



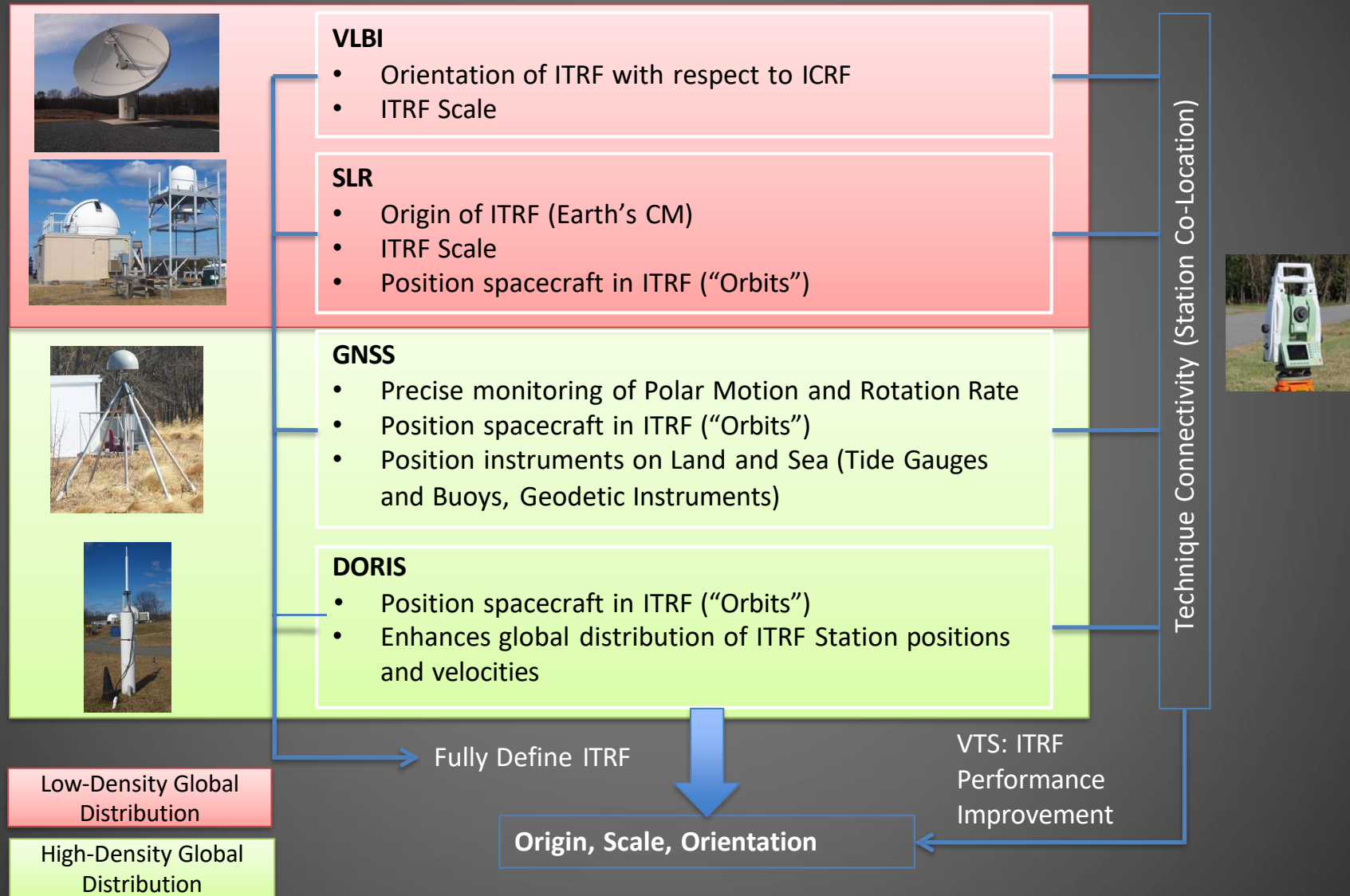
Geodetic Reference Instrument Transponder for Small Satellites (GRITSS)

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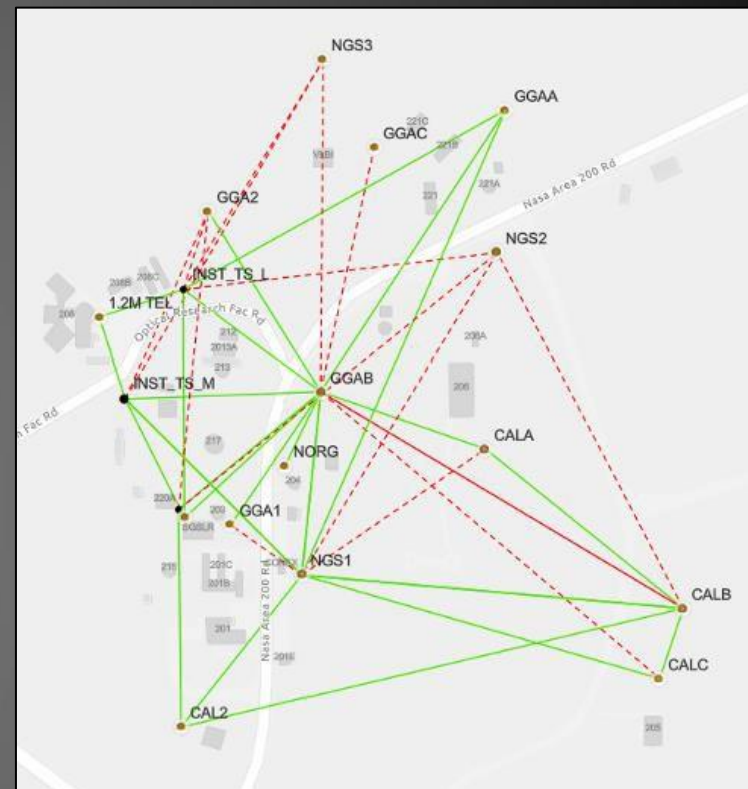
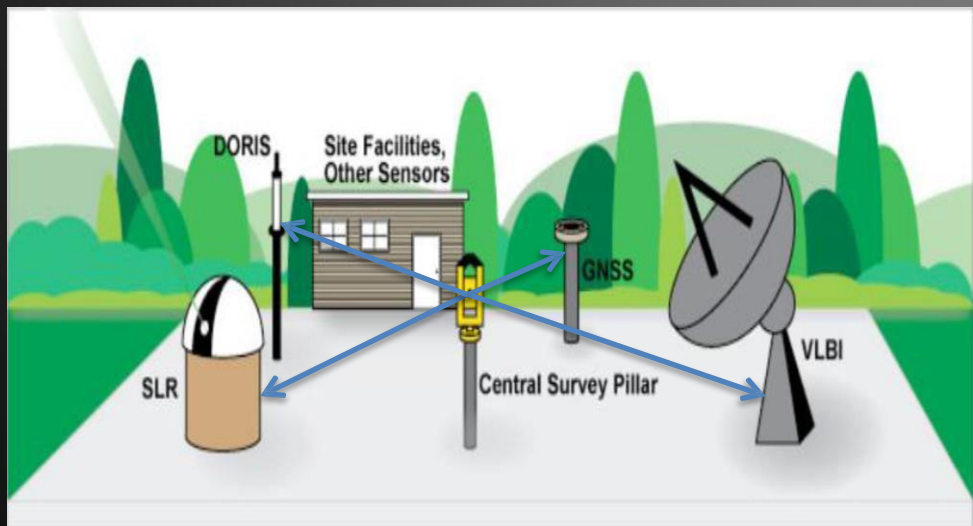
The Geodetic Measurement System





Traditional Local Tie Surveys

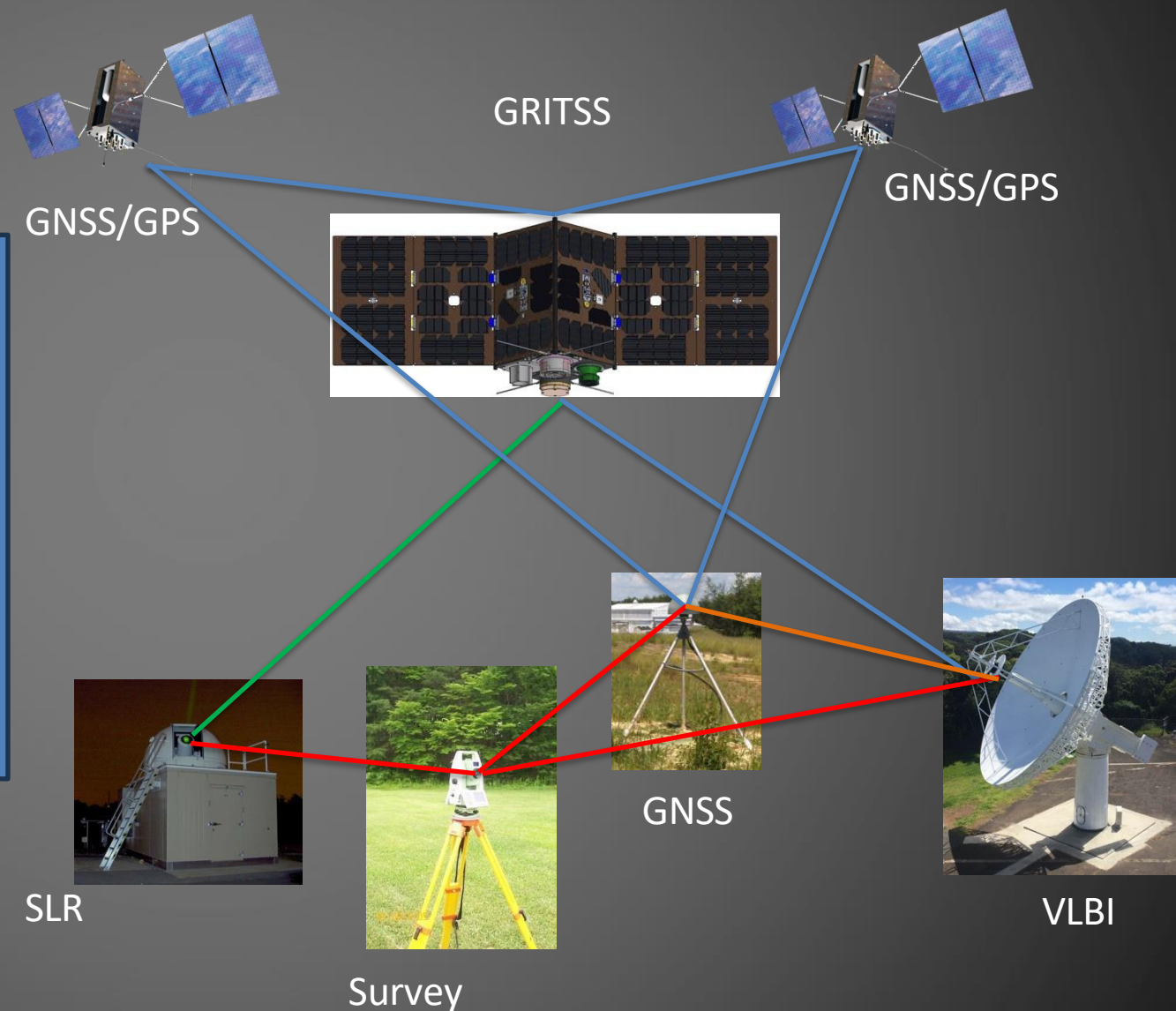
- ◆ Survey of site ground control network, site reference, optical access points, and supplemental targets to estimate the measurement points of space geodesy instruments.
- ◆ The actual instrument measurement point is often not accessible to survey techniques and must be estimated, introducing errors in the local tie.
- ◆ Surveys are only performed periodically further introducing the possibility of errors.





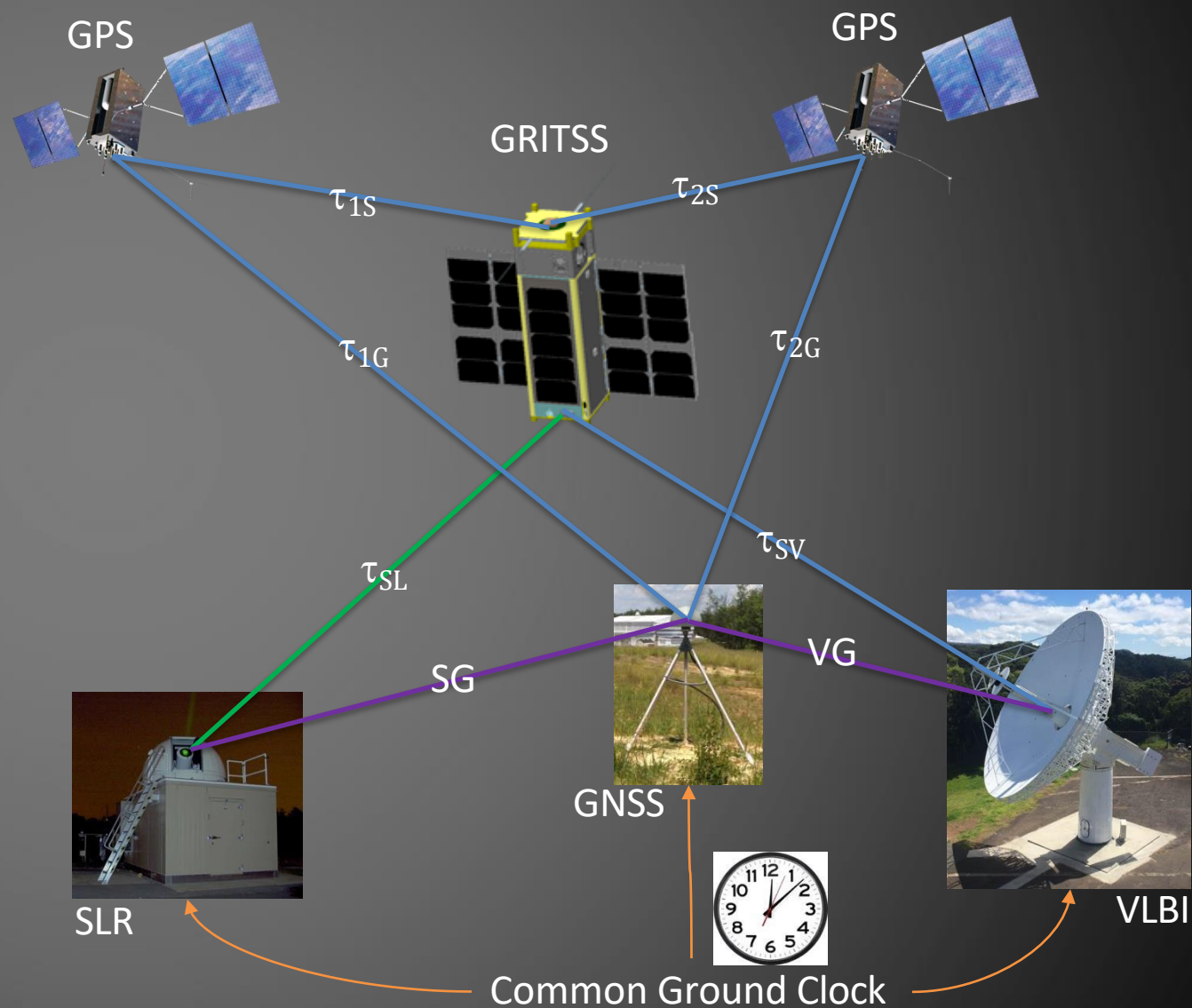
Geodetic Colocation In Space

Observations of a common space-based reference has the potential for reducing the uncertainty in the local-ties to the mm level thus improving the ITRF combination.



The GRITSS Observables

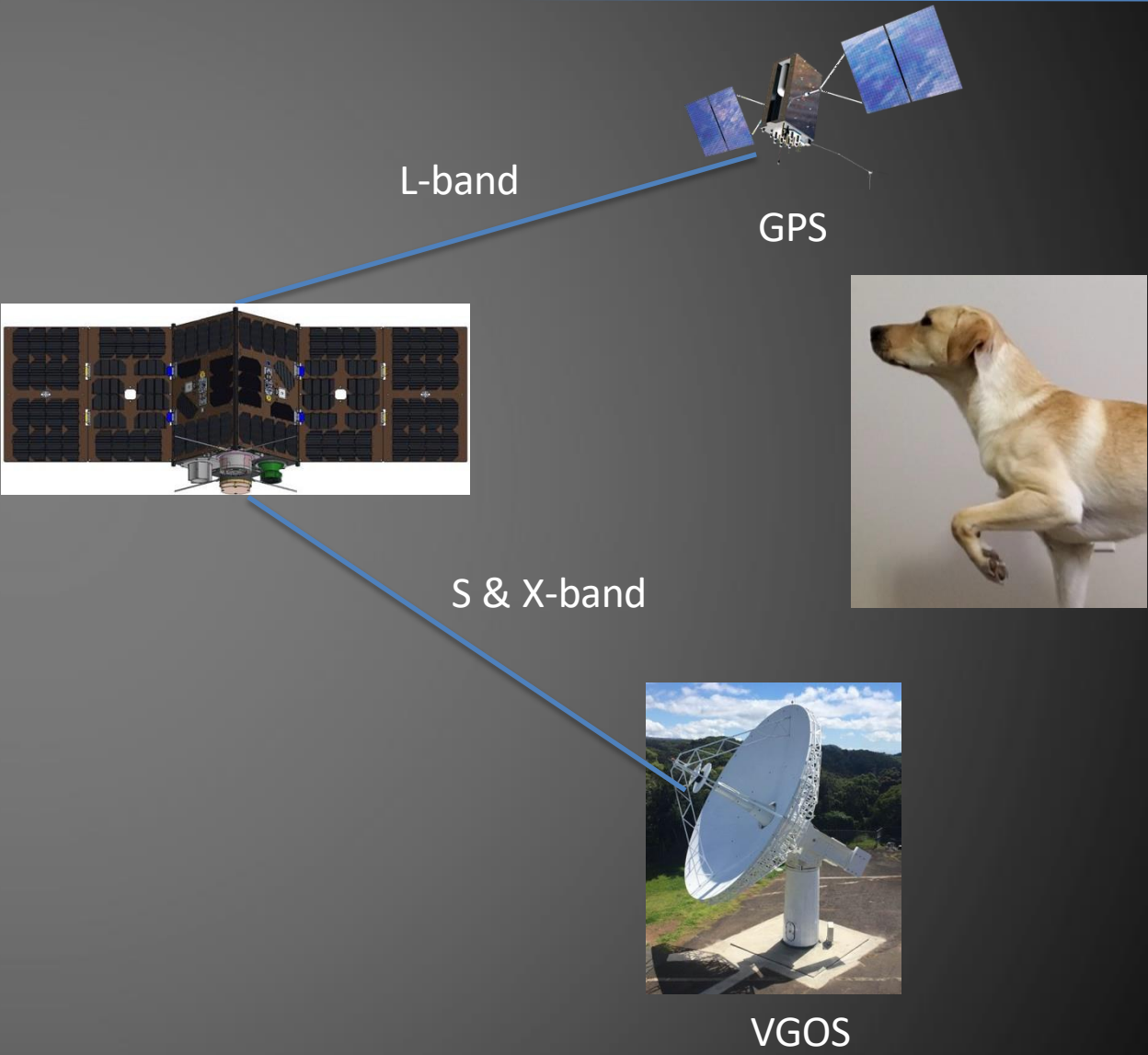
- ◆ τ_{SV} observable is a clock bias term that is obtained through differencing of space/VLBI GPS clock biases
- ◆ Differencing allows direct suppression of common clock terms.
- ◆ Fitting τ_{SV} to model given CubeSat Precision Orbit Determination yields VLBI position





The GRITSS Dog-Leg

GRITSS upconverts and transponds GPS signals and PRN sequence to individual VGOS ground stations.





The GRITSS Demonstration Mission

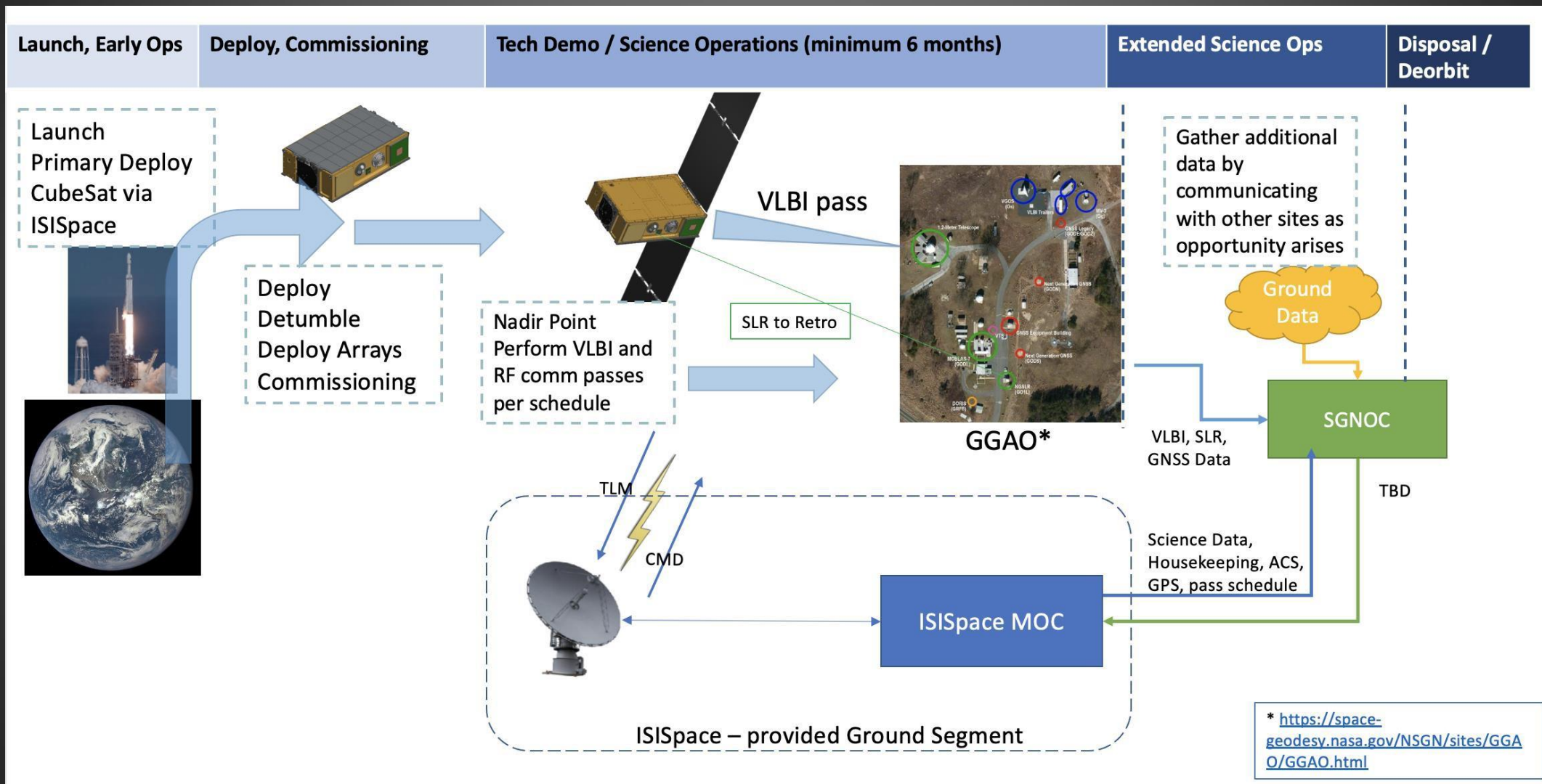
- ◆ A NASA Earth Science and Technology Office sub-class D technology demonstration mission
- ◆ Jointly developed by the University of Massachusetts, Lowell and NASA GSFC
- ◆ 12U XL CubeSat, launch, and operations services provided by ISISpace in the Netherlands.
- ◆ Nominal operations: 1 year (extendable)
- ◆ Orbit: 590km sun synchronous
- ◆ Only broadcasts GRITSS signals over VGOS stations as spacecraft power permits
- ◆ Spacecraft kept nadir pointing throughout orbit to enable global SLR tracking



Initially targeting US NASA VGOS stations and will invite other VGOS stations to participate after successful first phase



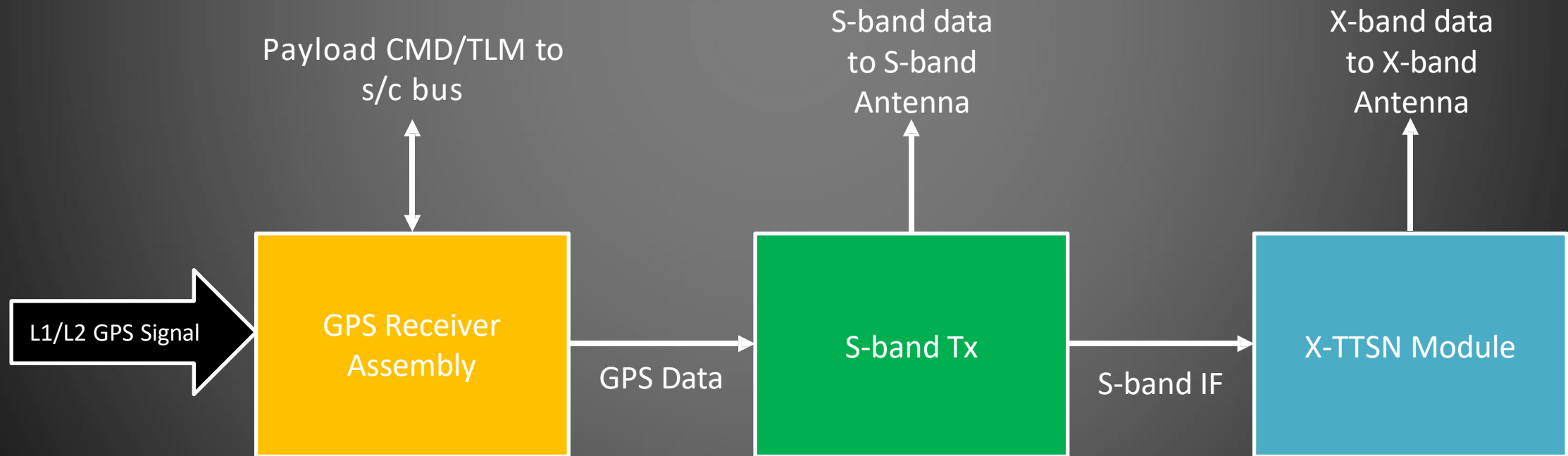
Concept of Operations





GRITSS Instrument Subsystems

- ◆ GPS Receiver Assembly
- ◆ Ultra-Stable Oscillator (USO)
- ◆ X-band Transmitter and Timing extensionN (X-TTSN) Module - 10.2 GHz
- ◆ S-band Transmitter - 3.2 GHz
- ◆ Antennas (L1/L2 GPS, X-band, and S-band)
- ◆ Laser Retroreflector





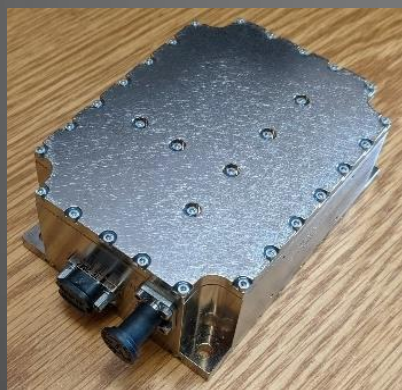
Completed Technology Readiness Level 5 Development



S-band Transmitter



X-band Transmitter



Wenzel USO

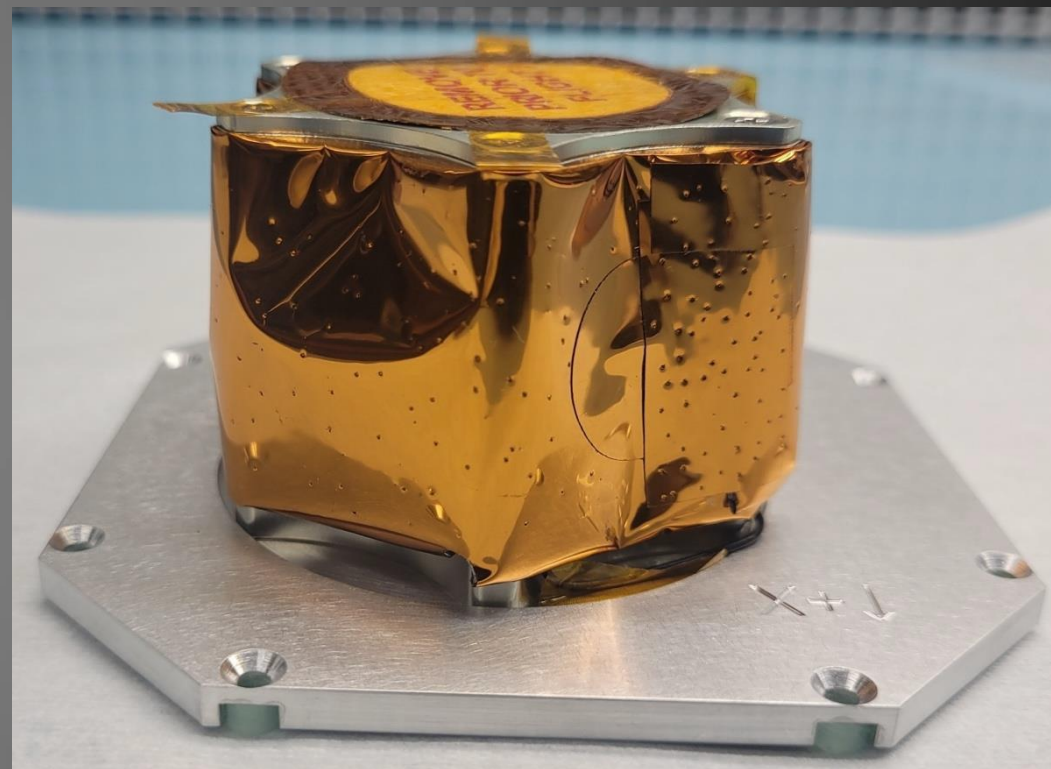


GPS Receiver Assembly

Laser Retroreflector

Single 1.6 inch diameter cube corner with measured dihedral angles offsets of 1.7, 1.4, and 1.5 arcsec.

Mounted to the nadir deck that will be kept nadir pointing most of the time.



Designed and built by KBR

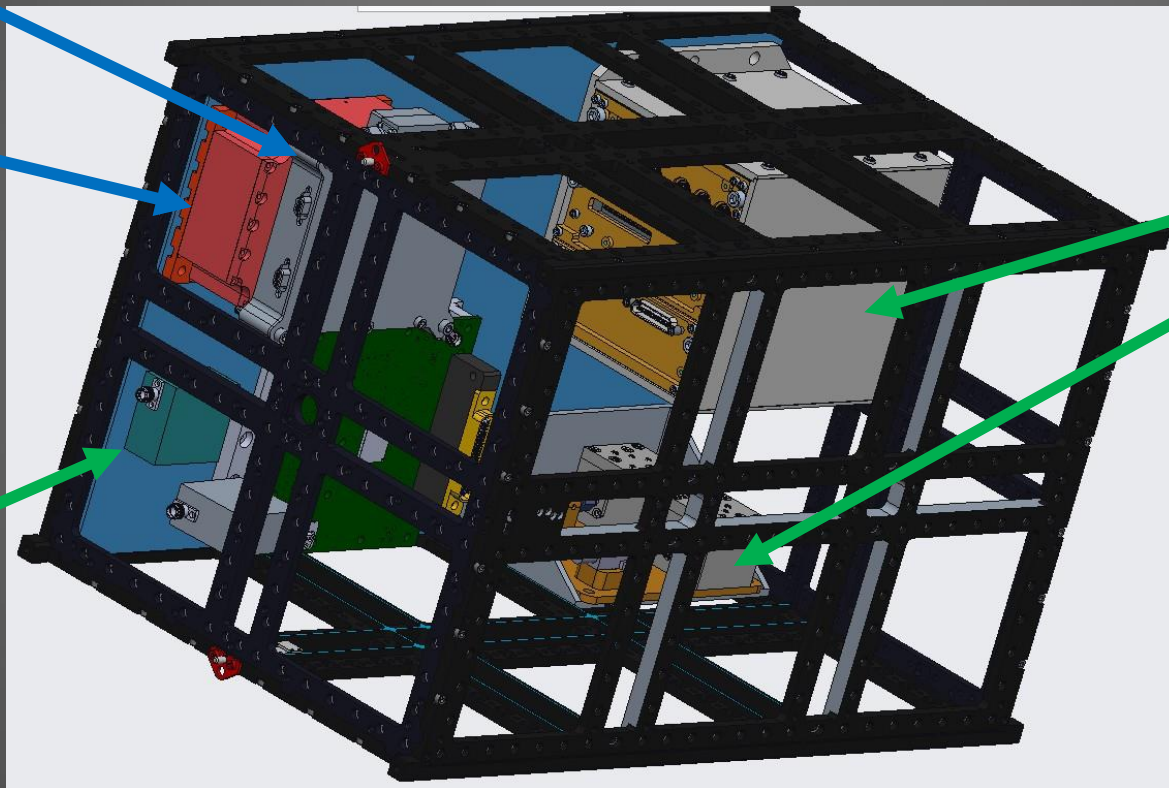


GRITSS Instrument Fits Within 6U Volume

X-TTSN Module

USO

S-band Tx

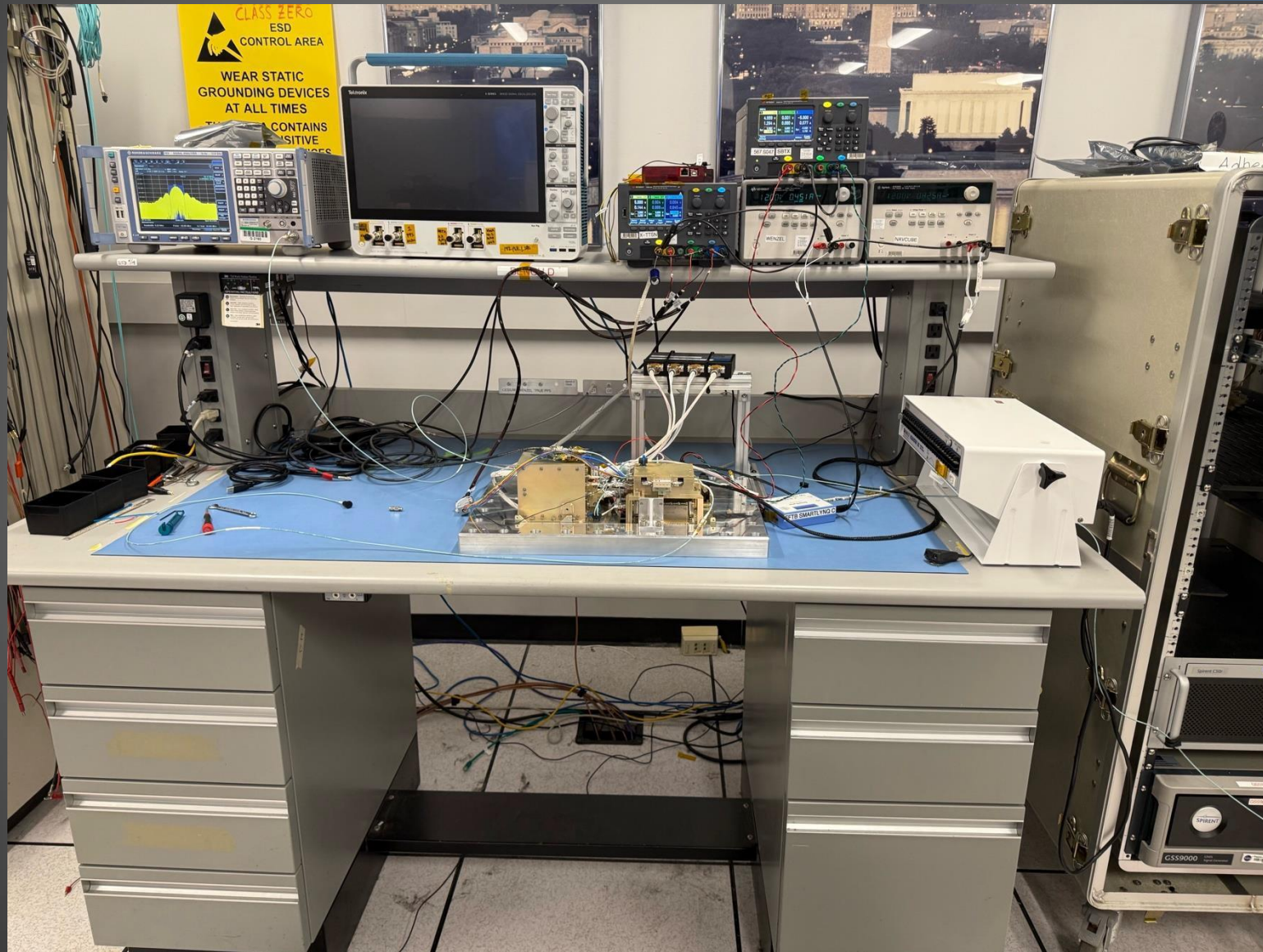


- GPS Receiver Assembly
- NavCube3-mini
 - Low-Noise Amplifier (LNA)

Instrument Size:
20 cm × 11 cm × 34 cm

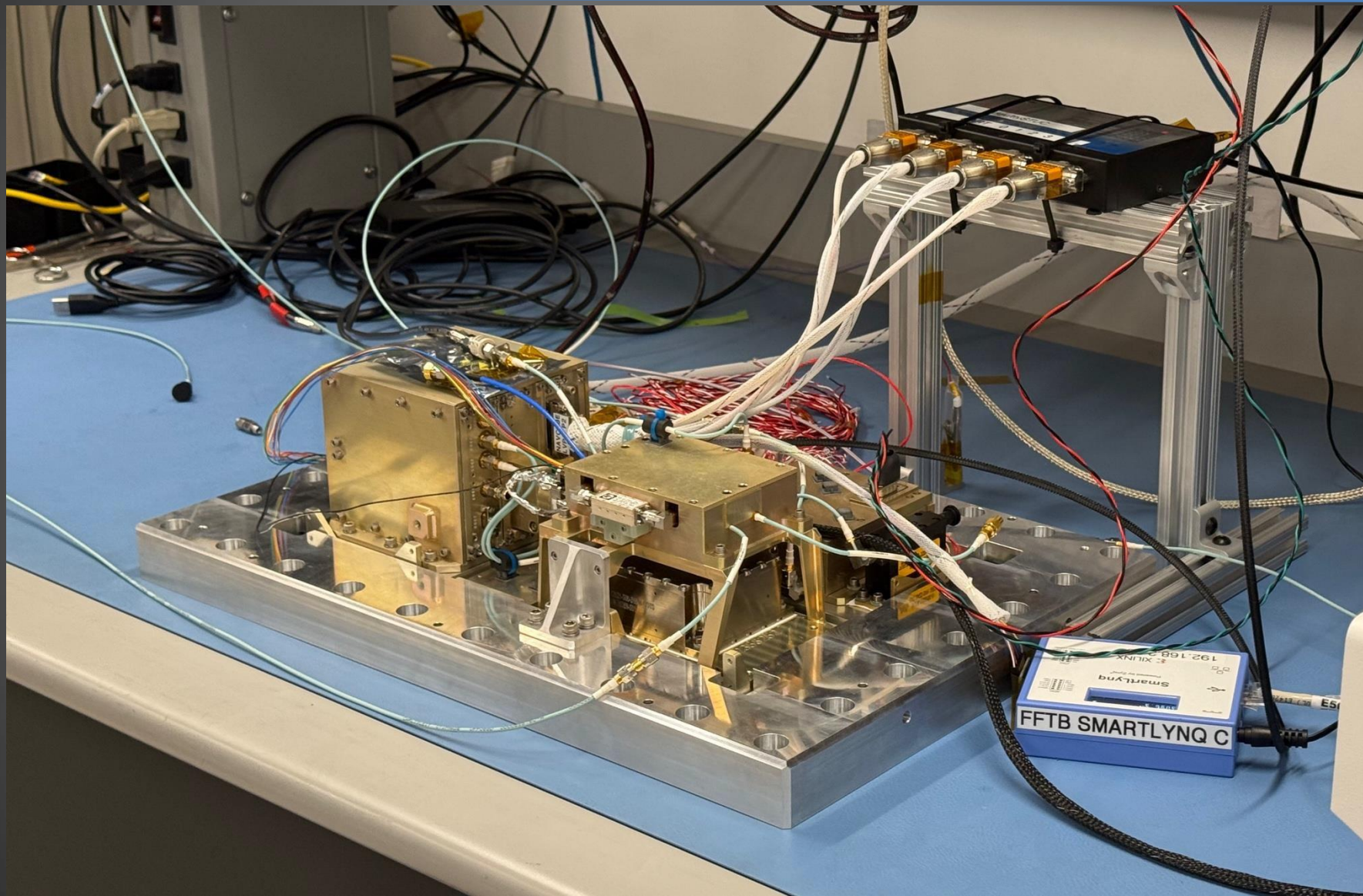


GRITSS Flight Instrument



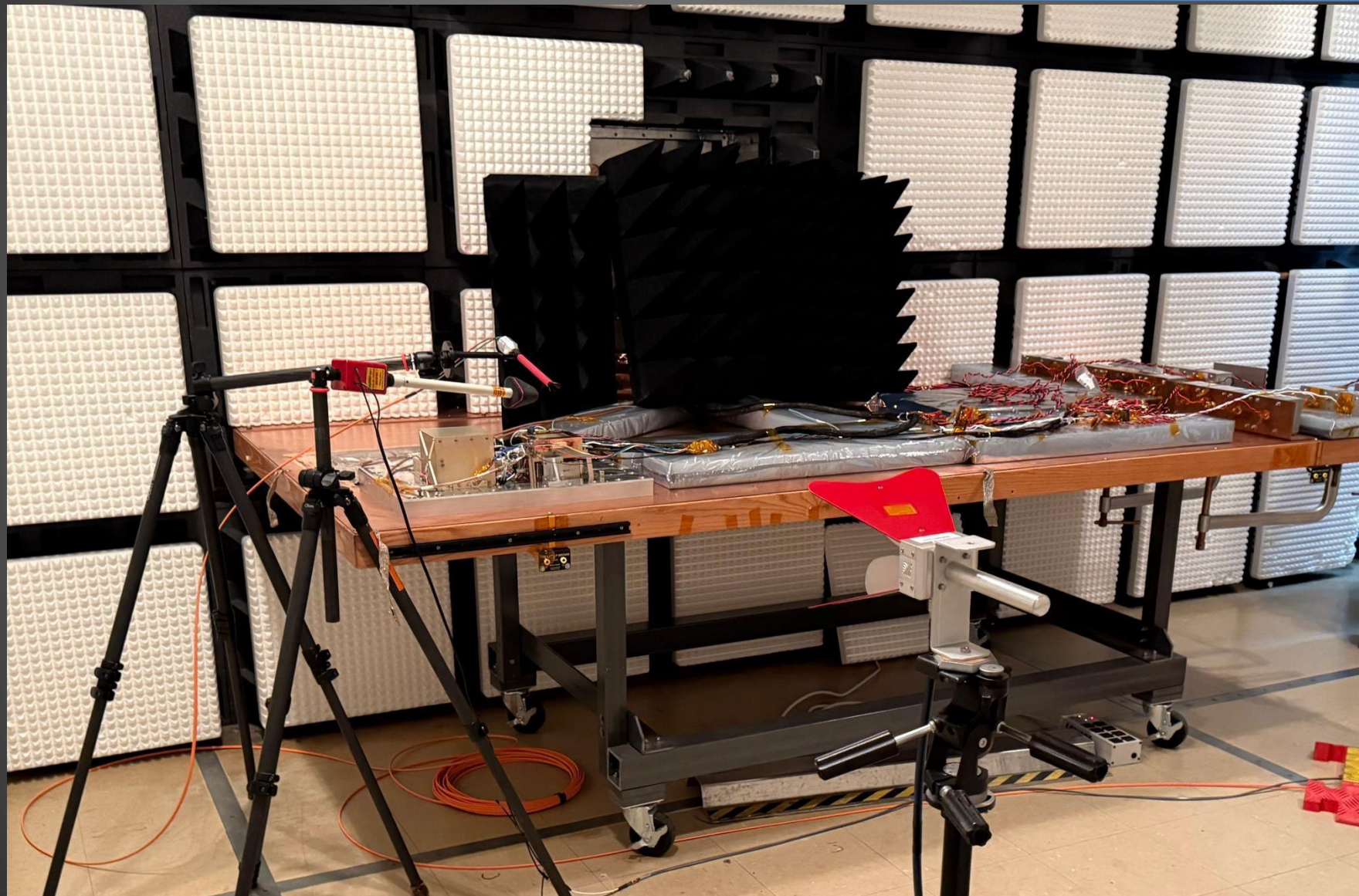


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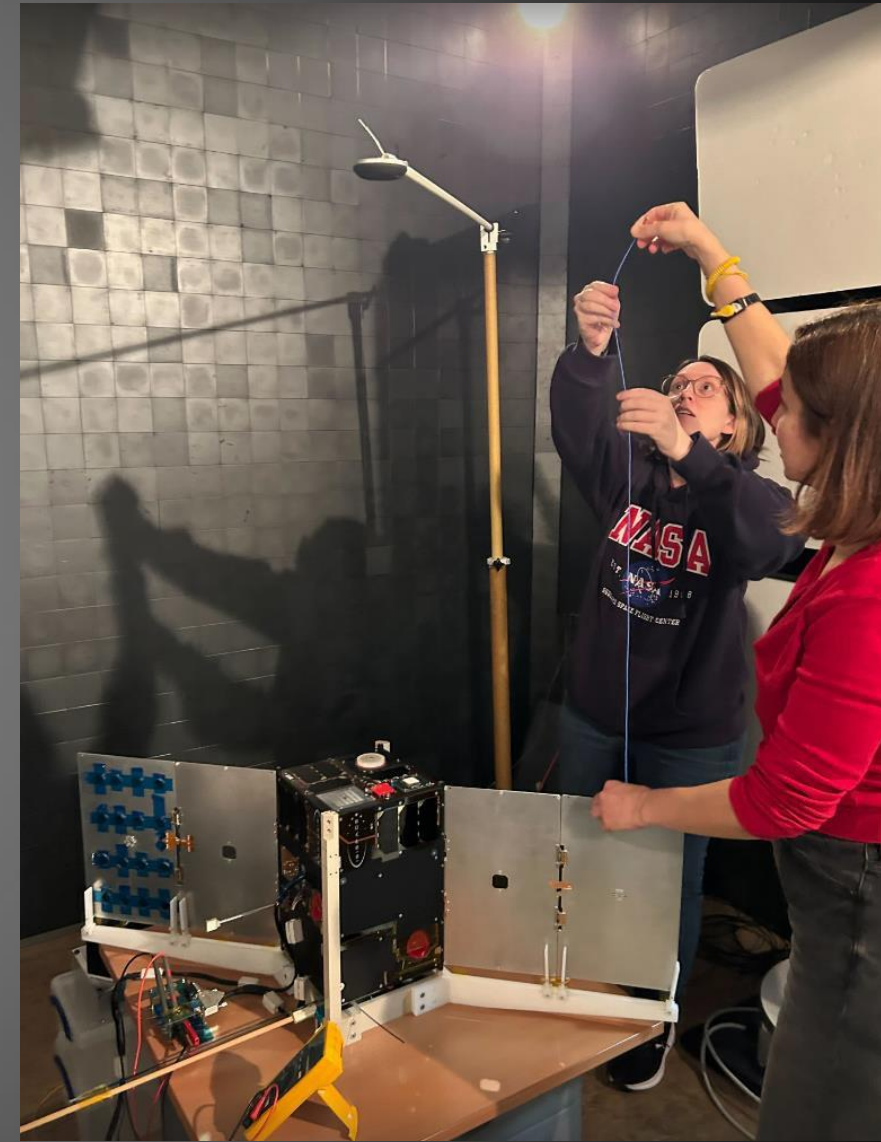
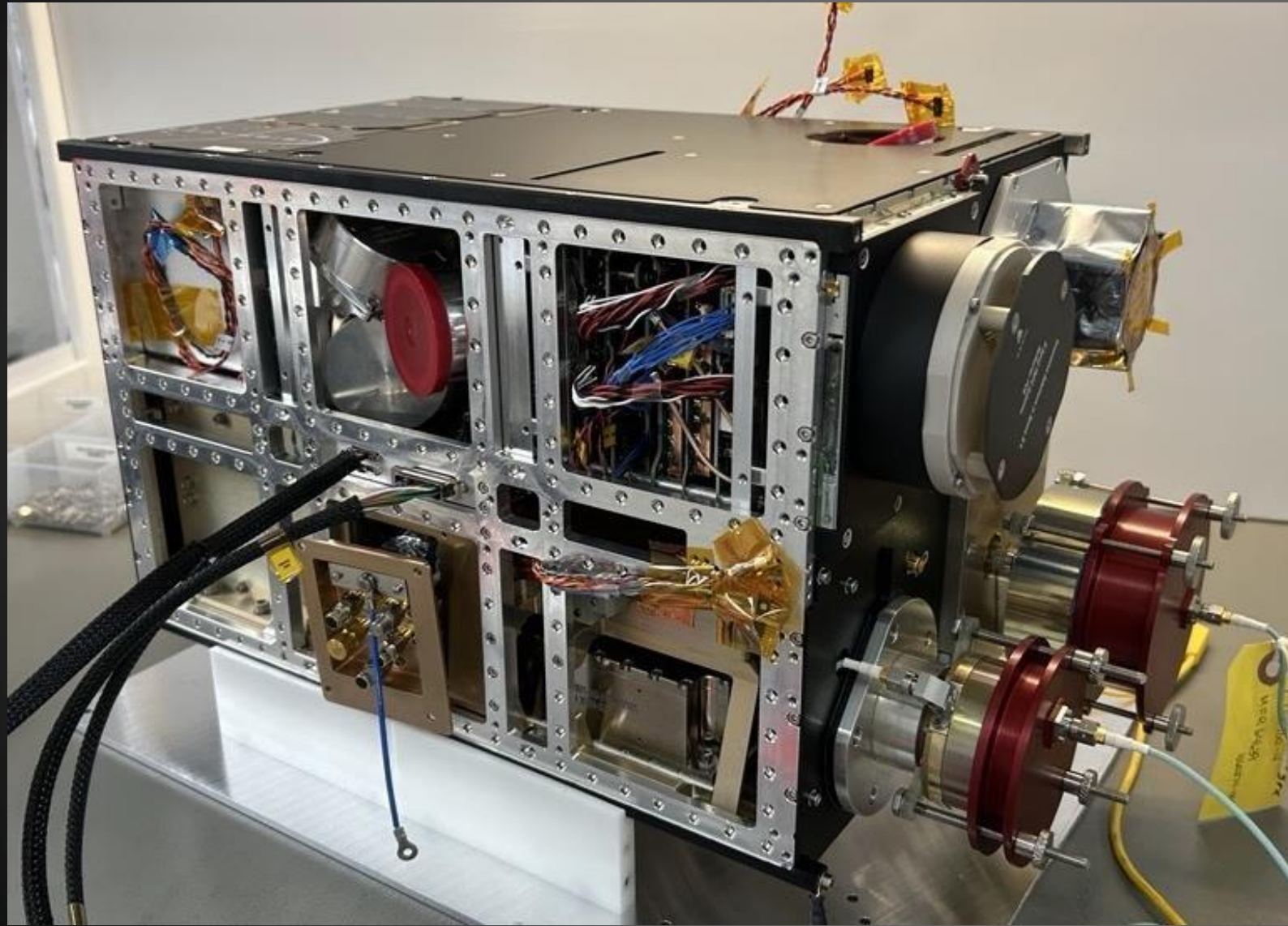


