

# "GPS for Humanity" Applications

## Search and Rescue

- *Emergency Beacons*
- Airplane and Ship Locaters
- OnStar
- Tracking Rescue efforts

# Global Positioning System (GPS)-enabled Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs)



- Activate EPIRB by flipping a switch
- Beacon then transmits on 406 MHz frequency
- Distress signal detected by COSPAS-SARSAT  
Satellite Distress Alerting System
- Search and rescue authorities are notified
- Receive exact GPS coordinates.

## **Over 955 People Rescued September 2009**

- The ferry was carrying 847 passengers and 117 crew.
- Ferry distress signal allowed rapid rescue efforts



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## Recreational and Automotive

- Turn by Turn Auto Guidance
- Waypoint Hiking
- *GeoCaching*

# GeoCaching

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- Finding "Treasure" at GPS locations
- Good family recreation
- Worldwide
- Over 5 Million Participants
- Over 1 Million Geocaches

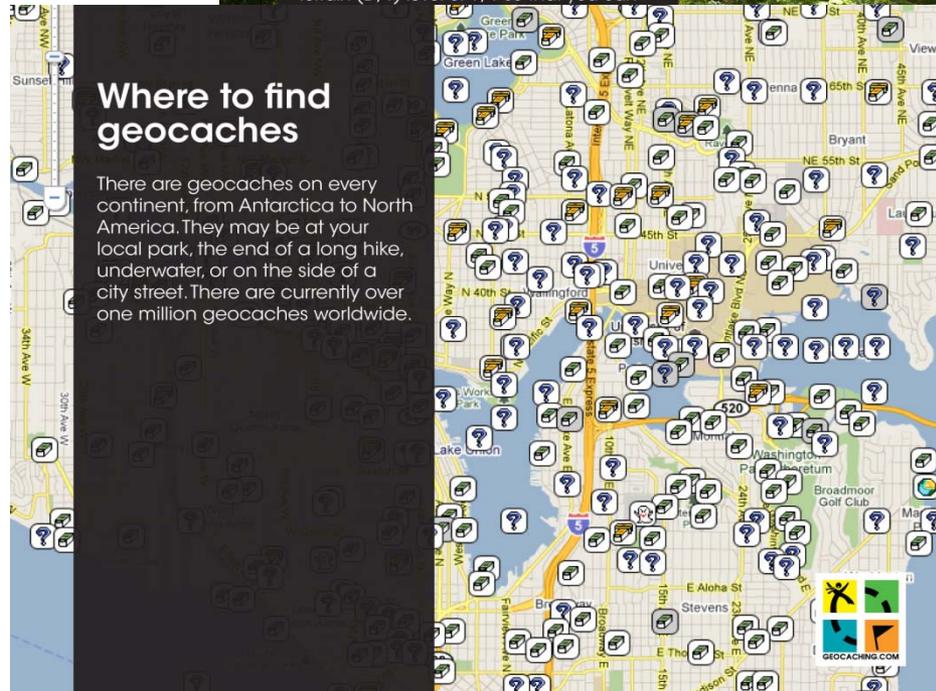


## Tips for Your First Geocaching Outing

Choose a geocache with a difficulty and terrain (D/T) level of 1/1 so that you can

## Where to find geocaches

There are geocaches on every continent, from Antarctica to North America. They may be at your local park, the end of a long hike, underwater, or on the side of a city street. There are currently over one million geocaches worldwide.



# "GPS for Humanity" Applications

## Tracking

- *Vehicle Fleets (Concrete Truck example)*
- Children
- Animals
- Alzheimer's victims
- Cargo
- Parolees
- Criminals

*Recent Supreme Court Ruling:  
GPS "Bugs" require a  
Warrant (9 to 0!)*

# Monitoring Concrete Trucks

( about 75,000 in the US!)

Data Center



Productivity Increased by:

- Immediate notification of availability for dispatch
- Sensor records of critical events
- Accurate measurement of time on job
- Driver compliance and safety

the key

# Where is your Child?

## Tracking

➤ Vehicle Fleets (Concrete Truck example)

