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Secure PNT for Autonomous Systems

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Integration of Civil Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in the National Airspace System (NAS) Roadmap

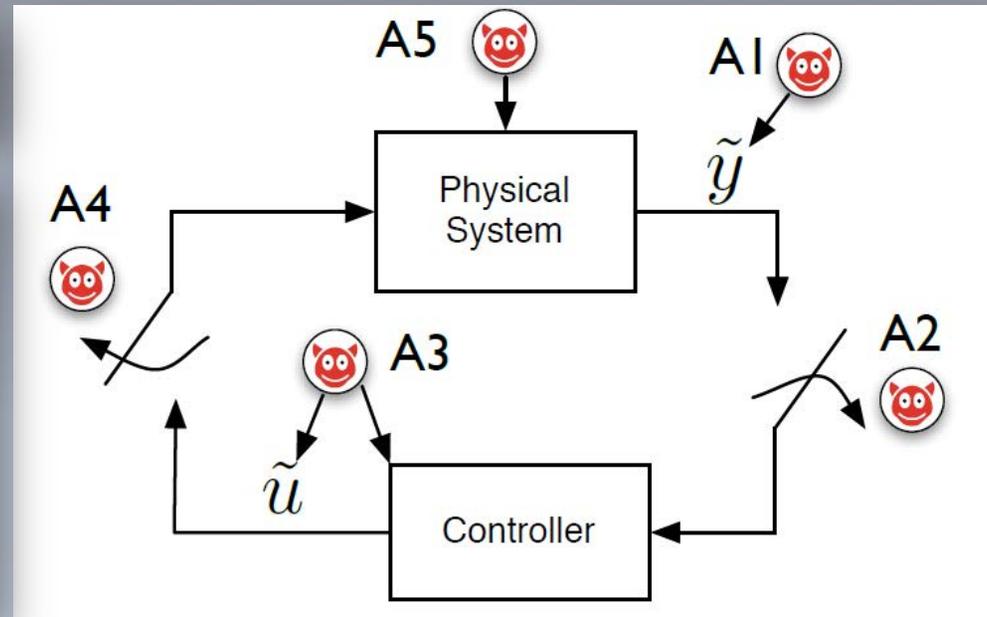
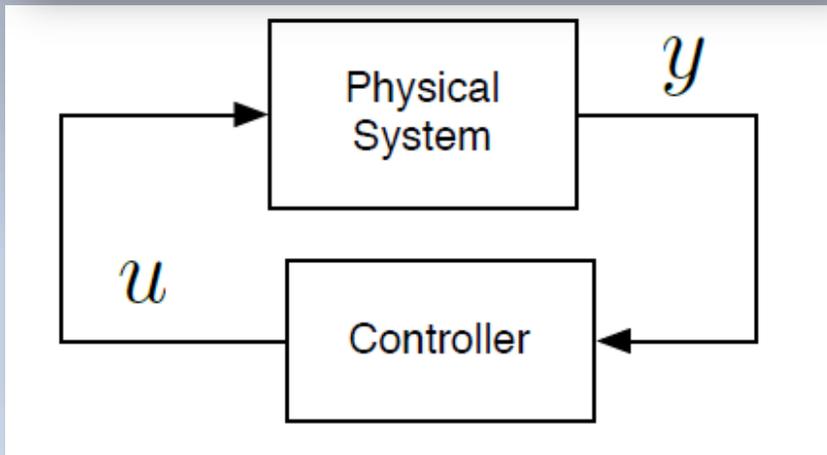
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“routine UAS operations will not require the creation of a new special airspace, or modification of existing special use airspace”

Autonomous Control System Security

Secure Control: Towards Survivable Cyber-Physical Systems*

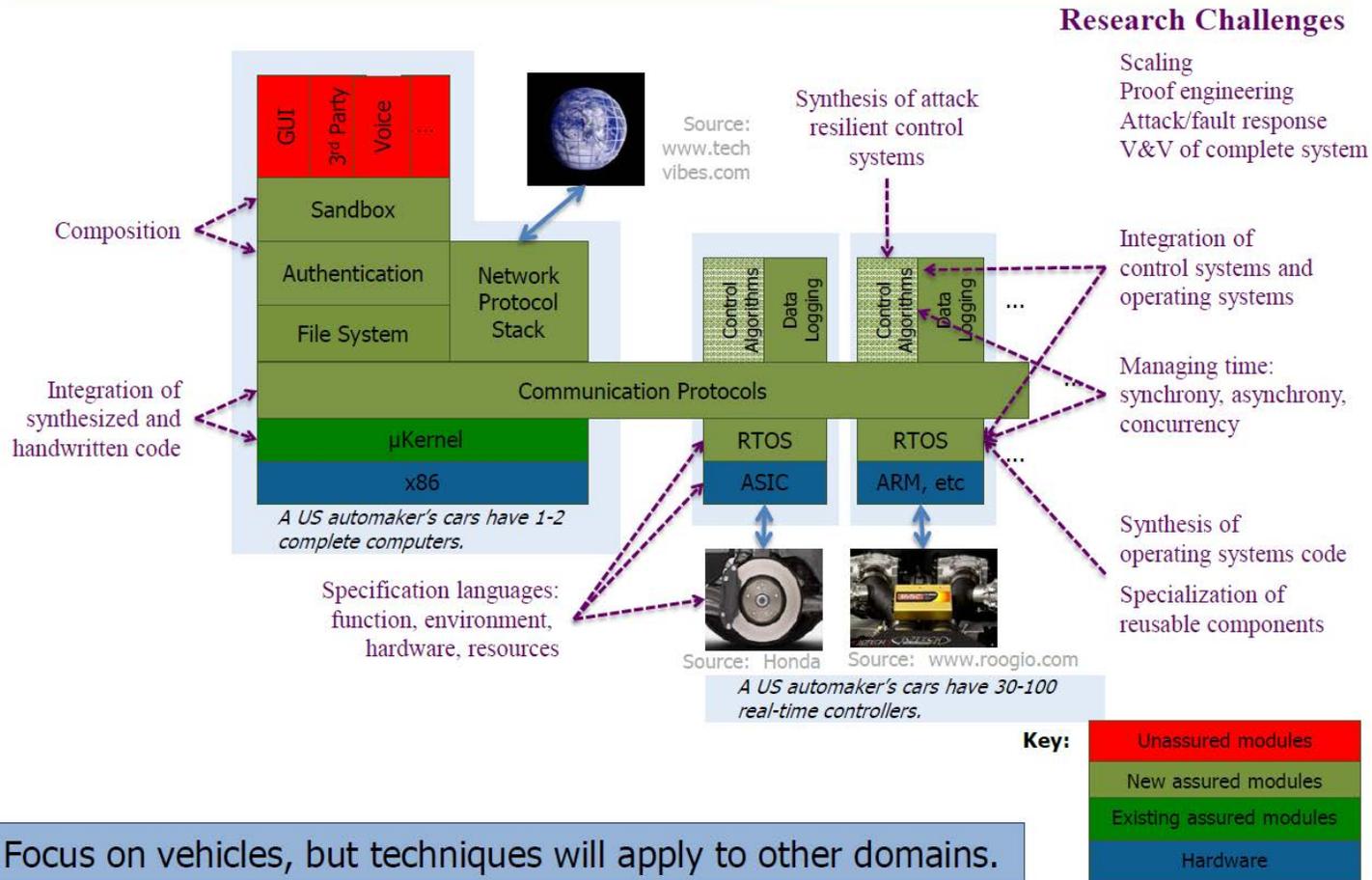
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The general concept of secure control covers any manipulation of y and u (e.g, deception and DoS attacks), *but almost all research is focused on attacks on the communications and computer networks.*



High-Assurance Vehicle of the Future: Built from Synthesized Components



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DARPA's \$60M HACMS program is focused on high-assurance code and network protocols, but what about the sensors?

