

# **JPL GPS Capabilities Overview**

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# GPS Capabilities in JPL's Tracking Systems and Applications Section: Introduction



- **JPL is managed by Caltech for NASA as a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)**
  - Work is also performed for other non-NASA agencies and private sector
- **Our Section is one of five in JPL's Telecommunications Science and Engineering Division**
  - 128 employees in the Section, 108 with B.S. or higher (74 Ph.D.'s)
  - 11 Technical Groups
    - Five groups focused on GPS technology: two hardware groups and three analysis groups (~ 55 technical employees)
    - Two groups focused on precision Frequency/Timing systems and quantum technologies (~ 20 technical employees)
  - 4 Supervisors here today
    - Yoaz Bar-Sever (Orbiter and Radio Metric Systems)
    - Larry Young (GPS Systems)
    - Bob Tjoelker (Frequency and Timing Advanced Instrument Development)
    - Frank Webb (Satellite Geodesy and Geodynamics Systems)
    - Also here: Stephen Lichten (Manager) and Jim Zumberge (Deputy Manager)



## Introduction (cont.)



- **Diverse section with technologists, specialists, and scientists provides a “cradle to grave” capability in GPS-based systems and applications**
  - Signal structure expertise; in-receiver algorithms and software; performance trades
  - Innovative GPS receiver design (multiple patents)
  - GPS receiver/transceiver spaceborne experiments and deployments
  - Orbit/trajectory estimation and user positioning algorithms & software (multiple patents)
  - Precise spacecraft-spacecraft tracking systems
  - GPS ground networks and automated data acquisition systems for precision ground and orbiting applications (operating on 24/7 basis)
  - User applications: real-time and non-real-time; navigation/positioning; geolocation and time transfer; tropospheric and ionospheric science; gravity science; geophysics
- **Frequency and Timing unique core expertise**
  - Responsible for 24/7 operation of mission critical NASA/JPL frequency and timing subsystems in global Deep Space Network
  - Advanced atomic clock technology development; innovative oscillators and resonators; precision time and frequency measurements (multiple patents)
  - Underlying fields include: quantum electronics, laser cooling, quantum optics, fundamental physics
  - Presently building advanced space clocks for future GPS (Linear Ion Trap clock) and Space Station (Laser cooled clocks) deployments



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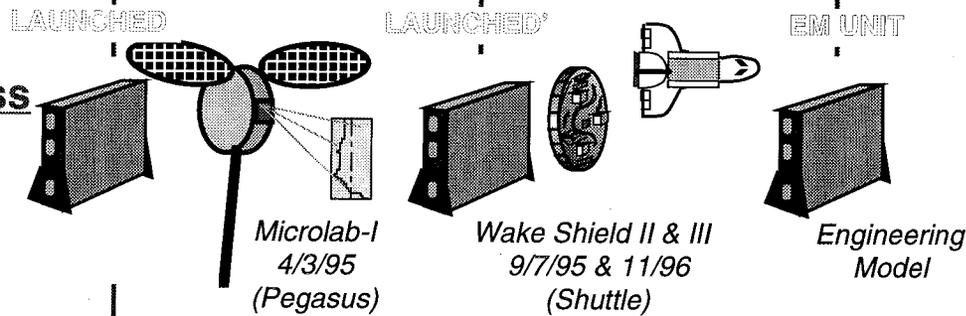


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- **Other groups include specialists in: radio interferometry (ground and space); optical interferometry (space); antenna arraying; correlator systems; quantum science and technologies**

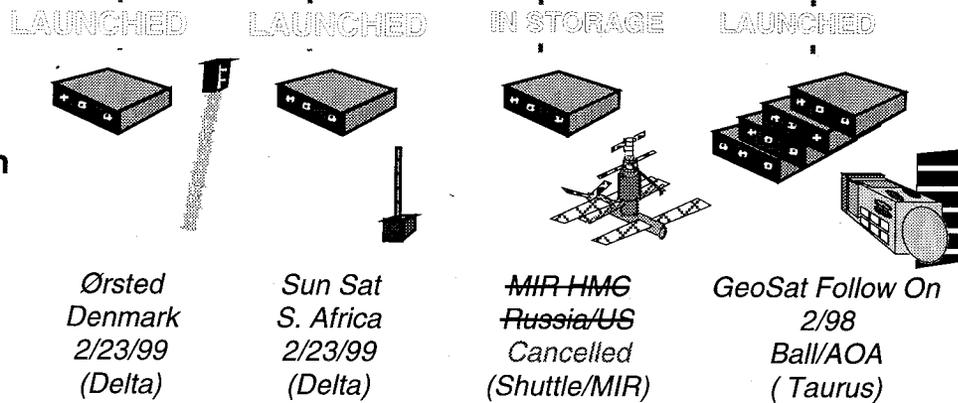
**TurboRogue**  
Commercial  
Ground Receiver  
(1992)



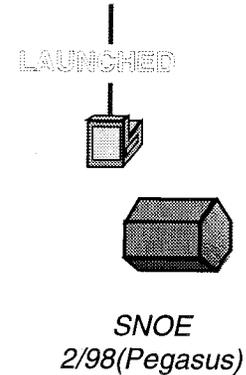
**GPS/MET Class**  
Ruggedized  
A/D Converter  
RS-422  
(1995)



**Ørsted Class**  
Low Power  
Data Compression  
(1996)



**Bit-Grabber Class**  
Ultra-Low Power Nav  
RF Sampling @ LEO/GEO  
CA/P/Y Ground Proc.

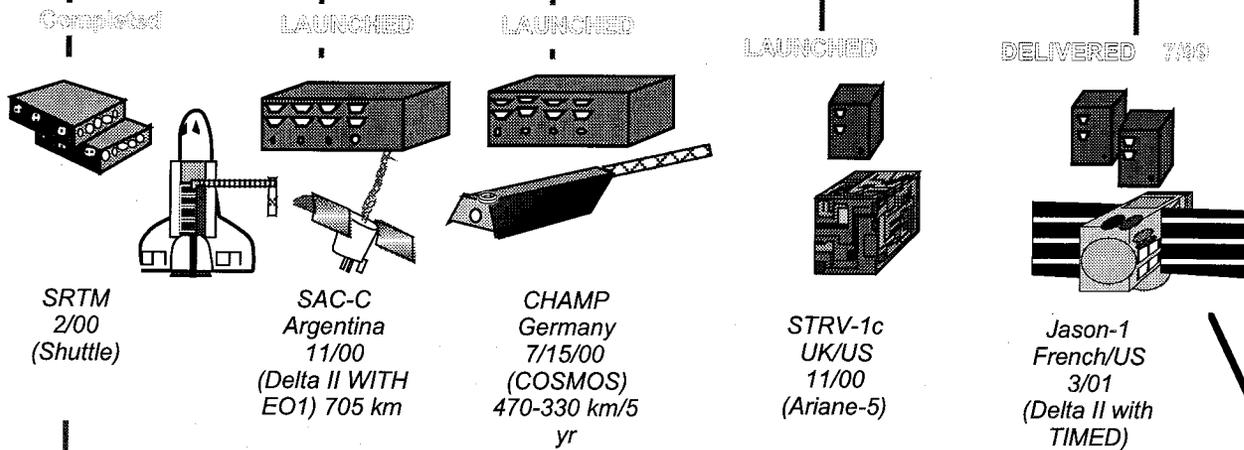




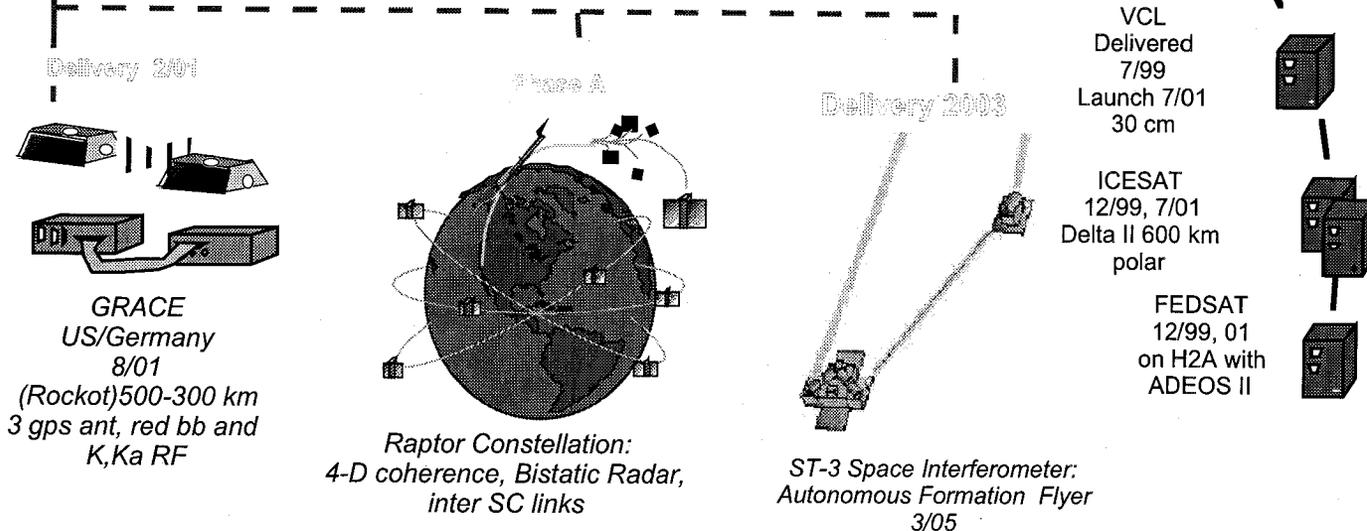
# Advanced GPS Flight Receivers/Transceivers (b)



**SAC-C Class**  
 Hi- Performance  
 PowerPC  
 CPU  
 Lower Power  
 Multi-Antenna



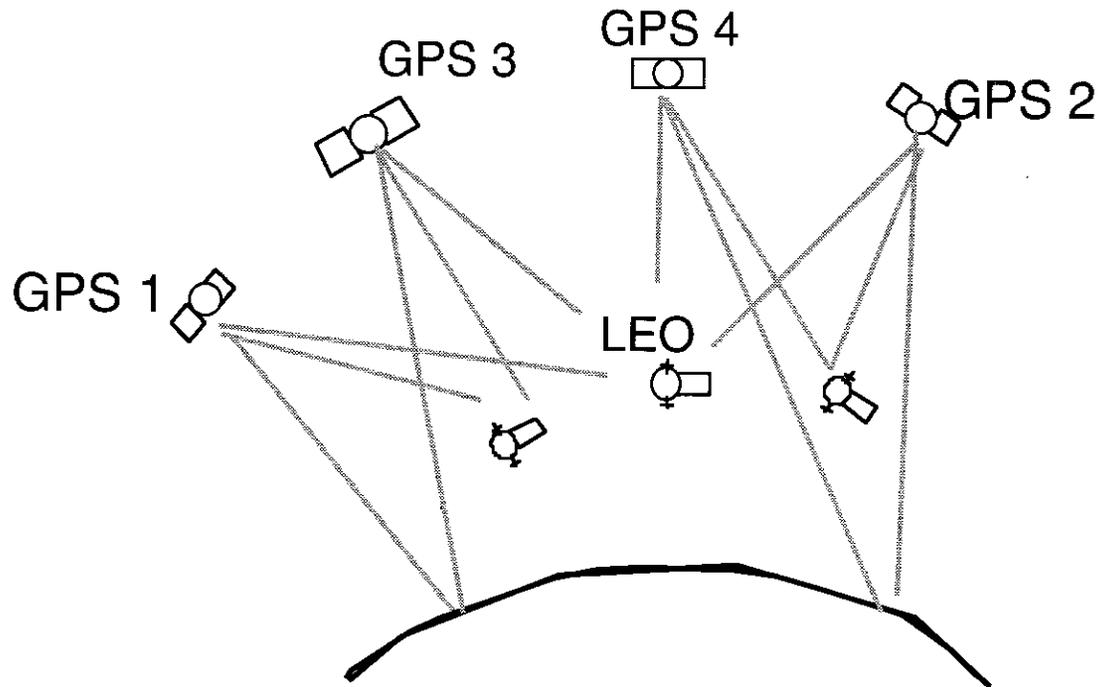
**Raptor Class**  
 Additional Functions  
 Lower Power



**And**

ST5  
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 LCAP, PARCS

- GPS tracking maintains constant and precise knowledge of relative spacecraft positions & clocks

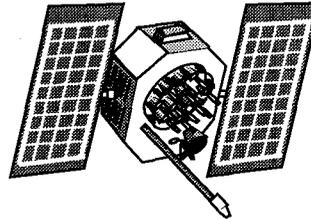


# Demonstrated Orbit Accuracies



**Geostationary**  
36000 km altitude  
(TDRS, INMARSAT)

15 m  
ground-based tracking



**GPS**  
20000 km  
altitude

8 cm (< 40-cm real-time)  
*operational automated processing*



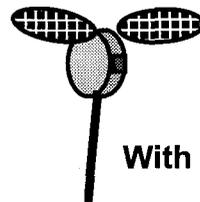
**Lageos**  
6000 km altitude  
<10 cm 2-way laser ranging

## TOPEX/POSEIDON



1336 km altitude  
With GPS: < 2 cm radial (AS off)  
< 3 cm (AS on) radial

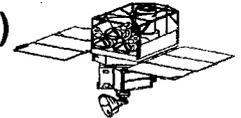
< 10 cm 3D RSS  
*operational automated processing*



**MicroLab/GPSMET**  
730 km altitude

With GPS L1/L2 < 10 cm

## EUVE (Explorer)

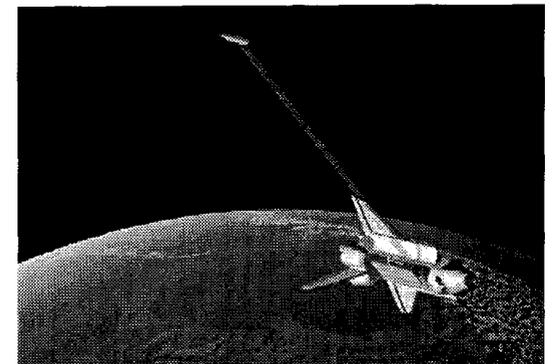


500 km altitude  
2-3 m with GPS  
L1 only

**Shuttle Radar  
Topography Mission  
(SRTM): 230-km alt  
45-cm orbit accuracy**

**CHAMP: 470-km alt  
< 10-cm orbit accuracy**

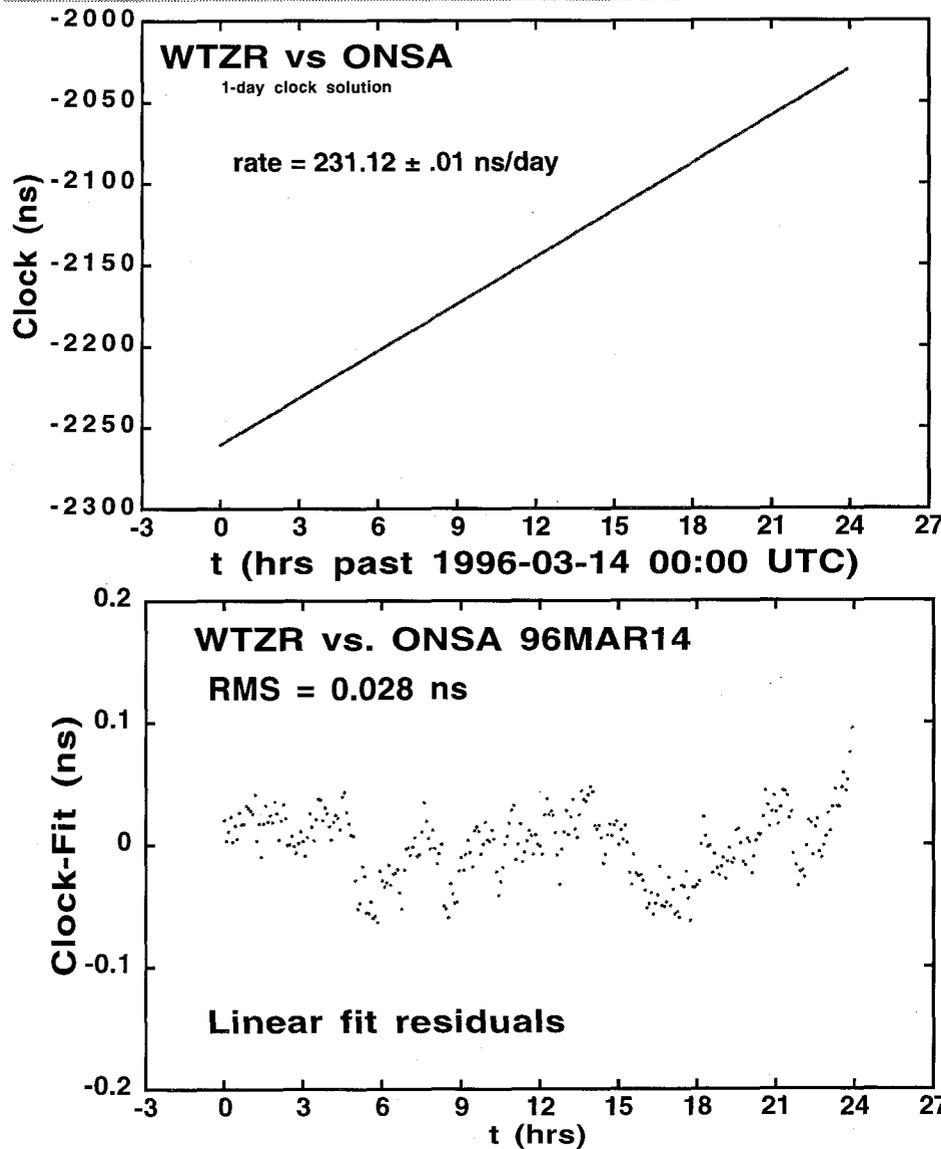
**SAC-C: 705-km alt  
< 10-cm orbit accuracy**



