

# Positioning and Remote Sensing using GNSS (GNSS research activities at OSU)

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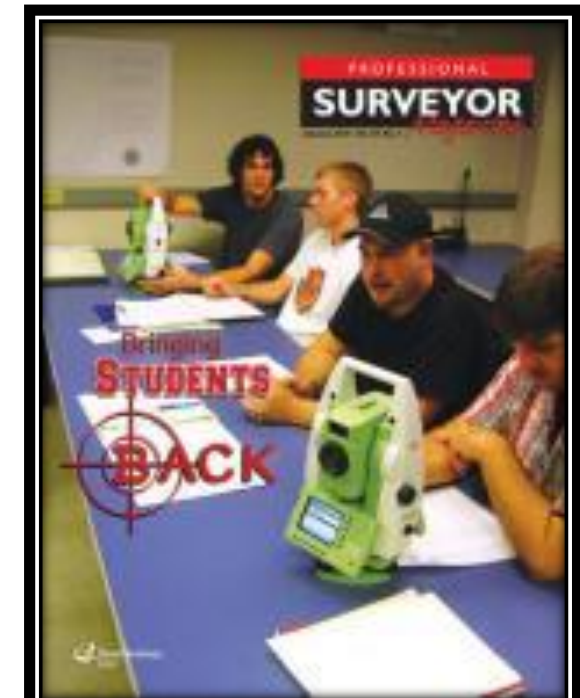
Oregon State University

## OSU and CCE

- OSU is a leading public research universities located in Corvallis, Oregon
  - has State's Land grant, Sea Grant, Space Grant, and Sun grant designations
- School of Civil and Construction Engineering (CCE)
  - 38 faculty members (up to 50 with instructors and staff) in construction engineering management, *Geomatics engineering*, geotechnical engineering, innovative materials, ocean and coastal engineering, structural engineering, surveying, transportation engineering, and water resources engineering

# Industry Partnership

- Recruit top students
- Expand course work and research to reflect industry advances
- Keep surveying as an integral part of our Civil Engineering program
- Provide the latest equipment, software, and workflows
- Prepare students to become licensed surveyors
- Produce work-ready graduates



# CCE Geomatics at OSU



Robert Schultz



Jihye Park



Mike Olsen



Tracy Arras



Christopher Parrish



Dan Gillins (Adjunct,  
now at NGS)

+1

Many additional geospatial faculty in other departments

# Geomatics Courses

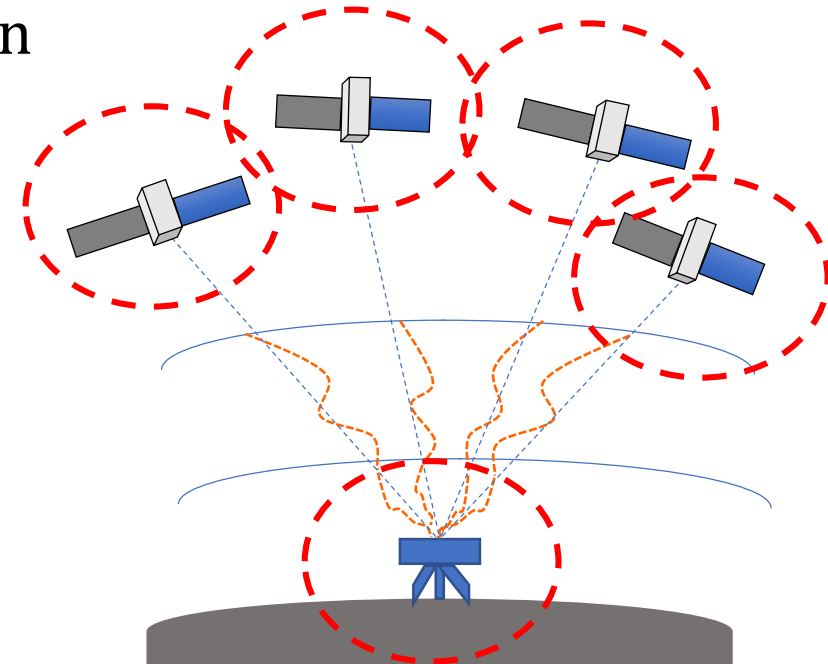
- Least Squares Adjustments
- Positioning, Navigation, Geodesy
  - GNSS
  - Geodesy
  - Kinematic Positioning and Navigation
- Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
  - 3D laser scanning and imaging
  - Photogrammetry
  - Coastal Remote Sensing
  - Digital Terrain Modeling
- Surveying
  - Surveying Theory
  - Plane Surveying
  - Highway Location and Design
  - Property Survey
  - Oregon Land survey law
  - Hydrographic Surveying (2018)
- Information Modeling
  - Engineering Graphics & Design
  - Virtual Design & Construction
  - Geospatial Information & GIS
  - GIS in water Resources
  - Advanced GIS
  - Advanced Virtual Design & Construction
  - Simulations for Operation Analysis

# GNSS Applications: Positioning & Navigation



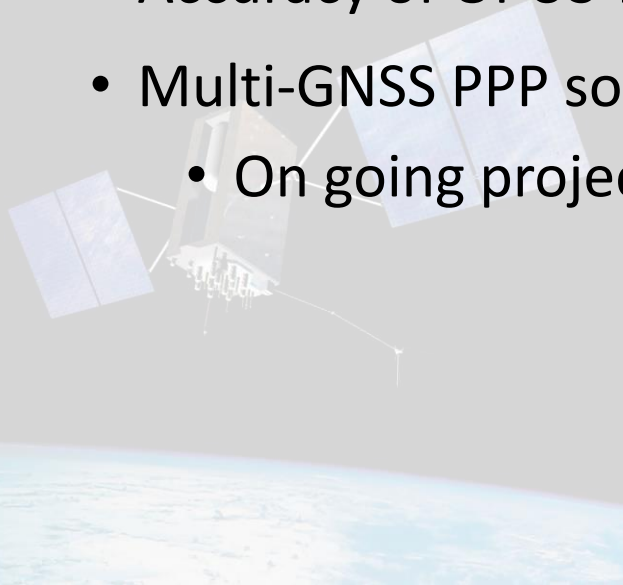
# GNSS research topics

- Positioning
  - High accuracy RTK, Network based solution
  - Multi-GNSS based positioning
  - Post-earthquake rebuild and recovery
- Remote sensing
  - Weather monitoring and forecast
  - Hazard monitoring
  - Water level monitoring



# GNSS positioning: NGS-OSU Partnership

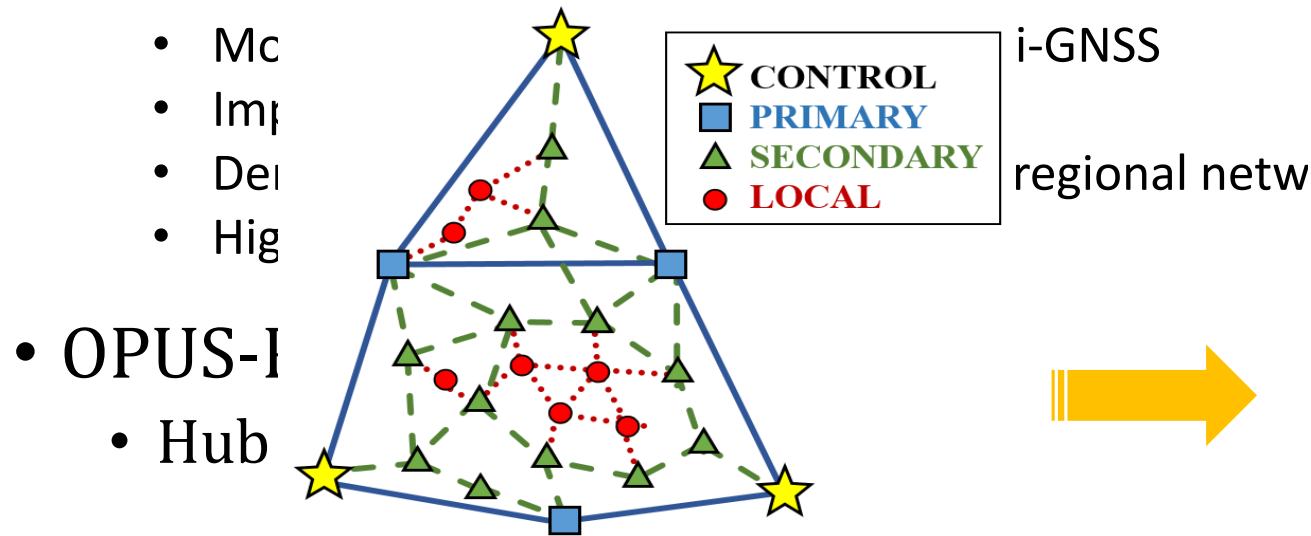
- GNSS survey campaign in western Oregon: Accuracy of real-time networks (2014 – 2015)
- Network Adjustment for height modernization (2015– 2016)
- NGS 58/59 updates: Assessment of network solution using OPUS-Projects : Accuracy of OPUS-Projects (2016– 2017)
- Multi-GNSS PPP software development (2017-current)
  - On going project started in October 2017





# Static survey campaigns processed in OPUS project (FY2017)

- Considering the technical innovation of GNSS, NGS58 is out dated.

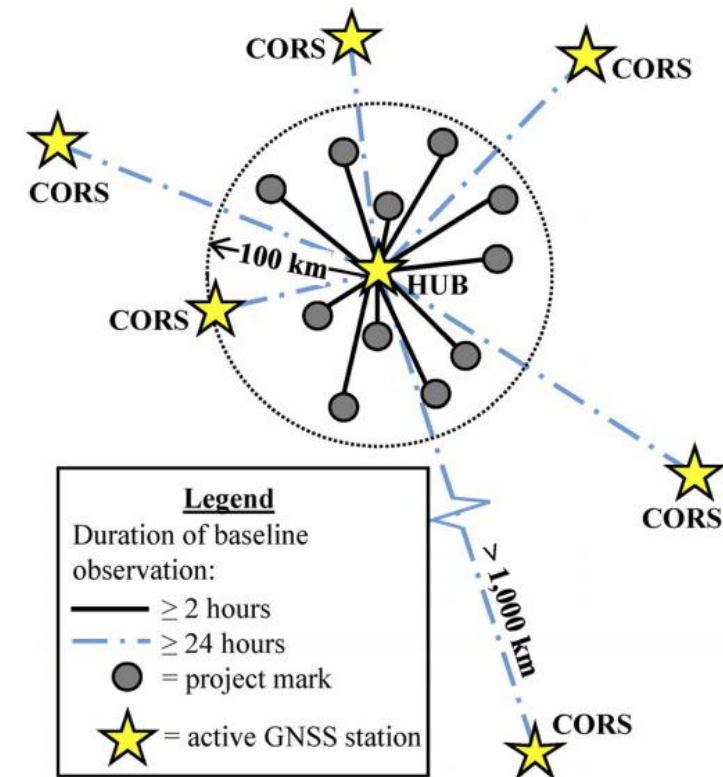


- OPUS-I
- Hub

**BASELINE LENGTH & OBSERVATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

	≤ 40 km, 5 hours,	3 days
	≤ 15 km, 1 hour,	2 days
	≤ 10 km, 30 minutes,	2 days

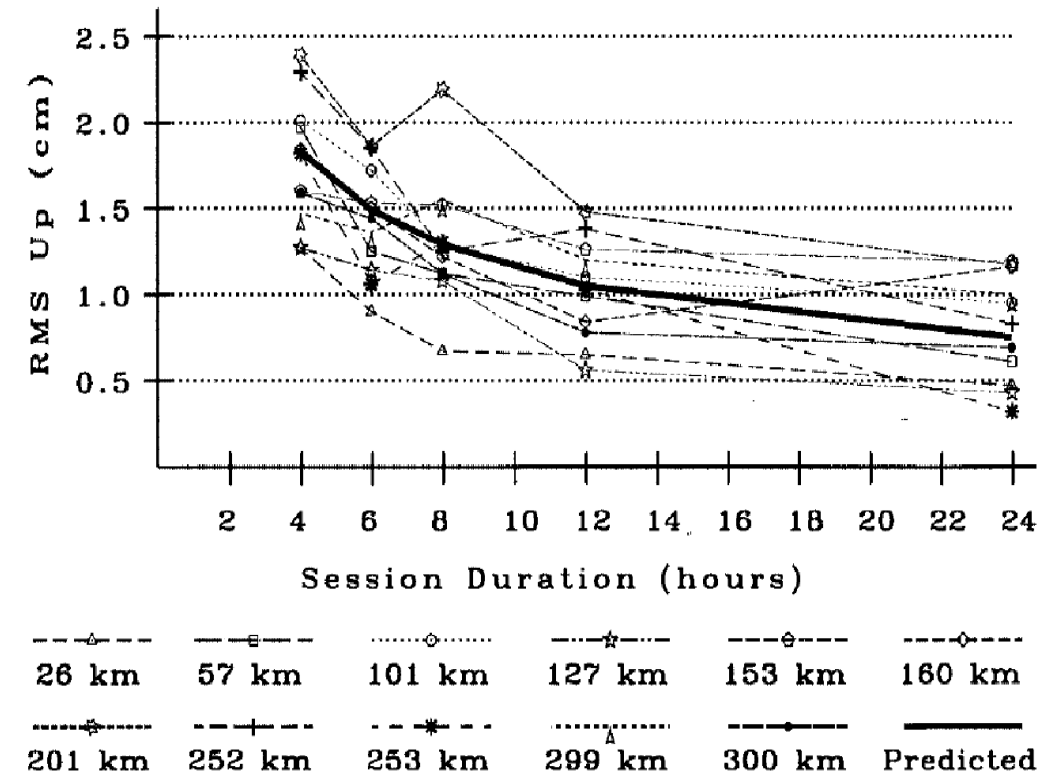
Loop network design in NGS58



Hub network design (Gillins and Eddy, 2016)

