



Non-CAD AP Placement and Installer's Working Plans

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CONNECT EZ™ NON-CAD RF DESIGN

The present report presents a design plan for 802.11 WiFi access points and/or antennas that is based on a visual assessment of site plans by a team of experienced RF engineers. Tools such as predictive RF CAD modeling and simulation software were not applied to this design, hence the term “Non-CAD design”.

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- Component specifications may change without notice and individual manufacturing tolerances, equipment damage, or incorrect installation may result in variations from published equipment specifications.

- The RF environment is subject to influences that may not be anticipated. Findings presented in this report reflect the state of the RF environment at the time the measurements were taken. Every effort has been made to confirm that the measurements are representative of the typical state of the environment but that environment may change without any obvious visible indication.

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IMPORTANT INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLING EQUIPMENT:

Our experience has been that post-installation validation of designs based on RF CAD modeling and simulation confirm that actual signal strength is highly consistent with predicted values. Nonetheless, **field validation of the present design must be performed at the time of installation to avoid potentially costly and time consuming problems** after end-users begin to access the system. Those responsible for the installation of the system must assure that the assumptions made in this design, and the equipment specifications used in creating the models, are correct. The confirmation process includes the following steps that must be performed as equipment is installed:

Upon installing the **FIRST** radio on each building floor:

1. Use a measuring tool that reports dBm or mW signal strength and confirm that actual coverage is consistent with predicted coverage. The tool could be as simple as NetStumbler or as sophisticated as AirMagnet (or an actual RF spectrum analyzer.) If measured signal strength is below the Design Signal Strength for the present project (discussed on in the Design Signal Strength section of this report) you should **STOP THE INSTALLATION PROCESS** and call to discuss the discrepancy. Not only is this type of validation considered standard practice, it is also the most effective way to avoid future problems.
2. Connect to the SSID of the access point and use the MS-DOS PING command to confirm data transfer capability across the wireless link. This may require that you manually configure the IP address of your notebook computer to match the subnet of the access point's management interface. Use the "-t" option with PING to continuously send ping packets. Walk around the intended coverage area for the access point and confirm that ping responds properly. 802.11 wireless networks typically have error rates that can approach 10% so expect an occasional lost PING packet. If you experience greater than 10% lost PING packets, **STOP THE INSTALLATION PROCESS** and call to discuss the problem. This may require that an RF engineer be dispatched to the installation site to perform a spectrum analysis and isolate the cause of the data loss. Dispatching an engineer to the site may be a separately charged service.

Perform the preceding two steps in any critical or error-prone installation location

Access points intended to provide coverage for the most important locations should be validated as described above. Also, when a coverage area contains known sources of environmental noise or interference, the same steps should be performed.

Do NOT install an entire system without testing and validating during the installation process.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

On-Site RF Analysis and Design

This report provides the data and conclusions of the on-site RF analysis performed at Perris Union High School District ("The District") during the week of January 11, 2016. Schools surveyed were Perris, Heritage, Paloma Valley, Pinacate, Perris Lake, The Academy, and California Military Institute. In-scope areas were called out in "Exhibit #1" submitted by The District as part of the RFP.

This project was comprised of the following elements:

- **On-site, real-time design of a wireless network.** The surveying engineer determined AP locations based on his experience and professional judgment. AP locations were validated by placing a test AP in each proposed location and surveying the actual coverage of the AP.
- **On-site RF spectrum analysis to identify interference and noise.** Using an RF spectrum analyzer, a walk-through of the site was performed to describe normal, unusual, and problematic characteristics related to noise or interference. Normal behavior was generalized and only abnormal or significant types of conditions were called out.

In order to deliver the installer's plans as quickly as possible, the spectrum analysis results will be presented in a separate document, to be delivered at a later date. This report contains only the installer's plans

Summary of Results

The survey was completed successfully and the wireless network design was created. Coverage in the in-scope area is expected to exceed the project requirement of -67 dBm. The design takes into account the requested 30% cell overlap factor, which equates to an overlap margin of 3 dB, as described elsewhere in this report. Therefore, the target RSSI shown in this report is -64 dBm, not -67 dBm.

Required Equipment

The design presented in this report requires the following radio equipment:

Site	AP Count
Paloma Valley	22
Perris	13
Perris Lake	3
Academy	1
Pinacate	9
Heritage	12
California	6
Total	68

PROJECT ASSUMPTIONS

Project Specifications

The following specifications were determined for use in the present project:

Air Standard:	802.11n 2.4 GHz and 802.11ac 5 GHz	
Target RSSI:	-67 dBm	
Access Point Power:	2.4 GHz:	15-18 dBm
	5 GHz:	15-20 dBm
Cell Overlap:	30% @ -64 dBm	
Access Point:	Meraki MR72	

Cell overlap is calculated using the method described in the “Designing Coverage Cell Overlap” section of the Technical Appendix at the end of this report. The target RSSI for the project is -67 dBm. Using that method, the relevant calculation to arrive at a 30% overlap is as follows.

$$Overlap\ RSSI = 10 * \log\left(\frac{1.99 * 10^{-7} mW}{(1 - 0.3)^2}\right) = -64\ dBm$$

The target RSSI for the project is -67 dBm. In the equation the linear (i.e., not logarithmic) value for the target signal strength is $1.99 * 10^{-7}$ mW. The overlap percentage is 30%, or 0.3. These values are input to the equation to produce the target overlap RSSI of -64 dBm.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Meraki MR72 Outdoor Access Point

Dual-band 2x2 MIMO 802.11ac Access Point
with dedicated security and RF optimization radio
and Bluetooth low energy Beacon and scanning radio

High performance cloud-managed 802.11ac wireless

The Cisco Meraki MR72 is a three-radio, cloud-managed 2x2 MIMO 802.11ac access point. Designed for general purpose next-generation deployments in harsh outdoor locations and industrial indoor conditions, the MR72 provides performance, security, and manageability.

The MR72 provides a maximum 1.2 Gbps data rate with concurrent 802.11ac and 802.11n 2x2:2 MIMO radios, and security and spectrum visibility via a third radio dedicated to 24x7 WIDS/WIPS and automated RF optimization. An integrated Bluetooth low energy (BLE) radio delivers Beacon functionality and BLE device scanning.

The combination of cloud management, 802.11ac, full-time RF environment scanning, and an integrated Bluetooth technology delivers the high throughput, reliability, and flexibility required by the most demanding business applications like voice and high-definition streaming video, both today and tomorrow.



RF Performance Table

Operating Band	Operating Mode	Data Rate	TX Power	RX Sensitivity
2.4 GHz	802.11b	11 Mb/s	19 dBm	-84
2.4 GHz	802.11g	6 Mb/s	17 dBm	-87
		54 Mb/s	17 dBm	-70
2.4 GHz	802.11n (HT20)	MCS0/8/16 HT20	18 dBm	-85
		MCS7/15/23 HT20	15 dBm	-67
2.4 GHz	802.11n (HT40)	MCS0/8/16 HT40	18 dBm	-83
		MCS7/15/23 HT40	15 dBm	-63
5 GHz	802.11a	6 Mb/s	20 dBm	-92
		54 Mb/s	18 dBm	-73
5 GHz	802.11n (HT20)	MCS0/8/16 HT20	20 dBm	-90
		MCS7/15/23 HT20	17 dBm	-70
5 GHz	802.11n (HT40)	MCS0/8/16 HT40	20 dBm	-87
		MCS7/15/23 HT40	17 dBm	-68
5 GHz	802.11ac (HT80)	VHT-MCS0/8/16 HT80	20 dBm	-84
		VHT-MCS9/15/23 HT80	15 dBm	-58

ON-SITE DESIGN AND SURVEY

Overall Purpose and Methodology

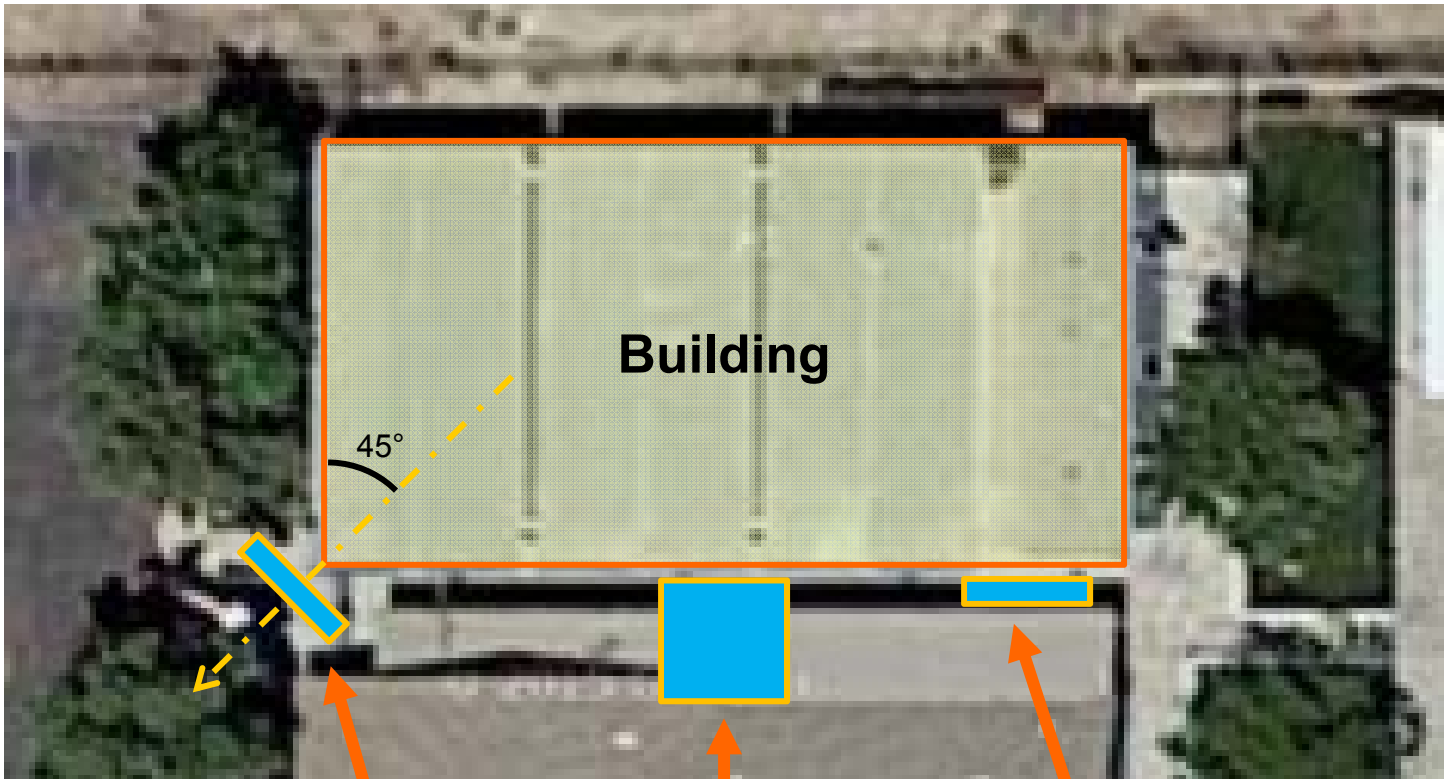
The surveying engineer determined AP locations based on his experience and professional judgment. AP locations were validated by placing a test AP in each proposed location and surveying the actual coverage of the AP. For each survey, a measurement point was taken approximately every 20-30 feet. In an outdoor area, this gives a sufficient density of measurement points to be able to verify the area within which coverage will meet project requirements.

Results of this section are presented as follows.

- **In-scope area.** A satellite image of the site shows the in-scope area for the site marked in green. This is copied from “Exhibit #1” of the RFP.
- **Overview of coverage for the entire site.** Individual APs’ heat maps are combined into a composite heat map that shows that the entire in-scope area is expected to meet project coverage requirements
- **Coverage from an individual AP.** For each AP, a heat map of just that AP’s coverage is presented. This image also depicts the AP’s installation location in more detail than the whole-site map.
- **Photograph of installation location.** For each AP, a photograph of the intended installation location is presented, with the AP’s exact location called out. Exact details of the installation, such as the method of mounting the AP and where to run cabling, are to be determined by the installer.

Installation Notes

APs at these sites are installed on the exterior of buildings. Three general mounting styles are used for most of the locations. Two locations are mast-mounted, and do not exactly fit the below descriptions. The purpose of the mast-mounts is to give the APs additional elevation to help them clear obstacles.



Corner mounting style orients the AP at 45 degrees relative to a building corner. This mounting style is most sensitive to AP placement. The purpose of this style is to allow the AP to provide coverage to two sides of the building. Therefore, the AP must be installed with a standoff mount that places it on the diagonal relative to the corner. The standoff mount may straddle the corner, or it may anchor to one side of the corner. What matters is the AP's location and orientation relative to the corner.

If this AP were to be installed in the flat mounting style, it would be shadowed to one side of the building, and coverage would be compromised. The corner-mounting style allows one AP to cover two sides of the building, instead of two APs.

Flat mounting style orients the AP parallel to the building façade. The AP may be installed directly against the façade, or it may be installed in any other way that is practical, such as a right-angle mount installed to an overhang. The orientation of the AP relative to the façade is what matters.

