Homogenous re-processing of the EPN: First Experiences and Comparisons

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EPN REPROCESSING INITIATIVE

- **OFFICIAL REPROCESSING**

  EPN WILL FOLLOW (AND WAIT FOR) IGS:

  - recommendations, models, rules
  - products (orbit, EOP)
  - schedule ! ITRF !

- **PILOT RE-ANALYSIS**
  - testing the current environment (database, tools, resources)
  - get insight into the expected improvements

EPN PILOT RE-ANALYSIS

COMPLETE EPN REPROCESSING

- **MUT** (Military University of Technology, Warsaw)

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- **ROB** (Royal Observatory of Belgium)

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BERNESE 5.0 using the <u>current</u> EPN analysis standards (absolute PCV, 3° cut of angle, tropospheric gradient, JPL DE405 ephemeris, troposphere Niell mapping function . . .)

LAC SPECIFIC contribution

MUT completed 1996 – 2006 (wk. 834 - 1410)

- reprocessed IGS orbit, EOP (Steigenberger et al, 2006)
- weekly combination by MC over translation parameters

ROB completed 1996 – 2003 (wk. 846 - 1270)

- original IGS orbit and EOP
- weekly combination by MC over translation parameters
- still in progress

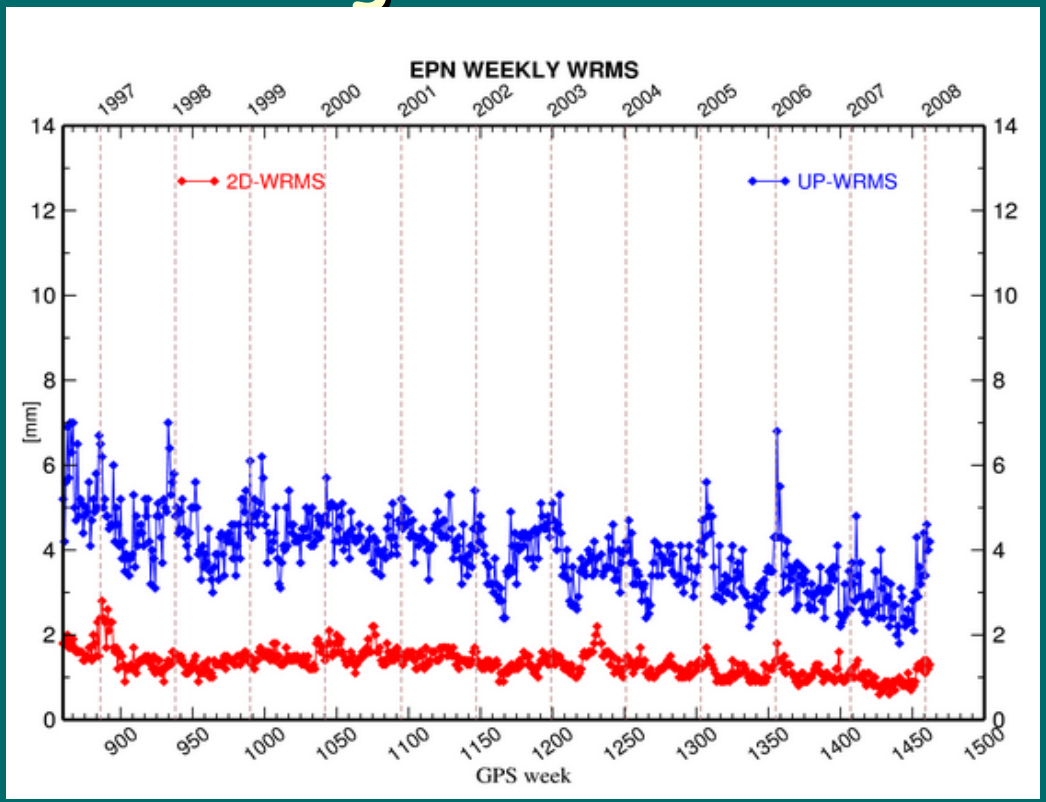
CUMULATIVE SOLUTION

- Weekly combined SINEX files are available
- Multiyear solution: CATREF (Altamimi et al 2004)
- Datum: ITRF2005_IGS-TRF.SNX

  IGS05_reprocessed.SNX
- Minimum Constraint (MC) approach, the frame is defined by 16 ITRF/EPN stations (28 soln)
- Discontinuities harmonized with IGS
- REGIONAL NETWORK (!)

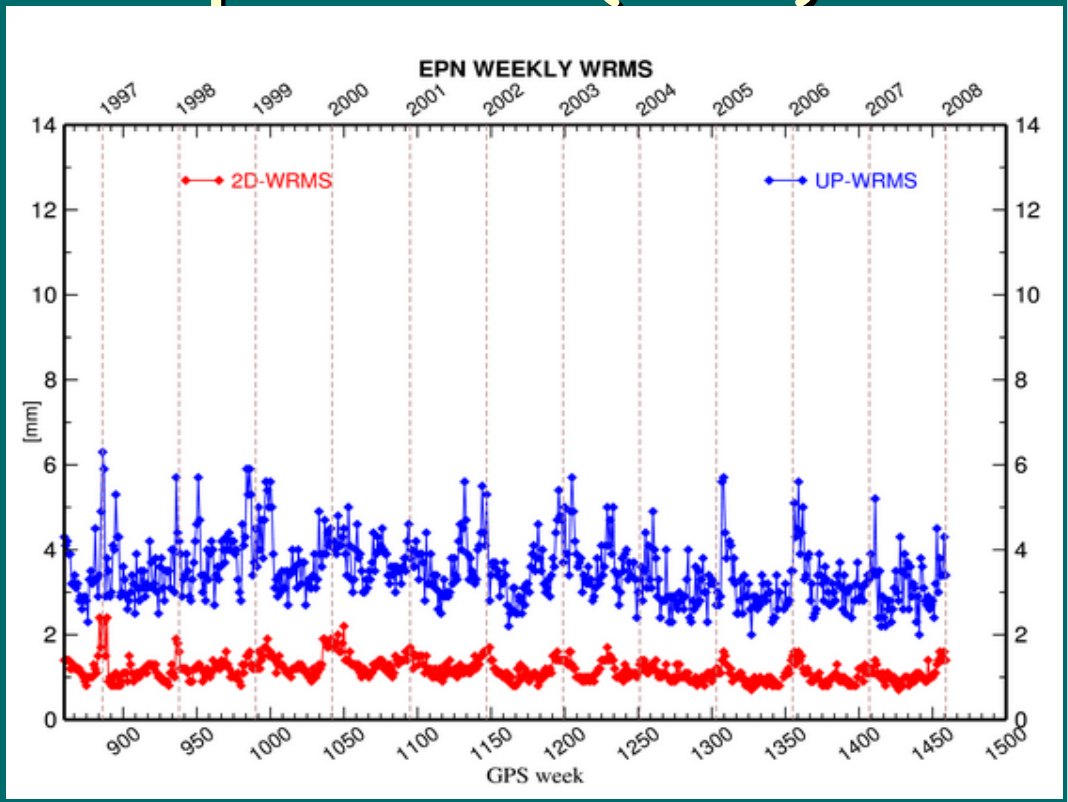
GENERAL RESULTS I.
weekly weighted RMS

original EPN



weekly solutions are averaged
over 16 LAC results
3-5 LAC per station

reprocessed (MUT)



no averaging!
single LAC solution

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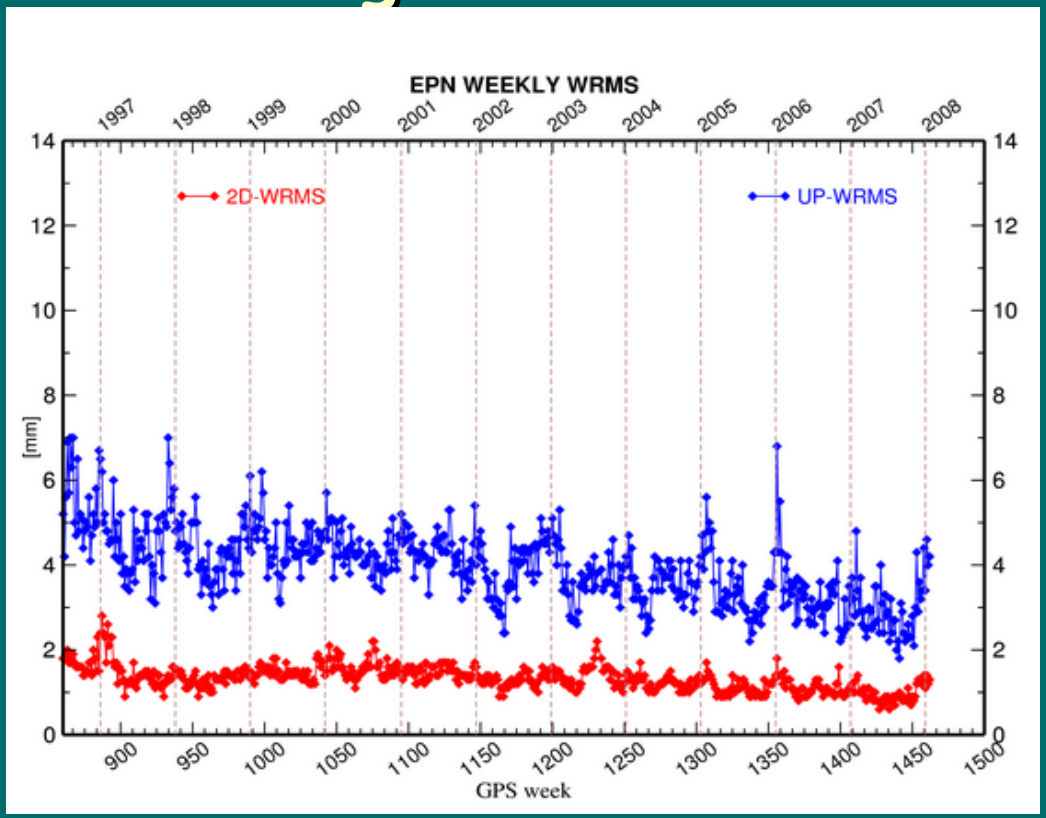

