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***GPS radio occultation with CHAMP:
Operational data processing
and
validation of vertical atmospheric profiles***

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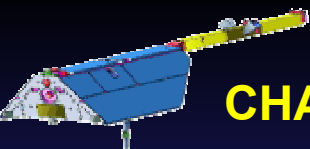
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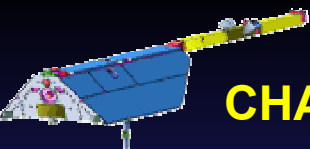


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- *Status of the CHAMP occultation experiment*
- *Operational data processing*
- *Advanced retrieval methods (LT) & Validation*
- *Access to the data products*
- *Summary & Outlook*

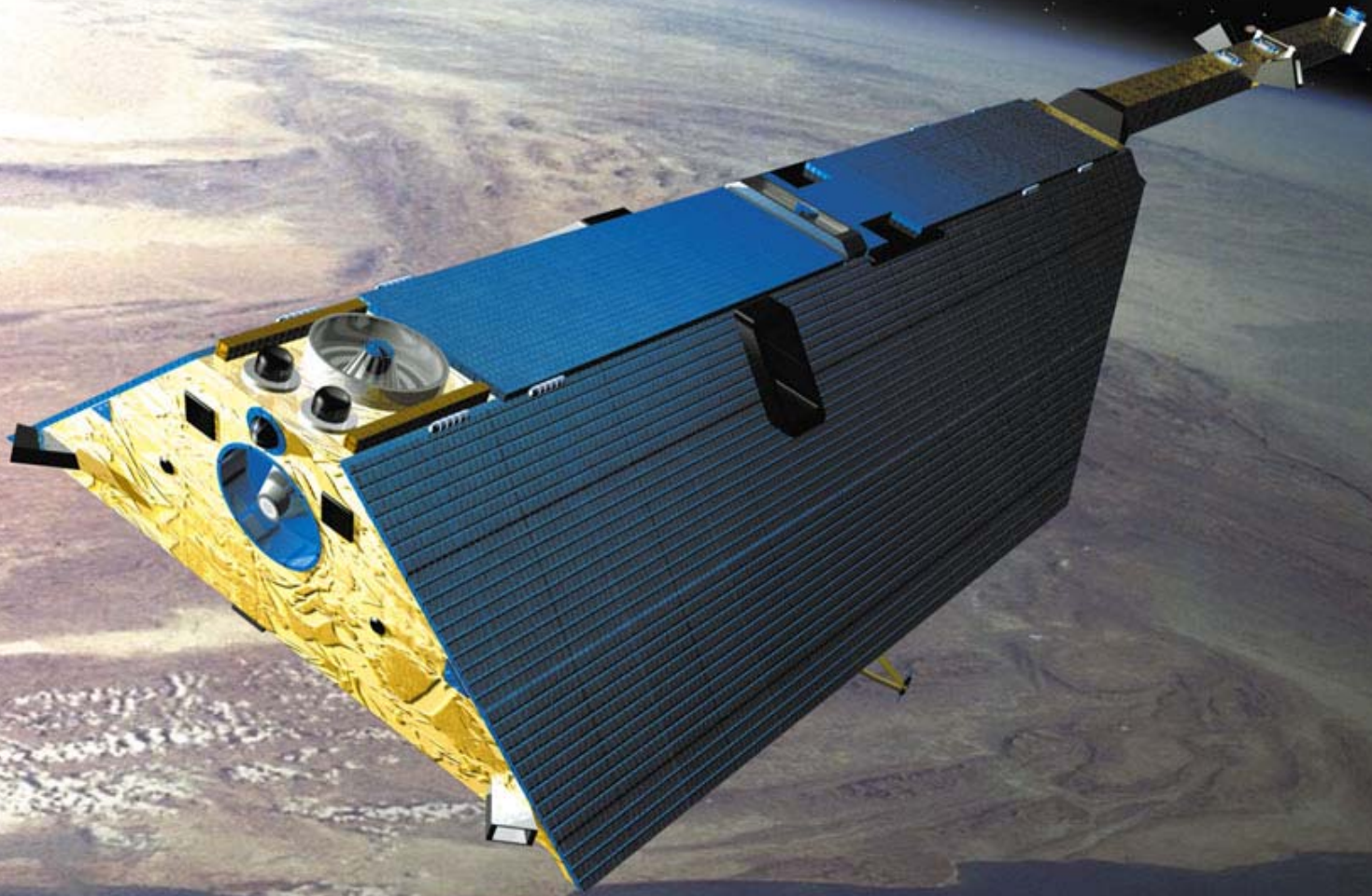


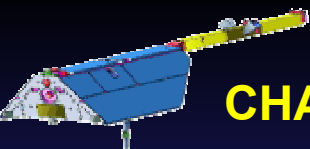
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Status *CHAMP occultations*

CHAMP in orbit since July 15, 2000

16,390 revolutions as of 2003/06/09 00:23:30, 1,063 days in orbit

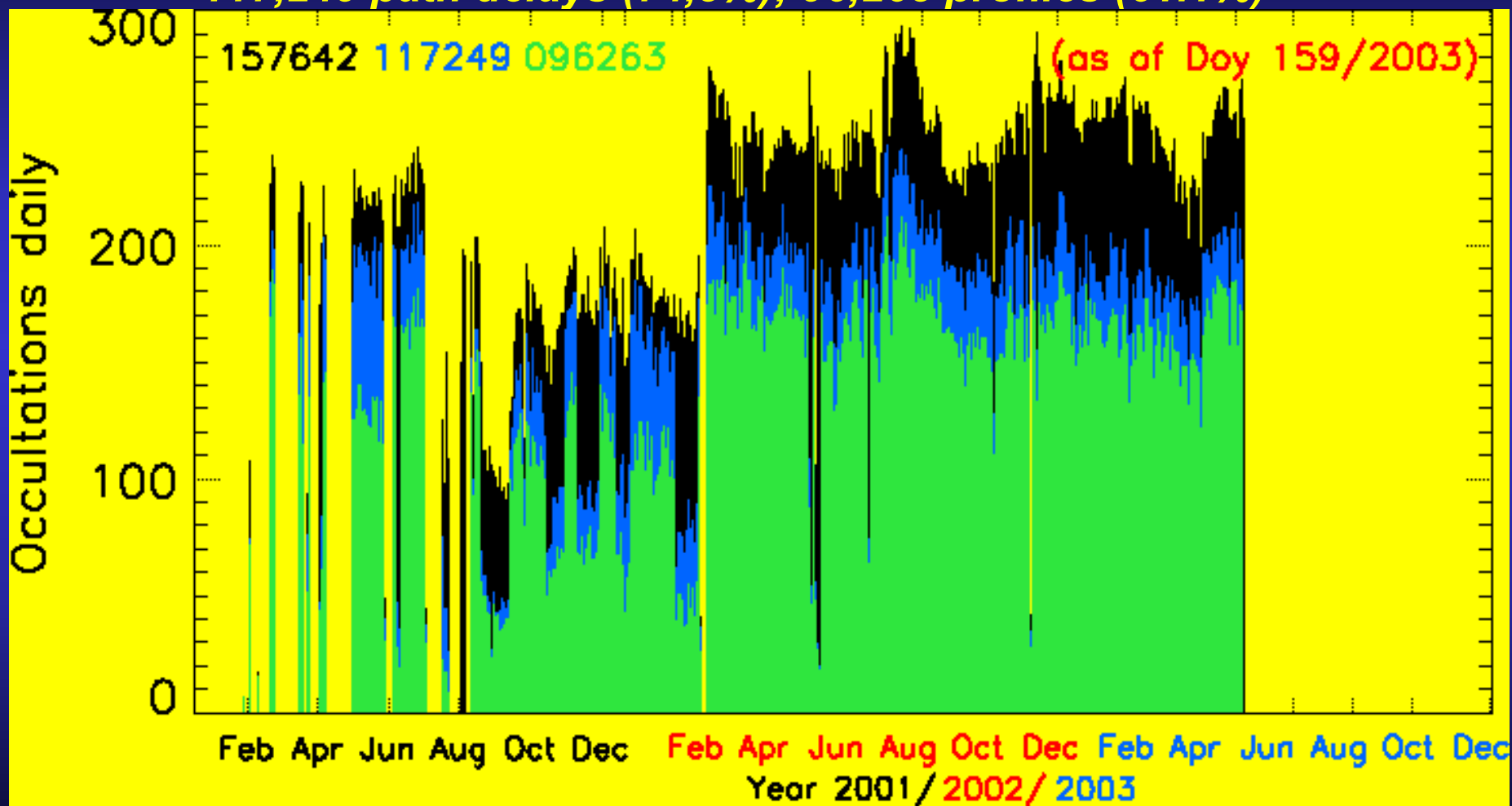


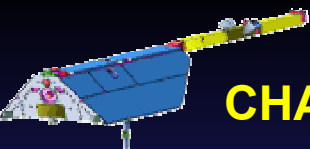


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Neutral atmosphere Occultations 2001-2003

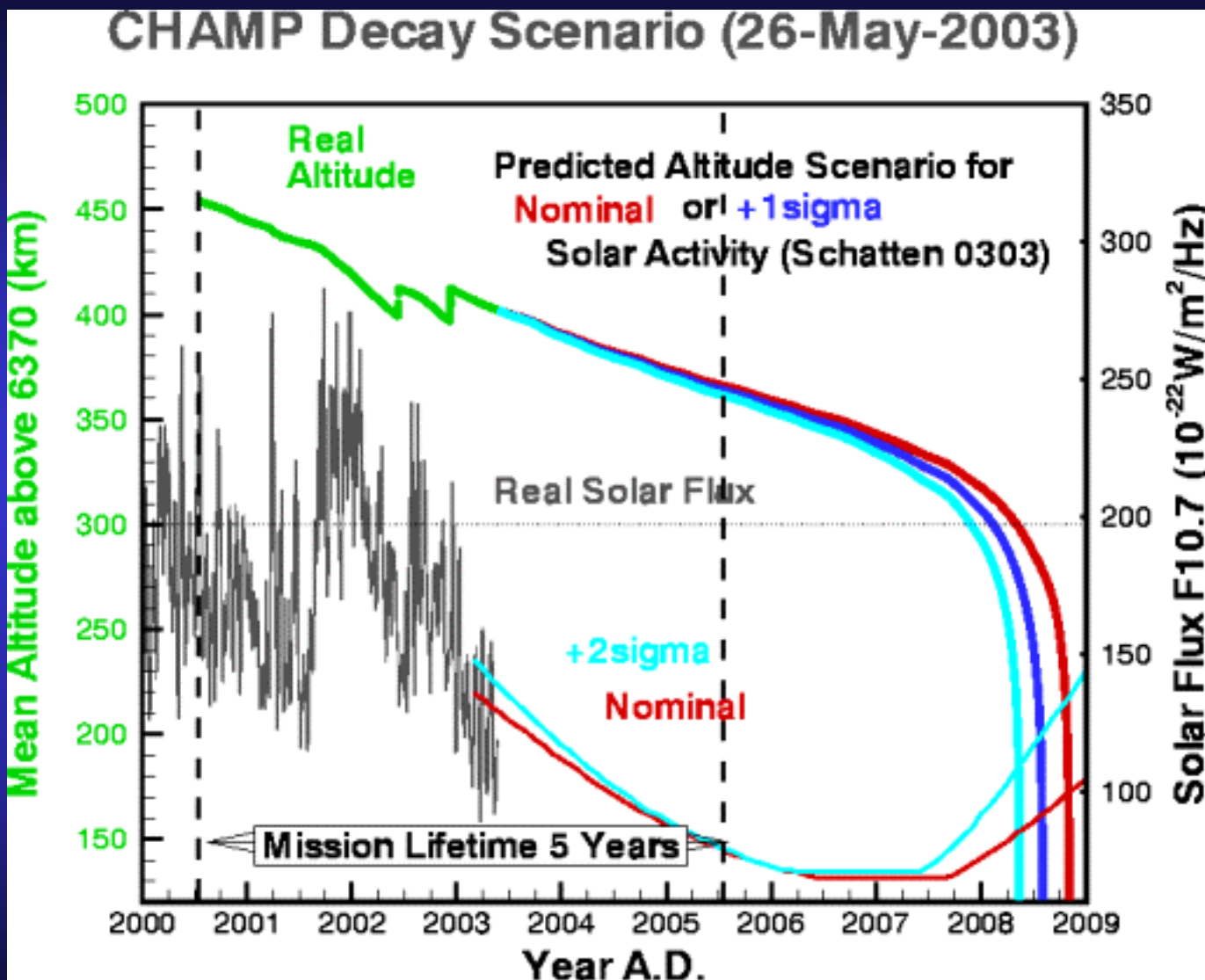
737 days; 157,642 occultations (~213 daily);
117,249 path delays (74,3%); 96,263 profiles (61.1%)

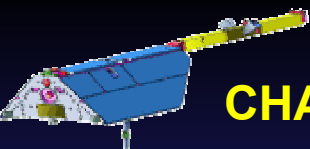




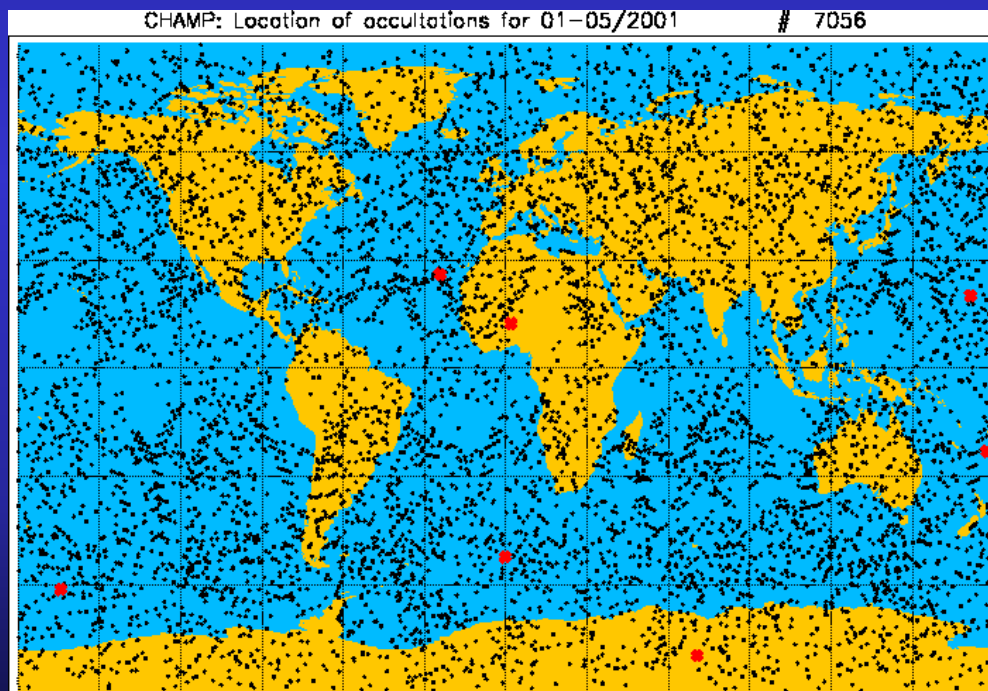
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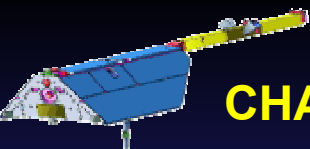
Expected mission duration





