



How To Steal A Ship

GPS Vulnerability & Maritime

MAY 2019, NYC

VMSL Safety Seminar 2019



Problem - GPS is everywhere



Synchronized,
Precise Time,
Frequency,
Phase

Precise Positioning
& Navigation

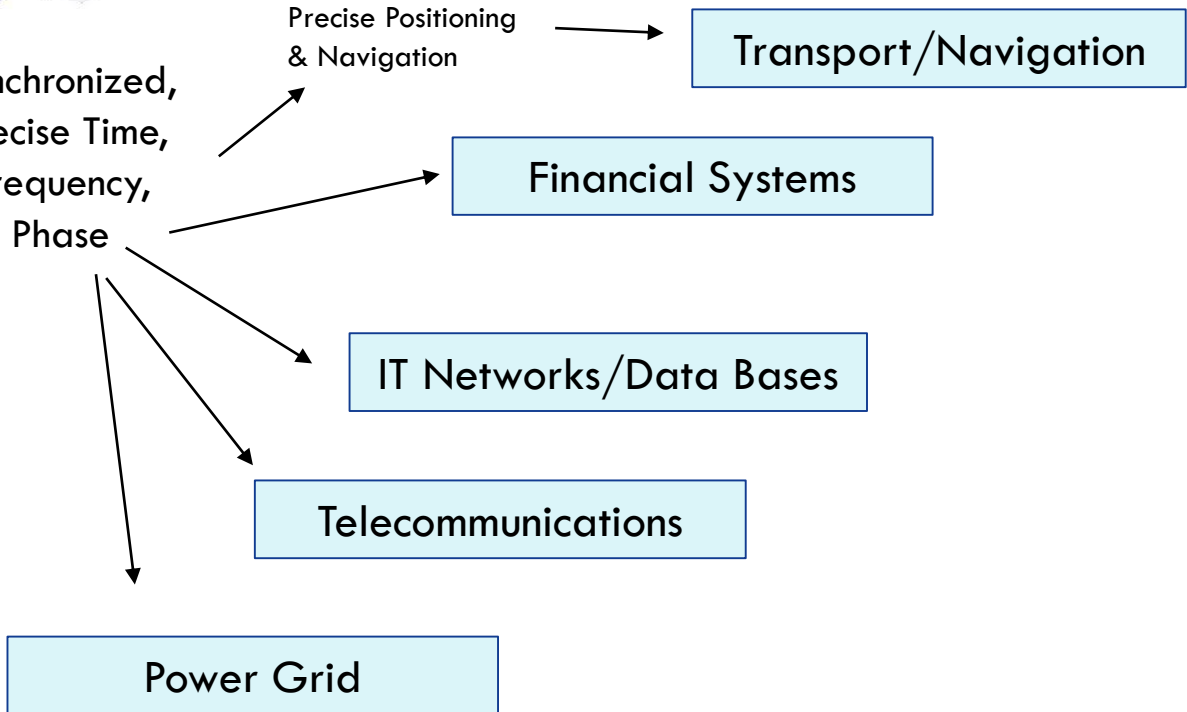
Transport/Navigation

Financial Systems

IT Networks/Data Bases

Telecommunications

Power Grid



DHS – “GPS is a single point of failure for Critical Infrastructure”



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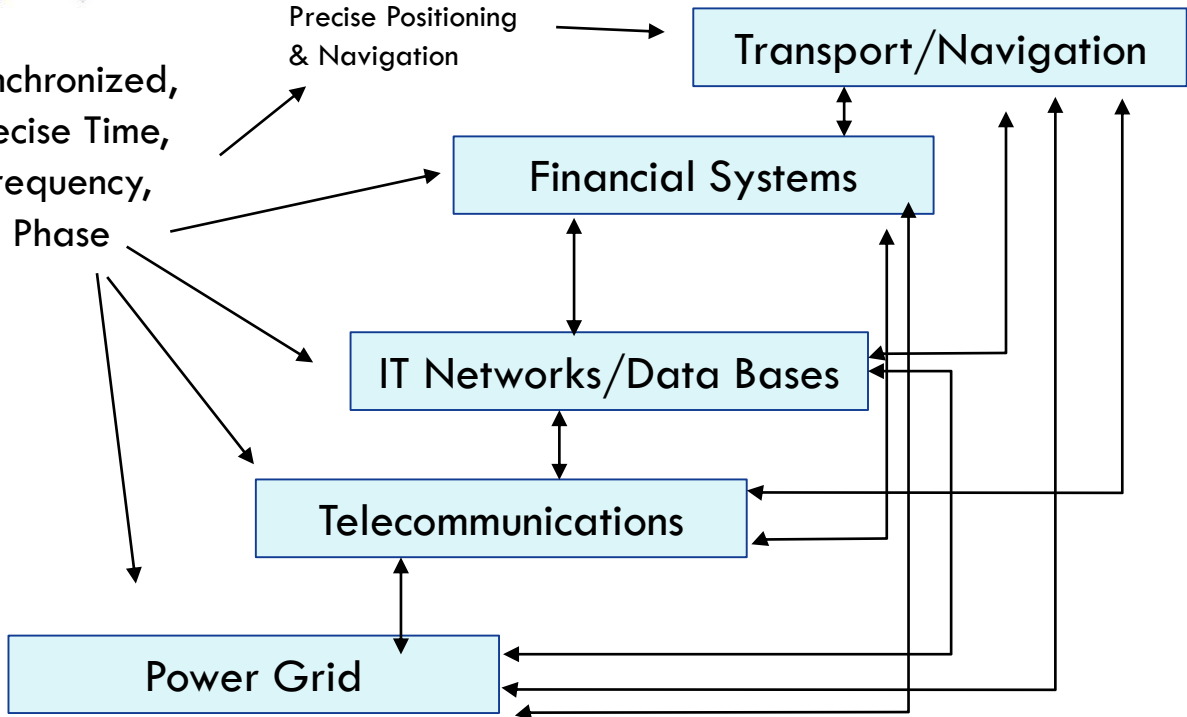
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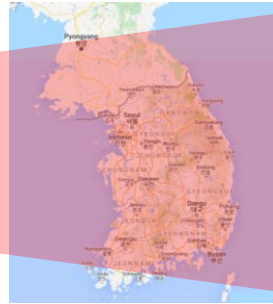
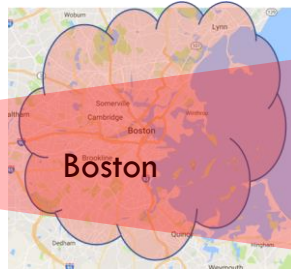
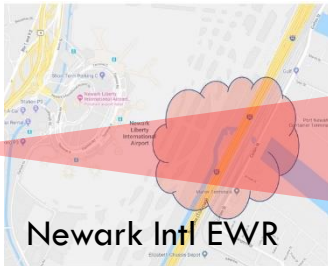
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But first, there was Jamming

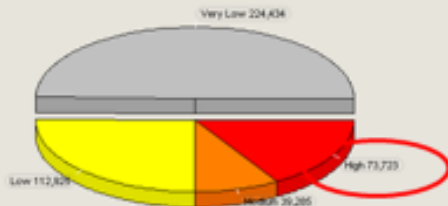


Seconds,
Minutes

Weeks +

Result 2: GNSS Denial Events

Event Priority Levels
(By Classification Type)

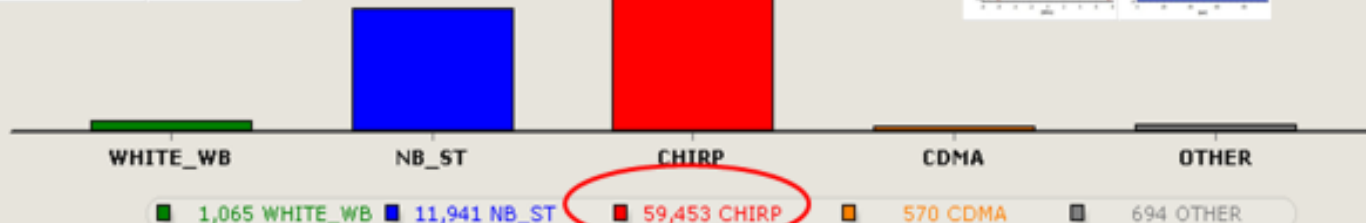
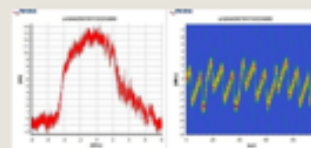
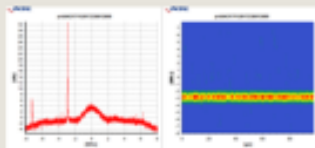


Classification Types

73,000 GNSS denial events

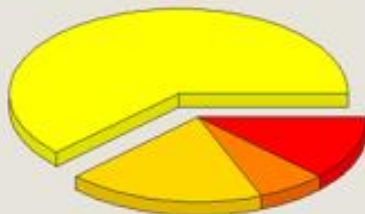
- 59,000 jammers
- 12,000 narrow band
- 2,000 other signals

☒ [450367] ALL
☒ [15233] CDMA
☐ [222720] WHITE_WB
☐ [101811] NB_ST
☐ [59453] CHIRP
☐ [58170] OTHER



Result 3: Durations of interference events

ALL events (450,363 events)



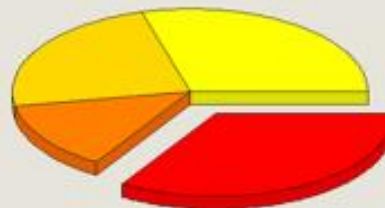
279,208 [00 to 20 sec] 85,832 [20 to 40 sec] 29,339 [40 to 60 sec] 55,368 [60+ sec]

