
High-latitude & Equatorial Ionospheric Scintillation Based on An **Event-Driven Multi-GNSS** Data Collection System

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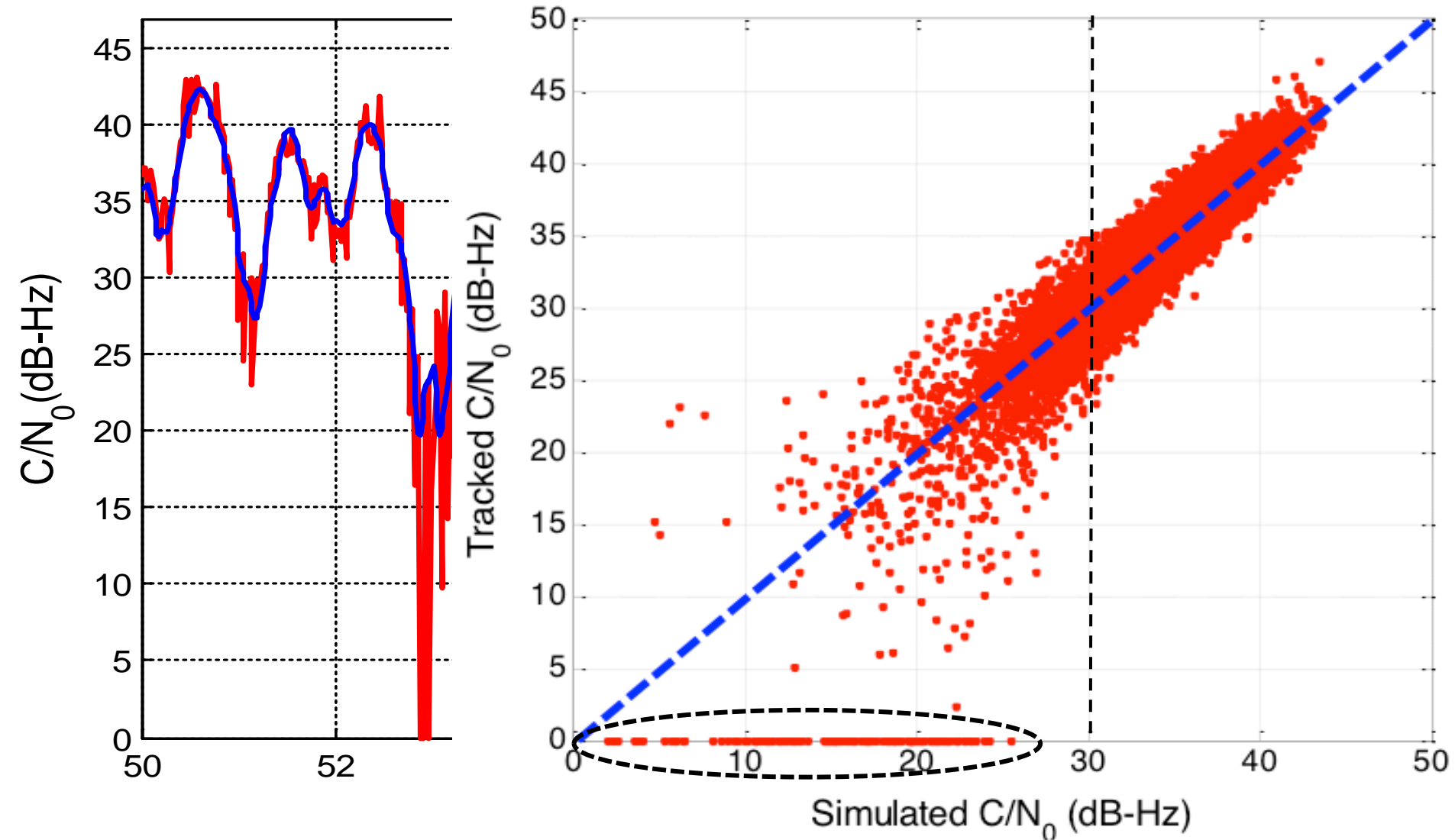
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Outline

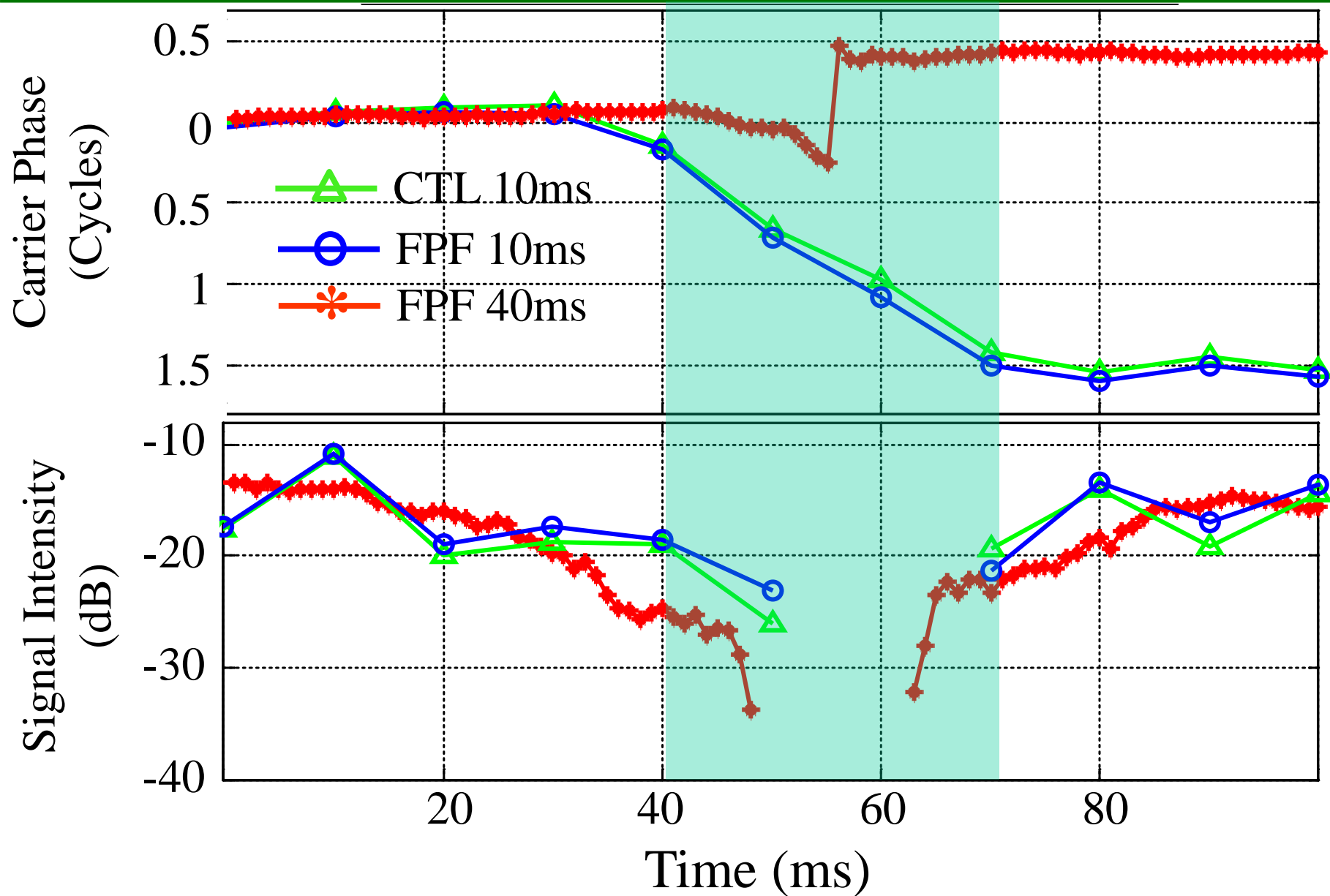
1. Why Event-Driven Multi-GNSS ?

