

# Spaceborne GNSS at DLR/GSOC

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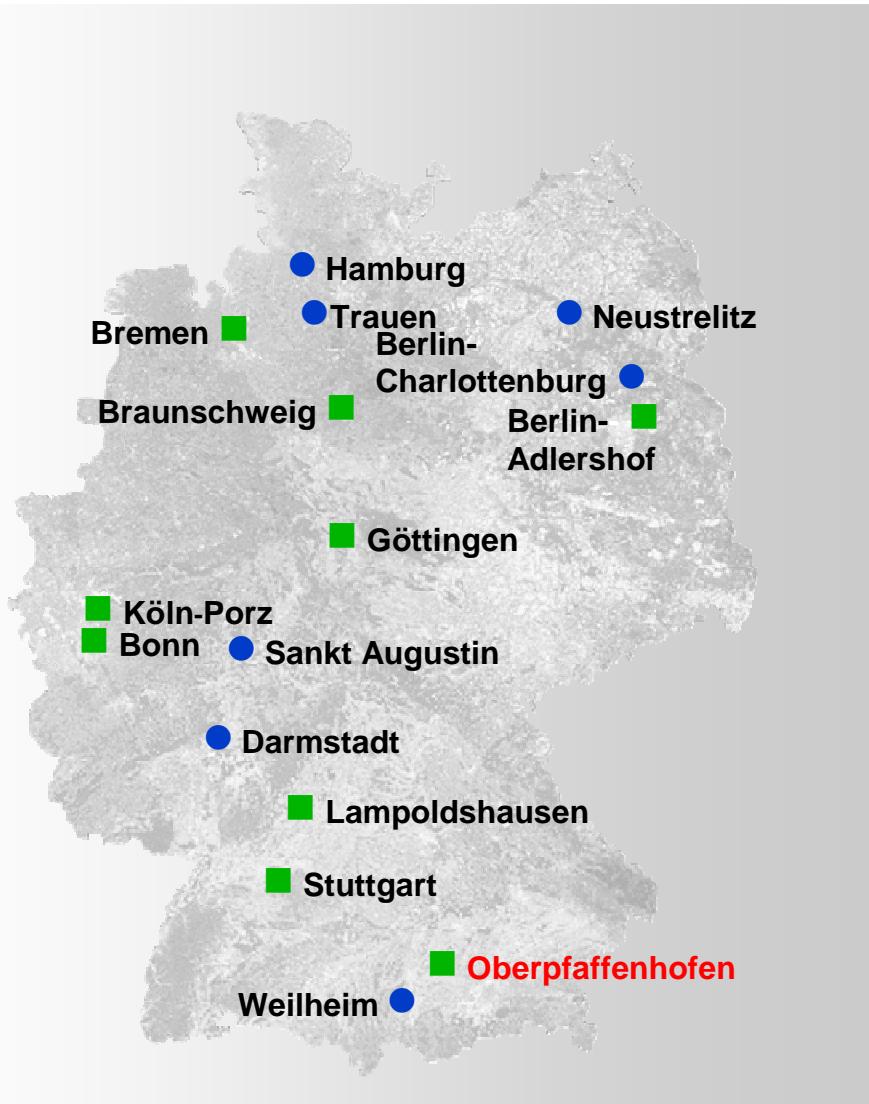
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# Organization

- DLR (German Aerospace Center)
  - Aeronautics, astronautics, energy, and transport research
  - National Space Agency
  - ~5100 employees in 28 institutes
  - 9 centers, 7 field offices
- German Space Operations Center
  - Located at Oberpfaffenhofen (25 km west of Munich)
  - Control center for unmanned and manned space missions
- GNSS Technology & Navigation
  - Spaceborne GNSS
  - Receiver design and testing
  - Autonomous navigation systems
  - Formation flying





# Facilities

## GSOC Oberpfaffenhofen

Control room  
(Columbus)



