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# **Comparison of Location Technologies for Phase II Wireless E-911**

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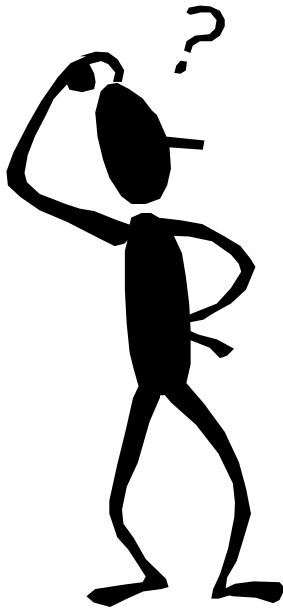
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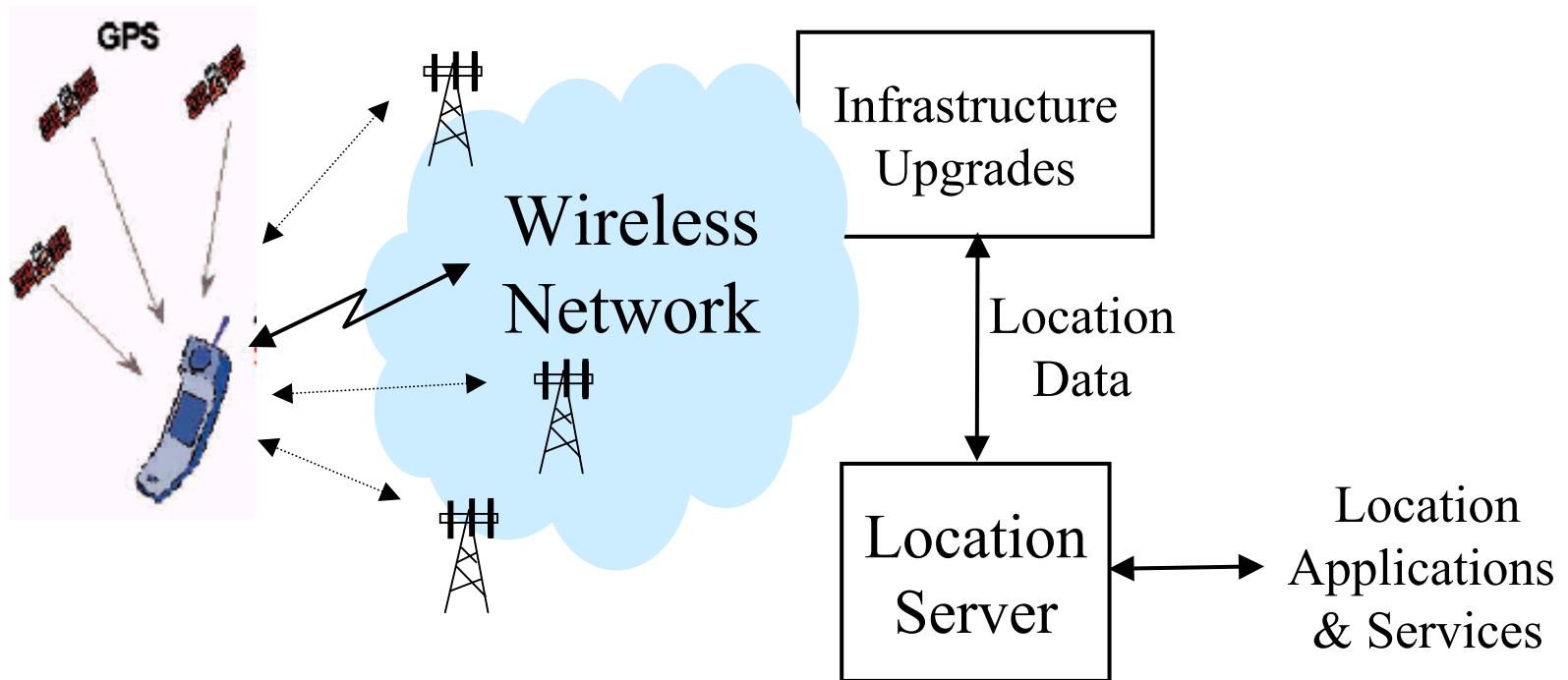
## Some Location Technology Choices for E-911



- ◆ AOA; TDOA; TDOA/AOA; TOA; TOA/AOA; UL-TOA
- ◆ OTD; E-OTD
- ◆ FLT; AFLT; EFLT; RTD
- ◆ GPS; DGPS; Inverse DGPS; Assisted GPS
- ◆ Multipath Pattern Recognition
- ◆ Mobile-Assisted Handoff Power Measurement (MNLS)
- ◆ Hybrids

**[Glossary located at end of presentation.]**

# Generalized Location System Block Diagram





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## Leading Contenders by Network Type

	<b>AMPS</b>	<b>TDMA</b>	<b>GSM</b>	<b>CDMA</b>
<b>Network-based</b>	TDOA/AOA	TDOA/AOA	TDOA/AOA	TDOA/AOA
<b>Handset-based</b>	--	MNLS *	AGPS	AGPS
<b>Hybrid</b>	--	--	E-OTD	AFLT

\* FCC waiver approval required.