Security research in the UT Radionavigation Laboratory is concerned with *field attacks*: attacks on the physical fields (e.g., electromagnetic, acoustic, pressure, etc.) measured by system sensors – especially *navigation system sensors*.

Example: Deep water drilling

- Dynamic positioning is a key technology for drilling and production
- In deepest waters, only GNSS and acoustic navigation sensors are practical
- The usual 3-system redundancy is waived so long as there are multiple DGPS receivers



Deepwater Horizon (~2009)

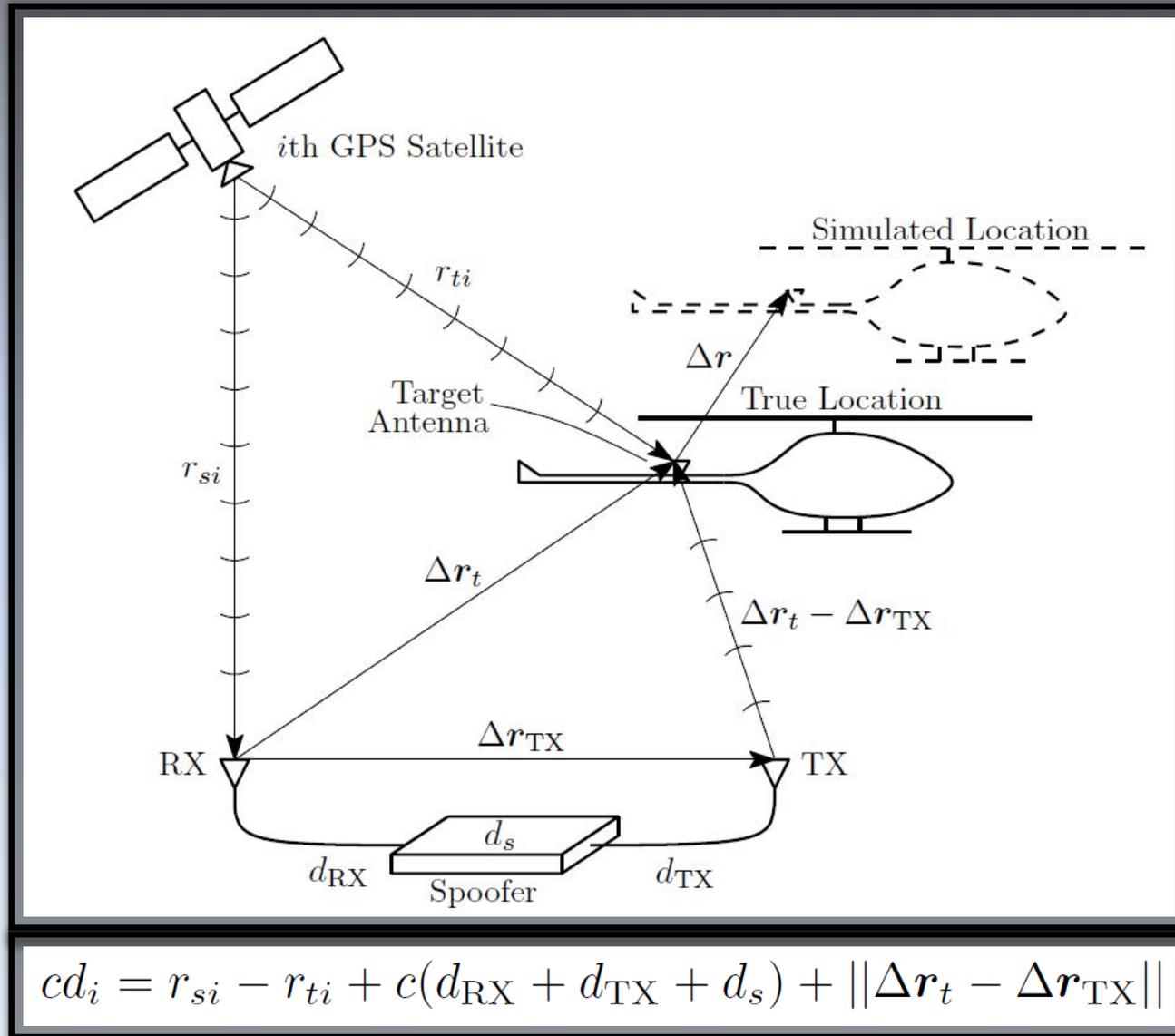
Vulnerable to a coordinated attack against GNSS and acoustic sensors

Deception and DoS field attacks have a long history in navigation warfare, but military defenses are of little use to the civilian community:

- Details of military protection schemes are classified
- Military defenses typically assume a trusted and trained user base willing to submit to onerous security protocols
- Fundamentally new technologies enable field attacks with which military has little experience (e.g., software-defined radio)

The civilian community will need to develop novel solutions to its own unique threats

UAV GPS Spoofing Attack



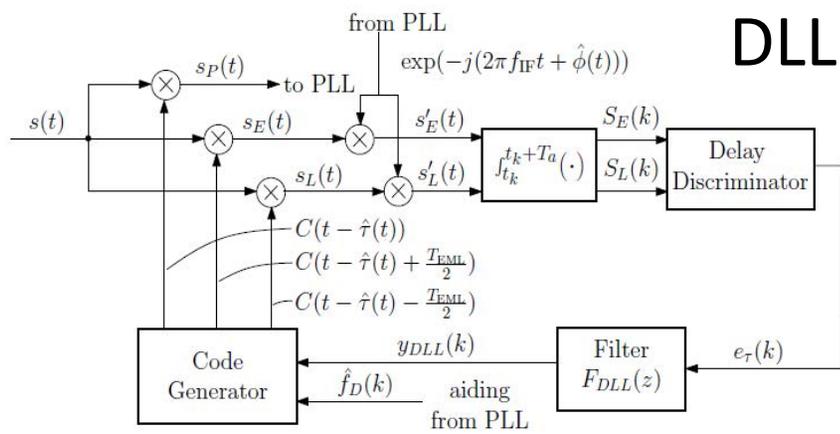




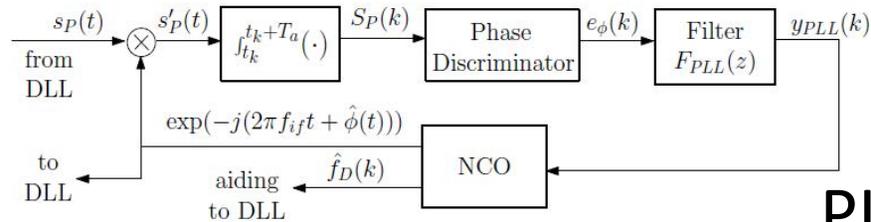


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Covert GNSS Receiver Capture



