

The Future of Surveying Education: Committed to Excellence

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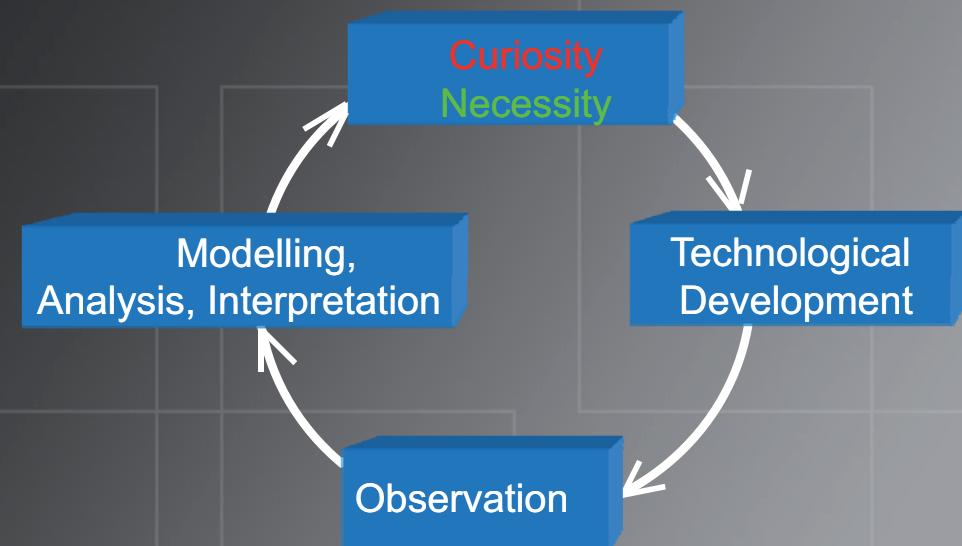
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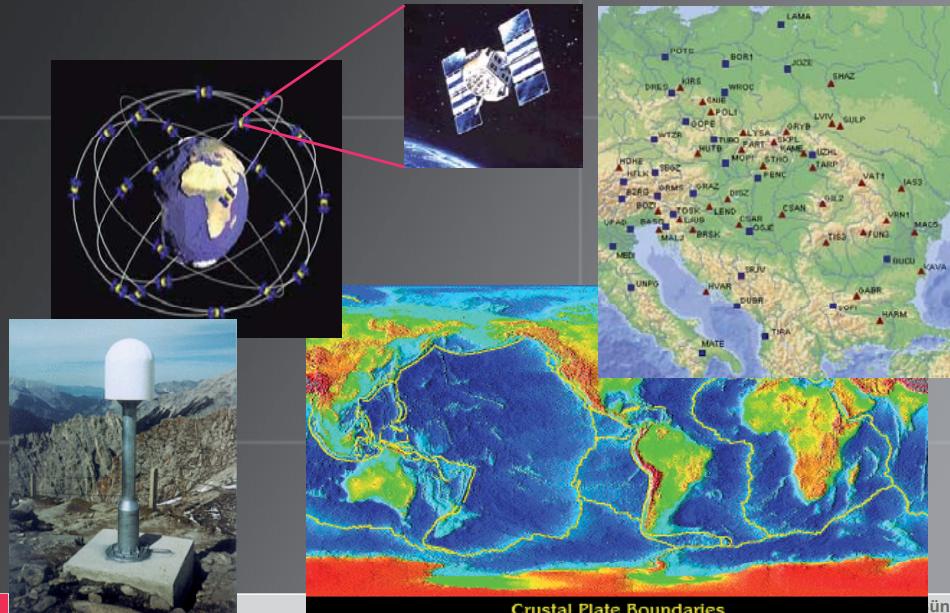
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Curiosity and Necessity



Earth Exploration / GPS for Geodynamics



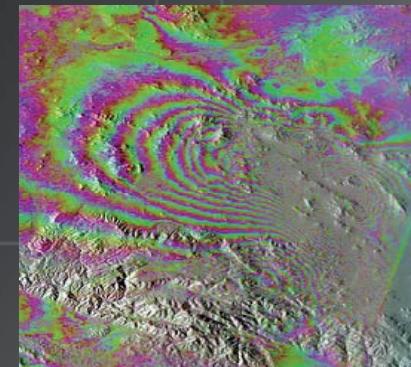
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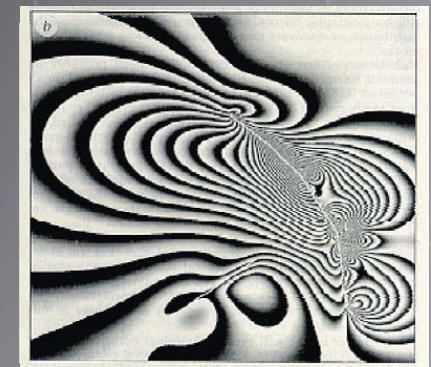
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Monitoring of surface deformation
Loma Prieta Earthquake (M 7.1)

