

Latest improvements in CODE's IGS MGEX solution

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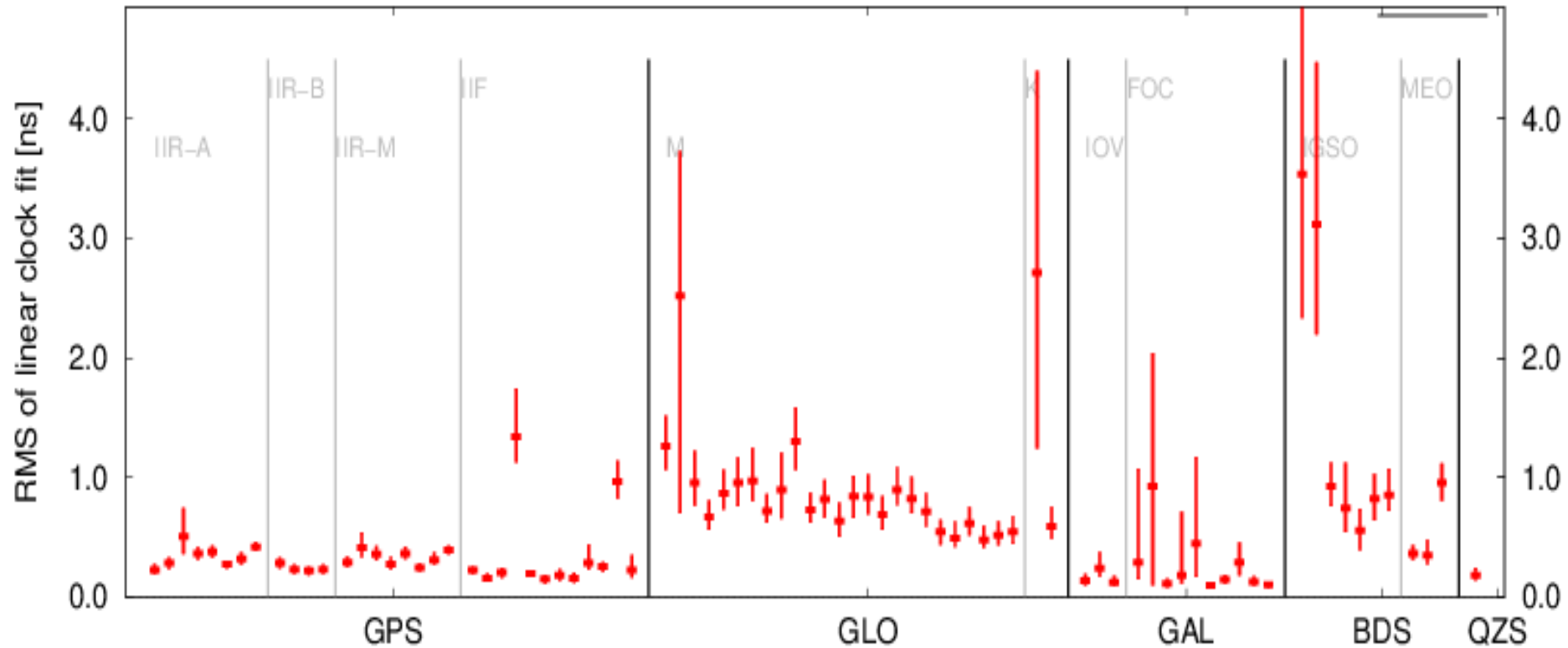
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Focus of MGEX-related activity since last IGS WS

- Survey of preliminary state:
 - Publication in JoG (doi 10.1007/s00190-016-0968-8)
- Operations and related tasks:
 - Adaptation to long RINEX3 file names
 - Switch to default antenna model (Steigenberger et al., 2016)
 - Switch to IGS14
- Upgrade of operational status:
 - Full integration into CODE IGS routine (software, configuration, merge of data bases)
 - Reaction to MGEX status change at IGS WS 2016
 - Better coordination of parallel developments

