

Combined GPS/GLONASS Analysis at the Center for Orbit Determination in Europe (CODE)

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The Center for Orbit Determination in Europe (CODE)

CODE is a joint venture of the following four institutions:

- the Astronomical Institute of the University of Berne (AIUB), Switzerland,
- the Federal Office of Topography (swisstopo), Wabern, Switzerland,
- the Federal Agency of Cartography and Geodesy (BKG), Frankfurt, Germany, and
- the Institut Geographique National (IGN), Paris, France.

The actual analysis center (AC) is located at AIUB. CODE has been contributing to the International GPS Service (IGS) since the beginning.

Outline

- Activities at CODE in terms of GPS/GLONASS (GNSS) POD:
(a) *rapid*, (b) *final*, (c) *ultra-rapid/predicted* (or near-real-time) orbit/ERP products
- POD for GPS satellites being repositioned
- Retrieval of GNSS satellite antenna phase center variations
- Global mapping (and prediction) of the Earth's ionospheric TEC using GNSS data
- Differential pseudorange biases reponding to P1–P2 and P1–C1 as by-products of the ionosphere/clock analysis
- GNSS satellite and receiver clock estimation – retrieval of frequency– (and receiver–) dependent pseudorange biases
- Summary

CODE Rapid GNSS Orbit Product

- Since the beginning of May 2003, the CODE AC has been computing a rapid orbit product for both the GPS and the GLONASS satellite constellation.
- GPS and GLONASS orbits are generated at the same time in a rigorous GNSS analysis, ensuring best possible consistency between GPS and GLONASS orbits.
- This may be considered as an essential step towards routine analysis of multi satellite navigation systems, specifically in view of the upcoming *European GALILEO system*.
- The CODE rapid orbit/ERP product usually becomes available around 9 UT of the following day.

Motivation for Inclusion of GLONASS Tracking Data

1. First step for routine analysis of tracking data originating from two or more navigation satellite systems.
2. Regular testing of our development version of the Bernese Software in terms of the GLONASS capability.
3. Possible improvement of specific global parameters was definitively *not* a reason for this effort.

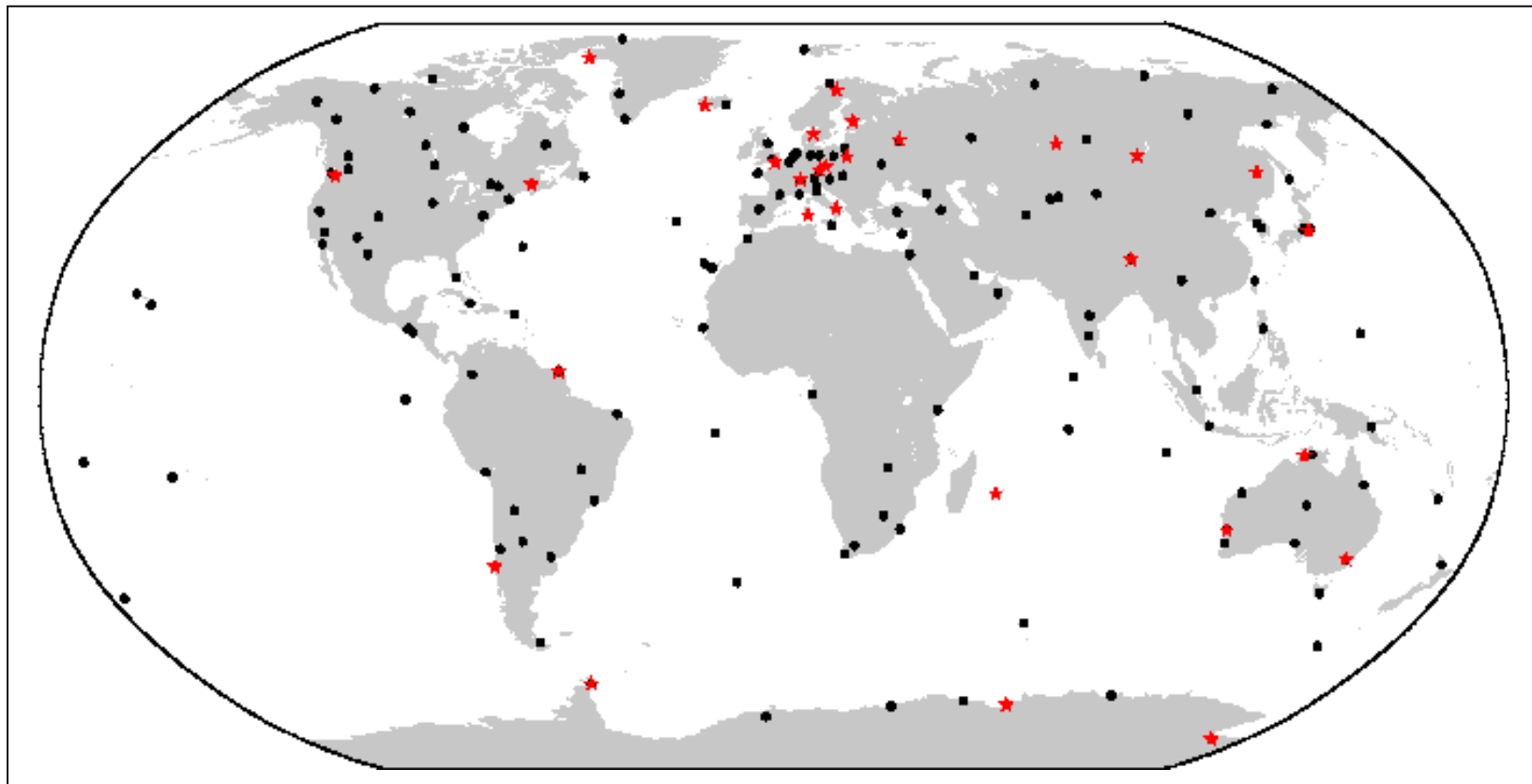
Important remark:

In our final analysis we benefit from products coming from our rapid analysis. It was therefore an absolute requirement for us to include GLONASS data already at the stage of the rapid analysis (to prevent duplicate analysis!). Data availability problems could be anticipated.

CODE Final GNSS Products

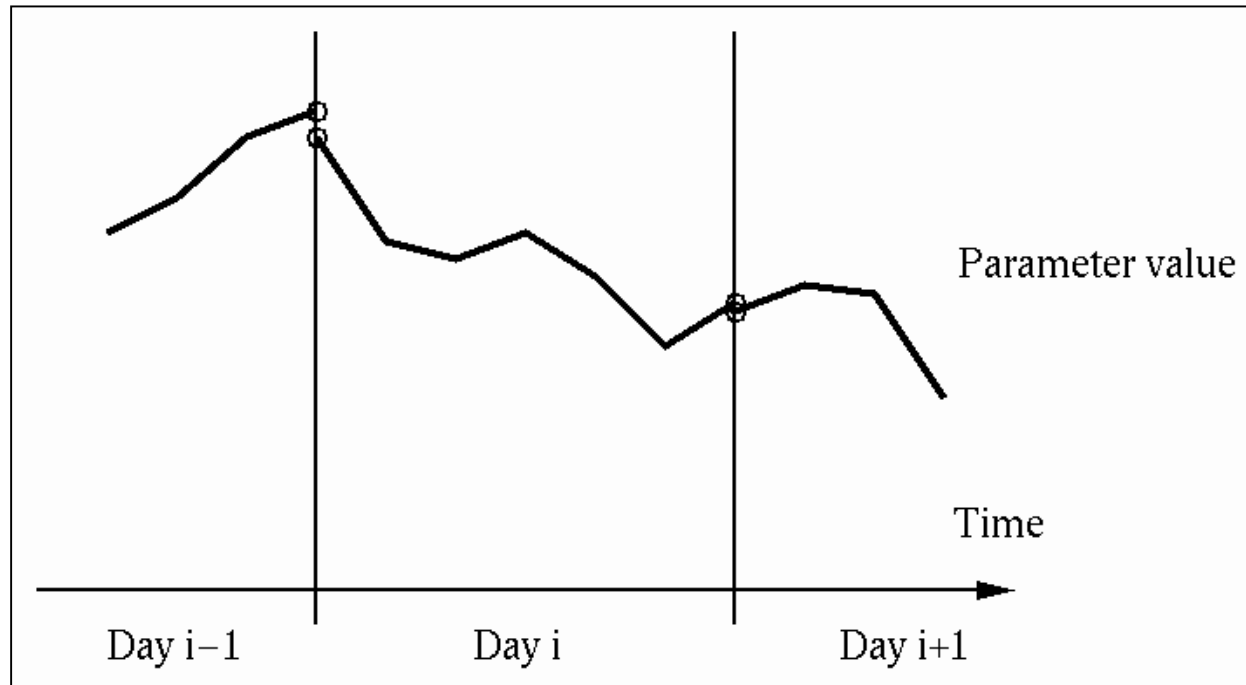
- CODE final analysis extended to GNSS on June 8, 2003 (GPS week 1222) for all products, apart from the clock product.
- Orbits: SP3 orbital positions are consistently referred to ITRF2000 (and the GPS time frame).
- SINEX: Weekly SINEX contributions now include station coordinates for a significant number of GPS/GLONASS tracking stations. GNSS-based ERP parameters (and geocenter coordinates) are the consequence of the common GNSS analysis.

IGS/IGLOS Tracking Network as Considered in CODE's Final GNSS Analysis



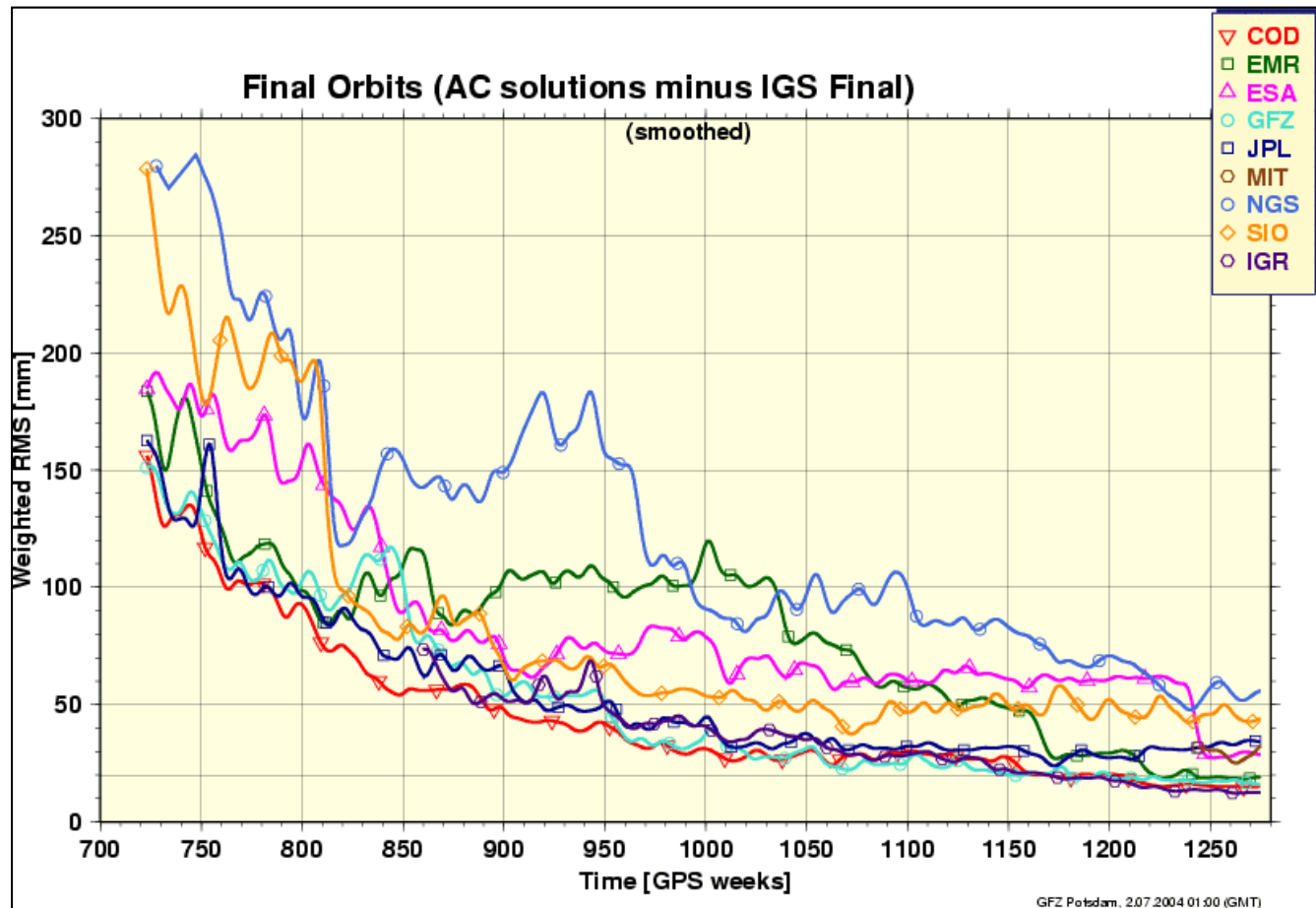
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EOP and Troposphere Parameterization Continuous in Time



- 3-day solutions traditionally generated on the NEQ level.
- 1-day NEQ files include on average (explicitly) 4000 unknown parameters each ($8 \times 4000^2 = 128$ Mbytes/file).

