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Application Background:

The purpose of this project is to ground test with point-to-point data links that can be used on autonomous vehicles.

Concept of Operations:

As shown in Figure 1, a ground-based communication link node is fixed at one side of a road or runway. The other 3 modems will be placed in the opposite corners of the parking lot and represent the “air” platforms. The transmit antenna is one of the 4 antennas that both transmits and receives at 1500 MHz. All modems operate with a BPSK modulated waveform in a Time-Division Multiple Access (TDMA) scheme. The ground-based modem (modem 1) will start the transmission and other modems will follow according to the TDMA time slots.

Spectrum Requirements:

The necessary bandwidth for the waveform is 29 MHz. TDMA is used by each transceiver to discriminate between received signals from different sources. All modems transmit on the same frequency at 1500 MHz band.

Local Ground Testing Summary

Ground tests within a 50m radius of the campus of L3 Technologies at 640 North 2200 West are intended to test the functionality of mesh network technology in an outdoor environment, outside of anechoic chambers and laboratories where initial testing is performed. All modems are capable of 8W output but will be attenuated prior to antenna transmission and only output 1W.

4 TDMA ready modems be placed in various locations shown in Figure 1 to create a simple and controlled test environment to verify proper equipment operation and determine/validate preliminary results before going to a more complex test location that simulates the actual CONOPS. As shown in figure 1 measurements are intended to be performed from the Roof of Building A (the building south of the corner of 700 North and 2200 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116) to various mobile sites within a 10 km radius of building A. The modems will be at ground level.

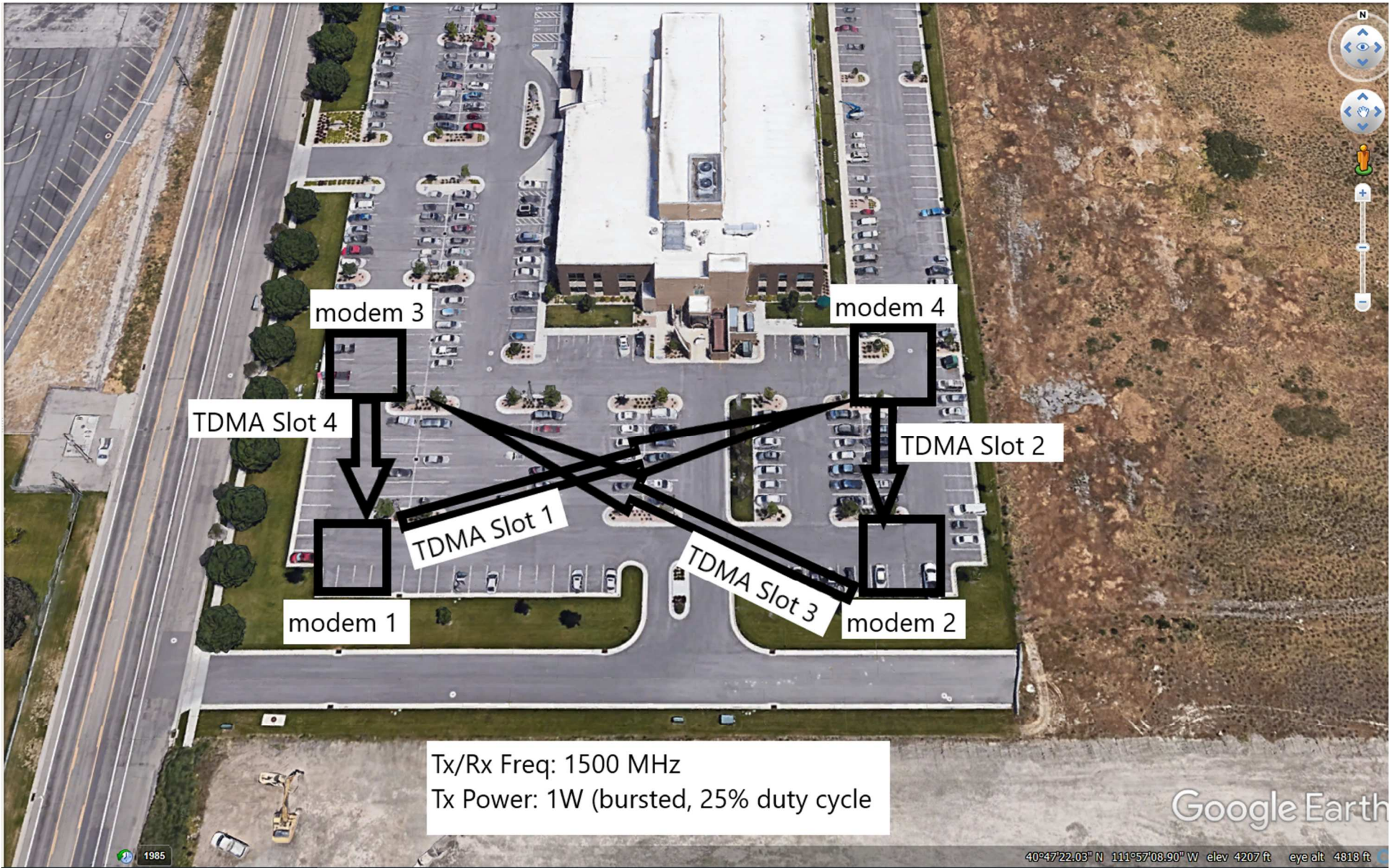


Figure 1 Concept of Operations – Ground Tests

