

## Pushing Boundaries Leica GNSS Modernization Strategy

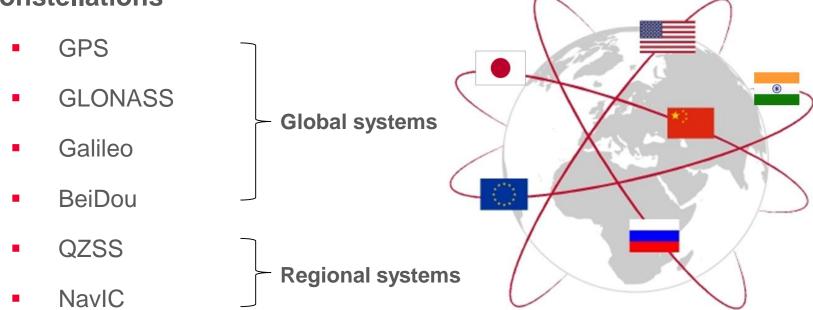
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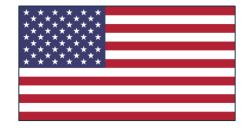


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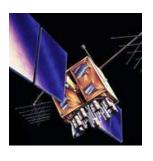


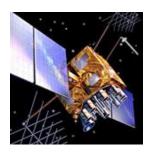




## **GPS**Space Segment











**Block IIR** 

**Block IIR-M** 

**Block IIF** 

Block IIIA/IIIF

Number of satellites in the GPS constellation (September 8, 2020)

GPS satellite	Block IIR	Block IIR-M	Block IIF	Block IIIA/IIIF	Operational /Total
Now	9	7/8*	7/8* 12 2		30/32
2022	5	7	12	8	32

<sup>\*</sup> IIR-M satellite launched on 24.03.09 in maintenance

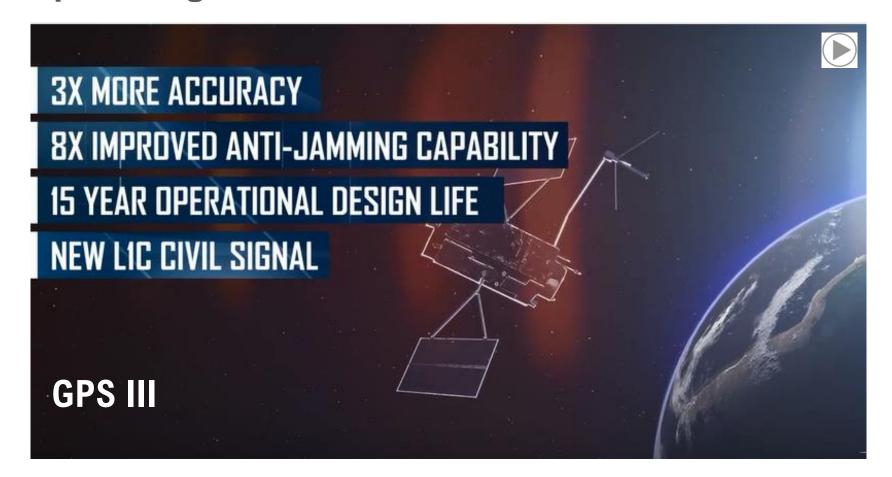
- Launch of GPS IIIA SV04 planned on September 30/October 1, 2020
- GPS IIIA SV09 and 10 satellites expected to be ready for launch in 2022.
- A total of 22 GPS IIIF satellites will be launched from 2026 to 2034



<sup>\*\*</sup> GPS IIIA SV 03 is currently in commissioning phase

## **GPS**Space Segment







### **GPS**

### **Space Segment**



Current and future civil GPS signals at different frequencies (September 8, 2020)

#### **Usable for RTK**

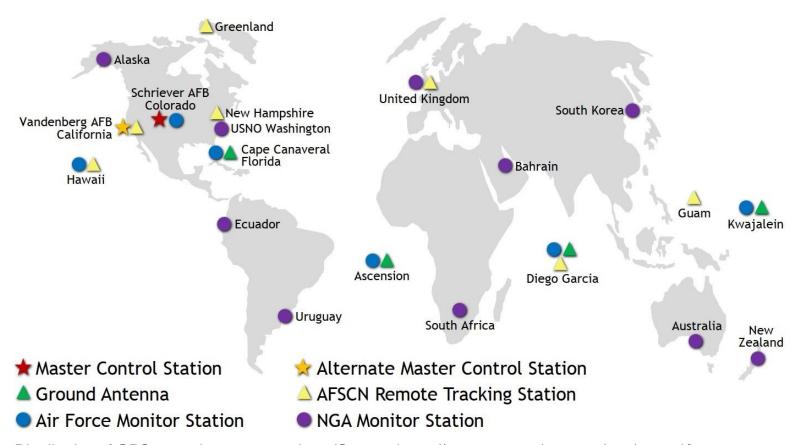
Signal	L1 C/A	L1 P(Y)	L1C	L2 P(Y)	L2C	L5
GPS IIR	•	•		•		
GPS IIR-M	•	•		•	•	
GPS IIF	•	•		•	•	•
GPS IIIA/IIIF	•	•	•	•	•	•
Available on ≥ 12 GPS satellites by*	Now	Now	2027	Now	Now	Now
Available on 24 GPS satellites by	Now	Now	2030	Now	2023	2027
Benefit	As today	As today	Max inter- operability	As today	Stronger signal	Stronger signal, multi-frequency RTK

