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# LEO Enhanced PNT

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# Status of Satellite Navigation System

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# Major Global/Regional Navigation Satellite Systems

## Global Navigation Satellite System

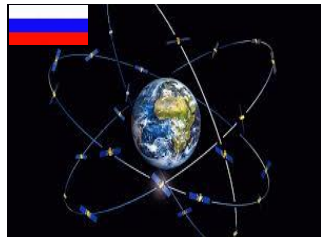
## Regional Navigation Satellite System



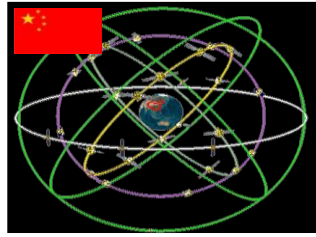
**GPS**



**GLONASS**



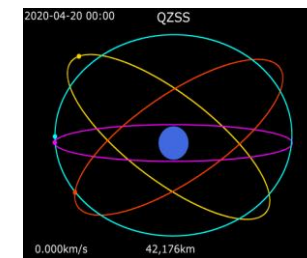
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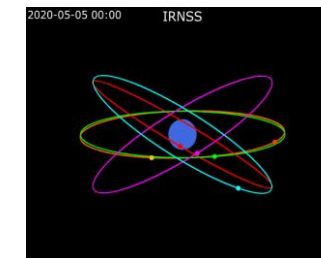
**Galileo**



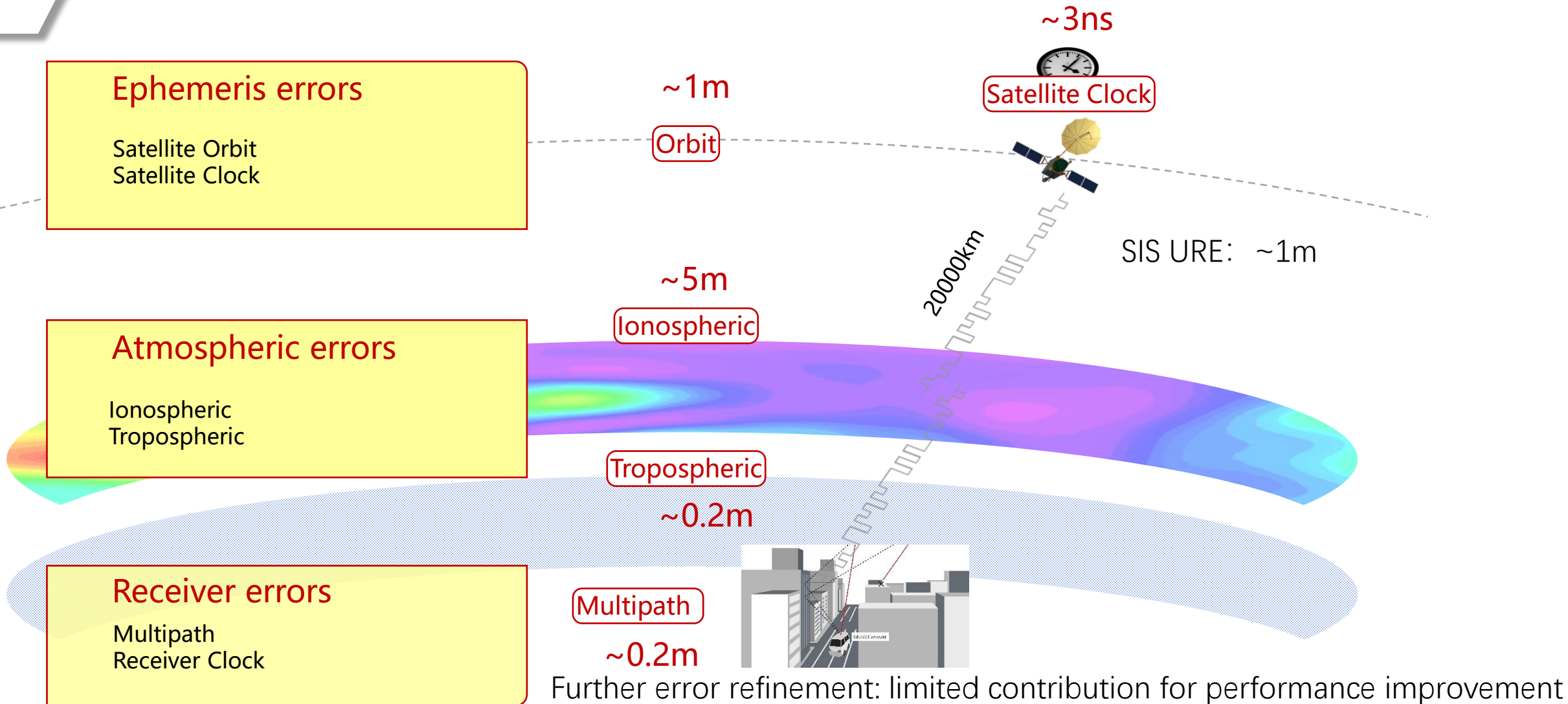
**QZSS**



**NavIC**

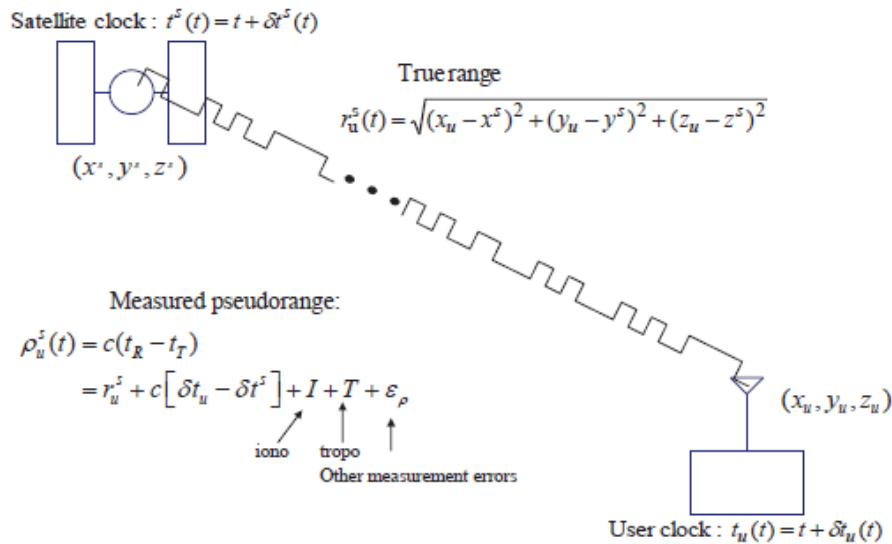


# GNSS Error Budget

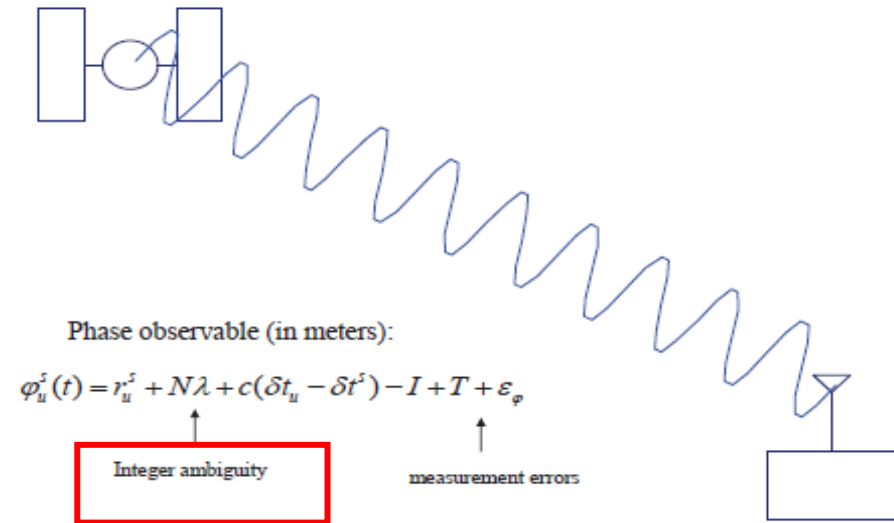


# GNSS Measurements

- Pseudo-range (code):
  - New signal modulation and more precise URE
  - Noise reduced to 0.1m level by carrier-phase/doppler smoothing tech



