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**Satellite Navigation for Guidance of Aircraft**

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# Satellite Navigation for Guidance of Aircraft



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# Conclusions

- ➔ GNSS can be used to provide aircraft navigation for all levels of service
- ➔ Integrity is a key concern
  - ➔ *Important to understand what can go wrong and how to protect users*
- ➔ Observation and data collection are key to understanding behavior
  - ➔ *A long history of careful and consistent data monitoring are required*
  - ➔ *Practical experience leads to trust and acceptance*



# Outline (1 of 2)

- Aviation Requirements
  - *Current Navigational Aids*
  - *Performance Based Navigation*
- GPS and Error Sources
- The Local Area Augmentation System
- The Wide-Area Augmentation System
  - *Clock & Orbit*
  - *Ionosphere*
  - *Troposphere*
  - *Message Structure*



# Outline (2 of 2)

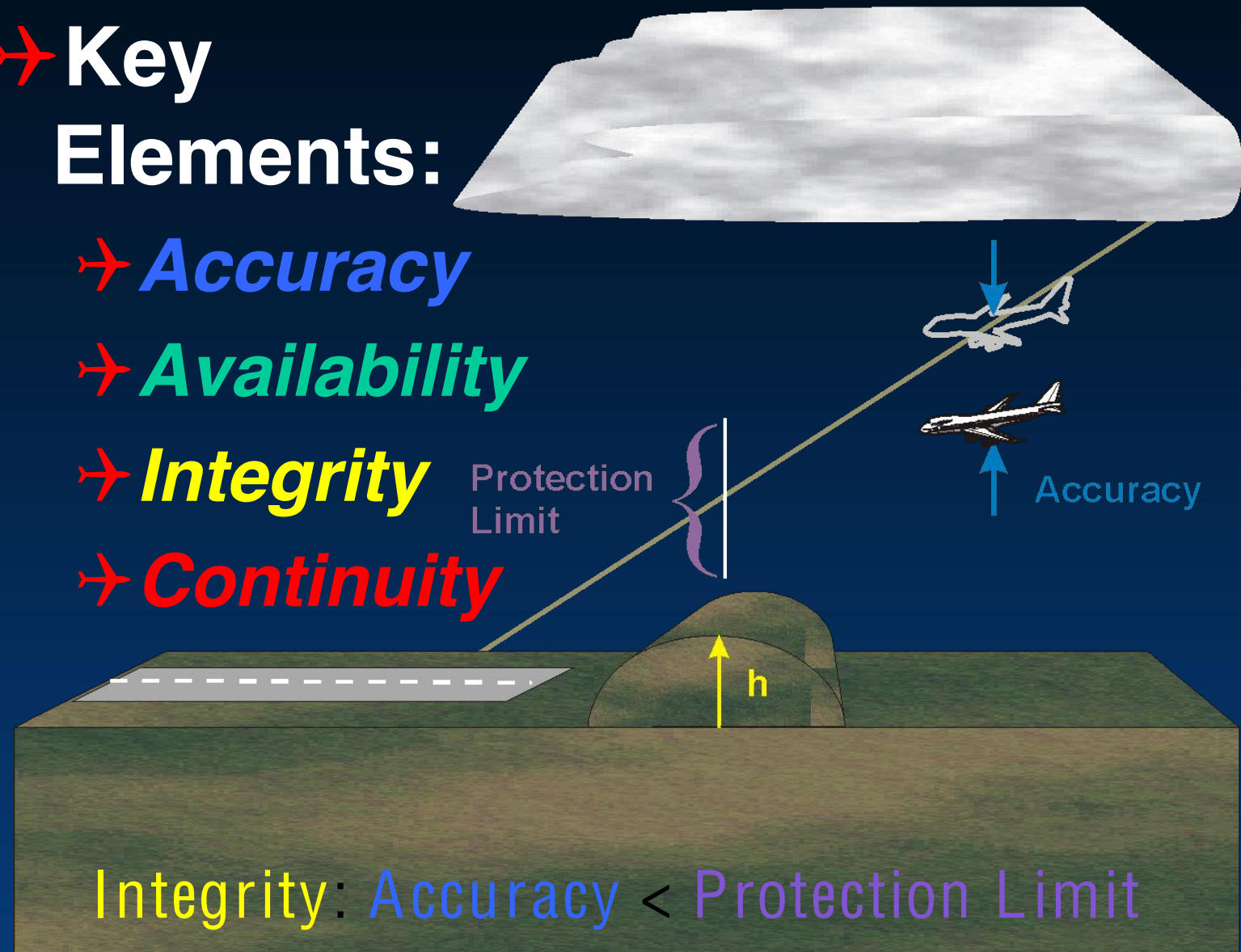
- Ionospheric Modeling
- Ionospheric Threats
- Other Integrity Threats
- Integrity Methodology
- Next Generation Satellite Navigation
- Future Signals
- Conclusions



# Aircraft Guidance Goals

## → Key Elements:

- Accuracy
- Availability
- Integrity
- Continuity



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# Goal of Parameters

**Accuracy** : Characterize typical behavior of the system in presence of nominal errors

**Integrity** : Limit risk of abnormal behavior of the system due to errors resulting from system faults

- Integrity Risk
- Maximum Tolerable Error
- Time to Alert

**Continuity** : Limit risk of losing the service unexpectedly

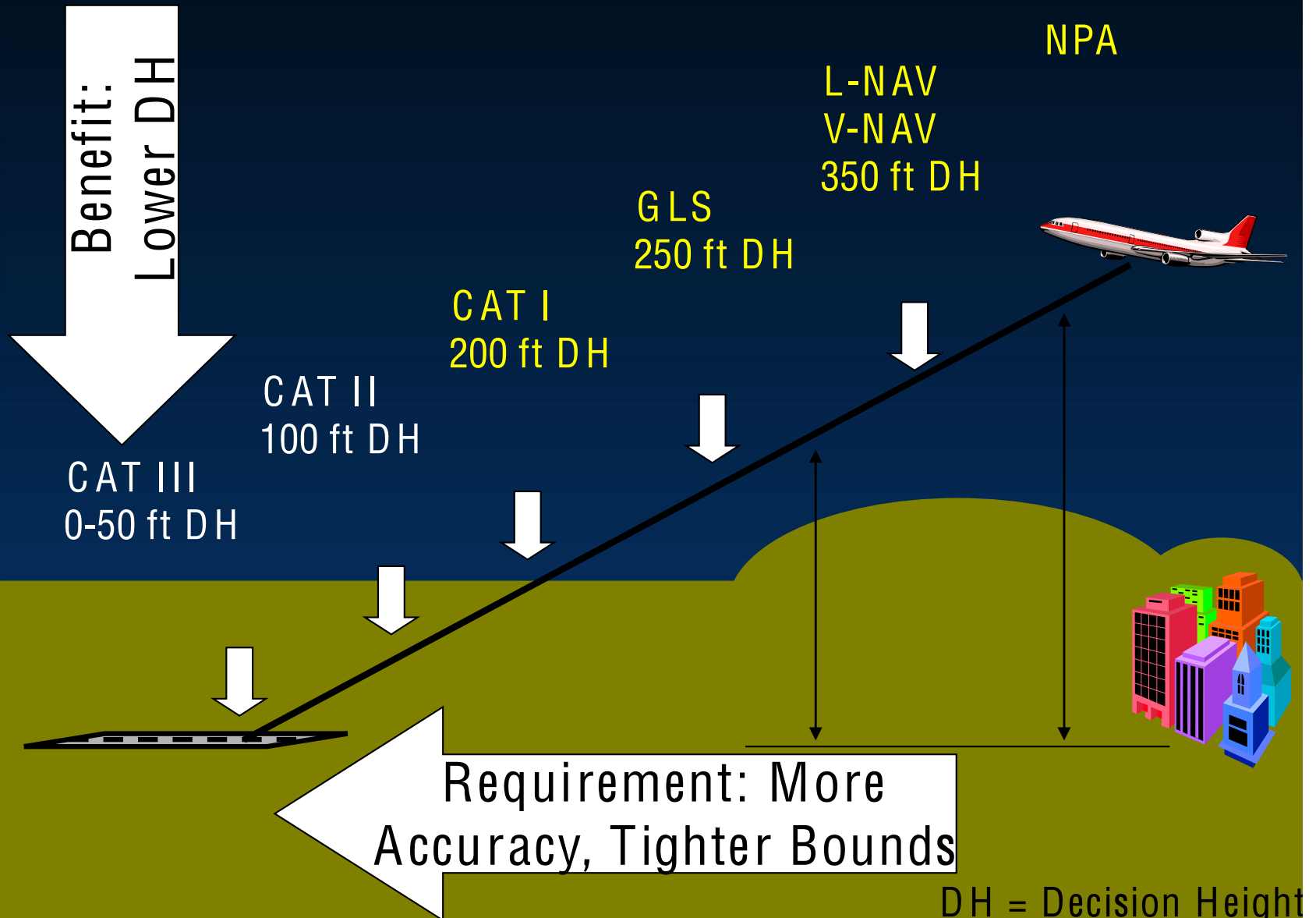
**Availability** : Fraction of time that one has  
Accuracy + Integrity + Continuity

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# Vertical Guidance



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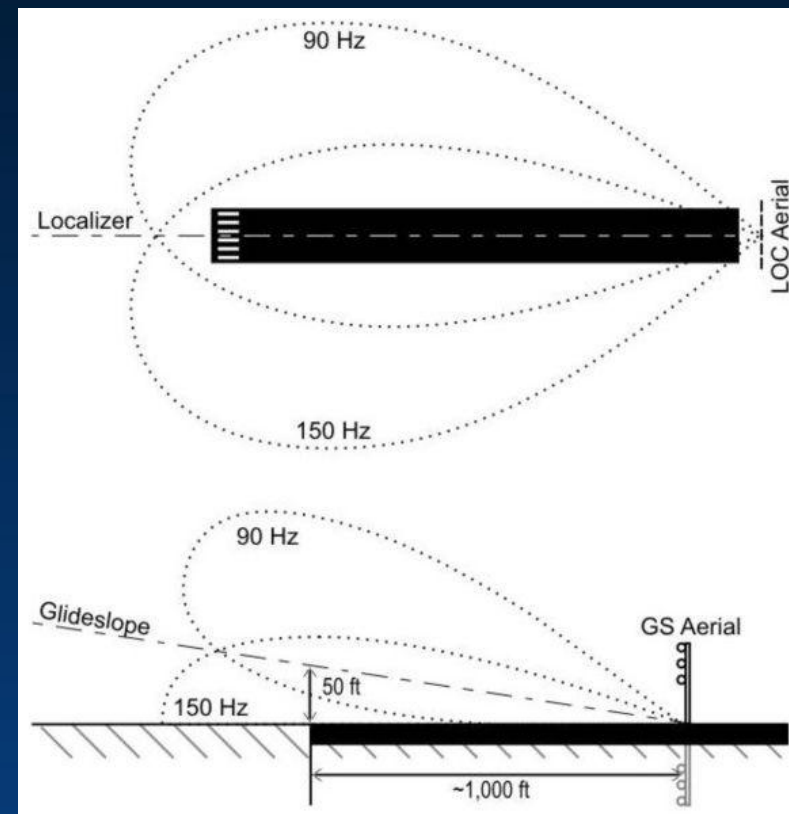
# 200' DH Requirements

- Accuracy:  $< 4$  m 95% Horizontal and Vertical
- Integrity:
  - *Less than  $10^{-7}$  probability of true error larger than 40 m horizontally or 35 m vertically*
  - *6 second time-to-alert*
- Continuity:  $< 10^{-5}$  Chance of Aborting a Procedure Once It Is Initiated
- Availability:  $> 99\%$  of Time



# Navigational Aids

- ➔ Instrument Landing System (ILS)
  - ➔ *Glideslope antenna for vertical*
  - ➔ *Localizer for horizontal*





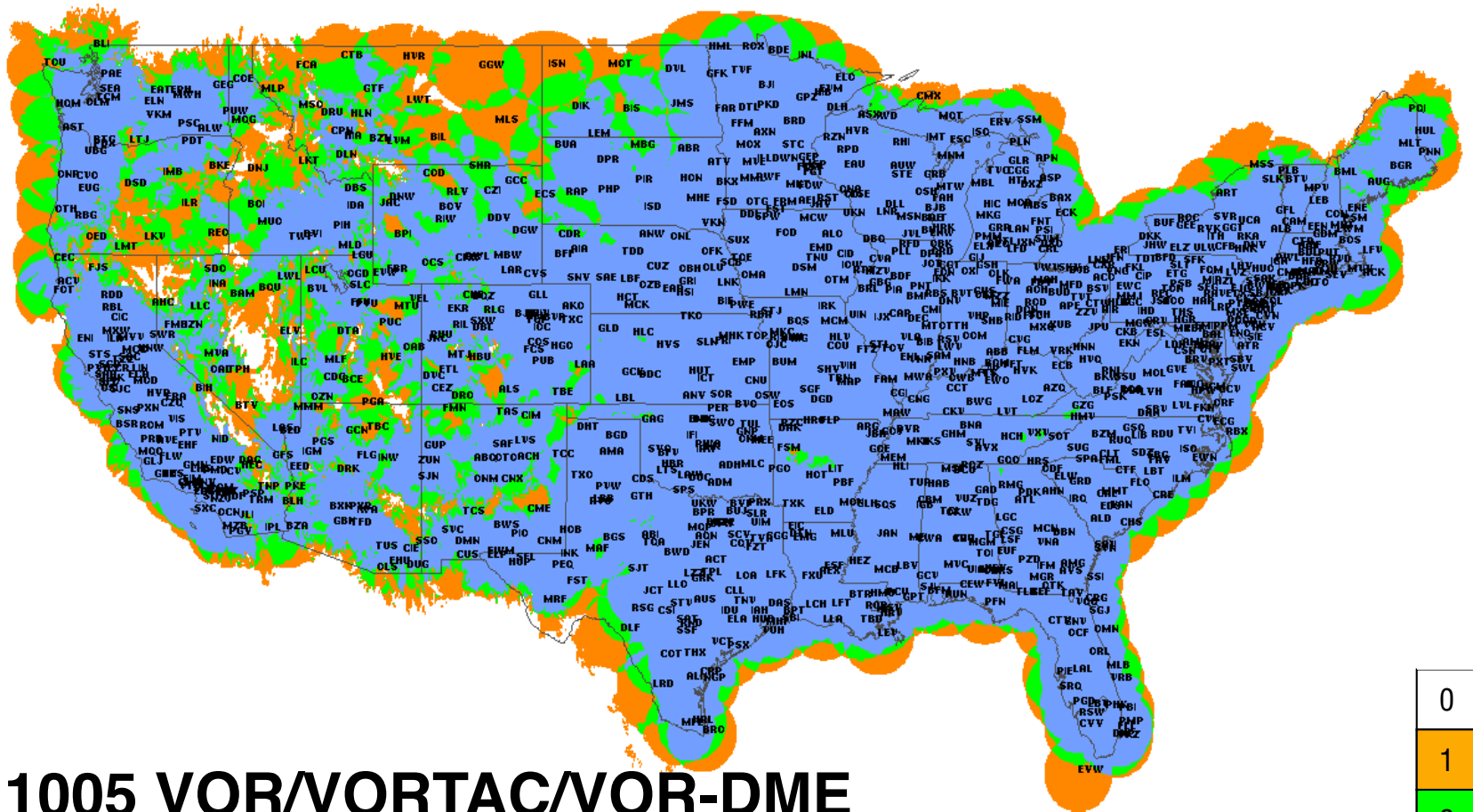
# Navigational Aids (cont.)

- VHF Omni-directional Range (VOR)
  - *Provides direction or angle*
- Distance Measuring Equipment (DME)
  - *Provides distance*





# Current VOR Coverage



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1
2
≥3

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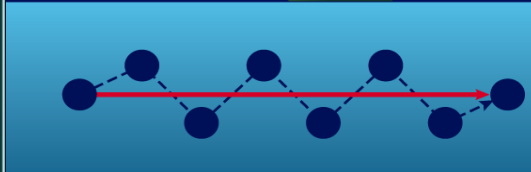
**1005 VOR/VORTAC/VOR-DME  
5,000' AGL (75nmi radius)**



# Benefits of Satellite Based Navigation



Primary Means of Navigation - **Take-Off, En Route, Approach and Landing**



More Direct Routes - **Not Restricted By Location of Ground-Based Equipment**



Precision Approach Capability - **At Any Qualified Airport**



Decommission of Older, Expensive Ground-Based Navigation Equipment



Reduced/Simplified Equipment On Board Aircraft



Increased Capacity - **Reduced Separation Due to Improved Accuracy**

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# Aviation Pace of Adoption

- Avionics are designed into airplane
- Aircraft stay in service for 20+ years
  - *Rarely retrofitted after production*
- Certified avionics are slow to develop
  - *Must work with other components*
- GPS functionality still not in all commercial aircraft
  - *In late 2009 Boeing estimated that the majority of existing fleet had no GNSS*