1. Sample High-Lat & Equatorial Results

Amplitude Fading: Receiver Processing Artifacts



GPS Carrier Phase During Deep Fading: An Example



Issues: Conventional ISM Receivers

1. Accuracy

$(Iono + other) \otimes h(t) = \text{Observed Effects}$

Iono effects \neq Observed Effects

2. Availability

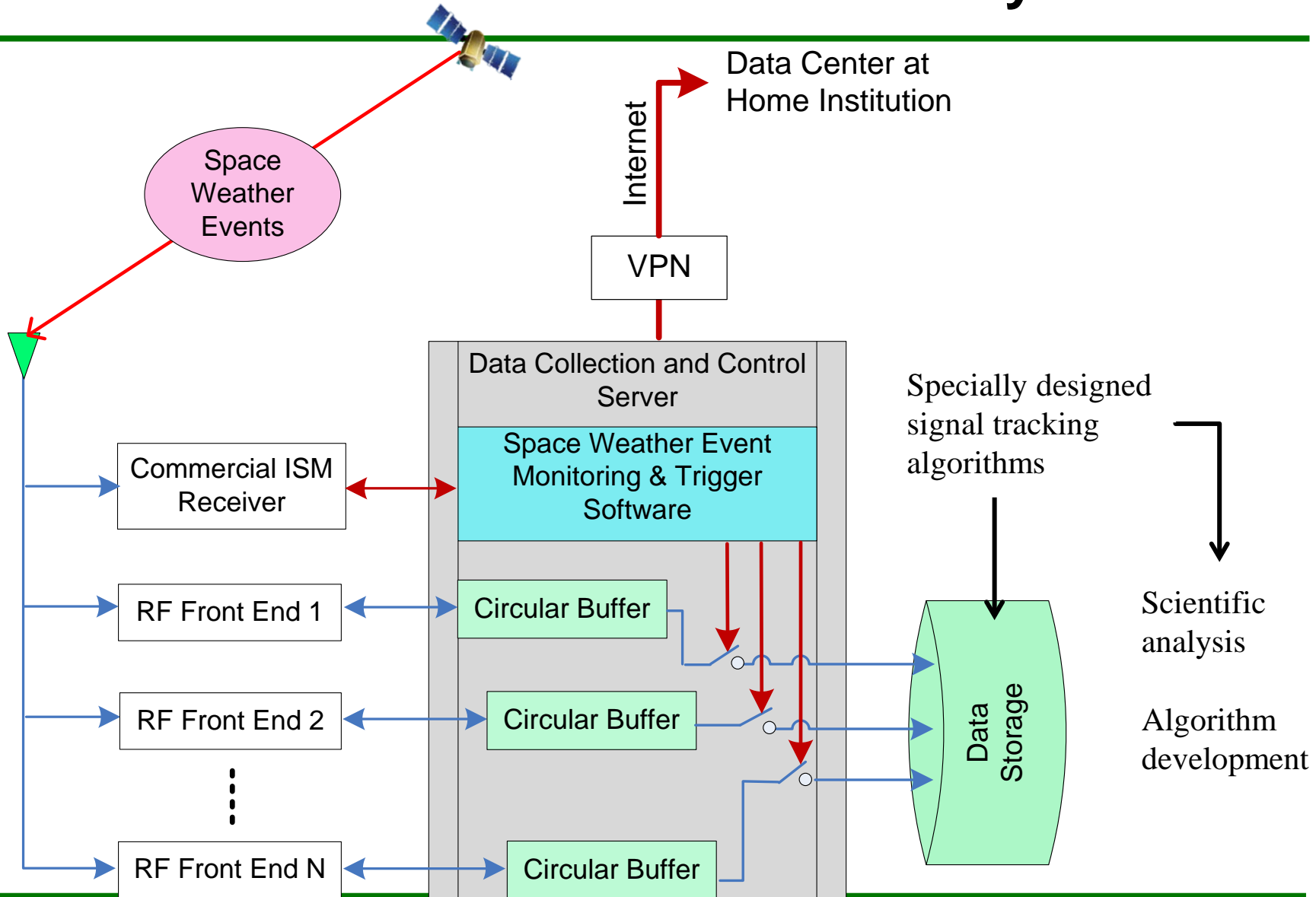
*Receivers cease to function during strong space weather events
→ Data are not available when needed most!*

3. Repeatability

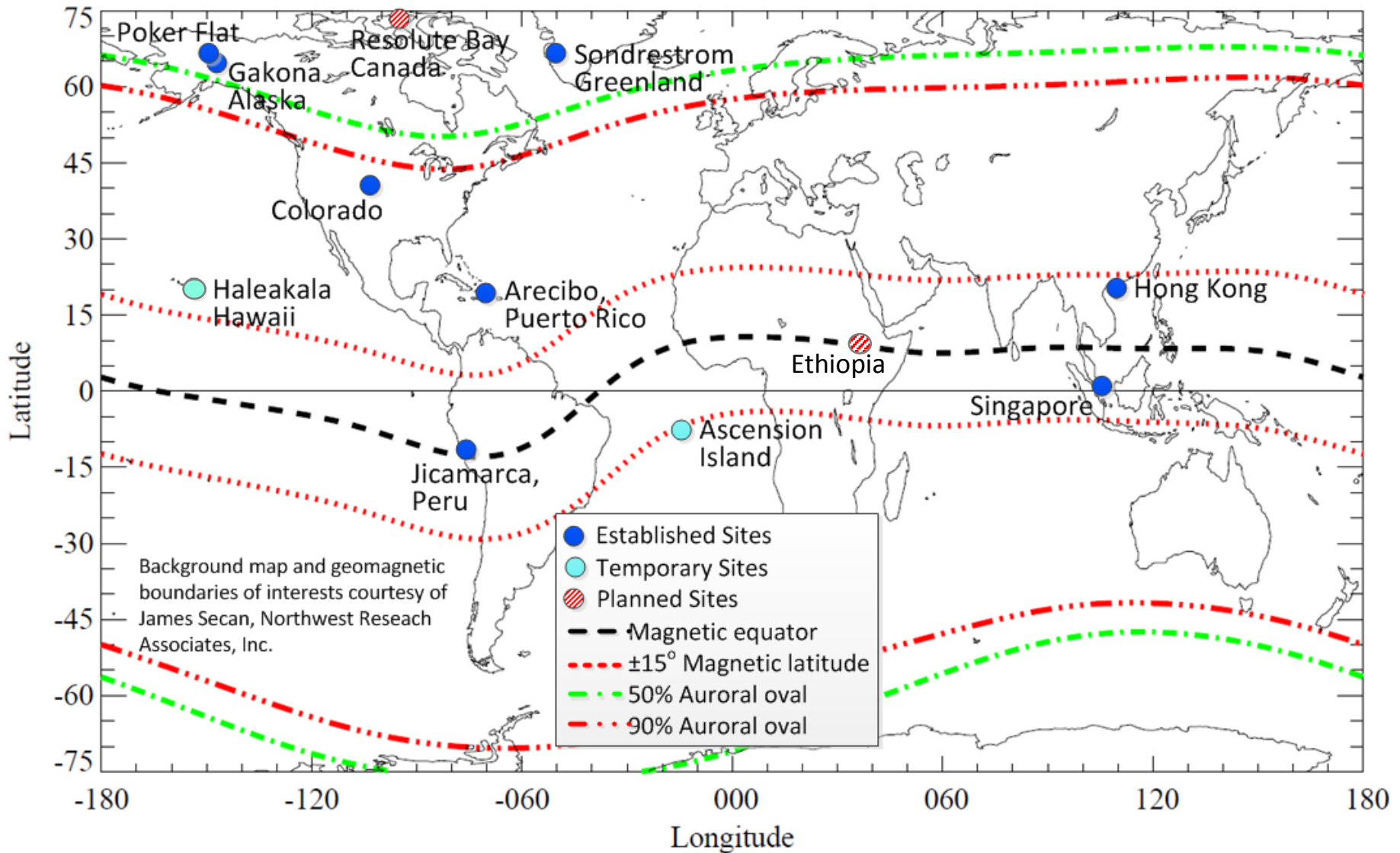
*Receiver processing is irreversible → Ionosphere effects are
wiped out during processing*

