

## 2021 EUREF symposium

# Spaceopal's services for Galileo and the exploration of GNSS applications

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**Spaceopal**, a joint venture by **DLR Gesellschaft für Raumfahrtanwendungen (GfR) mbH** and **Telespazio**, a Leonardo and Thales Company, is the **prime contractor** for the **operational services of Galileo**, the satellite navigation program of the European Union, and is the **world's largest navigation satellite service operator**.

# Spaceopal at a glance



Since 11 years the **Galileo Service Operator**

LAT 45.50884,  
LON -73.58781



Satellite based navigation service **<1,5m** accuracy and **< 8ns** world wide



Operates **26** Satellites **2** Control Centres **1** Service Centre **13** Remote Sites



NAVCAST GNSS augmentation service world wide **<20cm** and applications

# Spaceopal for Galileo

## Operating a distributed worldwide system

- Control Centres GCC-I Fucino (GMS) and GCC-D Oberpfaffenhofen (GCS)
- European GNSS Service Centre (GSC) Torrejón, Spain
- ILS Centre (GILSC) Transinne, Belgio
- Galileo Reference Centre GRC Noordwijk, The Netherlands
- Time Service Provider (TSP) Fucino
- Geodetic Reference Service Provider (GRSP)
- Galileo Security Monitoring Centre (GSMC) St. Germain-en-Laye  
GSMC back-up Marañosa, Spagna