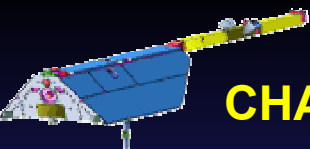
Occultations statistics





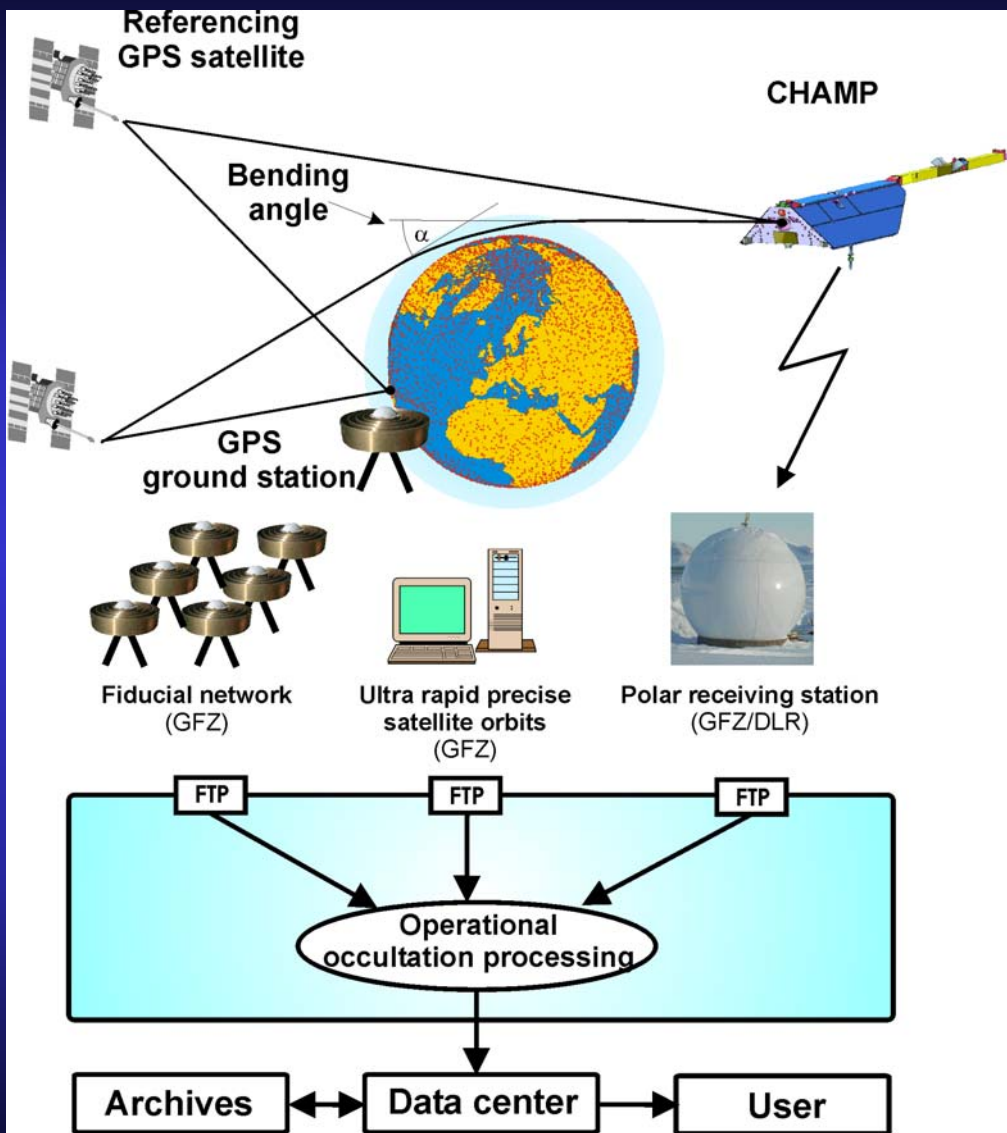
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Occultation infrastructure and operational data processing



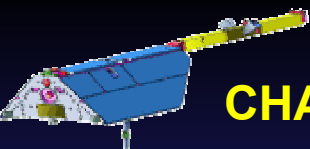
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GPS Radio occultation at GFZ Potsdam



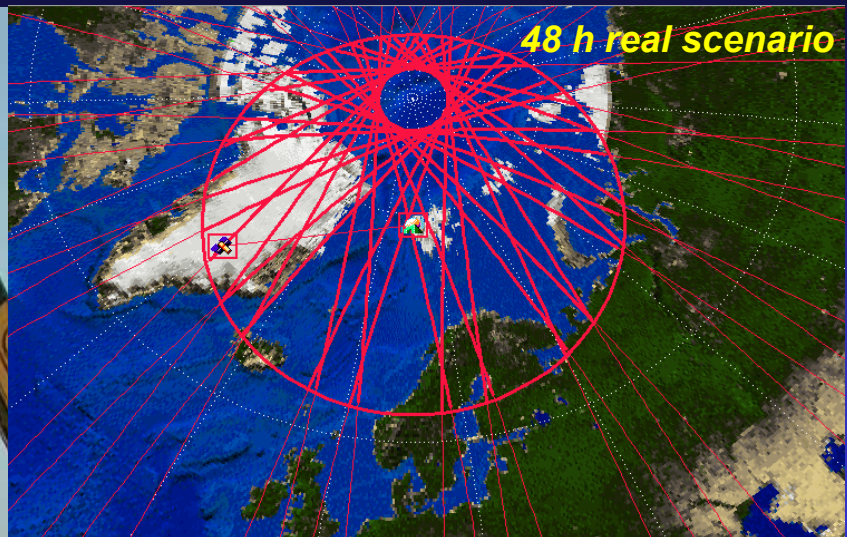
**GPS Atmosphere
Sounding Project
(2000-2002)
Ground & space
based GPS**

**Infrastructure for
operational data
analysis and provision
Validation
Assimilation**



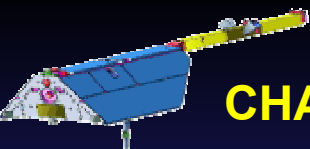
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Downlink antenna Ny Alesund



**Contact
every orbit:
5-10 min**

**Delay:
90 min**

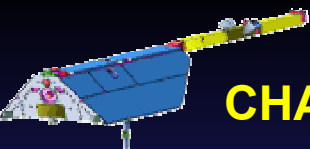


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GPS ground station network



- GFZ H/R low latency stations
- JPL H/R low latency stations
- IGS permanent stations




Time delay for hourly files: ~ 90 minutes



GFZ Subnetwork
~ 25 stations (August 2002)

GPS High Rate Ground Stations

- 1 Hz sample rate
- 15 min Files
- Format: Turbo Binary, compressed



JPL Subnetwork
~ 18 stations (August 2002)

~ 300 MByte/day

GFZ Potsdam Level-1-Data processing

- Data Format Conversion
- Sampling (1 sec, 10 sec, 30 sec sampling rate)
- Collection (15 min to 1 hour files)
- Meta Data Creation

JPL Data Base

~ 250 MByte/day

GPS Occultation Processing

CHAMP Information System and Data Center

GPS ground data products:

CH-OG-1-GPS-30S

- Rinex Format
- 30 sec. Sample Rate
- 1 hour files

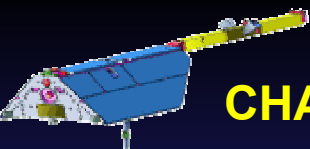
CH-OG-1-GPS-10S

- Rinex Format
- 10 sec. Sample Rate
- 1 hour files

CH-AI-1-GPS-01S

- Rinex Format
- 1 sec. Sample Rate
- 1 hour files

User Interface

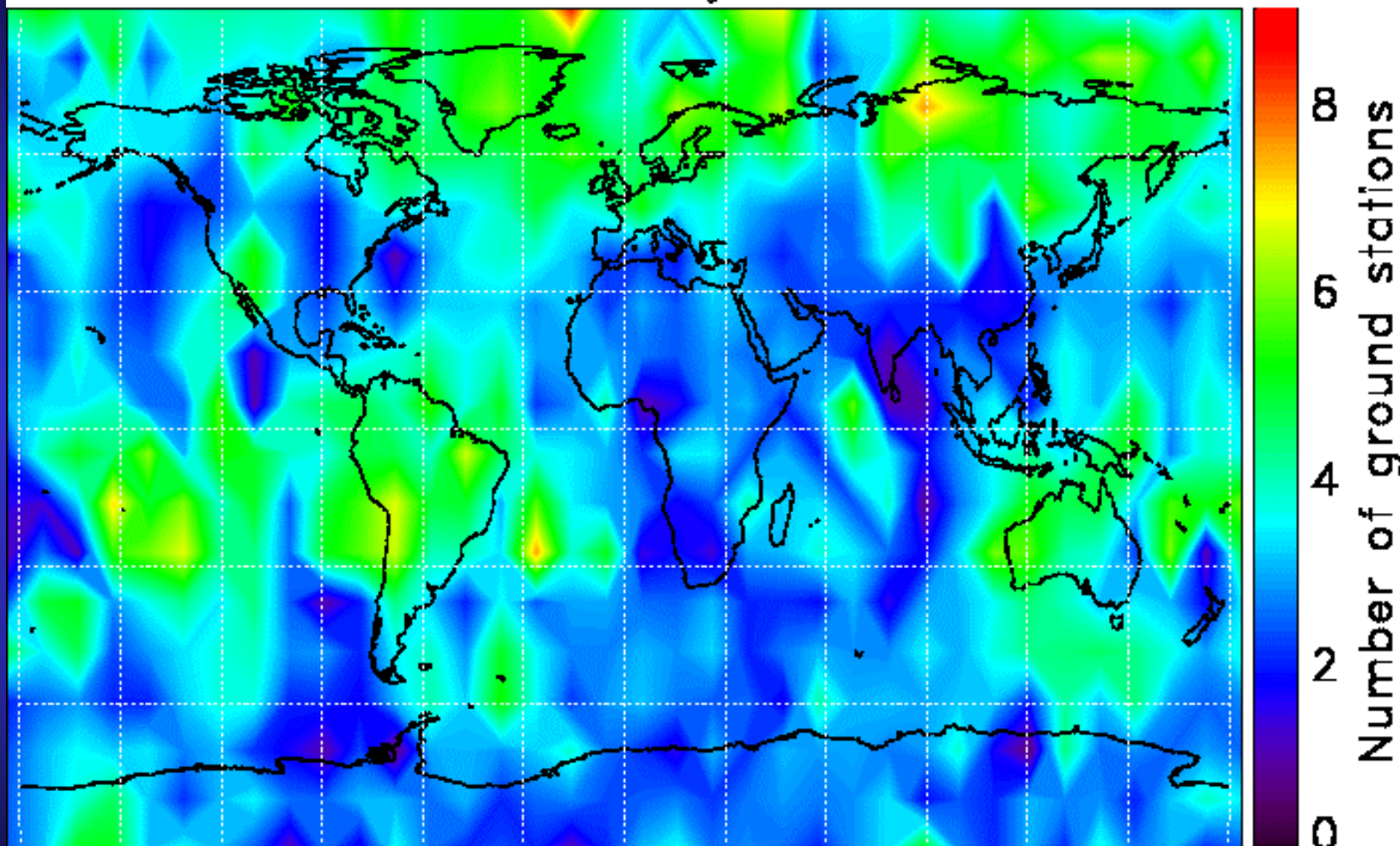


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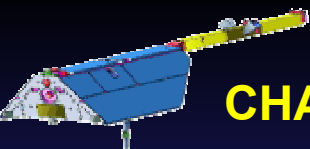
Ground station data (Redundancy)

CHAMP: Ground Stations Satisfying Double Differencing

Number of Ground Stations according to an Occultation



Doy 135-160, 2001 (26 stations used)

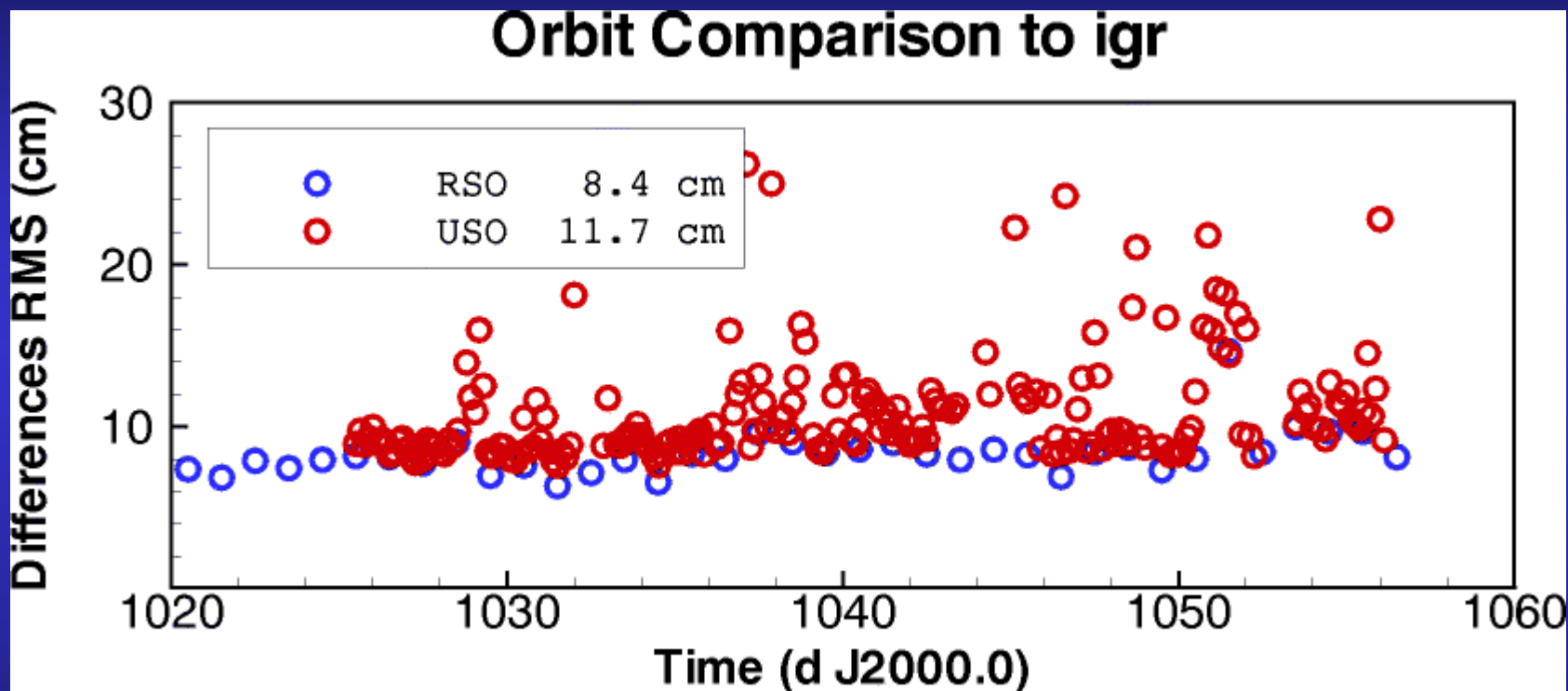
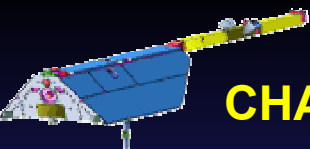


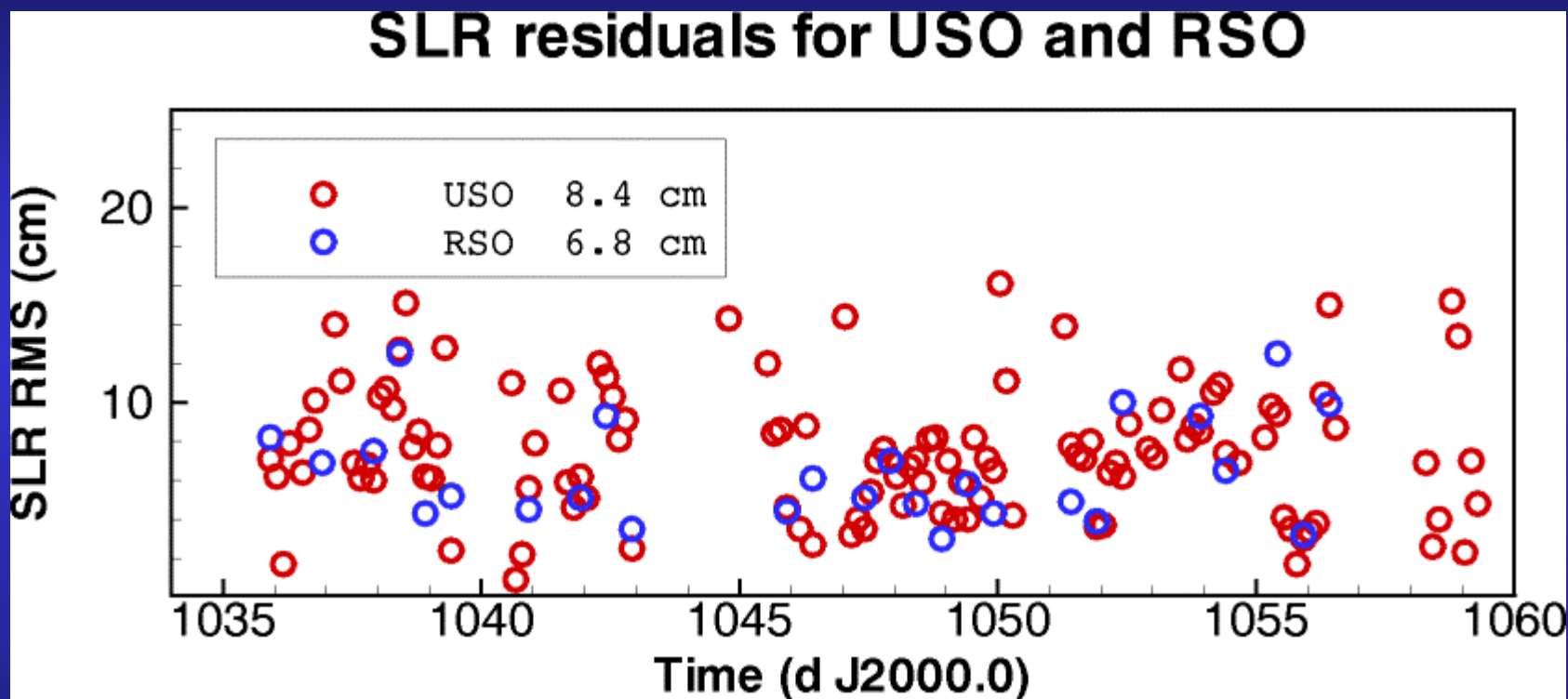
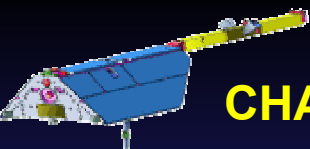
Rapid Science Orbits (RSO)