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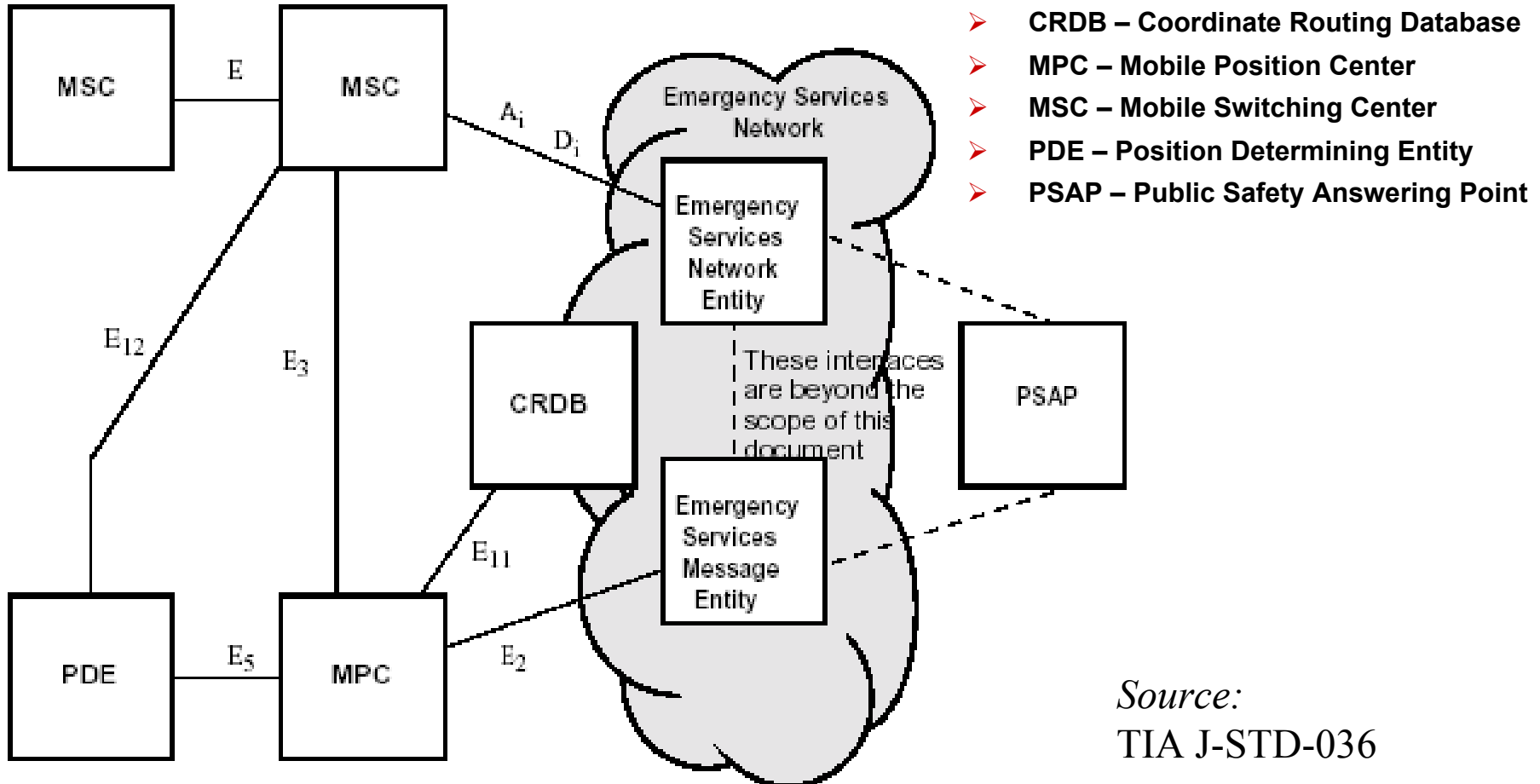
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## FCC-Approved Selections of National Carriers

