

# 衛星レーザー測距観測網の拡充： 新たな局はどこに？

## Satellite laser ranging network: Where should a new station be placed?

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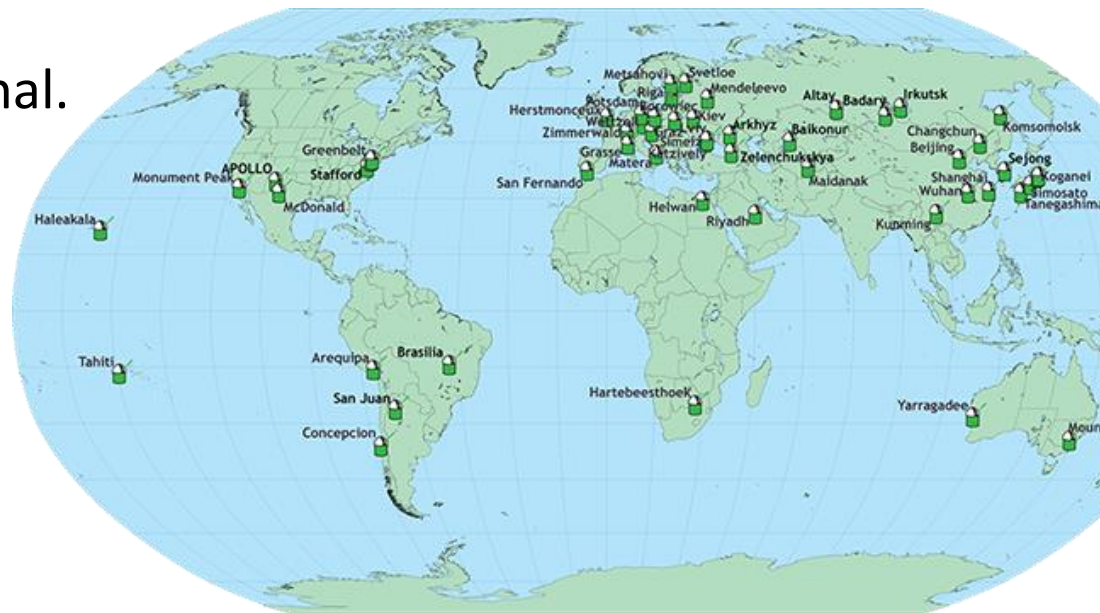
# Scope of this study: SLR Network good enough?

- Current SLR (Satellite Laser Ranging) Network

About 40 stations operational.

Filling gaps: S. hemisphere,  
Russia.

Still far from uniform  
distribution.



- Question: Where should we place a new station?

# 2-Step Simulation

## [1] Generating Simulation Data Set

SLR: not a 100%-of-time observable technique (weather, operator,..)

Visibility as a function of a satellite orbit and a station position.

→ Realistic amount/coverage based on the actual observing statistics.

