

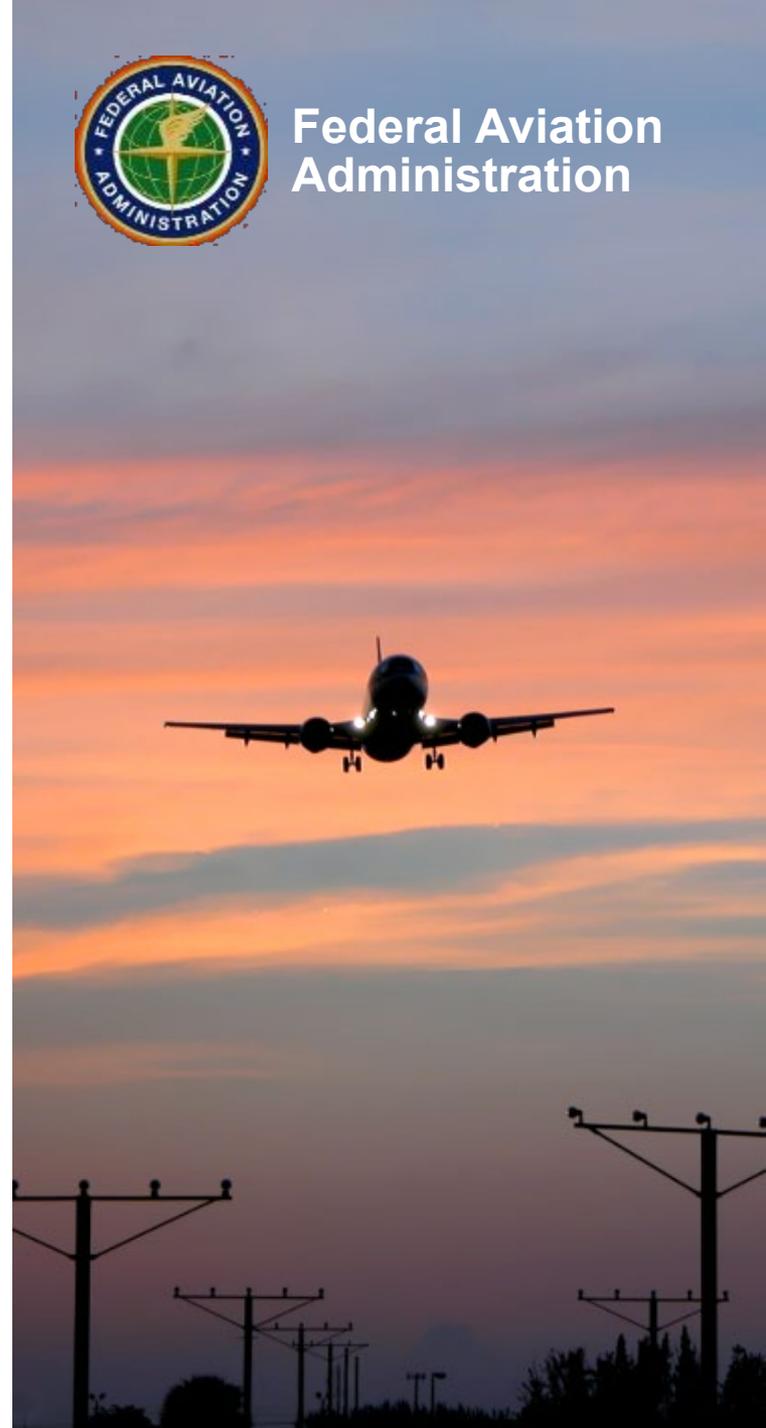


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# FAA ADS-B Overview

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# Outline

- **U.S. ADS-B Mandate**
- **Ground Deployment Status**
- **Operational use of ADS-B in U.S. airspace**
- **Benefits of ADS-B**



# U.S. ADS-B Out Mandate

- Published May 27, 2010; compliance date January 1, 2020
- Identifies certain **airspace** where ADS-B Out will be required and the **performance** requirements for ADS-B avionics
  - 14 CFR 91.225 specifies Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out equipment and use including applicable airspace
  - 14 CFR 91.227 specifies Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out equipment performance requirements
- Applies to **all aircraft** (foreign and domestic)
- Exceptions - The rule does not apply to aircraft
  - Not originally certificated with an electrical system, or
  - Not subsequently certified with such a system installed, including balloons and gliders



# Understanding U.S. ADS-B Mandate Airspace



Visit: [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/technology/equipadsb](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/technology/equipadsb)



