

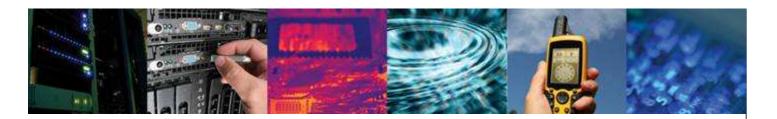


# eLoran – Terrestrial PRS Quality Timing

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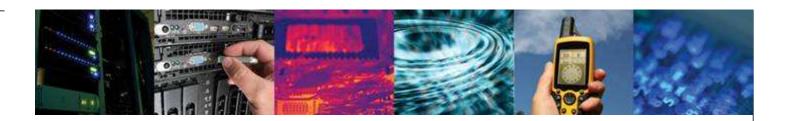




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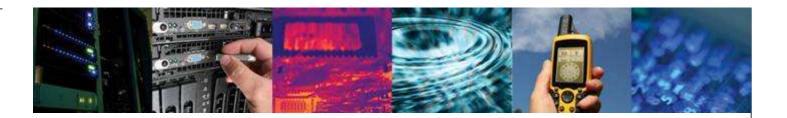




#### The Enhanced Loran (eLoran) System

- Internationally Standardized PNT System (Positioning Navigation and Timing)
- Latest evolution of the LOng RAnge Navigation system
- Meets Accuracy, Availability, Integrity and Continuity requirements of
  - Aviation non-precision instrument approaches
  - Maritime harbour entrance and approach manoeuvres
  - Land-mobile vehicle navigation
  - Location-based services
  - Precise source of time and frequency for applications such as telecommunications
- Independent, Dissimilar complement to GNSS Systems
  - Uses a different part of the electromagnetic spectrum
  - Time traceable to UTC independently of GNSS
  - Interoperable with GNSS for positioning, navigation and timing

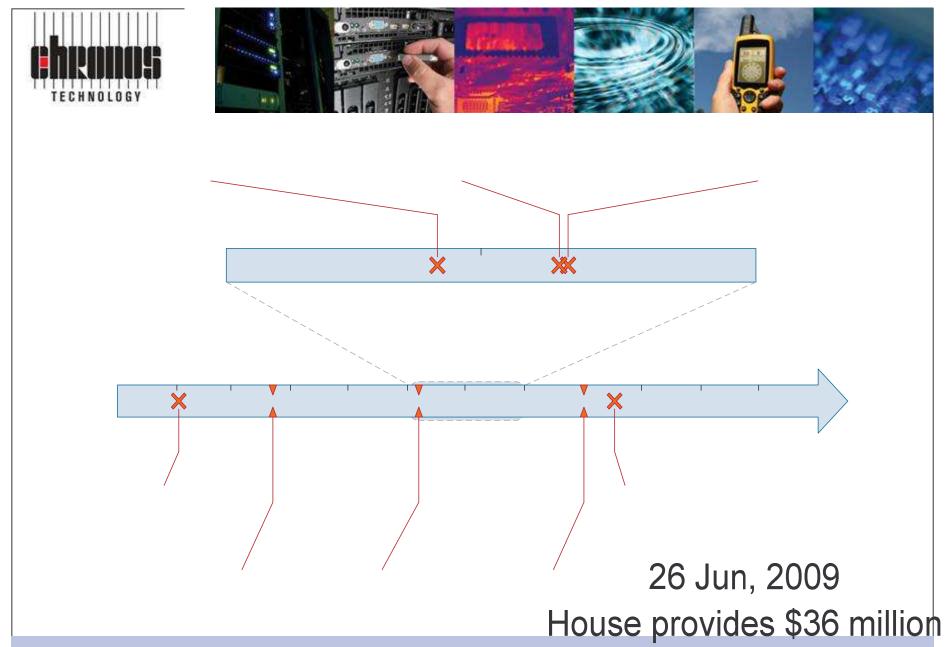




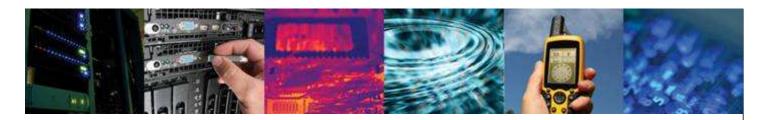
#### **Other Loran Facts**

- Loran/Chayka networks in many countries/regions
  - USA, Europe, Russia, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, India, South Korea
  - All funded and active with different functional capabilities
- Interference Immunity
  - Not susceptible to GPS impacting interference
  - Unique adaptive notch filtering to mitigate LF interference
- 100KHz LF Transmission Frequency
  - Different part of spectrum to GNSS (1-2 GHz)
  - Better building penetration
- Pulsed signal transmission
  - Allows separation of ground/skywave
  - Different to DCF77 or MSF 60KHz