COM clock validation 2016: daily linear fit

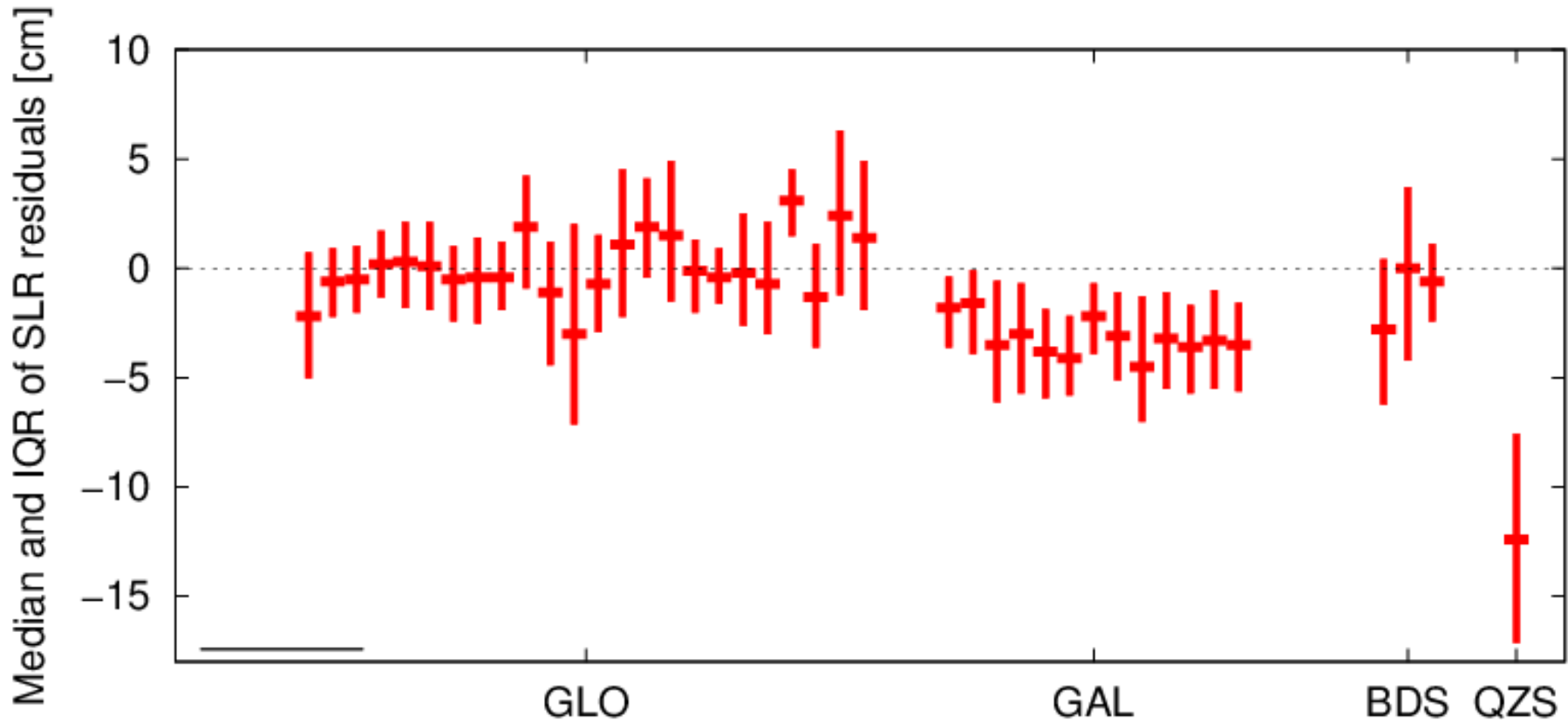
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- ⇒ Galileo PHM, QZS-1, most GPS IIR and IIF: excellent clocks (even suited for orbit validation)
- ⇒ Some GPS IIF, GLONASS, Galileo RAFS: worse (RMS: 0.5 ns or bigger)
- ⇒ BeiDou: mixed performance

COM orbit validation 2016: SLR residuals

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- ⇒ Significant SLR offsets for Galileo and QZSS due to orbit model deficiencies with impact on radial orbit component (respectively scale)
- ⇒ Model improvements are needed (e.g., ANTEX, albedo, antenna thrust)

Planned model changes

Improvements of orbit model planned in the near future:

- Galileo:**
- Activation of albedo and antenna thrust
 - Activation of IOV attitude model for all Galileo SC
 - Activation of pulses (every 12h in R,S,W)
 - IOV Antenna model (=> impact analysis: Villiger @plenary #6)
- QZSS:**
- Activation of albedo and antenna thrust ('guessed' box-wing model (own or external, e.g., Montenbruck et al. (2017))
 - **Later: Activation of ON attitude and suited SRP model**
- BDS:**
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Importance of satellite meta data

- Missing satellite meta data is a limiting factor for accuracy of estimated orbits and clocks



⇒ Publication of Galileo IOV satellite meta data by the GSA in Dec. 2016 is a step towards the right direction

⇒ Missing/unsure information: we can try to make a 'good guess' (like previously done, e.g., for GLONASS antenna thrust; is this tolerable?)

