



## Launch of FORMOSAT-2 May 20, 2004





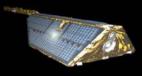














## My way to this summer camp started here

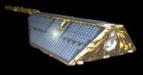








Today one of the most unique observatories worldwide!



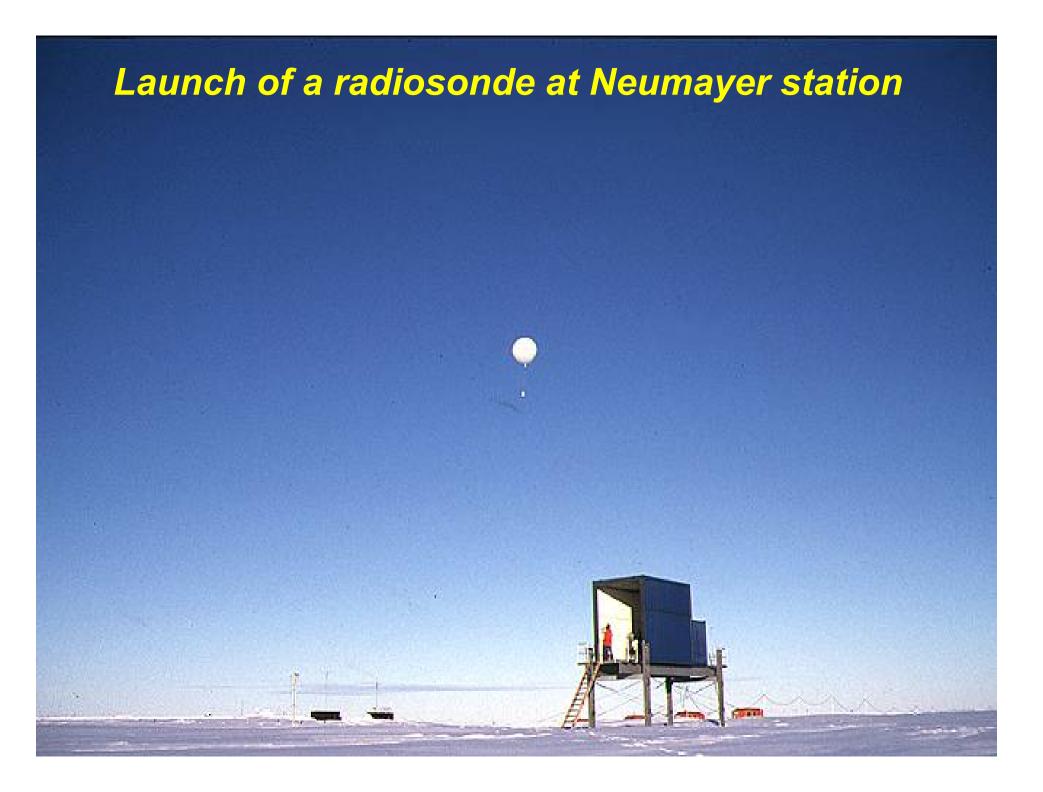


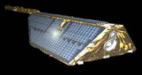
## Lindenberg was also one center of the German Antarctic research



#### South pole: 2,151 km; A great year







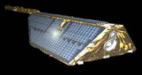


## And no global coverage

## The way out: satellites





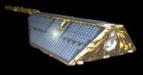




## It seems to be interesting and is in principle the same as launching radiosondes



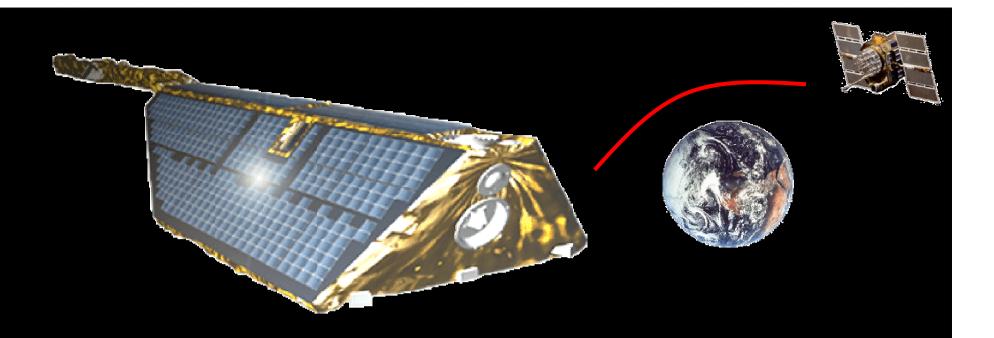






## Here I am!





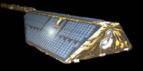
#### **CHAMP: Scientific results**

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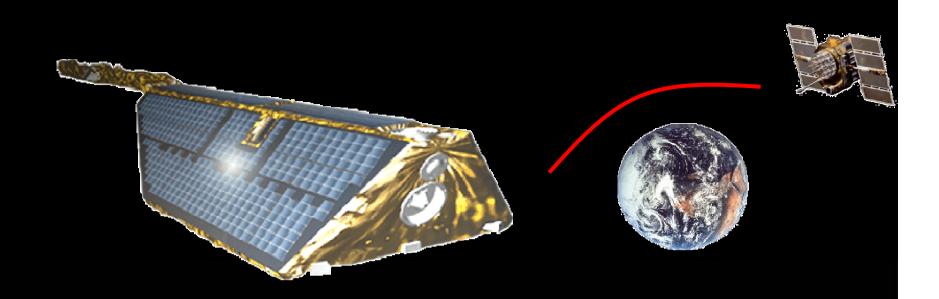


#### **Content**



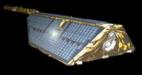
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1) The CHAMP mission 2) GPS radio occultation with CHAMP 3) Data analysis 4) Validation 5) Applications 6) lonosphere 7) Summary and Outlook



## The CHAMP mission



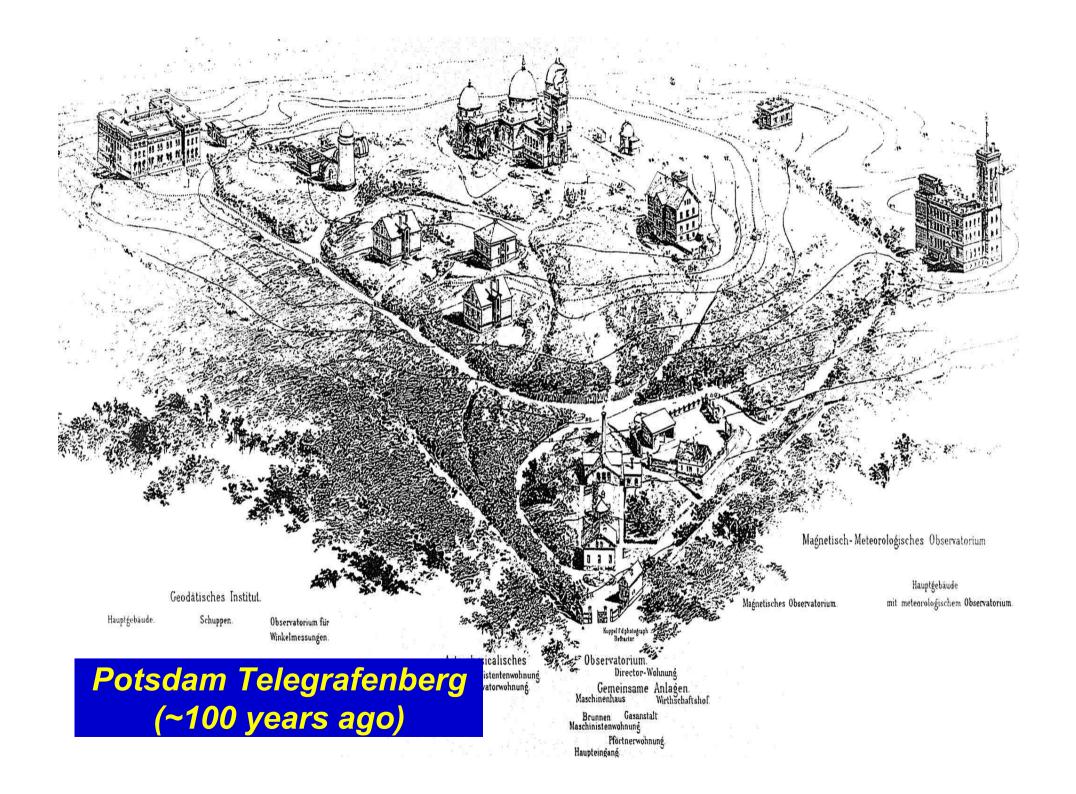


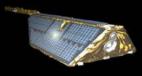


## Where does the idea from CHAMP come from?





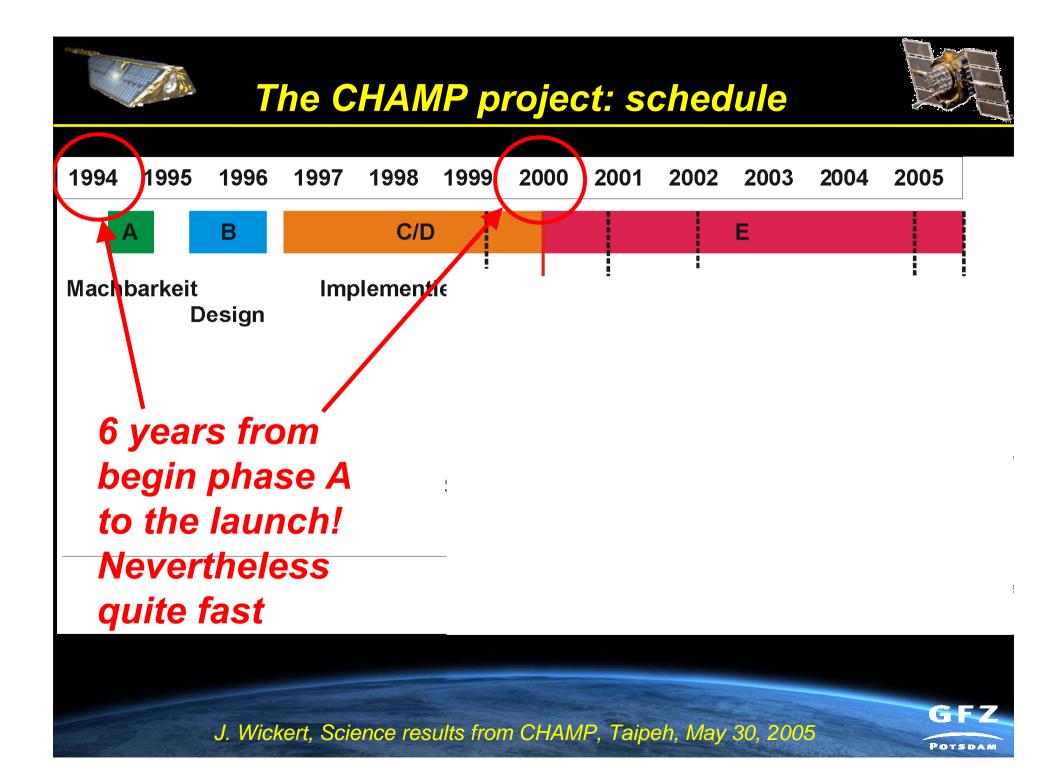






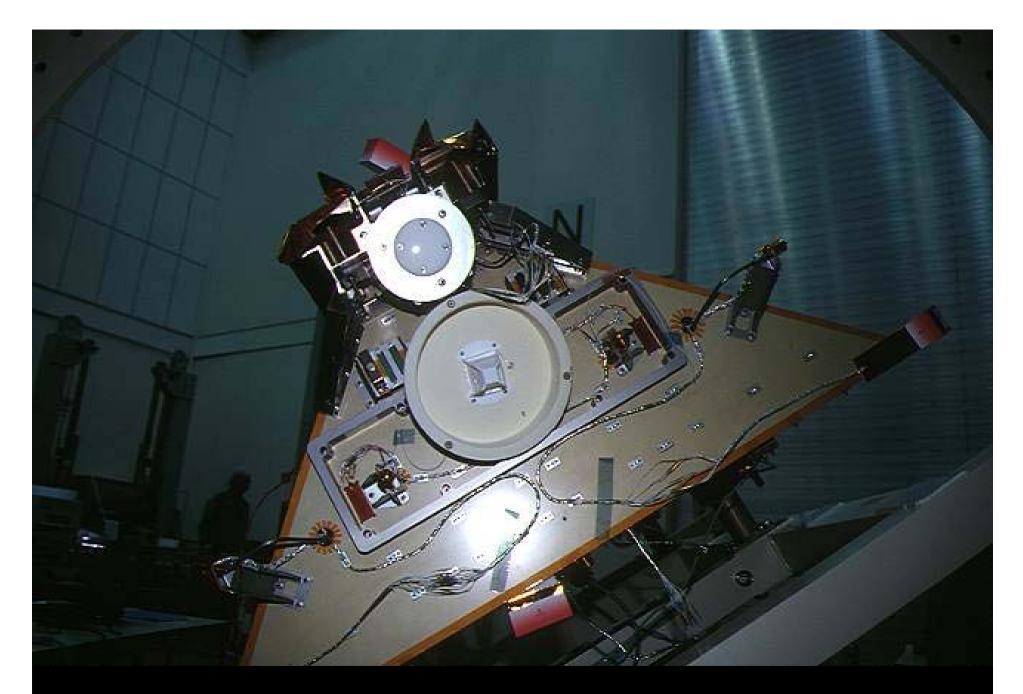
### It is a long way before one can report about scientific results! Some Impressions



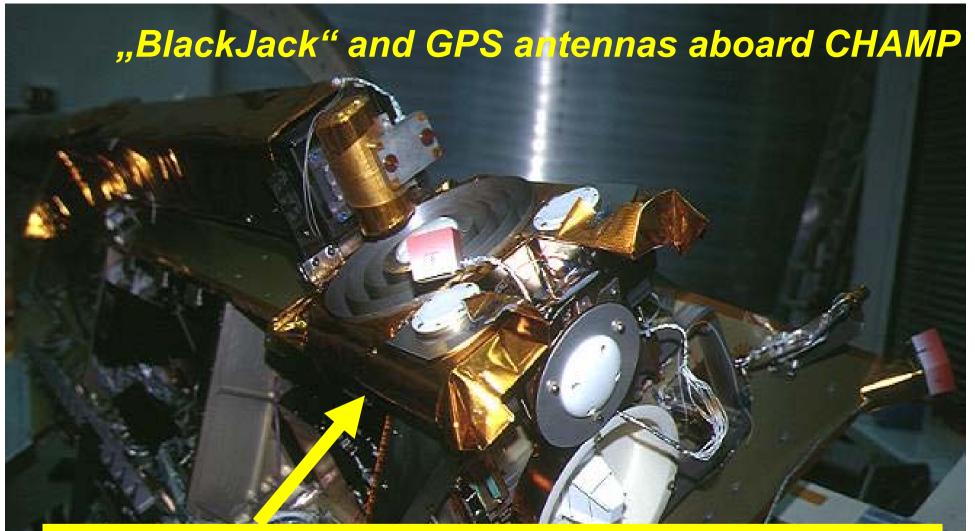








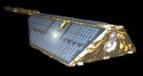
#### **Occultation antenna**



GPS receiver "BlackJack" Jet Propulsion Laboratory (U.S.)









