

# QZSS Update

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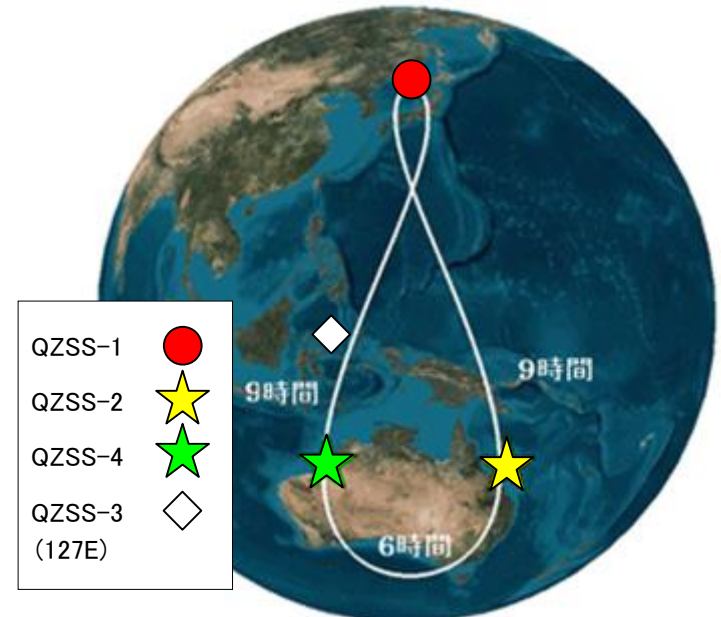
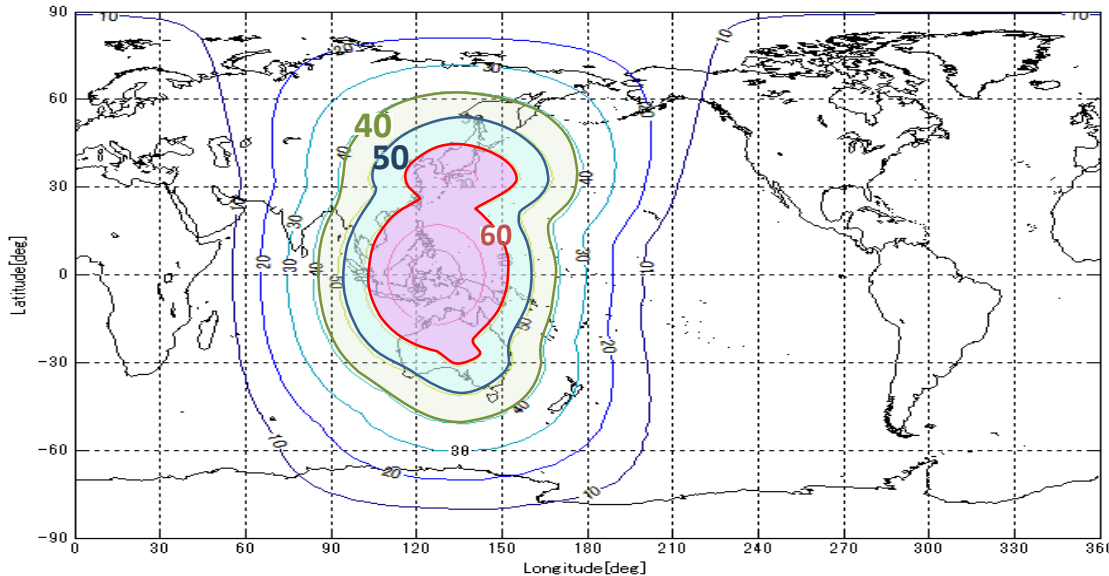
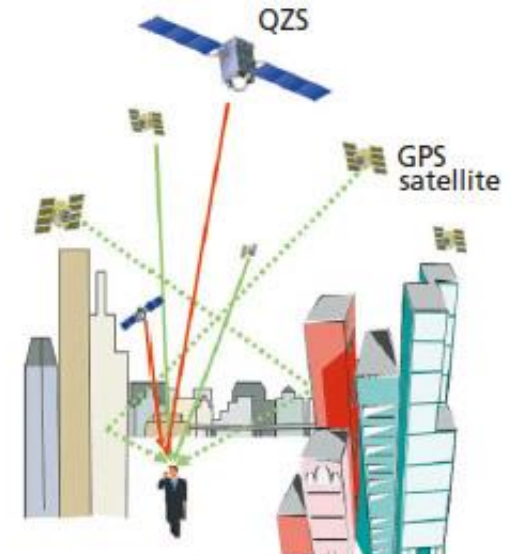


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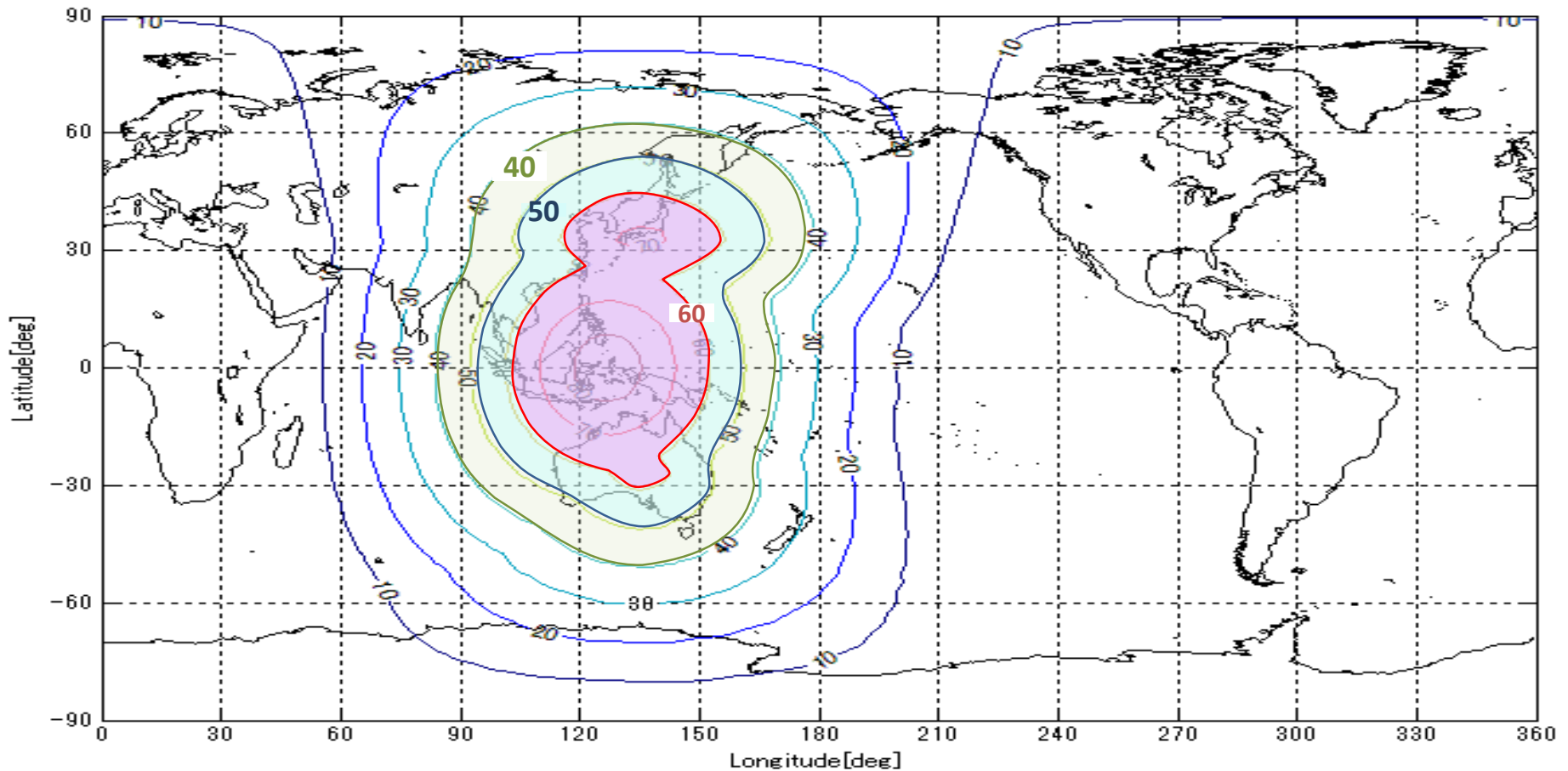
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  - GPS Complementary Service
  - GNSS Augmentation Service
  - Messaging Service
- **Coverage:** Asia and Pacific region



# QZSS Overview -Services-



- **Coverage:** Asia and Pacific region



*Minimum Largest Elevation Angle Contour in the QZSS 4SV Constellation*

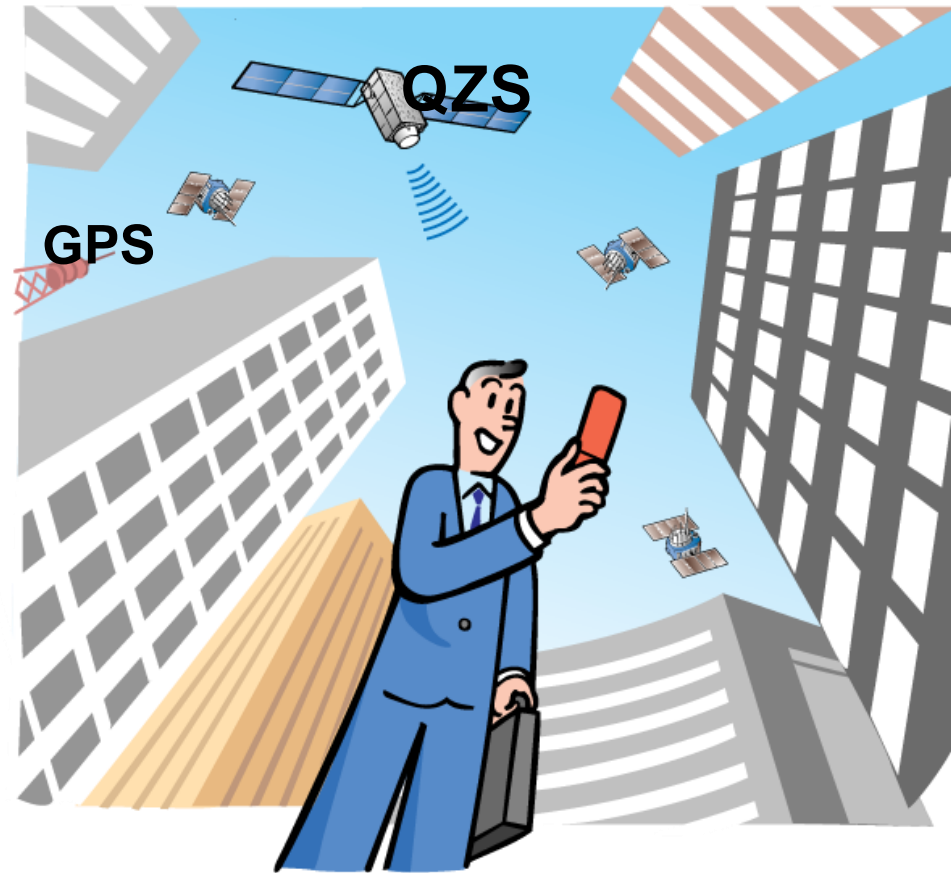
# QZSS Overview -Services-



## Functional Capability 1 GPS Complementary Service

### **QZSS improves positioning availability**

- Navigation signals L1-C/A, L1C, L2C, and L5 coming from high elevation (near zenith) improve PNT availability.
- QZSS is the first L1C and L5 signals provider offering interoperability among other GNSS.
- SIS-URE: 2.6m (95%)

