

## Effect of PCOs on phase biases

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## Satellite PCO model

- Classical model is to estimate frequency-independent satellite PCO by IGS ACs
  - Earlier GPS, GLONASS satellites
- Spacecraft manufacturers tend to provide trustworthy frequency-specific PCO calibrations
  - GPS Block III, Galileo, BDS satellites

	G24 (GPS Block IIF)		
	X	Y	Z
L1	394.00	0.00	1247.10
L2	394.00	0.00	1247.10

	G04 (GPS Block IIIA)		
	X	Y	Z
L1	3.80	-18.10	1082.20
L2	3.10	-16.20	590.30

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- Frequency-specific PCO effect cannot cancel in the Melbourne-Wübbena combination

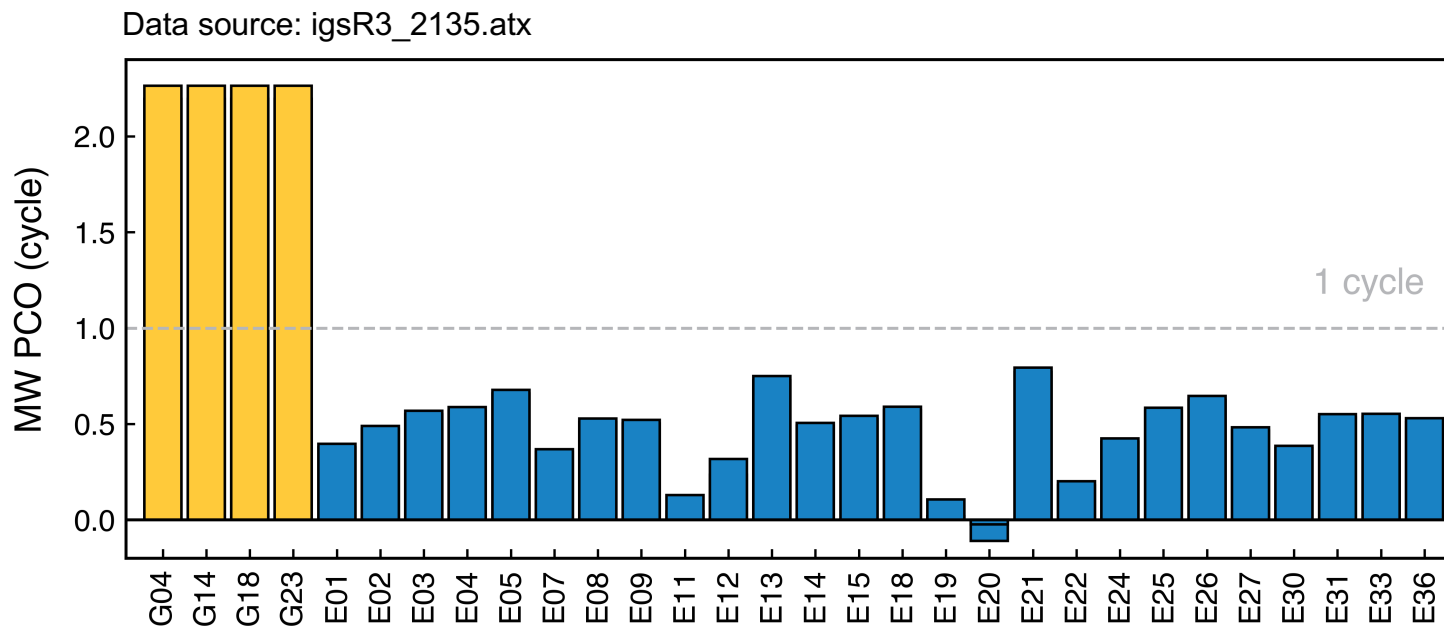
$$L_{\text{MW}} = \frac{f_1 L_1 - f_2 L_2}{f_1 - f_2} - \frac{f_1 P_1 + f_2 P_2}{f_1 + f_2} \quad \leftarrow \text{Melbourne-Wübbena combination}$$

$$S_{\text{MW}} = \frac{f_1 s_1 - f_2 s_2}{f_1 - f_2} - \frac{f_1 s_1 + f_2 s_2}{f_1 + f_2} = \frac{2 f_1 f_2}{f_1^2 - f_2^2} (s_1 - s_2) \quad \leftarrow \text{Effect of satellite PCO}$$

