

Reference Frame in Practice

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Multi-GNSS Environment

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Sponsors :



Visit official GNSS web sites:

- *GPS* - www.navcen.uscg.gov & www.gps.gov
- *GLONASS* - glonass-ianc.rsa.ru/en/
- *Galileo* - www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Navigation
- *BeiDou* – en.beidou.gov.cn
- *QZSS* - http://qzss.jaxa.jp/index_e.html
- *ICG* - <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/gnss/icg.html>



Outline ...

- Status of Multi-GNSS
- Multi-GNSS & the ICG
- Multi-GNSS & PPP/DGNSS
- The International GNSS Service

Status of Multi-GNSS

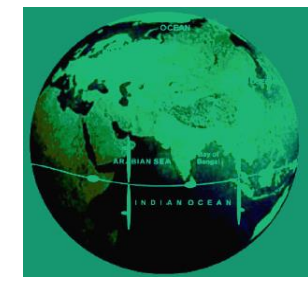
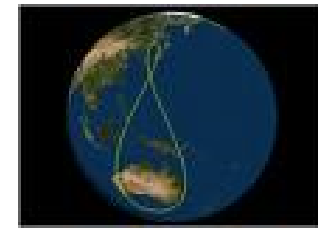


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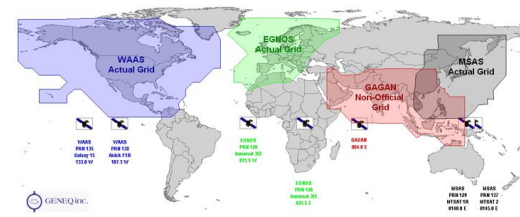
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Multi-Constellation GNSS

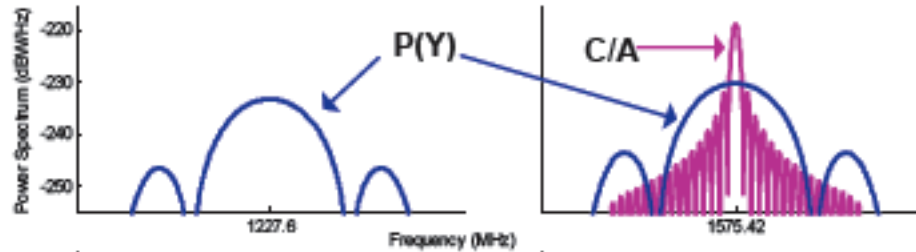
- Global Constellations:
 - GPS (32)(32)
 - GLONASS (30?)(24)
 - Galileo (30)(4)
 - BeiDou (35)(14)
- Regional Constellations:
 - QZSS (3-5+)(1)
 - IRNSS (7)(?)

- SBAS:
 - WAAS (3)
 - MSAS (2)
 - EGNOS (3)
 - GAGAN (2)
 - SDCM (2)



GPS Modernization

Previous →

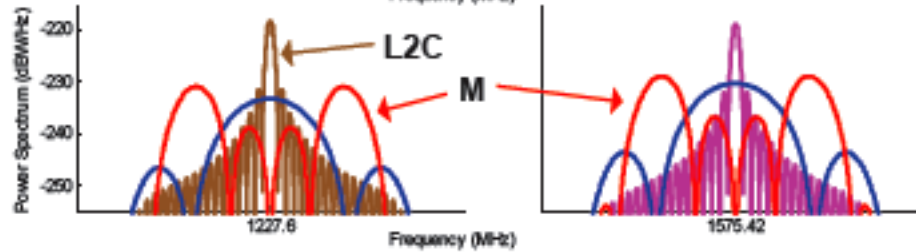


Block IIA/IIR, 1990



8/12 sats

from Dec 2005 →

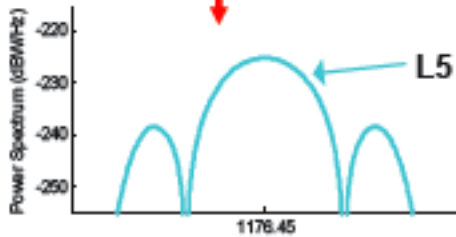


Block IIR-M, 2005



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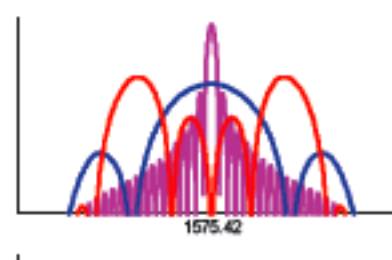
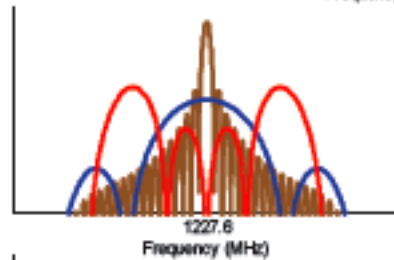
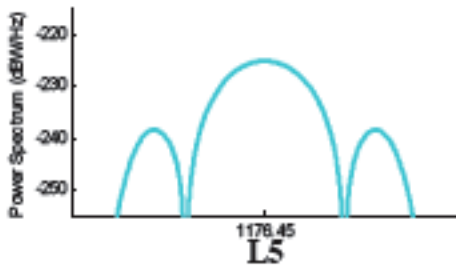
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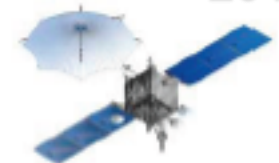
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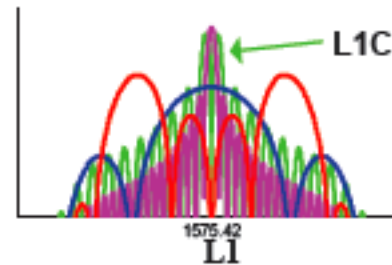
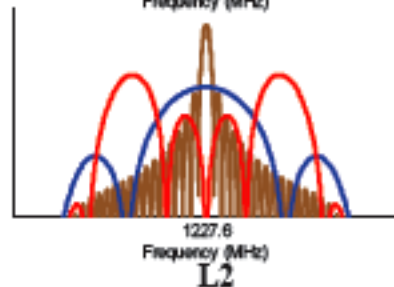
4 sats



Block III, 2014



(artist's concept)

