink Radios communicate via IP over RF as well as over wired infrastructure. These radios can be comprised of multiple networks set to different frequencies, yet, when a single network spans multiple frequencies, the radios will interoperate seamlessly for both voice and data.

Ability to change frequencies on demand:

If, for instance, in a forward position, half the radios are on one frequency and half are on a different frequency, the two sets of radios can interoperate for voice and data. If one frequency is jammed, users on that frequency can switch to the other frequency and resume communications as if no jamming had occurred. If only a subset of the users of one are disabled by jamming, the surviving users need only connect to a radio of the other frequency, and a connection can be reestablished for the surviving radios in the jammed network. Can a radio move to a different frequency (automatically or manually) in the event that a frequency is jammed? Today, these changes are manual and are conducted from the Tactical Operation Center. In fact, an entire network of radios can be changed to a different frequency with one click using our broadcast update feature. In the future, this can be done automatically using the ST-DSA feature described in the next slide.

ANTI-JAMMING (continued)

Additional capabilities include:

Rx Beamforming: Allows radios efficiently to sum energy received by all receiving stations, thereby enabling connections with radios that would otherwise be lost under marginal jamming conditions.

Tx Beamforming: Allows radios to steer transmit beams toward the receiver on a real time basis, therefore enabling connections with radios that would otherwise be lost under marginal jamming conditions.

Tunable Frequency Range: Radios can be tuned to different frequencies within the capability range of a nominal band as defined by a radio chip set.

Dual Band Options: Radios can be equipped with two widely varying frequencies to circumvent jamming.

Superior Meshing: Our superior meshing algorithm allows our radios to circumvent “pockets” of jamming activity.

MN-MIMO: MN-MIMO allows radios to make good use of otherwise useless multipath signals even in the event of jamming.

ANTI-JAMMING (continued)



Our research program features a number of ongoing R&D efforts that aim to address jamming and other issues. Videos demonstrating our efforts can be found on at the following URLs:

Eigen Beamnulling:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/6666734/www.interlinkcorp.com%20files/Multi%20Antenna%20Spatial%20Interference%20Mitigation%20Technology.mp4>

The Eigen Beamnulling video demonstrates an interference suppression technique (minimize interference by around 20dB).

Single Transceiver Dynamic Spectrum Access:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/6666734/www.interlinkcorp.com%20files/Single%20Transceiver%20Dynamic%20Spectrum%20Access%20Demo.mp4>

The Single Transceiver Dynamic video demonstrates an interference avoidance technique, whereby the nodes move to a different frequency to avoid the interference.

Please note that these capabilities are currently under Research & Development and at a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4-6. Global InterLink welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Egyptian MOD to further advance this capability for their mission specific requirements.

Command and Control System

Mutualink™ Real-Time Emergency Collaboration

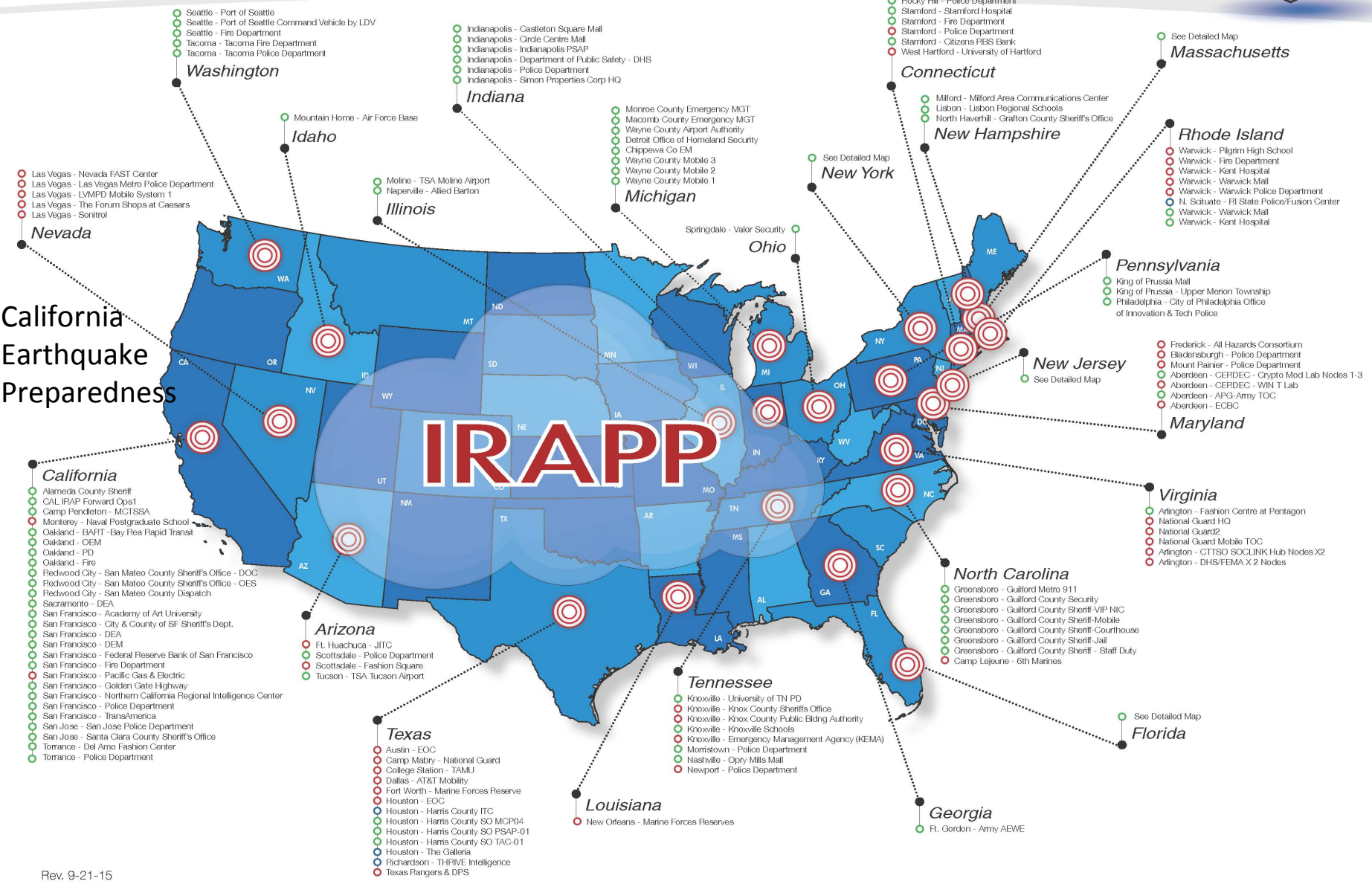
- Linking the main control center and all 16 rail stations:
- Instantaneous sharing of video with integrated interoperable radio, voice, video, telephone
- Allows coordination among all SOFSE lines in later phases of deployment
- Ability to become a multi-agency collaboration system if and when SOFSE opts for that functionality

