

測地VLBI技術による 高精度周波数比較

VLBI MEASUREMENTS FOR FREQUENCY TRANSFER



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✓ Introduction

» *Previous study*

- *Intercomparison : VLBI (IVS) vs. GPS (IGS)*
 - Wettzell - Onsala
- *How stable are current VLBI systems?*
 - Kashima34m – Kashima11m
 - Kashima11m – Koganei11m

✓ Intercomparison between VLBI and other techniques

» *Can the VLBI measure the right time difference?*

- Kashima34m - Kashima11m
 - Artificial change by Line Stretcher & Trombone

✓ Conclusions



Introduction

Background

✓ Development of frequency standard

- Atomic fountains



NICT-CsF1
..... developing

2×10^{-15}
@a few days

- Optical clocks



NICT
optical clocks
..... developing

$10^{-17} \sim$
@a few hours

✓ Time and frequency transfer technique

- » GPS Carrier Phase

2×10^{-15} @1day

- » TWSTFT

$2-4 \times 10^{-15}$ @1day

- » *long averaging period*

- » *insufficient accuracy*

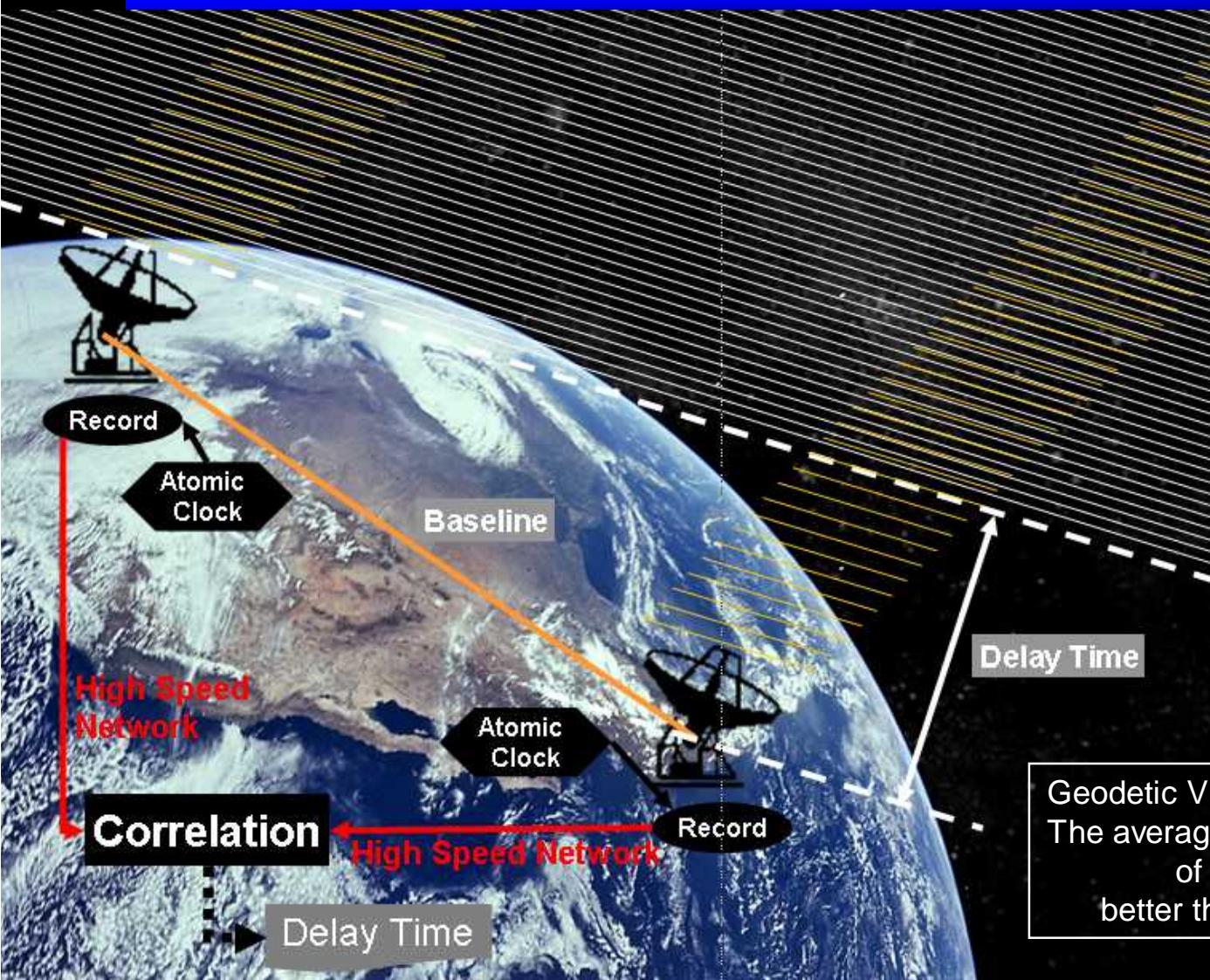
➤ improvements of highly precise time and frequency transfer techniques are strongly desired