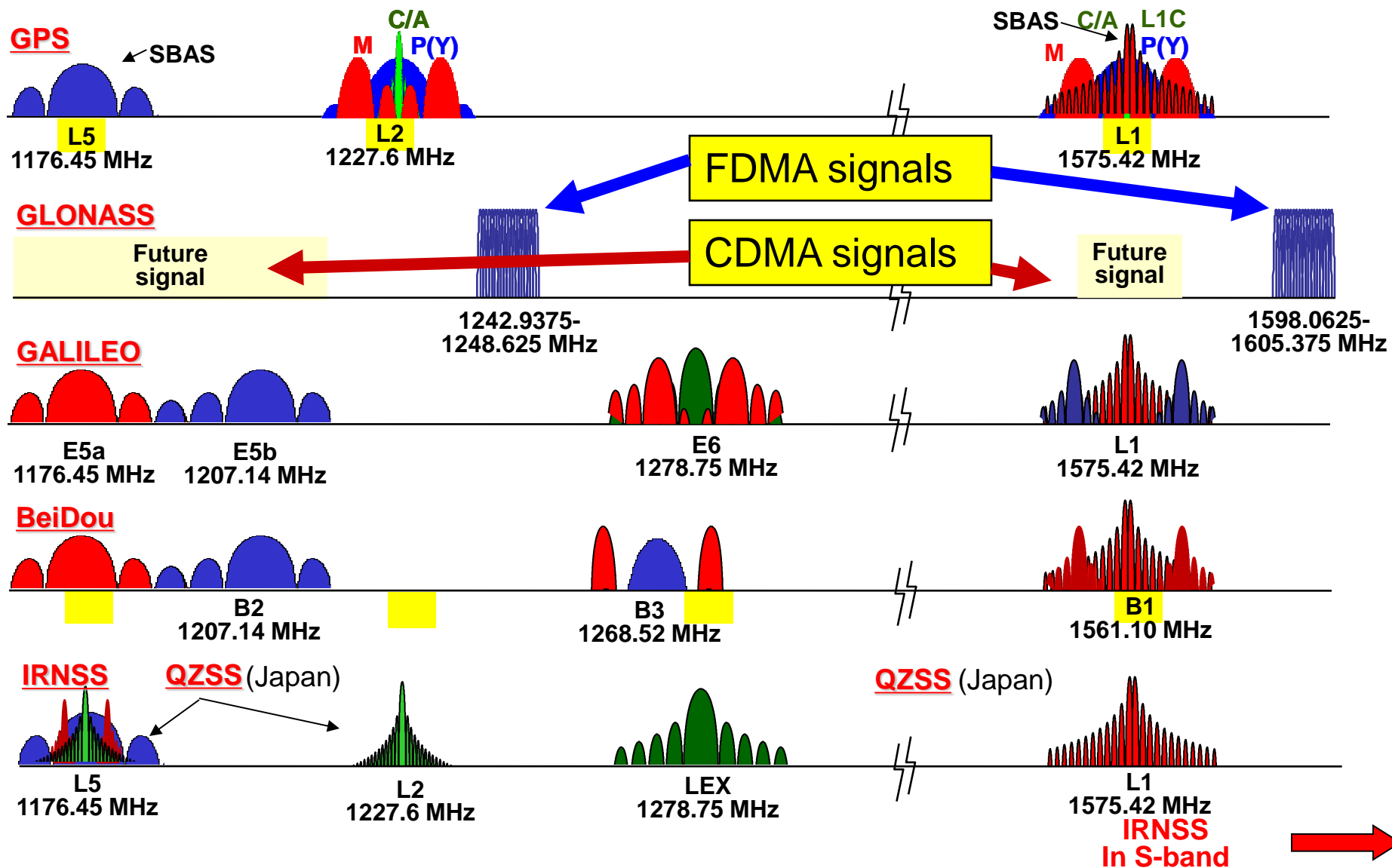


ARNS Band

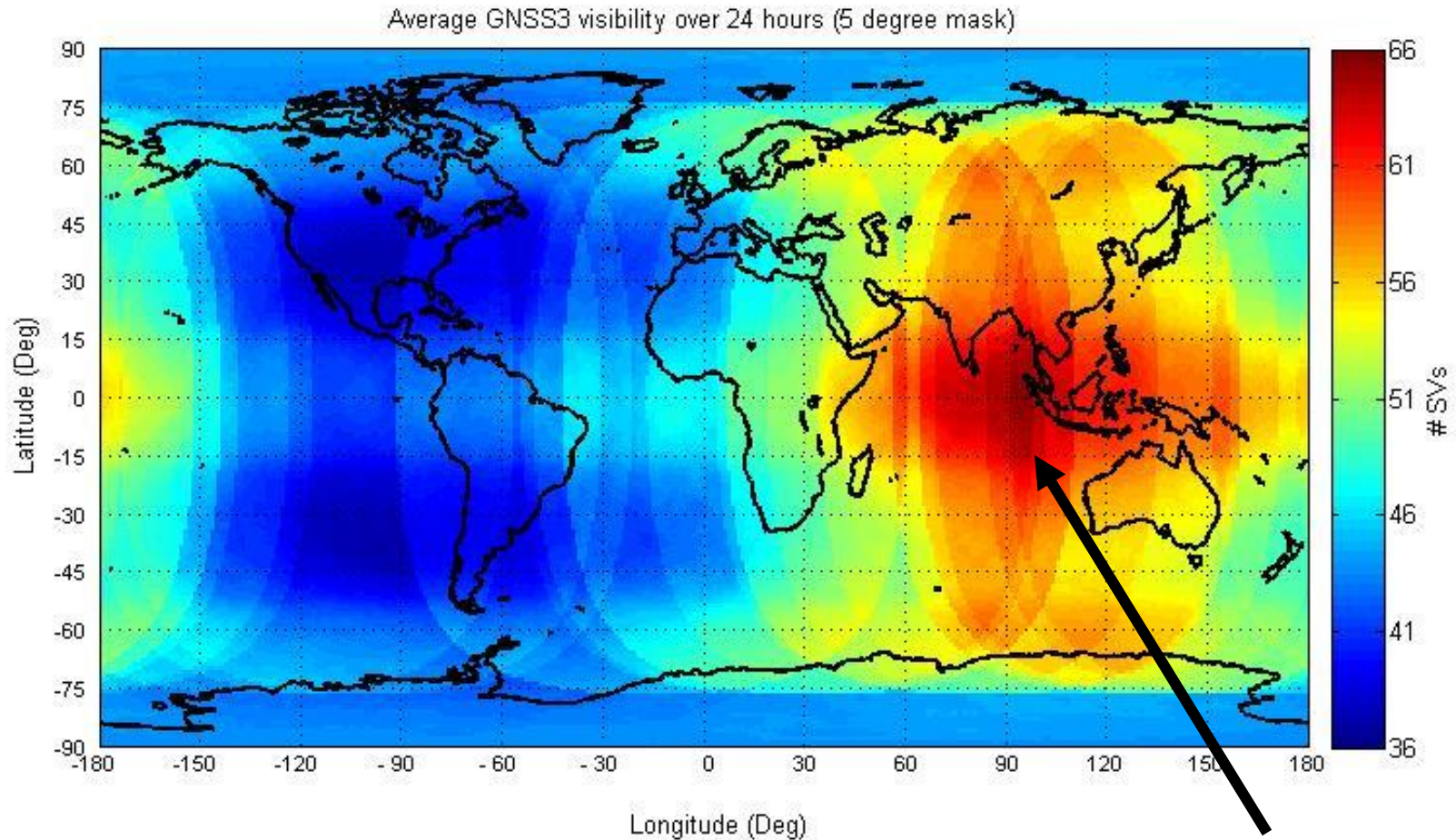
RNSS Band

ARNS Band

GNSS Frequency Bands & Interoperability



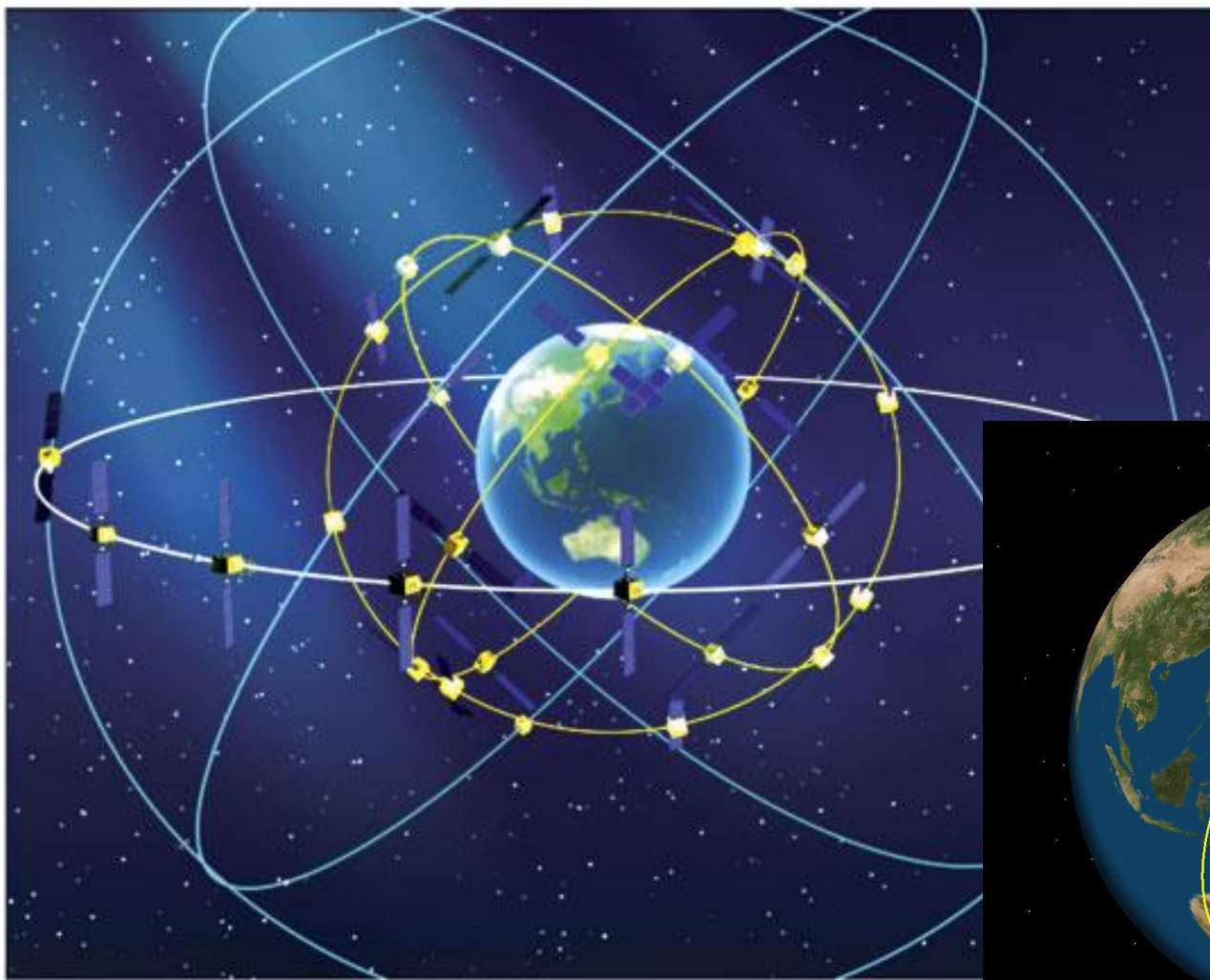
Future GNSS Visibility...



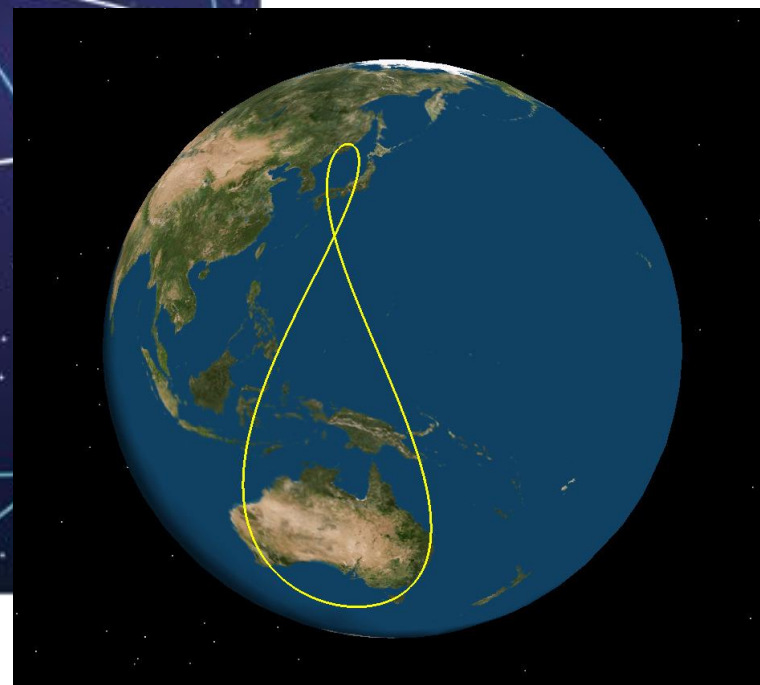
148 sat constellation

“Hot Spot”

BeiDou Mixed Constellation: MEO, IGSO, GEO



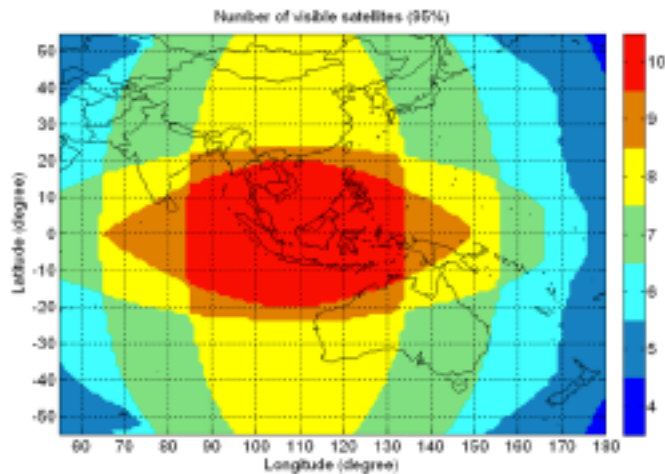
QZSS
IGSO



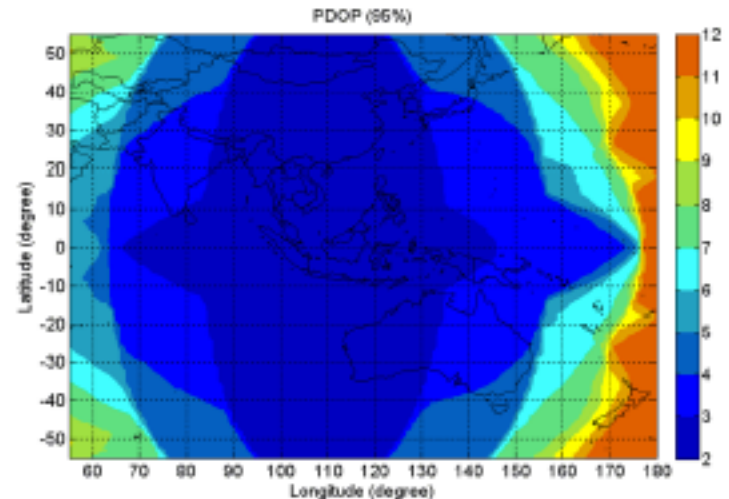
■ **The constellation**

- **The last GEO satellite of the regional BDS was launched on 25, Oct. 2012**
- **Service started on 27, Dec. 2012**
- **14 working satellites: 5 GEO, 5 IGSO and 4 MEO.**
- **Three frequencies have been provided:**
 - B1: 1561.098 MHz**
 - B2: 1207.14 MHz**
 - B3: 1268.52 MHz**
- **PNT performance achieved the design target**

■ Service area

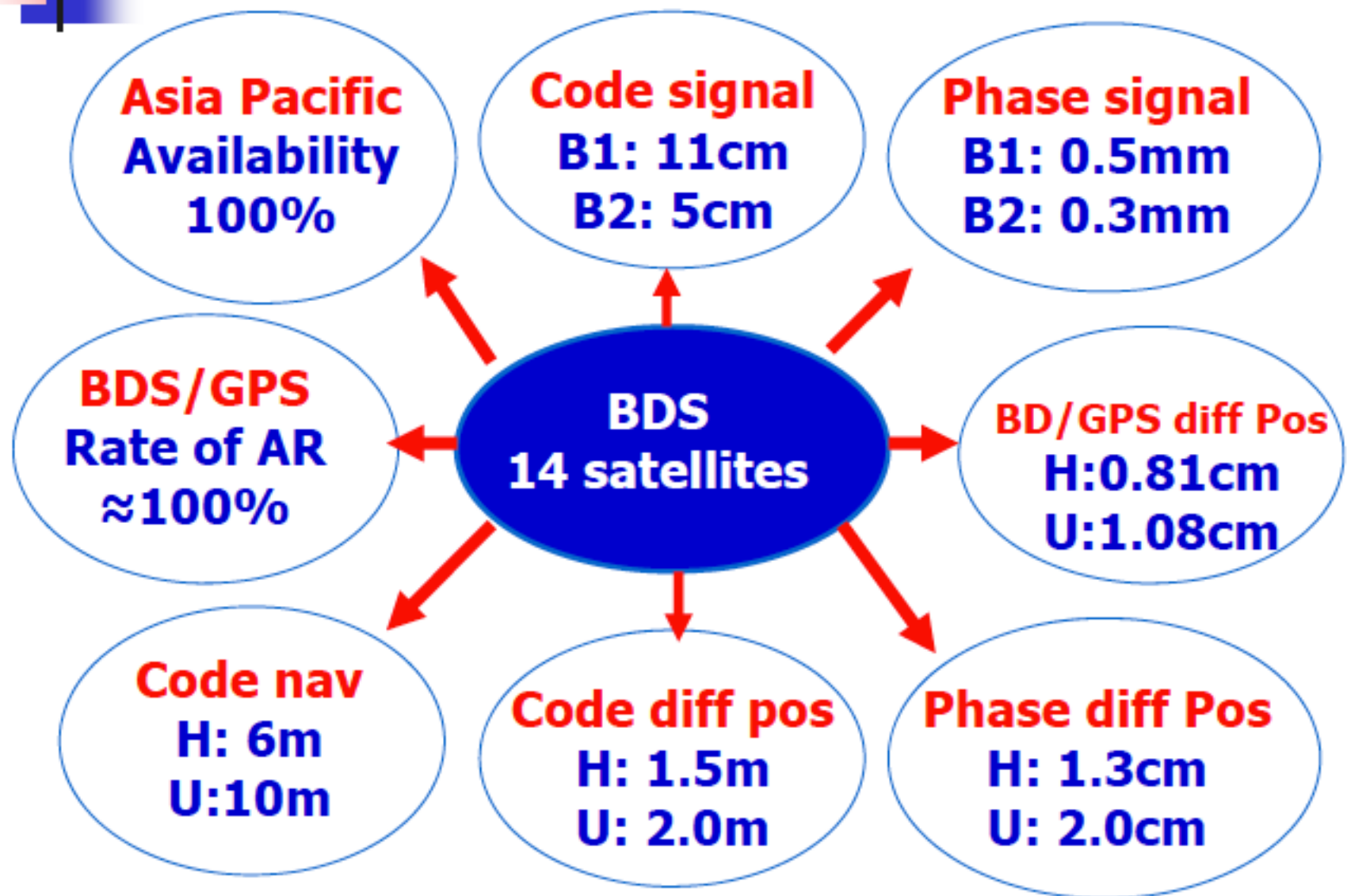


Number of visible BDS sat in service area



PDOP of BDS

- **Area $-50^{\circ} \sim 50^{\circ}$ B & $85^{\circ} \sim 135^{\circ}$ L**
- visible sats >8**
- PDOP $\sim(2-3)$**