<sup>\*12</sup> satellites is the minimum number of satellites to be beneficial for RTK



## **GPS**Control Segment





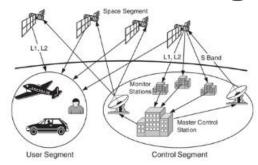
Distribution of GPS control segment stations (Source: https://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/control/)



#### **GPS**

### Control Segment, User Segment

Control segment





- The Next-Generation GPS Operational Control Segment (OCX) will fully support, monitor and control the modernized civil signals.
- OCX Block 0: Launch and Checkout System (LCS) supporting launch and early on-orbit spacecraft bus checkout on GPS III satellites, delivered in November 2017
- GPS III Contingency Operations (COps) supporting the interim GPS III operations, delivered in May 2019
  - OCX Block 1: Operational capability to control all legacy satellites and civil signals (L1 C/A), military signals (L1P(Y), L2P(Y)), the GPS III satellites, the modernized civil signal (L2C) and the aviation safety-of-flight signal (L5), delivery in June 2021
- User segment
  - Resilient PNT capabilities using modernized signals L2C, L5 and L1C
  - Dual-frequency (L1/L5) SBAS (WAAS) with GPS and Galileo



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## **GLONASS**Space Segment









**GLONASS M** 

**GLONASS K1** 

**GLONASS K2** 

Number of satellites in the GLONASS constellation (September 8, 2020)

GLONASS satellite	GLONASS M	GLONASS K1	GLONASS K2	GLONASS KM	Operational /Total
Number	23/25*	0/2**	0	0	23/27
≥ 12 GLO satellites available by	Now	20	23	After 2025	_

<sup>\*</sup> M satellites #GC 716 as spares, #GC 731 in maintenance

- GLONASS M satellite #GC 760 was launched on March 16, 2020
- Launch of one GLONASS K1 satellite planned on October 17, 2020



<sup>\*\*</sup> K1 satellite #GC 701 in flight tests phase, #GC 702 in maintenance

## **GLONASS**Space Segment



Current and future civil GLONASS signals at different frequencies (September 8, 2020)

	Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA)		Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)				
Signal	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L5	
GLONASS M	•	•	•*				
GLONASS K1	•	•	•				
GLONASS K2	•	•	•	•	•		
GLONASS KM	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Benefit	As today	As today	Longer RTK baselines	No GLON better inter	·	Longer RTK baselines	

<sup>\*</sup> GLONASS M satellites for SVs 755+ also include the L3 signal

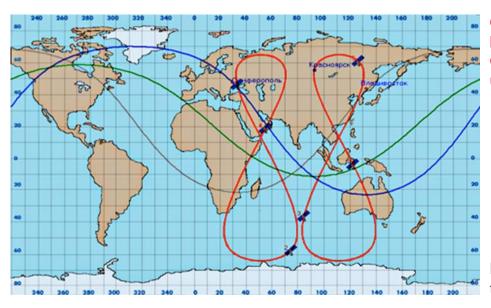
Currently not beneficial to RTK

- Currently, there are eight L3-capable GLONASS satellites
  - Six M satellites (GC# 755-760) and two K1 satellites (GC# 701, 702)
- K2 satellite will transmit CDMA signals in the GLONASS L1, L2 and L3 bands



## High-Orbit GLONASS Space Segment





Objective: Improving the reception of GLONASS signals in large urban areas

High-Orbit GLONASS – Ground track in red. (Image: Roscosmos)

- Beginning development of High-Orbit GLONASS in 2019
- Six GLONASS-B satellites with two "figure-8" ground tracks
- Transmitting the new CDMA signals in the GLONASS L1, L2 and L3 bands
- Launch of the first GLONASS-B satellite in 2023 (full constellation by the end of 2025)



