Achievements of GNSS4SWEC Working Group 1: Advanced GNSS Processing Techniques

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- Contribution of hydro-meteors
- Real-time demonstration
- Slant delay retrievals
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GNSS4SWEC Working Groups

COST Action ES1206: GNSS for Severe Weather and Climate (GNSS4SWEC)

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→ 72 members
→ 26 EU+ countries
→ 4 non-EU partners
→ 10 specific activities

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Working Group 1 – Main Goals

- **Coordinating the development of advanced troposphere products in support of weather forecasting:** ultra-fast production, asymmetry monitoring, tomography reconstruction, high-resolution products,multi-constellation processing
- **Exploiting numerical weather model data in precise GNSS positioning and navigation**

  generating synthetic troposphere parameters or observations

  evaluating NWM-derived troposphere corrections for real-time applications

  assessing troposphere mapping functions, impact of using mapping factors

  separating hydrostatic and non-hydrostatic parts in final and (near) real-time solutions
- **GNSS data reprocessing** to provide consistent troposphere products for climate research in Europe
- **Stimulating transfer of knowledge**, tools and data exchange in support of new analysis centres and networks setup

→ **10 sub-WG setup with focus on specific topics**

Preparation phase: design & data collection

May-June 2013 - floods of Danube/Moldau/Elbe rivers

GNSS: ~500 stations (AT, CZ, DE, PL)

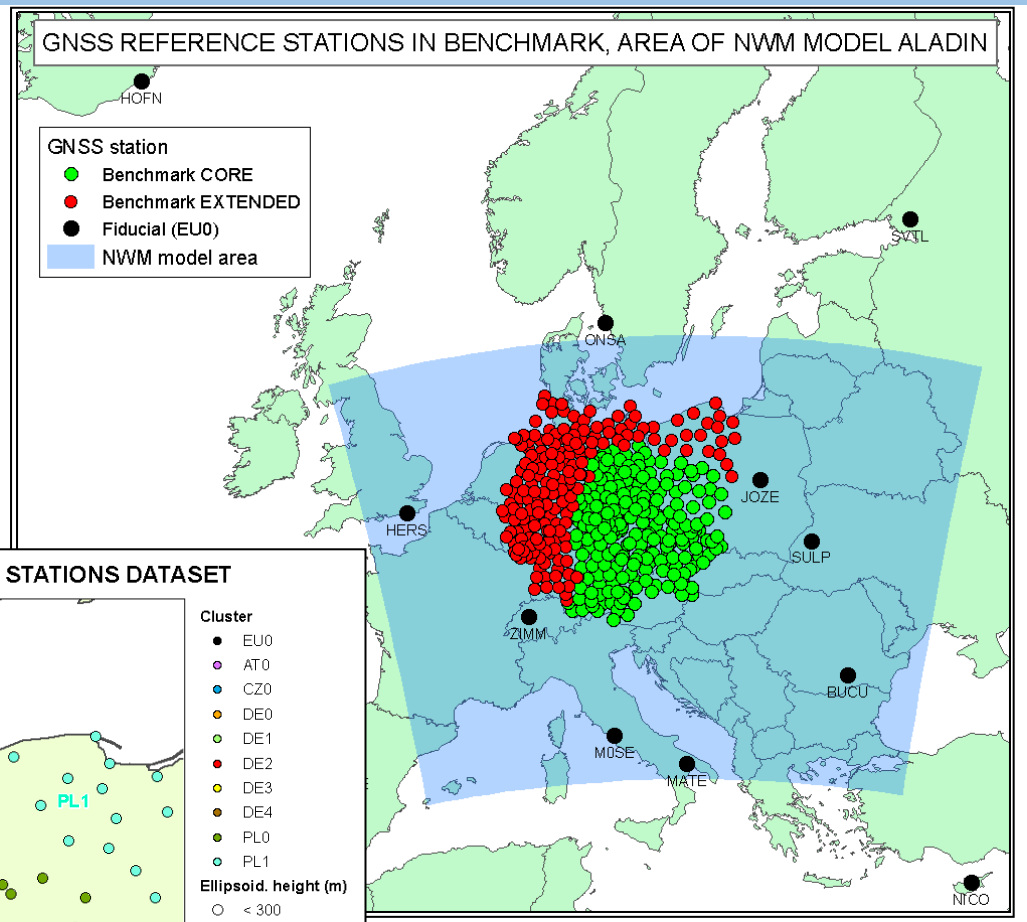
SYNOP: ~200 stations (AT, CZ, DE, PL)

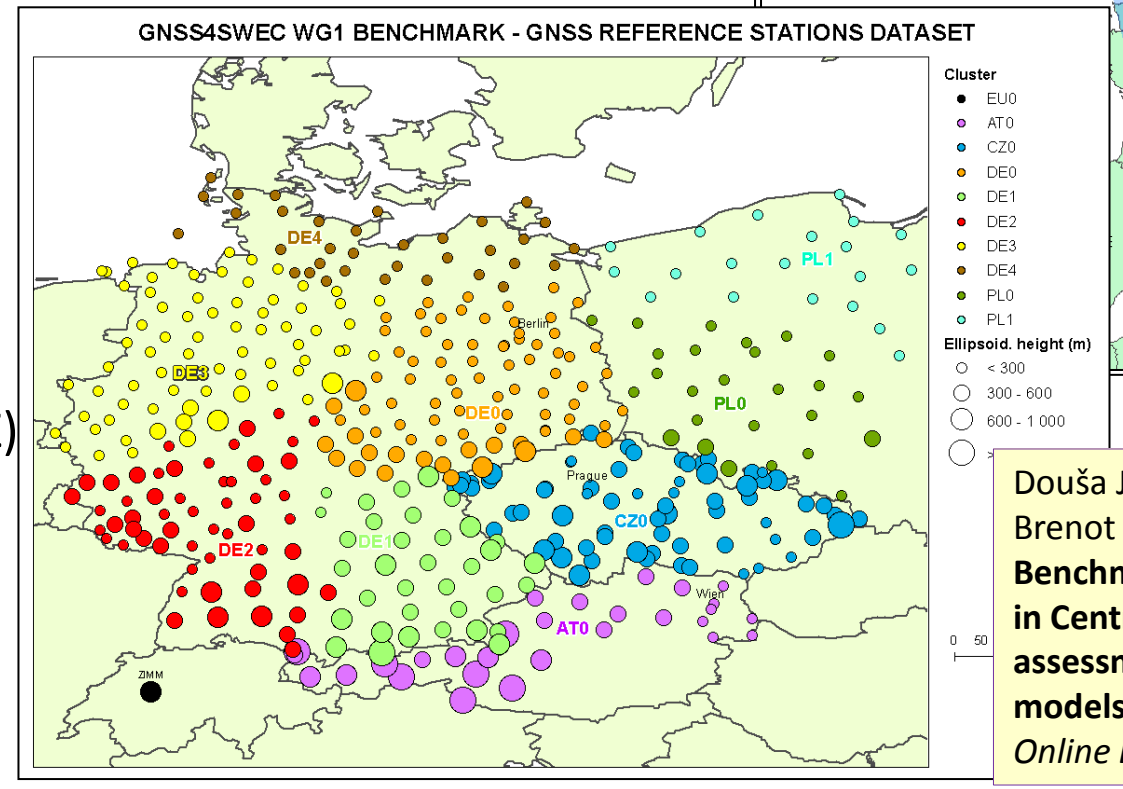
NWM: regional (Aladin-CZ), global (ERA-Interim, NCEP GFS)

RAOBS: E-GVAP + two high-resolution (CZ)

WVR: Potsdam, Lindenberg (DE)

RADAR images: Brdy, Skalka (CZ)





Reference products

GNSS: Bernese (GOP), EPOS (GFZ)

NWM: G-Nut/Shu (GOP), DNS (GFZ)