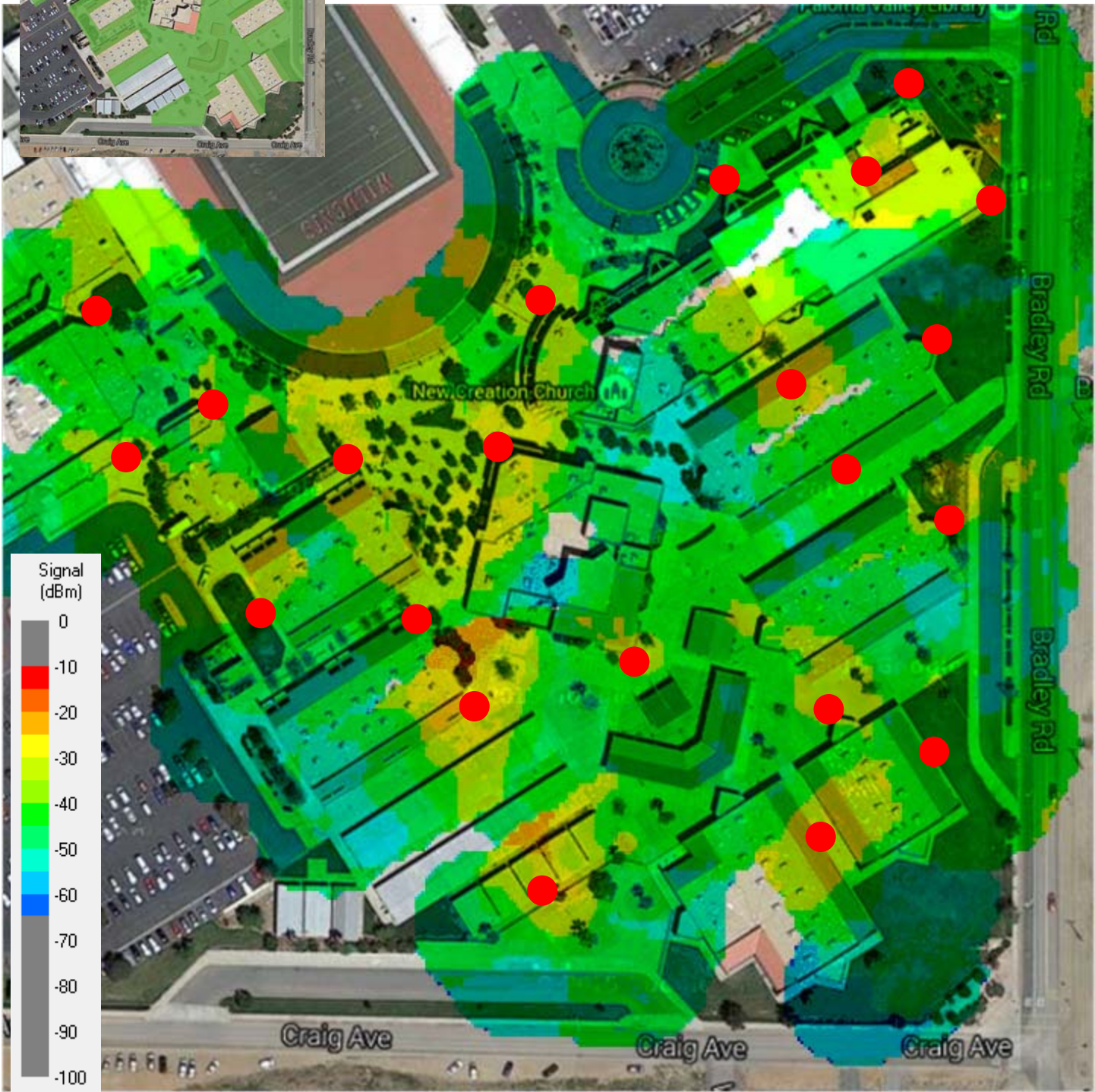
Down-facing mounting style orients the AP facing directly downwards towards the ground. In almost all cases, this is because the AP is being mounted underneath an overhang, on the ceiling. An example would be an AP that is installed on the bottom surface of an I-beam ceiling rafter on a building eave.

