



SPACE-BASED POSITIONING  
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# GNSS Surveying Technologies for the Future



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# Seminar Outline



## Module 1

- ❖ NCO Overview
- ❖ GPS Modernization and Augmentations

## Module 2

- ❖ GPS Accuracy in an Urban & Suburban Environment (Census Data)

## Modules 3A & 3B

- ❖ Technologies of Interest to Surveyors in 2025



# U.S. Policy Promotes Global Use of GPS Technology

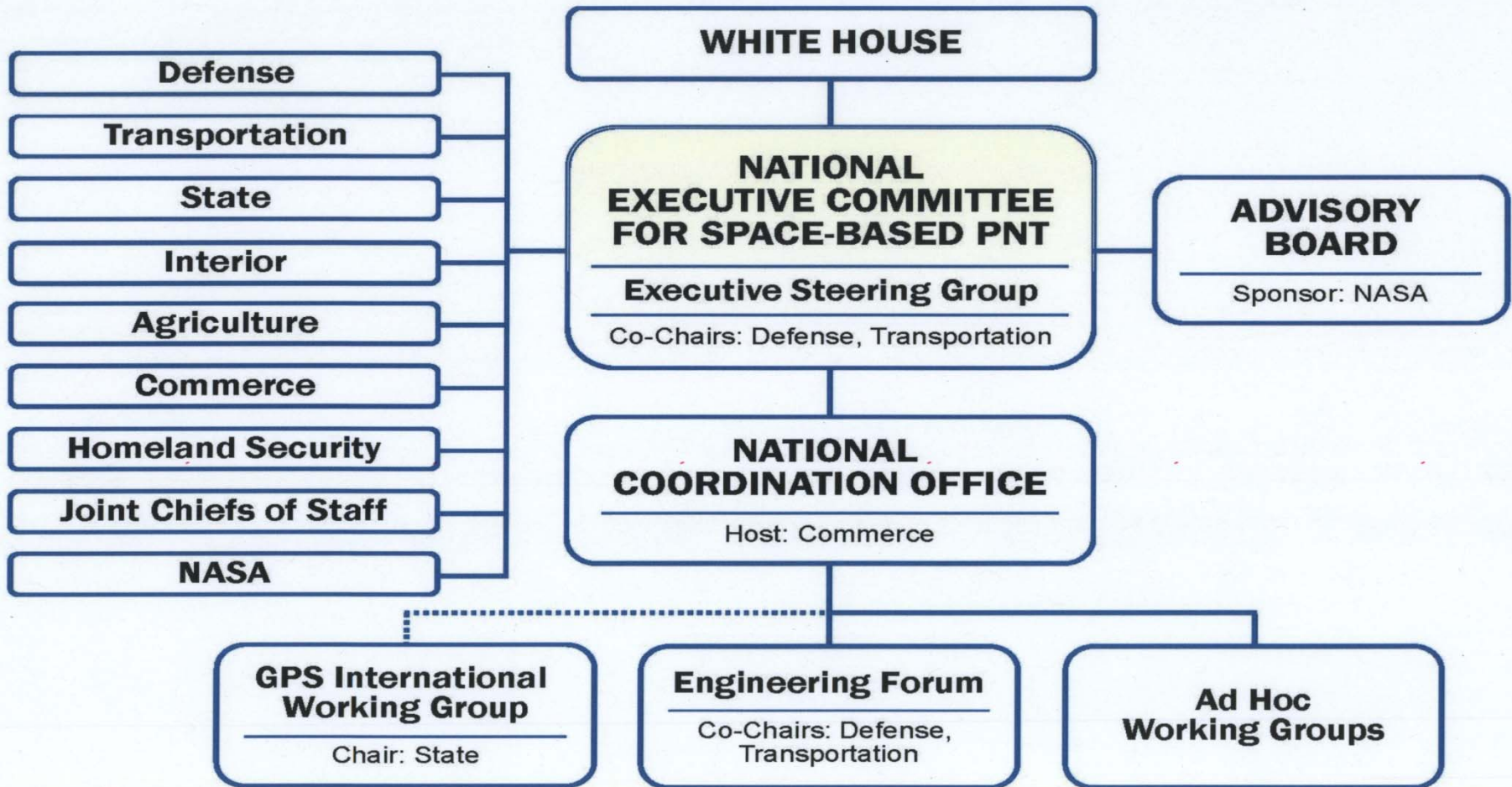


- **No direct user fees for civil GPS services**
  - Provided on a continuous, worldwide basis
- **Open, free access to information necessary to use civil GPS and augmentations**
  - Anyone can develop applications, user equipment, and value-added services
  - Encourages market-driven competition
- **Global compatibility and interoperability with GPS**
- **Service improvements for civil, commercial, and scientific users worldwide**
- **Protection of radionavigation spectrum from disruption and interference**

**U.S. policy on civil GPS access has been  
stable and consistent for 25+ years**



# US Space-Based PNT Organization Structure



NATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE FOR SPACE-BASED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION & TIMING



# NCO Staffing in 2010



- **Director**      **SES**      **Department of Transportation**
- **DOT**      **1 PTE**      **Department of Transportation**
- **DoD**      **2 FTE's**      **Department of Defense**
- **State**      **1 FTE**      **Department of State**
- **DOC**      **2 PTE's**      **Department of Commerce**
- **DHS**      **1 FTE**      **Department of Homeland Security**
- **DOI**      **1 PTE**      **Department of Interior**
- **USDA**      **1 PTE**      **Department of Agriculture**
- **NASA**      **1 PTE**      **National Aeronautics and Space Administration**
- **Contr.**      **2 FTE'S**      **Overlook & SAIC**



## NCO Activities



- **Track presidential GPS budgets and liaison with congressional staff on legislative issues**
- **Review policy and provide recommendations**
- **Coordinate international outreach**
- **Review government presentations for national and international conferences and meetings**
- **Provide staffing support for Executive Steering Group (ESG) and EXCOM meetings**
- **Prepare yearly reports and update Five Year Plan**
- **Take NCO booth to national and international conferences**



# Munich Satellite Navigation Summit 2010





# Executive Committee Activities



- **Program Coordination**
  - Five-Year National Plan
  - National PNT Architecture
  - GPS modernization
  - Civil GPS funding
  - Semi-codeless GPS transition
  - Nationwide Differential GPS
  - Enhanced Loran
  - Distress Alerting Satellite System
- **International Cooperation**
  - Bilateral
  - Multilateral
- **Spectrum Management**
  - Interference Detection and Mitigation Plan
  - Spectrum protection plan
- **Outreach**
  - Publications, websites
  - Educational exhibits
  - Conferences, workshops, other venues
  - Coordination of U.S. message