- Carrier-phase (phase)
  - Used for high-accuracy
  - Ambiguity is still hard to precisely fixed in short period

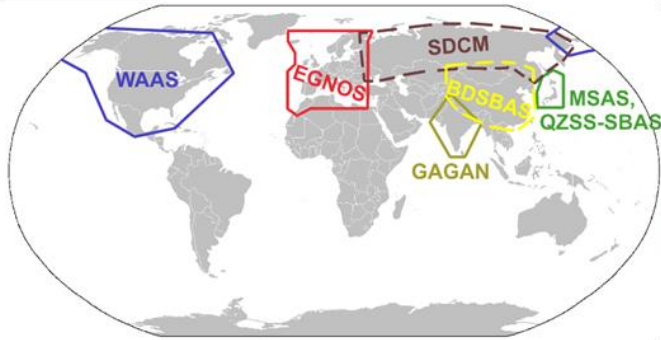


$$P(\text{Ambiguity}) = f(\dot{s}, PDOP) = \kappa \frac{\dot{s}}{PDOP}$$

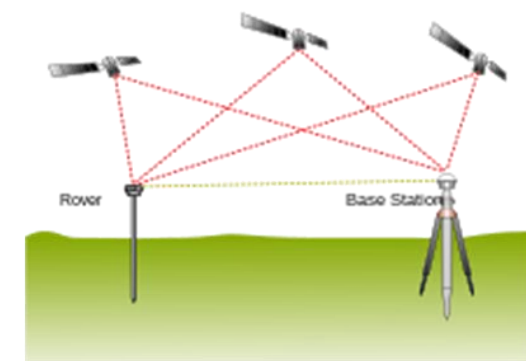
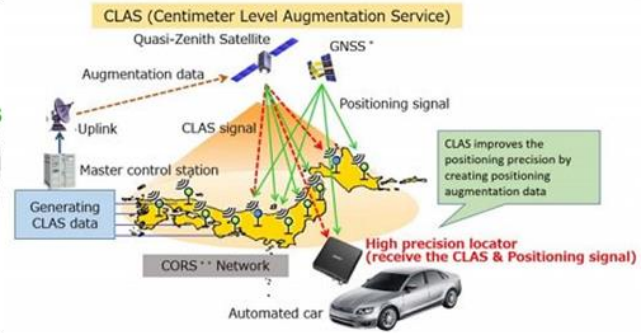
Satellite Orbit	Convergence time
LEO (1000km)	1 minute
MEO (20000km)	20 minutes
BDS IGSO (36000km)	120 minutes

# GNSS Augmentation

## SBAS



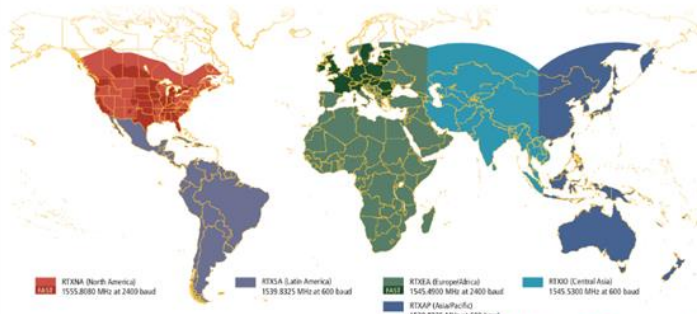
## QZSS CLAS service



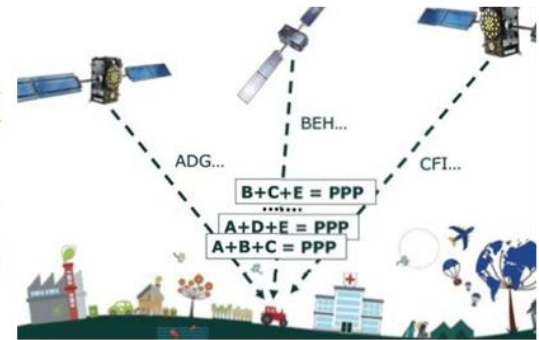
Real Time Kinematic Positioning

## Trimble RTX

2019 Trimble RTX™ Satellite Broadcast Frequency Coverage Map



## Galileo HAS / BDS B2b PPP



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### Satellite-Based Augmentation:

Accuracy is enhanced through the transmission of wide-area corrections for GNSS range errors

### Ground-Based Augmentation:

Provides differential corrections and covers a relatively small area

**Current SBAS or GBAS cannot provide world-wide real-time cm-level positioning service**





Contribution of LED navigation

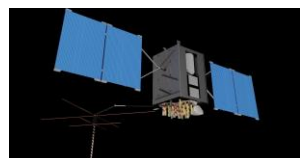
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# Satellite Navigation Started From LEO