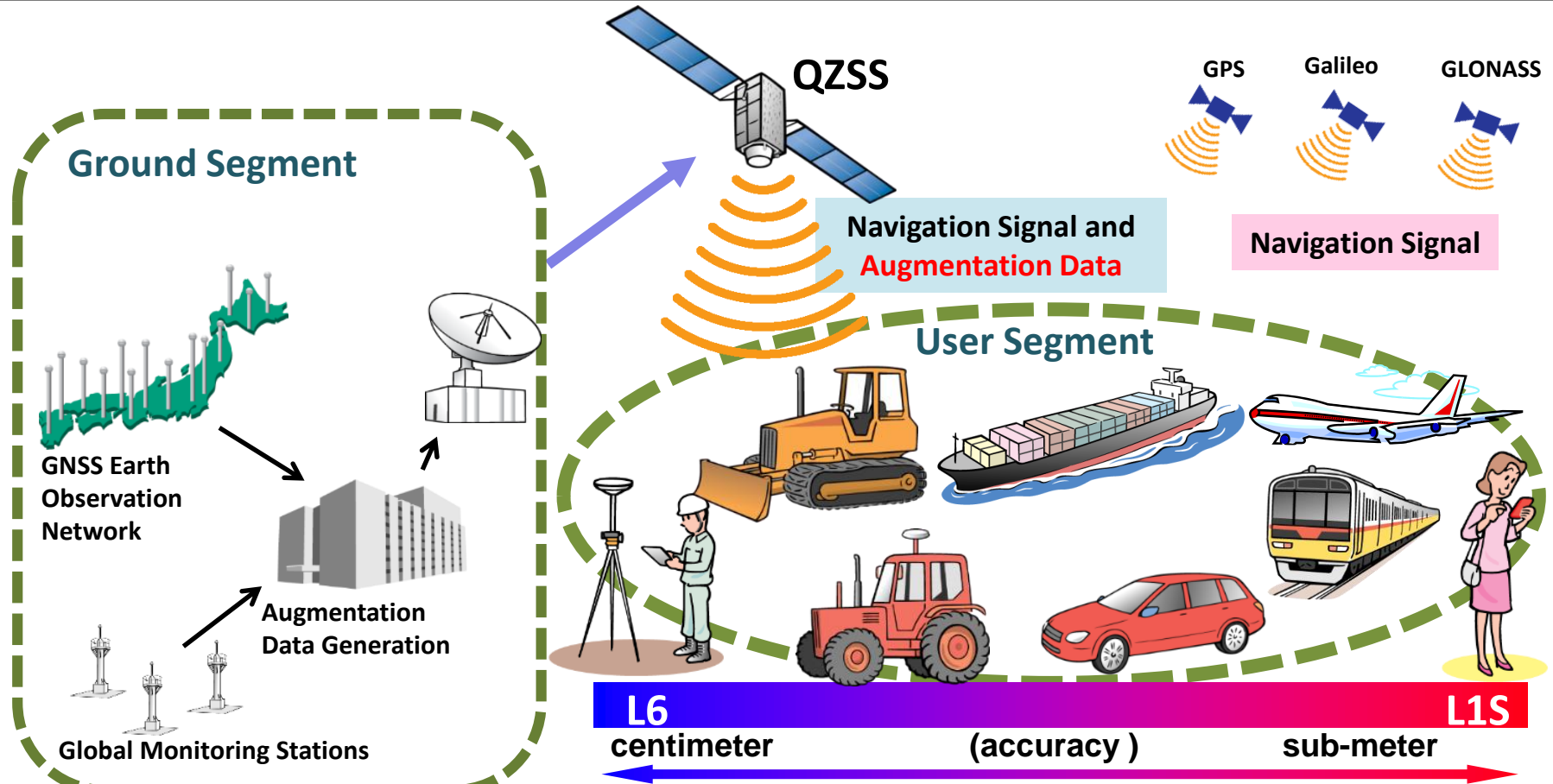


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## Functional Capability 2 GNSS Augmentation Service

QZSS improves **positioning accuracy and reliability**



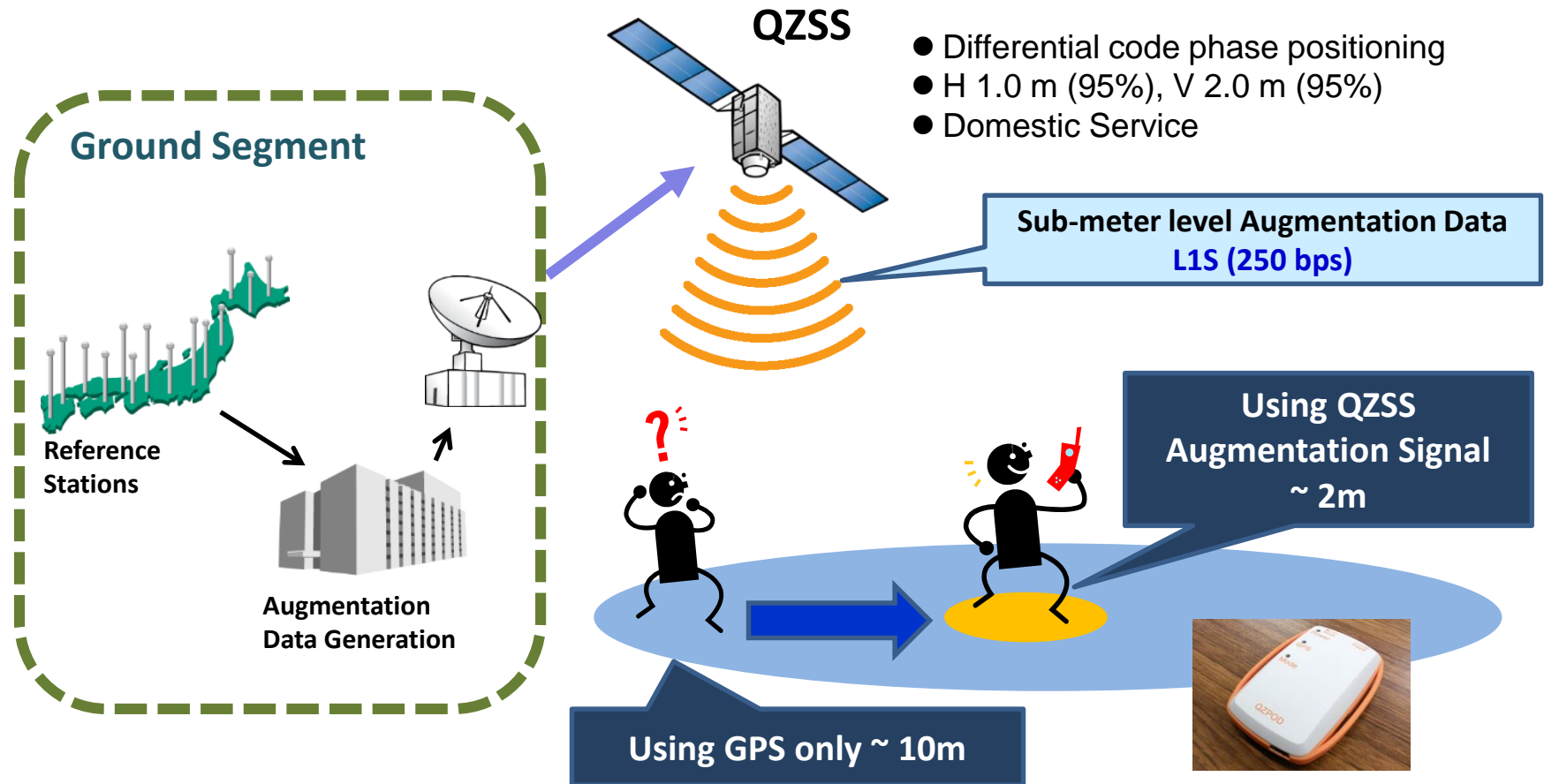


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## Functional Capability 2 GNSS Augmentation Service

### Sub-meter Level Augmentation Service: SLAS

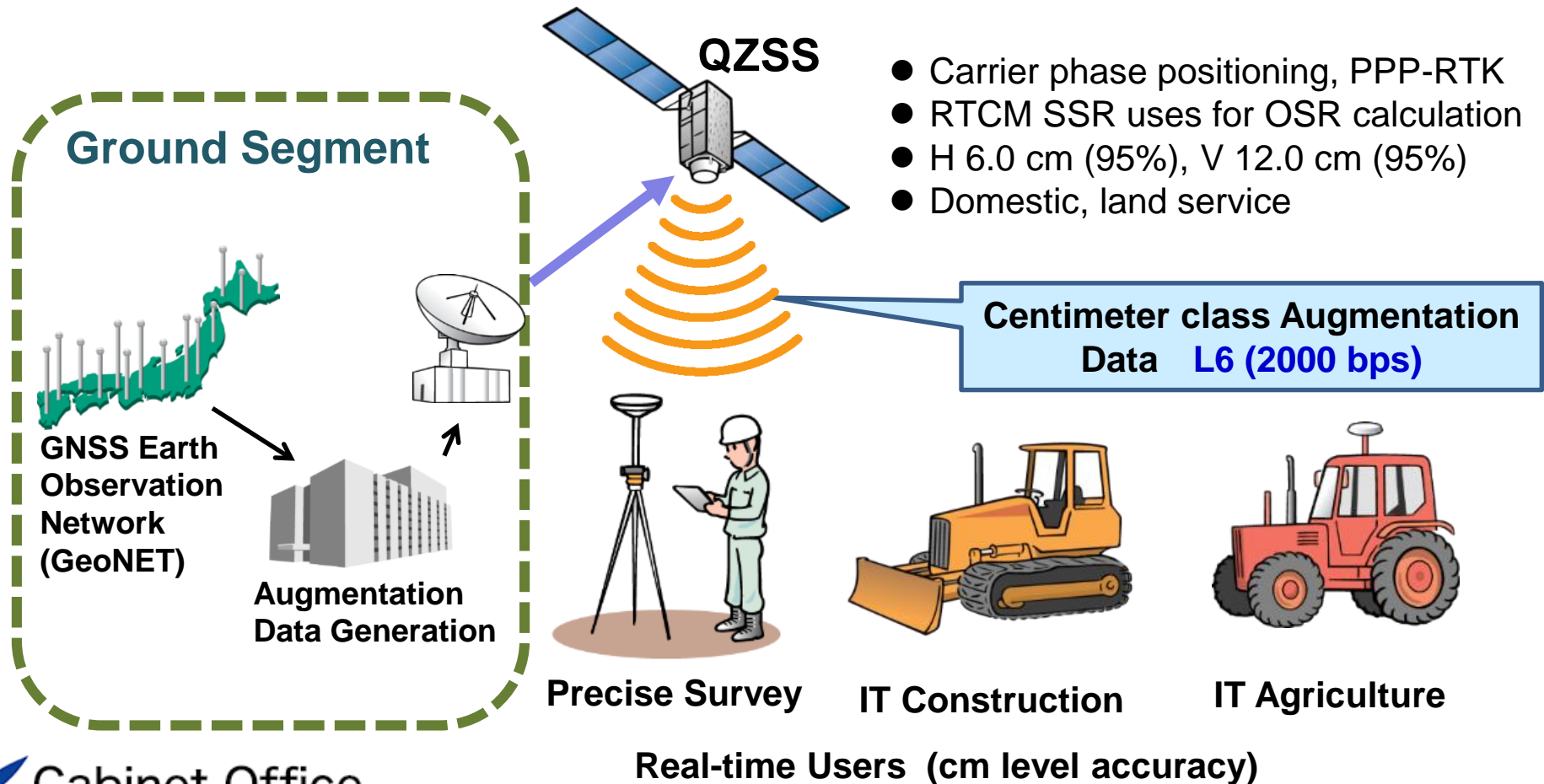


# QZSS Overview -Services-



## Functional Capability 2 GNSS Augmentation Service

### Centimeter Level Augmentation Service: CLAS





# QZSS Overview -Services-



## Functional Capability 3 Messaging Service

### Satellite Report for Disaster and Crisis Management (DC Report)



QZSS

- Using margin of L1S signal
- Same service coverage as GPS complementary service

Disaster Info. provided by JMA such as Tsunami, Volcanic eruption, weather warning and so on.

Using one of four slots of L1S:1575.42MHz, once a four seconds, 250 bits short code can transmits disaster management info with applicable location

DC Report available Handset  
(GNSS Rx, Car Navigation device)



Rx can select the Info which shown the devices depending on their location



Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)

Disaster Info.



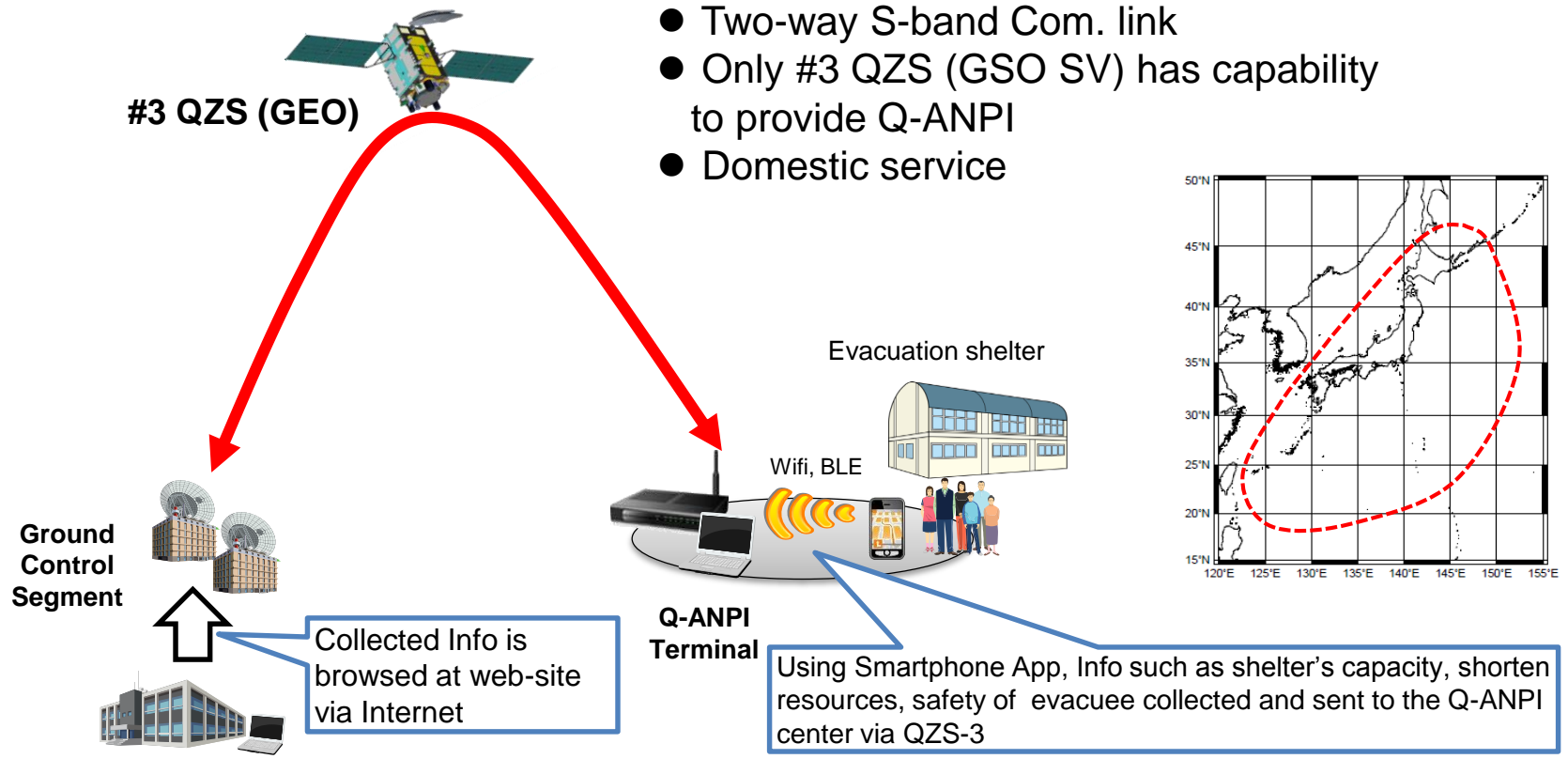
Ground Control Segment

# QZSS Overview -Services-



## Functional Capability 3 Messaging Service

### QZSS Safety Confirmation Service (Q-ANPI)



Disaster organization, Municipal government

This service is available on S-band devices that support Q-ANPI, Q-ANPI terminal.