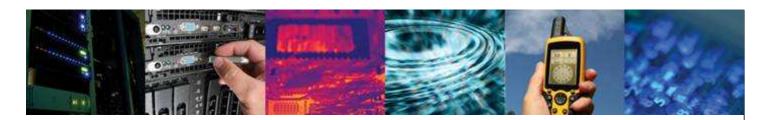




#### Recent Events

- Press Release, 30 May 2007
  - "Today, the General Lighthouse Authorities of the United Kingdom and Ireland announce the award of a prestigious fifteen-year contract to VT Communications (part of VT Group plc) for the provision of a state-ofthe-art enhanced Loran (eLoran) radionavigation service to improve the safety of mariners in the UK and Ireland"
  - 15 Year Funded Program by UK Government (Dept for Transport)
- Anthorn Progress
  - 7 July 2007 experimental transmitter moved from Rugby
  - 1 October 2007 first signals from Anthorn for test and verification
  - 1 December 2007 trial signals operational
  - 21 January 2008 UK eLoran Station "Enters Service"





## There is growing, strong, cross-government support for eLoran





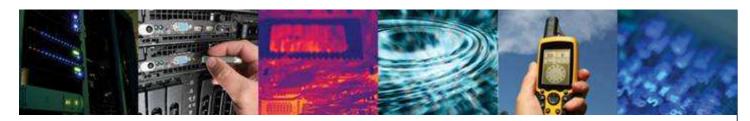


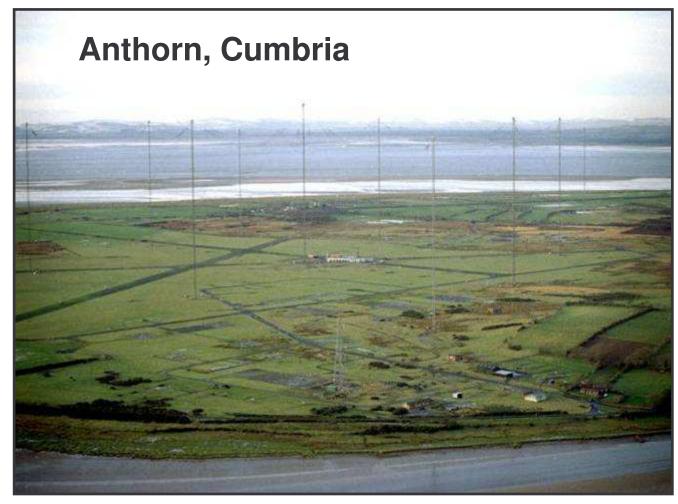
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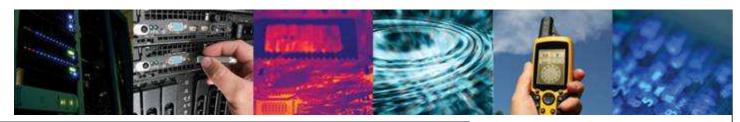










