**UN/UAE/US Workshop On GNSS Applications** Dubai, UAE **Session 1: Trends in Satellite-based Navigaiton Systems GPS Modernization:** On the Road to the Future **GPS IIR/IIR-M and GPS III** 

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- GPS/GNSS has become a critical component of today's global information infrastructure
- Scalable applications enable broad capabilities facilitating innovations in efficiency, safety, security, environmental, and science
  - Mainstay of transportation systems worldwide, providing positioning, navigation and timing for aviation, ground and maritime operations
  - Farmers, surveyors, and geologists perform their work more efficiently, safely, economically and accurately using GPS signals
  - Disaster relief and emergency services depend upon GPS for location and timing capabilities in their life-saving missions
  - Banking, mobile phone operations and the control of power grids are facilitated by the accurate timing provided by GPS 1

## GPS/GNSS - a Component of the Global Critical Information Infrastructure



# **GPS Constellation Status**

## **31 Healthy Satellites** Baseline Constellation: 24

- 11 Block IIA satellites
- 12 Block IIR satellites
- 8 Block IIR-M satellites (7 operational)
  - 1 IIR-M in "test" mode SVN-49
- I Block IIF satellite (SVN 62, PRN 25)
  - Launched 27 May 2010
  - Set Healthy 30 August 2010
  - First Operational L5 (third civil signal)
  - Excellent GPS clock performance
  - Next IIF Launch Mid 2011



## **GPS System Overview**



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# GPS IIR/IIR-M

# GPS IIIA

# The Road Ahead

## Modernization Path – GPS Space Segment



# **GPS Modernization Path**

## GPS IIR/IIR-M – majority of the on orbit satellites today

- Modernization of last 8 GPS IIR satellites (IIR-M) accelerated acquisition of the GPS modernization capabilities
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> civil signal (L2C) and demonstration 3<sup>rd</sup> civilian signal (L5)
  - 1st GPS IIR-M in operation for over 5 years December 2005

1<sup>st</sup> GPS IIF launched 27 May 2010– finished checkout Aug 30

- Operational 3<sup>rd</sup> civilian signal (L5) and 2<sup>nd</sup> civil signal (L2C)
- 11 additional GPS IIF satellites currently available for launch
- GPS III planned for up to 32 satellites
  - First GPS IIIA satellite planned available for first launch in 2014

#### GPS III built on heritage of highly successful IIR/IIR-M programs

# **GPS IIR/IIR-M History**

- 1st GPS IIR in operation for over 12 years January 1998
- 19 spacecraft currently operational with well over 120 spacecraft-years to date
  - Improved overall GPS constellation accuracy
  - Exceptional payload reliability (>99.7%)
- Modernization of last 8 GPS IIR (IIR-M) added the following additional capabilities
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Signal provides ionospheric correction capability for civil users with L2C capability
    - 1st L2C NAV broadcast September 2009
    - Allowed manufacturers to start early receiver development
  - M-code provides second set of military codes for L1 and L2
    - Improved anti-jamming through flexible power capability
  - Flexible design allowed demonstration of third civilian signal (L5)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> L5 signal transmitted in April 2009 to establish frequency filing



## GPS IIR/IIR-M Performance Availability



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**IIR SV Lifetime Navigation Availability greater than 99.7%** 

120 years of successful IIR/IIR-M on-orbit operations as of Jun 10

## **GPS IIR/IIR-M Performance** Lifetime Estimated Range Deviations (ERDs)



Growing GPS IIR/IIR-M constellation consistently decreasing user error

# **GPS III Program**



## Next Generation GPS

- Improved performance for both military and civilian users
- Superior system security, accuracy, and reliability

# Strategic Teammates

- U.S. Air Force (Los Angeles, CA)
- Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company (Newtown, PA)
- ITT Corporation (Clifton, NJ)
- General Dynamics (Scottsdale, AZ)

# Heritage of Success

- GPS IIR/IIR-M success
- Time-tested A2100 bus

Low risk solution to satisfying on-going GPS modernization

# **GPS III Program**

## GPS III includes 32 vehicles in three blocks

- A -- 2 RDT&E space vehicles with 6 priced production vehicles
- B -- 8 space vehicles adding network communications capability
- C -- 16 space vehicles adding spot beam and integrity
- I5 May 08 Lockheed Martin was selected as the prime contractor for designing and producing GPS IIIA
- Design work to be performed in Newtown, Pennsylvania
- Assembly, Test and Integration will be performed in the Lockheed Martin Waterton Facility in Denver, Colorado