Reality



Model



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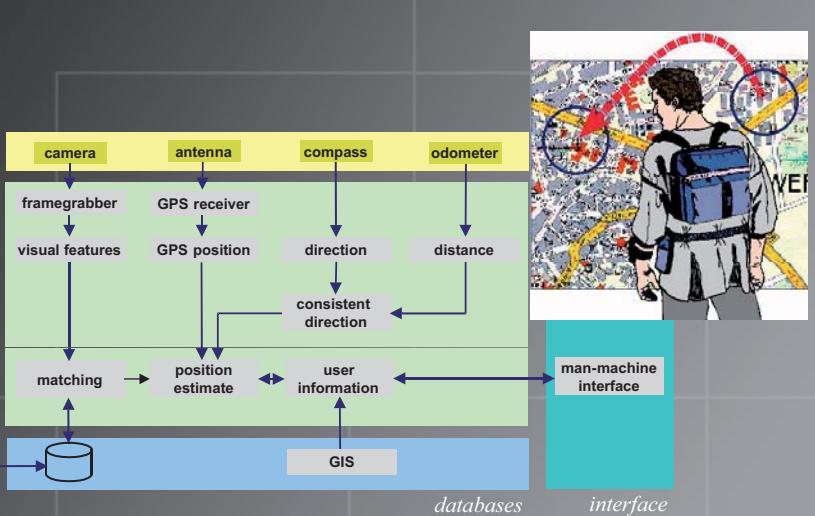
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Navigation for the Blind



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GOCE Mission of ESA: 2009



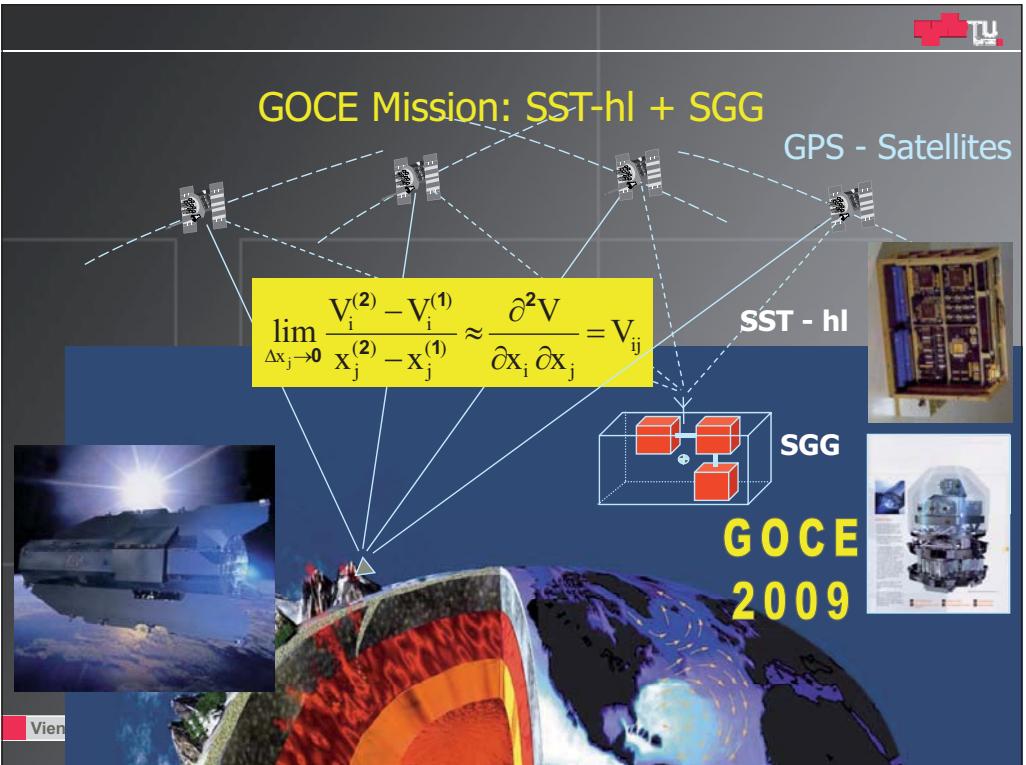
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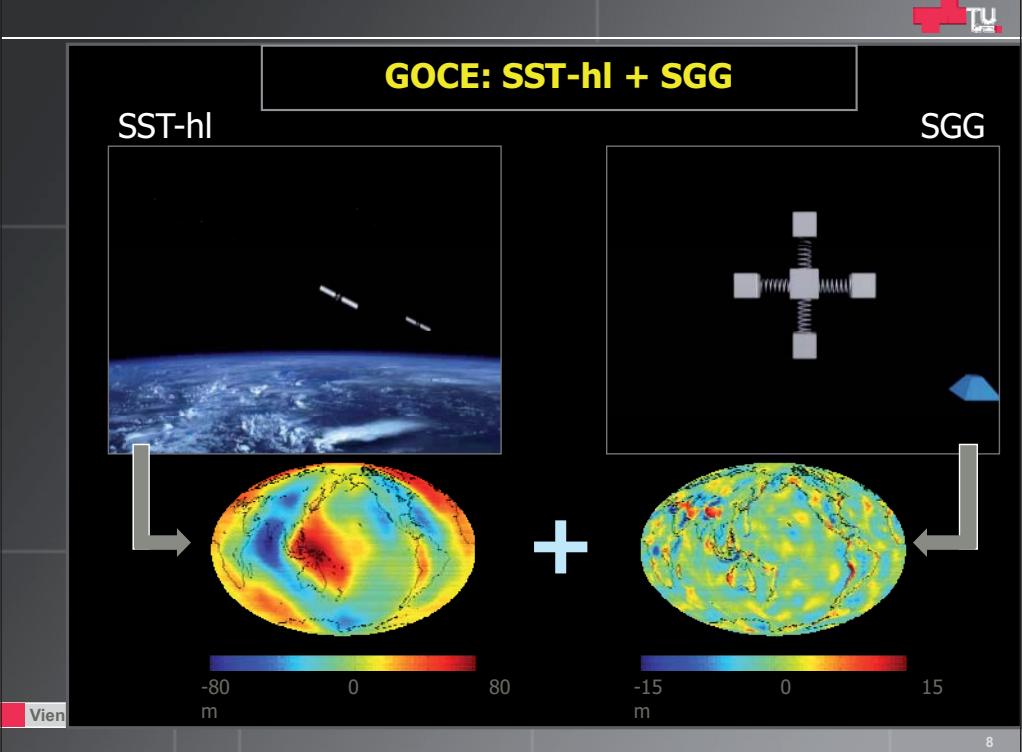
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GOCE Mission: SST-hl + SGG