➤ Children

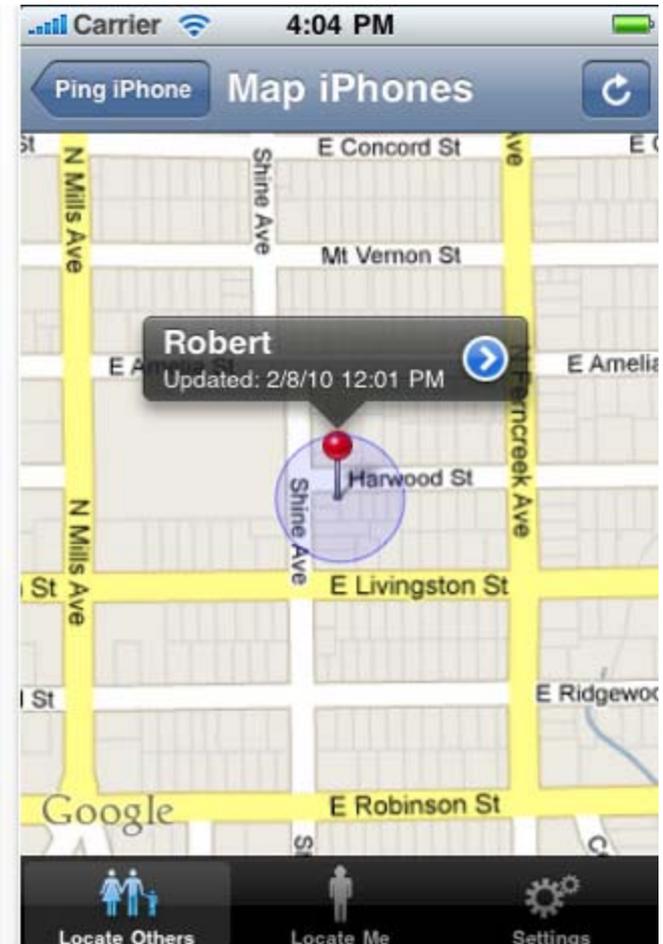
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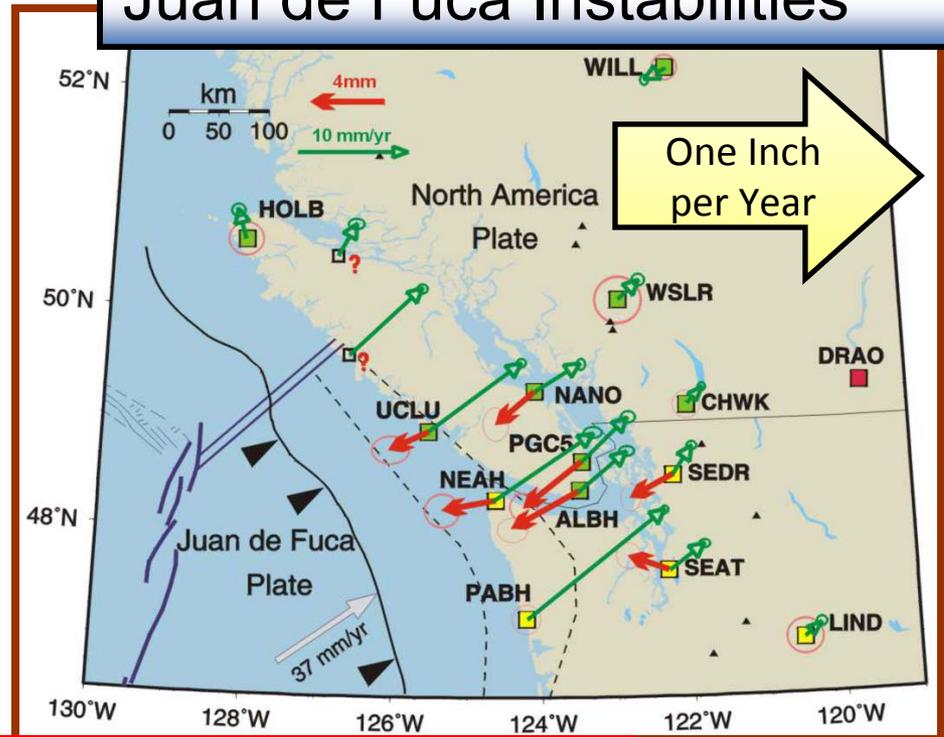
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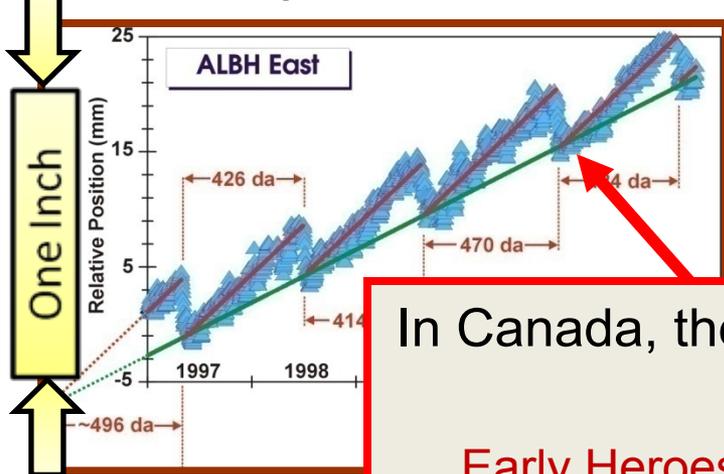
The Expected in 1974: Survey to 1 Meter  
The Surprise: Survey to 1 millimeter!