Command and Control System

Mutualink™ Emergency Collaboration Network

The screenshot displays the 'Support2 Interoperability Workstation' interface. It features several key components:

- Video Feeds:**
 - "PBA":** A live video feed showing an aerial view of a facility.
 - "helicopter":** A live video feed showing a helicopter in flight.
 - "Knox_School":** A live video feed showing an office interior with several people working at desks.
- Control Panels:**
 - Helicopter Panel:** Includes 'Intercom' and 'TX' buttons, a 'Select' button, and a 'Members' list with 'Interlink: Support2' and 'Interlink: Support'.
 - Knox School Panel:** Includes 'TX' and 'Intercom' buttons, a 'Select' button, and a 'Members' list with 'Interlink: Support2', 'Interlink: Support', 'Knoxville - KCSO: Dispatch', 'Knox_School: Dispatch', 'Knox_School: Video', and 'Knoxville - P&N: Dispatch'.
 - PBA Panel:** Includes 'TX' and 'Intercom' buttons, a 'Select' button, and a 'Members' list with 'Interlink: Support2', 'Interlink: Support', 'Knoxville - KCSO: Dispatch', 'Knoxville - P&N: Dispatch', and 'Tn - Knoxville - P&N: Video'.
- Map (Knox County):**
 - Shows a satellite view of Knox County, Tennessee.
 - Includes a purple location marker.
 - Weather data: 14Z 10:46:48, 2° 874°.
 - Status: Disabled.
 - Message: Gimbal: Invalid Position.
 - Legend: T-300 (not ready), 2-Aut (not ready), 3-1st (not ready), 4-2nd (not ready), 5-4th (not ready).
- System Elements:**
 - Windows: 'helicopter', 'Knox_School', 'PBA'.
 - Taskbar: Applications, Places, System, 'Tn-Kn...', 'hudso...', 'Perfor...', 'Tue Apr 23, 10:51:47'.



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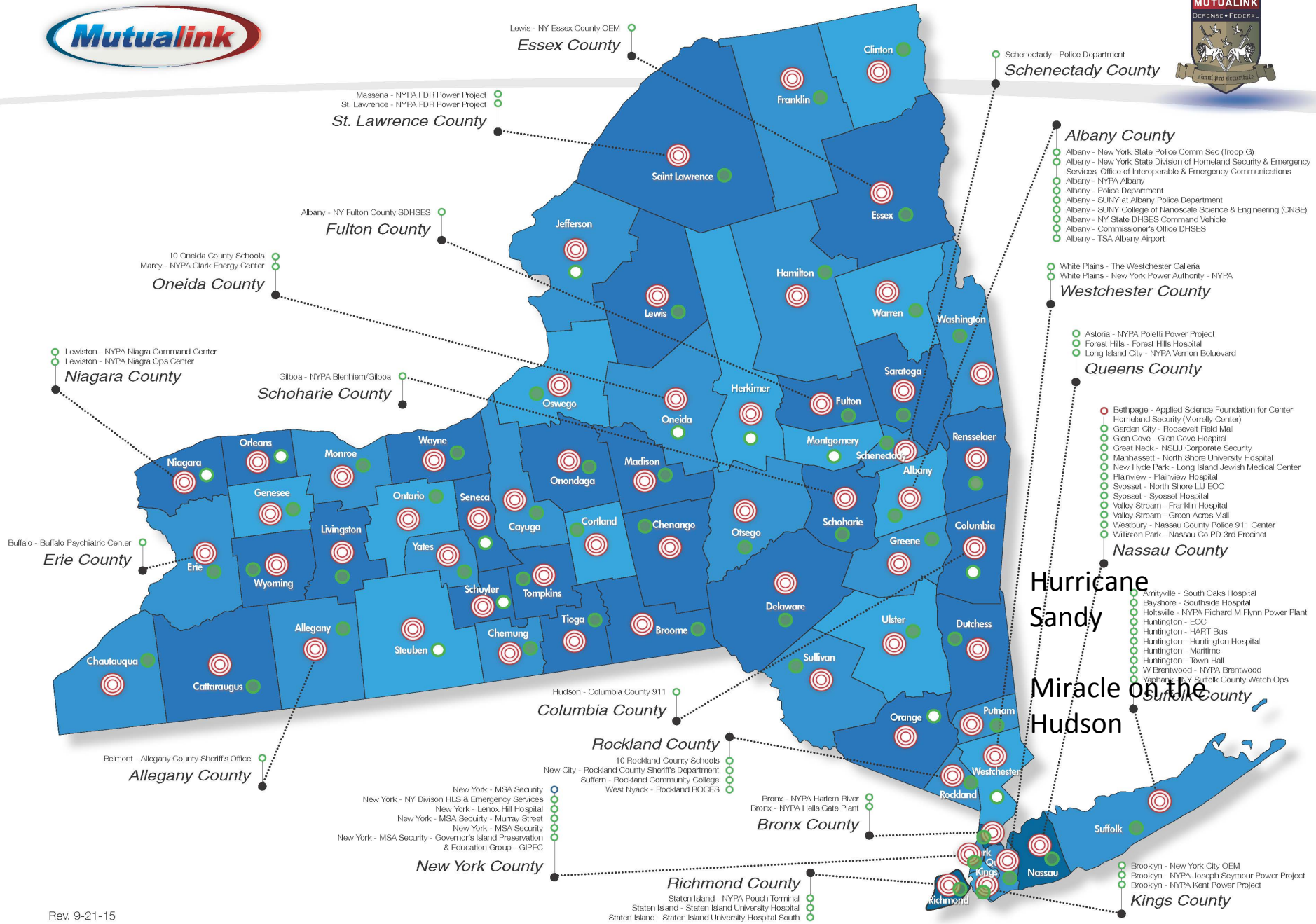


Mutualink US Installations:

CUSTOMERS

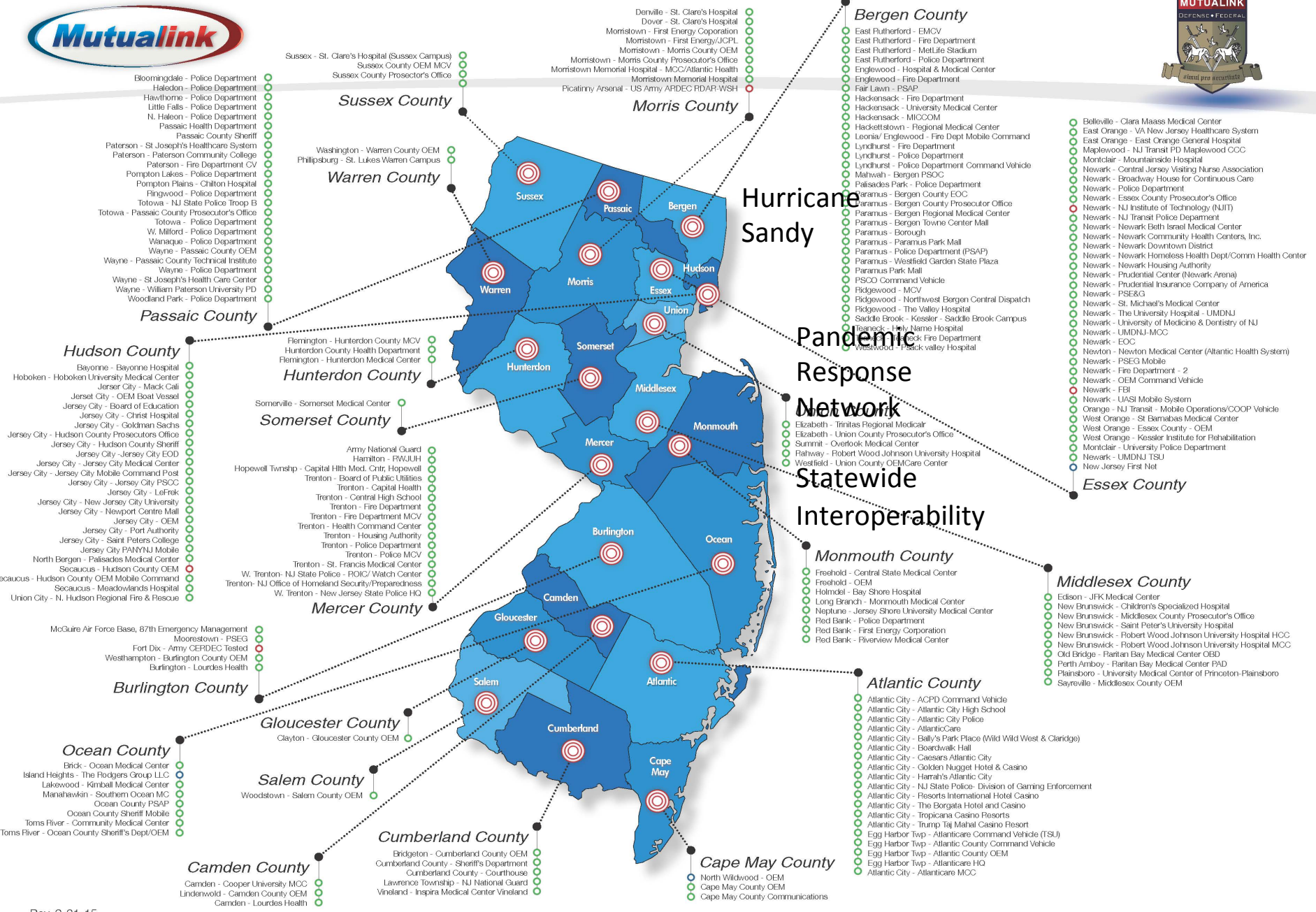
PILOTS

EDGE TRIAL



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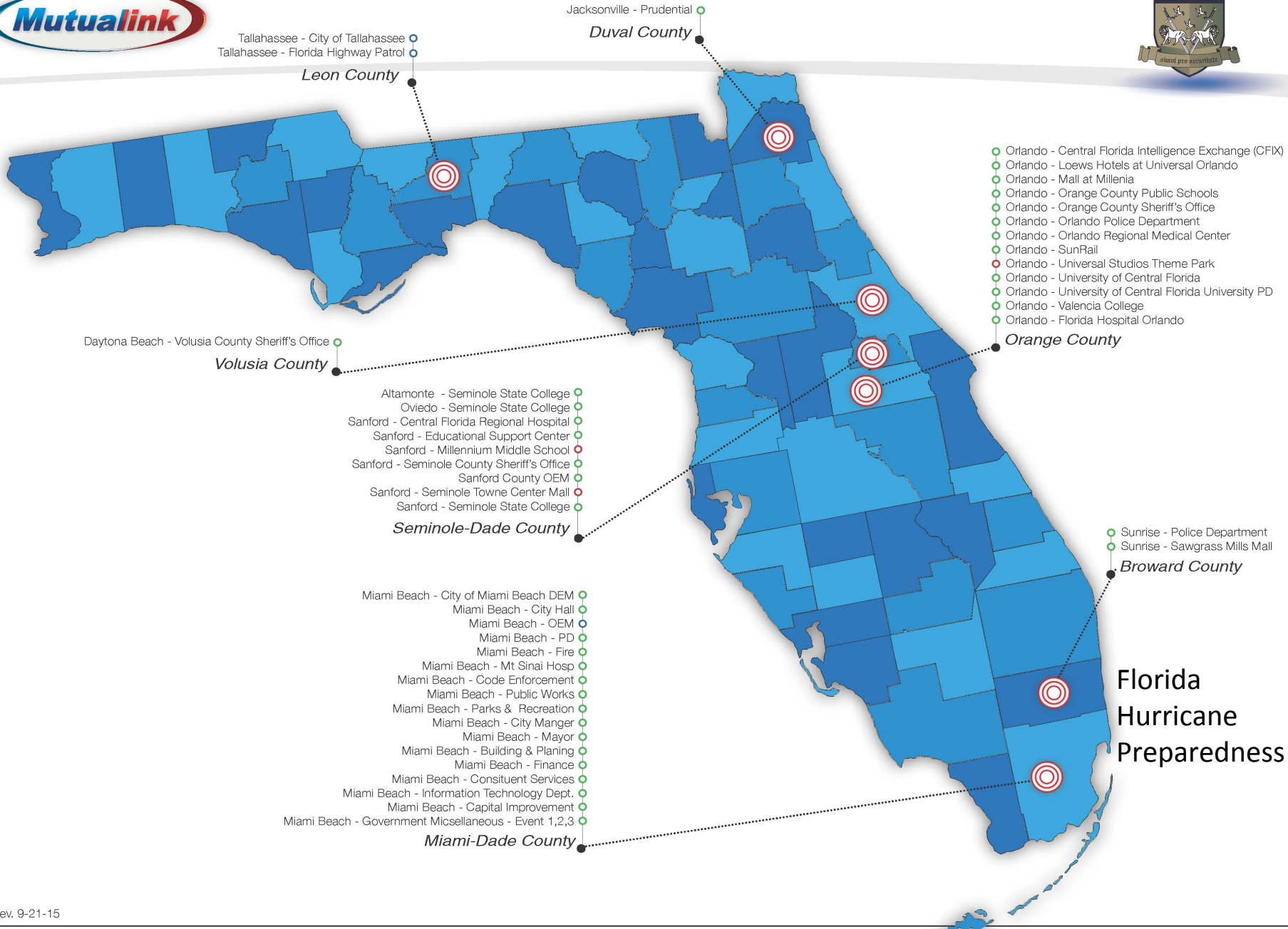
Mutualink NY Installations:
 CUSTOMERS |
 NY Statewide EOMs - 62 Counties
 Installed EOM |
 PILOTS |
 EDGE TRIAL