Multi-GNSS and the ICG

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 International Committee on
 Global Navigation Satellite Systems

A forum to discuss Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) to benefit people around the world

Following the [Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space \(UNISPACE III\)](#), held in 1999, in its resolution 54/68, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the "Vienna Declaration: Space Millennium for Human Development". The Vienna Declaration called for action, among other matters, to improve the efficiency and security of transport, search and rescue, geodesy and other activities by promoting the enhancement of, universal access to and compatibility of, space-based navigation and positioning systems. In response to that call, in 2001 the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) established the Action Team on Global Navigation Satellite Systems ([GNSS](#)) to carry out those actions under the chairmanship of Italy and the United States of America. The Action Team on GNSS, consisting of 38 member States and 15 inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, recommended, among other things, that an International Committee on GNSS (ICG) should be established to promote the use of GNSS infrastructure on a global basis and to facilitate exchange of information. The Committee included this recommendation in the Plan of Action proposed in its report to the General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III. In 2004, in its resolution 59/2, the General

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

- [Global Positioning System \(GPS\)](#)
- [BeiDou Navigation Satellite System](#)
- [Global Navigation Satellite System \(GLONASS\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS



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A forum to discuss Global Navigation Satellite Systems to benefit people around the world.

- ◆ **2005: Establishment of ICG**
 - ◆ **ICG Membership: Members, Associate Members and Observers**
 - ◆ **9 nations & the European Union**
 - ◆ **20 organisations (UN system entities, IGOs, NGOs) – IAG & FIG: founding members**

ICG participation is open to all countries and entities that are either GNSS providers or users of GNSS services, and are interested and willing to actively engage in ICG activities.

International Committee on GNSS (ICG)

2006 – 2012: ICG Annual Meetings

- ◆ UNOOSA (2006), India (2007), USA (2008), Russia (2009), Italy & EU (2010), Japan (2011)

2007: Establishment of Providers' Forum

- ◆ China (BeiDou), India (GAGAN/IRNSS), Japan (QZSS/MSAS), Russia (GLONASS), US (GPS), EU (Galileo/EGNOS)

2012: ICG-7, Beijing, China, 5 – 9 November

2013: ICG-8, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

International Committee on GNSS (ICG)

ICG Working Groups:

- ◆ *Compatibility and Interoperability (USA and Russia)*
- ◆ *Enhancement of performance of GNSS services (India and ESA)*
- ◆ *Information dissemination and capacity building (UNOOSA)*
- ◆ *Reference Frame, Timing and Applications (IAG, IGS, FIG)*

ICG Executive Secretariat: UNOOSA

ICG website: www.icgsecretariat.org



Achievements of providers and users of positioning, navigation, and timing services, under the umbrella of the United Nations, in promoting GNSS over the past 10 years.

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/gnss/icg.html>

International Committee on GNSS (ICG)

WG-A: Compatibility & Interoperability

- ◆ **Definitions of “Compatibility” & “Interoperability”**
- ◆ **GNSS Spectrum Protection and Interference Detection and Mitigation**
- ◆ **Consensus on Open Service GNSS performance parameters, including definitions and calculation methods**
- ◆ **International GNSS Monitoring and Assessment (IGMA), what parameters to monitor?**

Compatibility & Interoperability

- Ensure **compatibility** – ability of U.S. and non-U.S. space based PNT services to be used separately or together without interfering with each individual service or signal
 - Radio frequency compatibility
 - Spectral separation between M code and other signals
- Achieve **interoperability** – ability of civil U.S. and non-U.S. space-based PNT services to be used together to provide the user better capabilities than would be achieved by relying solely on one service or signal
 - Primary focus on the common L1C and L5 signals

Benefits of Interoperability



- Ideal interoperability allows navigation with one signal each from four different systems with no additional receiver cost or complexity

Interoperable = Better Together than Separate



GPS Constellation Performance

Specification values from the Standard Positioning Service (SPS)
Performance Standard (L1-only), September 2008

PDOP (Geometry) Availability

Specification - PDOP of 6 or Less, 98% of the time

Actual - 99.98798%

Horizontal Service Availability

Specification - 95% Threshold of 17(36*)m, >99% of the Time

Actual – 2.74m

Vertical Service Availability

Specification - 95% Threshold of 37(77*)m, >99% of the Time

Actual – 3.89m

User Range Error (SIS)

Specification - 4(6*)m or Less, Constellation Average

Actual – < 1m

**System accuracy and availability far exceed
2008 specifications (* 2001 specs)**

International Committee on GNSS (ICG)

WG-B: Enhancement of the Performance on GNSS Services

- ◆ **Integrity via ARAIM**
- ◆ **Satellite Navigation in Natural Disasters**
- ◆ **Workshop on New Message Broadcasts in New Signals**
- ◆ **Establishment of a subgroup on “GNSS Applications”**
- ◆ **Interoperable GNSS Space Service Volume**
- ◆ **Standardisation for Maritime Applications**

International Committee on GNSS (ICG)

WG-C: Information Dissemination and Capacity Building

- ◆ Education and Training programmes on GNSS
- ◆ Promoting the use of GNSS technologies as tools for scientific applications
- ◆ Observation of space weather phenomena through the deployment of ground-based instrument arrays such as GPS receivers, magnetometers, solar telescopes, very low frequency (VLF) monitors, solar particle detectors, and data analysis and the sharing of recorded data
- ◆ Regional workshops on applications of GNSS

International Committee on GNSS (ICG)

WG-D: Reference Frames, Timing and Applications

- ◆ Finalization and publication of Templates on Geodetic and Timing References
- ◆ Interoperability of geodetic references among the different GNSS systems
- ◆ IGS M-GEX, as follow up to JAXA's Multi-GNSS Demonstration Campaign in Asia and Oceania

Templates on Geodetic and Timing References

Global Navigation Satellite Systems Timescale Descriptions:

- Global Positioning System (GPS): [GPS Time](#)
- GALILEO (satellite navigation): [Galileo System Time \(GST\)](#)
- International GNSS Service (IGS): [IGS Time V1.0](#)

Global Navigation Satellite Systems Reference Frames Descriptions

- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency: [World Geodetic System 1984 \(WGS84\)](#)
- Global Geocentric Coordinate System of the Russian Federation (presentation made at the Seventh Meeting of the ICG, 5 - 9 November 2012, Beijing, China): [Earth Parameters \(PZ-90\)](#)
- National Bureau of Surveying and Geo-information : [China Terrestrial Reference Frame 2000 \(CTRF2000\)](#)
- European Space Agency (ESA): [Galileo Terrestrial Reference Frame \(GTRF\)](#)
- Reference System Description of QZSS: [Japan satellite navigation Geodetic System \(JGS\)](#)
- International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS): [International Terrestrial Reference System \(ITRS\)](#)
- International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS) : [International Terrestrial Reference Frame \(ITRF\)](#)

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/gnss/icg/regrefsys.html>

The WGS84 Reference Frame

The general GPS user want coords “in the WGS84 datum” ... accessed by SPP solutions using the Navigation Message.

- ◆ In mid-1994 WGS84 was re(de)efined to align it with ITRF91 (at decimetre level) -- *WGS84(G730)*, at the beginning of 1997 WGS84 was again re(de)efined to align it with ITRF94 (sub-decimetre level) -- *WGS84(G873)*, at the beginning of 2002 realigned to ITRF2000 (cm level) -- *WGS84(G1150)*, and in Feb 2012 realigned to ITRF2008 (cm level) – *WGS(G1674)*.
- ◆ WGS84 therefore uses ITRF to give it stability.
- ◆ Ref Epoch is 2005.0 (same as ITRF2008).
- ◆ Changes in GPS Ground Segment coords (& therefore users’ SPP) occur each year, referred to the mid-year epoch – not clear what other GNSSs will do.

Multi-GNSS and PPP/DGNSS



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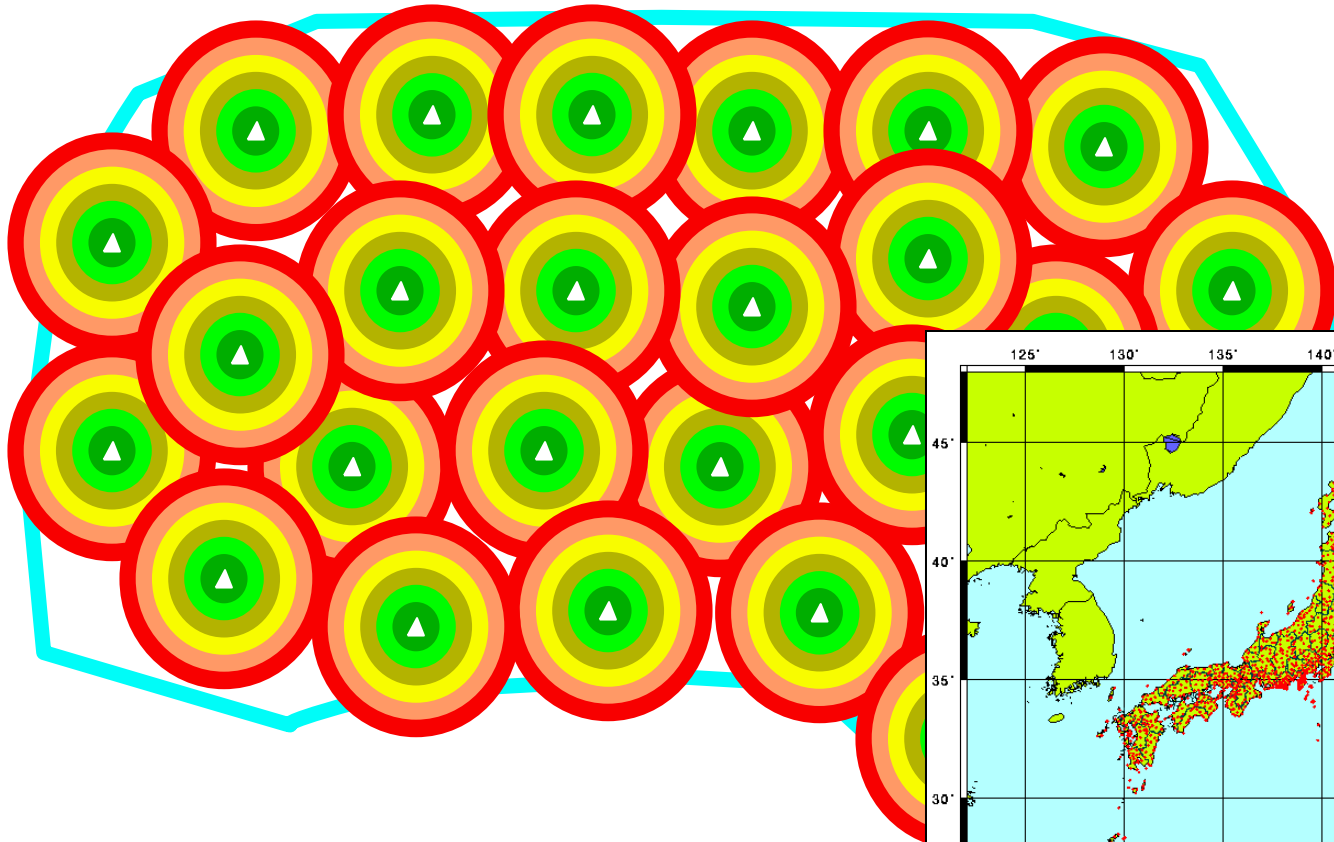
... advancing geodesy ...

