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# Global Positioning System

*Civil GPS Service  
Interface Committee (CGSIC)*

*GPS Program Update*

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- Mission success is top priority
- Sustaining worldwide military/civil utility
- Modernizing for civil and military users
- Acquisition challenges
  - Requirements – civil & military
  - Balancing sustainment & modernization
    - Cost & schedule of modernization efforts
  - Synchronizing space, control, and user equipment upgrades
- “Back to Basics” and incremental block approach

***Continuously improving GPS services for  
military and civil users worldwide***



# Global Positioning Systems Wing

## Mission:

Acquire and sustain survivable, effective, and affordable global positioning & timing services for our military and civil users



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*We are the Center of Excellence for Space-Based Navigation*





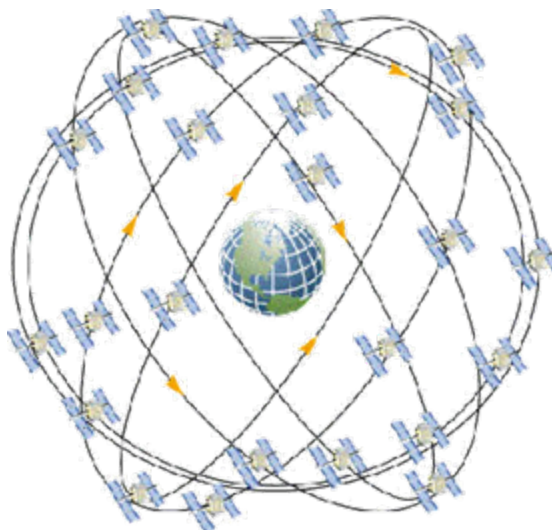
# GPS Enterprise

## International Cooperation

- Japan – QZSS
- Russia - GLONASS
- Europe and other countries

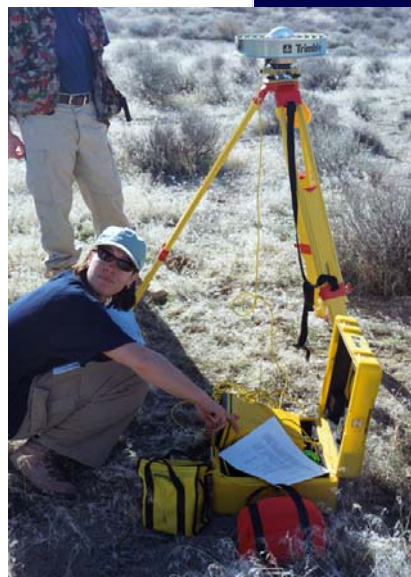


QZSS constellation



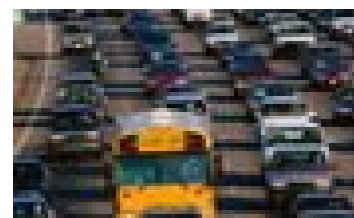
## Department of Defense

- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Marine Corps



## Civil applications

- Search and rescue
- Surveying and mapping
- Trucking and shipping
- Aviation
- Offshore drilling
- Fishing and boating

