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## **National Position Navigation and Timing Architecture**

**APEC GNSS Innovation Summit**

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# Overview

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- PNT Architecture Background
- Architecture Development
- Vision, Strategy, and Vectors
- Way Forward



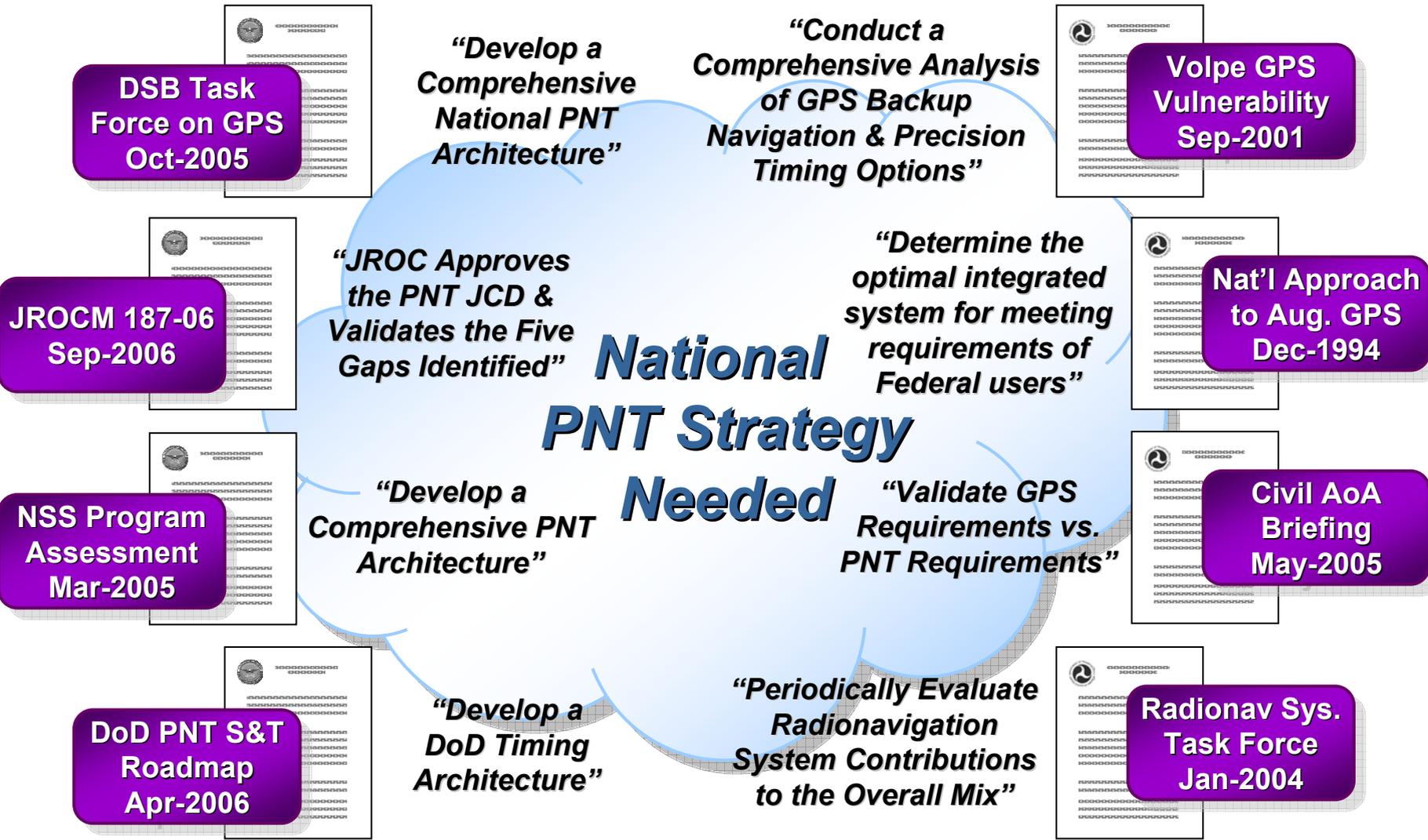
# PNT Architecture Background

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- Study requested by
  - Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration
  - Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy
  - National Space-based PNT Executive Committee
- Justification - PNT Strategic Landscape is Changing
  - Gaps in current capabilities
  - Insufficient unity of effort towards future PNT capabilities
- Products
  - 20 year strategic outlook to guide near and mid-term decisions on PNT capabilities



