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Outlook

- Delivered normal equations
- Combination strategy at GRGS
- Results
- Conclusion

Delivered SINEX on ftp site: <ftp://hpiers.obspm.fr/iers/eop/grgs/>

Analysis Center	DORIS	GNSS	SLR	VLBI	Pre combined
AIUB/BKG		Delivered 14-Nov-2011 SINEX version n3 CONT08	Delivered 22-May-2012 SINEX version n3 CONT08 & CONT11		
ASI			Delivered 29-April-2013 SINEX version 2 CONT08 & CONT11		
DGFI			Delivered 09-Nov-2012 SINEX version 3 CONT08 & CONT11	Delivered 07-Jun-2011 version n2, CONT08	
ESOC			Delivered 18-Mar-2010 version n1, CONT08		SLR-GPS CONT08 18-Mar-2010 SLR-DORIS CONT08 18-Mar-2010 GNSS-DORIS-SLR CONT08 26-Apr-2013
GFZ		GPS CONT08-CONT11, 22-Jan-2013, version n1			
GRGS	Delivered CONT08- CONT11 22-Nov-2013 SINEX version n7	Delivered CONT08- CONT11 20-Nov-2012 SINEX version n9	Delivered CONT08-CONT11 10-May-2012 SINEX version n4	Delivered CONT08-CONT11 08-Jan-2013 GINS version v4 SINEX version n6	
GSFC	Expected	Expected	Expected	Excepted	
OPA				Delivered 05-Oct-2011 SINEX version n1	
TUW				Delivered CONT08-CONT11 31-Oct-2012 version n3 29-Apr-2013 version n4	

New NEQs with conventional models proposed in May 2012 for the COL project

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Available normal equations delivered by different analysis centers are listed below:

TECHNIQUES

Doris

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Analysis centers

AIUB/BKG summary

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Normal Equation Parameters in the last delivered SINEX

Parameters	DORIS GRGS version n7	GPS GRGS version n9	GPS GFZ version n1	SLR ASI version 1	SLR DGFI version 3	VLBI TUW version n3	VLBI GRGS version n6	GNSS DORIS SLR ESOC Version n1
Informations	Weekly bases 1-day arcs Spot2 (CONT08), Spot4, Spot5, Envisat, Jason2, Cryosat2 (CONT11)	Weekly bases	Daily bases	Weekly bases 7 Days Arcs Lageos1/2, Etalon1/2,	Weekly bases 7 Days Arcs Lageos1/2, Etalon1/2, Stella, Starlette, Ajisai, Larets, Blits, weighted by the variance component estimation	Daily bases	Weekly bases	Weekly bases CONT08
Pole x,y UT1	XPPO, YPO @0h,3h,6h...21h UT1-TAI	XPPO, YPO UT1-TAI @0h,3h,6h...21h		XPPO, YPO UT1- UTC @0h,3h,6h...21h	XPPO, YPO UT1- UTC 1/d, PWL @12h	XPPO, YPO UT1- UTC @0h,3h,6h...21h	XPPO, YPO UT1-TAI @0h,3h,6h...21h	XPPO, YPO, UT1-TAI, LOD, XPOR, YPOR @12h
Nutation	NUT_X, NUT_Y / IAU2000 @0h,12h apriori≠0 & ≠C04	NUT_X, NUT_Y / IAU2000 @12h apriori ≠0 & ≠C04 NUTR_X, NUTR_Y 1/d@12h				NUT_X, NUT_Y / IAU2006/2000A @0h apriori set to 0	NUT_X, NUT_Y / IAU2006/2000A @0h,12h apriori≠0 & ≠C04	
Stations coordinates	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/w	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/w	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/w	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/w	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/w	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/d	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/w	STAX, STAY,STAZ 1/w
Tropospheric Zenithal Bias	ZBIAS : Zenith Wet delay @0h,1h,2h,3h...,2 3h 1 bias/pass, passes of all satellites in the same hour are stacked	ZBIAS co-located stations @1h,3h,5h,...,23h				TROWET : Zenith wet delay @0h,2h,4h,6h,..., 22h	ZBIAS : Zenith offset delay of co- located stations @0h,1h,2h,3h...,23 h	
Troposphere Horizontal Gradients		TGNTOT, TGETOT @3h,21h				TGNTOT, TGETOT @0h,24h apriori=0		
Quasars coordinates						RS_RA, RS_DE 1 /d	RS_RA, RS_DE 1 /w	

Parameterizations for the COL campaign

<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Parameters to be estimated</i>	<i>Initial values</i>
Pole, UT1-UTC or UT1-TAI	XPO, YPO, UT : PWL @ {00, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24} hr	IERS EOP 08-C04 (tables available on the Forum Multi-technic Combination http://grgs.obspm.fr/forum/)
Pole Rate	XPOR, YPOR 1pt/day @ 12hr	Set to 0
LOD	LOD 1pt/day @ 12hr	Set to 0
Nutation angles	NUT_X, NUT_Y : PWL @ 0hr corrections to the model IAU2000	Set to 0
Station coordinates	SX, SY, SZ at mid epoch	ITRF2008
Radio sources coordinates	RS_RA, RS_DE 1pt/week	ICRF2
Zenithal Tropospheric Delay Wet component &	TROWET @ {00, 02, 04, ... 24} hr: Adjustment of the wet component to the model	GPT/GMF model for radio waves & Mendes/Pavlis for optical waves
Horizontal gradients	TGETOT, TGNTOT daily 00h	

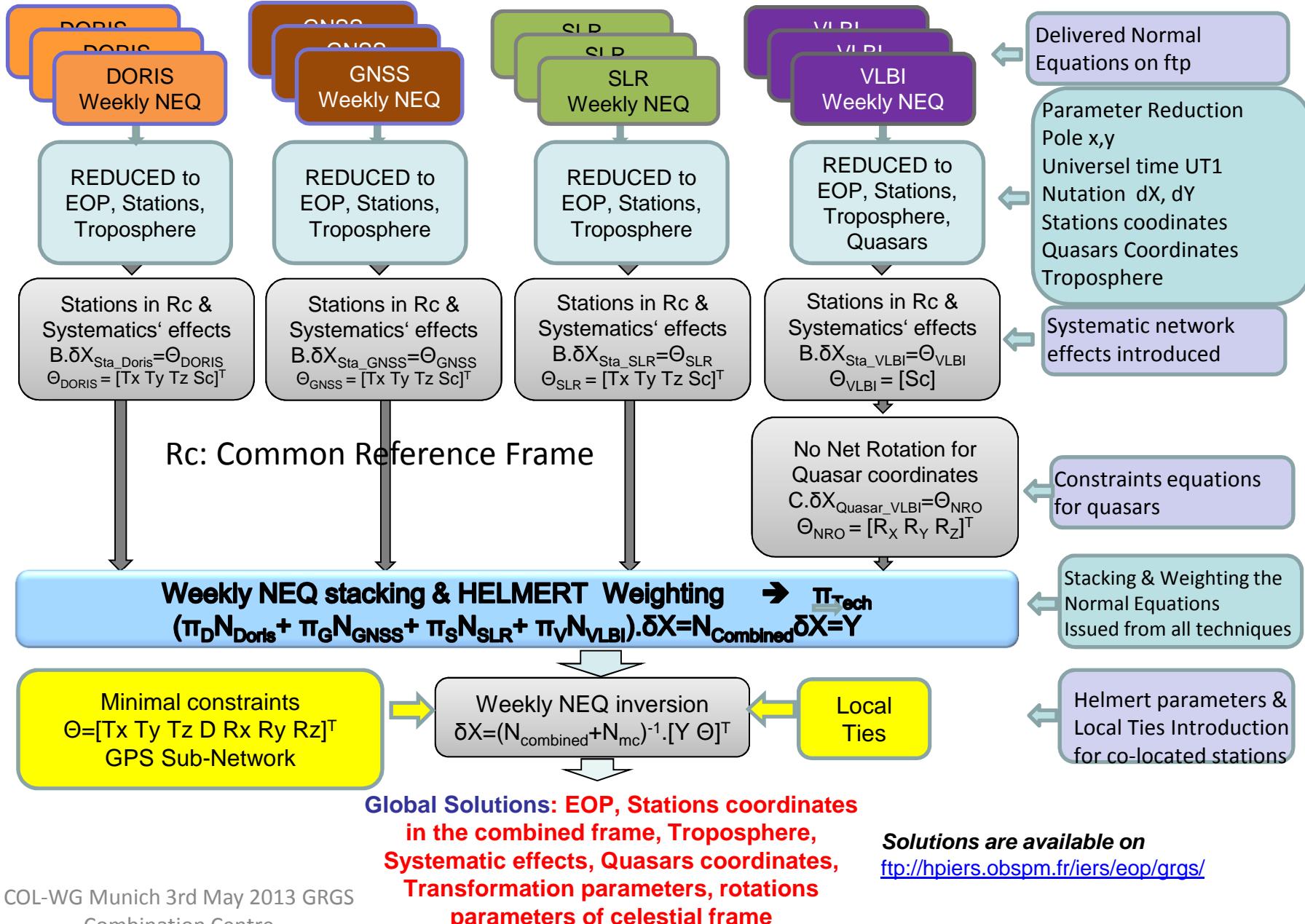
Recommended MODELS for the COL campaign
Available on the Forum Multi-Technic Combination <http://grgs.obspm.fr/forum/>

Gravity Field	EIGEN model computed from GRACE-GOCE completed by the mean gravity variations of the atmosphere and the non-IB oceanic response
Ocean Tides Loading	FES2004 check at the triple co-location sites
Troposphere Delay	GPT+GMF for radio-electrical waves, Mendes-Pavlis for optical waves
Atmospheric Tide Model	Modified Ray-Ponte (2003)
Atmospheric Loading	Not applied

Strategy

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GRGS Multi-Techniques Combination Strategy at the weekly bases



Systematic effects associated to the geodetic techniques *

In order to take into account inconsistencies between techniques, we introduce Helmert parameters, translations and scale for satellites and scale factor for VLBI. Station coordinates are transformed into a common reference R_c for each technique by adding the Helmert parameters in the transformation equation:

$$X_{Tech} = X_{Tech_ITRF} + A \cdot \Theta_{Tech}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1Tech} \\ \vdots \\ A_{nTech} \end{bmatrix}, A_{iTech} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_i^0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y_i^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z_i^0 \end{bmatrix}, \Theta_{Tech} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{xTech} \\ T_{yTech} \\ T_{zTech} \\ S_{cTech} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i^0 \\ y_i^0 \\ z_i^0 \end{bmatrix}, \Theta_{Tech} = [S_c]_{Tech}$$

Considering all n_{Tech} stations with $Tech: DORIS, GNSS, SLR, VLBI$

$\begin{bmatrix} x_i^0 & y_i^0 & z_i^0 \end{bmatrix}_{Tech}^T$ represents a priori station coordinates in the ITRF reference frame.