### **GLONASS Control Segment**



ODTS: orbit determination and time synchronization

Expansion of the global network for enhanced ODTS



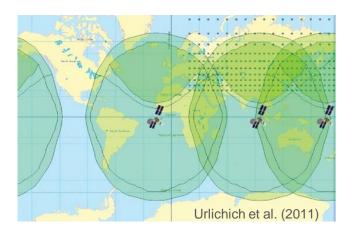


- Ensuring the ODTS accuracy of up to 0.1 m in real time during the next few years
- Introduction of advanced systems for satellite control and performance monitoring
- Transition to PZ-90.11 Geodetic Reference System which is aligned to the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) at the mm level
- Synchronization of the GLONASS time scale to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) at the level of less than 2 ns

### GLONASS User Segmen

## GLONASS

- User Segment
- Improving the quality of GLONASS services at a user level
- Completing System of Differential Correction and Monitoring (SDCM)
  - Currently L1 SBAS for GPS and GLONASS with 3 geostationary satellites





- SDCM network consisting of 19 stations in Russia and 5 stations abroad
- Support of L3 (GLO) and L5 (GPS+GLO) planned
- Development of real-time Precise Point Positioning (PPP) service for civil users



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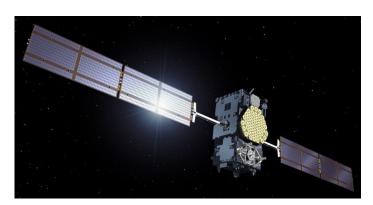




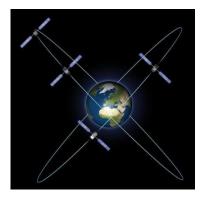


### **Galileo Space Segment**

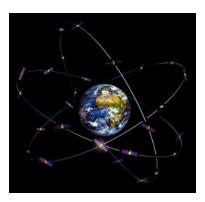




Galileo satellite



**IOV** constellation



**FOC** constellation

Number of satellites in the Galileo constellation (September 10, 2020)

Galileo constellation	IOV	FOC (now)	FOC (2020/2021)	Operational/Total		
Number of satellites	3/4*	19/22**	24 + 6 spares		22/26	

<sup>\* 1</sup> IOV satellite GSAT0104 not available since May 27, 2014 (down to single frequency)

- With 22 satellites providing services since February 11, 2019
- First of 12 Batch-3 Galileo satellites expected to be available for launch by late 2020
- Start of the in-orbit validation of transition satellites from 2025 onwards



<sup>\*\* 2</sup> FOC satellites GSAT0201 and GSAT0202 in wrong orbits (foreseen to be hot back-up)

<sup>\*\* 1</sup> FOC satellite GSAT0204 not usable

## Galileo Ariane 5 Launch





This video shows the Galileo liftoff on 25 July 2018 from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana atop an Ariane 5 launcher (source: ESA).



#### Galileo

### **Ariane 5 Dispenser •**



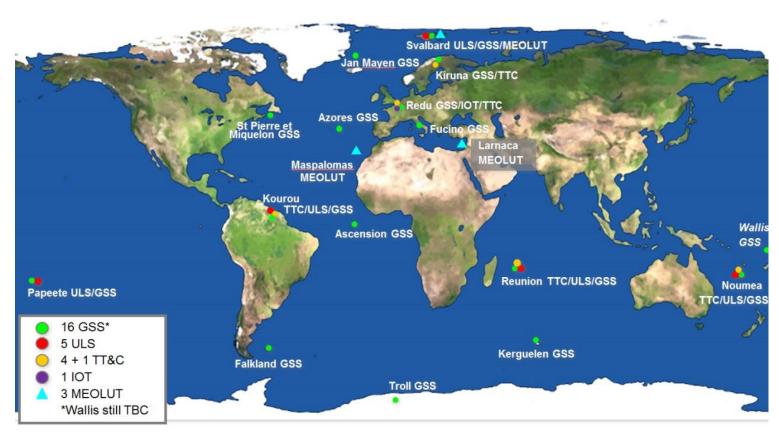


This animation shows how the four Galileo satellites launched with an Ariane 5 rocket in November 2016 were dispensed in space (source: ESA)



## Galileo Control Segment





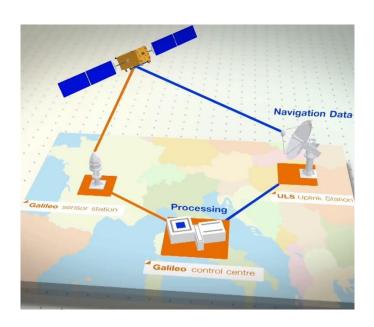
Distribution of Galileo's control segment stations (GPS World, 2015)