**FUTURE GOAL: < 1-cm Orbit Accuracy for LEOs**

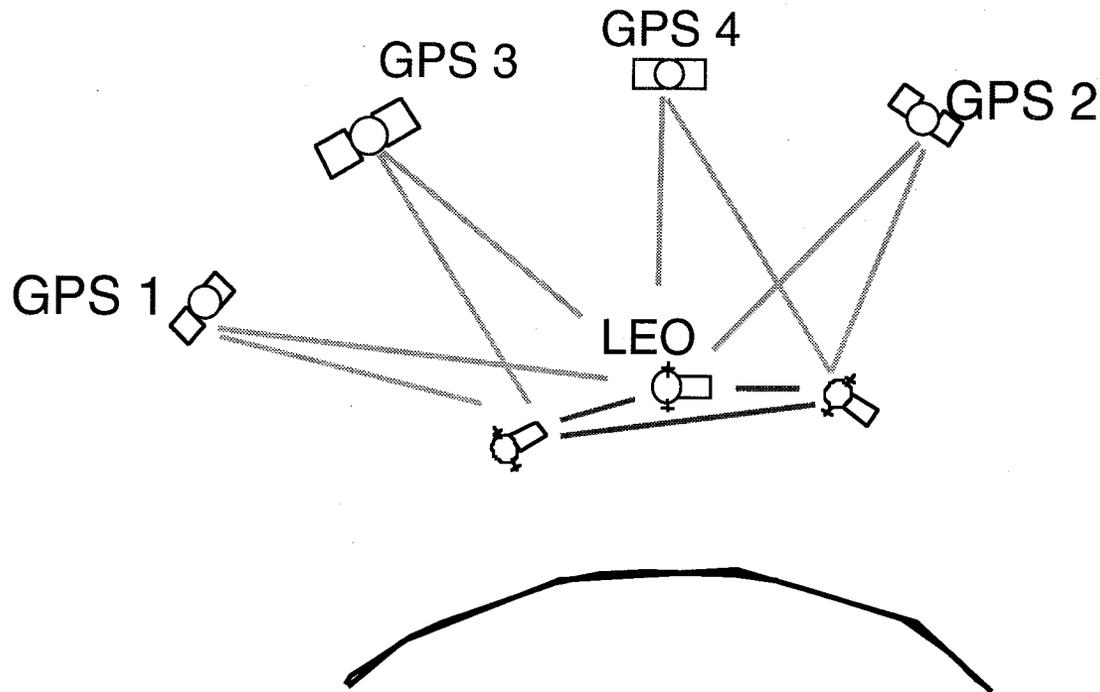


# Ultra-Precise Time Transfer with GPS



**Linear fits to GPS-based clock estimates for pairs of masers worldwide (some separated by 1000's of km) show rms scatter of better than 30 picosec**

- GPS and/or LEO cross-link tracking maintain constant and precise knowledge of relative spacecraft positions & clocks

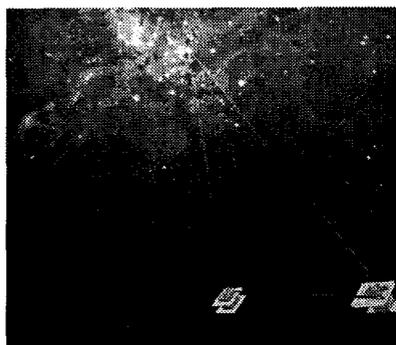




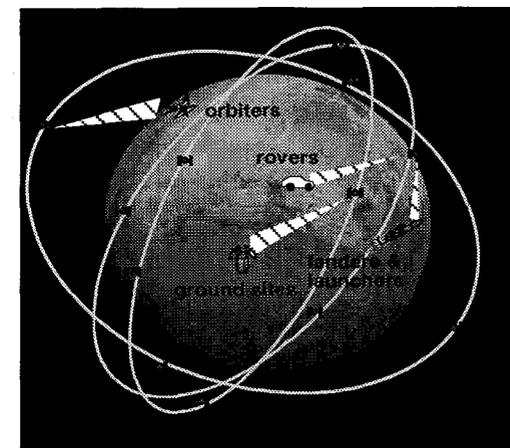
# Spacecraft Cross-Link Sensors Under Development for Space Deployments



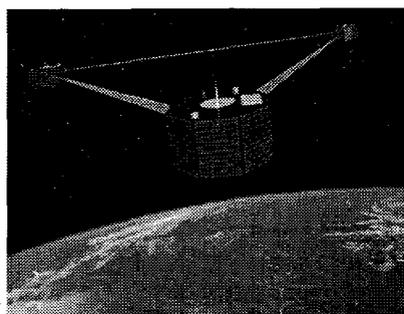
**GRACE: JPL GPS Receiver with integrated camera and K-band spacecraft-spacecraft tracking, to provide 1-micron accuracy measurement of range change to improve knowledge of the Earth's gravity field by several orders of magnitude**



**ST-3: Precision (1-cm) formation flying**

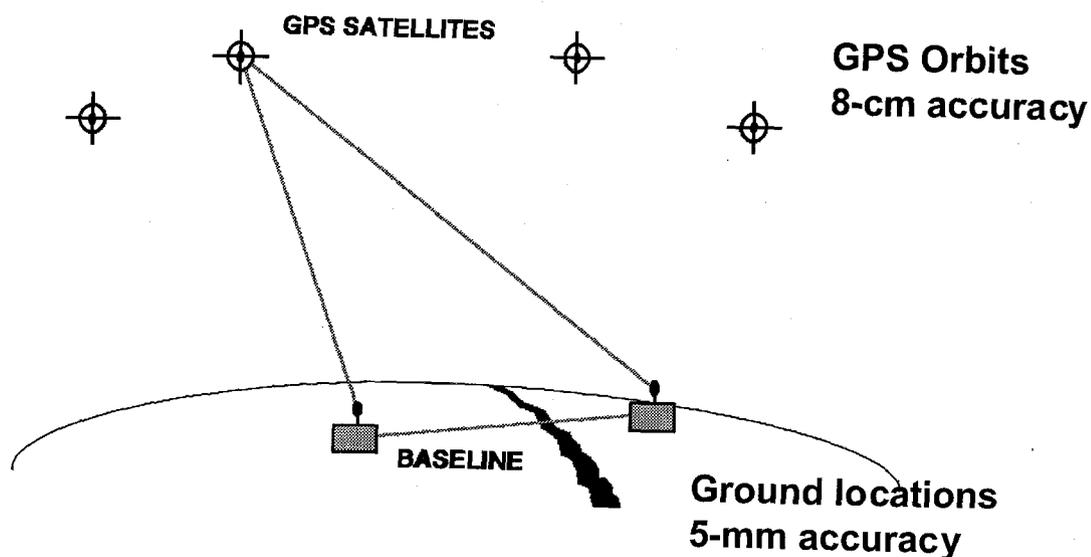


**Mars Network Node: Integrated Navigation and Telecommunications**



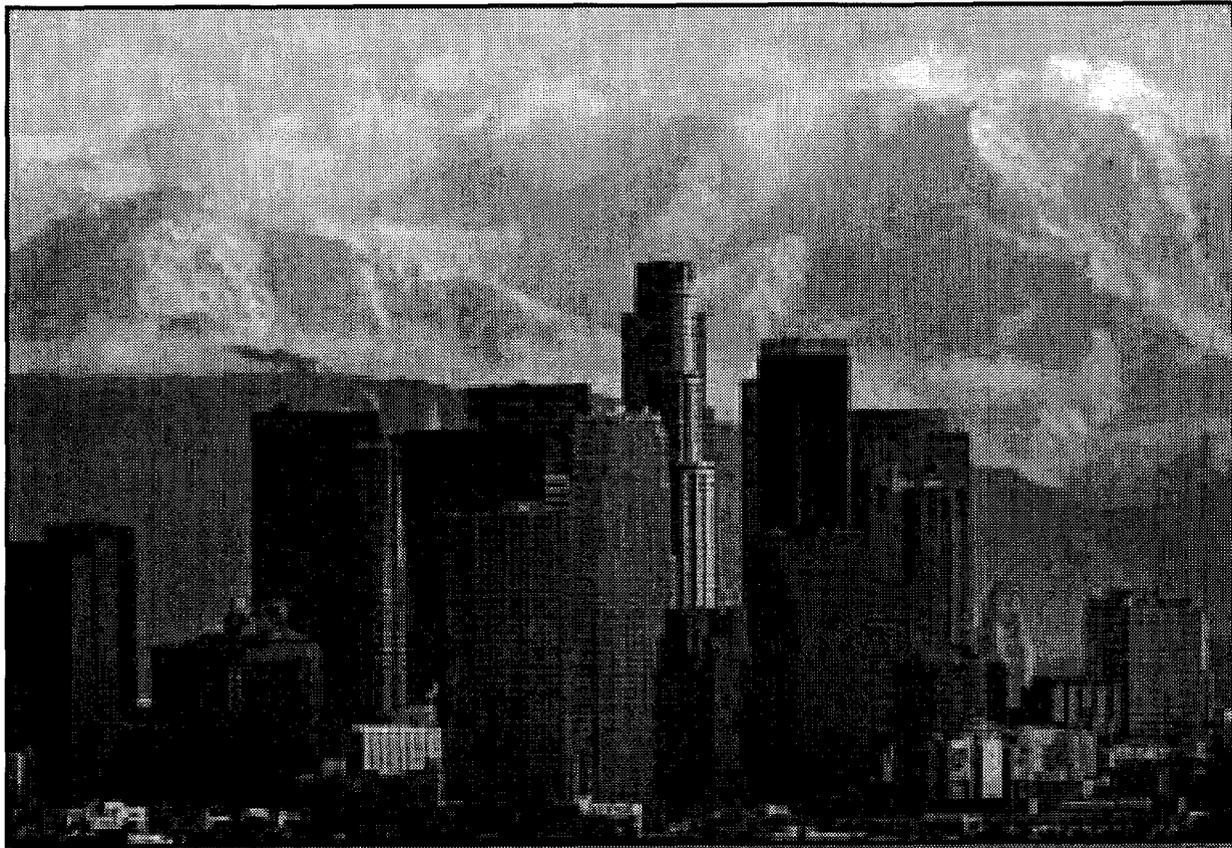
**ST-5: Constellation Communications and Navigation Transceiver (CCNT) for meter-level cross-link ranging and inter-spacecraft telecom in constellation of three spacecraft in GEO-transfer elliptical Earth orbit**

- NASA contributes about one-quarter of the  $\approx 200$  GPS tracking stations in the International GPS Service (IGS) global network
- Analyses of their data is interpreted in terms of tectonic plate motions and geodynamics
- High density deployment of GPS sites contributes to the assessment of earthquake hazards (southern California map)



IGS Global Network

# Los Angeles is moving, literally



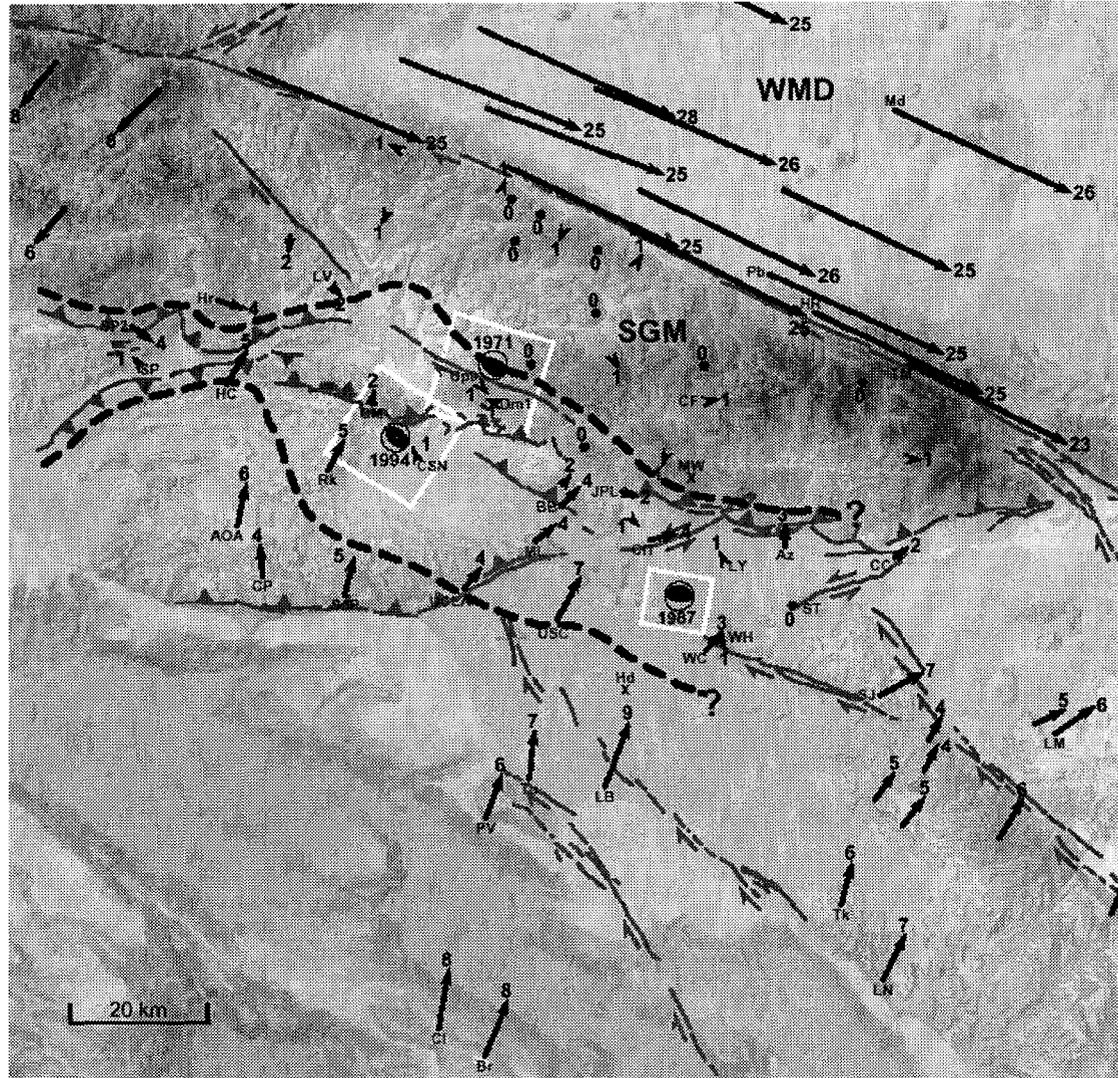
Nick Ut / AP file

**LOS ANGELES, August 4 — Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif., have made measurements that suggest that downtown Los Angeles is moving toward the San Gabriel Mountains, and that a new mountain range is being formed beneath Hollywood.**