## OPUS-Projects

- Released to the public in 2013
- Free, web-based software
- Meant for processing numerous static GPS sessions on multiple project marks
- Uses PAGES for baseline processing
- Combine multiple sessions into a survey network by least squares



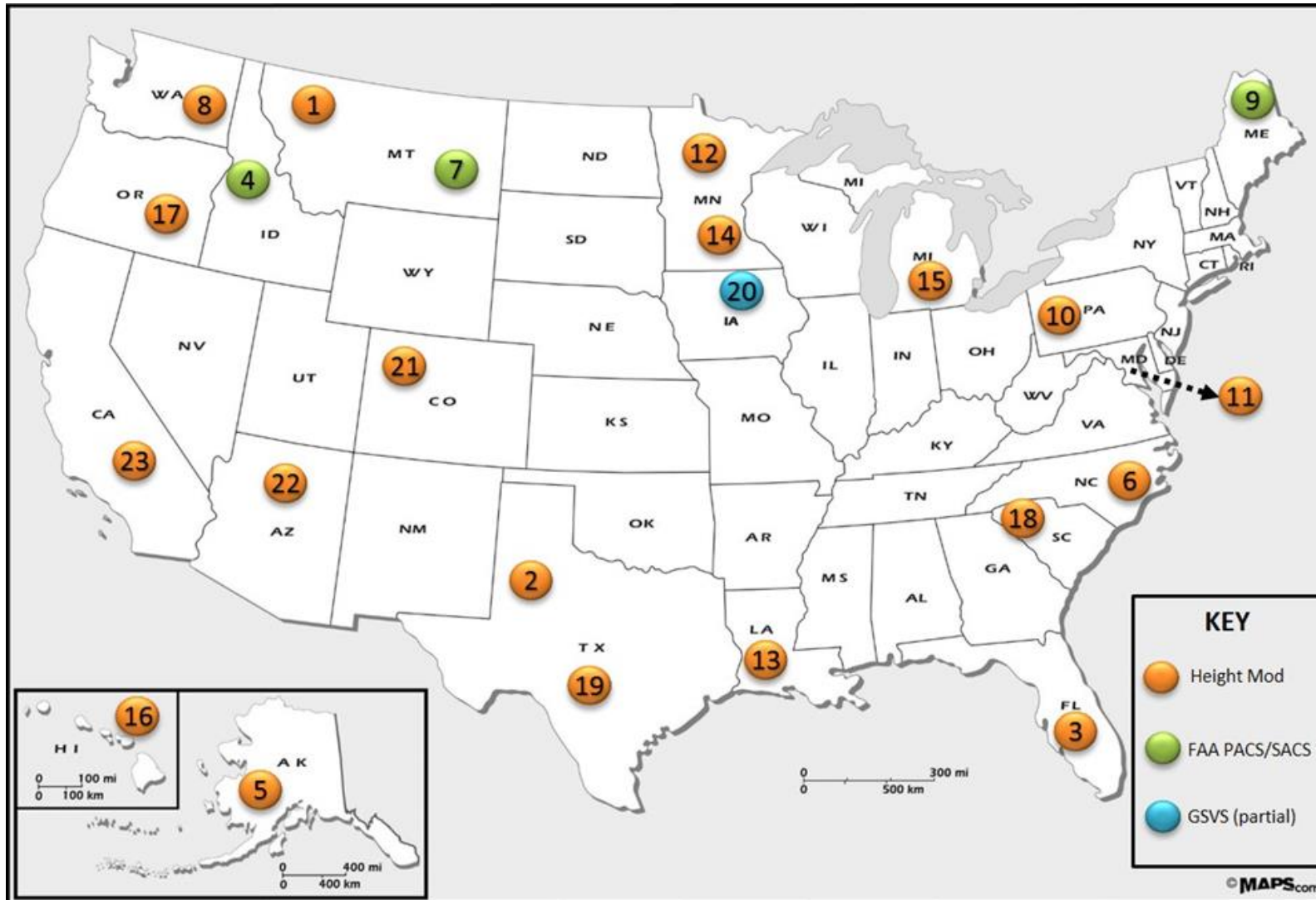
Accuracy of PAGES (Eckl et al., 2001)

$$RMS_h = \pm \frac{k}{\sqrt{T}} = \frac{3.7 \text{ cm}}{\sqrt{T(\text{hr})}}$$

# Selection criteria of GPS projects

- Condition of surveying campaigns
  - Occupation hours  $> 2\text{hr}$
  - Survey conducted no prior to 2010
  - Surveying marks  $\geq 5$  per session
- CORS availability for network construction
  - Good distribution of control stations
  - No data gaps
- Ionospheric activity ( $K_p \text{ Index} < 4$ )
- Good coverage of entire U.S.

# Selected GPS projects in the NGS IDB



No.	GPS Network	State	% Days of $k_p$ > 4	No. of CORS	No. of Marks	No. Sessions	Sessions Occupation Time [min - max in hour]
1	GPS2830	MT	10	7	13	10	[5.5 - 26.5]
2	GPS2868	TX	0	7	38	9	[12.5 - 152.2]
3	GPS2877	FL	33	7	6	3	[23.0 - 24.8]
4	GPS2895 (FAACOE)	ID	0	6	5	2	[4.5 - 9.1]
5	GPS3158	AK	50	7	5	2	[12.5 - 26.0]
6	GPS2912	NC	0	7	5	2	[6.1 - 7.0]
7	GPS2914 (FAAOUU)	MT	0	6	6	2	[5.5 - 11.8]
8	GPS2926	WA	5	7	27	22	[8.6 - 512.3]
9	GPS2937 (FAAAUG)	ME	0	7	5	2	[6.2 - 13.3]
10	GPS2929	PA	0	7	16	3	[2.0 - 6.6]
11	GPS2965	MD	25	6	13	4	[4.1 - 24.0]

No.	GPS Network	State	% Days of $k_p$ > 4	No. of CORS	No. of Marks	No. Sessions	Sessions Occupation Time [min - max in hour]
12	GPS2983	MN	0	7	15	4	[4.5 - 16.2]
13	GPS2995	LA	0	7	8	14	[2.7 - 58.0]
14	GPS2997	MN	0	7	7	2	[6.5 - 8.6]
15	GPS3013	MI	0	7	20	11	[4.6 - 7.1]
16	GPS2939	HI	0	5	6	3	[4.1 - 95.9]
17	DANGNGS	OR	0	7	18	15	[30.0 - 100.0]
18	SC58-59A	SC	0	13	26	7	[20.0 - 81.8]
19	GSVS1120	TX	6	20	18	33	[38.2 - 71.9]
20	GSVS14C	IA	0	7	207	27	[15.8 - 59.2]
21	GSVS17	CO	11	14	226	38	[37.5 - 156.4]
22	GPS2831	AZ	10	10	34	10	[10.4 - 68.1]
23	GPS2516	CA	0	7	15	6	[12.1 - 143.9]