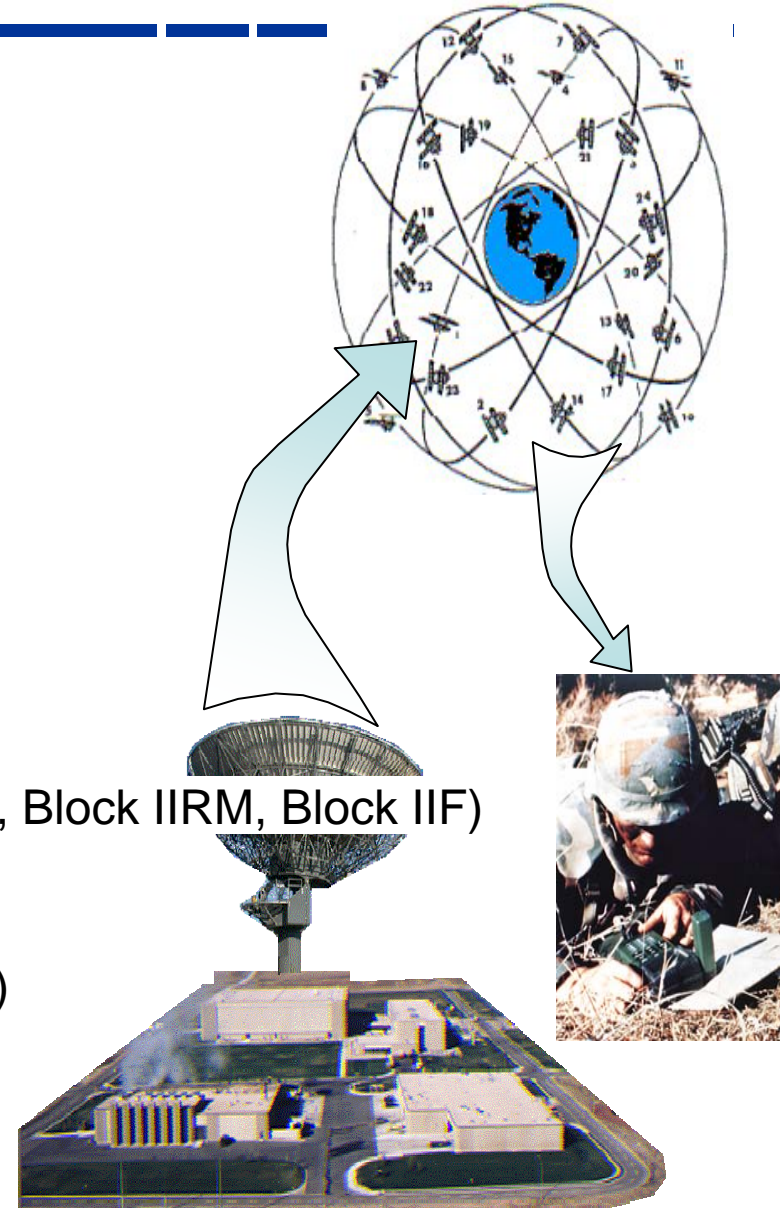


## Department of Transportation - and other Departments as well



# GPS Program Overview

- **The Global Positioning System (GPS)**
  - Satellite-based radio navigation system
  - Provides continuous global coverage
  - Dual use military and civil
  - Space, Control, User segments
- **Space vehicle blocks**
  - Block IIA, IIR (on-orbit)
  - Block IIRM (25 Sep 05 first launch)
  - Block IIF (late 2008 first launch)
  - Block III (2013 first launch)
- **Control systems**
  - GOSC – Legacy system (Block IIA)
  - AEP – Architecture Evolution Plan (Block IIR, Block IIRM, Block IIF)
  - OCX – Next Generation control system
- **User equipment generations**
  - Miniaturized Airborne GPS Receiver (MAGR)
  - Defense Advanced GPS Receiver (DAGR)
  - Modernized User Equipment (MUE)
  - Modernized Space Receiver (MSR)





# GPS Evolution

## Space Segment

### Legacy (Block IIA/IIR)

- Basic GPS
- C/A civil signal (L1C/A)
- Std Pos. Service
- Precise Pos. Service
  - L1 & L2 P(Y) nav
- NDS

### Modernized (Block IIR-M)

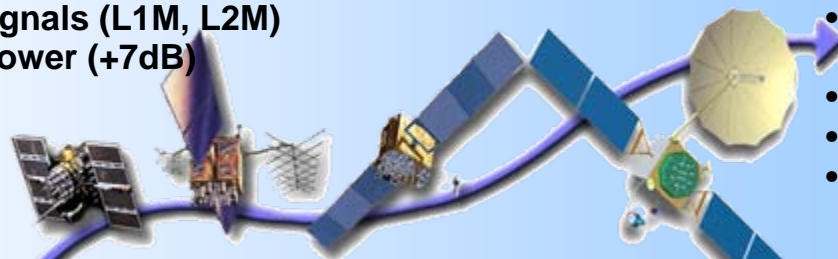
- 2nd civil signal (L2C)
- M-Code signals (L1M, L2M)
- Flex A/J power (+7dB)

### Modernized (Block IIF)

- 3rd civil signal (L5)

### GPS III (Block III)

- Increased accuracy
- Increased A/J power (up to 20 dB)
- Signal integrity
- Search and Rescue
- Common signals with Galileo (L1C)