# Origins





# Foundations



RITA



FAA



JPDO



FHWA



FRA



DOC



NIST



DHS



USCG



DOI



State



NASA



NCO

**ASD/NII Memo  
23-Jan-2006**



**DOT/RITA  
Memo  
14-Mar-2006**



**NPEC  
Action Items  
26-Jan-2006**



***“NSSO develop a  
National PNT  
Architecture”***

***“RITA will lead  
effort on behalf of  
DOT for the civil  
community”***

***“NPCO will  
initiate an effort  
with NSSO”***

**PNT Architecture  
TOR  
11-Jul-2006**



***More Effective & Efficient PNT and an Evolutionary  
Path for Government Provided Systems & Services***



NII



S&T



PBFA



JS



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STRAT



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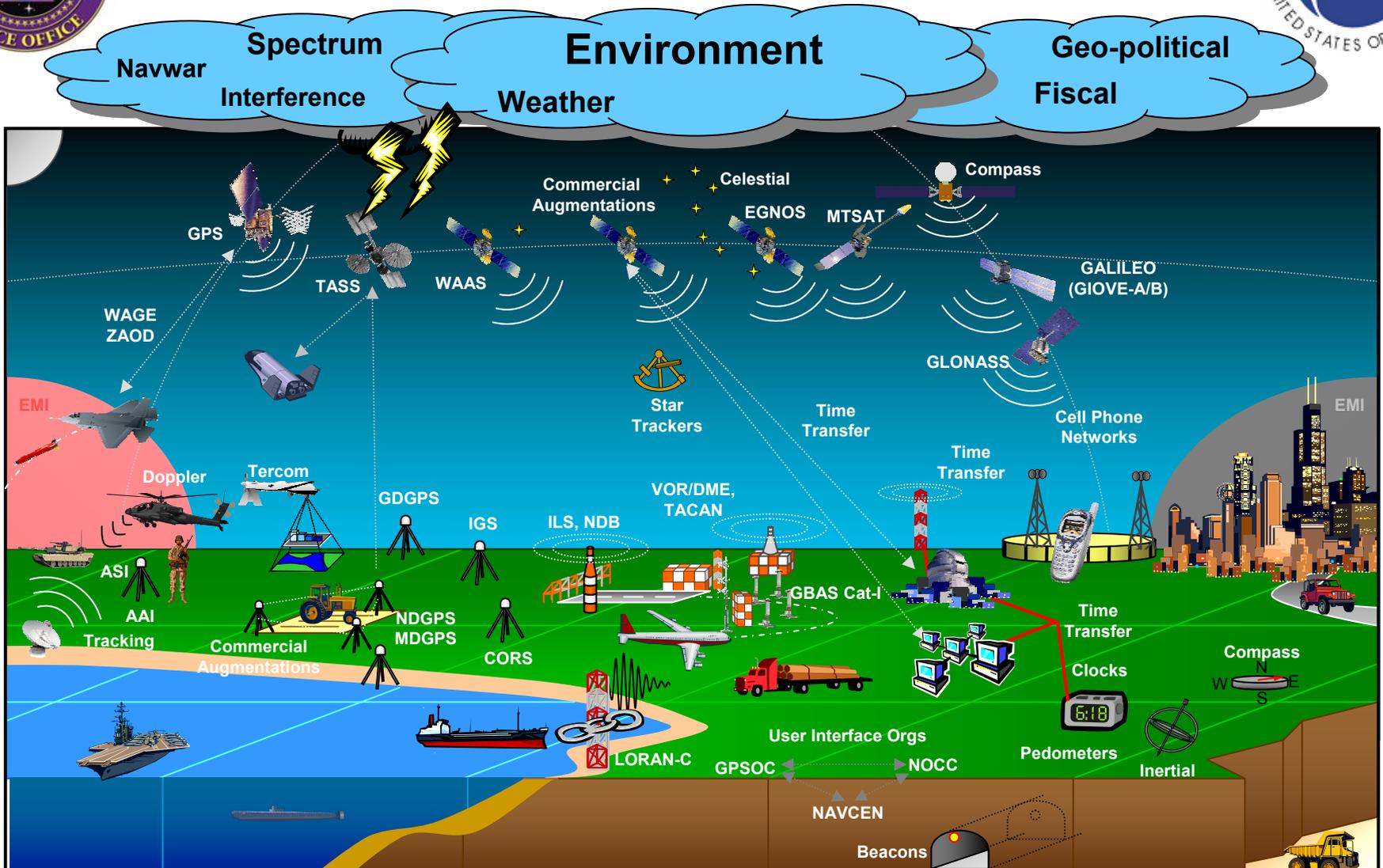
# National PNT Architecture Scope

USERS	DOMAIN	MISSIONS	SOURCES	PROVIDERS
Military	Space	Location Based Services	GNSS	Military
Homeland Security		Tracking	GNSS Augmentation	Civil
Civil	Air	Survey	Terrestrial NAVAIDS	
	Surface	Recreation	Onboard / User Equip	Commercial
Transportation		Machine Control	International	
Machine Control		Agriculture	Networks	
Commercial	Sub-Surface	Weapons		
Individual		Orientation		
	Communications and Timing			

Broad Scope Requires Innovative Approaches and Focused Analysis Efforts



# "As-Is" PNT Architecture Graphic (2008)



Standards	Reference Frames	Cryptography	Science & Technology	USNO	NIST	NGA	NGS
Star Catalogs	Launch	<b>ENABLERS &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		NSA	Industrial Base		
Electro Optical Info.	Modeling	Mapping/Charting/Geodesy	Laser Ranging Network	Policies			Testing



# Primary PNT Gaps

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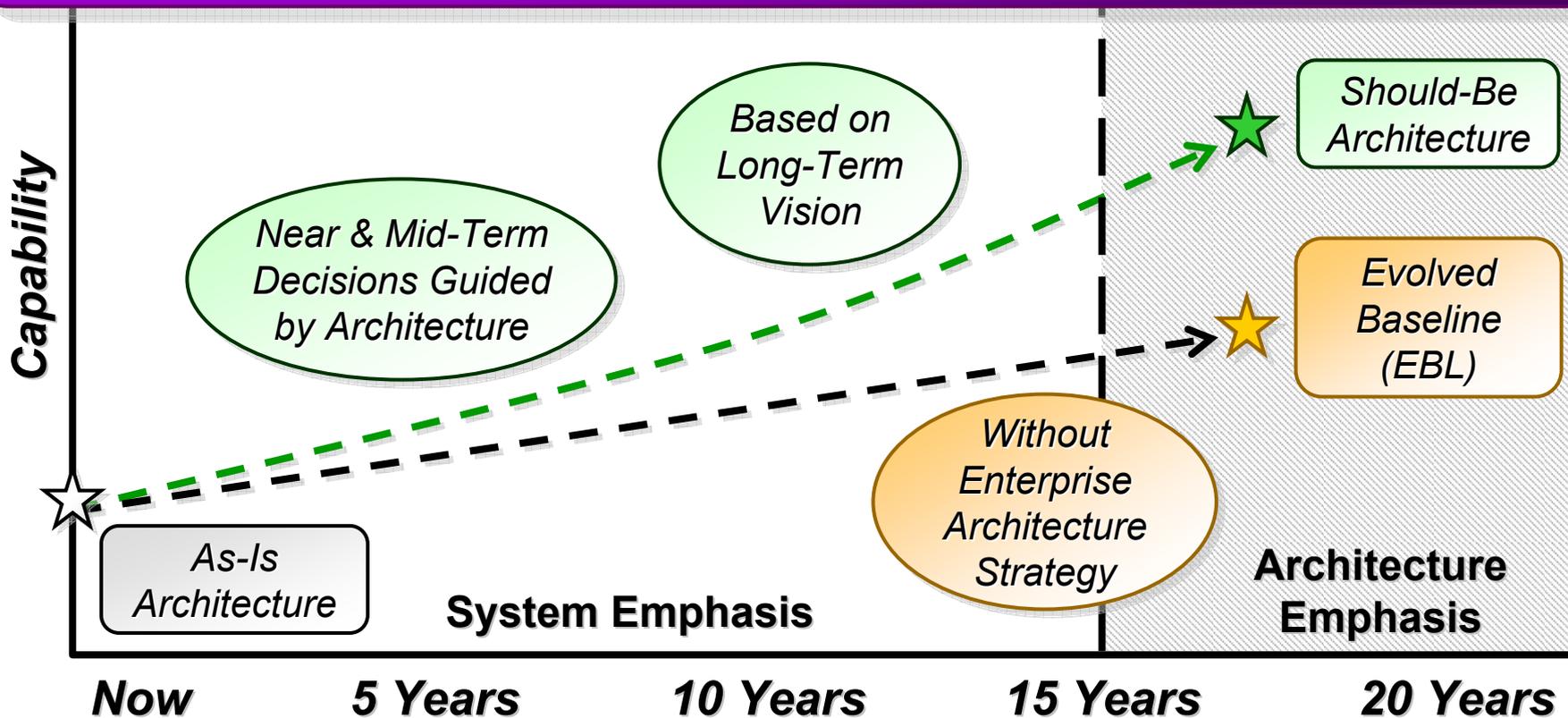


