

# Purpose of US PNTAB:

## Assuring PNT for all- and

## Exploiting GNSS for Future Applications

*FACA Representing 100s of millions of diverse users  
and many scores of applications*

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What is important for  
PNT users now?



Two of the "Important Things" that I Listed  
earlier

## An Initial List of Important Things 3

### "Future Applications and Capabilities"

**F1.** Defining and publicizing power of 2nd (and 3rd) GNSS satellite signal lobe for SSV

**F2** Progress and prospects of Intelligent Transportation Program (includes positive Train Control)

**F3** Accelerate Progress on fielding Autonomous Vehicles - (e.g. large interstate trucks and consumer vehicles on expressways)

**F4.** How can GNSS help in integrating UAS and Urban Air Mobility (UAM) into the airspace system?

**F5.** Insuring protection for Powergrid Timing

**F6.** Ensuring Timing for the Financial community

**F7.** Ensuring scientific capabilities are preserved and enhanced, such as water vapor measurements and weather predictions

**F4. How can GNSS help in integrating UAS and Urban Air Mobility (UAM) into the airspace system?**

# Rapidly growing UAS applications - Significant Productivity Enhancements

- Power line inspection
- Agricultural Inspection
- Media coverage
- Security

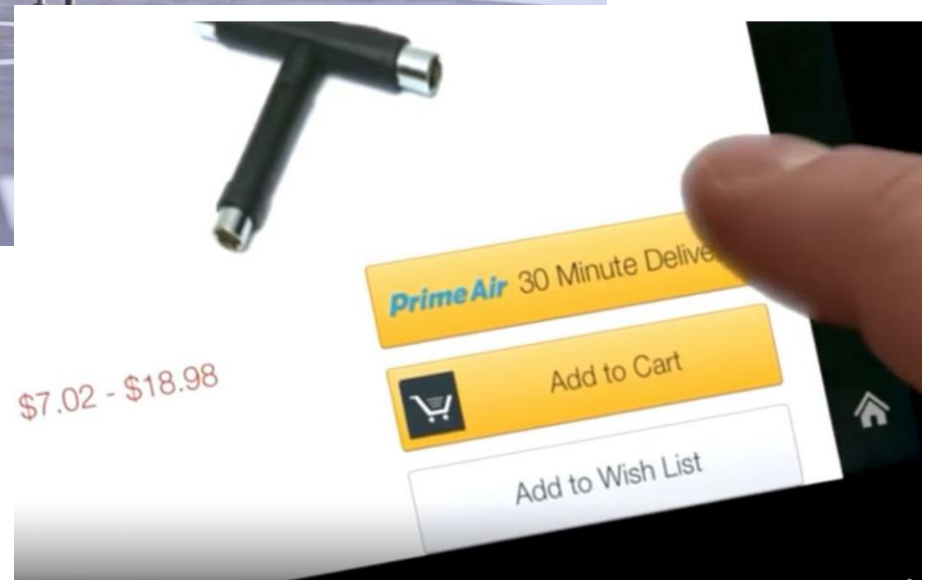


***Both UAS Control and  
Air Traffic Monitoring  
depend on GNSS***

# Autonomous Air Taxi - Volocopter now being tested in cities



# PrimeAir Coming to a house near you?





# A Problem: What non-UAS Applications spend time flying close to the ground?

*(Where collisions with UASs are most probable)*

- Commercial Airplanes during takeoff and landing
- Wildfire Tankers/Helicopters
- Law Enforcement Helicopters
- General Aviation - particularly a small or remote airfields