DGNSS techniques have evolved over many years... *balancing constraints of accuracy, complexity, timeliness, cost & performance... specialised HW, SW & operations, supported by considerable CORS investment...*

Hence user GNSS coords expressed in datum defined by fixed coords of CORS

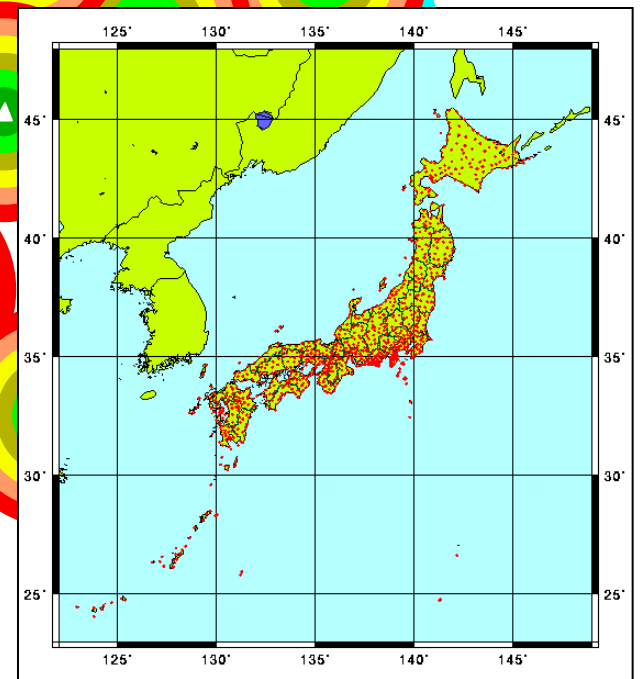
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L1+L2 GPS Rxs



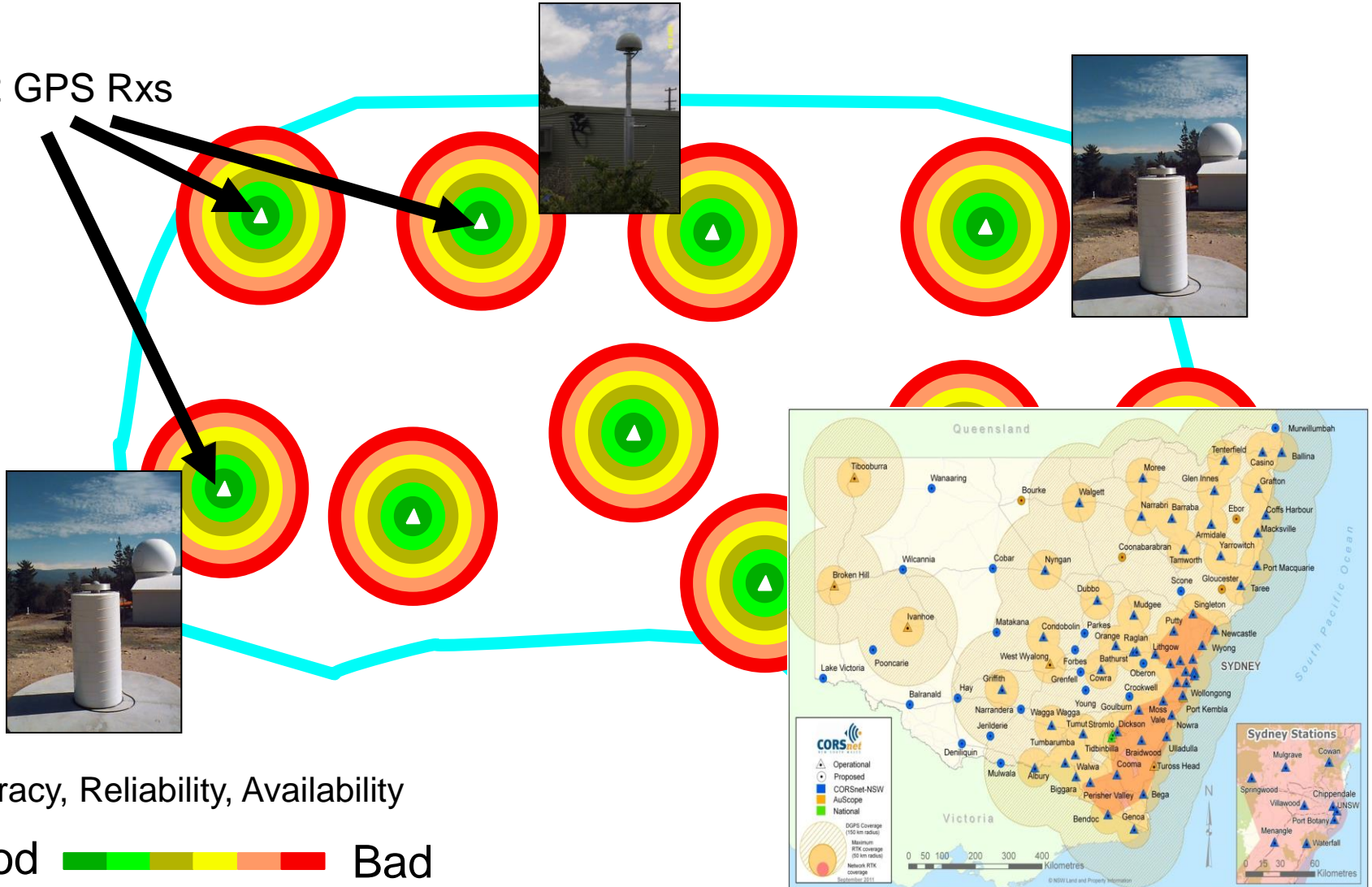
Accuracy, Reliability, Availability

Good  Bad



CORS Spacing...gaps in coverage single-base RTK

L1+L2 GPS Rx's

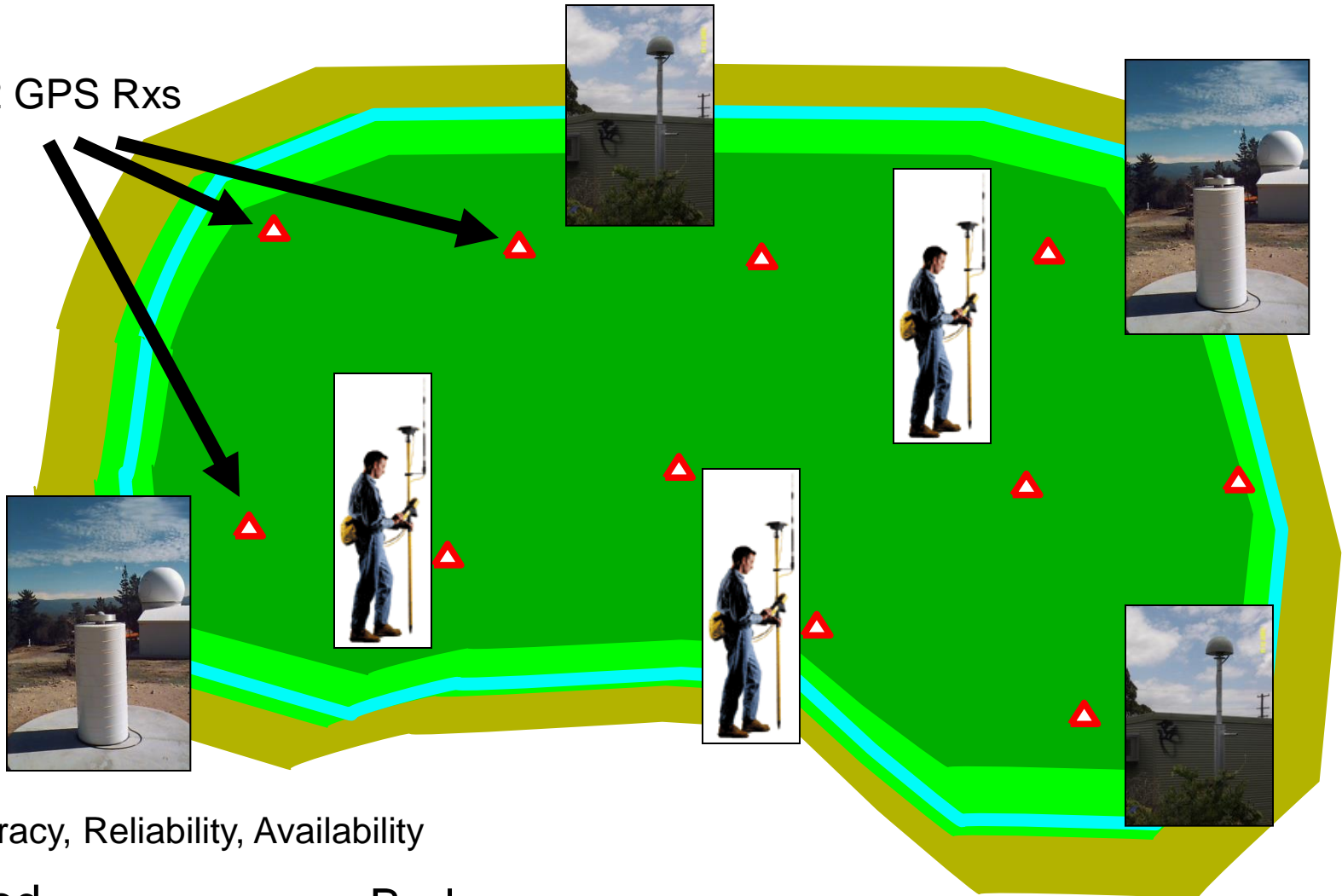


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CORS Spacing...full coverage Network-RTK

L1+L2 GPS Rx's



Accuracy, Reliability, Availability

Good  Bad

CORS Spacing in the future?...

full coverage N-RTK with dual-freq MGNSS

L1+L5 GNSS Rxs

Same spacing, but faster AR & better reliability



Accuracy, Reliability, Availability

Good  Bad

CORS Spacing in the Future?...

full coverage single-base RTK with triple-freq MGNSS

Multi-GNSS Rxs



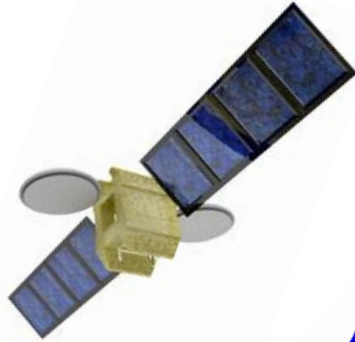
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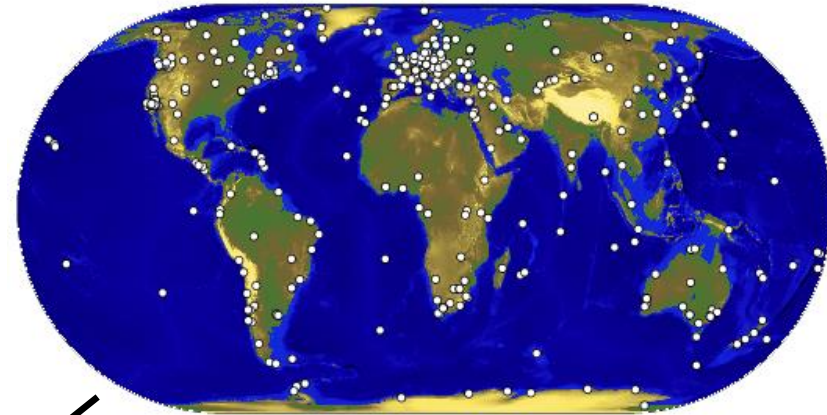


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PPP: How It Works



CORS Network



GNSS Constellation(s)



**GNSS Satellite Orbit and
Clock Corrections
(Real-time or post-processed)**

GNSS User



Reduction in CORS infrastructure! But currently less efficient & less accurate than DGNSS

Coordinate datum now ephemeris datum (not CORES), i.e. IGS08/ITRF2008

How will PPP be used?

Using DGNSS for T3 surveys to densify or connect to ITRF (e.g. via IGS T1 or national T2 CORS)...

But if PPP technique used for T3 surveys, then CORS can be used to monitor stability of national datum... i.e. 4-D coords...