**High quality, raw GNSS signals are needed for
space weather studies and
robust GNSS receiver development**

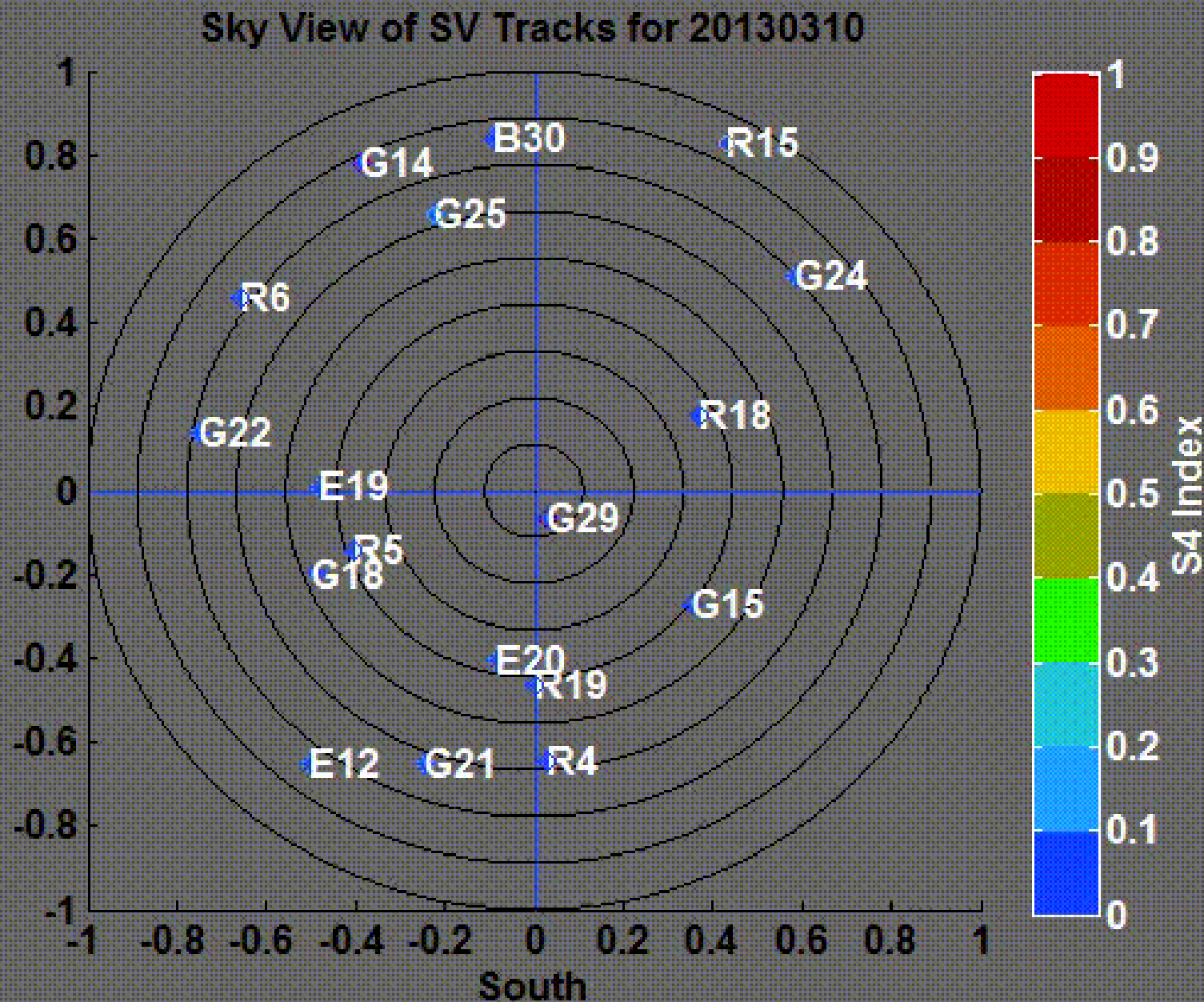
Event Driven Raw Data Collection System



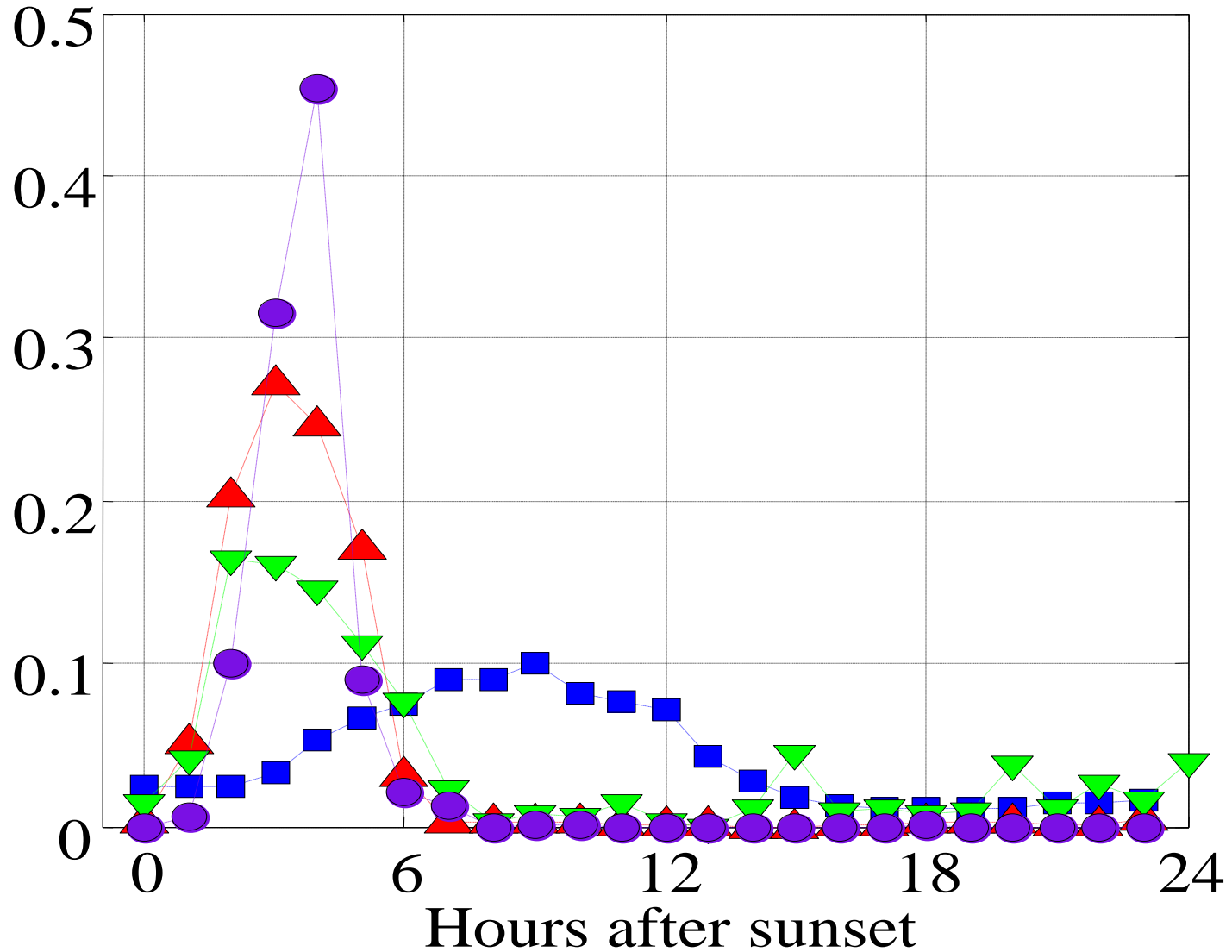
Event-Driven Multi-Constellation GNSS Network



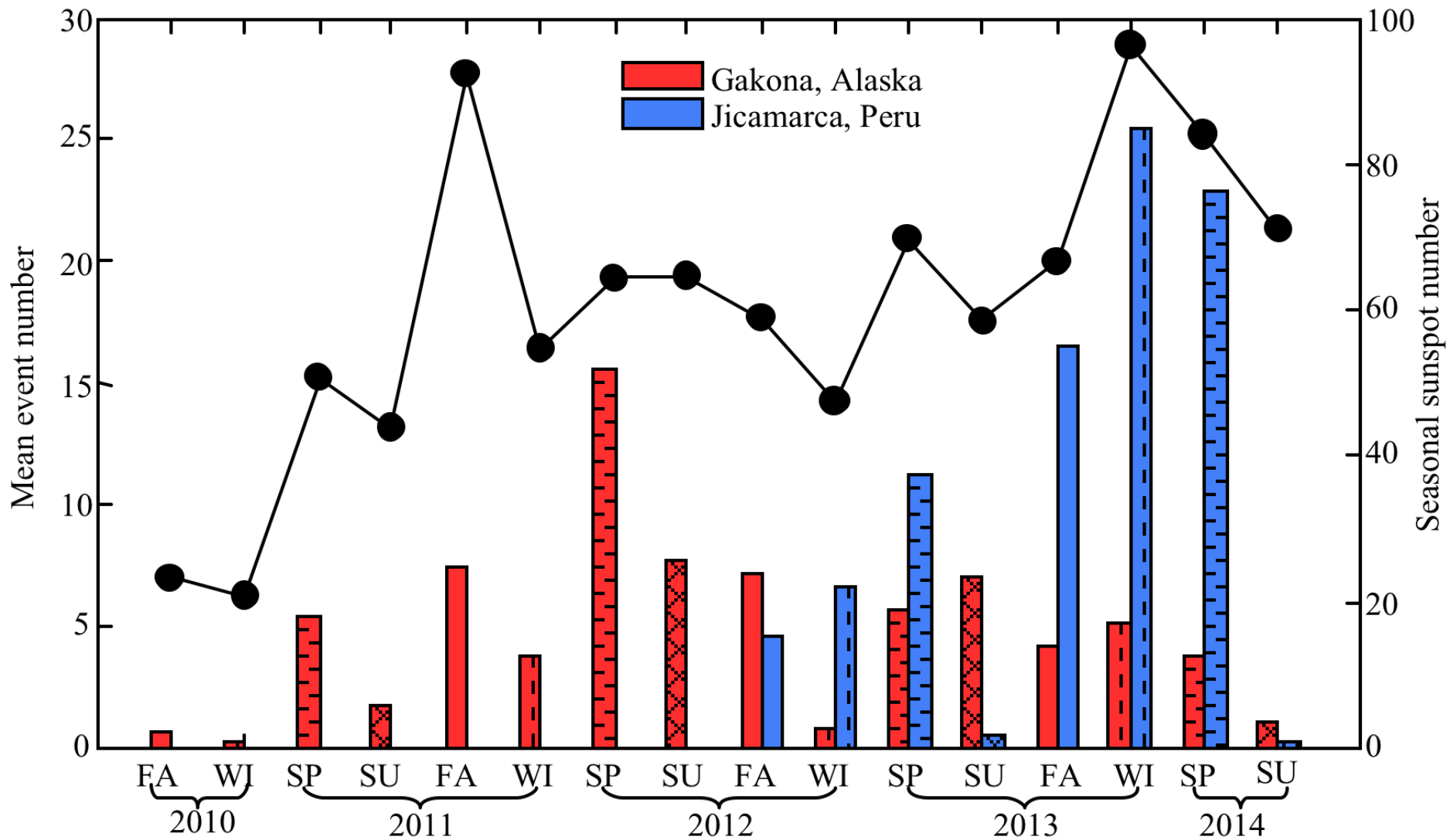
Equatorial Scintillation Spatial Distribution