Instrument EMI Testing at GSFC



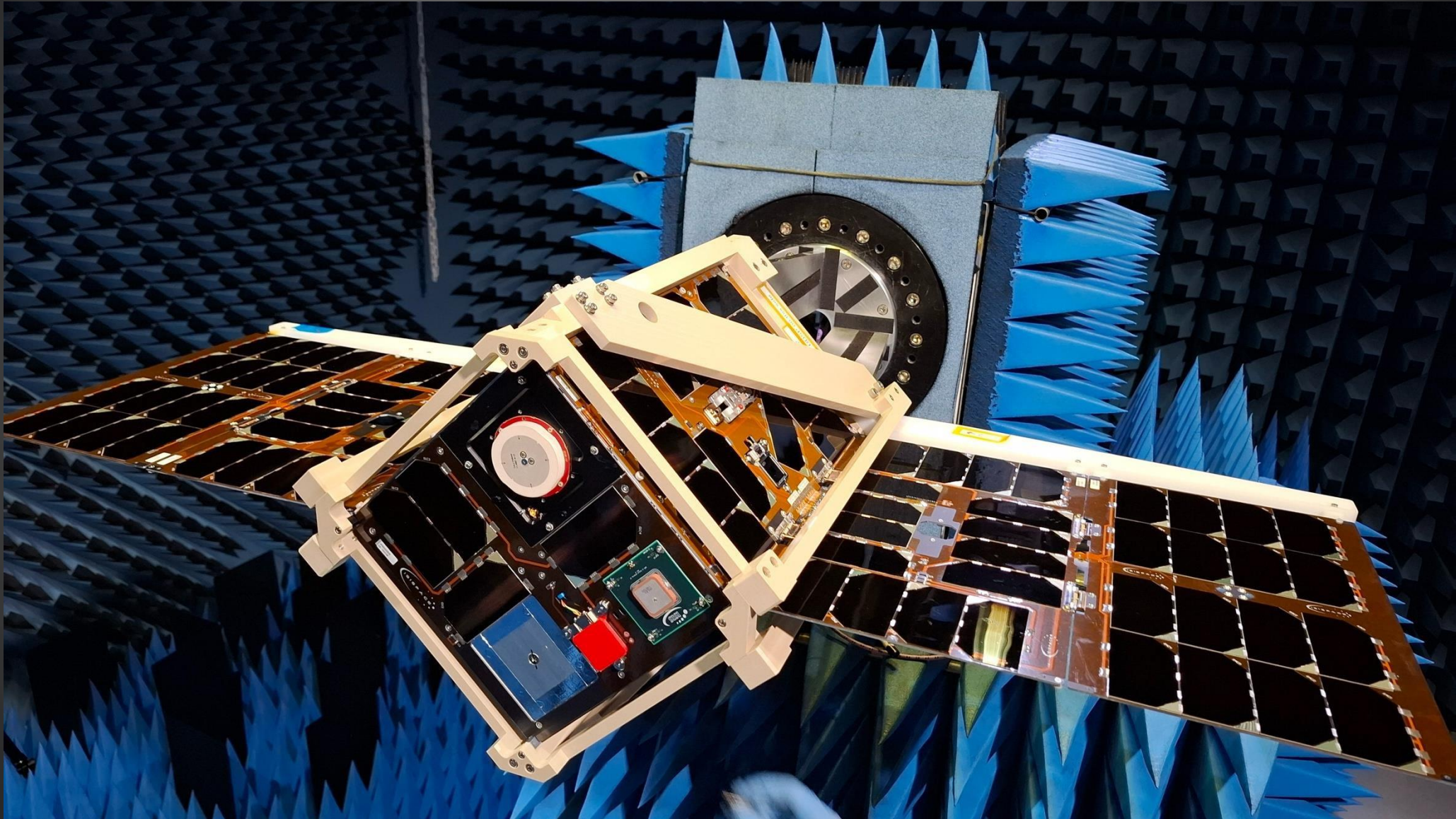


Integration with Spacecraft at ISISpace

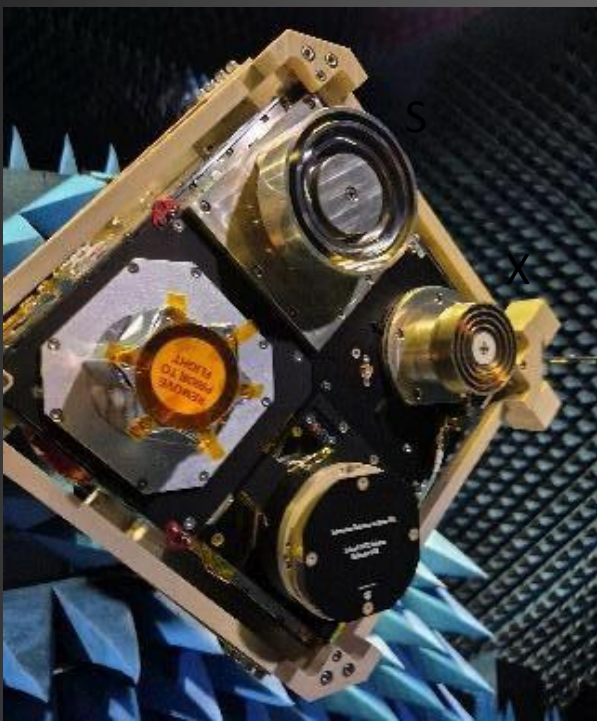




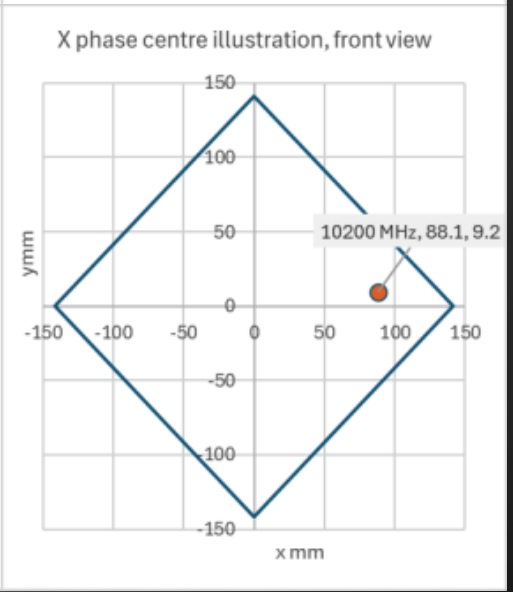
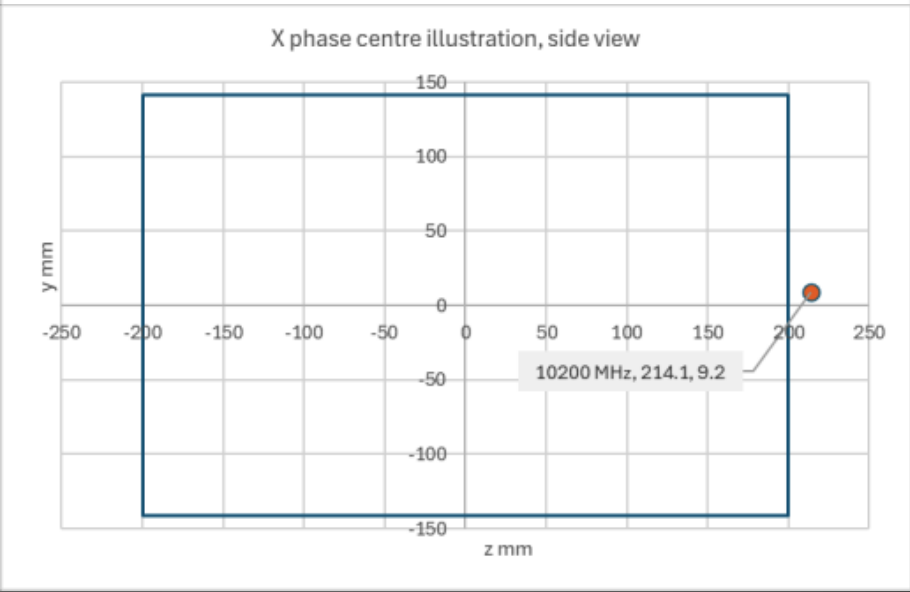
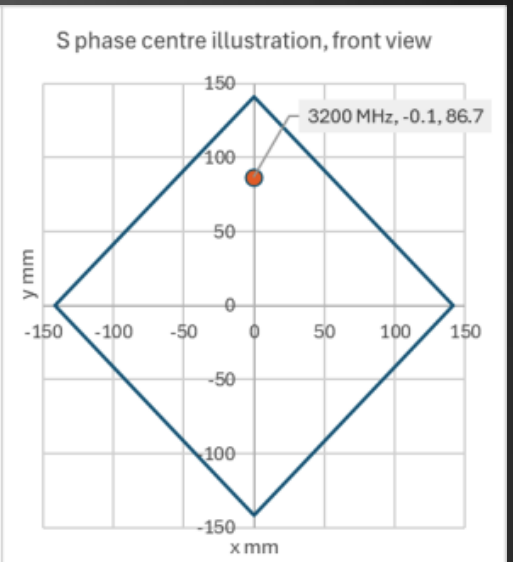
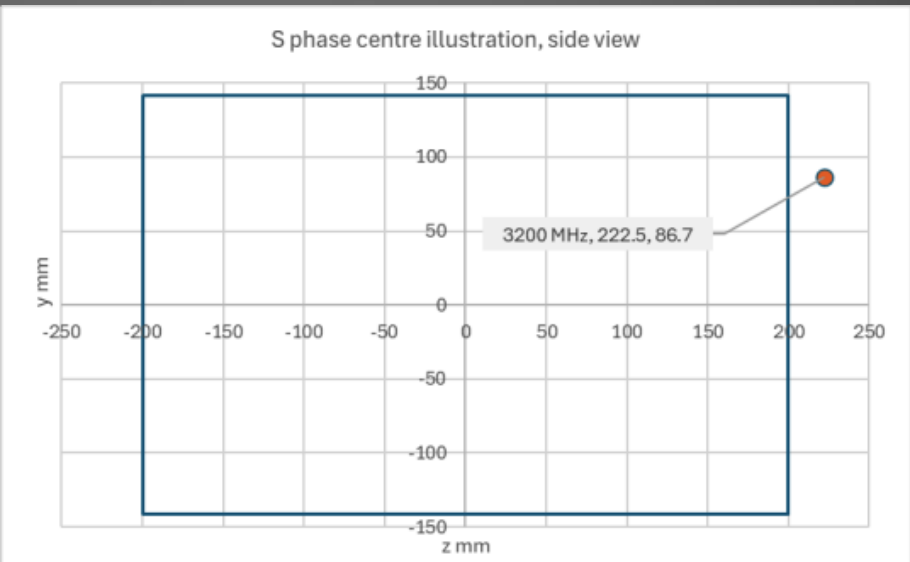
Antenna Characterization at ESTEC



Phase Center Measurements



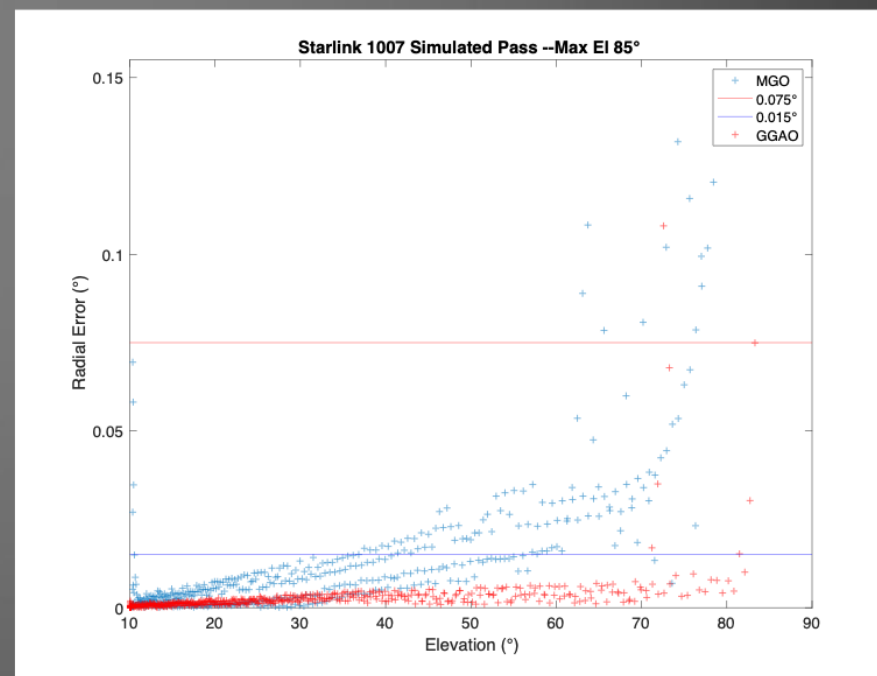
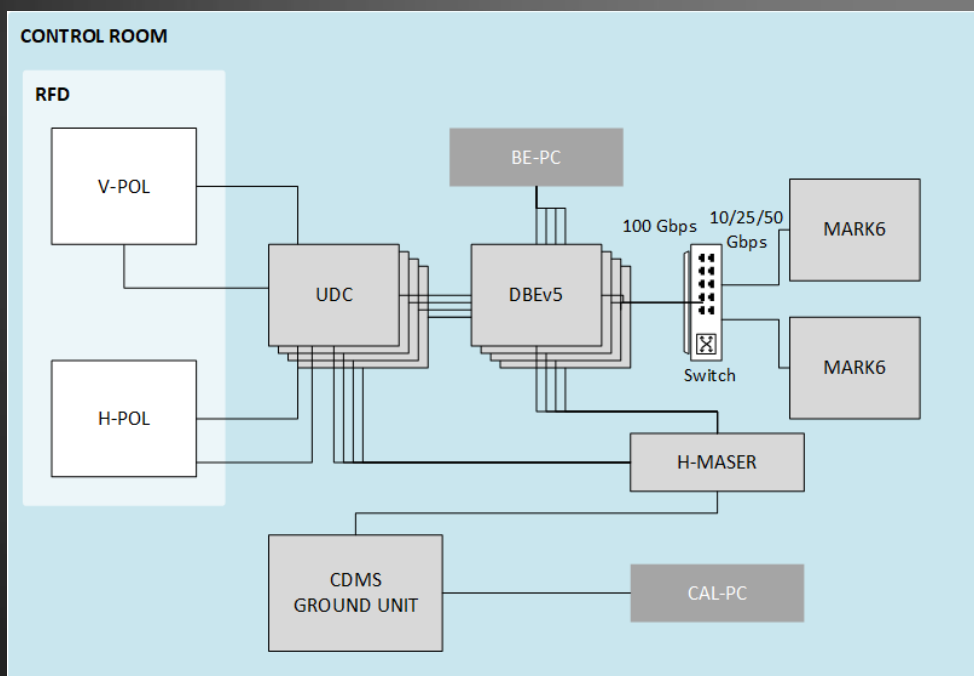
- ◆ Other measurements include
 - Full sphere phase patterns,
 - Group delay,
 - Directivity, gain, and losses





VGOS Station Preparations

- ◆ Antenna low Earth orbit satellite tracking capabilities.
- ◆ Measurements/characterization of VGOS signal-chain electrical delays.
- ◆ Upgrade signal chain back end to record GRITSS signals.
- ◆ End-to-end testing with simulated GRITSS-like signals.





Summary

- ◆ GRITSS will demonstrate a space-tie using the novel approach of transponding the GPS signals to a VGOS antenna enabling it to be in Low Earth Orbit with view of only one VGOS station at a time.
- ◆ Nearly completed Integration and Test and preparing spacecraft for shipment to SpaceX for launch on Transporter-17 in July 2026.

Foundation CORS

Access to the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)

Shachak Peeri, Will Freeman, Fran Coloma, John Galetzka, Dan Roman and Steve Breidenbach
NOAA, National Geodetic Survey

April 20 2026

Annual CGSIC Meeting

Special Thanks to:

Neil Winn, National Park Service teams, and the USCG/Navigation Center

NSRS Modernization Timeline

June 2025

Initial release of key data sets (Beta site)

Sep 2025

Second release of tools and services (Beta site)

Early 2026

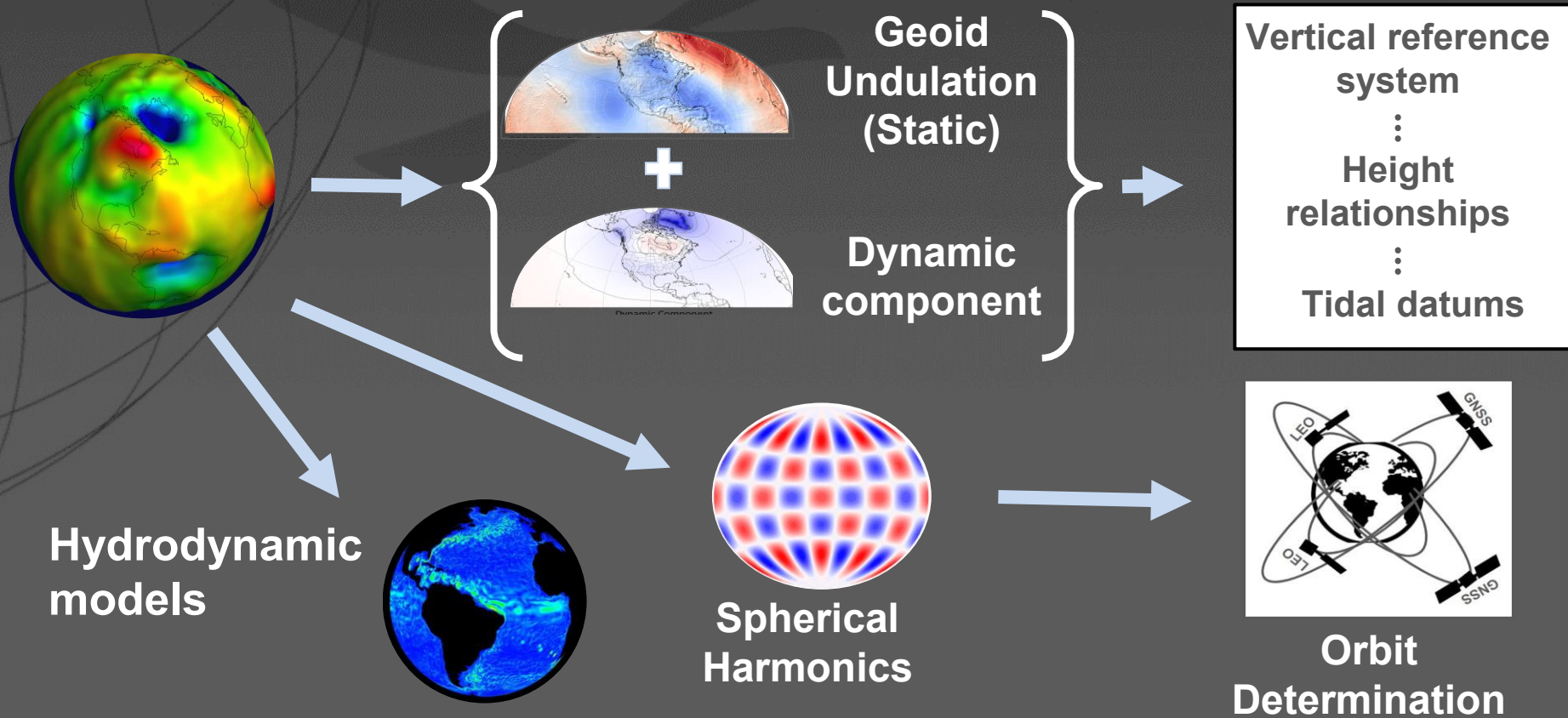
Finalizing tools and service based on comments provided through the Beta site (Beta site)

Late 2026/7

FGDC Approval - Moving all data, tools and services into production

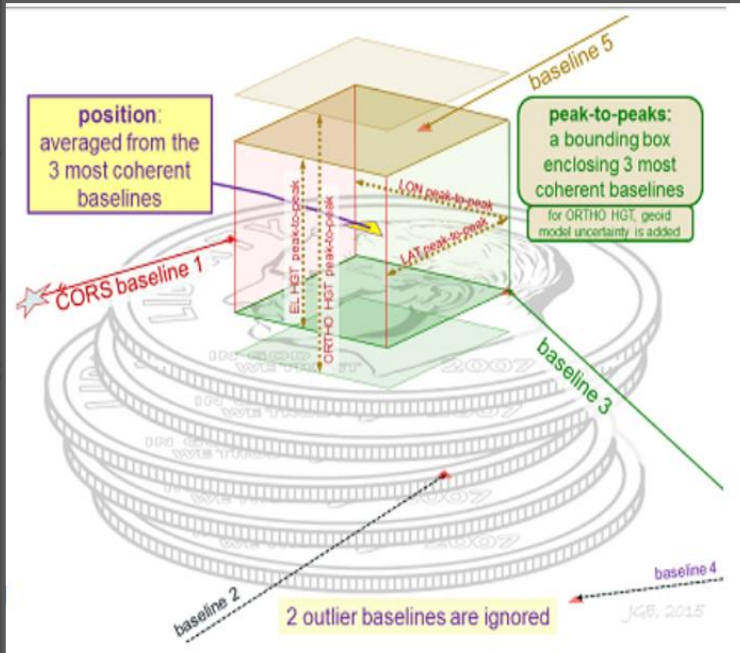
Modernized NSRS Deploys!

Geopotential modeling (Geoid2022)



How do we access the modernized NSRS?

Answer: Using GNSS, or more specifically -
Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) -<https://geodesy.noaa.gov/OPUS/>



OPUS Rapid Static (OPUS-RS)

- 15 minutes to 2 hours of GPS data

OPUS Static (OPUS-S)

- same requirements as above
- 2 to 48 hours of GPS data

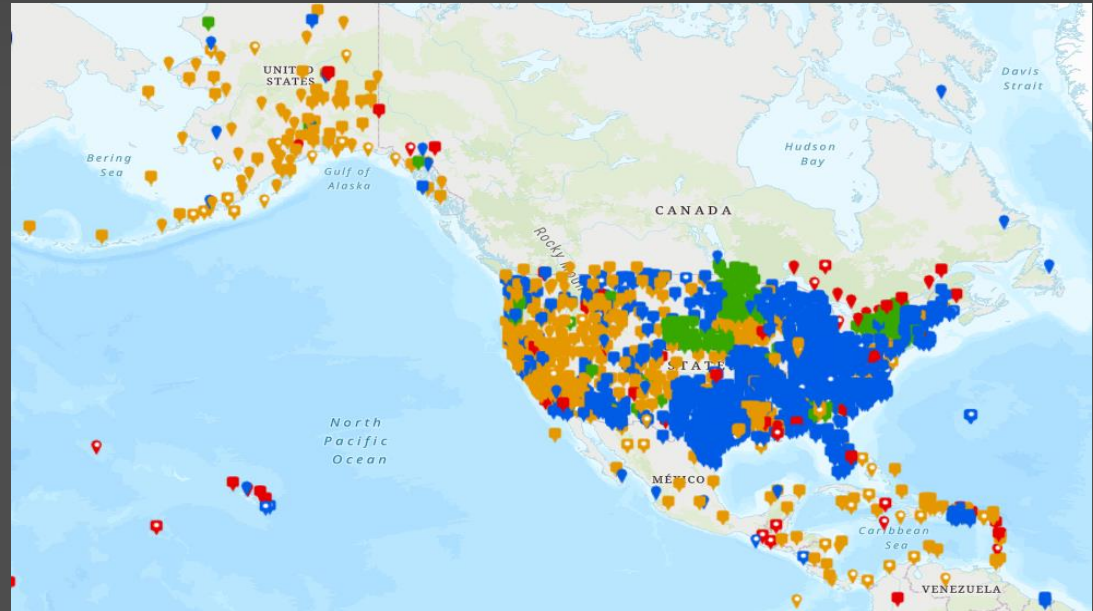
OPUS Projects (OP)

- adds session processing and network adjustment
- training by NGS currently required (~12 hours)

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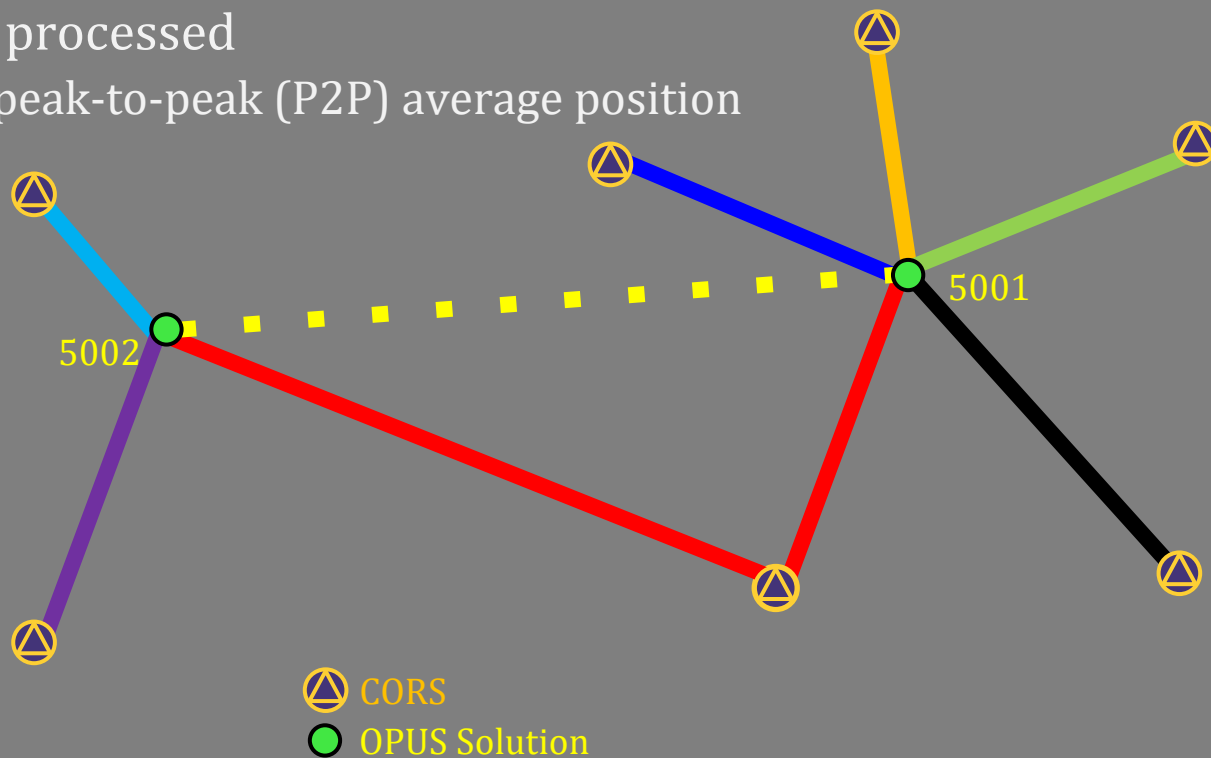
NOAA's **Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network (NCN)** provides Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data, supporting three dimensional positioning, meteorology, space weather, and geophysical applications throughout the United States.

The NCN is a multi-purpose, multi-agency cooperative endeavor, combining the efforts of hundreds of government, academic, and private organizations. **The stations are independently owned and operated.** Each agency shares their GNSS carrier phase and code range measurements and station metadata with NGS, which are analyzed and distributed free of charge.



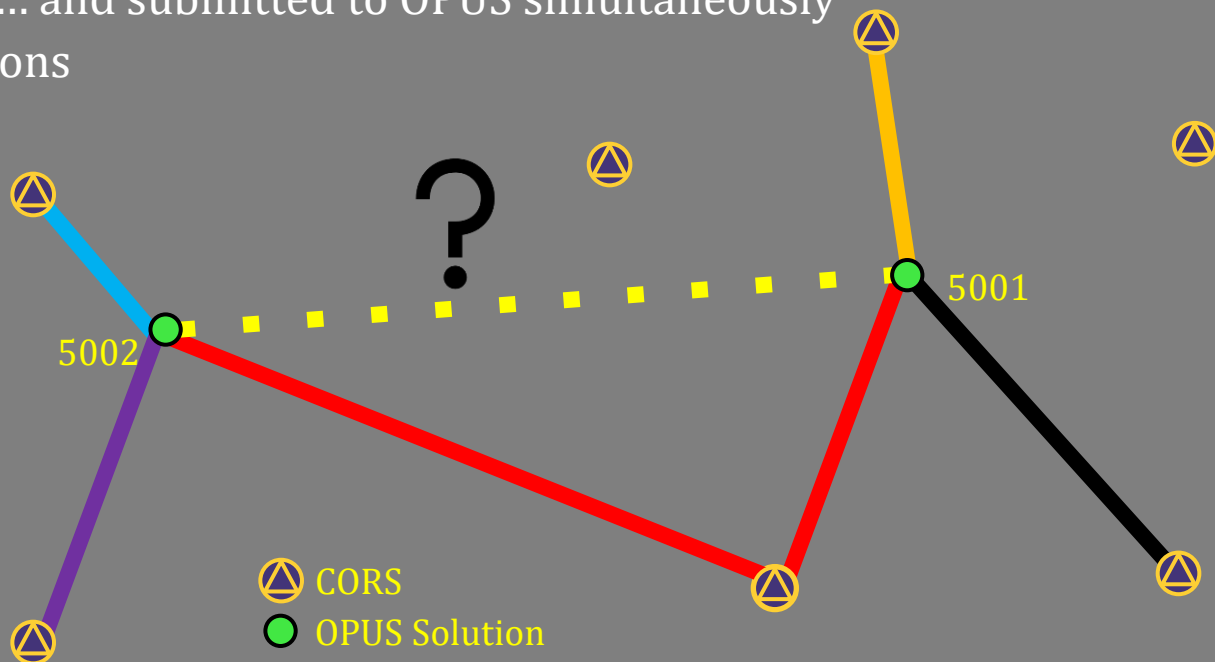
OPUS Static (OPUS-S)

- 2 to 48 hours
- Best 3 of 5 baselines
- Sequentially processed
- Reports your peak-to-peak (P2P) average position



OPUS Static (OPUS-S)

- No correlation between your observed marks
 - Low Relative Accuracy
- Even if ... collected simultaneously
 - ... and submitted to OPUS simultaneously
- OPUS-S = independent solutions



CORS standards in the modernizes NSRS

Standardized format -

Receiver Independent Exchange Format (RINEX) version 3.0 or newer

Naming conventions -

Due to the large number of CORS and other permanent GNSS station available, the station names will be expanded from four-character to nine-character

Resiliency?-

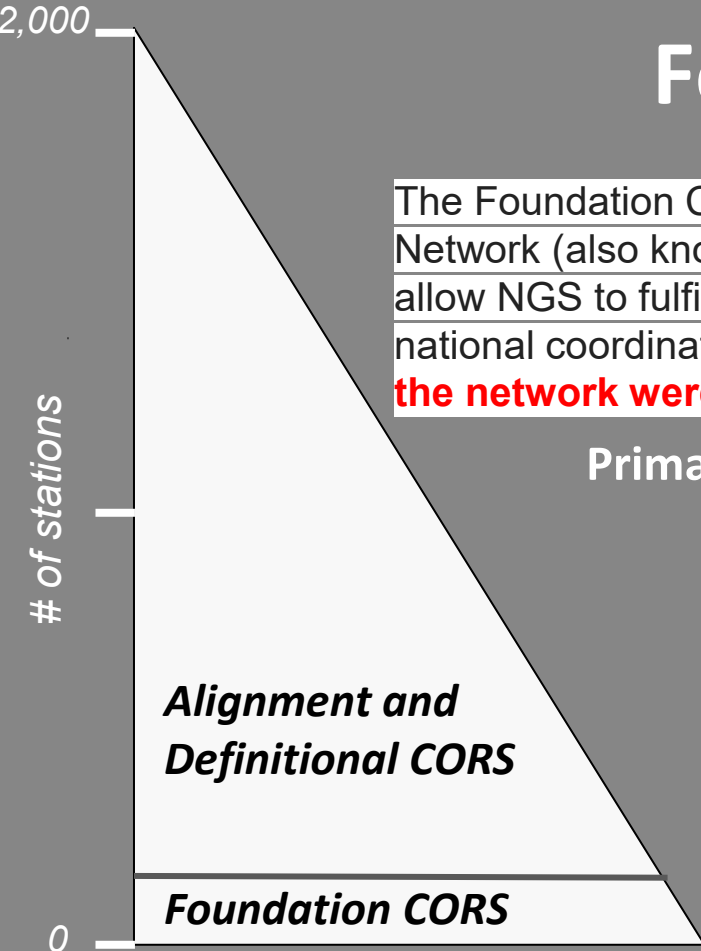
Are all CORS that are used as access services to the NSRS are dependent on publicly-owned volunteer data?

Foundation CORS (FCORS)

The Foundation CORS (FCORS) are the “backbone” of the NOAA permanent GPS Network (also known as, NOAA CORS Network, NCN). The purpose of FCORS is to allow NGS to fulfill its core mission: to define, maintain, and provide access to the national coordinate system defined by NOAA, **even if every single other station in the network were to cease providing data**

Primary requirements:

- A permanent GPS station that provides stable measurements that allows accurate station position and velocity.
- The location of station should be outside of a tectonic fault zone
- The station cannot be down (offline or not functioning) for more than 14 days.
- 800 km to 1,000 km to support OPUS services
- Collect at a 1 second rate in order to support RTN operations

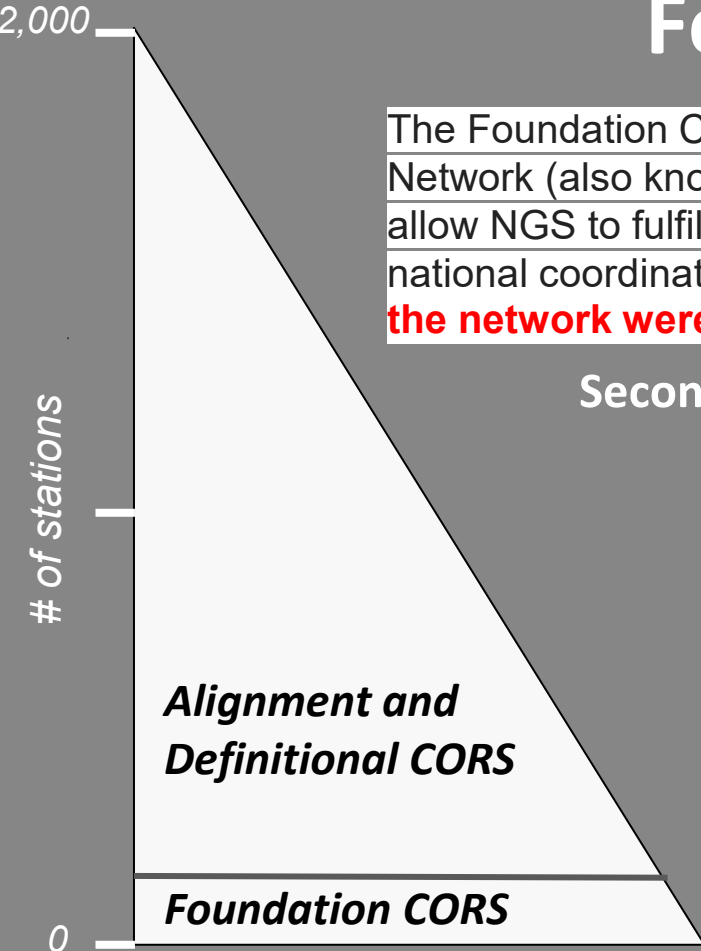


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Secondary requirements:

- Ability to acquire other GNSS signals (e.g., Galileo, GLONASS, and BeiDou).
- Additional locations can be included in areas that are co-located with other space geodetic techniques (SLR, VLBA, DORIS).
- The monumentation of the station is on the ground rather than on top of a roof
- PNT resilient against electronic warfare
- Utilize nearby CORS as backup stations to ensure continuation of operations



Foundation CORS domains

The underlying infrastructure behind the NSRS geometric network



OPUS

Providing GNSS corrections for surveying and engineering community



Federal Partners

DoC/NOAA

NASA

DoD/USACE

DoI/NPS

DoT/FAA*



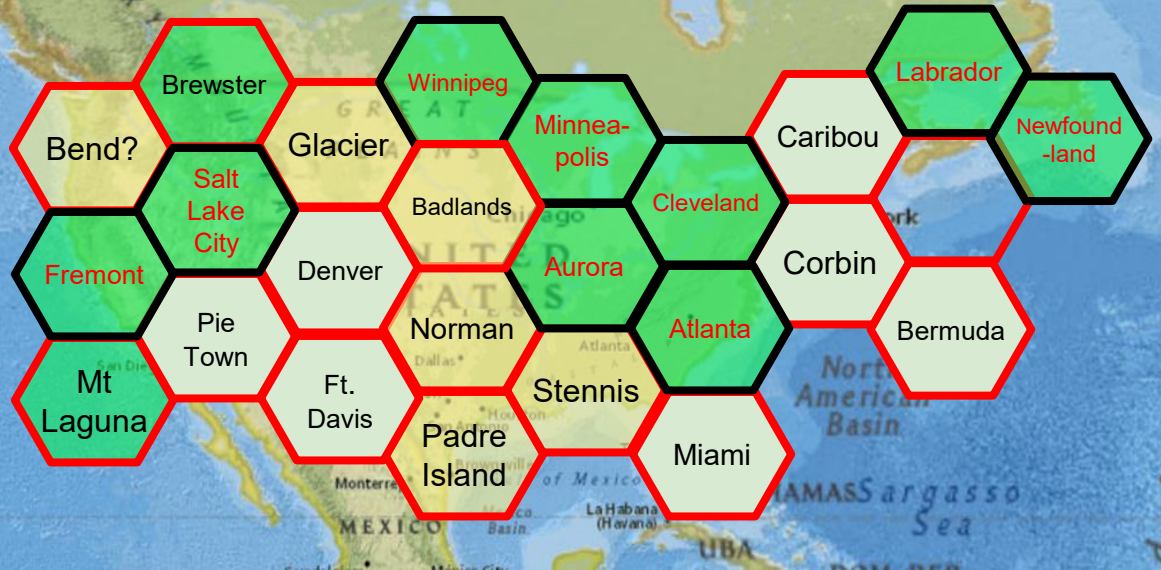
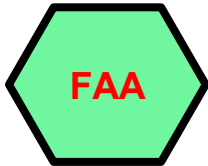
* To supplement the coverage FCORS network includes **FAA WAAS** stations as a temporary solution

Current status (FY26)*

* with a goal of 24 operational FCORS in CONUS and 5 operational FCORS in AK

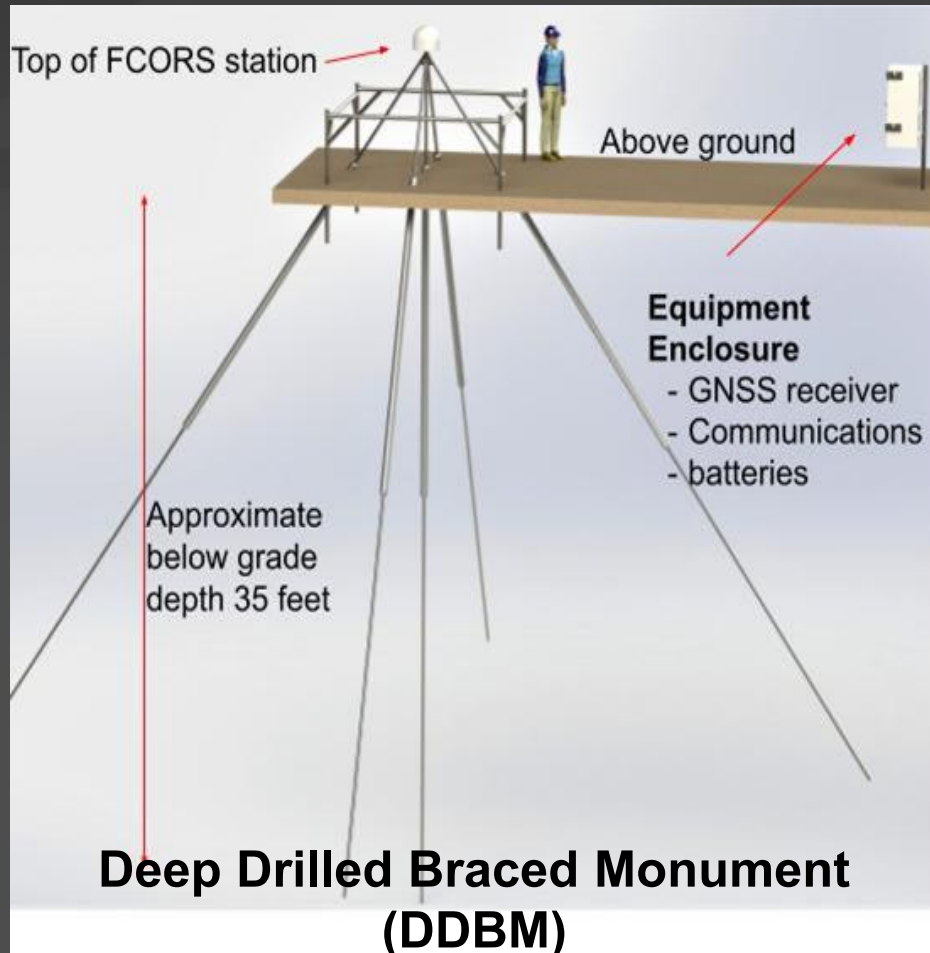


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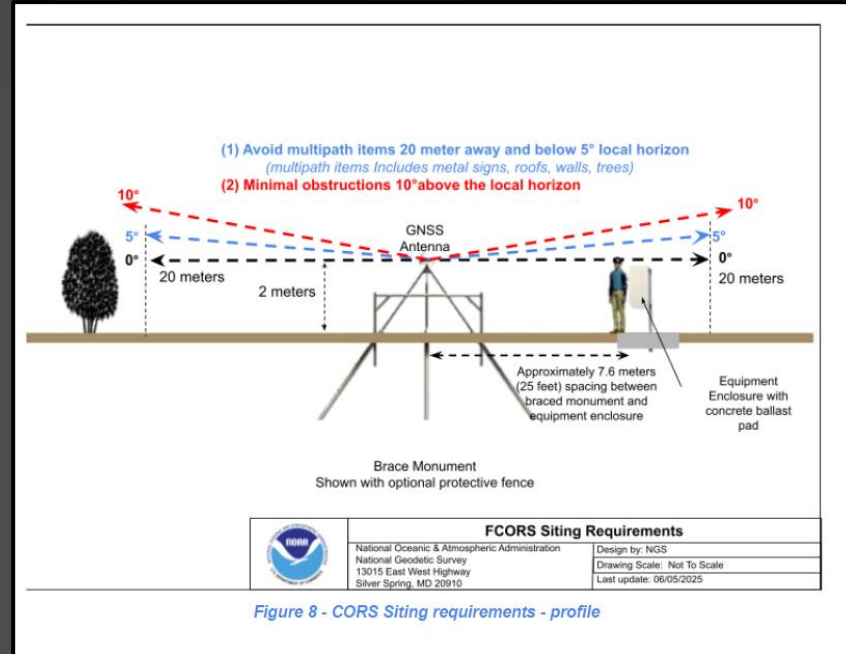
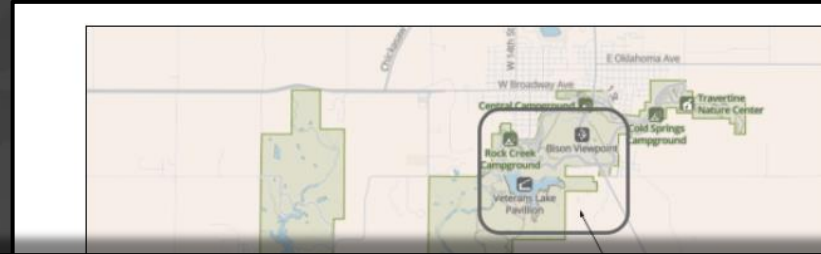
Foundation CORRS Design

Complete Geodetic monument (antenna at top)



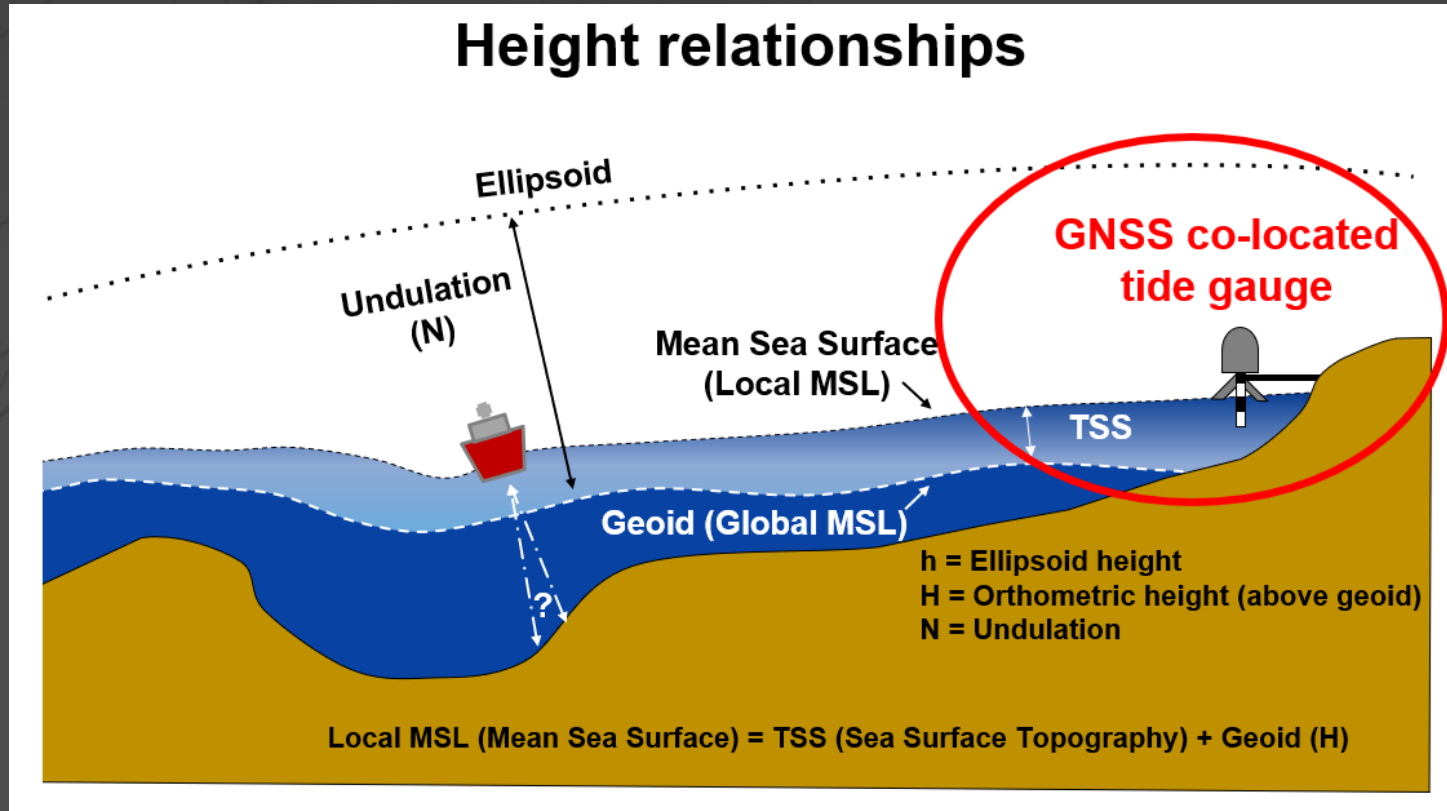
Logistics

- ✓ Hardware
- ✓ Contractor on call
- ✓ Field crew
- Permit?

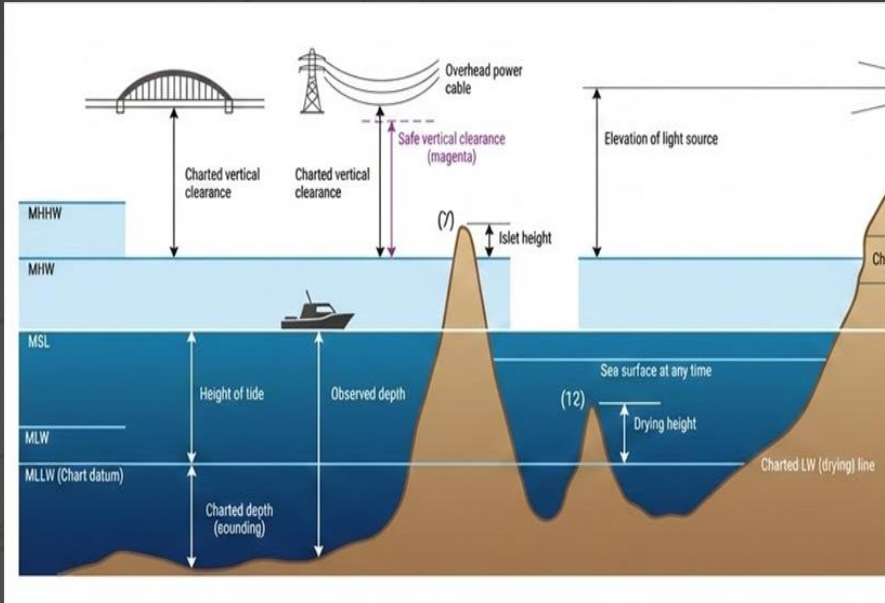


Civil applications examples that require access to the NSRS

Connecting the tidal datum to the NSRS



Precision Marine Navigation



Schematic illustration of S-1XX and S-4XX layers (IHO.int)

Schematic illustration of Hazards to Navigation and Aids to Navigation (NOAA Chart No. 1)



Water Forecasting, Warnings, Emergency Response, and Planning

NOAA that includes federal and academic partners to review NOAA needs and consolidate them into individual modeling systems (i.e., global and regional atmosphere, ocean, land, etc.) using a smaller set of coupled Earth System models that would continue to serve its various stakeholders.

Risk Reduction



Aftermath of Hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach, FL. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

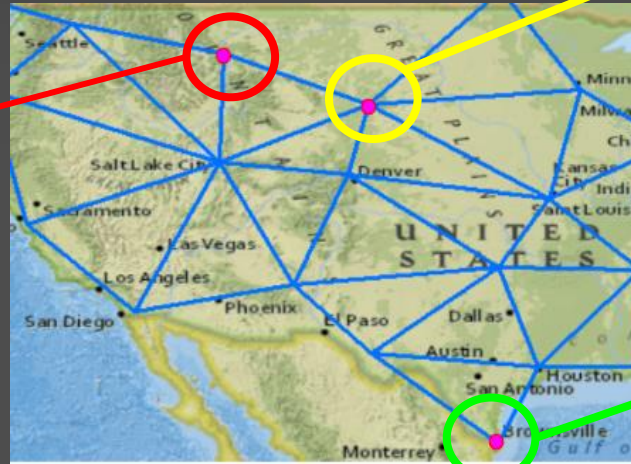
Total Water Level



NWS Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map for Hurricane Dorian (NowCOAST - 9/2019)

Control using Complimentary Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (CPNT)

Co-location with eLoran sites (USCG)



Gillette, WY



Havre, MT



Raymondville, TX

Summary

- NOAA is releasing a new modernized National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)
- To align observations, marks and other features in the new NSRS, it is possible to use NOAA's Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) that calculates a GNSS observation with respect to NOAA's CORS network.
- The new Foundation CORS network will support's NOAA's NGS core mission: to define, maintain, and provide access to the national coordinate system defined by NOAA, even if every single other station in the network were to cease providing data

Thanks!

*Working with industry, government, and academia to adopt NSRS
(U.S. - Canada Industry Summit, 4/23-24/2025)*



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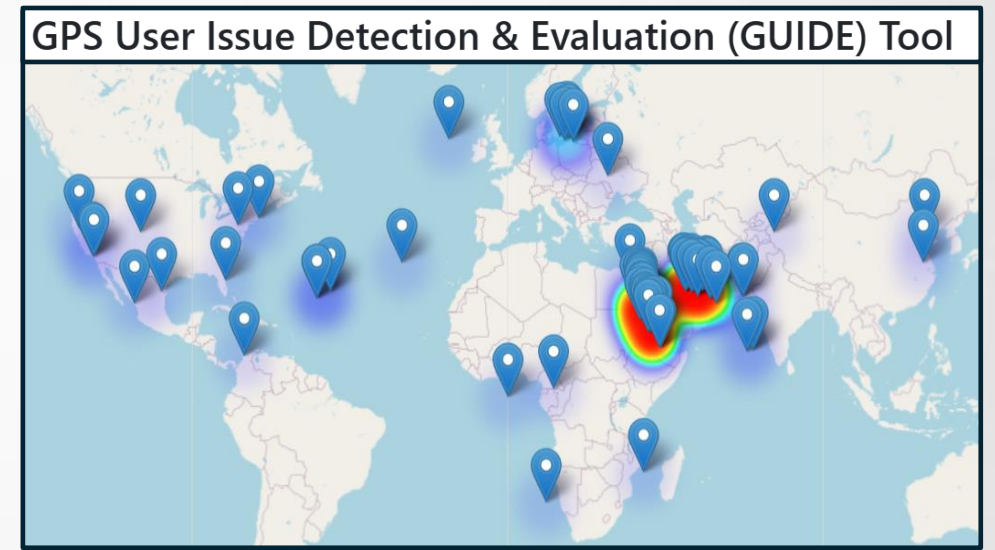
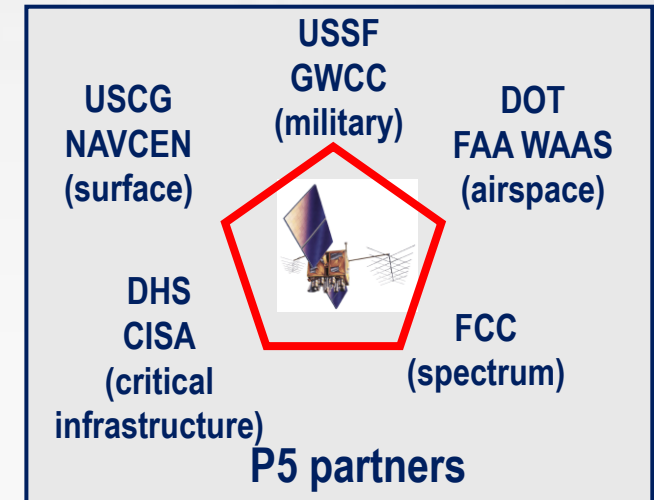
CORS ANALYTIC TOOL

Leveraging National CORS Network for GPS Interference Detection

- Presented by: Dr. Andria Bilich - NGS
 - Co-author: Christopher Gauthier
 - Chief Operations Specialist
 - Supervisor Navigation Information Service (NIS)
- U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center

NAVCEN's Role in GPS

- The Navigation Center (NAVCEN) is the designated civilian interface to the Global Positioning System (GPS).
- Core responsibilities include disseminating GPS health and status information and, crucially, receiving, analyzing, and documenting public reports of GPS service disruptions.