# *The Launch: July 16, 2000*





#### **COSMOS-3B** launcher Plesetzk

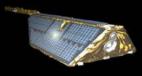








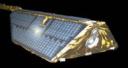






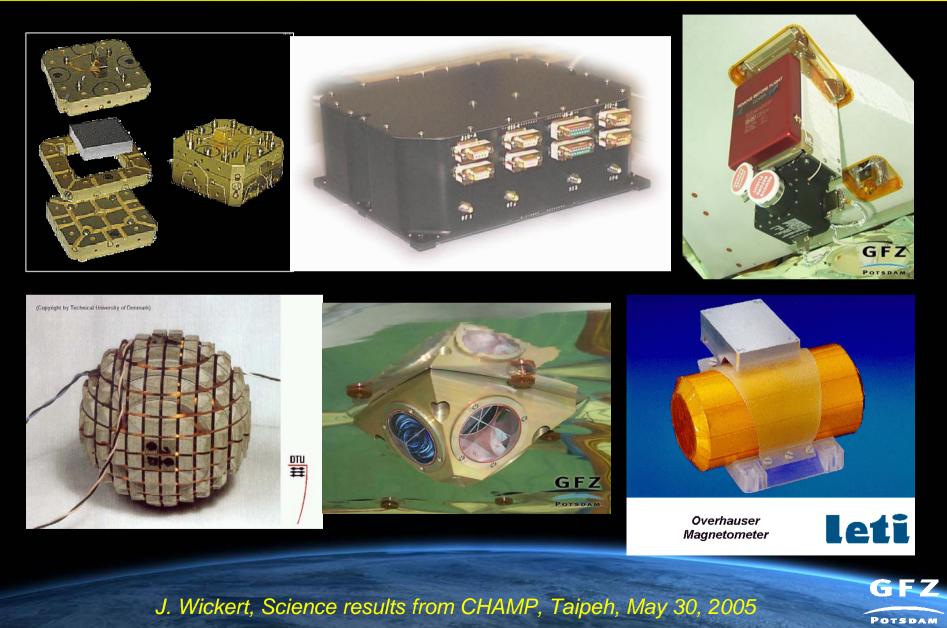
# Instruments and experiments aboard CHAMP

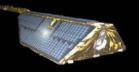




### The instruments aboard CHAMP

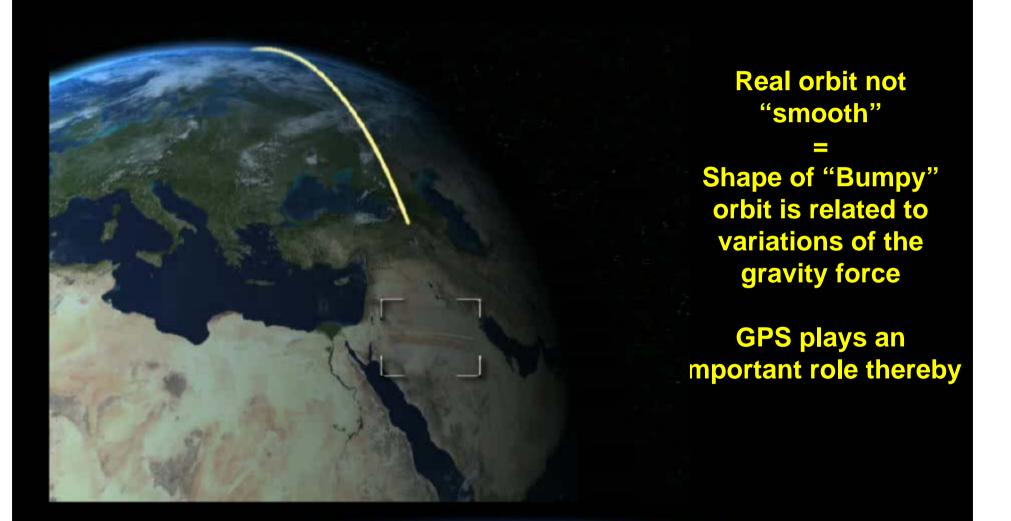




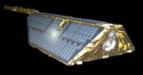


### Main mission goal: gravity field





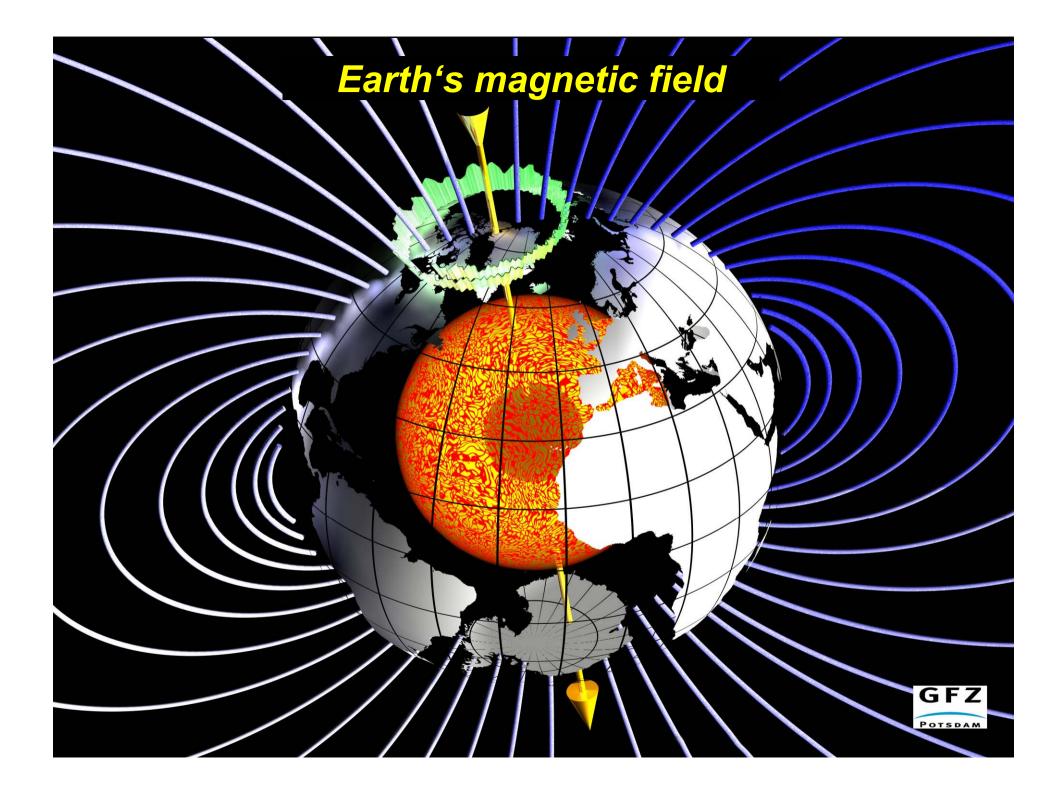






# CHAMP: Magnetic field





## Example: Ocean currents(here: Tides)



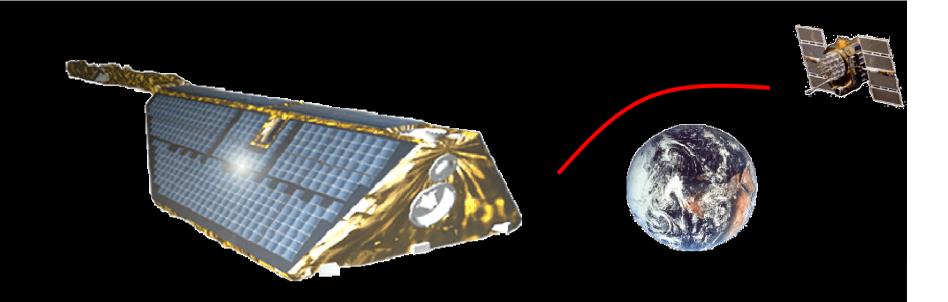


**Relevance for** climate studies

**Proof only was** possible due to the accuracy of the instrumentation (2nT at 50.000 nT field strength)

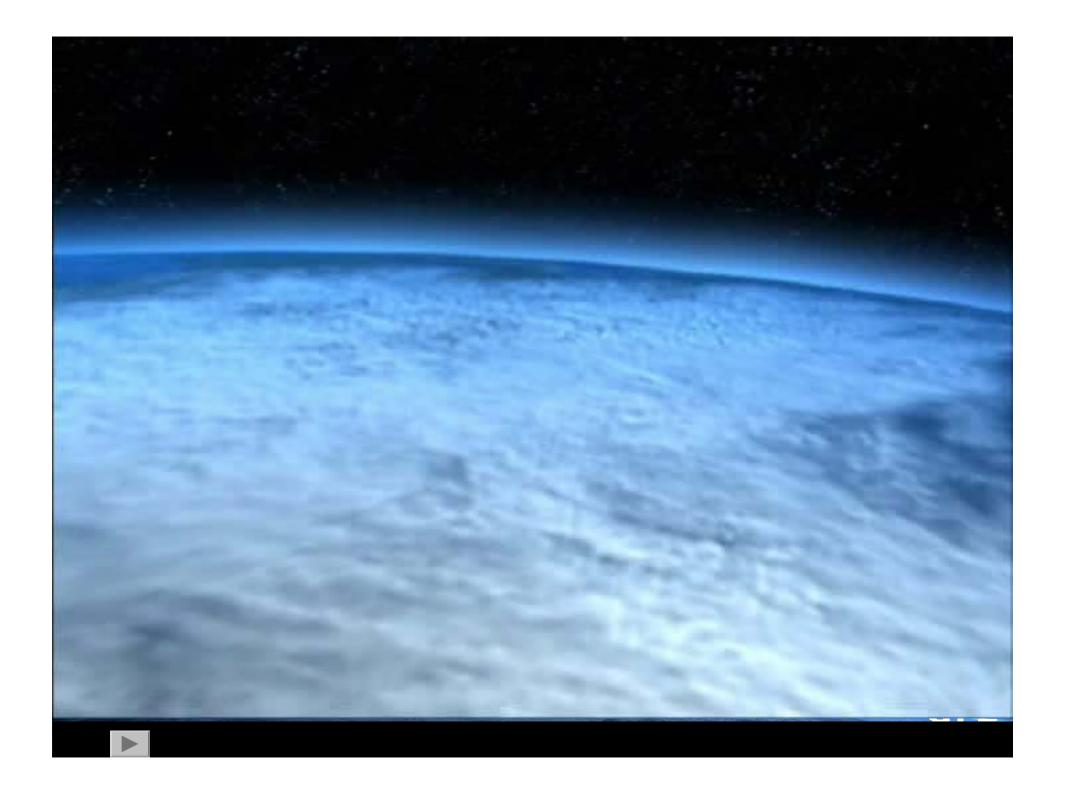
Provided by H. Lühr,

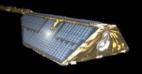




# GPS radio occultation with CHAMP

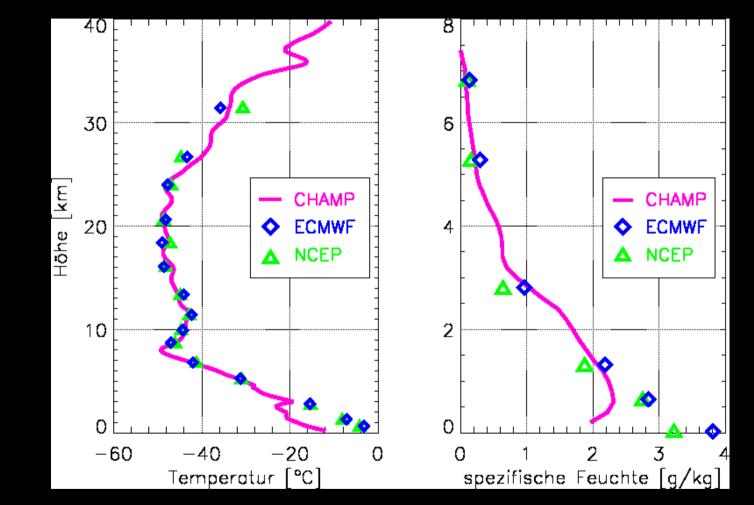






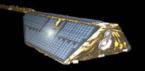
### CHAMP: First measurements





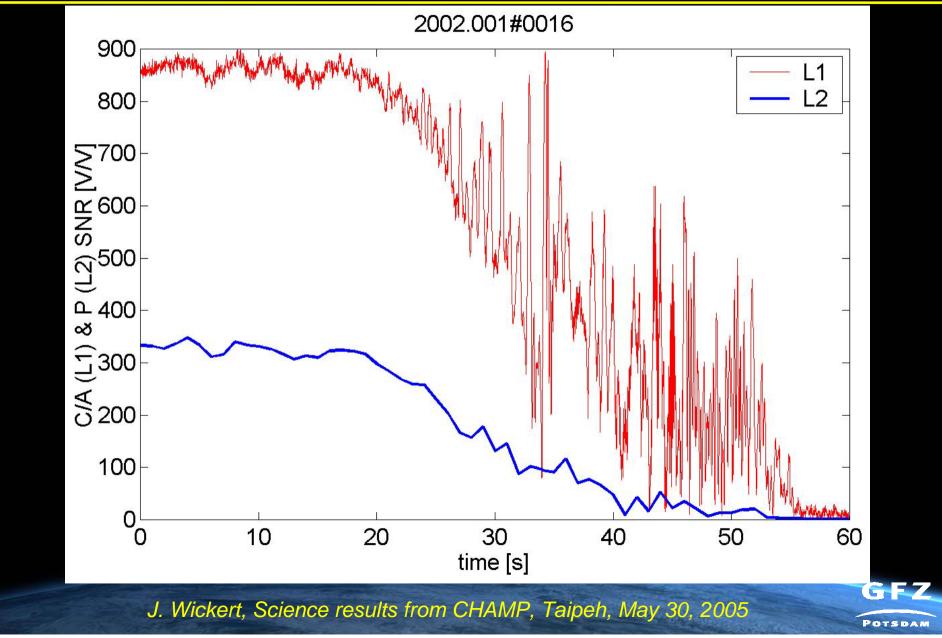
### February 11, 2001





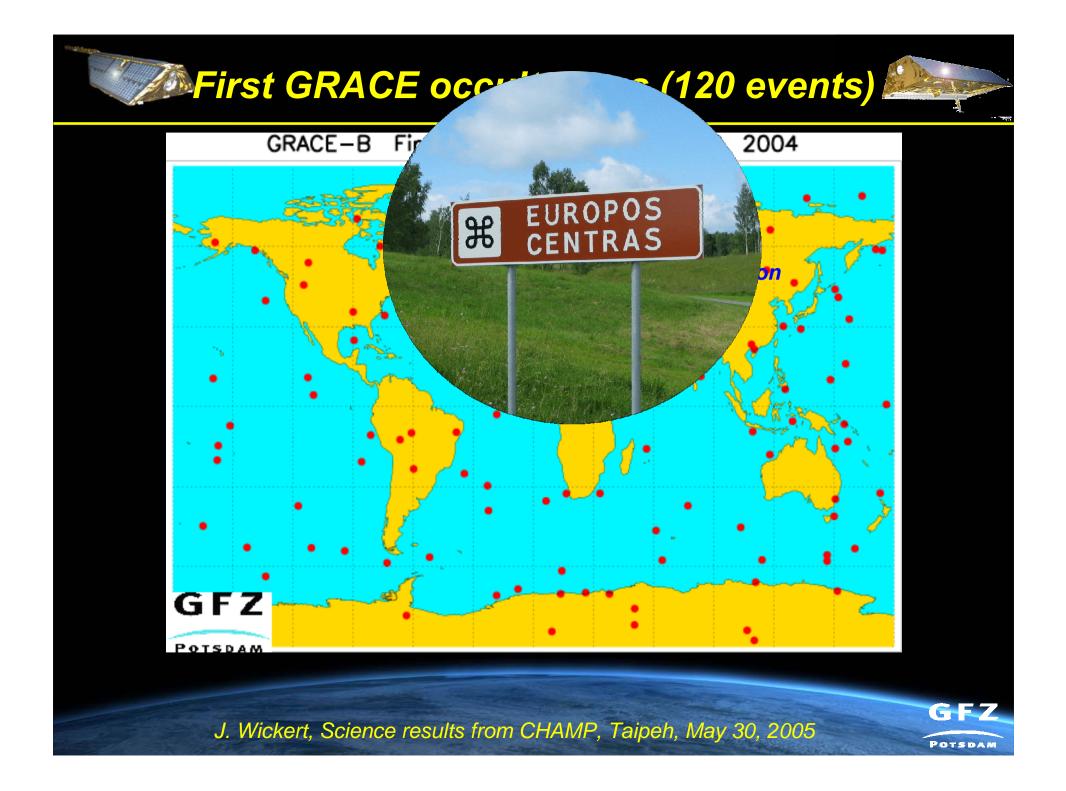
## Signal to noise (A/S on)

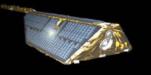




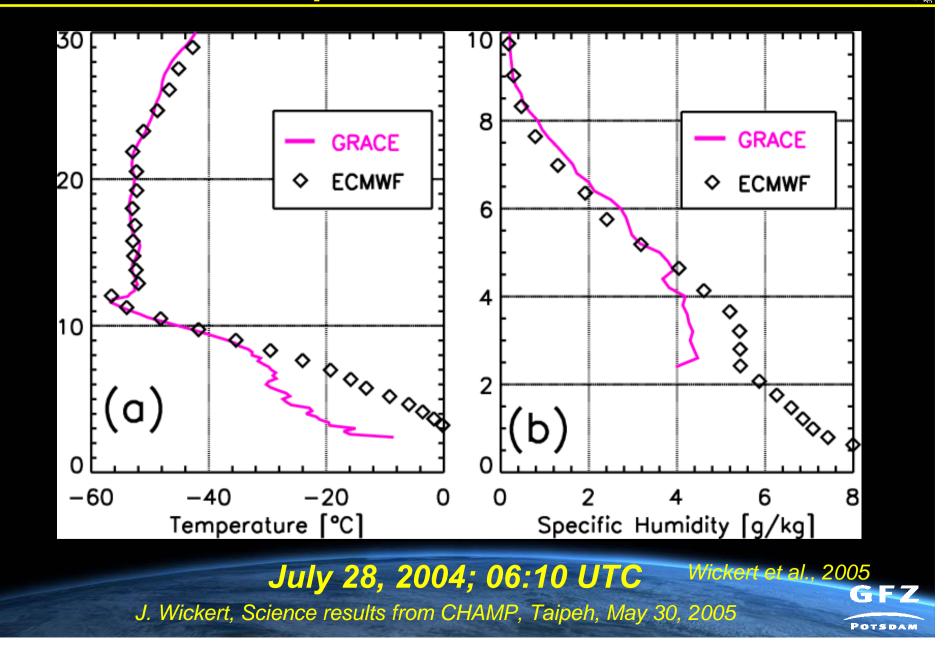
## Activation of GRACE occultations in July 2004 (unfortunately still not continously)