GPS is Vastly Increasing  
 our Understanding of  
 Crustal Motion and  
 Earthquakes

### Juan de Fuca Instabilities



Slow “earthquakes” are observed



In Canada, these events occur about every  
 16-18 months.  
 Early Heroes: Phil Ward (TI), JPL, Charlie  
 Trimble (TNL)

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## Survey - The first viable GPS market

### Survey and Geographic Information Systems

- *Tectonic Plate Motion*
- Dam Deformation
- Stakeout
- Paperless to the Field (with MachineControl)
- Geodetic Reference

# "GPS for Humanity" Applications

## Scientific - *a few of Many*

- Crustal Movement (See survey applications)
- Earth's mass shape and center
- Vertical Atmosphere Profiling
- Ionospheric electron density
- Earth's "wobble" (Chandler Motion)
- *Migratory Tracking* (Coupled with tracking)
- *Disease Tracking*

# Endangered Atlantic Bluefin Tuna

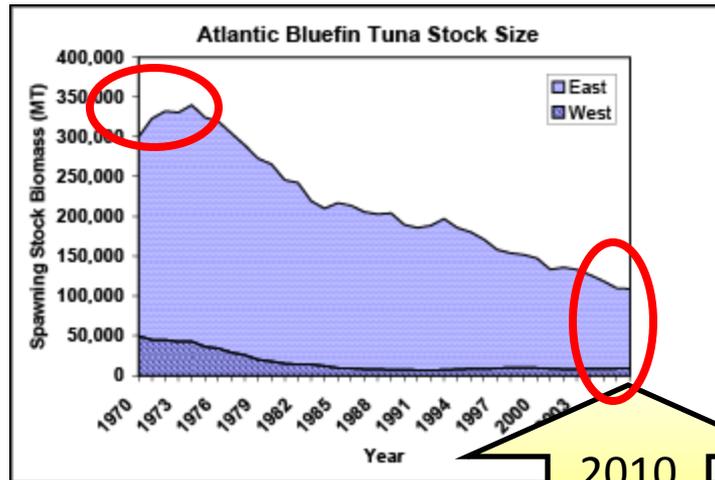
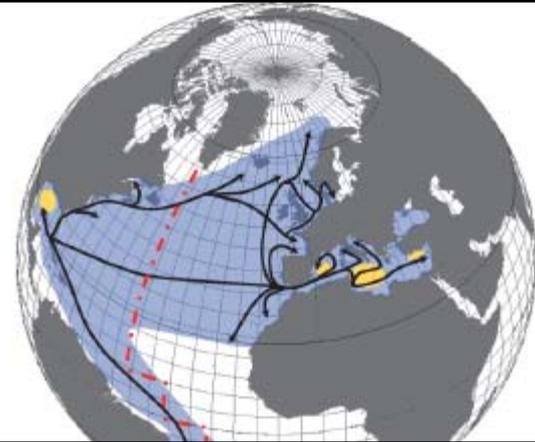
(Tracking Paths with GPS)

“Scientists and conservationists disappointed by rejection of proposals to ban trade in eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*),

--- Despite evidence stocks have fallen below 15% of historic levels.” (March 2010 – Nature)



World Record: 1496 Pounds!



2010

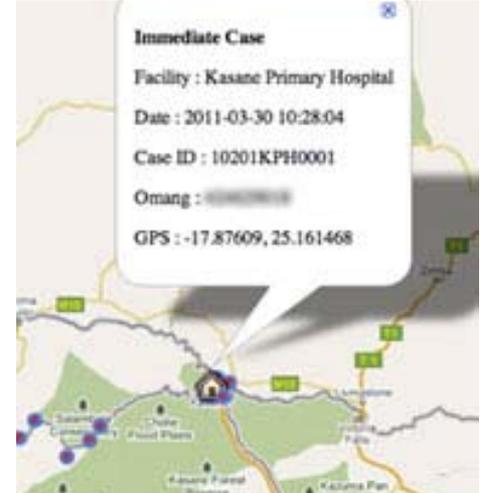
Atlantic Population is comingled – Must be managed as a whole...

# GPS for Humanity: H.P. Tests Mobile GPS Technology in Fight Against Malaria

- The data collected through a smartphone app
  - Stores pictures, video, audio and GPS information
- Goal to help officials and doctors deter a huge malaria outbreak



A nurse in Botswana using the new app on a Palm Pre 2 smartphone to detect and track malaria outbreaks  
(HP picture and Product)



A special app houses database of photos, video, audio, and GPS coordinates

# Military: A Fundamental Change in Warfare

## Military

- Precision Weapon Delivery
- Unit and Individual Location
- Precision Air Carrier Landings
- *Rescue*

# Military Rescue using GPS

(8 June 1995)

## Capt. Scott O'Grady

*F-16 Pilot*, shot down in Bosnia,  
Shown in Aviano, Italy after being  
rescued following six days of escape  
and evading in the Bosnian countryside.