- $S_{\text{MW}}$  become zero only when PCO (i.e.,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ ) are equal on the two frequencies

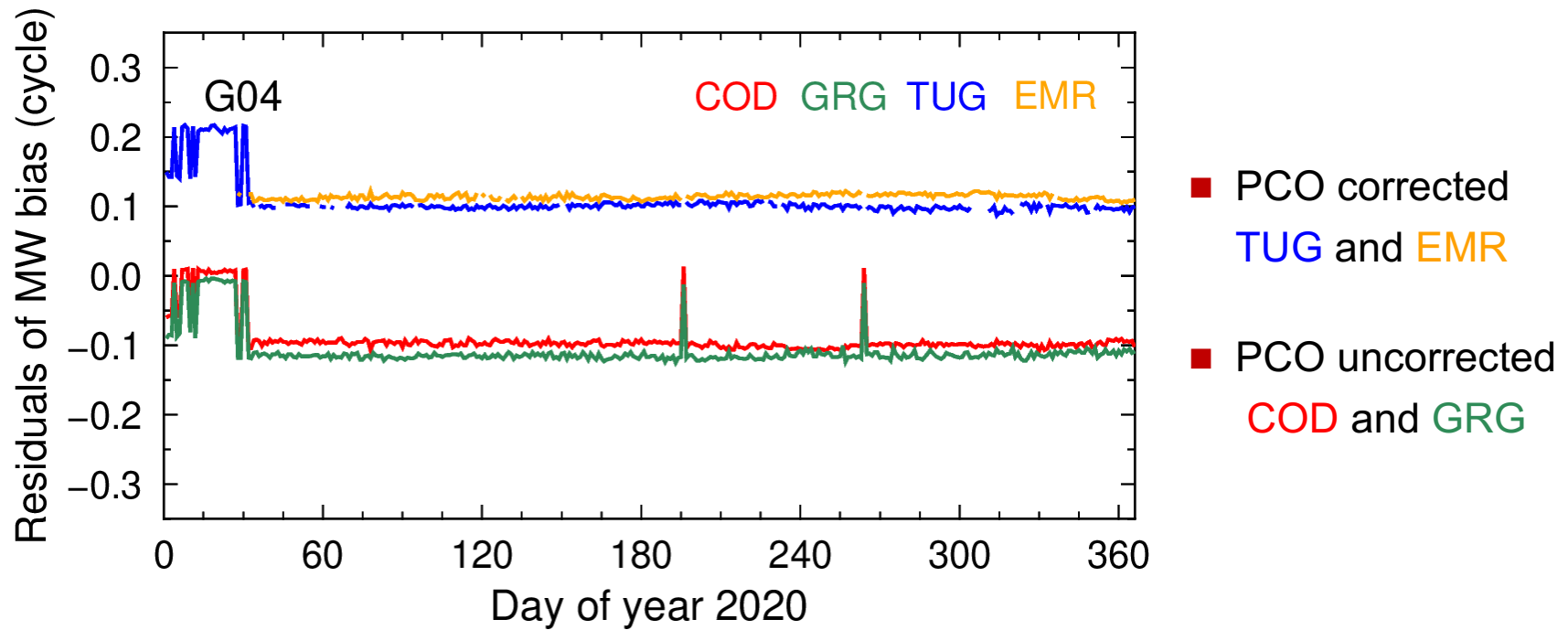
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- The PCO effect on the Melbourne-Wübbena ranges from 0.1 to 2.3 cycles



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- The satellite PCO effects are mostly absorbed into wide-lane phase biases