Most events are very short durations
12% of ALL events are greater than 60 seconds

Some findings:

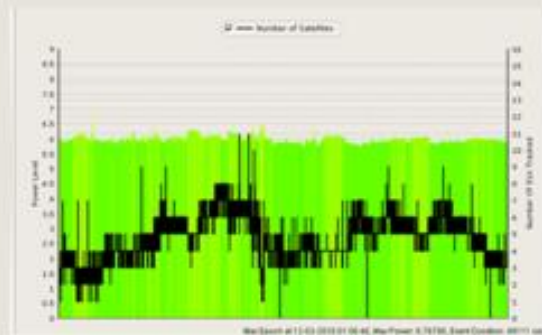
- 7191 events > 5 minutes
- 1112 events > 30 minutes
- 610 events > 60 minutes
- 5 events > 1 day
- Longest event = 5 days

High Priority events (73,723 events)



21,640 [00 to 20 sec] 17,271 [20 to 40 sec] 9,889 [40 to 60 sec] 24,923 [60+ sec]

34% priority events are greater than 60 seconds



Result 5: Comparisons of Sites

- Results from 8 Airport installations
- Most are “national” airports. Most are air-side installations.
- 30 days data (may not be the same 30 days)

	RFI events	Jammers	Jammer/events ratio	Duration > 60secs	GNSS denial	Denial/events ratio
National Airport	8716	95	1%	282	362	4%
National Airport	759	27	4%	200	211	28%
National Airport	2764	595	22%	395	753	27%
Regional Airport	556	31	6%	6	95	17%
National Airport	904	168	19%	158	182	20%
National Airport	776	19	2%	101	35	5%
National Airport	1819	73	4%	9	252	14%
National Airport	4519	133	3%	352	153	3%

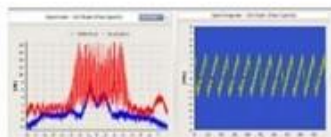
- Helps to diagnose issues with unintentional interference & jamming
- Helps to compare with other sites



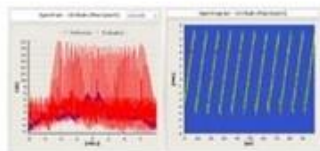


STRIKE3

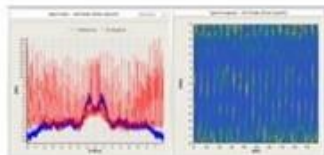
STRIKE3 shows Jammer industry is evolving...



5Mhz bandwidth, 1575Mhz centred

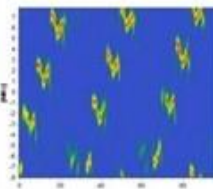
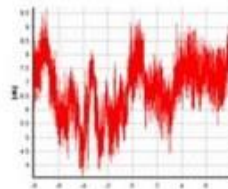


8Mhz bandwidth, drifting centre



Wideband

2012



Waveform detected at 4 STRiKE3 sites
Europe and outside EU

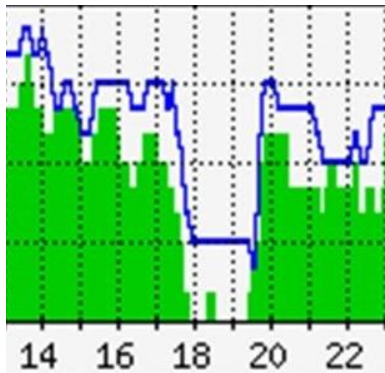


USB L1/L2 jammer



Domestic US Jamming

“GPS Disruption Halts Ports,
Endangers Ships” – US Coast
Guard



GPS Disruption Halts Wireless
Provider in Kansas, 150 Mile -Wide
Area Impacted

Maritime Jamming Reports

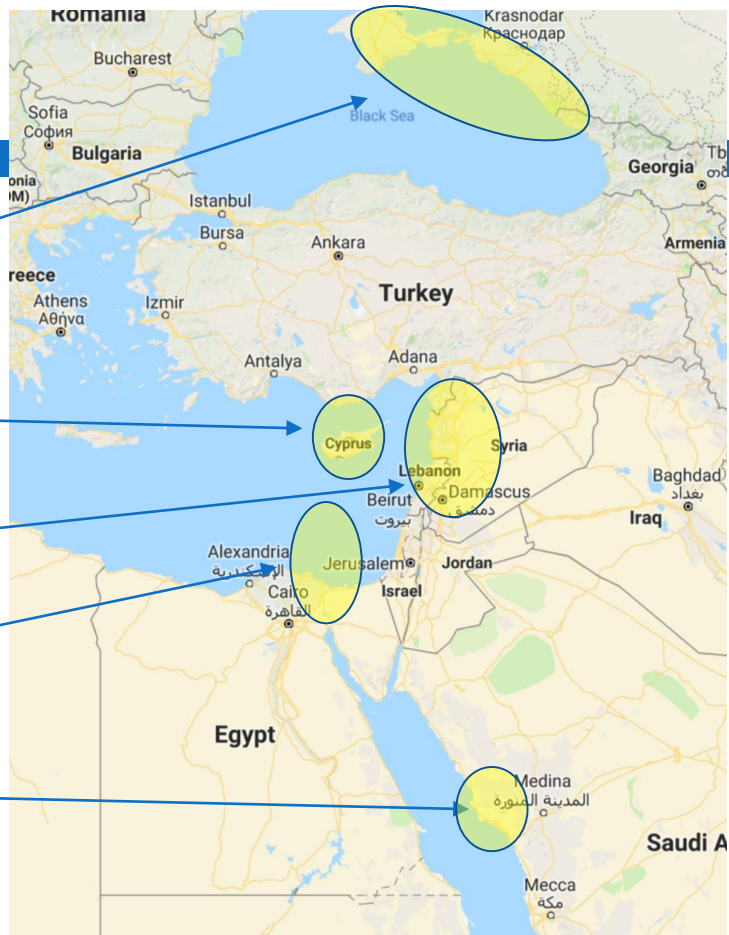
VIP Protection & Conflict

Disrupt Oil/Gas
Surveys?

Armed
Conflict

Illegal Fishing?

Unknown



13 March 2019

Year-Long ocean cruise finds GPS disruption... everywhere

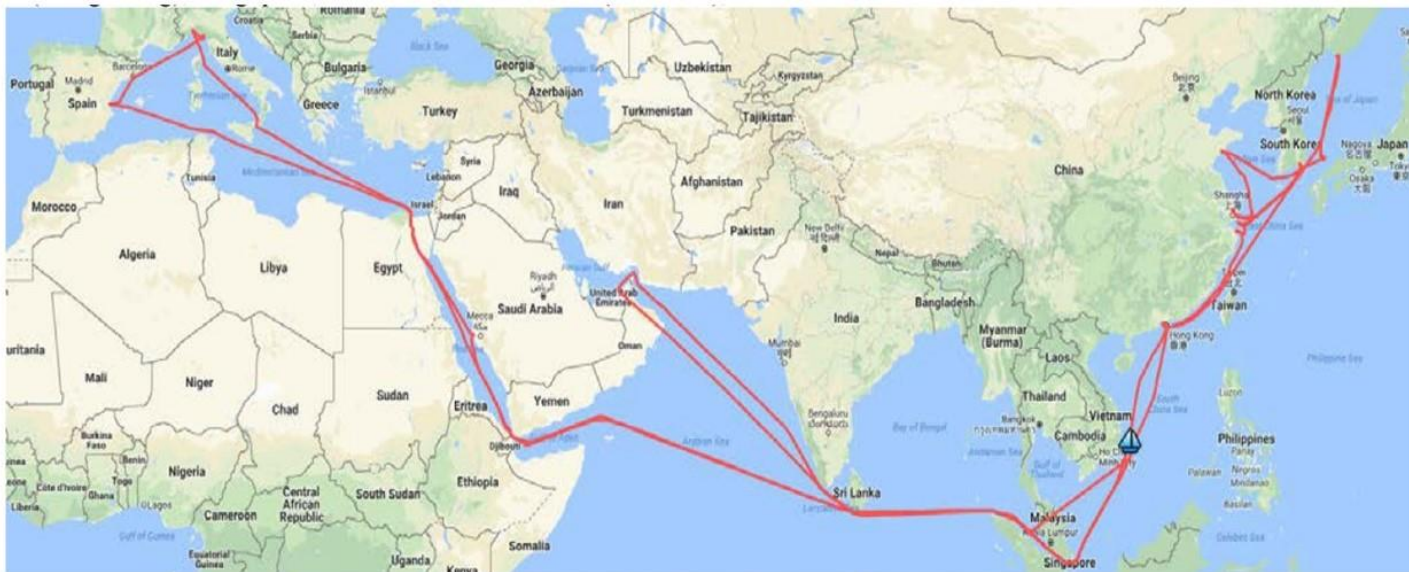
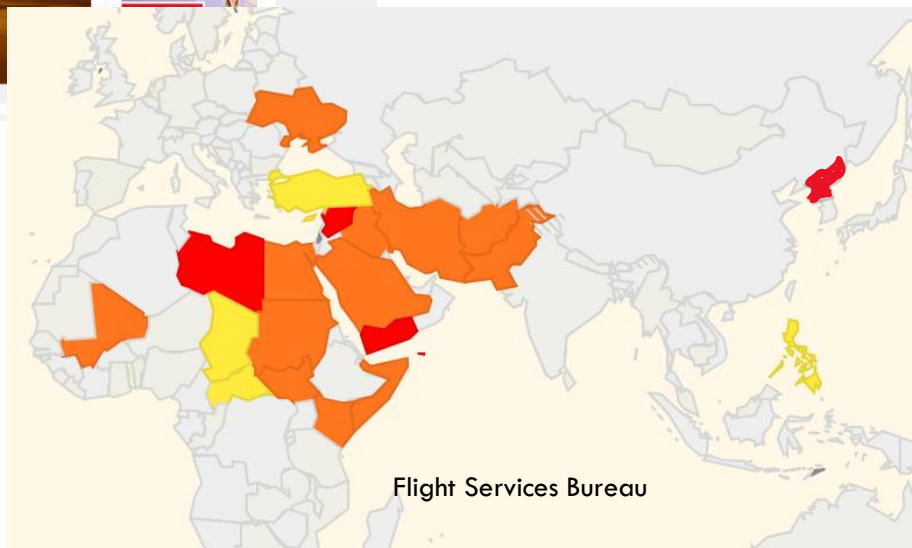


Figure 5. Vessel route from September 2017 to January 2018 recorded by DLR's GNSS receiver prototype.