## Control Segment

### Legacy

- TT&C
- L1 & L2 monitoring



### Upgraded (AEP)

- IIR-M IIF TT&C
- WAGE, All, LADO
- SAASM
- New MCS/AMCS

### Modernized (OCX V1)

- New Architecture
- Signal Monitoring

### GPS III (OCX V2)

- GPS III TT&C
- NAVWAR, GNOC
- L1C, L2C, L5
- Flex Power
- Real-Time C2



## User Segment

### Legacy

- Man Pack
- MAGR, PLGR
- RCVR-3A, 3S
- OH, UH
- FRPA, CRPA



### Upgraded

- DAGR
- CSEL
- GAS-1
- MAGR2K
- GB-GRAM

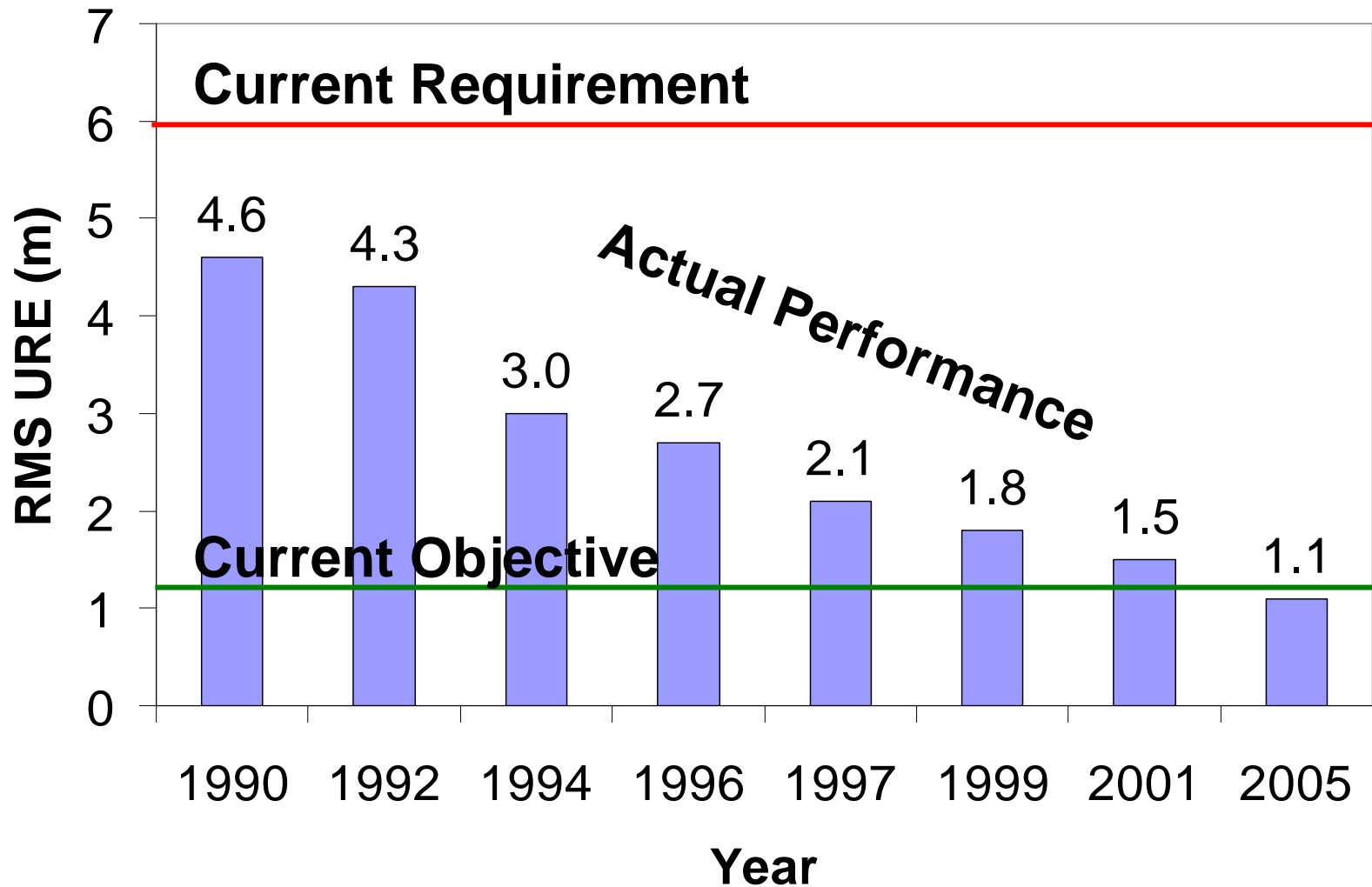


### Modernized

- MUE
- MSR



# GPS User Range Error (URE) History







# *Accomplishments Since Last Year*

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- Launched a new era of GPS services for military & civil users
  - GPS IIR-14(M) launched 25 Sep 05, operational on 16 Dec 05
  - New military signal (M-Code) and new civil signal (L2C)
- Fielded operational improvements (AFSPC 50 SW)
  - Legacy Accuracy Improvement Initiative operational
    - Increases accuracy 10%-50%
  - TALON NAMATH provides “zero age of data” to warfighters
- Refined acquisition strategies
  - GPS III – next incremental block of satellites
  - OCX – next-generation ground control network
  - MUE – Modernized User Equipment contracts awarded May 06
  - MSR – Modernized Space Receiver in source selection