Weilheim  
ground station



Galileo control center



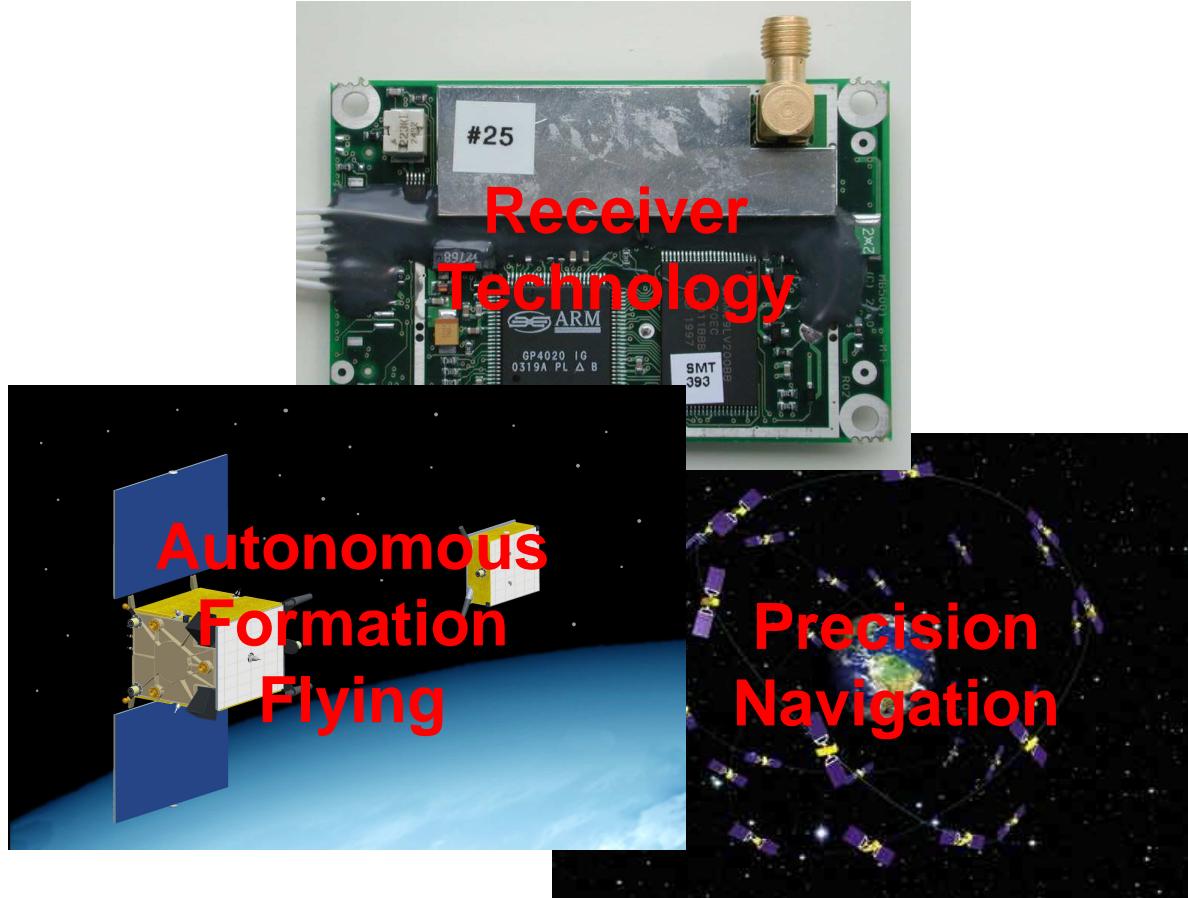
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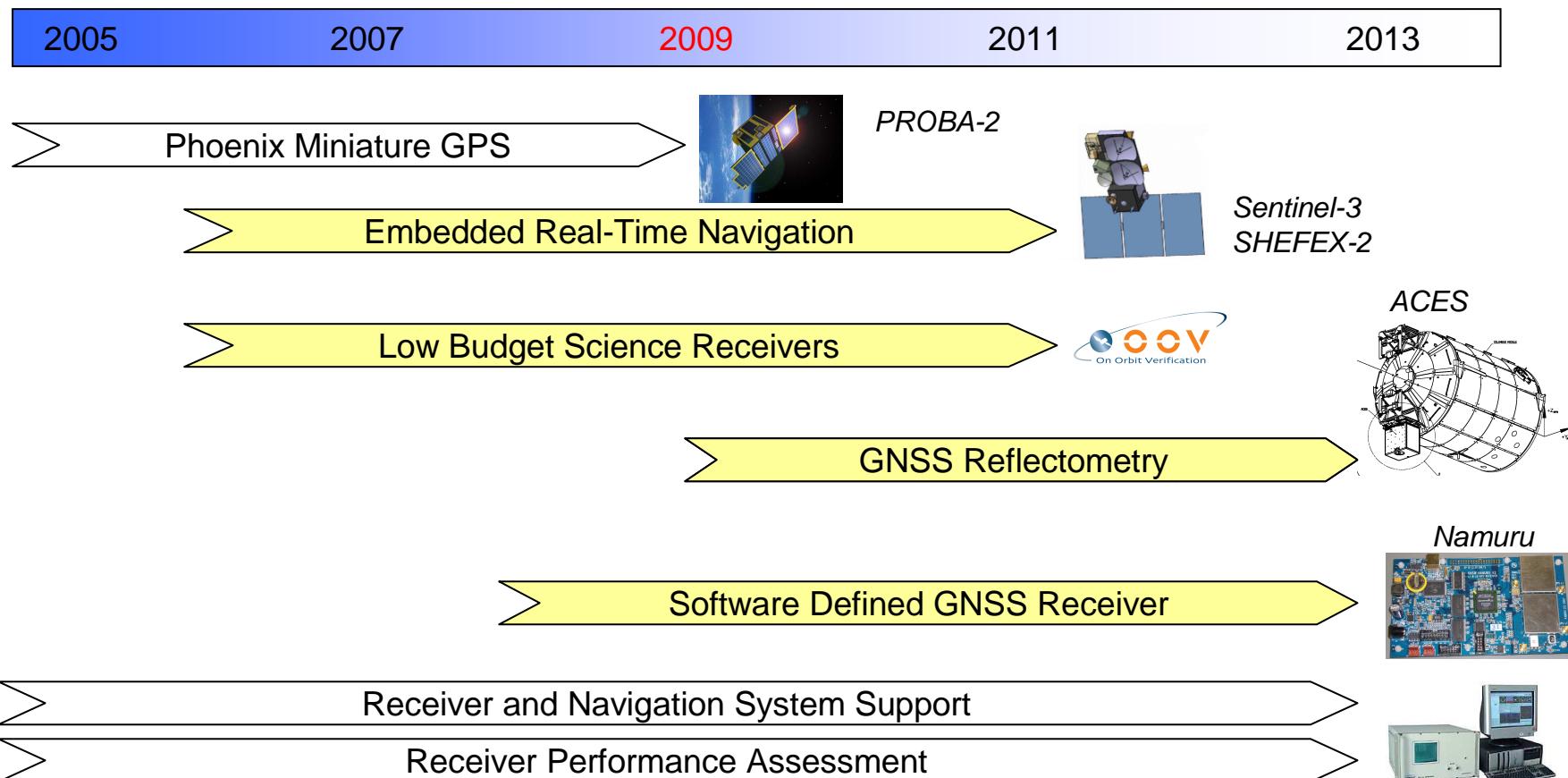
# Research Areas