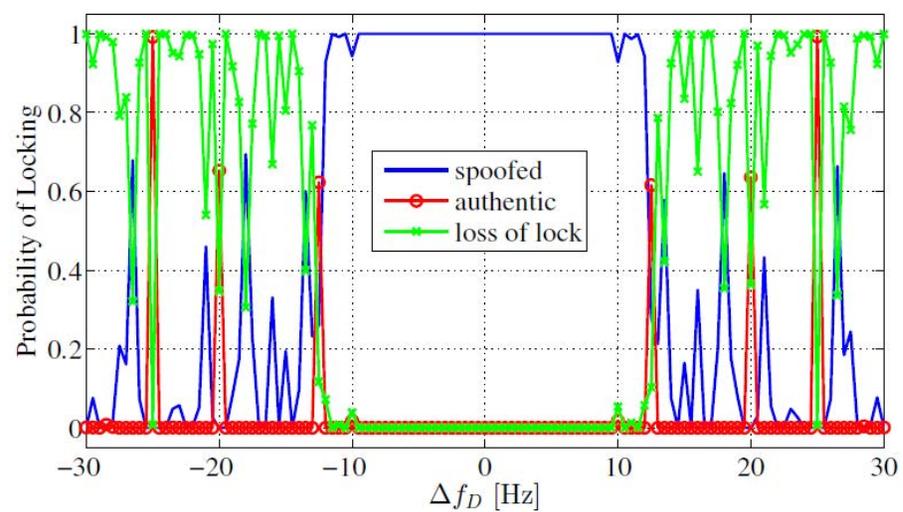
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PLL

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2	10	10	15	15
3	15	10	15	15

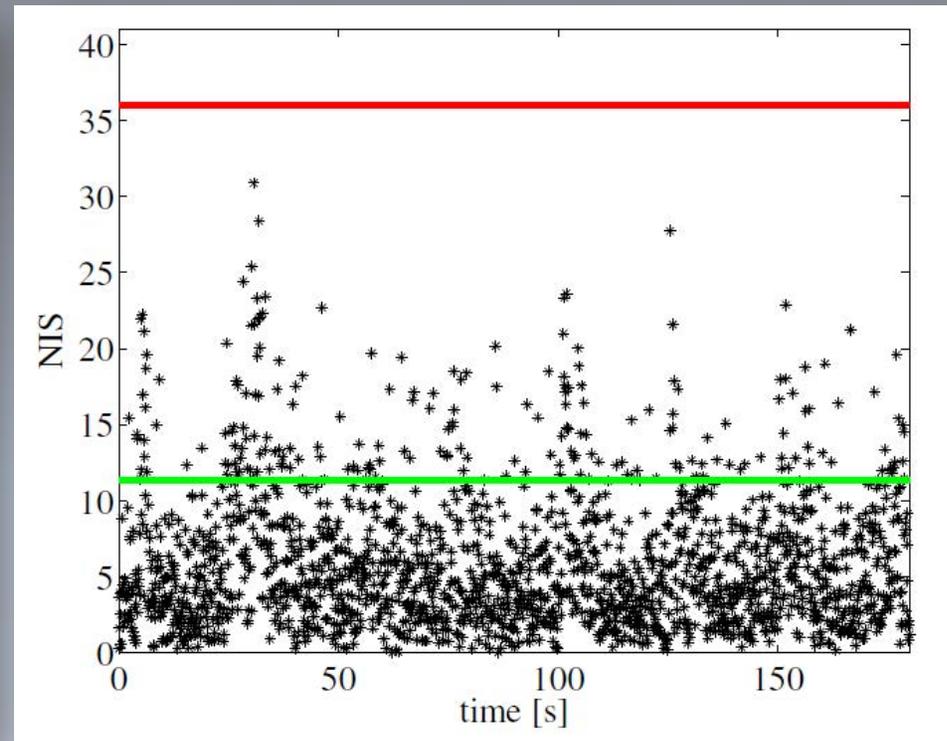
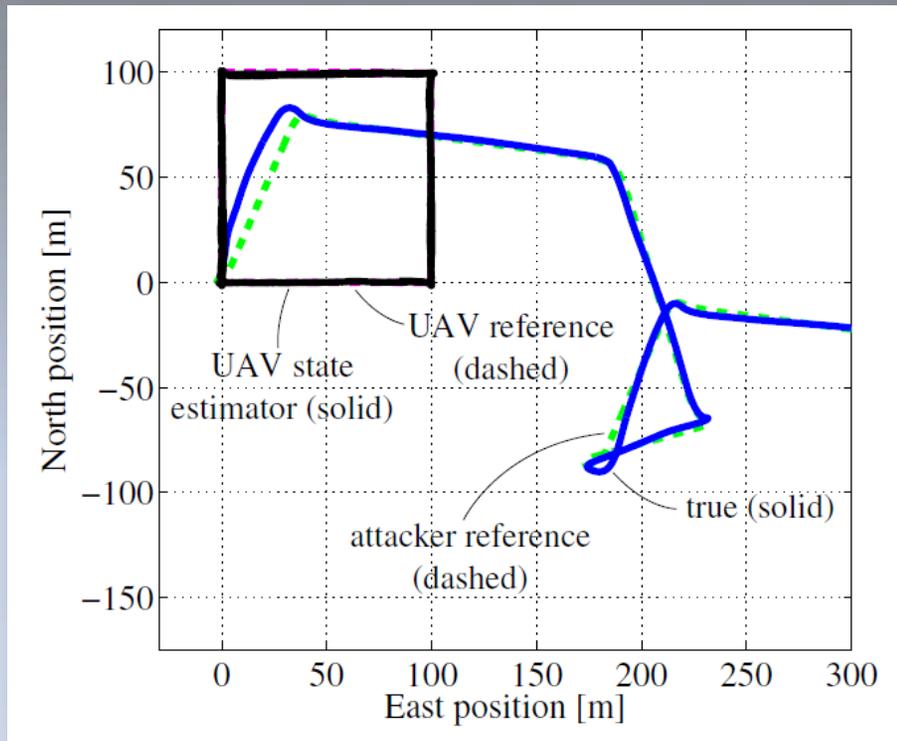
Results from live tests



Allowable Doppler uncertainty

Ironically, commercial receivers' robustness makes them easier to covertly capture

Covert Post-Capture UAV Control



Stable covert post-capture UAV control is possible provided the spoofer can learn the target's flight pattern



Crashing is easier than control

A.J. Kerns, D.P. Shepard, J.A. Bhatti, T.E. Humphreys,
"[Unmanned Aircraft Capture and Control via GPS Spoofing](#)," Journal of Field Robotics, submitted.

