

# Emerging Capabilities, Applications, and Sectors Subcommittee report

**PNT Advisory Board**

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# ECAS Subcommittee

Members	Role/ Study Areas:
Frank van Diggelen, Chair Penny Axelrad, 1st Vice-Chair Scott Burgett, 2nd Vice-Chair Renato Filjar Dorota Greiner-Brzezinska Matt Higgins Vahid Madani Terry Moore Jade Morton Tim Murphy Tom Powell Eileen Reilly Russ Shields Todd Walter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>GNSS High Accuracy Services</i></li><li>• <i>Inter satellite comms</i></li><li>• <i>Cislunar Service Volume</i></li><li>• <i>Intelligent Transportation Systems</i></li><li>• <i>Unmanned Aerial Systems</i></li><li>• <i>MEOSAR (Medium Earth Orbit Search &amp; Rescue)</i></li><li>• <i>Integrated Energy Grid Concept</i></li><li>• <i>Comm. Networks</i></li><li>• <i>Positive Train Control</i></li></ul>



# Areas of current interest

- HARS (High Accuracy and Robustness Service)  
active work
- PPP for ITS, Unmanned aerial systems, and Train Control  
see work by International Engagement Committee
- Inter satellite comms  
future area of interest
- Expanded GPS service volume  
GEO (current) to Cislunar (future)



# Invited speakers

	• Strategy, Policy, & Governance (SPG)	• Mr. Jeff Shane
<b>12:30-1:30</b> <b>(1 hr)</b>	<b>LUNCH (<i>Queen Anne Ballroom</i>)</b>	
	<b>Theme 2: Emerging GNSS Capabilities &amp; Alternative PNT – Synergies with GPS?</b>	
1:30-2:00 (30 min)	Galileo High Accuracy Service (HAS) & Open Service Navigation Authentication (OSNMA) – <i>virtual briefer</i>	Ms. Fiammetta Diani, <i>Head, Market Development, European Agency for Space Programme (EUSPA), Prague, Czechia</i>
2:00-2:30 (30 min)	China’s Strategic Approach to the Leveraging of its BeiDou System – <i>virtual briefer</i>	Dr. Sarah Sewall, <i>Executive Vice President, Strategic Issues, InQTel</i>
2:30-3:00 (30 min)	PNT as a Service (PNTaaS) Solution Benefits	Dr. Alison Brown, <i>President &amp; CEO, NAVSYS Corporation</i>
<b>3:00-3:15</b> <b>(15 min)</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	