Paloma Valley High School

Overall Coverage Heat Map



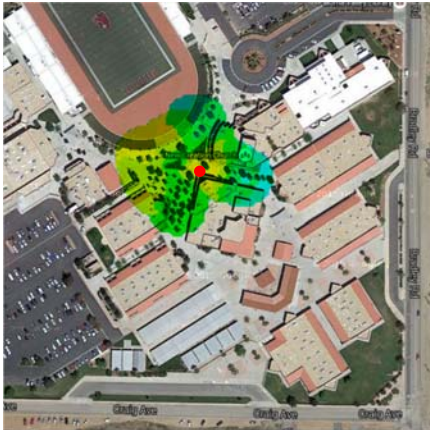
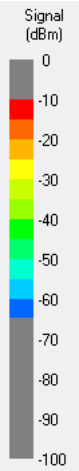
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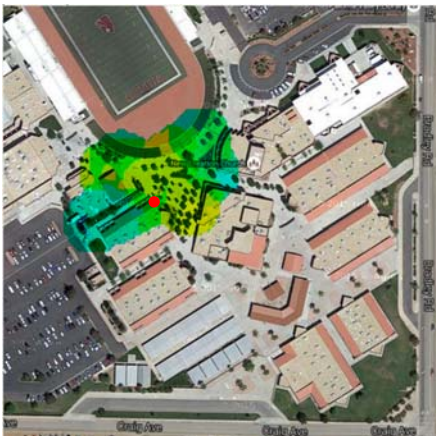
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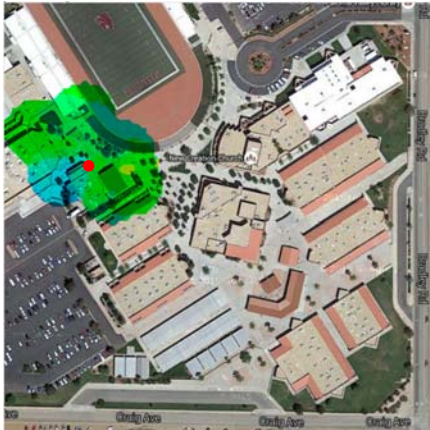
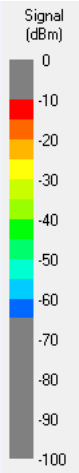
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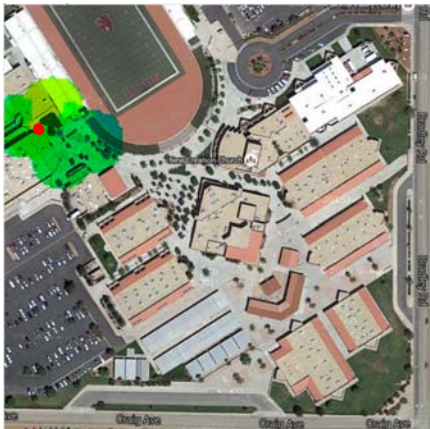
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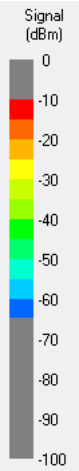
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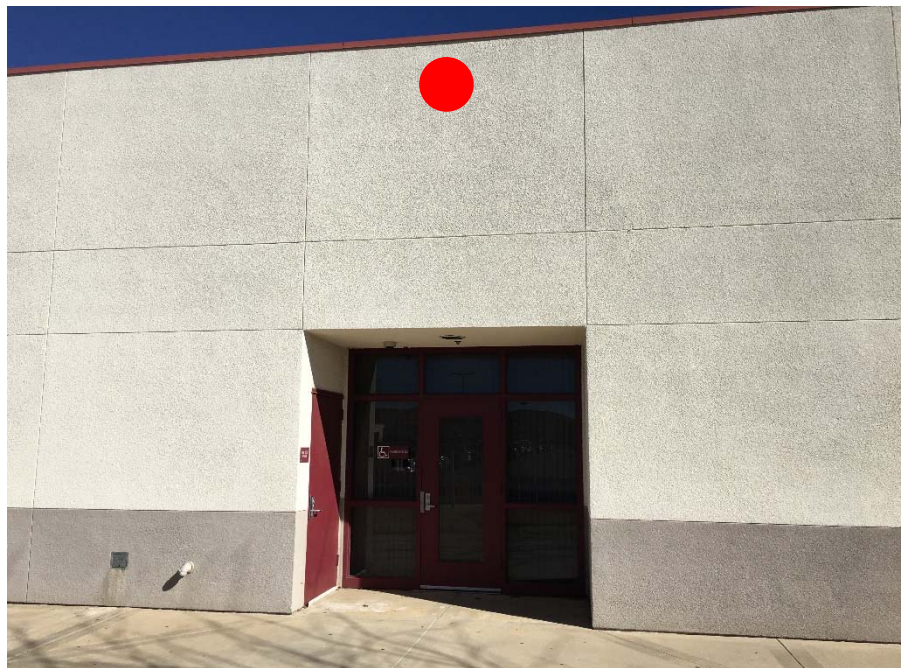
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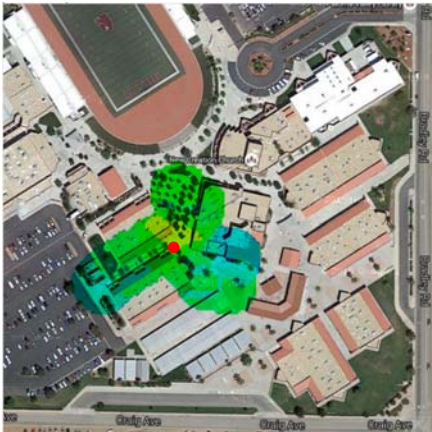
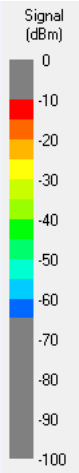
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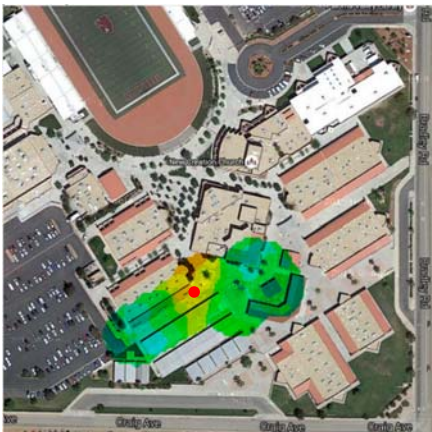
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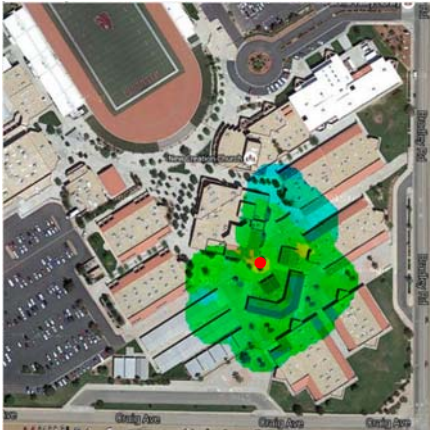
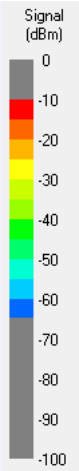
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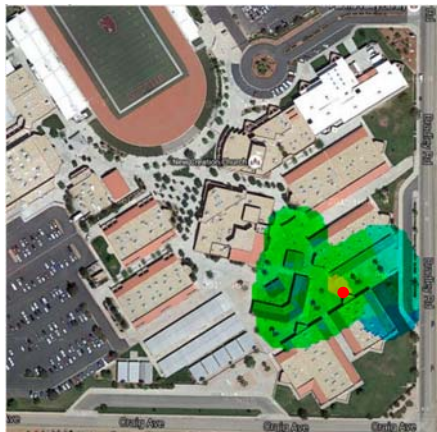
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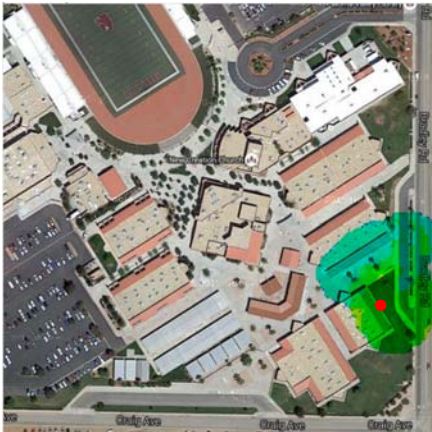
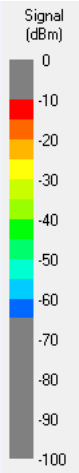
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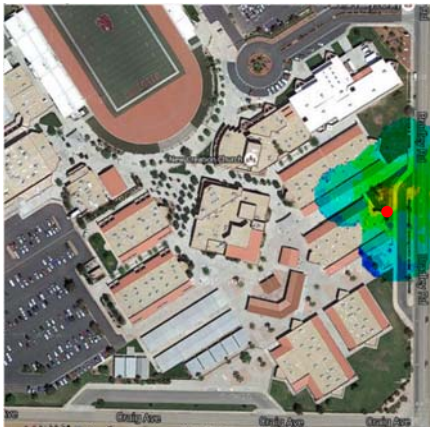
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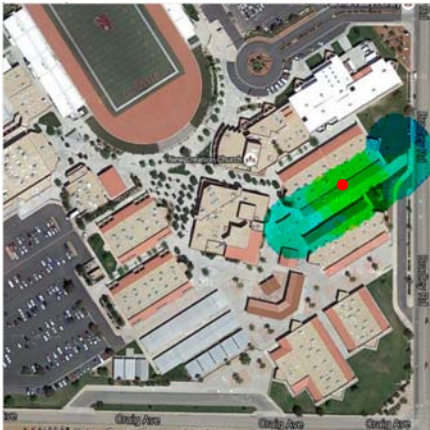
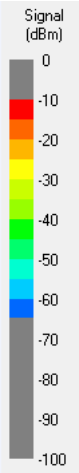
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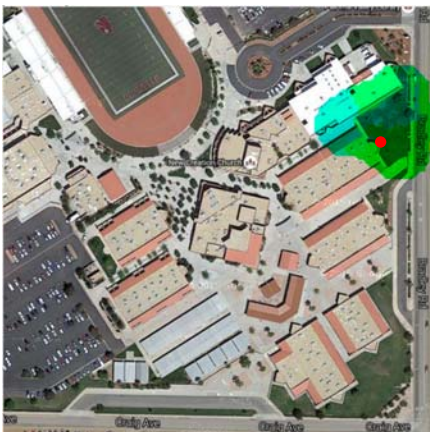
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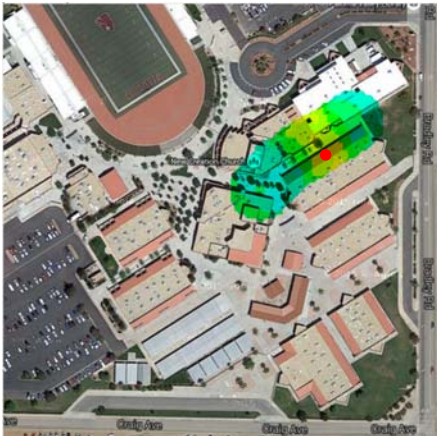
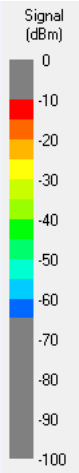
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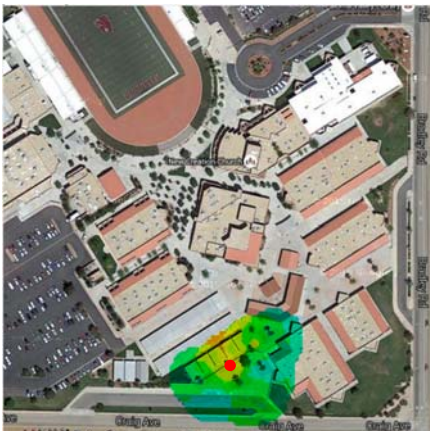
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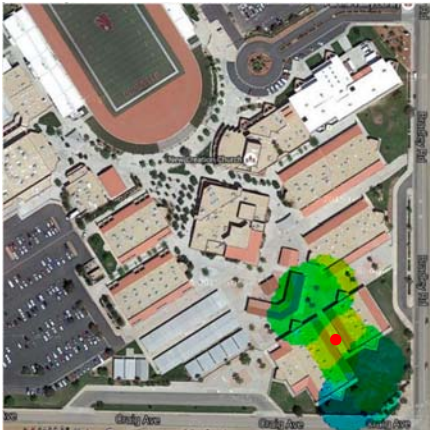
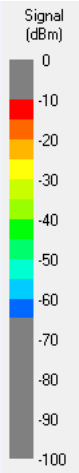
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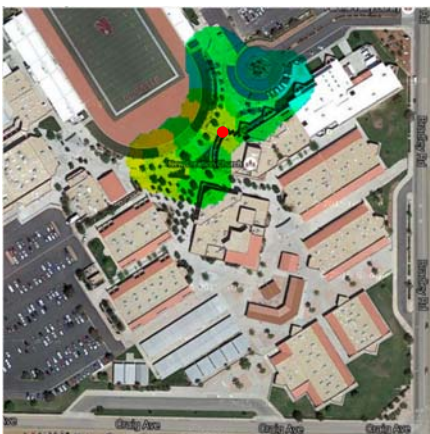
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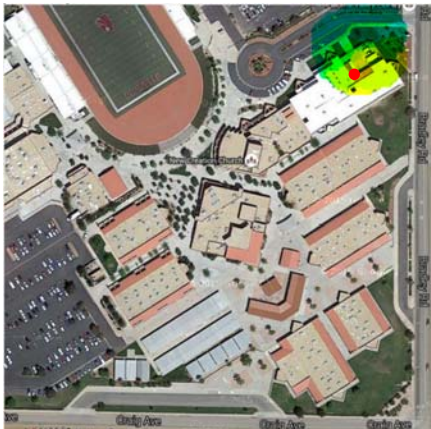
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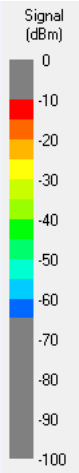
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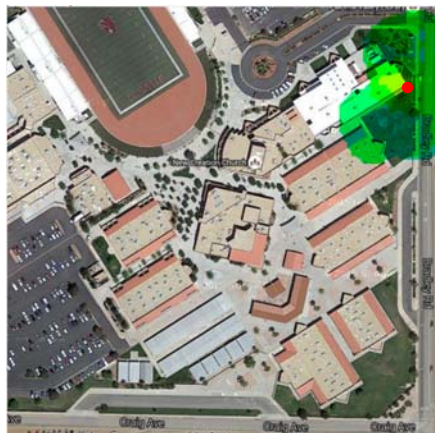
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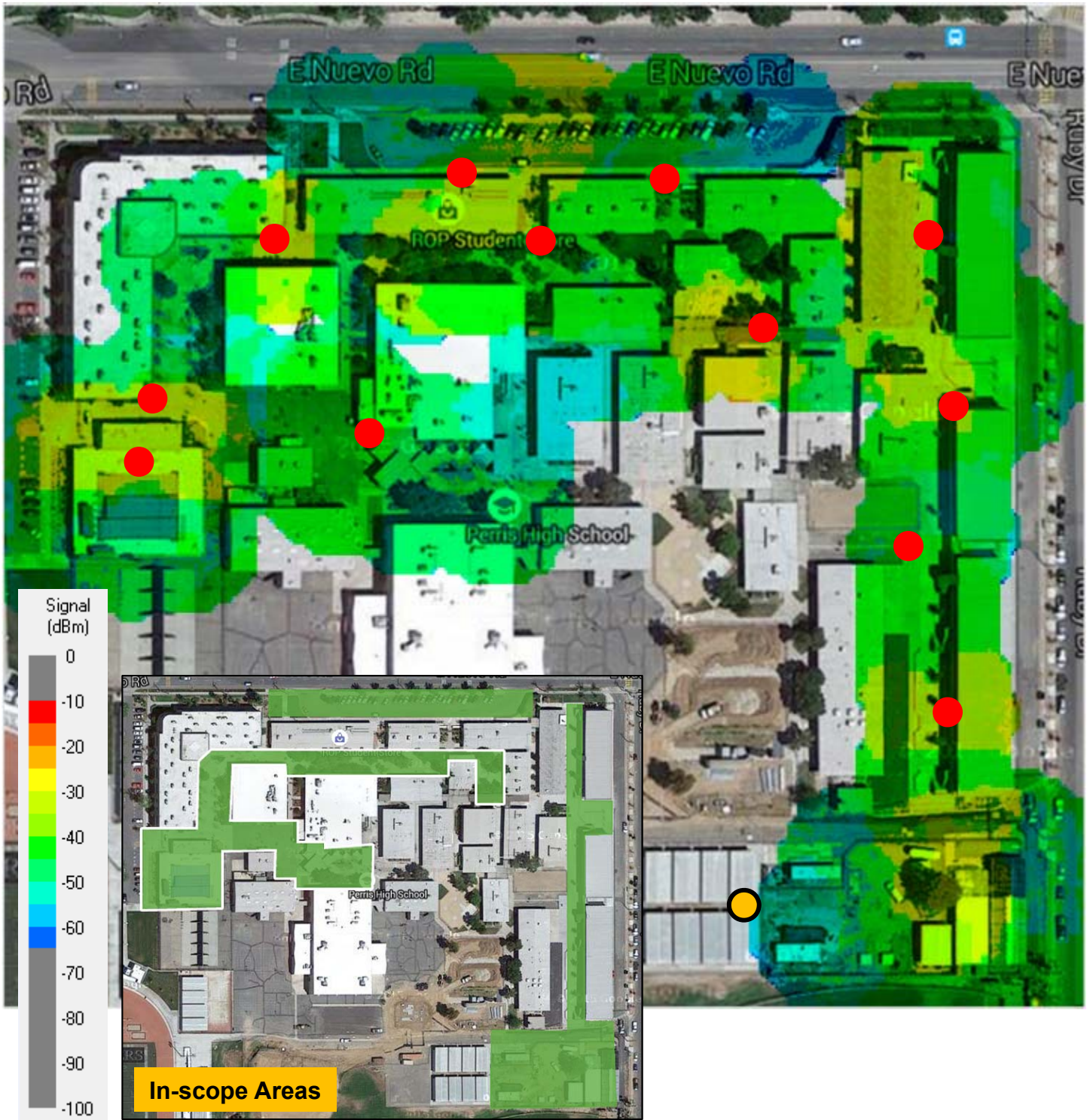
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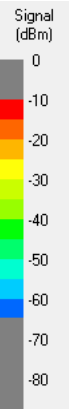
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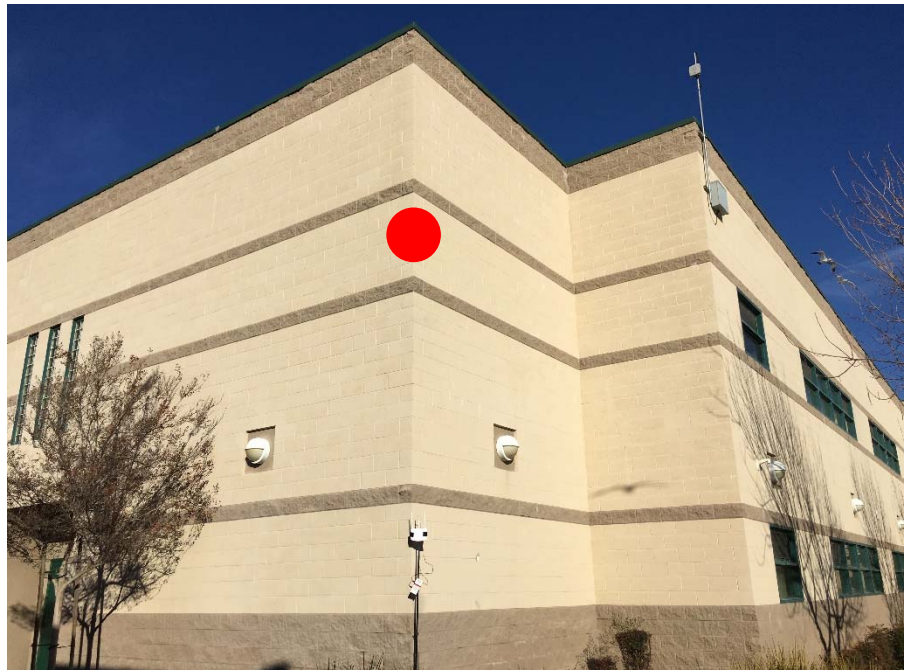
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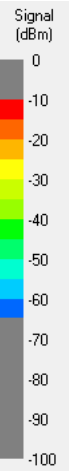
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Perris High School