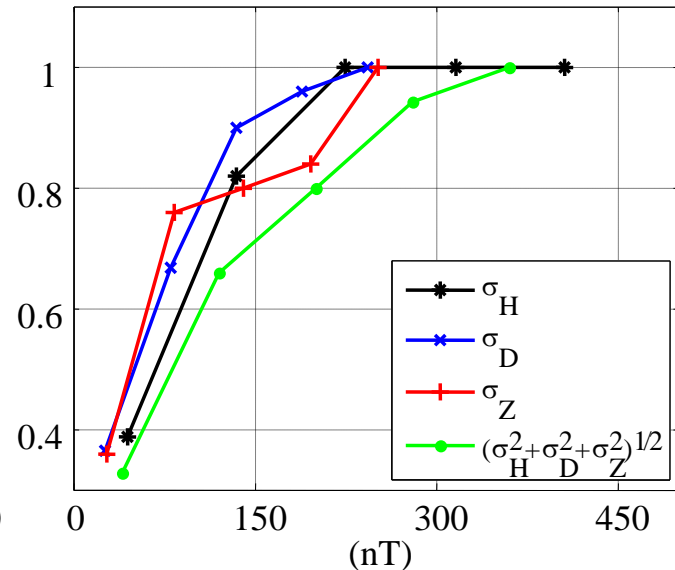
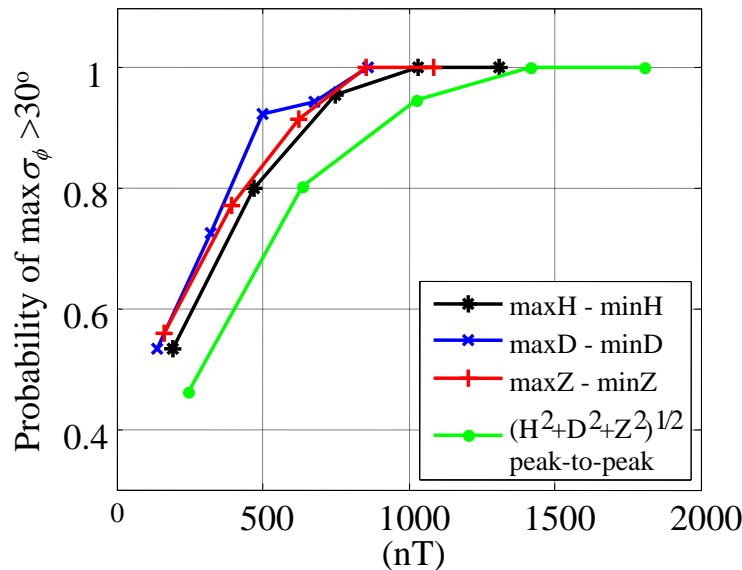
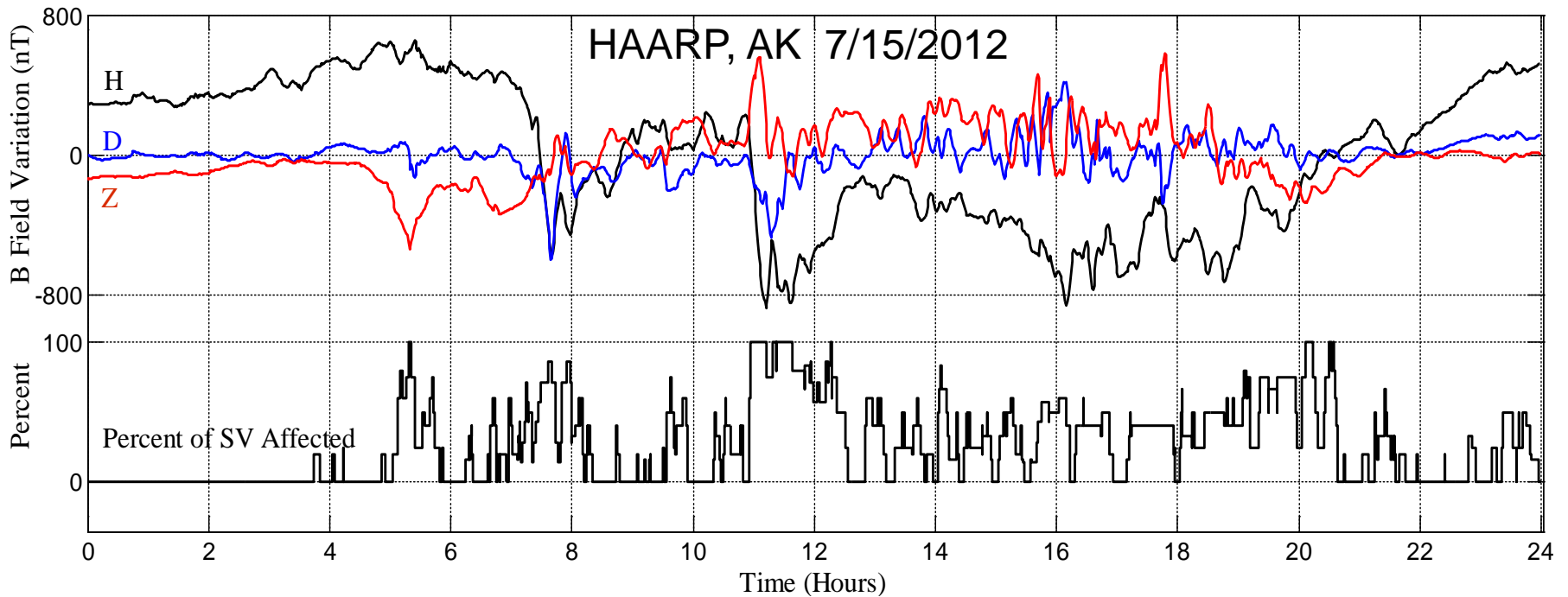
Diurnal Patterns