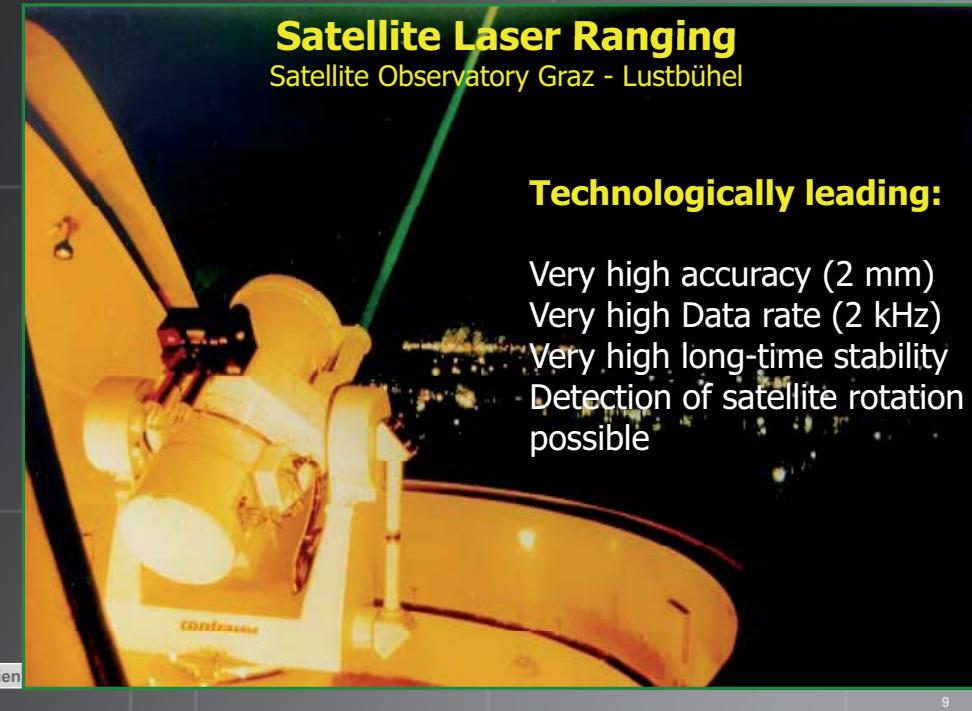
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Satellite Laser Ranging

