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Developments in Satellite Navigation and Wireless Spectrum

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GPS Modernization

- Block IIR-M
 - 8 total vehicles, built by Lockheed-Martin
 - Launched 2005 2009
 - Adds new civil (L2C) and military (M-code) signals
- Block IIF
 - 12 total vehicles, built by Boeing
 - Adds new civil L5 signal at 1176.45 MHz
 - 1st launch -- 27 May 2010
- Block IIIA
 - First launch ~2014
 - Adds new civil L1C signal



Block IIR-M Satellite Source: Lockheed-Martin.



Block IIF Satellite Source: The Boeing Company.

GLObal'naya NAvigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema (GLONASS)

- Russian satellite navigation system
 - First launch in 1982
- Nominal 24-satellite constellation
 - 19,100 km altitude, 3 planes
 - Fully populated in 1995...
 - …but then deteriorated to as low as 7
 - Now being replenished 21 operational
- 1st modernized GLONASS-K satellite anticipated to be launched later in 2010
 - Will introduce 1st CDMA signal for GLONASS at ~1202 MHz
 - Later additional L1/L2 CDMA signals may be added

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GALILEO

- European satellite navigation system
 - Jointly financed by European Commission (EC) and European Space Agency (ESA)
 - Program gained significant boost in March 2002 with release of ~\$1.1B euro
- 27+ satellite constellation
 - 3-planes
 - 56 deg inclination
 - -~23,200 km altitude



- Two test satellite launched in 2005, 2008
- 4 in-orbit validation (IOV) satellites anticipated to be launched ~ 2011

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COMPASS

- Chinese satellite navigation system
- Final constellation planned to include:
 - 27 satellites in medium Earth orbit (MEO)
 - 55 degree inclination, ~21,500 km altitude
 - 5 satellites in geostationary orbit (GEO)
- Launches:
 - Three experimental GEOs: 2000 (2), 2003 (Beidou-1)
 - First MEO: April 2007
 - Second-generation GEOs April 2009, Jan 2010, June 2010



Source: China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology.







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U.S. Mobile Data Traffic Growth



Projected Growth for All Carriers Relative to 2009

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National Broadband Plan Recommendations on Spectrum

- Ensure greater transparency concerning spectrum allocation and utilization
- Expand incentives and mechanisms to reallocate or repurpose spectrum
- Make more spectrum available for broadband within the next 10 years
 - 500 MHz within 10 years
 - 300 MHz (between 225 MHz 3.7 GHz) within 5 yrs
 - 20 MHz 2.3 GHz WCS band
 - 10 MHz Upper 700 MHz D Block
 - 60 MHz Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) auctions
 - 90 MHz MSS terrestrial component deployment
 - 120 MHz reallocate from broadcast television

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Summary

- Satellite navigation system capabilities are expanding greatly both domestically and abroad
 - Many new signals with advanced features for more robust tracking in challenged environments
 - Many more satellites providing better positioning geometry
- Mobile wireless services anticipated to utilize many additional bands over next decade
 - FCC/Congressional activities anticipated to lead to 100's of additional MHz of spectrum
- Together, these developments will offer many new possibilities for future wireless RF localization

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