# Rulemaking, TSO, and Advisory Circular Update

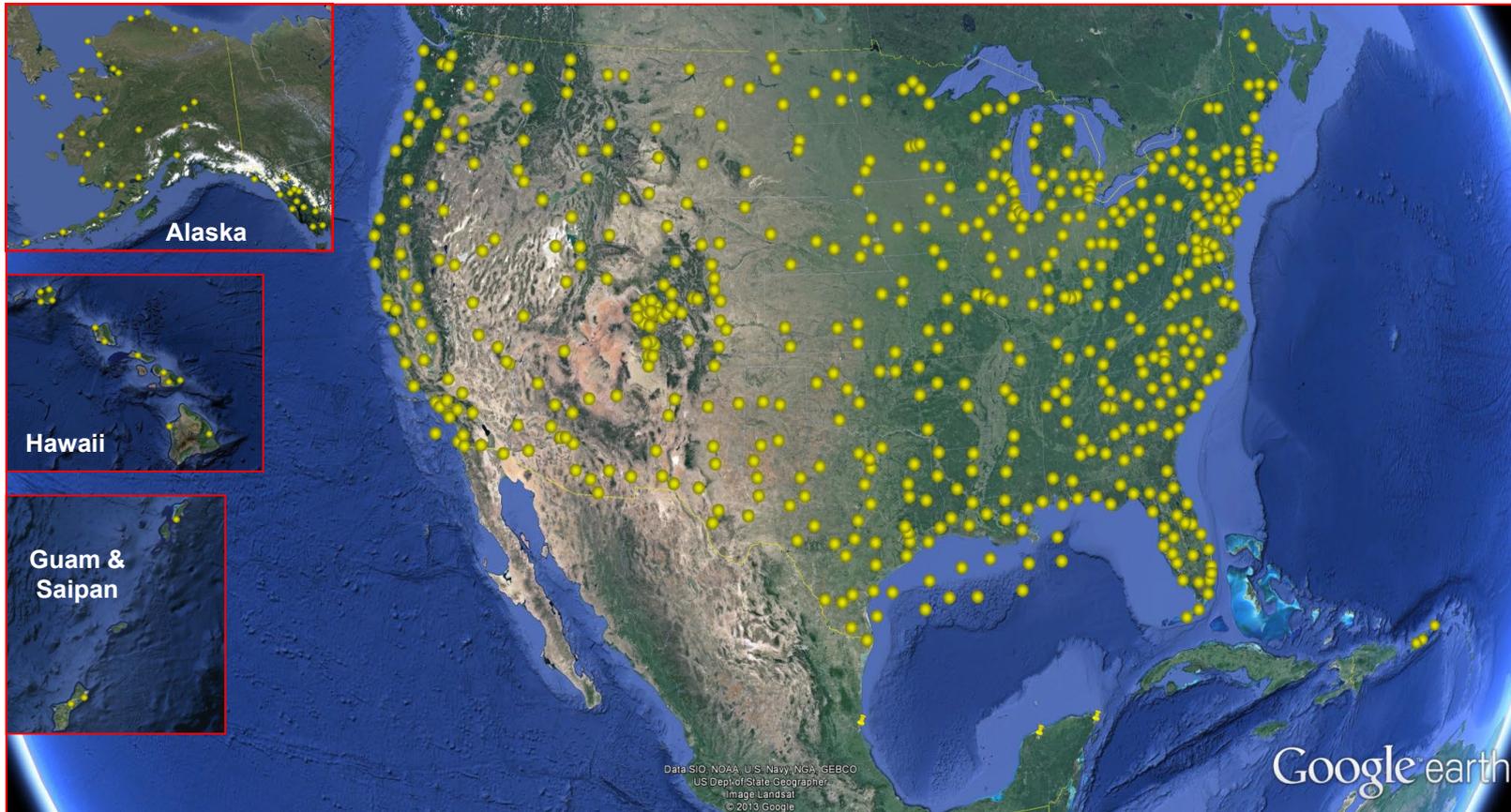
- **FAA is in the final stages of updating the existing ADS-B regulations and associated transponder regulations**
  - Inclusion of TSO-C166c and TSO-C154d to 14 CFR 91.225 and 91.227
  - Amendments to Part 43 Appendix F and 14 CFR 91.215 to remove requirement to reply to intermode (Long P4)
  - Out for public comment as Direct to Final with due date of 16-Nov-2023.
    - Refer to: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/10/17/2023-22710/inclusion-of-additional-automatic-dependent-surveillance-broadcast-ads-b-out-technical-standard>)
- **TSO publications:**
  - TSO-C112f: ATCRBS/Mode S Airborne Equipment (i.e., Mode S Transponder) published on March 10, 2023
  - TSO-C166c: Extended Squitter ADS-B published on March 10, 2023
  - TSO-C154d: Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) operating on 978 MHz published March 10, 2023
  - TSO-C195c: Avionics supporting ADS-B In published on June 15, 2023
- **Regulatory documents can be found at <https://drs.faa.gov/browse>**



