

# GPS Data processing: Code and Phase

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**This course is based on the book edited by  
gAGE:**

**GPS data processing: code and phase.  
Algorithms, techniques and recipes.**

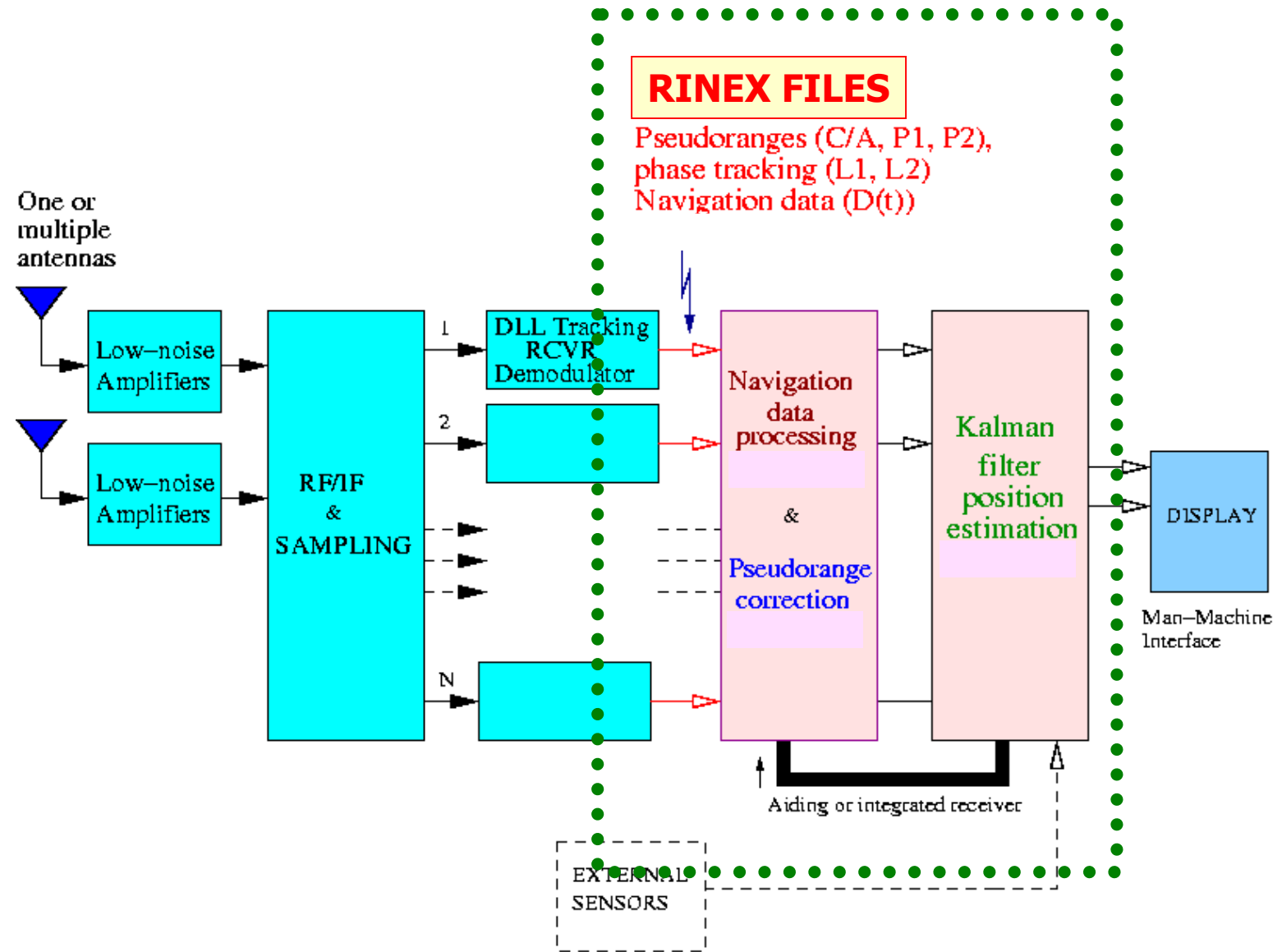
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**These slides show some exercises and examples  
whose data files (with actual GPS data) and  
corresponding software (with source code) are  
provided in the book.**

# Summary

- **Introduction.**
- **GPS measurements and their combinations.**
- **Satellite coordinates.**
- **The model.**
- **Navigation equations.**
- **Code and phase differential positioning.**
  - Floating versus fixing ambiguities.





# Specific Objectives:

- To learn about **GPS observables** (code and phase), their characteristics, properties, combinations and applications.
- To learn how to **calculate satellites orbits and clocks** from navigation message. To know the achievable precision.
- To learn how to **model pseudodistance** for code and phase measurements. This includes calculation of: 1) Coordinates at emission epoch, 2) Ionospheric delay (Klobuchar model), 3) Tropospheric delay, 4) relativistic correction, 5) clocks offsets and satellite instrumental delays, 6) phase wind-up, etc.
- To learn how to **set and solve the navigation equation system** using least-squares or Kalman filter (algorithm level).
- To know how to use phase differential positioning: Floating and fixing ambiguities.

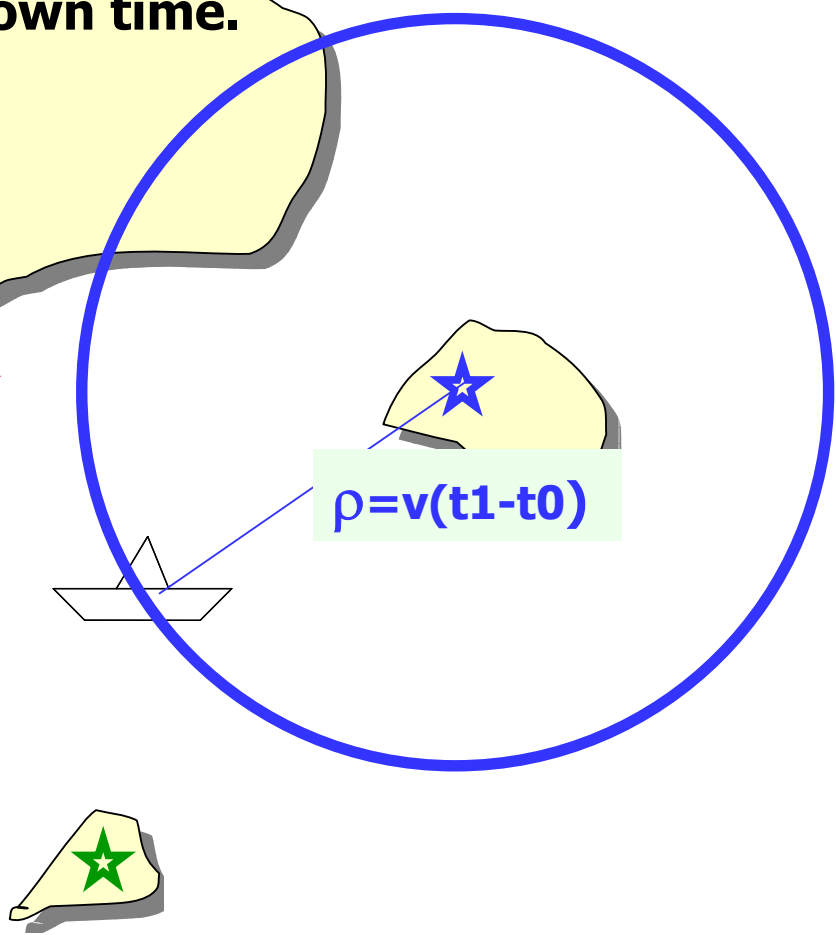
**To get tools and skills to process and analyze GPS data.  
To implement algorithms for satellite navigation.**

# Introduction

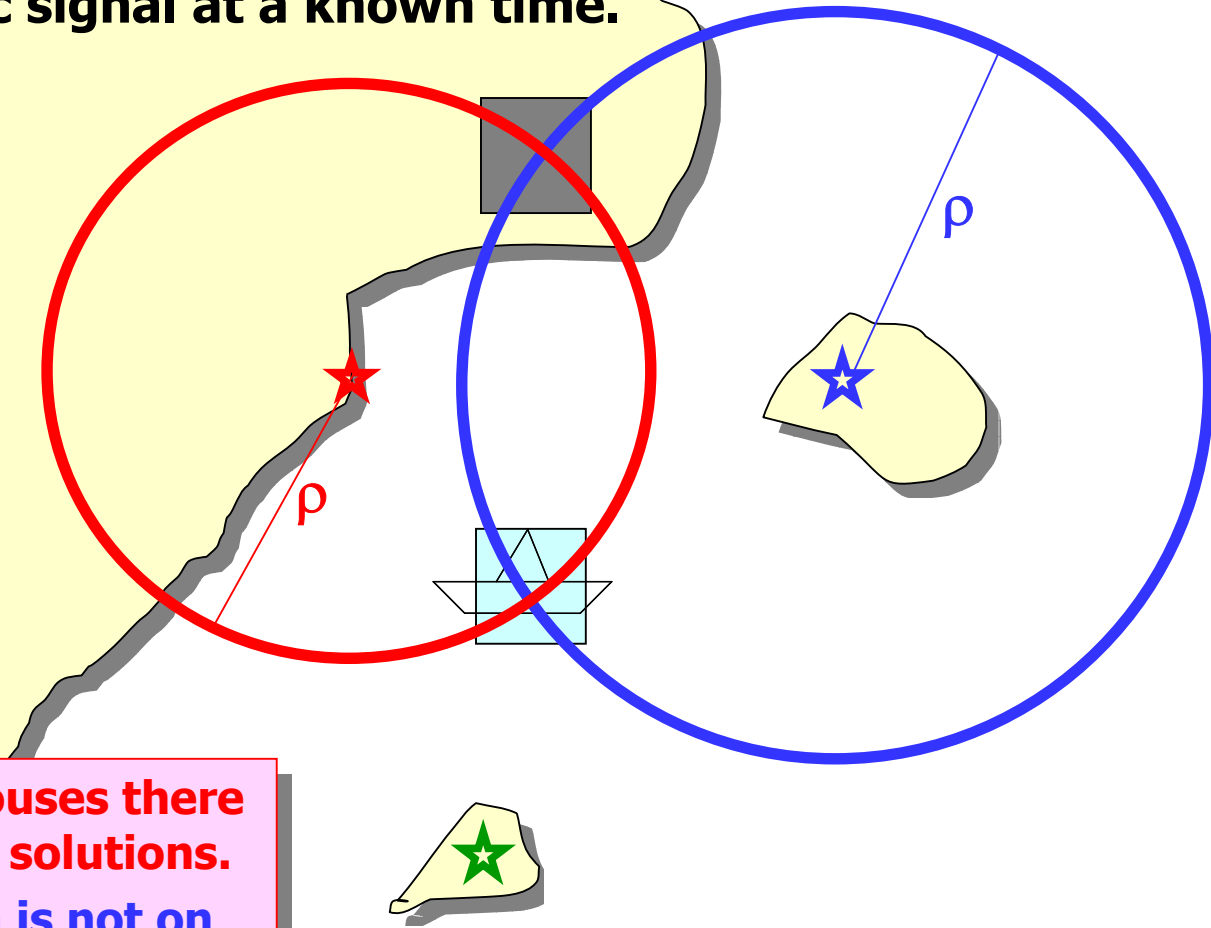
# A ship determines its location from a set on lighthouses that send an acoustic signal at a known time.

Knowing the emission time " $t_0$ " in the lighthouse and the reception time " $t_1$ " in the ship, the traveling time " $t_1 - t_0$ ", and the geometric range " $\rho = v(t_1 - t_0)$ " may be computed.

With only one lighthouse there is a whole circumference of possible locations



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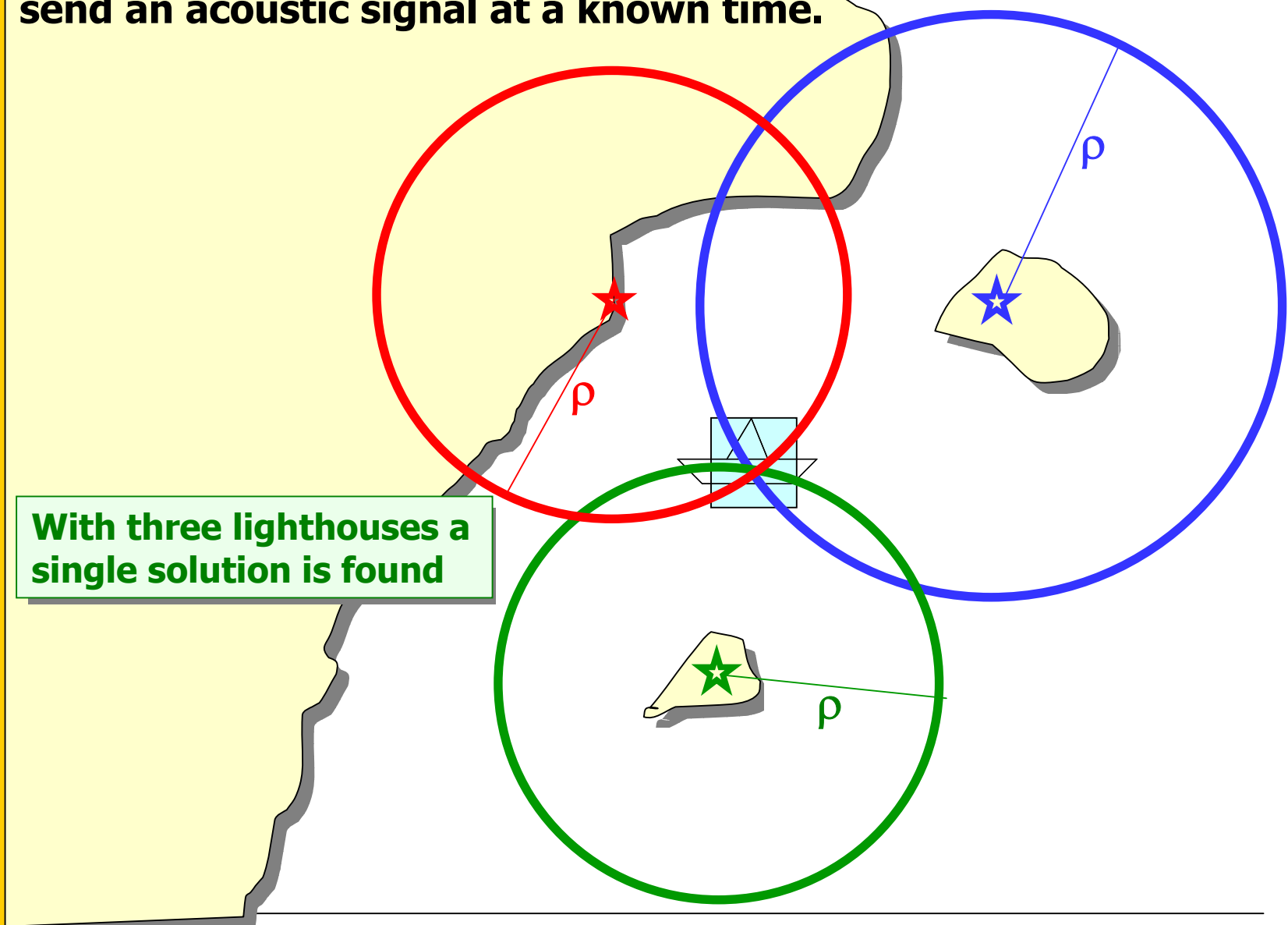


**With two lighthouses there are two possible solutions.**

**But, one of them is not on the sea!**

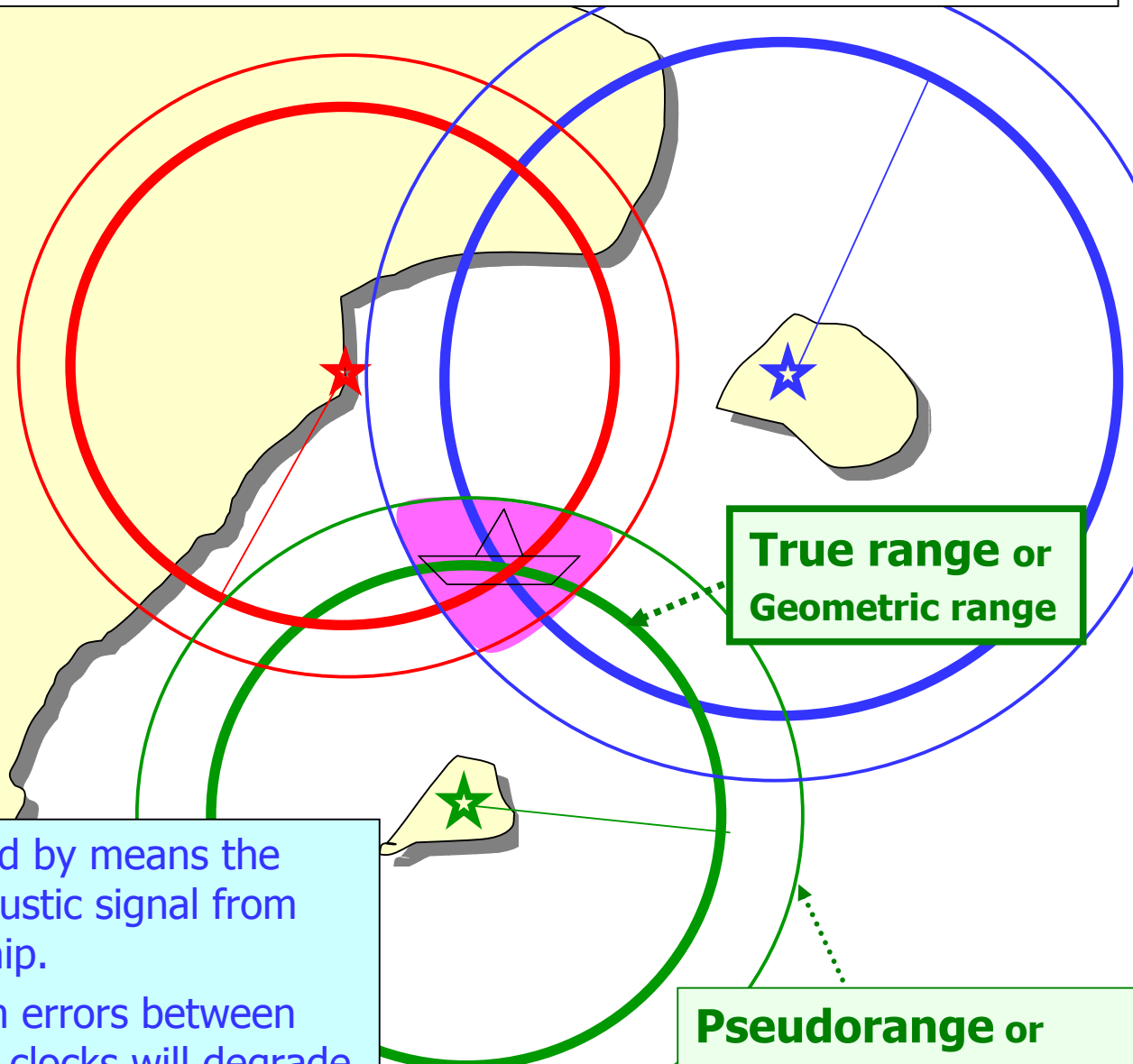


**A ship determines its location from a set on lighthouses that send an acoustic signal at a known time.**



**With three lighthouses a single solution is found**

# Errors in the clocks (lighthouses and ship) synchronism affects the accuracy



**True range or  
Geometric range**

**Pseudorange or  
apparent distance  
due to the error clocks**

The **ranges** are measured by means the **traveling time** of the acoustic signal from the lighthouses to the ship.

Thence, the synchronism errors between the lighthouses and ship clocks will degrade the positioning accuracy.

**SUMMARY:** The positioning system is based on:

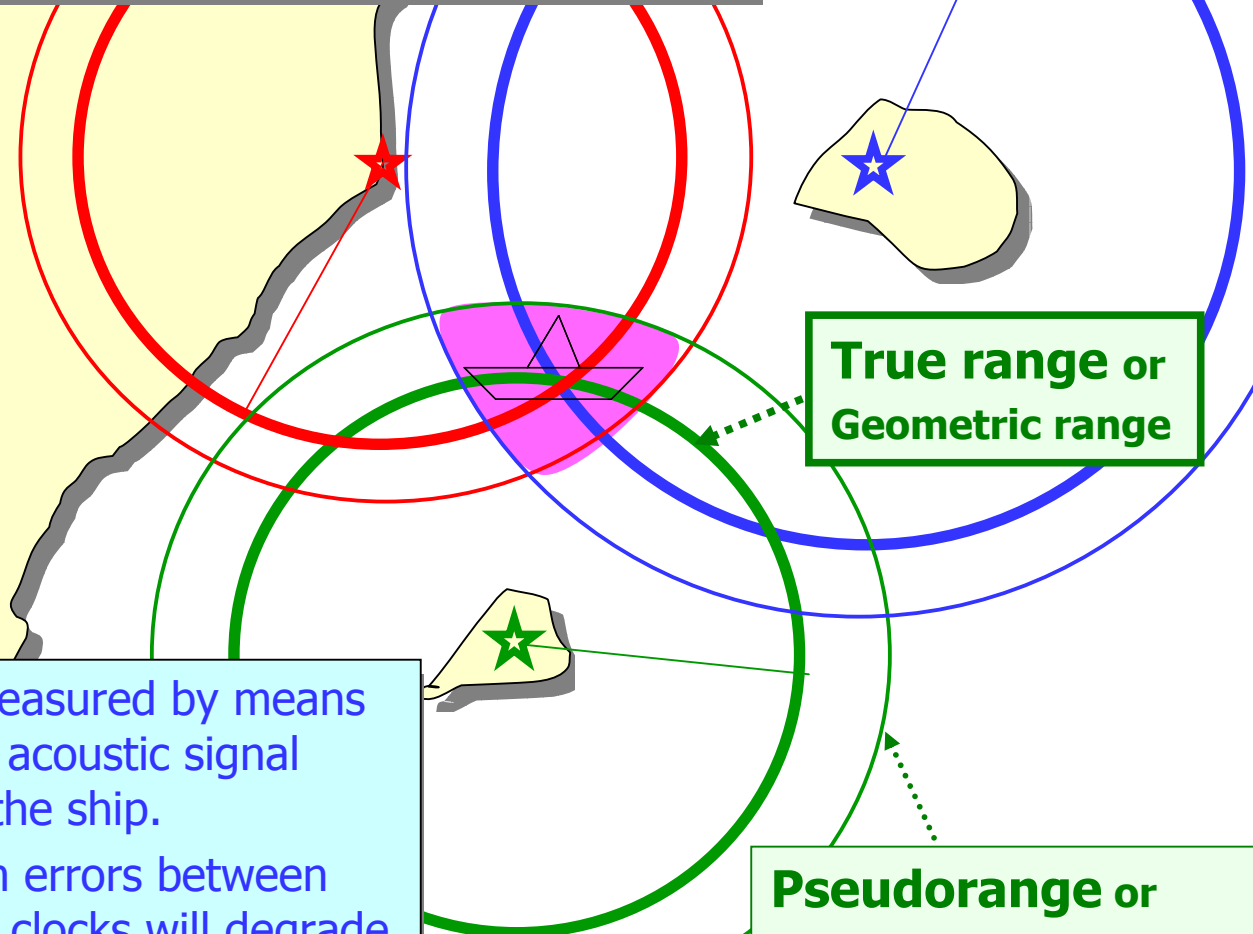
- To know the coordinates of the lighthouses
- To know the ranges from the ship to the lighthouses
- To solve a geometric problem.

**NOTE:** the **ranges** are measured by means of the **traveling time** of the acoustic signal from the lighthouses to the ship.

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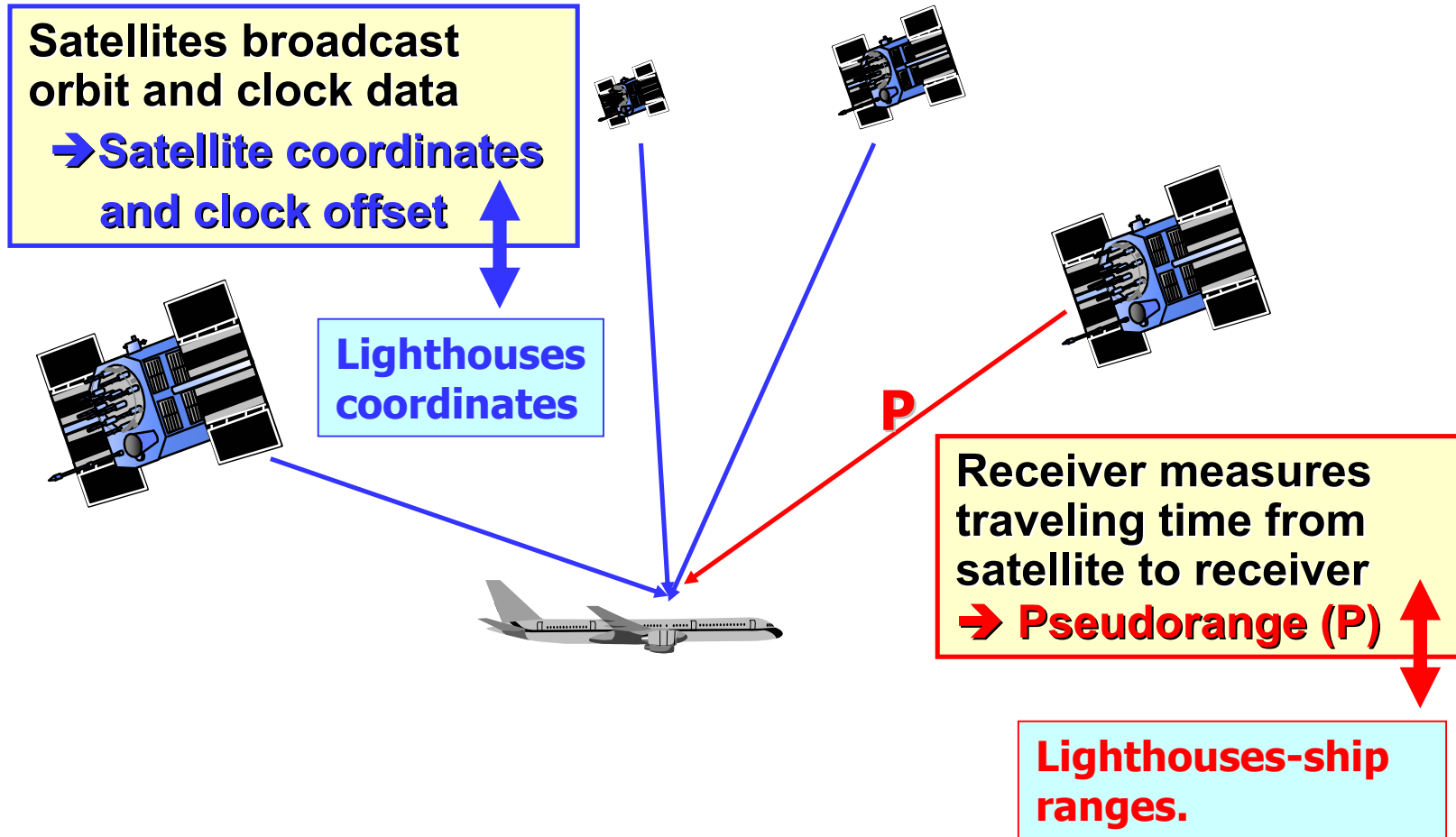
**True range or Geometric range**

**Pseudorange or apparent distance due to the error clock.**

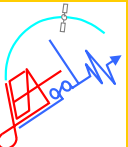




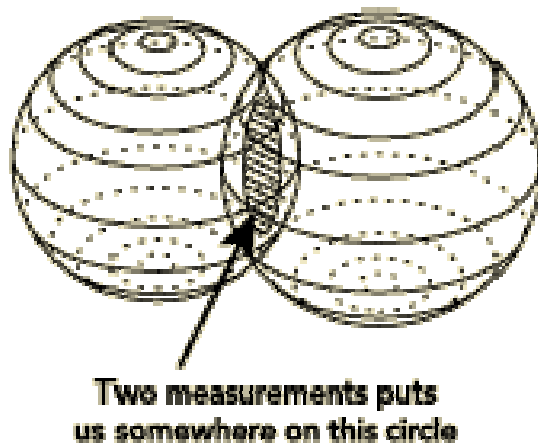
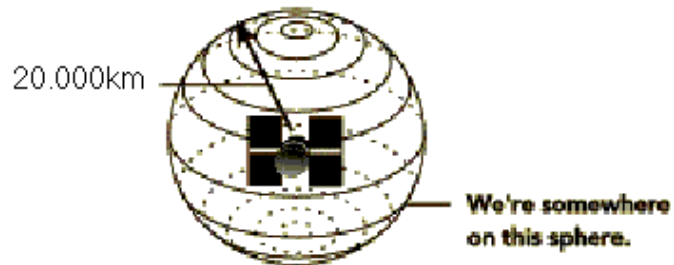
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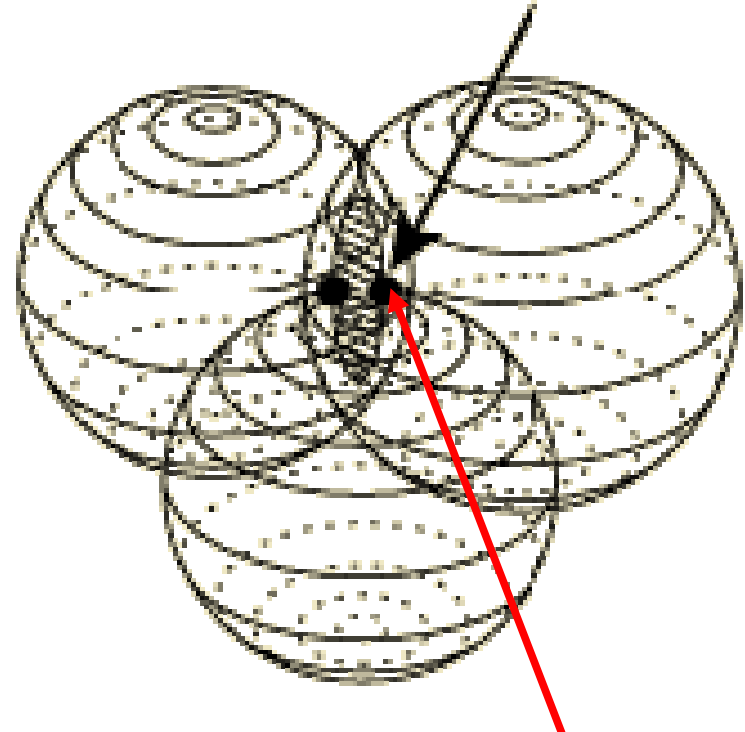
Thence, the receiver coordinates are found **solving a geometrical problem**: from sat. coordinates and ranges



# How GPS Works



Three measurements puts us at one of two points



One of the solutions is not on the Earth surface.

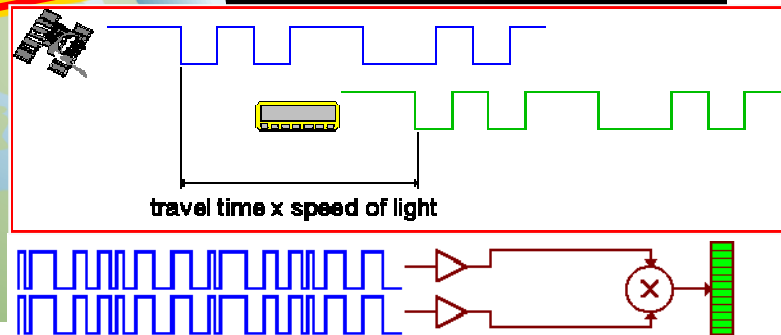
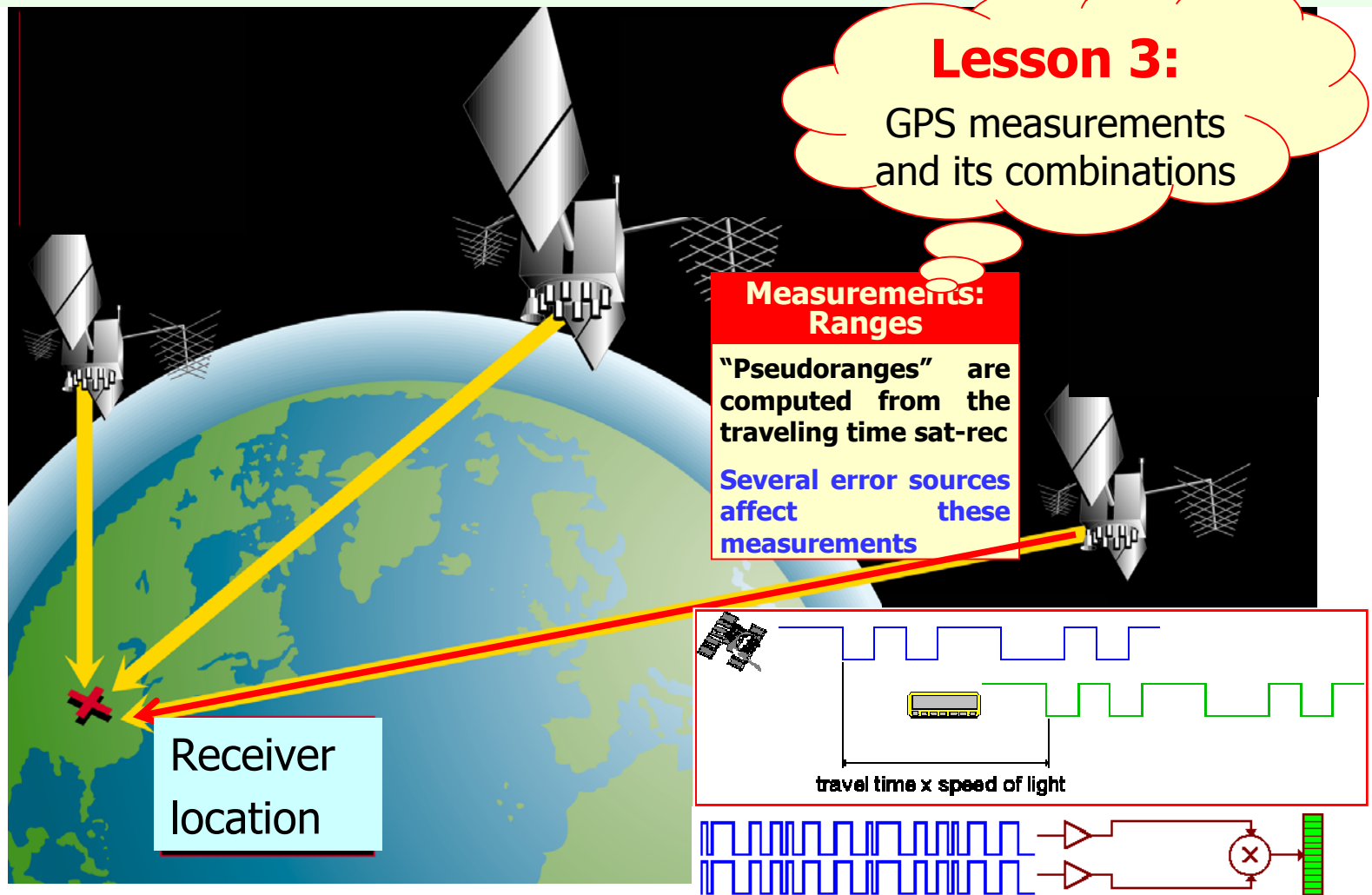
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## Lesson 3:

GPS measurements and its combinations



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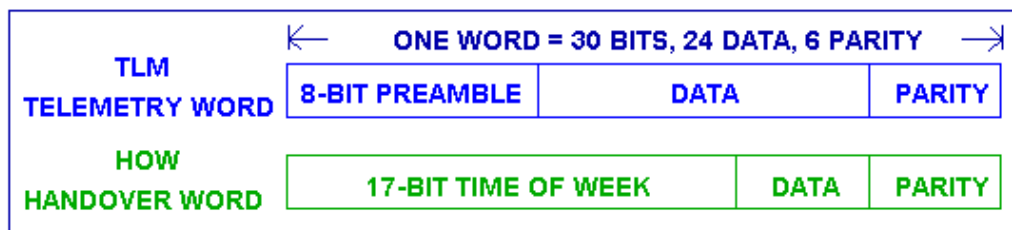
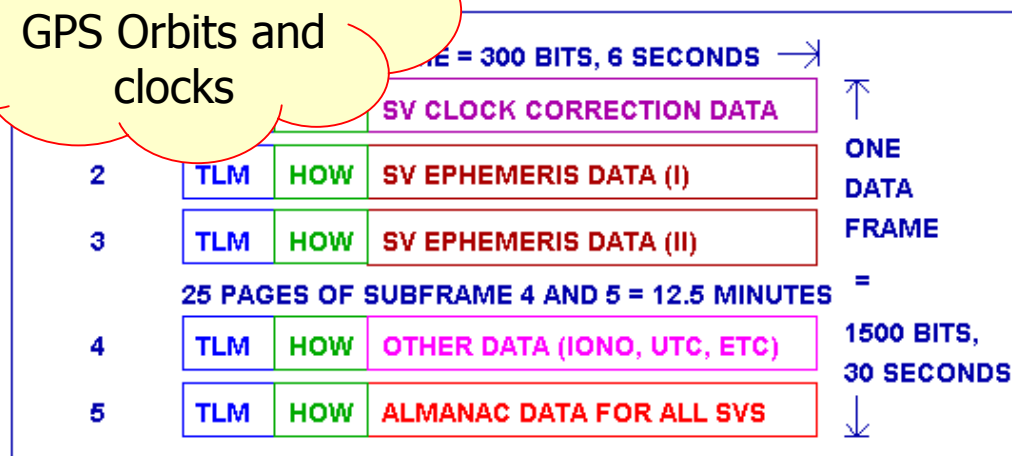
## Satellite location

Satellite coordinates and clock offsets are computed from the navigation message: (orbit.f)



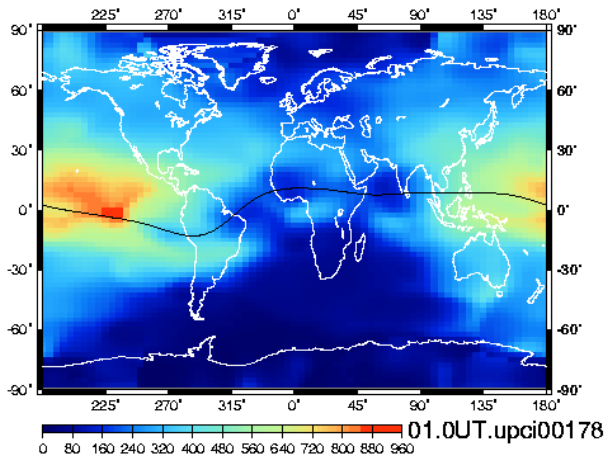
## Lesson 4:

GPS Orbits and clocks

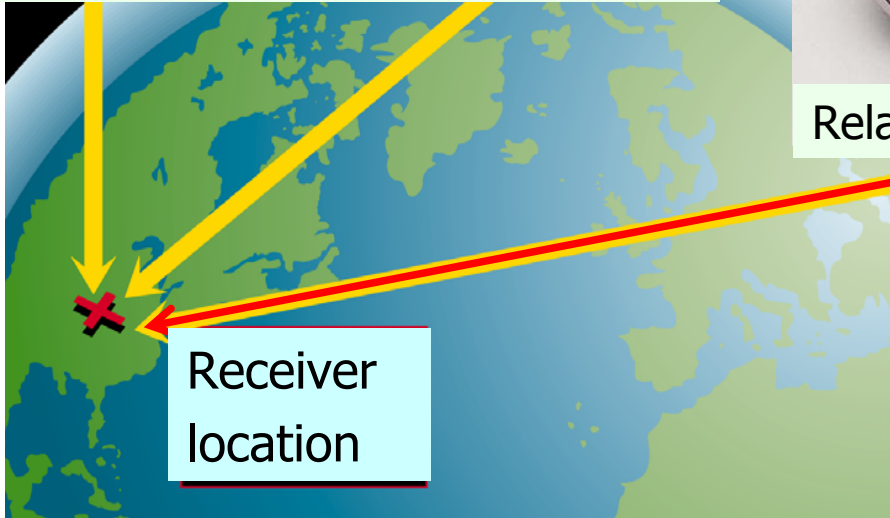


## GPS NAVIGATION DATA FORMAT

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## Atmospheric propagation: IONO, TROPO



## GPS Works



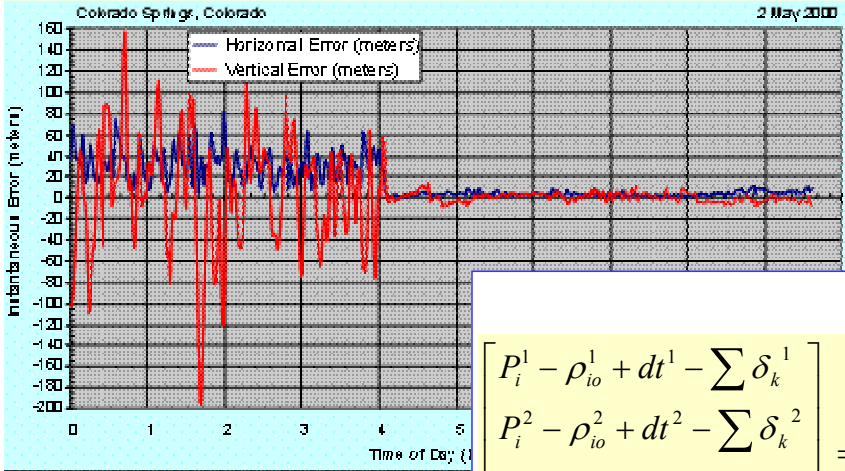
Relativistic

**Lesson 5:**  
GPS measurements  
modeling (code)

### MODEL:

Atmospheric propag.,  
relativistic effects,  
clocks and instrum.  
delays are modeled  
and removed.

And the navigation  
equations are built



$$\begin{bmatrix} P_i^1 - \rho_{io}^1 + dt^1 - \sum \delta_k^1 \\ P_i^2 - \rho_{io}^2 + dt^2 - \sum \delta_k^2 \\ \dots \\ P_i^n - \rho_{io}^n + dt^n - \sum \delta_k^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{io} - x^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & \frac{y_{io} - y^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & \frac{z_{io} - z^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & 1 \\ \frac{x_{io} - x^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & \frac{y_{io} - y^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & \frac{z_{io} - z^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{x_{io} - x^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & \frac{y_{io} - y^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & \frac{z_{io} - z^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_i \\ \Delta y_i \\ \Delta z_i \\ cdt_i \end{bmatrix}$$

## Lesson 6:

Solving the navigation Equations

### Navigation equations

The geometric problem is linearized, and Weighted Least Mean Squares or Kalman filter are used to compute the solution.

### MODEL:

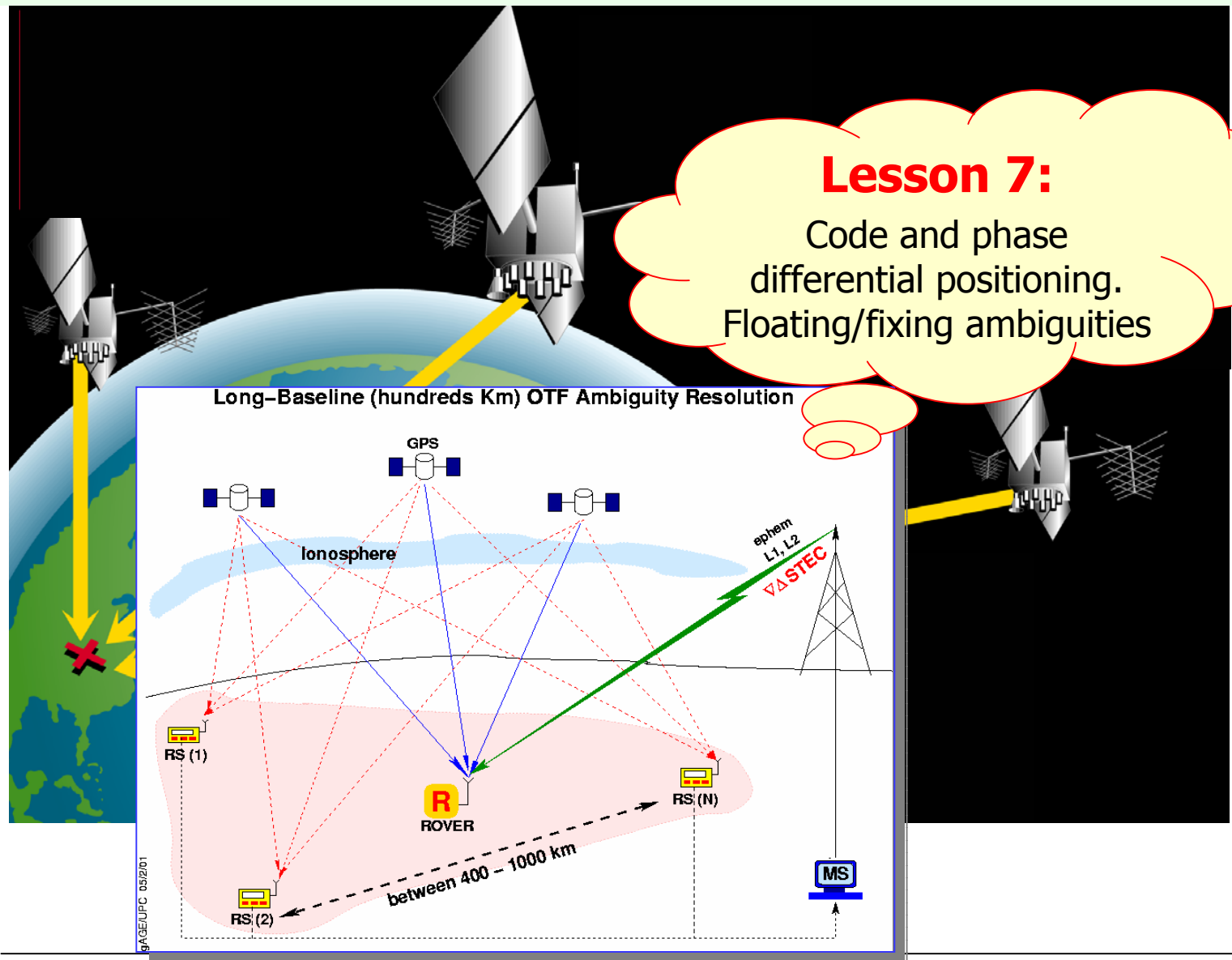
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# How GPS Works

## Lesson 7:

Code and phase  
differential positioning.  
Floating/fixing ambiguities





# Lesson 3

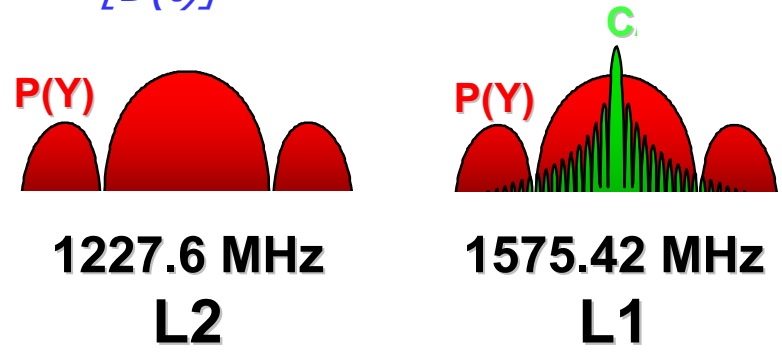
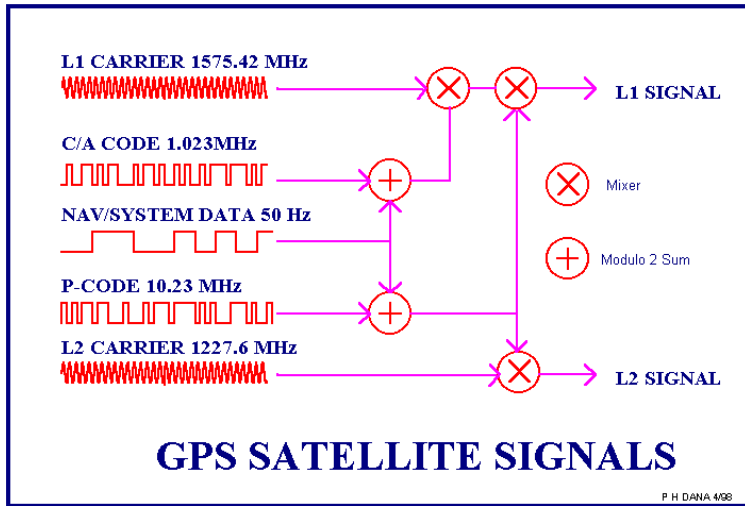
## GPS measurements and their combinations: The RINEX files

# GPS SIGNAL STRUCTURE

Two carriers in L-band:

- L1=154 fo=1575.42 Mhz
- L2=120 fo=1227.60 Mhz  
where fo=10.23 Mhz

- C/A-code for civilian users  $[C(t)]$
- P-code only for military and authorized users  $[P(t)]$
- Navigation message with satellite ephemeris and clock corrections  $[D(t)]$



$$L_1(t) = a_1 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_1 t) + a_1 C(t) D(t) \cos(f_1 t)$$

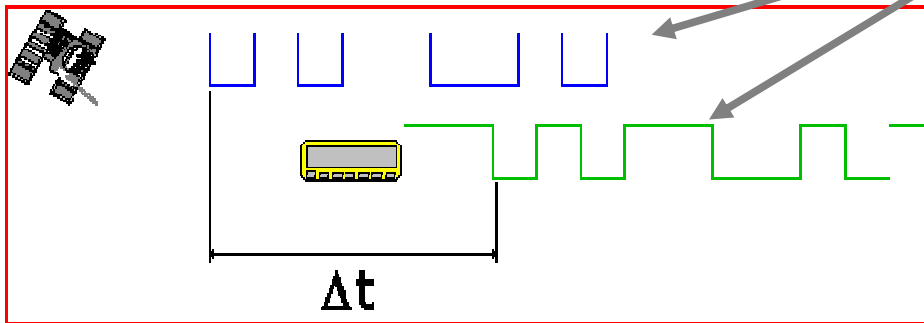
$$L_2(t) = a_2 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_2 t)$$

# GPS Pseudorange Measurements

$$L_1(t) = a_1 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_1 t) + a_1 C(t) D(t) \cos(f_1 t)$$

$$L_2(t) = a_2 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_2 t)$$

binary code P



**C1, P1, P2**

$$P1 = c \Delta t = c [t_{\text{rec}}(T_R) - t^{\text{sat}}(T^S)]$$

From hereafter we will call:

- C1 pseudorange computed from C binary code (on frequency 1)
- P1 pseudorange computed from P binary code (on frequency 1)
- P2 pseudorange computed from P binary code (on frequency 2)



# GPS Phase Measurement

$$L_1(t) = a_1 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_1 t) + a_1 C(t) D(t) \cos(f_1 t)$$

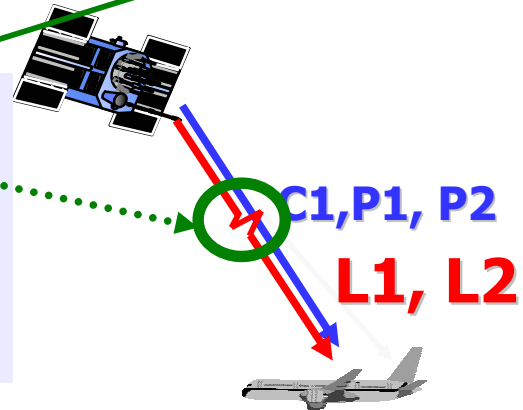
$$L_2(t) = a_2 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_2 t)$$

$$\Delta f = f_r - f_e = -\frac{\dot{\rho}}{c} f_e$$

$$\rho = \int \dot{\rho} = -c \int \frac{\Delta f}{f_e} + \textcircled{c t t}$$

Carrier phase  $L$

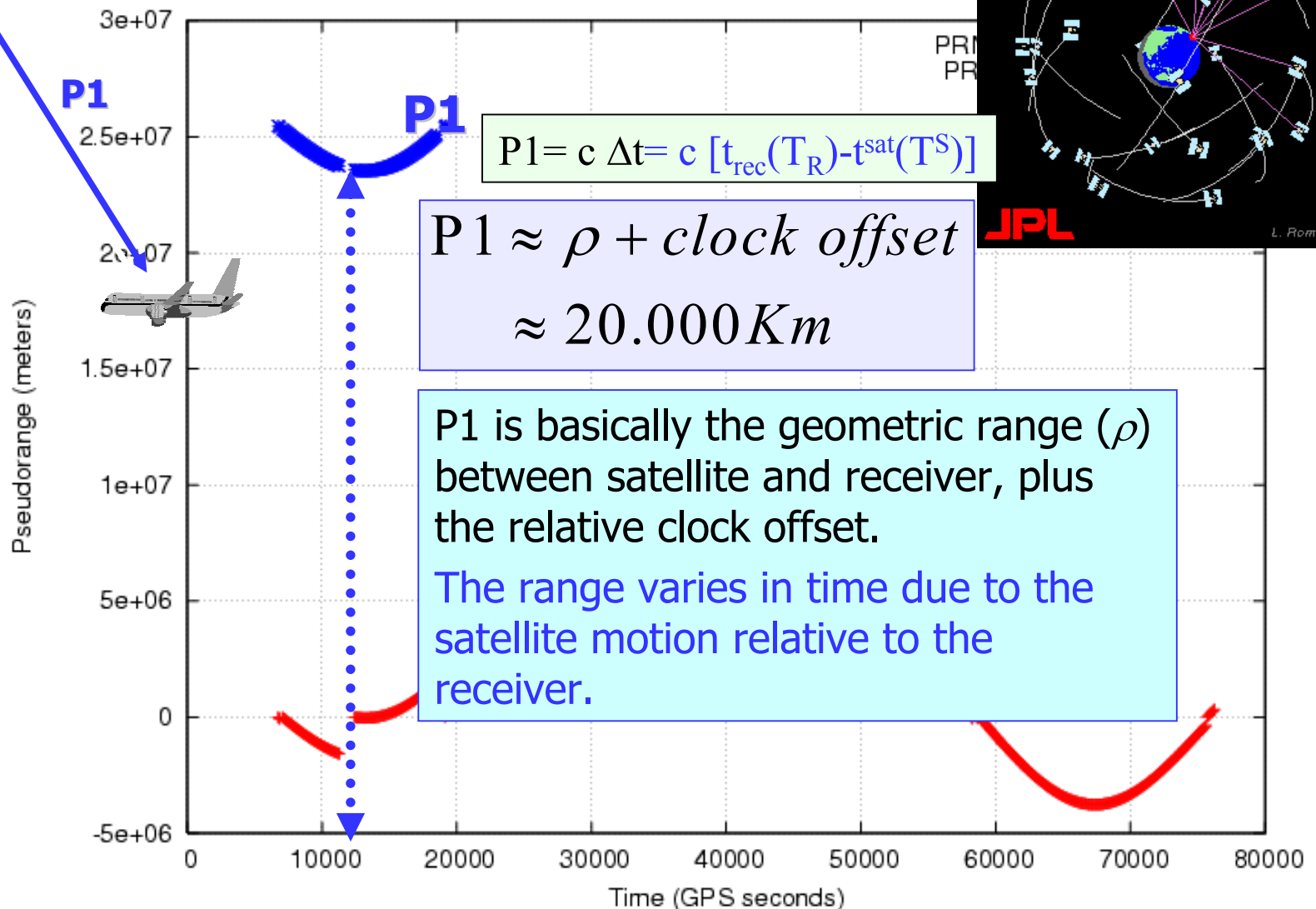
“pseudoranges” **L1, L2** (containing unknown bias) can be also measured from the carrier phases  $L_1(t), L_2(t)$  (*integrated Doppler*)



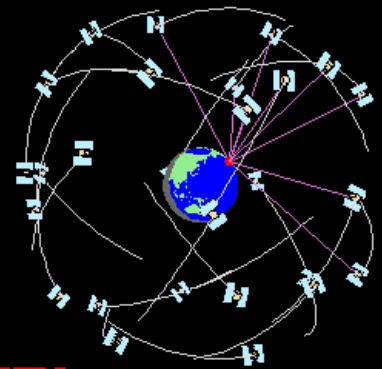
From hereafter we will call:

- L1 phase measur. computed from the carrier phase on frequency 1
- L2 phase measur. computed from the carrier phase on frequency 2
- C1 pseudorange computed from C binary code (on frequency 1)
- P1 pseudorange computed from P binary code (on frequency 1)
- P2 pseudorange computed from P binary code (on frequency 2)

# Phase and Code pseudorange measurement



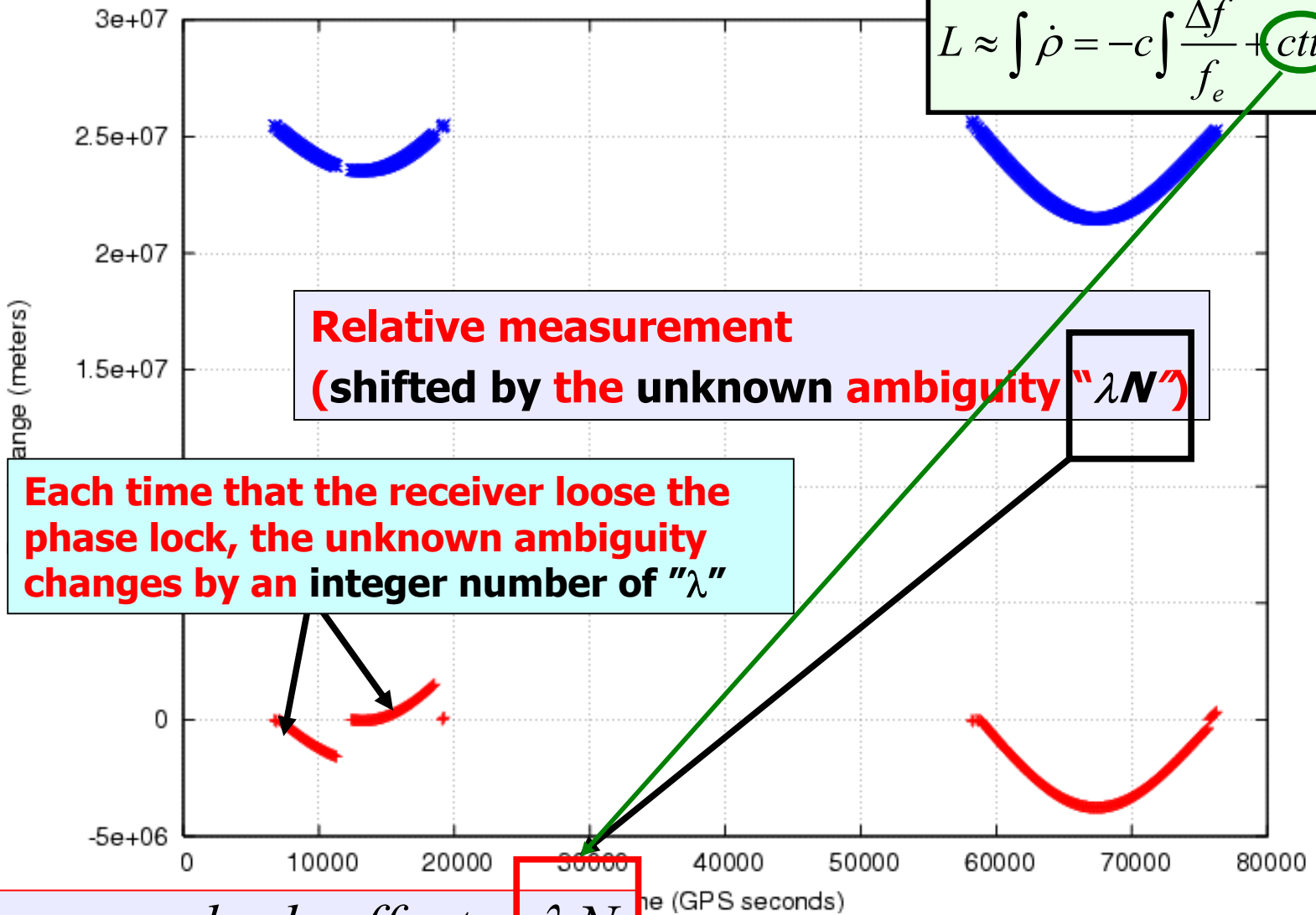
**P1 is an absolute measurement (unambiguous)**



# Phase and Code pseudorange mea

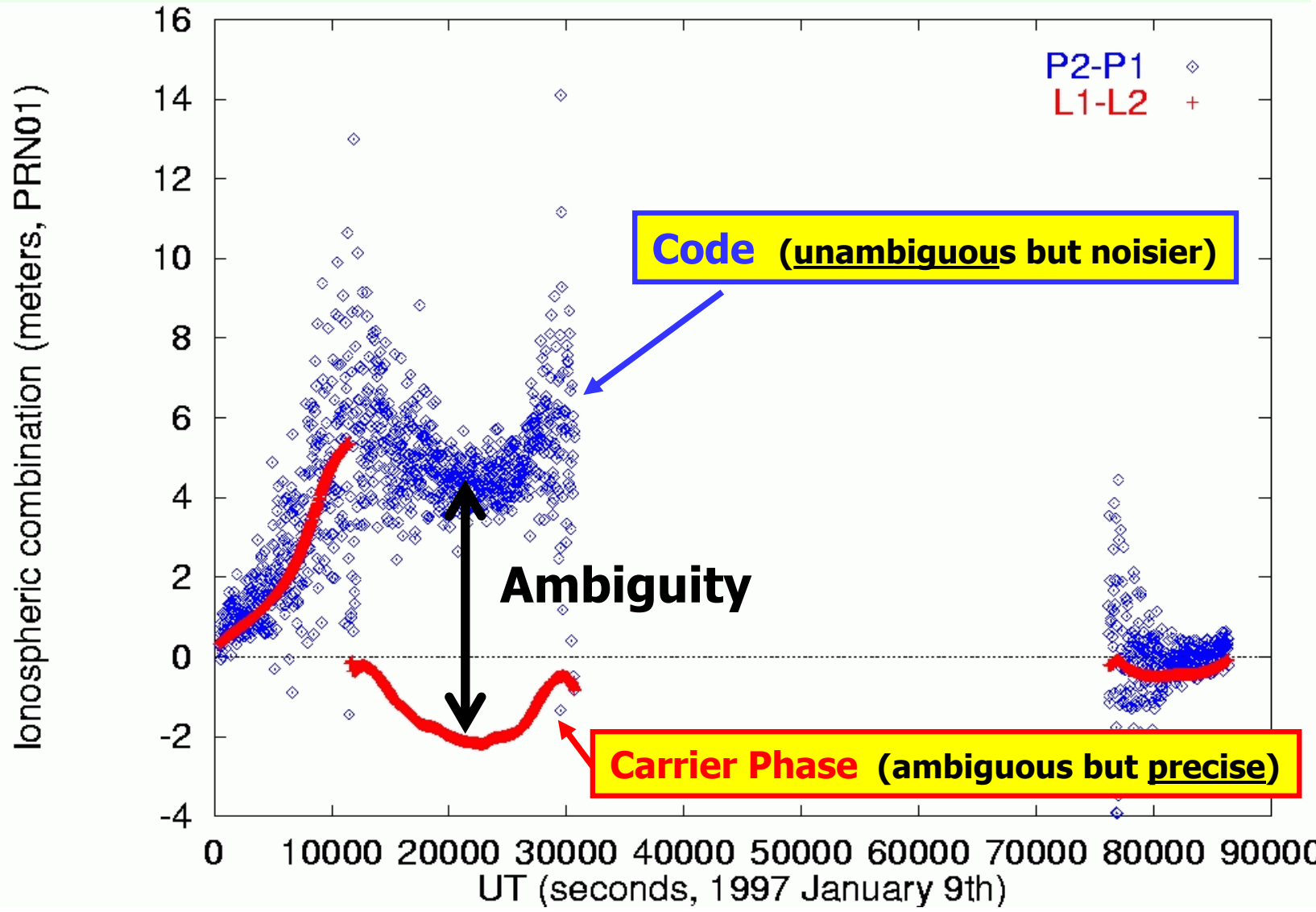
$$\Delta f = f_r - f_e = -\frac{\dot{\rho}}{c} f_e$$

$$L \approx \int \dot{\rho} = -c \int \frac{\Delta f}{f_e} + \text{ctt}$$



$$L1 \approx \rho + \text{clock offset} + \lambda N$$

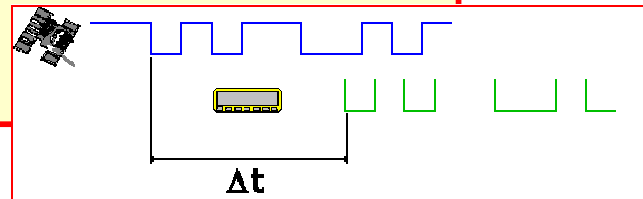
# Code and phase measurements



# GPS measurements: Code and Phase pseudoranges

$$L_1(t) = a_1 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_1 t) + a_1 C(t) D(t) \cos(f_1 t)$$

$$L_2(t) = a_2 P(t) D(t) \sin(f_2 t)$$



## Antispoofing (A/S):

The code P is encrypted to Y.

→ Only the code C at frequency L1 is available.

**Wavelength**  
(chip-length)

$\sigma$  noise  
(1% of  $\lambda$ ) [\*]

**Main characteristics**

### Code measurements

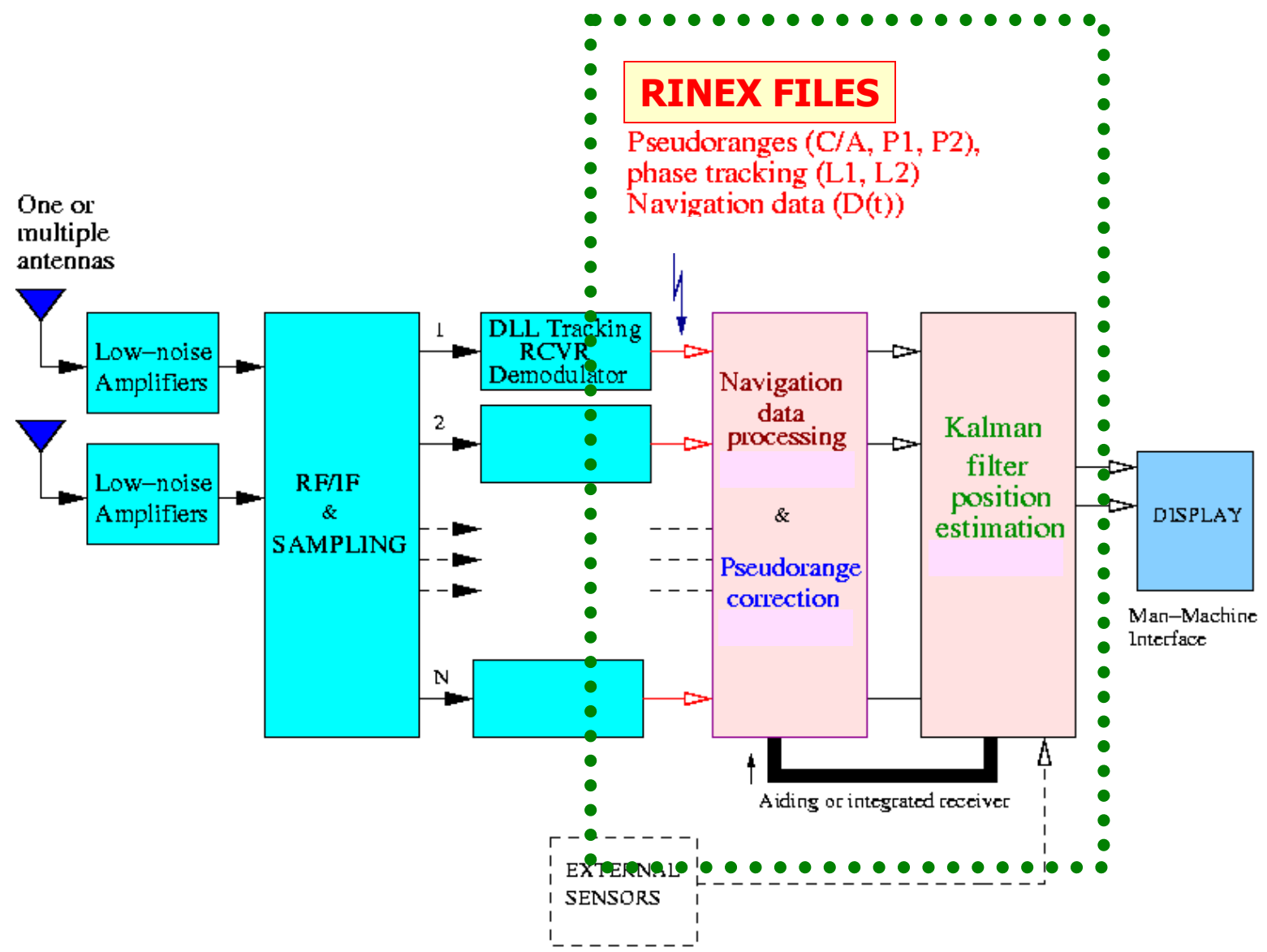
<b>C1</b>	300 m	3 m	<b><u>Unambiguous</u> but noisier</b>
<b>P1 (Y1): encrypted</b>	30 m	30 cm	
<b>P2 (Y2): encrypted</b>	30 m	30 cm	

### Phase measurements

<b>L1</b>	<b>19.05 cm</b>	2 mm	<b><u>Precise</u> but ambiguous</b>
<b>L2</b>	<b>24.45 cm</b>	2 mm	

[\*] the codes can be smoothed with the phases in order to reduce noise  
(i.e, **C1 smoothed with L1 → 50 cm noise**)





# RINEX measurement file

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BIT 2 OF LLI (+4) FLAGS DATA COLLECTED UNDER "AS" CONDITION COMMENT
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AU18        MARKER NUMBER
mrh         OBSERVER / AGENCY
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          5          C1        L1        L2        P2        P1        # / TYPES OF OBSERV
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sig:   9      8      7      6      5      4      1      0 COMMENT
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           Epoch flag 0: OK
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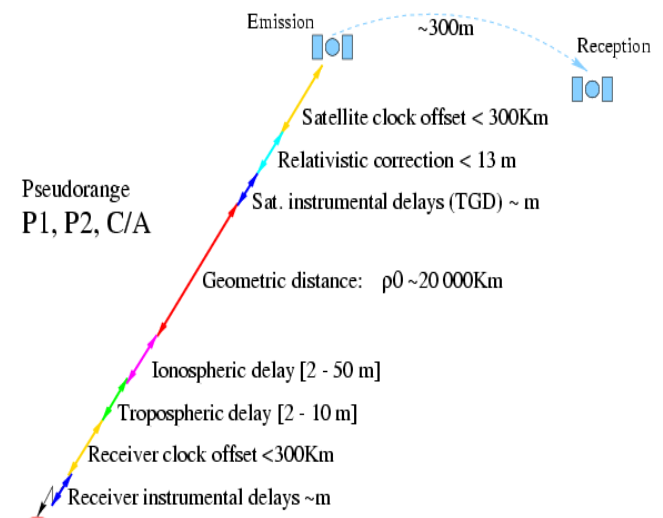
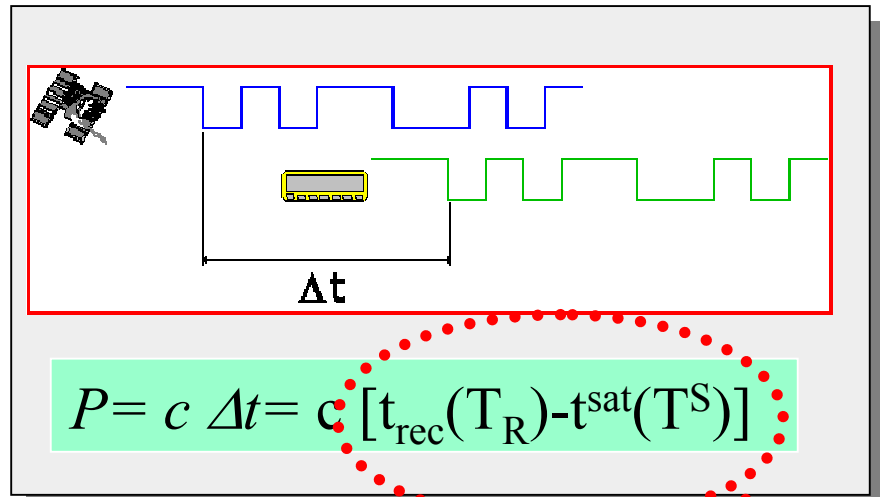
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**Synthetic P2  
(A/S=on)**

**S/N indicator**

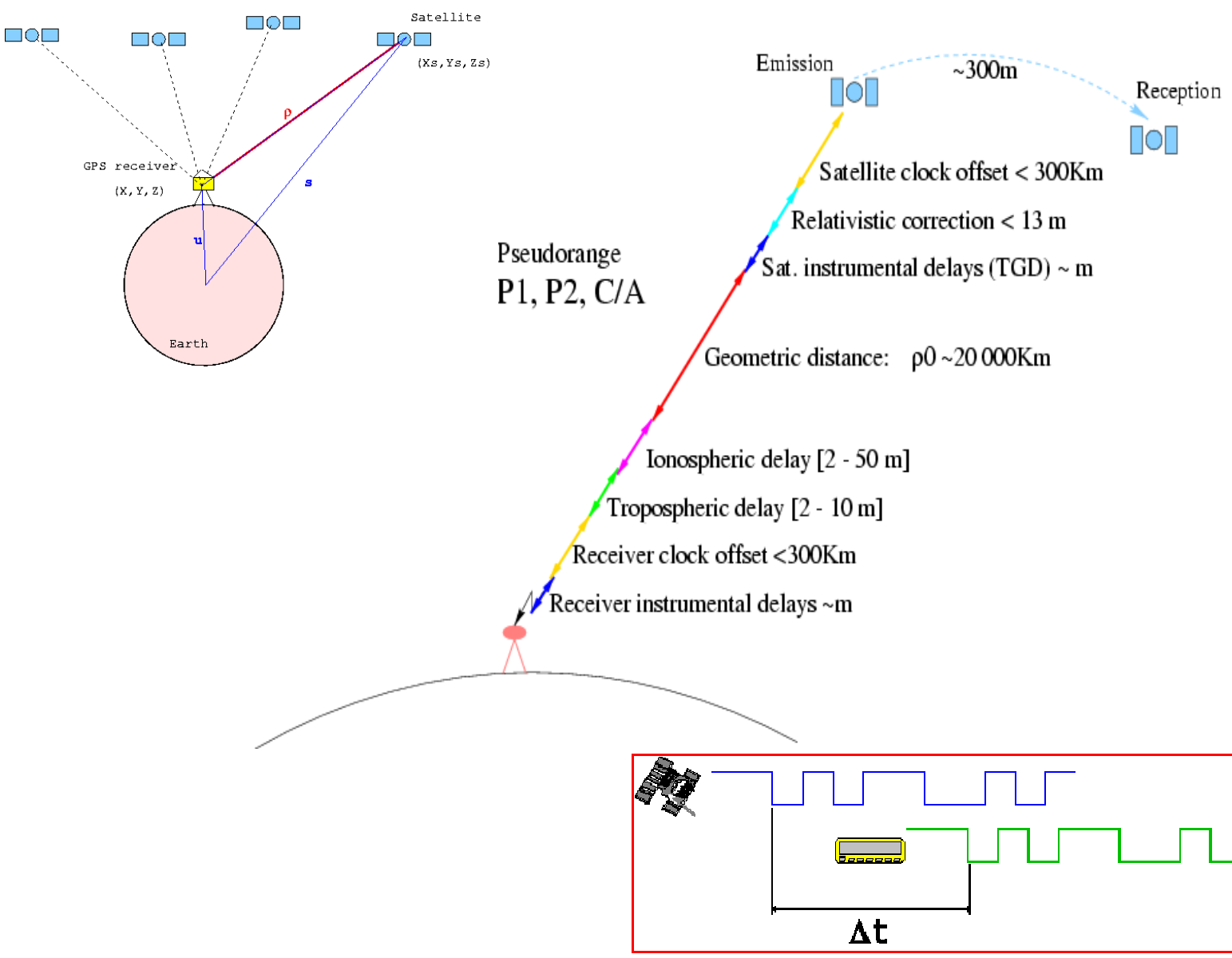
**Loss of lock indicator**

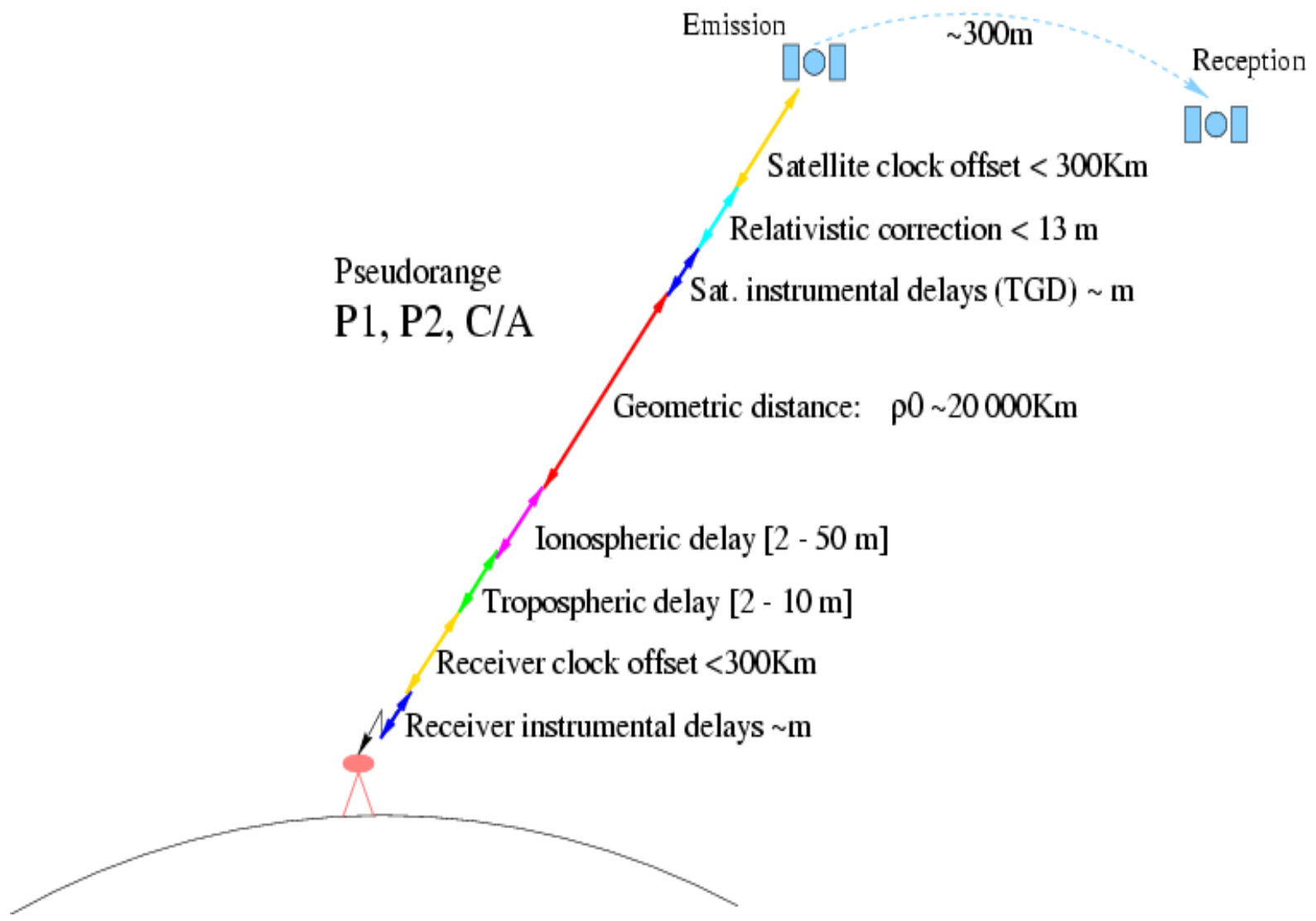


$$P_{rec}^{sat} = \underbrace{\rho_{rec}^{sat}}_{\text{Geometric range}} + c \cdot \underbrace{(dt_{rec} - dt^{sat})}_{\text{Clock offsets}} + \sum \delta$$

$$\sum \delta = \underbrace{rel_{rec}^{sat}}_{\text{Relativistic effects}} + \underbrace{Trop_{rec}^{sat}}_{\text{Tropospheric delay}} + \underbrace{Ion_{rec}^{sat}}_{\text{Ionospheric delay}} + \underbrace{K_{rec} + K^{sat}}_{\text{Instrumental delays}} + \underbrace{\varepsilon}_{\text{noise}}$$









## Exercise 1:

- a) Using the file 95oct18casa\_\_\_\_r0.rnx, generate the "txt" file 95oct18casa.a (with data ordered in columns).
- b) Plot code and phase measurements for satellite PRN28 and discuss the results.