The International GNSS Service



IGS Associate Members

External Interfaces



Governing Board Oversight

Committees of the GB

- IAG/GGOS
- IERS
- BIPM
- ICSU/WDS
- UNOOSA/ICG

- Executive Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Elections Committees
- Infrastructure Committee
- Associate Member Committee

Product Coordinators

Analysis Coordinator

Central Bureau
Executive Management
Network Coordination
Information Portal

Support Organisations

- Reference Frame
- Clock Products

- IGS Institute
- UNAVCO

Pilot Projects and Working Groups

Analysis Centres

Data Centres

Tracking Stations

- Antenna WG
- Bias & Calibration WG
- Clock Product WG
- Data Centres WG
- GNSS WG
- Ionosphere WG
- Real-time WG & PP
- Reference Frame WG
- Space Vehicle Orbit Dynamics WG
- Troposphere WG
- Tide Gauge PP

- 10 ACs
30 AACs
- Global Network ACs
 - Global Network AACs
 - Regional Network AACs
 - Other AACs (Ionosphere, Real-Time)

- 4 GDCs
25+ R/ODCs
- Global Data Centres
 - Regional Data Centres
 - Operational Data Centres
 - Project Data Centres

- Reference Frame Stations
- Multi GNSS Stations
- Real-time Stations
- Application Stations (e.g., Tide Gauge)

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 International Earth Rotation and Reference System Service (IERS)
 Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM)
 International Council for Science/World Data Systems (ICS/WDS)
 United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs/International Committee on GNSS (UNOOSA/ICG)
 Analysis Centre (AC)
 Associate Analysis Centre (AAC)

Motivation for M-GNSS



- IGS is the International GNSS Service
 - Well established infrastructure, data and service for GPS (+ GLONASS)
 - IGS Strategic Plan foresees extension to all new GNSSs
 - IGS Strategic Plan includes (multi-GNSS) Real-Time Service (RTS)
- Ongoing deployment of new GNSSs with new signals and satellites
 - BeiDou, Galileo, QZSS, SBAS
- Continued evolution of products supporting multi-constellation, multi-frequency GNSS
- **Multi-GNSS Experiment (MGEX)**
 - Steered by Multi-GNSS Working Group (MGWG)
 - MGEX call-for-participation released in mid-2011 (ongoing)
 - Build-up of new multi-GNSS tracking network during 2012 (ongoing)
 - First MGEX results in 2013
- **Launch of RTS 1 April 2013**

IGS Working Groups & M-GNSS



Working Groups	
Data Centre WG	
Reference Frame WG	
Tide Gauges WG	
Space Vehicle Orbit Dynamics WG	
Clock Product WG	
Troposphere WG	}
Ionosphere WG	
Antenna WG	}
Bias and Calibration WG	
MGNSS WG	}
RINEX WG	
Real Time PP	

how to convert IGS network to multi-GNSS?

radiation pressure modelling for new satellites?

clock products for new signals?

atmospheric remote sensing

new systems and signals

patterns for new frequencies

biases of new signals

MGEX

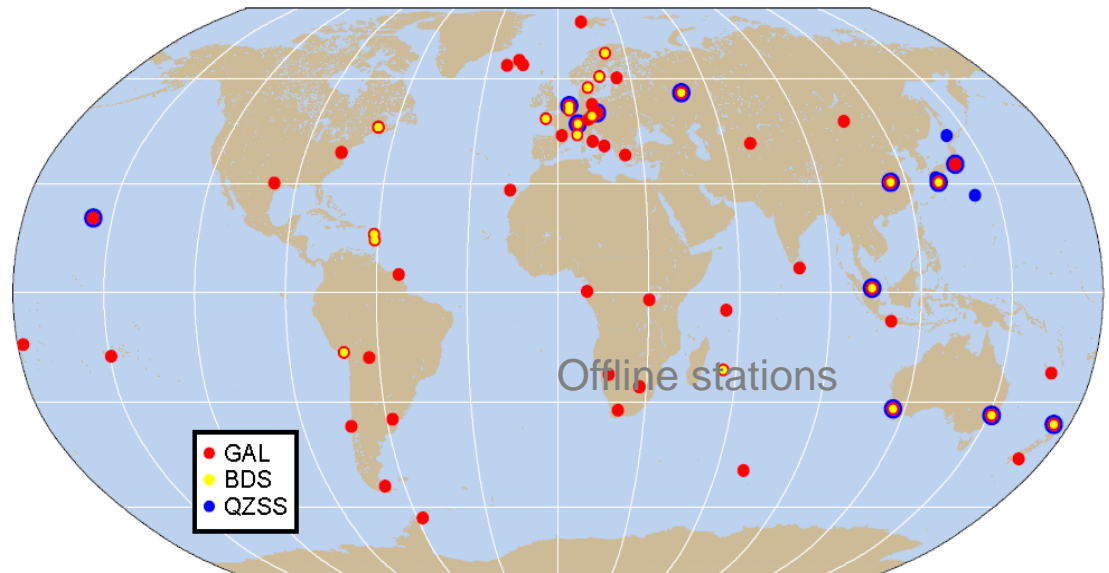
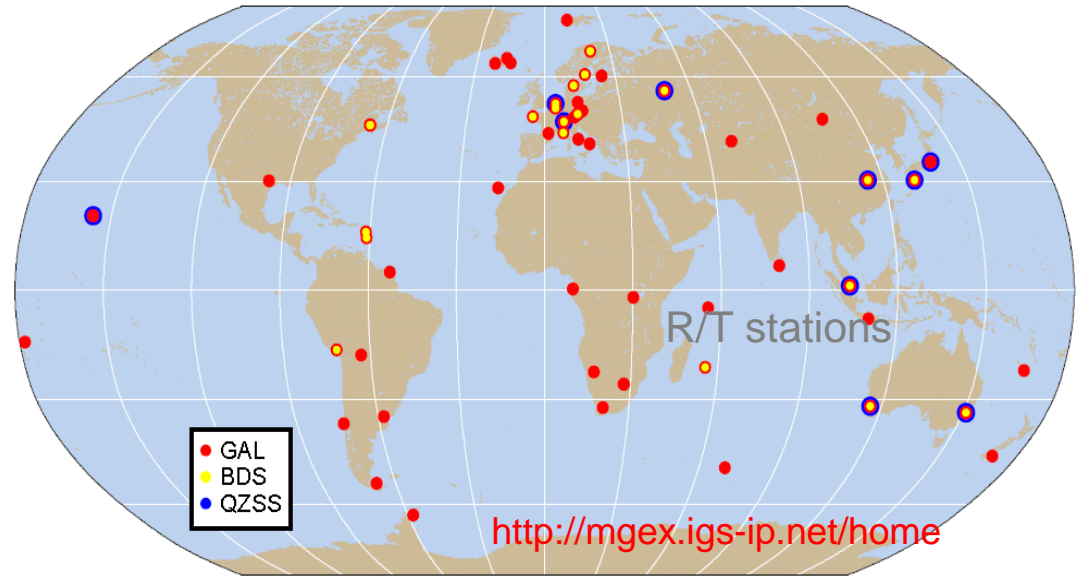
observation format (RINEX 3.0)

**real-time service/
pilot project**

MGEX Network (April 2013)



- ~10 contributing agencies
- >70 stations worldwide
- Numerous R-T stations (NTRIP, RTCM3-MSM)
- 6 major receiver types, 7 major antenna types
- Tracking of **Galileo, BeiDou, QZSS**
- Data archives at CDDIS, IGN, BKG
- RINEX 3.x
- R-T caster at BKG
- Free data/product access

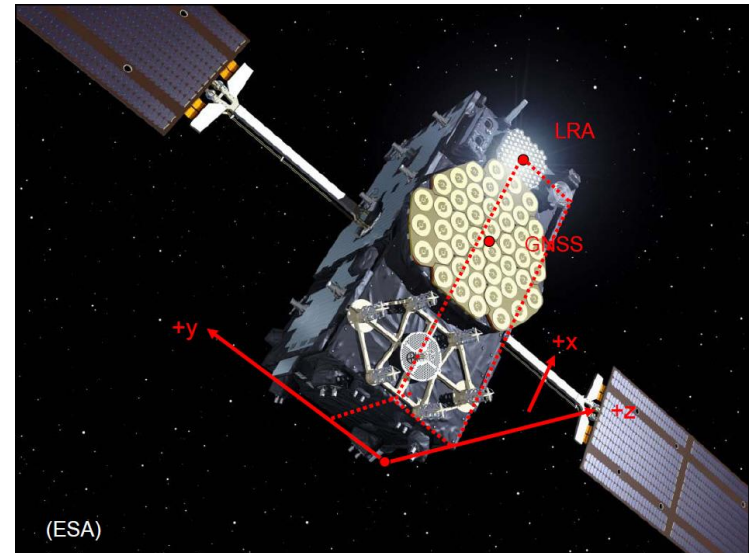


<ftp://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/gps/data/campaign/mgex>

Standardisation Efforts



- Continued interactions of MGWG with:
 - GNSS system providers
 - Equipment manufacturers
 - Other IGS Working Groups (esp. R-T WG)
- Recommendations, conventions and processing standards:
 - Attitude models
 - Antenna offsets and patterns
- Data formats:
 - Observations and navigation data (RINEX, RTCM3-MSM)
 - Biases (DCBs, intersystem - SINEX?)
 - Orbits



IGS MGEX Equipment

- One to four systems in addition to GPS+GLO

GPS+GAL+SBAS

GPS+GLO+GAL

GPS+GLO+QZSS

GPS+GLO+GAL+SBAS

GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS

GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+SBAS

GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS

GPS+GLO+GAL+QZSS+SBAS

GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS+QZSS+SBAS

- heterogeneous equipment environment
- many combinations
- cross-validation of equipment performance
- high robustness
- open to new equipment
- similar to future user environment

- Receivers

IfEN SX_NSR_RT_800

Javad TRE_G3TH Delta

Javad TRE_G3T Delta

Leica GR10

Leica GR25

Leica GRX1200+GNSS

Novatel OEM6

Septentrio PolarX4TR

Septentrio PolarXS

Trimble NETR8

Trimble NETR9

- Antennas

AOAD/M_T

JAV_RINGANT_DM

JAV_RINGANT_G3T

LEIAR10

LEIAR25

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LEIAR25.R4

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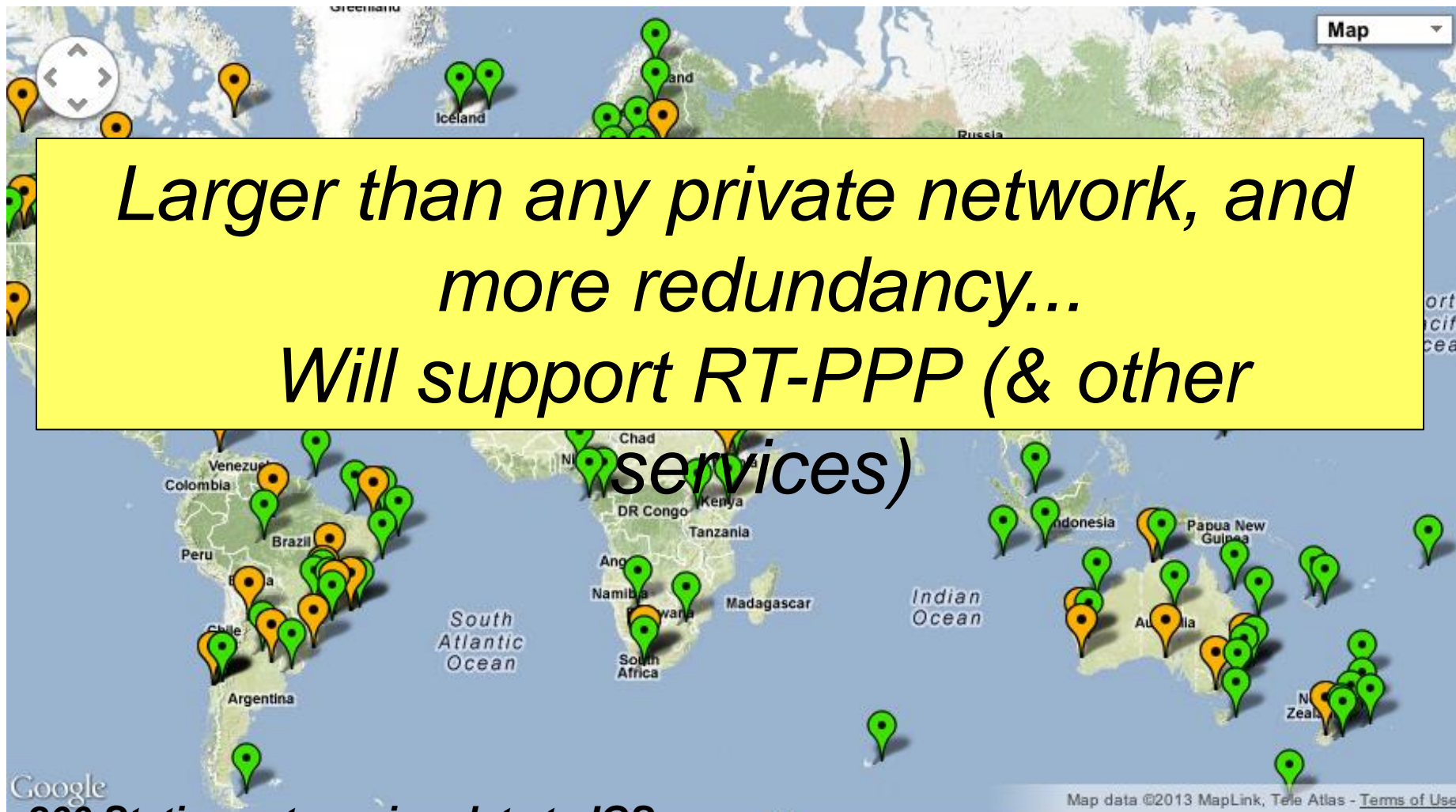
MGEX Website – <http://igs.org/mgex/>