- Gaps primarily drawn from military's PNT Joint Capabilities Document, with additions and modifications from parallel civil community documents and discussions
  - Physically Impeded Environments
  - Electromagnetically Impeded Environments
  - Higher accuracy with integrity
  - Hazardously Misleading Info (Integrity)
  - High Altitude/Space Position and Orientation
  - Geospatial information - access to improved GIS data (regarding intended path of travel)
  - Insufficient modeling capability



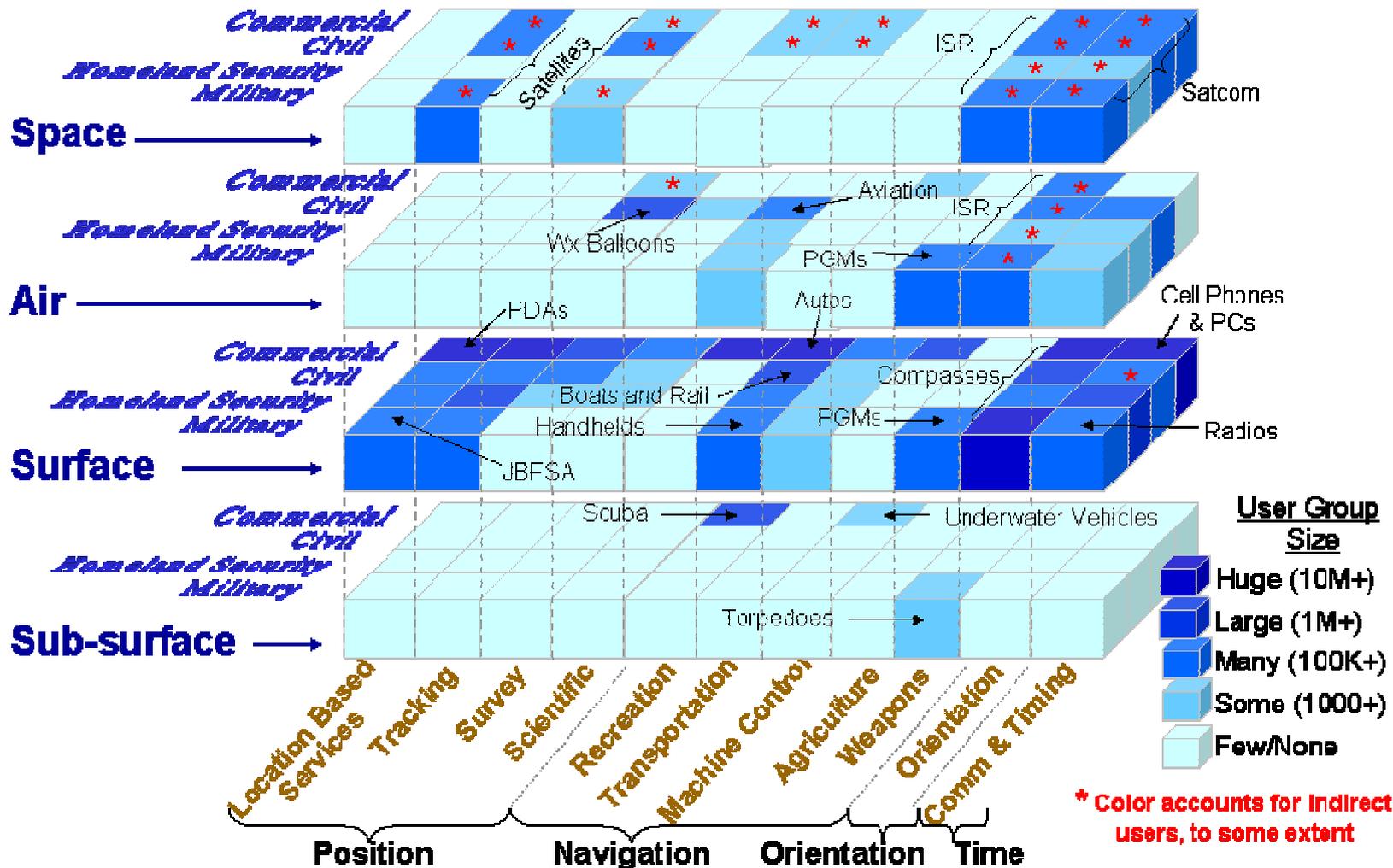
# Primary Objective of the Architecture

*“...provide more effective and efficient PNT capabilities focused on the 2025 timeframe and an evolutionary path for government provided systems and services.”* -- Terms of Reference





# PNT User Perspectives (2025)



Framework to describe user needs & environments, and which users are affected by each capability gap



# Cumulative Process

## Concept Development

**Concept Development**

Concept Development PNT Architecture

- Source Location (of the service)
  - Terrestrial: concept provides service near, or beneath the surface of
  - Space: concept provides service
- Service Volume (of the service)
  - Local: concept provides a meaningful service only at a fixed point
  - Interplanetary: concept provides meaningful service throughout the system
- Autonomy (of the user)
  - Dependent: concept requires the collection of information from nodes to provide a meaningful service
  - Autonomous: concept, once a self-contained and requires no information from external nodes a meaningful service

Example RA: Dependent Terrestrial

Job Aid – PNT Architecture Features

Hybrid Refinement Process

Needs & Features

Hybrid A Concept

Trade Space, Features & Architectures

## Analysis & Assessment

**Analysis & Assessment**

Related Efforts & Upcoming Decisions

Preliminary Analysis – Feb 07

Hybrid Assessment Process

Analytical Framework



## Community Involvement

Architecture Development Team,  
Subject Matter Experts,  
Small Working Groups  
& Industry