Aviation Jamming Reports



Flight Services Bureau

Spoofing — Hazardously Misleading Information

December 2011



Spoofing Demo

June 2012

University of Texas,
Austin

Prof Todd Humphreys



Spoofing Demo

June 2013



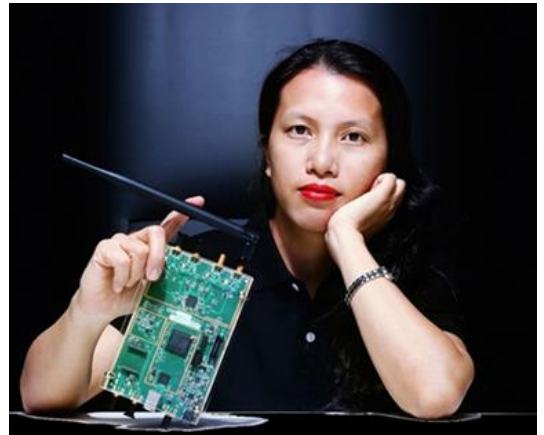
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Tutorial – Build Your Own GPS Spoofer

December 2015



Hackers Convention
Las Vegas



First Open Source Spoofing Report

December 2015

DHS: 'Drug Traffickers Are Spoofing Border Drones' –
Defense One





January 12, 2016

Reposition 2 RCB 90s
from Kuwait to Bahrain
through International
Waters



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Spoofing?



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Spoofing?

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- Same day as President's last major speech to the nation

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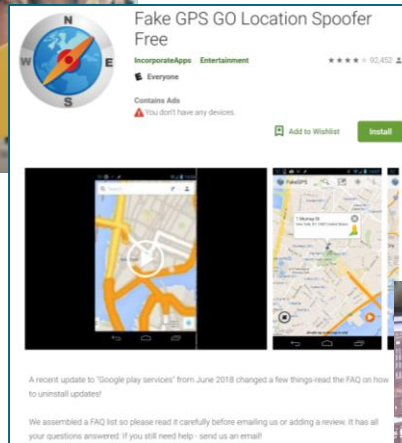
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Pokémon Go – Location Deception for All

July 2016



Phone App



Software Defined Radio

June - July 2016



RUSSIA BEYOND

English

Lifestyle Culture Travel Education Business His

Why is the Kremlin 'transporting' GPS users to Vnukovo airport?

LIFESTYLE OCT 24 2016 YEKATERINA SINELSCHIKOVA RBTH



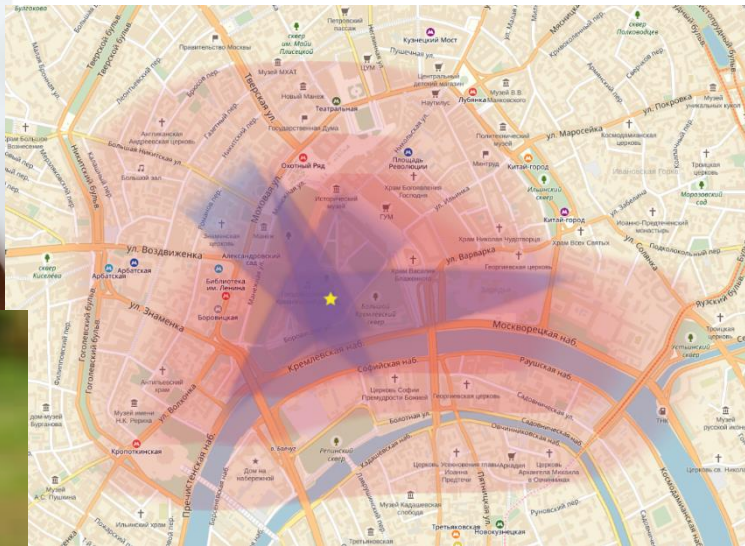
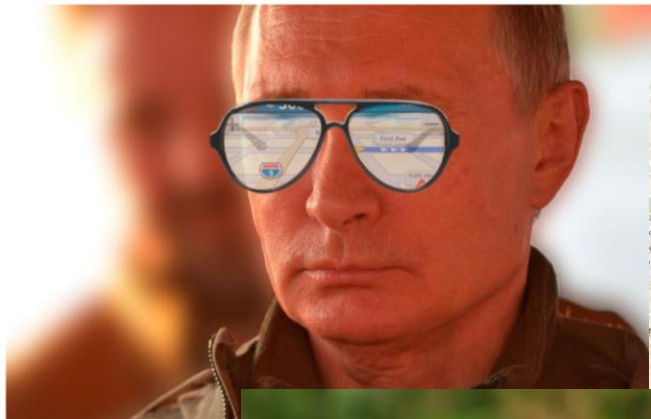
The Moscow Times