Per-AP Heat Maps and Installation Location Photos

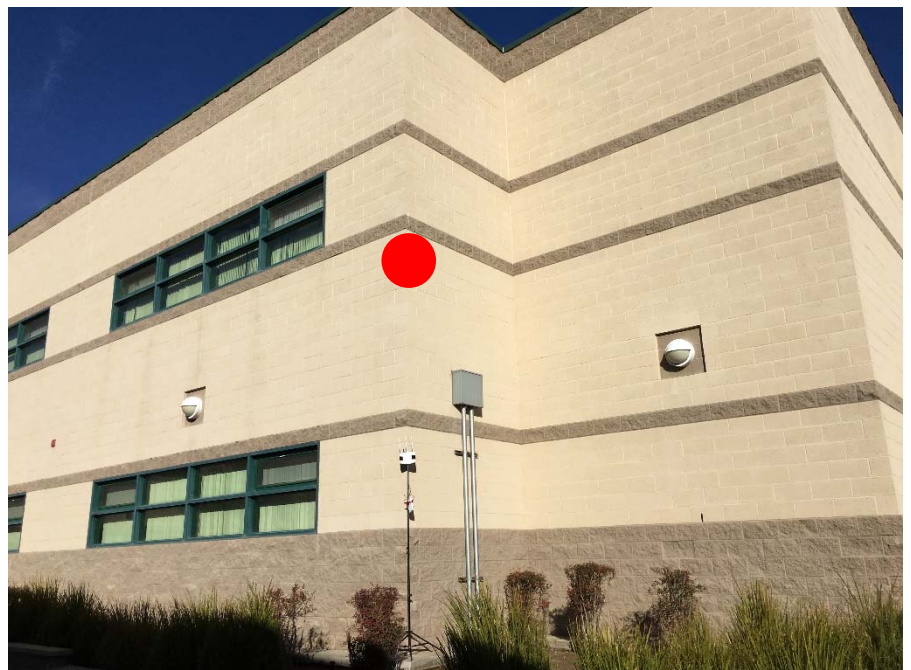
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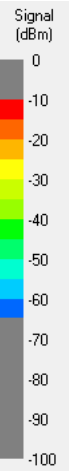
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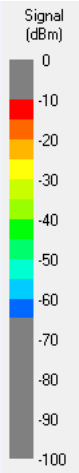
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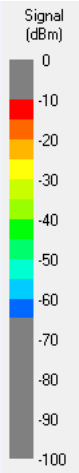
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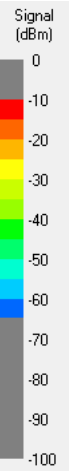
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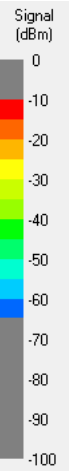
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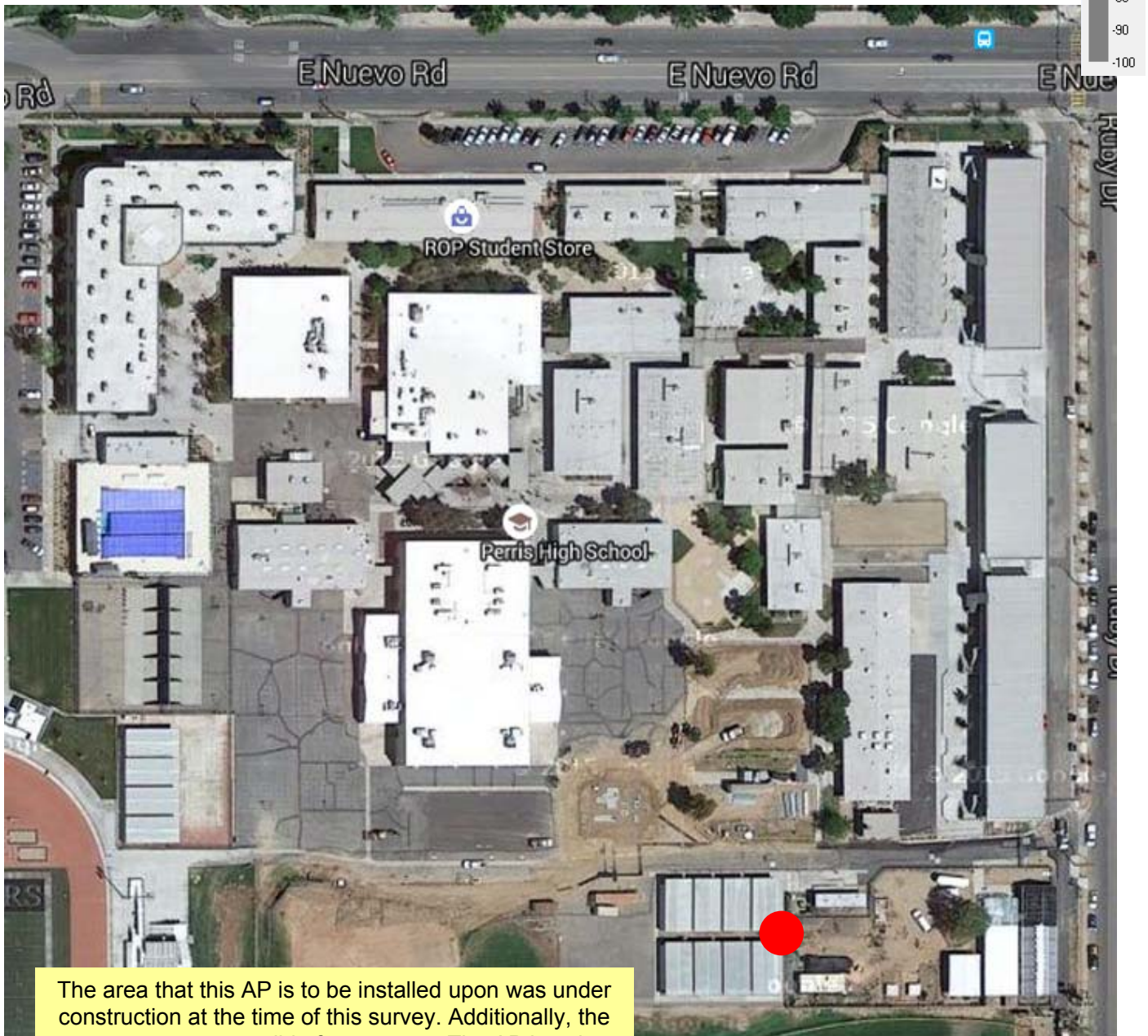
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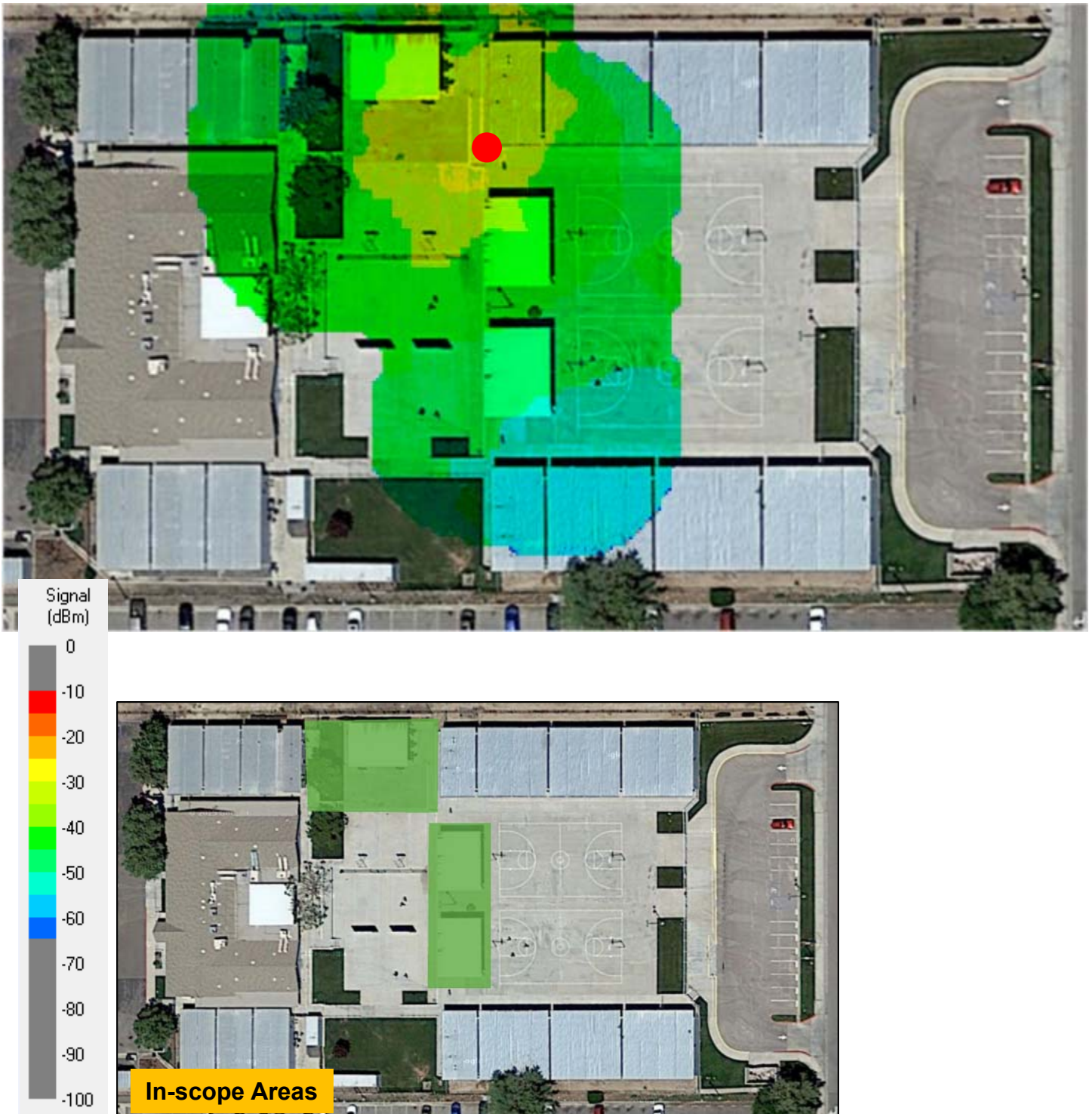
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The Academy

Overall Coverage Heat Map

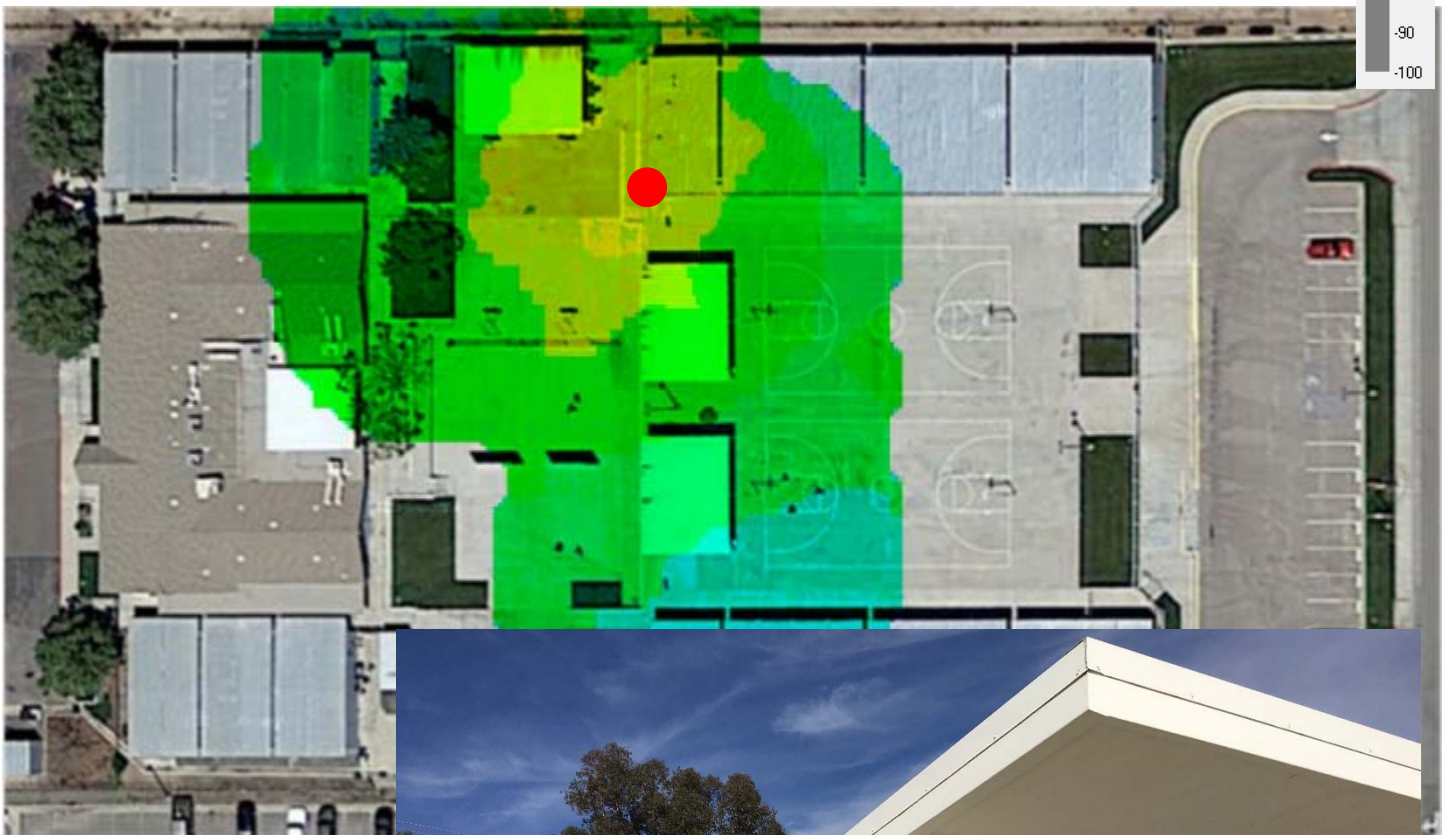
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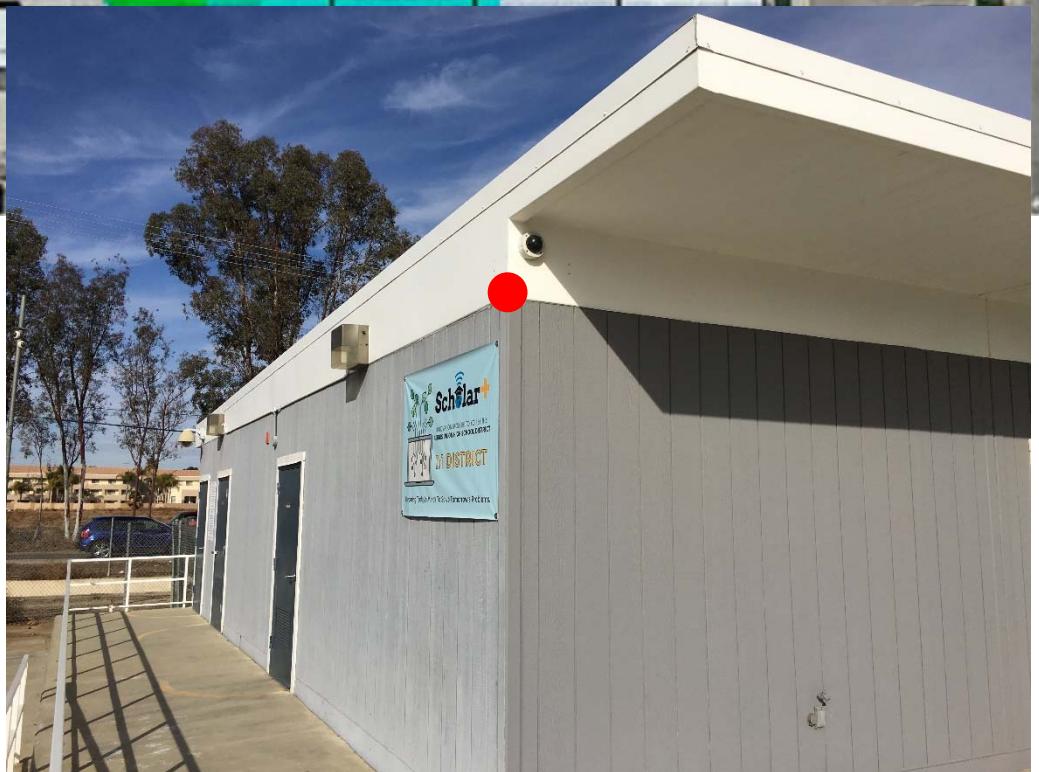
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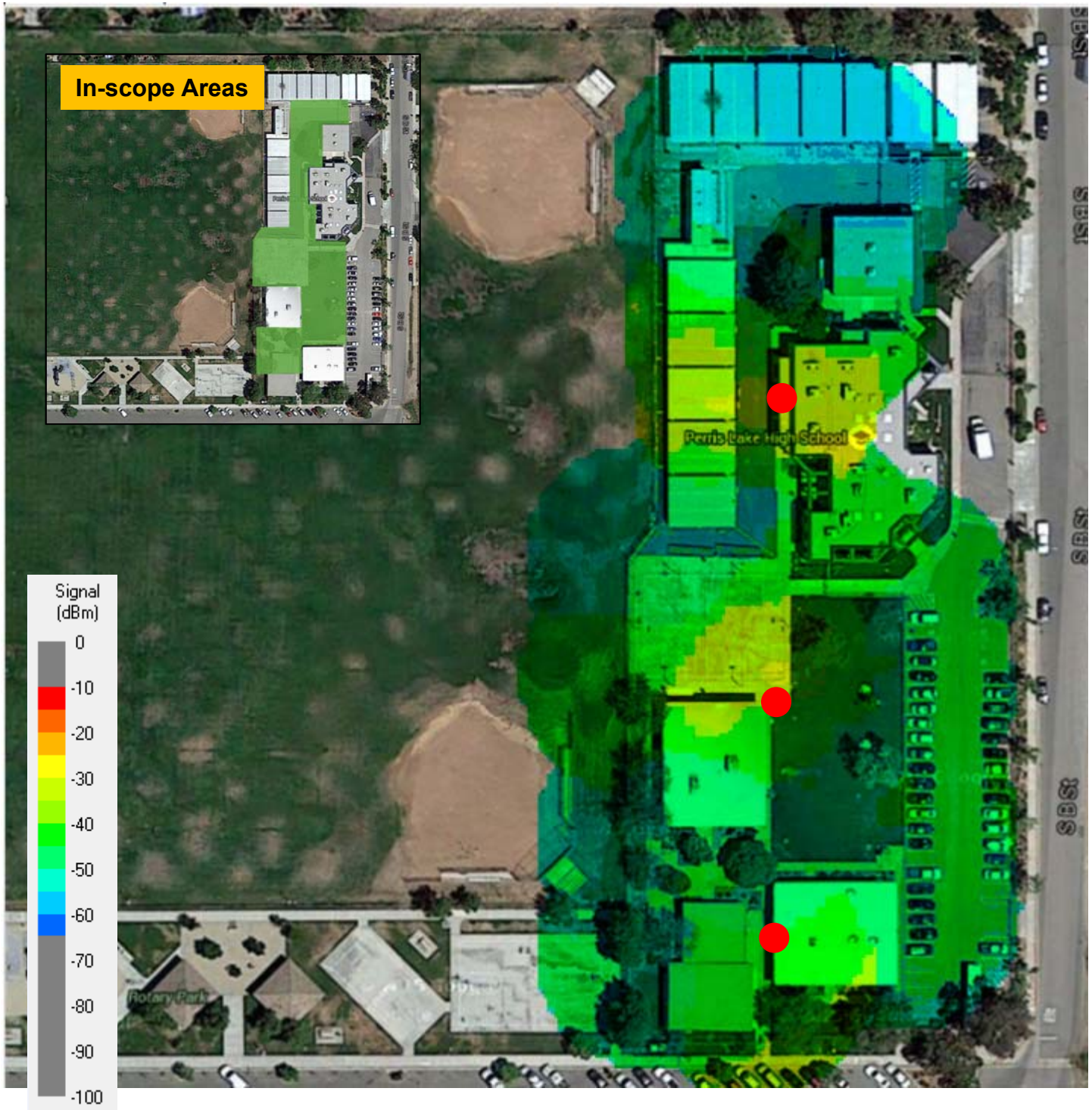
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Perris Lake High School