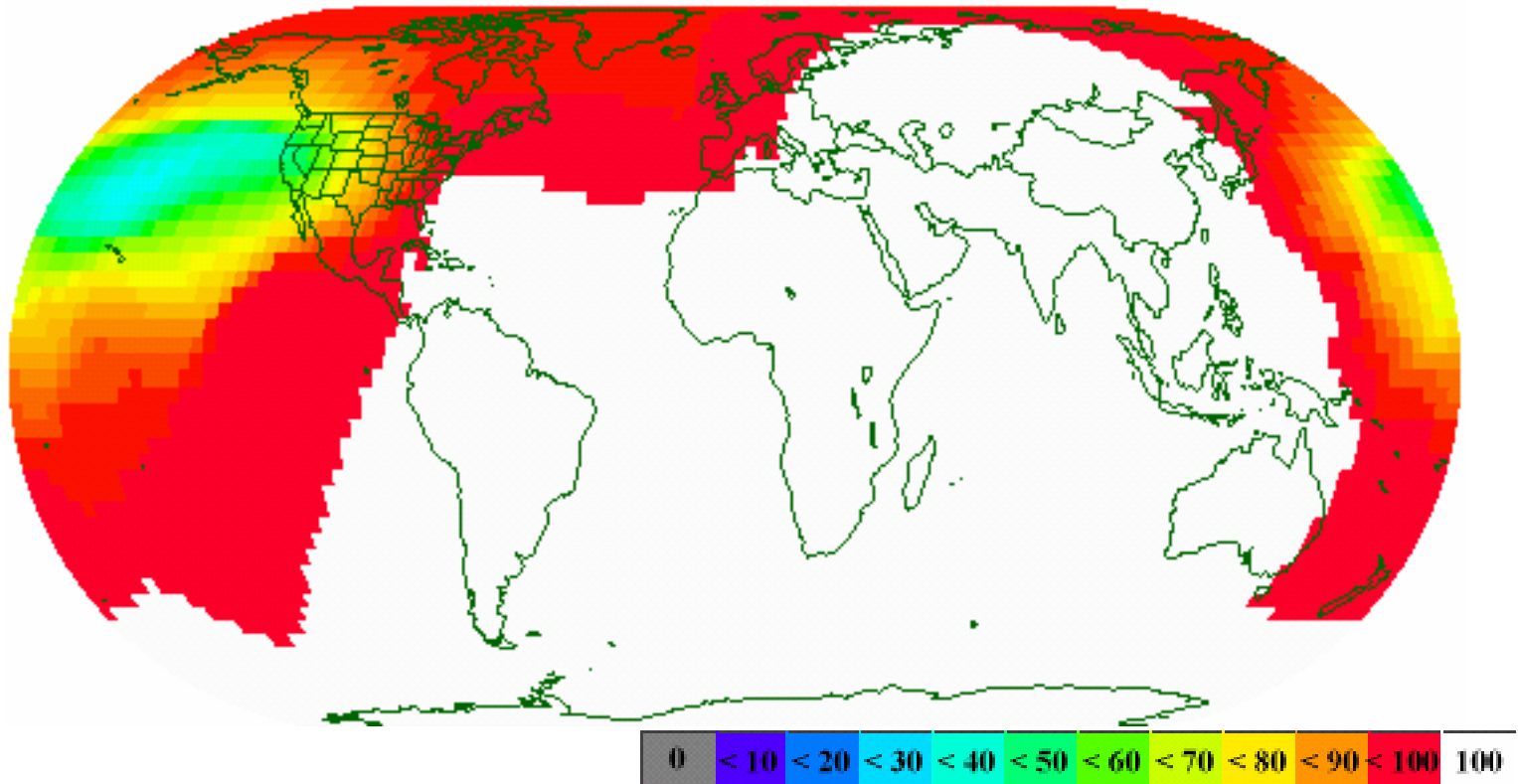


# ***What Legacy Accuracy Improvement Initiative (L-All) Provides***

- Specialized defense systems will see 35% improvement
- All users see a small accuracy improvement
- More importantly, all users enjoy improved SV monitoring
- Additional tracking data eliminates monitoring gaps
  - Every satellite now “watched” by at least two tracking stations at all times—two stations needed
  - Without L-All some satellites were out of view of any tracking station for over two hours at a time
- Air Force controllers now can see satellite problems sooner
- User exposure to erroneous satellite signals is reduced