VLBI



VLBI

Very Long Baseline Interferometry



measure the arrival time delays between multiple station

Geodetic VLBI experiment by IVS
The averaging formal error
of the clock offset : 20 ps
better than other current techniques

Previous study

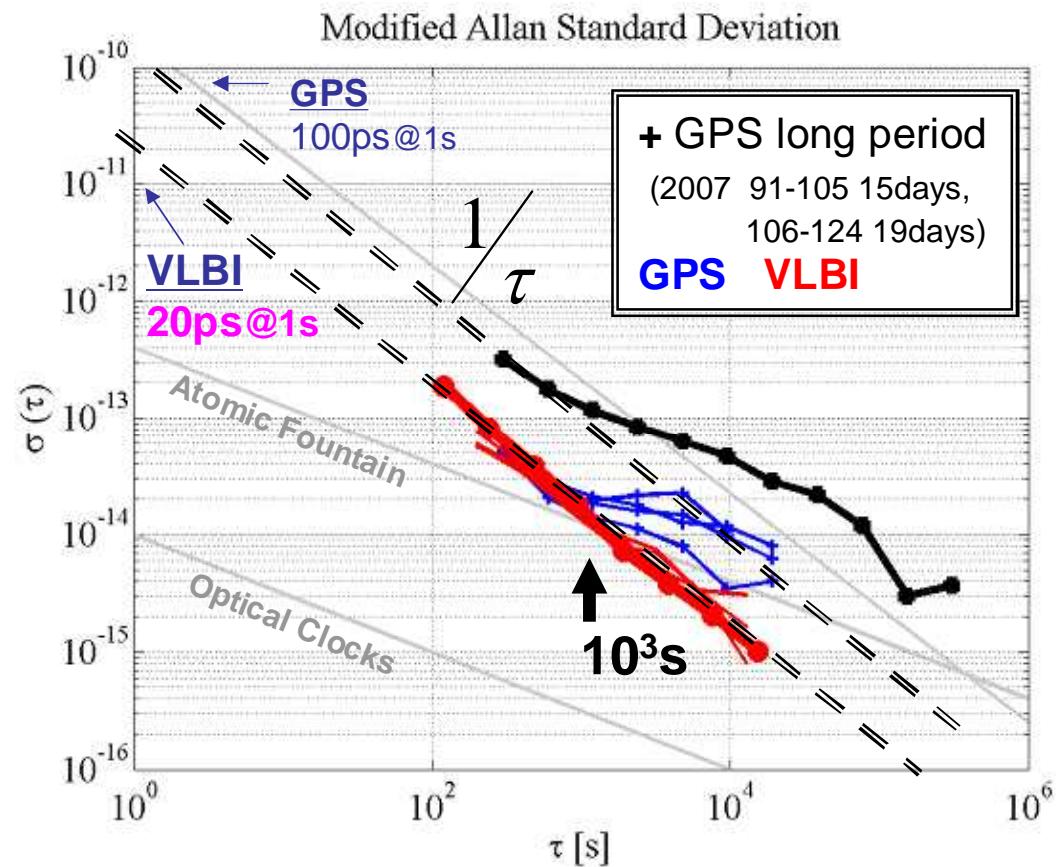
Intercomparison : VLBI vs. GPS

1. Wettzell-Onsala

- VLBI vs. GPS CP
- IVS and IGS data



at each site
VLBI and GPS
are sheduled to
have the potential for precise
frequency transfer

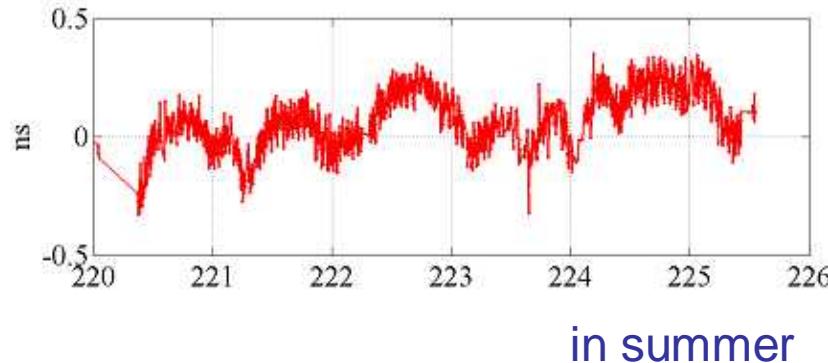


- ✓ VLBI is more stable than GPS
- ✓ surpassing the stability of atomic fountain at 10^3 s
- ✓ VLBI stability : follows a $1/\tau$ law very closely
- ✓ 2×10^{-11} (20ps) @1s

Previous study

How stable are current VLBI systems?