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MARCH 8-17

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13

SXSW.

SX
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MUSIC

FILM

INTERACTIVE









ALARM Sounder : no input

TRANSAS

Ship 26 - 06 - 13
01:00 E 06 : 52 : 32

Primary 42° 26.498 N
PS2:GPS 010° 44.552 E
COG-p 102.0°
SOG-p 15.0 kt

HDG-U
LOG-U

a1999 1 : 100,000

DANGEROUS SCALE

Route data

Route	Cap d'All to Bar 2913
To WP 3	
CSE	115.4°
XTE	1.04 nm - stb
BTW	108.6°
DTW	8.79 nm
ETA (Ship)	26-06-2013 07:27:40
TTG	35 m 09 s
Next WP 4	
CSE	149.2°
Radius	0.30 nm

Tasks List Event Help

Vectors Fixed Green

Depth in Metres WGS 84

Main Dual Add Info AIS Alarms Charts Config Monitoring Navlex Route Planning Targets Tasks

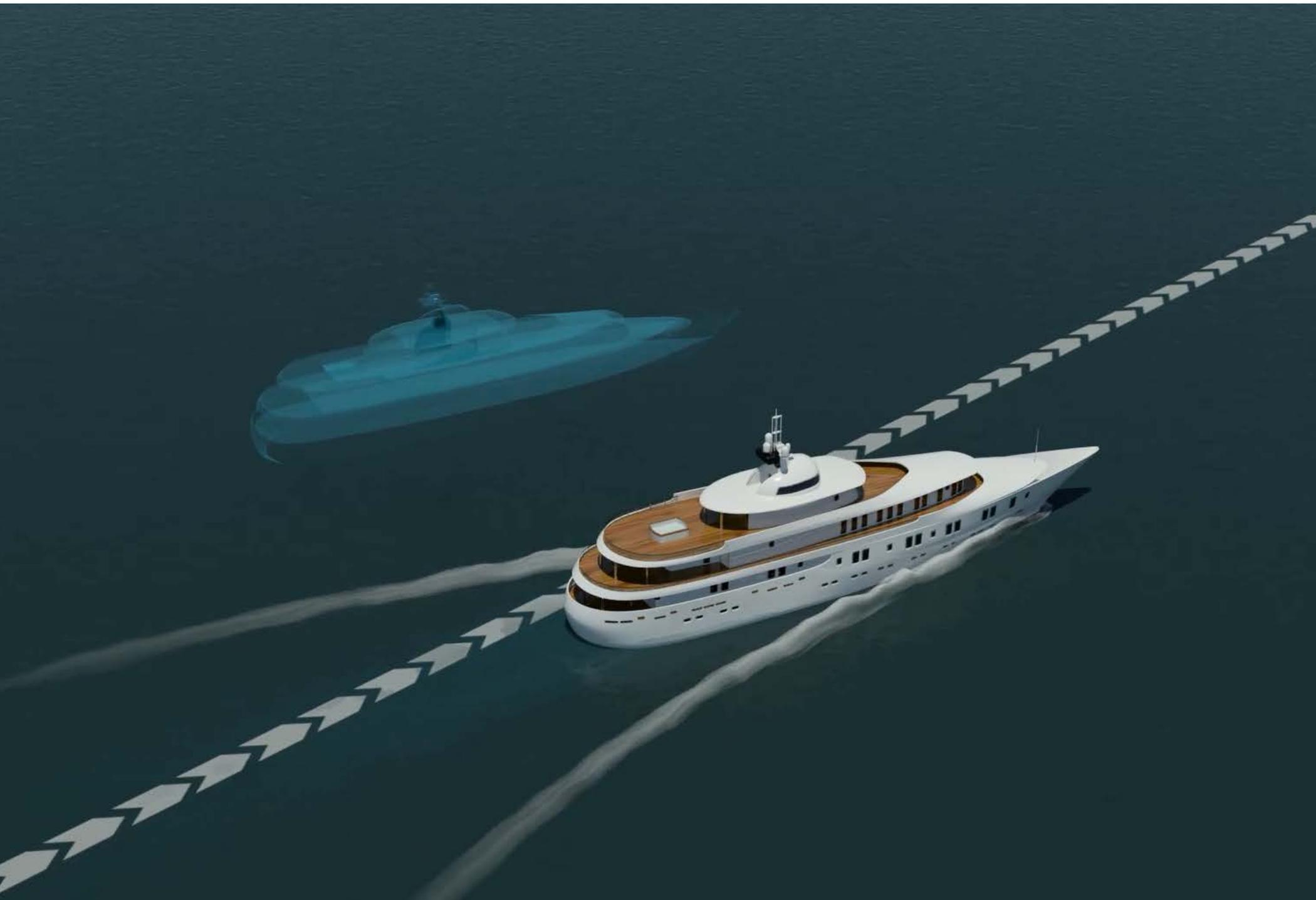
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LMX 420 Navigation System

© POS 2

POSITION & TIME

Datum: W84

N 38°02.0768

E 22°48.1772

Altitude: -415.3m (3D)

Variation: 3.3° E

COG 126°

SOG 15.1Kn

Local time:

Saturday

29

June 2013

14:34:09

1
NAV
ABC

4
PLOT
JKL

7
POS
STU

E



ARPA-A AIS

ALARM Out of XTE

TRANSAS

Ship 29-06-13
03:00 E 17:57:11

Primary 37° 56.680 N
PS2:GPS 022° 58.350 E

COG-p 126.0°
SOG-p 6.6 kt

HDG-u
LOG-u

gr232_2 1:15,000

Route data

Route	Bar to fethiye 2013
To WP 15	
CSE	132.3°
XTE	139 m - port
BTW	134.0°
DTW	2.56 nm
ETA (Ship)	29-06-2013 18:20:27
TTG	23 m 17 s
Next WP 16	
CSE	121.6°
Radius	0.30 nm