Oct. 21 2016 - 03:10

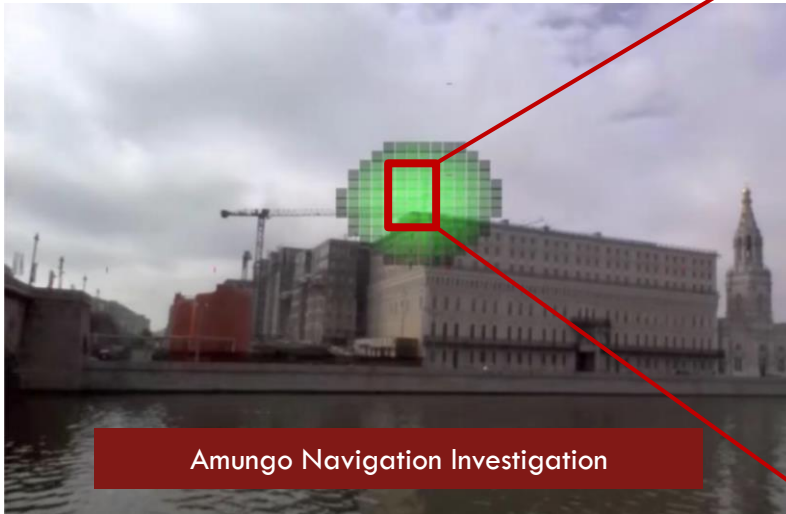
The Kremlin Eats GPS for Breakfast

Why geolocation in central Moscow has become a real headache

October 2016



September 2017

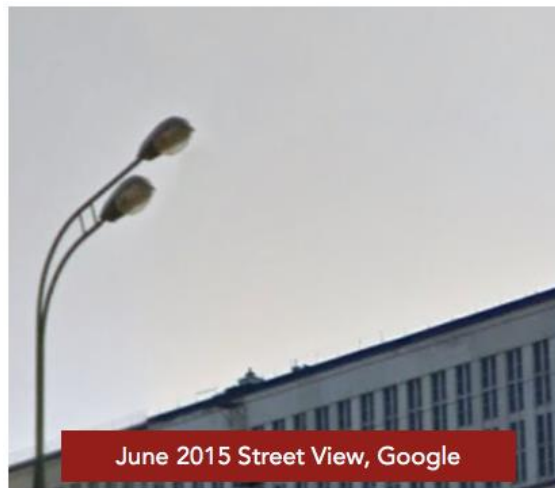




June 2015 Street View, Google



September 2016 Street View, Google



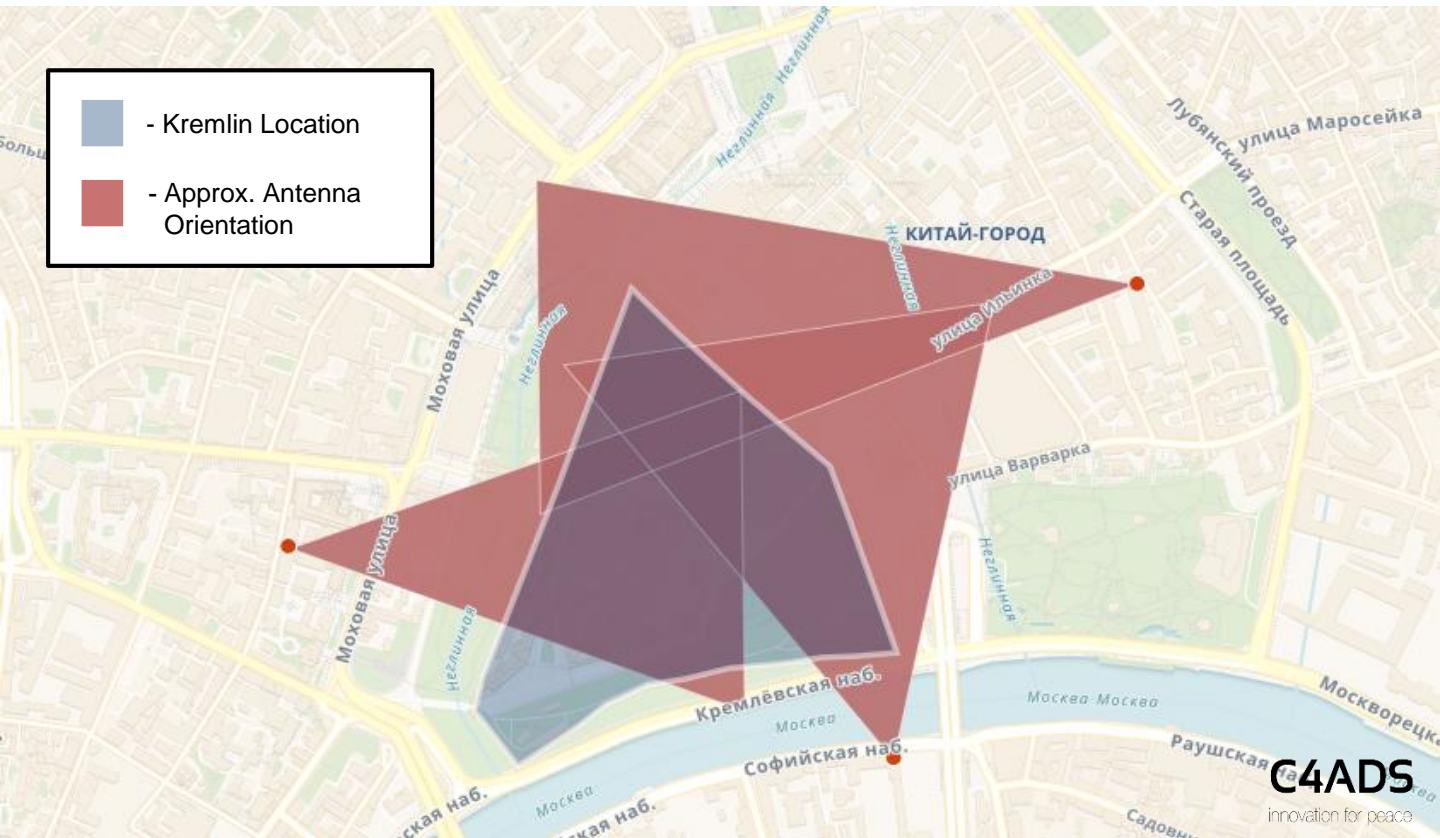
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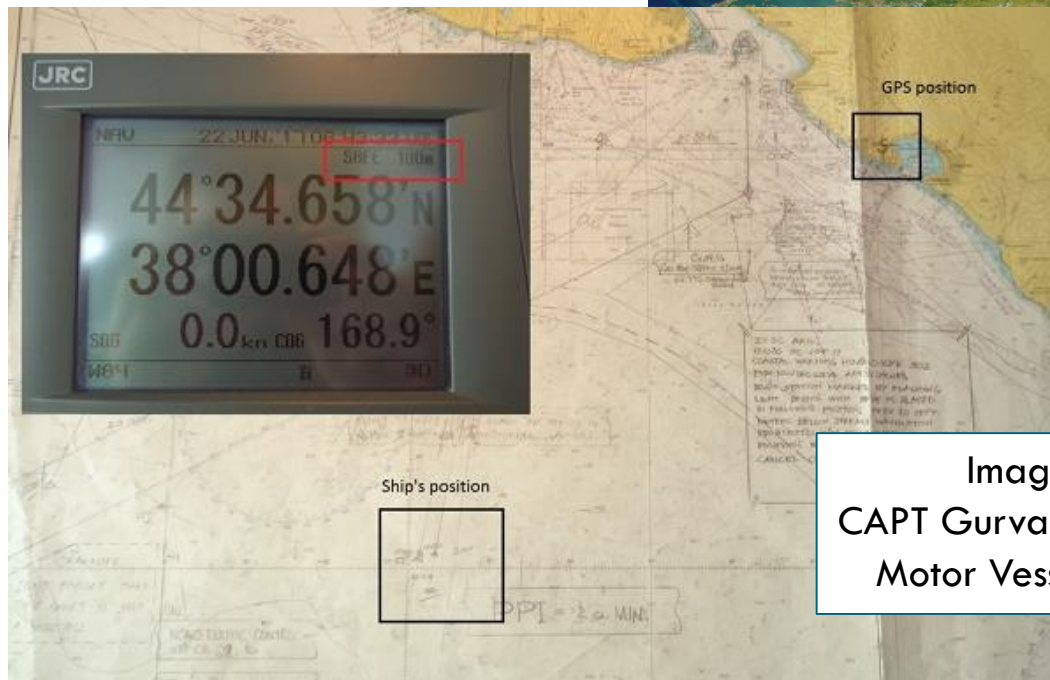
September 2016 Street View, Google

June 2016: First Public Reports of GNSS Spoofing Near Kremlin

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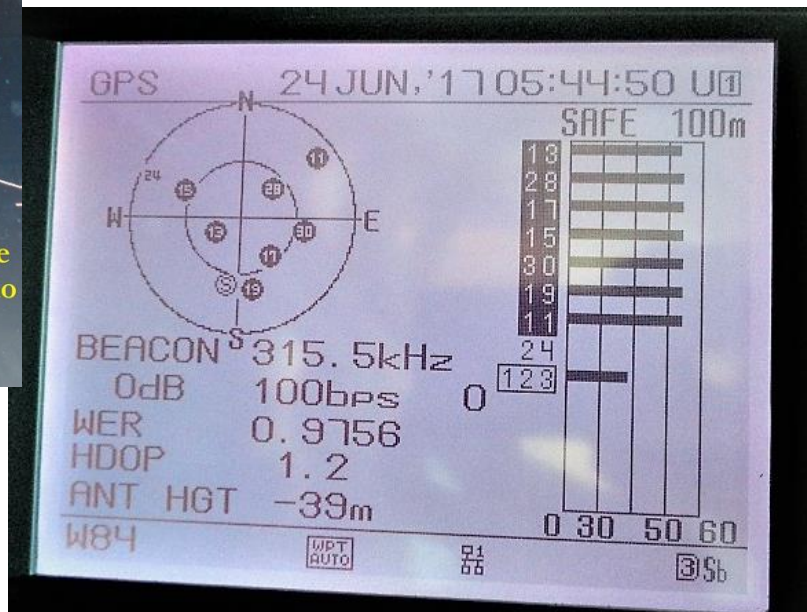
June 2017, M/V Atria



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Motor Vessel Atria

June 2017, M/V Atria

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Companies at Destination

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RU NVS

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7m

11.9 / 10.6 knots

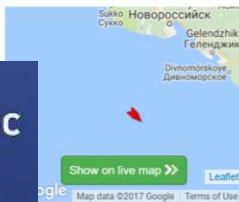
[Latest Positions](#)

Reported ETA Received: 2017-07-17 22:19 LT (UTC +3)

Position

In Range

17 19:18 (UTC)



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Leaflet

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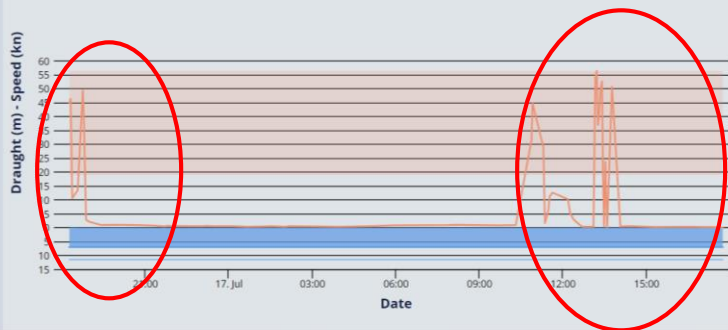
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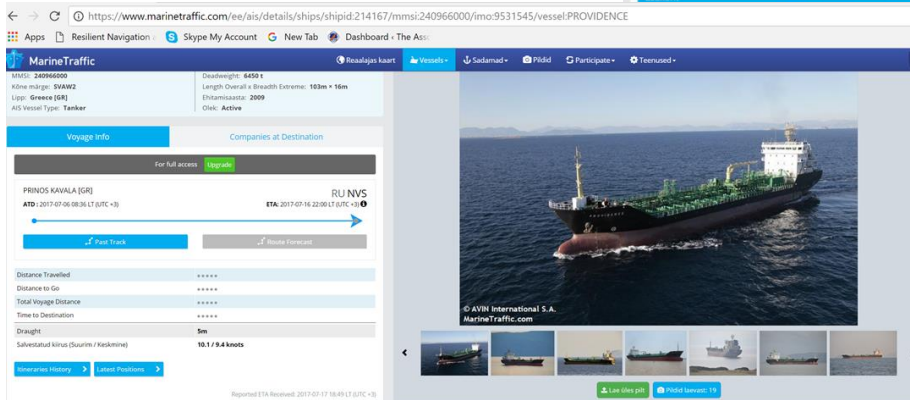
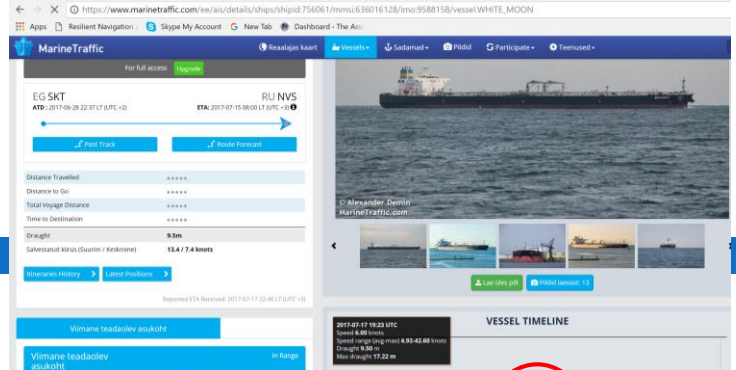