Overall Coverage Heat Map

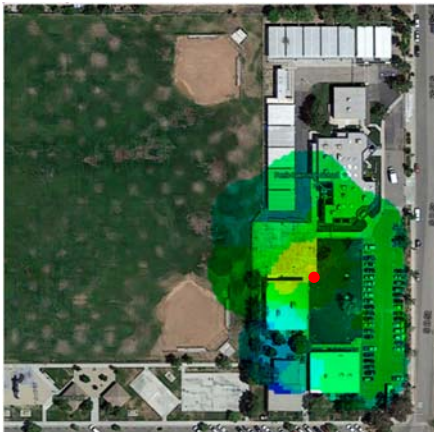
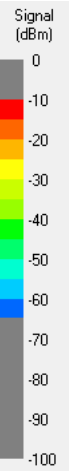
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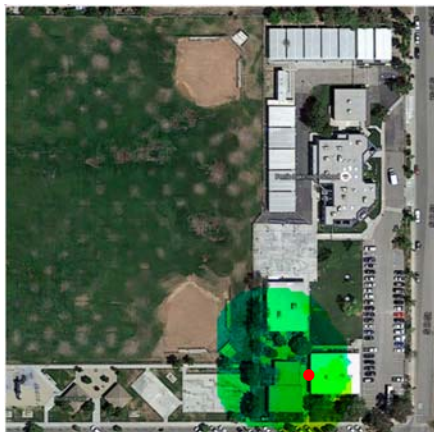
Perris Lake High School

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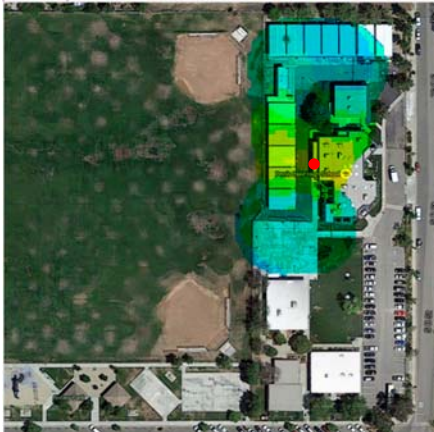
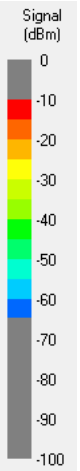
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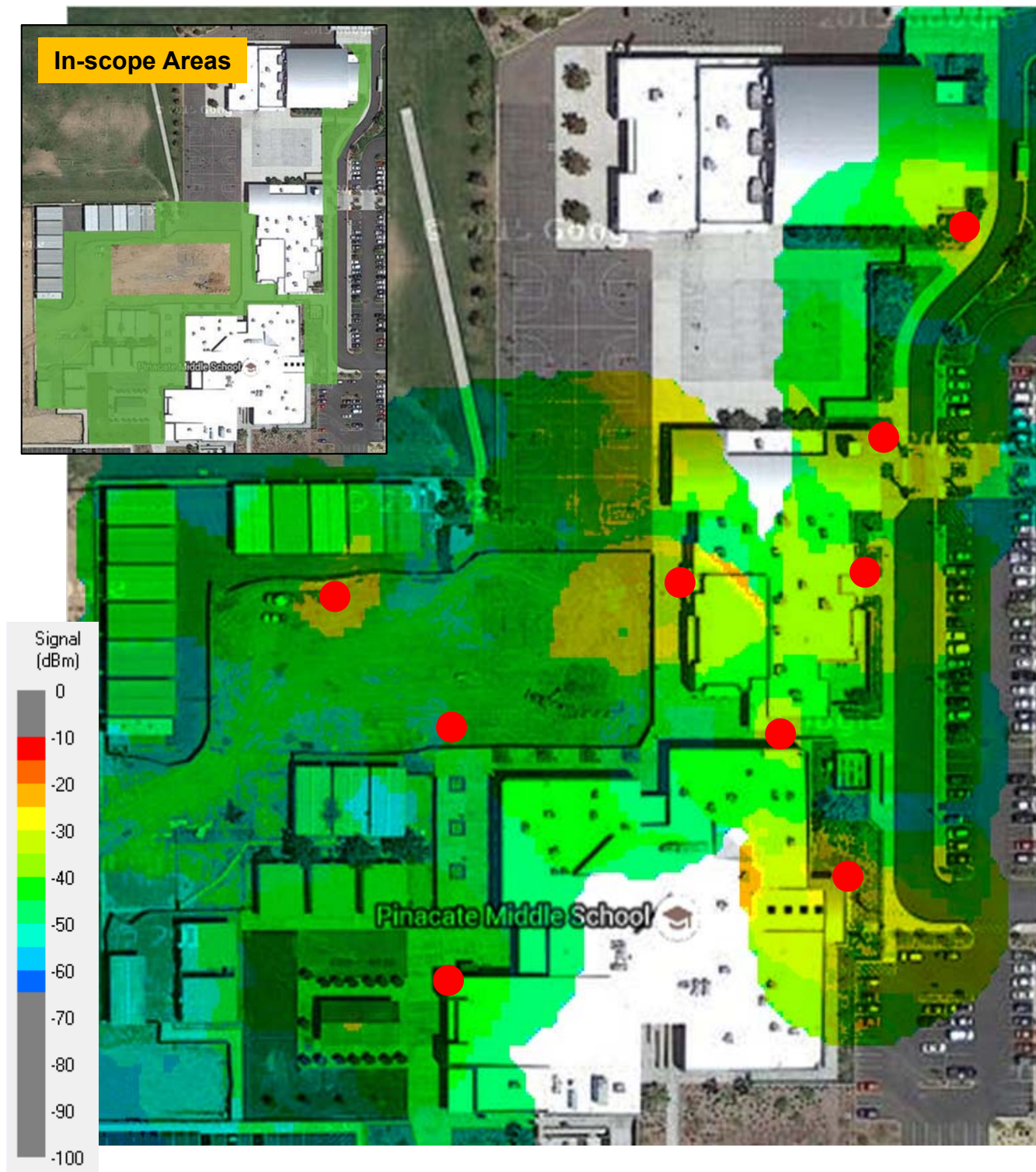
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Pinacate Middle School

Overall Coverage Heat Map

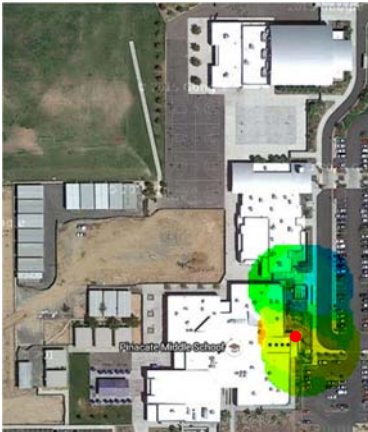
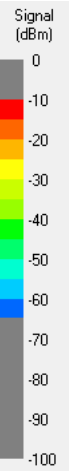
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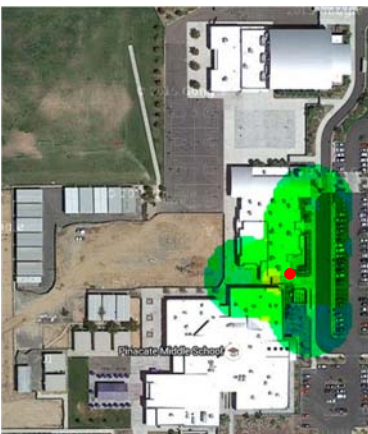
Pinacate Middle School

Per-AP Heat Maps and Installation Location Photos

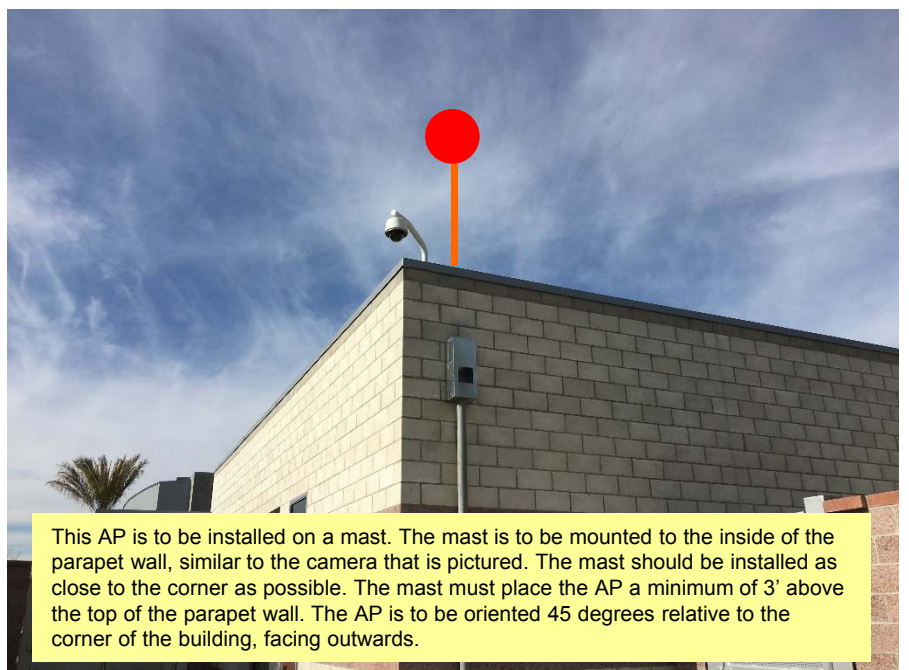
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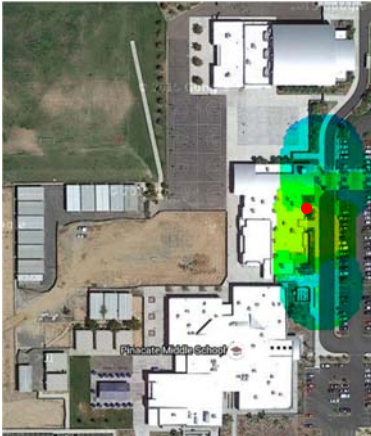
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Pinacate Middle School