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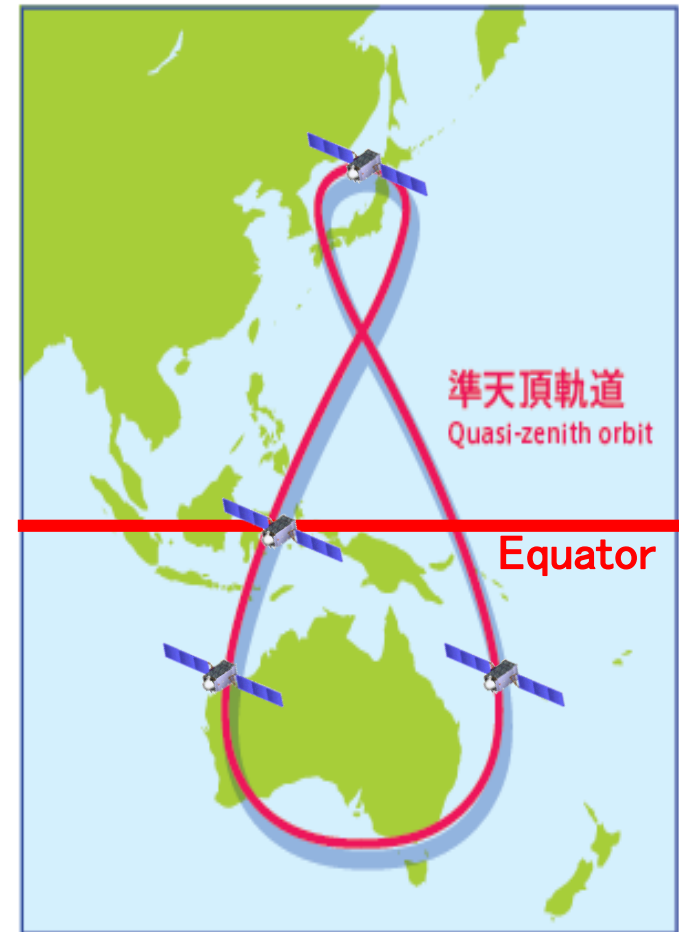


- **Constellation:**

- 1 GEO Satellite, 127E
- 3 QZO Satellite (IGSO)

- **Ground System**

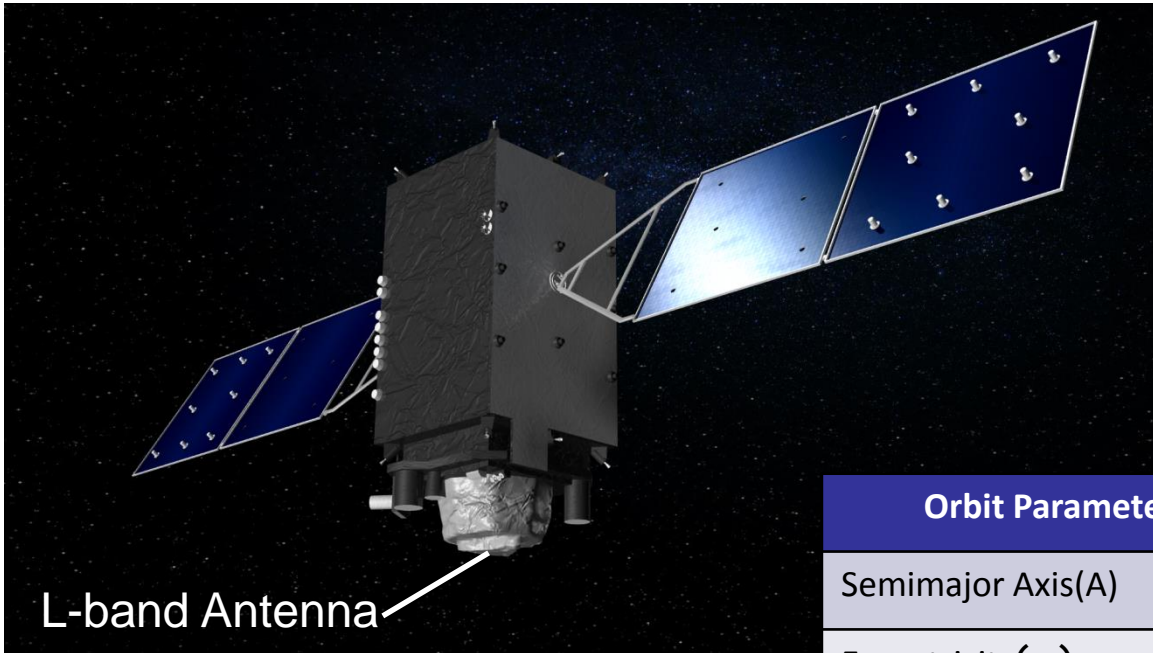
- 2 Master Control Stations
  - Hitachi-Ota and Kobe
- 7 Satellite Control Stations
  - Located south-western islands
- Over 30 Monitor Stations around the world



# QZSS Overview -System Architecture-

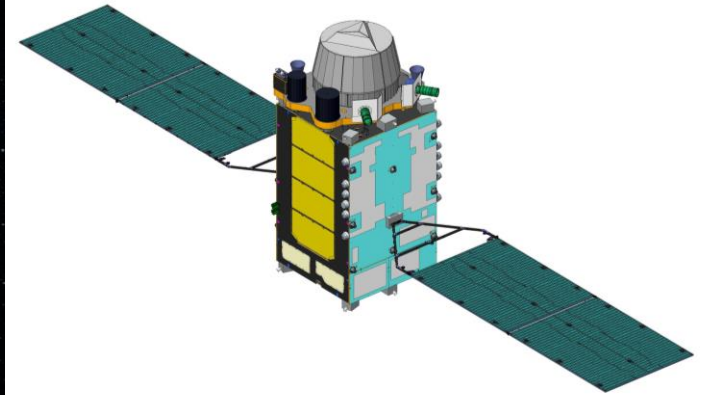


## QZSS Satellite (#2 and #4)



L-band Antenna

Launch Vehicle : H-IIA  
 Mass Dry/Launch : 1.6t/4.0t  
 Lifetime : 15years+



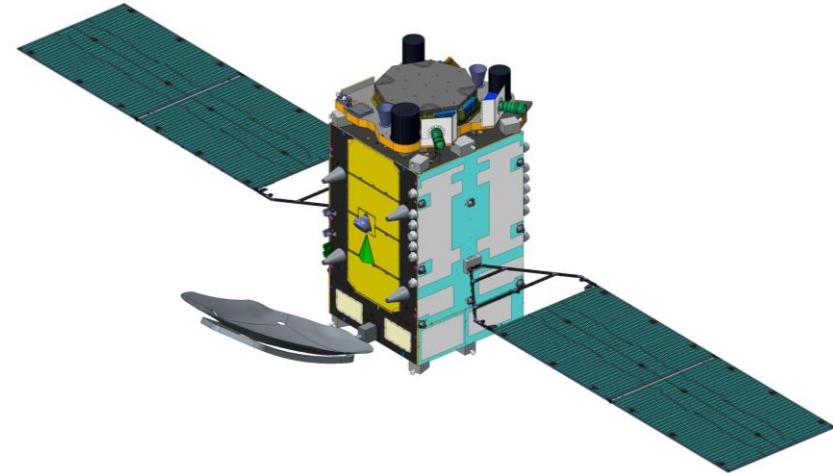
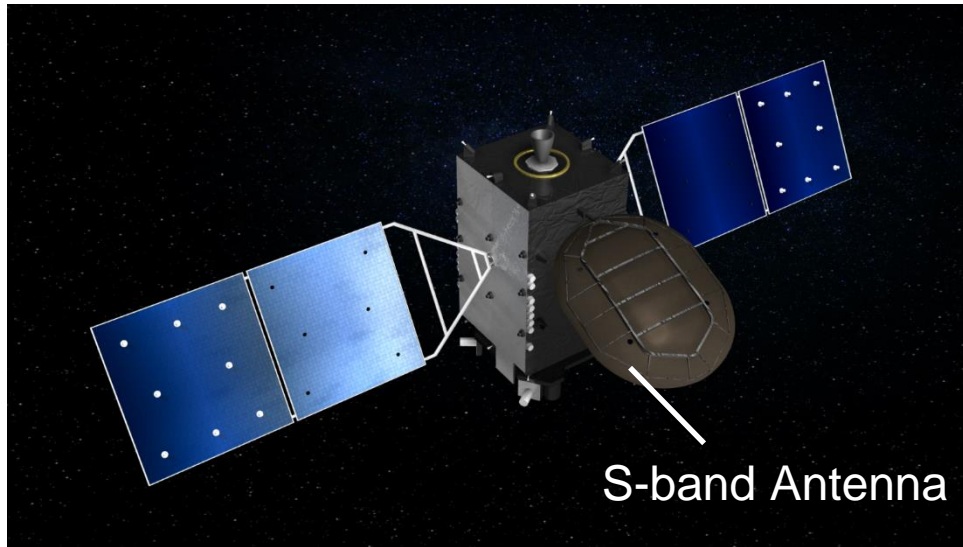
| Orbit Parameter                 | Nominal Allocation                                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Semimajor Axis(A)               | 42164km                                                   |
| Eccentricity(e)                 | 0.075                                                     |
| Inclination (i)                 | 41 degree                                                 |
| Argument of Perigee(w)          | 270 degree                                                |
| RAAN( $\Omega$ )                | Block I_Q: 117 degree<br>Block II_Q: 117 $\pm$ 130 degree |
| Central Longitude ( $\lambda$ ) | 136 degree                                                |

RAAN: Right Ascension of the Ascending Node

# QZSS Overview -System Architecture-



## QZSS Satellite (#3 GEO)



Launch Vehicle : H-IIA  
Mass Dry/Launch : 1.8t/4.7t  
Lifetime : 15years+

| Orbit Parameter | Nominal Allocation |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Longitude       | E 127              |
| Latitude        | 0                  |

- Additional S-band antenna for two-way communication for emergency safety report (Q-ANPI service).
- L1Sb signal for SBAS service.



# QZSS Overview -System Architecture-



## QZSS Master Ground Station

[http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/15\\_bf\\_000367.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/15_bf_000367.html)



QZSS Control Center, Kobe

- ✓ Two-Ground Station (Control Center) are available with site diversity.
- ✓ Hitachi-Ota station is main operation site and Kobe is a redundant site.