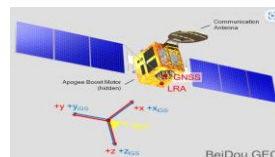
1960s,  
LEO navigation



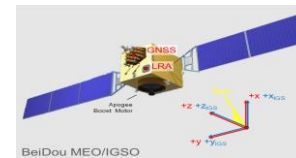
1978,  
GPS



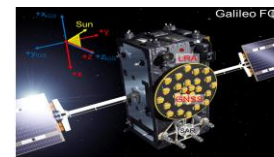
1982,  
GLONASS



2000,  
BDS-1



2007,  
BDS-2



2011,  
Galileo



2017,  
BDS-3



## Orbit: LEO

- Measurement: Doppler

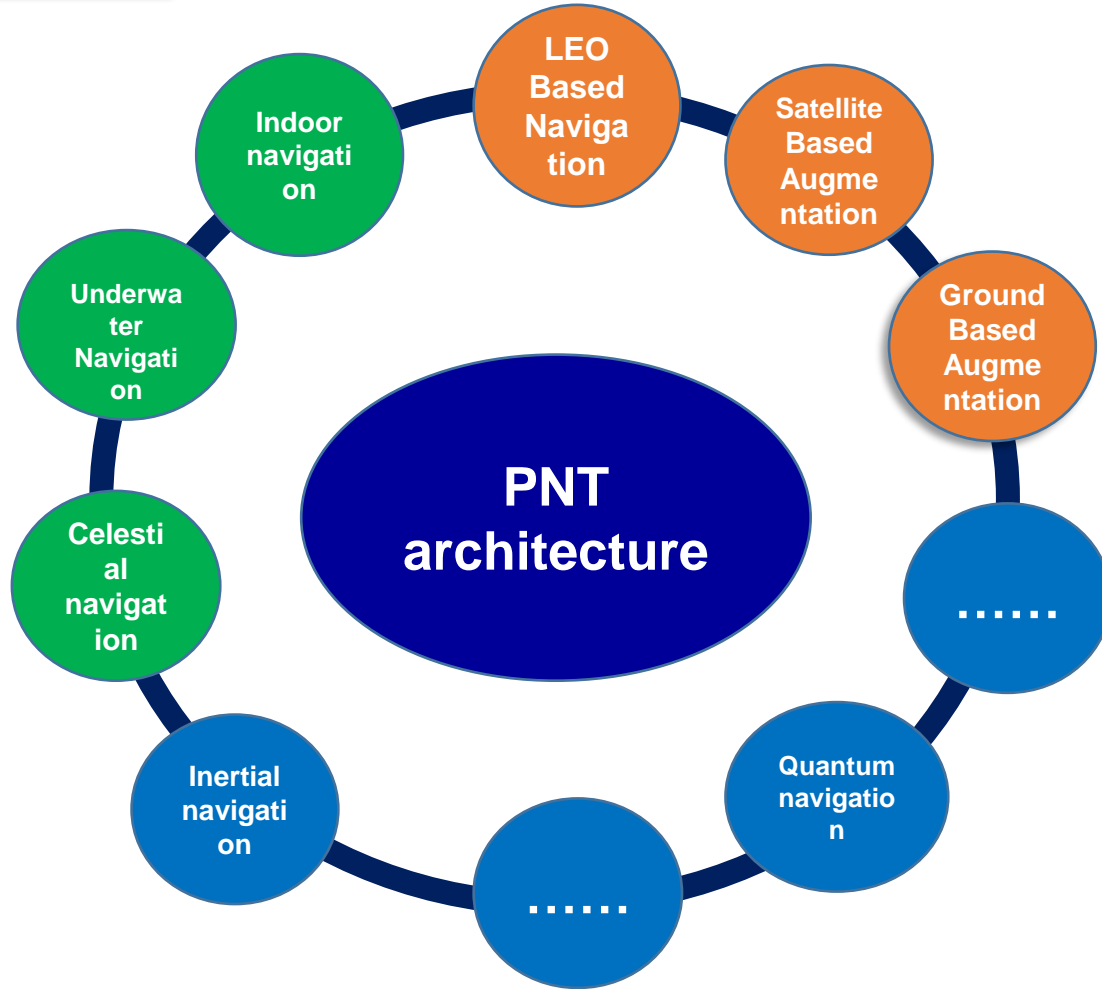
## Orbit: MEO/GEO/IGSO

- Measurement: Pseudorange+ Carrier Phase +Doppler

2016,  
Iridium/Next  
(STL)



# LEO PNT Systems From China



- ❑ LEO constellation becomes a part of **China comprehensive PNT infrastructure**
- ❑ Chinese Commercial companies have been deeply involved in LEO navigation constellation construction
  - >10 LEO satellites have been launched over last 5 years for navigation tests
  - LEO constellation will be completed within 3-4 years

# Advantages Of LEO navigation

## □ Space-based GNSS Augmentation System

- large data downlink bandwidth beneficial for real-time high-precision GNSS correction broadcast
- two way confirmation to improve anti-spoofing capability

## □ User received Signal Power

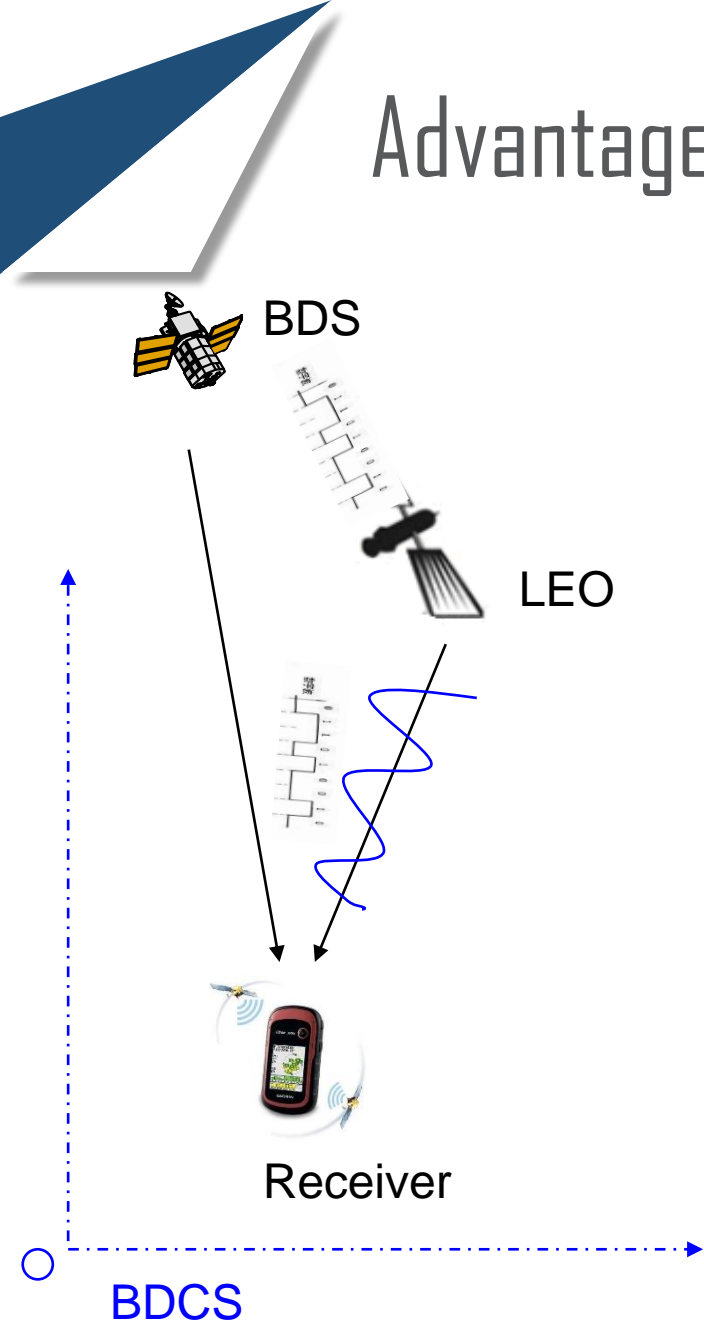
- signal power can 25–30 dB higher than GNSS (the orbit altitude is much lower than GNSS) (communication service)
- GNSS C&I needs similar user received power level (RNSS)

## □ Accelerate the Convergence Speed of PPP

- Improving PDOP with LEO-based navigation signals
- reduce PPP convergence ( ~30 mins with GNSS → minute level )

## □ Enhanced Estimation of GNSS orbit/clock, EOP...

- world-wide GNSS tracking with onboard receivers



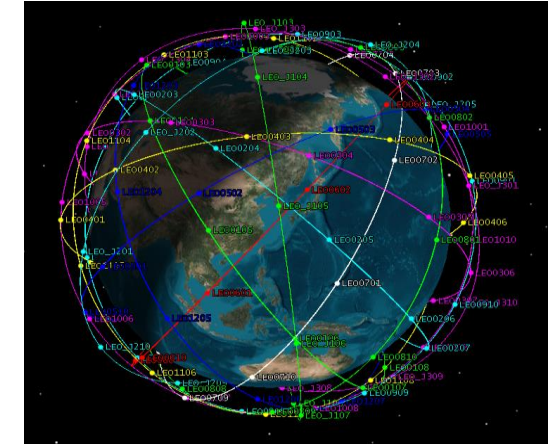
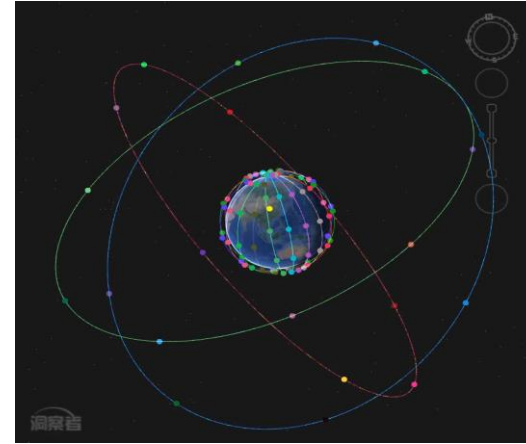
# Advantages Of LEO navigation