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Available/assumed information:

- Galileo:**
- Disclosed IOV meta data (satellite mass, size, and surface properties) => sufficient for simple box-wing model
 - Disclosed IOV attitude model
 - Assuming same models for FOC might not be correct, but better than nothing
 - Measured antenna transmit power for IOV and FOC presented by Steigenberger et al. at EGU 2017
- QZSS:**
- Very coarse info about satellite size provided (e.g., on MGEX website); assumption on surface properties (e.g., similar to IOV) => rough guess on simple box-wing model
 - Wide range of possible SC masses is provided on the IGS-MGEX website (1800 - 4100 kg)
 - Transmission power provided by Kogure et al. in: Springer Handbook of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (2017)

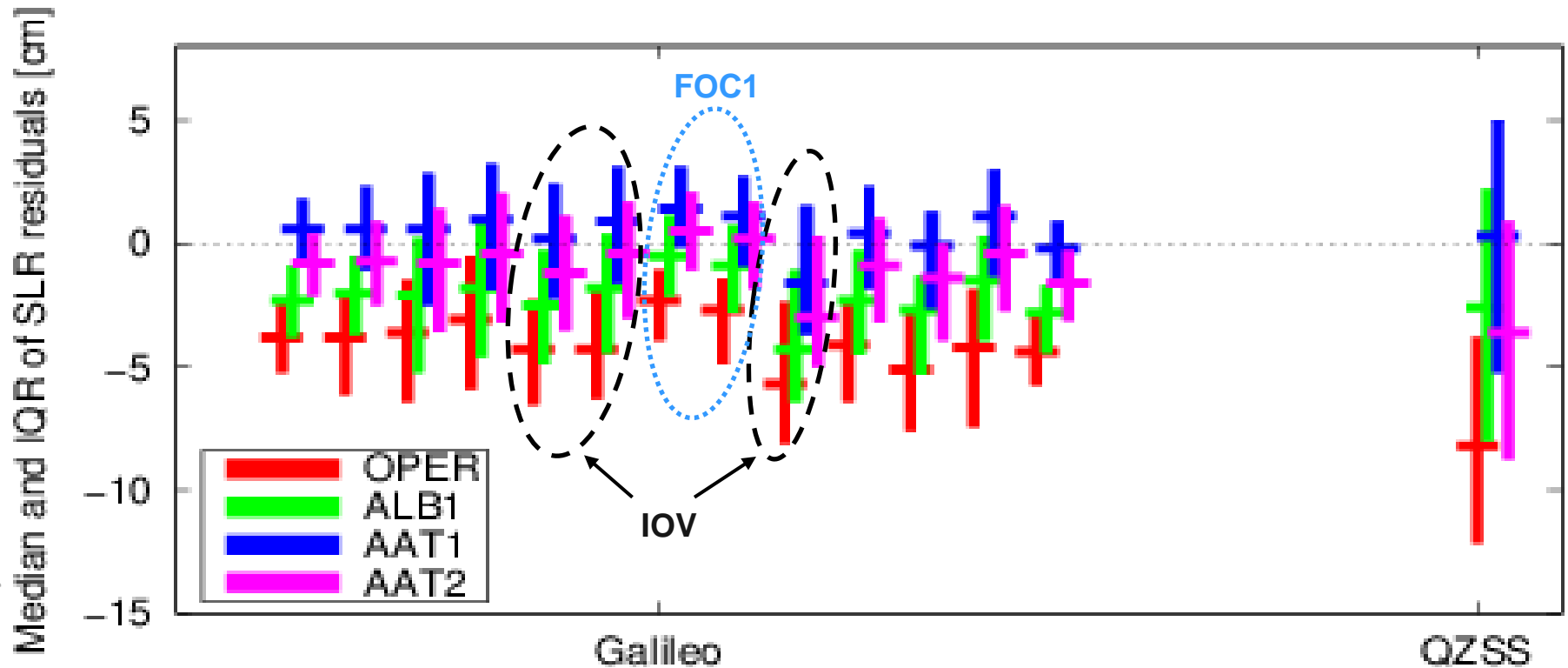
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Test	Galileo					QZSS		
Name	Albedo	Ant. Thr.	Attitude	Pulses	Median SLR [cm]	Albedo	Ant. Thr. (244 W)	Median SLR [cm]
OPER	-	-	-	-	-3.8	-	-	-7.8
ALB1	x	-	-	-	-2.0	m=1800 kg	-	-2.6
AAT1	x	260 W	-	-	+0.6	m=1800 kg	m=1800 kg	+0.3
AAT2	x	130 W	-	-	-0.7	m=3600 kg	m=3600 kg	-3.7
EAT	x	200 W	x	-	0.0	m=1950 kg	m=1950 kg	-0.3
EATPA	x	200 W	x	R, S, W; 12h	+0.6	m=1950 kg	m=1950 kg	-0.3