# GPS stimulates productivity and increases efficiency in our economy



**Satellite Operation**



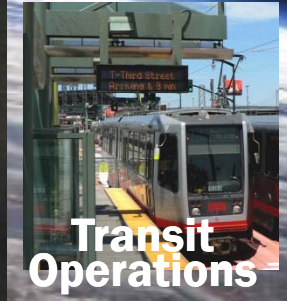
**Surveying & Mapping**



**Power Grids**



**Precision Agriculture**



**Transit Operations**



**NextGen**



**Disease Control**



**IntelliDrive**



**TeleComm**



**Trucking & Shipping**



**Personal Navigation**



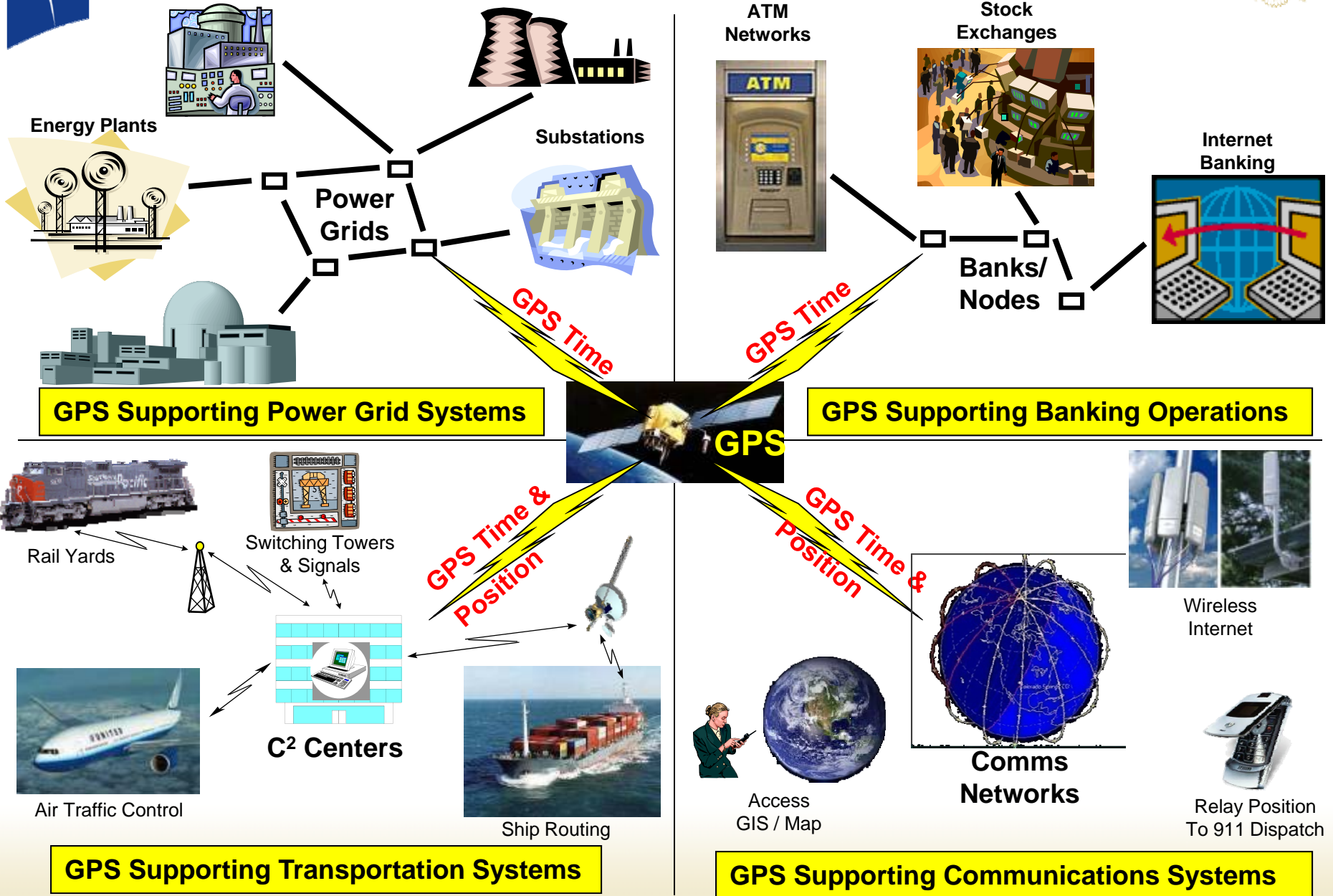
**Oil Exploration**



**Fishing & Boating**



# Extent of GPS Dependencies





# GPS Constellation Status



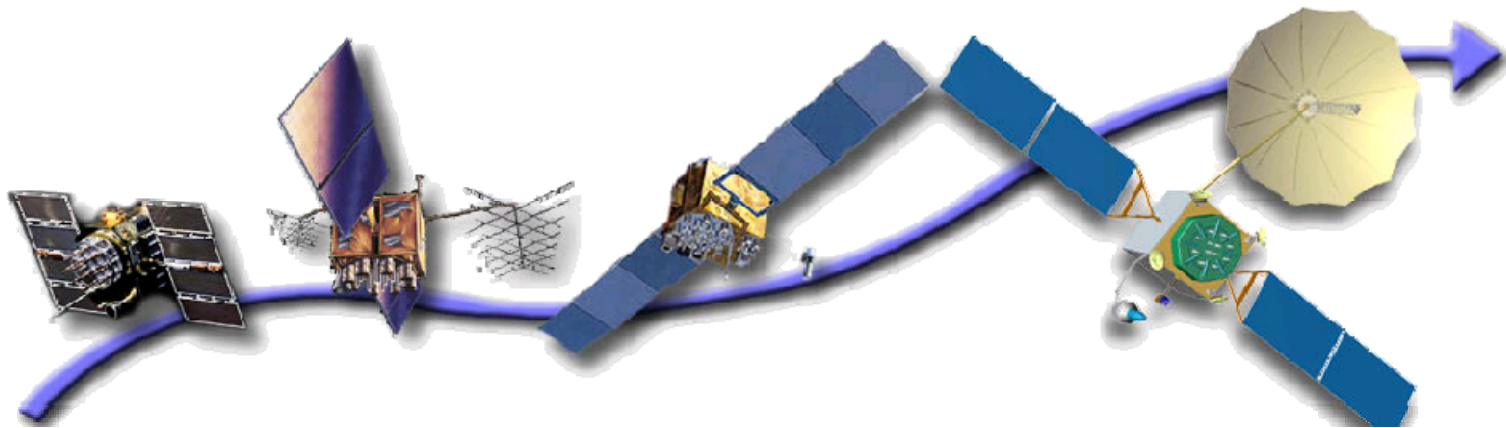
## ***30 Operational Satellites (Baseline Constellation: 24)***

- **11 Block IIA**
- **12 Block IIR**
- **7 Block IIR-M**
  - Transmitting new second civil signal
  - 1 GPS IIR-M in on-orbit testing
- **3 additional satellites in residual status**
- **IIF-1 launched May 27th, 2010**
  - First of 12 Boeing satellites
- **Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993**





# GPS Modernization Program



*Increasing System Capabilities ♦ Increasing Defense / Civil 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: IIA/IIR capabilities plus

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

### IIF: IIR-M capability plus

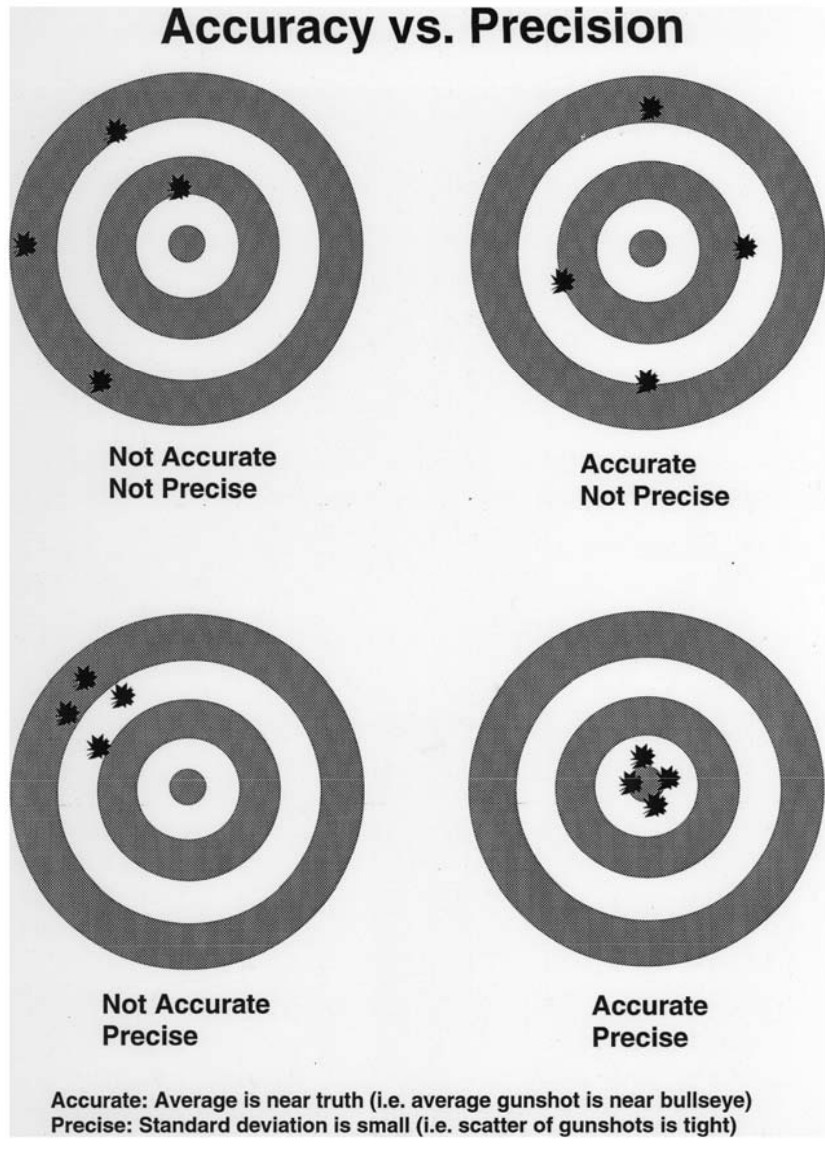
- **3rd civil signal (L5)**
- Anti-jam flex power