# Errors on the Signal

## → Space Segment Errors

→ *Clock errors* ————— Common Mode

→ *Signal errors* ————— Common Mode

→ *Ephemeris errors* ————— Common Mode

## → Propagation Errors

→ *Ionospheric delay* ————— Strong Spatial Correlation

→ *Tropospheric delay* ————— Weak Spatial Correlation

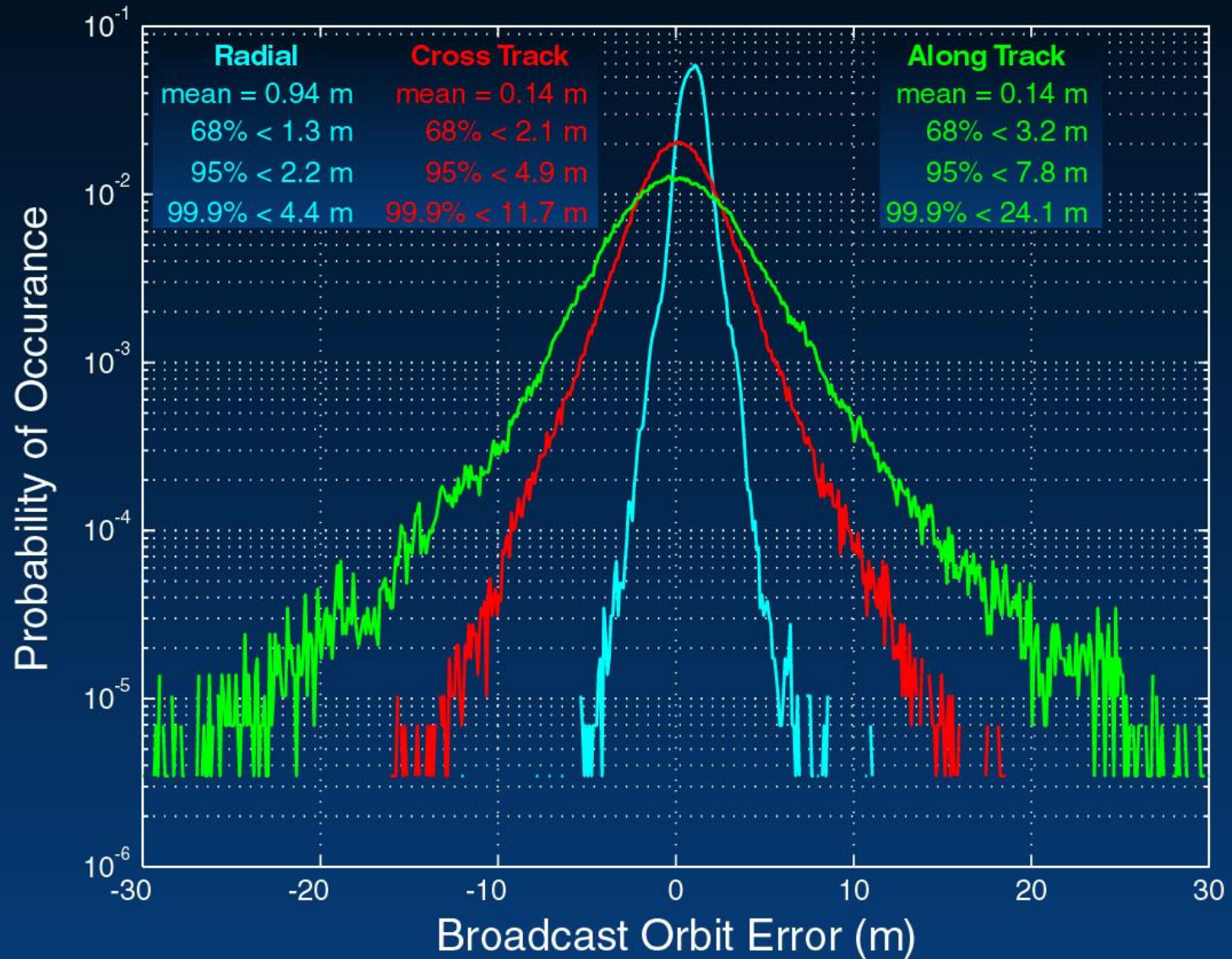
## → Local Errors

→ *Multipath* ————— No Spatial Correlation

→ *Receiver noise* ————— No Spatial Correlation



# Broadcast Orbit Errors

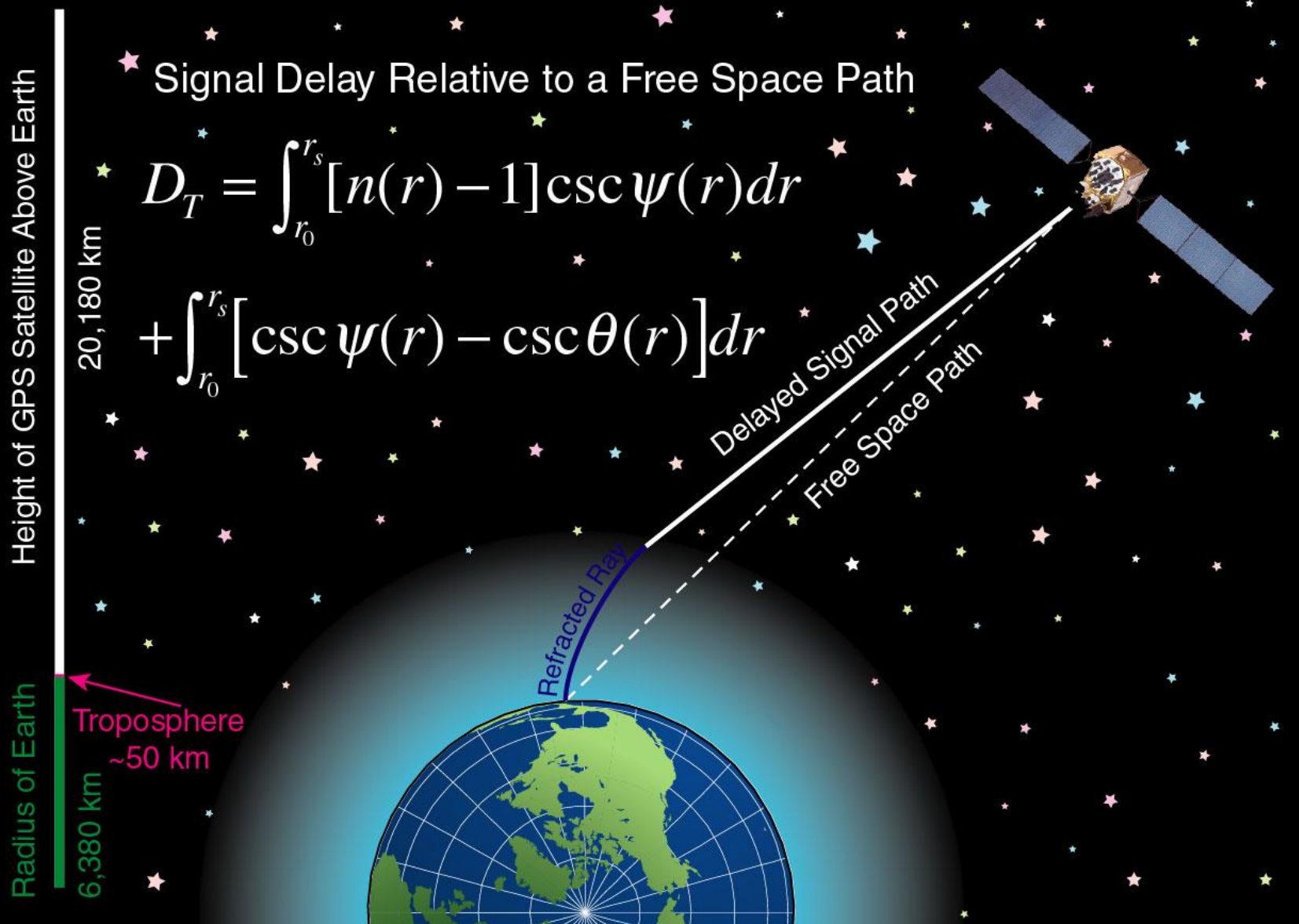


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# Signal Propagation Through the Troposphere



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# Ionospheric Effects

Scintillation Effects:  
Amplitude Variations  
Phase Variations

Integrated Effects (TEC):  
Code Delay  
Carrier Advance  
Faraday Rotation

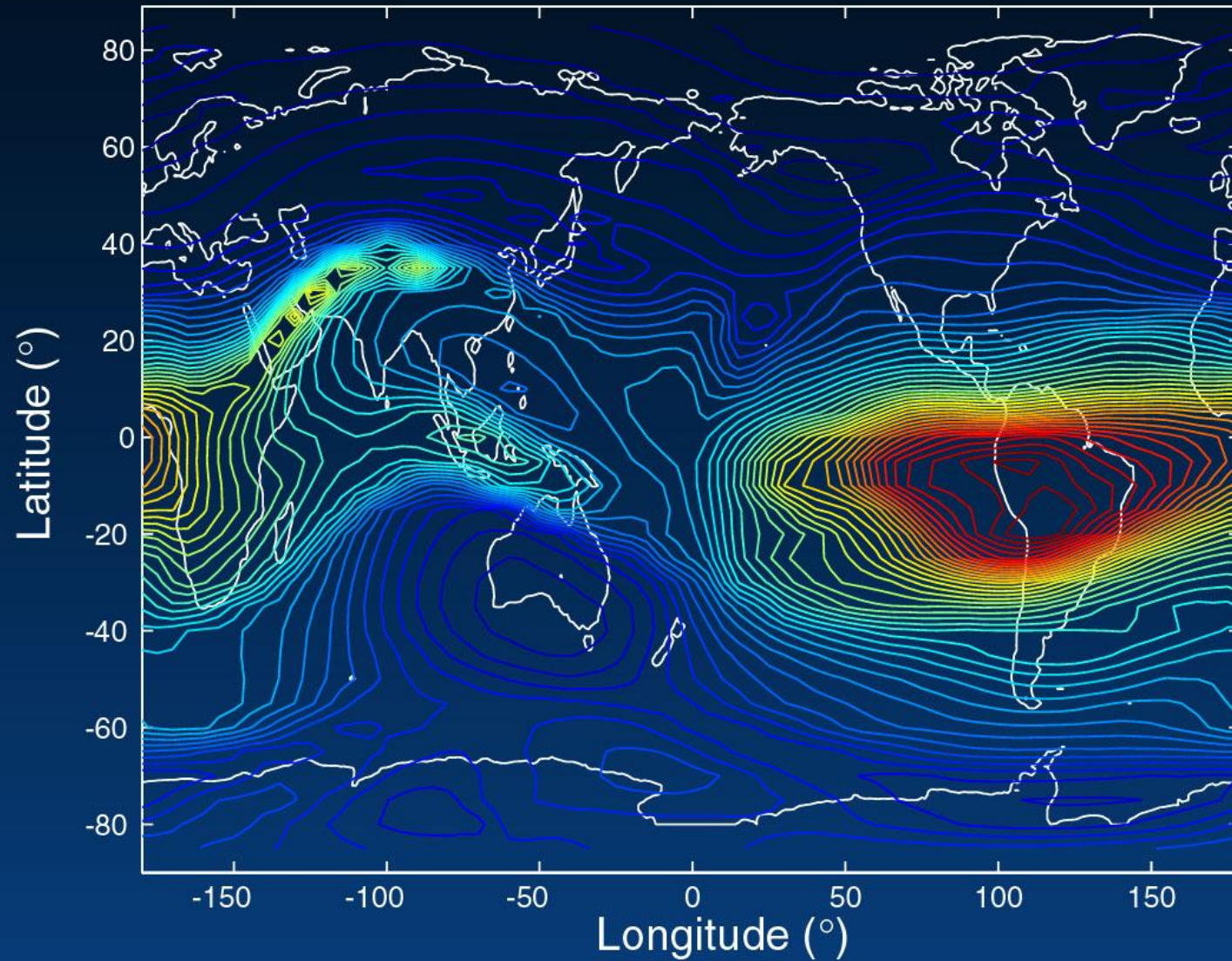
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# Ionospheric Delay

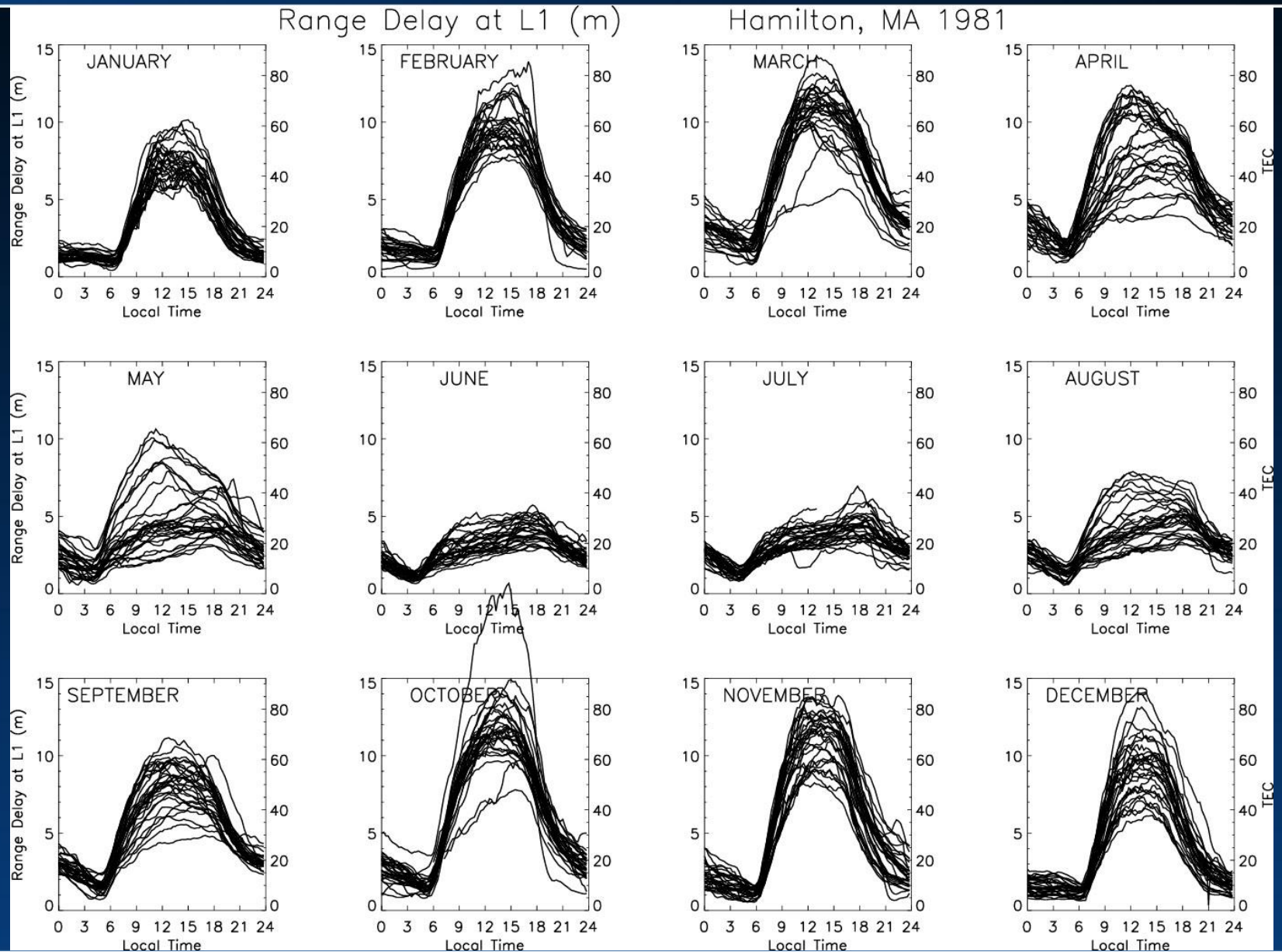
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# Seasonal Variations

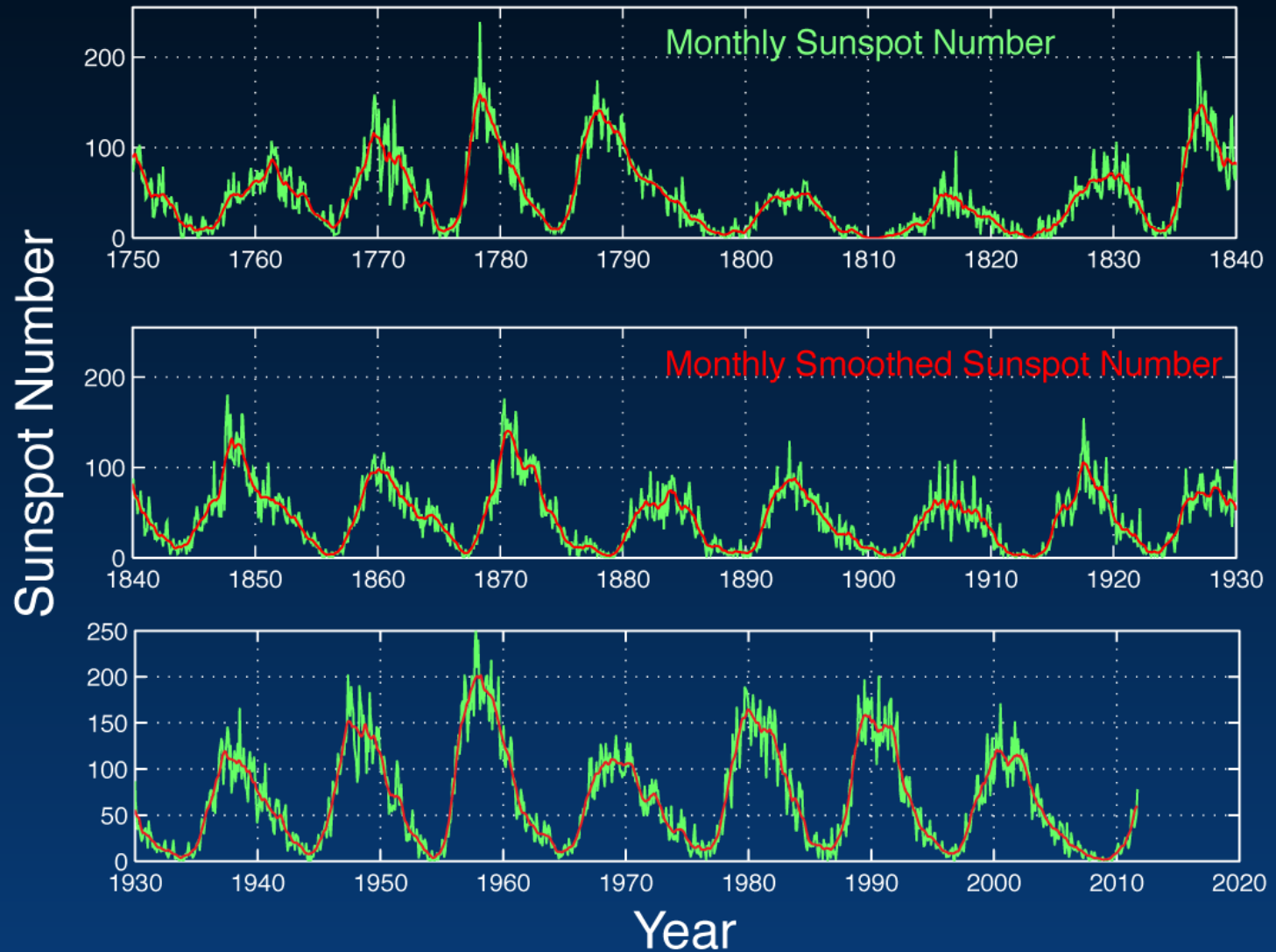


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# 11-Year Solar Cycles



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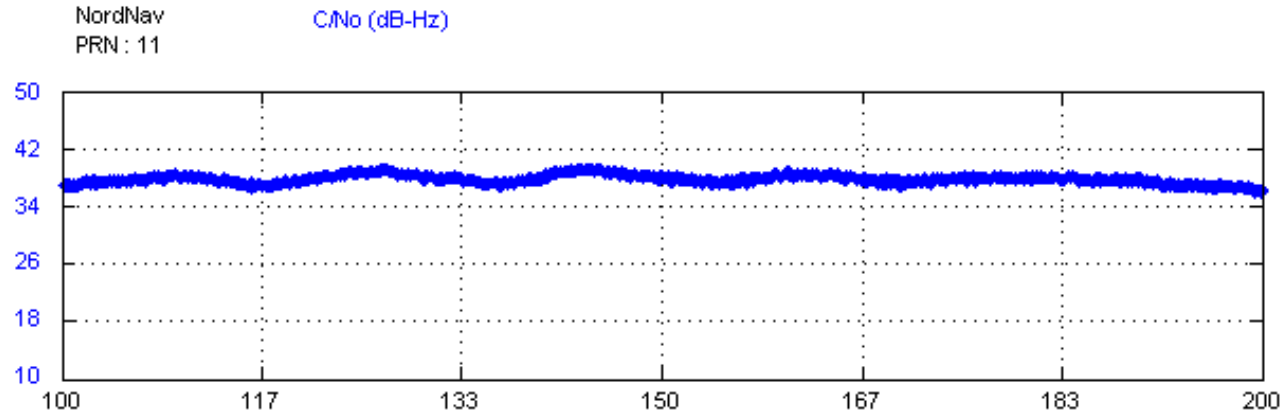