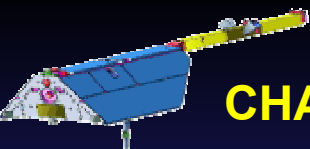
- *since March 2001*
- *delivered daily for the preceding day*
- *latency: 14 h for GPS, 16h for CHAMP*
- *accuracy (3D): GPS ~10 cm; CHAMP ~5 cm*

Ultra Rapid Science Orbits (USO)

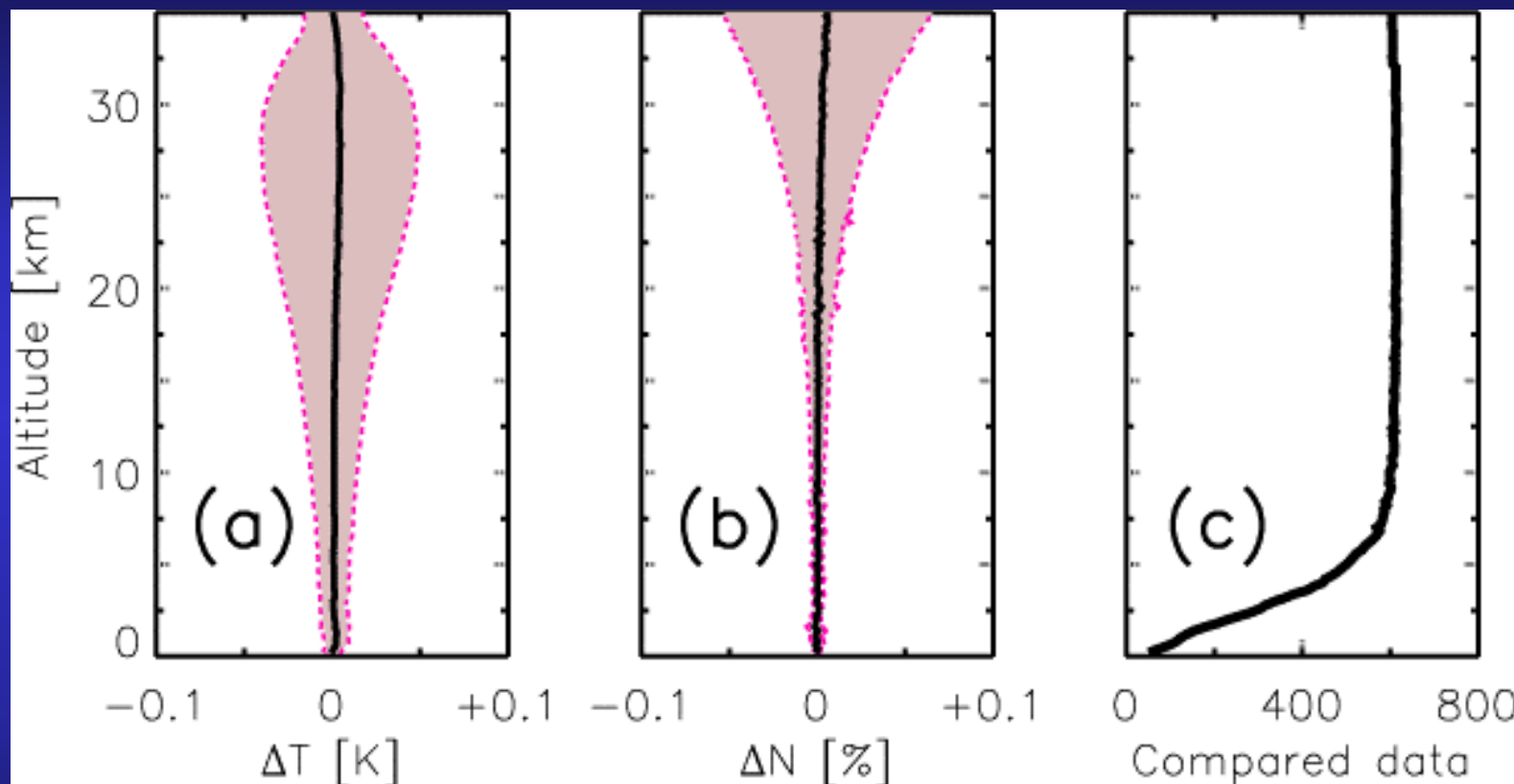
- *Since Mid 2002*
- *latency: ~3h (further reduction possible)*
- *accuracy slightly worse than RSO*



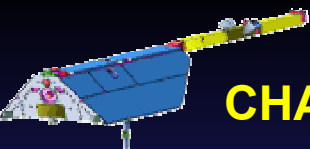




614 profiles, Feb. 4-8, 2003, processed using RSO and USO

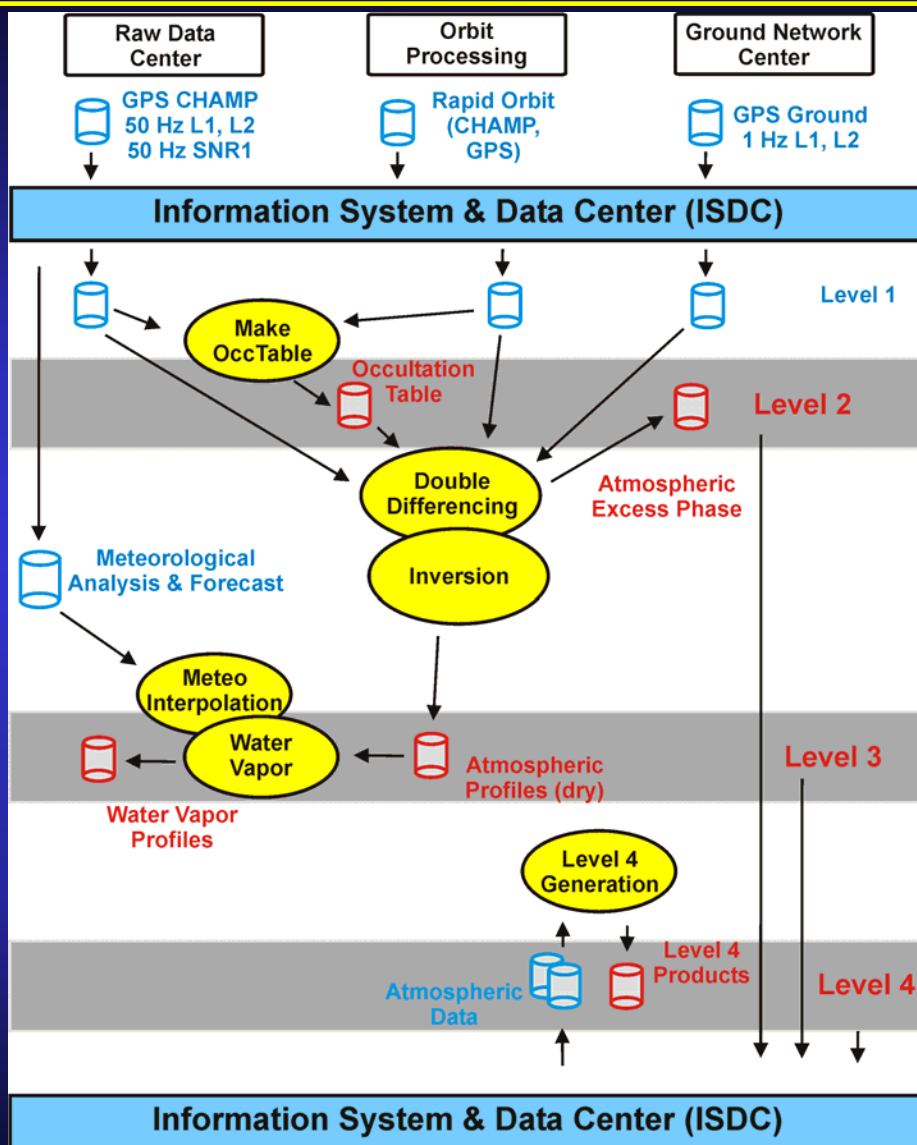


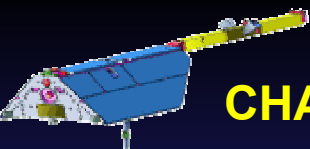
Av. delay between measurement and data provision: ~5 hours for each profile



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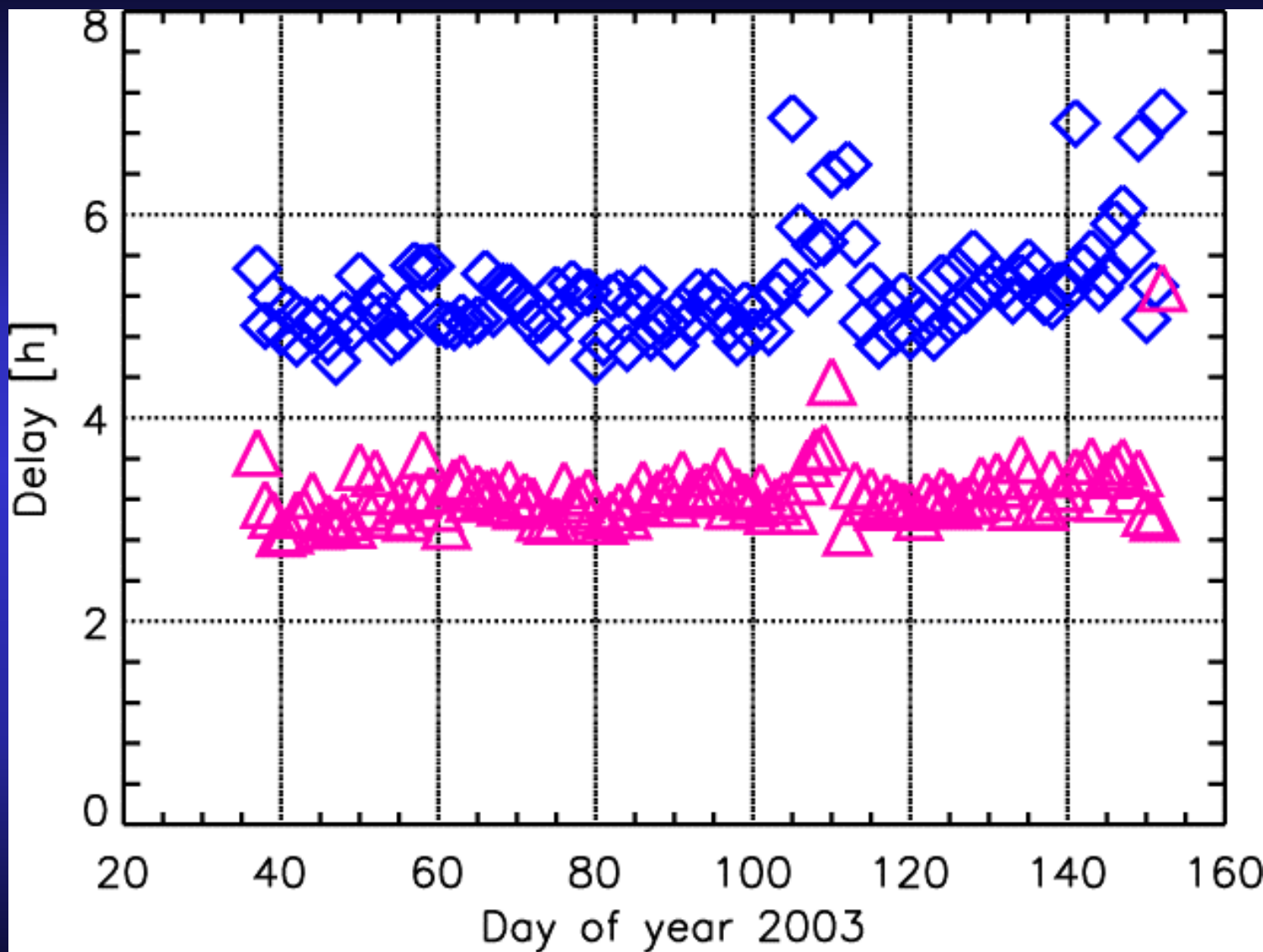
Operational occultation processing

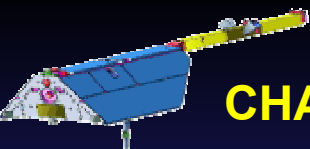




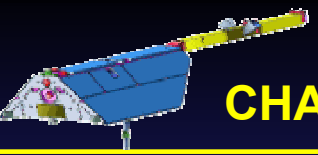
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Latency of path delays (Transfer to MPI)



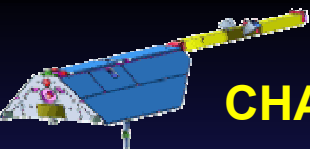


- **Operational Inversion Software (currently: geometric optics assumption, data product version 004, since December 2002), Several improvements in relation to previous versions (data handling, quality control, usage of geoid EGM96, additional metadata)**
- **Due to minor quality of the GO data in the lower troposphere (known refractivity bias) new product version 005 (for ATM and WVP) in preparation: usage of „heuristic“ wave optics based methods for MT/LT**
- **First results of 1dvar implementation (Healy, UKMO) for T and WVP retrieval, provision of *VAR* profiles planned in parallel (first results presented at EGU 03)**