Processing of systematic effects estimation

The station parameters X_{Tech} with systematic effects cancelled are expressed in a common reference frame R_c and form the constraints equations added to the unconstraint normal equation for each technique:

$$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T (X_{Tech} - X_{Tech_ITRF}) - \Theta_{Tech} = 0 \pm \sigma \text{ with } \sigma = 10 \mu\text{m}$$

The station parameters expressed in the referential ITRF are reduced from the normal equation of each technique and the station parameters X_{Tech} and systematic effect Θ_{Tech} are kept.

*Reference: Arnaud Pollet IGN/LAREG thesis « COMBINAISON DE TECHNIQUES DE GÉODÉSIE SPATIALE », Jan. 2011

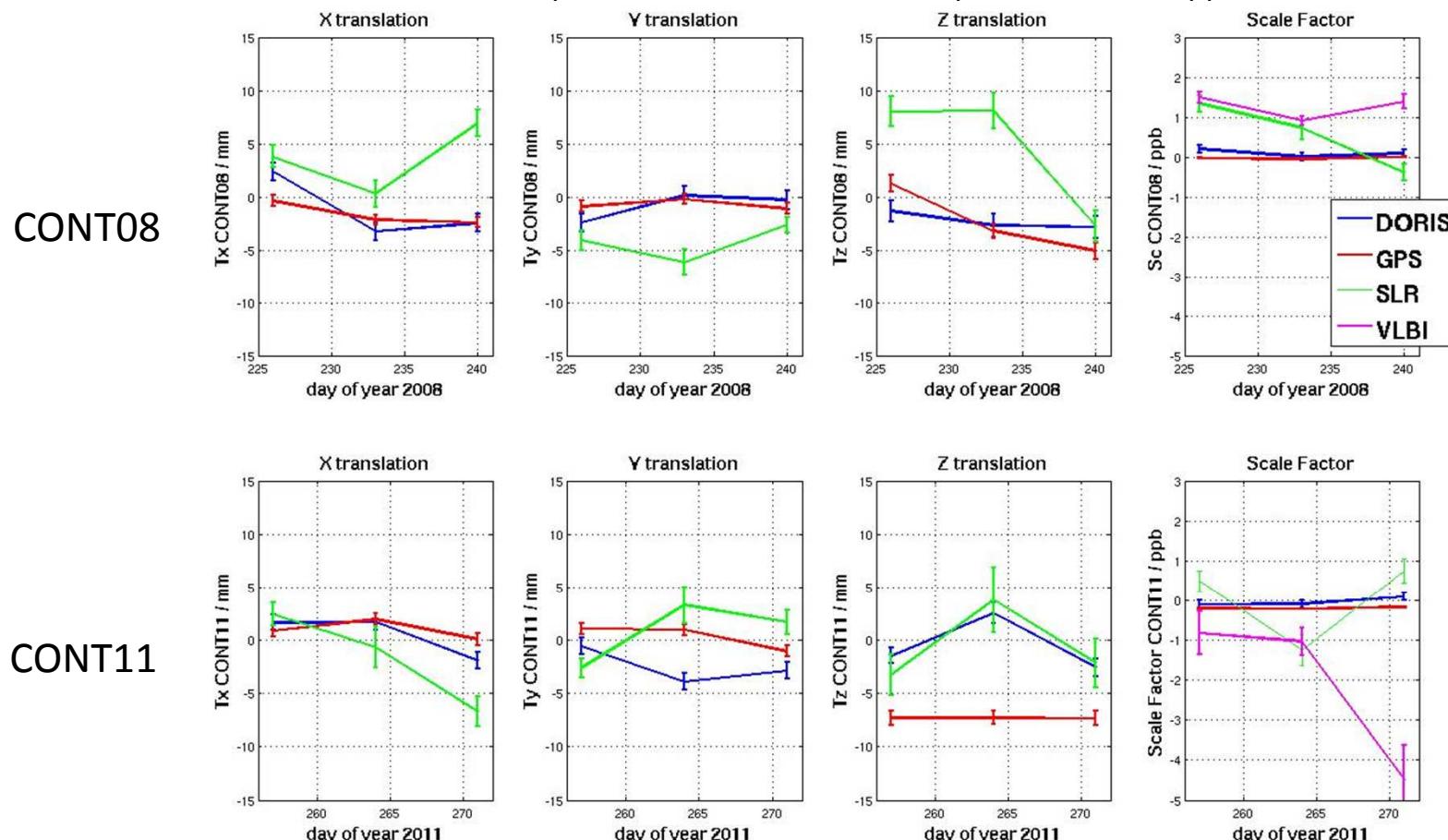
Systematic Effects

CONT08 CONT11

	DORIS	GPS	SLR	VLBI
Tx mm	-1,1 ± 2,7	-1,7 ± 1,9	3,7 ± 4,4	
Ty mm	-0,9 ± 1,4	-0,7 ± 0,8	-4,3 ± 4	
Tz mm	-2,3 ± 2,3	-2,3 ± 3,5	4,5 ± 6,7	
Sc ppb	0,1 ± 0,13	-0,030 ± 0,035	0,56 ± 0,93	1,26 ± 1,22

	DORIS	GPS	SLR	VLBI
Tx mm	0,5 ± 1,8	0,9 ± 1,2	-1,7 ± 4,1	
Ty mm	-2,5 ± 2,8	0,3 ± 1,0	0,8 ± 2,5	
Tz mm	-0,5 ± 2,2	-7,3 ± 7,3	-0,5 ± 3,1	
Sc ppb	-0,04 ± 0,09	-0,2 ± 0,2	-0,005 ± 0,78	-2,12 ± 1,7

Mean & WRMS over CONT period in mm for translation parameters & in ppb in scale factor



NO NET ROTATION FOR CELESTIAL FRAME TIE in VLBI analysis

In order to orientate the radio sources onto the a-priori catalog (ICRF2) we add transformed parameters between the a-priori and the estimated catalog, imposed to be zero. The 3-parameter transformation is represented by 3 rotations R_1, R_2, R_3 constraining the small angles for the i-th source:

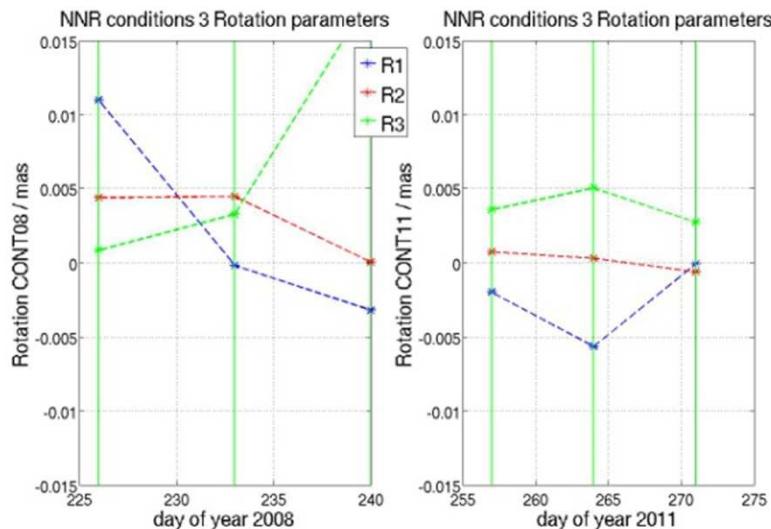
$$\Delta RS_DA_i = R_1 \cos(RS_DA_i) \tan(RS_DE_i) + R_2 \sin(RS_DA_i) \tan(QDE_i) - R_3$$

$$\Delta RS_DE_i = -R_1 \sin(RS_DA_i) + R_2 \cos(RS_DA_i)$$

With RS_DA = Right Ascencion & RS_DE = Declination

Writing $Q = (\Delta RS_DA_i, \Delta RS_DE_i)^T$ & $\Theta = (R_1, R_2, R_3)^T$ The normal equation constraint applied is :

$$(B^T B)^{-1} B^T (\Delta Q) - \Theta = 0 \pm \sigma \text{ with } \sigma = 1 \text{ nrd}$$



NNR	CONT08	CONT11
$R_1 \mu\text{as}$	$2,4 \pm 6,4$	$-2,6 \pm 3,5$
$R_2 \mu\text{as}$	$2,6 \pm 3,6$	$0,1 \pm 1,4$
$R_3 \mu\text{as}$	$7,6 \pm 10,8$	$1,0 \pm 1,0$

Mean values over 3 weeks

The 3 Rotation parameters are at the level of 10^{-9} radian that show the good consistency between celestial and terrestrial frame simultaneously estimated