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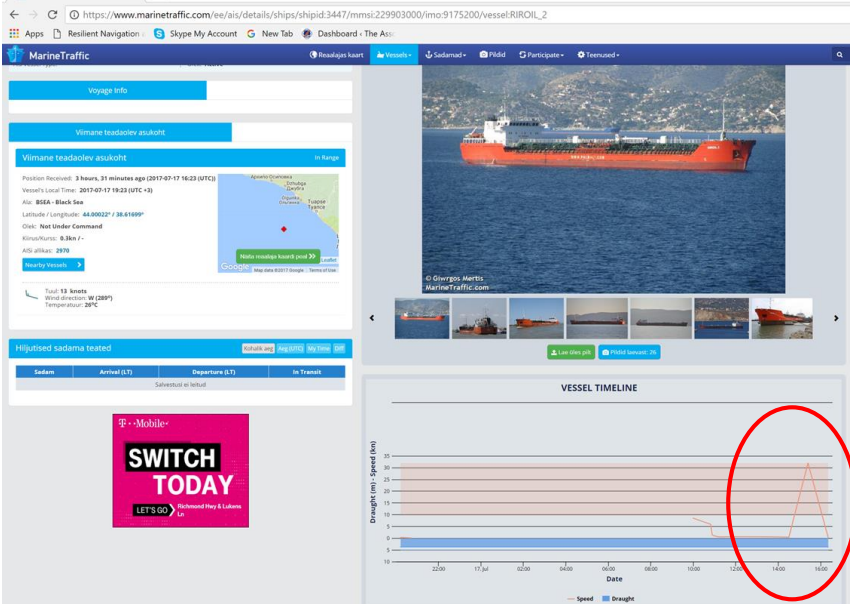
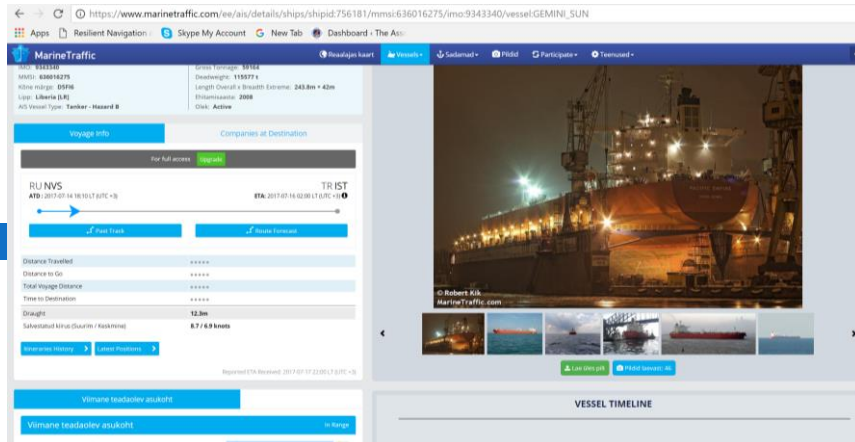


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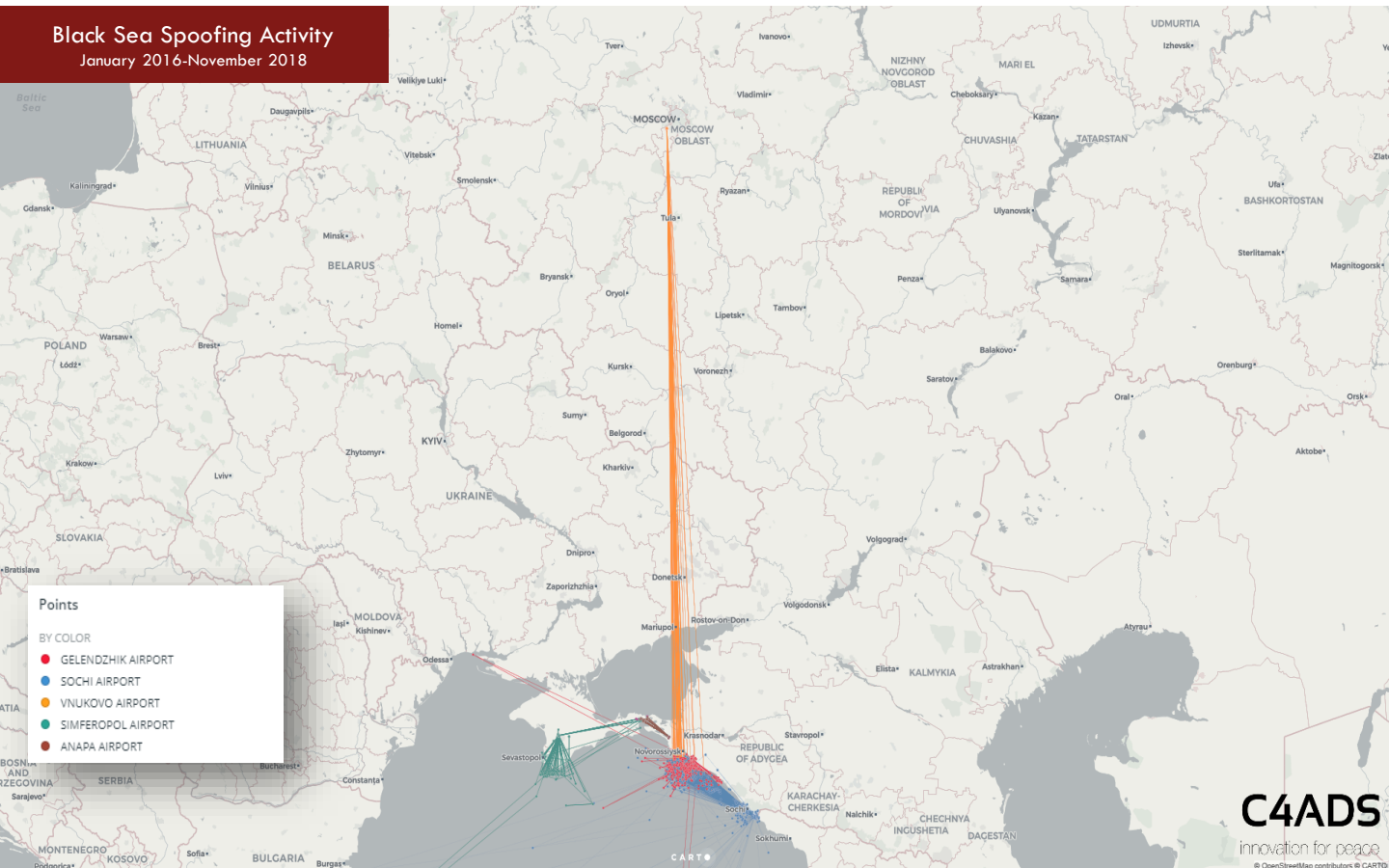
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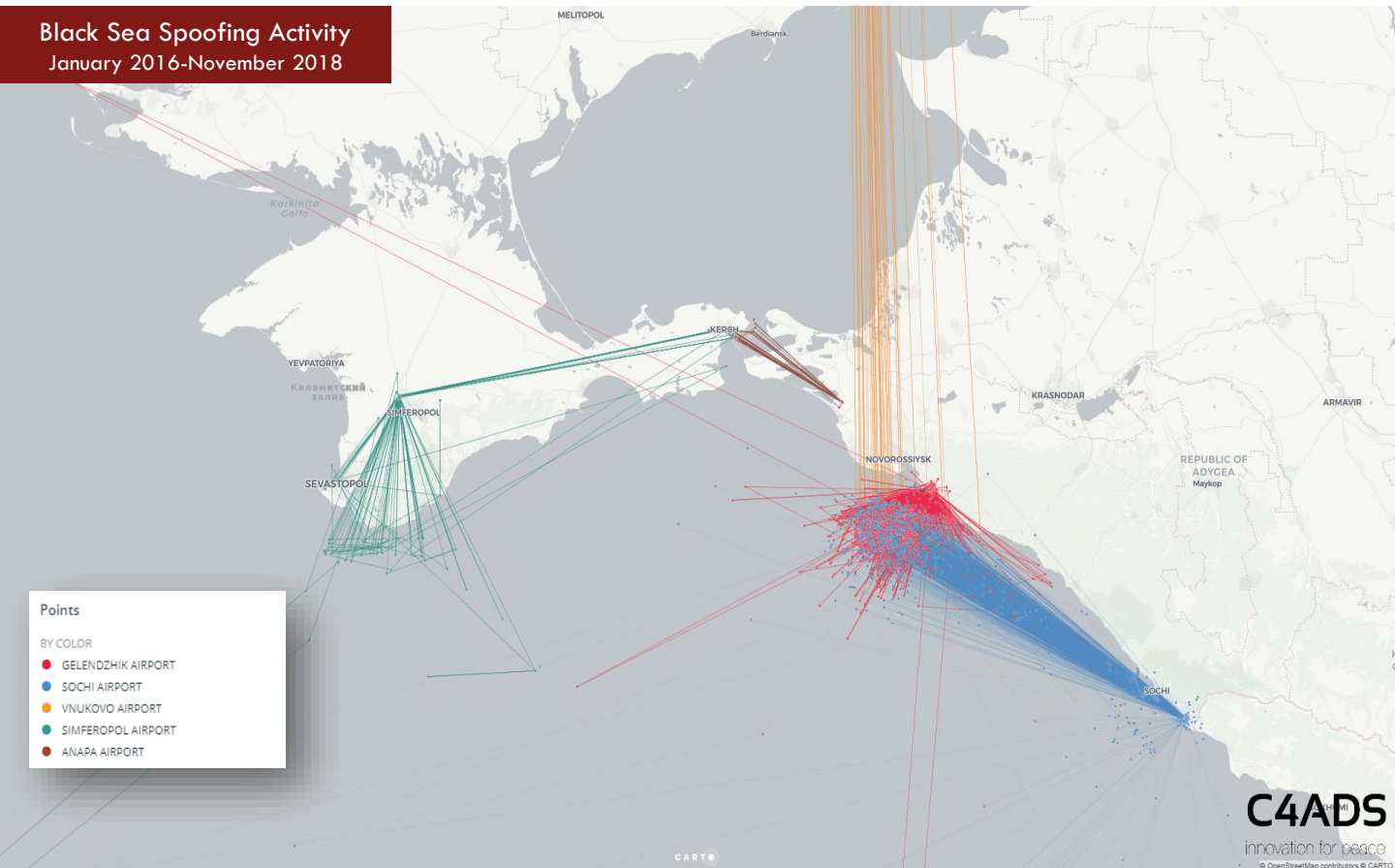


