

Aviation Benefits of GNSS Augmentation

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Overview

- LAAS Capabilities and the Future
- Benefits of WAAS
- Global SBAS and Aviation Where are We Headed?



U.S. GPS Augmentation Programs Designed for Aviation







Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS)

- Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS)
- Designed for aviation use



Aviation Capabilities

- Precision approach for ILS Category - I, II, III approaches
- Multiple runway coverage at an airport
- 3D RNP procedures (can be supported by multiple navigation sources)
- Continuous Decent Arrivals (CDA)
- Navigation for closely spaced parallel runways



LAAS Next Steps

- Category-I system design approval at Memphis Complete
- Category-III ICAO technical validation by 2010
- Category-III final investment decision by 2012





Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)

- Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS)
- Designed for aviation use, but available and used by many GPS users today
- Localizer Performance Vertical (LPV)-200 approach is comparable to ILS Category I





- Increased Runway Access
- More direct en route flight paths
- New precision approach services
- Reduced and simplified equipment on board aircraft
- Potential elimination of some ground-based navigation aids (NDB, VOR, ILS) can provide a cost saving to air navigation service provider



WAAS Approach Procedures Today





- Dual frequency GNSS services in protected aeronautical bands
 - Enables aircraft receiver direct estimation and removal of ionospheric delay errors
 - Single largest source of vertical position uncertainty
- Most significant remaining threats are satellite failure based
 - Design a new VPL equation targeting single satellite faults
- India, Russia (and potentially China) are developing SBAS systems
- Investigate potential to expand LPV to global coverage



Current SBAS Reference Networks





Current LPV-200 Coverage (Single Frequency GPS)



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Future LPV-200 Coverage (Dual Frequency GPS)





Current + Future Planned Reference Networks





Future LPV-200 Coverage (Dual Frequency GPS + Additional SBAS)





Current + Future Planned + Expanded Reference Networks





Future LPV-200 Coverage (Dual Frequency GPS + Additional SBAS and Expanded Networks)





Future LPV-200 Coverage (Dual Frequency GPS + Expanded Networks + Two GNSS Constellations)





Summary

- 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



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