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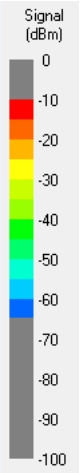
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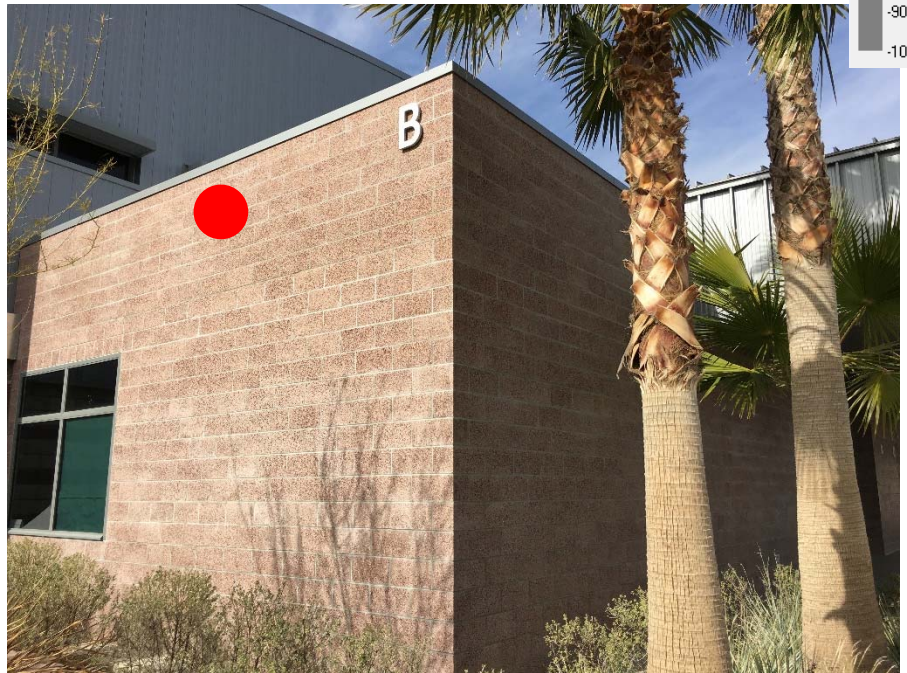
Pinacate Middle School

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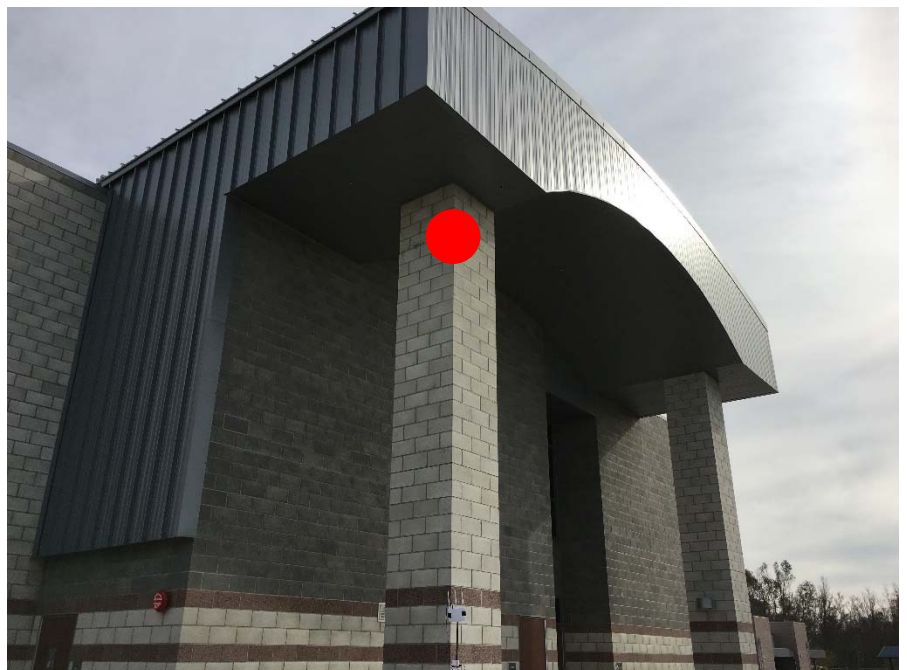
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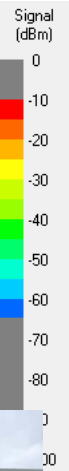
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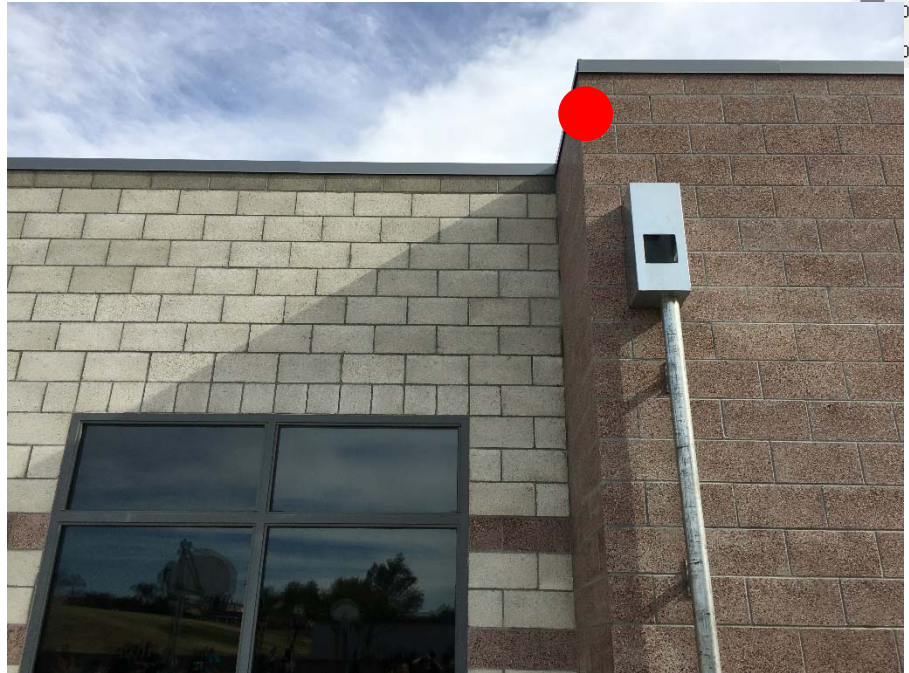
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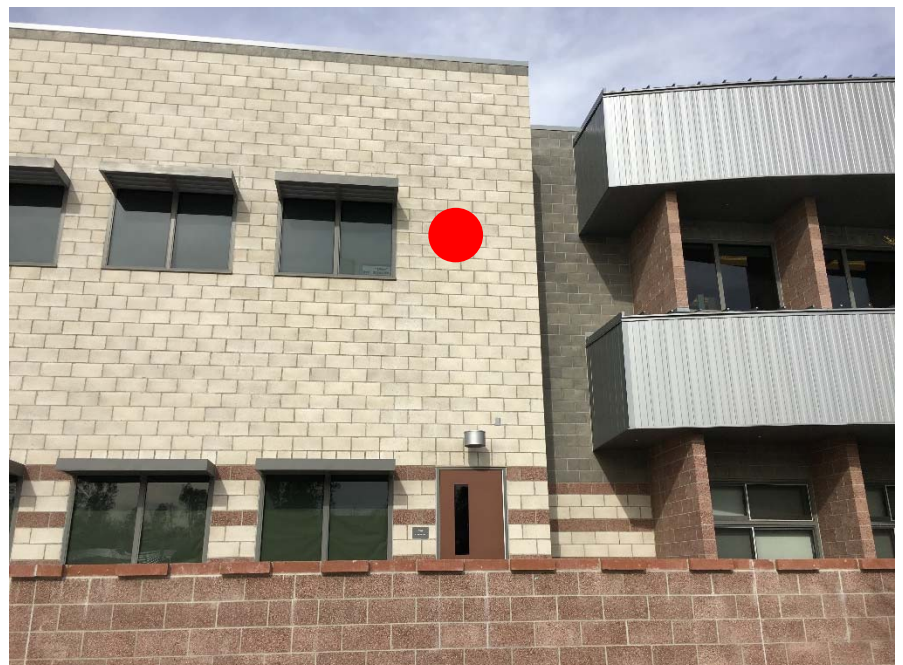
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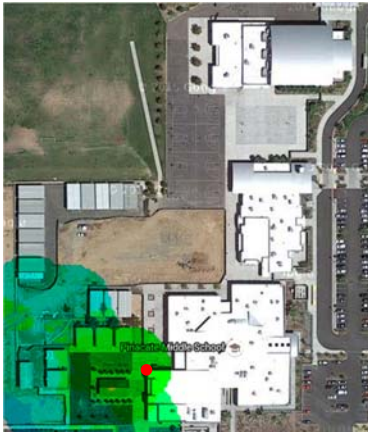
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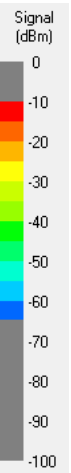
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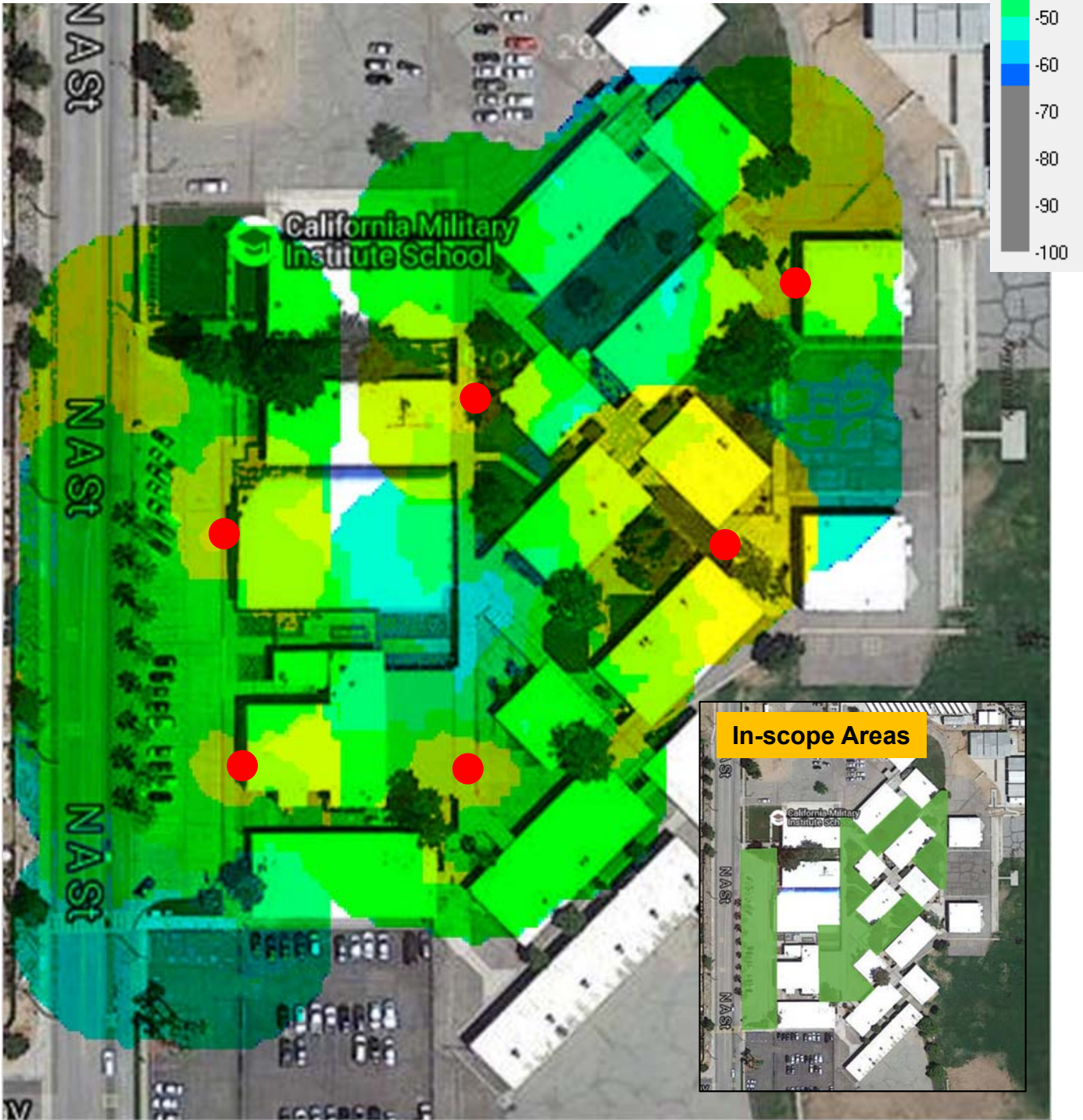


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California Military Institute Overall Coverage Heat Map

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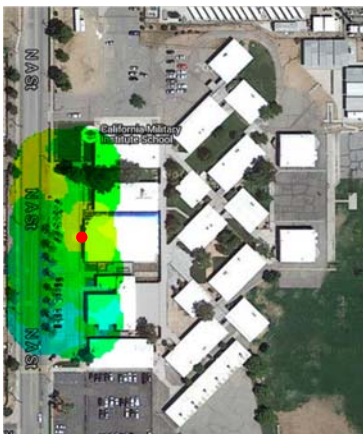
California Military Institute

