



Demonstrator for GNSS Research and Application for Polar Environment

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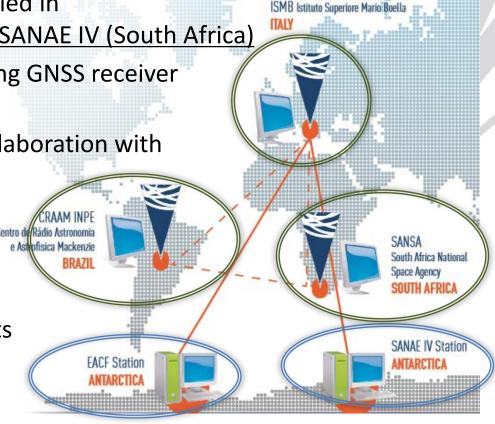
The project

- Italian project founded by PNRA with international partners
- Objective: improve quality of GNSS position solution in polar regions
- Demonstrator, able to assess the corruption induced by ionospheric propagation on GNSS signals and to share data and results by means of a federated cloud infrastructure
- Ionosphere monitoring stations installed in two Antarctica stations: EACF (Brazil), SANAE IV (South Africa)

Professional Ionosphere monitoring GNSS receiver

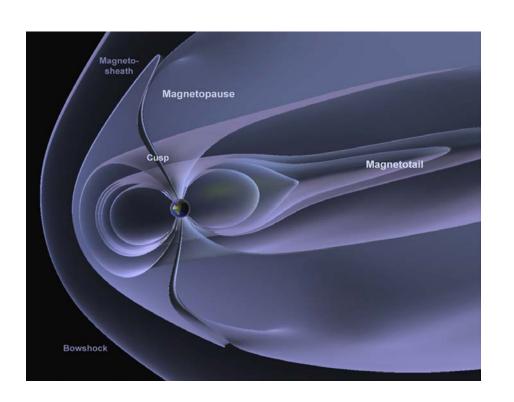
GNSS signal acquisition system
and software radio receiver in collaboration with
the Joint Research Centre (JRC)
of the European Commission

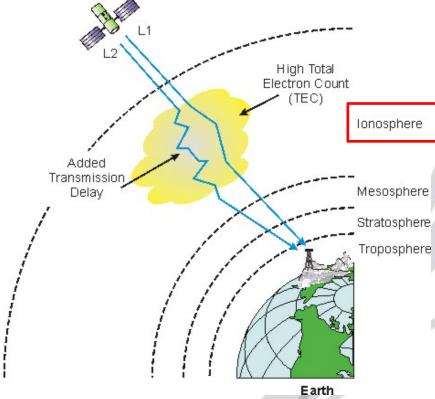
- A federated cloud infrastructure (nodes in Brazil, South-Africa, Italy)
 - To efficiently share data and results
- A demonstrator, running processors on collected data



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Scientific Rationale





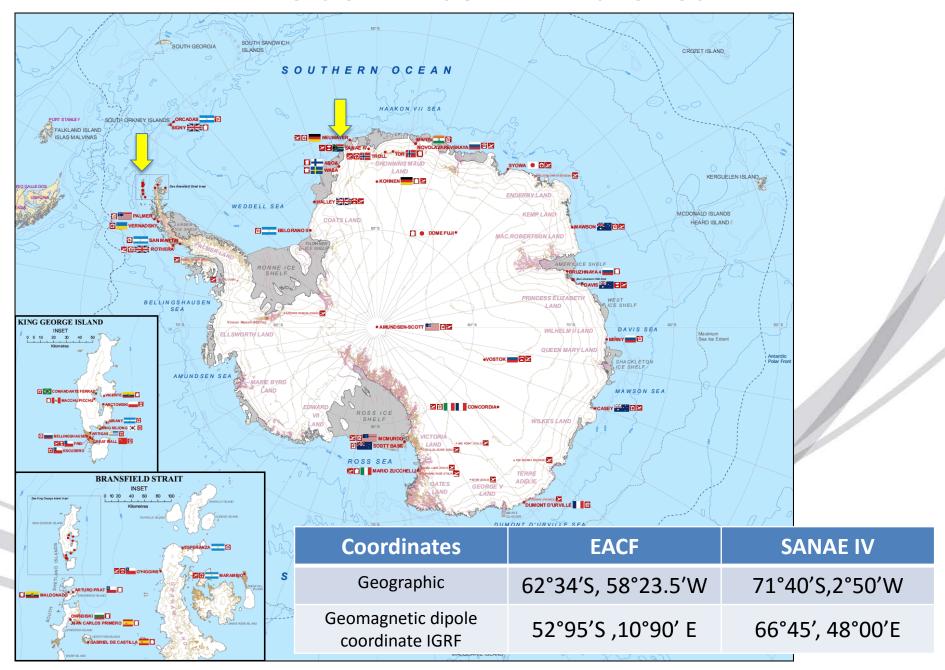
Solar Wind-Magnetosphere coupling causes turbulences of the ionosphere

