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Global Positioning System Status

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Overview



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

GNSS is Essential to Our Economies



Satellite Operations



Surveying & Mapping



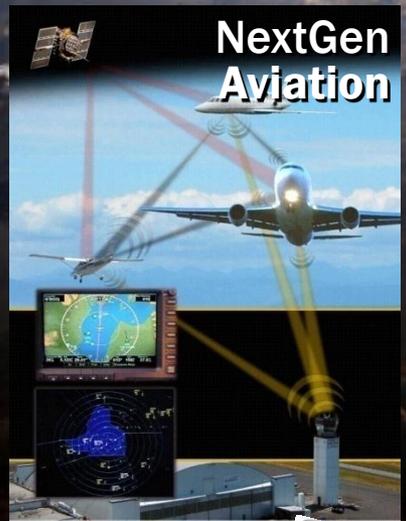
Power Grids



Precision Agriculture



Transit Operations



NextGen Aviation



Trucking & Shipping



Intelligent Vehicles



Telecom



Trucking & Shipping



Personal Navigation



Disease Control



Oil Exploration



Fishing & Boating



U.S. Policy Promotes Global Use of GPS Technology



- **No direct user fees for civil GPS services**
 - Provided on a continuous, worldwide basis
- **Open, public signal structures for all civil services**
 - Promotes equal access for user equipment manufacturing, applications development, and value-added services
 - Encourages open, market-driven competition
- **Global compatibility and interoperability with GPS**
- **Service improvements for civil, commercial, and scientific users worldwide**
- **Protection of radionavigation spectrum from disruption and interference**



GPS Constellation Status



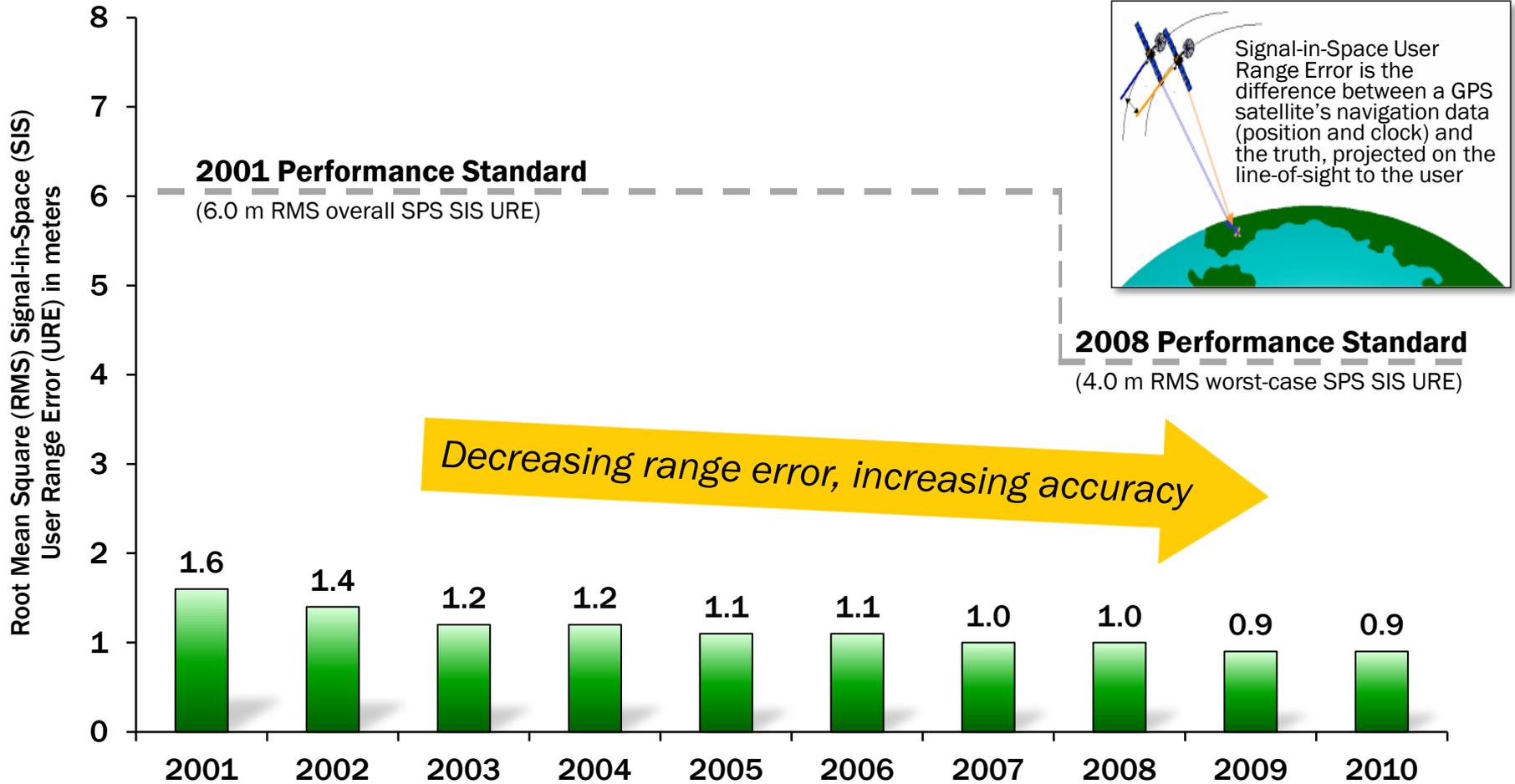
31 Healthy Satellites
Baseline Constellation: 24 + 3