	<b>Network Type</b>	<b>Location Technology</b>	<b>Other / Pending Choices</b>
<b>AT&amp;T</b>	GSM	E-OTD	TDOA / AOA for AMPS & TDMA
<b>Cingular</b>	GSM	E-OTD	TDOA / AOA for AMPS & TDMA
<b>Nextel</b>	iDEN	AGPS	- -
<b>Sprint</b>	CDMA	AFLT / AGPS	- -
<b>Verizon</b>	CDMA	AFLT / AGPS	TDOA / AOA for AMPS & TDMA
<b>VoiceStream</b>	GSM	E-OTD	- -

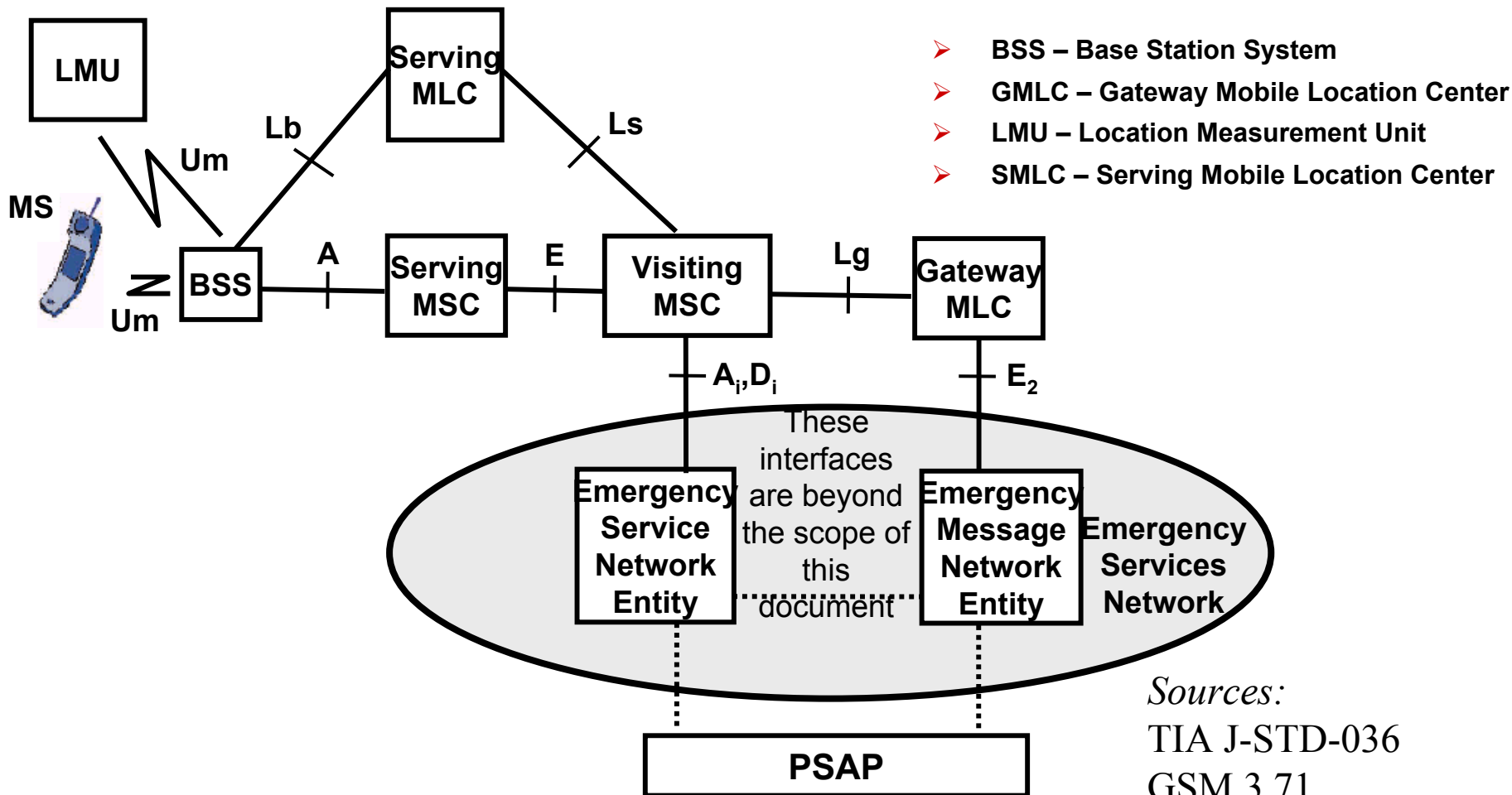
*Source:* NENA Web Site (10/01) - [www.nena9-1-1.org](http://www.nena9-1-1.org)