# Ground Deployment Status



# FAA Surveillance and Broadcast Services Implementation Status



[https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/technology/equipadsb/research/airspace](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/technology/equipadsb/research/airspace)

# Operational Use of ADS-B in U.S. Airspace



# Fusion Considerations in the FAA

- The FAA is utilizing fusion technologies with ADS-B to take advantage of potential benefits related to fusion:
  - Synchronization of track updates on an operational display regardless of surveillance source update rates for improved separation awareness.
  - Improvement to target position and velocity accuracy leading to reduced separation.
  - Provides increased reliability and redundancy for area with multiple sensor coverage.
  - Simpler integration of new surveillance sources, such as multilateration, into automation or other tracking processes.
  - Provides opportunities for computer-human interface improvements and decreased clutter on the display which will also improve situational awareness.
  - Eliminates significant jumps in target position as compared with mosaic displays.
  - Improves Safety Function performance for Minimum Safe Altitude Warning (MSAW), conflict alert, etc.



# Benefits of ADS-B



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- The ADS-B program's **strategy** has always been to deploy an infrastructure that can be leveraged for **future operational benefits**. The ADS-B mandate set the FAA on a path to achieve success in:
  - **Reducing Separation: Enable 3nm separation standards in en route airspace where it was not available before.**
  - **Radar Divestiture: Overlapping ADS-B and legacy radar coverage provides the FAA with the opportunity to right-size our surveillance infrastructure across the NAS.**
  - **Surface Surveillance: Continue to leverage ADS-B infrastructure on the airport surface to enhance situational awareness for ATC, pilots, and vehicle operators.**
  - **ADS-B In Applications: ADS-B In brings the opportunity to implement various applications that transform the ability of controllers and pilots to increase efficiency of spacing operations in the NAS.**
  - **Collision Avoidance: The next generation of collision avoidance capabilities, ACAS-X, is leveraging ADS-B technologies to enhance aviation safety and accommodate new entrants into the NAS.**



# Space-Based ADS-B (SBA) Background

- **Since 2017, the FAA has conducted an extensive and rigorous evaluation under the agency's mandated Acquisition Management System (AMS) process of the existing satellite-based ADS-B (SBA) implementation.**
- **The evaluation included analysis of SBA to enable reduction in oceanic separation, as well as use in other domains and non-separation applications.**
- **Based on this review, the FAA identified several limitations with the existing SBA implementation.**



# SBA Determination

- **After careful consideration, the FAA determined not to recommend moving forward with the currently available SBA implementation at this time due to:**
  - The high costs for the marginal benefits provided for use in U.S.-managed ICAO airspace.
  - The limitations listed on the previous slide.
- **The FAA is re-focusing its resources on industry engagement around this technology to reassess market capabilities and determine if other implementation approaches are viable for future investment considerations.**
- **The FAA provided the final SBA report at the latest ICAO Aeronautical Surveillance Working Group meeting in Montreal.**



# FAA Industry Engagement on SBA

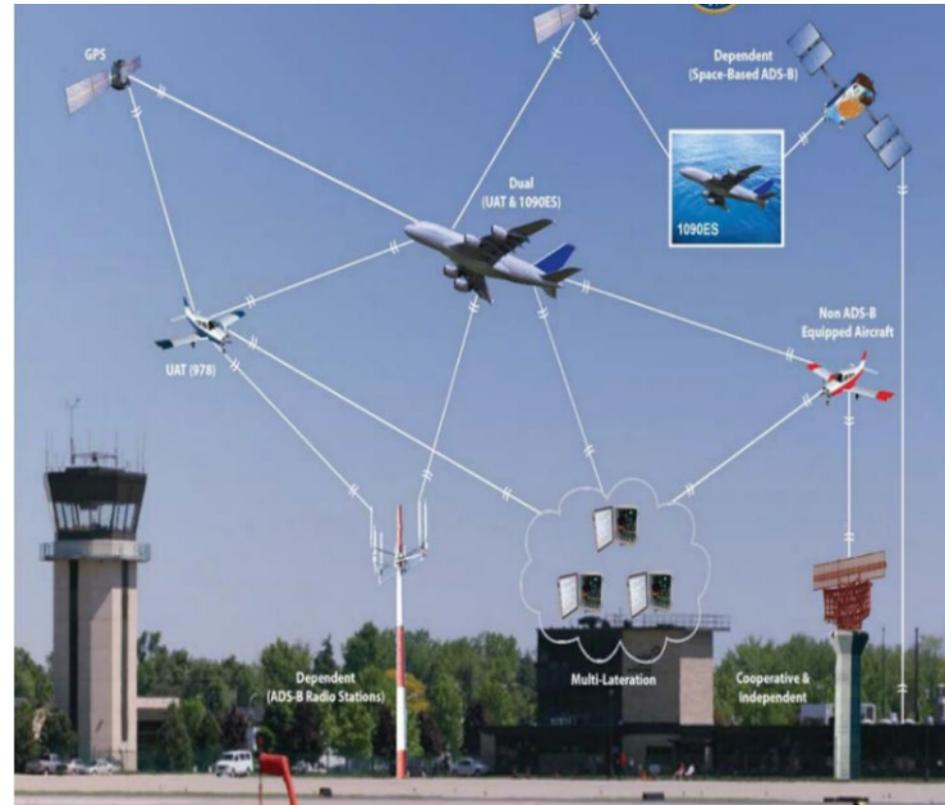
- **In April 2023, the FAA issued a market survey to identify potential options for cost-efficient and technologically acceptable SBA deployment in the future.**
- **FAA received several responses from interested vendors.**
- **Vendor responses include information on technical capability, readiness, funding, and the potential for partnership with FAA per requirements of the market survey.**
- **The FAA is currently reviewing vendor responses to the market survey.**
  - **After the review, the FAA will determine next steps.**