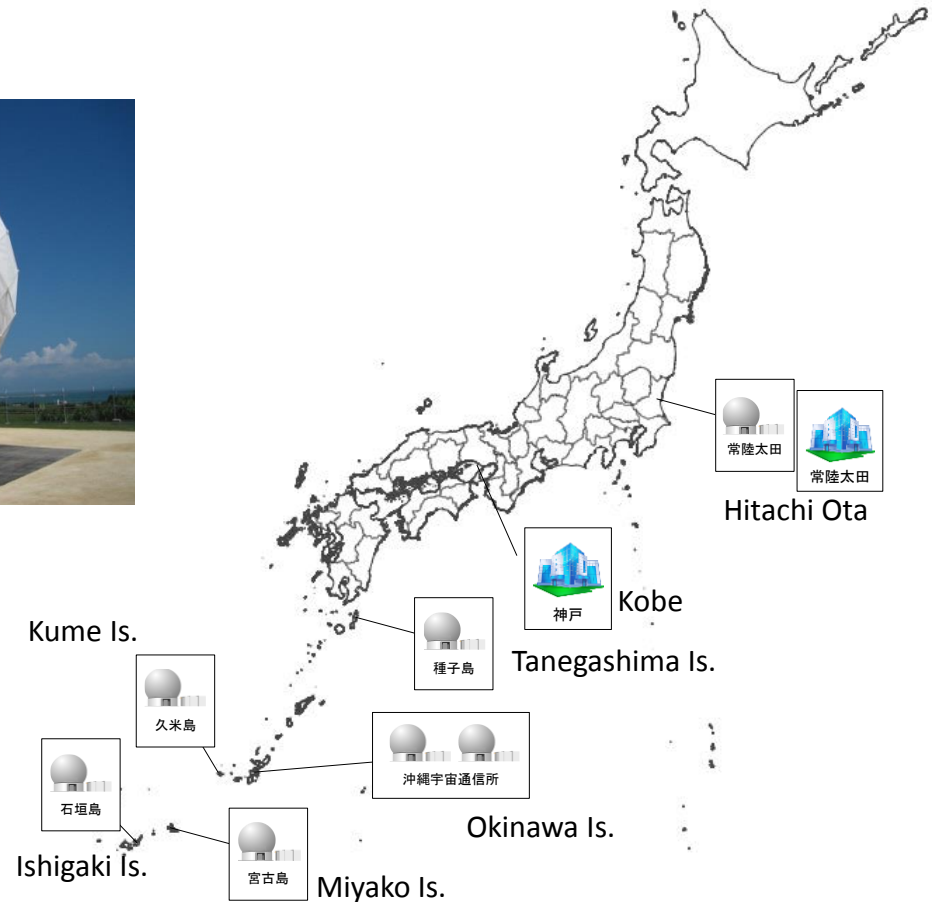
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# QZSS Overview -System Architecture-



## QZSS TTC Stations

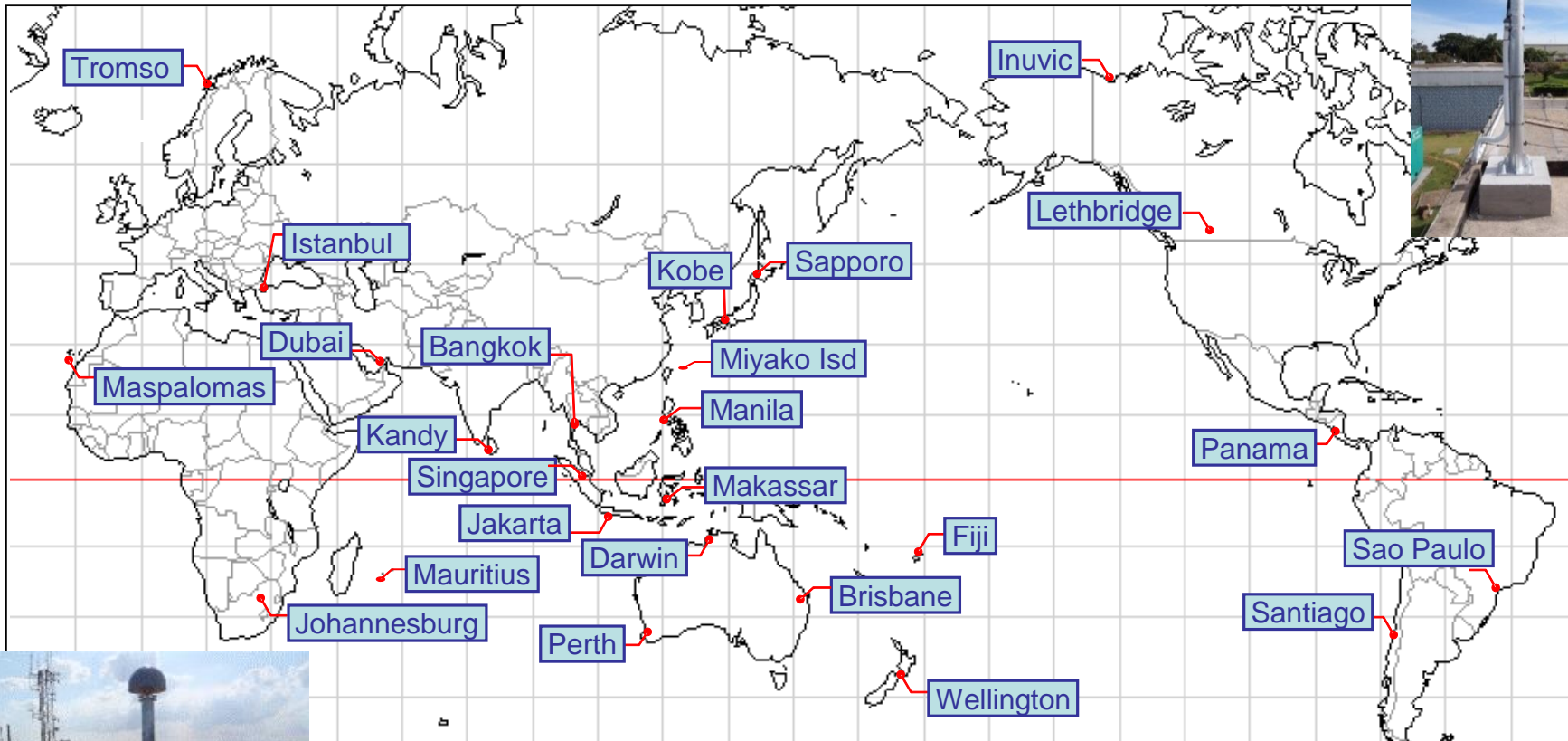


- 7 TTC (Telemetry, Tracking, and Command) stations: Most are at the southern part of Japan for satellite continuous visibility.
- All TTC stations were built and set operational by the end of 2016.

# QZSS Overview -System Architecture-



## QZSS Monitor Stations Distribution



- 25 monitor stations for POD of both QZSS and GPS satellites
- Additional 10 domestic stations for SLAS (totally 13 sites)
- CLAS uses GEONET, Japanese CORS more than 1200 stations

 :Monitor Site



# QZSS Overview -System Architecture-



## Ranging Signals of QZSS

| Signal | Frequency MHz | Service               | Compatibility                              | QZS-1          | QZS-2/4 | QZS-3 |
|--------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|-------|
|        |               |                       |                                            | IGSO           | IGSO    | GEO   |
| L1C/A  | 1575.42       | Positioning           | Complement GPS                             | ✓              | ✓       | ✓     |
| L1C    |               | Positioning           | Complement GPS                             | ✓              | ✓       | ✓     |
| L1S    |               | Augmentation(SLAS)    | DGPS<br>(Code Phase Positioning)           | ✓              | ✓       | ✓     |
|        |               | Messaging             | Short Messaging                            | ✓              | ✓       | ✓     |
| L1Sb   |               | Augmentation(SBAS)    | SBAS (L1) Service                          | -              | -       | ✓     |
| L2C    |               | 1227.60               | Positioning                                | Complement GPS | ✓       | ✓     |
| L5 I/Q | 1176.45       | Positioning           | Complement GPS                             | ✓              | ✓       | ✓     |
| L5S    |               | Experimental(L5 SBAS) | L5 SBAS (DFMC)                             | -              | ✓       | ✓     |
| L6D    | 1278.75       | Augmentation(CLAS)    | PPP-RTK<br>(Carrier Phase Positioning)     | ✓              | ✓       | ✓     |
| L6E    |               | Experimental(MADOCA)  | PPP, PPP-AR<br>(Carrier Phase Positioning) | -              | ✓       | ✓     |

# QZSS Overview -System Architecture-



## Interface Documents

|                                                      | Performance Standard | Interface Specification                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Satellite Positioning, Navigation and Timing Service | PS-QZSS-001          | IS-QZSS-PNT-001<br>(March 28, 2017 / PDF: 3748KB) |
| Sub-meter Level Augmentation Service (SLAS)          |                      | IS-QZSS-L15-001<br>(March 28, 2017 / PDF: 709KB)  |
|                                                      |                      | IS-QZSS-I6-001                                    |

Performance Standard (PS-QZSS) and Interface Specification (IS-QZSS) are available in our website <http://qzss.go.jp/en/technical/ps-is-qzss/ps-is-qzss.html>



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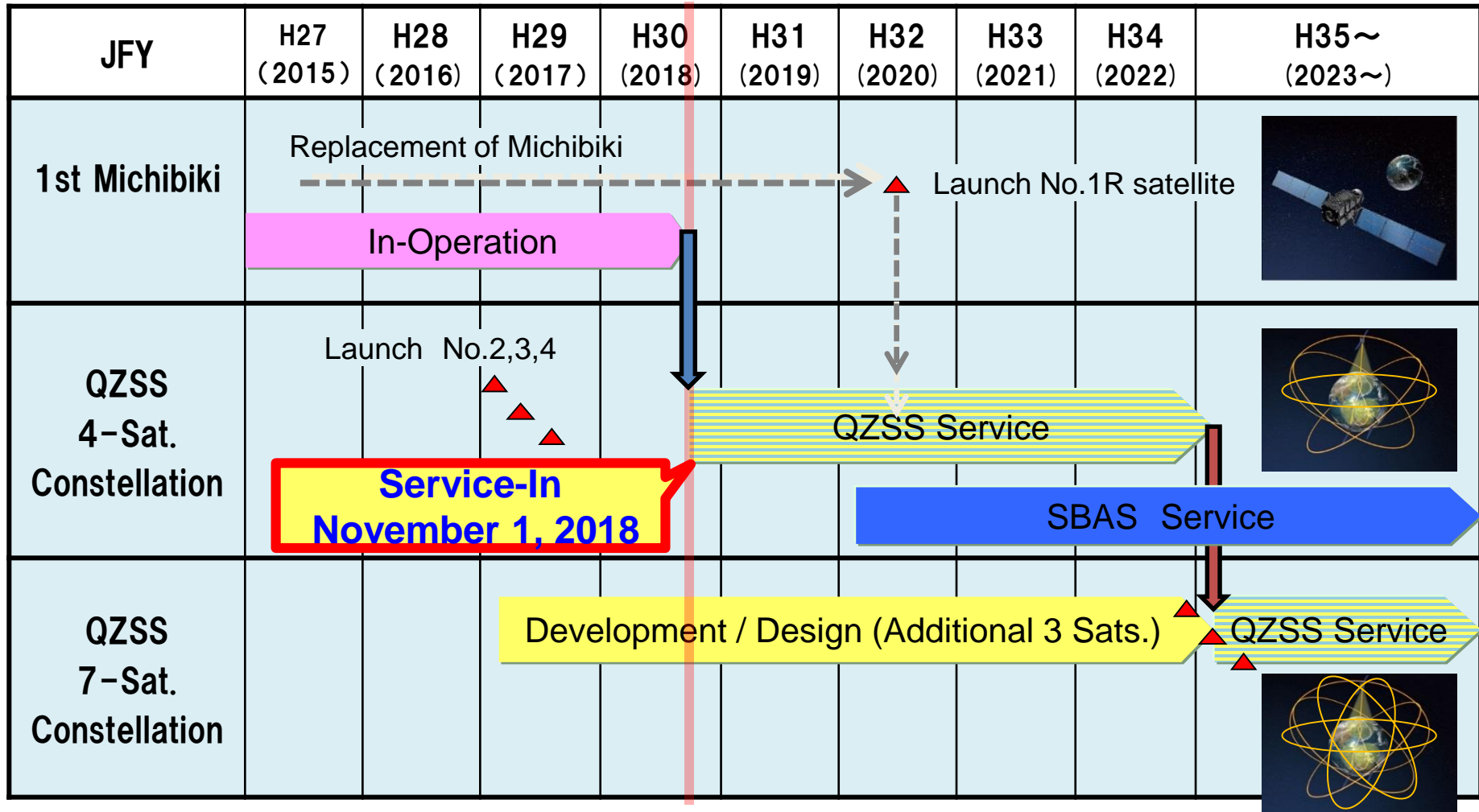
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# QZSS Overview -Development Status-



## QZSS Program Schedule (latest)



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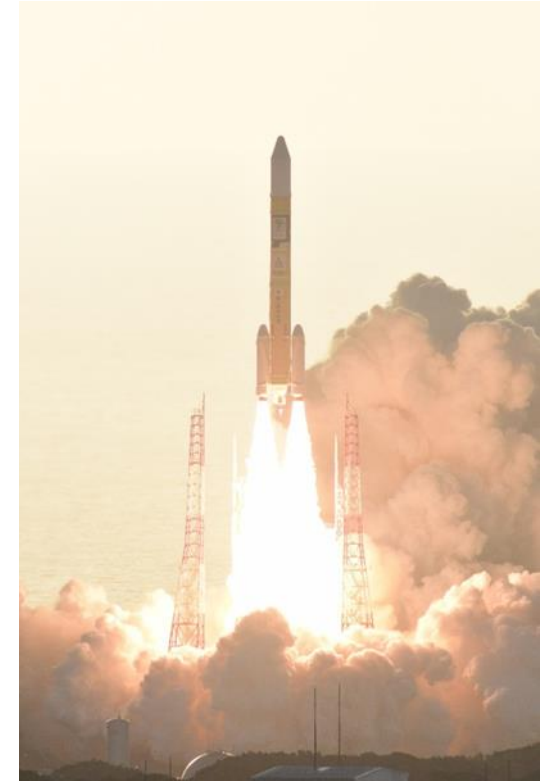
Three consecutive launches have successfully been conducted in 2017.



#2 satellite: Jun. 1, 2017  
00:17:46(UCT)



#3 satellite: Aug. 19, 2017  
05:29:00(UTC)



#4 satellite: Oct. 9, 2017  
22:01:37 (UTC)

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# QZSS Overview -Development Status-



QZSS services were started officially on November 1, 2018 !