## Block III

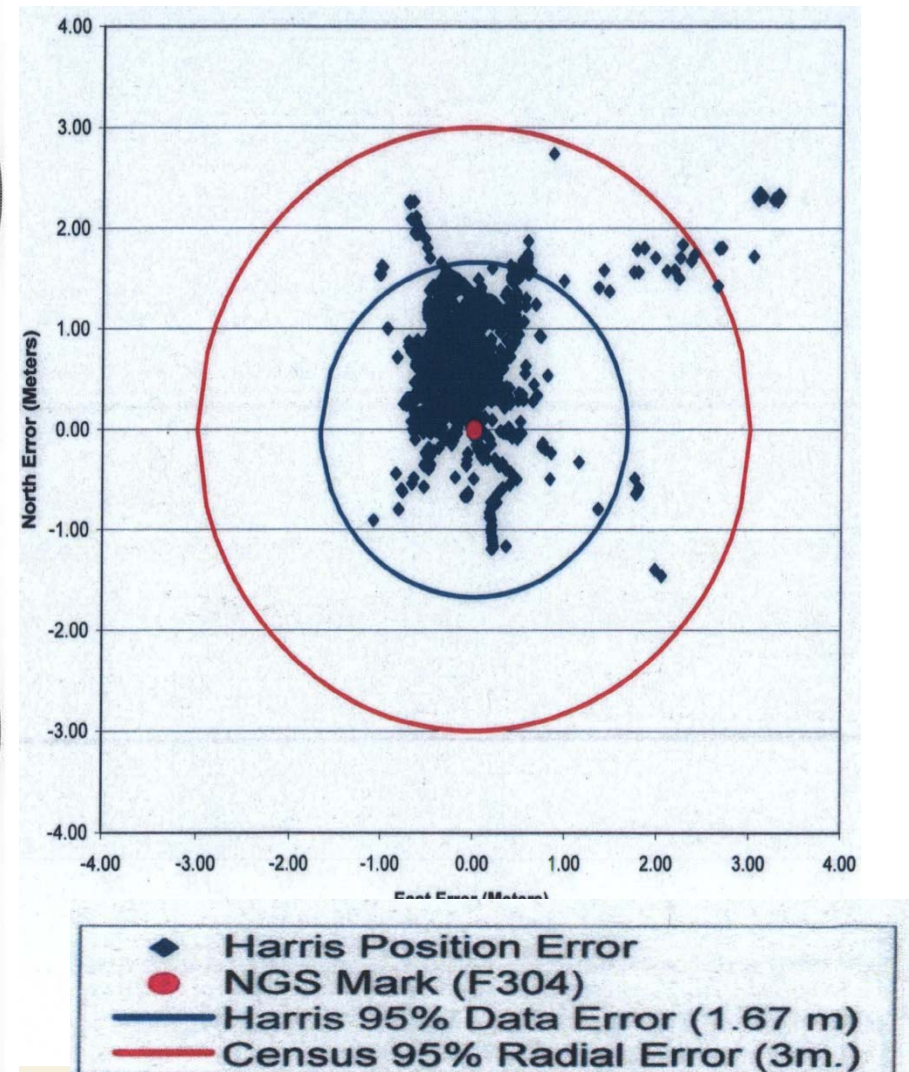
- Backward compatibility
- **4th civil signal (L1C)**
- Increased accuracy
- Increased anti-jam power
- Assured availability
- Navigation surety
- Controlled integrity
- Increased security
- System survivability



# A Review of Accuracy



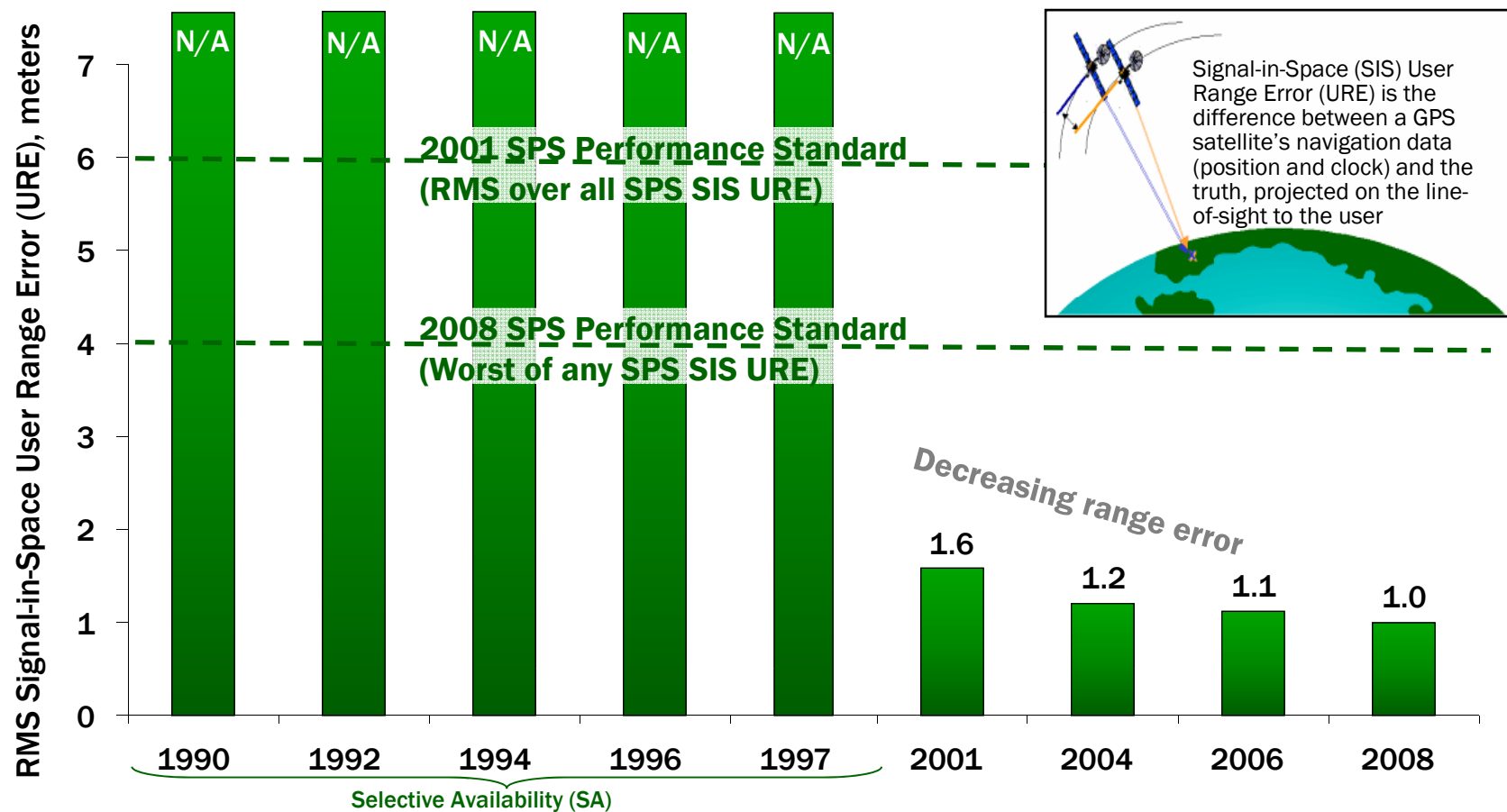
### Hand held GPS Post Processed Position Errors – Ref. Station @ 50 Km.