# Shortening and Thickening of Metropolitan Los Angeles

residual velocity field

SGM fixed



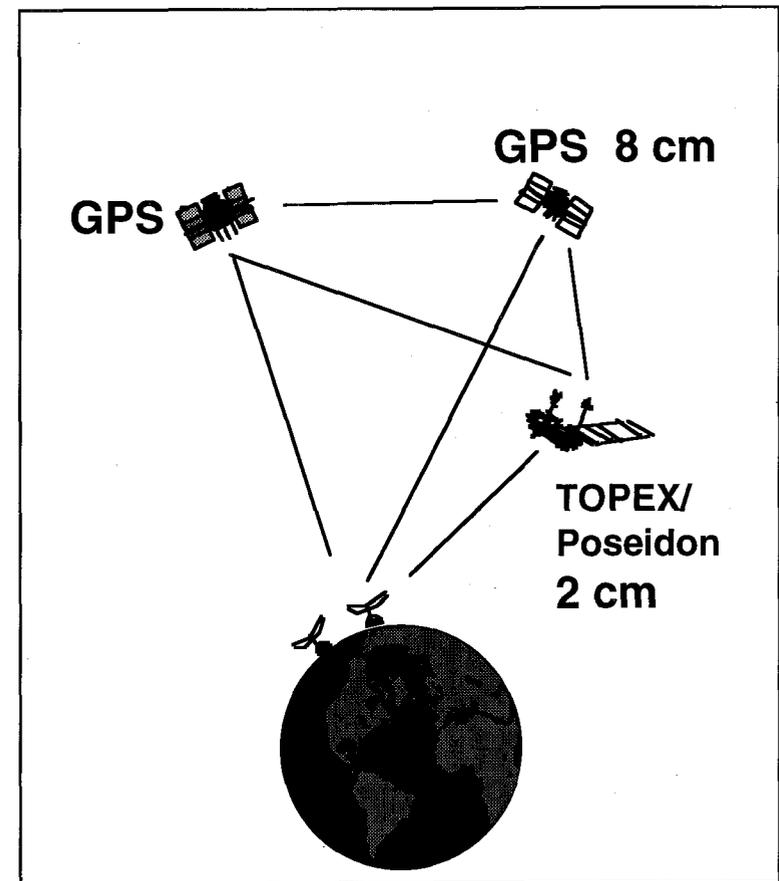
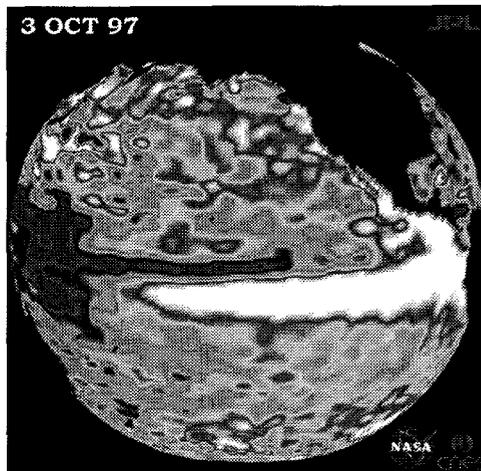
Mojave segment, San Andreas F.  
best 25 mm/yr 20 km



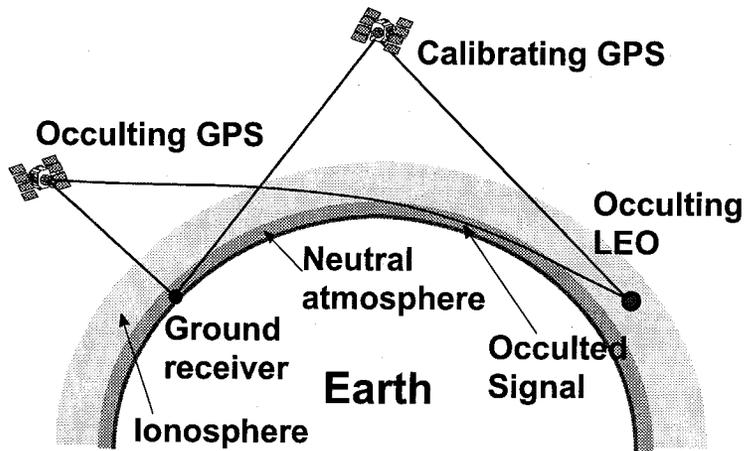
# Using Satellite Technology to Help Track Global Change Such As El Niño



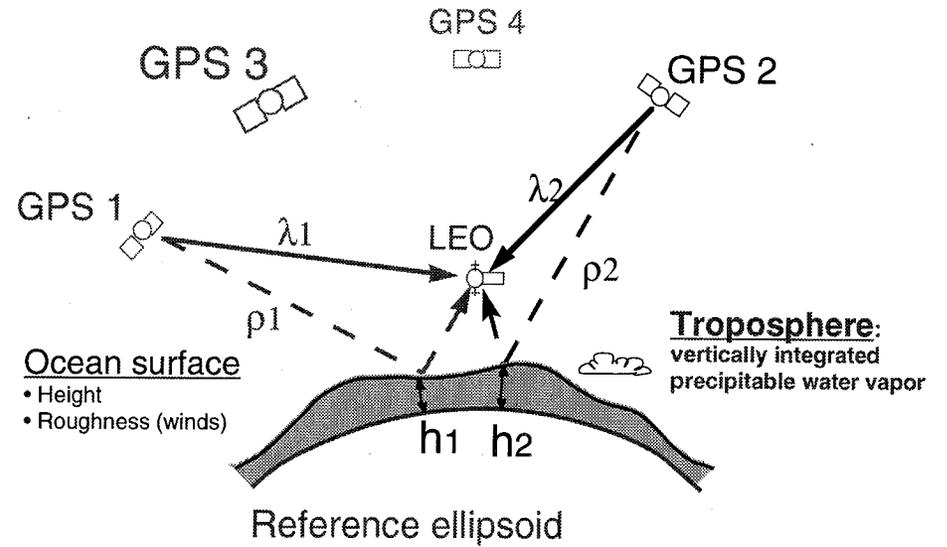
- JPL receives daily GPS satellite tracking data and automatically determines TOPEX/Poseidon orbit “next-day” accurate to a few centimeters
- Calibrated TOPEX/Poseidon altimeter data provide accurate information on sea level changes
- Scientists infer ocean temperatures and determine that an El Niño event is occurring based on sea level rise in Pacific Ocean
- Advance preparations can save lives and property



# Novel Science Applications



**Atmospheric and Ionospheric Remote Sensing and Science**



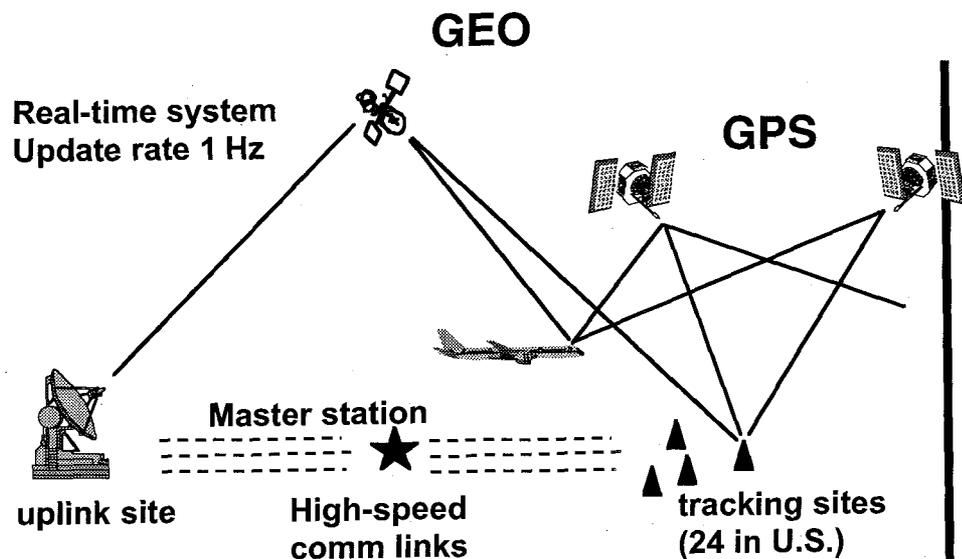
**Bi-Static Ocean Reflectometry**



# Task: GPS Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) Implementation



California Institute of Technology



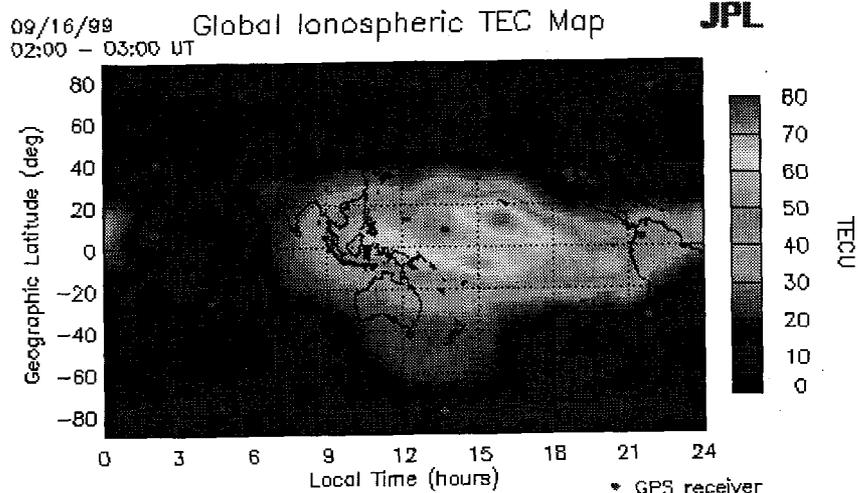
## Task Purpose/Objectives:

- Deliver working prototype of real-time software for DOT/FAA's new GPS-based precision navigation system (WAAS) for aviation. Support its implementation and develop future enhancements.

## Major Products and Deliverables:

- Real-Time GIPSY (RTG) software
- Real-time WAAS Ionospheric Software (WIS)
- New GPS and safety algorithms

Sponsor: DOT/FAA



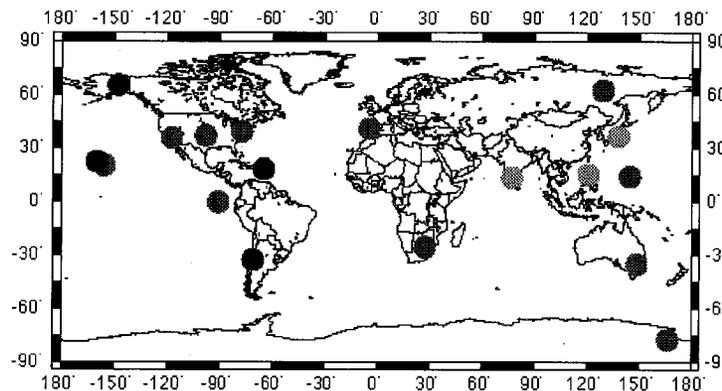
## Customer Relevance:

- Improve airline navigation accuracy by orders of magnitude; enhance aviation safety in U.S.
- Save \$12B+ in next decade in fuel and airport costs

## NASA Relevance:

- Real-time, autonomous space navigation
- Onboard science data product generation
- Real-time natural hazard monitoring
- Pathfinder for the Mars Network Infrastructure.

- **Established a global, real-time, differential GPS ground network**
  - **Real-time user accuracies: 8 cms RMS horizontal, 20 cms RMS**
    - ~ 10 times better than best available commercial and military systems
  - **State-space method => no need to be near reference station (global availability)**
  - **30-40 cms 3D (RSS) global GPS orbits, in real-time**
  - **NASA, DoD and commercial applications being studied, including:**
    - **X33/RLV navigation (X33 flight demo planned)**
    - **Automated LEO navigation and onboard science data product generation**



AOA Benchmarks

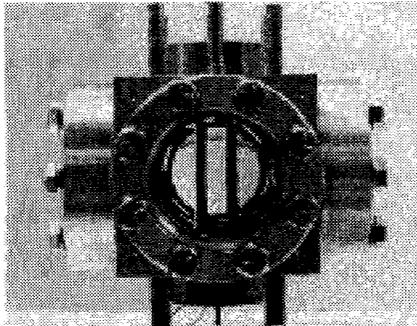


Turbo-Rogues



Ashtech Z-12s

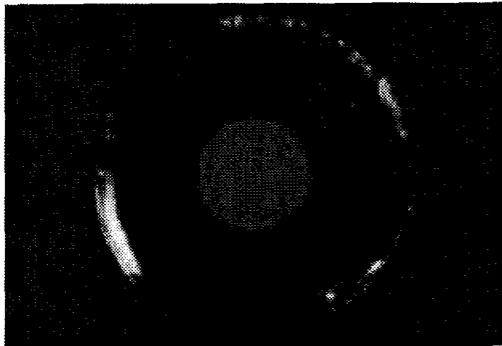
# Frequency and Timing Research



- **Linear Ion Trap frequency Standards (LITS): world's best for measuring times over ~ hours to weeks**

- New generation of atomic frequency standards was developed at JPL and is now being installed in NASA ground stations. Small size, high reliability also make it a natural choice to advance spacecraft capabilities to ultra-high stability levels ( $10^{-15}$  or better).

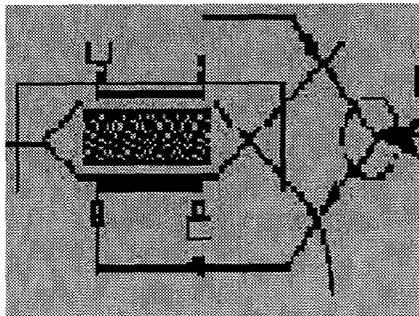
- Project underway to deploy LIT on a GPS satellite



- **Projects underway to fly laser-cooled clocks on the Space Station**

- **Photonic research**

- Provide new capabilities for distribution, conversion & generation of ultra-stable RF & microwave signals.
- These capabilities are essential to NASA's worldwide deep space antenna/communications system
- Optical fiber with low thermal variability
- Photonic frequency conversion that can entirely eliminate the need for an external downconverter.
- OptoElectronic Oscillator: ultra-high stability in a small, room-temp package





# Applications of JPL Technologies With Potential Interest for GPS III



- **Studies of GPS signals & performance (propagation, jamming, codes ...)**
- **User equipment directed studies and research**
- **GPS system performance improvement (global network, 10-cm real-time user accuracy ...)**
- **“Truth systems” to validate operational performance**
- **Evaluation of GPS augmentations (space and/or ground)**
- **Prototypes (algorithms, software, hardware) for operational GPS enhancements (OCS, users ...)**
- **Precision clocks for long-term use in operational environments on ground or onboard GPS satellites**
  
- ***JPL routinely contracts directly with non-NASA agencies and/or with private companies, and licenses its technologies (through Caltech).***

# JPL's GPS Receiver Technology

Larry Young,  
Dec 8, 2000

# **GPS System Building Blocks**

**(Today, Tomorrow)**

## **■ Satellites**

- **Lc, second civil link**
- **Ls, science link**
- **POD-friendly design (phase center, rad. Models)**

## **■ Digital receivers**

- **Sub mm precision**
- **On-board multipath mitigation**
- **Lower power/mass/cost**
- **Additional capabilities (active ant array,...)**

## **■ Global tracking network**

- **Data from >200 digital receivers**
- **Automated 15-cm GPS orbits**
- **Realtime 30-cm GPS orbits**

# **JPL's GPS Receivers Characteristics**

- **Developed to provide the highest accuracy observables**
- **Designed in consultation with users of science data**
- **Flexible design (software radio)**
  - **All tracking loops closed in software**
  - **Next receiver replaces ASICs with FPGAs to allow dynamic hardware reconfiguration**

# JPL's GPS Receivers Development

- Design hardware and algorithms
- Predict performance analytically
- Simulate receiver performance at the sample level, with  $10^{-8}$  cycle precision
- Do bench testing to measure performance vs analysis
  - Ex. C/A measured range vs SNR varies according to analysis. An SNR-based correction was added to the C/A pseudorange.