# Radar Divestiture | History

The FAA has fully integrated Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) services into the National Airspace System (NAS).

- ADS-B and Fusion is fully **operational** in the FAA National Airspace System (NAS)
- ADS-B is now the FAA's **preferred** air traffic surveillance source.
- As of November 2022, **173,000+** aircraft in the U.S. are equipped with ADS-B Out.
- ADS-B Mandate in effect in rule airspace
- Radars are still required for Non-ADSB, backup and Weather Data
- Radar Divestiture Project funded in 2020.
- 32 Candidate Terminal Radars in scope



# Radar Divestiture | Program Overview

## Partnership

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA)
- Professional Aviation Safety Specialists (PASS)
- Departments of Defense (DoD) and Homeland Security (DHS)

## Mission

*Capitalize on the benefits of new surveillance technologies by strategically reshaping our radar infrastructure to gain efficiencies and optimize services for ATC operations today and into the future.*

## Benefits

- Significant cost avoidance through 2035 associated with operating, maintaining, and sustaining radar surveillance systems.
- Operational equipment from divested radars will be used to support the sustainment of the remaining radars in the NAS.



# Radars Divestiture Program | Overview

## Mission:

*Capitalize on the benefits of new surveillance technologies by strategically reshaping our radar infrastructure to gain efficiencies and optimize services for ATC operations today and into the future.*

## Where:

**Terminal Radars Only** - Across the NAS in areas with multiple layers of overlapping coverage.

## When:

### Phase 1: FY2020 - 2025

- Funded by: ADS-B Baseline Services Future Segment (FY20-FY25)
- No acquisition contract required
- Pursue 32 divestitures
  - **Category 1:** 25 full site removals
  - **Category 2:** 7 non-cooperative radar only removal

**14% reduction** (32 of 243 systems in the NAS)

- **Terminal systems only (ASR-8/9/11, BI-5, Mode S, MSSR)**
- Estimated cost avoidance: **\$388M** (Present value / out to 2035)

### Phase 2: FY2025 and Beyond (New Funding Required)

- Surveillance Portfolio Analysis Group is analyzing the next phase of Radar Divestitures

# ADS-B In Retrofit Spacing (AIRS) Evaluation

American Airlines 



**ACSS**<sup>®</sup>  
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- **AIRS Evaluation is a project to demonstrate the *operational feasibility* and *value* of ADS-B In capability using a *retrofit solution***
  - AAL equipping all their A321ceo/neo aircraft with avionics from ACSS
  - All operating A321neos are equipped
  - Last A321ceo to be retrofitted will occur during a C-check beginning next month
- **Capabilities being demonstrated:**
  - **CDTI-Assisted Visual Separation (CAVS)**, and limited set of **Interval Management (IM)** capabilities called **Initial Interval Management (I-IM)**
  - Added **CDTI-Assisted Separation (CAS) on Approach** at the request of AAL
- **CAVS operations occurring wherever AAL A321s fly since May 2021**
- **I-IM operations occurring in ZAB airspace for PHX arrivals and overflights since 7-Nov-2022**
- **CAS operations occurring in Dallas TRACON (D10) airspace for DFW arrivals since 1-Mar-2023**



