

# TESLA Update for GNSS SBAS

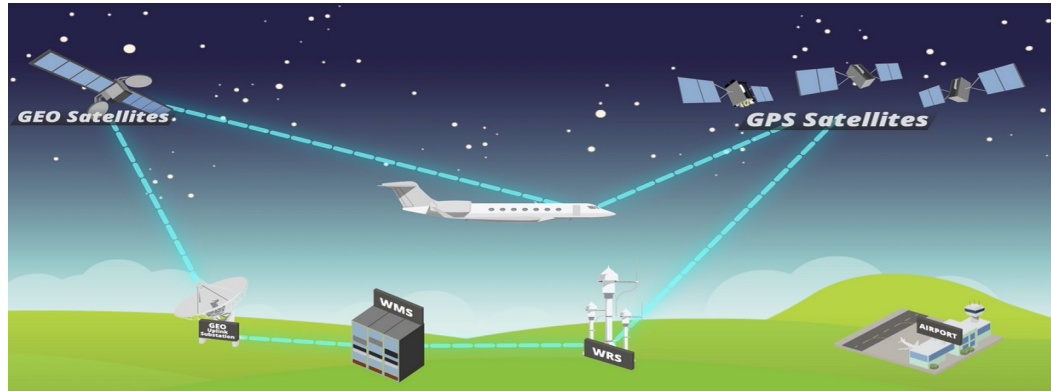
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And SBAS PKI

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# What is SBAS?

## Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS) Functional Diagram



### Aircraft using SBAS

- Process Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and SBAS signals
- Apply SBAS corrections to get guaranteed accuracy and position bounds

### SBAS Components

- Ground monitoring
  - Observe GNSS
- Central Processing
  - Assess Integrity
  - Develop corrections
  - Monitor Ionosphere
- Satellite uplink
- SBAS satellite downlink

L1 SBAS service on L1

DFMC SBAS service on L5

# Motivation

*GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite Systems) are under attack.  
Little can be done for signal interference  
Tremendous political pressure to stop spoofed messaging*

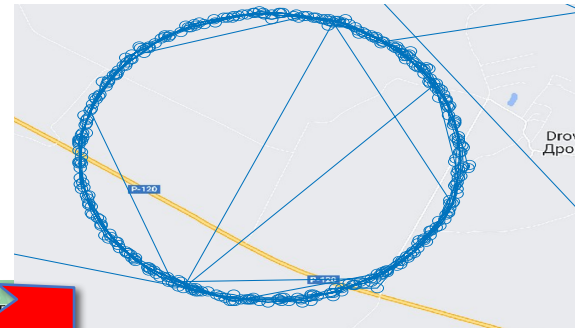
*ALL GNSS CORE Constellations (GPS, GALILEO, GLONAS, Beidou)  
support or will support SBAS (Satellite-based augmentation system)  
(SBAS is implemented on a regional basis, provides an  
enhanced signal for aircraft during safety-critical phases like  
landings)*

*Via SBAS (and GNSS) messaging can be authenticated.  
Only GALILEO signals are authenticated for now for civil use*

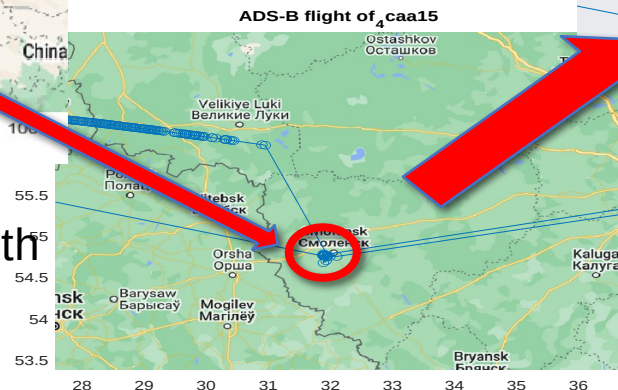
# Spoofing Near Russian Border



Flight 4CAA15  
Russia to Riga to  
Frankfurt and back



Issue: Current receivers use  
navigation data on receipt with  
few to no quality checks



Solution: Provide authentication tags, delay use of data until  
authenticated

# Motivation

*The available SBAS link budget is VERY small as are the individual messages (250 bits!)*

*ICAO SBAS work has selected a modified TESLA authentication  
(with CA for authenticating TESLA keys) to protect GNSS*