# SV Monitoring Before L-All

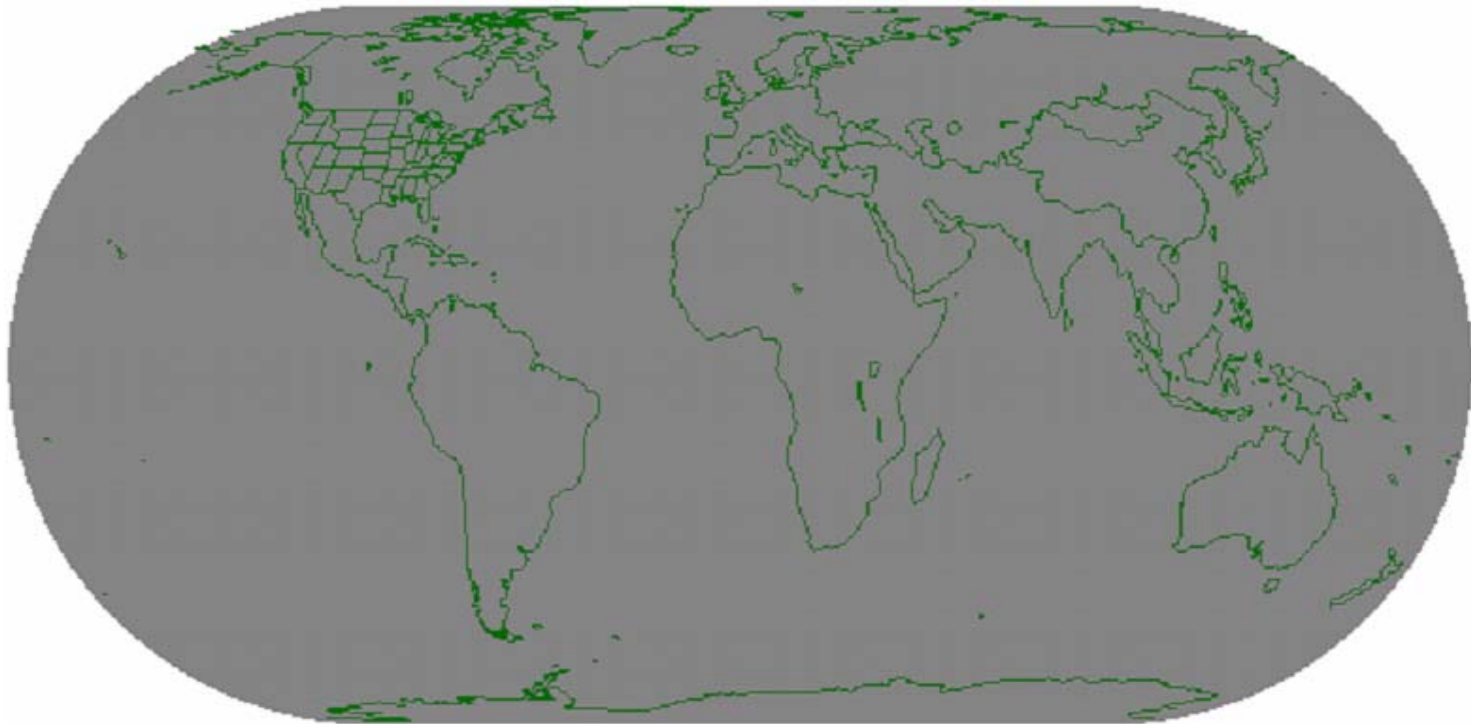


GPS users on approximately half of the Earth's surface (shown in white) see at least one unmonitored GPS satellites 100 % of the time

*A GPS satellite is considered to be "monitored" if it is seen by at least two GPS tracking stations; the minimum of two stations ensures that an alarm is caused by a problem on the satellite and not at a tracking station. Monitoring enables GPS operators to identify errors in satellite transmissions; further upgrades to GPS are needed to ensure that corrective action can be executed with sufficient timeliness.*



# SV Monitoring After L-All



No GPS users anywhere on the Earth's surface ever see an unmonitored GPS satellite

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# ***U.S Space-Based Positioning, Navigation & Timing (PNT) Policy – 8 Dec 04***

- Objectives
  - Provide uninterrupted availability of PNT services
  - Meet growing national, homeland, economic security, civil requirements, and scientific and commercial demands
  - Remain the pre-eminent military space-based PNT service
  - Continue to provide civil services that exceed or are competitive with foreign civil space-based PNT
  - Remain essential components of internationally accepted PNT
  - Promote U.S. technological leadership in applications involving space-based PNT
- New National PNT EXCOM & National PNT Coord Office

***Ubiquitous, ultra-precise PNT is a central enabling utility of the Information Age***





# Top Priorities

- **Sustaining** capabilities for military and civil users worldwide
  - Launching satellites to sustain constellation – partnership with 50<sup>th</sup> Space Wing
  - Fielding GPS enhancements such as Legacy Accuracy Improvement Initiative
- **Modernizing** by adding new signals and capabilities
  - Second IIR-M launch Sep 06, first IIF launch 2008, first III launch 2013
  - New civil and military GPS signals
  - Transitioning control segment from legacy to AEP in Apr 07
  - Continuing work with Galileo and international community
- **Planning** to execute next generation of GPS
  - Acquisition strategies for space, ground, and user segments
  - Synchronizing space, control, and user equipment upgrades
- **Managing** GPS systems & being responsive to diverse customer base
  - National PNT Executive Committee (NPEC) next meeting Oct 06
  - GPS Independent Review Team, Defense Science Board recommendations