# Reference Model for AMPS, TDMA & CDMA



Source:  
TIA J-STD-036

# Reference Model for GSM (PCS 1900)

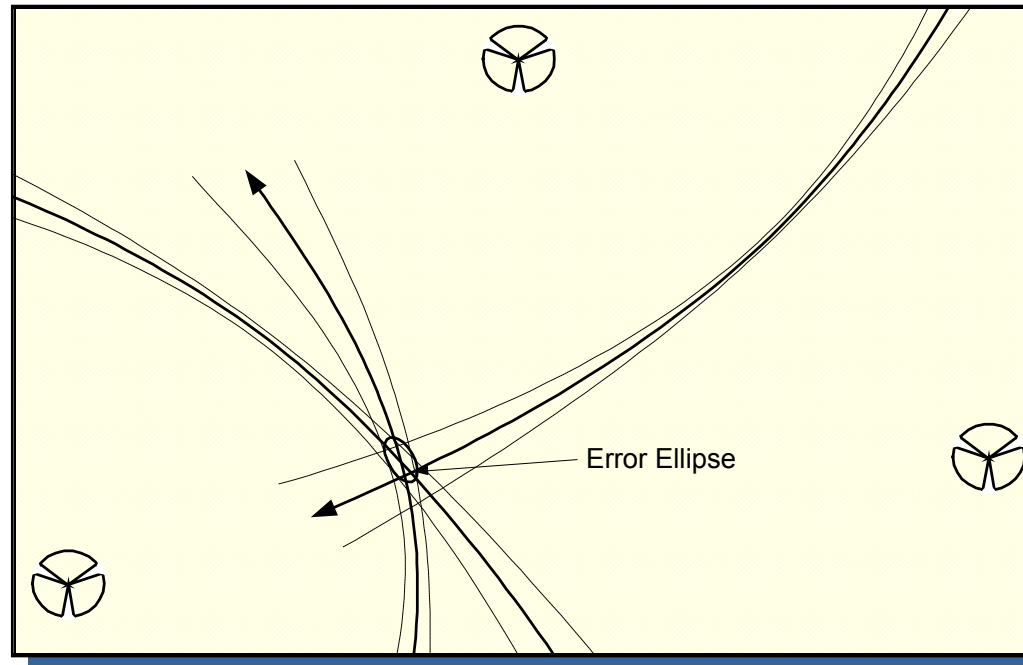


- BSS – Base Station System
- GMLC – Gateway Mobile Location Center
- LMU – Location Measurement Unit
- SMLC – Serving Mobile Location Center

Sources:  
TIA J-STD-036  
GSM 3.71

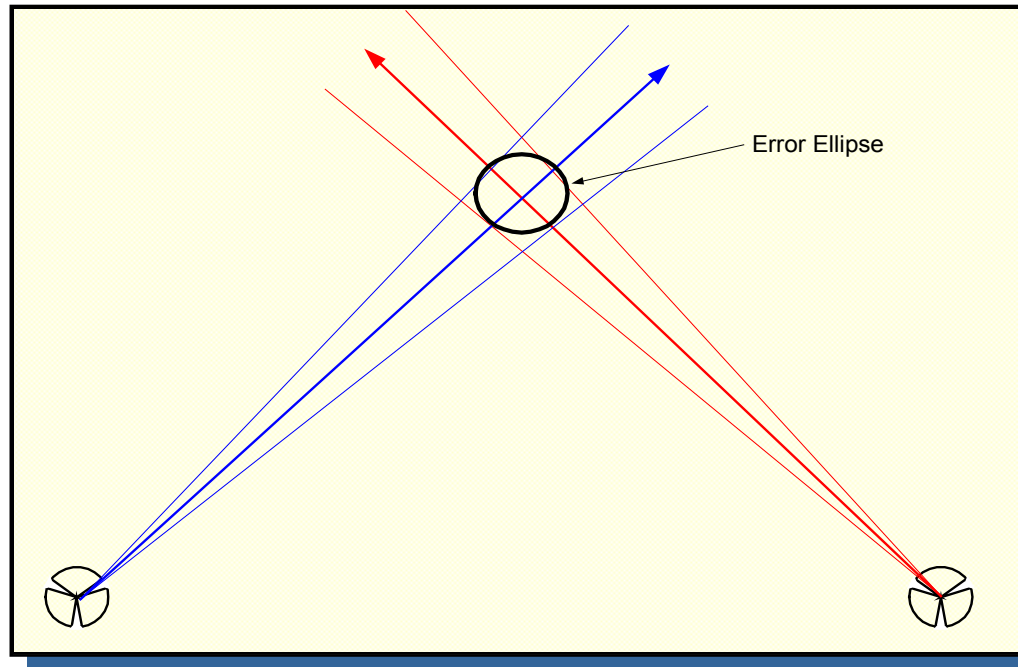
## Solutions Based on Signal Propagation Time