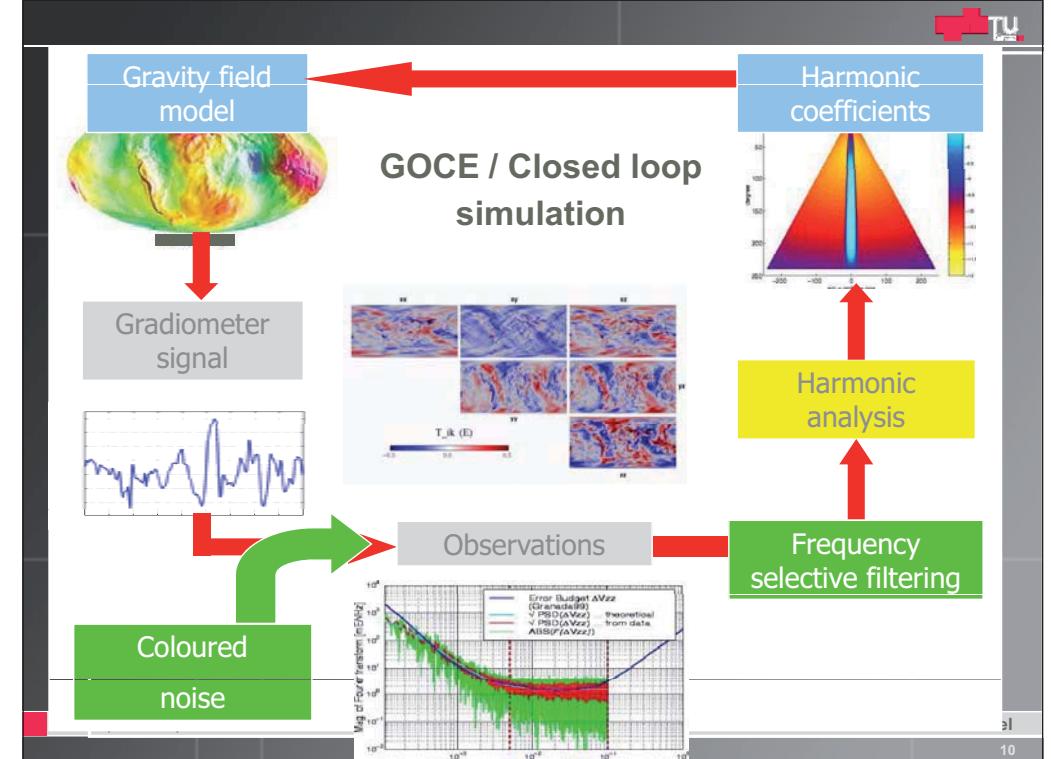
Satellite Observatory Graz - Lustbühel



Technologically leading:

- Very high accuracy (2 mm)
- Very high Data rate (2 kHz)
- Very high long-time stability
- Detection of satellite rotation possible

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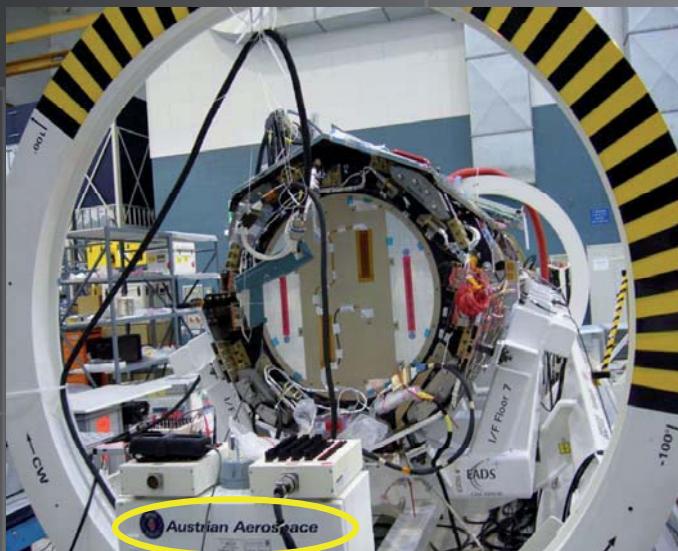
GOCE Mission

Spacecraft assembly at Alenia Spazio, Italy



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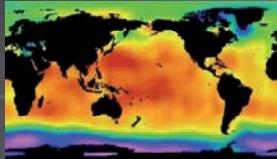
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GOCE Mission of ESA / Goals