Weighting by variance analysis component (Helmert)

$$(w_D N_{\text{Doris}} + w_G N_{\text{GNSS}} + w_S N_{\text{SLR}} + w_V N_{\text{VLBI}}) \cdot \delta X = N_{\text{Combined}} \delta X = Y$$

Variance factor

$$s_0 = \frac{(O - C)^T P(O - C)}{N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{param}} - N_{\text{red}}}$$

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	GPS	DORIS	SLR	VLBI
Variance factor s0	5,736	1,062	0,2337	35,458
Weight w	0,1804	0,9957	7,486	0,0306
s0*w	1,0347744	1,0574334	1,7494782	1,0850148

	GPS	DORIS	SLR	VLBI
Variance factor s0	5,478	1,069	0,2809	31,8319
Weight w	0,1889	0,9884	5,492	0,03417
s0*w	1,0347942	1,0565996	1,5427028	1,08769602

	GPS	DORIS	SLR	VLBI
Variance factor s0	5,3362	1,062	0,2187	43,1838
Weight w	0,1942	0,9956	7,154	0,0264
s0*w	1,03629004	1,0573272	1,5645798	1,14005232

CONT11

	GPS	DORIS	SLR	VLBI
Variance factor s0	6,8851	1,061	0,5721	157,292
Weight w	0,1501	0,9967	2,353	0,00731
s0*w	1,03345351	1,0574987	1,3461513	1,14980452

	GPS	DORIS	SLR	VLBI
Variance factor s0	6,5659	0,992	0,6723	100,508
Weight w	0,1574	1,067	1,669	0,0115
s0*w	1,03347266	1,058464	1,1220687	1,155842

	GPS	DORIS	SLR	VLBI
Variance factor s0	6,6873	1,044	0,4202	147,6499
Weight w	0,1546	1,013	2,969	0,0081
s0*w	1,03385658	1,057572	1,2475738	1,19596419

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Estimation of station coordinates relative to a combined reference frame

Local ties

The technique's link consisting of local ties between stations are considered and form constraints at the epoch between collocated stations 1 and 2: $\mathbf{X}_2(t) - \mathbf{X}_1(t) = \Delta_{21}(t)$

Minimal constraints

The weekly normal equations of each technique are stacked and weighted by the Helmert algorithm [Ref. 2] that forms the combined normal equation. Estimation of the station coordinates of each technique relatively to the combined referential frame is realized by adding minimal constraints to the combined normal equation consisting to add 7 transformation parameters for each technique:

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{Tech}} = \mathbf{X}_{\text{apriori_ITRF}} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Theta}$$
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ \vdots \\ B_n \end{bmatrix}, B_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_i^0 & 0 & z_i^0 & -y_i^0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y_i^0 - z_i^0 & 0 & x_i^0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z_i^0 & y_i^0 & -x_i^0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\Theta} = \begin{bmatrix} T_x \\ T_y \\ T_z \\ S_c \\ R_x \\ R_y \\ R_z \end{bmatrix}$$

These minimal constraints form the constraint equation added to the combined normal equation for each technique:

$$(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{X}_{\text{Tech}} - \mathbf{X}_{\text{Tech_ITRF}}) - \boldsymbol{\Theta} = \mathbf{0} \pm \sigma \text{ with } \sigma = 0,1 \text{ mm}$$

Some Results

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VLBI GRGS

Normal equations version n6, changes include:

- * Model force related to atmospheric pressure is added (model Ray / Ponte level 10)
- * Pole model a priori to 3 hours provided by Daniel Gambis from Paris Observatory. Two files were used (one for CONT08 campaign and one for CONT11 campaign).
- * Taking into account the motion of the displacements due to atmospheric pressure loading s1s2 and geocenter motion associated with tidal surges
- * NRO with Lagrangian interpolation.
- * Display of total zenith tropospheric bias (model + topping) by a priori in the normal equations.

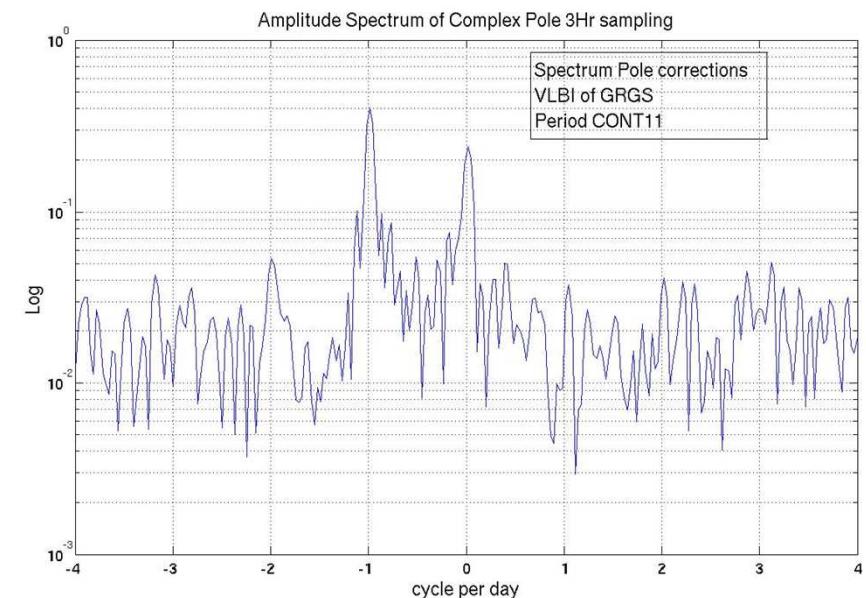
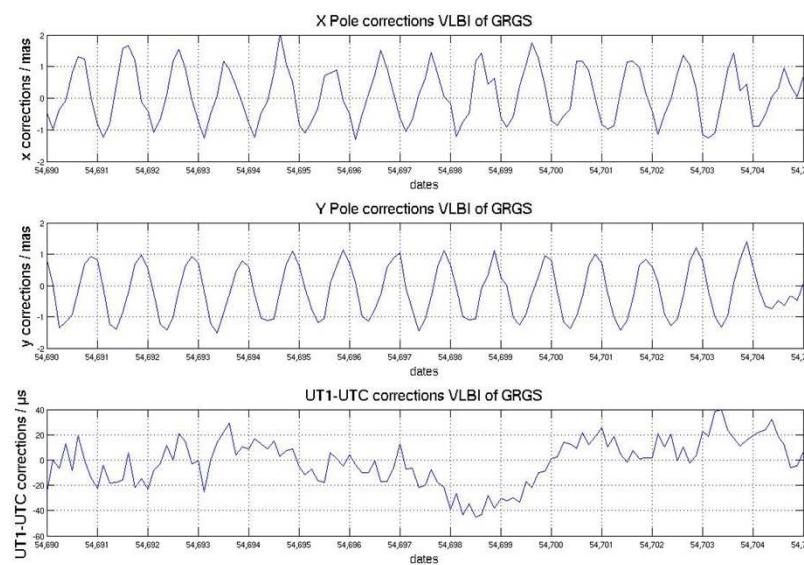
Parameters:

- The Pole coordinates and UT1 every 3 hours
- Nutation NX / NY daily @12H
- Troposphere for collocated stations every 1 hour
- X, Y, Z station coordinates

Conditions: - Systematic effects for station coordinates applied with $\sigma=1\mu\text{m}$

- Minimal constraints for station coordinates 7 parameters applied with $\sigma=10\mu\text{m}$

CONT08



GPS GRGS

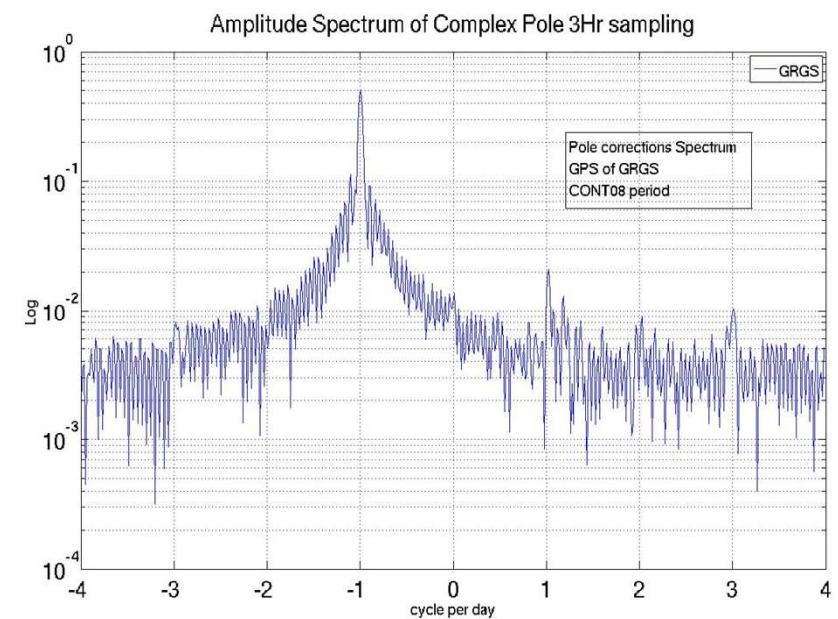
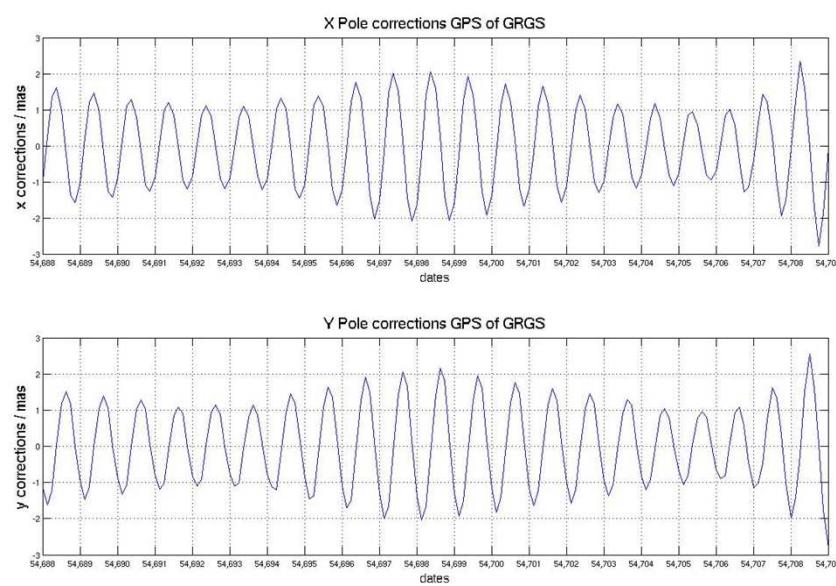
Normal equations version n9