# Roadmap Receiver Technology

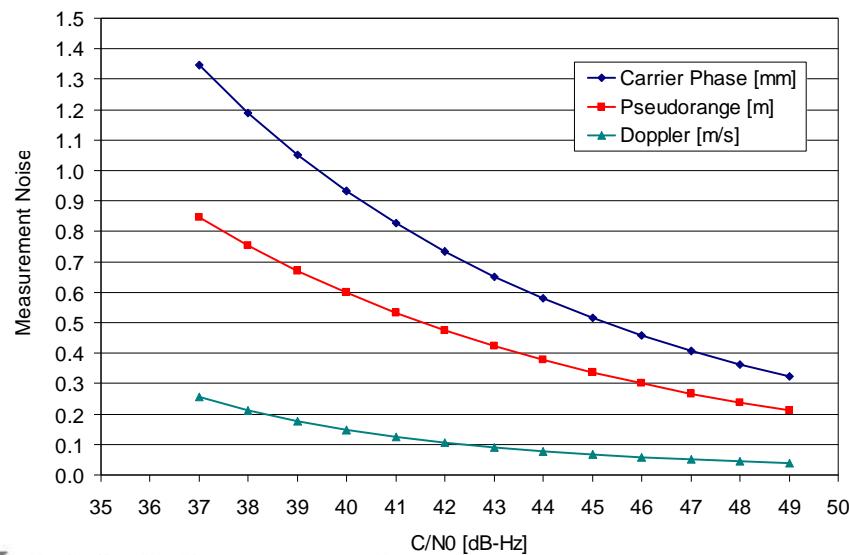
„Affordable access to spaceborne GNSS technology“





# Phoenix GPS Receiver

- ↗ SigTech MG5001 board
- ↗ 75 x 50 x15 mm
- ↗ 0.8W @ 5V regulated
- ↗ 14 krad total ionization dose
- ↗ DLR tracking s/w for LEO satellites and sounding rockets

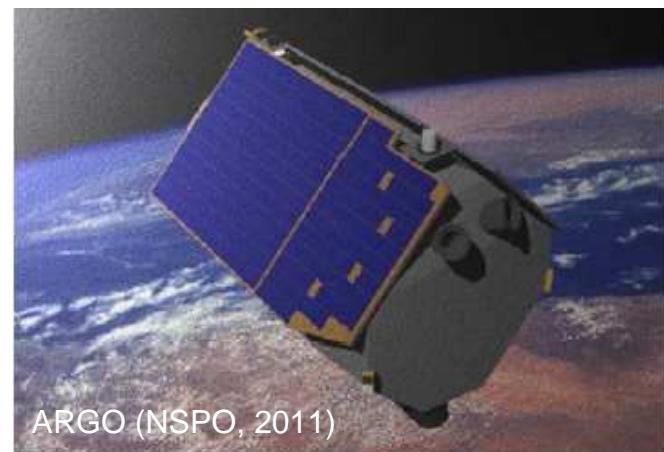
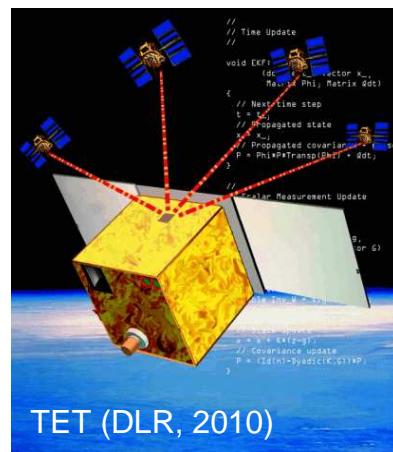
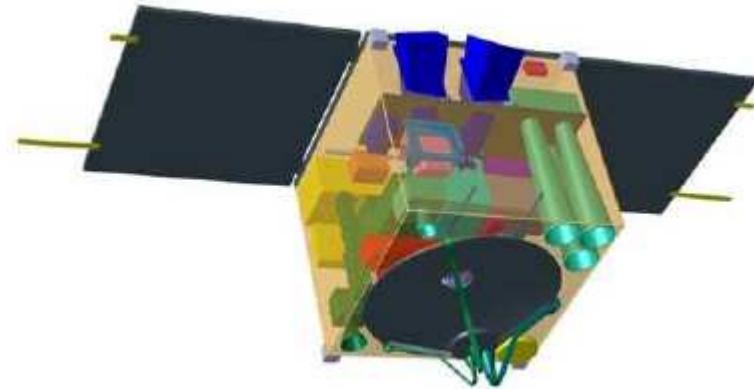




