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# FUNTIMES Future Navigation and Timing Evolved Signals

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# Project Overview



# Future Navigation and Timing Evolved Signals - FUNTIMES

The Future Navigation and Timing Evolved Signals (FUNTIMES) project is a European GNSS mission evolution study funded by the European Commission within the Horizon 2020 Framework for Research and Development.

It aimed at preliminary supporting the definition, design and implementation of the future generation of Galileo signals

- Considering the lessons learned from Galileo
- Combining solutions that **optimize the current system and signals** with the introduction of **innovation elements answering to the needs of the various GNSS user communities.**

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Duration: 24 months (January 2016 – January 2018)
Budget: €600 000
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### The FUNTIMES Project Team

The FUNTIMES study was led by Airbus as prime contractor, supported by its subcontractors:

- Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ENAC)
- Istituto Superiore Mario Boella (ISMB)



#### Airbus Defence and Space

- World leader in the space industry
- Major contributions to the design, development, implementation and verification of EGNOS and Galileo
- More than 15 years of experience in signal design and evolution in support of ESA, EC and GSA
- ENAC and ISMB from the academic/research sectors
  - Both with several years of research activities in the field of satellite navigation
  - Know-how in other fields and technologies (e.g. communication)
  - Background on the provision of services with higher reliability (e.g. signal and message authentication)
  - Past and ongoing activities involving user communities, standardization entities and fora, service providers and chipset manufacturers for the definition of new signal user requirements



### Signal User Requirements Survey



### Signal User Requirements

7 GNSS user communities investigated:

- "Traditional" Safety-of-Life (Civil aviation, Rail)
- UAV/RPAS
- Automotive
- Mobile Location-Based Services (LBS)
- High Accuracy
- Timing
- Emergency Services









User communities	Safety	of Life	Auton	notive	Mobile LBS	High A	ccuracy	Timing	Emer	gency	UAV/RPAS
Applications	Civil Aviation	Rail (Train Control)	Location-Based Charging	Vehicle Motion Sensor (VMS)	Smart Phone	Surveying	Automated Farming → VMS	Telecom Infrastructure	SAR	Emergency Warning	UAV/RPAS



### Questionnaire on Signal User Requirements

Signal	User Requirements	Timeframe				
Generic Category	Specific Parameters	<10 years	>10 years			
	PVT performance requirement					
High-level Performance Requirements	Main threats					
	Time-to-service					
	Backward compatibility					
Compatibility /	New GNSS frequency band					
Interoperability	Interop. with other GNSS					
	Complementarity with other technologies					
	Need for carrier phase measurement					
Receiver Basic	Accuracy					
Features	Sensitivity (Acq, Tracking)					
	Need of Nav data through signal					
	Ranging Integrity					
Detailed Signal	Ranging Continuity and Availability					
Characteristics for Improved Performance	Authentication					
	New data/additional information					
	Robustness to Specific Sources of Errors					
Current Issues	Signal related issues and limitations					



# Main Outcome of the User Survey (1/4)

#### Improved resistance to RFI

- Important for most of the applications.
- Growing threat due to increase of background noise and proliferation of unintentional / intentional jamming sources

➔ Desired signal features: <u>frequency diversity</u>, <u>signal bandwidth</u>, <u>spreading modulation</u> (<u>sharp correlation function</u>), <u>signal power</u>, <u>secondary codes or ability to do long correlations</u>.

### Ability to generate robust carrier phase measurements

- Recognized benefits for smoothing or for RTK/PPP techniques

→ Desired signal features: pure pilot signal, signal power or longer wavelength.



# Main Outcome of the User Survey (2/4)

- Improved TTFF (in warm or cold start) and acquisition sensitivity
  - Main reasons for this request are:
    - Poor reception conditions in specific application environments
    - Need for early access to some pseudoranges and for initializing other sensors
  - A dedicated acquisition signal could be used to then transition to accurate tracking on a different signal
  - Ideally not requiring significantly higher receiver resources
  - ➔ Desired signal features: medium-length and easy-to-generate PRN codes, additional pilot signal, more signal power, wide correlation peak

#### • Robustness against multipath and NLOS situations:

 Most applications would require more natural robustness against MP and NLOS due to the increasing number of users in challenging environments

#### ➔ Desired signal features: <u>signal bandwidth</u>, <u>sharp and narrow correlation function</u>, <u>long</u> <u>correlation durations</u>



# Main Outcome of the User Survey (3/4)

#### Provision of an authentication service

- Feature desirable in many applications, although the short-term need is not always very clear as the threat awareness is not really spread.
- To strengthen the robustness of critical applications that have short time-to-alert.
- A posteriori authentication would be sufficient for a number of applications
- The main concerns of receiver manufacturers and service providers is the overhead required to manage safely the cryptographic keys.