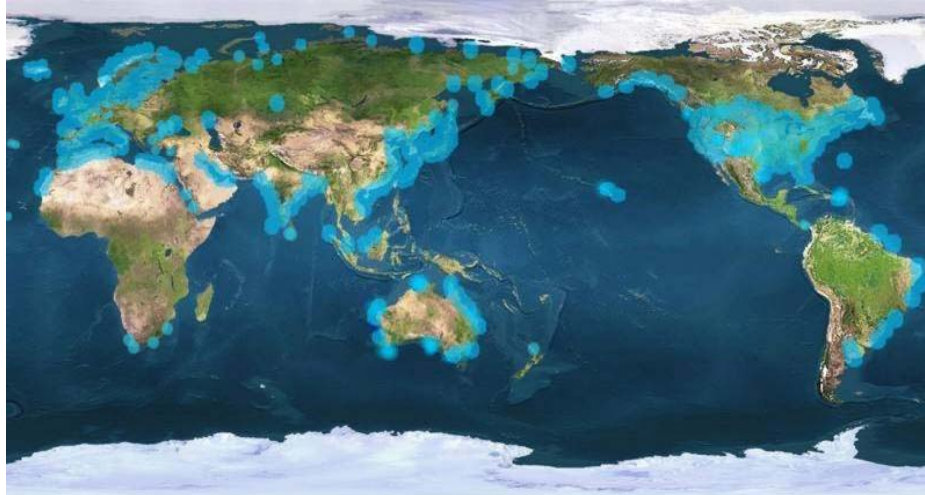
# Current GPS Accuracy

- **SPS Signal-in-Space (SIS) User Range error (URE)**
  - One-year RMS through September 2009: .90 meters
- **SPS Zero Age-of-Data (AOD) URE**
  - One-year RMS through September 2009: 0.50 meters

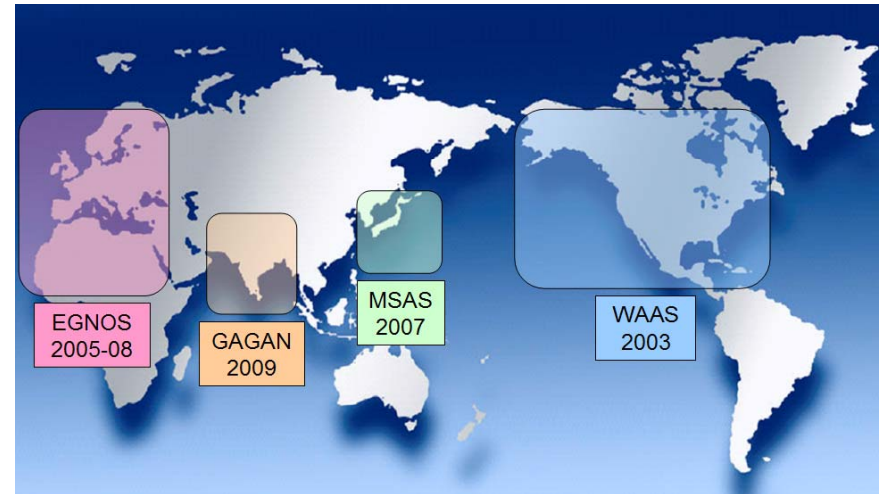




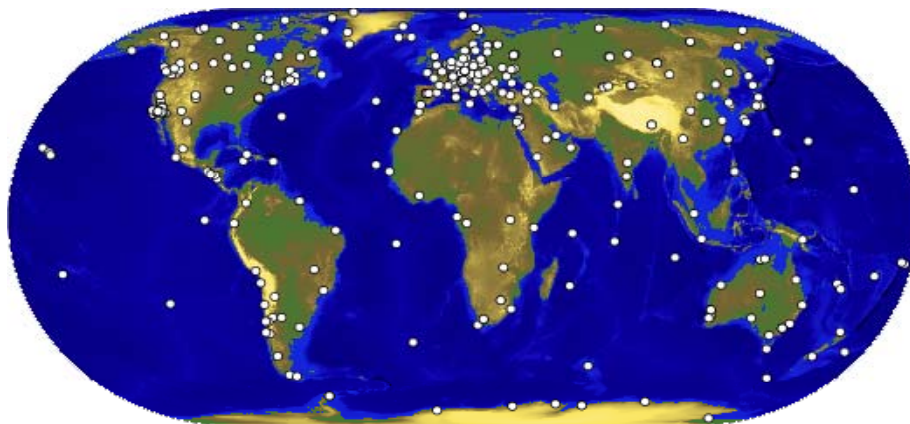
# International Augmentations



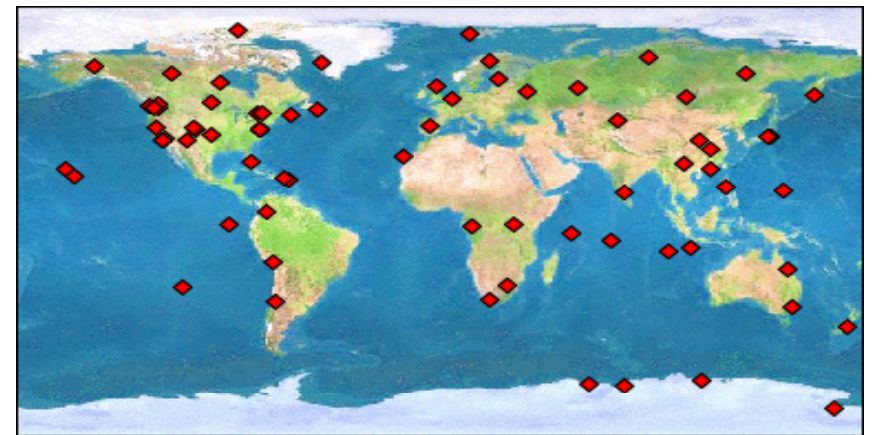
Differential GPS Networks



Satellite-Based Augmentation Systems



International GNSS Service



Global Differential GPS System



# Global Satellite Based Augmentation System (GSBAS)



- **GPS satellite orbit and clock corrections are calculated from a global tracking network of dual frequency receivers.**
- **The GSBAS algorithms developed by NavCom are based on technology licensed from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.**
- **Orbit and clock corrections from both processing centers are distributed via dedicated circuits with multiple communication backups to three Inmarsat satellite uplink stations.**
- **StarFire accuracy is independent of the distance to the nearest reference station.**

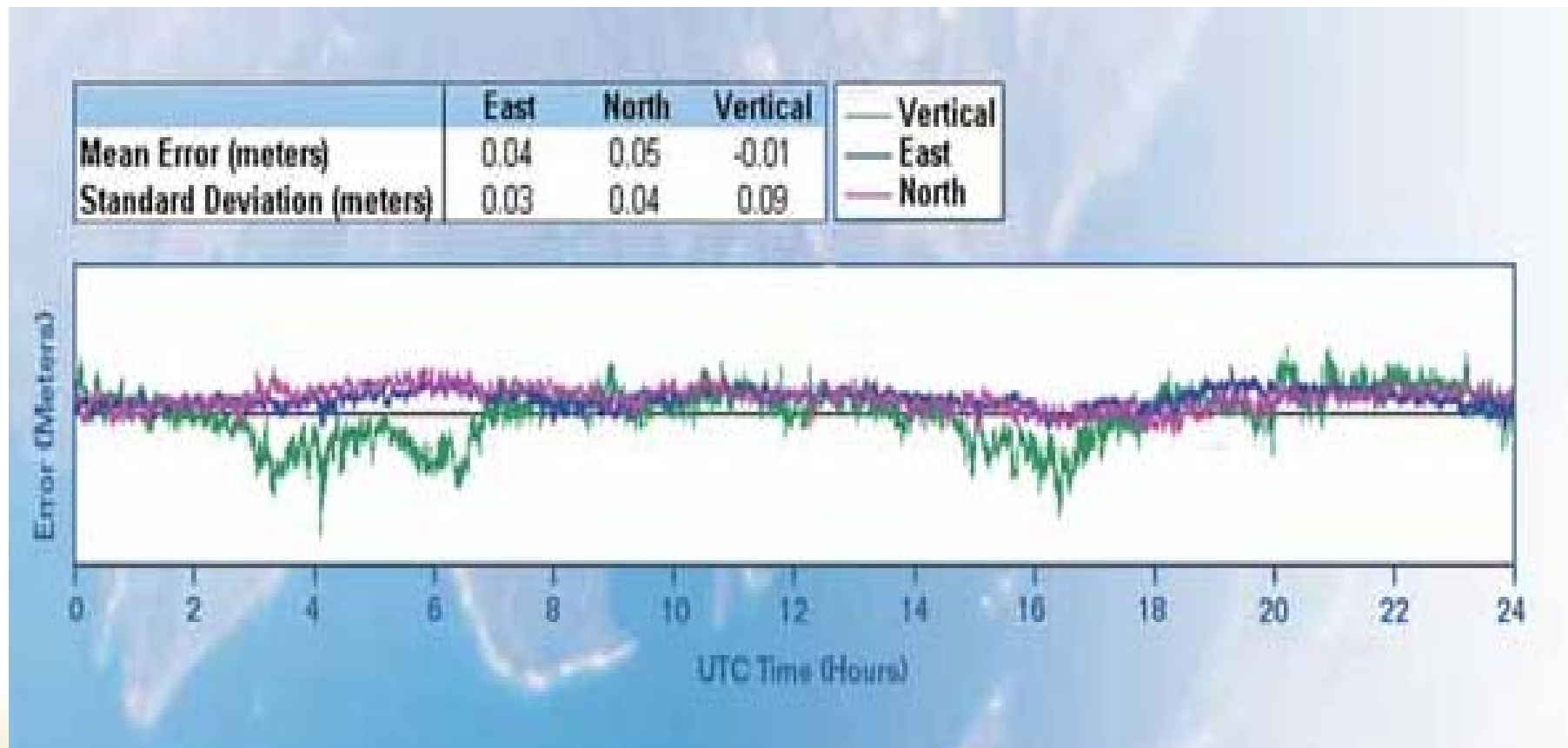




# Accuracy



- NavCom / Starfire - 20 cm horizontal and 30 cm vertical accuracy (2 sigma - 95%).