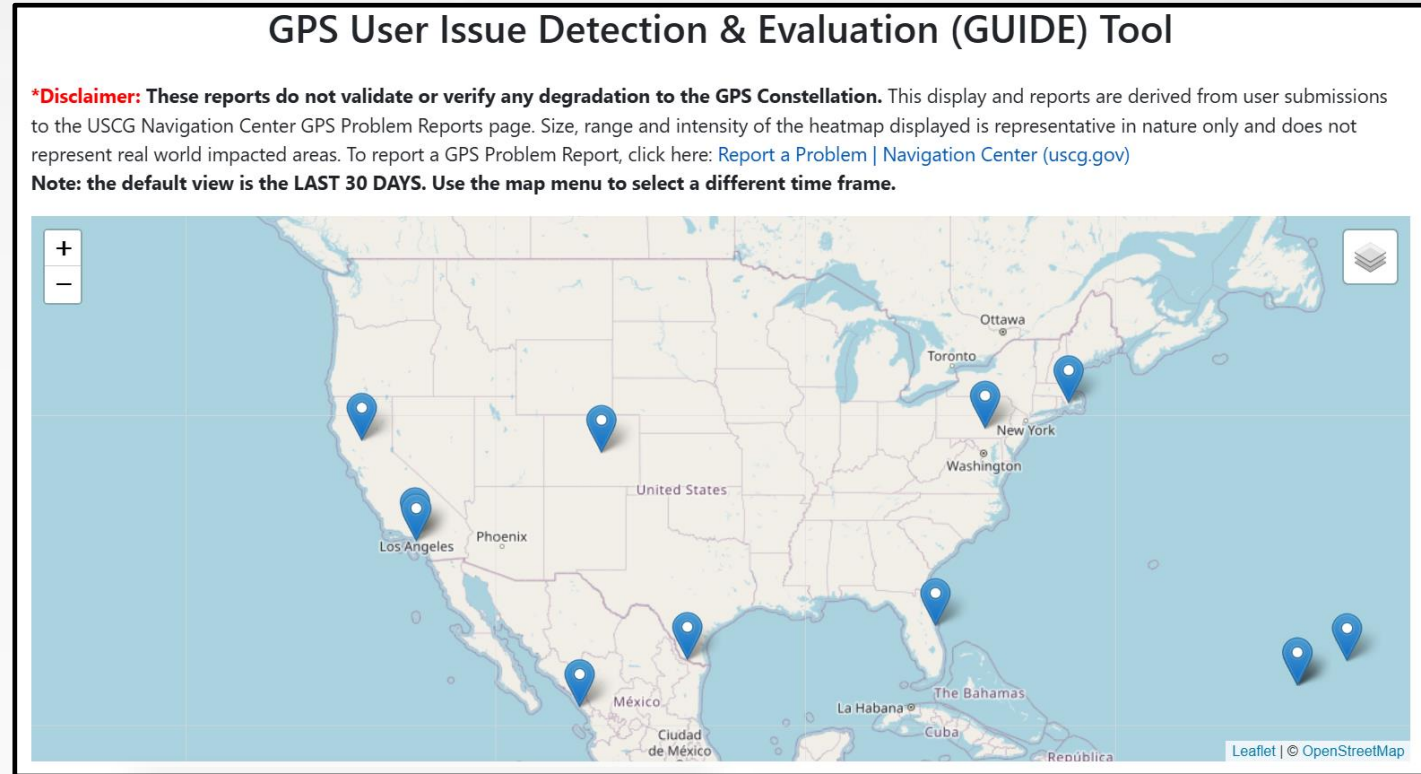


GPS User Issue Detection & Evaluation (GUIDE) Tool | Navigation Center

The Challenge: Validating GPS Interference Reports

The Analytical Gap:

- NAVCEN receives numerous user reports of potential GPS disruptions, ranging from single-user issues to wide-area events.
- Historically, there has been a lack of a robust, data-driven system to rapidly and independently validate these reports.



USER: On 19 January 2026 at 0722 LT (1422 UTC), Navigator of the Seas experienced a complete, simultaneous loss of DGNSS positional data from all three SAAB GNSS receivers (R5/R6 Supreme) inside Mazatlán Harbour, within the turning circle during a starboard swing at approximately 0.4 kt headway (bow 0.4 kt to stbd; stern 0.4 kt to port).

USER: On the 25th of June, I had a dropped call during operation of my existing telephone call while within the UCCS cyber building. Which was followed up by a missed message and a SOS indication in the top right corner. I tried to resolve the issue by resetting the wireless settings, to include Wi-Fi and cellular/airplane mode options to no avail. 40 mins later, regular service was resumed/restored.

USER: Intermittently for the last several weeks boats have been losing all satellites on all makes/models of GPS receivers. When the vessels exit the harbor or wait, the signals are received again.

Problem: How can NAVCEN reliably differentiate between a user's equipment malfunction and a genuine, localized GPS interference event without immediately deploying costly physical assets?

Solution: CORS Analytic Tool (CSAT)

CSAT is a novel tool developed in-house designed to provide objective, quantifiable evidence of GPS signal degradation.

- CSAT ingests data from the NOAA Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) network.
- By utilizing this existing, high-fidelity data source (RINEX files), CSAT provides a low-cost government solution for GPS interference detection.

NOAA CORS SNR Analysis Dashboard

NOAA CORS Reference: [Click here](#) to view a map of NOAA's CORS sites.

Input Parameters

Site	Date
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4–6 characters.
Constellations
 GPS only All GNSS (strict)
Strict mode includes only constellations/bands currently supported by the parser.

Information

This pane can be used for instructions, data availability notes, or summary context for the selected site/date.

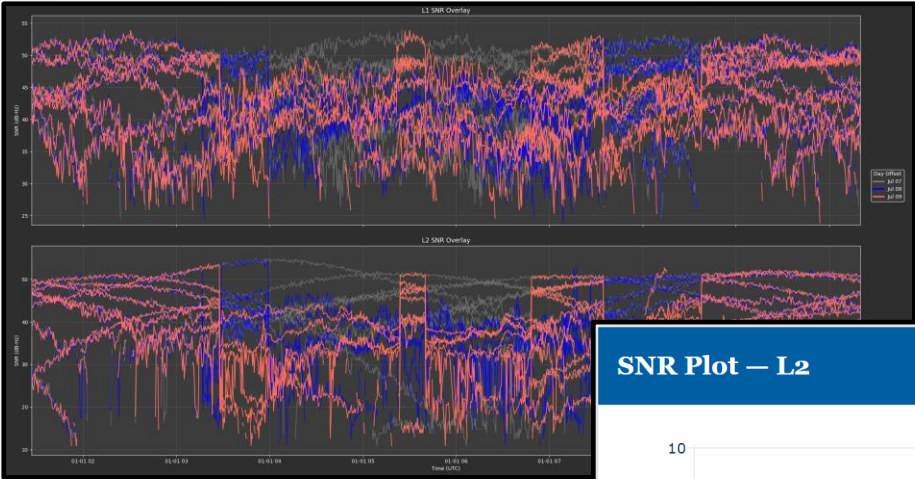
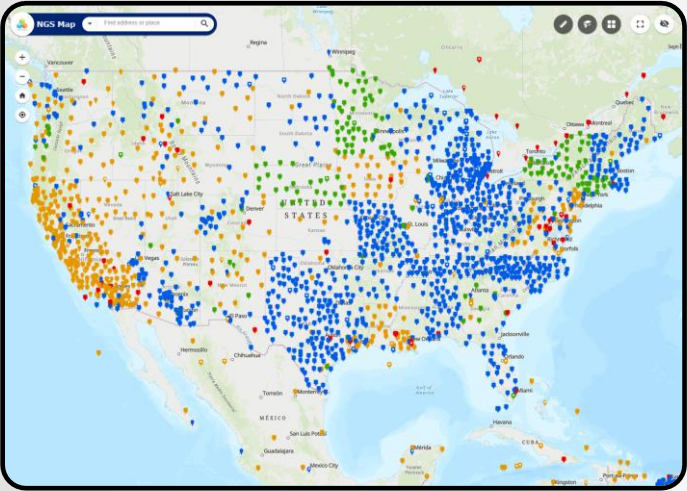
- Bands enabled: L1, L2 (for now)
- Data source: NOAA HTTP / cache (later)
- Run hints / validation messages (later)

Status

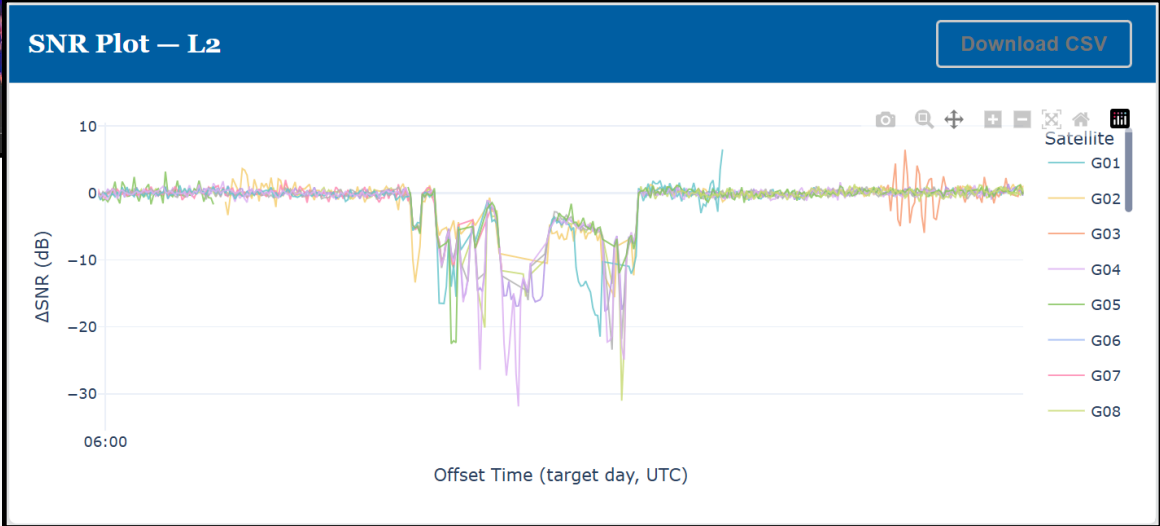
Idle.

CORS Analytic Tool (CSAT)

CSAT leverages the 1800+ CORS sites to retrieve and process observational data into clear and insightful plots. Clean and simplified plots allows non-technical users to clearly identify and corroborate GPS Disruption Reports.



Raw SNR data



The Core Metric: Signal-To-Noise Ratio (SNR)

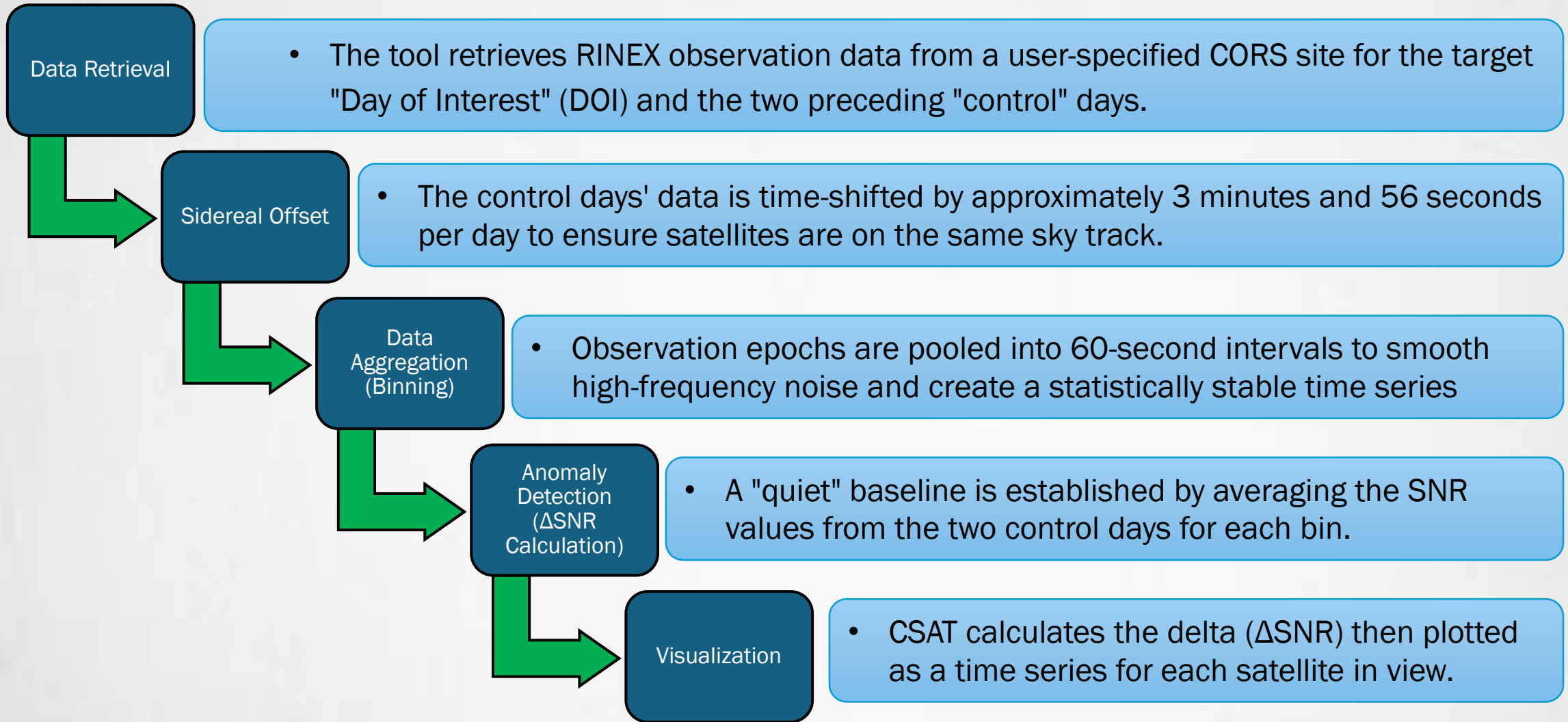
Why SNR is a Key Indicator of Interference:

- SNR is routinely recorded by GNSS receivers operating at CORS. SNR recorded for a single satellite will repeat every day, unless environmental conditions change.
- CSAT is engineered to detect this anomalous drop, by measuring assumed “normal” observation days against a suspected interference day.
- CSAT is built to process each satellite observation individually, and flags anomalies only when all satellites observe the same anomaly.



By maintaining each SV's observations, we can easily identify effects of localized EMI across all satellites.

CSAT Analytical Method

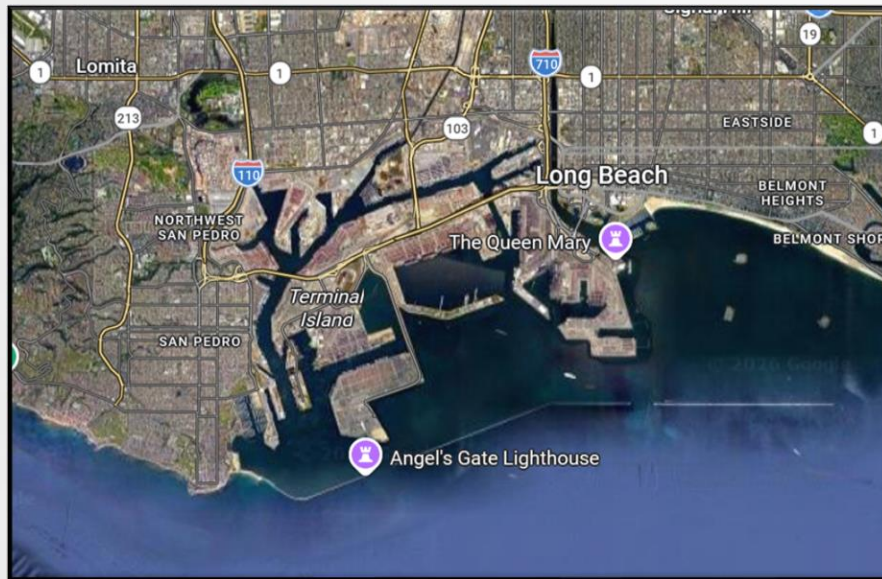


Case Study

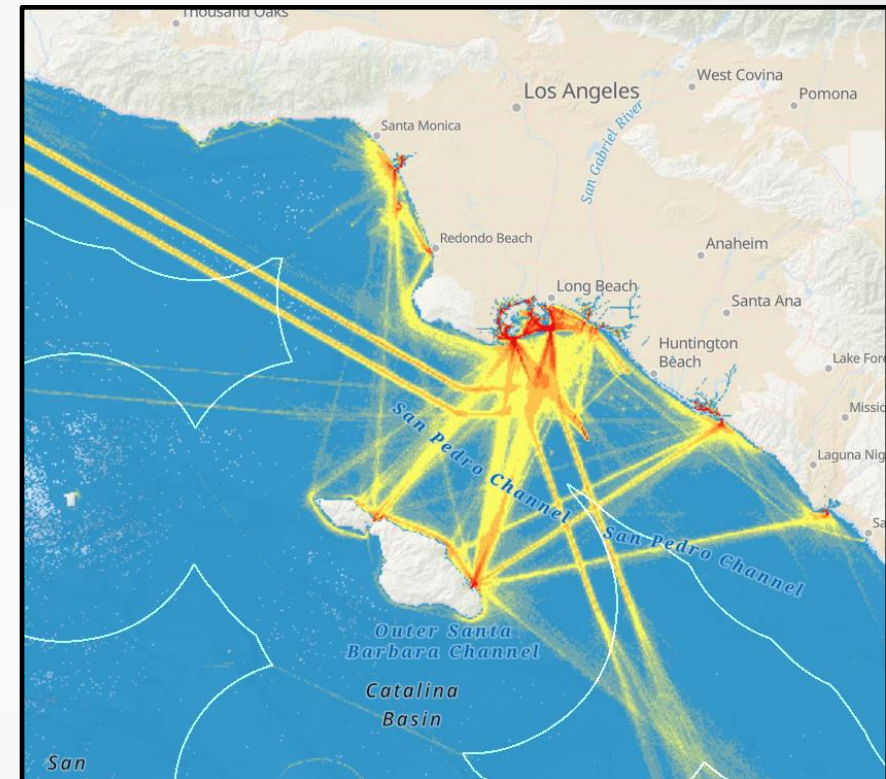
CSAT Performance against a known GPS Interference event

Point Mugu Sea Range, CA (30 Jan 2026)

Summary: USCG Vessel Traffic Service Los Angeles / Long Beach received nearly 20 reports of vessels experiencing a total loss of GPS within or near the Port of LA in a 1 hour timeframe between 0700z – 0800z.

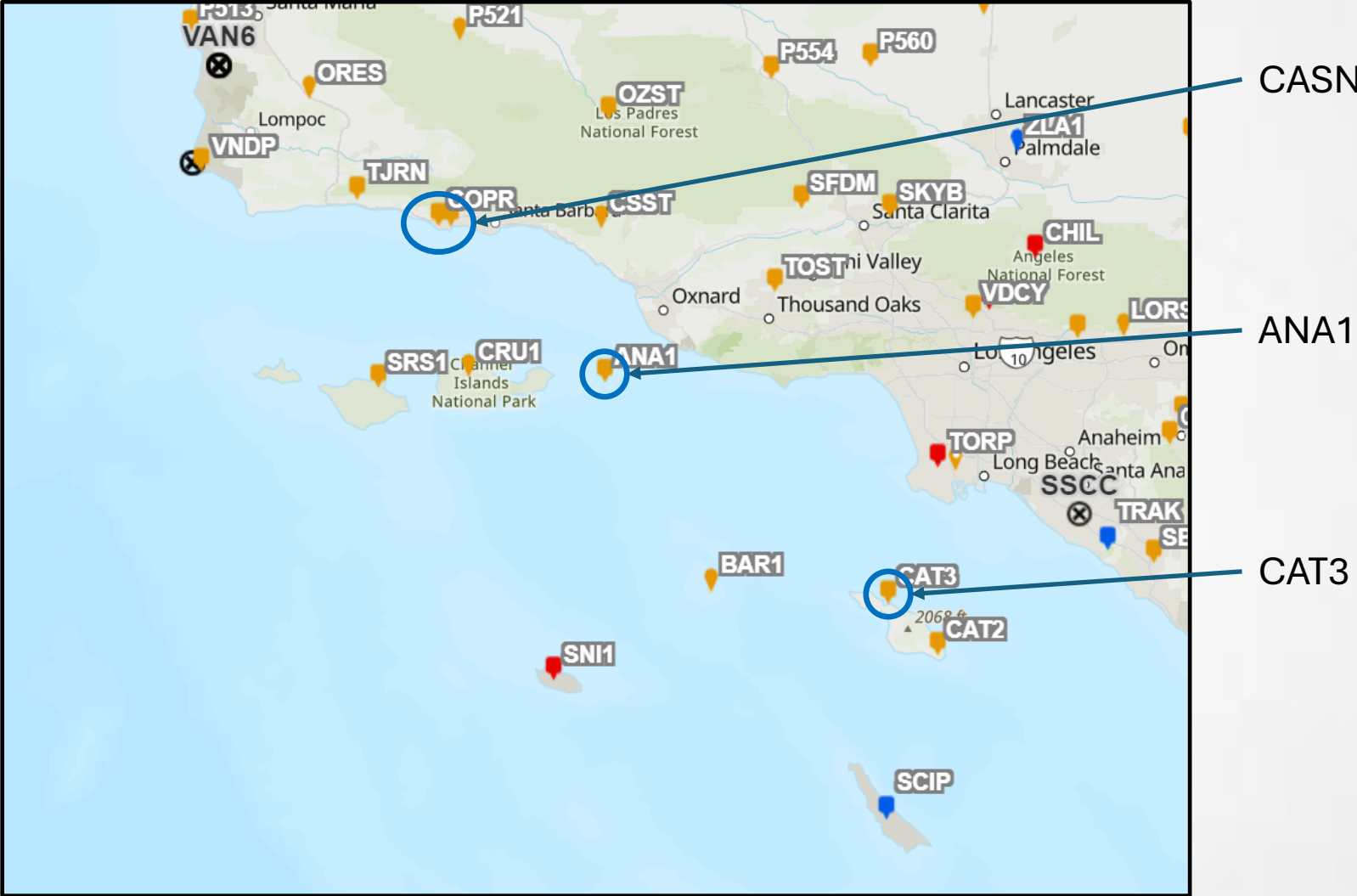


NOTAM INFO: NAV GPS (PMSRCA GPS 26-02) (INCLUDING WAAS, GBAS, AND ADS-B) MAY NOT BE AVBL WI A 452NM RADIUS CENTERED AT 332451N1183430W (SXC272008) FL400-UNL, 417NM RADIUS AT FL250, 356NM RADIUS AT 10000FT, 319NM RADIUS AT 4000FT AGL, 295NM RADIUS AT 50FT AGL.

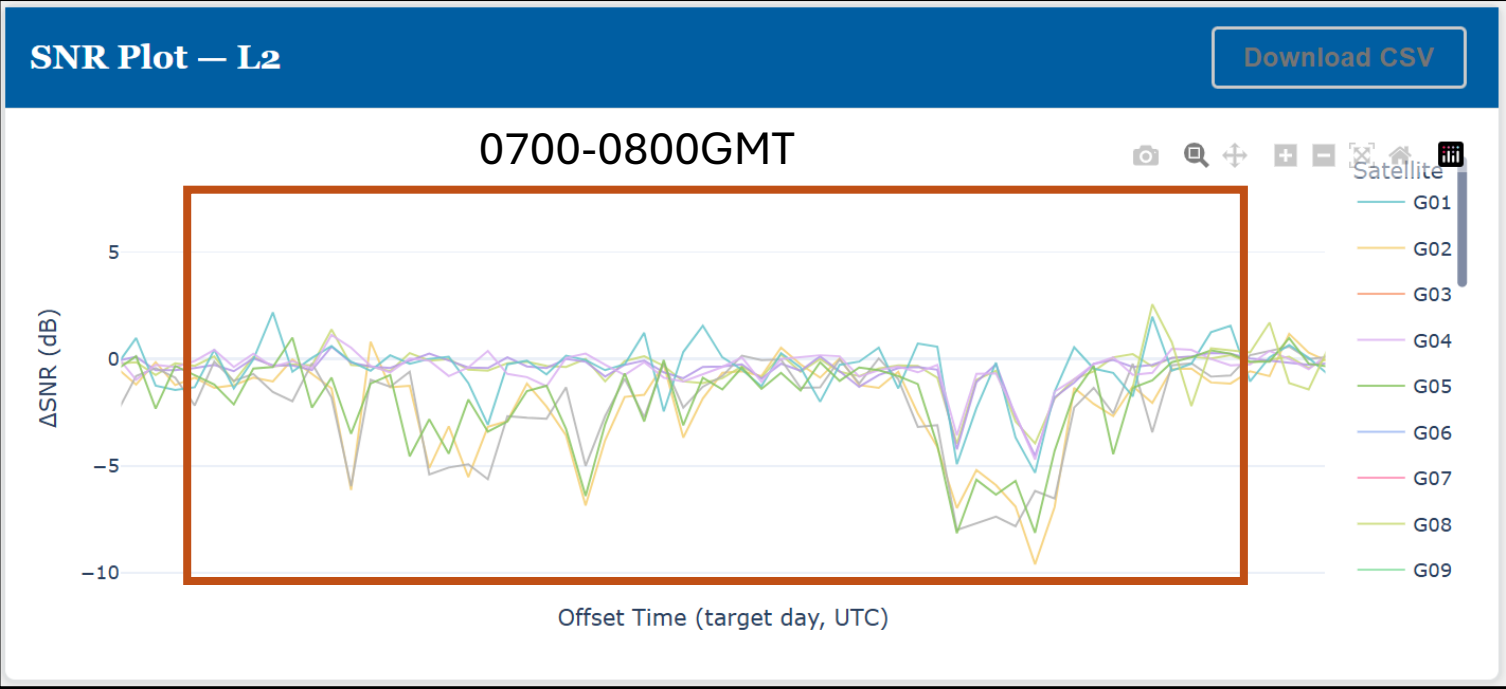
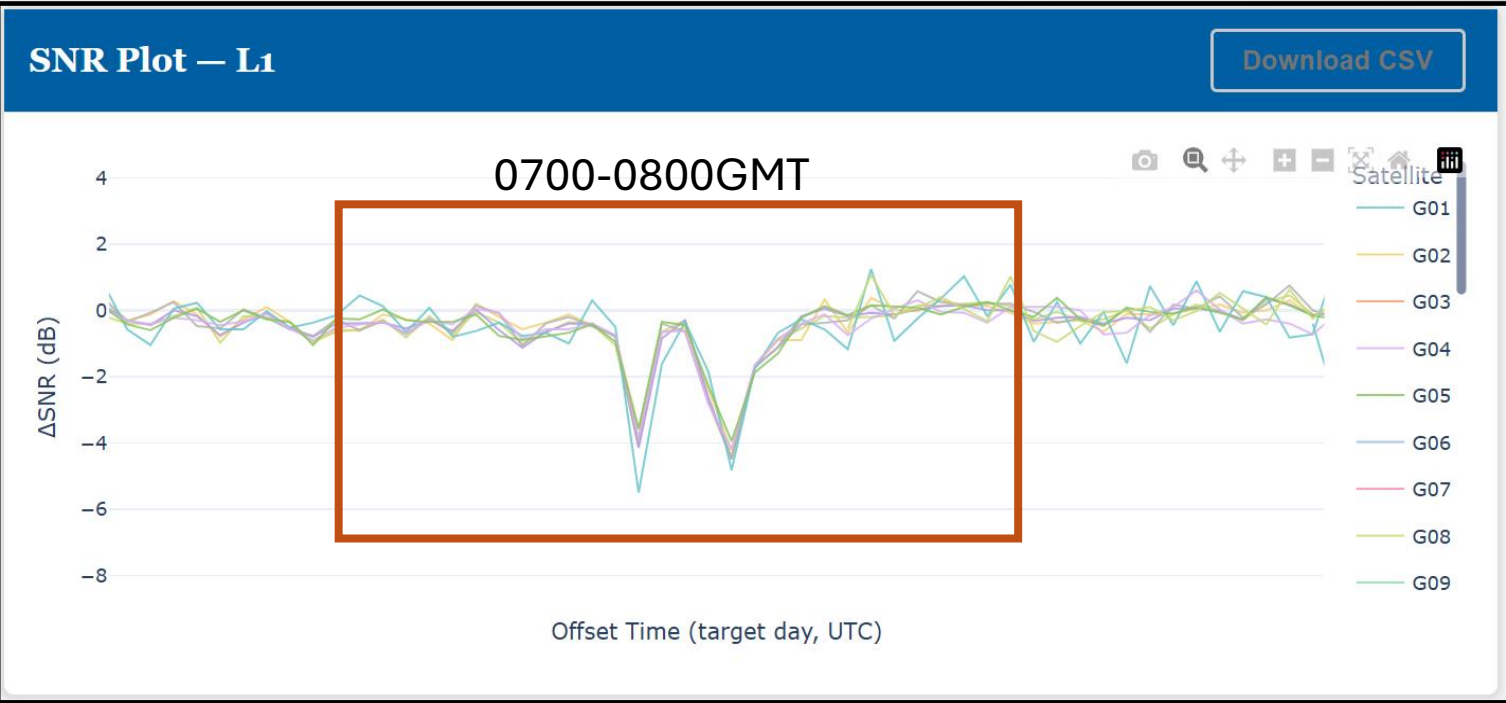
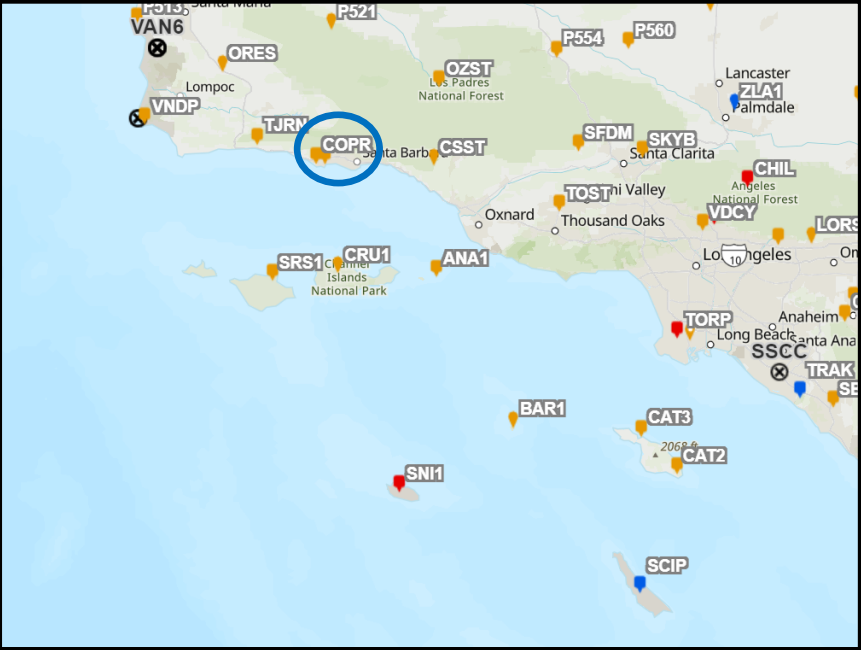


Source: Marine Cadastre National Viewer

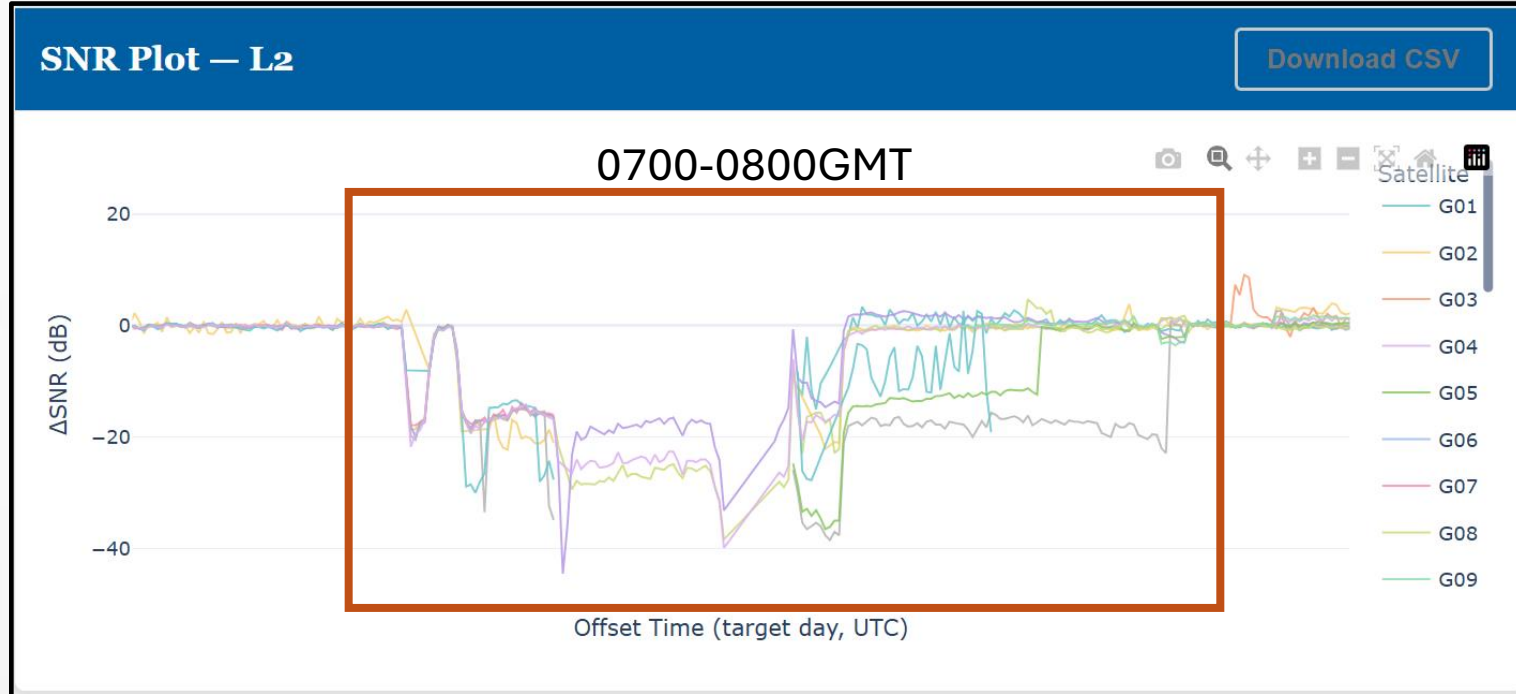
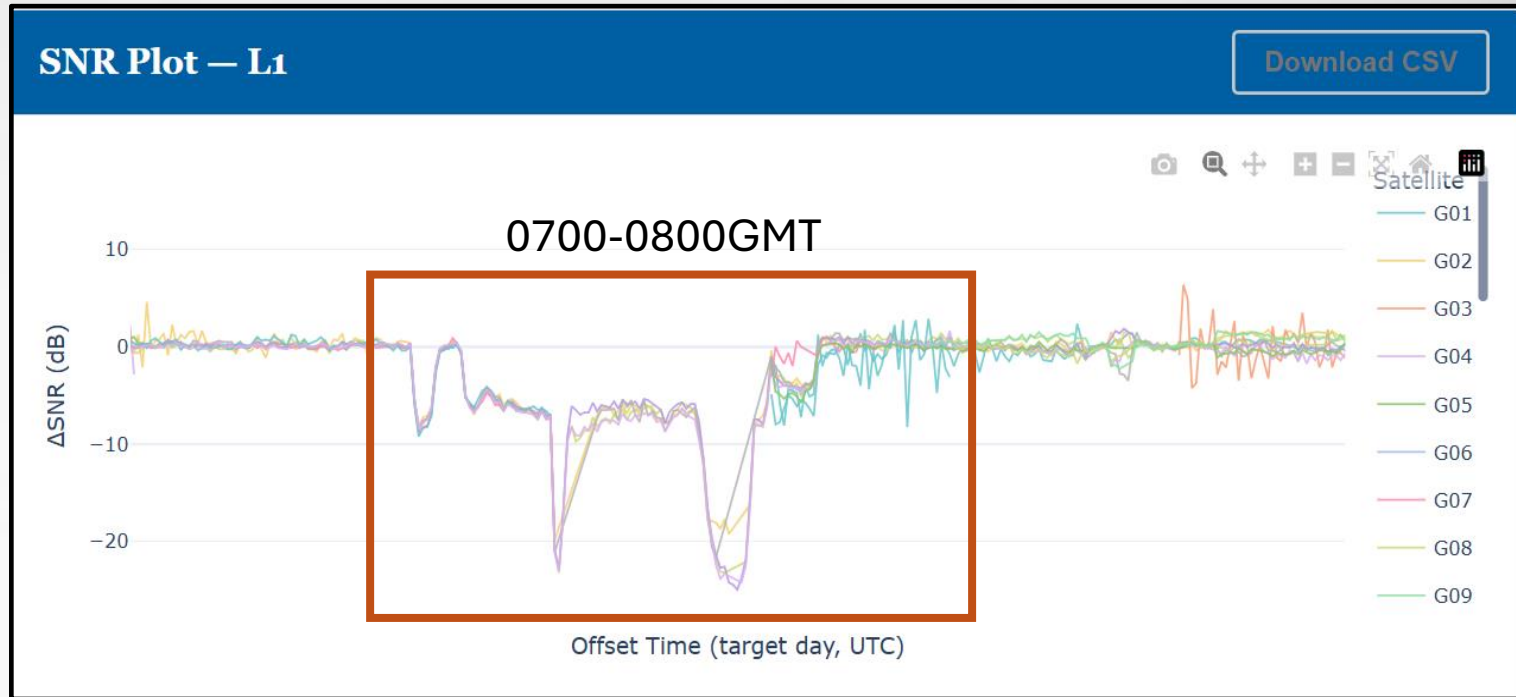
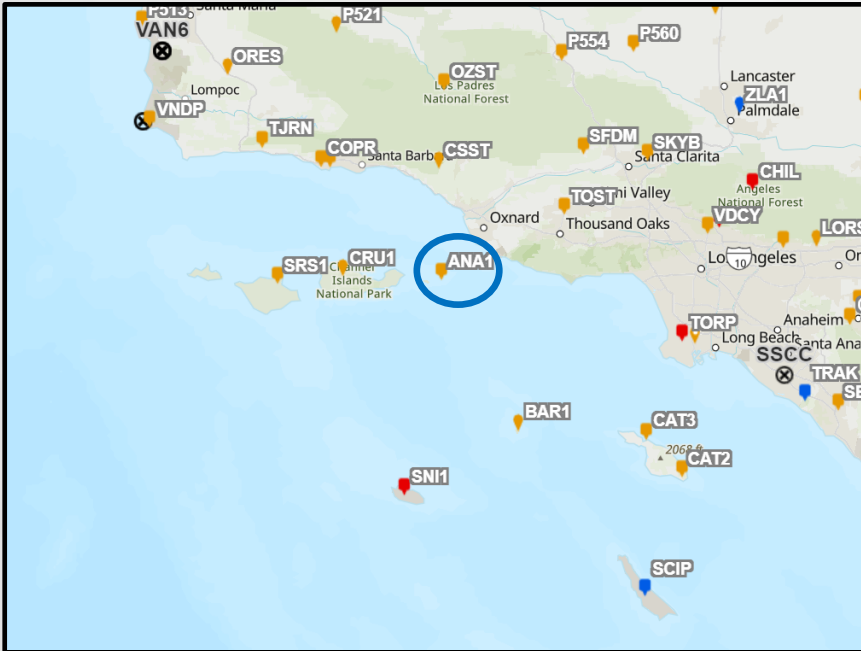
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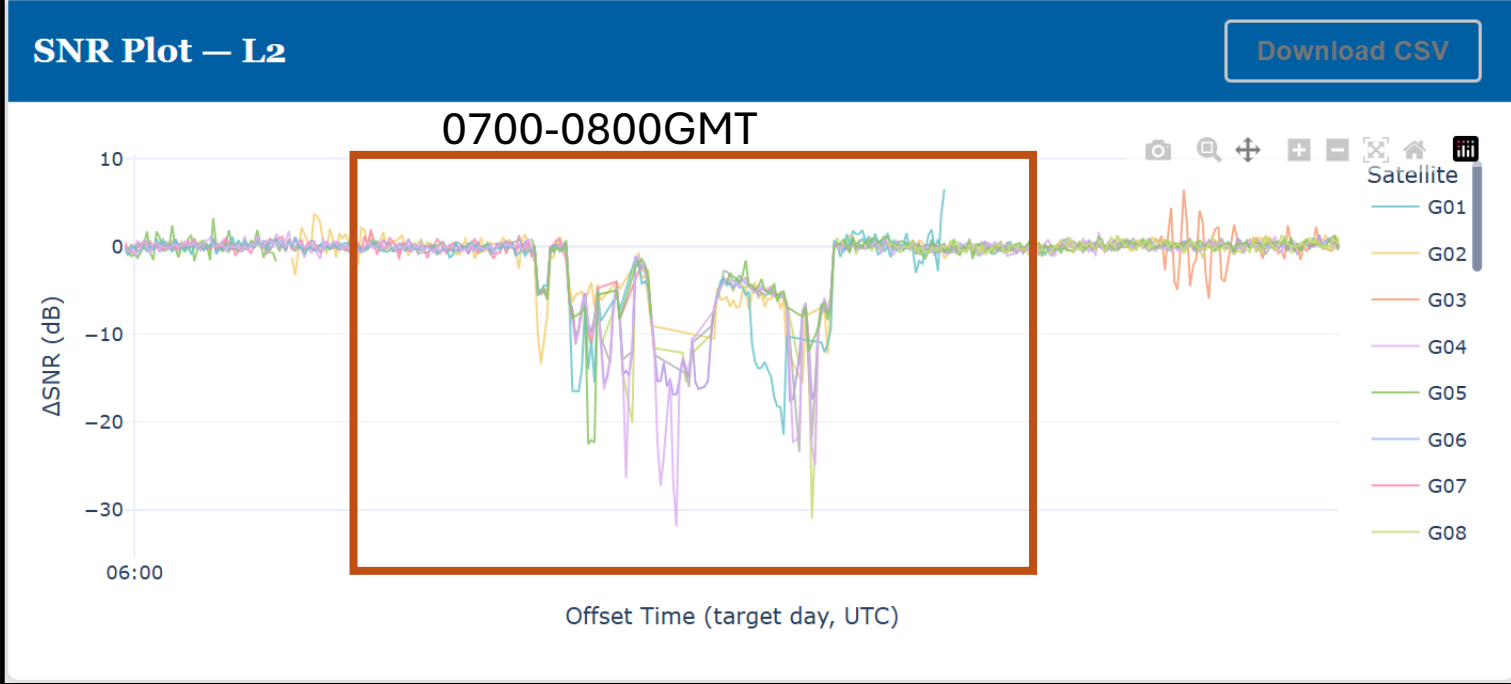
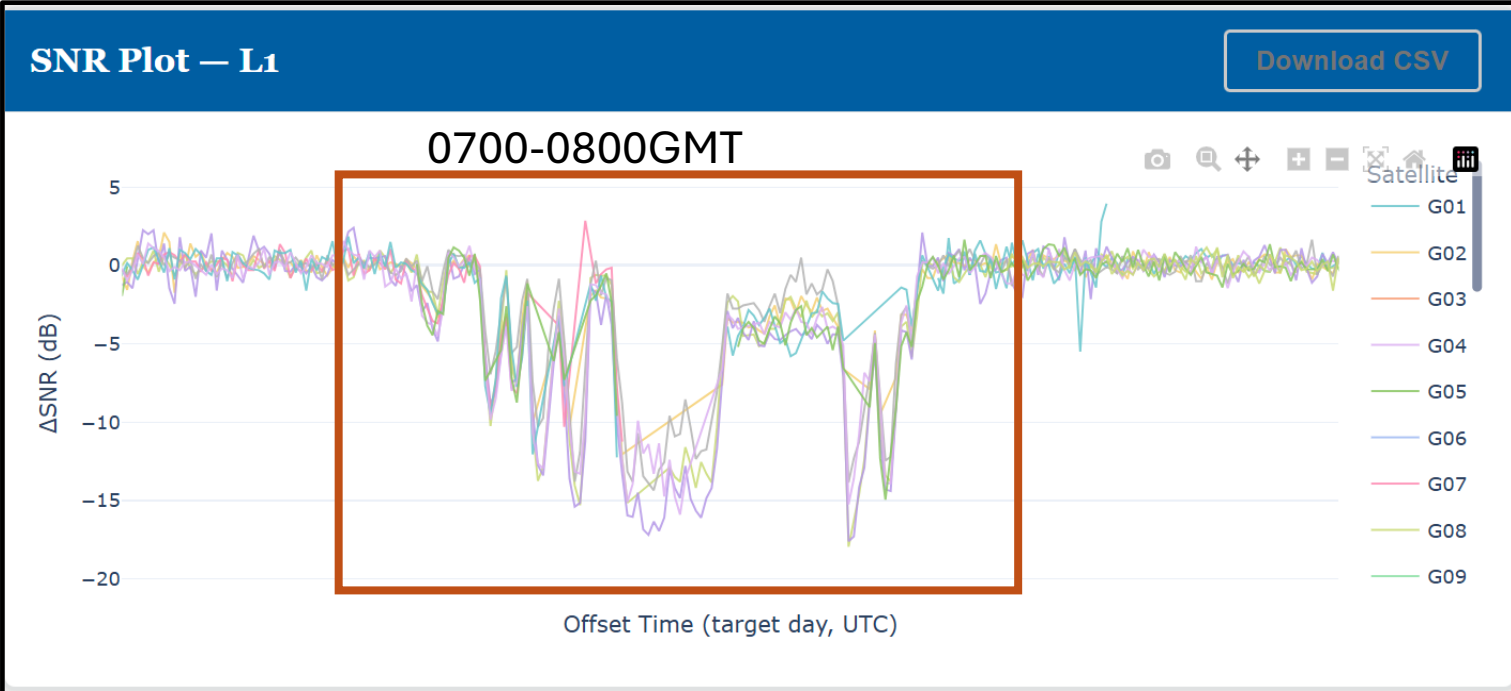
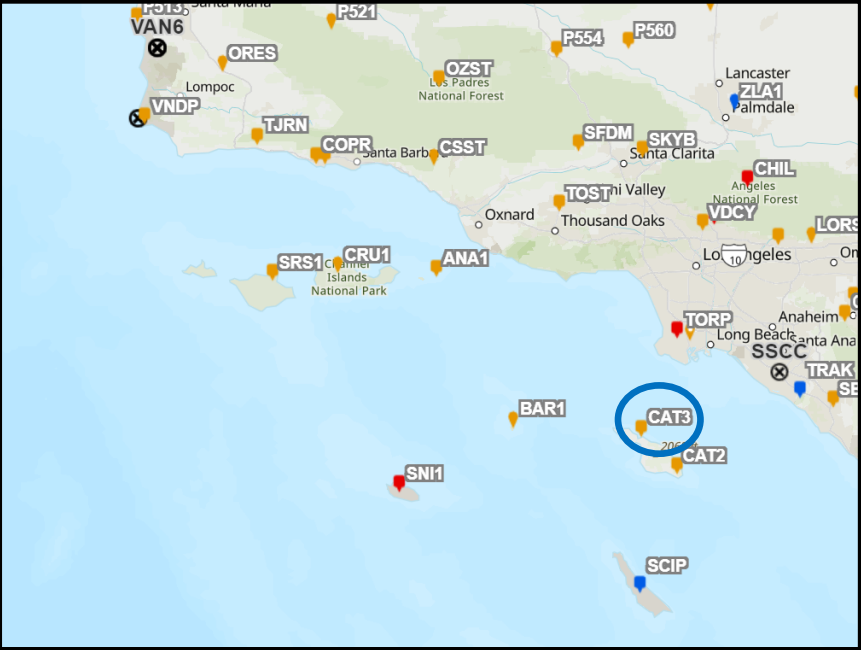
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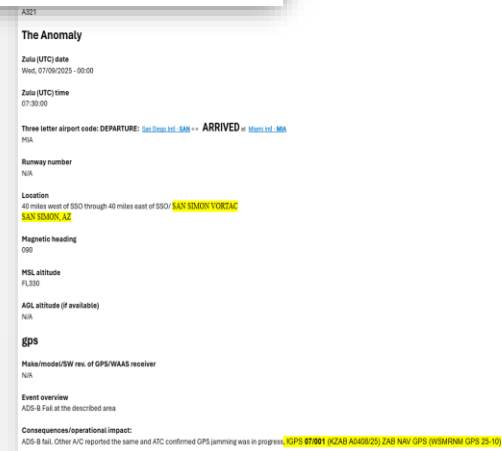


CAT3 – PMSR – 30Jan



Implication and Use

- Provides a US Government solution for validation of user reports.
- Requires minimal training to use and understand outputs.
- Increases confidence before expending limited resources.
- Leverages existing infrastructure (CORS) and well supported data format (RINEX), allowing easy expansion into other international ground based observational data.



Conclusion

Way Forward:

- Incorporate more GNSS constellations and bands.
- Add international ground-based reference stations data.
- Continue building partnerships with experts to validate data and use.

Key Takeaway: CSAT demonstrates how we can leverage existing national infrastructure to counter emerging threats. This model of agile innovation and cross-agency collaboration is essential for addressing future challenges in the PNT environment.

Reducing the “Geodesy Crisis” with a new Geodesy Master’s Program and Undergraduate Internship Program

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The Geodesy Crisis

America's loss of capacity and international competitiveness in geodesy, the economic and military implications, and some modes of corrective action

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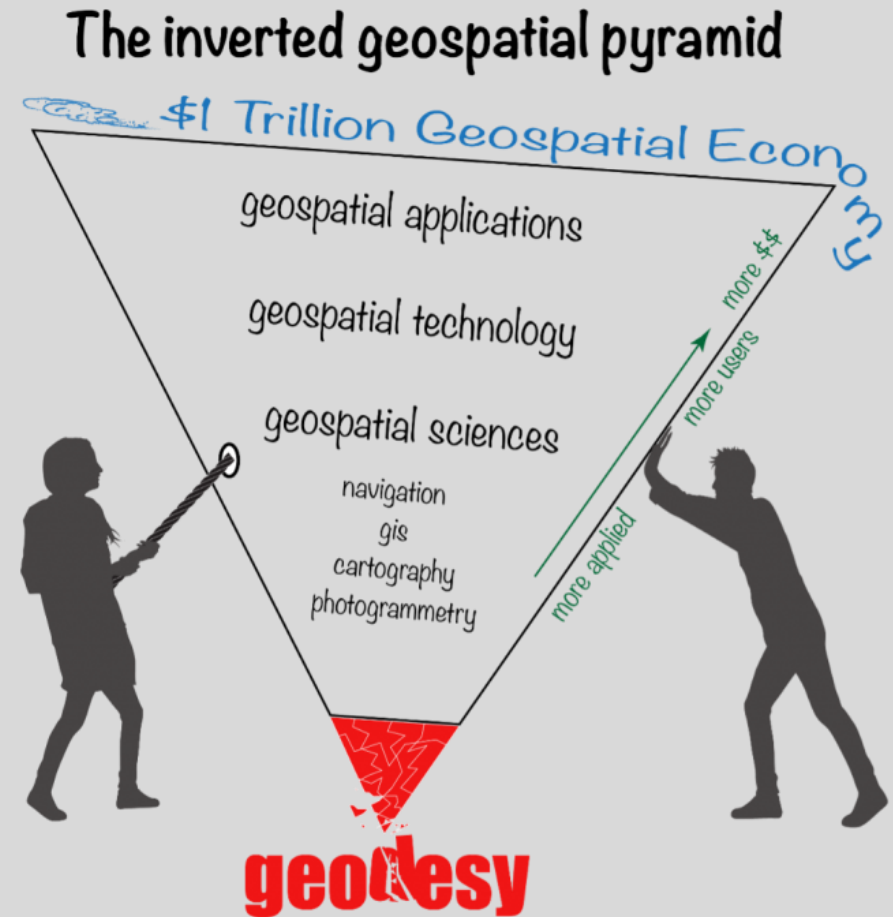
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The Geodesy Crisis

- Geodesy is the foundation of the geospatial economy, but the US is not educating enough geodesists
- *“The U.S. is on the verge of being permanently eclipsed in geodesy and in the downstream geospatial technologies. This threatens our national security and poses major risks to an economy that is strongly tied to the geospatial revolution, on Earth and, eventually, in space.”*



The entire geospatial economy is supported by geodesy!

Image: Dana Caccamise, NGS

Addressing the Geodesy Crisis

- National Academies’ “Meeting of Experts” Dec 2024
- Certain US government agencies need people with geodetic expertise, and are having a hard time finding US citizens/permanent residents to hire
 - National Geodetic Survey, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, etc
 - Another example: the Census Bureau’s new geospatial database relies on precise positions
- Private sector usually doesn’t need Ph.D. level geodesists, but values graduate education
- They recognize a need to educate more geodesists
- All of this is now worse than it was a year ago...

National Geodetic Survey Geospatial Modeling Grant

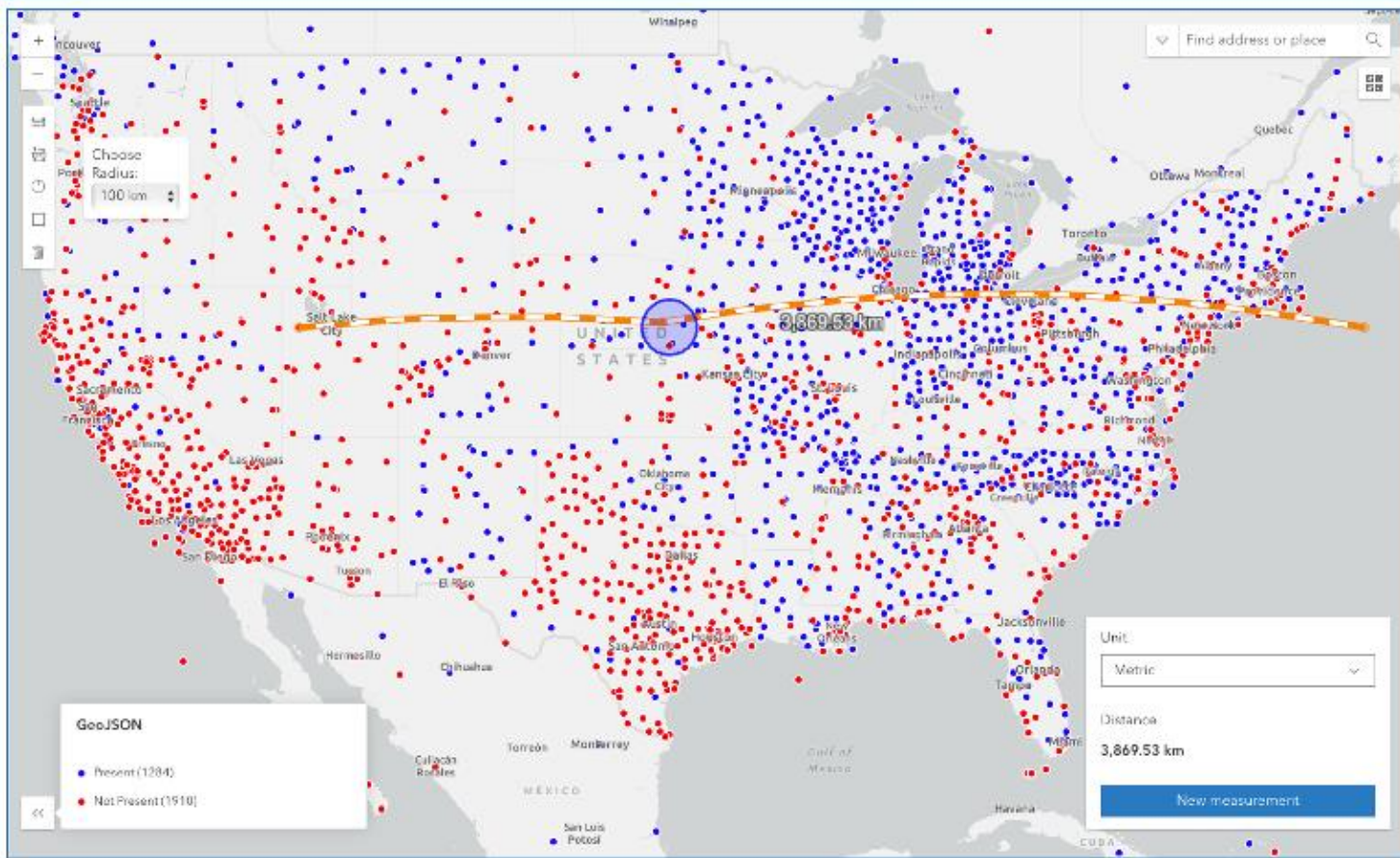
- NGS put out a solicitation about 2 years ago to fund efforts that would meet some of their needs and educate more students
- Four universities were selected: MSU, Ohio State, Oregon State, UC San Diego
- Each University had its own distinct projects and some elements of geodesy education.