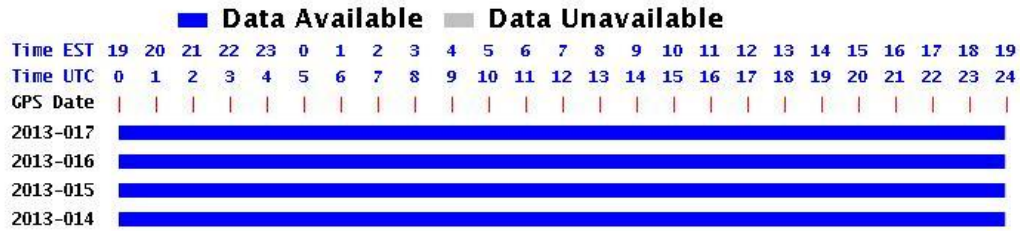




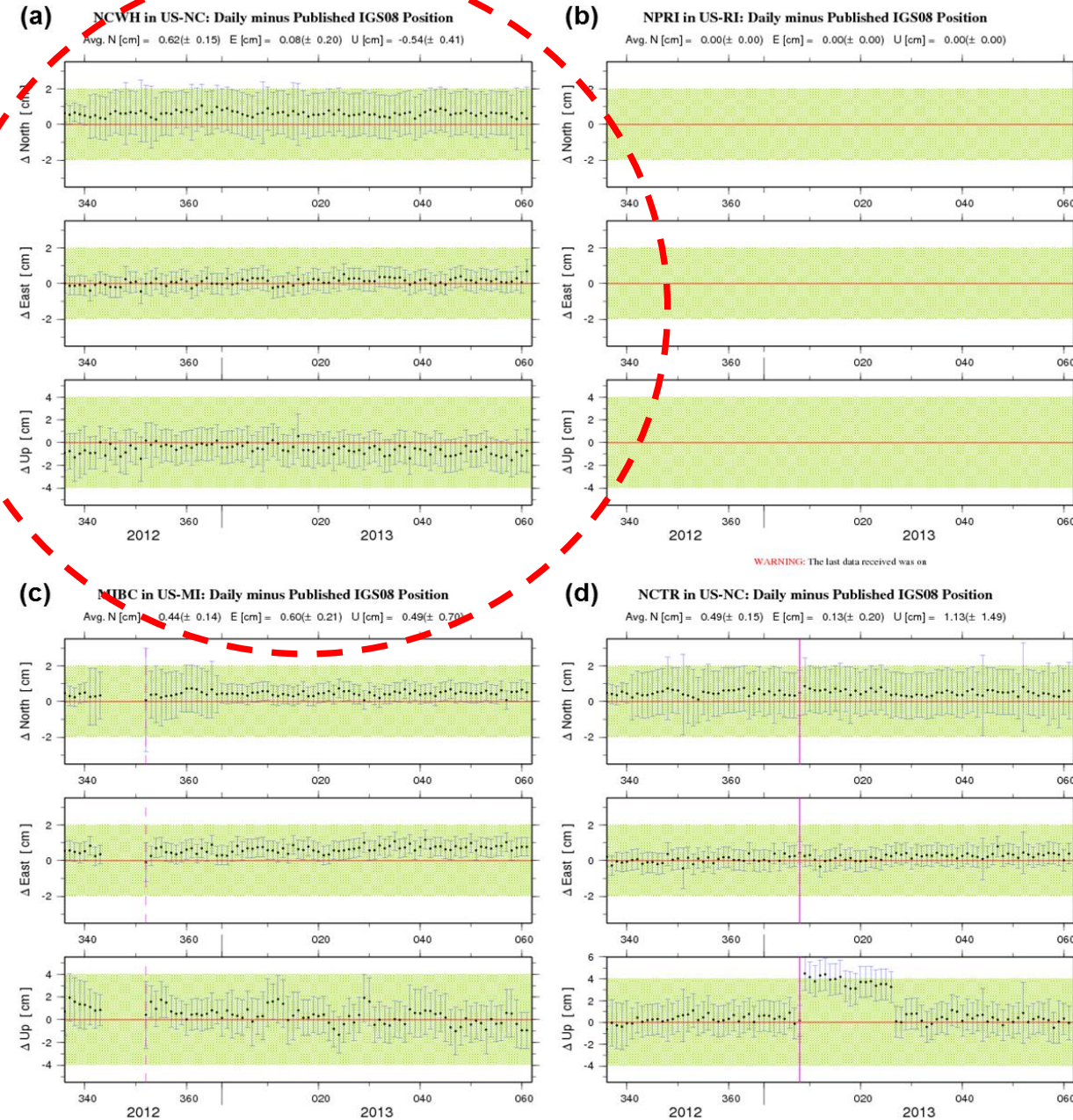


# CORS selection

## Data Availability Profile for: NCWH



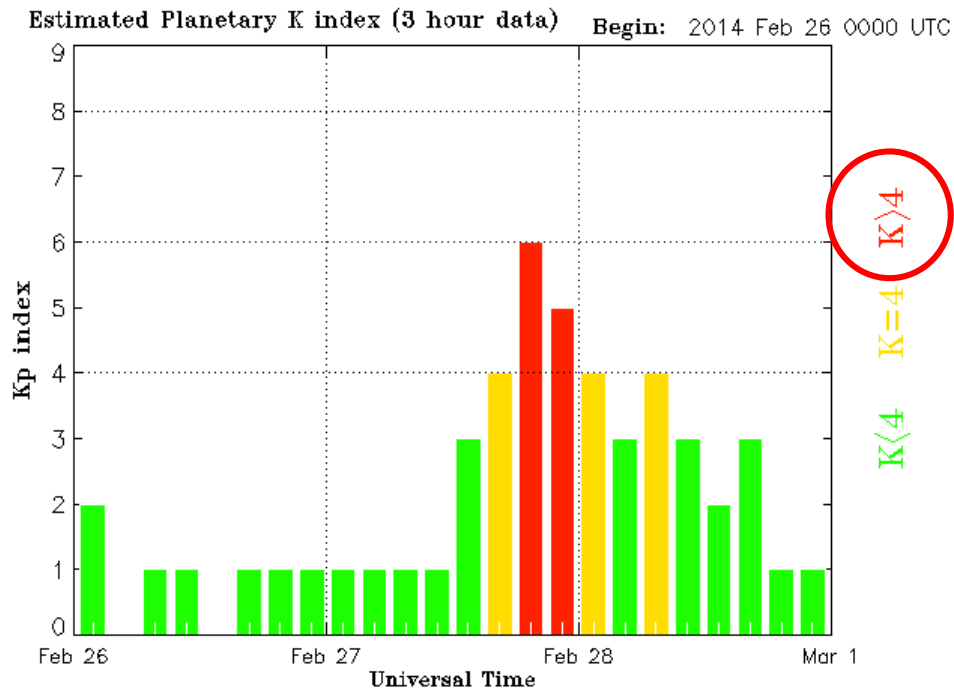
Type	CORS	uN	uE	uh	sN	sE	sh	2DRMS	3DRMS	Note	
HUB	<100km	NCWH	0.62	0.08	-0.54	0.15	0.2	0.41	0.67	0.96	
HUB	<100km	NCLU	0.73	0.06	0.41	0.17	0.17	0.53	0.77	1.02	
Control	<300km	SCWT	0.73	-0.11	0.52	0.15	0.18	0.44	0.77	1.03	
Control	<300km	NCJV	0.56	0.11	0.29	0.16	0.41	0.46	0.72	0.90	
Control	<300km	NCSF	0.63	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.16	0.51	0.68	0.86	
Control	<300km	NCTR	0.49	0.13	1.13	0.15	0.2	1.49	0.57	1.95	antenna, radome, elevation, cable change
Control	<300km	COLA	0.07	0.17	1.76	0.16	0.19	0.51	0.31	1.86	
Control	<300km	NCPO	0.09	-0.19	0.08	0.14	0.17	0.56	0.30	0.64	data unavailable during the first surveying day (014.2013)
Control	<300km	NCGO	0.55	0.19	0.24	0.16	0.18	0.48	0.63	0.83	
Control	<300km	NCKN	0.57	0.08	-0.15	0.17	0.15	0.5	0.62	0.81	
Distant	~1000km	ZME1	0.64	0.05	-0.02	0.2	0.22	0.75	0.71	1.03	
Distant	~1000km	ILUC	0.88	0.09	1.84	0.4	0.38	1.38	1.04	2.53	
Distant	~1000km	NYRM	0.47	0.33	0.27	0.16	0.23	0.59	0.64	0.91	
Distant	~1000km	NPRI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	data unavailable
Distant	~1000km	MIBC	0.44	0.6	0.49	0.14	0.21	0.7	0.79	1.16	receiver, firmware change



# Ionospheric Activity

NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) archive:

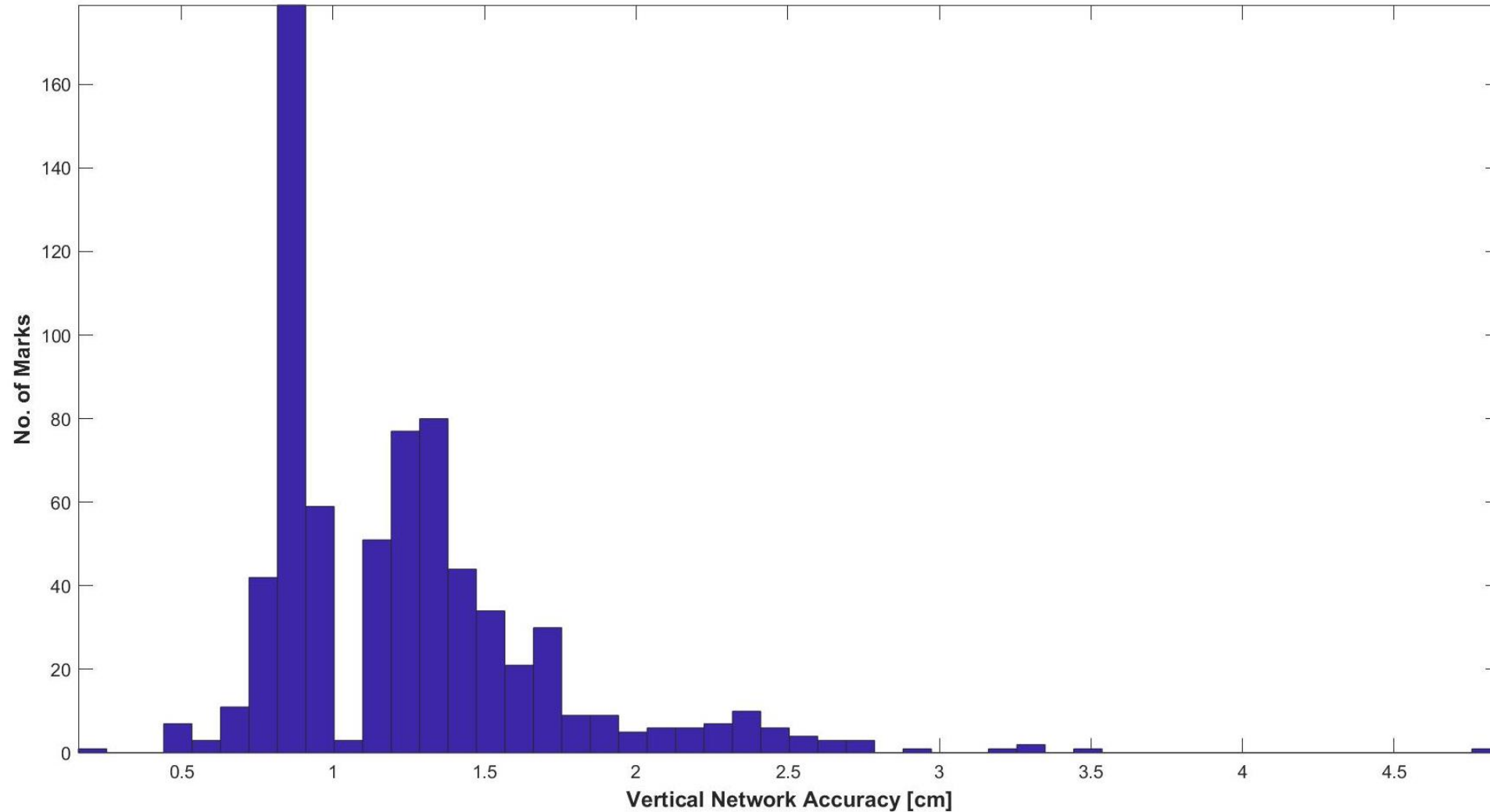
- Kp index indicates global geomagnetic activity
- Geomagnetic storms possibly derive significant disturbances in the ionosphere



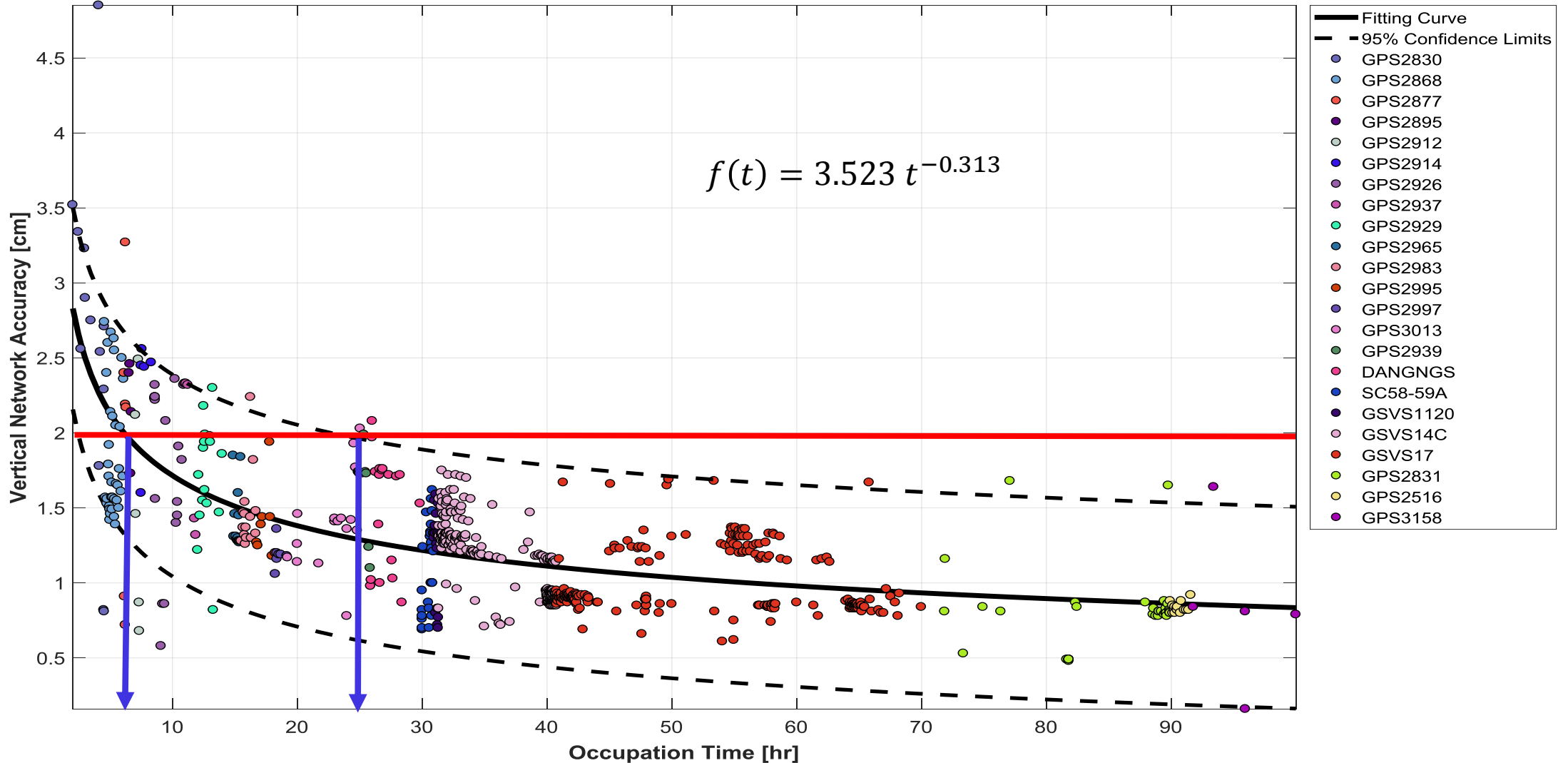
Project: GPS2877					
Day Number	DOY	Month	Day	Year	Kp > 4? y=1, 0=n
1	46	Feb	15	12	1
2	47	Feb	16	12	0
3	48	Feb	17	12	0



# Histogram of the network accuracy (height)



# Network accuracy (vertical) vs Occupation times



Min [cm]	Max [cm]	Mean [cm]	RMSE [cm]	R-squared
-1.38	2.58	-0.00	0.33	0.52

# New generation, multi-GNSS Processing Capability for the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) (FY2018 - present)

## MOTIVATION

- ✓ Increased demand of high accuracy GNSS
- ✓ Various applications of GNSS
- ✓ Multi-constellation GNSS
- ✓ New generation GPS