- IGS multi-GNSS portal
- Links to data and products
- Network status
- Constellation status
- Conventions

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the IGS MGEX website. The browser's address bar shows the URL igs.org/mgex/. The website header features the IGS logo and the text "International GNSS Service Formerly the International GPS Service". Below this is a navigation menu with links for "About", "Products", "Network", "Projects", "Calendar", and "Organization". The main content area is titled "MGEX" and includes a "Welcome to the Home Page of the IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment!" section. This section contains a "Scope" paragraph, an "MGEX News" list with dates and descriptions of updates, and a "Constellation Status" section with a brief description and a row of six small images showing various satellite and ground station equipment.

IGS Real-Time Network



~200 Stations streaming data to IGS

GPS+GLO GPS

Real-Time Service – <http://rts.igs.org/>



- **RTS launched 1 April 2013**

Note:

- IGS01/IGC01 (GPS-only) and IGS02 (GPS-only) streams now fully configured and running on 2 or more servers
- IGS03 (GPS+GLONASS) “experimental” stream
- RTCM3EPH streams
- Reference is ITRF2008
- Stream access via BKG NTRIP Client (BNC) or RTKLIB
- Register for user access (next slide)
- Products:

Stream Name	Description	Ref Point	RTCM Messages	Provider / Solution ID	Bandwidth kbits	Software
IGS01	Orbit/Clock Correction, Single-Epoch Combination	APC	1059 (5),1060 (5)	258 / 1	1.8/sec	ESA/ESOC
IGC01	Orbit/Clock Correction, Single-Epoch Combination	CoM	1059 (5),1060 (5)	258 / 9	1.8/sec	ESA/ESOC
IGS02	Orbit/Clock Correction, Kalman Filter Combination	APC	1057 (60), 1058 (10), 1059 (10)	258 / 2	0.6/sec	BKG
IGS03	Orbit/Clock Correction, Kalman Filter Combination	APC	1057(60), 1058(10), 1059(10), 1063(60), 1064(10), 1065(10)	258 / 3	0.8/sec	BKG

APC: Antenna Phase Center CoM: Center of Mass, (not compliant with current RTCM-SSR standard). The figures in brackets next to each RTCM message ID denote the message sample interval in seconds.

Real-Time Service – <http://rts.igs.org/>



- 10 Analysis Centres:

Center	Description
BKG	GPS RT orbits and clocks using IGU orbits GPS + GLONASS RT orbits and clocks using IGV orbits
CNES	GPS RT orbits and clocks based on IGU orbits GPS+GLONASS orbits and clocks
DLR	GPS RT orbits and clocks based on IGU orbits GPS+GLONASS orbits and clocks
ESA/ESOC	GPS RT orbits and clocks using NRT batch orbits from ESOC s/w running every 2 hours GPS RT orbits and clocks using IGU orbits
GFZ	GPS RT orbits and clocks and IGU orbits
GMV	GPS RT orbits and clocks based on NRT orbit solution GPS+GLONASS orbits and clocks
Geo++	Not contributing at present. Working on RTCM SSR Standard.
NRCan	GPS RT orbits and clocks using NRT batch orbits every hour
TUW	Not contributing at present
WUHAN	GPS RT clocks based on IGU orbits

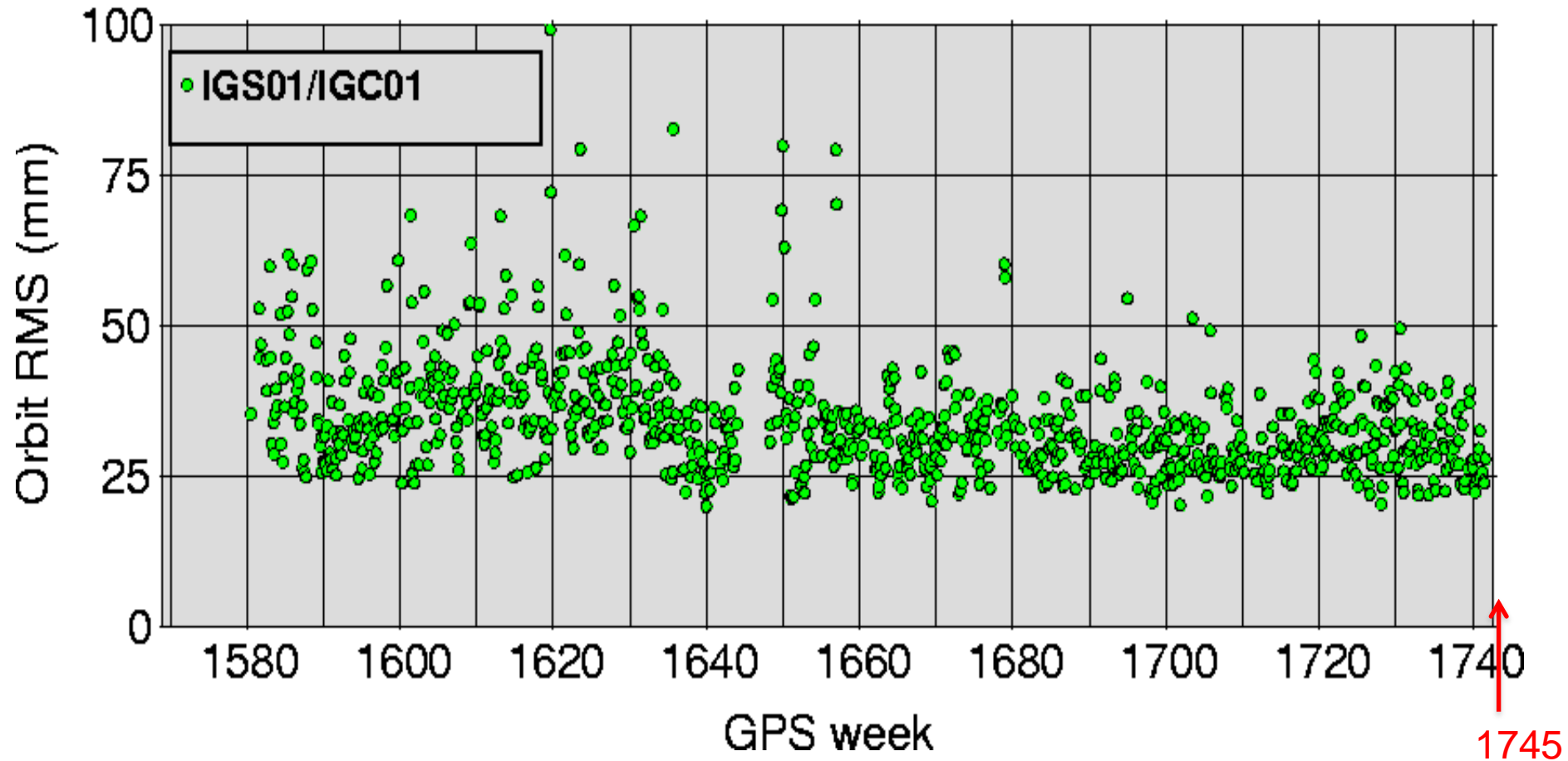
The following agencies have additional functions in the RTS:

- NRCan – RT Working Group Chair
- ESOC – Real Time Analysis Center Coordinator
- BKG – Data Flow Coordination

RTS Product Performance



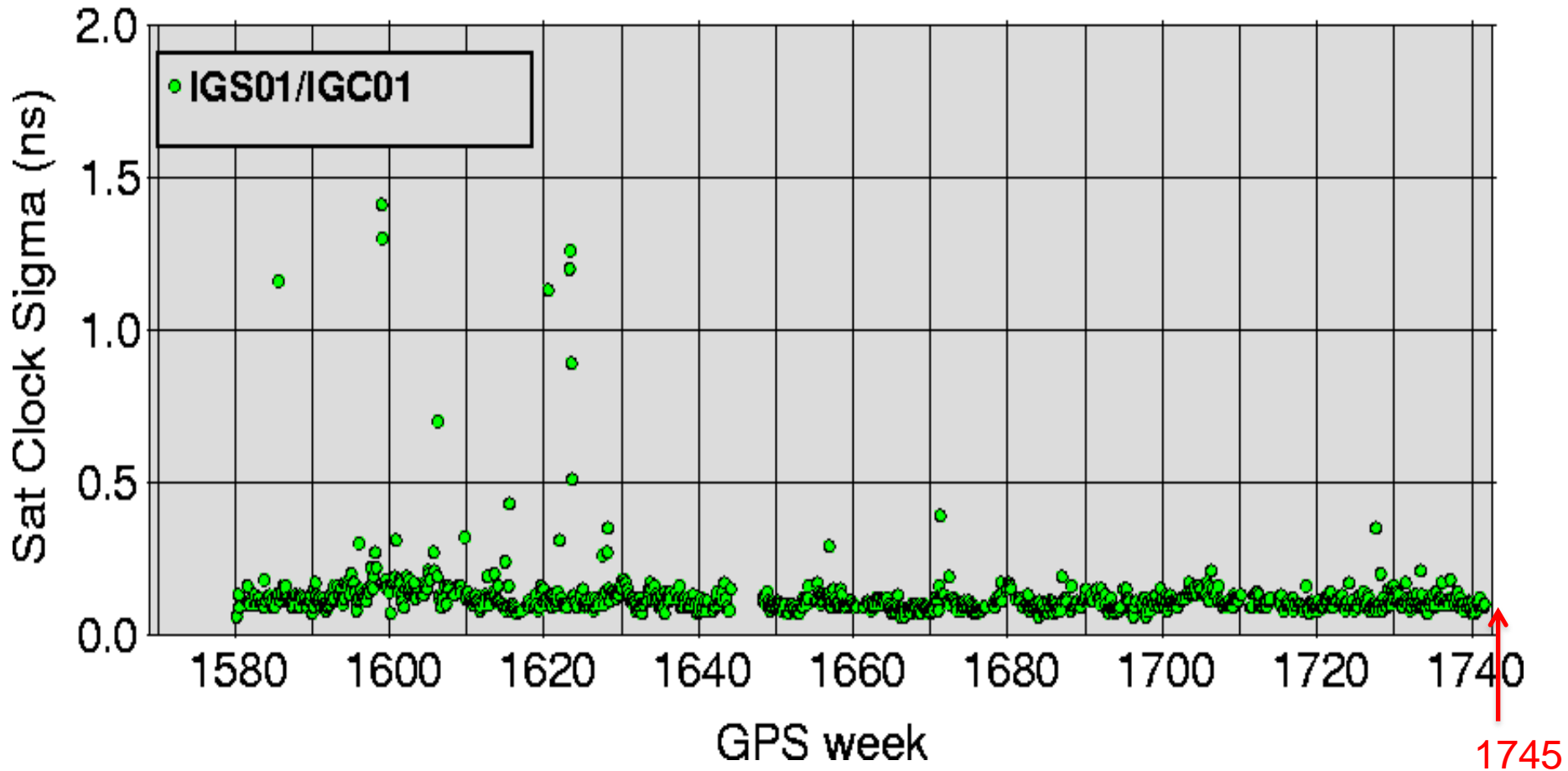
Satellite orbit RMS (compared to IGS Rapid)