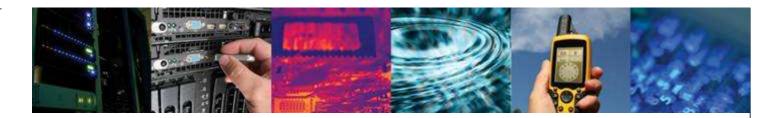








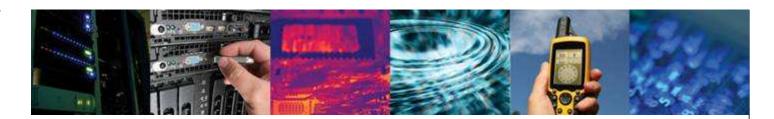




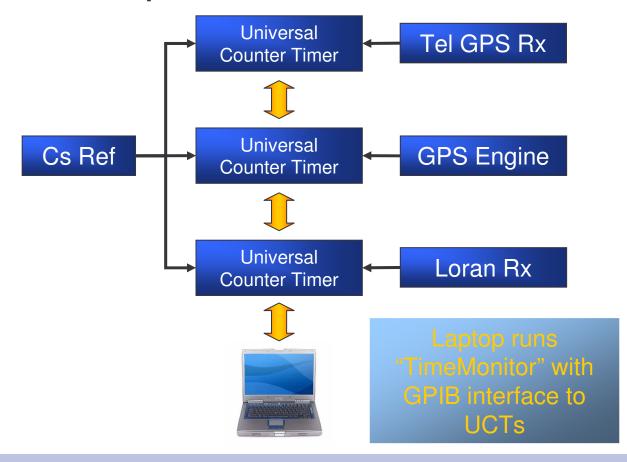
#### **Chronos Testing**

- Chronos Commissioned to "Type Approve" eLoran for Telecom Network Stability
- ITU G.811 used as Benchmark
  - Standard Network Stability metric for a Telecom Primary Reference Clock (PRC)
  - = GPS
  - = Cs
- Will eLoran step up to the mark?
- Used two test setups....

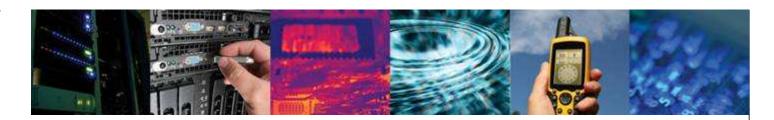




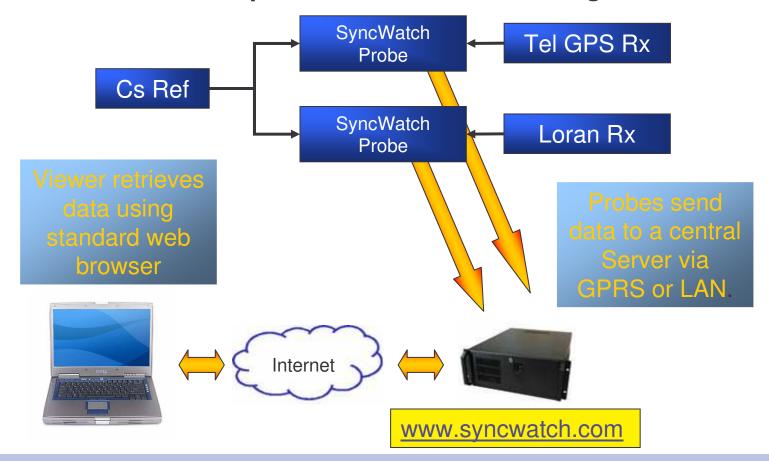
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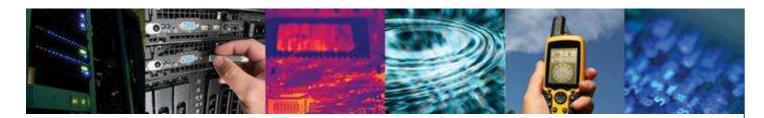




#### **Test Set-up #2 – Web Enabled Testing**



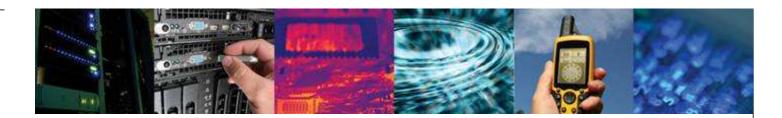






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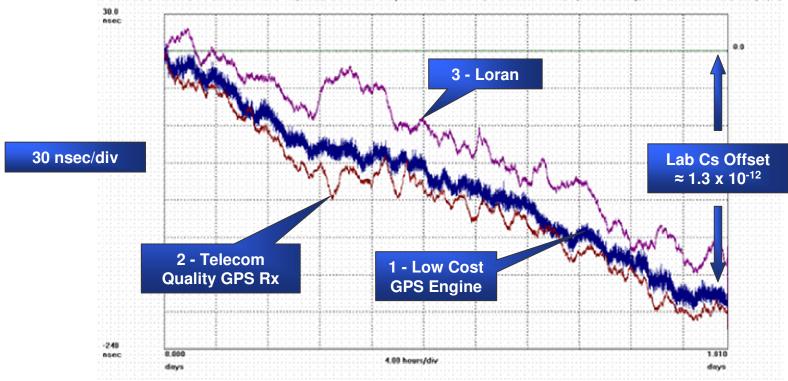
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Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