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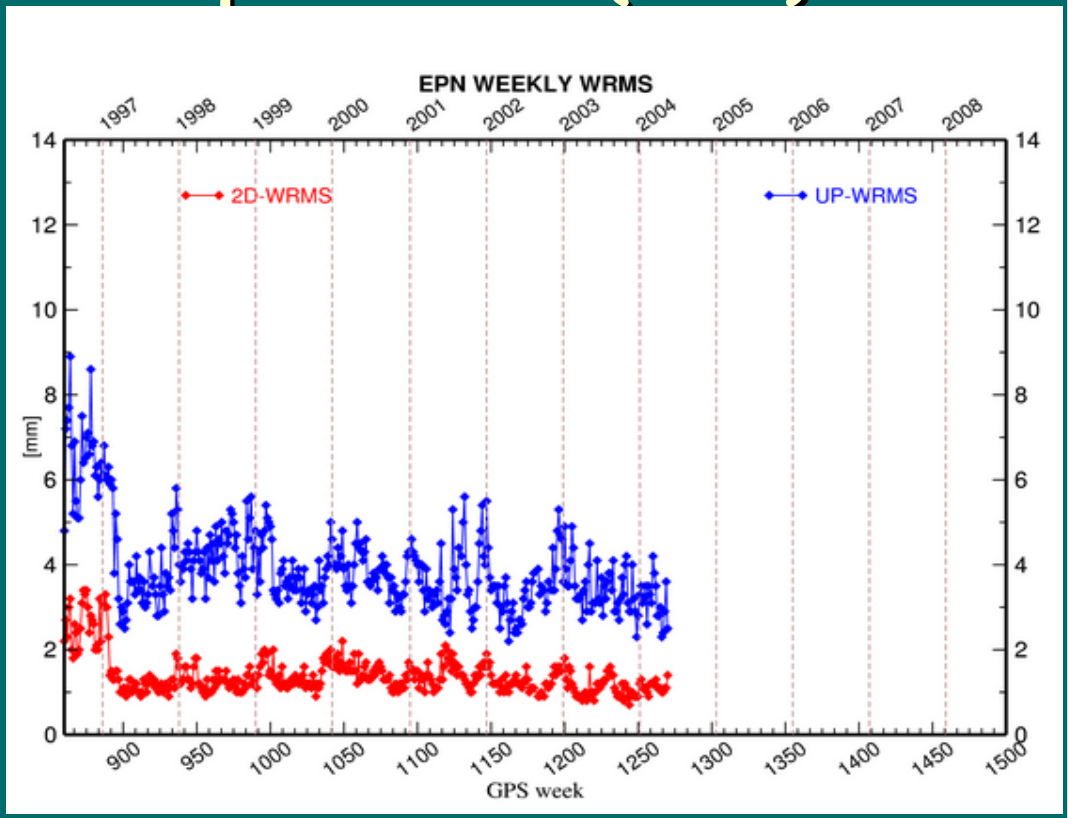

GENERAL RESULTS II.

Helmert-transformation parameters between the cumulative and weekly solutions

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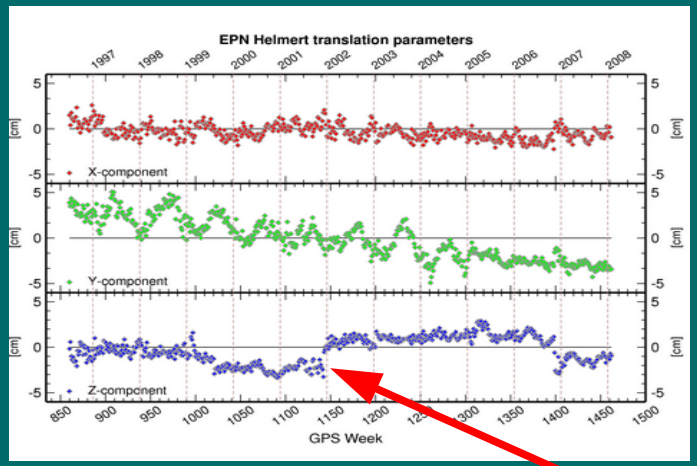

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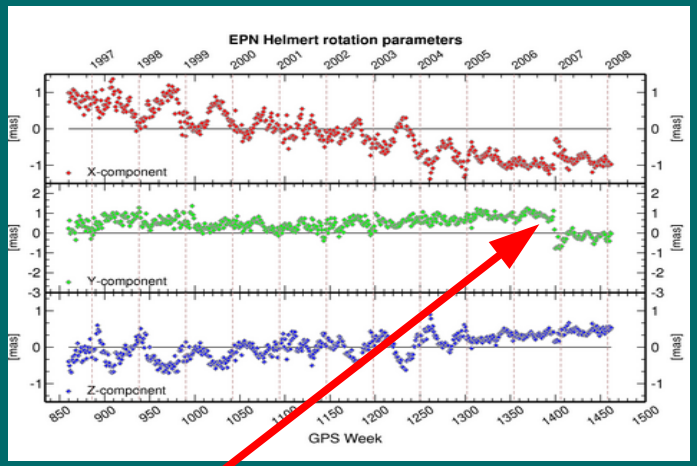

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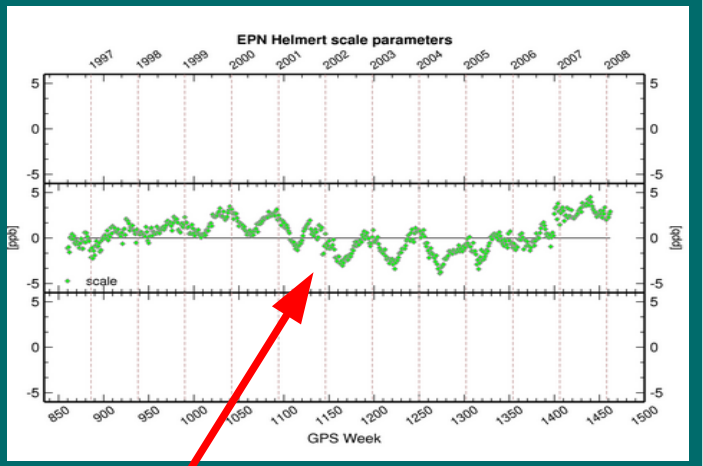

Reference frame changes,
Software modeling shortcomings,
Analysis strategy changes are seen

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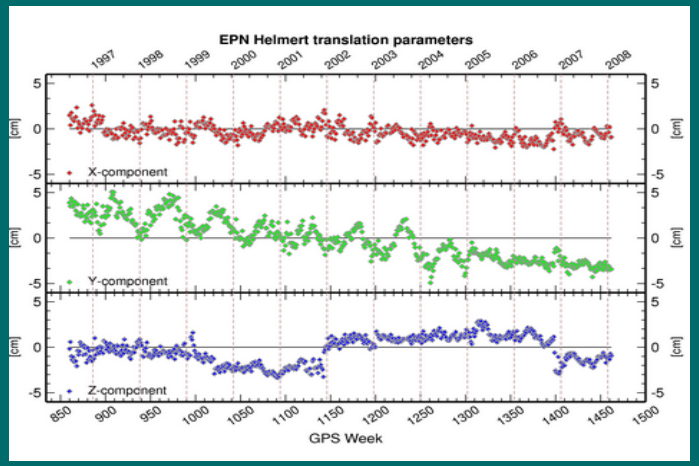

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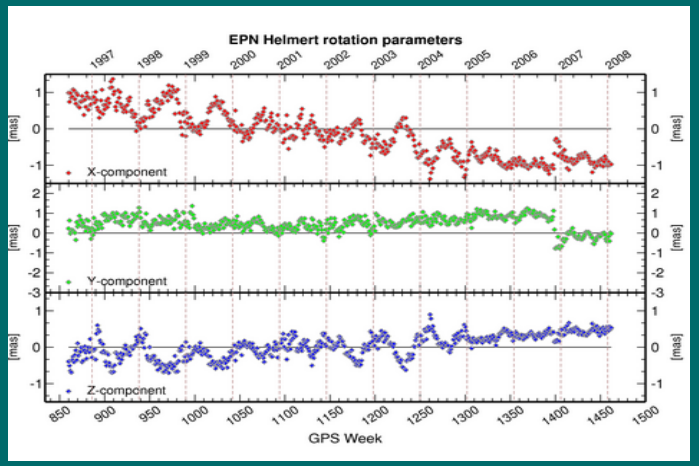