# JPL GPS Receiver History

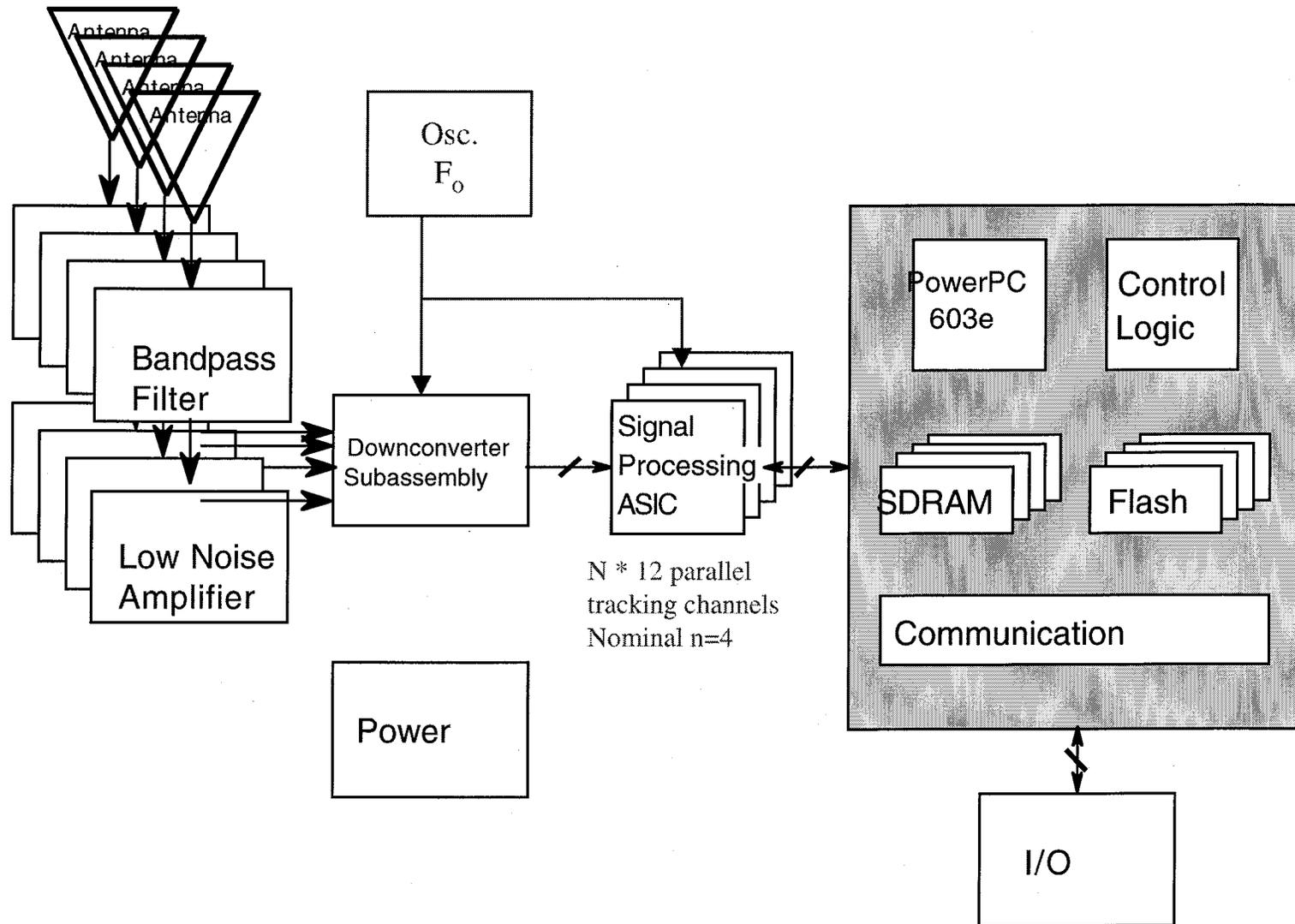
- Ground GPS receiver development at JPL (*tectonic deformation, clk. sync., ion maps, ships/planes*)
  - 1979 SERIES (codeless pseudorange, directional), cm precision, sub-ns clk synch
  - 1986 Rogue + 1992 TurboRogue (code and codeless pseudorange and carrier), 0.1 mm precision, 0.01 ns clock-synch precision

# JPL GPS Receiver History (contd)

- Flight GPS receiver development at JPL (*Precise Orbit Determination, gravity, atmospheric occultation, bistatic radar, attitude, ...*)
  - 1995 TRSR on GPS/MET, Wake Shield, Ørsted, SunSat,
  - 1998 BitGrabber on SNOE, STRV-1C
  - 2000 BlackJack on SRTM, CHAMP, SAC-C, JASON, GRACE, ICESat, FedSat, VCL, ST5
- **Constellation flying**
  - SAC-C, GRACE, ST3, ST5, Mars infrastructure

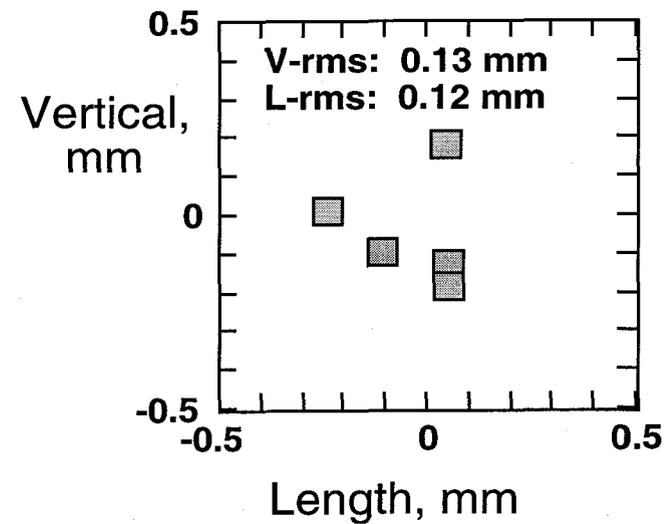
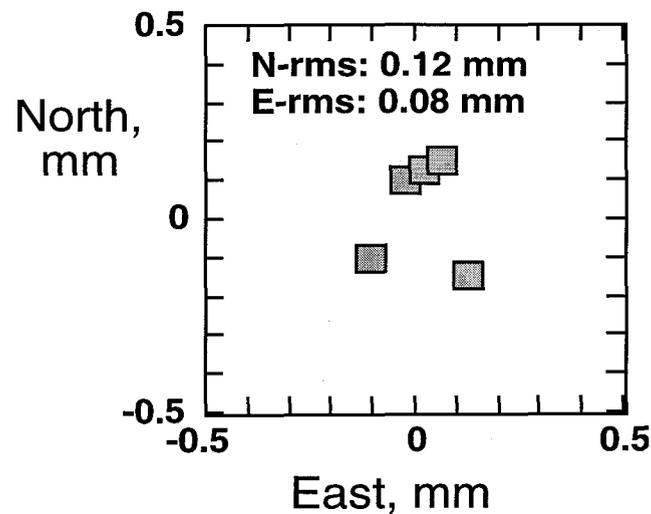
# Architecture

## Block Diagram TRSR Subsystem



# JPL-Developed Digital Receiver Performance

- Limiting-Performance test results
- 29-m baseline measured on JPL mesa



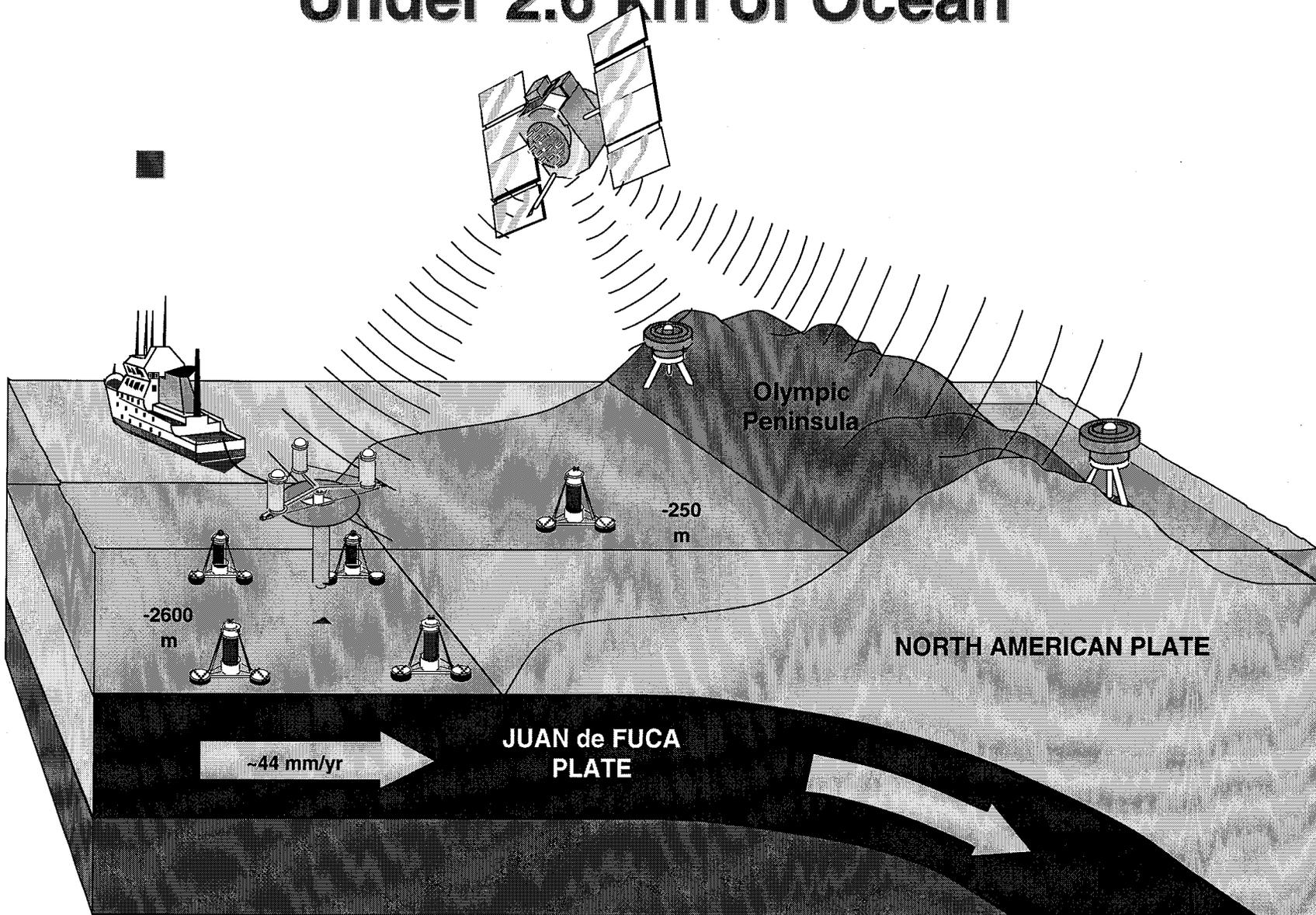
- Repeatability over 5 successive days is 0.1 mm (0.7 arc sec)

# **Undersea Positioning**

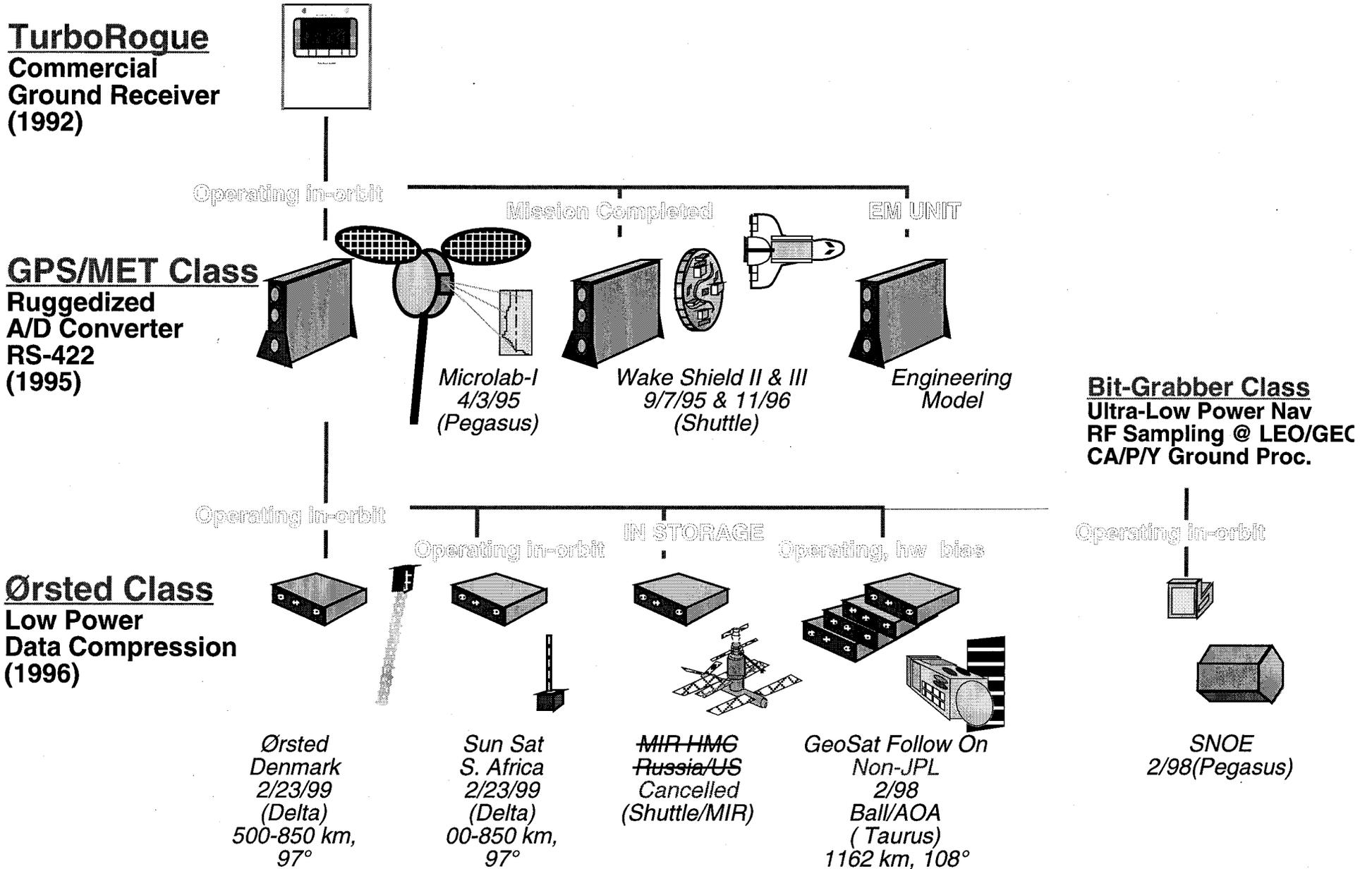
**(Today, Tomorrow)**

- **GPS/acoustic buoy, multiple seafloor transponders**
  - **SIO/JPL demonstrated <10 cm repeatability for seafloor reference mark**
  - **Fixed site**
  - **Post-processed**
- **Multiple buoys to locate underwater vehicle**
  - **Develop algorithms to measure sound velocity**
  - **Produce sub-meter realtime kinematic positioning**

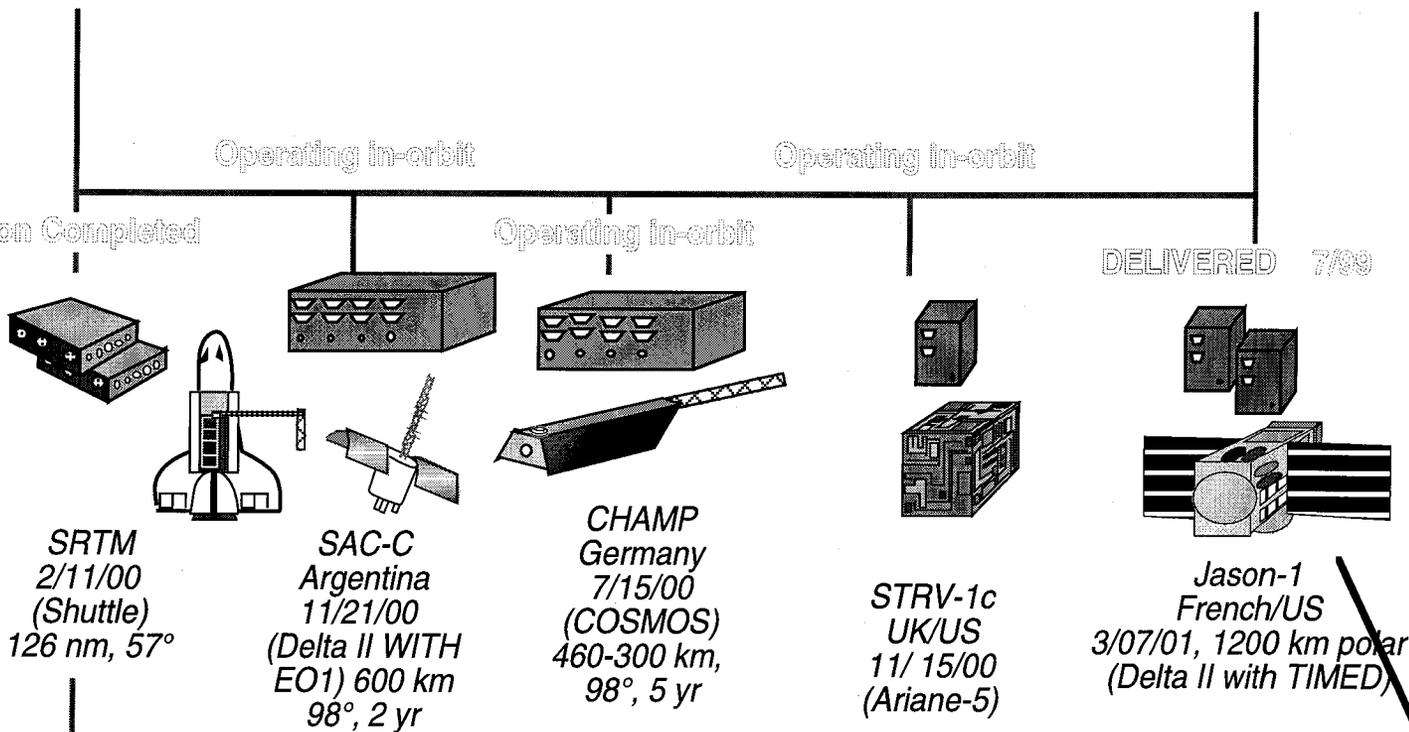
# Sub Decimeter Positioning Under 2.6 km of Ocean