RTS Product Performance



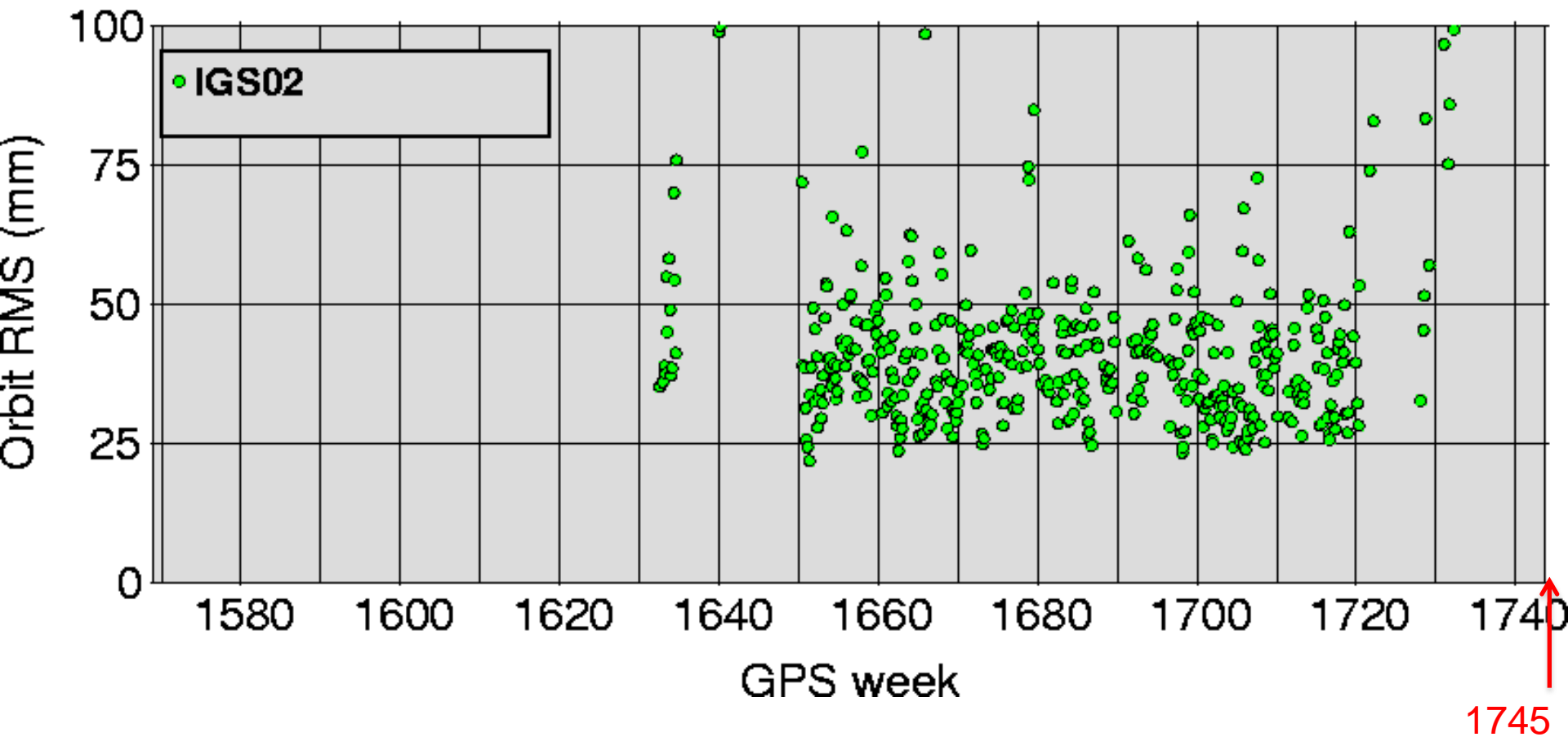
Satellite clock std.dev. (compared to IGS Rapid)



RTS – IGS02 Products



(compared to IGS Rapid)

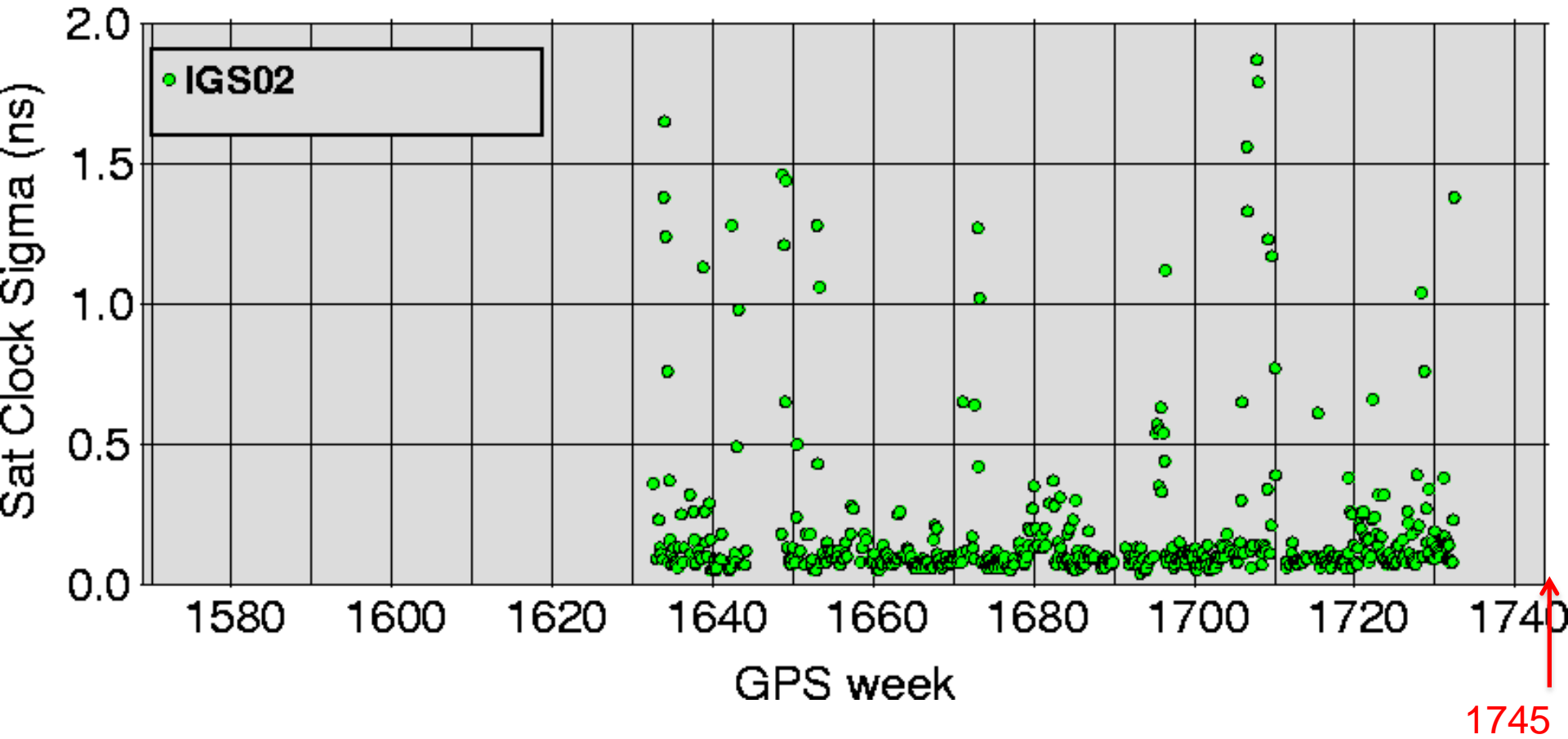


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RTS – IGS02 Products



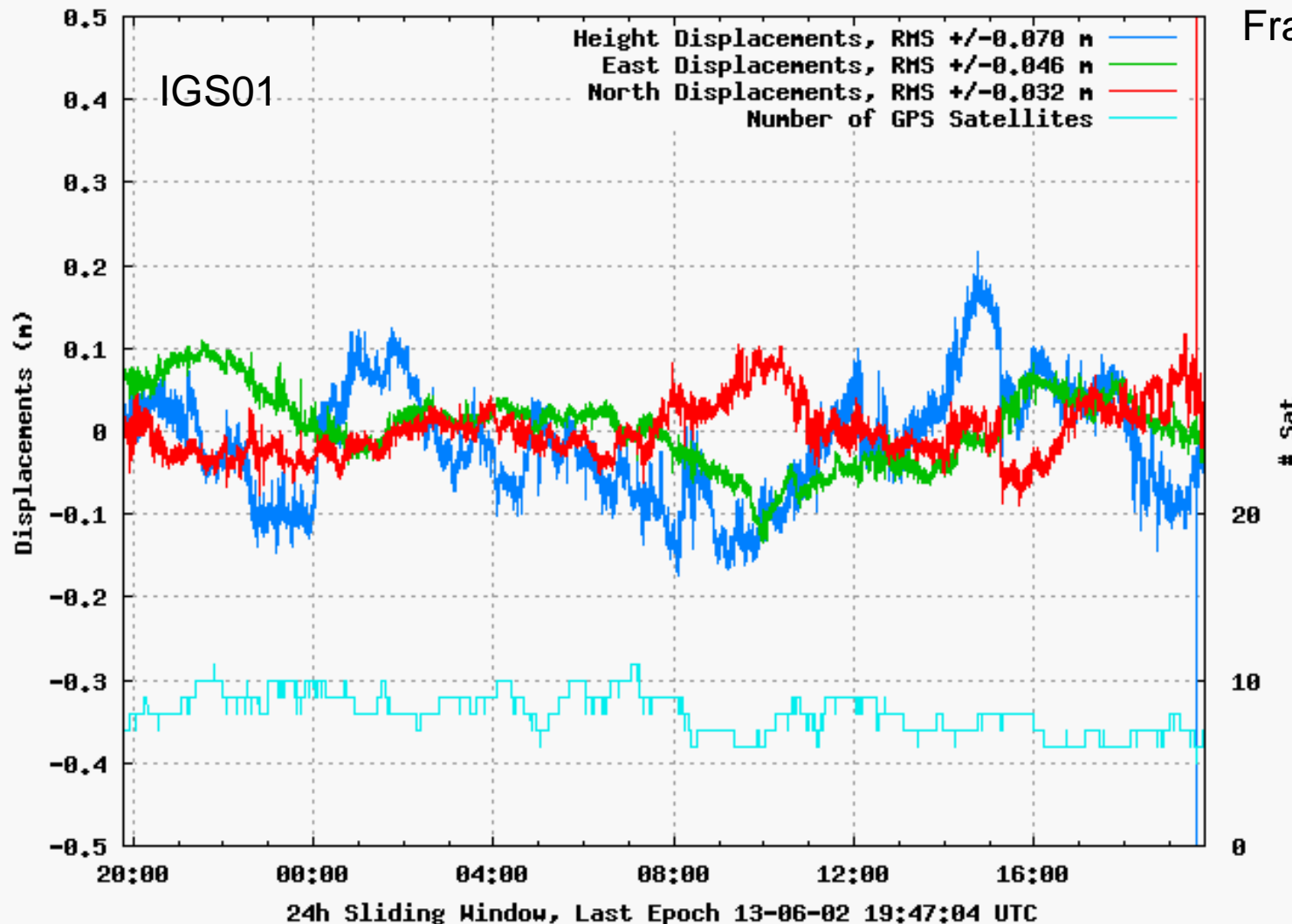
(compared to IGS Rapid)



RTS – PPP Results (1)