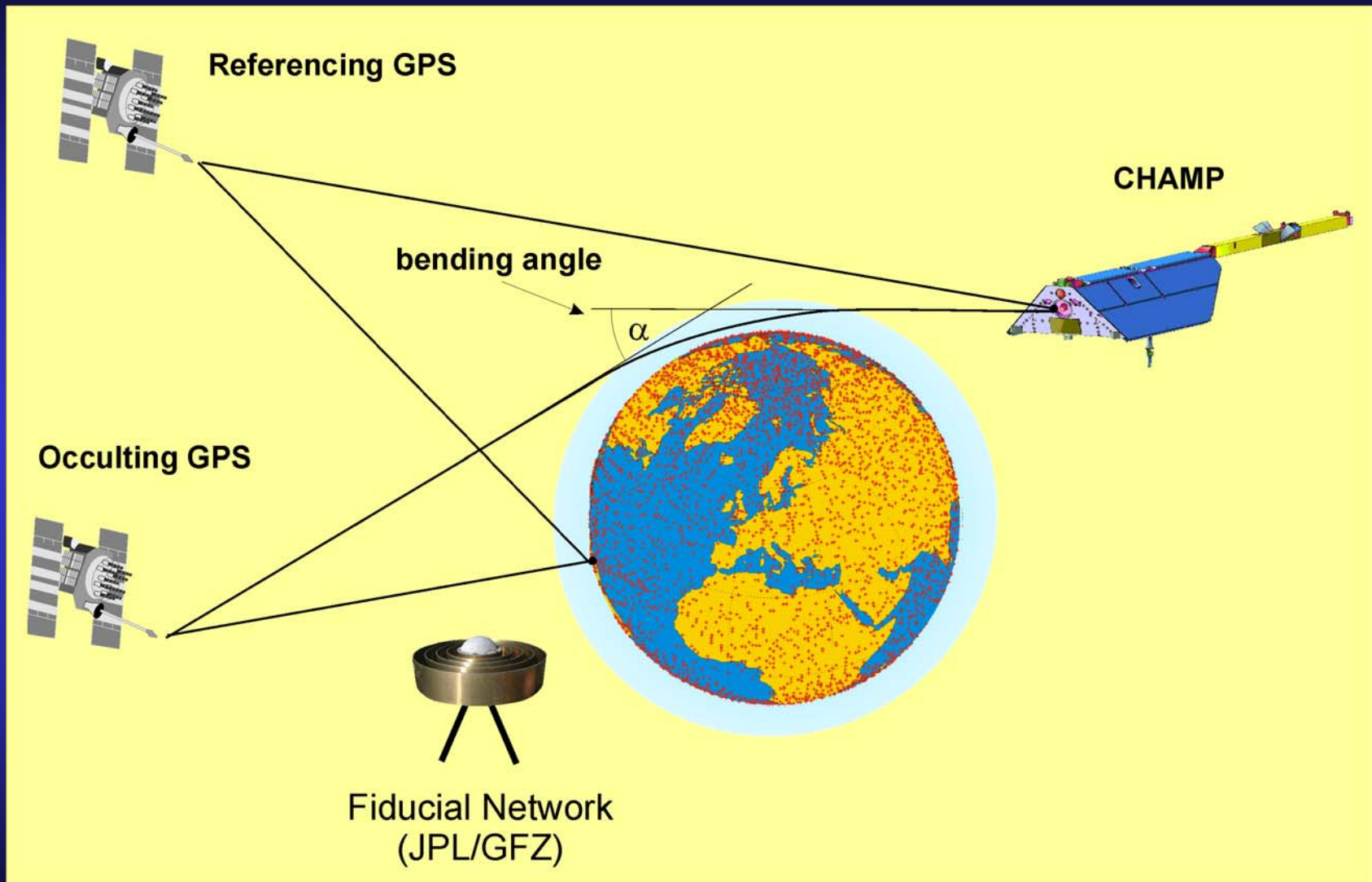
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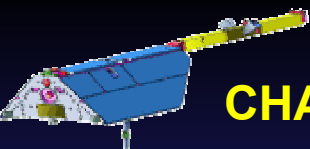
GPS processing



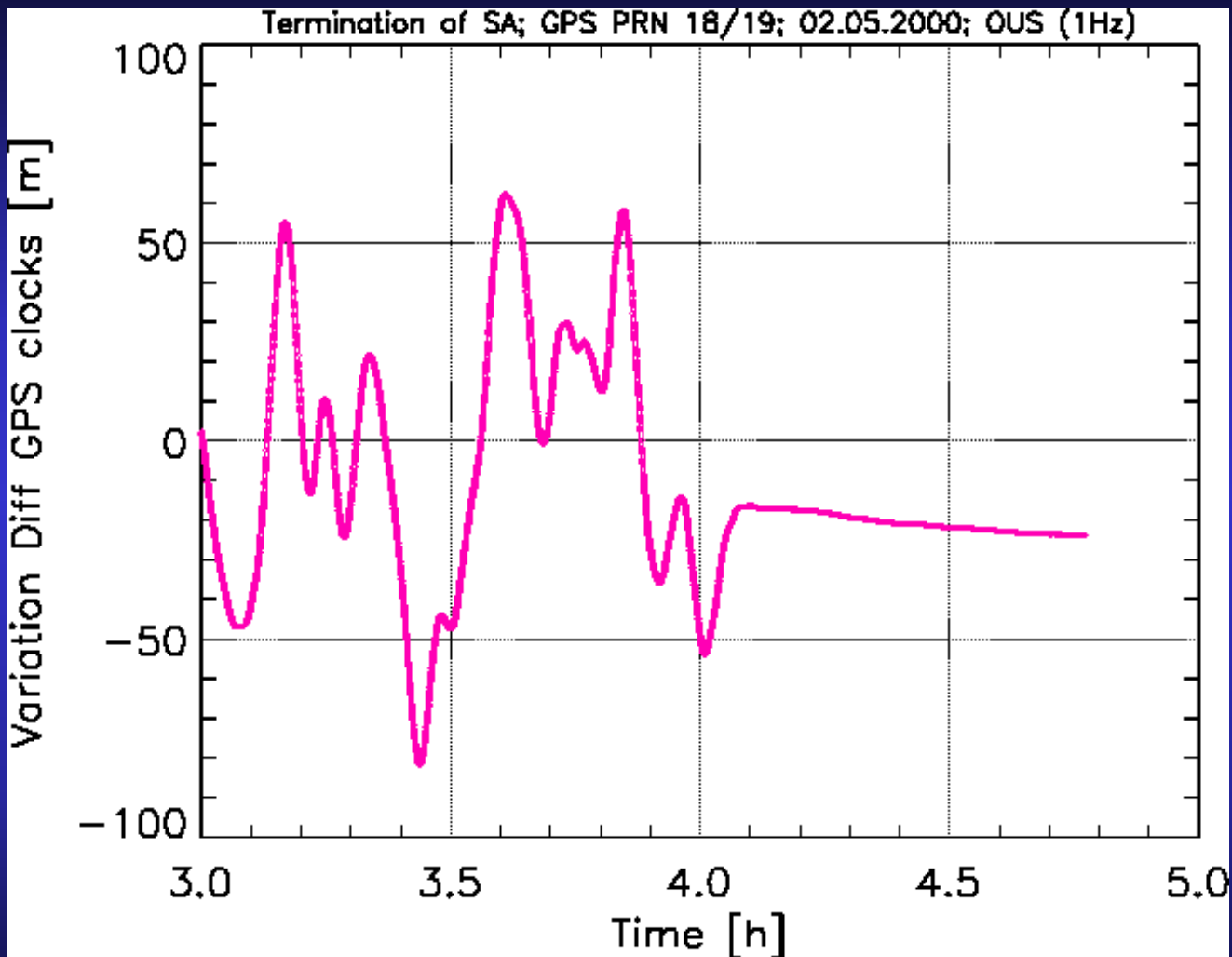
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GPS processing: double differences

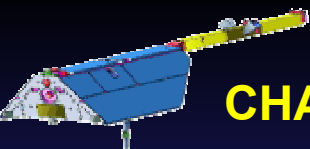




Termination of SA on May 2, 2000

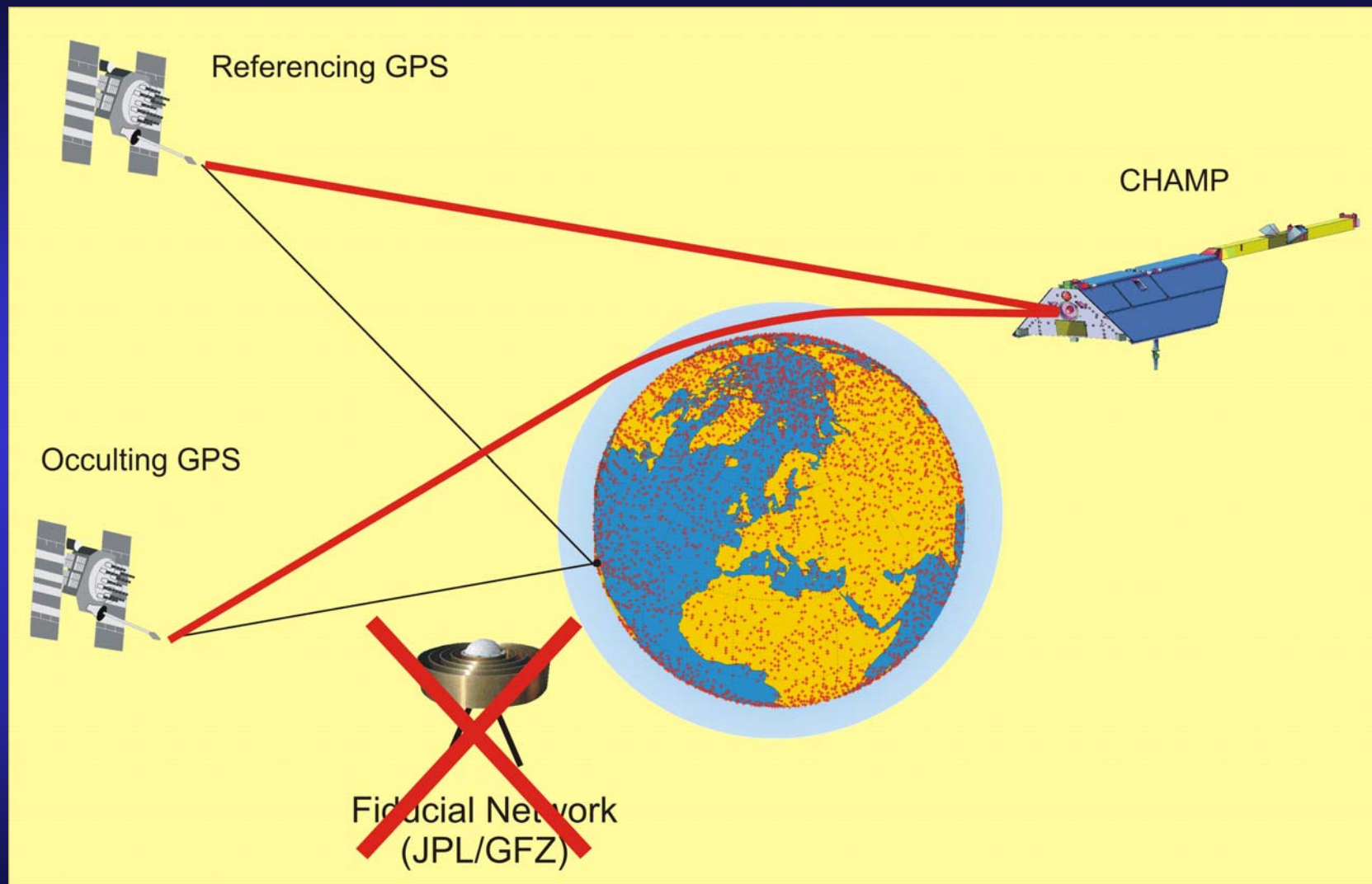


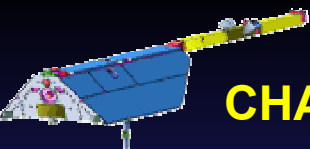
SA activated: rates of ~ 1 m/s



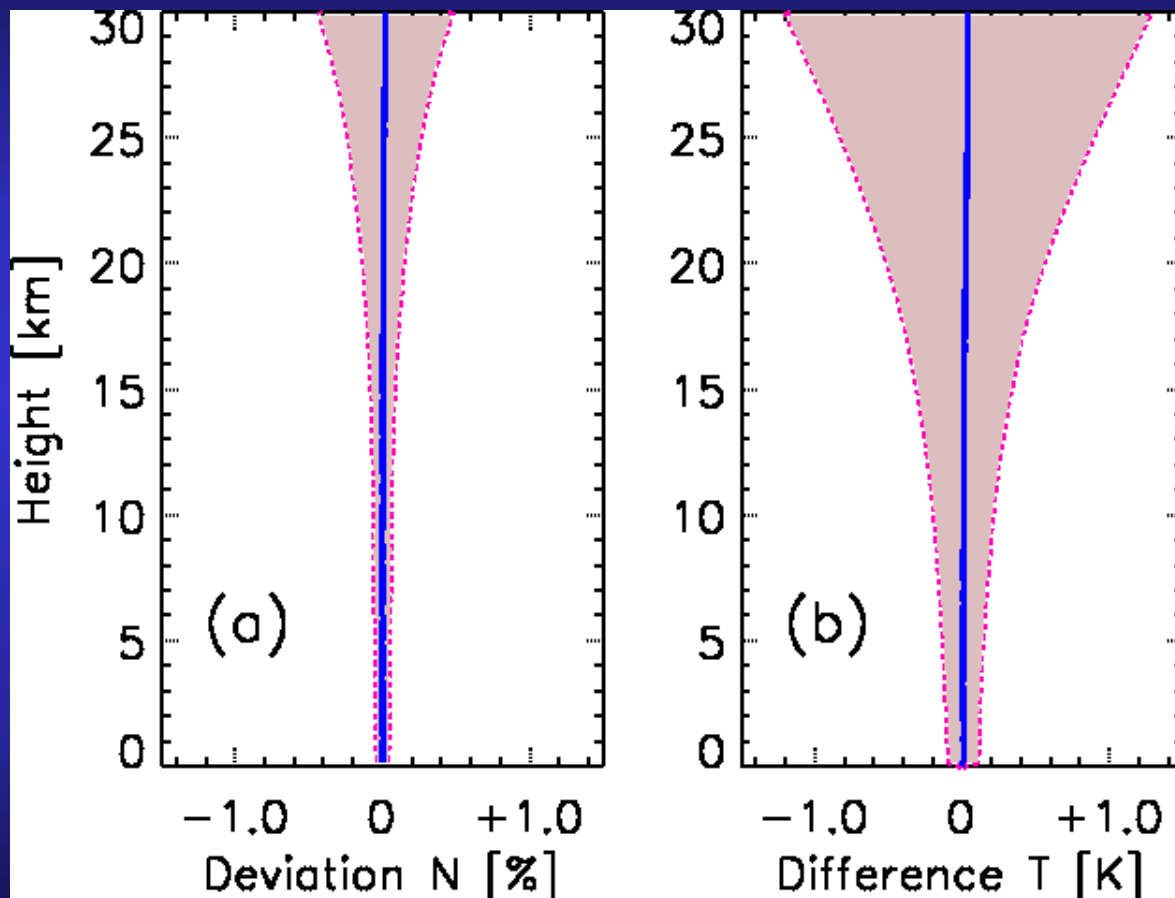
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Space-based single differencing





Comparison of two sets of 436 profiles April 19-21, 2001 DDIFF/SDIFF.



