GNSS Evolutionary Architecture Study (GEAS)

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GEAS Objectives

- Evaluate GNSS-based architectures to provide robust LPV-200 service worldwide circa 2020
 - Multiple dual frequency GNSS constellations in protected aeronautical bands
 - Direct estimation and removal ionospheric delay errors
 - Opportunity to consider advanced RAIM (ARAIM) techniques
- Enable a smooth integration of future GNSS in the user equipment

• Near term implications for WAAS (SBAS)

- India and Russia are developing SBAS systems
- Investigate potential to expand SBAS to provide global LPV coverage
- Multiple-constellation SBAS



Current International Signal Plans



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Current Reference Networks





Current LPV-200 Coverage (Single Frequency GPS) Availability as a function of user location







Future LPV-200 Coverage (Dual Frequency GPS)





WAAS, MSAS, EGNOS, GAGAN and SDCM Reference Networks





WAAS, MSAS, EGNOS, GAGAN & SDCM (Dual Frequency GPS)





Expanded Networks





WAAS, MSAS, EGNOS, GAGAN & SDCM (Dual Frequency GPS + Expanded Networks)





WAAS, MSAS, EGNOS, GAGAN & SDCM

(Dual Frequency GPS + Expanded Networks + Two GNSS Constellations)





Conclusions

- Single frequency coverage is good within the countries fielding SBAS
- Dual frequency extends LPV coverage outside reference networks
- Expanding networks into southern hemisphere could allow global coverage of land masses
- Multi-Constellation SBAS allows even greater coverage with fewer stations
 - Compatible Geodesy and Time Standards are Important