Parameters:

- The Pole coordinates and UT1 every 3 hours
- Nutation NX / NY daily @12H
- Troposphere for collocated stations every 2 hour
- X, Y, Z station coordinates

- Conditions:**
- Systematic effects for station coordinates applied with $\sigma=1\mu\text{m}$
 - Minimal constraints for station coordinates 7 parameters applied with $\sigma=10\mu\text{m}$

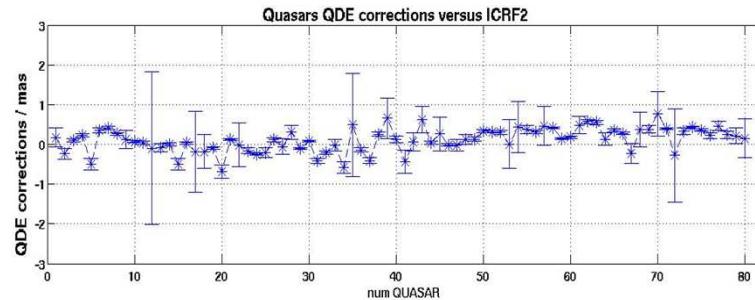
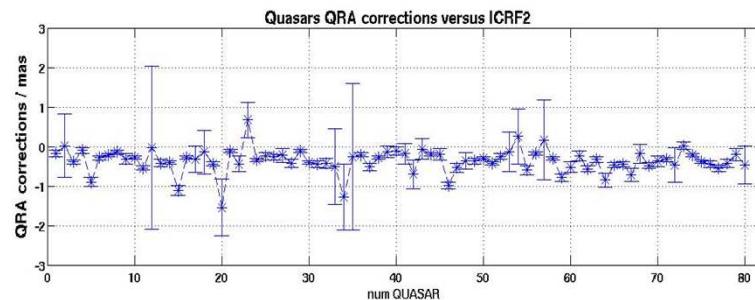
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Dispersion of Quasar coordinates with respect to ICRF2 by combination simultaneously estimated with EOP & terrestrial frame

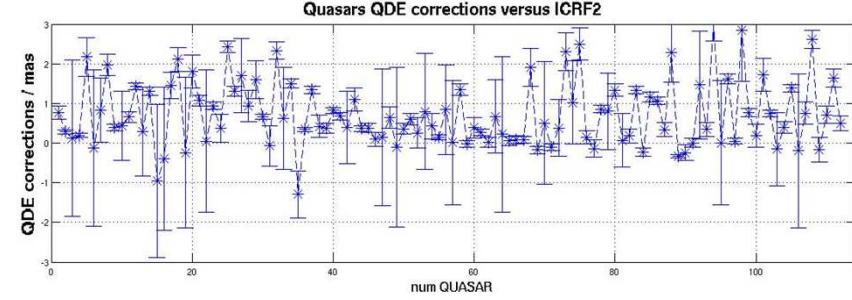
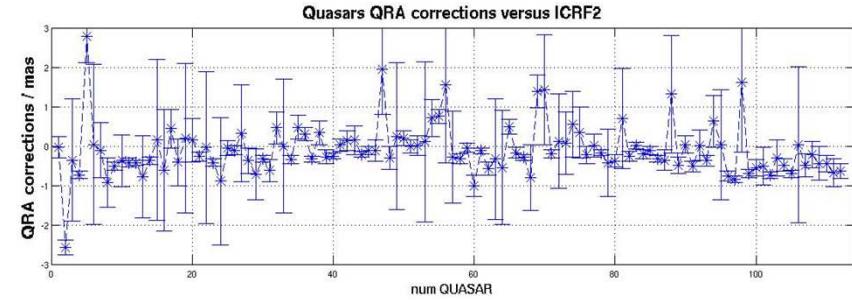
CONT08

corrections	σ_{weighted}	Rotations	estimation
QRA / mas	0.167	R1 / μas	2.4
QDE / mas	0.207	R2 / μas	2.6



CONT11

corrections	σ_{weighted}	Rotations	estimation
QRA / mas	0.403	R1 / mas	-2.6
QDE / mas	0.623	R2 / mas	0.1

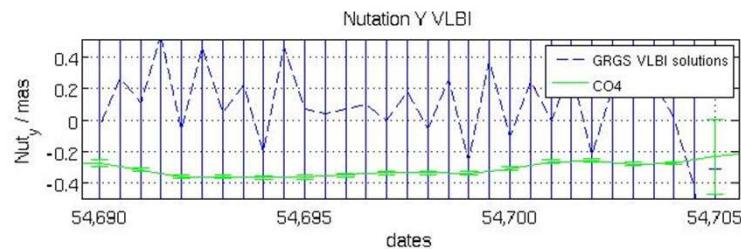
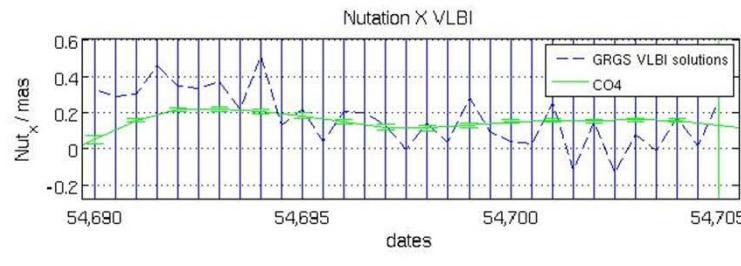


VLBI GRGS, Nutation estimation versus IAU2000 model

- Systematics' VLBI network effect cancelled → scale factor estimated
- Minimal constraints Tx, Ty, Tz, Sc, Rx, Ry, Rz
- Quasar coordinates with No Net Rotation applied → rotation parameters R1, R2, R3
- Nutation parameters estimated,
- Pole coordinates fixed
- Stations coordinates estimated

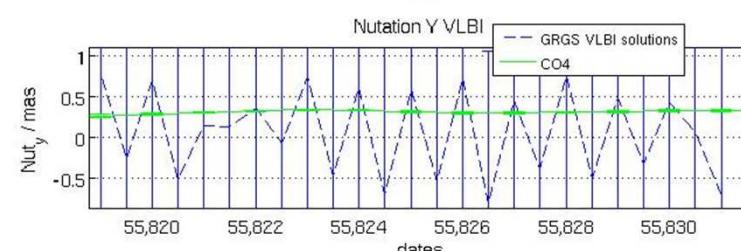
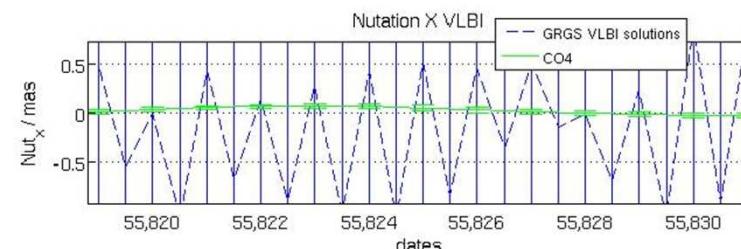
CONT08