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AAT2	x	130 W	Impact antenna thrust: 1 cm/100 W			+0.7	Impact SC mass: 2.2 cm/1000 kg	
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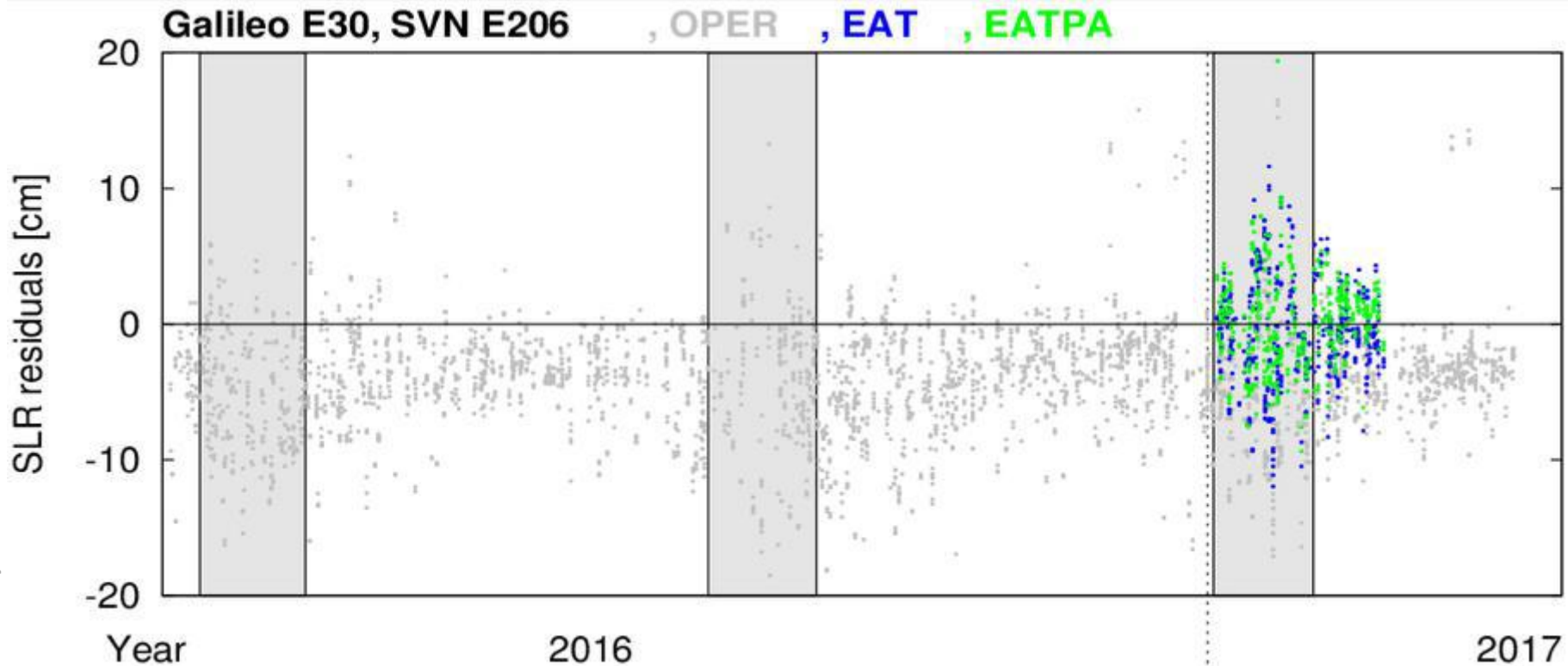
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⇒ Consideration of albedo and antenna thrust reduces SLR offset