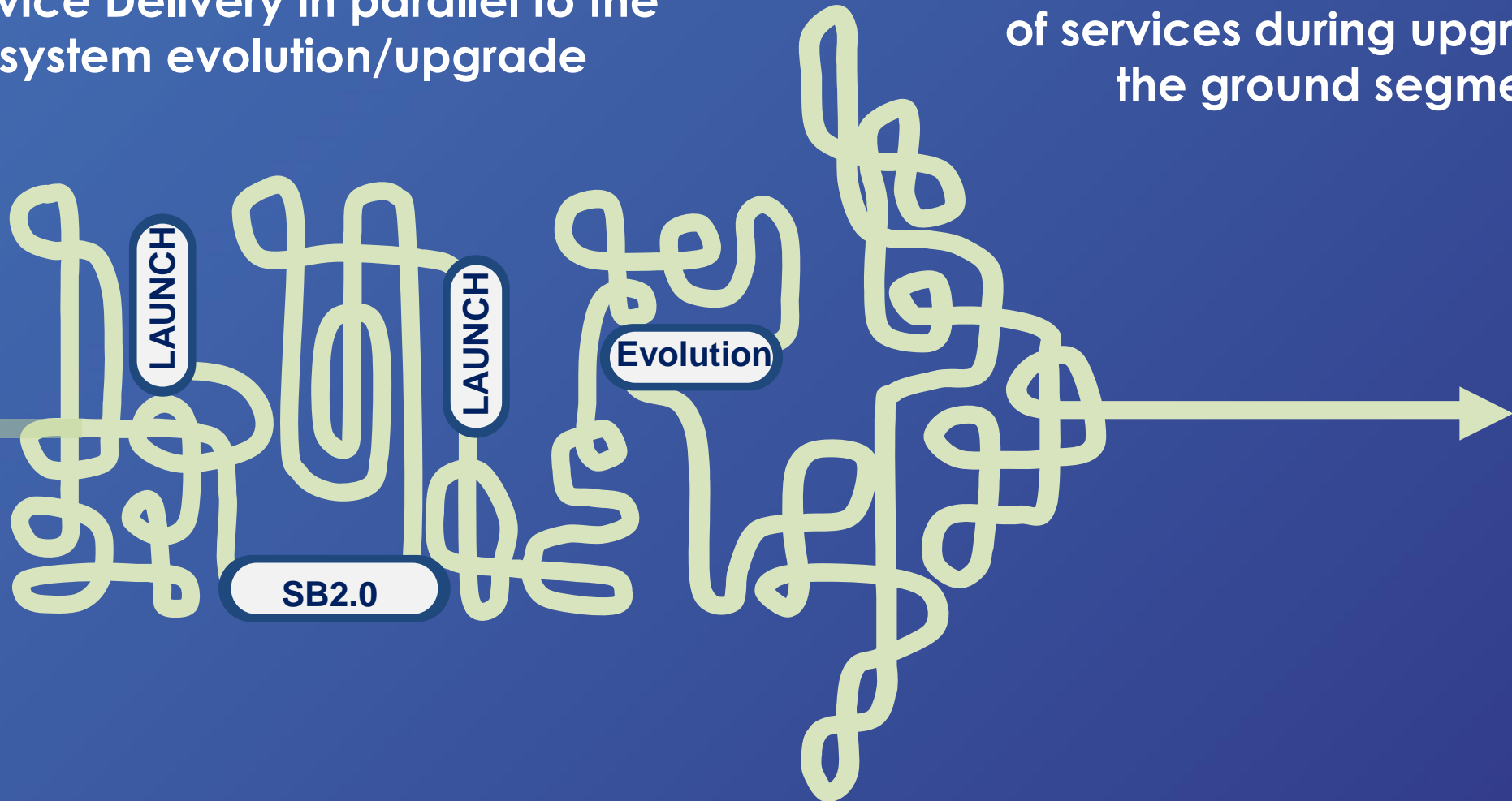


# Spaceopal for Galileo

Continuity of System Operations and Service Delivery in parallel to the system evolution/upgrade

GSOp guarantees continuity of services during upgrades of the ground segment

INITIAL  
SERVICES



# GSOp - Service Status

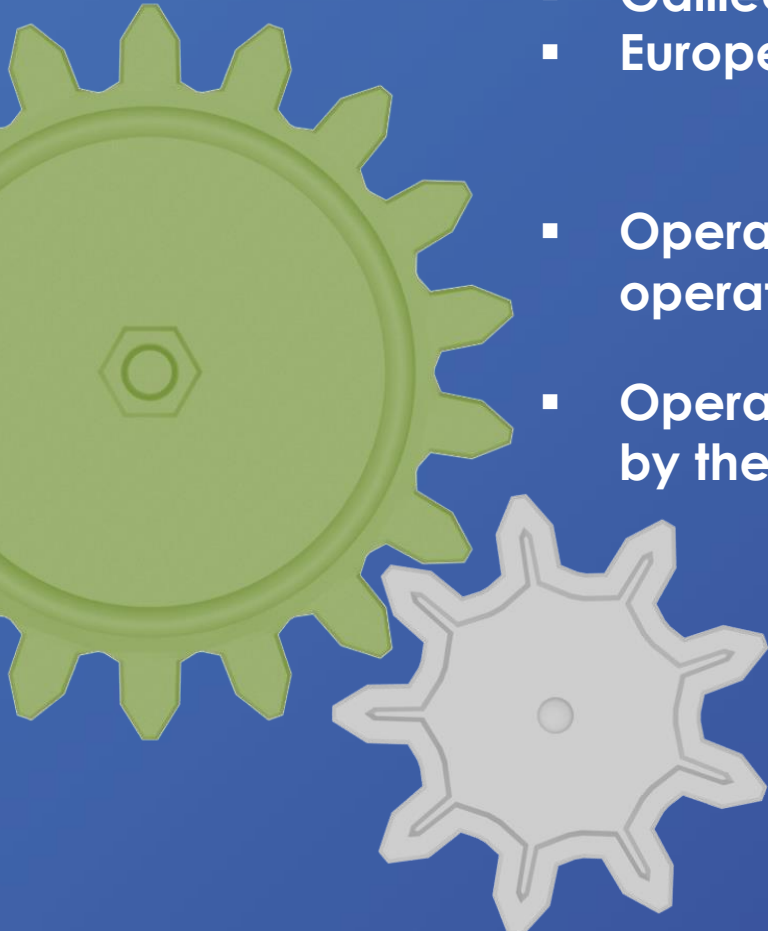
## Integrated Operations

- Galileo Mission Segment (GMS)
  - Galileo Control Segment (GCS)
  - European GNSS Service Centre (GSC)
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- Operations team organization → Responding to the needs defined by the operational processes
  - Operations Service Team → A single integrated operations team coordinated by the SDM (Services Delivery Manager)

