GNSS and moon exploration: a great opportunity for Europe !

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## 2. GNSS and Galileo for Moon exploration: 25 min

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### ¿How many cars are in the world?

# ¿How many GNSS/Satellite Navigation receivers are in the world?





### Satellite Navigation: a major "utility" on planet Earth



About **6.4 Billion satellite navigation receivers** are today estimated in the world.

The current forecast is that we will reach **8 Billion satellite navigation receivers in 2024** (Source: GNSS Market Report GSA, Oct 2019)

**Note**: Today it is estimated that there are about **1.2 Billion cars** worldwide and that the figure could reach **2 Billion in 2035**.



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### GNSS RECEIVERS IN OUR DAILY LIFE









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## Multiconstellation GNSS chips (GPS, Glonass, Galileo, Beidou)





## A countless number of applications ...



### SATELLITE NAVIGATION AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY







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### Global Navigation Satellite Systems Today













GPS 6 orbital planes 24 satellites + spares MEO 55° inclination 20,200 km altitude



GLONASS 3 orbital planes 21 satellites + spares MEO 64.8° inclination 19,100 km altitude



Galileo 3 orbital planes 24 satellites + 6 spares MEO 56° inclination 23,222 km altitude



BeiDou 6 orbital planes 35 satellites: 5 GEO, 3 IGSO, 27 MEO 56° inclination (IGSO & MEO) 23,616 km altitude

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## THE GALILEO EUROPEAN SYSTEM







THE GALILEO CONSTELLATION

### **Galileo Constellation Status**





### 26 Satellites in orbit !

### Navigation (22 in service) Search and Rescue (23 in service)



### 26 satellites in orbit

2 in tecting (NAV/ P/L only

1 spare

1 unavailable (NAV P/L only)

2 no SAR (by design)

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### **Galileo Satellites**







# S/C Prime Contractor Astrium GmbH (now Airbus Defence & Space)

### All 4 satellites in-orbit

Mass at Launch Power Consumption Dimensions Orbit Injection Attitude Profile

700kg 1420W 2.7 x 1.6 x 14.5 m Direct into MEO orbit Yaw Steered

S/C Prime Contractor OHB Systems GmbH P/L Prime Contractor SSTL Ltd

### All 22 satellites in-orbit

Mass at Launch Power Consumption Dimensions Orbit Injection Attitude Profile 733kg 1900 W 2.5 x 1.1 x 14.7 m Direct into MEO orbit Yaw Steered

### **Galileo Launches**





12 FOC
satellites
launched
with Ariane 5

## IOV FOC

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			2016		2017	2018
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### Galileo FOC-M8 SAT 23-24-25-26



Future Launch services

## **Long-Term Constellation Deployment**



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**Transition Batch** 

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L10 (FOC FM19,20,21,22) **FOC Batch 3** (FOC FM23 - FM36)



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## **Signal In Space Ranging Performance**





- Decreasing Ranging Error trend due to increasing number of Satellites and G/S improvements
- Ranging accuracy 0.27m (95%) all satellites in August 2019 FNAV

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## **Positioning Performance & Availability**

- 4 more satellites operational since February 2019
- Satellites in operational constellation:
- Availability of H. Accuracy <10 m
- Global PDOP <=6 availability</li>
- Availability for Timing Service



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- **100%** (Average User Location)
- 99.99% (Average User Location)

### **100%**





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## **GALILEO** provides dual frequency services



TEST #1 15-08-2018 6-8 Galileo satellites in view during the test

Galileo phones display excellent performance thanks to advanced Galileo signal features ESA UNCLASSIFIED - For Official Use

Static Test - ESTEC Navlab roof 15th August 2018 11:10-11:30 (UTC) SUB-METER ACCURACY **ENABLED BY GALILEO** [<u>]</u> N . S 0.78m (95%) Samsung S8 4.32m (95%) -2 0 2 W - E [m]

> Dual Frequency (DF) measurements along with GNSS chipset algorithmic enhancements enable a significant reduction of positioning error

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GALILEO will soon provide High Accuracy Services (decimetre)

DISCOVER HOW GALILEO'S ACCURACY IS SHAPING EUROPE'S COMPETITIVENESS.

