

#### Evaluating Global Positioning System (GPS) Adjacent-Band Compatibility via GPS Simulation



### Introduction

#### **GNSS** systems:

- GPS
  - ✤ FOC: April 1995
- GLONASS
  - \* FOC:
    - ✤ January 1996
    - System degradation
    - December 2011

#### BeiDou

- Partially operational (regional stage)
- \* FOC: 2020
- Galileo
  - ✤ FOC: 2020



#### FOC: Full operational capability



### Introduction

Increasing use for PNT applications: Positioning
Navigation
Timing





## **GNSS Vulnerabilities**

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Source: IranMap.com



#### Report estimates cost of disruption to GPS in UK would be £1bn per day

Err, maybe it's time for backup?

By Kat Hall 19 Jun 2017 at 08:37

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The UK stands to lose £1bn per day in the event of a major disruption to the Global Positioning System (GPS), according to a government report

Emergency services would also be severely affected and struggle to cope with demand. Longer emergency calls, less efficient dispatch, navigation, and congested roads would mean a total estimated loss of £1.5bn, the report said.

Besides navigation, many industries are reliant on GPS software for swathes of critical applications such as financial trading and precision docking of oil tankers.

#### Economic impact to the UK of a disruption to GNSS

Showcase Report

April 2017







### **GNSS Receiver Evaluation**

- Many designers are working on improving characteristics of GNSS receivers, such as:
  - Lower power consumption
  - Tracking of weak satellite signals
  - Acquisition time
  - Positioning and timing accuracy
  - Radio frequency interference (RFI) interoperability
- Many developers and users still struggle to identify suitable standard tests to objectively verify and evaluate the functionality and performance of GNSS receivers.







# **GNSS Receiver Evaluation**

#### **Field Evaluation**



- Employs live GNSS signals.
- Should be conducted in open area with clear view of the sky.
- Tests scenarios are uncontrollable by users and not repeatable.

#### **GNSS** Simulation



- Employs simulated GNSS signals.
- Should be conducted in a RF enclosure (e.g. anechoic chamber).
- Test scenarios are user controllable and repeatable.



**Research Theme** 

Title: Simulation and Modelling of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Vulnerabilities

**Research Objectives:** 

- GNSS simulation will be used to model the effect of the following vulnerabilities on GNSS receiver performances:
  - Radio frequency interference (RFI)
  - Spoofing
  - Ionospheric and tropospheric delays
  - LOS blockage and multipath errors



# **R&D Projects Conducted**

Num.	Project Title	Status	Duration
1	Evaluation of the Effect of Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) on Global Positioning System (GPS) Signals	Internal	November 2009 – June 2010
2	Evaluation of the Effect of Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) on Global Positioning System (GPS) Signals via GPS Simulation	RMK10	January 2011 – May 2012
3	Evaluation of the Effect of Multipath on Global Positioning System (GPS) Signals via GPS Simulation	Internal	January 2013 – January 2014
4	Evaluation of the Effect of Global Positioning System (GPS) Satellite Clock Error via GPS Simulation	Internal	April – September 2014
5	Evaluation of Trade-Off Between Global Positioning System (GPS) Accuracy and Power Saving from Reduction of Number of GPS Receiver Channels	Internal	November 2014 – March 2015
6	Evaluation of the Accuracy of Global Positioning System (GPS) Speed Measurement via GPS Simulation	Internal	May – August 2015
7	Evaluation of the Effect of Global Positioning System (GPS) Antenna Orientation on GPS Performance	Internal	October 2015 – August 2016
8	Evaluation of Global Positioning System (GPS) Adjacent Band Compatibility via GPS Simulation	Internal	October 2016 - Current
9	Simulation and Modelling of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Vulnerabilities	Proposed for RMK11	January 2016 – December 2019



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- Jamming: Broadcasting of a strong signal that overrides or obscures the signal being jammed
- GNSS signals that reach the Earth have very low power (10<sup>-16</sup> – 10<sup>-13</sup> W = -160 – -130 dBm)
- Renders them highly susceptible to jamming.