### Resolution:

a) `cat 95oct18casa____r0.rnx| rnx2txt > 95oct18casa.a`

b) See next plots:

# An example of program to read the RINEX: rnx2txt

**RINEX file → rnx2txt → txt file**

## Ficheros RINEX: observables

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2          OBSERVATION DATA      G (GPS)      RINEX VERSION / TYPE
RGRINEX0 V2.4.1 UX  AUSLIG        10-JAN-97 10:19 PGM / RUN BY / DATE
Australian Regional GPS Network (ARGN) - COCOS ISLAND COMMENT
BIT 2 OF LLI (+4) FLAGS DATA COLLECTED UNDER "AS" CONDITION COMMENT
-0.000000000103      HARDWARE CALIBRATION (S) COMMENT
-0.000000054663      CLOCK OFFSET (S) COMMENT

COCO          MARKER NAME
AU18          MARKER NUMBER
mrh           auslig          OBSERVER / AGENCY
126           ROGUE SNR=8100    93.05.25 / 2.8.33.2 REC # / TYPE / VERS
327           DORNE MARGOLIN T ANT # / TYPE

-741950.3241 6190961.9624 -1337769.9813 APPROX POSITION XYZ
0.0040      0.0000      0.0000 ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N
1           1           WAVELENGTH FACT L1/L2
5           C1          L1          L2          P2          P1 # / TYPES OF OBSERV
SNR is mapped to signal strength [0,1,4-9] COMMENT
SNR: >500 >100 >50 >10 >5 >0 bad n/a COMMENT
sig: 9      8      7      6      5      4      1      0 COMMENT
30          1          9          0          7      30.00000000 INTERVAL
1997        1          9          0          7      30.00000000 TIME OF FIRST OBS
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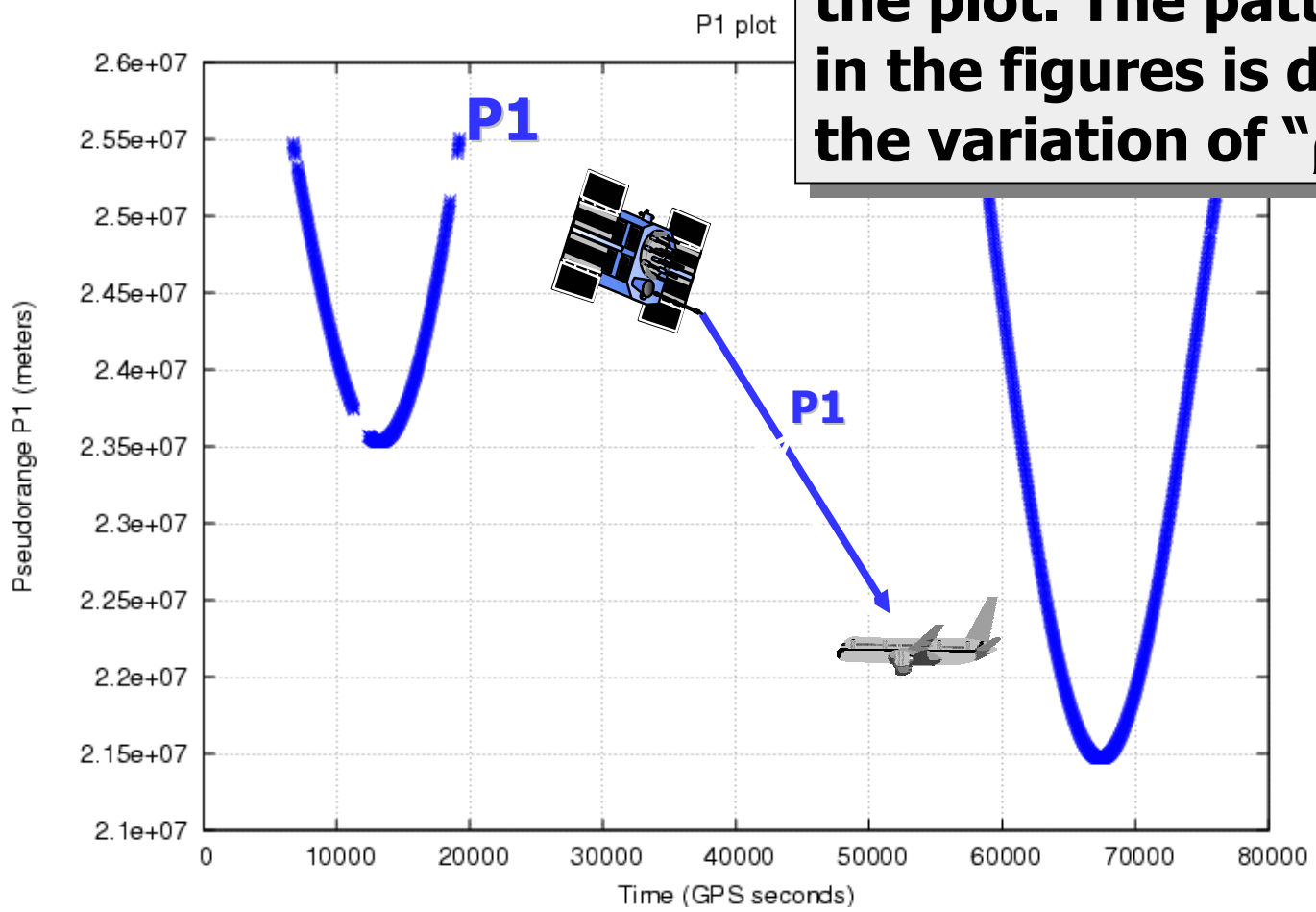
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20718775.074 -18605935.474 9 -14498133.97346 20718775.6074 <===== 17
20842713.610 -19083282.892 9 -14870090.55546 20842713.4814 <===== 6
  
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casa	291	0.30	18	-191430.525	-191430.252	24656587.151	24656585.163 0
casa	291	0.30	22	-2444674.551	-2444521.901	22500517.354	22500514.937 0
casa	291	0.30	25	-2949012.363	-2949008.662	22250999.265	22250999.532 0
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casa	291	90.30	18	-239997.495	-239997.188	27608919.738	27608922.372 0
casa	291	90.30	22	2485199.565	2485196.877	22467938.317	22467939.302 0
casa	291	90.30	25	2967272.793	2967269.105	22301538.849	22301539.273 0
casa	291	90.30	29	-1762332.295	-1762330.732	22377257.010	22377257.225 0
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casa	291	120.30	15	-1858620.265	-1858618.992	23699739.479	23699741.540 0
casa	291	120.30	18	-254966.378	-254966.052	24593053.725	24593053.168 0

The RINEX file is convert to a "columnar format" to easily plot its contents and to analyze the measurements (the public domain free tool "gnuplot" is used in the book to make the plots).

# Code measurements

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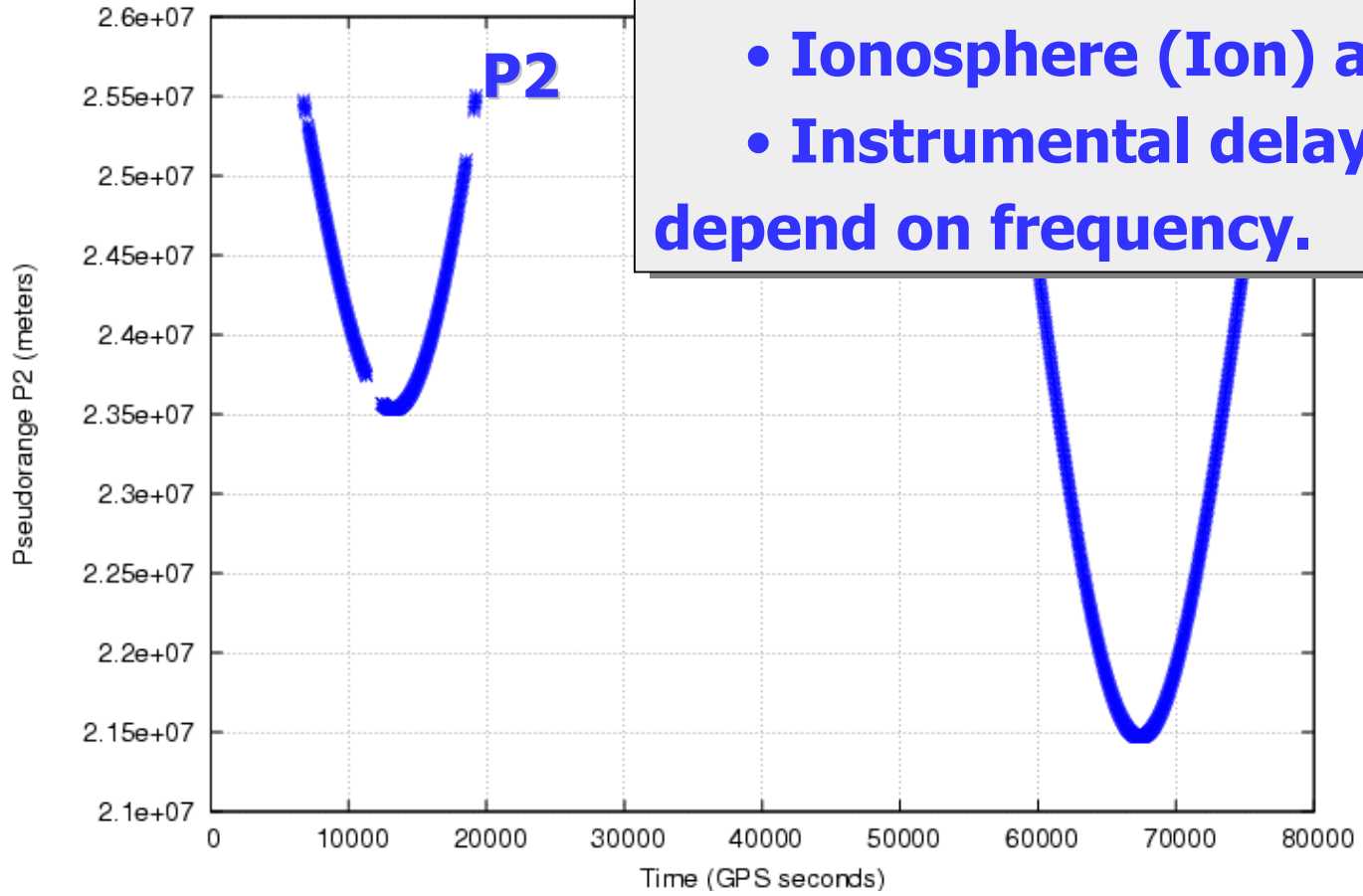
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# Code measurements

Similar plot for code measurements at f2.

Notice that

- Ionosphere (Ion) and
- Instrumental delays (K) depend on frequency.



$$P_{2sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} + Ion_{2sta}^{sat} + K_{2sta} + K_{2}^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

**Ionosphere delays code and advances phase measurements**

**base measurements**

## Code measurements: C1,P1,P2

$C_{1sta}^{sat}$

$$P_{1sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} + Ion_{1sta}^{sat} + K_{1sta}^{sat} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

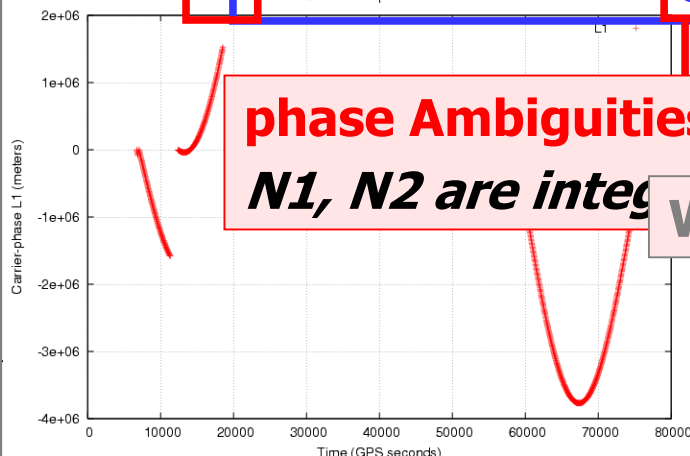
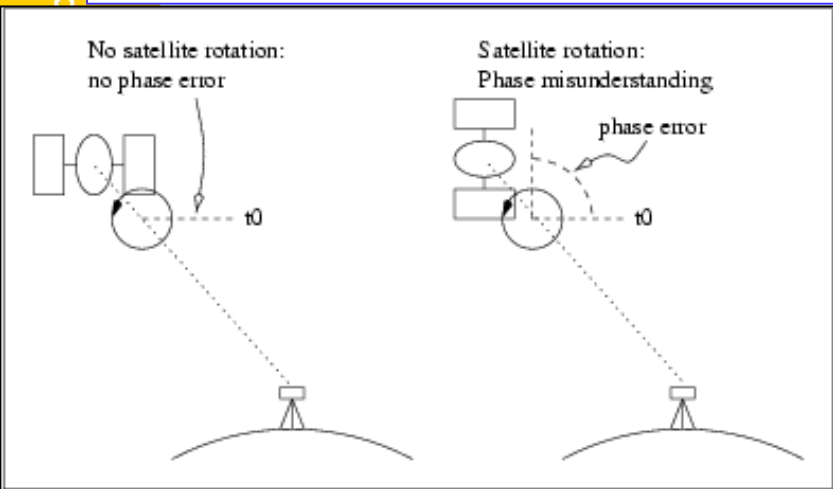
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Frequency dependent

## Phase measurements: L1,L2

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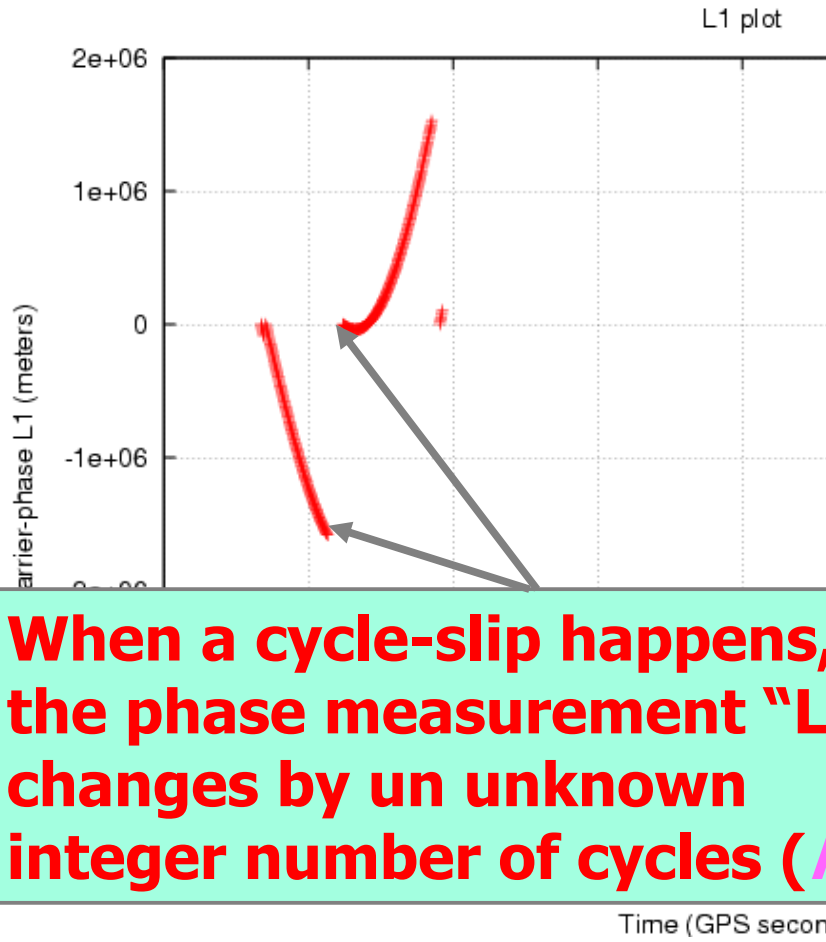


Wind Up

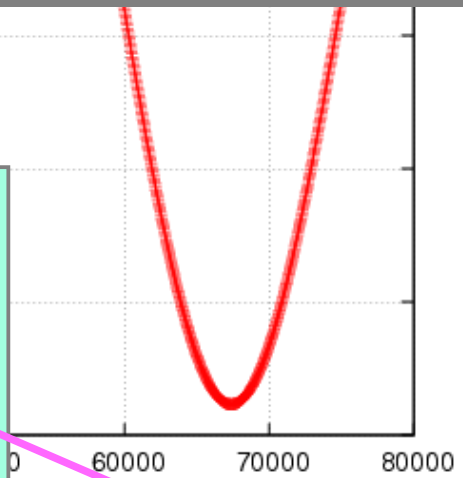
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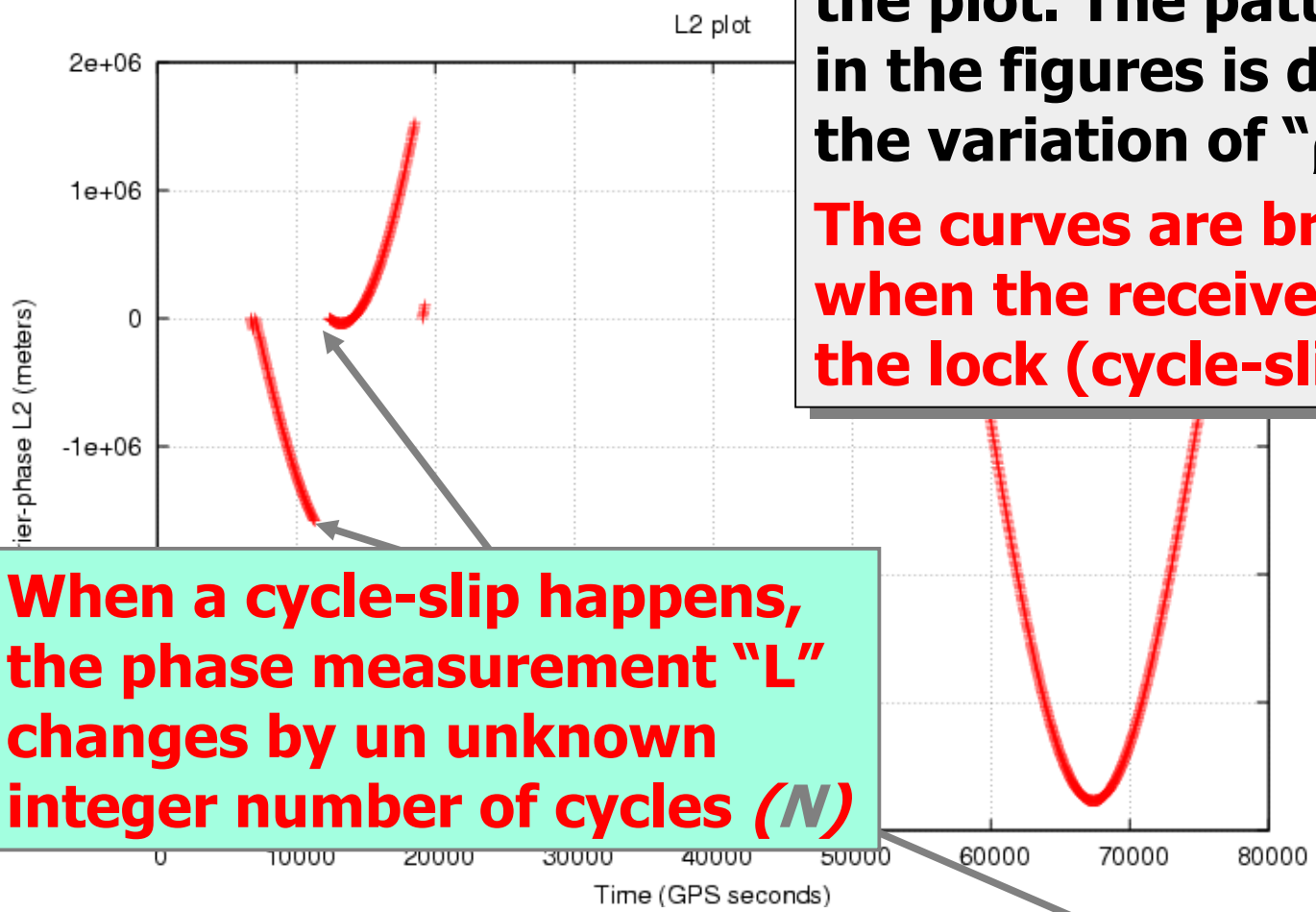


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# Phase measurements

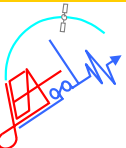
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# Combination of measurements:

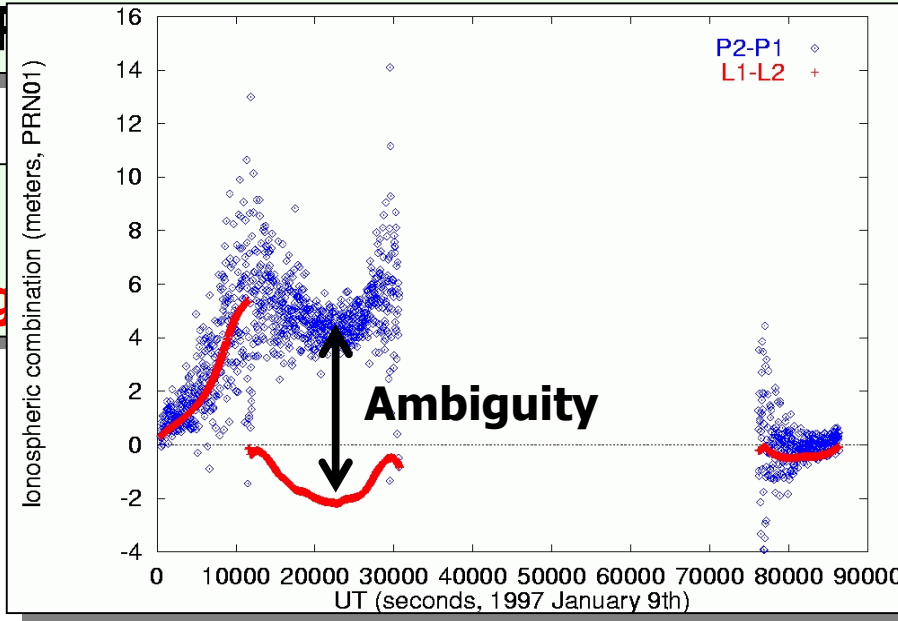
- **Ionospheric combination**
- **Ionosphere-Free combination**
- **Wide-lane and Narrow-lane combinations**



# 1. IONOSPHERIC

$$PI = P2 - P1 = \text{Iono} + \text{ctt}$$

$$LI = L1 - L2 = \text{Iono} + \text{ctt} + \text{Ambig}$$



## Code measurements: C1, P1, P2

$$P_{1sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} + \text{Iono}_{1sta}^{sat} + K_{1sta} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

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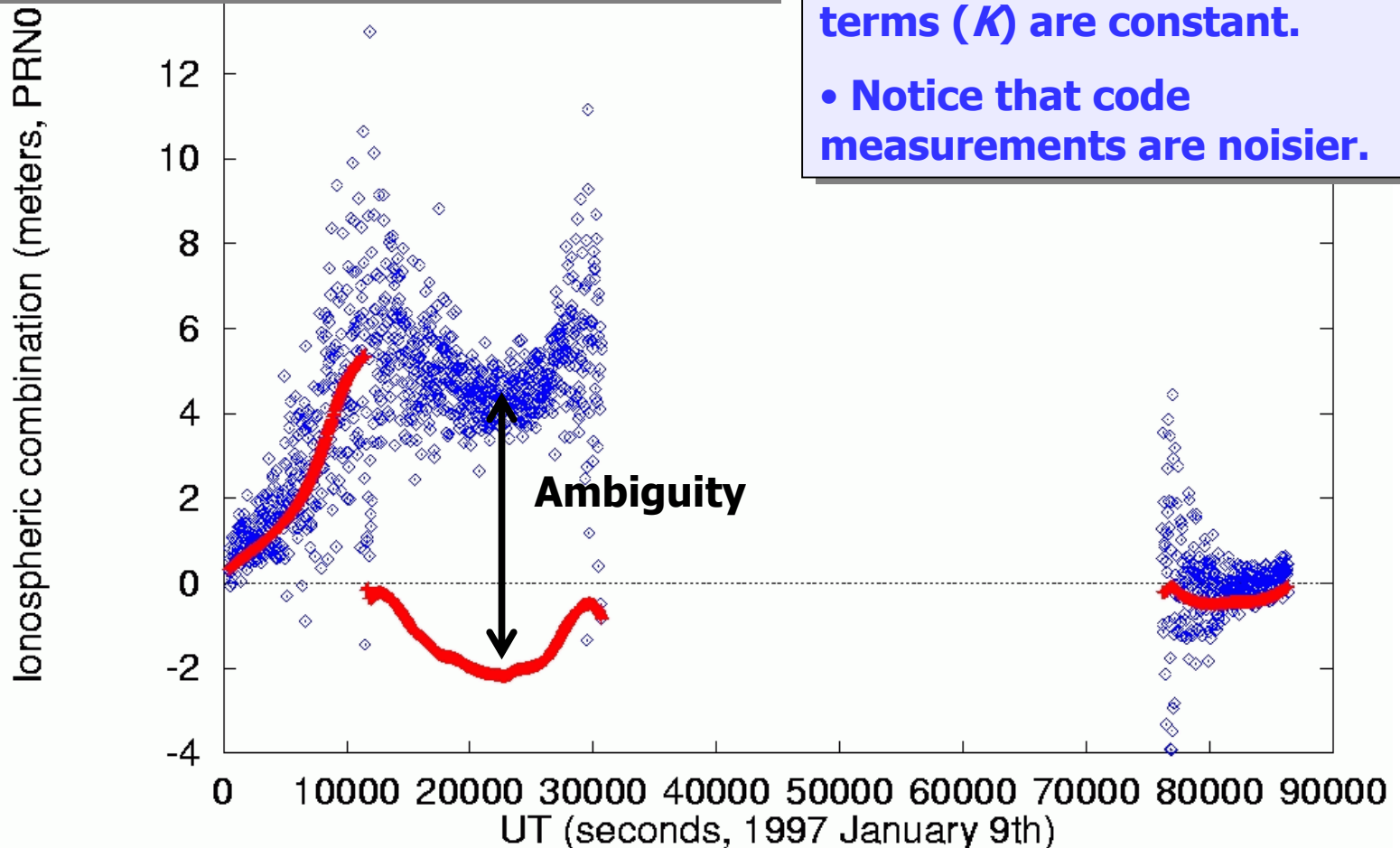
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# 1. IONOSPHERIC COMBINATION

$$PI = P2 - P1 = Iono + ctt$$

$$LI = L1 - L2 = Iono + ctt + Ambig$$

- The pattern corresponds to the ionospheric refraction (*Iono*), because the other terms (*K*) are constant.
- Notice that code measurements are noisier.

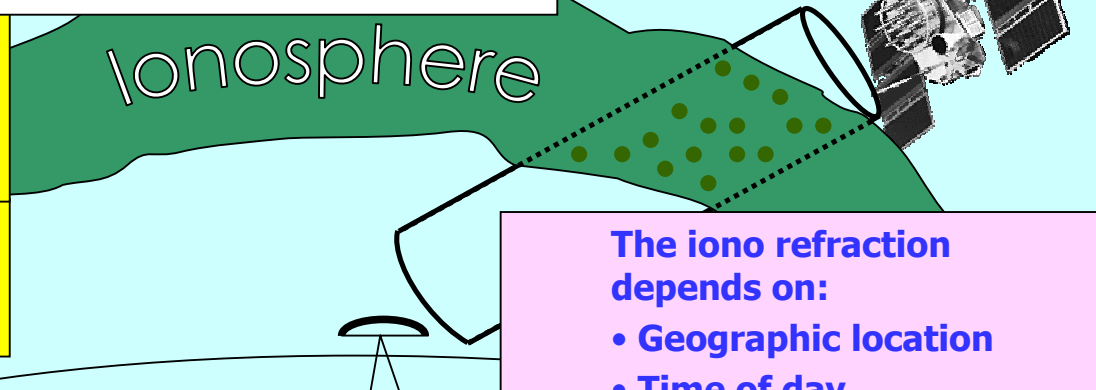


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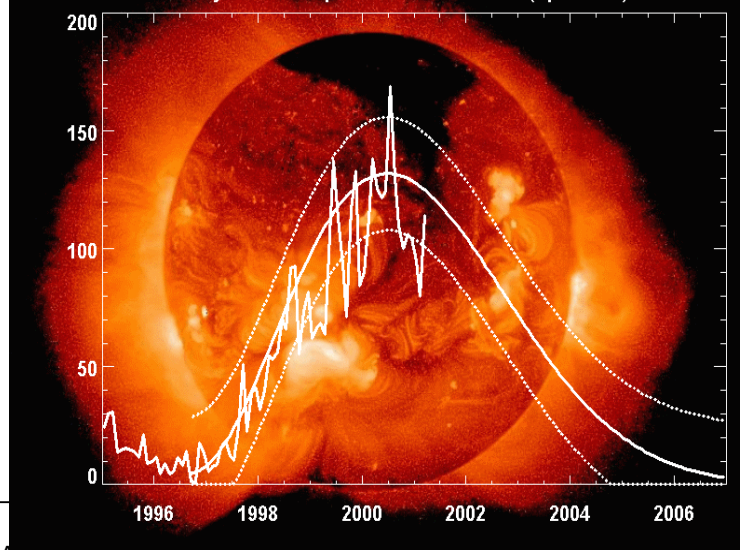
$$STEC = \int_{\vec{r}[GPS\text{transmitter}]}^{\vec{r}[GPS\text{receiver}]} N_e(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{r}$$



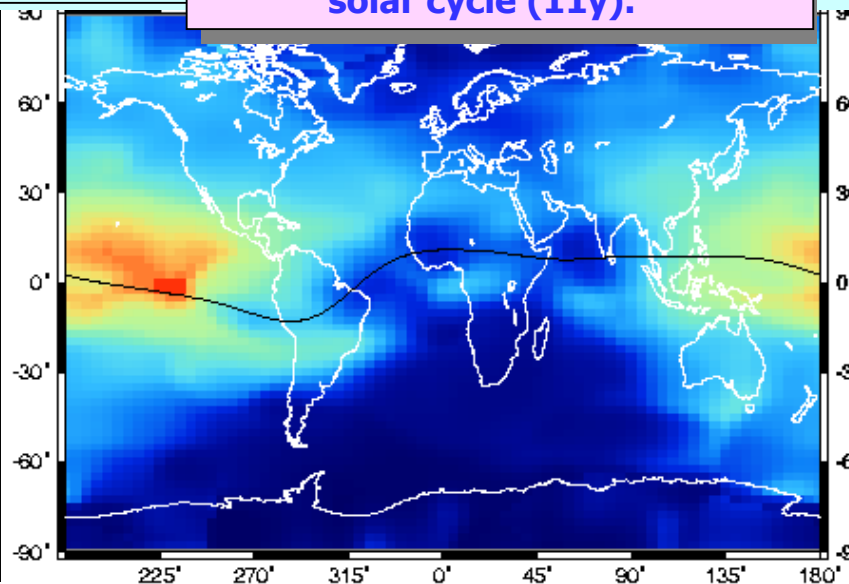
The iono refraction depends on:

- Geographic location
- Time of day
- Time with respect to solar cycle (11y).

Cycle 23 Sunspot Number Prediction (April 2001)



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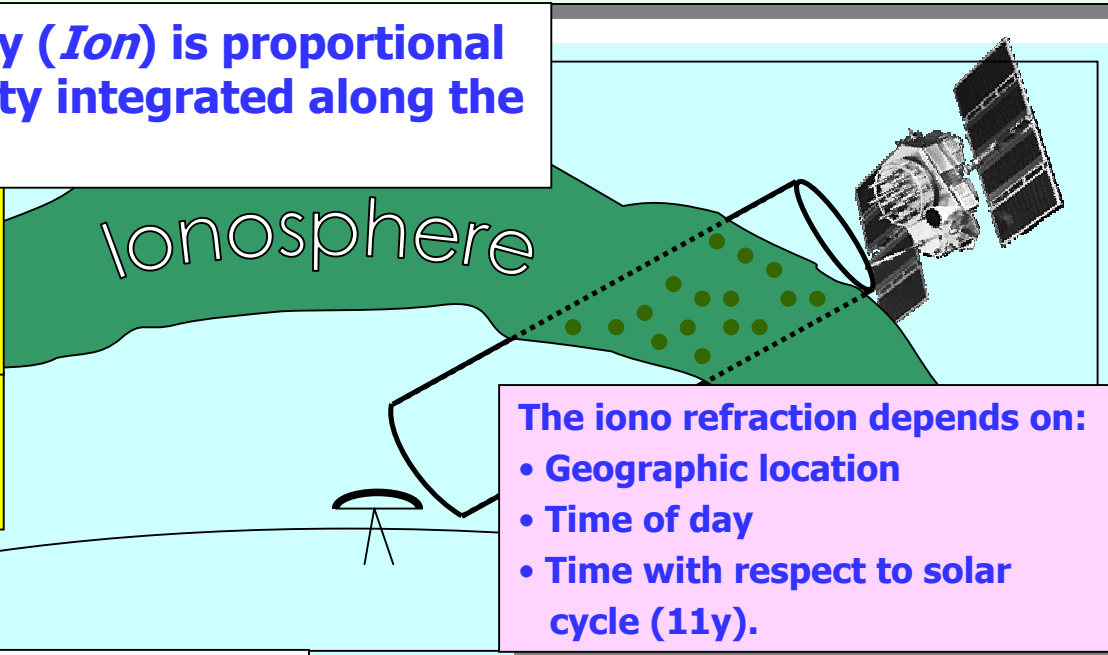


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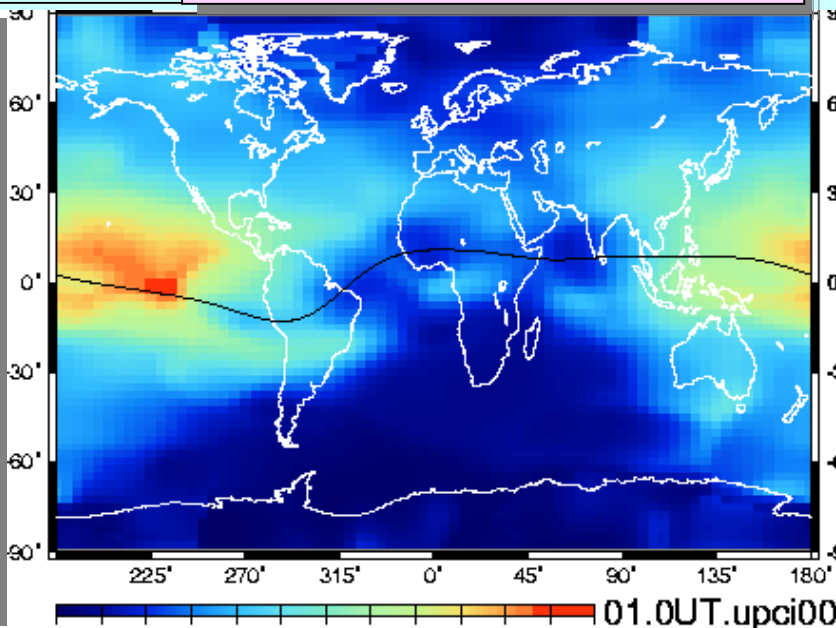
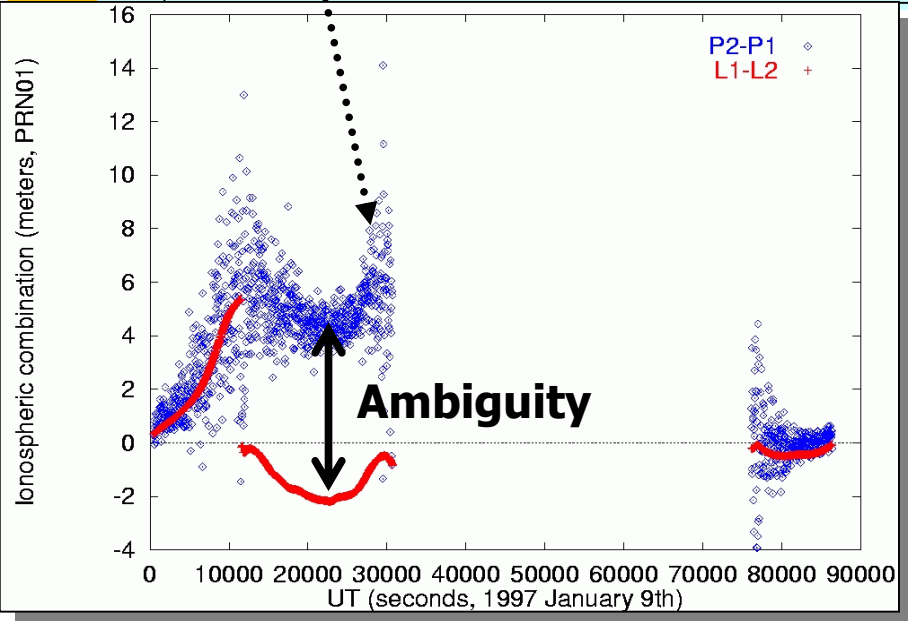
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## 2. IONOSPHERE-FREE COMBINATION ( $P_c, L_c$ )

The ionospheric refraction depends on the inverse of the squared frequency and can be removed up to 99.9% combining  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  signals:

$$Ion = \frac{40.3}{f^2} STEC$$

$$P_c = \frac{f_1^2 P_1 - f_2^2 P_2}{f_1^2 - f_2^2}$$

$$L_c = \frac{f_1^2 L_1 - f_2^2 L_2}{f_1^2 - f_2^2}$$

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- The ionospheric refraction has been removed in  $L_c$  and  $P_c$
- $\lambda_c = 10.7 \text{ cm}$

**The  $Rc$  ambiguities are NOT integers!!**

$$Rc = \frac{\lambda_w}{\lambda_1} N_1 - \frac{\lambda_w}{\lambda_2} N_2$$



## Comments:

Two-frequency receivers are needed to apply the ionosphere-free combination.

If a one-frequency receiver is used, a ionospheric model must be applied to remove the ionospheric refraction. The GPS navigation message provides the parameters of the Klobuchar model which accounts for more than 60% of the ionospheric delay.

# Narrow-lane (Pw) and Wide-lane Combination Lw

The wide-lane combination Lw provides a signal with a large wavelength ( $\lambda = 86.2\text{cm} \sim 4 * \lambda_1$ ). This makes it very useful for detecting cycle-slips through the Melbourne-Wübbena combination: **Lw-Pw**

$$P_w = \frac{f_1 P_1 + f_2 P_2}{f_1 + f_2}$$

$$L_w = \frac{f_1 L_1 - f_2 L_2}{f_1 - f_2}$$



**The same sign**

$$P_w^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} + Ion_{w_{sta}}^{sat} + K_{w_{sta}} + K_w^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

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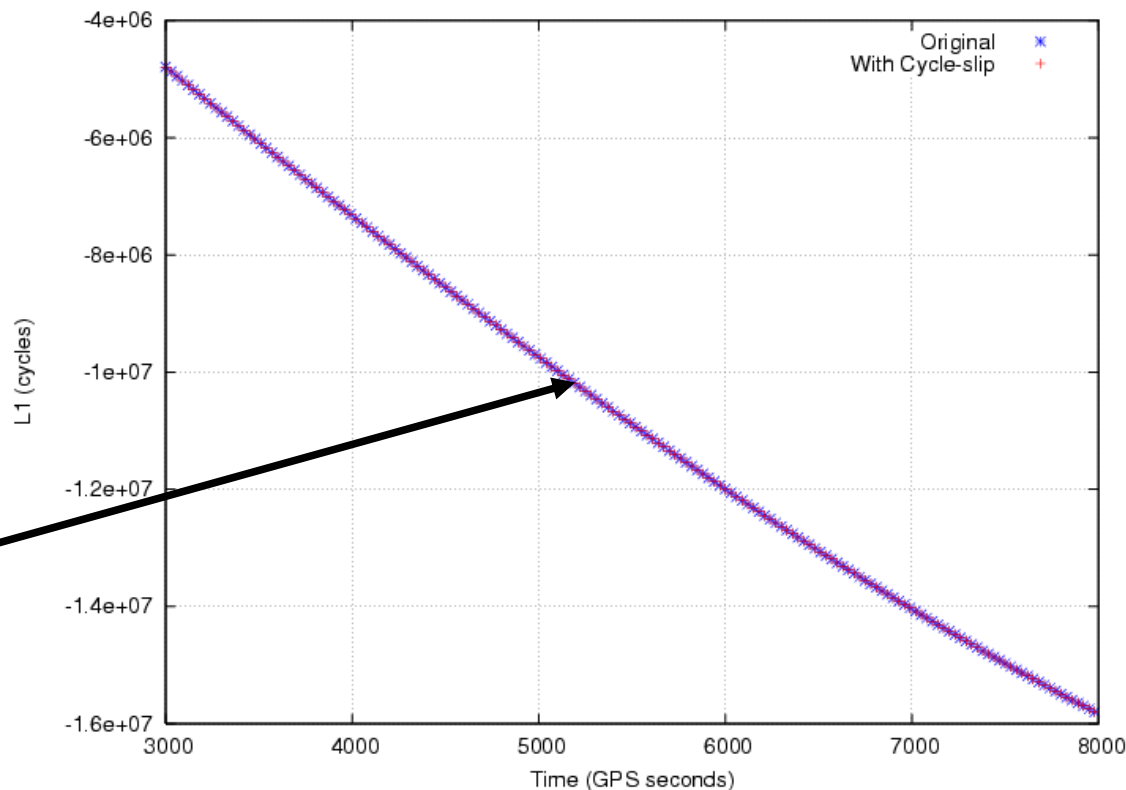
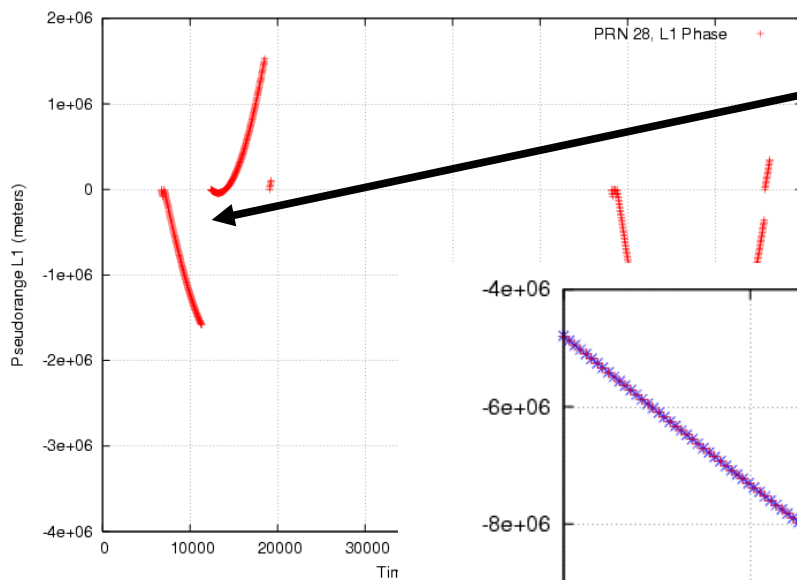
**The ambiguities Nw are INTEGERS!**

**No wind-up**



# Detecting cycle-slips

This cycle-slip involves millions of cycles → it is easy to detect!!



There is a cycle-slip of only one cycle ( $\sim 20\text{cm}$ ) → How to detect it?



## Exercise 2:

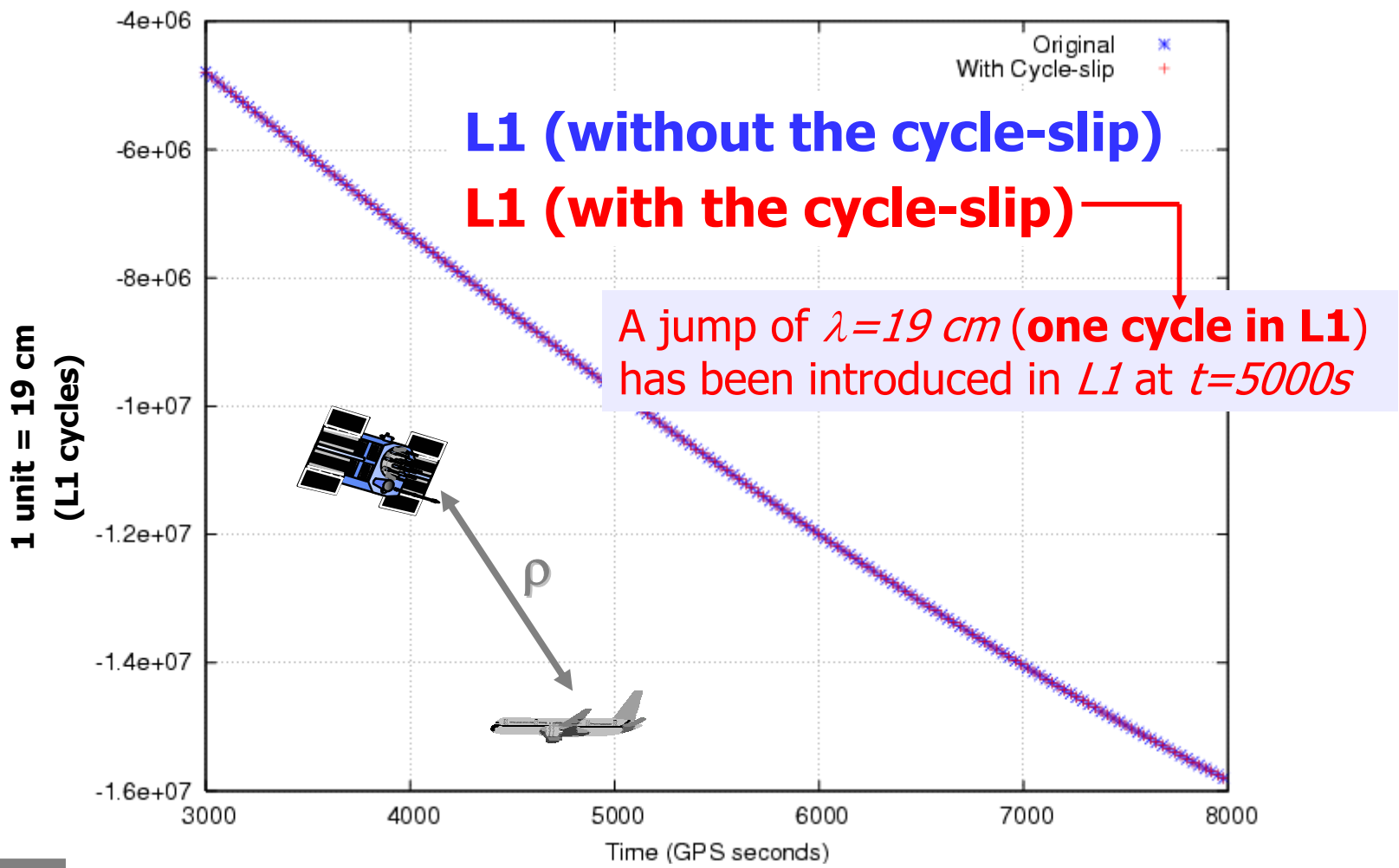
- Using the file 95oct18casa\_\_\_\_r0.rnx, generate the "txt" file 95oct18casa.a (with data ordered in columns).
- Insert a cycle-slip of "one wavelength" (19cm) in L1 measurement at t=5000 s (and no cycle-slip in L2).
- Plot the measurements "L1, L1-P1, LC-PC, Lw-Pw and LI" and discuss which combination/s should be used to detect the cycle-slip.