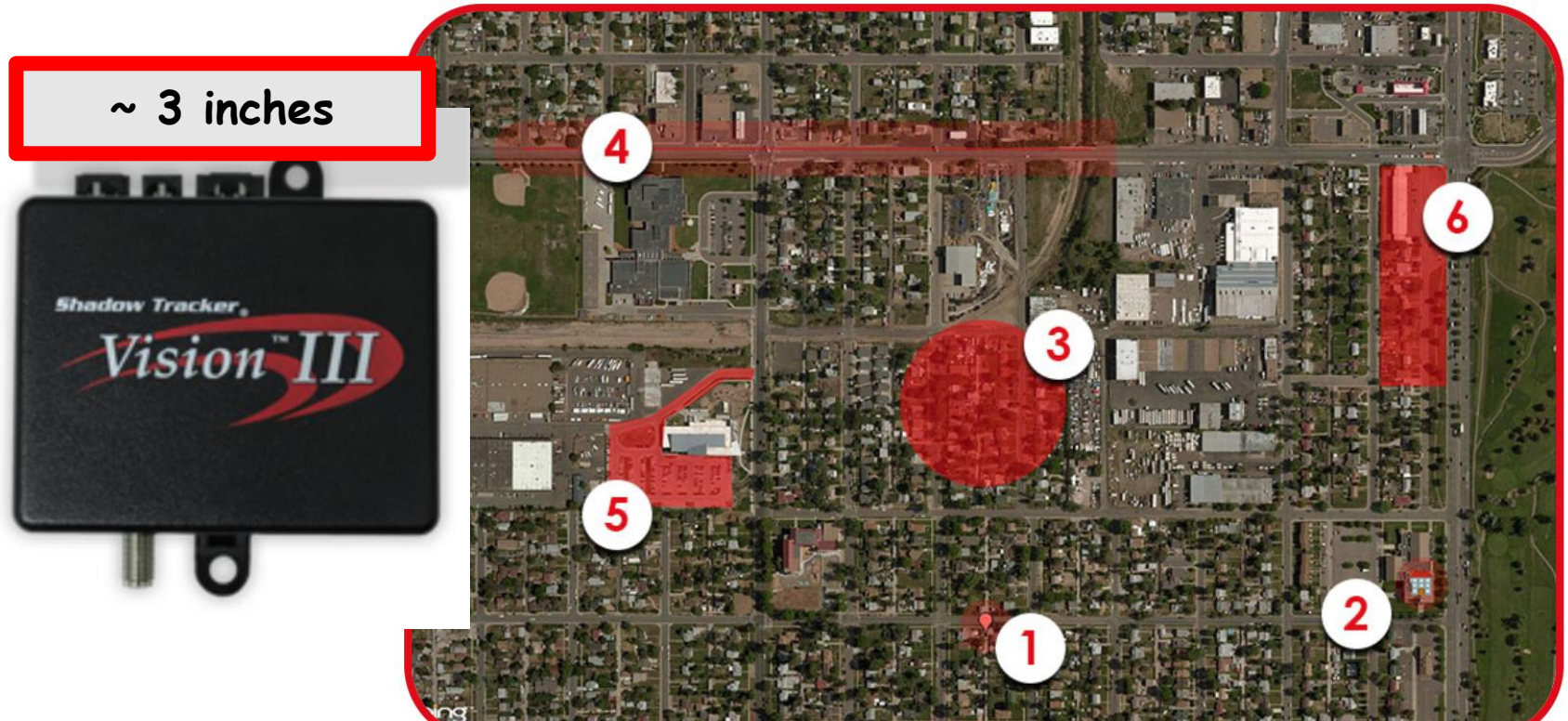
# Firefighting Aircraft are significant users of low-altitude airspace

## 14 Firefighting Aircraft Grounded by Drone, Operator Faces 14 Felony Charges



# Part of Solution? - GNSS based Geofencing - commercial products already available

GPS Satellite View



Need 3D and rapid exclusion assignment - enforcement?  
- Robust GNSS is key enabler

By 2022 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expects that there will be 2.9 million drones flying in the United States. (CNBC 2019)

## UAS/UAM regulation by FAA in US is evolving-amid safety and security concerns

- No simple answers but PNT/GNSS is at the heart of the problem and solution
- BVLOS not authorized, but certainly feasible and desirable for civil applications
- "Geofencing" has well established products and systems for ground fleet management
  - GNSS as Position measurement/location
  - Adaptation to UAS/UAM?
  - Static and dynamic fences?
  - Feasibility of fail safe UAS control?