➔ Desired signal features: <u>spreading code and navigation message authentication</u>, use of <u>alternative data channels</u>



# Main Outcome of the User Survey (4/4)

- Access to Navigation message from Signal-In-Space
  - All user communities still require the access to the navigation message through the satellite link (essentially to cover corner cases).
  - There are 2 categories of needs:
    - For critical applications and for <u>users that can be in challenging environments</u>: preference to have a signal that can ensure a good data demodulation of the key message parameters (low to medium data rate)
    - For <u>users that need high accuracy</u>, there is a strong interest in having more information such as PPP or extra atmospheric information through an open channel, preferably aligned with L1 or L5 frequencies.
  - Other desired features are:
    - more frequent transmission of timing information
    - reference time offsets with all GNSS including the integrity of this information

→ Desired signal features: improved encoding scheme, fast access to CED and system time, higher data rate, optimized navigation message content and structure



# PNT Signals R&D Activity



### FUNTIMES R&D Work Logic





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FUNTIMES Consolidated Research Plan

### **Topics Investigated**

- Signal Authentication Techniques
- LDPC Codes for Future GNSS Signals
- Usage of CSK for GNSS Data Delivery
- Adding New Components to a Legacy Signal

#### **Proposed Technical Solutions**

- Reed Solomon Codes for the Improvement of the I/NAV Message
- Spreading code and Navigation data based Authentication Protocol
- Multi-Purpose TDM Signal Component
- Robust High Data Rate Signal Component



## RS Codes for Improving the I/NAV Message

A technical solution for reducing the Time to First-Fix for non connected users was evaluated:

- Use of Reed-Solomon (RS) codes at the Link Layer (outer encoding)
  - MDS "Joker" property
  - Erasure correction capability
  - Error correction capability
  - Systematic implementation to ensure backward compatibility
- Example application to the Galileo I/NAV message was assessed
  - Time to CED performance in AWGN and 2-state LMS channel
  - Assessment of RS algorithm complexity

Outcomes of the assessment:

- Significant improvement of Time-to-CED (50% to 60%) especially in urban environment
- Full backward compatibility with legacy receivers
- Low added complexity at transmitter and receiver side



	$T_0$ in sec.	I/NAV on E1-B <b>RS4</b>
Г	1	
-	3	
-	5	RS CED 1
	7	RS CED 1
-	9	
	11	
	13	
	15	
	17	RS CED 3
	19	RS CED 4
	21	CED 1/4
	23	CED 3/4
	25	
	27	
	29	
	min. TTFFD av. TTFFD 95% TTFFD max. TTFFD	8.000 s 13.933 s 17.625 s 18.000 s



### Signal Authentication Techniques

#### Objective:

**Improve** the **PNT signal's reliability** by providing an **enhanced authentication service** based on **both** navigation message authentication (**NMA**) and spreading code authentication (**SCA**), in such a way that the <u>two solutions can take advantage of their combination</u>

#### Signal authentication design trade-offs:





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# Impact of Single Design Aspects

#### Signal Component

Authentication schemes can be basically implemented:

- By modifying an existing signal component (e.g., E1-B, E1-C, E5a, E5b)
  - Possible performance degradations for non-participant users ( $\Delta C/N_0$ )
- Introducing a new component
  - <u>More flexibility</u> in the design of the authentication scheme, thus reducing some constraints related to the backward compatibility



The choices for the *Relative Power Level* of the authentication component basically are:

- Same power as other open components
- Lower power level (e.g. 1/11)
- Variable power (i.e. amplitude modulation)
  - Low power level options tend to increase the <u>robustness</u> against some spoofing attacks (i.e., requiring directional antennas with higher gain)
  - However the power level can affect the achievable <u>authentication performance</u> for participant receivers (e.g., TBA, TTA, reduced effective  $C/N_0$ )
    - → <u>Trade-off</u> among these aspects has to be performed



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## The SNAP Solution: High-Level Concept

#### • High-level idea

> Possible re-use of E1-B OS NMA data  $\rightarrow$  Additional protection to OS NMA ("time binding" concept<sup>[1]</sup>)

> Initially inspired from SSSC<sup>[2]</sup>, Supersonic Codes<sup>[3]</sup>, and Signature-Amortization<sup>[4]</sup> concepts



