GPS JAMMING

EXPLORING THE OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY RISKS TO NZ AVIATION

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'GPS JAMMING'?

GPS Interference

Unintentional. Radio spectrum crowding, Harmonics or natural events.

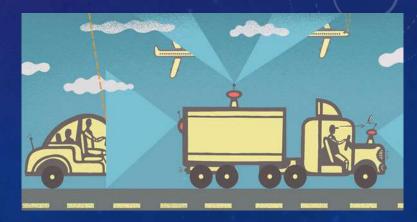
Damaged, malfunctioning equipment or equipment used in error.

Examples: Space weather, Spectrum encroachment

GPS Jamming

Deliberate use of a transmission to block GPS.
Unintentional consequences – Using GPS jammers for non aviation purposes.

Spoofing – 'tricking' a GPS nav system by feeding it counterfeit signals.



JAMMING – WHO AND WHY?

Any ideas?

Interfere with Drones

Evasion of GPS tracking, employees in company vehicles

Criminal activities

Military: protect national security

Evasion of road user charging schemes (toll roads/road user charges)

Commercial interests: Taxi vs app based rideshare (Uber)

Desire for privacy

Socio-environmental: Pokémon GO

INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT EXAMPLES

CULTURE

Truck driver has GPS jammer, accidentally jams Newark airport

Pilots warned of jamming in Finnmark

«Reasons to believe it could be related to military exercise activities outside Norway's broders,» says the Civil Aviation Authority to the Barents Observer.

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JAMMERS IN NZ

In NZ it is illegal to manufacture, import, sell, supply or use a jammer

MBIE 'owns' the regulatory impact under the Radiocommunications Act 1989 and Regulations 2011.



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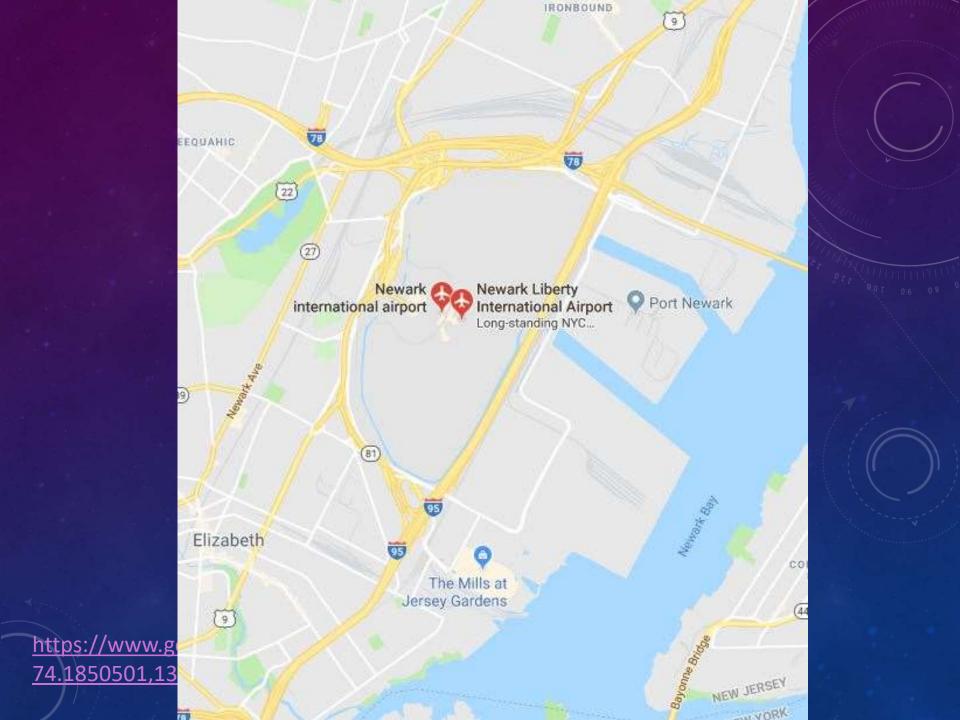
HOW EASY IS IT TO JAM GPS?