- ⇒ Uncertainties remain:
- Satellite macro model is rough (IOV) or guessed (FOC, QZSS)
 - True satellite mass and CoM unknown (QZSS)
 - Uncertainties w.r.t. transmit power
 - Astron - Antenna calibration also impacts orbit scale

Expected impact of model changes

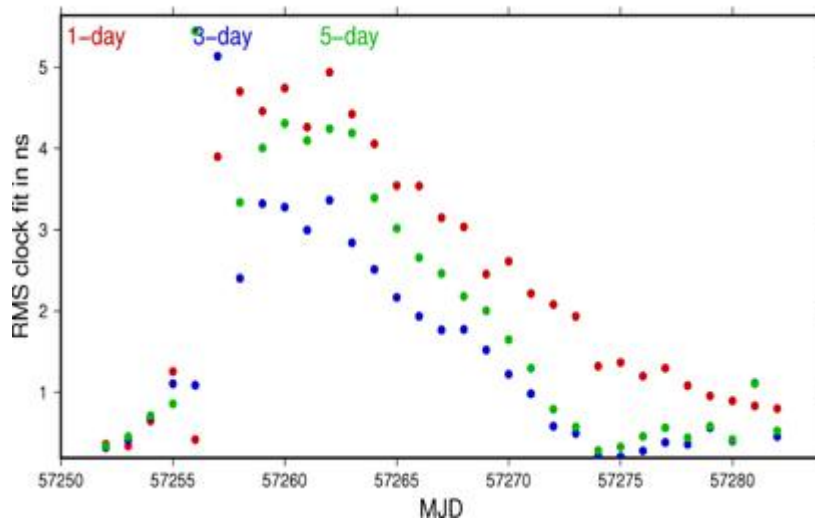


- ⇒ IOV attitude model (OPER vs. EAT): minimal impact
- ⇒ Pulses in R, S, W (EATPA): IQR drops 4.8 → 3.8 cm
(expected future configuration)
- ⇒ Orbit errors remain increased during eclipses (why?)

Orbit normal mode (ON)

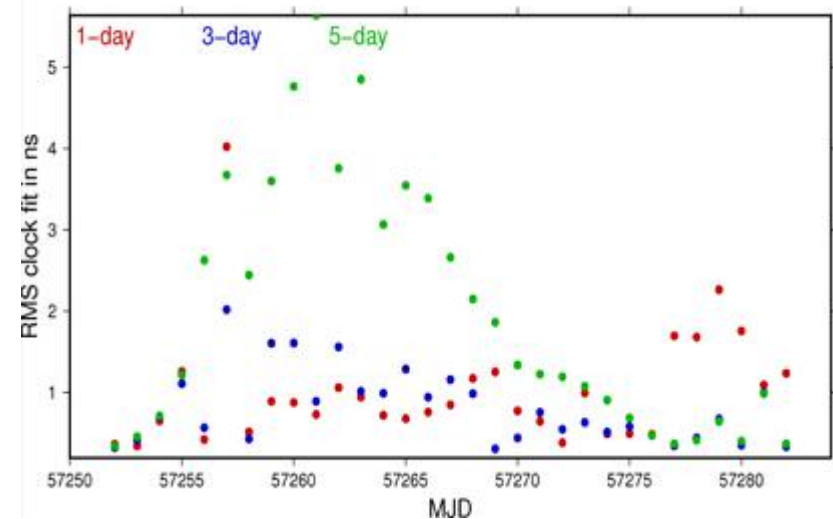
- Tests with QZS-1 and BDS POD
- Simulating and testing empirical SRP models using different decompositions and parameterizations (ECOM-N v...)