- TDOA, xOTD, xFLT, xGPS  
(Network, Handset-based, or Hybrid)



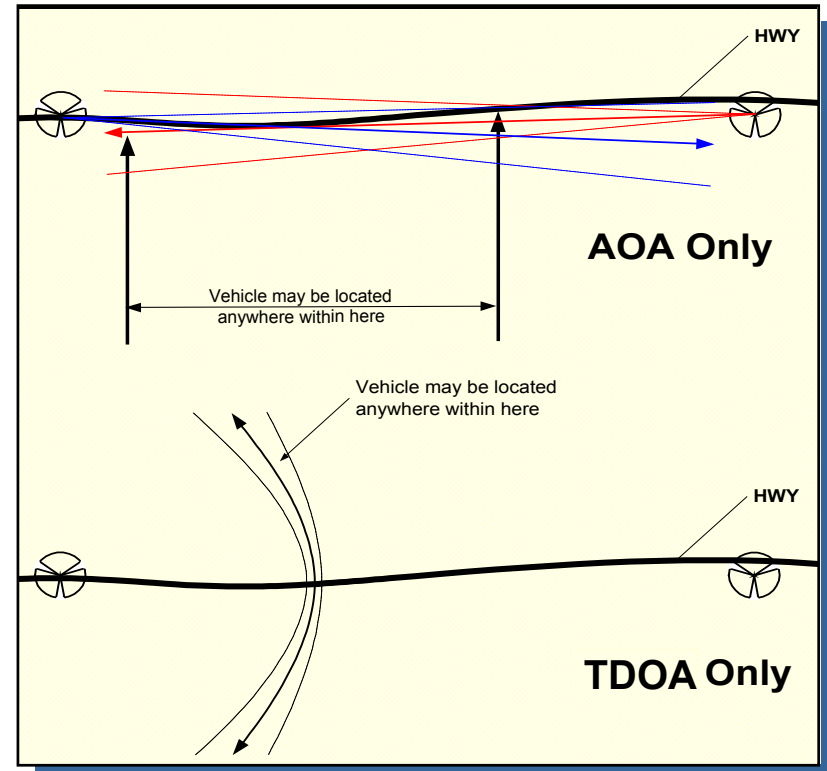
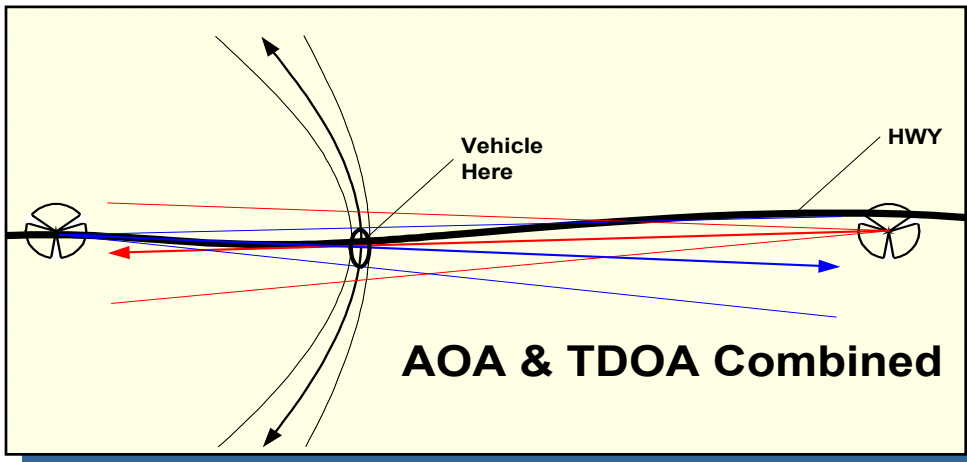
## Angle of Arrival-based Solutions

- AOA  
(Network-based)



# Combined Angle & Time-based Solutions

- AOA/TDOA, AOA/xOTD, or AOA/xFLT  
(Network-based or Hybrid)