User phase

contributions, evaluations

feedbacks, interpretations

Douša J, Dick G, Kačmařík M, Brožková R, Zus F, Brenot H, Stoycheva A, Möller G, Kaplon (2016): **Benchmark campaign and case study episode in Central Europe for development and assessment of advanced GNSS tropospheric models and products**, *Atmosph Meas Tech, Online Discussion, (accepted)*

GNSS reference products

Bernese + DD (GOP) – ZTDs (1h), GRD(6h)

EPOS-8 + PPP (GFZ) – ZTDs (15min), GRD(1h)

NWM-derived parameters

G-Nut/Shu (GOP): ZWD + ZHD + T/Tm + vert. corrections

DNS (GFZ): ZWD + ZHD + GRAD + MF

ZTD

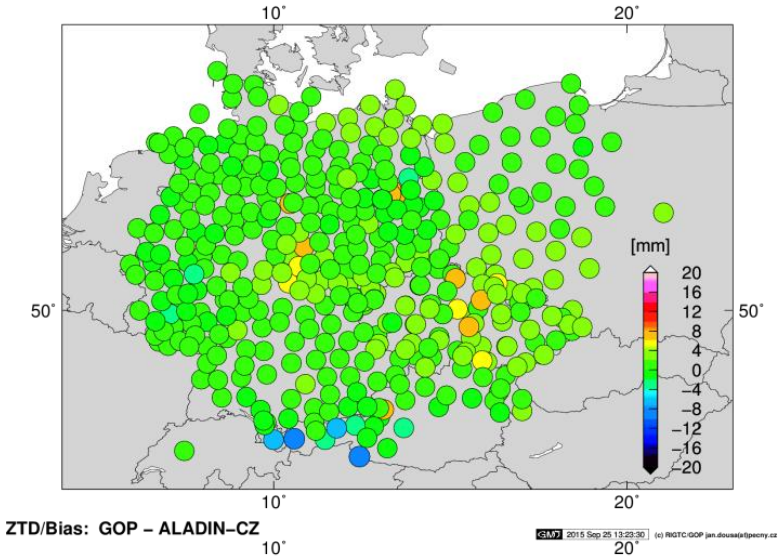
NWM source (software)	Grid Resolution	Analysis [hour]	Forecast [hour]	GNSS source (software)	Pairs #	Excl #	Bias [mm]	Sdev [mm]	RMS [mm]
ERA-Interim (Shu)	1 deg	6	0	GOP (Bernese)	224	2	+0.0	9.6	10.0
ERA-Interim (Shu)	1 deg	6	0	GFZ (EPOS-8)	224	3	+0.3	9.7	10.0
ERA-Interim (DNS)	1 deg	6	0	GOP (Bernese)	224	3	- 0.4	9.4	9.8
ERA-Interim (DNS)	1 deg	6	0	GFZ (EPOS-8)	224	3	- 0.1	9.6	9.8
GFS (DNS)	1 deg	6	0,3	GOP (Bernese)	224	7	- 4.9	11.0	12.0
GFS (DNS)	1 deg	6	0,3	GFZ (EPOS-8)	223	7	- 4.5	10.9	11.8
ALADIN (Shu)	4.7 km	6	0,1,2,3,4,5	GOP (Bernese)	1343	20	+0.8	7.6	7.8
ALADIN (Shu)	4.7 km	6	0,1,2,3,4,5	GFZ (EPOS-8)	1343	22	+0.6	7.3	7.5

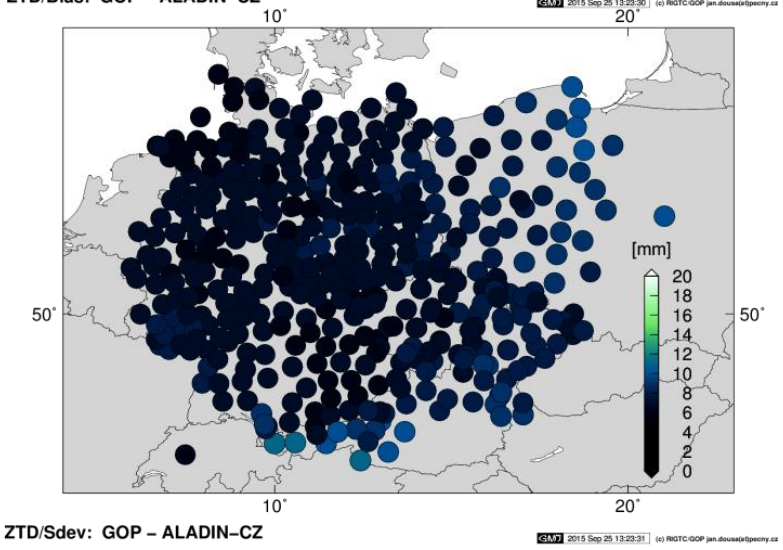
gradients

NWM	GNSS		North gradient			East gradient		
Source (software)	Source (software)	Pairs #	Bias [mm]	Sdev [mm]	RMS [mm]	Bias [mm]	Sdev [mm]	RMS [mm]
ERA-Interim (DNS)	GOP (Bernese)	224	- 0.02	0.41	0.42	- 0.04	0.43	0.46
ERA-Interim (DNS)	GFZ (EPOS)	224	+0.14	0.51	0.53	- 0.08	0.49	0.50
GFS (DNS)	GOP (Bernese)	224	- 0.04	0.44	0.45	- 0.05	0.46	0.50
GFS (DNS)	GFZ (EPOS)	224	+0.13	0.54	0.56	- 0.09	0.53	0.55

Benchmark - NWM assessment

Aladin-CZ – GNSS (GOP)