### Resolution:

- ```
cat 95oct18casa____r0.rnx | rnx2txt > 95oct18casa.a
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- ```
cat 95oct18casa.a | gawk '{if ($4==18)
    print $3,$5,$6,$7,$8}' > s18.org
cat s18.org | gawk '{if ($1>=5000) $2=$2+0.19;
    printf "%s %f %f %f %f \n", $1,$2,$3,$4,$5}' > s18.cl
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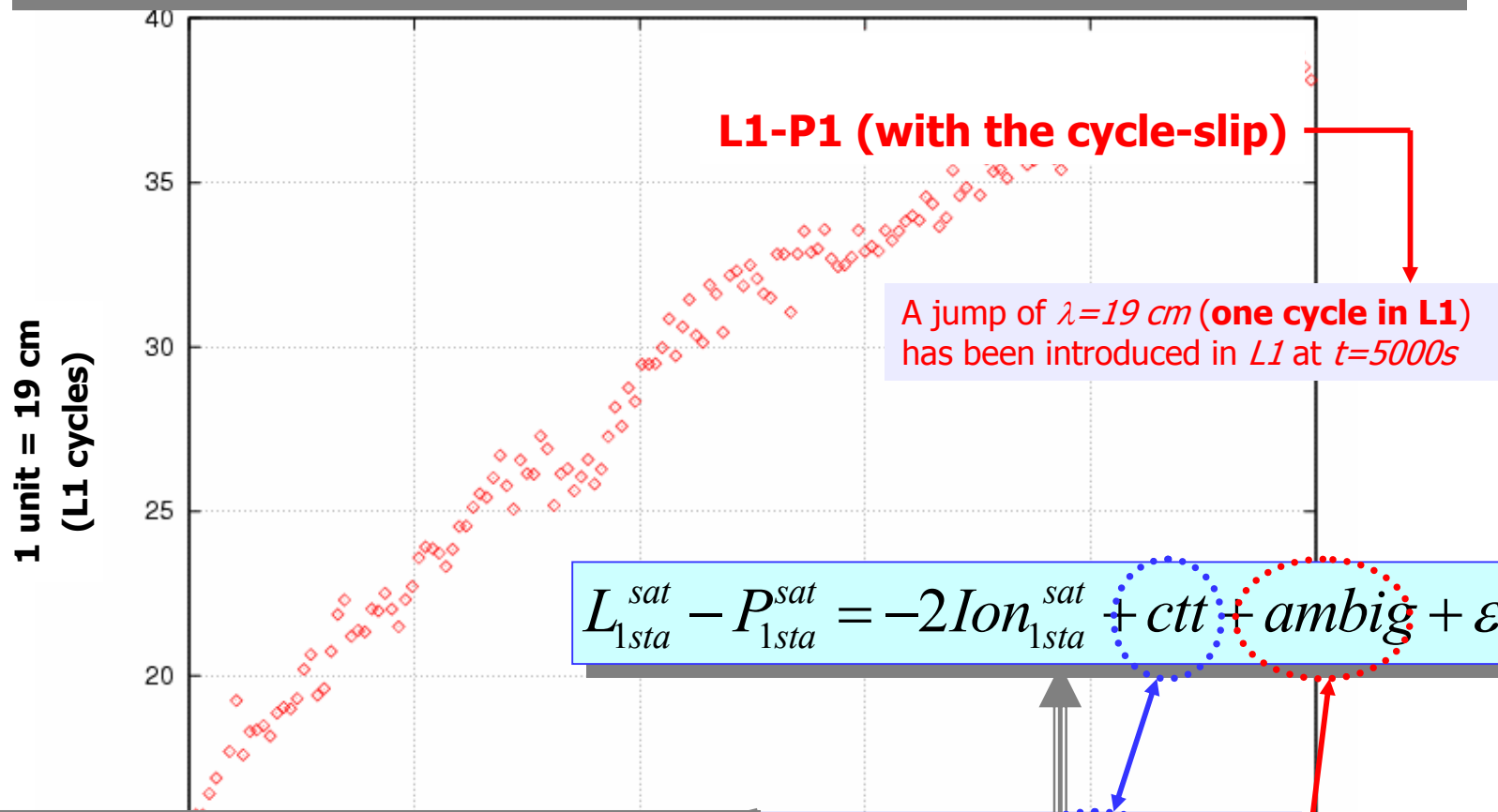
c) See next plots:

**The geometry " $\rho$ " is the dominant term in the plot.** The variation of " $\rho$ " in 1 sec may be hundreds of meters, many times greater than the cycle-slip ( $19\text{ cm}$ ) **→ the variation of  $\rho$  shadows the cycle-slip!**



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The geometry and clock offsets have been removed.  
The trend is due to the Ionosphere. **The  $P1$  code noise shadows the cycle-slip**, and without the reference (in blue), the time where the cycle-slip happens could not be identified.

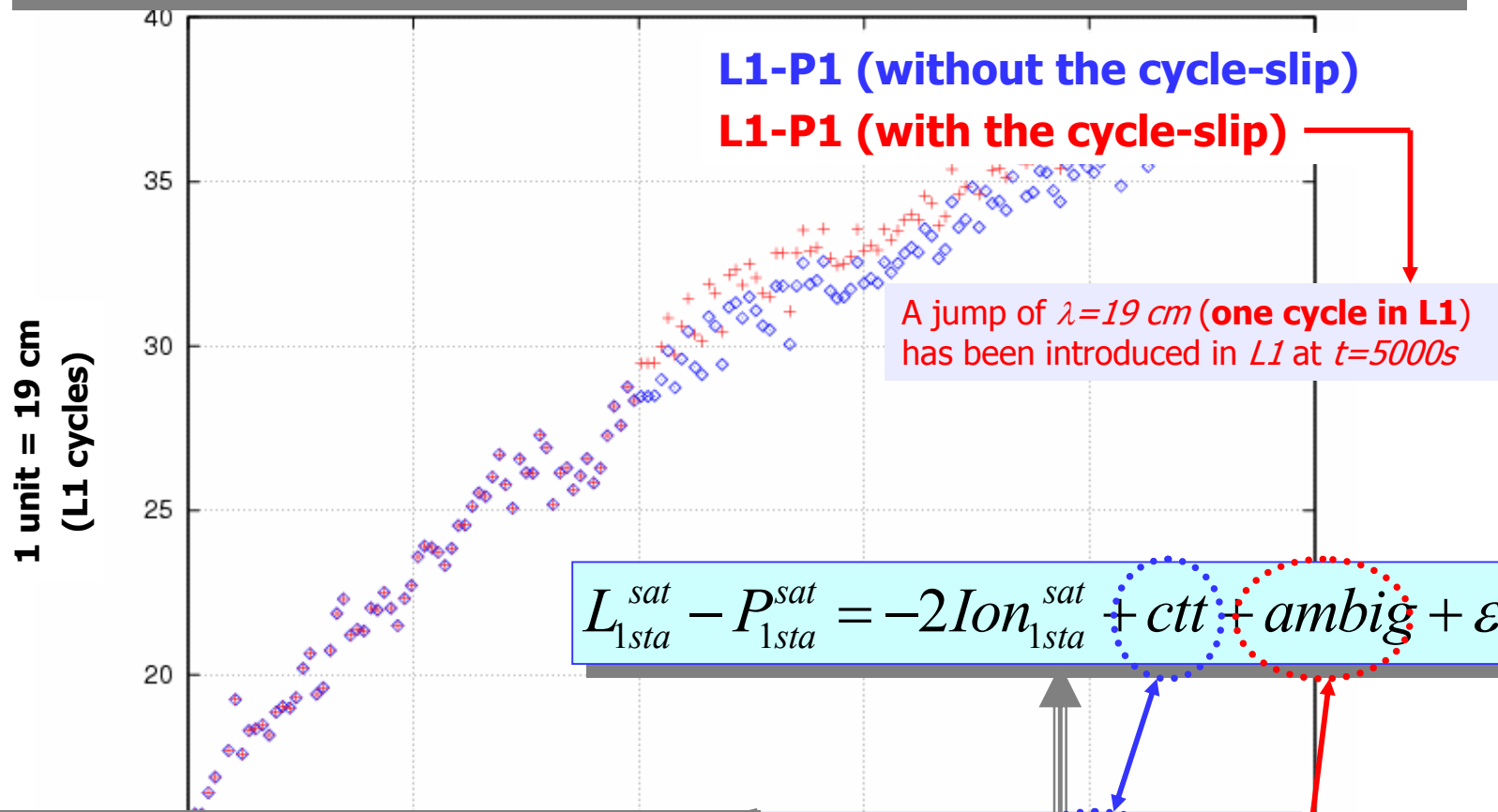


$$L_{1\text{sta}}^{\text{sat}} - P_{1\text{sta}}^{\text{sat}} = -2\text{Ion}_{1\text{sta}}^{\text{sat}} + ctt + \text{ambig} + \varepsilon$$

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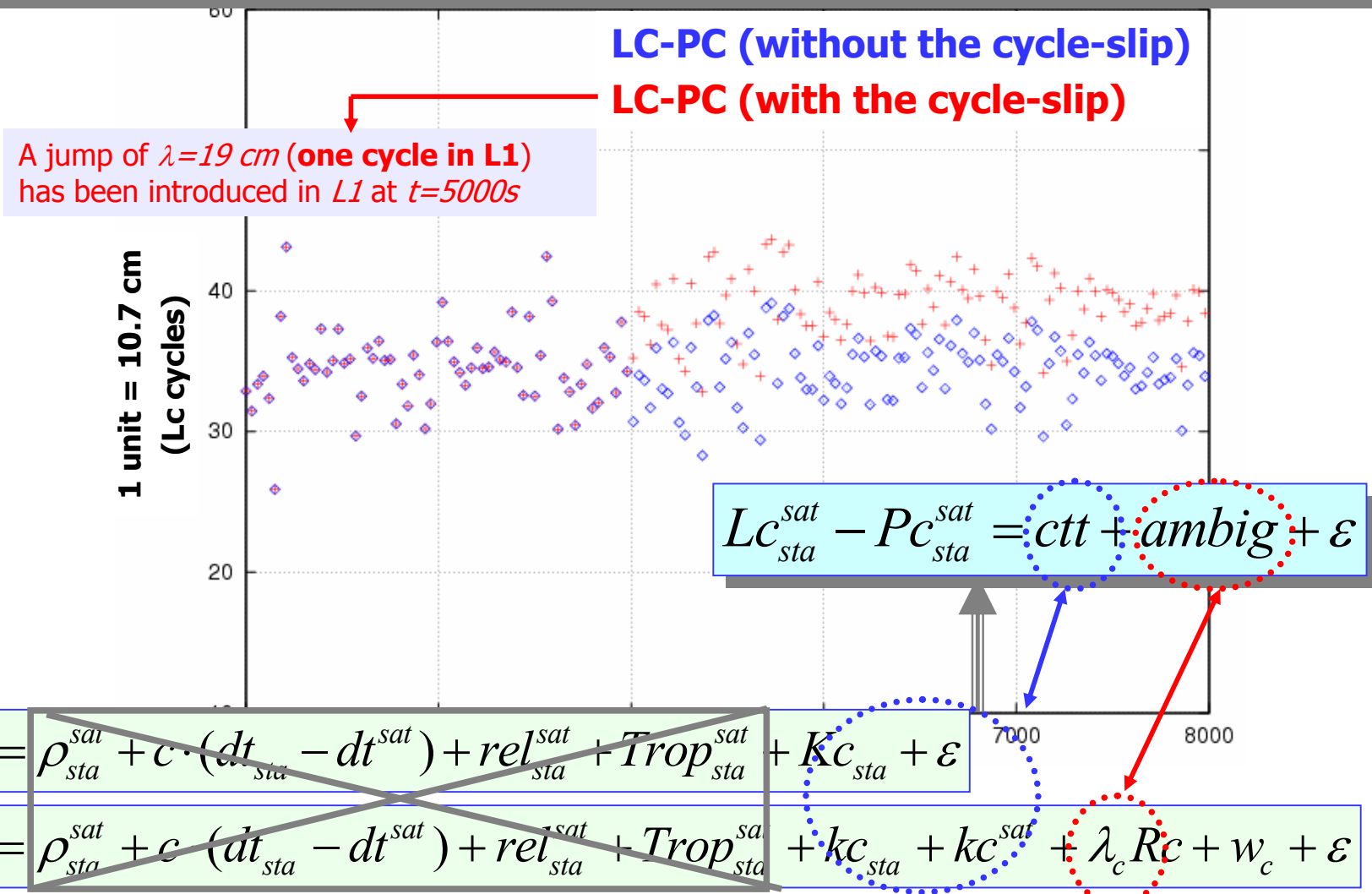
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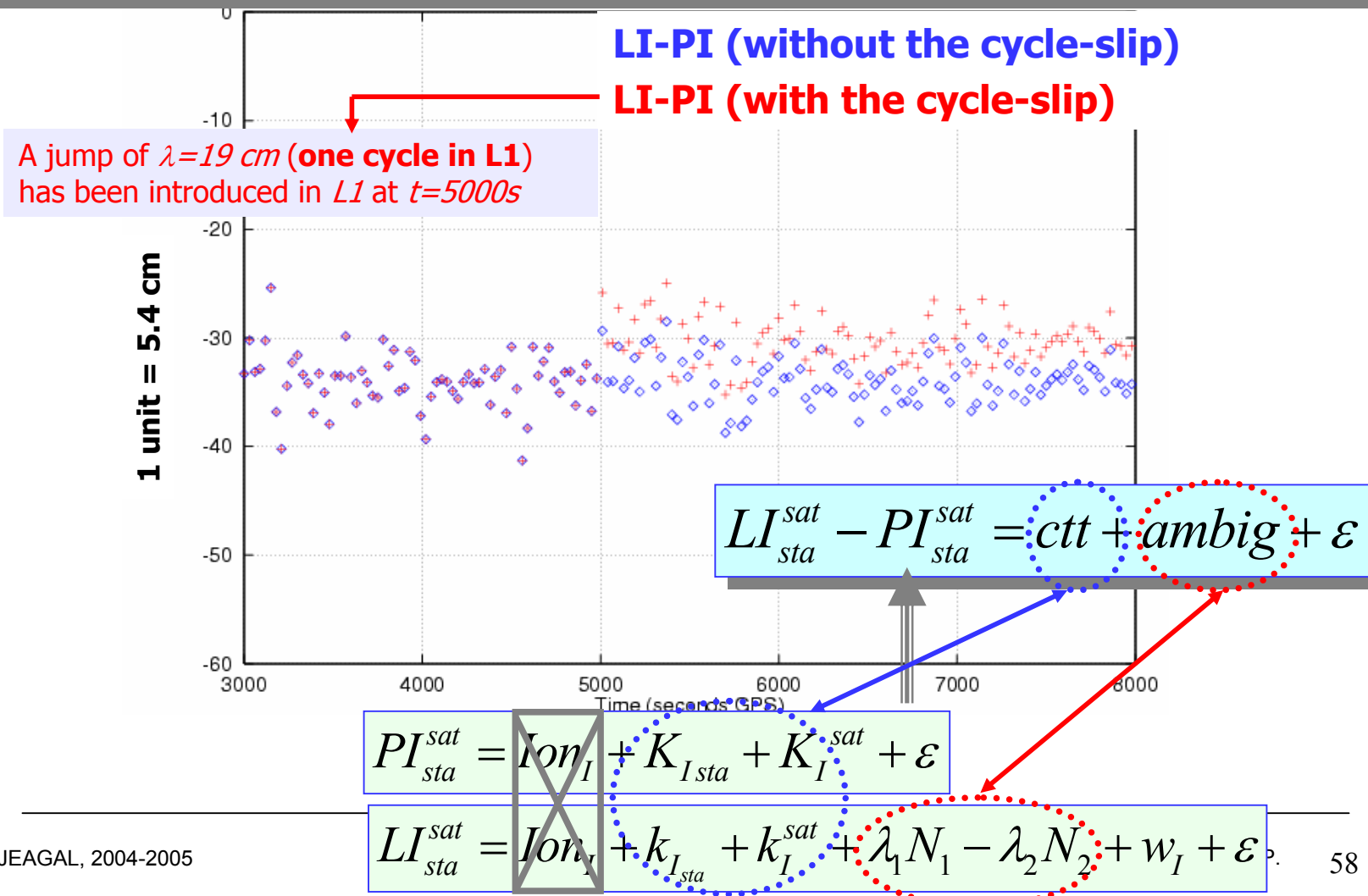
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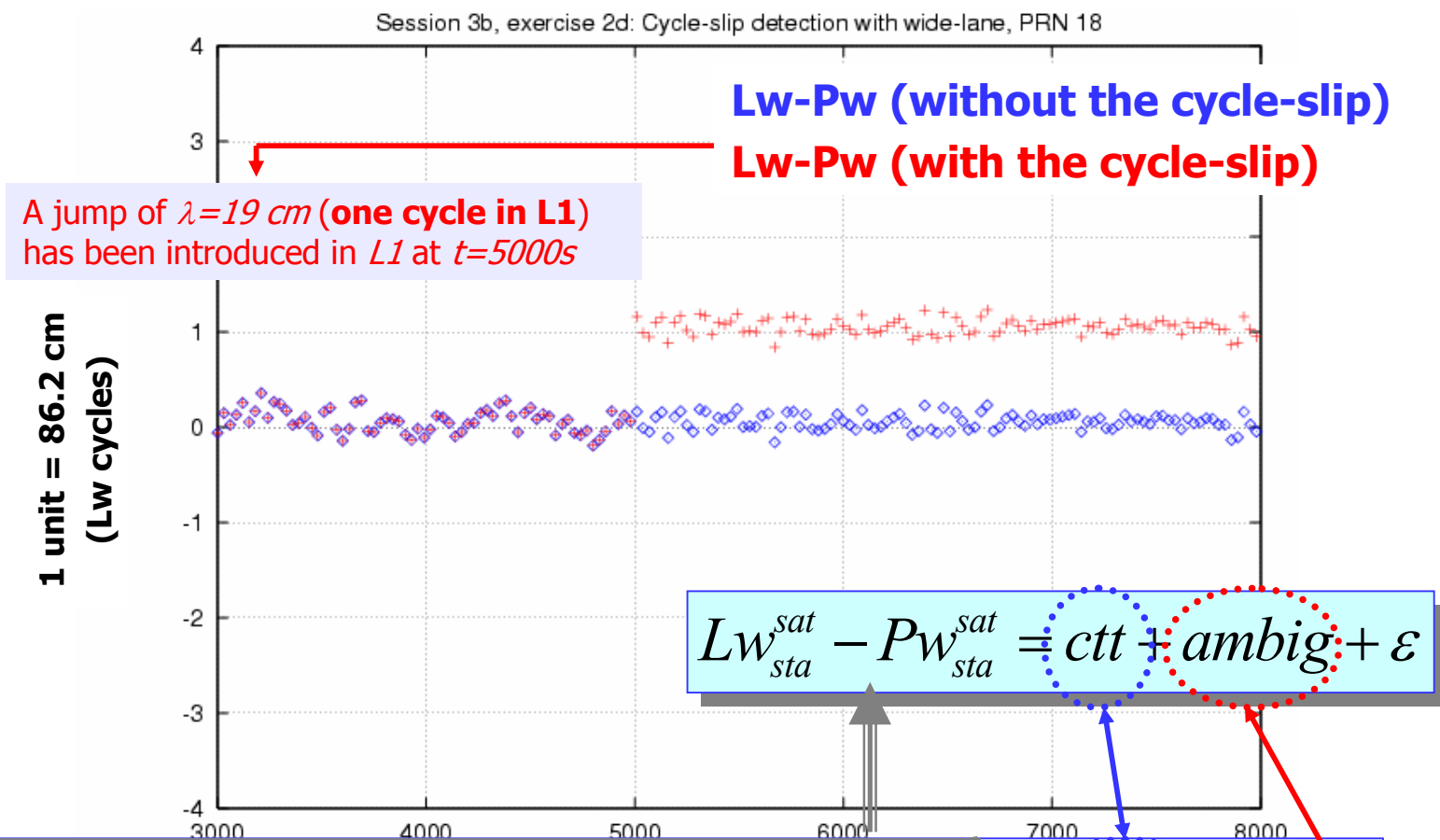




The geometry, clock offsets and iono have been removed.  
There is a constant pattern plus noise. **The *P1* code noise also shadows the cycle-slip**, and without the reference (in blue), the time where the cycle-slip happens could not be identified.



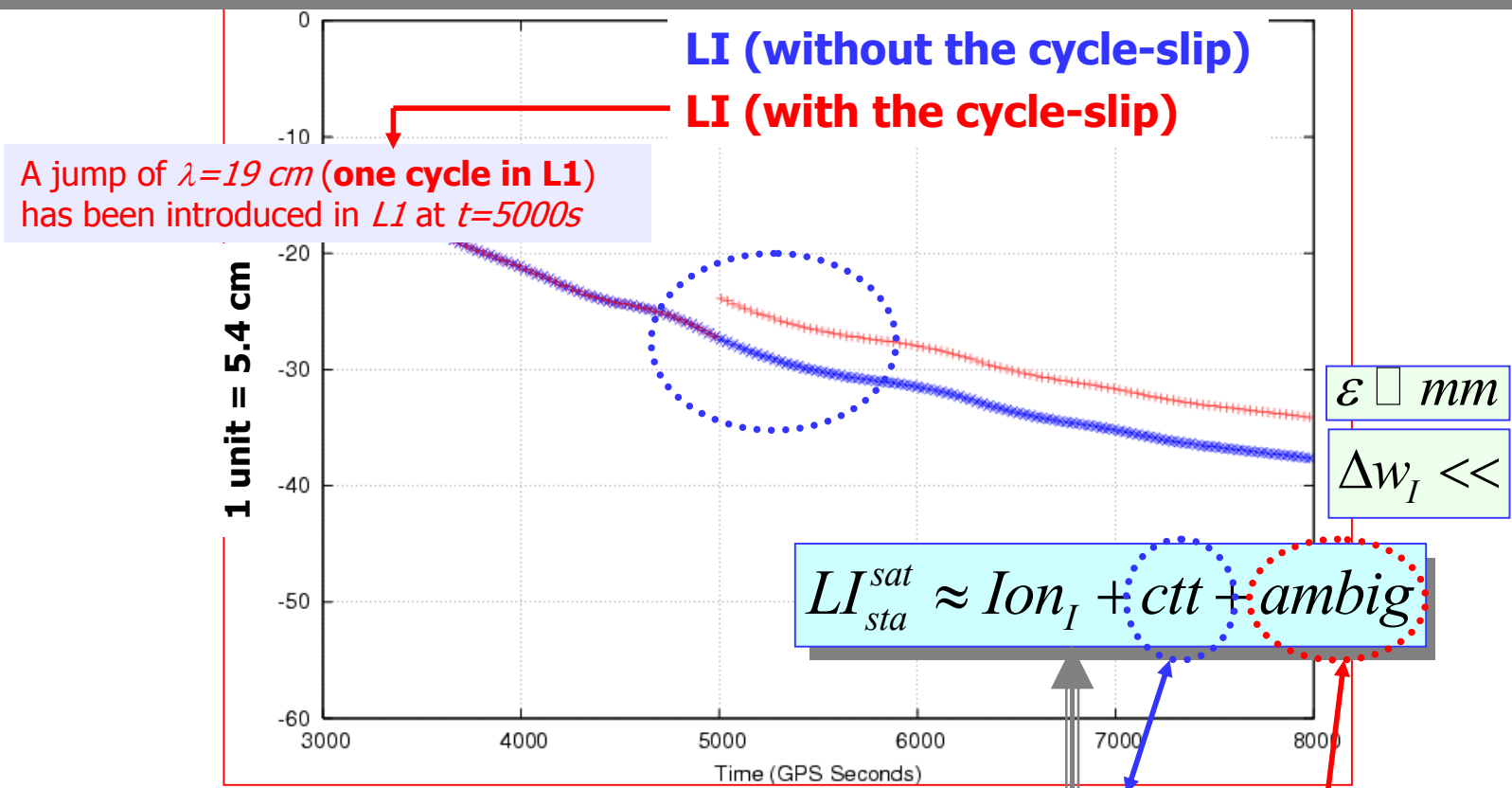
The geometry , clock offsets and iono have been removed.  
 There is a constant pattern plus noise. **The  $Pw$  code noise is under one cycle of  $Lw$ .** Thence, the cycle-slip is clearly detected



~~$$Pw_{sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} + Ion_{w_{sta}}^{sat} + K_{w_{sta}} + K_w^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

$$Lw_{sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} + Ion_{w_{sta}}^{sat} + k_{w_{sta}} + k_w^{sat} + \lambda_w N_w + \varepsilon$$~~

**The geometry and clock offsets have been removed.**  
**The trend is due to the Iono.** **The  $L1$  code noise is few mm**, and the variation of the ionosphere in 1 second is lower than  $\lambda_1 = 19\text{ cm}$   
 Thence, the cycle-slip is detected.



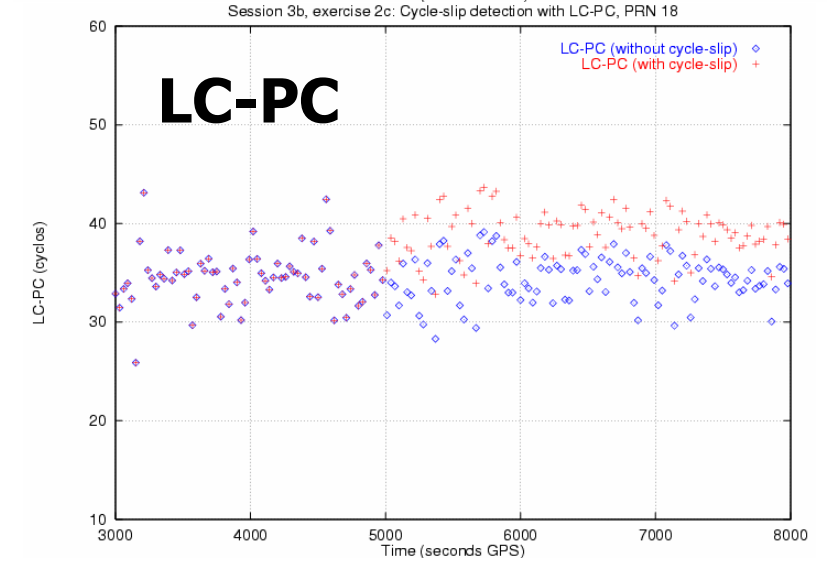
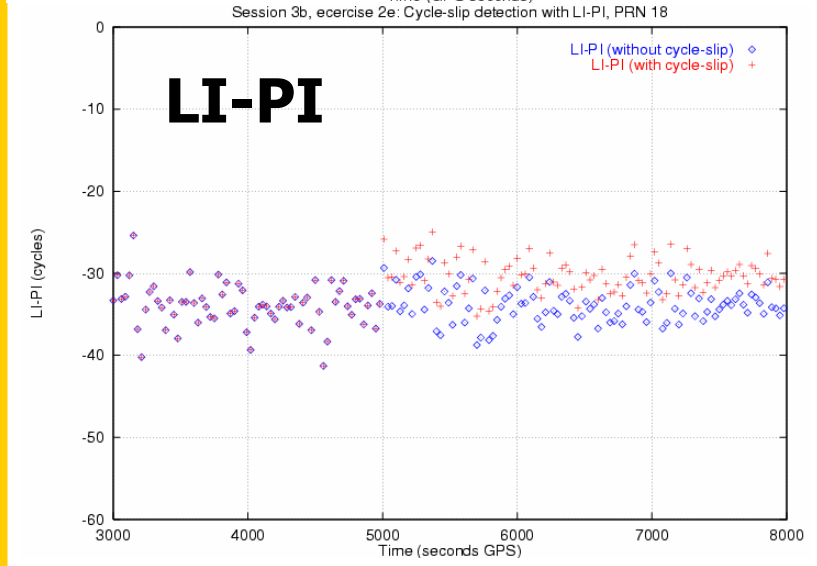
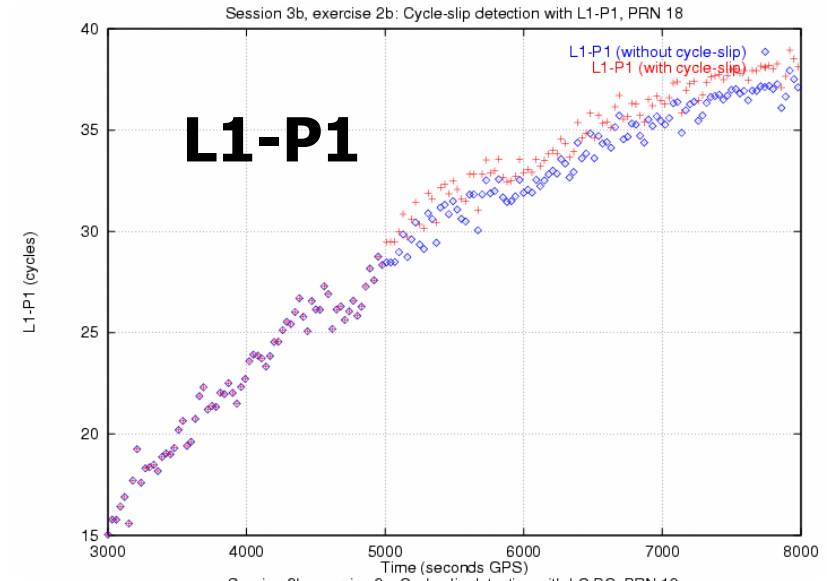
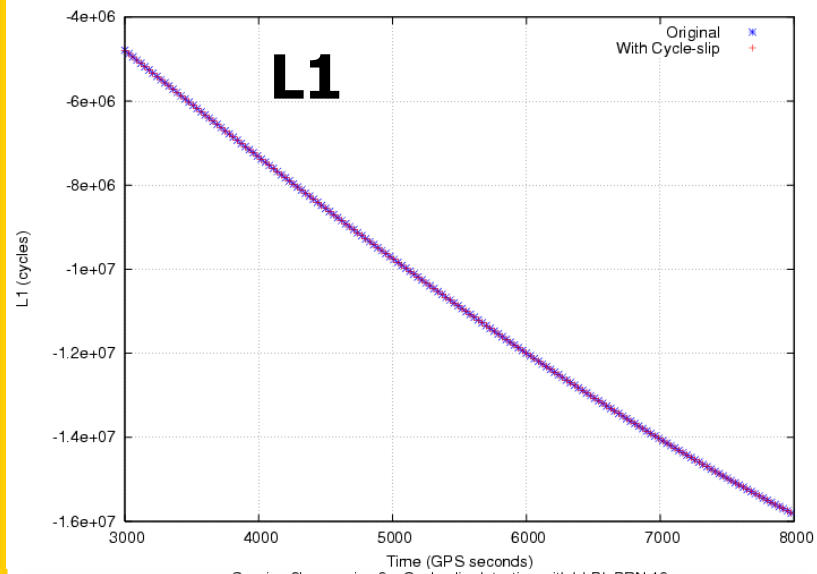
$$L_{1sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} - Ion_{1sta}^{sat} + k_{1sta} + k_1^{sat} + \lambda_1 N_1 + w_1 + \epsilon$$

$$L_{2sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} - Ion_{2sta}^{sat} + k_{2sta} + k_2^{sat} + \lambda_2 N_2 + w_2 + \epsilon$$

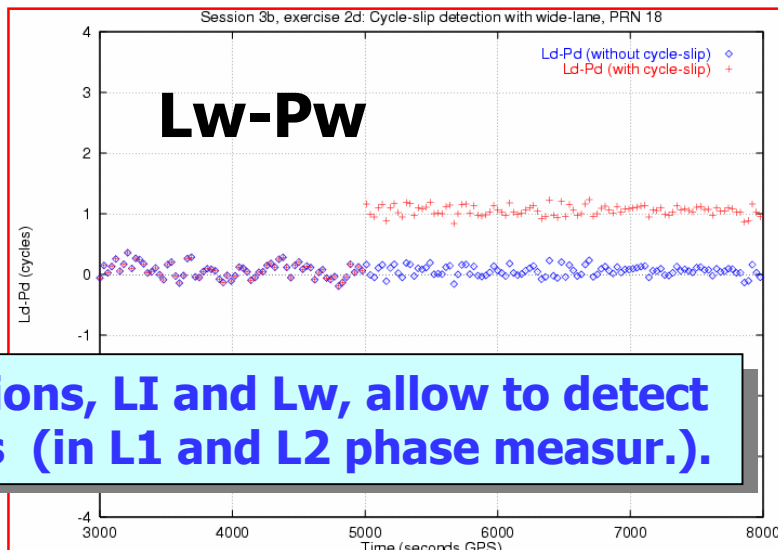
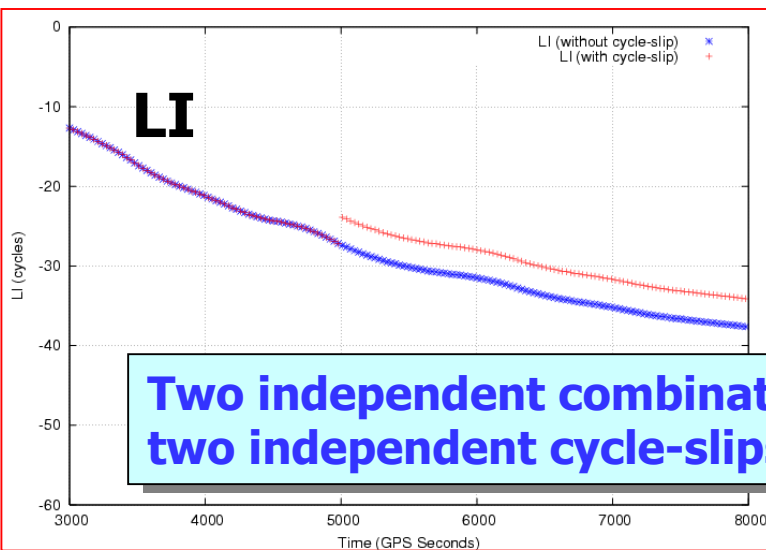




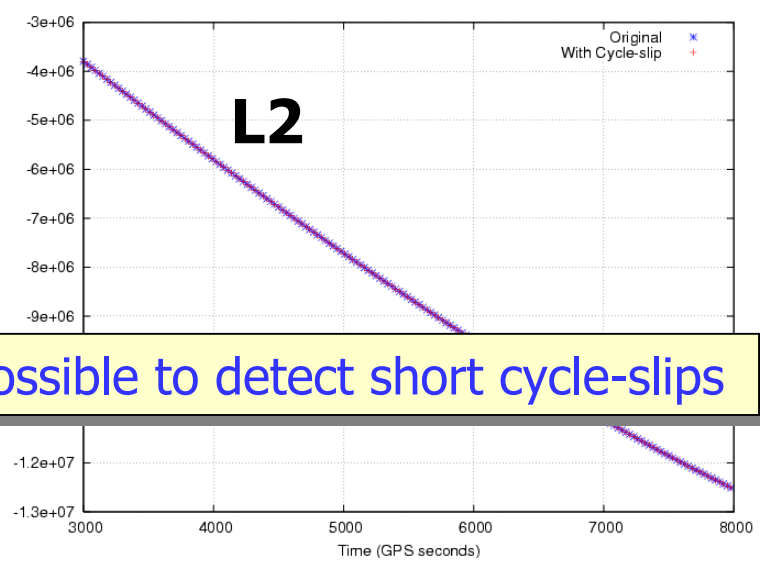
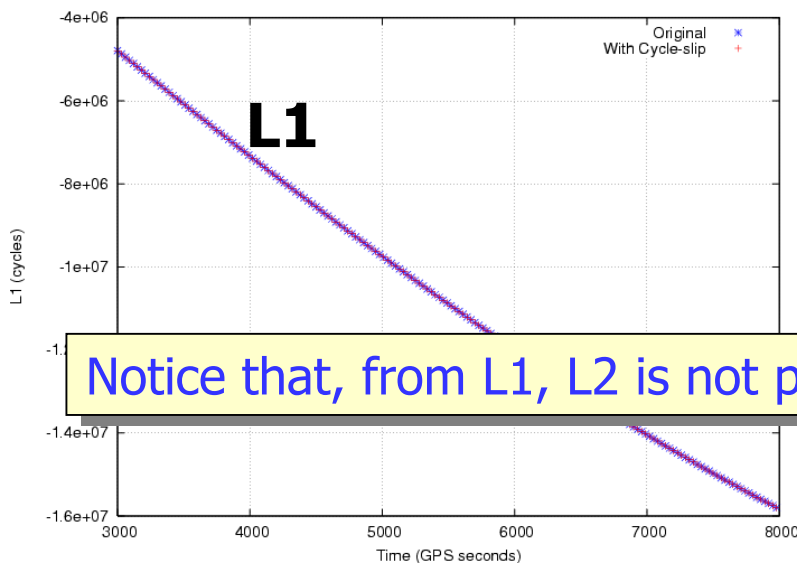
# Summary



# The cycle-slips are detected by the Ionospheric combination ( $LI=L1-L2$ ) and the Melbourne Wübbena ( $W=Lw-Pw$ )



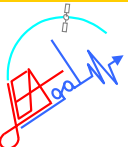
Two independent combinations, LI and Lw, allow to detect two independent cycle-slips (in L1 and L2 phase measur.).



Notice that, from L1, L2 is not possible to detect short cycle-slips

# Lesson 4

## Satellite coordinates



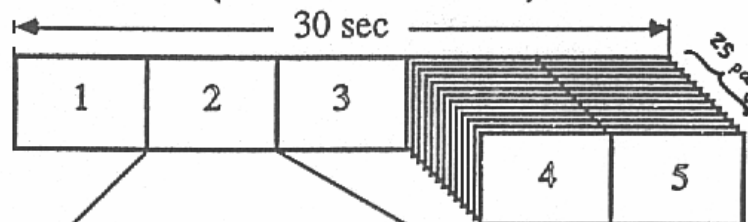


## GPS MESSAGE FORMAT

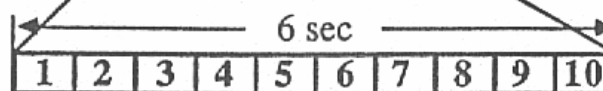
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BASIC MESSAGE UNIT IS ONE FRAME (1500 BITS LONG)

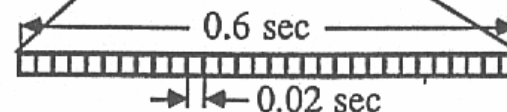
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1 SUBFRAME = 10 WORDS

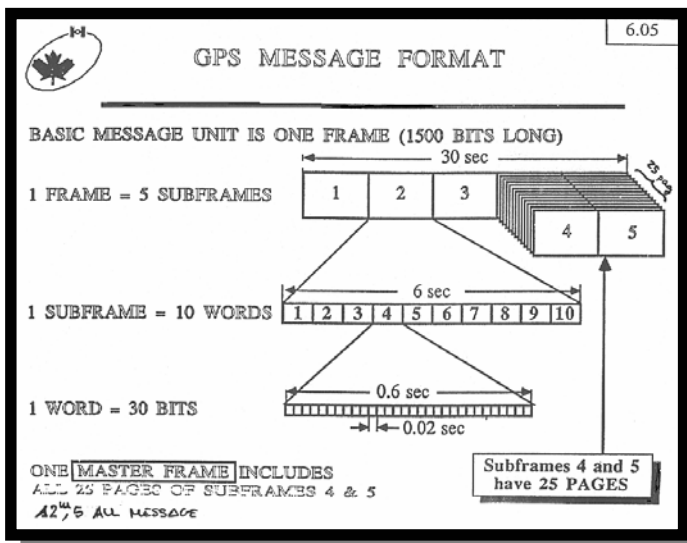


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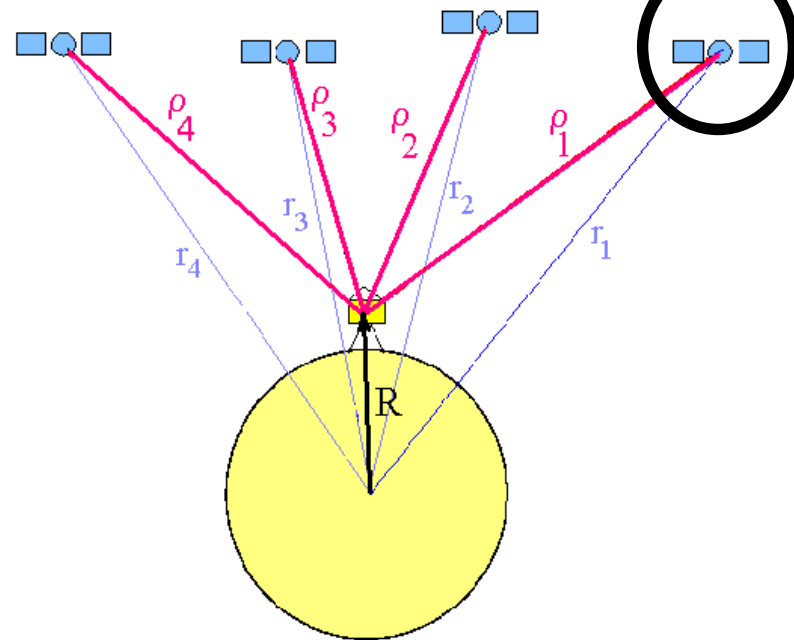
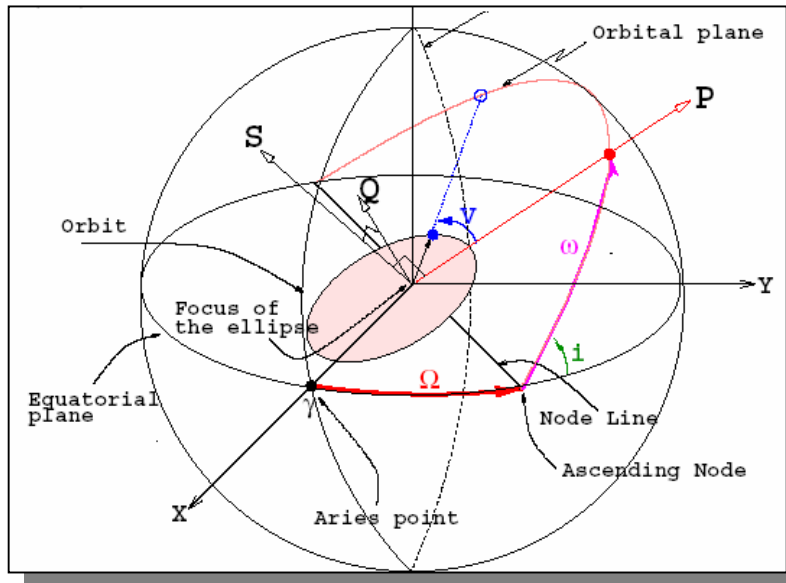


ONE **MASTER FRAME** INCLUDES  
ALL 25 PAGES OF SUBFRAMES 4 & 5  
12<sup>th</sup> 5 ALL MESSAGE

Subframes 4 and 5  
have 25 PAGES

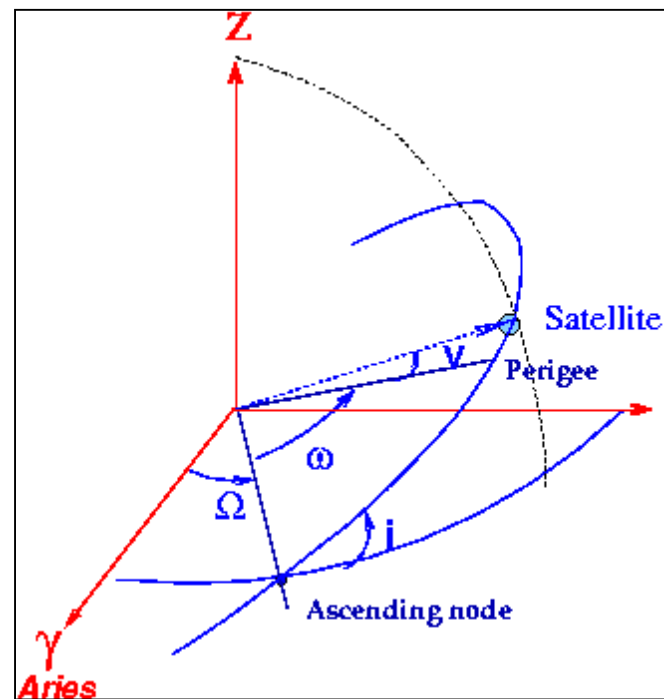
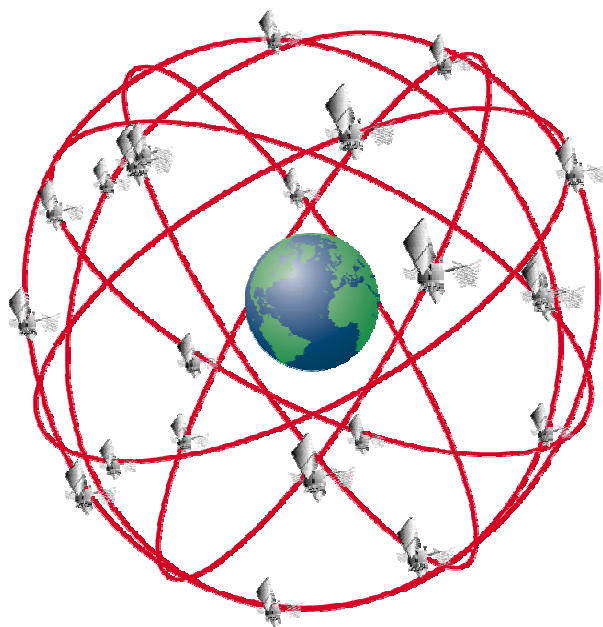


**The GPS navigation message provides pseudo-Keplerian elements to compute satellite coordinates**



$$(X, Y, Z, V_x, V_y, V_z) \rightarrow (a, e, i, \Omega, \omega, V)$$

**6 values** are needed  $(x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z)$  to provide the position and velocity of a body. They can be mapped into the **six Keplerian elements**  $(a, e, i, \Omega, \omega, V)$ , which provides the "natural" representation of the orbit!

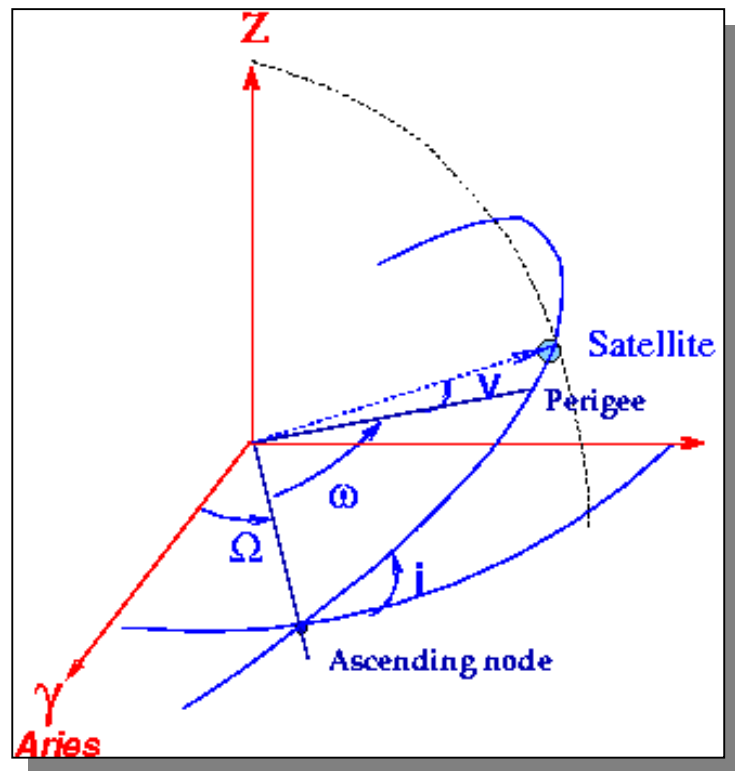
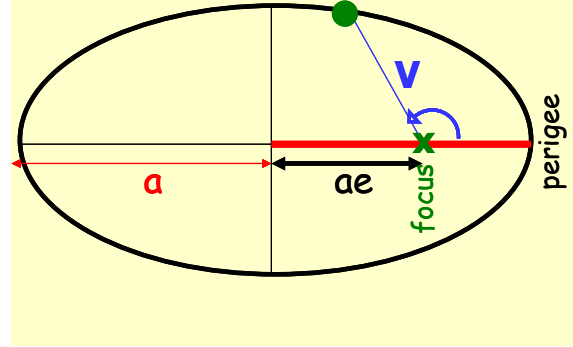


$(a, e, i, \Omega, \omega, V)$

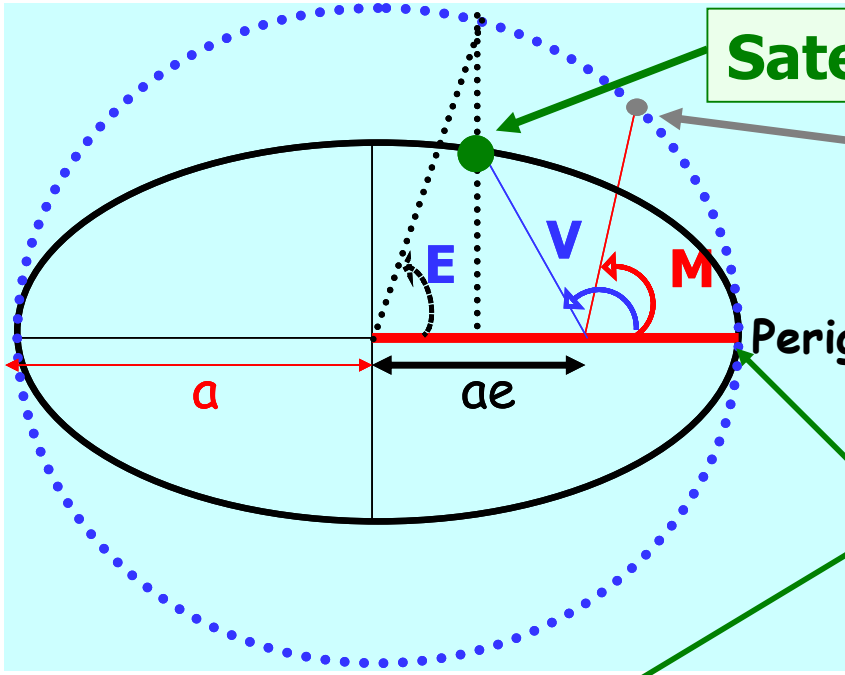
orbit  
shape

orbit  
orientation

position in  
the orbit



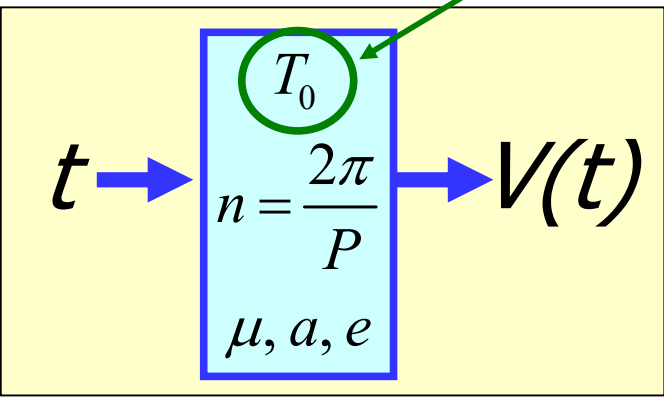
$a$ : semi major axis  
 $e$ : eccentricity  
 $i$ : inclination  
 $\Omega$ : argument of ascending  
node  
 $\omega$ : argument of perigee  
 $V$ : true anomaly



**Satellite → True anomaly ( $V$ )**

Fictitious body moving at velocity  $n=2\pi/P=ctt.$   
→ **Mean anomaly ( $M$ )**

$T_0$  : time of passage by satellite's perigee



$$M(t) = n(t - T_0) \quad ; \quad n = \frac{2\pi}{P} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}}$$

$$E(t) = M(t) + e \sin E(t)$$

$$V(t) = 2 \arctan \left[ \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}} \tan \frac{E(t)}{2} \right]$$



# Calculation of osculatrix orbital elements from position and velocity (**rv2ele\_orb.f**)

$$(x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z) \Rightarrow (a, e, i, \Omega, \omega, M)$$

$$\vec{c} = \vec{r} \times \vec{v} \Rightarrow p = \frac{c^2}{\mu} \Rightarrow p$$

$$v^2 = \mu(2/r - 1/a) \Rightarrow a$$

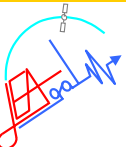
$$p = a(1 - e^2) \Rightarrow e$$

$$\vec{c} = c\vec{S} \Rightarrow \Omega = \arctan(-c_x/c_y); \quad i = \arccos(c_z/c) \Rightarrow \Omega, i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(V) \\ r \sin(V) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Omega \cos(\omega + V) - \sin \Omega \sin(\omega + V) \cos i \\ \sin \Omega \cos(\omega + V) + \cos \Omega \sin(\omega + V) \cos i \\ \sin(\omega + V) \sin i \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \omega + V$$

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos(V)} \Rightarrow \omega, V$$

$$\tan(E/2) = \left( \frac{1 - e}{1 + e} \right)^{1/2} \tan(V/2) \quad ; \quad M = E - e \sin E \Rightarrow M$$



# Calculation of position and velocity from orbital elements (**ele\_orb2rv.f**, **orb2xyz.f**)

$$(a, e, i, \Omega, \omega, \underbrace{T; t}_V) \Rightarrow (x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z)$$

$$t \xRightarrow{M = n(t - T)} M \xRightarrow{M = E - e \sin E} E \xRightarrow{r = a(1 - e \cos E)} (r, V)$$

$$\tan(V/2) = \left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)^{1/2} \tan(E/2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(V) \\ r \sin(V) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{na^2}{r} \{ \vec{Q}(1 - e^2)^{1/2} \cos E - \vec{P} \sin E \}$$

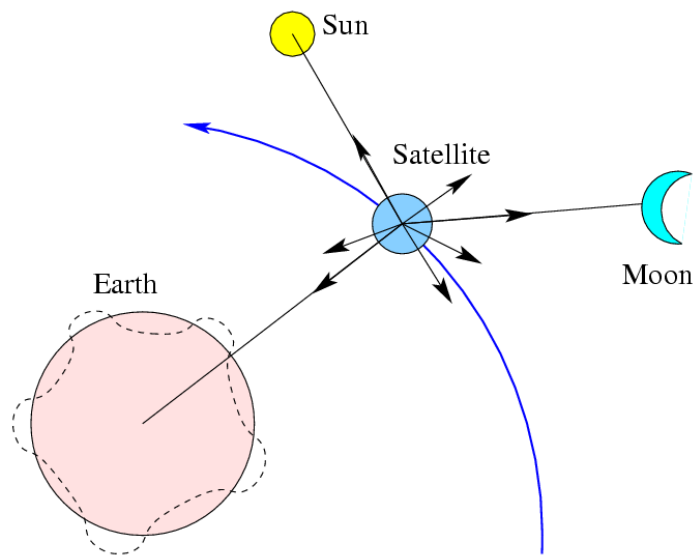
**Where:**

$$\begin{aligned} R &= R_3(-\Omega) R_1(-i) R_3(-\omega) = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Omega & -\sin \Omega & 0 \\ \sin \Omega & \cos \Omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos i & -\sin i \\ 0 & \sin i & \cos i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega & -\sin \omega & 0 \\ \sin \omega & \cos \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} P_x & Q_x & S_x \\ P_y & Q_y & S_y \\ P_z & Q_z & S_z \end{pmatrix} = [\vec{P} \ \vec{Q} \ \vec{S}] \end{aligned}$$



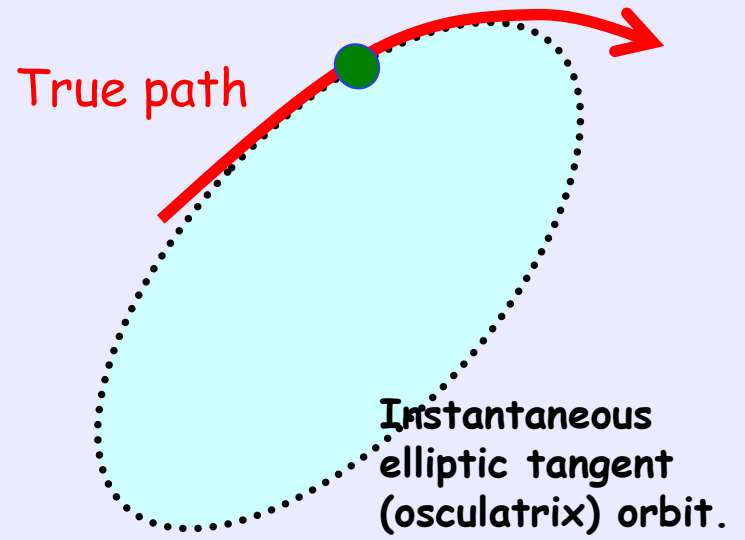


Due to the non-spherical nature of gravitational potential, the attraction of the sun and moon, the solar radiation pressure, etc., **the true satellite path deviates from the elliptic orbit.**



At any time an elliptical orbit tangent to the true path can be defined. This is the "osculatrix orbit", whose Keplerian elements vary with time "t":

$$a(t), e(t), i(t), \Omega(t), \omega(t), V(t)$$



## Exercise 3: Orbital elements variation:

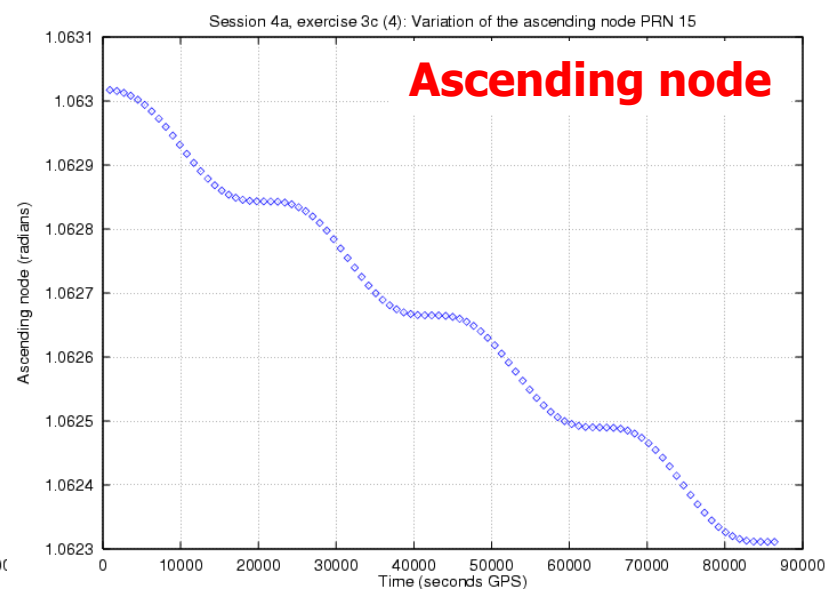
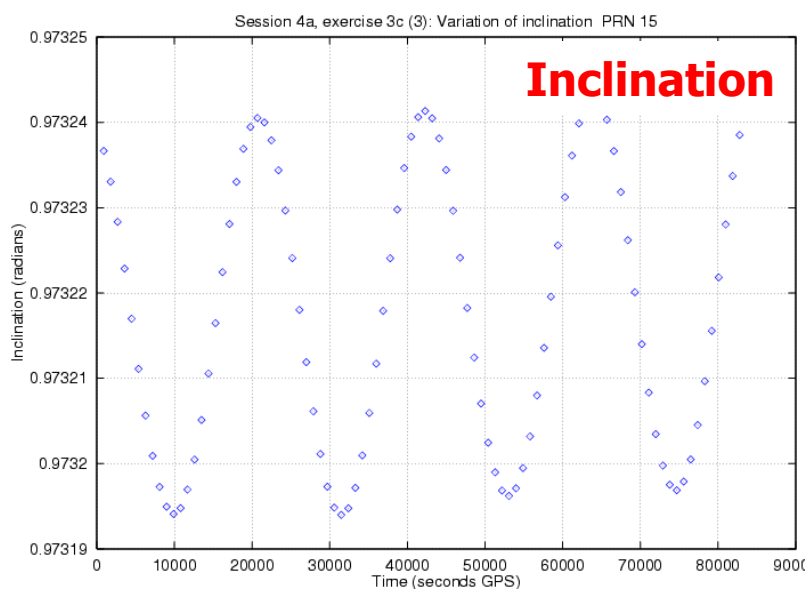
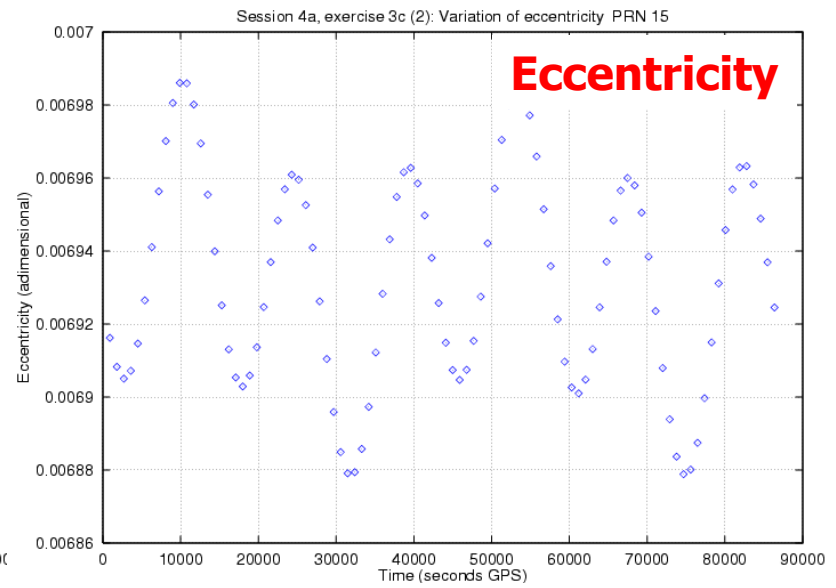
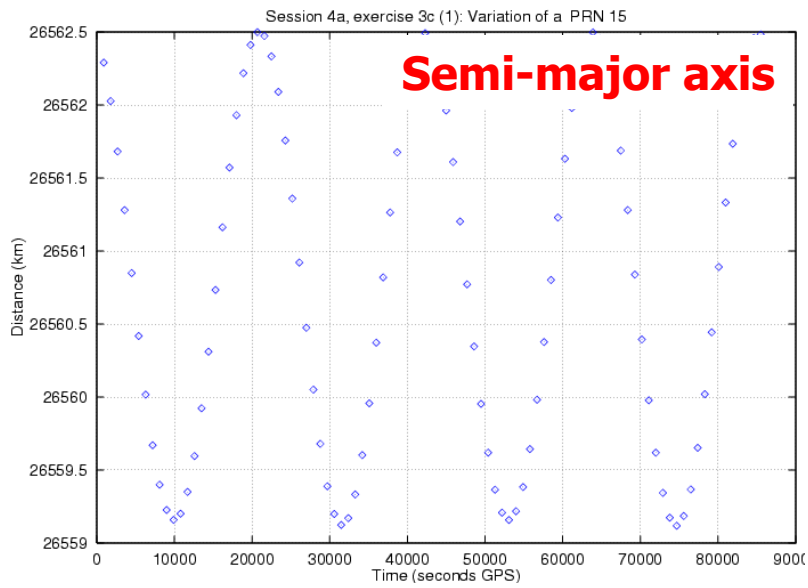
File 1995-10-18.eci contains the precise position and velocities of GPS satellites every 5 minutes for October 18th, 1995. **[from JPL/NASA server:**

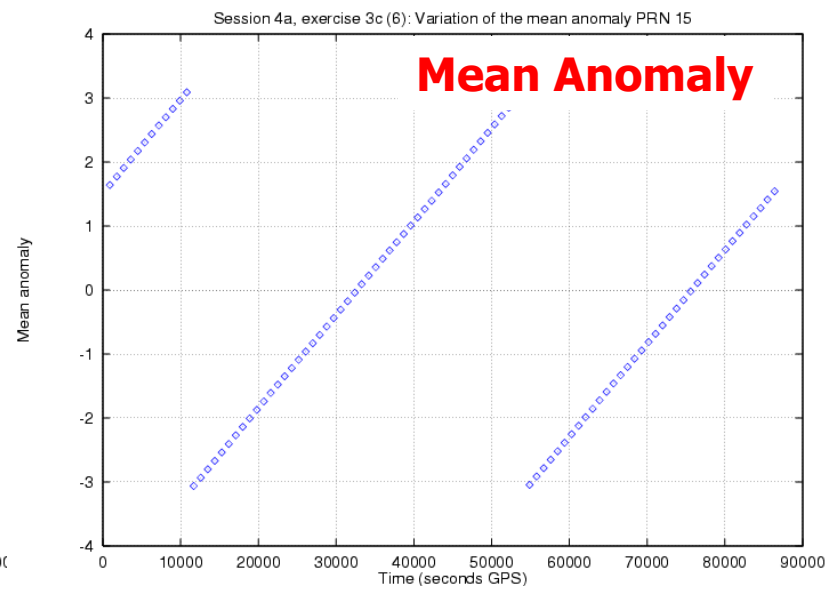
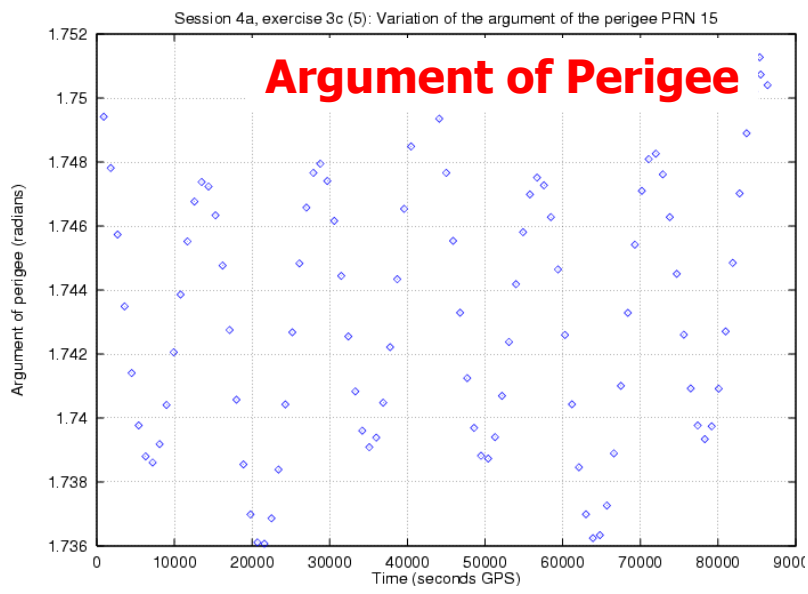
**[ftp://sideshow.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/gipsy\\_products](ftp://sideshow.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/gipsy_products)**]

- Use program "**rv2ele\_orb**" to compute the instantaneous orbital elements for each epoch in the file. That is:  $(X, Y, Z, V_x, V_y, V_z) \rightarrow (a, e, i, \Omega, \omega, V)$
- Plot the orbital elements in function of time to show their variation:  $a(t), e(t), i(t), \Omega(t), \omega(t), V(t)$

### Solution:

- cat 1995-10-18.eci | rv2ele\_orb > orb.dat**
- See the following plots**

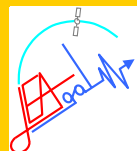




# Ephemerids in navigation message:

Parameter	Explanation
$IODE$	Series number of ephemerides data
$t_{oe}$	Ephemerides reference epoch
$\sqrt{a}$	Square root of semi-major axis
$e$	Eccentricity
$M_o$	Mean anomaly at reference epoch
$\omega$	Argument of perigee
$i_o$	Inclination at reference epoch
$\Omega$	Ascending node's right ascension
$\Delta n$	Mean motion difference
$\dot{i}$	rate of inclination angle
$\dot{\Omega}$	Rate of node's right ascension
$c_{uc}, c_{us}$	Latitude argument correction
$c_{rc}, c_{rs}$	Orbital radius correction
$c_{ic}, c_{is}$	Inclination correction

**In order to calculate WGS84 satellite coordinates, you should apply the following algorithm [GPS/SPS-SS, table 2-15] (see in the book FORTRAN subroutine **orbit.f**, annex IV)**



# RINEX ephemeris file

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2          NAVIGATION DATA      GPS      RINEX VERSION/ TYPE
XPRINT v1.1      gAGE      00/08/17 09:31:37  PGM / RUN BY / DATE
gAGE BROADCAST EPHEMERIS FILE      COMMENT
+1.7695E-08 +2.2352E-08 -1.1921E-07 -1.1921E-07      ION ALPHA
+1.1878E+05 +1.4746E+05 -1.3107E+05 -3.2768E+05      ION BETA
+1.955777406693E-08+1.598721155460E-14  405504      1064 DELTA.UTC: A0,A1,T,W
13      LEAP SECONDS
      END OF HEADER
  
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03 00 5 30 10 0 40.0+7.855705916882E-06+3.524291969370E-12+0.000000000000E+00
  
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+1.010000000000E+02+6.500000000000E+01+5.456298524109E-09+5.530285585107E-01
  
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Mo

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+3.475695848465E-06+1.308503560722E-03+2.641230821609E-06+5.153678266525E+03
  
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e,  $\sqrt{a}$

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TOE,  $\Omega$

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+9.412719852649E-01+3.163750000000E+02+1.125448382894E+00-8.826796182859E-09
  
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io,  $\omega$

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TGD

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+2.044980000000E+05+0.000000000000E+00+0.000000000000E+00+0.000000000000E+00
  
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# Computation of satellite coordinates from navigation message (**orbit.f**)

- Computation of  $t_k$  time since ephemerids reference epoch  $t_{oe}$  ( $t$  and  $t_{oe}$  are given in GPS seconds of week):

$$t_k = t - t_{oe}$$

- Computation of mean anomaly  $M_k$  for  $t_k$ :

$$M_k = M_0 + \left( \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{\sqrt{a^3}} + \Delta n \right) t_k$$

- Iterative resolution of Kepler's equation in order to compute eccentric anomaly  $E_k$ :

$$M_k = E_k - e \sin E_k$$

- Calculation of true anomaly  $v_k$ :

$$v_k = \arctan \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^2} \sin E_k}{\cos E_k - e} \right)$$

- Computation of latitude argument  $u_k$  from perigee argument  $W$ , true anomaly  $v_k$  and corrections  $c_{uc}$  and  $c_{us}$ :

$$u_k = \omega + v_k + c_{uc} \cos 2(\omega + v_k) + c_{us} \sin 2(\omega + v_k)$$

- Computation of radial distance  $r_k$  taking into consideration corrections  $c_{rc}$  and  $c_{rs}$ :

$$r_k = a(1 - 2 \cos E_k) + c_{rc} \cos 2(\omega + v_k) + c_{rs} \sin 2(\omega + v_k)$$

- Calculation of orbital plane inclination  $i_k$  from inclination  $i_0$  at reference epoch  $t_{oe}$  and corrections  $c_{ic}$  and  $c_{is}$ :

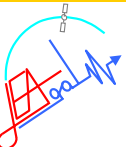
$$i_k = i_0 + it_k + c_{ic} \cos 2(\omega + v_k) + c_{is} \sin 2(\omega + v_k)$$

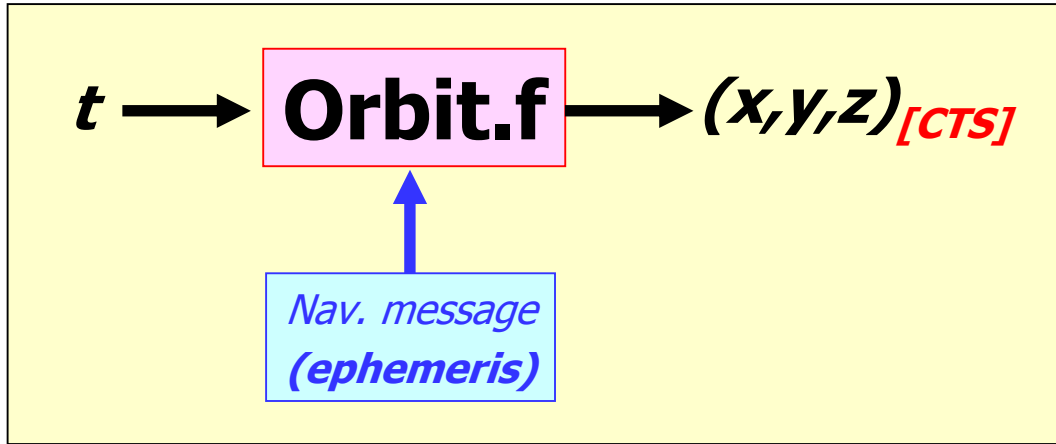
- Computation of ascending node longitude  $\Omega_k$  (Greenwich), from longitude  $\Omega_0$  at start of GPS week, corrected from apparent variation of sidereal time at Greenwich between start of week and reference time  $t_k = t - t_{oe}$  and also corrected from change of ascending node longitude since reference epoch  $t_{oe}$

$$\Omega_k = \Omega_0 + (\Omega - \omega_E)t_k - \omega_E t_{oe}$$

- Calculation of coordinates in CTS system, applying three rotations (around  $u_k$   $i_k$   $\Omega_k$ ):

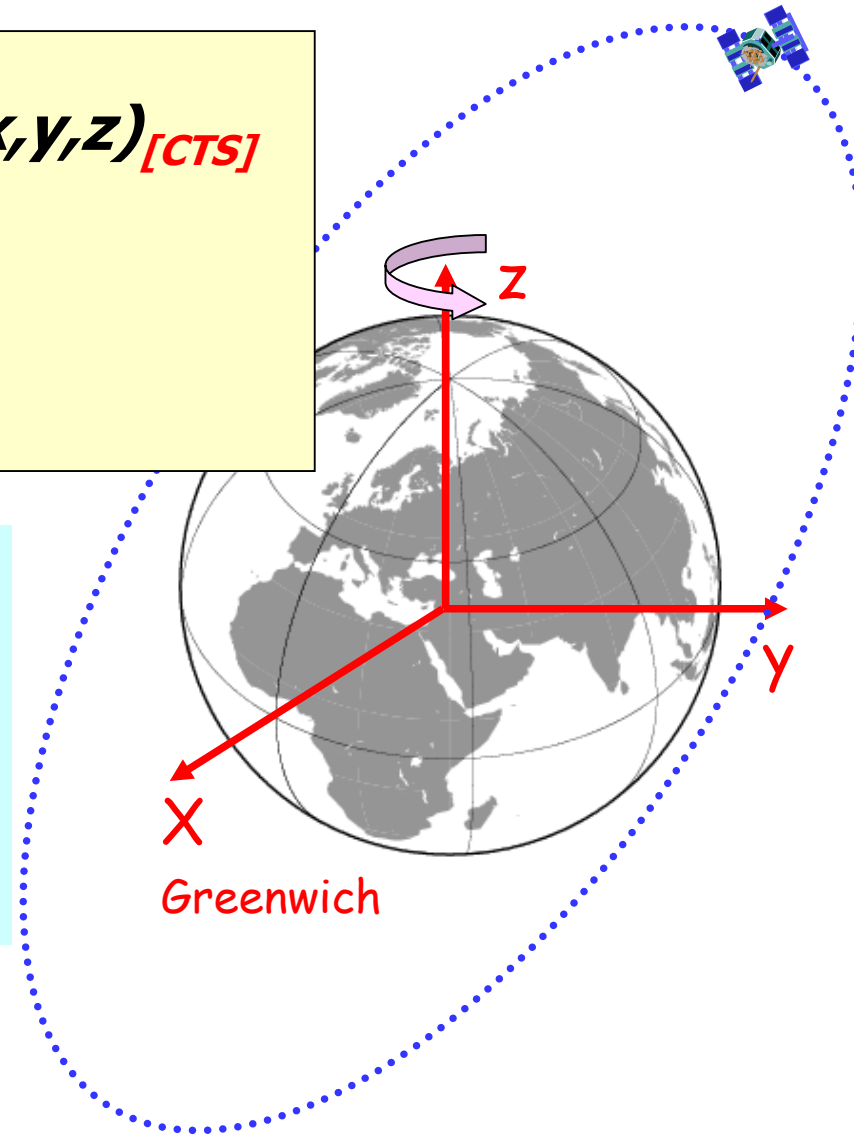
$$\begin{bmatrix} X_k \\ Y_k \\ Z_k \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_3(-\Omega_k) \mathbf{R}_1(-i_k) \mathbf{R}_3(-u_k) \begin{bmatrix} r_k \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



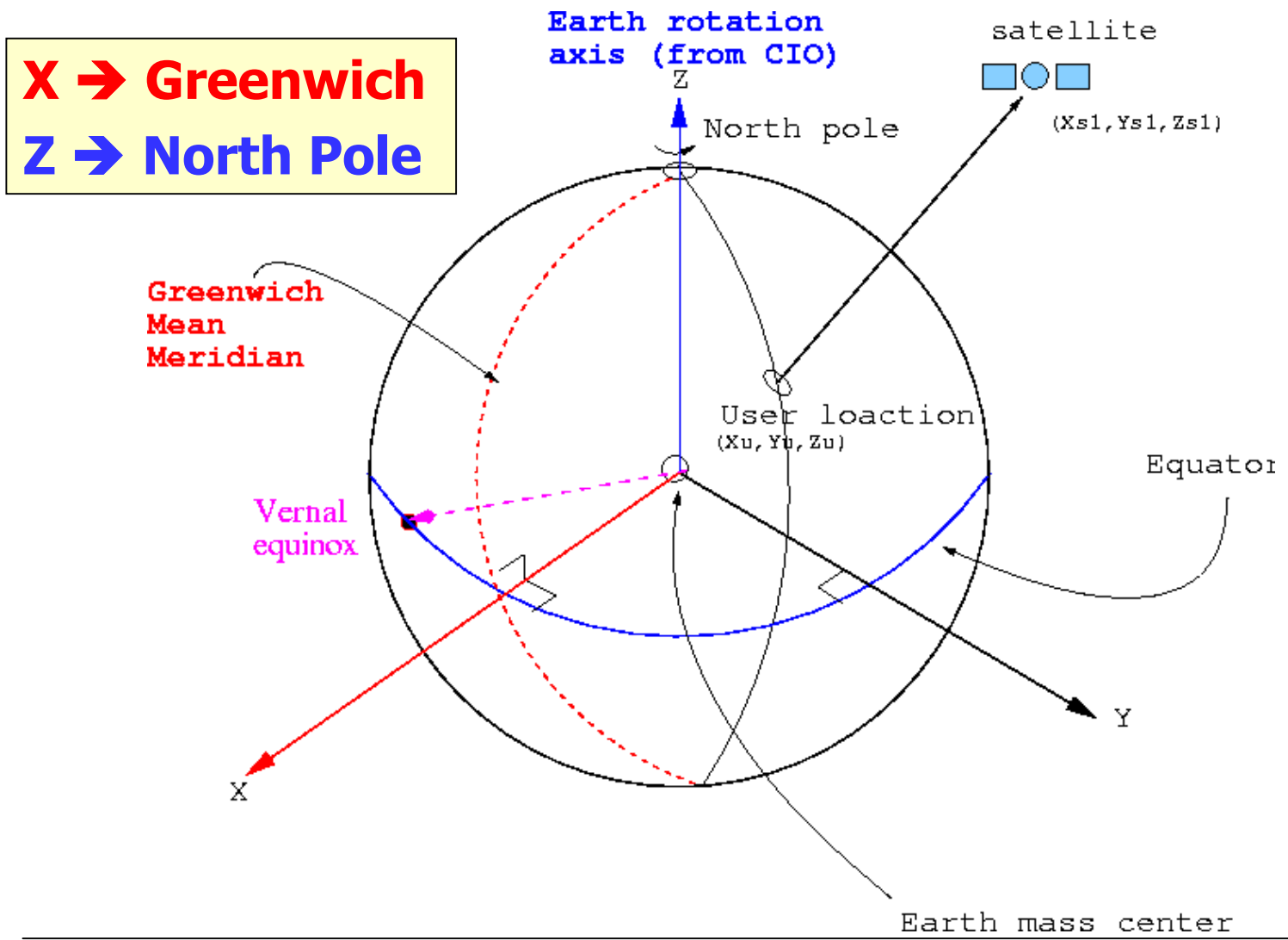


**Conventional Terrestrial System (CTS):**

**Earth-Fixed System →**  
the reference system rotates with Earth.



# The program orbit.f provides the satellite coordinates in a Earth fixed system (**CTS**)



## Exercise 4: Orbits and clocks accuracy (S/A=on)

The file "eph.on" contains satellite coordinates (x,y,z) and clocks, computed from the navigation message of GPS satellites for March 23th, 1999. (with S/A=on)

[the coordinates has been computed using the program orbit.f]

The file "sp3.on" contains precise coordinates and clocks of GPS satellites for March 23th, 1999

[Provided by the IGS server <ftp://igscb.jpl.nasa.gov/igscb/product>]

Plot the error of broadcast orbits and clocks and discuss the results.

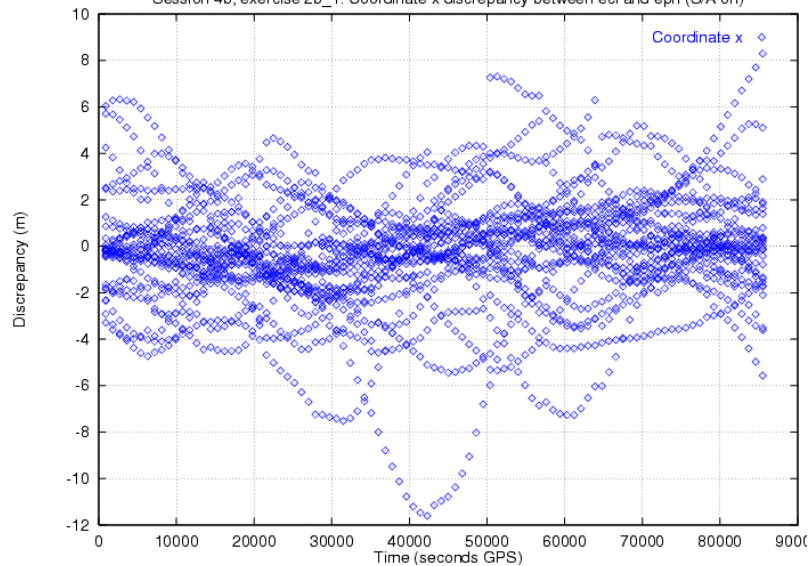
### Solution:

See the following plots

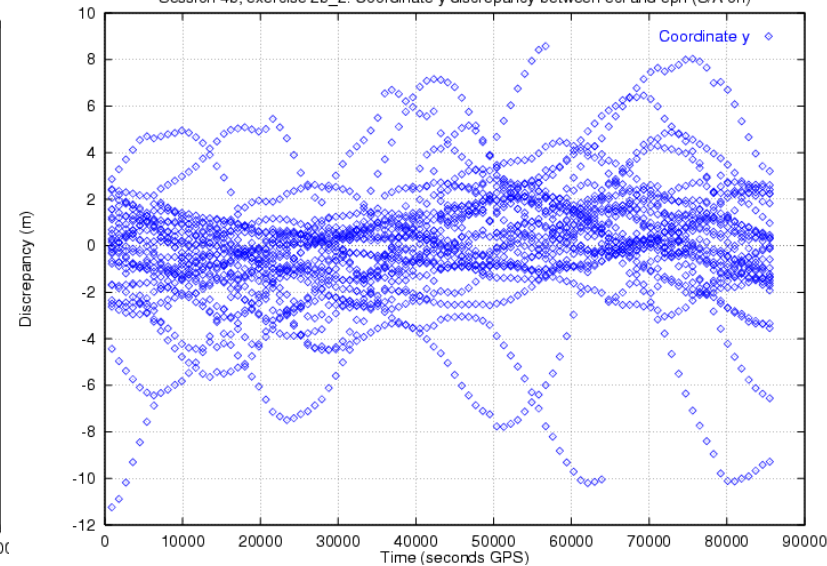


# ERROR in coordinates and clock S/A=on

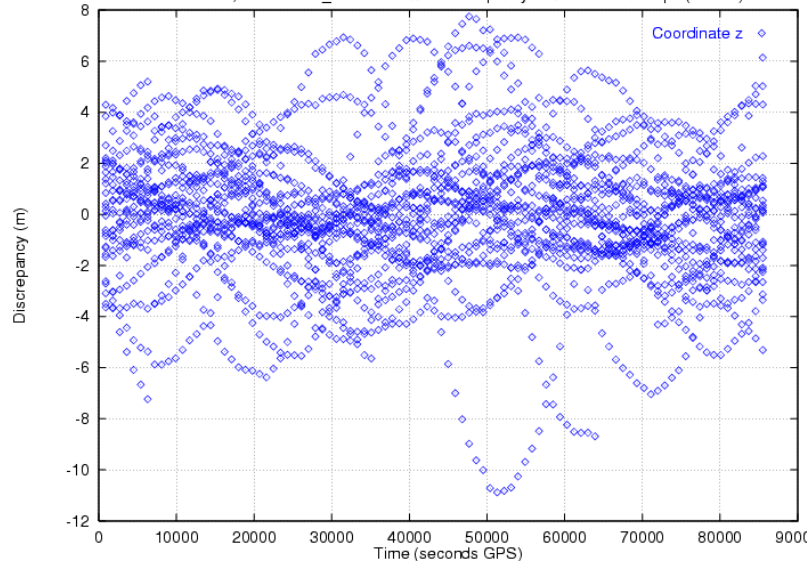
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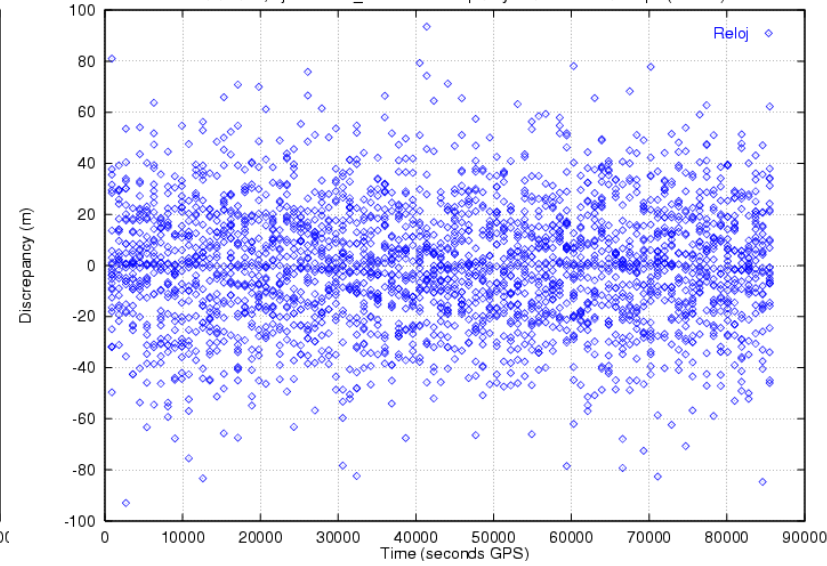
Session 4b, exercise 2b\_2: Coordinate y discrepancy between eci and eph (S/A on)



Session 4b, exercise 2b\_3: Coordinate z discrepancy between eci and eph (S/A on)



Practica 4b, ejercicio 2b\_4: Clock discrepancy between eci and eph (S/A on)



## Exercise 5: Orbits and clocks accuracy (S/A=off)

The file "eph.off" contains satellite coordinates (x,y,z) and clocks, computed from the navigation message of GPS satellites for May 15th, 2000 (with S/A=off)

[the coordinates has been computed using the program orbit.f]

The file "sp3.off" contains precise coordinates and clocks of GPS satellites for May 15th, 2000

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Plot the error of broadcast orbits and clocks and discuss the results.

### Solution:

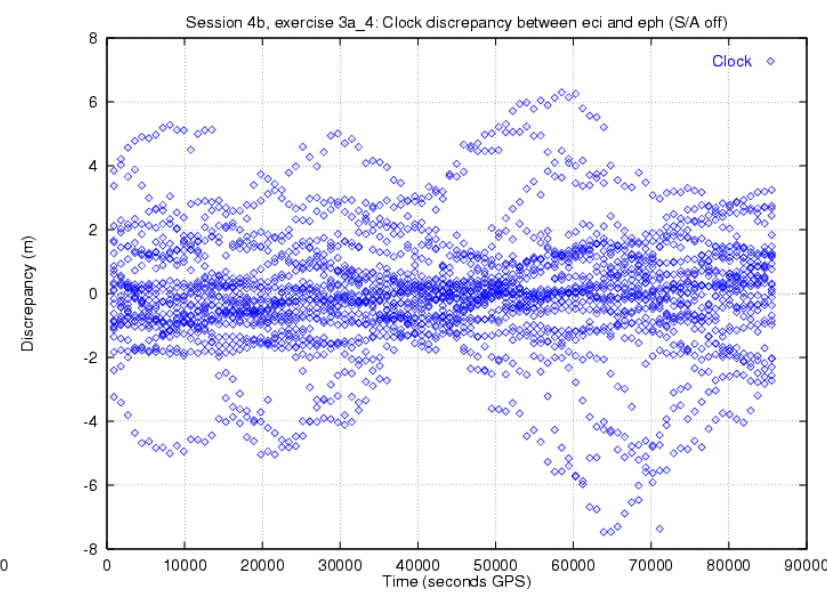
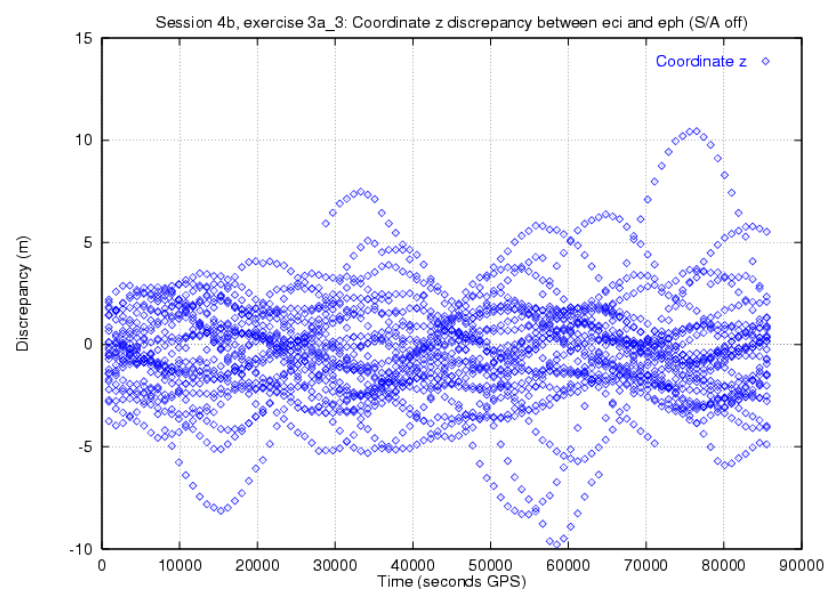
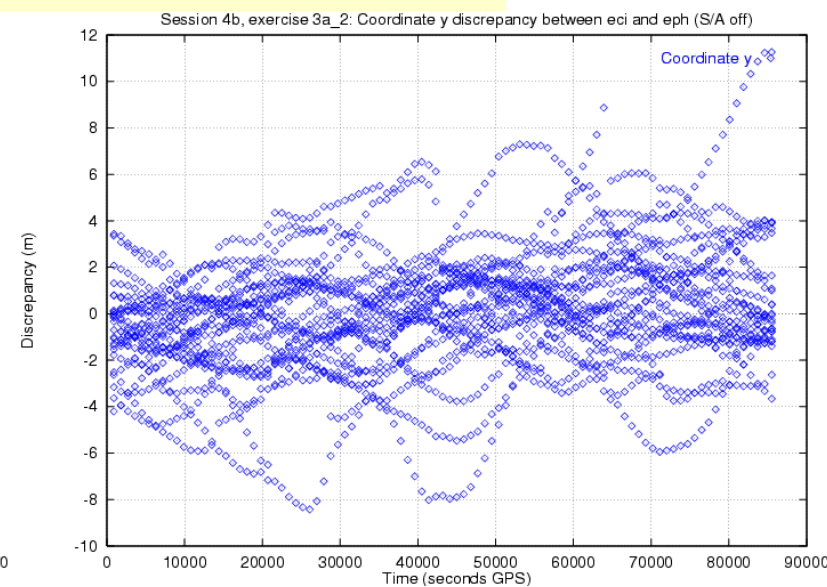
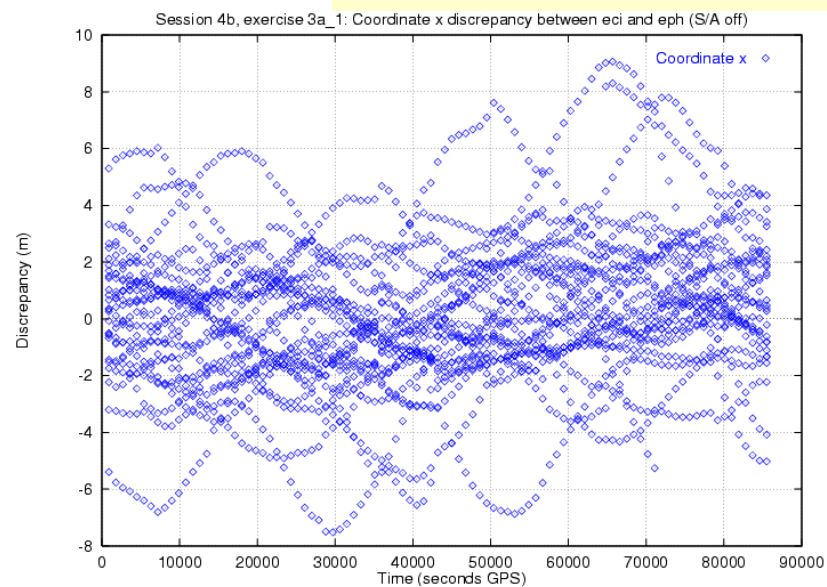
See the following plots.







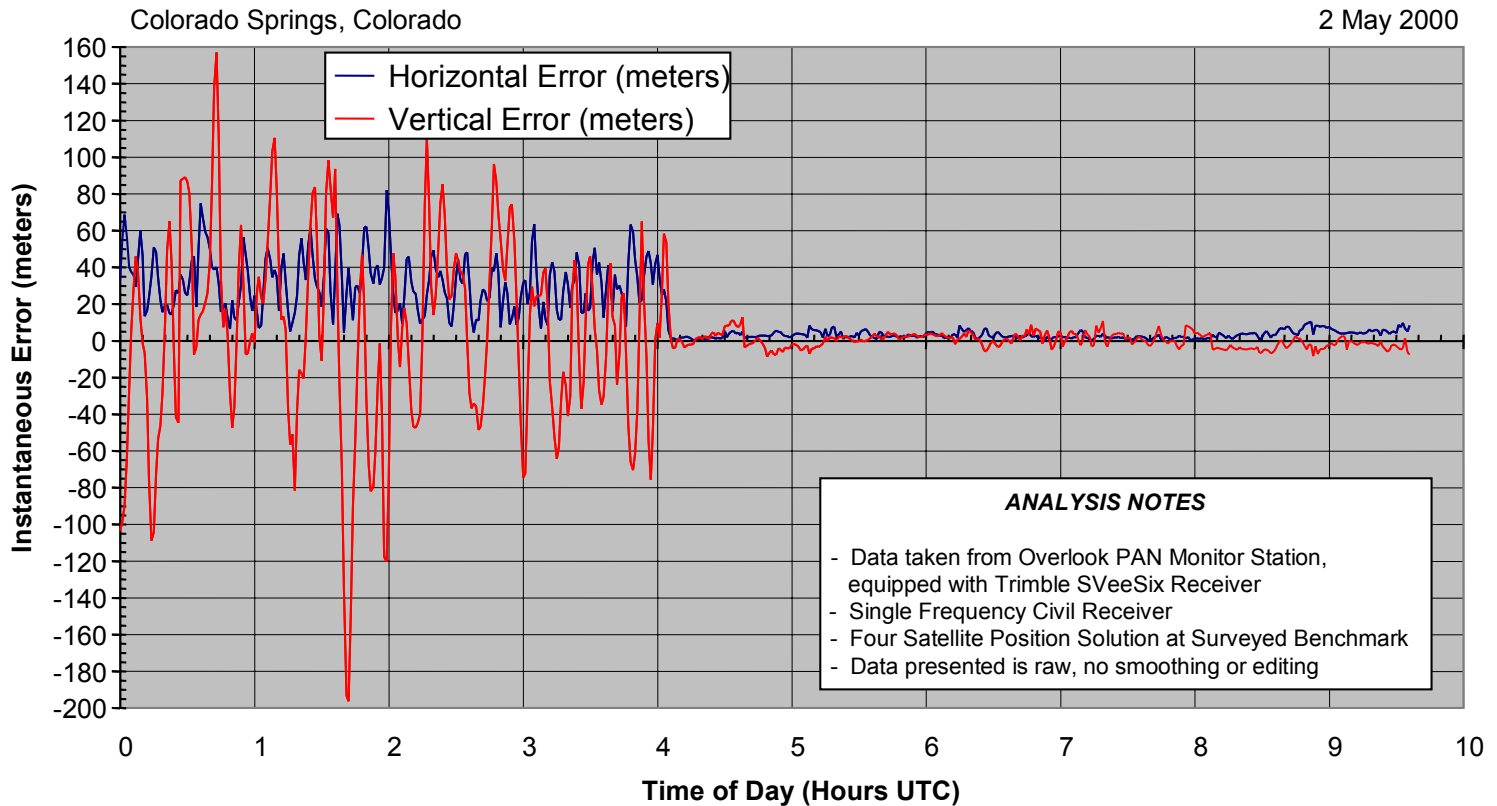
# ERROR in coordinates S/A=off





# Selective Availability (S/A): Intentional degradation of satellite clocks and broadcast ephemeris. (from 25 March, 1990)

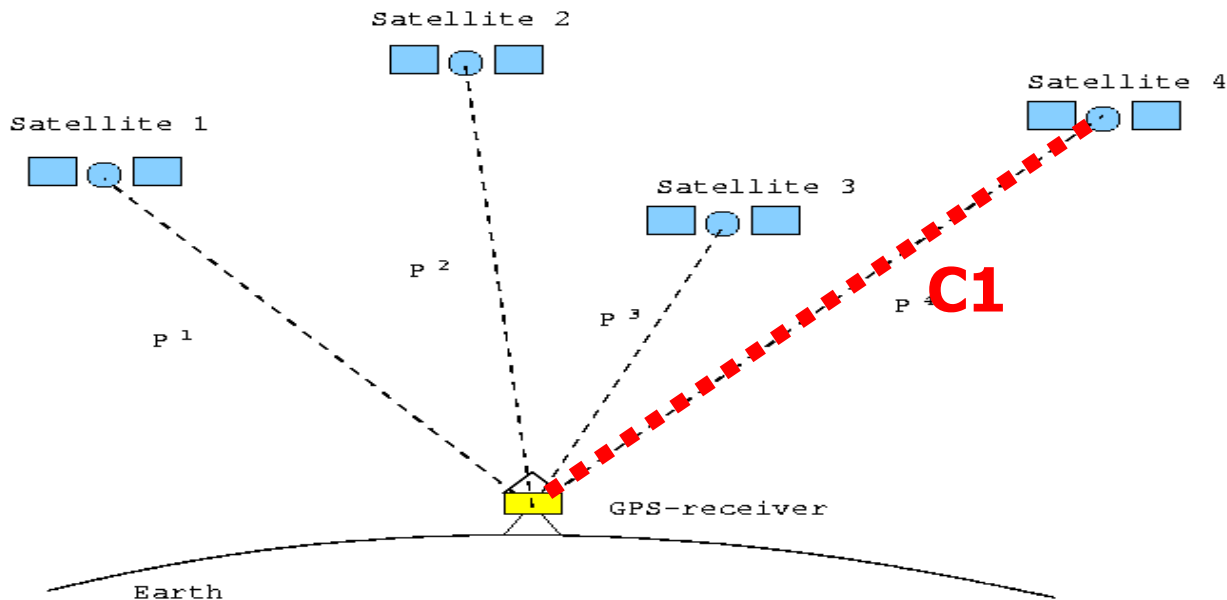