# Mission Highlights

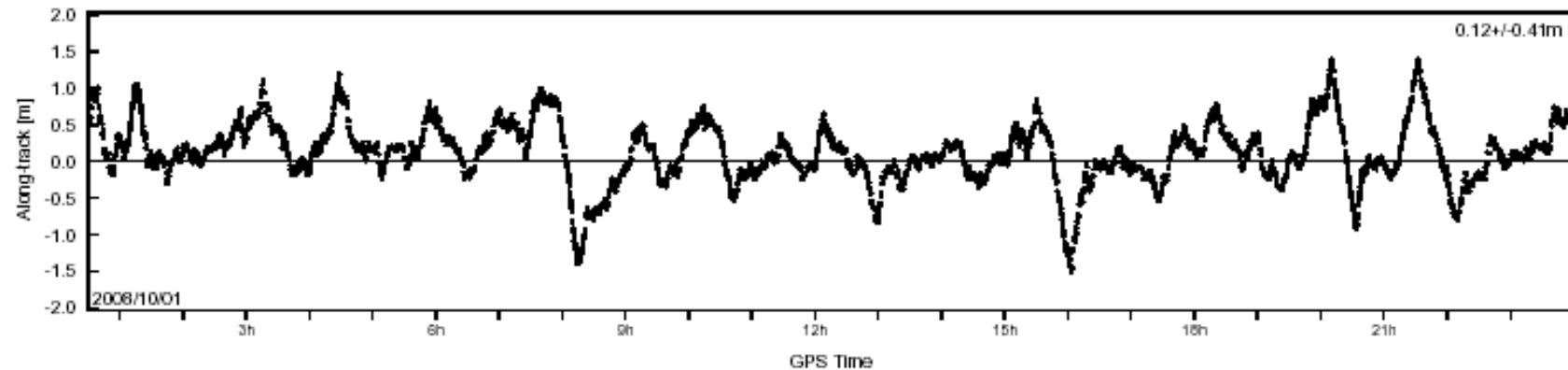


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# Phoenix-XNS (eXtended Navigation System)



- ↗ Real-time Kalman filtering of GPS raw measurements
- ↗ Ionosphere-free C1+L1 combination
- ↗ Operates inside ARM7TDMI micro-processor of Phoenix receiver
- ↗ Example
  - ↗ 400 km LEO orbit, 10 TECU VTEC, 1.5m UERE ephemeris errors
  - ↗ 0.5-1 m 3D rms error