Solar Cycle Dependence: High vs. Low Lat

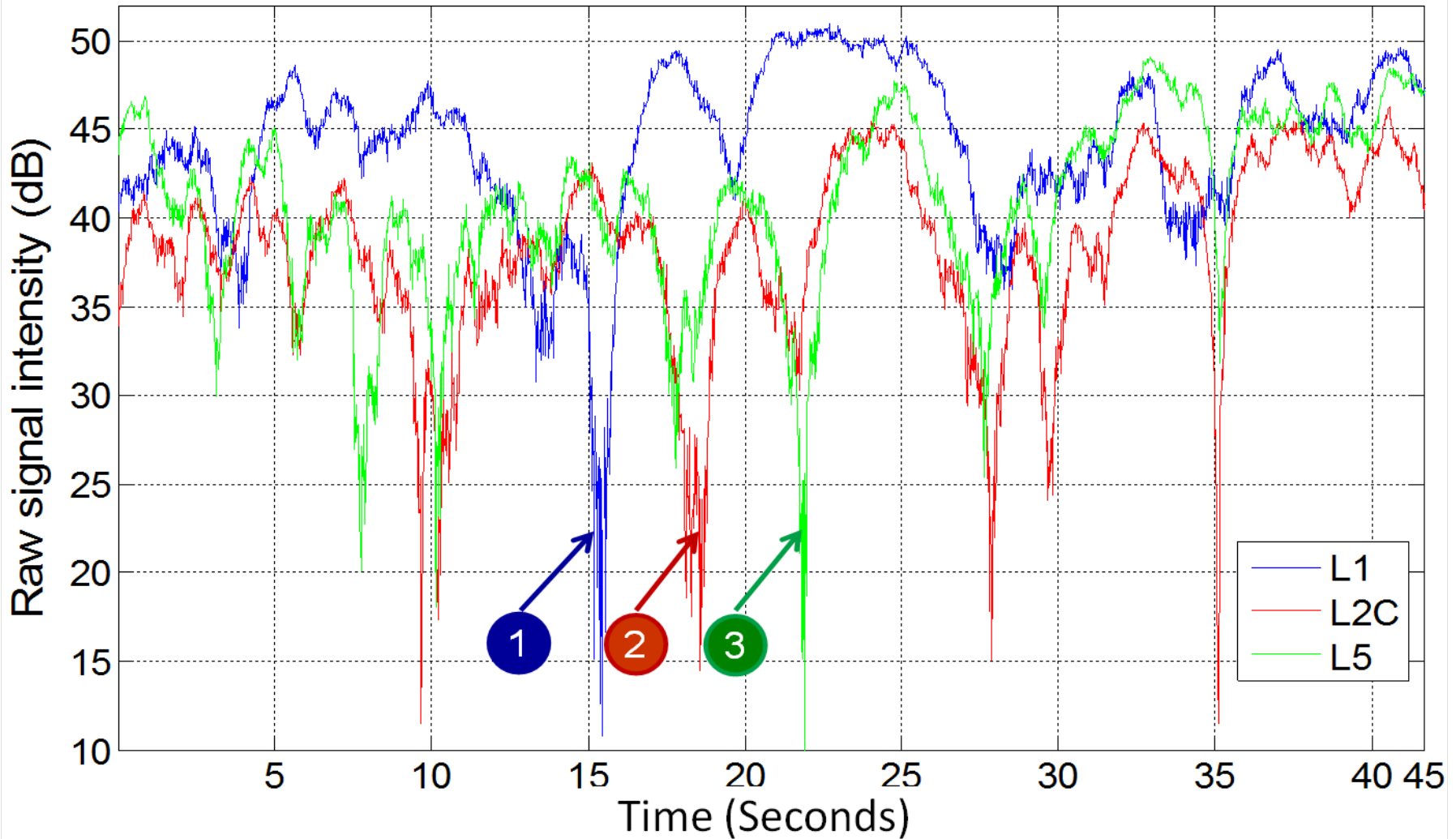


Geomagnetic Disturbance Impact on High Latitude



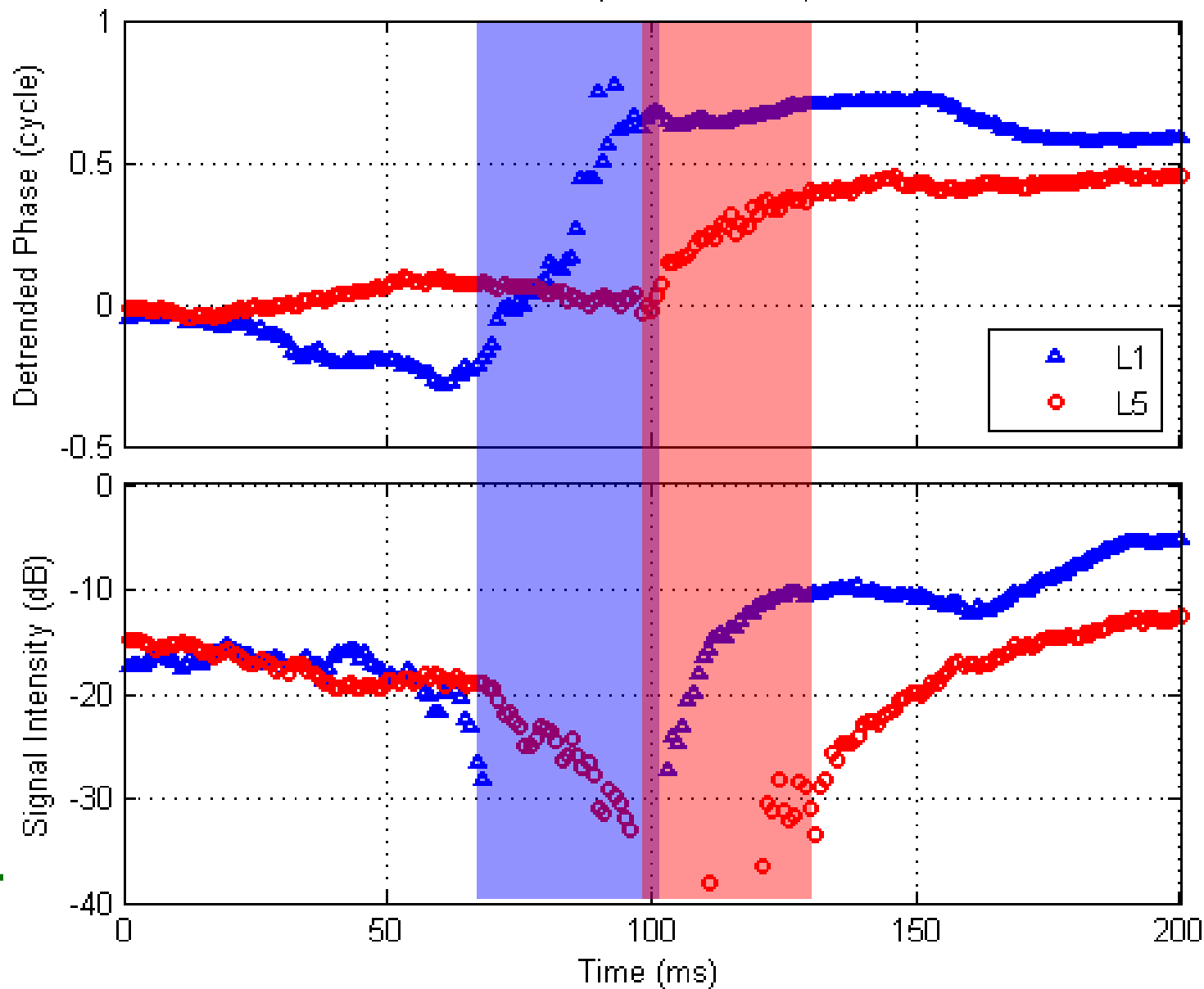
Frequency Diversity: Selective Fading

Ascension Island - 2013/03/05 Starting at 04:10 UT- PRN25



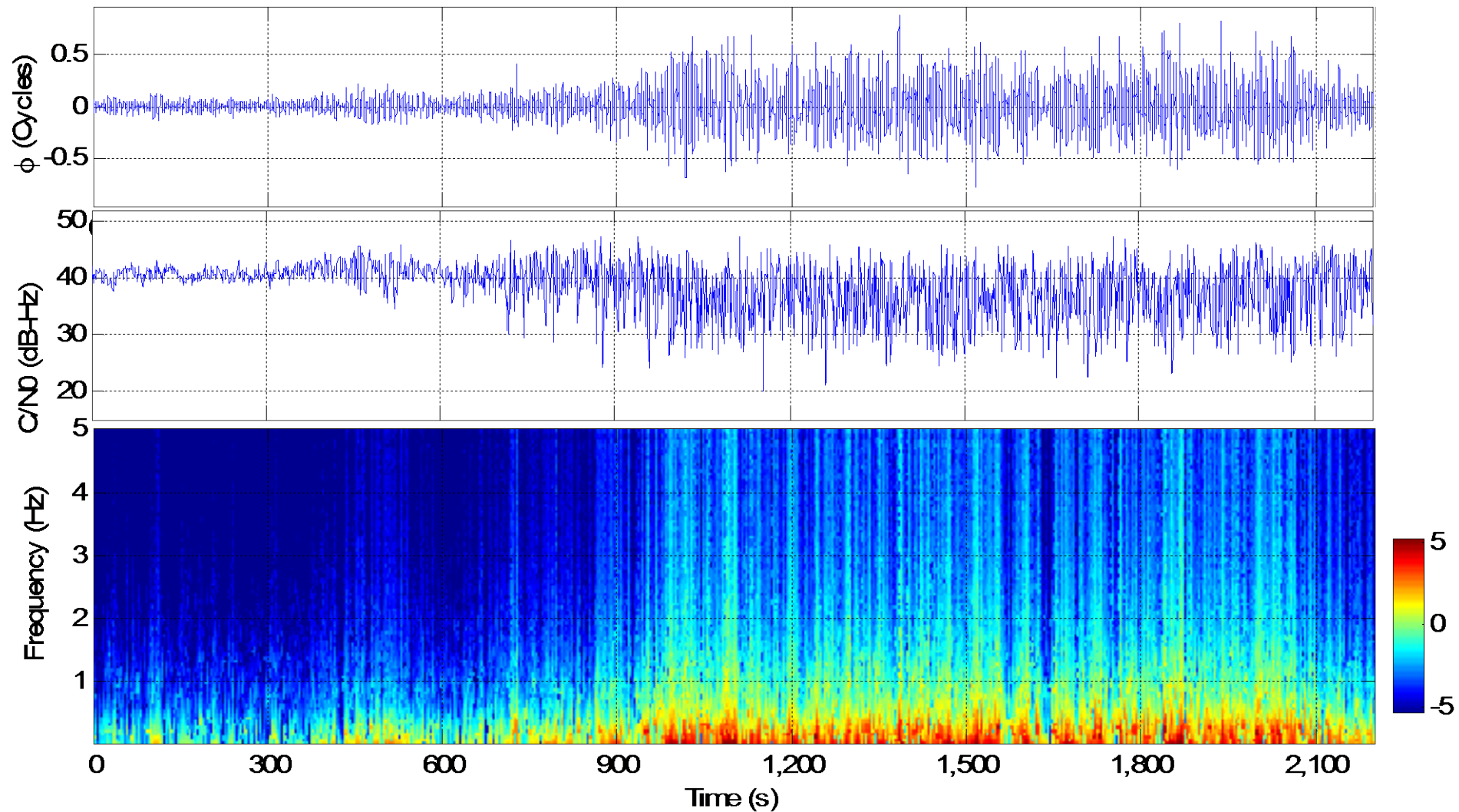
Multi-Frequency Deep Fading

03/08/2013 20:47:07 UTC, GPS PRN 24, Ascension Island

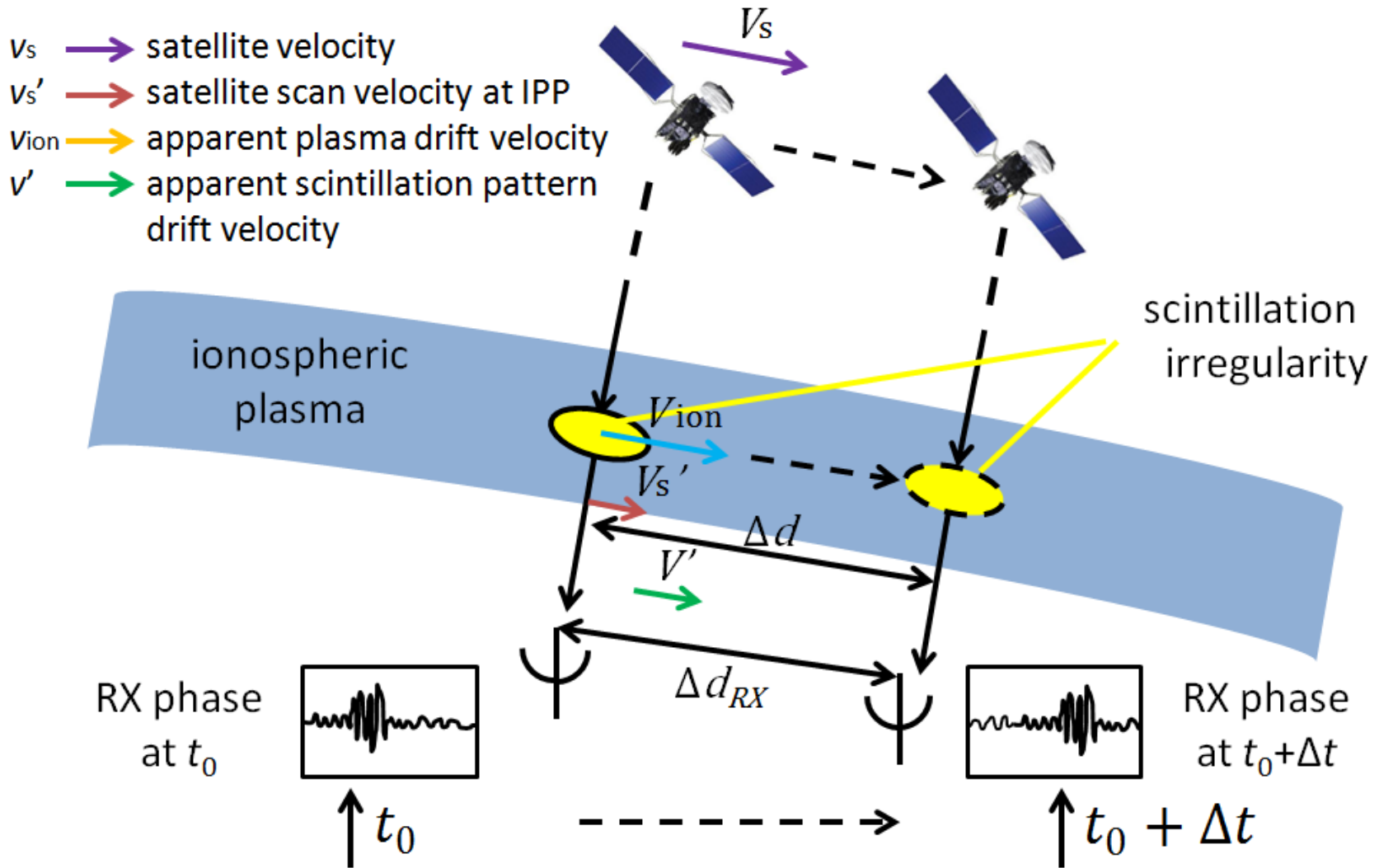