## □ LEO constellation simulation

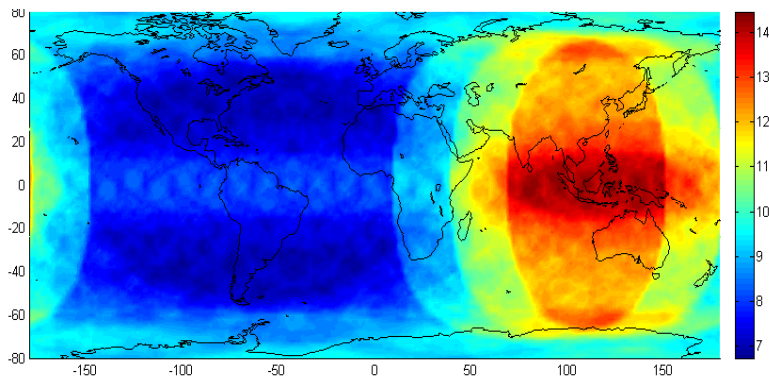
■ Walker 120/10/1, 975 km, 55°

■ Walker 30/3/1, 1200km, 85°

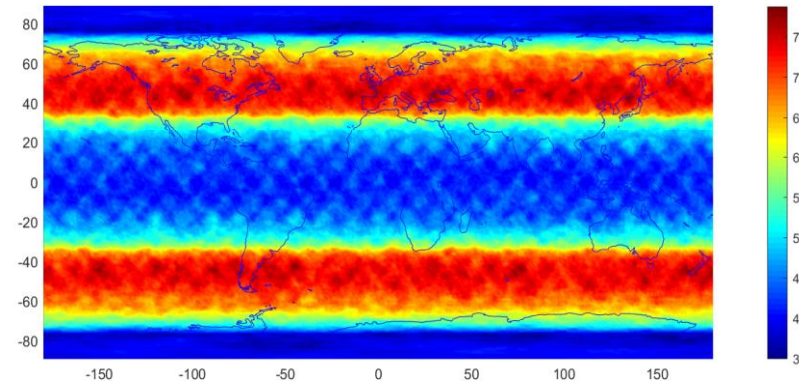
## □ LEO visibility



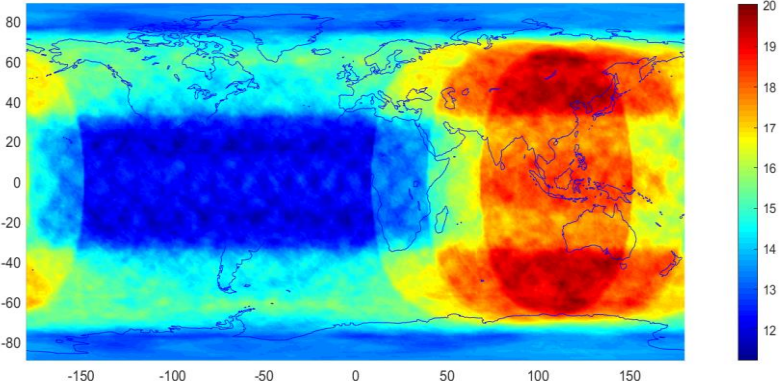
**BDS satellite number**



**LEO satellite number**



**BDS+LEO satellite**

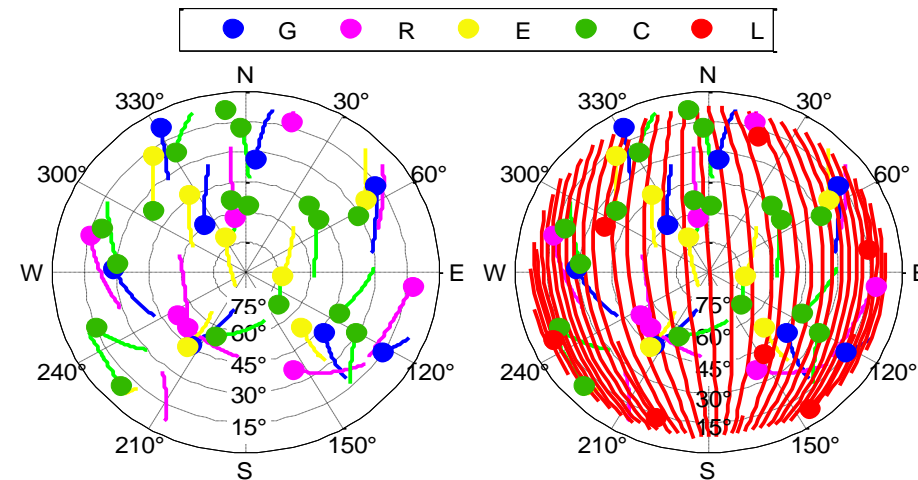
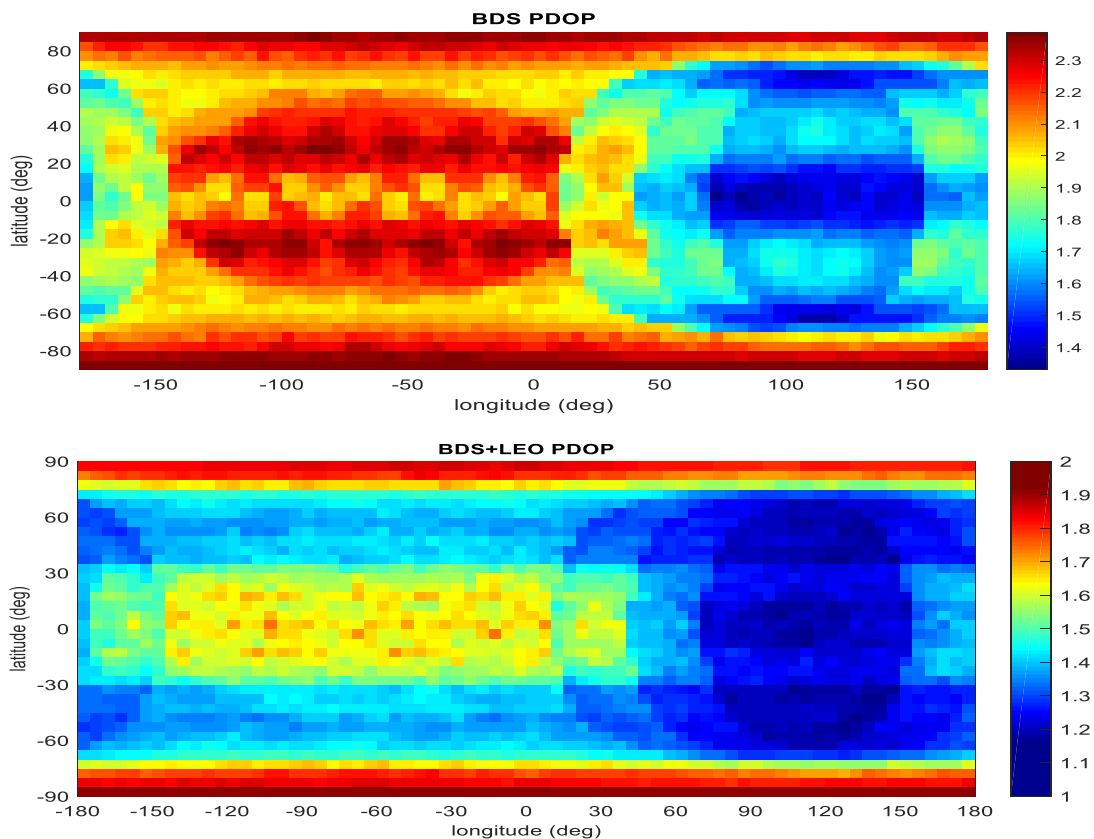