IGS AC Final (GPS) Orbit Consistency



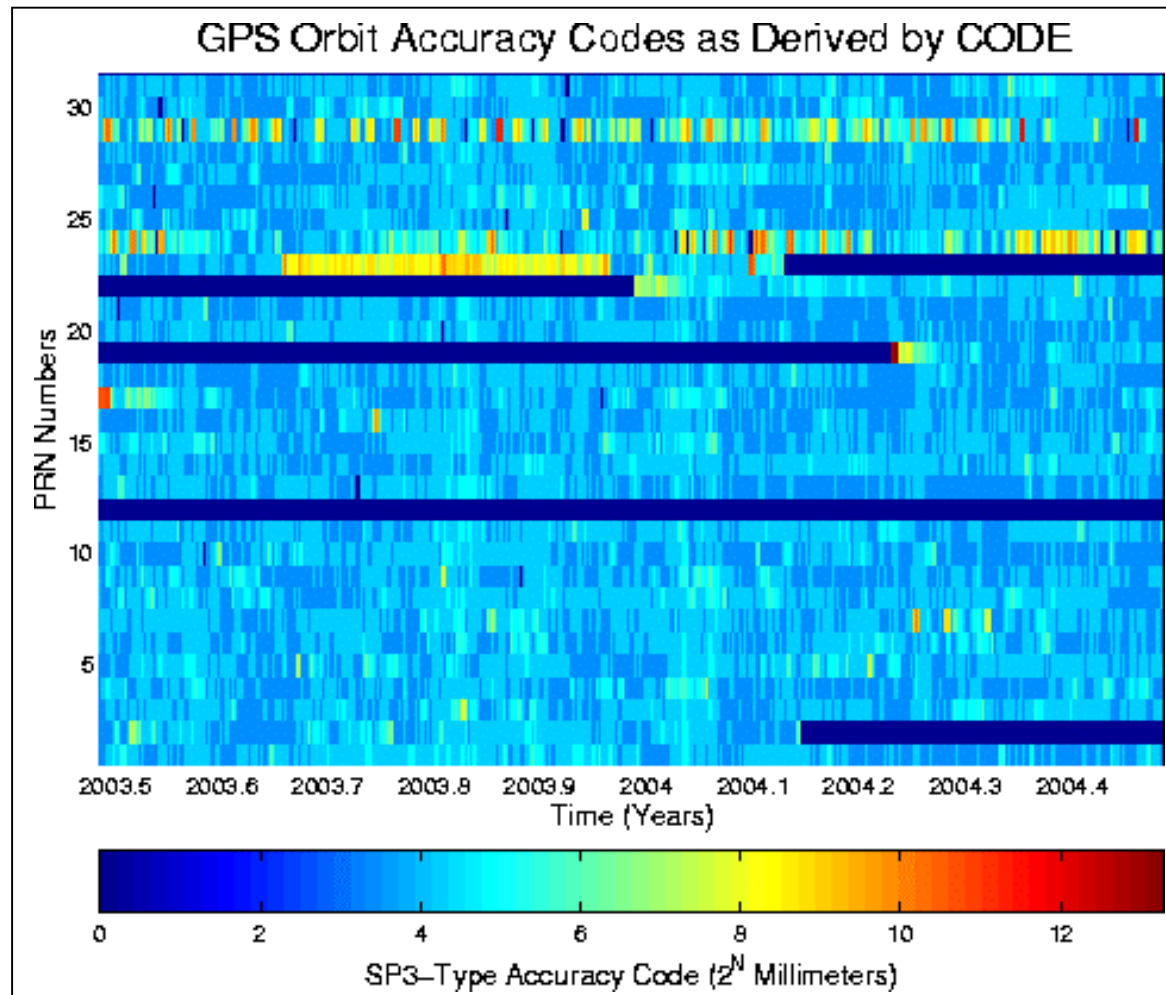
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CODE Ultra–Rapid Orbit Product

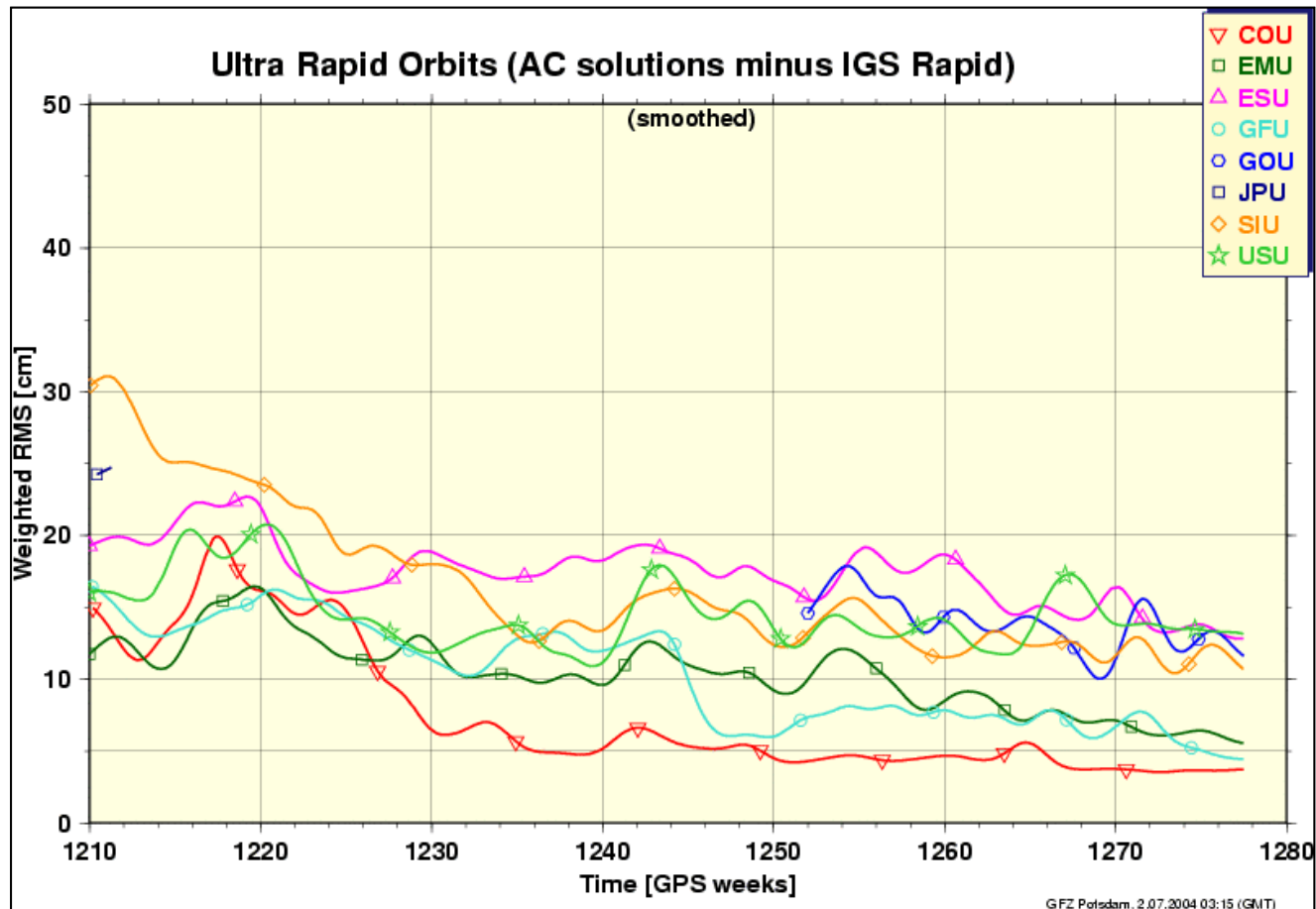
- Production of CODE ultra–rapid orbits commenced officially on July 30, 2003, now considering near–real–time tracking data.
- From the beginning, this product did cover orbits for the GLONASS satellite constellation.
- Ultra–rapid orbit updates include ambiguity resolution for baselines up to 6000 km length. Historical rapid orbit information is used for long–arc combination on the NEQ level.
- It is complete with respect to all transmitting GNSS satellites (currently 29 GPS plus 11 GLONASS) and has been available *without exception* since the beginning.
- Reliable SP3–type accuracy codes are provided.

Identification of Misbehaving, or Badly Predictable GPS Satellites



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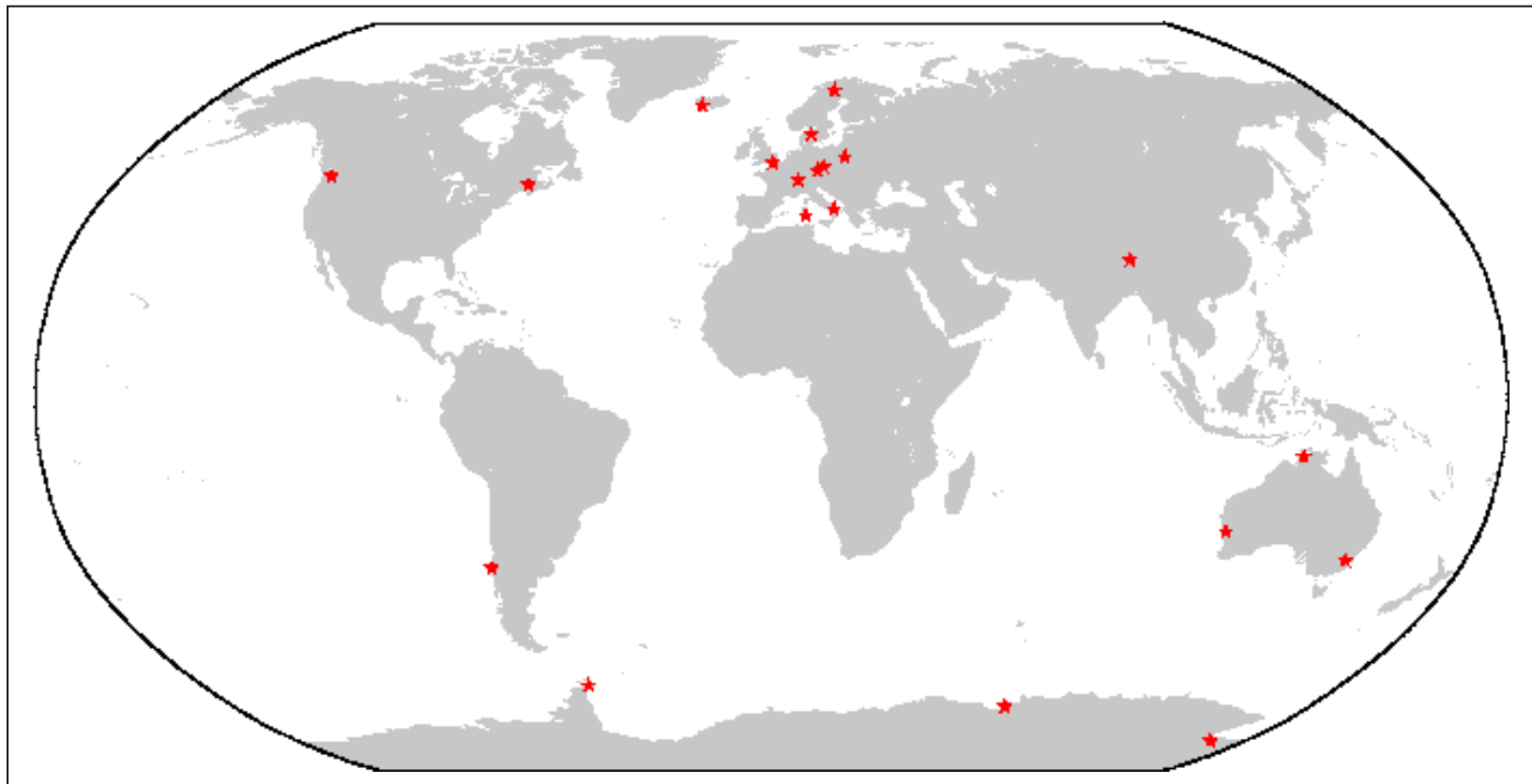
IGS AC Ultra-Rapid (GPS) Orbit Consistency