**Department of Defense and Air Force are committed to responsible stewardship of GPS as a global utility**

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## *Questions?*



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# **BACKUP**



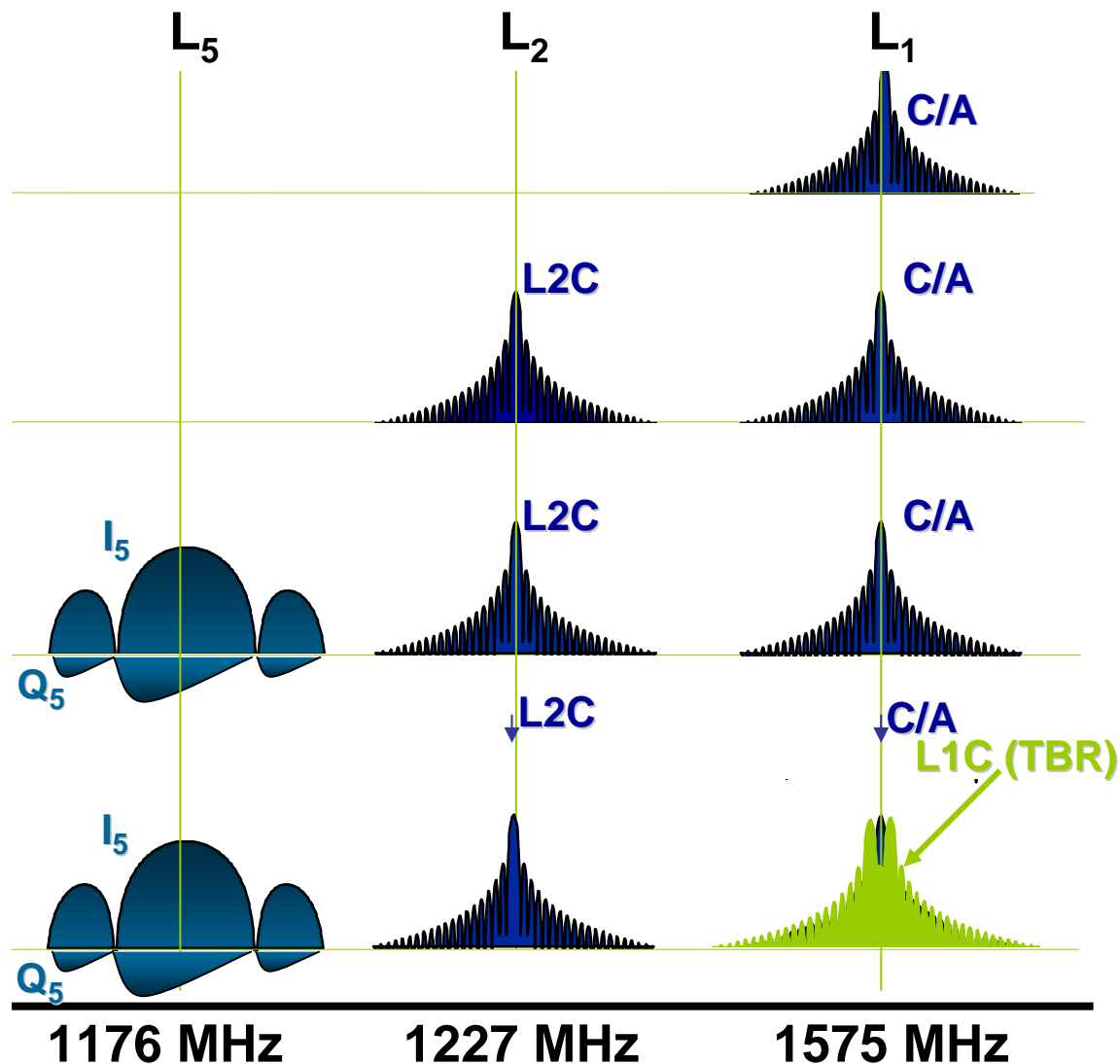
# GPS Civil Signals

1<sup>st</sup> Civil  
Block II/IIA/IIR

2<sup>nd</sup> Civil  
Block IIR-M

3<sup>rd</sup> Civil  
Block IIF

4<sup>th</sup> Civil  
Block III



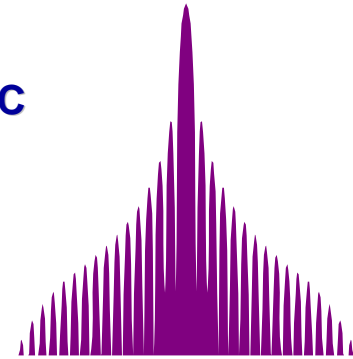




# ***L2C Second Civil Signal***

- Benefits of L2C
  - Improves PNT for current scientific/commercial dual frequency users via ionospheric effect cancellation
  - Extends safety-of-life, single-frequency E-911 applications
  - Provides better protection than C/A against code cross correlation and continuous wave (CW) interference
  - Improved data structure for enhanced data demodulation
  - Provides backup link in case of local interference
- Defined in IS-GPS-200D
- First available with IIR-M launch 21 Sep 05
  - Configuration of signal determined via ongoing interagency process
  - Use L2C at user's risk--configuration can change (NANU process)

L2C

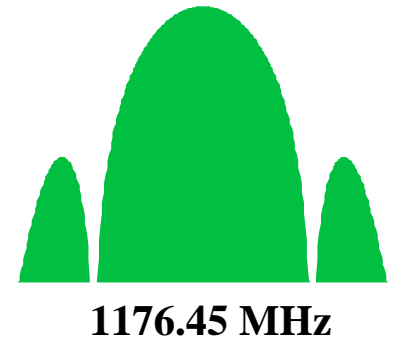


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# ***L5 Third Civil Signal***

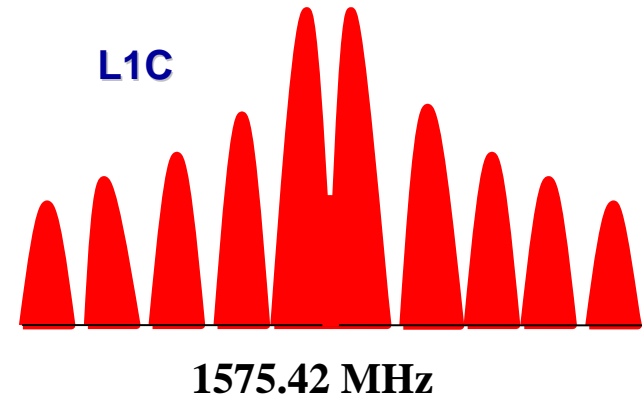
- Improves signal structure for enhanced performance **L5**
  - Higher power
  - Wider bandwidth = 10x processing gain
  - Longer spreading codes (10x C/A)
- Aeronautical Radionavigation Services band
  - WRC-2000 added space signal component to this aeronautical band
  - So aviation community can manage interference to L5 more effectively than L2
- Defined in IS-GPS-705
- First available with first GPS IIF launch (2008)





