

## **The Future of Time**

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# What is the Future of Time?

- Leading indicators
  - ITU Standards
  - Customer Requirements
  - Product Roadmaps
  - New Applications
  - Innovations born out of Defense
    Industry
- Top 10 Predictions
- Disclaimer
  - The predictions expressed here are opinions.
    - They may be right
    - They may be wrong





- Time Keeps Ticking (and slipping) into the Future
  - Leap Second
  - GPS Week Rollover

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Awareness

- Investigation
- •Research
- Plan
- Implement
- Test

#### Predictions #2, 3

- Timing Experts Will Continue to Age
- Merger & Acquisition Activity Will Continue

Awareness May Be Compromised

Critical Infrastructure Will Require Increasingly Accurate, Secure & Reliable Time



**Data Centers** 



**Wireline Communications** 



**Wireless Communications** 



**Enterprise Communications** 



Transportation



**Power Grid Communications** 



**Secure Communications** 



**Financial Exchanges** 



- New Applications Will Drive Timing Requirements
  - 5G and beyond
  - Micropositioning
  - Real time monitoring with IOT devices
  - Smart Cities
  - Autonomous Vehicles
  - Who knows what's next?



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- Technology & Specifications Born Out of Defense Industry Will Become Useful to Commercial Markets – Again!
  - Tighter timing requirements
  - SWAP
  - Ability to operate in GNSS denied environments
  - Ability to operate in harsh environments











# Predictions #7, 8

- Timing Hygiene will evolve from recommended best practice to requirement.
  - Security
    - Validated timing signal source
    - Trusted supply chain
  - Resiliency
  - Visibility



 Similar to quality of service SLAs and data security assurance, timing accuracy and resilience will serve as value added differentiators for service providers.



## Predictions #9, 10

The risk of GNSS interference will continue, and likely increase.





New alternate & complimentary sources of time will become commercially available. Some entities are doing this on their own for risk management. After years of talking about it, eLORAN is poised for a comeback.

# How Can We Impact The Future Of Timing?

#### Awareness

- Government support and sponsorship
- Industry support

- Education
  - Training
  - University programs
  - Internships
  - Mentoring
  - Succession plans for everyone in this room!









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