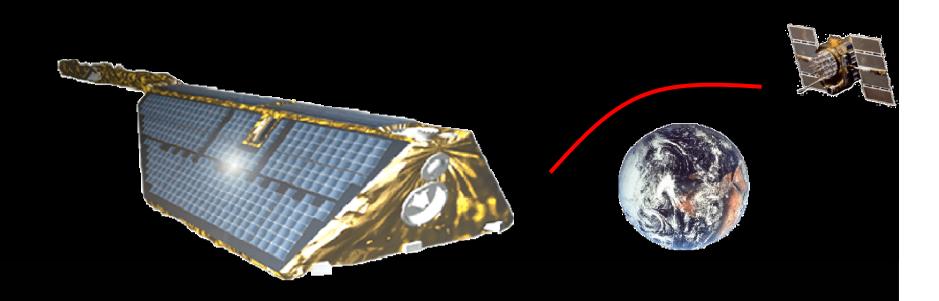
U.S. German Twin satellite mission with focus to gravity (Launch 2002)





First profiles from GRACE



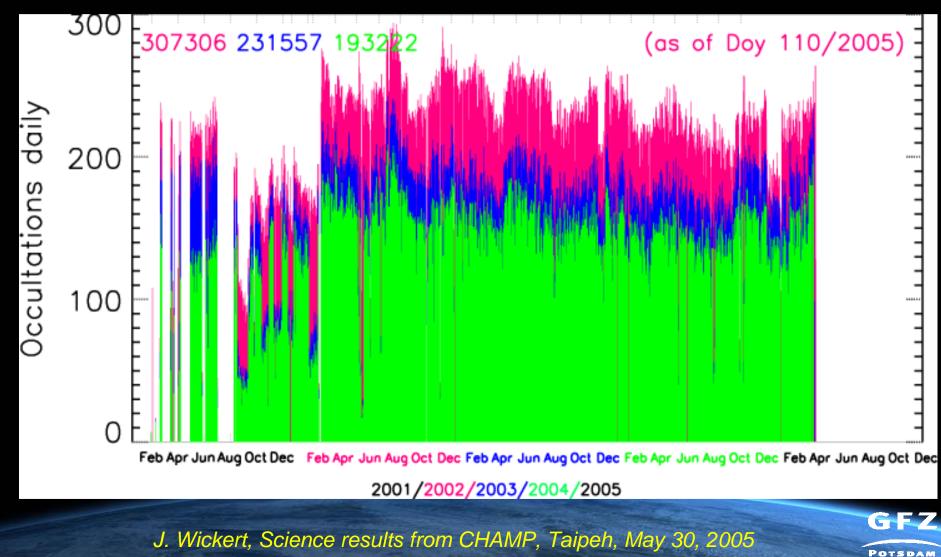


# Data analysis



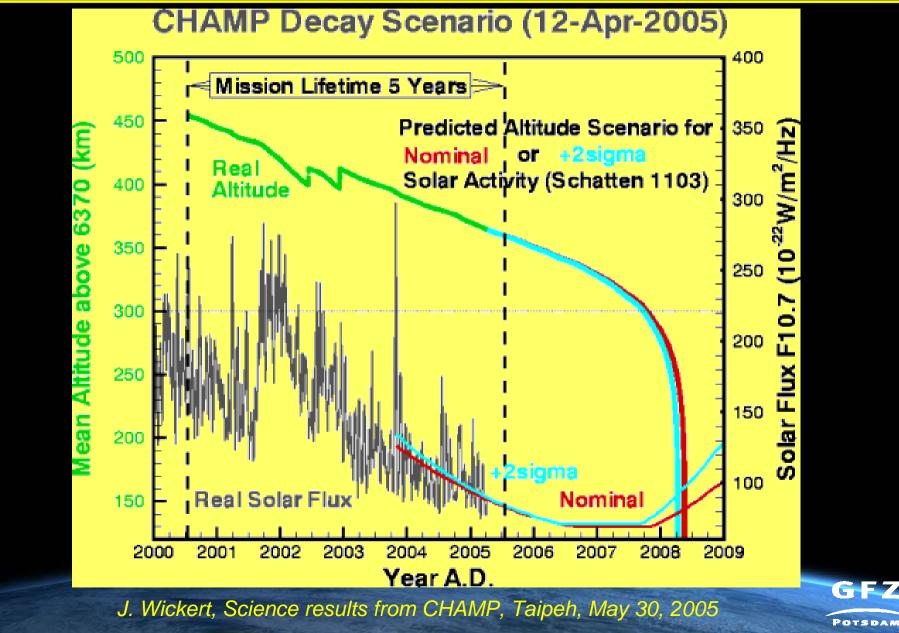
# Neutral atmosphere: Occultations 2001-2005

1407 days; 307,306 occultations (~220 daily); Apr 20, 2005 231,557 phase delays (~75 %); 193,222 profiles (~63%)



## **Expected mission duration: end 2007**

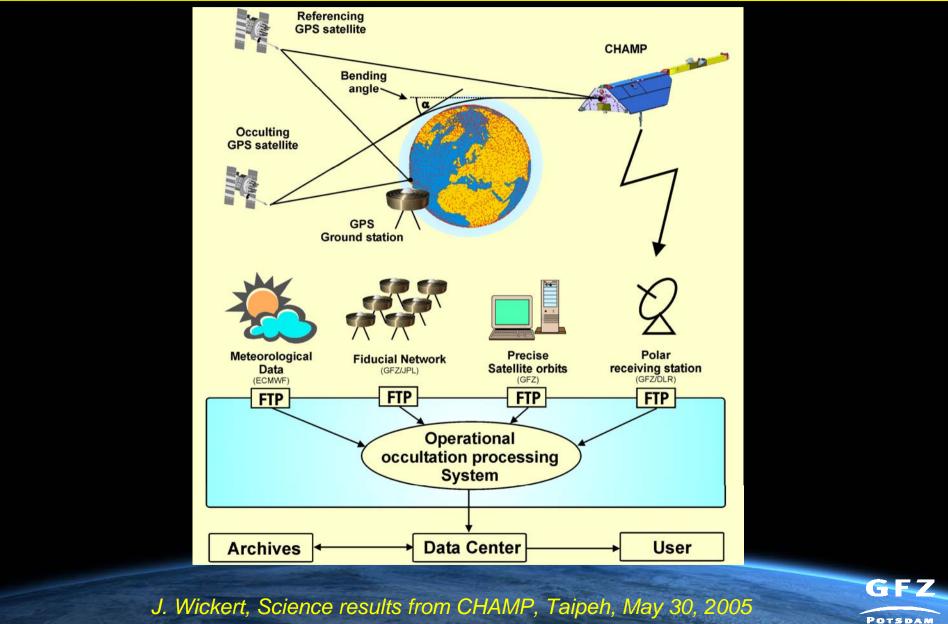


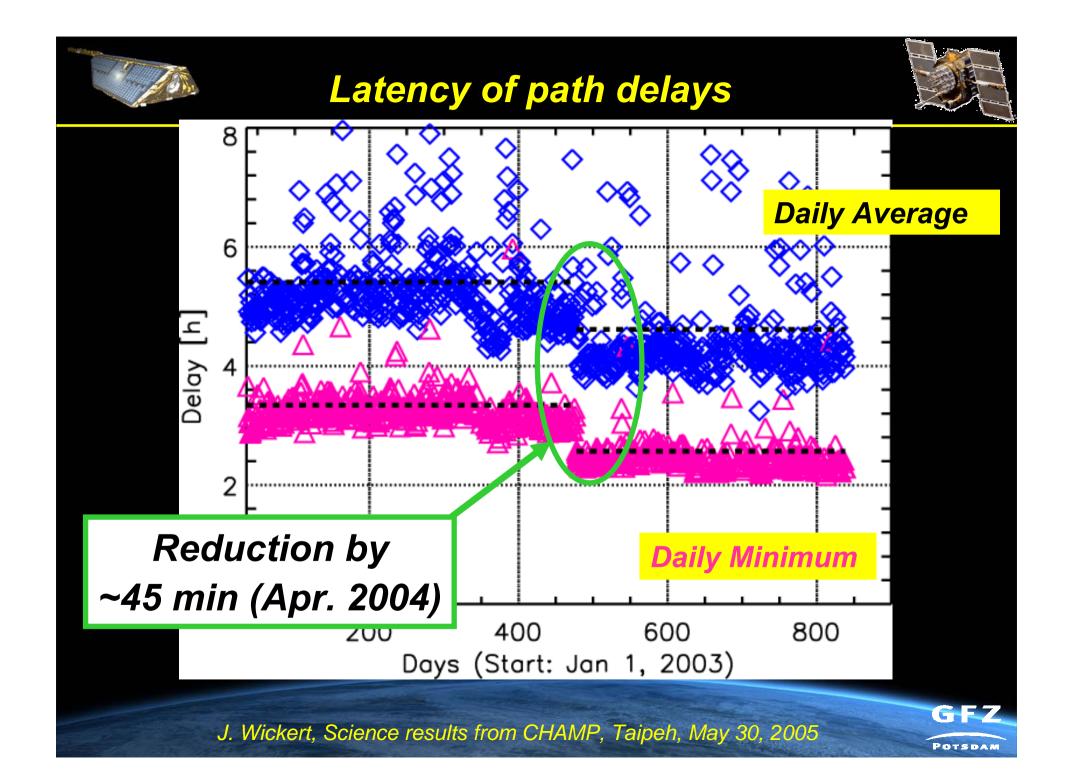


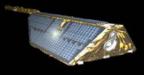


### **Operational RO infrastructure**







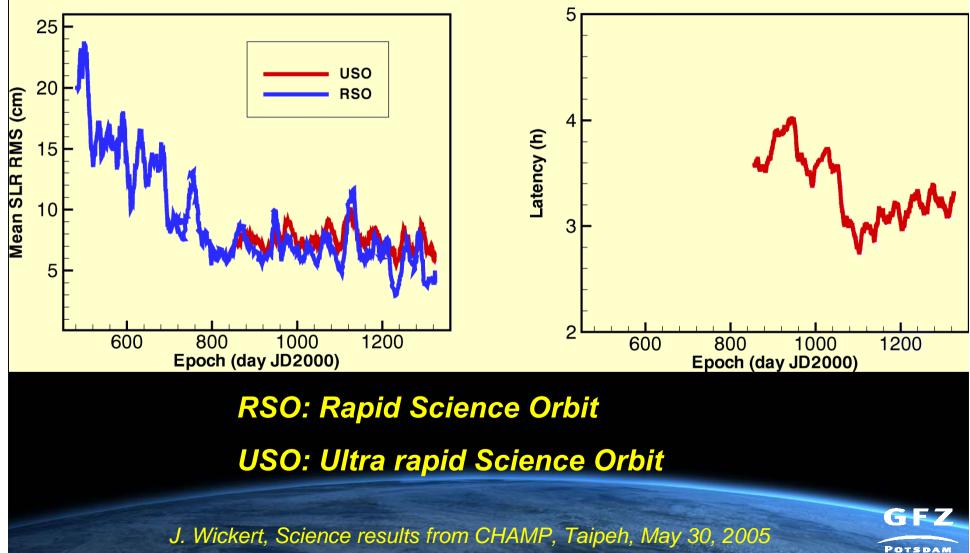


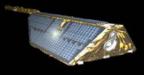


# Calibration: satellite orbits



# CHAMP RSO and USO SLR RMS CHAMP USO Latency

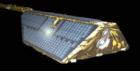






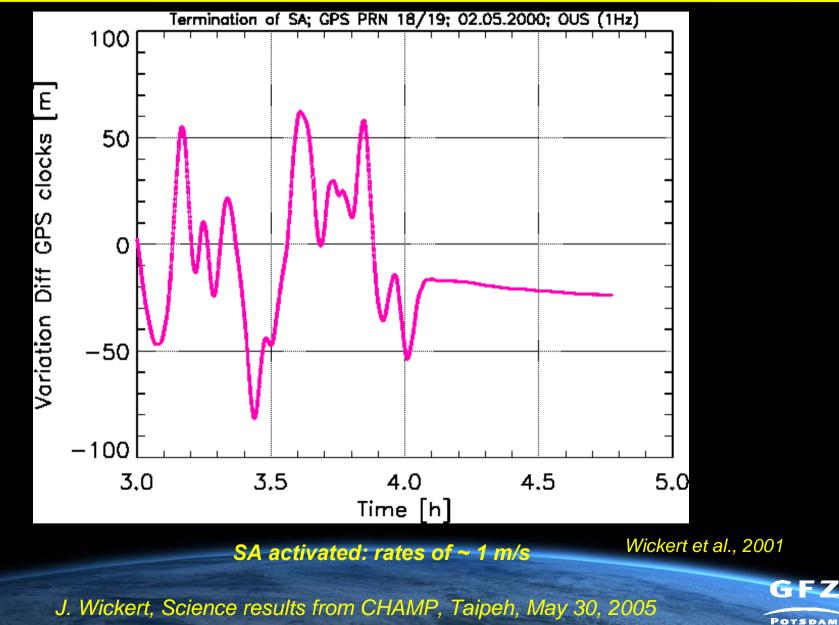
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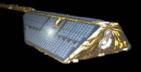




### Termination of SA on May 2, 2000





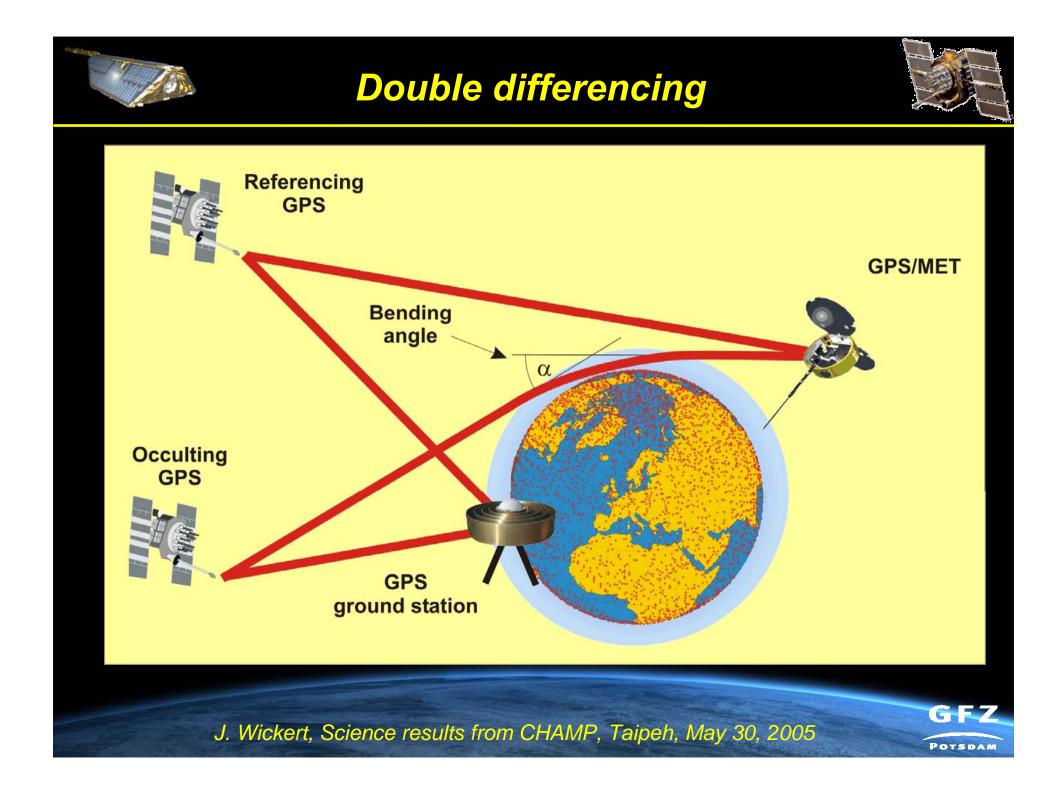


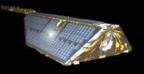
## Differencing



- **Double differencing (GPS/MET):**
- "bad" LEO oscillator
- GPS oscillators with activated S/A)
- Single differencing (CHAMP):
- "bad" LEO oscillators
- GPS with deactivated S/A
- Zero differencing (GRACE):
- stable LEO oscillator
- GPS with deactivated S/A