## Needs & Gaps

## Data Gathering

PNT User Perspectives (2025)

PNT Gap: Physically Impeded Environments

Who: Cell phones, radios, PDAs for LBS, and asset tracking, surface transport

Where: Areas including indoors, urban canyons, underground, underwater, and under dense foliage; users moving at surface speeds; communications available

Issues: Cost a key constraint; multipath; user equipment size/weight

Reference: PNT JCD pg 13

Why: Growth of urban areas; growing indoor applications; current GPS radio frequency signals not always available

Functional Reference Model

PNT Evolved Baseline (2025)

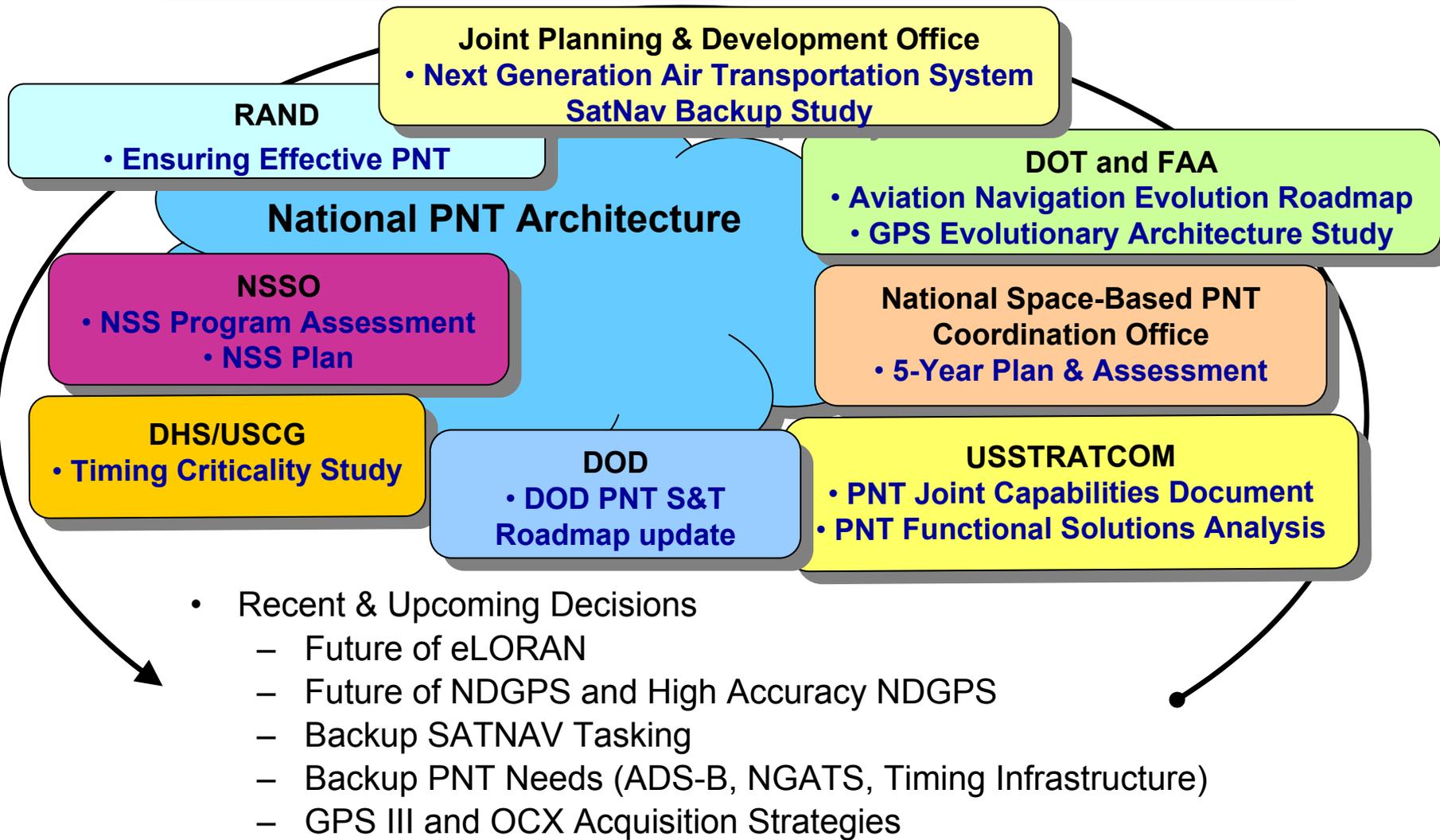
Environment: Spectrum, Weather, Geo-political, Fiscal

Enablers & Infrastructure

Environment, Technology  
& Evolved Baseline



# Related Efforts & National Decisions



**MAINTAIN SHARED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**



# Guiding Principles

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## *VISION*

US Leadership in Global PNT

## *STRATEGY*

Greater Common Denominator

## *PRIMARY VECTOR*

Multiple Phenomenologies

## *PRIMARY VECTOR*

Interchangeable Solutions

## *SUPPORTING VECTOR*

Synergy of PNT with Communications

## *SUPPORTING VECTOR*

Cooperative Organizational Structures



# National PNT Architecture Vision

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## US Leadership in Global PNT

- National PNT Architecture based on policy foundation set by 2004 Presidential Policy Directive on Space-Based PNT
- Efficiently (cost, schedule, acceptable risks, user impact) develop and field the best technologies and systems
- Promulgate stable policies (commitment to funding, commitment to performance, advanced notice of change, etc)
- Foster innovation through competition within the commercial sector
- Ensure robust and enduring inter-agency coordination and cooperation
- Maximize the practical use of military, civil, commercial and foreign systems and technologies
- Judiciously develop and apply standards and best practices