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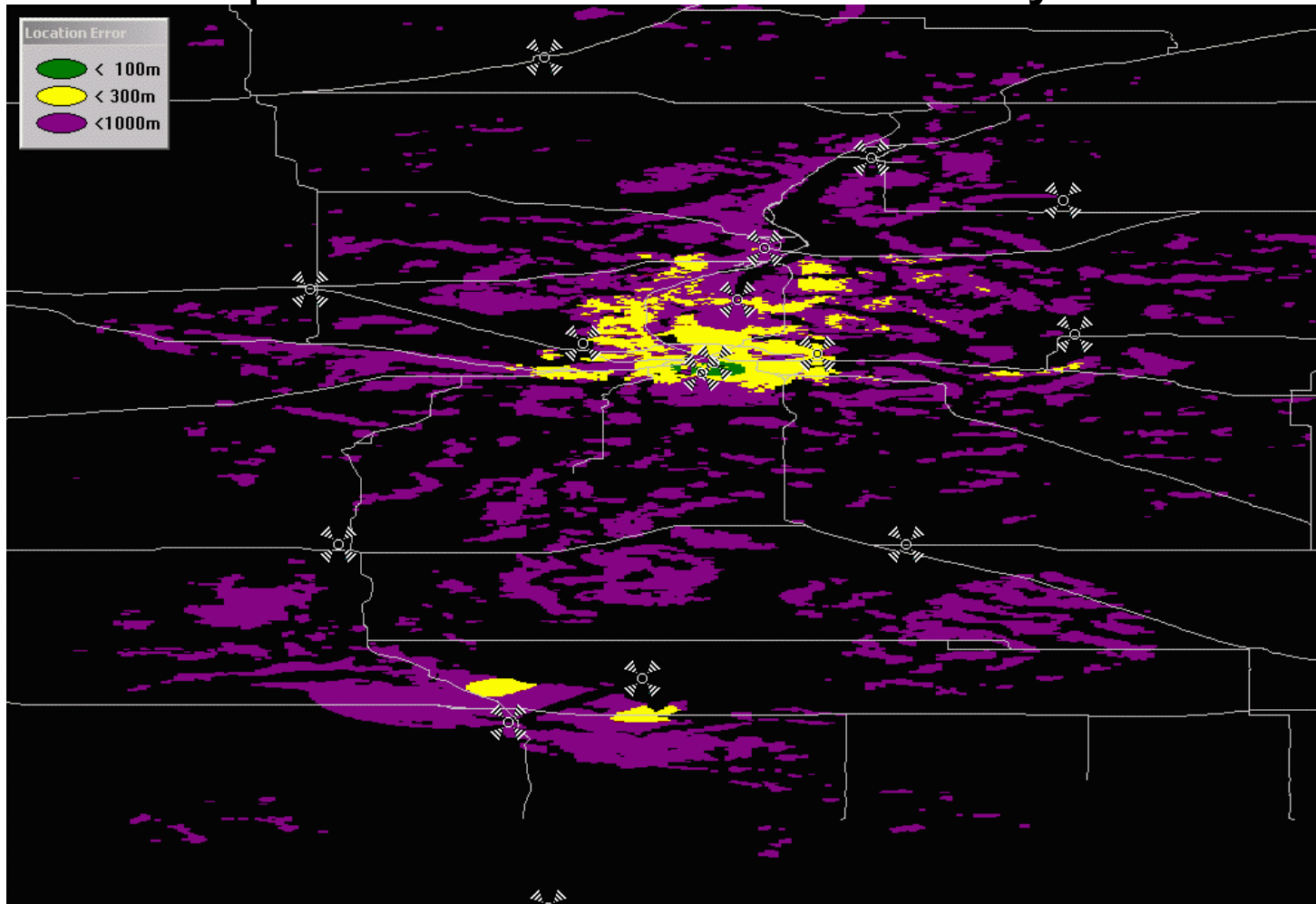
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