➤ > 2 LEOs globally, > 6 LEOs for high latitudes, 4 LEOs on average



# Advantages Of LEO navigation

## □ PDOP improvement



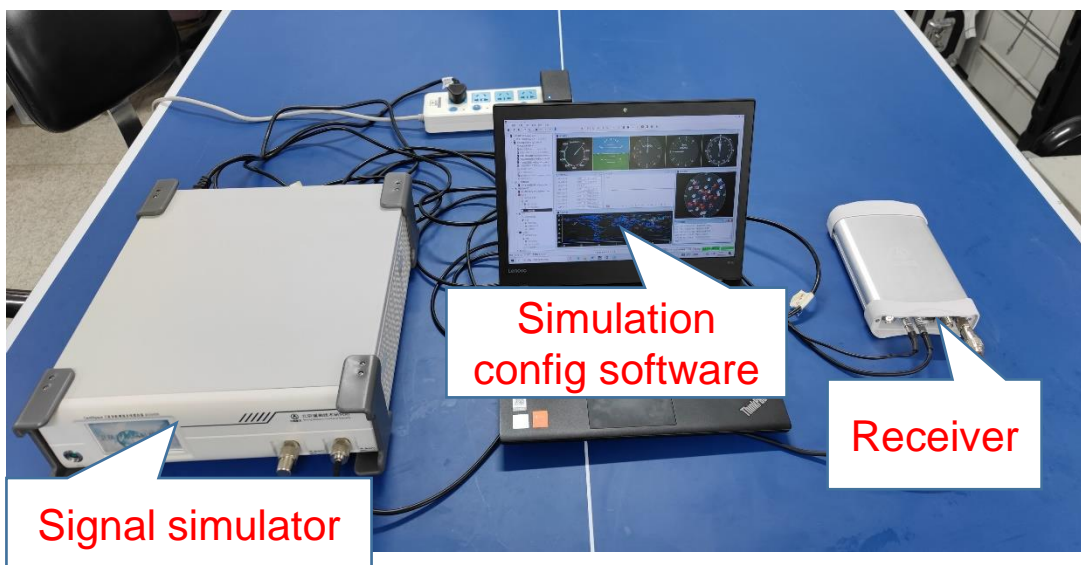
	PDOP MAX	PDOP MIN	PDOP AVE
BDS	2.39	1.13	1.99
BDS+LEO	1.93	1.10	1.48

➤ PDOP improvement 30%

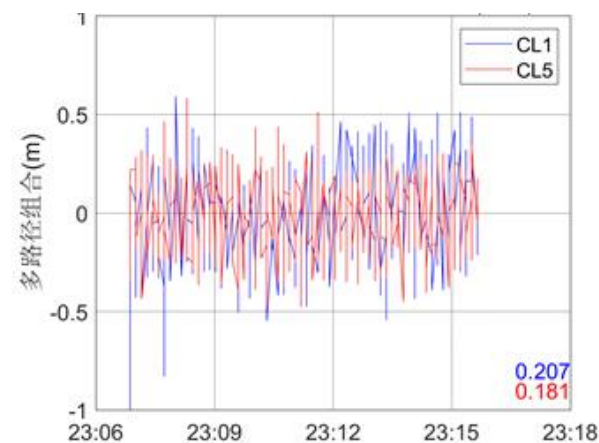
# Advantages Of LEO navigation

## □ PPP argumentation by LEO

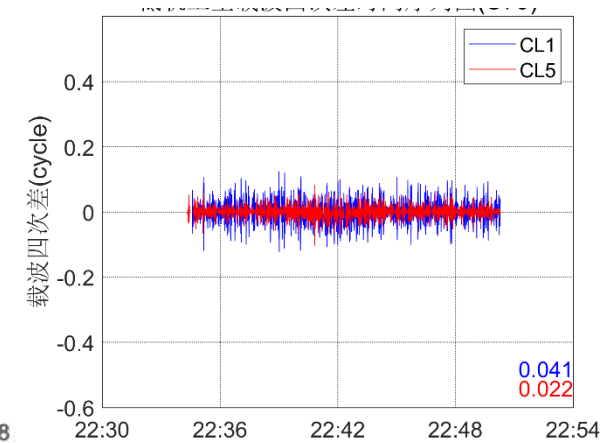
- Test data collected from a signal simulator
- LEO signal frequency: L1/L5



Hardware simulator development



LEO code MP

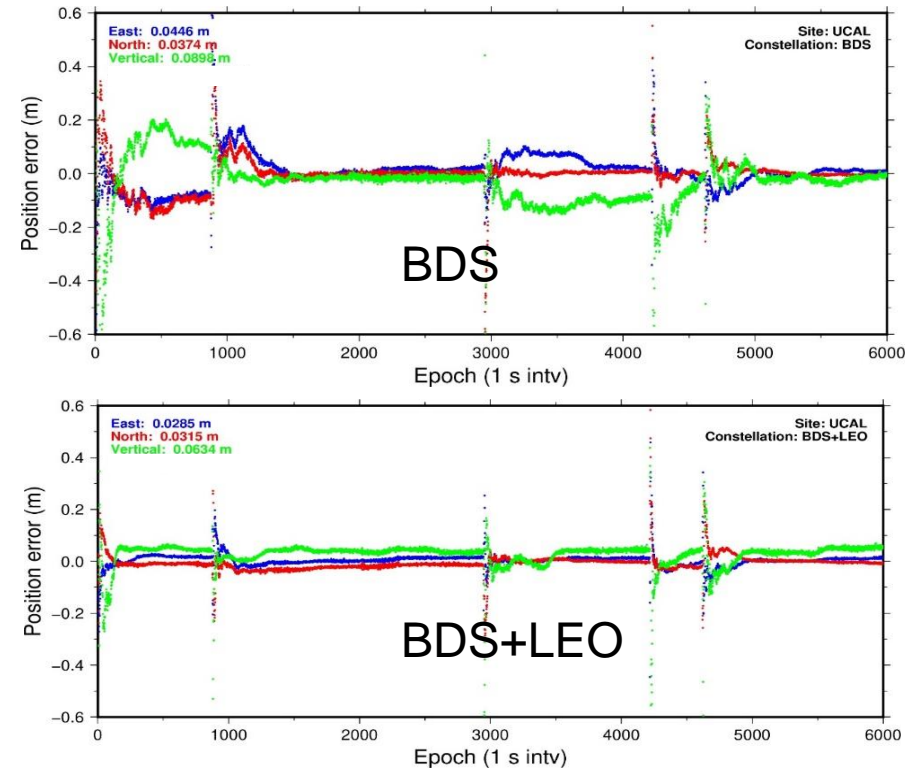
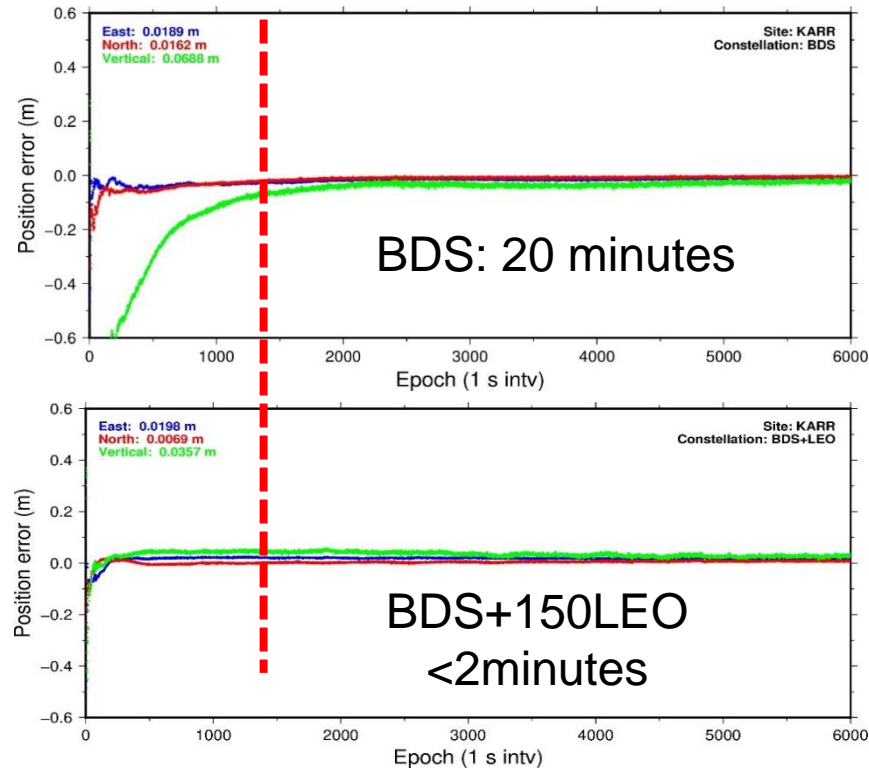