# National PNT Architecture Strategy

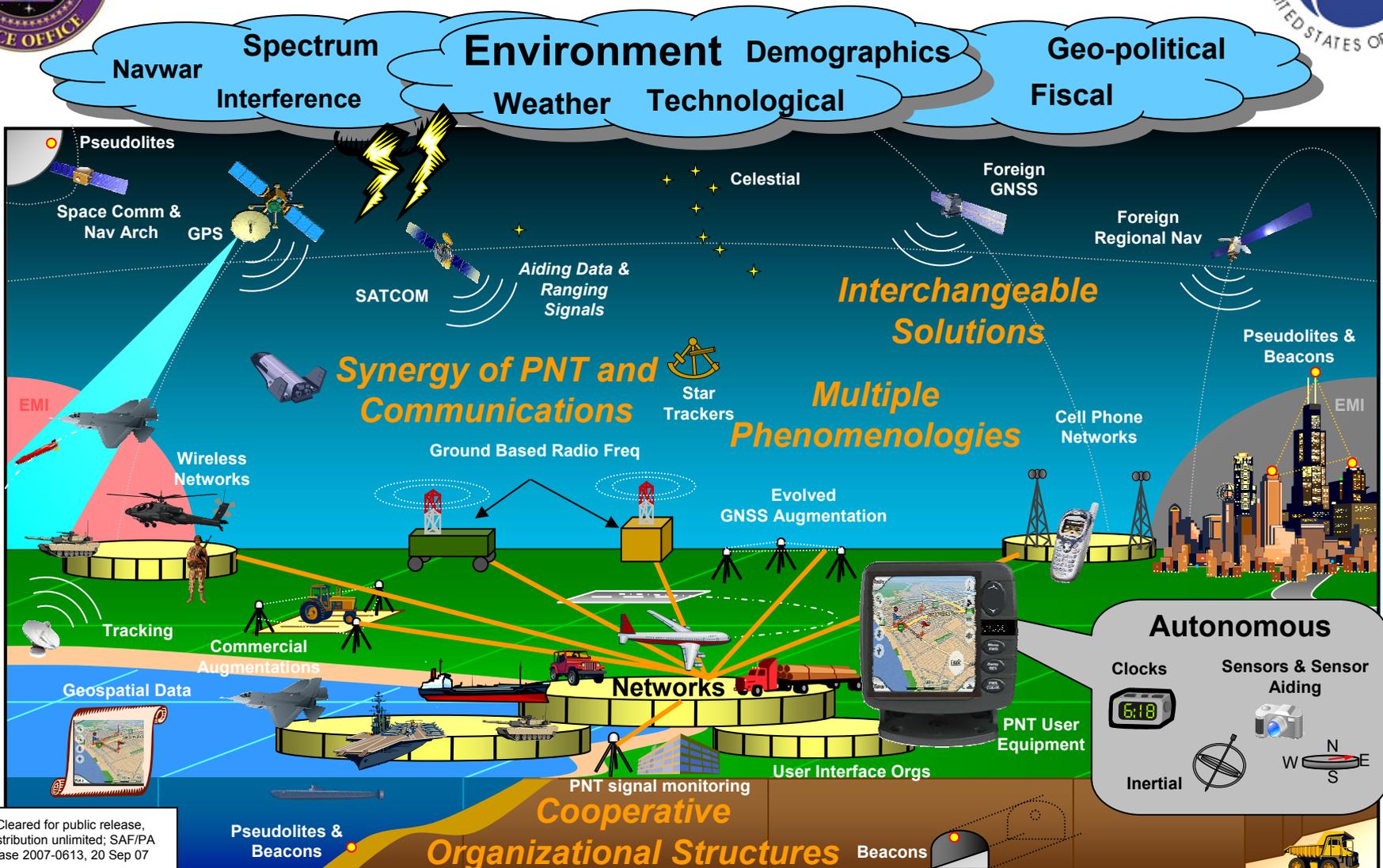


## The US can Best Achieve Efficiency and Effectiveness through a Greater Common Denominator Approach

- Satisfy common needs with common solutions
- Promulgate a predominantly “dependent” architecture where users rely upon external sources
- Leverage ongoing US GNSS modernization to assure global service and support national interests
- Promote adoption of low-burden “autonomous” features for robustness
- Specialized needs still require specialized solutions
- Balance provided or enabled capabilities with the need for a military PNT advantage



# "Should-Be" PNT Architecture Graphic (2025)



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# Next Steps

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- NSSO, RITA & NII oversee development of detailed transition and implementation planning
- Hold Workshop to Obtain Industry Feedback on Recommendations When Publicly Released
- Architecture Implementation Memorandum
  - Approved event-based implementation timeline
- Influence update to PNT planning documents
  - Federal Radionavigation Plan
  - Five-Year National Space-Based PNT Plan



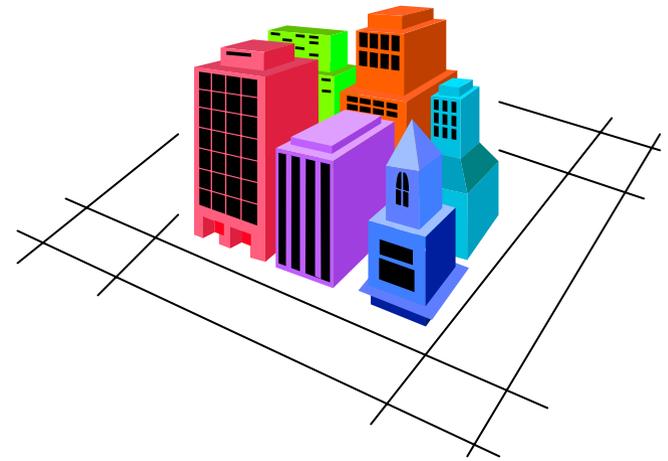
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# BACKUPS