Kashima34m-Kashima11m



in summer

Kashima11m – Koganei11m



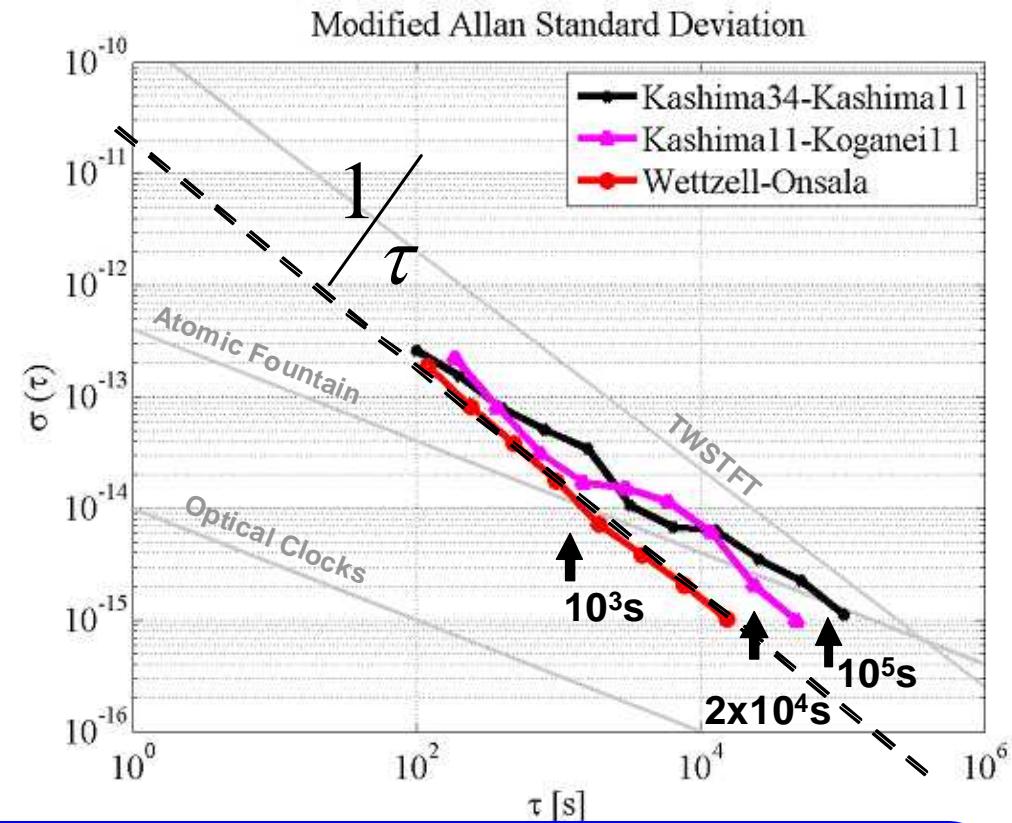
How stable are current VLBI systems?

surpassing the stability of atomic fountain at 2×10^4 , 10^5 s

unstable than international baseline (Wettzell-Onsala)

influence of temperature change

Measures to reduce the influence of the temperature change are necessary.



What's Next ?

- ✓ The geodetic VLBI technique has the potential for precise frequency transfer
 - » VLBI is more stable than GPS
 - » surpassing the stability of atomic fountain at 10^3 s (Wettzell-Onsala)
 - » $2 \times 10^4, 10^5$ s (Kashima11-Koganei, Kashima34-Kashima11)