Realtine PPP Displacements For FFMJ1 Using IGS01 - (C) BKG

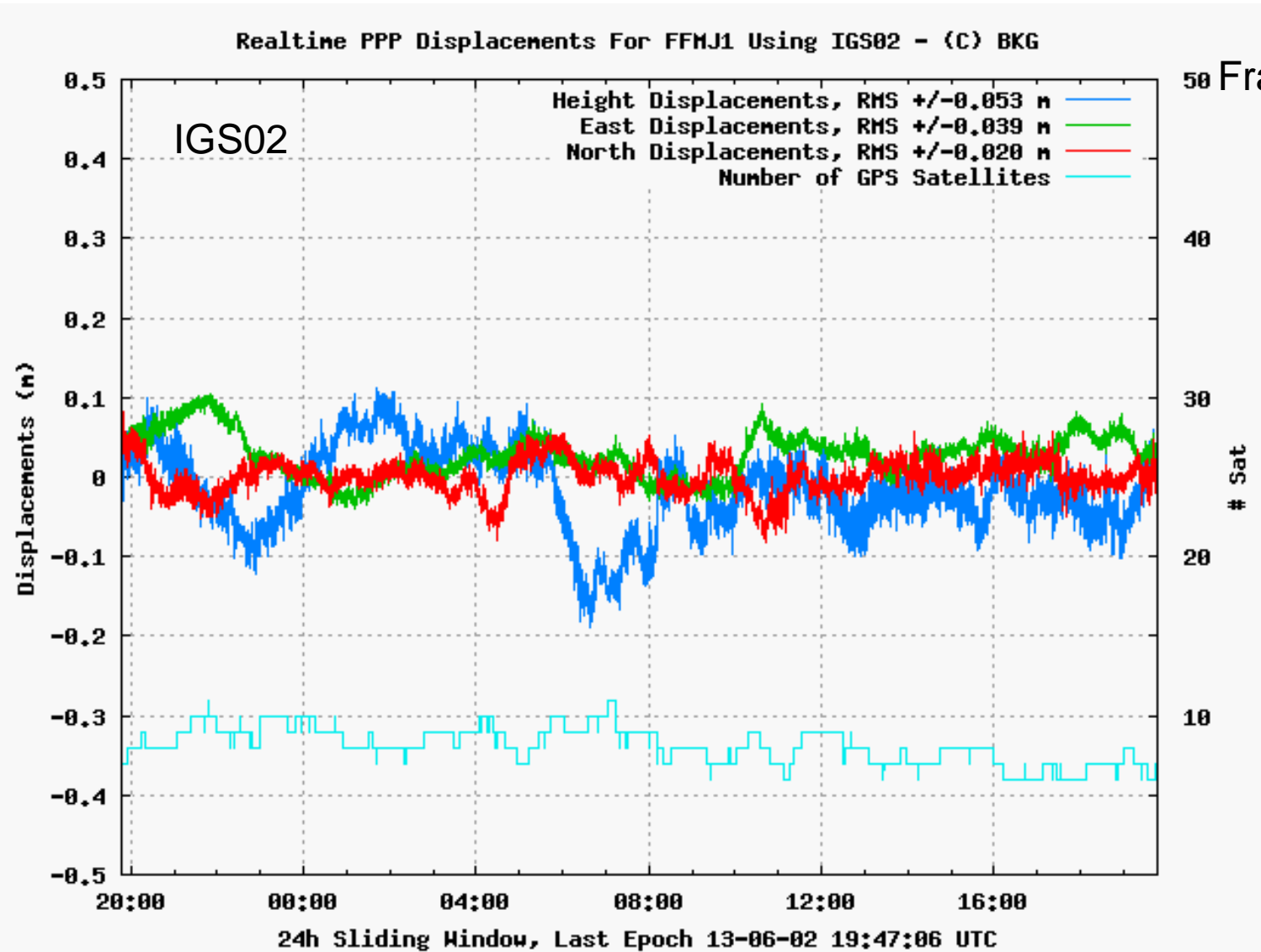


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RTS – PPP Results (2)



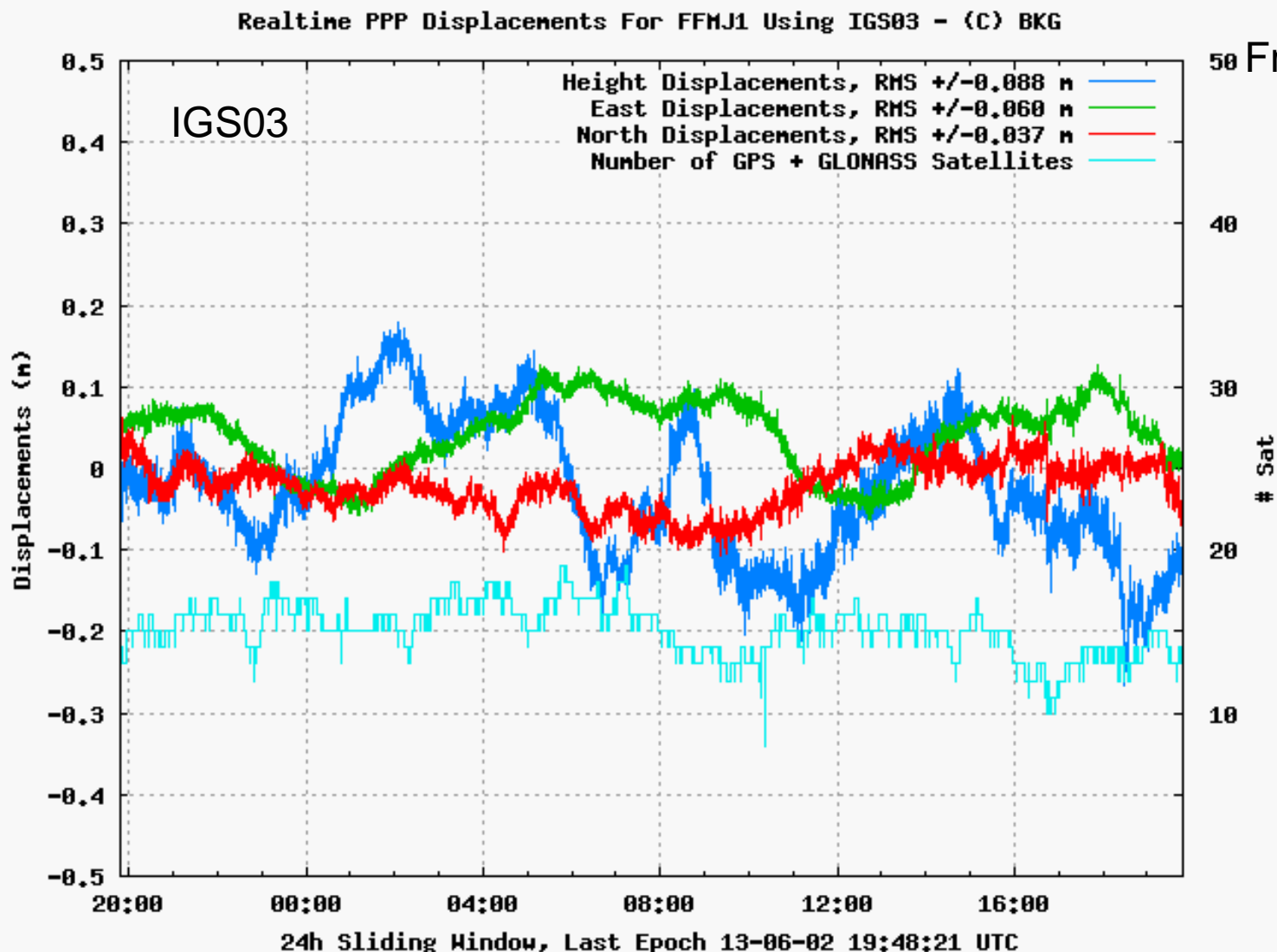
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RTS – PPP Results (3)



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RTS – Who Appears Interested?



- 80 user registrations within days of launch
- 142 user registrations by 22 April, from 38 countries

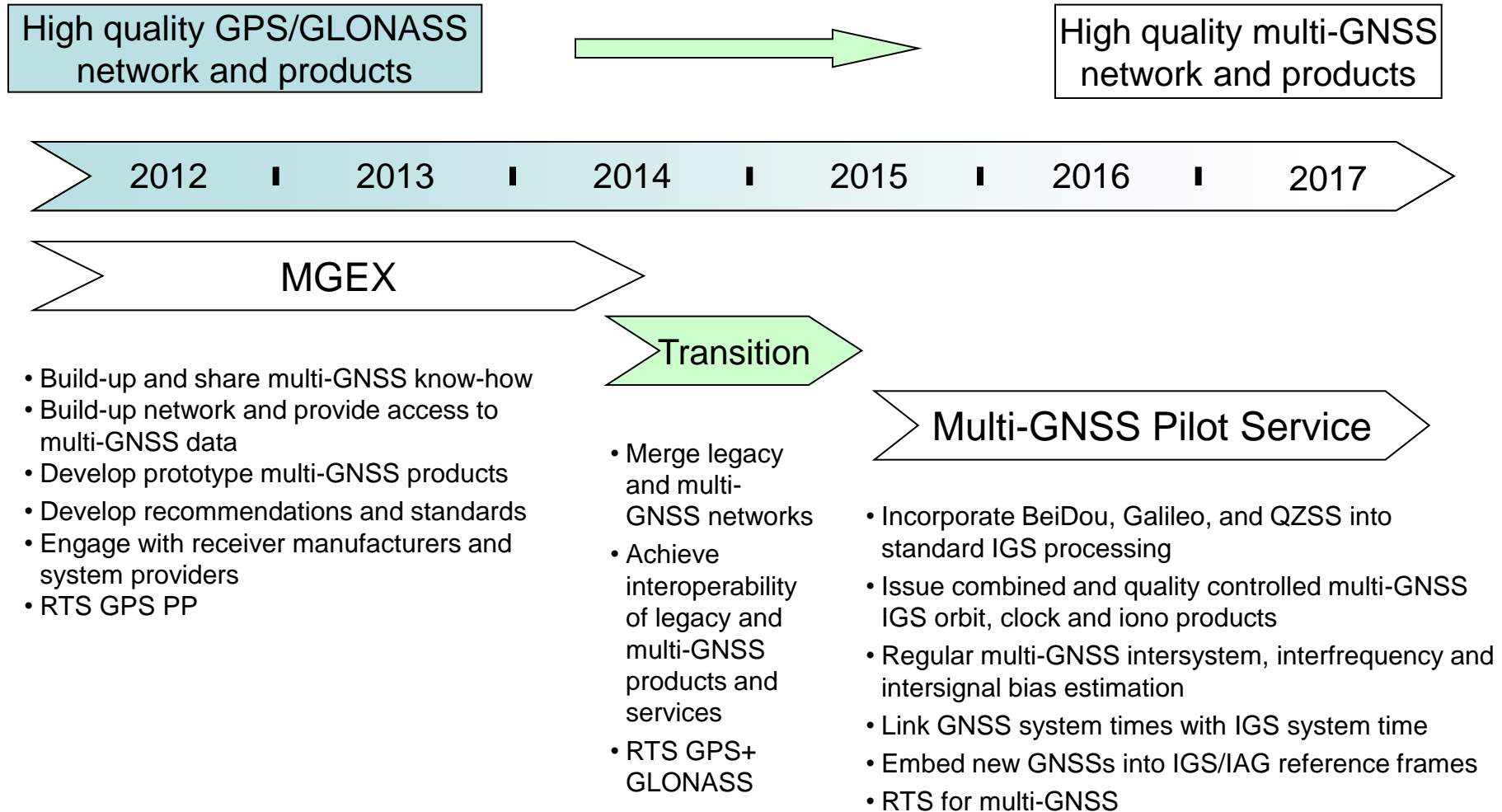
By Organization Type

Engineering Services/Consulting	25
Academic	23
GNSS Equipment/Software	15
Aerospace	4
Government Geological/Geophysical	3
Government Geodetic/Mapping	2
Positioning Services	2
Telecommunications	2
Other	2
Civil Aviation Authority	1
Government Meteorology	1
Military	0

By Country

USA	14
Canada	7
Australia	6
Brazil	5
Japan	5
Russia	5
Italy	3
Malaysia	3
UK	3
Bosnia Herzegovina	2
Bulgaria	2
China	2
France	2
Germany	2
Iran	2
Republic of Korea	2
Romania	2
Saudi Arabia	2
Spain	2
Austria	1
Egypt	1
Finland	1
Greece	1
Indonesia	1
Kenya	1
Philippines	1
Ukraine	1
Uruguay	1

IGS Multi-GNSS Plan (tentative)



Summary Remarks

- IGS has made important steps towards a multi-GNSS service:
 - New global multi-GNSS network is being built up
 - First experimental multi-GNSS products released
 - Real-Time Service (GPS, GPS+GLONASS) launched
- Next steps:
 - Engagement with industry, system providers, service providers, manufacturers
 - Network extension for greater Galileo, BeiDou and QZSS coverage
 - Bias and ionosphere products
 - System characterisation (ground and space segment)
 - Recruitment of additional analysis centres
- Challenges:
 - Resources (three new constellations, new products, improved performance)
 - Lack of tools (in particular: automated quality control)
 - Lack of information from system providers (exception: QZSS)

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Reference Frame in Practice

Manila, Philippines 21-22 June 2013



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