



#### What is a GNSS?

- It is a satellite navigation system to precisely and automatically identify locations on earth.
- The GNSS of U.S., *the United States NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS)*, was initiated by U.S. Department of Defense for the military to have a precise form of world wide positioning (~\$12 billion funding).

#### **Other GNSS**

- The US NAVSTAR GPS
  - a fully operational GNSS
- The Russian GLONASS
  - the only alternative navigational system in operation with global coverage and of comparable precision to GPS
- The EU's Galileo
  - in initial deployment phase and scheduled to be fully operational in 2019
- The China's COMPASS (BeiDou)
  - scheduled to be operational by 2020



## Applications

- Tracking
- Navigation
- Field Digitizing
- Surveying
- Geology Natural Disasters
- Atmospheric Science











Figure 3.8. GPS Block II Satellite.

- The first GPS satellite was launched in 1978.
- A full constellation of 24 satellites was achieved in 1994.
- Each satellite is built to last about 10 years. Replacements are constantly built and launched in orbit.

### **The Satellite Segment of GPS**



- Six unique orbital planes with ascending nodes approximately 60 degrees apart.
- Their orbit inclinations at 55 degrees to the equator.
- Four GPS satellites in each of these orbital planes.
- 20,200 km altitudes.

# The Satellite Segment of GPS (cont.)



- Every satellite orbits the Earth twice daily.
- Four to eight active satellites are typically visible from any unobstructed viewing location on Earth.



Global Positioning System Satellites and Orbits for 27 Operational Satellites on September 29, 1998 Satellite Positions at 00:00:00 9/29/98 with 24 hours (2 orbits) of Ground Tracks to 00:00:00 9/30/98

GPS Control Segment Stations





- In August and September 2005, six additional monitor stations of the NGA (National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency) were added to the grid. Now, every satellite can be seen by, at least, two monitor stations.
- In the near future, five more NGA stations will be added so that every satellite can be seen by, at least, three monitor stations.





a) with a range measurement from one satellite, the receiver is positioned somewhere on the sphere defined by the satellite position and the range distance, r



b) with two satellites, the receiver is somewhere on a circle where the two spheres intersect



### Positional Uncertainty - Sources of Range Error -













# **GPS Error Budget**

•	lonosphere	5.0 meters
•	Troposphere	0.5 meters
•	Ephemeris data	2.5 meters
•	Satellite clock drift	1.5 meters
•	Multipath	0.6 meters
•	Measurement noise	0.3 meters
•	Selective availability	30-100 meters
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• Total.....~ 10 meters



\*15 degrees above the local horizontal plane





α

local horizontal line



\*Good correction is found when the roving receiver is within 300 km (180 miles) of the base station.

### Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FFA)
- The Department of Transportation (DOT)
- To meet the FAA's navigation requirements for precision flight approaches
- 25 ground reference stations across USA
- The corrected differential signals broadcast through a geostationary satellite

\*Honolulu International Airport (HNL): 21.312783, -157.920877





# **WAAS** Coverage





### **Garmin GPS Control Panel**







#### Satellite-based Augmentation Systems (SBAS) EGNOS Actual Grid MSAS Actual Grid WAAS Actual Grid GAGAN Non-Official Grid EGN PRN 135 Galaxy 15 133.0 W **PRN 120** marsat 312 015.5 W ck F1 MSAS MSAS PRN 129 HTSAT 1R 0140.0 E PRN 137 HTSAT 2 0145.0 E lonospheric Grids Collected with SXBlue GPS Receivers Copyright © GENEQ inc. marsat 3 025.5 E

# Mapping- / Survey-grade GPS









# Summary of GPS Accuracy



100 meters 15 meters < 3 meters

150 m	The original GPS system under the Selective Availability (SA) program
15 m	Typical GPS positional accuracy without SA
4-6 m	Typical differential GPS (DGPS) positional accuracy
3-5 m	Typical WAAS positional accuracy
< 1 m	"Mapping-grade" GPS units
~ cm	"Survey-grade" GPS units