# ***New L1C Signal Improvements***

- **Implementation will provide C/A code to ensure backward compatibility**
- **Assured of 1.5 dB increase in minimum C/A code power to mitigate any noise floor increase**
- **Data-less signal component pilot carrier improves tracking**
- **Enables greater civil interoperability with Galileo L1**
- **First available with first GPS III launch in 2013**





# ***Civil Applications***

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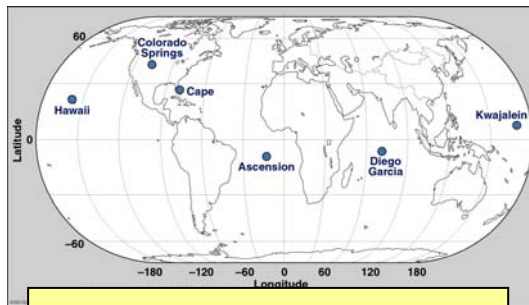
- **Enabling technology**
  - Unlimited growth potential
  - \$68 billion industry worldwide by year 2010
- **Wide use in transportation safety**
  - Aviation, maritime, railroad, highway, etc.
  - Potential to reduce land-based navigation systems
  - Centerpiece of future transportation infrastructure
- **Ever increasing range of civil uses**
  - Telecommunications, surveying, law enforcement, emergency response, agriculture, mining, etc.
  - Used in conjunction with remote sensing
  - Supporting civil applications never envisioned



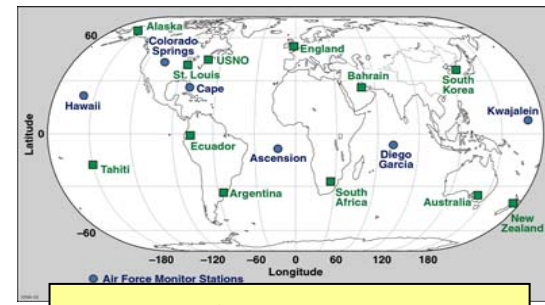


# How L-All Works

- Key to L-All is incorporation of 6 additional ground stations that track GPS satellites
  - Additional tracking stations improve the GPS satellite position accuracy
  - Additional stations monitor satellite errors, making the GPS signals more trustworthy
  - An additional five stations will be added



**Before L-All:  
6 Monitor Stations**



**After L-All:  
12 Monitor Stations**



# Mission

## User Segment

**M-CODE UE**

**SAASM**

**DAGR**

**CSEL**

**MAGR 2000**

**NDS**

**Vision:**  
We are the  
Center of Excellence  
for Space-Based  
Navigation

**Mission:**  
Acquire and Sustain  
Survivable, Effective,  
and Affordable  
Global Positioning Services  
for our Customers

**Motto:**  
"Any Time, Any Place  
Right Time, Right Place"

## Space Segment

**BLOCK IIR/IIR-M  
BLOCK IIF  
BLOCK III**

## Control Segment

**LEGACY OCS  
AEP  
OCX**

**4 Ground  
Antennas**

**6 Monitor  
Stations**

**MCS  
(Schriever)**





# ***Value Proposition of Space: GPS as a Transformation Enabler***

**WWII Schweinfurt Raids vs Today:**

**Dropped 24 million pounds of bombs to destroy 5 ball bearing plants**



**Same mission today...GPS + B-52 + 5 JDAMs**



# Operational Support



*Patrol using GPS outside Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia*



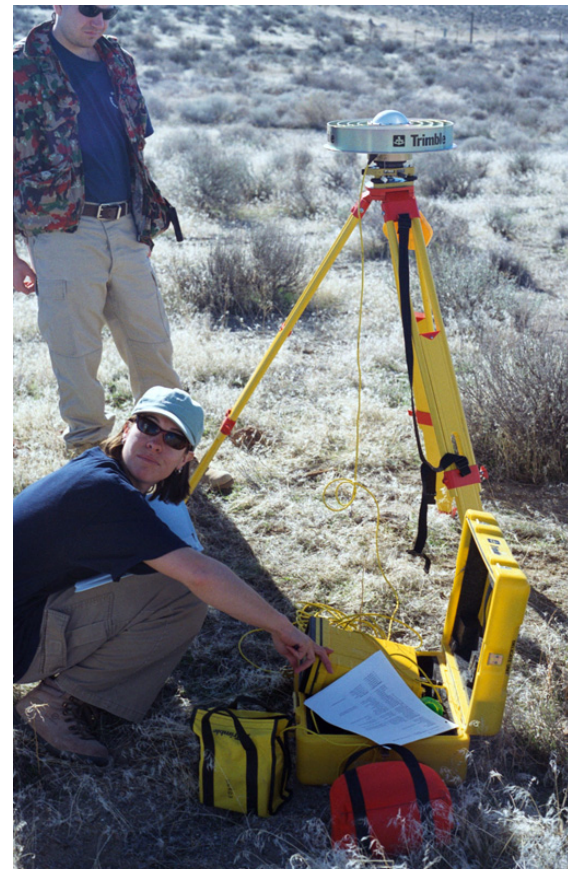
*F-16 dropping GPS-guided Joint Direct Attack Munition*