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## **GALILEO SPECIALLY SUITED FOR SCIENCE**



### **GALILEO SPECIALLY SUITED FOR SCIENCE**

- 1. Highly stable PHM atomic clocks (10<sup>-14</sup> per day)
- 2. Robust modulation schemes, large BW and low noise
- 3. Laser Retro Reflectors present on all Galileo satellites;
- 4. Galileo satellites' revolution period avoids Earth rotation resonances: Stable Galileo orbits without manoeuvres;
- 5. Radiation monitors in a number of satellites;
- 6. High Accuracy (cm level) Services available soon
- 7. Metada information publicly available for Galileo IOC and FOC satellites
- 8. Two Galileo satellites placed in an eccentric orbit (fantastic opportunity for General Relativity tests)



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### Galileo/GNSS Scientific opportunities

### **Earth Science:**

- E01 Geodesy / Precise positioning
- E02 Geodynamics, geophysics and oceanography
- E03 Global tectonics
- E04 Reference frames
- E05 Ionosphere / space weather
- E06 Troposphere / climatology
- E07 Disaster monitoring
- E08 Gravity field
- E09 GNSS remote sensing, GNSS reflectometry

### **Fundamental Physics:**

- P01 Test of General Relativity and alternative theories
- P02 Fundamental constants
- P03 Relativistic reference frames
- P04 Relativistic positioning
- P05 Astrometry, VLBI, pulsar timing
- P06 Quantum technologies for PNT
- P07 Hunting for Dark matter
- P08 Amplitude of Gravitational Waves

### Space-Time Metrology:

- M01 Atomic clocks for space and ground-segment
- M02 Galileo timing system
- M03 Time scales and time transfer
- M04 Inter-satellite links
- M05 Precise orbit determination
- M06 High-precision clocks in receivers

### Other GNSS Scientific fields:

- **T07** Supporting moon exploration
- N01 Signal processing
- N04 Sensors, hybridization for science
- N06 Animal tracking / Migrations
- T01 GNSS Big Data for science
- T04 Cubesats and UAVs for GNSS science
- T05 Software receivers / low-cost SDR platforms
- T06 GNSS science and education

### GALILEO ECCENTRIC SATELLITES WITH ACTIVE PHM CLOCKS AND VERY PRECISE ORBITS



Most accurate measurement ever of the **General Relativity Gravitational Red-shift** (Best measurement ever, improving last best available reference from NASA GP-A, more than 40 years ago)



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Local Position Invariance is confirmed down to  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  uncertainty, more than 5 times improvements with respect to Gravity Probe A measurement (Delva et al. and Herrmann et al., PRL 121.23)

### Measurements of Post Newtonian orbit geometry deformations caused by general relativity



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Relative magnitude wrt Newtonian term  $10^{-10} - 10^{12}$ De Sitter Precession ~ 18 mas/year

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### Assessing the possibilities of GNSS technologies to test Einstein's GR predicted Gravitomagnetic Clock Effect (GMC) around the Earth ZARM-University of Bremen



# Search for dark matter with atomic clocks on board Galileo

- Some of the theories about Dark Matter suggest this could consists of ultra-light scalar fields, forming topological defects and producing space-time variation of fundamental constants.
- The large network of atomic clocks and electromagnetic links from the Galileo constellation could act as a gigantic detector of 60000 km of aperture to search for DM.

Observatoire de Paris, CNRS, Royal Belgium Observatory

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### Pulsar SXP 1062



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University of Manchester and the UK's National Physical Laboratory 'PulChron' generating a Pulsar pulsar-based timing system

PulChron aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of a pulsar-based timescale for the generation and monitoring of satellite navigation timing in general, and Galileo System Time in particular
Supporting multimessenger Astronomy with Galileo

*By* equipping a number of Galileo satellites with light Gamma Ray Burst (GRBs) detectors we could identify the location on neutron mergin stars event with 100-1000 more precision (subdegree level) that with current existing technologies and seeing all-sky.