- **10 Block IIA Satellites**
- **12 Block IIR Satellites**
- **7 Block IIR-M Satellites**
- **2 Block IIF Satellites**
 - *IIF-2 healthy as of October 16, 2011*
 - *Next IIF launch scheduled mid-2012*
- **Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993**





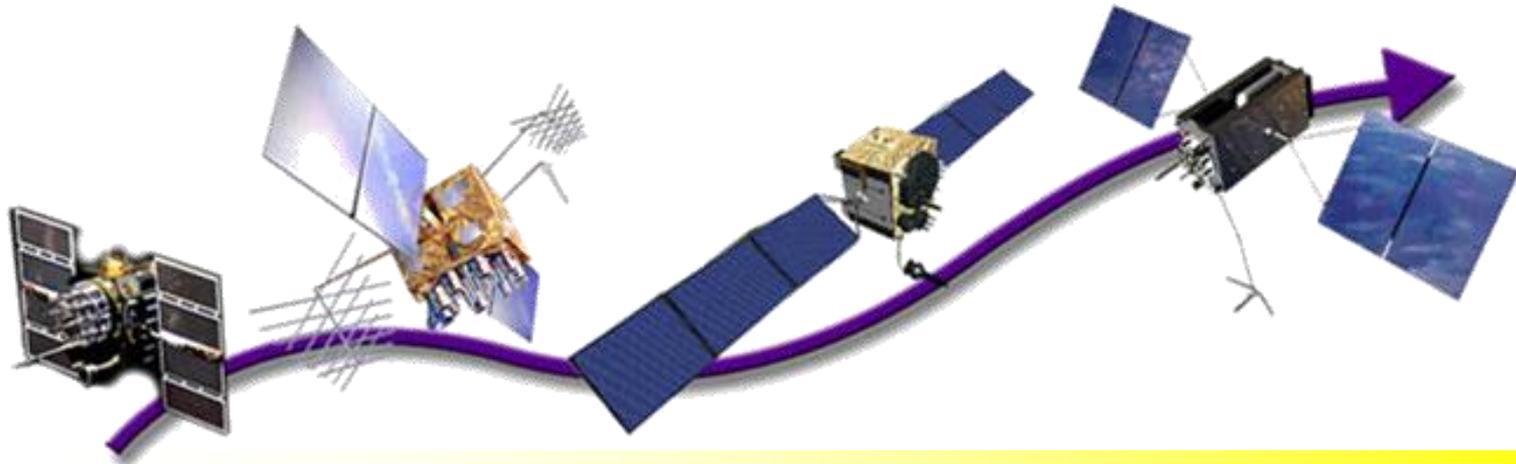
Standard Positioning Service (SPS) Signal-in-Space Performance



System accuracy exceeds published standard



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

IIR-M – Basic GPS capability plus

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

IIF – 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



U.S. Air Force Receives Award



- The International Astronautical Federation bestowed its 60th 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**
 - *Performance is better than ever and will continue to improve with planned modernization*
- **Modernization of all segments is on track**



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Supreme Court Rules Against Warrantless GPS Tracking

On January 23, the U.S. Supreme Court announced its decision on GPS-based vehicle tracking by law enforcement without a search warrant.

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Federal Officials: LightSquared's Plans Would Cause Harmful Interference to Many GPS Receivers

On January 13, federal officials issued a letter on the results of GPS interference testing based on LightSquared's original and modified plans for its proposed mobile network.

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What's New at GPS.gov

- Jan 24: U.S.-Japan announcement and technical report on GPS cooperation
- Jan 13: NOAA presentation on LightSquared testing
- Dec 4: Upgraded homepage for news media, RSS feed of GPS news
- Nov 28: GPS news items from 1997-2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010
- Nov 28: Presentations from CGSIC London and ENC 2011

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How Do I Fix Wrong Addresses, Maps, and Directions?