- "High rate" bursts for all satellite signals generated from same code chips, by using a future NMA key  $(k_{j+1})$ :

crypto key<sub>m</sub>  $\propto$  Hash {  $k_{j+1}$  | GST<sub>m</sub>}

- Different CSK shifts applied to each burst, depending on Sat. ID, previous key  $(k_i)$ , and next NMA bits:

shift<sub>m</sub>  $\propto$  Hash { Sat. ID |  $k_j$  | next 'Reserved 1' field }

- Suitable to a <u>2-step verification procedure</u> at the receiver (see next slide):
  - > 1<sup>st</sup> step based on a codeless correlation of CSK<sub>F</sub> bursts from different satellite signals
  - > 2<sup>nd</sup> step with <u>a-posteriori verification</u> of both CSK<sub>S</sub> and CSK<sub>F</sub> bursts (as soon as  $k_{j+1}$  is disclosed)



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### Two-steps Authentication at the Receiver

**Digital signal** 

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 $\succ \text{ crypto } key_m \propto Hash \{ k_{j+1} \mid GST_m \}$ 

> **shift**<sub>*m*</sub>  $\propto$  *Hash* { Sat. ID |  $k_j$  | next "Reserved 1" field }

Being the <u>crypto key independent of the Sat. ID</u>, the bursts received from different satellites at a given epoch consist of the same code chips sequence, just shifted in a different way for every satellite.

The **receiver** is able to:

- first <u>cross-authenticate couples of satellite signals</u> by applying a **codeless CSK correlation** between bursts from two satellites, properly shifted and aligned → *first step*;
- 2. <u>a-posteriori verify both 'low rate' and 'high rate'</u> <u>bursts</u> with a **correlation**, as soon as  $k_{j+1}$  is disclosed  $\rightarrow$  *second step*.





### Main Trade-off Aspects

The proposed high-level concept is still open to **different implementation alternatives and optimizations**. In details, such open choices are related to:

#### 1. Inputs for the SCA bursts generation

- Only bits from a legacy component, e.g. E1-B OS NMA bits (TESLA keys and MACs)
- only bits transmitted on a **new data signal component** (e.g., CSK modulated)
- an intermediate solution, using bits from OS NMA plus few additional bits from a new component

#### 2. Signal component for the SCA bursts allocation

- on a modified version of the E1-B component
- on a modified version of the E1-C component
- on a new signal component

#### 3. Allocation of high rate and low rate SCA bursts

- on a single component (joint allocation)
- on multiple signal components

#### 4. Power level of each component carrying authentication features

- at nominal value (referred to as 0 dB)
- at -10 dB from nominal power



### Code Shift Keying (CSK) Modulation for GNSS Signals

#### Background

- Several problems are addressed with the implementation of a CSK modulation on the GNSS signal data component:
- <u>Amount of data</u> which can be currently broadcasted by a GNSS signal is <u>limited</u>. This limitation is imposed by the DS-SS structure of a GNSS signal:
  - increasing the chip rate increases the signal bandwidth
  - decreasing the PRN code length degrades the PRN code correlation properties



- 2) <u>Data component</u> of current GNSS signals is <u>designed as a communication signal</u> without taking into account the GNSS specificities: data has different degrees of relevance for the receiver and variable data rates could be of high interest.
- 3) In urban environments, the <u>data demodulation</u> becomes <u>difficult</u> to achieve due to the <u>harsh</u> <u>reception conditions</u> particularly affecting the <u>signal carrier tracking</u> up to a PLL loss-of-lock.



### Code Shift Keying (CSK) Modulation for GNSS Signals

#### **Expected benefits**

- 1) Bit rate increase of a DS-SS signal without:
  - increasing the PRN code number of chips, and without increasing the signal chip rate (bandwidth constraint).
- 2) Flexibility of the data rate:
  - allows to dynamically change the number of CSK symbols.
  - Different levels of robustness / timeliness can be achieved



- 3) Possibility of implementing a non-coherent demodulation
  - More robust access to data in urban environment and/or for high dynamic users.