corrections	σ_{weighted}
Nut_X / mas	0.155
Nut_Y / mas	0.370



CONT11

corrections	σ_{weighted}
Nut_X / mas	0.649
Nut_Y / mas	0.530



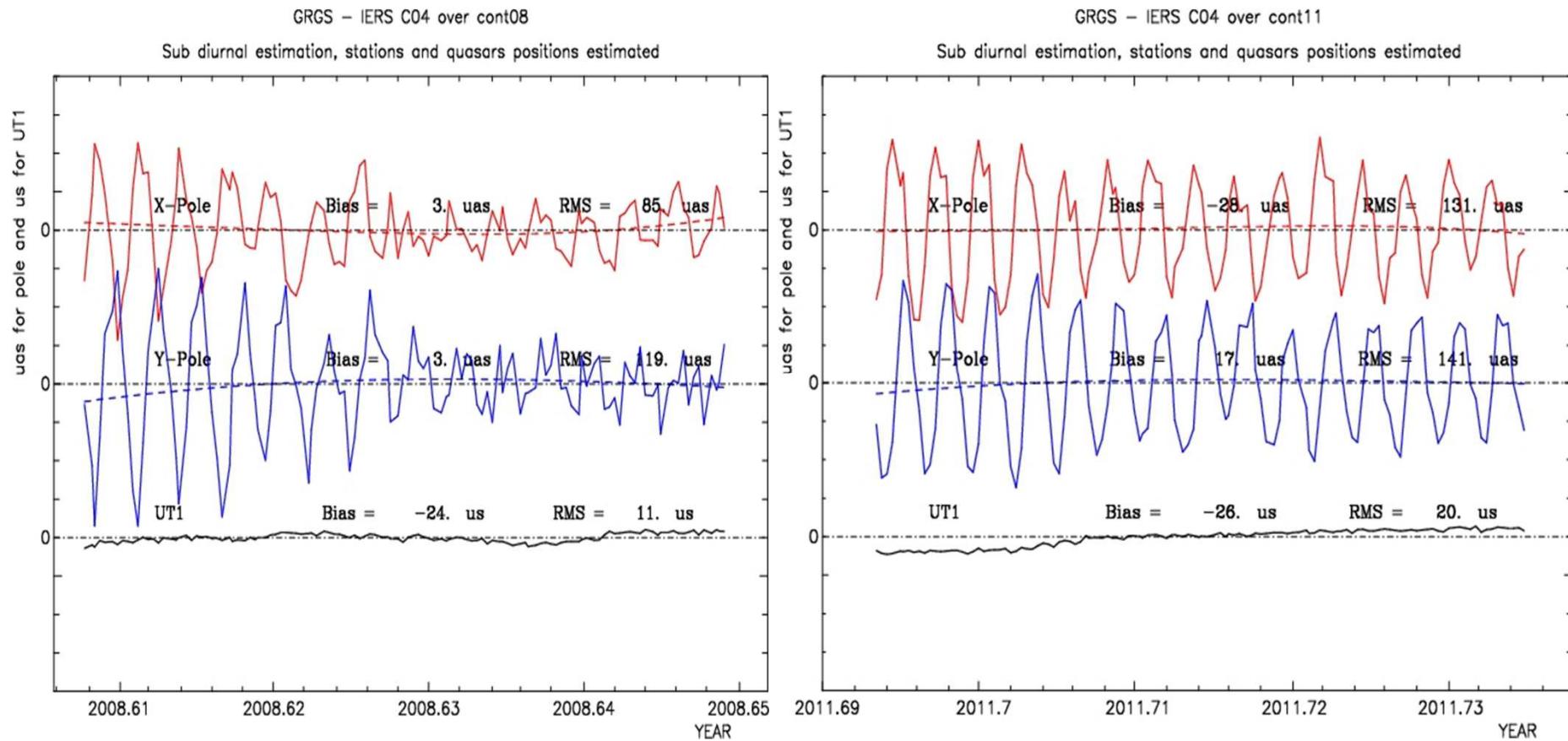
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Parameters	CONT08	CONT11
Scale factor ppb	1,18	-0,775
R1 / mas	0,006	0,00001
R2 / mas	0,004	0,0035
R3 / mas	0,012	-0,0024
Tx / mm	-0,17	-0,28
Ty / mm	-0,07	0,41
Tz / mm	0,31	0,07
Sc / ppb	0,0077	0,0151
Rx / mas	0,0013	-0,0063
Ry / mas	0,0049	-0,0044
Rz / mas	0,0100	0,0076

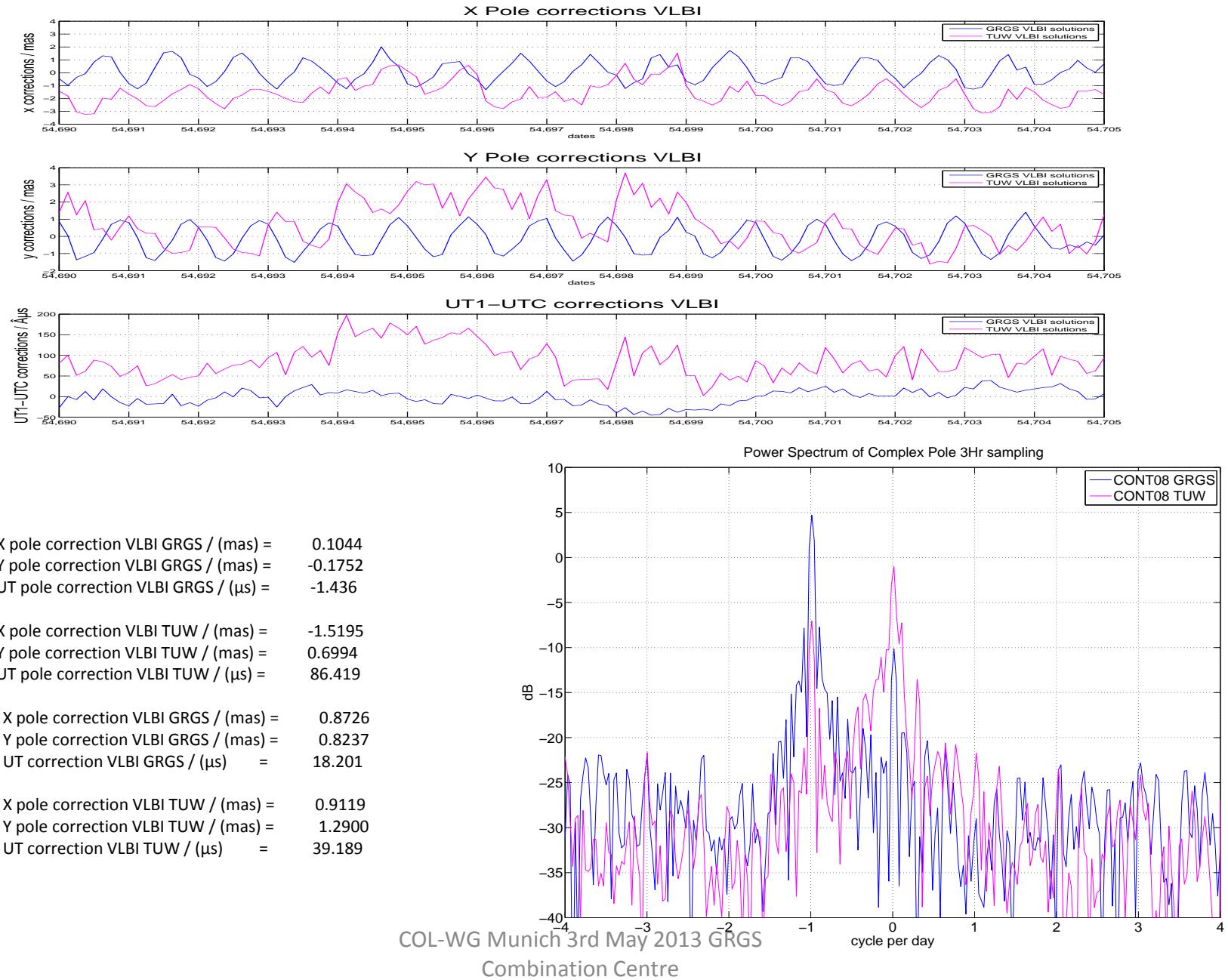
Systematics parameters
Rotation parameters
Helmert parameters
over middle week

Pole & UT by combination with DORIS-GPS-SLR_VLBI from GRGS normal equations

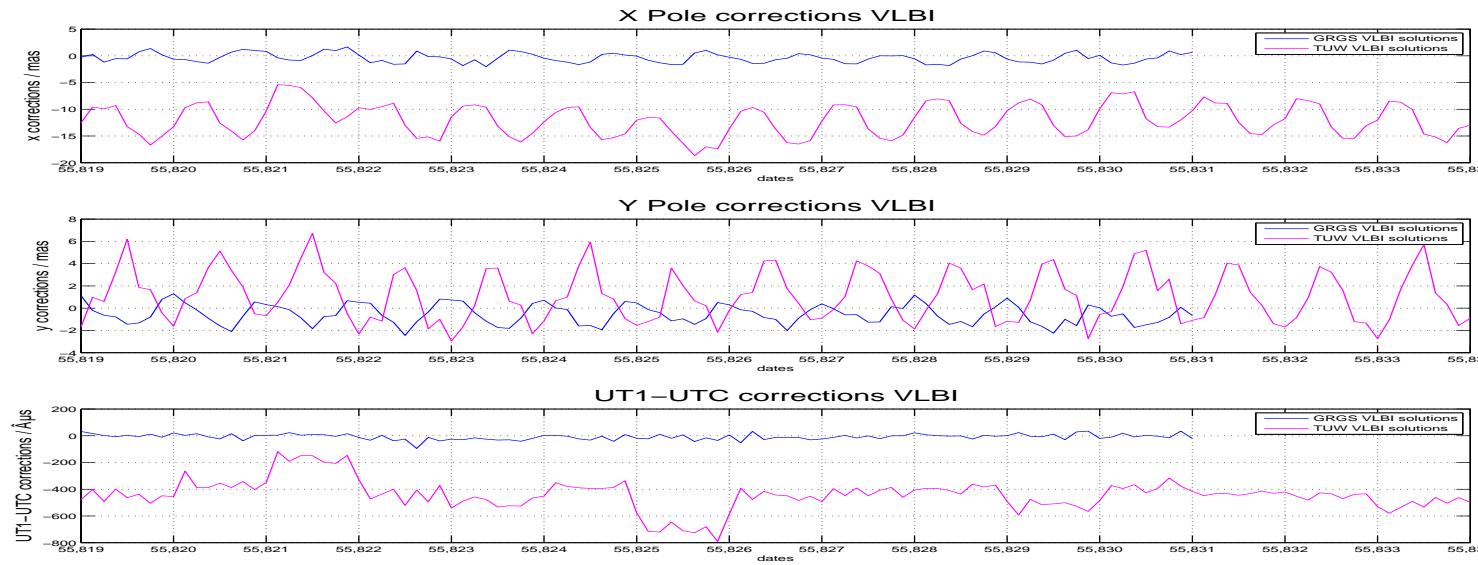
- Systematic effects applied for the 4 techniques
- Local ties applied on sub network DORIS, GPS, SLR, VLBI
- Minimal constraints Tx, Ty, Tz, Sc, Rx, Ry, Rz
- Pole, UT, Station and Quasar coordinates, Troposphere estimated, nutation fixed
- Solutions available on ftp: <http://hpiers.obspm.fr/iers/eop/grgs/GRGS/combination/>