Hurricane Sandy

Pandemic Response Network

Statewide Interoperability



Tallahassee - City of Tallahassee
 Tallahassee - Florida Highway Patrol
Leon County

Jacksonville - Prudential
Duval County

- Orlando - Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX)
- Orlando - Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando
- Orlando - Mall at Millenia
- Orlando - Orange County Public Schools
- Orlando - Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Orlando - Orlando Police Department
- Orlando - Orlando Regional Medical Center
- Orlando - SunRail
- Orlando - Universal Studios Theme Park
- Orlando - University of Central Florida
- Orlando - University of Central Florida University PD
- Orlando - Valencia College
- Orlando - Florida Hospital Orlando

Daytona Beach - Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Volusia County

- Altamonte - Seminole State College
- Oviedo - Seminole State College
- Sanford - Central Florida Regional Hospital
- Sanford - Educational Support Center
- Sanford - Millennium Middle School
- Sanford - Seminole County Sheriff's Office
- Sanford County OEM
- Sanford - Seminole Towne Center Mall
- Sanford - Seminole State College

Seminole-Dade County

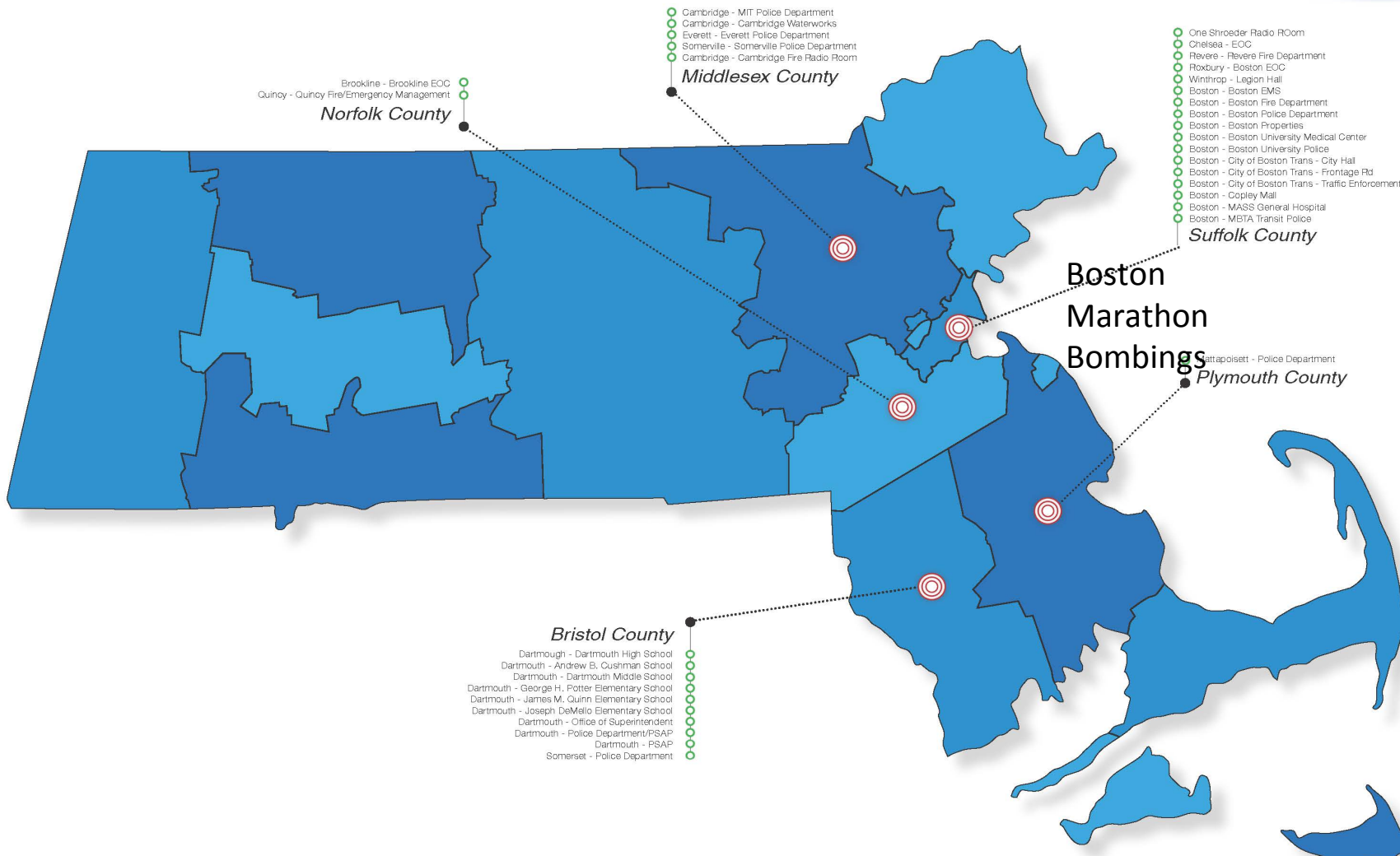
- Miami Beach - City of Miami Beach DEM
- Miami Beach - City Hall
- Miami Beach - OEM
- Miami Beach - PD
- Miami Beach - Fire
- Miami Beach - Mt Sinai Hosp
- Miami Beach - Code Enforcement
- Miami Beach - Public Works
- Miami Beach - Parks & Recreation
- Miami Beach - City Manger
- Miami Beach - Mayor
- Miami Beach - Building & Planing
- Miami Beach - Finance
- Miami Beach - Consituent Services
- Miami Beach - Information Technology Dept.
- Miami Beach - Capital Improvement
- Miami Beach - Government Micsellaneous - Event 1,2,3