## GPS Before and After S/A was switched off



# Lesson 5

## Model

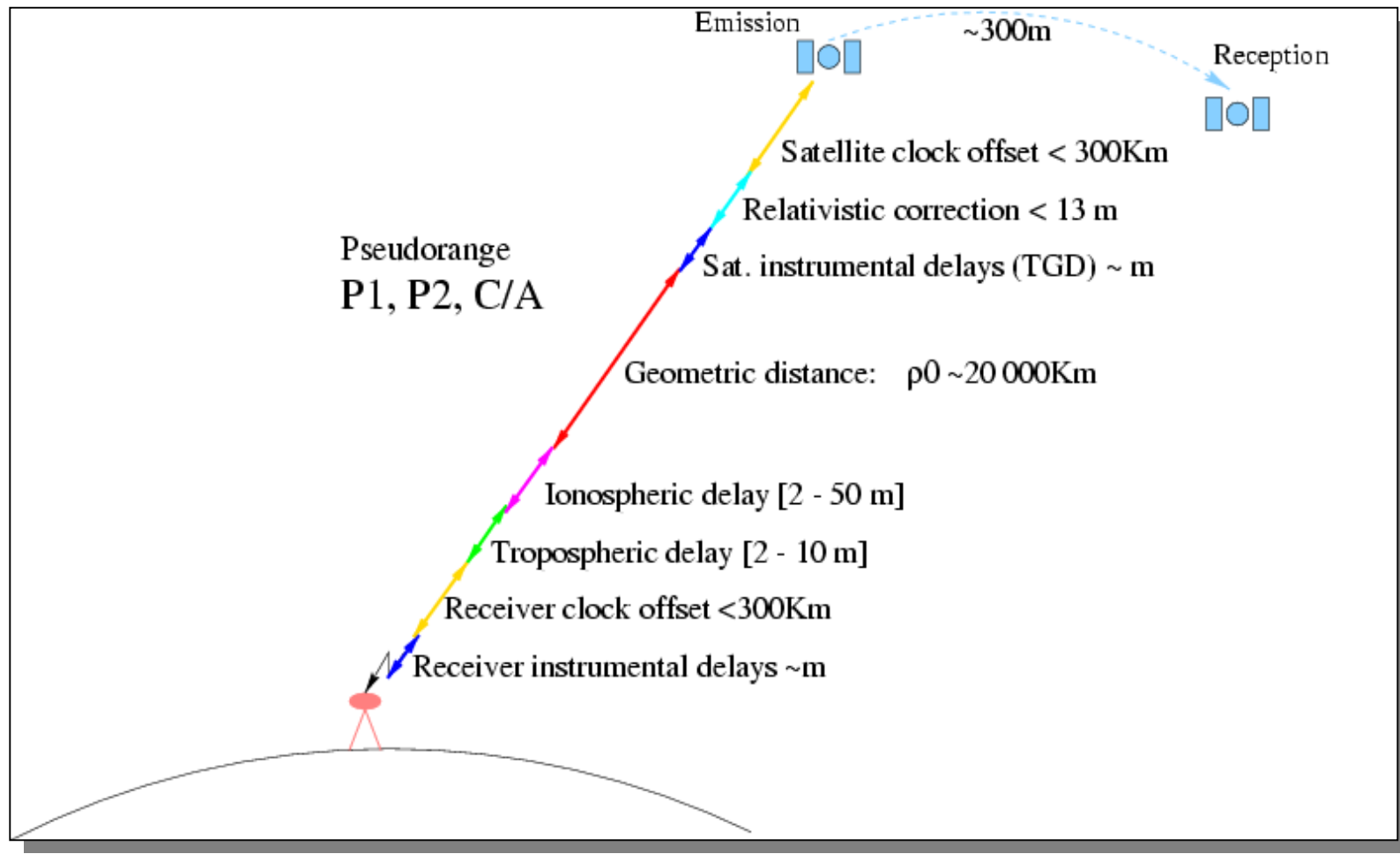
# Pseudorange modeling (code)



The pseudorange modeling is based in the GPS Standard Positioning Service Signal Specification (GPS/SPS-SS).

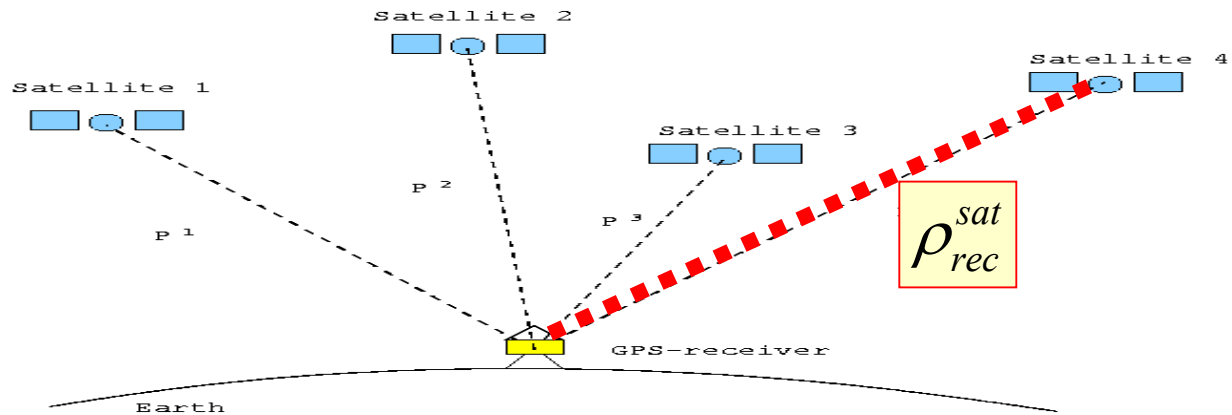
$$C1_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_{1rec} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$





$$C1_{rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{rec}^{sat} + K_{1rec} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

# Geometric range



Euclidean distance between satellite coordinates at emission time and receiver coordinates at reception time.

$$\rho_{rec}^{sat} = \sqrt{\left(x^{sat} - x_{rec}\right)^2 + \left(y^{sat} - y_{rec}\right)^2 + \left(z^{sat} - z_{rec}\right)^2} =$$

Of course, receiver coordinates are not known (is the target of this problem). But ....

$$C1_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_{1rec} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$



$$\rho_{rec}^{sat} = \sqrt{\left(x^{sat} - x_{rec}\right)^2 + \left(y^{sat} - y_{rec}\right)^2 + \left(z^{sat} - z_{rec}\right)^2}$$

Of course, receiver coordinates  $(x_{rec}, y_{rec}, z_{rec})$  are not known (they are the target of this problem). But, we can always assume that an "approximate position  $(x_{0_{rec}}, y_{0_{rec}}, z_{0_{rec}})$  is known" (it can be computed using the Bancroft's method –see next lesson--):

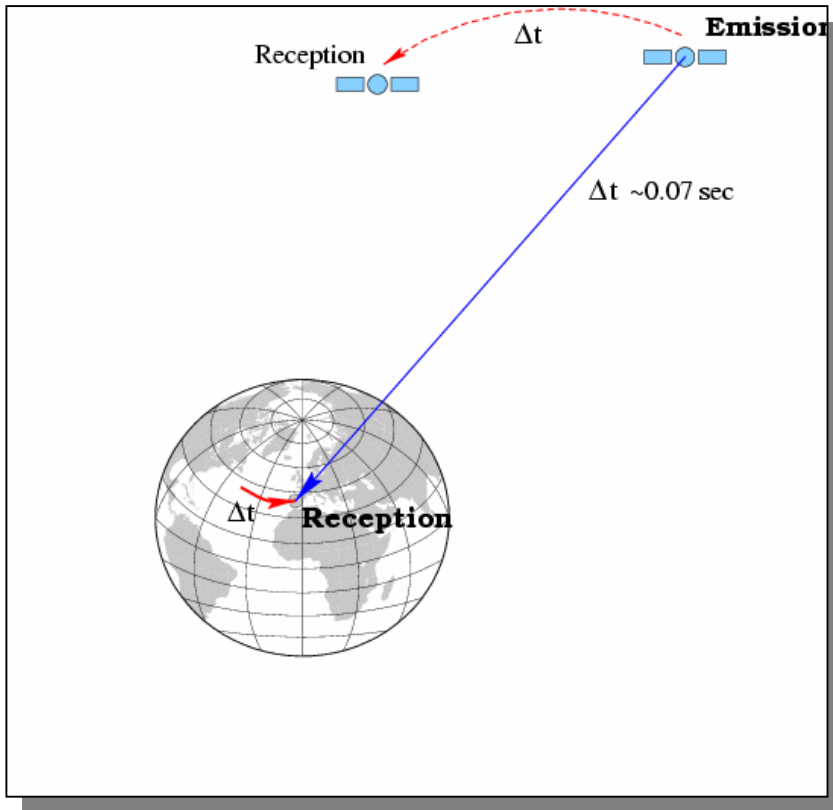
Thence, as it will be shown in next lesson, the navigation problem will consist on:

- 1.- To start from an approximate value for receiver position  $(x_{0_{rec}}, y_{0_{rec}}, z_{0_{rec}})$  (it can be computed with Bancroft's method)
- 2.- With the pseudorange measurements and the navigation equations, compute the correction  $(dx_{rec}, dy_{rec}, dz_{rec})$  to have a more precise position of the receiver.

$$(x_{rec}, y_{rec}, z_{rec}) = (x_{0_{rec}}, y_{0_{rec}}, z_{0_{rec}}) + (dx_{rec}, dy_{rec}, dz_{rec})$$



# Satellite coordinates at emission time (rec2ems.f)

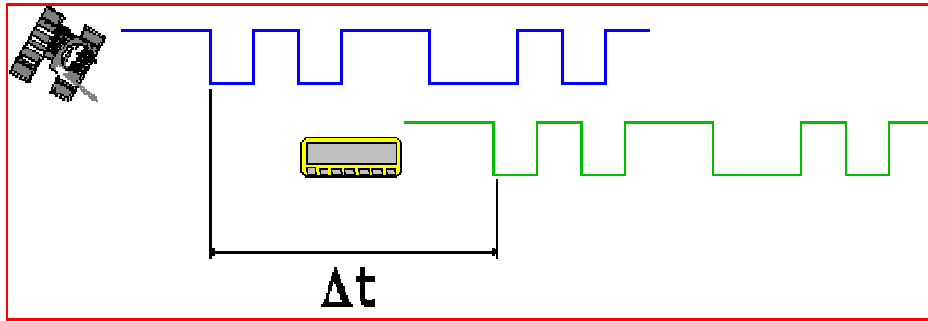


- The GPS signal travels from **satellite coordinates at emission time** ( $t^{\text{ems}}$ ) to receiver coordinates at reception time ( $t_{\text{rec}}$ ).

- The satellite can move several hundreds of meters from  $t^{\text{ems}}$  to  $t_{\text{rec}}$ .

- The receiver time-tags are given at reception time and in the receiver clock time.

An algorithm is needed to compute the satellite coordinates at **emission time** "in the GPS system time" from reception time in the receiver time tags.



The satellite offset clock  $dt^s$  can be computed from the navigation message

$$C1 = c \Delta t = c [t_{rec}(T_R) - t^{ems}(T^S)]$$

As it is known, the pseudorange measurements link the "emission time ( $t^{ems}$ )" in satellite clock ( $T^S$ ) with reception time ( $t_{rec}$ ) in receiver clock ( $T_R$ ) (receiver time tags).

Thence, the emission time in the satellite clock is:

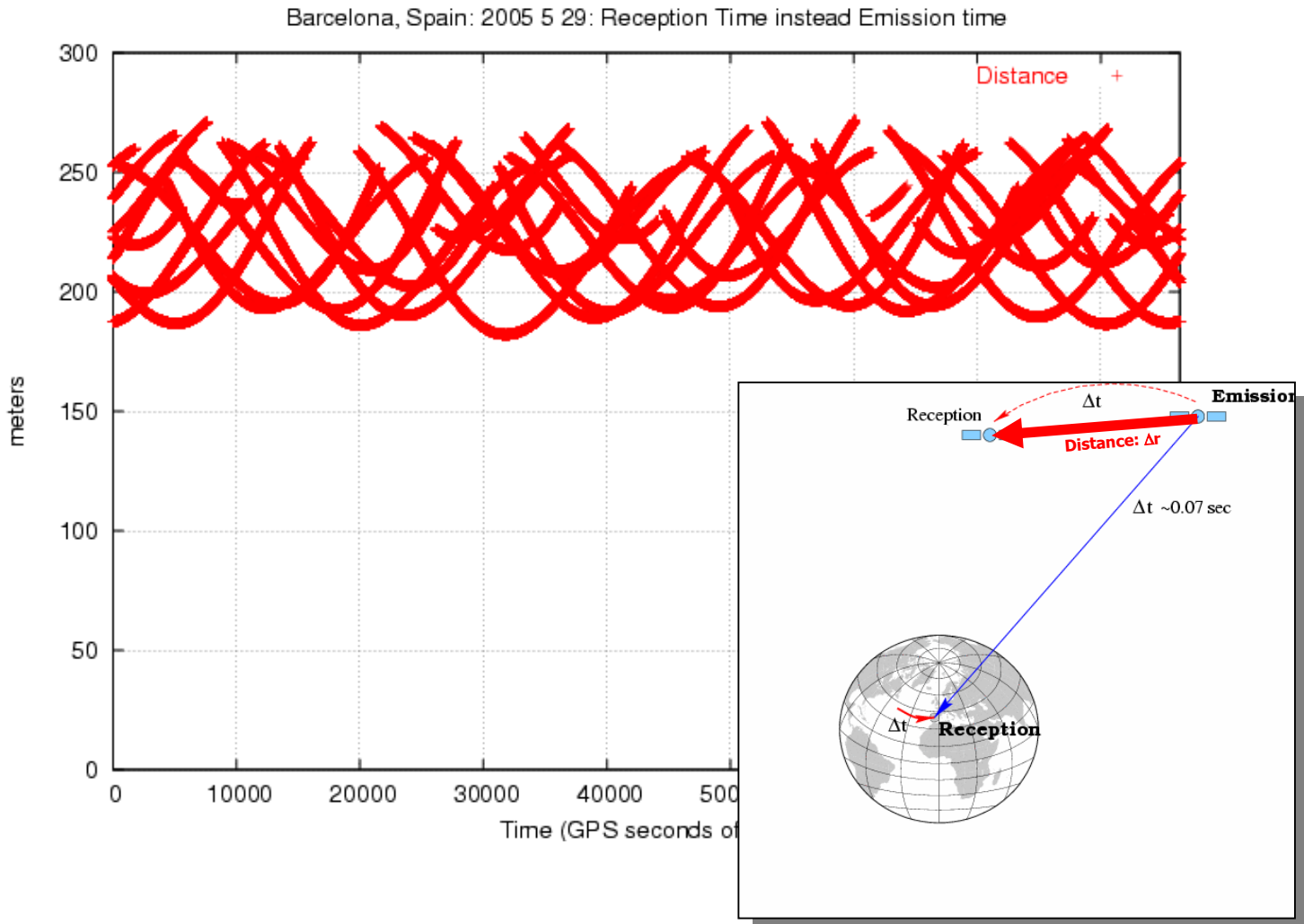
$$t^{ems}(T^S) = t_{rec}(T_R) - C1/c$$

Finally, since  $dt^s = t^s - T$  is the time offset between satellite clock ( $t^s$ ) and **GPS system time ( $T$ )**, thence:

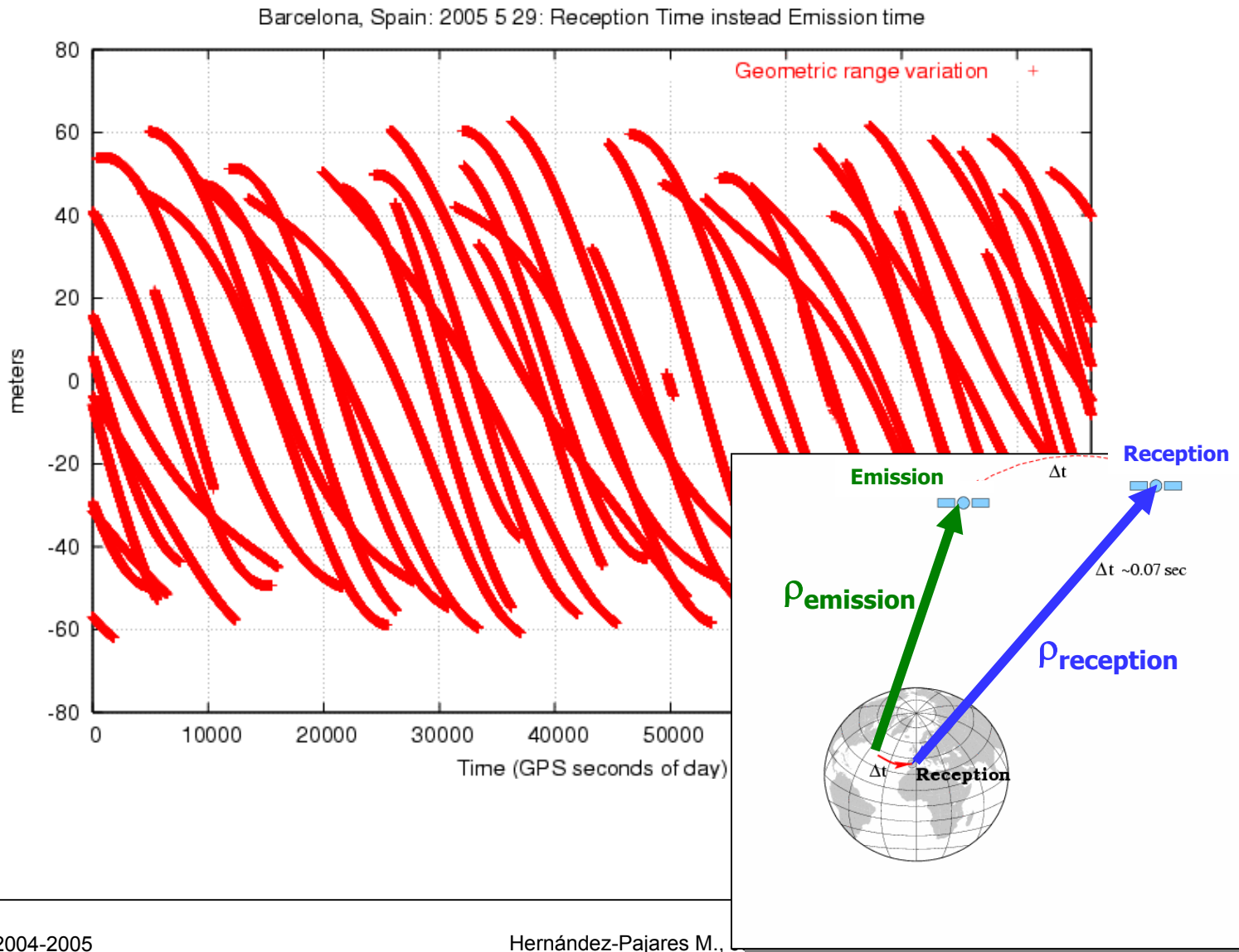
$$T[ems] = t^{ems}(T^S) - dt^s = t_{rec}(T_R) - (C1/c + dt^s)$$



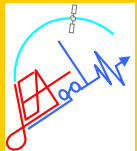
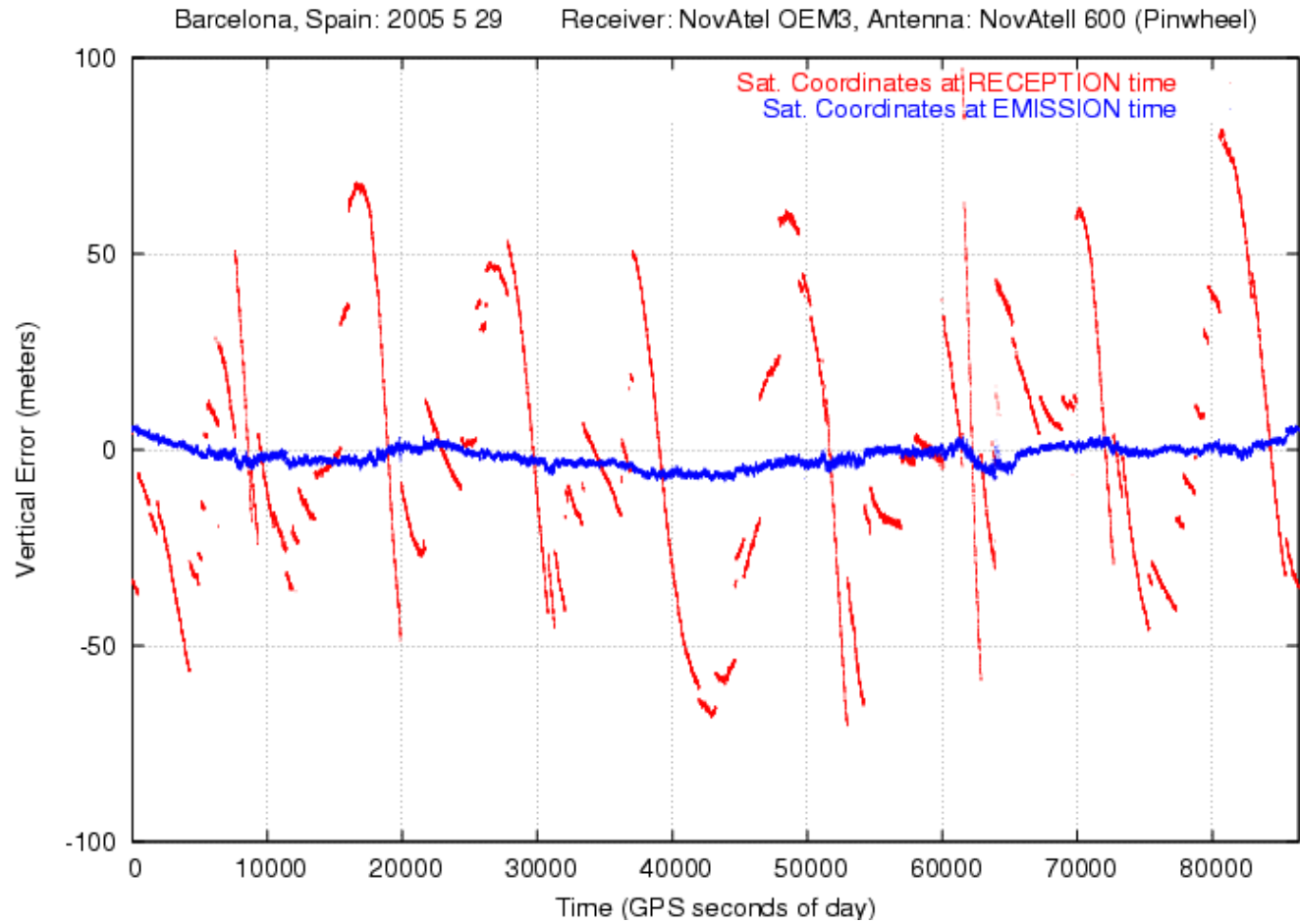
# Distance: $\Delta r$



# Variation in range: $\Delta\rho = \rho_{\text{emission}} - \rho_{\text{reception}}$



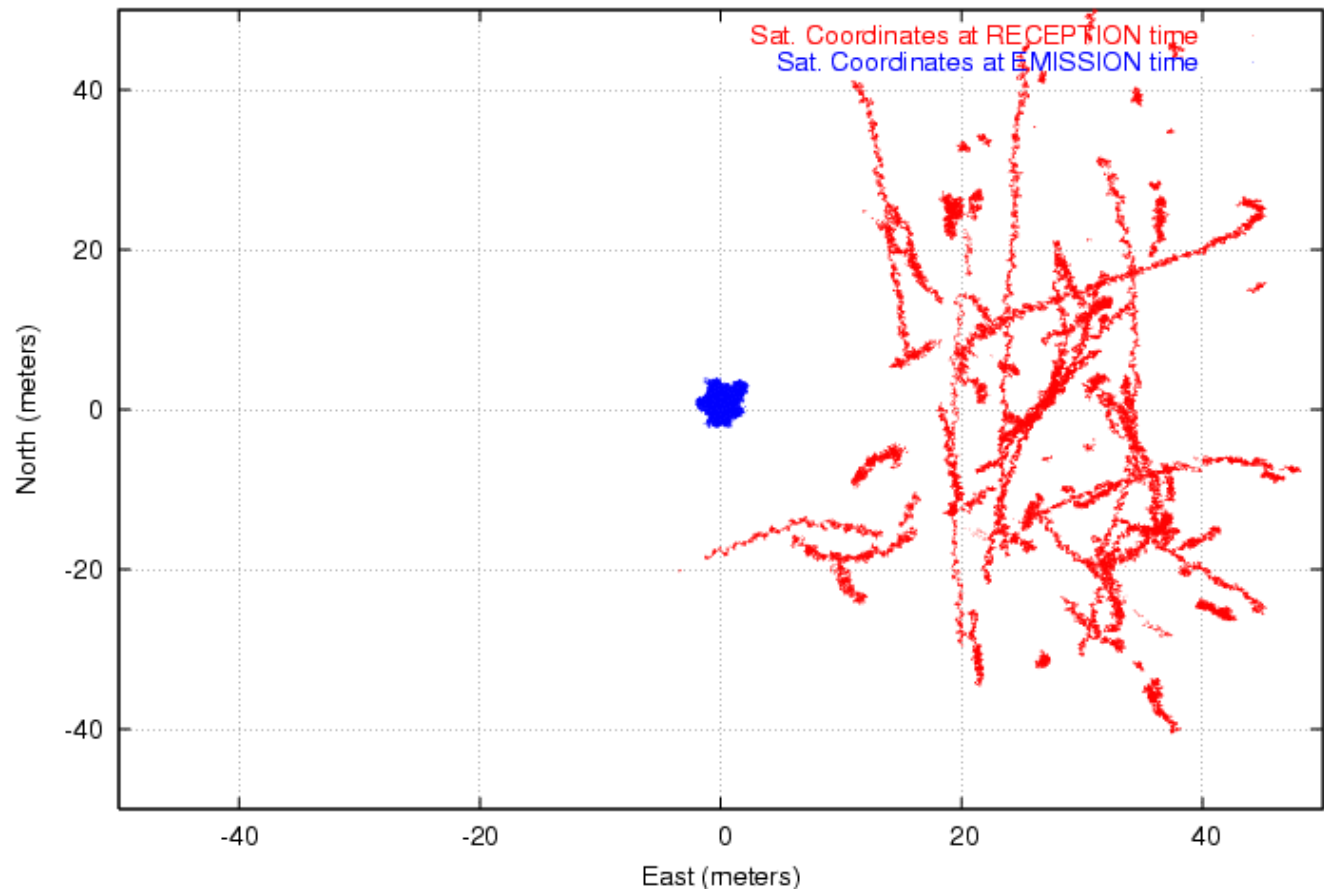
# Vertical error comparison

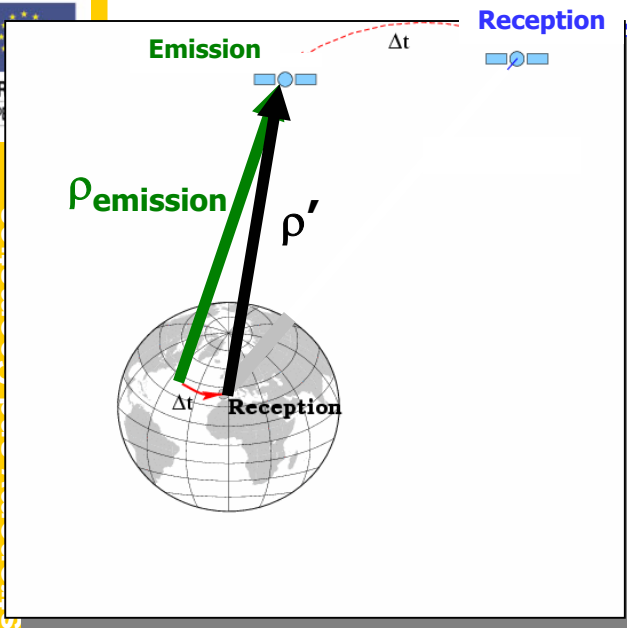


# Horizontal error comparison

Barcelona, Spain: 2005 5 29

Receiver: NovAtel OEM3, Antenna: NovAtel 600 (Pinwheel)





## Coordinates computation at emission time

provided by the GPS/SPS-SS (**orbit.f**) supplies satellite coordinates in the **Earth-Fixed reference frame**. To compute the coordinates at emission time

See **rec2ems.f**

the following algorithm can be applied:  
for each tag, compute emission time in GPS system

$$T[ems] = t_{rec}(T_R) - (C1/c + dt^s)$$

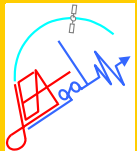
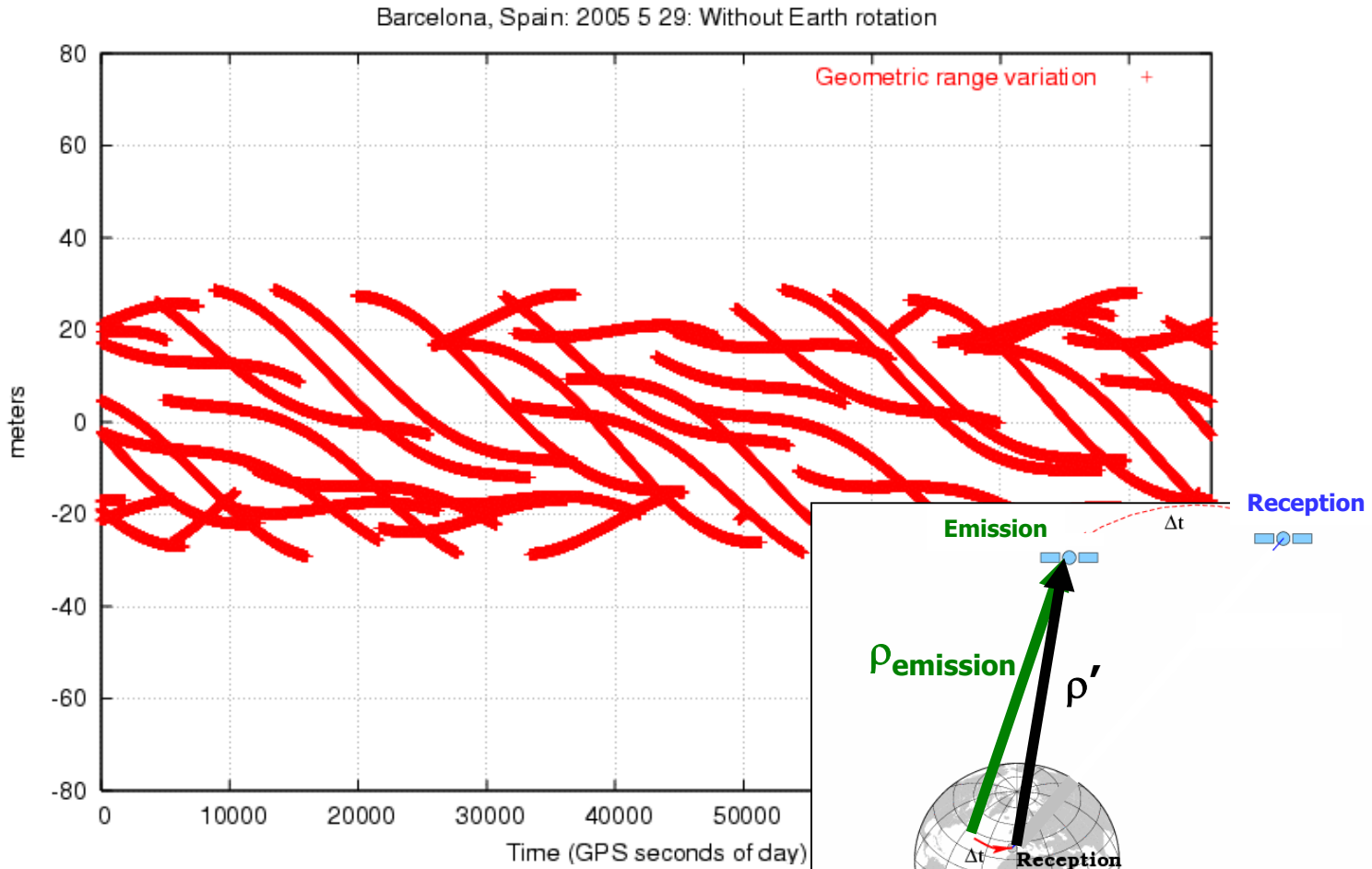
2. Compute satellite coordinates at emission time  $T[ems]$

$$T[ems] \rightarrow [\text{orbit}] \rightarrow (X^{\text{sat}}, Y^{\text{sat}}, Z^{\text{sat}})_{\text{CTS}[\text{emission}]}$$

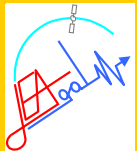
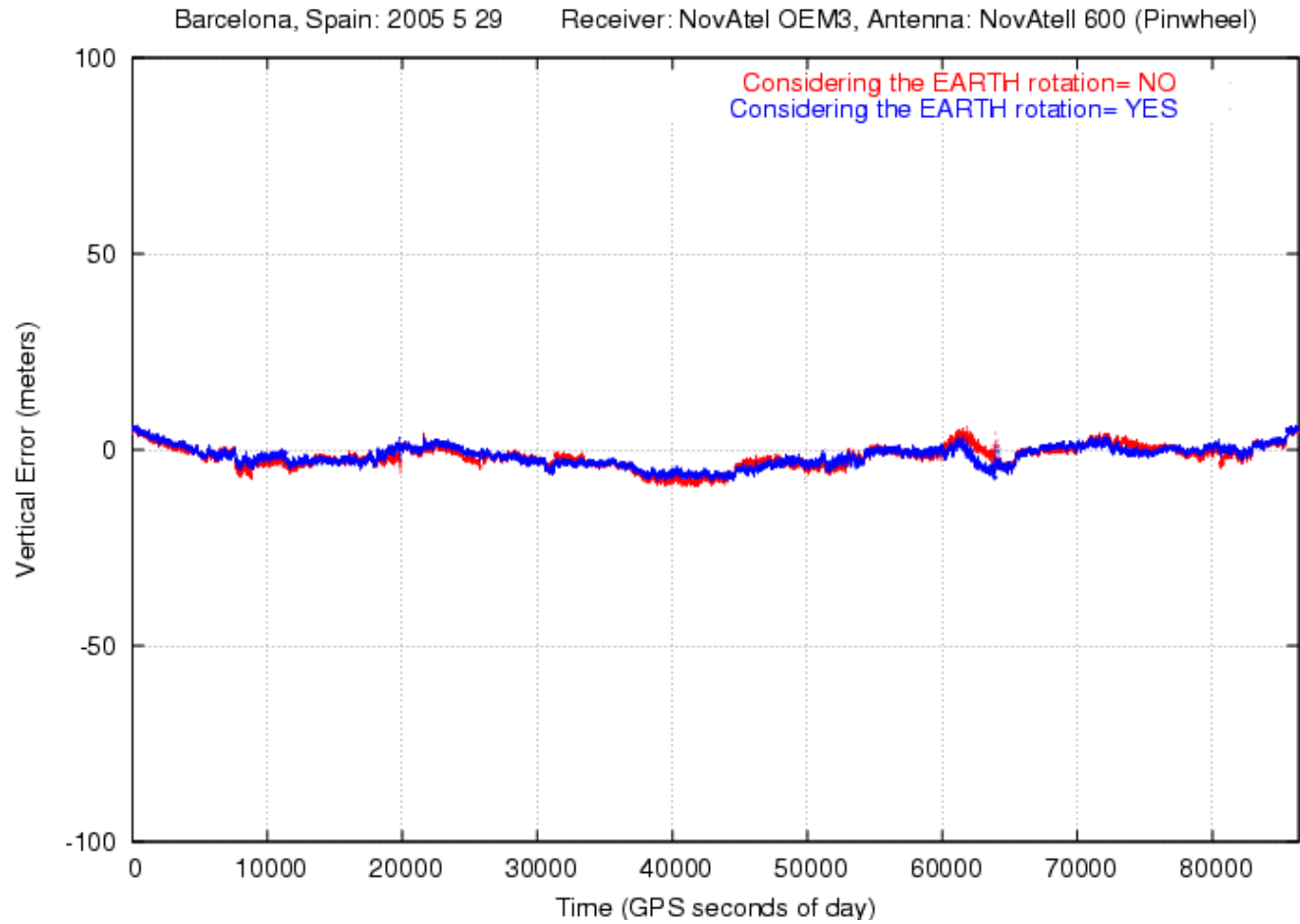
3. Account for Earth rotation during traveling time from emission to reception " $\Delta t$ " (*CTS reference system at reception time is used to build the navigation equations*).

$$(X^{\text{sat}}, Y^{\text{sat}}, Z^{\text{sat}})_{\text{CTS}[\text{reception}]} = R_3(\omega_E \Delta t) \cdot (X^{\text{sat}}, Y^{\text{sat}}, Z^{\text{sat}})_{\text{CTS}[\text{emission}]}$$

# Variation in range: $\Delta\rho = \rho' - \rho_{\text{emission}}$



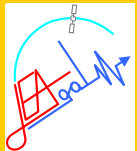
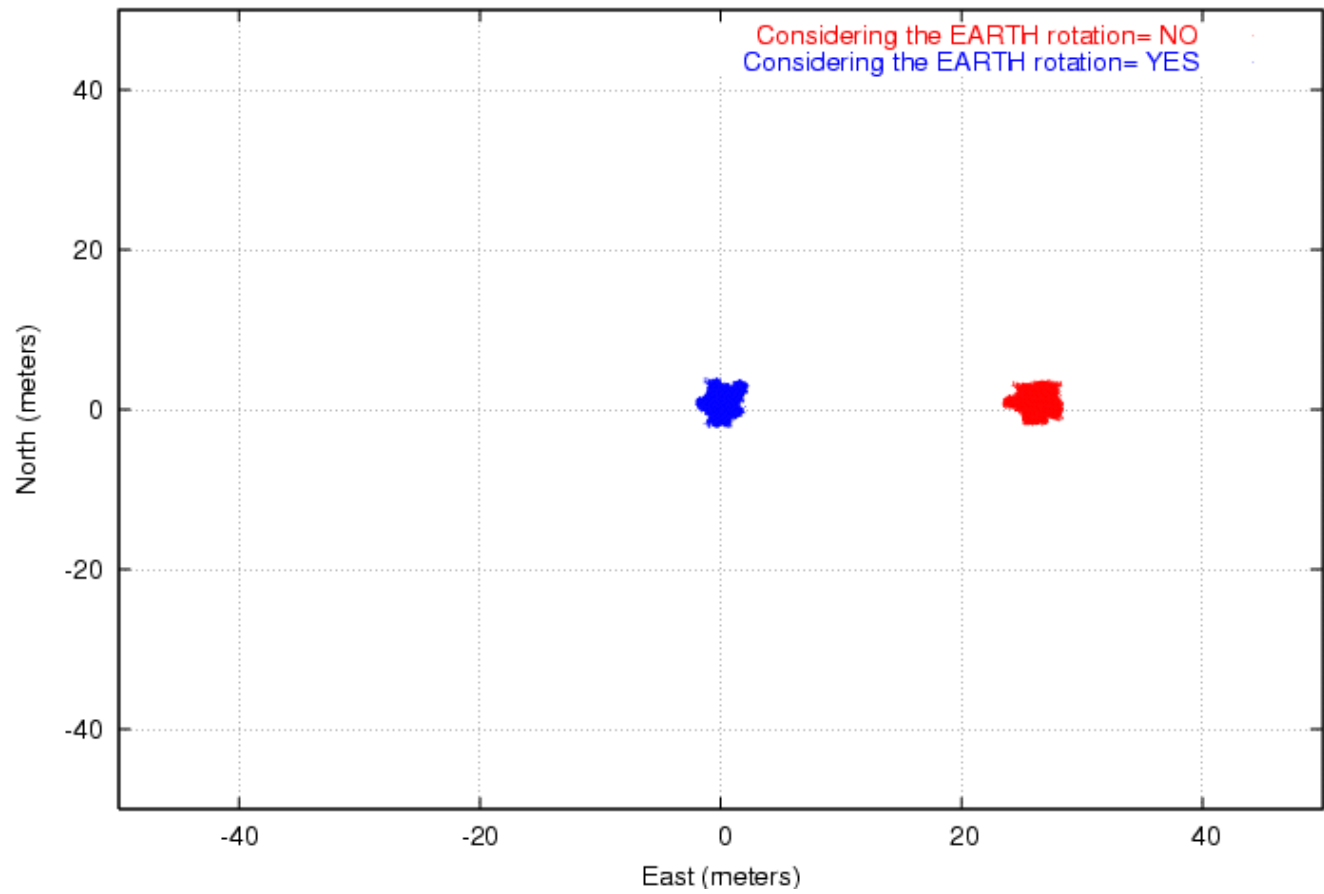
# Vertical error comparison



# Horizontal error comparison

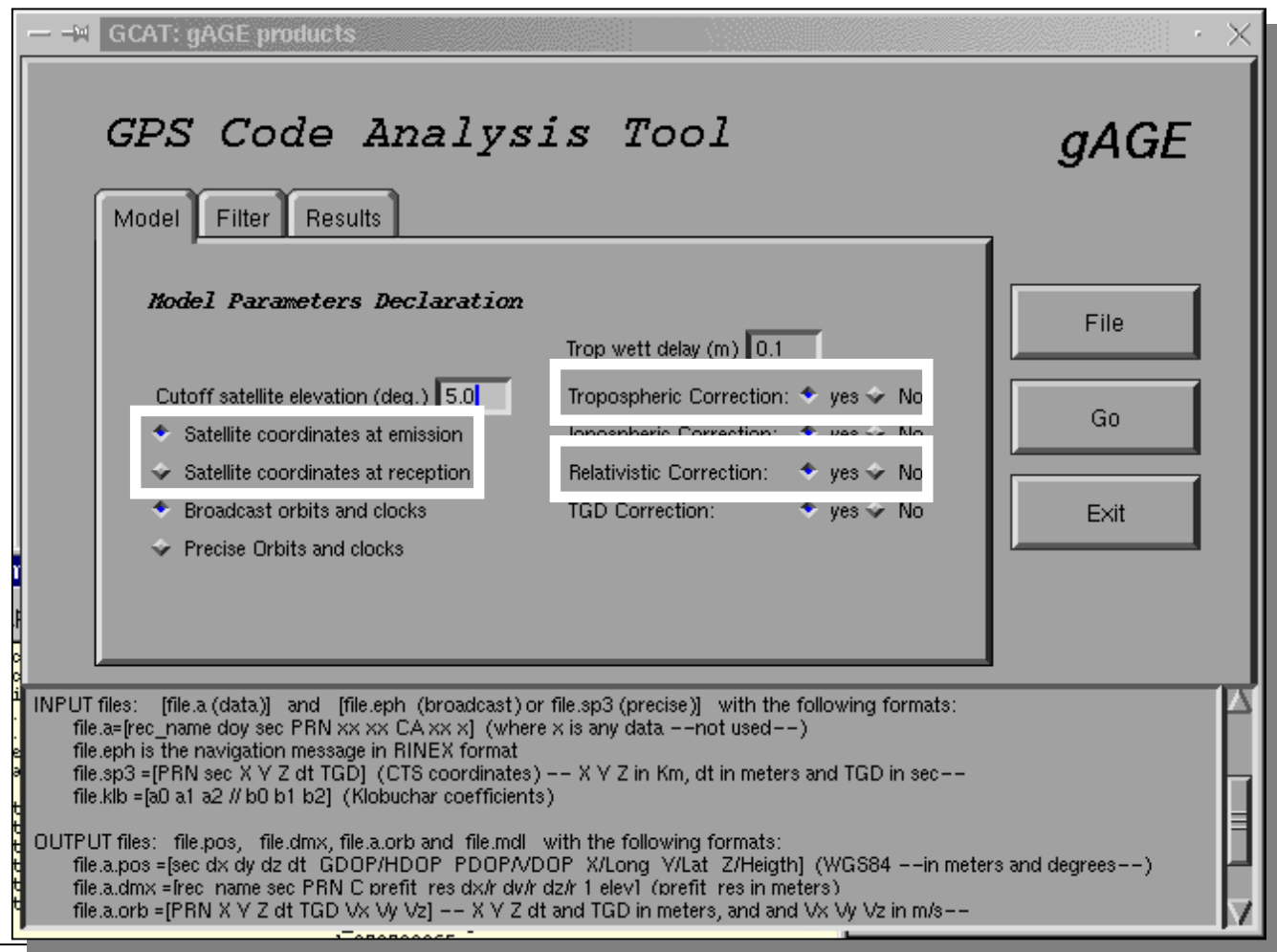
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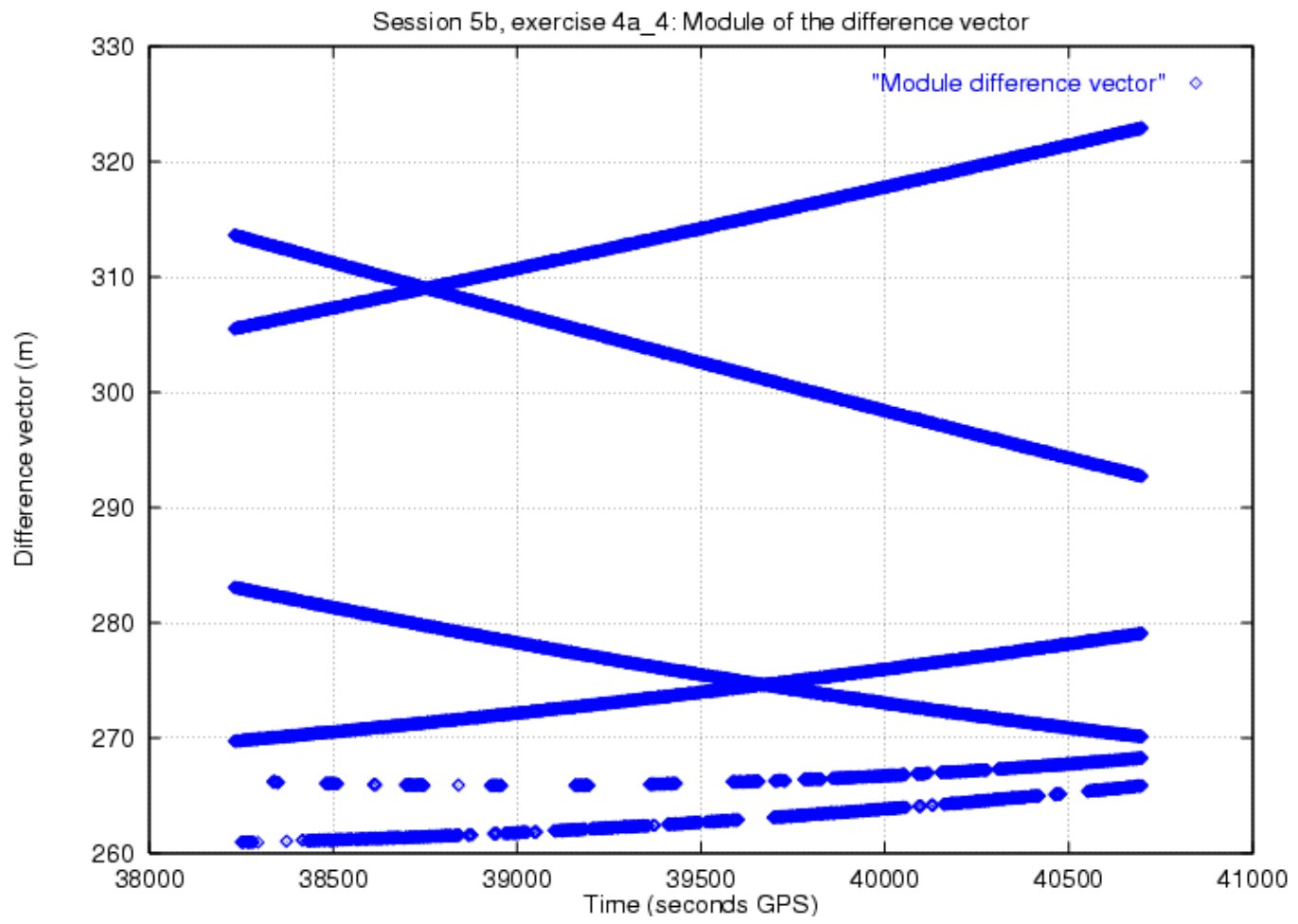
Receiver: NovAtel OEM3, Antenna: NovAtell 600 (Pinwheel)





**Exercise 6:** Using the GCAT program, compute satellite coordinates at emission time and at reception time. Plot the module of the vector difference between both positions (use October 13th, 1998 data files).





# Satellite and receiver clock offsets

- They are time-offsets between satellite/receiver time and GPS system time (provided by the ground control segment):
  - The receiver clock offset ( $dt_{rec}$ ) is estimated together with receiver coordinates.
  - Satellite clock offset ( $dt^{sat}$ ) may be computed from navigation message:

$$dt^{sat} = a_0 + a_1(t - t_0) + a_2(t - t_0)^2$$

$$C_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_{1rec} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

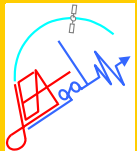
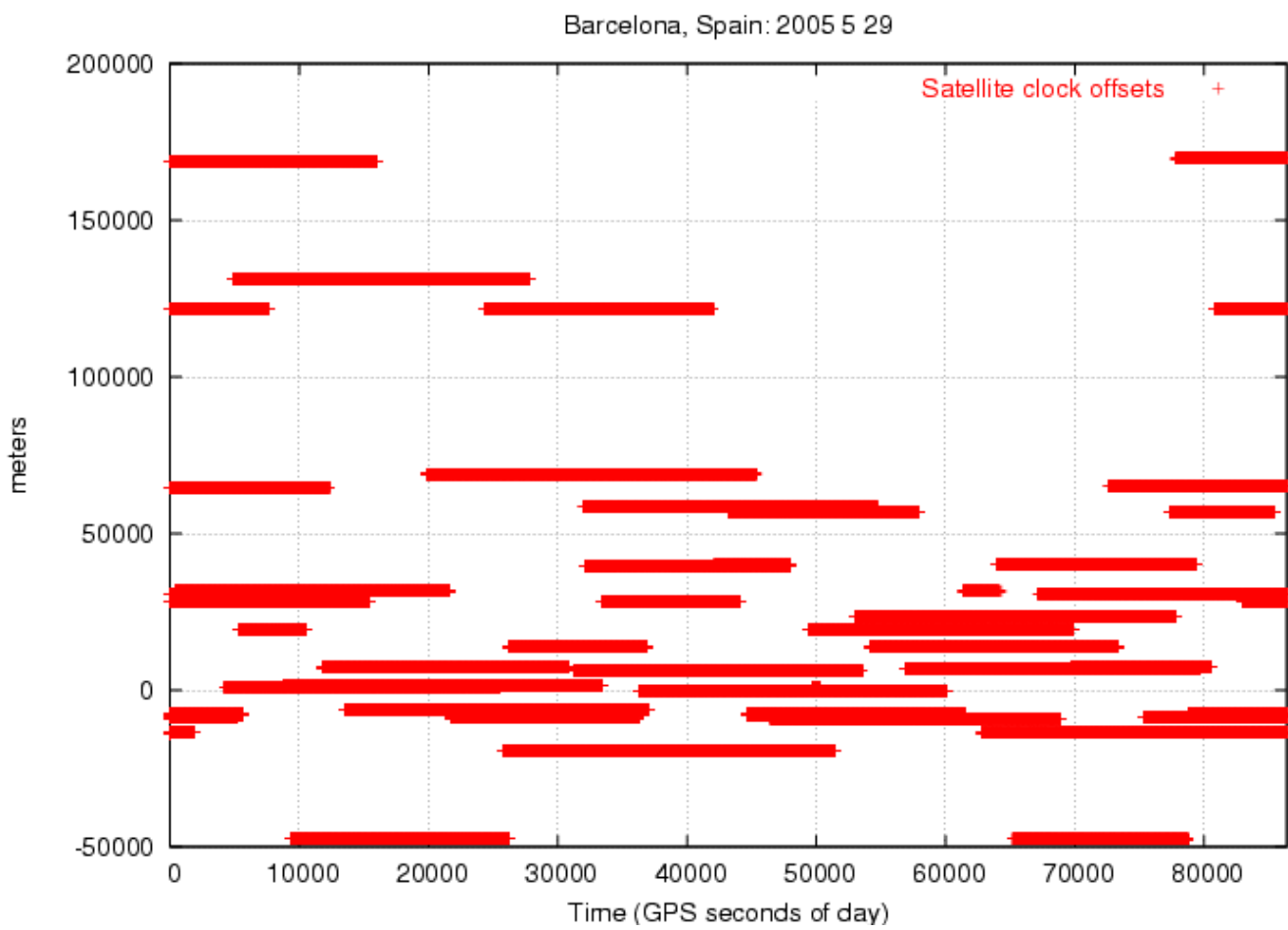




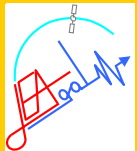
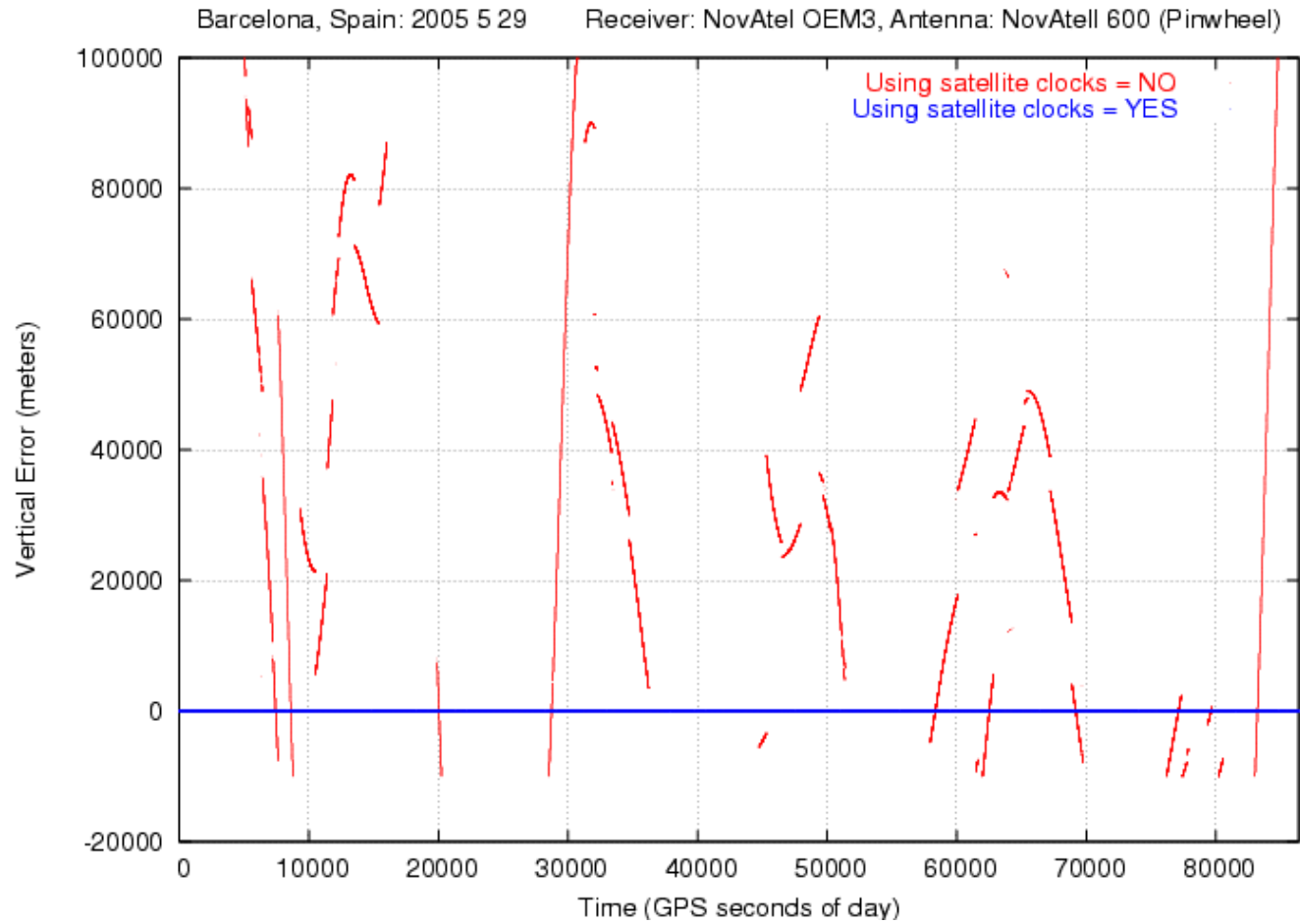
$$dt^{sat} = a_0 + a_1(t - t_0) + a_2(t - t_0)^2$$

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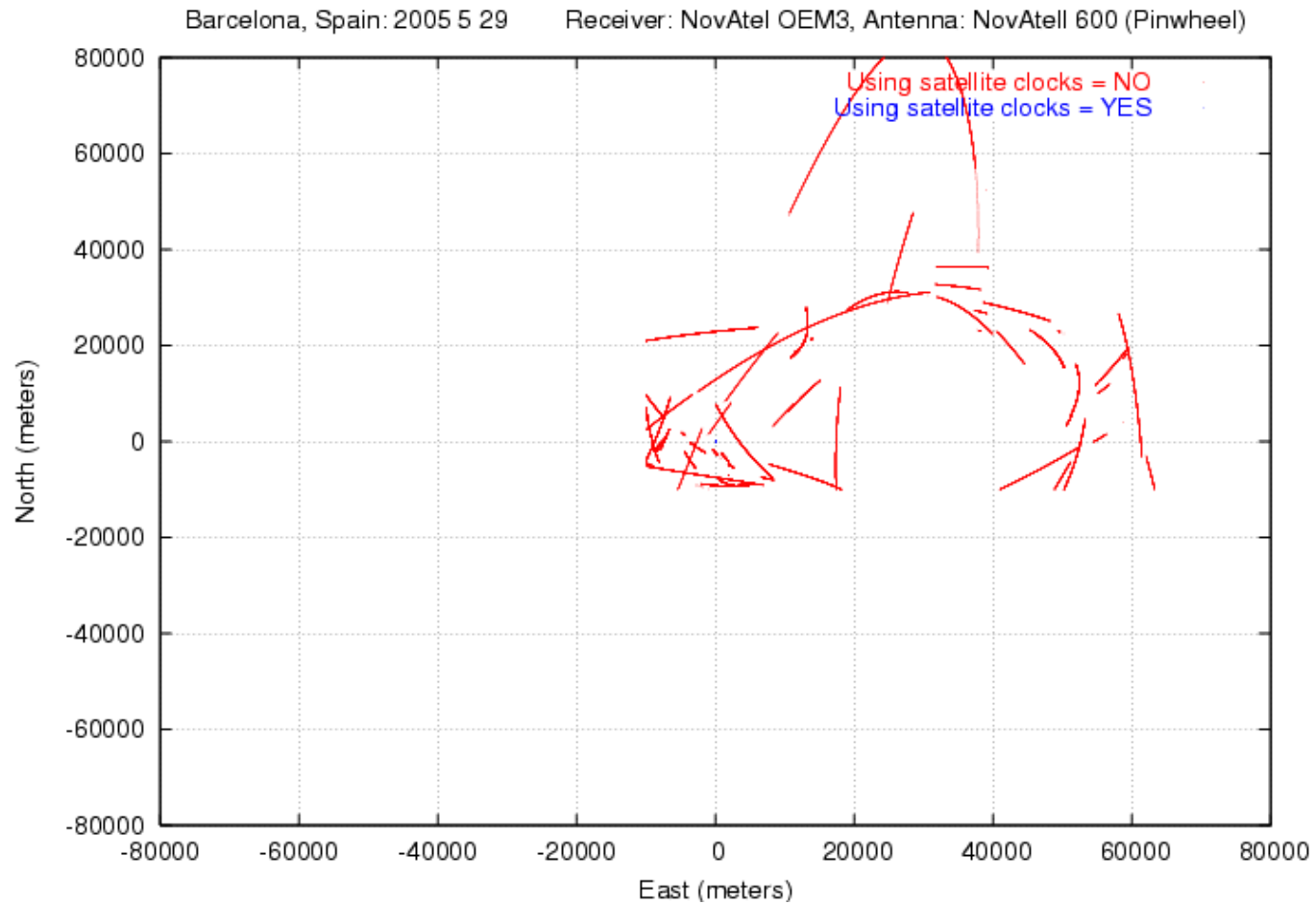
# Range variation: satellite clocks



# Vertical error comparison



# Horizontal error comparison



## Relativistic correction (*rel*)

- A constant component depending only on nominal value of satellite's orbit major semi-axis, being corrected modifying satellite's clock oscillator frequency\*:

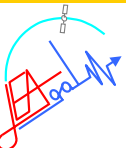
$$\frac{f'_0 - f_0}{f_0} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 + \frac{\Delta U}{c^2} \approx -4.464 \cdot 10^{-10}$$

- A periodic component due to orbit eccentricity (to be corrected by user receiver):

$$rel = 2 \frac{\sqrt{\mu a}}{c} e \sin(E) = 2 \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{c} \text{ (meters)}$$

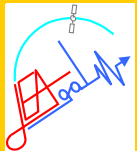
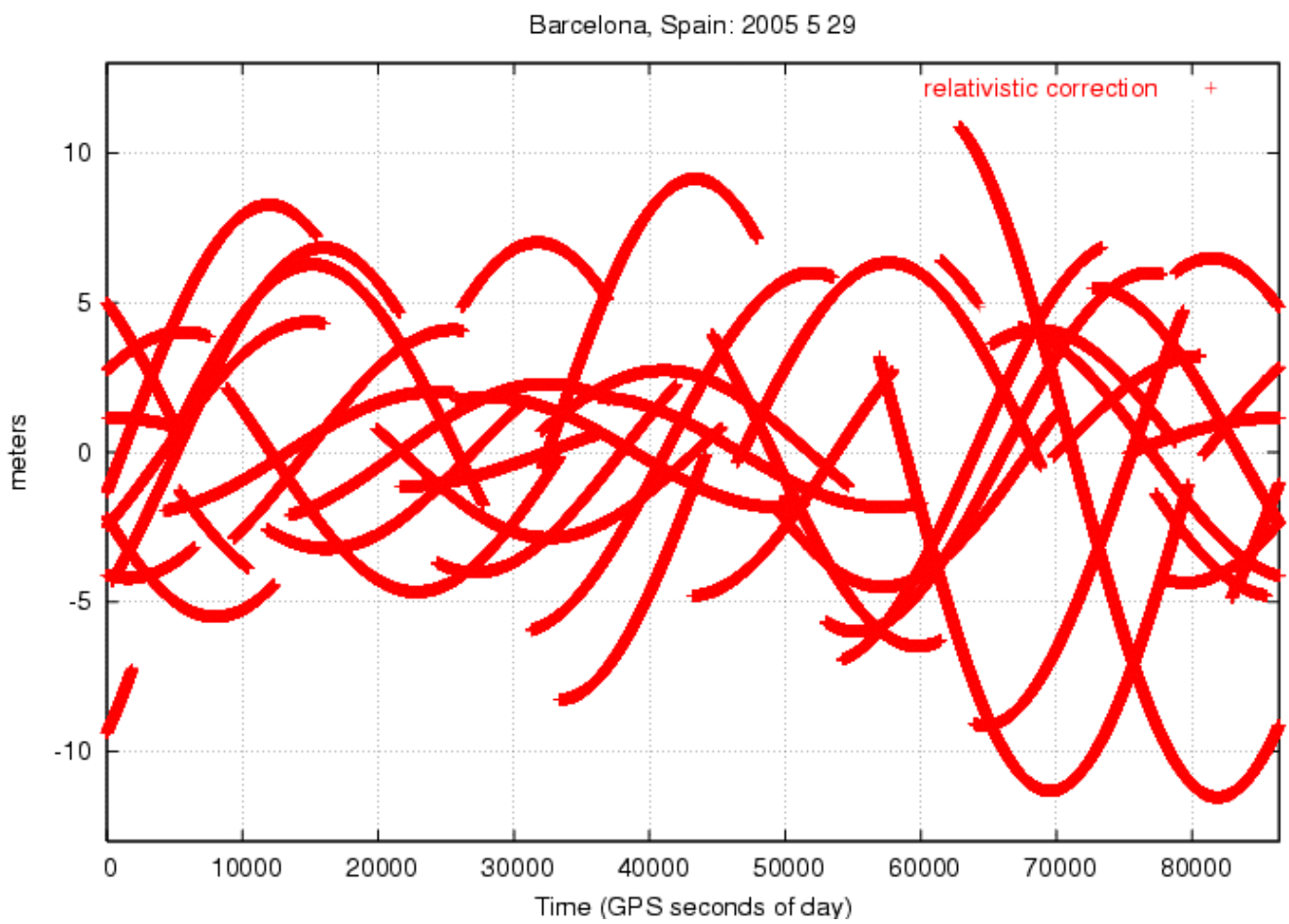
Being  $\mu = 3.986005 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ (m}^3/\text{s}^2\text{)}$  universal gravity constant,  $c = 299792458 \text{ (m/s)}$  light speed in vacuum,  $a$  is orbit's major semi-axis,  $e$  is its eccentricity,  $E$  is satellite's eccentric anomaly, and  $r$  and  $v$  are satellite's geocentric position and speed in an inertial system.

\*being  $f_0 = 10.23 \text{ MHz}$ , we have  $\Delta f = 4.464 \cdot 10^{-10} f_0 = 4.57 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Hz}$   
so satellite should use  $f'_0 = 10.22999999543 \text{ MHz}$ .

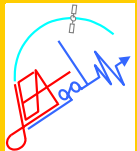
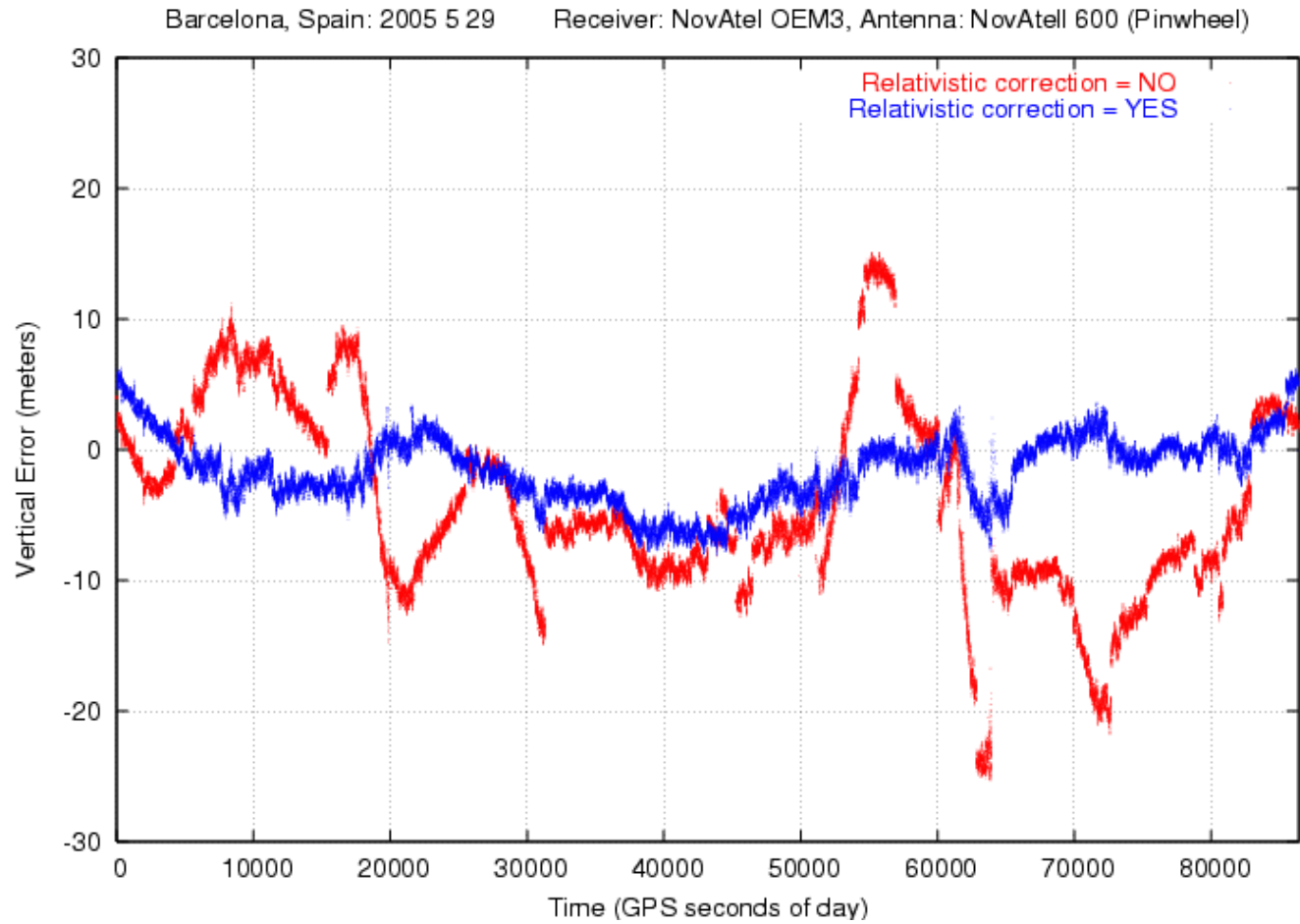




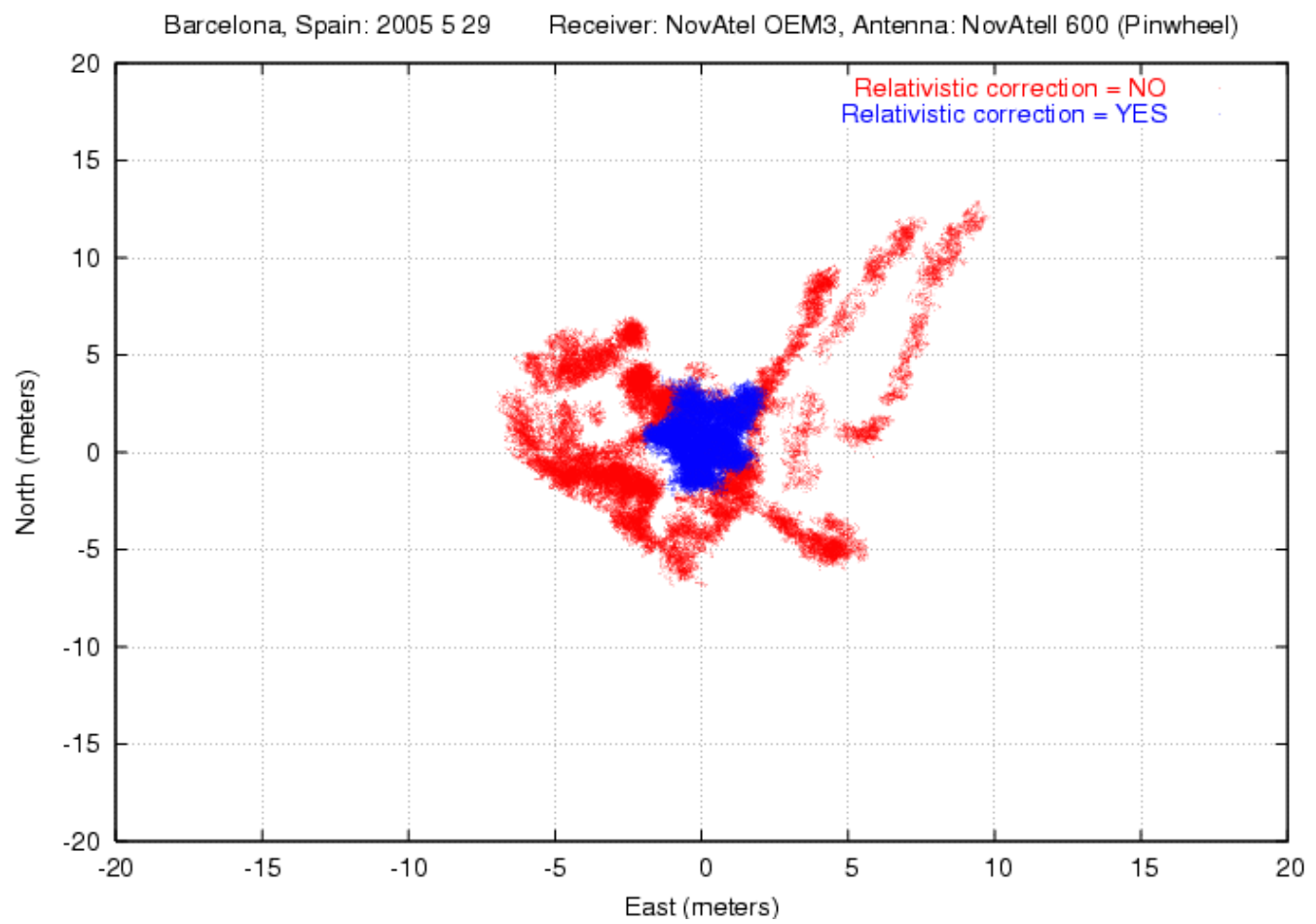
# Range variation: relativistic correction



# Vertical error comparison



# Horizontal error comparison



# Ionospheric Delay $\propto I_i^j$

As a first approach, ionospheric delay depends on frequency as given by:

$$\delta_{ion} = \frac{40.3}{f^2} I$$

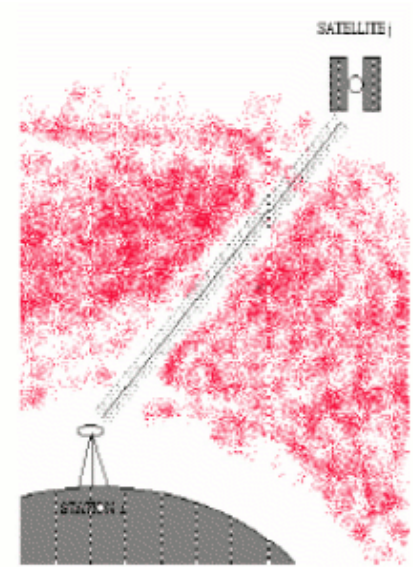
Where  $I$  is number of electrons per area unit in the direction of observation, or STEC (*Slant Total Electron Content*)

$$I = \int N_e ds$$

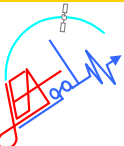
- For two-frequency receivers, it may be cancelled (99.9%) using ionosphere-free combination

$$LC = \frac{f_1^2 L1 - f_2^2 L2}{f_1^2 - f_2^2}$$

- For one-frequency receivers, it may be corrected (about 60%) using Klobuchar model (defined in GPS/SPS-SS), whose parameters are sent in navigation message. (See program klob.f)



$$C1_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} - Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_{1rec} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

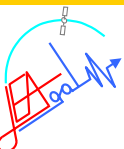
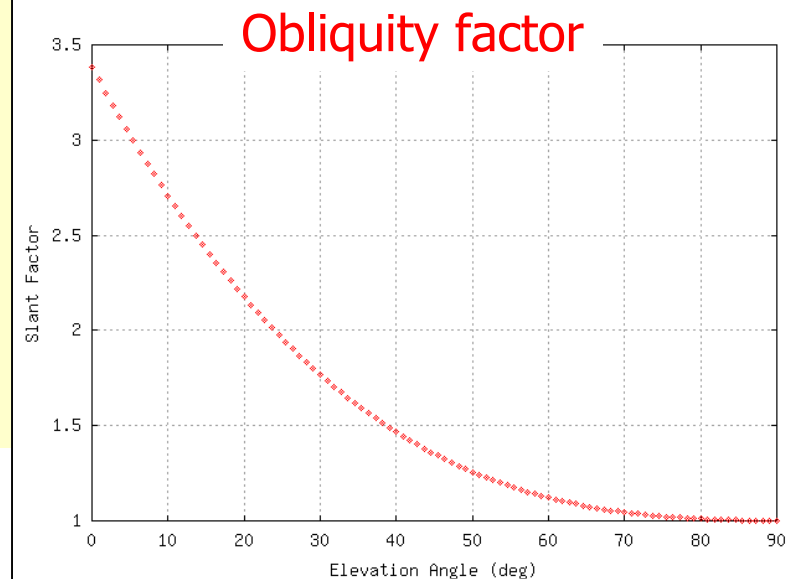
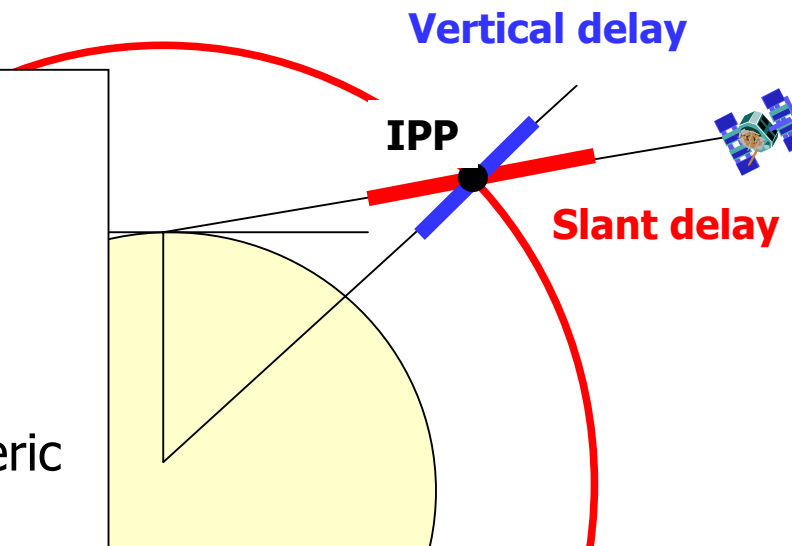


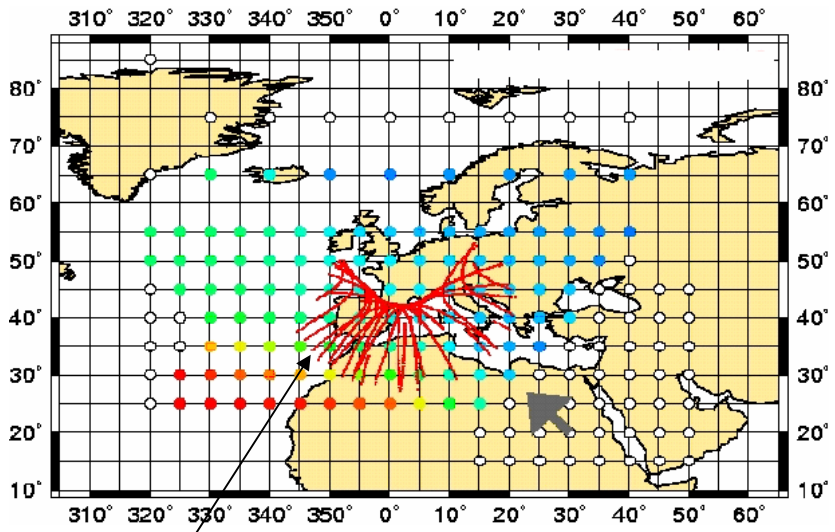
# Klobuchar model (klob.f)

It was designed to minimize user computational complexity.

- Minimum user computer storage
- Minimum number of coefficients transmitted on satellite-user link
- At least 50% overall RMS ionospheric error reduction worldwide.

- It is assumed that the electron content is concentrated in a thin layer at 350 Km in height.
- The **slant delay** is computed from the **vertical delay** at the ionospheric Pierce Point (IPP), multiplying by the **obliquity factor**.

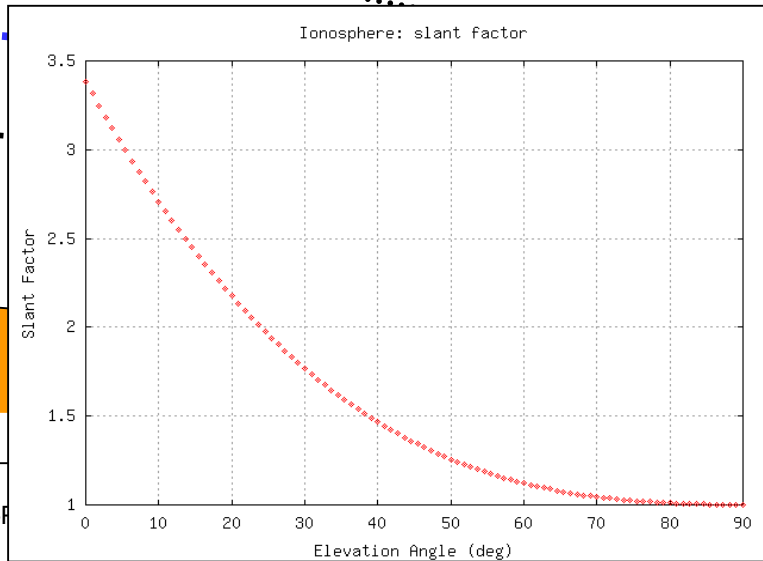
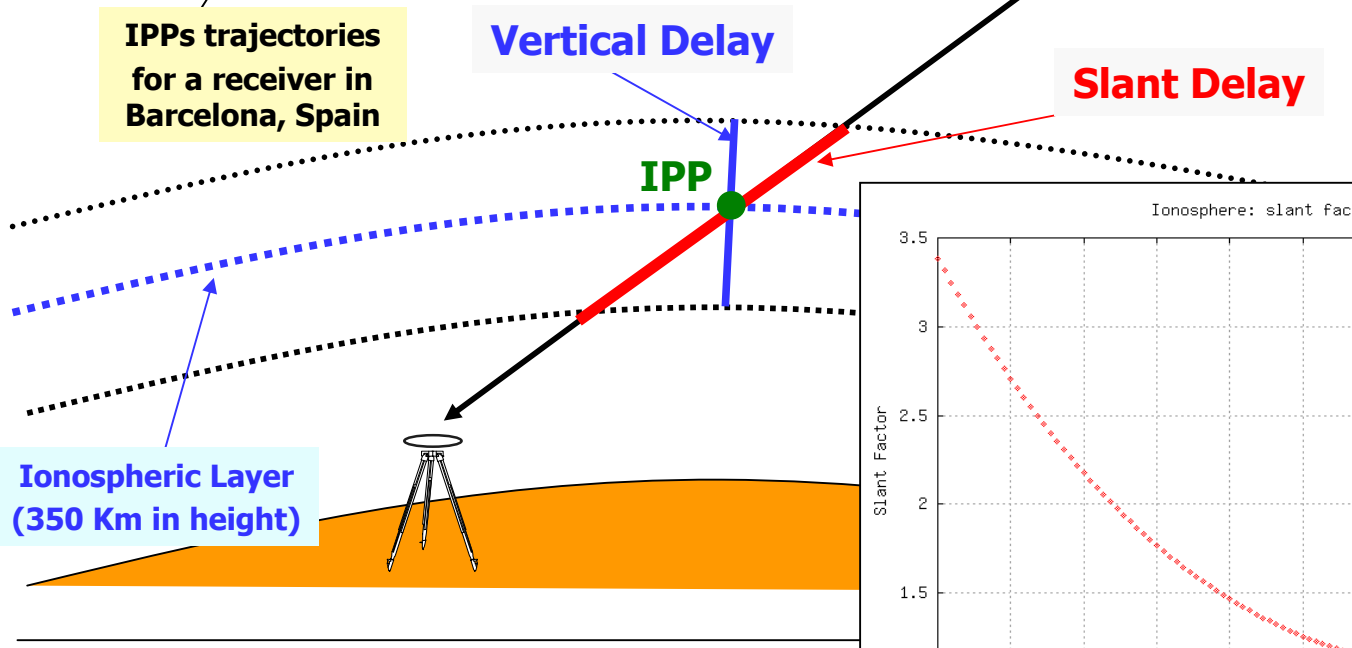




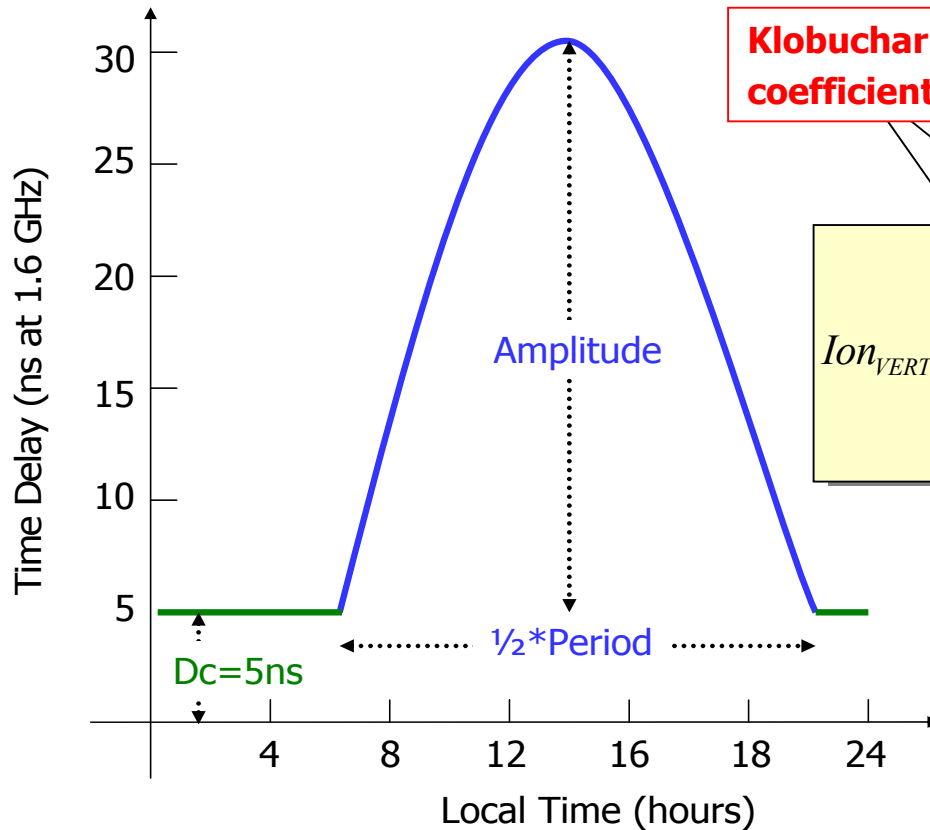
**IPPs trajectories  
for a receiver in  
Barcelona, Spain**

**Vertical Delay**

# IONOSPHERIC PIERCE POINTS (IPP)



# Klobuchar model



**Klobuchar coefficients**

$$Ion_{VERT} = \begin{cases} DC + A \cos \left[ \frac{2\pi(t - \Phi)}{P} \right] & (day) \\ DC & ; \text{ if } \left[ \frac{2\pi(t - \Phi)}{P} \right] > \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (night) \end{cases}$$

Being:

$$A = \sum_{n=0}^3 \alpha_n \varphi^n ; \quad P = \sum_{n=0}^3 \beta_n \varphi^n$$

$\varphi$  = Geomagnetic Latitude

Where:

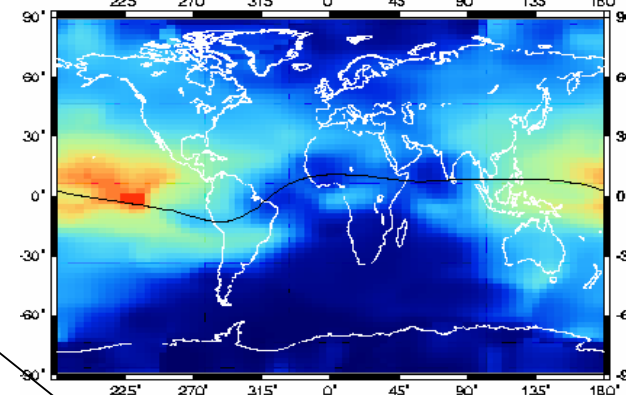
DC= 5ns

$\Phi$  = 14 (ctt. phase offset)

**t = Local Time**

$$Ion_{SLANT} = Ion_{VERT} m(elev)$$

$$m(elev) = 1 + 16(0.53 - elev / \pi)^3$$





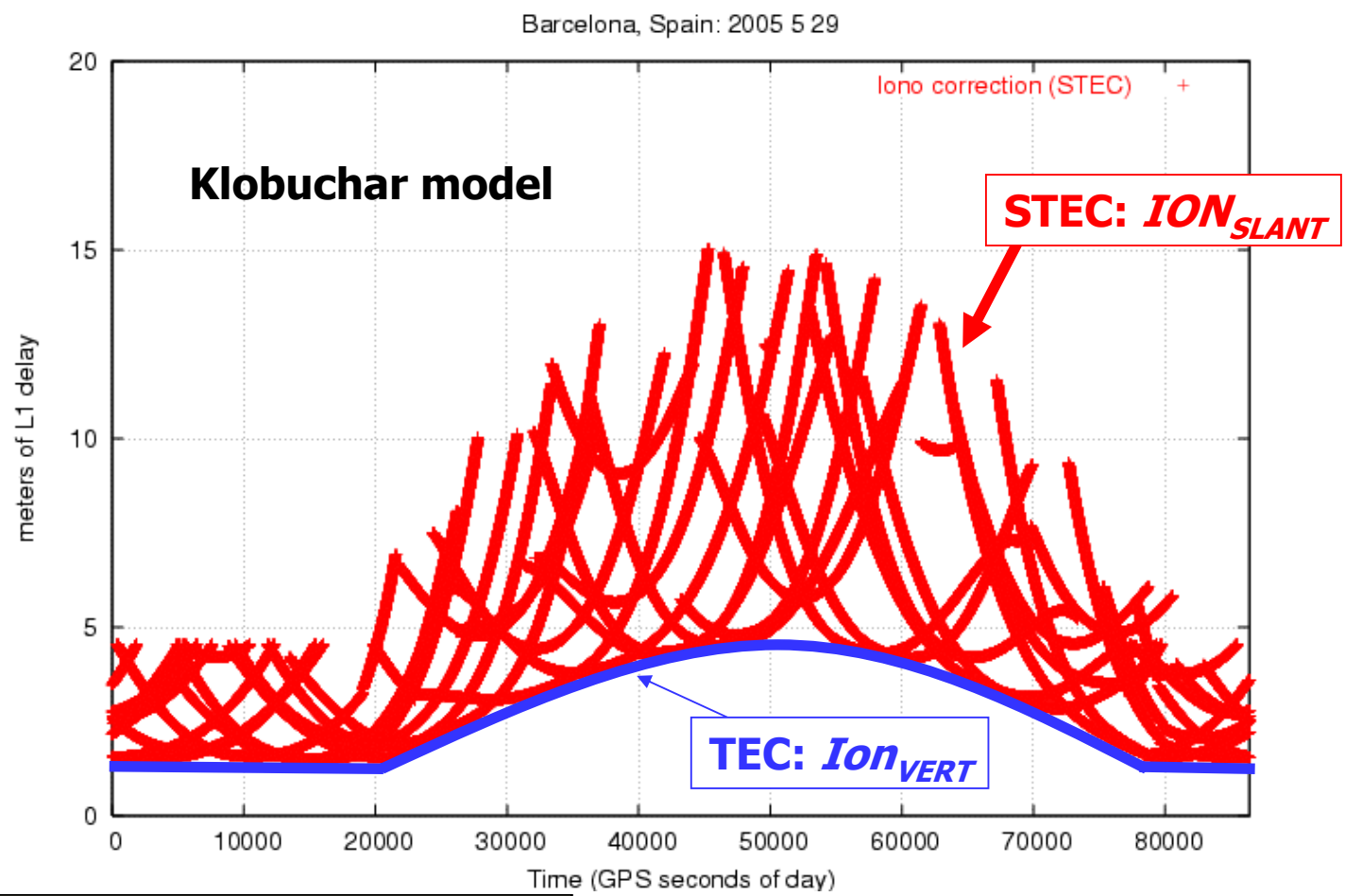
**(time,  $r_{sta}$ ,  $r^{sat}$ ,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ )  $\rightarrow$  [Klob]  $\rightarrow$  Iono**

$elev, \phi$

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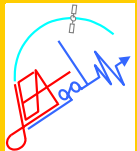
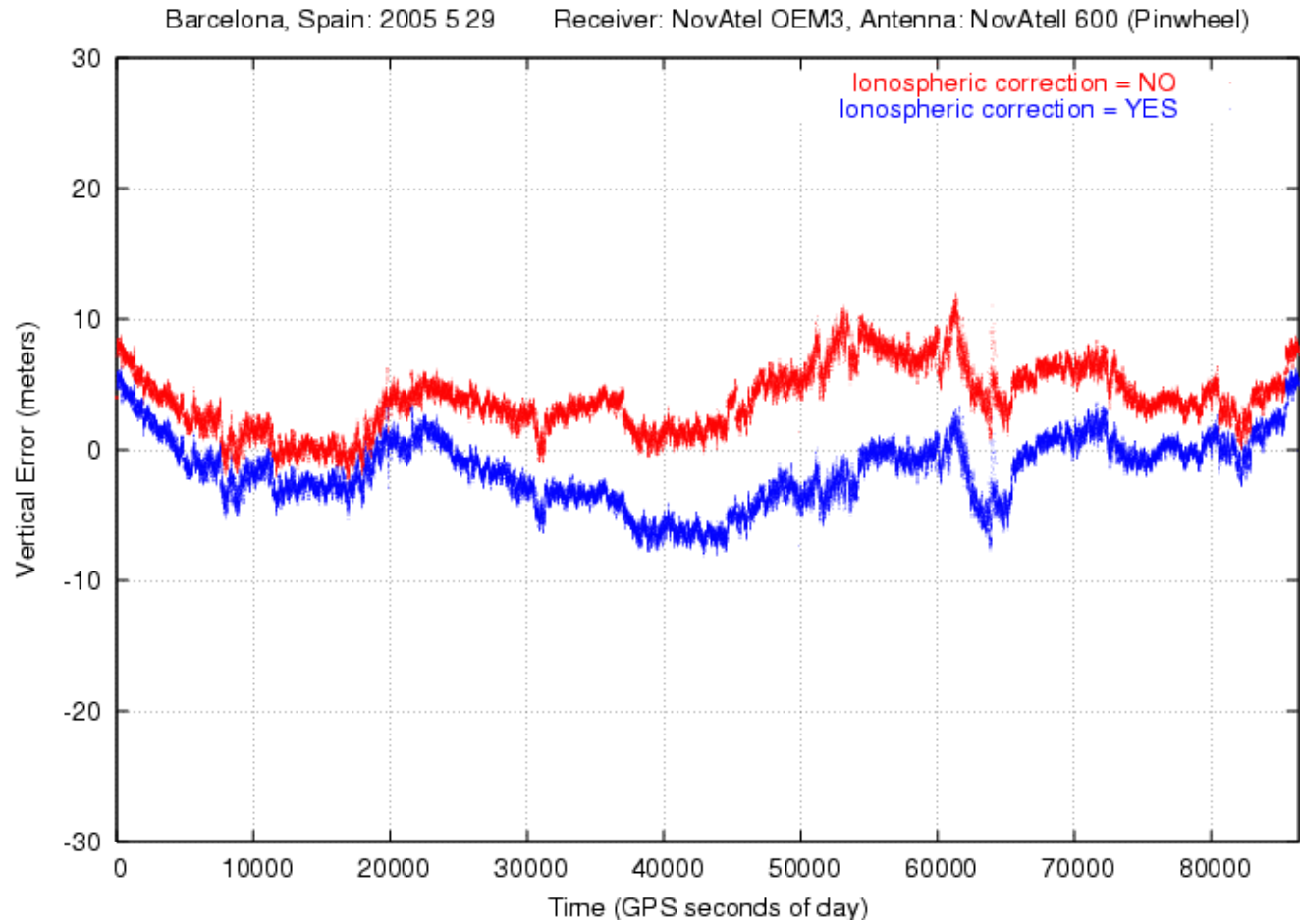
# Range variation: Ionospheric correction



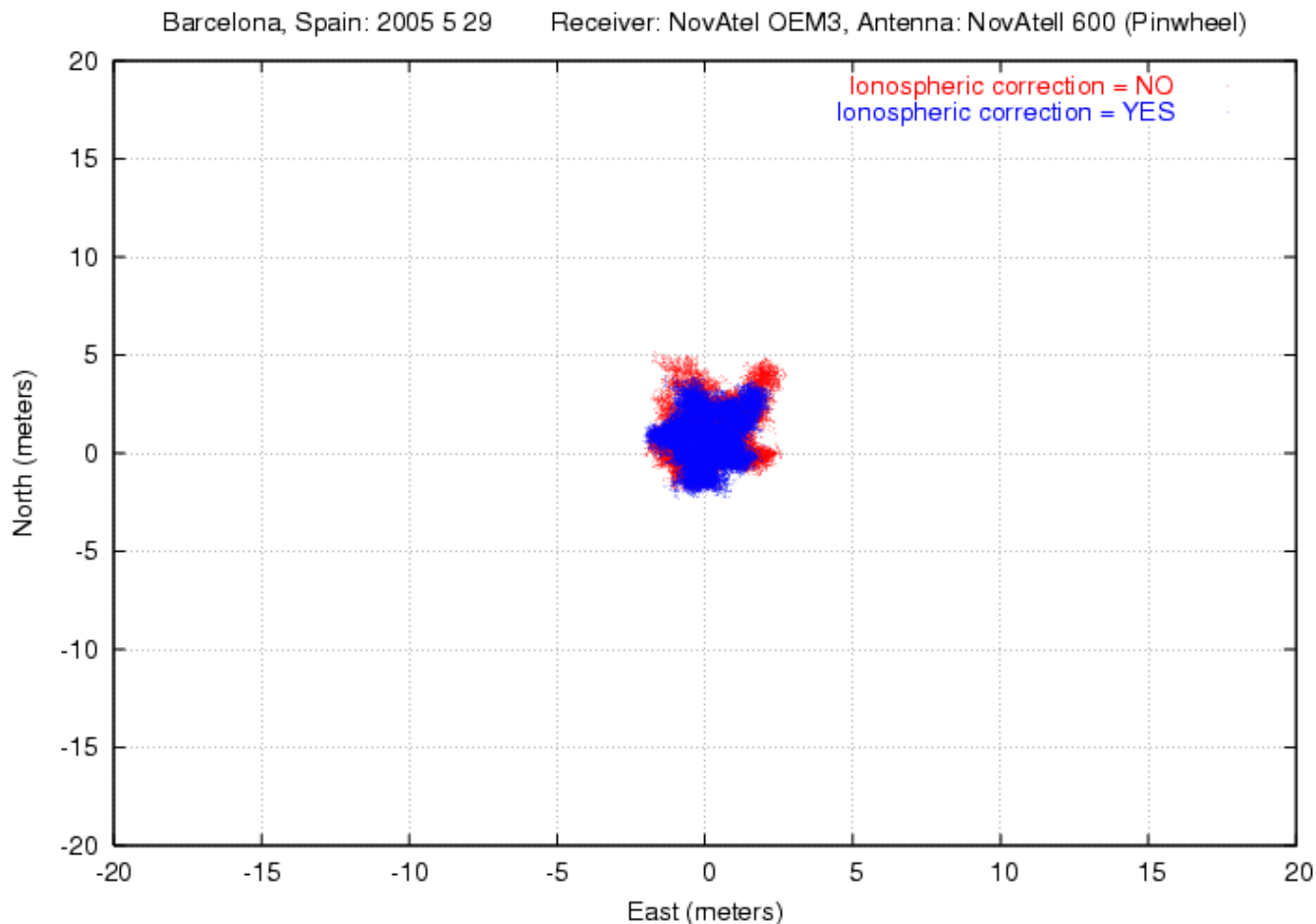
$$Ion_{SLANT} = Ion_{VERT} m(elev)$$

$$m(elev) = 1 + 16(0.53 - elev/\pi)^3$$

# Vertical error comparison



# Horizontal error comparison



# Tropospheric Delay

end on frequency and affects both the code  
as in the same way  
led (about 90%) by:

$$Trop_{rec}^{sat} = (d_{dry} + d_{wet}) \cdot m(elev)$$

$$m(elev) = \frac{1.001}{\sqrt{0.002001 + \sin^2(elev)}}$$

Elevation Angle (deg)

- **$d_{dry}$**  corresponds to the vertical delay of the dry atmosphere (basically oxygen and nitrogen in hydrostatical equilibrium) → It can be modeled as an **ideal gas**.
- **$d_{wet}$**  corresponds to the vertical delay of the wet component (water vapor) → **difficult to model**.

A simple model is:

$$d_{dry} = 2.3 \exp(-0.116 \cdot 10^{-3} H) \quad \text{meters}$$

$$d_{wet} = 0.1m \quad ; [H : \text{height}] \text{ over the sea level}$$

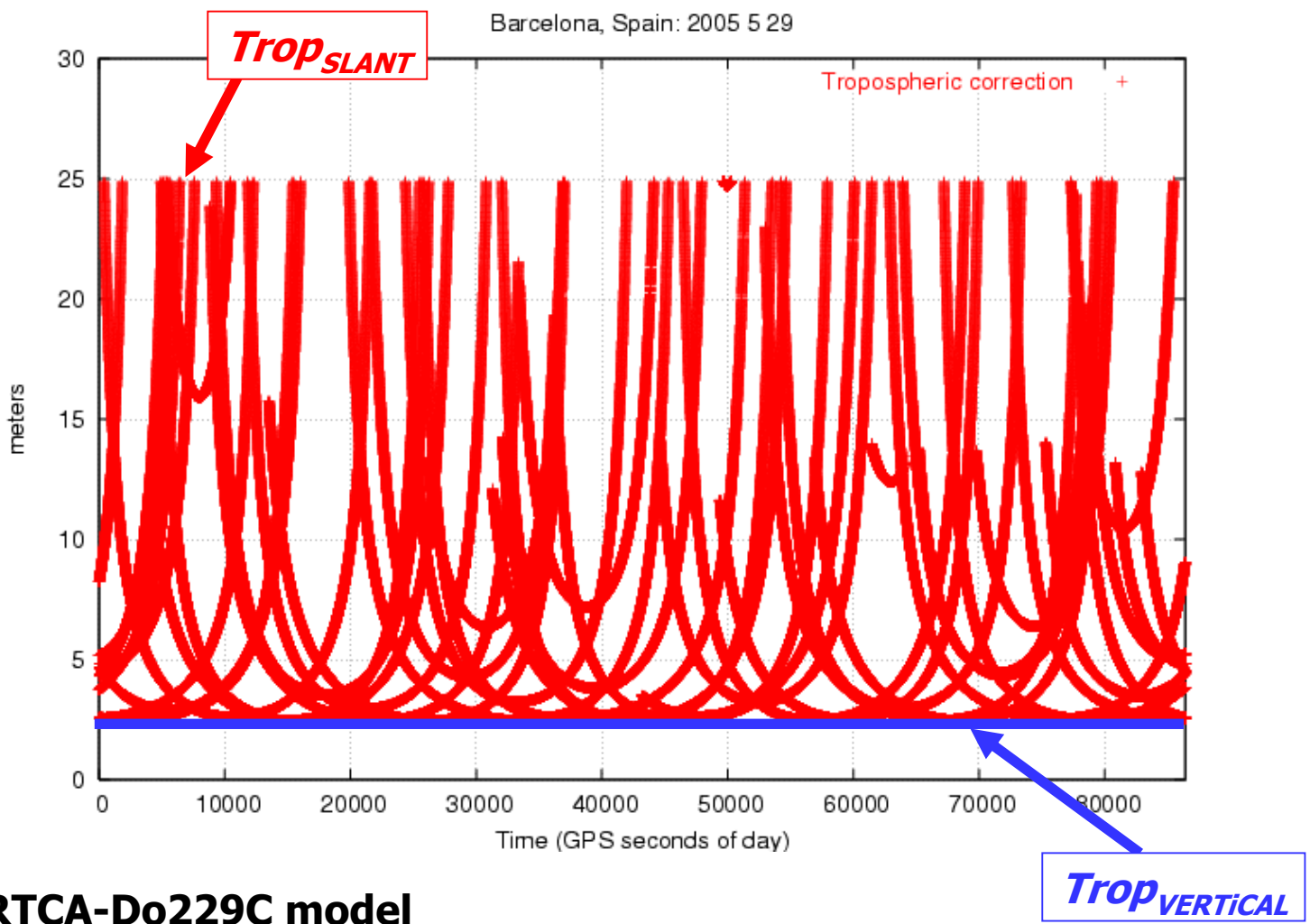
A more accurate model for  $d_{dry}$  and  $d_{wet}$  is provided for SBAS receivers in RTCA-Do229C. This model depends on the latitude and the day-of-year, being interpolated over a table of several meteorological parameters.

More sophisticated models uses two different mappings (for wet and dry)

$$Cl_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_{1rec} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

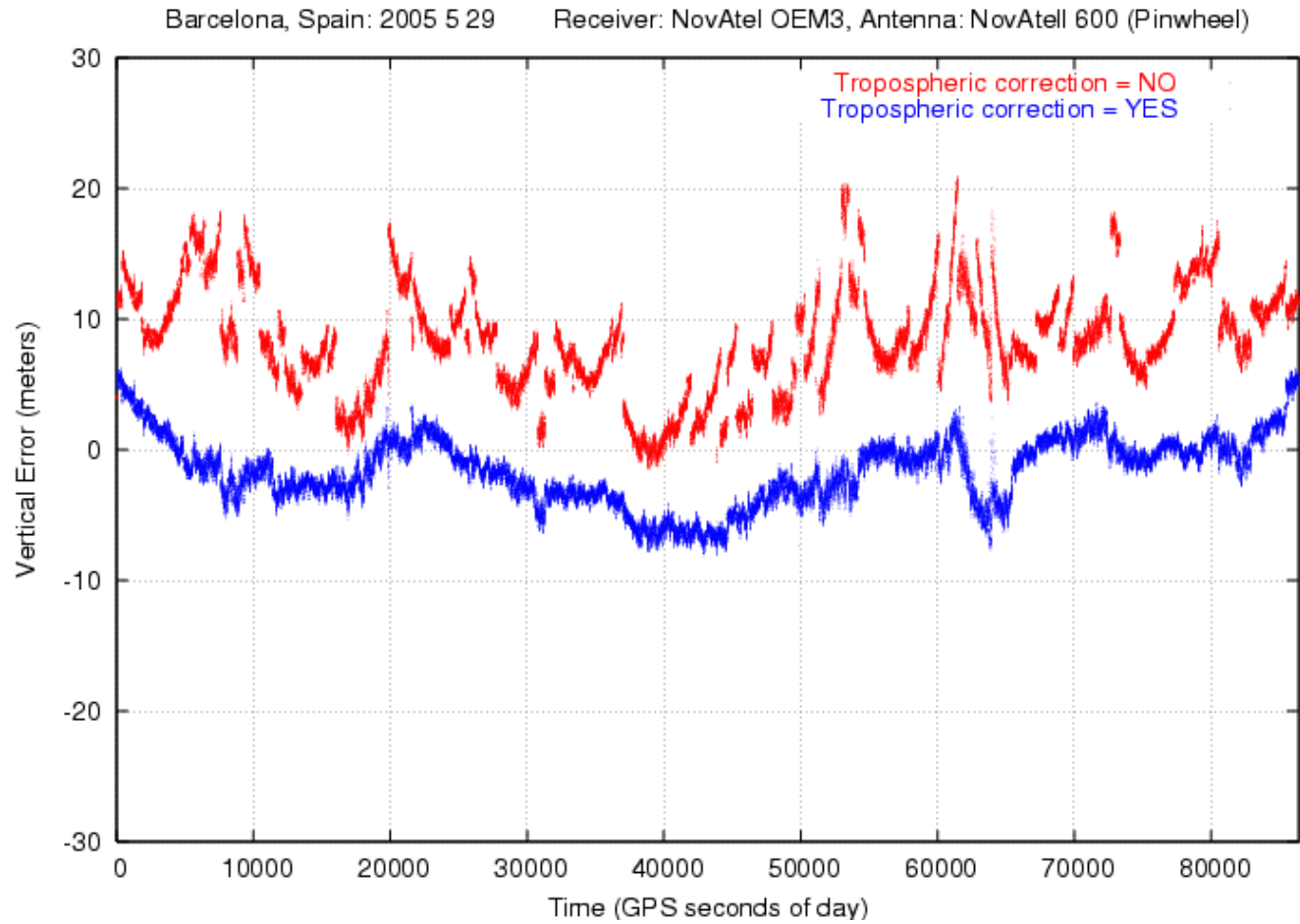


# Range variation: Tropospheric correction

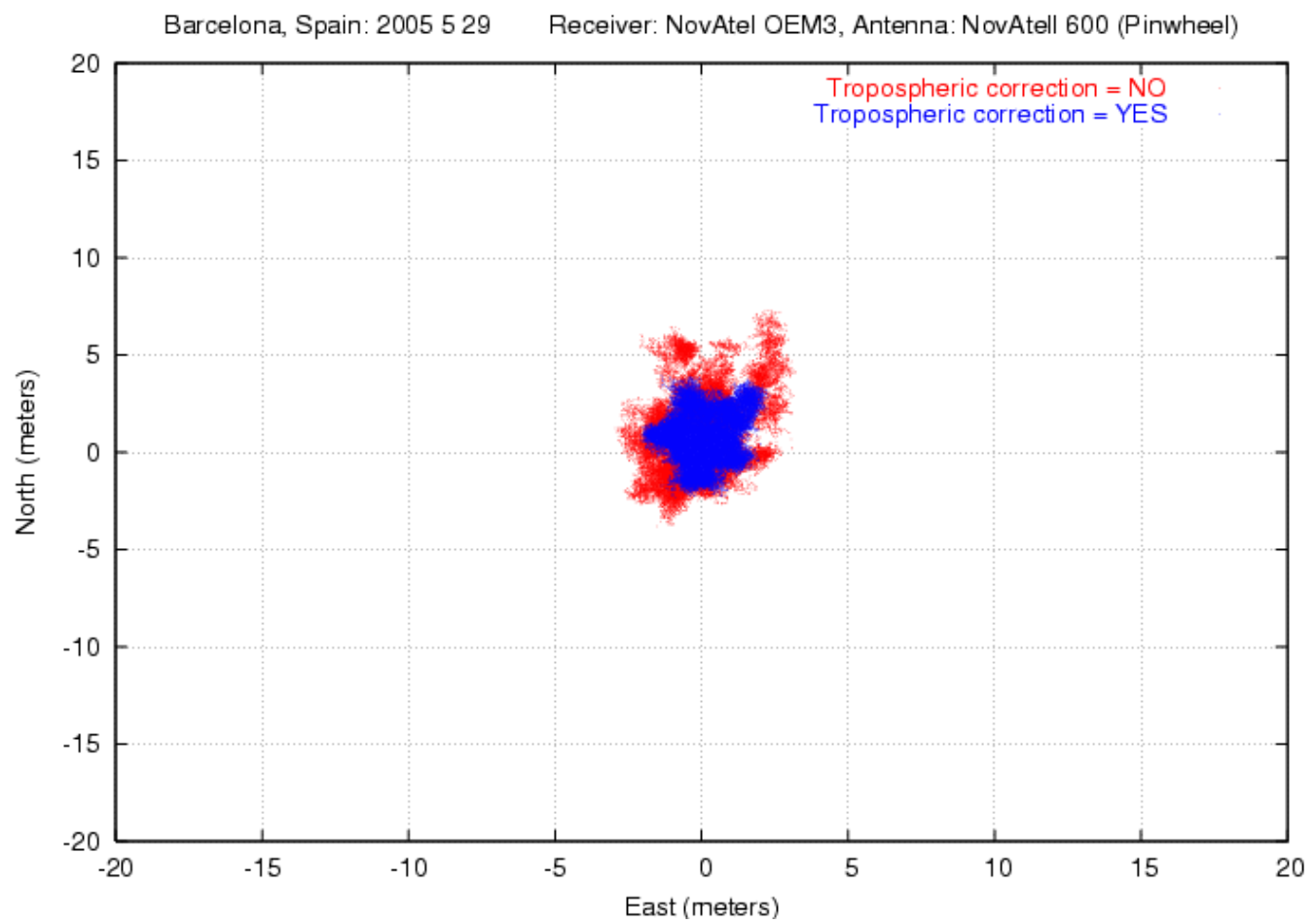


**RTCA-Do229C model**

# Vertical error comparison



# Horizontal error comparison



## Instrumental Delays

Some sources for these delays are antennas, cables, as well as several filters used in both satellites and receivers.

They are composed by a delay corresponding to satellite and other to receiver, depending on frequency:

$$K1_{rec}^{sat} = K1_{rec} - TGD^{sat}$$

$$K2_{rec}^{sat} = K2_{rec} - \frac{f_1^2}{f_2^2} TGD^{sat}$$

- $K1_{rec}$  may be assumed as zero (including it in receiver clock offset).
- $TGD^{sat}$  is transmitted in satellite's navigation message (*Total Group Delay*)

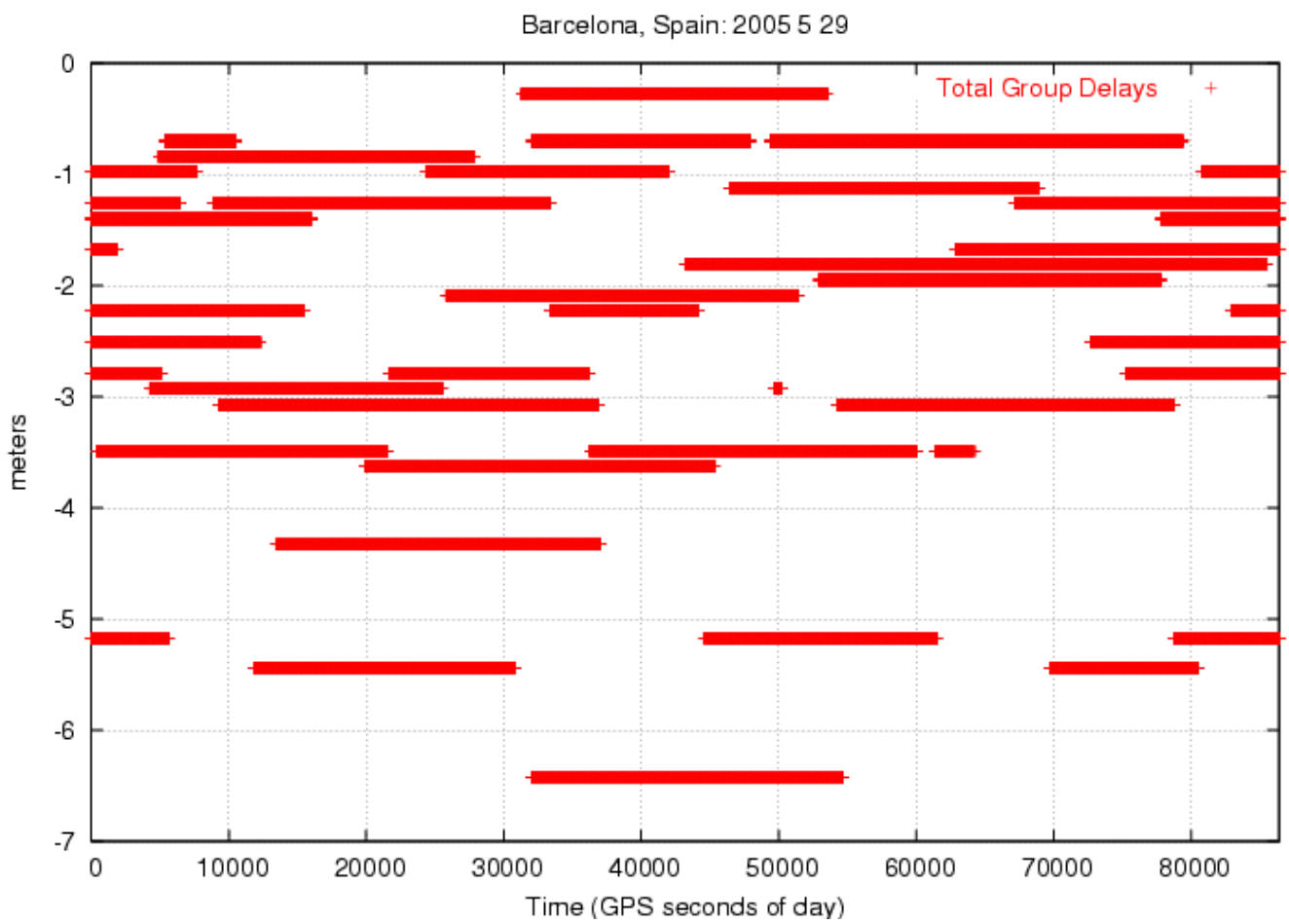
According to ICD GPS-2000, control segment monitors satellite timing, so TGD cancels out when using free-ionosphere combination. That is why we have that particular equation for K2

**TGD**  
↓

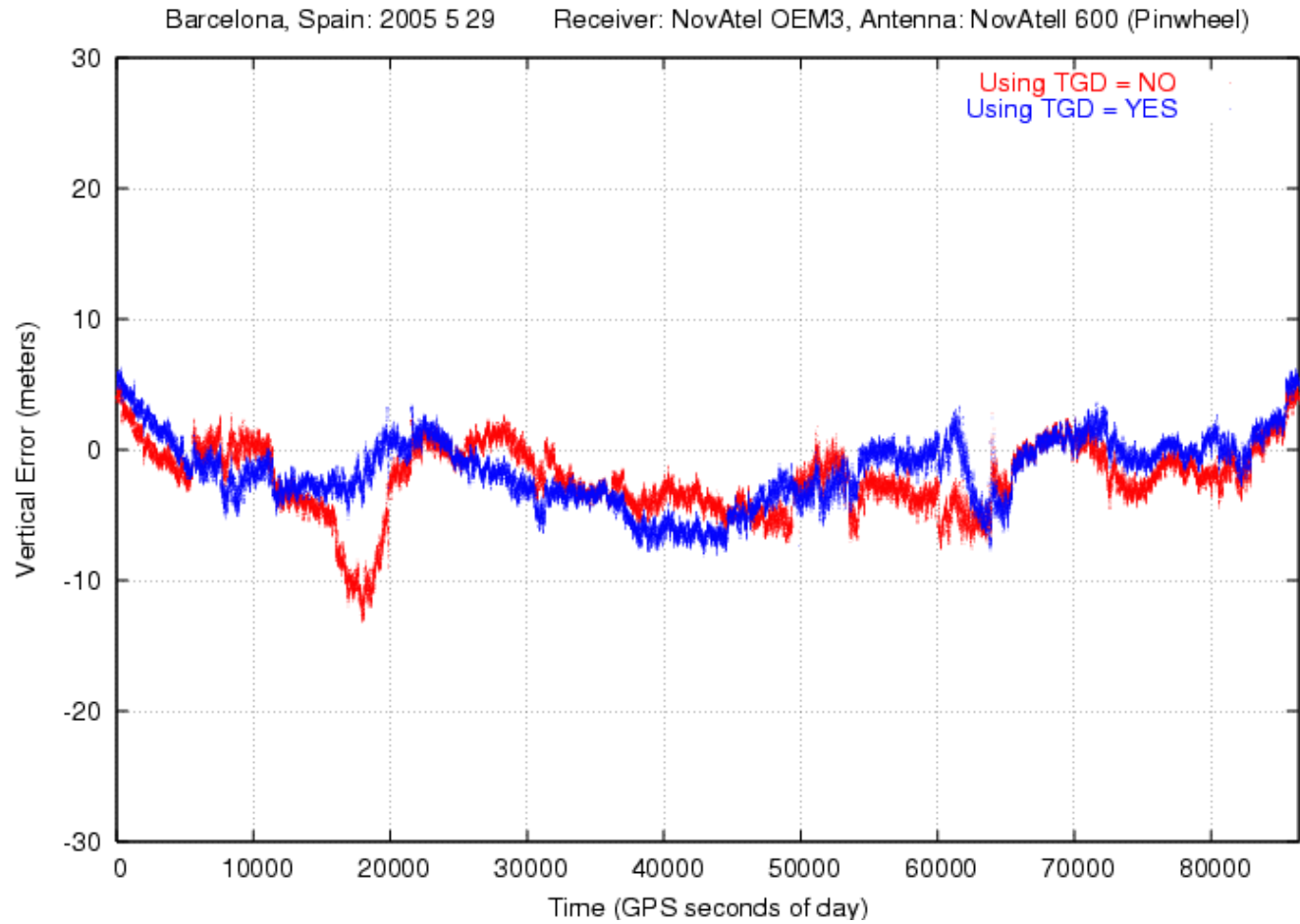
$$C1_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K1_{rec} + K1_{rec}^{sat} + \varepsilon$$



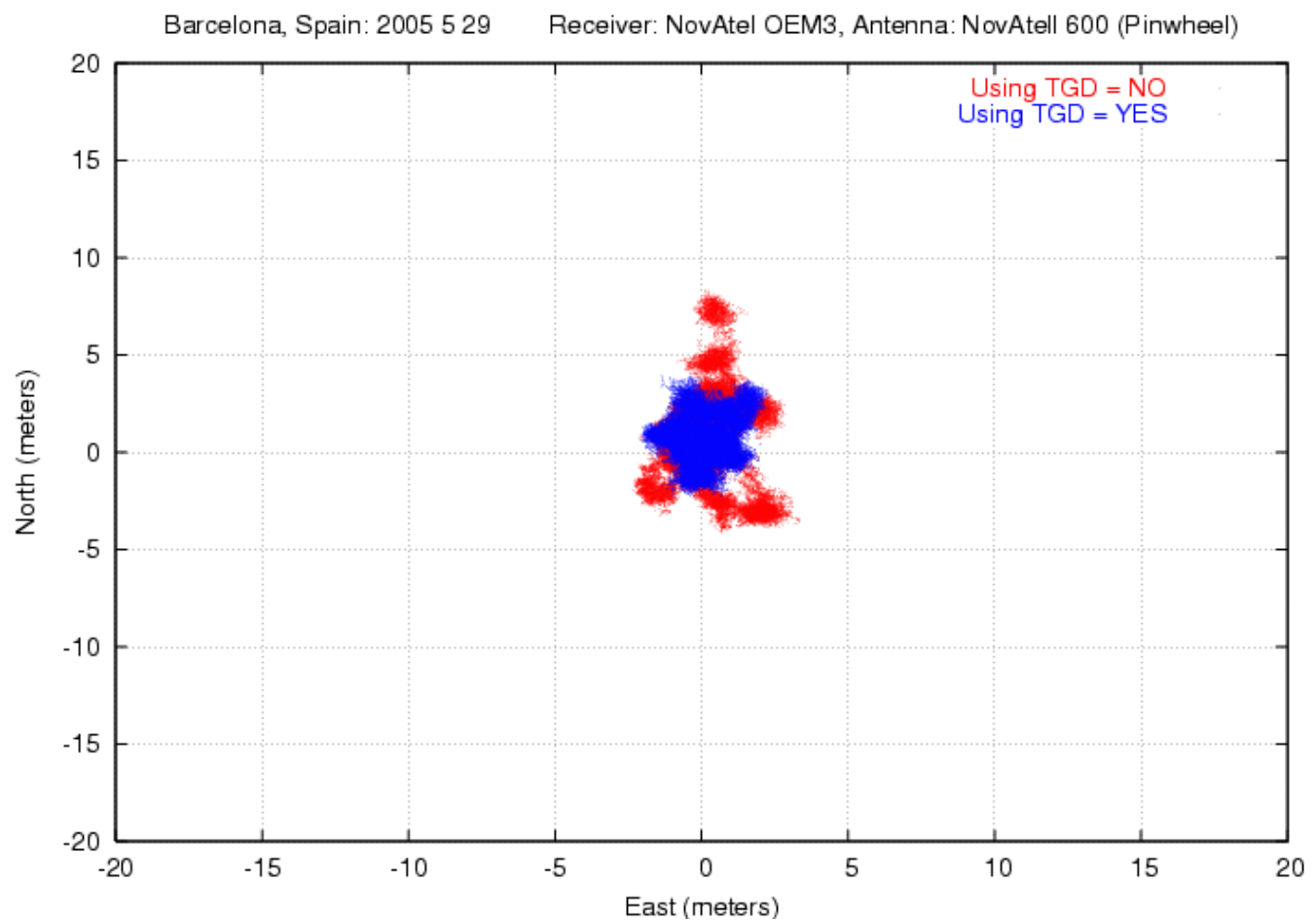
# Range variation: Instrumental delays (TGD)



# Vertical error comparison



# Horizontal error comparison



# Measurement noise (thermal noise)

## Antispoofing (A/S):

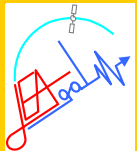
The code P is encrypted to Y.  
→ Only the code C at frequency L1 is available.

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Wavelength (chip-length)	$\sigma$ noise (1% of $\lambda$ ) [*]	Main characteristics
Code measurements		
300 m	3 m	<u>Unambiguous</u> but noisier
30 m	30 cm	
30 m	30 cm	
Phase measurements		
19.05 cm	2 mm	<u>Precise</u> but ambiguous
24.45 cm	2 mm	

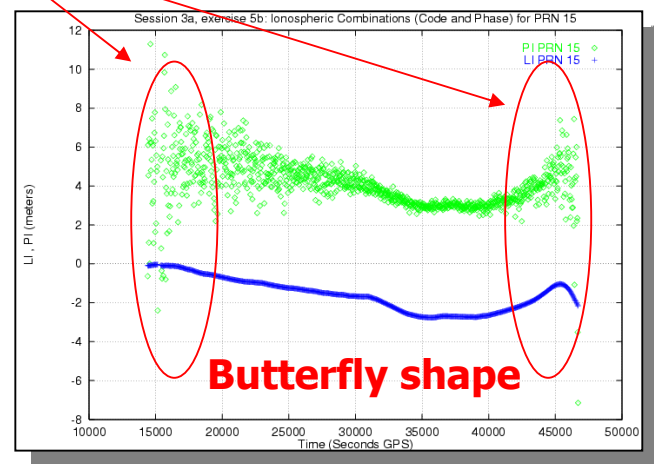
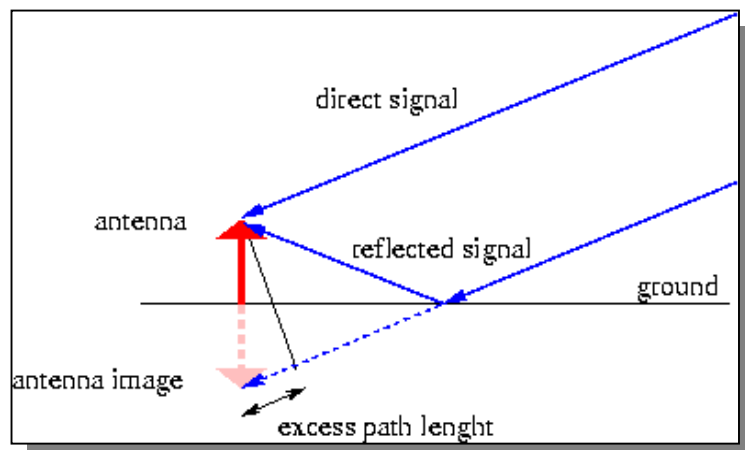
[\*] codes may be smoothed with the phases in order to reduce noise  
(i.e., C1 smoothed with L1 → 50 cm noise)

$$C1_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{rec}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{rec} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_{1rec} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$



# Multipath

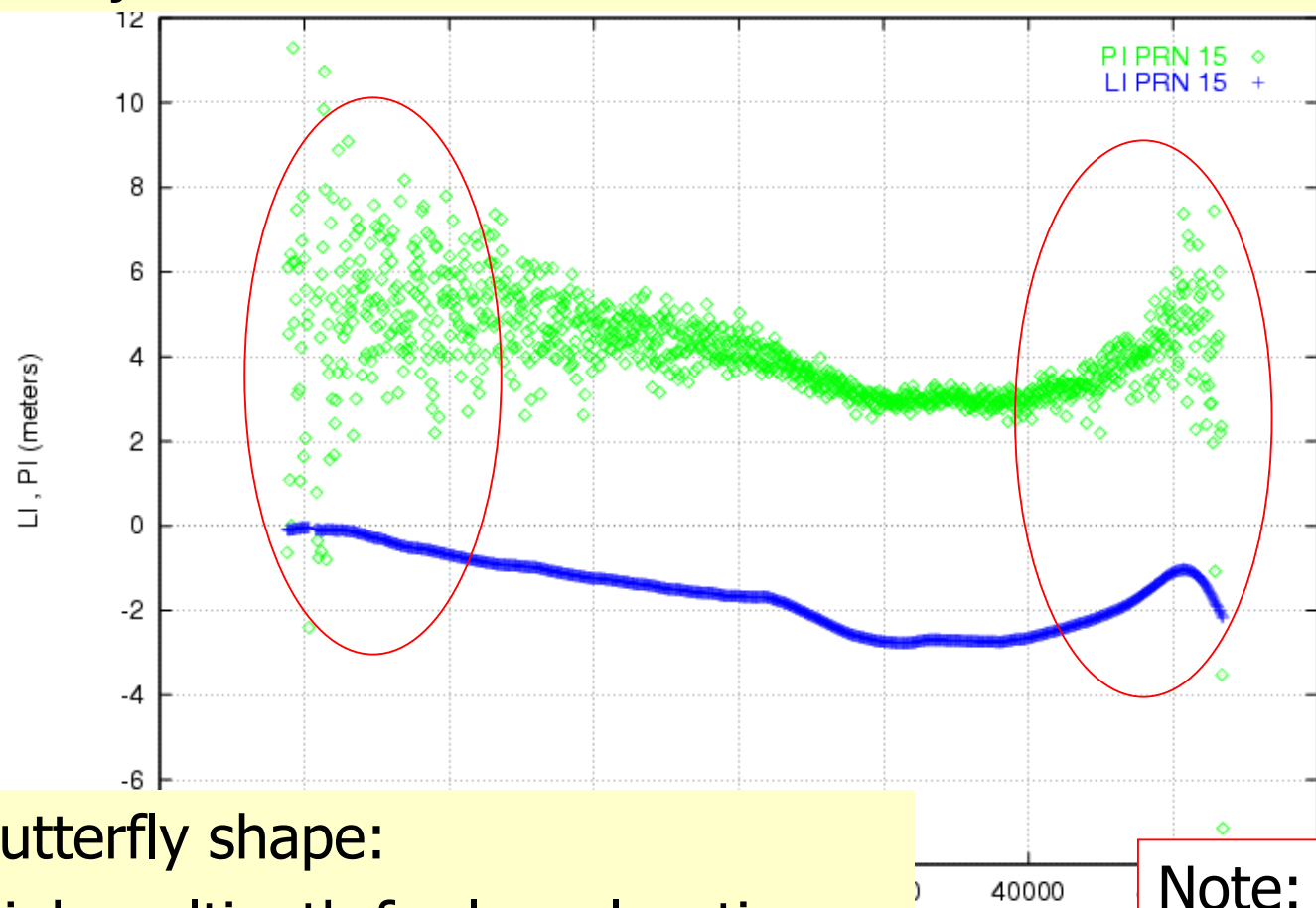
- **One or more reflected signals reach the antenna in addition to the direct signal.** Reflective objects can be earth surface (ground and water), buildings, trees, hills, etc.
- **It affects both code and carrier phase measurements, and it is more important at low elevation angles.**



- **Code:** up to 1.5 chip-length → up to 450m for C1 [theoretically]  
**Typically: less than 2-3 m.**
- **Phase:** up to  $\lambda/4$  → up to 5 cm for L1 and L2 [theoretically]  
**Typically: less than 1 cm**

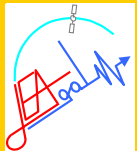
## Exercise 7:

Plot code and phase ionospheric combination for satellite PRN 15 of file 97jan09coco\_\_\_\_r0.rnx and discuss the results.



Butterfly shape:  
High multipath for low elevation  
rays (when satellite rises and sets)

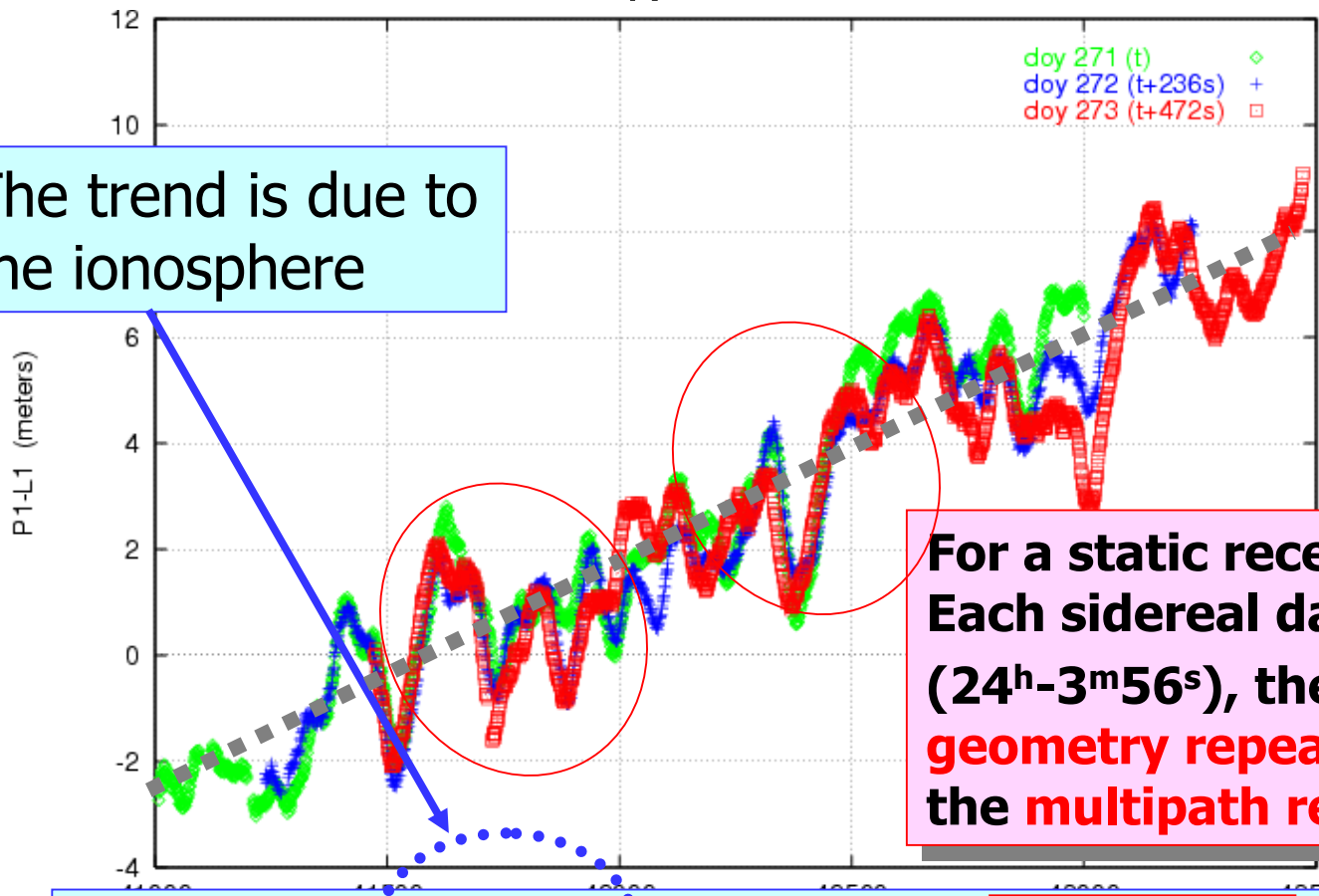
Note: A/S=on





## Exercise 8:

Files gage2710.98.a, 2720.98.b and gage2730.98.a contain 1-second measurements collected by a static receiver in three consecutive days. Plot the combination P1-L1 and identify the multipath (note: shift the plots  $3^m56^s = 236$  sec each day)

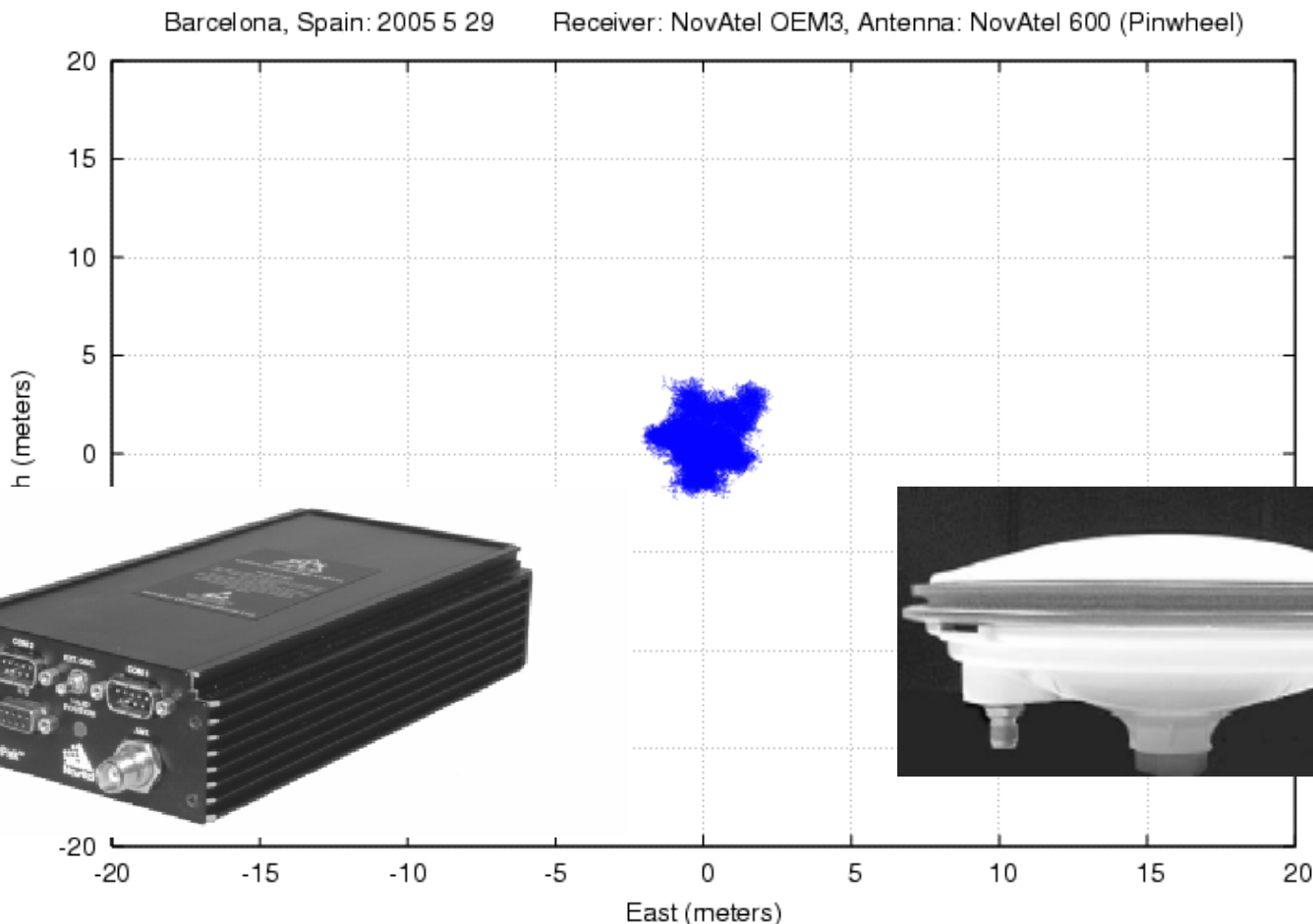


The trend is due to the ionosphere

For a static receiver:  
Each sidereal day is  $(24^h - 3^m56^s)$ , the geometry repeats → the multipath repeats

$$L_{1sta}^{sat} - P_{1sta}^{sat} = -2Ion_{1sta}^{sat} + ctt + ambig + [Multipath + noise]$$

# Receiver and multipath noise

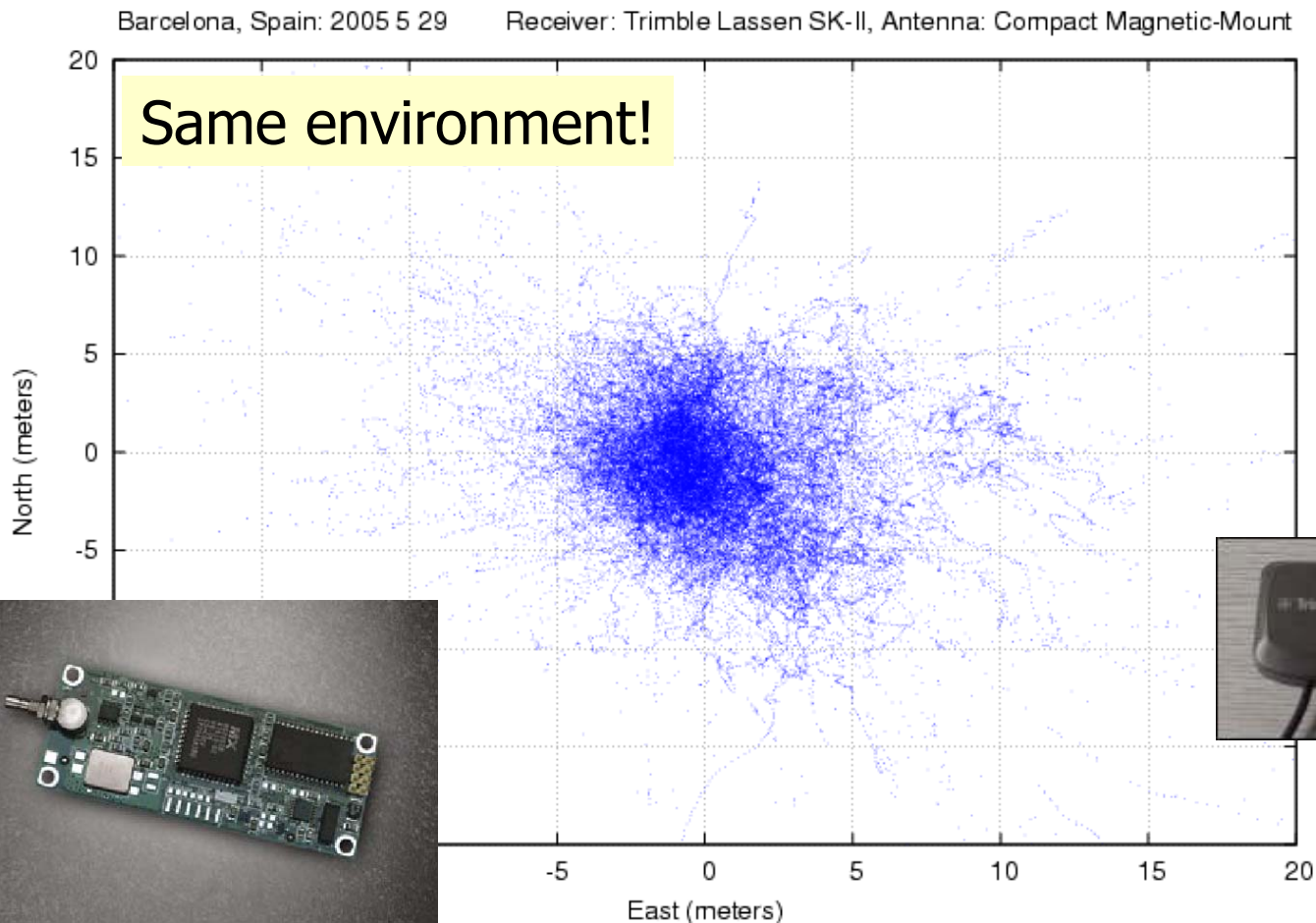


GPS standalone (C1 code)

**12,000 \$**



# Receiver and multipath noise



GPS standalone (C1 code)

**300 \$**

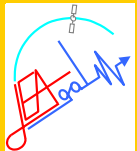