Pole & UT1-UTC from VLBI TUW & GRGS comparison – CONT08 period



Pole & UT1-UTC from VLBI TUW & GRGS comparison – CONT11 period

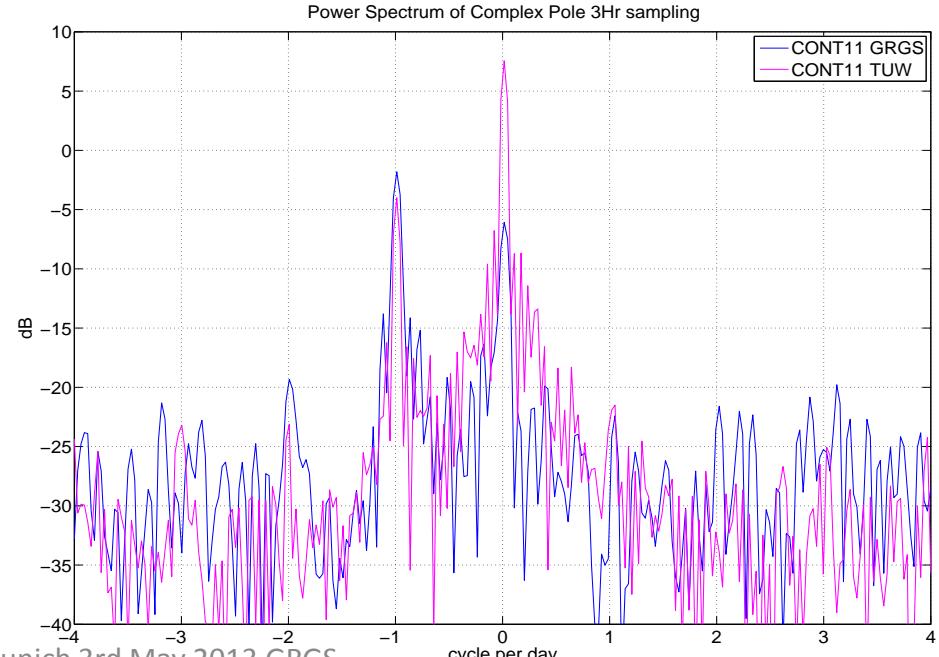


Mean X pole correction VLBI GRGS / (mas) = -0.3733
 Mean Y pole correction VLBI GRGS / (mas) = -0.5342
 Mean UT pole correction VLBI GRGS / (μs) = -7.8101

Mean X pole correction VLBI TUW / (mas) = -11.995
 Mean Y pole correction VLBI TUW / (mas) = 1.0805
 Mean UT pole correction VLBI TUW / (μs) = -441.298

WRMS X pole correction VLBI GRGS / (mas) = 0.8812
 WRMS Y pole correction VLBI GRGS / (mas) = 0.8573
 WRMS UT correction VLBI GRGS / (μs) = 21.1963

WRMS X pole correction VLBI TUW / (mas) = 2.9523
 WRMS Y pole correction VLBI TUW / (mas) = 2.249
 WRMS UT correction VLBI TUW / (μs) = 110.171



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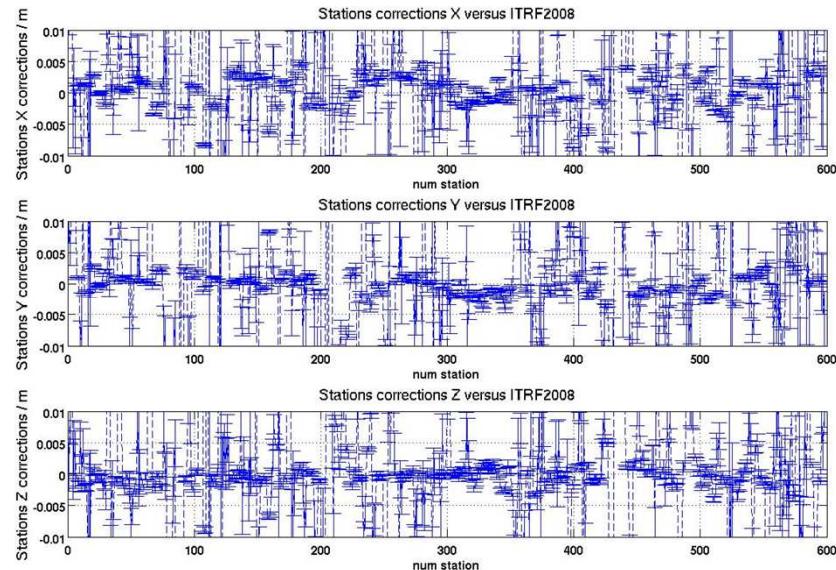
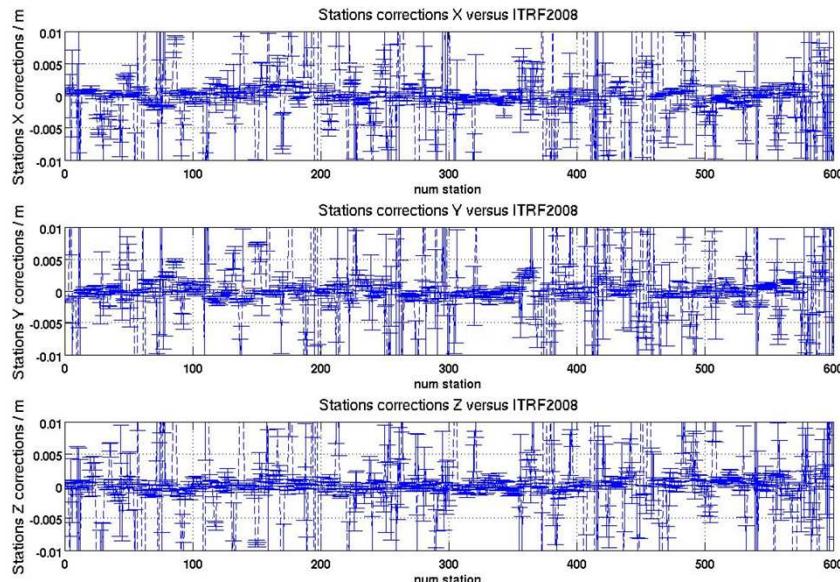
Dispersion of Station coordinates corrections with respect to ITRF2008 by DORIS, GPS, SLR, VLBI

	CONT08 WRMS (mm)	CONT11 WRMS (mm)
X	1.7	19.8
Y	1.7	3.7
Z	0.2	17.5

Coordinate corrections for the ensemble of stations

CONT08

CONT11



Station corrections versus ITRF2008 show a good homogeneous dispersion at the level of millimeter for CONT08 and cm for X and Z component for CONT11.

Transformation parameters for CONT08 (minimal constraints)

- CONT08 #1

	Moyenne quadratique des écarts	Moyenne simple des de COORDONNEES (X, Y et Z)	NORMES des vecteurs Ecart	Moyenne quadratique des NORMES des vecteurs Ecart
AVANT transformation	3.3717E-02 (brut : 4.7545E-02)	1.3265E-02		5.7903E-02
APRES transformation	3.3664E-02 (brut : 4.7568E-02)	1.4218E-02		5.7806E-02

0.125945E-02 +/- 0.304E-05 1 : translation en x (metres)
-.216409E-03 +/- 0.306E-05 2 : translation en y (metres)
0.210694E-02 +/- 0.306E-05 3 : translation en z (metres)
0.124024E-10 +/- 0.489E-12 4 : facteur d'echelle de position geocentrique (0.1e-07 facteur d'echelle = env. 6.4 cm)
0.426411E-04 +/- 0.114E-06 5 : rotation par rapport a x (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
-.103605E-04 +/- 0.118E-06 6 : rotation par rapport a y (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
-.749419E-04 +/- 0.123E-06 7 : rotation par rapport a z (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)

- CONT08 #2

	Moyenne quadratique des écarts	Moyenne simple des de COORDONNEES (X, Y et Z)	NORMES des vecteurs Ecart	Moyenne quadratique des NORMES des vecteurs Ecart
AVANT transformation	3.4118E-02 (brut : 4.7463E-02)	1.3336E-02		5.9104E-02
APRES transformation	3.4059E-02 (brut : 4.7493E-02)	1.4380E-02		5.8989E-02

0.159094E-02 +/- 0.304E-05 1 : translation en x (metres)
-.262520E-03 +/- 0.306E-05 2 : translation en y (metres)
0.221867E-02 +/- 0.306E-05 3 : translation en z (metres)
0.205577E-10 +/- 0.487E-12 4 : facteur d'echelle de position geocentrique (0.1e-07 facteur d'echelle = env. 6.4 cm)
0.337962E-04 +/- 0.114E-06 5 : rotation par rapport a x (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
-.138540E-05 +/- 0.117E-06 6 : rotation par rapport a y (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
-.840157E-04 +/- 0.124E-06 7 : rotation par rapport a z (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)

- CONT08 #3

	Moyenne quadratique des écarts	Moyenne simple des de COORDONNEES (X, Y et Z)	NORMES des vecteurs Ecart	Moyenne quadratique des NORMES des vecteurs Ecart
AVANT transformation	3.4282E-02 (brut : 4.7726E-02)	1.3392E-02		5.9459E-02
APRES transformation	3.4224E-02 (brut : 4.7755E-02)	1.4457E-02		5.9349E-02
0.138938E-02 +/- 0.307E-05	1 : translation en x (metres)			
-.202724E-03 +/- 0.306E-05	2 : translation en y (metres)			
0.224480E-02 +/- 0.310E-05	3 : translation en z (metres)			
0.246470E-10 +/- 0.492E-12	4 : facteur d'echelle de position geocentrique (0.1e-07 facteur d'echelle = env. 6.4 cm)			
0.325116E-04 +/- 0.115E-06	5 : rotation par rapport a x (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)			
-.490515E-05 +/- 0.119E-06	6 : rotation par rapport a y (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)			
-.871186E-04 +/- 0.124E-06	7 : rotation par rapport a z (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)			