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BACKUPS



U.S. Policy History



- **1983:** President announces civilian access to GPS
- **1994:** U.S. offers free civil GPS service to International Civil Aviation
- **1996:** First U.S. GPS Policy establishes joint civil/military management
- **1997:** Civil GPS access free of direct user fees codified in U.S. statute
- **2000:** President ends use of *Selective Availability*
- **2004:** President issues U.S. Policy on Space-Based PNT
- **2004:** Agreement signed on GPS-Galileo Cooperation
- **2007:** President announces *Selective Availability* eliminated from future GPS III satellites
- **2010:** New National Space Policy includes specific PNT guidance





Civil Capability Improvements



Second civil signal “L2C”

- Designed to meet commercial needs
- Higher accuracy through ionospheric correction
- Available since 2005 without data message
 - Currently, 7 IIR-Ms transmitting L2C
- Full capability: 24 satellites ~2016



Third civil signal “L5”

- Designed to meet demanding requirements for transportation safety
- Uses highly protected Aeronautical Radio Navigation Service (ARNS) band
- Operational on 2 GPS IIF satellites
- Full capability: 24 satellites ~2018

After 2020, with L2C and L5 online, the USG will no longer support semi-codeless access to military GPS signals



Civil Capability Improvements



Under Trees



Urban Canyons

Fourth civil signal “L1C”

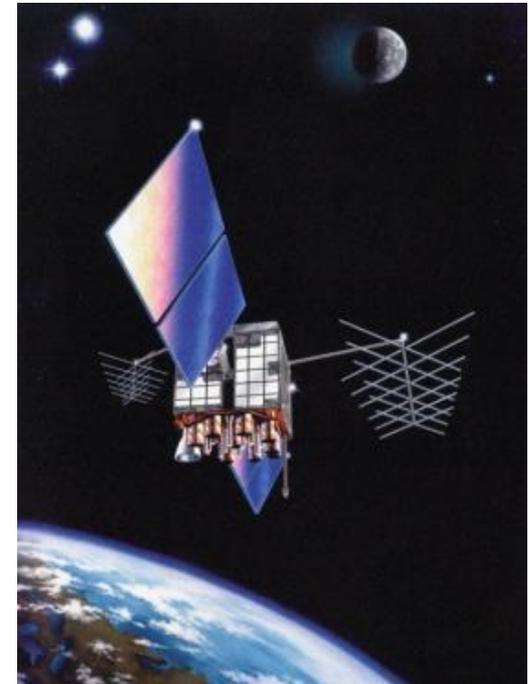
- Designed with international partners for interoperability
- Modernized civil signal at L1 frequency
 - More robust navigation across a broad range of user applications
 - Improved performance in challenged tracking environments
 - Original signal retained for backward compatibility
- Specification developed in cooperation with industry recently completed
- Launches with GPS III in 2014
- On 24 satellites by ~2021



GPS IIR/IIR-M Status



- **All GPS IIR and IIR-M satellites are on orbit**
 - Current backbone of the GPS constellation
- **Excellent on-orbit performance**
 - SIS URE of .50 meters
(1 yr performance Jul 11)
- **Excellent life expectancy**
 - Solar array capacity far exceeds specification
 - No clock failures to date





GPS IIF Status



- **Excellent on-orbit performance for IIF-1**
 - SIS URE of .30 meters
(1 yr performance Jul 11)
- **Launched GPS IIF-2 on 15 Jul 11**
 - SVN 63, PRN 1
 - Set healthy 14 October 2011
 - Second operational L5
 - Increases the enhanced GPS clock performance coverage
- **10 more IIFs in the pipeline**
 - SVs 3-8 are in Assembly, Integration & Test
- **IIF-3 Initial Launch Capability in Feb 12**





GPS III Status



- **Newest block of GPS satellites**
 - First GPS satellite to broadcast L1C signal
 - Multiple civil and military signals; L1 C/A, L1 P(Y), L1M, L1C, L2C, L2 P(Y), L2M, L5
 - Three Rubidium clocks
- **Completed Critical Design Review**
- **Prototype and engineering unit build/test underway**
 - Completed 57 of 59 Manufacturing Readiness Reviews
 - Completed 43 of 59 Test Readiness Reviews
- **GPS Nonflight Satellite Testbed (GNST) integration underway**
- **Initiated Capability Insertion Program for SV-9+**





Control Segment Status



Monitor Station



Master Control Stations at
Schriever AFB, Colorado



Ground Antenna

- **Operational Control Segment (OCS)**
 - Now flying Block IIA/IIR/IIR-M/IIF constellation
 - Added the capability for anomaly resolution and disposal ops for IIF
- **Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX)**
 - Preliminary Design Review concluded August 2011
 - OCX Block I deployment planned for August 2015
 - New Launch and Checkout System will control first GPS III satellites prior to OCX Block I