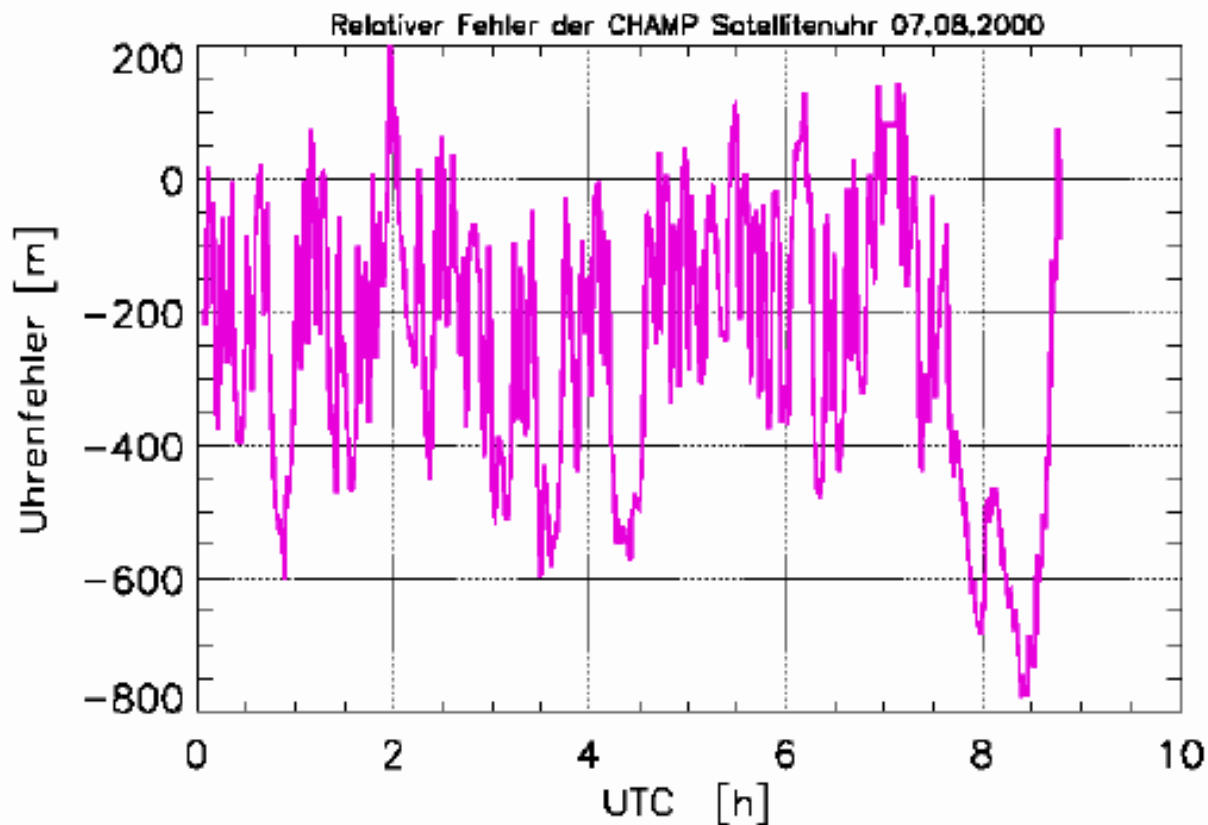
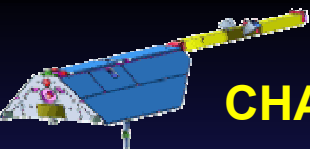
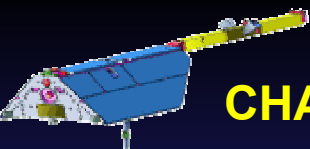
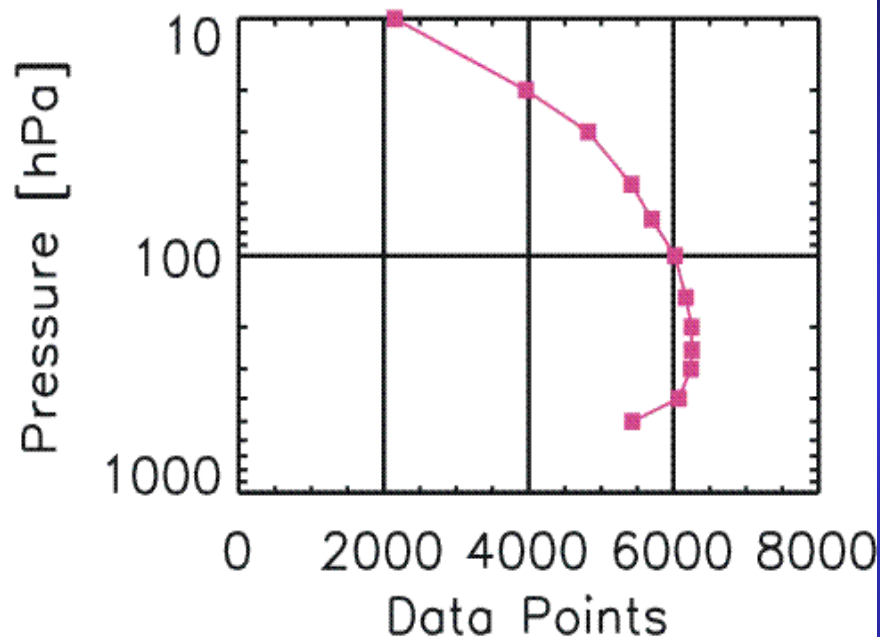
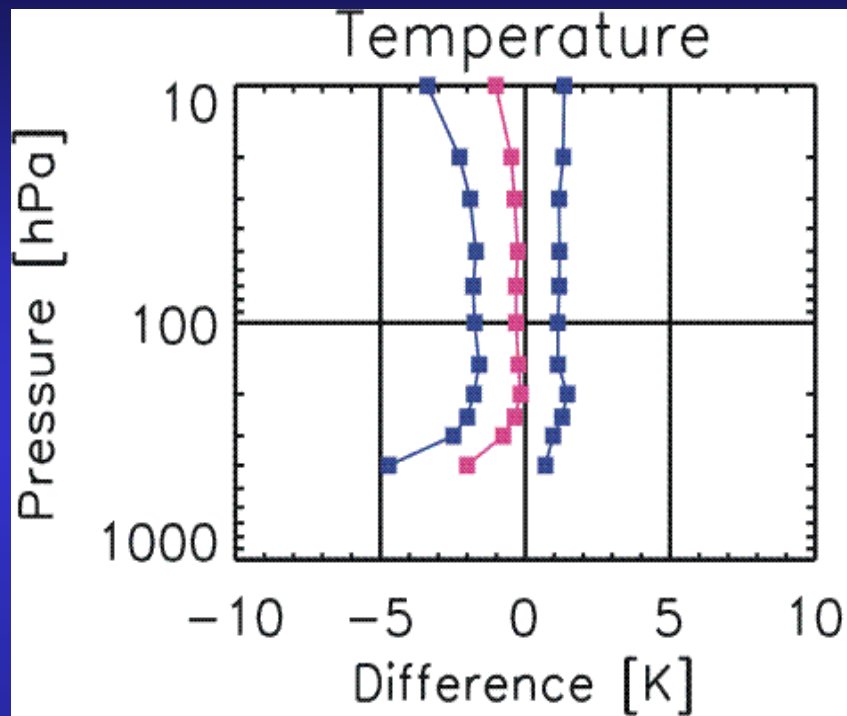
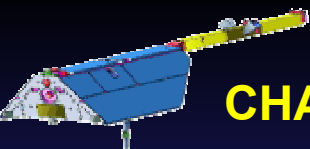


Abb. 3.5: Relatives zeitliches Verhalten des CHAMP-Satellitenuhrenfehlers (10 s- Uhrenlösungen dargestellt in Längeneinheiten; 7. August 2000).

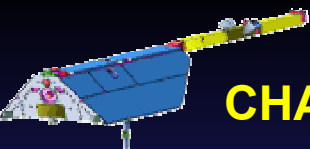


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Advanced retrieval methods & Validation

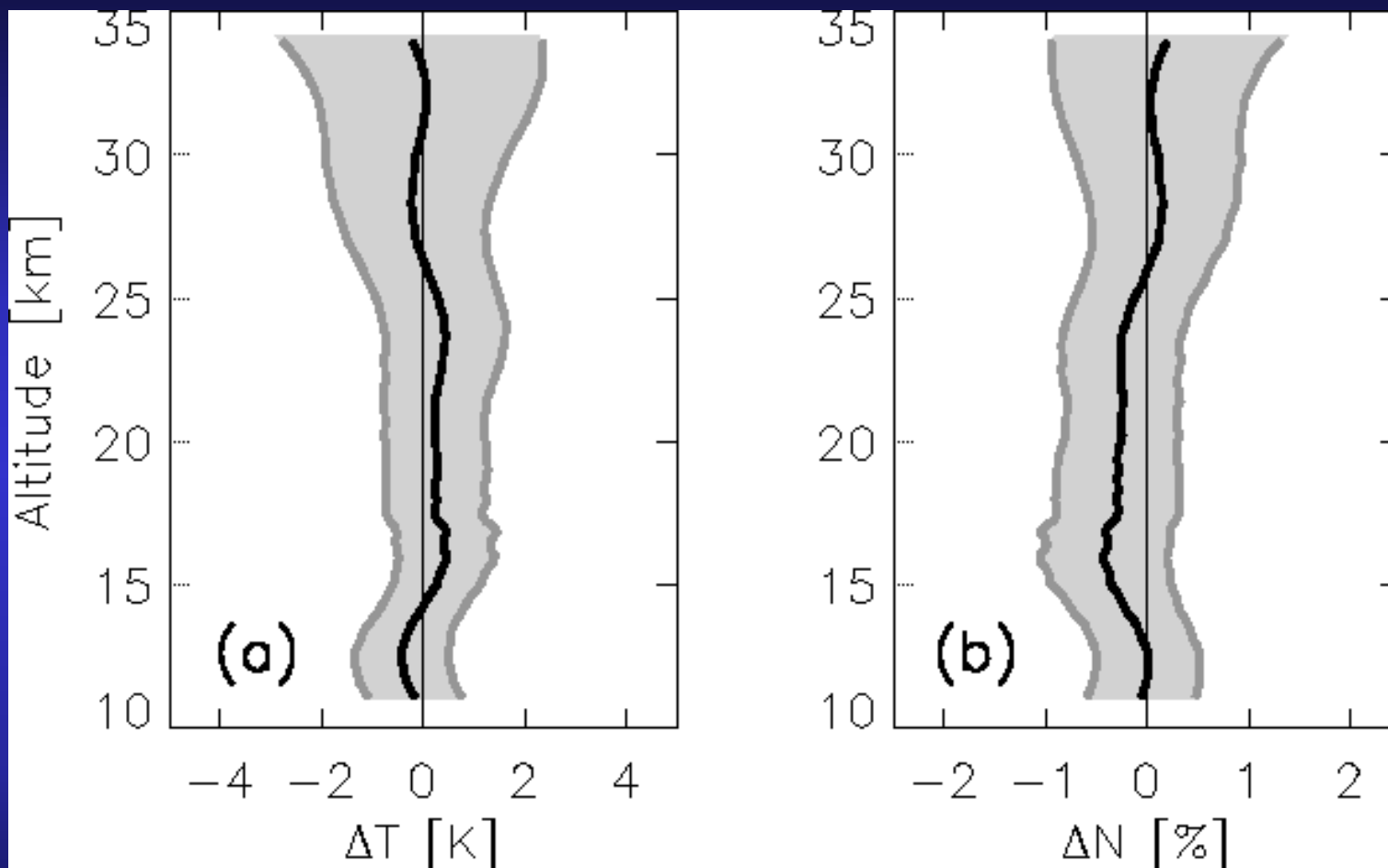


$\Delta d < 300 \text{ km}$
 $\Delta t < 3 \text{ h}$

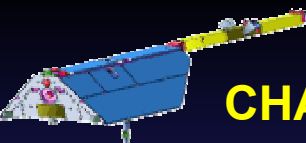


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Comparison with ECMWF



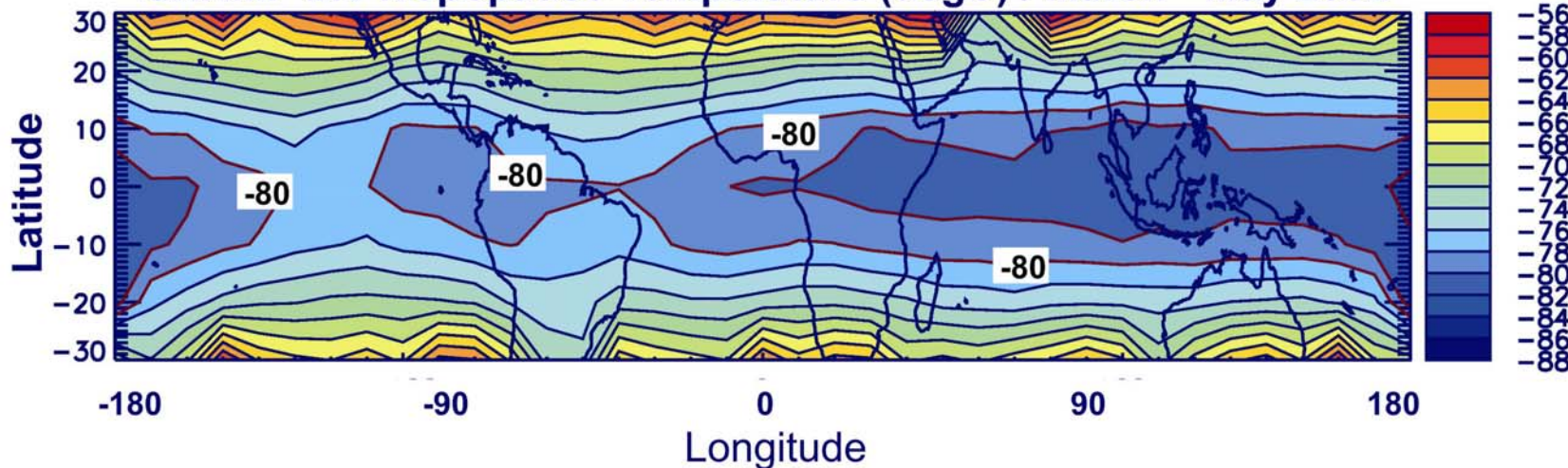
46,000 CHAMP profiles March-Dez 2002



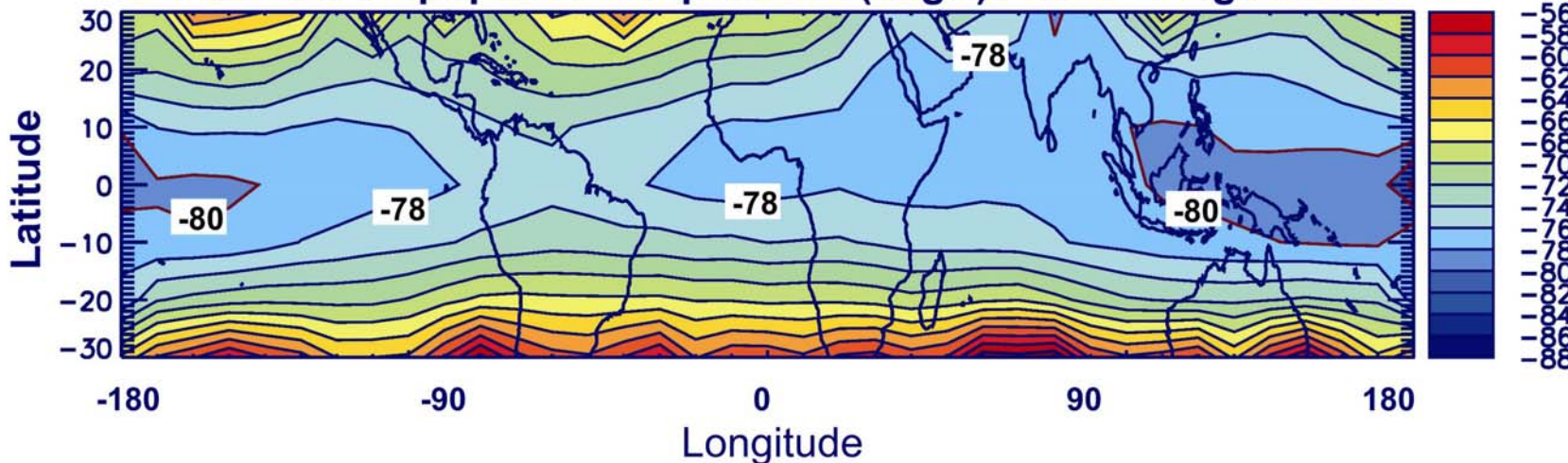
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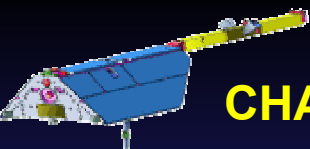
Tropical tropopause temperature

CHAMP LR Tropopause Temperature (degC) / March - May 2002



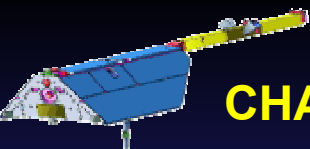
CHAMP LR Tropopause Temperature (degC) / June - August 2002