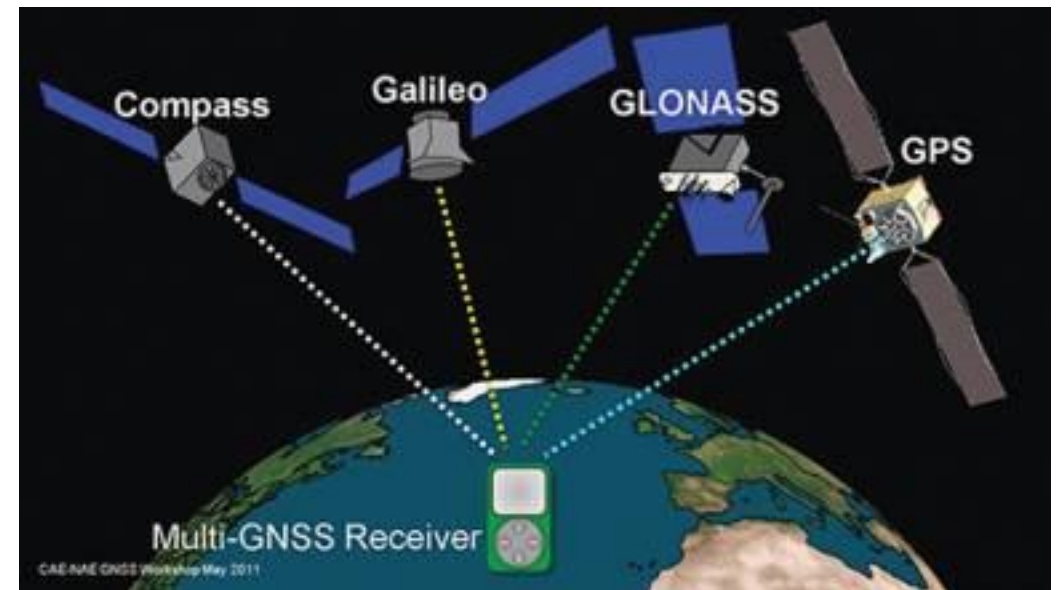


Image credit: Inside GNSS (<http://insidegnss.com/the-international-gnss-monitoring-and-assessment-service/>)

# Multi-GNSS PPP

$$P_{i,q}^k = \rho_i^k + I_{i,q}^k + T_i^k + c(dt_i - dt^k + \tau^{sys}) + b_q^k + b_{i,q} + M_{i,q}^k + e_{i,q}^k$$

$$\Phi_{i,q}^k = \rho_i^k - I_{i,q}^k + T_i^k + \lambda_q N_{i,q}^k + c(dt_i - dt^k + \tau^{sys}) + \lambda_q(\varphi_0^k - \varphi_{i,0}) + B_q^k + B_{i,q} + m_{i,q}^k + \varepsilon_{i,q}^k$$

where a superscript  $k$  and subscript  $i$  denote a satellite,  $k$ , and a station,  $i$ , respectively for frequency,  $q$ .  $\Phi_{i,q}^k$  is the carrier phase observation and  $P_{i,q}^k$  is code observation of GNSS signal (frequency  $q$  band (e.g., L1, L2, L5, E1, E6, E5, etc.)).

$\rho_i^k$  is the range between the station  $i$  and the satellite  $k$ ;  $I_{i,q}^k$  is a ionospheric delay on  $q$ ;  $T_i^k$  is a tropospheric delay,  $\lambda_q$  is the wavelength of signal  $q$ ,  $N_{i,q}^k$  is an integer ambiguity of the phase observation of  $q$ ,  $dt_i$  and  $dt^k$  are the clock errors of receiver and satellite respectively,  $\varphi_0^k$  and  $\varphi_{i,0}$  are initial fractional signal phases at the satellite and receiver, respectively;  $B_q^k, B_{i,q}, b_q^k, b_{i,q}$  are inter-frequency biases;

$m_{i,q}^k$  and  $M_{i,q}^k$  are multipath errors of phase and code observations;  $\tau^{sys}$  is the time offset for the system time of GNSS system with respect to a chosen reference

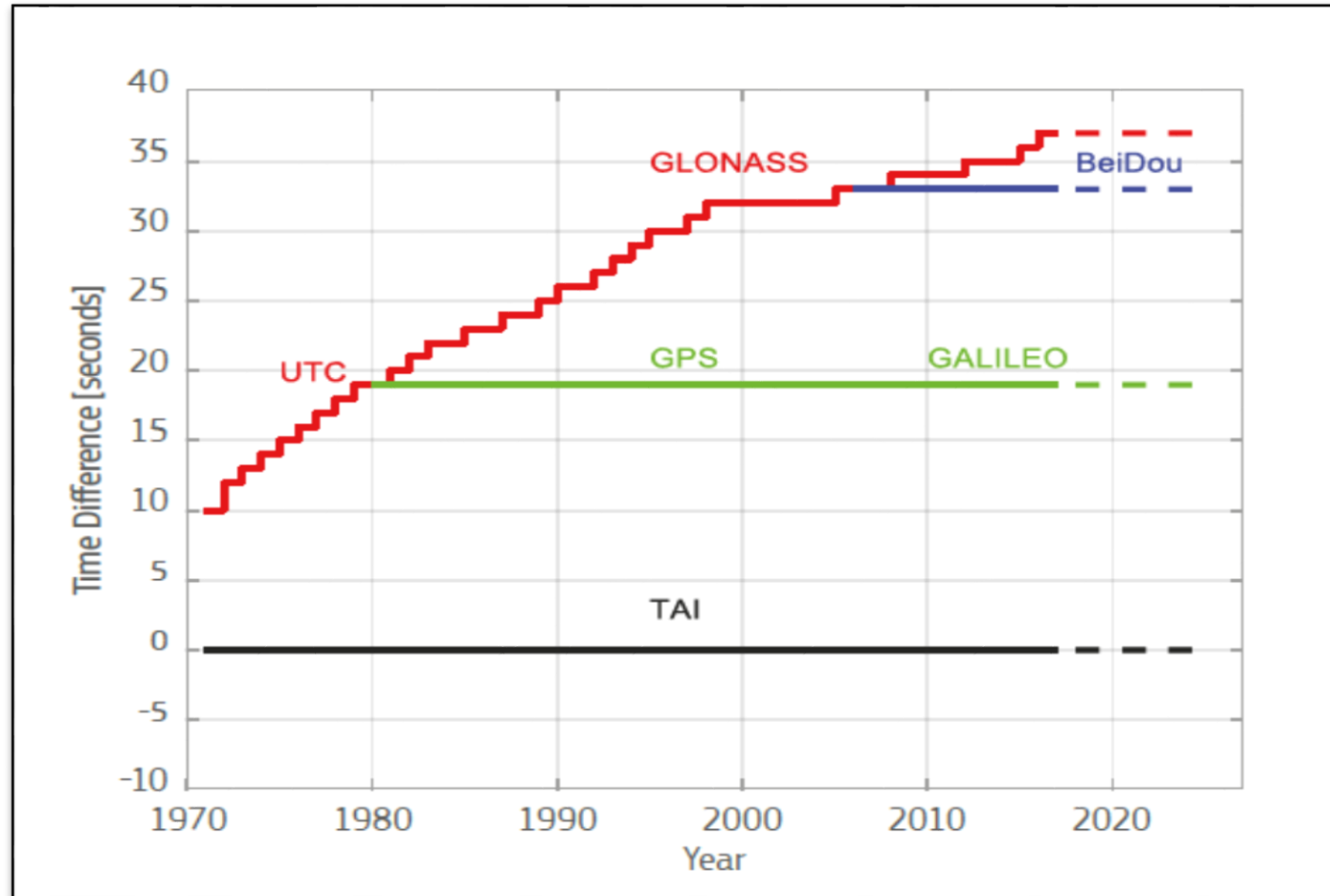
$\varepsilon_{i,q}^k$  and  $e_{i,q}^k$  are observational noises

# Reference systems

- GPS: WGS84
  - **Will be used as a reference** for multi-GNSS processing
  - Most recent realization : WGS84 (G1762, Mid-October 2013)
- GLONASS: PZ-90
  - Most recent realization is PZ-90.11 GRS, which is based on ITRS at 2010.0
- Galileo: Galileo TRF (GTRF)
  - Most recent realization : GTRF16v01 is aligned with ITRF2008
- BeiDou: China Geodetic Coordinate System 2000 (CSGS2000) with CGCF
  - Aligned to ITRS and referenced ITRF97

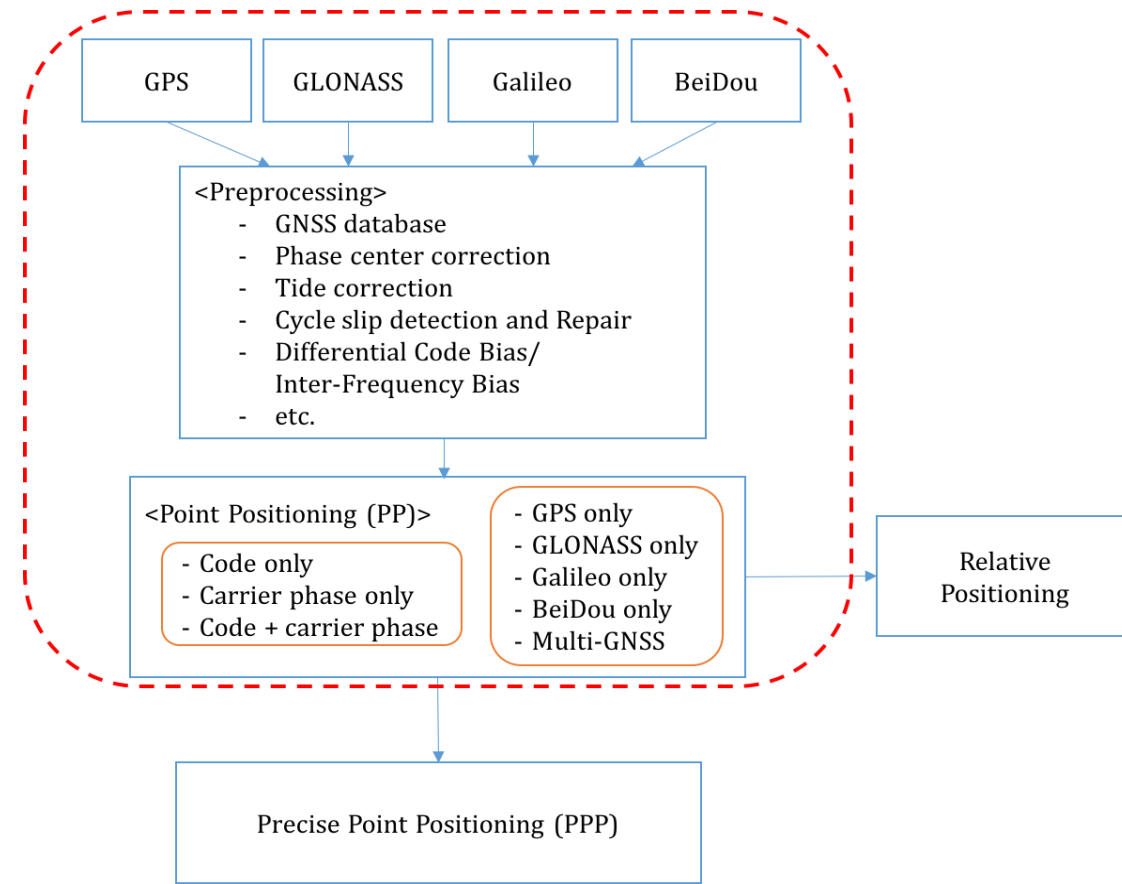


# Time difference between GNSS (GSA GNSS 2018)



# PP to PPP

- Tide effects, earth rotation, phase wind-up, hardware biases, antenna phase center offset, atmospheric delays
- What to be improved?
  - Multi GNSS hardware biases
  - Cycleslip detection/repair
  - Ionospheric residual or Ionosphere Free
  - Tropospheric residual
  - Ambiguity Resolution





*“Improved post-earthquake rebuild and recovery”*

### *Mission*

The CLiP(Cascadia Lifelines Program) conducts research that will allow Oregon’s lifeline providers to implement value- and cost-informed decisions to mitigate damage to Pacific Northwest infrastructure as the result of Cascadia subduction zone earthquakes.

## CLiP - workshop

- First session: PLSO 2018 in January 2018
  - 23 attendees interested in participating
- Second session: ODOT Surveyors conference in March 2018
  - 12 more attendees signed up!
- **CLiP workshop in August 2018 at OSU**
  - CSZ working group:  
<https://secure.engr.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/cszsurveyorsworkgroup>

## **1/2 day workshop @ OSU (7 August 2018, need your input!)**

- Working group of 20+
- Formulate leadership
- Discuss background of challenges and resources
- Develop framework for post-event response
- Set plan for working group
- Establish best practices for current surveys and post-event surveys
- Identify outreach/educational activities for workforce.