Two Funded Components at MSU

- CORS Dashboard: Tool for monitoring the CORS network
 - Designed to help assess BOTH data and assumed models for motion of sites
 - Struggling through some last IT hurdles to get the first version live
- Geodesy Master's Program and Internship Program

CORS Dashboard: Enhanced Monitoring of a CORS Network

CORS Sites Dashboard



Additional Info

Select Date:

2024/04/13

Selected Location's

Latitude: 40.68

Longitude: -97.29

Address: 68359, Friend, Nebraska

Unit:

Metric

Distance

3,869.53 km

New measurement

What is the Error in Your Position?

$$\sigma_{\text{total}} = (\sigma_{\text{yours}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{ref}}^2)^{0.5}$$



Users
control



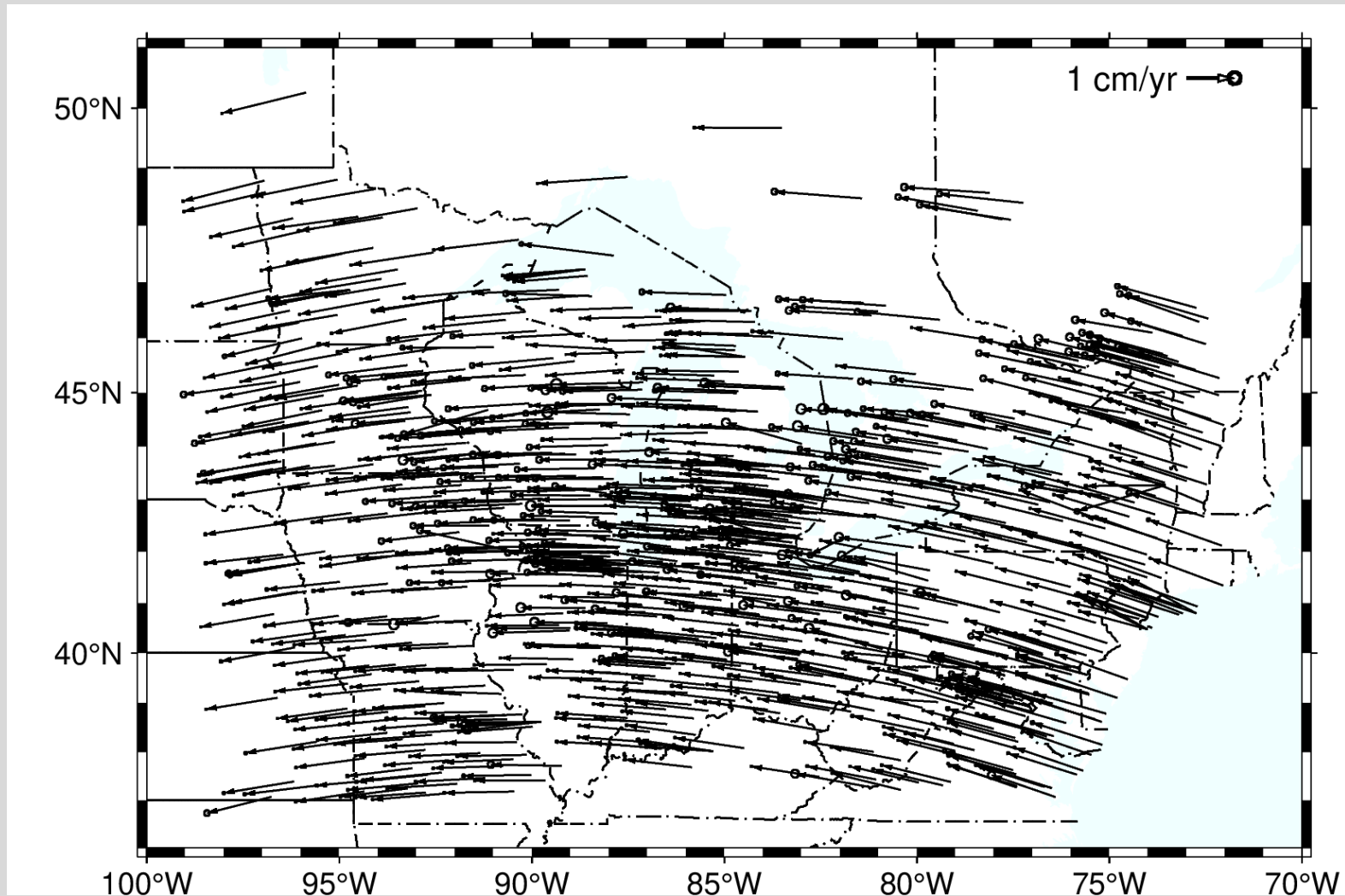
Users
expect this
to be small

- Keeping the error in the spatial reference system small is hard work on a moving, actively deforming Earth!

Enhanced Monitoring of CORS Network

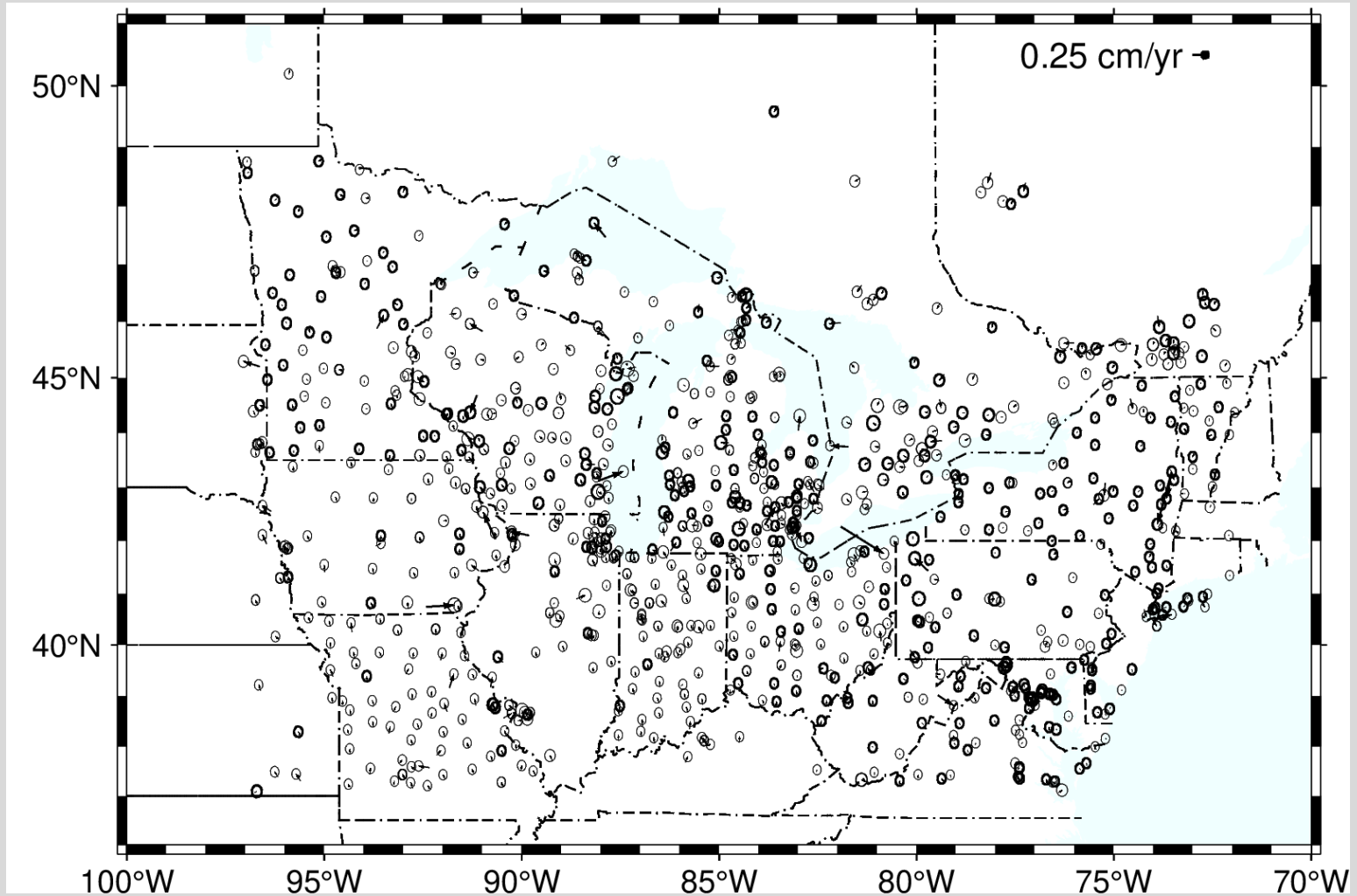
- Are the CORS stations in the locations we think they are?
- If so, hooray!
- If not, can we identify the cause and repair the coordinates?
- Common causes:
 - Earthquakes and other transient tectonic events
 - Equipment changes
 - Inaccurate velocity models
 - Time-varying deformation such as hydrology

Site Velocities Relative to ITRF



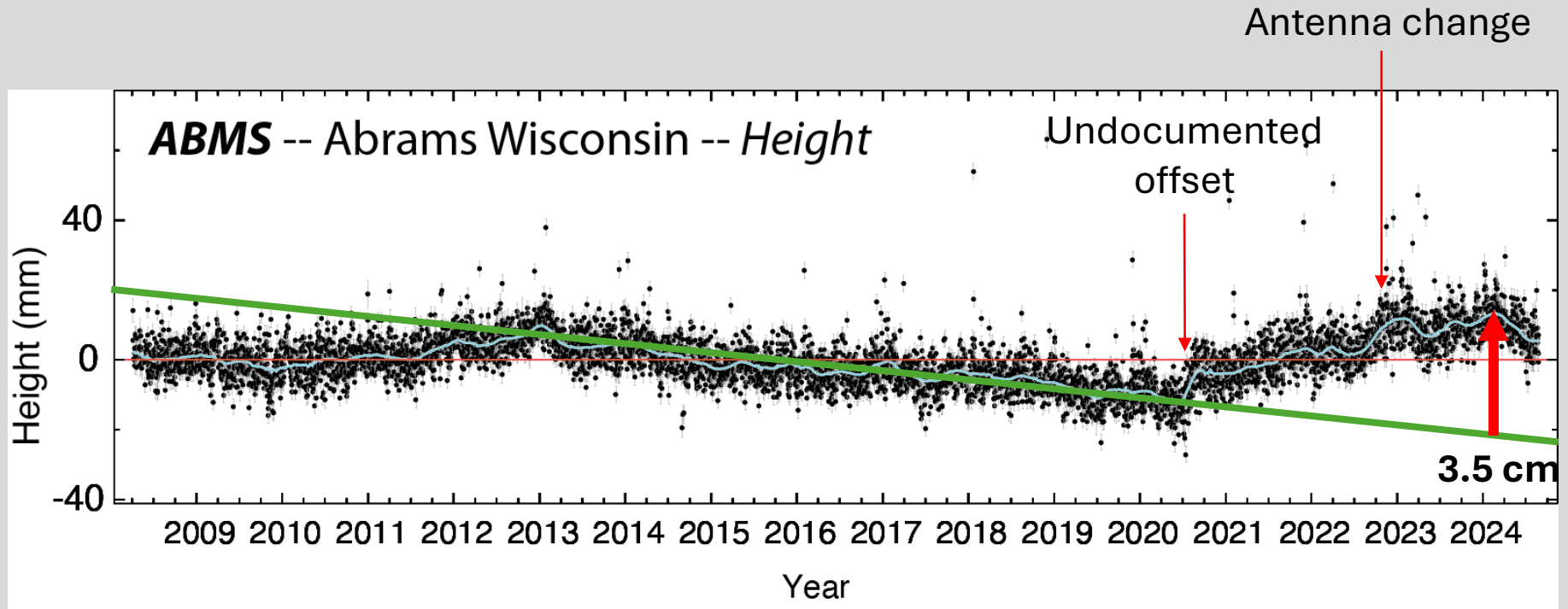
ITRF = International Terrestrial Reference Frame

Relative to North America



NATRF22 is North America-fixed

In the Great Lakes, Coordinate Changes are in the Vertical



Why is this?

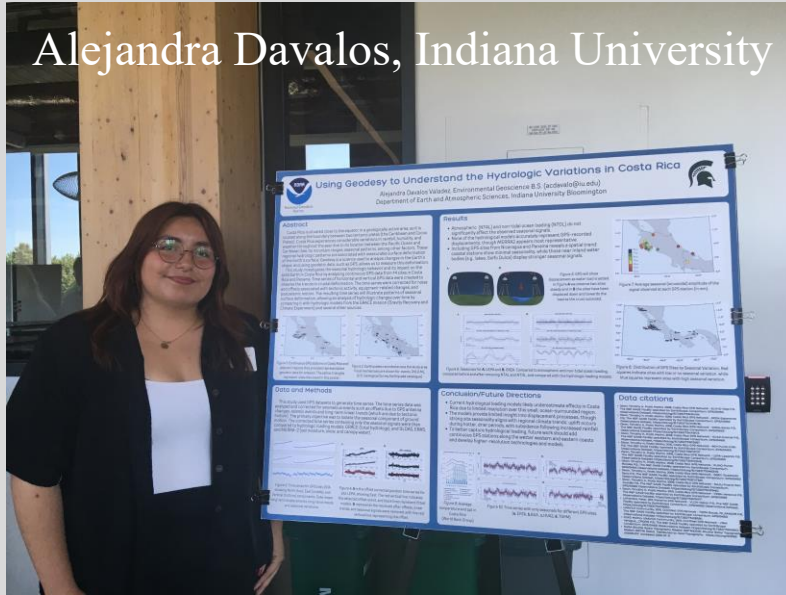
- *Elastic deformation of the solid Earth due to the changing load (weight) of water in the Great Lakes (plus other surface water and groundwater)*

NGS Funded MSU Educational Activities

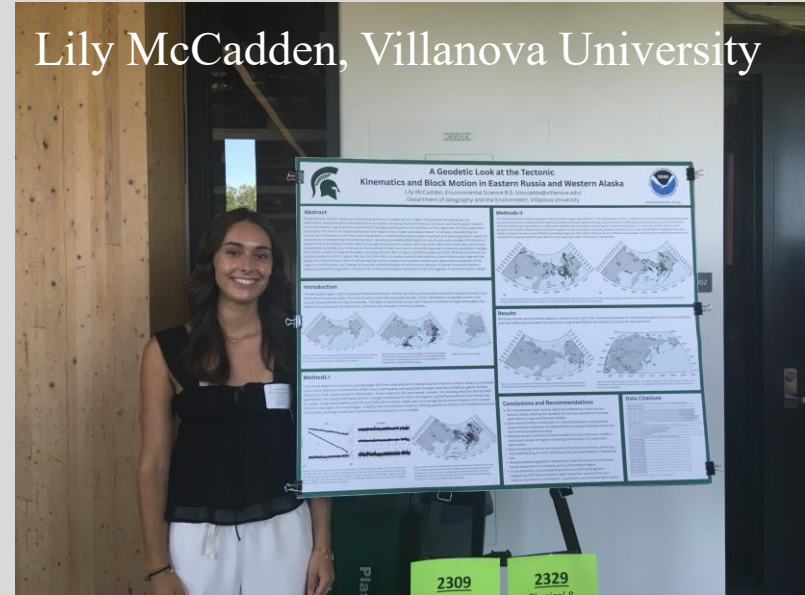
- Consortium Geodesy Master's Program
- Summer Undergraduate Internship Program
- Introduce people to geodesy and geodesy careers during earlier stages of education, especially in adjacent fields (geoscience, physics, math, engineering)
- Make geodesy education more accessible
 - On-ramps and alternative paths to geodesy
 - Online formats

Intern Projects

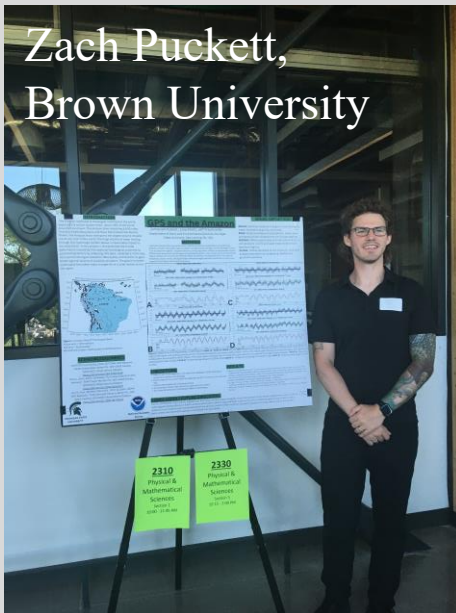
Alejandra Davalos, Indiana University



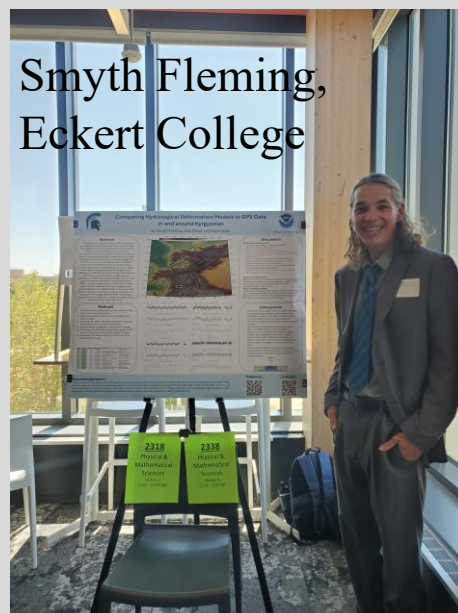
Lily McCadden, Villanova University



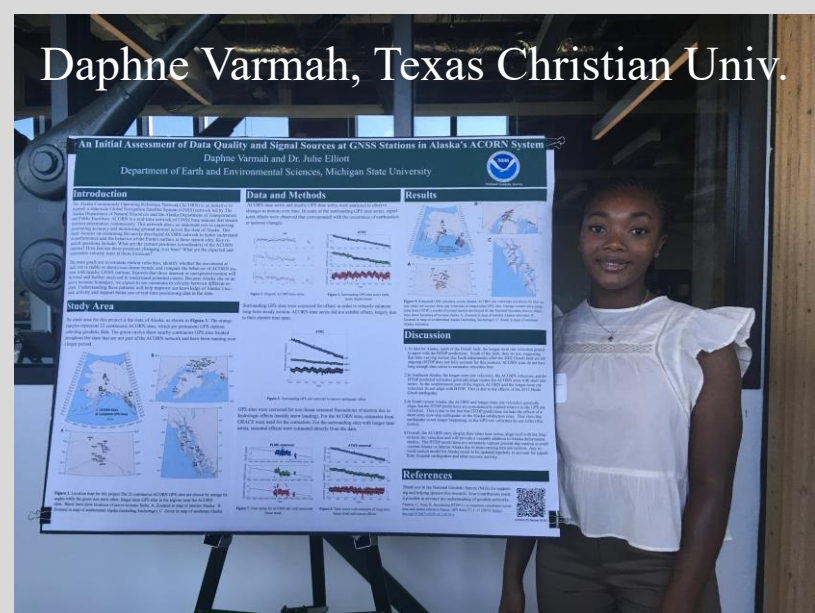
Zach Puckett, Brown University



Smyth Fleming, Eckert College



Daphne Varmah, Texas Christian Univ.



MSU Undergraduate Geodesy Internship Program

- Designed for students with little or no previous experience in geodesy
- Eight-week internship, in person at MSU
- Summer 2025 first round of interns
- Interns received stipend, on-campus housing, meal plan, and transportation
- 49 applicants, 5 students selected
- Involved lectures, lab-style activities, discussion of geodesy related careers, and a research project

MSU Undergraduate Geodesy Internship Program

- Skills Acquired:
 - Setting up tripod campaign GNSS sites
 - Unix/Linux operating system
 - Basic MATLAB and Python programming
 - GMT mapping software
 - Time series analysis
- Lecture Topics:
 - Linear Algebra basics
 - Overview of geodetic data types and geodesy applications
 - GNSS positioning basics and GNSS error/noise
 - Coordinate systems and reference frames
 - How to assess and interpret geodetic data
 - Plate tectonic motion and earthquakes
 - Loading deformation

Geodesy Master's Program

- Consortium Model



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- Online
- Coursework-based (no thesis), 2-year program
- Students will take mix of courses from the consortium institutions to total 30 credits
- Courses are going through approvals

Planned Curriculum

Foundations of Geodesy

Provides background in mapping, projections, datums, reference frames, and transformations

Mathematical and Computational Concepts

Provides foundation in programming and mathematical techniques (including inversion theory and linear regression) essential for geodesy

Fundamentals of Geodesy and Geophysics

Provides background in geodetic theory, measurement and interpretation of steady state and time variable motions within the solid Earth, cryosphere, and hydrosphere, data processing, and geophysical modeling.

Geodetic Methods and Applications

Extends knowledge into additional land- and satellite geodetic techniques, network design, and geophysical applications

Extra Slides

Planned Curriculum

Foundations of Geodesy

Two courses are required:

- *Coordinate Systems, Map Projections, and Reference Frames (MSU)*
- Geodetic Models (MTU)

Fundamentals of Geodesy and Geophysics

At least two of the following are required:

- Modern Geodesy and Applications (MSU) *or* Geodetic Methods and Applications (UAF)
- *Geodetic Data Processing and Analysis (MSU)*
- Foundations of Geophysics (UAF)
- Positioning with GNSS (MTU)

Planned Curriculum

Mathematical and Computational Concepts

At least two of the following are required:

- Programming and Automation for Geoscientists (UAF)
- Data Analysis and Adjustments (MTU)
- Inverse Problems and Parameter Estimation (UAF)
- Numerical Analysis (UAF)

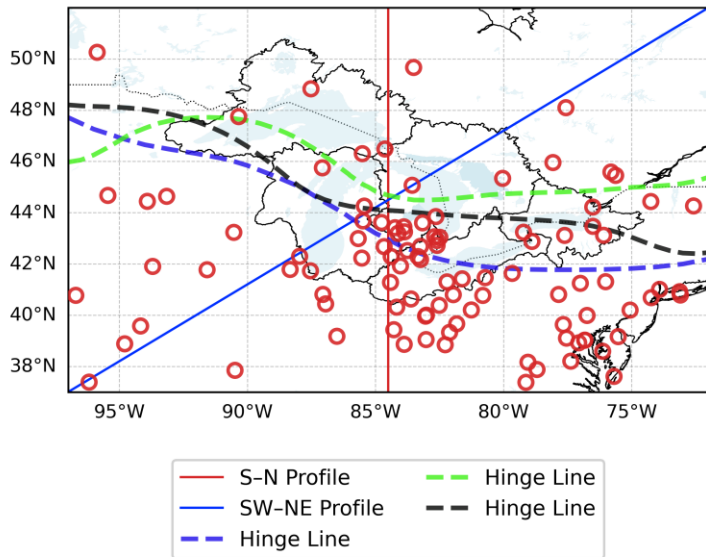
Geodetic Methods and Applications

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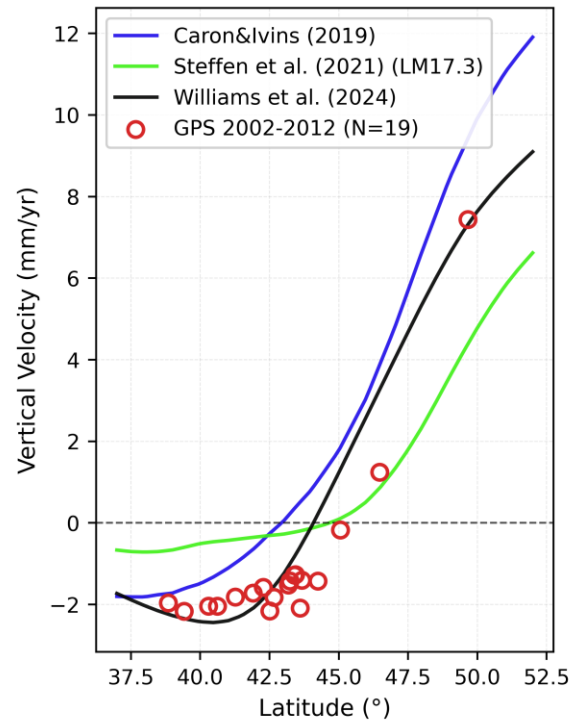
- 3D Surveying and Modeling with Laser Scanning Data (MTU)
- Advanced Photogrammetry – Satellite Photogrammetry (MTU)
- Microwave Remote Sensing (UAF)
- Digital Image Processing in the Geosciences (UAF)
- *Design of Geodetic Sites and Networks (MSU)*
- InSAR and Its Applications (UAF)
- MSU Geography courses

Physical Models of GIA Produce Systematic Misfits

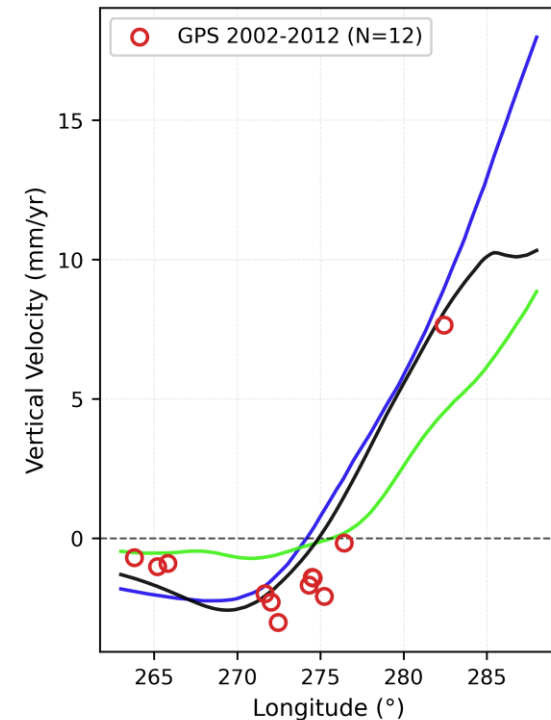
(a) Study Area with GNSS Stations



(b) S-N Profile



(c) SW-NE Profile

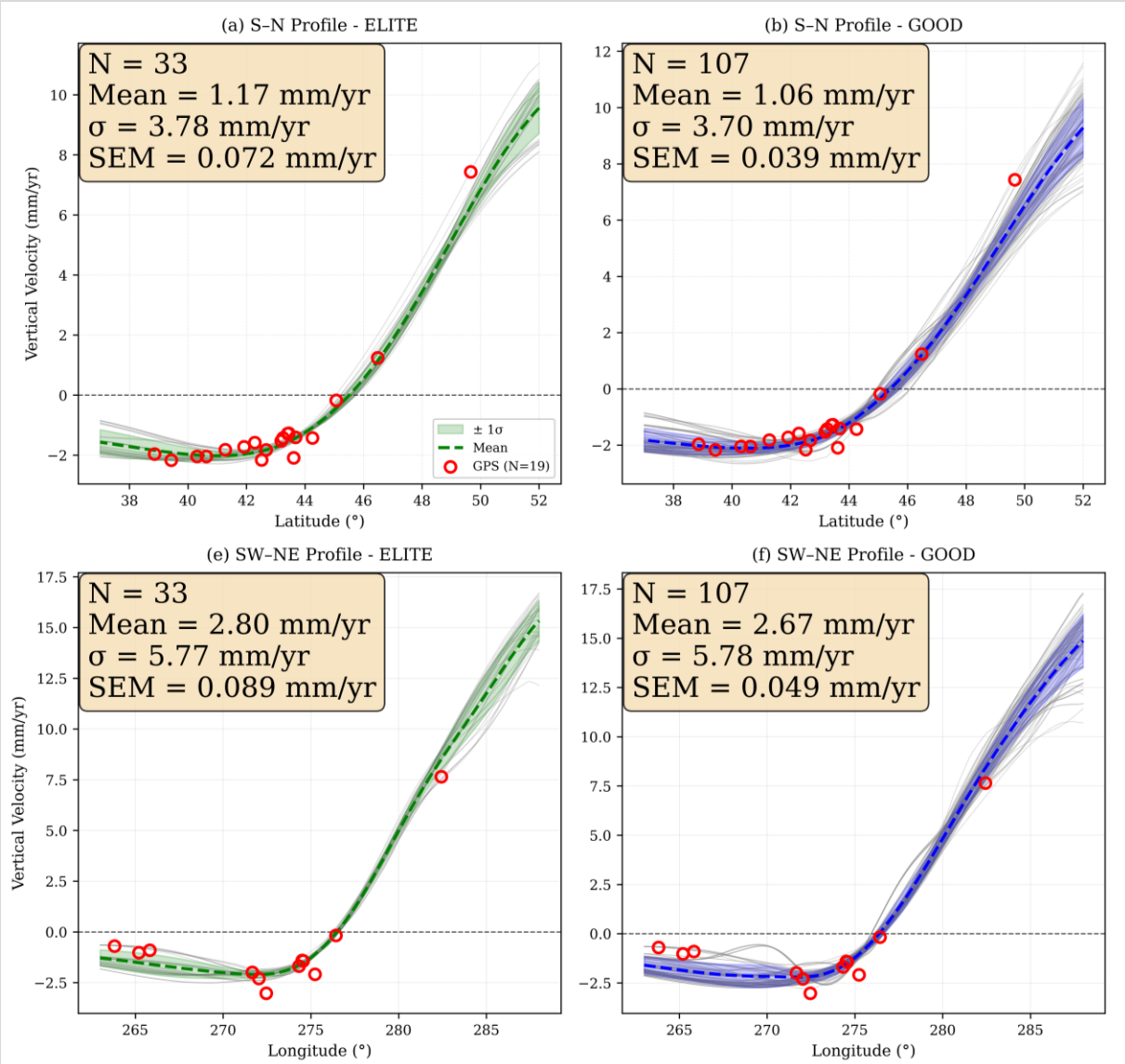


All GIA models place the hinge line **too far south** relative to the GNSS observations.

But many GIA model predictions look a lot like a shifted version of the data. What happens if we empirically shift the model predictions to best match the data?

Ensemble of Shifted Models

We rank all 576 optimized realizations by their RMS values and group them into hierarchical ensembles by misfit in mm/yr: ELITE (RMS ~ 0.40-0.49), GOOD (0.49-0.60).



The *shapes* of predicted profiles match the observations extremely well: **0.4-0.6 mm/yr** for the two best ensembles.

This is comparable to the nominal velocity uncertainty.

The need to shift the GIA models probably results from errors in the assumed distribution of ice at the Last Glacial Maximum

Research Wrap-up

- We can explain the time-varying vertical displacements of CORS sites as the sum of two physical processes
 - Glacial isostatic adjustment (GIA) due to the ongoing response to the former ice sheet
 - Present-day water level changes in the Great Lakes and other surface water/groundwater
- We can describe the observed coordinate variation in terms of physical models
 - Needed to monitor and project coordinates forward in time, and maintain accuracy of reference system



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65th CGSIC Meeting

GNSS and Geomatics research at Oregon State University

Jihye Park

Oregon State University



Overview

- Geomatics Program at Oregon State University (OrSU)
- Geospatial Center for the Arctic and Pacific (GCAP) at OrSU
- GNSS as a versatile tool for monitoring the Earth environment
 - Hazard monitoring using GNSS
 - GNSS as a tide gauge

Geomatics at Oregon State University (OrSU)



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- Graduate Program
 - Current enrollment (WI 2026): 10 PhD, 7 MSc, 1 Post docs
 - Graduates (since 2011): 23 PhD, 51 MSc, 3 Meng, 6 Post Docs
- Minor in Geomatics Engineering
 - 26 required + 7 elective credits: 33 credits required
 - Currently 55 students enrolled and 20 are expected to graduate in June 2026
- ***Undergrad Geomatics degree*** proposed



Pursuit of a BSc in Geodesy, Geomatics, and Geospatial Engineering (3xGE)



Oregon State
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Goal:

Expand success of OSU's graduate program in geomatics to undergraduate level to help alleviate short-fall of geospatial professionals and geodesist in the US.



Core Curriculum to include:

Programming
Reference Frames
Map Projections
Gravity
Geodynamics
GNSS
Uncertainty Analysis
Least Squares Adjustments
Inertial Navigation and Timing

Geodesy

Additional Courses in:

Cadastral Surveying
Photogrammetry
3D Laser Scanning / Reality Capture
Geodetic Surveying Methods
Hydrographic Surveying
GIS
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Computer Science





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Geospatial Center for the Arctic and Pacific (GCAP)

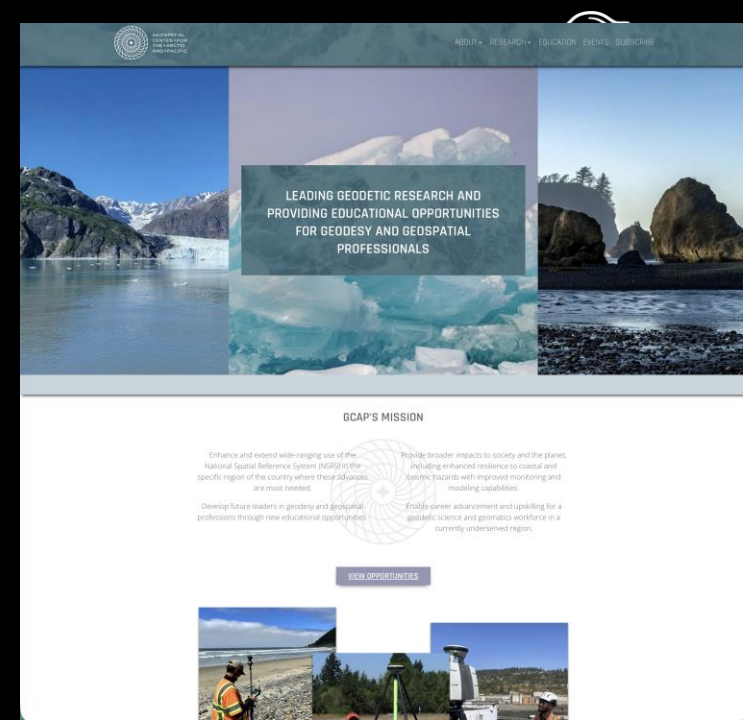
- NGS Geospatial Modeling Grant Project (Award Number: NOAA-NOS-NGS-2023-2007815)
- Oregon State University, University of Alaska Anchorage, the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), and the Yurok Tribe
- Enhance and extend wide-ranging use of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) in the specific region of the country where these advances are most needed—PNW and AK
- Develop future leaders in geodesy and geospatial professions through new educational opportunities



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GCAP Activities

- GNSS and Geodetic Research
 - GNSS algorithm (PPP, RTK) development and testing
 - PPP and RTK integration into the NSRS
 - Support the success transition to and use of the modernized NSRS
- Education and Workforce development
 - Proposed new undergrad degree program in Geodesy, Geomatics, and Geospatial Engineering at Oregon State University
 - GCAP Workshop Series (GNSS & Geodesy)
 - Hosted ASCE UESI Surveying & Geomatics Conference at OSU
 - Participated in AAGS Geodesy YouTube Series



2024 Geodesy & GNSS Workshop



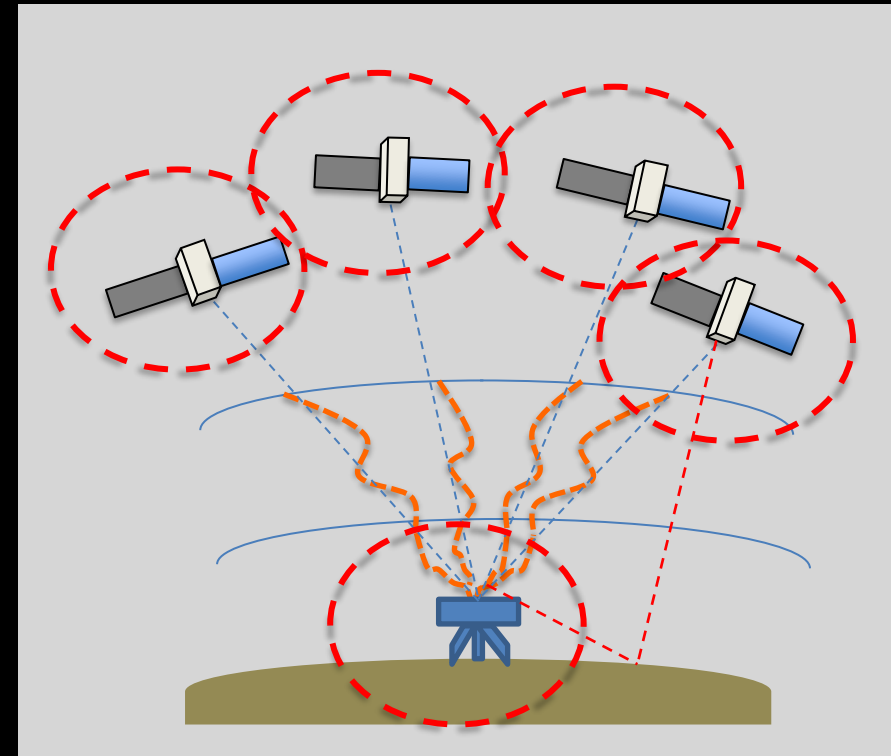
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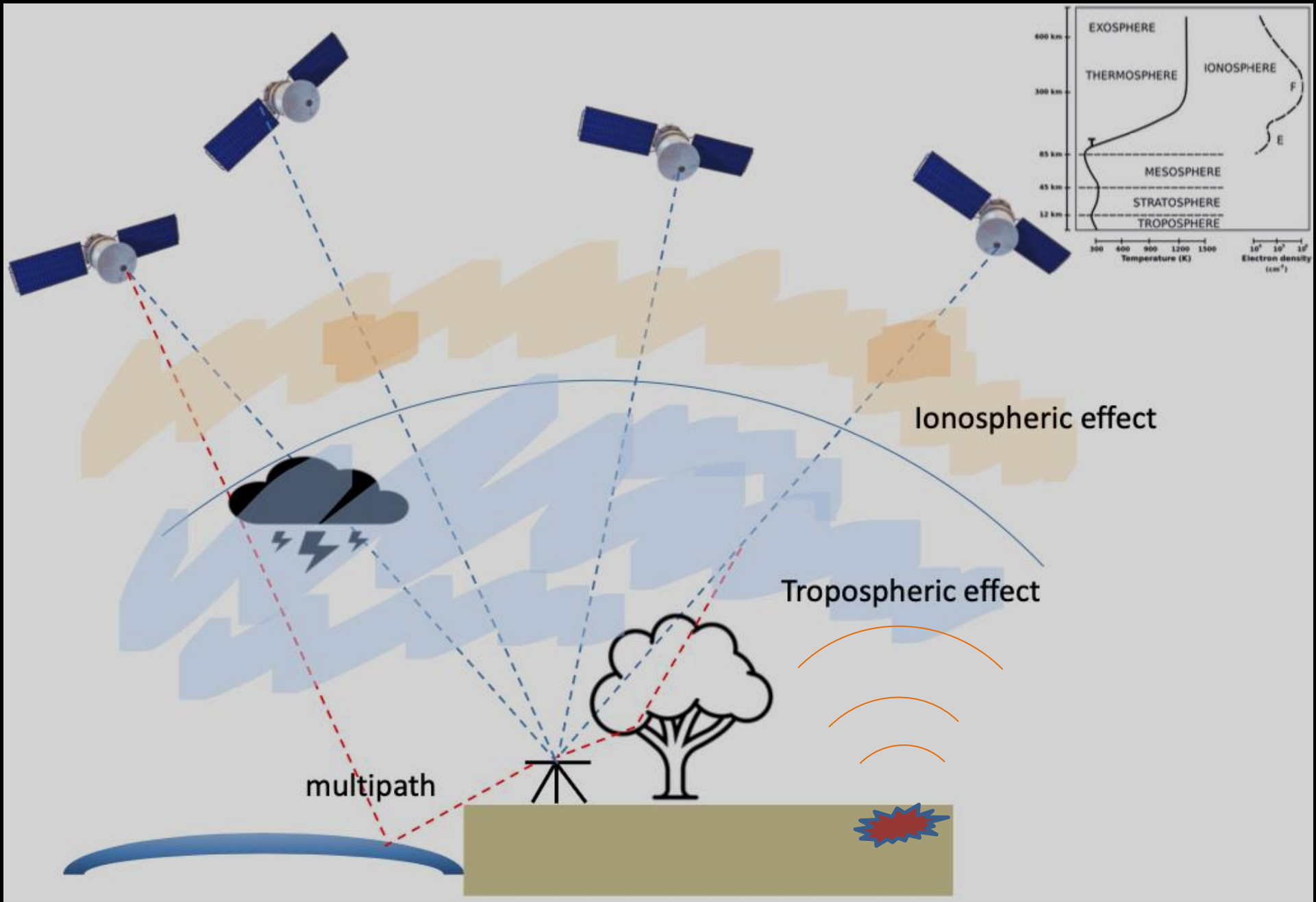
How to treat the propagation errors

- Positioning/Navigation
 - Atmospheric effect? → Atmospheric delay or ERROR
 - Ionospheric delay
 - Tropospheric delay
 - Multipath → multipath error
- GNSS Remote sensing
 - Ionospheric observation
 - Weather forecasts
- GNSS-Reflectometry
 - Near ground/surface monitoring tools



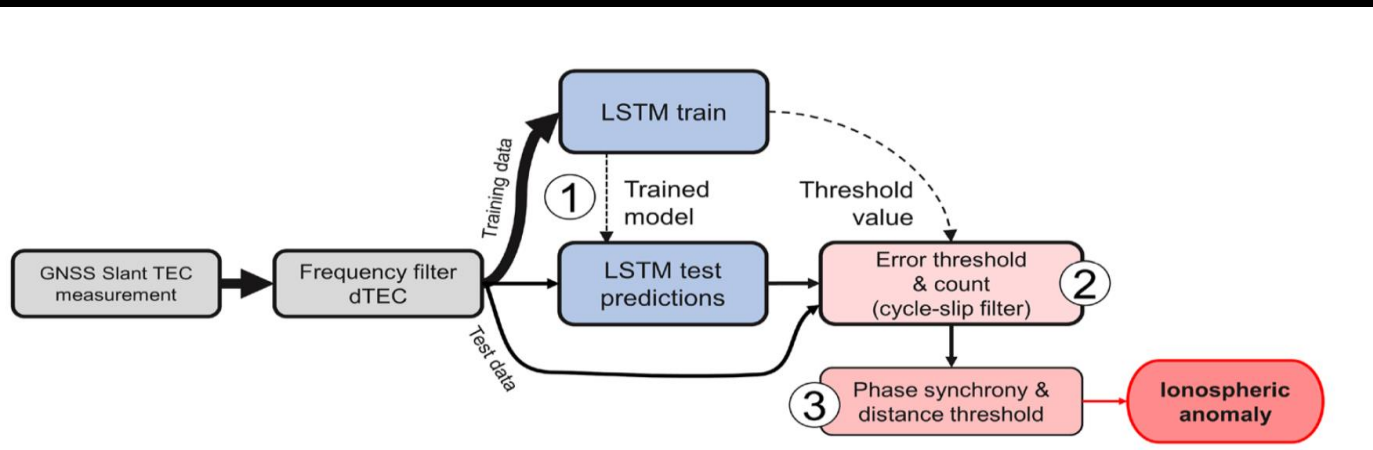
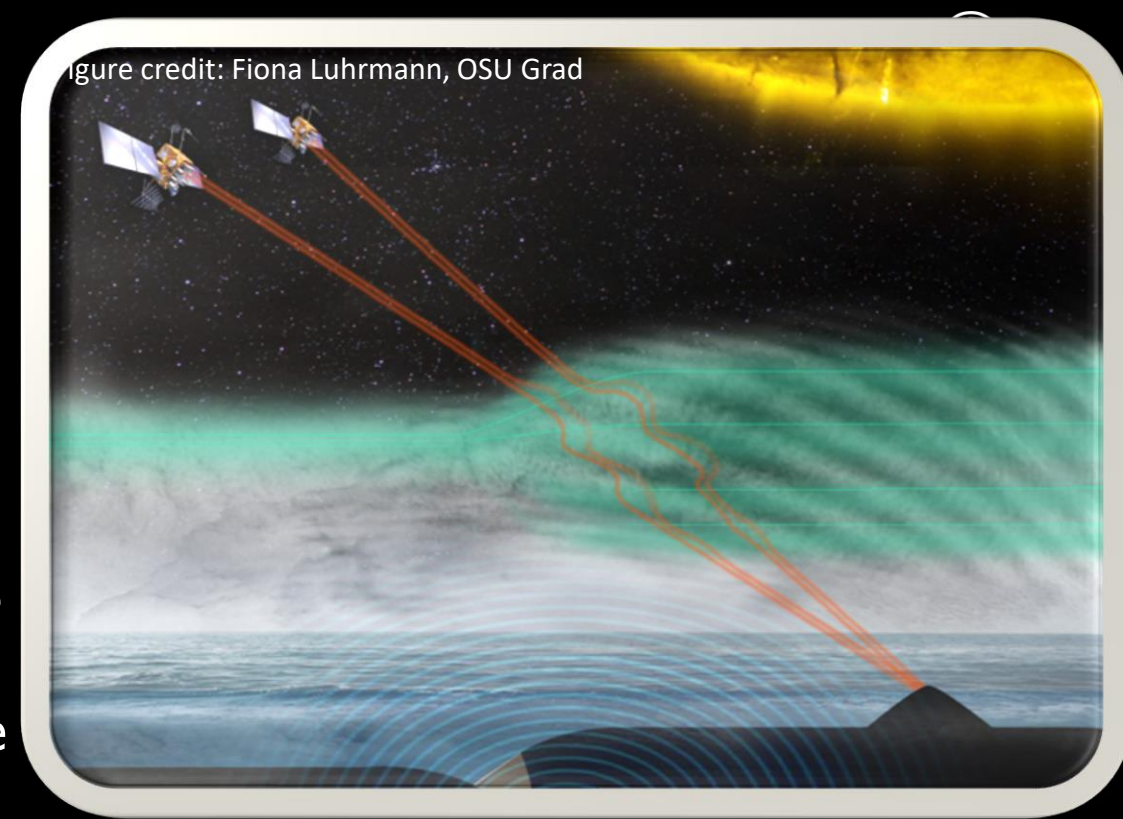


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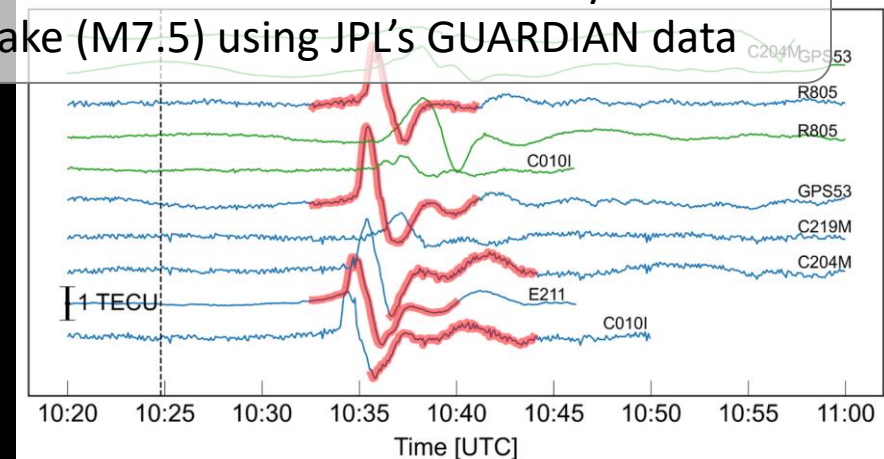
Hazard monitoring using GNSS

- Various geophysical events, such as **geomagnetic storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, tropical storms, surface/underground explosions**, generate Ionospheric disturbances
- Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances (TIDs) will change the ionospheric electron density
- By investigating TIDs detected in GNSS signals, the source of the TID may be revealed
- Various methods have been explored to identify the TIDs; recent development involves **AI techniques**



Anomaly detection using LSTM (Luhrmann et al., 2025)

Near real time detection of 2023 Turkiye earthquake (M7.5) using JPL's GUARDIAN data



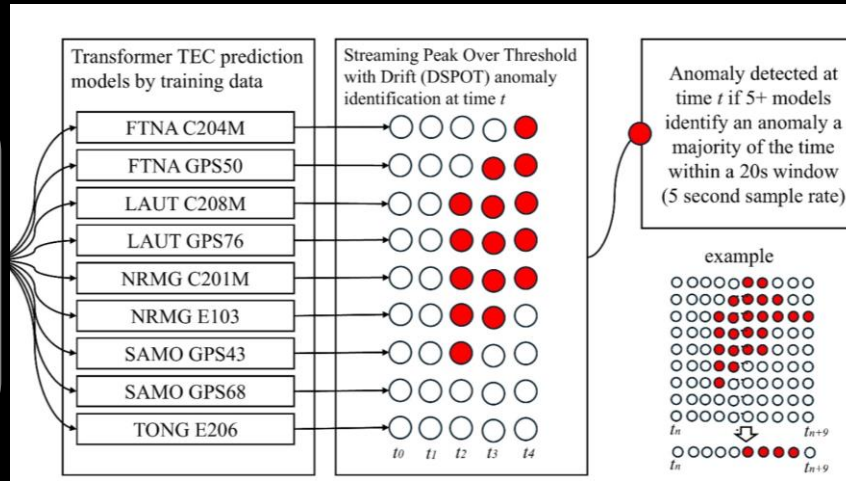
Ionospheric detection and source geolocation



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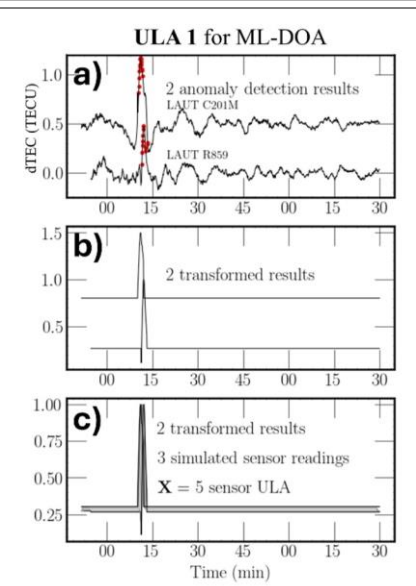
Detection