He attributes the rescue's success to:

- His faith in God,
- The courage of his Marine and Navy rescuers,
- ***and his GPS unit which he referred to as his "Guiding Light."***



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- **Robotics and Machine Control**

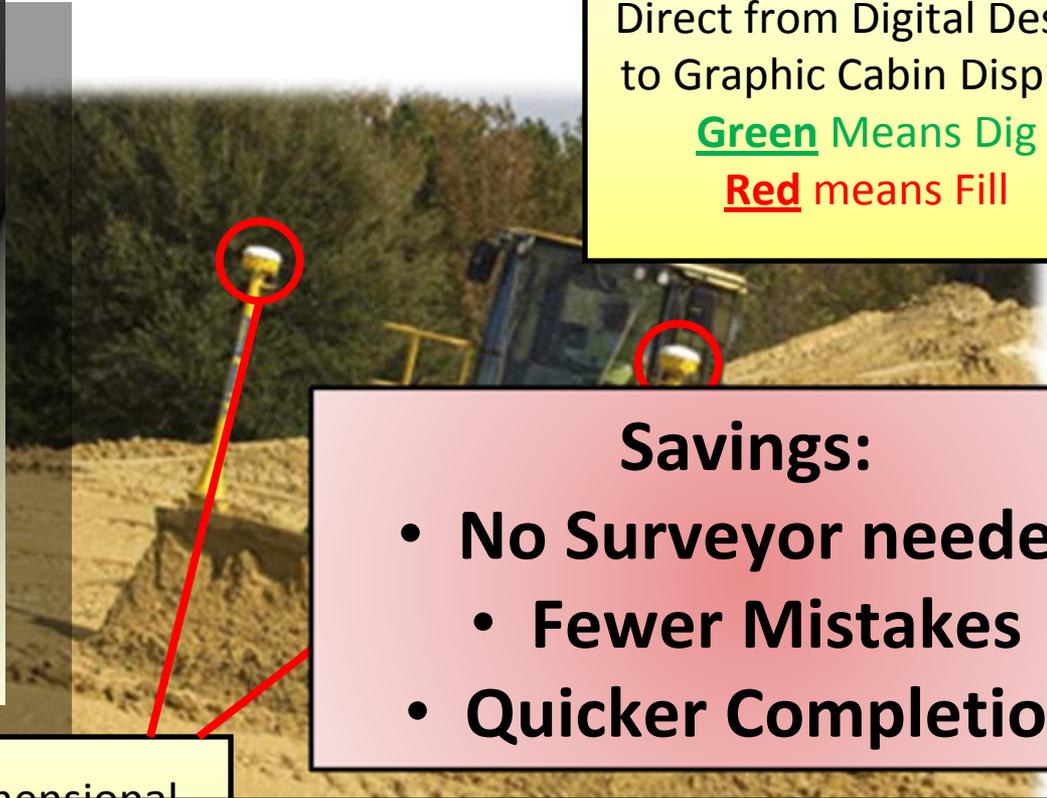
(Also see Ag.)

- **Bull Dozers**
- Mining Excavators
- Mining Trucks
- Grade Control
- Snowplows

Direct from Digital Design to Graphic Cabin Display:

**Green** Means Dig

**Red** means Fill



## Savings:

- **No Surveyor needed**
- **Fewer Mistakes**
- **Quicker Completion**

GPS Measures 3 Dimensional  
Blade Position  
Centimeter Accu

## Automatic Blade Control

GCS900 system controls machine hydraulics. Using 3D GPS position, cross-slope and design information, the blade is automatically moved to the exact elevation and cross slope.

Another  
Very Important  
GPS Application

PhD Thesis Subjects

# Pioneering Robotic Applications of GPS At Stanford



Autonomous Model Helicopter  
GPS *Position*, *Velocity* and *Attitude*  
Bob Cannon and students



