

# Status and Modernization of the U.S. Global Positioning System

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### **Overview**

- GPS Constellation Status
- GPS Performance
- GPS Modernization
- Summary

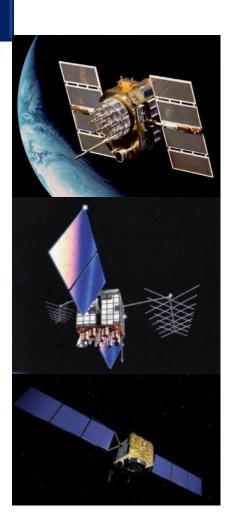


#### **GPS Constellation Status**

## 31 Healthy Satellites

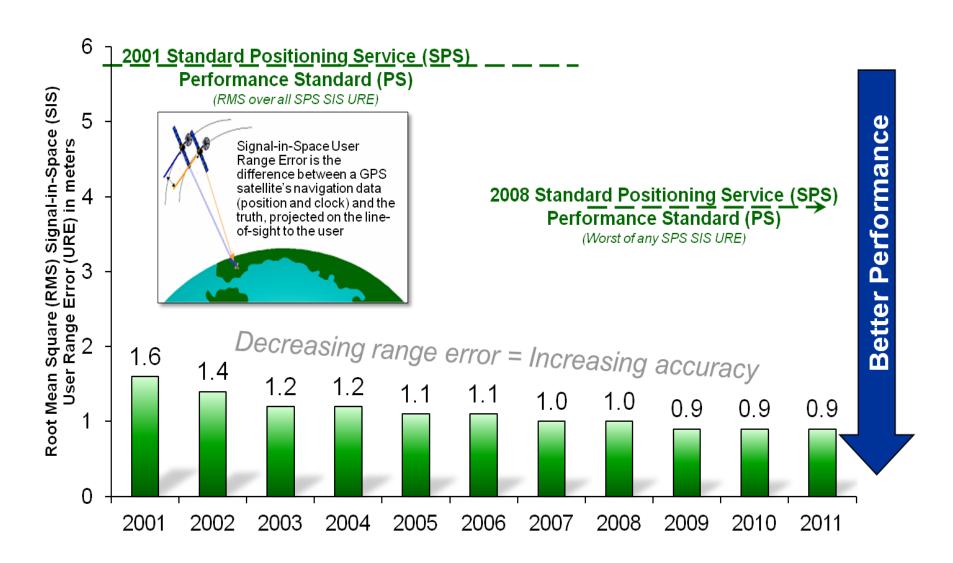
Baseline Constellation: 24 + 3

- 10 Block IIA Satellites
- 12 Block IIR Satellites
- 7 Block IIR-M Satellites
- 2 Block IIF Satellites
  - 3 additional satellites in residual status
  - Next IIF launch scheduled Oct. 2012
- Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993



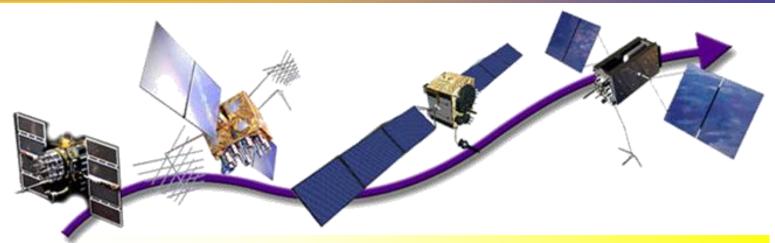


## Standard Positioning Service (SPS) Signal-in-Space Performance





## **GPS Modernization Program**



Increasing System Capabilities • Increasing User Benefit

#### **Block IIA/IIR**

#### **Basic GPS**

- Standard Service
  - Single frequency (L1)
  - Coarse acquisition (C/A) code navigation
- Precise Service
  - Y-Code (L1Y & L2Y)
  - Y-Code navigation

#### **Block IIR-M, IIF**

<u>IM</u> – Basic GPS capability plus

- 2nd civil signal (L2C)
- M-Code (L1M & L2M)

<u>IIF</u> – IIR-M capability plus

- 3rd civil signal (L5)
- 2 Rb + 1 Cs Clocks
- 12 year design life

#### **Block III**

- Backward compatibility
- 4th civil signal (L1C)
- Improved User Range Error
- Increased availability
- Increased integrity
- 15 year design life



## GPS Modernization — New Civil Signals

- Second civil signal "L2C"
  - Designed to meet commercial needs
  - Available since 2005 without data message
  - Currently broadcast from 9 satellites
  - Full capability: 24 satellites and full CNAV ~2016\*





- Third civil signal "L5"
  - Designed to meet transportation safety-of-life requirements
  - Currently broadcast from 2 satellites
  - 24 satellites and full CNAV ~2020\*
- Fourth civil signal "L1C"
  - Designed for GNSS interoperability
  - Specification developed in cooperation with industry
  - Fully designed and in testing
  - Will be broadcast by GPS III
  - Available on 24 satellites ~ 2026\*



**Urban Canyons** 

Improved performance in challenged environments

<sup>\*</sup> FOC dates are based on our best estimate of launch schedule



## Ground Segment Status







**Ground Antenna** 

- Current system Operational Control Segment (OCS)
  - Currently flying expanded 24+3 constellation of GPS Block II satellites
  - Provides worldwide ground antenna and monitor station with redundant coverage
- Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX) continues
  - Provides ability to fly GPS III and operate modernized GPS signals
  - OCX Block I deployment planned for 2016



#### U.S. Air Force Receives Award

 The International Astronautical Federation bestowed its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award to the U.S. GPS program at a ceremony held October 4, 2011 in Cape Town, South

Africa



"...provided the greatest human benefit over the history of the space age"



## Summary

- GPS continues to meet or exceed our performance commitments to worldwide users
- Modernization of all GPS segments on track
- Striving to continually improve navigation and timing services while maintaining backward compatibility with legacy equipment.
- GPS is committed to open and transparent cooperation with the international GNSS community



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