Prime minister Shinzo Abe (the 2nd from the right) attended the QZSS service-in ceremony on November 1, 2018.



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# QZSS Performance -PNT Service-



## Performance(SIS Accuracy)

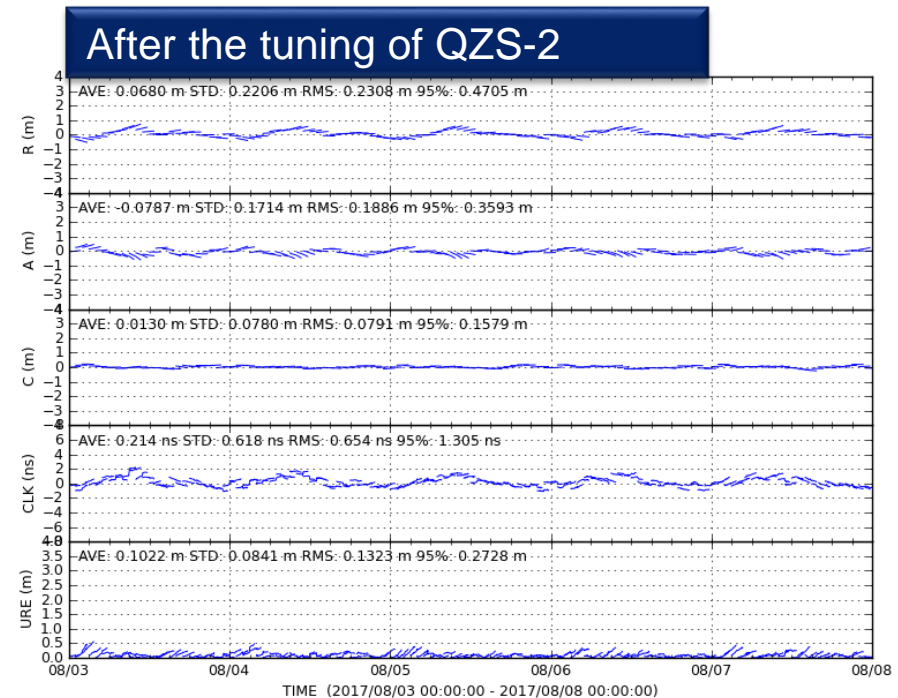
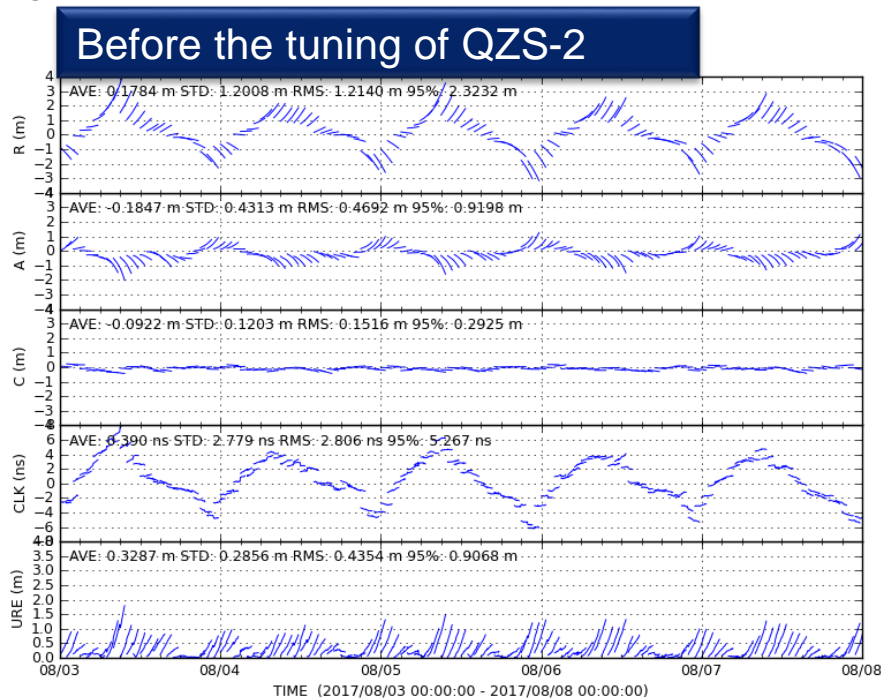
[ Specification ] less than 2.6m(95%)

[ Evaluation (2018/5/11 ~ 2018/5/17) ]

QZS-1: 0.61m(95%), QZS-2: 1.11m(95%), QZS-3: 0.96m(95%), QZS-4: 1.01m(95%)

## The improvement by the tuning

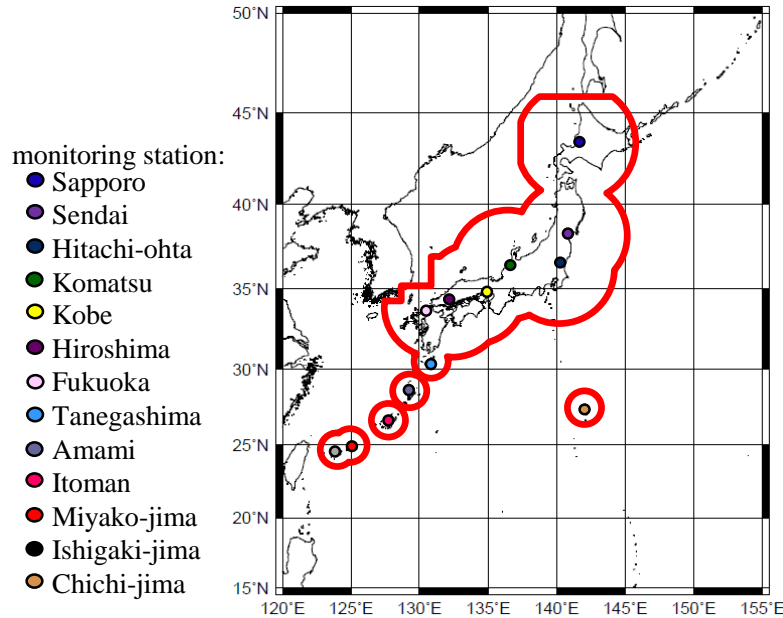
In order to improve SIS Accuracy (i.e. orbit error and clock error), parameters in our estimation engine were adjusted.



# QZSS Performance -SLAS Service-



## Service Area of SLAS



Service Area is the area surrounded by the red line.  
The left-axis is latitude, and lower-axis is longitude.

## Accuracy of SLAS

| positioning error(95%) |          | Remarks                                                                                         |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| horizontal             | vertical |                                                                                                 |
| ≤ 1.0 m                | ≤ 2.0 m  | EL mask : 10°<br>User range error caused by user's receivers and user's situation : 0.87 m(95%) |

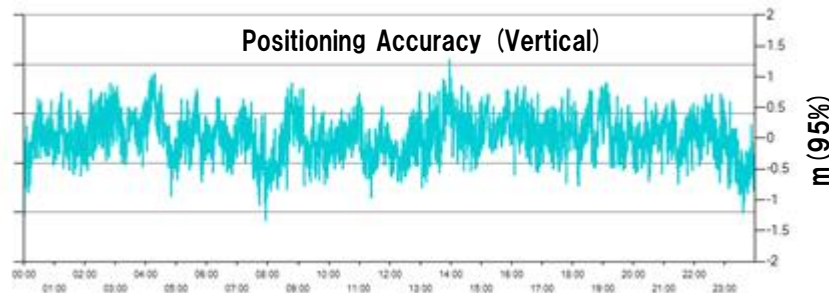
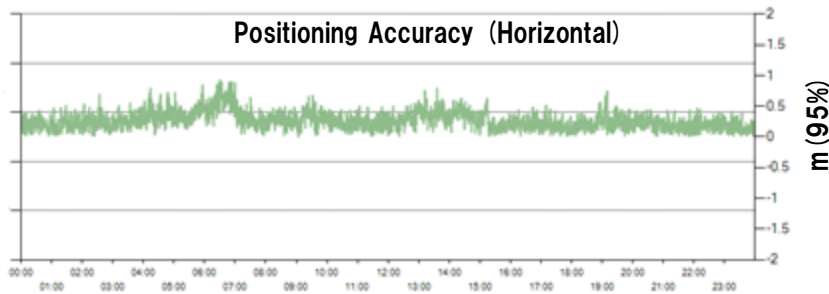


# QZSS Performance -SLAS Service-



## Recent Test results

- Using the GNSS-based control stations in GNSS Earth Observation Network System (GEONET) operated by Geospatial Information Authority of Japan as a rover.
- Evaluation period: 2018 May 10 (24 hours)
- Evaluation point: Gushikawa, Okinawa Pref.
- Signal subject to augmentation: GPS(L1-C/A),QZSS(L1-C/A)
- The graph shows error figures by time transition, the table shows statistical figures.

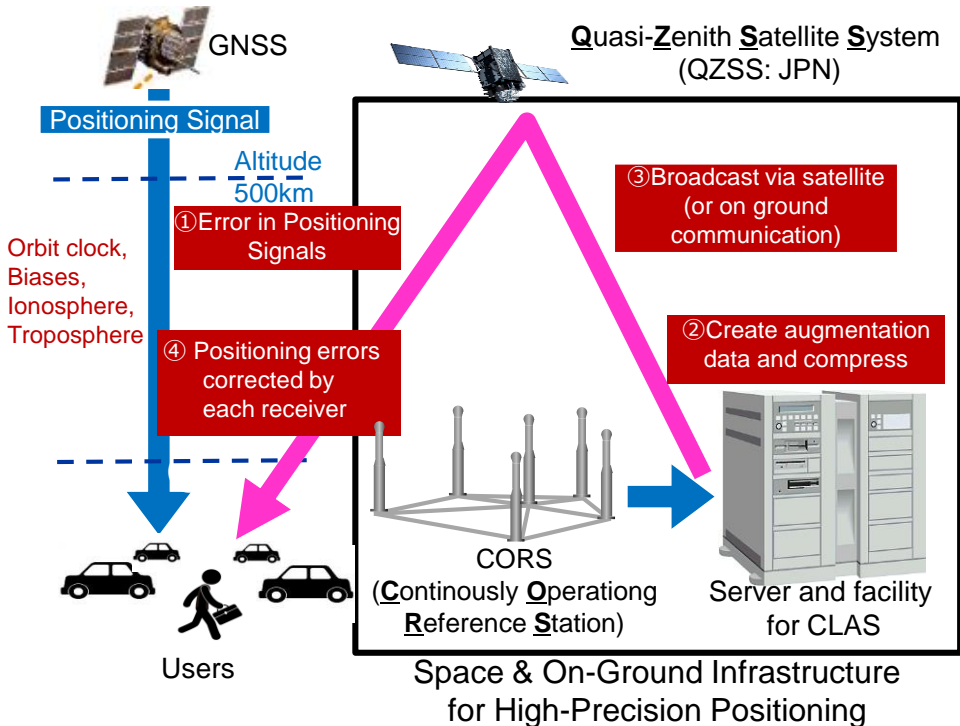


| Positioning Accuracy | m (95%) |
|----------------------|---------|
| Horizontal           | 0.66    |
| Vertical             | 0.88    |

# QZSS Performance -CLAS Service-



## 1. CLAS (Centimeter Level Augmentation Service)



## 2. Technical features

- 1) Augmentation data is created from CORS data
- 2) Error resulting from ionosphere, Troposphere conditions can be corrected
- 3) Augmentation data is broadcasted from QZSS free of charge

## 3. Servicing situation

- 1) Present: Test service on running
- 2) From 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2018: Public service distribution
  - Range of service: Japanese domain and 800,000km<sup>2</sup> area off shore
  - Accuracy:
    - $H \leq 6.0$  cm (95%),  $V \leq 12.0$  cm (95%) (Static)
    - $H \leq 12.0$  cm (95%),  $V \leq 24.0$  cm (95%) (Kinematic)

## 4. Examples of use and demonstration

### 1) Automobile

Precise positioning used in combination with HD Maps for automated control



### 2) Agriculture

Precise positioning used for automated control of tractors



### 3) Snowplough

Assists recognition of self position in comparison with HD maps

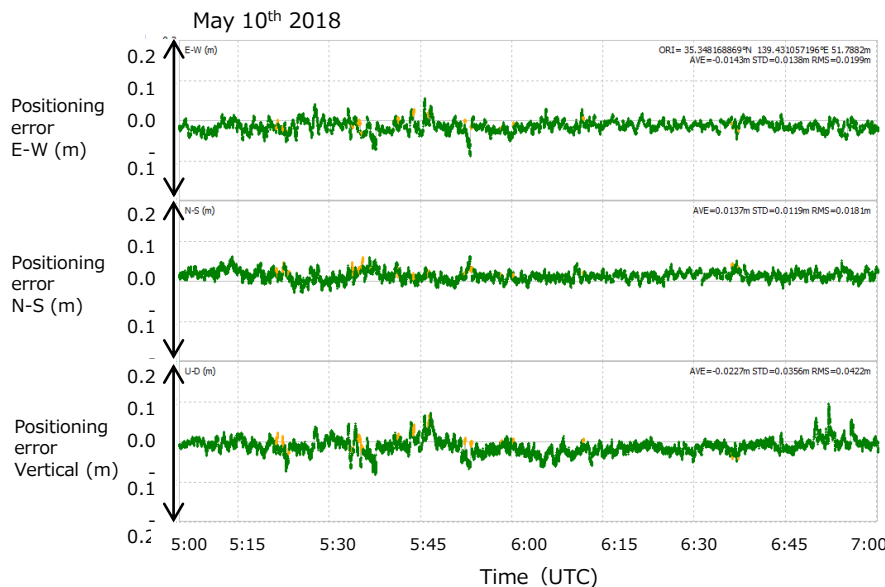


# QZSS Performance -CLAS Service-



## Recent Test results (mobile use)

- Evaluated from positioning results earned from a mobile vehicle mounting both general RTK and CLAS receivers in open-sky condition maneuver.
- Difference between CLAS positioning results and RTK positioning results are evaluated (defined as error figures)
- Error is evaluated by content (direction),  
the graph shows error figures by time transition, the table shows statistical figures



| Error content (Direction) | cm (rms) |
|---------------------------|----------|
| East-West                 | 2.0      |
| North-South               | 1.8      |
| Vertical                  | 4.2      |