✓ *Improve the station environment*

» *for Geodesy for T&F transfer*



✓ *Intercomparison*

» *MARBLE*

» *International*

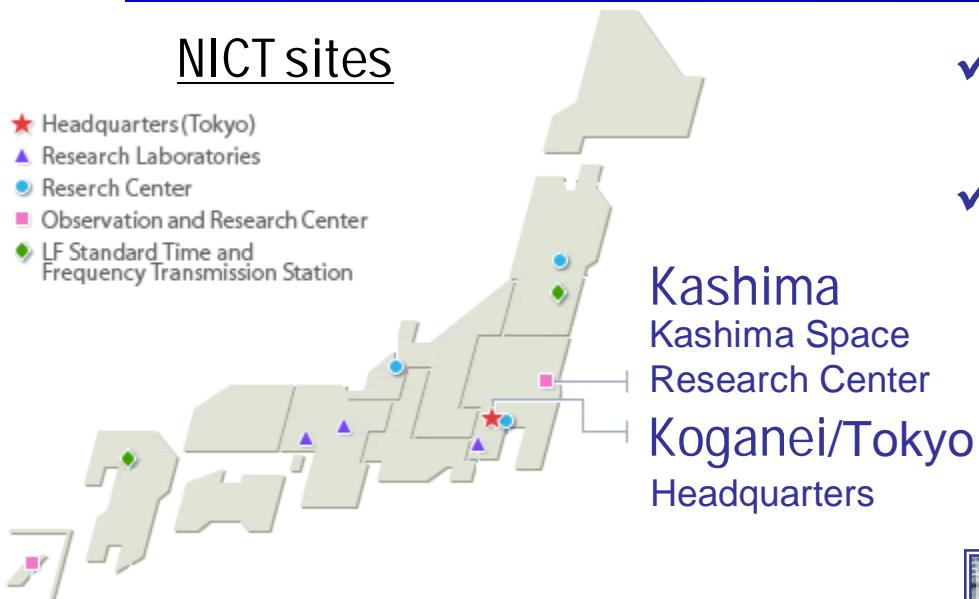
» *other techniques : GPS, DMTD, TWSTFT, TEC(ETS-8)*

✓ *Calibrate instrumental delay*

Intercomparison: VLBI vs. other techniques

NICT sites

- ★ Headquarters(Tokyo)
- ▲ Research Laboratories
- Research Center
- Observation and Research Center
- ◆ LF Standard Time and Frequency Transmission Station



Koganei



VLBI
GPS
TWSTFT
TEC (ETS-8)

✓ Kashima34m – Kashima11m

239m

✓ Kashima11m – Koganei11m

109km

Kashima
VLBI
MARBLE
GPS

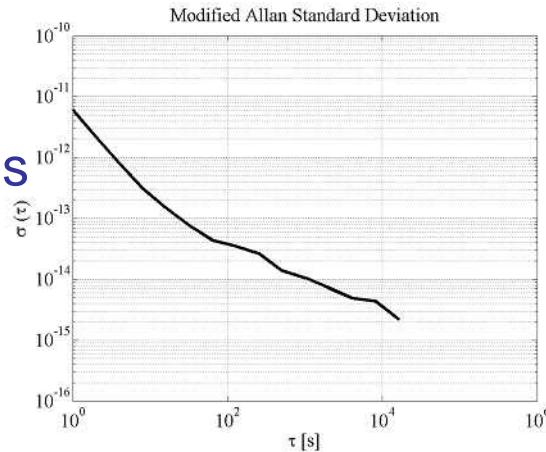


Can the VLBI measure the right time difference?