# GPS Systems Group: TRSR Family Tree

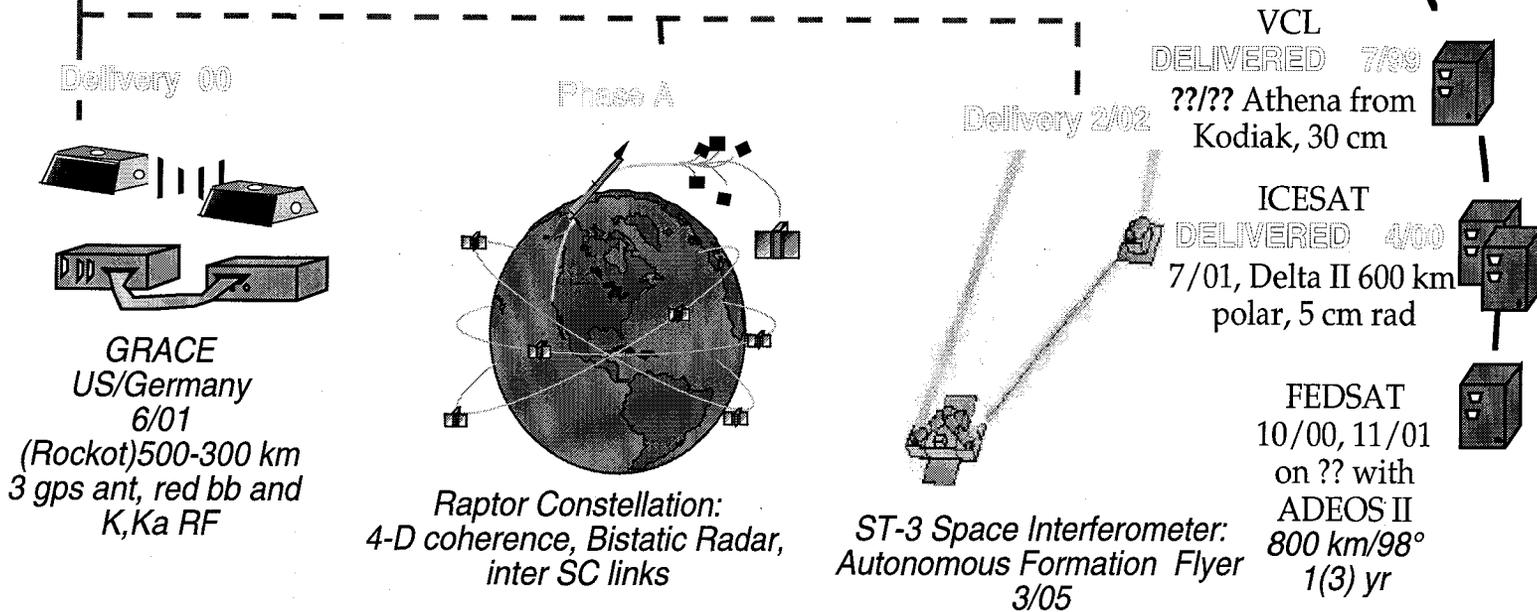


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**Hi- Performance**  
**PowerPC CPU**  
**Lower Power**  
**Multi-Antenna**



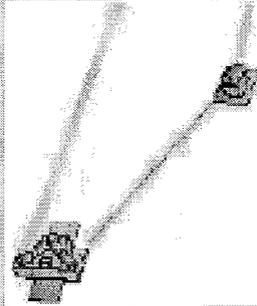
**Raptor Class**  
**Additional Functions**  
**Lower Power**  
**And**

Mars infrastructure 05, 07  
 ST5 3 sats, HEO, 2004  
 ?COSMIC 6 sats 6/04  
 ?ALFA 6/03 16 S/C  
 ?PARC 5/03 shuttle clk  
 ?UAV solar plane  
 SuRGE+MARE



# BlackJack Derived Comm/Nav Transceivers

Delivery 7/04

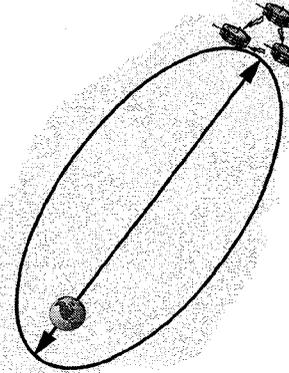


## AFF Class

- Ka-band
- S/C to S/C Link
- no GPS (deep space)
- Nav + Comm
- Range + Bearing Angle
- Extreme Performance
- 1 kbps (no coding)
- 6 month mission

*ST-3 Space Interferometer :  
Autonomous Formation Flyer  
(AFF)*

Delivery 12/02

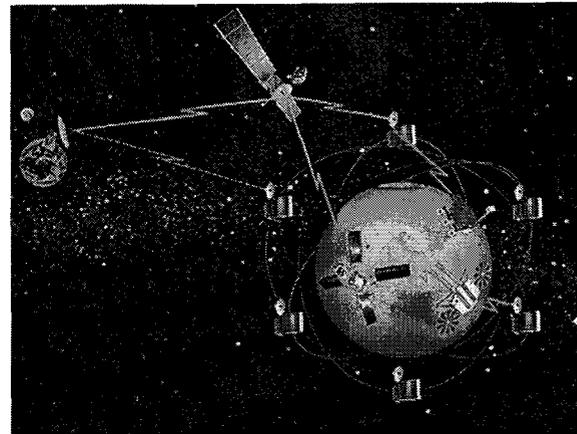


## CCNT Class

- S-band
- S/C to S/C Link
- "BitGrabber" GPS
- Nav + Comm
- Range
- Lower Performance
- 1 kbps + coding
- 6 month mission

*ST-5 NanoSat Constellation Trailblazer :  
Constellation Communication and  
Navigation Transceiver (CCNT)*

Delivery 3/04



*Mars Network Project (Infrastructure) :  
Mars Network Node (MNN)*

## MNN Class

- UHF + X-band
- S/C to many S/C Links
- no GPS (@ Mars)
- Nav + Comm
- Range + Doppler
- High Performance
- 2 Mbps + coding
- 5- 7 year mission

# GRACE Mission

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### SALIENT FEATURE

Launched from Plesetsk to a near-polar 500-km orbit:

- Separation is maintained to  $220 \text{ km} \pm 50 \text{ km}$

The twin satellites are the instrument

- Accurate satellite-to-satellite range measurement  
Tones:  $\leq 4 \mu\text{m}$  @  $> \text{twice/orbit}$   
Noise:  $\leq 1 \mu\text{m}/\text{Hz}^{-1/2}$

Launch & Mission Operations

- By Germany

Launch Date

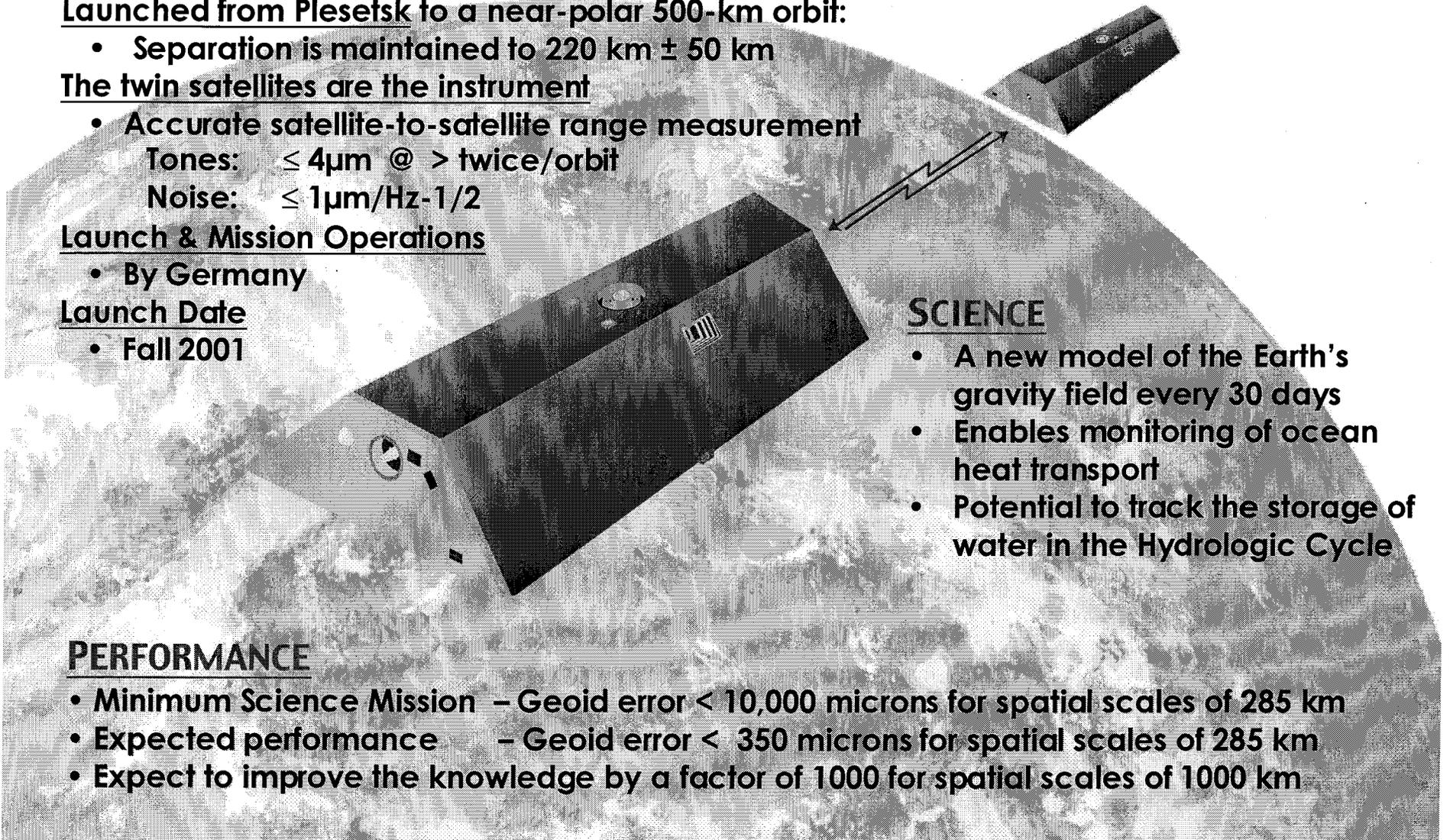
- Fall 2001

### SCIENCE

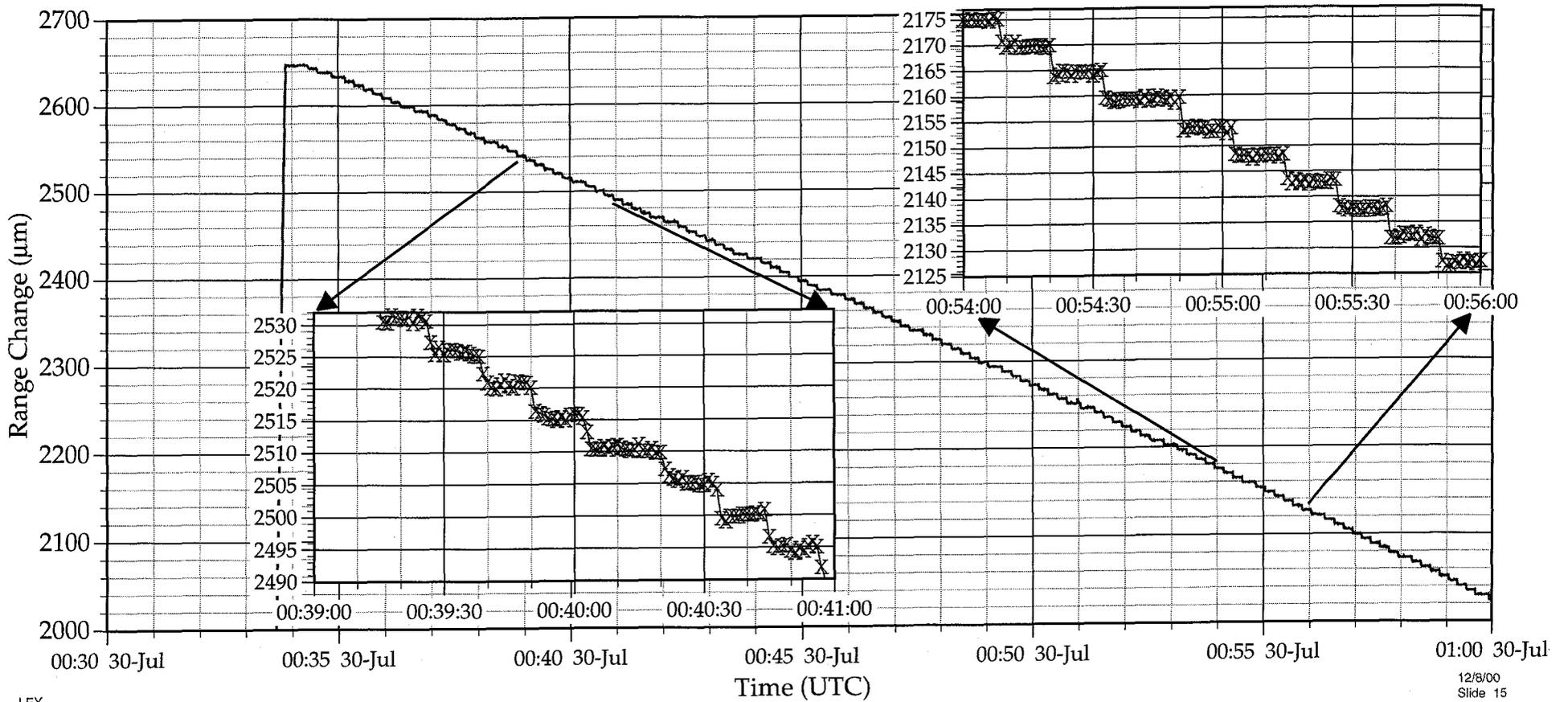
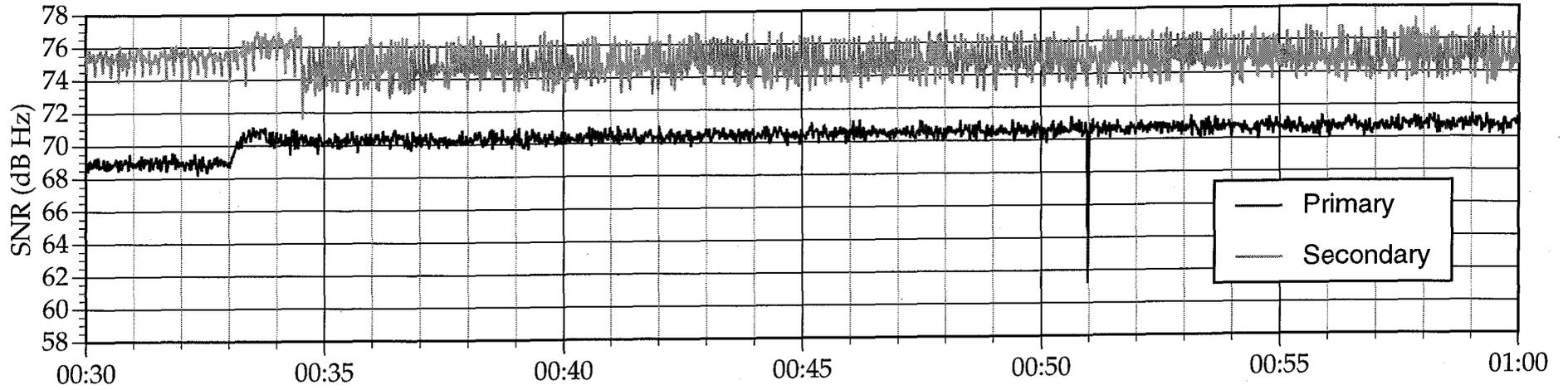
- A new model of the Earth's gravity field every 30 days
- Enables monitoring of ocean heat transport
- Potential to track the storage of water in the Hydrologic Cycle

### PERFORMANCE

- Minimum Science Mission – Geoid error  $< 10,000$  microns for spatial scales of 285 km
- Expected performance – Geoid error  $< 350$  microns for spatial scales of 285 km
- Expect to improve the knowledge by a factor of 1000 for spatial scales of 1000 km