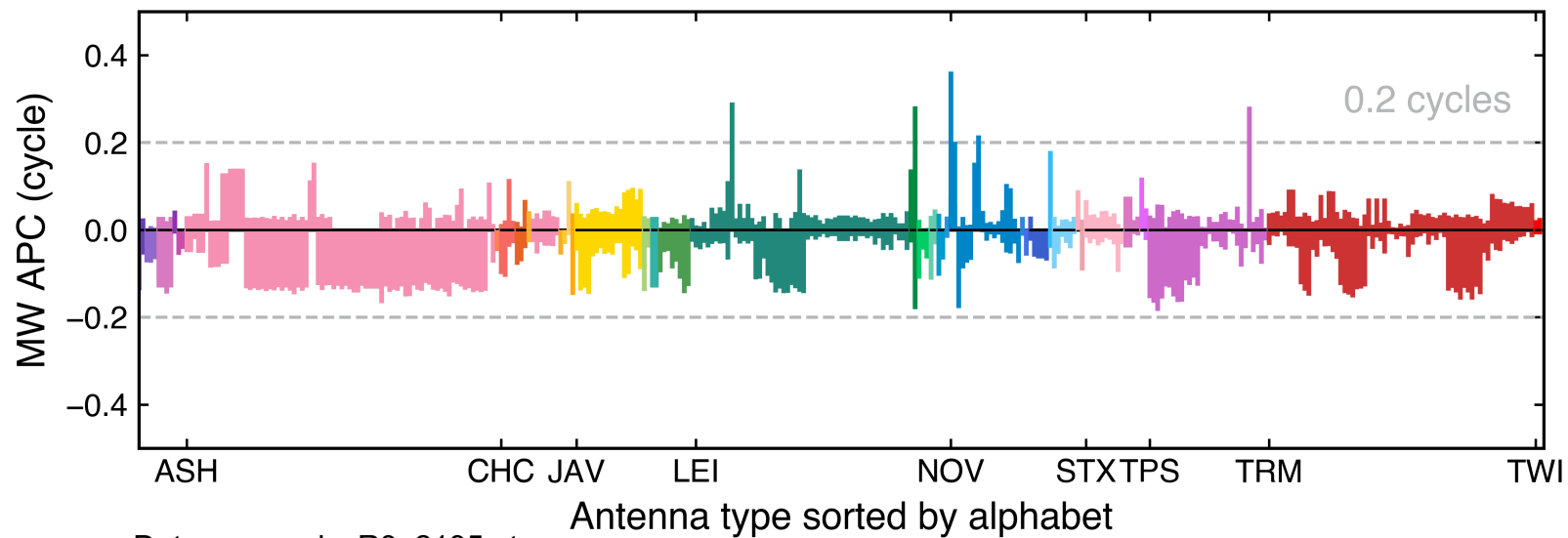
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- Such phase bias products cannot be applied to uncombined PPP-AR
  - Wide-lane ambiguities in uncombined PPP are computed by raw ambiguity estimates
- [Case study](#): uncombined PPP-AR at 15 stations for day 4, 2020 using Wuhan phase bias products with/out PCO corrections

	Biases without PCO corrections	Biases with PCO corrections
GPS fixing rate (%)	98.48/93.62	98.46/93.56
Galileo fixing rate (%)	<b>71.53</b> /97.15	98.96/97.84

## Effect of receiver PCOs on phase bias

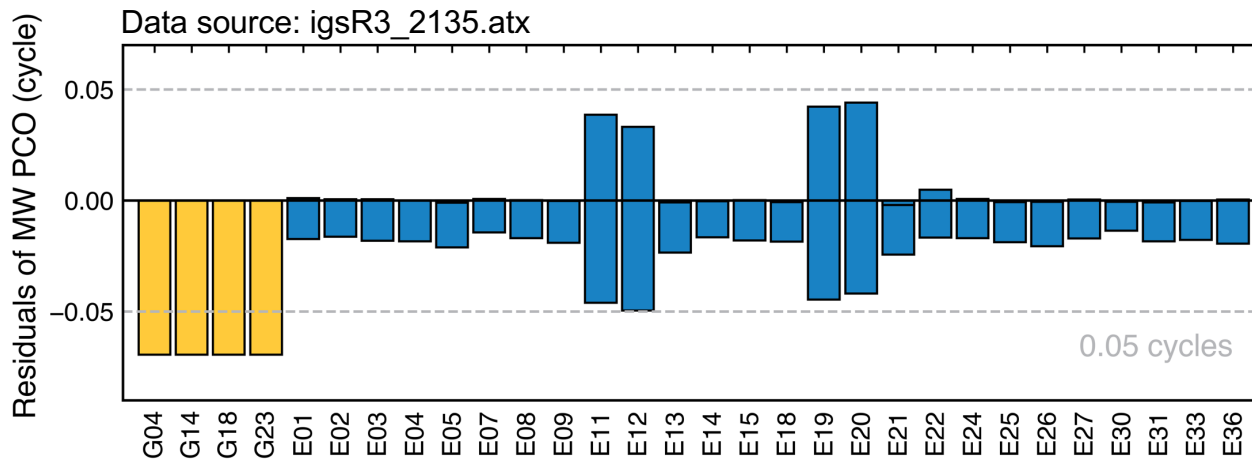
- The receiver PCO effects are generally much less significant than the satellite PCO
  - Some exceed 0.2 cycles
- The receiver PCO effect is highly elevation and azimuth dependent