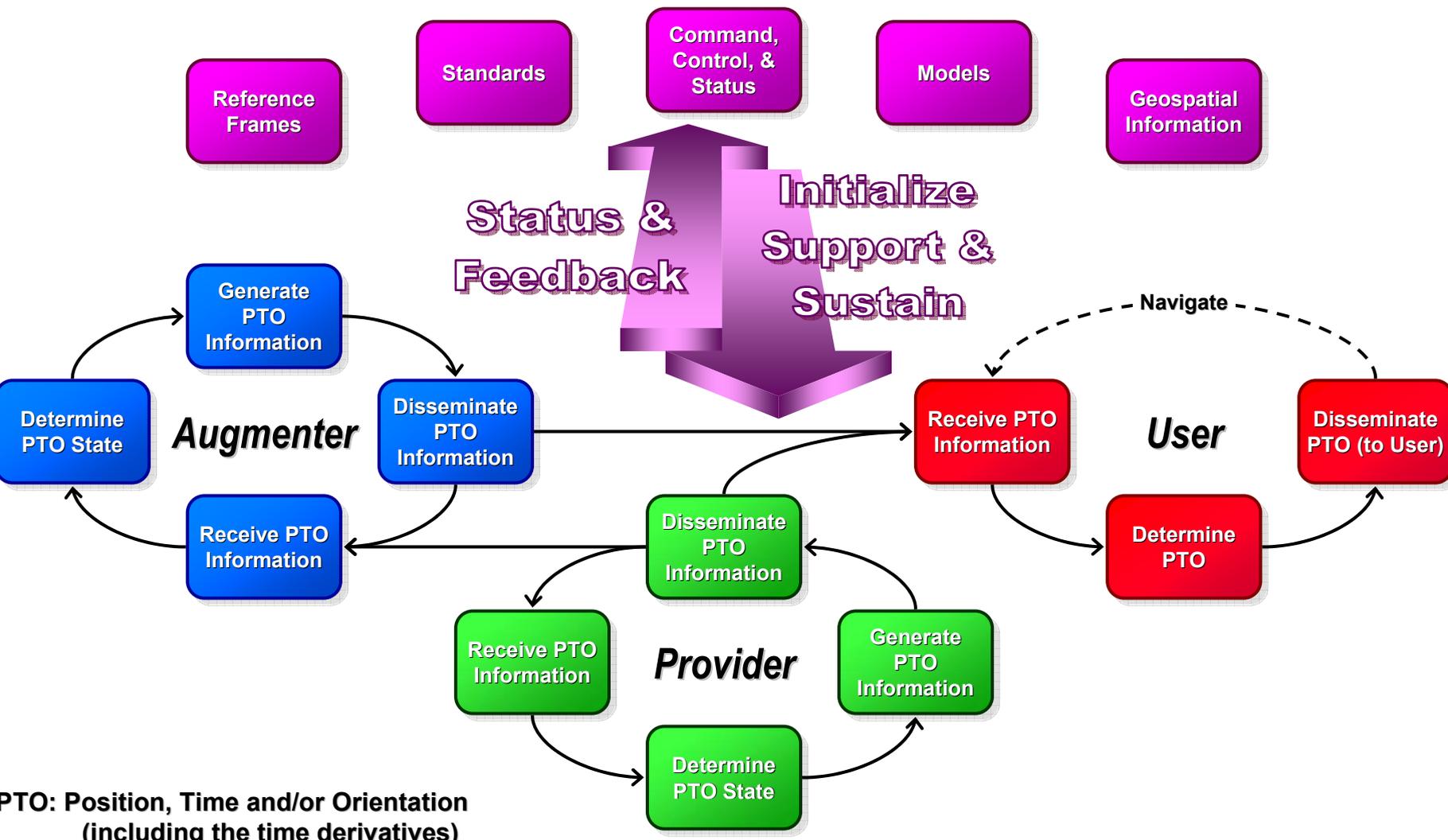
# Purpose of NSSO Architectures

- Enterprise Level Guidance
  - High Level Capabilities
  - Fundamental Processes
  - Organizations
  - Infrastructure
- Similar to City Planning
  - Considerations for how people, buildings, transportation, utilities work together
  - Effect of External Factors (e.g., weather, state jurisdiction, etc.)
  - Objective is not to design all the buildings
  - May conduct detailed design of some elements, primarily to gain understanding of higher level issues





# Functional Reference Model



PTO: Position, Time and/or Orientation (including the time derivatives)



# PNT Architecture Trade Space



## Source Location (of the service provider)

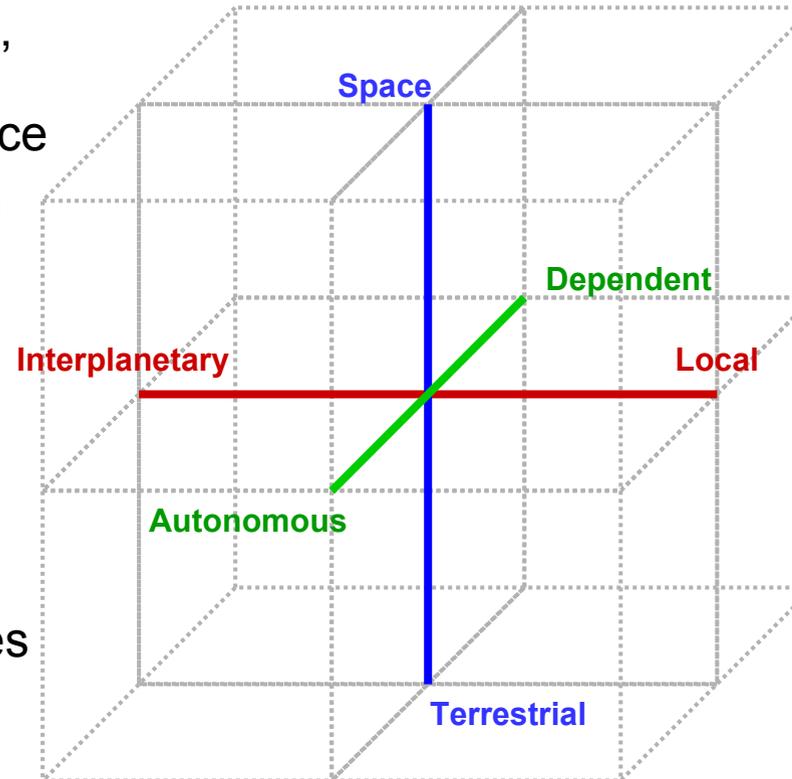
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## Service Volume (of the service provided)

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## Autonomy (of the user)