GMS

GCS

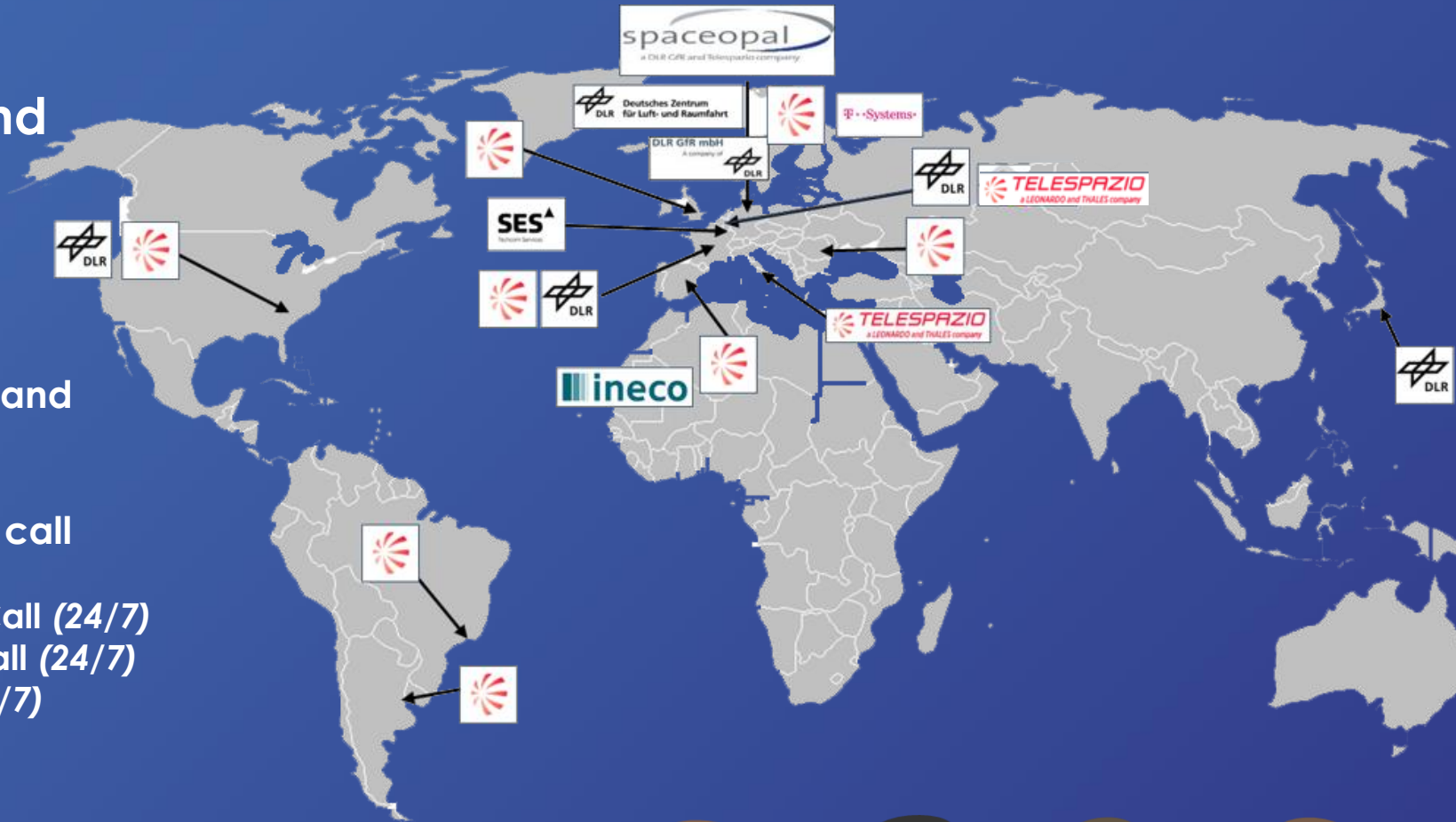
GSC



# GSOp - Service Status

## Team and chain of command

- More than 200 people from several European countries covering different skills
- Clear and robust Chain-of-Command for all phases of the operations
- OPS and Service team - Shift + on call
  - SDM: On-Call (24/7)
  - GMS: Shift + Eng. team + On-Call (24/7)
  - GCS: Shift + Eng. team+ On-Call (24/7)
  - GSC: Eng. Team + On-Call (24/7)



CTMs and SHs Affiliates worldwide distribution



Specialized know how, assets and privileged links



# GSO - Service Status

## Galileo Service Center - Operations

GSC is a key contributor to the provision of:

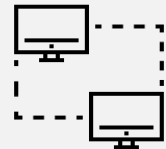