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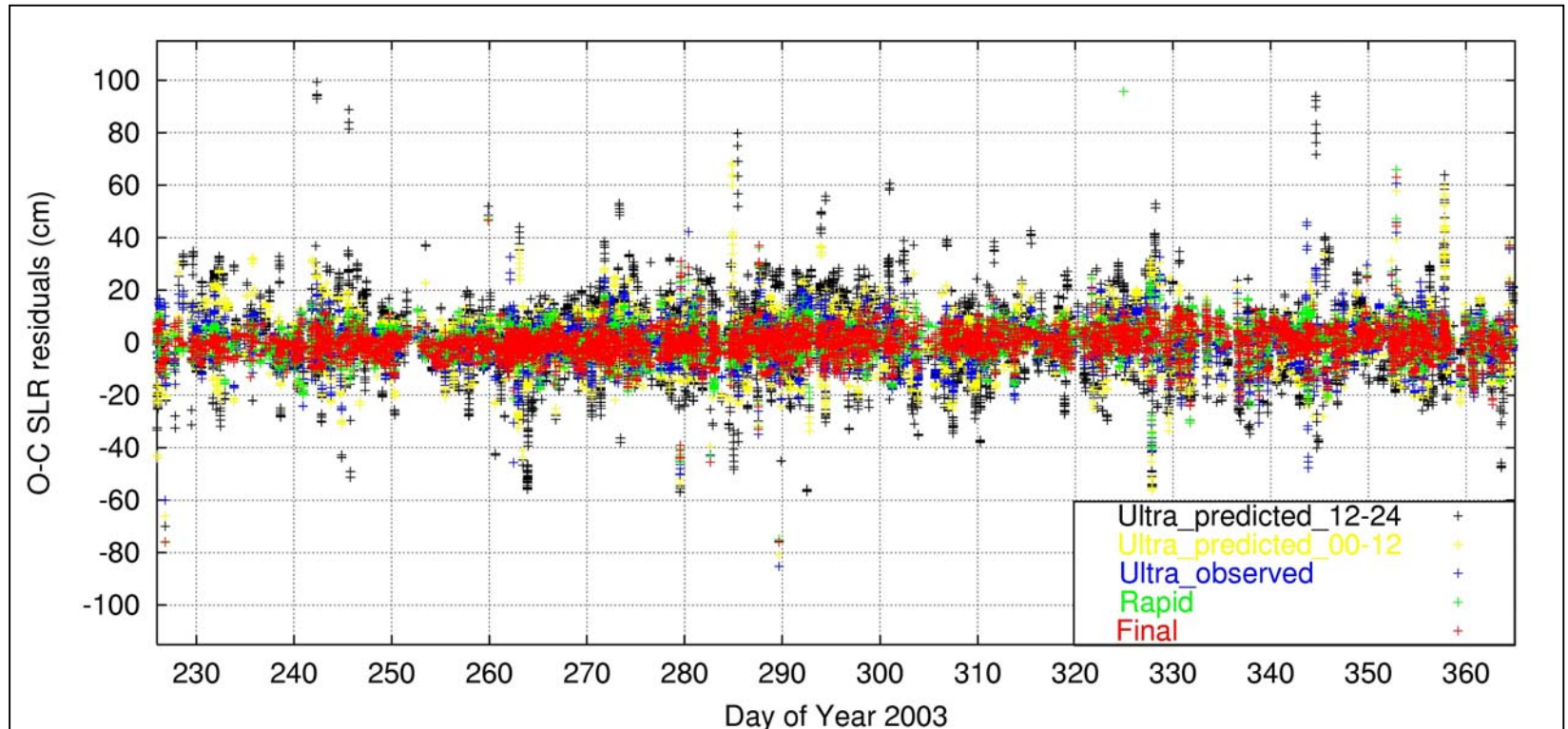
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IGLOS Tracking Network as Considered in CODE's Ultra-Rapid GNSS Analysis



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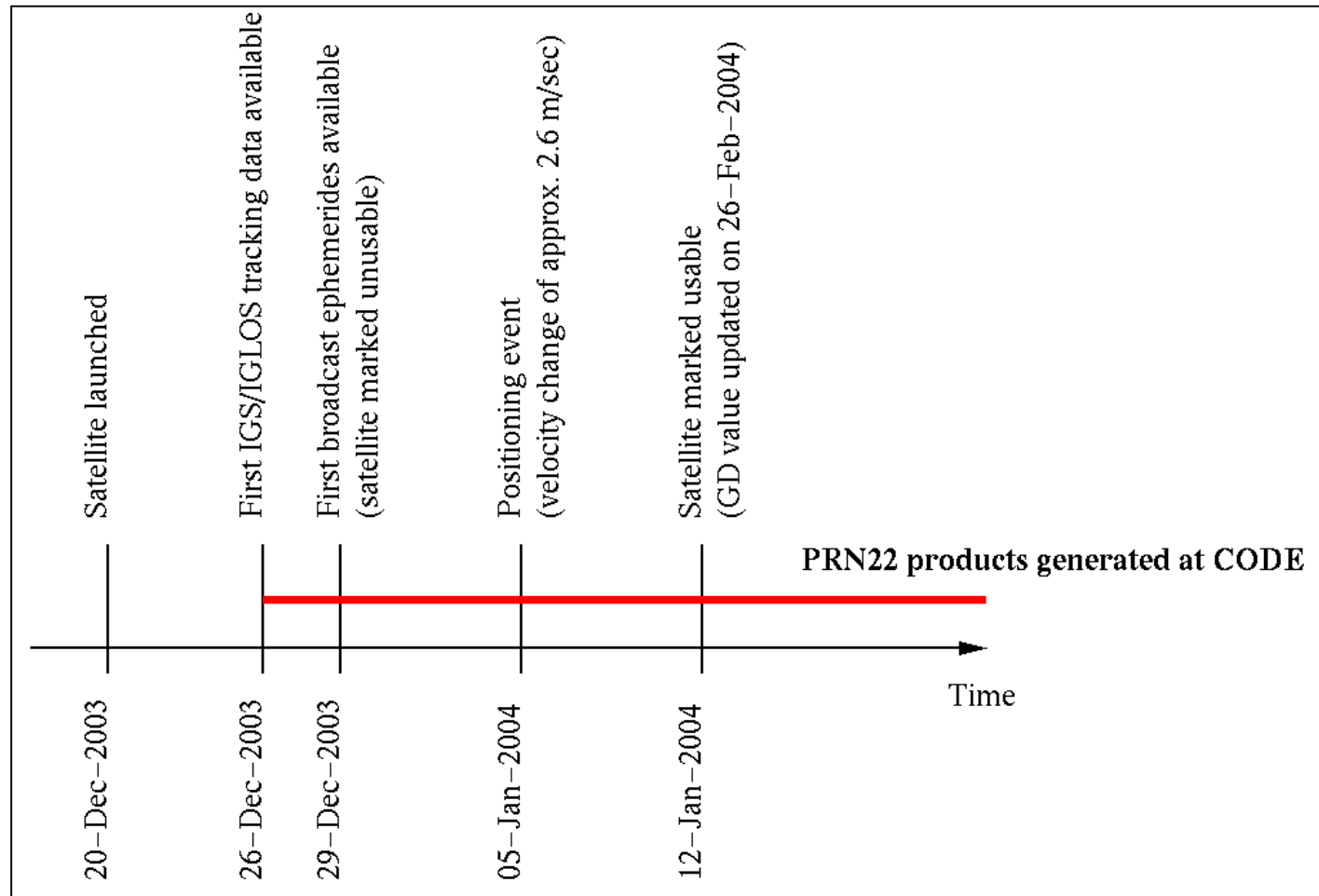
CODE GLONASS Orbit Validation Using SLR Data



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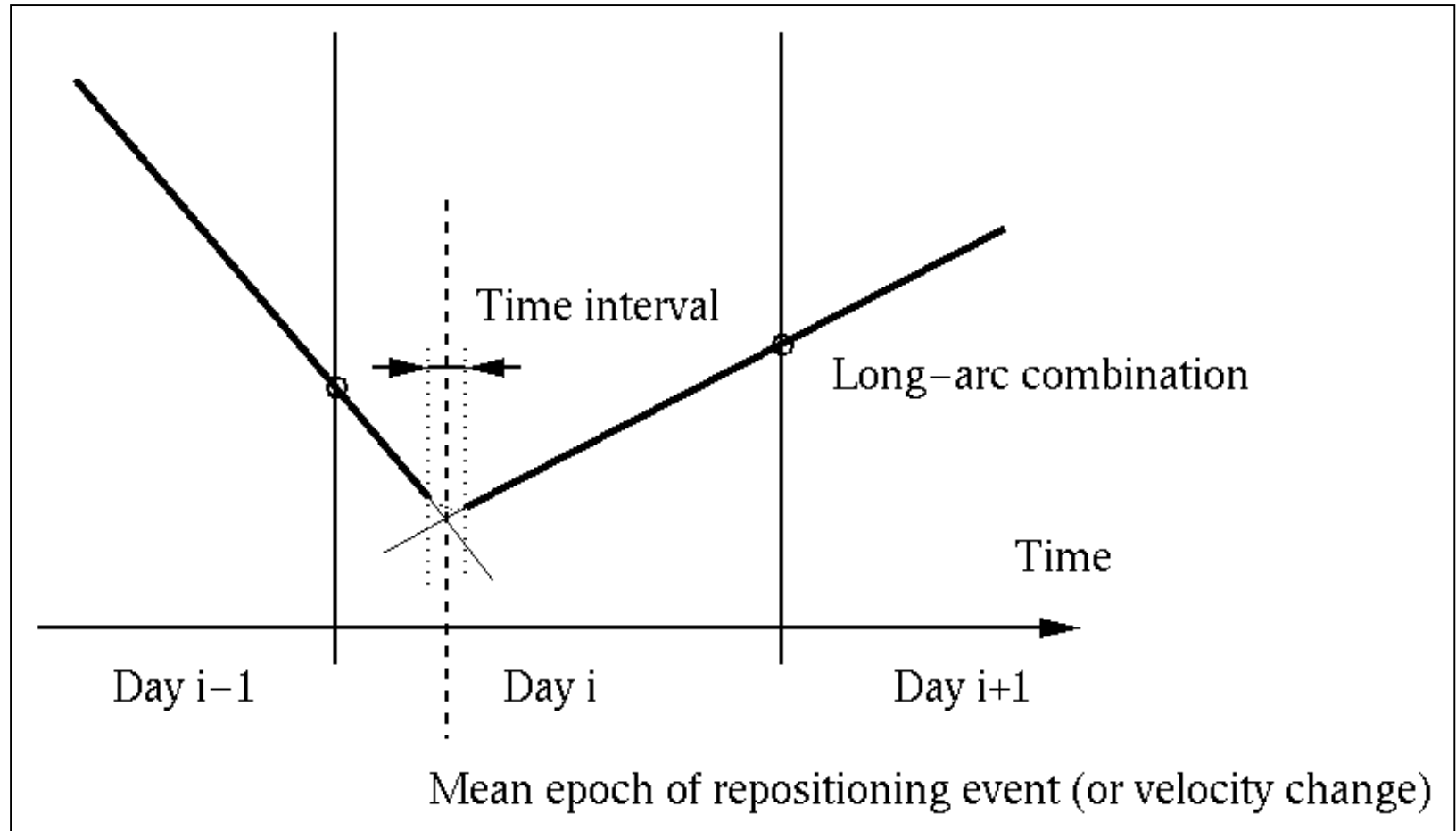
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Chronology of a Recent GPS Block-IIIR Satellite Launch (PRN22)



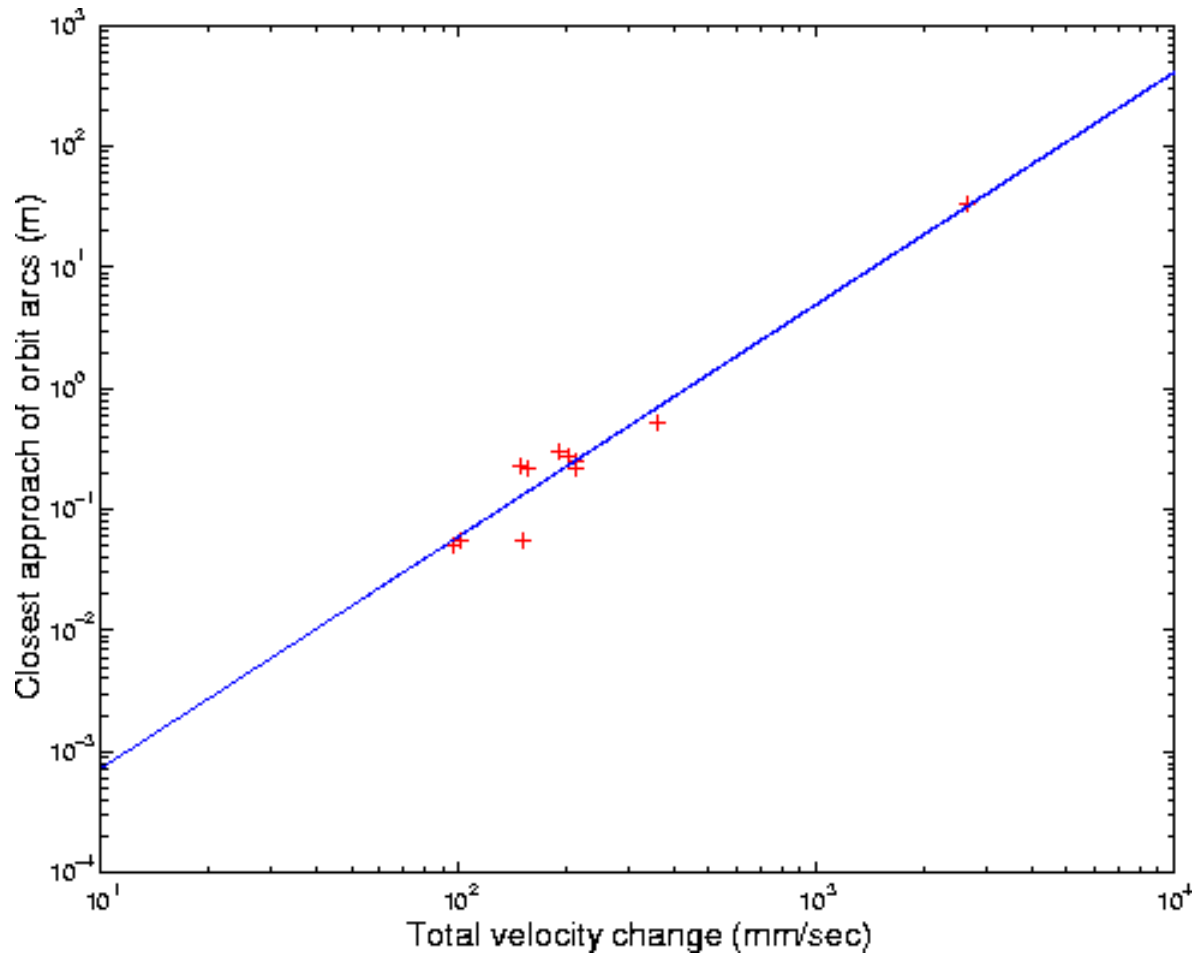
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Orbit Determination for GPS Satellites Being Repositioned