# Summary

- The U.S. ADS-B mandate has been in effect since 01/01/2020.
- The ADS-B ground infrastructure deployment is **complete**.
- The FAA continues to leverage ADS-B Out to:
  - Implement Wide Area Multilateration (WAM) rather than Radar
  - Successful deployment of Trajectory-Based Display Mode (TBDM), the backbone for enroute facilities to be able to provide 3NM separation below FL230.
  - Successful deployment of 3NM below FL230 at ARTCC's.
- Continue to enhance operational efficiency and safety in the airspace:
  - Reduce overlapping legacy radar coverage across the NAS.
  - Enhance situational awareness on the airport surface.
  - Reduce 1030/1090 MHz spectrum congestion
  - ADS-B In applications (e.g., CAVS, CAS, etc.)



# Questions



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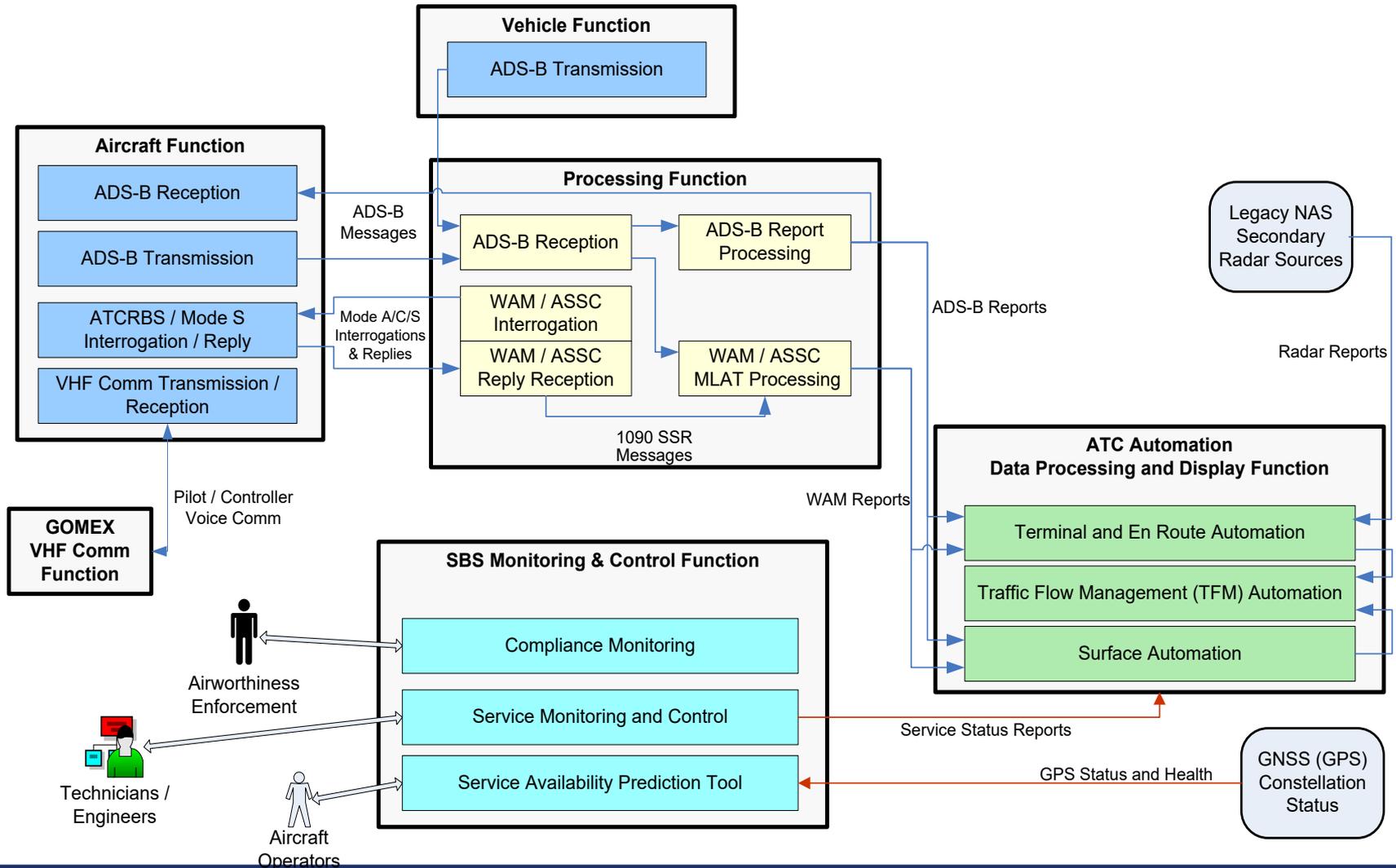
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# BACKUP SLIDES