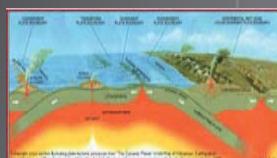
Oceanography:

- Global Ocean circulation
- Ice mass development
- Sea level change
- Meteorology and
- Climate research



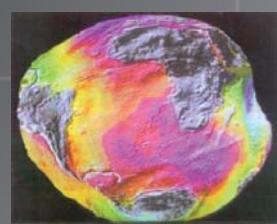
Geophysics:

- Improved models of the lithosphere and mantle
- Geodynamic processes (earthquakes, volcanism)



Geodesy:

- Precise global height reference system
- Navigation (GPS, Galileo)
- Satellite orbit prediction



100.000.000+ Data
↓
70.000 Parameters

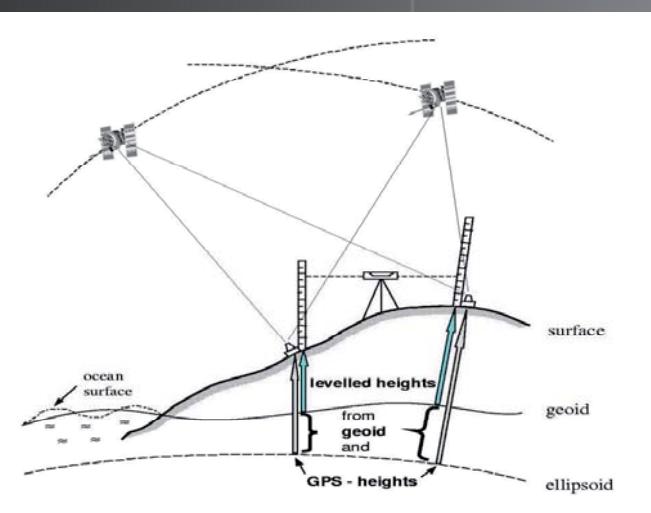
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Surveying



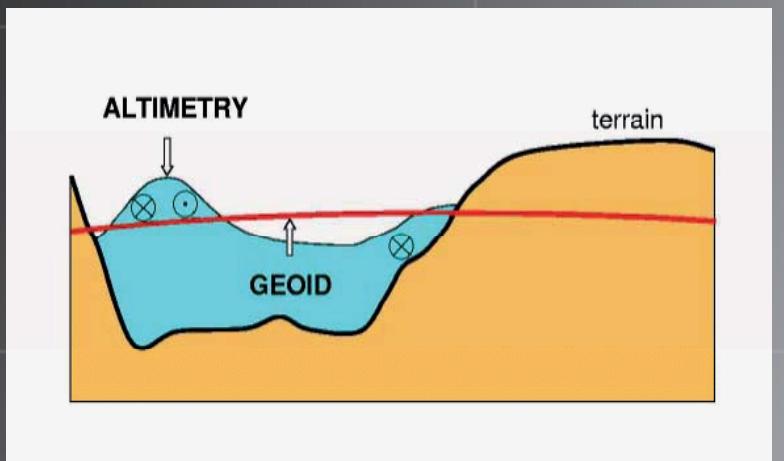
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Orthometric height: terrain and ocean surface



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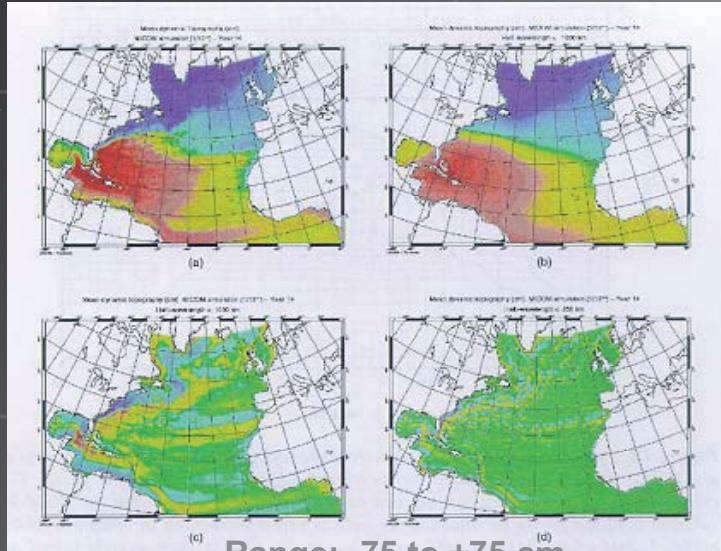
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Ocean topography signal