Tasks List Event Help

Vectors Fixed Show

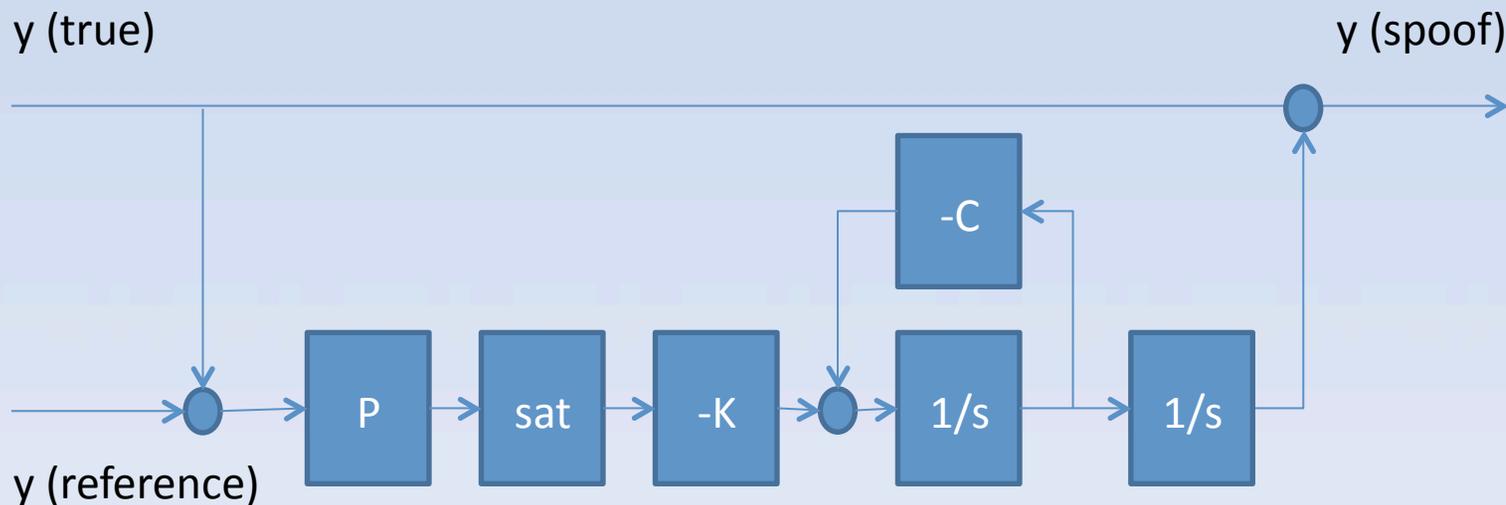
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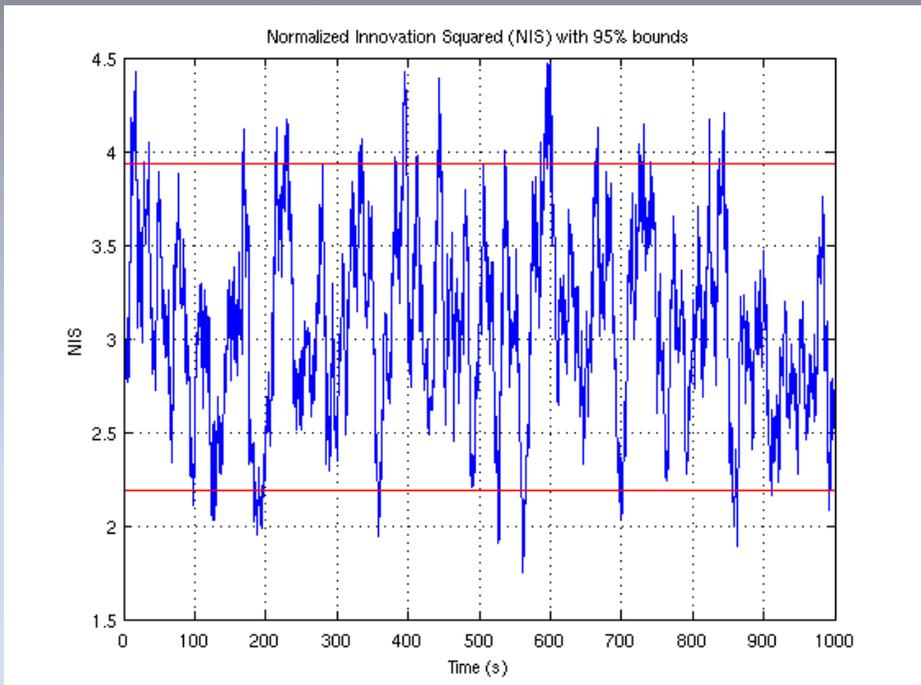
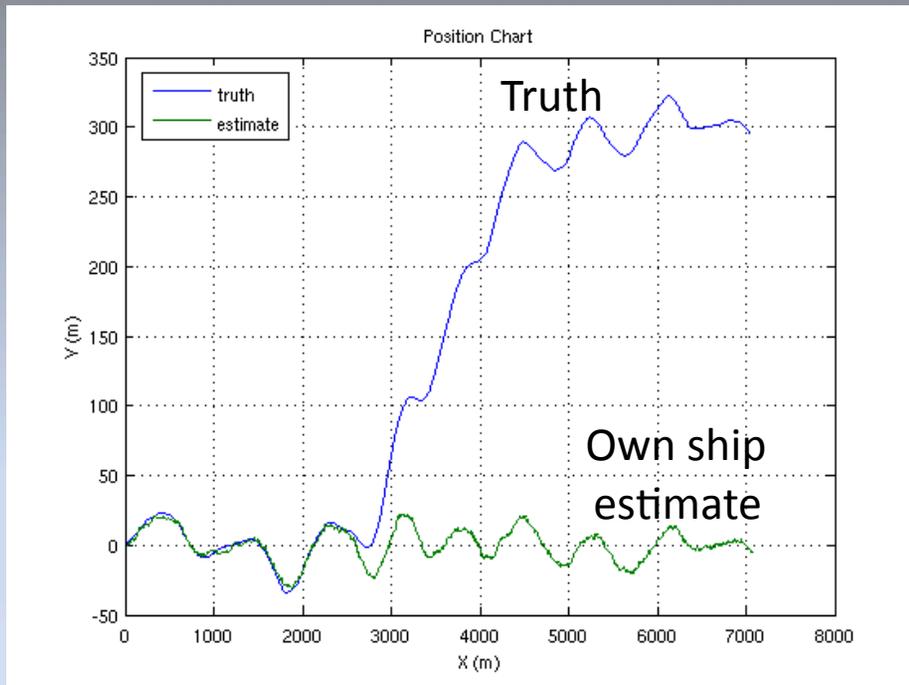
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Covert Post-Capture Ship Control

If the spoofer has an estimate of the rhumb line that the ship is following, then the spoofer can employ a saturating PD controller to covertly force the ship to track a reference cross-track position



Covert Post-Capture Ship Control



No alarms triggered by Chi-square-type test

Stable covert post-capture ship control is possible provided the spoofer can estimate the ship's rhumb line



Civil GNSS Spoofing Defenses

Cryptographic

Non-Cryptographic

Stand-Alone

SSSC on L1C
(Scott)

SSSC or NMA on WAAS
(Scott, UT)

NMA on L2C, L5, or L1C
(UT, MITRE, Scott, GPSD)

J/N Sensing
(Ward, Scott, UC Boulder, Calgary)

Sensor Diversity Defense
(DARPA, BAE, UT, GLA)

Single-Antenna Spatial Correlation
(Cornell, Calgary)

Networked

P(Y) Cross-Correlation
(Stanford, Cornell)

Correlation Anomaly Defense
(UT, TENCAP, Ledvina, Torino)

Multi-Element Antenna Defense
(Keys, Montgomery, DLR, Stanford)

Mobility Trace Analysis
(UT)

The greatest challenge in PNT security will be providing *proof of location or time* to a skeptical second party. This problem *scales differently* than attacks against non-complicit PNT sensing: A single rogue actor with an inexpensive receiver network (“Dr. No”) could sell forged GNSS-based proofs of location and time to thousands of subscribers. Such subversion may not even be illegal ...