## Canada-wide DGPS Service



- **GNSS augmentation initiated as a free public service since October 2003 (CDGPS)**
- **North American footprint extends from Mexico to 15 degrees north of the Arctic Circle**
- **The satellite provider broadcasting the CDGPS L-band signal will upgrade to next-generation satellites this year.**
- **This upgrade would require a significant infrastructure investment to migrate to the new communications satellite**
- **As similar commercial services are available, Canada has decided to decommission CDGPS by 03/31/2011.**



# SVN-49 Issues

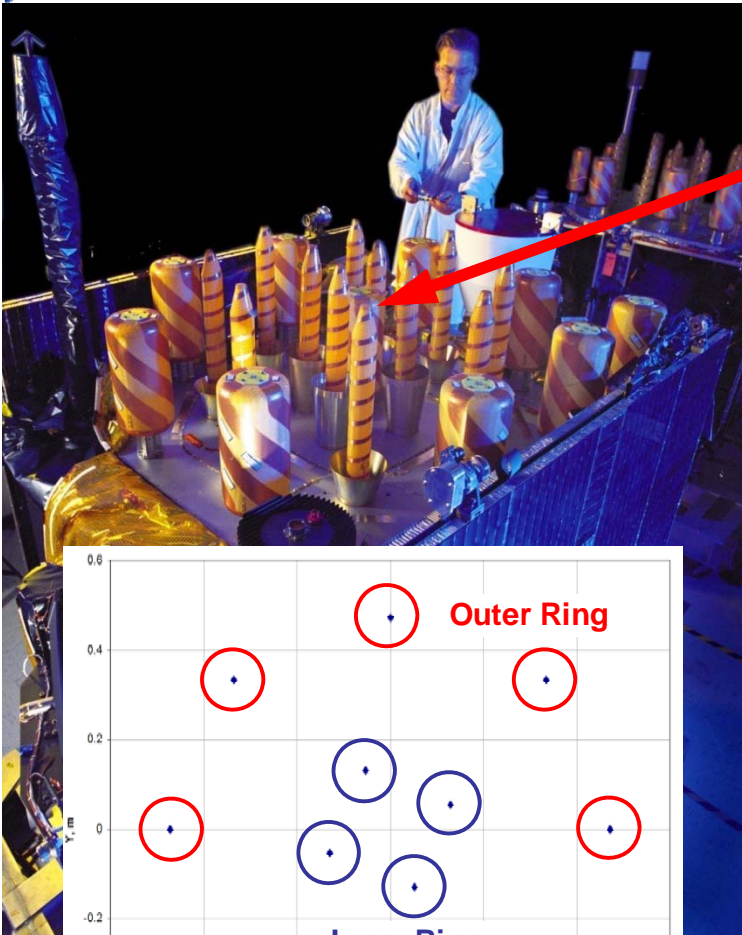


## **SVN-49 unlike other GPS IIR Satellites had L5 R&D Demonstration Payload Demo payload made use of Auxiliary Payload port**

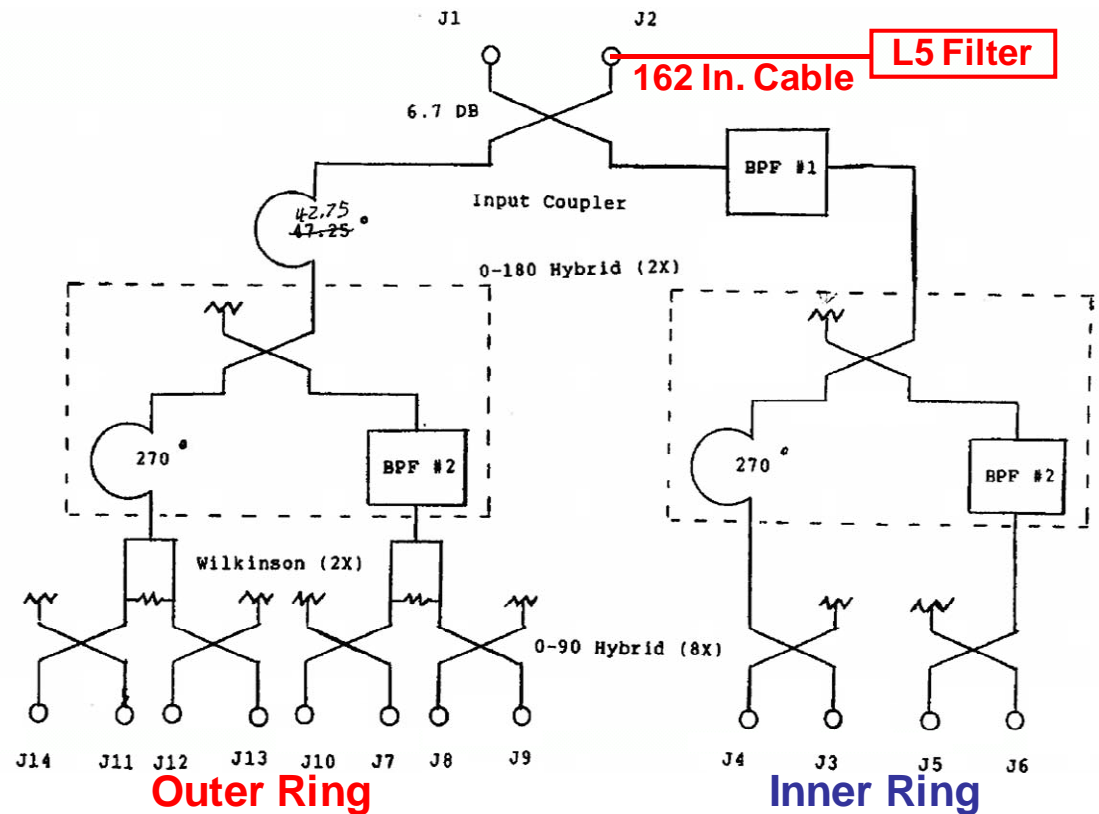
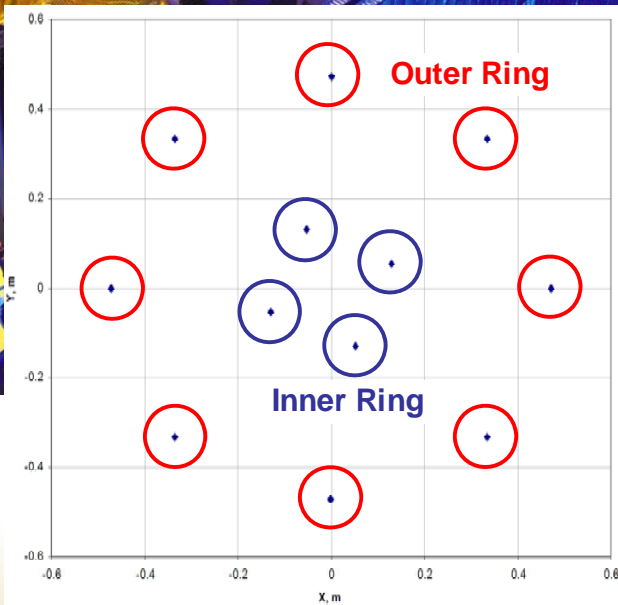
- No impact on L1 and L2 signals was intended or expected
- “Out of family” elevation angle dependent Pseudo Range Residuals (PRR) seen at monitor stations and by other GPS users world-wide
  - Root cause studied and established Signals reflecting off L5 filter and transmitted through satellite antenna
  - Installation method is unique to this satellite –other GPS satellites will not be affected
  - SVN-49 signal is not compliant with IS-GPS-200 for the spurious transmission specification, but does meet all other specifications and requirements