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GPS Satellite Repositioning Events

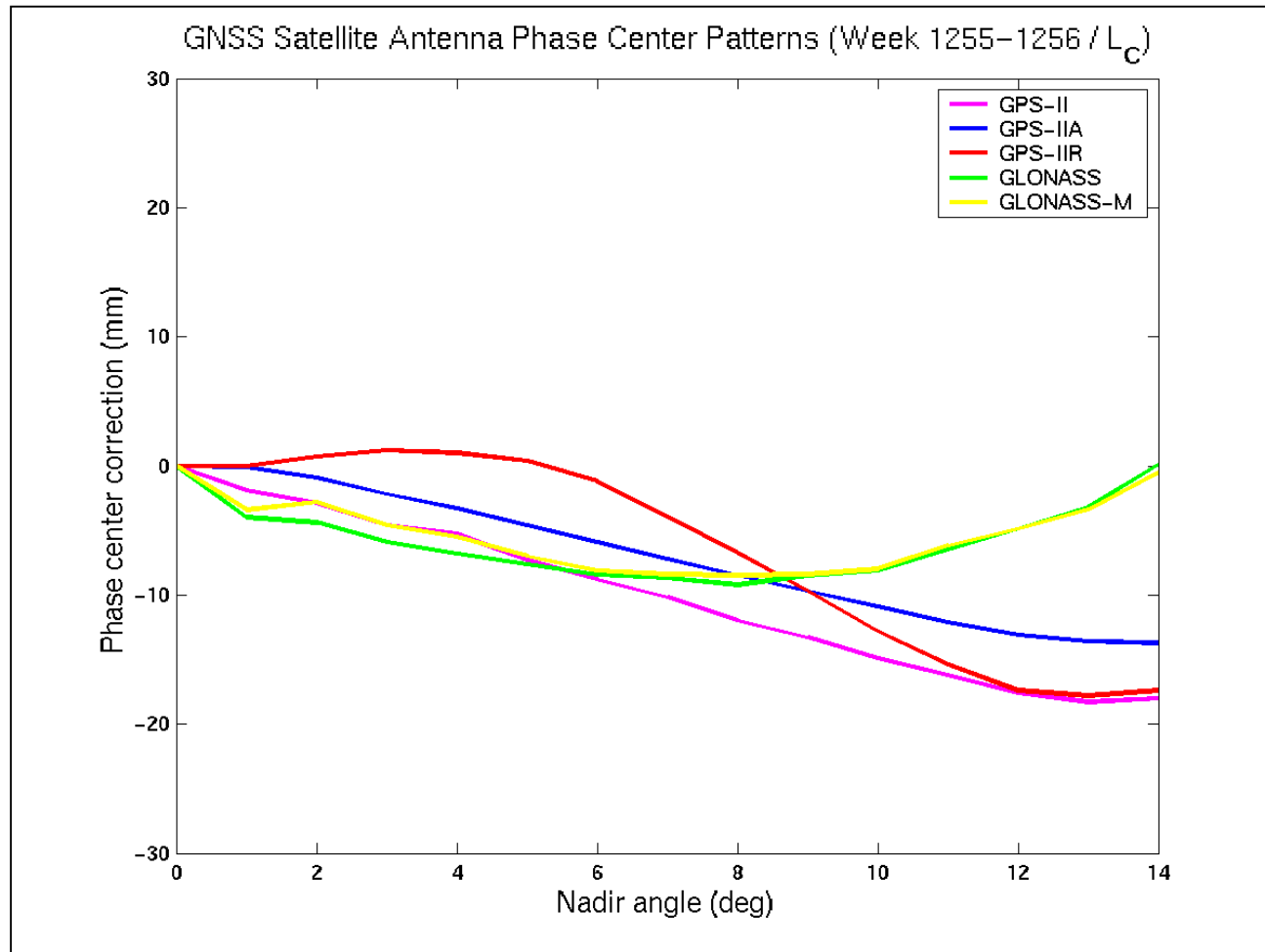


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Estimation of GNSS Satellite Antenna Phase Center Patterns and Offsets Responding to the Ionosphere-Free LC

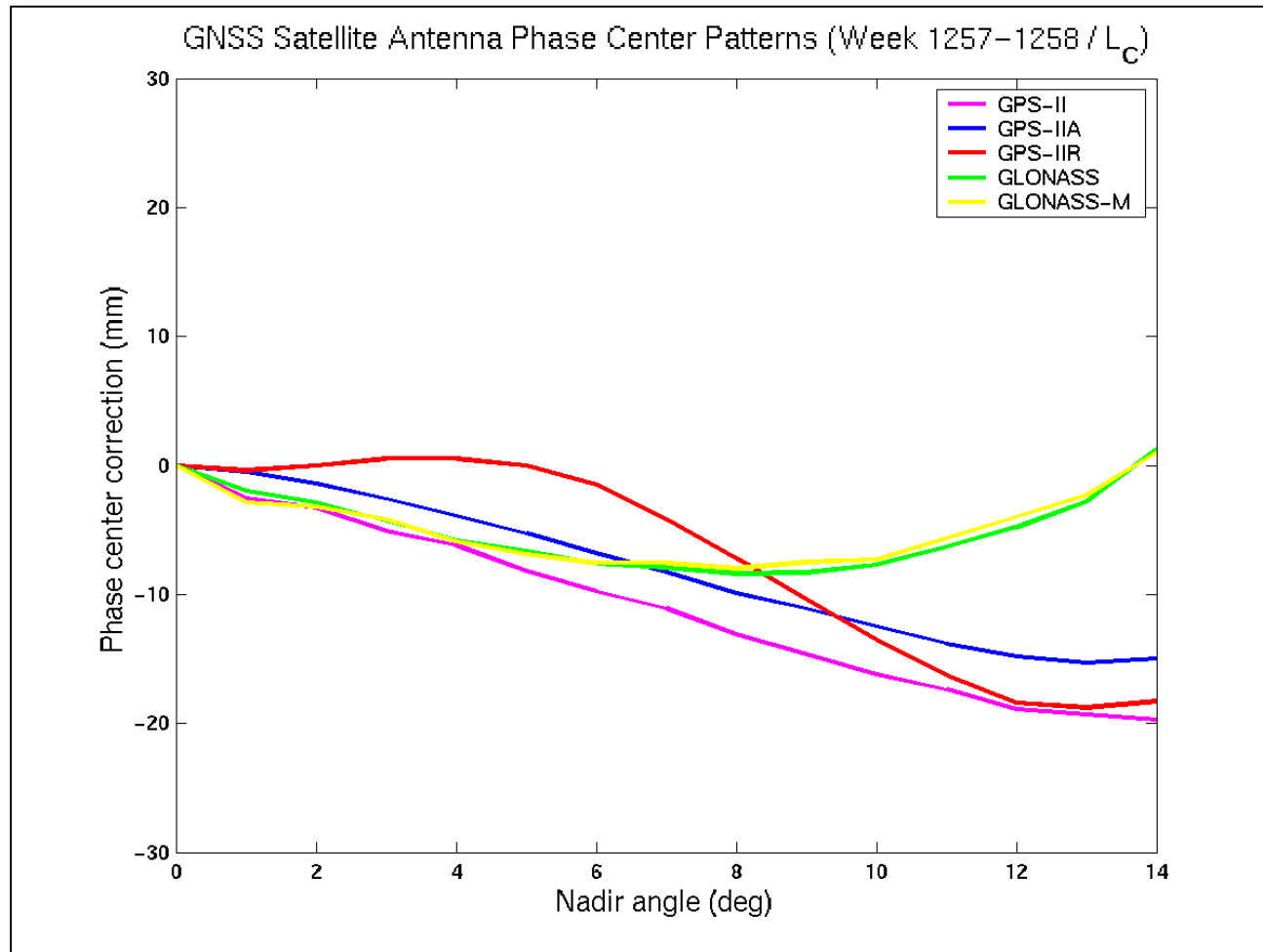
- Regular estimation of GNSS satellite antenna phase center patterns for GPS-II, GPS-IIA, GPS-IIR, GLONASS and GLONASS-M satellite types started with GPS week 1254.
- Corresponding patterns are not only available for the ionosphere-free linear combination but also for the geometry-free (L1-L2) linear combination.

GNSS PCV Patterns – First Results (1)



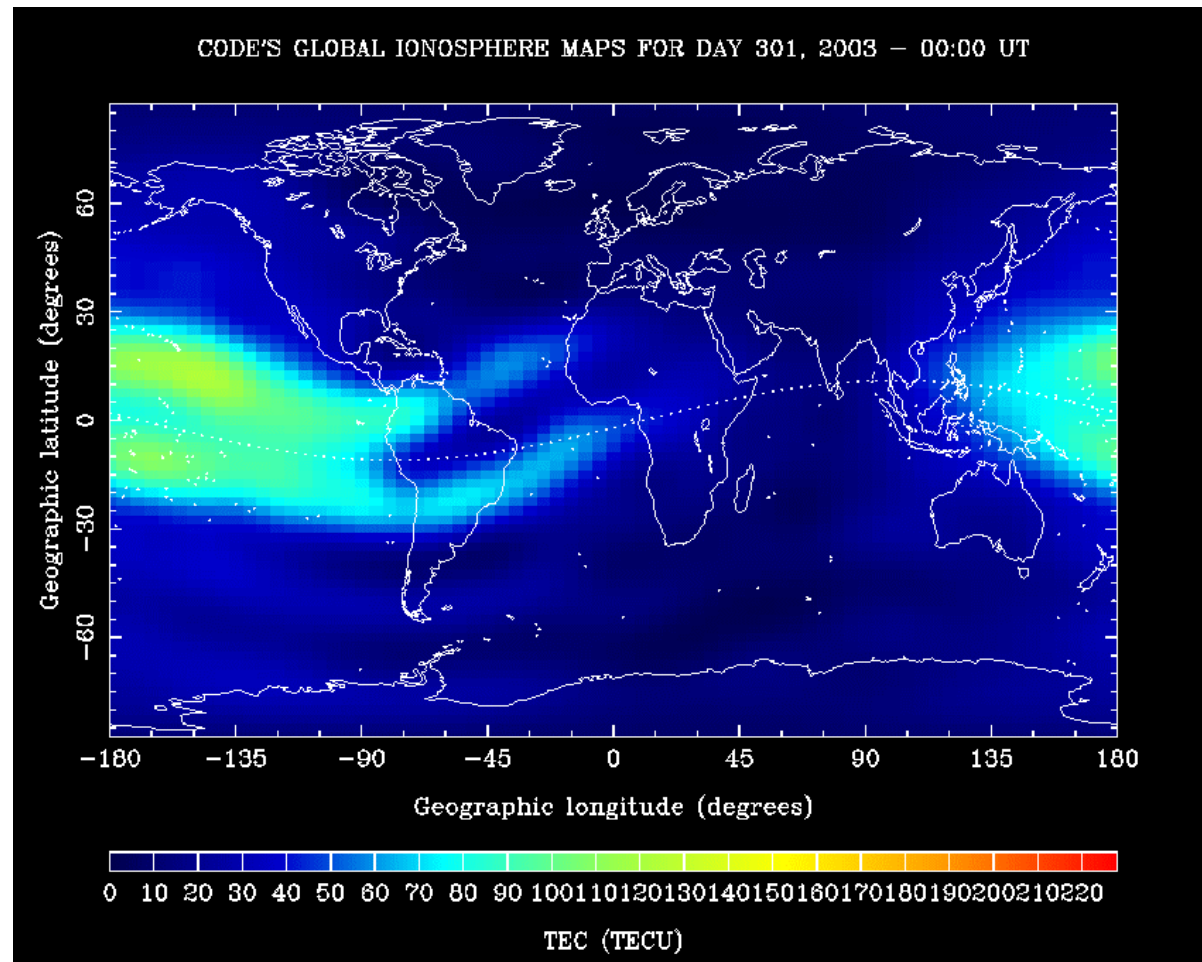
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GNSS PCV Patterns – First Results (2)