## Exercise 9: Computation of modeled pseudorange

Using data of files 13oct98.rnx and 13oct98.eph, compute "by hand" the modeled pseudorange for satellite PRN 14 at t=38230 sec (10h37m10s).

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{rec}^{sat} = \rho_{0,rec}^{sat} - cdt^{sat} + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{rec}^{sat} + K_1^{sat}$$

Follow these steps:





1. Select orbital elements closer to 38230
2. Compute satellite clock offset
3. Compute satellite-receiver aprox. geometric range
  - 3.1 *Compute emission time from receiver (reception) time-tags and code pseudorange.*
  - 3.2 *Compute satellite coordinates at emission time*
  - 3.3 *Compute approximate geometric range.*
4. Compute satellite Instrumental delay (TGD):
5. Compute relativistic correction
6. Compute tropospheric delay
7. Compute ionospheric delay
8. Compute modeled pseudorange from previous values:

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = \rho_{0,\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} - cdt^{\text{sat}} + rel_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + Trop_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + Ion_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + K_1^{\text{sat}}$$



**1. Selection of orbital elements:** From file 13oct98.eph, select the **last transmitted** navigation message block **before instant**  $t=38230$  s (10h37m10s).

**Transmission time:**  
**979 208818 → 10h 0m 18s**

**PRN**

<b>14</b>	98 10 13 12 0 0	+5.65452501178E-06	+9.09494701773E-13	+0.000000000000E+00
	+1.280000000000E+02	-6.100000000000E+01	+4.38125402624E-09	+8.198042513605E-01
	-3.31364572048E-06	+1.09227513894E-03	+5.67547976971E-06	+5.153795101166E+03
	+2.160000000000E+05	-6.33299350738E-08	52E+00	-3.725290298462E-09
	+9.73658001335E-01	+2.74031250000E+02	83E+00	-8.081050495434E-09
	<b>GPS sec of week</b>	+1.000000000000E+00	<b>+9.790000000000E+02</b>	+0.000000000000E+00
	+2.088180000000E+05	+0.000000000000E+00	-2.32830643654E-09	+1.280000000000E+02
		+0.000000000000E+00	+0.000000000000E+00	+0.000000000000E+00

**GPS week**

## 2. Satellite clock offset computation: From file 13oct98.eph, compute satellite clock offset at time $t=3830$ s for PRN14:

PRN

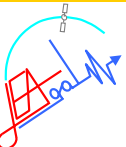
	$t_0$	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$
14	98 10 13 12 0 0	+5.65452501178E-06	+9.09494701773E-13	+0.000000000000E+00
	+1.28000000000E+02	-6.10000000000E+01	+4.38125402624E-09	+8.198042513605E-01
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	+2.16000000000E+05	-6.33299350738E-08	+1.00409621952E+00	-3.725290298462E-09
	+9.73658001335E-01	+2.74031250000E+02	+2.66122811383E+00	-8.081050495434E-09
	-1.45720352451E-10	+1.00000000000E+00	+9.79000000000E+02	+0.000000000000E+00
	+3.20000000000E+01	+0.00000000000E+00	-2.32830643654E-09	+1.280000000000E+02
	+2.08818000000E+05	+0.00000000000E+00	+0.00000000000E+00	+0.000000000000E+00

$t = 38230$  sec

$t_0 = 12h\ 0m\ 0s = 43200$  s

$$dt^{sat} = a_0 + a_1(t - t_0) + a_2(t - t_0)^2 = 5.65 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{0,rec}^{sat} - cdt^{sat} + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_1$$



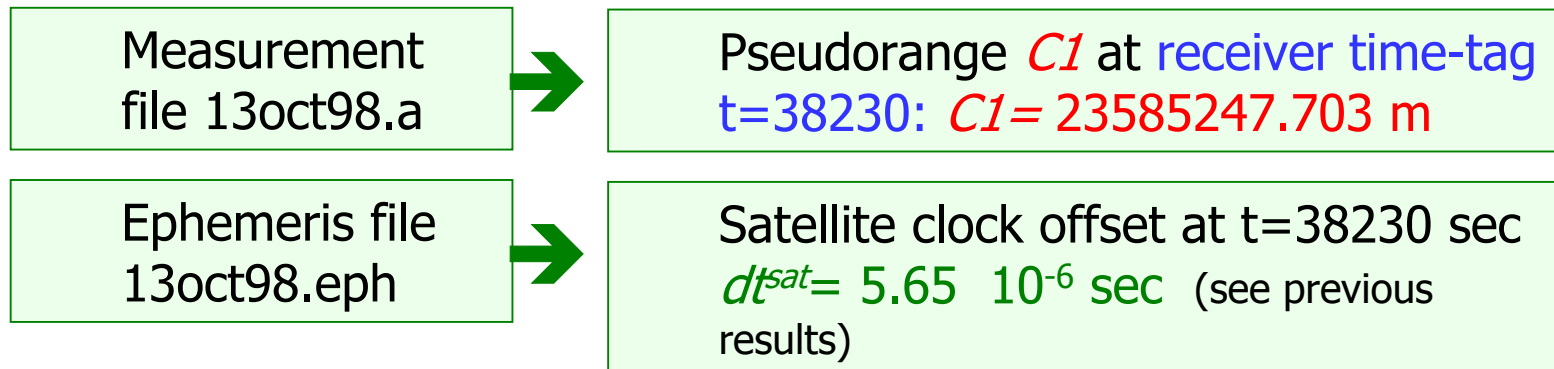


### 3. Satellite-receiver geometric range computation:

Use the following values (4789031, 176612, 4195008) as approximate coordinates.

*3.1: Emission time computation from receiver time-tag and code pseudorange:*

$$T[ems] = t_{rec}(T_R) - (C1/c + dt^{sat})$$

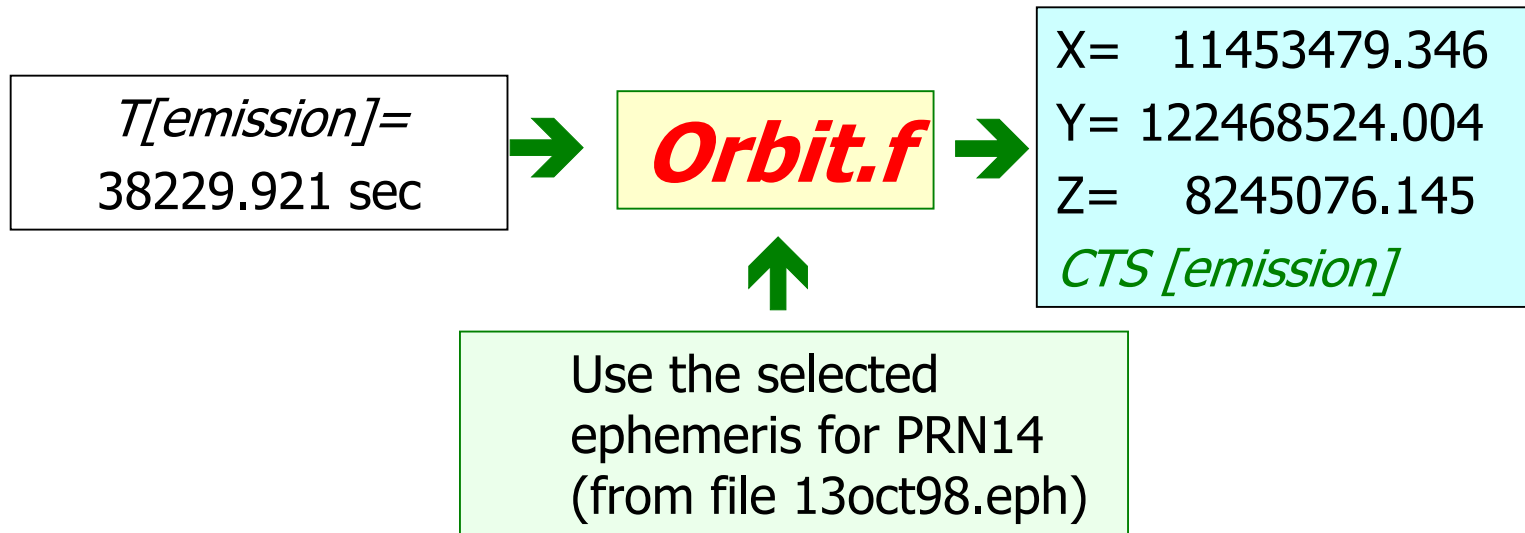


Thence, the emission time in GPS satellite clock is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T[ems] &= 38230 - (23585247.703/c + 5.65 \cdot 10^{-6}) = \\
 &= 38229.9213224 \quad (\text{where } c=299792458)
 \end{aligned}$$



### 3.2: Satellite coordinates at emission time pseudorange:



The previous coordinates are given in an Earth-fixed reference frame (CTS) at  $t=T[emission]=38229.921$  s.

This reference frame rotates by an amount " $\omega_E \Delta t$ " during traveling time  $\Delta t=T[reception]-T[emission]$ .

$$(X^{sat}, Y^{sat}, Z^{sat})_{CTS[reception]} = R_3(\omega_E \Delta t) \cdot (X^{sat}, Y^{sat}, Z^{sat})_{CTS[emission]}$$

$$(X^{\text{sat}}, Y^{\text{sat}}, Z^{\text{sat}})_{\text{CTS[reception]}} = R_3(\omega_E \Delta t) \cdot (X^{\text{sat}}, Y^{\text{sat}}, Z^{\text{sat}})_{\text{CTS[emission]}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 11453350.377 \\ 122468589.797 \\ 8245076.145 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{CTS[reception]}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega_E \Delta t) & \sin(\omega_E \Delta t) & 0 \\ -\sin(\omega_E \Delta t) & \cos(\omega_E \Delta t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 11453479.346 \\ 122468524.004 \\ 8245076.145 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{CTS[emission]}}$$

$$\omega_E \Delta t = -5.74 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ rad.} \quad (\text{where } \omega_E = 7.2921151467 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ rad / sec})$$

$$\Delta t = -\frac{\rho_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}}}{c} = -0.079 \text{ sec}$$

$$\rho_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = \sqrt{(x^{\text{sat}} - x_{\text{rec}})^2 + (y^{\text{sat}} - y_{\text{rec}})^2 + (z^{\text{sat}} - z_{\text{rec}})^2} \approx 23616673.3 \text{ m}$$

$$(x, y, z)^{\text{satellite}} \approx (11453479, 22468524, 8245076)$$

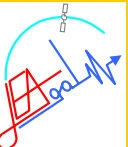
$$(x, y, z)_{\text{receiver}} \approx (4789031, 176612, 4195008)$$

An approximate value is enough to compute  $\Delta t$ .

**Note:** Both satellite and receiver coordinates must be given in the same reference system!

→ the CTS[reception] will be used to build navigation equations.





## 3.2: Geometric range computation

The geometric range between **satellite coordinates at emission time** and the “approximate position of the receiver” at reception time (*both coordinates given in the same reference system [for instance the CTS system at reception time]*) is computed by:

$$\rho_{0,receiver}^{satellite} = \sqrt{(x^{sat} - x_{0,rec})^2 + (y^{sat} - y_{0,rec})^2 + (z^{sat} - z_{0,rec})^2} = 23616699.124m$$

$$(x, y, z)^{satellite} = (11453350.2771, 22468589.7975, 8245076.1448)_{CTS[reception]}$$

$$(x_0, y_0, z_0)_{receiver} = (4789031, 176612, 4195008)_{CTS[reception]}$$

“Approximate” receiver coordinates at reception time.

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{0,rec}^{sat} - cdt^{sat} + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_1^{sat}$$



## 4. Satellite Instrumental delay (TGD): From file 13oct98.eph, compute the Total Group Delay for PRN14:

PRN

TGD (in sec)

14	98	10	13	12	0	0	+5.65452501178E-06	+9.09494701773E-13	+0.000000000000E+00
							+1.280000000000E+02	-6.100000000000E+01	+4.38125402624E-09
							-3.31364572048E-06	+1.09227513894E-03	+5.67547976971E-06
							+2.160000000000E+05	-6.33299350738E-08	+1.00409621952E+00
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							-1.45720352451E-10	+1.000000000000E+00	+9.790000000000E+02
							+3.200000000000E+01	+0.000000000000E+00	-2.32830643654E-09
							+2.088180000000E+05	+0.000000000000E+00	+0.000000000000E+00

$$\text{TGD} = -2.32830643654\text{E-09} * c = -0.69801 \text{ m}$$

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = \rho_{0,\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} - cdt^{\text{sat}} + rel_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + Trop_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + Ion_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} - K_1^{\text{sat}}$$



## 5. Relativistic correction:

$e$

$\text{sqrt}(a)$

14	98	10	13	12	0	0	+5.65452501178E-06	+9.09494701773E-13	+0.000000000000E+00
							+1.28000000000E+02	-6.10000000000E+01	+4.38125102624E-09
							-3.31364572048E-06	+1.09227513894E-03	+5.67547976971E-06
							+2.16000000000E+05	-6.33299350738E-08	+1.00409621952E+00
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							-1.45720352451E-10	+1.00000000000E+00	+9.79000000000E+02
							+3.20000000000E+01	+0.00000000000E+00	-2.32830643654E-09
							+2.08818000000E+05	+0.00000000000E+00	+0.00000000000E+00

$T[\text{emission}] =$   
**38229.921 s**



***Orbit.f***



***E = 0.095 rad.***  
***(eccentric anomaly)***

$$rel_{receiver}^{satellite} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{\mu a}}{c} e \sin(E) = 0.07m$$

$$\mu = 3.986005 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$c = 299792458 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{0,rec}^{sat} - cdt^{sat} + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_1^{sat}$$



## 6. Tropospheric correction

$$Trop_{rec}^{sat} = (d_{dry} + d_{wet}) m(elev) = 6.76m$$

$$d_{dry} = 2.3e^{-0.116 \cdot 10^{-3} H} = 2.3m$$

$$d_{wet} = 0.1m$$

$$m(elev) = \frac{1.001}{\sqrt{0.002001 + \sin^2(elev)}}$$

See klob.f

$$elev = 20.57 \frac{\pi}{180} = 0.359rad$$

$$H = 160m \quad (\text{heigh over the ellipsoid})$$

$$(x,y,z)_{sta} \rightarrow [car2geo] \rightarrow (Lon, Lat, H)_{sta}$$

$$PR[mod]_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{0,rec}^{sat} - cdt^{sat} + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + Ion_{1rec}^{sat} + K_1^{sat}$$

# 7. Ionospheric correction

**(time,  $r_{sta}$ ,  $r^{sat}$ ,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ )  $\rightarrow$  [Klob]  $\rightarrow$  Iono=10.26m**

2	NAVIGATION DATA	GPS	RINEX VERSION/ TYPE
XPRINT v1.1	gAGE	00/06/04 17:36:23	PGM / RUN BY / DATE
gAGE BROADCAST EPHEMERIS FILE			COMMENT
$+1.9558E-08 +0.0000E+00 -1.1921E-07 +0.0000E+00$ $+1.2288E+05 -1.6384E+04 -2.6214E+05 +1.9661E+05$			ION ALPHA ION BETA
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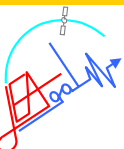
$t = 38230 \text{ sec}$

$(x, y, z)^{satellite} = (11453350.2771, 22468589.7975, 8245076.1448)_{CTS[reception]}$

$(x_0, y_0, z_0)_{receiver} = (4789031, 176612, 4195008)_{CTS[reception]}$

Approximate values for receiver or satellite coordinates are enough

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1rec}^{sat} = \rho_{0,rec}^{sat} - cdt_{rec}^{sat} + rel_{rec}^{sat} + Trop_{rec}^{sat} + \boxed{Ion_{1rec}^{sat}} - K_1^{sat}$$



## 7. Compute the modeled pseudorange.

$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = \rho_{0,\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} - cDt^{\text{sat}} + rel_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + Trop_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + Ion_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} + K_1^{\text{sat}}$$

$$\rho_{0,\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = 23616699.124m$$

$$cdt^{\text{sat}} = 5.65 \cdot 10^{-6} c = 1693.828m$$

$$rel_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = 0.071m$$

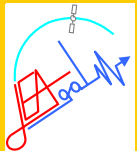
$$Trop_{\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = 6.760m$$

$$Ion_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = 10.260m$$

$$K_1^{\text{sat}} = -0.698m$$

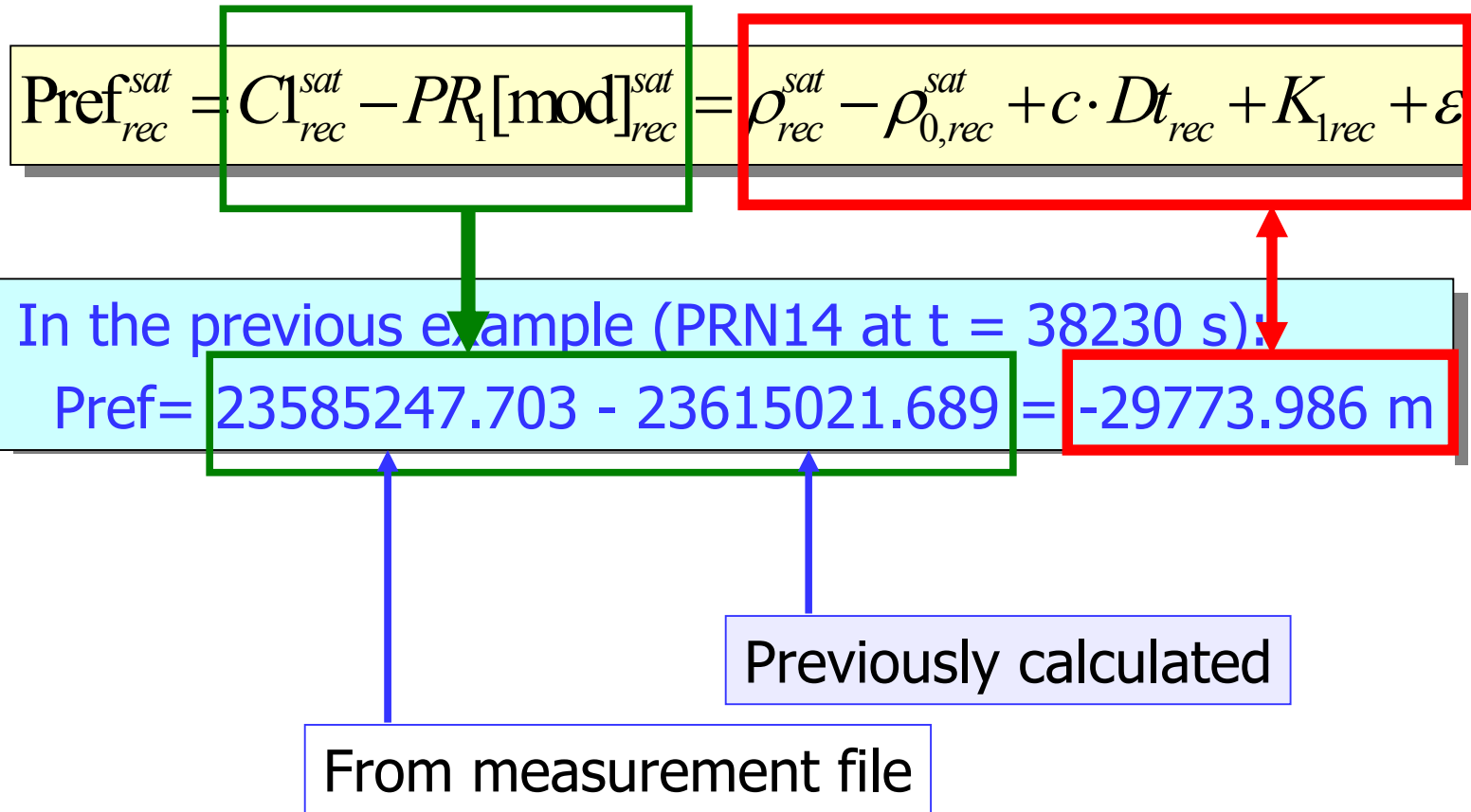


$$PR[\text{mod}]_{1\text{rec}}^{\text{sat}} = 23615021.689m$$



# Prefit residual:

Is the difference between measured and modeled pseudorange

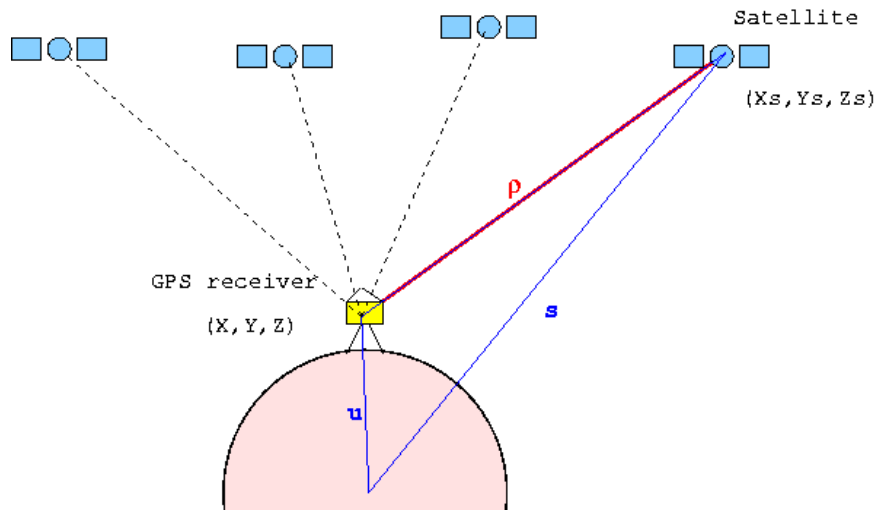


# Lesson 6

## Navigation Equations



# Solving navigation equations



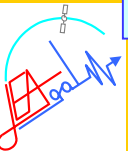
## Input:

- **Pseudoranges** (receiver-satellite  $j$ ):  $p^j$
  - **Navigation message**. In particular:
    - **satellite position** when transmitting signal:  $r^j = (x^j, y^j, z^j)$
    - **offsets** of satellite clocks:  $dt^j$
- $(j = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad (n \geq 4)$

## Unknowns:

- receiver **position**:  $r = (x, y, z)$
- receiver **clock** offset:  $DT$





# For each satellite in view

rel.+ Iono+Tropo+TGD

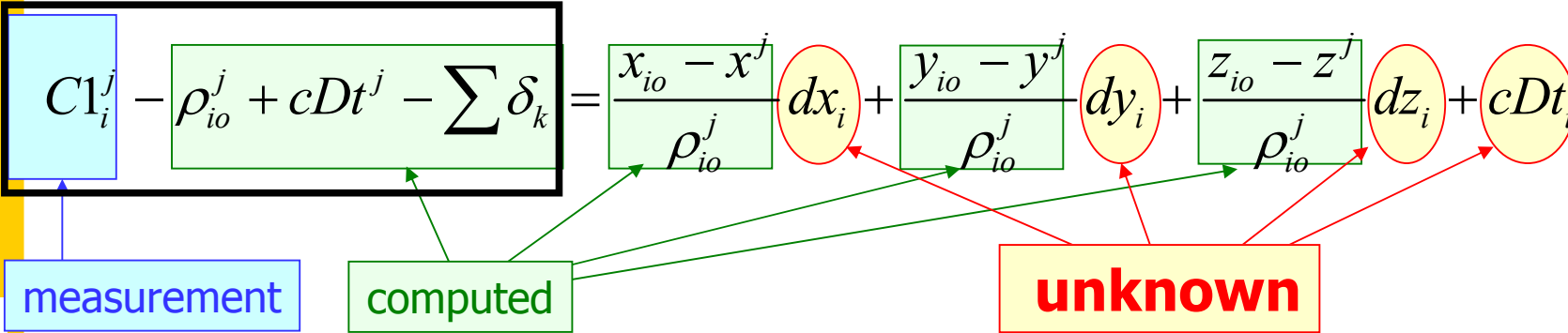
$$C1_i^j = \rho_i^j + c \cdot (Dt_i - Dt^j) + \sum \delta_k + \varepsilon$$

$$= \rho_{io}^j + \frac{x_{io} - x^j}{\rho_{io}^j} dx_i + \frac{y_{io} - y^j}{\rho_{io}^j} dy_i + \frac{z_{io} - z^j}{\rho_{io}^j} dz_i + c(Dt_i - Dt^j) + \sum \delta_k$$

where:

$$dx_i = x_i - x_{io} \quad ; \quad dy_i = y_i - y_{io} \quad ; \quad dz_i = z_i - z_{io}$$

## Prefit-residuals (Prefit)





**For all sat.  
in view**

$$\begin{bmatrix} Prefit^1 \\ Prefit^2 \\ \dots \\ Prefit^n \end{bmatrix}$$

=

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{io} - x^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & \frac{y_{io} - y^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & \frac{z_{io} - z^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & 1 \\ \frac{x_{io} - x^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & \frac{y_{io} - y^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & \frac{z_{io} - z^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{x_{io} - x^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & \frac{y_{io} - y^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & \frac{z_{io} - z^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

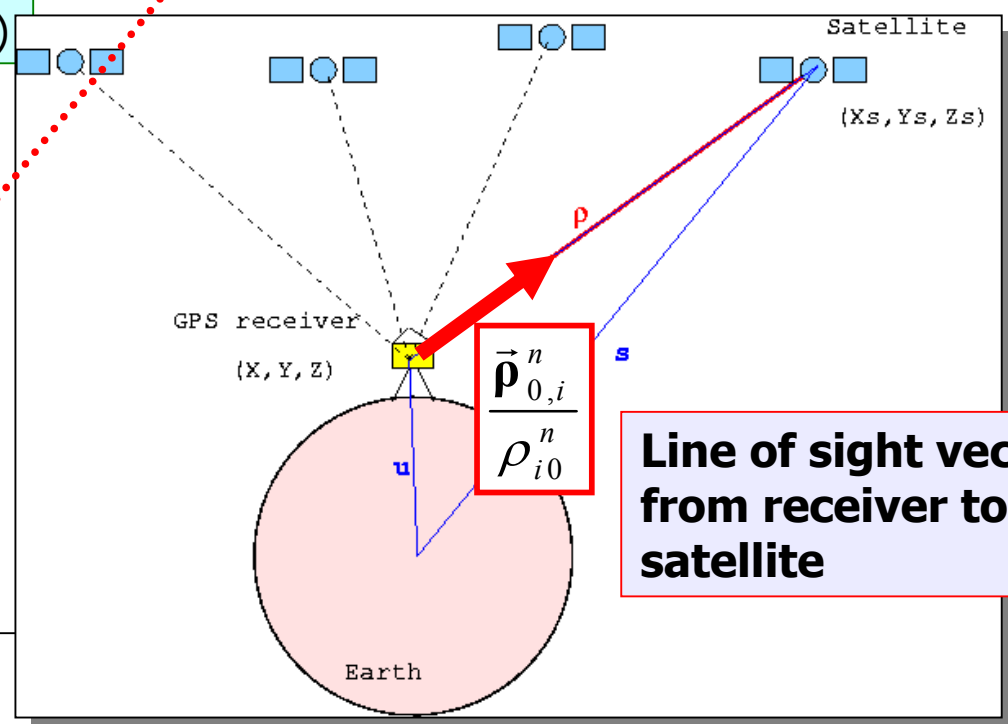
$$\begin{bmatrix} dx_i \\ dy_i \\ dz_i \\ cDT_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{x_{io} - x^n}{\rho_{io}^n} \quad \frac{y_{io} - y^n}{\rho_{io}^n} \quad \frac{z_{io} - z^n}{\rho_{io}^n}$$

Geometry of rays

Observations  
(measured/computed)

$$-\frac{\vec{\rho}_{0,i}^n}{\rho_{i0}^n}$$



$$\frac{\vec{\rho}_{0,i}^n}{\rho_{i0}^n}$$

Line of sight vector  
from receiver to  
satellite

# COMMENTS:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Prefit^1 \\ Prefit^2 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ Prefit^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{io} - x^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & \frac{y_{io} - y^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & \frac{z_{io} - z^1}{\rho_{io}^1} & 1 \\ \frac{x_{io} - x^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & \frac{y_{io} - y^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & \frac{z_{io} - z^2}{\rho_{io}^2} & 1 \\ \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots \\ \frac{x_{io} - x^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & \frac{y_{io} - y^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & \frac{z_{io} - z^n}{\rho_{io}^n} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_i \\ dy_i \\ dz_i \\ cDT_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Of course, receiver coordinates  $(x_{rec}, y_{rec}, z_{rec})$  are not known (they are the target of this problem). But we can always assume that an "approximate position  $(x_{0_{rec}}, y_{0_{rec}}, z_{0_{rec}})$  is known":

That is:

The navigation problem will consist on:

- 1.- To start from an approximate value for receiver position  $(x_{0_{rec}}, y_{0_{rec}}, z_{0_{rec}})$  (it can be computed with Bancroft's method)
- 2.- With the pseudorange measurements and the navigation equations, to compute the correction  $(dx_{rec}, dy_{rec}, dz_{rec})$  to have a more precise position of receiver.

$$(x_{rec}, y_{rec}, z_{rec}) = (x_{0_{rec}}, y_{0_{rec}}, z_{0_{rec}}) + (dx_{rec}, dy_{rec}, dz_{rec})$$



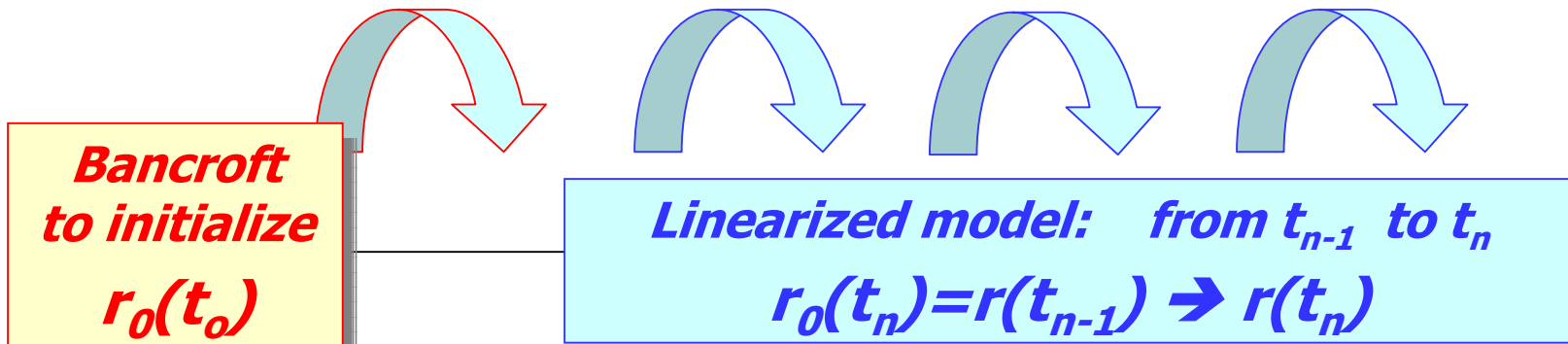
## Note:

**An (approximate) initial receiver position  $(x_o, y_o, z_o)$  is assumed to be known in former equations!!**

The method of **Bancroft** (see next lesson) **allows to compute approximate receiver coordinates** from pseudorange measurements and satellite coordinates.

$T = t_o$ : Compute an approximate initial position using "Bancroft" algorithm  $\rightarrow r_o(t_o) = (x_o, y_o, z_o)$

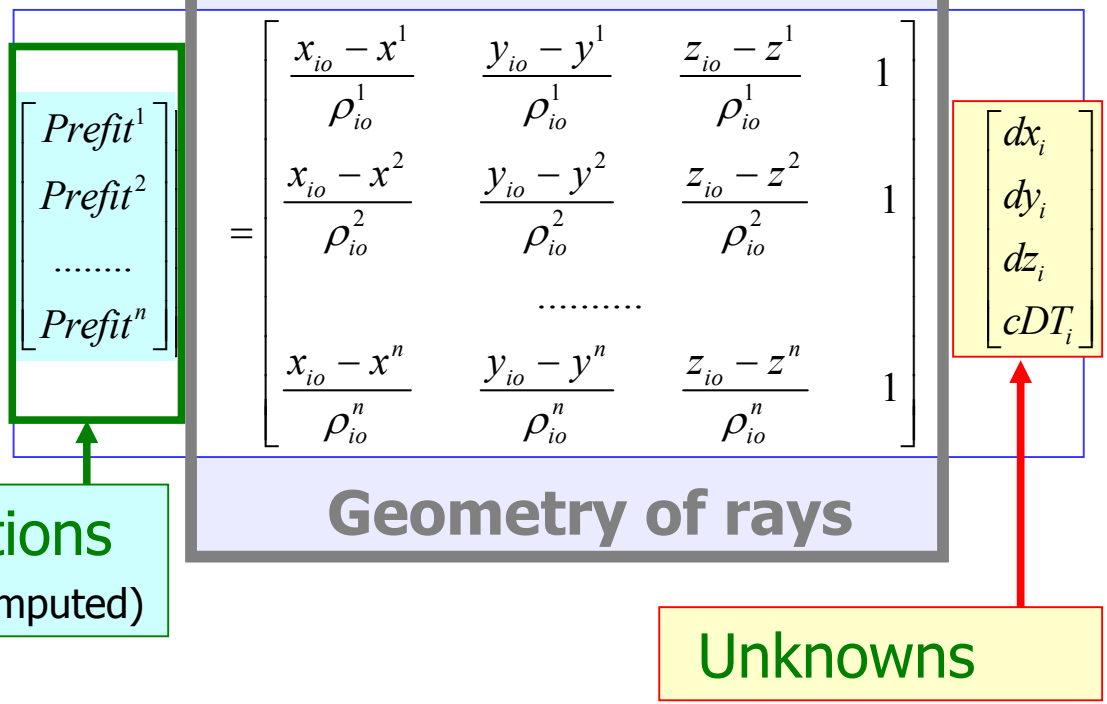
$T = t_n$ : take as an approximate position  $r_o(t_n) = r(t_{n-1})$ , the coordinates computed in the previous epoch.



# Solving the equations



**For all sat.  
in view**



Thence, the basic linearized GPS measurement equation can be written as:

$$Y = AX$$