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Ships at Gelendzhik Airport



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Ships at Sochi Airport



Moldova

Sochi International Airport

Mooring area

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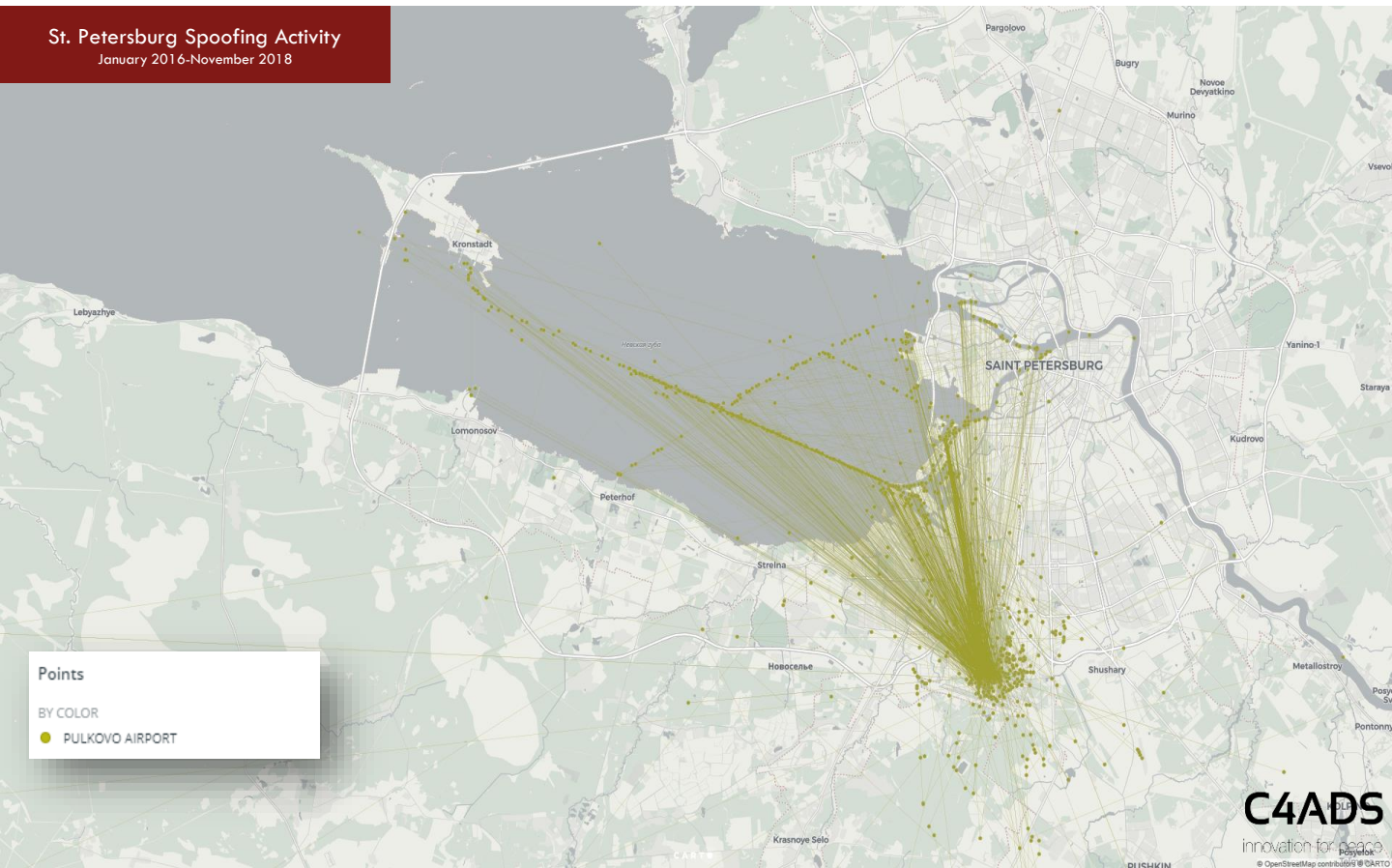
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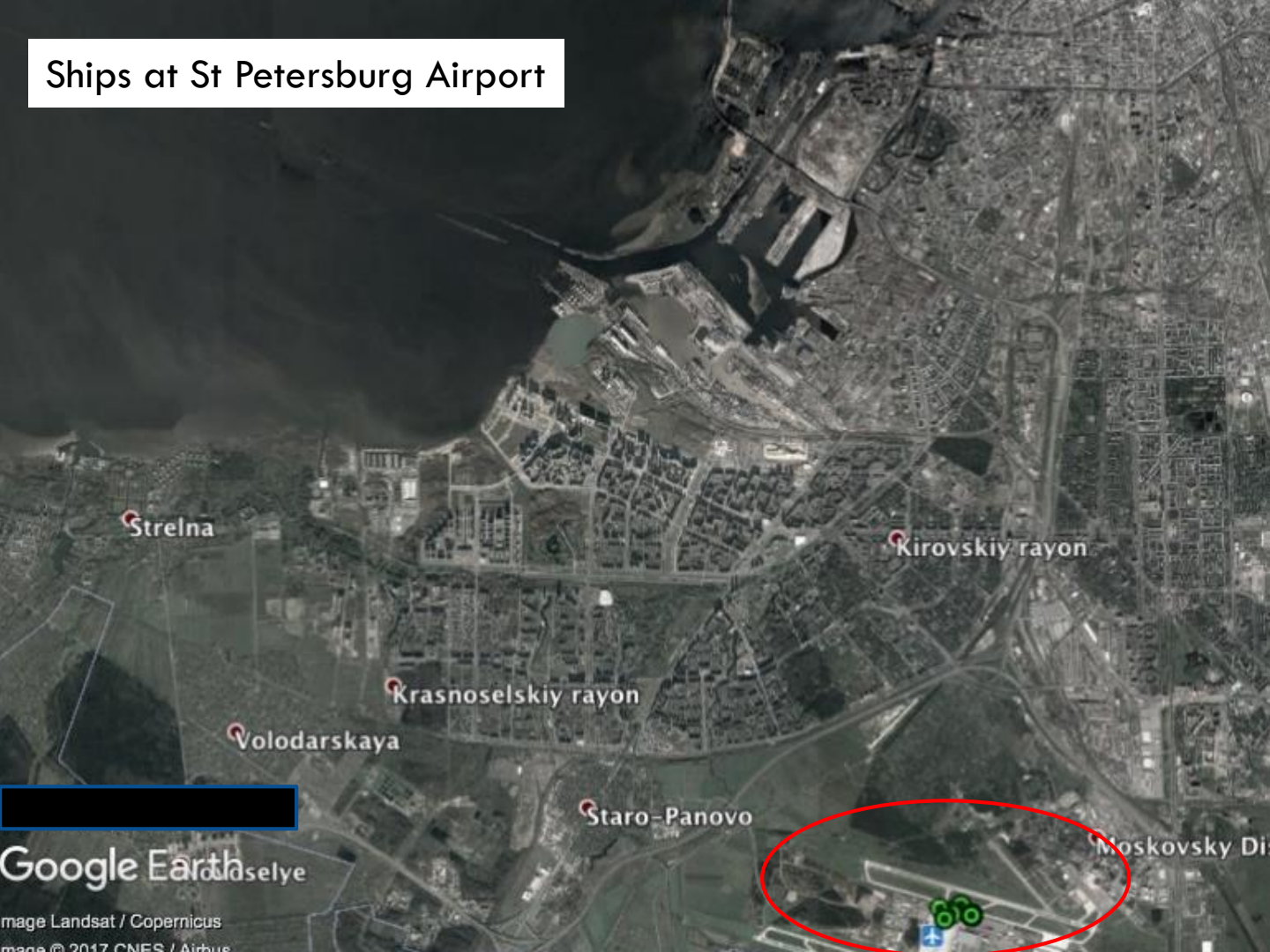
St. Petersburg Spoofing Activity