Majority of receivers identify anomaly over majority of 20s window



Geolocation

Interpolate ULA and back out location with velocity values



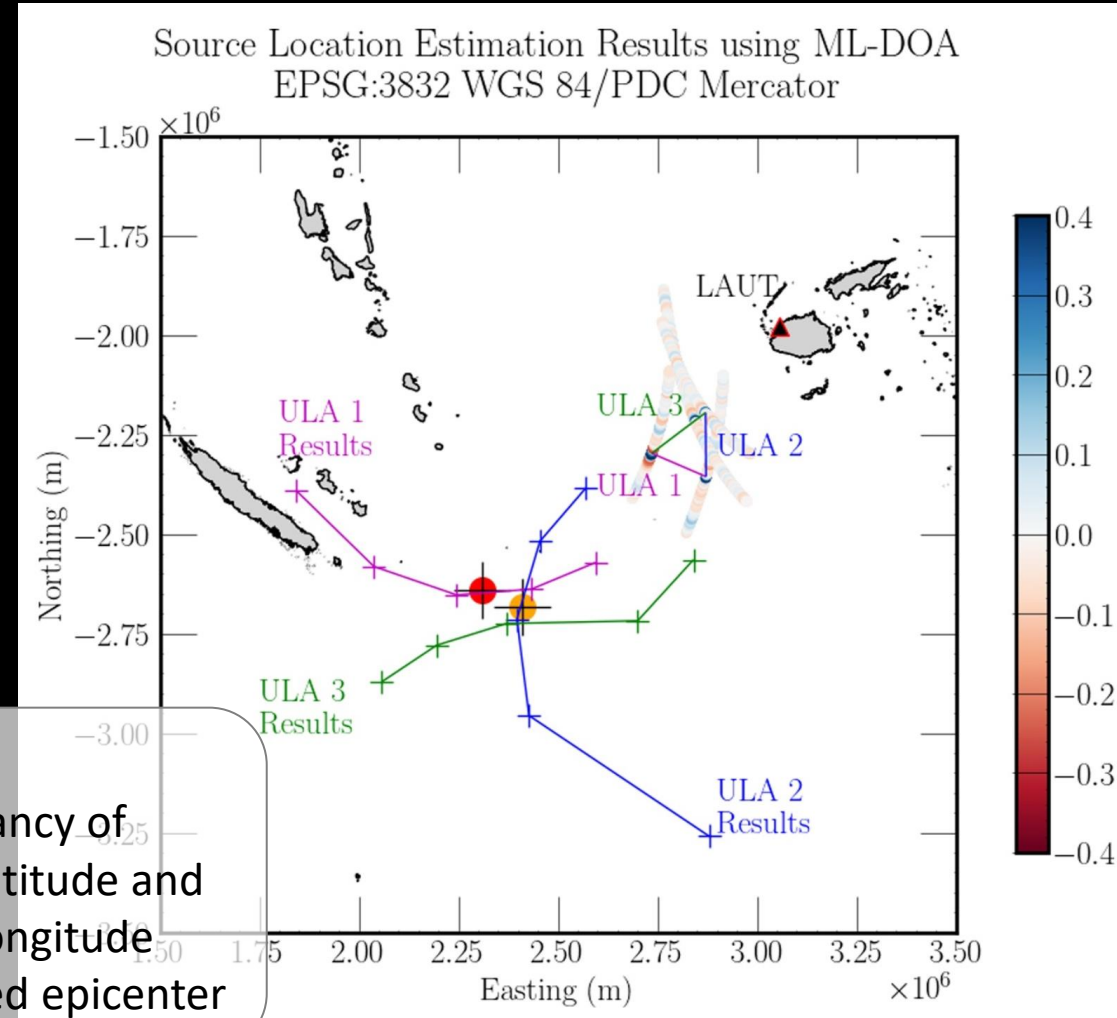
2 anomaly signals

Isolate 2 anomalies in time series

Interpolate ULA between 2 anomaly signals

Result

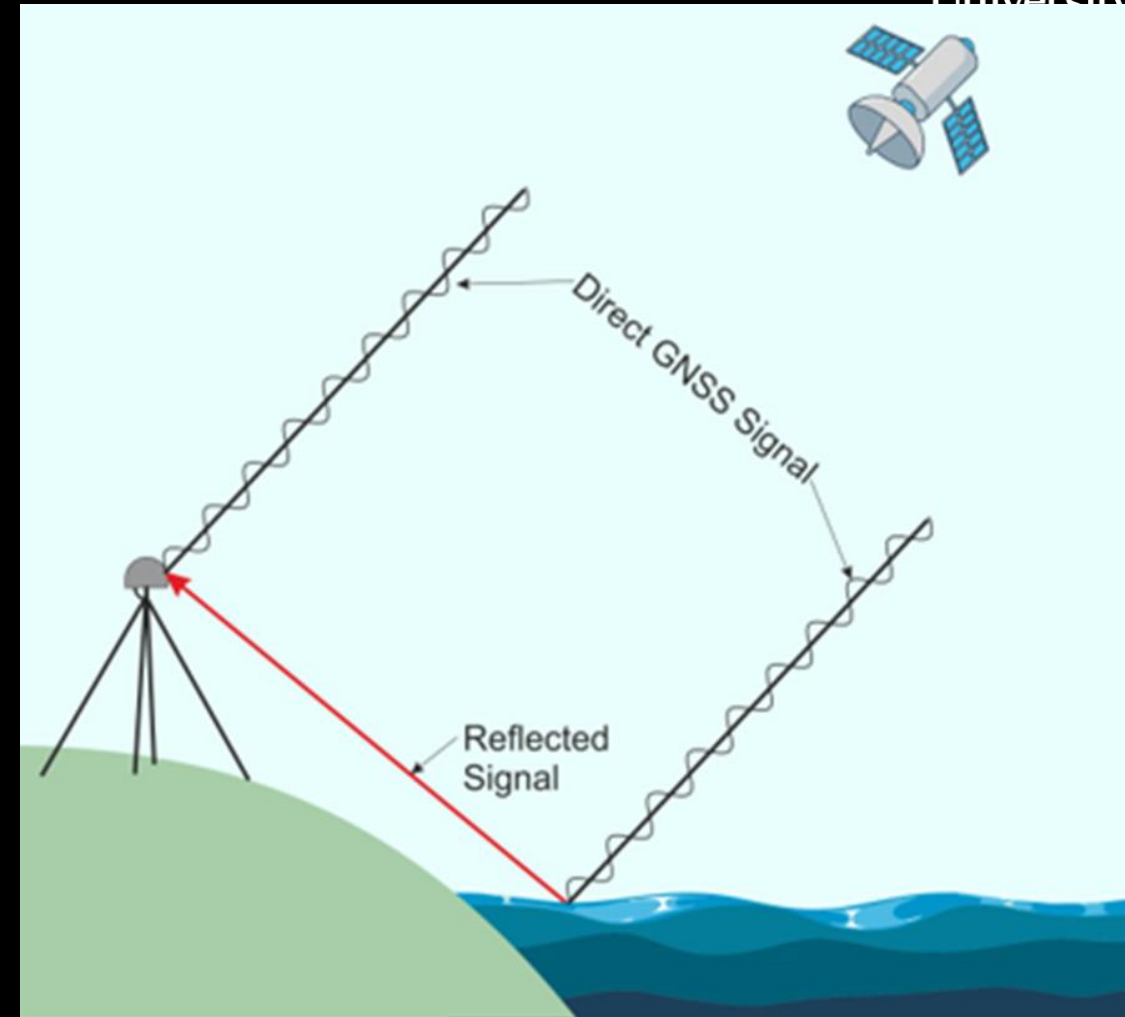
A discrepancy of 0.34° in latitude and 0.90° in longitude to reported epicenter





Monitoring the earth surface using GNSS-IR

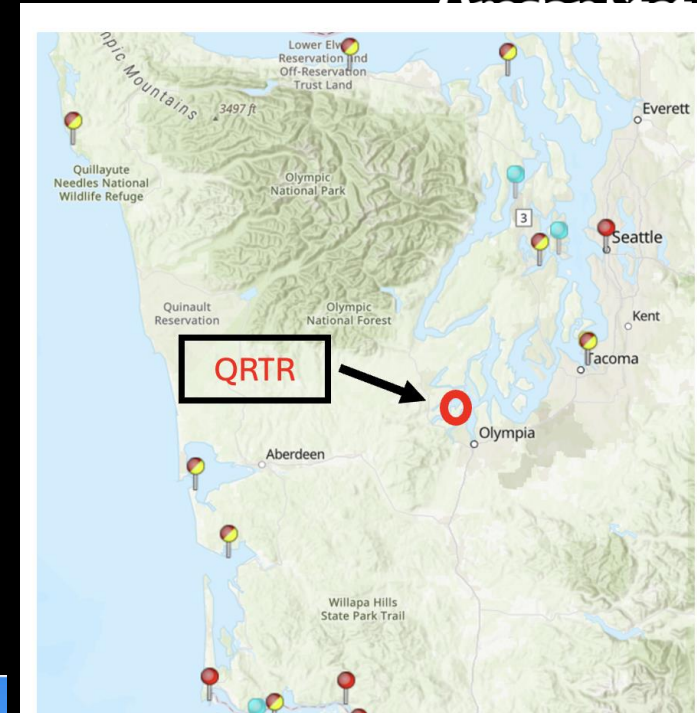
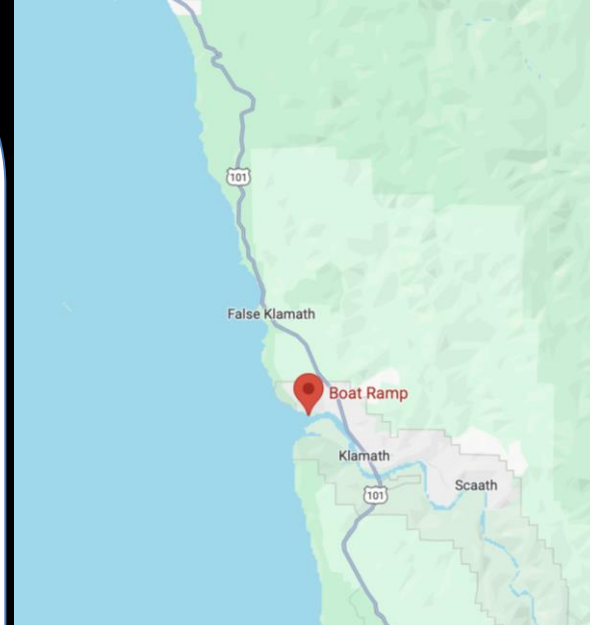
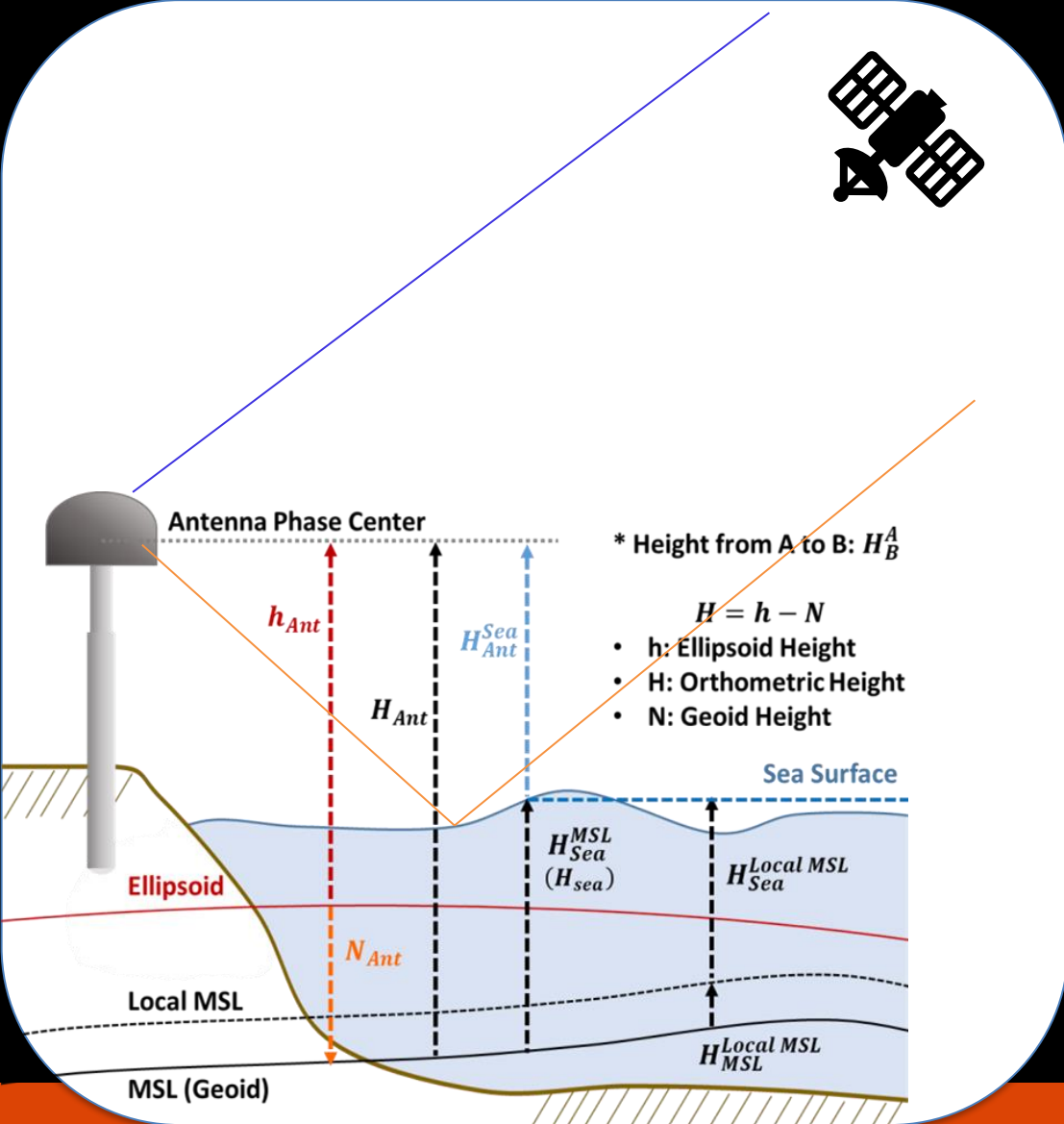
- Receiver records direct and reflected signals
- Extract reflected signal
- Calculate antenna height above reflecting surface
- Applications:
 - Water level monitoring
 - Ocean wind estimation
 - Soil moisture measurement
 - Vegetation/biomass monitoring
 - Snow/ice monitoring



GNSS based Water-level Observing System (GWOS)



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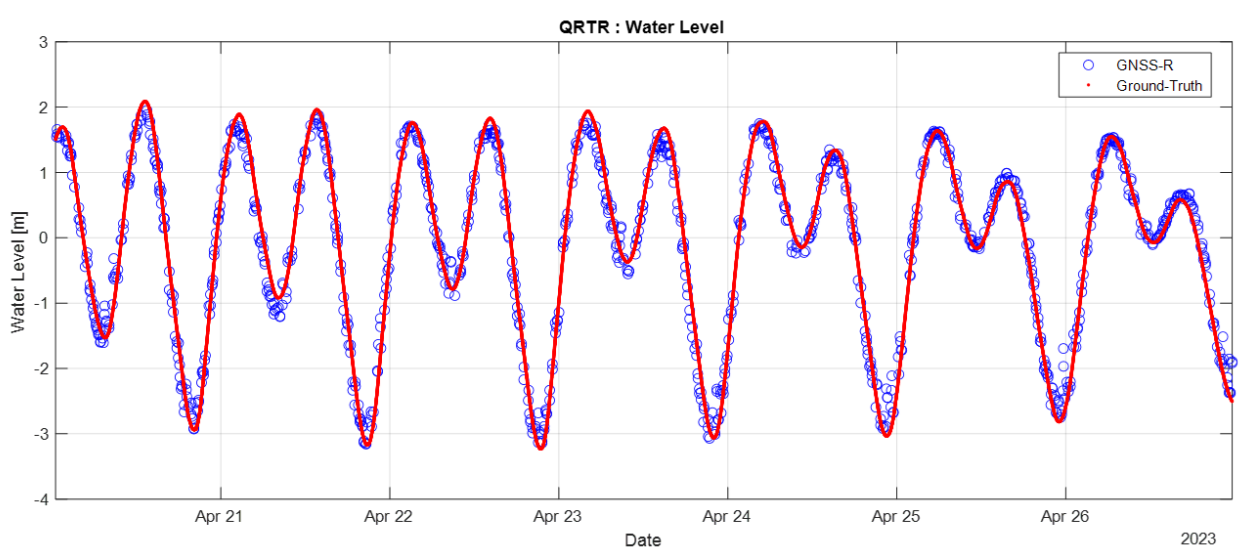


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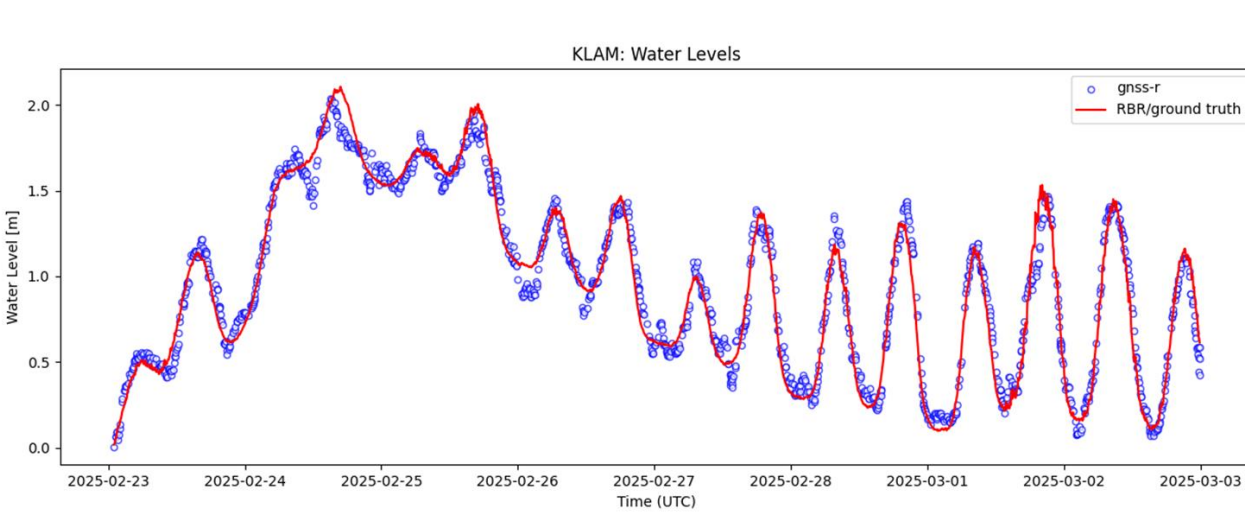


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- Tide range of 5m: from -3m to 2m
- ME is about 5.2 cm (about 1% of the tide range)
- Std. of discrepancy is 10.31cm

Srisutha and Park (2025)



- Tide range of 2 m: from 0m to 2m
- ME is about 6.7 cm
- Std. of discrepancy is 5.4 cm

$$ME = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|WL_{GNSS} - GT|}{n}$$

Water Level and Sea Ice monitoring in the Arctic



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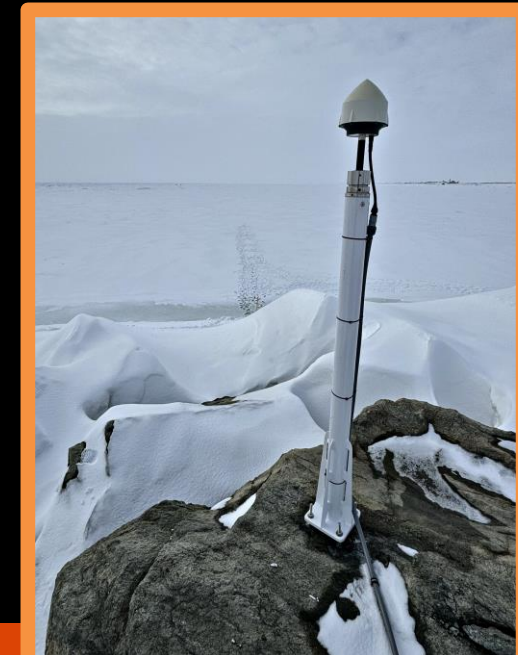
Monitoring Nearshore Ice and Closing the Arctic tide-gauge gap with GNSS-Reflectometry (MONICA)
(NSF Award number: 2321313)

- Objectives

- Determine motion of landfast ice using GNSS-IR
- Isolate tidal motion by removing snow and ice effects



Nome, AK (lat : 64.4957°, long: -165.4389°)



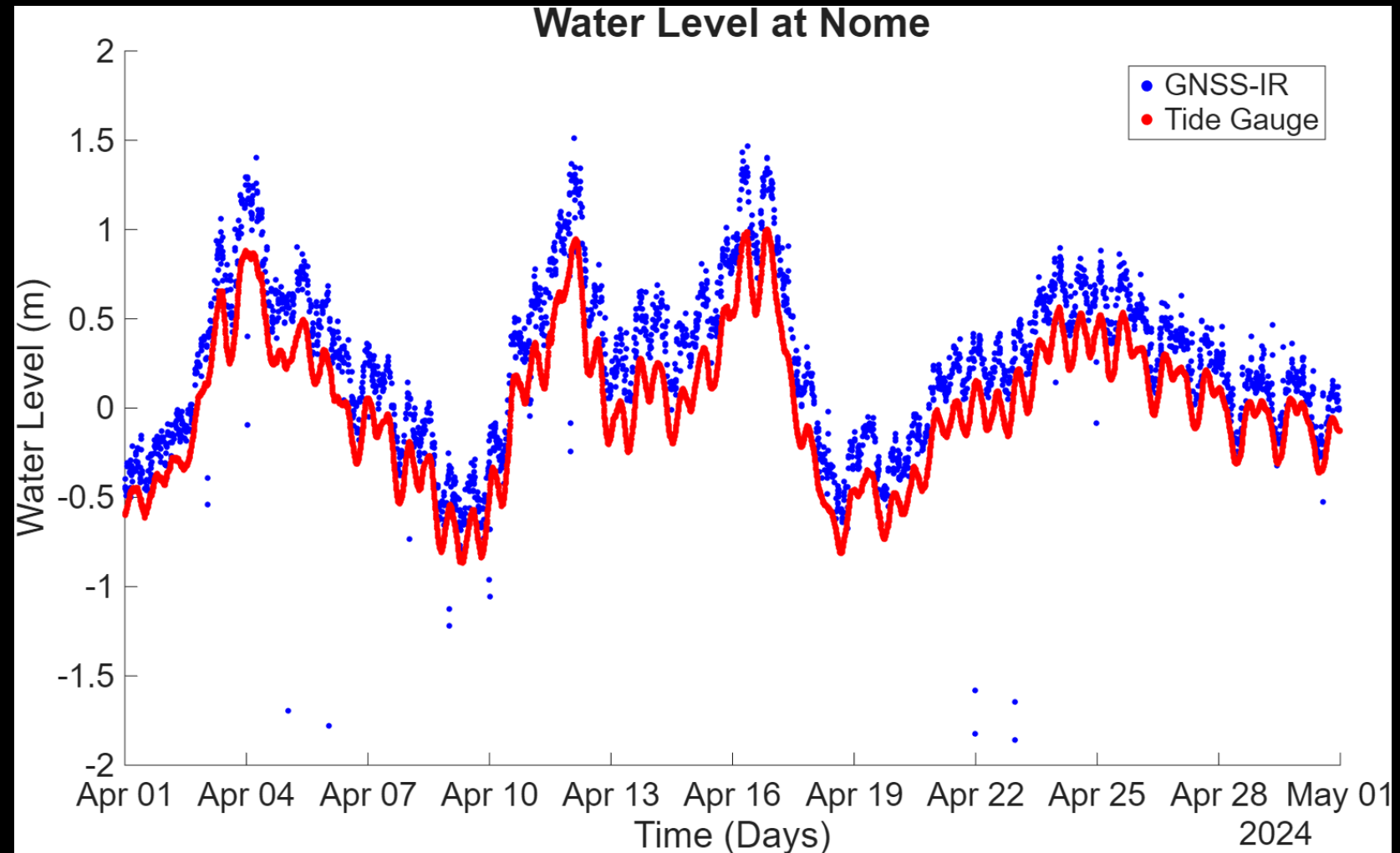
April 2024 Data

Bohn et al. 2026



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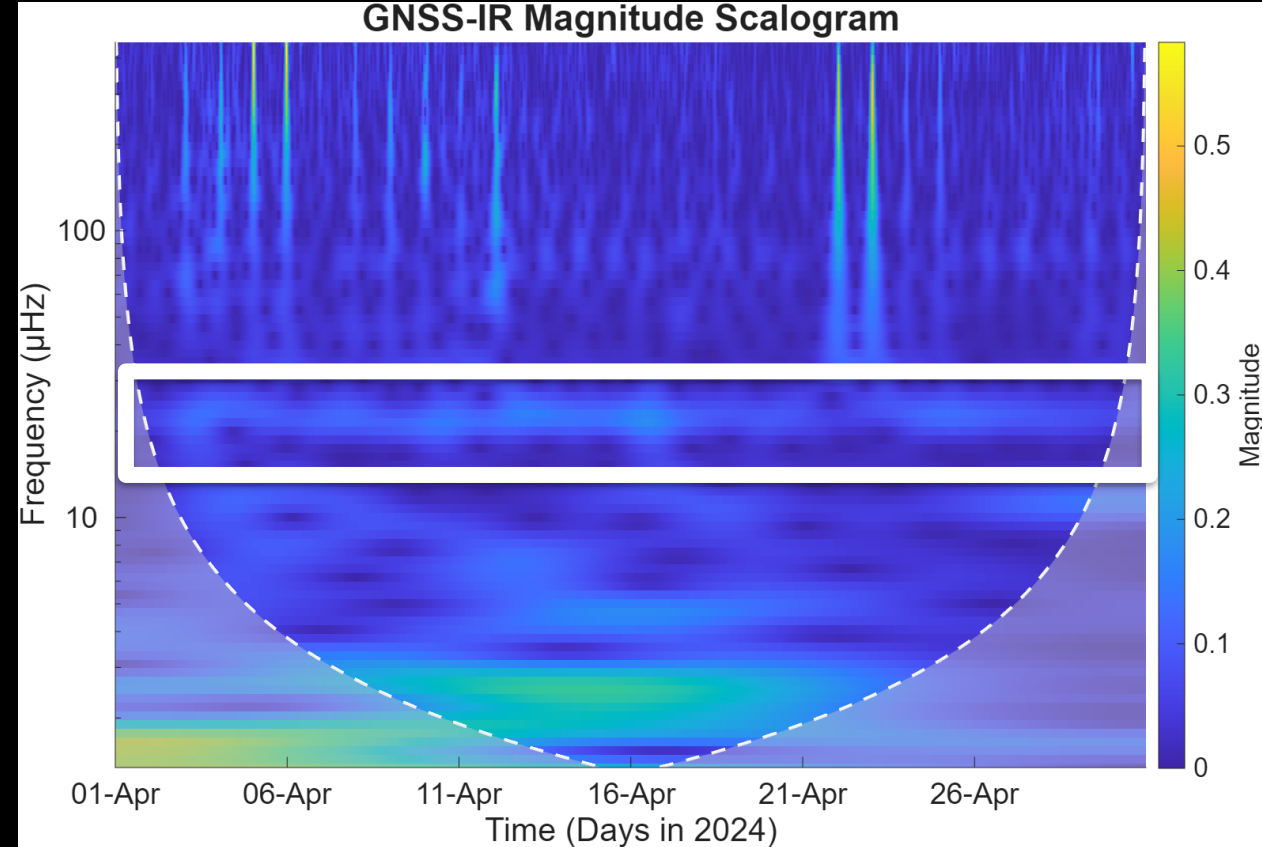
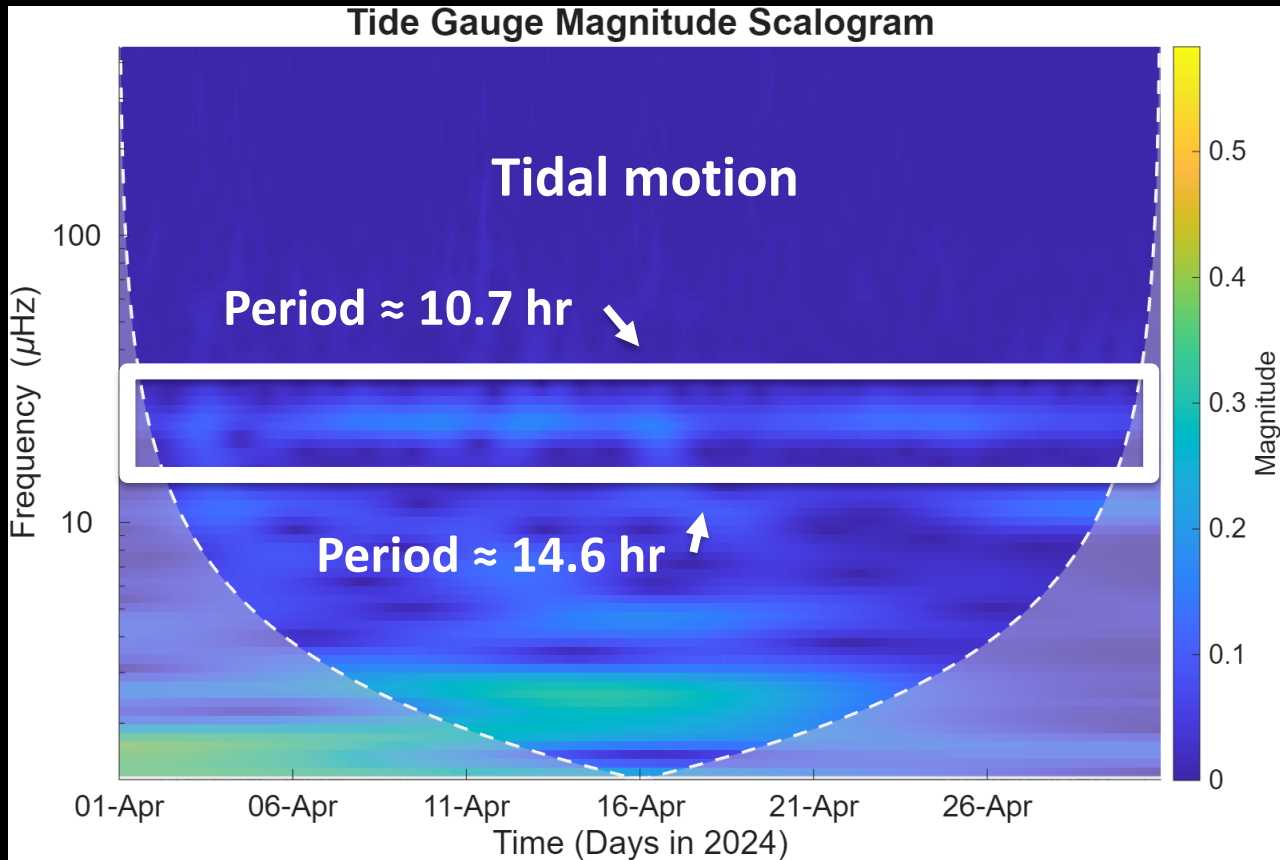
- Landfast ice and snow present
- Expect GNSS-IR signal to follow tides
- Snow accumulation alters reflecting surface





Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT)

- Frequency, amplitude, and time information
- Expect semidiurnal tides at high-amplitude, low frequency

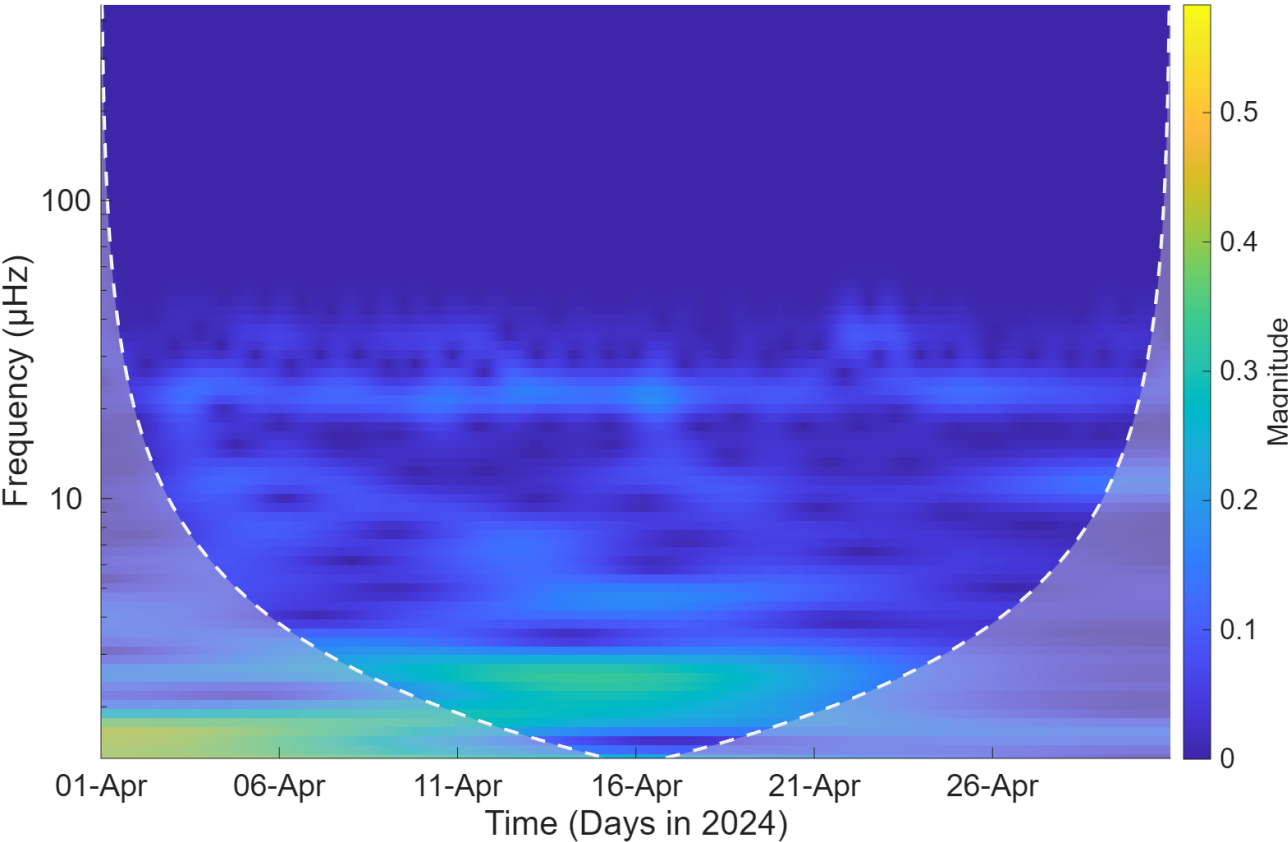




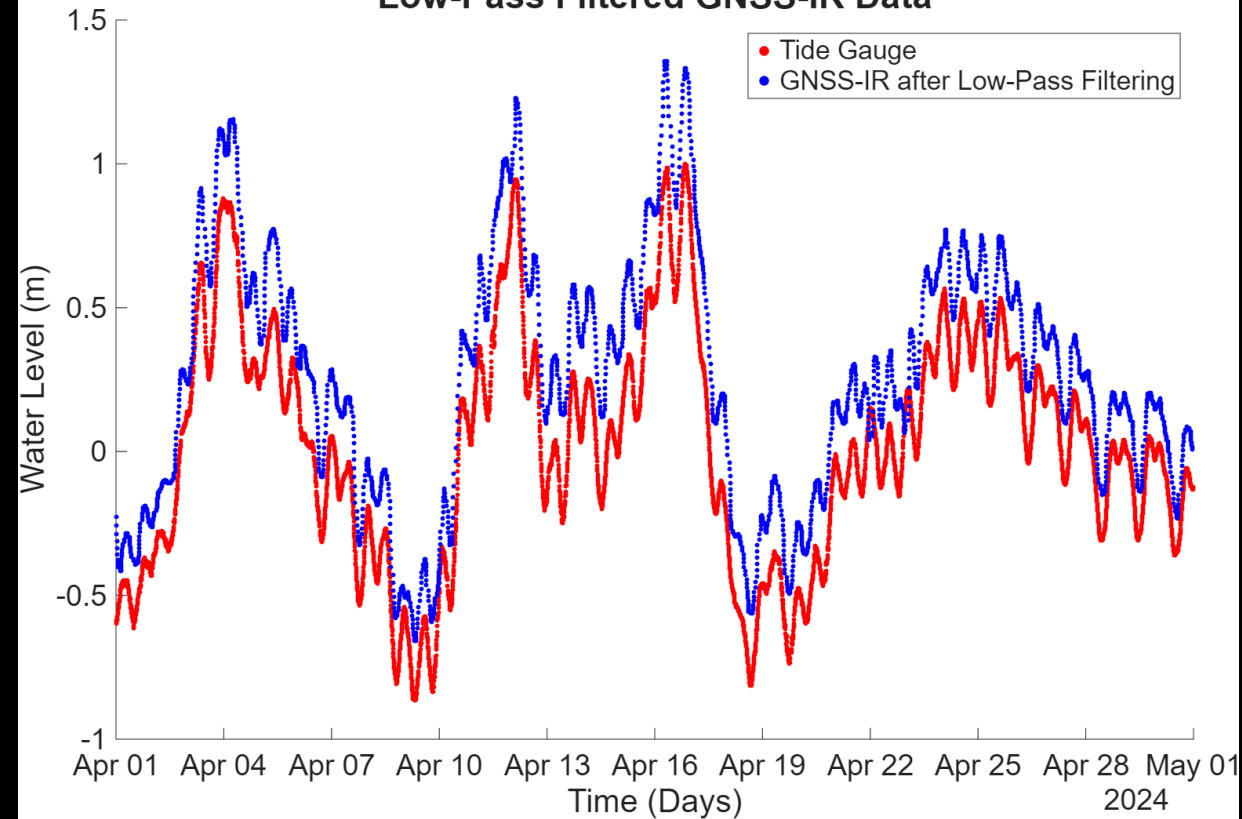
Low-Pass Filtering

- Extract tidal motion
- Filtered at 2.6×10^{-5} Hz or $T = 10.7$ hr

GNSS-IR after Low-Pass Filtering Magnitude Scalogram



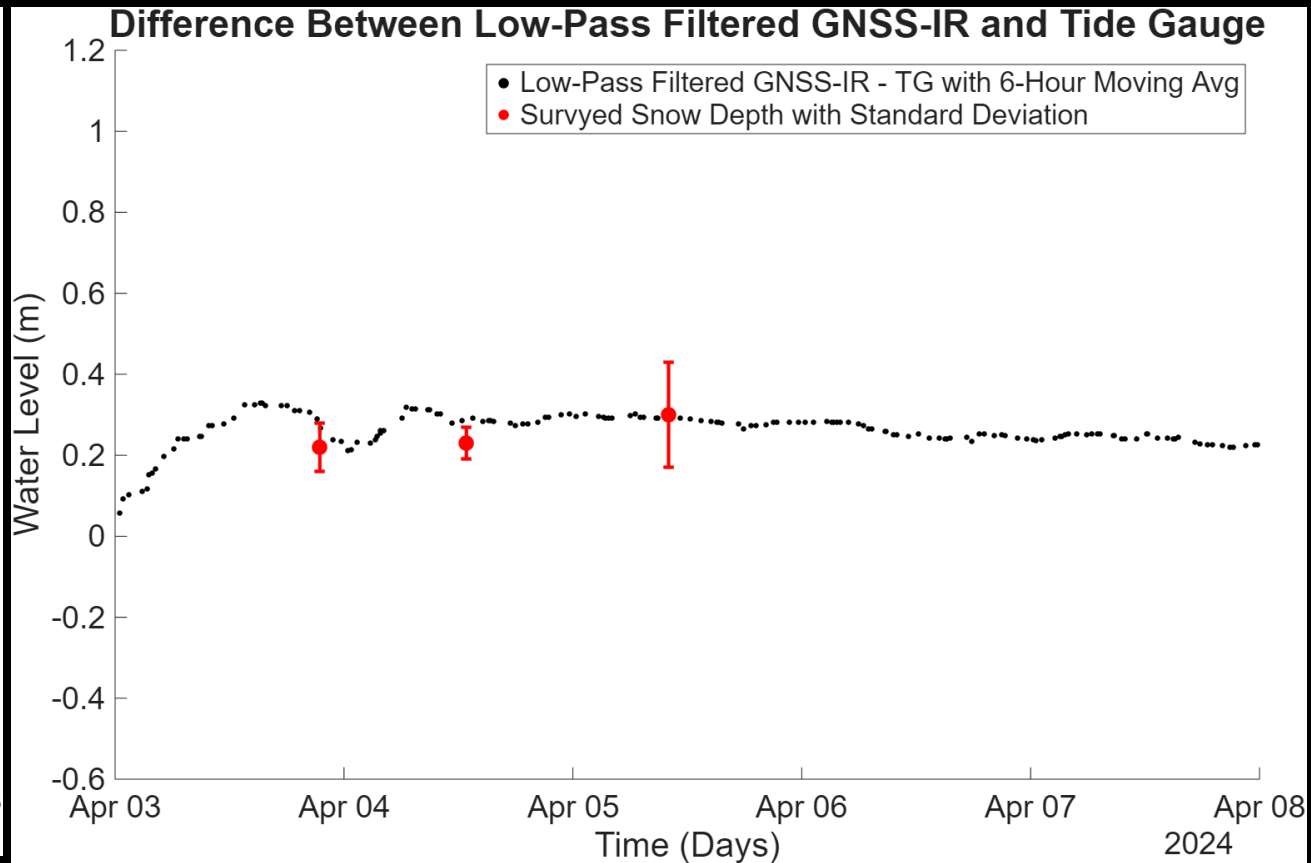
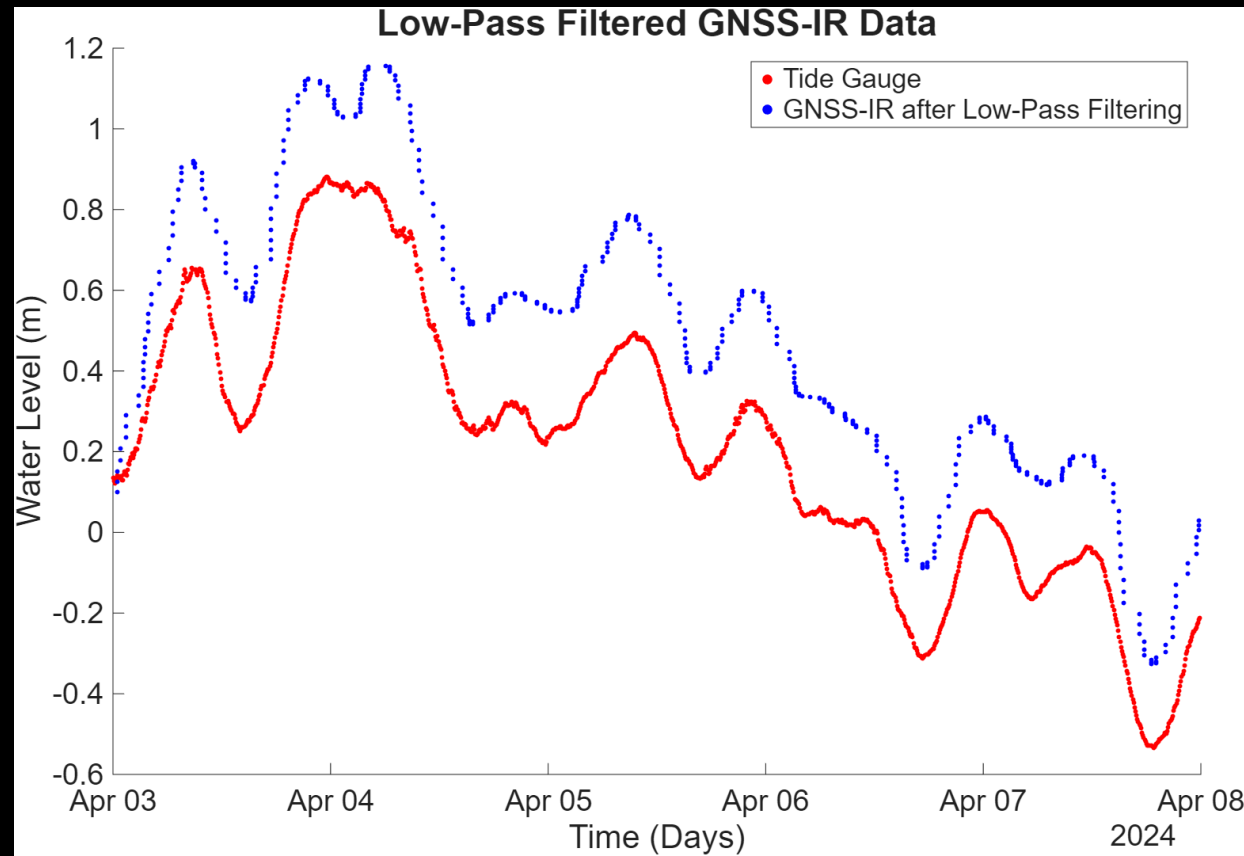
Low-Pass Filtered GNSS-IR Data





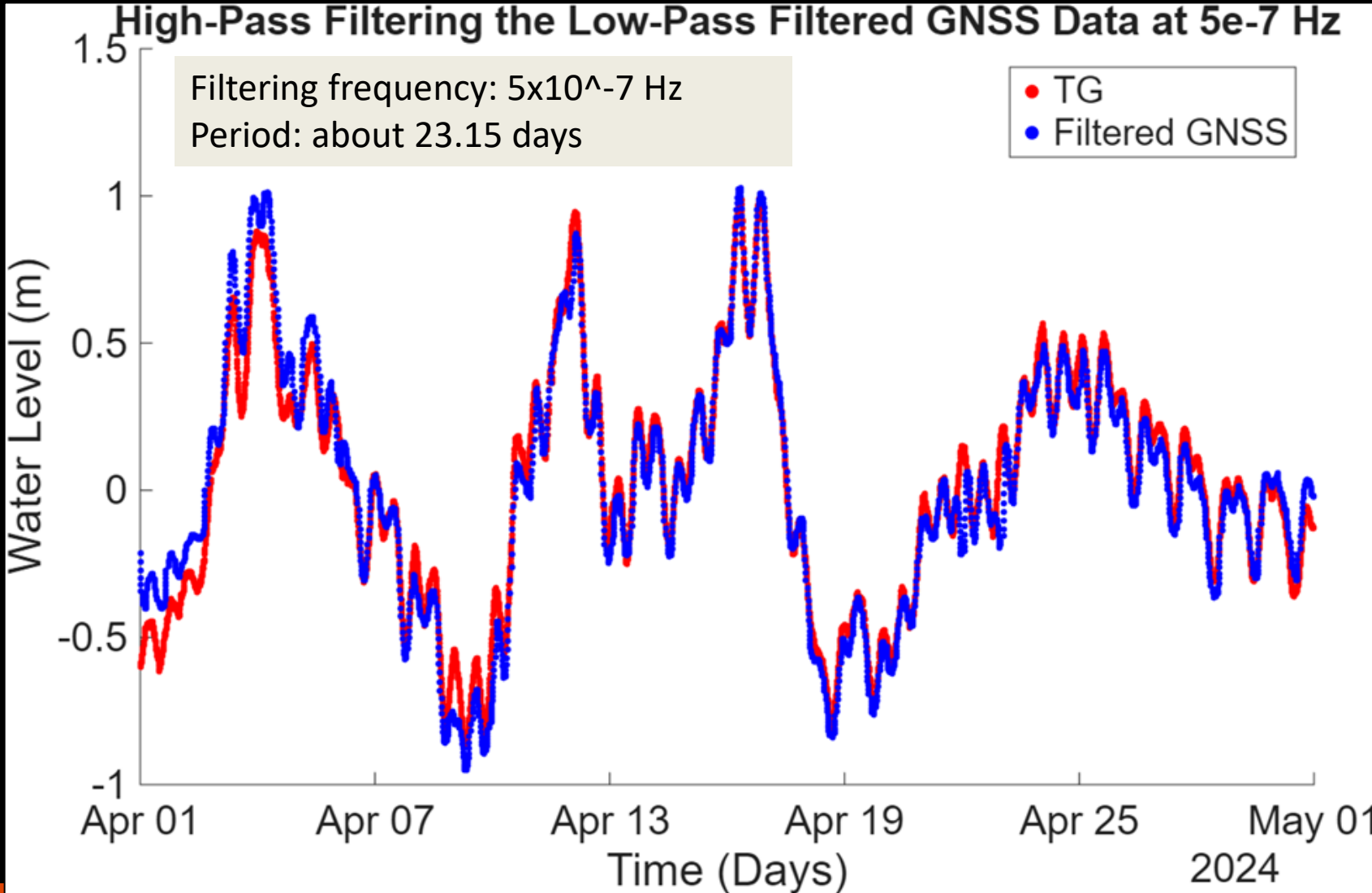
Snow Depth

- Fieldwork April 3 – 7, 2024
- Difference in data sets likely due to snow





- Temp and precipitation data from Nome airport



On-going Research work

- Exclude the snow effect
- Determine vertical displacement of sea ice
- Estimate horizontal motion of sea ice



Summary

- Geomatics at Oregon State University continuously put efforts on *training and workforce development* through running high level **graduate program**, Geomatic Minor for undergraduate, as well as developing a **geomatics degree program**
- Through the **GCAP**, OrSU and GCAP partners actively contributes to GNSS research by developing and testing **GNSS algorithms**, contributing to **NSRS** transitions, and **training and educating** for future leaders in geodesy and geospatial professions
- Various **GNSS research activities** have been performing not only for the **PNT** but also **sensing the earth environment**



- **Publications**

- **Luhrmann, F.**, Park, J., & Wong, W.-K.(2026). Ionospheric anomaly detection and source geolocation over open ocean with GNSS remote sensing. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics*, 131, e2025JA034460. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2025JA034460>.
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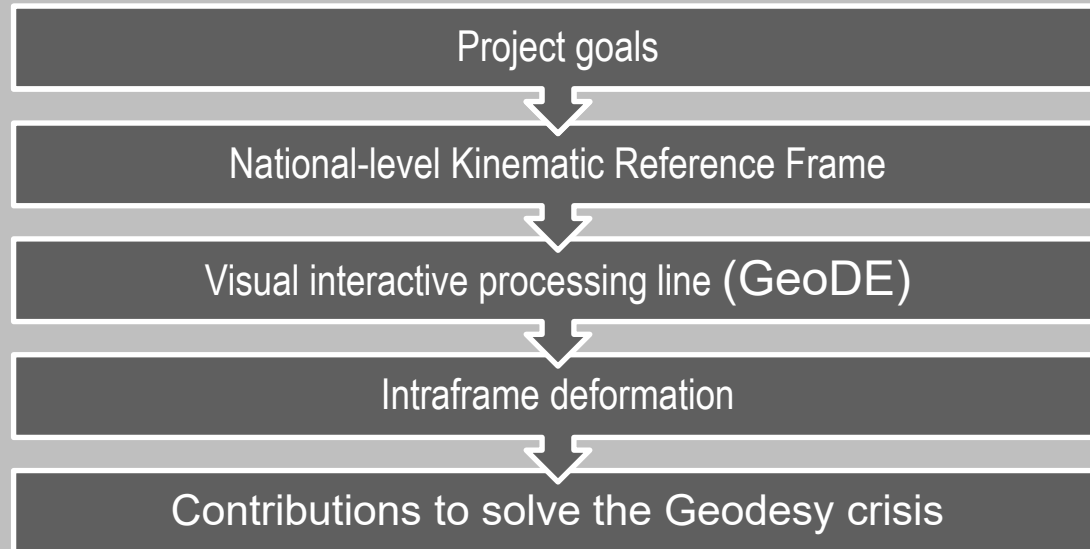
- **GCAP Website:** <https://gcapgeospatial.org>



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A Full Kinematic, Backwards-Compatible Reference Frame for the Continental United States of America and Canada

Demián D. Gómez, Chong-You Wang, Michael G. Bevis, and Joachim Moortgat

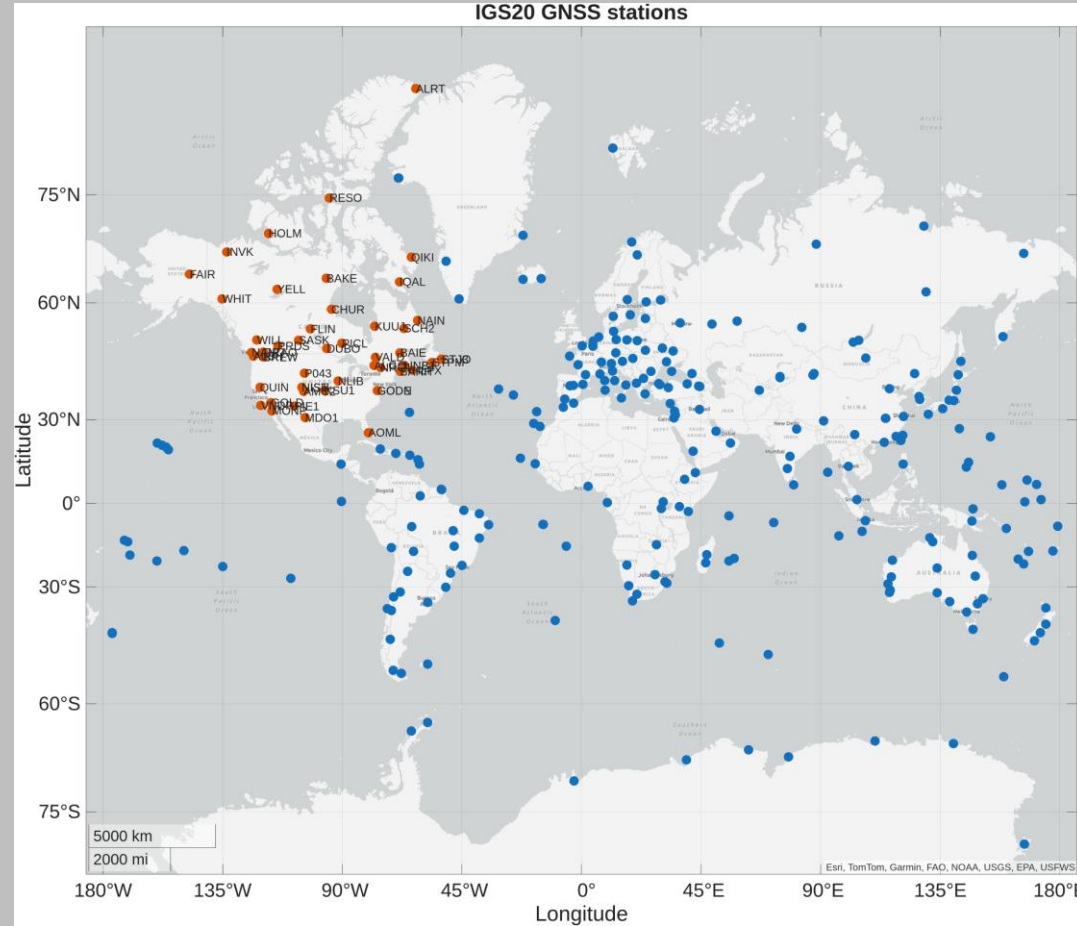




- **Develop a workflow** involving data curation, processing, and analysis to create an operational (*sandbox*) kinematic reference frame.
- We call this workflow the ***Geometric Geodesy Processing Line (GGPL)***
- Features of the GGPL include:
 - A **relational database** (PostgreSQL) to store **all** the data and products, including the frame itself
 - **Integration** between **GNSS solutions**, station **trajectory models**, and other observations such as **InSAR**
 - **Artificial intelligence** techniques to **improve** trajectory models and model deformation constraints using InSAR observations
 - A software package that **streamlines creation of models and frame access**



- Using ~1,800 NGS CORS, we realized a kinematic reference frame (KRF) for CONUS and Canada
- Definition: the coordinates and model parameters defining the reference frame are time-dependent
- **Single or multiple conventional epochs**, accessible to all users anytime and anywhere to guarantee topologic homogeneity.
- Models to access the conventional epoch are mandatory, even after an earthquake
- **CORS data is essential to meet this goal**