# Ka-Band; 5 $\mu\text{m}$ Steps



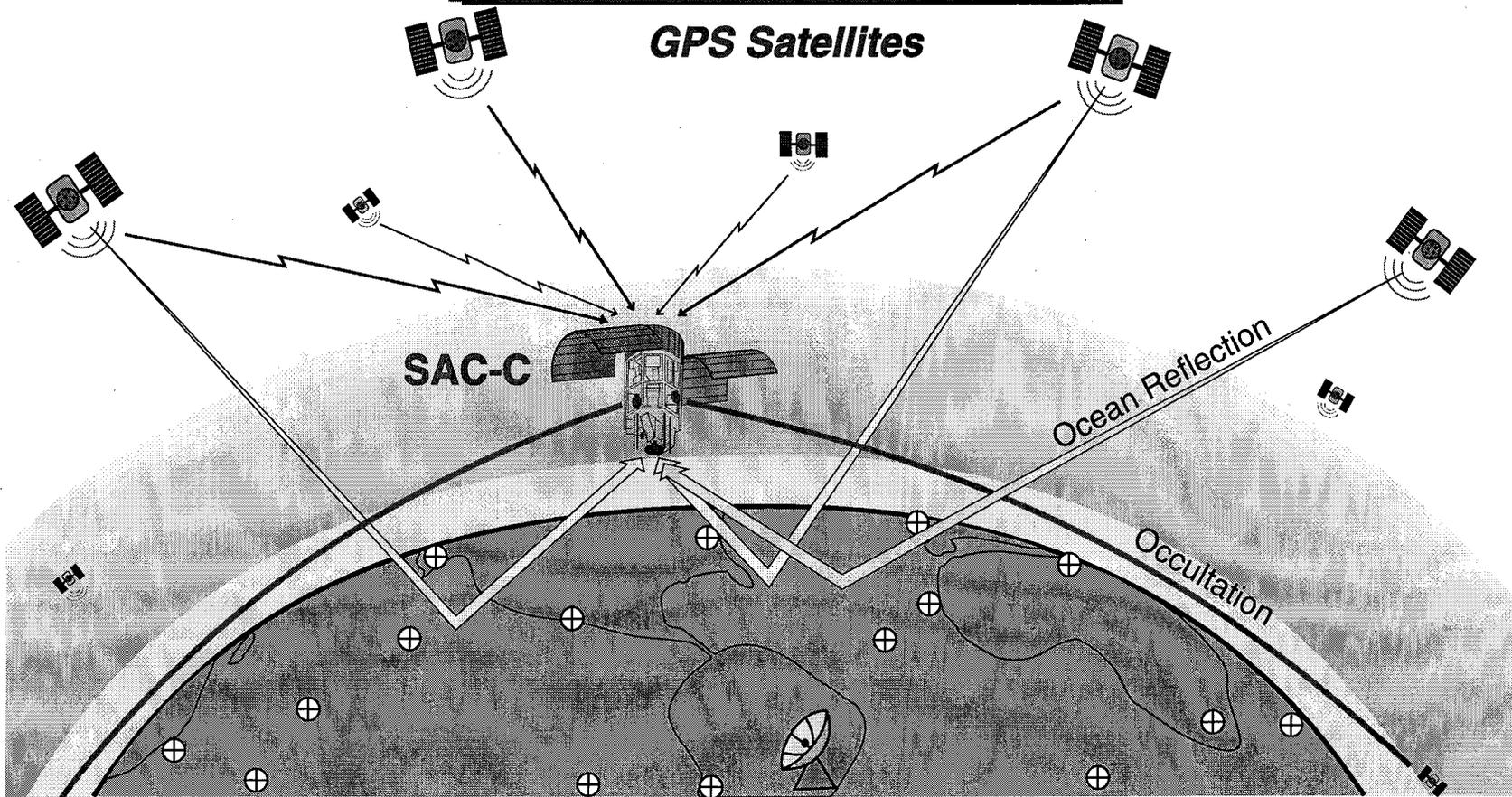
# **Altimetry + Scatterometry; Ocean Reflections of GPS**

**(Today, Tomorrow)**

- **Ground and aircraft-based demos by JPL, Dassault, NASA-Langley, and U. of CO**
- **Two small satellite missions scheduled**
  - **TurboRogue receiver modifications to process data on-board**
  - **Receiver-controlled antenna array will be used**
  - **100 MHz code on Ls will enable cm-level altimetry**
  - **5 GHz Ls carrier will enhance scatterometry**

# GOLPE: GPS OccuLtation and Passive Reflection Experiment

- Precise Orbit Determination
- Long Wavelength Gravity Recovery
- Atmospheric & Ionospheric Imaging
- Ocean Altimetry & Scatterometry



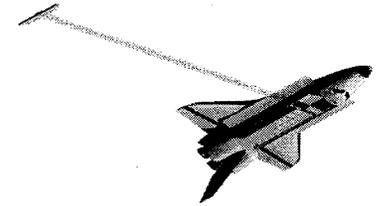
# SIBLE SPACE-BORNE GPS REFLECTION DATA

Shuttle Radar Laboratory

SIR-C/X-SAR

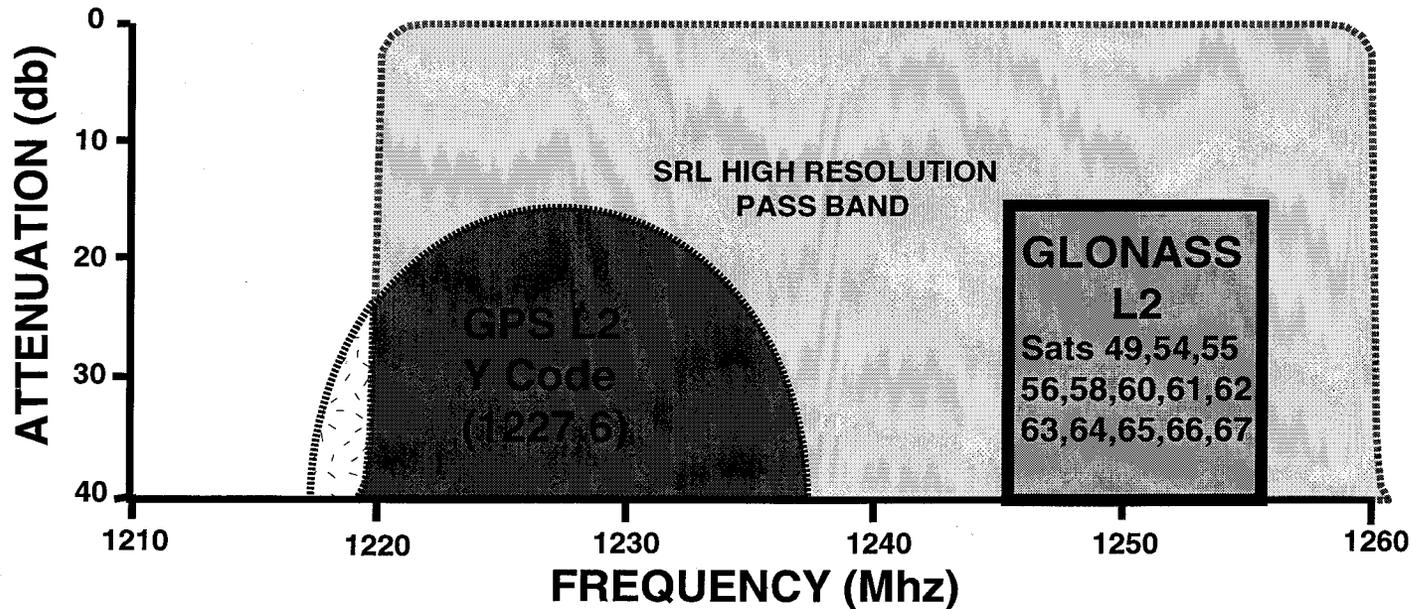


# SHUTTLE RADAR LABORATORY DATA SET

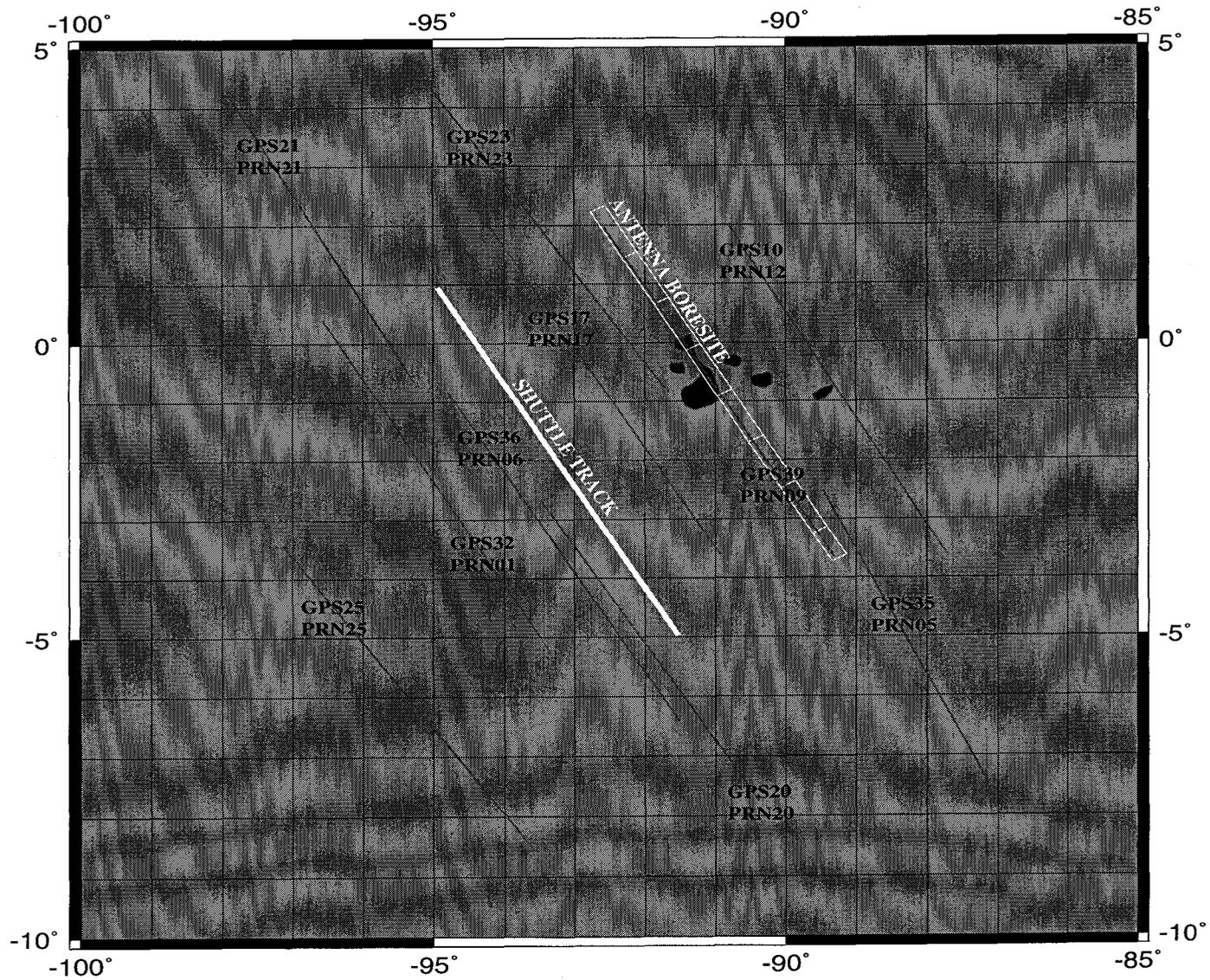


Some data were gathered in High Resolution mode during April and October, 1994 Shuttle Missions

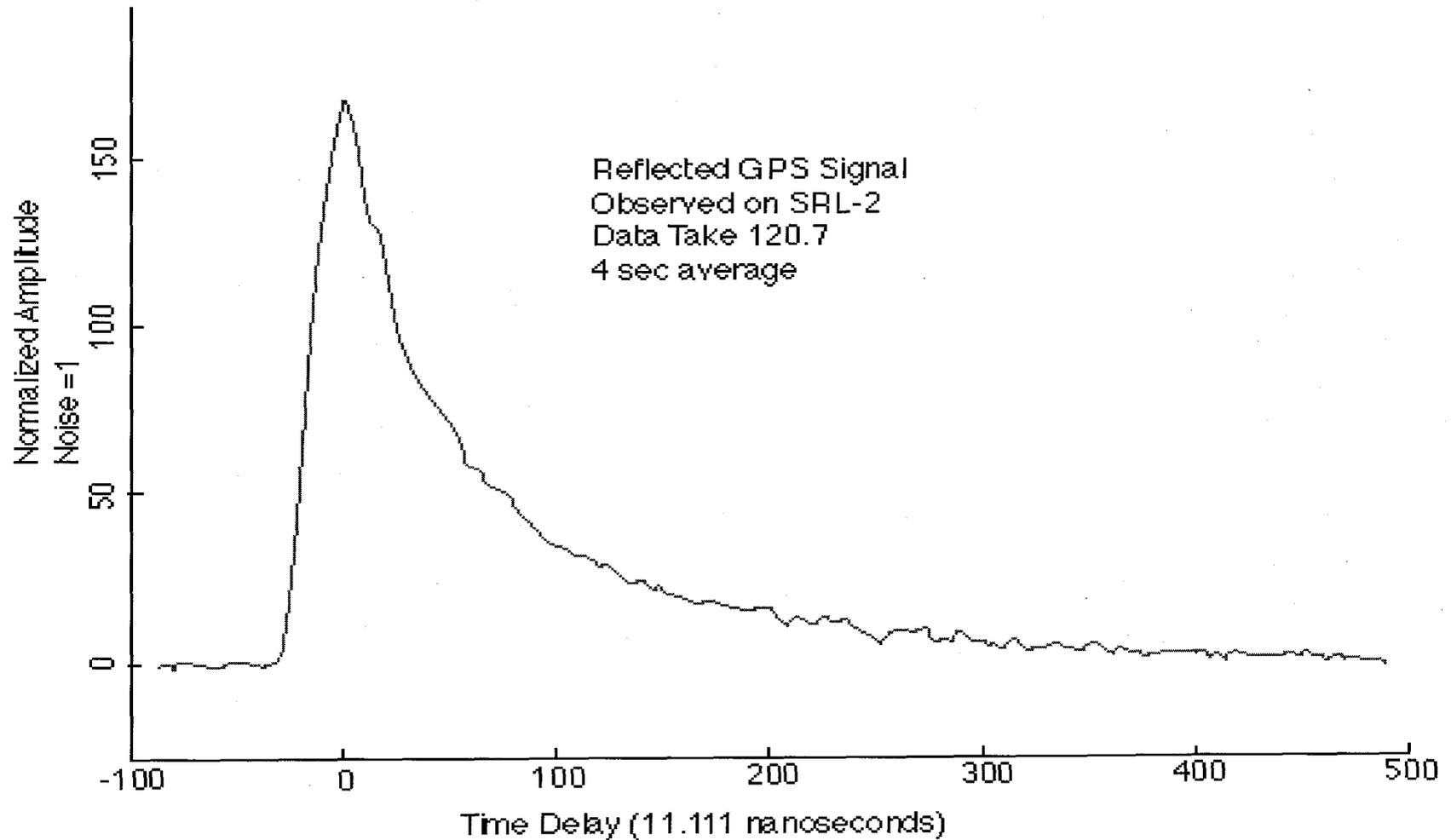
- Sampling Rate: 89.99424 Mb/sec (1 byte samples)
- Bandwidth: 40 Mhz (1220-1260 Mhz)
- Antenna Gain: 60 db with ~27 km Ground Swath Width
- Polarization: Vertical
- Two seconds before and after each data take were in a listen only mode



# Specular Point Distribution for Data Take 120.7



# Estimate of Bistatic Cross Section for Galapagos



# **Climate/Weather from GPS**

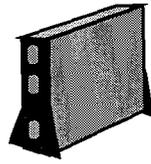
**(Today, Tomorrow)**

## **■ GPS/MET**

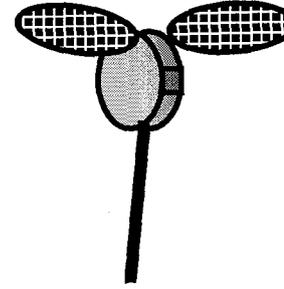
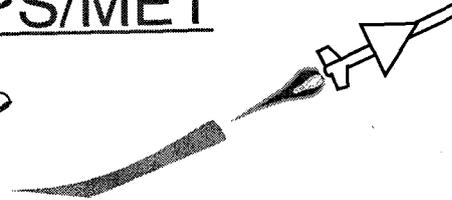
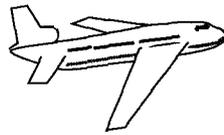
- demonstration of 1 K accuracy temperature profile
- about 200 profiles per day

## **■ Constellation of 100 microsattellites**

- satellite hardware and operations costs low
- about 50,000 globally distributed profiles/day



## GPS/MET



### Status

- Pegasus Launch 4/3/95
- About one software version per month
- Receiver remains healthy after 27 months

### TurboRogue Firsts

- First Occultation Measurements of Earth's atmosphere
- First true cold start of GPS receiver in orbit(4/12/95).
- First Autonomous Scheduling of Science Observations
- First single antenna GPS attitude determination

### Problems (through 1st year on orbit)

- AS
- Data Outages
  - Many Space Craft Resets
  - Many Space Craft Power Problems
  - Many Receiver Resets (SEU's)
  - Many Communication Errors
  - 10-20 Space Craft attitude problems
    - Single Antenna Attitude Determination
  - 6-7 Commanding Errors
  - 7 Uploads (1 lasting 90 minutes)
  - 2 Software Errors
- 1 Latch-Up
  - ~48 hour duration, affected only one channel,