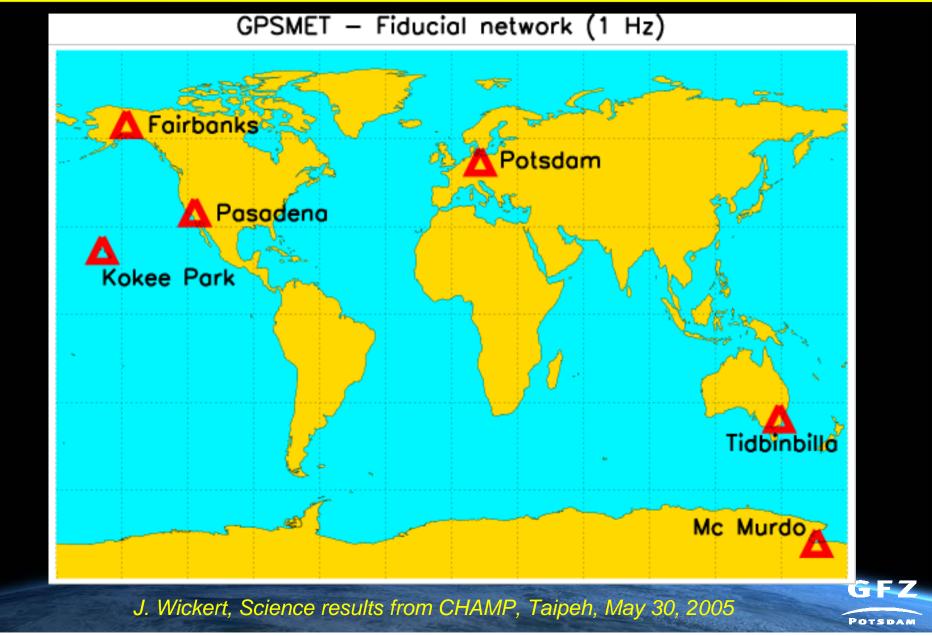


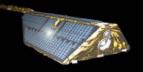




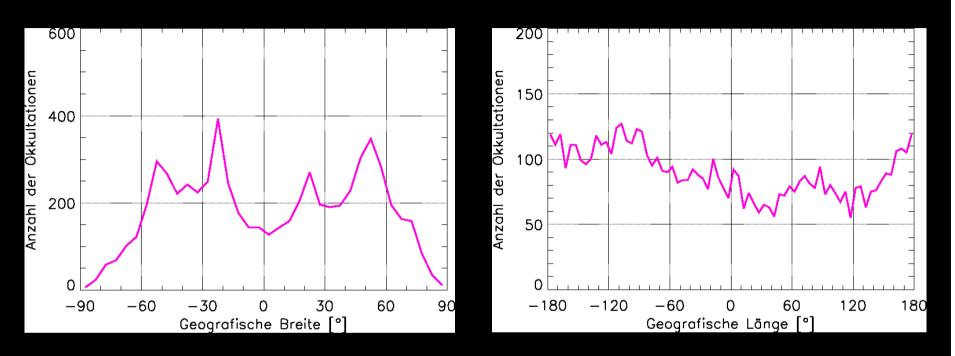
## **GPS/MET: H/R network**







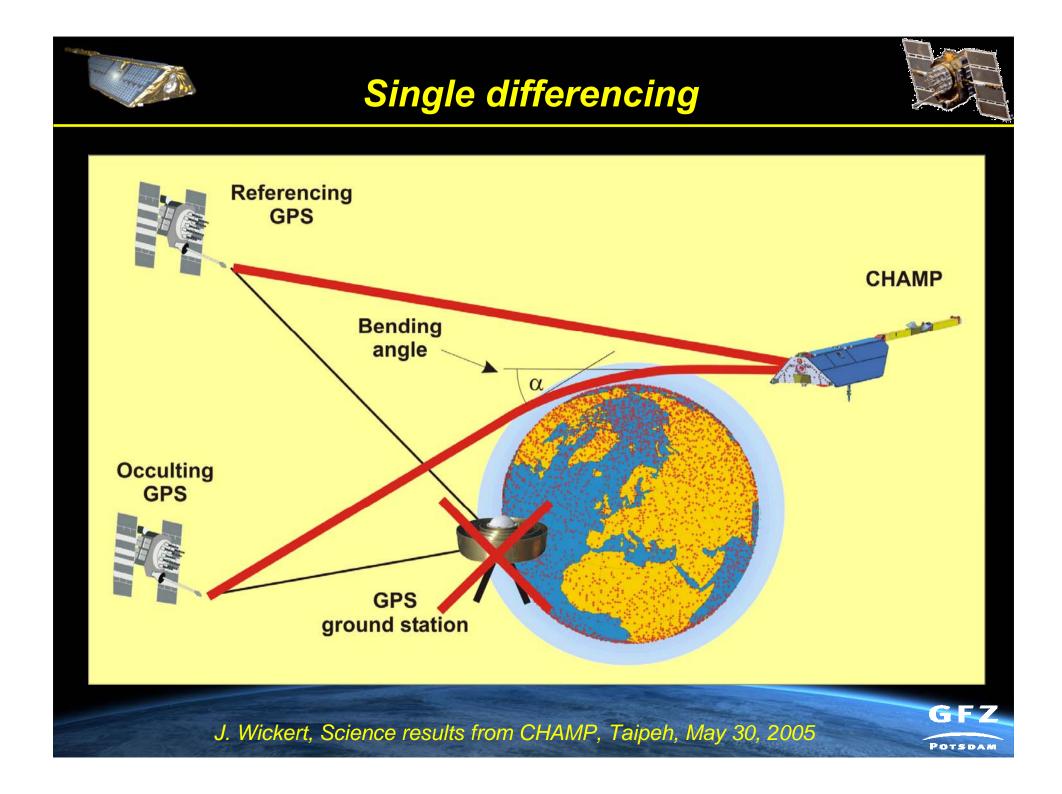
### **GPS/MET:** Global distribution



Wickert 2002

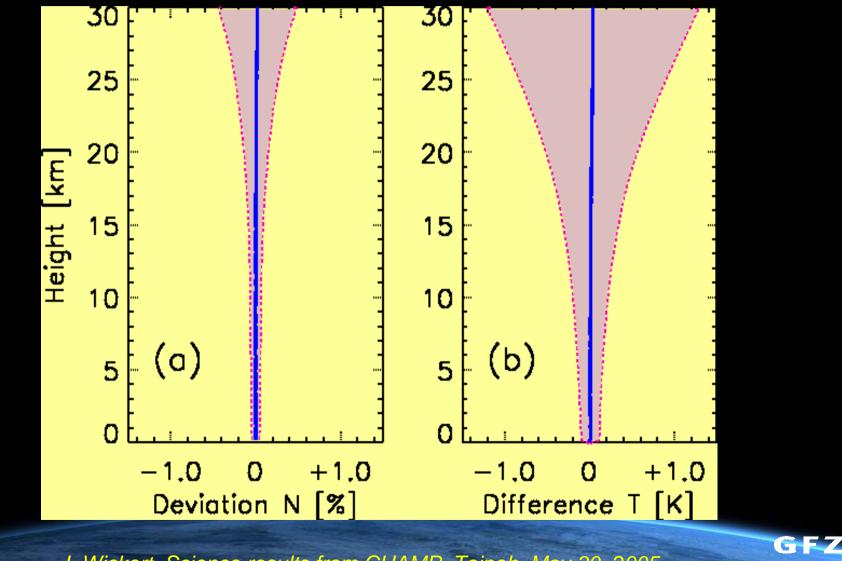
Geographical distribution GPS/MET occultations (6,464 occultations)





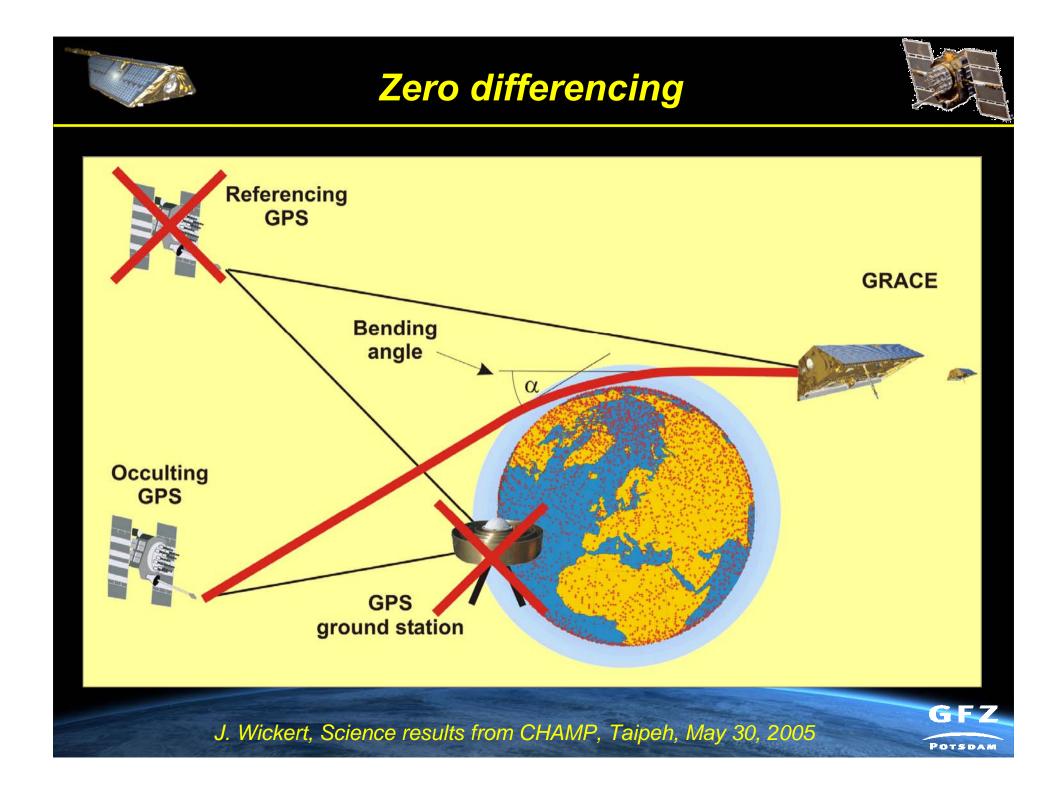
## Space-based single differencing

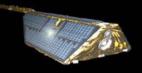
#### Comparison of 2 Data sets (436 Profile April 19-21, 2001) DDIFF/SDIFF



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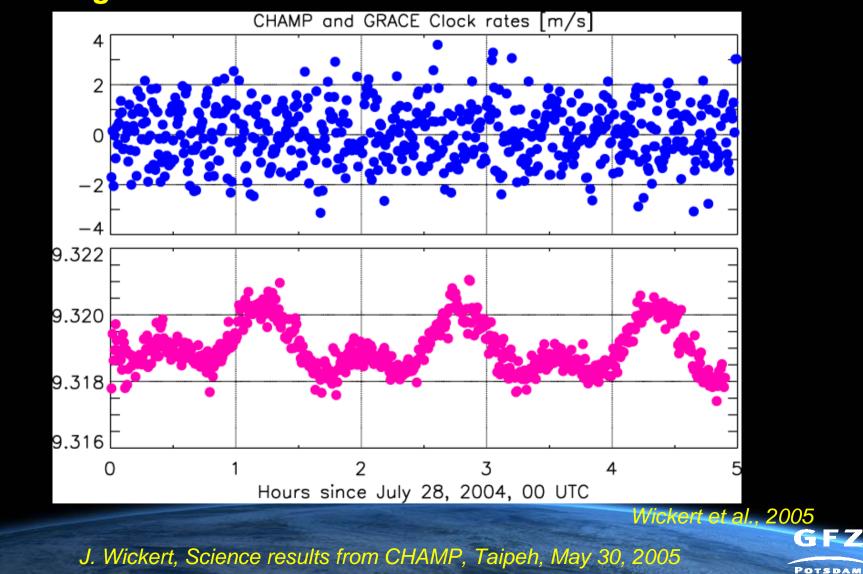


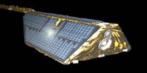


#### **CHAMP and GRACE clocks**



### Significant more stable GRACE clock

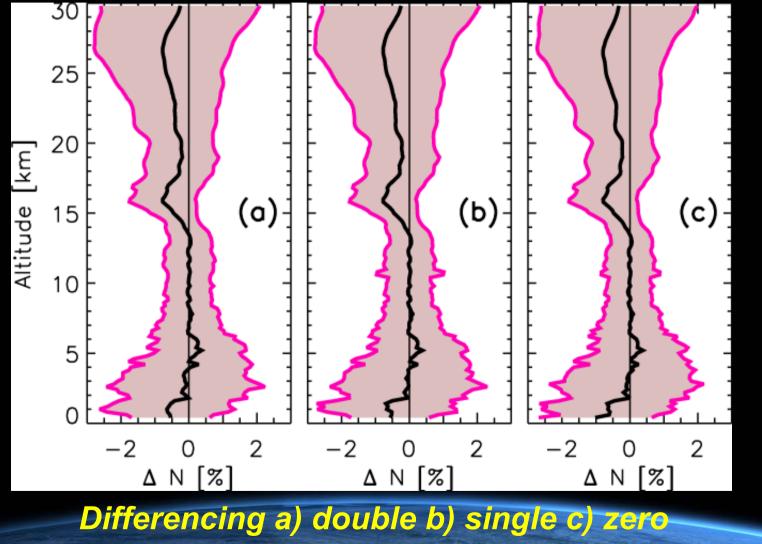




### Zero Differencing: GRACE

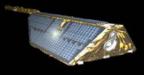


### Deviations in relation to ECMWF (96 profiles)



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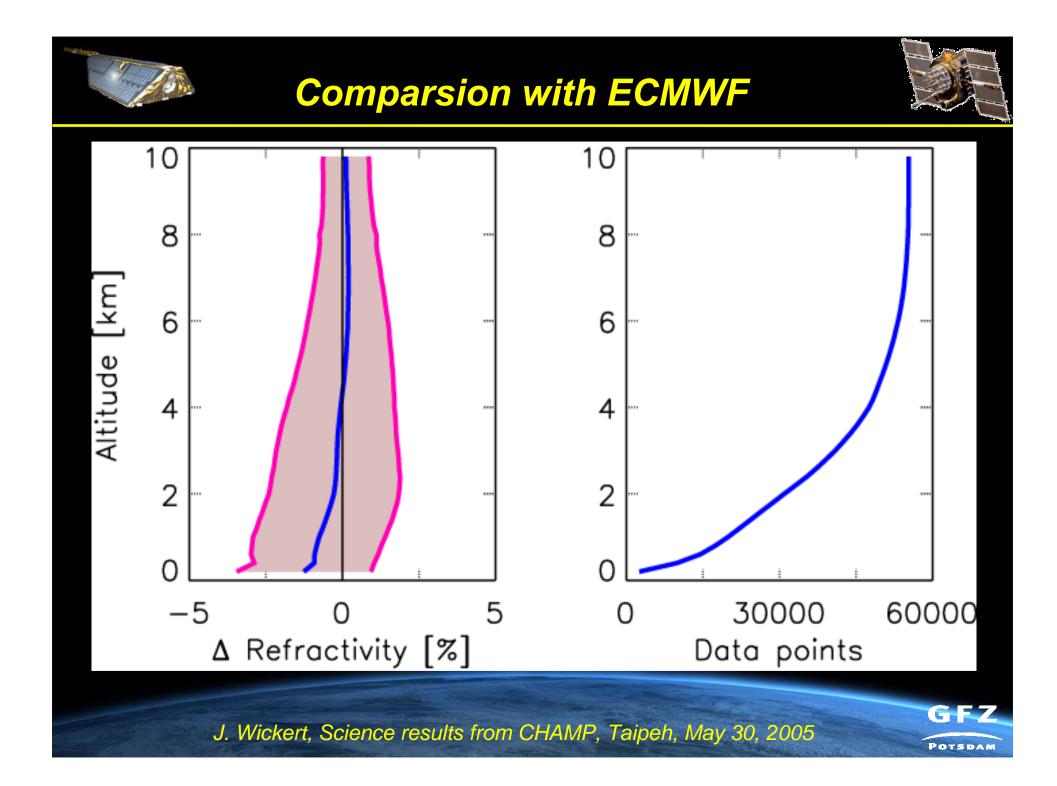
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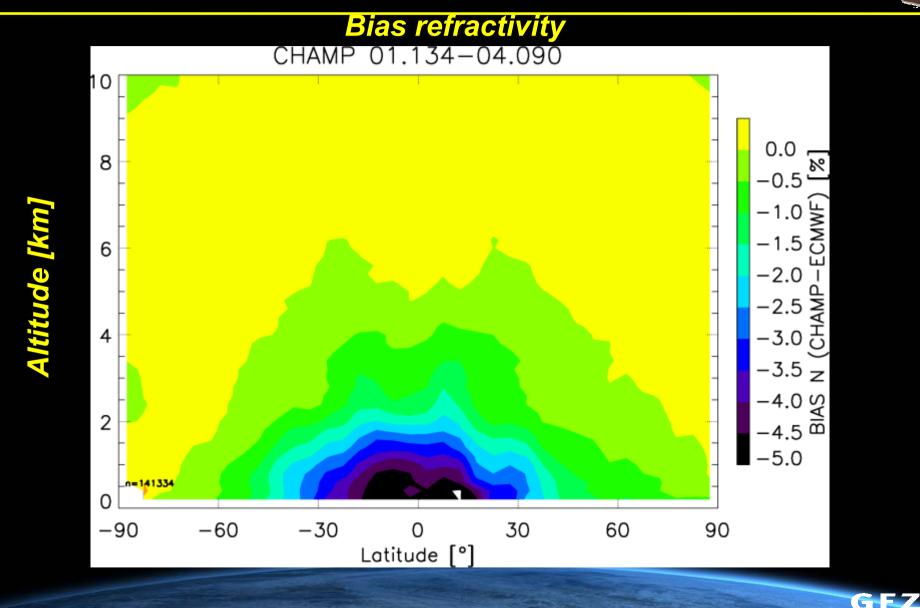