# Scintillation and Deep Signal Fading

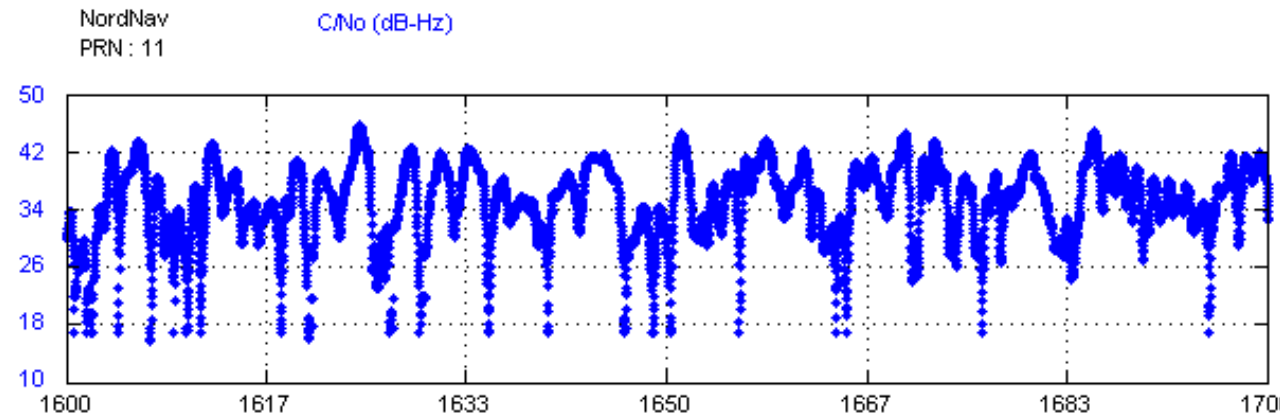
- Signal to noise ratio (C/No) of PRN 11 (Mar. 18, 2001)

C/No

Nominal



Scintillation  
(equatorial &  
solar max)



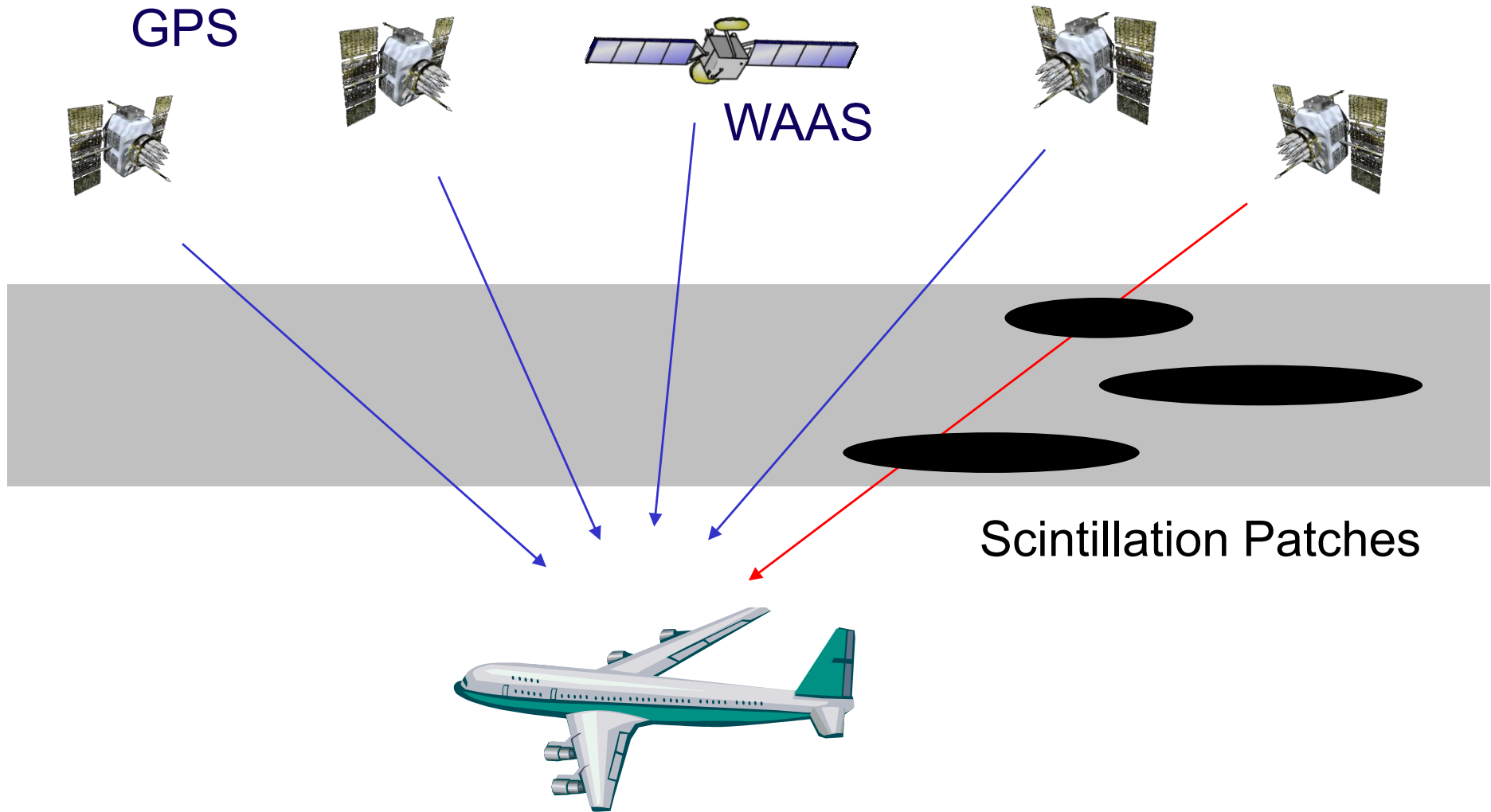
25 dB

← 100 sec →

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# Scintillation and Navigation



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# What is Augmentation?

- ➔ Add to GNSS to Enhance Service
  - ➔ *Improve integrity via real time monitoring*
  - ➔ *Improve availability and continuity*
  - ➔ *Improve accuracy via corrections*
- ➔ Space Based Augmentations (SBAS)
  - ➔ *e. g. WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN*
- ➔ Ground Based Augmentations (GBAS)
  - ➔ *e. g. LAAS*
- ➔ Aircraft Based Augmentations (ABAS)
  - ➔ *e. g. RAIM, Inertials, Baro Altimeter*





# Why Augmentation?

- Current GPS and GLONASS Constellations Cannot Support Requirements For All Phases of Flight
  - *Integrity is Not Guaranteed*
    - Not all satellites are monitored at all times
    - Time-to-alarm is from minutes to hours
    - No indication of quality of service
  - *Accuracy is Not Sufficient*
    - Even with SA off, vertical accuracy  $> 10$  m
  - *Availability and Continuity Must Meet Requirements*



# How is Augmentation Achieved?

- Ground Monitor Stations
  - *Observe Performance of the Satellites*
  - *Provide Differential Corrections*
  - *Provide Confidences and Integrity Flags*
- Datalink
  - *Local VHF Broadcast*
  - *Geostationary Broadcast*
- Additional Ranging Source from GEO
- Aircraft Monitoring
  - *RAIM and/or Integration of Inertials*

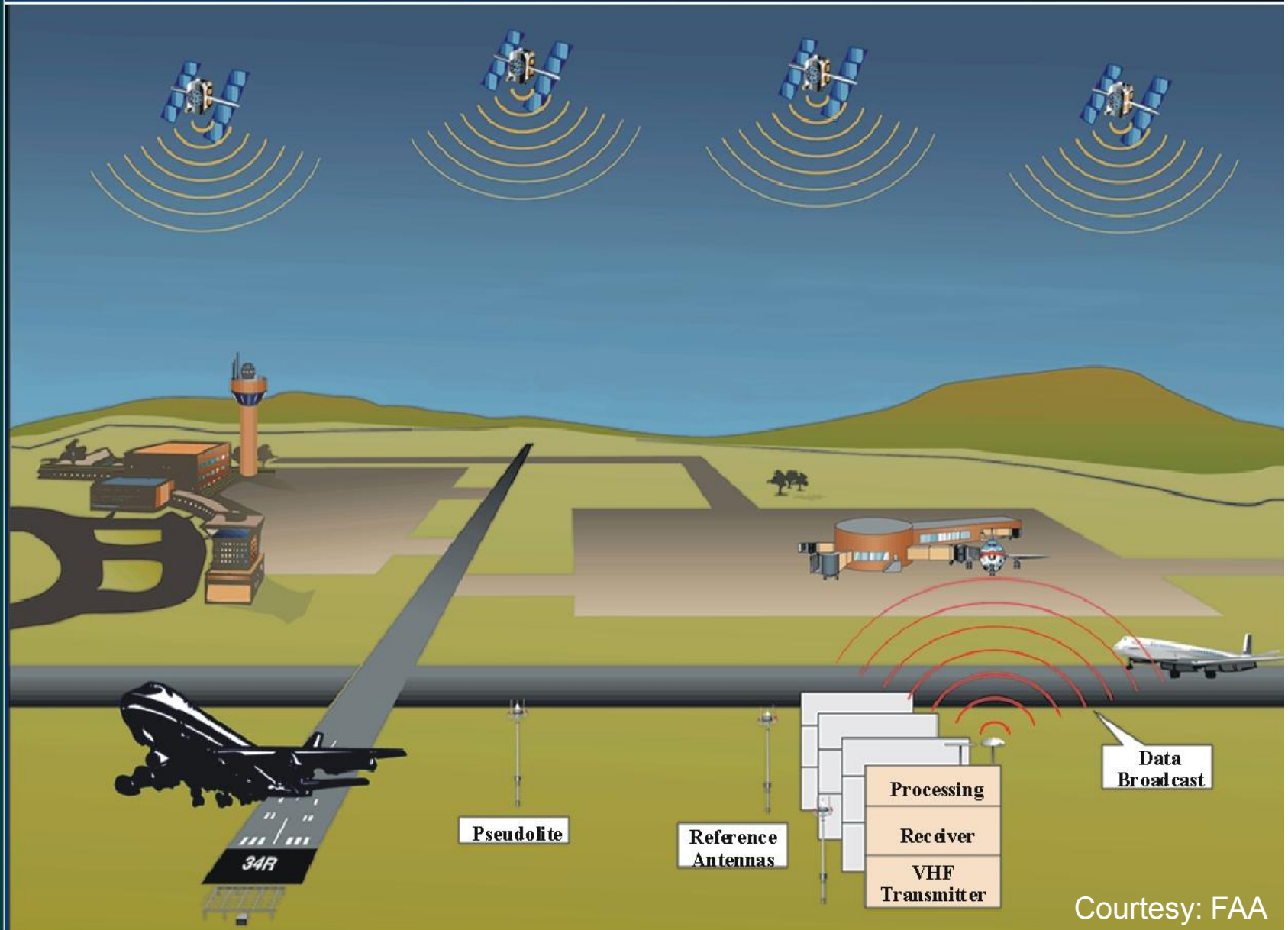


# Differential GPS

- ➔ Use One or More Receivers at Known Locations to Remove Errors
- ➔ Local Area Differential GPS
  - ➔ *Most common form*
  - ➔ *Highest achievable accuracy*
- ➔ Wide Area Differential
  - ➔ *Utilizes a network of receivers to cover broad geographic area*
  - ➔ *Requires greater effort*
  - ➔ *More cost effective for large region*



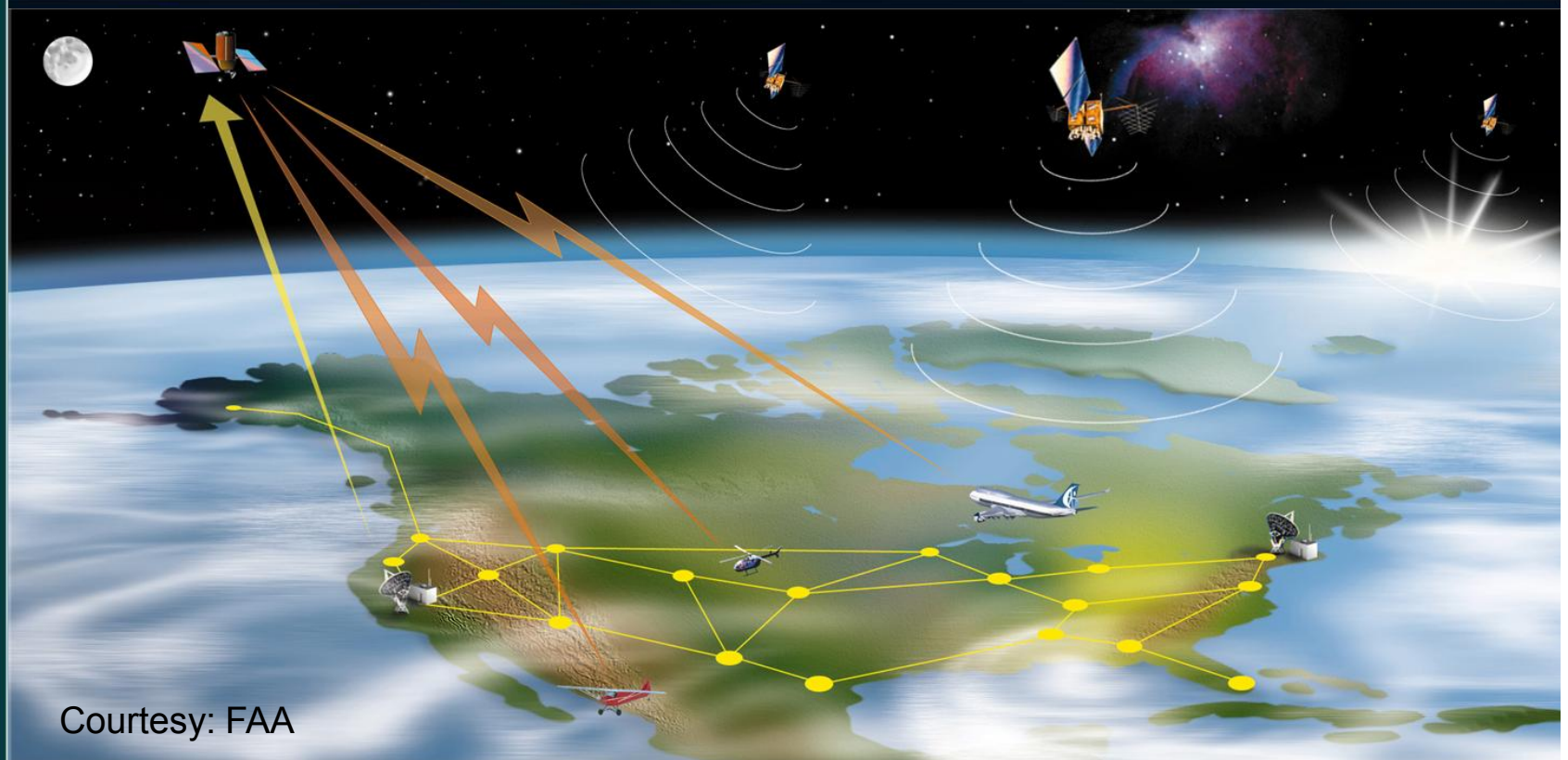
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# WAAS Concept



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- ***Network of Reference Stations***
- ***Master Stations***
- ***Geostationary Satellites***
- ***Geo Uplink Stations***



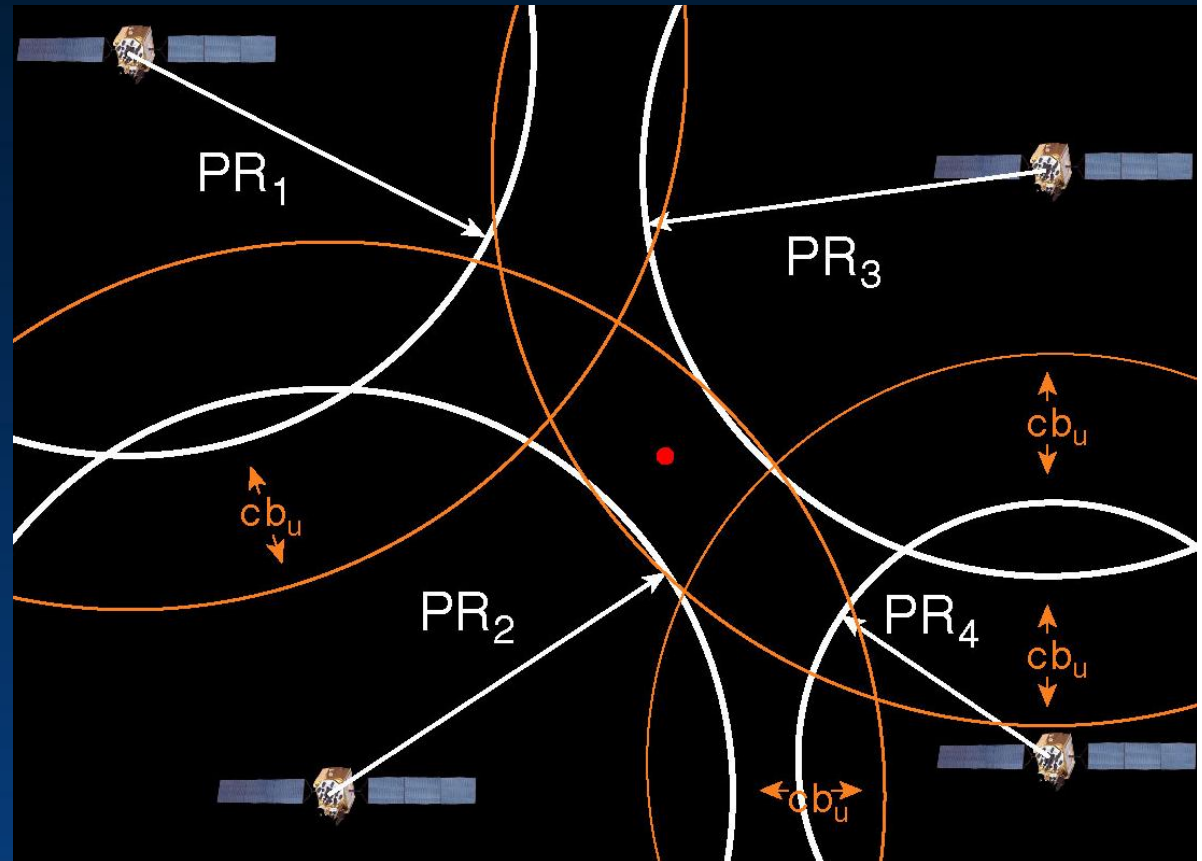
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**Key feature:**