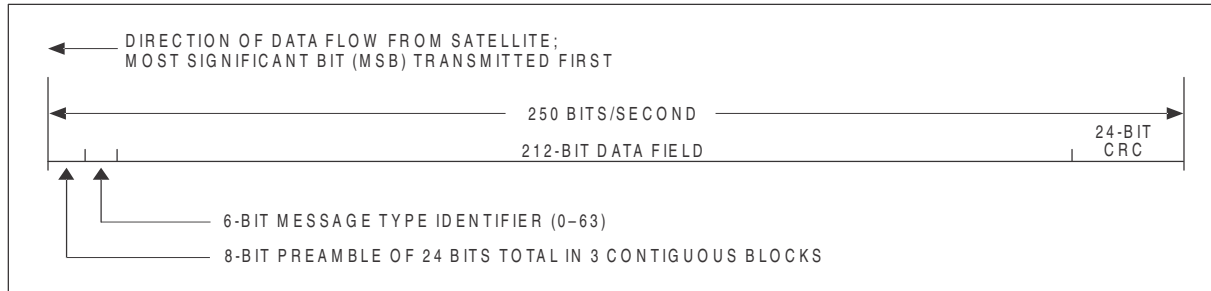
*This modified TESLA MAY be used for ADS-B (51 bits!, maybe bigger in 2030) as well*

*(but less spare link capacity and the PKI is much harder)*

*RFC 4082 is dated, and not exactly what is in ICAO documentation*

*Bring 4082 forward, cryptographically  
and public review of ICAO activity*

# SBAS Message Characteristics



## SBAS Message Characteristics

- One 250-bit message every second
- Data content: 212 bits on SBAS L1, 216 bits on SBAS L5 (shorter preamble)
- 24-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

## Message usage

- Positive report on integrity every 6-seconds (~16%)
- Can use 15-25% of bandwidth to support authentication
- SBAS authentication message (~16%)
- Leaves up to 10% for key management (21 bits per second average)

# Background

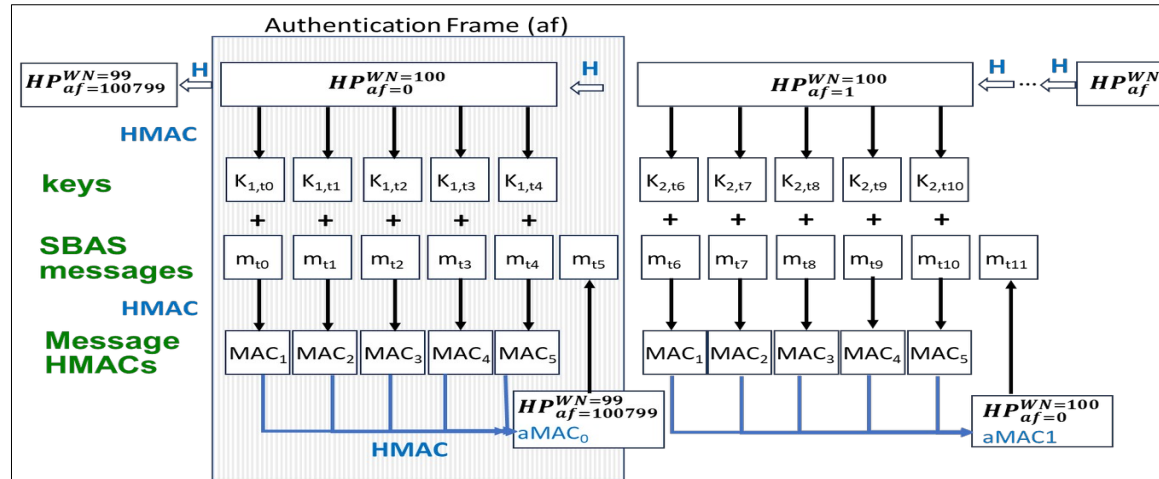
- *ICAO TESLA guidance at DOI\_10.33012\_navi.595*
  - *Authentication of Satellite-Based Augmentation Systems with Over-the-Air Rekeying Schemes*
    - *This is the latest in a number of iterations years in the works*
- *Unfortunately, ICAO work documents not public*
  - *SBAS documents may be available on request (WiP)*
- *Initial draft:*
  - *Draft-moskowitz-tesla-update-gnss-sbas*
    - *I am reasonable embedded in the ICAO processes*