Study with Max Planck Institute of Extraterrestrial Physics & University of Munich (Germany)



### ESTABLISHING POSITIONING AND TIMING USING USING NEUTRINO PARTICLES

## GMV UK AND UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL



Neutrino Oscillation  $|v_{\alpha}(t)\rangle = U_{\alpha k} e^{-iH_{\alpha}t} |E_k\rangle, \quad |\langle E_k | v_{\alpha}(t)\rangle|^2 \neq 1.C$  $\frac{V_{\alpha}}{\sigma} \frac{f}{\sigma} \frac{f}{\sigma}$ 

## Use of GNSS in support to Climate Change Monitoring and earth science

Enhancements on GNSS Radio-occultation & GNSS-R

- Weather Monitoring & Collaborative GNSS Crowdsourcing
- Exploiting GNSS sensor in trains for weather estimation
- IoT, climate monitoring and GNSS
- Possibilities of Artificial Intelligence technologies
- GNSS big-data and earth monitoring
- Animal tracking and climate change information

A dedicated panel of GNSS and Climate change was held during the ESA GNSS Scientific Colloquium

## Weather Monitoring based on Collaborative GNSS Crowdsourcing



#### Crowdsourcing with mobile phones



- Weather prediction systems rely on the provision of worldwide heterogeneous observations of the troposphere to perform accurate now-casting and forecasting of the state of the lower atmosphere.
- Operational GNSS networks exist that permit to assimilate directly ZTD measurements or IWP estimates into Numerical Weather Prediction Models. Currently it is performed with high-grade (geodetic) GNSS receivers with multi-constellation and multi-frequency capabilities. Horizontal and vertical resolution of these observations is restricted by the location and density of the stations.
- A way-forward to improve the extraction of tropospheric information would be the increase of spatial
  resolution with the use of a more dense network of receivers both at local and regional level. The direct use
  of mobile phones GNSS data for meteorology is currently being assessed.

#### Meteo France Regional Network





E-GVAP Regional Network



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#### Earthquakes / Tsunamis and the ionosphere signature





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Tracking birds provides, in addition of ethological scientific information on animals (e.g. migration patterns), correlated information with wind profile variations, see level information, see waves data, etc.

Long-term availability of all this data may contribute to climate change monitoring

### 7<sup>th</sup> GNSS / GALILEO Scientific Colloquium, 4-6 Sept 2019





Scientific and Fundamental Aspects of GNSS / Galileo

7<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium

Organised by ESA and ETH University, Zurich in Sept 2019

This bi-annual colloquium brings together members of the International scientific involved in the use of Galileo and other GNSS in their research. The various possibilities to use GNSS satellites for scientific purposes are reviewed in detail during 3 days.

## **GNSS Science Support Centre at ESA**



Our Mission: to provide a world-wide reference Science Exploitation and Preservation Platform that fosters international collaboration across Science Domains, through the provision of information and processing services based on GNSS assets.

## GSSC Portal : gssc.esa.int





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## **GSSC Preservation Platform: Current Access**





ftp://gssc.esa.int

## http://gssc.esa.int/webftp

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### **15 Dec 2016 Initial Services of Galileo started**



## GALILEO INITIAL SERVICES

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## In Sept 2019, the figure of 1 Billion Galileo receivers was achieved, in only 34 months !





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# Why the Moon?