The Robotic GPS Sailboat  
Professor Gabe Elkaim UCSC



Stanford Robotic Car  
Competing in the DARPA Challenge

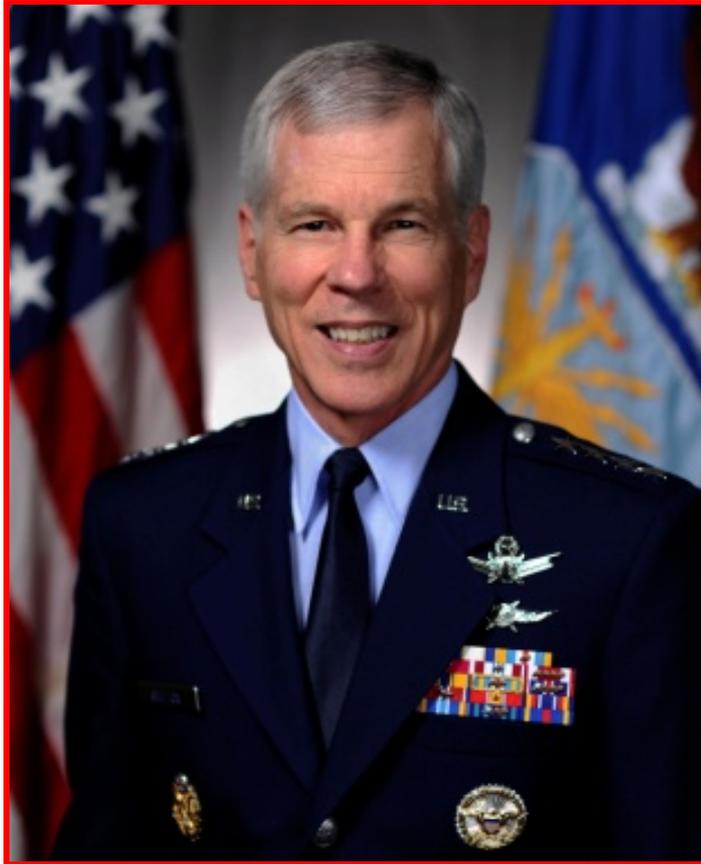


The Robotic GPS SnoCat  
Guttorm Upshaug and Per Enge

# Why has GPS become a System for Humanity? (It is effectively a worldwide utility)

- Signals are free and guaranteed by USG
  - Accuracies down to Millimeters (with differential operation)
  - Availability close to 100% Worldwide
  - GPS Receiver Cost is no longer the driver:  
*Chips for ~\$3*
  - Cost and Advantage in GUIs and Software
- And... Applications Generally:
  - Provide or enhance Safety
  - Substantially improve Productivity
  - Are convenient or Fun

# Taken for Granted: Carrying the Torch for GPS



**General William  
Shelton**

Commander Air Force  
Space Command

*“Chief Steward of  
GPS for the World”*



## Tracking the Chernobyl Radioactivity Paths

(Professor David Last of University of Wales)

# What's Next?

# PNT to Explode with Opportunities

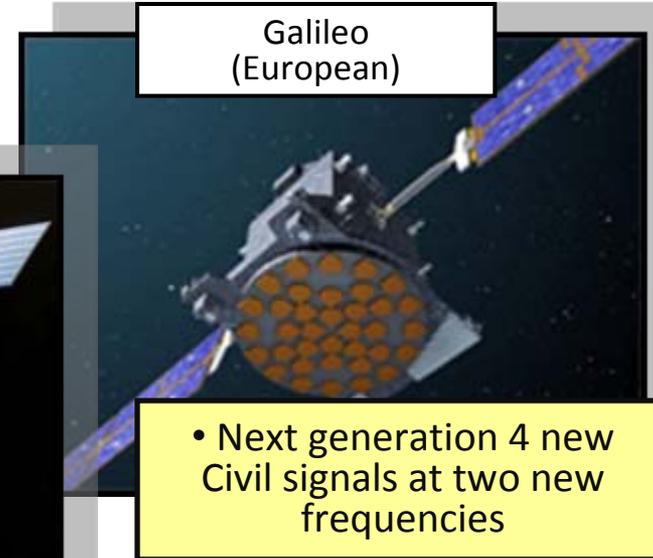


GLONASS – (Russia)

- Next generation 4 new Civil signals at two new frequencies



GP(t)S  
(USA)



Galileo  
(European)

- Next generation 4 new Civil signals at two new frequencies

- 10 New Civil Signals - Included is a new **International Signal** called L1C
- It will provide Interchangeability for **All Navigation Satellite Signals**
  - **And** there will be over 60 satellites on orbit!

**Result: Even Better Accuracy, Availability and Integrity**

# A Humanitarian Opportunity

## HUMAN DRIVERS

The people behind the wheel are the most dangerous part of driving

IN THE WAKE of Toyota's much publicized recall for unintended acceleration, the idea of conceding control of our cars to software seems about as sane as letting a Roomba vacuum cleaner do brain surgery. And yet the data are unequivocal: according to multiple studies conducted over the past

tors—such as distraction, inattention—are the primary cause of accidents. Reason suggests that the sooner we get idiotic humans out of the driver's seat,

But are sci-fi-style, fully autonomous cars the answer? David Shinar, head of Ben-Gurion University's Human Factors Safety Laboratory, says that human drivers will probably never be replaced. "We're moving toward a system where the driver is the controller of the system,

monitoring the system—sort of like a plane on autopilot," Shinar says. "Even when that system is engaged, the pilot doesn't go back into the first class cabin and take a nap. What we can expect are cars that need less direct controls from the driver; instead, the