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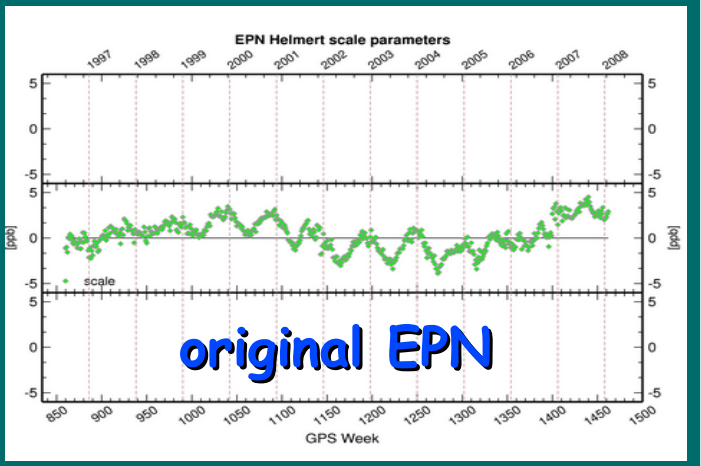

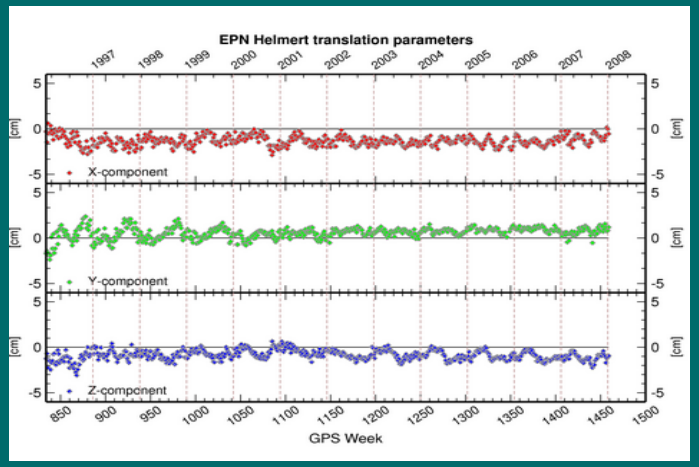

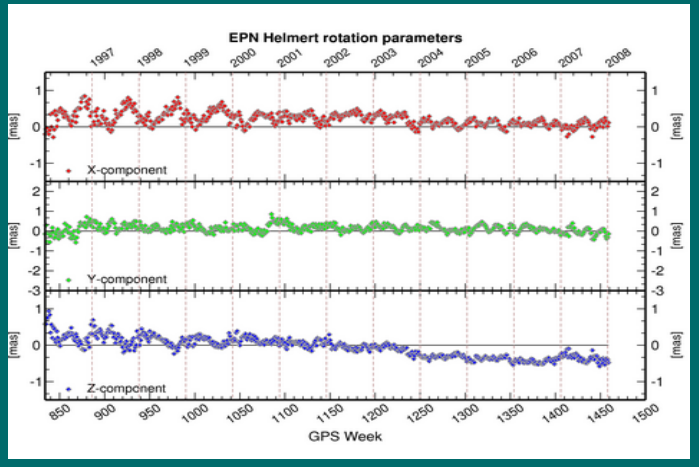

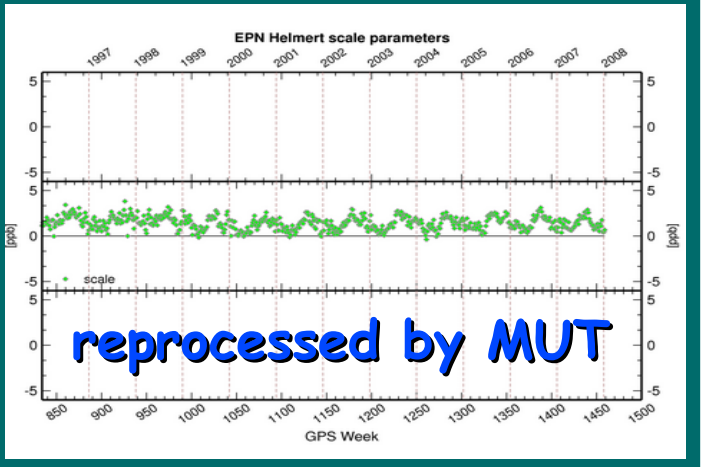

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Noise estimate by CATS_MLE (Williams et al.)

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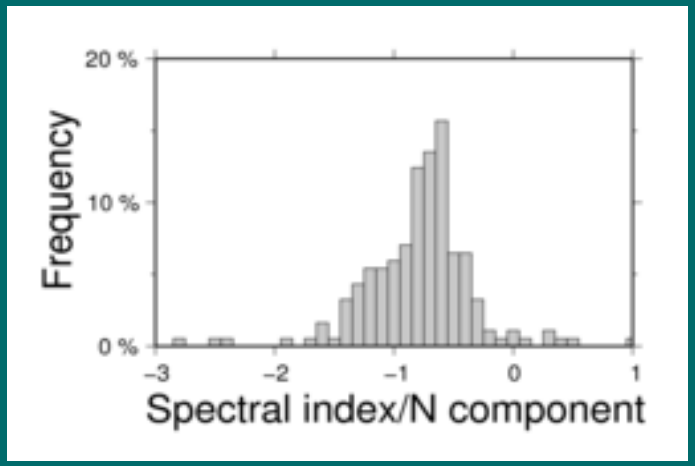

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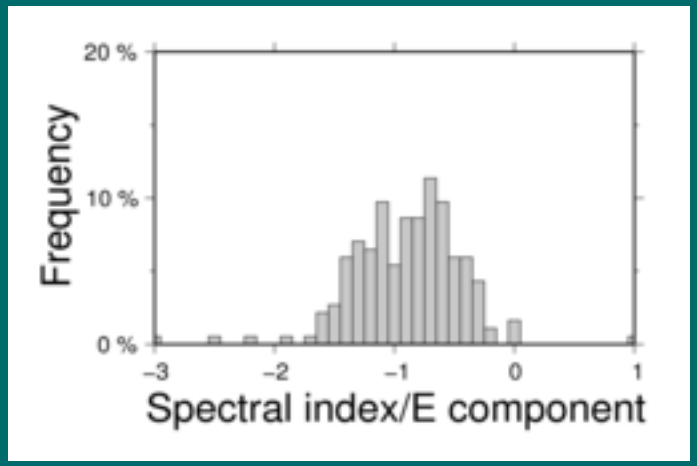

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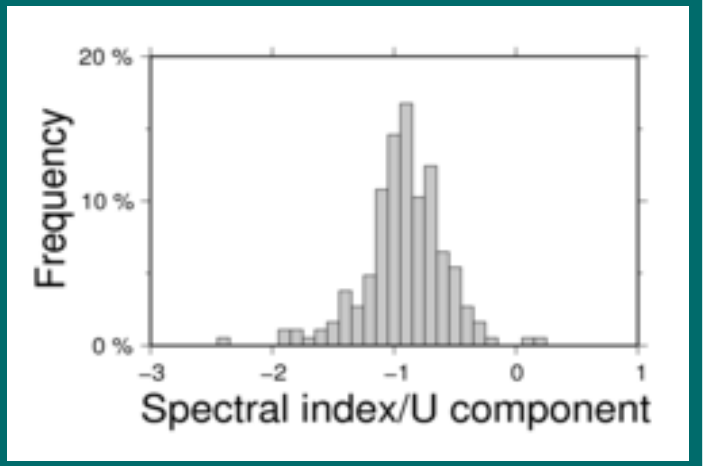

$$P_K(f) = P_0\left(\frac{f}{f_0}\right)^K$$

At the original EPN series the flicker-noise (K = -1) is dominating at each component

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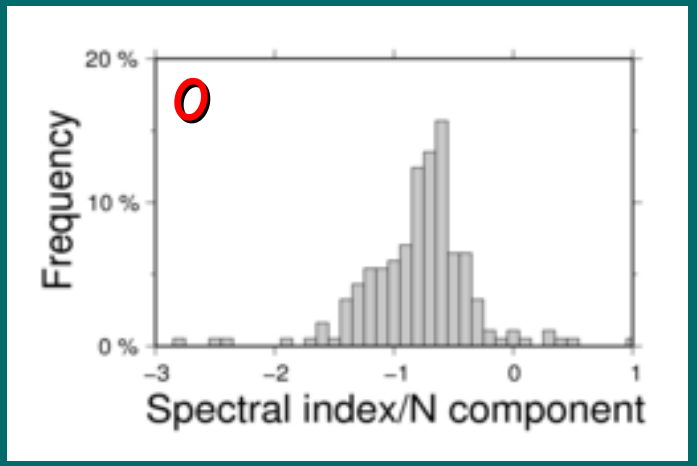