**F3. Accelerate Progress on  
fielding Autonomous Vehicles -  
(especially large interstate  
trucks and consumer vehicles on  
expressways)**



# 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 years, human factors—such as distraction, impairment—are the primary cause of traffic accidents. Reason suggests that the only way to get the idiotic humans out of the driver's seat is to

But are sci-fi-style, fully autonomous cars the answer? David Shinar, head of the Human Factors Safety Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania, says that human drivers will probably never disappear. "We're not simply changing the controller of the system," he says. "We're

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

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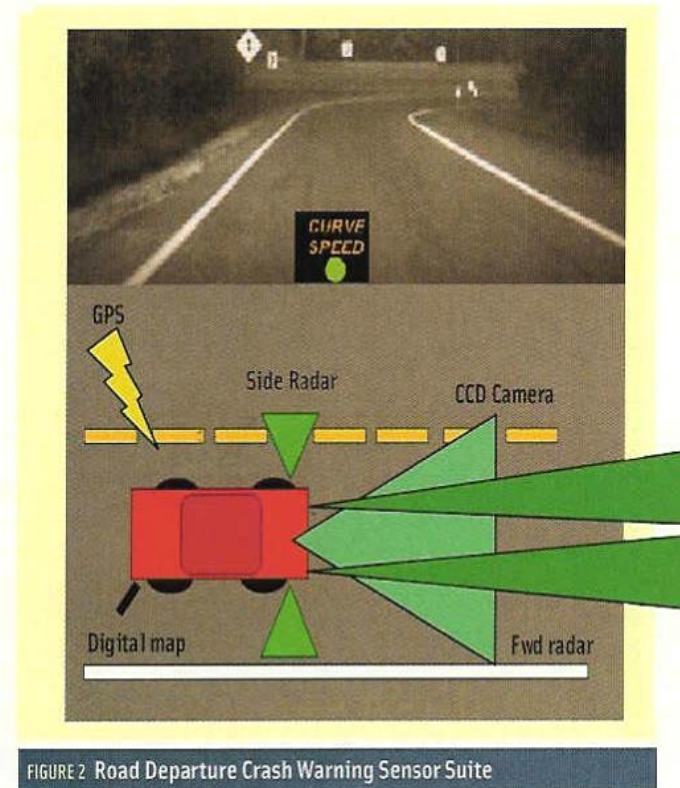
US Traffic Fatalities in Recent 10  
Years:

**387,000**

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

# Implementing "Brilliant Autos" (Auto-guided Automobiles) and "Brilliant Semis" (Auto-guided long-haul trucks/lorries)

- Use all GNSS Position Signals
- Vector Kinematic Receivers (10 cm or better)
- MEMS/IMU
- 360° Radars
- Cooperative Tracking of other vehicles (V2V)



"Brilliant Vehicles" - GNSS will be an essential part - Needs Phased Introduction (underway!)

- Phase I: Alerts and Warnings (especially for low-vis)
  - Lane Drifting
  - Adjacent Vehicle Hazards
  - Traction
  - Curves
  - Vehicles
  - Road Hazards
- Phase II: Auto Steering/Throttle/Braking with manual over-ride
- Phase III (for Cargo Trucks): No Driver



### F3. Status and enablers for Autonomous Road Vehicles - specially Semi's

- “The Freightliner”
- Daimler-Benz Prototype
- GNSS *plus*
- Stereo Camera Reads Lanes
- Short and Long Range Radars

- The World's First Self-Driving Semi-Truck Hits the Road (May 2015)



- Including: V2V  
Vehicle to Vehicle  
Communications - What are  
adjacent vehicles doing?