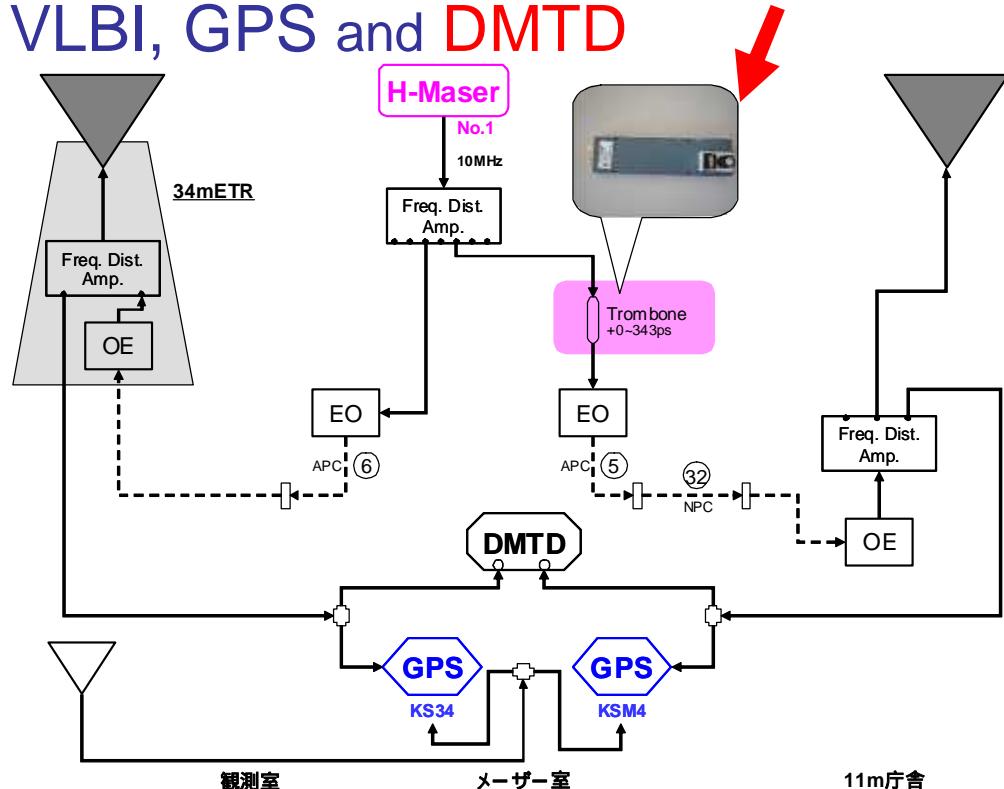
✓ Kashima34m – Kashima11m

- » Artificial time difference change
 - using Line Stretcher & Trombone
- » Intercomparison between VLBI, GPS and DMTD

DMTD
 $6 \times 10^{-12} @ 1s$
(6ps)



Trombone



Differences with the normal observation

✓ Normal Geodetic VLBI

» Observation

- multiple sources
- antenna slew time
- different scan time
- 24 hours

» Data Analysis

- estimate
clock parameter
atmospheric delay
station coordinates

✓ This study

» Observation

- **one source** : 3C84
- no antenna slew time
- same scan time
- a few hours

» Data Analysis

- estimate only
clock parameter
- atmospheric delay :
short baseline, one source
- station coordinates :
fixed to a-priori coordinates

Data analysis

✓ VLBI

- » CALC/SOLVE
- » single baseline
- » S/X ionosphere-free linear combination
 - clock offset / 30sec



- » Time Defference
clock offset / 30sec

✓ GPS

- » NR Canada's PPP
 - IGS Final Orbit & Clock(30s)
- » Precise Point Positioning
 - satellite clock interpolation
 - clock offset / 30sec



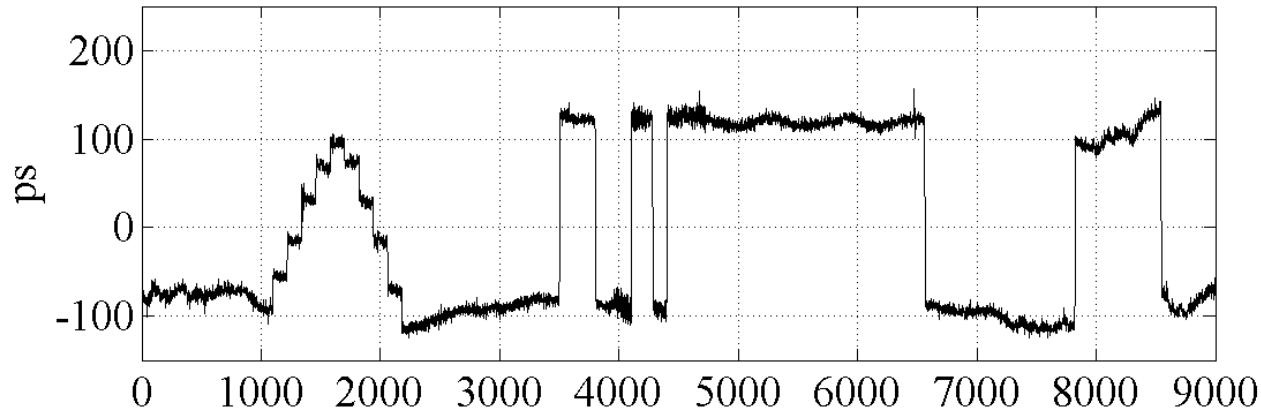
- » Time Defference
clock offset A – clock offset B / 30sec