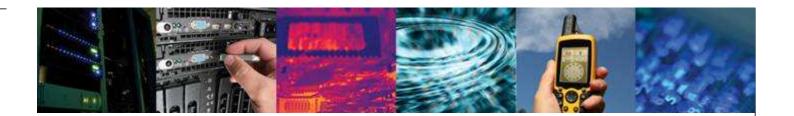
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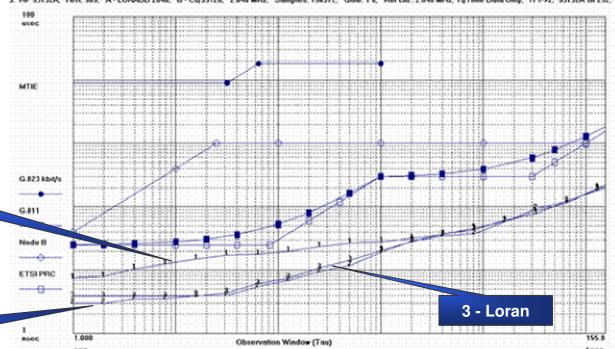






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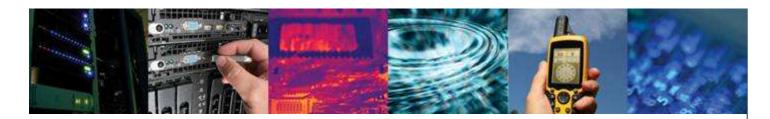
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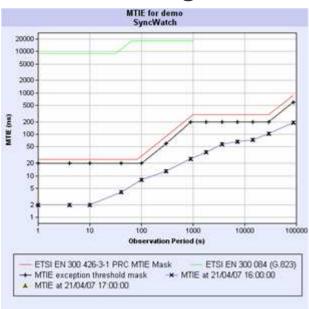
1 - Low Cost **GPS Engine** 

2 - Telecom **Quality GPS Rx** 

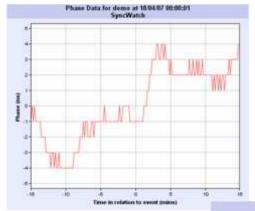




#### **Long Term Testing using Test Setup #2**



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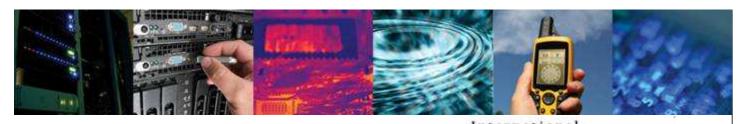


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Catch
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study, refine
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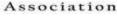
#### **ILA38 Portland, Maine, USA**



- The Loran community is very much alive
  - 2 Days of Papers, 60 Delegates
- Review of Hardware Supply (excluding China and Russia)
  - Two major transmitter manufacturers
    - Megapulse
    - Nautel
  - One Global Tx System Integrator
    - Ursanav
  - One Supplier of the Tx Loran Timing Suite
    - Symmetricom
  - Two Receiver manufacturers
    - Reelektronika
    - CrossRate
  - R&D
    - Various Academic & R&D Projects











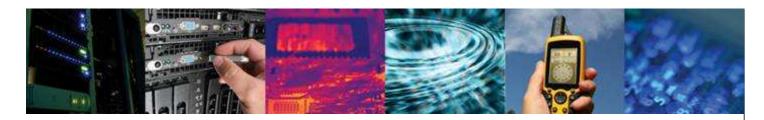






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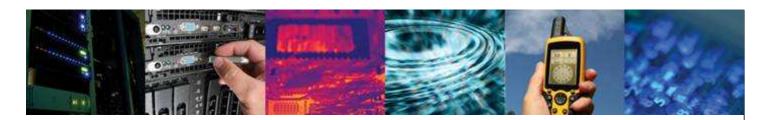




#### **Loran & Politics**

- Basic Stance
  - Obama wants to shut off Loran-C.
  - Administration has not taken a stance on eLoran.
- Current Law (signed Oct 2009)
  - Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations
    - If Commandant of the Coast Guard certifies that Loran-C is not needed for maritime navigation; and
    - Secretary of DHS certifies that the Loran-C infrastructure is not needed for a backup to GPS.
    - Then Loran-C can be shutoff on Jan. 4, 2010. Including selling all equipment and land associated with Loran-C.