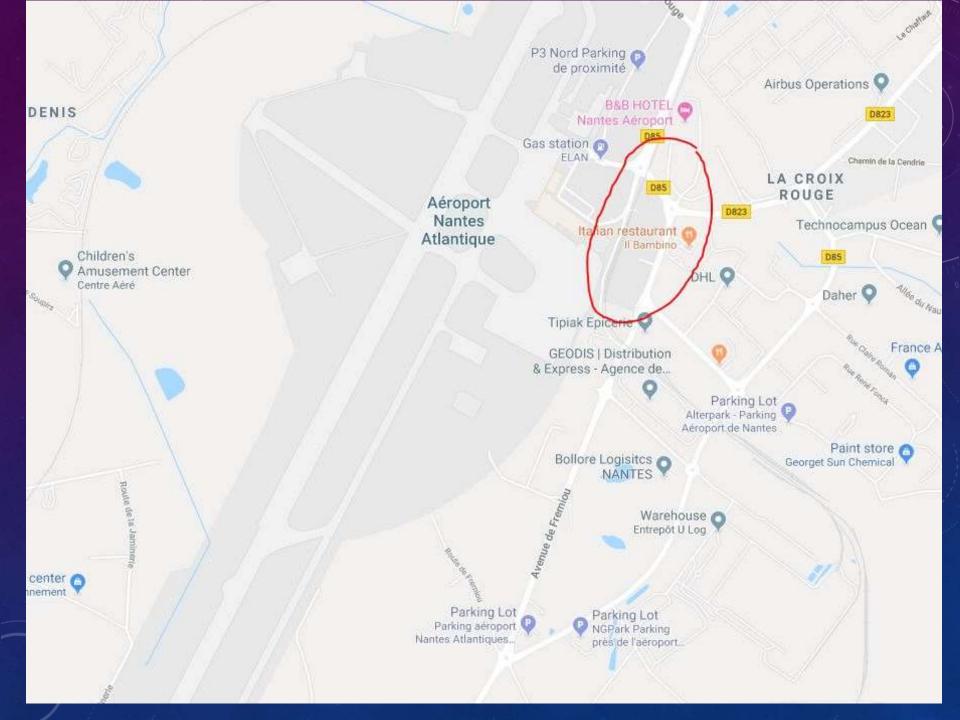
-127.5 dBm	GPS Signal strength on reaching earth	0.178 fW
0 dBm	Bluetooth radio 1m range	1mW
15 dBm	wireless LAN	32mW
27 dBm	Cell phone transmission power	500mW
30 dBm	radio controlled aircraft controller	1W

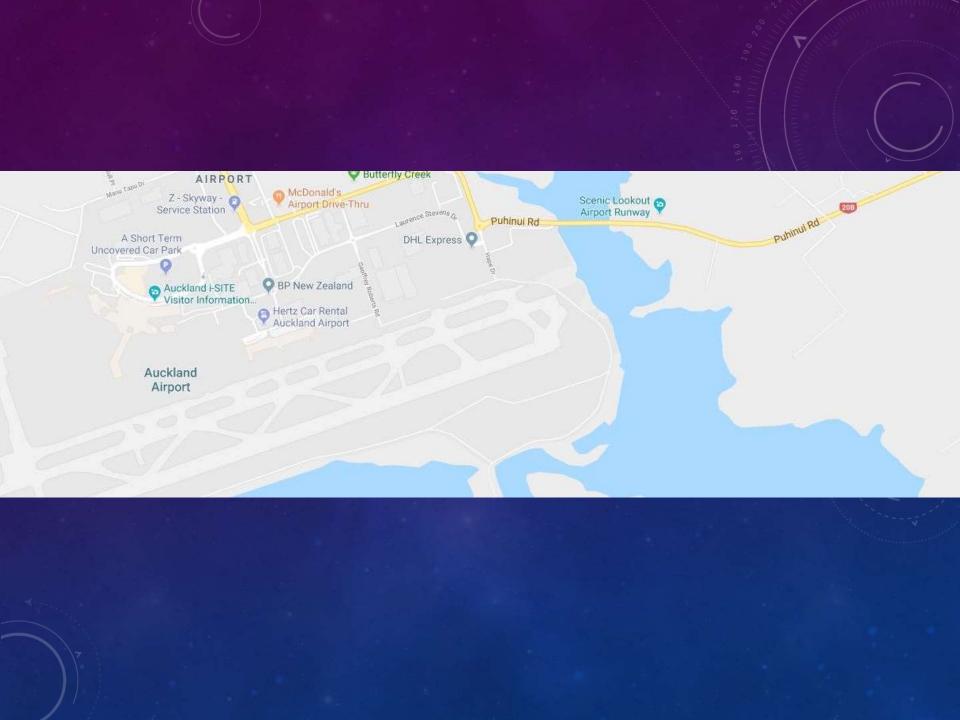
0.178 of a quadrillionth of a Watt (15 zeros)



Figure 1: Typical in-car chirp jammers (PPDs (Personal Privacy Devices))







We are interested in finding out if jammers are out there, and if so, where and how many.



Strike3 trial



MBIE trial, different type of set up

Stay connected to other agencies: Aviation is not alone in this threat.

IS JAMMING A RISK IN NZ?

What is the consequence of loss of GPS?

- Operational impacts?
- Safety impacts?



How could NZ be susceptible to jamming?

Risk = Likelihood v Consequence

Changing dependence on GPS: PBN and ADS-B are both GPS reliant primary means

- Our airports/aerodromes are close to roads and accessible to the public
- Portable jammers are likely to have most effect close to the ground – higher risk phases for aircraft
- NZ has similar technology trends to other nations that have reported issues