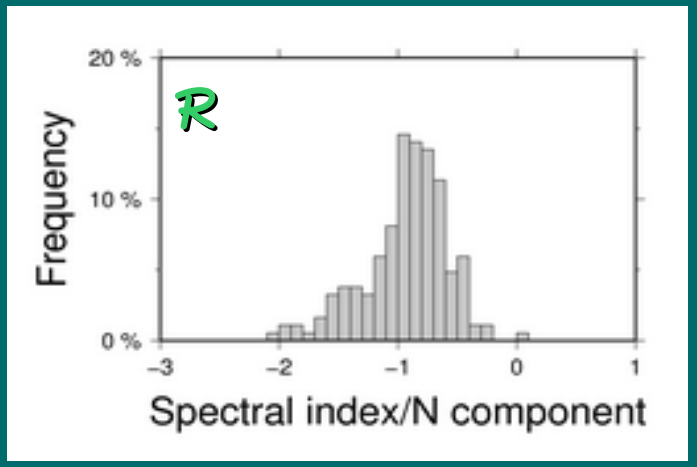

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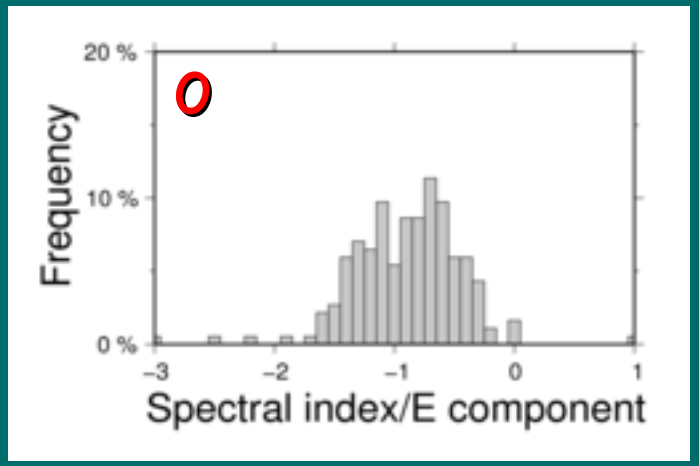

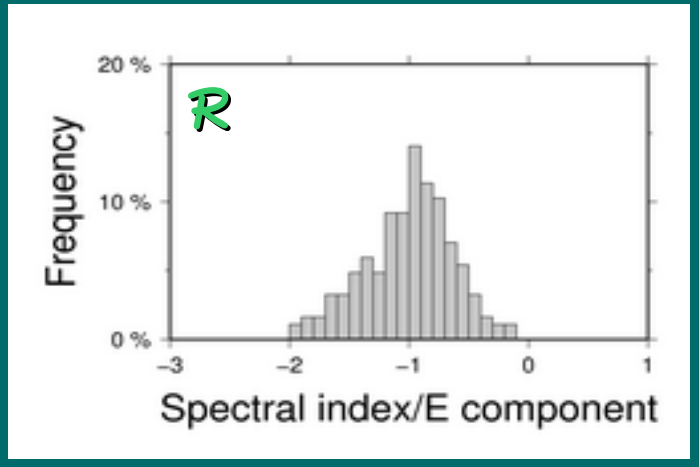

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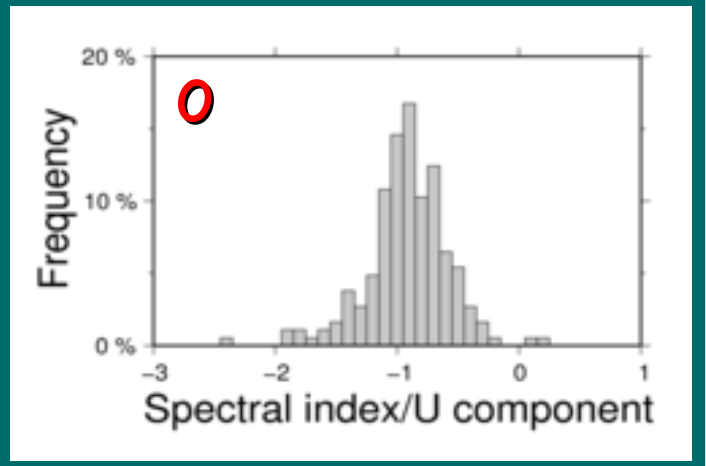

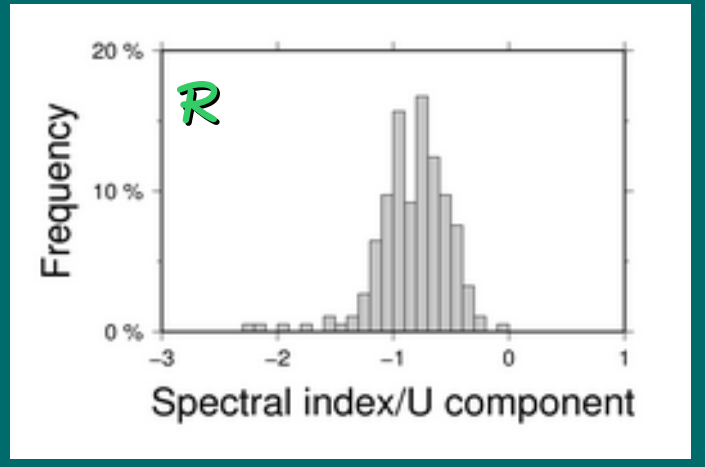

GENERAL RESULTS IV.
HARMONIC ANALYSIS (CATS_MLE & PSD)

- SEASONAL SIGNAL (amplitude / phase by CATS)

  PRELIMINARY RESULTS:

  - AVERAGE 30% REDUCED AMPLITUDE N / E / U
    (ONLY AT HALF OF THE STATIONS (!))
  - PHASE CHANGES: HIGH SCATTER OF DIFFERENCES

  FURTHER DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS (STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, CORRELATIONS – equipment, environment) ARE FORESEEN!

- POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY (Lomb-periodogram)

LOMB PERIODOGRAM EXAMPLES

NO CHANGE: UNCALIBRATED ANTENNA/RADOME

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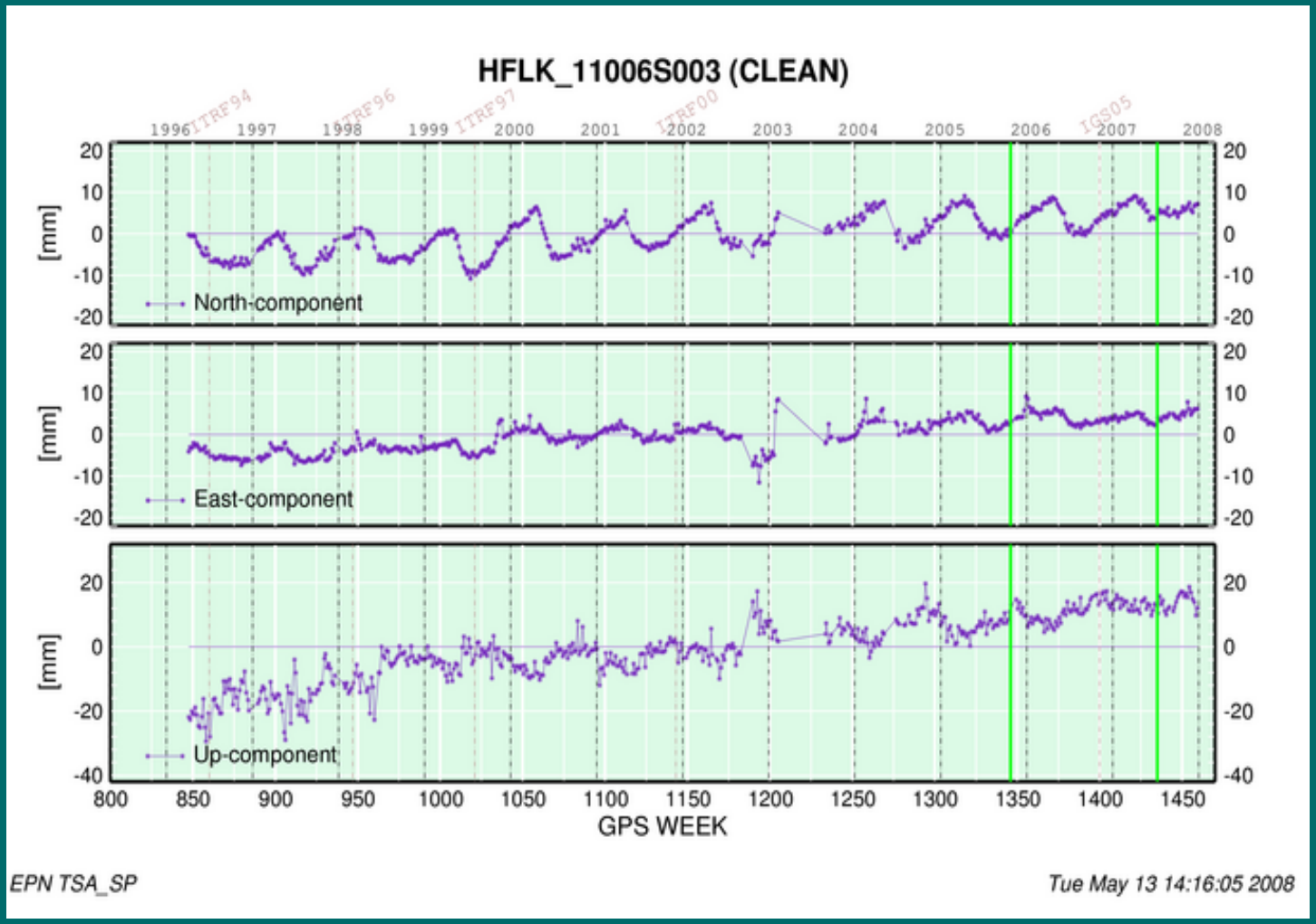