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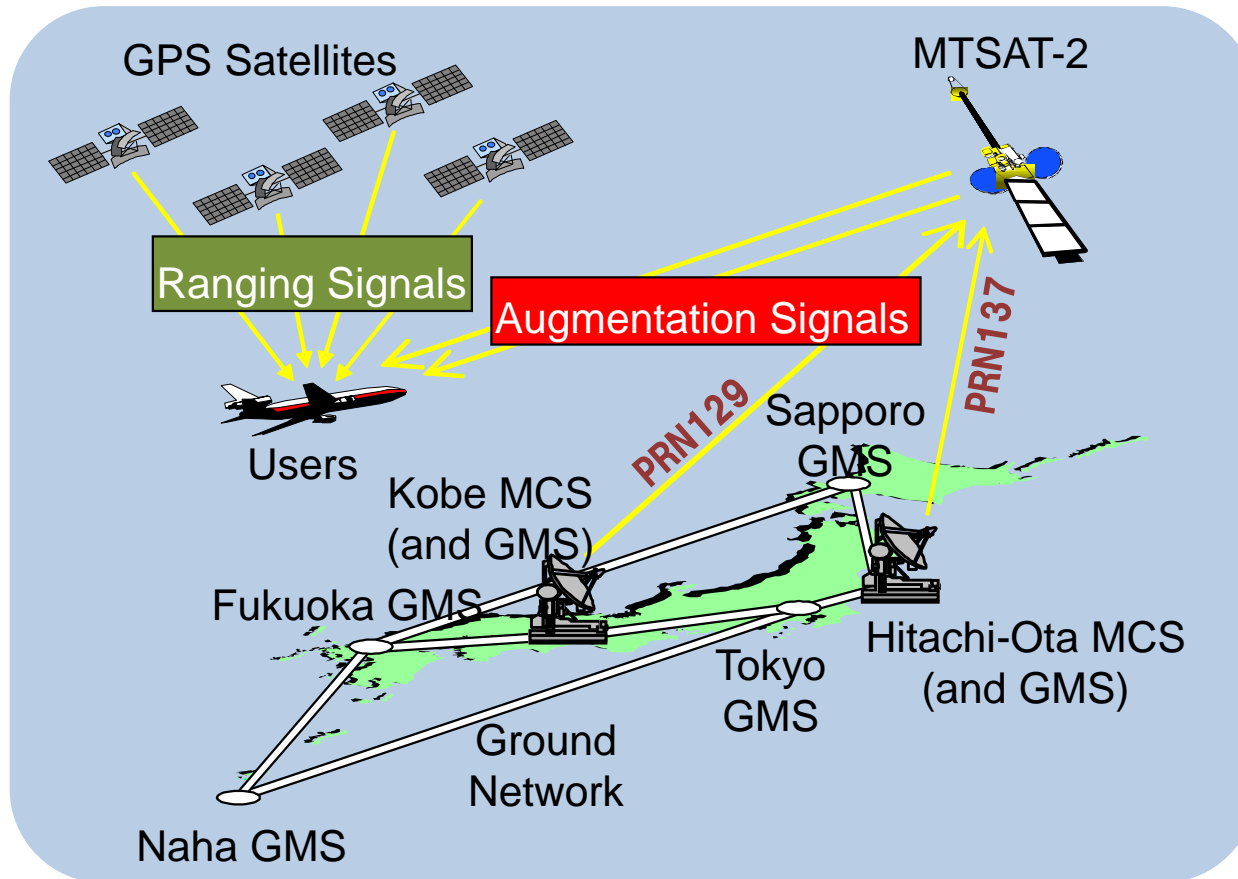
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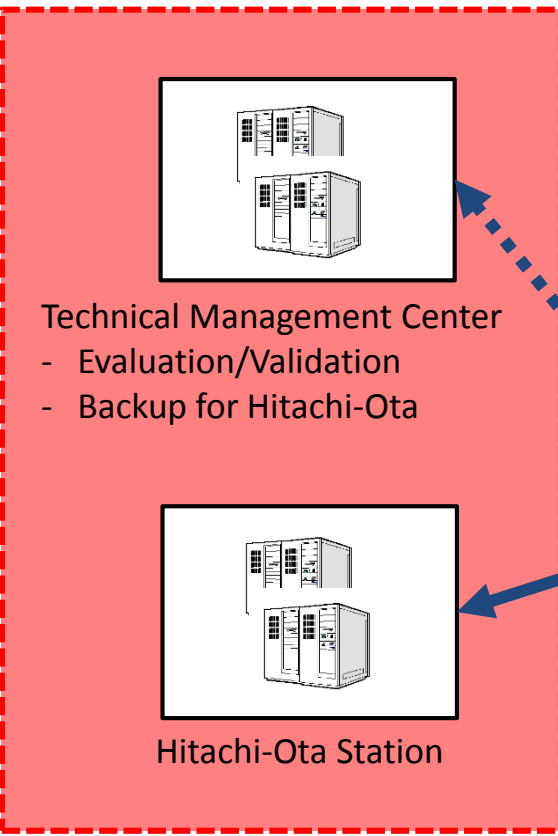


□ MSAS: Japanese SBAS in operation.

- Operational since Sept. 27, 2007.
- Currently operated by JCAB with a GEO called MTSAT-2.



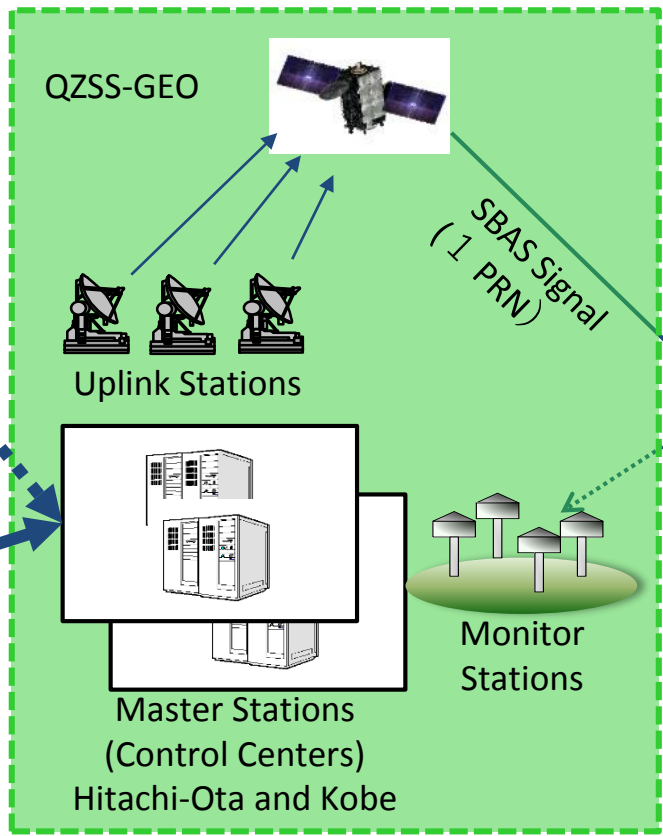
## SBAS Facilities (MSAS V2)



JCAB

(Civil Aviation Bureau)

## QZSS Facilities



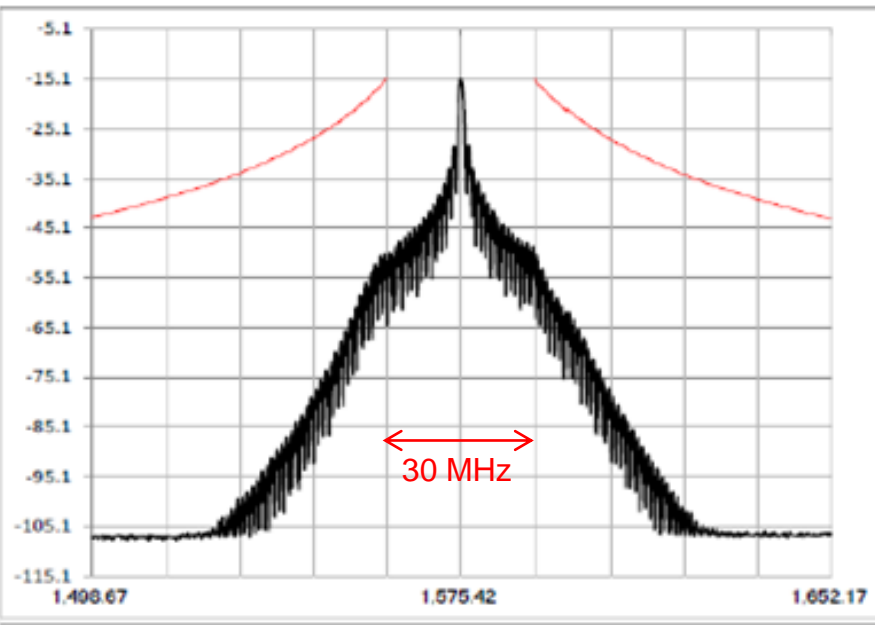
CAO

(Cabinet Office)