Metadata

General

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Measurement

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Comments

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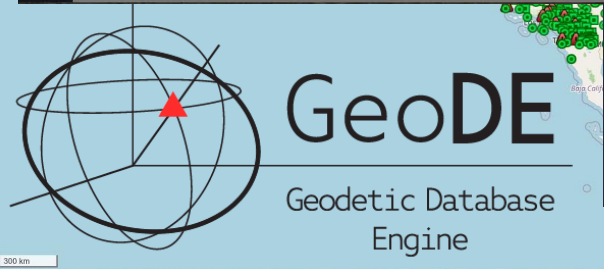
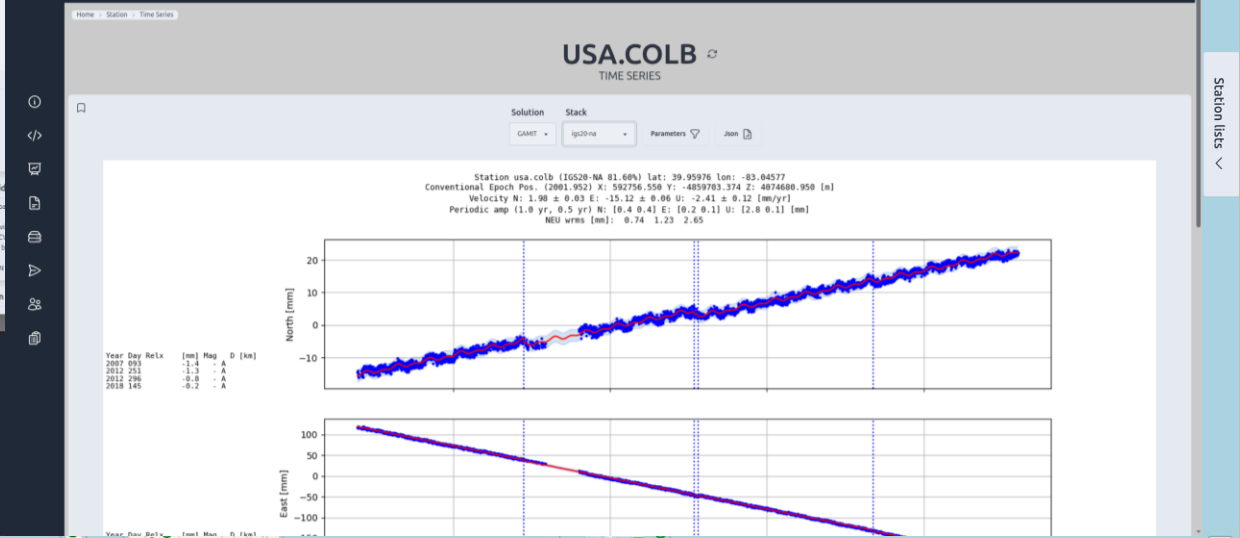
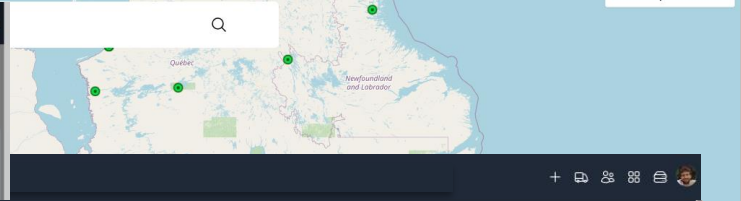
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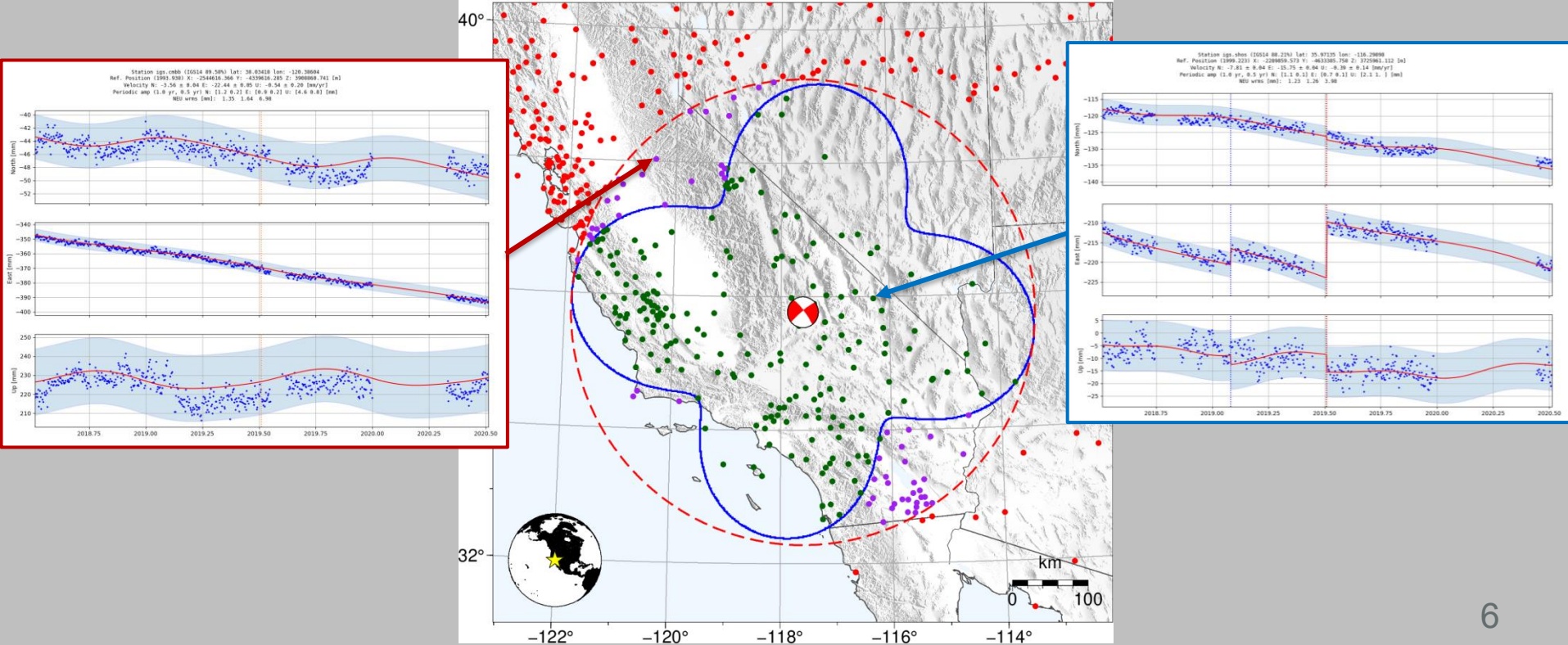
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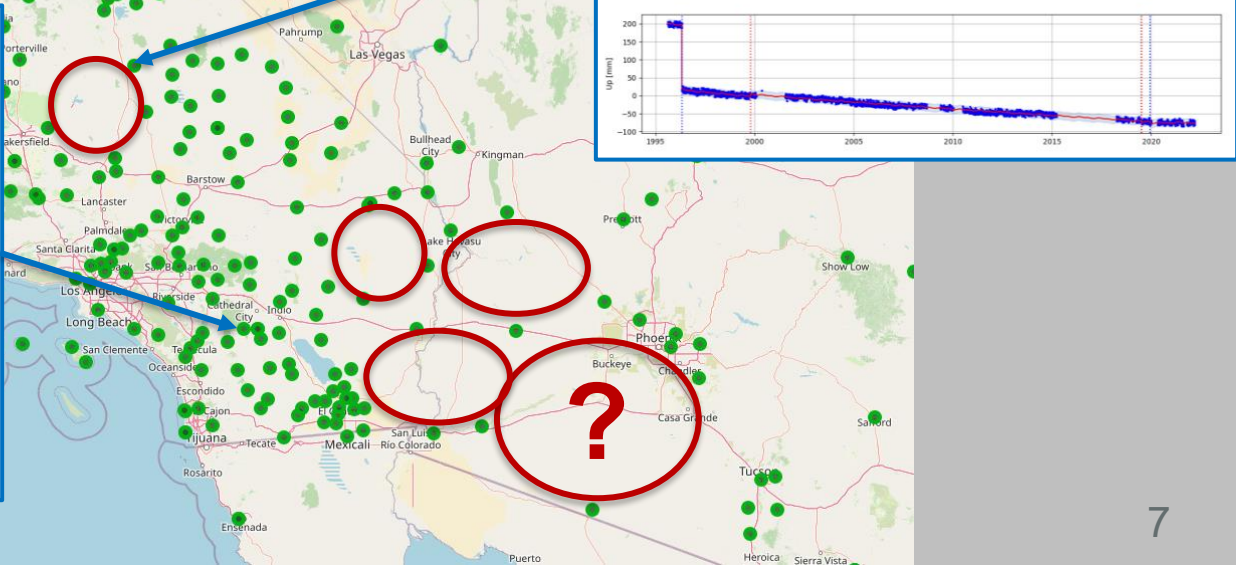
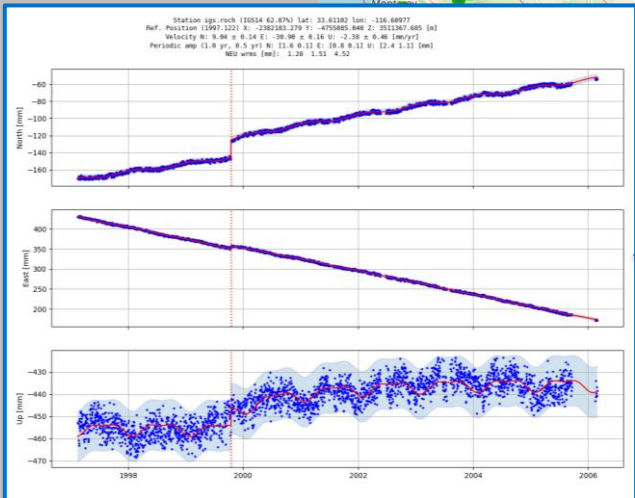
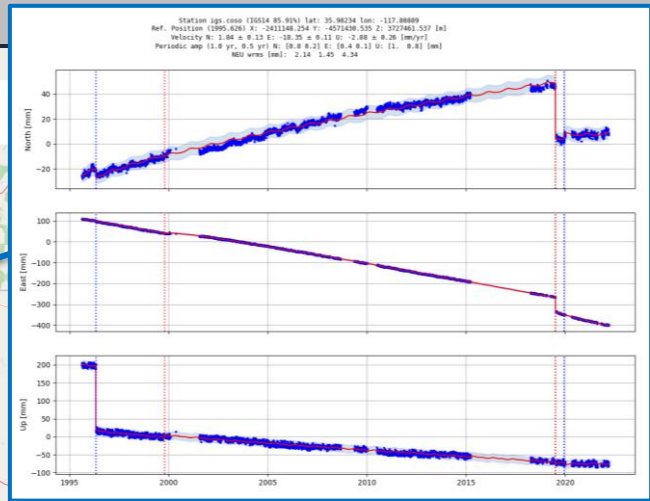
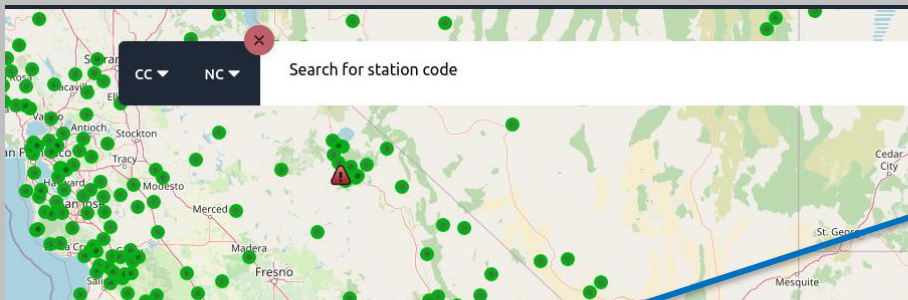
Earthquake detection → significant improvement over current methods → better time series

Mw 7.1 Jul 06, 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquake Sequence





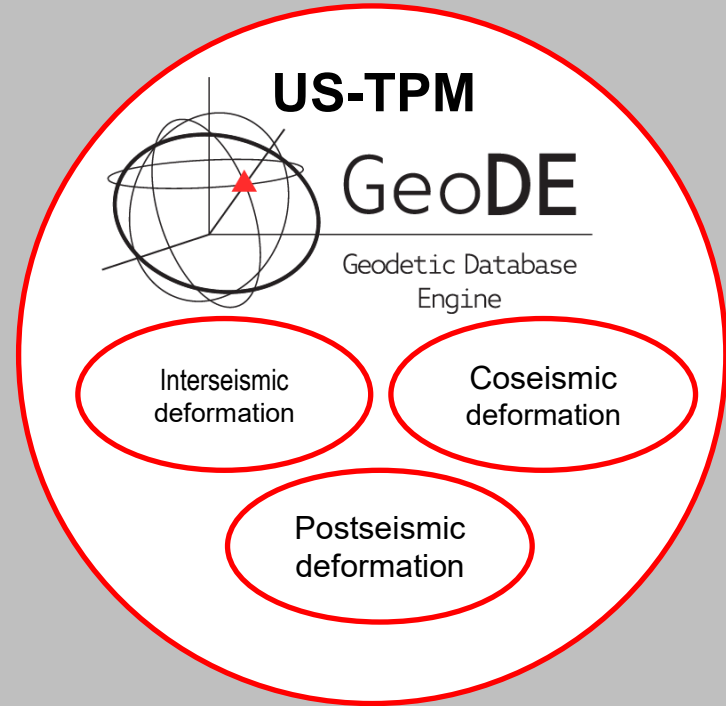
Intraframe Deformation





Trajectory Prediction Models (TPM)

- A **TPM, continuous in space and time**, that allows us to predict the behavior of passive benchmarks.
- This model ensures the access to a geodetic reference frame after large magnitude earthquakes using postseismic coordinates.
- These models allow the frame users to obtain accurate predictions of position and uncertainty in the target frame.





GNSS vs InSAR: complementary observations

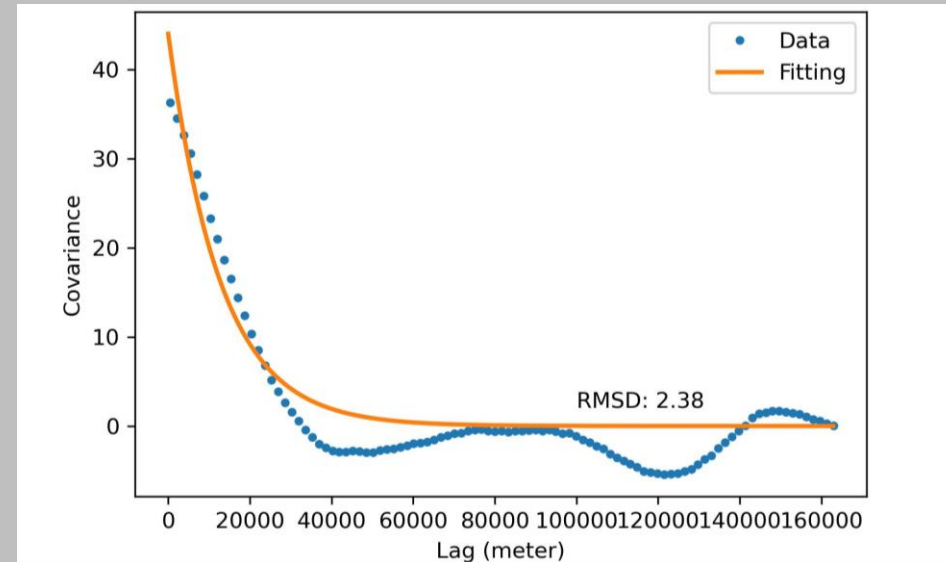
- GNSS daily solutions
 - Mostly in **ITRF/IGS** or regional densifications of it
 - Have random errors.** Spatially correlated errors are largely reduced/estimated
- InSAR:
 - In a **relative reference frame**
 - In addition to **random errors**, under-corrected spatially correlated errors usually exist. **Atmospheric errors are (in general) still present in final products**

To achieve integration, we must unify the reference frames and deal with uncertainties



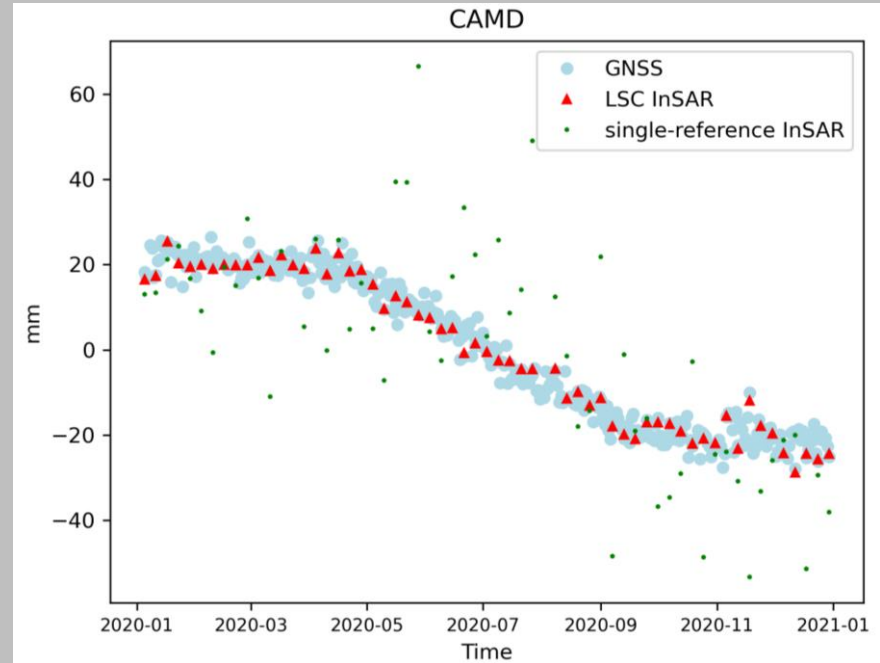
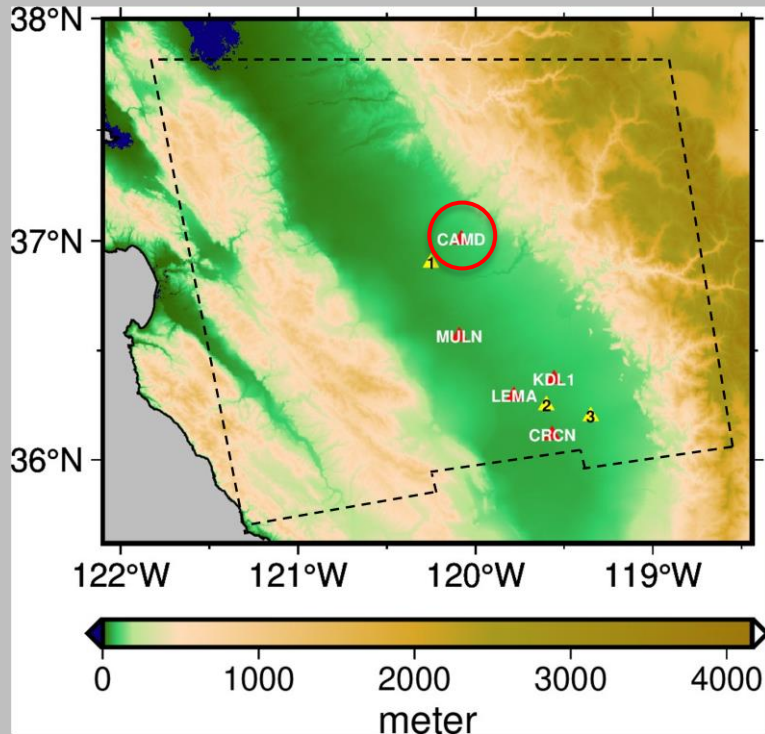
Integration: Least-squares Collocation InSAR (CoInSAR)

- We model the turbulent errors and mitigate them.
- Using all available GNSS stations around an area of interest, we find the reference frame transformation parameters while accounting for turbulent and random errors.
- We apply the transformation to InSAR displacements to achieve integration





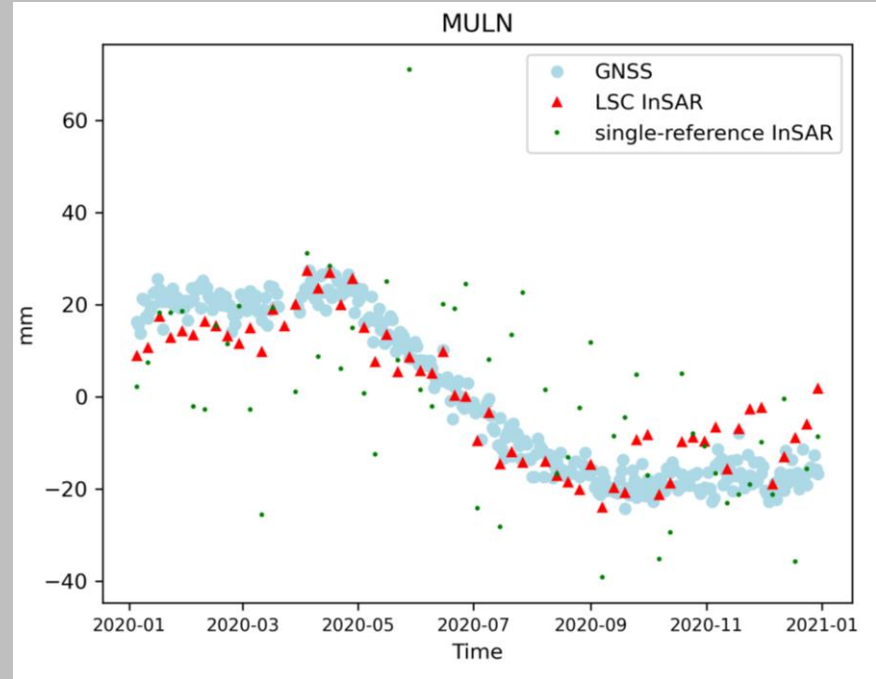
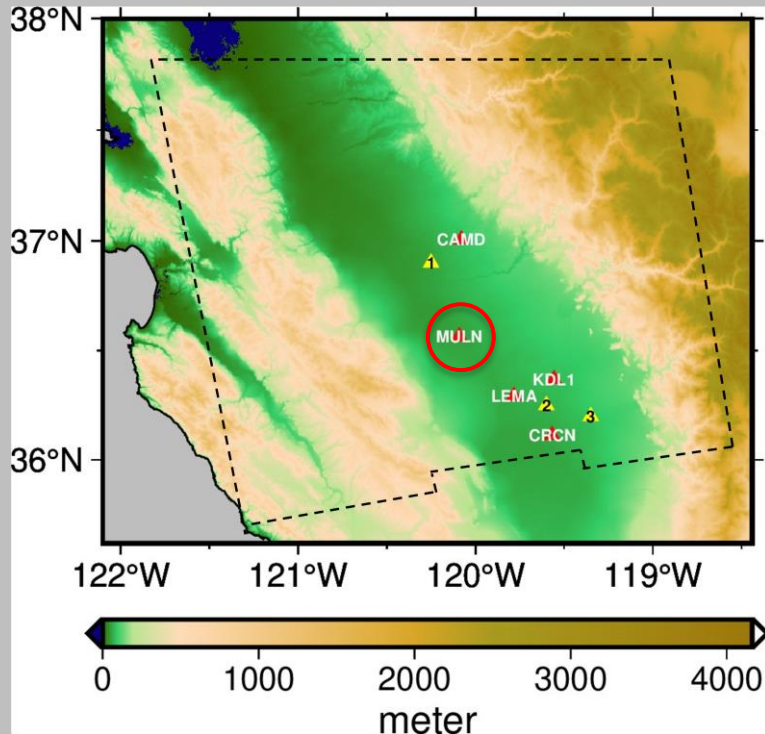
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LSC InSAR RMSD: 7.45 mm
Single-reference RMSD: 20.74 mm



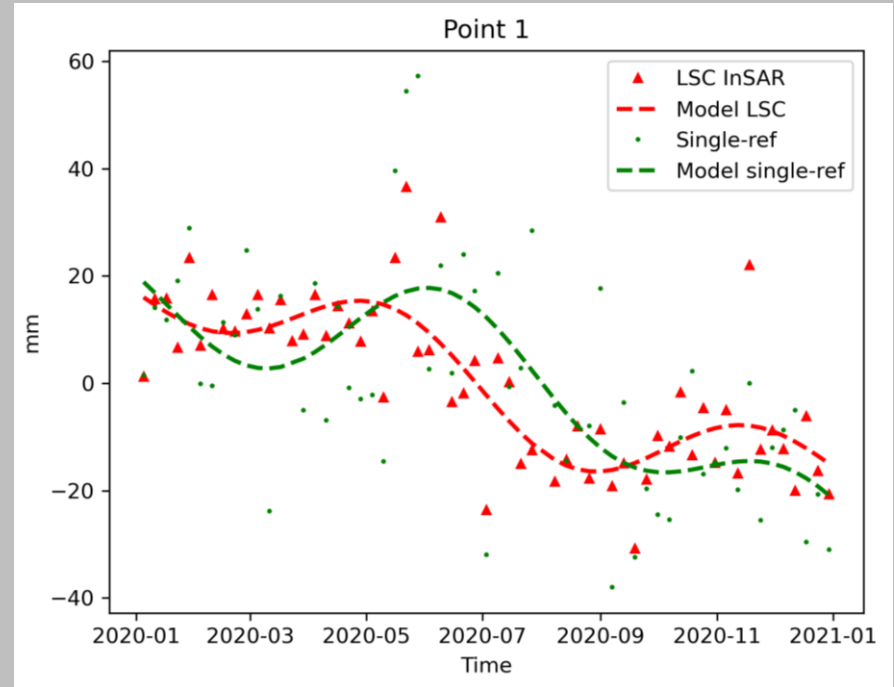
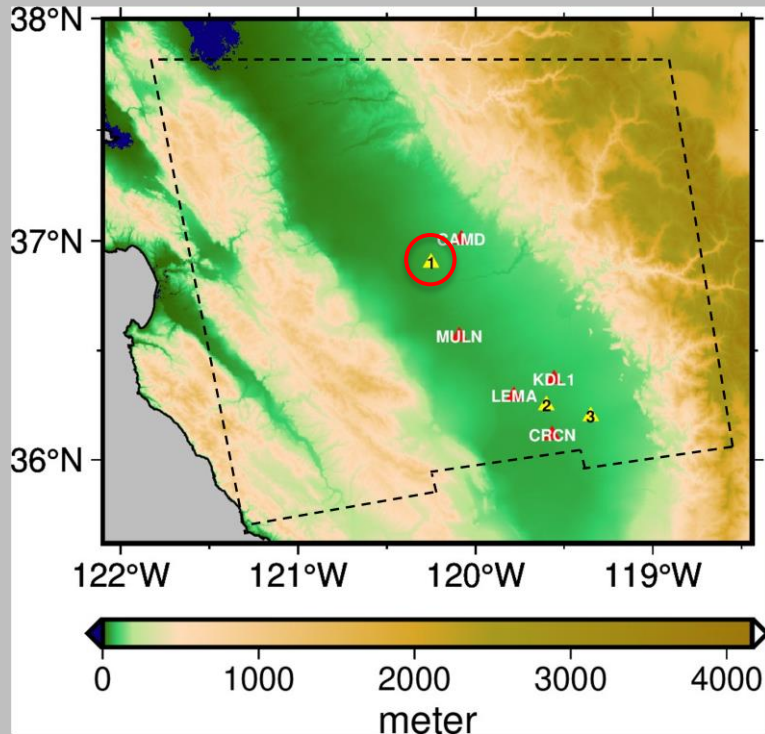
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Single-reference RMSD: 18.20 mm



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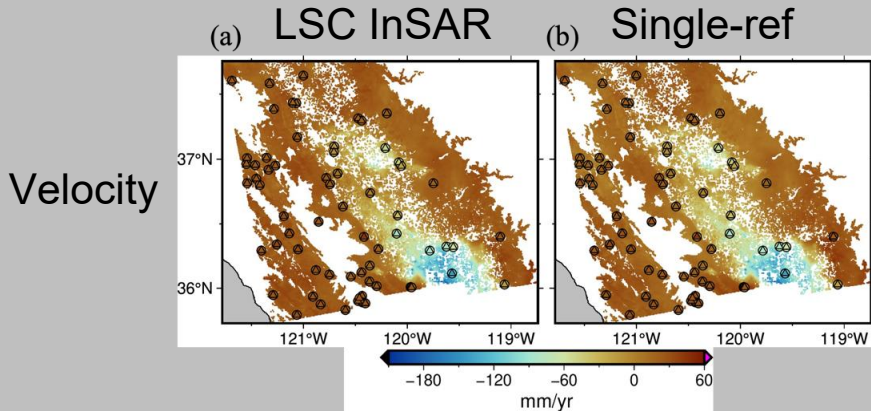


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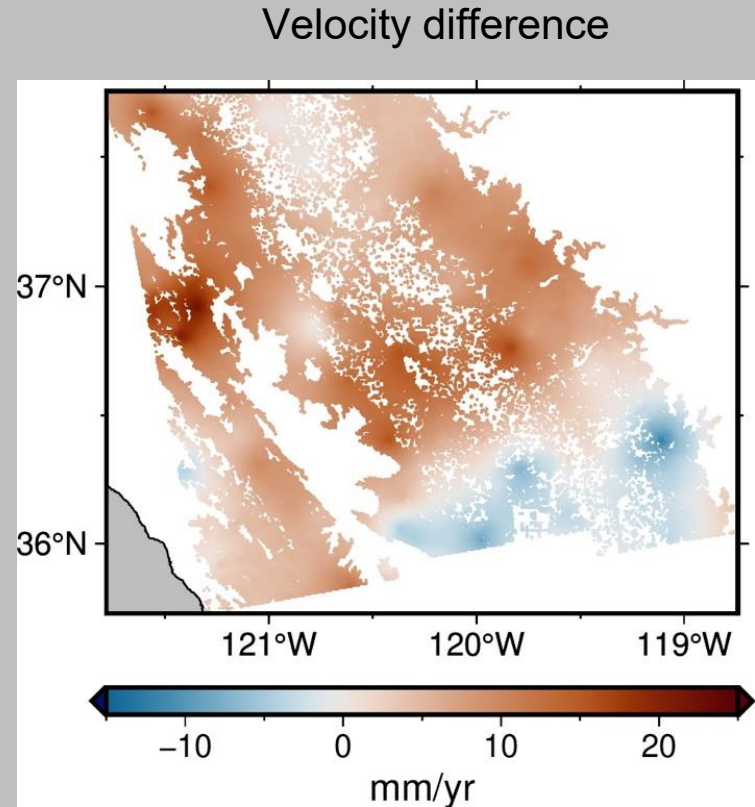
Single-reference RMSD: 16.53 mm



Derived linear velocity



- Direct integration with our trajectory prediction models (intraframe deformation)
- Possibility of assimilating JPL's OPERA products
- **Direct impact on NGS' user community:** better models to work on high deformation regions





Contributions to solve the Geodesy crisis

Workforce Development

- Training the next generation of geodesists: three fully-funded PhD students and one postdoctoral position (to be filled in coming months) directly addressing the national geodesy workforce shortage
- Students contribute to open-source geodetic software, ensuring skills transfer beyond the grant period

Integration of Space Geodetic Observations (CoInSAR)

- Fusion of InSAR and GNSS observations via least-squares collocation to densify the spatial sampling of the geometric reference frame, particularly in regions with sparse continuous GNSS coverage

Kinematic Reference Frame Realization

- Research directly supports NGS' efforts toward a time-dependent realization of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), accounting for ongoing crustal motion, postseismic deformation, and glacial isostatic adjustment
- Prototype (“sandbox”) reference frame environment and associated tools designed for direct technology transfer to NGS operational workflows



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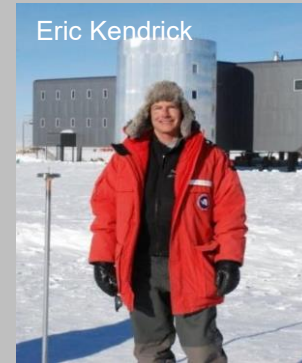


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Questions?

¿Preguntas?

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GDGPS High Accuracy Products for Real-Time Applications: Supporting Public and Scientific Communities

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Outline



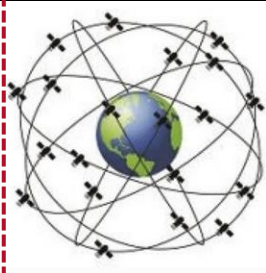
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 - GDGPS Operations Centers (GOCs) transition
 - Real-time public products for distribution
- GDGPS public products performance
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- Standalone JPL prototype client
- Other GDGPS-based science products to detect natural hazards
- Summary
- Acknowledgements

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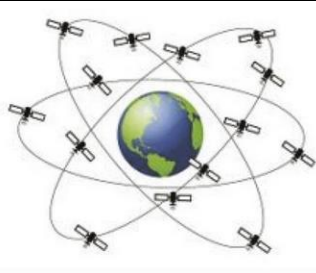
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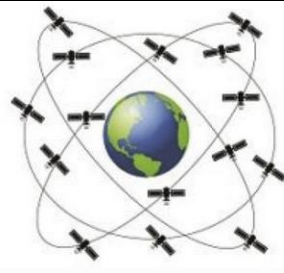
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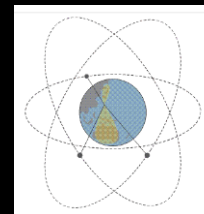
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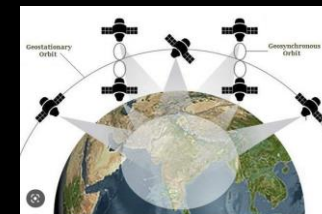
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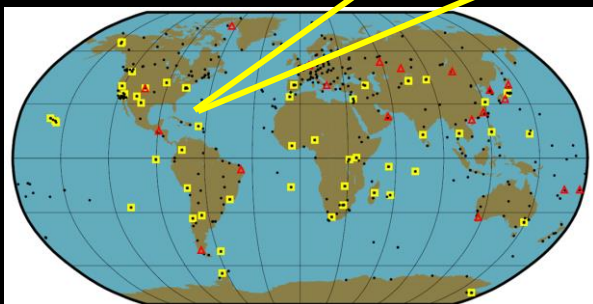


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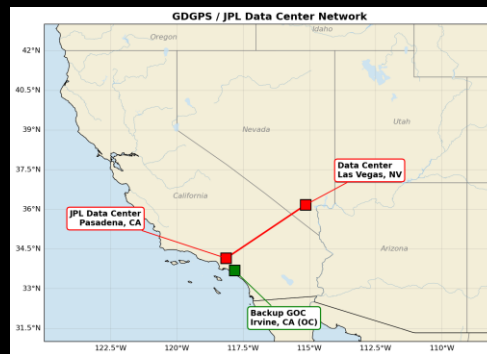
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Reference Network
(Core is NASA's GGN)

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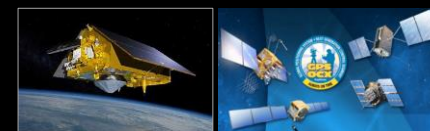
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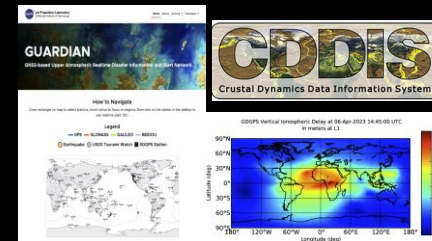
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Products,
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Precise Positioning and
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Time-Critical Environmental
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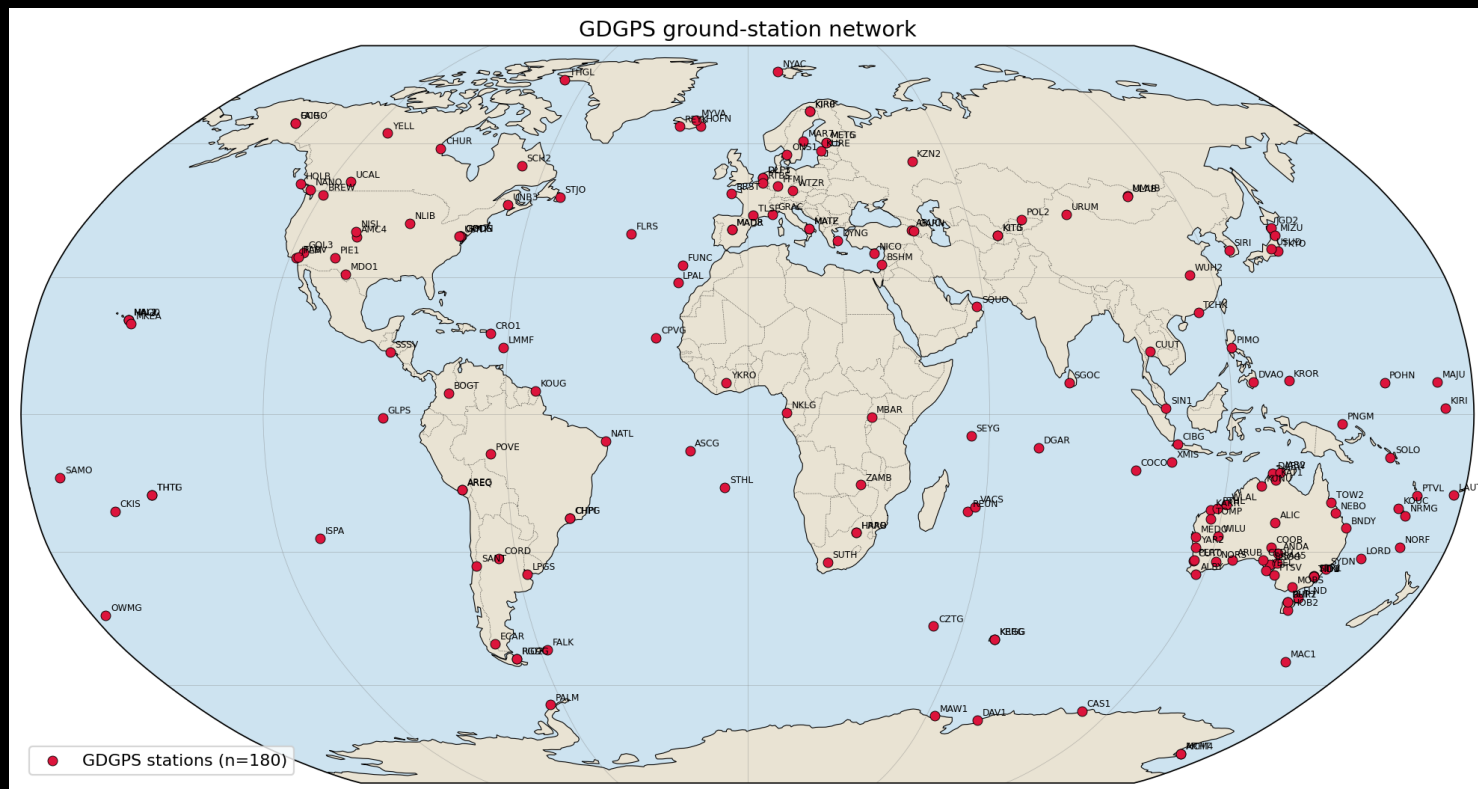
GDGPS enables 5-10 cm real-time accuracy, and provides other unique products

Network of GDGPS-Processed GNSS Receivers

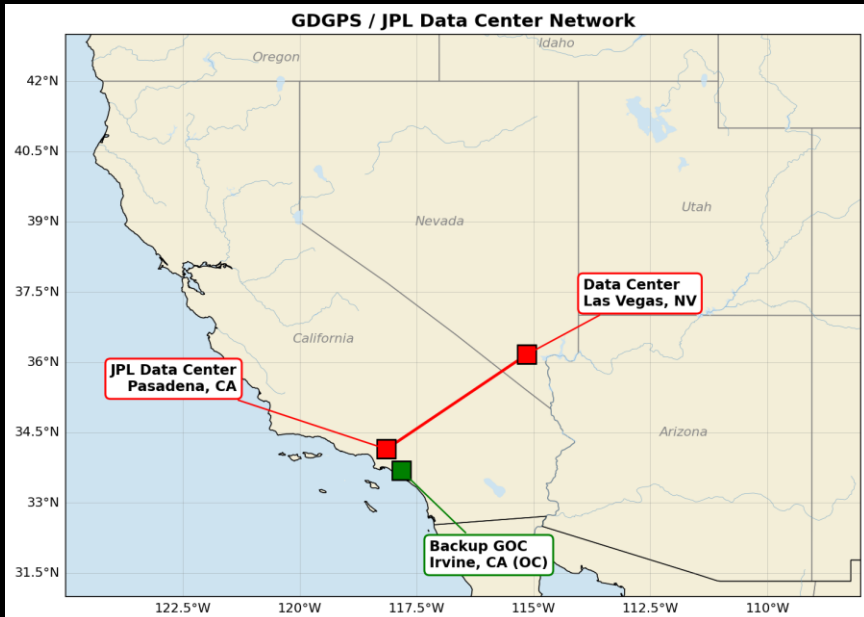


- GDGPS uses and supports NASA-owned JPL-operated GNSS receivers (GGN)
- Network augmented by a smaller set of GDGPS-operated sites
- Publicly available IGS streaming data supplements the global network

The available global tracking network undergoes continual review and upgrading



Completion of GOCs Transition to JPL Data Centers



host	ID	hostname	type	OS	model	cpu	mem	disk	net	storage	price	status	system	app	COGID	proj	priority	update	site	host
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CA, DMZ																				
NV																				
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- Operational data processing is carried out in multiple independent GDGPS Operations Centers (GOCs)
- Completed of transition of two JPL Data Centers located at JPL and Las Vegas to comply with NASA data security requirements (FISMA)

50+ servers are JPL and Las Vegas Data Centers

GDGPS Public Products at NASA EarthData Now



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JPL Global Differential GPS Products

The Global Differential GPS (GDGPS) Products System provides sub-decimeter positioning accuracy and sub-nanosecond time transfer accuracy anywhere in the world.

The Global Differential GPS (GDGPS) System is a complete, highly accurate, and extremely robust real-time GNSS monitoring and augmentation system.

Employing a large ground network of real-time reference receivers, innovative network architecture, and real-time data processing software, the GDGPS System provides sub-decimeter (<10 cm) positioning accuracy and sub-nanosecond time transfer accuracy anywhere in the world, on the ground, in the air, and in space, independent of local infrastructure.

A complete array of real-time GNSS state information, environmental data, and ancillary products are available in support of the GNSS Augmentation operations, Assisted GNSS (A-GNSS) services, situational assessment, and environmental monitoring - globally, uniformly, accurately, and reliably.

Full services are available for GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou, Galileo, QZSS, and NAVIC.

GDGPS has been providing high reliability position, navigation, and timing data services to industry and government operations since 2000. The GDGPS navigation technology underlie major global infrastructure, including the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS), and the next generation GPS Operational Control Segment (OCS).

JPL GDGPS Data Products

- [JPL GDGPS Antenna Phase Centers Product](#)
- [JPL GDGPS GNSS Antenna Phase Maps Meta Data product](#)
- [JPL GDGPS Daily Accumulated Real-Time Precise Orbit Determination \(POD\) 1-second Clock Corrections product](#)
- [JPL GDGPS Daily Accumulated Real-Time POD Clock Corrections product](#)
- [JPL GDGPS Earth Orientation Parameters \(EOP\) product](#)
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GUARDIAN

GNSS-based Upper Atmospheric Realtime Disaster Information and Alert Network

Near Real-Time Data Available

The GNSS-based Upper Atmospheric Realtime Disaster Information and Alert Network (GUARDIAN) is a near-real-time (NRT) ionospheric monitoring software that supplements existing natural hazards early warning systems. Its main products are NRT total electron content (TEC) time series, allowing users to explore ionospheric TEC perturbations that occur on Earth due to natural and anthropogenic events.

The NRT GUARDIAN time series are validated against well-established post-processing methods. Currently, time series are computed for more than 90 Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) ground stations distributed around the Pacific Ring of Fire, which monitor the four main GNSS constellations: the Global Positioning System (GPS), Galileo, BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS), and GLObal Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS).

GUARDIAN was developed at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Near real-time TEC data from GUARDIAN are archived through the NASA's Crustal Dynamics Data Information System (CDDIS).

Tool at a Glance

DATA TOOL TYPE

Monitoring Natural Events

RELATED TOPIC

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Natural Hazards
Ionosphere/Magnetosphere Dynamics

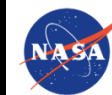
Launch GUARDIAN ↗

TEC Product at EarthData

- **Name:** GUARDIAN Near-Real-Time Ionospheric Total Electron Content product
- **Format:** [CSV](#)
- **Spatial Coverage:** 90.0 to -90.0, 180.0 to -180.0 (~1200 km around monitored stations)
- **Temporal Coverage:** 2022-09-15 to present
- **Temporal Resolution:** 5 seconds
- **File Size:** ~ 20 MB/file
- **Platforms:** Multiple GNSS

GDGPS-based file products available via NASA's [Earthdata.nasa.gov](https://earthdata.nasa.gov)

GDGPS SSR Streams Available via CDDIS and IGS



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NASA Streams at BKG, Germany

parameter combinations

RA02IGS1
RA03IGS1

IGS RTS AC JPL solution SSRA11JPL0

IGS RTS AC JPL solution SSRA11JPL0

- PPP client software: BKG Ntrip Client (BNC)
- Location: IGS reference station FFMJ00DEU, Frankfurt
- Observations: 1Hz, dual frequency, GPS+GAL
- Real-Time GNSS analysis software: GIPSY
- Orbits: ??Internal?? Ultra Rapid product
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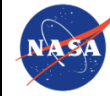
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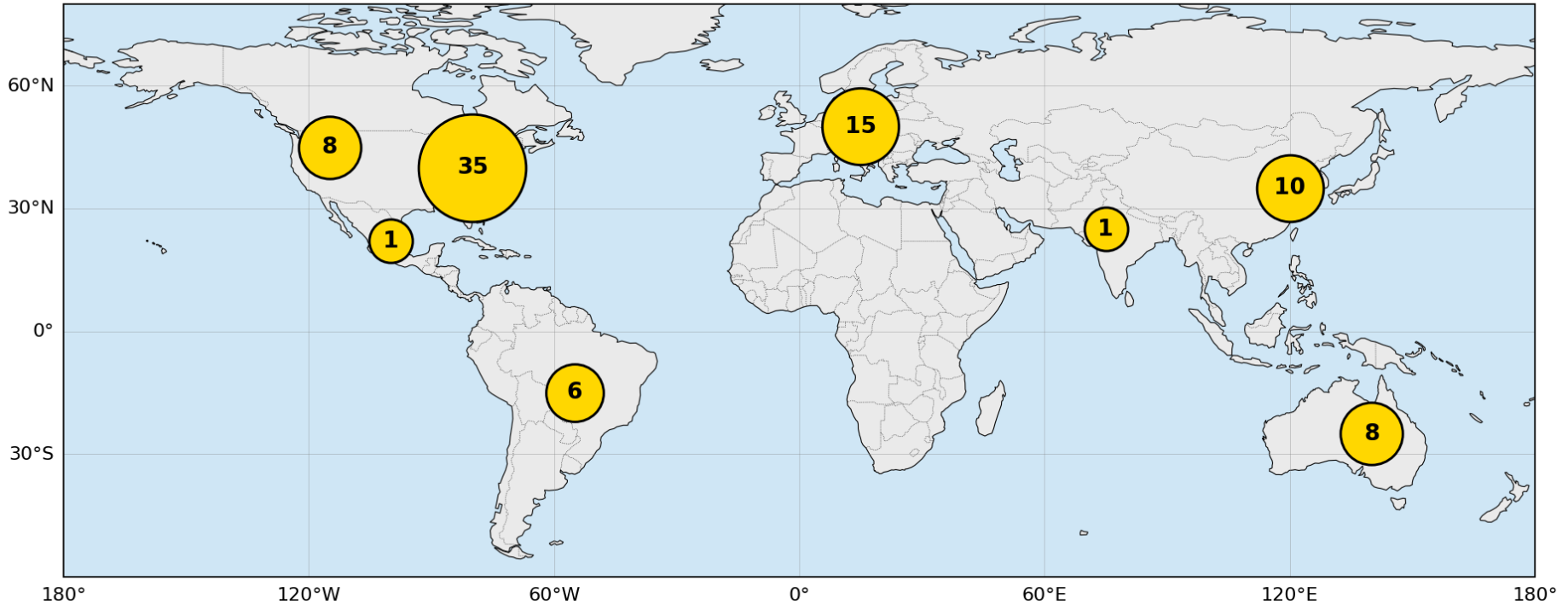
Stream	Former name	Systems	Primary signals	Content
SSRA11JPL0	JPL32T2	GPS + GAL	GPS: 1W/2W GAL: 1C/7Q	Satellite orbits, clocks, and code biases (code and phase biases in beta)
SSRA12JPL0	JPL42T2			
SSRA21JPL0	JPL32T	GPS + GLO	GPS: 1W/2W GLO: 1P/2P	Satellite orbits and clocks
SSRA22JPL0	JPL42T			
BCEP01JPL0	JPLEPH31	GPS + GAL + GLO		Navigation messages
BCEP02JPL0	JPLEPH41			

GDGPS-based streaming products available via NASA's CDDIS and IGS

GDGPS Public Product Users as of March 2026



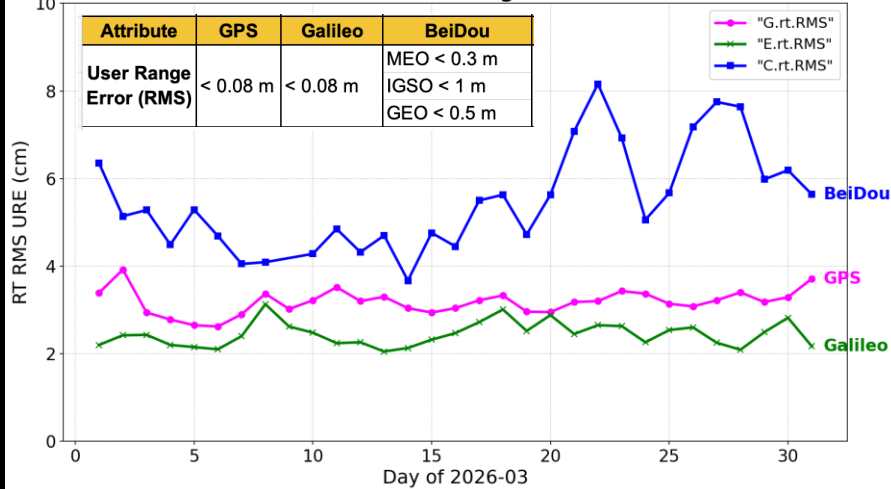
GDGPS non-JPL user locations worldwide (~84 locations)



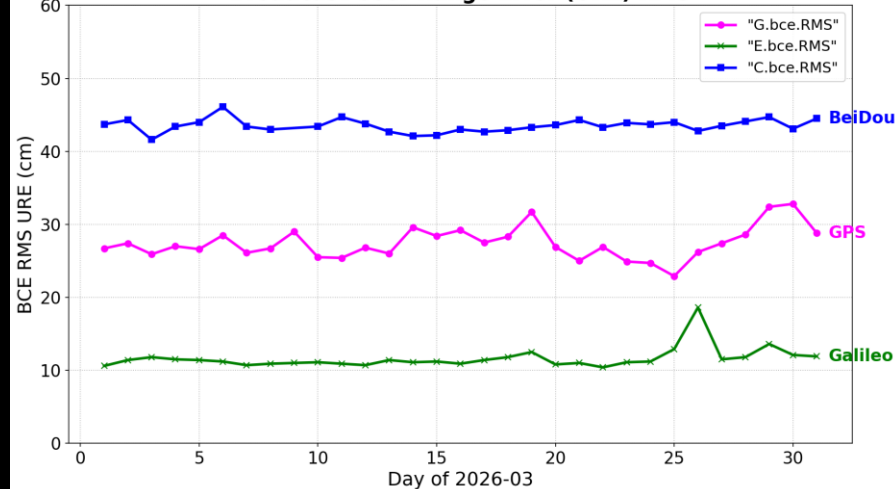
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GDGPS Public Products URE RMS Comparison with Final JPL Results for March 2026

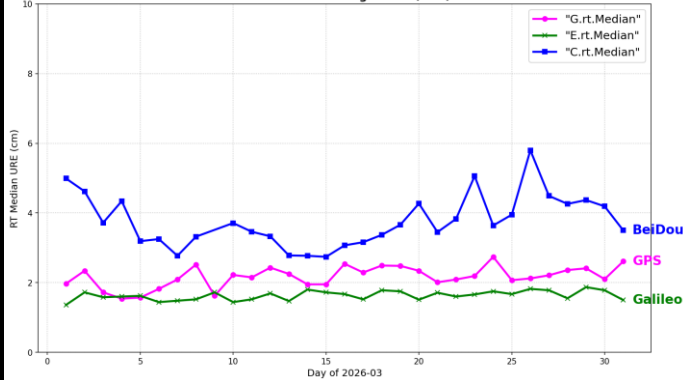
Real-Time GDGPS User Range Error (URE) RMS



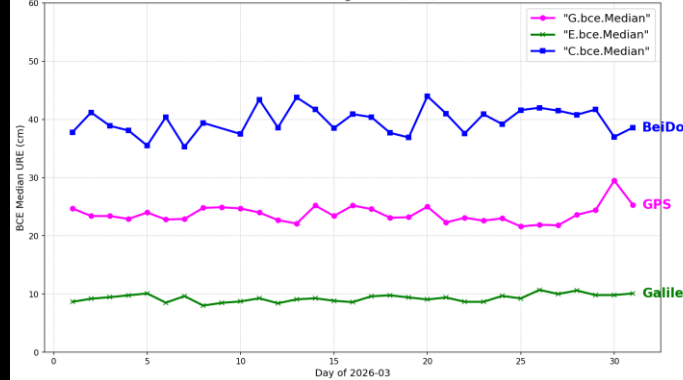
Broadcast User Range Error (URE) RMS



Real-Time GDGPS User Range Error (URE) Median



Broadcast User Range Error (URE) Median



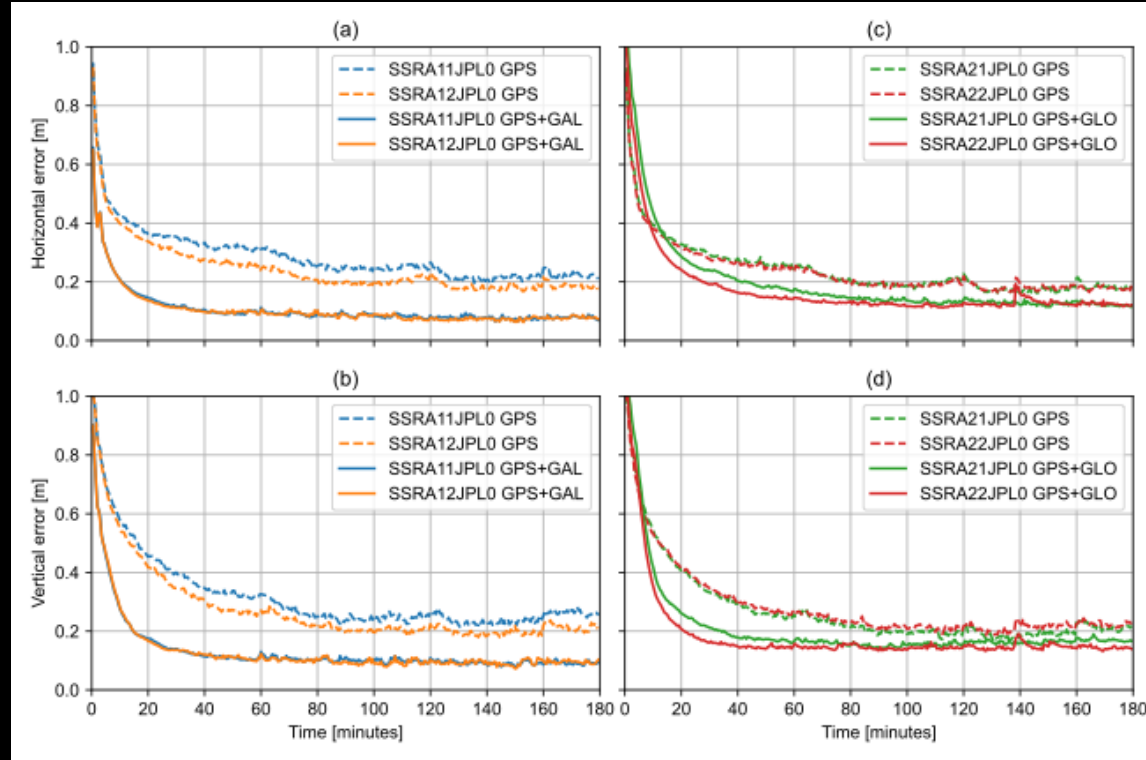
- Low cadence orbit filter at every 60 sec; High cadence clock filter at every second
Comparison to GipsyX final (G,E) and multi-constellation (C) rapid products