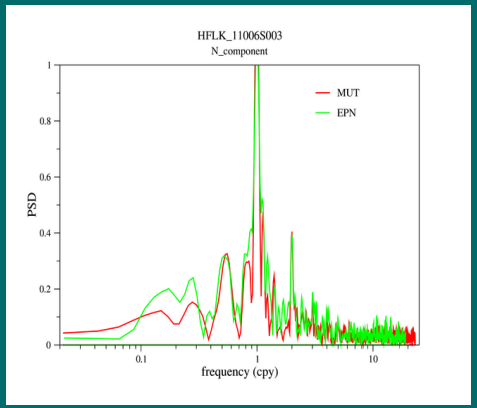

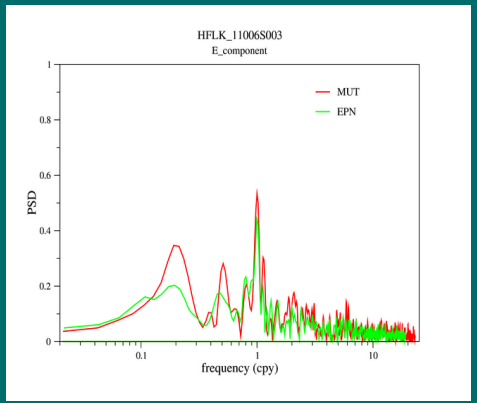

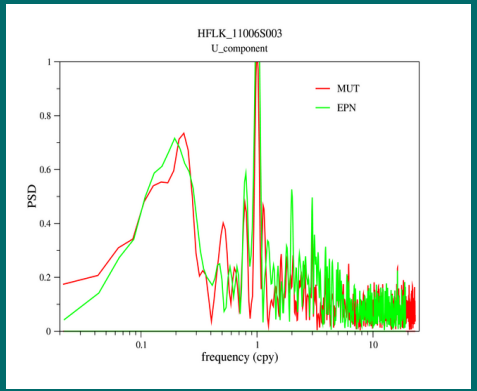

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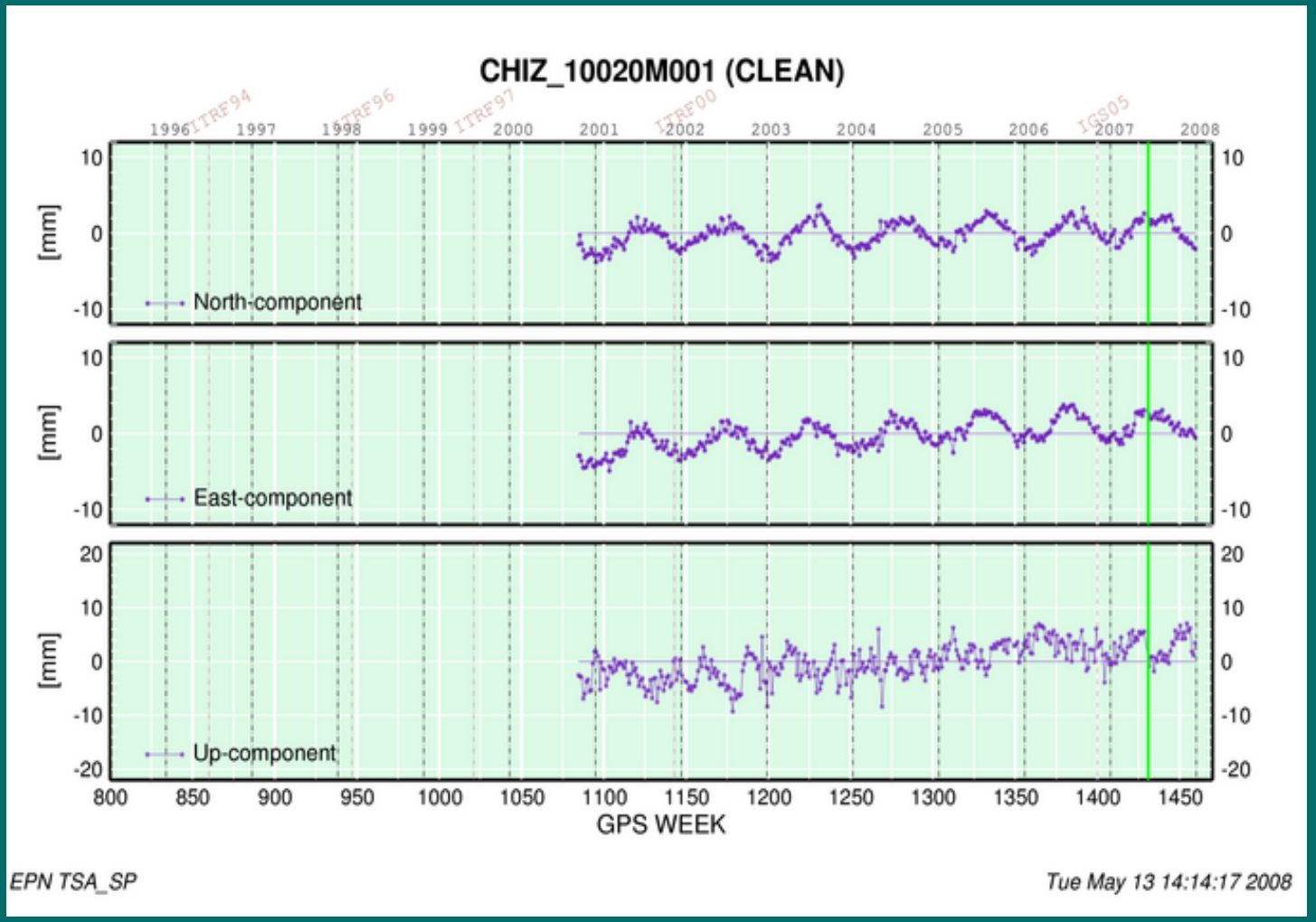
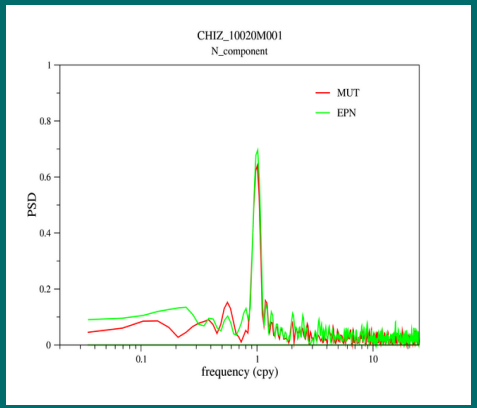
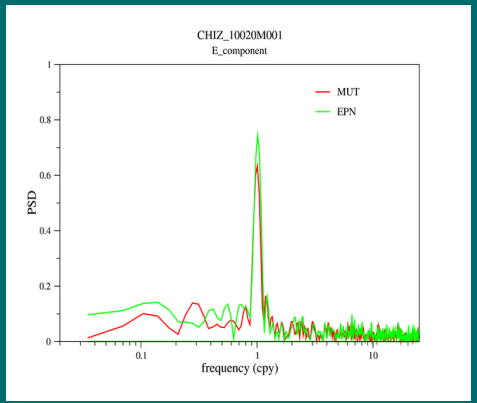
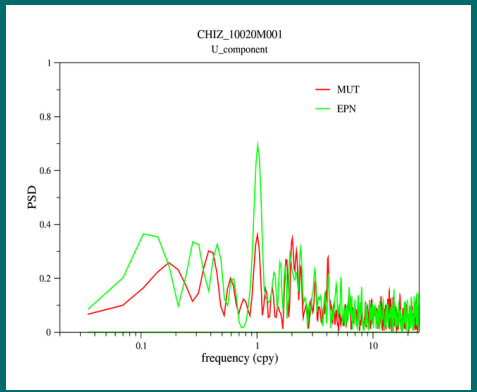
SEASONAL SIGNAL PARTIALLY REMAINS

CHIZ: concrete bunker of World War II.