# Main TESLA changes

- *Time sync based on GNSS time*
  - *Simplified synchronization*
- *“Aggregated MAC” to limit MAC transmissions*
  - *MAC of 5 MACs*
  - *Sent every 6s*
  - *Lost aMAC is “more critical” so FEC added*
    - *Call in SBAS “Block Erasure Codes”*
    - *FEC of 5 aMAC: EVENODD is one of the most commonly used double-fault tolerant coding strategies*
    - *Can recover up to two missing data fields out of five*



# SBAS TESLA Authentication

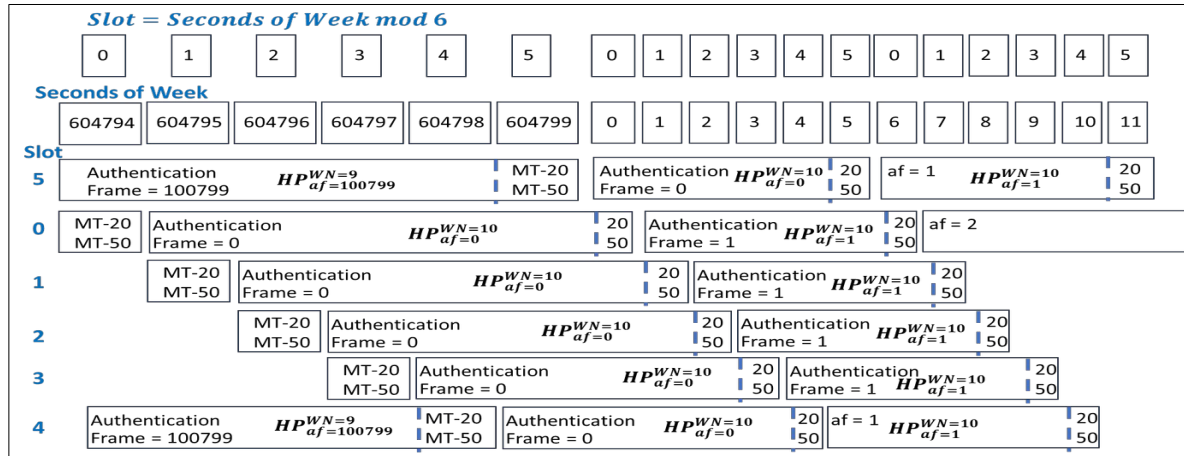


$$HP_{afi}^{WN_k} = \text{trun} \left\{ H \left( HP_{afi+1}^{WN_k^*} \parallel WN_k^* \parallel a_{fi+1} \parallel S \right), 128 \text{ bits} \right\}$$

$HP_{afi}^{WN_k}$

# SBAS Authentication Frame (af)

- AF: 5 standard SBAS messages followed by an SBAS Authentication Message
  - Defined per week based on seconds of week and broadcast slot
  - SBAS Authentication Message has a designated slot (except during an alert)
  - $af = 0$  has SBAS authentication message broadcast in second 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5



$$af_i = \text{ceiling} \left( \frac{\text{Seconds of Week} - \text{Slot}}{6} \right)$$

# SBAS Authentication Equations

- Hash points could be same for all SBAS signals or different per signal
- Key is unique for SBAS signal and message, derived from the hash point  

$$k_{j,SV,Freq} = \text{HMAC}(HP_{afi}^{WNk}, \text{Phrase} \parallel t_j \parallel \text{PRN Code Number} \parallel \text{Frequency})$$

	L1	L5	Notes
Phrase	MT20Key	MT50Key	
Seconds of week ( $t_j$ )			32-bit unsigned integer
PRN Code Number			9-bit unsigned integer
Frequency	1,575,420	1,176,450	23-bit unsigned integer

- Message Authentication code developed for each message  

$$MAC_{j,SV,L1} = \text{trunc}\{\text{HMAC}(k_{j,SV,L1}, m_{j,SV,L1}), 28 \text{ bits}\}$$

$$MAC_{j,SV,L5} = \text{trunc}\{\text{HMAC}(k_{j,SV,L5}, m_{j,SV,L5}), 36 \text{ bits}\}$$
- Aggregated through same HMAC process

$$aMAC_i = \text{trunc} [\text{HMAC}(k_{j,SV,Freq}, MAC_{j-5} \parallel MAC_{j-4} \parallel MAC_{j-3} \parallel MAC_{j-2} \parallel MAC_{j-1}), 28/36 \text{ bits}]$$

# Erasure / Recovery Approach

EVENODD is one of the most commonly used double-fault tolerant coding strategies used in array storage systems