Carrier
Phaser
Reversal
During
Deep
Fading

Adaptive Joint Time-Frequency Analysis



Irregularity Dynamics Sensing Using GNSS Array



Array Processing: HAARP (Gakona, Alaska)

Lat: 62.39°, Lon: 145.15°W

Operation Center

HF Heating Array

Science Pad 3

Ant 4

Ant 2

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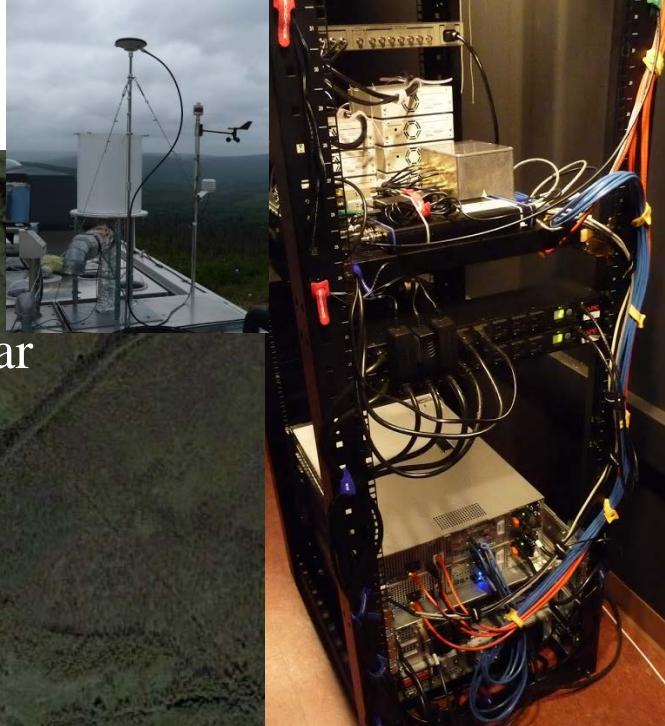
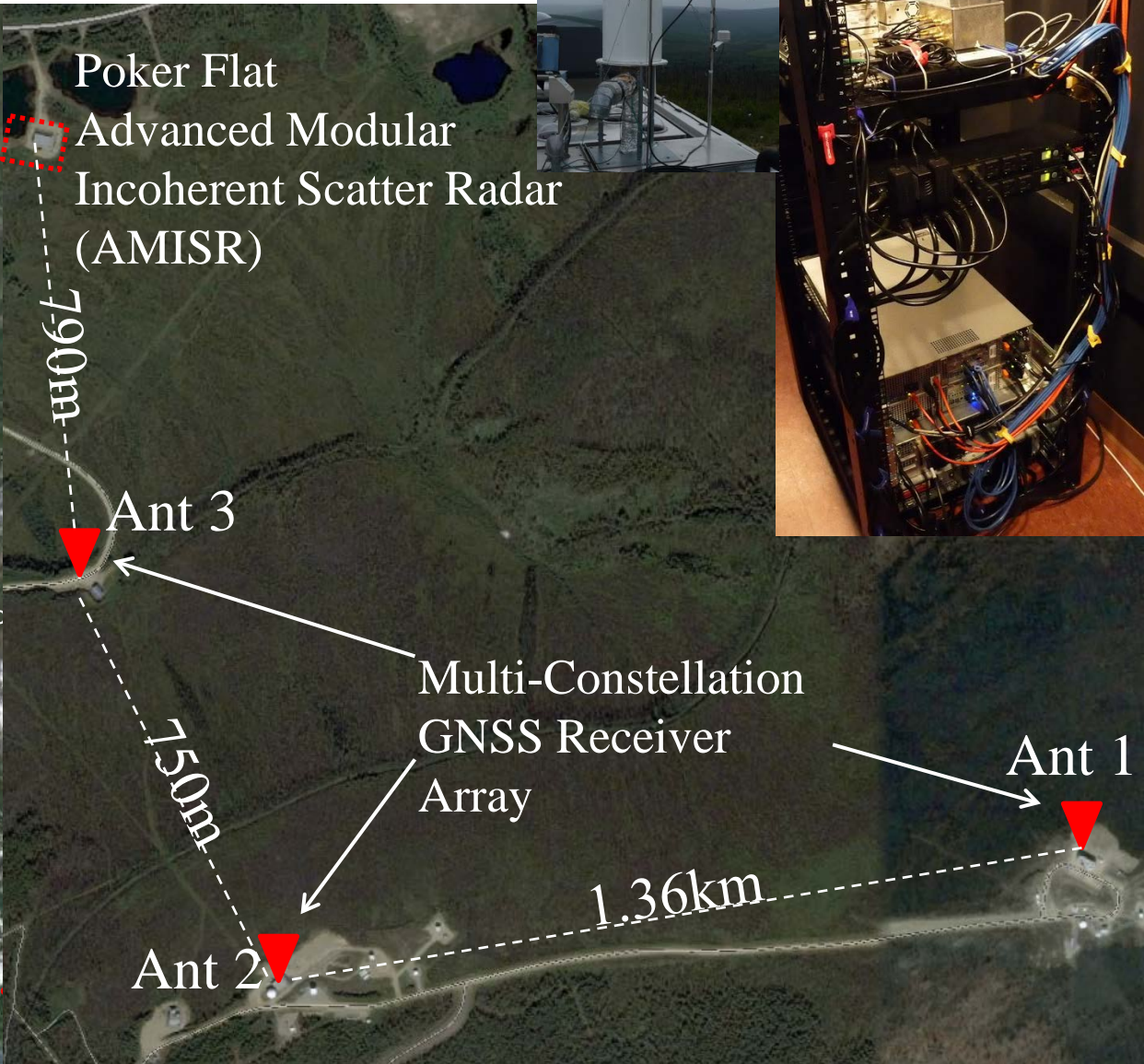
3km