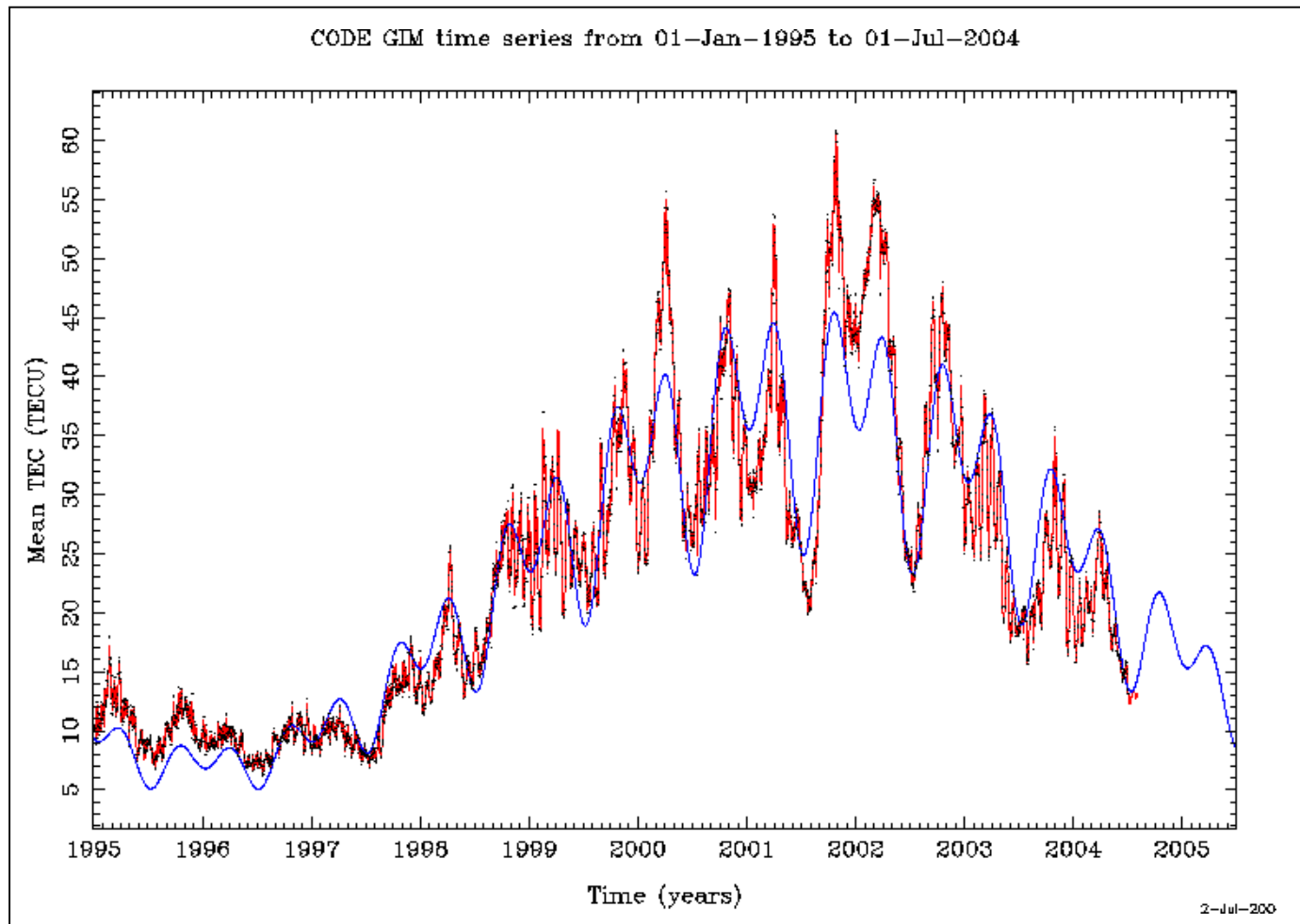
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Exceptionally High TEC Levels due to X17.2 Solar Flare (CME)



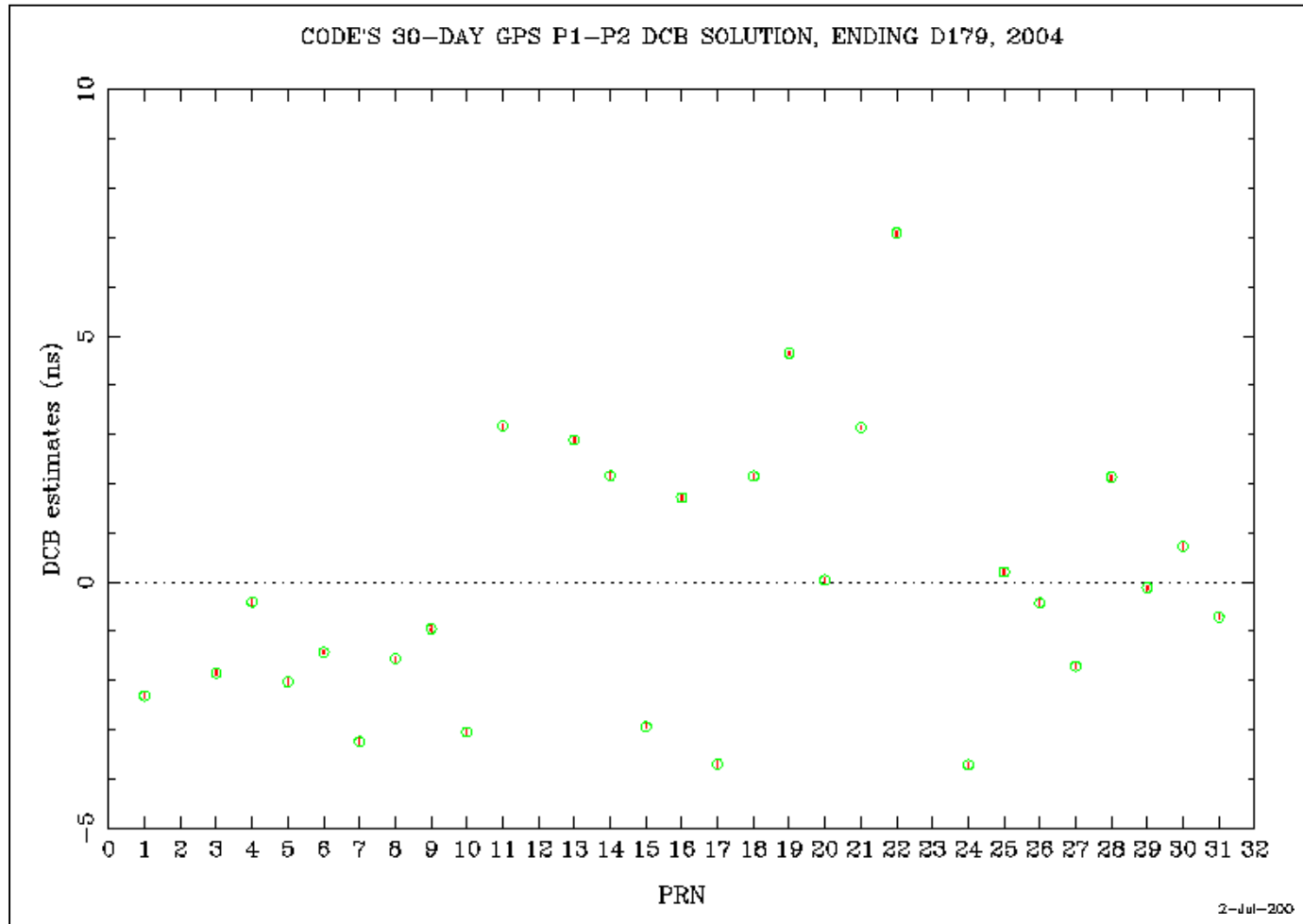
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Time Series of Global Mean TEC Covering Nearly One Solar Cycle as Generated at CODE



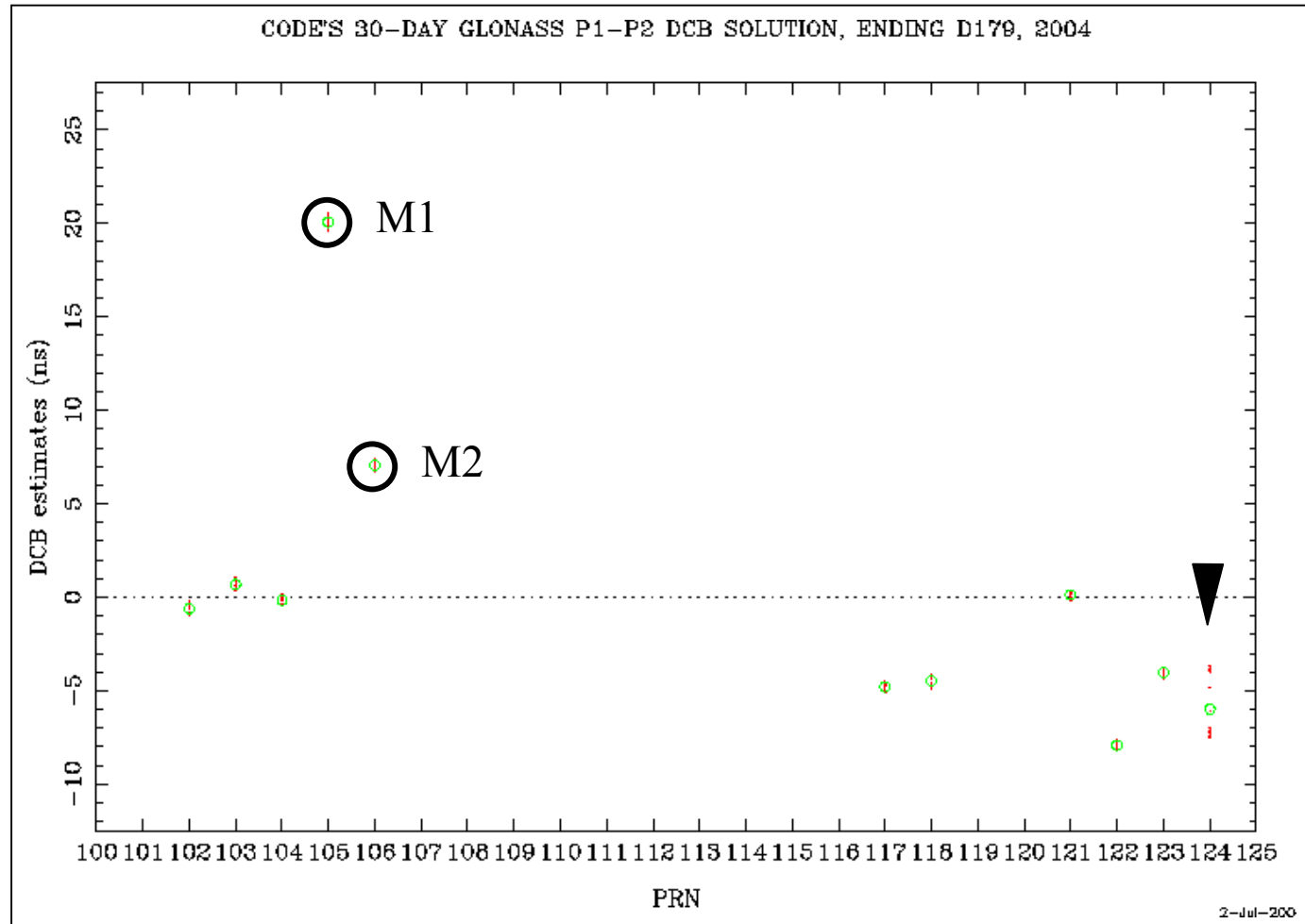
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Group Delay (GD), or P1-P2 DCB Values for GPS