Signal



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Dynamic ocean topography

Navier-Stokes equation

Steady - state flow: $\dot{u} = \dot{v} = 0$

$$f u_s = - g \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}$$

$$f v_s = - g \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

- H ... Sea surface height (SSH)
relative to geoid
- x, y ... Local cartesian coordinates
(W-E, S-N)
- u, v ... Surface velocity (W-E, S-N)
- g ... Gravity
- f ... Coriolis term

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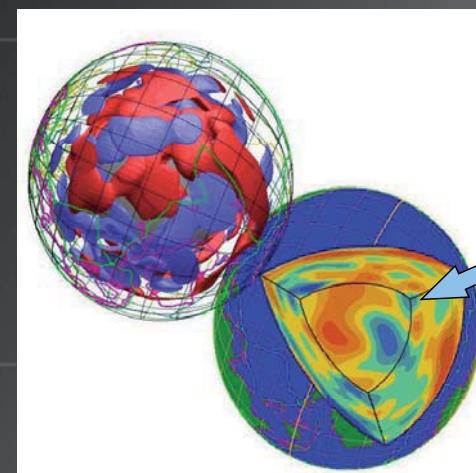
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Geotomography

Propagation of seismic waves



Problem:
velocity \rightarrow density

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Research is an expedition

Complex problems

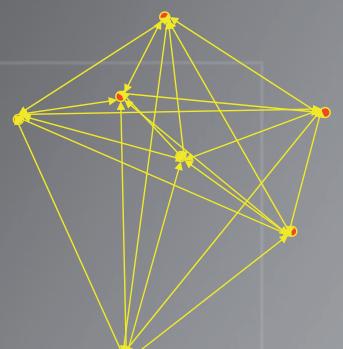
Global dimension



Intellectual freedom

Interdisciplinary cooperation

Internationality



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Barcelona / Forum:

*"In a globalized world problems cannot be exported.
In a globalized world there is no outside.
In a globalized world everything is local."*



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Education and Society

- A country with very high salaries must strive for a leading position at the top of the performance pyramid and not at its bottom
- Not just territories and natural resources are important, but people
- Global competition, also in research and education (USA, Europe, Far East)
- Employment market: reduced chances for people with low qualification, good options for top qualified people
- → Qualification, qualification and again, qualification

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Educational cascade (1/2)

- Complementarity within the entire educational system
- Institutional cascade: output of a school becomes the input of the next higher school
- Requirement for clearly defined entry profile of supplying institution and receiving institution
- Universities have to define the entry requirements and not the providers of potential students!
- Information exchange between schools and universities
- No hurdles, but mutual support!

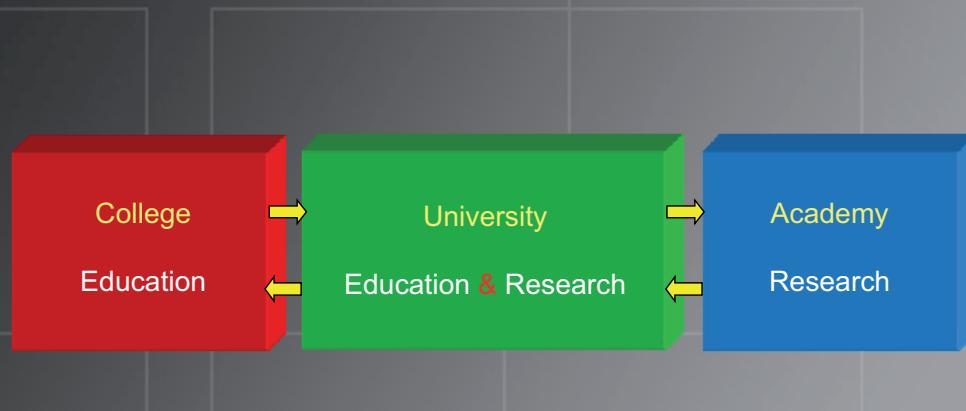
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College - University - Academy



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Educational cascade (2/2)

- Learning by playing at pre-school level
- Good basics at primary and high school level (best practice model: South Korea)
- Excellent education at universities
- No successful career without mobility in space and time + intellectual mobility
- Worktime flexibility
- Consistent life long learning

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Implications

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Our academic mission

Important node as part of the international scientific research and educational network

Responsibility for the development of our society, economy and environment

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Goals

- Securing and expanding the national and international competitive strength
- Development of core competences at highest international level („profile building“)
- Brain gain: appointment of the best possible scientists

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Sustainability of Knowledge

Knowledge types	Decay time (yrs)
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School	20
University	10
Job	5
Technology	3
ICT	2