Interested? Email to: Jihye Park, Mike Olsen, Chris Parrish in Geomatics at OSU

# GNSS meteorology

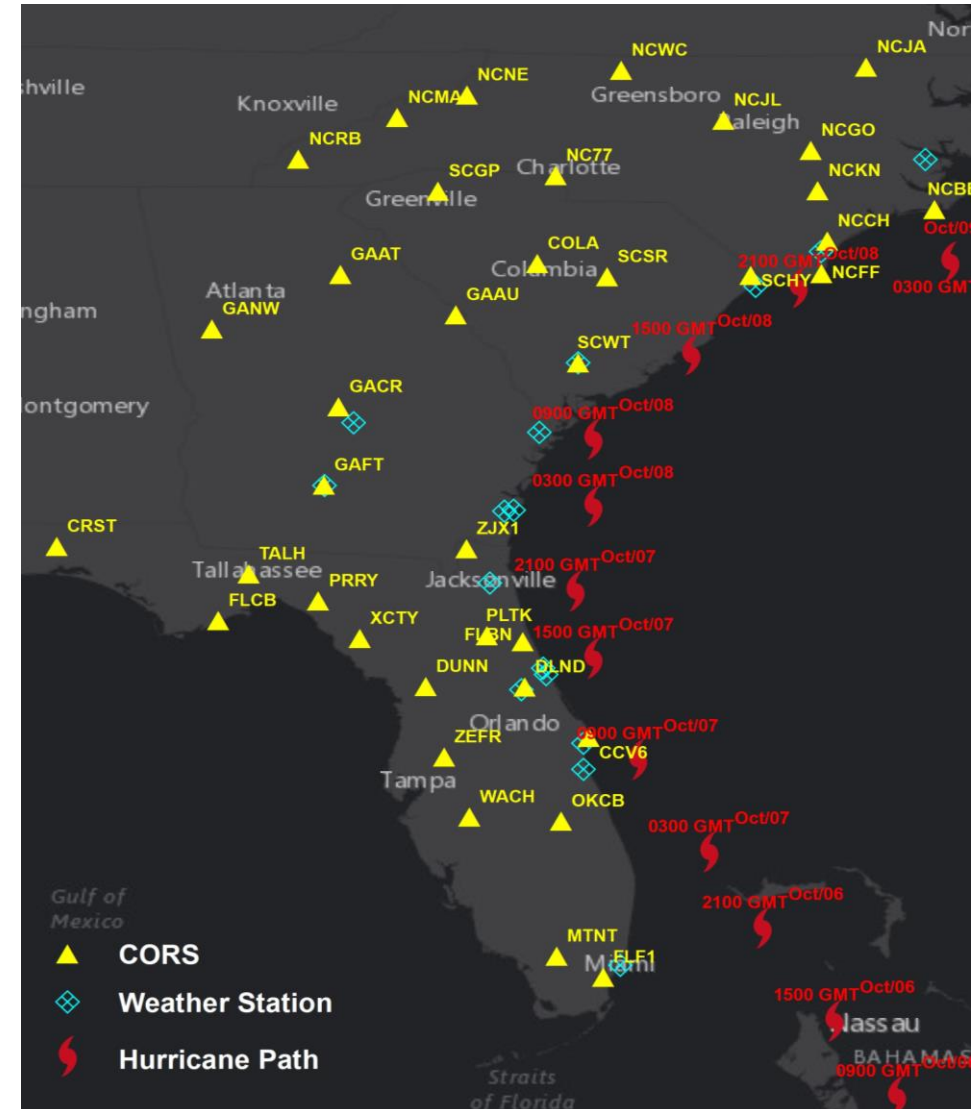
- To monitor & forecast weather
- Meteorological parameters in the atmosphere (up to 50km altitude) derive the signal delay → Tropospheric delay
- By extracting the wet delay part and converting to Precipitable Water Vapor
- Applicable to severe weather monitoring/prediction

## Monitoring Hurricane path by GNSS derived Precipitable Water Vapor (PWV) analysis

- ❑ To monitor the humidity before/during/after severe weather event
- ❑ Can be further extended to “*modeling*” and “*prediction*”
- ❑ ***Case study:*** Hurricane Matthew in Oct 2016 (Florida, Georgia, and South-Carolina)

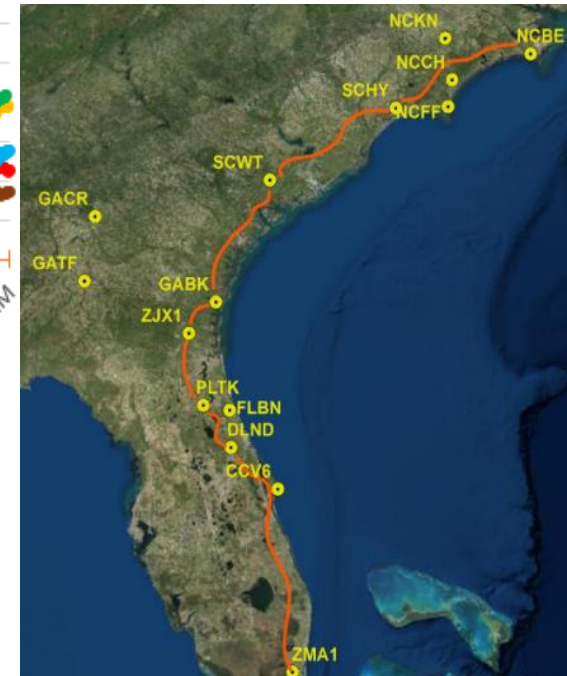
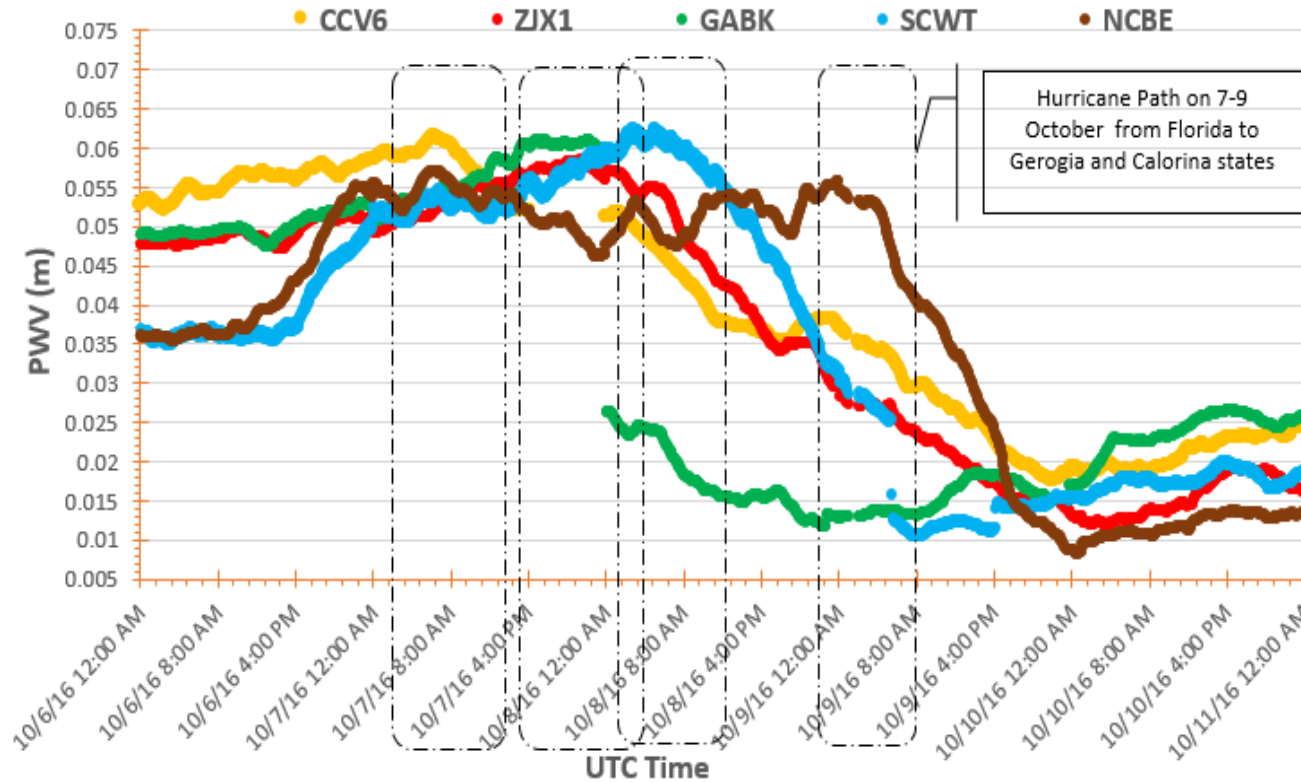
# Tracking hurricane path using CORS observations