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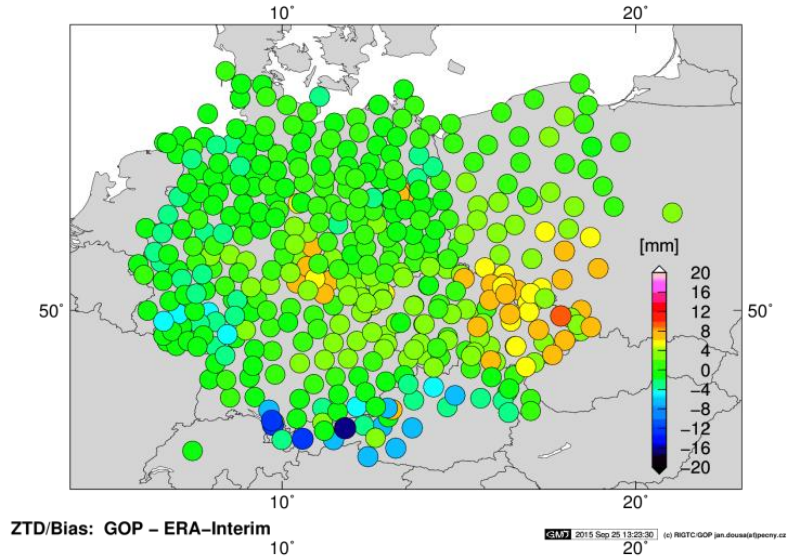
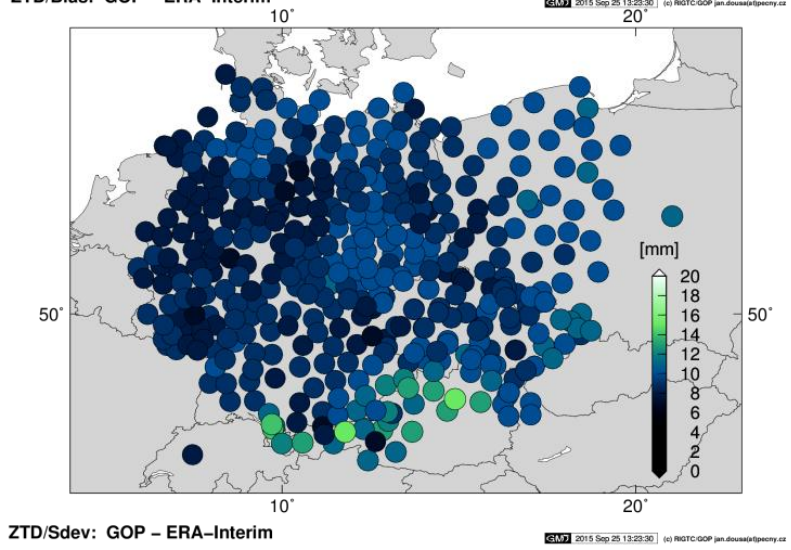
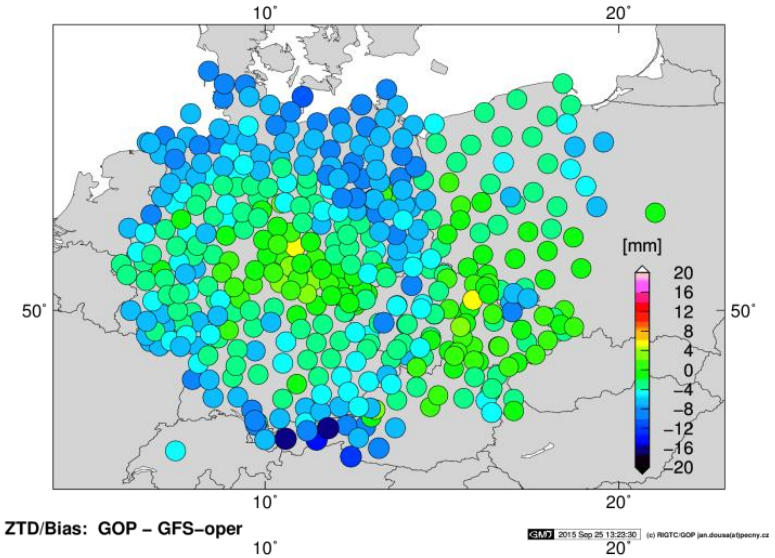
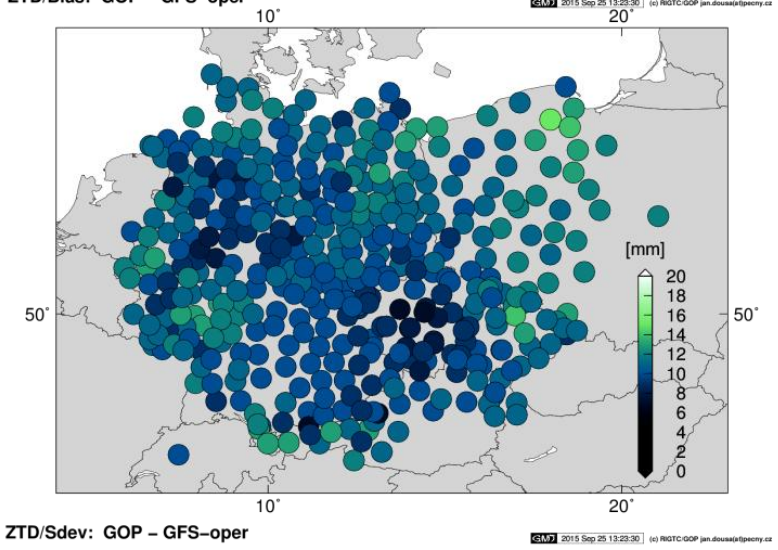




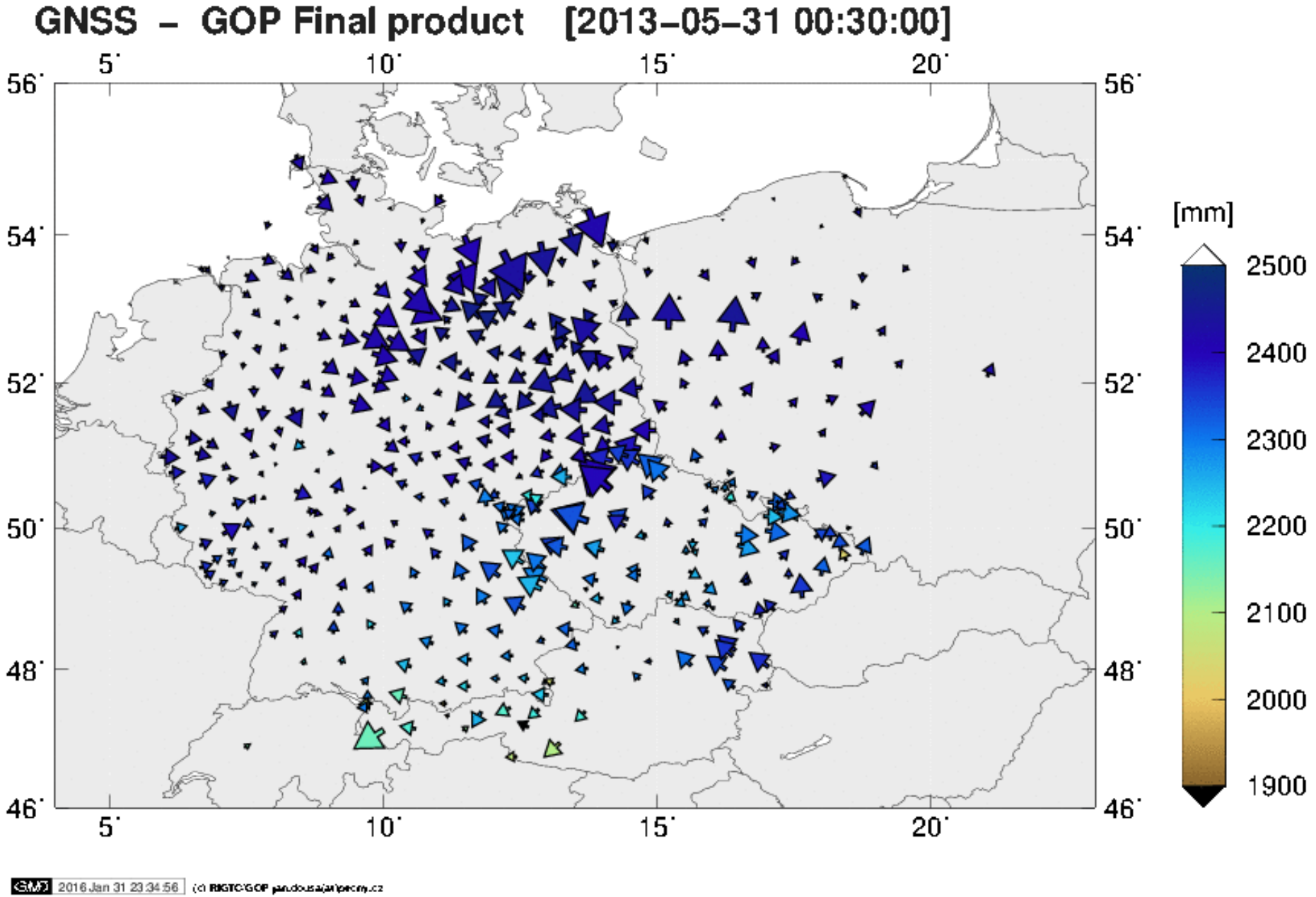
GFS – GNSS (GOP)