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Sustainable University

- Long-lasting knowledge in an fast spinning world
- Sustainability of education and research
- Education and research with same priority
- Curiosity-driven fundamental research, necessity-driven applied research
- Trial and error
- Failures must be tolerated at a university
- No permanent demand for „Return on Investment“
- A university as an academic educational institution of highest level must also give home to different opinions

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Think globally, act locally

Problems: global

- Cooperation across national boundaries
- Importance of international organizations such as FIG, IAG, ISPRS et al.
- Cooperation with industry
- Exchange of students and professors

Problems: complex

- Cooperation across educational and professional boundaries
- Sensor fusion – data fusion – expert fusion
- Scientific platform of mutual understanding
- Think globally, act locally

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FIELDS OF EXPERTISE SUPPORTED BY A STRONG SCIENTIFIC PLATFORM



Fields of expertise

3 criteria:

- ? Competence and critical mass
- ? Future perspectives
- ? Available funds

Sustainable platform:

scientific
broad and stable
top quality

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Profile building at TU Graz 7 Fields of Expertise (FoE)

- 1 Human- and Biotechnology
- 2 Transportation Science
- 3 Advanced Materials Science
- 4 Sustainable Systems
- 5 ICT and Scientific Computing
- 6 Design and Construction Science
- 7 Production Science and Management

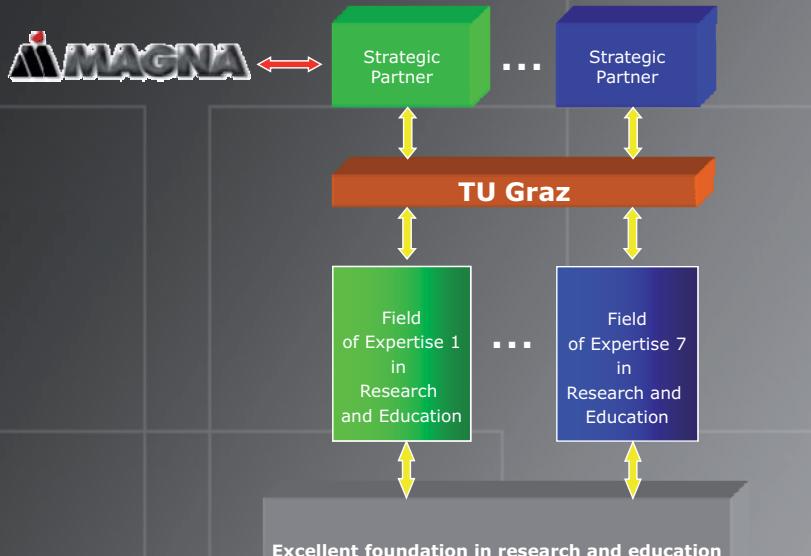
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Fields of Expertise and Strategic Partners



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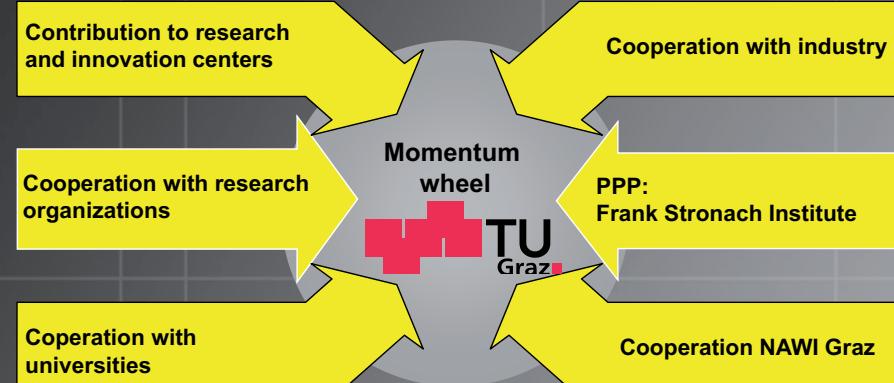
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Cooperation

Embedding into a national and international research network

Cooperation with universities, non-university research organizations and industry