Per-AP Heat Maps and Installation Location Photos

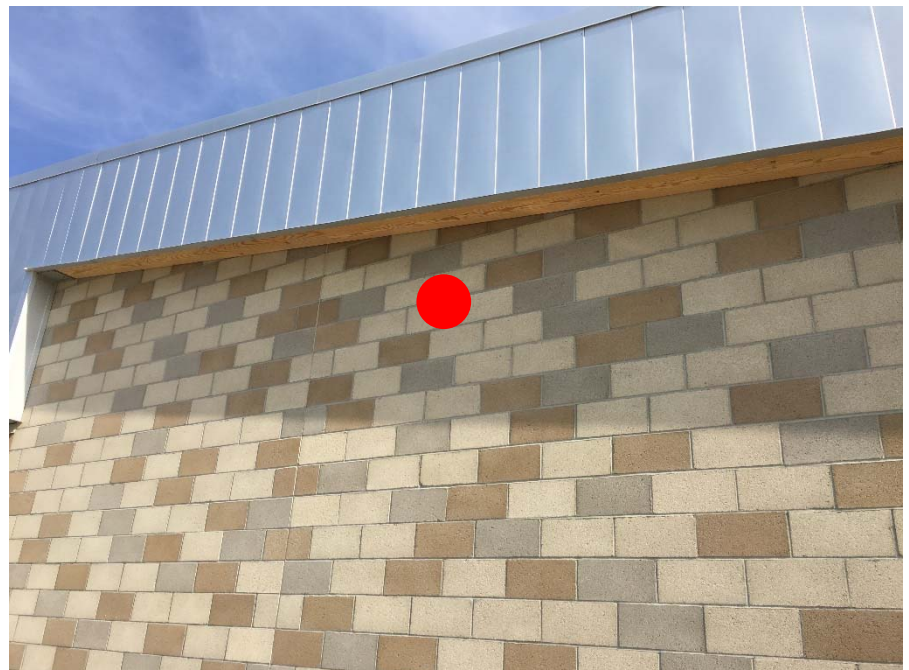
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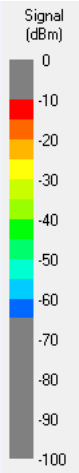
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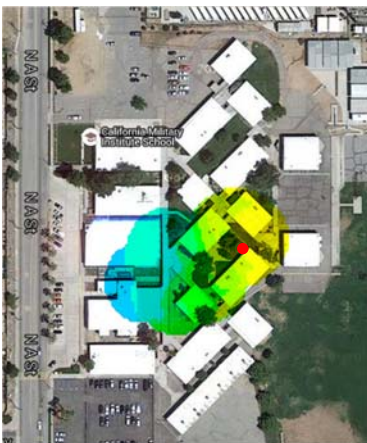
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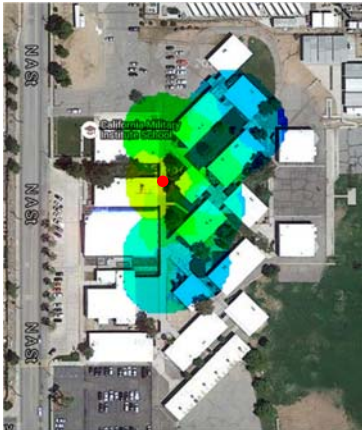
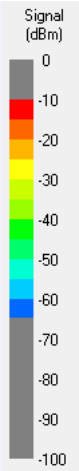
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California Military Institute

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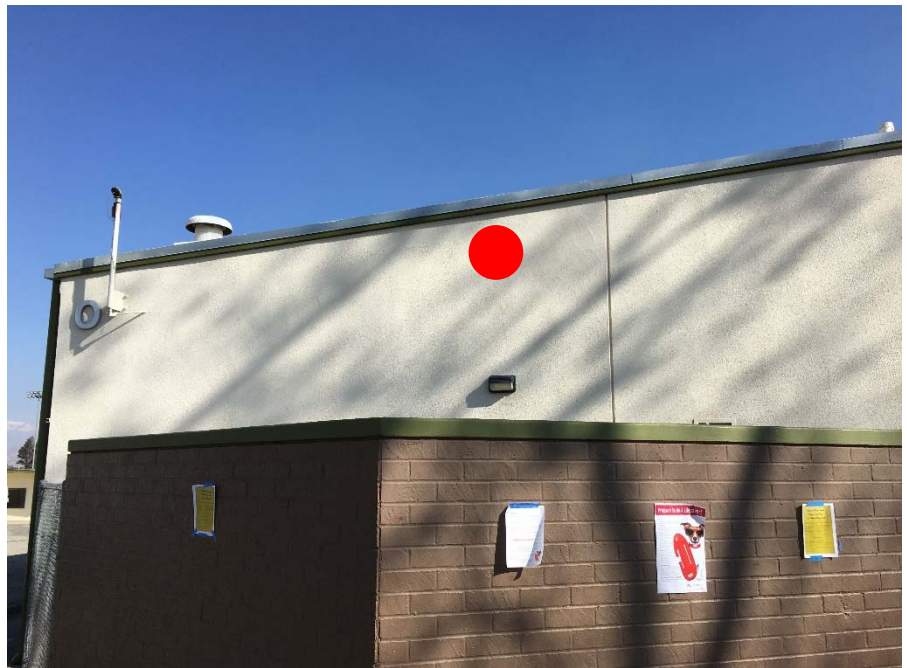
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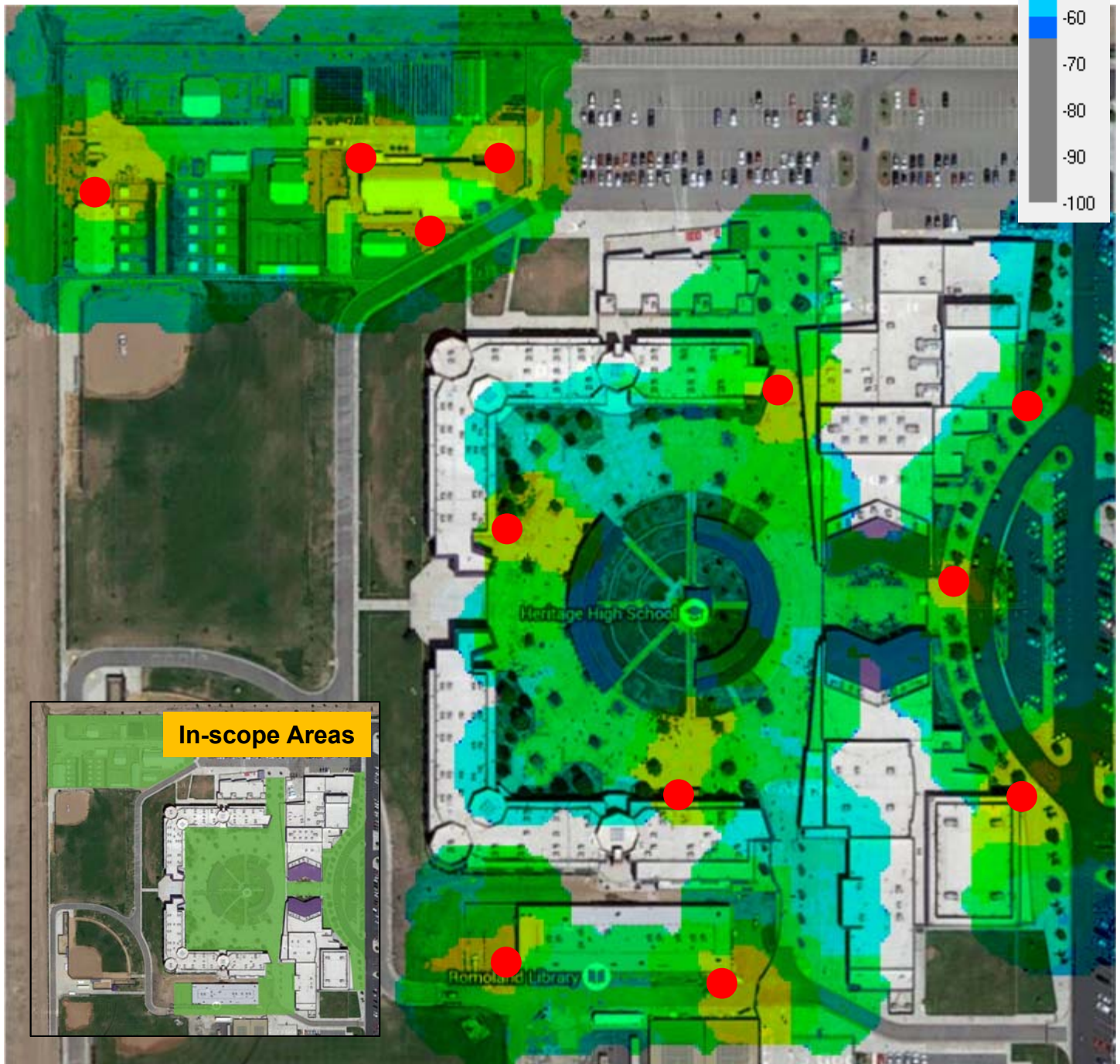
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Heritage High School

Overall Coverage Heat Map

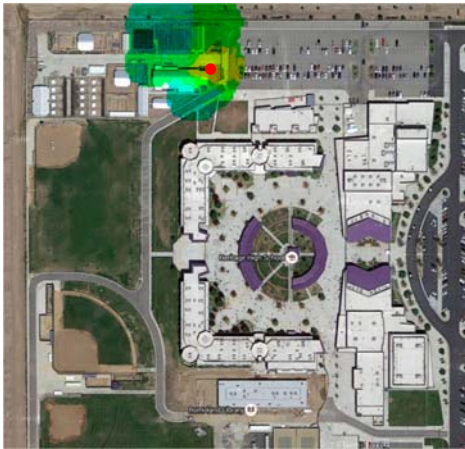
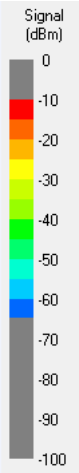
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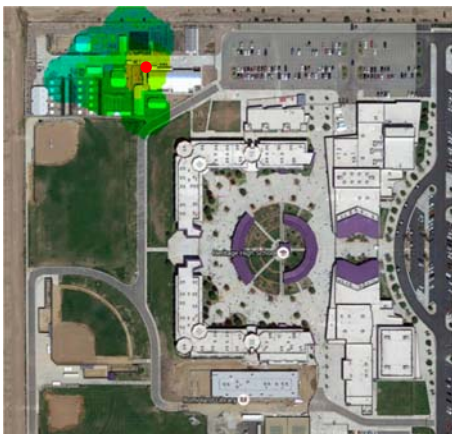
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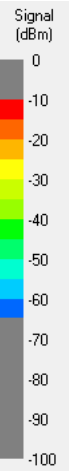
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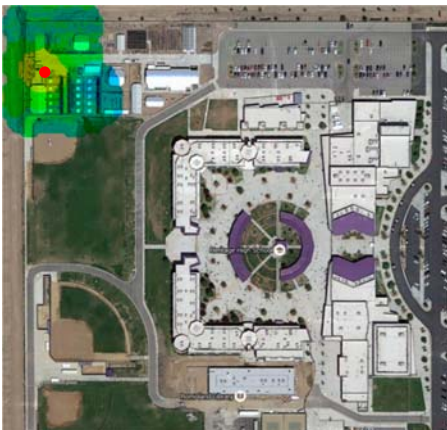
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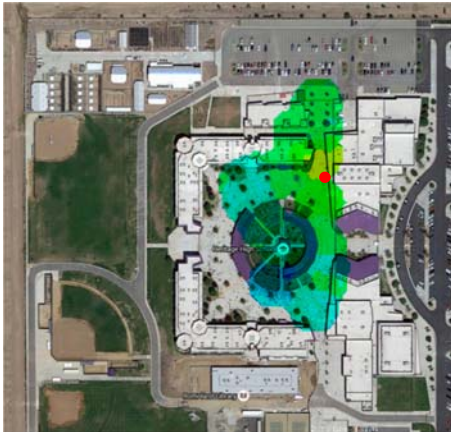
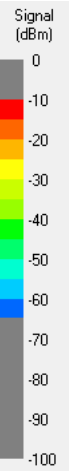
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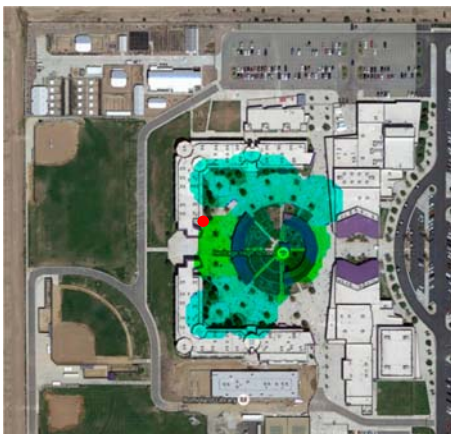
Heritage High School