This is a linear system with, in general,  $n \geq 4$  equations which we can solve using LMS, WMS, Kalman filter,...



Let be the basic linearized

$$Y = AX$$

- Least Squares solution:

$$\hat{X} = (A^t A)^{-1} A^t Y$$

The **same error** is assumed in all measurements

- Weighted Least Squares solution

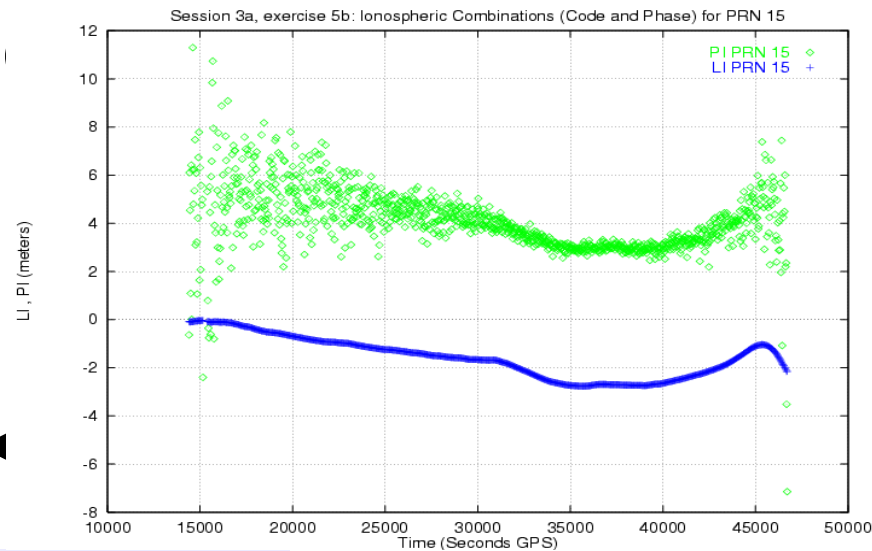
If the measurements have **different errors**, the equations can be weighted by matrix **W**:

**And the weighted least squares solution is:**

$$\hat{X} = (A^t W A)^{-1} A^t W Y$$

$$\min \|Y - \hat{Y}\|_W^2 = \min \left[ \sum_i w_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \right]$$

$$\hat{Y} = A\hat{X}$$



$$W = \begin{bmatrix} w_{y_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & w_{y_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Uncorrelated errors are assumed





Assuming that **measurements  $Y$**  have **random errors with zero mean and variance  $\sigma^2$** , and assuming that error sources for each satellite are **uncorrelated** with error sources for any other satellite, the following weighted matrix may be used:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma_{y_1}^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1/\sigma_{y_n}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_{y_i}^2} \Rightarrow \sigma_{y_i}^2 \uparrow \Rightarrow w_i \downarrow$$

**greater error  $\rightarrow$  less weight**

- Minimum Variance Solution:

Let be " $P_Y$ " the **error covariance matrix for measurements  $Y$** .

If the weighting matrix is taken as  $W = P_Y^{-1}$ , thence the **Minimum Variance Solution** is found:

$$\hat{X} = \left( A^t P_Y^{-1} A \right)^{-1} A^t P_Y^{-1} Y$$

**And the error covariance matrix for the estimation  $X$  is:**

$$P_{\hat{X}} = \left( A^t P_Y^{-1} A \right)^{-1}$$

## Exercise 10:

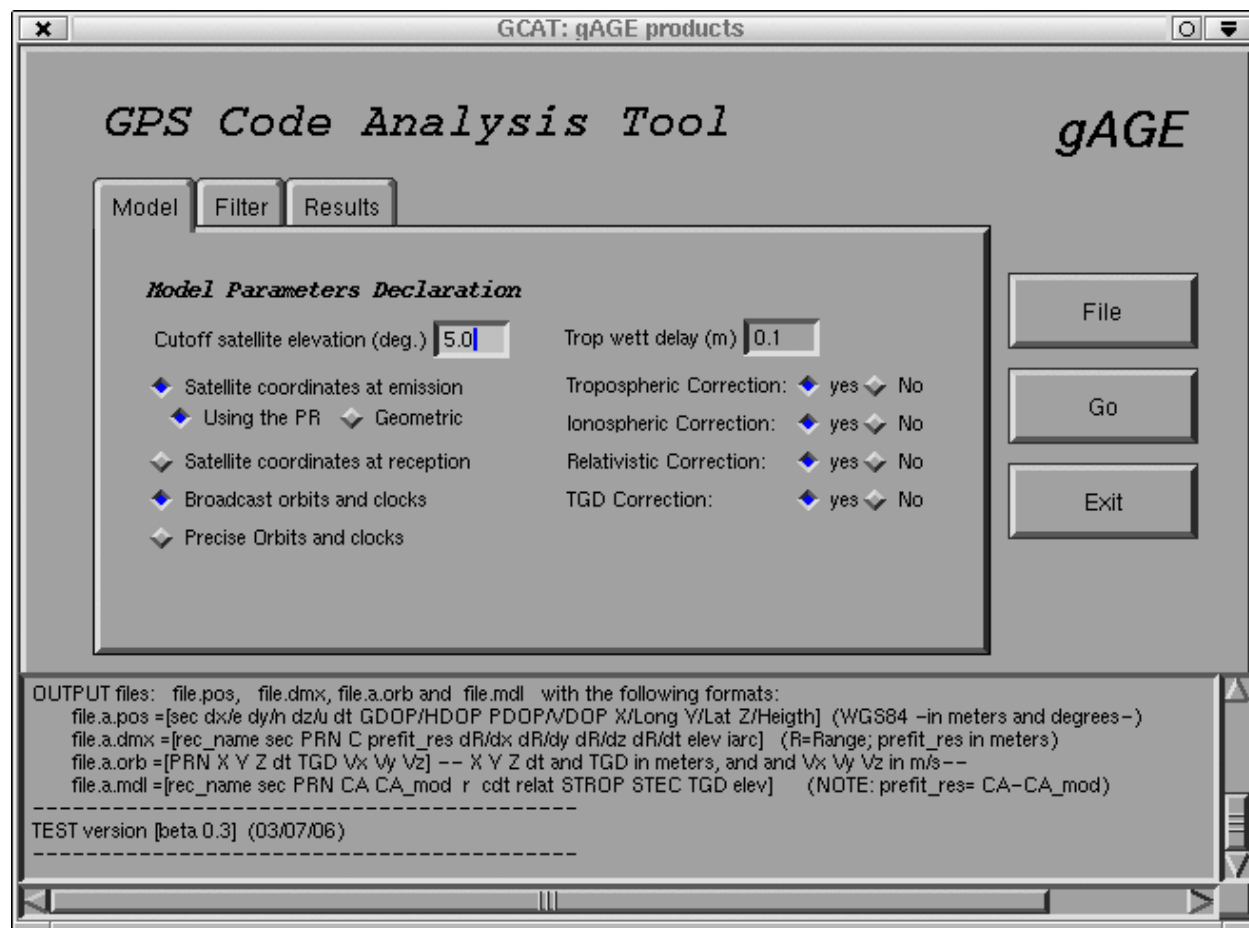
With program GCAT and data files 13oct98.a, 13oct98.eph, and taking  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = [4789031 \ 176612 \ 4195008]$ :

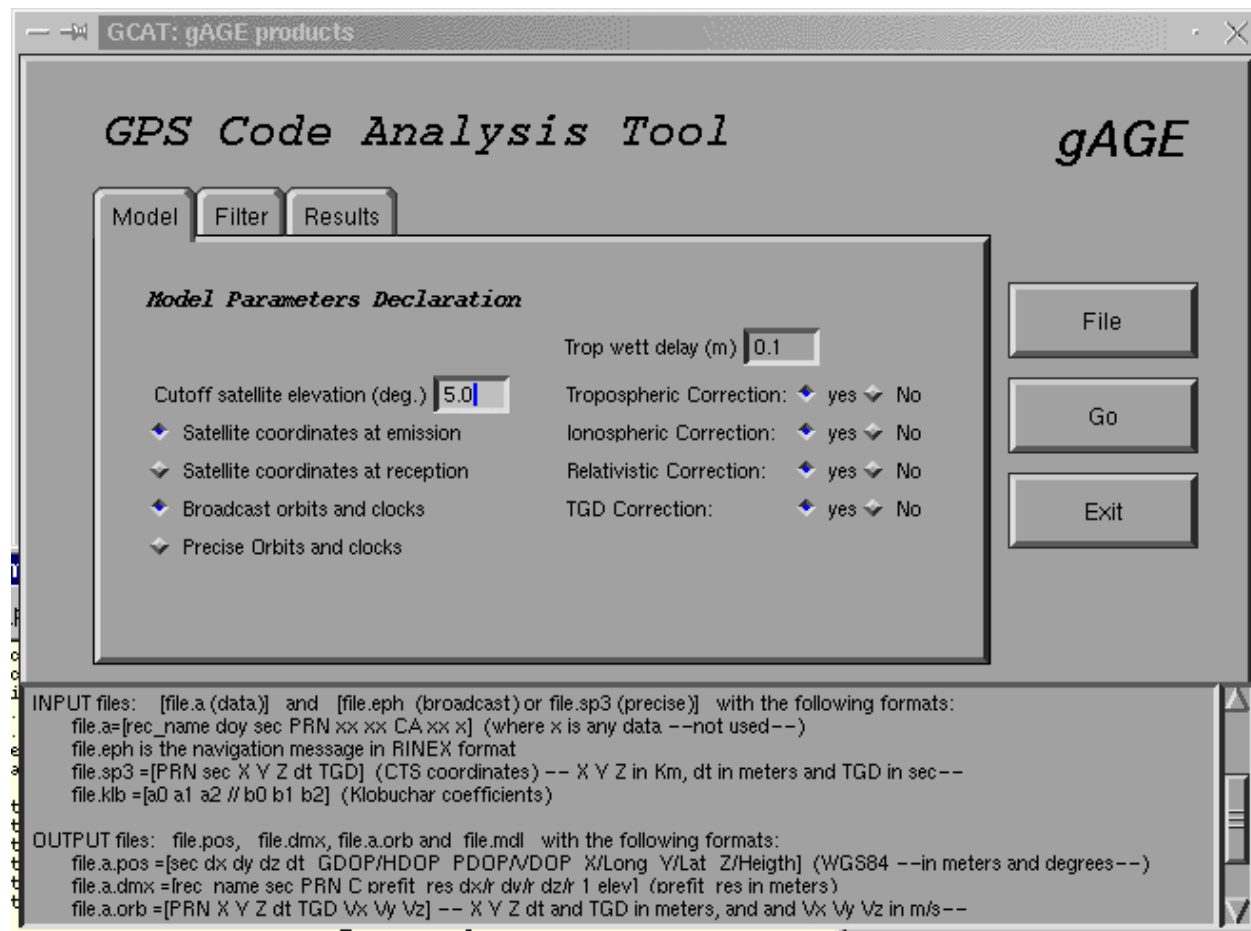
- Generate data file "13oct98.a.dmx" with the prefit-residuals ( $Y$ ) and the design matrix ( $A$ ) for  $t = 38230$  s.
- Use these values to compute the navigation solution at that instant

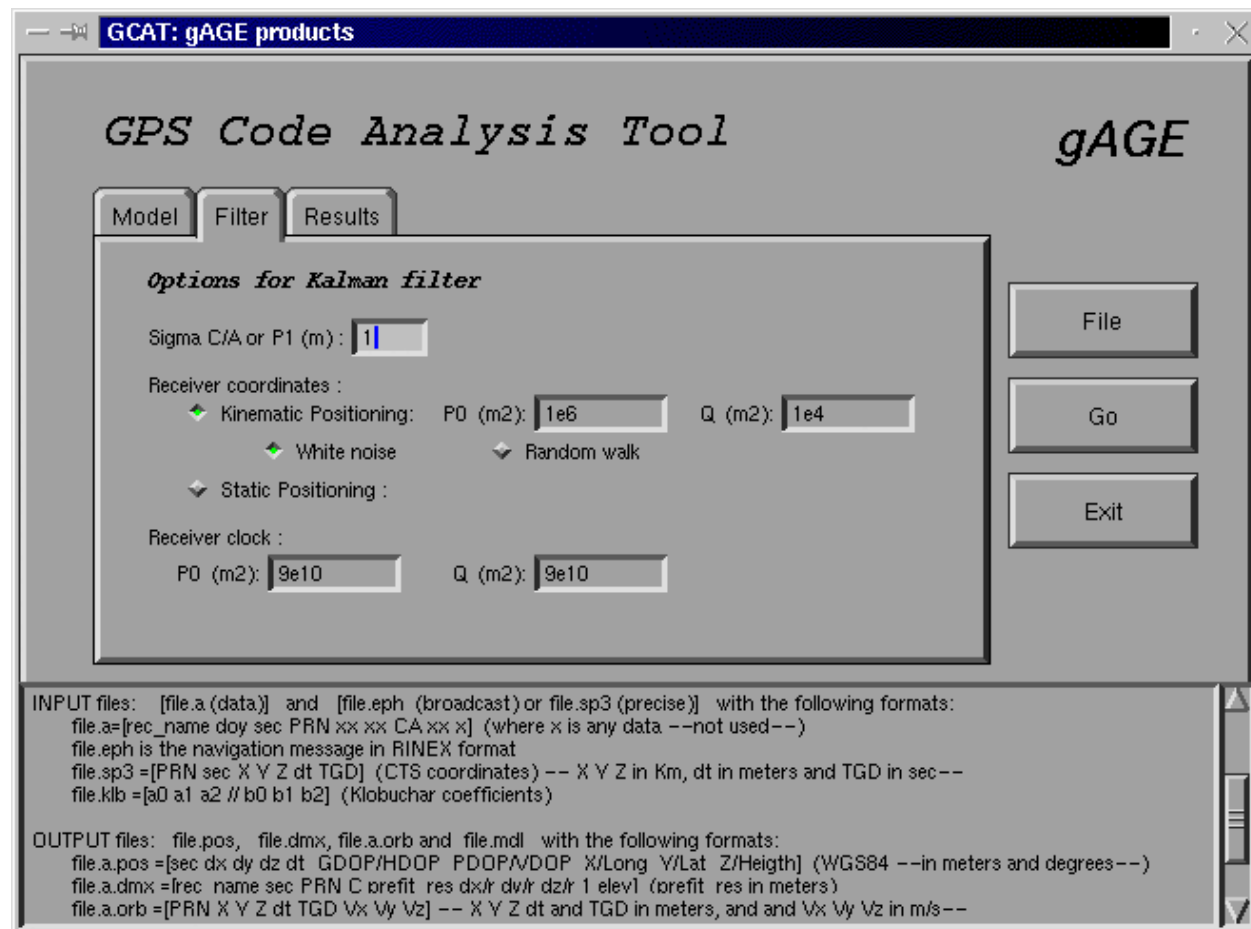
$$X = \text{inv}(A' * W * A) * A' * Y \quad [\text{note } X = (dx, dy, dz)]$$

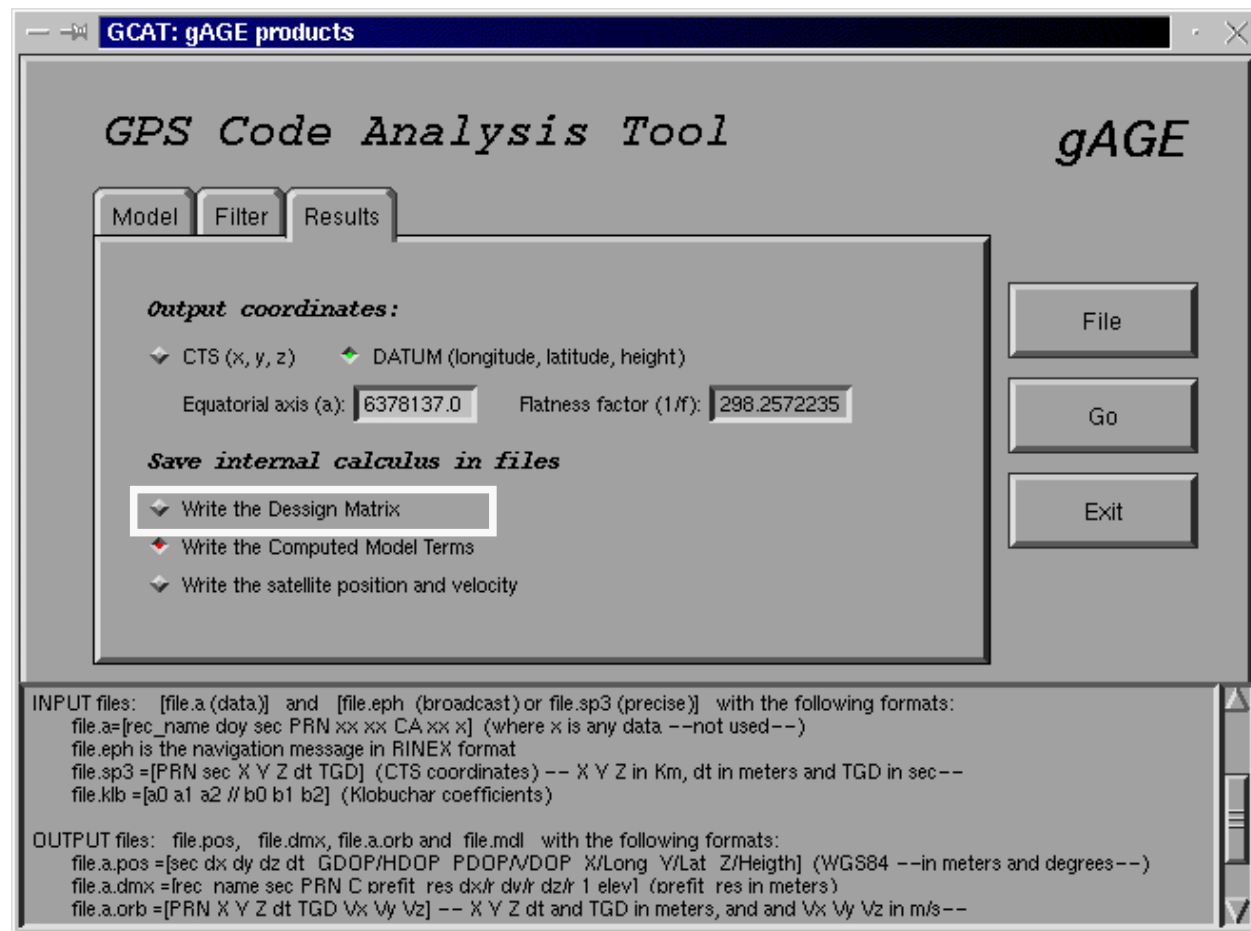
- Compute receiver position:

$$(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + (dx, dy, dz)$$











# Resolution: a)

----- 13oct98.a.dmx -----							
rec	sec	PRN	Profit-res	x_sat-x0 rho0	y_sat-y0 rho0	z_sat-z0 rho0	sig2_y
gAGE	38230.000	27	C -29790.69346	-0.825386165	0.083009922	0.558432656	1
gAGE	38230.000	14	C -29773.88675	-0.282186738	-0.943907431	-0.171491711	1
gAGE	38230.000	16	C -29692.55363	-0.524933459	-0.498000630	-0.690246504	1
gAGE	38230.000	19	C -29730.62312	-0.958194420	-0.270768810	0.092453794	1

**t=38230**

**Y=[** -29790.69346 ]  
 [ -29773.88675 ]  
 [ -29692.55363 ]  
 [ -29730.62312 ]

**A=[** -0.825386165    0.083009922    0.558432656    1]  
 [ -0.282186738    -0.943907431    -0.171491711    1]  
 [ -0.524933459    -0.498000630    -0.690246504    1]  
 [ -0.958194420    -0.270768810    0.092453794    1]

**Py=[** 1   0   0   0]  
 [ 0   1   0   0]  
 [ 0   0   1   0]  
 [ 0   0   0   1]

## Resolution: b)

$Y = \begin{bmatrix} -29790.69346 \\ -29773.88675 \\ -29692.55363 \\ -29730.62312 \end{bmatrix}$ 
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} -0.825386165 & 0.083009922 & 0.558432656 & 1 \\ -0.282186738 & -0.943907431 & -0.171491711 & 1 \\ -0.524933459 & -0.498000630 & -0.690246504 & 1 \\ -0.958194420 & -0.270768810 & 0.092453794 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$P_Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Note data set collected  
under S/A=on

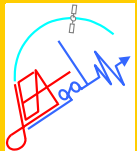
$x = \text{inv}(A' * W * A) * A' * W * Y = \begin{bmatrix} -99.09 \\ 6.02 \\ -105.24 \\ -29814.21 \end{bmatrix}$

where  $W = \text{inv}(P_Y)$

$\leftarrow dx$   
 $\leftarrow dy$   
 $\leftarrow dz$   
 $\leftarrow \text{clock}$

## Resolution: c)

$x = x_0 + dx = [ 4789031 ] + [ -99.09 ] = [ 4788931.91 ]$   
 $y = y_0 + dy = [ 176612 ] + [ 6.02 ] = [ 176618.02 ]$   
 $z = z_0 + dz = [ 4195008 ] + [ -105.24 ] = [ 4194902.76 ]$





# The program **Gnav.f**

(source code provided with the book)

The software code of **Gnav.f** emulates a GPS receiver.

It computes the navigation solution from RINEX measurement and ephemeris files.

It applies the Bancroft method “for cold start” and the linearized equations for navigating.



# Kalman filtering:

It is based on computing the **weighted average** between:

- the measurement  $Y(n)$  (i.e., at  $t = t_n$ )
- the prediction of the state  $\hat{X}^-(n)$  from previous estimation  $\hat{X}(n-1)$

## 1. Weighted average:

$$\begin{cases} Y(n) = A(n)X(n) \\ \hat{X}^-(n) = X(n) \end{cases}$$

Let's assume, that we have the prediction  $\hat{X}^-(n)$ , with  $P_{\hat{X}^-(n)}$  thence, it can be used to **add an additional set of equations** to the measurement equation  **$Y = AX$**

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y(n) \\ \hat{X}^-(n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A(n) \\ I \end{pmatrix} X(n)$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} P_{Y(n)} & 0 \\ 0 & P_{\hat{X}^-(n)} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} Y(n) \\ \hat{X}^-(n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A(n) \\ I \end{pmatrix} X(n)$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} P_{Y(n)} & 0 \\ 0 & P_{\hat{X}^-(n)} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

And the following solution of the previous equation system can be found with some elemental algebraic manipulations:

$$\hat{X} = \left( \mathbf{A}^t P_Y^{-1} \mathbf{A} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{A}^t P_Y^{-1} Y$$

$$P_{\hat{X}} = \left( \mathbf{A}^t P_Y^{-1} \mathbf{A} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\hat{X}(n) = P_{\hat{X}(n)} \left[ A^t(n) P_{Y(n)}^{-1} Y(n) + P_{\hat{X}^-(n)}^{-1} \hat{X}^-(n) \right]$$

$$P_{\hat{X}(n)} = \left[ A^t(n) P_{Y(n)}^{-1} A(n) + P_{\hat{X}^-(n)}^{-1} \right]^{-1}$$

## 2.- Prediction

Scalar case:

Let's  $\hat{x}_{n-1}$  be the state at  $t = n$  with variance  $\sigma_{\hat{x}_{n-1}}^2$

The *simplest prediction model* is to assume that the prediction at  $t = n$  is proportional to the state at  $t = n-1$ . That is:

$$\hat{x}_n^- = \phi \hat{x}_{n-1}$$

Thence, existing a linear relation between  $\hat{x}_{n-1}$  and  $\hat{x}_n^-$ , the variance of the prediction will be:

$$\sigma_{\hat{x}_n^-}^2 = \phi^2 \sigma_{\hat{x}_{n-1}}^2 + q^2$$

An additional term is added to account for modeling error!



## Generalization to the vector case:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_n^- &= \phi \hat{x}_{n-1} \\ \sigma_{\hat{x}_n^-}^2 &= \phi^2 \sigma_{\hat{x}_{n-1}}^2 + q^2\end{aligned}$$

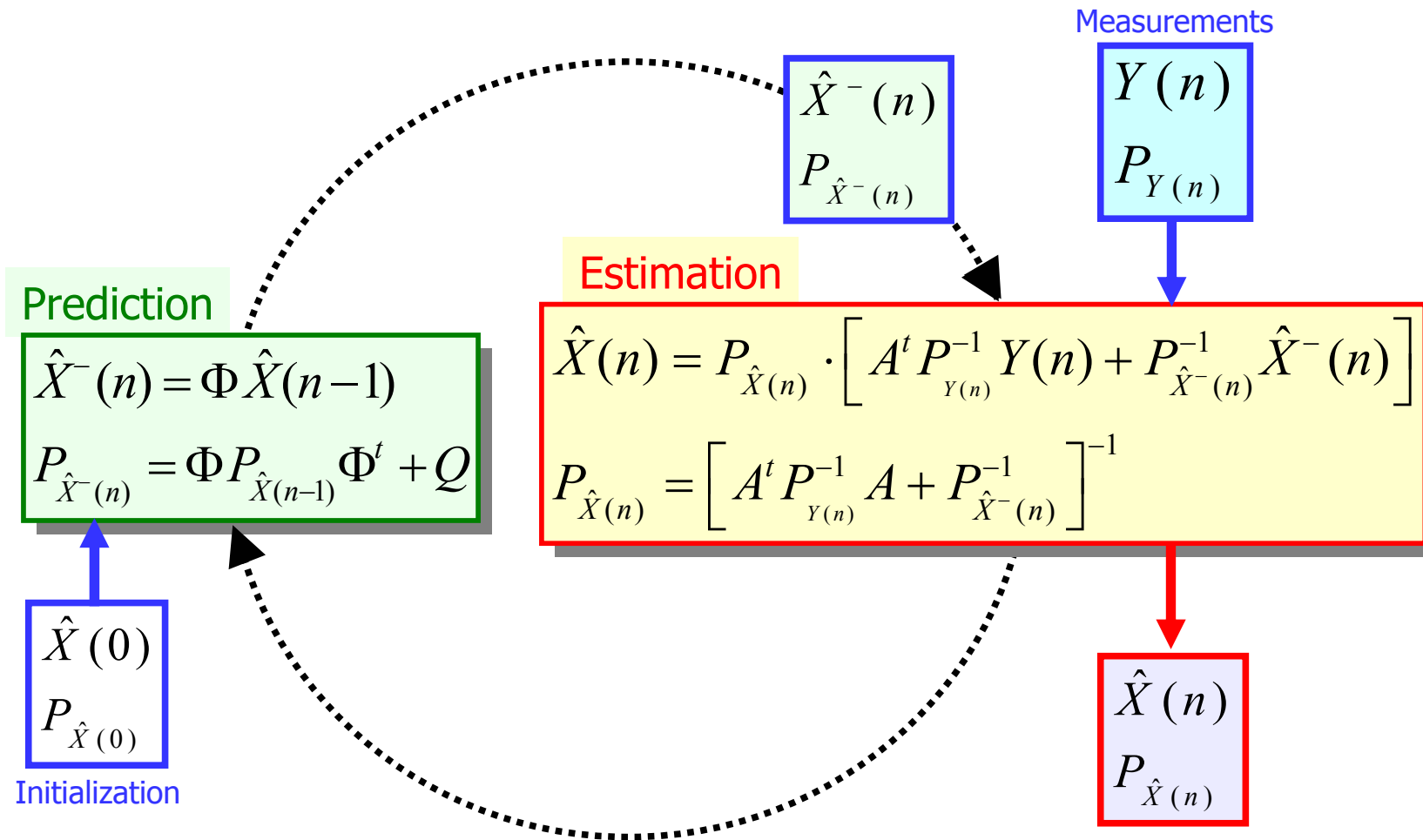
$$\begin{array}{ll}x_n & \rightarrow X(n) \\ \phi & \rightarrow \Phi(n) \\ \sigma_{x_n}^2 & \rightarrow P_{X(n)} \\ q^2 & \rightarrow Q(n)\end{array}$$

$\Phi(n)$ : *transition matrix*  
 $Q(n)$ : *process noise matrix*

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{X}^-(n) &= \Phi(n-1) \cdot \hat{X}(n-1) \\ P_{\hat{X}^-(n)} &= \Phi(n-1) \cdot P_{\hat{X}(n-1)} \cdot \Phi^t(n-1) + Q(n-1)\end{aligned}$$

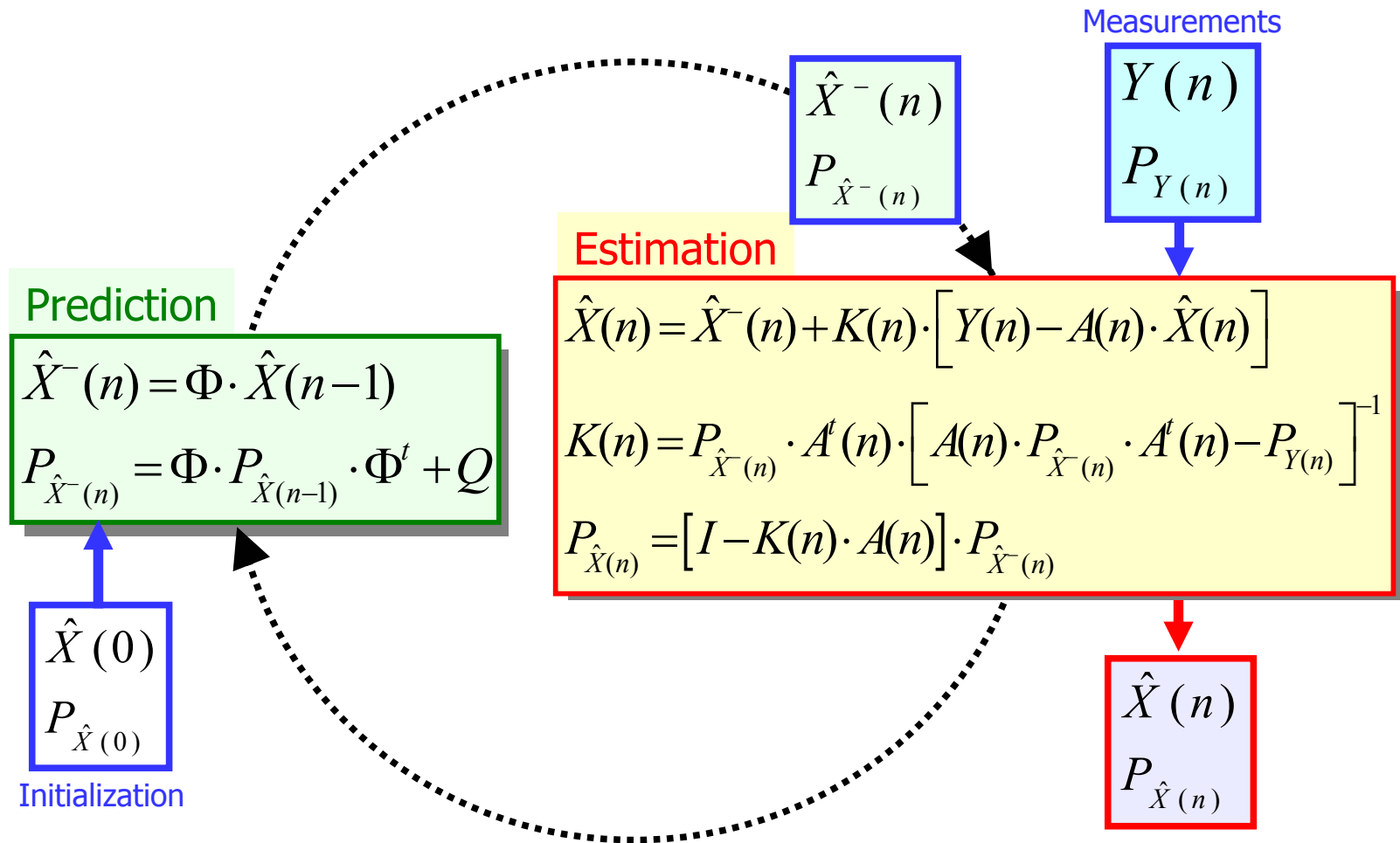


# Kalman filter (see kalman.f)





# Kalman filter (classical version)



# Some simple examples to define matrices $\Phi$ and $Q$

$$\hat{X}^-(n) = \Phi(n-1) \cdot \hat{X}(n-1)$$

$$P_{\hat{X}^-(n)} = \Phi(n-1) \cdot P_{\hat{X}(n-1)} \cdot \Phi^t(n-1) + Q(n-1)$$

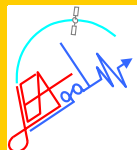
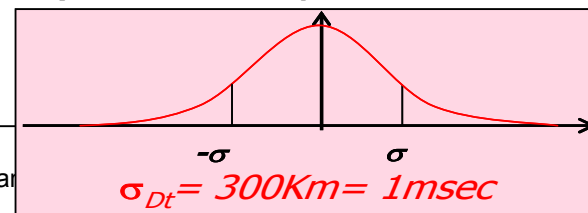
## a) Static positioning:

State vector to be determined is  $X = (x_{rec}, y_{rec}, z_{rec}, dt_{rec})$  where coordinates  $(x_{rec}, y_{rec}, z_{rec})$  are considered **constant** (because receiver is fixed) and clock offset  $dt_{rec}$  is treated as **white noise** with zero mean and variance  $\sigma_{Dt}^2$ . In these conditions, matrices have the form:

$$\Phi(n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

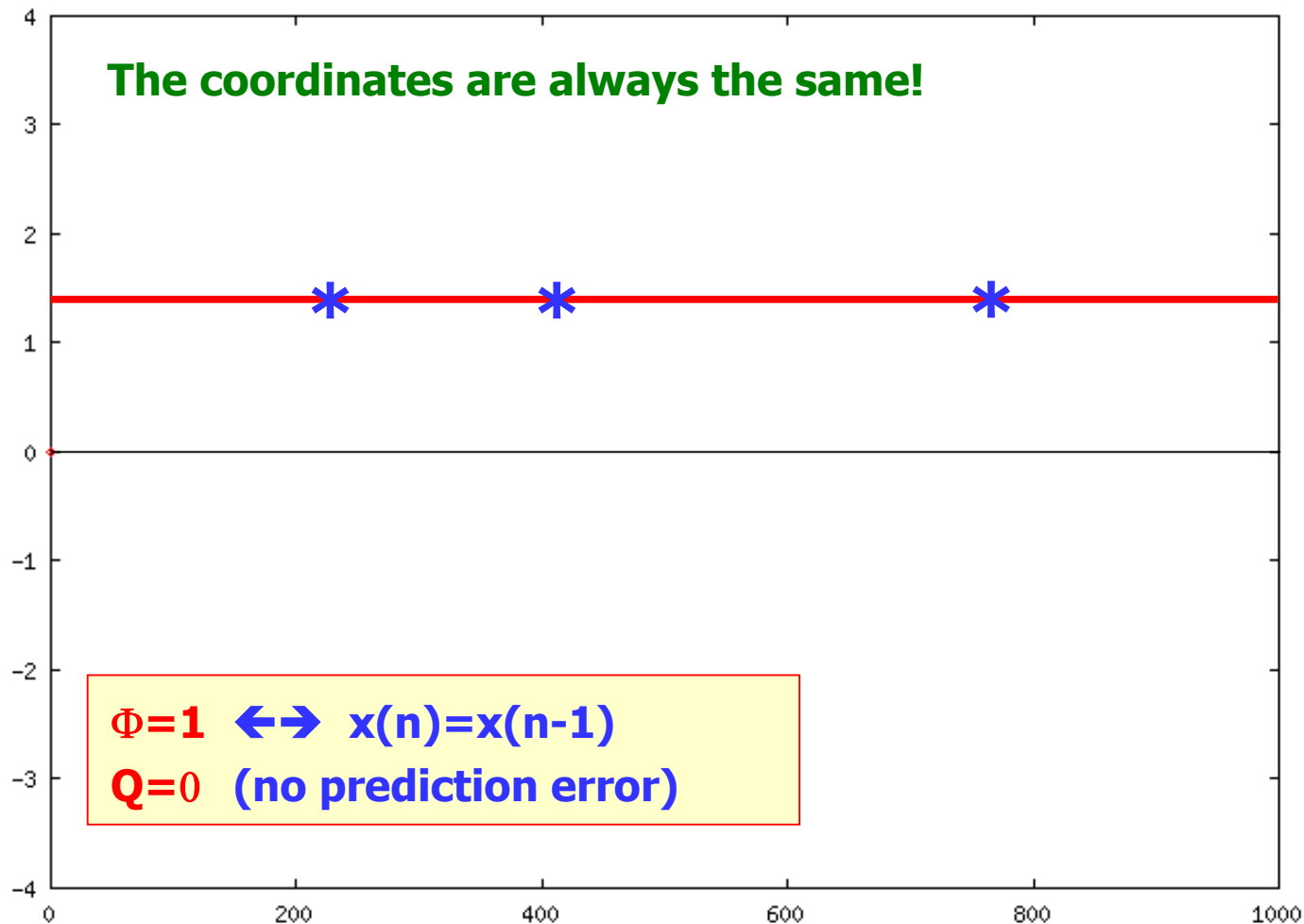
$$Q(n) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & \sigma_{Dt}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Being  $\sigma_{Dt}^2$  process noise associated to clock offset (in some way, the uncertainty in clock value).





## Constant

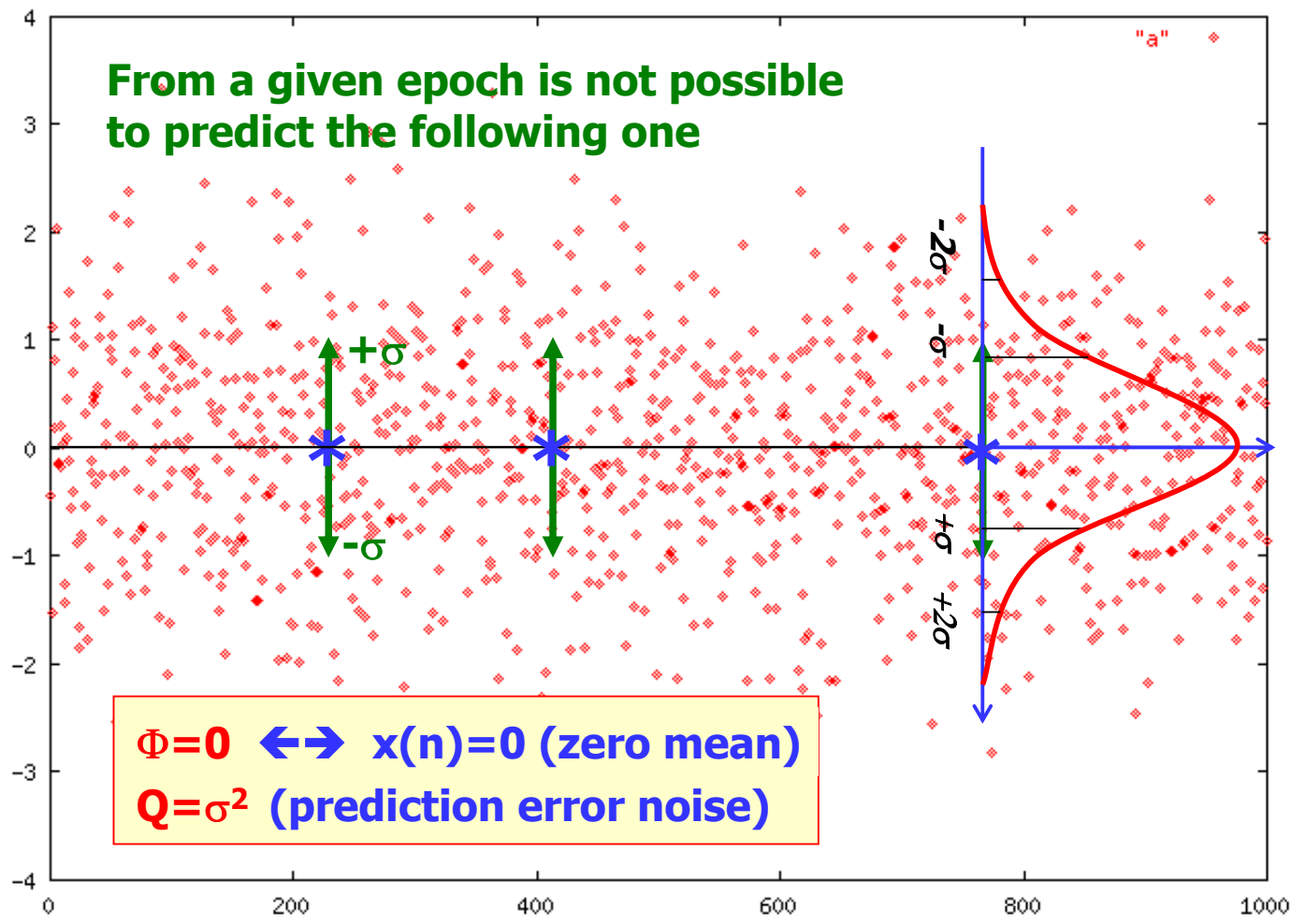


We can assure that, the next  $\mathbf{x}(n)$  will be **the same as  $\mathbf{x}(n-1)$** .

$$\hat{X}^-(n) = \Phi(n-1) \cdot \hat{X}(n-1)$$

$$P_{\hat{X}^-(n)} = \Phi(n-1) \cdot P_{\hat{X}(n-1)} \cdot \Phi^T(n-1) + Q(n-1)$$

# White Noise process N(0,1)



We only can assume that, the next  $\mathbf{x(n)}$  can be  $\mathbf{x(n)=0}$  with a confidence  $\sigma$ .

$$\hat{X}^-(n) = \Phi(n-1) \cdot \hat{X}(n-1)$$

$$P_{\hat{X}^-(n)} = \Phi(n-1) \cdot P_{\hat{X}(n-1)} \cdot \Phi^T(n-1) + Q(n-1)$$



GCAT: gAGE products

GPS Code Analysis Tool

gAGE

Model

Filter

Results

Options for Kalman filter

Sigma C/A or P1 (m):

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Receiver coordinates (ctt / white noise / random walk):

☒ Kinematic Positioning:

☒ Static Positioning (ctt):

P0 (m2):

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Receiver clock (white noise):

P0 (m2):

9e10

Q (m2):

9e10

File

Go

Exit

Posicion aproximada (xyz):

X : 4789033.577

Y : 176648.443

Z : 4195000.925

Modulo : 37.212621

Posicion aproximada (xyz):

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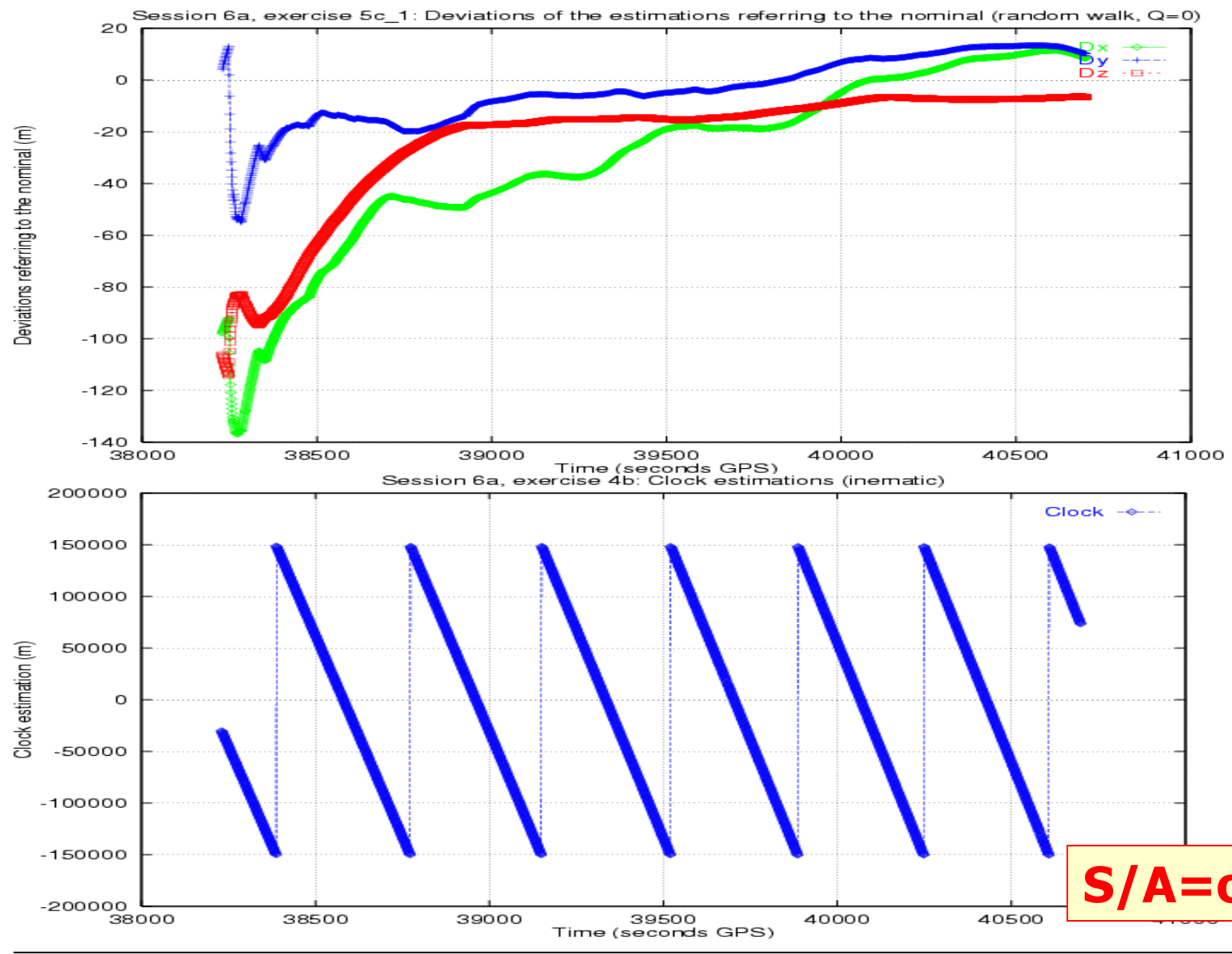
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# Static positioning: constant coordinates and white noise clock



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## b) Kinematic positioning

1) In case of a **fast moving** vehicle, **coordinates** will be modeled as **white noise** with zero mean, and the same rationale applies for **clock offset**:

$$\Phi(n) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q(n) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{dx}^2 & & & \\ & \sigma_{dy}^2 & & \\ & & \sigma_{dz}^2 & \\ & & & \sigma_{DT}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

2) In case of a **slow moving** vehicle, **coordinates** may be modeled as **random walk**, process' spectral density  $\dot{q} = \frac{d\sigma^2}{dt}$ , and the **clock** as a **white noise**:

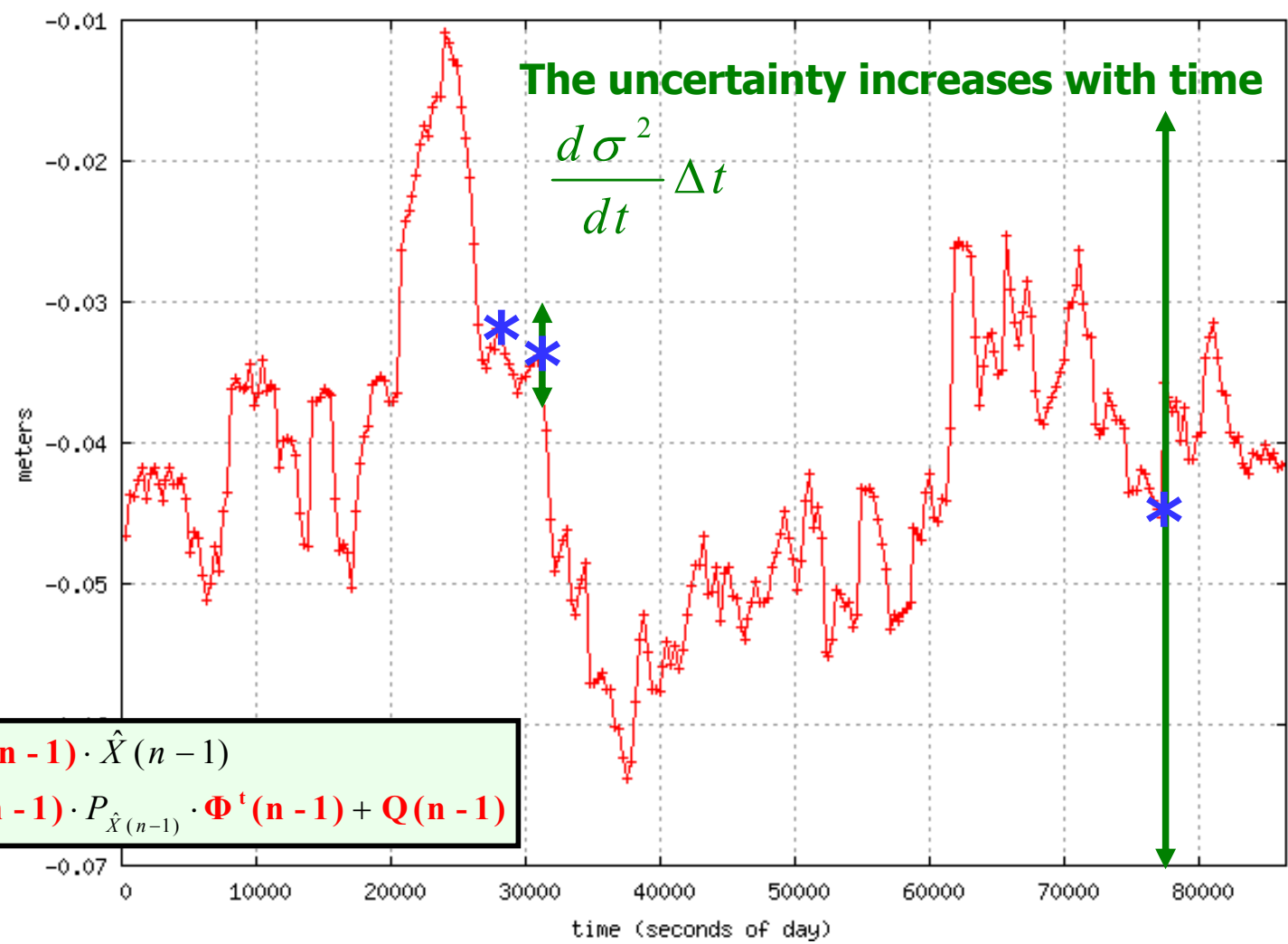
$$\Phi(n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q(n) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q}_{dx}\Delta t & & & \\ & \dot{q}_{dy}\Delta t & & \\ & & \dot{q}_{dz}\Delta t & \\ & & & \sigma_{DT}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$





## Random Walk process: it varies slowly

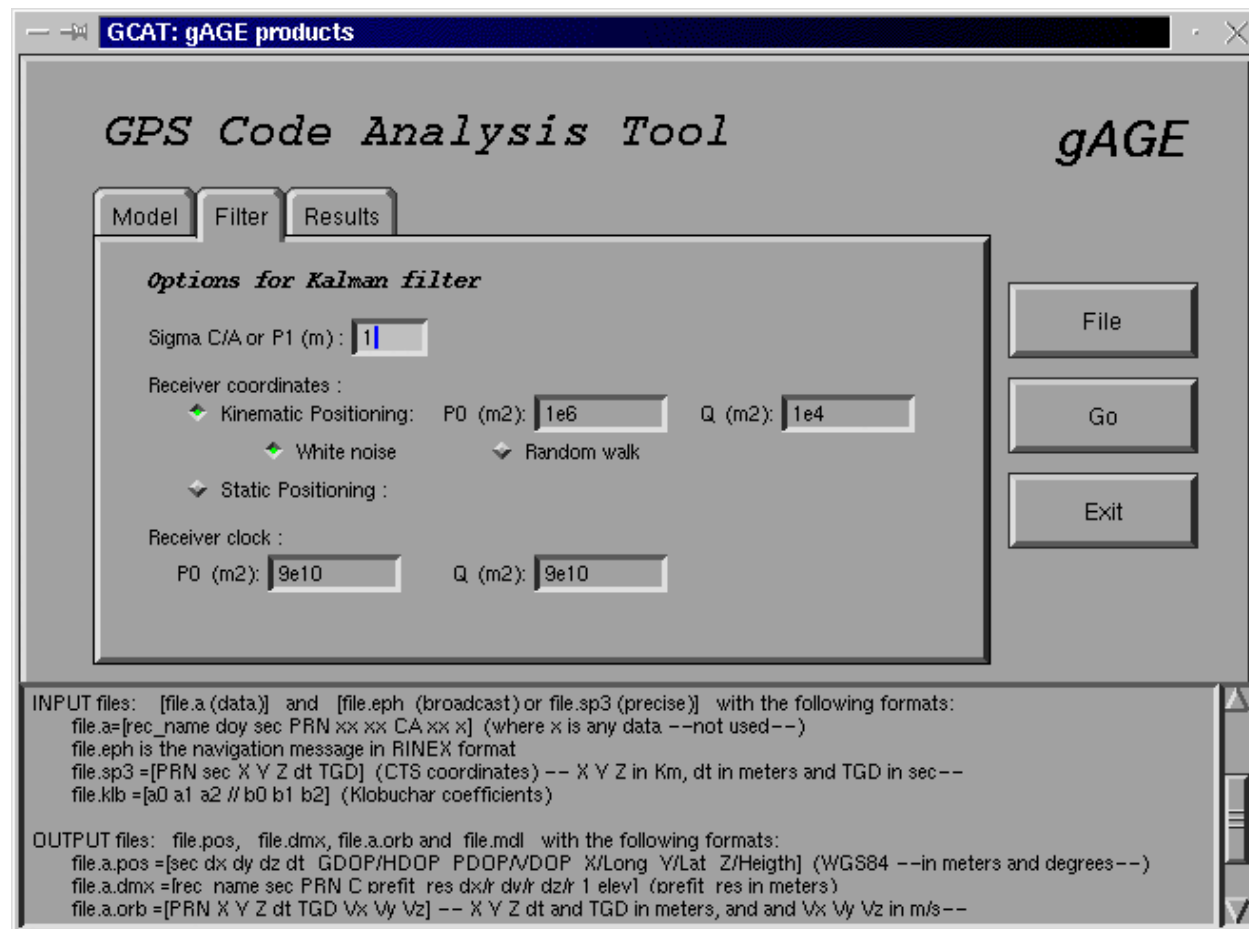


$$\hat{X}^-(n) = \Phi(n-1) \cdot \hat{X}(n-1)$$

$$P_{\hat{X}^-(n)} = \Phi(n-1) \cdot P_{\hat{X}(n-1)} \cdot \Phi^t(n-1) + Q(n-1)$$

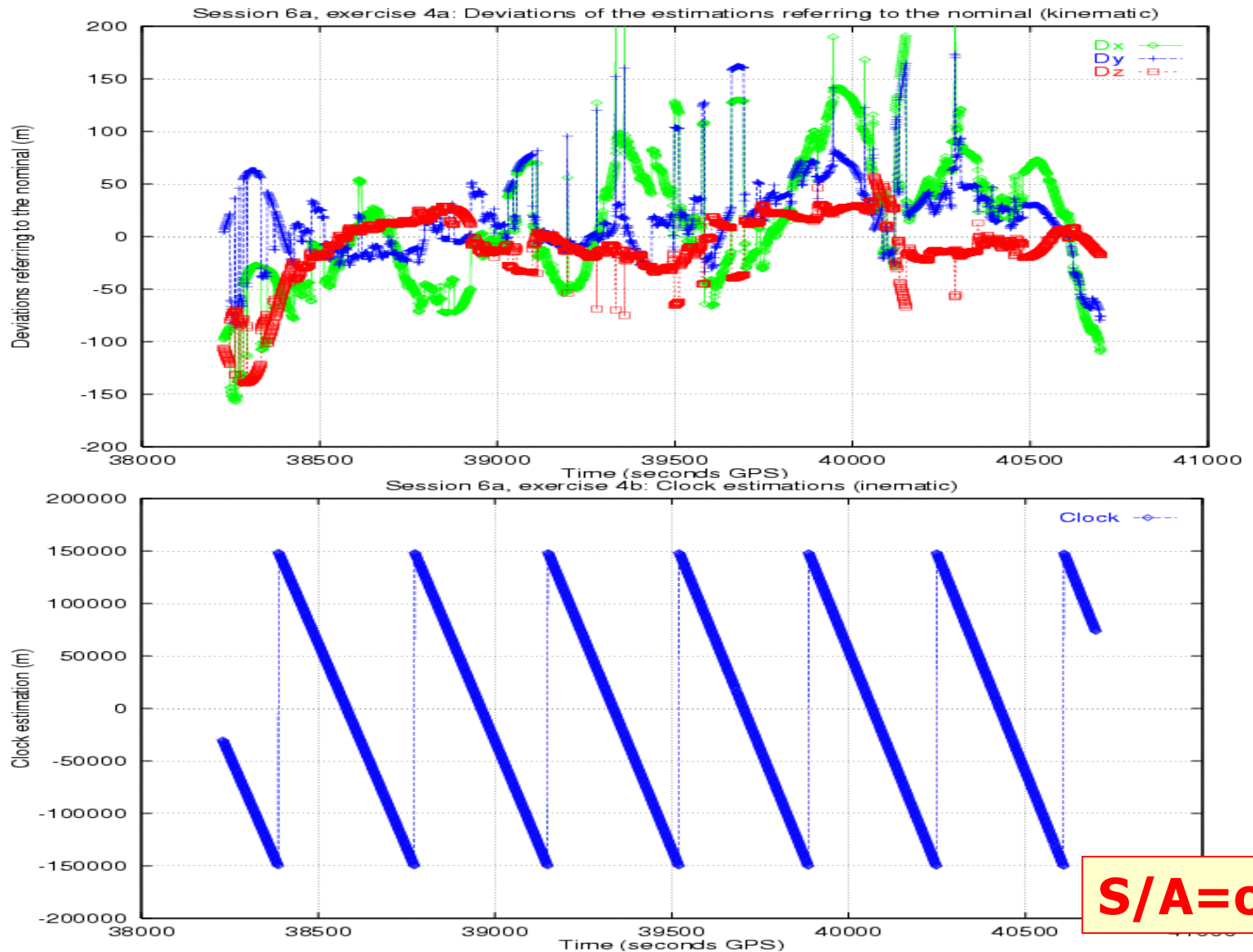
**$\Phi=1 \iff x(n)=x(n-1)$  (the same value is assumed)**

**$Q=(d\sigma^2/dt)*\Delta t$  (but, with prediction error noise increasing with time)**



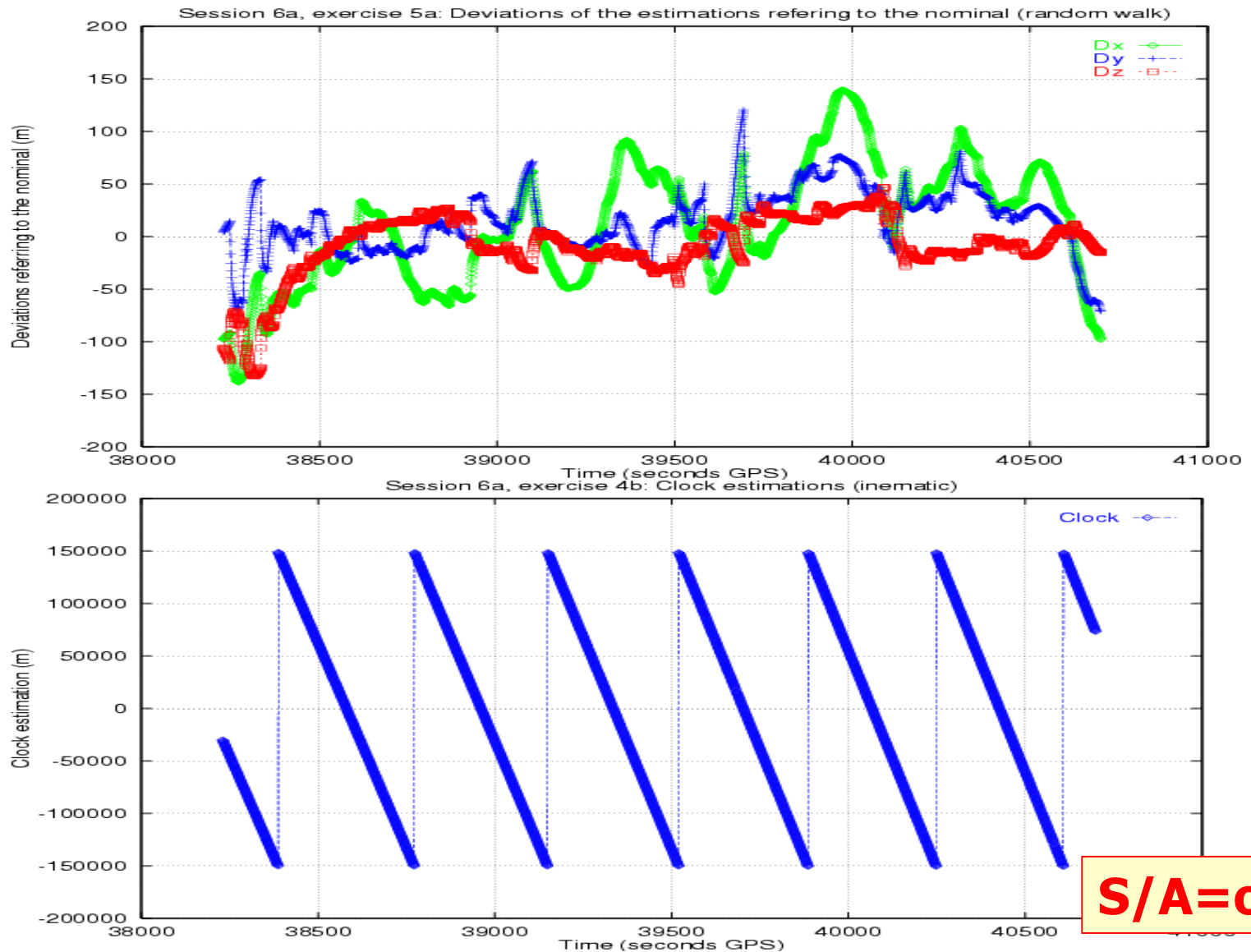


# Pure Kinematic positioning: white noise coordinates and clock

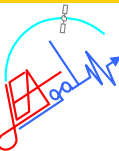




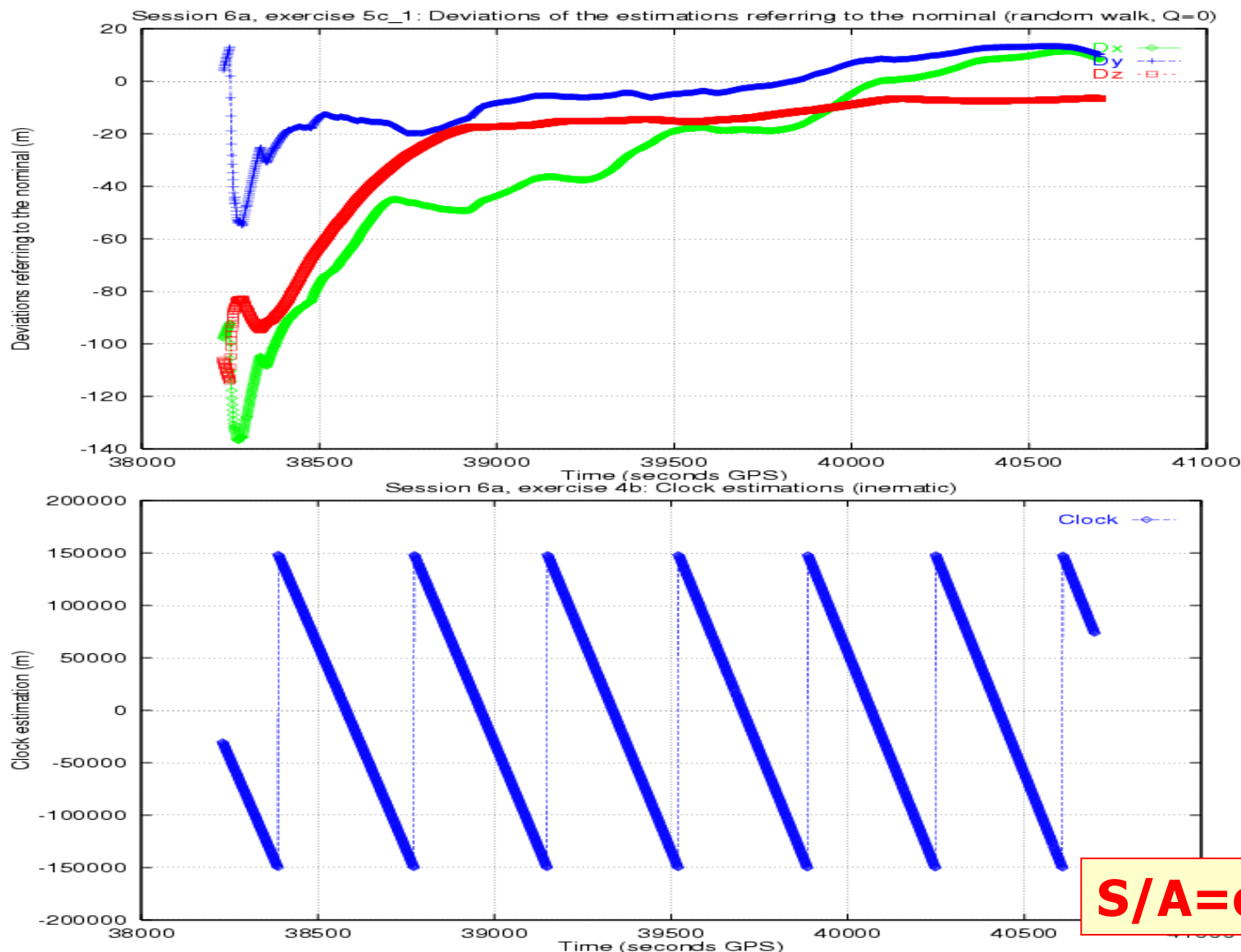
# Kinematic positioning: random walk noise coordinates and white noise clock



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# Positioning: Random walk coordinates with $Q=0$ and white noise clock



# Annex

## Bancroft method for direct estimation of receiver position and clock offset

Bancroft method allows to get a direct solution of receiver coordinates and clock offset  $(x, y, z, DT)$ , without any “a priori” knowledge. So, this method may be used to obtain the initial value  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  for navigation equations (cold start)



$$\begin{cases} P^1 = \sqrt{(x - x^1)^2 + (y - y^1)^2 + (z - z^1)^2} + cDT \\ \vdots \\ P^n = \sqrt{(x - x^n)^2 + (y - y^n)^2 + (z - z^n)^2} + cDT \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ cDT \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{B}^{-1} (\lambda \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{a})$$

**Where:**

$$\langle \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{1} \rangle \lambda^2 + 2 [\langle \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{a} \rangle - 1] \lambda + \langle \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{a} \rangle = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} x^1 & y^1 & z^1 & P^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x^n & y^n & z^n & P^n \end{pmatrix}$$

Satellite coordinates

$$\mathbf{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_j = \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} x^j \\ y^j \\ z^j \\ P^j \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x^j \\ y^j \\ z^j \\ P^j \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4] \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Measured pseudorange

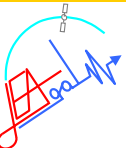
## Comments:

- To improve the estimation, the measured pseudorange can be substituted by:

$$P^j \rightarrow P^j + dt^j - rel^j - TGD^j$$

Nevertheless, to compute the ionospheric and tropospheric delay, the receiver coordinates are needed.

- Thence, after computing the approximate receiver coordinates, a second iteration is needed to compute the solution using all the corrections (which is done using the linearized equations).



# Lesson 7

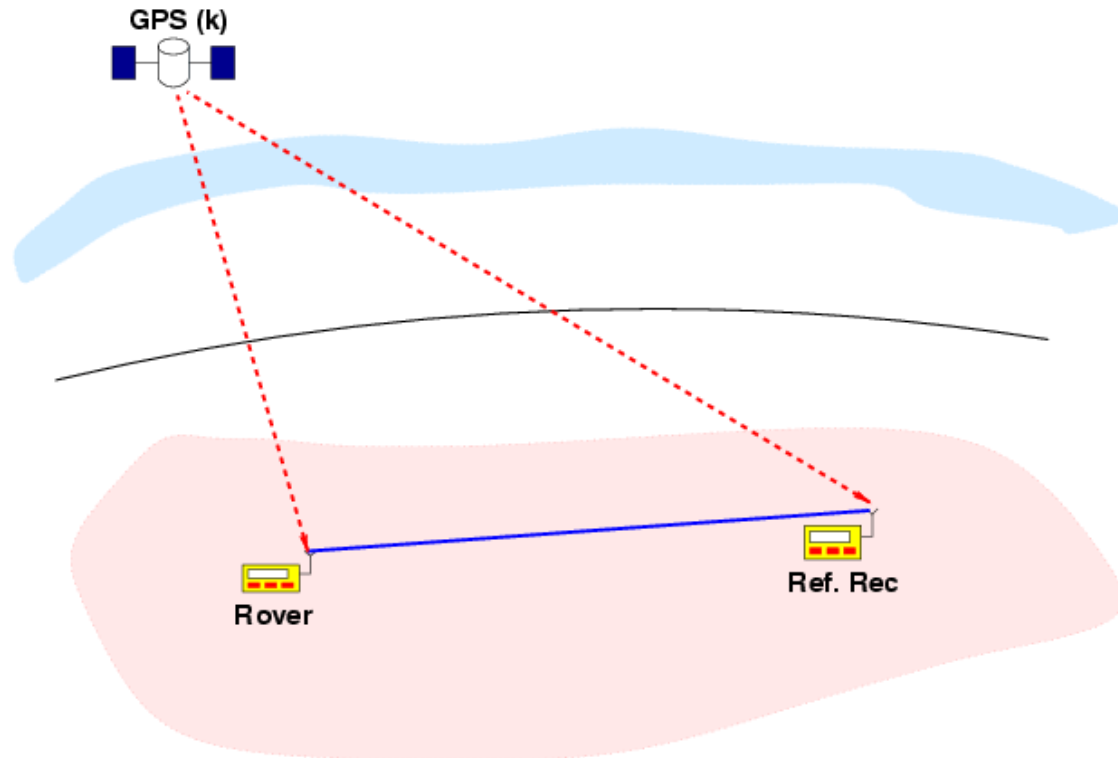
## Code and phase differential positioning.

### Floating versus fixing ambiguities

# Differential Positioning

A receiver (rover) is positioned regarding to another receiver (reference) whose coordinates are known.

It allows to cancel out most of the common errors between both receivers, improving dramatically the positioning accuracy.

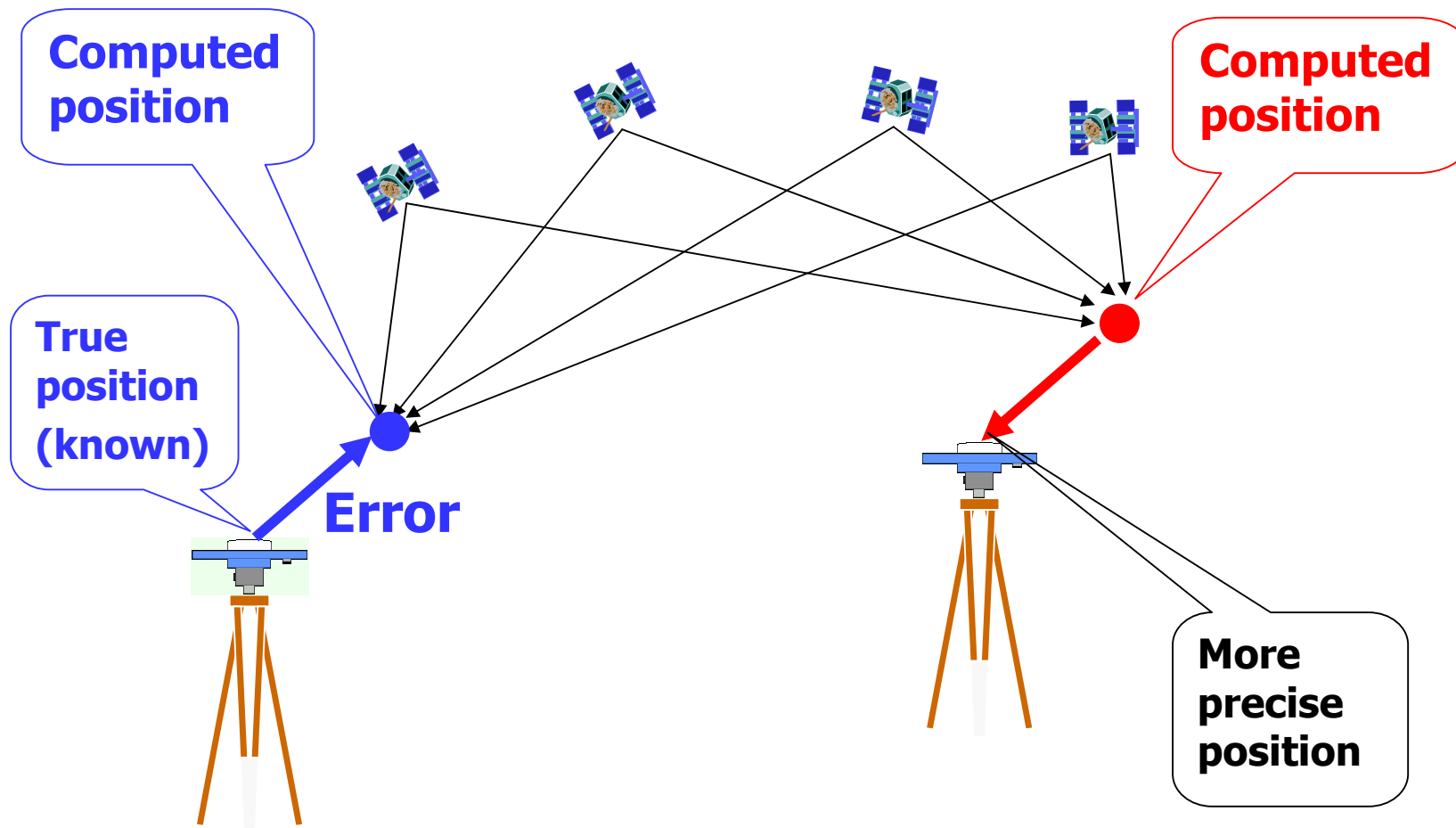
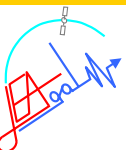


# ERORS on the Signal

- Space Segment Errors:
    - Clock errors
    - Ephemeris errors
  - Propagation Errors
    - Ionospheric delay
    - Tropospheric delay
  - Local Errors
    - Multipath
    - Receiver noise
- Common
- Strong spatial correlation
- Weak spatial correlation
- No spatial correlation



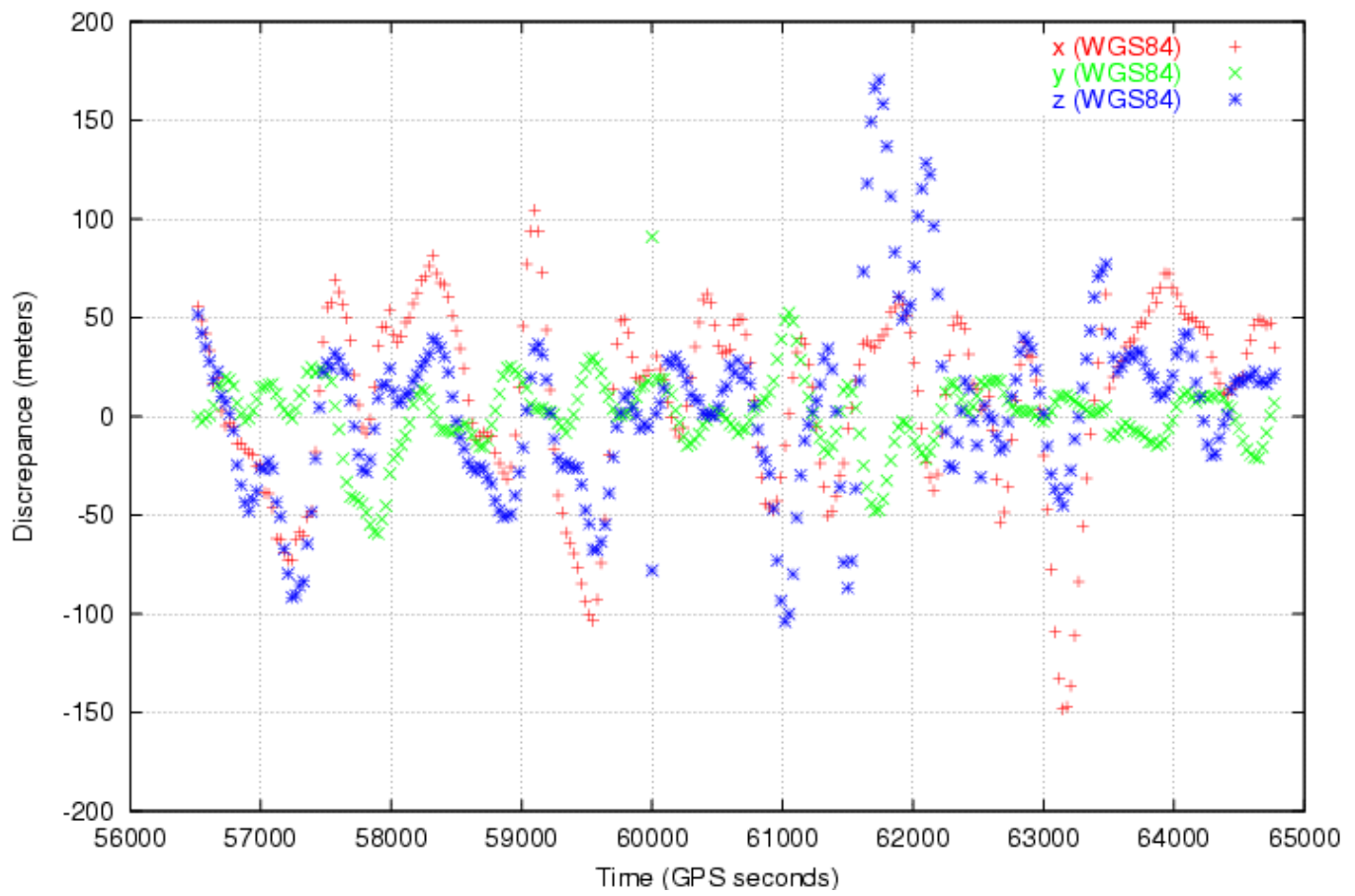
# DIFFERENTIAL GPS (DGPS) with code



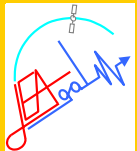
**In short baselines, similar errors are expected**

# bell: Absolute positioning (S/A=on)

Session 7a, exercise 2g: bell (PC) Absolute Kinem. Pos. (Broadcast orbits and clocks)

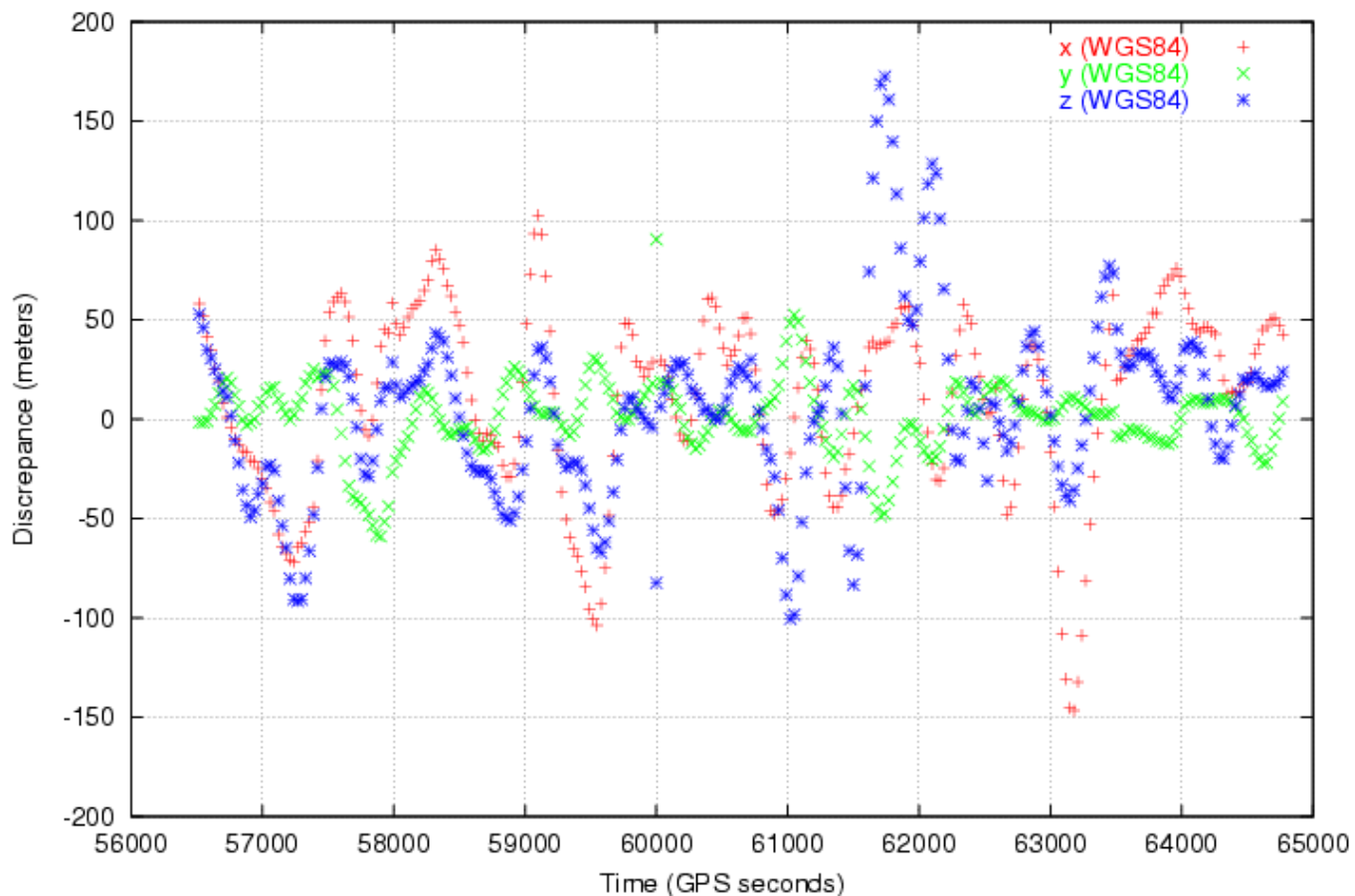


Positioning error in station "bell" (S/A=on)

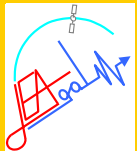


# ebre: Absolute positioning (S/A=on)

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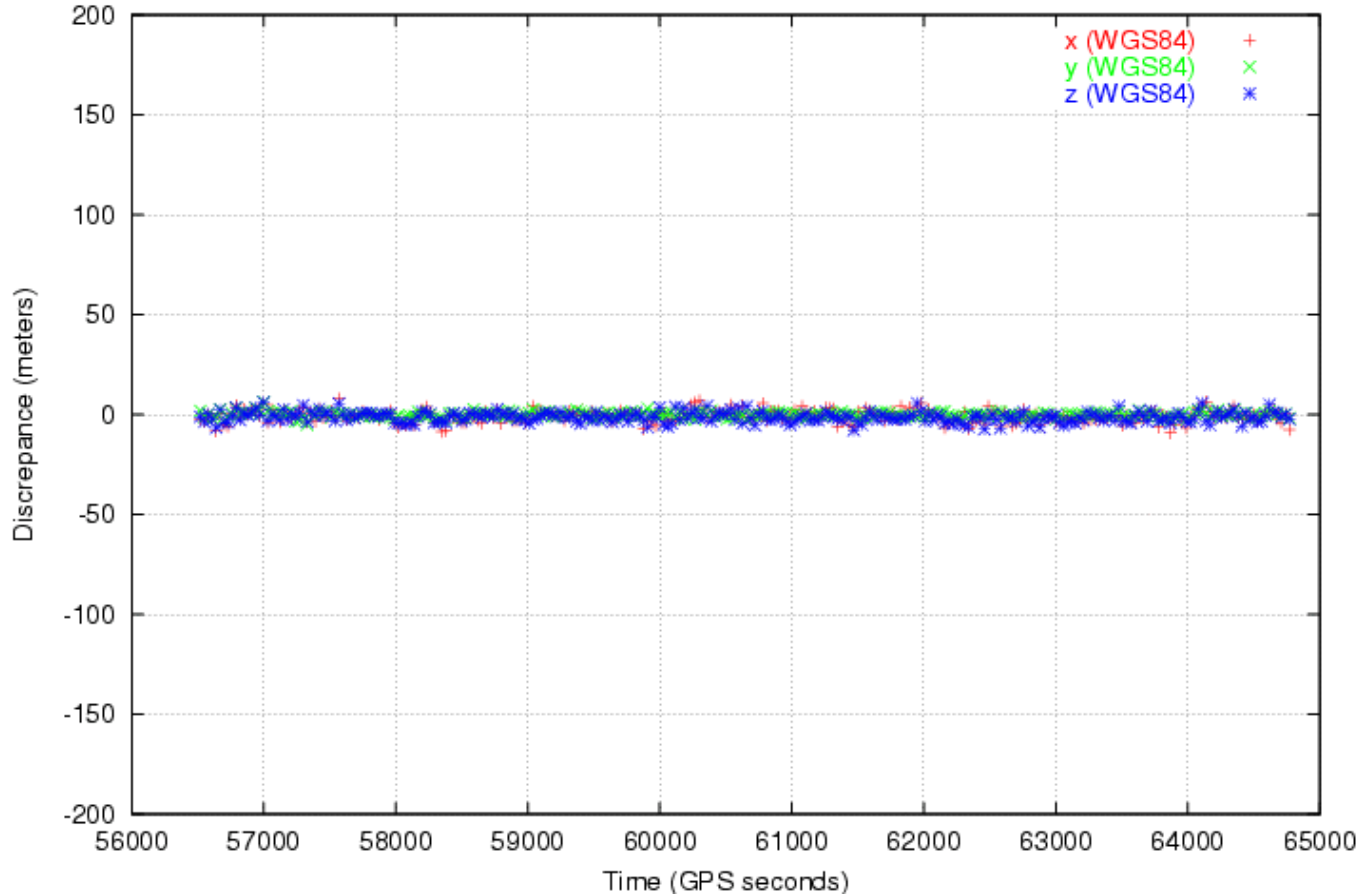


Basically, the same errors are found in station "ebre",  
100Km far from "bell"  
(the same satellites are used in the navigation solution)



# bell-ebre (S/A=on)

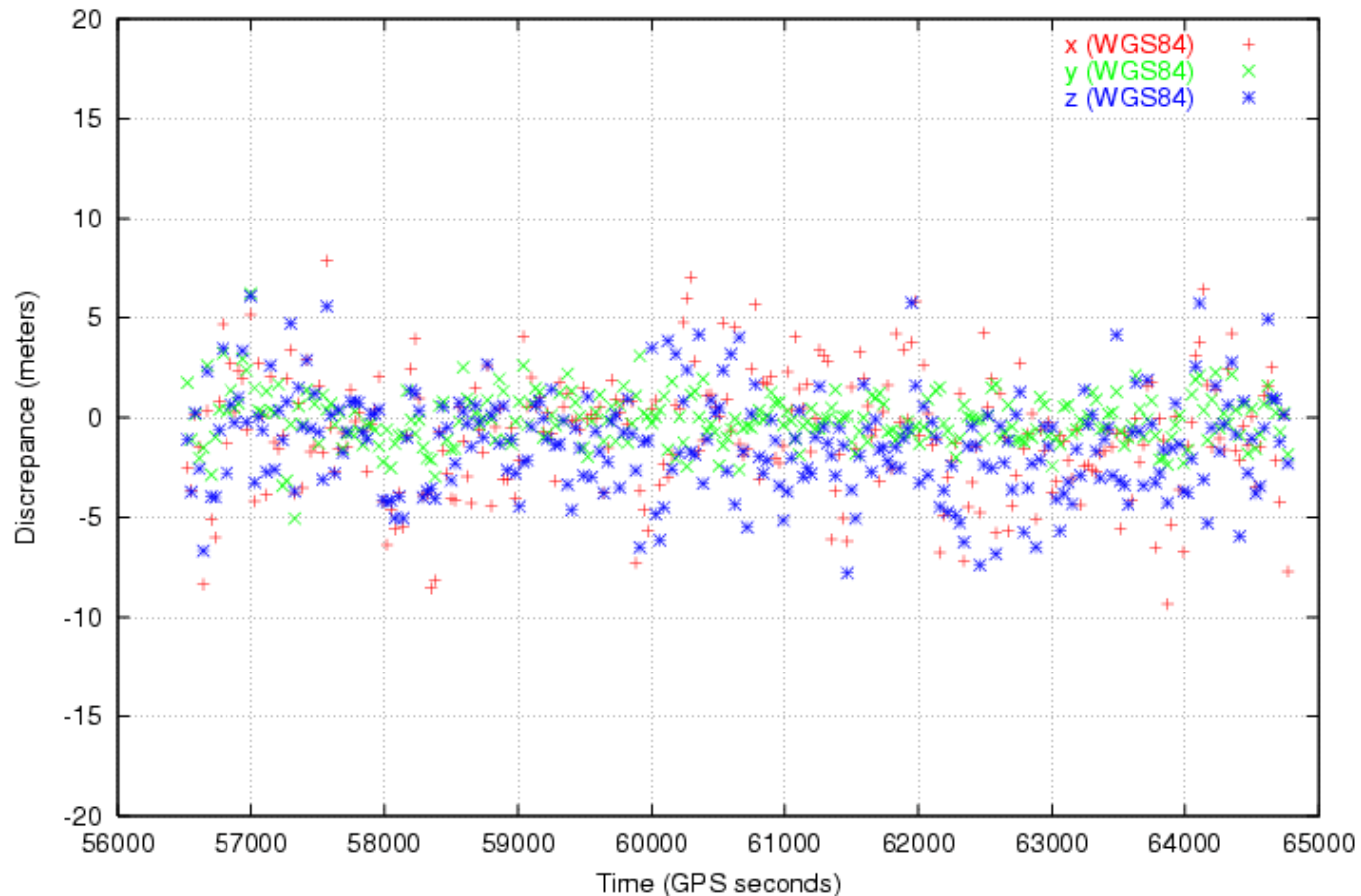
Session 7a, exercise 2f: bell relative to ebre: D(PC) Kinem. Pos. (Broadcast orbits)



Most of the errors cancels out when computing the difference between errors in "ebre" and "bell".  
(the same satellites are used in the navigation solution)

# bell-ebre (S/A=on)

Section 7a, exercise 2f: bell relative to ebre: D(PC) Kinem. Pos. (Broadcast orbits)



Zoom of previous plot

In the previous example, the differential error has been cancelled in the “position” domain.

But:

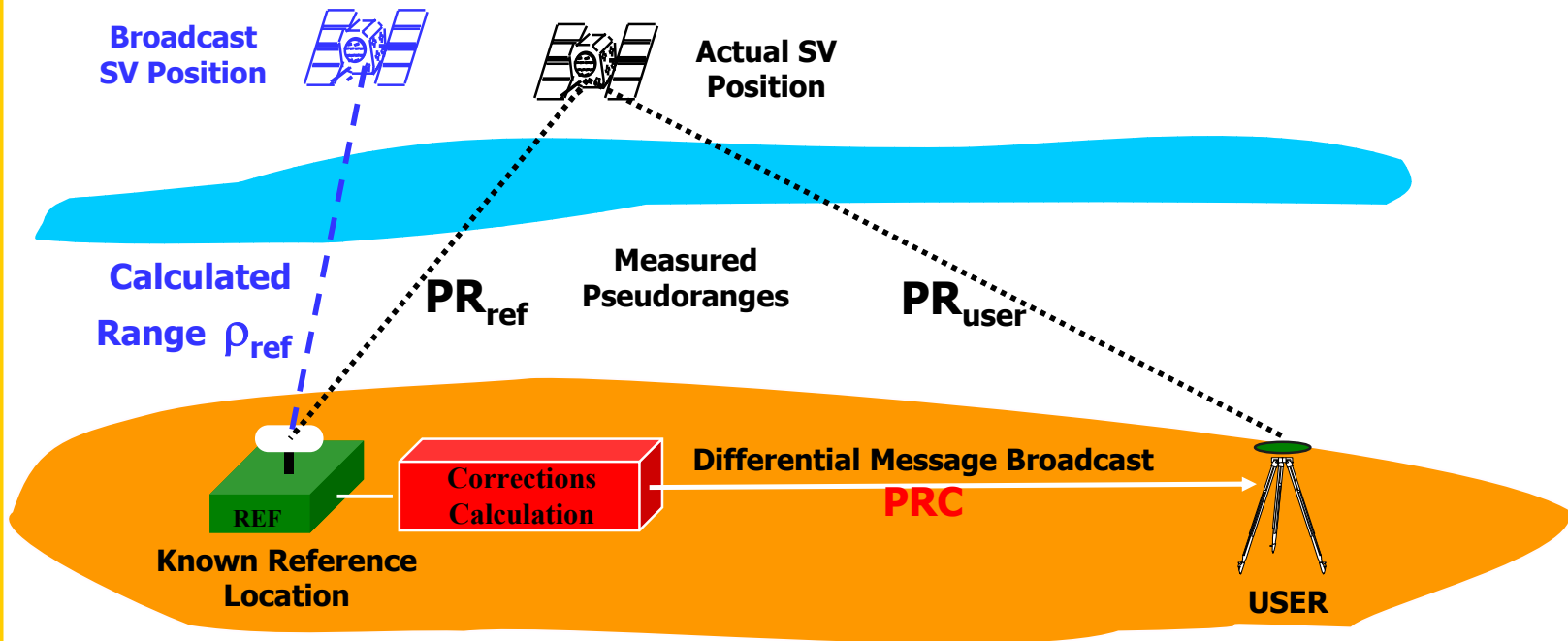
- It requires to use the same satellites in both stations.

Thence, is much better to solve the problem in the “pseudorange” domain than in the “position” domain.