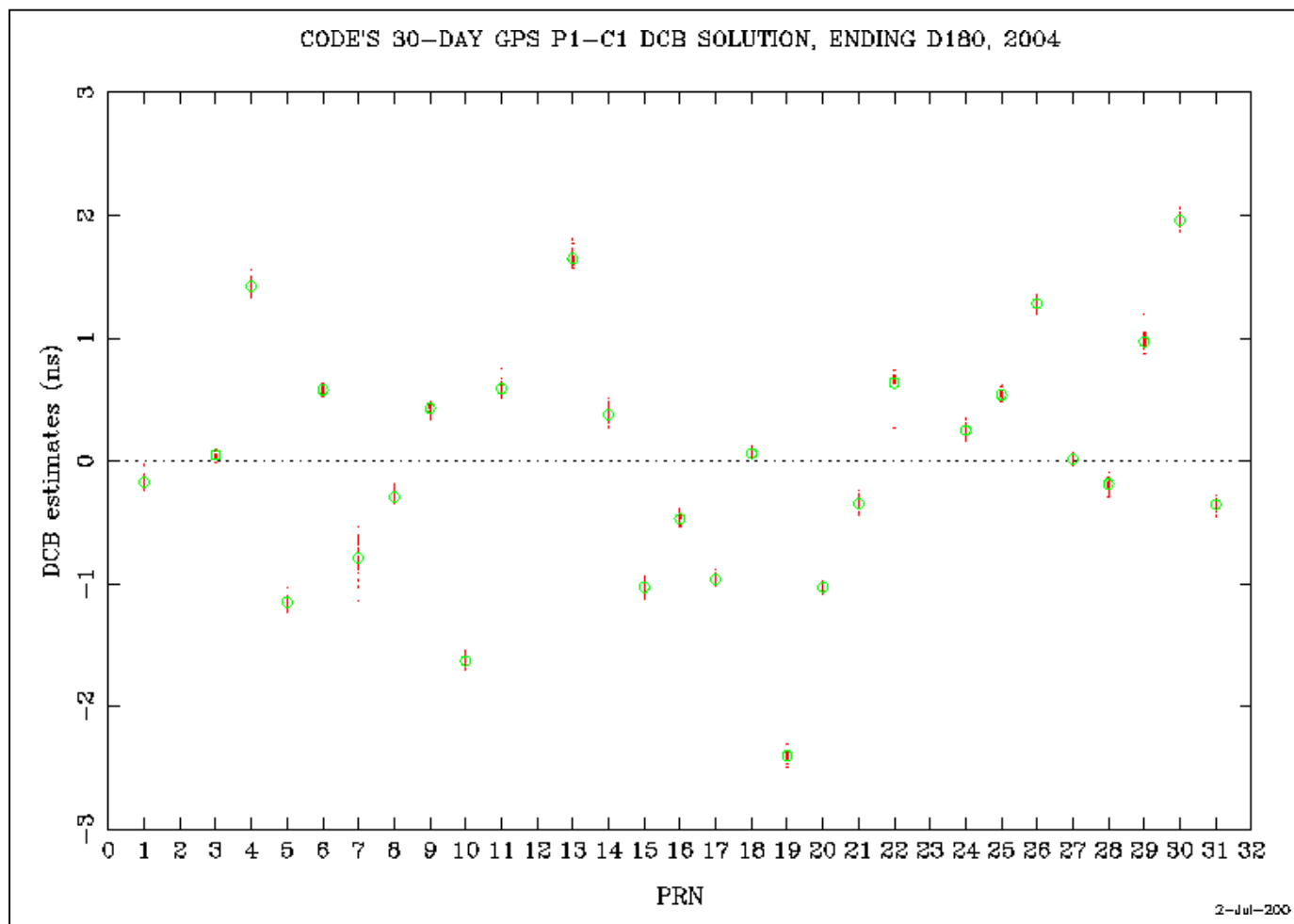
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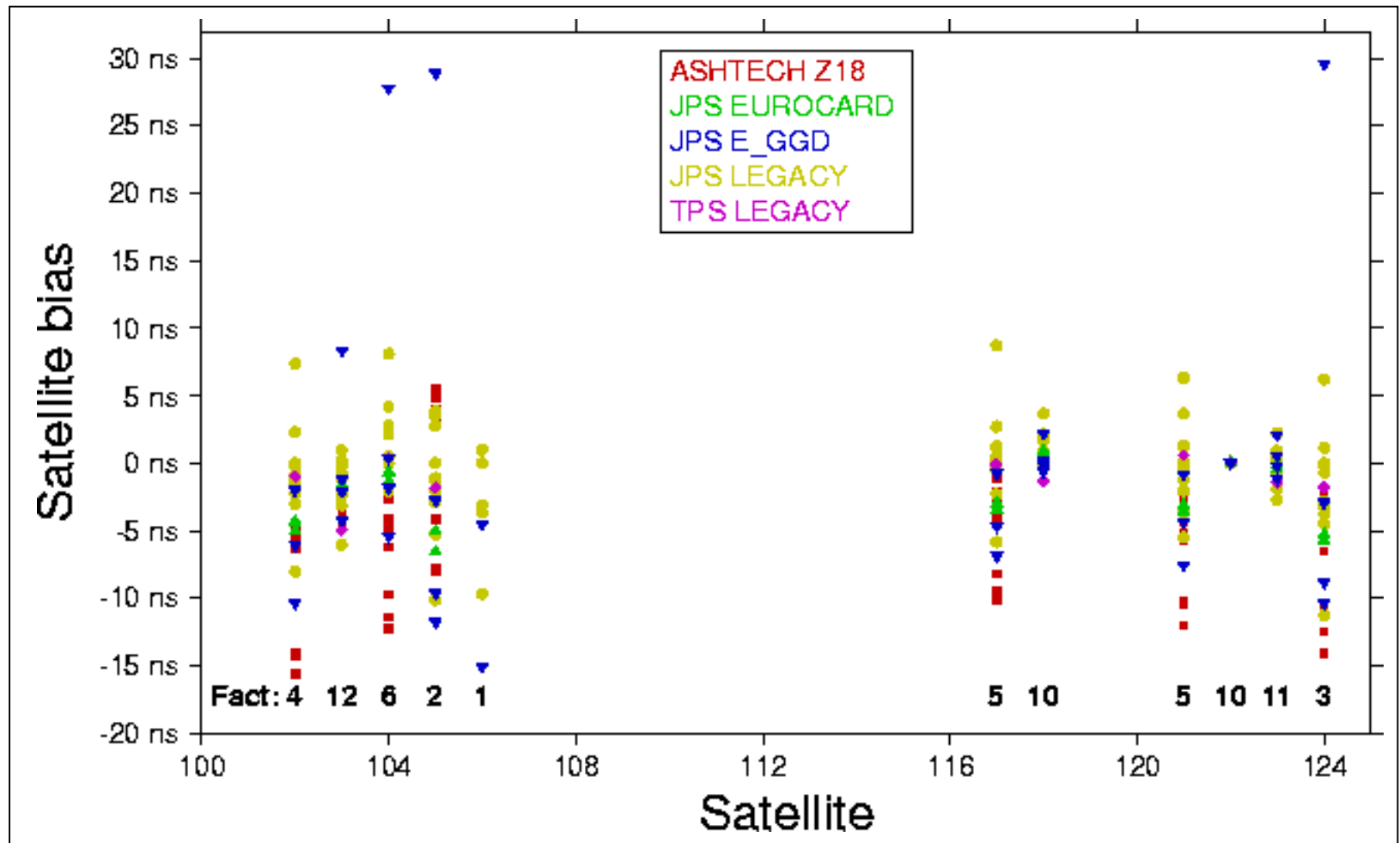
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P1-C1 DCB Values for the GPS Satellite Constellation



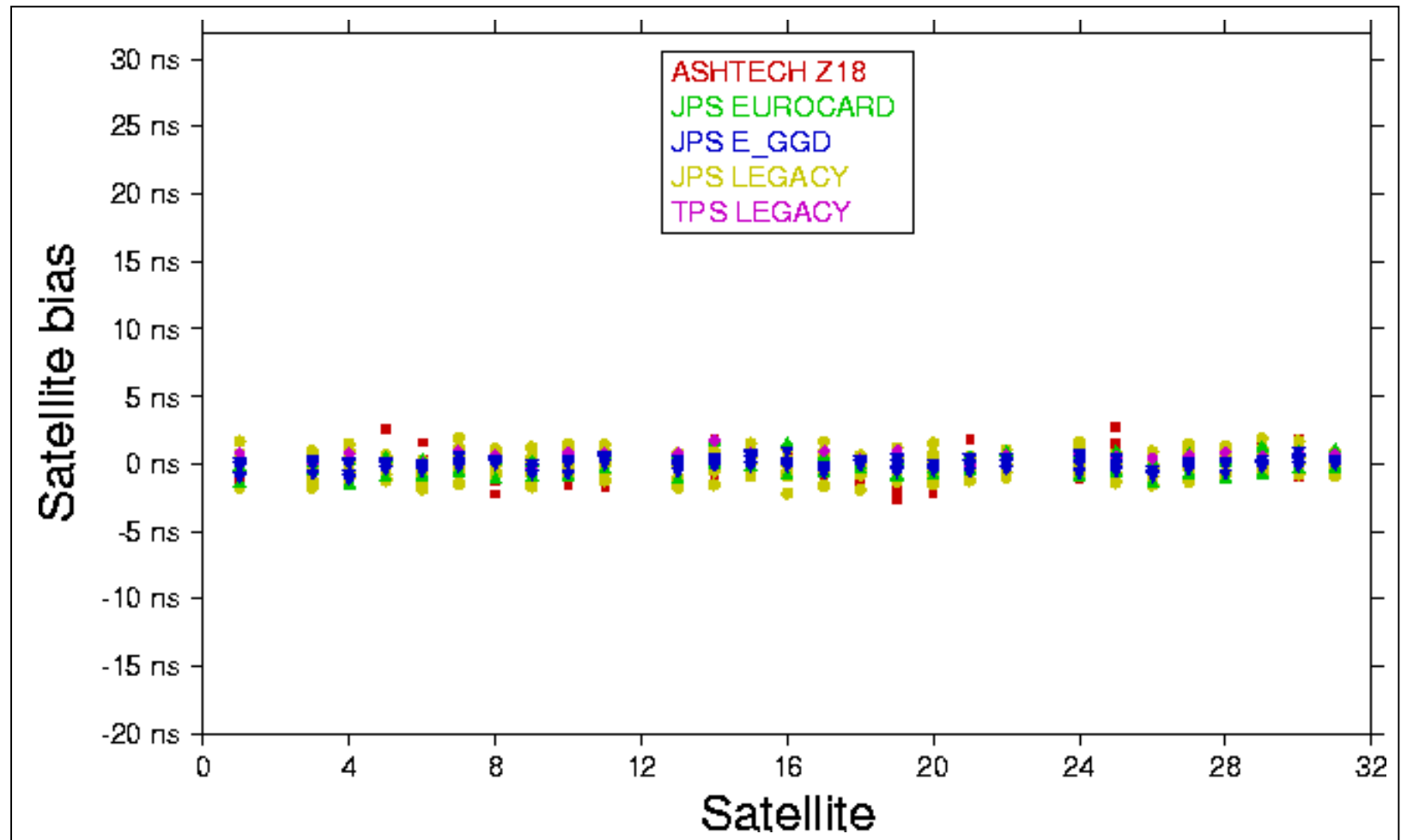
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GLONASS LC Pseudorange Measurement Biases



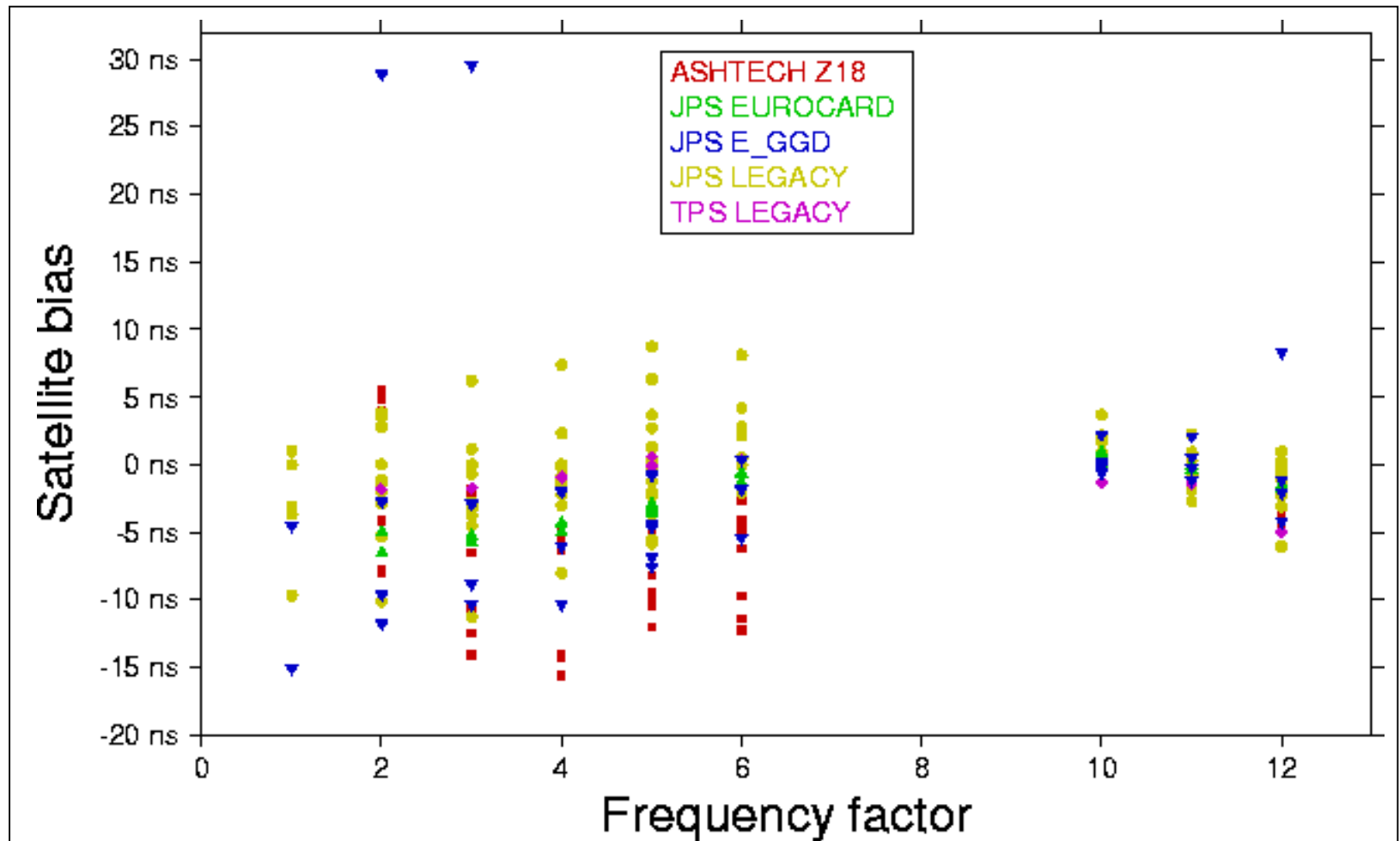
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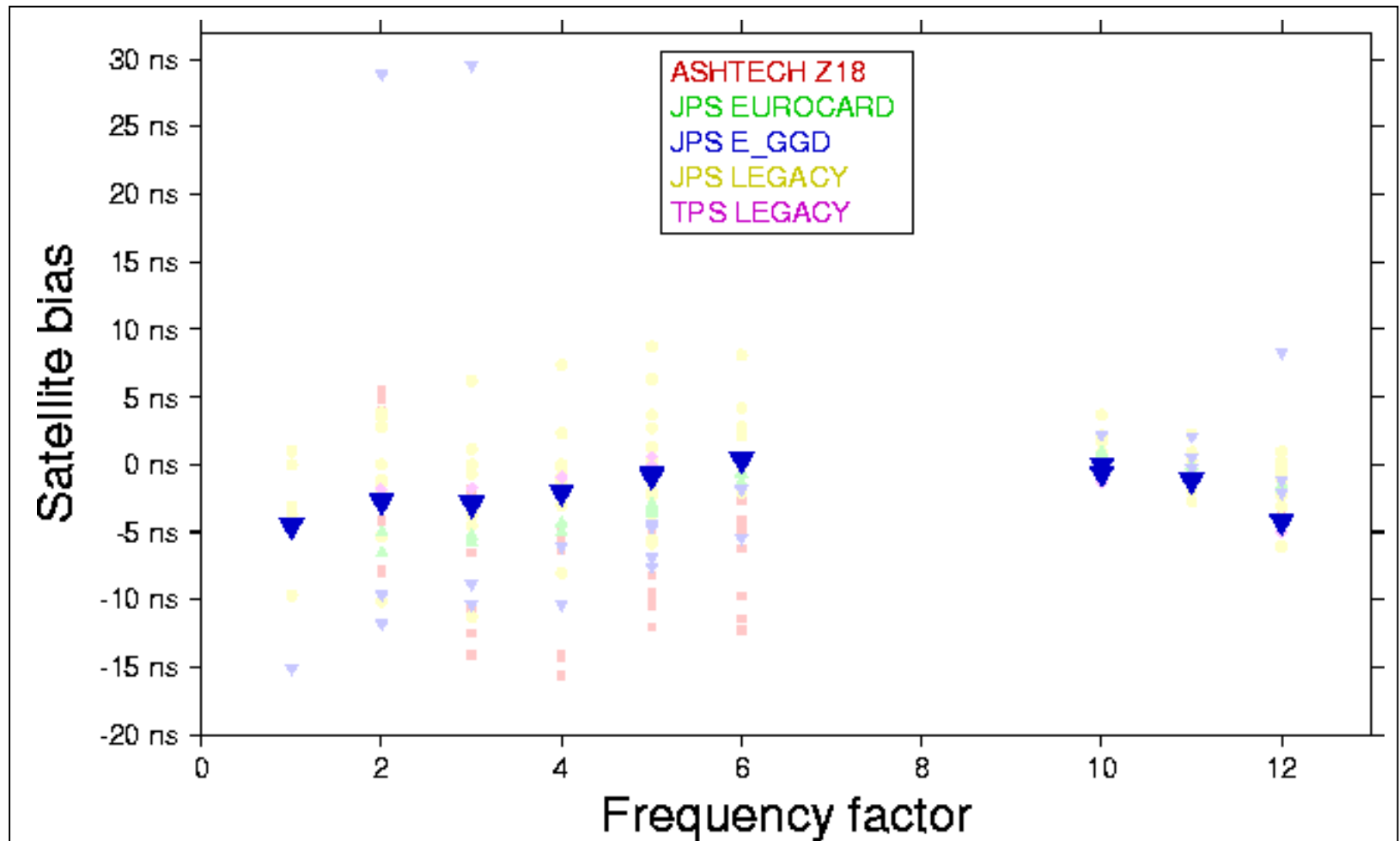
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GLONASS LC Pseudorange Measurement Biases (as a Function of the Signal Frequency)