# GPS IIR L-Band Antenna with L5 Demo Filter



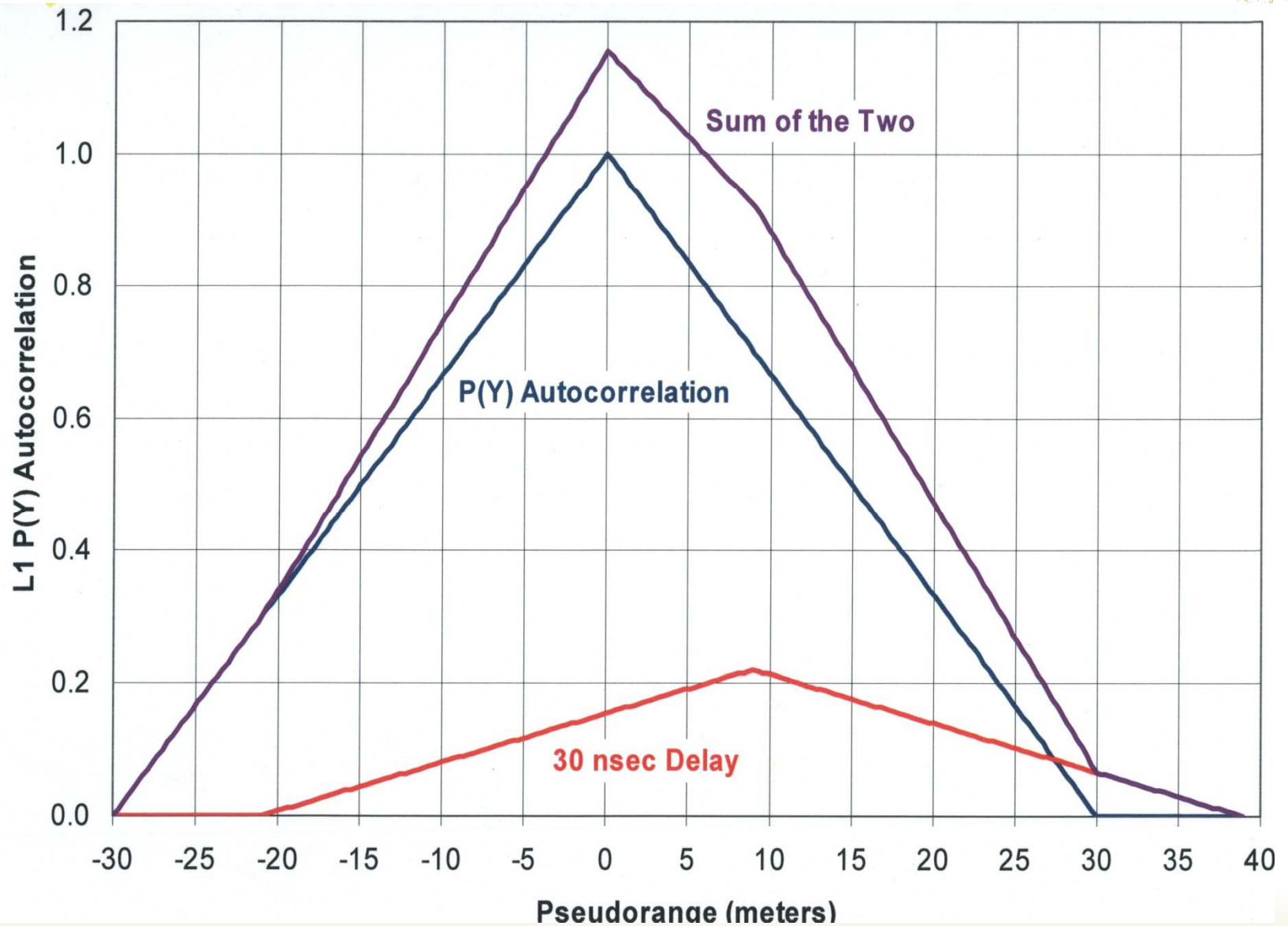
L-Band antenna array with 12 helical elements



Source: USAF, ION-GNSS-2009.



# Max Impact on L1 P(Y) Autocorrelation





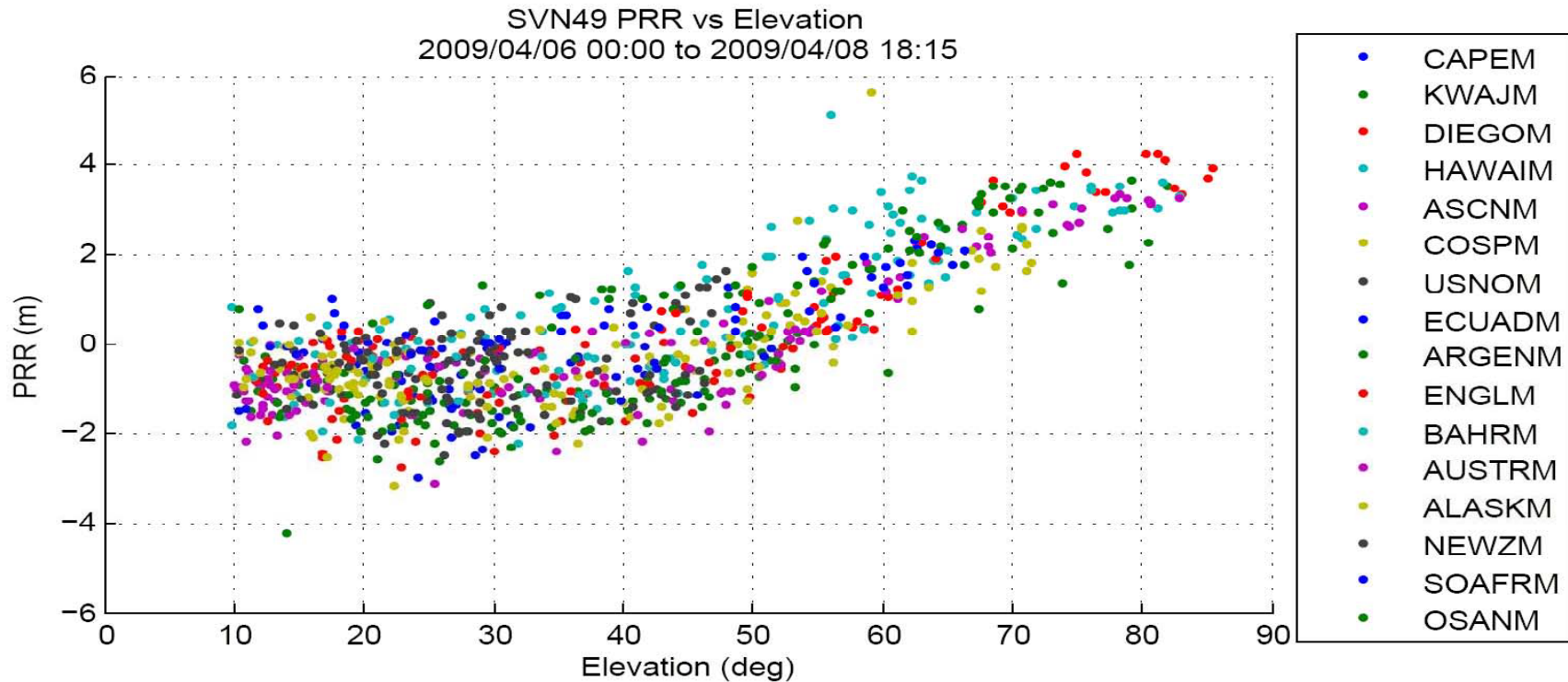
## SVN-49 Issues (Continued)



- **Result is permanent, static multipath signal within satellite**
  - **Signal distortion is user elevation angle dependent**
  - **Little or no distortion at low elevation angle**
- **Signal distortion impacts receivers differently depending on unique designs**
- **Non IS-GPS-200 compliant receivers greatly complicate the issue**
- **Varying impacts prevent a single solution for all forms of user equipment**



# SVN-49 Pseudorange Residuals (Monitor Station PR - Predicted PR)



- **Dual frequency ionosphere refraction corrected pseudoranges**
- **Relative to “best fit” orbit during initial test period (6 April 2009)**
- **Roughly 4+ meter spread from 10 to 80 degrees**