QZS-1 with ECOM2



Classical ECOM SRP models are not suited for ON

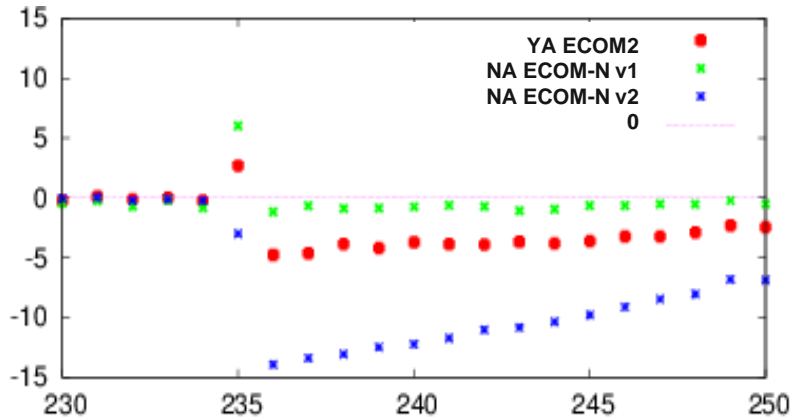
QZS-1 with ECOM-N v2



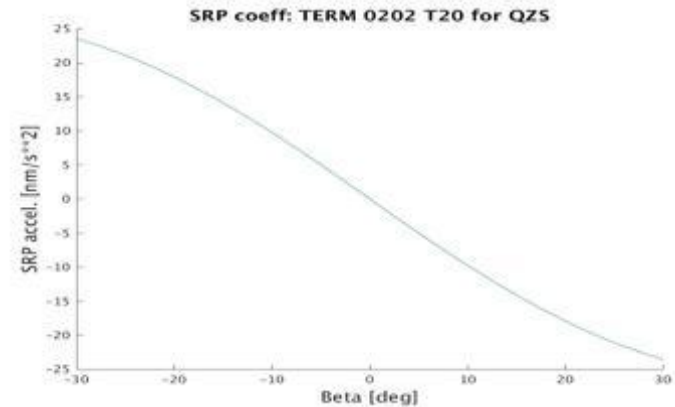
New SRP models: improvement for shorter arcs

Orbit normal mode (ON)

- Size of some new SRP parameters is a function of the Beta angle

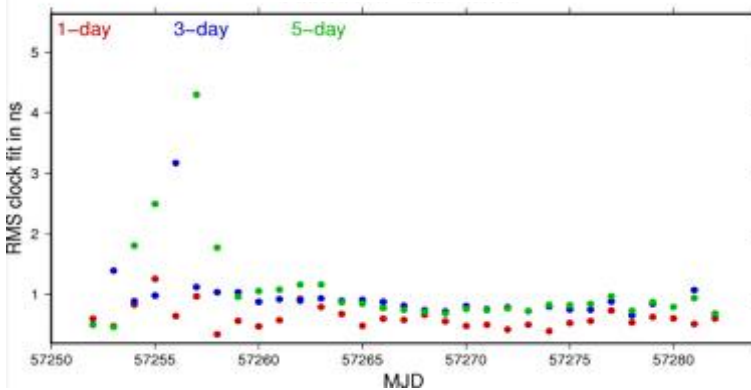


Estimated SRP coefficient of QZS-1



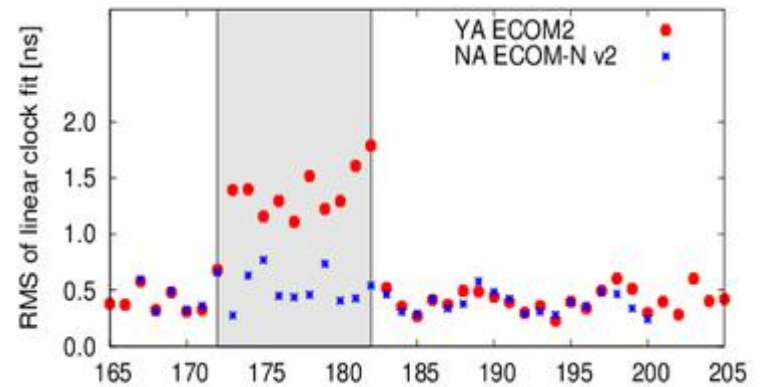
Simulated SRP coefficient of QZS-1

QZS-1 with ECOM-N v4



- QZS-1: consideration of Beta: improvement also for long arcs

C11 with ECOM-N v2



- BDS: simple (no Beta-dependency) SRP model sufficient

COM to-do list

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- Use of RINEX3 files from IGS and EPN - now also with long file names; selection of observation types
- Improved SRP model for yaw-steering attitude (ECOM2, Arnold et al., 2015)
- Proper handling of observation biases; BIAS-SINEX
- Attitude laws for GPS, GLONASS, Galileo eclipses
- Tuning of ambiguity resolution for Galileo, BeiDou, QZSS
- Albedo radiation modelling for Galileo, QZSS, BeiDou
- Antenna thrust for (GLONASS), Galileo, QZSS, BeiDou
- Normal attitude and related SRP models for QZSS and BeiDou
- ANTEX (PCO+PCV) for Galileo, QZSS, BeiDou

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