May 1 – June 30, 2013 - GNSS4SWEC Benchmark

24-hour Evolution of Troposphere Gradients



Troposphere products for asymmetry monitoring

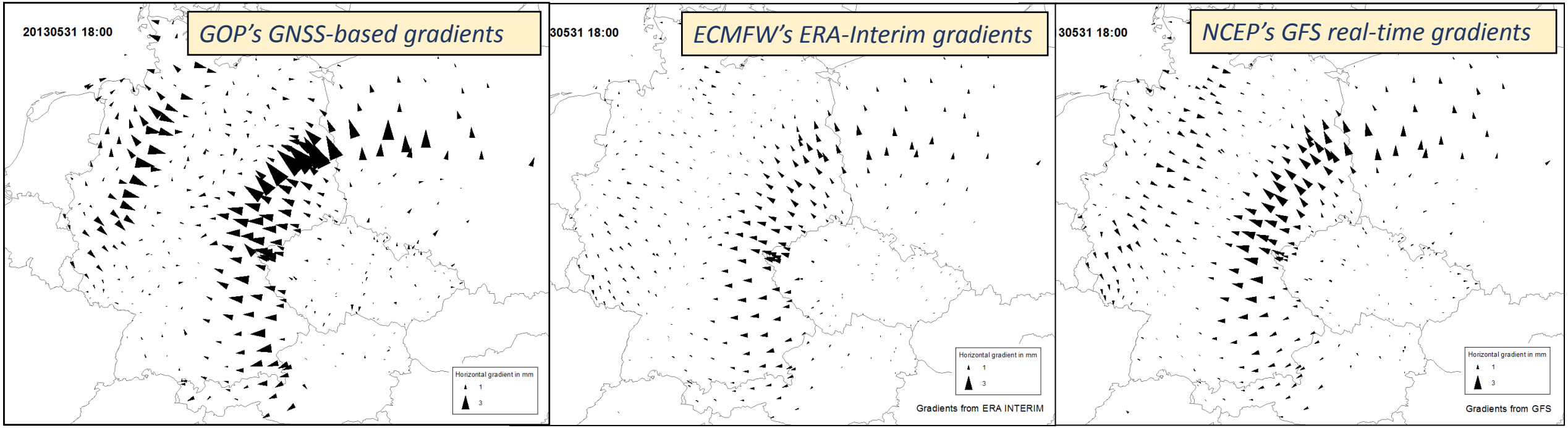


Figure: May 31, 2013 (Benchmark) – estimates of tropospheric gradients from GNSS & NWM

Advanced tropo-products: horizontal tropospheric gradients & slant delays

- Development of NRT/RT high-resolution gradients
- Development of NRT/RT slant delay retrievals including definition for new Tro-SINEX format standards
- Derivation of 1st and 2nd order troposphere gradients from NWM
- Inter-comparison of gradients and slant delays from GNSS, NWM and WVR

Benchmark – Impact of Hydrometeors

Hydrometeors (Solheim et al., 1999):