**Real-time integrity determination on aircraft**

**Key Enabler:**

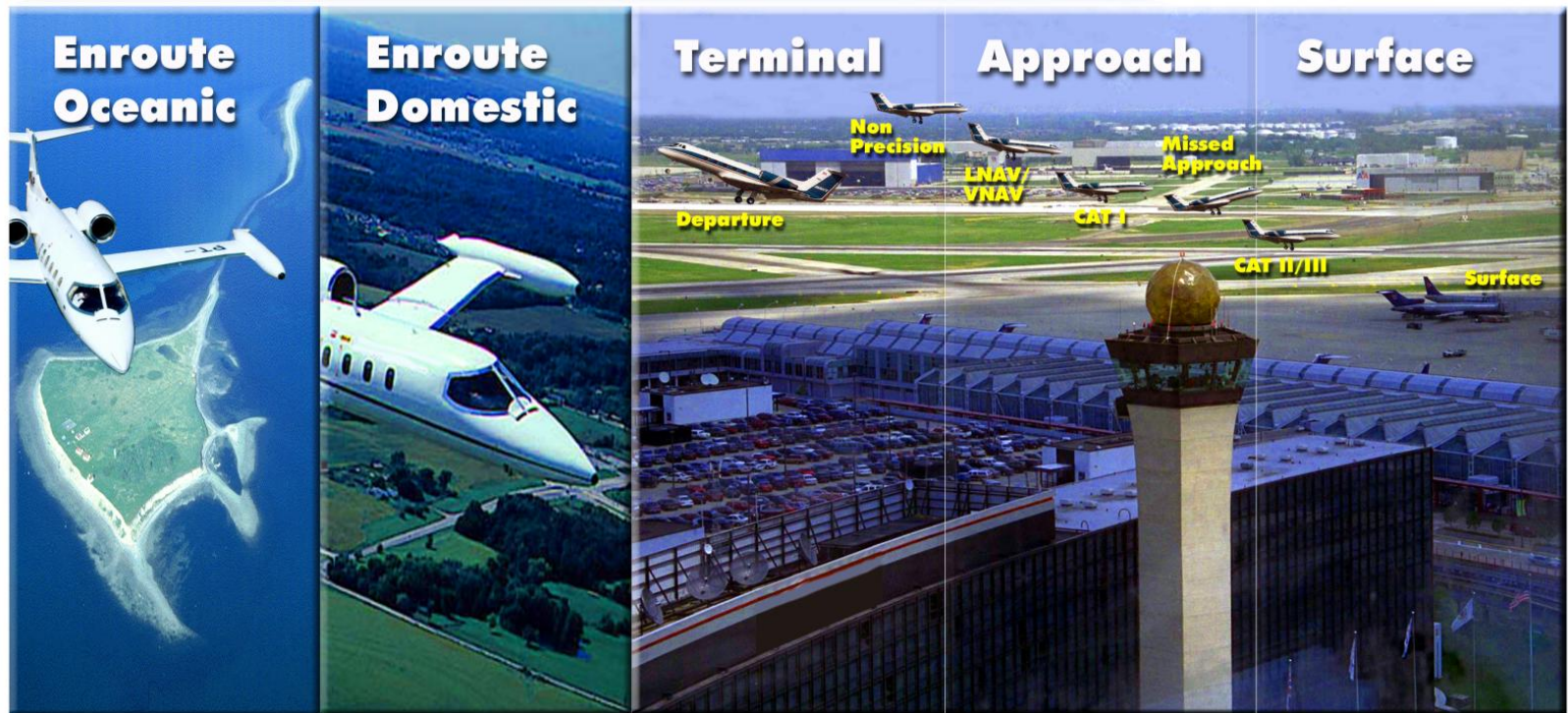
- Redundant Ranging sources





# Phases of Flight

## WAAS



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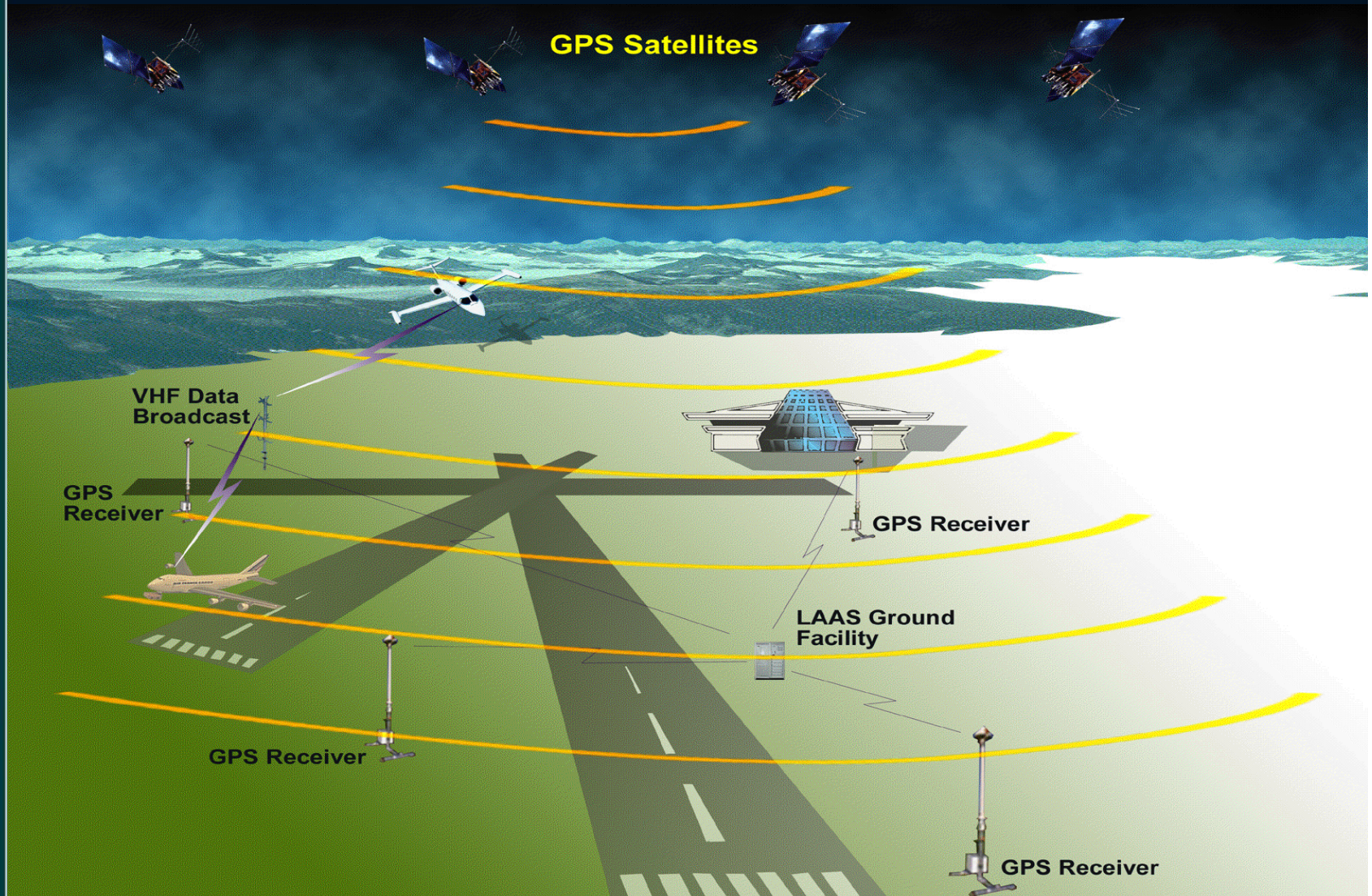
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## RAIM

## LAAS



# Pictorial Depiction of GBAS/LAAS



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# GBAS Installation at Sydney

Source: Boeing / IATA / AirServices Australia



- Not yet certified, but providing supplemental-means vertical guidance to Quantas Boeing 737-NG & Airbus 380 aircraft
- Other GBAS test sites in USA, Germany, Spain, France, Brazil, Japan, etc.



# Key GBAS Features (1)

- Scalar PR corrections are broadcast
- Resulting corrections are usable (with valid error bounds) within 60 km of GBAS-equipped airport
- VHF Data Broadcast (VDB) used to transmit GBAS corrections
  - *PR corrections, PR sigmas, and B-values updated at 2 Hz rate*
  - *“Slow messages” updated every ~ 15 sec*

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# Key GBAS Features (2)

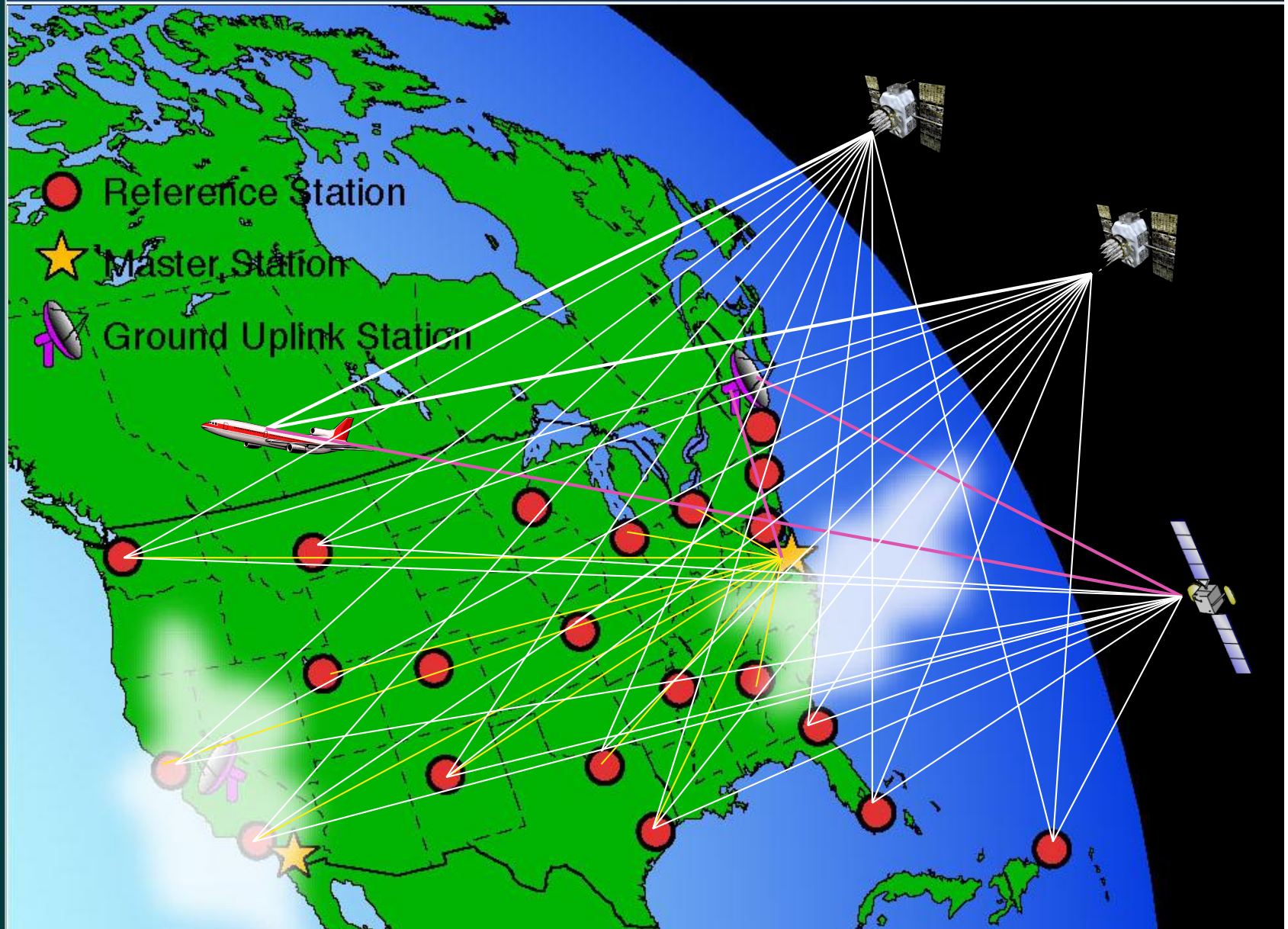
- PR correction errors for users within ~10 km are typically on order of 10 – 25 cm ( $1\sigma$ )
- Due to limited observability of GBAS (one location only), PR error sigmas are pre-surveyed for each site and are not normally changed in real-time
- Multipath at the ground station and at the aircraft are a major source of error
- Spatially-decorrelating errors (e.g., SV ephemeris, ionosphere, troposphere) potentially threaten GBAS integrity

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# WAAS Reference Stations



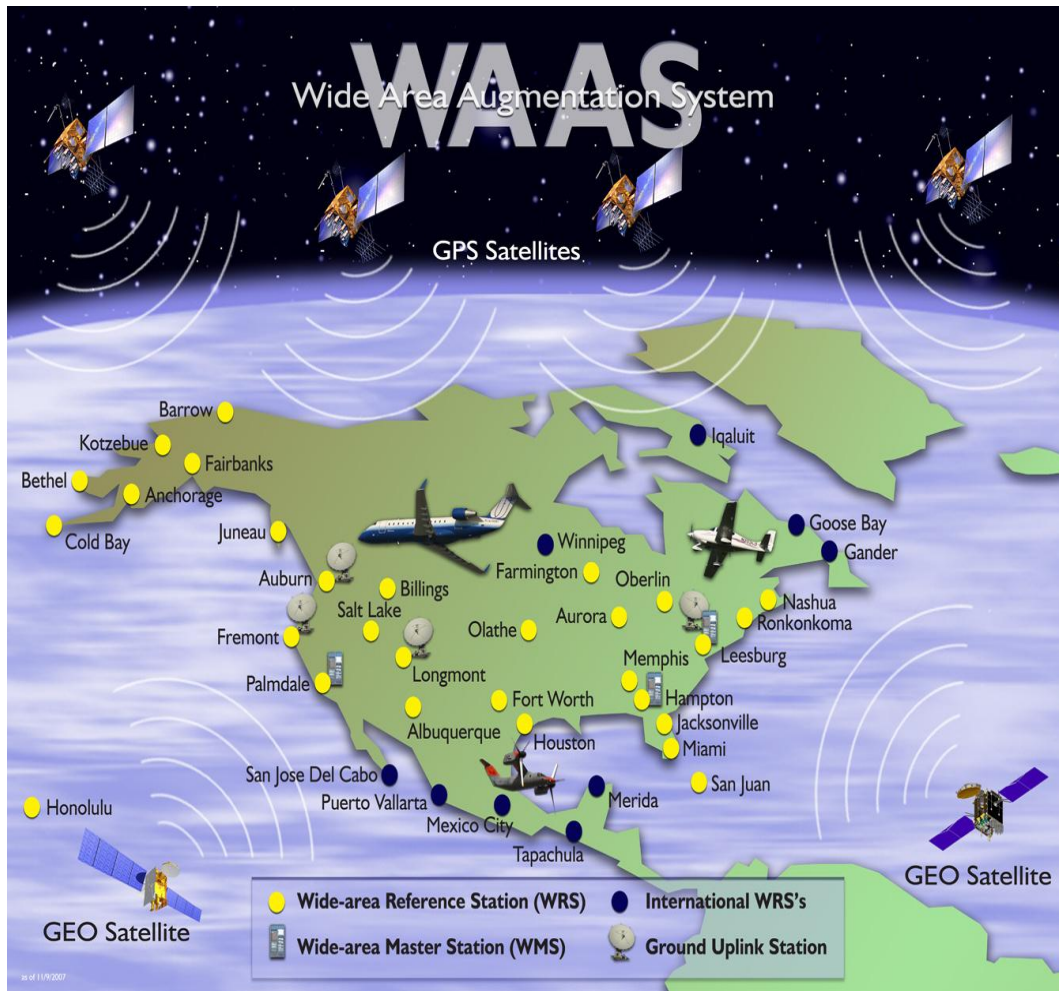
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# Error Mitigation

Error Component	GBAS	SBAS
Satellite Clock	Common Mode	Estimation and Removal
Ephemeris		
Ionosphere		Differencing
Troposphere	Fixed Model	
Receiver Multipath and Noise	Carrier Smoothing by User	