Miami-Dade County

- Sunrise - Police Department
- Sunrise - Sawgrass Mills Mall

Broward County

Florida Hurricane Preparedness



- Ontario - Saull Ste-Marie Hospital
- Ontario - LaSalle Police & Fire Department
- Ontario - Windsor University Police Department
- Ontario - Windsor Police & Fire EMS
- Vancouver British Columbia - Vancouver Police Department
- Quebec Montreal - Fire Department
- Quebec Montreal - Police Department
- Toronto Ontario - Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA)

Canada

- Stuttgart - US SOCAFRICA
- Grafenwöhr - US EU.COM
- Stuttgart - US SOCAFRICA

Germany

United States

○ See Detailed Map

Belgium

○ Mons - NSHQ (multiple locations)

Haiti

○ Port-au-Prince - MERC

Colombia

○ Bogotá X 3 Nodes
○ Uribia - Colombia Army Exercise X 3 Nodes

Papal Visit to Brazil
World Cup Olympics

Perú

○ CECOPA

Chile

○ CECOPA

Trains of Buenos Aires

Argentina

○ Buenos Aires, Argentina Rail Road (19 Sites)

Brazil

- Brasilia - Brazil JUICENT - Army Comms
- Rio de Janeiro - Brazil JUICENT - CICC
- Rio de Janeiro - City of Rio Operations Center (COR)
- Rio de Janeiro - Brazilian Federal Police (DPF-RJ)
- Rio de Janeiro - Metrô Rio (Subway System & Operations)
- Rio de Janeiro - Comtex SA
- Rio de Janeiro - Central24 Horas
- Recife - City of Recife Operations Center (CTTU)
- Brasilia - Brazilian Army Comm & Signal Command (CCOMGEX)

Paraguay

○ Asunción - MERC
○ CECOPA

Afghanistan

- Kabul/Ghazni - NATO-SOF x 9 Nodes
- Kabul - AFG Nodes - 7 Sites

NATO Special Ops in Afghanistan

Singapore

○ Singapore - ST

South Africa

○ Pretoria - CSIR / SANDF
○ Skukuza - SANPARKS

Why 802.11 Is Not Suitable

- Supports too few nodes in a mesh topology
- Not enough “hops” per mesh for wireless backhaul
- Insufficient performance/range - Inability to handle the data throughputs per connection consistently and reliably
- NLOS reception inadequate
- Require too many nodes and frequencies

Why 802.11 Is Not Suitable

- Requires more towers and tower infrastructure than Needed and more power per radio and many more radios thus lots more power
- As a result could not use solar as a power source when many of the nodes that need solar power
- Needed electrical amplifiers that put out lots of amps to achieve distance
- Train speeds of 65 km/h are a challenge for 802.11 solutions
- Harsh on-board environment would be fatal to many 802.11 radios.

Why K Mesh is the Right Choice for SOFSE

- Supports an unlimited number of nodes in a mesh topology as required by SOFSE's application
- Supports many "hops" per mesh without significant performance degradation
- Performance and range are exceptional and it handles the high data throughputs per connection consistently and reliably even at considerable distance from towers
- Handles NLOS reception better than other radios
- Requires fewer nodes and frequencies