# Lower troposphere bias

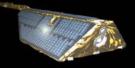




## Comparsion with ECMWF (~145.000 profiles)





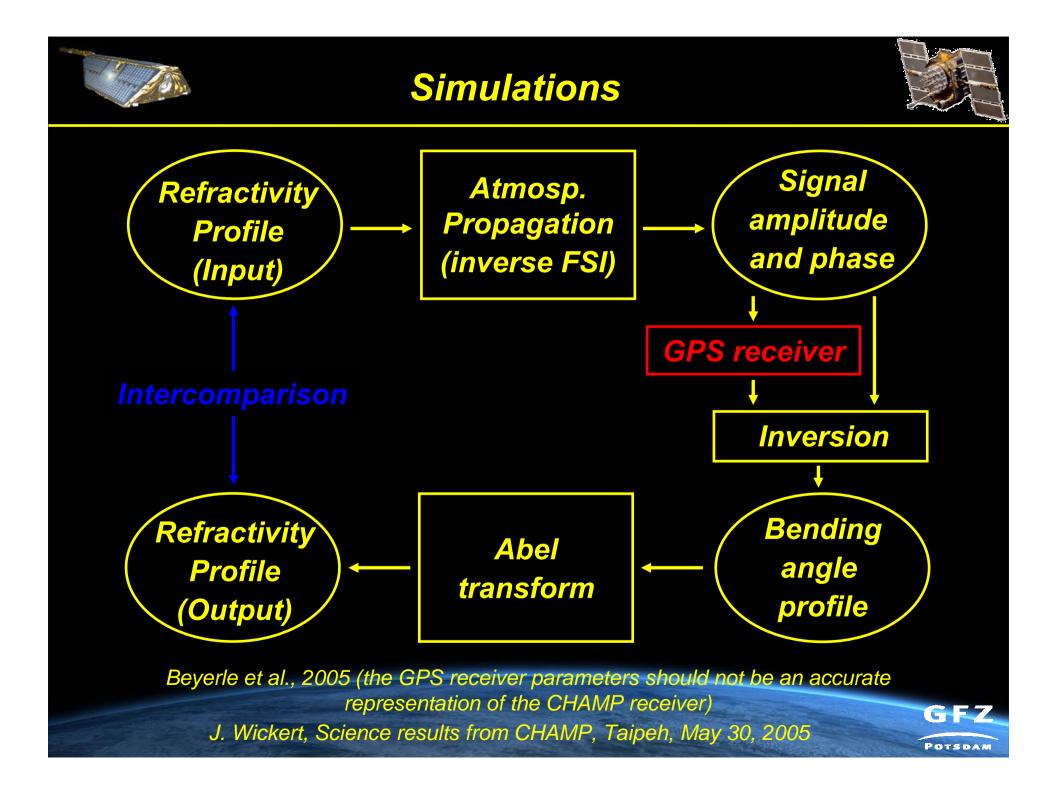


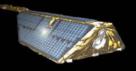


- First reported by Rocken et al., 1997 (GPS/MET)
- Causes:

- Signal loss due to critical refraction (dN/dz < -157 km-<sup>1</sup>) may induce neg. bias (e.g. Sokolovskiy)
- Horizontal gradients (e.g. Healy, Sokolovskiy)
- Signal tracking errors by the GPS receiver (Ao, Gorbunov, Beyerle)
- Multipath (solved by FSI (Jensen)), operational application possible
- Lot of progress reached during the last years, also based on the CHAMP data
- Progress in signal acquisition and quality expected (e.g. COSMIC and MetOp)

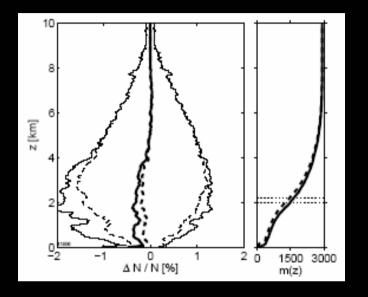






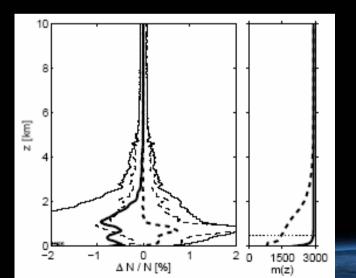
### Study (3000 RS profiles)





#### 2-quadrant, fly –wheeling (CHAMP like)

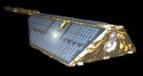
Unable to penetrate layers of critical refraction, above 3 km receiver induced errors (there is no critical refraction)



#### 4-quadrant, Open Loop (OL)

Significant reduced bias, high yield in the LT, best performance, but also closed loop with bandwidth reduction provides good results

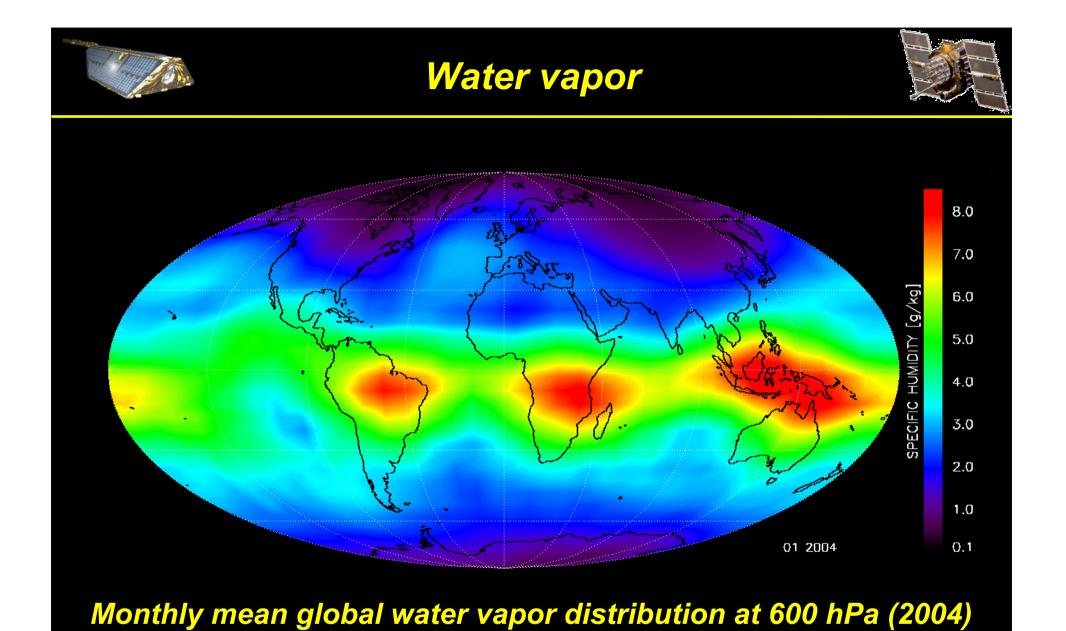




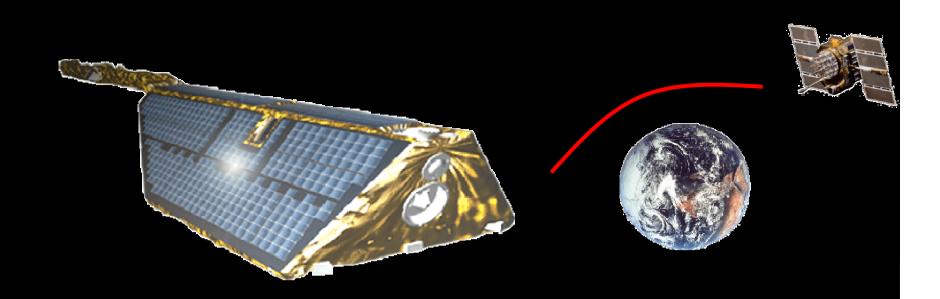


## Global distribution water vapor (quality will profit from improvements in LT retrieval/signal aquisition)



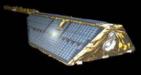






## Validation

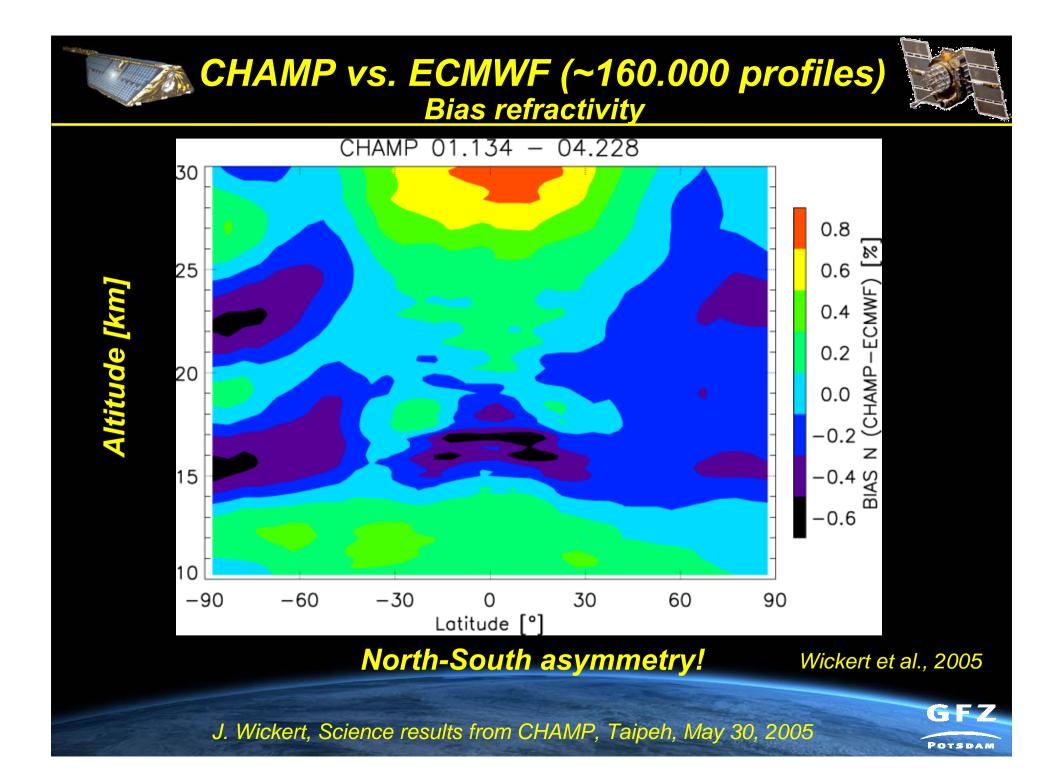


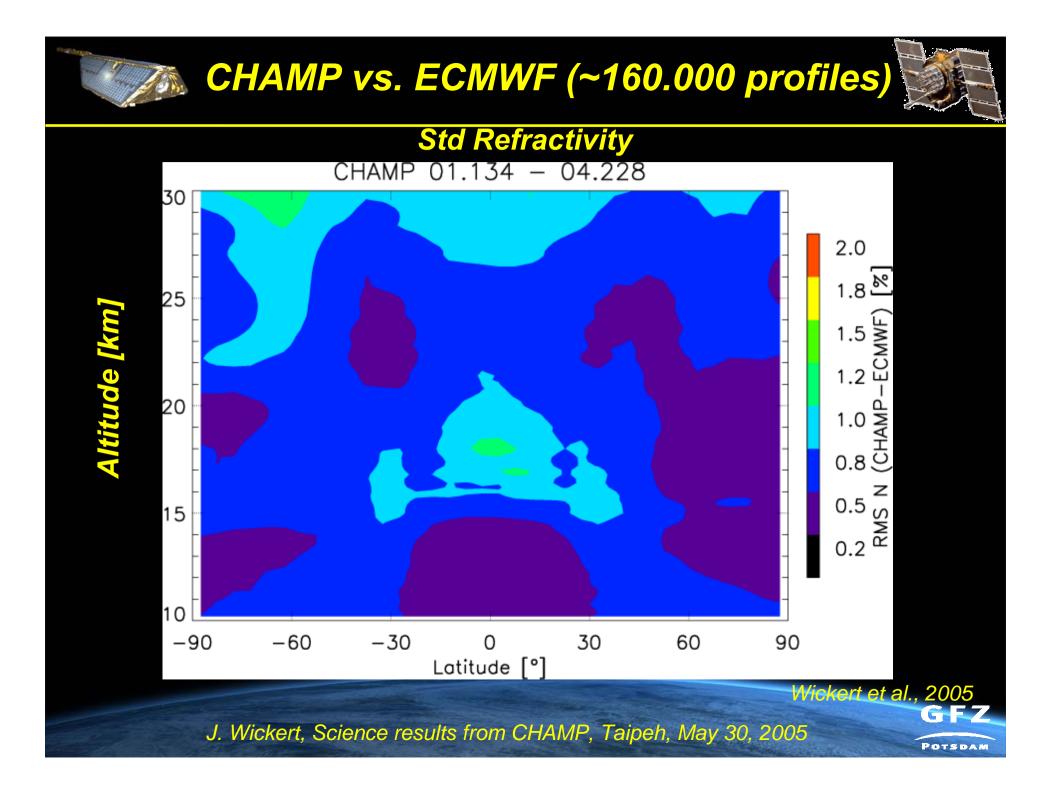




## Meteorological Analyses (ECMWF)





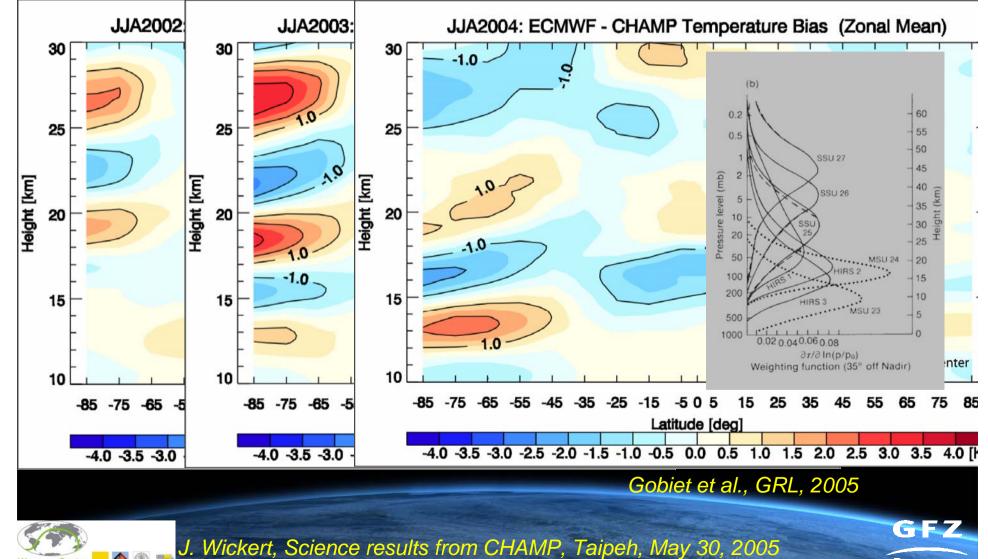


**Can we identify** weaknesses of meteorological analyses by GPS radio occultation? 



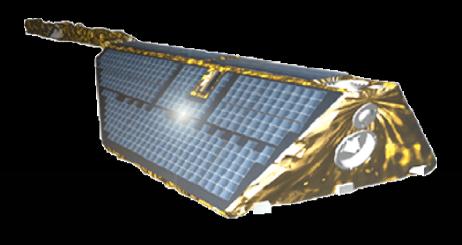
## 🏁 ECMWF – CHAMP Seasonal Zonal Bias 💹

#### **Polar vortex bias**



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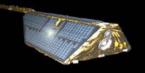
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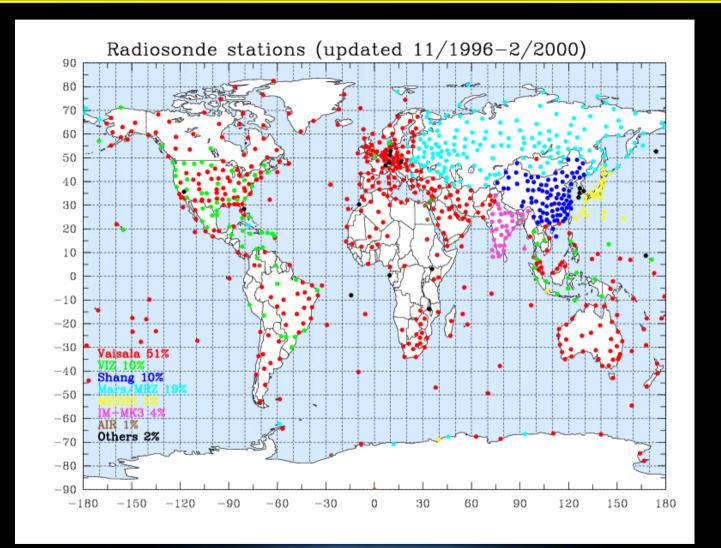
## CHAMP vs. radiosonde





#### radiosonde = radiosonde?





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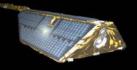
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Kuo et al., GRL 2005

**Can we identify** differences between different types of RS by GPS radio occultation?

Yes!