Hurricane Matthew in Oct 2016

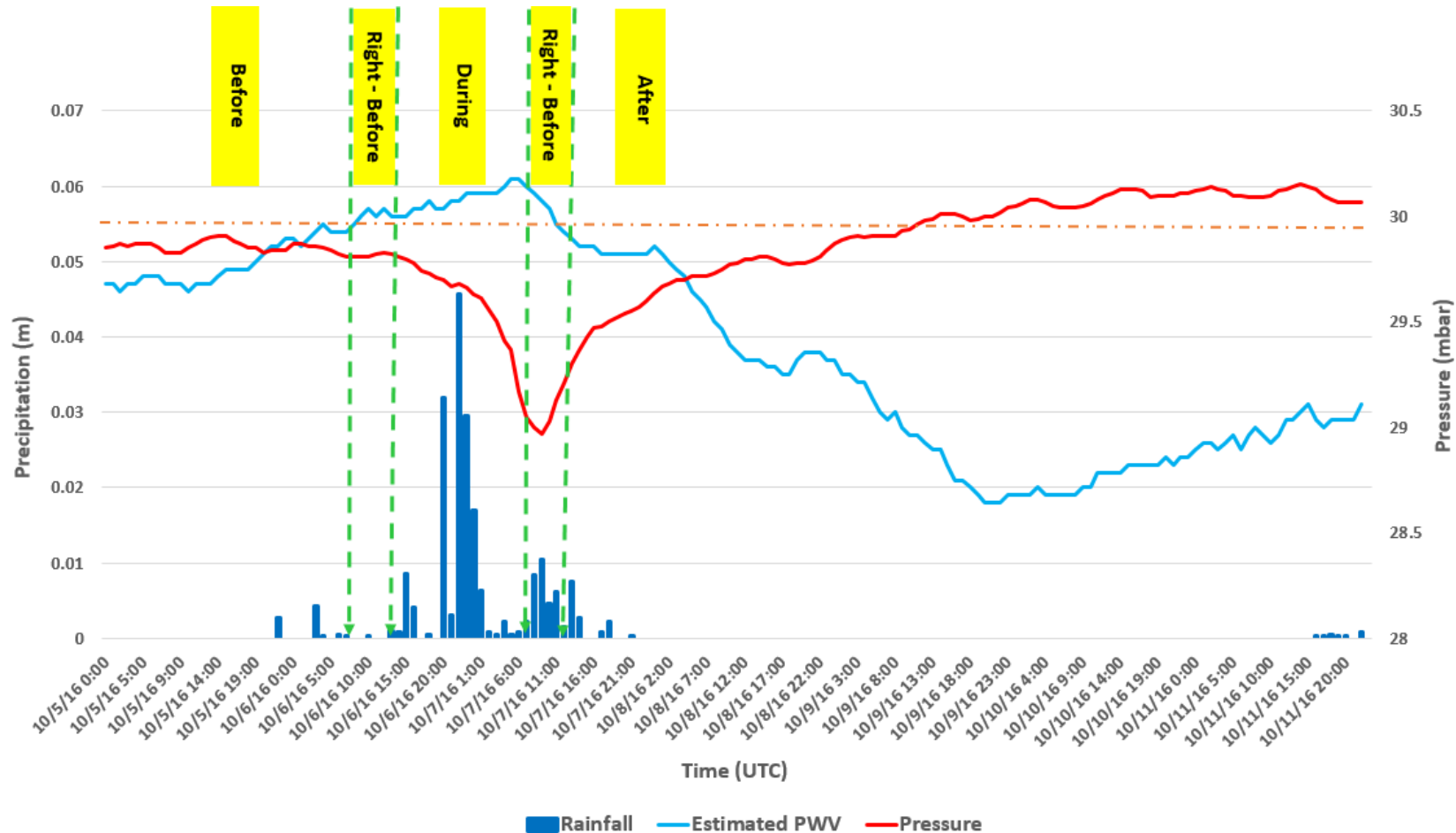




# PWV variation Monitoring During Hurricane Matthew



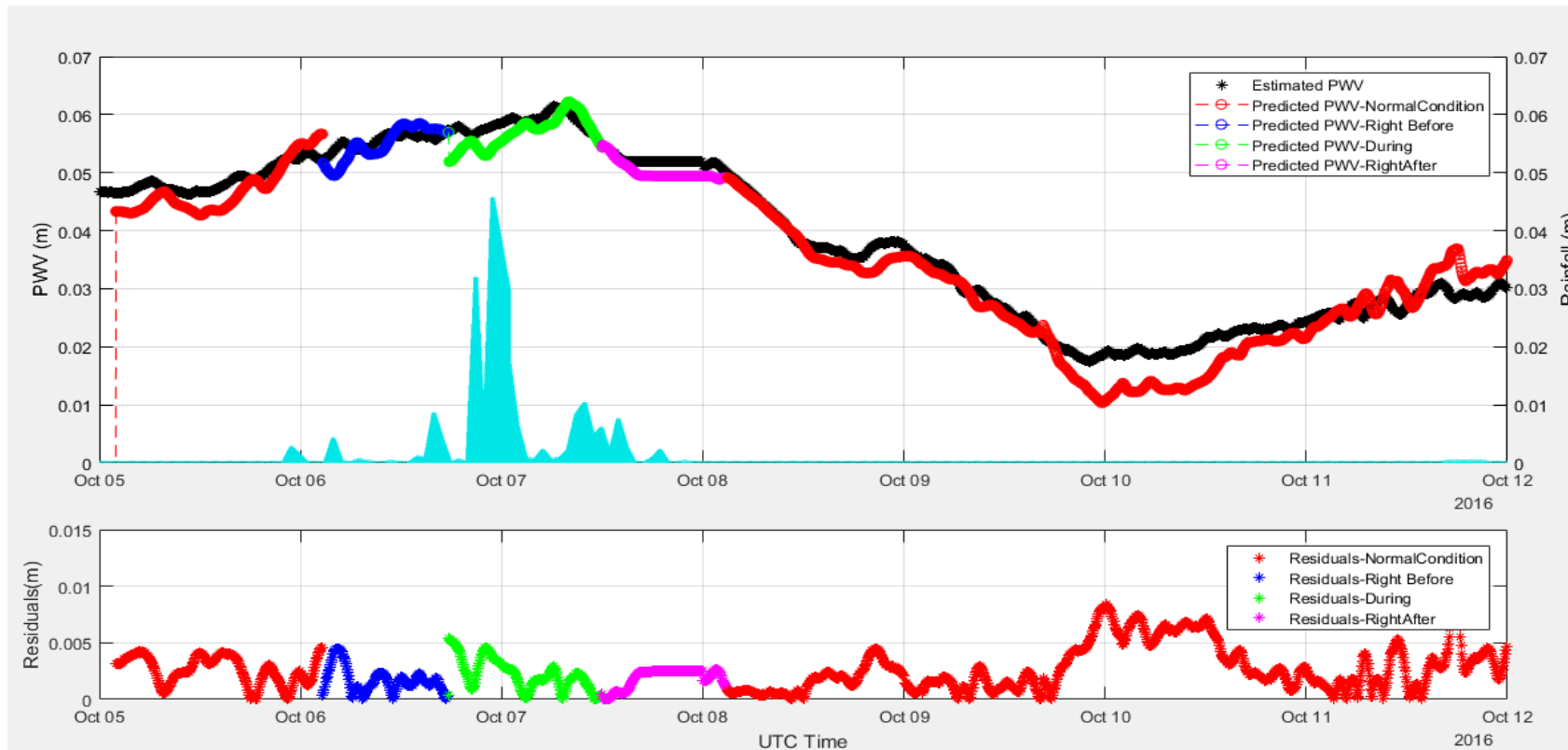
# Classification of Hurricane for Statistical Data Analysis



# Statistical GNSS Data Analysis for Hurricane Path Prediction

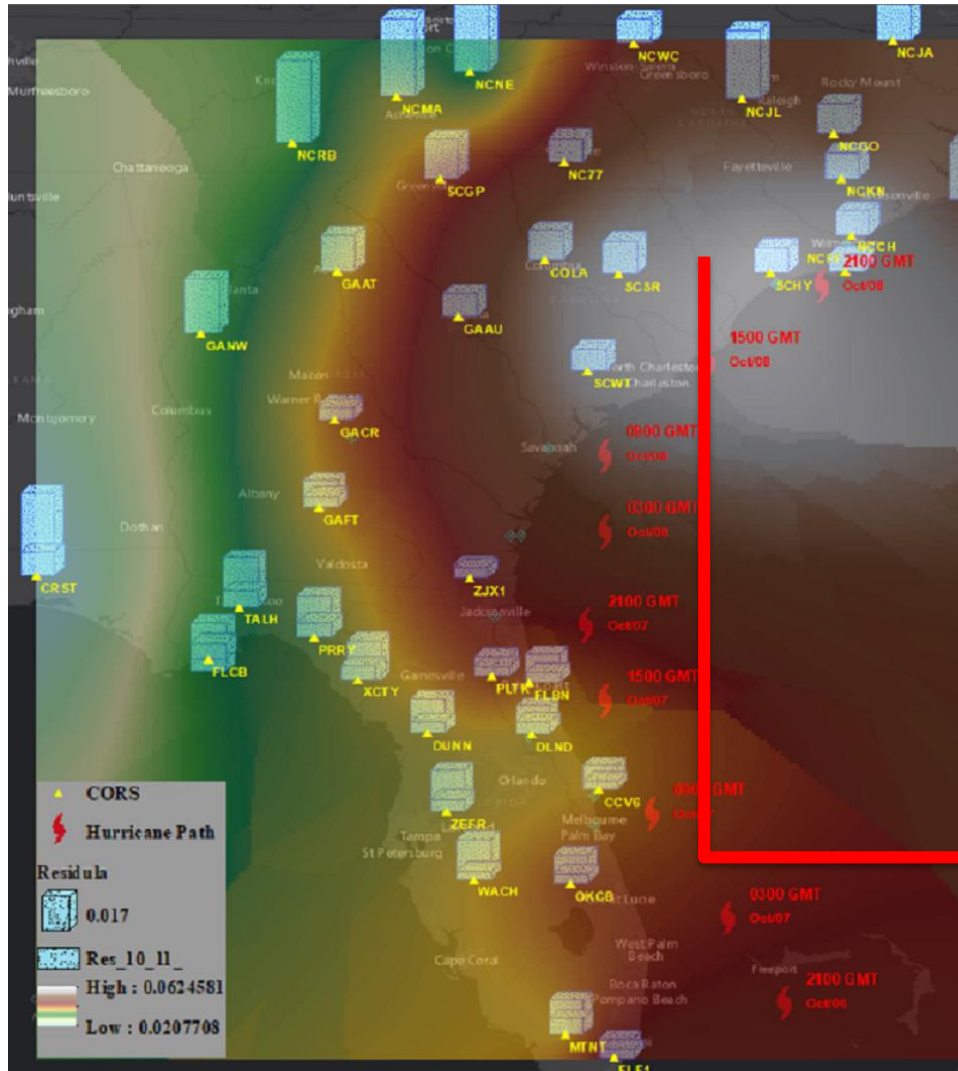
$$(PWV_{t+1}) = \overline{PWV}_t + c_1(PWV_t - \overline{PWV}_t) + c_2(P_t - \overline{P}_t) + c_3(T_t - \overline{T}_t) + c_4(RH_t - \overline{RH}_t) + e$$

P is pressure, T is temperature, RH is relative humidity, c consists of regression coefficients and e is the error term.





# Hurricane Path Prediction by Comparing the model's Residuals



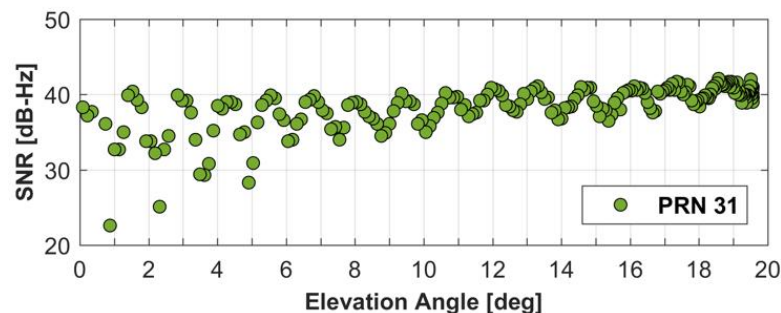
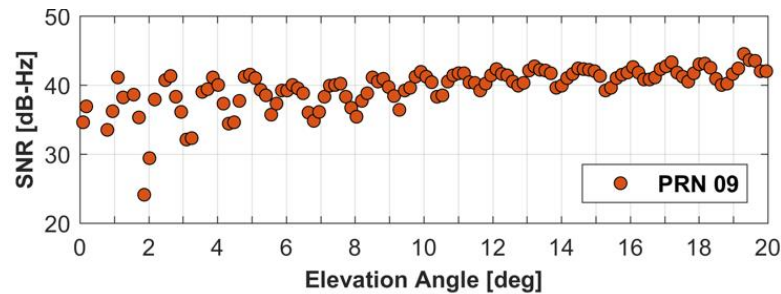
Hurricane is affecting south and North Carolina

# GNSS-Reflectometry (GNSS-R)

- **Multipath** is one of the error sources in GNSS measurement → to be minimized!
- These *multipath signals*, however, can be *used to obtain information* about the *reflected surface* → GNSS reflectometry.
- Used in various applications e.g., water level monitoring, soil moisture monitoring, snow depth estimation, ocean wind analysis.

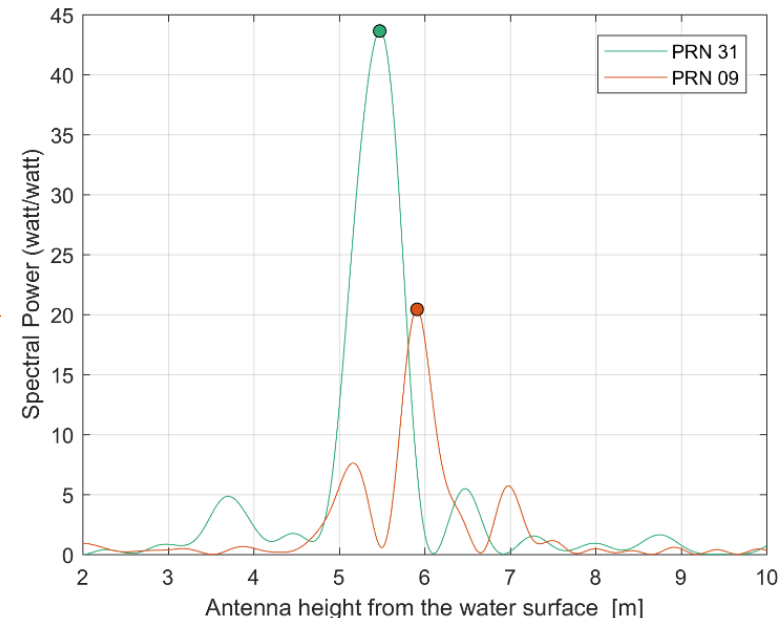
# GNSS-R: SNR based approach

- SNR (Signal to Noise Ratio) data analysis
  - SNR data from each observable
  - The *multipath effect* on the SNR observation appears in the form of *oscillation* of SNR w.r.t. elevation angles
  - The frequency of the oscillation is depend on the geometry between satellite, reflector and antenna, which means the frequency contains the information about the water level height.
  - The *frequency can be converted to antenna heights* form the water surface.



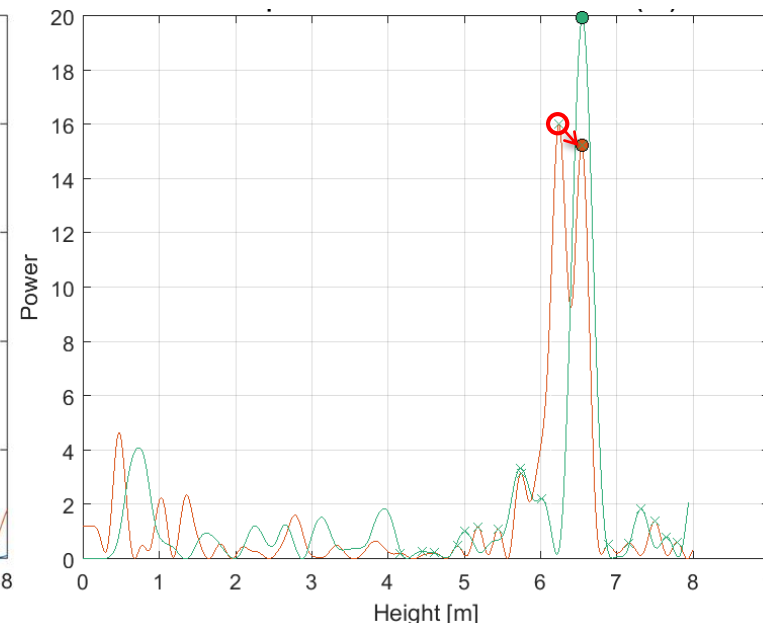
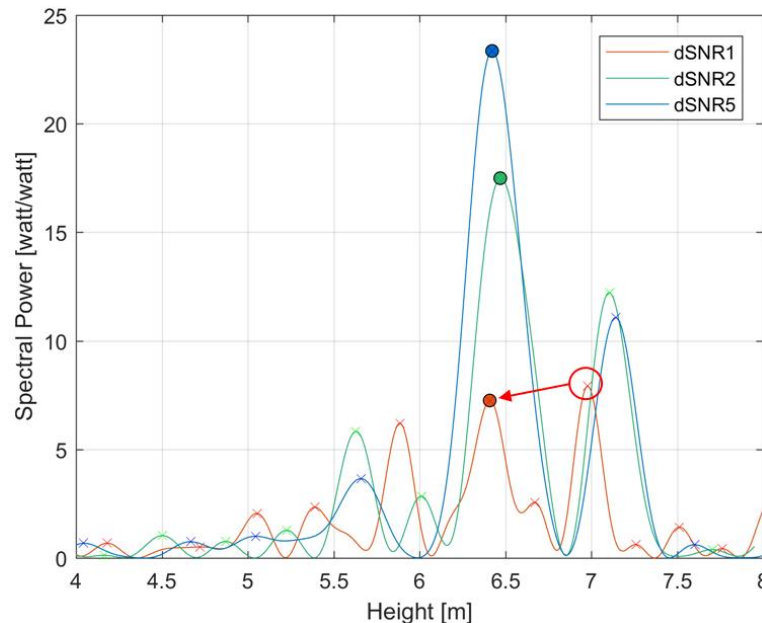
$$f = \frac{2h}{\lambda}$$