# **GPS HARS**

## **High Accuracy & Robustness Service**

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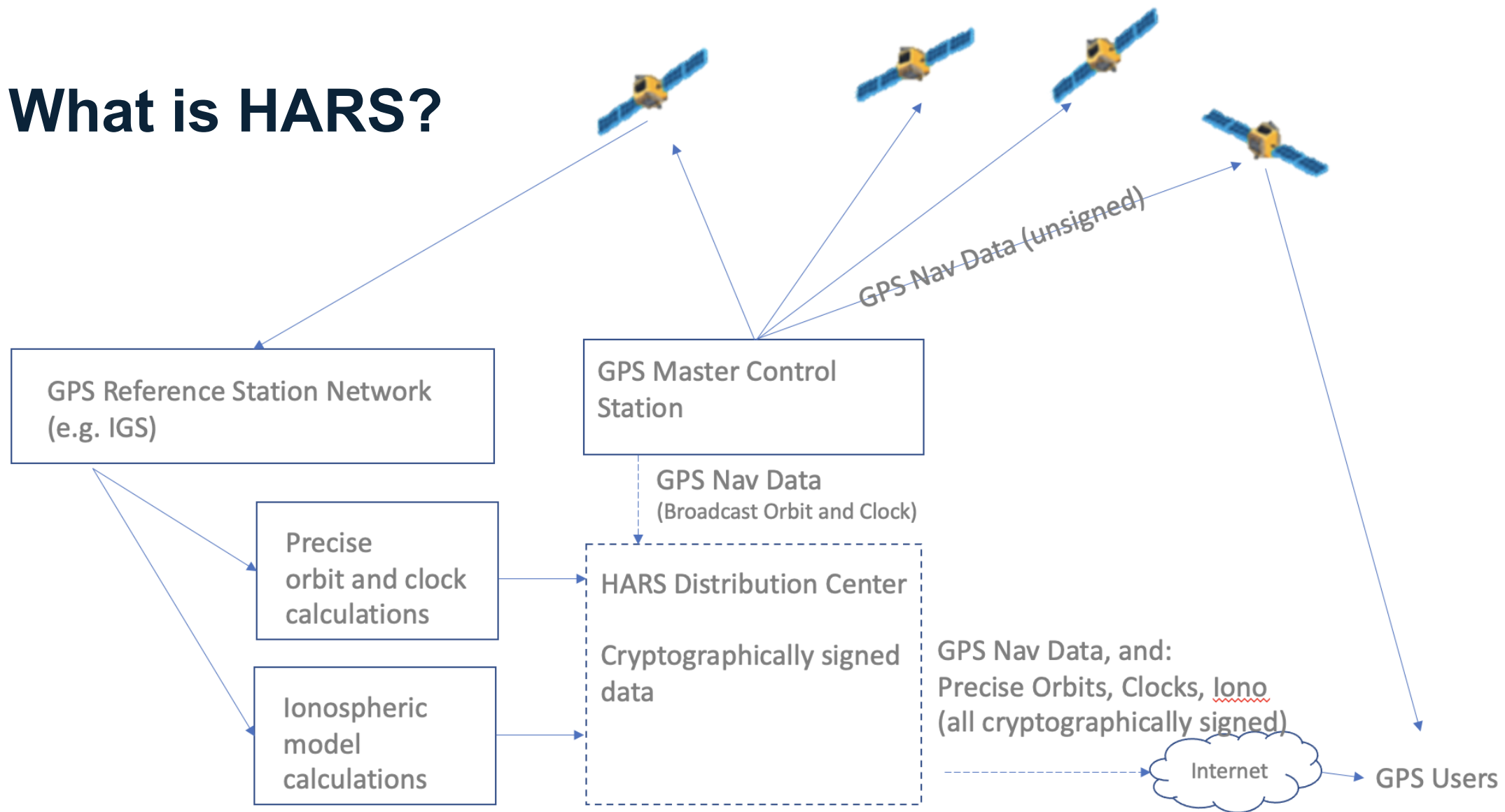


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1. What is HARS?
2. Benefits: Accuracy, Robustness, National
3. Other GNSS
4. Internet vs Satellite Based data
5. Who can do this?
6. What is needed next.



# 1. What is HARS?



Satellite orbit & clock, ionosphere corrections, and Nav data bits, cryptographically signed, over the Internet .