Gradients of the electron density

Large range of spatial and temporal scales

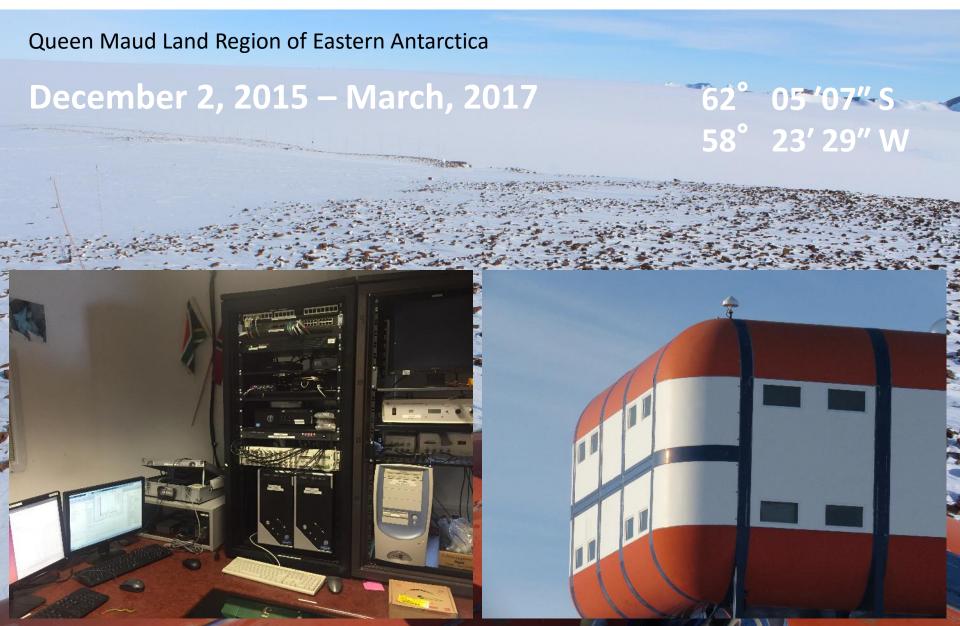


The activities in Antarctica

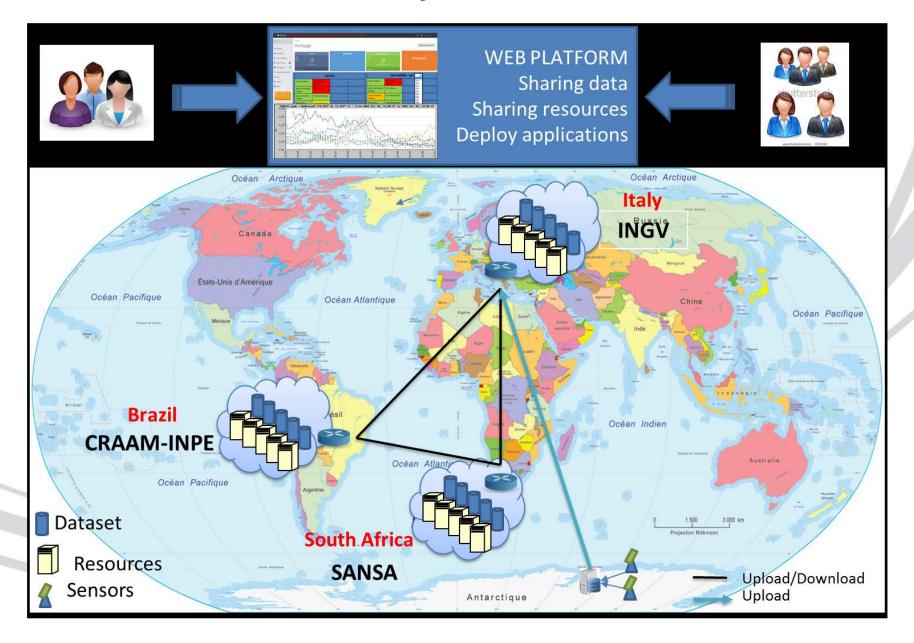




Second expedition: SANAE IV

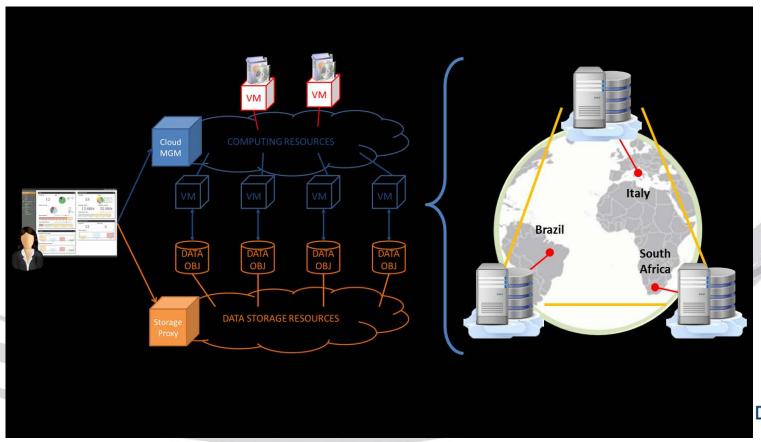


The activities in Italy, Brazil, South Africa



The Cloud computing advantages for Antarctic sciences

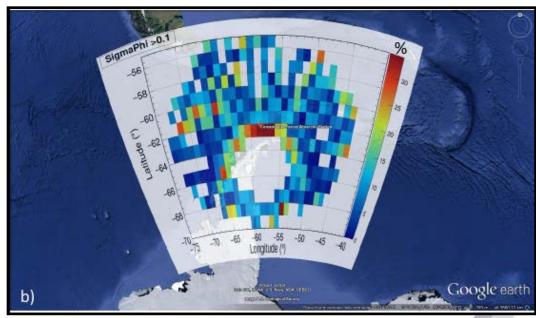
- Keep the intellectual property of the owners' data and software
- Reduce time machines consuming
- Optimize data transmission and storage requirements
- Allow to run the software where data are stored without moving the data