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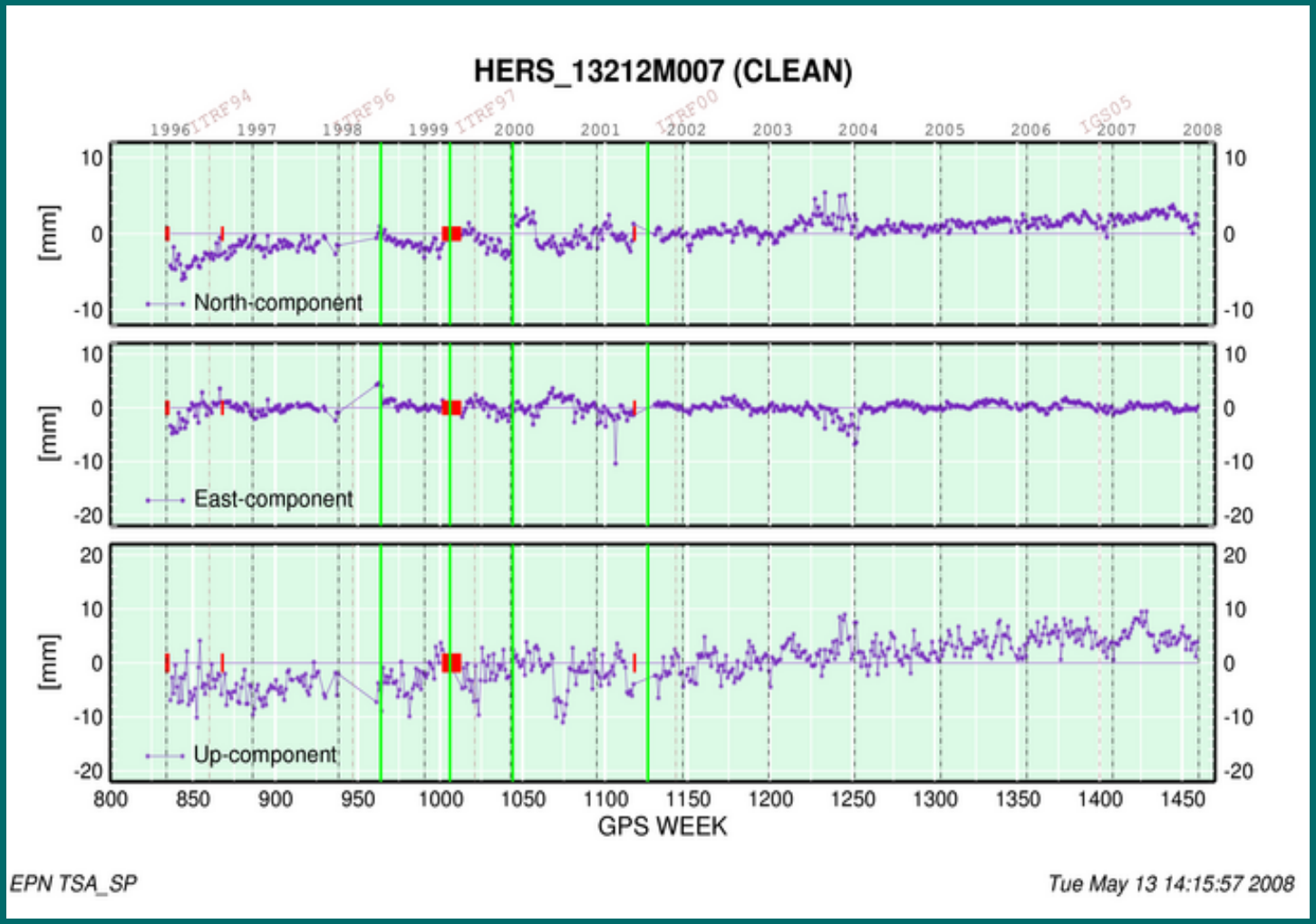
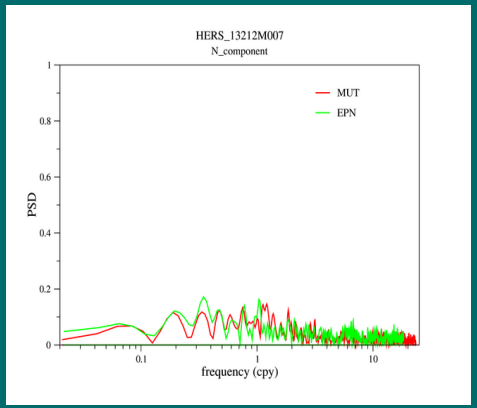
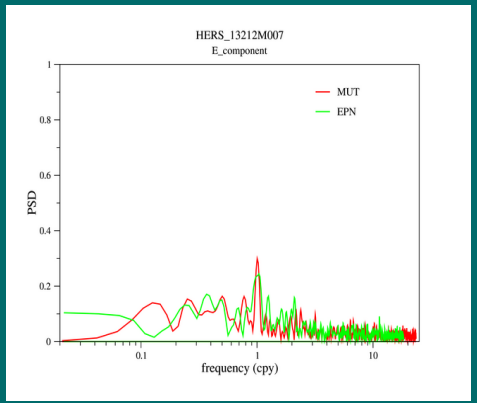
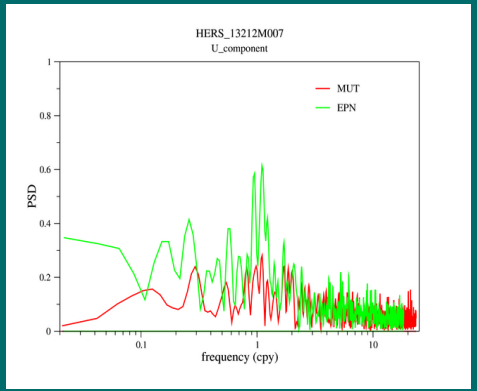
SEASONAL SIGNAL DECREASED





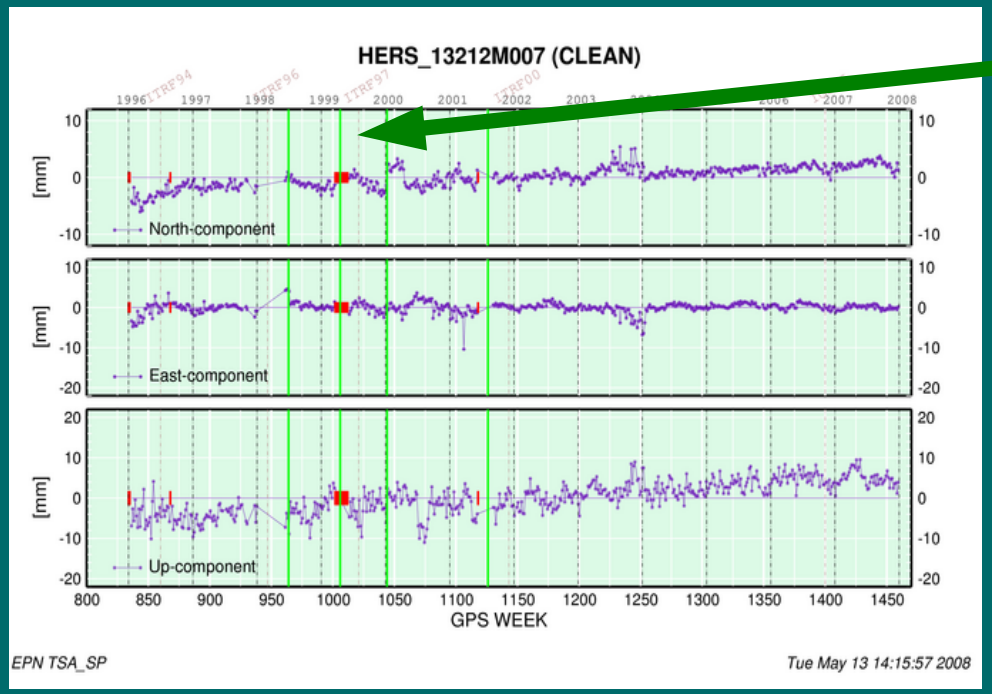


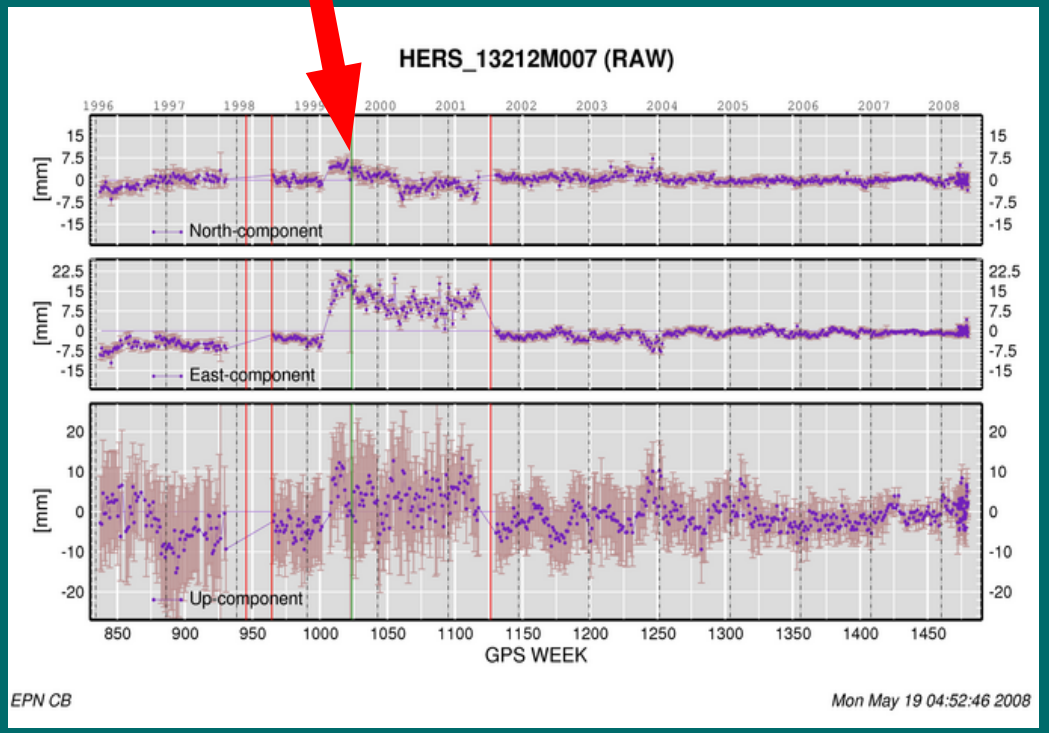


UNEXPECTED REPROCESSING RESULT

DECREASED SENSITIVITY TO ANTENNA PROBLEMS?