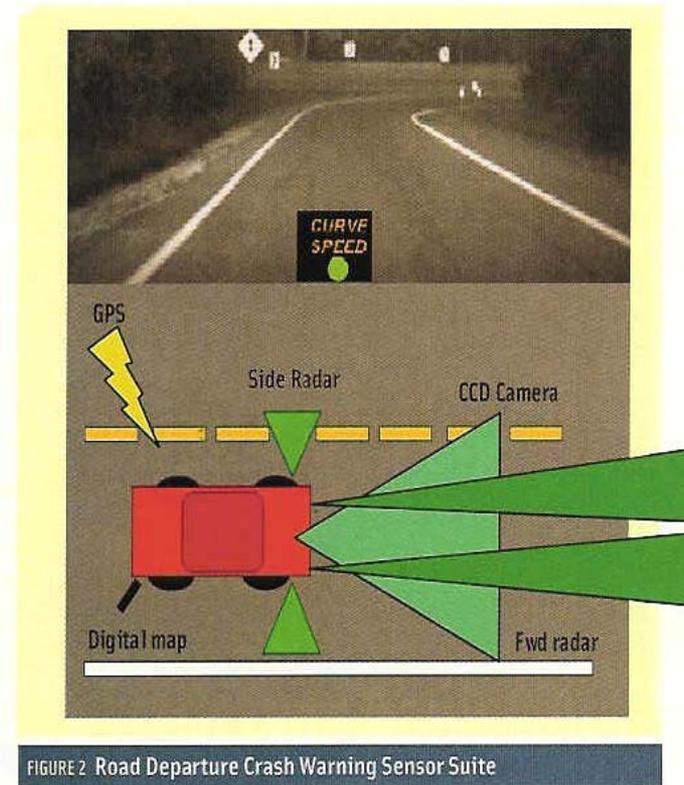
US Traffic Fatalities in the *Last 10 Years:*

**387,000**

- 213 People Died on our Roads for Every Soldier who died in Afghanistan in the same period

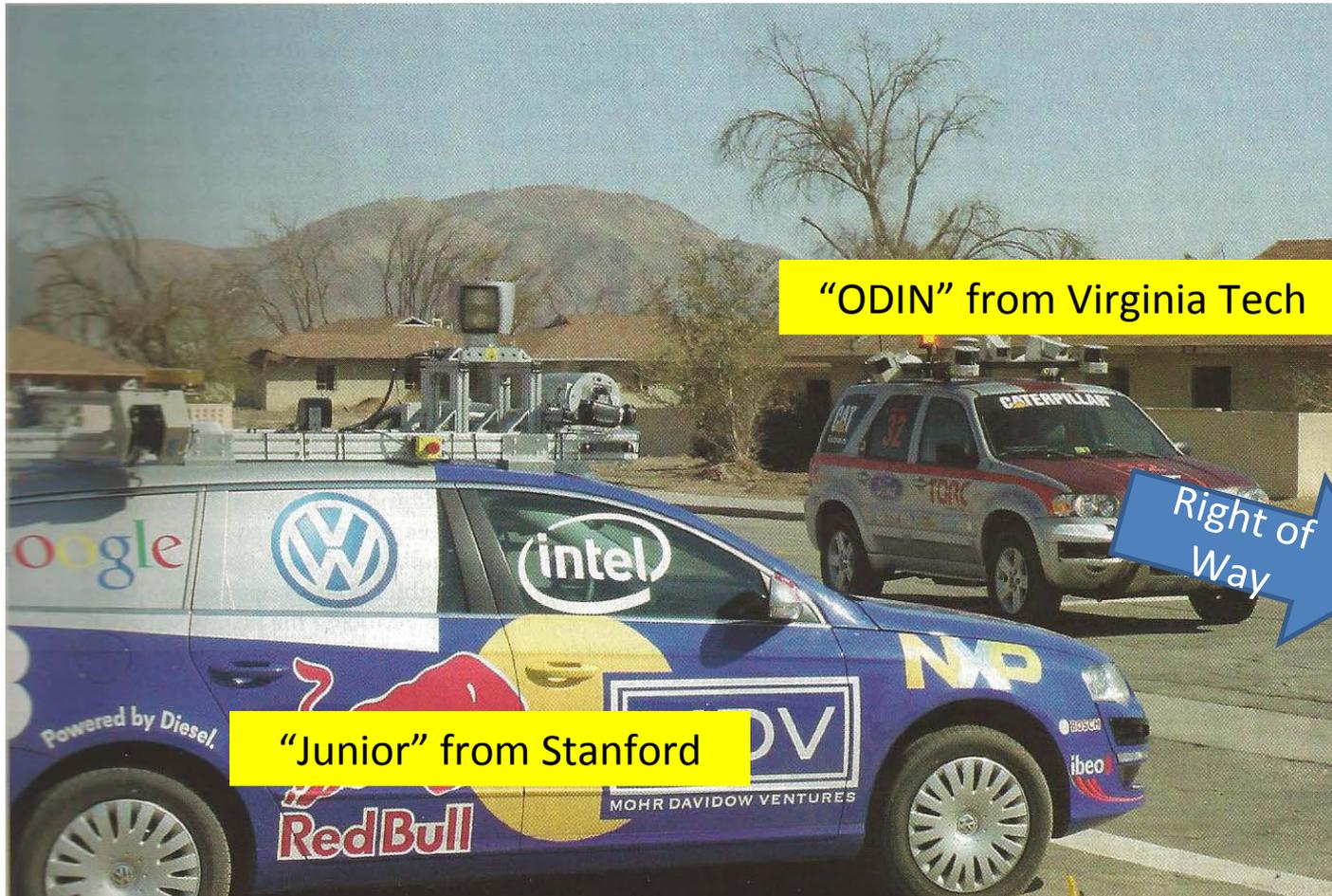
# Implementing "Brilliant Autos": Auto-guided Automobiles and Freeway Automatic Traffic Control