- OS-NMA service
- HAS service – former CS



GSC

Fully integrated with GCCs

Access to system data  
Added value services



Helpdesk User requests

- Average time to reply is 2 calendar days
- > 90% user feedbacks “very satisfied”

Full transparency towards users

GSC is the official repository of Galileo documentation: SDDs, SiS ICD, performance reports ...



NAGU publication  
compliant with the Galileo OS SDD  
NAGU Timely publication commitments



GSC Website

- > 1700 registered users
- > 99.96% availability

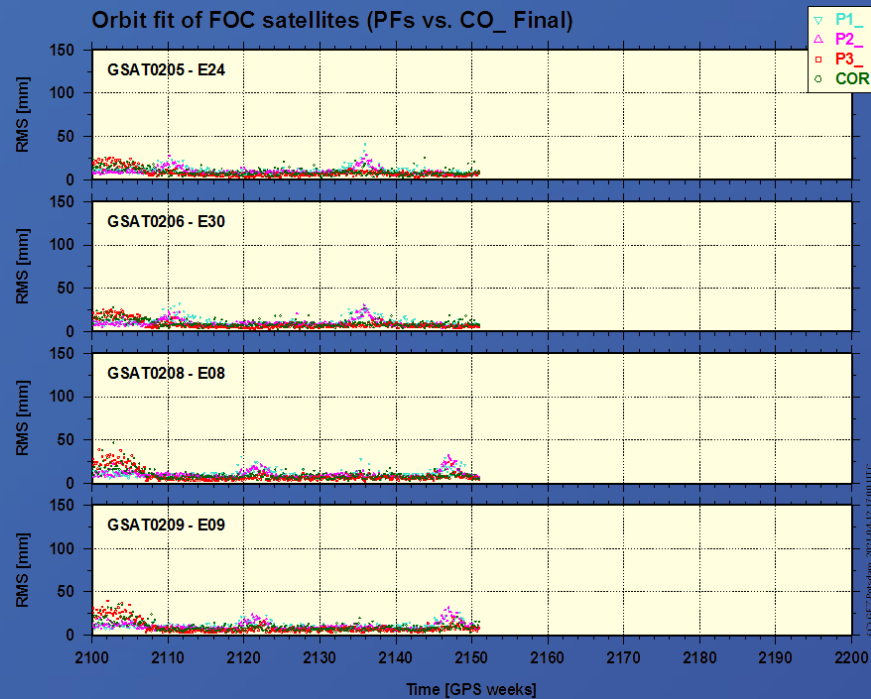


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# Galileo Geodetic Reference Service Provider (GRSP)