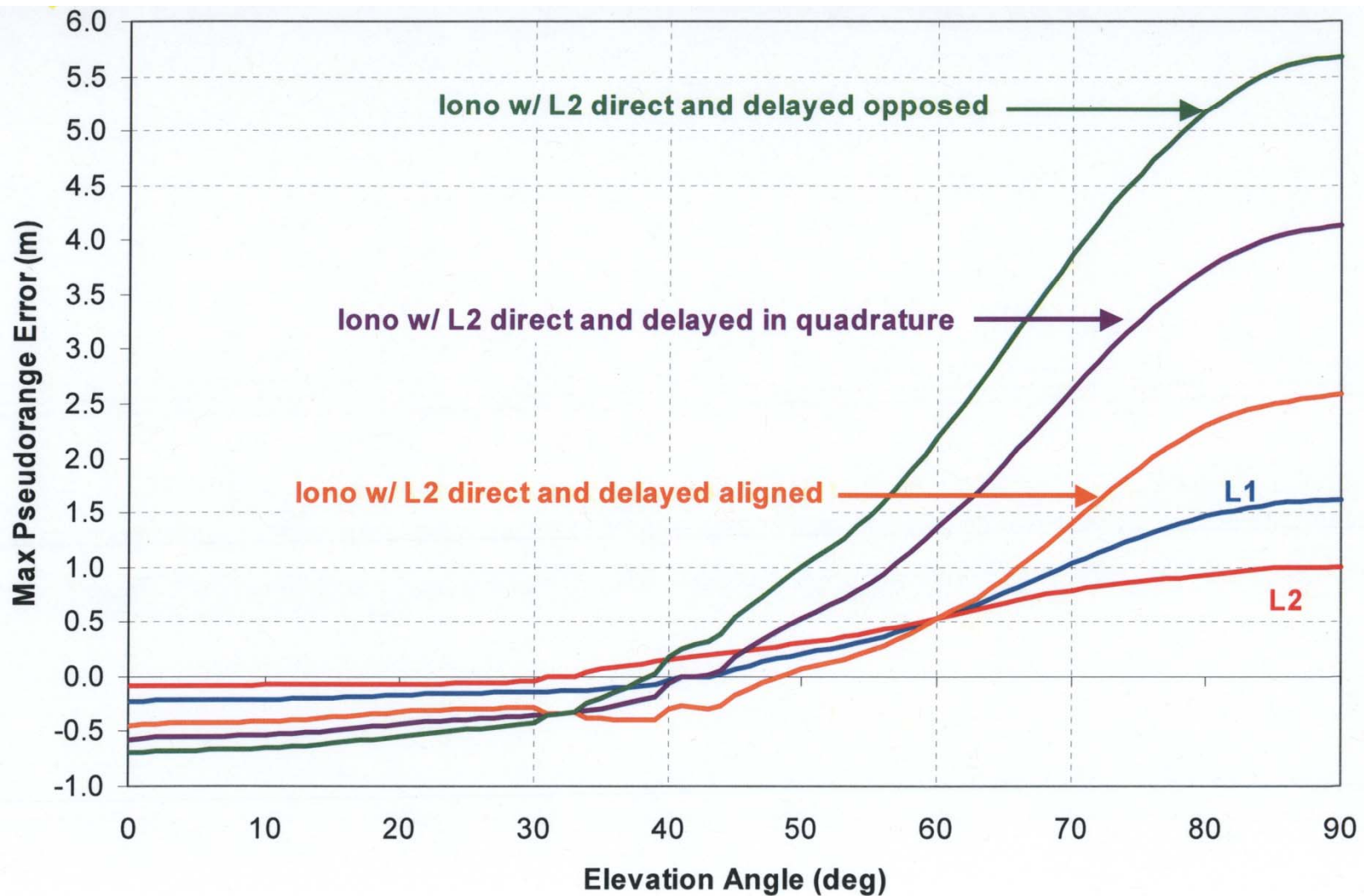
## ***Refraction Corrected Error Possibilities***

- Assume the direct and reflected L1 signals are in phase so at zenith the L1 pseudorange is 1.62 m too long
- If the direct and reflected L2 signals are in quadrature, the L2 pseudorange error is negligible
- Therefore, the refraction corrected pseudorange error is  **$(2.55 \times 1.62 - 1.55 \times 0) = 4.14 \text{ m}$**
- If the direct and reflected L2 signals are in the same phase, the L2 pseudorange error is  $\sim 0.95 \text{ m}$
- Therefore, the refraction corrected pseudorange error is  **$(2.55 \times 1.62 - 1.55 \times 0.95) = 2.66 \text{ m}$**
- If the direct and reflected L2 signals are in opposite phase, the L2 pseudorange error is  $\sim -1.1 \text{ m}$
- Therefore, the refraction corrected pseudorange error is  **$(2.55 \times 1.62 - 1.55 \times -1.1) = 5.84 \text{ m}$**



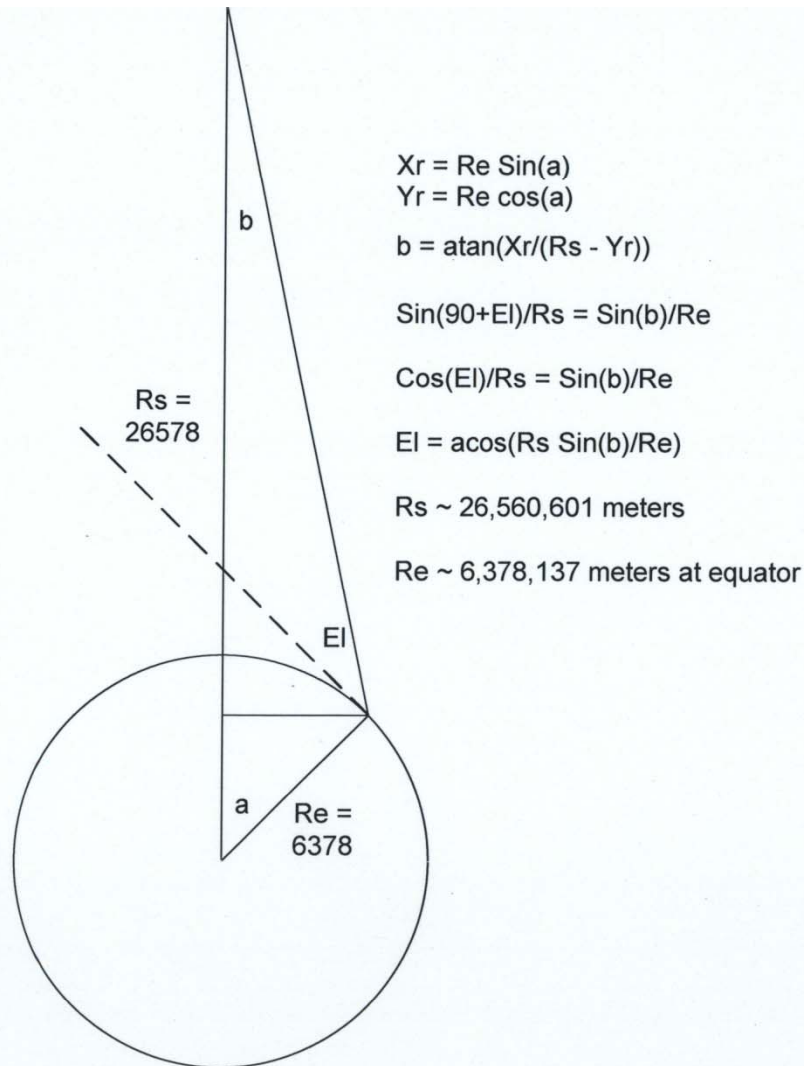


# SVN-49 Pseudorange Error Model





# Raise the Orbit, Offset the Clock



- If  $R_s \text{ effective} = R_s + \delta$
- The impact on pseudorange is  $\delta \cos(b)$
- The following plot shows the effect of  $\delta = 152.586 \text{ m}$  with a clock offset of 496.2 nsec (148.754 m)