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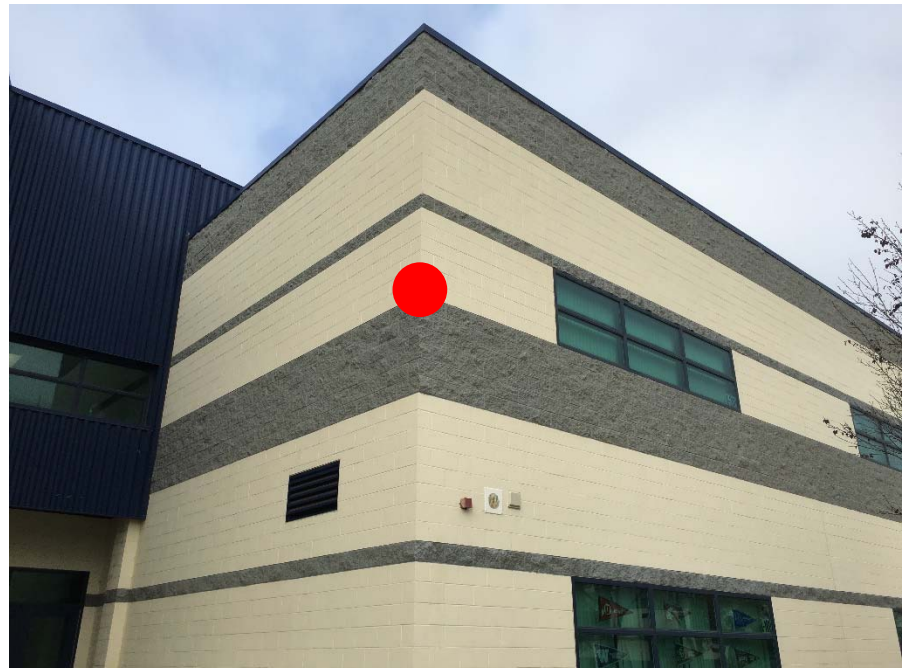
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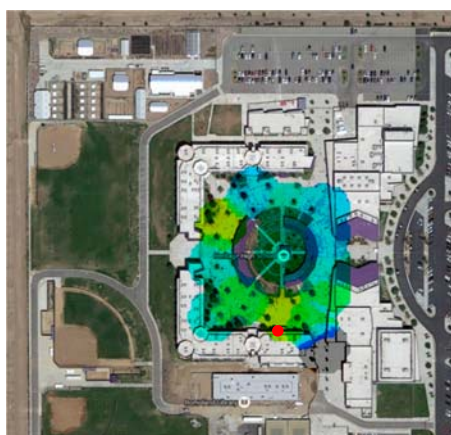
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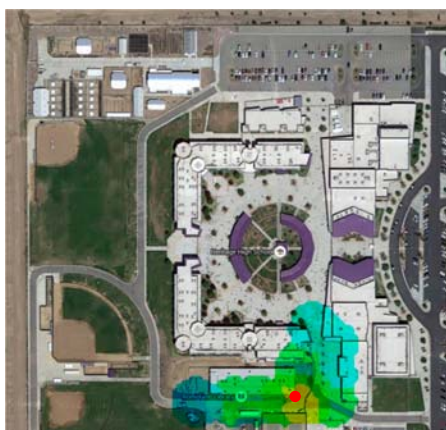
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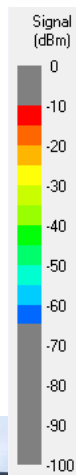
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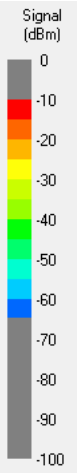
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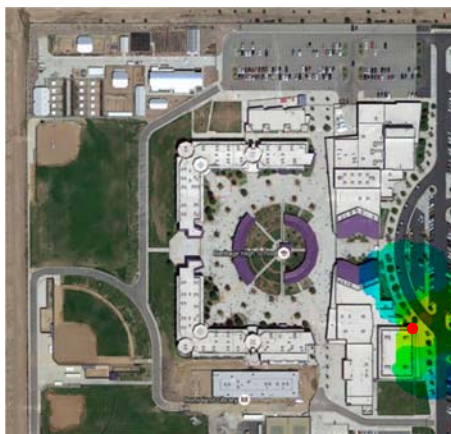
Heritage High School

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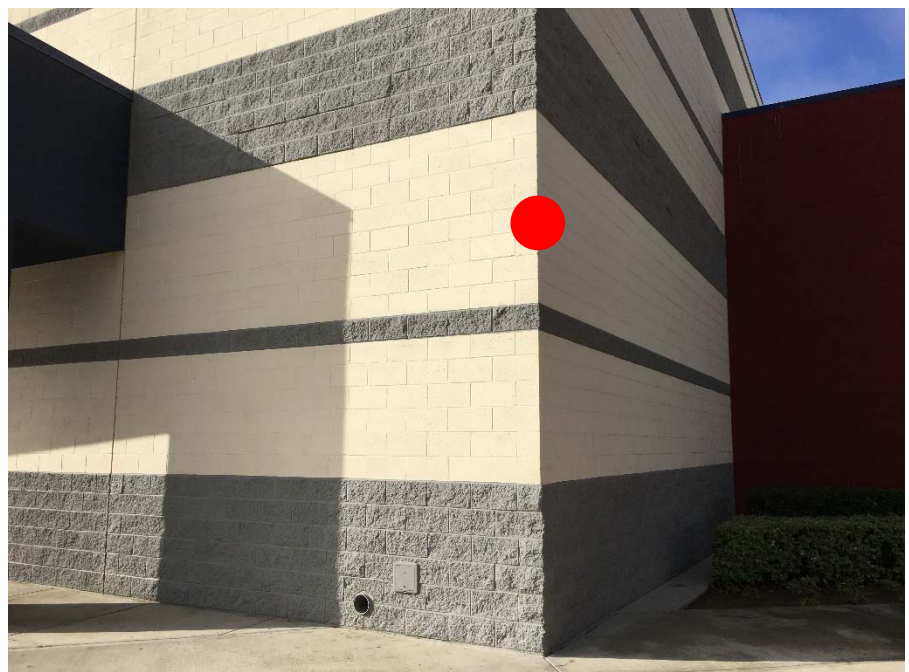
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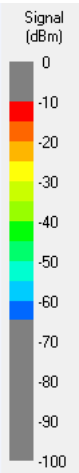
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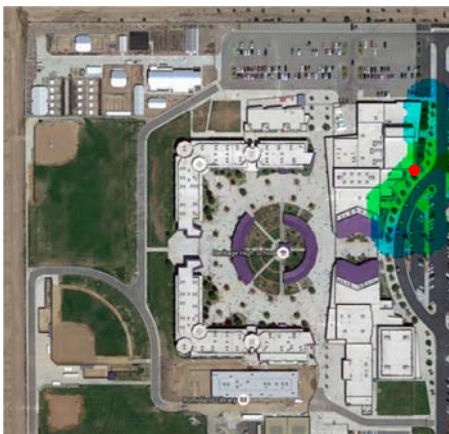
Heritage High School

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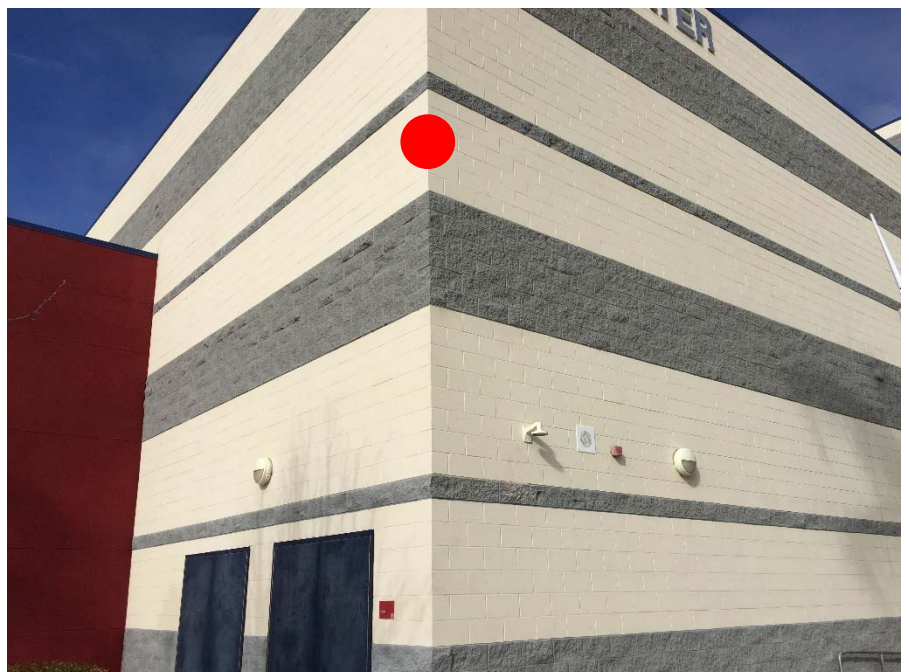
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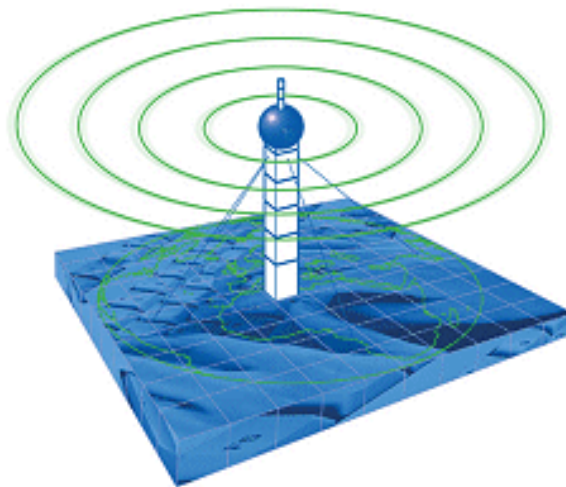


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Technical Appendix

This section provides an engineering perspective and details on various analysis and design aspects discussed and applied in the report.



DESIGNING COVERAGE CELL OVERLAP

Background

Several standard RF engineering calculations were performed as part of meeting this project's requirements for coverage cell overlap. This section of the Technical Appendix explains the underlying formulae and calculations in detail.

Overlap Percentages Do Not Imply Changes in Circular Coverage Range

A design may call for a particular overlap percentage in adjacent coverage cells to provide redundancy in the event of access point failure or to otherwise improve the homogeneity and quality of coverage. Coverage cells bounded by a particular target signal level are not circular (nor are they spherical if considering them in three dimensions.)

The range (radius) at which an RF signal is received at some specified level varies in different directions from the access point due to variations in the environment (walls, doors, etc.) Consequently, an access point does not have a fixed radius of coverage associated with any particular signal level. As a further consequence, it is not possible to quantify overlap percentage based on distance measurements. Overlap relates to signal strength, not to range or radius of coverage. Signal strength decreases with distance based on the *Inverse Square Law*.

The Inverse Square Law

Electromagnetic signals in free, unobstructed space decrease in strength in inverse proportion to the square of the relative distance at which they are measured. This is known as the Inverse Square Law. If a signal is measured at some particular distance from a transmitter, and then measured again twice as far away, the signal is 1/4 as strong; three times farther away the signal is 1/9 as strong. The Inverse Square Law may be stated as follows:

$$P_R = \frac{P_o}{D^2}$$

where P_o is the original signal strength, D is the relative distance between measurements, and P_R is the resulting signal strength. P_R is the result of the contribution of the geometric expansion of the propagating electromagnetic field.

Defining Coverage Cell Overlap

Consider a design where the minimum required signal strength is specified at X_{min} dBm. In any direction from the transmitter there is a coverage cell boundary at which the measured signal level is X_{min} . The shape of the coverage cell varies based on the attenuation and reflection characteristics of the environment. To effect an "overlap" between adjacent coverage cell boundaries it is necessary to reference the degree to which the X_{min} boundary for one cell overlaps the X_{min} boundary of an adjacent cell. This relationship is defined (based on the relative size of the coverage cells) by the Inverse Square Law.

Creating a design that meets a particular coverage cell overlap requirement is accomplished by calculating the overlap between adjacent X_{min} boundaries based on the Inverse Square Law with appropriate attention being given to the fact that typical signal level measurements use dBm units of measurement. These, being logarithmic in nature, must be converted to their linear mW equivalents for use in calculation and then be converted back to dBm units to present the result in typical form.

Calculating Coverage Cell Overlap

To define a particular percentage of overlap for two adjacent coverage cells requires that the corresponding signal power be determined at the point of intended overlap. If all other variables are held constant then overlap is accomplished by having the two cell's transmitters closer together. Because RF signals decrease in power inversely as the square of the distance (and not in a linear fashion) the distance between transmitters varies inversely in an exponential manner with the percentage of overlap.

The overlap percentage is the "D" in the Inverse Square Law formula. It's the relative change in the distance between the boundary of a coverage cell at X_{min} and the boundary of the same cell at the point of overlap. The original signal power (P_O) is X_{min} and P_R is the signal power at the new boundary representing the percentage overlap. The Inverse Square Law is thus represented as follows:

$$X_{TARGET} = \frac{X_{min} (mW)}{(1+\Delta P)^2}$$

..where X_{min} is the original minimum required signal strength (represented in linear, mW units), ΔP is the percentage change in the cell boundary creating the overlap (either a positive or negative change), and X_{TARGET} is the resulting target design signal strength required to achieve the overlap.

Notice that X_{min} is represented using mW units and not dBm units. Minimum required receive signal strength (RSSI) is normally given dBm units, a logarithmic unit of power measurement. The Inverse Square formula must use mW (a linear power unit) to allow a proper ratio calculation. The calculation requires that dBm units must be converted to mW by the standard formula:

$$mW = 10^{(dBm / 10)}$$

After computing X_{TARGET} as a mW result, convention dictates that the result be converted back to dBm units for standard engineering use. This is accomplished by the standard formula:

$$dBm = 10 * \text{LOG}_{10} (mW)$$

Example

A design specification requires -65 dBm to support wireless VoIP. A 10 dB fade margin is applied to account for environmental variability. This makes the design target signal strength = -55 dBm. The design specification requires a coverage cell overlap of 20%.

$X_{min} = -55 \text{ dBm}$

By dBm-to-mW conversion, $X_{min} = 3.162278E-7 \text{ mW}$

$\Delta P = -0.2$

Hence:
$$X_{TARGET} = 10 * \text{LOG}_{10} \left(\frac{3.162278 \text{ E-}7}{(1 - 0.2)^2} \right) = -53 \text{ dBm}$$

The design would be created to target -53 dBm throughout the required coverage area and this would result in a 20% overlap between -65 dBm coverage cells in the presence of as much as 10 dB of environmental fading.