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# Enhanced Spectral Analysis

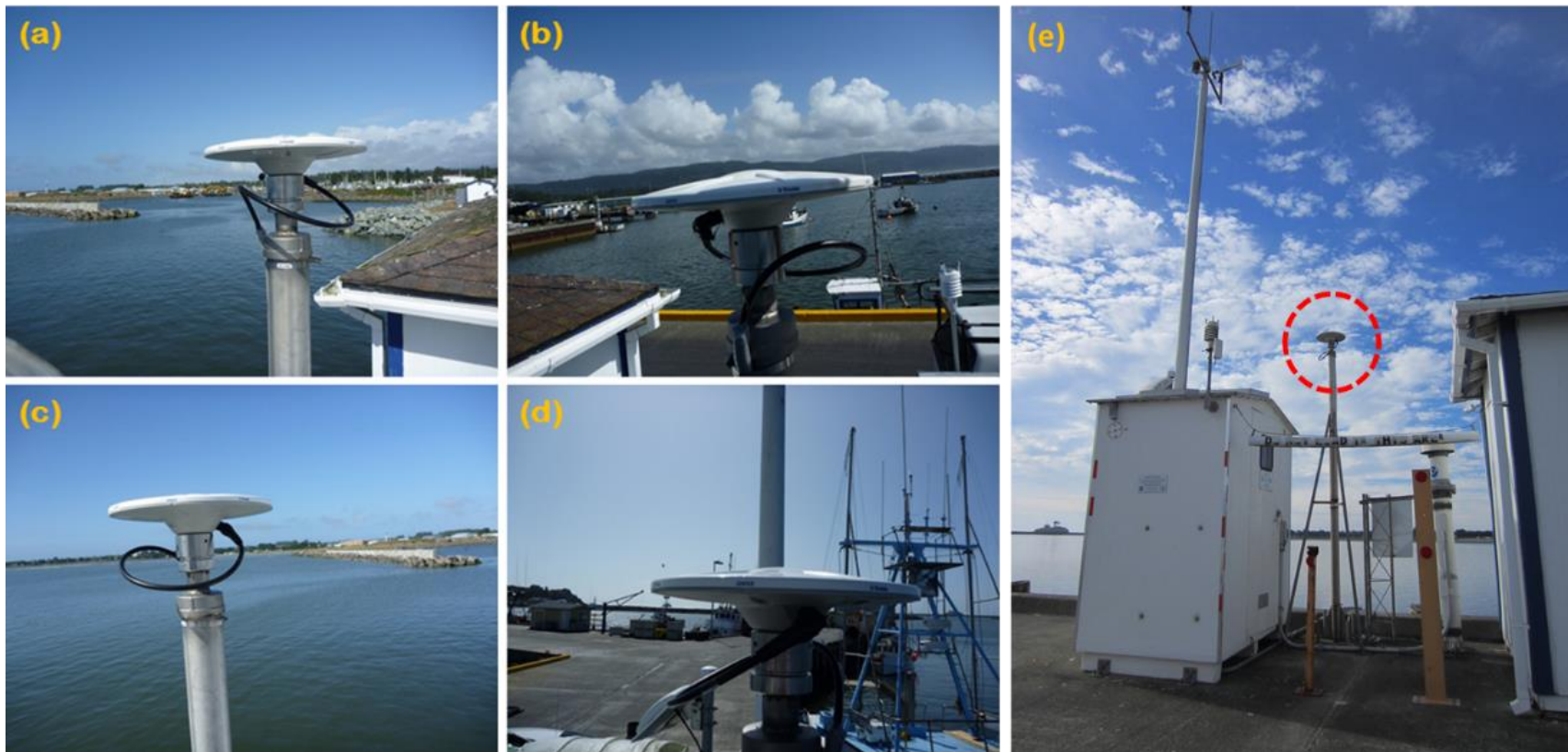
- The *determination of the dominant frequency* is mightily important because the height is directly converted from the frequency.
- A new method to precisely determine the frequency among the multiple peaks identified through spectrum analysis is suggested.
  - We take the advantage of *multi-frequency of GNSS signals*.
  - It is possible to minimize the error of the peak detection by *comparing* the dominant height extracted from the multiple frequencies based on *a local maximum* of each frequency signal.



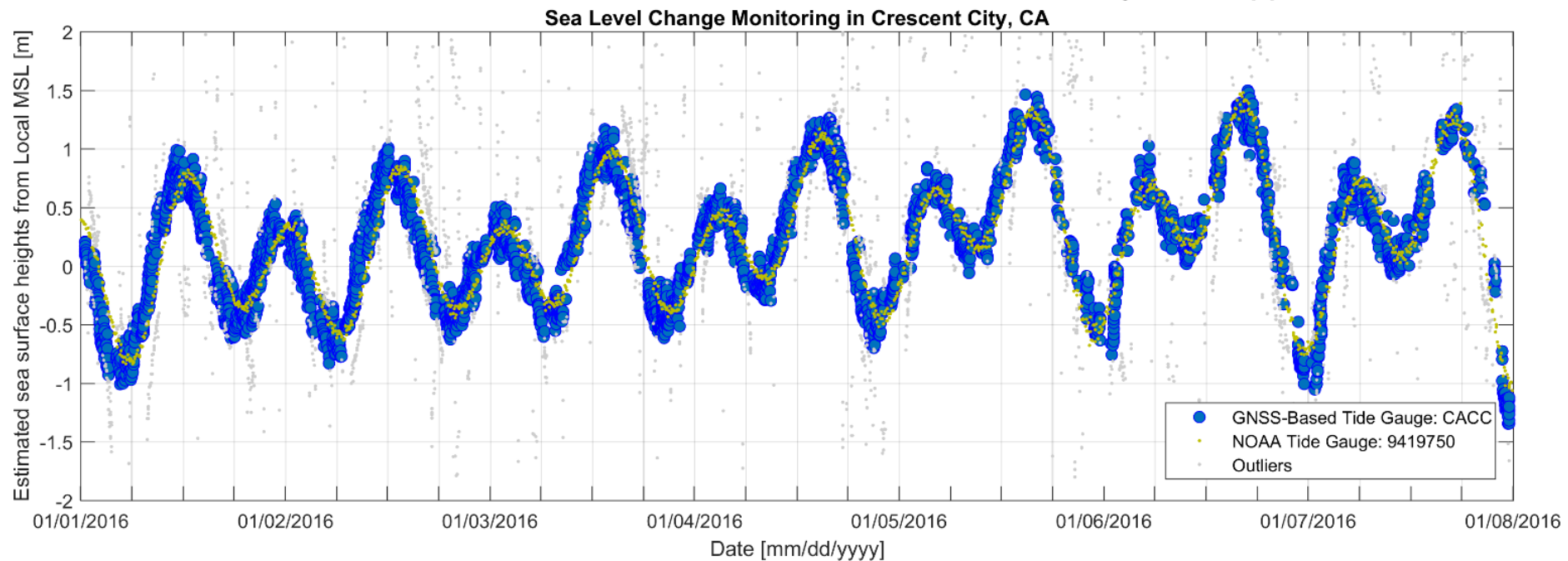
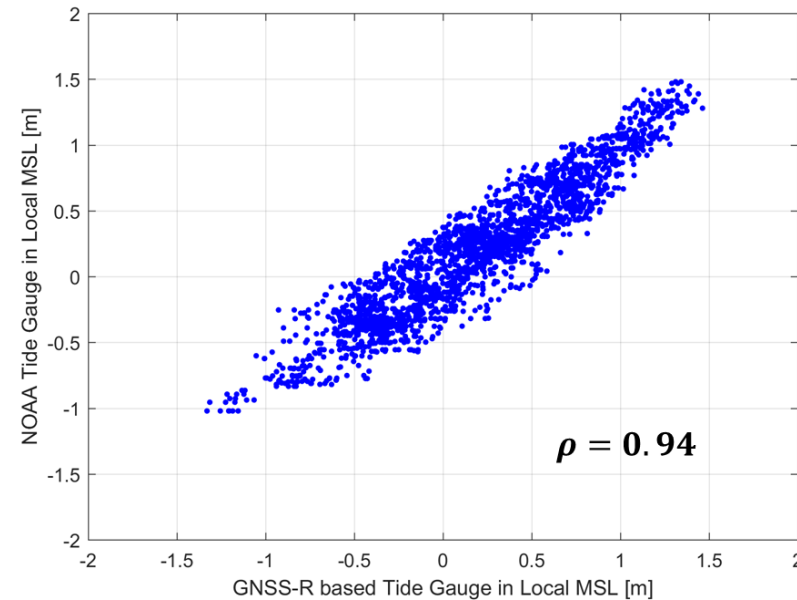


## Case Study 1: CACC in Crescent City, CA

- Processed SNR data collected from NGS CORS CACC in Crescent City, CA
- NOAA tide gauge station (ID: 9419750) was also used for the comparison, which is *co-located* with CACC
- Analysis periods: *1 ~ 7 January, 2016*



- The GNSS-R technique successfully estimated the water level variation by showing a *good agreement with the co-located tide gauge station*.
- In addition, a *high correlation coefficient* of 0.94 was computed.
- GNSS-R based tide gauge provides water level height at approximately *4.4 second intervals* on average.

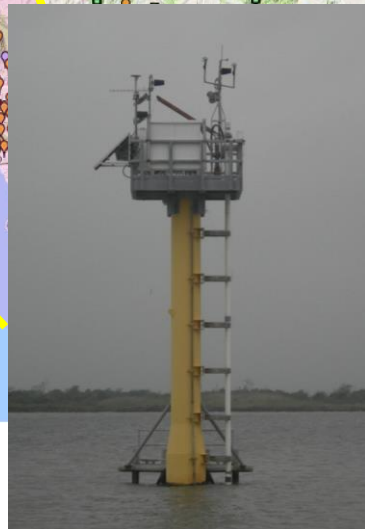
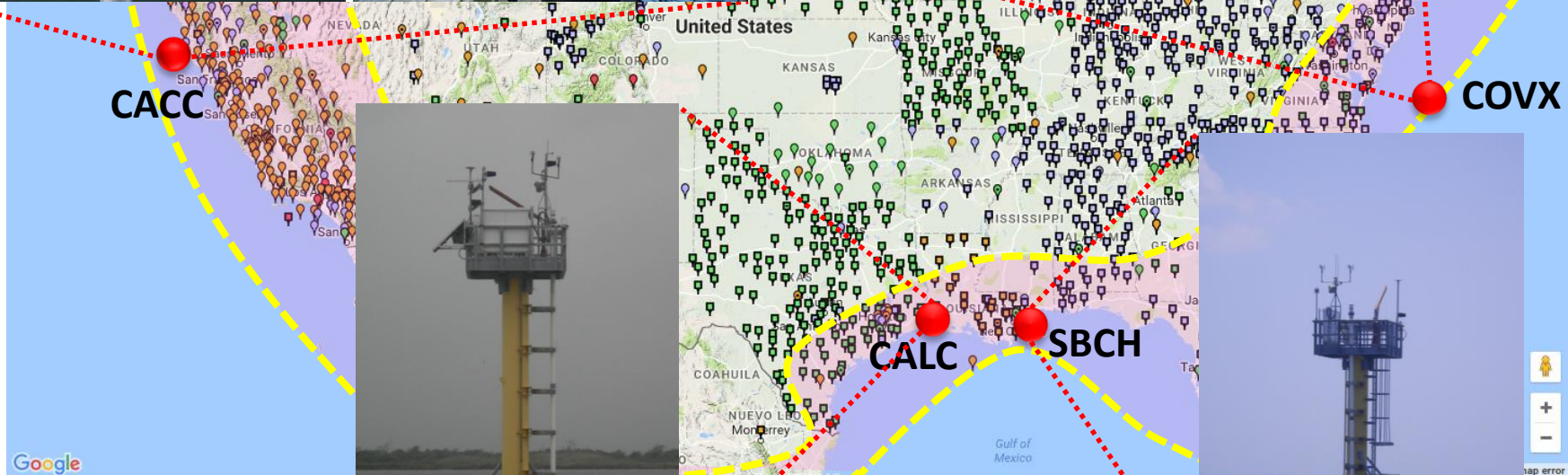
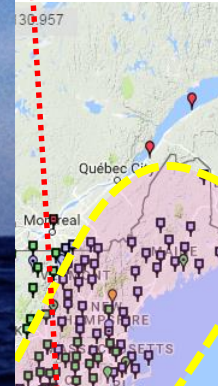
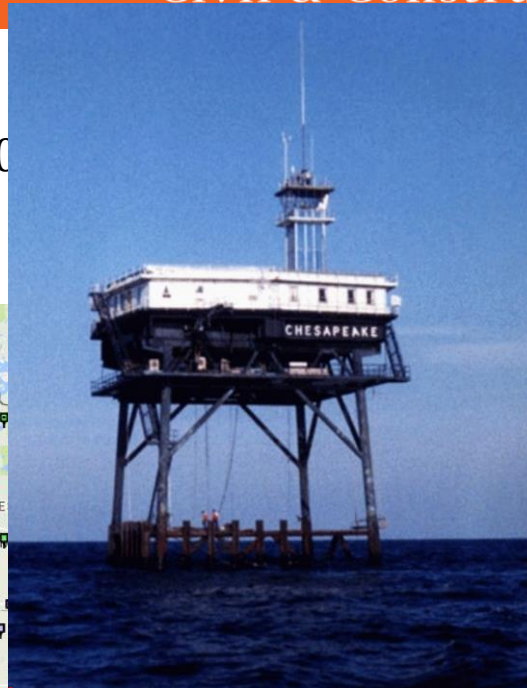