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Summary (1)

- Final (>150), rapid (100), as well as ultra-rapid (65) orbit products computed at CODE do *generally* include both GPS and GLONASS. Our GLONASS results get automatically filtered out in all IGS combination processes.
- CODE GNSS orbit information is provided in SP3c format.
- By submitting additional backup ultra-rapid orbit solutions, a 100% reliability could be reached until now.
- We demonstrate that operational GNSS POD is possible, even for satellites being repositioned.
- All CODE ionosphere products are based on GNSS data.
- Generation of final as well as rapid (phase-consistent) high-rate (30-sec) GPS clock products. Extension to GLONASS data is intended.

Summary (2)

- Use of new, powerful BPE (Bernese Processing Engine) V5.0 for automated and efficient GNSS data processing.
- Implementation of alerting via e-mail, computer terminal, and SMS messages in case of BPE processing failures, computer, or disk problems, ftp connection problems, general IGS/IGLOS data flow problems, GNSS satellite constellation changes, IGS/IGLOS tracking stations becoming active or inactive (concerning both hourly and daily data flow).
- Last but not least, it is worth mentioning that there is a serious interest from the EUREF/EPN analysis community in establishment of an (official) IGS final GPS/GLONASS orbit product.

<http://igad.jpl.nasa.gov> *Some stations are not labelled in crowded areas*

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New Version 5.0 Bernese GPS Software

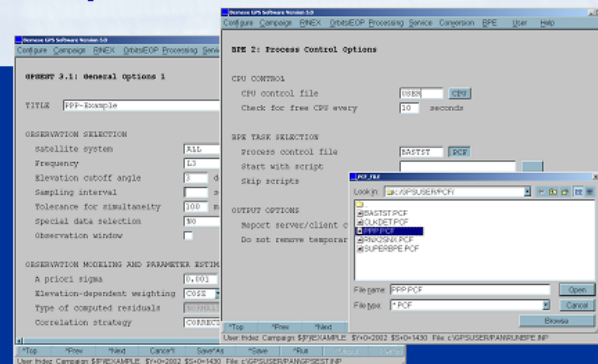
The Bernese GPS Software Version 5.0 continues in the tradition of its predecessors as a high performance, high accuracy, and highly flexible reference GPS/GLONASS (GNSS) post-processing package. State-of-the-art modeling, detailed control over all relevant processing options, powerful tools for automatization, the adherence to up-to-date, internationally adopted standards, and the inherent flexibility due to a highly modular design are characteristics of the Bernese GPS Software.

New Features

- Available on UNIX/Linux and Windows platforms
- User-friendly GUI
- File naming using session variables
- Built-in html-based help system
- New front-end for automatization (*Bernese Processing Engine, BPE*)
- Multi-session parallel processing
- PERL as BPE script language
- New, elaborate BPE examples for basic applications:
 - RINEX-to-SINEX, comprehensive PPP (also relying on IGS products)
- POD not only for GNSS but also for LEO satellites
- GPS satellite parameters available for complete constellation history
- Sophisticated tool (ADDNEQ2) for efficient combination and manipulation of analysis results on the normal equations level
- Improved troposphere modeling
- Real kinematic analysis capability
- IERS 2000 conventions compliance
- Supports GNSS antenna PCV patterns
- Further refinements concerning, e.g., undifferenced processing, handling of pseudorange biases

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Outlook

- Consideration of higher-order ionosphere correction terms
- Use of new, meteo-model-based tropospheric mapping functions
- Validation of atmospheric pressure loading models
- Inclusion of the (fast moving) South Pole permanent station Amundsen–Scott (AMUN)

Current GPS/GLONASS Satellite Constellation

List of GNSS satellites active within the last 30 days:

- 29 GPS satellites: G01, G03, G04, G05, G06, G07, G08, G09, G10, G11, G13, G14, G15, G16, G17, G18, G19, G20, G21, G22, G23¹, G24, G25, G26, G27, G28, G29, G30, G31
- 11 GLONASS satellites: R02, R03, R04, R05², R06^{1,2}, R17, R18, R21, R22, R23, R24

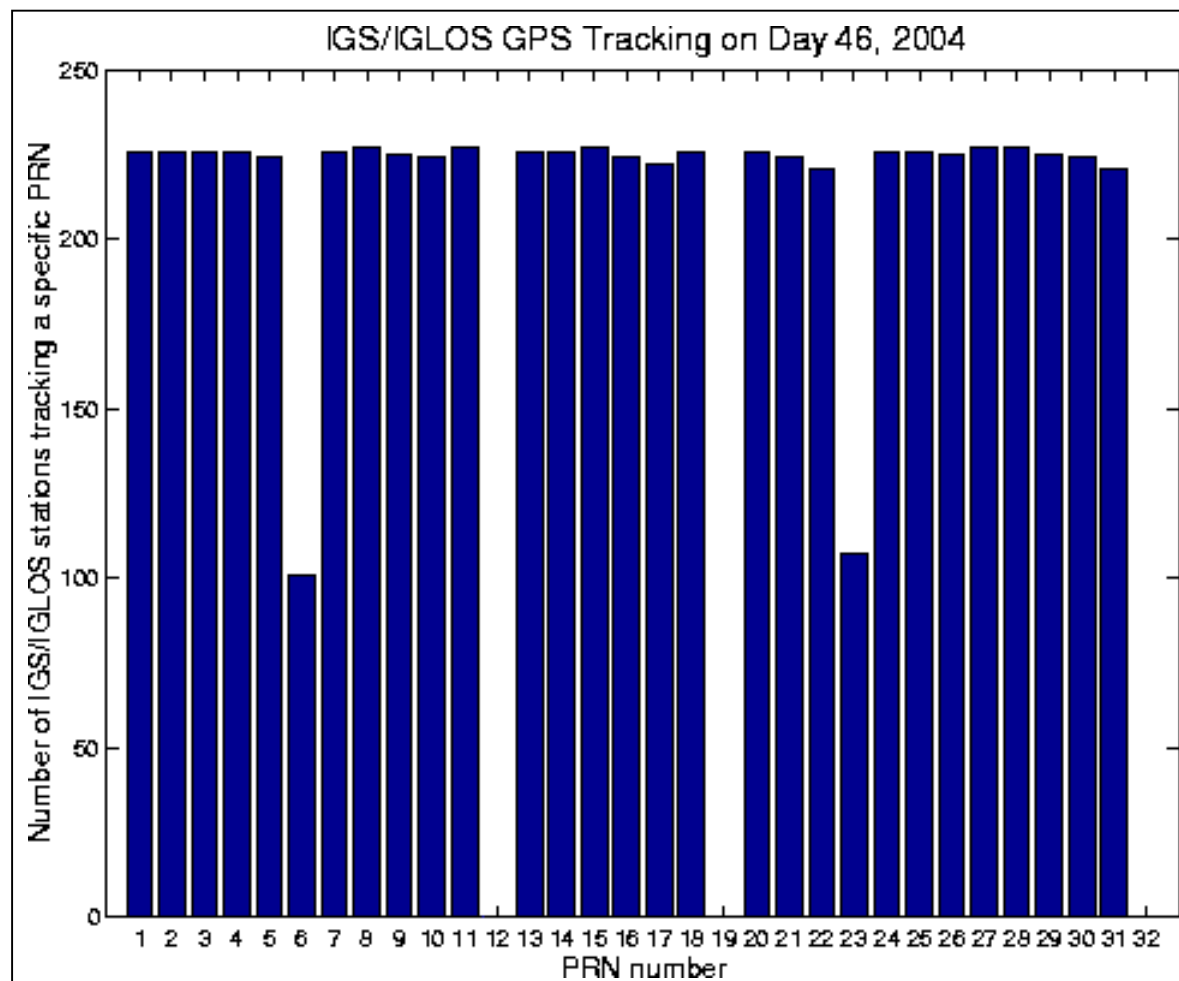
¹Satellite currently marked unusable

²Satellite of GLONASS-M modernization program

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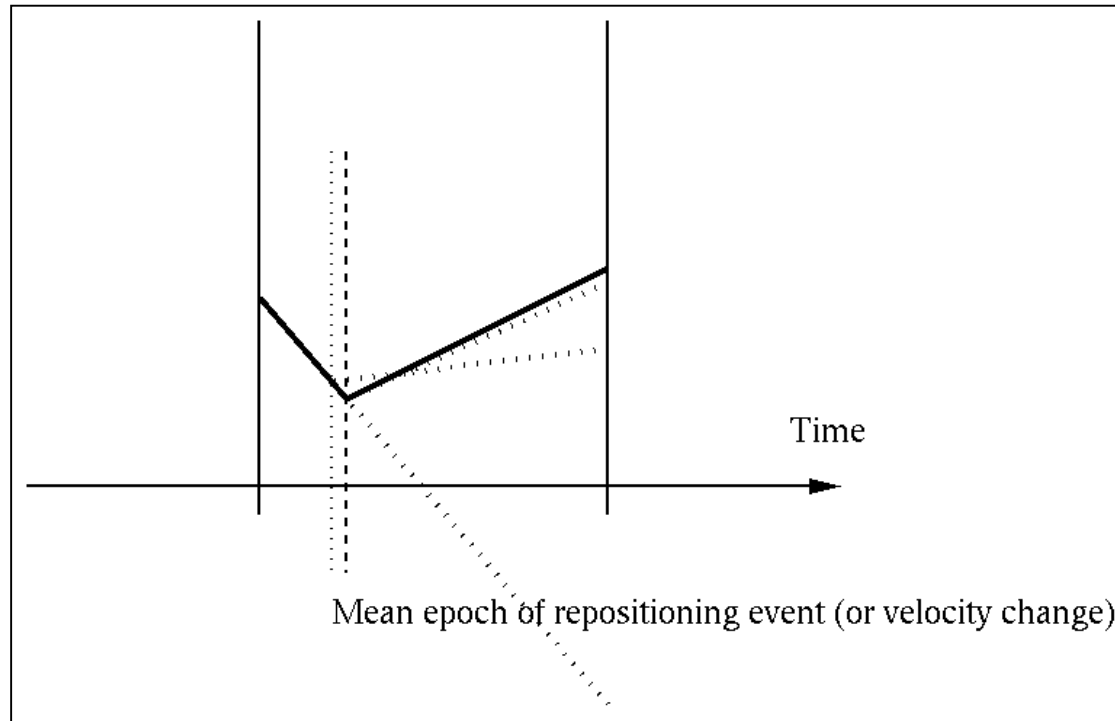
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IGS/IGLOS Tracking of GPS Satellites Marked Unhealthy