- Use all international satellite Position Signals
  - Vector Kinematic Receivers (10 cm or better)
- MEMS/IMU
- 360° Radars
- Cooperative Tracking of other vehicles



# Driverless Cars

(From American Scientist Sept 2001)

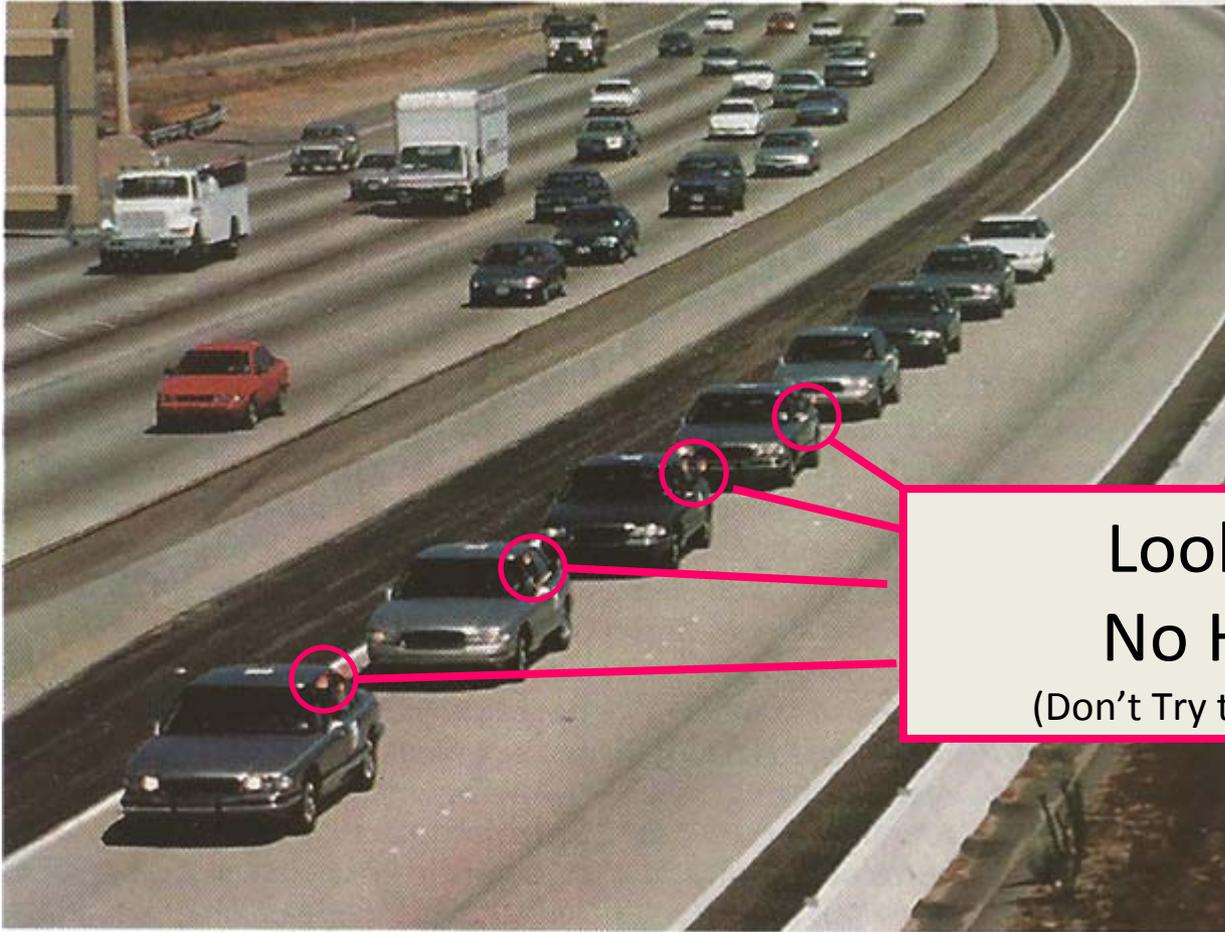


# Google Driverless Car

Led by Google engineer [Sebastian Thrun](#), director of the [Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory](#) and co-inventor of Google Street View, whose team at Stanford created the robotic vehicle [Stanley](#) which won the [2005 DARPA Grand Challenge](#) and its US\$2 million prize from the [United States Department of Defense](#)



# Demonstration: Autopilot Convoy



Look Ma!  
No Hands  
(Don't Try this at Home!)

# Driverless/Automatic Cars

Current auto-features already show trend to semi- or fully- driverless cars

## Including :

- **Electronic stability control** - capable of detecting a slide or potential roll, and apply specific brakes to regain control.
- **Laser- or radar-based collision warning systems** - automatically apply the brakes to help prevent rear-end crashes.
- **Camera-based, lane-keeping systems** watch the road lines and take over steering to gently regain the proper lane.