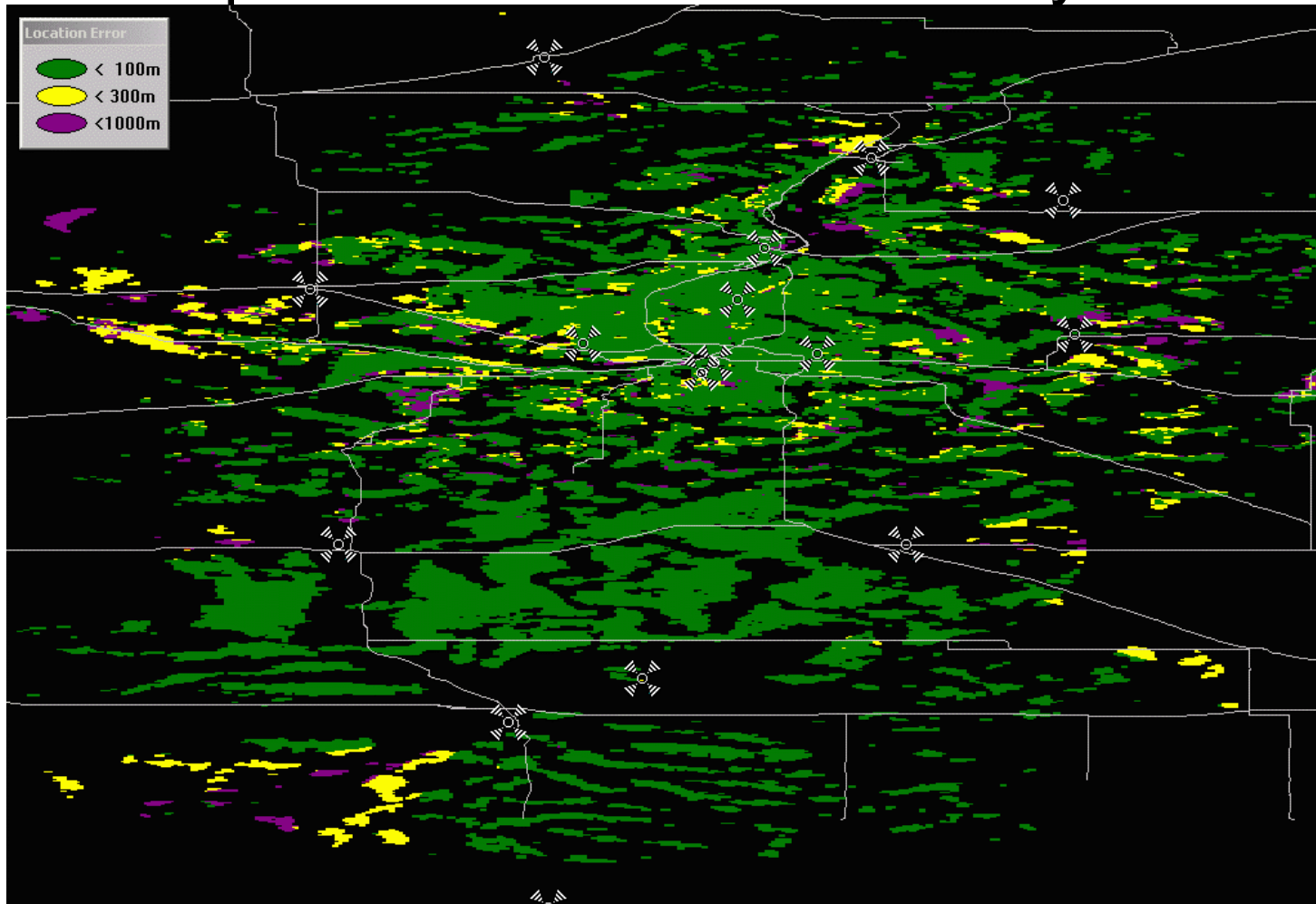
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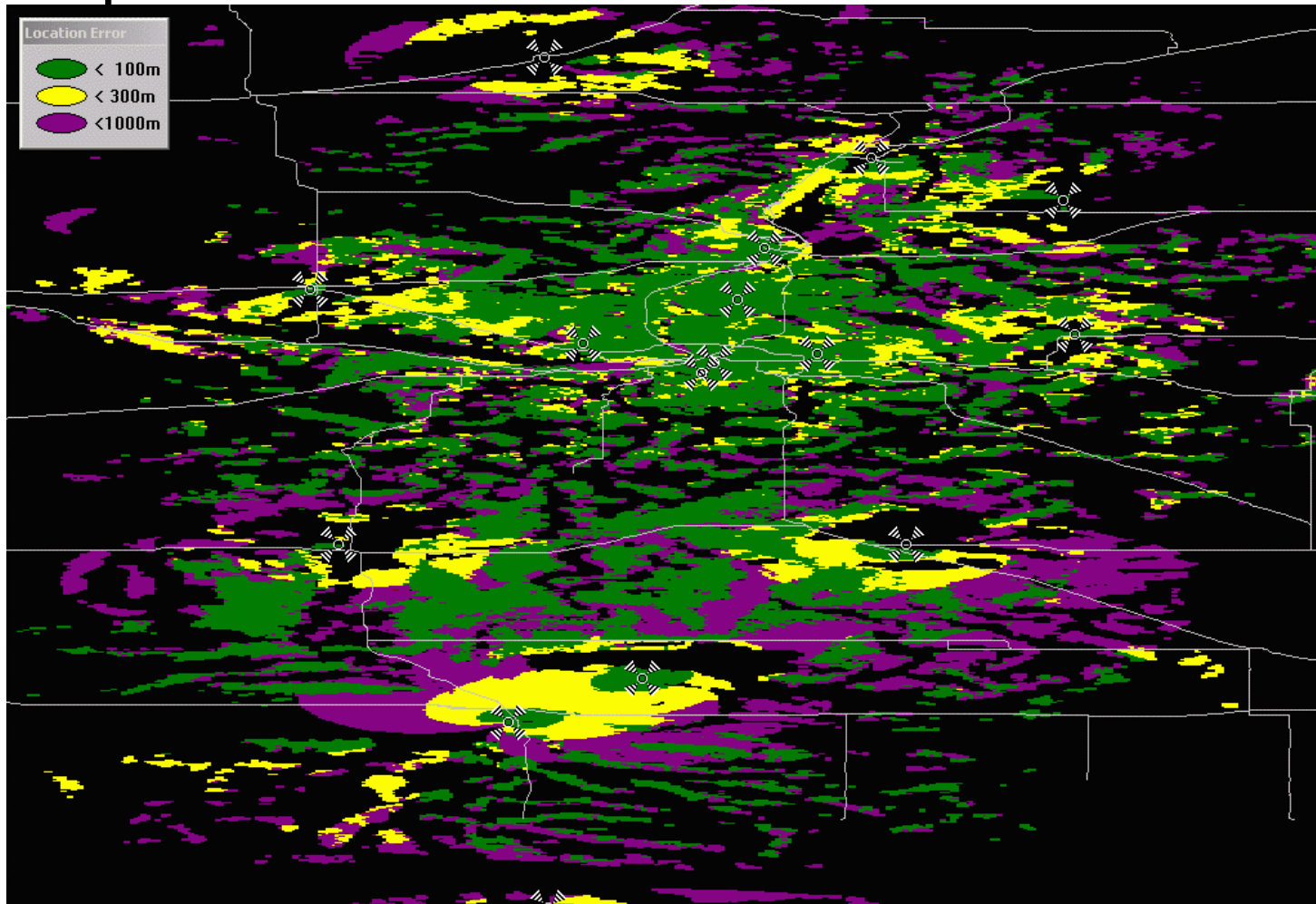
## Sample Performance – AOA System