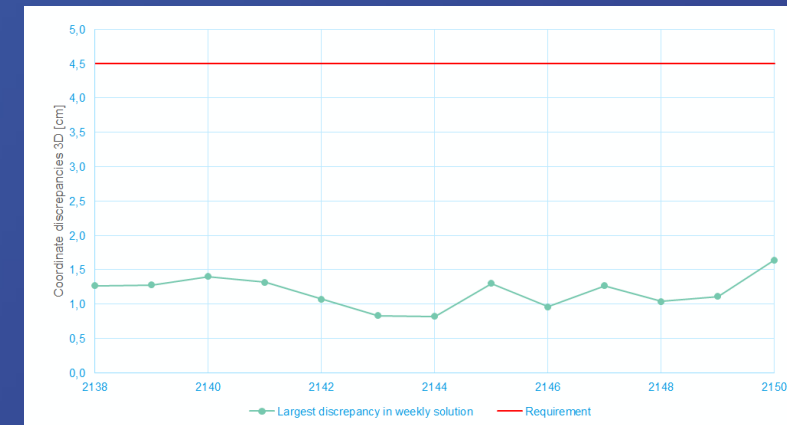
- GRSP has relying on institutional set-up such as ESOC, GFZ and AIUB
- contributing to the Galileo Service Performance maintaining the GRTF and providing periodically high performance products



Galileo Orbit and Clock  
( $\ll 180$ mm consistency)



GRSP EOP predictions vs.  
IERS Bulletin A ( $< 0.225$ mas)



GSS station coordinates  
accuracy ( $< 4.5$  cm)