- **Dependent:** concept requires frequent refresh of information from external sources to provide a meaningful service
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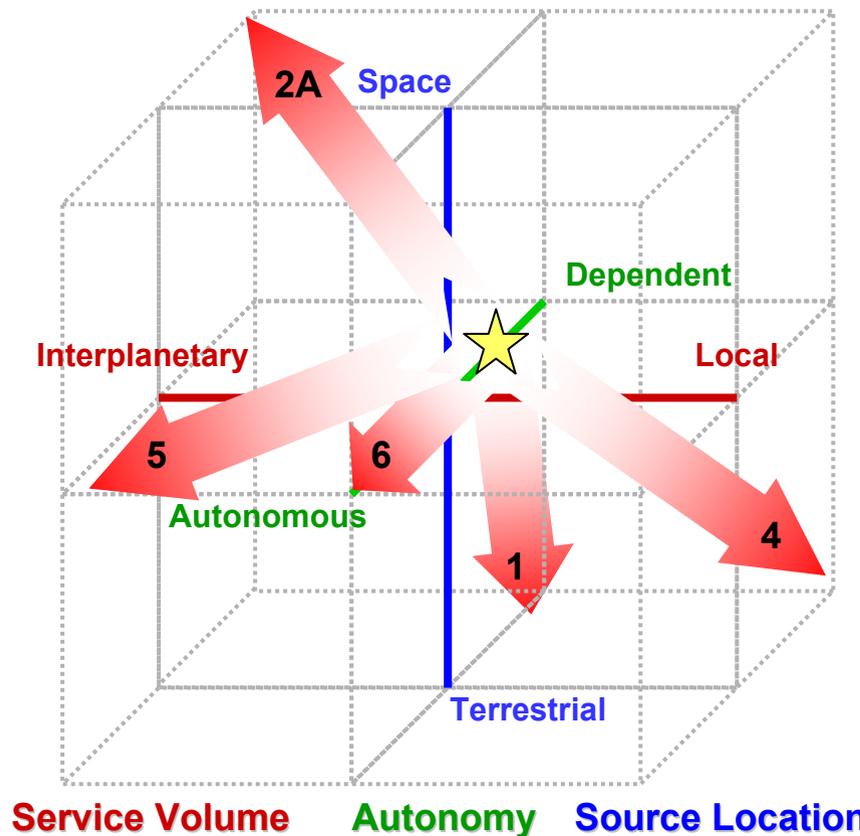




# PNT Representative Architectures (RA)



- 0: Evolved Baseline
- 1: Dependent Terrestrial
- 2A: Combined GNSS Constellations
- 4: Network Aiding of GNSS
- 5: Aided Autonomous Sensors and Aiding Sources
- 6: Highly Autonomous



★ RA0 = EBL (Point of Departure)

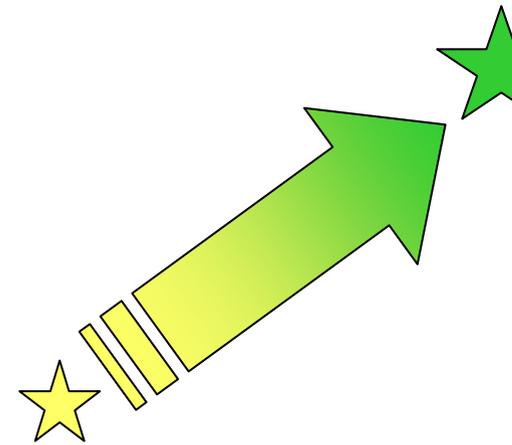
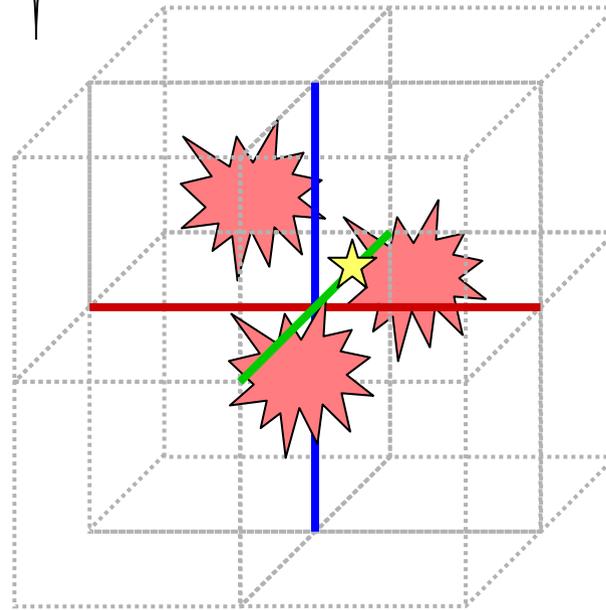
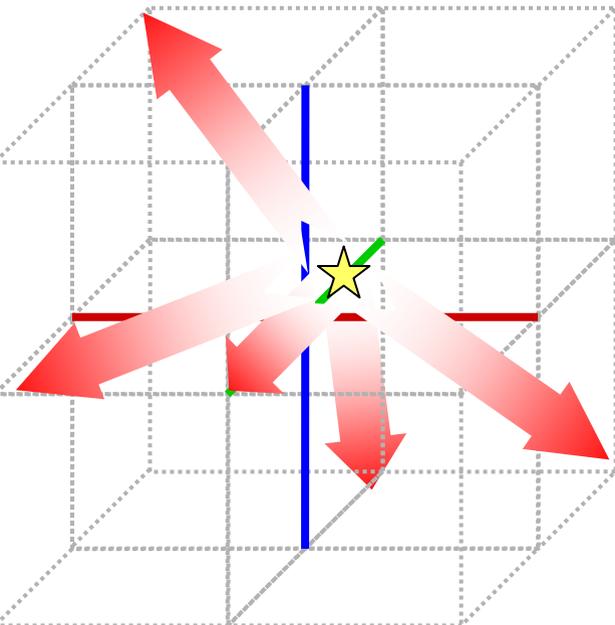
RA's ARE NOT FINAL SOLUTIONS – THEY ARE USED TO GAIN INSIGHTS TOWARDS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS



# From Representative Architectures ... to Recommendations

**Preliminary Analysis  
(Feb - Mar 07)**

**Cost and  
Performance Analysis  
(Apr - Jul 07)**



**Representative  
Architectures**

**Hybrid  
Architectures**

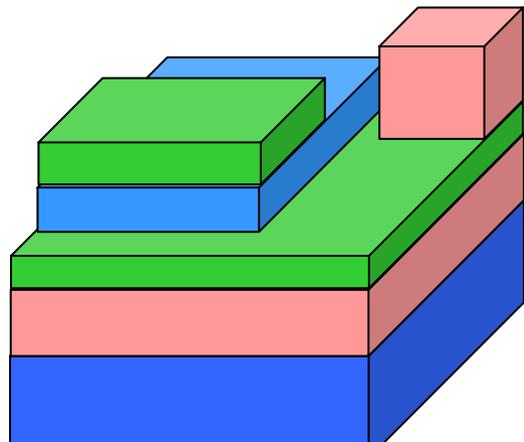
**Should Be Architecture**  
- Recommendations  
- Guidance  
- Decision Criteria