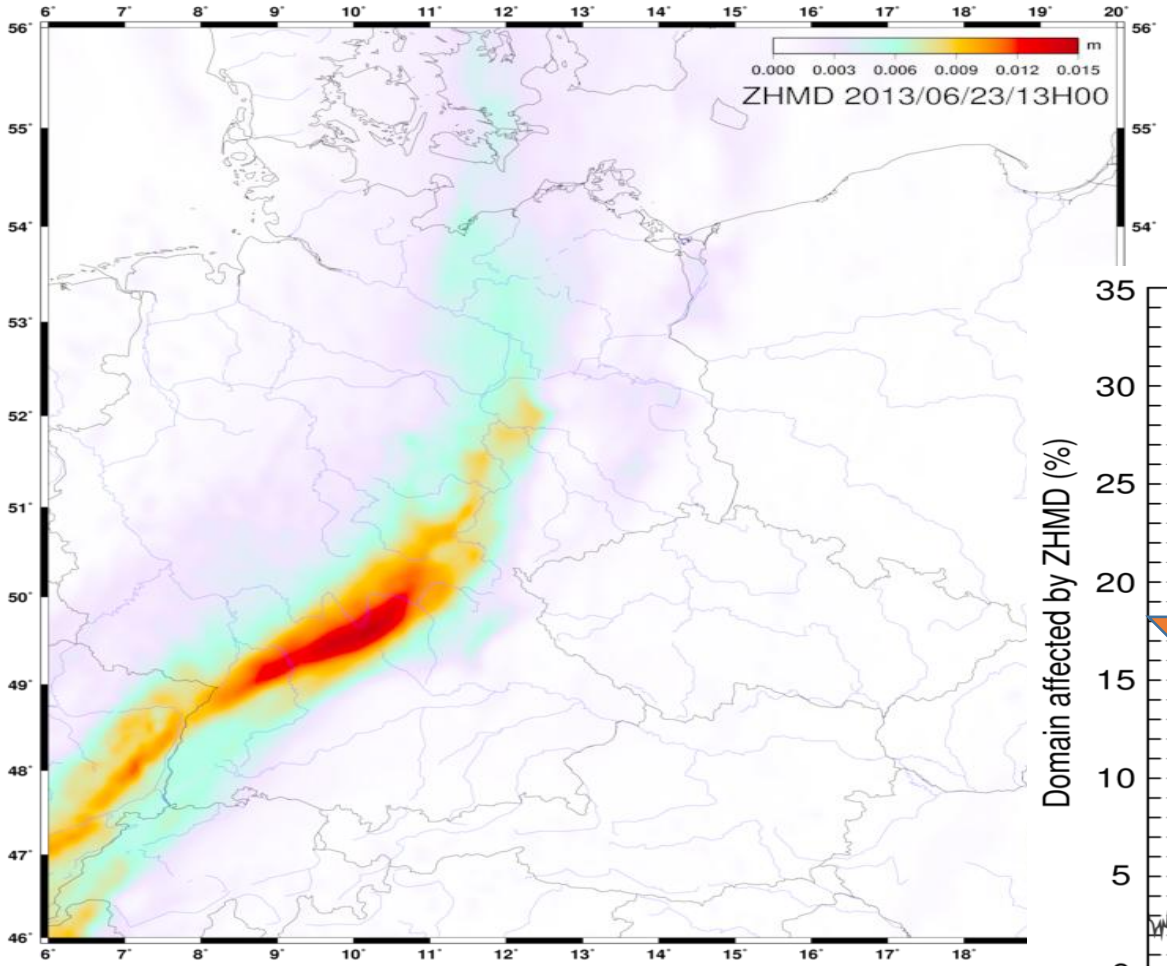
→ liquid water, ice, snow, graupel

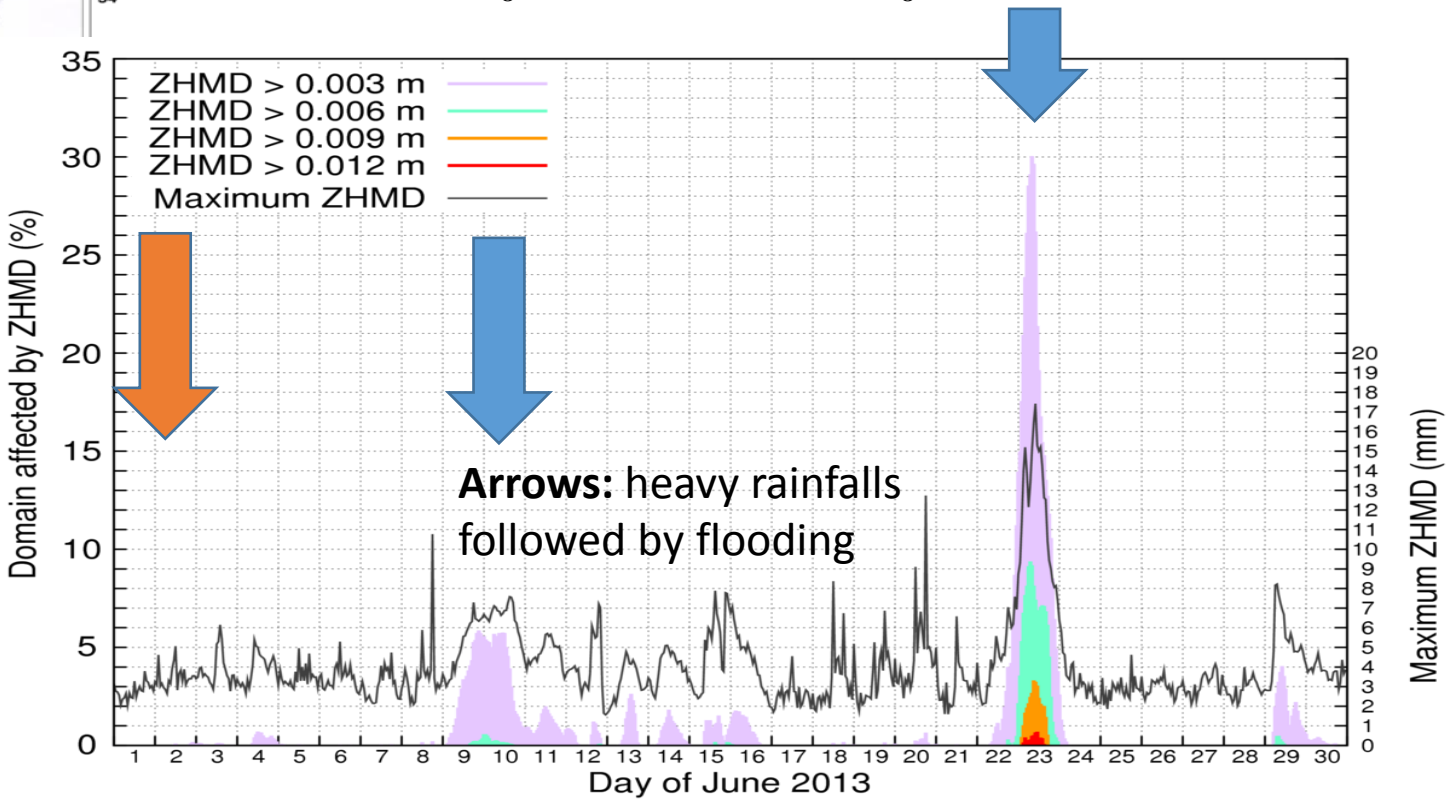
$$ZTD = ZHD + ZWD + ZHMD$$

$$ZHD = 10^{-6}\int_0^{\infty} N_h dz = 10^{-6} k_1 R_d \int_0^{\infty} \rho_m dz$$

$$ZWD = 10^{-6}\int_0^{\infty} N_v dz = 10^{-6}\int_0^{\infty}\left(k_2^{'}\frac{e}{T} + k_3\frac{e}{T^2}\right) dz$$

$$ZHMD = 10^{-6}\int_0^{\infty}\left(N_{lw} + N_{ice}\right) dz = \int_0^{\infty}\left(1.45M_{lw} + 0.69M_{ice}\right) dz$$





Real-Time products - Demonstration Campaign

- Developing, testing and assessing new software and strategies
- Use of IGS Real-Time Service global products for PPP (GNSS satellite orbits & clocks)

RT Demo campaign

Scope: Europe (15) + Globe (17)

Start: April 1, 2015

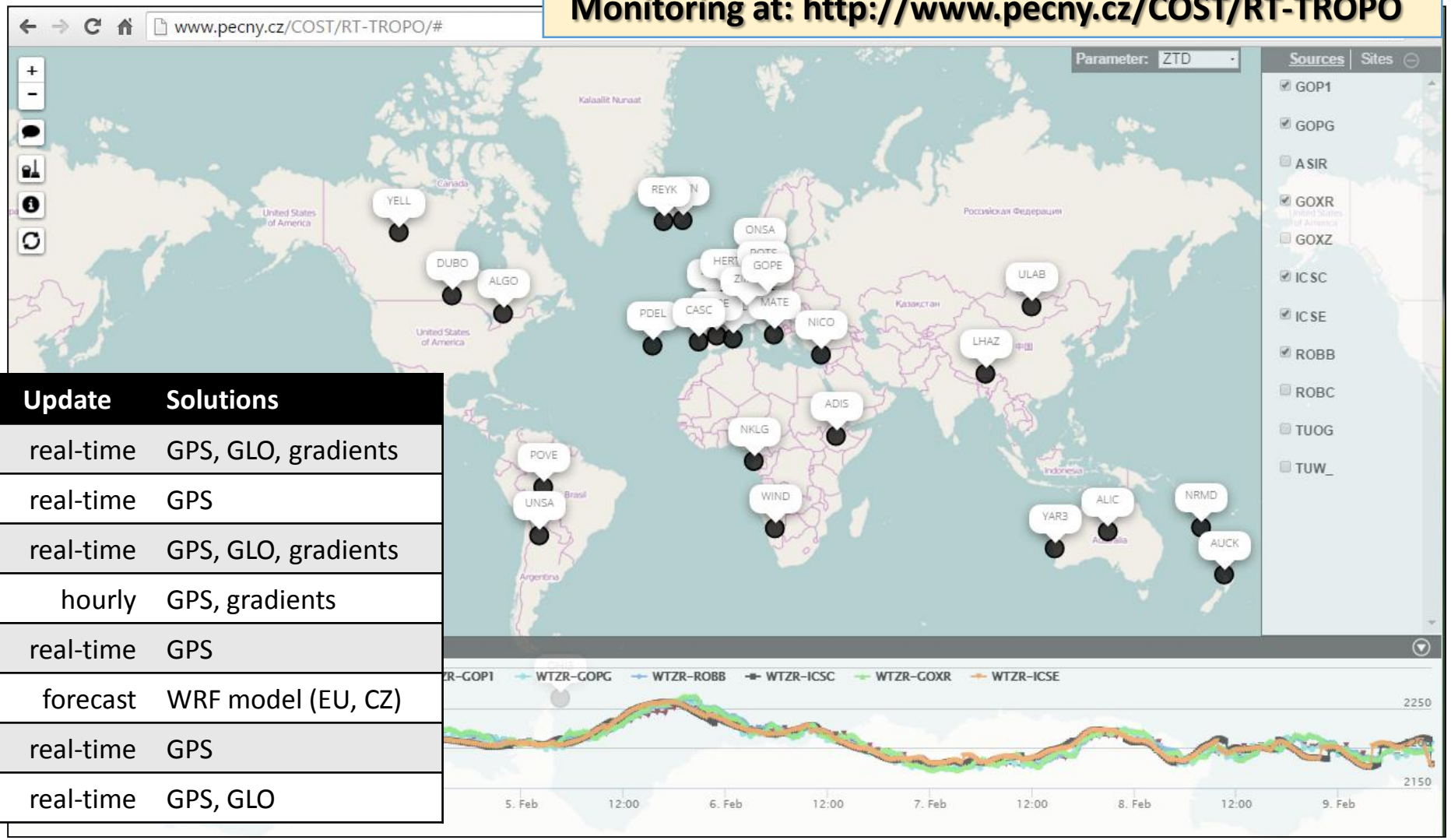
Status: 2 Feb, 2016

Software: 6+1 types

Contributions: 7+1 ACs

AC	Software	Start	Update	Solutions
GOP	G-Nut/Tefnut	9.4. 2015	real-time	GPS, GLO, gradients
TUW	TUW software	15.4. 2015	real-time	GPS
ROB	G-Nut/Tefnut	23.4. 2015	real-time	GPS, GLO, gradients
ASI	Gipsy-Oasis	5.5. 2015	hourly	GPS, gradients
UL	BNC, PPP-wizard	15.6. 2015	real-time	GPS
ICS	G-Nut/Shu	12.7.2015	forecast	WRF model (EU, CZ)
TUO	RTKLib	5.11.2015	real-time	GPS
BKG	BNC	15.3.2016	real-time	GPS, GLO