# GSOp - Outlook for 2021-2022

**RELIABLE GALILEO SERVICE PROVISION**

**APPROACHING ENHANCED SERVICE** stepwise implementation

**CORE INFRASTRUCTURE L2/L3** maintenance handover and execution

**GEODETIC REFERENCE PROVIDER FACILITY** In operation

**NEW CORE INFRASTRUCTURE RELEASES** Integration, Validation and Operation

**CYBER SECURITY** requirements implementation

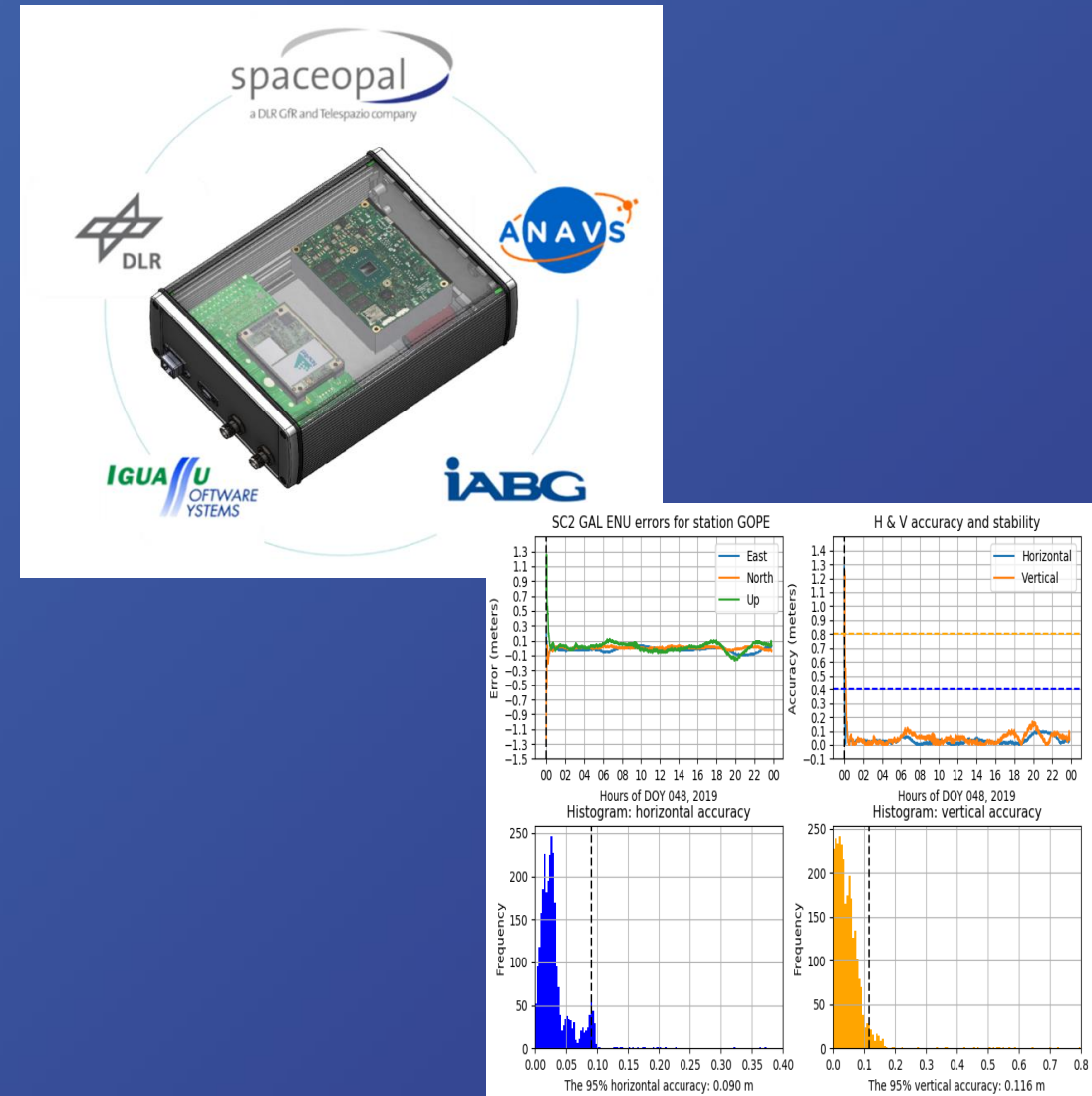
**PERFORMING L11 LEOP EXECUTION FROM GCC**

**HIGH ACCURACY SERVICE** Introduction

**NEW REFERENCE STATIONS** Hosting and Service Integration

# High Accuracy Services

- Spaceopal develops the High Accuracy Reference Algorithm for Galileo and a set of HA user terminals
- 12-month development period with reference algorithm performance proven at early stage
- Complex development cycle and test plan execution
- Leveraging on existing expertise on high accuracy (e.g. Navcast PPP Engine)