#### Galileo

### **Control Segment Updates**





- Upgrading the system architecture to manage a constellation of up to 41 Galileo satellites
- Improving service operability and system robustness through additional telemetry, tracking, and command capabilities
- Upgrading the Galileo Ground Mission Segment and the Galileo Security Monitoring Centers (GSMC)
  - Upgrading Galileo's system architecture for more accurate navigation products
  - Construction of additional navigation message uplink and sensor stations



### Galileo User Segment



Galileo services and the associated signals (September 10, 2020)

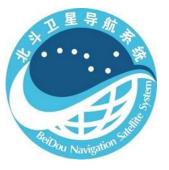
Service	E1	E5a	E5b	AltBOC	E6
Open Service (OS)	•	•	•		
Commercial Service (CS)	•	•	•	Derived from E5a and E5b, not a	•
Safety of Life (SoL) Service	•	•	•	separate signal, but requires an	
Public Regulated Service (PRS)	•			own channel	•
Benefit	signals wi RTK perfo	ailability in	improve the er baselines,	Best multipath suppression	High Accuracy Service

- Galileo Navigation Message Authentication (NMA) available over E1B in 2021
- High Accuracy Service (HAS) enabling 2-dm level positioning by providing unencrypted high accuracy correction data in E6B for free
- EGNOS version 3 supporting GPS and Galileo at L1 and L5 by 2025



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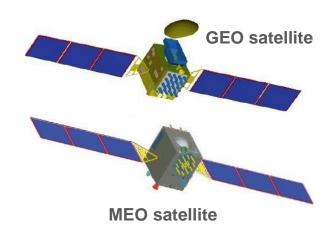


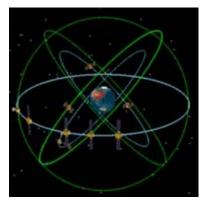




# BeiDou Space Segment









Regional system (BDS-2)

Global system (BDS-3)

Number of satellites in the BeiDou constellation (September 10, 2020)

BeiDou satellite	GEO IGSO		MEO	Total	
Altitude (km)	35 786	35 786	21 528	-	
Regional system (BDS-2) Operational now	5	7	3	15	
Global system (BDS-3) Operational / In orbit / Planned	2/3/3	3/5*/3	24/26**/24	29/34/30	

<sup>\*</sup> Including the IGSO01-S and IGSO02-S test satellites

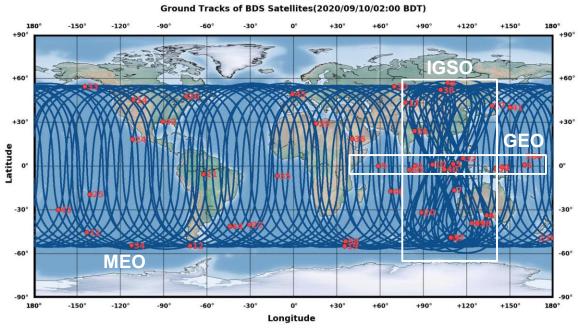
A total of 44 BeiDou satellites (27 MEO) are currently operational.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Including the MEO01-S and MEO02-S test satellites

## **BeiDou**Space Segment





Ground tracks of the BeiDou satellites (Source: http://en.beidou.gov.cn/SYSTEMS/Ephemeris/)

- GEO satellites: located over the Indian Ocean and the Pacific
- IGSO satellites: symmetrical "figure-8" ground tracks

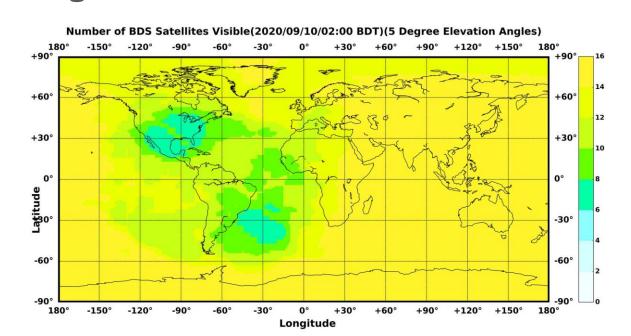
MEO satellites: similar ground track pattern as the GPS satellites

Limited changes in satellite geometry



## **BeiDou**Space Segment •





Number of visible BeiDou satellites (Source: http://en.beidou.gov.cn/SYSTEMS/)

- Launch of the last BDS-3 GEO-3 satellite on June 23, 2020
- BDS-3 has been formally commissioned on July 31, 2020