1km

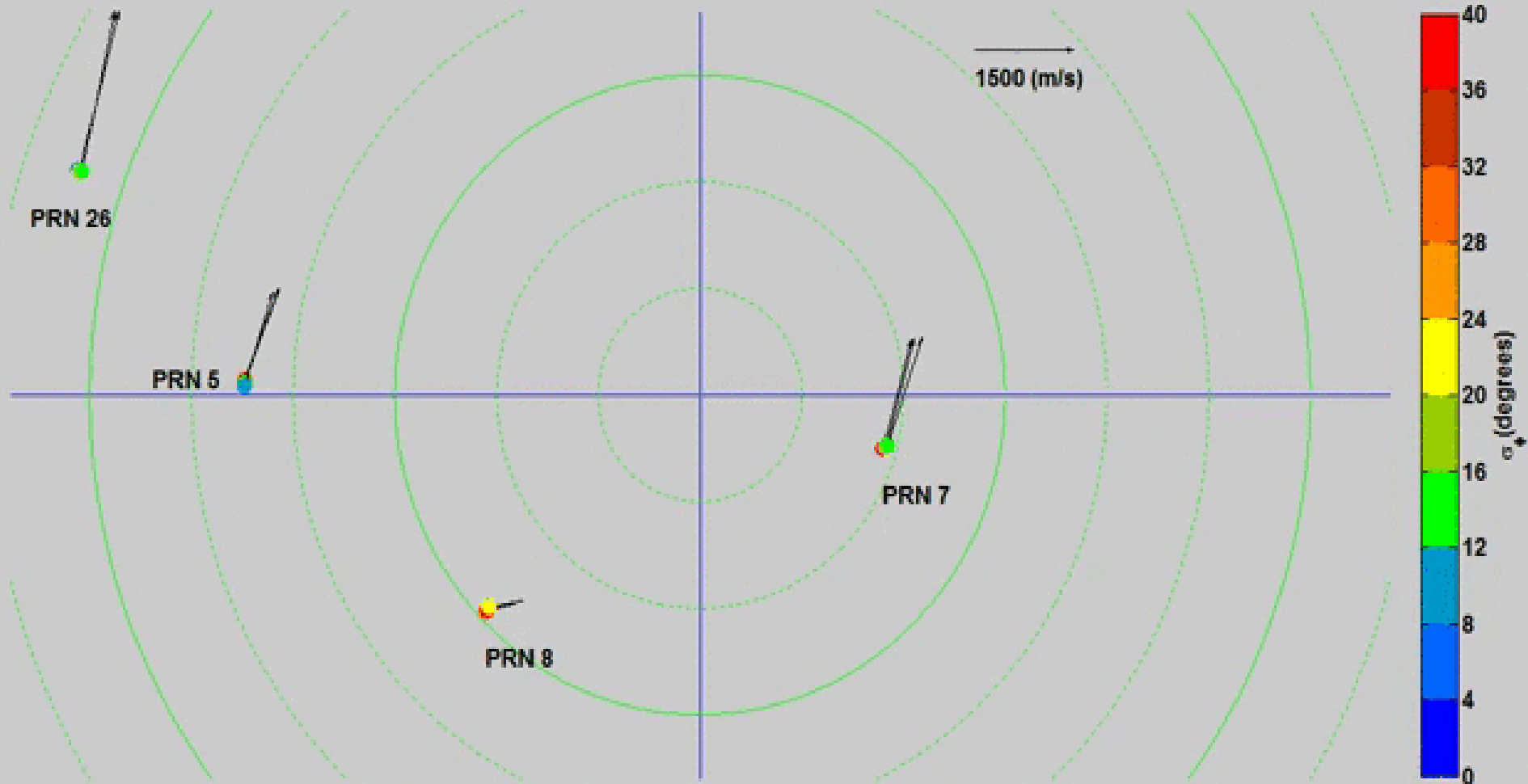
¼ km

North

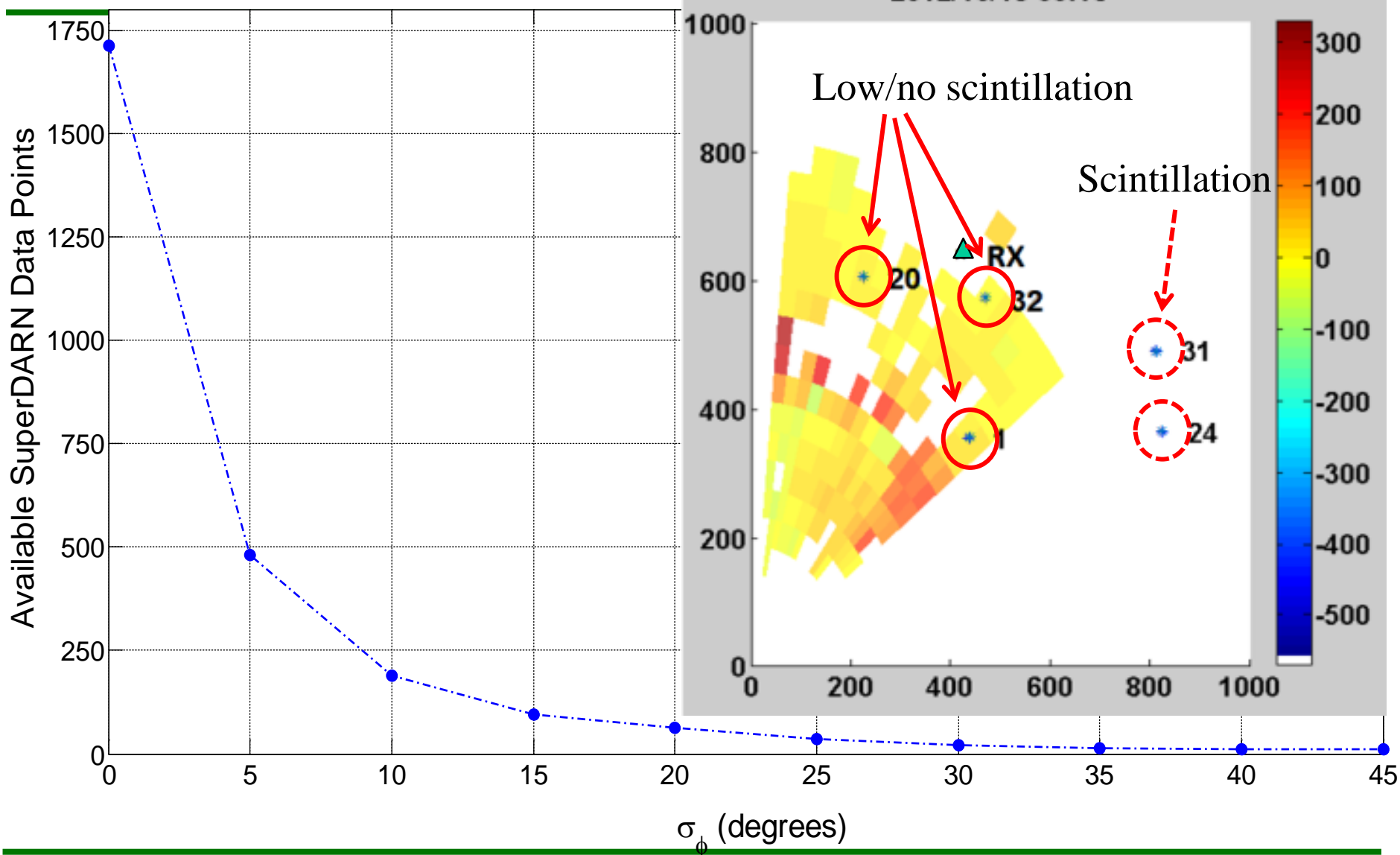
New Alaska Deployment



Plasma Structure Dynamics Monitoring



Comparison with SuperDARN



Novel GNSS Receiver Algorithms

- Adaptive Filtering
- Adaptive Inter-Channel Frequency Aiding
- Multi-Constellation Vector Processing
- Fixed Position Feedback
- Adaptive Drift Velocity Feedback