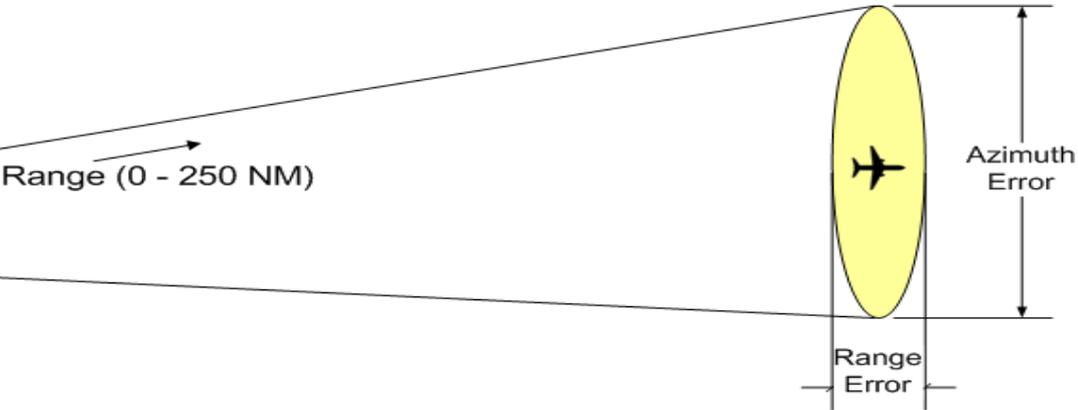
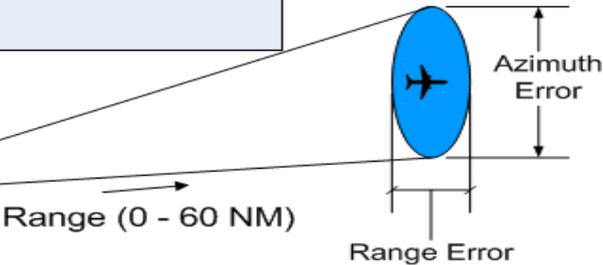


# FAA Surveillance Functional Architecture



# Sensor Characteristics for Fusion

**ASR-9/Mode S**  
 - Update Rate: 4.61 seconds  
 - Range Accuracy: +/- 180 feet (68%)  
 - Azimuth Accuracy: +/- 637 feet (68%) at 60NM  
 - Range: 60NM



**ARSR-4/ATCBI-6**  
 - Update Rate: 12 seconds  
 - Range Accuracy: +/- 180 feet (68%)  
 - Azimuth Accuracy: +/- 2652 feet (68%) at 250NM  
 - Range: 250NM