# The #1 GPtS Worldwide Issue

## Spectrum Interference -

(Illegal jamming or Licensed Intrusion )

# Is the Illegal Interference Problem Significant?

*Portable GPS supplier says people who value their privacy need GPS Jammers.*



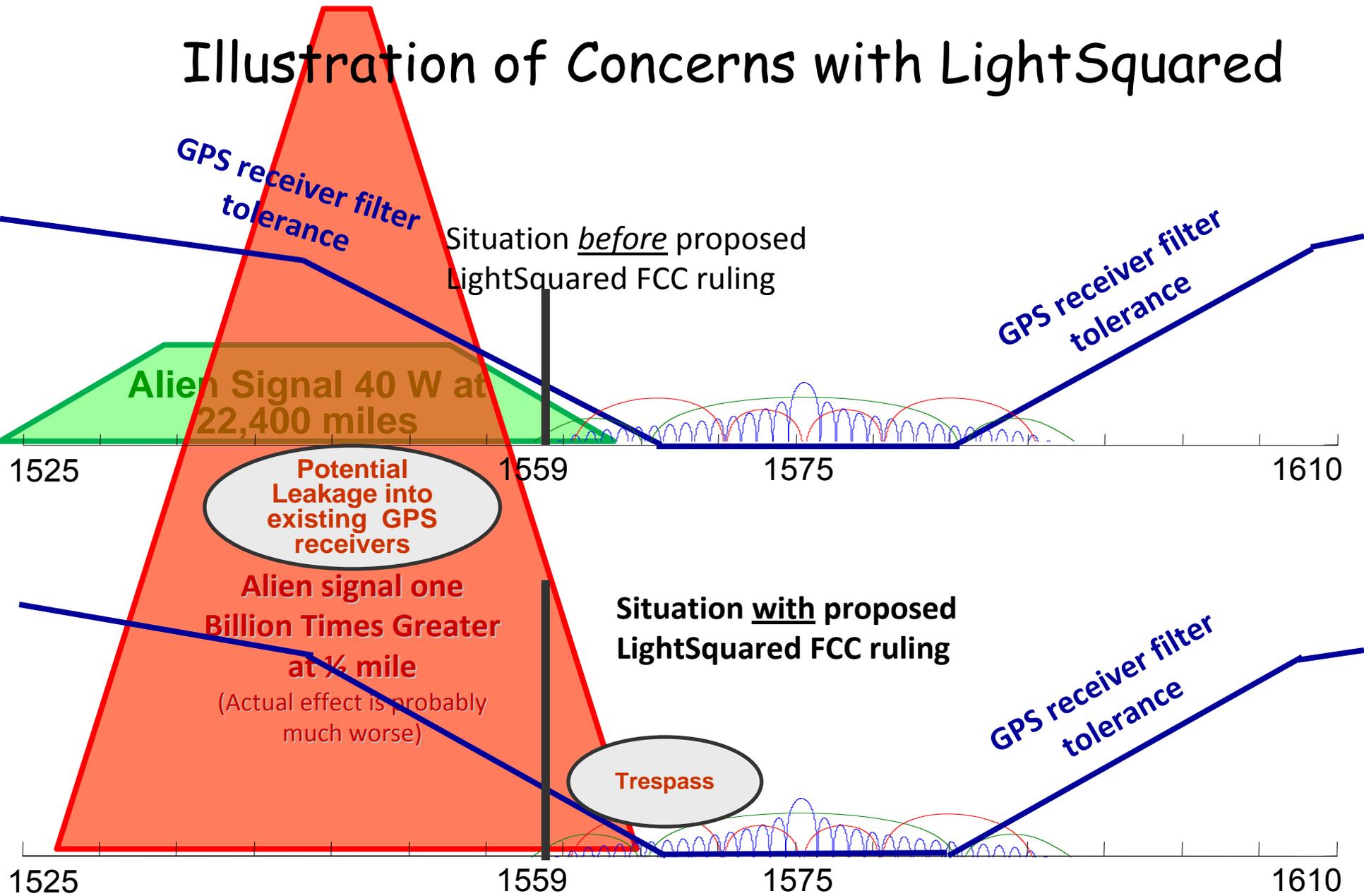
## Handheld GPS Jammer GJ02

Unit Price: \$33.00

GPS L1 - 1575.42MHz

Output power: 0.5 Watt

# Illustration of Concerns with LightSquared



“What was the driving Philosophy behind the GPS Program office in those early, perilous times?”



Lines chiseled in granite –

(Sun Dial in front of the Los Angeles Train Station)

- Vision to See
- Faith to believe
- Courage to Do

- *Christine Mabry* during the Great Depression

***Actually -The Foundation of Many Engineering Achievements***



On behalf of all of us who had that  
"Faith to Believe",  
39 years ago,

*Thank You*

GPS Success is a tribute to the whole team  
of developers, innovators, manufacturers,  
supporters-  
and also... to you, the users.

Questions?