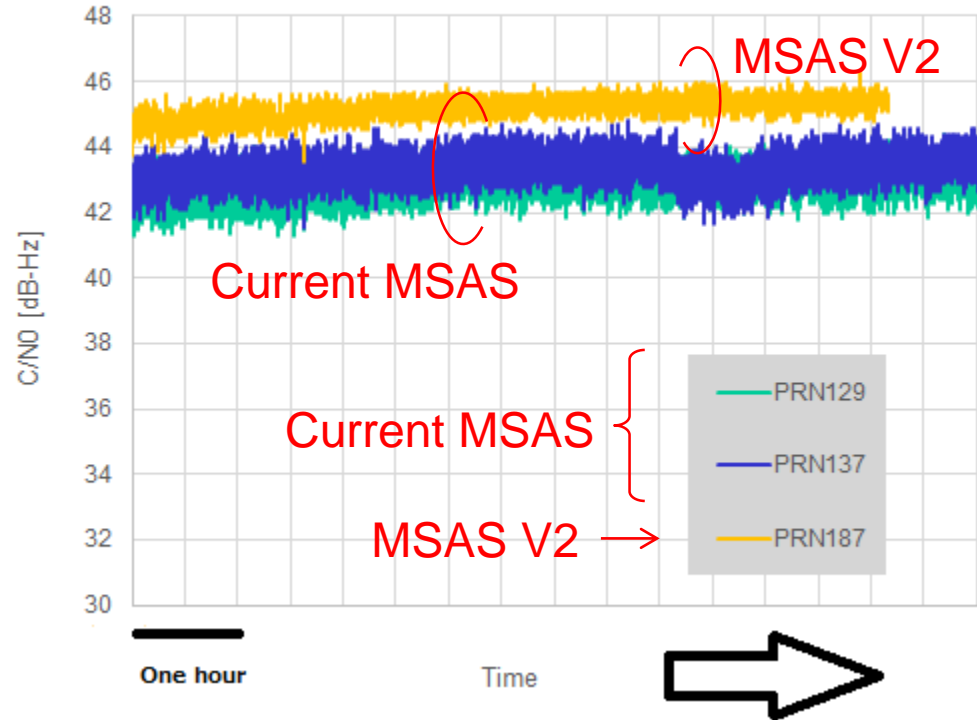
## GPS Satellites



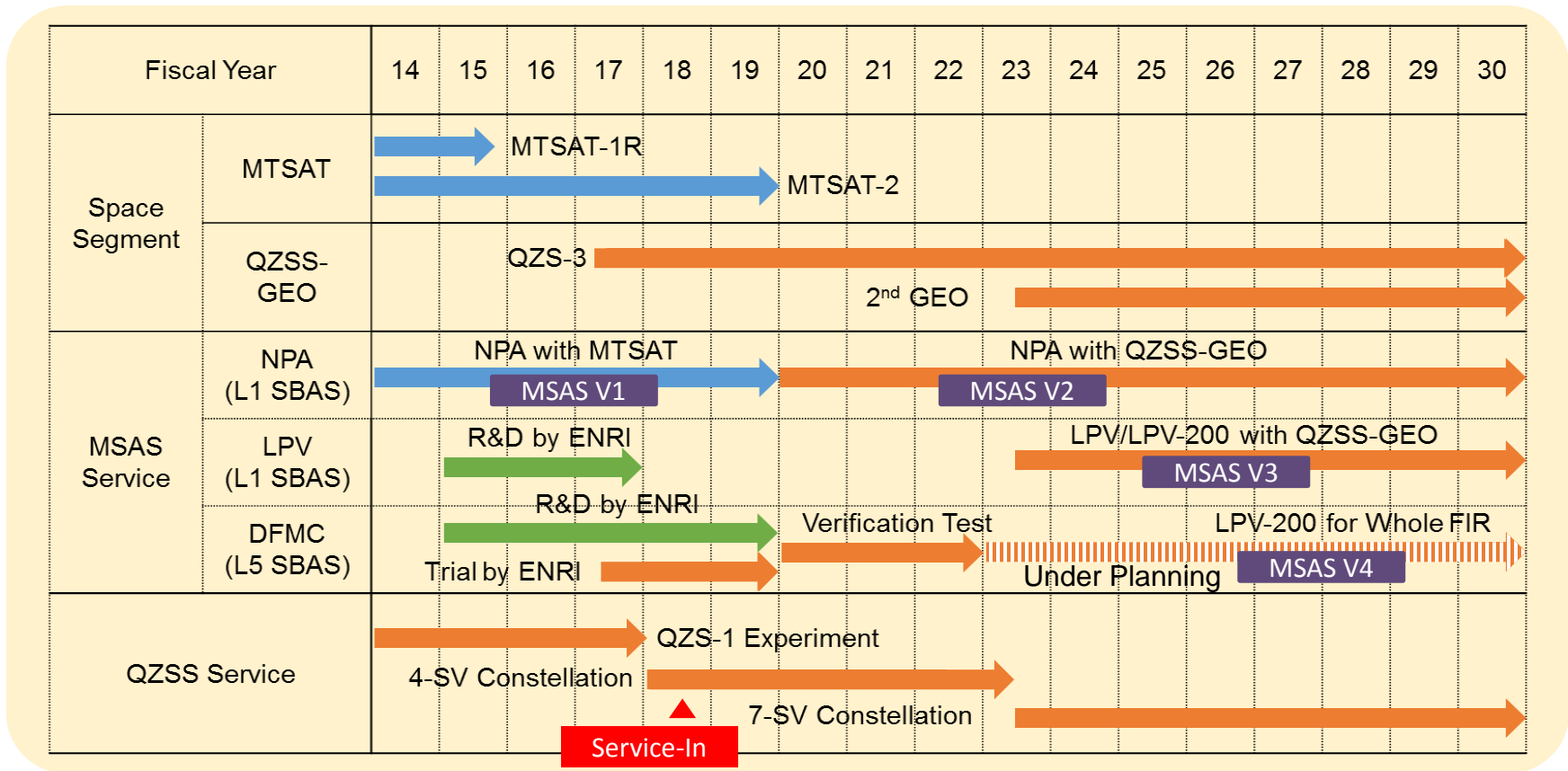
MSAS-v2 RF Spectrum



MSAS-v2 C/N0  
2018/9/18 3:30~ 8:00(GPST)

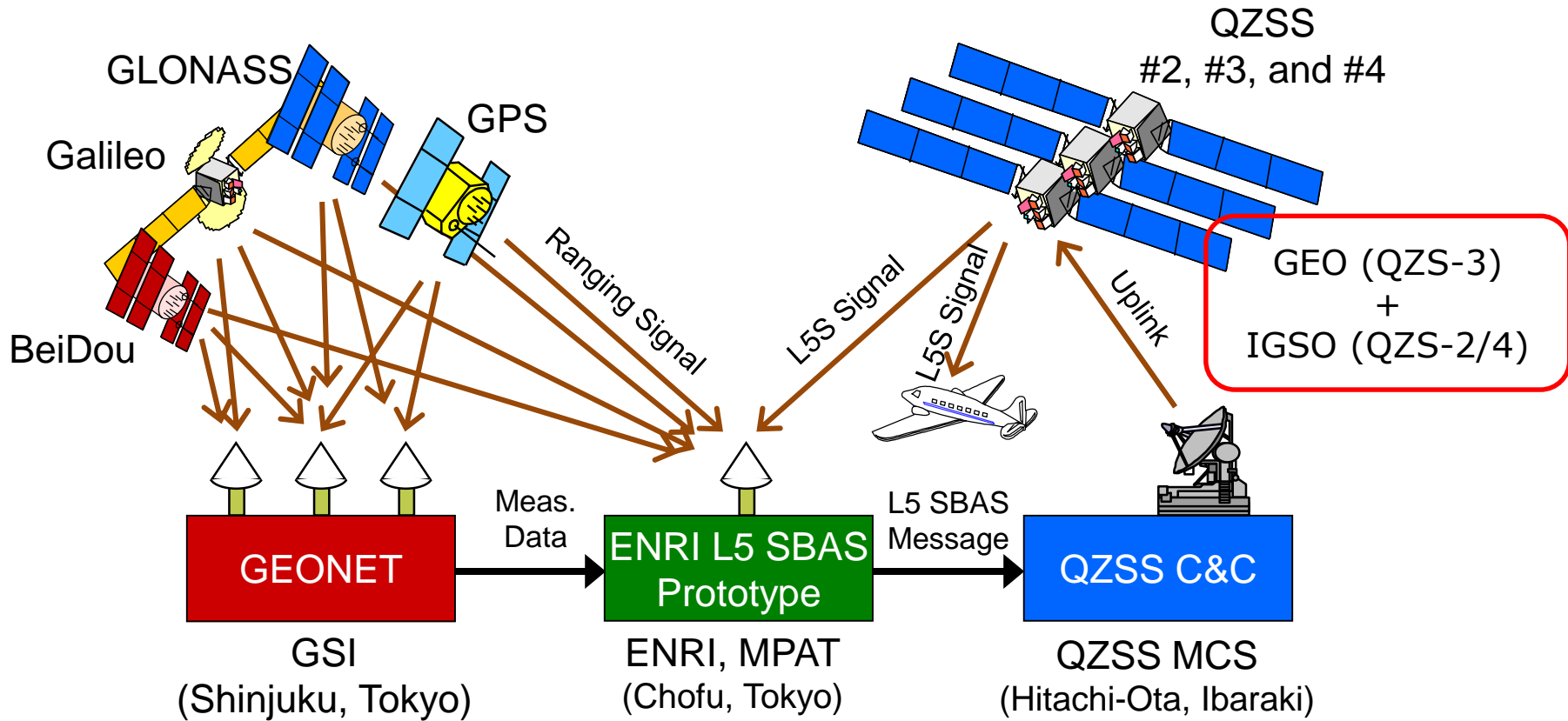


- ◆ PRN 129 and PRN 137 are transmitted from MTSAT-2 (MSAS-v1).
- ◆ PRN 187 is currently transmitted from QZS-3 GEO; Will be switched to PRN 129 or 137 for MSAS-v2.



- DFMC SBAS trial began in summer 2017 with QZS-2 L5S signal.
- MSAS V2: Replacement to the new QZSS-based system in 2020.
- MSAS V3: LPV/LPV-200 upgrade likely around 2023 and DFMC SBAS (MSAS V4) will follow.

- DFMC (Dual-Frequency Multi-Constellation) SBAS
  - International standard augmentation system using L5 signal.
    - *Following L1 single-frequency single-constellation SBAS.*
  - Eliminates ionospheric effects dramatically.
    - *Vertical guidance service everywhere in the coverage.*
  - Allows SBAS signal transmission from non-GEO (IGSO) satellites.
    - *Improved SBAS signal availability in polar regions and urban canyons.*
- MPAT is now conducting DFMC SBAS Experiment
  - The first L5 SBAS experiment with live L5 signal from the space.
    - *Using QZSS L5S signal transmitted from GEO and IGSO satellites.*
  - The prototype DFMC SBAS for experiments has been developed.
    - *GPS/GLONASS/Galileo/QZSS-capable dual-frequency SBAS.*
    - *Compliant with the draft ICAO L5 SBAS SARPS.*
  - Began the initial test on 23 Aug., 2017 using L5S signal (PRN 196) of QZS-2 IGSO.
    - *Expects participation to this experiments. Contact: <sakai@mpat.go.jp>*

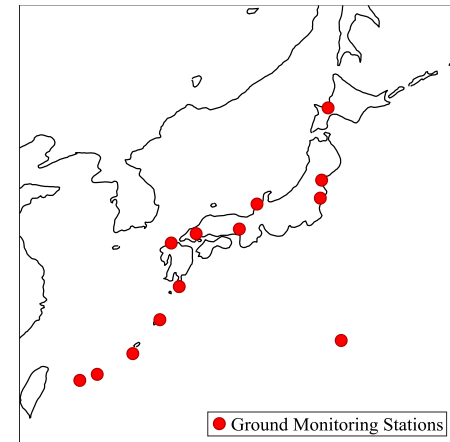
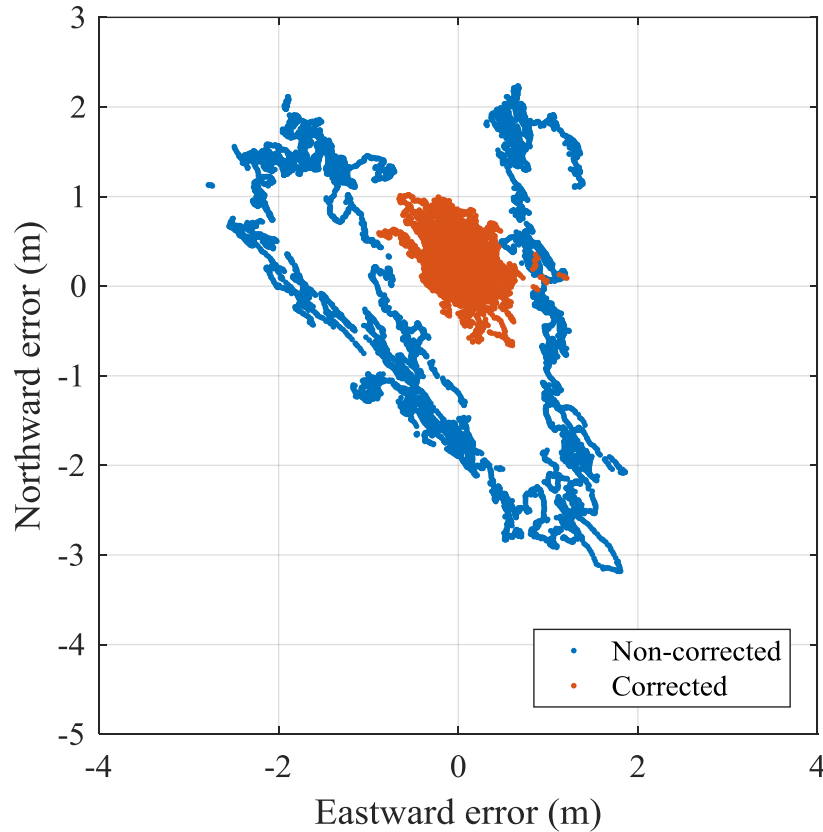


- Supports DFMC
- Provides observation in real time

- Operates in real time
- Supports GPS+GLONASS +Galileo+QZSS

- Relays L5S message data





Monitor Stations

- GPS+Galileo+QZSS
- Dual Frequency (L1+L5)
- DFMC L5 SBAS
- Location:  
GEONET 950369 (Wakayama)
- Period:  
2017/11/13 01:00 - 07:00 (6H)

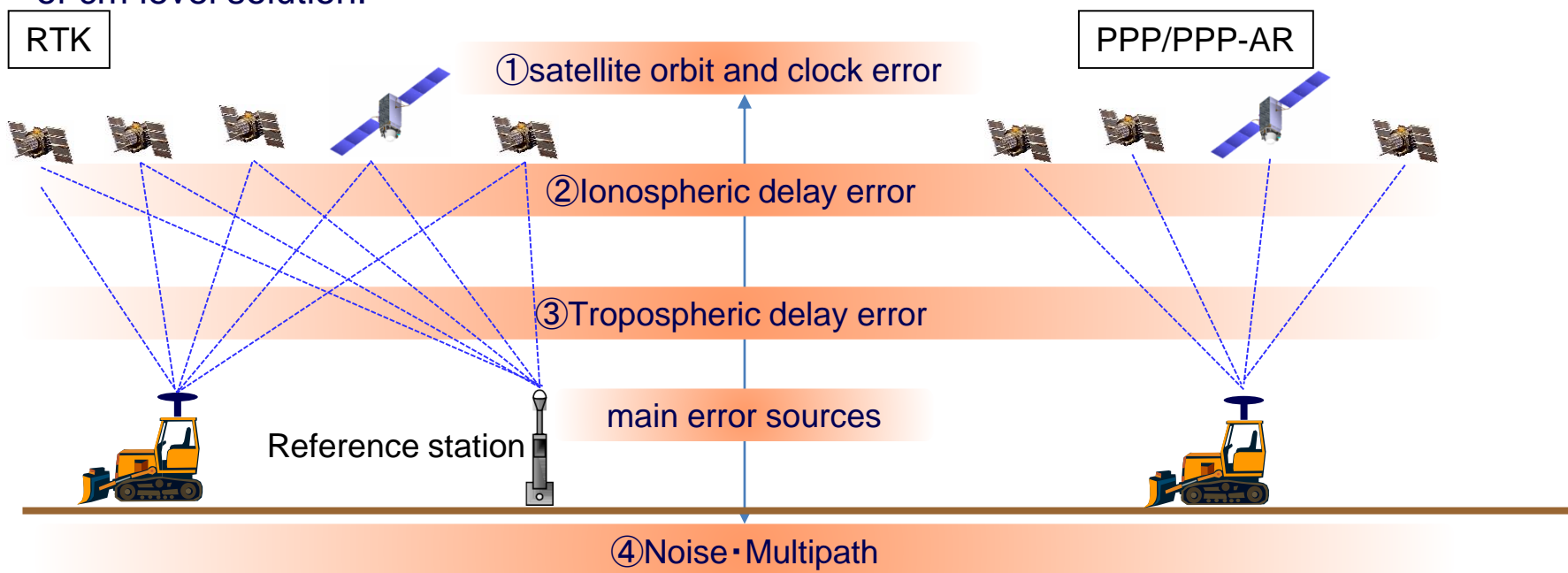
- Evaluation of L5 SBAS message generated in real time.
  - *Supporting GPS, Galileo, and QZSS in L1/L5 dual-frequency mode.*
- Confirmed that L5 SBAS augments multi-constellation of GPS+Galileo+QZSS.