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### **Institutional plans**

Together with ISS, the International roadmap for exploration consider the Moon as the next natural step for future human explorations

ESA, NASA and other space agencies have long standing plans for a Moon stable robotic and human exploration together with orbiting Lunar Gateway

## **Global Interest in Lunar Exploration**

The 14 space agencies of the International Space Exploration Coordination Group (ISECG) state a desire to return to the Moon in the next decade in the 2018 Global Exploration Roadmap (GER)



GER lists more than 20 upcoming lunar missions (NASA source) The Global Exploration Roacimate

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The Global Exploration Roadmap

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## Why the Moon? Commercial plans

**Commercial plans** 

NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS)

Moon resources might be very valuable

Multiple commercial companies planning to offer periodic flights to the moon

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Billionaire closer to mining the moon for trillions of dollars in riches

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## SPACE

Is Moon Mining Economically Feasible?

#### **SPACENEWS**

Op-ed | What is the best way to mine the moon?

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# MOON EXPRESS ispace

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# AIRBUS

"For us at **Airbus Defence and Space**, the moon is a very important topic," said Bart Reijnen, senior vice president of on-orbit services and exploration at Airbus Defence and Space. "**Astrobotic** is what we see as being the frontrunner in the world of commercial lunar transportation."



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## Is GNSS a feasible technology to support moon exploration?

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## Extending GNSS services to Cis-lunar- key challenges

## Some of the key challenges

- very low signal levels of GNSS signals;
- kinematics of the receiver (e.g. high Doppler rates and Doppler shifts);
- very poor geometry high DOP
- limited access to navigation data



## GNSS Technology and Moon exploration: feasibility

- **1.** Recent ESA, NASA and other independent studies all conclude that the use of existing GNSS technology is feasible at Moon distances
- 2. Recent experimental evidences with NASA MMS mission confirming GPS reception up to 50% Earth-Moon distance.

### 3. Three key issues are essential here:

- Need of using advanced **high-sensitive space receivers** (with on-board Kinematic filters) and **high-gain antenna**
- **GNSS Multi-constellation** is necessary (GPS+Galileo being the natural choice)
- Major potential improvement are possible using "GNSS-moon Augmentation systems" (under study)

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Yet, on-board Receiver is **far from state of the art**:

- Tracking Threshold ~ 23 dB-Hz (today ~12-15 dbHz reachable)
- Antenna Gain ~ 6.5 dBi (today ~14 dBi reachable)

In April 2019, the NASA MMS orbit Navigator set "Guinness world record" for the highest reception of signals and onboard navigation solutions by an operational GPS receiver in space (29 Re - 187.166 km half Earth-Moon distance) with excellent performances.

## GNSS vs Deep Space Ground tracking navigation techniques on Gateway station

### Winternitz et al. 2019 (NASA)

- Estimated performance on Gateway Near Rectilinear Halo Orbit (NRHO), 6.5 day period
- Assumed MMS-like GPS receiver with an Earth-pointed high-gain antenna (~14 dBi)
- High-fidelity simulations, calibrated against MMS flight data and using measured GPS transmitter antenna patterns (main lobe and sidelobes)

Uncrewed	Position (m)		Velocity (mm/s)		Quick update Rate
	Range	Lateral	Range	Lateral	
Ground Tracking (8 hr/pass, 3-4 passes/orbit)	33	468	1	10.6	Hours, Ground- Based
GPS + RAFS*	9	31	0.2	1.2	Real-Time, Onboard
			(Source: NASA)		

A GPS-only receiver (MSS-like) would provide already a navigation performance well superior to traditional ground based Deep Space Network approach

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# Deep Space Gateway orbit: GNSS multi-CSC CSC Constellation tracking visibility



Source: ESA internal Study

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### Average of 10 Satellites are tracked when using GPS and Galileo together

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For the use of GNSS on the moon it is essential to exploit the energy of the sidelobes of the GNSS antenna satellites and use of kinematic on-board filters. An adequate knowledge of GNSS antenna patterns is mandatory for any accurate assessment.

Note: NASA has an agreement with DoD so that space user requirements are taken into account in the GPS III satellites. To note also that GPS antenna information is public.

