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#### Good News: World-wide dependency on GNSS -PNT Taken for Granted - the "Stealth" Utility

- Civil
  - Transportation
    - Aviation



The <u>Majority</u> of these Applications were not part of the original "formal definition" of GPS They resulted from:

- Civil Creativity
- Plummeting cost of GPS receivers
- Virtually 100% Reliability and Availability

Other

Military







Primary PNTAB Objective:

## Meet the <u>Obligation</u> of Assured <u>PNT</u> for all Users

• Therefore Focus is <u>PTA Program</u>

 <u>Protect</u> the <u>radio spectrum</u> + identify + prosecute interferers

- <u>Toughen</u> GPS receivers against natural and human interference
- <u>Augment</u> with additional GNSS/PNT sources and Techniques



### eLoran Characteristics

- Unjammable (virtually) and adds Frequency Diversity.
- <u>Regional –</u> Trial system in UK. Full US deployment would require 20 to 30 transmitters plus ~50 differential stations
- Horizontal Only. No third dimension –Baro can help
- <u>Accuracy over landmass adequate for backup</u>. Variable speed of signal – errors can be 0.1 mile (or perhaps more).
  - Issue is spatial and temporal decorrelation if differential techniques are used (ASF corrections are a form of differential and assume temporal decorrelation is negligible)

 <u>Can Achieve 10-15 meter accuracy in small areas</u> (within about 5-10 miles of calibration point) must use ~ <u>continuous updates</u> of Differential Accuracy for Integrity

eLoran is the most viable augmentation to GPS to provide PNT in times of stress and to deter deliberate jamming

## A <u>Wish 1:</u> Begin deployment of eLoran Immediately

- Consider Government Commercial partnership
- Develop and offer affordable eLoran timing and positioning receivers
- Start with US timing capability
- Add redundancy and positioning capability in hi-payoff areas
- Add eLoran differential capability where justified



### <u>Wish 2:</u> That low-cost Very Jam-resistant GNSS receivers are Commercially available

#### Jam Resistance - the "Nibbles"

Improving Jamming Resistance Performance





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- Particularly Beam-steering digital antennas –
   17 Elements large base perferred
- Specifications of Capability included in Commercial aircraft receivers
- For military remove incentive to add complex and expensive steerable arrays on satellites (Earliest full capability would be about 2035)

# The #1 GPS/GNSS Availability Issue

Spectrum Interference -

## <u>Illegal jamming</u>

#### and/or

### **Licensed Intrusion**

#### Adjacent band interference concern

## "Upper" band is apparently off the table, but not officially rescinded



Original proposal: transmit 15 kW+, Tested in 2011 - Transmit 1.58 kW – "Ligado's proposed minimum tower spacing of 1420', impacted area must be far less than 710' or else impacted area could be, e.g., city-wide " (FAA report)

# Existential Threat to GPS – FCC Re-allocation of Nearby Band to Higher Power (Ligado Proposal)



DepSecDef Carter and DepSecTrans Pocari ExCom Letter to Asst Sec Strickling 13 Jan 2012

> "... without affecting existing and evolving uses of space-based PNT services vital to economic, public
>  <u>safety, scientific, and national</u> <u>security needs.</u>"



<u>Wish 3:</u> FCC does not approve repurposing of Adjacent Spectrum until/unless <u>proposal passes realistic</u> <u>evaluation</u> of all current and future GNSS signals, applications and techniques The Fundamental Differences in Radio Communications and Radio Navigation must be Recognized

- Digital Radio <u>Communications</u>:
  - Incoming <u>message is not known</u> finding it is the whole point
  - Must determine whether each signal "bit" is a one or a zero
  - $_{\odot}$  Use sophisticated methods to correct errors

#### • Digital Radio <u>Navigation</u>:

- Incoming signal sequence (ones and zeros) is totally known by user
- The goal of the user is to precisely time the transition from one to zero (and zero to one)

In the face of interference, degradation of positioning <u>accuracy</u> occurs well before total loss of signal

# Specific Issues (Near L1 C/A, P/Y, M, L1C, Calileo i.e. the 1575 mHz hand)

Galileo i.e. the 1575 mHz band)

- The New GNSS Signals

   US (L1C and Lm)
   Other GNSS (Galileo + Glonass and Beidou)
- Embracing the 1 dB criterion
- Antenna Patterns and Propagation Model
- Repurposed transmitter density and power
- Applications apt to be within Harms Way • Both Current and Emerging