

# Nutzungspotenziale von GNSS für die Raumfahrt: GNSS – Space Service Volume

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# Introduction – Definition of Interoperable GNSS Space Service Volume (SSV)



- Only GPS and Galileo (since 2020) have a definition for SSV
- Definition for GPS SSV is different to definition of Galileo SSV
- UN International Committee on GNSS (ICG) Space Use Subgroup provided a definition of an interoperable GNSS SSV





# Introduction – Space User Community





# **Space User Community is Very DIVERSE** Orbital Regime (LEO,..., Moon) Size of Spacecraft (CubSat, ISS) Applications (Earth Obs, Com, Sci) Single Sat, Formation Flying Level of Accuracy (100m, <5cm) Navigation Concept (on-board, Ground)

# **Space Users Benefits and Applications – Benefits**



### Performance

- On-board generation of Position, Velocity and Time (PVT) with high accuracy
- Interoperable GNSS SSV allows development of new positioning concepts/algorithms tailored to specific mission needs
- Precise Orbit Determination (POD) highest possible accuracy
- Operational
- New operations concepts with reduced Ground interaction
- Increase of on-board autonomy
  - Increase of robustness of spacecraft navigation and operations resilience
- Technology
  - Enabler for new mission and service concepts
  - Development of GNSS Receiver core technology

# **Space Users Benefits and Applications - Applications**

- Position, Velocity and Time (PVT) for on-board Navigation
- Precise Orbit Determination Highest Level of Accuracy (onground or on-board)
- On-board Attitude Determination (3-Axis or spinning SV)
- Rendezvous and Docking
- Time synchronisation
- Launch Vehicle Range Operations
- Earth Science/Science
- Manoeuvre calibration
- Relative Navigation for Sat Formation Flying or Sat Constellation



# **Space Users Benefits and Applications - Examples**



### Joint ESA-NASA Galileo/GPS Experiment Onboard the ISS



Joint ESA/NASA Project -Demonstration of added value of GNSS SSV – Visibility of GAL/GPS SV

• First Position Fix in space from GAL/GPS E5a/L5



# **Space Users Benefits and Applications - Examples**



### GNSS based Precise Orbit Determination for ESA's PROBA-3 Mission

- ESA's PROBA-3 mission is a Technology Demonstration Mission for high-precision formation-flying of a pair of satellites in an HEO orbit
- Important: More Observations -> Better Orbit Determination Accuracy
- Precise Orbit Determination Accuracy: absolute 15cm, relative 3mm



# **Space Users Benefits and Applications - Examples**



Impact of inclusion of GNSS Side Lobes Signals in Simulations for Gateway (based on models, in orbit measurements and/or data released by the GNSS service providers)



Predicted Gateway GPS/Galileo visibility (20 dB-Hz; ESA/ESOC)

# **Roadmap for Utilization in ESA Missions 1/2**



**ISS** GAL/GPS Receiver on-board the ISS First E5a/L5 only position fix in space



**Sentinel – 6 A** Precise Orbit Determination based on dual freq. GAL/GPS Receiver





### PROBA - 3

absolute and relative Precise Orbit Determination based on dual freq. GAL/GPS Receiver

# **Roadmap for Utilization in ESA Missions 2/2**



### Lunar Pathfinder

- Galileo/GPS receiver and also a Laser Reflector onboard
- First time ever that such a combination is lying on a mission to the Moon
- Precise Orbit Determination Experiment based on GNSS and Laser Ranging



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### GATEWAY

Proposal was made for on-board navigation and Precise Orbit Determination based on GAL/GPS Receiver

### **Future Vision**

GNSS as an integral future infrastructure element for Spacecraft Navigation for missions to Moon and Mars 202x

# Conclusions



- The interoperable multi-GNSS Space Service Volume (GNSS SSV) offers enormous benefits for space users and is an enabler for future advanced missions (Improved signal availability, Improved navigation performance)
- The number of Space Users in all orbital regimes, which are relaying on GNSS will grow significantly over the next 5 years
  - from several 100's to several 10000's
- With advanced GNSS equipment, GNSS signals can be tracked and used for navigation within Lunar missions
- ESA supports international activities related to the GNSS SSV, like ICG, IGS, IOAG, ISECG, CCSDS,...