# WAAS Architecture



38 Reference Stations



3 Master Stations



6 Ground Earth Stations



3 Geostationary Satellite Links



2 Operational Control Centers

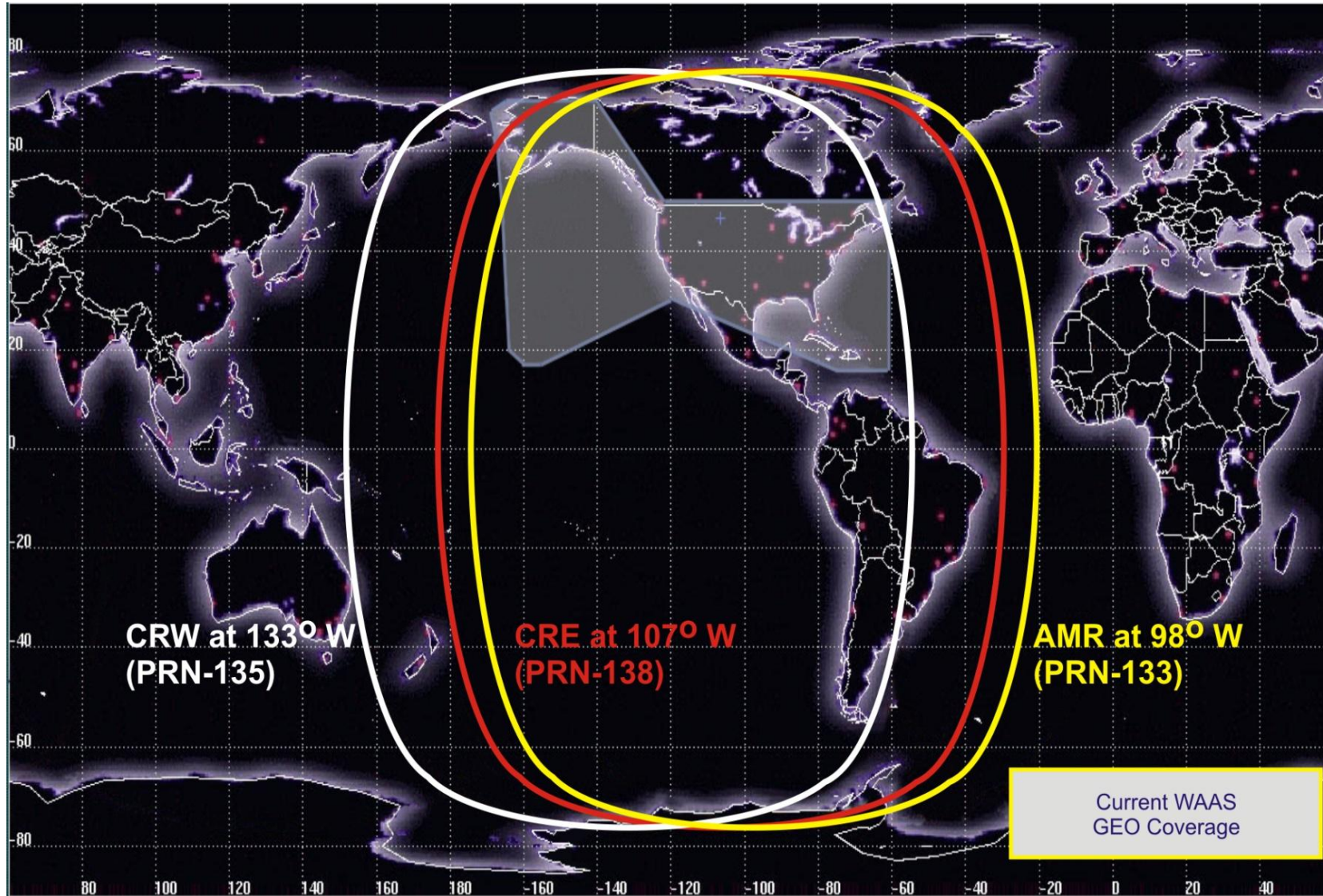
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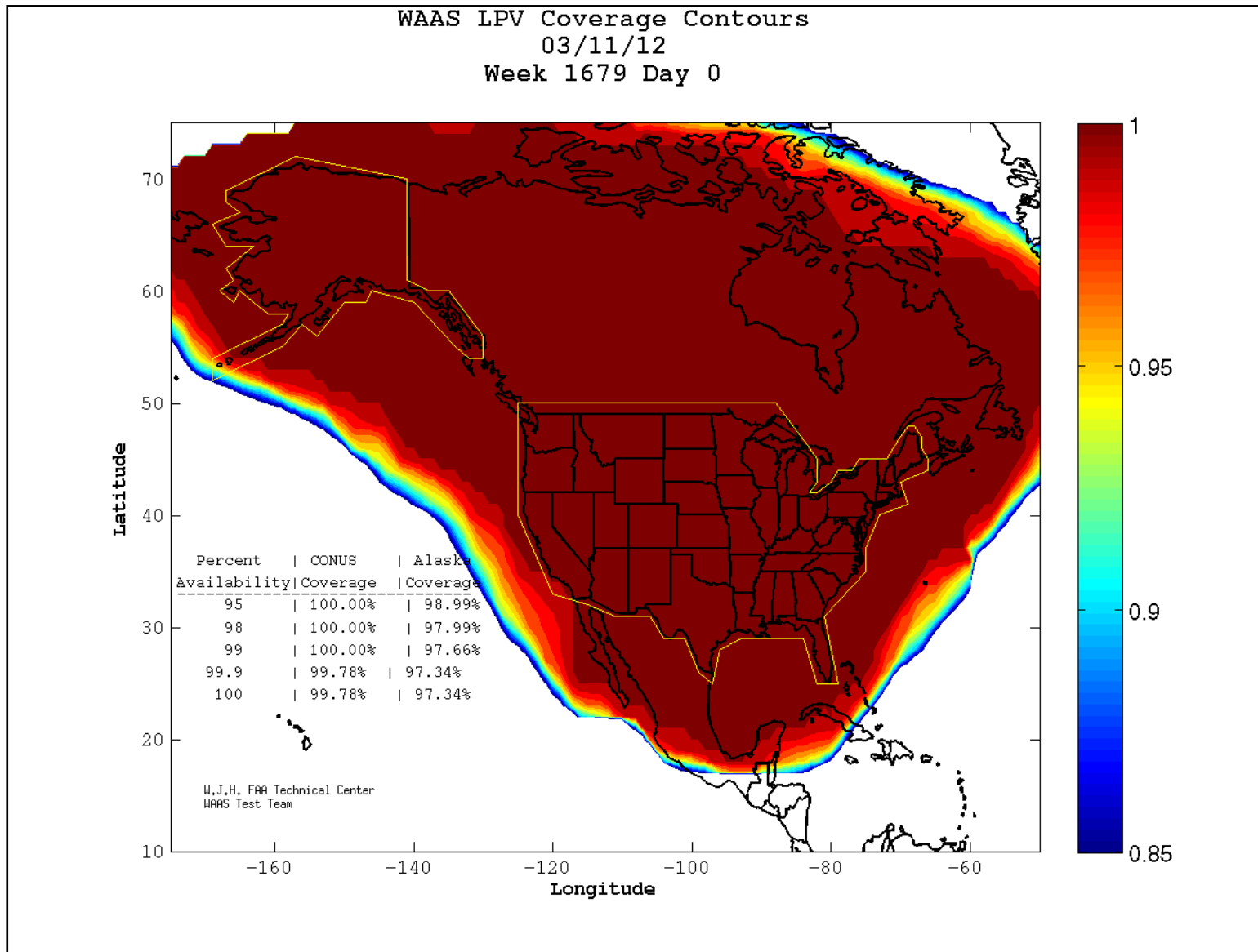
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# Current WAAS GEOs





# Current WAAS LPV Performance



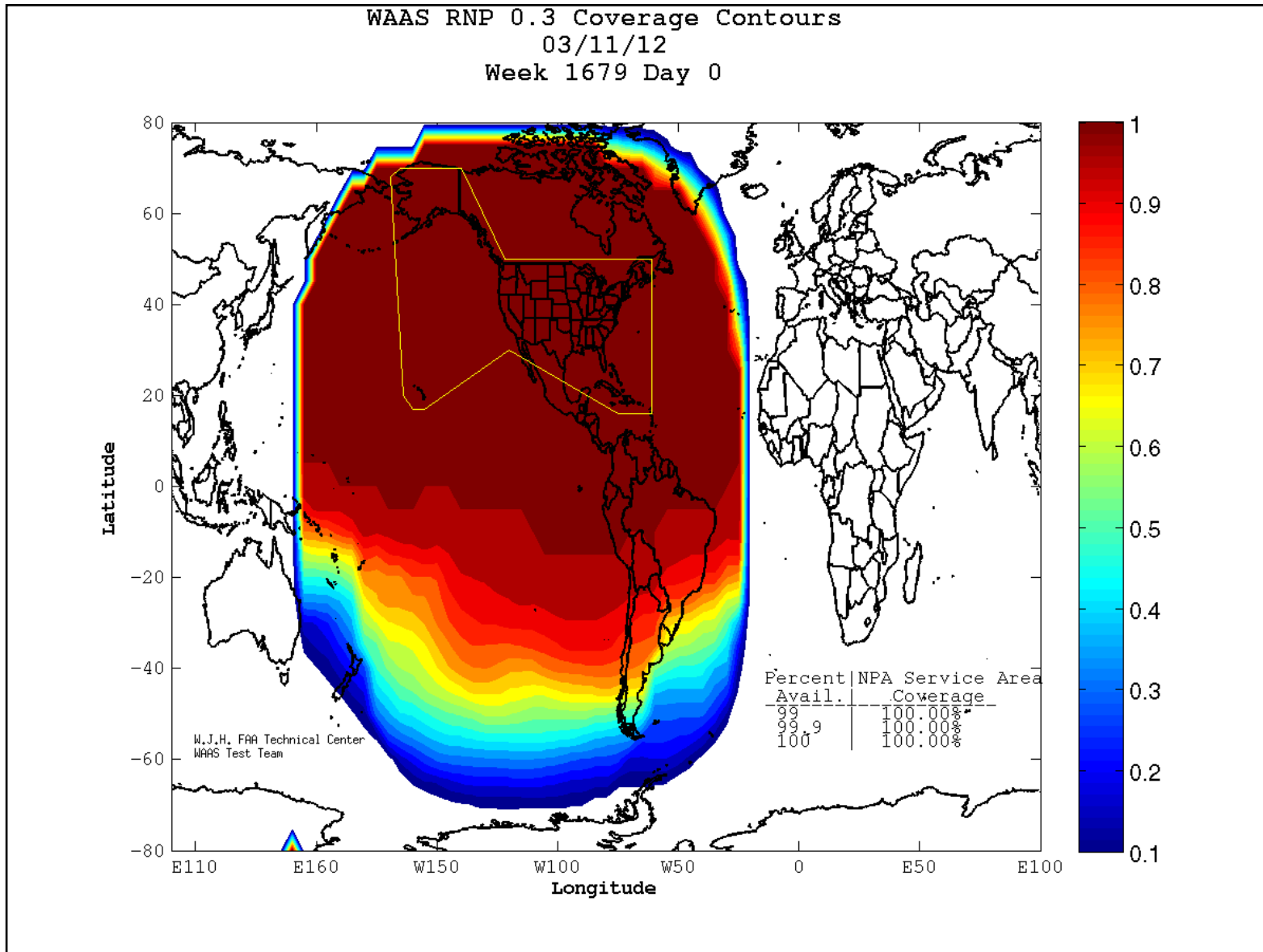
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# Current WAAS RNP .3 Performance



# Airports with WAAS LPV/LP Instrument Approaches



## As of March 8th, 2012

- 3,032 LPV/LPVs combined
- 2,776 LPVs serving 1,412 Airports
- 1,770 LPVs to Non-ILS Runways
- 1,006 LPVs to ILS runways
- 1,164 LPVs to Non-ILS Airports
- 256 LPs serving 186 Airports
- 252 LPs to Non-ILS Runway
- 4 LPs to ILS Runways

## WAAS Status

March 13, 2011



Federal Aviation  
Administration

# WAAS Avionics Status

- **Garmin:**
  - 68,908+ WAAS LPV receivers sold
  - Currently largest GA panel mount WAAS Avionics supplier
  - New 650/750 WAAS capable units brought to market at the end of March 2011 to replace 430/530W units
- **AVIDYNE & Bendix-King:**
  - 140 Avidyne Release 9 units sold to date. Introduced IFD540 FMS/GPS/Nav/Com System with Touch screen
  - Bendix King KSN-770 certification pending
- **Universal Avionics:**
  - Full line of UNS-1Fw Flight Management Systems (FMS) achieved avionics approval Technical Standards Orders Authorization (TSOA) in 2007/2008
  - 2,210+ WAAS receivers sold as 7 February 2012
- **Rockwell Collins:**
  - Approximately 1,900 WAAS/SBAS units sold to date
- **CMC Electronics:**
  - Achieved Technical Standards Orders Authorization (TSOA) certification on their 5024 and 3024 WAAS Sensors
  - Convair aircraft have WAAS LPV capable units installed (red label) and expect WAAS LPV certification by August 2012
  - Canadian North B-737-300 obtained STC for SBAS(WAAS) LPV using dual GLSSU-5024 receivers
- **Honeywell:**
  - Primus Epic and Primus 2000 w/NZ 2000 & CMC 3024 TSO Approval
  - Primus 2000 FMS w/CMC 5024 TSO pending



# Aircraft Supplemental Type Certificates (STC) Completed & In-Work

## Completed:

- Astra 1125
- ATR-42
- Beech: Be-400 KingAir- 200, 200GT, 200C, 200CGT,300, 350, 350C, 300 (special FAA config.), C90A, C90GTi, Premier 1/A
- Bell: 412, 429
- Boeing-737-200 (Northern Air Cargo & Canadian North),737-300, 737-400, 727-200
- Bombardier: CL-600/601 (Universal Avionics company acft)
- Bombardier Challenger 300, 601-3A, 604, 605
- Bombardier CRJ-200, 700, 900, 1000
- Bombardier Q-series, Q300, Q-400
- Bombardier: CL-300, CL-605, CRJ-700/900
- Cessna: Citation 501, 525, 550 Bravo Series, V 560 Series, 650, Excel & Encore +, Citation Jet CJ-1+, 2+, 3, Caravan
- Cessna Citation: I/SP501, II, 560 XL/XLS
- DeHaviland: DHC-6,7-102,8 series
- Eclipse VLJ 500
- Embraer Phenom: 100, 300,600,650
- Falcon: 10, 20, 50, 50EX, 900B, 900EASy 11, 2000, 2000EX, 2000EASy
- Gulfstream: G-II, G-III, G-100, G-200,G-150, G-450, G-550
- Hawker: 400, 400XP,700,700B, 750, 800, 800A, 800XP, 900, 4000
- LEAR: 31A, 35, 35A, 40, 40XR, 45, 45XR, 55, 60
- MD-87
- PC-12
- S-76, S-76B, S-76C++
- SAAB: 340A/B
- Sabre 65
- Viking Twin Otter
- Westwind 1124

Total Completed Airframes: 103

## In-Work:

- Aerospatiale: SN 601 Corvette
- Agusta: A-109
- Airbus: A350, A400
- Astra SPX
- Boeing: 747-200
- Bombardier: Global 5000/Express,
- Cessna: Sovereign
- Cessna Citation:, VII, X
- C-9
- Dassault: 2000EASy
- Douglas: VIP DC-9
- Embraer NB-145
- Gulfstream: G-IV
- King Air: RC-12
- LEAR: C-21A
- Lockheed Martin: C130J
- Piaggio: P-180

Total Airframes In-Work: 19





# WAAS LPV and LPV-200 Vertical Position Error Distributions July 2003 to June 2006

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Center

3 years

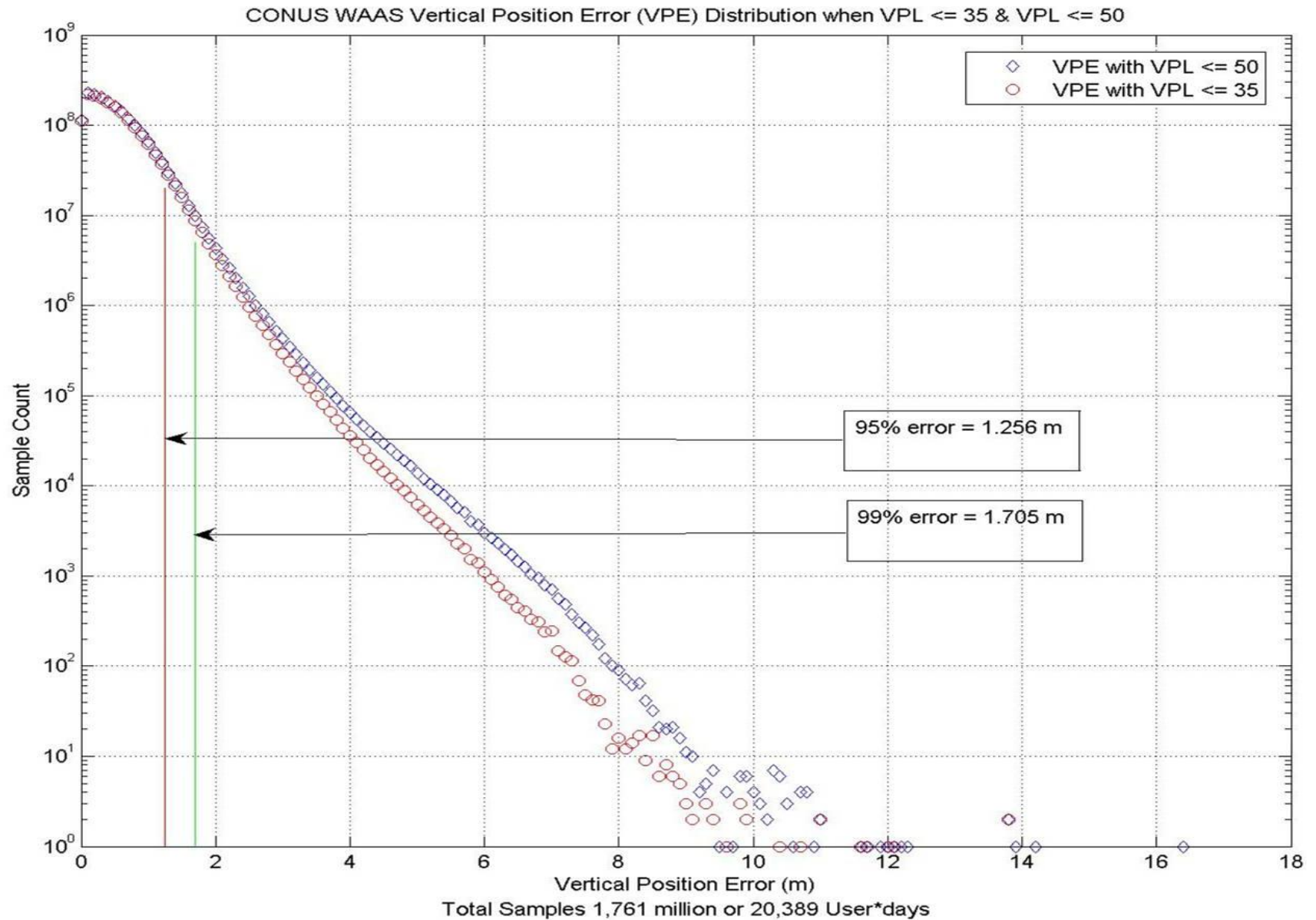
20 WRSs

1 Hz data

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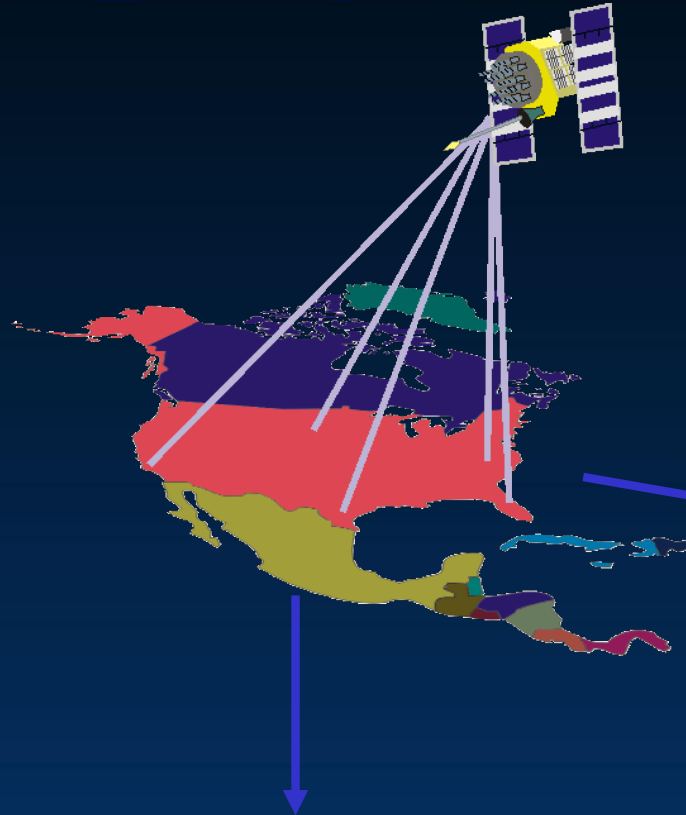
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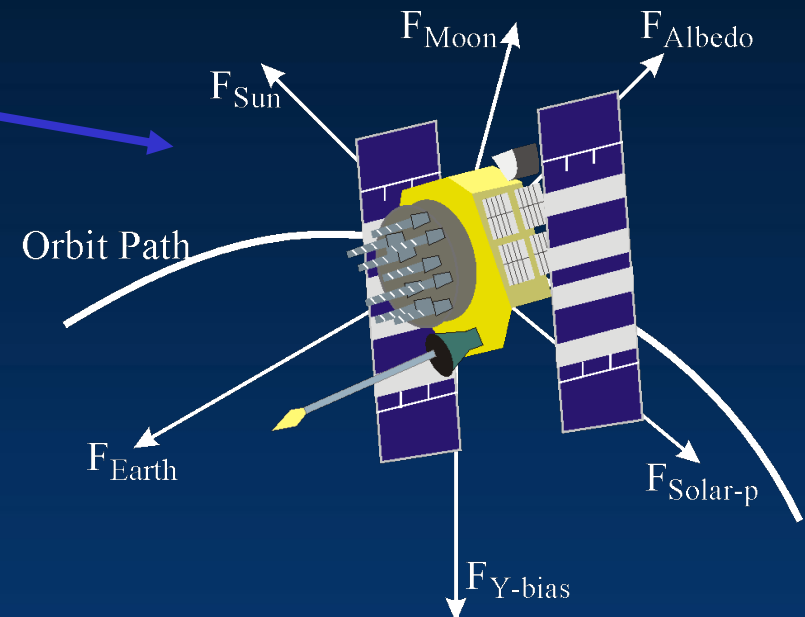
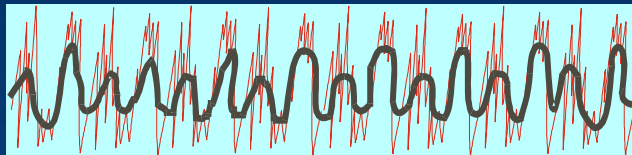