Beyond the Password: Risk-Based User Authentication:

Use case 1:



Legitimate employee attempts to log into corporate finance system from office in Sunnyvale, Calif., using work computer at 11 a.m. PST.

Upon access to risk-based authentication system:

The risk-based authentication solution checks the attempt for:

User ID + Device + Location + IP Address + Usage Context + Login Trends
Password + Fingerprint + PIN

Current Pattern



Entered



The company-issued laptop and in line with pattern



One of the company locations in Sunnyvale, Calif., and in line with pattern



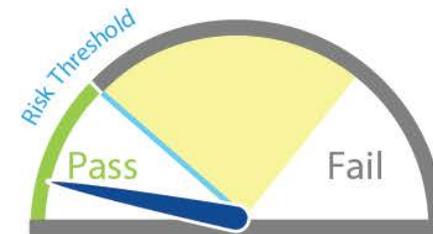
Legitimate



Corporate finance system and in line with pattern



During working hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST and in line with pattern



Result:

Risk score assigned to attempt: Very Low

Criticality: Corporate Finance: High || Risk Threshold: Low

Outcome: Pass. User gets access to corporate finance system.

Graphic courtesy Deloitte/WSJ

Trustworthy proof of location is central to
risk-based user authentication

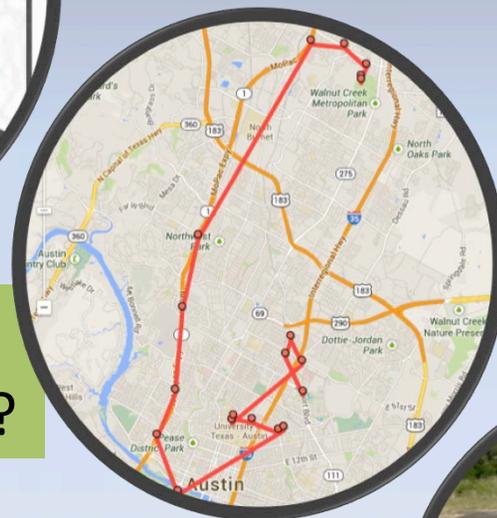
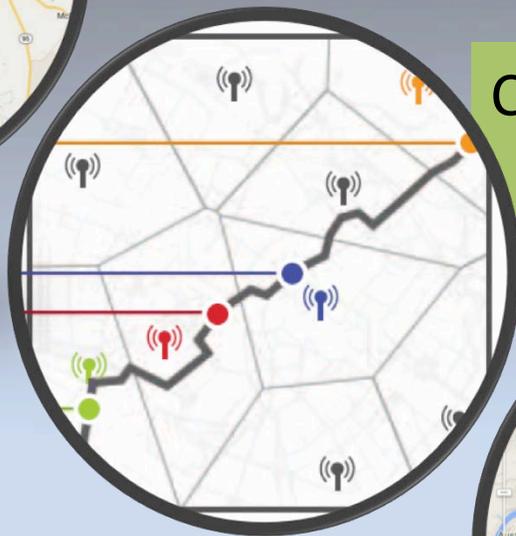
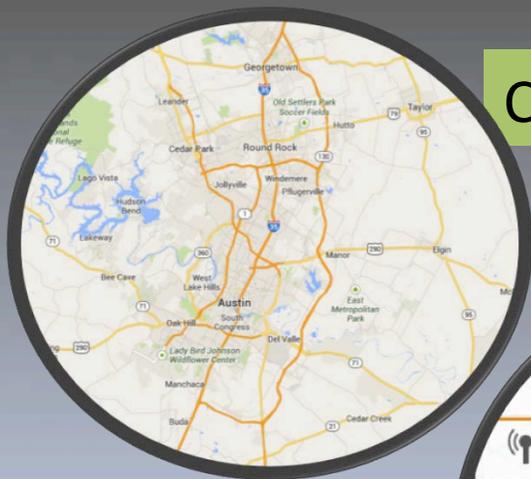
City-level: Where do you live?

Mobility Trace Analysis

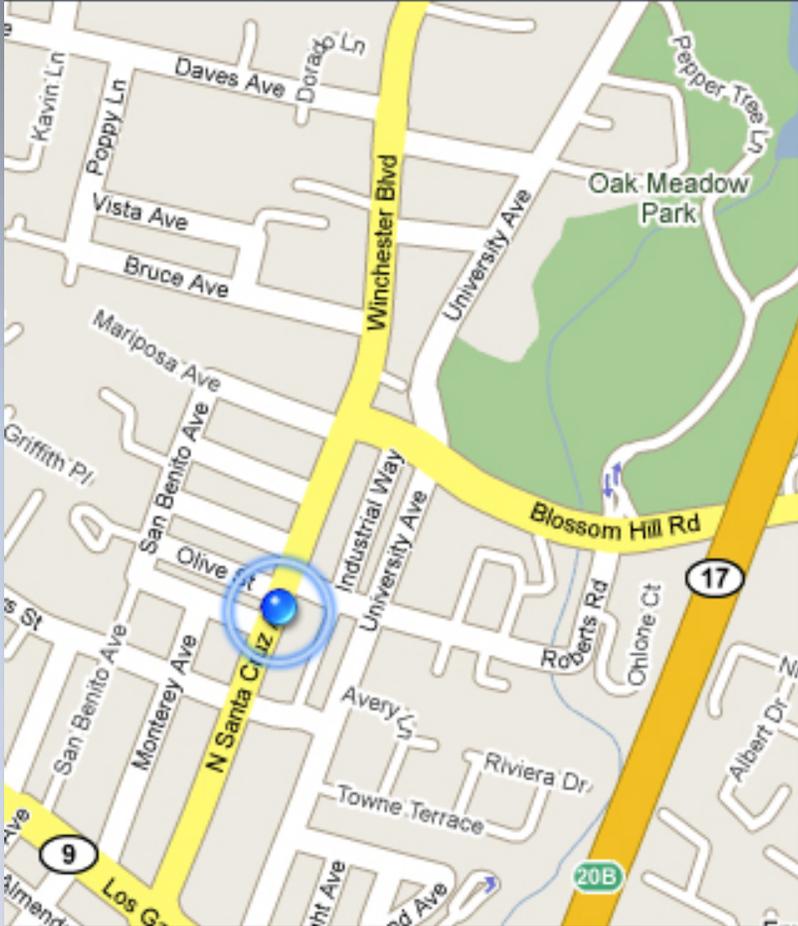
Cell-level: What are your daily patterns?