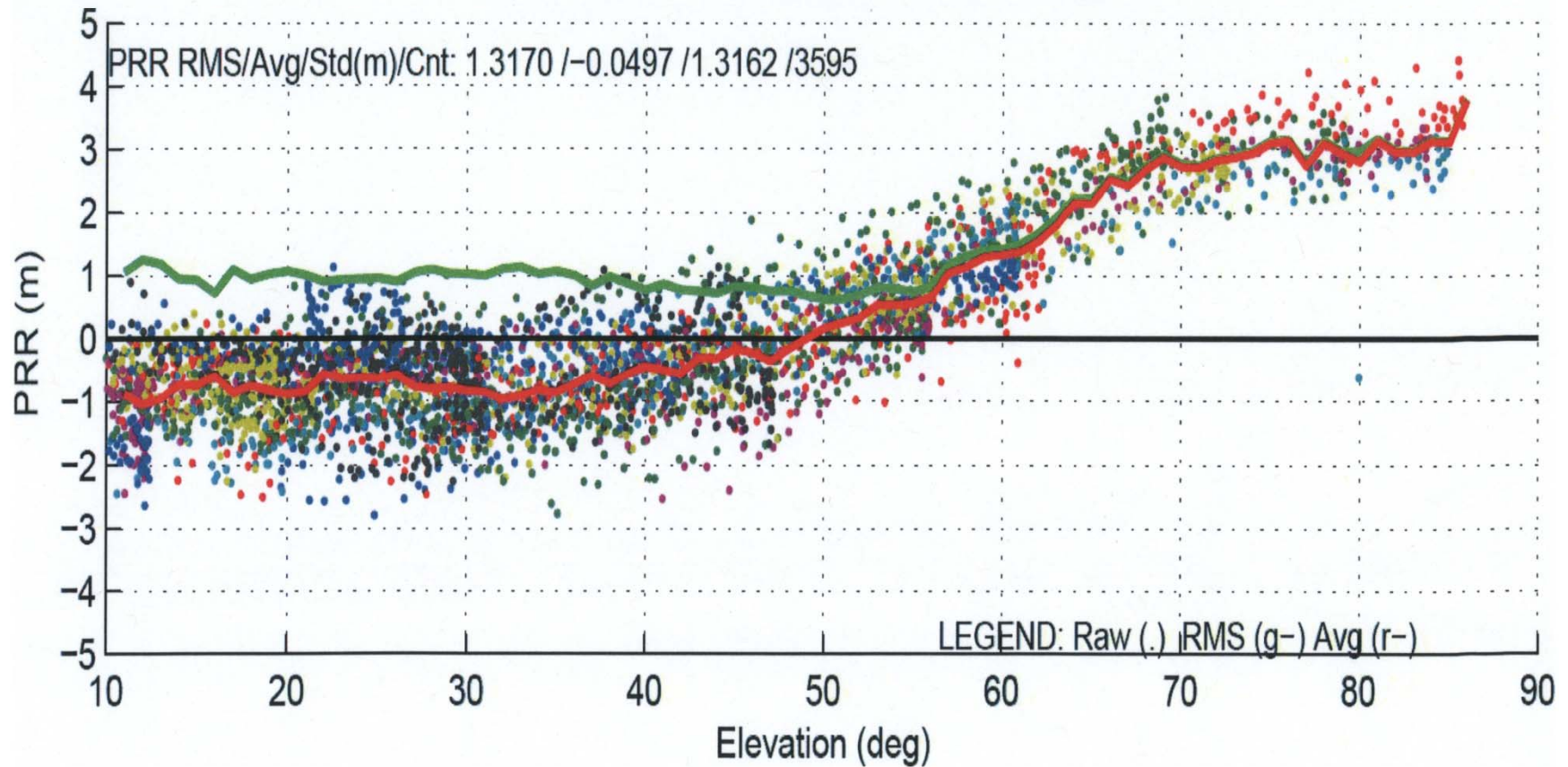
## ***A Partial Fix***

- **In order to reduce the elevation-dependent tracking residuals, 2SOPS has experimented with placing the antenna phase center about 152 meters above the satellite rather than slightly below as normal**
  - (How can you fix a 4-5 meter problem with a 152 meter solution?)
- **The Kalman filter then provides orbit and clock parameters which best fit the tracking data**
  - The key parameter is clock offset



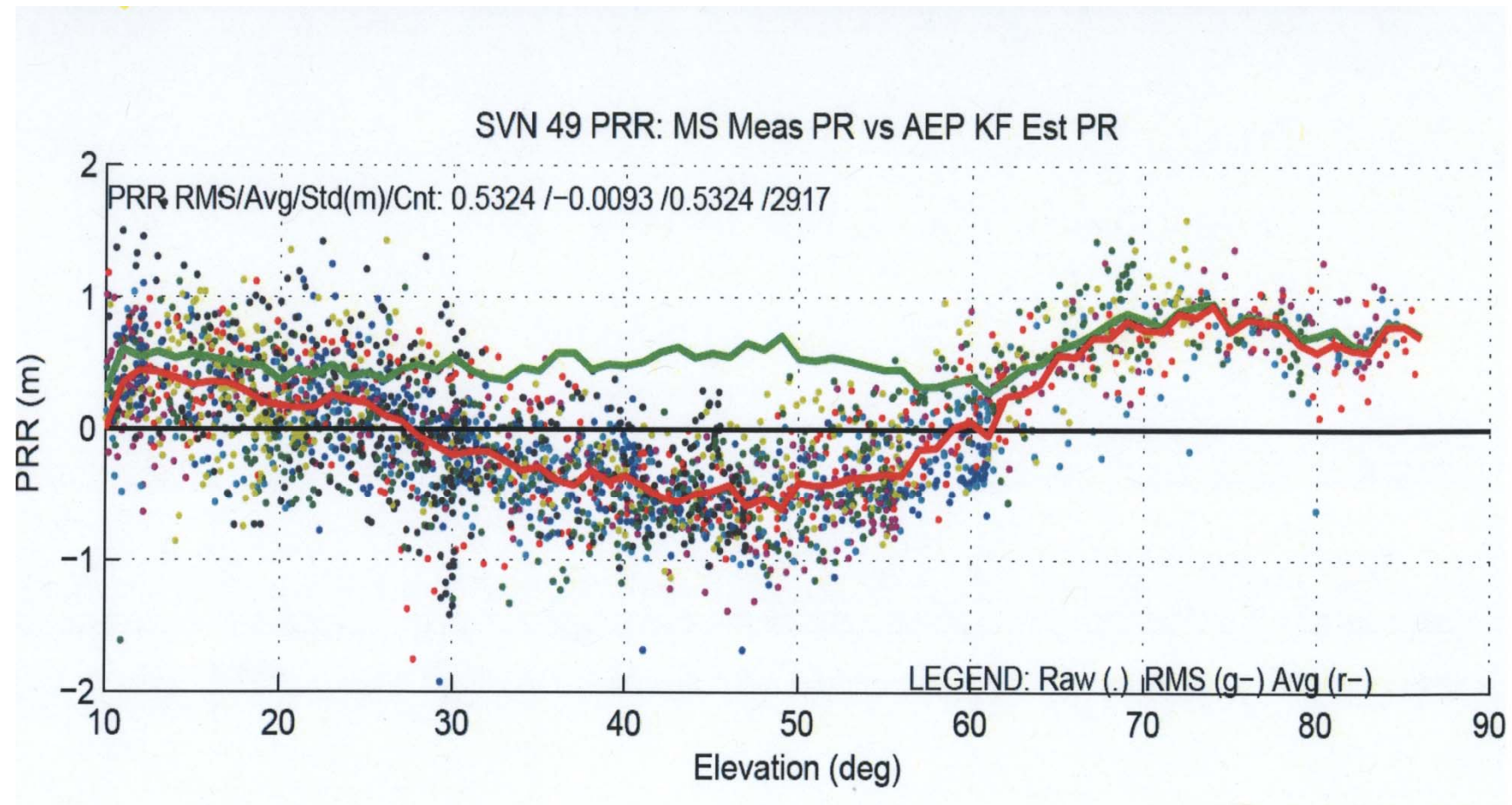
# Uncompensated Residuals

SVN 49 PRR: MS Meas PR vs AEP KF Est PR





# Compensated Residuals





# SVN-49 Optional Mitigations



- Set healthy with current 152m Antenna Phase Center (APC) and associated clock offsets
- Set healthy with factory Antenna Phase Center (APC) offset
- ❖ Users switch to multipath-resistant receivers
- ❖ Modify receiver software to use look-up table corrections
- Increase URA index to a minimum value of '3'
- Remove data modulation from L2 P(Y)-code
- Change L2C PRN code to a "unique sequence"
- Change SVN-49 from PRN-01 to PRN-32
- Use spare health code so future users could use SVN 49 despite unhealthy setting



# GPS SVN 49 Mitigation / JAVAD GNSS Receiver Using Triumph Technology