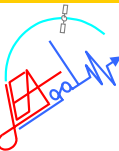
Concept:

- A reference station (*its exact position is known*) computes a differential correction for each satellite in view.
- The user applies this correction to remove most part of the common errors in pseudorange.

# Range Differential Correction Calculation



- The first receiver, in a **reference station**, can calculate these errors knowing its exact location (**corrections "PRC"** calculated by the ground station):  **$PRC = PR_{ref} - \rho_{ref}$**
- The second receiver (**the user**) will use these **corrections** to adjust its own measurements and increase the accuracy of these measurements:  **$PR_{user} - PRC$**



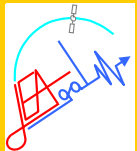
# 1. Differential positioning (with simple differences)

Let's  $P_{rov}^j$  and  $P_{ref}^j$  be code measurements of rover (rov) and reference station (ref), respectively, for satellite "j". Thence:

$$\begin{aligned} Prefit_{rov}^j &= \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dx_{rov} + \frac{y_{0,rov} - y^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dy_{rov} + \frac{z_{0,rov} - z^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dz_{rov} + cDT_{rov} + \varepsilon_{rov}^j \\ Prefit_{ref}^j &= 0 + 0 + 0 + cDT_{ref} + \varepsilon_{ref}^j \end{aligned}$$

Introducing the following notation to symbolize the simple difference of measurements  $\Delta P^j \equiv P_{rov}^j - P_{ref}^j$ , the difference of previous equation can be written as:

$$\Delta Prefit^j = \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dx_{rov} + \frac{y_{0,rov} - y^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dy_{rov} + \frac{z_{0,rov} - z^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dz_{rov} + \Delta(cDT) + \Delta\varepsilon^j$$







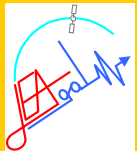
And, considering all satellites in view from both receivers, the following equation system can be written. This system is similar to that of absolute positioning, but the relative clock between both receivers is instead estimated:  $\Delta(cDT) = cDT_{rov} - cDT_{ref}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta Prefit^1 \\ \Delta Prefit^2 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ \Delta Prefit^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} & \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} & \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} & 1 \\ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^2}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} & \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^2}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} & \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^2}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} & 1 \\ \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots \\ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} & \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} & \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_{rov} \\ dy_{rov} \\ dz_{rov} \\ \Delta(cDT) \end{bmatrix}$$

This system can be solved applying the same mathematic tools than in absolute positioning (LMS, WMS, Kalman filtering,...)

# Residual GPS Pseudorange Errors

ERRORS	Without DGPS Correction		Zero Baseline Zero Latency DGPS		Decorrelation with Latency		Geographic Decorrelation (m/100 Km)
	Bias (meters)	Random (meters)	Bias (meters)	Random (meters)	Velocity (m/s)	Acceleration (m/s <sup>2</sup> )	
Receiver Noise	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Multipath	0.3 to 3.0	0.2 to 1.0	0.4 to 3.0	0.2 to 1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Satellite Clock (S/A=off)	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.10	0.02	0.004	0.0
Satellite Clock (S/A=on)	21.0	0.1	0.0	0.14	0.21	0.004	0.0
Ephemeris (S/A=off)	10.0 (extreme)	0.0	0.0	0.0	negl.	negl.	<0.05
Ephemeris (S/A=on)	100.0 (extreme)	0.0	0.0	0.0	<0.01	<0.001	<0.5
Ionosphere (raw iono)	2 to 10 (times obliquity)	<0.1 (times obliquity)	0.0	<0.14	0.092	negli.	<0.2
Troposphere	2 (times obliquity)	<0.1 (times obliquity)	0.0	<0.14	negl.	negli.	<0.05



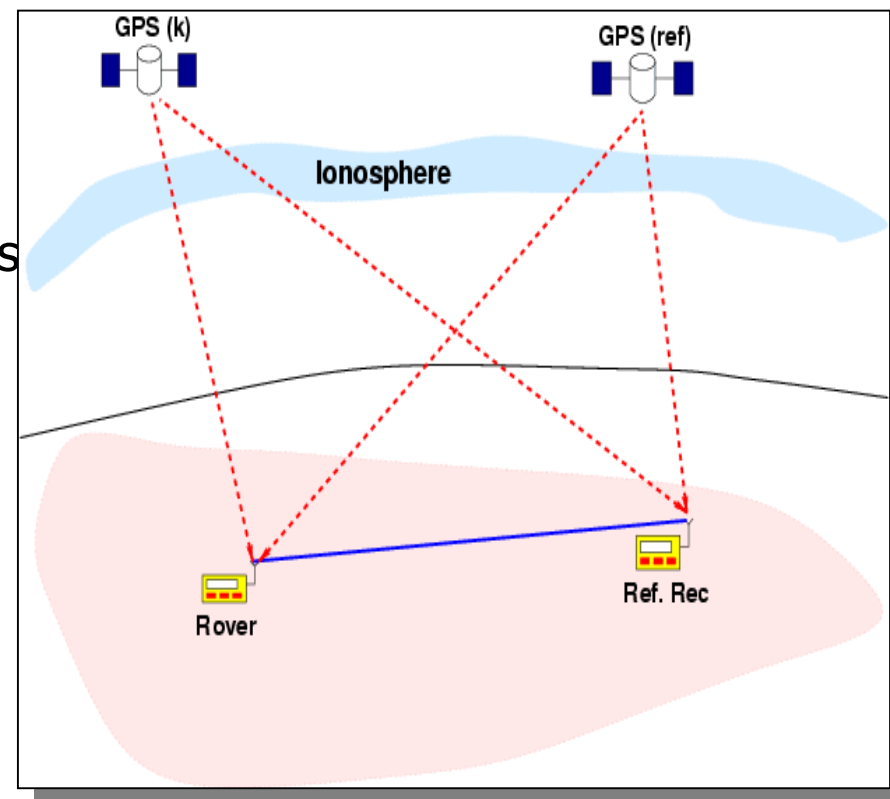
## 2. Differential positioning with double differences

Taking one station and one satellite as a reference, the double differences between satellites and stations can be computed from the single ones

$$\Delta \square \bullet \equiv \square \bullet_{rov} - \square \bullet_{ref}$$

$$\nabla \square \bullet \equiv \square \bullet^j - \square \bullet^R$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \nabla \square \bullet &\equiv \Delta \square \bullet^j - \Delta \square \bullet^R = \\ &= \nabla \square \bullet_{rov} - \nabla \square \bullet_{ref} \end{aligned}$$



Thence:

$$\Delta \nabla \square \bullet^j = \left[ \square \bullet_{rov}^j - \square \bullet_{ref}^j \right] - \left[ \square \bullet_{rov}^R - \square \bullet_{ref}^R \right] = \left[ \square \bullet_{rov}^j - \square \bullet_{rov}^R \right] - \left[ \square \bullet_{ref}^j - \square \bullet_{ref}^R \right]$$

# Double differences of measurement equations:

$$Prefit_{rov}^j = \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dx_{rov} + \frac{y_{0,rov} - y^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dy_{rov} + \frac{z_{0,rov} - z^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} dz_{rov} + \cancel{cDT_{rov}} + \varepsilon_{rov}^j$$

$$Prefit_{rov}^R = \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^R}{\rho_{0,rov}^R} dx_{rov} + \frac{y_{0,rov} - y^R}{\rho_{0,rov}^R} dy_{rov} + \frac{z_{0,rov} - z^R}{\rho_{0,rov}^R} dz_{rov} + \cancel{cDT_{rov}} + \varepsilon_{rov}^R$$

$$Prefit_{ref}^j = 0 + 0 + 0 + \cancel{cDT_{ref}} + \varepsilon_{ref}^j$$

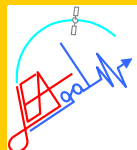
$$Prefit_{ref}^R = 0 + 0 + 0 + \cancel{cDT_{ref}} + \varepsilon_{ref}^R$$

$$\Delta\nabla Prefit^j = \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} \right] dx_{rov} + \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{0,rov} - y^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} \right] dy_{rov} + \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{0,rov} - z^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} \right] dz_{rov} + \Delta\nabla \varepsilon^j$$

**Where:**

$$\Delta\nabla Prefit^j \equiv [Prefit_{rov}^j - Prefit_{rov}^R] - [Prefit_{ref}^j - Prefit_{ref}^R]$$

$$\nabla \left[ \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} \right] \equiv \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} - \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^R}{\rho_{0,rov}^R} ; \dots$$





And applying the double differences to the measurement equations, it follows that:

$$\Delta\nabla Prefit^j = \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{0,rov} - x^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} \right] dx_{rov} + \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{0,rov} - y^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} \right] dy_{rov} + \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{0,rov} - z^j}{\rho_{0,rov}^j} \right] dz_{rov} + \Delta\nabla \varepsilon^j$$

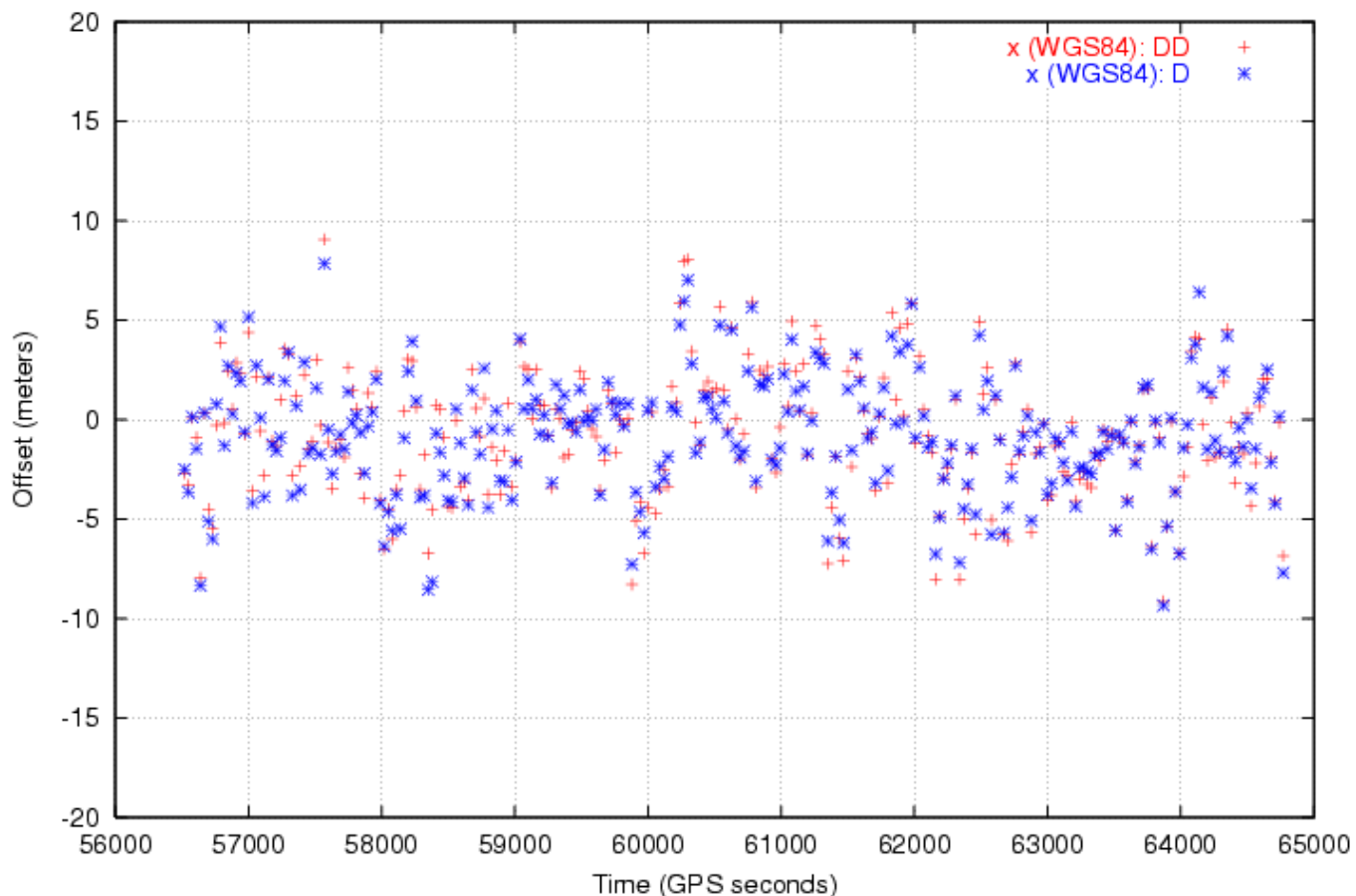
where:  $\Delta\nabla(cDT) = \nabla[\Delta(cDT)] = 0$

Considering all satellites in view from both receivers, the following equation system may be written, where the clock term is cancelled.

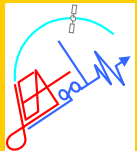
$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\nabla Prefit^1 \\ \Delta\nabla Prefit^2 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ \Delta\nabla Prefit^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^2}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^2}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^2}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] \\ \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots & \dots\dots\dots \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_{rov} \\ dy_{rov} \\ dz_{rov} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Double versus Single difference: X (WGS-84)

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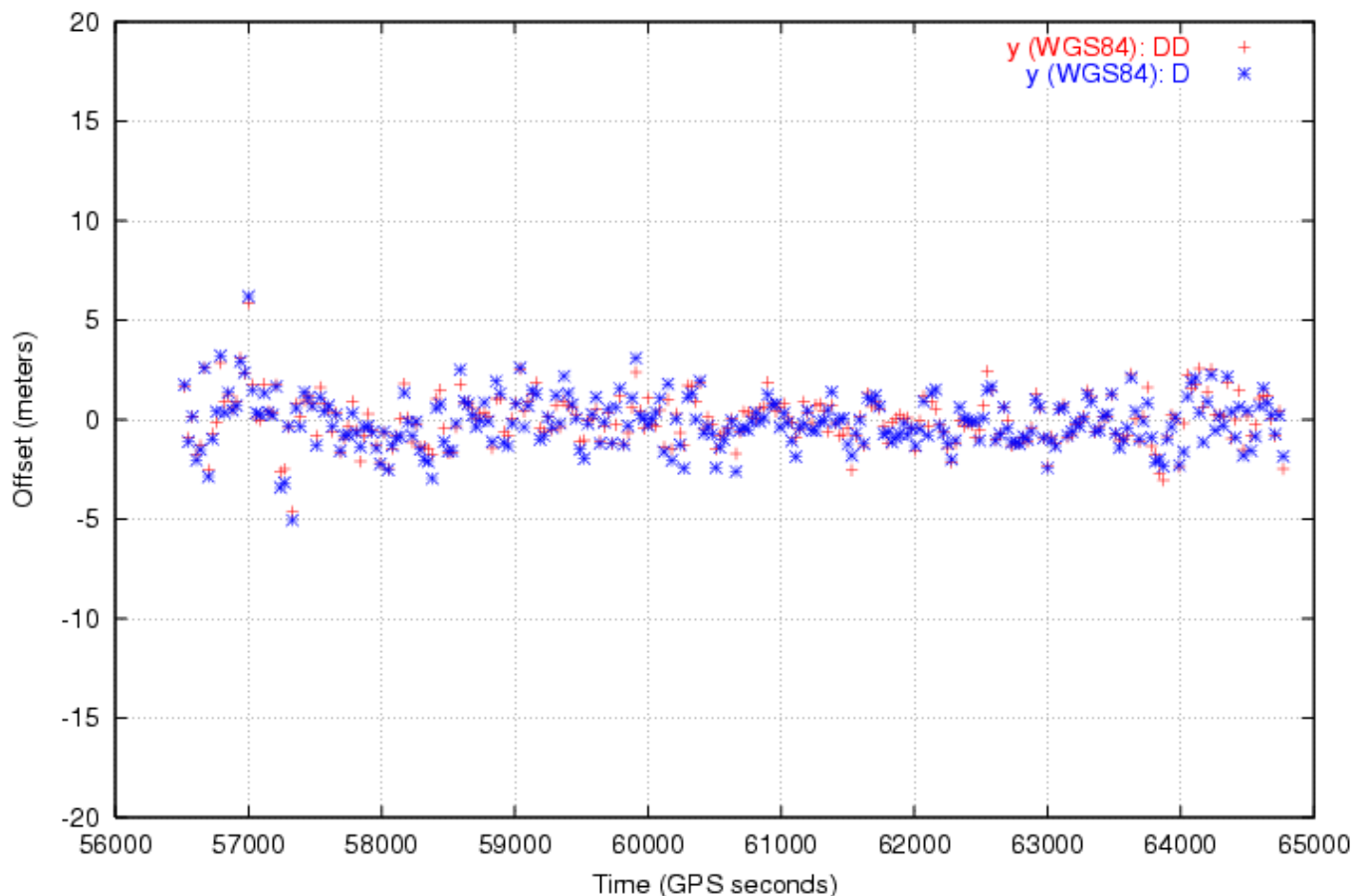


Positioning error in station "bell" (S/A=on)



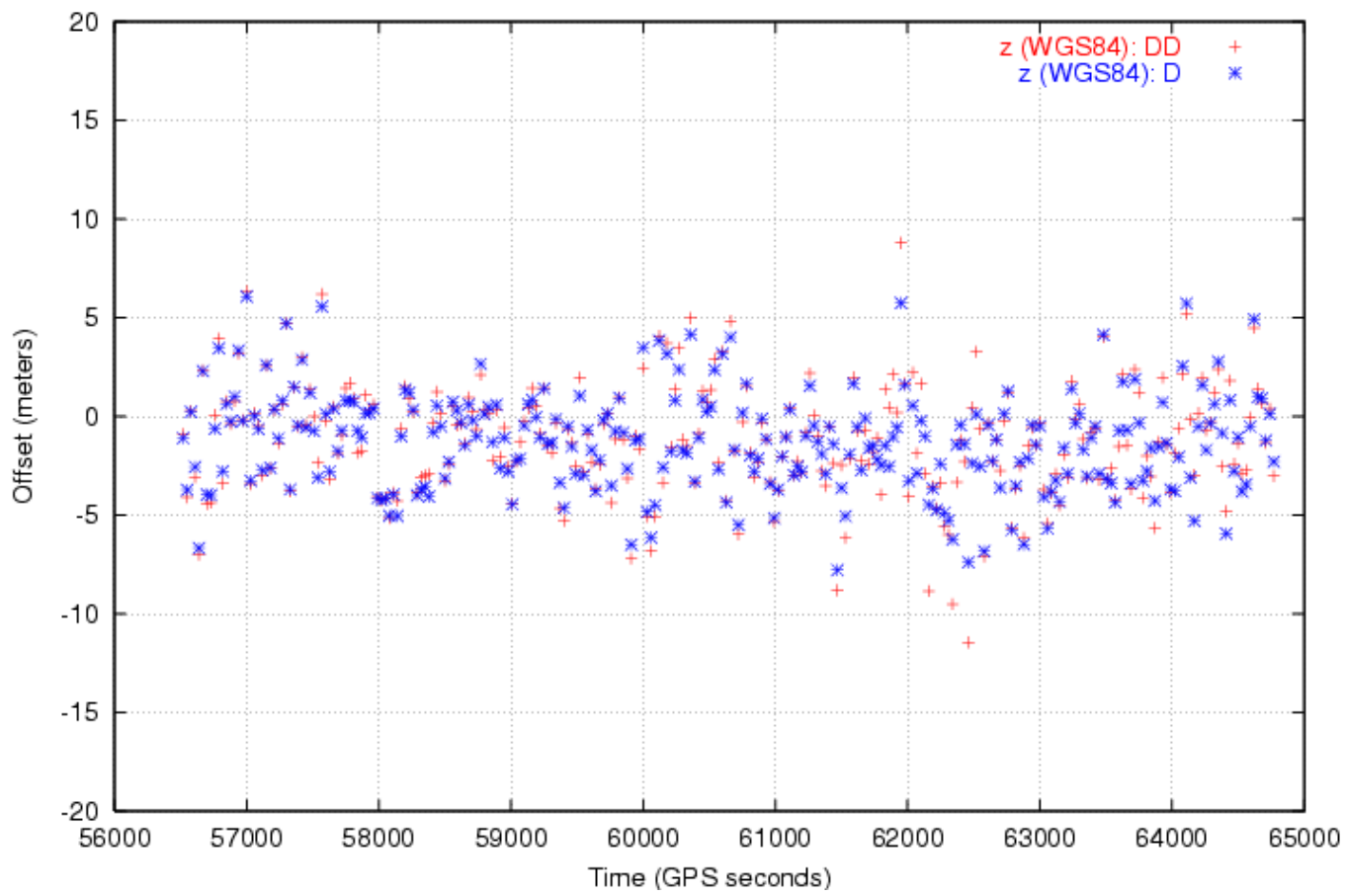
## Double versus Single difference: Y (WGS-84)

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# Double versus Single difference: Z (WGS-84)

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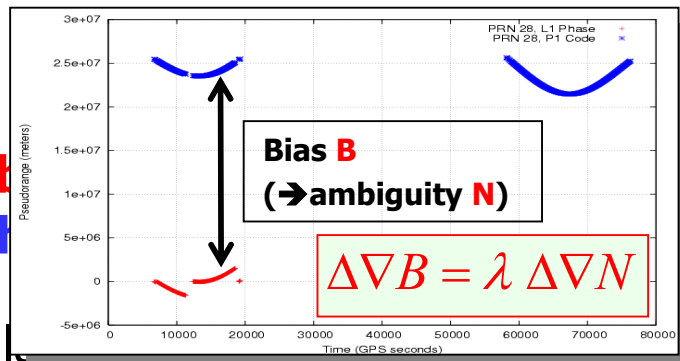


As it has been seen in the previous plots, double differences and single differences performs similar when positioning with code pseudoranges.

Nevertheless, doubles differences have an important application when positioning **with carrier phases, in particular for the fixing ambiguities techniques.**

# 3. Carrier phase positioning

## 3.1 Differential positioning with double frequency and phase measurements (floating technique)



Phase measurements are modeled in similar way, taking into account the phase **ambiguities**  $\Delta \nabla B$ , which must be estimated together with rover coordinates  $(dx, dy, dz)$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \nabla Prefit(P)^1 \\ \Delta \nabla Prefit(L)^1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla Prefit(P)^n \\ \Delta \nabla Prefit(L)^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & 0 & \dots & \underset{(k)}{1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & \underset{(l)}{1} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_{rov} \\ dy_{rov} \\ dz_{rov} \\ \Delta \nabla B_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla B_k \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla B_l \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla B_s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{1sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} + Ion_{1sta}^{sat} + K_{1sta} + K_1^{sat} + \varepsilon$$

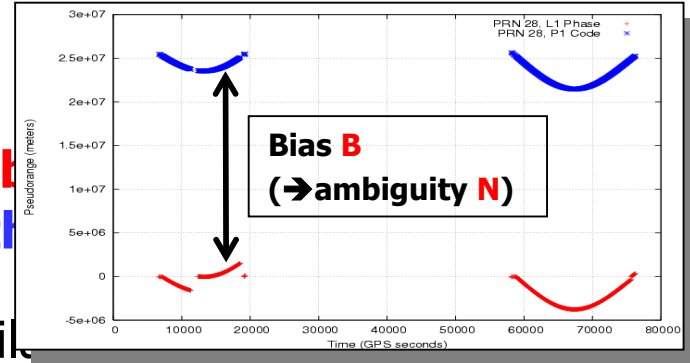
$$L_{1sta}^{sat} = \rho_{sta}^{sat} + c \cdot (dt_{sta} - dt^{sat}) + rel_{sta}^{sat} + Trop_{sta}^{sat} - Ion_{1sta}^{sat} + \boxed{k_{1sta} + k_1^{sat} + \lambda_1 N_1} + w_1 + \varepsilon$$

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# 3. Carrier phase positioning

## 3.1 Differential positioning with double frequency and phase measurements (floating the ambiguities)



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This system can be solved with a **Kalman filter**, assuming **ambiguities**  $\Delta \nabla B$  constant along continuous carrier phase arcs, and white noise at cycle-slips.

**The tropospheric delay can be also estimated as a random walk**

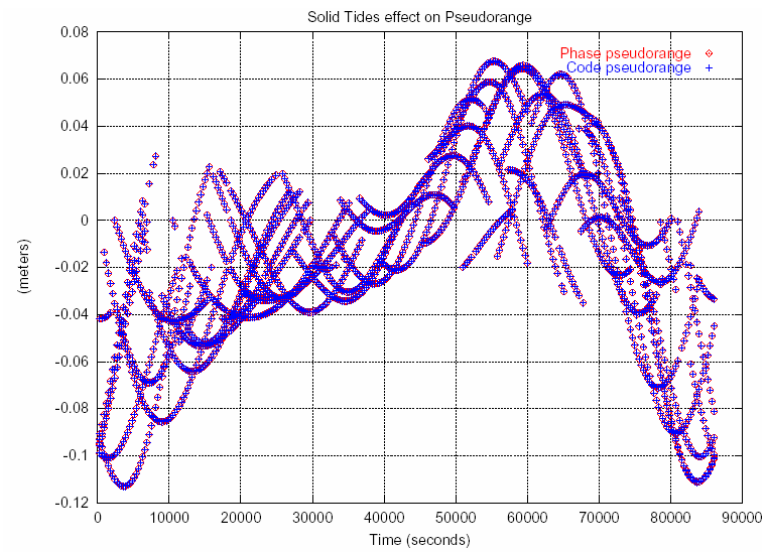
## Comments:

**More accurate modeling for phase positioning is needed. It should involve:**

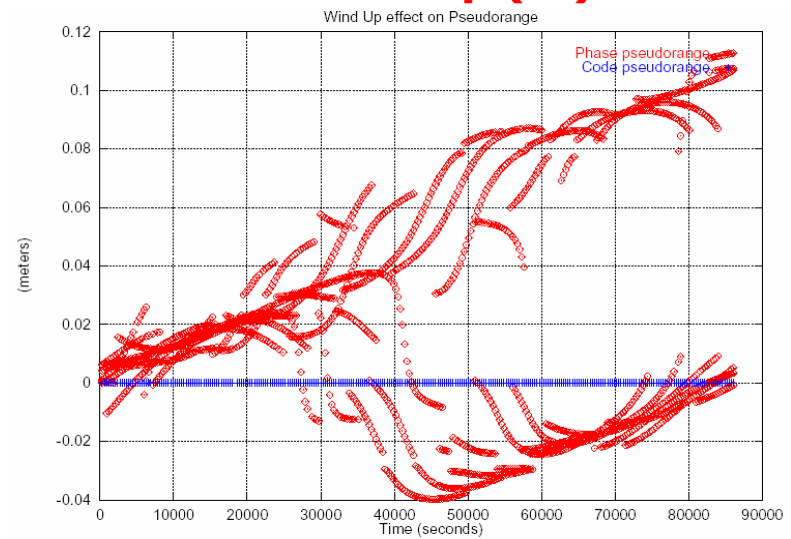
- **Phase Wind-up** (the GPS signal is polarized wave)
- **Antenna Phase center** (satellite, receiver)
- **To estimate tropospheric delay** (wet: random walk)
- **To adjust broadcast orbits** (long baselines)
- **Tidal Effects** (in particular solid Earth Tides)



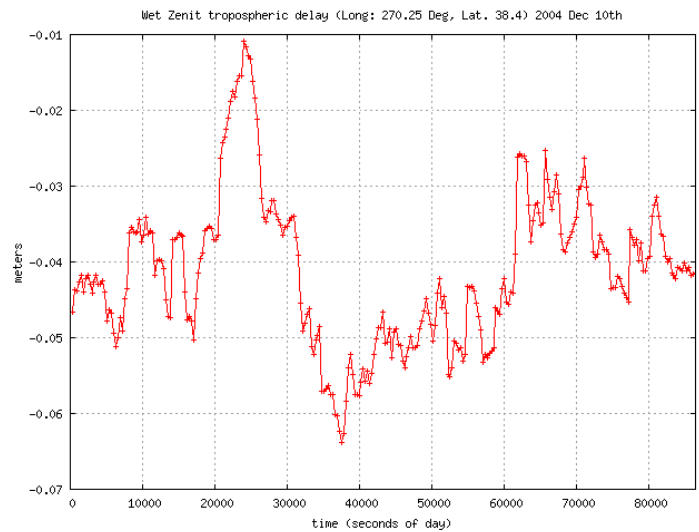
## Solid Earth tides



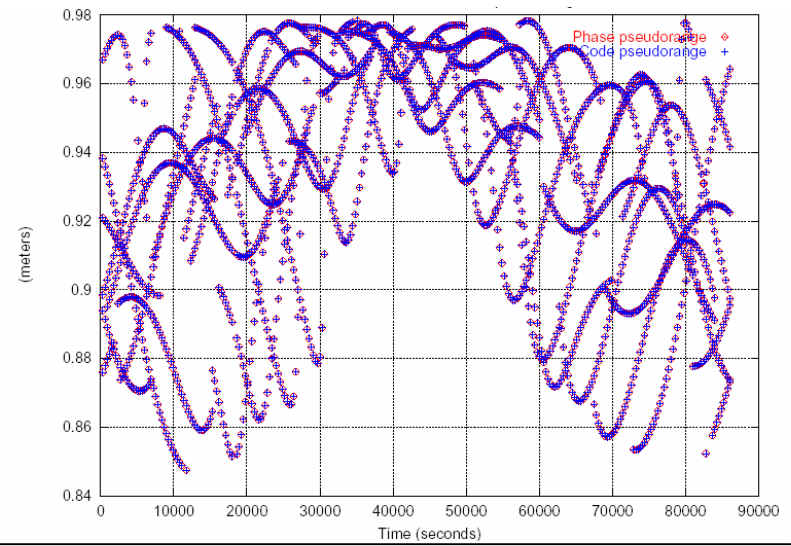
## Wind-Up (Lc)



## Wet Zenith Tropospheric delay

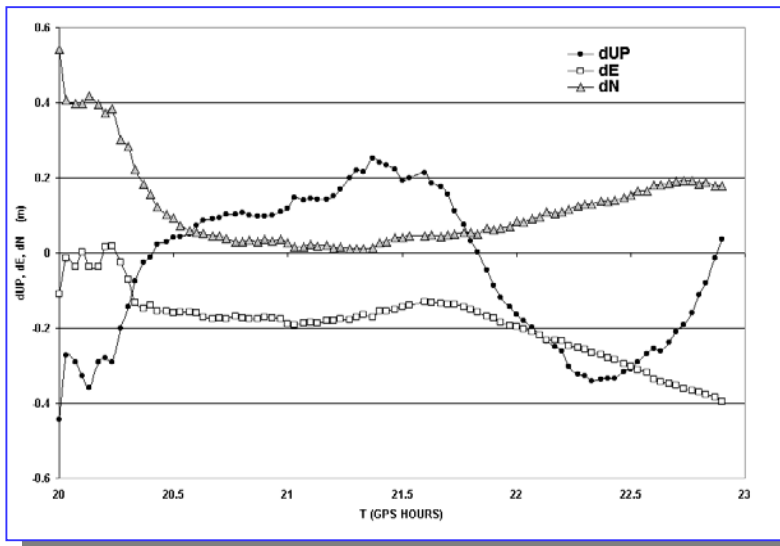


## Antenna Phase center (satellite)

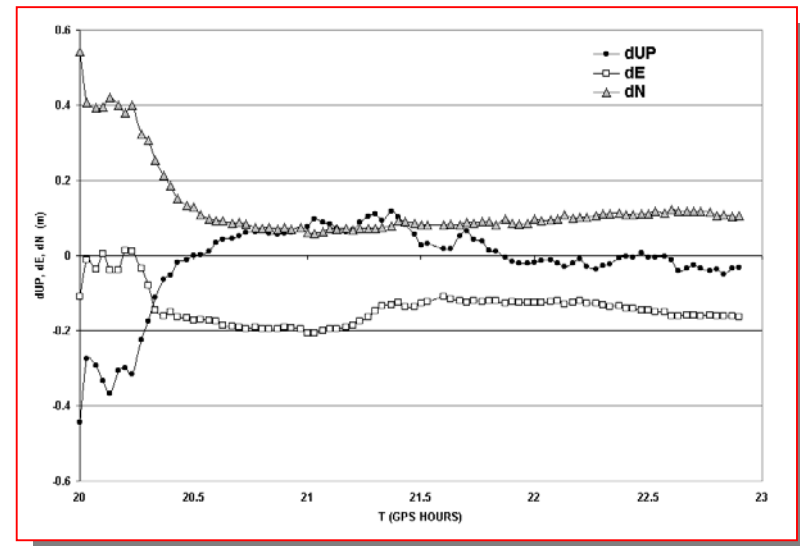


# Differential positioning at 420 km from reference station

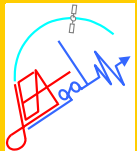
## Broadcast orbits



## Broadcast orbits (adjusted)



**Differential Kinematic positioning with 429 km of baseline.**  
**Broadcast orbits (left) and adjusted broadcast orbits (right) used.**  
**Ambiguities "floated" (Lc biases estimated). Tropospheric refraction errors**  
**estimated. Triangles: dUP; black circles: dN, squares: dE; all meters.**



# Differential positioning with double differences using code and phase measurements (floating the ambiguities)

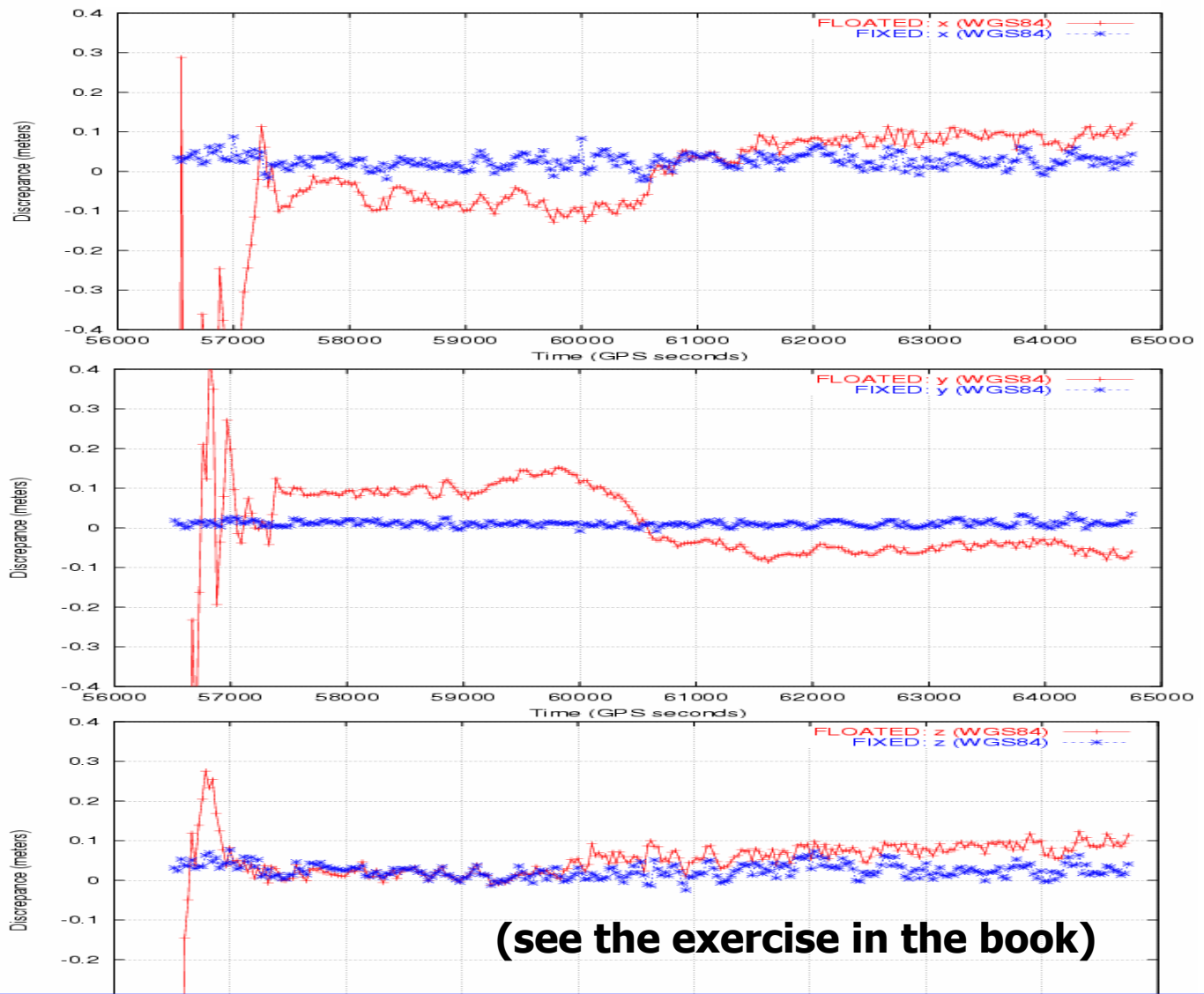
Phase measurements are modeled in similar way than code ones, but taking into account the phase **ambiguities**  $\Delta \nabla B$ , which must be estimated together with rover coordinates  $(dx, dy, dz)$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \nabla Prefit(P)^1 \\ \Delta \nabla Prefit(L)^1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla Prefit(P)^n \\ \Delta \nabla Prefit(L)^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^1} \right] & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^1}{\rho_{0,rov}^2} \right] & 0 & \dots & \underset{(k)}{1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \nabla \left[ \frac{x_{o,rov} - x^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{y_{o,rov} - y^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & \nabla \left[ \frac{z_{o,rov} - z^n}{\rho_{0,rov}^n} \right] & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & \underset{(l)}{1} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_{rov} \\ dy_{rov} \\ dz_{rov} \\ \Delta \nabla B_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla B_k \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla B_l \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \nabla B_s \end{bmatrix}$$

This system can be solved with a **Kalman filter**, assuming **ambiguities**  $\Delta \nabla B$  constant along continuous carrier phase arcs, and white noise at cycle-slips.



# FIXING versus FLOATING ambiguities



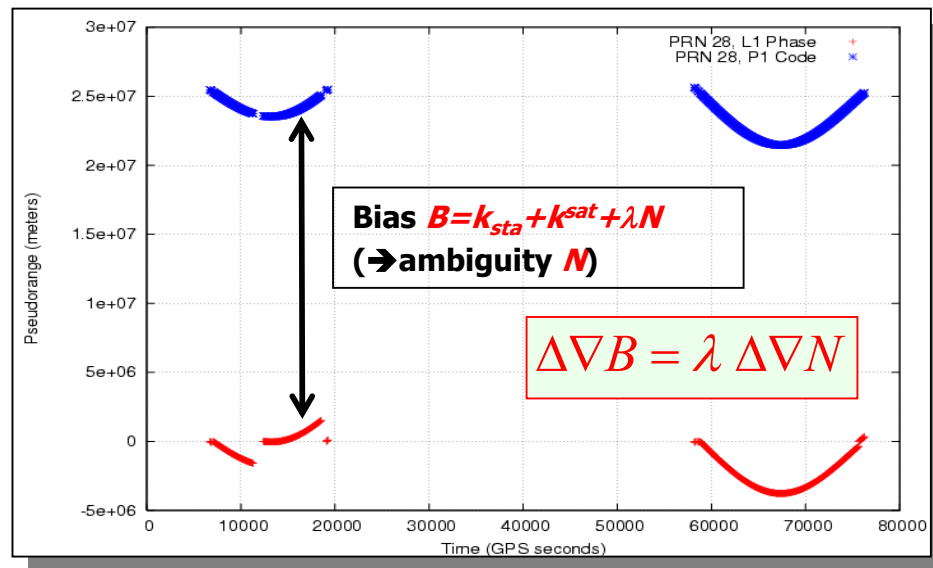
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**After fixing the ambiguities the carrier phases are used for positioning as very accurate pseudoranges (with few millimeters of noise)**



# Resolving the Ambiguities:

- Ambiguities must be estimated with a Kalman filter, together with coordinates (and troposphere,...).



- The easier way to resolve the ambiguities is to treat them as **REAL numbers**, which are constant along continuous phase arcs and white noise when cycle-slips (this technique is called: **floating ambiguities**)

➔ The filter needs some time span to converge, and also there is estimation noise (due to the correlations with the other states of filter), which degrades the navigation solution at the level of few decimeters.



Notice: If the ambiguities were fixed, we would be positioning with measurements of **few millimeters of noise**. On the other hand, the **ionosphere** can be removed using **dual frequency measurements (with Lc, Pc combinations)**!

Note:

- Klobuchar model only accounts for ~60%
- For long baselines the ionosphere does not cancel!

**Differential**  
with **2-freq** and  
**carrier phases**  
**(Lc,Pc)**

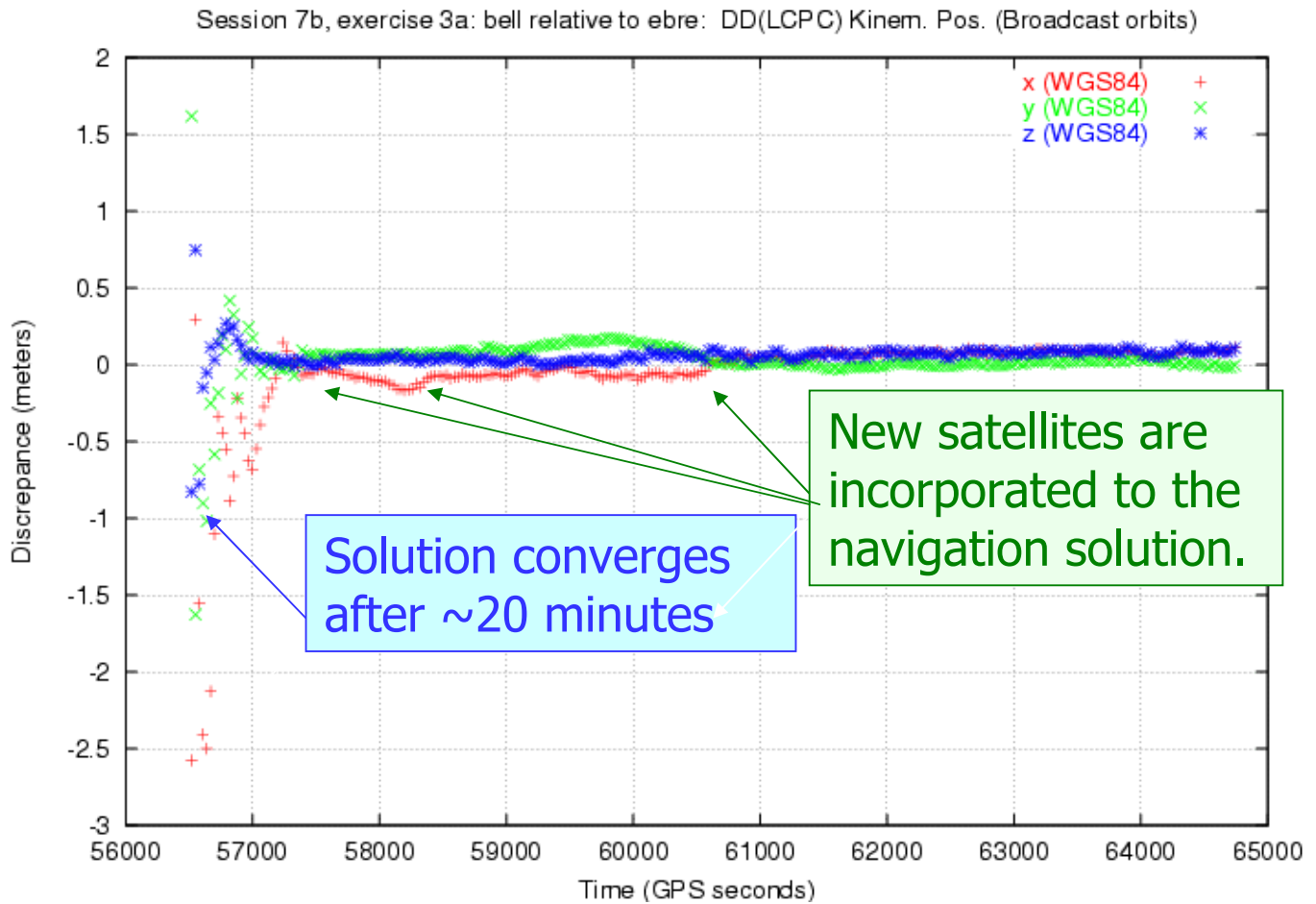
<b>Ionosphere</b>	<b>5-10 m</b>	<b>0.4m</b>	<b>~ mm</b>
<b>Troposphere</b>	<b>0.5-1.0 m</b>	<b>0.2 m</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
<b>Receiver Noise</b>	<b>0.5 m</b>	<b>0.5m</b>	<b>2 mm + Ambig.</b>
<b>Multipath</b>	<b>0.6 m</b>	<b>0.6m</b>	<b>5 mm</b>
<b>SA on (SA=off)</b>	<b>30 (0)m</b>	<b>0 m</b>	

**Carrier phase ambiguities must be estimated/fixed with receiver coordinates:**

**The accuracy will depend on how they are solved. (also the tropospheric delay or orbits adjustments should be considered for high precision).**

**Differential**

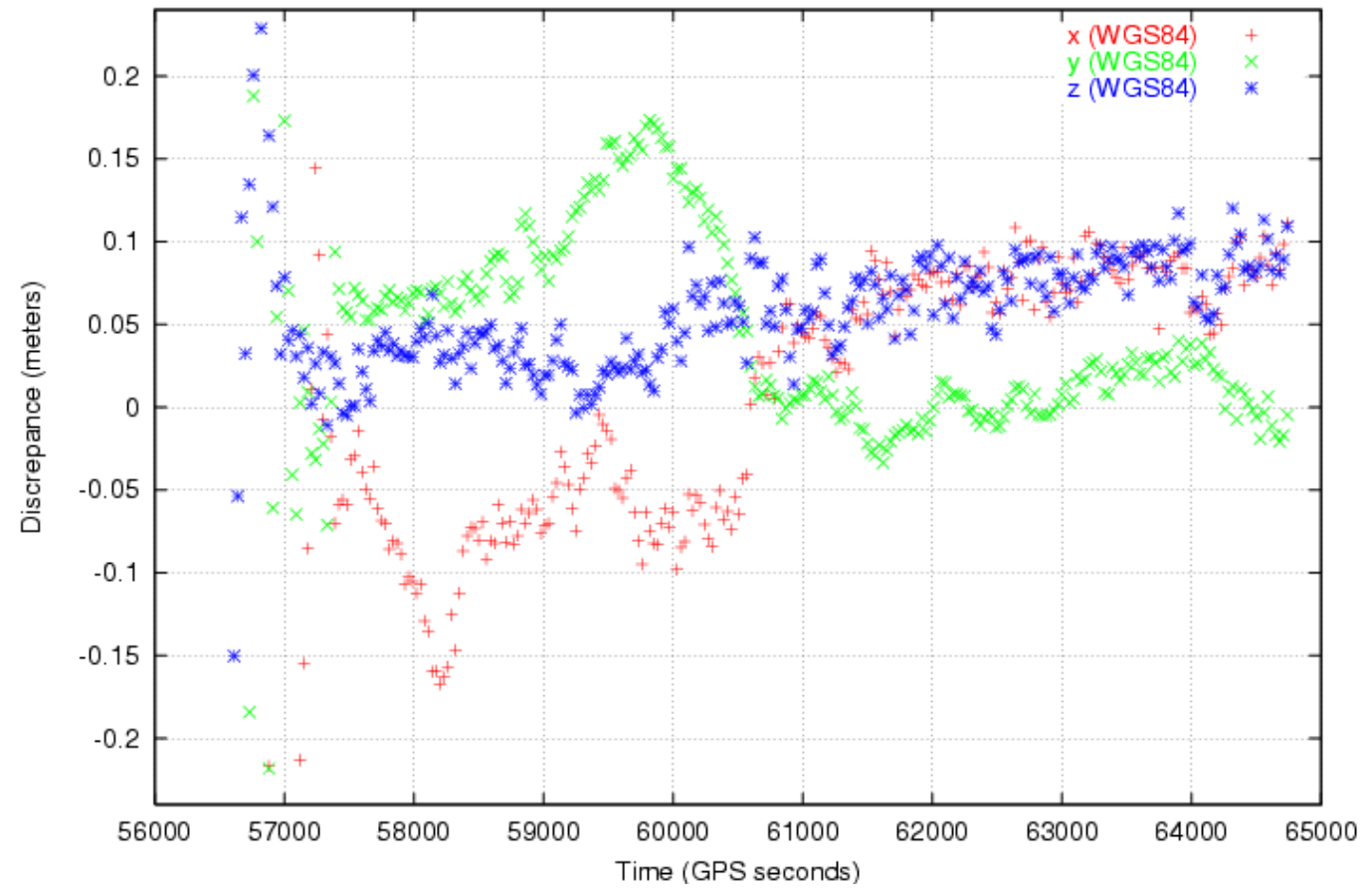




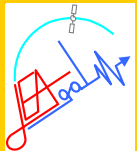
Differential Kinematic Positioning (floating ambiguities)  
using broadcast orbits and LC, PC measurements.

Baseline 100Km

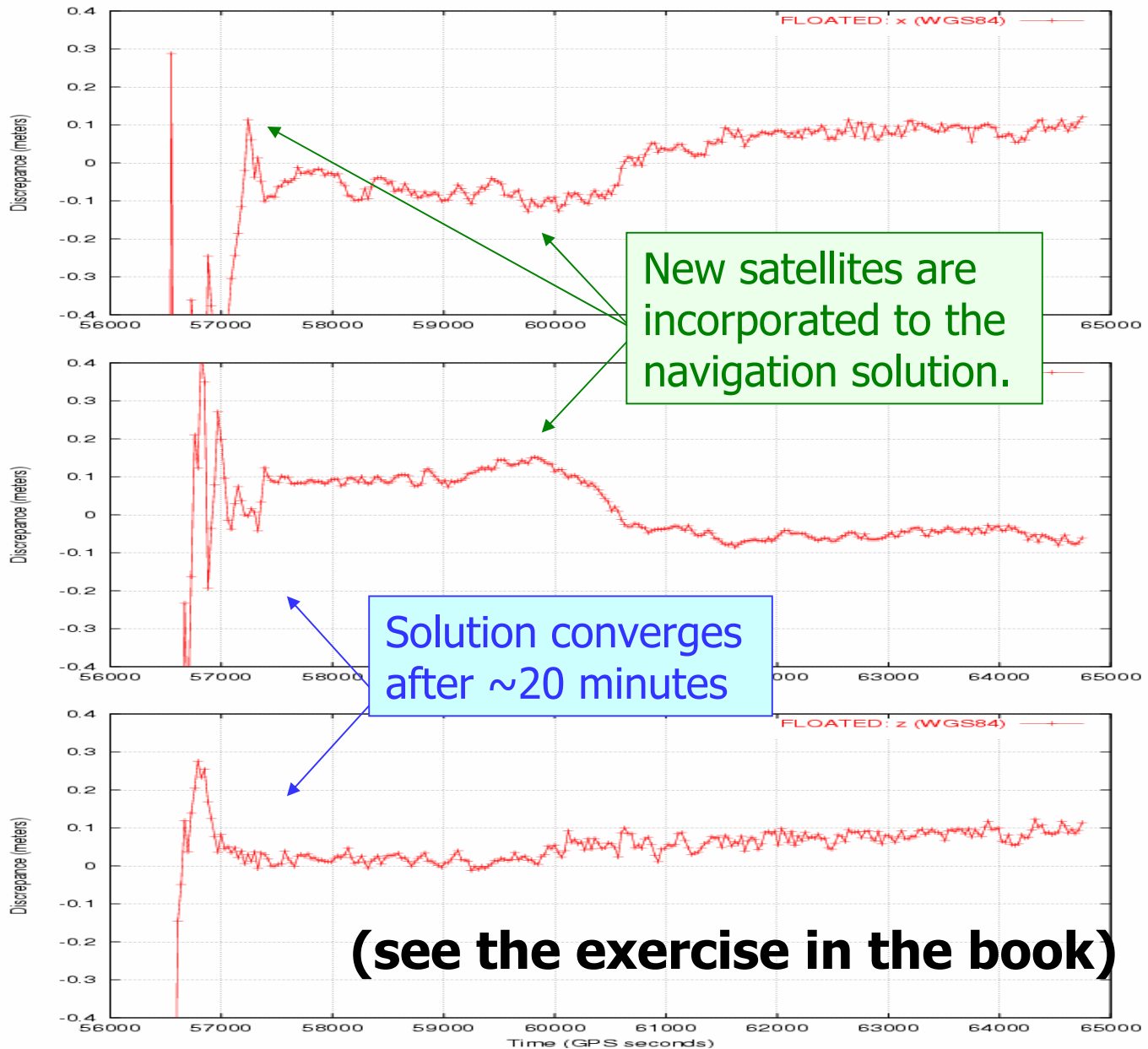
Session 7b, exercise 3a: bell relative to ebre: DD(LCPC) Kinem. Pos. (Broadcast orbits)



Zoom of previous figure



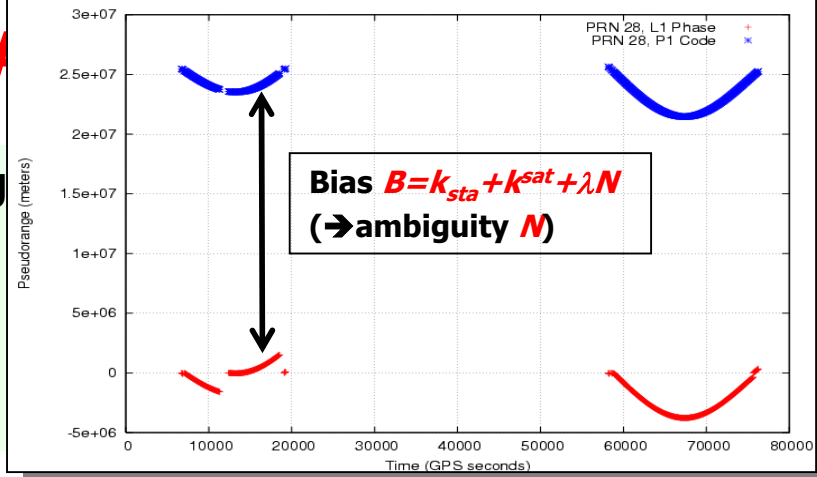
# Kinematic Posit. with Lc, Pc, FLOATING ambiguities (base line 100Km)



# FIXING versus FLOATING

Fixing ambiguities will allow to get

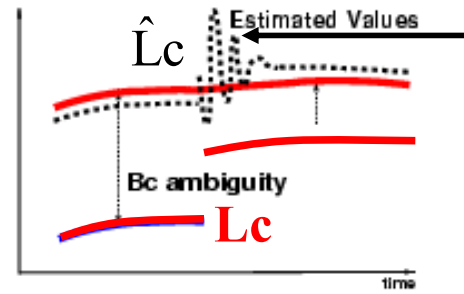
- **More accuracy:** avoiding noise when it is fixed.
- **Faster convergence** of filter.



## FLOATED:

The ambiguities have been estimated by filter as real numbers