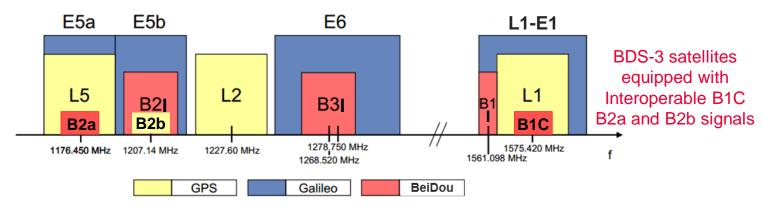


## **BeiDou Space Segment**



BeiDou signals at different frequencies (September 10, 2020)

Signal	B1	I	В	21	B3I				
BeiDou-2 (BDS-2)	•			•	•				
Signal	B1I B1C		B2a B2b		B3I				
BeiDou-3 (BDS-3)	•	•	•	•	•				
Benefit	performance,	<ol> <li>The additional BeiDou satellites and signals will in general improve the R7 performance, particularly in canopy and urban canyons.</li> <li>Better interoperability using B1C, B2a and B2b</li> </ol>							



Comparison of the GPS, Galileo and BeiDou frequency bands



#### **BeiDou**

### **Control Segment, User Segment**

#### Control segment

- One master control station (MCS): responsible for the operational control of the system (orbit determination, navigation messages, ephemerides, etc.)
- Two uplink stations (US): send the data generated by the MCS to the satellites
- 30 monitoring stations (MS): track the constellation continuously

#### User segment

- Single-frequency (SF) service through BDSBAS-B1C signal
- Dual-Frequency Multi-Constellation (DFMC) service through BDSBAS-B2a
- Providing PPP-B2b service in China and surrounding areas
- BDS/GNSS Ground-based Augmentation System



## **BeiDou**User Segment





China's National Reference Station Network. (Image: BeiDou)



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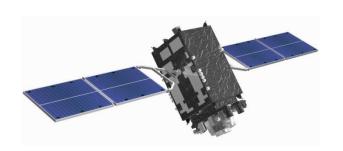




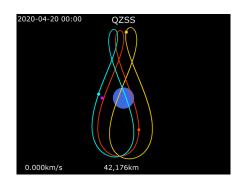












**QZSS** satellite

**Satellite orbit** 

Satellite ground track

Geosystems

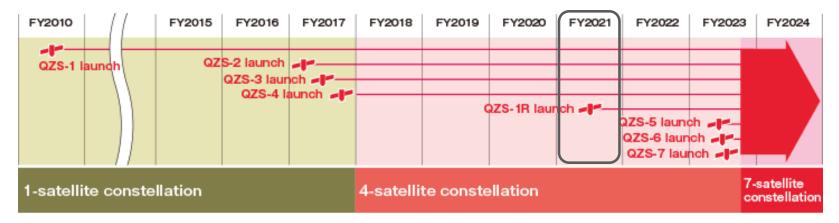
Number of satellites in the QZSS constellation (September 10, 2020)

Date	Now		2023
Number of satellites	4		7

- QZSS is Japan's regional system and transmits the same signals as GPS.
- One quasi-zenith satellite (QZS) satellite can be seen from Japan for 16 hours. With four QZS, signals can be constantly received from three QZS.
- Asymmetrical "figure-8" satellite ground tracks due to highly-inclined, elliptical and geosynchronous orbits (slower speed in the smaller half of the figure-8)

### Space Segment





QZSS programme schedule (source: <a href="http://qzss.go.jp/en/overview/services/sv01">http://qzss.go.jp/en/overview/services/sv01</a> what.html, September 10, 2020)

FY: Fiscal Year

QZS: Quasi-Zenith Satellite

- QZS-1R scheduled to be launched in 2021
- QZS-1R has the ability to transmit the L1C/B signal



### **Space Segment**



### Navigation signals usable for RTK

QZSS signals for positioning service and their compatibility with GPS IIIA (September 10, 2020)

Satellite	Orbit	L1C/A	L1C/B	L1C	L1S	L1Sb	L2C	L5	L5S	L6	S-band
QZS-1	QZO	•		•	•		•	•		•	
QZS-2	QZO	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	
QZS-3	GEO	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
QZS-4	QZO	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	
QZS-1R	QZO		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	
GPS IIIA	MEO	•		•			•	•			

L1C/A, L1C/B, L1C, L2C, L5: Satellite Positioning, Navigation and Timing Service (PNT)

L1S: Sub-meter Level Augmentation Service (SLAS)

L1S: Satellite Report for Disaster and Crisis Management (DC Report)

L1Sb: SBAS Transmission Service starting from around 2020

L5S: Positioning Technology Verification Service

L6: Centimeter Level Augmentation Service (CLAS)

