WHERE GNSS WENT NEXT

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OUR WORLD HAS CHANGED

You ain’t seen nothing yet.
In 10 or 20 years, racetracks may be the only place where you’re allowed to drive your own vehicle.
LYFT AND UBER ARE THE FACEBOOK AND GOOGLE OF THE FUTURE

Trucking fleets also serve a critical role in pushing autonomous technology forward.
THE AUTONOMOUSLY NAVIGATED FUTURE.

We are caught in the act of seeing ourselves become obsolete.
THE HUMAN IN THE LOOP (HIL) IS THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF ERROR AND CATASTROPHE.
Time Sensitivity for Automotive Networks

Let’s do the numbers [Order of Magnitude]

- 60 mph => 100 km/hr
  - 30 m/s => 3 cm/millisecond
- System level response => msec
  - => 1KHz update rates minimum
- Subsystem responses =>
  - 10 – 100 usec range
- Network latency =>
  - < 100 usec over multiple hops [5-7]
  - alternate fault tolerant paths
  - all Bit Error Rate [BER] conditions

**Latency is key if the network is part of the control loop:**
- Stability
- Dynamic performance
What would Autonomous do?
GPS PROVIDES THE POSSIBILITY OF OMNISCIENCE.

GPS itself is a blank slate onto which we project our desires.
EUROPE LEADS THE ADVANCE TO AUTONOMOUS ROAD TRAVEL
MOBILITY AS A SERVICE

Travel may resemble healthcare.
SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, REDUCED CONGESTION.

- Zero-emissions society and circular economy
- Benefit to the aging population
- Improved mobility in rural areas
KEY ISSUES

• security
• use of data
• liability
• public support
• co-existence of autonomous and manual cars

• social inclusion
• privacy
• ethics
THE ECOSYSTEM HASN’T FORMED YET. NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

• The map is critical.
• Go deeper into representation of sensor data and environment.
• GNSS at the core of that.
• Trust is key in a vehicle controlling itself.
EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER
But nobody does anything about it.
— Right?
Automated All-Weather Driving
WORLD DODGES
GPS BULLET

[Graph showing data with time and voltage axes labeled]

5.00 usec
2.50 usec/div
-20.0 usec
8.000 hours
1.00 hours/div
21.00 hours

0.0
Timing receivers of several companies around the world were hit by hours of system warnings after 15 GPS satellites broadcast the wrong time—off by 13 microseconds—on Jan. 26.

At 12:49 a.m. MST on that date, the 2nd Space Operations Squadron (2 SOPS) at the 50th Space Wing, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., verified users were experiencing GPS timing issues. Further investigation revealed an issue in the GPS ground software that only affected the time on legacy L-band signals. This change occurred when the oldest vehicle, SVN 23, was removed from the constellation.

While core navigation systems were working normally, the Coordinated Universal Time timing signal was off by 13 microseconds, which exceeded design specifications. The issue was resolved at 6:10 a.m. MST; however, global users may have experienced GPS timing issues for several hours.

U.S. Strategic Command’s Commercial Integration Cell, operating out of the Joint Space Operations Center, effectively served as the portal to determine the scope of commercial user impacts. The Joint Space Operations Center at Vandenberg Air Force Base did not receive any reports of issues with GPS-aided munitions, and determined that the timing error was not attributable to any type of outside interference such as jamming or spoofing.

Operator procedures were modified to preclude a repeat of this issue until the ground system software is corrected, and the 50th Space Wing will conduct an Operational Review Board to review procedures and impacts on users. Commercial and Civil users who experienced impacts can contact the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center at (703) 313-5900.

A week after the incident, Chronos Technology reported that problems for its clients, nearly 100 timing equipment users in more than 50 countries around the world, continued for two days after the anomaly first appeared.

Telecommunications, financial and utility companies, among others, rely on the highly precise accuracy of time measurements to control the flow of data through their networks. When the 13 microsecond error was detected, it produced thousands of system warnings at some companies.

The problem did not affect other GPS users in navigation, survey, transportation or other sectors.
BLIND RELIANCE ON A SINGLE STRING OF VULNERABLE TECHNOLOGY?
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U.S. President
Air Force Chief Scientist
U.S. Armed Forces Chief of Staff
U.S. President
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Based on a true story

*Atlantic magazine*,

“*What Happens If GPS Fails*”

by Dan Glass

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RESILIENCE
Big Data
Location, Location, Location?
(3) Integrate, Integrate, Integrate!
Interoperability and Crosswalking

Integrate With Your Other Systems and Data Assets
INTEGRATE, INTEGRATE, INTEGRATE!

More data, and more disparate data, than ever before.
RESILIENT PNT WILL MEAN MORE THAN COMPLEMENTARY SENSORS

A seamless mesh of hardware and software, much of it from sources we don’t currently consider PNT-relevant, of input from amateur app makers and crowd-sourced data from users, and more.
Wanted: 800-lb. gorillas

— 363 kilos?
GOOGLE AND APPLE

Intel and Microsoft
Google to Provide Raw GNSS Measurements

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Raw GNSS measurements from Android phones. Yep, they are coming. At Google we have been working with our GNSS partners to give application developers access to raw GNSS measurements from a phone.

This is really exciting, and marks a new era for our GNSS community. At Google I/O in May, we announced that raw GNSS measurements are available to apps in the Android N operating system, which will be released later this year. This means you can get pseudoranges, Dopplers and carrier phase from a phone or tablet.

When can you get it? Well, it will take some time to proliferate throughout the ecosystem, but the first phone that will provide raw measurements will be the Nexus phone that we will launch later this year, and then next year you will see new Android handsets start to support it, as it will become a mandatory feature in Android.

Read more in GPS World article. http://gpsworld.com/google-to-provide-raw-gnss-measurements/
NAVIGATION AS A STATE OF MIND
PINPOINT

HOW GPS IS CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE, AND OUR MINDS

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