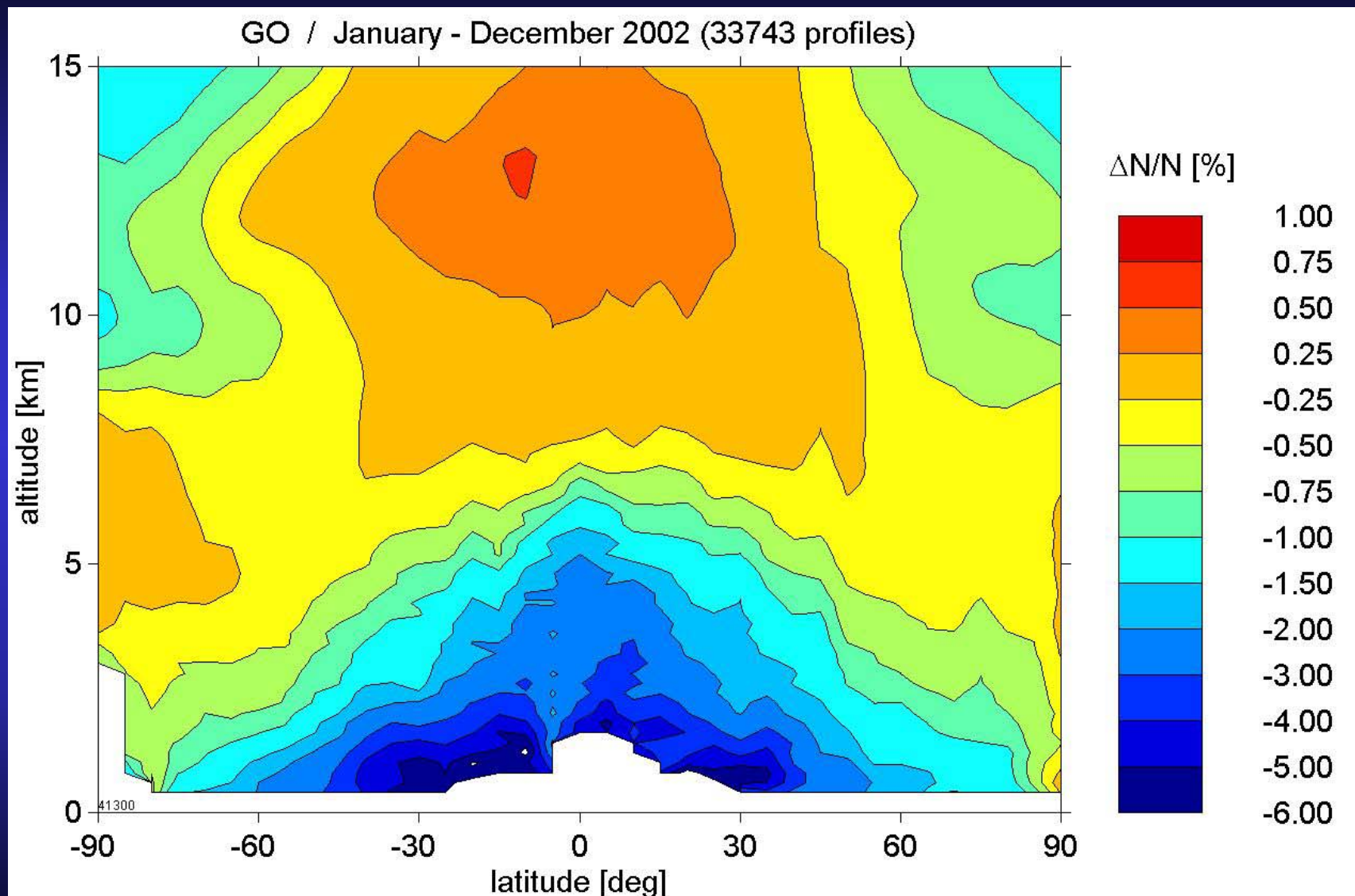
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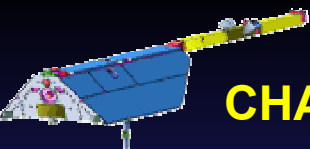
Lower troposphere refractivity bias



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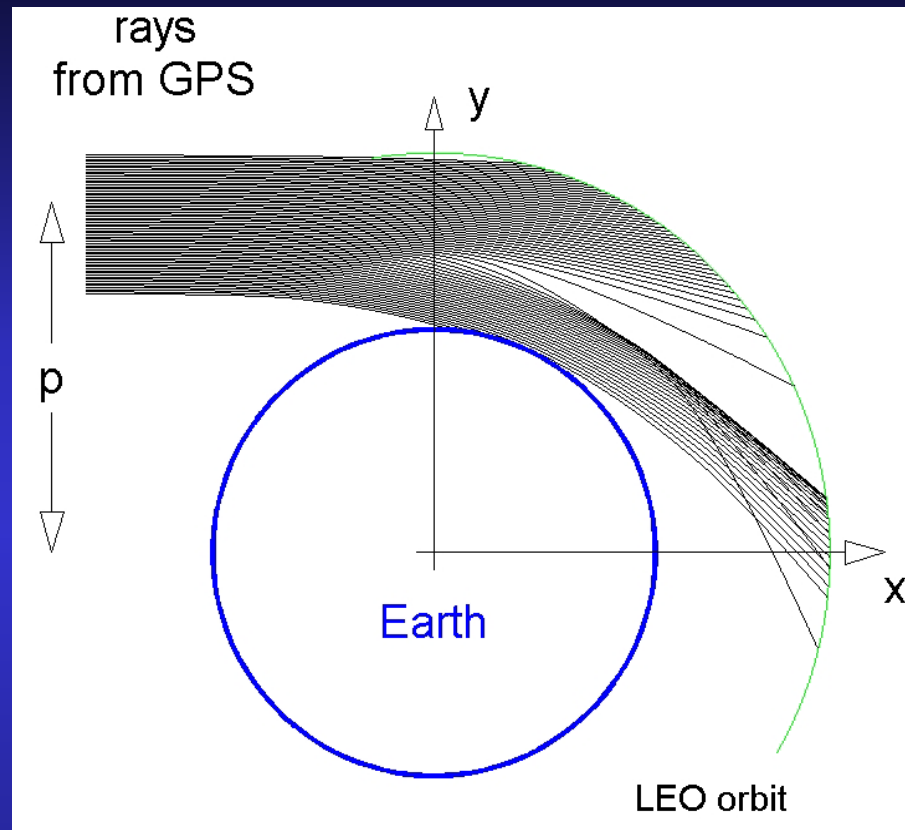
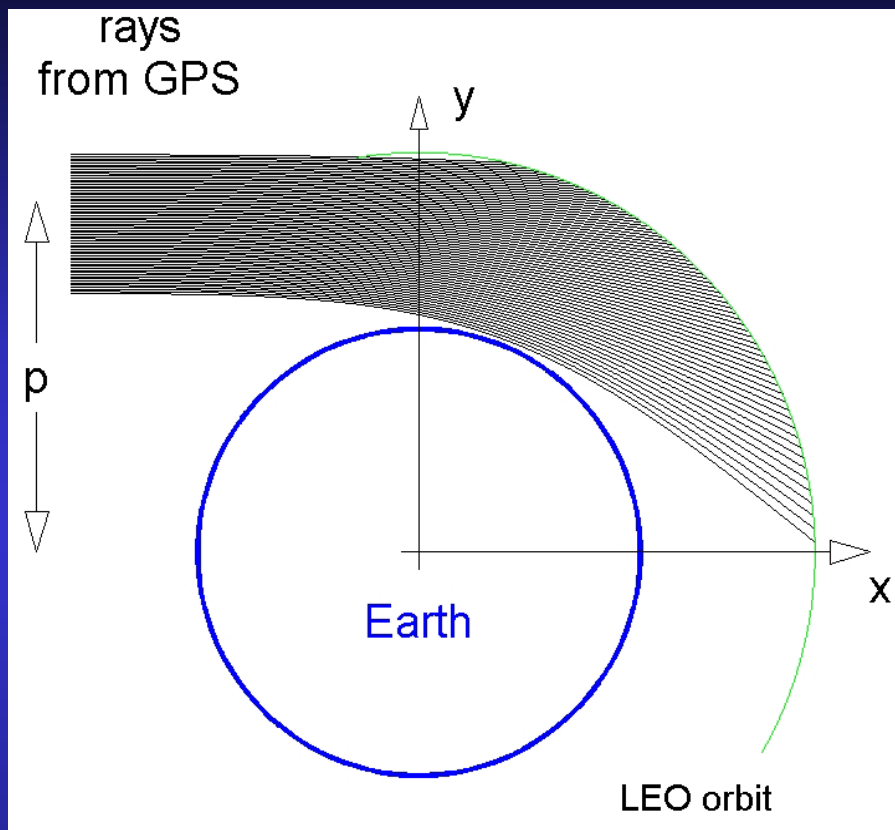
Fract. refractivity bias (GO)



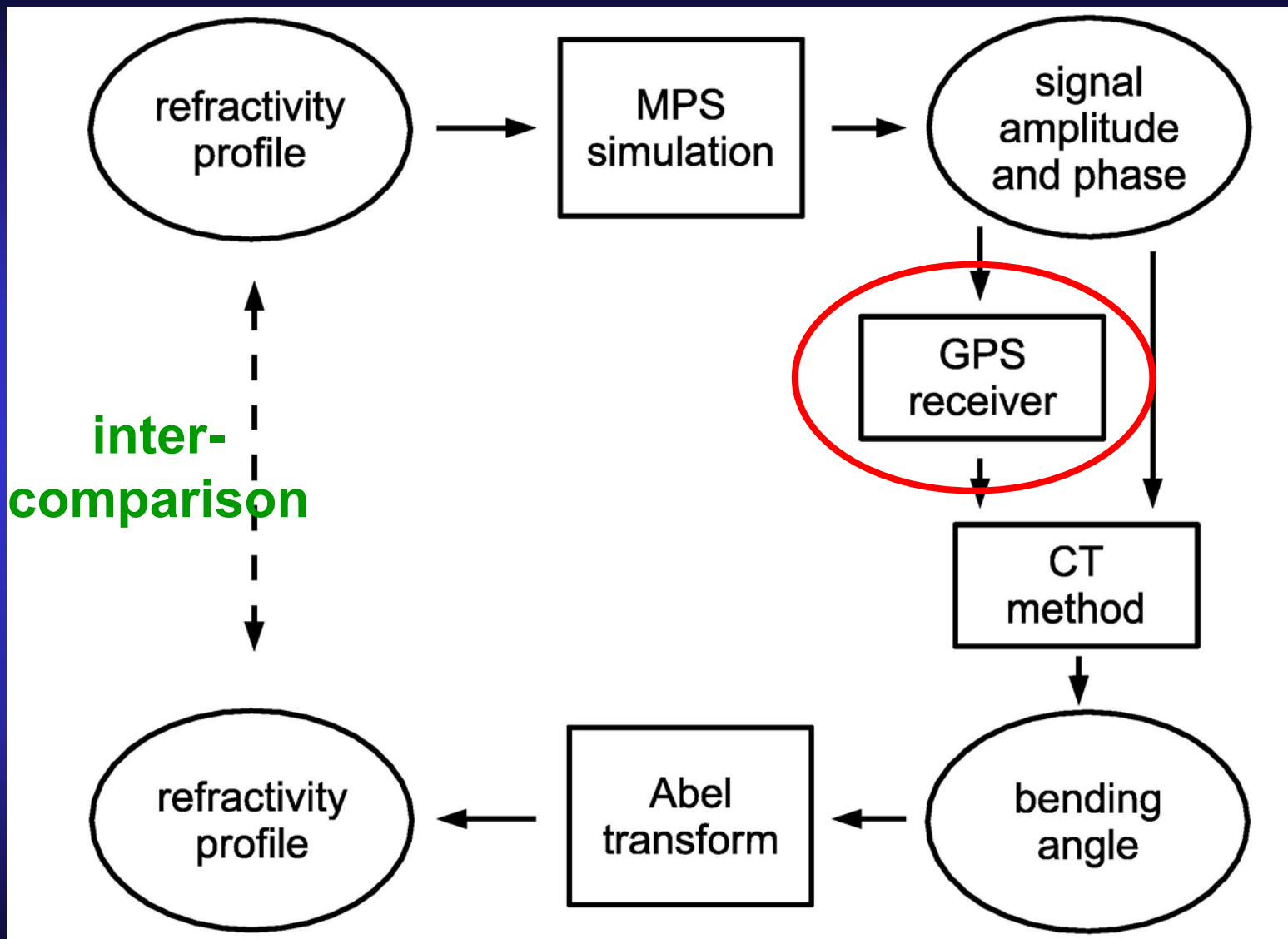
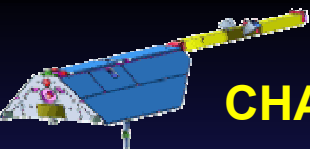


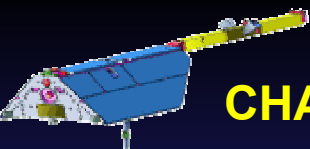
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Causes for neg. refractivity bias

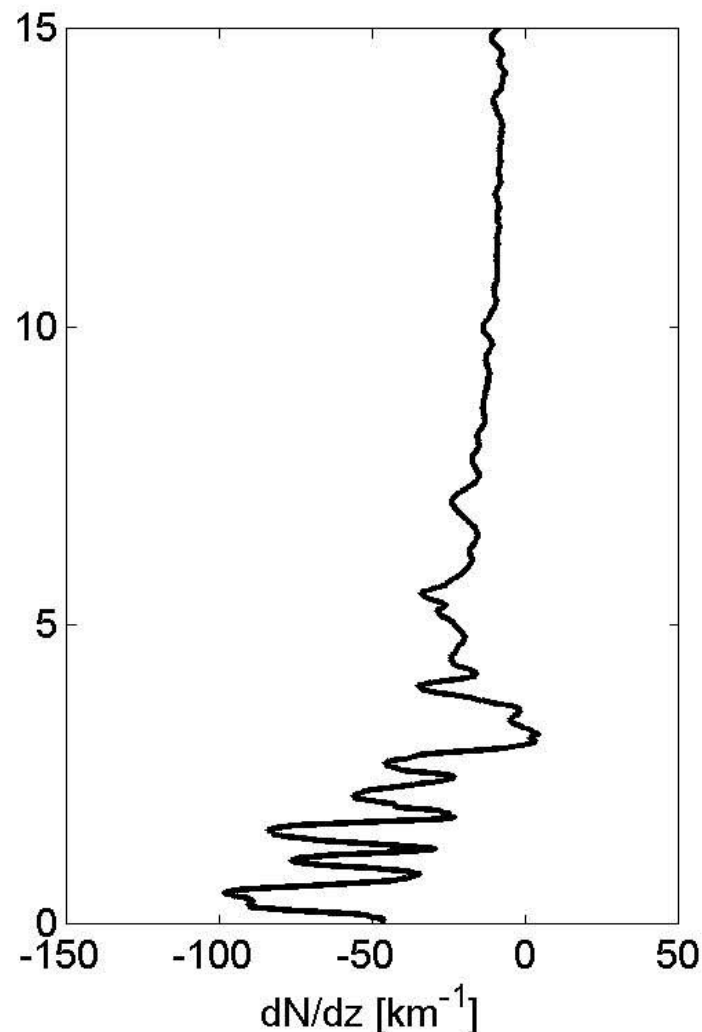
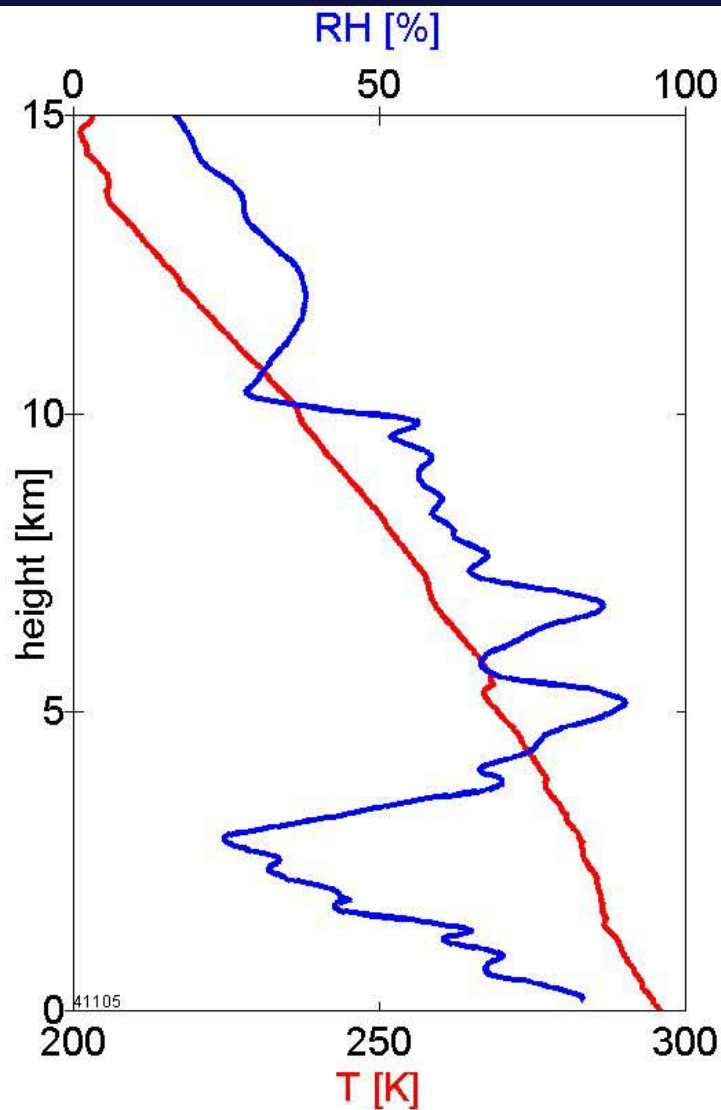