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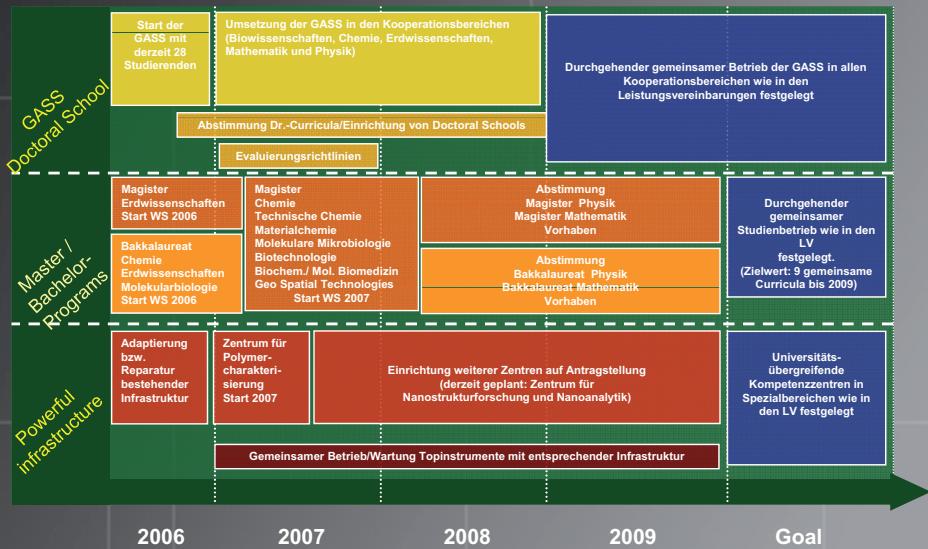
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Cooperation TU & KFU



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University cooperation



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Implications for Surveying Education

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Geodesy, Surveying, Remote Sensing, Geoinformatics

- Natural sciences + informatics + geoinformatics + economics as natural building blocks
- Applied mathematics and numerics
- Optimization theory
- Estimation theory
- Filtering
- Inverse problems
- Visualization
- Virtual reality
- Solution of super-large systems of equations
- Parallel processing techniques

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Geodesy, Surveying, Remote Sensing, Geoinformatics

- Top level teaching
- Focus on core subjects
- Interdisciplinary projects
- Language skills
- English as teaching language
- Soft skills
- Joint study programs
- Speed wins: short study times

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Excellence – General Attributes

- Intelligence
- Performance
- The art to drink from a hydrant
- Learning ability
- Flexibility
- Mobility
- Language competence
- Social competence
- Tolerance

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Excellence – Educational Attributes

- Strong educational background and broad intellectual horizon combined
- Strong scientific basis
- Excellent proficiency
- Mastering of methods
- Communication ability
- Presentation ability
- Decision ability
- Negotiation ability

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Racing Team of TU Graz



Neue Rekorde. Extrem erfolgreich war die Teilnahme des Grazer Tankia-Teams am internationalen Formula-Student-Wettbewerb im englischen Bruntingthorpe. Die Studenten der Technischen Universität Graz wurden nur ganz knapp Zweiter hinter dem kanadischen Team. Sie errangen zudem in sieben Einzel-

katoren Pokale und stellten einen neuen Beschleunigungs-Weltrekord (75 Meter in 3,97 Sekunden vom Stand aus) auf. Das Team existiert erst seit drei Jahren und feierte heuer schon tolle Erfolge in Deutschland und Italien. Fast der gesamte steirische Autocluster sponsert diese Aktivitäten.

TUG RACING TEAM



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TUGSAT-1 / Brite Target Explorer

First Austrian Satellite

Mass: 6,5 kg

- Goal:
Investigation of bright stars by means of a precise star camera
- Opens up a new dimension for astronomy without atmospheric noise due to the Earth's atmosphere using inexpensive instruments
- Launch: late 2009 (planned)
- Launch site: India



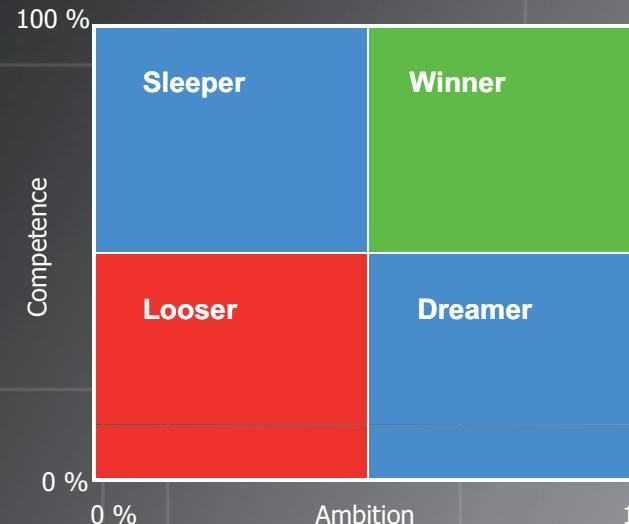
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Ambition and Competence



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Competence

Competition

Cooperation

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