# Approximate mitigation of PCO effects

- Approximate the true satellite PCO effect by the difference of frequency-specific z-PCO

$$s_{MW} = \frac{2f_1f_2}{f_1^2 - f_2^2} \overset{\text{Time-variable}}{(s_1 - s_2)} \approx \frac{2f_1f_2}{f_1^2 - f_2^2} \overset{\text{constant}}{(z_1 - z_2)}$$

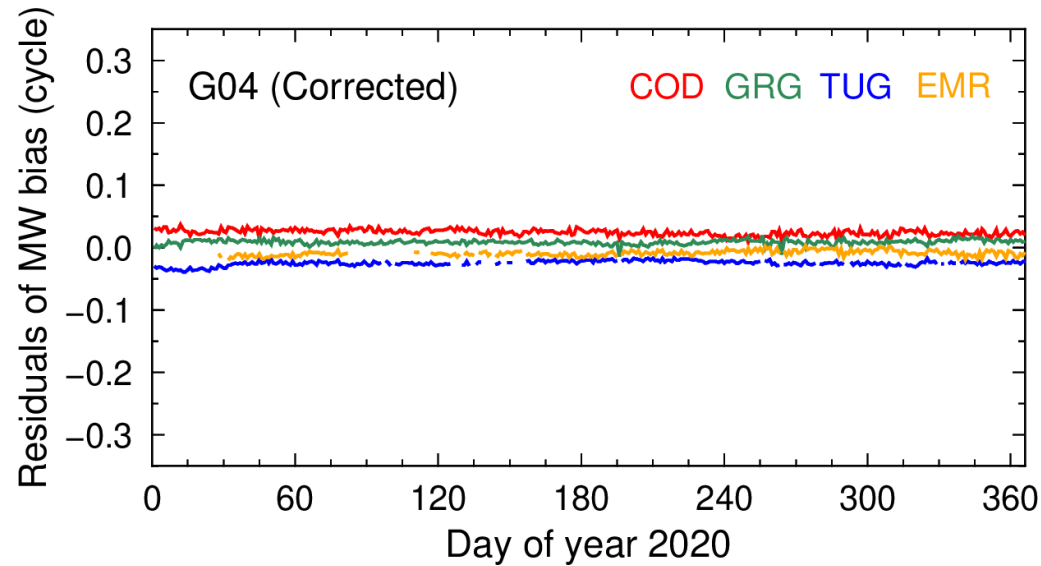


■ The residuals of PCO effects after approximate corrections



## Approximate mitigation of PCO effects

- The interoperability between wide-lane biases from different ACs can be recovered
- The consistency among the corrected wide-lane biases are less than 0.03 cycles



## Summary

- The frequency-specific PCO effect cannot cancel in the Melbourne-Wübbena combination
  - Phase biases without correcting for PCO cannot be applied to uncombined PPP-AR
  - The interoperability between phase biases from different ACs might be corrupted
- The PCO effect on wide-lane biases can be mitigated by a z-PCO approximation strategy
- ACs are recommended to correct for PCO effects **fully** in their every observation modeling **with no exception**
  - For a rigorous processing, receiver PCO effects should also be corrected though