## Military applications

- Force location
- Navigation
- Force employment
- Weapon guidance
- Satellite positioning
- Comm network timing

## Civil applications

- Search and rescue
- Surveying and mapping
- Trucking and shipping
- Aviation
- Offshore drilling
- Fishing and boating



*Investigating sediment depths in Nevada*

***A global utility for military and civilian applications***





# *Top 3 Challenges*

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- Finalize Acquisition Program Baseline (APB) and associated funding
  - Proposed APB update returns all segments to green with margin
  - Finish Block IIF satellite development and enter production
  - Transition Control Segment to AEP and LADO
  - Initiate development of Block III, OCX, MUE, & MSR this year
  - Congressional marks and reprogramming actions
- Sustain constellation with Block IIR-M satellites
- Workforce reductions to FFRDC, SETA, military, and civilian staff





# PLGR vs DAGR

## PLGR (Legacy)



Single (L1 only)  
 PPS-SM  
 Text only  
 5 Maximum  
 24 dB  
 6 minutes  
 60 sec  
 2.75 lbs  
 NTE 120 cu. In.  
 13 hrs  
 (8 batteries)  
 2000 hr

Frequency  
 Security  
 Display  
 Satellites  
 Anti-Jam  
 TTFF  
 TTSF  
 Weight  
 Volume  
 Battery Life  
 Reliability

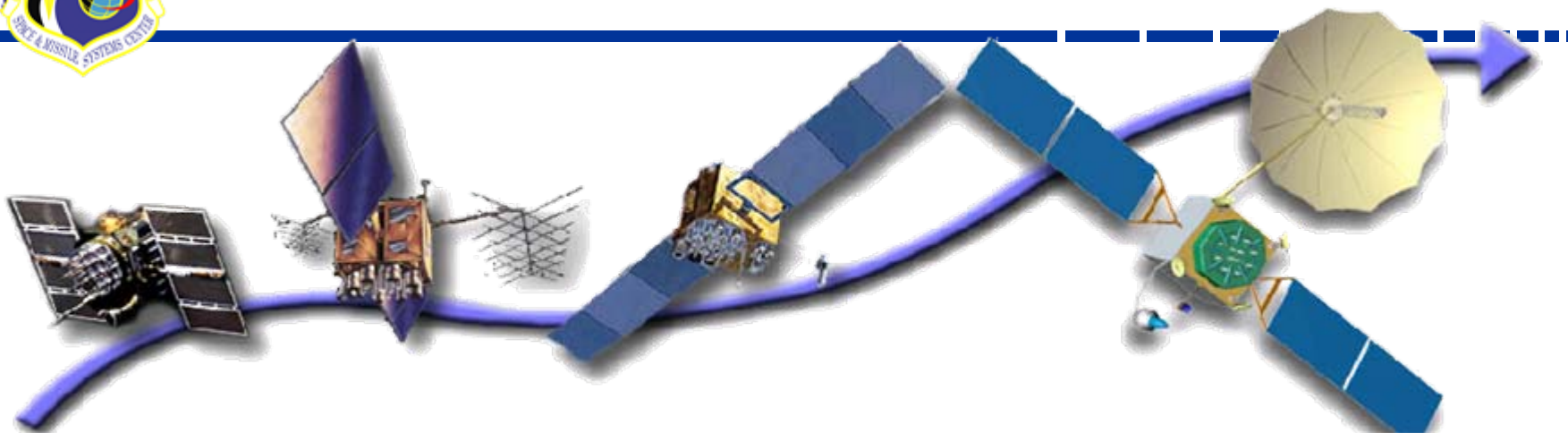
## DAGR

Dual (L1/L2)  
 SAASM  
 GUI w/maps  
 All-In-View  
 41 dB (+)  
 1 minute  
 20 sec  
 .94 lb  
 Fit in secured  
 2-clip Ammo Pouch  
 14 hrs  
 (4 batteries, -20C)  
 5000 hr





# GPS Modernization Path



*Increasing System Capabilities ♦ Increasing Defense / Civil Benefit*

## Block IIA/IIR

### Basic GPS

- Std Service (16-24m SEP)
  - Single frequency (L1)
  - Coarse acquisition (C/A) code navigation
- Precise Service (16m SEP)
  - 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)
  - Eliminates SA for denial
- Anti-jam flex power

### IIF: IIR-M capability plus

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

## Block III

### Block IIIA:

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