# Orbit Estimation Techniques

## Common Measurement Process Geometric Observations



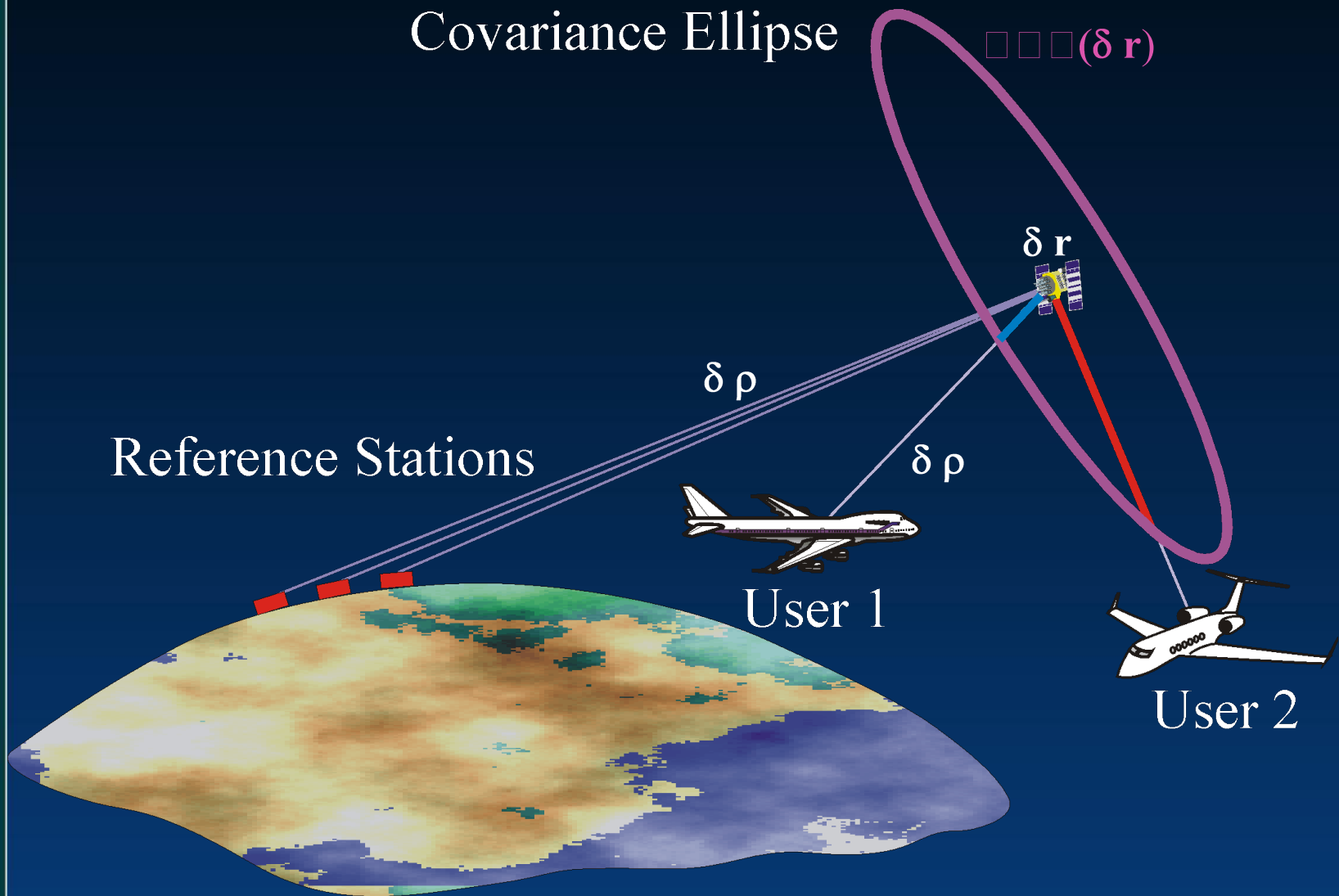
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Geometric* - Filtered  
instantaneous 'snapshot' estimate



*Dynamic* - model forces  
acting on the satellite



# Orbit Error Sensitivities

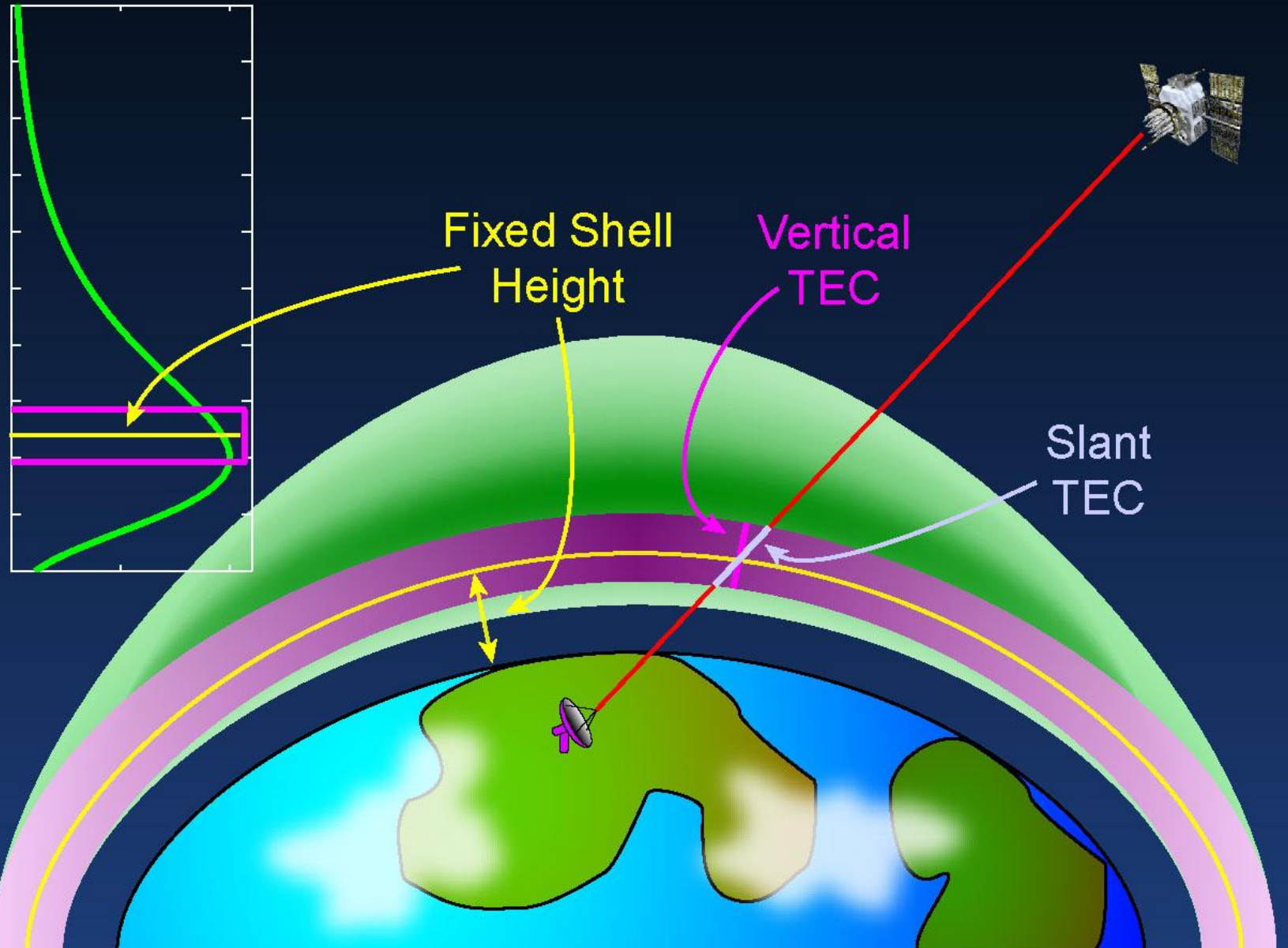


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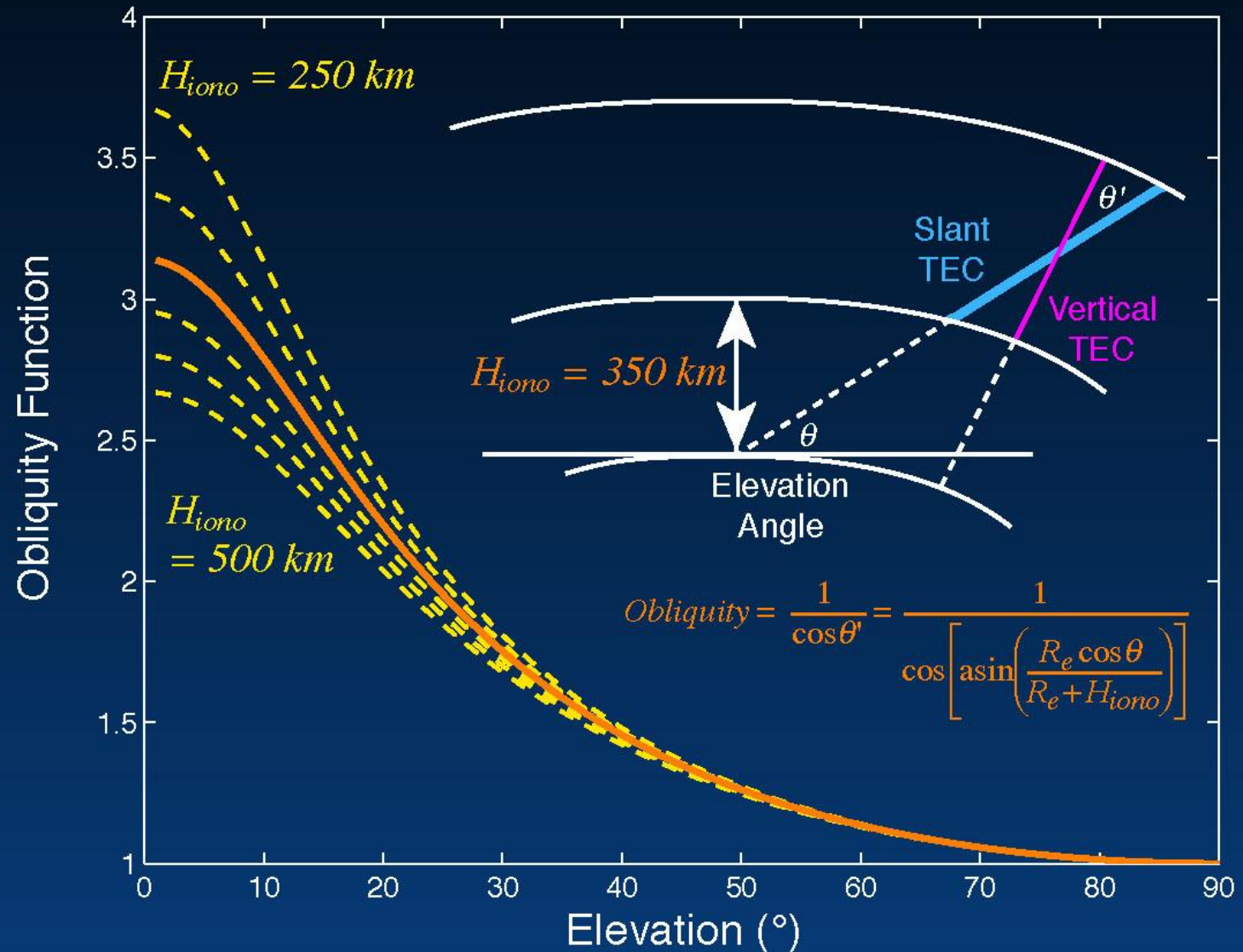
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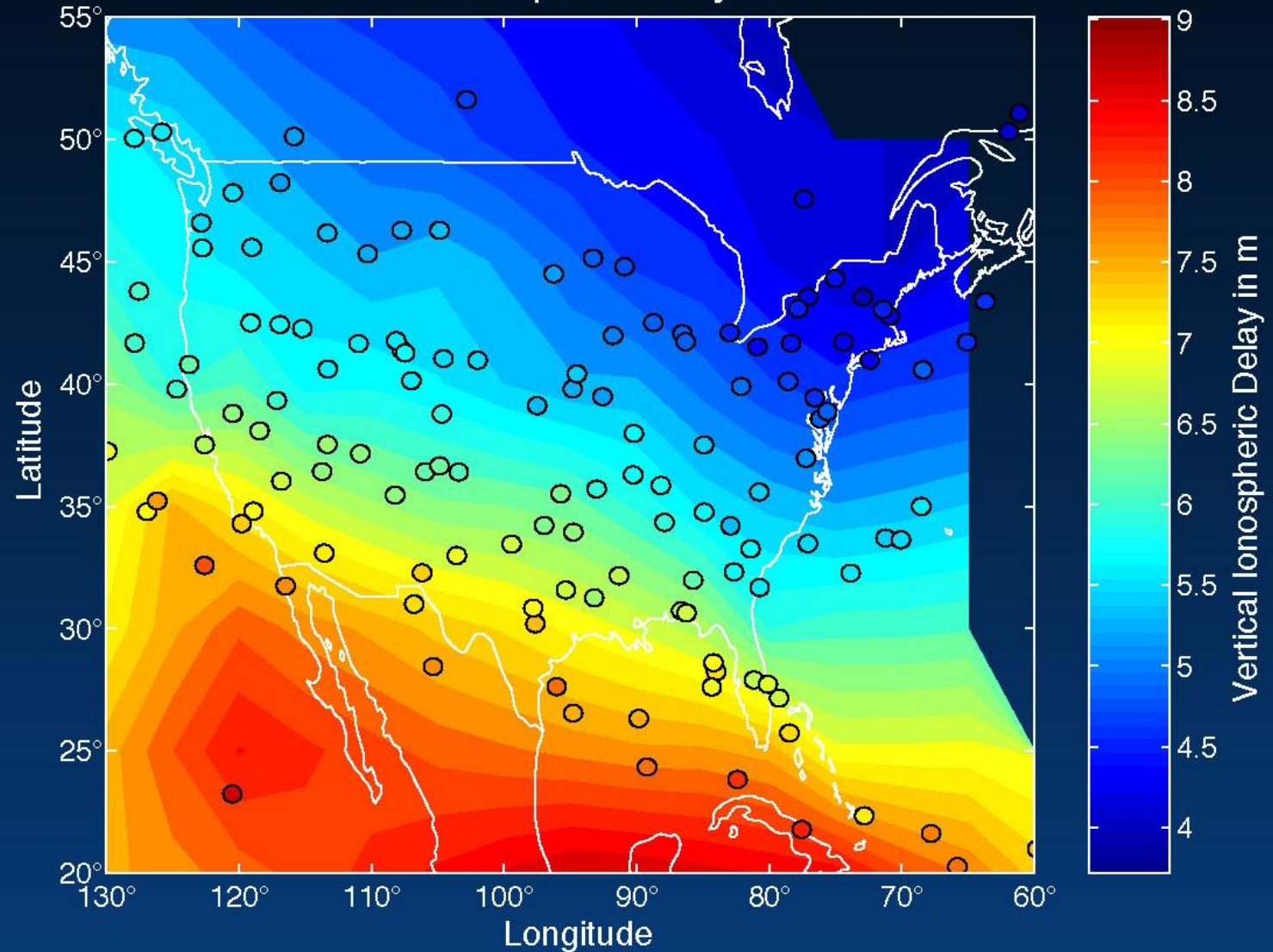