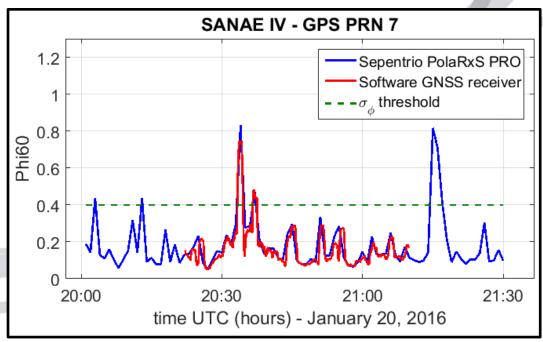


The DemoGRAPE software handled by the Federated Cloud

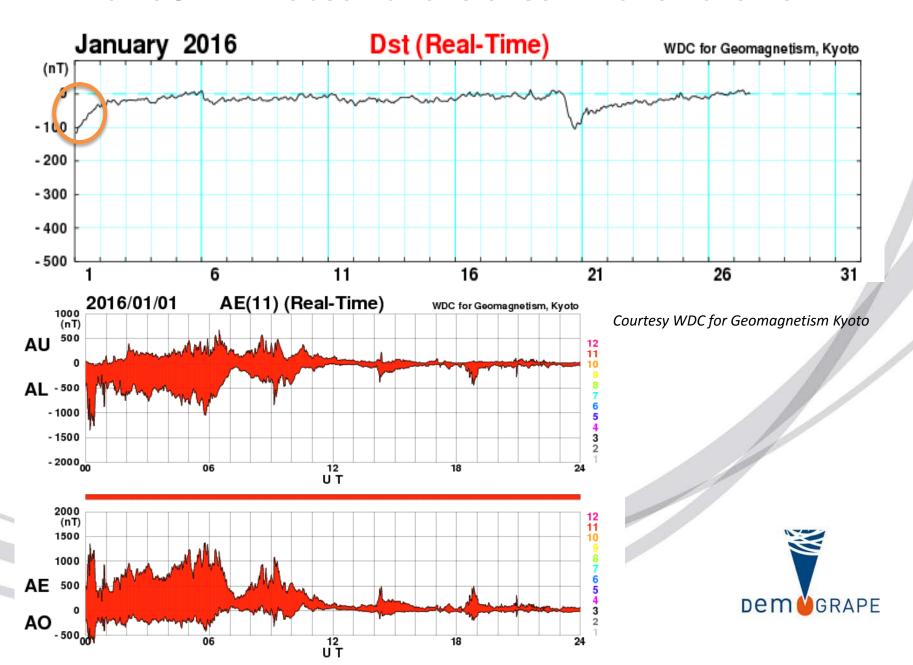
Comandante Ferraz GBSC – occurrence of σ_{Φ} > 0.1 10-13 November 2015



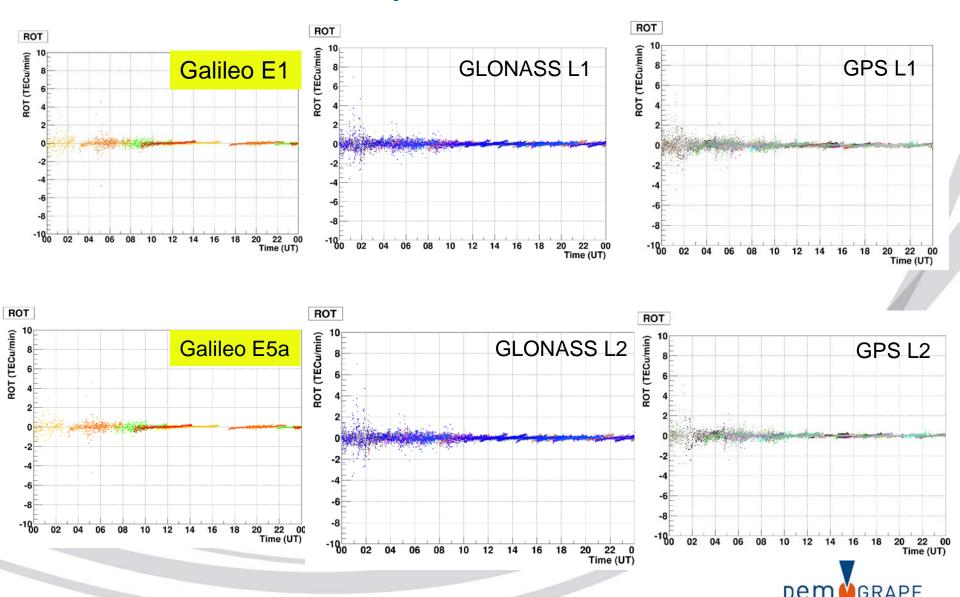
 σ_Φ monitoring from SDR and Professional receiver SANAE IV 20 January 2016