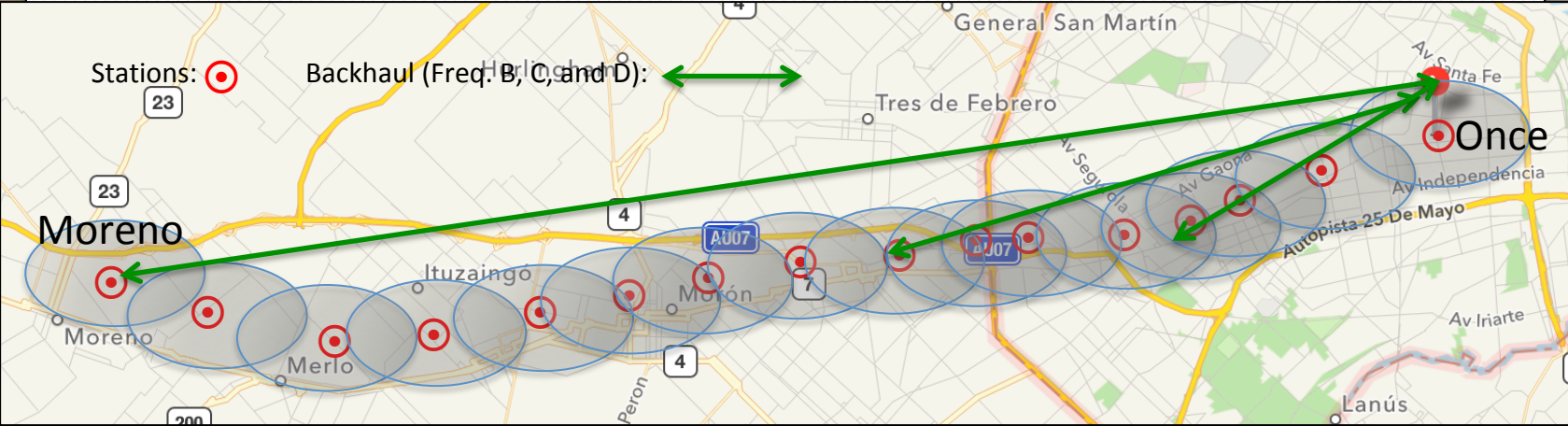
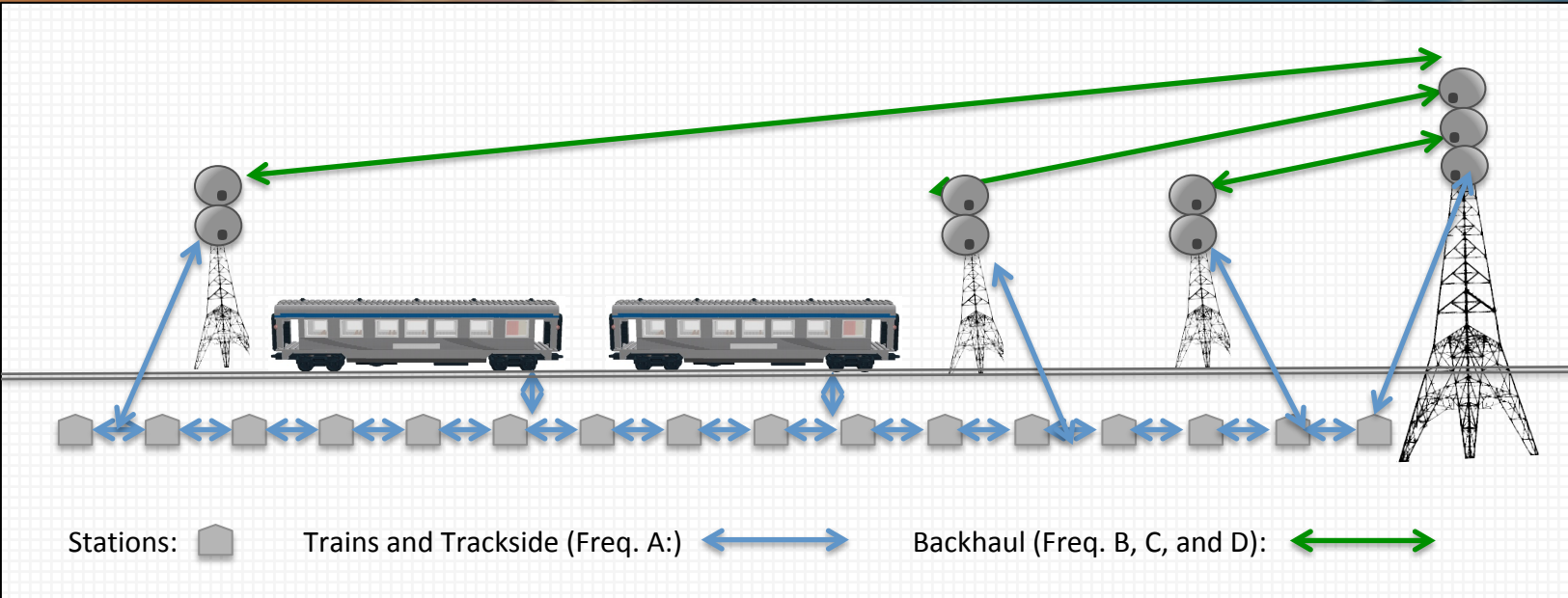
Why K Mesh is the Right Choice for SOFSE

- Requires fewer towers and tower infrastructure and less power per radio and many fewer radios thus lots less power
- As a result K Mesh can use solar power for all nodes that need solar power
- No electrical amplifiers are needed to achieve distance
- Train speeds of 65 km/h are a not a challenge for K Mesh solutions
- K Mesh radios are built to handle extremely harsh environments

Network Topology as Deployed

- 26 Sarmiento trains equipped with a K Mesh radio in the two locomotive end cabs
- 16 stations – with no existing fiber links
- Supplemental relay points to resolve two problematic NLOS situations found to exist along curved and/or trenched sections of the line.
- A mesh network of over 70 individual nodes which may be active at any given point in time
- 4 Backhaul links high (up to 90 meters) towers at each end and at two intermediate points.
- 4 different frequencies, one network

Network Topology



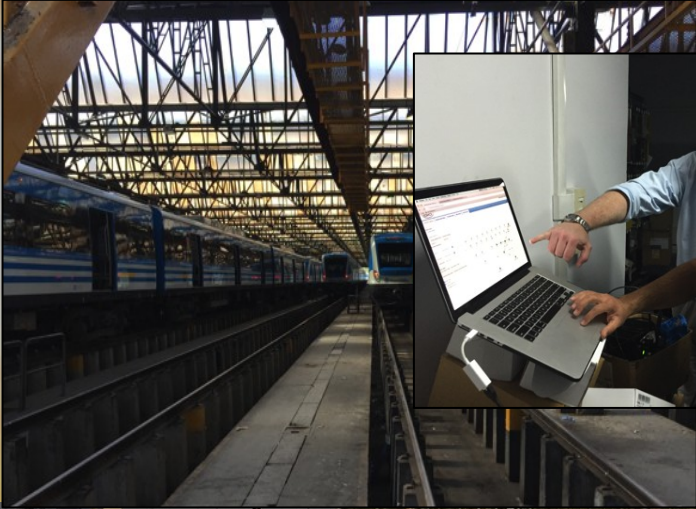
Outcome

- InterLink LA and local partners selected in early 2015
- Installations began in March 2015, completed by November 2015
- System as delivered met and/or exceeded all SOFSE's requirements -approved after a month of trials
- SOFSE created a video wall to showcase the live streams from the streaming video as well as a shared streams from the Mutualink Emergency Collaboration system

Outcome (Cont.)

- Operators constantly view incoming streams and react immediately to safety infractions
- In the first month of operation on Sarmiento line alone, there were 136 observed infractions, some of them major
- After four months the number of infractions had dropped to only 22, most of them minor
- Additionally the timely notification of stations in the event of late running trains has led to a better rider experience

The K Mesh Solution



Video Wall



Video "Dashboard"

← → ↻ https://trenes.sofse.gob.ar/v2_pg/monitoreo/camaras/motorman3.php?ramal=sarmiento ☆

<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3795 Chapa RC 11 Km 0.560</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>0 minutos En horario</p> <p>ONCE ► CABALLITO</p>	<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3793 Chapa RC 24 Km 4.740</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>12 minutos Atrasado</p> <p>CABALLITO ► FLORES</p>	<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3791 Chapa RC 02 Km 11.080</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>10 minutos Atrasado</p> <p>VILLA LURO ► LINIERS</p>
<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3789 Chapa RC 13 Km 18.340</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>4 minutos Atrasado</p> <p>HAEDO ► MORÓN</p>	<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3787 Chapa RC 23 Km 24.760</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>1 minuto Atrasado</p> <p>ITUZAINGÓ ► S.A. DE PADUA</p>	<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3785 Chapa RC 19 Km 30.100</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>4 minutos Atrasado</p> <p>S.A. DE PADUA ► MERLO</p>
<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3783 Chapa RC 15 Km 32.880</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>4 minutos Atrasado</p> <p>HAEDO ► MORÓN</p>	<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3781 Chapa RC 20 Km 36.520</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>El stream no esta disponible en este momento</p>	<p>NÚMERO DE TREN 3808 Chapa RC 07 Km 30.360</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>El stream no esta disponible en este momento</p>