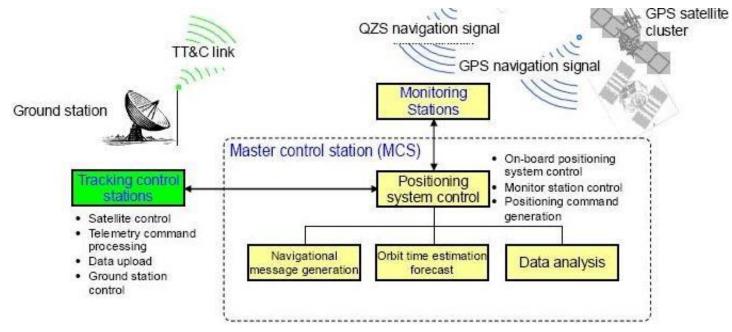
S-band: QZSS Safety Confirmation Service (2GHz band)



### **Control Segment**



- Master control station (MCS)
- Tracking control stations (TT&C link)
- Monitoring stations (MS)



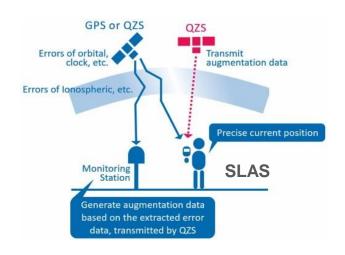
Elements of the QZSS control segment (Image: JAXA)

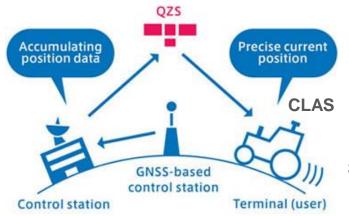


### **User Segment**



- QZSS services were started officially on November 1, 2018
- Sub-meter Level Augmentation Service (SLAS) via L1S
- Centimeter Level Augmentation Service (CLAS) via L6
- L1S/L6 data provision service





Graphic source: <a href="http://qzss.go.jp/en">http://qzss.go.jp/en</a>, September 10, 2020

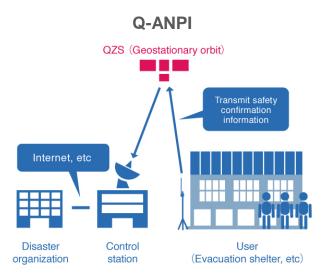


## astronith Satellios Share

### **User Segment**

- Message services send short messages used for disaster and crisis management and rescue operations.
- Satellite Report for Disaster and Crisis Management (DC Report) via L1S
- QZSS Safety Confirmation Service (Q-ANPI) via S-band
- DC Reports can also be received in the Southeast Asia and Oceanic regions, whereas the Q-ANPI service can only be used in Japan and its coastal areas.





Graphic source: <a href="http://qzss.go.jp/en">http://qzss.go.jp/en</a>, September 10, 2020



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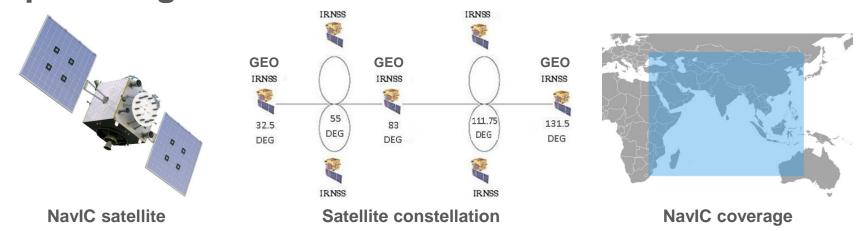






## **NavIC Space Segment**





Number of satellites in the NavIC constellation (September 10, 2020)

NavIC satellite	GEO	GSO	Total
Number	3	4	7

GEO: Geostationary orbit, GSO: Geosynchronous orbit

- "Figure-8" ground tracks of the GSO satellites due to an inclination of 29°
- Operation in L5 (as GPS) and S band (2492.028 MHz)
- It is planned that future satellites will broadcast a new signal in L1 (1575.42 MHz)



### **NavIC**

## **Control Segment, User Segment**



### **Control segment**

- Spacecraft control center
- ISRO navigation center at Byalalu (navigation parameters)
- 17 range and integrity monitoring stations (ORB, ION)
- Uplink and telemetry stations
- Data communication network, etc.