# ilities

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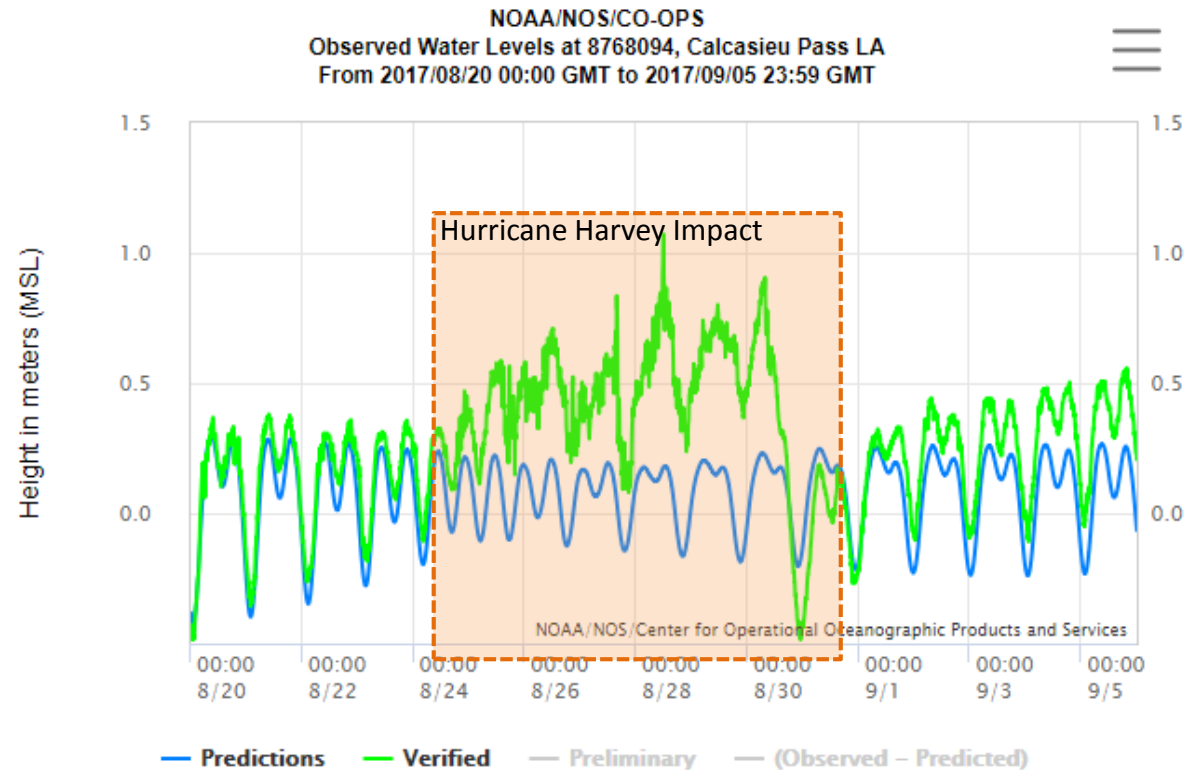


Google

Map error

## Case Study2: Hurricane Harvey

- Processed SNR data collected from NGS CORS CALC in Cameron, LA
- Co-located NOAA tide gauge station (ID: 8768094) was also used for the comparison
- Analysis periods: 8/13/2017 – 9/12/2017



North view



East view



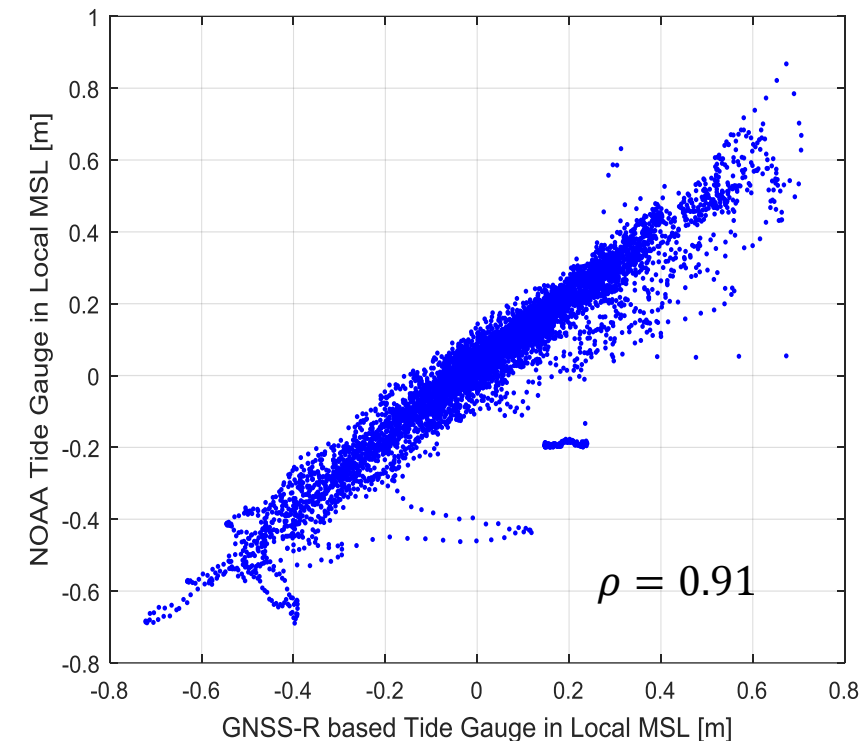
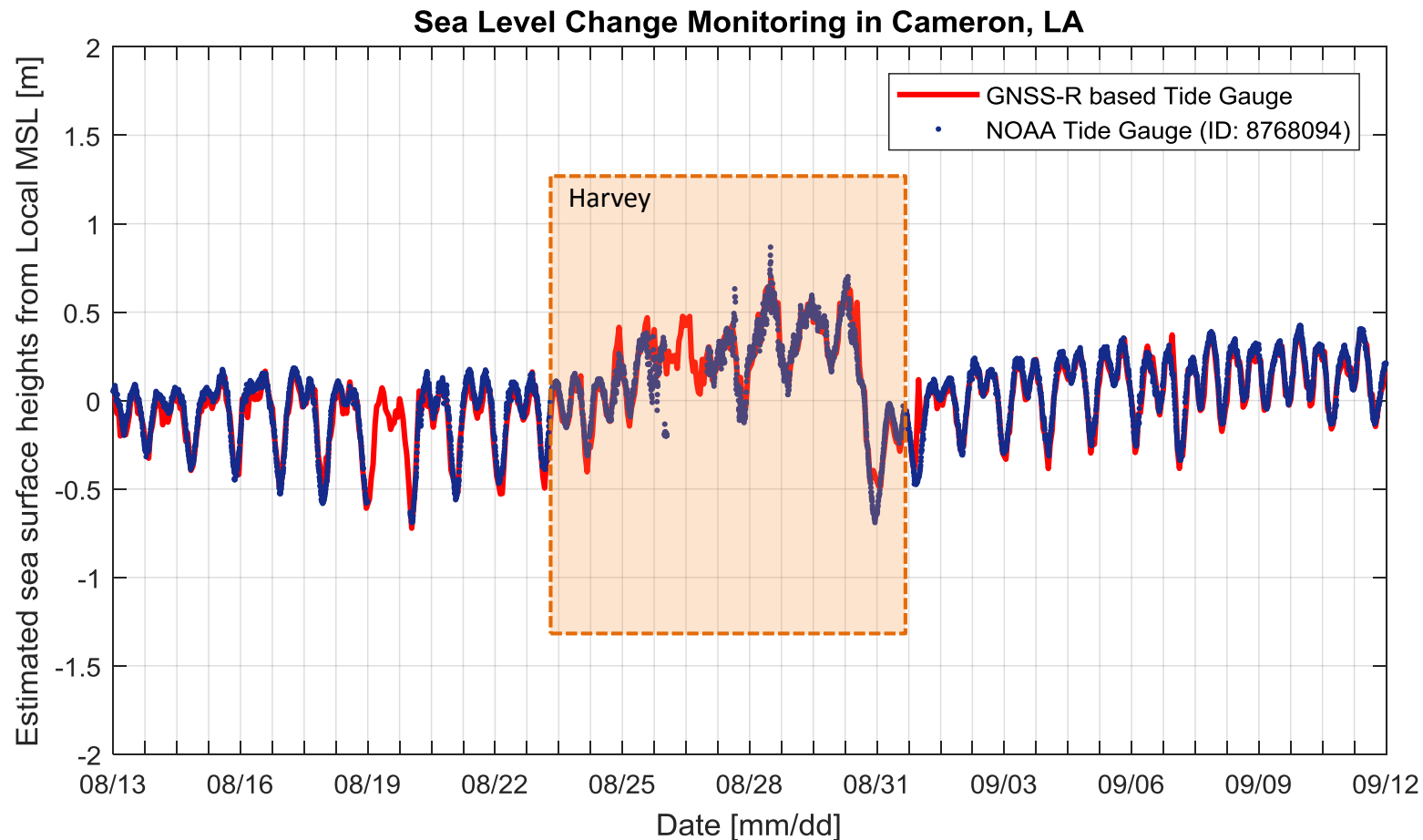
South view



West view

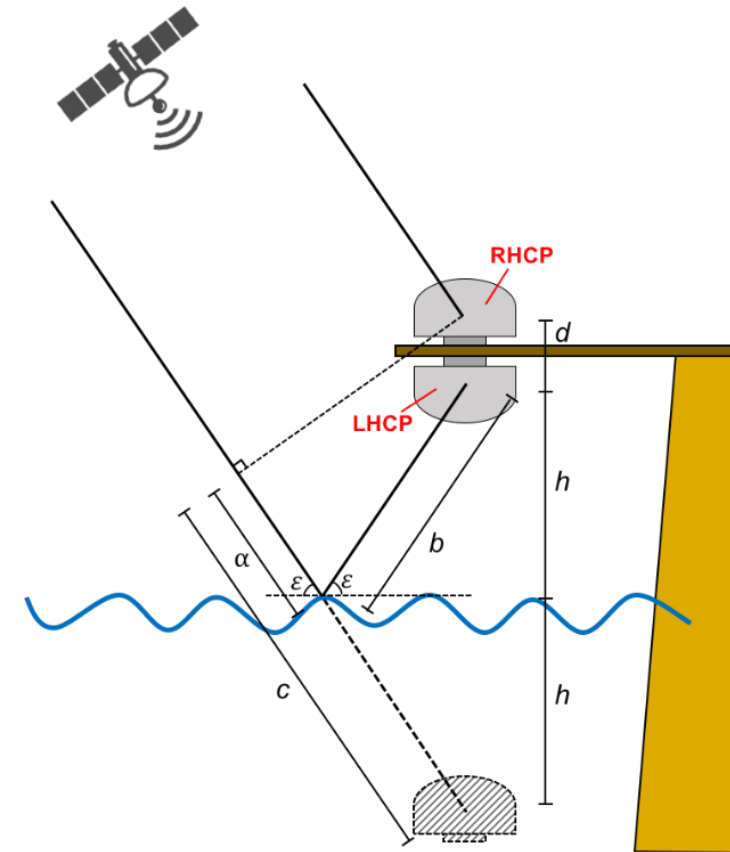


- Overall, the sea level changes observed by GNSS-based tide gauge well represent the time series patterns of the co-located tide gauge station.
- Especially, the abruptly changing water level during the Hurricane Harvey could be successfully observed by utilizing the GNSS reflection signals.



## GNSS-R: Methodology 2

- Phase delay
  - Use the *path delay* that the *reflected signals* additionally experience with respect to the direct signals
  - Direct and reflected signals are separately collected through *dual antennas*.
  - Apply the characteristics of the GNSS signals: GNSS signal is RHCP, but a *single reflection changes the polarization* of the signal to LHCP.
    - RHCP (Right Handed Circularly Polarized)  
: Zenith looking, Direct signals, Regular antenna
    - LHCP (Left Handed Circularly Polarized):  
: Nadir-looking, Reflected signals, Specially designed antenna



$$h = \frac{(a + b) / \sin \epsilon - d}{2}$$

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Thank you!

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