LEO phase 4-dif

➤ **LEO signal code noise: 0.2 m, phase noise: 0.03 cycle**

# Advantages Of LEO navigation

## Static PPP



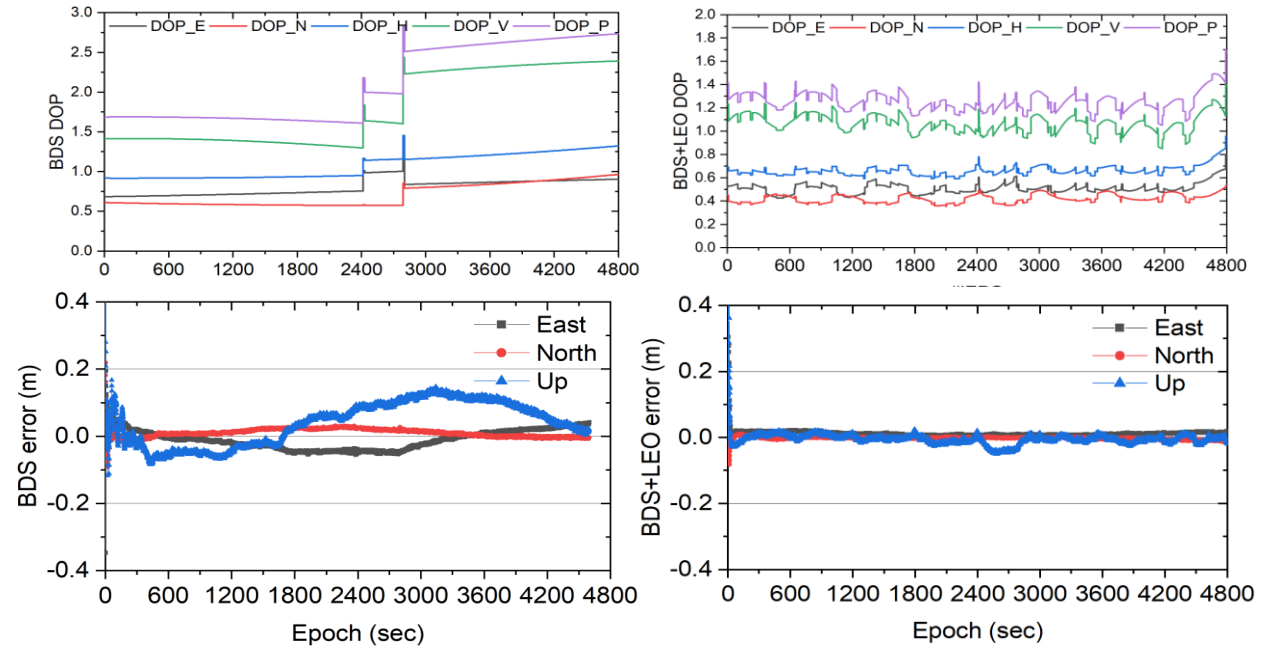
➤ Reduce PPP convergence time to < 2min

➤ Fast re-convergence after signal interruption

# Advantages Of LEO navigation

## □ Kinematic PPP

- INS: Simulated vehicle trajectory
- Signal simulator: BDS+LEO Signal



	E (cm)	N (cm)	U (cm)	3D (cm)
BDS	2.89	1.48	7.63	8.29
BDS+LEO	1.32	0.40	1.46	<b>2.01</b>

➤ **BDS+LEO: fast convergence: < 2 min, high precision: ~2 cm**

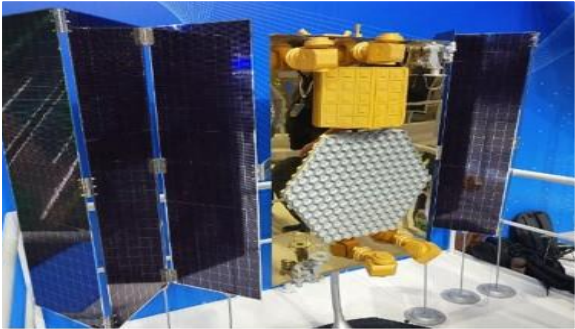


# Onboard Test

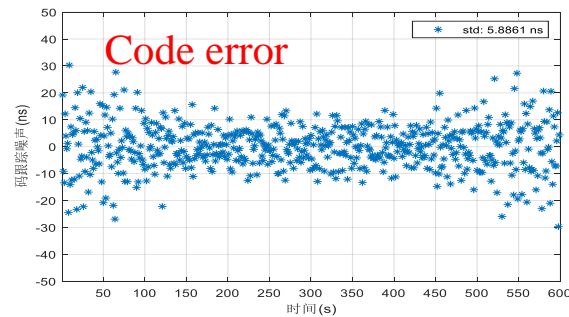


## □ Hongyan satellite

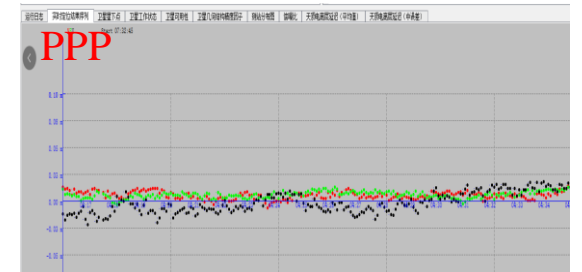
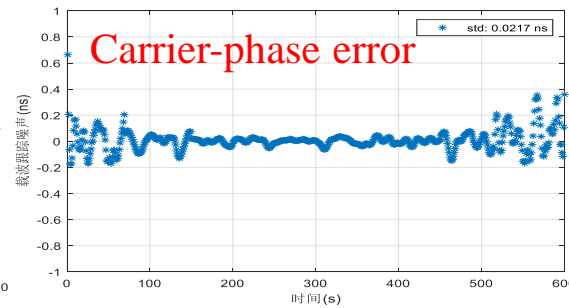
- LEO-based GNSS argumentation demonstration
- LEO real navigation signal quality demonstration