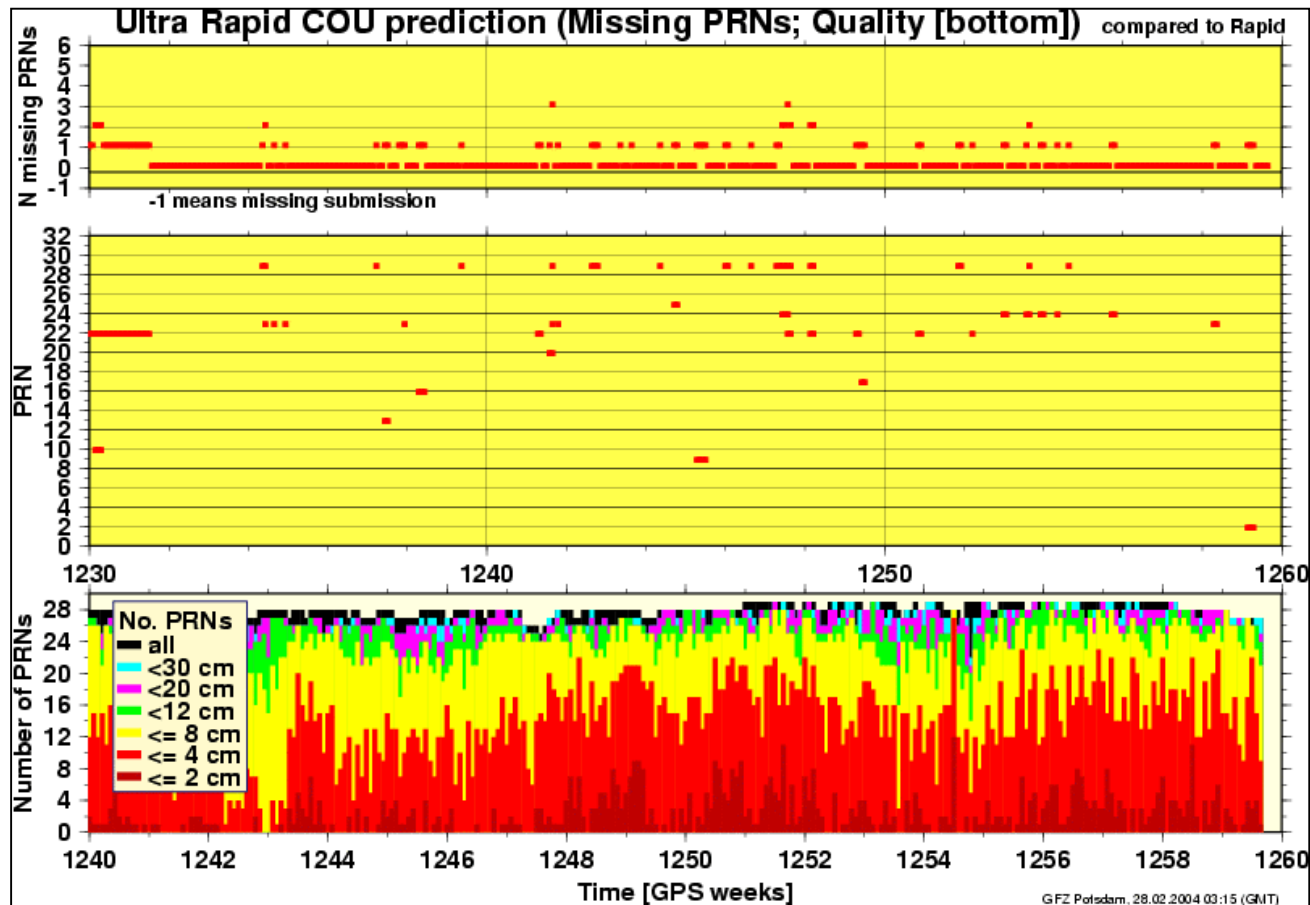
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Orbit Initialization for GPS Satellites Being Repositioned



- Data used: double-difference pseudorange measurements
- Parameters solved for: Keplerian orbit elements and inter-system (GPS-GLONASS) receiver DCB parameters

Missing Satellites and Submissions Concerning CODE Ultra-Rapid Product



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Detailed GNSS Data Monitoring

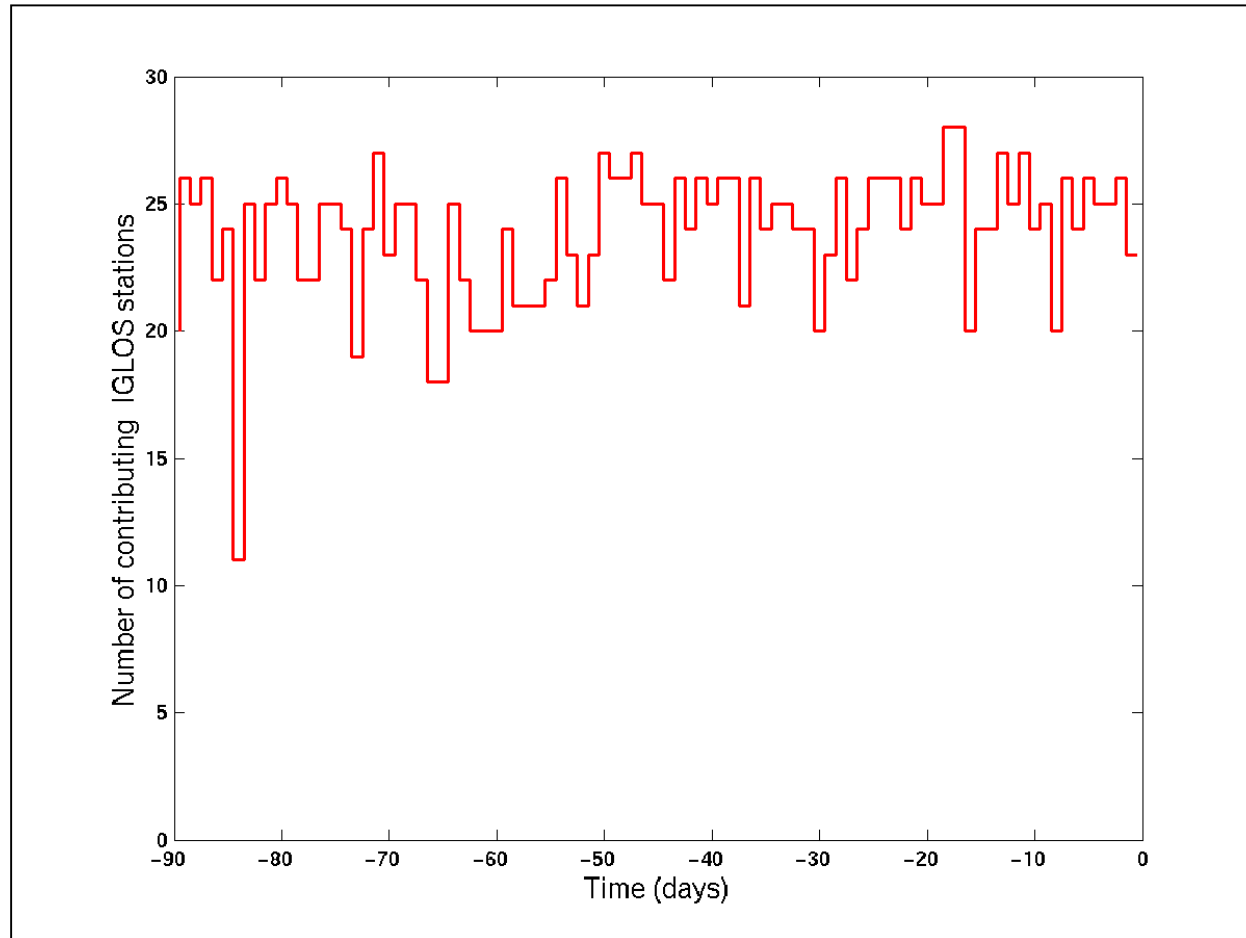
- Detailed monitoring concerning completeness and availability of IGS/IGLOS tracking data initiated at CODE.
- Corresponding charts are regularly posted to <http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/igsdata/>.
- Numerous e-mails sent to achieve improvement in terms of both completeness and availability of GNSS data.

IGLOS Daily Data Availability for Rapid and Final Analysis

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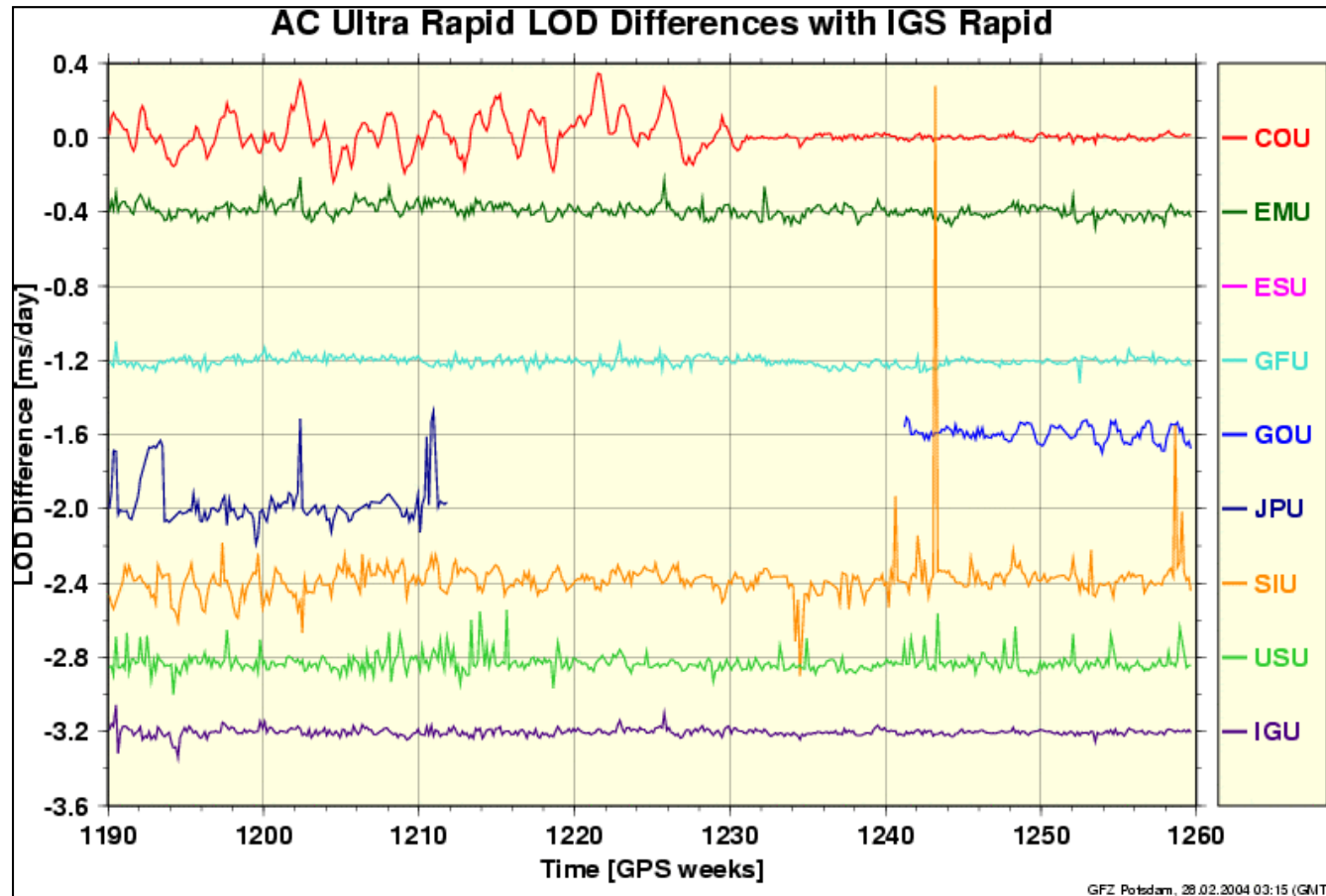
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Number of IGLOS Stations Contributing to the CODE Rapid Orbit Product



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IGS AC Ultra-Rapid LOD Consistency



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Concluding Remarks on IGS/IGLOS Tracking

Let us remind once more that GNSS tracking data, the primary product line of the IGS, is the basis for all IGS analysis products and consequently a crucial factor for their quality!

From our point of view, each GNSS station of the IGS/IGLOS ground network should, as far as possible, *sample all transmitting satellites from horizon to horizon* (barring obstructions).

This implies that a GPS/GNSS receiver being operated as continuous station should allow for an *all-in-view* tracking mode (at the station operator's specific request).

IGS–Combined Final GNSS Orbit Product?

- In addition to CODE´ s final GNSS orbit product, GLONASS–only products computed at BKG and at ESA/ESOC are meanwhile regularly available with nominal delay as applied to the final GPS orbit product, in principle enabling synchronous GPS and GLONASS orbit combination.
- In this context, it is worth mentioning that there is a serious interest from the EUREF/EPN analysis community in establishment of an IGS–combined final GPS/GLONASS orbit product.

Example of Hourly Data Availability for Recent 24UT Ultra-Rapid Update (1)

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KOKB | 67677678775666545677557787777878988*--667      8--6----777888887678889
KOUR | 77788789678887777888667765566667777567776778999786667666778887766776
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Example of Hourly Data Availability for Recent 24UT Ultra-Rapid Update (3)

GLONASS SATELLITES :

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DWH1 |333334444333332233322221222122221111111111333332221111222244443335
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HERT |2111122223444443433322222222344555445555444443333443332111-111211212
JOZ2 |211112122234333333122221222233345554455543444343334443211--111112111
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STR2 |33333234434   22111112111122222333222111222334333444555555444333332
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WTZZ |2111122224443433433322222222333455554555544444433344433211-1112112111
ZIMJ |211112222444443433322232222333455555556444443333444331111-112112111
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