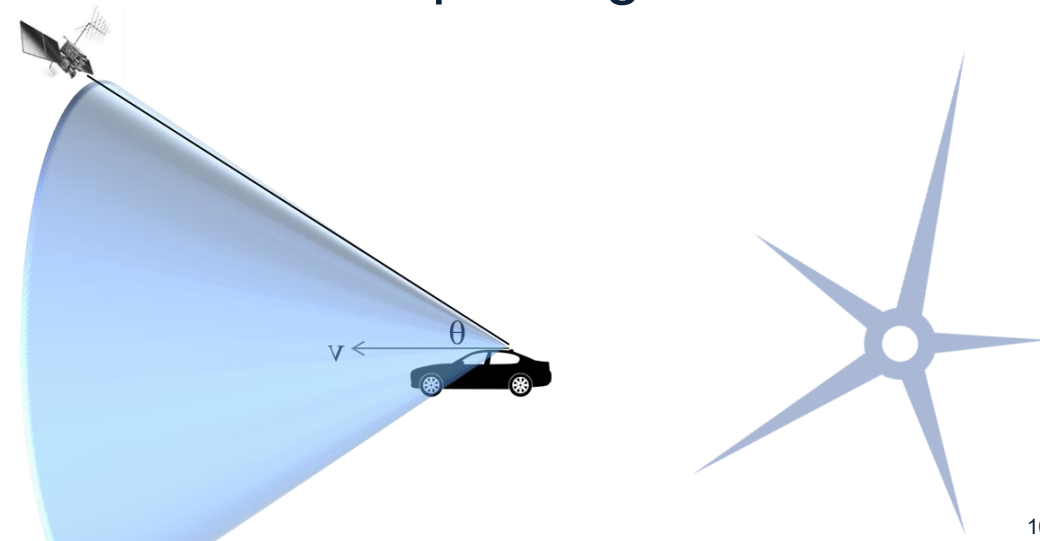
## Accuracy Benefits

- Better accuracy benefits almost all user applications
  - Specifically: accuracy in phones and cars, improves from ~3m to <1m
- ⇒ Good enough for lane-level accuracy
- ⇒ Lane-level traffic
- ⇒ Improved traffic flow from:
- Better navigation in apps
  - Real-time knowledge of blocked/closed lanes
  - Better dispatch of emergency vehicles



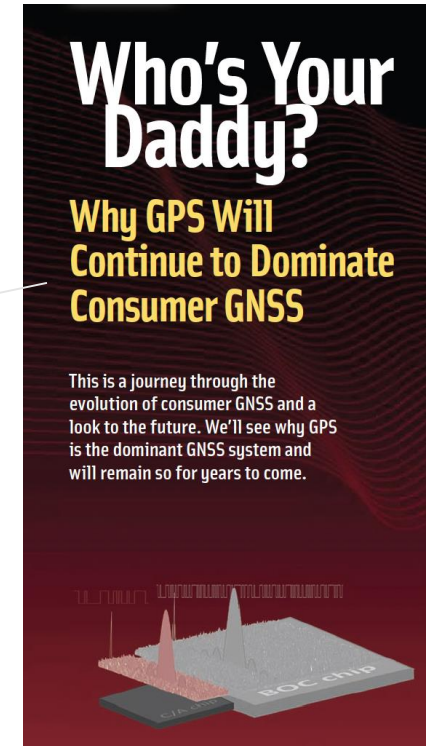
## Robustness Benefits

- GPS is vulnerable to spoofing
  - Encrypted digital signatures fix this for data-spoofing
- GPS is weak
  - NAV data bits enable signal processing to boost weak signals (through longer coherent integration)
  - Long coherent integration enables “super-correlation” which provides directional gain from antennas. And adds robustness to spoofing.



## National Benefits

- GPS has been the premier satnav system to date  
i.e. all consumer GNSS chips depend primarily on GPS,  
other constellations are secondary
- This will change if GPS falls behind in features and performance



*"Who's Your Daddy?, Why GPS will continue to dominate consumer GNSS", Frank van Diggelen, Stanford PNT Symposium 2013. And: Inside GNSS Magazine Mar-Apr 2014.*



# 3. Other systems: accuracy and robustness services for consumers

- Galileo
  - HAS (High Accuracy Service), incl Internet
  - Nav message authentication
- BeiDou
  - GAS (Ground Augmentation Service) via Internet
  - PPP B2b (Broadcast PPP signals on B2 == L5)
- SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, etc)
  - Broadcast satellite data not useful to phones in cars, because data bits cannot be decoded.
  - But: very useful if distributed via Internet