ANTENNA MALFUNCTION
(ASH700936E)





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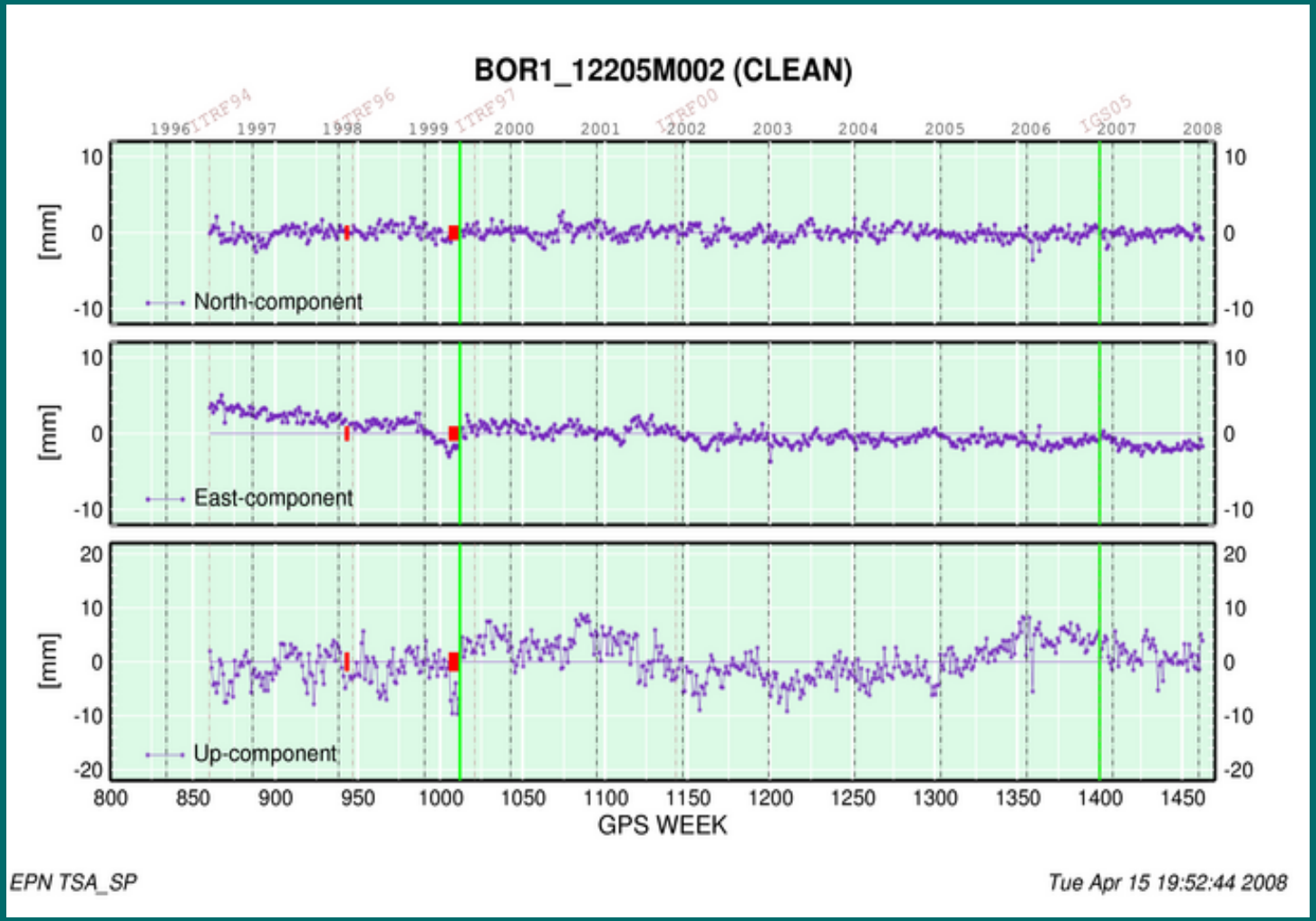
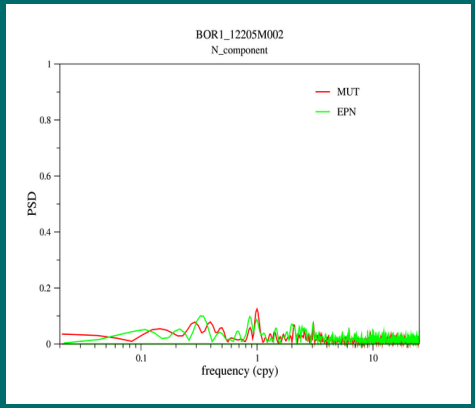
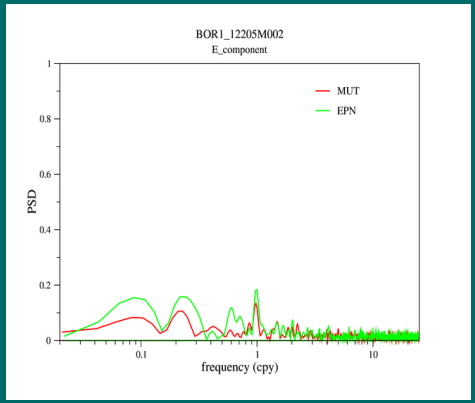
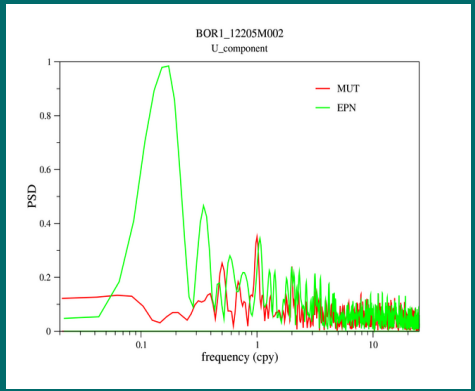
UP COMPONENT LONG TERM SIGNAL DECREASED

