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GPS Program Update to ION GNSS+ 2014

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Mission:

Acquire, deliver and sustain reliable GPS capabilities to America's warfighters, our allies, and civil users



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Deliver and Sustain Global Navigation and Timing Service



GPS Overview



Civil Cooperation

- 1+ Billion civil & commercial users
- Search and Rescue
- Civil Signals
- L2C (2nd Civil Signal)
- L5 (Safety of Life)
- L1C (International)



Spectrum

- World Radio Conference
- International Telecommunication Union
- Bilateral Agreements
- Adjacent Band Interference



Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Coast Guard

39 Satellites/ 31 Set Healthy **Baseline Constellation: 24 Satellites**

Satellite	Quantity	Avg Life	Oldest
GPS IIA	5	20.1	23.8
GPS IIR	12	12.7	17.1
GPS IIR-M	7	7.9	8.9
GPS IIF	7	1.63	4.3
Constellation	31	10.4	23.8



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Department of Defense

- Services (Army, Navy, AF, USMC)
- Agencies (NGA & DISA)
- US Naval Observatory
- PNT EXCOMS
- GPS Partnership Council

Maintenance/Security

- All Level I and Level II
 - Worldwide Infrastructure
 - NATO Repair Facility
- Develop & Publish ICDs Annually - ICWG: Worldwide Involvement
- Update www.GPS.gov Webpage
- Load Operational Software on over 1 million SAASM Receivers
- Distribute PRNs for the World Including 90 for GNSS

International Cooperation

- 57 Authorized Allied Users -25+ Years of Cooperation
- GNSS
 - Russia GLONASS
 - Europe Galileo
 - China BeiDou
 - Japan QZSS
 - India IRNSS

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GPS Constellation

- Robust constellation
 - 31 space vehicles currently in operation
 - 5 GPS IIA, 12 GPS IIR, 7 GPS IIR-M, 7 GPS IIF
 - 7 additional satellites in residual status, 1 in test status
- Extensive International and Civil Cooperation
 - Agreements with 57 international customers
 - 1 billion+ civil/commercial users
 - Countless applications...and growing
- Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since Dec 1993
 - Best performance 46.6 cm User Range Error (URE) 8 Jun 2013; best weekly average 58.7 cm URE 18 Aug 14
 - Performance improving as new satellites replace older satellites







GPS Signal in Space Performance

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System accuracy exceeds published standard

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GPS Performance – Past 12 Months





GPS IIA/IIR/IIR-M Status

- 19 GPS IIR and GPS IIR-M satellites are on orbit
 - Current backbone of the GPS constellation
 - SIS URE of 0.53 meters (1-yr performance Aug 2014);
 (1.04m for GPS IIA and 0.64m for GPS IIF)
- Excellent life expectancy
 - GPS IIA performing well past design life (2.5x on avg)
 - GPS IIR/IIR-M solar array capacity far exceeds specified Mean Mission Duration
 - No GPS IIR/IIR-M clock failures to date
 - GPS IIR/IIR-M battery life extension implemented, yielding avg 1-2 years additional life per satellite



GPS IIF Status



- What a year!
- Launched GPS IIF-5 on 21 Feb 14
 - Satellite Vehicle Number 64, PRN 30
- Launched GPS IIF-6 on 15 May 14
 - Satellite Vehicle Number 67, PRN 6
- Launched GPS IIF-7 on 1 Aug 14
 - Satellite Vehicle Number 68, PRN 9
- 7 total GPS IIFs on orbit
 - Continued demonstration of Flex Power capability
- 5 more GPS IIFs in the pipeline
 - SV-8 scheduled for launch in Oct 2014
 - SVs 10, 11, and 12 are in storage
 - SV-9 is in production testing
 - Improved Rubidium clocks on SVs 3 and 5-12



GPS III Status

- Newest block of GPS satellites
 - 4 civil and 4 military signals:
 L1 C/A, L1C, L2C, L5; L1/L2 P(Y), L1/L2M
 - First satellites to broadcast common L1C signal
 - Three improved Rubidium atomic clocks
- SV07/08 contract awarded 31 Mar 14
- Navigation Payload Panel in acceptance testing
- GPS III Non-Flight Satellite Testbed accomplished launch processing at Cape Canaveral; reduced risk for integration & test and launch processing
- GPS III SV01 available for launch starting Jan 2016



Lockheed-Martin (Waterton, CO) - Prime



Ground Segment Status

- Current system Operational Control Segment (OCS)
 - Flying GPS constellation on Architecture Evolution Plan (AEP) and Launch & Early Orbit, Anomaly, and Disposal Operations (LADO) software systems
 - Cyber security enhancements in progress
- Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX)
 - Modernized command & control system with M-Code, modern civil, signal monitoring, info assurance infrastructure and improved PNT performance
 - OCX Block 0 supports launch & checkout for GPS III and is in integration & test; Raytheon (Aurora, CO) - Prime
 - OCX Block 1 supports transition from OCS in 2018
 - Successfully completed 3 GPS III launch exercises



Monitor Station



Ground Antenna



GPS Modernization – New Civil Signals

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- Second civil signal "L2C"
 - Designed to meet commercial needs
 - Available since 2005 without data message
 - Phased roll-out of CNAV message
 - Currently 14 SVs broadcasting L2C



- Third civil signal "L5"
 - Designed to meet transportation safety-of-life requirements
 - Uses Aeronautical Radio Navigation Service band
 - Currently 7 SVs broadcasting L5
- Fourth civil signal "L1C"
 - Designed for GNSS interoperability
 - Specification developed in cooperation with industry
 - Launches with GPS III in 2016
 - Improved tracking performance



Improved performance in challenged environments

Urban Canyons

Early CNAV test conducted in Jun 2013



- Initiated continuous CNAV message broadcast (L2C & L5) on 28 Apr 14
- CNAV Data message uploaded twice a week initially; with daily uploads expected by Dec 2014
- Position accuracy not guaranteed during pre-operational deployment of CNAV signals; "use at own risk"
 - L2C message currently set "healthy"
 - L5 message set "unhealthy" until sufficient monitoring capability established (signal verification)
- Expected Performance for users:
 - During first 24 hours after upload, CNAV performs as LNAV
 - Expect divergence between CNAV & LNAV as CNAV data ages until next CNAV upload



L2CNAV Upload Performance

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CNAV Performance Within Expectations



Effect of Upload Frequency on CNAV User Range Error

- Improved tools reduce age of data & CNAV User Ranging Error (URE)
- Initial, twice-a-week upload (Apr 2014) drives high CNAV URE



RMS URE Driven by Upload Latency & Integration with AEP

Integrated Solutions Will Broadcast CNAV URE Comparable to Legacy in Dec 2014



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- Modernized signal development in progress
 - 12 L2C, 5 L5 and 12 M-Code capable SVs on orbit
 - OCX will implement full C2 of L1/L2M, L2C, L5
 - Continuous L2C, L5 CNAV message broadcast began Apr 2014
 - Expect the first L1C SV launch in 2016
 - Continued progress to M-Code early use ~2018
- Modernization of all GPS Segments making progress but still with technical challenges commensurate with the advanced tech
- Working domestically, internationally and with Industry to simultaneously protect GNSS services and release spectrum for mobile services



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True or false? GPS satellites continuously

How do I report GPS service problems?