- Can recover up to two missing data fields out of five

Each HMAC is broken into four components

$$h_i = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,i} \\ h_{2,i} \\ h_{3,i} \\ h_{4,i} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1} & h_{1,2} & h_{1,3} & h_{1,4} & h_{1,5} \\ h_{2,1} & h_{2,2} & h_{2,3} & h_{2,4} & h_{2,5} \\ h_{3,1} & h_{3,2} & h_{3,3} & h_{3,4} & h_{3,5} \\ h_{4,1} & h_{4,2} & h_{4,3} & h_{4,4} & h_{4,5} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{1,1} & r_{1,2} \\ r_{2,1} & r_{2,2} \\ r_{3,1} & r_{3,2} \\ r_{4,1} & r_{4,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

As are two recovery fields of the same size

# EVENODD Encoding Details

The second field is formed from the following operations:

- $S = h_{4,2} \oplus h_{3,3} \oplus h_{2,4} \oplus h_{1,5}$
- $r_{1,2} = S \oplus h_{1,1} \oplus h_{4,3} \oplus h_{3,4} \oplus h_{2,5}$
- $r_{2,2} = S \oplus h_{2,1} \oplus h_{1,2} \oplus h_{4,4} \oplus h_{3,5}$
- $r_{3,2} = S \oplus h_{3,1} \oplus h_{2,2} \oplus h_{1,3} \oplus h_{4,5}$
- $r_{4,2} = S \oplus h_{4,1} \oplus h_{3,2} \oplus h_{2,3} \oplus h_{1,4}$

$r_{1,2}$	$h_{1,1}$	$h_{1,2}$	$h_{1,3}$	$h_{1,4}$	$h_{1,5}$
$r_{2,2}$	$h_{2,1}$	$h_{2,2}$	$h_{2,3}$	$h_{2,4}$	$h_{2,5}$
$r_{3,2}$	$h_{3,1}$	$h_{3,2}$	$h_{3,3}$	$h_{3,4}$	$h_{3,5}$
$r_{4,2}$	$h_{4,1}$	$h_{4,2}$	$h_{4,3}$	$h_{4,4}$	$h_{4,5}$

Decoding requires a similar number of operations

# Decoding

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Two missing messages

$$S = r_{1,1} \oplus r_{2,1} \oplus r_{3,1} \oplus r_{4,1} \oplus r_{1,2} \oplus r_{2,2} \oplus r_{3,2} \oplus r_{4,2}$$

$$S_u^{(0)} = r_{u,1} \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{k=1, k \neq i,j}^5 h_{u,k} \right)$$

$$S_u^{(1)} = S \oplus r_{u,2} \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{k=1, k \neq i,j}^5 h_{f_5(u-k),k} \right)$$