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Customer Satisfaction


- Florencio Randazzo, Minister of Interior & Transport - December 3, 2015 press conference to announce the new system for monitoring train operations.
- The Minister explained how the new system
 - seeks to discourage reckless behavior by the train drivers
 - provides real-time video of the cabs of trains on the Sarmiento Line via a freely accessible website

Minister of Interior and Transport Randazzo:



“Six months after the tragedy of Once, we went to work tirelessly to rebuild the confidence in the rail system with the best of services”


REMOTE ADMIN TOOLS


StreamCaster MIMO Radio

Network Topology
Network-wide Setup
Per-Node Setup
Map Overlay
Back to Home
StreamScape

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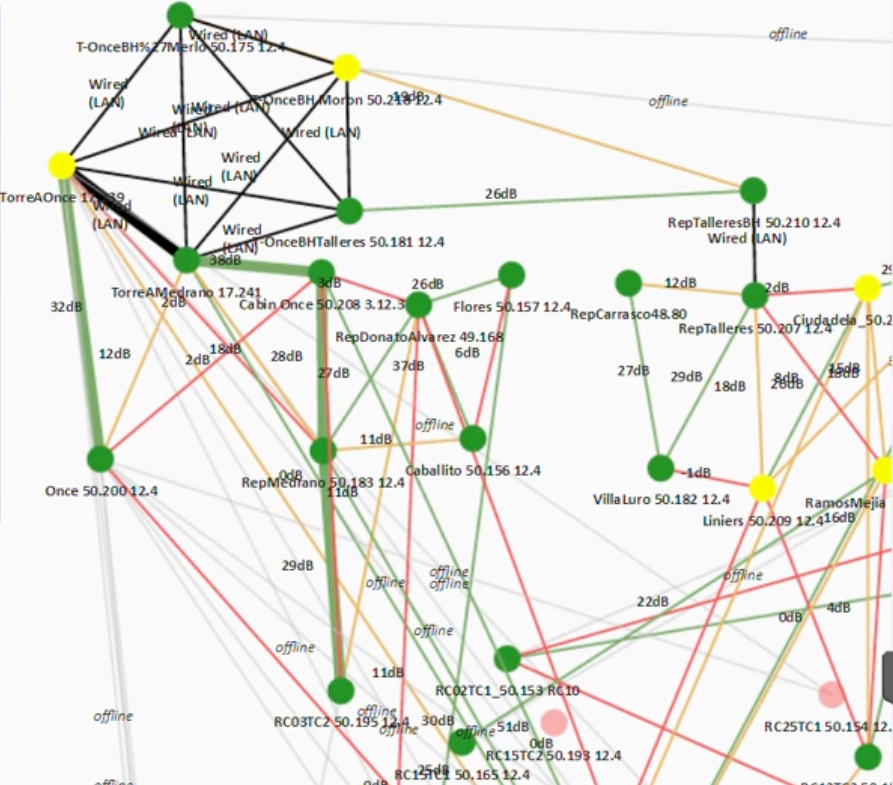
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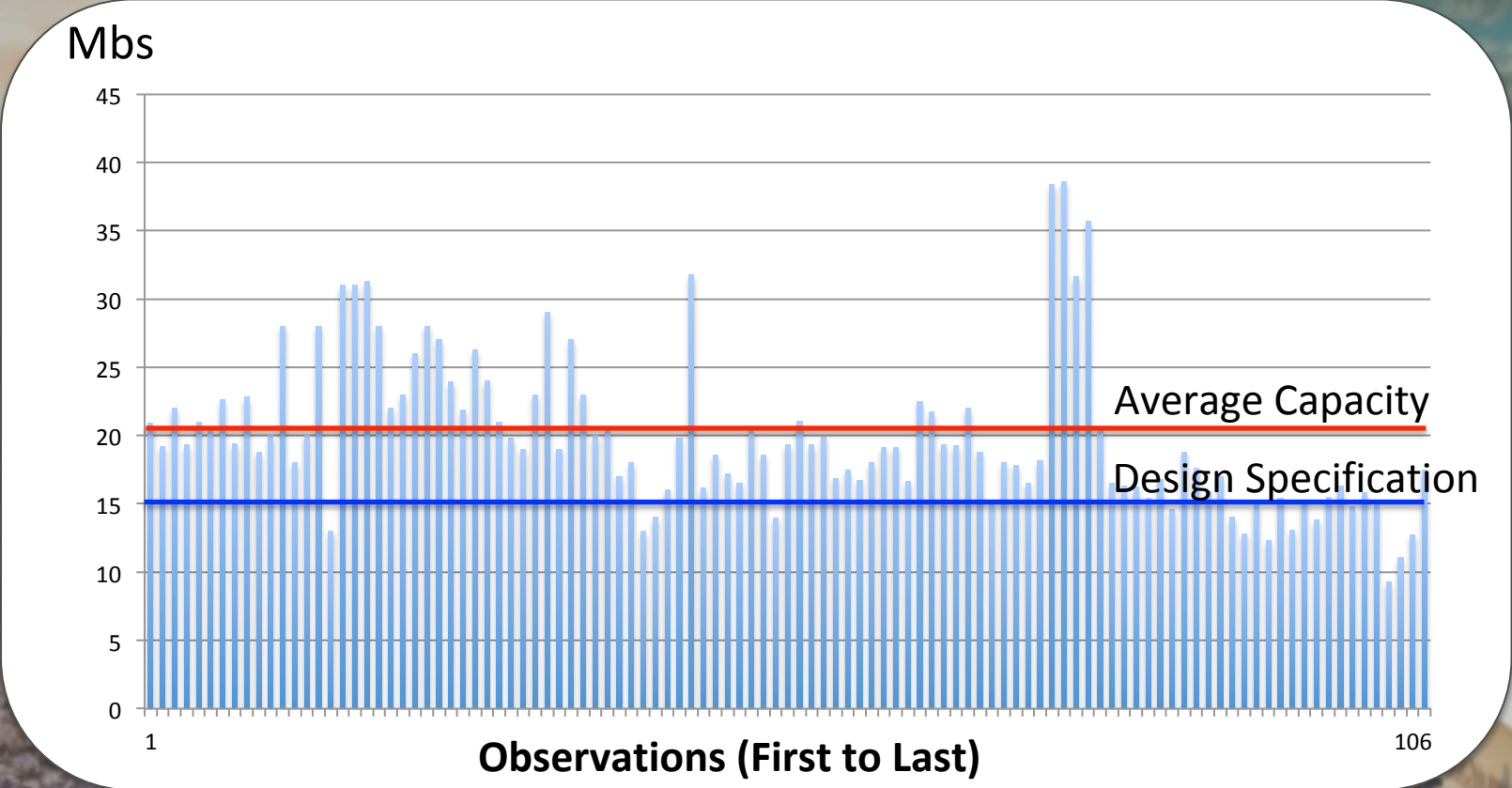
Traffic Information (Total Data Rate)