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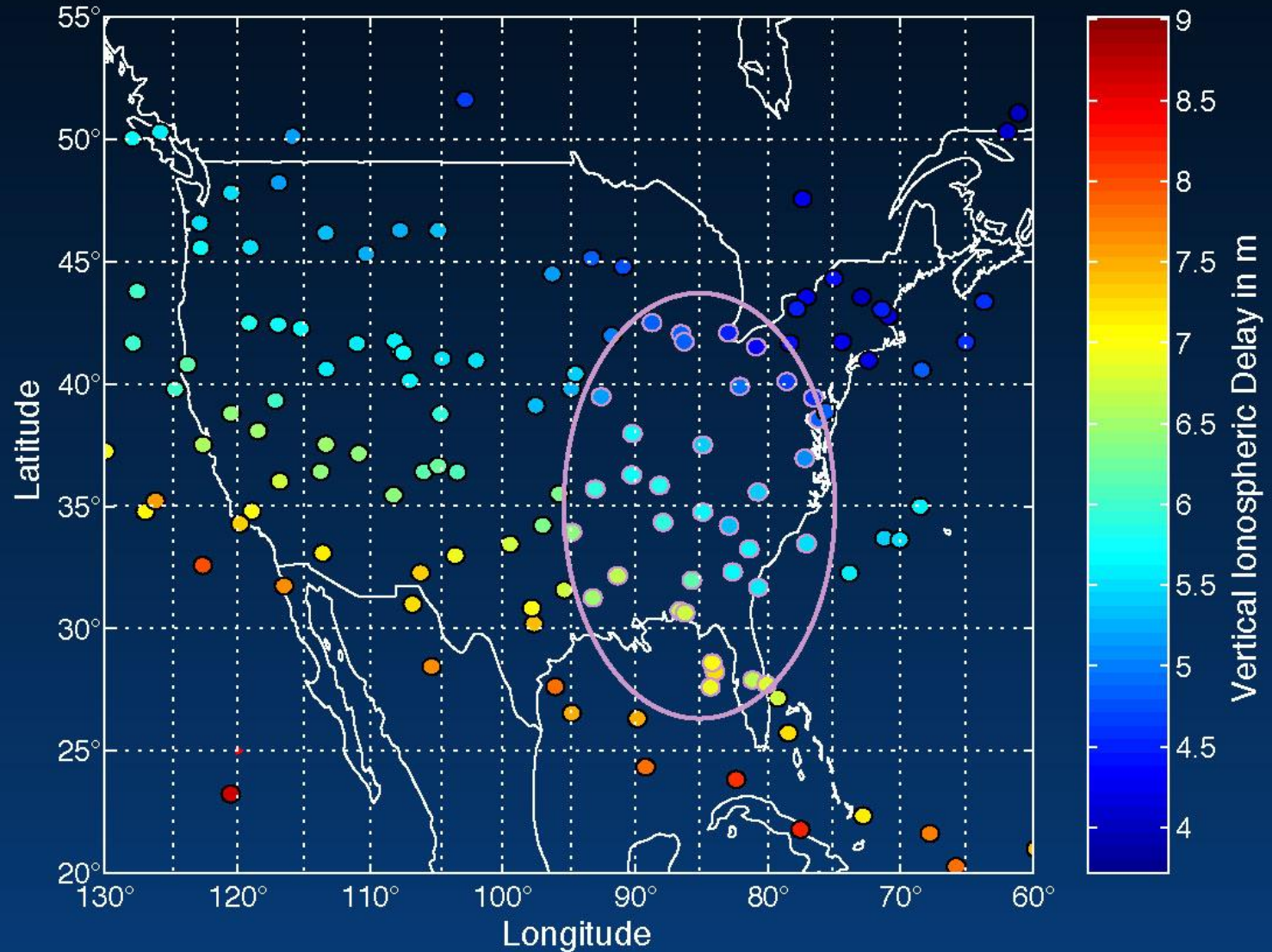
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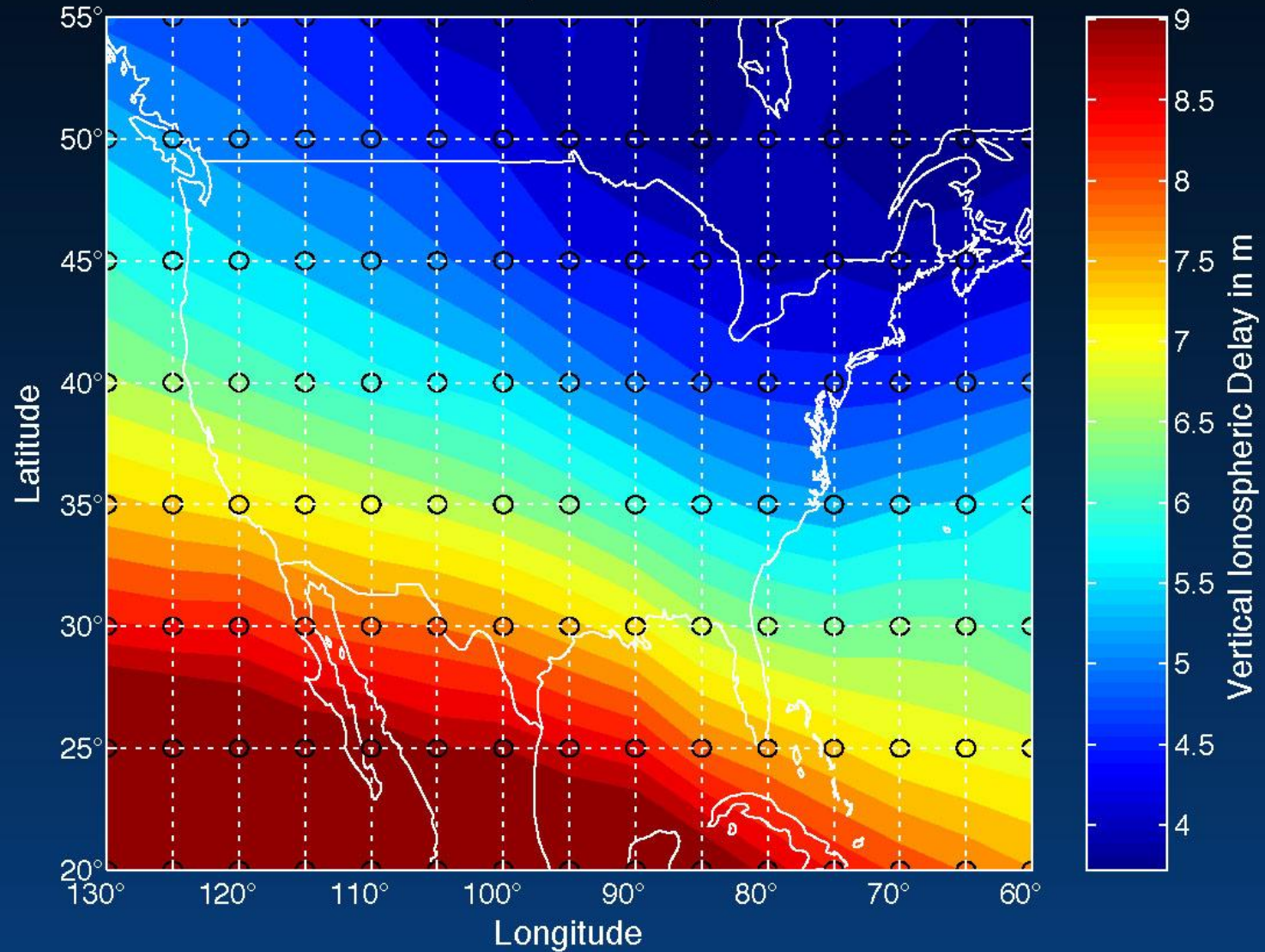


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# Nominal ionosphere - Grid

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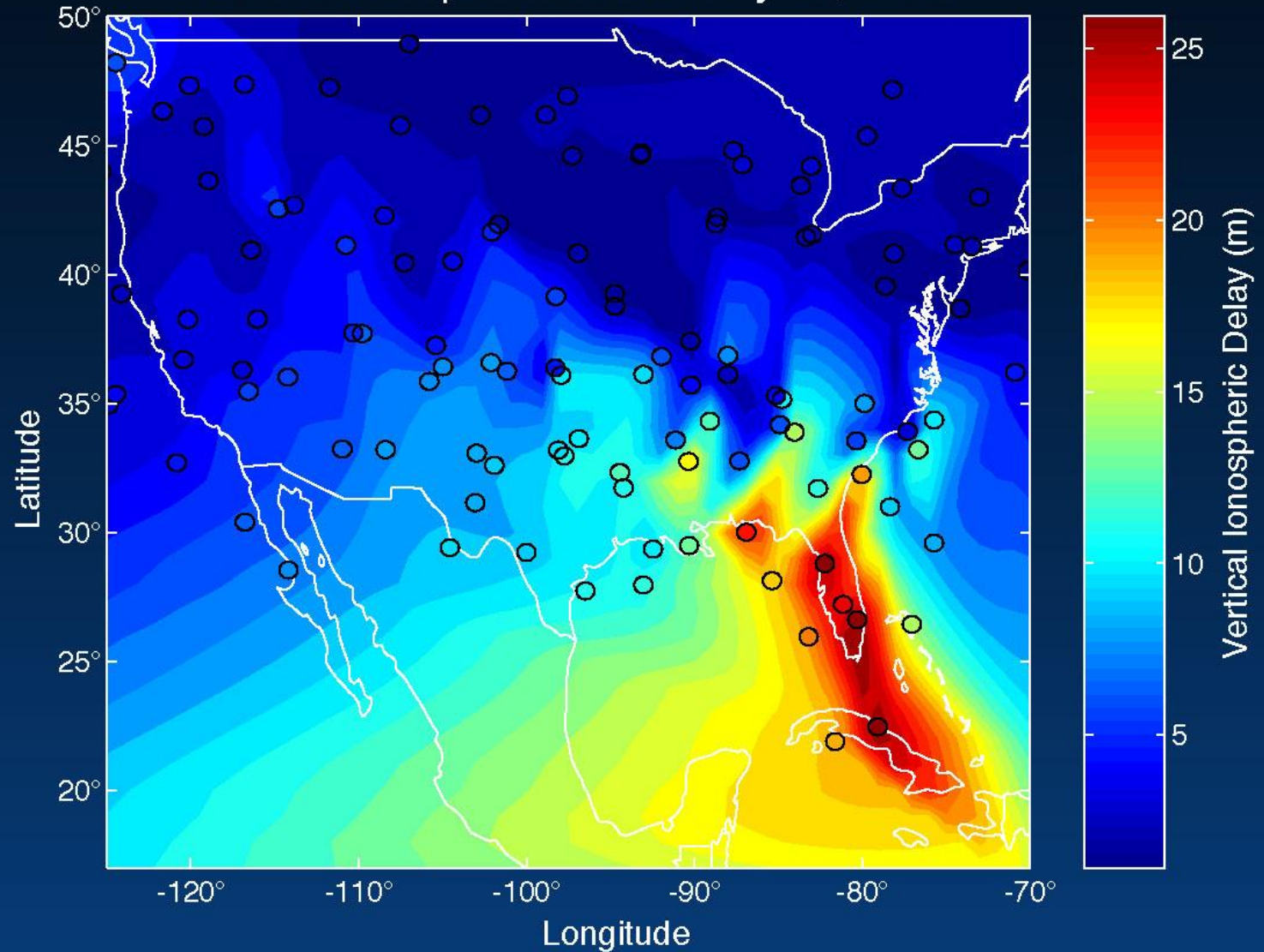


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# Disturbed Ionosphere - IPPs

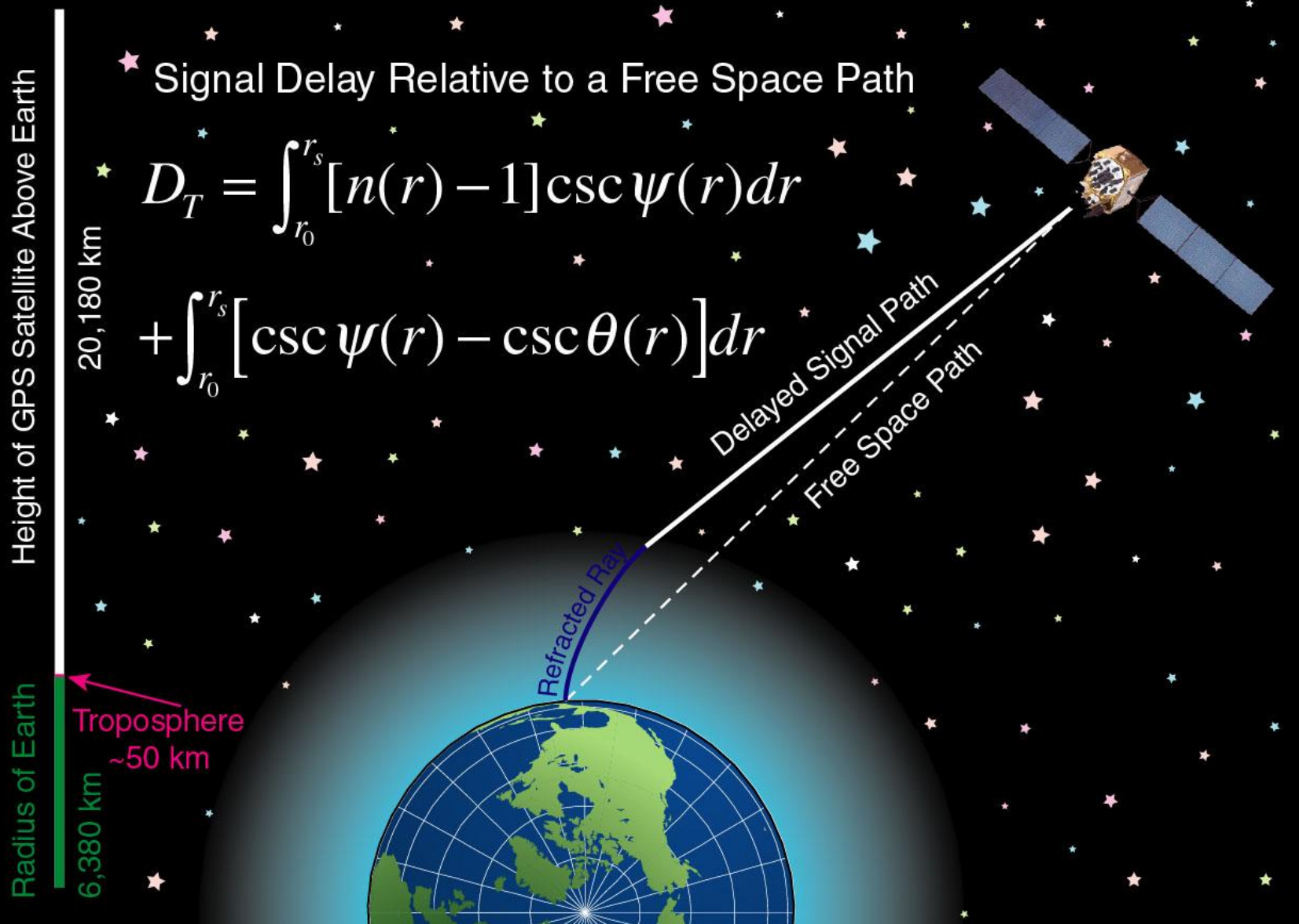
Severe Ionospheric Storm July 16, 2000



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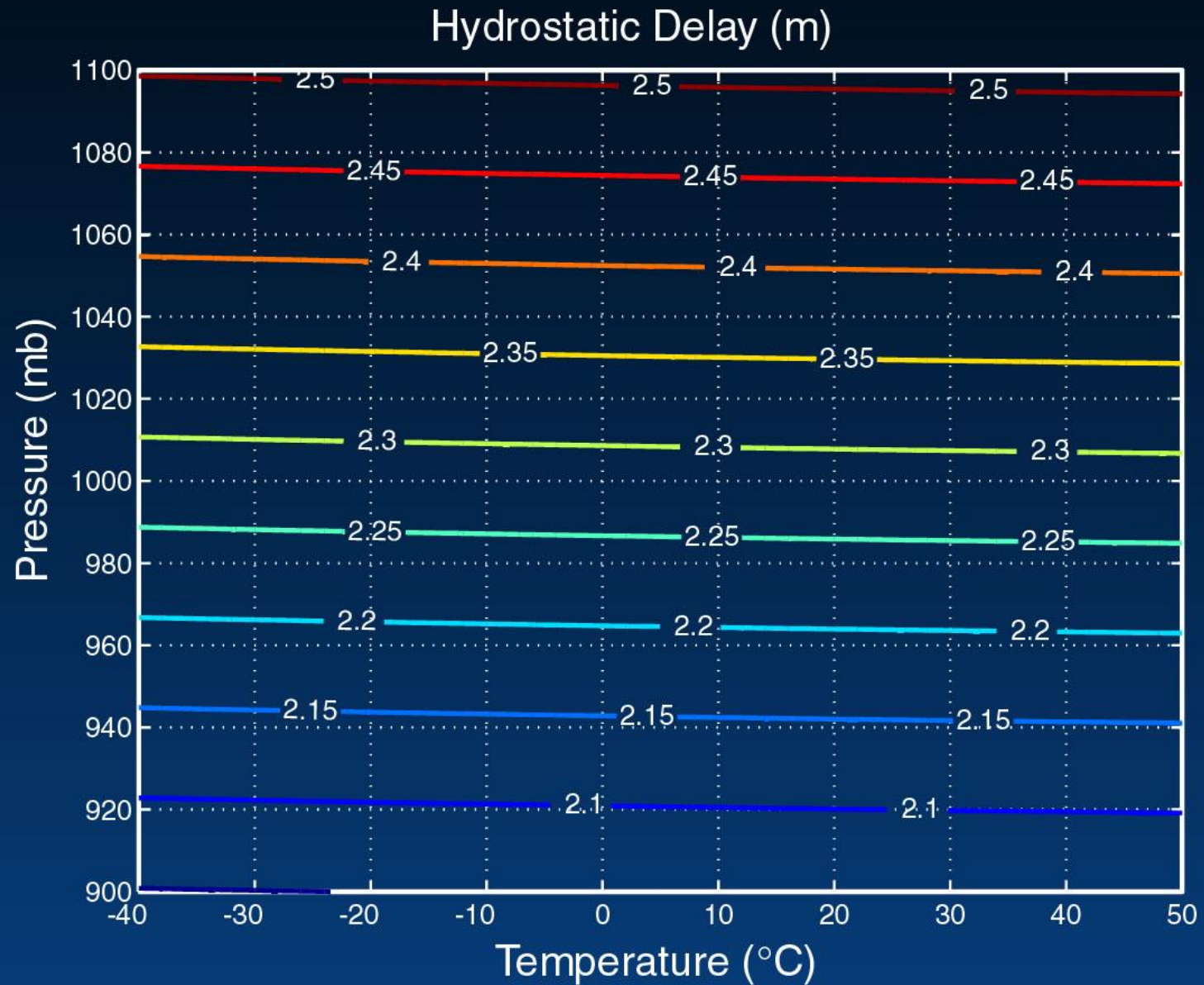
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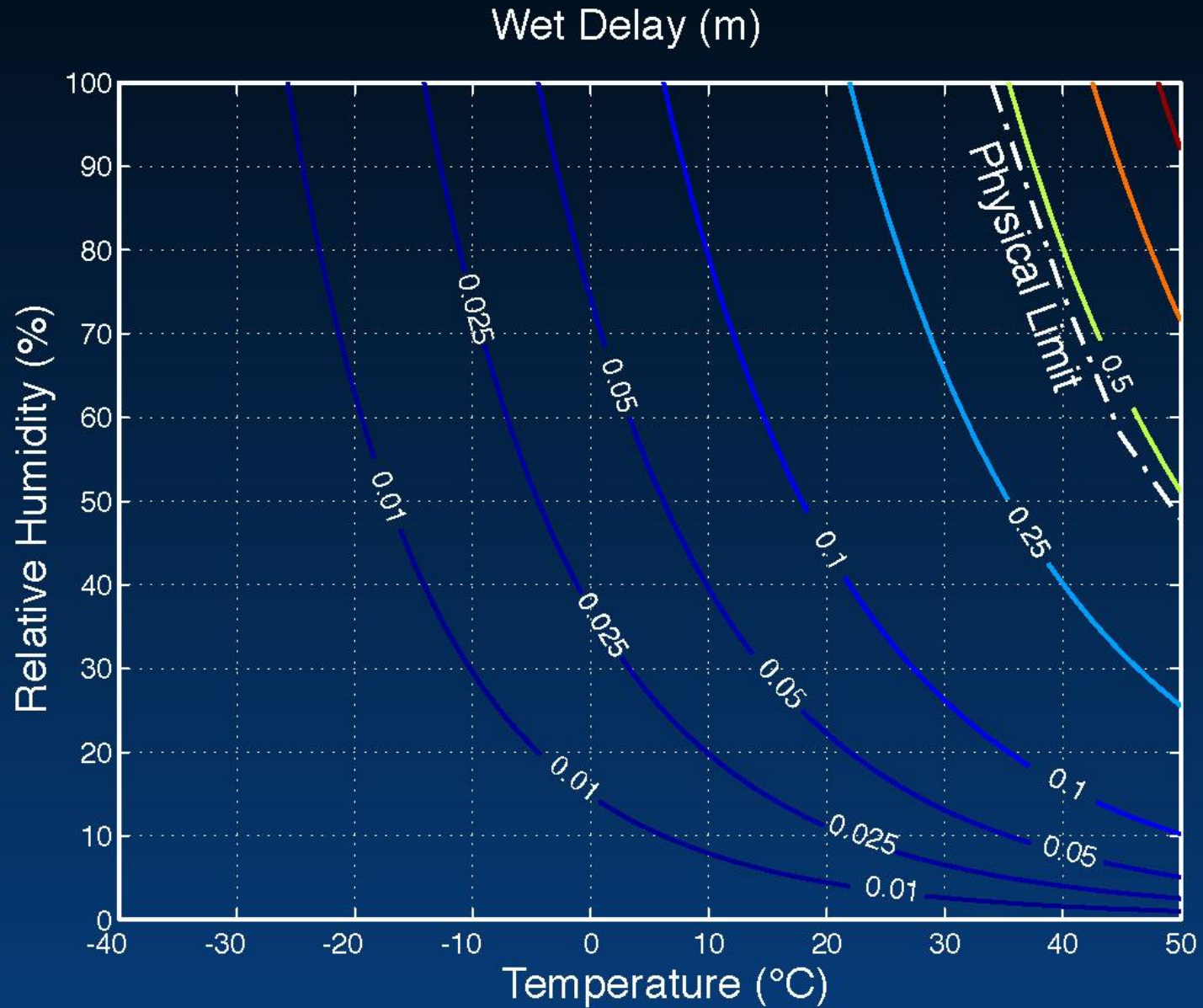