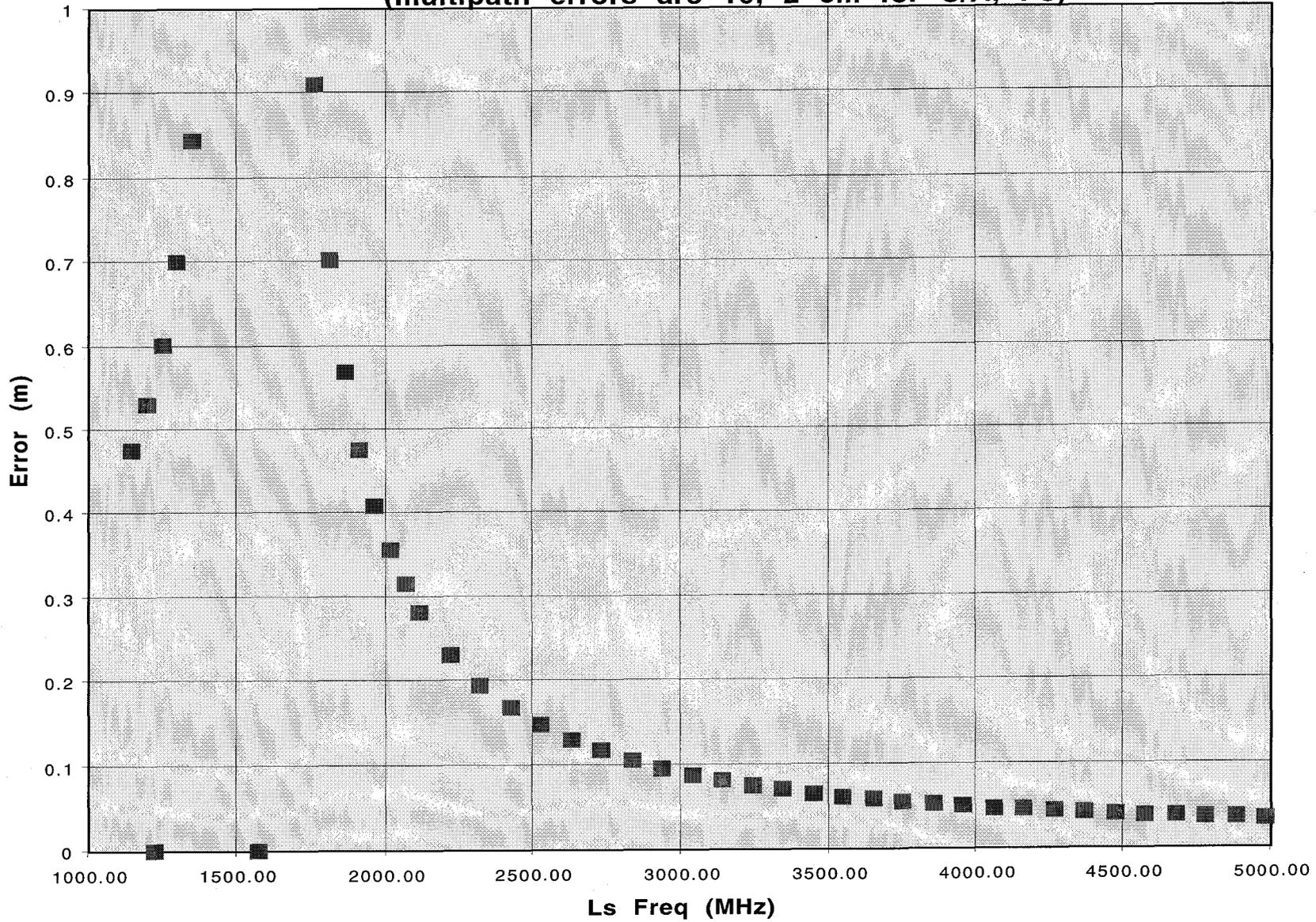
# Science Link, Ls

(Today, Tomorrow)

## ■ Ls

- Special session on Ls at American Geophysical Union mtg, Ls design presented @ AGU, Talk @ JPL seminar,
- Desired attributes
  - Precise ion-free pseudorange
  - Tri-laning for robust carrier ambiguity resolution
  - Low multipath
- Future appl.: altimetry, scatterometry, bistatic radar...
- Strawman design for freq., range code, constant-amplitude modulation scheme

**Error in Ion-Free GPS Pseudorange vs Wideband Ls Frequency**  
(sys. noise errors are 20, 1 cm for C/A, Ps)  
(multipath errors are 10, 2 cm for C/A, Ps)



# **Two Concepts for Enhancing GPS**

## **(Today, Tomorrow)**

- Upgrade existing constellation to enable <50 cm (expect 20 cm) stand alone user positioning**
  - Augment GPS constellation to improve robustness, availability, and add new C-band frequency signal**
  - Significantly enhance GPS cross-links with continuous phase and range to maintain precise time transfer across entire constellation**
  - Could support 10-cm real-time non-differential user accuracy while requiring global monitor network of only ~ 20 ground sites**

# Summary

- **GPS receivers**
- **GPS antennas**
- **On-receiver data processing**
- **GPS signal design**
- **New applications for GPS**



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# **JPL's relevant expertise in GPS performance analysis and software**

**Presenter: Yoaz Bar-Sever**

## Contents:

Core capabilities and activities

Strategic software tools

Selected contribution to GPS performance

GPS III study topics



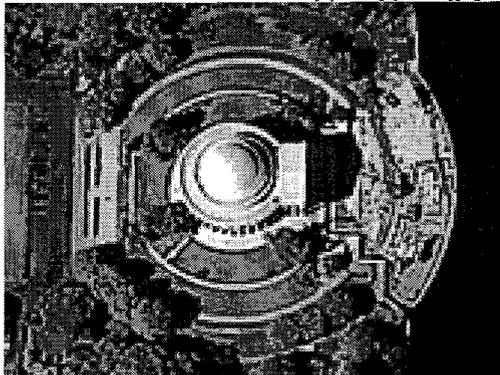
# Core capabilities and activities - orbit determination



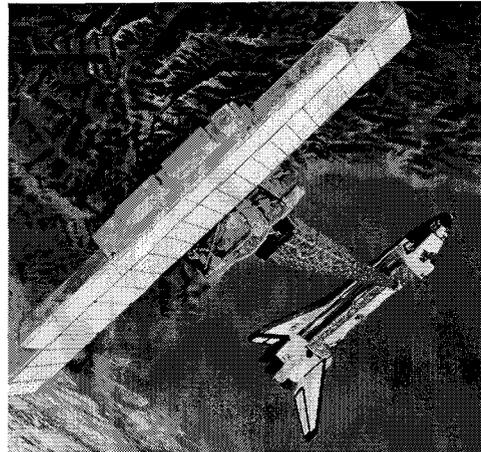
Precise orbit determination (scientific, military and commercial)

- GPS, Topex, SRTM, Ikonos, SAC-C, Jason, OV3, PARCS,...

An Ikonos image of...



1 m orbit Accuracy on Ikonos



1 m orbit Accuracy on SRTM

10 cm 3D accuracy on GPS



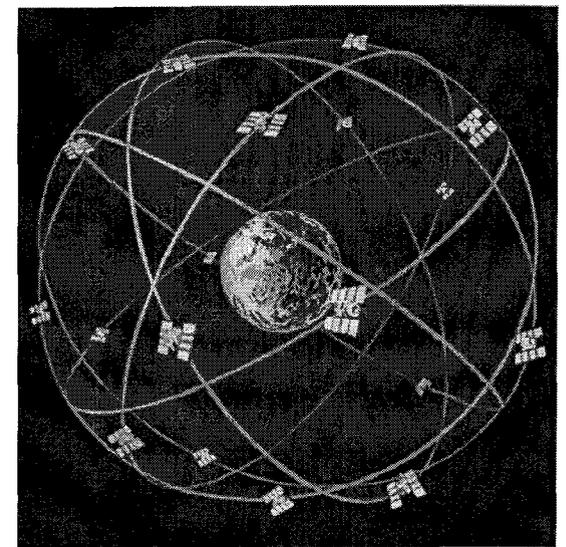
2 cm radial accuracy on TOPEX



Routine and automatic GPS orbit determination processes

- Precise (better than 10 cm 3D RMS) with 3 day latency
- Rapid (20 cm 3D RMS) with 12 hours latency
- Real time (30 cm 3D RMS)
- 48 hour orbit prediction ( 50 cm median 3D error over last 24 hours)

Routine and automatic daily orbit determination for Topex

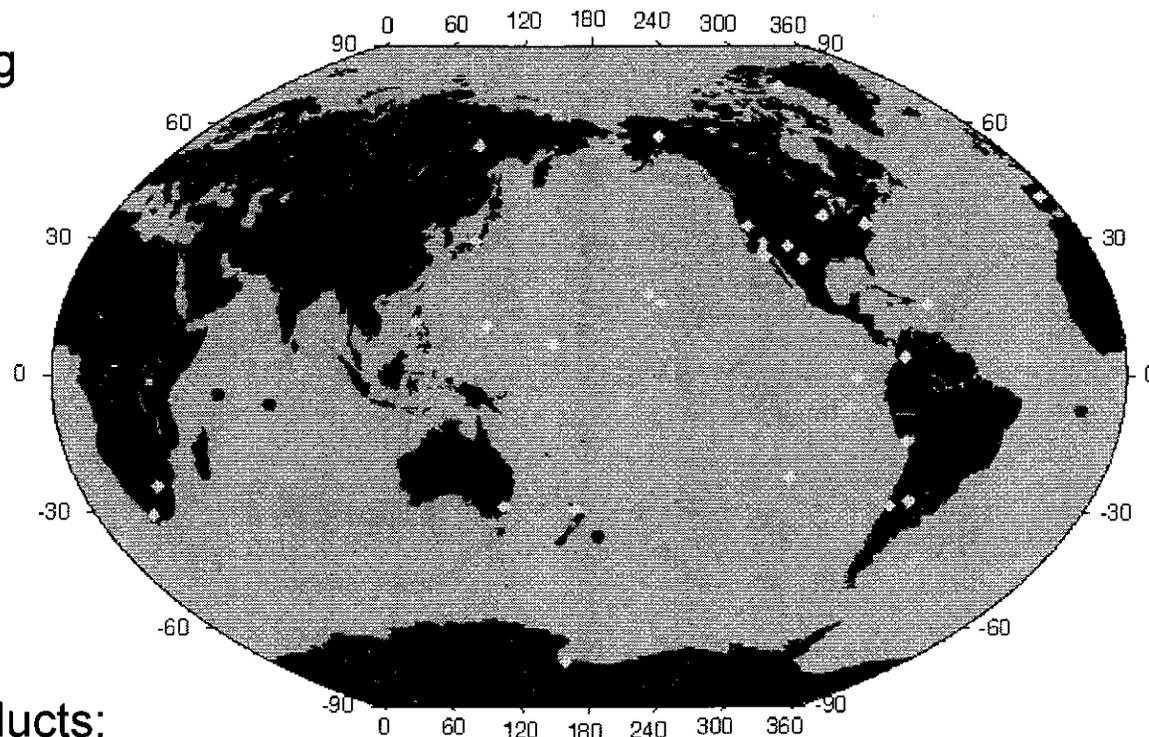




Operating and maintaining NASA's global GPS network (GGN)

- Dual frequency geodetic receivers
- Real time global sub-net
- Sub-cm routine daily positioning of hundreds of sites world wide

### NASA's Global GPS Network



GPS orbit determination by-products:

- Earth orientation parameters
- Determination of terrestrial reference frame
- Global ionospheric maps



# Core capabilities and activities - real time systems



1995 White Paper (WADGPS)  
Real Time GIPSY (RTG)

1996 RTG is licensed to SATLOC  
RTG is licensed to Raytheon (WAAS)  
NASA-FAA Inter-Agency Agreement

1997

1998 2nd RTG license to Raytheon (MSAS-Japan)

1999 Internet-based Global Differential GPS (IGDG)

2000 Global Differential GPS with IGDG operational

IGDG wins NASA Software of the Year Award

Initial ground positioning  
Demonstrated 50-cm (97)

Automobile positioning  
Demonstrated 80-cm (98)



Aircraft real-time Wide Area Differential navigation:  
NASA SAR plane (98)  
and FAA/WAAS (99)  
Demonstrated 40-cm vertical 30-cm horizontal (98)

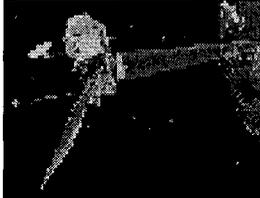


Internet-based Global Differential (IGDG) (00)  
Real time ground positioning  
Demonstrated 10 cm horizontal, 20 cm vertical accuracy

X-33/RLV IGDG real-time  
positioning demo (01)  
Goal: sub-meter accuracy

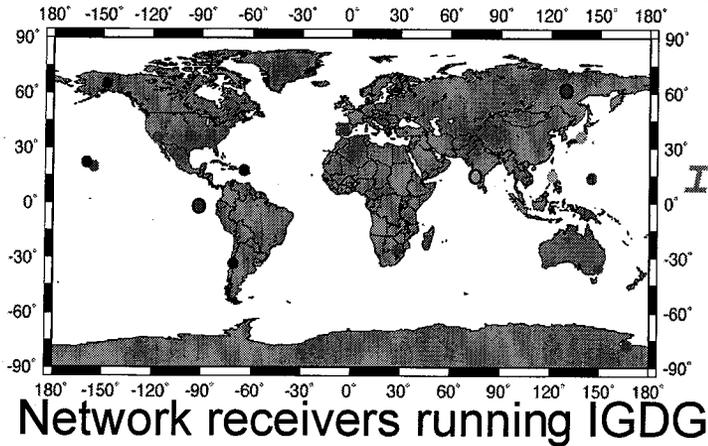


Real-time autonomous  
positioning and  
navigation for Earth  
orbiters (00-01)  
Goal: sub-10-cm accuracy



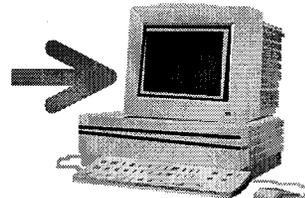


# Core capabilities and activities - real time systems

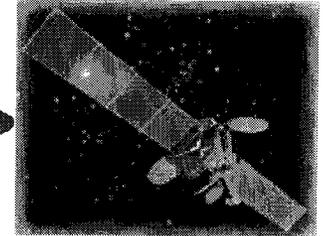


JPL processing center  
running IGDG

Internet



Broadcast

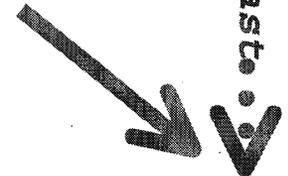


Internet

Broadcast

**Revolutionary new capability:  
decimeter real time positioning, anywhere, anytime**

Capability	JPL's IGDG	Un-augmented GPS	Others (WADGPS services)
Coverage: Global	Yes	Yes	No
Seamless	Yes	Yes	No
Usable in space	Yes	Yes	No
Accuracy: Kinematic applications	0.1 m horizontal 0.2 m vertical	5 m	> 1 m
Orbit determination	0.01 – 0.05 m (goal)	1 m	N/A
Dissemination method	Internet/broadcast	Broadcast	Broadcast
Targeted users	Dual-frequency	Dual-frequency	Single-freq.