#### **Loran & Politics (continued)**

- Ongoing Debate: Is eLoran going to be the backup to GPS?
  - Solid support for this in Congress.
  - PNT Executive Committee and PNT Advisory Board strongly recommend eLoran as the backup to GPS.
- Question Remains in U.S.
  - Will the Secretary of DHS ignore the scientific/technical recommendations and terminate Loran-C and with it eLoran?
- Confused?
- US Government Position
  - http://pnt.gov/policy/legislation/bills.shtml#loran





### **GPS** Interference **Detection & Mitigation**

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#### **GAARDIAN**

**GNSS AVAILABILITY ACCURACY** RELIABILITY lanD



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INTEGRITY **ASSESSMENT** for TIMING and Ordnance Survey **NAVIGATION** 





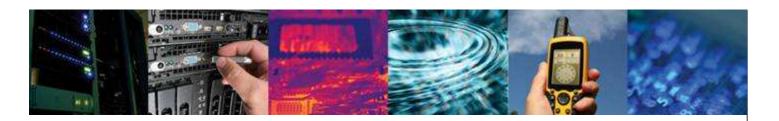
A Technology Strategy Board funded collaboration

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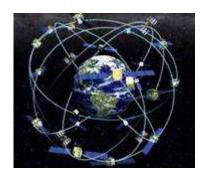








#### The GAARDIAN Project - GPS Interference Detection & Mitigation



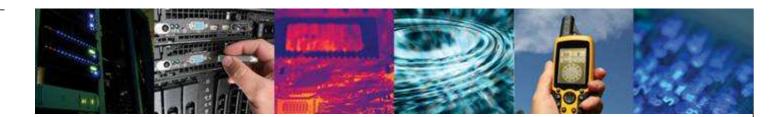
- GNSS Availability, Accuracy, Reliability anD Integrity Assessment for Timing and Navigation
- Research Data Gathering necessary to create a GPS Interference Detection & Mitigation (IDM) network
  - At point of use, 24x7x365
  - for mission & safety critical applications
  - Which use GPS (or GNSS) signals
  - Leveraging eLoran signals for QoS determination



- UK Government Funded R&D Project (>£2m)
  - through Technology Strategy Board

**GNSS** – Global Navigation Satellite Systems – e.g. GPS, Glonass, Galileo, Compass, QZSS **QoS** – Quality of Service



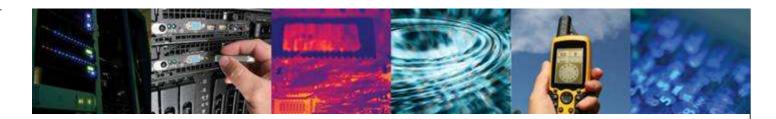


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#### **The GAARDIAN - Partners**



- GLA General Lighthouse Authorities
  - User Community Maritime
  - eLoran
- Imperial College London Dept of Civil Eng
  - User Community Transport
  - Integrity Monitoring Algorithms
- University of Bath Dept of Electrical & Electronics
  - GPS & Space Weather
- BT Adastral Research Laboratories
  - User Community Telecoms
- Ordnance Survey
  - User Community Land Geolocation
- NPL National Physical Laboratory
  - Time, UTC Traceability
- Chronos Technology Ltd
  - Real time Timing measurement to ns granularity
  - GPS products, components & system integration
  - GAARDIAN Project Leader