vs. DMTD Time Difference / 1sec

DMTD

Time Difference

DMTD



5 6 12 14 16 18
4 7 11 13 15 17
3 8
2 9
1 10

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DMTD

1	37.9
2	39.7
3	46.9
4	38.8
5	26.7
6	-22.5
7	-45.0
8	-43.3
9	-55.1
10	-43.7

42 ps

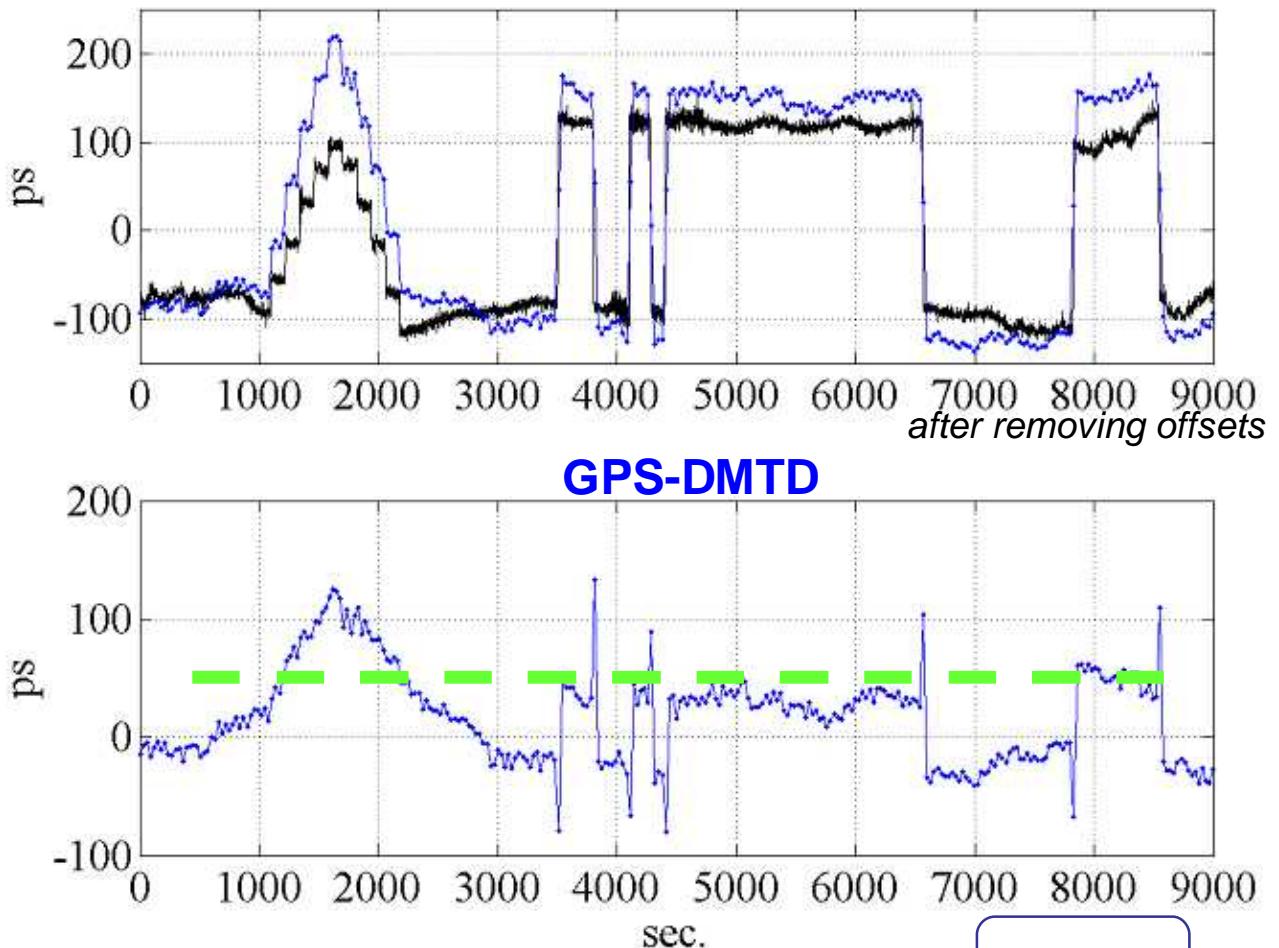
11	207.9
12	-210.1
13	214.2
14	-215.3
15	216.8