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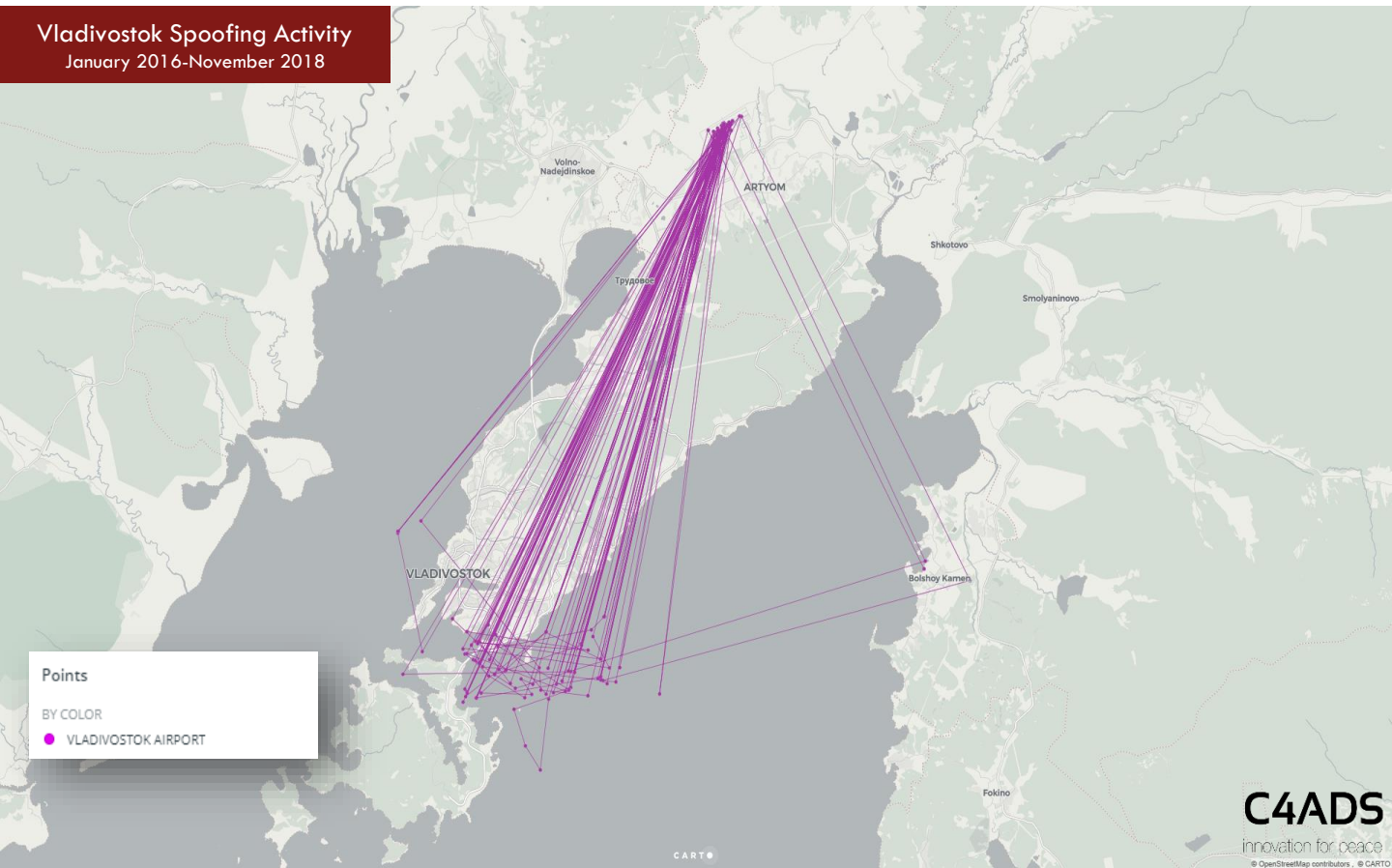


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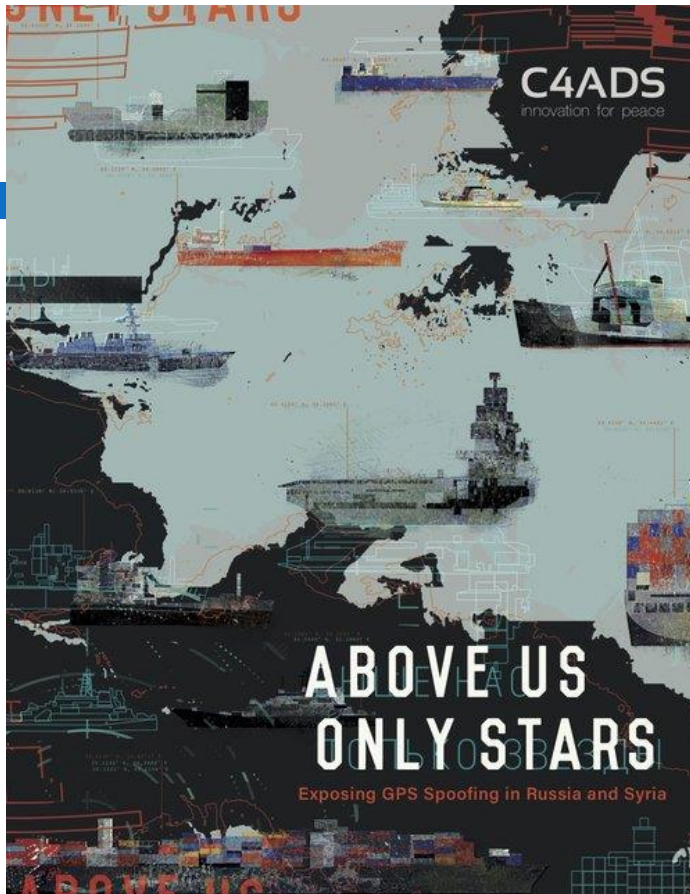
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Vladivostok Spoofing Activity

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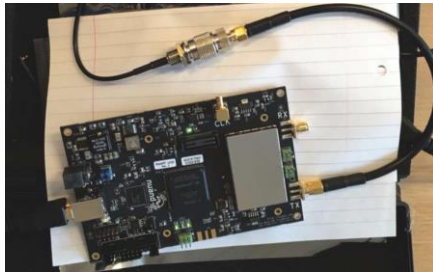


<https://c4ads.org/reports>

GPS Spoofing Nails Cell Phones in Portland



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Easily Spoofing Them All at Once – Inside GNSS

Spoofing GPS & Your Maps – Next Level of Danger

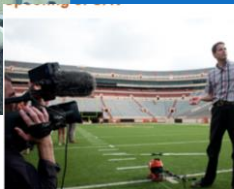


Virginia Tech & China Institute
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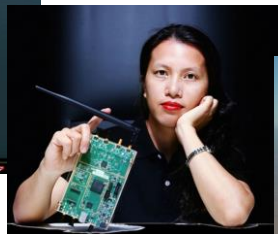
Spoofing — Cost ↓ Capability ↑ Ease of use ↑