Remote user  
running IGDG

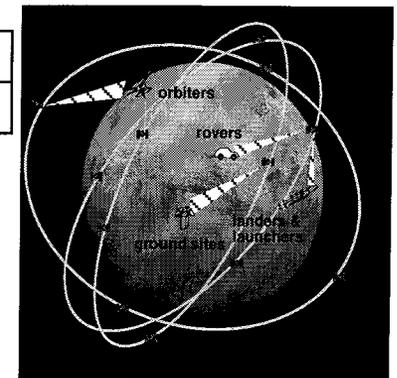
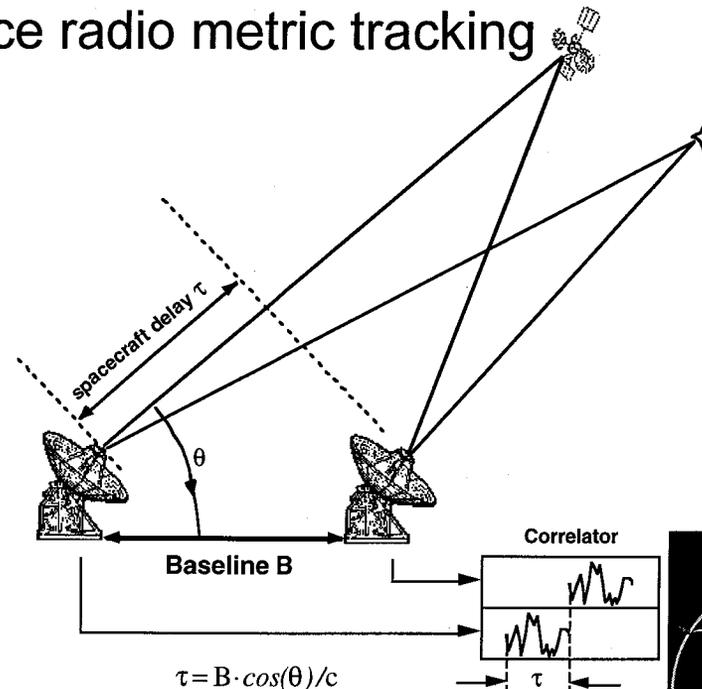
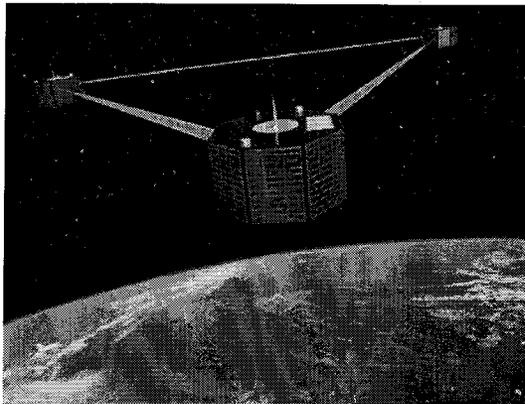
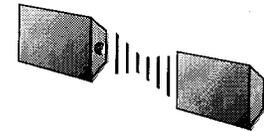
For more info:  
<http://gipsy.jpl.nasa.gov/igdg>

# JPL Core capabilities and activities - non-GPS tracking systems



Advanced tracking systems for spacecraft and constellations

- Next generation constellation tracking system (CETDP)
- GRACE (orbit determinations and gravity recovery)
- Constellation Communications and Navigation Transceiver (ST-5 CCNT)
- Interferometry-based deep space radio metric tracking



Constellation design

- Mars infrastructure network (comm. and navigation)
- Galileo
- Constellation design tools (visualization and analysis)

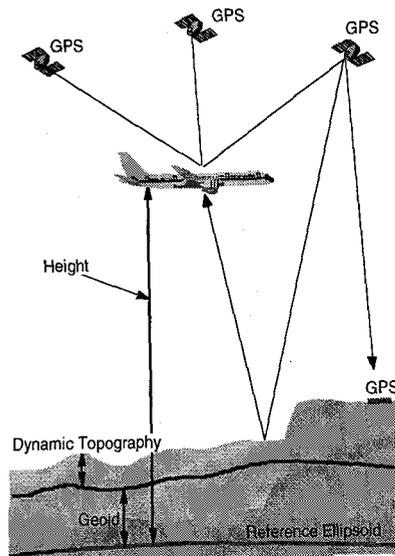
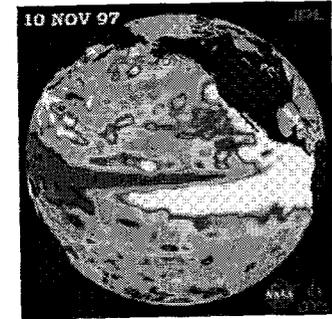


## Core capabilities and activities - remote sensing

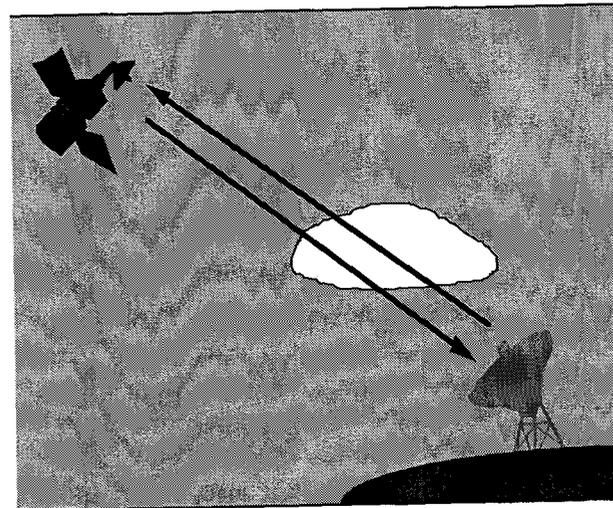


### GPS-based remote sensing and science

- Altimetric missions calibration/validation
- Atmospheric sounding (ground-based and occultations)
- Global ionospheric maps
- Geodesy
- Earth orientation monitoring
- Bi-static ocean altimetry and scatterometry
- Radio science propagation calibration (Cassini)



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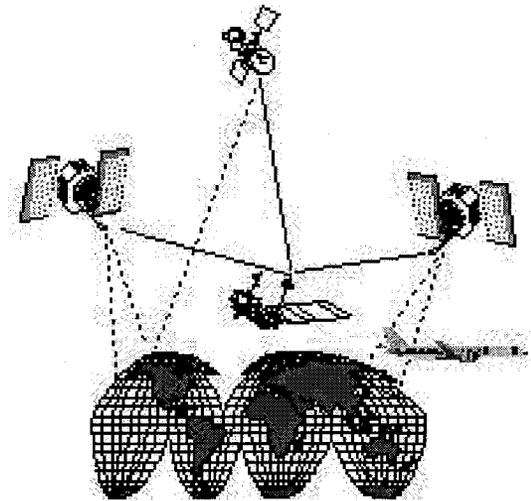
Performance Analysis and Software for GPS III

TOPEX calibration site on Harvest oil platform



## **GPS Inferred Positioning System/Orbit Analysis and Simulation Software**

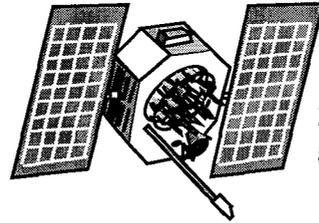
- General tracking systems analysis and orbit determination/positioning
- Uncompromised modeling accuracy: cm-level accuracy demonstrated (ground and space)
  - Earth/Sun/Moon/planets (and tidal) gravity perturbations, solar pressure, thermal radiation, drag, empirical models etc.
  - Earth orientation, tides, ocean loading, general relativity, plate motion, troposphere, etc.
  - Unique GPS kinematic and dynamic models developed in-house (yaw, solar pressure)
- Unparalleled flexibility: space-space and ground-space tracking, range, Doppler, phase, angles, GPS, DORIS, SLR, 1-way, 2-way, 3-way data types
- Unique filter/smoothing is without equal in estimation capabilities and accuracy
- Hundreds of licensed government, industry, and academic users world wide





Geostationary  
36000 km altitude  
(TDRS, INMARSAT)

5-25 m  
ground-based tracking



GPS  
20000 km  
altitude

>10 cm  
*operational automated processing*

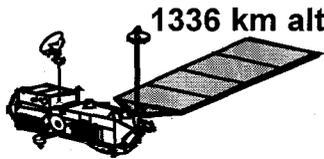
A small sample of  
GIPSY's track record



Lageos

6000 km altitude  
<10 cm 2-way laser ranging

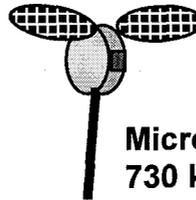
TOPEX



1336 km altitude

With GPS: < 2 cm (AS off) radial  
< 3 cm (AS on) radial  
  
< 10 cm 3D RSS (AS off)

*operational automated processing*

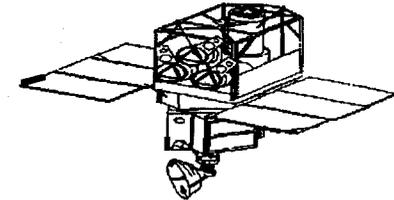


MicroLab/GPSMET  
730 km altitude

With GPS L1/L2 < 10 cm

EUVE (Explorer)

500 km altitude



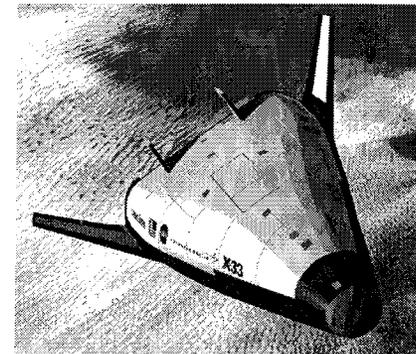
2-3 m with GPS  
L1 only



## Strategic software tools - Real Time GIPSY (RTG)



- Optimized for real-time, autonomous radio metric data processing, orbit determination, and user positioning
- Compact - currently 50,000 lines of ANSI C code
- Designed to run in personal computers, small workstations, or flight computers (including processors embedded in GPS receivers)
- Retain the precision of the venerable GIPSY-OASIS software
- Minimize load size (400 kbytes) with fast throughput for flight CPUs
- Widely portable
- Unparalleled track record: WAAS prototype, commercial differential system, used for orbit determination (on the ground) of SNOE (Student Nitric Oxide Experiment) spacecraft, 30 cm real time GPS orbit determination.
  - Scheduled to fly on SAC-C GPS receiver (2001)
  - Scheduled to fly on the RLV/X33
  - Scheduled to fly on ST-5 constellation (2003) and perform constellation state determination using **crosslinks and GPS**



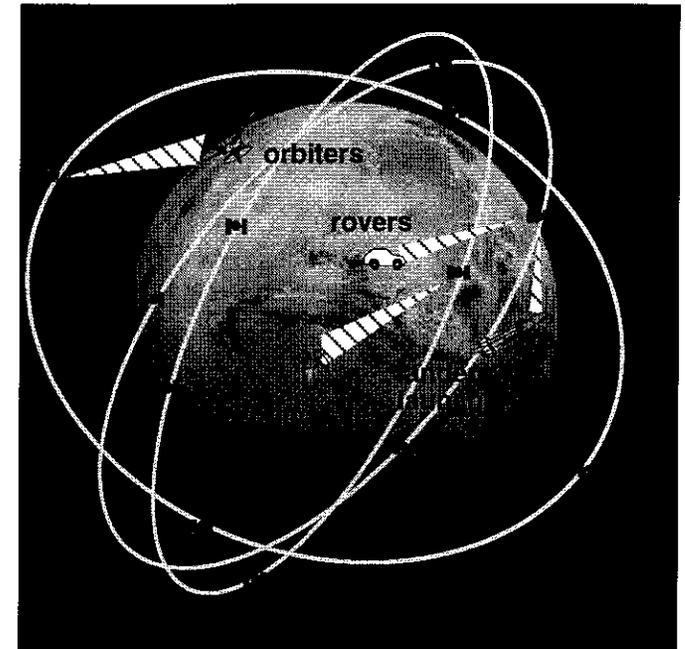
RLV/X33

## Visualization and Analysis Package for ORbiting Systems

Powerful constellation design and analysis tool with unique capabilities:

- Analysis of navigation, communications and radio science performance
- Robust Monte-Carlo simulation capabilities
- Ground-space and space-space links
- Innovative and stunning visualization capabilities

Primary tool for design and analysis of the Mars Network



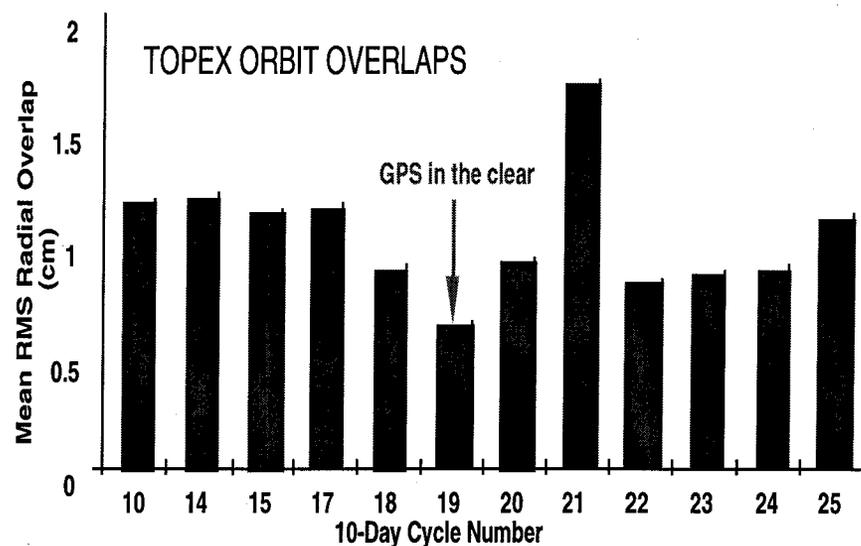


# Selected contributions to GPS operations/performance



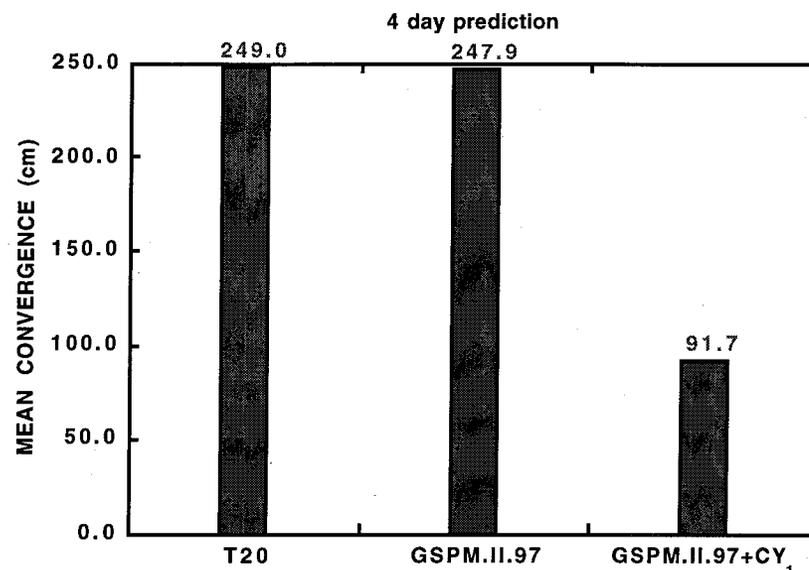
## GPS yaw attitude (Bar-Sever et al., *Navigation*, 1995, Bar-Sever, *J. geodesy*, 1996)

- Explained unpredictable behavior of GPS satellites during eclipse season
- Efforts led to altering of GPS yaw attitude in orbit (1994)
- Developed and implemented in GIPSY a new model for GPS yaw attitude which directly contributed to improved GPS orbit determination.



## GPS solar pressure (Bar-Sever, *JPO/CZSF Report*, 1997)

- Developed methodology to estimate solar radiation pressure in orbit to account for *actual* s/c behavior
- Developed new GPS solar radiation model significantly improving on the ROCK/T20 model. Allows for continuous tuning as satellite age





## Selected contributions to GPS operations/performance

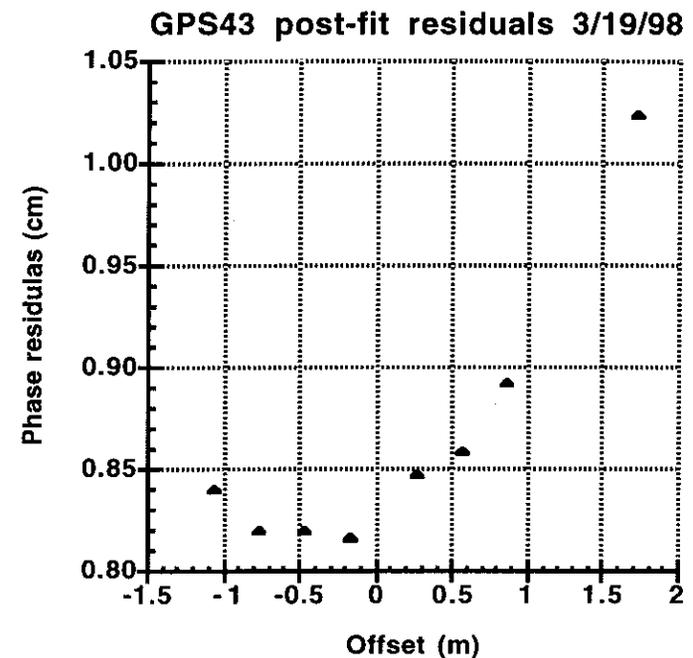


### GPS antenna phase center (Bar-Sever., PAWG meeting, 1999)

- Estimated GPS transmit antenna phase center offset using ground-based observations. Reveal significant non-nominal value, including 1.5 m off-nominal value for SVN 43 (Block IIR)
- Analysis efforts on-going.

### Tgd estimation

- Identified inaccuracies in the broadcast Tgd value
- Estimated values were delivered to 2SOPS and implemented in the broadcast message (1999)





## Potential GPS III studies

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### Autonomy

- On board navigation software
- Utilization of cross links for navigation and communications
  - Distributed onboard computing
- Limitation of orbit prediction capabilities
- Mitigation of Earth-fix orbit uncertainties

### Improve navigation message

- New information for enhanced accuracy (eg attitude)
- Data compression schemes

### Constellation design and coverage analysis

- Assess combination of LEO, MEO, GEO with VAPORS, GIPSY

### System performance analysis and simulation

- GIPSY provides unique value to assess complex system

### In orbit performance assessment



## Potential GPS III studies

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In orbit performance assessment

- Using ground network

In orbit model enhancement and tuning

- spacecraft never behave nominally. Successful approach demonstrated

Effective ground segment

- Achieve best accuracy, economy, and safety with new paradigm: IGDG++

End-user software

- Continuous phase smoothing
- Atmospheric modeling/estimation
- heading/windup