GDGPS HAS: Summary of Results

- Dashed lines: single-constellation
- Solid lines: dual-constellation
- Each time series is, for each epoch, the rms of all horizontal / vertical errors after removal of errors > 2 m
- Pairs of streams comparable in performance
- Improvements from dual-constellation over single-constellation

GPS+GAL results

outperform that of GPS+GLO



Stream

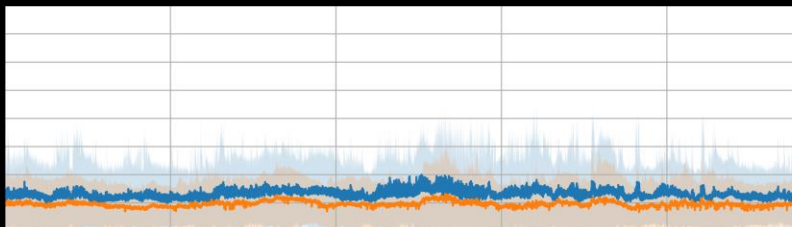
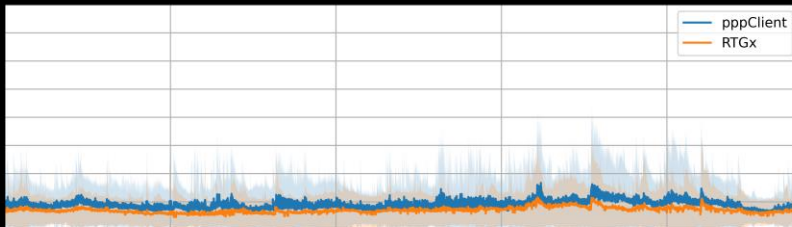
Multi-GNSS horizontal rms
between hours 1 and 3

SSRA11JPL0	12.1 cm
SSRA12JPL0	12.1 cm
SSRA21JPL0	23.4 cm
SSRA22JPL0	20.4 cm

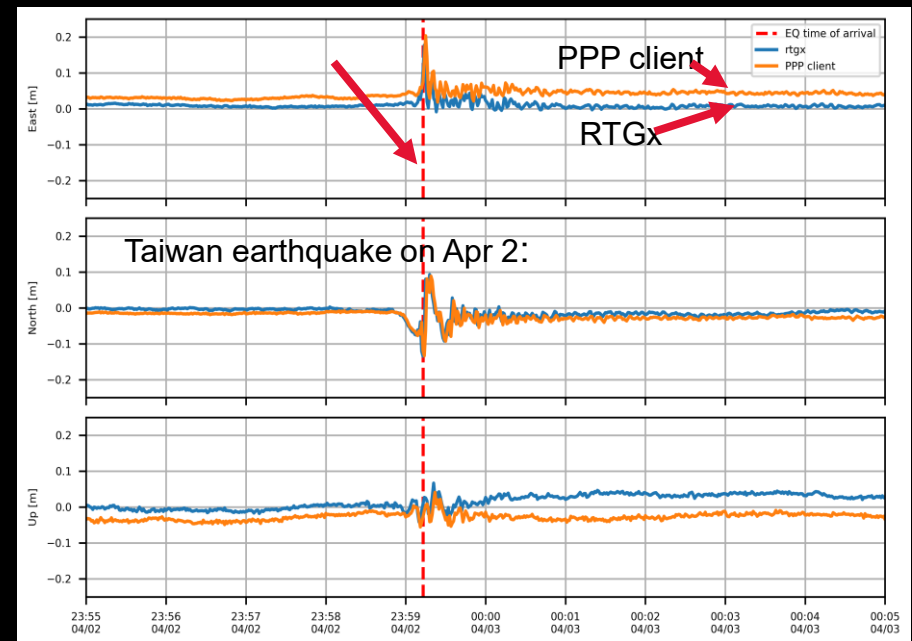
Standalone JPL Client Prototype Development

Current capabilities

- File-based and real-time processing
 - GPS + Galileo support
 - Uncombined (single-frequency) and combined, multi-frequency processing with float solutions



- Full week worth of data from ~30 stations
- The solid lines are average position errors, and the background are standard deviations



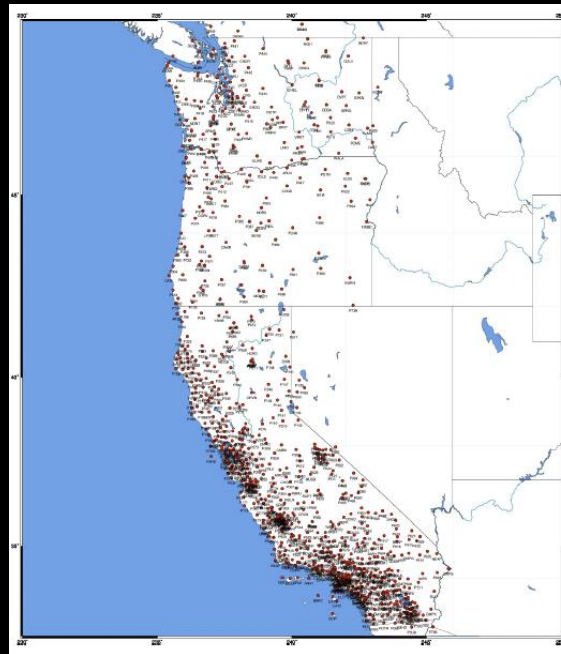
- M 7.4 Earthquake near Hualien City, Taiwan 23:58:12 (UTC) on Apr 2, 2024
- 1 Hz GPS+GAL PPP solution at station NCUT

JPL standalone prototype client agrees well with RTGx – EarthScope and USGS are currently in testing mode

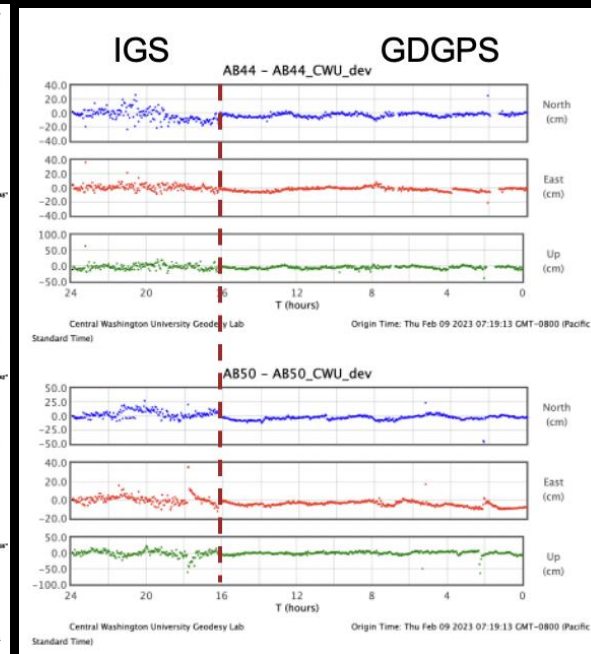
GDGPS's Contributions to Earthquake Early Warning



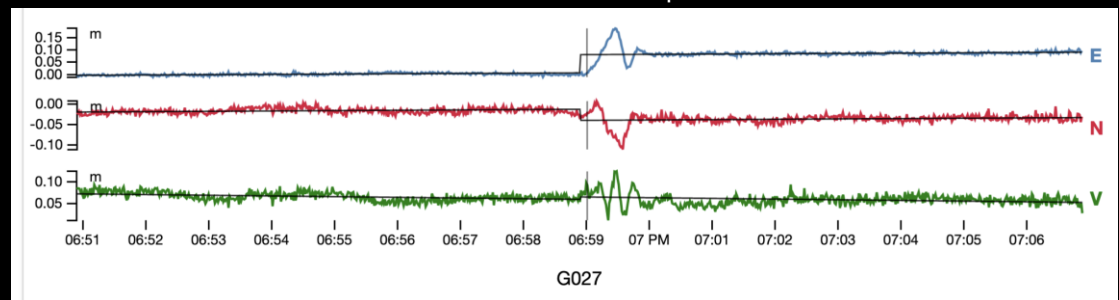
- ShakeAlert is a USGS earthquake early warning system with NASA funding
- NASA requested JPL GDGPS to provide contributions to ShakeAlert
- Novelty here is providing real-time positioning of each station separately using GDGPS
- GDGPS constitutes enabling data for accurate earthquake detection to protect populated areas



~1000 real-time GNSS sites used for ShakeAlert

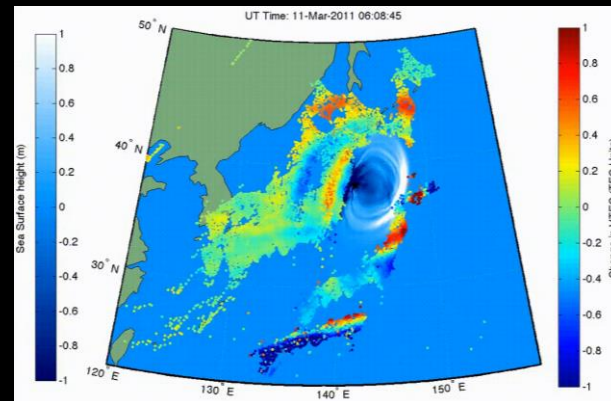


JPL's corrections are used for operational ShakeAlert solutions



GDGPS real-time measured Kamchatka-generated displacements in July 2025

GDGPS Monitoring Ionospheric Perturbations Induced by Natural Hazards



NASA News & Events

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NASA's GUARDIAN Tsunami Detection Tech Catches Wave in Real Time

The image shows an aerial view of a coastal city, likely Honolulu, Hawaii. The city is built on a hillside overlooking a large bay with a sandy beach. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is clear with some clouds. The city buildings are visible in the foreground, and the mountains are in the background.

Real-time monitoring of hazards using GDGS measurements

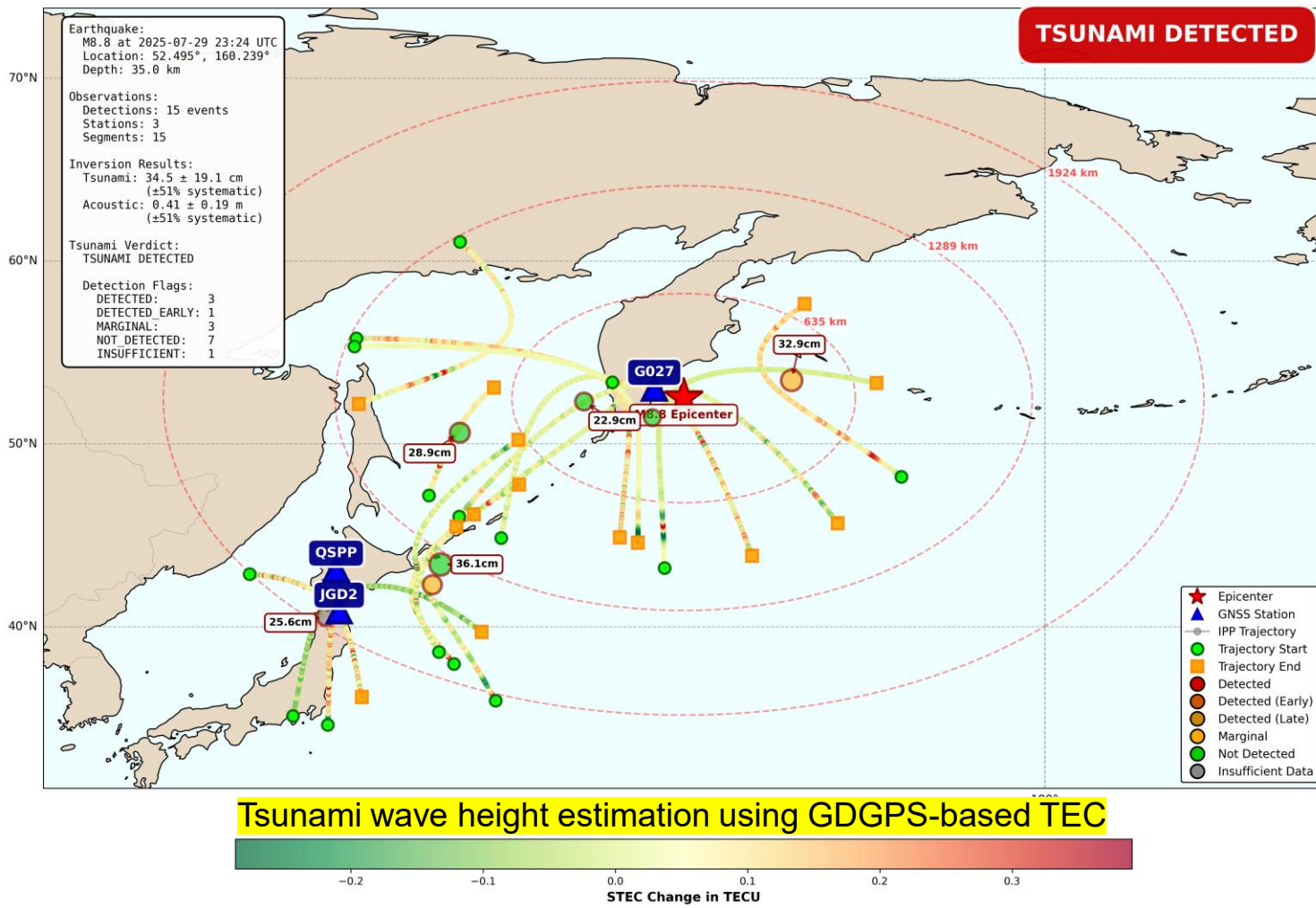
Kamchatka M8.8 Event Visualization Using GDGPS



Movie to play

GDGPS/GUARDIAN/Scout Estimating Source: Currently in Testing

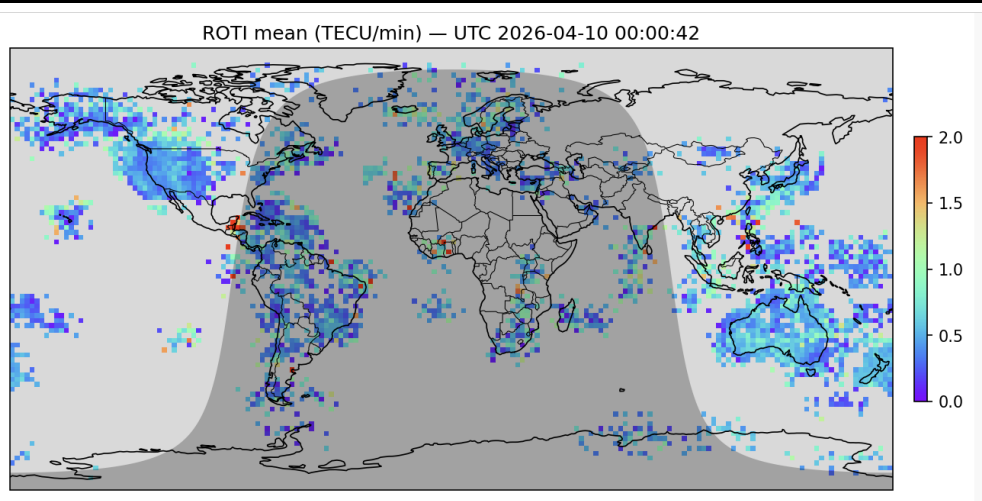
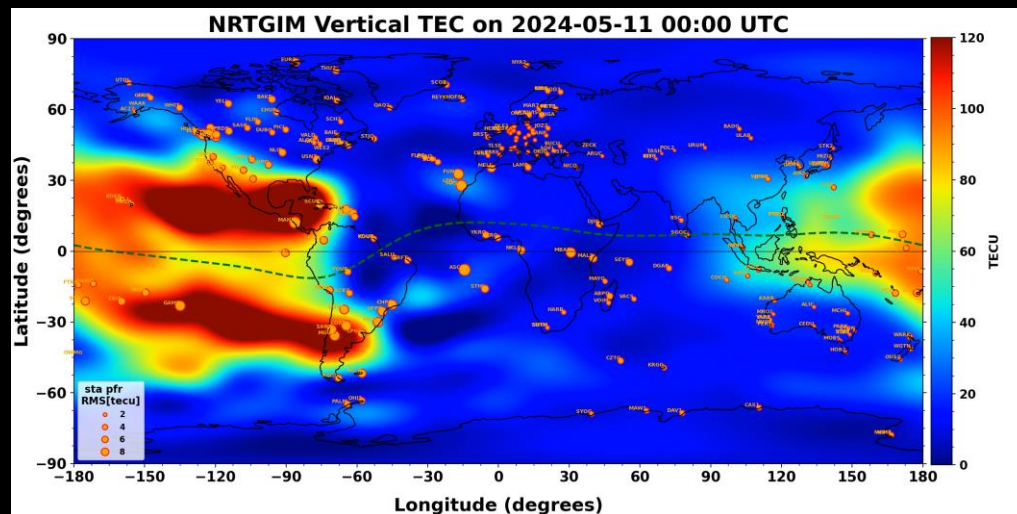
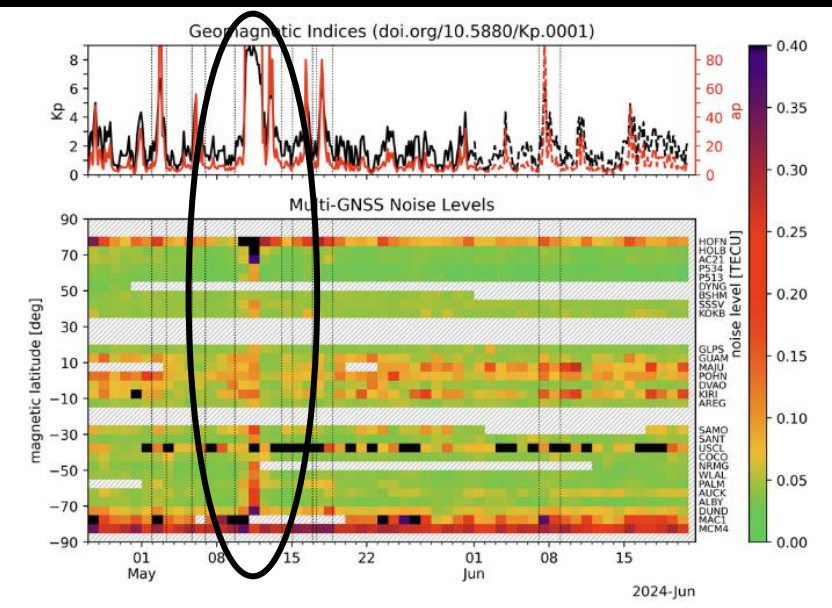
TEC Tsunami Detection and Wave Height Inversion - TSUNAMI DETECTED
us6000qw60 - M8.8 Earthquake - 2025-07-29 23:24 UTC



NRT Monitoring of Ionospheric Disturbances Using GDGPS



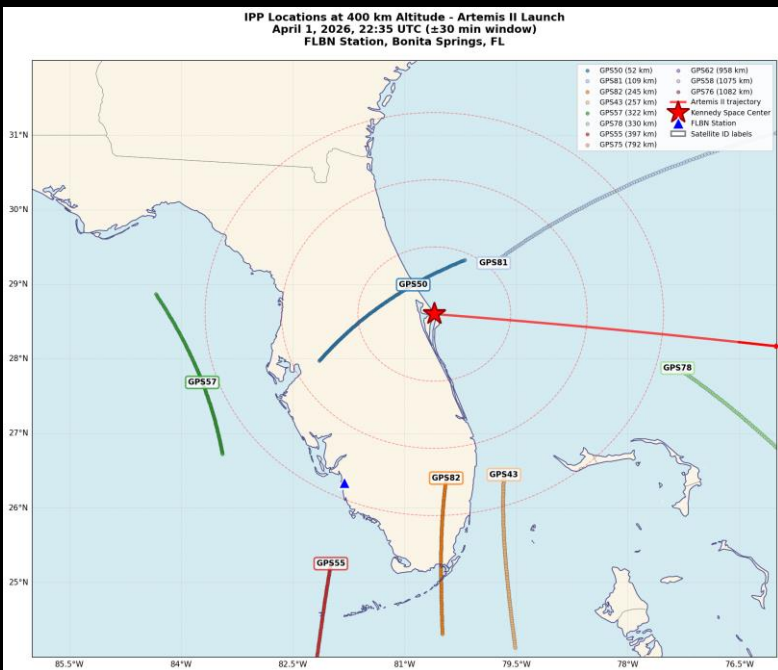
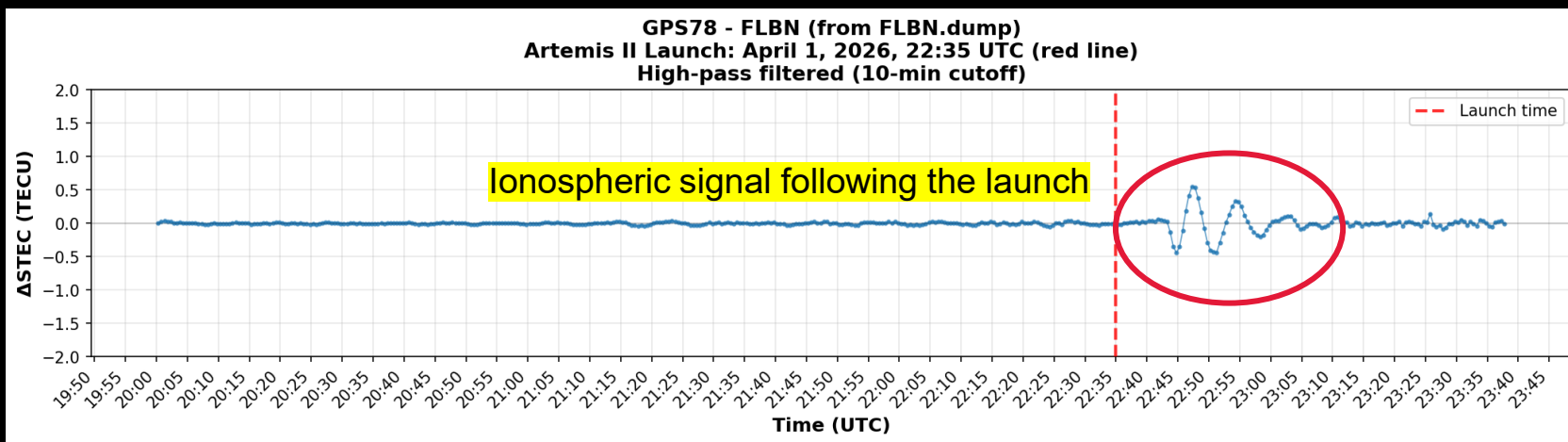
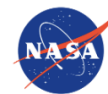
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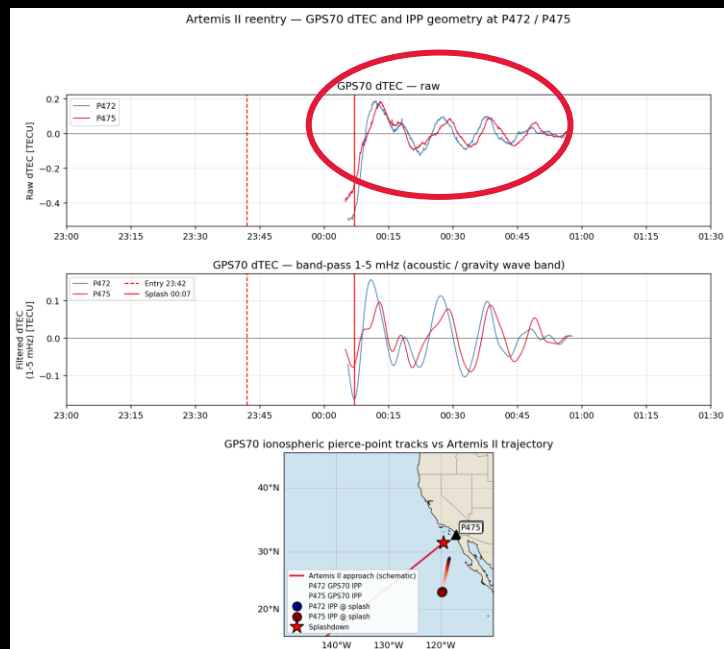
- Near-Real-Time (NRT) monitoring of ionospheric disturbances including geomagnetic and solar disturbances
- GDGPS features additional science capabilities

<https://sideshow.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/usrs/rfm/nrtgim/>

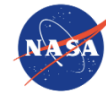
Artemis II Ionospheric Signature Observed by GDGPS on Apr 1 and Apr 10



Suspected ionospheric signal upon capsule reentry



Summary



- Public JPL SSR streaming of 1-Hz products as high accuracy corrections and TEC data are distributed via NASA's Earthdata (<https://earthdata.nasa.gov>) for scientific use
- Prototype real-time JPL PPP client is completed and being tested for users (Earthscope and USGS) to run remotely, providing real-time positioning capability for any site
 - Client software combines GNSS measurements with GDGPS positioning services to provide a real-time PPP solution
- Real-time monitoring of global ionospheric disturbances generated by space weather events and natural hazards available via GUARDIAN at <https://guardian.jpl.nasa.gov>
- For any inquiries, please contact me at: gdgps-rt@jpl.nasa.gov or Attila.Komjathy@jpl.nasa.gov

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Multipath as a Feature: What Can Archived GNSS Noise Tell Us About the Surrounding Environment?

Joel Johnson, Dr. Kristy Tiampo

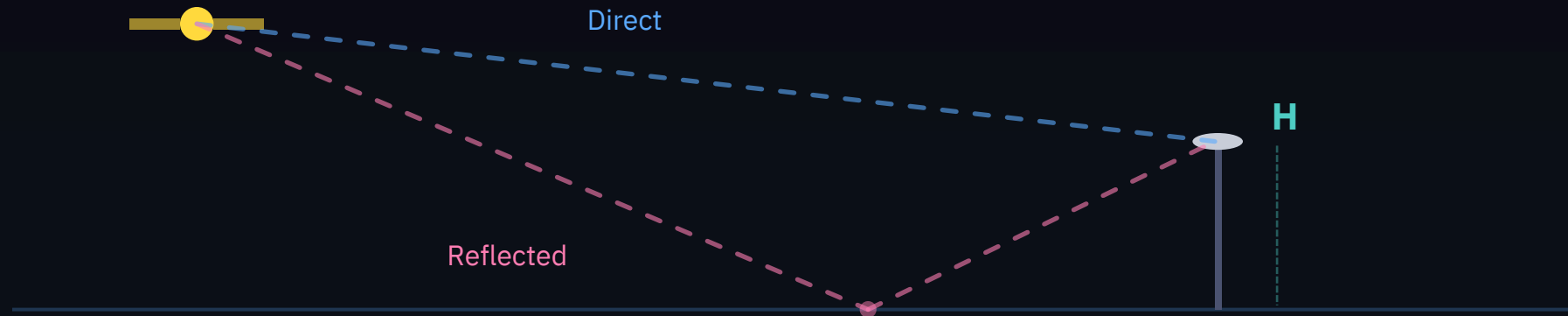
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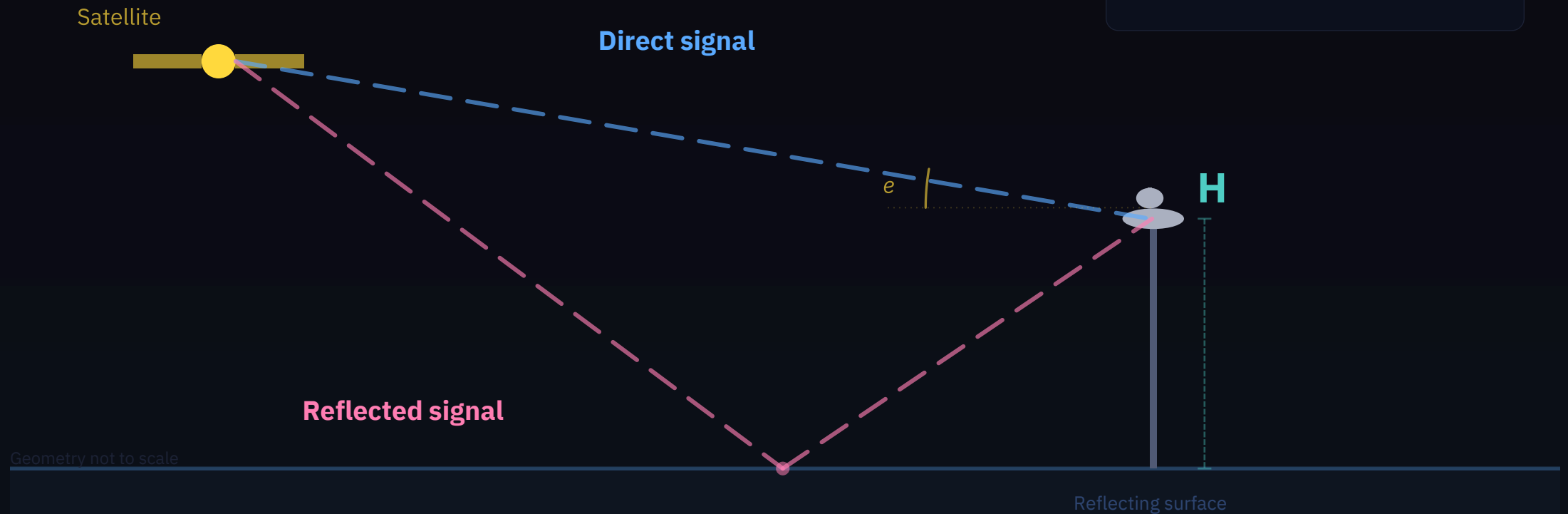
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"Multipath is traditionally **noise**.
Here's how we're using it as a **measurement**."



GNSS-IR treats the constellation as a bistatic radar — the satellite transmits, the surface reflects, the receiver measures both. The NPS asked us at CU Boulder to set this up across their station network. Here's how it works in one idealized satellite pass

The Setup Geometry



Same signal, two paths to the receiver · The reflected path is longer — the extra distance depends on H and **elevation angle**

From Signal to Measurement - GNSSIR

The expected signal — **direct only**



GNSS expects **blue**.

The receiver instead gets **teal**.



What actually arrives — **direct + reflected**

carrier frequency exaggerated for visualization. Reflected copy is also attenuated

From Signal to Measurement - GNSSIR

The expected signal — **direct only**



The reflected copy — **same frequency, shifted phase**



What actually arrives — **direct + reflected**

GNSS expects **blue**.

The receiver instead gets **teal**.

That difference is why this looks like noise.

But everything we need to resolve **teal** from **blue** is already in the data:

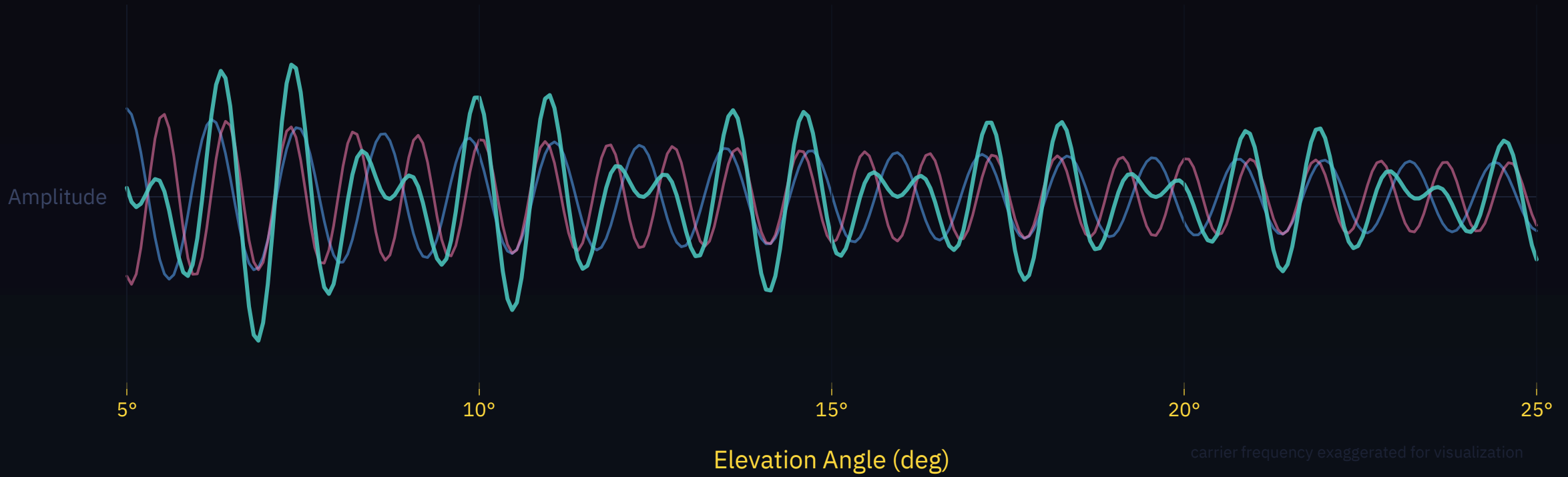
- The **reflected signal** — a delayed, attenuated copy
- The **interference pattern** in the SNR
- GPS wavelength λ (known)
- Satellite **elevation angle** over time (known from ephemeris)

The "noise" encodes a measurement:
oscillation frequency → reflector height
H

The Interference Signal Decomposition

Direct Reflected Sum

H = 2 m · GPS L2 ($\lambda = 0.244$ m)



Blue = direct signal arriving at the antenna

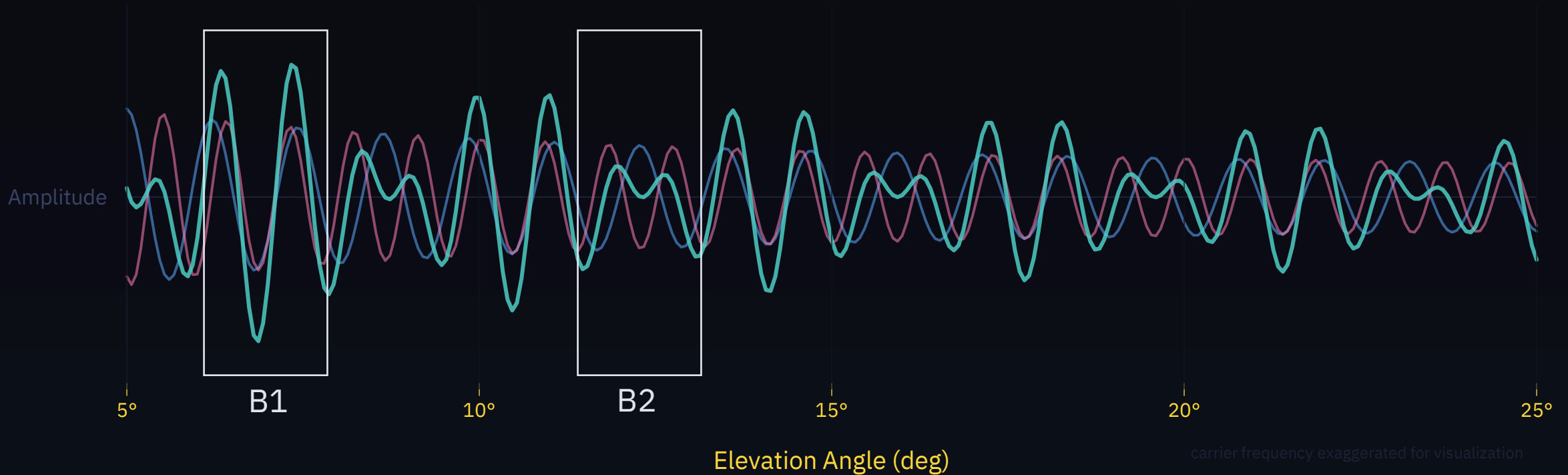
Pink = reflected copy — same wavelength, shifted in phase

Teal = their sum — what the receiver actually sees

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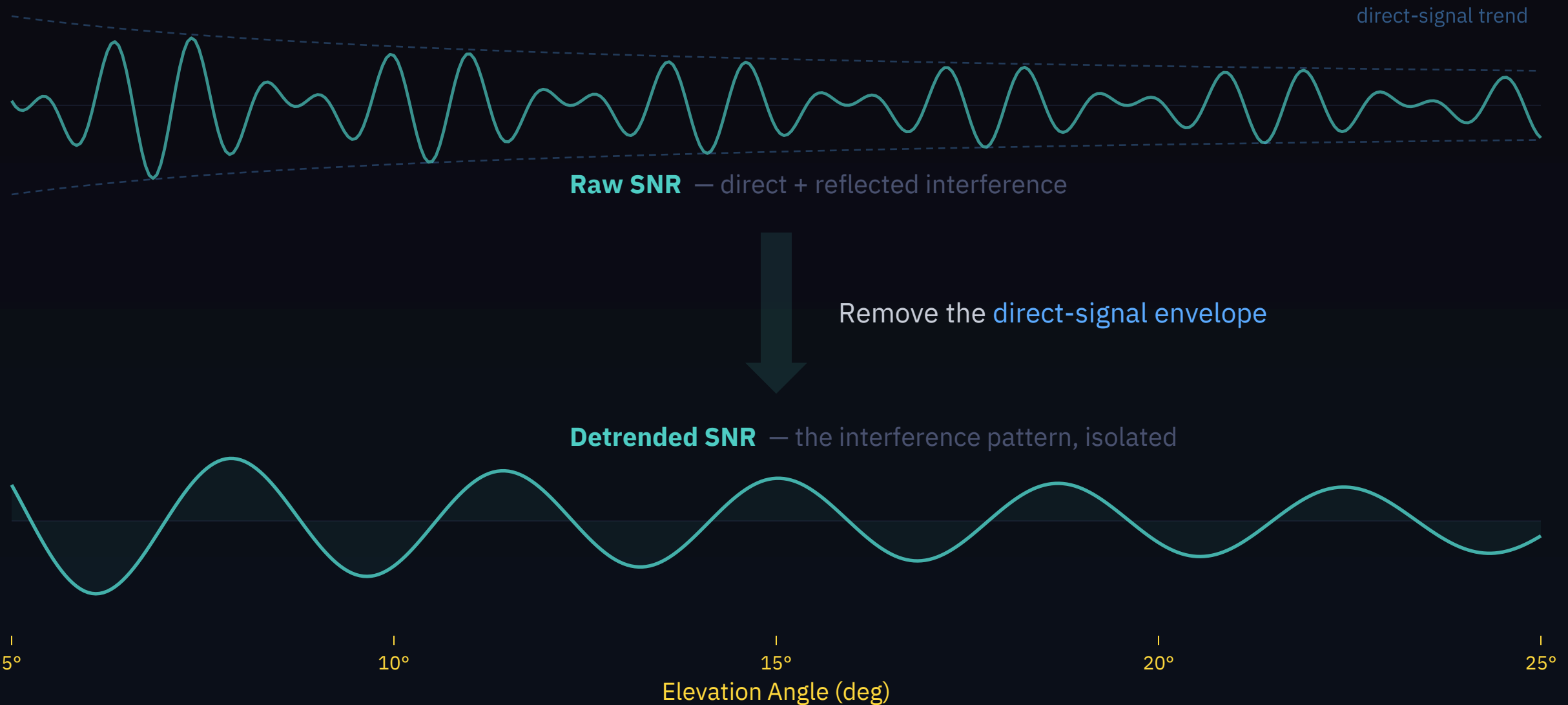
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When blue + pink aligned (B1) → higher peaks · When offset (B2) → reduced peaks

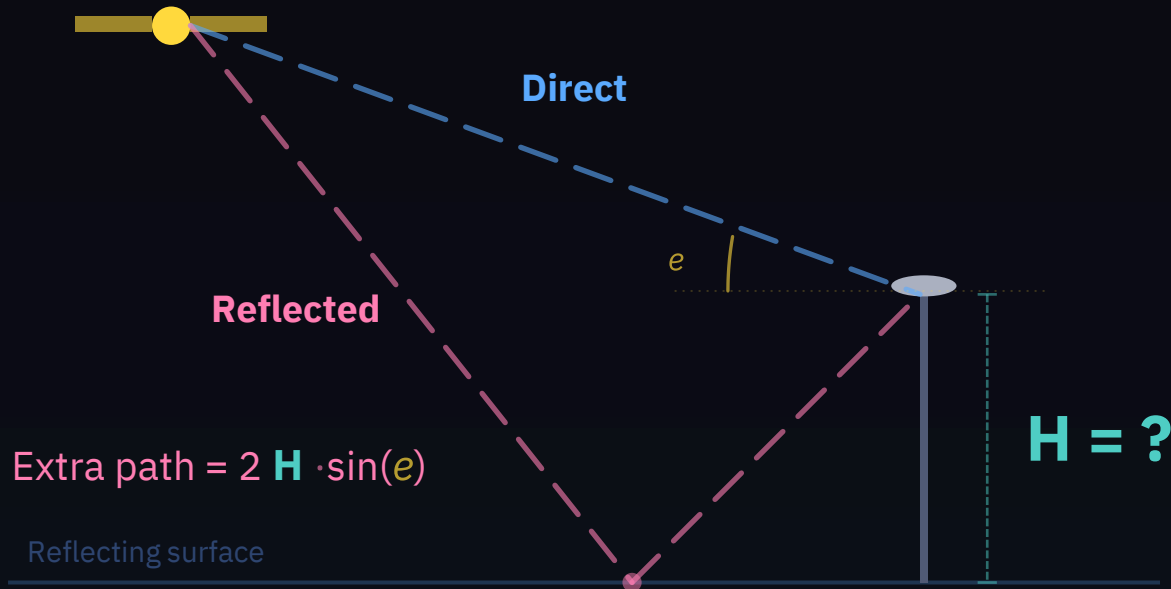
From Interference to Measurement



The oscillation frequency depends on one thing we don't already know: **how high the antenna is above the reflecting surface.**

Higher antenna = faster oscillation

What Height Explains This Signal?



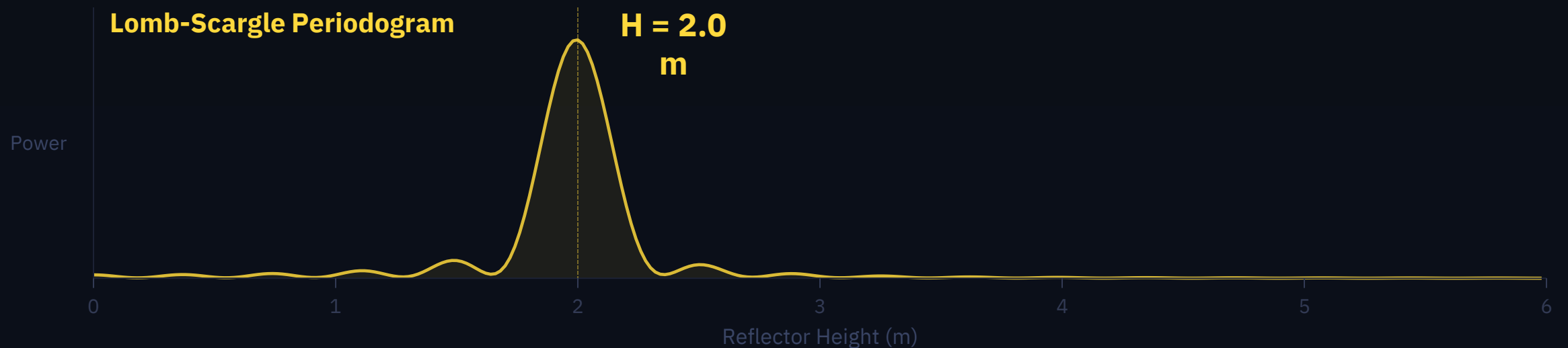
The only unknown is **H**.

Re-express the SNR in $\sin(e)$ — where the oscillation is truly periodic.

Spectral analysis asks: **what H best explains this pattern?**

The peak tells us the reflector height — directly.

$$f = 2H/\lambda \rightarrow H = f\lambda/2$$



GNSS Interferometric Reflectometry — two paths, one signal

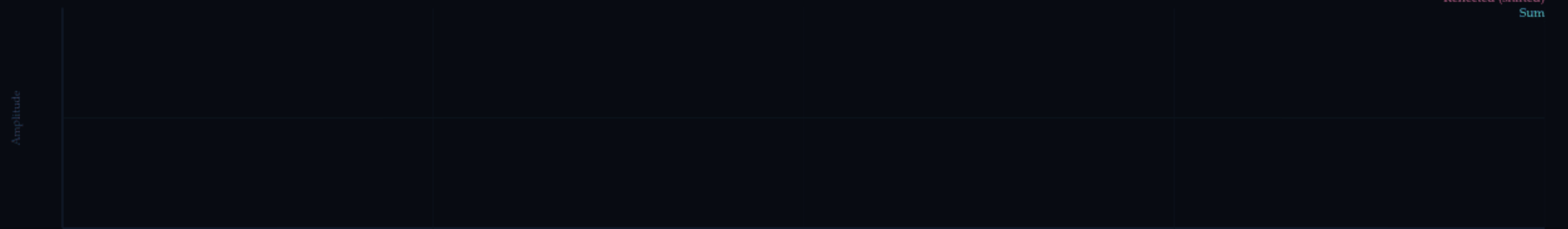
$H = 2 \text{ m} \cdot \text{GPS L2 } (\lambda = 0.244 \text{ m})$



Geometry not to scale

Water surface

Signal Decomposition



Detrended SNR = what the receiver measures

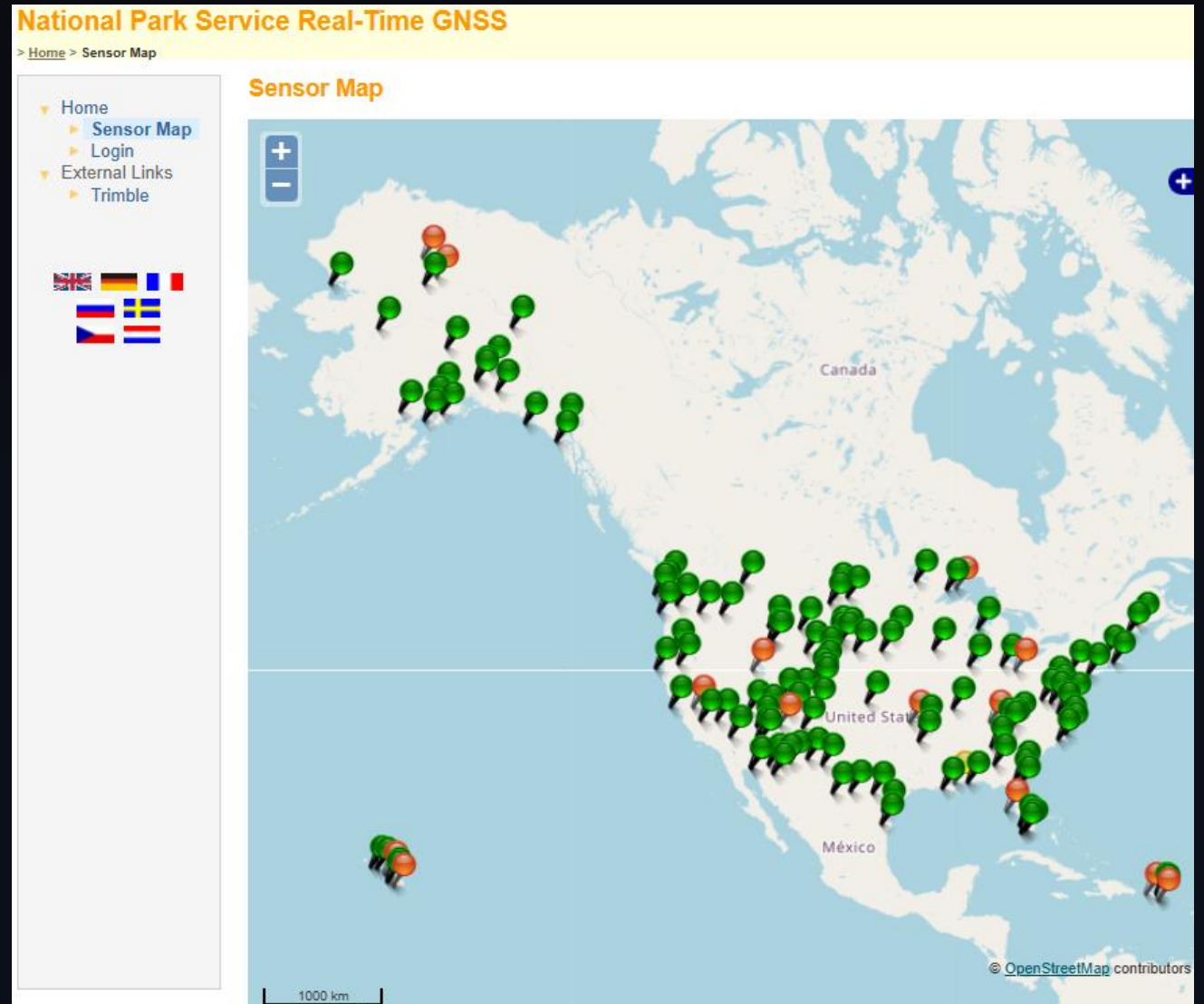


Lomb-Scargle Periodogram



NPS Station Network

- 60+ CORS stations across the NPS network
- Every station already records RINEX data
- Processing for reflector height using **gnssrefl** (developed by Dr. Kristine Larson)
- Starting with stations that have water-facing geometry and co-located reference gauges



<https://ntrip.nps.gov/Map/SensorMap.aspx>

GLBX

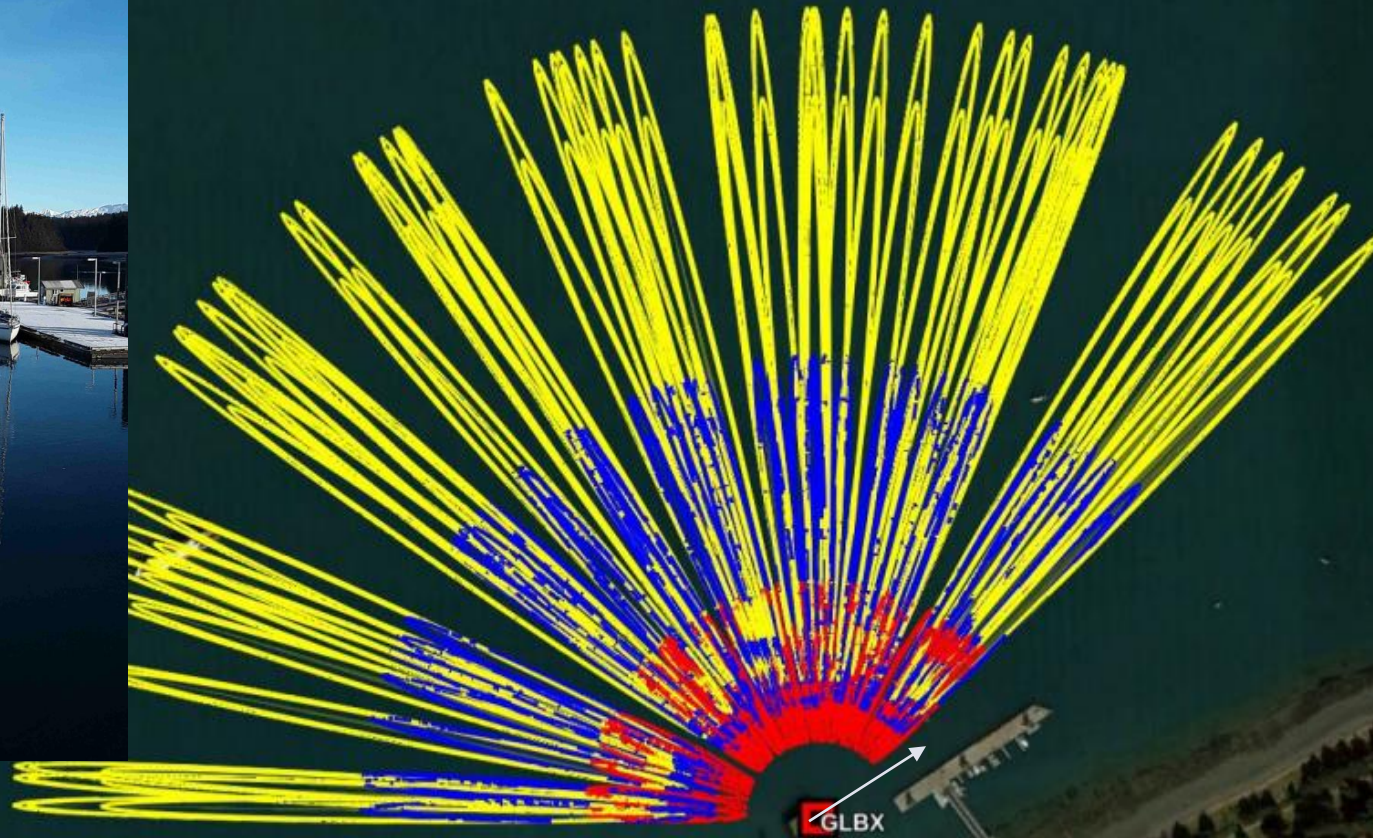
Station located on the water via the pier