First test satellite launched in 2018



Real LEO navigation signal

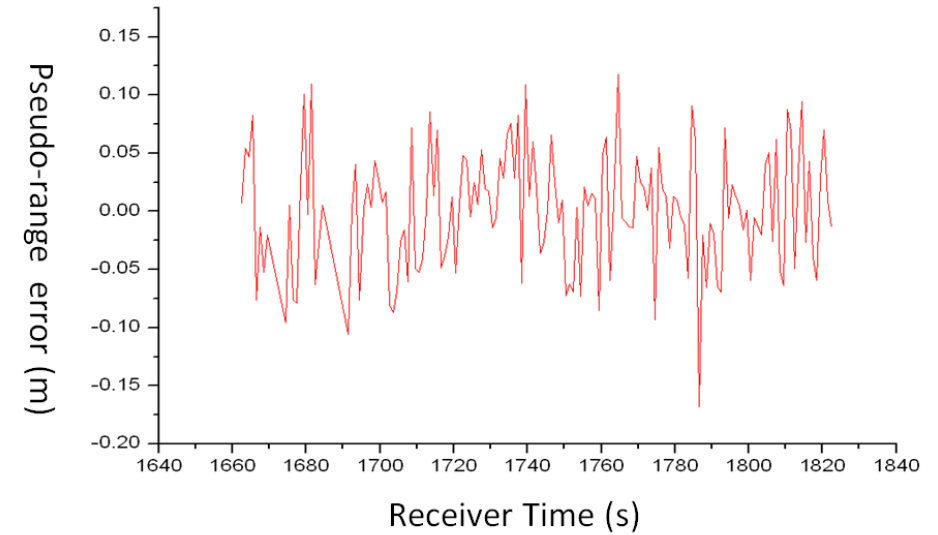
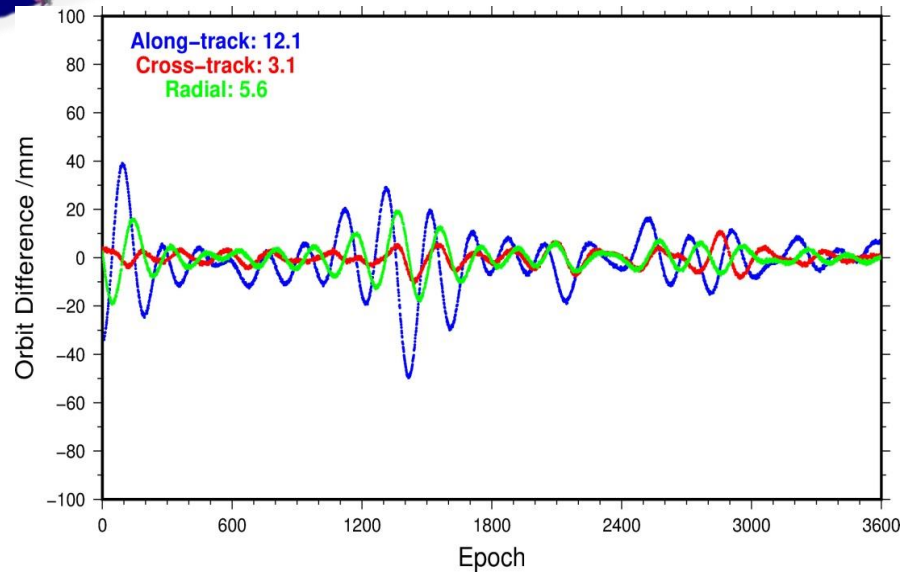
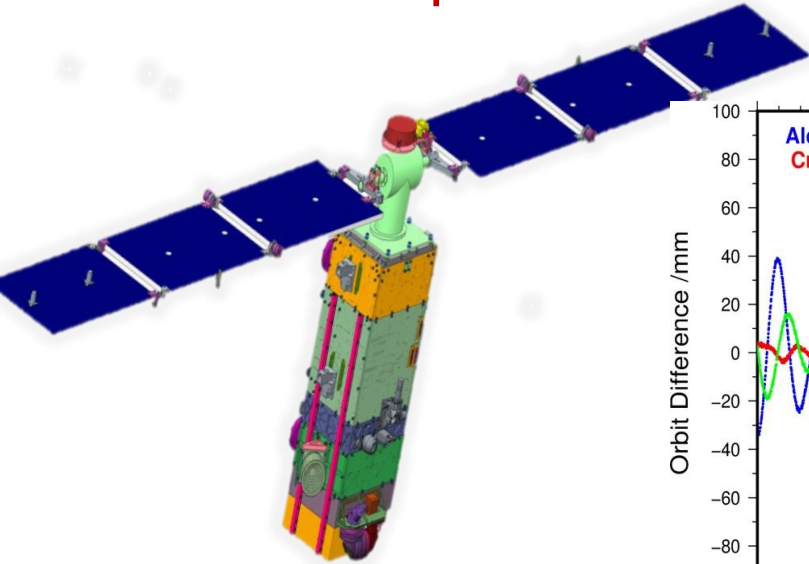


PPP error series

➤ **Real LEO signal noise: Code (2.1 m), Phase(0.6 cm). PPP accuracy: ~5 cm**

# Onboard Test

## □ CentispaceS1 satellite



First test satellite launched in 2018

LEO Satellite orbit 3D determination error

Pseudo-range error

➤ Real LEO signal : LEO Satellite orbit determination error: ~3cm; Pseudo-range error :~6cm



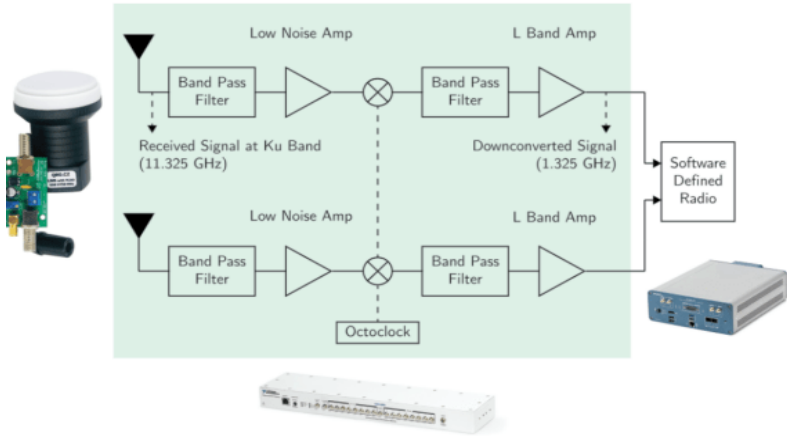
Conditions on Future development  
of LED navigation

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# Considerations on Future development of LEO navigation

**C&I between LEO constellation and GNSS needed to be analyzed**

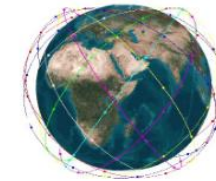
**Compatible and interoperable with GNSS receiver**



Modifies software under the existing hardware architecture of user terminals to obtain **high performance navigation services** and **achieve low cost**



**GNSS constellation**  
More visible satellites



**LEO constellation**  
Rapid movement

**Fast convergence & High accuracy**

ID number (PRN)	adm	Satellite name	long_nom	Date of receipt	ssn_ref	ssn_no	WIC/IFIC (Up/Down)	WIC/IFIC date
118520283	CHN	CENTISPACE-2	N-GSO	11.09.2018	APJ/C	539	2881	16.10.2018
118545172	CHN	CENTISPACE-2	N-GSO	11.09.2018	APJ/A	12252	2885	11.12.2018
118520283	CHN	CENTISPACE-2	N-GSO	11.09.2018	CR/C	4847	2886	08.01.2019
118545172	CHN	CENTISPACE-2	N-GSO	11.09.2018	APJ/B	1071	2896	28.05.2019