# Further major potential improvement are possible CSA including additional GNSS-beacons (augmentations)





### At Earth-Moon Lagrangian points

### **Dedicated satellites in moon orbit**



### GNSS-like Beacons from moon surface

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## *"Cislunar Autonomous Navigation Using Multi-GNSS and GNSS-like Augmentations: Capabilities and Benefits"*

#### Singam et al. 2019 [10]

 Considered same scenario as Anzalone et al. 2019 but focused on signal availability and geometry and included other GNSS

~1 GPS signal available in lunar orbit, ~1 Galileo

One single Cubesat providing a GNSS-like ranging signal in lunar orbit reduces the average DOP from 800 to about only 50 !





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# Potential benefits of GNSS for Moon exploration

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## Benefits of GNSS for Moon exploration

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- Enables autonomous navigation
- Reduces tracking and operational cost
- Provides back-up/redundant navigation for human safety
- It is a major enabler for commercial development
- Provides timing source for hosted payloads
- Enables a large number of scientific opportunities

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## Lunar Exploration: Roles for GNSS





Lunar Surface Operations, Robotic Prospecting,& Human Exploration



Earth, Astrophysics, & Solar Science Observations



Human-tended Lunar Vicinity Vehicles (Gateway)



**Satellite Servicing** 



Robotic Lunar Orbiters, Resource & Science Sentinels



Lunar Exploration Infrastructure



# Short-term and mid term opportunities for Europe

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# Short term and mid term opportunities for NAV CE CE

- **1. Development of multiple high-sensitive GNSS-Space receivers** (via NAVISP, others).
- 2. Get flight opportunities in cis-lunar environment for some of the developed GNSSspace receivers (in cooperation with HRE and NASA)
- 3. Perform in parallel GNSS-Moon system augmentation studies (via NAVISP)
- 4. Perform HRE/TIA/NAV Industry Lunar Communication Navigation Phase B1 System studies (Launch of Phase B1 approved by CMIN19+. Inter-Directorate agreement in preparation.)
- **5.** Actual implementation of the Lunar CNS could be proposed after Phase B1, jointly by HRE, TIA, and NAV (with TEC, SCI and OPS support).

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## **On-going and planned NAVISP developments**

## NAVISP -EL1-023 - Earth-Moon navigation receiver prototype & system study

- Developing a GNSS-Space receiver proptotype (TRL-5) suited for DSG mission profile
- GNSS-Moon system study:
  - Consolidation of mission requirements apportionment for GNSS
  - Detailed assessment of today achievable performances
  - System study of potential augmentations to existing GNSS systems suited for moon missions

### Two parallel contracts (Kick-off Jan 2020)

## NAVISP-EL1- 040 GNSS Moon receiver for IOD (TRL7/ 8) - Flight unit -

• Develop and qualify a GNSS spaceborne receiver for Lunar applications. The activity will be tailored to a particular flight opportunity and will cover the integration of the unit in the hosting satellite

## Planned Kick-off Q2/Q3 2020 (~18 month activity)

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PPE Module

## Logistics Module

PPE flight opportunity in Gateway Phase 1 2022 – 2023 NASA lead

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Lunar Parthfinder satellite (2023)

LUMIO: Lunar Meteoroid Impact Observer 12-unit Cubesat



# Join lunar Comms and Nav service supporting cis-lunar and moon operations





# Inter-Directorate and International cooperation

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## NAV strategic contacts established during 2019



- Excellent cooperation with HRE Directorate (Gateway team, Mission Requirements consolidation; flight opportunities; participation to GUCP Panel, etc).
- Very good cooperation with TEC, OPS and SCI Directorates on this field
- Formal working links been established with TIA and HRE on Lunar CNS teams. NAV Directorate being the technical contact point for all related navigation matters of the future lunar Communication and Navigation System
- Excellent contacts established with NASA teams in charge of GNSSmoon/space activities





International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems



UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS

## Europe (ESA and EC) play a leadership role in the UN International Committee on GNSS WG-B and the Space Users Subgroup, supporting international cooperation activities on GNSS space activities. A strategic group for GNSS space exploration international cooperation with contribution from all worldwide space agencies.



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Thank you !!