# Testing of Spaceborne GNSS Receivers



Signal Simulator



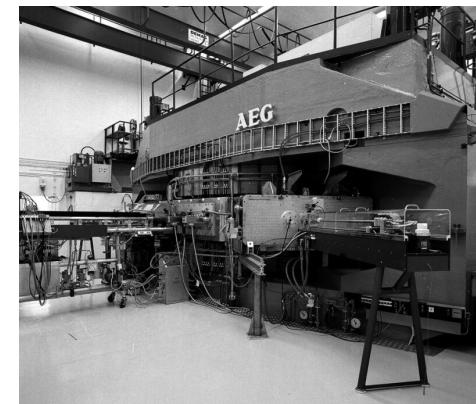
Thermal Vacuum Chamber



Shaker



Co-60 Source

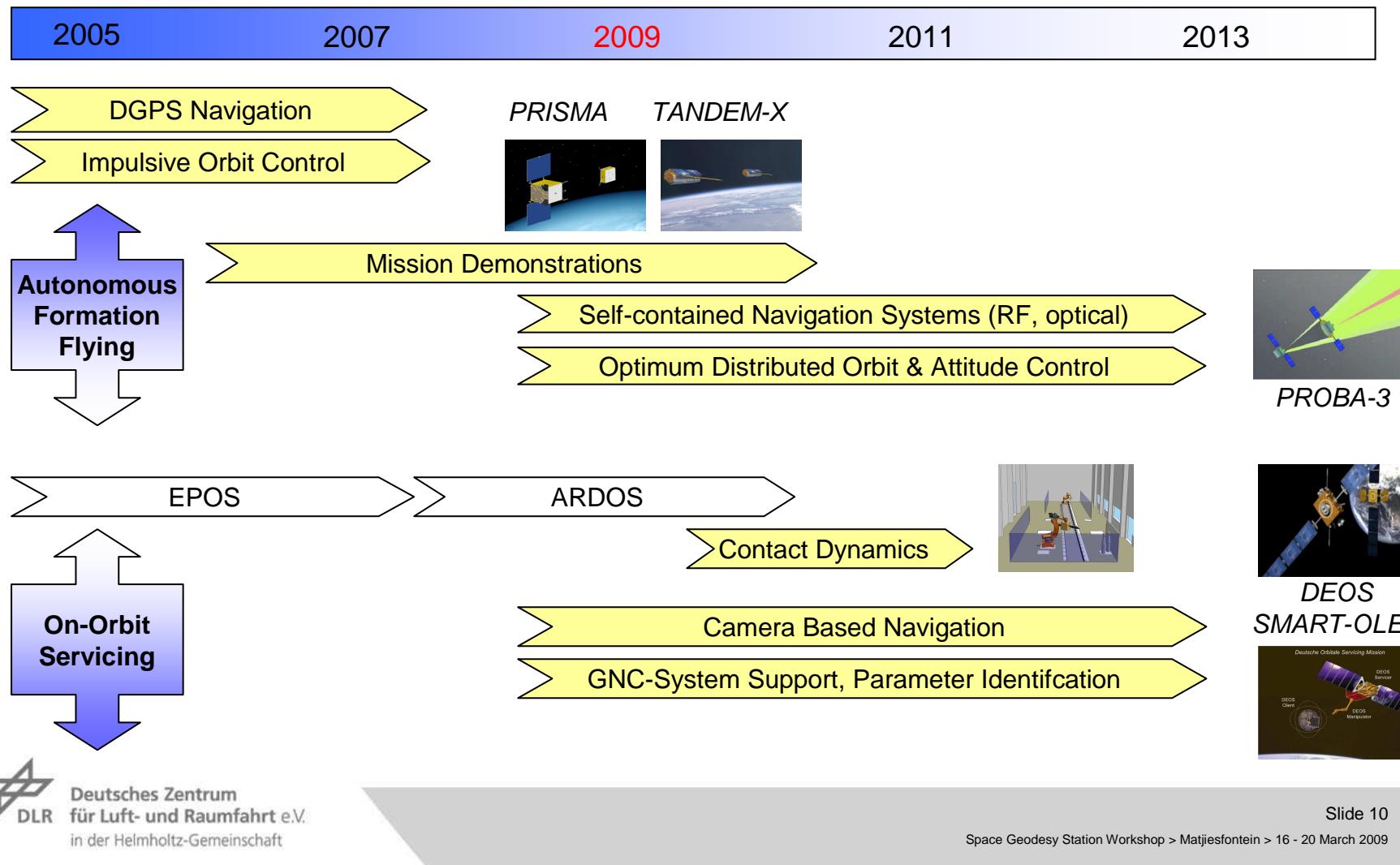


Proton Cyclotron



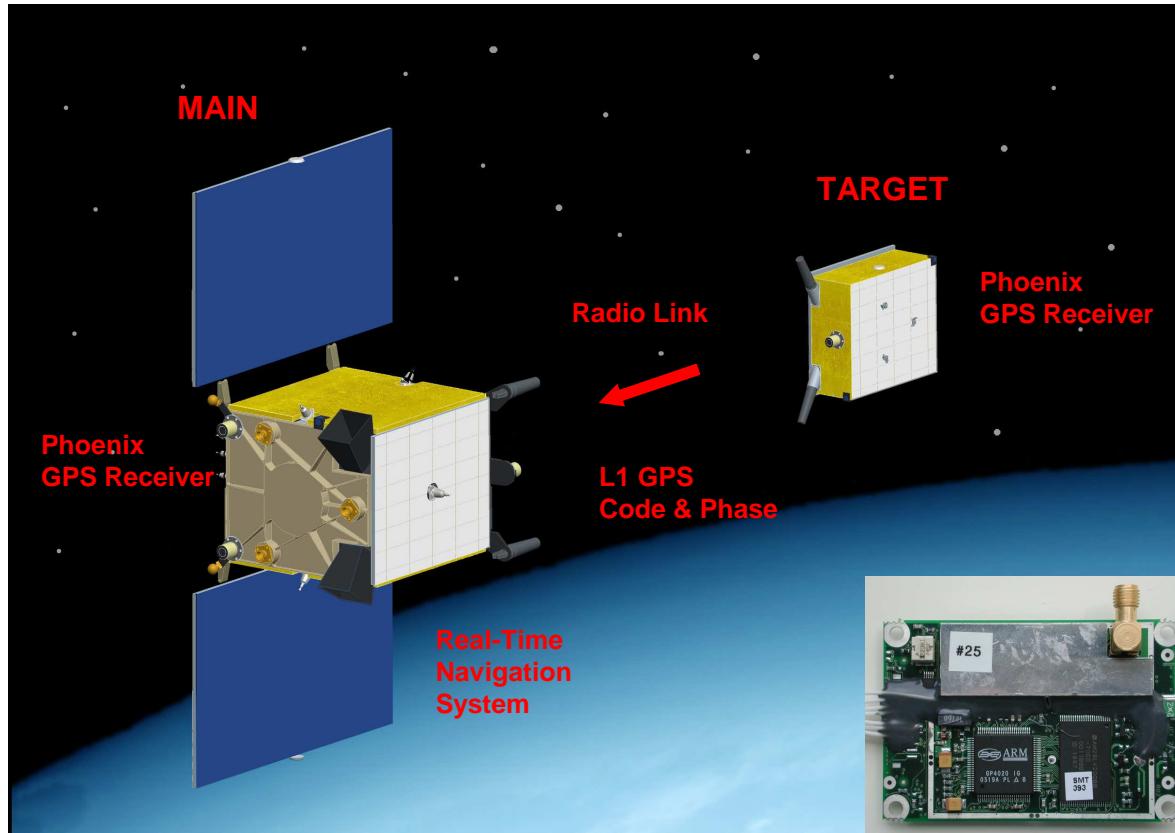
# Roadmap Formation Flying & On-Orbit Servicing