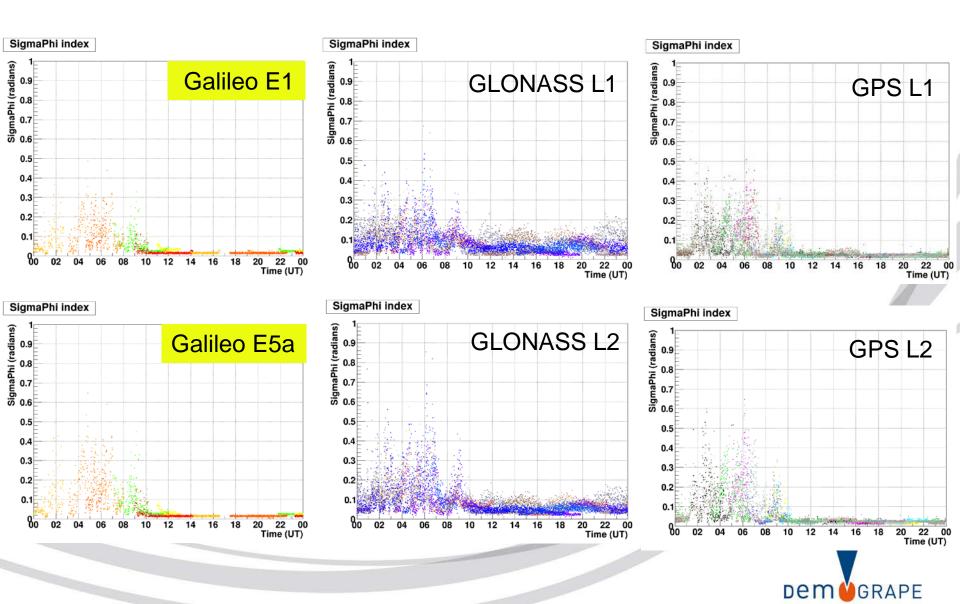
DemoGRAPE observations of scintillation events



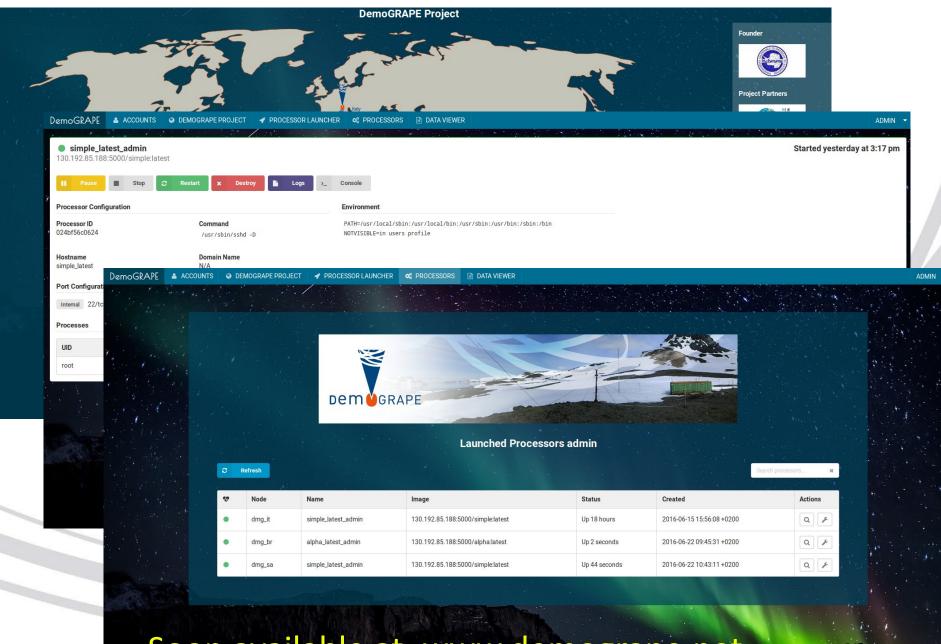
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The Demo



Soon available at: www.demogrape.net

Final Remarks

DemoGRAPE has introduced an original approach to do science in remote sites

- Proposing the use of SDR to monitor high latitudes ionosphere to:
 - Reduce the costs
 - To access raw data to reprocess the acquisitions
- Proposing the Federated Cloud approach to:
 - Keep the data and software IPR
 - Facilitate the data and software sharing
 - Facilitate the data transmission and storage
- Proposing the simultaneous use of SDR and Professional receivers to test the respective performances
- Proposing a multi-constellation GNSS monitoring of the Antarctic ionosphere



Final Workshop - 8 November 2016 @ JRC (Ispra, Italy)

DemoGRAPE workshop will present the results achieved by the project to collect feedbacks and to delineate the actual scientific advancement in the field.

The event is free of charge but registration is required. Information and registration at: www.demogrape.net