Transformation parameters for CONT11 (minimal constraints)

CONT11 #2

Regression lineaire de 1155 equations suivant 7 parametres

	Moyenne quadratique des ecart	Moyenne simple des de COORDONNEES (X, Y et Z)	NORMES des vecteurs Ecart	Moyenne quadratique des NORMES des vecteurs Ecart
AVANT transformation	2.0519E-02 (brut : 4.1554E-02)	1.3837E-02		3.5695E-02
APRES transformation	2.0349E-02 (brut : 4.1486E-02)	1.5108E-02		3.5369E-02

0.351676E-02 +/- 0.284E-05	1 : translation en x (metres)
0.483440E-03 +/- 0.289E-05	2 : translation en y (metres)
0.210291E-02 +/- 0.286E-05	3 : translation en z (metres)
0.135782E-10 +/- 0.465E-12	4 : facteur d'echelle de position geocentrique (0.1e-07 facteur d'echelle = env. 6.4 cm)
0.148581E-04 +/- 0.105E-06	5 : rotation par rapport a x (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
0.985739E-04 +/- 0.110E-06	6 : rotation par rapport a y (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
-7.71176E-04 +/- 0.115E-06	7 : rotation par rapport a z (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)

CONT11 #2

Regression lineaire de 1161 equations suivant 7 parametres

	Moyenne quadratique des ecart	Moyenne simple des de COORDONNEES (X, Y et Z)	NORMES des vecteurs Ecart	Moyenne quadratique des NORMES des vecteurs Ecart
AVANT transformation	2.0694E-02 (brut : 3.6167E-02)	1.3990E-02		3.5863E-02
APRES transformation	2.0528E-02 (brut : 3.6168E-02)	1.5254E-02		3.5547E-02

0.372633E-02 +/- 0.247E-05	1 : translation en x (metres)
0.597918E-03 +/- 0.252E-05	2 : translation en y (metres)
0.205211E-02 +/- 0.249E-05	3 : translation en z (metres)
-1.104078E-11 +/- 0.406E-12	4 : facteur d'echelle de position geocentrique (0.1e-07 facteur d'echelle = env. 6.4 cm)
0.115965E-04 +/- 0.914E-07	5 : rotation par rapport a x (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
0.924004E-04 +/- 0.963E-07	6 : rotation par rapport a y (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
-7.00766E-04 +/- 0.995E-07	7 : rotation par rapport a z (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)

CONT11 #3

Regression lineaire de 1161 equations suivant 7 parametres

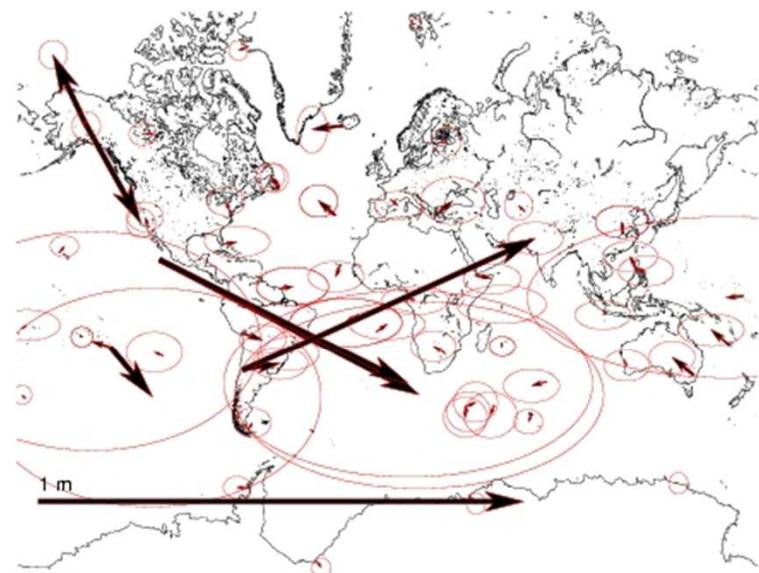
	Moyenne quadratique des ecart	Moyenne simple des de COORDONNEES (X, Y et Z)	NORMES des vecteurs Ecart	Moyenne quadratique des NORMES des vecteurs Ecart
AVANT transformation	2.2340E-02 (brut : 4.0239E-02)	1.4410E-02		3.8329E-02
APRES transformation	2.2195E-02 (brut : 4.0310E-02)	1.5584E-02		3.8055E-02

0.357838E-02 +/- 0.275E-05	1 : translation en x (metres)
0.553318E-03 +/- 0.280E-05	2 : translation en y (metres)
0.194053E-02 +/- 0.278E-05	3 : translation en z (metres)
0.653155E-10 +/- 0.452E-12	4 : facteur d'echelle de position geocentrique (0.1e-07 facteur d'echelle = env. 6.4 cm)
0.210484E-04 +/- 0.102E-06	5 : rotation par rapport a x (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
0.889911E-04 +/- 0.107E-06	6 : rotation par rapport a y (sec. de degre) (0.1e-02 seconde de degre = env. 3.1 cm)
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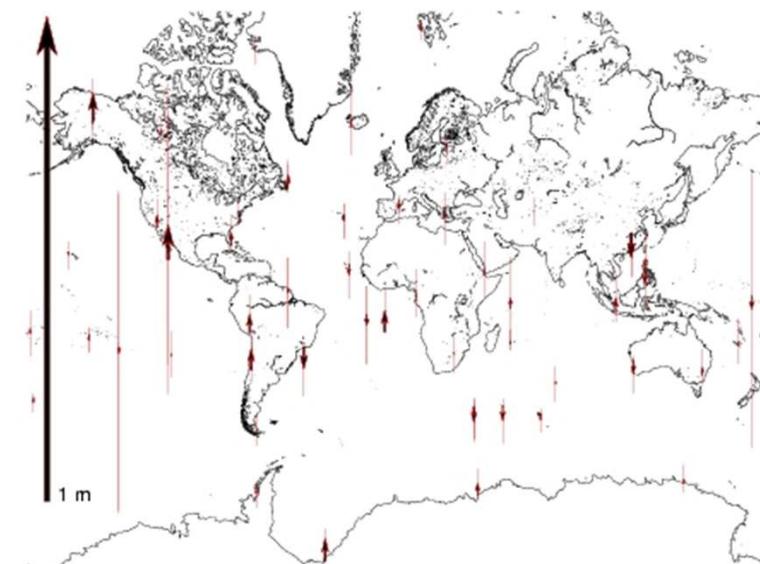
DORIS stations corrections with respect to ITRF2008
CONT08 Week #1, 60 stations ,4 eliminated (offset>10cm)

RMS 3D = 1,52cm

Transformation to apply for approaching ITRF
Tx : 0.221896E-02 +/- 0.734E-05
Ty : 0.395707E-03 +/- 0.687E-05
Tz : -.753207E-03 +/- 0.606E-05
Sc: 0.510338E-10 +/- 0.111E-11
Rx: -.319100E-04 +/- 0.232E-06
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Rz: -.161825E-04 +/- 0.358E-06



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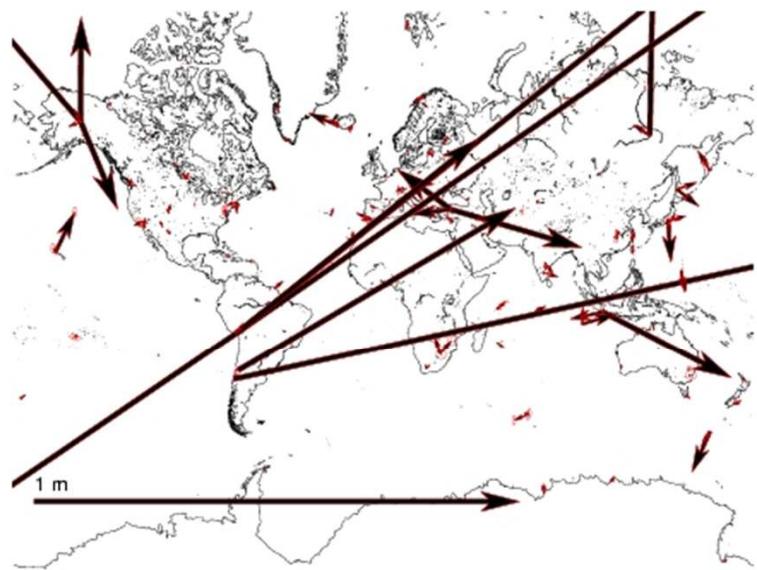


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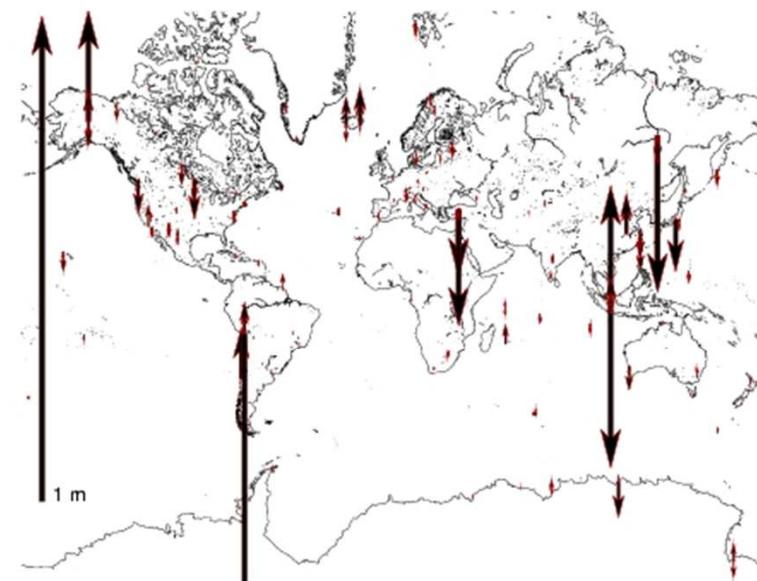
GPS stations corrections with respect to ITRF2008
CONT08 Week #1, 291 stations , 13 eliminated (offset>10cm)