## „Innovative GN&C concepts for multi-satellite missions“





# Autonomous Formation Flying – PRISMA (2009)



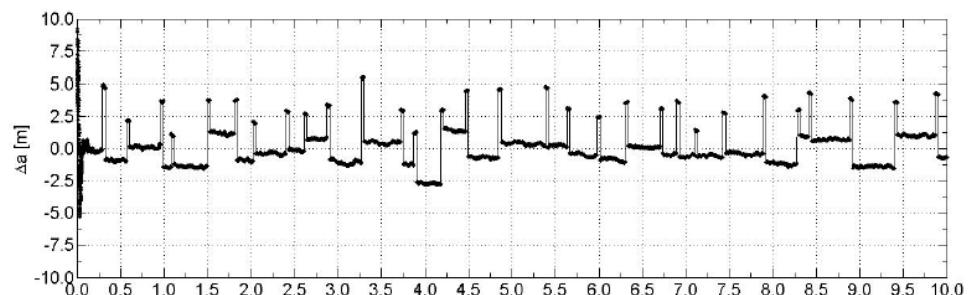
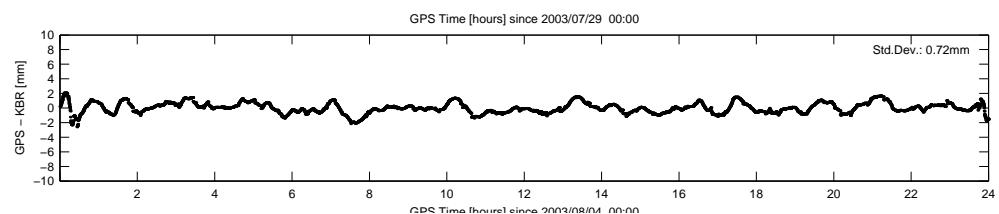
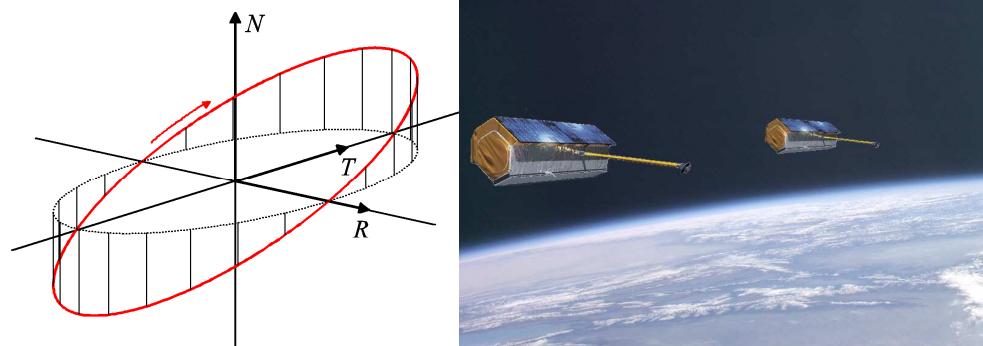
- SSC & Partners
- Demonstration RVD & Formation Flying
- Validation of Sensors, Actuators, Avionics
- Launch 2009





# SAR-Interferometry – TanDEM-X (2009)

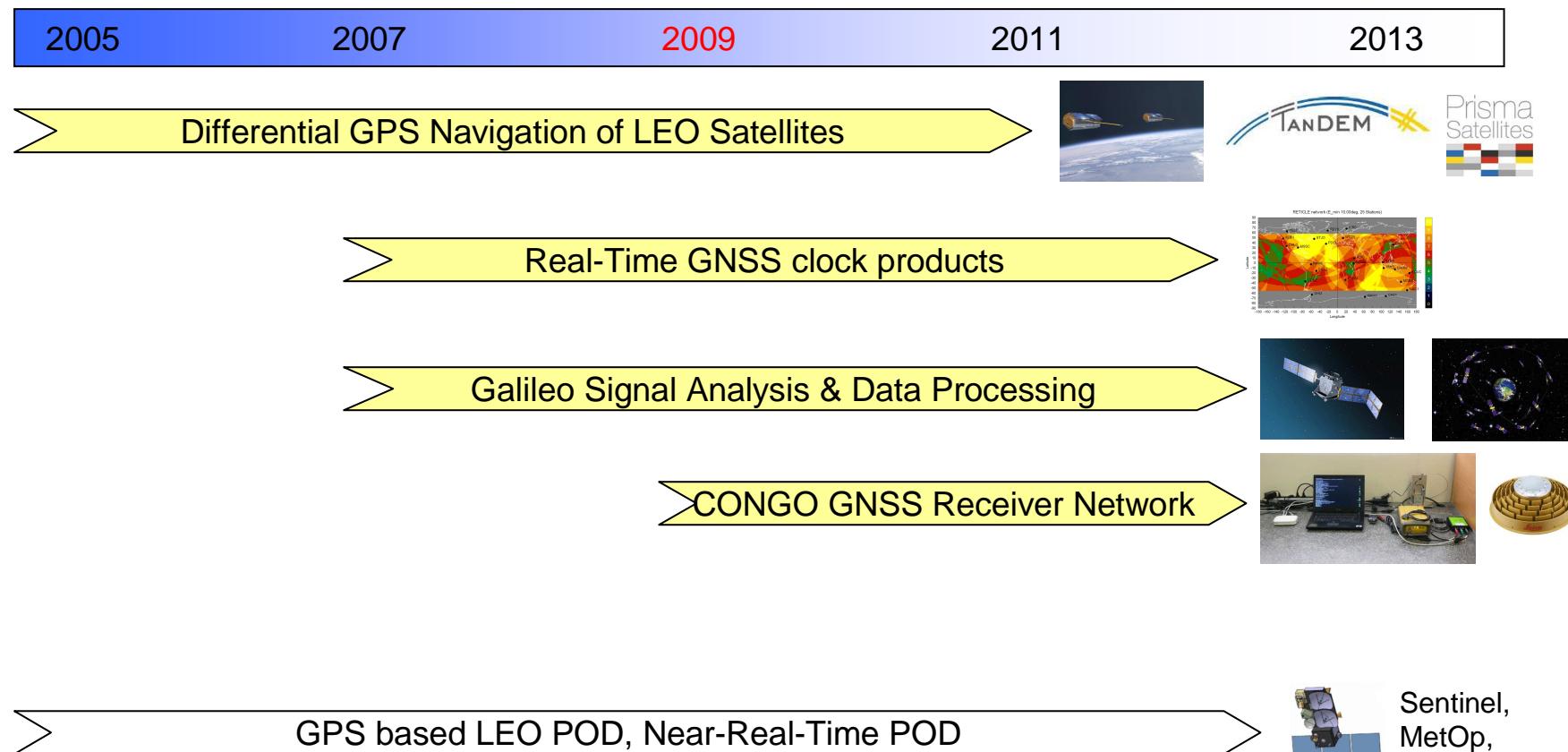
- Orbit Control
  - e/i-vector separation
  - Passive safety
  - Reproduction of TSX maneuvers
- Relative Navigation
  - IGOR GPS Receiver
  - 1 mm accuracy
- TAFF Experiment
  - Intersatellite Link
  - Real-Time Navigation
  - Autonomous Control