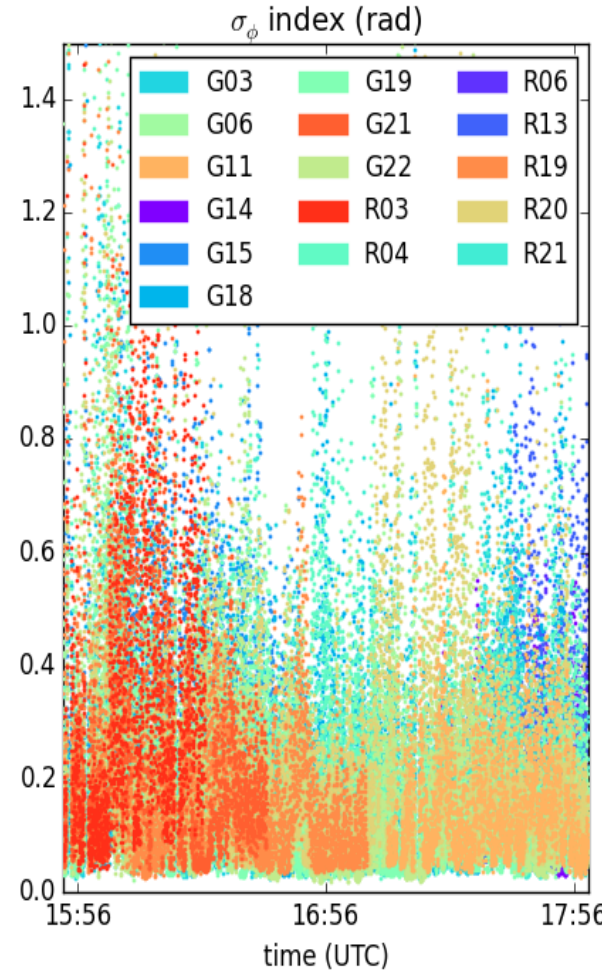
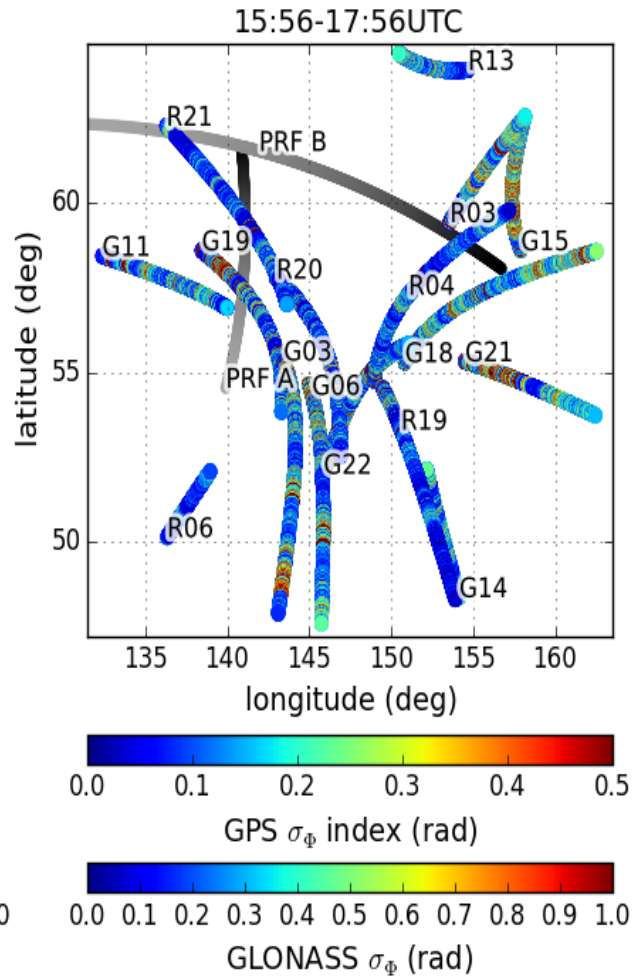
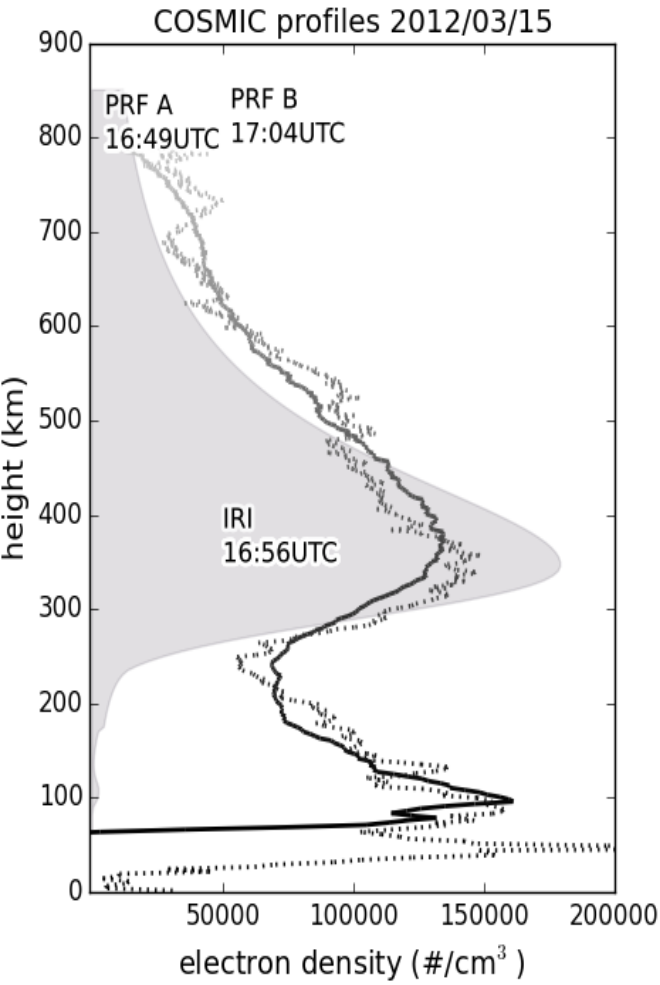
Conclusions

- High quality GNSS data is needed for
 - Continuous, accurate interpretation of ionosphere processes
 - Robust GNSS receivers development
- Successful data collection system yielding both known results as well as new observations
 - Adaptive processing is needed
 - Computation cost need to be improved

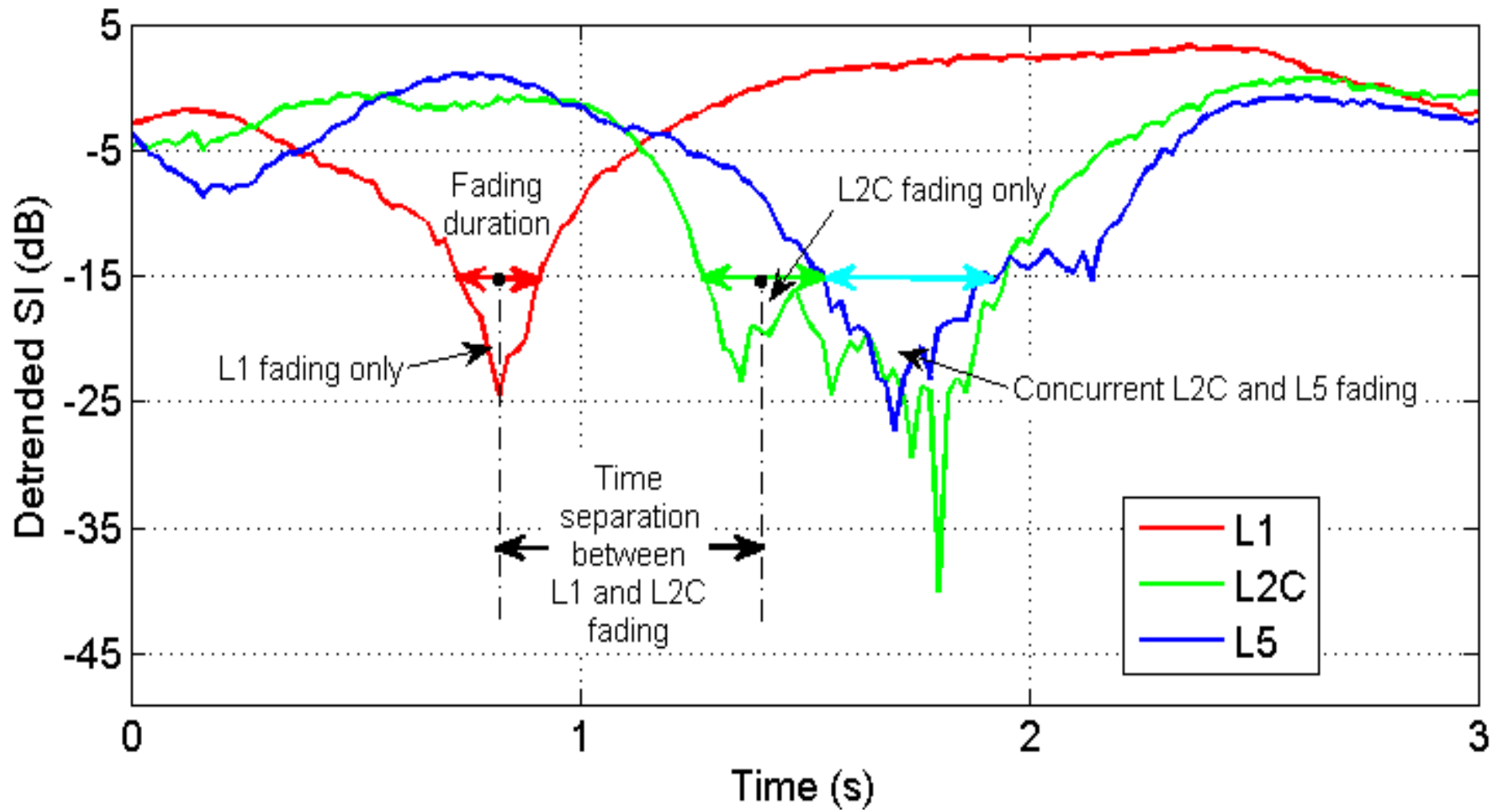
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Common Volume LEO and Ground Observations



Multi-Frequency Fading Analysis



Fading Overlap: Ascension Island

Threshold of detrended signal intensity: -15dB

Fading band	L1	L2C	L5
L1 only	95.3%	/	/
L2C only	/	82.9%	/
L5 only	/	/	80.7%
Concurrent L1 and L2C	3.0%	1.3%	/
Concurrent L1 and L5	1.4%	/	0.7%
Concurrent L2C and L5	/	15.7%	18.5%
Concurrent L1, L2C and L5	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%

	Fading Number
L1	1,791
L2C	4,591
L5	1,584
Total	7,966

More on Hong Kong, Singapore, and Brazil

← Very small percentage