FREQUENCY INFORMATION							
BEAM NAME	EMISS REC	FREQUENCY (MHz)	BANDWIDTH (kHz)	FREQUENCY MIN (MHz)	FREQUENCY MAX (MHz)	CLASS	OF STN
L1D	E	1575.42000	12276	1569.282	1581.558	EN	
L1D	E	1575.42000	12276	1569.282	1581.558	EO	
L1D	E	1575.42000	12276	1569.282	1581.558	EQ	
L5D	E	1176.45000	12276	1170.312	1182.588	EN	
L5D	E	1176.45000	12276	1170.312	1182.588	EO	
L5D	E	1176.45000	12276	1170.312	1182.588	EQ	

L1&L5 frequencies are approved for LEO satellite navigation for Centispace satellites (Beijing Future Navigation Co.) by ITU

**In accordance with ITU rules and interoperable with GNSS**



# Considerations on Future development of LEO navigation



## C&I among LEO constellation needed to be analyzed

Constellations	Satellite numbers	Frequency
Iridium	66	L and Ka
Globalstar	48	S and C
SpaceX Starlink	42000	Ku, Ka and V
Boeing	1767	V and C
Samsung	4600	V
Oneweb	882	Ku, Ka
XONA	300	L, S and C
Centispace	150	L
SATNET	504	L
UAE NSAT01	96	L, S
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## Supply side

- Augmentation Information
- Augmentation Signal
- Constellation fusion

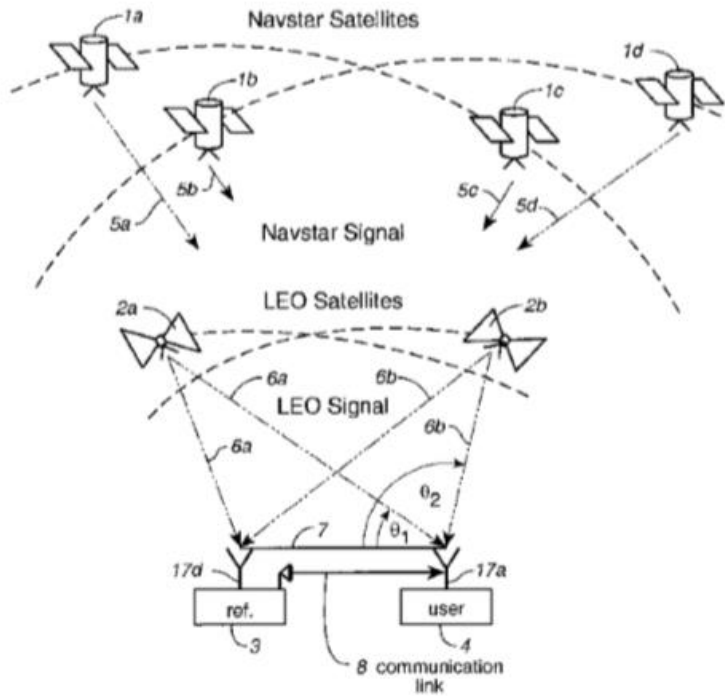
## Demand side

- Diversity of users

**Coordinate the development of LEO constellations to achieve integration and empowerment with GNSS**

# Considerations on Future development of LEO navigation

□ GNSS + LEO : **Extended application**, such as : 'south wall effect'



RABINOWITZM  
(1998)

**Satellite Navigation From Low Earth Orbit**

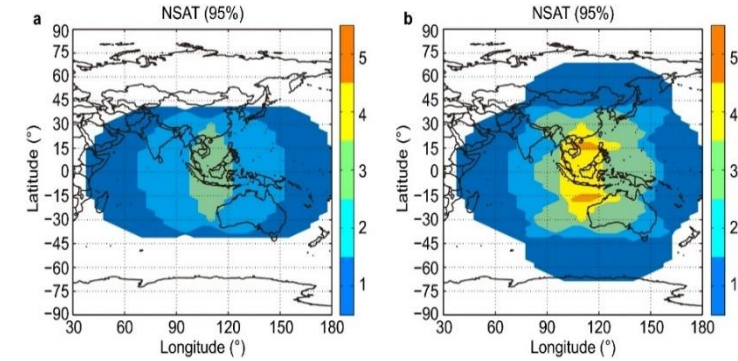
Tyler Reid, Andrew Neish,  
Todd Walter, & Per Enge  
Stanford University GPS Lab

SCPNT Symposium 2016  
SLAC National Accelerator Lab

## Drawbacks of GPS

- **Dependent:** We have become reliant on this now critical infrastructure for nearly all aspects of our lives.
- **Easy to Jam:** Can take out a city block with a 20 Watt GPS jammer.
- **Goal:** To increase GNSS resilience.

Tyler Reid (2016)



**Table 5** Convergence time of PPP-B2b + LEO

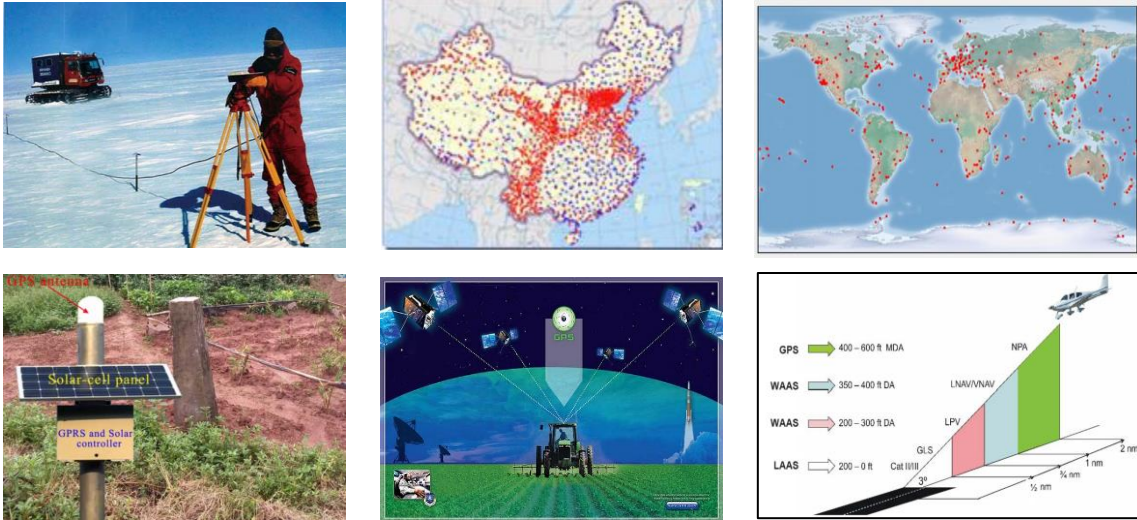
Stations	Convergence time of 10 cm accuracy (s)	Convergence time of 100 cm accuracy (s)
Beijing	44	7
Wuhan	59	17
Kunming	49	19
Shanghai	68	7

Yuanxi Yang (2022)

# Considerations on Future development of LEO navigation

- Real-time worldwide PPP: real-time high-precision service from the professional applications to mass market.

## Professional applications



Geodetic surveying, crustal motion and landslide monitoring, reference frame construction, precision farming, precision approach, etc.

## Mass market applications



Auto-driving





Summary

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# Summary



- **LEO Navigation:** GNSS augmentation, Potential signal power enhancement capability, Integration with satellite communication
- **LEO-Based Augmentation:** PDOP improved by 30%, convergence time reduced to 1-2 minute
- **Future BDS :** next-generation of BDS plans to add LEO satellite constellation
- **Future development:** Compatibility, Interoperability, Extended application



Thanks for your attetion