Monitoring at: http://www.pecny.cz/COST/RT-TROPO



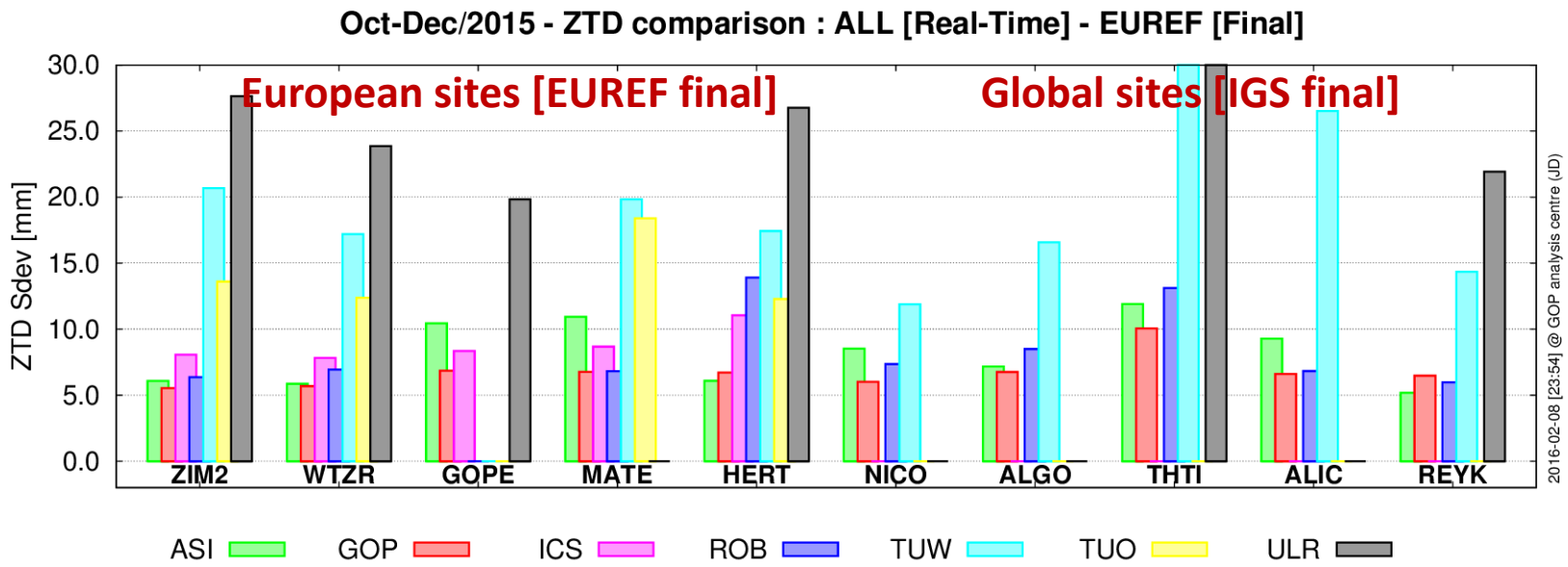
Real-Time Campaign – Recent Evaluations

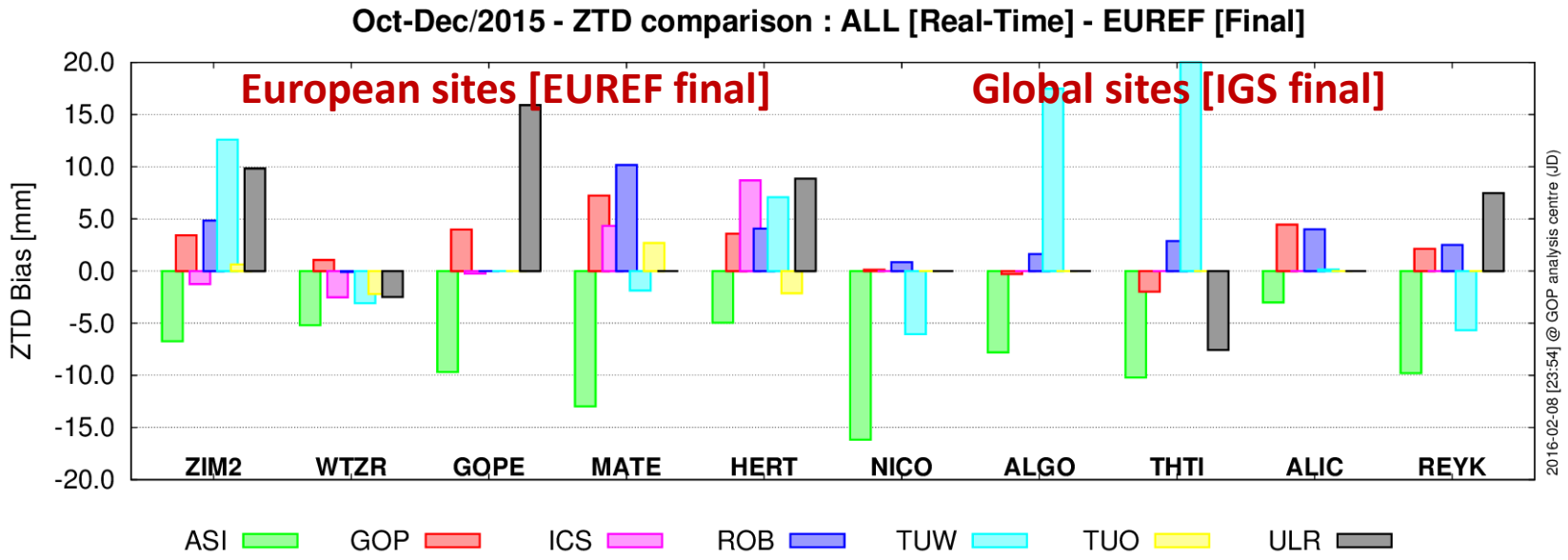
Initial phase

- Common settings
- Software development
- Strategy enhancement
- Parameter extension
- Stability improvement
- Format standardization
- Continuous monitoring
- Benchmark exploitation

Final solution

- For a limited interval
- Synchronized data inputs
- Product final evaluation





Impact of NWM forecast length

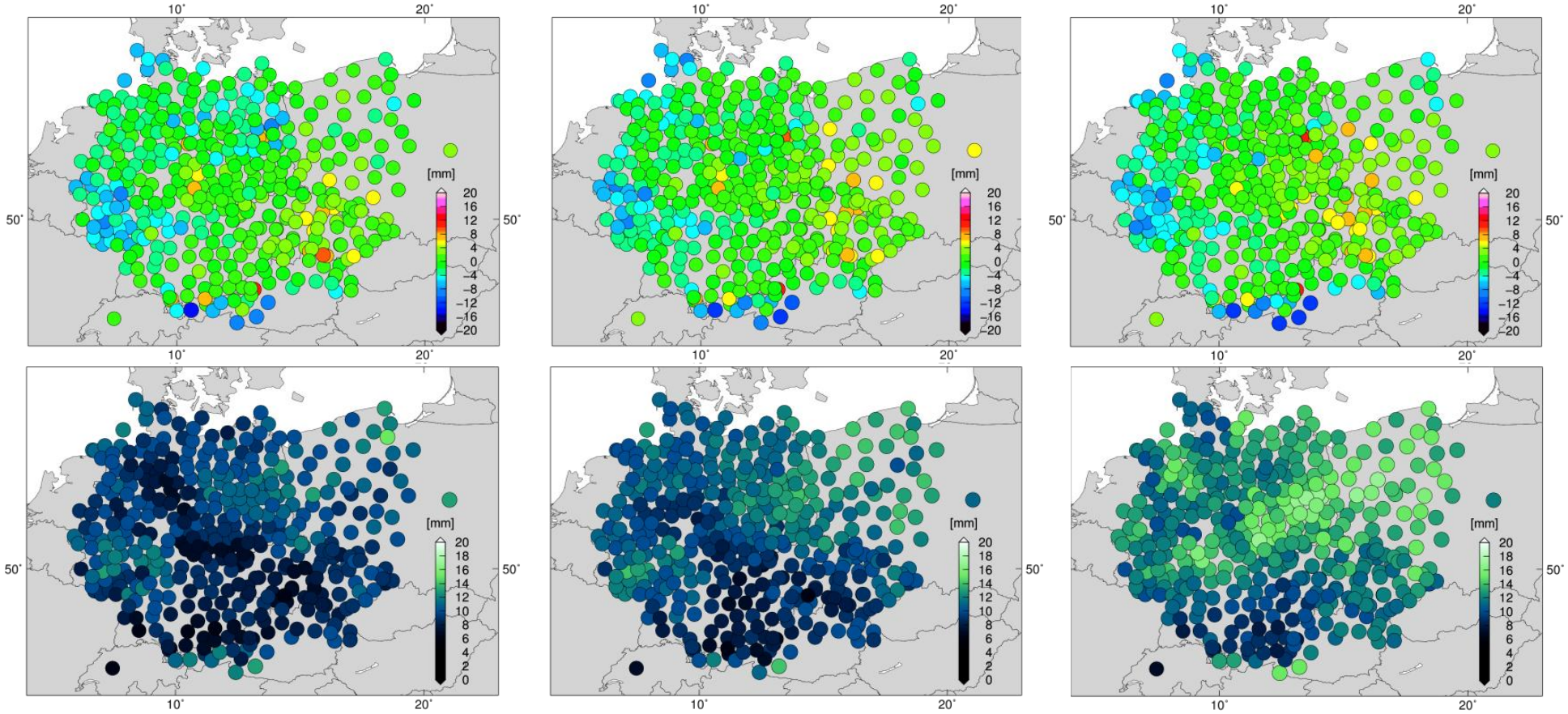
NWM forecast

Provider: Institute of Computer Science, Czech Republic

Model: WRF 3.6
Domain: EU
Resolution: 9×9 km
Levels: 38 vertical
Software: G-Nut/Shu (GOP)