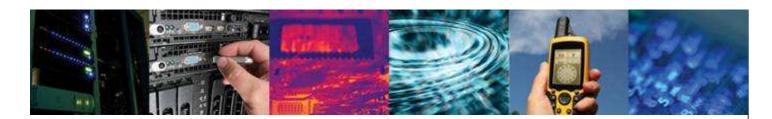


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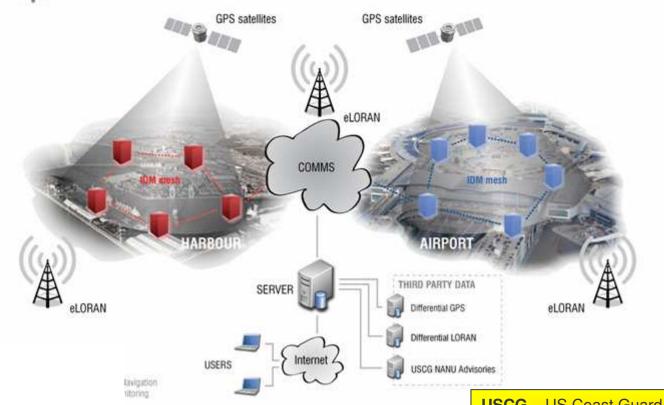
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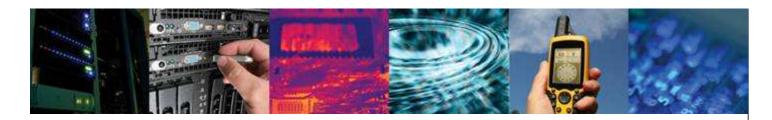


**USCG** – US Coast Guard

NANU – Notice Advisory to Navstar Users



Users



#### **GAARDIAN** – Deliverables



- IDM Interference, Detection & Mitigation
- Which can be deployed as networks



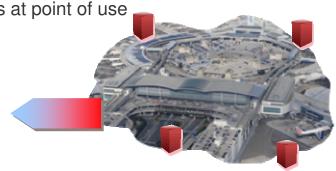
- GAARDIAN will deploy trial sensors to analyse data
- Reduce data at source without losing "content"
- Heartbeats and "Event" communication back to Server
- Store for user viewing over internet



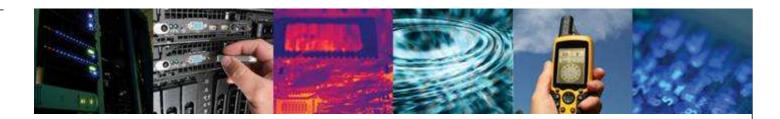




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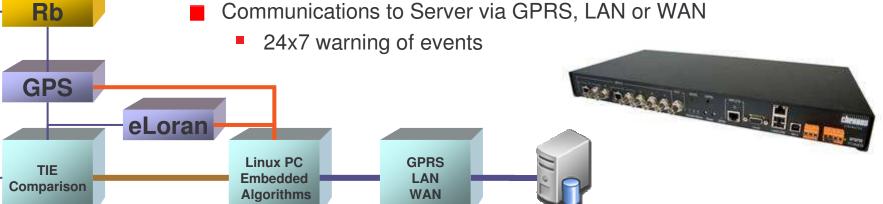




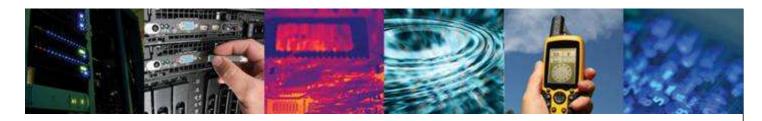


#### **GAARDIAN** – IDM Sensor

- IDM Sensors based on Chronos SyncWatch probes
  - Watching GPS & eLoran Signals
- Time Interval Error (TIE) Monitoring between PNT signals from BT
- Embedded Linux to process TIE and PNT data
  - Algorithms from CTL, GLA, ICL and UoB
  - Event severity and manageability discrimination
  - Adaptive thresholds
- Communications to Server via GPRS, LAN or WAN







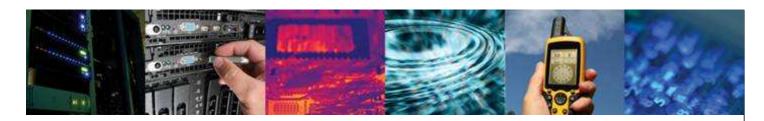
### **GAARDIAN** – eLoran Timing Receiver





- Stratum 1 Frequency
- 1 PPS and 10 MHz outputs.
- External Loran H-Field antenna
- Completely independent from GPS
- Can deliver PRS frequency and UTC traceable time and timing with single transmitter.





#### **Thank You & Questions**

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