3c ambiguity FLOATED (NOSIER)



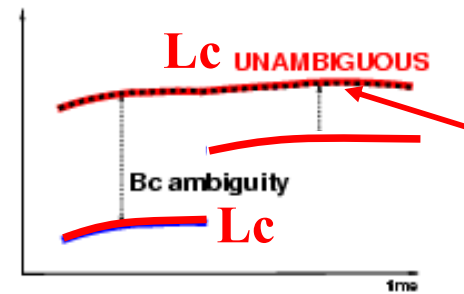
Carrier phase  $\hat{L}_c$  estimated floating the ambiguities.

The estimations need some time to converge, and do not converge to the true value.

## FIXED:

The ambiguities have been previously fixed (exact values)

3c ambiguity FIXED (exact value)



The ambiguities are fixed to their "true" values. There is no estimation noise.

The carrier phase is fully "repaired" and provides a very accurate pseudorange (few millimeters of error)



# Fixing the Ambiguities:

To obtain centimeter accuracy it is necessary to apply FIXING ambiguities techniques:

These techniques exploit the fact that the ambiguities in  $f1$  and  $f2$  are "**INTEGER NUMBERS**" of wavelengths, and if it is possible to build combinations of measurements with a level of noise under 1 wavelength, it will be possible to obtain the "**exact value**" of the ambiguity by **ROUNDING**.

Let's  $B1$  and  $B2$  be carrier phase bias in frequencies  $f1$  and  $f2$ . Thence:

$$B1_{rec}^{sat} = \lambda_1 N1_{rec}^{sat} + k_{1rec} + k_1^{sat}$$

$$B2_{rec}^{sat} = \lambda_2 N2_{rec}^{sat} + k_{2rec} + k_2^{sat}$$

**$N1, N1$  are the ambiguities (integers)**

**$k1, k2$  are the instrumental delays (real)**

The instrumental delays cancel out when making the double differences.

$$\Delta\nabla B1 = \lambda_1 \Delta\nabla N1$$

$$\Delta\nabla B2 = \lambda_2 \Delta\nabla N2$$

$$\Delta\nabla B_w = \lambda_w \Delta\nabla N_w$$

On the other hand  $\Delta\nabla \mathbf{B1}$ ,  $\Delta\nabla \mathbf{B2}$ ,  $\Delta\nabla \mathbf{Bw}$  are integer multiples of their wavelengths. **But, the last is not the true for  $\Delta\nabla \mathbf{Bc}$**

$$\Delta\nabla Bc = \lambda_c \left( \frac{\lambda_w \Delta\nabla N1}{\lambda_1} - \frac{\lambda_w \Delta\nabla N2}{\lambda_2} \right)$$

**RTK: it is assumed that ionospheric refraction cancels out (base lines < 15-20 Km)**

## • Example of algorithm for fixing L1, L2 ambiguities

1. Using  $L_c$ ,  $P_c$ , the Kalman filter estimates the ambiguity  $\Delta\nabla\hat{B}_c$  together with the receiver coordinates (floating it such as in previous examples).
2. From the rough estimation of  $\Delta\nabla\hat{B}_c$ , the ambiguity  $\Delta\nabla N_w$  is fixed:

$$\Delta\nabla N_w = \text{int} \left( \frac{\Delta\nabla\hat{B}_w}{\lambda_w} \right) = \text{int} \left( \frac{\Delta\nabla L_w - \Delta\nabla L_c + \Delta\nabla\hat{B}_c}{\lambda_w} \right)$$

3. Being fixed the ambiguity  $\Delta\nabla N_w$ , the ambiguities  $\Delta\nabla N_1$   $\Delta\nabla N_2$  can be also fixed:

$$\Delta\nabla N_1 = \text{int} \left( \frac{\Delta\nabla\hat{B}_1}{\lambda_1} \right) = \text{int} \left( \frac{\Delta\nabla L_1 - \Delta\nabla L_2 - \lambda_2 \Delta\nabla N_w}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \right)$$

$$\Delta\nabla N_2 = \Delta\nabla N_1 - \Delta\nabla N_w$$

4. From the "exact" values of the ambiguities  $\Delta\nabla N_1$   $\Delta\nabla N_2$ , the "exact" value of the "NON-INTEGER ambiguity" in  $L_c$  can be fixed:

$$\Delta\nabla B_c = \lambda_c \lambda_w \left( \frac{\Delta\nabla N_1}{\lambda_1} - \frac{\Delta\nabla N_2}{\lambda_2} \right)$$

Being fixed the ambiguity in  $\Delta\nabla B_c$ , then the measurement is accurate at the level of few millimeters!!!  
(100 times more accurate than code).



# Error budget

## GPS Standalone

## Differential CA code

## Differential with 2-freq (Phases, L1,L2 [Lc])

Satellite clock	1.0 m	0 m	
Orbits	2.0 m	~0 m	
Ionosphere	5-10 m	0.4m	~mm
Troposphere	0.5-1.0 m	0.2 m	Estimate
Receiver Noise	0.5 m	0.5m	2 mm
Multipath	0.6 m	0.6m	5 mm
SA on (SA=off)	30 (0)m	0 m	

## Typical

## GPS

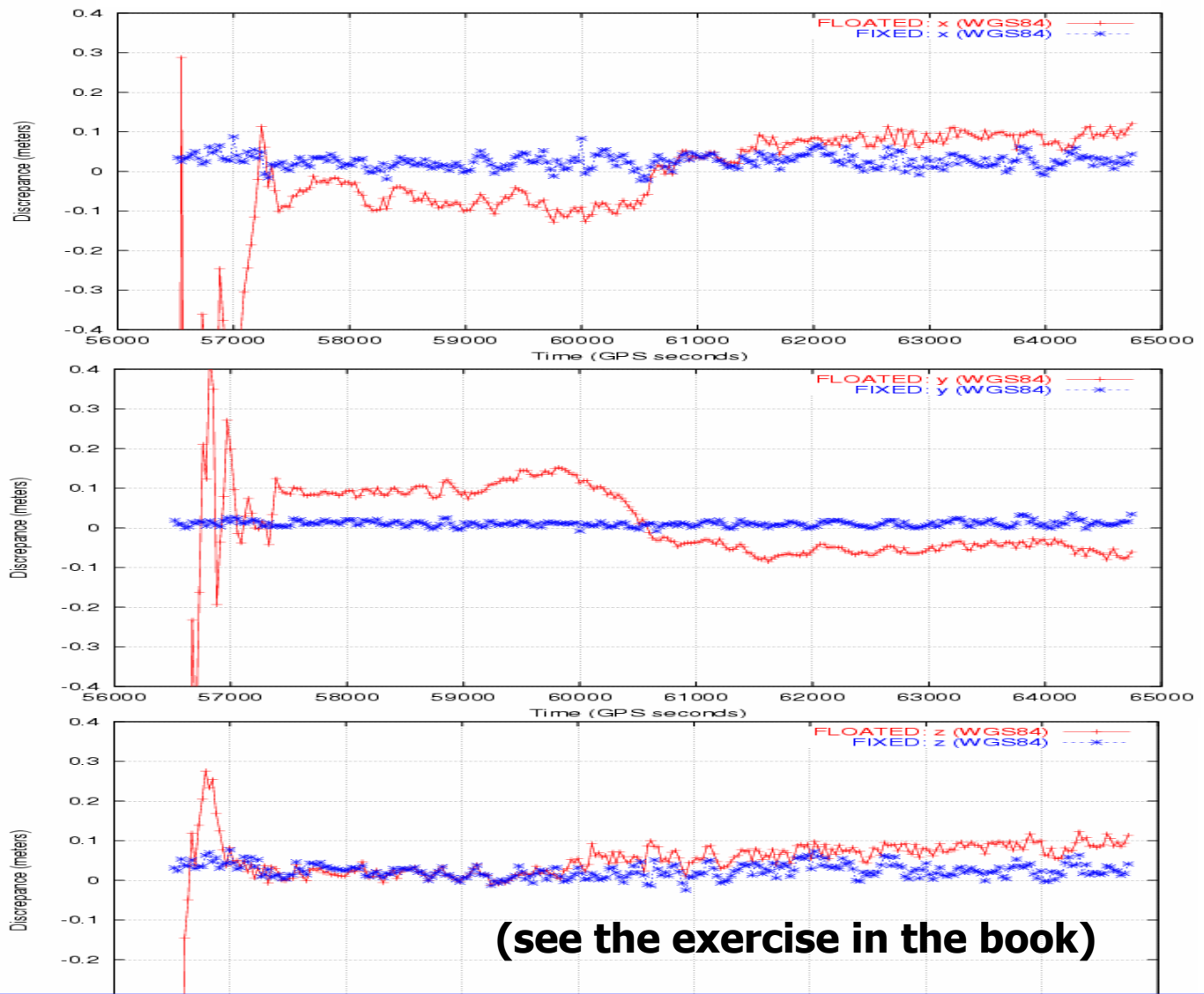
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From the “conceptual point of view”, when the ambiguity is fixed, the phase measurements are repaired and thence, the positioning is like if “very accurate codes (few millimeters of noise)” were used!!!

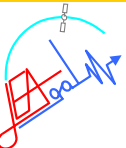
	3 cm
	4 cm
	5 cm

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# Limitations:

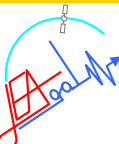
- The previous algorithm is based on assuming that ionospheric refraction is the same in the reference station and the rover, and cancels out when forming the double differences.
- This hypothesis can only be assumed for short baselines ( $<15-20\text{Km}$ ).

→ For long baselines, the ionospheric refraction  $\Delta\nabla STEC$  must be taken into account in previous equations. Thence:

$$\Delta\nabla N_w = \text{int} \left( \frac{\Delta\nabla L_w - \Delta\nabla L_c - 1.98\Delta\nabla STEC + \Delta\nabla \hat{B}_c}{\lambda_w} \right)$$

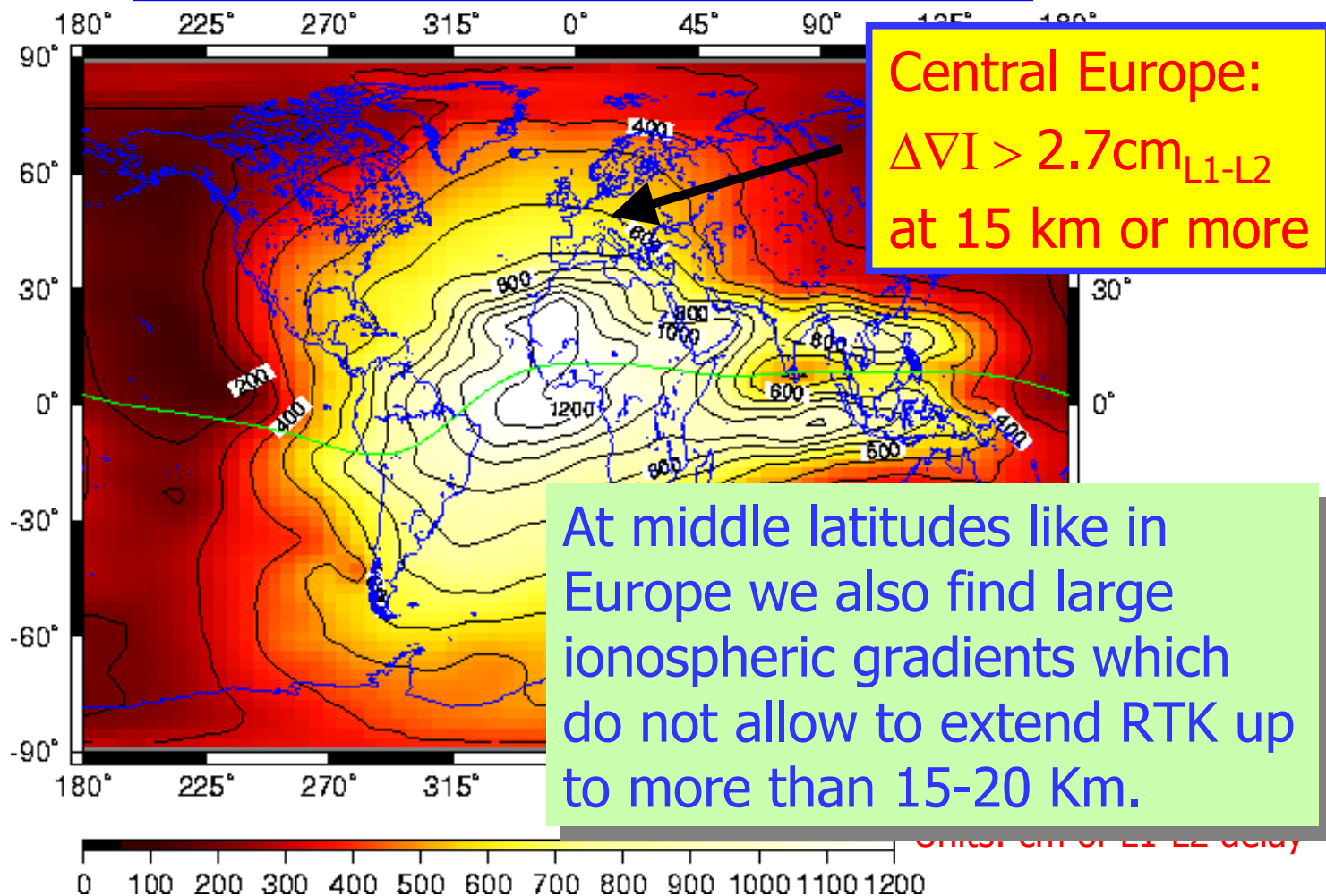
$$\Delta\nabla N_1 = \text{int} \left( \frac{\Delta\nabla L_1 - \Delta\nabla L_2 - \Delta\nabla STEC - \lambda_2 \Delta\nabla N_w}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \right)$$

**Note:** being  $\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = 5.4 \text{ cm}$ , the accuracy in  $\Delta\nabla STEC$  must be better than 2.7 cm of L1-L2 delay.



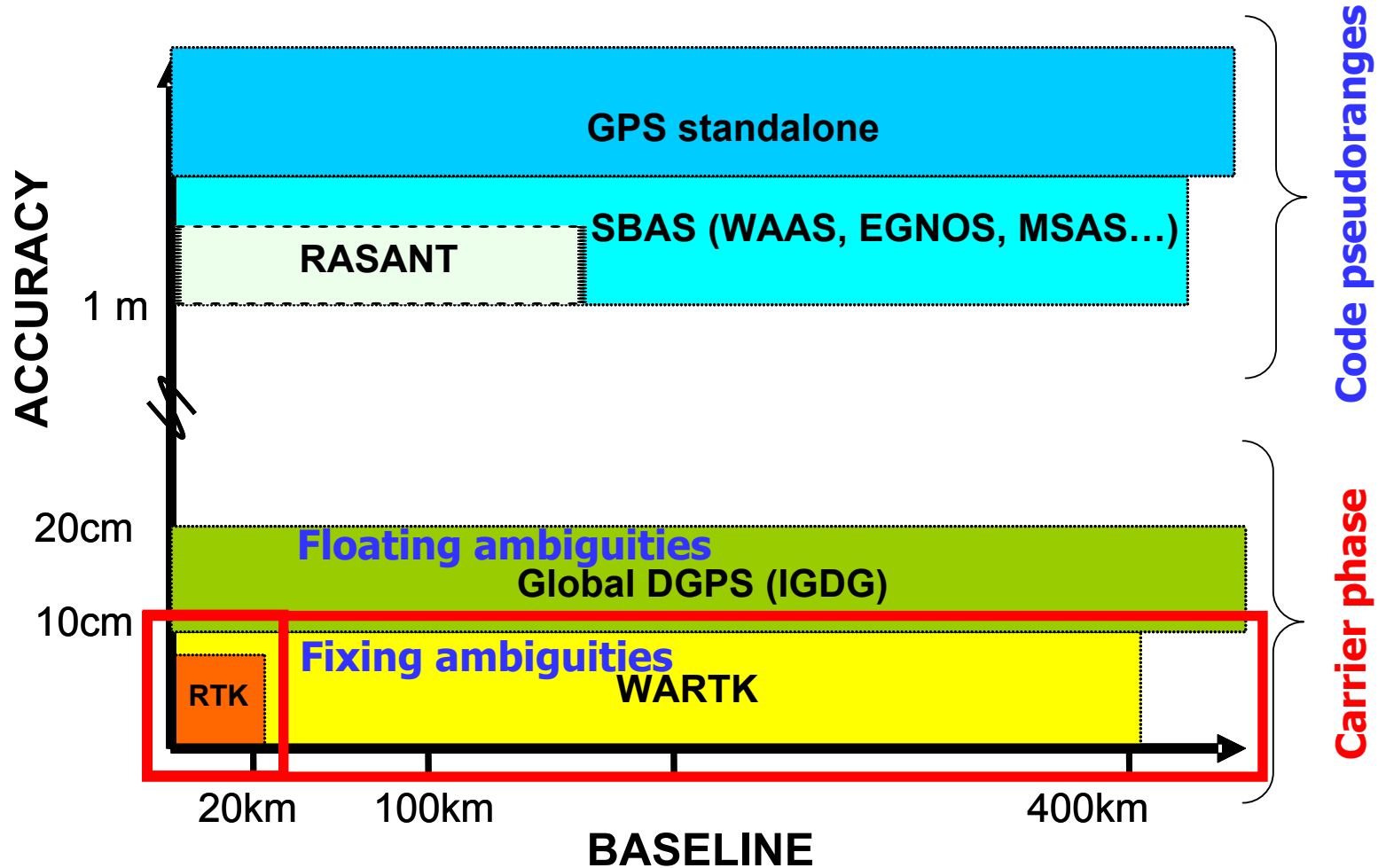
# Vertical Ionospheric Refraction

Experiment Day (077 2000, 15UT)





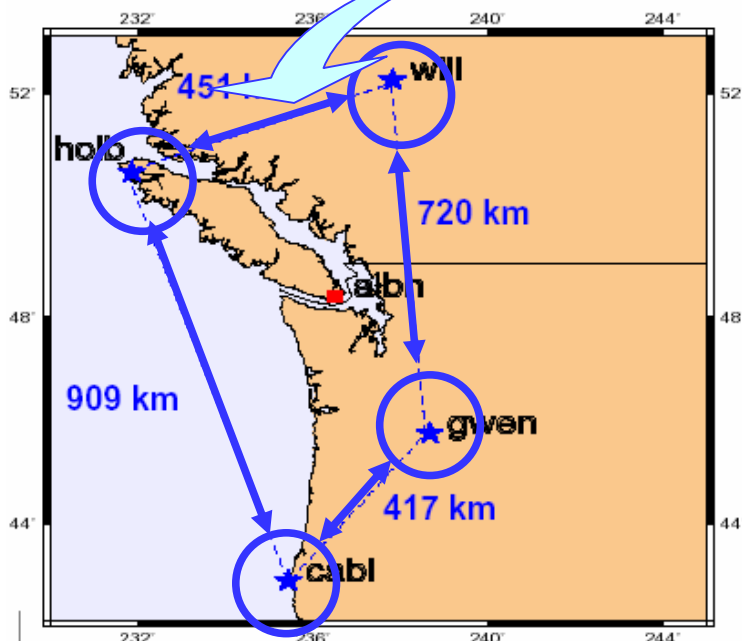
If **ACCURATE ENOUGH** ionospheric corrections could be provided to the user, centimetric navigation could be achieved for **LONG-BASELINES** (hundred Km far from reference station)!!!! → **WARTK**



# But, how to achieve $error(\Delta \nabla STEC) < 2.7 \text{ cm L1-L2}$ at the user location?

Working with two frequency receivers (reference stations and Rover), the precise ionospheric determinations are used to help the ambiguity resolution.

The following scheme is applied:



$$\Delta \nabla LI = \Delta \nabla STEC + \lambda_1 \Delta \nabla N_1 - \lambda_2 \Delta \nabla N_2 + \Delta \nabla w_l + \varepsilon$$

Resolving the ambiguities in the reference stations  $\Rightarrow \nabla \Delta STEC$  "unambiguous" ( $\sigma_{\nabla \Delta STEC} \simeq mm$ )

Tomographic model  
 $\sigma_{STEC} < 10 \text{ cm in L1-L2}$

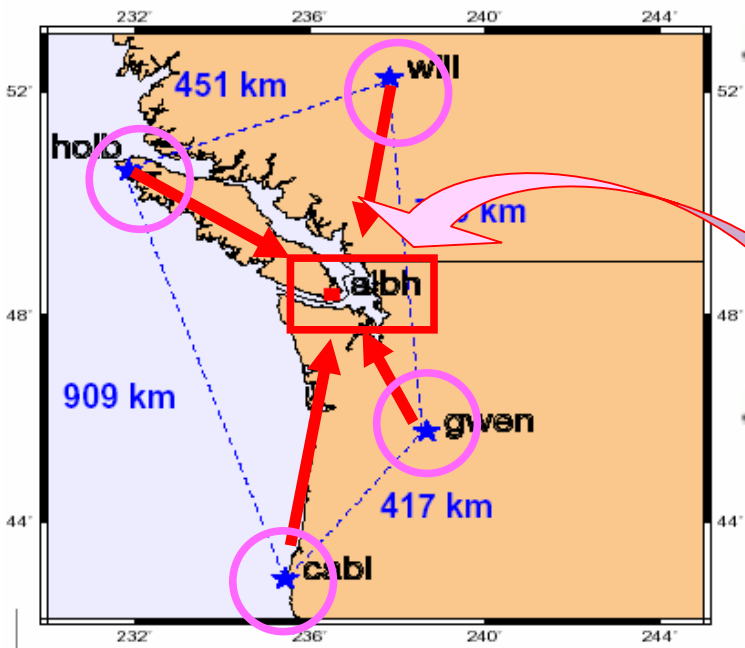
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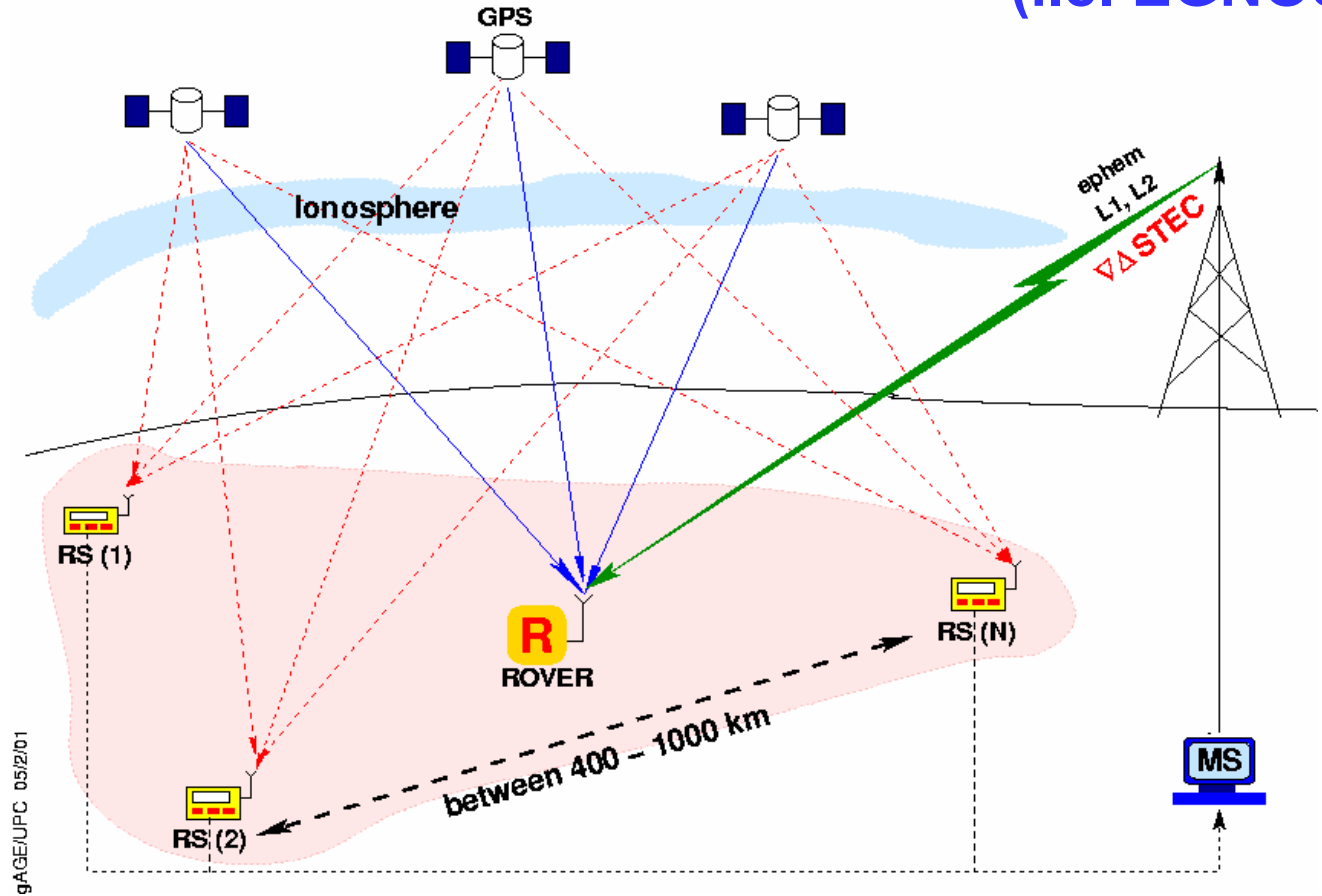
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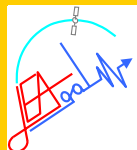


# WARTK: Can be based on Wide Area GPS Networks (i.e. EGNOS)

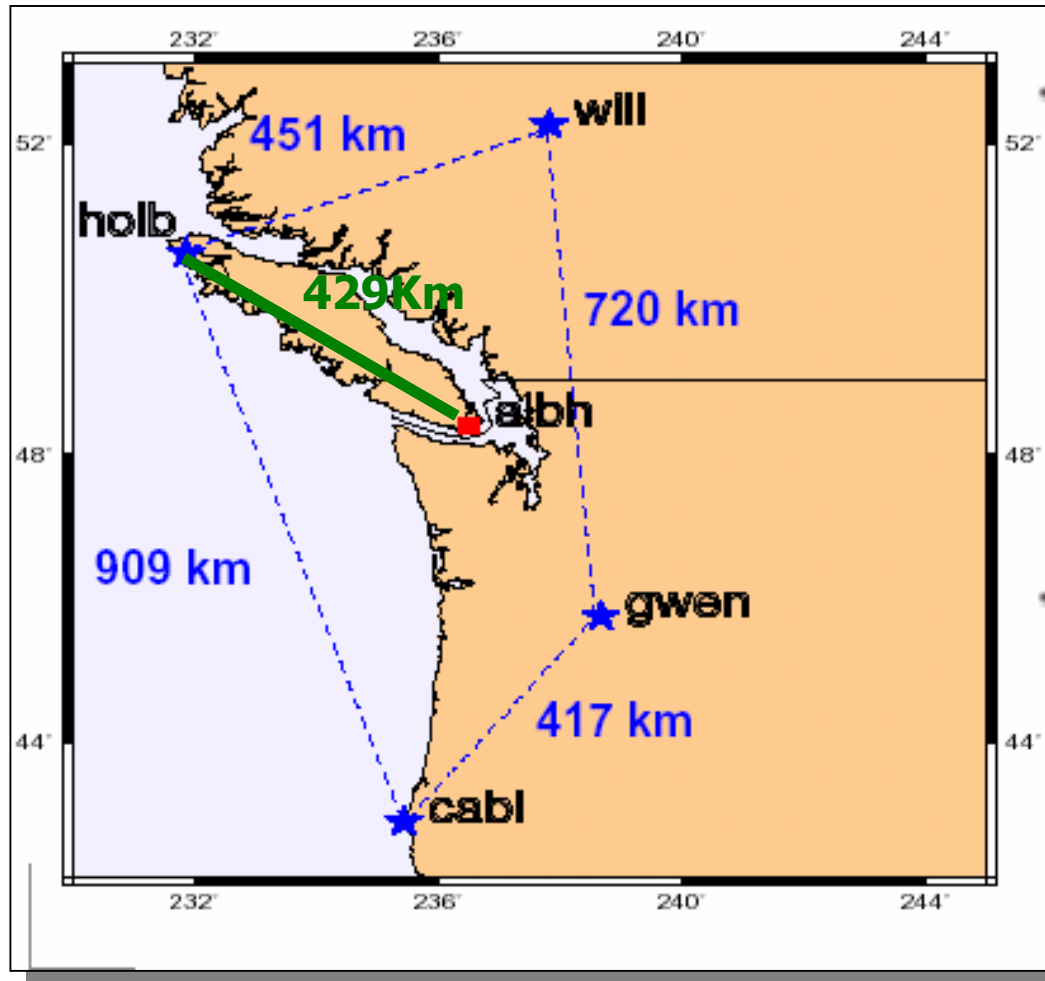


**An  $\Delta\sigma_{STEC}$  with error less than 2.7 cm of L1-L2 delay must be achieved at the rover location!!**

**[gAGE/UPC patent,2000]**



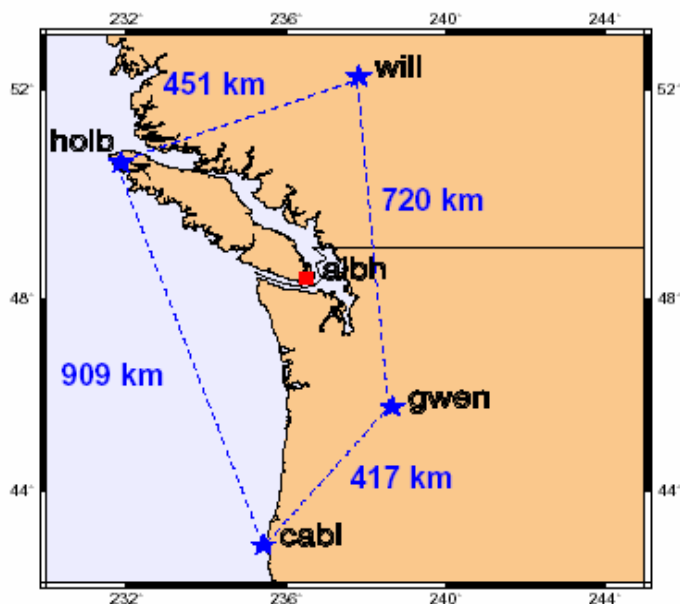
# The Pacific Northwest Test: 1998 March 3rd ( $K_p > 4$ )



Ref.: Colombo O., Hernández-Pajares M., J.M. Juan, J. Sanz. Wide-Area, carrier-phase ambiguity resolution using a tomographic model of the Ionosphere. Navigation 49(1), pp. 61- 69, 2002.

# RESULTS: The Pacific Northwest Test ( $K_p > 4$ )

1998 May 3rd



- All observations were dual frequency carrier-phase and pseudorange, collected at typical IGS rate of 30 sec.
- Data sets from four of them (cabl, wen, holb, will) were used as **REFERENCE STATIONS**.
- The station **albh** was treated as the **ROVER**.

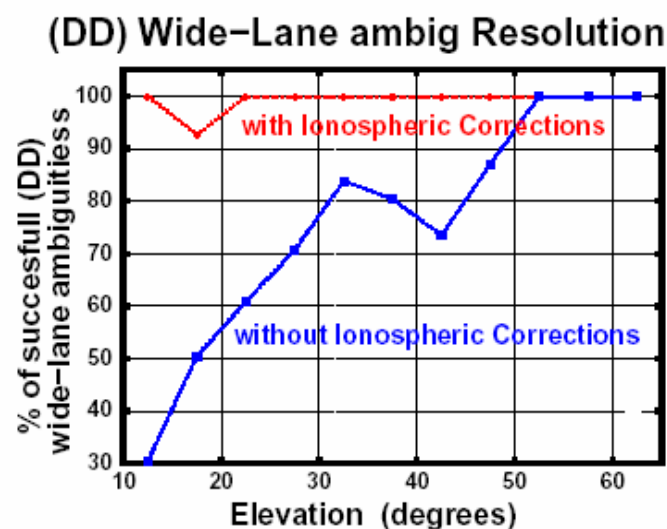
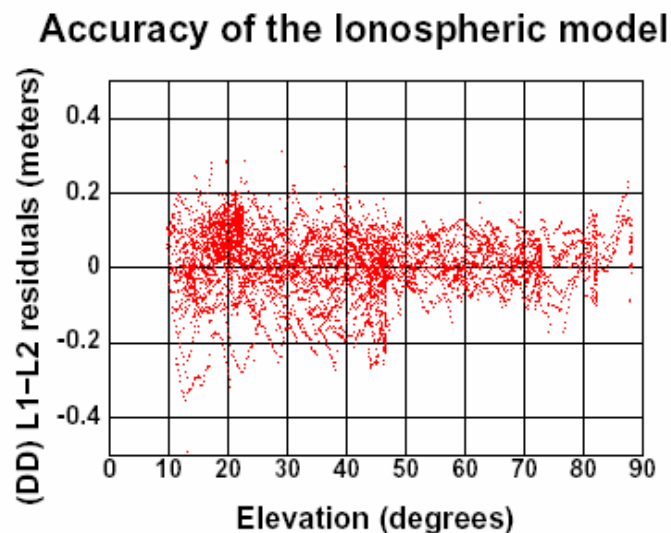
While all data had been collected before we carried out the calculations, we took care to process them as they would be processed in a truly real-time application



# Reference Stations

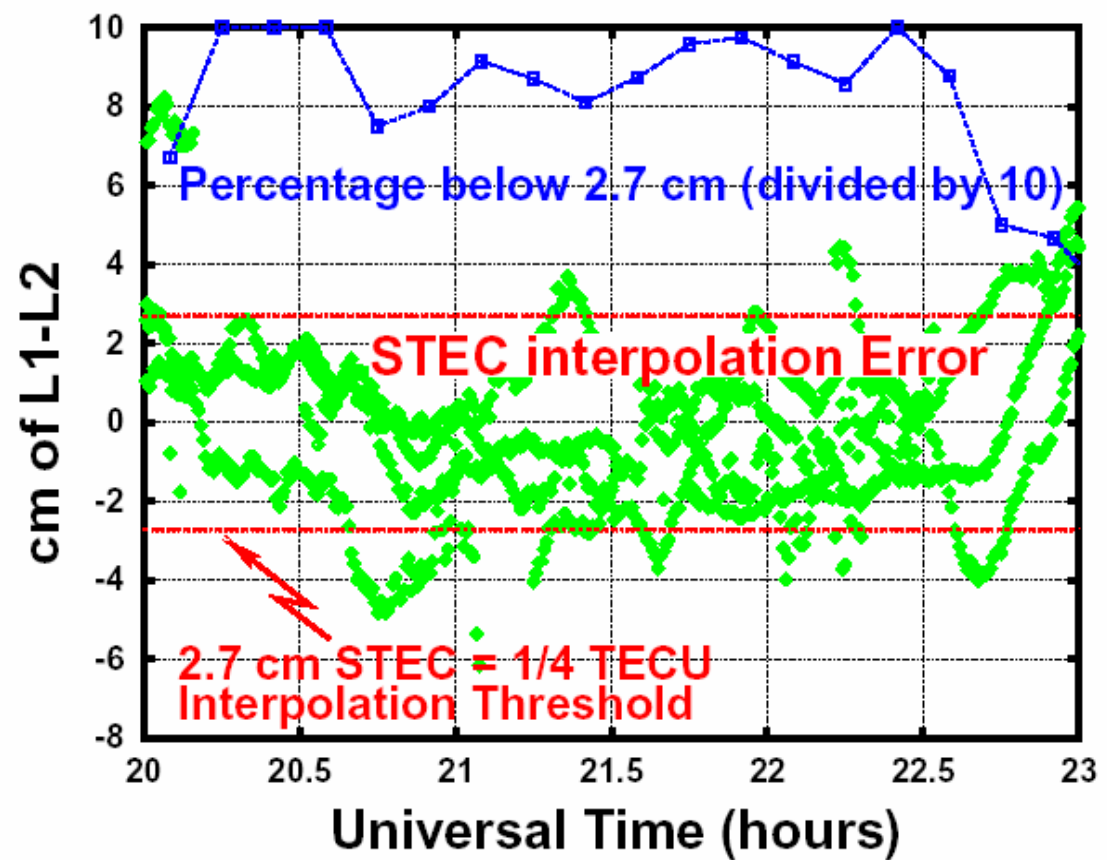
## Checking the Ionospheric Correction at the Reference stations [ $K_p > 4$ , 450-1300 km, (05/03/98) ]

- Ionospheric model: provides **RMS=0.9 TECU** for double difference ionospheric corrections.
- Thence, most of the time, the (DD) widelane ambiguities are successfully Fixed.

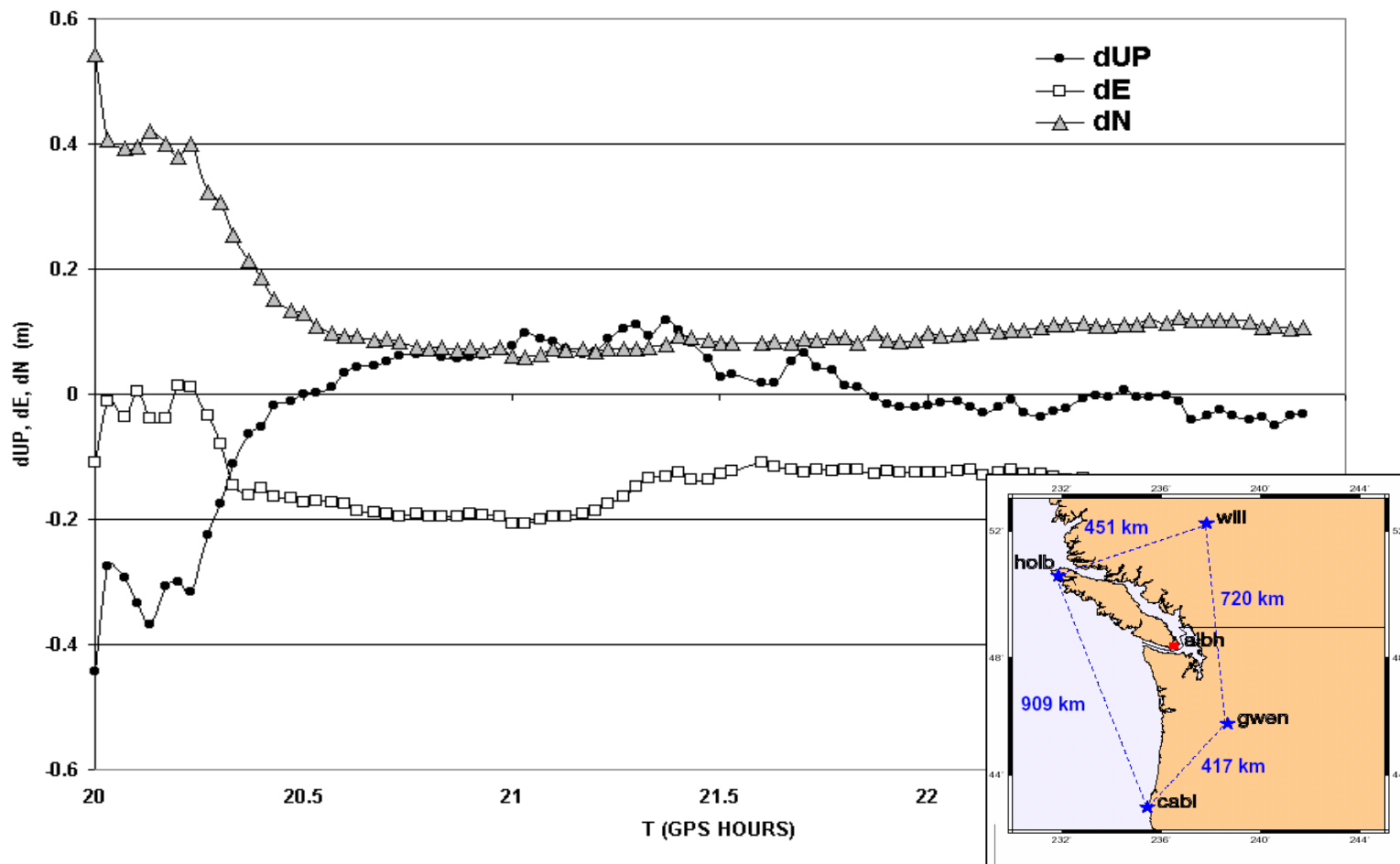


# Rover

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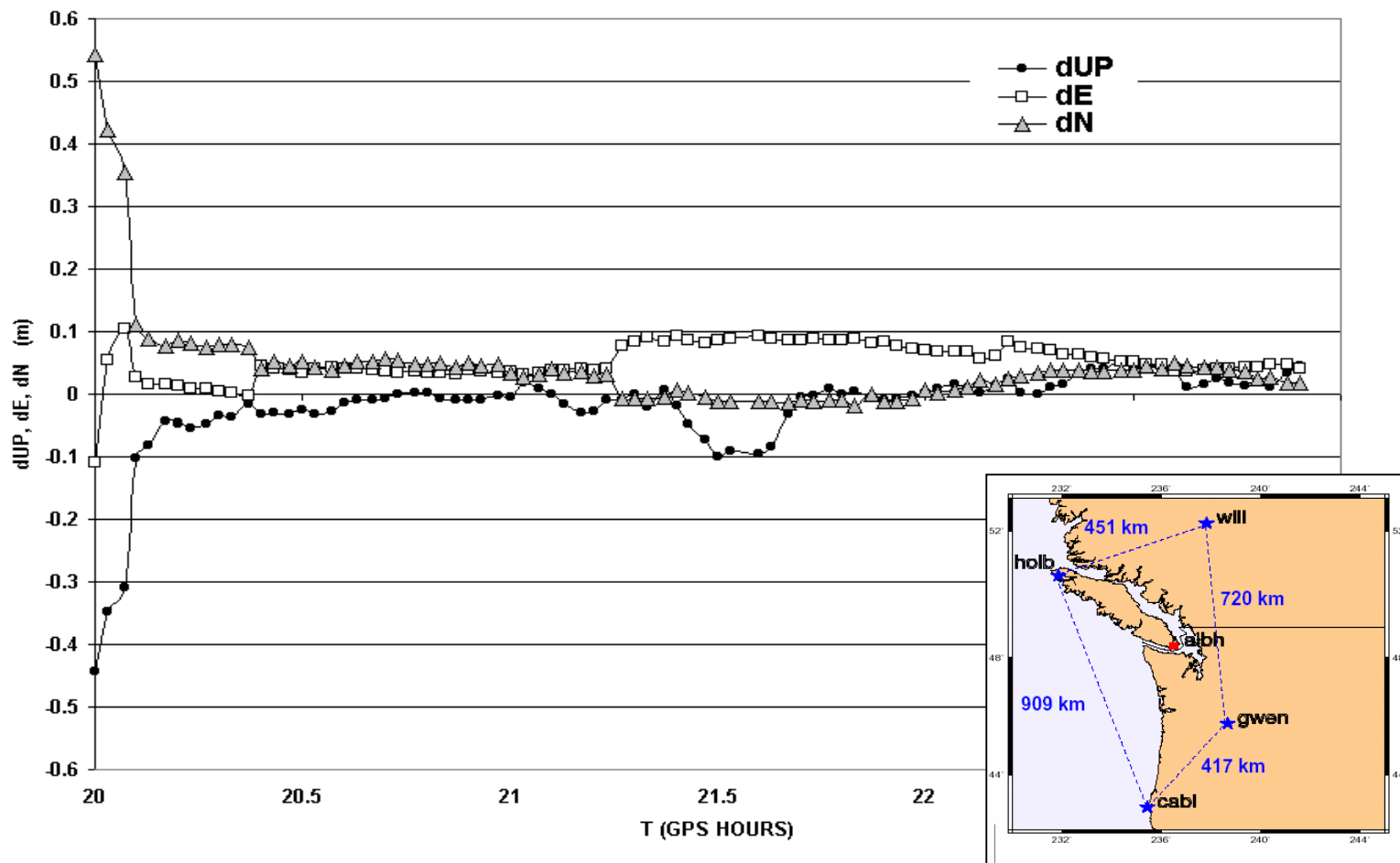


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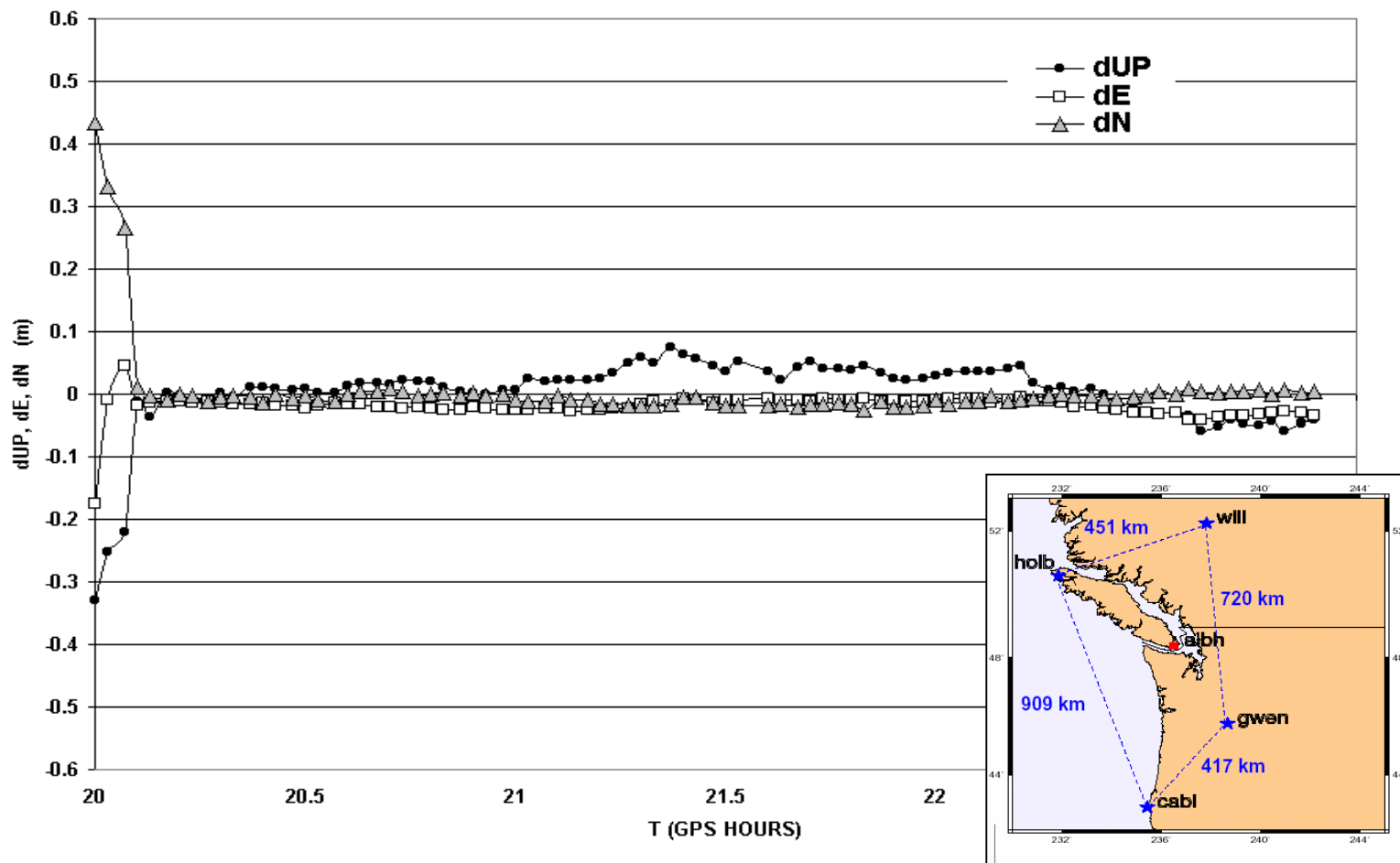
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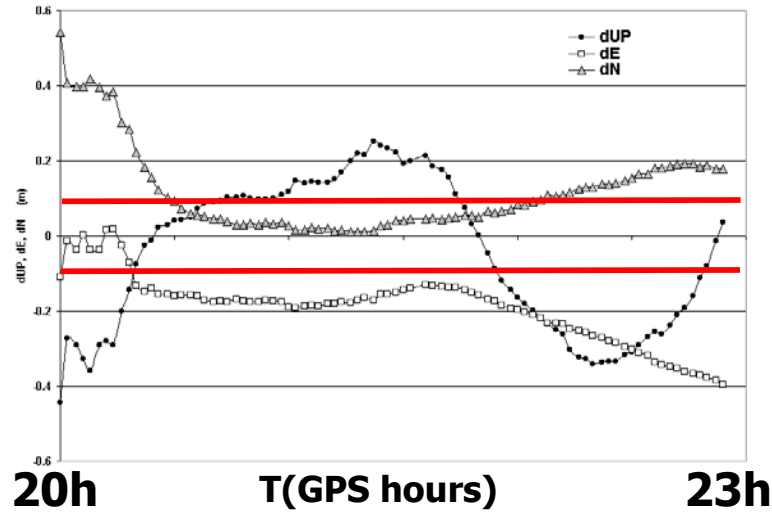


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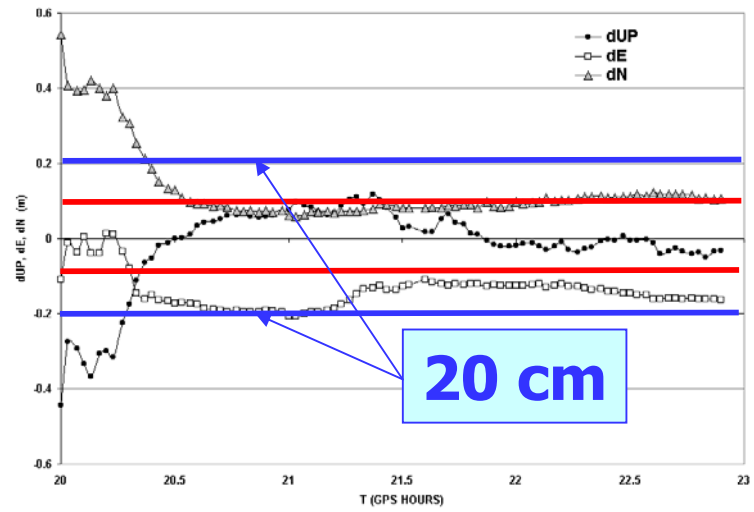


## Broadcast orbits

**Floating**

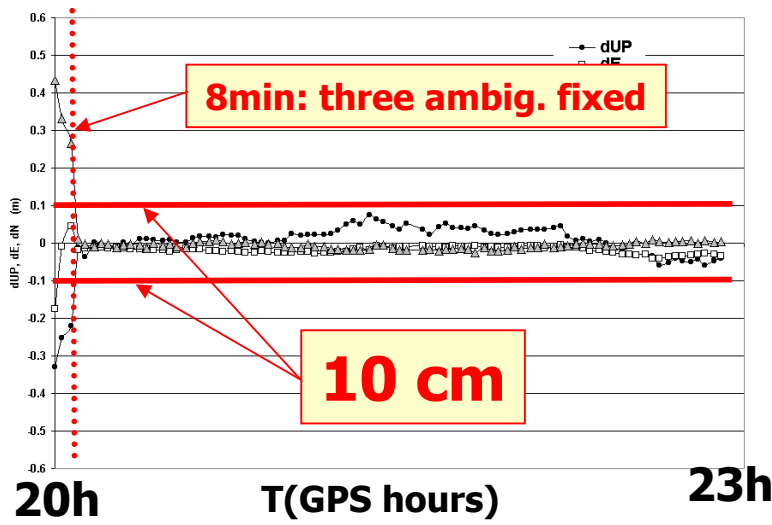


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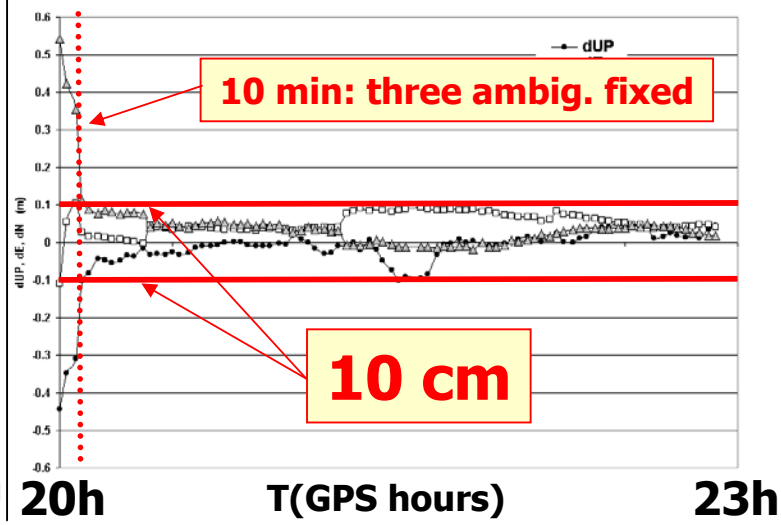


## Precise SP3 orbits

**Fixing**



## Broadcast orbits Adjusted



# Fixing ambig. with three frequencies: Galileo

- Techniques proposed to improve the **instantaneous positioning by using three-frequency systems** share a similar basic approach: **the double differenced integer ambiguities are successively solved from the longest to the shortest beat-wavelength**, including "extra-widelane" and "widelane" combinations of carrier phases.
- In particular **TCAR is a straightforward approach** that tries to instantaneously solve (single-epoch) the full set of ambiguities. **But TCAR (and ITCAR) is strongly affected by the ionos. refraction decorrelation with the distance.**
- Ionosphere is a problem (for both 2 & 3 freq.) when :

$$\nabla \Delta I > 1 / 4TECU \approx 2.7cm \text{ of } L1 - L2 \text{ delay}$$



# Classical TCAR Technique (1)

## TCAR

1. To solve the extra-wide lane ambiguity by adding a pseudo-range combination

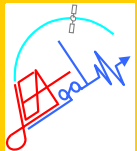
2. The wide lane combination ambiguity is estimated from the unambiguous extra-wide lane carrier phase, obtained in step 1

3. The L1 phase ambiguity is derived from the difference between L1 and the unambiguous wide lane obtained previously

Code Multipath Mitigation

$$P = \frac{1}{3}(P_1 + P_2 + P_3)$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{ew}} \nabla \Delta (L_{ew} - P_{ew}) = \nabla \Delta N_{ew} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{ew}} (\nabla \Delta M_{ew} + \nabla \Delta \varepsilon_{ew}) + \dots \Rightarrow \nabla \Delta N_{ew}$$



# Classical TCAR Technique (2)

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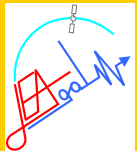
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Phase multipath

0.058 cycles Nw/TECU

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_w} (\nabla \Delta L_w - \nabla \Delta L_{ew} + \lambda_{ew} \nabla \Delta N_{ew}) = \nabla \Delta N_w - \frac{1}{\lambda_w} \nabla \Delta (\varepsilon_{ew} + m_{ew} - m_w) + \frac{1}{\lambda_w} (\alpha_w - \alpha_{ew}) \nabla \Delta I + \dots \Rightarrow \nabla \Delta N_w$$



# Classical TCAR (3)

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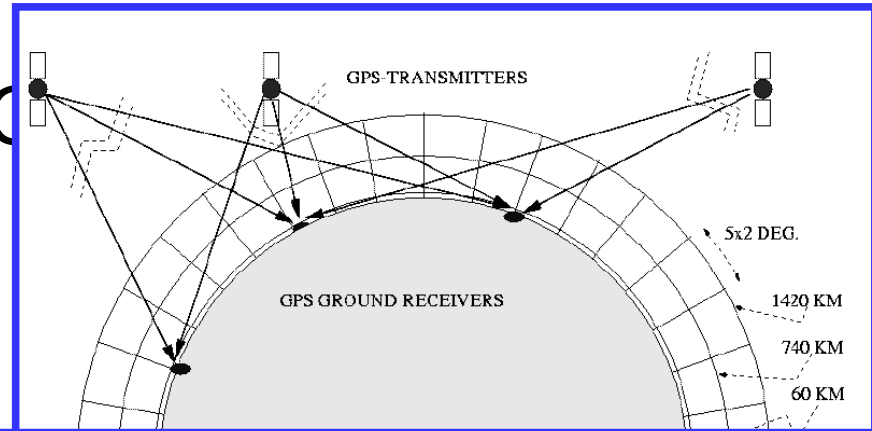
-1.95 cycles N1/TECU

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1} \nabla \Delta (L_1 - L_w + \lambda_w N_w) = \nabla \Delta N_1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \nabla \Delta (\varepsilon_w + m_w - m_1) + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} (\alpha_1 - \alpha_w) \nabla \Delta I \Rightarrow \nabla \Delta N_1$$

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iono.

# WARTK-3

$$L_I = STEC + B_I = \int_{REC}^{SAT} N_e dl + B_I = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k (N_e)_{i,j,k} \Delta s_{i,j,k} + B_I$$

- 2. The wide lane combination ambiguity is estimated from the unambiguous extra-wide lane carrier phase, obtained in step 1
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$$\nabla \Delta I < 1/4 TECU = 2.7 cm_{L1-L2}$$

$$-1.95 \text{ cycles } N1/TECU$$

$$\nabla \Delta \hat{N}_1 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \nabla \Delta (L_1 - L_w + \lambda_w N_w) = \nabla \Delta N_1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \nabla \Delta (\varepsilon_w + m_w - m_1) + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} (\alpha_1 - \alpha_w) \nabla \Delta I$$



# GALILEO: WARTK3 [gAGE-ESA patent, 2002]

Centimetric navigation at hundreds of km from ref. stations

## ADVANTAGES

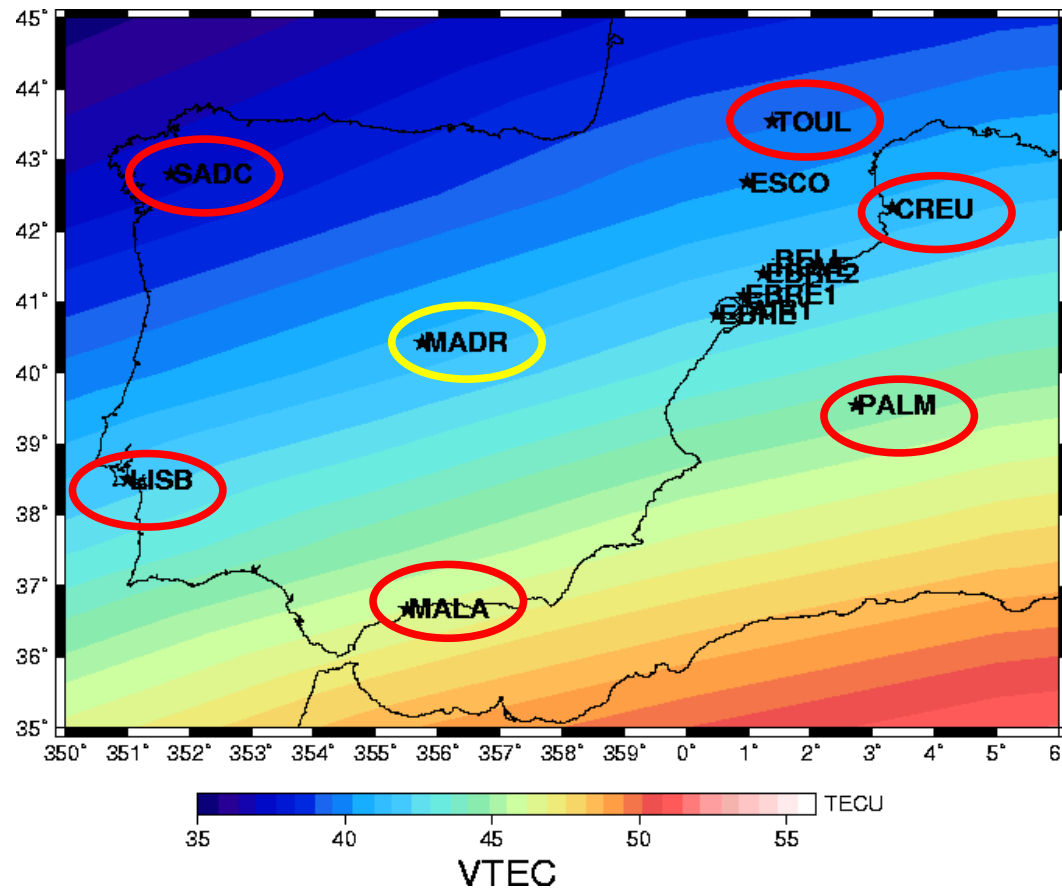
## DISADVANTAGES

<b>TCAR</b> (3 frequency)	Low computational load.	Seriously limited by iono. refraction
<b>ITCAR</b> (3 frequency)	Improved results by integrating TCAR in a navigation filter	The iono. delay still limits the 3 <sup>rd</sup> ambiguity fixing.
<b>WARTK-2</b> (2 frequency)	Accurate RT ionos. modelling, allows precise navigation at hundreds of km far from the nearest site	In spite of speeding up the navigation Kalman filter, a significant convergence time can be still needed (5-15 min).
<b>WARTK-3</b> (3 frequency)	Uses the extra-widelane, and an accurate iono. model to provide single-epoch navigation capabilities at hundreds of km far, and greatly speeding up the convergence of the Nav. Filter to just a few epochs.	

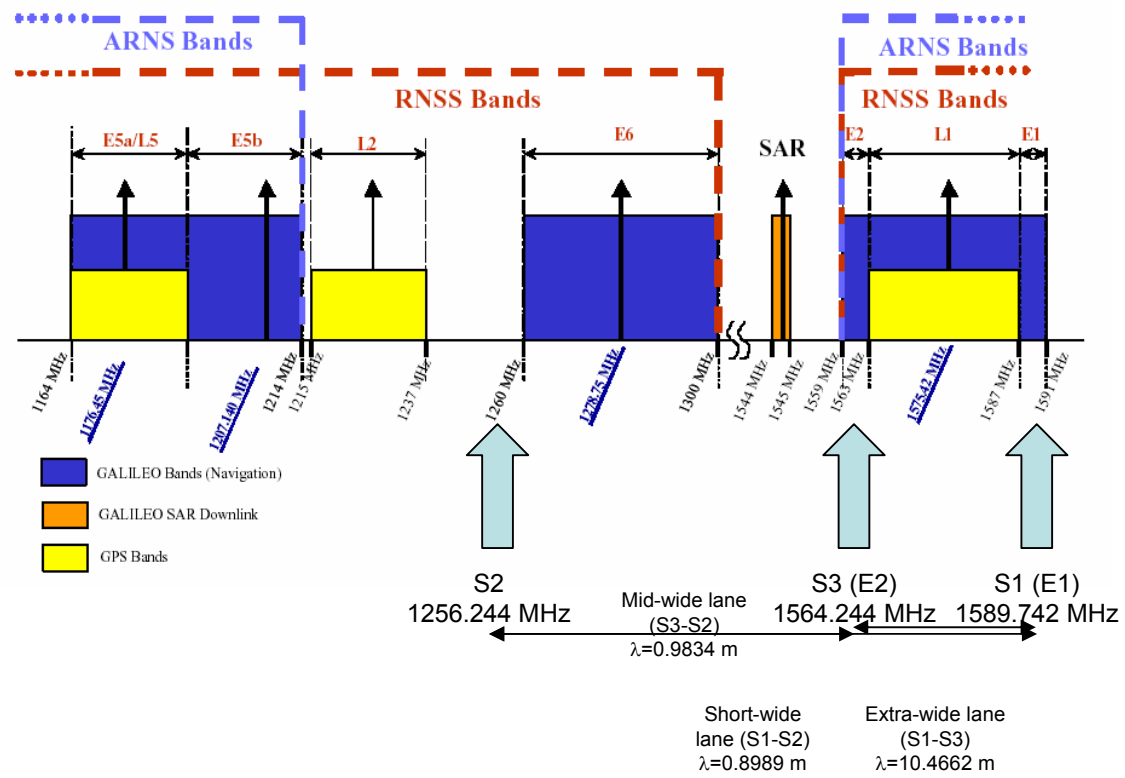
**WARTK-3** allows  
INSTANTANEOUS  
(i.e., single epoch)  
ambiguity fixing at  
hundreds of Km far from  
the nearest ref. station



# Experiment : MADR at 404km from the nearest station (EBRE) at Solar Maximum Conditions



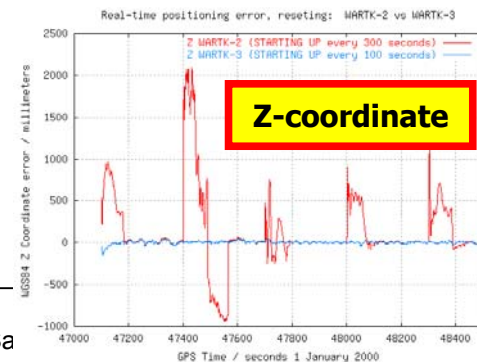
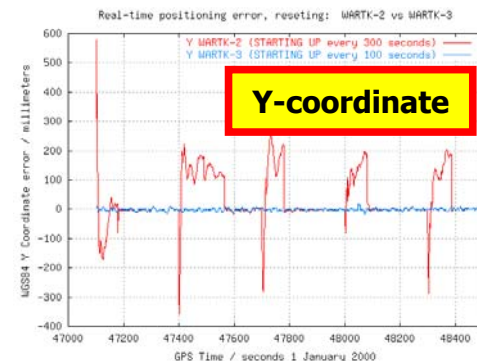
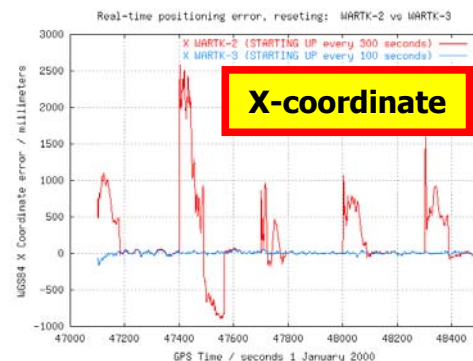
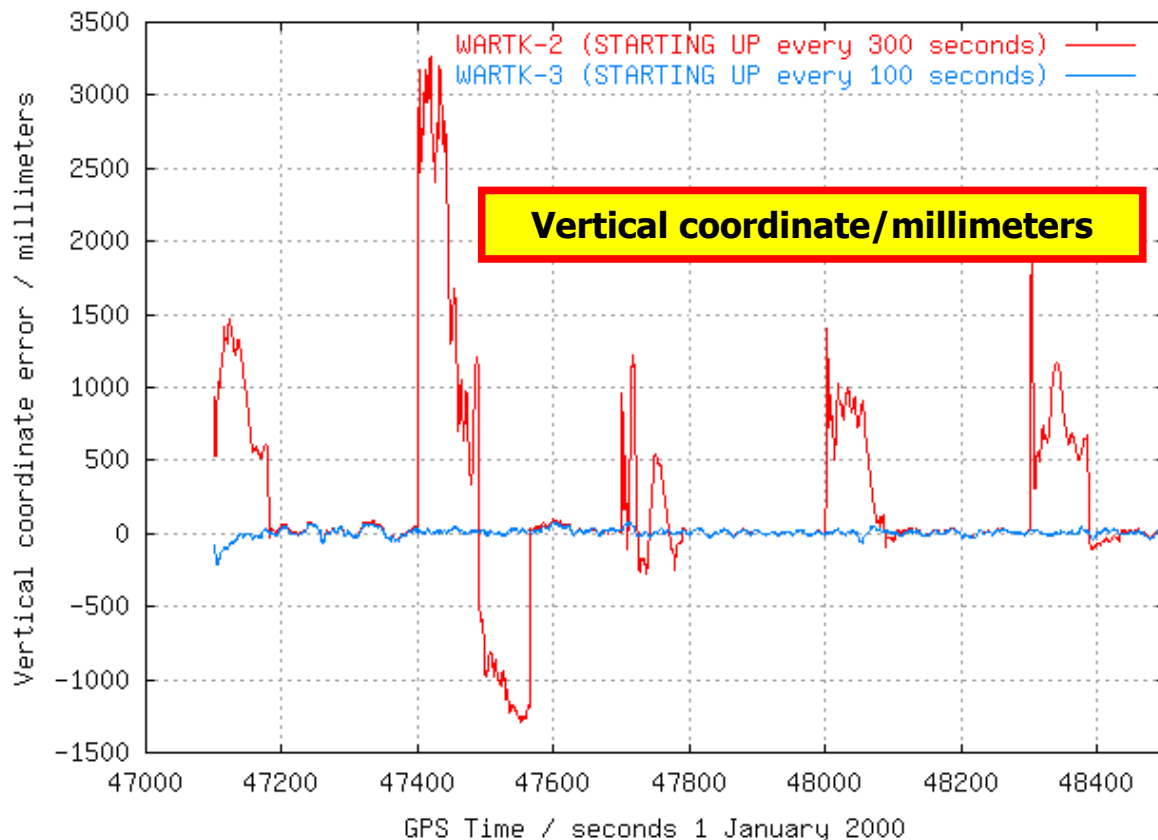
# WARTK3 Lab.Test camp.: Frequencies



Extra-wide lane (S1-S3):  $\lambda=10.4662$  m  
Wide lane (S1-S2):  $\lambda= 0.8989$  m  
S1:  $\lambda= 0.1886$  m

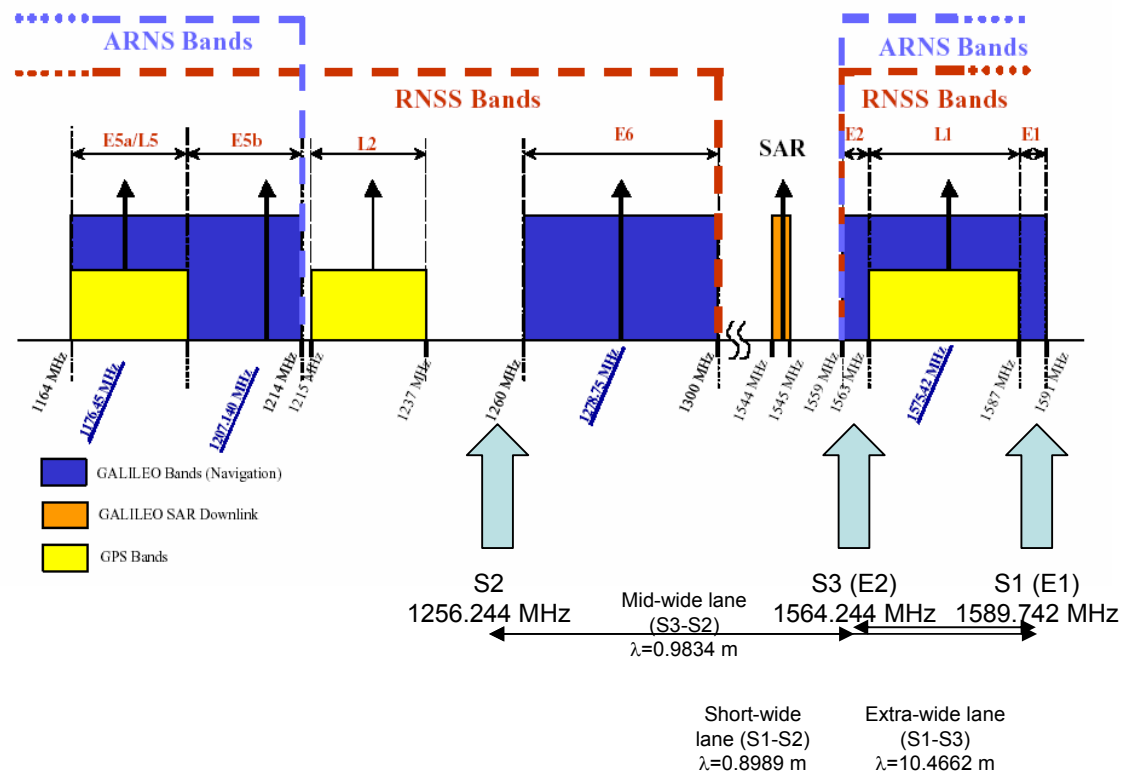
# ROVE: WARTK3 vs WARTK2 (cool-start each 100/300s, including tropo.). Baseline > 400Km

Real-time positioning error resetting the systems: WARTK-2 vs WARTK-3



**Starting-up everything (cool start): WARTK-2 (i.e. with GPS data) provides equivalent results to WARTK-3 (RMS of 2 cm and 100% amb. fixed), but after a convergence time of ~100 sec. (instead of instantaneously).**

# WARTK3 Lab.Test camp.: Frequencies



**Extra-wide lane (S1-S3):  $\lambda = 10.4662$  m**

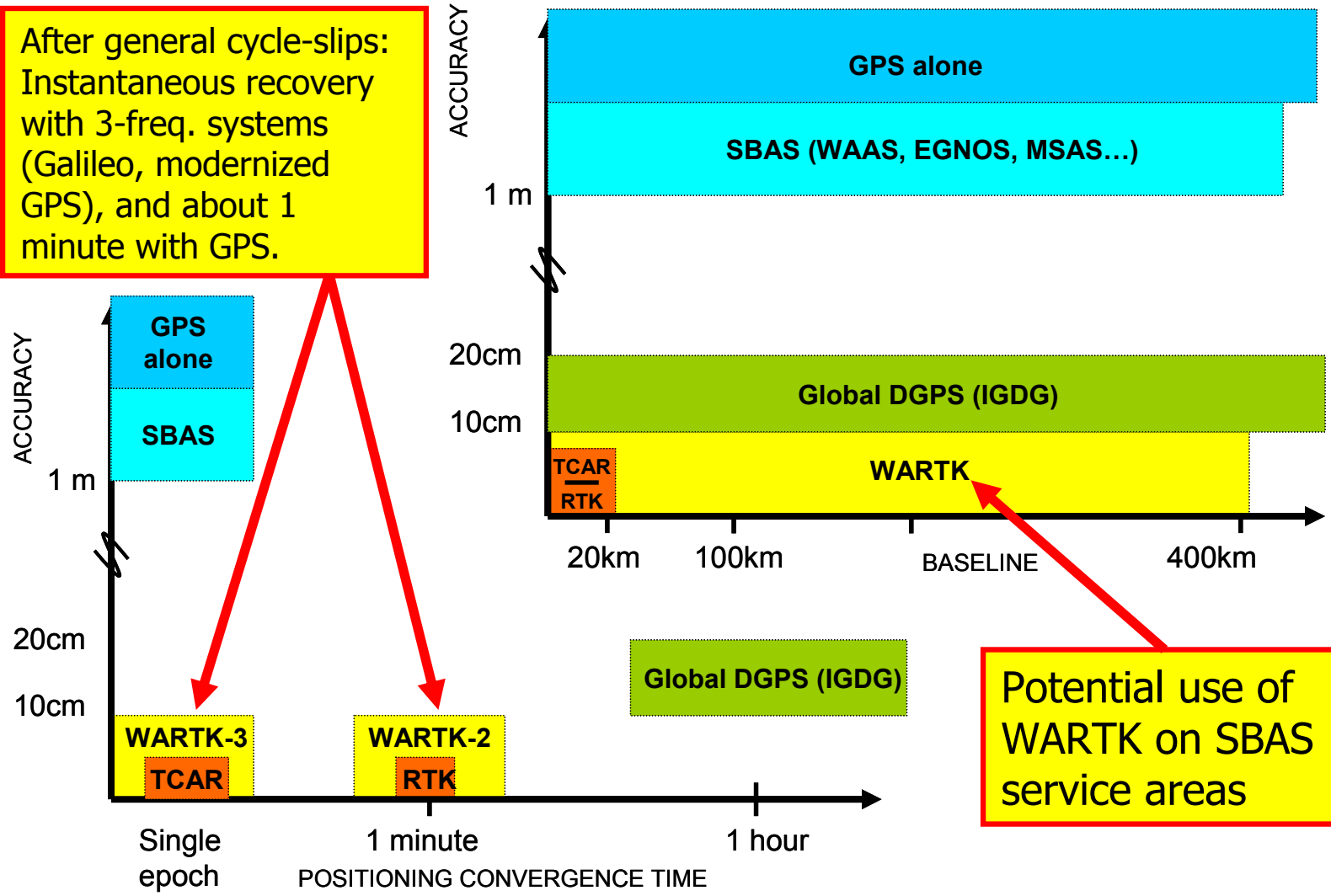
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# WARTK: subdecimeter-error navigation hundreds of kilometers away, and in single-epoch with 3-frequency systems

After general cycle-slips:  
Instantaneous recovery  
with 3-freq. systems  
(Galileo, modernized  
GPS), and about 1  
minute with GPS.



Potential use of  
WARTK on SBAS  
service areas

# WARTK\*: experiments & results

Experiment	Shortest baseline/km Rover/Fixed	Ionospheric Activity	Fixed Rec. Ambiguity success %	Roving Rec. Ambiguity success %	Kind of rover	Region	Dates	Reported in
BellKin99	116 / 286	Mid.Solar Cycle & Quite	97	80-100	4x4 Car	Catalonia, NE Spain	23-03-99	Colombo et al. 99 (ION)
NWPacific1	400/900	Mid Solar Cycle & Active high lat. (Kp=6)	90-100	80	IGS Site	NWCanada-USA	03-05-98	Hernández et al. 00a, Colombo et al. 00 (GRL, PLANS)
NWPacific2	162/900	Mid-Low Solar Cycle & Irreg.	95-100	80-90	IGS Site	NWCanada-USA	28-04 to 01-05-98	Hernández et al. 00b (ION)
SolarMax1	130/500	Solar Maximum	85-95	80	IGS Site	Central Europe	19 to 22-04-00	Hernández et al. 01 (GRL)
SolarMax2	130/500	Solar Max. & Supestorm	50-95	80	IGS Site	Central Europe	12 to 15-07-00	Hernández et al. 00b (ION)
Baltic99	144/285	Travelling Iono. Disturb. (TIDs)	97	83	IGS Site	North Europe	25-08-99	Hernández et al. 01b (ION)
Equator01	1000-3000/.	Solar Max. & Equator & Very Active (Kp to 9)	90	---	IGS Sites	Central Asia to Oceania	06-03 to 02-04-01	Hernández et al. 02 (JGR)
TCARdata (simulated)	130/300	Solar Max.	100	92 (single-epoch)	Sim. car	Central Europe	17-03-00 (noon)	Hernández et al. 03a-b (IEEE TGARS, Navigation)
UNBAR01	70-115/100	Solar Max. & Strong TIDs	100	~80 (with integrity)	Car	Barcelona, NE Spain	11-06-01	ION-GPS2004
WARTK3 Lab.Test 1-2	178-238 /250-600	Solar Max.	100	100	1:Car 2:Air.	Iberian Peninsula	31-03-90 (ionos.)	ION-GPS 2004
WARTK3 Lab. Test 3	416/250-600	Solar Max.	100	99	Fixed Site	Iberian Peninsula	31-03-90 (ionos.)	ION-GPS 2004



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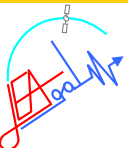
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