# **GPS III Capability Insertion**

## **GPS IIIA**



### Increased accuracy

- Increased Earth Coverage Power
- Additional civil signal (L1C)
  - Interoperable with Galileo, Compass, QZSS, etc.
- Bus capacity for IIIB and IIIC

## <u>GPS IIIB</u>

- Real-time command and control cross-links
  - Allows upload satellites via single contact
  - Improves constellation accuracy



## <u>GPS IIIC</u>

- High-power spot beam
  - Provides increased anti-jamming capability for the military
- Improved integrity

Flexible transition and content of future blocks reduces program risk 13

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## Accuracy Improvements



Specified URE Impacts User Platform Cost and Complexity

## **GPS III Schedule**



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Critical Design Review – August 2010 (2 months ahead of schedule) : Validated detailed GPS IIIA design; production phase started

## Modernization Path – GPS Control Segment



# Modernized GPS – New Signals

- Second civil signal ("L2C")
  - Designed to meet commercial needs
  - Higher stand-alone accuracy through ionospheric correction
  - Began with GPS Block IIR-M in Sep 2005; 24 satellites with L2C: ~2016
- Third civil signal ("L5")
  - Meets demanding requirements for transportation/aviation (safety-of-life)
  - GPS IIR-M Demo 10 Apr 2009 brought L5 frequency into use
  - Begins with GPS Block IIF
    - 1<sup>st</sup> launch (GPS IIF): 28 May 2010; 24 satellites (GPS IIF/GPS III): ~2018
- Fourth civil signal ("L1C")
  - Begins with GPS Block IIIA; 1<sup>st</sup> launch: ~2014; 24 satellites: ~2021
  - Designed with international partners to enable GNSS interoperability

More Signals and Higher Power Means More Robust to Interference

# The Road Ahead

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## GPS modernization is in progress

- New GPS signals/services for both civil and military users

## GPS IIR/IIR-M generation complete

- More than 100 years successful on-orbit performance

## First GPS IIF launched 27 May 2010

- Completed on-orbit check out period; next launch mid 2011

## GPS III generation is coming in 2014

- Program is on schedule and moving forward successfully
  - Completed Critical Design Review Program moving into production
- Will bring new capabilities for global civil users
  - Compatible/interoperable with int'l systems (e.g. GLONASS, Galileo, QZSS, Compass, etc)



# Thank you

# **GPS System Overview**



#### **Program Description**

- Space-based radio-navigation system
- Satellites broadcast precise time signals to allow users to estimate their own position, velocity, and time
- Two levels of service
  - Standard Positioning Service (SPS)
  - Precise Positioning Service (PPS)
- Three "Segments"
  - Ground Operational Control Segment
  - Space Nominally 24 satellites
  - User Receivers

#### **Program Facts**

- 24-satellite constellation/ 34 on-orbit
- 6 Orbital Planes, Min of 4 Satellites/Plane
- Semi-Synch Orbit (20,200 km / 10,900 miles)
- Launched from Cape Canaveral on Delta II/EELV
  - First launch 1978; FOC 1995
- Prime Contractors
  - Boeing Seal Beach, CA
    II, IIA and IIF
  - Lockheed Martin Newtown, PA IIR, IIR-M and III

#### **Current/Future Constellation**

- 34 satellites / 31 healthy to users (As of Jan 1, 2011)
  - 15 IIA satellites including
    - 4 residual spares; set to test mode (LADO)
  - 12 IIR satellites; 7 IIR-M satellites
  - 1 IIF satellite
  - 12 satellites on the watch list
- 12 IIF
  - 1<sup>st</sup> launch Aug 2010; next launch mid 2011
  - Increased capabilities
- 32 III
  - Ready for launch starting in 2014
  - Increased capabilities

## GPS IIR/IIR-M Performance Clock Performance





Single Clock issue (Rubidium) over entire history of IIR clock operations

# A2100 History

- Thirty-eight A2100s on-orbit today
  - 1st A2100 in operation for over 13 years
  - No satellite vehicle failures after over 250 spacecraft-years accumulated to date
    - Received Frost and Sullivan's Satellite Reliability Award: "Most reliable and efficient of its class"
  - Key customers: SES World Skies Echostar Telesat
    SES ASTRA SPJSAT BSAT
    US Air Force US Navy NASA
- A2100 modular design accommodates wide range of payloads and launch vehicles
  - Increased on-orbit reliability
  - Features parts reduction/simplified construction
  - Proven production cycle time
  - Exceptional earth pointing reliability



A2100AX vehicle at Newtown facility