# PPP Experiment using MADOCA



## Precise Point Positioning (PPP)

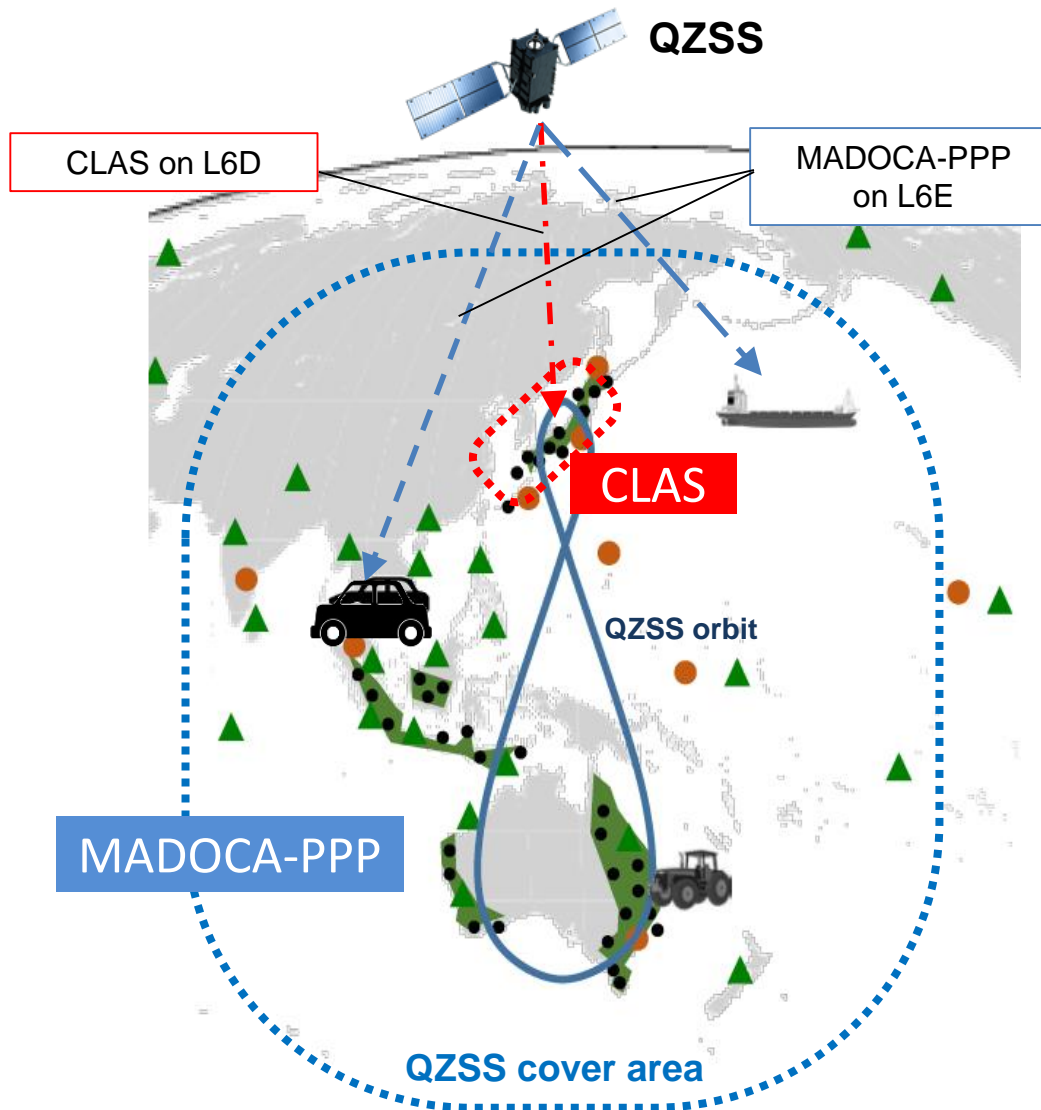
- A precise positioning methodology obtaining absolute location with deci-meter level
- Resolving Integer ambiguity of carrier phase is called “PPP-AR” which can reach a couple of cm level solution.



- Relative position wrt. reference station
- Double Difference between satellites and ref stations cancels errors above shown ①②③
- cm level accuracy with instant convergence time
- Dense reference network required

- Absolute position
- Precise orb and clk are indispensable
- Iono-error ② is canceled by using Iono-free combination or estimated by using some models
- cm (PPP-AR) ~ deci meter (PPP) accuracy but long convergence time (30-40 minutes)
- Global coverage with global ref. network

# CLAS Service and MADOCA Experiment



:region

- CLAS (Centimeter Level Augmentation Service) will be provided via L6D signal.
- Employs the dense GNSS monitoring network in service area.
- CLAS for Japanese territory begins in 2018.
- Service for other regions is under consideration.

:region

- Experimental augmentation based on PPP with MADOCA will be conducted using L6E signal on QZS-2/3/4.
- MADOCA: Multi-GNSS Advanced Demonstration tool for Orbit and Clock Analysis.
- Global GNSS monitoring network.
- Will also begin in 2018.



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# QZSS Satellite Information



- Considering ICG WG-D recommendation and IGS White Paper, Satellite Property Information (SPI) and Operational History Information (OHI) for each QZS SV was published on our web-site.

<http://qzss.go.jp/en/technical/qzssinfo/index.html>

- Following info are included;

## ■ Satellite Property Information(SPI)

- Reference Frame
- Attitude Law
- Mass and Center of Mass
- Navigation Antenna Phase Center Corrections
- Geometry
  - Satellite dimension
- Optical Property
- Laser Retro Reflector Location
- Differential Code Bias

## ■ Operational History Information(OHI)

- Attitude Change history
  - mode/start•end
- Orbit maintenance maneuver history
  - time/duration/delta-V/direction
- Estimated mass history





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## □ JP-US

- Continuous discussion on Interference Mitigation on L1C/A
- Cooperation on Ground Segment (Monitoring Site) for future extension

## □ JP-EU

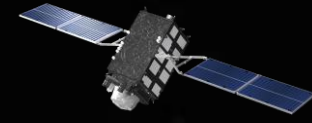
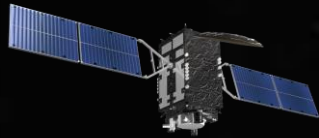
- Cooperation Agreement relative to Satellite Navigation Applications between Japan (National Space Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office) and EU (DG-Glow, European Commission) was established on March 8, 2017.
  - Annual Round Table and Working Group discussions
  - Emergency Warning Services, Autonomous driving and 3D mapping, E6/L6 signals, DFMC SBAS, Knowledge sharing about Operations
- Current Activities
  - Definition of common EWS message format is on going.
  - **Galileo-QZSS joint EWS trial in Australia was successfully completed on 19 Sept.**
  - Joint working team activity will begin soon: Joint R&D activity on DFMC SBAS supporting IGSO SBAS concept will be planned.

# Summary

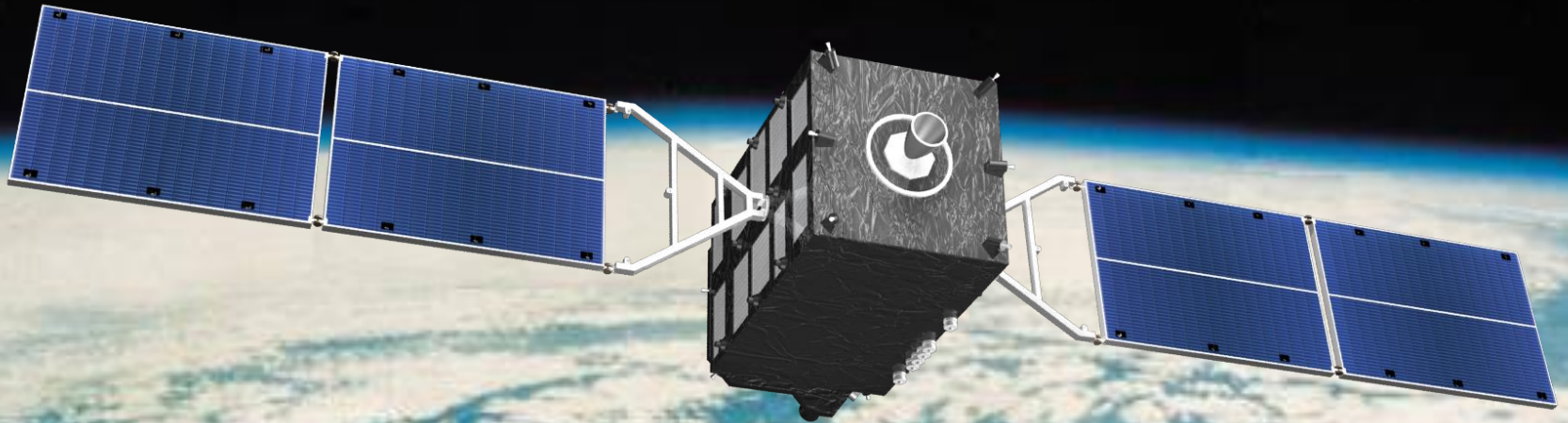
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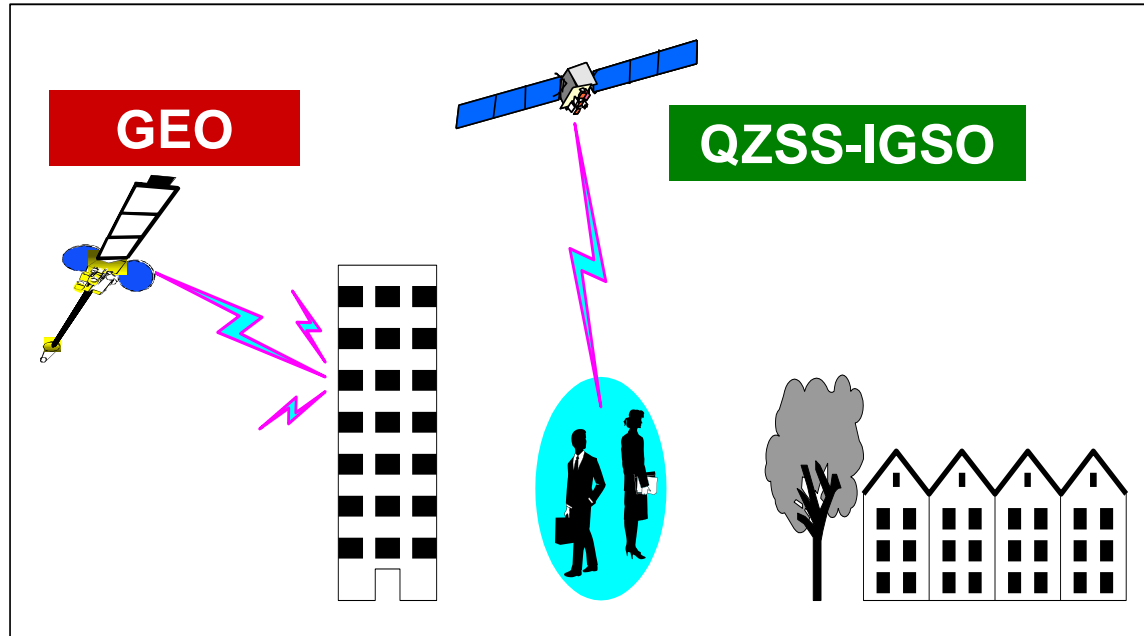
- QZSS is Japanese regional satellite navigation system to improve not only GNSS availability but also accuracy and reliability.
  - 4 satellite constellations: Three IGSO and one GEO satellites.
  - Three consecutive launches have successfully been conducted in 2017; All four satellites are now ready on their orbits.
- Operational Service begins on November 1, 2018.
  - GPS complement service, GNSS augmentation service including SBAS, and messaging service.
  - Precise positioning service can be utilized in many applications with Multiple GNSS as well as multi-sensors.
  - Some experiments including DFMC SBAS and PPP are also ongoing.



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- DFMC SBAS could be transmitted by non-GEO satellites like QZSS IGSO.
- Transmission from the Zenith: Improves availability of augmentation signals where GEO signal is blocked.
  - *Polar regions, mountain area, urban canyons, building on the south side, approaching aircraft, and so on.*