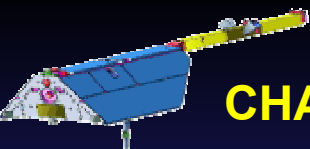
- *multipath ray propagation*
- *signal loss due to critical refraction ($dN/dz < -157 \text{ km}^{-1}$)*
- *receiver tracking errors*





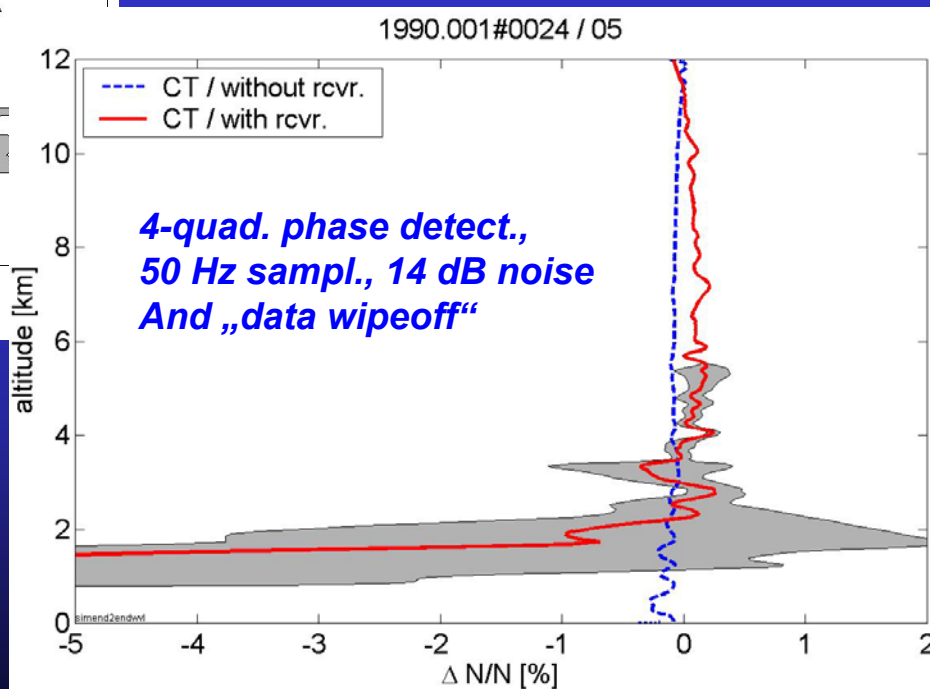
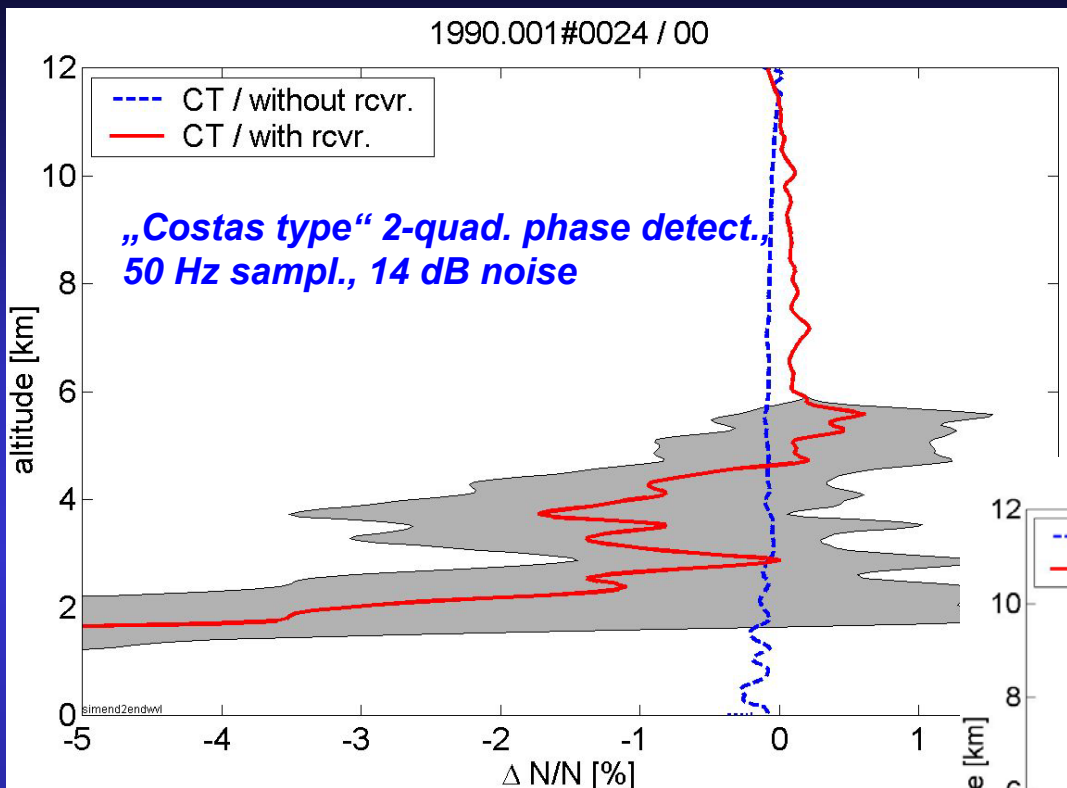
CHAMP Radio sonde profile (23.1°S, 26.0°W, 29 Oct. 1996)



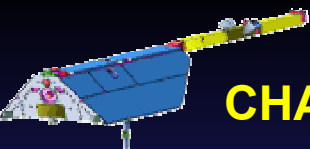


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Influence of the GPS receiver tracking

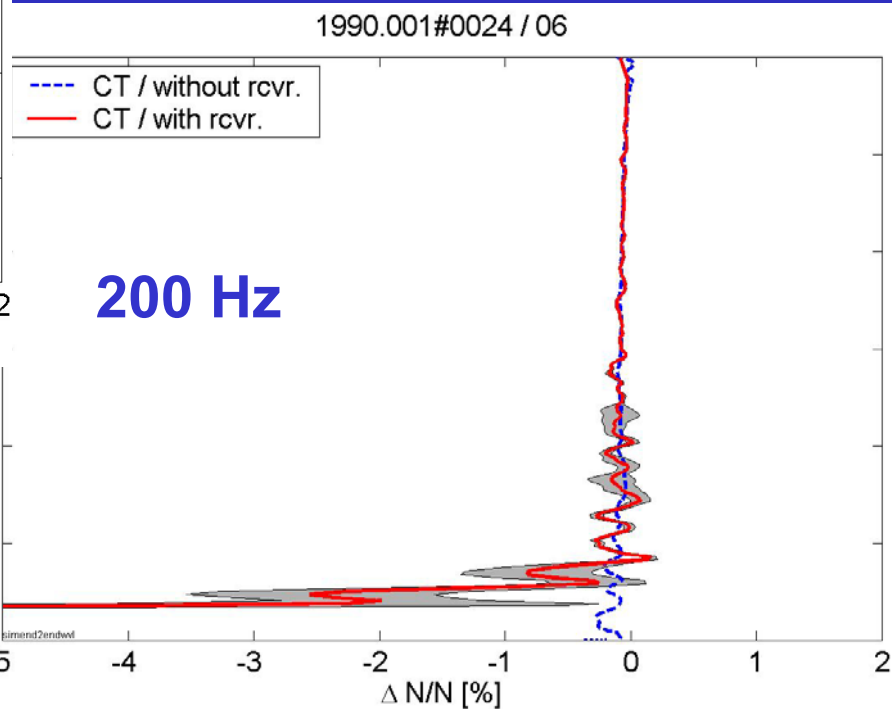
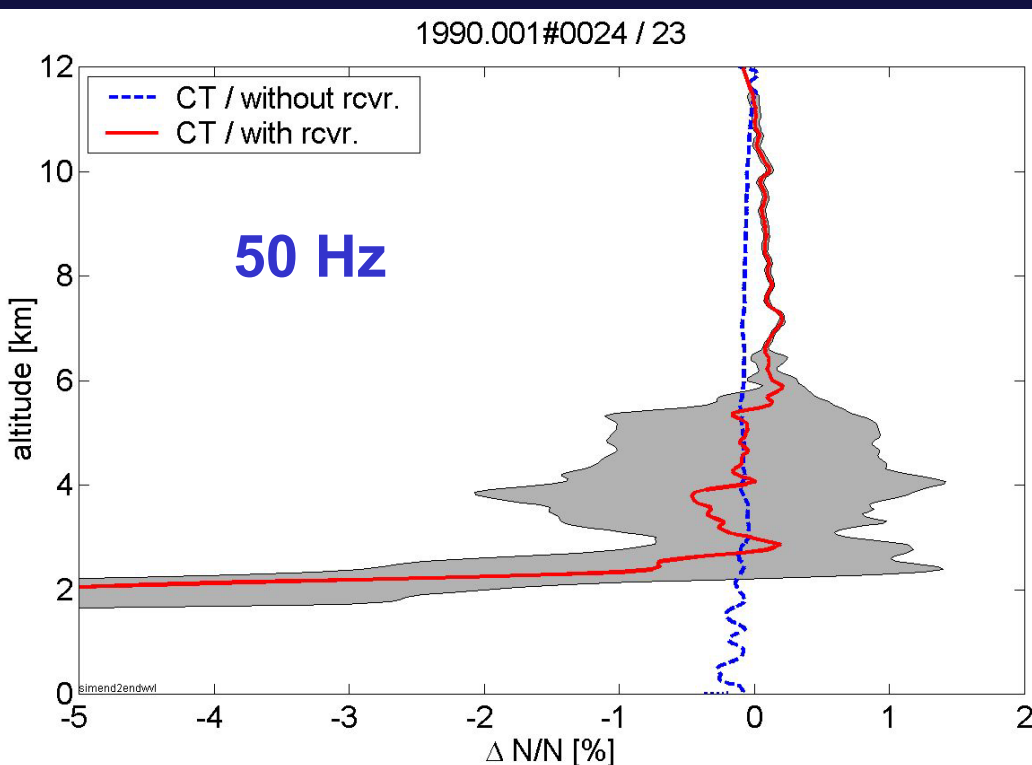


! Planetary boundary layer

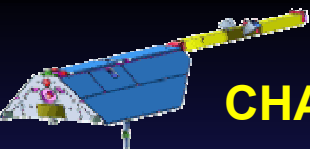


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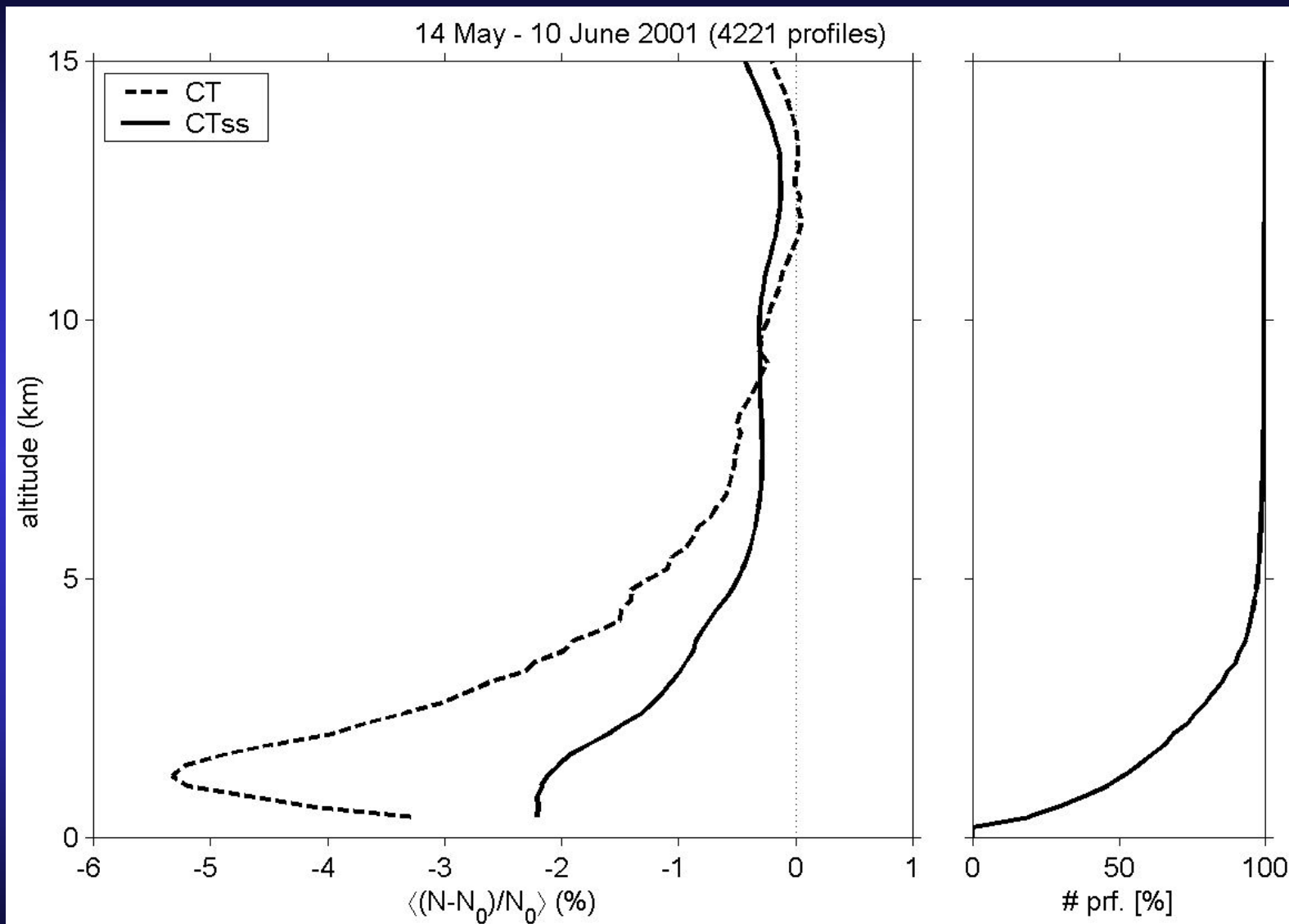