RMS 3D = 1,24cm

Transformation to apply for approaching ITRF
Tx (m): -.902423E-03 +/- 0.557E-06
Ty (m): 0.253655E-03 +/- 0.561E-06
Tz (m): 0.563130E-03 +/- 0.564E-06
Sc (10^{-9} =6,4mm) 0.205893E-09 +/- 0.897E-13
Rx ("'): 0.231597E-05 +/- 0.210E-07
Ry ("'): -.670282E-04 +/- 0.217E-07
Rz ("'): 0.327873E-04 +/- 0.225E-07



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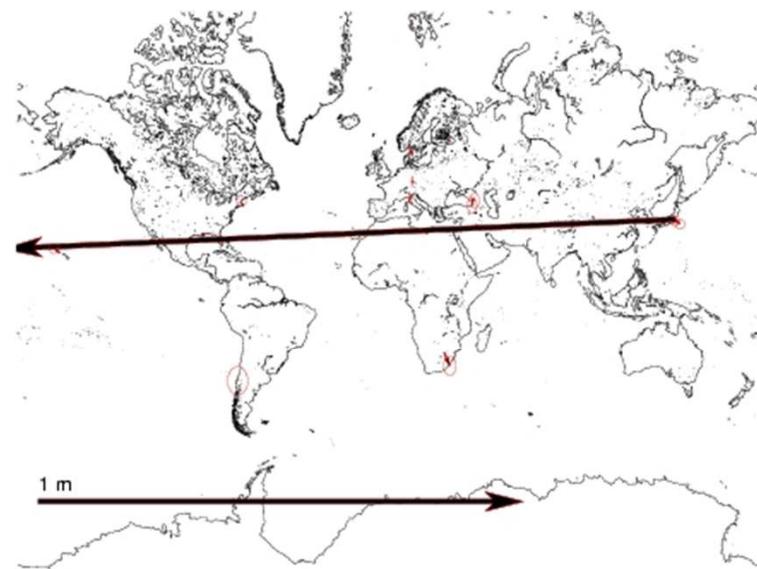


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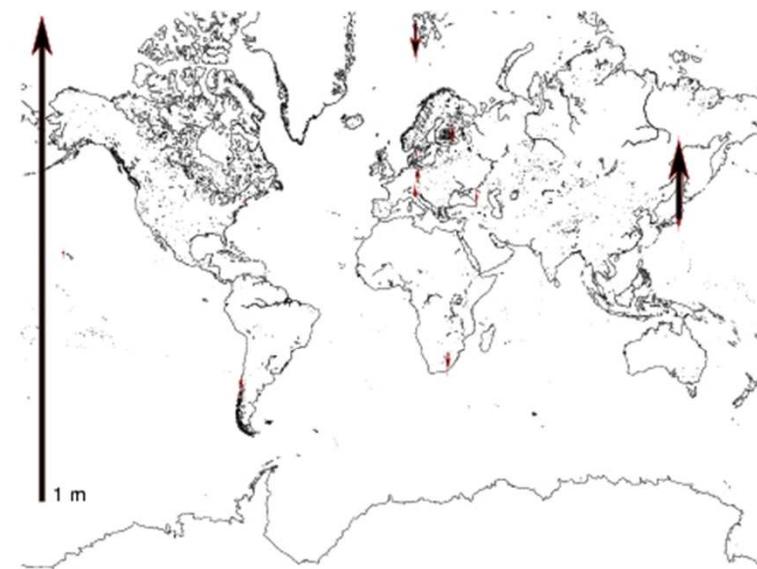
VLBI stations corrections with respect to ITRF2008
CONT08 Week #1, 14 stations , 1 eliminated (offset>10cm)

RMS 3D = 1,49cm

Transformation to apply for approaching ITRF
Tx (m): -.190791E-02 +/- 0.450E-05
Ty (m): 0.565836E-03 +/- 0.493E-05
Tz (m): 0.439081E-03 +/- 0.446E-05
Sc : 0.655768E-10 +/- 0.690E-12
Rx ("'): -.369556E-04 +/- 0.192E-06
Ry ("'): -.583983E-04 +/- 0.158E-06
Rz ("'): -.342119E-04 +/- 0.145E-06



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Tropospheric Zenithal Delay

Technique	Conditioning	Stations Selected for CONT08 and CONT11			
DORIS GRGS	ZBIAS : Zenith Wet delay @0h,1h,2h,3h...,23h 1 bias/pass, passes of all satellites in the same hour are stacked	SPJB 10317S005 D Ny-Alesund HBMB 30302S008 D Hartebeesthoek KOLB 40424S009 D KAUAI antenna greb 40451S176 D GREENBELT MSPB 50119S004 D Mt Stromlo			
GPS GRGS	ZBIAS : Zenith Wet delay @0h,1h,2h,3h...,23h 1 bias/pass, passes of all satellites in the same hour are stacked	nyal 10317M001 P Ny-Alesund, Norway nya1 10317M003 P Ny-Alesund, Norway hrao 30302M004 P Krugersdorp, South Afr kodk 40419S003 P Kodiak, USA gode 40451M123 P Greenbelt, USA usn3 40451S007 P Washington, U.S.A. conz 41719M002 P Concepcion, Chil str1 50119M002 P Canberra, Australia thti 92201M009 P Papeete, Tahiti			
VLBI TUW	TROWET : Zenith wet delay @0h,2h,4h,6h,...,22h	7331 10317S003 V Ny Alesund 7213 10402S002 V Onsala, Sweden 7382 12338S003 V Badary antenna 7380 12350S001 C SVETLOE Svetloe, Russ 7381 12351S001 V Zelenchukskaya, Russia 7386 13420S002 V Yebes, Spain 7230 12711S001 V Bologna, Italy 7224 14201S004 V Wettzell, FRG 7345 21730S007 V Tsukuba, Japan (32 m) 7232 30302S001 V Hartebeesthoek S Afr. 7298 40424S007 V Kokee Park Kauai, HI 7209 40440S003 V Westford, MA 7297 41602S001 V Fortaleza, Brazil 7640 41719S001 V TIGO at Concepcion, Ch 7640 41719S001 V TIGO at Concepcion, Ch 7374 50116S007 V Hobart			
VLBI GRGS	ZBIAS : Zenith offset delay of co-located stations @0h,1h,2h,3h...,23h	nyal 10317M001 P Ny-Alesund, Norway onsa 10402M004 P Onsala, Sweden BADA 12338S001 D BADARY antenna svtl 12350M001 P Svetloe, Russia zeck 12351M001 P Zelenchukskaya, Russia 7546 12711M002 L MEDICINA 7596 14201M004 L WETTZELL 7311 21730S001 V Tsukuba, Japan 7501 30302M003 L HARTEBEESTHOE kokb 40424M004 P Kokee Park, Waimea 7091 40440M001 L WESTFORD 7405 41719M001 L CONCEPCION	=> 7331 10317S003 => 7213 10402S002 => 7382 12338S003 => 7380 12350S001 => 7381 12351S001 => 7230 12711S001 Bologna => 7224 14201S004 => 7345 21730S007 => 7232 30302S001 => 7298 40424S007 Kauai => 7209 40440S003 => 7640 41719S001		

Station code error
GINS → Sinex conversion

Conclusion

Web site : <http://hpiers.obspm.fr/combinaison/>

- The Models proposed for the COL experiment are collected on the web
- A priori to be used for EOP, Stations, Quasars are available for users and can be uploaded
- Selection list of stations for DORIS, GPS, SLR and VLBI for the COL experiment are specified
- Data available from analysis centres can be uploaded on ftp

Strategy of combination

- Systematic network effects of each technique are introduced as parameters in the NEQ for cancelling their effects to the station coordinates
- NNR conditions are applied to the quasars coordinates
- Ties constraints for collocated stations are implemented

GRGS combination centre advancement

- Normal equation GINS to SINEX format upgraded for the GRGS purposes (introduction of the transformation parameters for DORIS, GPS, SLR, VLBI techniques)
- Solutions from GRGS combination are delivered in SINEX for CONT08 & CONT11 periods on the ftp site <ftp://hpiers.obspm.fr/iers/eop/grgs/GRGS/combination/>

Prospects

- Station code associated to the Tropospheric parameter ZBIAS for GRGS-VLBI SINEX don't correspond to the VLBI Station observed (conversion format from GINS to Sinex) & Analysis of tropospheric parameters combination is to be performed

parameter	code	domes	code VLBI	domes VLBI	site
ZBIAS	nyal	10317M001	7331	10317S003	NY-ALESUND
ZBIAS	BADA	12338S001	7382	12338S003	Badary
ZBIAS	zeck	12351M001	7381	12351S001	ZELENCHUKSKAYA
ZBIAS	7596	14201M004	7224	14201S004	WETTZELL
ZBIAS	7501	30302M003	7232	30302S001	Hartebeesthoek
ZBIAS	7405	41719S002	7640	41719S001	Conception
ZBIAS	onsa	10402M004	7213	10402S002	ONSALA
ZBIAS	7311	21730M001	7345	21730S007	Tsukub32
ZBIAS	kokb	40424M004	7298	40424S007	Kauai
ZBIAS	7091	40440M001	7209	40440S003	Westford
ZBIAS	hob2	50116M004	7374	50116S007	Hobart
ZBIAS	7546	12711M002	7230	12711S001	Bologna

- Statistical analysis on the station corrections for each techniques
- More analysis of COL solutions and comparison with conventional solutions
- Meaning of the diurnal oscillation observed in the pole coordinates
- Strategy of combination to adopt using the normal equations from ACs