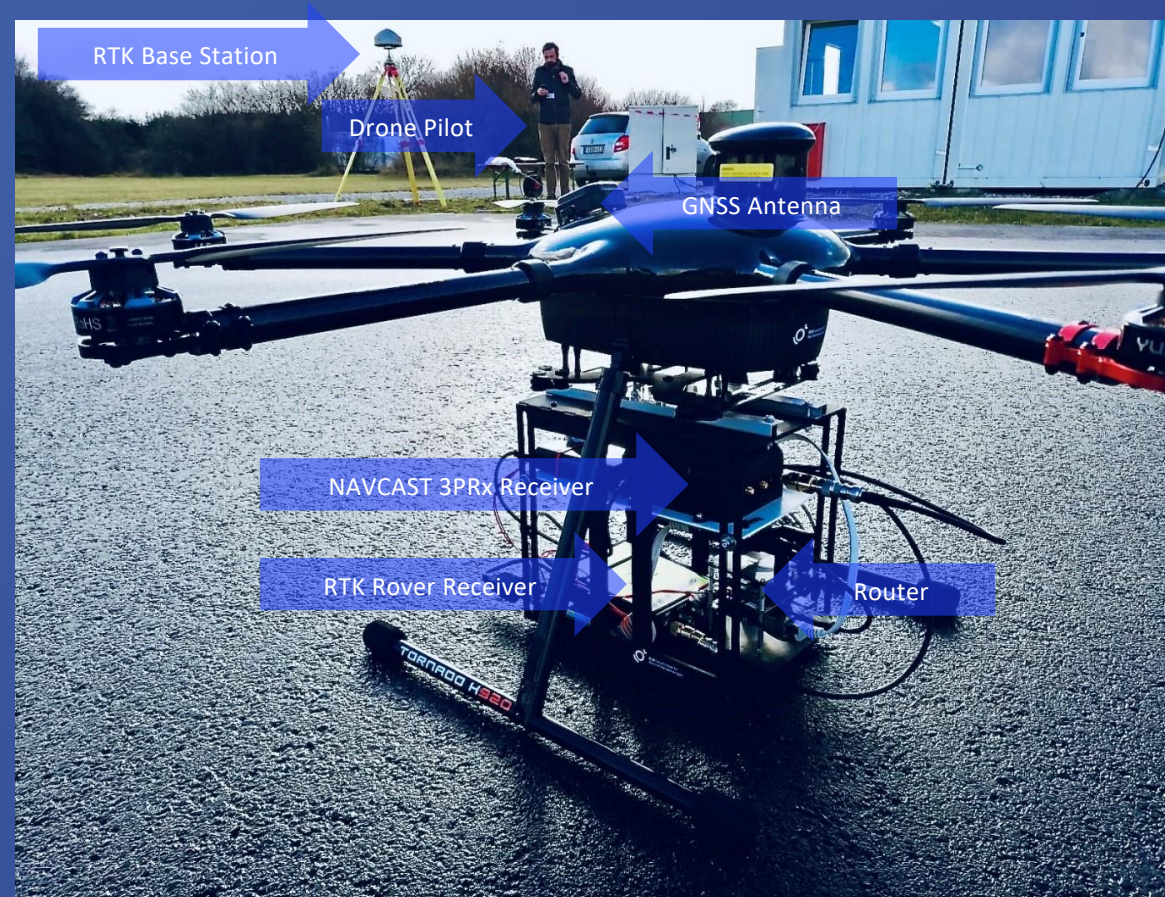
# NAVCAST Service

- Global GNSS Precise Point Positioning (PPP) service 24/7 operational since 2018
- Provides real time corrections and bias to registered users  
**[spaceopal.com/navcast](https://spaceopal.com/navcast)**
- Enables centimetre level accuracy and fast convergence times for end users worldwide
- No need for user-owned external equipment
- Service elements like authentication, integrity, recording, alarming and safe and secure dissemination will tailor NAVCAST precisely to the needs of drone applications in the UTM sector



# Application of NAVCAST in the UTM sector

- The objective was to show the dynamic behavior of the NAVCAST position solution during a drone flight
- NAVCAST 3PRx Receiver on-board the drone uses GNSS SiS and NAVCAST corrections
- NAVCAST data stream provided via LTE
- A scientific-grade RTK setup with a closely installed base station was used as a reference
- NAVCAST and RTK receivers were connected to the same antenna
- → Performance Results of NAVCAST PPP AR in dynamic environments equal order than standard RTK







# NAVCAST Application Product line



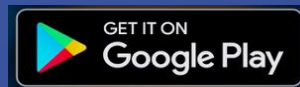
## 3PRx

- Affordable and easy to use multisensory **PPP receiver**
- Small size and weight module
- Additional sensors can be connected for enhanced performance



## 3PGo

- High accuracy in your smartphone



## 3PNg

- Post-processing tool to calculate PPP in your desktop
- Available for NAVCAST registered users. Get it at: **[navcast@spaceopal.com](mailto:navcast@spaceopal.com)**



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