# Roadmap Precision Navigation

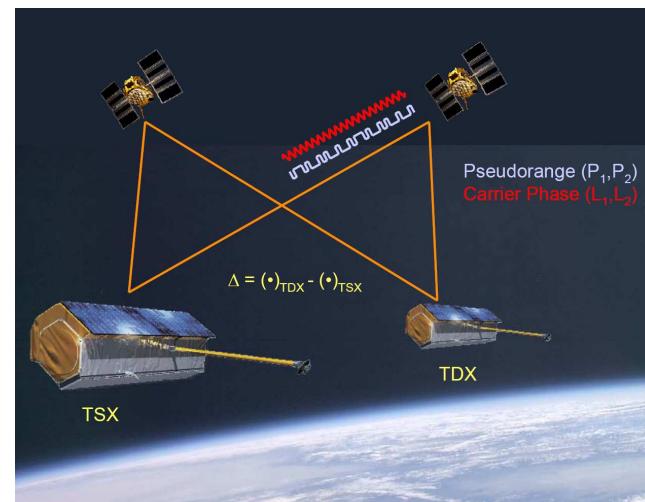
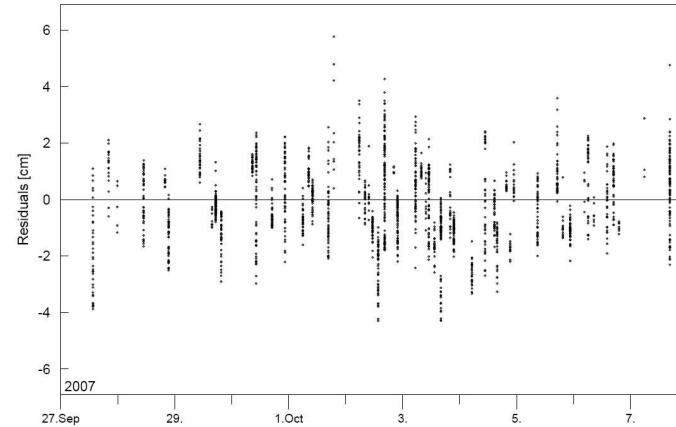
## „High Precision Navigation Services for Future Space Missions“





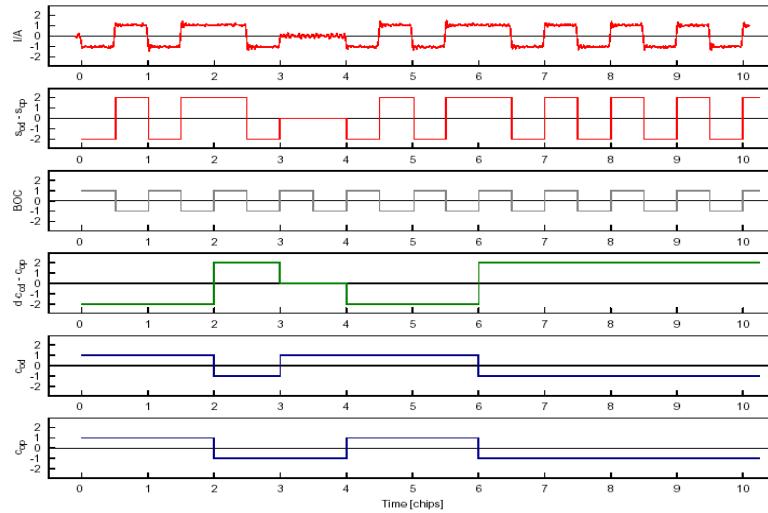
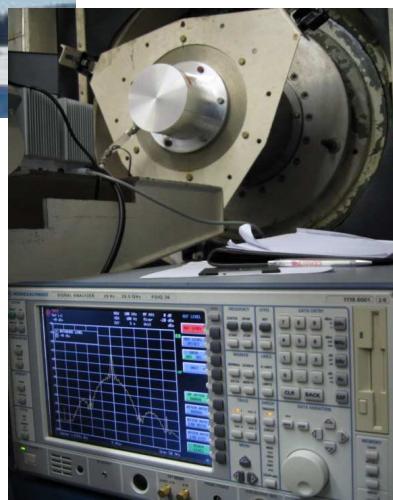
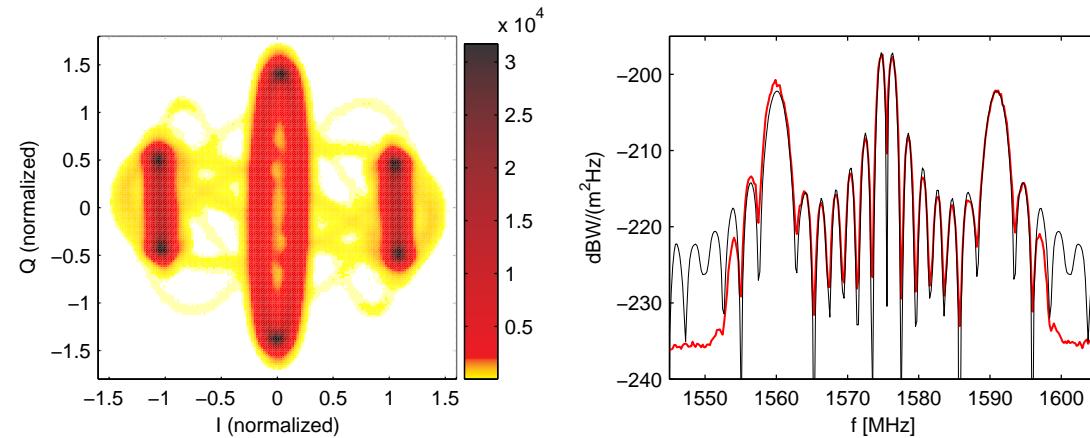
# TanDEM-X Precision Baseline Reconstruction