ORIGINAL EPN SERIES









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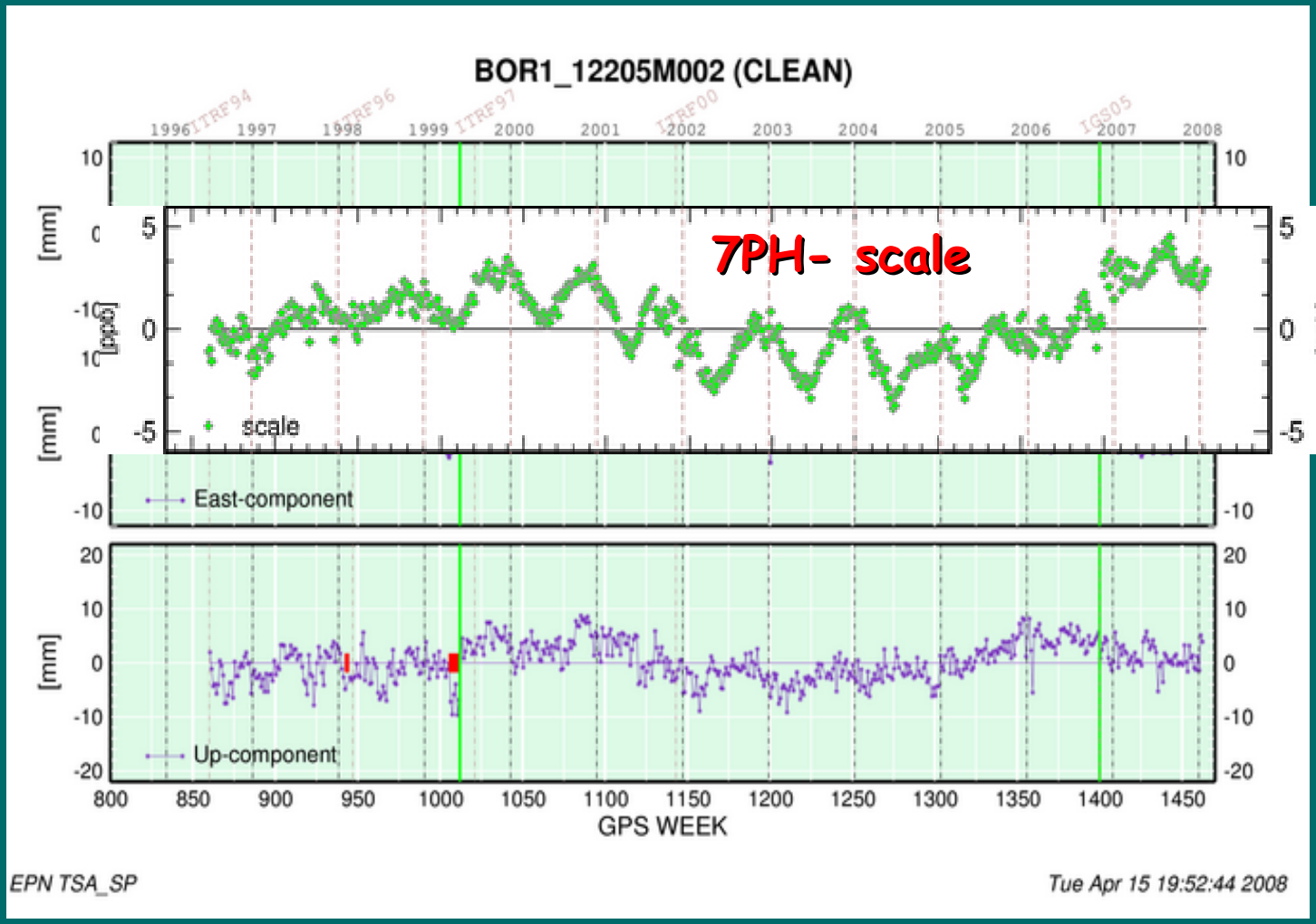
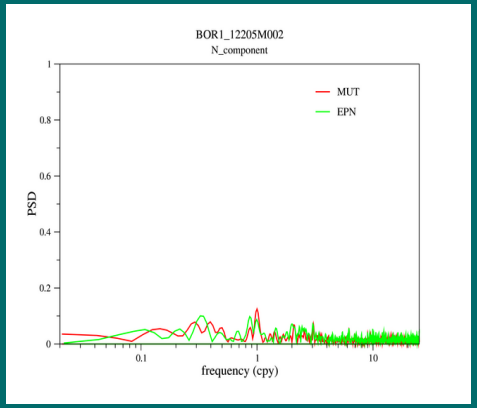
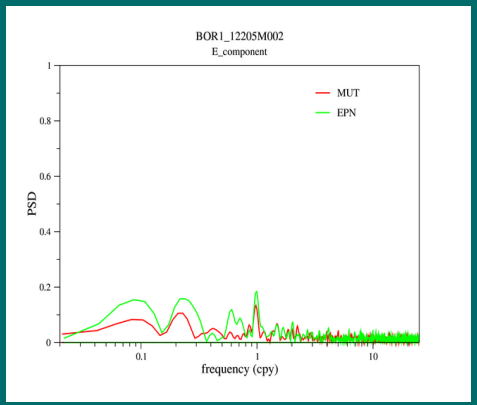
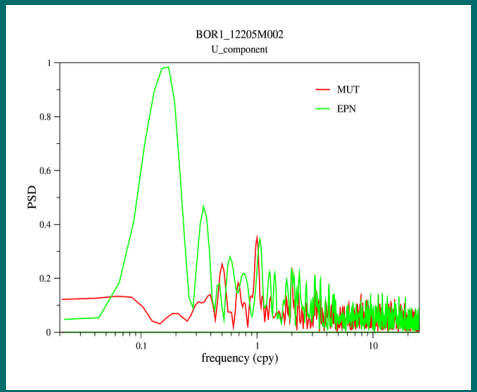


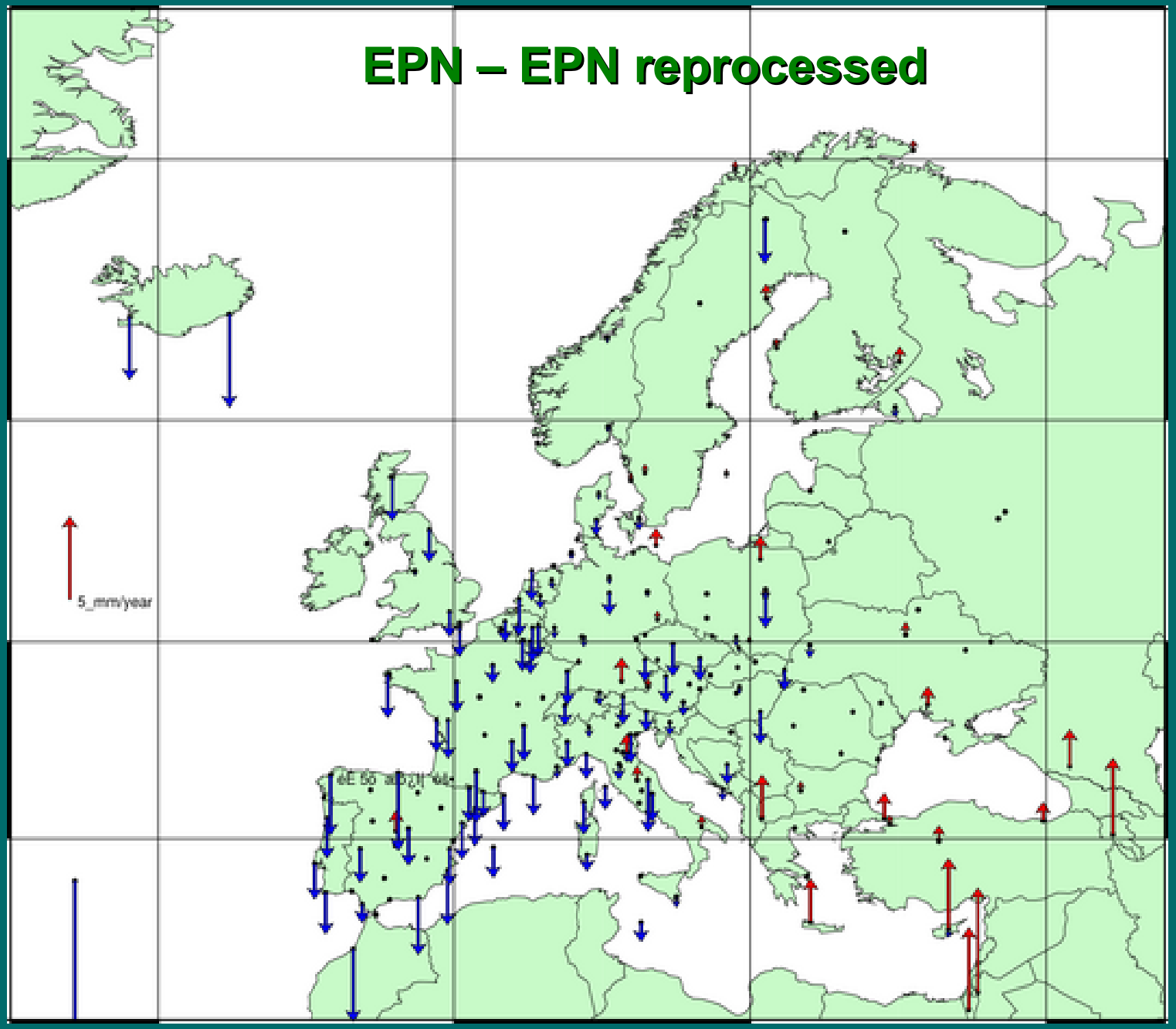






DIFFERENCES IN VELOCITY ESTIMATE (UP)

(THE HORIZONTAL DIFFERENCES ARE NEGLIGIBLE!)



CONCLUSIONS

RE-PROCESSED CUMULATIVE SOLUTION

- REDUCED WRMS

  >10% overall (>30% before week 900)

- 'STABLE' HELMERT TRANSFORMATION PARAMETER SERIES,
- NO DISCONTINUITY AT GPSWEEK 1400 !
- REFERENCE FRAME: HOMOGENOUS TIME SERIES

CONCLUSIONS cont'd

- FLICKER NOISE IS STILL DOMINATING
- SEASONAL SIGNAL: DECREASED AMPLITUDE, BUT NON-HOMOGENOUS PHASE CHANGES

  FURTHER STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REQUIRED (CORRELATIONS, SIGNIFICANCE TESTS)
- SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN VERTICAL VELOCITY ESTIMATES (need to be verified – regional network)

EPN RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE REAL ABSOLUTE PCV FOR ALL ANTENNA TYPES
- STANDARD PRODUCT: DAILY SINEX SOLUTIONS DUE TO DECREASED NOISE LEVEL
  - → BETTER DISCONTINUITY MODELING
  - → HIGHER RESOLUTION HARMONIC ANALYSIS
- FULLY HARMONIZED IGS/EPN DISCONTINUITY TABLE