## Sample Performance – TDOA System



## Sample Performance – Combined AOA/TDOA





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## Performance Comparisons

- Network-based & Hybrid (non-AGPS):
  - ◆ FCC accuracy requirement: 100 meters – 67%  
300 meters – 95%
  - ◆ Tend to be less accurate & less reliable in rural areas vs. xGPS
  - ◆ Can increase infrastructure for better performance in selected areas
- Handset-based (AGPS):
  - ◆ FCC accuracy requirement: 50 meters – 67%  
100 meters – 95%
  - ◆ Faster fix & better sensitivity vs. conventional GPS
  - ◆ Better performance in rural & suburban areas vs. network-based
  - ◆ Can be augmented by network for better indoor & urban performance



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## Summary

- A variety of location technologies will be deployed
  - ◆ Network-based
  - ◆ Handset-based
  - ◆ Hybrids
- Best choice depends on many factors
  - ◆ Wireless network technology
  - ◆ Operating environment
  - ◆ Application (requirements)
  - ◆ Cost



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## Glossary of Terms

- AFLT Advanced Forward Link Trilateration
- AGPS Assisted Global Positioning System
- AMPS Advanced Mobile Phone System
- AOA Angle Of Arrival
- BSS Base Station System
- CDMA Code Division Multiple Access
- CRDB Coordinate Routing Database
- DGPS Differential Global Positioning System
- EFLT Enhanced Forward Link Trilateration
- EOTD Enhanced Observed Time Difference
- FLT Forward Link Trilateration
- GMLC Gateway Mobile Location Center
- GSM Global System for Mobile comm.
- GPS Global Positioning System
- iDEN Integrated Dispatch Enhanced Network
- LMU Location Measurement Unit
- MNLS Mobile-Assisted Network Location System
- MPC Mobile Position Center
- MS Mobile Station
- MSC Mobile Switching Center
- NENA National Emergency Number Assoc.
- OTD Observed Time Difference
- PDE Position Determining Entity
- PSAP Public Safety Answering Point
- RTD Roundtrip Time Delay
- SMLC Serving Mobile Location Center
- TDMA Time Division Multiple Access
- TDOA Time Difference of Arrival
- TIA Telecommunications Industry Association
- TOA Time Of Arrival
- UL-TOA Uplink Time Of Arrival