Table 1 The BDS Service Plan

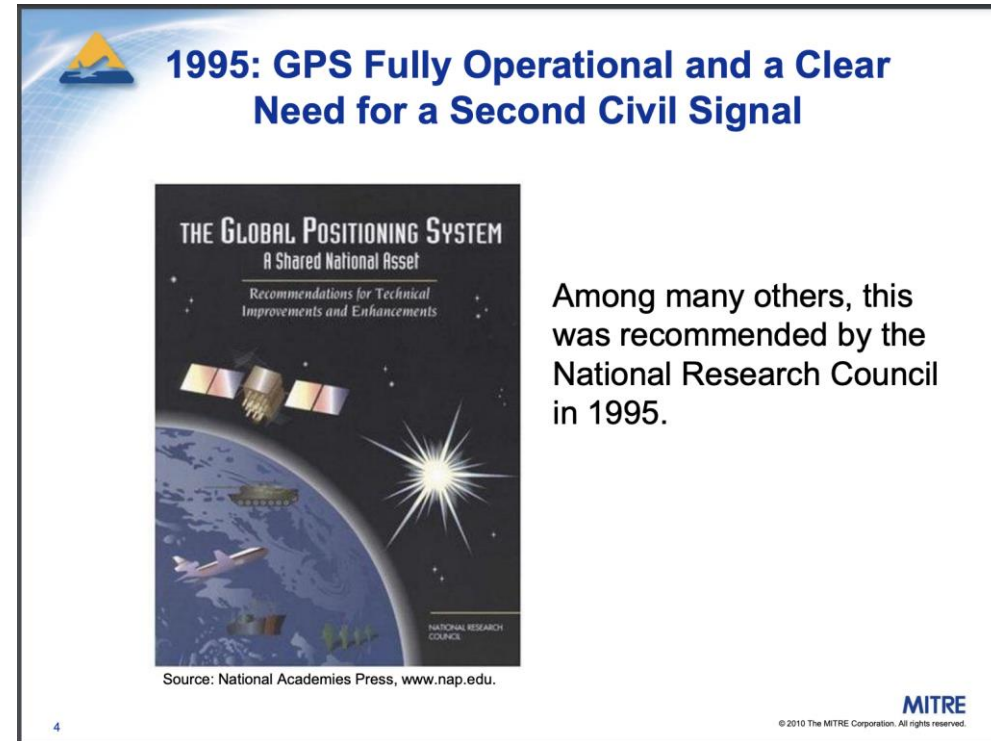
Service Types		Signal(s)/Band(s)	Broadcast Satellites
Worldwide	Positioning, Navigation and Timing (RNSS)	B1I, B3I	3GEO+3IGSO+24MEO
		B1C, B2a, B2b	3IGSO+24MEO
	Global Short Message Communication (GSMC)	Uplink: L Downlink: GSMC-B2b	Uplink: 14MEO Downlink: 3IGSO+24MEO
	International Search And Rescue (SAR)	Uplink: UHF Downlink: SAR-B2b	Uplink: 6MEO Downlink: 3IGSO+24MEO
China and Surrounding Areas	Satellite-based Augmentation System (SBAS)	BDSBAS-B1C, BDSBAS-B2a	3GEO
	Ground Augmentation System (GAS)	2G, 3G, 4G, 5G	Mobile communication networks, Internet
	Precise Point Positioning (PPP)	PPP-B2b	3GEO
	Regional Short Message Communication (RSMC)	Uplink: L Downlink: S	3GEO

Note: China and surrounding areas means 75°E to 135 °E, 10°N to 55°N



## 4. Internet based vs Satellite Based

- 2-3 years vs 20-30 years
- Stronger encryption via Internet



L5 was proposed in 1995.

28 years later, we have 18 (of 31) GPS satellites with L5.



## 5. Who can do this?

- DOT is already pursuing Out Of Band navigation message authentication.
- WAAS already has corrections for improved accuracy
- The GDGPS study from the PNT Advisory Board showed that the JPL GDGPS service is one example of how HARS corrections for orbits and clocks can be computed.



## 6. What is needed next

- We need an owner, such as DOT or DOD, who can fund and implement the High Accuracy and Robustness Service for GPS.