## RS data availabiliy



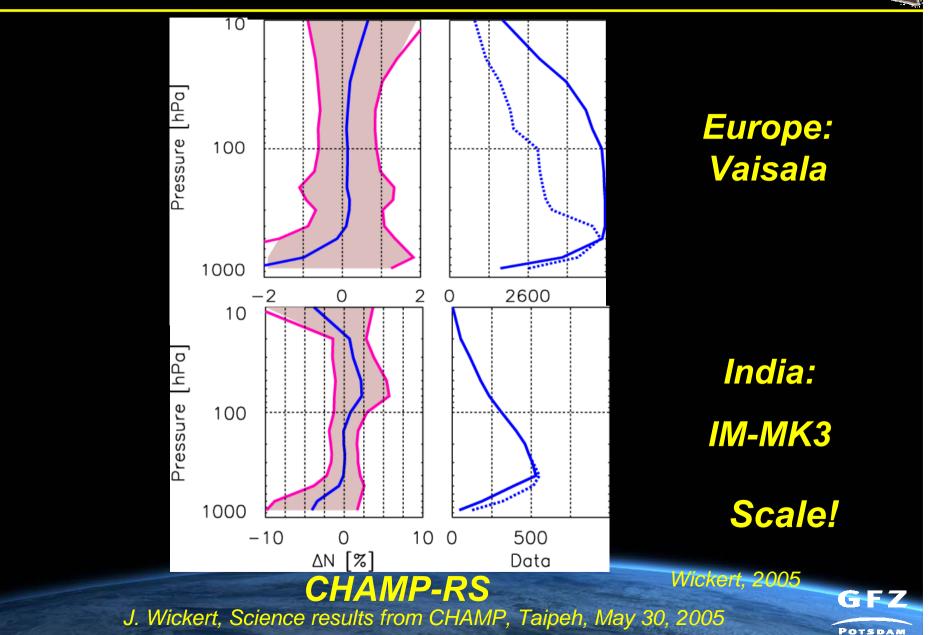
Region	Prof.	100 hPa [%]	100 hPa WVP [%]	10 hPa [%]	10 hPa WVP [%]
Australia	813	98,03	13,78	18.45	16.48
China	2344	94,99	21,70	14,76	2.61
Europe	5153	97,88	56,59	34,06	15.97
Former SU	3093	87,50	74,58	10,78	8.41
India	552	56,52	0.18	0.36	0.00
Japan	586	100	0.00	65,01	0.00
U.S.	5694	97,17	95.99	72,84	71,38

### RS Data availability is a problem





#### **Differences of RS data quality**





## CHAMP-RS, 100 hPa (~10 km)

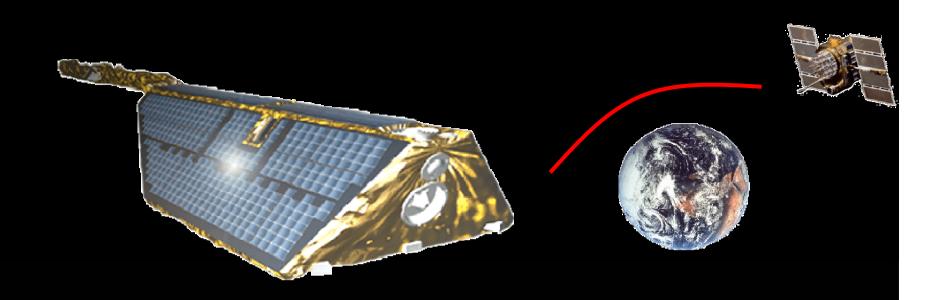


Region	No. (N)	<i>∆N[%</i> ]	σ <sub>ΔΝ</sub> [%]
Australia	112	0.35	1.02
China	507	0.16	0.85
Europe	2916	0.13	0.73
Former SU	2297	0.07	0.74
India	1 (312)	-0.94 (0.79)	n.a. (2.09)
Japan	n.a. (586)	n.a. (0.22)	n.a. (1.32)
U.S.	5466	0.03	0.88

Very good agreement! (e.g. U.S.)

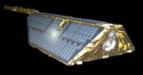
If WVP data were not available (n.a. the WVP data were set to 0 hPa above 300 hPa) J. Wickert, Science results from CHAMP, Taipeh, May 30, 2005

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# Applications







## Weather forecast



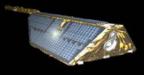
### Improvement of global weather forecast with CHAMP



First promising impact studies for the use of CHAMP RO data to improve global weather predictions at UKMO and ECMWF: more from Sean

**Good news:** German Ministry for Science and Research will fund a project, which is aimed to the provision of near real time data from CHAMP with average delay of 2 and less hours between measurement and data provision





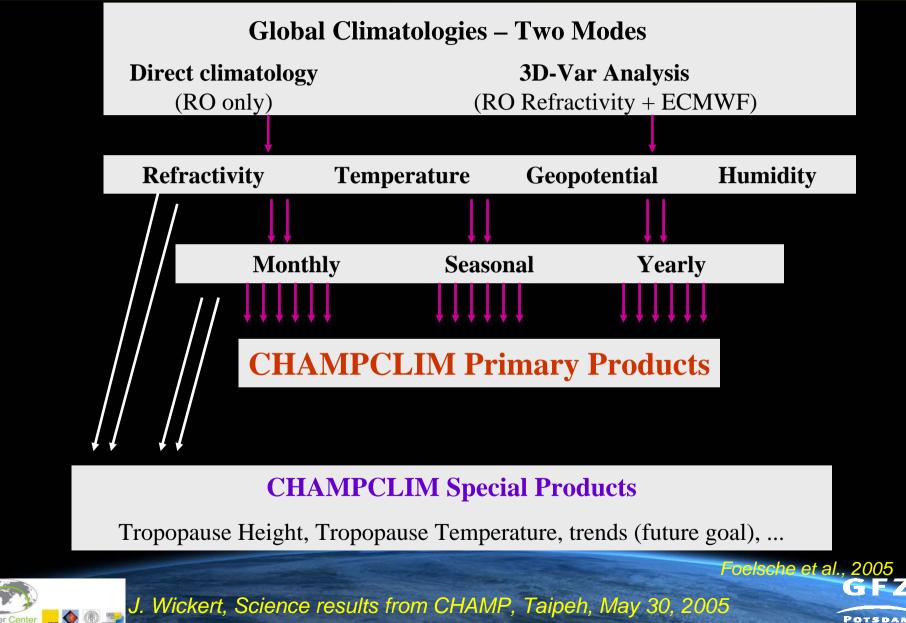


## Climate



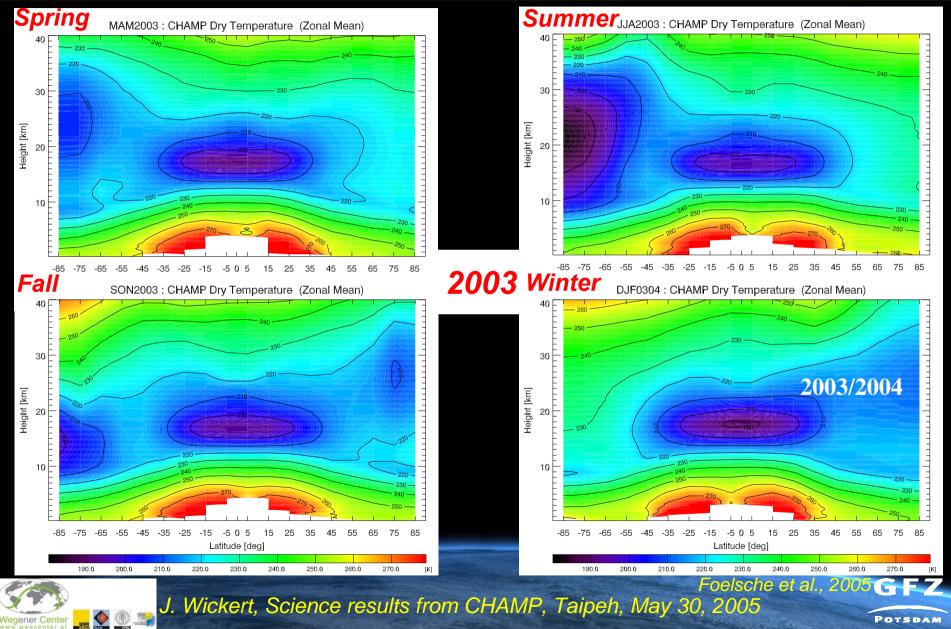
## CHAMPCLIM (Wegcenter Graz, GFZ)

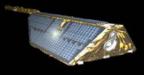




## Seasonal T<sub>dry</sub> Climatologies (direct)









# *Climate: Tropopause*





#### Tropopause



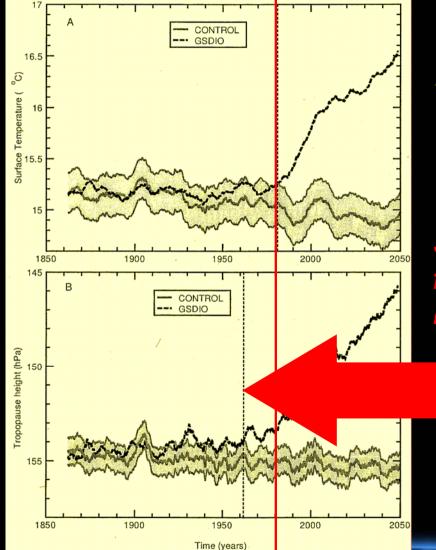
30 0.5°S / 36.7°E / OccID: 206 Temperature and altitude 2001 May 15 21:11:18 Tue is indicator for climate change (Warming of the 50 troposphere, cooling in 70 the stratosphäre) NAIROBI/D. Raob ssure (hPa) CHAMP ECMWF 100 150 Tropopause 200 -90 -80-70-40 -50Temperature (C) 

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### Tropopause height and climate change





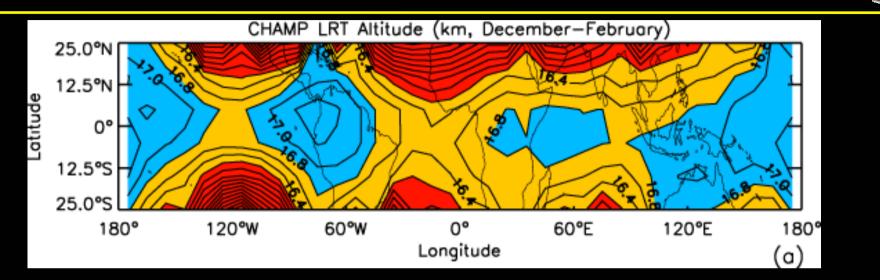
Simulation with climate model

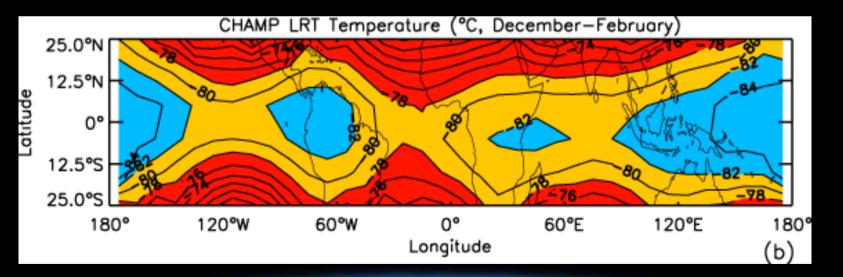
Comparison: with and without real scenario (greenhouse gases) Signal of climate change by from analysis of tropopause height ~20 years earlier

#### Sausen et at., 2003



## 2001-2004/LRT T and h (Schmidt et al.)





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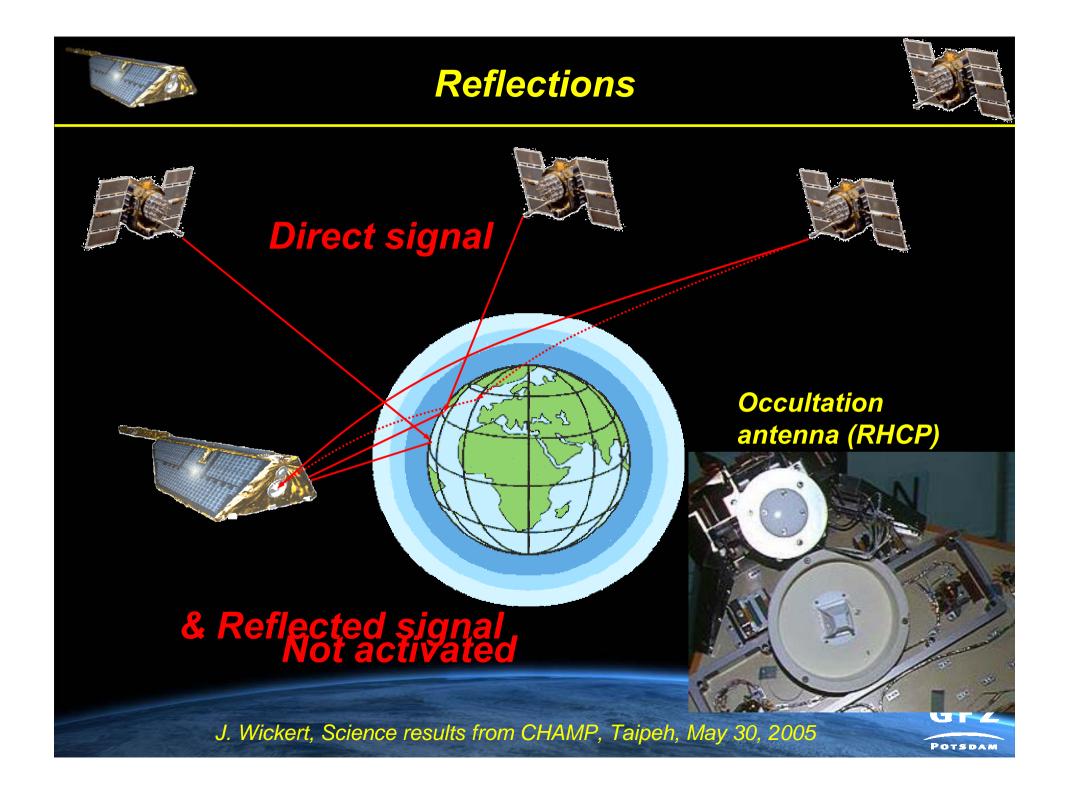
**GFZ** 

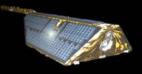
## Tropopause characteristics Tropis (Trend

## Per Dekade, CHAMP extrapolated (Attention!: only 3 years, in principle not allowed!)

	CHAMP (GFZ)	Seidel et al. (2001) RS 78-97	Santer et al. (2003) NCEP 78- 97	<i>Randel et al. (2000)</i> <i>NCEP 79-</i> <i>97</i>
Altitude (m)	<b>25</b>	20		
Pressure (hPa)	-0,5	-0,5	-0,68	-0,32
Temp (K)	-0,21	-0,5		