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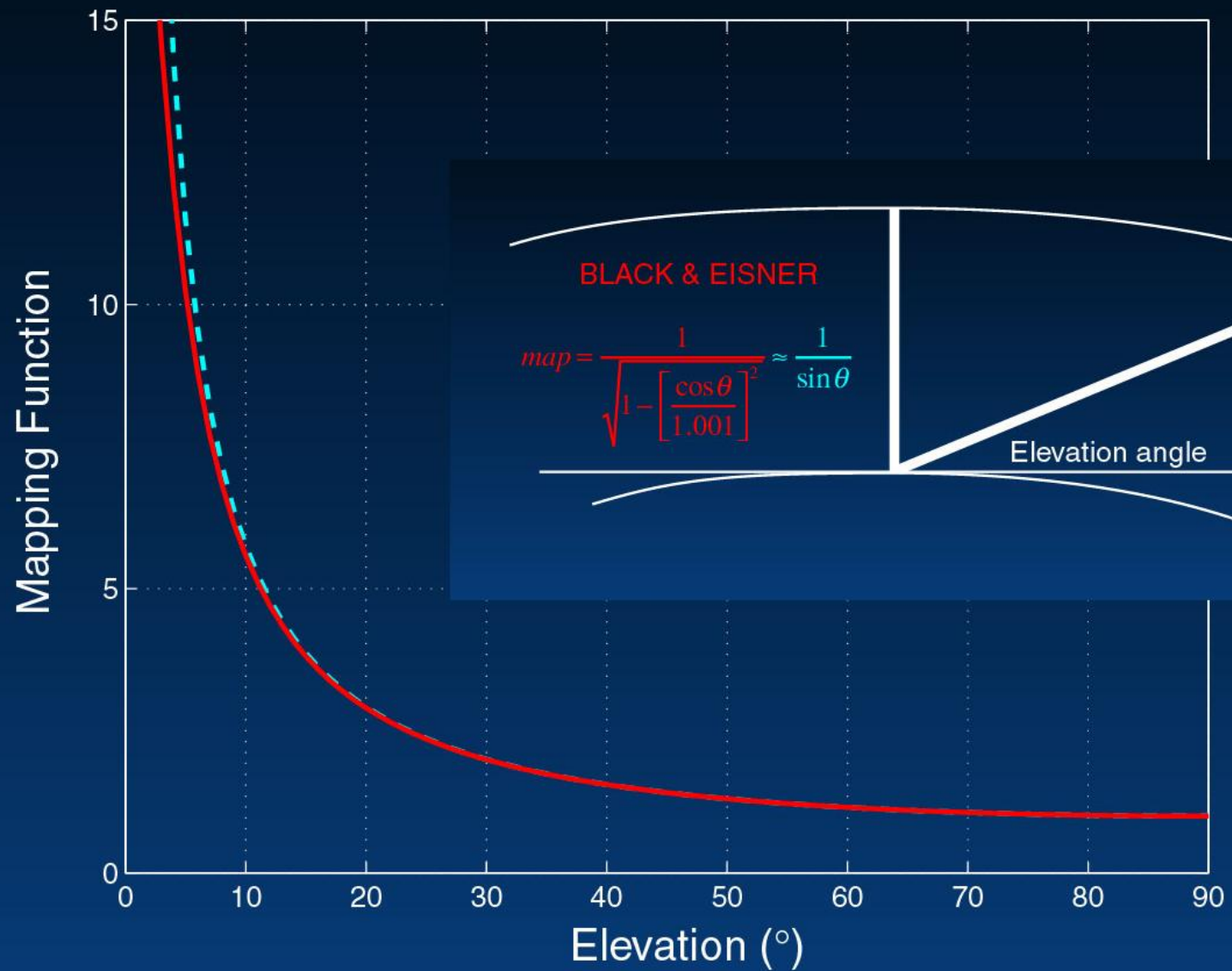
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# Mapping Function



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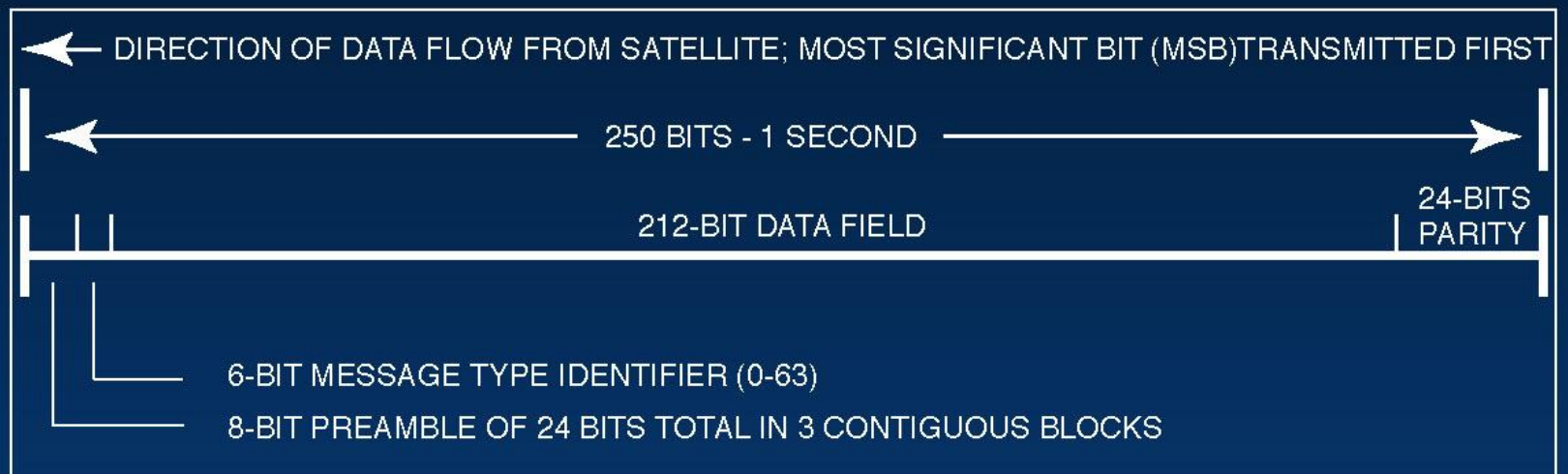
# WAAS MOPS / ICAO SARPS

- ➔ Format for messages sent between service provider and user
- ➔ Definition of how ionospheric information is broadcast
- ➔ Requirements for certified aviation receivers



# Message Format

250 Bits - One Message per Second  
All Messages Identical Block Format  
Data Fields Specific to Message Type



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# WG2 Message Types

Type	Contents	Update period(s)
0	Don't use this GEO for anything (for testing)	6
1	PRN Mask assignments, set up to 51 of 210 bits	120
2-5	Fast corrections (satellite clock error)	6-60
6	Integrity information (UDREI)	6
7	Fast correction degradation factors	120
9	GEO navigation message (X, Y, Z, time, etc.)	120
10	Degradation parameters	120
12	WAAS network time/UTC offset parameters	300
17	GEO satellite almanacs	300
18	Ionospheric grid point masks	300
24	Mixed fast/long term satellite error corrections	6-60
25	Long term satellite error corrections	120
26	Ionospheric delay corrections	300
27	WAAS service message	300
28	Clock/ephemeris covariance matrix	120
63	Null message	-



# Ionospheric Corrections

- ➔ Grid of Vertical Ionospheric Corrections
- ➔ Users Select 3 or 4 IGP's that Surround their IPP
  - ➔  $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$  or  $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$  from  $-60^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$  Lat.
  - ➔  $5^\circ \times 10^\circ$  or  $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$  for  $|Lat.| > 60^\circ$
- ➔ Vertical Correction and UIVE Interpolated to IPP
- ➔ Each Converted to Slant by Obliquity



# IGP Selection Rules

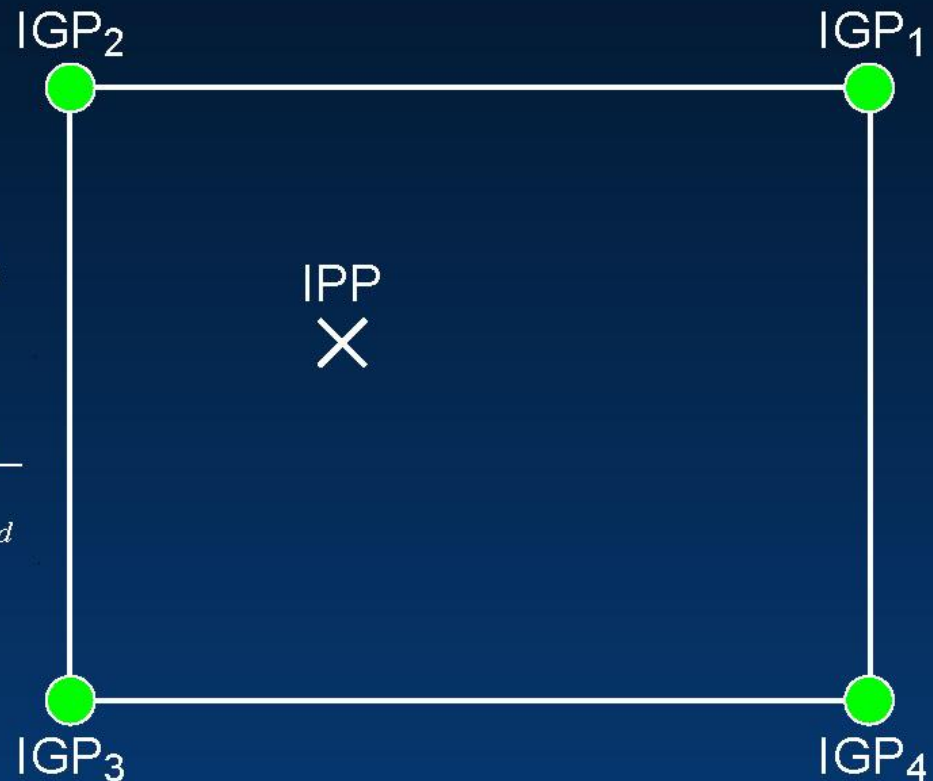
- Four Distinct Grid regions
- First Look for Surrounding Square Cell
- Else Seek Surrounding Triangular Cell
- If Neither is available for  $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$  try  $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$
- No Corrections Possible if Not Surrounded



# Bi-Linear Interpolation

$$I_{v,IPP} = \sum_{i=1}^4 w_i I_{v,IGP_i}$$

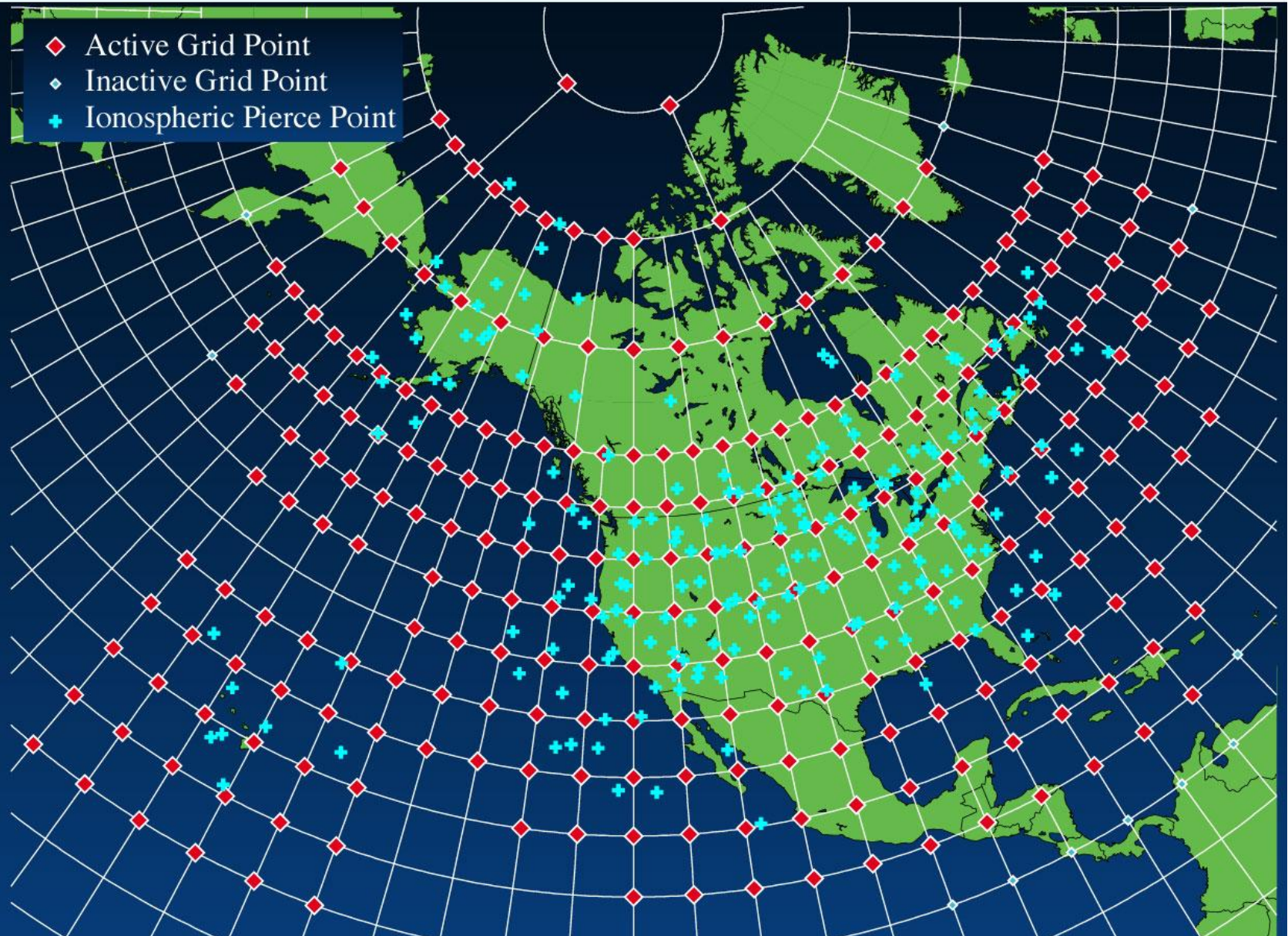
$$w_i = \frac{\Delta Lat_i}{\Delta Lat_{grid}} \times \frac{\Delta Lon_i}{\Delta Lon_{grid}}$$







# Measuring the Ionosphere

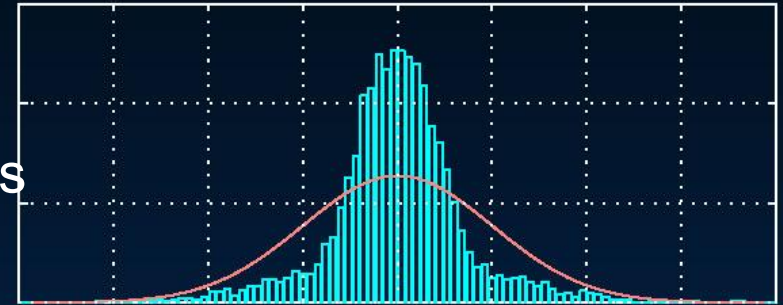


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# Gaussian Overbound

- Central Limit Theorem:  
Sum of  $N$  Independent  
Random Variables Approaches  
Gaussian as  $N$  Becomes  
Infinite
- Determine Error Distribution
- Find Gaussian Overbound
- Convolution of Errors will be Overbounded by  
Convolution of Overbounds if Error Distribution is  
Symmetric & Unimodal<sup>§</sup>
- Non-Zero Means Can Be Treated Separately by  
Sigma Inflation





# Integrity Equation

Vertical Position Confidence

$$\sigma_V \equiv \sqrt{[(\mathbf{G}^T \cdot \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{G})^{-1}]_{33}}$$

Vertical Protection Level

$$\text{VPL}_{WAAS} \equiv \kappa(P_r) \cdot \sigma_V$$



# Protection Level Calculation

$$\text{VPL}_{\text{WAAS}} = K_{V,PA} d_{3,3}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{G}^T \cdot \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{G})^{-1}$$

User Supplied

$$\mathbf{W}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Message Types 10 & 28

$$\sigma_{ft} = (\sigma_{UDRE}) \cdot (\delta UDRE) + \varepsilon_{fc} + \varepsilon_{rrc} + \varepsilon_{lrc} + \varepsilon_{er}$$

MOPS Definition

User Supplied

See Appendices A & J of the WAAS MOPS (RTCA DO-229C)

$$F_{pp} = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R_e \cos E}{R_e + h_I} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

MOPS Definition

$$\sigma_i^2 = \sigma_{i,ft}^2 + \sigma_{i,UIRE}^2 + \sigma_{i,air}^2 + \sigma_{i,tropo}^2$$

$$\sigma_{UIRE}^2 = F_{pp}^2 \sigma_{UIVE}^2$$

$$\sigma_{i,tropo}^2 = (0.12 \cdot m(E_i))^2$$

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$$\sigma_{UIVE}^2 = \sum_{n=1}^4 W_n(x_{pp}, y_{pp}) \sigma_{n,ionogrid}^2$$

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$$m(E_i) = \frac{1.001}{\sqrt{0.002001 + \sin^2(E_i)}}$$

$$\sigma_{ionogrid} = \sigma_{GIVE} + \varepsilon_{iono}$$

All  $\varepsilon$  terms are OBAD terms derived from Message Types 7 and 10