Glacier Bay NP, Alaska

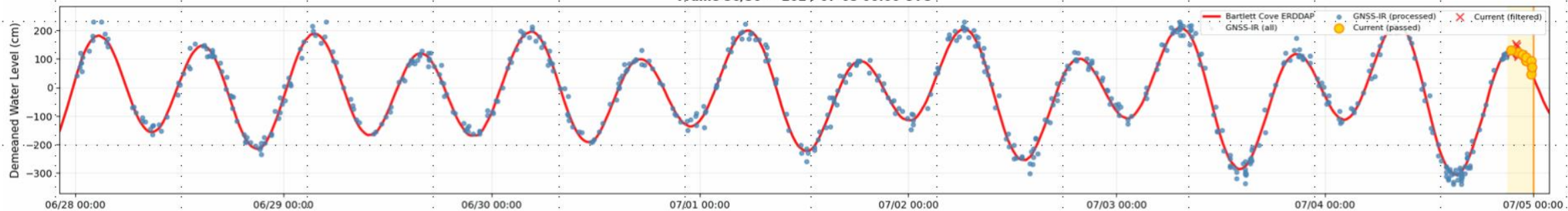
Fig from Adriana Alfaro MS Thesis

Legend

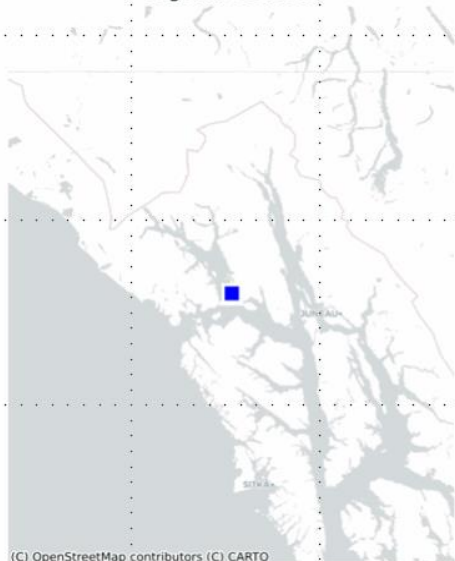
- elev:2
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GLBX Water Level: GNSS-IR vs Bartlett Cove ERDDAP Frame 56/56 — 2024-07-05 00:00 UTC



Regional Overview



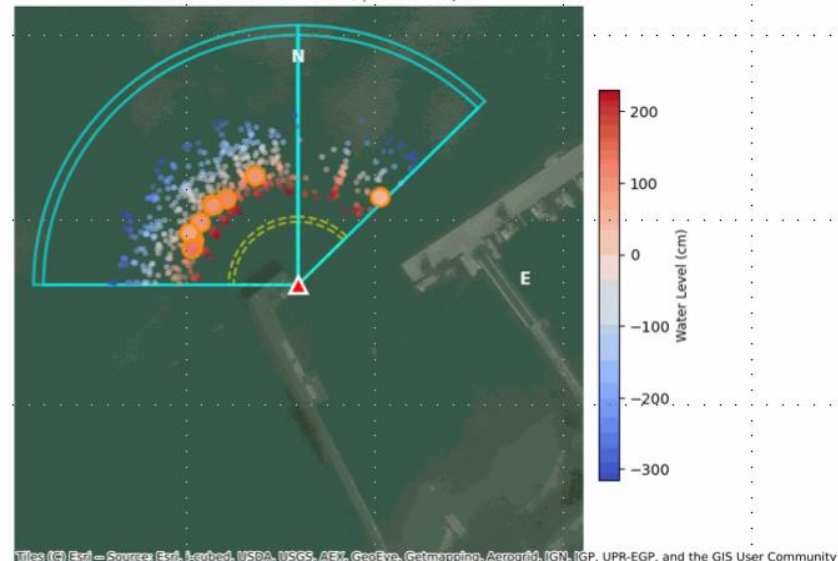
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Regional (5 km)



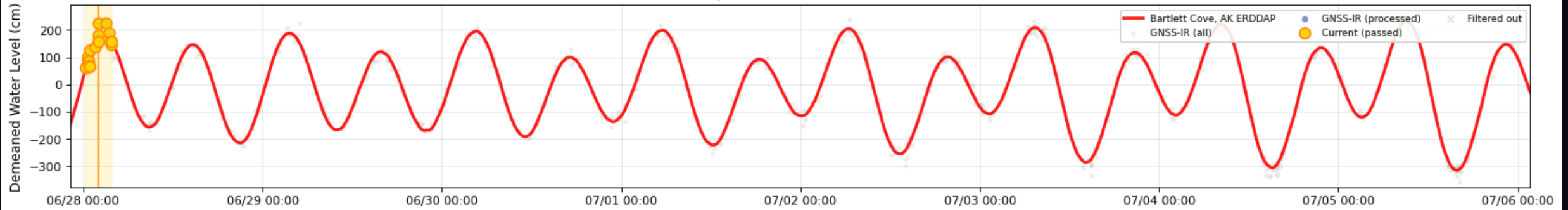
Tiles (C) Esri — Source: Esri, Leica, USDA, USGS, AEX, GeoEye, and the GIS User Community

Reflection Distances (67-258m) | Current: 9 pts



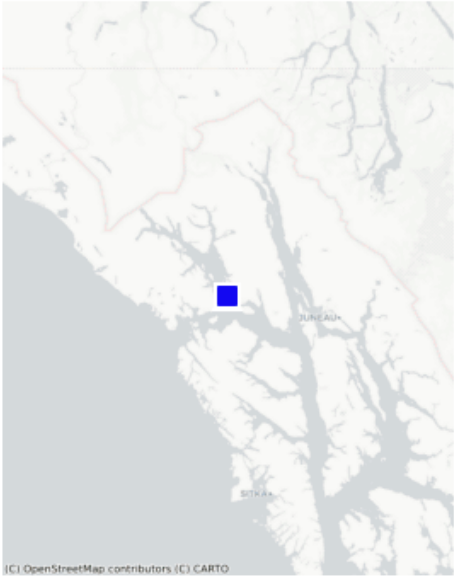
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GLBX Water Level: GNSS-IR vs Bartlett Cove, AK ERDDAP
Frame 1/37 — 2024-06-28 05:42 UTC

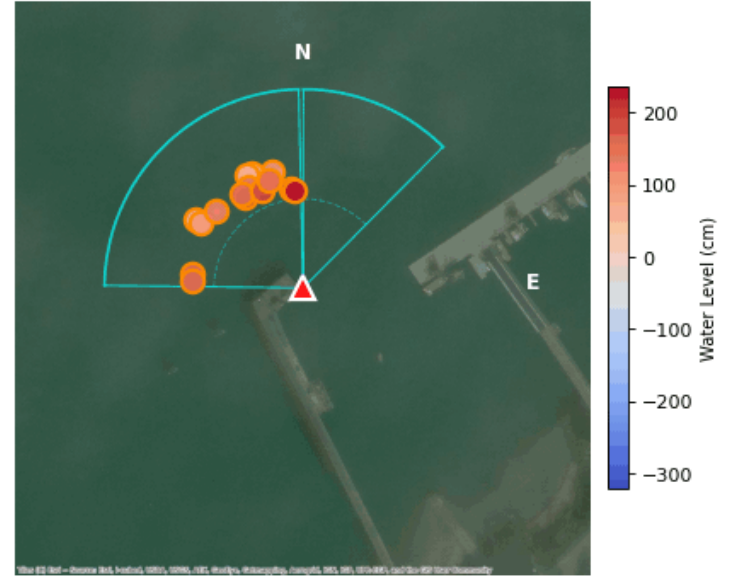
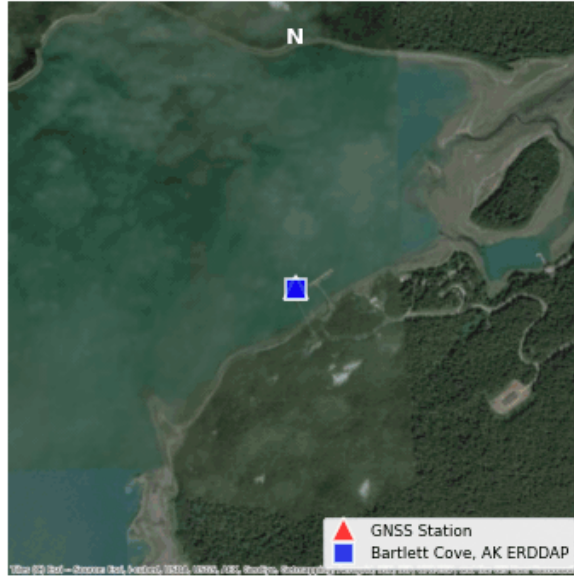


Fresnel Zone (86-192m) | Current: 16 pts

Regional Overview



Regional (5 km)



What Else Can You Measure?

Snow Depth

Reflecting surface rises as snow accumulates, decreasing H

Water Level

Tide gauge, storm surge, tsunami detection from H changes

Soil Moisture

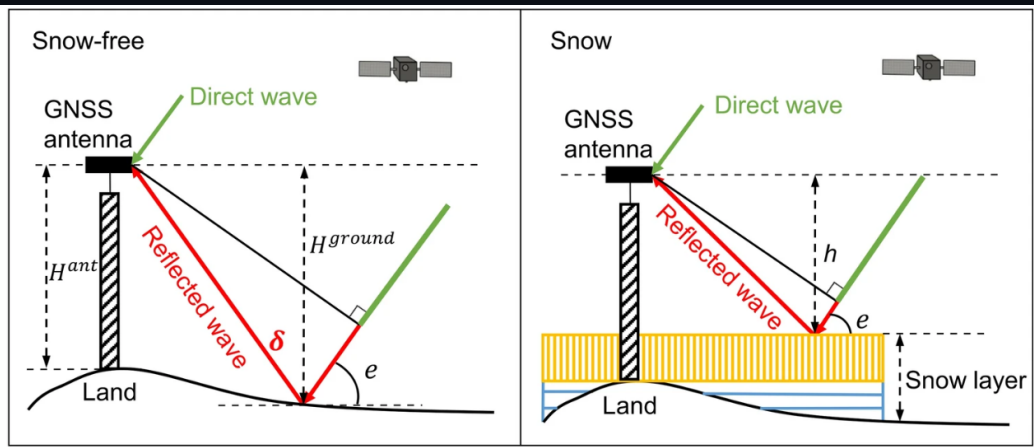
Reflection amplitude and phase shift reveal water content

Vegetation

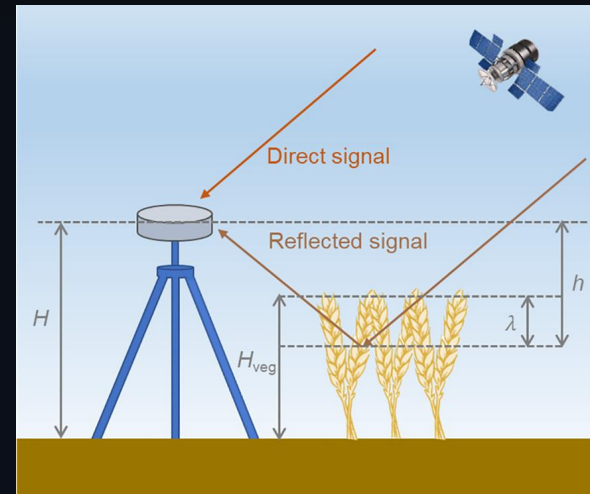
Effective reflecting surface rises seasonally with growth

Lake/Sea Ice

Reflection properties change dramatically with ice formation



Zhou et al., 2022



Sui et al., 2025

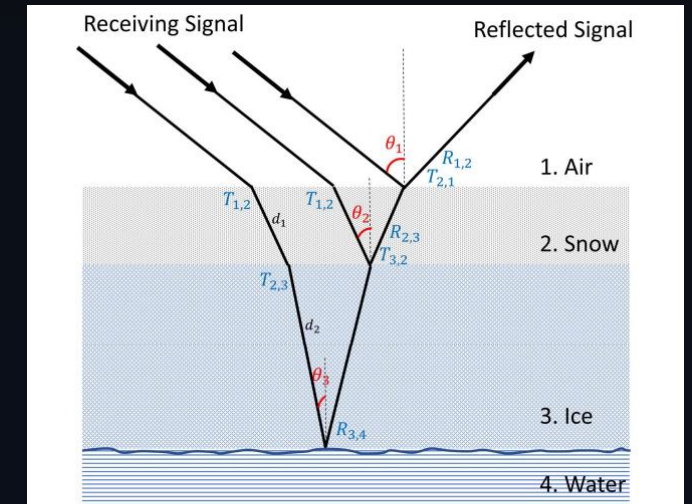


Figure 5-1. Schematic representation of the multi-layered reflectivity model used in this study. The diagram, adapted from Cardellach et al. (2012), illustrates the interaction of the incoming GNSS signal with different layers: air, snow, ice, and water. The signal undergoes reflection (R) and transmission (T) at each interface, with the angles of incidence (θ) changing as the signal passes through different media. The model accounts for the varying dielectric properties of each layer and their impact on the reflected signal received by the GNSS-R system.

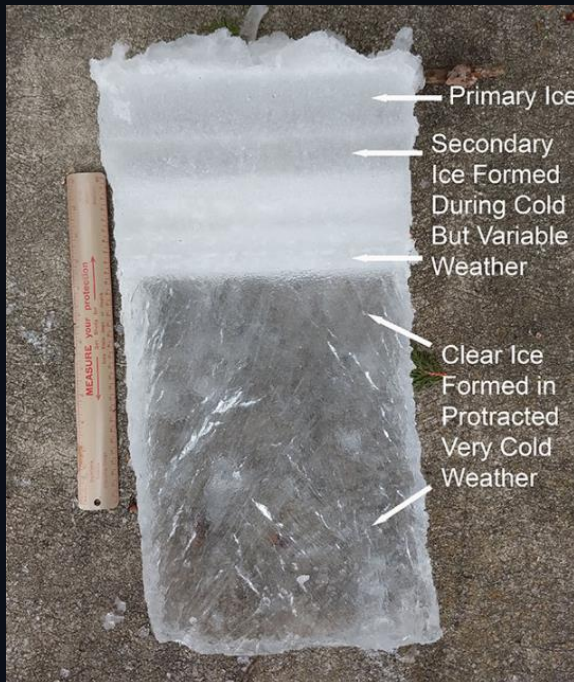
What about Ice?



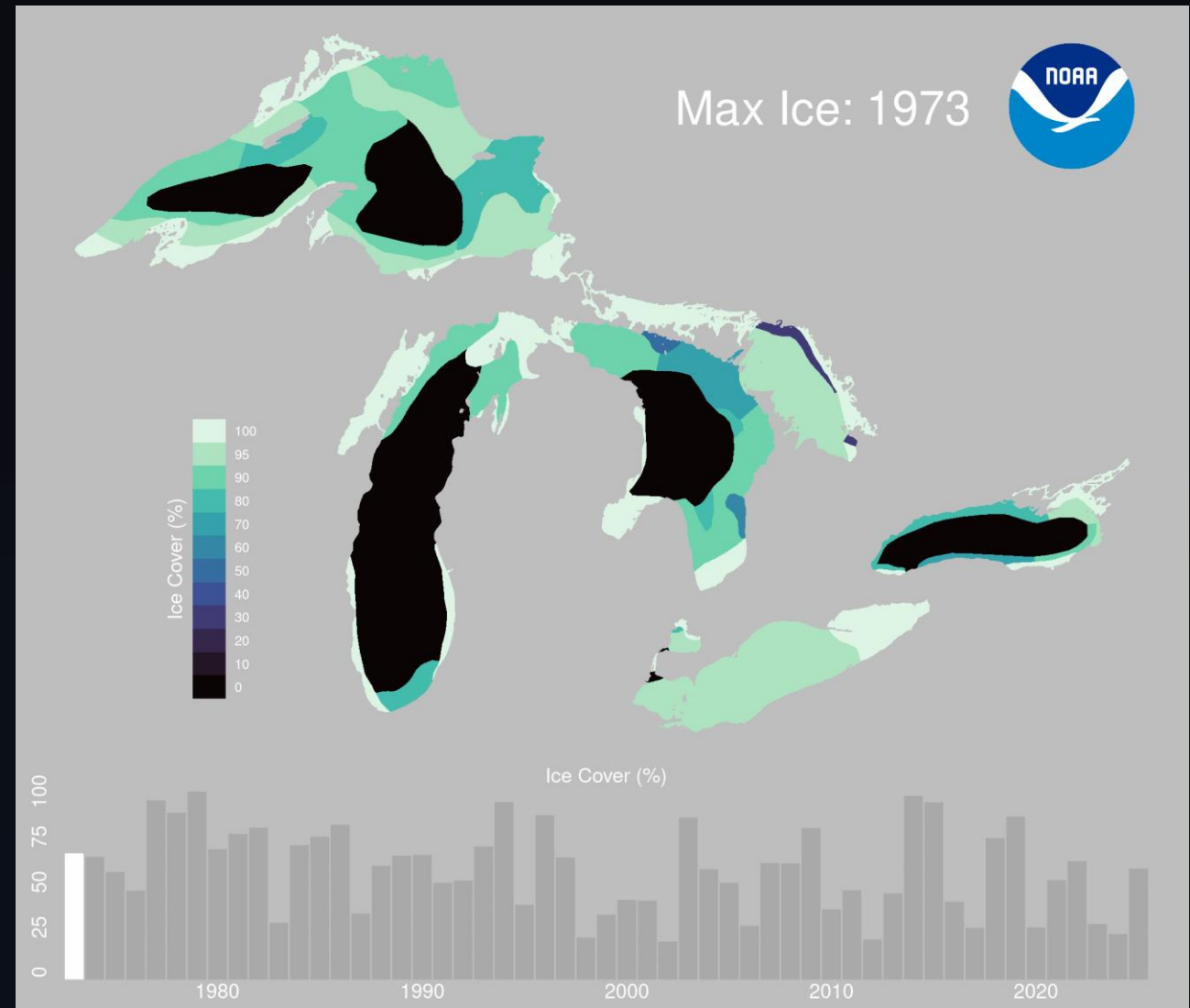
Lake Ice Core

Frazil ice (foreground) and brash ice (background) in Lake Superior

Hummocked or piled plates or sheets of ice along the shore of Lake Superior.

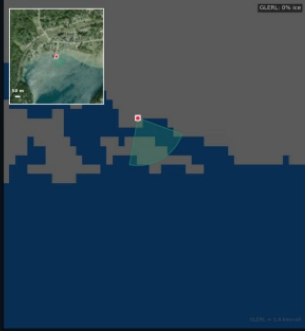


Future ice work



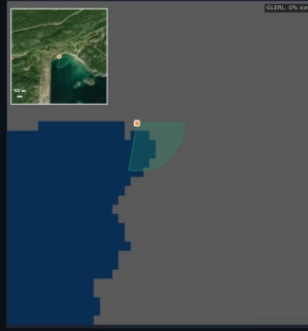
Future ice work

ROSS 2021-11-01 az 110°-190°



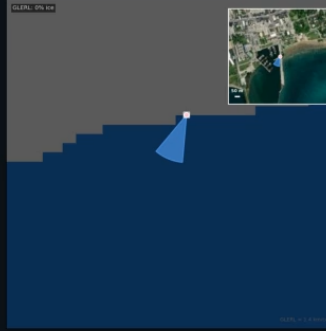
Baseline
Mahal dist: 1.76 | ▽ below threshold

MCHN 2021-11-01 az 90°-190°



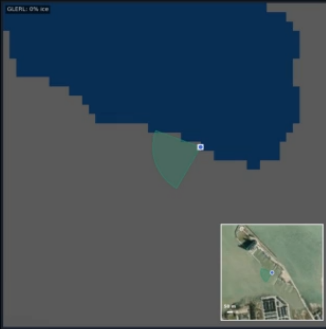
Baseline
Mahal dist: 1.21 | ▽ below threshold

CBRG 2021-11-01 az 185°-220°



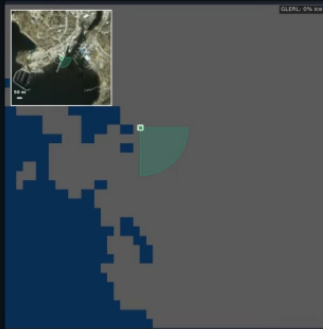
Anomalous - surface
Mahal dist: 3.09 | ▲ ABOVE threshold

CLWD 2021-11-01 az 210°-290°



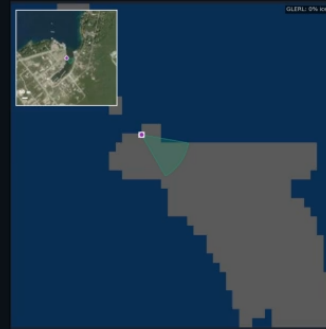
Baseline
Mahal dist: 1.66 | ▽ below threshold

PARY 2021-11-01 az 90°-180°



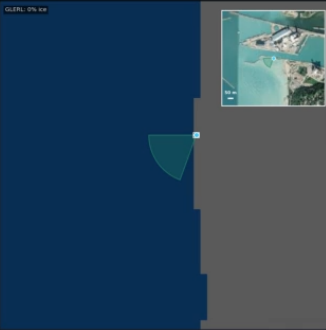
Baseline
Mahal dist: 1.99 | ▽ below threshold

TOBY 2021-11-01 az 100°-150°



Baseline
Mahal dist: 2.44 | ▽ below threshold

GOD2 2021-11-01 az 200°-270°



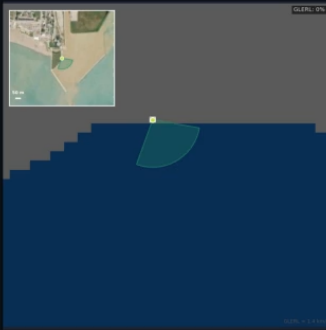
Baseline
Mahal dist: 2.60 | ▽ below threshold

KNGV 2021-11-01 az 100°-130°



Baseline
Mahal dist: 2.13 | ▽ below threshold

PSTA 2021-11-01 az 100°-200°



Baseline
Mahal dist: 3.28 | ▽ below threshold

2021-11-01 GLERL Great Lakes Mean ice: 0%



"What can archived GNSS noise tell us
about the surrounding environment?"

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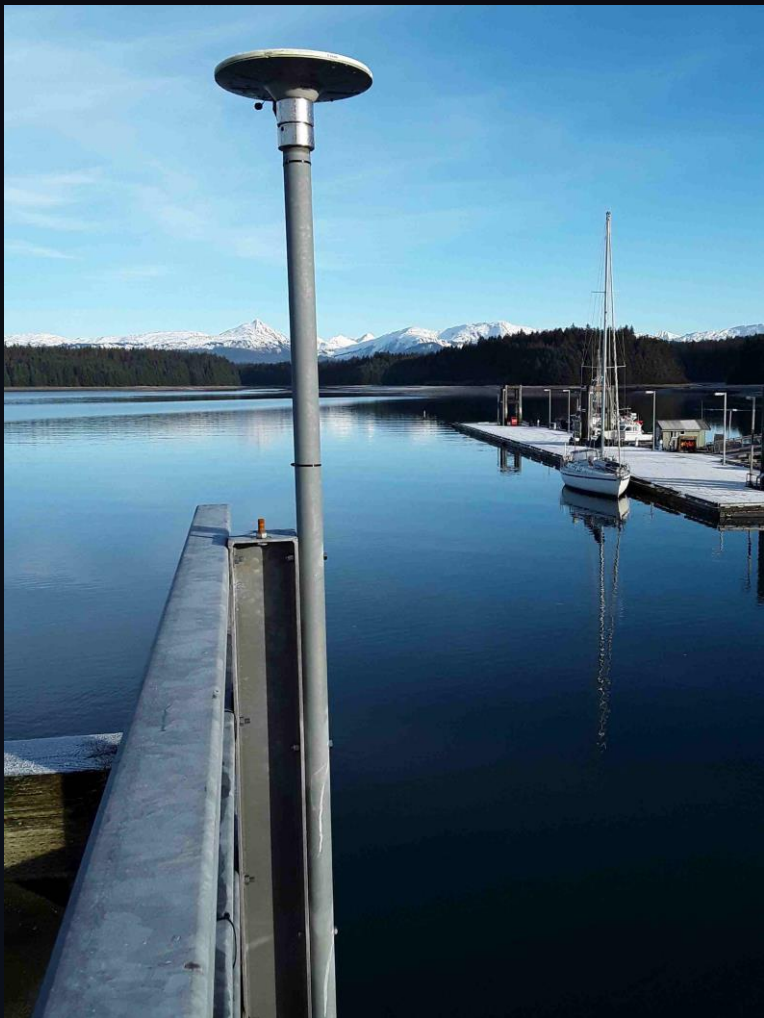
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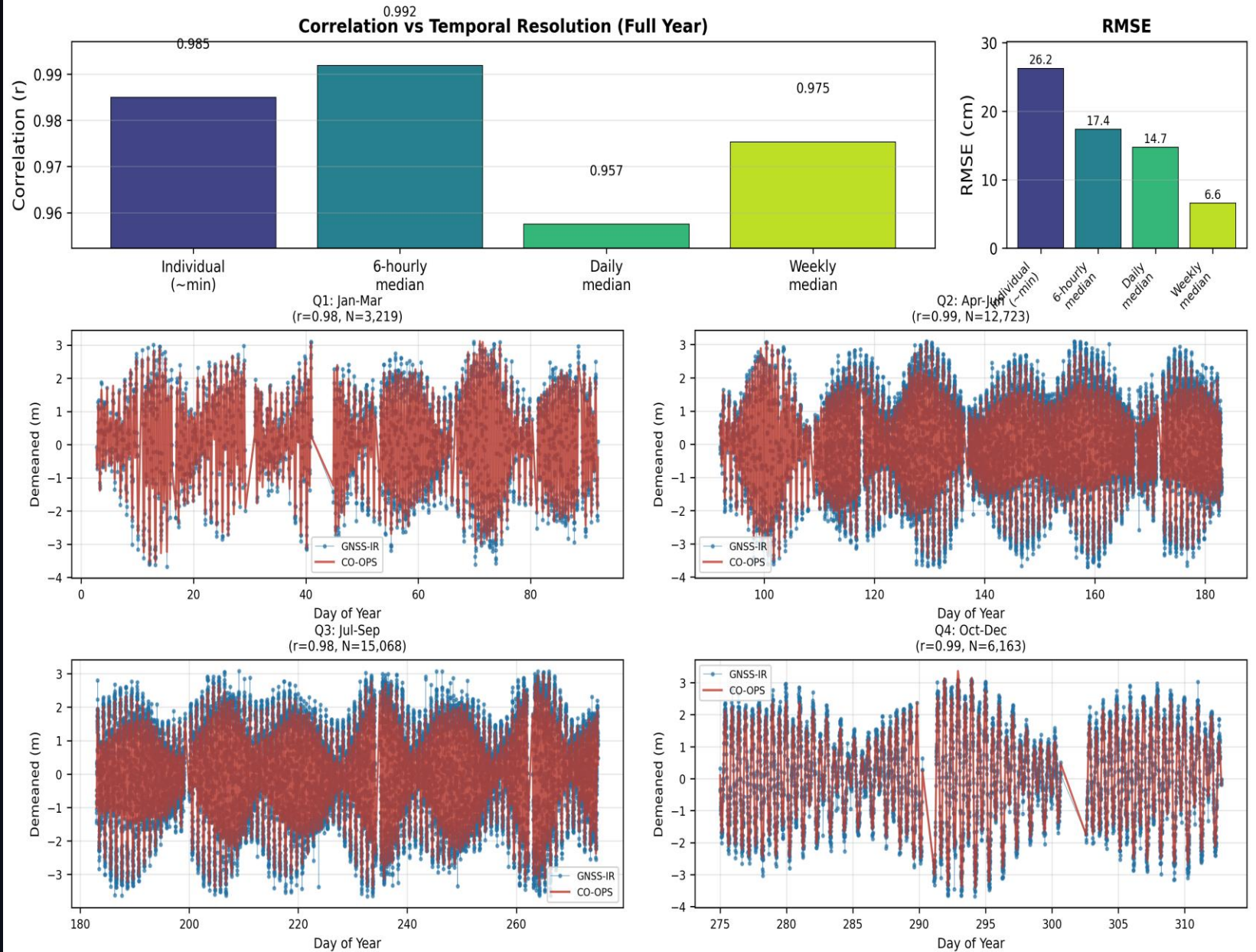
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Supplementary slides



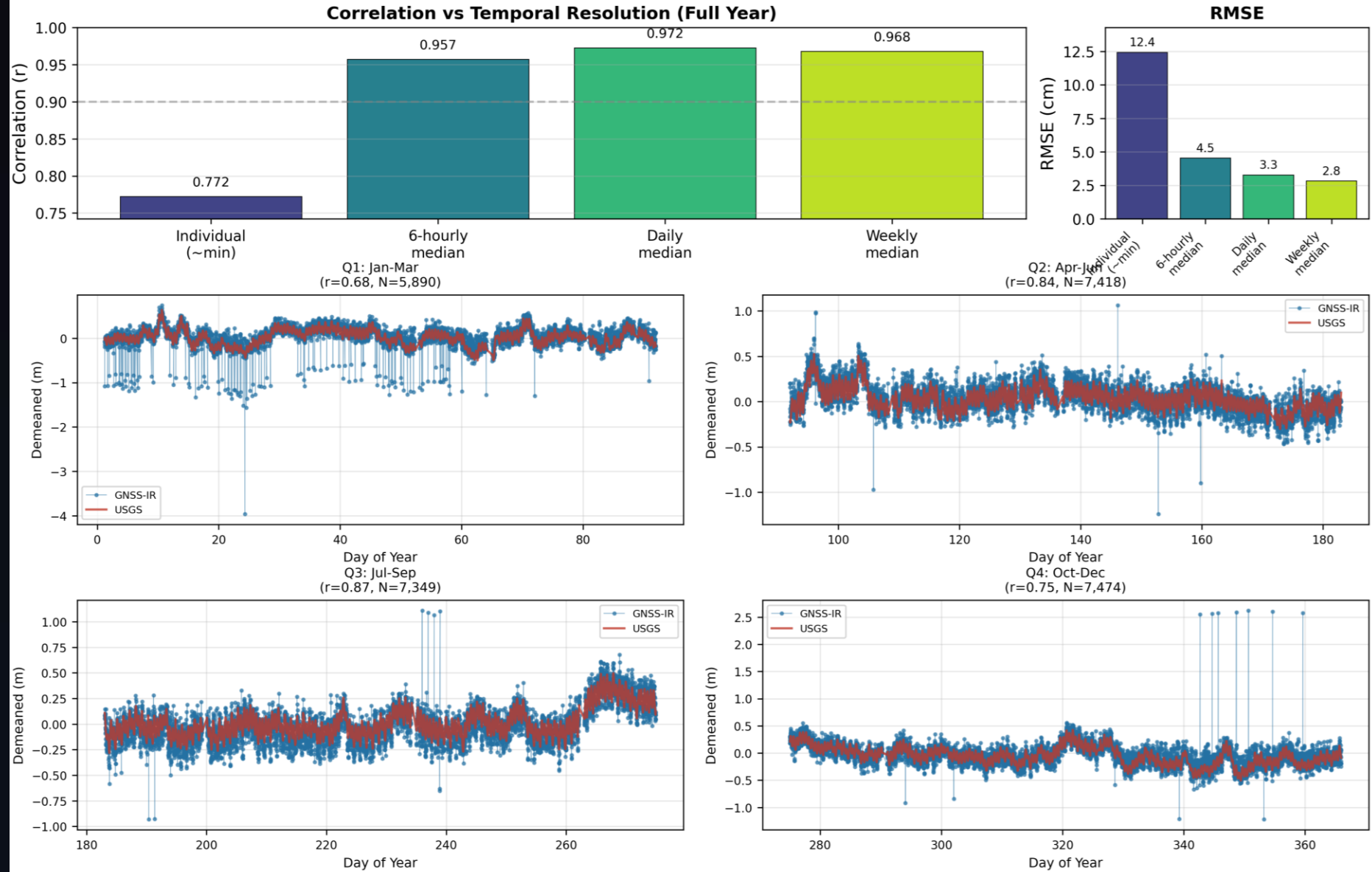
GLBX 2024: Correlation vs Temporal Resolution

Full year: N=37,173 individual readings

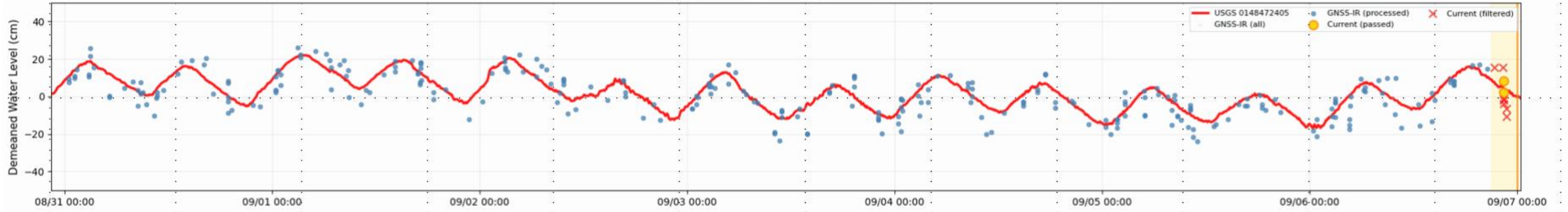




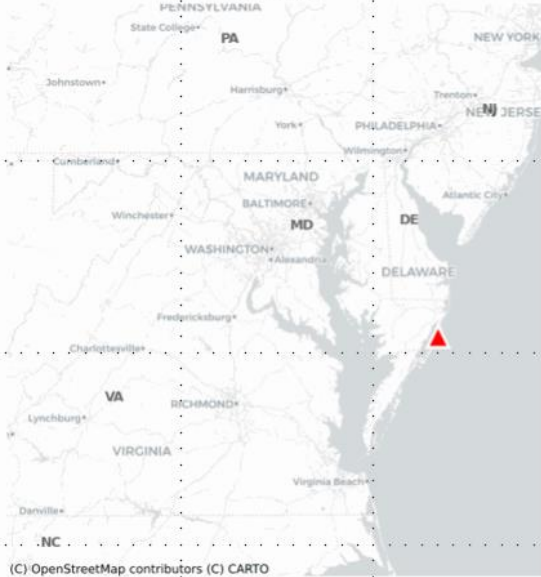
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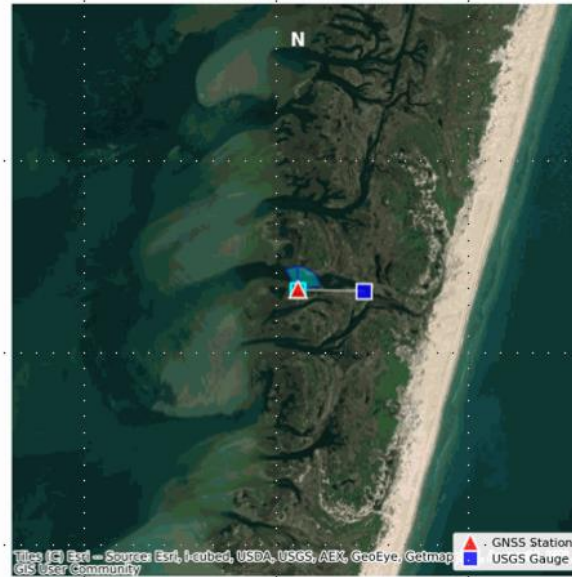
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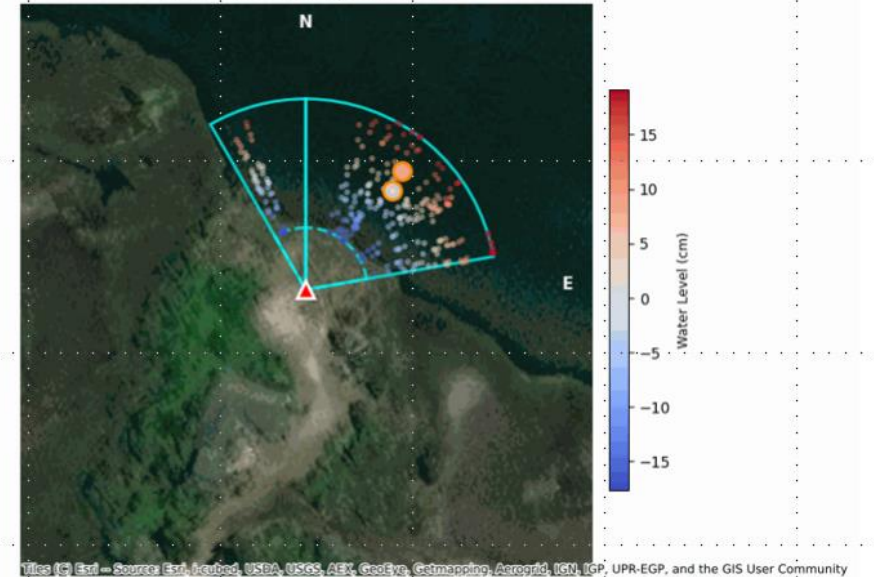
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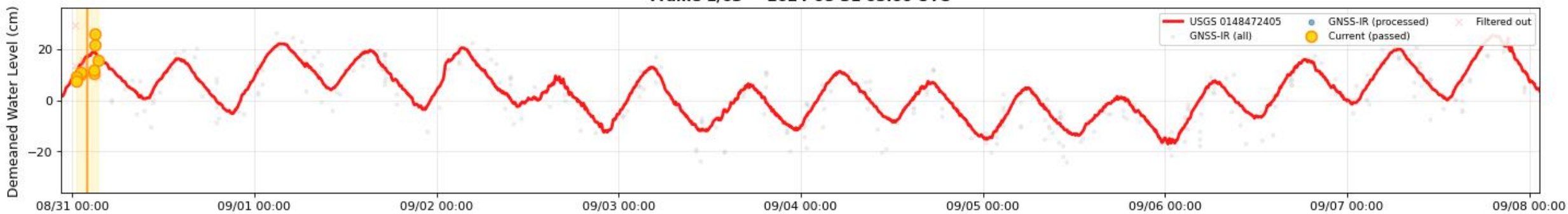
Regional (2.5 km)



Fresnel Zone (13-40m) | Current: 2 pts



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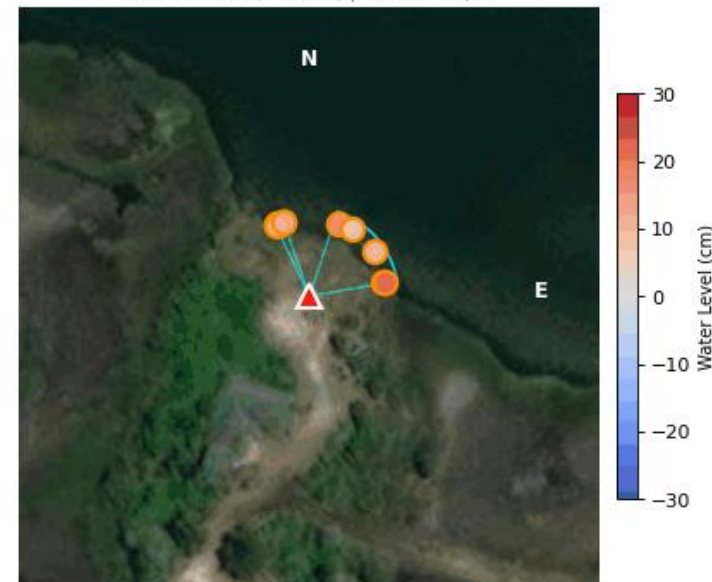
Regional Overview

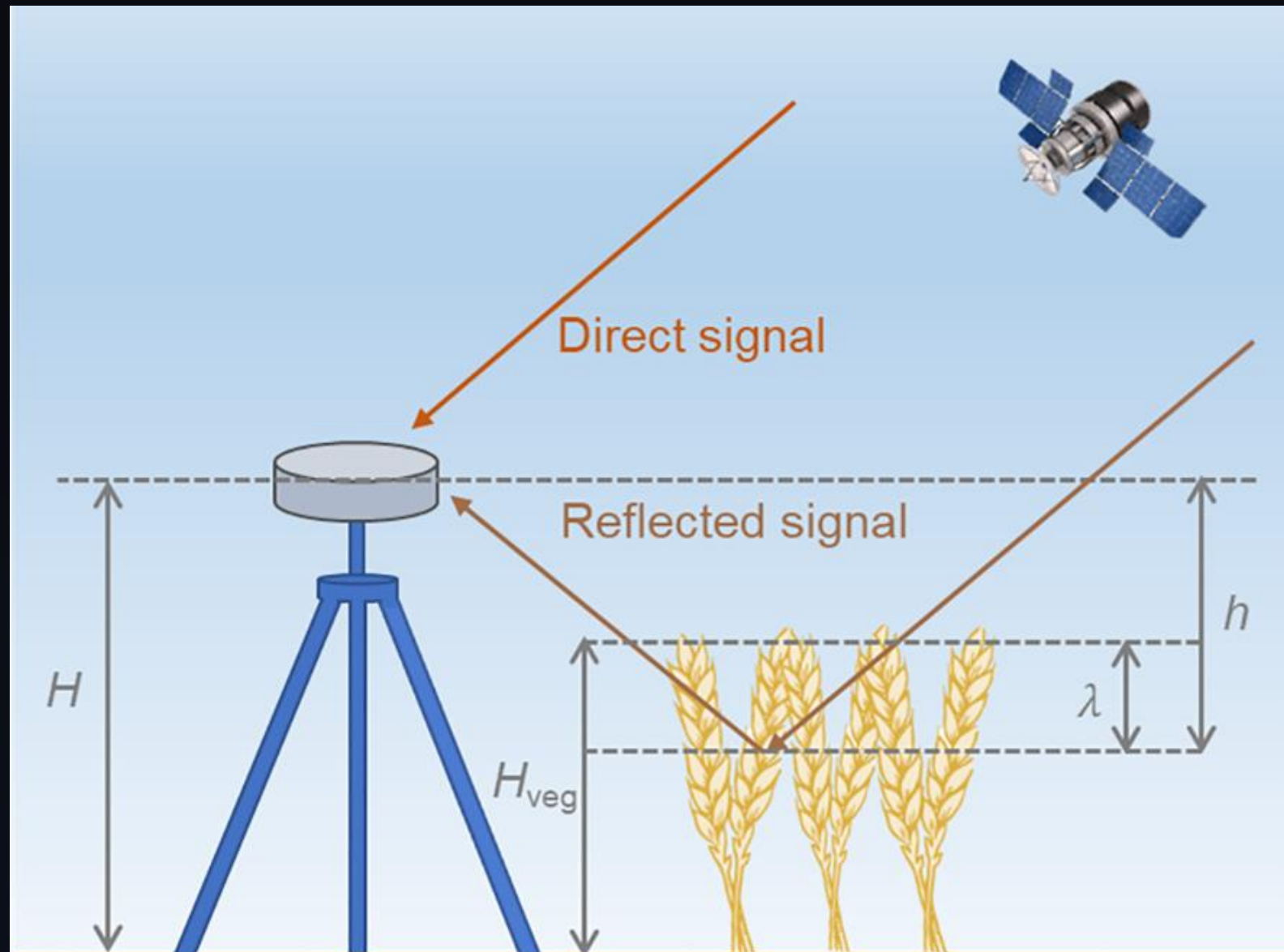


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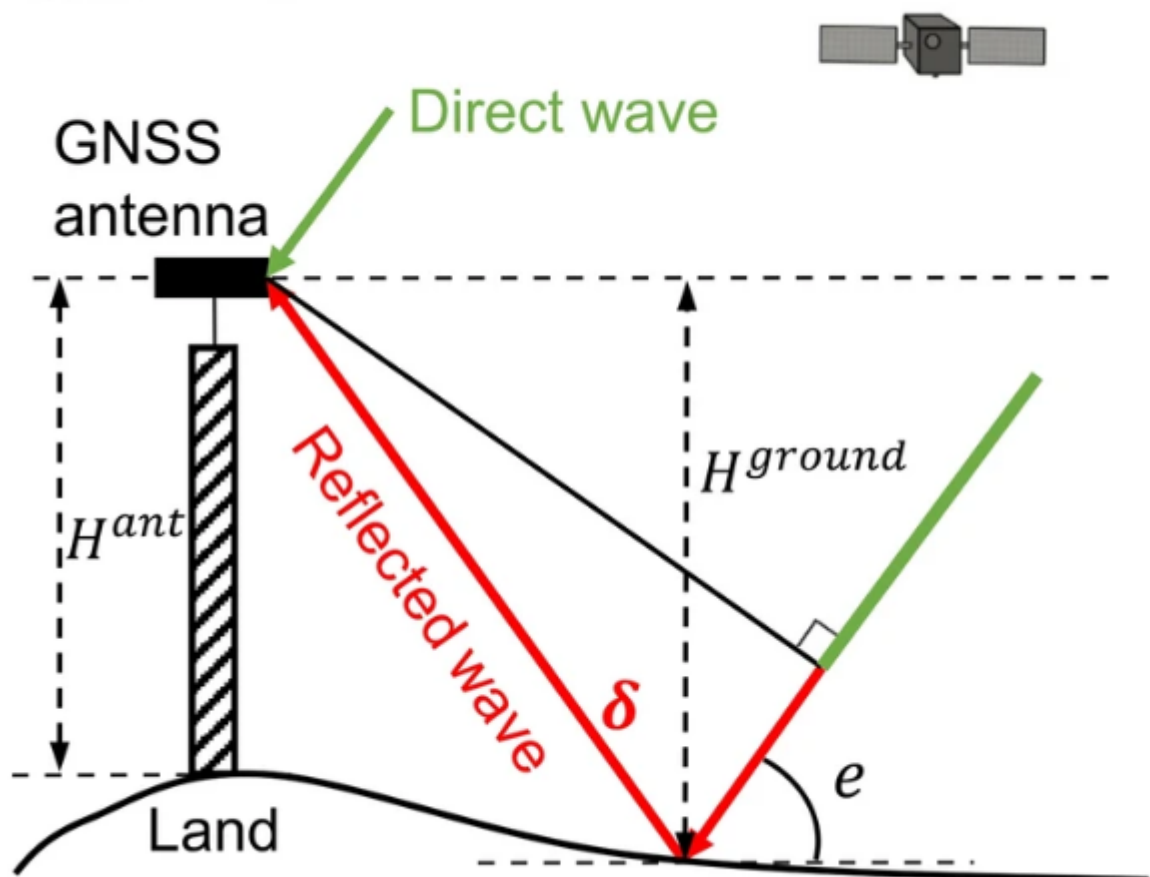
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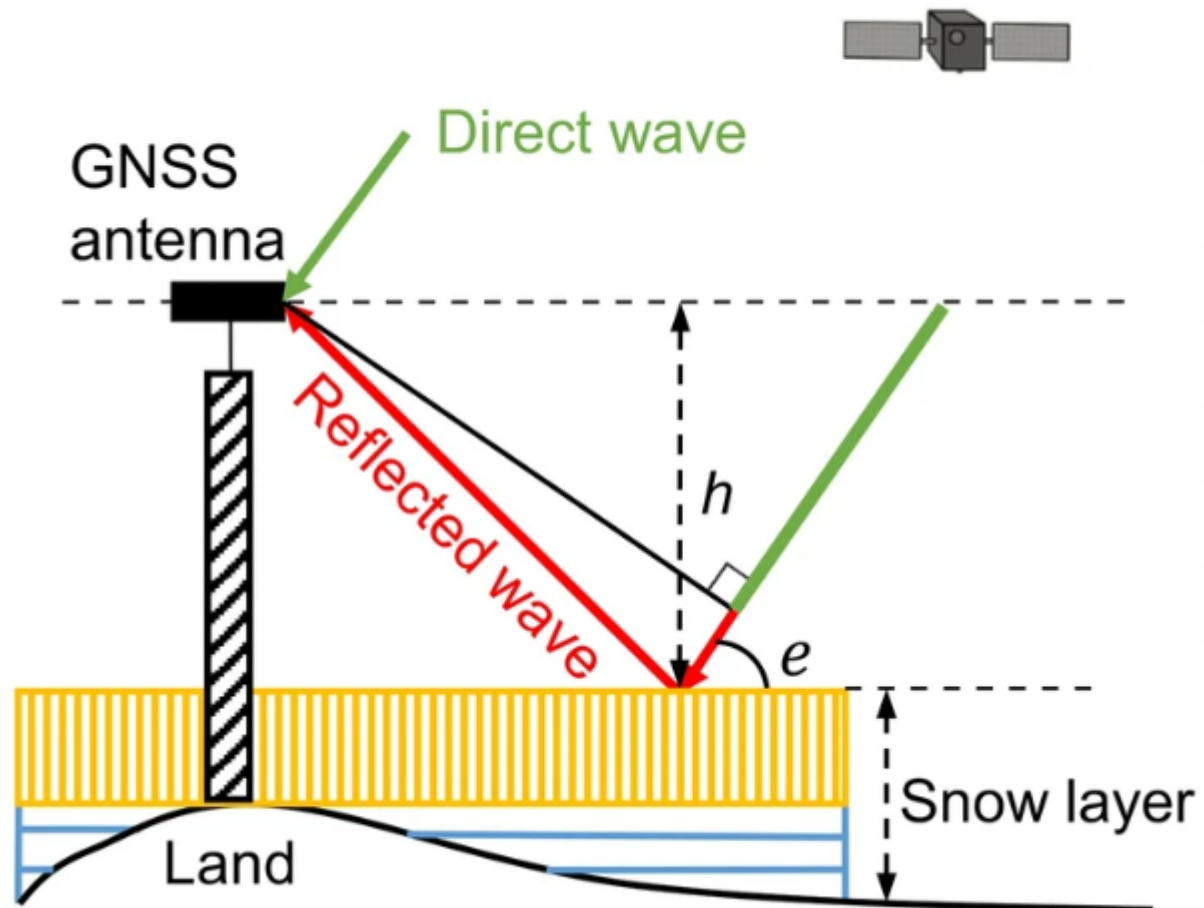


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Snow-free



Snow



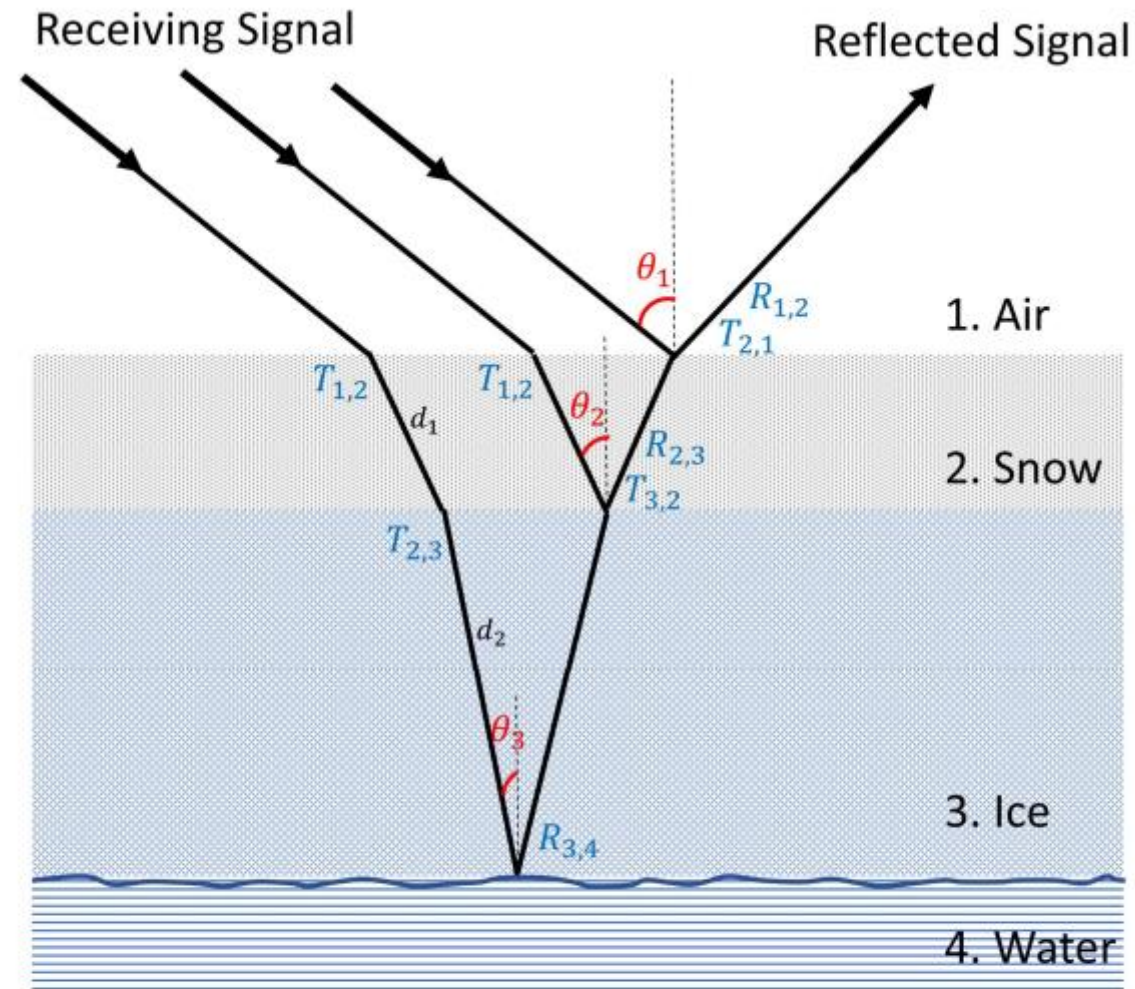


Figure 5-1. Schematic representation of the multi-layered reflectivity model used in this study. The diagram, adapted from Cardellach et al. (2012), illustrates the interaction of the incoming GNSS signal with different layers: air, snow, ice, and water. The signal undergoes reflection (R) and transmission (T) at each interface, with the angles of incidence (θ) changing as the signal passes through different media. The model accounts for the varying dielectric properties of each layer and their impact on the reflected signal received by the GNSS-R system.