211 ps

16	-210.6
17	203.8
18	-212.3

GPS vs. DMTD

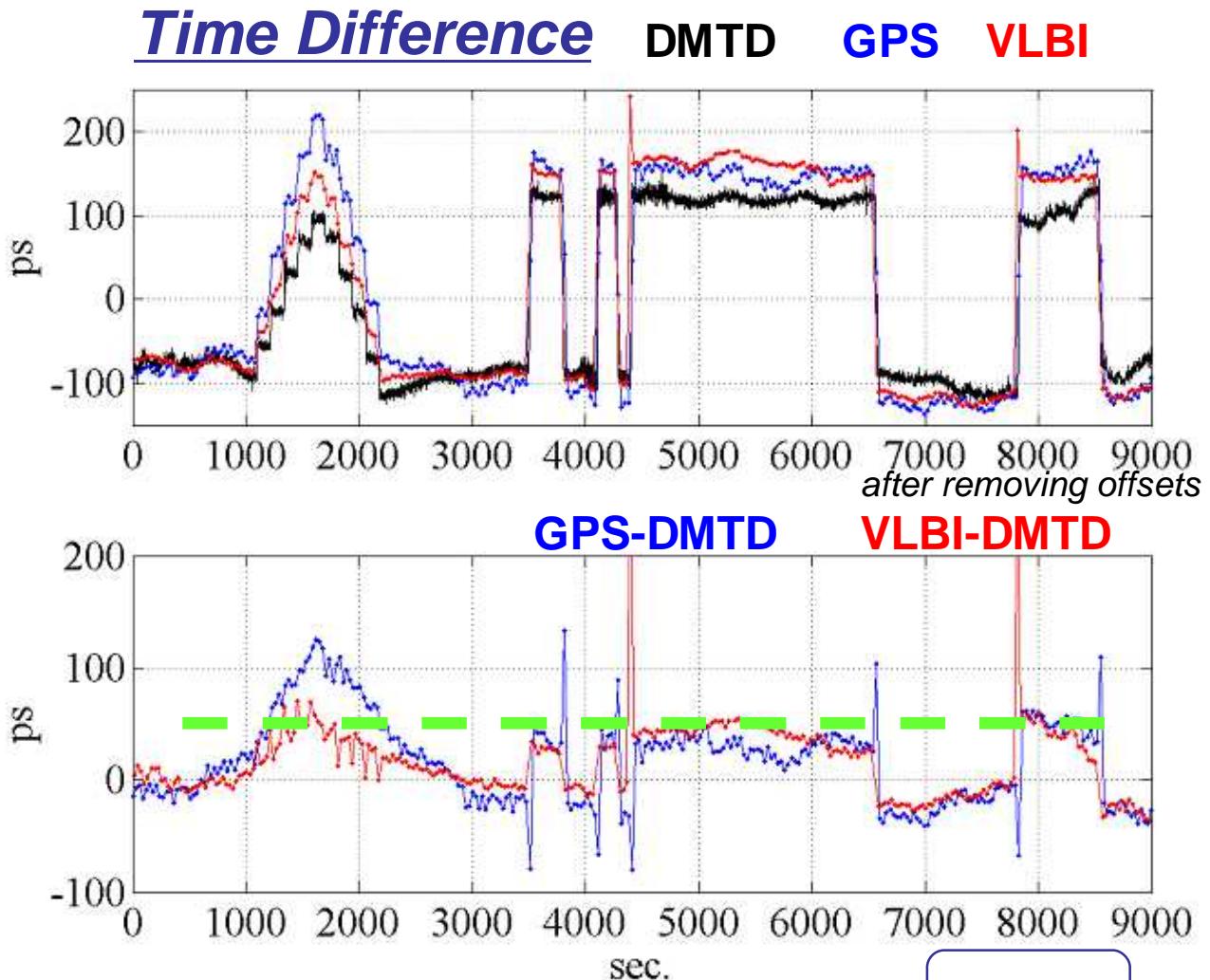
Time Difference



37 ps

	DMTD	GPS	GPS-DMTD
1	37.9	61.7	23.8
2	39.7	66.3	26.7
3	46.9	62.1	15.2
4	38.8	54.6	15.8
5	26.7	44.3	17.7
6	-22.5	-43.7	21.2
7	-45	18 ps	8.0
8	-43.5	-54.0	10.7
9	-55.1	-72.0	16.9
10	-43.7	-65.3	21.6
11	207.9	268.0	60.1
12	-210.1	-263.0	52.9
13	214.2	273.0	58.8
14	-215	62 ps	67.7
15	216.	60.6	
16	-210.6	-274.3	63.7
17	203.8	269.3	65.6
18	-212.3	-279.0	66.7