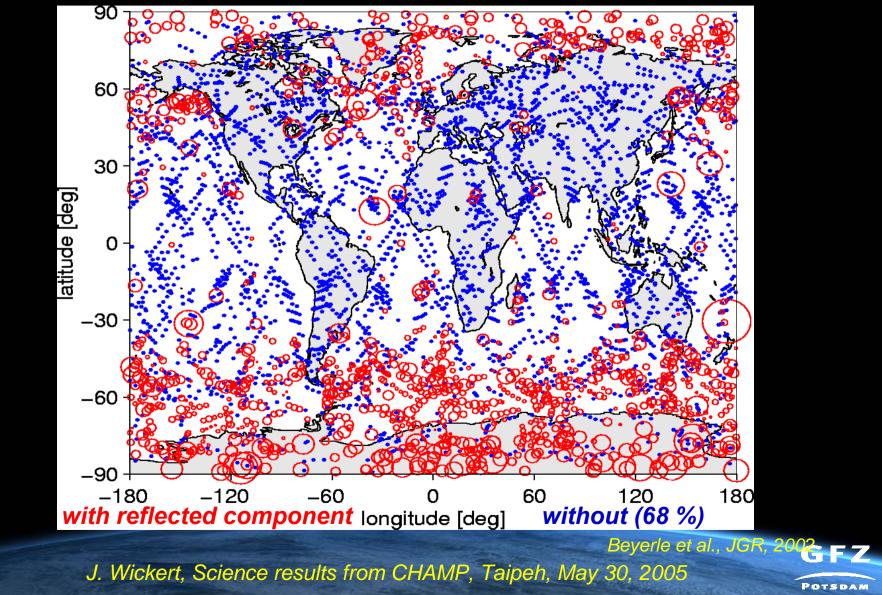


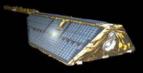


### **Reflexions**



#### 3783 occultation events observed between 14 May and 10 June 2001

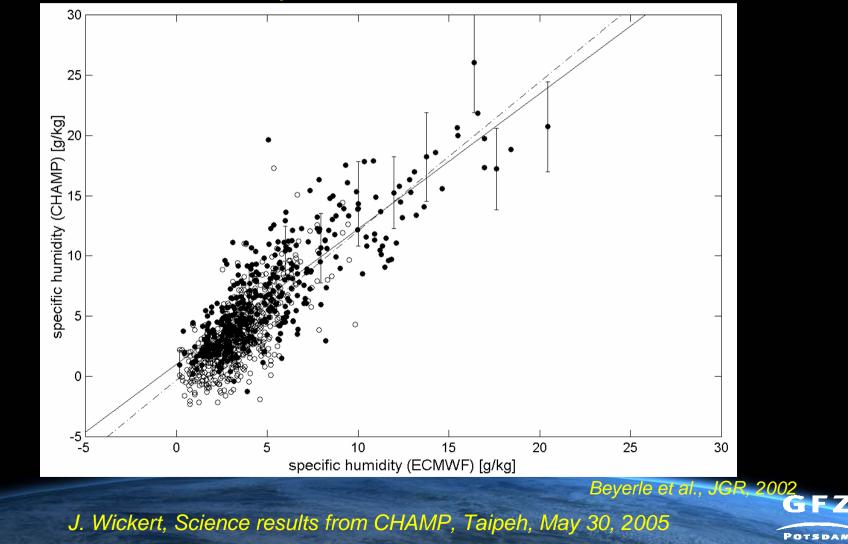


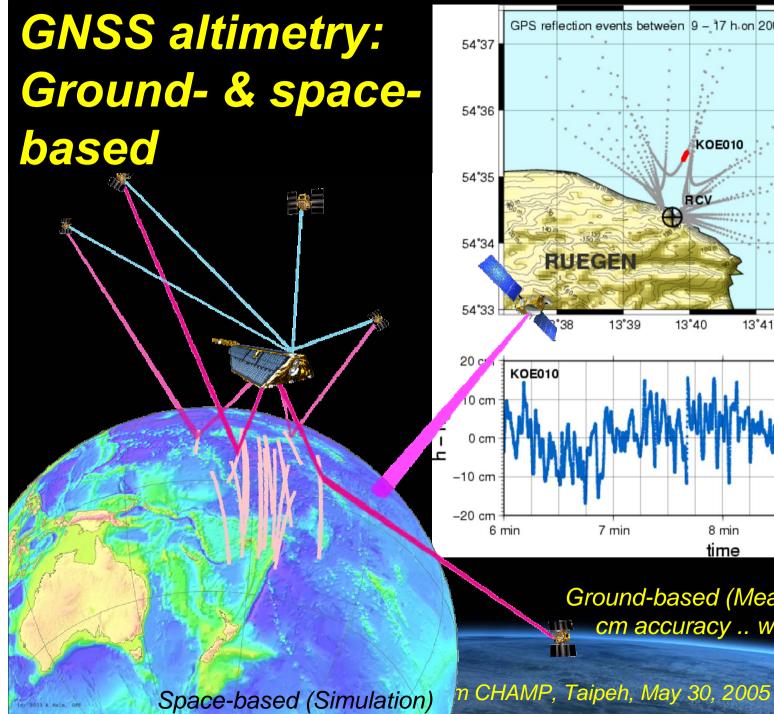


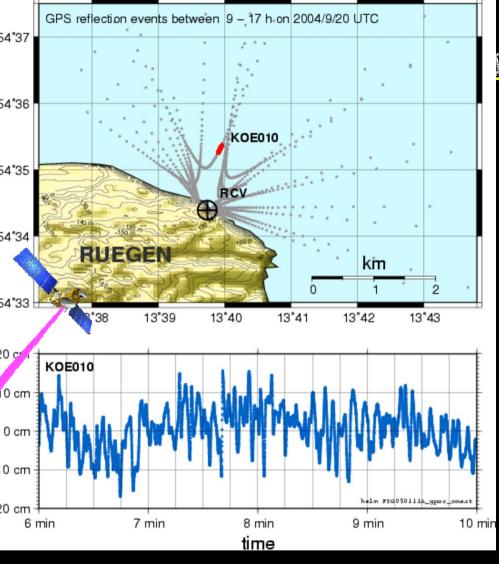
### **Reflections**



## Specific humidity at the reflection point compared with ECMWF



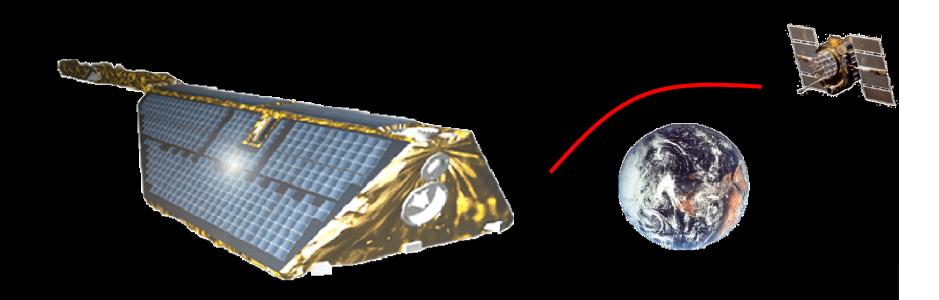




Ground-based (Measurements 2004) cm accuracy .. wave heights, wind

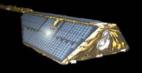
POTSDAM

Helm et al., 2005

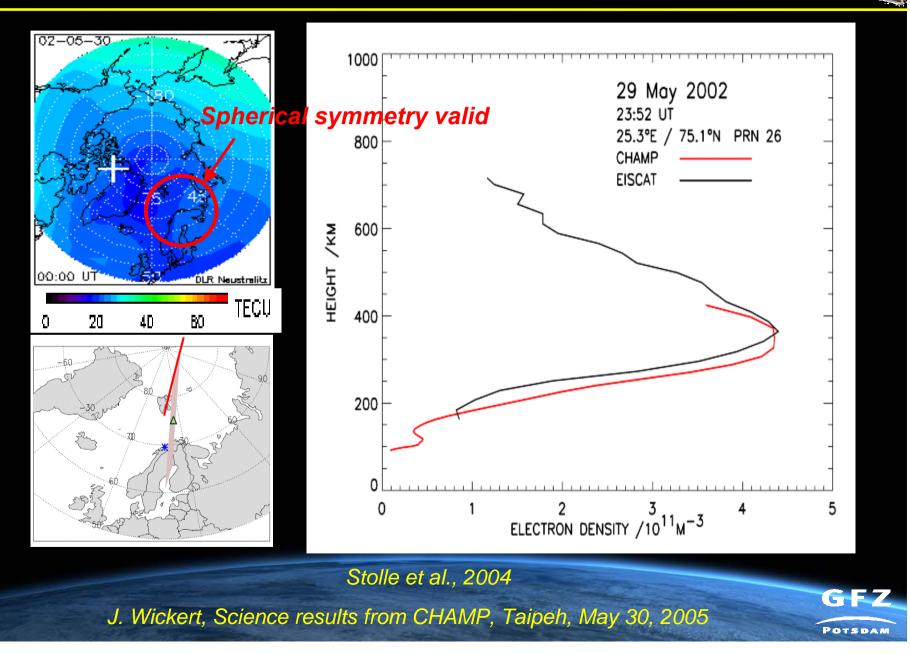


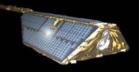
# lonosphere





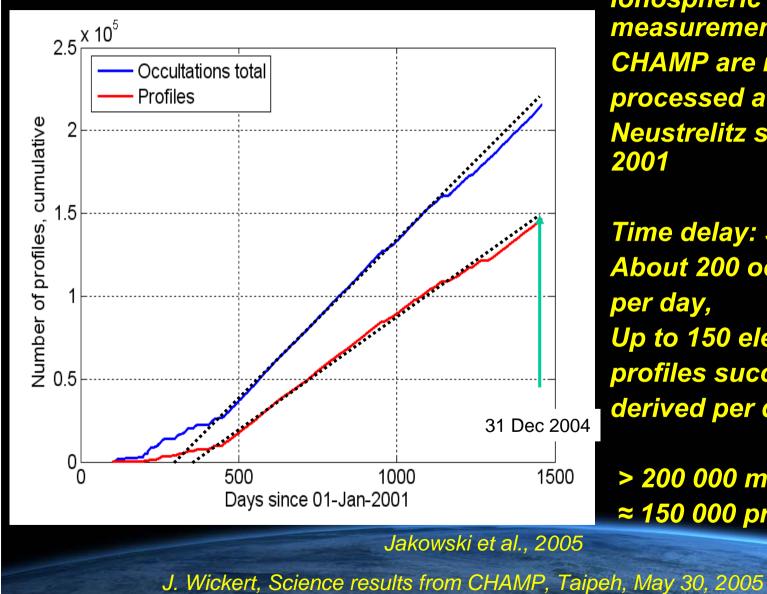
#### Validation: CHAMP vs. EISCAT





#### CHAMP / IRO - Statistics



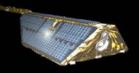


Ionospheric RO measurements from CHAMP are routinely processed at DLR/IKN Neustrelitz since April 11, 2001

Time delay: 3 hours About 200 occultations per day, Up to 150 electron density profiles successfully derived per day:

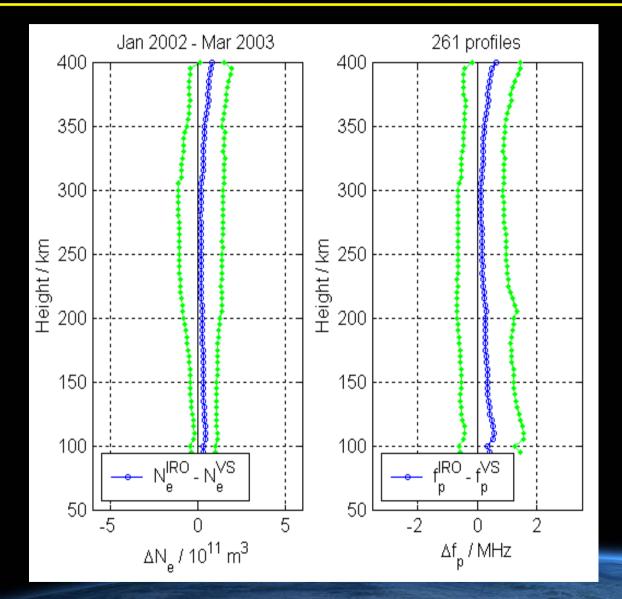
> 200 000 measurements≈ 150 000 profiles





### Validation: CHAMP vs. lonosondes





Comparison of entire IRO derived electron density profiles with corresponding vertical sounding measurements

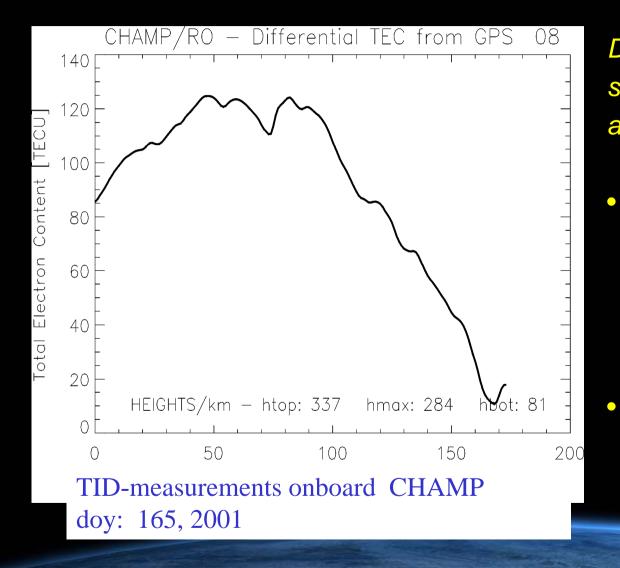
Coincidence radius: 6 ° Time window: 15 min. Ionosonde station:

Juliusruh (54.6°N; 13.4°E)

Number of profiles: 261 Bias < 0.8MHz (1 x10<sup>11</sup>m<sup>-3</sup>) RMS  $\cong$  1 MHz ( $\cong$  1.2 x10<sup>11</sup>m<sup>-3</sup>)



## Detection of ionospheric perturbations



Detection of TID structures and their analysis

- Indicate coupling processes between lower atmospheric layers and the lonosphere
  - TID's affect accuracy of high precision GNSS applications

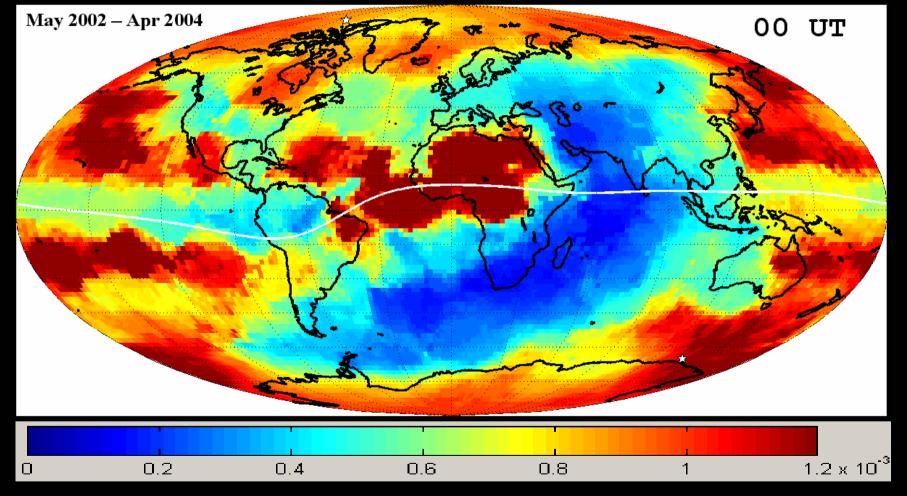


# Ionospheric disturbance activity by IRO data (CHAMP)



GEZ

POTSDAN

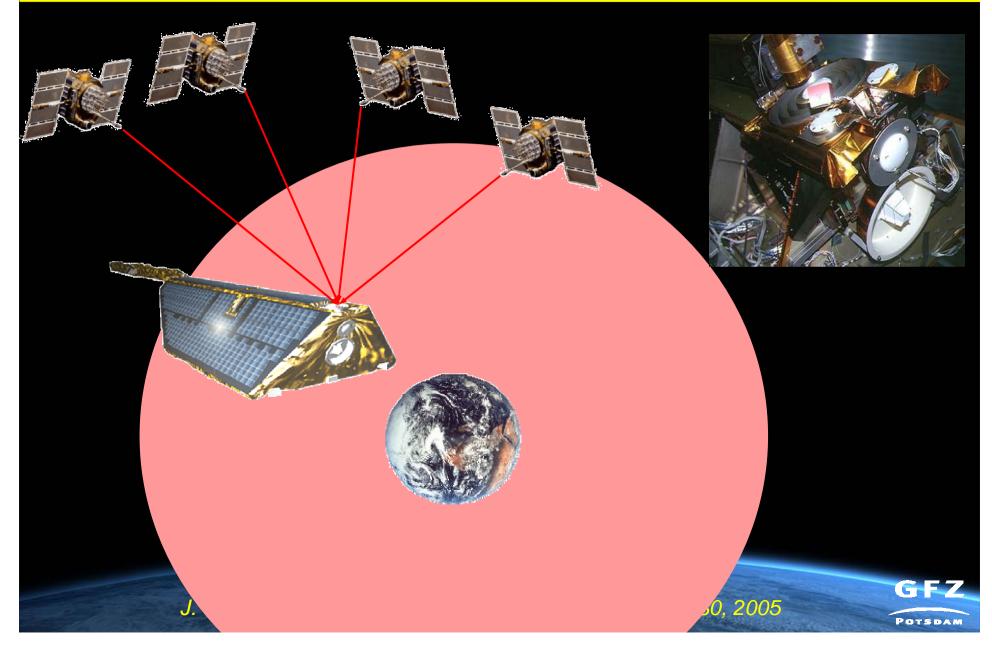


#### Investigation of ionospheric small / medium scale irregularities possible



# Topside ionospheric sounding

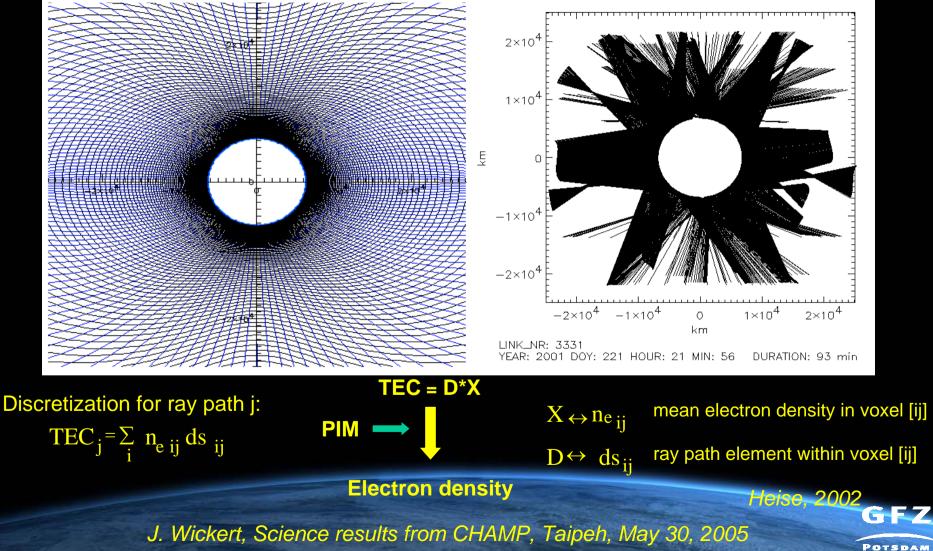




# Topside ionosphere TEC assimilation



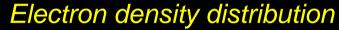
Voxel structure for data assimilation and 2D projection of a typical radio link distribution obtained after a full CHAMP revolution