#### Possible issues and drawbacks

- 1) <u>CSK signals are not suitable for ranging</u>: the receiver does not know which cyclic shift of the fundamental PRN code is expected at each correlation epoch.
- 2) <u>Complexity of the receiver is significantly increased</u>: advances in receiver technologies should mitigate this (e.g. FT/IFT demodulator, cloud processing, improved chipset performance/efficiency)



### CSK Example Implementations Studied

#### DATA MODULATION

Identifier	BPSK	CSK(4,1)	CSK(6,1)	CSK(8,1)	CSK(10,1)	CSK(12,1)			
Modulation	BPSK	CSK	CSK	CSK	CSK	CSK			
Number of bits per symbol (B)	1	4	6	8	10	12			
Number of PRN codes per Symbol (U)	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Codeword length (bits)	1200								
Interleaver	40x30								
Channel Code			LDP	CCodes					

#### DATA COMPONENT CHARACTERISTICS

Identifier	BPSK	CSK(4,1)	CSK(6,1)	CSK(8,1)	CSK(10,1)	CSK(12,1)
Bit rate (bits/s)	100	400	600	800	1000	1200
Codeword length (s)	12	3	2	1.5	1.2	1
Number of data message in 12s	1	4	6	8	10	12

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#### DEMODULATOR BLOCK

Type of Modulation	BPSK	CSK				
<b>Demodulation Method</b>	Coherent	Coh	erent	Non-Coherent		
Decoding Method		Classic	Iterative	Classic	Iterative	



Dynamic User

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### **CSK Example Implementations Studied**

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	Case 1a	Time to	Data 95% V	/alue (s)		
8	C/N₀ [dBHz]	30	35	40		
a C G	BPSK	36	12	12		
S	CSK(4,1)	21	9	6		
SS	CSK(6,1)	18	6	4		
, la	CSK(8,1)	18	6	4.5		
5	CSK(10,1)	18	6	3.6		
	CSK(12,1)	17	6	3		
0	Case 1b	Time to Data 95% Value (s)				
ec	C/N₀ [dBHz]	30	35	40		
ן ב	CSK(4,1)	18	9	6		
Ve	CSK(6,1)	18	6	4		
สน	CSK(8,1)	16.5	6	3		
lei	CSK(10,1)	16.8	6	3.6		
	CSK(12,1)	16	5	3		

#### Low Dynamic User

	Case 2a	Time to Data 95% Value (s)					
0	C/N₀ [dBHz]	30	35	40			
ec	BPSK		100	100			
Q	CSK(4,1)		100	12			
sic	CSK(6,1)		20	10			
as:	CSK(8,1)		16.5	10.5			
บี	CSK(10,1)		15.6	8.4			

#### Time to Data 95% Value (s) Non-Coh -DDCP-Case 2b Deco C/N<sub>0</sub> [dBHz] 30 35 40 CSK(4,1) 12 6 Classic CSK(6,1) 10 6 CSK(8,1) 9 4.5 CSK(10,1) 8.4 4.8 CSK(12,1) 8 4

#### High Dynamic User

d o	Case 3	Time to Data 95% Value (s)				
Ŭ ŭ	C/N₀ [dBHz]	30	35	40		
D d	CSK(4,1)		12	9		
Ļ ic	CSK(6,1)		10	6		
SS SS	CSK(8,1)		9	4.5		
	CSK(10,1)		8.4	4.8		
20	CSK(12,1)		8	4		

#### COMMENTS:

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CSK(12,1)

- Low Dynamic User: Time to Data reduced by 2x or 4x depending on the C/N<sub>0</sub> and CSK implementation
- <u>Dynamic User</u>: Time to Data reduced by 12x to 25x
- <u>High Dynamic User</u>: Only CSK demodulation possible, still very rapid access to data



### **General Objective:**

- To design a signal component targeting several functionalities, e.g.:
  - 1) Fast/Low complexity Acquisition
  - 2) Fast access to Clock and Ephemeris Data
  - 3) Authentication
- Allowing continuous or partial non-coherent processing

### Time Division Multiplexing:

- TDM was chosen for the following reasons:
  - Reduced complexity implementation at satellite payload
  - higher efficiency of multiplexing



#### **Time Division Multiplexing:**

- TDM considered at PRN code level: each PRN code is associated to a different functionality
- TDM signal structure is defined from <u>Short basic blocks</u> and <u>Advanced blocks</u>.

### Short basic block:

- A small number of PRN codes constitute the basic block of e.g. 20 ms:
- Each PRN code is associated to a different functionality
- PRN codes are chosen equal to 1ms or multiples of 1ms





#### Advanced blocks:

- An advanced block is made of several basic blocks
- The signal periodic structure is guaranteed by the advanced blocks.



- Example duration of an advanced block in the order of 2 to 3 seconds
- An advanced block allows for more flexibility in the combination of short basic blocks



#### **Targeted Use Cases for Signal Design**

Low complexity: signal for low-power consumption (e.g. IoT devices or cheap mass-market receivers)

<u>High Performance – No CED</u>: users targeting the best possible performance without putting constraints to the receiver complexity (e.g. autonomous cars or high sensitivity receivers). In this scenario it is assumed that CED is recovered either using a legacy signal or an external source.