Coarse GPS/WiFi-level:
On what street are you travelling?

Decimeter-level:
Are you driving unusually today?

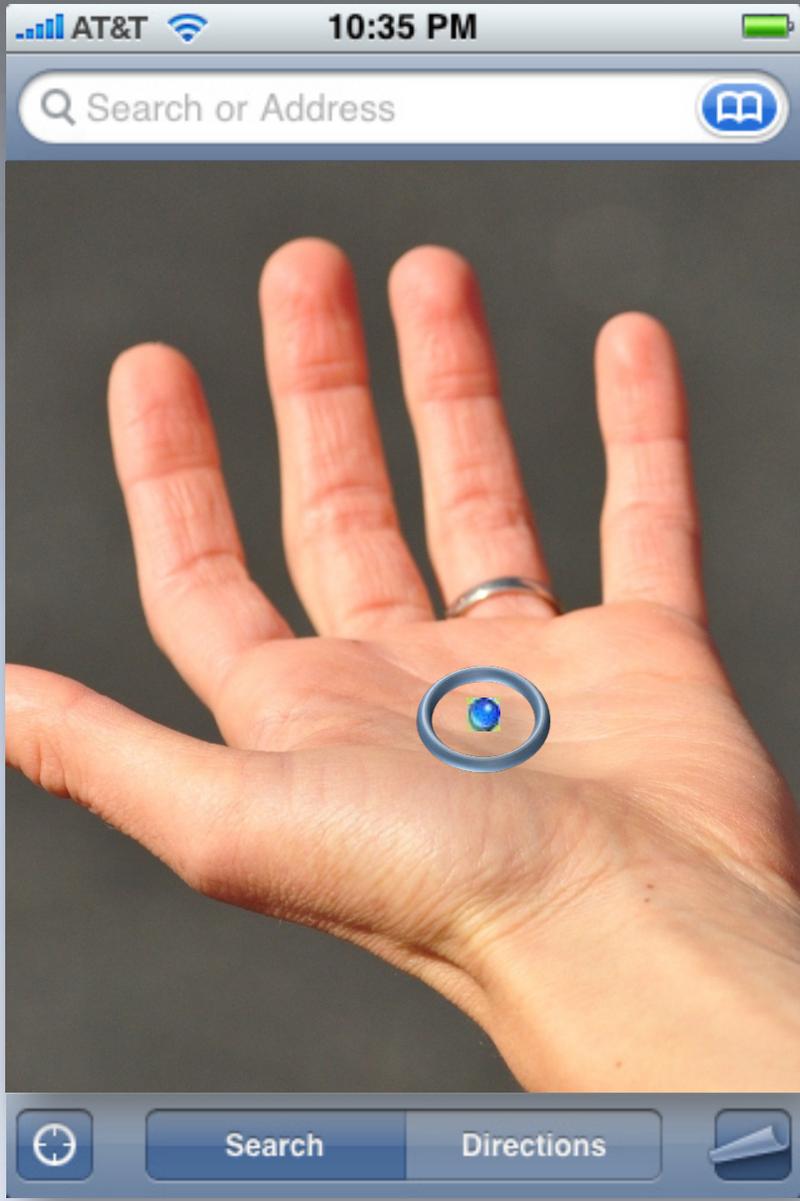


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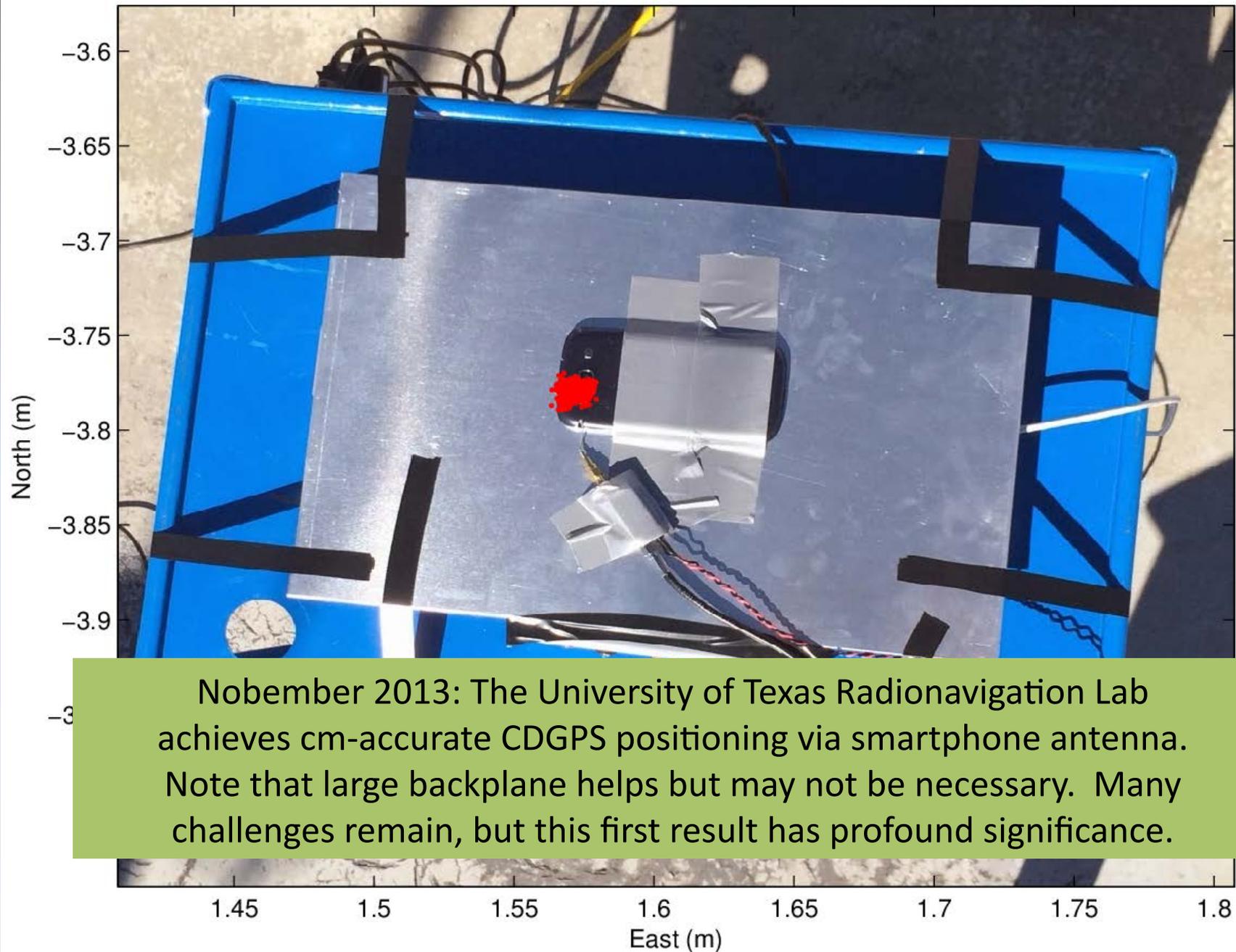