Unicast:	0.477 Mbps
Broadcast/Multicast:	0.236 Mbps
Dropped:	0.000 Mbps
Forwarded Unicast:	18.848 Mbps
Forwarded Broadcast/Multicast:	0.416 Mbps

Sarmiento Line Train-to-Trackside Capacity

Sampled for 4 minutes and 10 seconds of travel = ~2.7 Miles

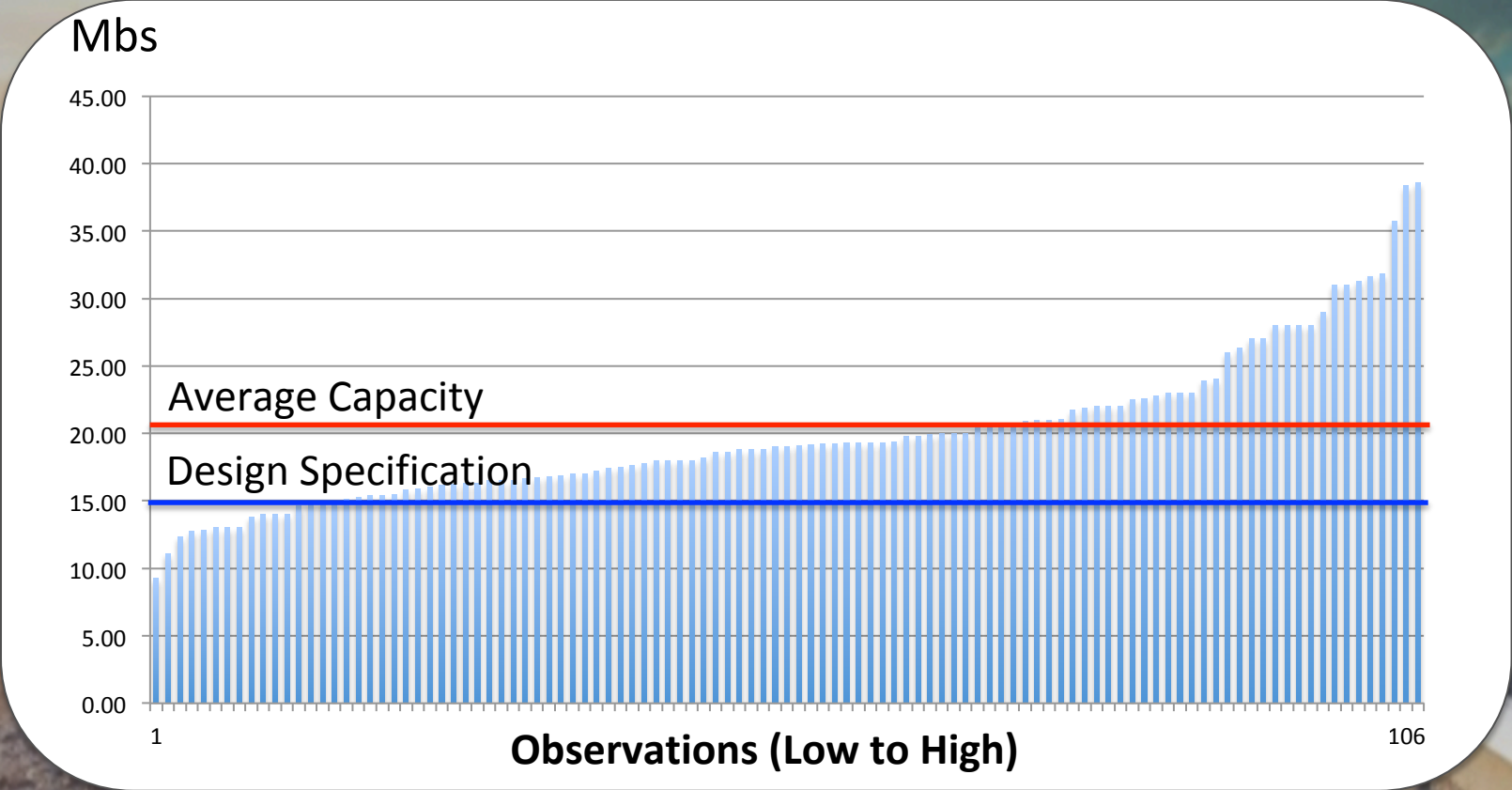
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Sarmiento Line Train-to-Trackside Capacity

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Cost and Performance

- We quote our products according to an agreed upon throughput of the system, not by the radio
- Our products are cost competitive with top tier 802.11 and Private LTE solutions
- Our greatest savings come from reduced radio counts, fewer towers, and greatly reduced overall infrastructure
- In head to head comparisons, the total deployment cost of K Mesh has generally shown a savings of 40% or greater compared to conventional 802.11 and Private LTE configurations

Conclusions

- System fully approved by SOFSE - met and/or exceeded all SOFSE's requirements
- Mutualink Emergency Collaboration system meets and exceeds all requirements, customer seeing more and more features and benefits
- Is being rolled out across four more lines
 - Mitre's three lines (Tigre, Mitre, and Suarez)
 - San Martin
- Video wall showcasing live streams is highly successful

Conclusions

- In four month of operation on Sarmiento line alone, infractions have been reduced by 84%
- Timely notification of stations in the event of late running trains has led to a better rider experience
- No recent incidences of crowd violence have been reported at stations on Sarmiento line
- The System has the capability to serve many more functions, including on board public and private wi-fi, signaling, telemetry, (especially including CBTC, PTC, ECTS, ERTMS, and other vital onboard systems “always on” applications) as the customer wishes to add them