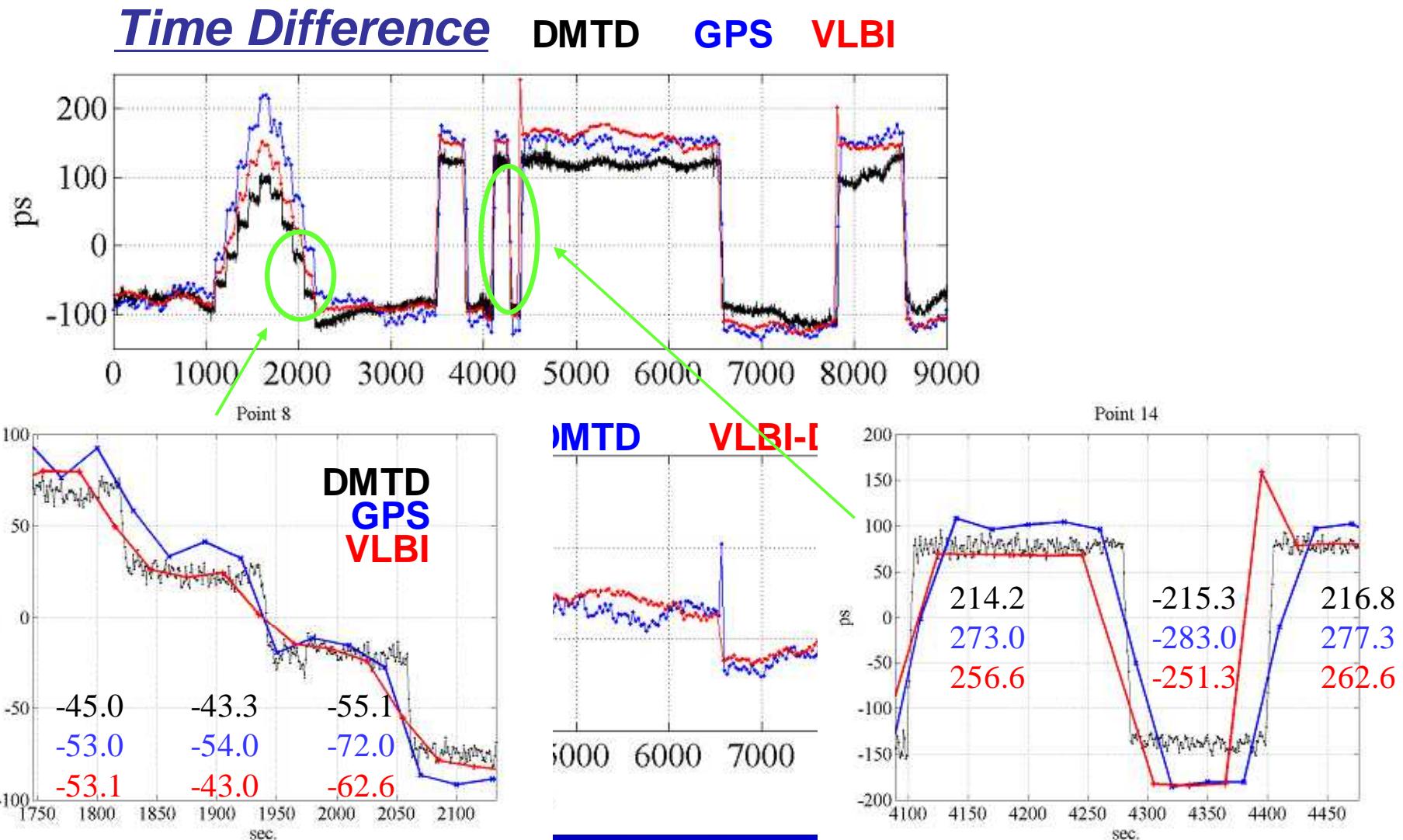
VLBI vs. GPS and DMTD



23 ps

	DMTD	VLBI	VLBI-DMTD
1	37.9	48.3	10.4
2	39.7	48.2	8.5
3	46.9	60.8	13.9
4	38.8	48.5	9.7
5	26.7	27.3	0.6
6	-22.5	-30.2	7.7
7	-45.	8 ps	8.2
8	-43.5	-45.0	0.3
9	-55.1	-62.6	7.5
10	-43.7	-54.5	10.7
11	207.9	243.8	35.8
12	-210.1	-244.0	33.9
13	214.2	256.6	42.4
14	-215.	42 ps	36.0
15	216.	45.9	
16	-210.6	-258.5	47.9
17	203.8	259.0	55.3
18	-212.3	-254.6	42.3

VLBI vs. GPS and DMTD



Conclusions

- ✓ Can the VLBI measure right time difference?
 - » VLBI vs. GPS CP and DMTD
 - » Artificial change
 - VLBI vs. DMTD: 8ps@40ps, 42ps@200ps
good agreement
 - GPS vs. DMTD: 18ps@40ps, 62ps@200ps
 - » The geodetic VLBI technique can measure the right time difference.

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