- Identical set of IGOR GPS receivers on both s/c
- Absolute orbits
  - ~5cm 3D rms position accuracy
  - 2.5 cm 3D rms DLR-AIUB
  - 1.5 cm SLR residuals (10° elev)
  - TDX-TSX position difference ~1-2 cm
- Relative navigation based on dual-frequency CDGPS
  - Kalman filter/smoothie
  - Single differenced measurements
  - Single- or dual-frequency processing



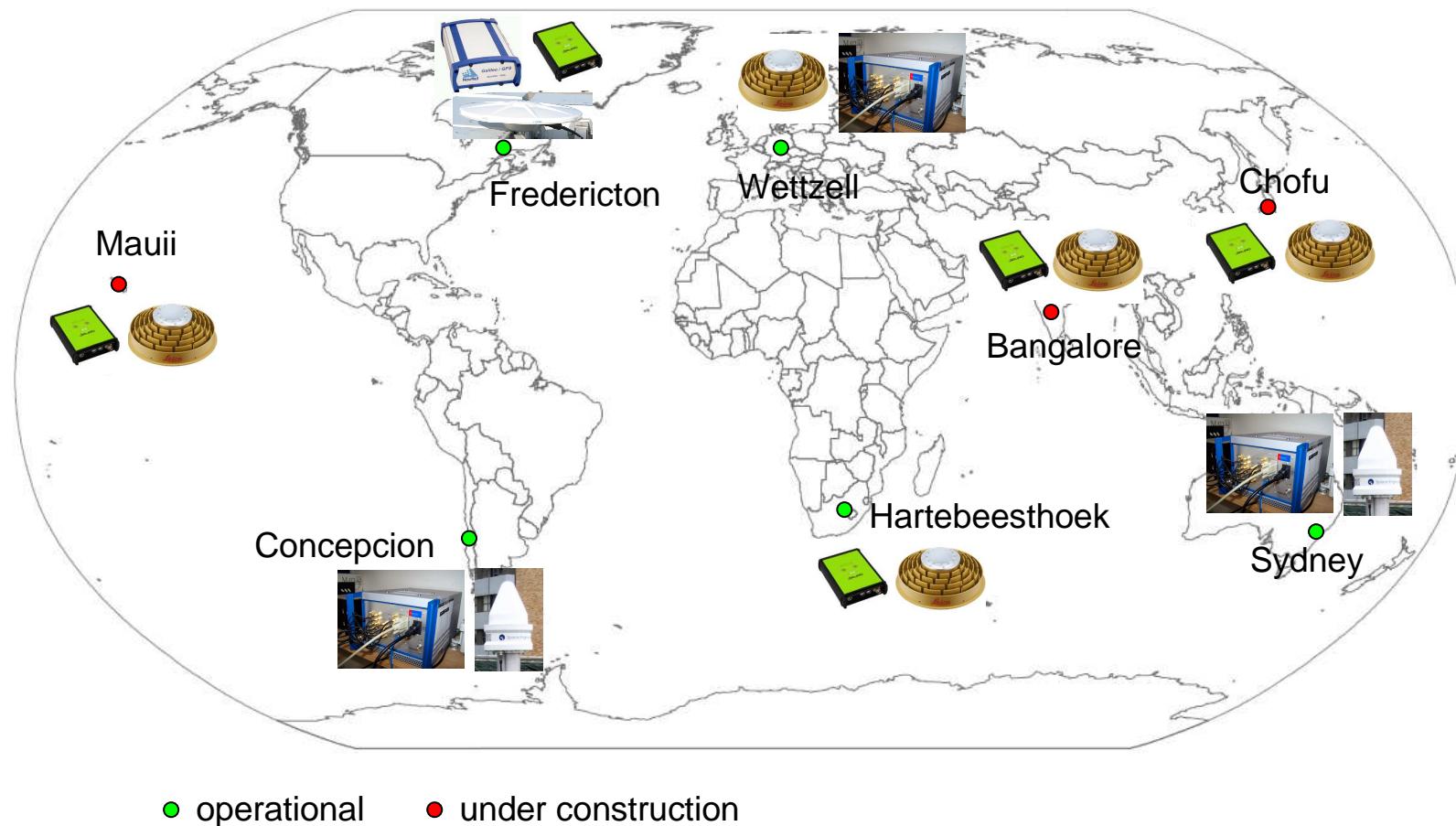


# GIOVE-A Signal Analysis (2006)





# Cooperative Network for GIOVE Observation (DLR/BKG)



● operational

● under construction



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# Collaboration Options

- ↗ Technical
  - ↗ GNSS real-time network setup (NTRIP) and utilization (clocks, iono,integrity)
  - ↗ SLR based orbit determination of GNSS satellites
  - ↗ SLR/GNSS cross-comparison for LEO satellites
- ↗ Networking
  - ↗ Satellite Geodey at TU Munich (Urs Hugentobler) and Wettzell Station (GNSS, SLR, LRR, VLBI)
  - ↗ Zimmerwald Observatory (Werner Gurtner)
  - ↗ GALILEO project (???)