#### Unintentional (Accidental)

- Broadcast television
- Fixed and mobile VHF transmitters
- Personal electronic devices (PEDs)
- Aeronautical satellite communications
- Mobile satellite services
- Ultra wideband (UWB) radar and communications

#### Intentional (Deliberate)











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Given jamming radius: 5 - 10 m

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#### Kajang, UTC 0000, 2 MHz, -130 dBm, 1575.42 dBm





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#### The Hunt for RFI

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Prior to the decision, representatives of the U.S. GPS Industry Council and two prominent GPS manufacturers, German and Trinkle, presented a report, "Experimental Evidence of Wide Area GPS Jamming That Will Result from uphtSquared's Proposal to Convert Perform of L Basd 1 to High Power Terrestria Broadbasd," to this reinbors of the PDC's Diffee of Engineering and Technology, including its chief, two members of the PDC International Bureau, one fro the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bareau, and two than the Winakas Telecommunications Bureau.

Click on the following link for a full POF of the Experimental Evidence of Wide Area OPS Jamming

#### N.Korea Jams GPS to Disrupt S.Korea-U.S. Drills

North Korean military units jammed Global Positioning System signals Friday in some parts of South Korea, the government believes.

A government source on Sunday said intermittent GPS failure occurred in northwestern base station coverage areas such as Seoul, Incheon and Paju last Friday. "We suspect the interference was caused by strong jamming signals sent by the North.\*

The North first attempted to jam GPS signals last August during joint South Korea-U.S. military exercises and the latest attack apparently targeted the current "Key Resolve" drills, intelligence agencies say.

The North has two types of GPS lamming devices - one imported from Russia in the early 2000s and an adapted version. For three to four years it has been circulating a sales brochure for its own version in the Middle East.

The vehicle-mounted device imported from Russia is capable of iamming GPS signals from 50 to 100 km away. The North Korean-made jammer has similar capabilities but is cheaper. An intelligence report says the North recently imported a new 24-Watt jammer from Russia that is capable of interfering with GPS reception within a radius of 400 km, which means it can cover nearly all of the Korean Peninsula.

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Demonstrating the effects of GPS jamming on marine navigation

Professor David Last Dr Alan Grant Dr Nick Ward

3rd GNSS Vulnerabilities and Solutions Conference Baska, Croatia 5-8 September 2010

#### Abstract

The paper presents the results of trials that explore the sensitivity of a ship's GPS receiving systems to GPS jamming, especially at very low jamming power levels. The results include the production of Hazardously Misleading Information, multiple alarms and the simultaneous failure of many on-board systems. The vulnerable elements include the ship's radar, gyro-compass and Automatic Identification System, the very systems on which navigation may depend under conditions of low visibility.

#### Introduction

GPS position information is now at the heart of our distribution industries, just-intime manufacturing, emergency service operations, even mining, road-building and farming. GPS also provides the high-precision timing that keeps telephone networks, the Internet, banking transactions and even some electric power systems on line. Quietly, positioning, navigation and timing have become essential elements of the critical infrastructure of our nations. Lose them, and we are potentially in a dark, silent and dangerous world!

Let us focus on the use of satellite navigation at sea. GPS is at the heart of the integrated bridges and electronic chart displays on vessels that give one man finger-tip control of a 100,000 tonne ship, at 25 knots. Yet often such vessels depend for their navigation essentially on GPS alone. Many professionals in the world of transport act as if GPS were infallible and simply cannot see what is unsafe about navigating a ship

#### General Lighthouse Authorities of the UK & Ireland (GLAs) Flamborough GPS Jamming Trials



Ship's navigation track



Flamborough trial:

White track: eLoran through jamming

Galatea Trial Blue marker: erroneous GPS

Pictures: www.glo-cruar.org/pdfs/GPS\_damming\_and\_the\_impact\_on\_maritime\_navigation.pdf



#### GPS disruption a full-fledged aviation problem

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March 6, 2017 - By Guy Buesnel and Paul Crampton

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1 Comments

Several jamming incidents in 2016 highlight the increasing reliance on GNSS by commercial aviation and vulnerabilities of PNT-dependent devices and systems to real-world GNSS threats.

Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) and other warnings to pilots and crews reported GPS signal jamming near major international airports. Aircraft approaching or flying over these airports were advised to avoid using RNAV technology to plan their approach or landing, due to the presence of GPS signal jamming.

The NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) database contains records of pilot-reported incidents, which rose from 11 in 2013 to 28 in 2015, and they continued to grow in 2016.



Simulator scenarios should include likely effects of interference on GNSS systems and devices, particularly for aviation.



- In short:
  - GNSS jamming is easy to conduct
  - The source of jamming is difficult to detect



Figure 3-3: Google Earth™ Plot of valid GPS data from DGPS Receiver B. When comparing the reported position (red circle) against the eLoran position (green square) for the same time, one can see an error of 22Km with the reported DGPS Receiver B position being on land. (Colours indicate reported speed: blue <15knts, yellow< 50knts, orange <100knots and red >100knts)



 The effect of GNSS jamming can be severe







#### GPS anti-jam increasingly big business

August 29, 2016 - By Alan Cameron



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It's getting bigger all the time, GPS/GNSS business. And coming along in its wake, starting to grow like a sproutly little brother, is GPS anti-jamming, to safeguard the signal in various scenarios.

The anti-jamming market for GPS is expected to reach US\$4.8 billion in value and 309.2 thousand units in volume by 2022, according to a newly released report by Research and Markets, a Dublin, Ireland-based market research "store."

Anti-jam technology sales revenue will increase at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.0 percent between 2016 and 2022, while volume goes up 10.1 percent. Major drivers at the moment lie in the military sector, but that could well change in the next decade. The proliferation of low-cost GPS jammers is seeing to that.

Meanwhile, any armed force that puts its faith in guided missiles now feels the acute need for a secured weapons system, something not easy to accomplish. Flight-control applications are especially vulnerable.



Source: Press Releases, Investor Presentations, Annual Reports, Experts' Interviews, and MarketsandMarkets Analysis



Field GPS jamming tests were conducted in November 2009 – June 2010 to study the effect of RFI on GPS signals











#### **Test Site**





#### **Test Setup**





### **Field Evaluations**

#### GPS Coverage Prediction (Using Trimble Planning)



Satellite visibility



**PDOP** 





#### Evaluation of the effect of RFI on GPS accuracy





### Discussion

- The accuracy of results obtained was subject to various error parameters, such as:
  - Ionospheric and tropospheric delays,
  - Satellite clock, ephemeris and multipath errors
  - Unintentional signal interferences and obstructions
- All these errors are immeasurable and user-uncontrollable.
- The ideal testing methodology would be using a GNSS simulator which can be used to:
  - Generate multi-satellite GNSS configurations
  - Transmit GNSS signals which simulate real world scenarios
  - Adjust the various error parameters.
- This would allow for the evaluation of GNSS receiver performance under various repeatable conditions, as defined by the user.



- The study was extended via the RMK10 project entitled
   Evaluation of the Effect of Radio
   Frequency Interference (RFI) on
   Global Positioning System (GPS)
   Signals via GPS Simulation.
- Simulated GPS signals generated using an Aeroflex GPSG-1000 GPS simulator.
- Tests conducted in STRIDE's semi-anechoic chamber.







#### **Test Setup**



The following assumptions are made for the tests conducted:

- No ionospheric or troposheric delays
- Zero clock and ephemeris error
- No multipath fading, or unintended obstructions
- No unintended interference signals



#### **Test Scenarios**

#### Test locations:

- N 2° 58' E 101° 48' (Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia)
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#### UTC times:

- 0000
- 0300
- 0600
- 0900

GPS signal power level:

- -131 dBm
- -136 dBm
- -141 dBm
- -146 dBm
- -151 dBm
- -156 dBm



#### **GPS** coverage



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#### Evaluation of the effect of RFI on GPS accuracy (EPE)

#### Kajang





#### Evaluation of the effect of RFI on GPS accuracy (EPE)



readings with the lowest PDOP values



- The absence of other error parameters resulted in the required minimum jamming power levels to be significantly higher as compared to field evaluations.
- Varying probable error patterns are observed for the each of the readings:
  - This is due to the GPS satellite constellation being dynamic, causing varying GPS satellite geometry over location and time, resulting in GPS accuracy being location / time dependent.
  - In general:
    - The highest probable error values were observed for readings with the highest PDOP values
    - The the lowest probable error values were observed for readings with the lowest PDOP values.