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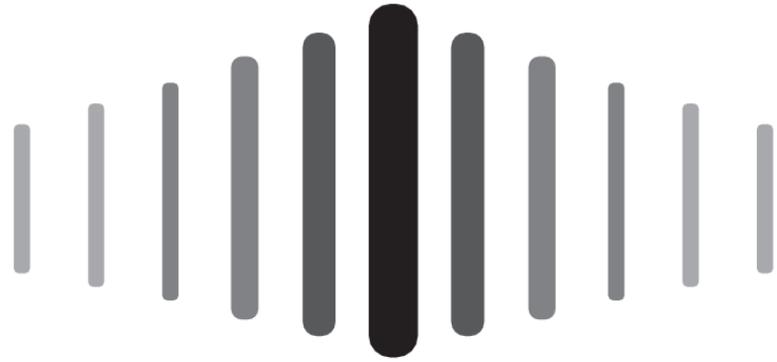




CDGPS-Computed Relative Antenna Position



Nobember 2013: The University of Texas Radionavigation Lab achieves cm-accurate CDGPS positioning via smartphone antenna. Note that large backplane helps but may not be necessary. Many challenges remain, but this first result has profound significance.



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GPS DISRUPTIONS

Efforts to Assess Risks to Critical Infrastructure and Coordinate Agency Actions Should Be Enhanced

“[D]ue to resource constraints and other reasons, the [DHS and DOT] have made limited progress in meeting [NSPD-39], and many tasks remain incomplete, including identifying GPS backup requirements and determining suitability of backup capabilities.”

“[O]verall, the requirements of NSPD-39 remain unfulfilled.”

Spoofing and Jamming a Drone

A hijacker can exploit security weaknesses in radio transmissions used to pilot a drone. Sending false signals or jamming legitimate ones can divert the drone's flight path and send it crashing into the ground. Security researchers have demonstrated potential scenarios for foul play, shown here with the Schiebel Camcopter drone.

The operator of a drone directs its movement using radio signals from a ground station, but these control signals can be jammed.



Control signals



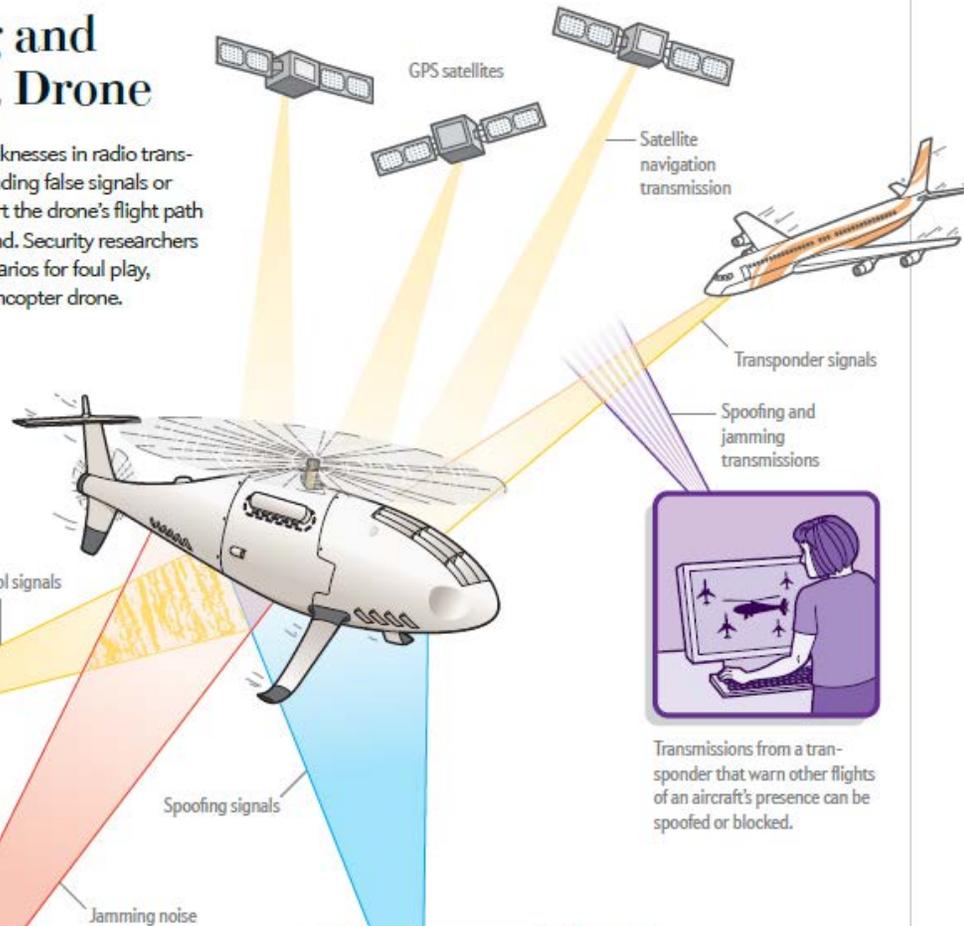
Jamming

Noise transmissions can block GPS navigation and other critical signals for piloting a drone. The craft can be programmed to return to a home base if a control signal is jammed, but no satisfactory solution exists if both GPS and a control signal are obstructed.



Spoofing

A handheld electronic controller can forge signals from GPS satellites or transponders that identify an aircraft. Spoofing can overpower these transmissions and cause a drone to veer off course or come dangerously close to other aircraft. As a countermeasure, signals can be encrypted with a digital signature the drone recognizes as legitimate. But this technology is years away from being deployed—and alternatives that do not use encryption are unproved.



Questions on Marine Spoofing (1/2)

- *Does the attacker have to be aboard the target vessel?* No. We launched the attack from onboard the WROD only for convenience. So long as the target's approximate position is known, the attacker can be miles away.
- *Won't there be a discrepancy between the gyrocompass heading and the GPS-produced Course Over Ground?* Yes, but a subtle spoofer can make a small heading offset look like the effect of an ocean current.

Questions on Marine Spoofing (2/2)

- *Wouldn't GPS deception be revealed by a consistency check between radar returns and objects on the ECDIS? Quite possibly. This cross-check is a valuable defense. But it's not much use in the open seas, and, sadly, maritime radar can be spoofed too.*
- *But I could simply use a sextant and a clock to determine my location, true? Yes, but what's sinister about GPS deception is that you probably won't know you're being spoofed. And a sextant isn't accurate to better than a few nm. And do you remember how to work it?*