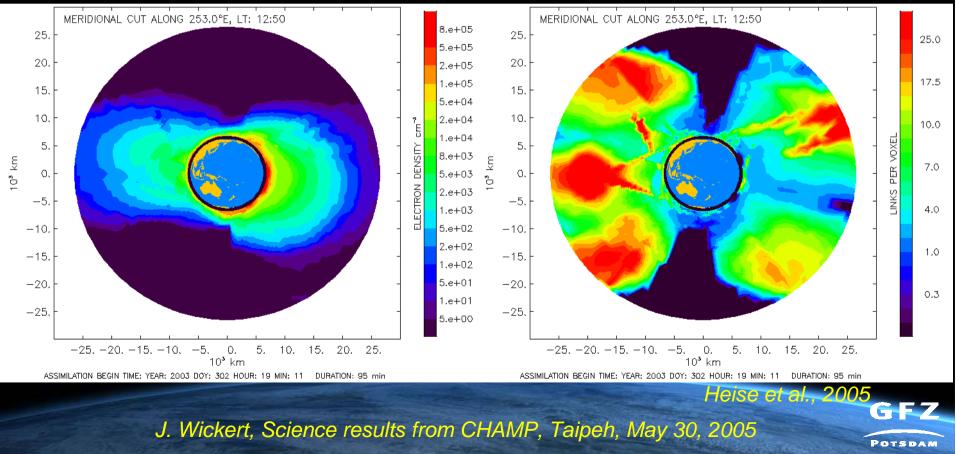
# CHAMP topside ionosphere sounding

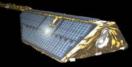


Assimilation example (meridional slice in orbit plane) October 29, 2003, assimilation begin: 19:11 UT, duration: 95 min (geomagnetic storm)



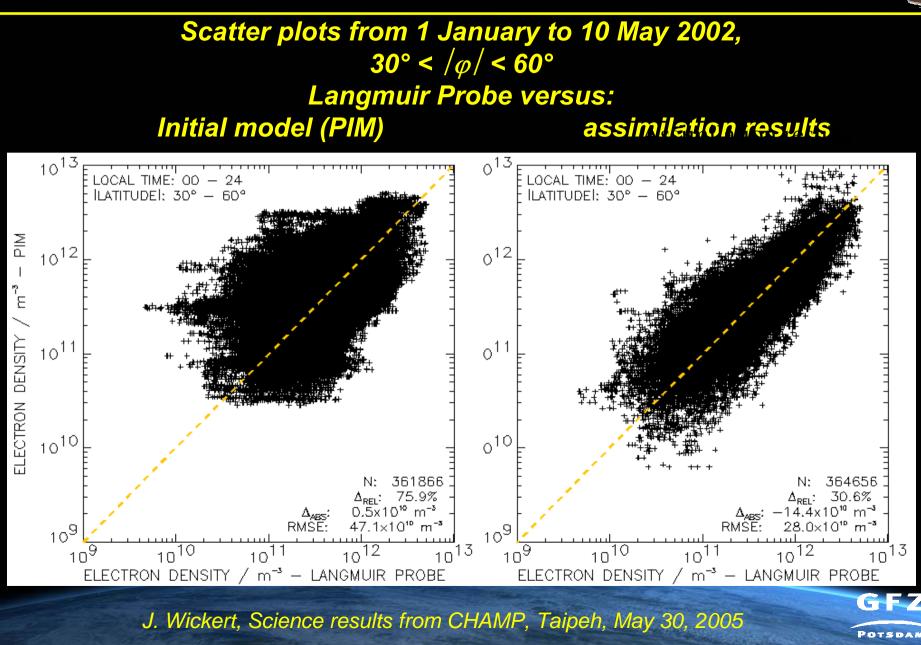
Data coverage

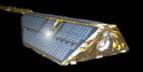




# Validation Langmuir Probe



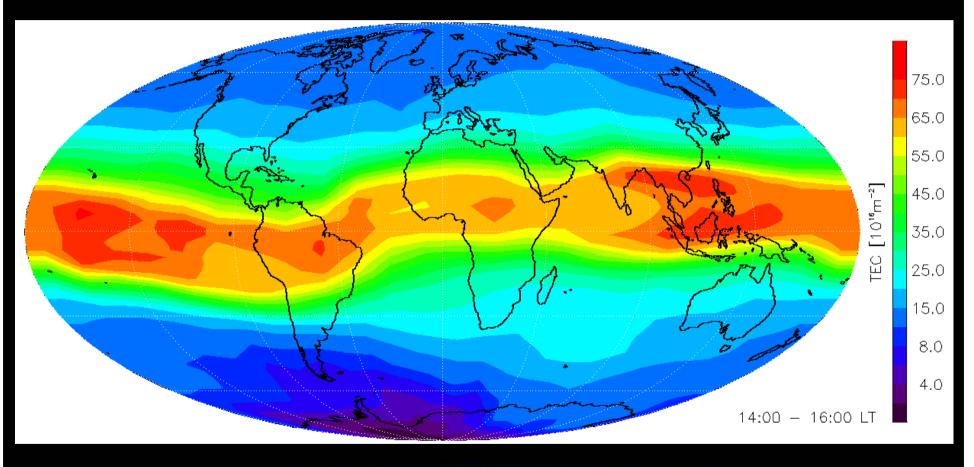




# TEC above 450 km (Topside TEC)

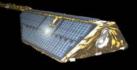


#### 14:00 – 16:00 local time, April 17 till May 07, 2002 Resolution: 2.5° lat x 15° lon



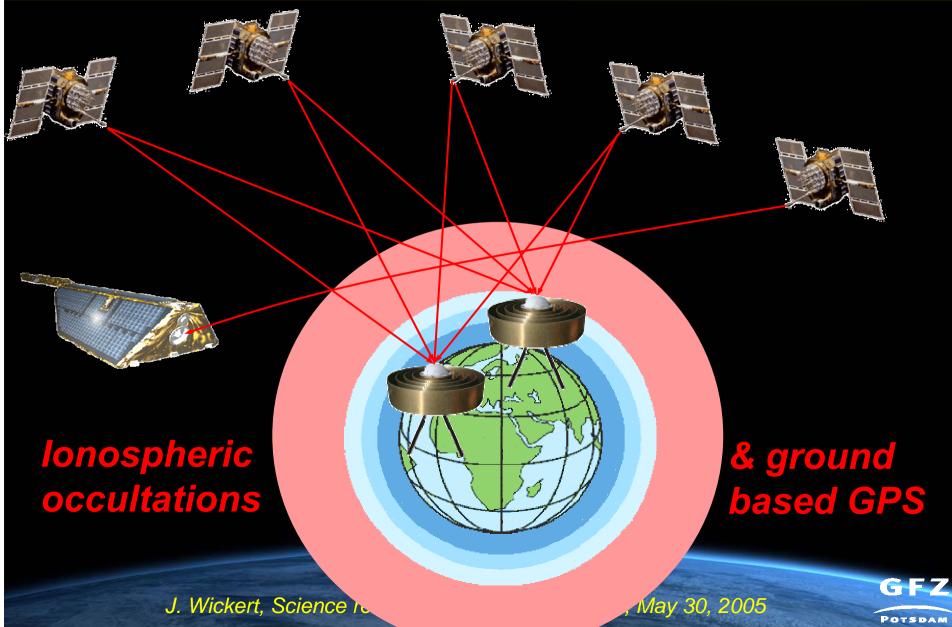
 Data base:~90.000 topside electron density profiles along CHAMP path

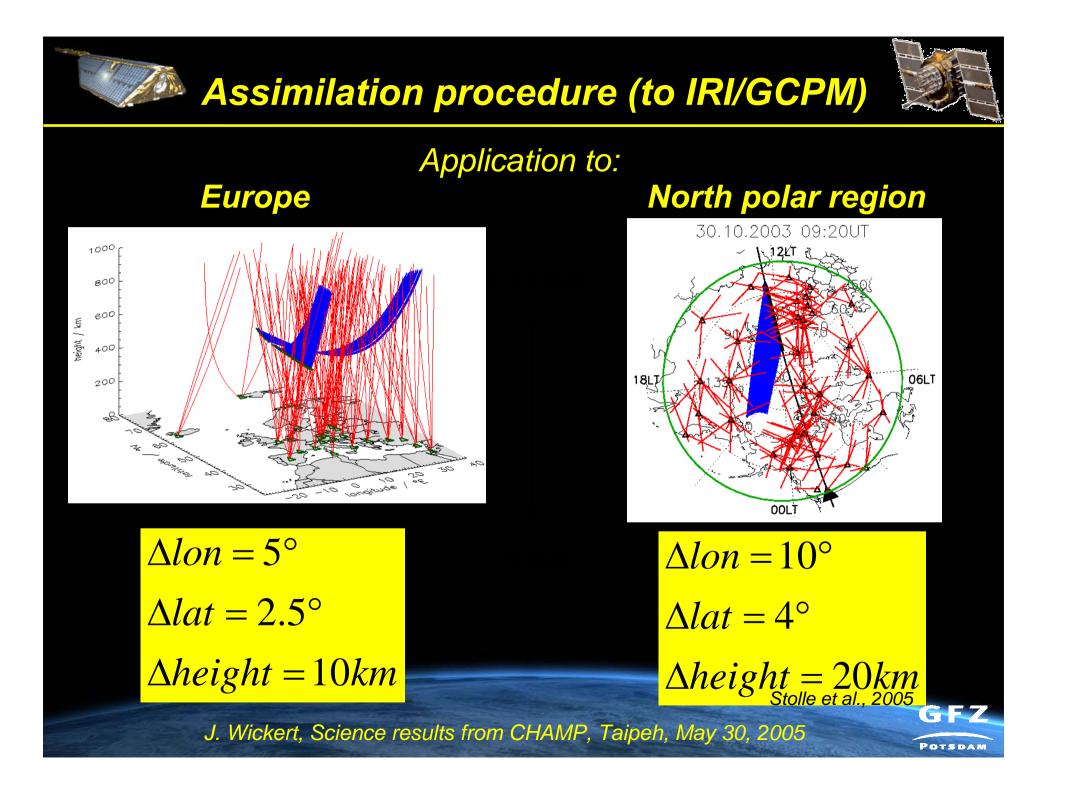
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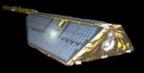


# Ionospheric tomography





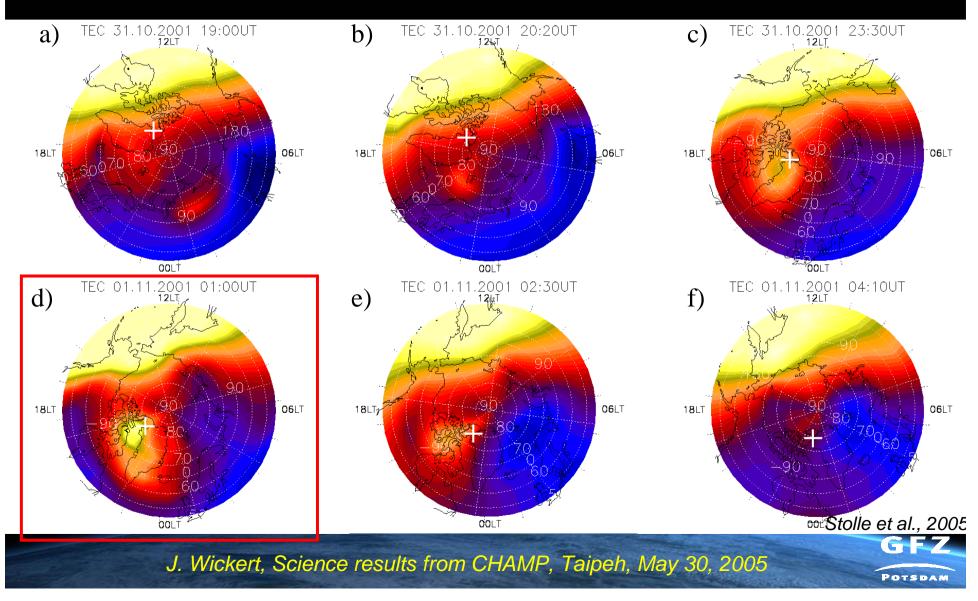


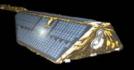


# Results (Example)



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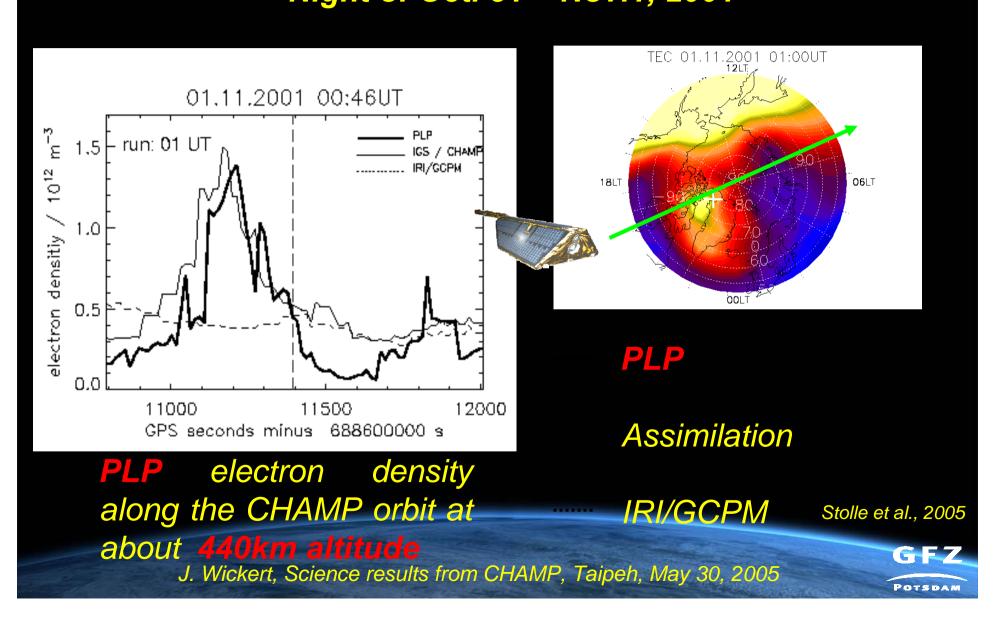


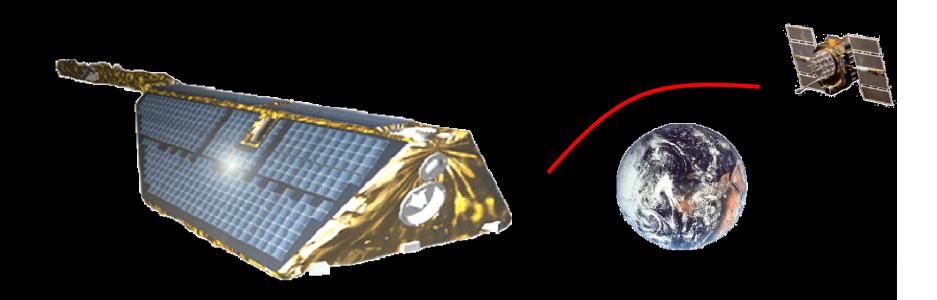




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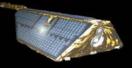
**Results and validation with PLP data** 





# Summary and Outlook







•First and unique long term set of GPS radio occultation data (currently ~200.000 vertical profiles) is expected to be extended until 2008)

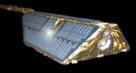
•NRT occultation processing continuously demonstrated (average delay of ~4 hours reached)

•Several improvements of the occultation processing reached (e.g. single differencing, Lower troposphere data analysis, role of the GPS receiver, detection of reflections ...)

 Potential for various applications demonstrated (e.g. first successful impact studies for global NWP, First climatologies, reveal weaknesses of radiosondes and met. analyses, ionospheric studies ...)

•COSMIC will multiply the great potential, demonstrated by CHAMP!







# Main conclusion: **GPS** radio occultation and GPS based remote sensing will have great future!