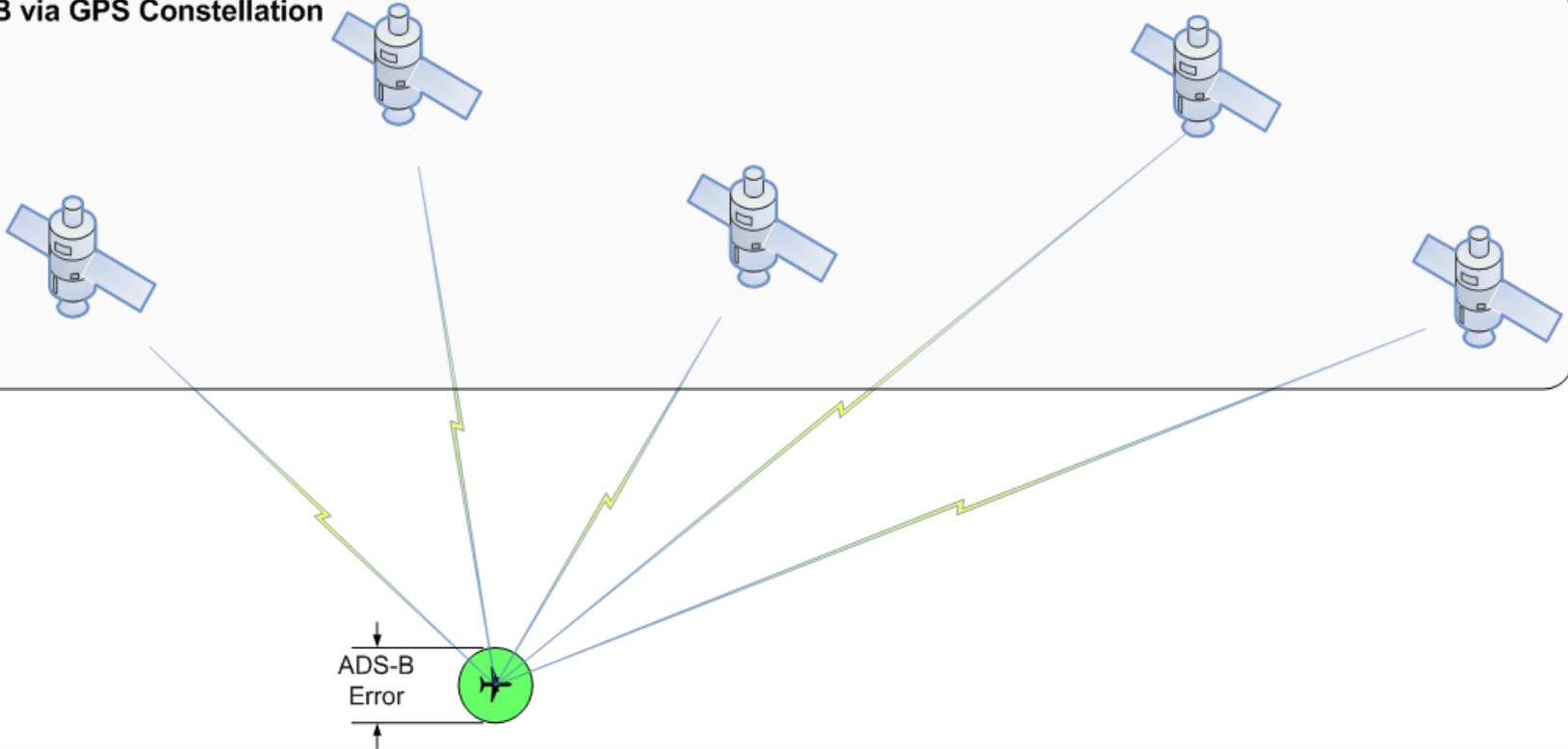


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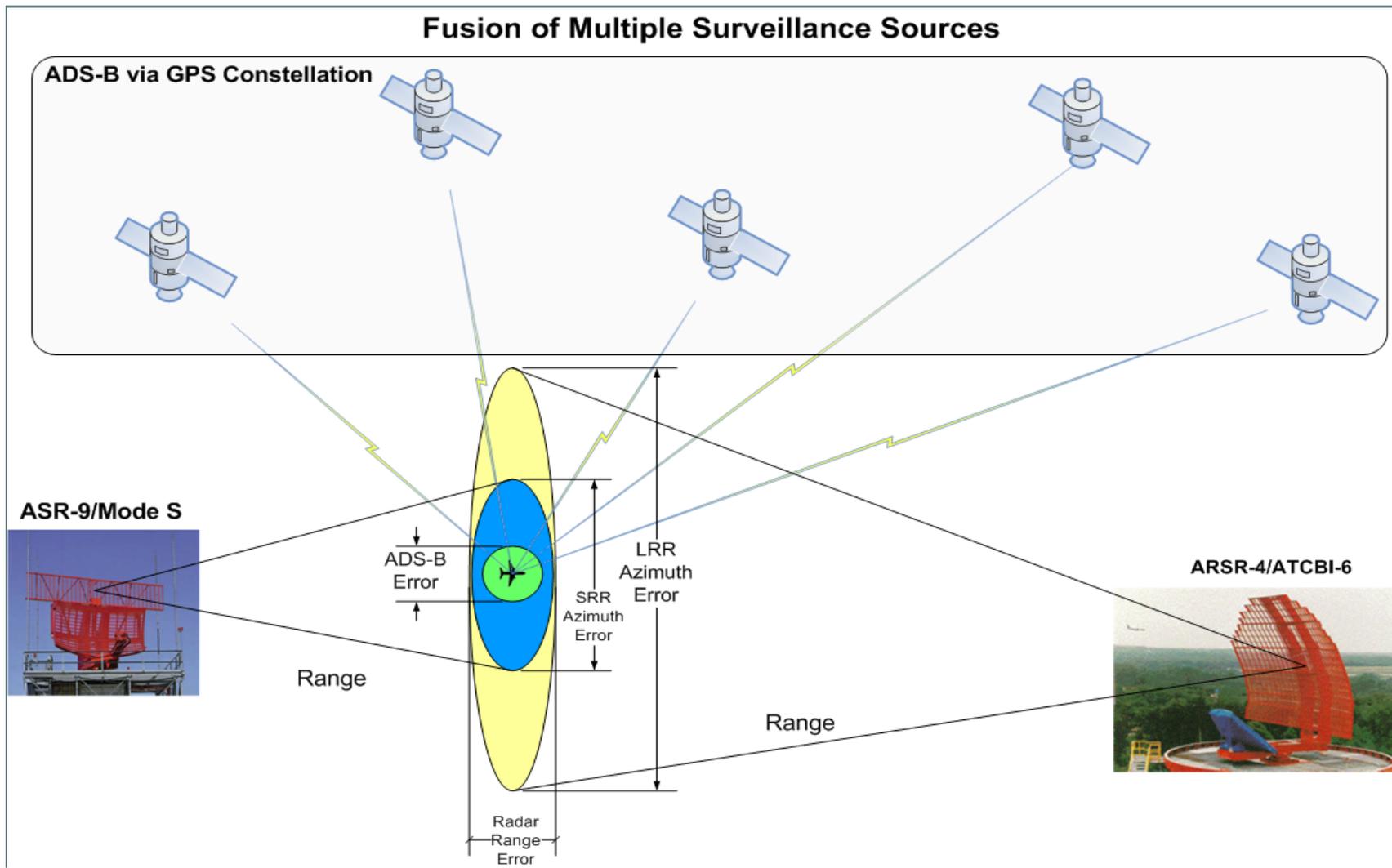
## ADS-B