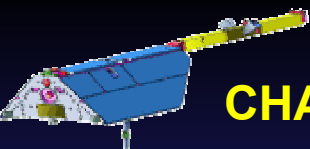
Tracking frequency



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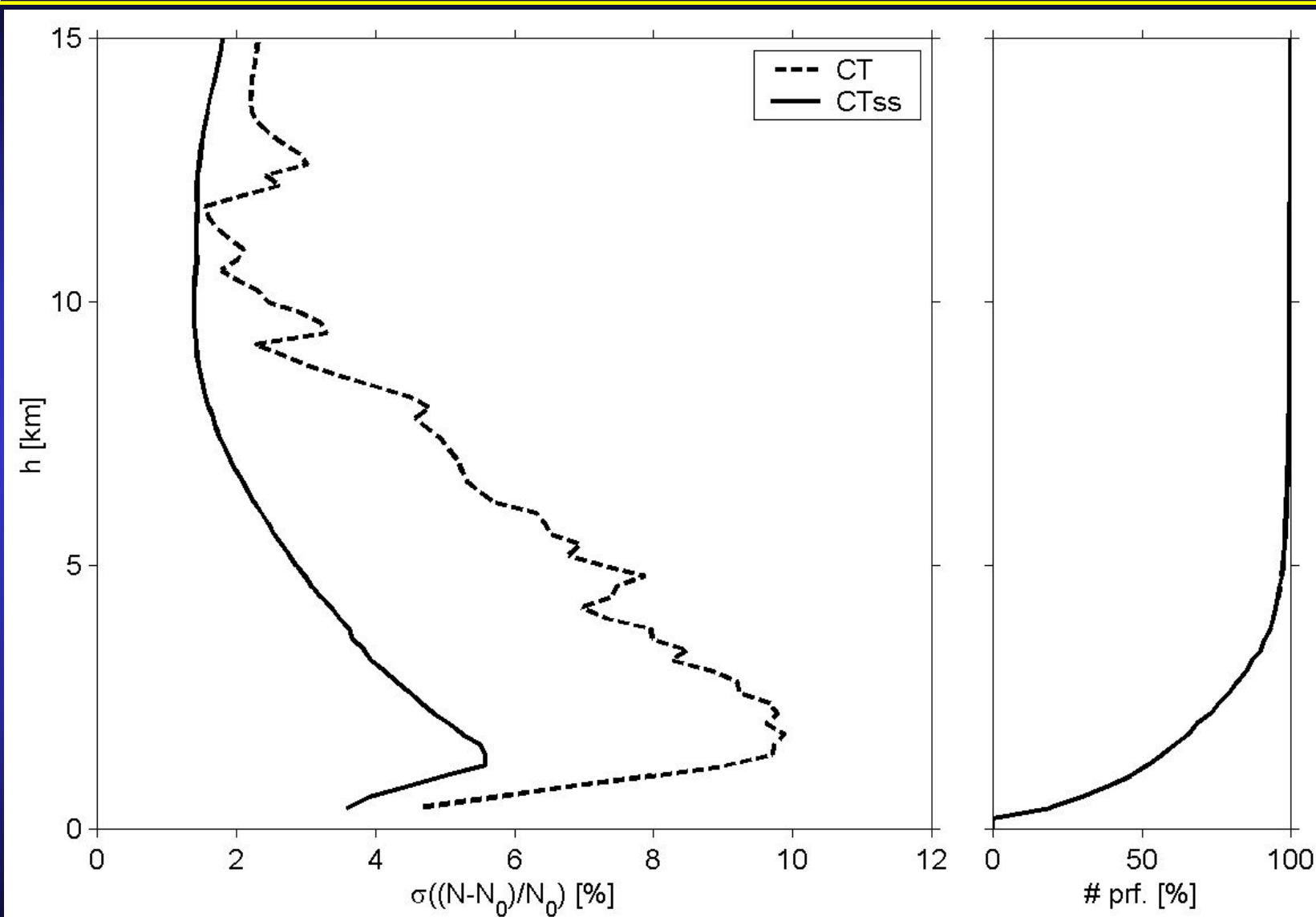
Average fractional refractivity bias

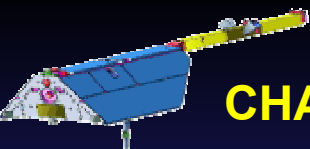




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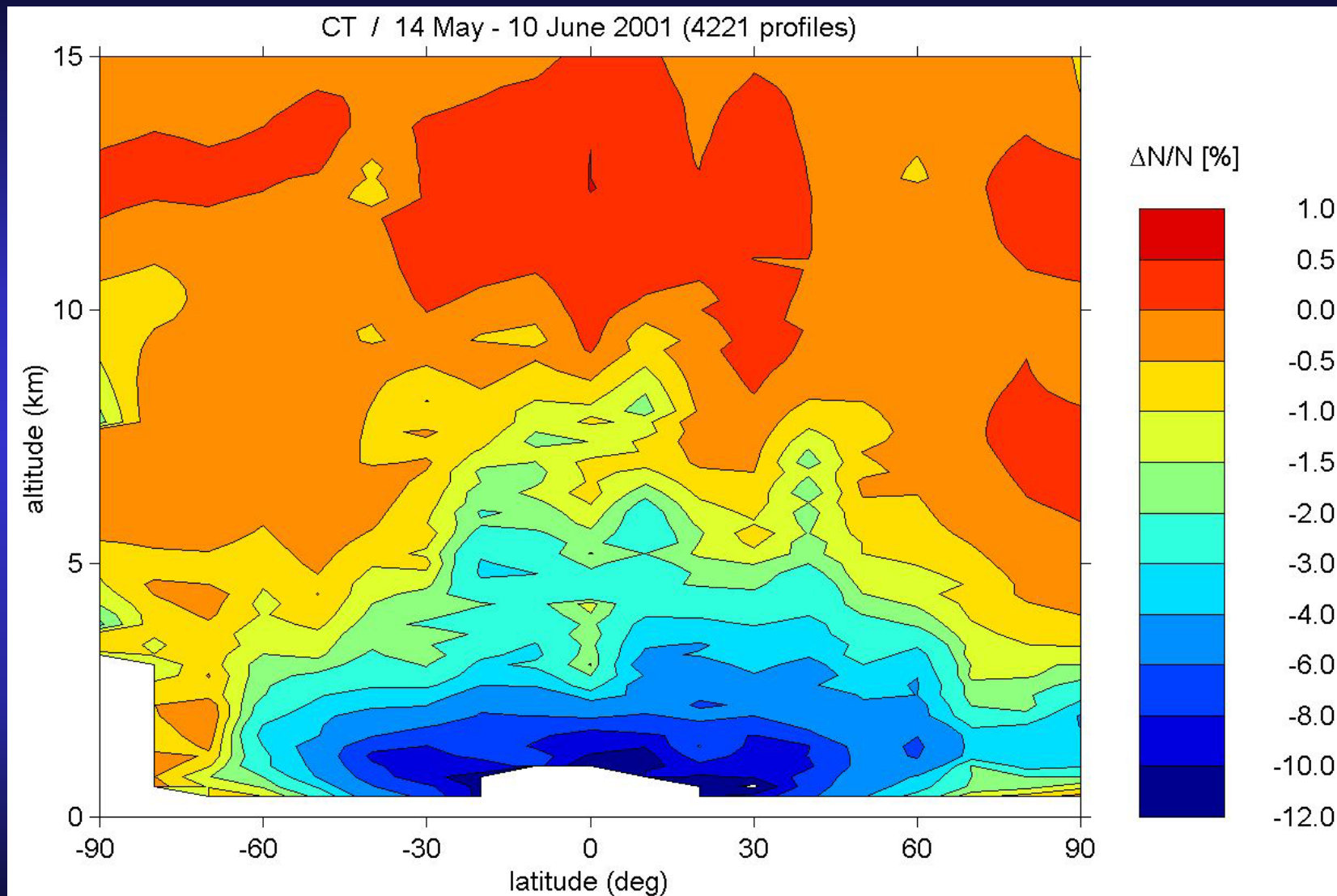
Frac. refractivity standard deviation

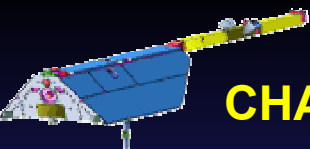




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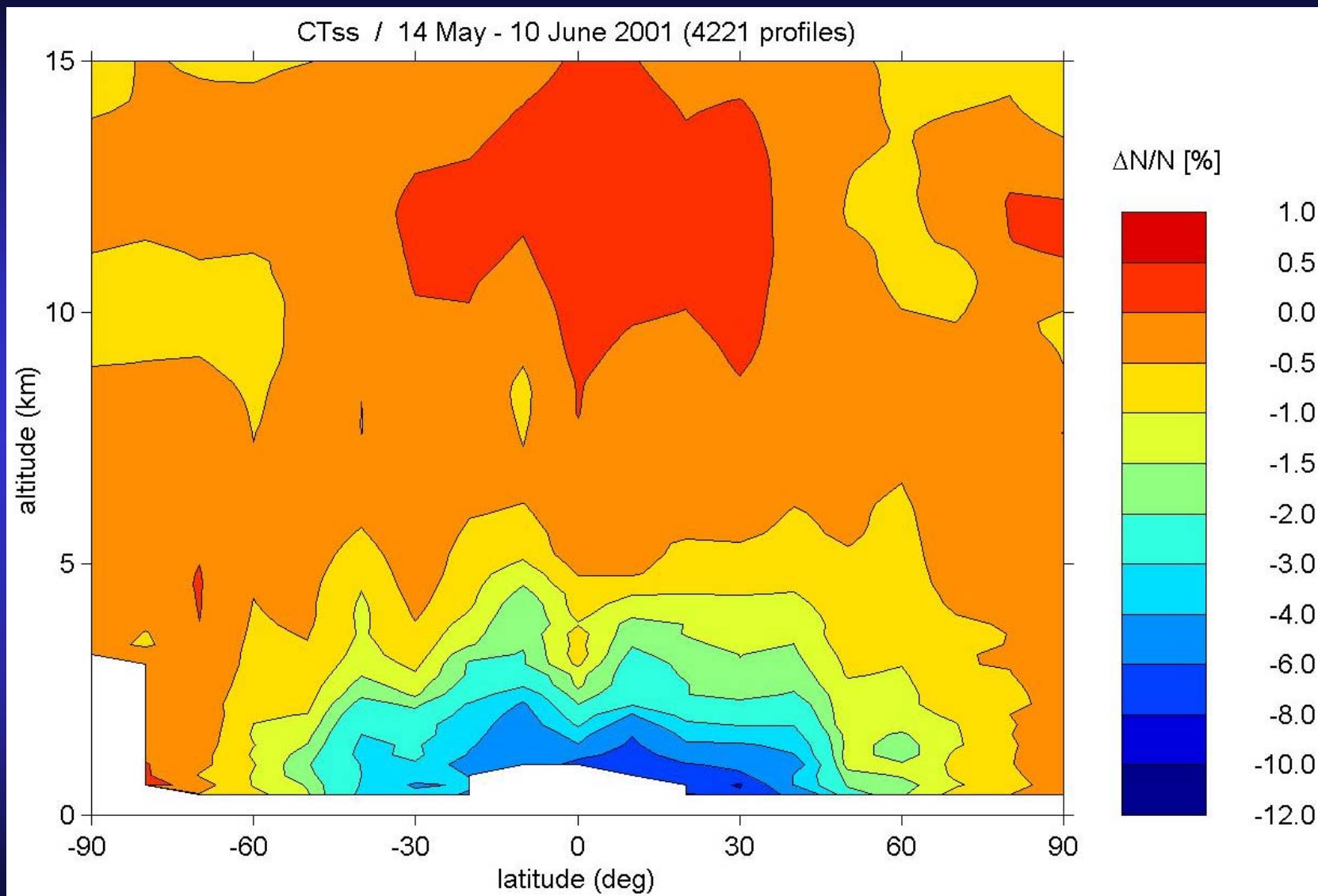
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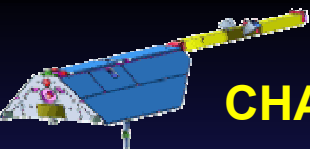




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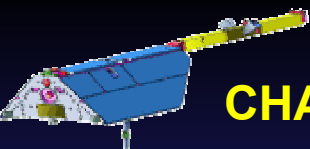
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Operational data processing
(Data provision via:
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<i>CH-AI-1-FID</i>	<i>Fiducial network data</i>
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<i>CH-AI-3-ATM</i>	<i>Vertical atmospheric profile (dry atmosphere assumed)</i>
<i>CH-AI-3-WVP</i>	<i>Water vapor profile</i>
<i>CH-OG-3-RSO</i>	<i>Rapid Science Orbit data for CHAMP and GPS satellites</i>

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Vertical Profiles of Atmospheric Parameters



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Please enter qualifiers in the fields below and press the **Search** button.


 Projection:

 Longitude[°]: ...

 Latitude[°]: ...

 Altitude[km]: ...

 Occultation No:

 Revision:

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 Entry Id:
 use time period below

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Level 1

Level 2

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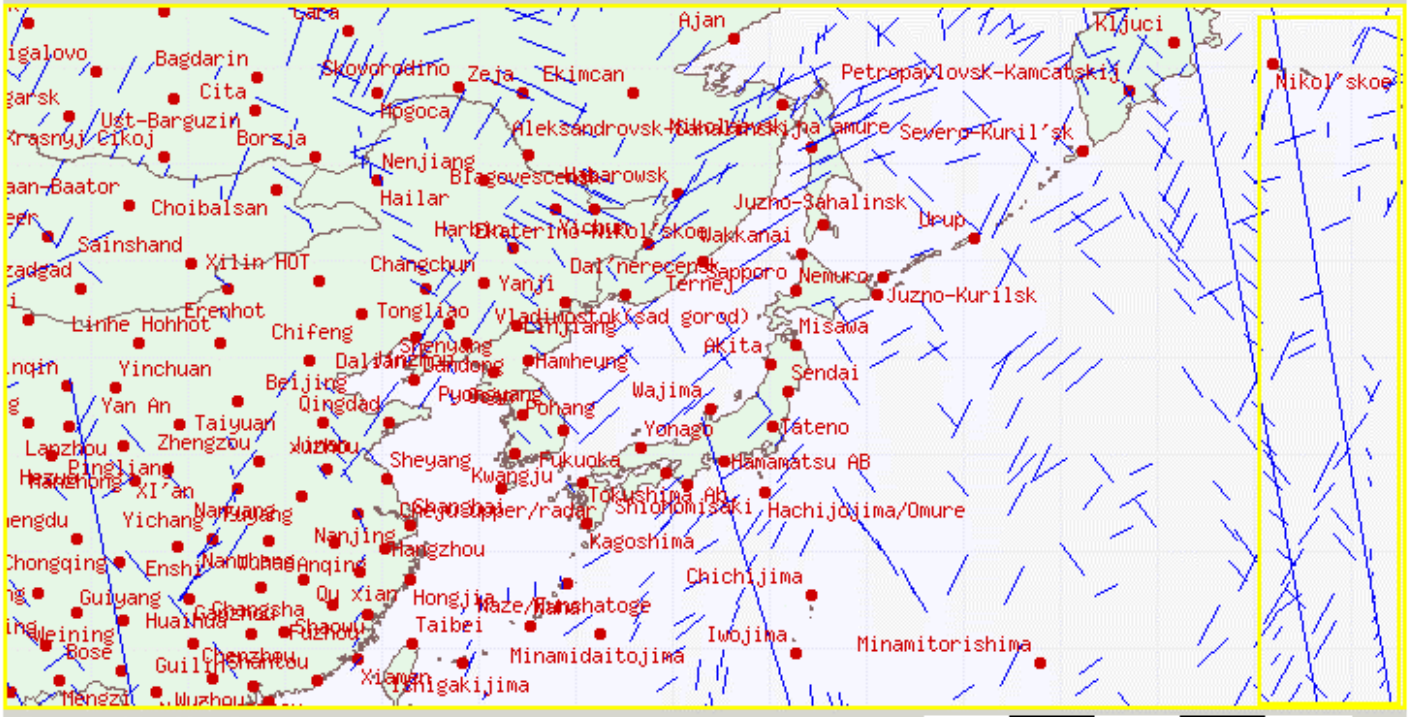
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Hierarchy Level

Public Area Grant

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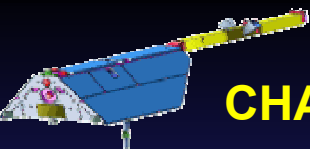


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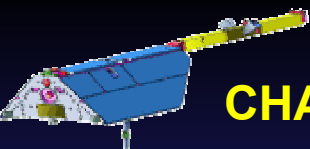
- Legend
- CH-AI-3-ATM
 - Radiosonde Stations

Current Boundary Coordinates: 100.75 22.00 172.75 58.00
Selected Boundary Coordinates:





- *Quasi-continuous provision of GPS occultation data and analysis results, (operational CHAMP processing of CHAMP data at GFZ Potsdam since February 2001), more than 120,000 atmospheric profiles available, recent status via WWW (GPS Atmosphere Sounding Project homepage), first long term RO data set expected*
- *Demonstration of „Near-real-time“ occultation processing, av. 5h delay*
- *Demonstration of advantageous consequences of the Termination of SA (Acquisition rate GS, Space based single differencing)*
- *Improvements of processing software based on various validation activities with focus to the lower troposphere (current version 004 available via ISDC at GFZ, 005 in preparation)*
- *Continuation of the GASP work within the Helmholtz's society research program "Atmosphere and Climate" (ground and space based activities)*
- *Last but not least: CHAMP Science Meeting (September 1-4, 2003)*



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GPS radio occultation missions