#### **Adjacent-Band Compatibility**

Intentional (Deliberate)

The studies conducted thus far have been focused on in-band interference Unintentional (Accidental)



Adjacent-band interference signals at frequencies close to the GPS signal bandwidth can also disrupt the performance of GPS receivers



# **Adjacent-Band Compatibility**

- Every radio signal, even though it operates in a specific portion of the spectrum, introduces interference into adjacent portions of the spectrum.
- The amount of interference that is permissible to seep over into adjacent spectrums is controlled in many countries by their respective communications commissions, but it is not possible to eliminate it completely.
- The higher the transmission power used, the higher the interferences will be in adjacent portions of the spectrum.
- Increasing usage of wireless devices has resulted in increased occurrences of adjacent-band interference for GPS receivers.





- Evaluating the adjacent radio frequency band power levels that can be tolerated by the GPS L1 coarse acquisition (C/A) signal
- Advance understanding of the extent to which such power levels impact GPS performance



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**GPS** signal

power level:

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Interference signal frequencies of 1,475 to 1,675 MHz and bandwidhts of 2, 5, 10 and 20 MHz



#### Kajang, UTC 0000, 2 MHz, -130 dBm, 1575.42 dBm





#### Kajang, UTC 0000, 2 MHz



-130 dBm





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-135 dBm



-145 dBm



#### Kajang, UTC 0000



2 MHz





5 MHz



10 MHz

20 MHz



#### Kajang, UTC 0000





2 MHz



10 MHz

Frequency (MHz)

20 MHz

300

120



 As the carrier frequency of the interference signals moves away from the frequency of the GPS (1575.42 MHz), the power levels required to affect the GPS signal increase.



Kajang, UTC 0000 --- 2 MHz ---- 5 MHz ----- 10 MHz



-130 dBm





-135 dBm



 Increasing bandwidth of interference signals:

→ 20 MHz

- Increases the range of frequencies that can affect GPS signal.
- The power levels that affect GPS signal increase, as the interference signal's strength is dispersed over a wider bandwidth.



### Conclusion

- The GPS L1 C/A signal is susceptible to adjacent band interference.
- Factors that affect the level of disruption include GPS signal power level, and carrier frequency and bandwidth of interference signals.
- Decreasing power levels of the GPS signal decreases the power levels and increases the range of frequencies of interference signals that affect the GPS signal.
- As the carrier frequency of the interference signals moves away from the frequency of the GPS signal (1575.42 MHz), the power levels required to affect the GPS signal increase.
- Furthermore, increasing bandwidths of interference signals increase the power level but increase the range of frequencies that can affect GPS signal.
- Further studies are required using a wider range of GPS signals, in particular L2C and L5, as well as other GNSS systems (GLONASS, BeiDou and Galileo), in order to develop appropriate GNSS spectrum interference standards.



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## **GPS Functional Tests**



Pendulum Instruments GPS-12R



Magellan Z-Max



Trimble Geoexplorer 6000 GeoXH, Nomad 900G and Juno SB



Topcon Hiper GA



Trimble R8



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### **Research Collaborations**

- Effect of Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) on Global Positioning System (GPS) Static Observations (2012)
  - Collaboration with the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying (FSPU), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)
  - Project Co-Leaders:
    - Assoc. Prof. Sr. Dr. Azman Mohd Suldi
    - Mr. Ahmad Norhisyam Idris





- Power Efficient Global Positioning System (GPS) Receiver Design (2014)
  - Collaboration with the Department of Computer and Communication Systems Engineering, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)
  - Project Co-Leaders:
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# **THANK YOU**