### **User segment**

- Standard positioning service (SPS) and restricted service (RS)
- NavIC receivers operating in single frequency (L5 or S-band) for SPS and in dual frequency (L5 and S-band) for both SPS and RS service

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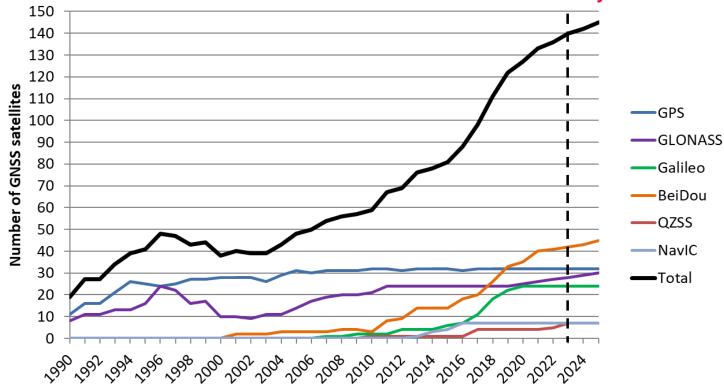
- GNSS modernization is highly dynamic, which requires a flexible and sustainable modernization strategy.
- In 2006, Leica Geosystems introduced the Future Proof concept.
- Leica Geosystems is the only manufacturer that provides a drop-in replacement of the GNSS engine if needed.
  - Structures of new signals are subject to change.
  - A new GNSS engine is required if the signal structure changes.
  - Our GNSS cards always have the same footprint, the same fixing and the same connections.
- In order to take full benefit from GNSS modernization, a high channel count is necessary.







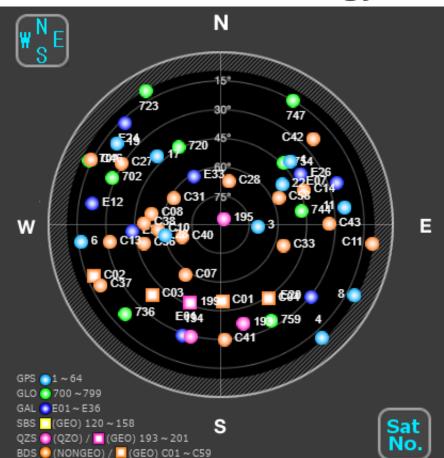
- A high channel count is needed due to
  - Rapidly increasing number of GNSS satellites are usable by 2023











Location: Tokyo, Japan

Date: 2020-09-10

- Open sky condition
- GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS
- Cut-off angle: 10 degrees
- 54 satellites usable

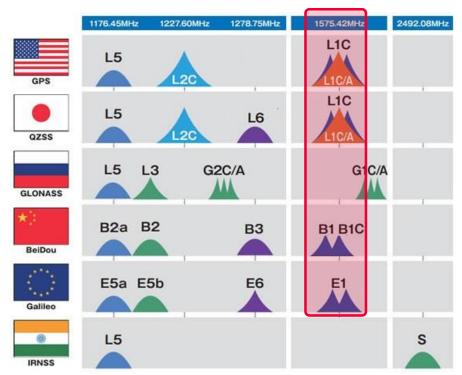
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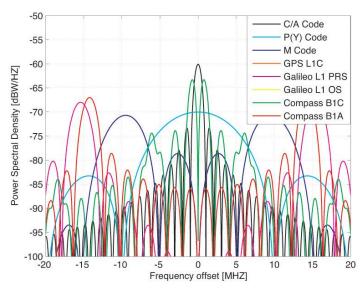
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- A high channel count is needed due to
  - Availability and usability of multi-frequency GNSS signals





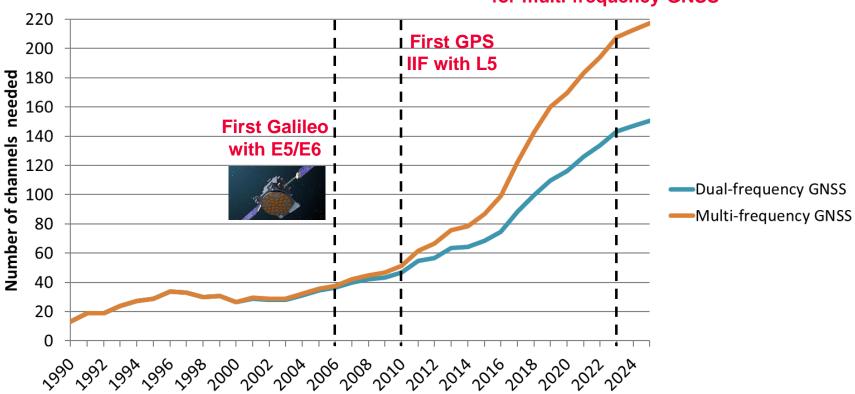
GNSS signals in L1/B1/E1 (Liu et al., 2010)