Iran, Dec 2011



UT Austin, 2012-13



Las Vegas, Dec 2015



US Southern Border
Dec 2015



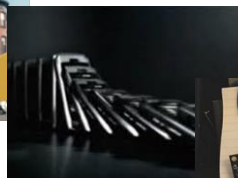
Persian Gulf, Jan 2016



4 sites Russia
1,300+ ships
2016 - Present



Pokemon
July 2016



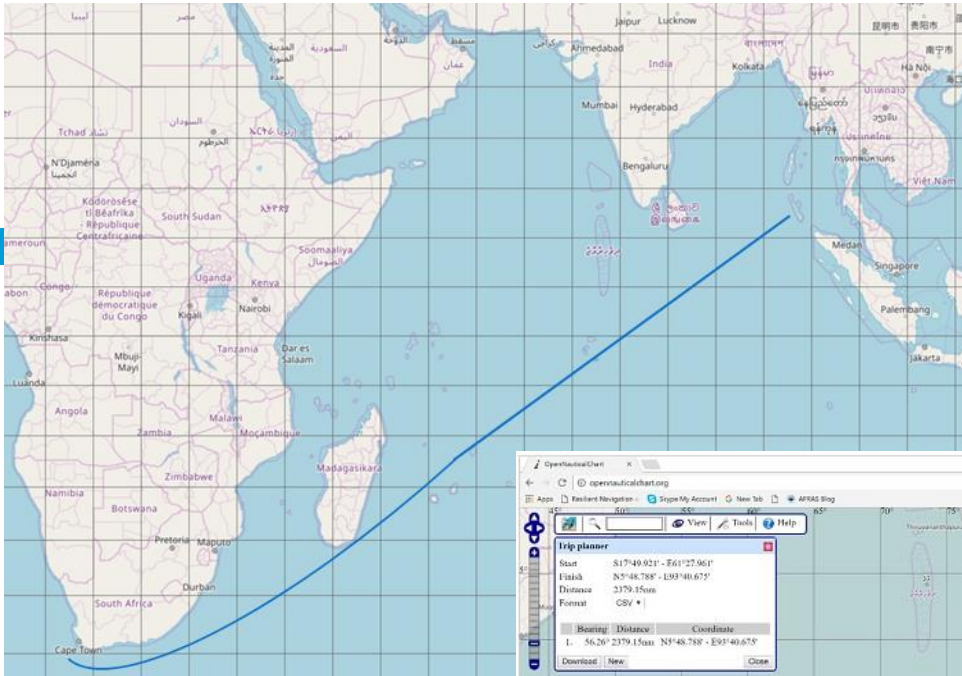
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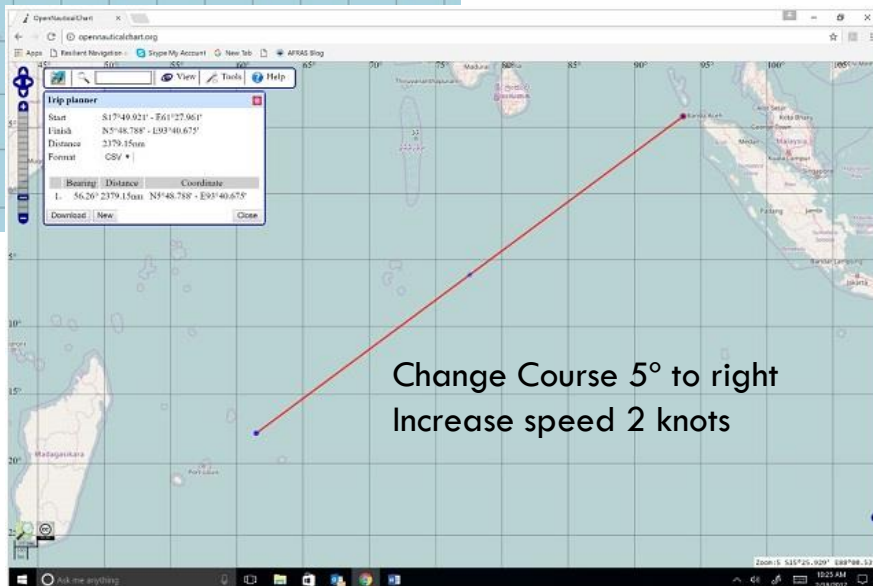
All GNSS at Once
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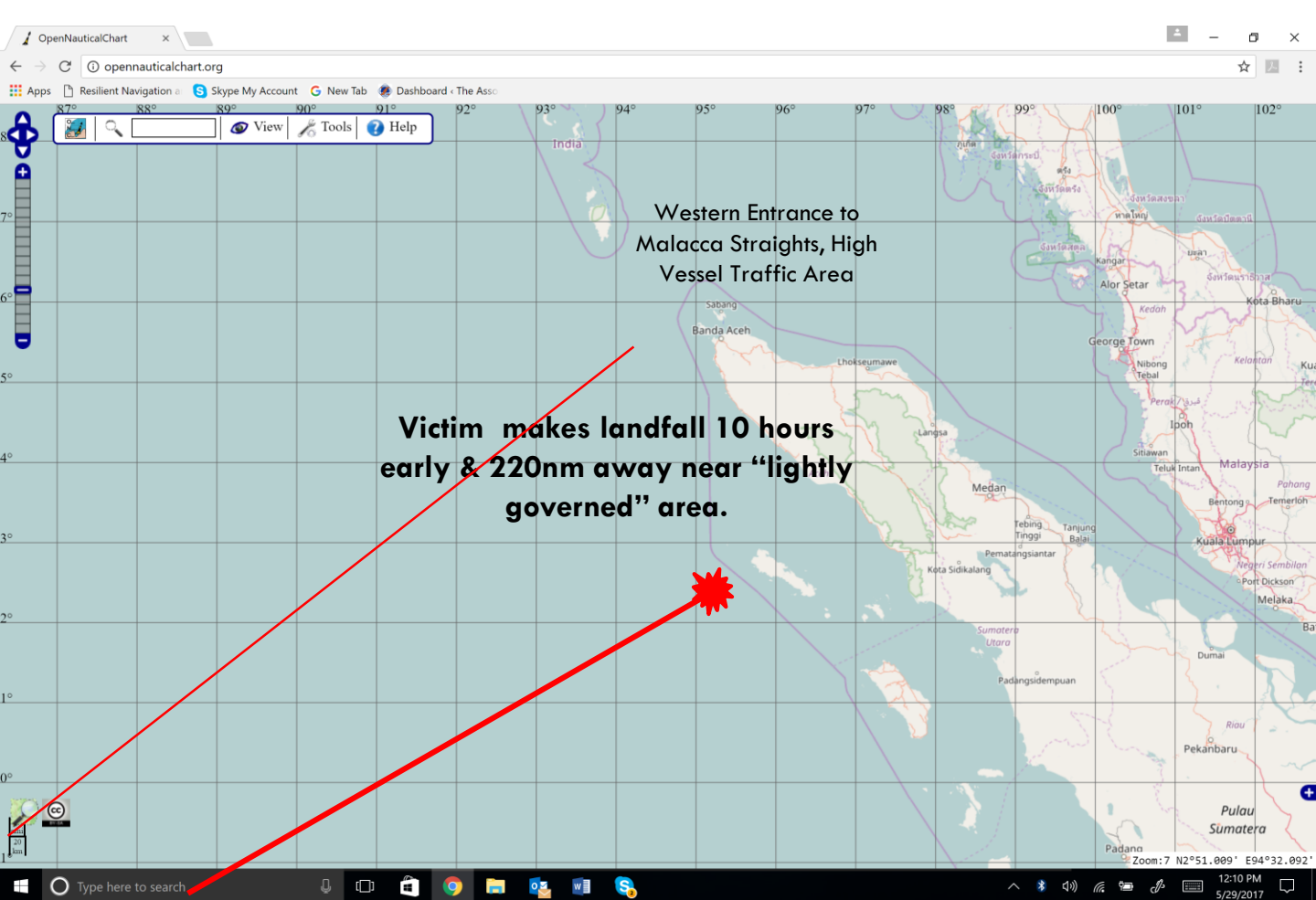


Signals & Maps
Jul 2018



“How To Steal A Ship” 2 June 2017





What to Do?

- Protect — GPS Signals
- Toughen — Users & Equipment
- Augment — w/other signals & sources



What to Do? - Masters

- Protect –
 - Who and What is Aboard?
 - Interference detection
- Toughen –
 - Secure proximity to GPS/GNSS antennas
 - Standards, requirements, costs
- Augment –
 - Prudent mariner - “Every means available”



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What to Do? - Companies

- Protect —
 - Support masters per above
- Toughen —
 - GPS receivers w/ anti-jam & anti-spoof
 - GNSS receivers using multiple constellations
 - Two antennas
- Augment —
 - Loran, eLoran, Chayka
 - Engage w/ Govts, IMO, etc.

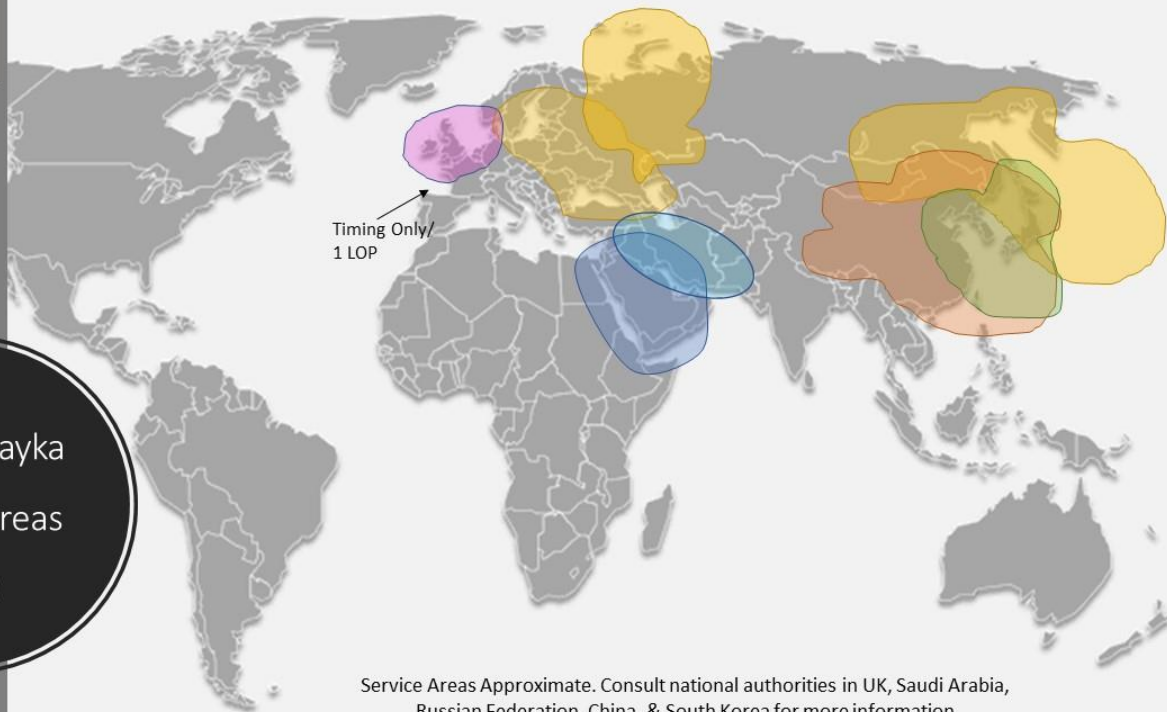


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Loran/Chayka Service Areas 2019



Service Areas Approximate. Consult national authorities in UK, Saudi Arabia, Russian Federation, China, & South Korea for more information

What to Do? - Nations

- **Protect** — GPS Signals
 - Interference detection
 - Enforcement
- **Toughen** — Users & Equipment
 - Anti-jam, anti-spoof
 - Standards, requirements, costs
- **Augment** — w/other signals & sources
 - US Govt Announcements 2008, 2015 “eLoran”



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