<u>High Performance – CED</u>: Same as previous but with clock and ephemeris data from the TDM signal component.

<u>High Dynamic users</u>: users with high dynamics which could require to use the non-coherent processing mode to ensure a high continuity or availability of the service.

Signal design options and performance results are available in a dedicated paper:

Garcia-Pena A., Julien O., Anghileri M., Floch J.J., Paonni M., *Multi-purpose TDM Component* for Galileo E1 OS, ION GNSS+ 2018



# Conclusions and Perspectives



### Conclusions and Perspectives

The project allowed to:

- study new elements in the field of GNSS signal engineering
- consolidate solutions that were already investigated in the recent literature, paving the way to the evolution of the Galileo signals

The proposed ideas present different levels of maturity:

- In some cases the solutions are ready to be implemented in the currently deployed systems
- In other cases they would require a corresponding evolution of the space and/or ground segments.

The **technical solutions** offered have been mainly investigated focusing on the current Galileo Open Service signals, but **can be also adopted by any other GNSS**.

For the way forward, it is recommended to **support the R&D activity** with early implementation and prototyping, especially at the **user receiver side**. Many of the proposed solutions are mature enough for this next step.



# Thanks for your Attention



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# Back-up Slides



# SUR Survey Outcome per Application (1/2)

	Acq. And Tracking Sensitivity	Measurement quality	Additional RFI resistance	Authentication	Additional multipath resistance	Backward compatibility	Nav. message	Compl. with other techno.
Civil Aviation Navigation	Potentially interesting for surface navigation	Carrier phase robustness for carrier smoothing No possibility of biased measurements (integrity)	Grow ing observed threat Greater resistance to background noise	Desirable in the long term Short TTAut (few sec) Should not require database manipulation for the keys	Interesting for surface navigation	Mandatory. Legacy users should not suffer fromnew signals	Accessto nav. Message is essential ARAIM ISM through nav. Message Complete UTC year	INS
Train Control	Important for urban scenarios	Carrier phase robustness for carrier smoothing/RTK No possibility of biased measurements	Important	Important for long term. Short TTAut (~sec)	Critical	Mandatory Legacy users should not suffer fromnew signals	Accessto nav. Message is essential ARAIM ISM through nav. Message	Track data base, computer vision, visual odometry, etc.
Automotive LBC and VMS	very important for acq and tracking (basis for high availability) early access to velocity information	Carrier phase robustness for carrier smoothing/RTK No possibility of biased measurements	Very important due to challenging RFI environment	Short term against simple spoofing resilience Long term against intermediate spoofing TTAut of a few sec.	Important	Important	Access to nav. Message is important for corner cases PPP info on L1 or L5	V2X ranging, radar, lidar, camera, inertial sensors, database, new communication systems, A-GNSS
Mobile LBS	very important for acq and tracking (basis for high availability) early access to initialize other sensors	Carrier phase robustness for carrier smoothing/RTK No possibility of biased measurements (integrity)	Very important due to challenging RFI environment	Interesting to enable some applications, even if a posteriori	Depends upon the application	Important	Access to nav. Message is important for corner cases Reasonable data rate	Sensors inside cell phone, A-GNSS



# SUR Survey Outcome per Application (2/2)

	Acq. And Tracking Sensitivity	Measurement quality	Additional RFI resistance	Authentication	Additional multipath resistance	Backward compatibility	Nav. message	Compl. with other techno.
Surveying	At least as good as now	Carrier phase robustness in challenging environments No possibility of biased measurements (integrity)	Important but not necessarily the main concern currently	A posteriori authentication is also interesting	Very important to maintain performance in challenging environment	Mandatory	Accessto nav. Message is very important Time information more frequently PPP info on L1 and/or L5 Atmosphere information	INS
Timing and Sync.	At least same as now	Carrier phase robustness for carrier smoothing No possibility of biased measurements (integrity)	Critical	Very important Short TTAut	Important	Mandatory	Mandatory reference time offset to all GNSS integrity of reference time offset	External source of timing
Search and Rescue	Important in case of beacon affected by masking	OK w ith current performance	Important but not necessarily the main concern currently	Already protected by NMA	Not critical	Mandatory: Legacy users should not suffer fromnew signals	current RLS and RLM answ er the need possibly pass more information about the rescue center	Autonomous
RPAS Navigation	At least same as now	Carrier phase robustness for carrier smoothing/RTK	Very important due to challenging RFI environment	Will become key for traffic monitoring concepts Few sec.	Important	Mandatory	no special need maybe ARAIM ISM through nav. Message	At least INS and vision sensors