- Update Rate: once per second
- Accuracy: +/- 150 feet (68%)
- Range: Worldwide

## ADS-B via GPS Constellation



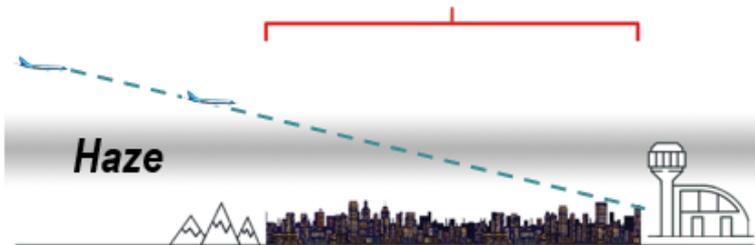
# Comparison of Different Sensors



# AIRS Project Background

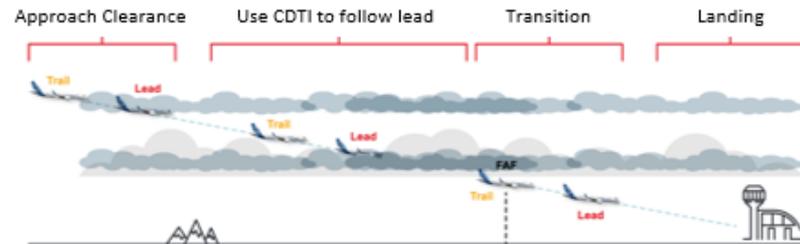
## Evaluation of three capabilities

### CDTI Assisted Visual Separation (CAVS)

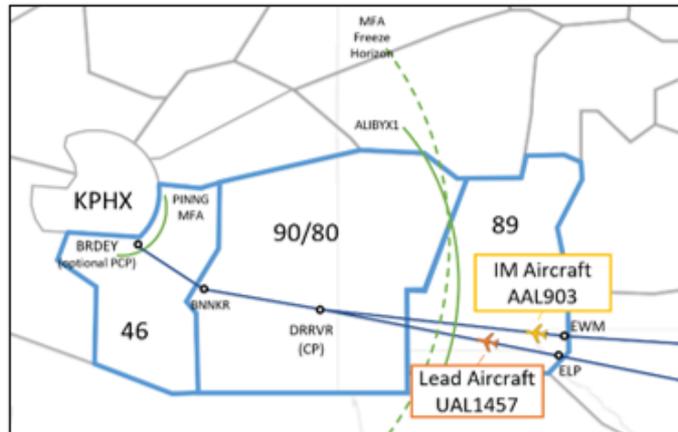


- Flight crews can use CDTI to maintain contact with Traffic-to-Follow (TTF) during challenging visibility situations (Haze, Surface Lights, etc.)
- Flight crews must acquire TTF “out the window” (OTW) first, then can rely on CDTI display

### CDTI Assisted Separation on Approach (CAS-A)



- Controller clears aircraft for an approach and instructs CAS-A aircraft to use pilot-applied separation behind lead aircraft
- Flight crew acquires TTF on CDTI with no OTW required
- Airport must be VMC but aircraft can transit IMC to the airport (if on instrument approach)



I-IM: PINNG Arrival into PHX (cross clearance)

### Initial-Interval Management (I-IM)

- Controller issues an assigned spacing goal (ASG)
- Pilots use tools in the flight deck to achieve and then maintain ASG
- ASGs can be entered in seconds or miles
- Limited to two clearances – “cross” and “maintain”
- I-IM is used for flights transitioning ZAB airspace as well as for flights on the PINNG and EAGUL arrivals into PHX