

## **GPS Status and Modernization**

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#### Critical Asset

- Vital to International Security, Economic Growth, and Public Safety
- Extends across all domains -- air, land, sea, space, cyberspace
- Effects transcend national and military boundaries



Available, reliable, accurate, and free of charge



### GPS - Serving the World

- Very robust constellation
  - 30 satellites currently in operation
    - 9 GPS IIA
    - 12 GPS IIR
    - 7 GPS IIR-M
    - 2 GPS IIF
  - 4 additional satellites in residual status
- Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993
- GPS IIF-2 launched 16 Jul 11; set healthy
  14 Oct 11
- Next Launch IIF-3, Sep 2012





### GPS Control Segment

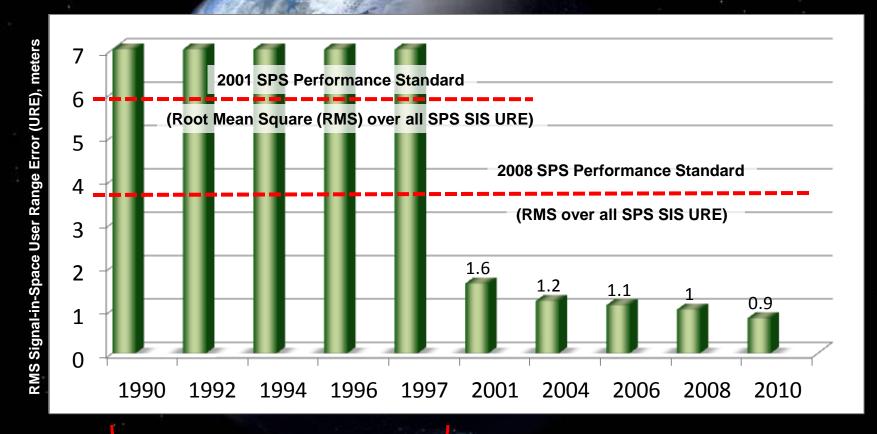


- Operated by Space Professionals in 2d Space Operations Squadron at Schriever AFB, CO
- Backup facility at Vandenberg AFB, CA
- Global monitoring and antenna networks





### SPS Signal in Space Performance



**Selective Availability** 

System accuracy exceeds published standard



### GPS Modernization – pace and Control Segments

1995

2005

2010

2014 - 2025

GPS IIA

GPS II R / IIR-M

**GPS IIF** 

**GPS III** 

**Space Segment** 

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

- IIA/IIR capabilities plus
- 2nd civil signal (L2C)
- M-Code (L1M & L<sub>2</sub>M)
- IIR-M capability plus
- 3rd civil signal (L5)
- 12 year design

- Backward compatible
- 4th civil signal (L1C)
- Increased accuracy
- Increased integrity
- Increased AJ
- 15 yr design life

**Control Segment** 

Legacy Control **System**  rchitecture Evolution Plan (AEP)

Next Generation **Operational** Control System (OCX)



#### GPS Modernization - Ground

- Architecture Evolution Plan (AEP)
  - Transitioned in 2007
  - Modern distributed system replaced 1970's mainframes
  - Increased capacity for monitoring of GPS signals
  - Increased worldwide commanding capability
  - Version 5.6 operational Jan 11
  - Version 5.7 install complete 13 Oct 11, ops and IA fixes
- Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX)
  - Controls more capable GPS constellation
  - Monitors all GPS signals
  - \$1.5B contract awarded 25 February 2010
  - Preliminary Design Review—20-24 June 2011
  - MS-B: With Next AGER (9 Dec 11)



# GPS Modernization – New L2C Civil Signal

- Second civil signal "L2C"
  - Designed to meet commercial needs
  - Higher accuracy through ionospheric signal distortion correction
  - 1st launch: Sep 2005 (GPS IIR-M); 24 satellites: ~2016
  - Codeless message currently broadcast from 7 IIR-Ms and 1 IIF
  - OCX Block 1 (2015)
    - Provides command, control, and monitoring of L2C
    - Enables new civil navigation message (CNAV)



# GPS Modernization – New L5 and L1C Civil Signals

- Third civil signal "L5"
  - Designed to meet demanding requirements for transportation safety-of-life
  - 1st launch: 27 May 2010 (GPS IIF); 24 satellites: ~2018
  - Codeless message currently broadcast from IIF-1 and IIF-2
  - OCX Block 2 (2016) provides command, control, and monitoring of L5
- Fourth civil signal "L1C"
  - Designed with international partners for GNSS interoperability
  - Begins with GPS Block III
    - Nomenclature change
    - Change Increments A,B,C to SV 1-8 & SV09 & beyond (SV09+)
  - 1st launch: ~2014; 24 satellites: ~2021
  - OCX Block 2 (2016) provides command, control, and monitoring of L1C



# GPS Modernization – Additional Secondary Payloads

- Distress Alerting Satellite System (DASS)
  - Current space-based Search and Rescue (SAR) systems take up to two hours to relay distress signals
  - DASS provides global bent-pipe capability to detect, locate, and relay distress alerts in near-real-time from emergency beacons interoperable GLONASS and GALILEO SAR systems
  - AFSPC/CC approved inclusion in next GPS III Space Segment CDD
  - DASS payload provided by Canada
  - Will be deployed on GPS III SV09+
  - Program Office working with DASS sponsors and Canadians on integration



# GPS Modernization – Additional Secondary Payloads

- Space Laser Ranging (SLR) Retroreflectors
  - Precise range measurement between SLR ground station and payload
  - Global international stations provide tracking data to improve geodetic reference frame
  - Improves orbit accuracy, GNSS interoperability, map accuracy, improved Earth modeling, ability to measure tectonic movement and ocean level changes
  - NASA, NGA, USNO, USGS, and NRL sponsors
  - Inclusion of payload in upcoming GPS III Space Segment CDD in work to gain AFSPC/CC approval
  - NASA agreed to provide SLRs and fund study
  - NGA agreed to fund SLR integration



#### Summary

- Largest constellation in history with best accuracy ever
- Modernized Command and Control System allows more signal monitoring and quicker satellite commanding than ever before
- New secondary payloads benefit civil community
- And we're continuing to modernize and improve GPS even more!

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