More than 200 channels are needed from 2023 onwards for multi-frequency GNSS







- The latest generation of GNSS engine ME7 in GS07, GS10, GS14, GS15, GS16, GS18 T/I and GS25 tracks all existing and future planned GNSS signals:
  - A high channel count of 555
  - Improved signal acquisition speed and sensitivity
- Leica Future Proof is the best modernization strategy since it accounts for the highly dynamic changes of GNSS and fulfils customer needs:
  - Latest equipment that tracks all available signals today and tomorrow
  - Latest equipment that keeps its value (secured investment)
  - Top performance







Overview of GPS signals supported by Leica GNSS (September 10, 2020)

System	Access	Signal	GS08plus	GS07	GS14	GS10/15/25	GS10/14/15/16/18 T/18 I/25
		L1 C/A	S	S	S	S	S
	L1 P(Y)	С	С	С	С	С	
GPS	CDMA	L1C	С	С	С	С	С
GPS CDIVIA	CDIVIA	L2 P(Y)	S	S	S	S	S
		L2C	S	S	S	S	S
		L5	N	S	U	S	S

CDMA: Code Division Multiple Access

- S: Supported, means that these signals can be currently tracked without any upgrades.
- C: Fully hardware compatible, means that these signals can be tracked after firmware upgrades.
- U: Hardware upgradable, means that these signals can be tracked after hardware upgrades (e.g., GNSS board exchange)
- N: Not supported







Overview of GLONASS signals supported by Leica GNSS (September 10, 2020)

System	Access	Signal	GS08plus	GS07	GS14	GS10/15/25	GS10/14/15/16/ 18 T/18 I/25
	FDMA	L1 C/A	S	S	S	S	S
		L1 P	С	С	С	С	С
		L2 C/A	С	S	U	U	S
		L2 P	S	S	S	S	S
GLONASS	CDMA	L3	N	С	С	С	С
GLONASS		L1 C/A*	С	С	С	С	С
		L1 P*	С	С	С	С	С
		L2 C/A*	С	С	С	С	С
		L2 P*	С	С	С	С	С
		L5*	N	С	U	С	С

<sup>\*</sup> Future signals that are not transmitted yet and may change.

FDMA: Frequency Division Multiple Access

CDMA: Code Division Multiple Access

S: Supported, C: Fully hardware compatible, U: Hardware upgradable, N: Not supported





Overview of Galileo and BeiDou signals supported by Leica GNSS (September 10, 2020)

System	Access	Signal	GS08plus	GS07	GS14	GS10/15/25	GS10/14/15/16/ 18 T/18 I/25
	E1	N	S	S	S	S	
		E5a	N	S	U	S	S
Galileo	<b>Galileo</b> CDMA	E5b	N	S	S	S	S
		Alt-BOC	N	S	U	S	S
		E6	N	С	U	U	С
		B1I	N	S	S	S	S
		B2I	N	S	S	S	S
PoiDou	CDMA	B3I	N	S	U	U	S
BeiDou CDMA	CDIVIA	B1C	N	S	U	U	S
		B2a	N	S	U	U	S
	B2b	N	С	U	U	С	

CDMA: Code Division Multiple Access

S: Supported, C: Fully hardware compatible, U: Hardware upgradable, N: Not supported







Overview of QZSS and NavIC signals supported by Leica GNSS (September 10, 2020)

System	Access	Signal	GS08plus	GS07	GS14	GS10/15/25	GS10/14/15/16/ 18 T/18 I/25
		L1 C/A	N	S	С	С	S
		L1 C/B	N	С	С	С	С
		L1C	N	С	С	С	С
		L1S	N	С	С	С	С
QZSS	CDMA	L1Sb	N	С	С	С	С
Q233	CDIVIA	L2C	N	S	С	С	S
		L5	N	S	U	С	S
		L5S	N	С	U	С	С
		L6	N	С	U	U	С
		S-band	N	N	N	N	N
NavIC	CDMA	L5	N	С	U	С	С
		S-band	N	N	N	N	N

S: Supported, C: Fully hardware compatible, U: Hardware upgradable, N: Not supported



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http://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/modernization/

### **GLONASS**

http://glonass-iac.ru/en/

### Galileo

http://www.gsc-europa.eu/system-status/Constellation-Informationhttp://www.esa.int/Our\_Activities/Navigation

### **BeiDou**

http://en.beidou.gov.cn/index.html http://www.csno-tarc.cn/en/

### **QZSS**

https://qzss.go.jp/en/

https://directory.eoportal.org/web/eoportal/satellite-missions/q/qzss

### **NavIC**

http://www.isro.gov.in/spacecraft/satellite-navigation



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