# Three Themes (Hybrid Architectures)

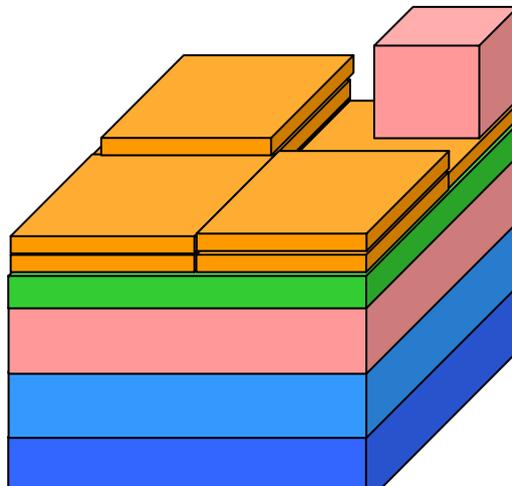
## Hybrid A

- Common solutions for many users
- Horizontal integration
- Greatest common denominator
- Emphasis on global and long range broadcasts direct to users



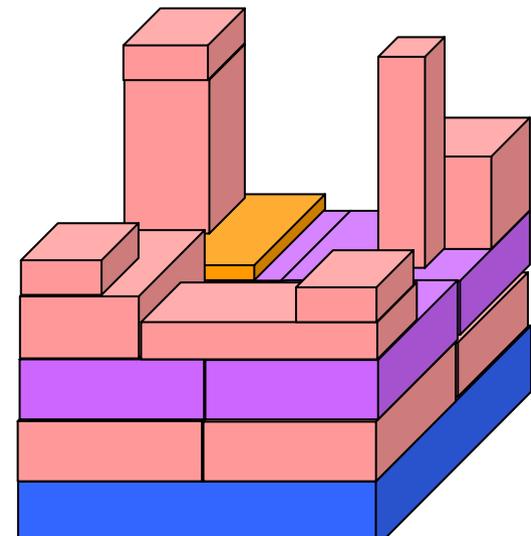
## Hybrid B

- Common solutions for many users
- Horizontal integration
- Greatest common denominator
- Emphasis on networks



## Hybrid C

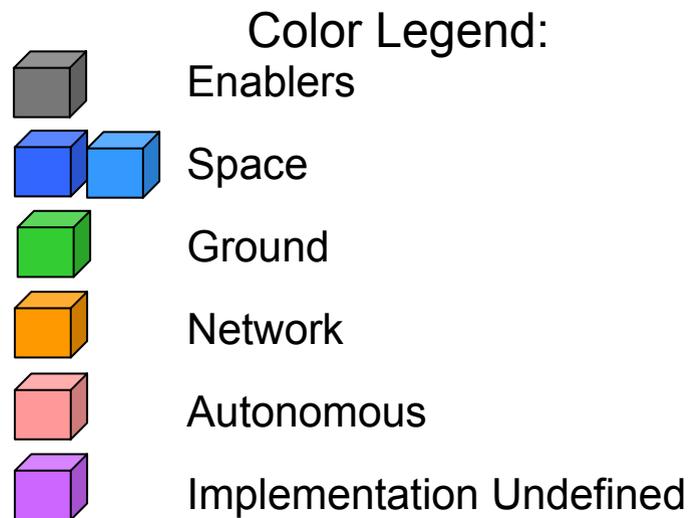
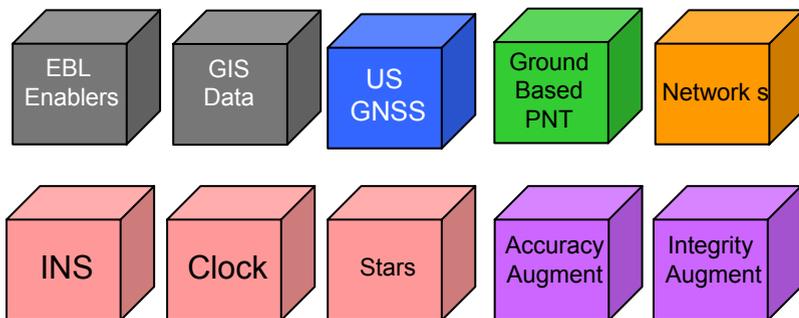
- Specialized solutions for each user group
- Vertical integration
- Least common denominator
- Emphasis on autonomous solutions



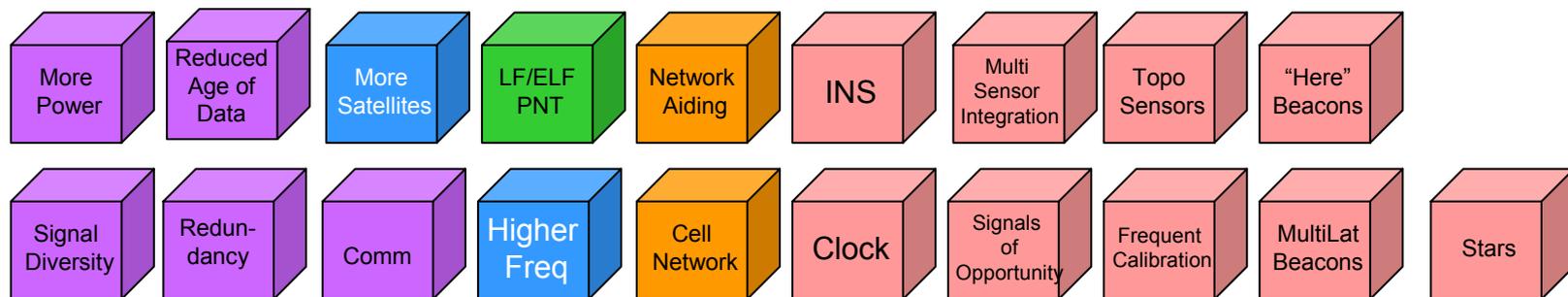


# Job Aid -- Draft PNT Architecture Features

These features should be hybrid cornerstones:



These features/systems can contribute to covering primary PNT gaps; those which help the most, or which help to cover multiple gaps, should be included in hybrids:

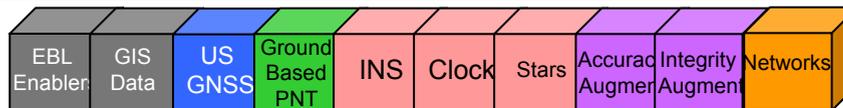




# Job Aid – PNT Architecture Features vs. Gaps



## Cornerstone Features:



## Selected features that can contribute to covering gaps

### Primary Gaps