# European Demonstration: Truck Platooning - not yet fully automatic

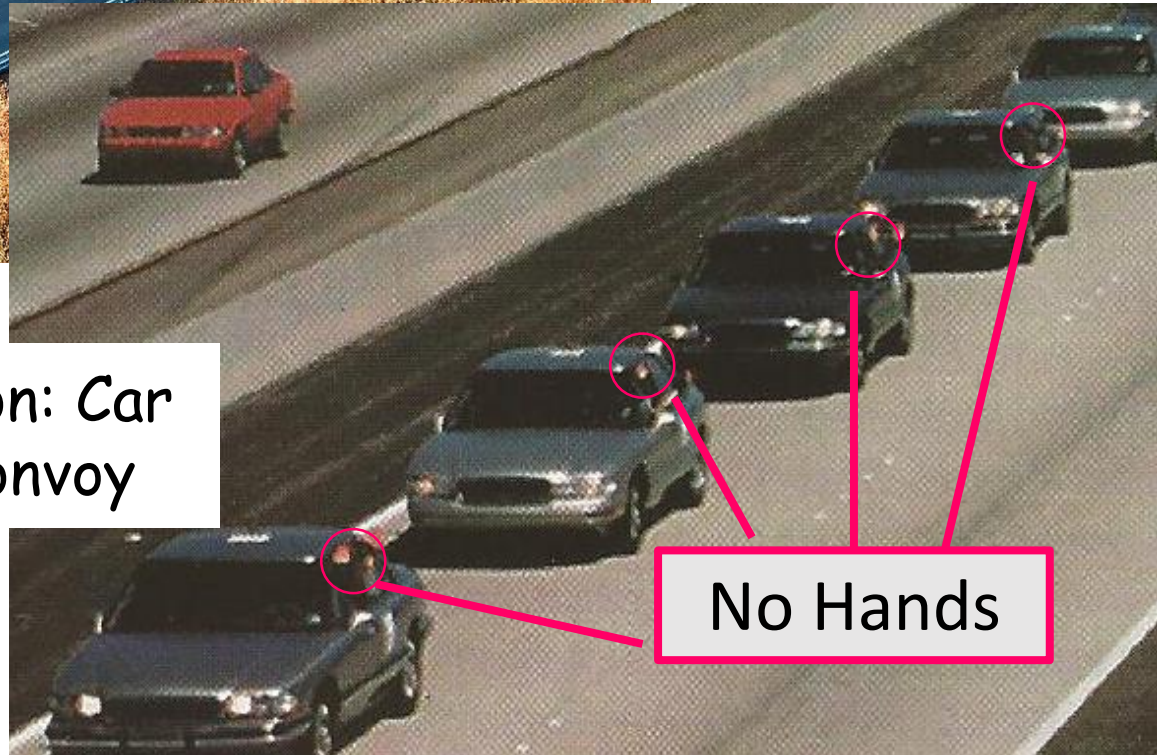


On average 10 percent less fuel per journey.

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90 percent of driving accidents are caused by human error...

# Demonstration: Car Autopilot Convoy



# Payoffs of Autonomous Long-haul Trucks

## Economic

- Drivers Cost ~100K\$/yr.
  - Can run for < 12 hours/day
- 3 Million Full-time drivers in US
- Predict Shortage of 240,000 drivers by 2020
- Platooning saves Fuel

## Safety

- In 2012 in US Trucks involved in ~ 330,000 Accidents
  - ~ 4000 people killed - mostly in cars
  - **90% were driver error**
- Safety Features being installed: Lane Control, Automatic Braking

• **“Let the trucks drive themselves, and you can improve safety, meet increased demand, and save time and fuel.”**

(Wired Magazine May 2015)

# Many Issues to be resolved with self-driving vehicles

- Safety

- Integrity

- Accuracy

GNSS can help with these issues

- Affordability
- Certification
- Public/Political Acceptance



# Conclusion:

## GNSS can contribute for both F3 & F4

- Continue Improvements in Availability (ARAIM)

- *Frequency diversity* (e.g. using dual frequency measurements on L1/L5 for GPS),
- *Geometry diversity* (e.g. using as many GNSS constellations as possible in order to reach the required levels of satellite availability),
- *Use of an Integrity Support Message (ISM)* send safety assertions for each of the core GNSS to the sovereign responsible for a given airspace,

- Accelerate Interchangeability

(for Integrity, Availability and Accuracy)

- 4 Satellite Ranges from 4 Different Constellations yields the same Positioning Accuracy as 4 Satellite Ranges from one constellation or:

4 from 4  $\cong$  4 from 1 - "Any four will do"