Assessment

Network: All benchmark
Period: 14 days



Predicted ZTD

Degradation:

1-2 mm / 6 hours

NWP domain	Forecast window	Bias [mm]	Sdev [mm]	RMS [mm]
D01/EUR	0-6 h	- 1.50	9.93	10.42
D01/EUR	**6-12 h**	**- 0.89**	**10.95**	**11.55**
D01/EUR	12-18 h	- 0.51	12.91	13.48

Real-Time Simulation within Benchmark

- GOP's PPP with G-Nut/Tefnut using IGS Final and IGS real-time orbits + clocks

ZTD (PPP, different inputs)	GNSS reference product (various)	Pairs #	Bias [mm]	Sdev [mm]	RMS [mm]
IGS final SP3	GOP final (Bernese/DD)	1319	+0.9	5.1	5.2
IGS01 RT simulated	**GOP final (Bernese/DD)**	**1158**	**+2.4**	**5.8**	**6.4**
IGS final SP3	GFZ final (EPOS/PPP)	1319	+0.4	4.1	4.2
IGS01 RT simulated	**GFZ final (EPOS/PPP)**	**1158**	**+2.8**	**4.9**	**5.7**
IGS final SP3	ERA-Interim (DNS)	219	- 0.4	9.1	9.3
IGS01 RT simulated	**ERA-Interim (DNS)**	**154**	**+2.1**	**9.0**	**9.4**
IGS final SP3	Aladin-CZ (G-Nut/Shu)	1317	+0.7	7.6	7.8
IGS01 RT simulated	**Aladin-CZ (G-Nut/Shu)**	**1158**	**+2.8**	**8.0**	**8.8**

GNSS PPP	GNSS reference	North gradient				East gradient		
inputs	product	Pairs #	Bias [mm]	Sdev [mm]	RMS [mm]	Bias [mm]	Sdev [mm]	RMS [mm]
PP – IGS final	GOP (Bernese)	1318	+0.09	0.35	0.38	+0.03	0.36	0.37
RT – IGS01	**GOP (Bernese)**	**1158**	**- 0.03**	**0.45**	**0.46**	**+0.26**	**0.44**	**0.52**
PP – IGS final	ERA-Interim	219	+0.09	0.34	0.36	+0.01	0.37	0.38
RT – IGS01	**ERA-Interim**	**154**	**- 0.05**	**0.42**	**0.43**	**+0.19**	**0.42**	**0.47**

Slant delays retrievals

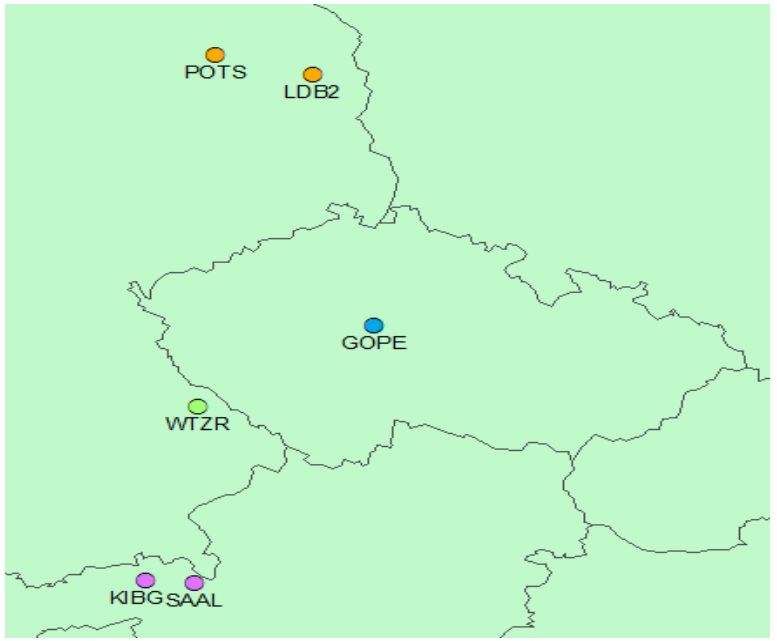
Double/tripple stations selected from the Benchmark (May-June, 2013)

Solutions:

- **GNSS**: 9 contributions, 5 software, different strategy (table below)
- **NWM**: ERA-Interim (ECMWF), GFS (NCEP), ALADIN-CZ (CHMI) and 3 ray-tracing sw
- **WVR:** POTS/POTM (ZTD+slants), LDB0/LDB2 (ZTD only)

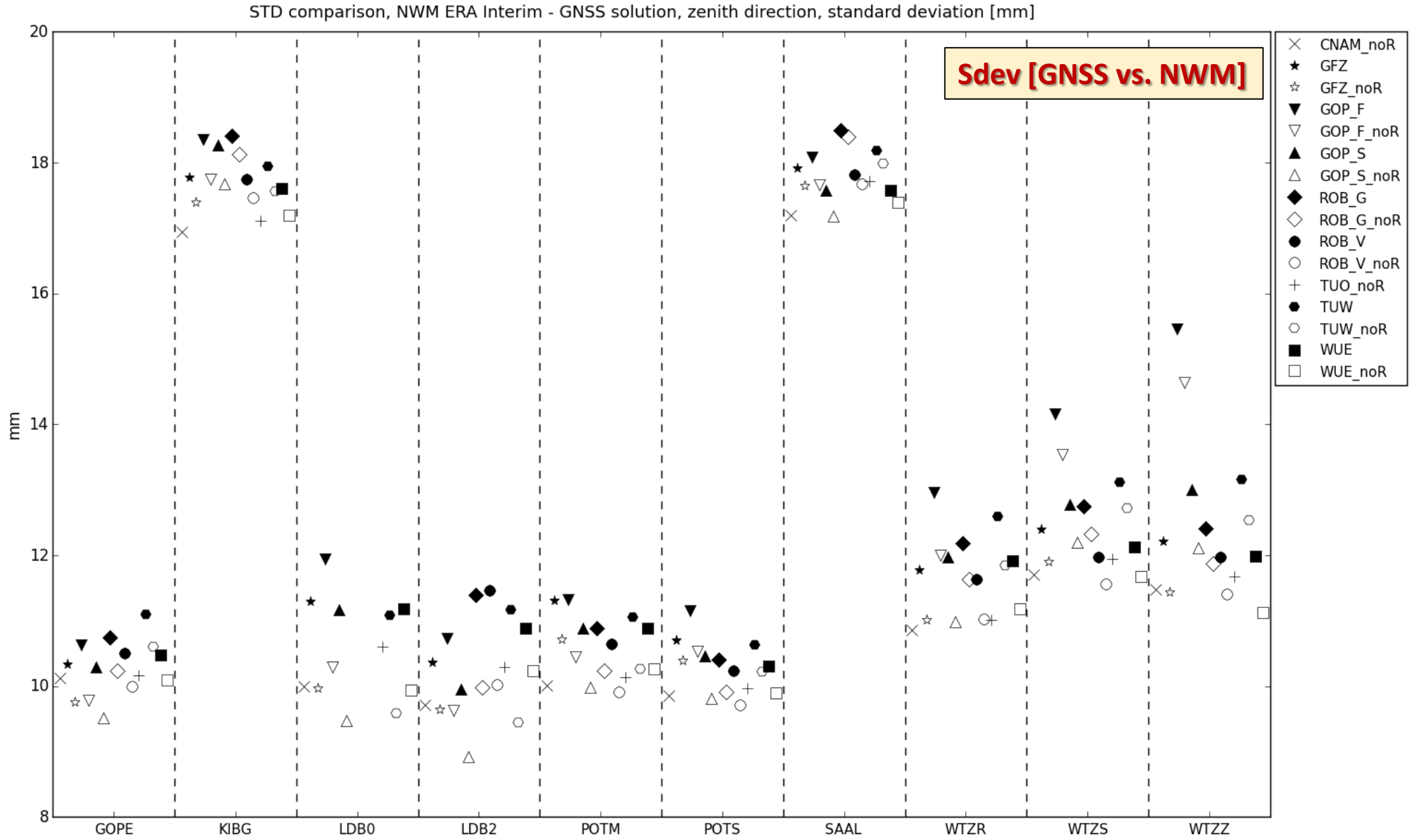
GNSS analyses:

- **Processing strategy:** 1) Precise Point Positioning (PPP); 2) Double-differences (DD)
- **Adjustment:** 1) Least-square adjustment ; 2) Kalman filtering & backward smoothing
- **Slant reconstruction:** 1) ZTD + gradients ; 2) ZTD + gradients + residuals

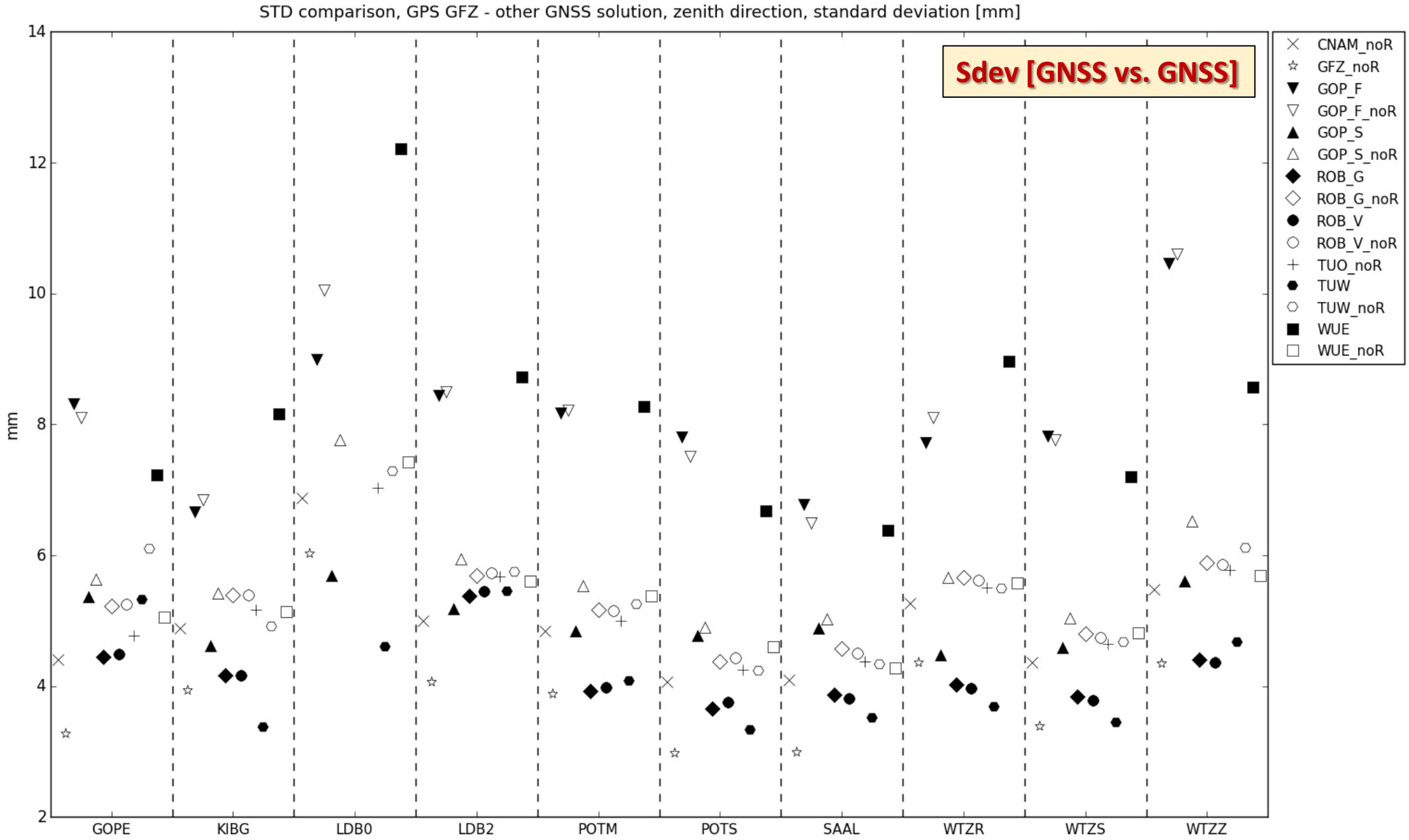


Solution	Institution	Strategy	Software	GNSS	Elev. cut-off	Mapping function	Products	ZTD/gradients interval	ZD post-fit residuals
CNAM	ESGT CNAM	DD	Gamit	GPS	3 °	VMF1	IGS final	1h / 1h	**NO**
GFZ	GFZ Potsdam	PPP	EPOS 8	GPS	7 °	GMF	GFZ	15min / 1h	YES
GOP_F	GO Pecný	PPP	G-Nut/Tefnut	GPS	7 °	GMF	IGS final	2.5min / 2.5min	YES
GOP_S	GO Pecný	PPP	G-Nut/Tefnut	GPS	7 °	GMF	IGS final	2.5min / 2.5min	YES
ROB_G	ROB	DD	Bernese 5.2	GPS+GLO	3 °	GMF	CODE final	15min / 1h	YES
ROB_V	ROB	DD	Bernese 5.2	GPS+GLO	3 °	VMF1	CODE final	15min / 1h	YES
TUO	TU Ostrava	DD	Bernese 5.2	GPS+GLO	3 °	VMF1	CODE final	1h / 3h	**NO**
TUW	TU Vienna	PPP	Napeos	GPS+GLO	3 °	GMF	ESA final	30min / 1h	YES
WUE	Wroclaw UES	PPP	Bernese 5.2	GPS	3 °	VMF1	CODE final	5min / 1h	YES

Evaluation of GNSS slants vs. NWM (ERA-Interim)



Evaluation of GNSS slants vs. GNSS (GFZ)



Summary

Troposphere gradients

- Extreme gradients observed in a dense network (up to 7mm)
- In some situations varies significantly, new information for NWP nowcasting …

Real-time development

- RT ZTDs using PPP (7 contributions) - Sdev=5-9mm for stable solutions, Bias<5mm
- Offline simulation: Sdev worse by 1mm for IGS RT vs Finals, Bias=+2mm (?)

NWM for external troposphere corrections

- Accuracy of NWMs is 8-12mm, ZTD degradation in forecasts: Sdev by 1-2mm/6 hours

Slant delays

- Solutions: 9×GNSS (5 sw), 3×NWM (3 sw), 1×WVR (1 sw)
- GNSS ZTD (Sdev): vs.GNSS: 4-8/mm, vs.NWM: 7-14mm, vs.WVR: 11-14mm, **biases!**

Hydrometeors

- Non-negligible components in rare situations, may impact ZTDs up to 2 cm!

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- NCEP for Global Forecast System (GFS) numerical weather model
- CHMI for mesoscale Aladin-CZ numerical weather model

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