$$f_5(k) \equiv \text{mod}(k - 1, 5) + 1$$

# IETF work to do

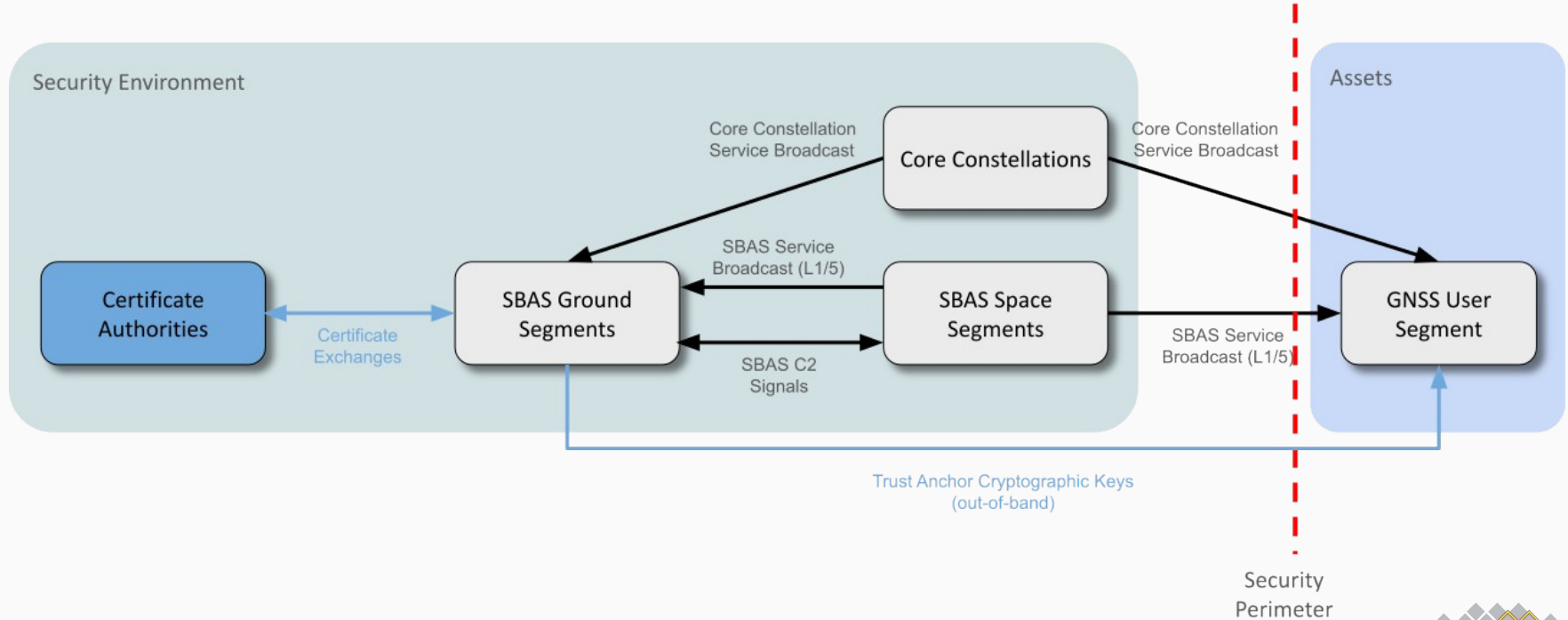
- *Coordinate with Sec Area AD*
  - *Set up TESLA Update mailing list*
- *Coordinate with ICAO SBAS Auth workgroup*
  - *Gather details on TESLA process*
    - *Most of this is done*
- *Progress TESLA Update draft*
  - *SBAS process as Appendix*
- *Work with co-authors to publish Update*

# The SBAS PKI Information

- *Each PRN or GNSS constellation will have its own CA for its message authentication*
  - *PRN are regional SBAS data providers. 39 In US constellation*
  - *Clients are expected to obtain all root and issuing certificates*
    - *Out-of-band*
    - *Each CA named outside of cert*
      - *DN in certs: “L1” and “L2” or similar*
- *SBAS X.509 certs in ICAO Doc 10169 (sec 10.3.3)*
  - *SBAS CA and EE certificates small*
    - *e.g. DER of 278 bytes, C509 178 bytes*



# The SBAS Security Environment



# Sample Issuing CA Certificate

*Version: 3 (0x2)*

*Serial Number: 8148489420063590655 (0x71153ff47aeb48ff)*

*Signature Algorithm: ED25519*

*Issuer: CN=L1*

*Validity*

*Not Before: Feb 6 00:00:00 2025 GMT*

*Not After : Aug 5 23:59:59 2025 GMT*

*Subject: CN=L2*

*Subject Public Key Info:*

*Public Key Algorithm: ED25519*

*ED25519 Public-Key:*

*pub:*

*3d:4e:84:d4:37:d8:d4:f0:8e:98:74:5a:45:15:86:*

*30:13:37:88:e8:15:c4:76:c3:ba:5c:a1:dc:e4:5b:*

*9b:01*

# Sample Issuing CA Certificate

*X509v3 extensions:*

*X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:*

*43:66:1C:DA:A9:B9:7E:83:BB:81:9A:7E:BF:4B:78:26:80:36:F3:9A*

*X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:*

*C7:26:16:2D:84:73:97:28:B1:DB:97:0E:29:62:21:06:48:0E:3A:F6*

*Signature Algorithm: ED25519*

*Signature Value:*

*3e:b1:d9:aa:ee:9a:9f:fe:9e:8f:b4:ed:ba:16:31:54:d5:c0:*

*c3:e7:0d:d4:d9:f4:ca:ea:7d:ef:a3:bf:3a:3a:27:67:e8:dd:*

*72:84:b6:e3:37:45:2c:d4:90:35:92:e0:a9:5c:ca:47:f8:1f:*

*de:68:e7:9c:fb:2a:38:d3:c9:0*

*DER 277 bytes, C509 178 bytes*

# Sample Issuing CA Certificate

C509 :

*[3, h'71153FF47AEB48FF', 12, [-1, "L1"], 1738800000, 1754438399, [-1, "L2"], 10,  
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