## [2] Simulating POD Analysis

Software: c5++ simulation mode

### Baseline:

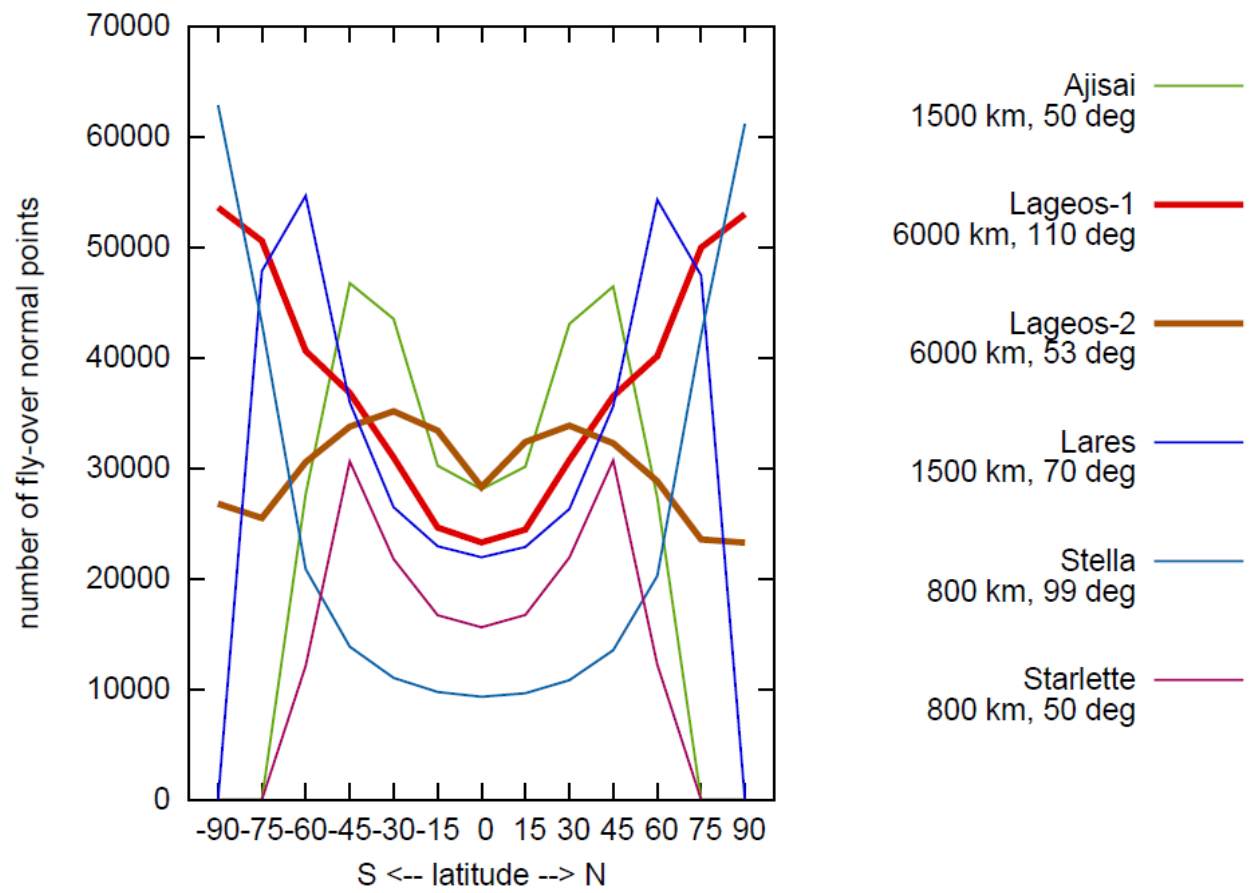
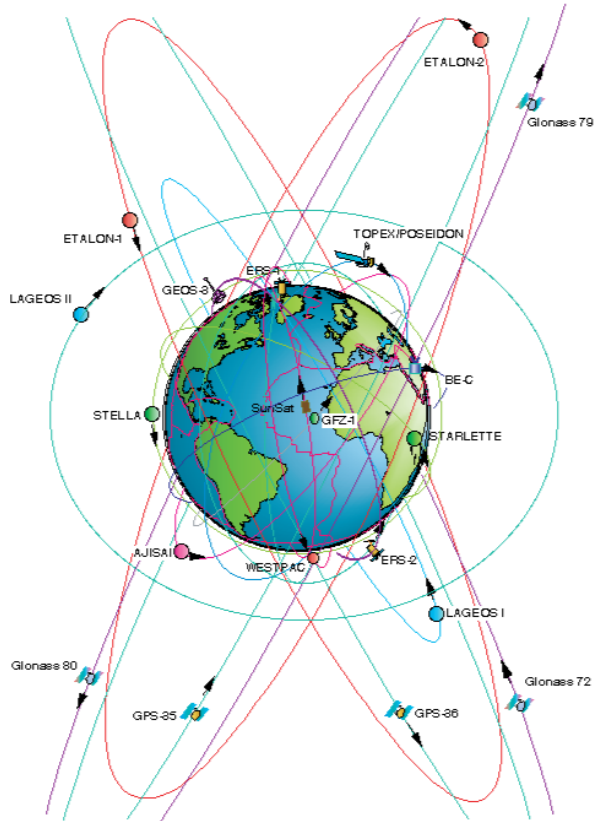
6 satellites (LAGEOS-1, LAGEOS-2, Ajisai, Starlette, Stella & LARES)

Existing ground station network

### Virtual:

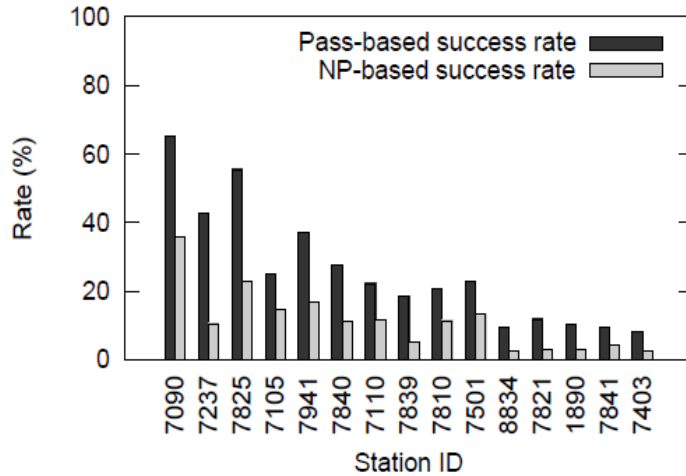
Baseline +

One virtual station placed somewhere on the earth

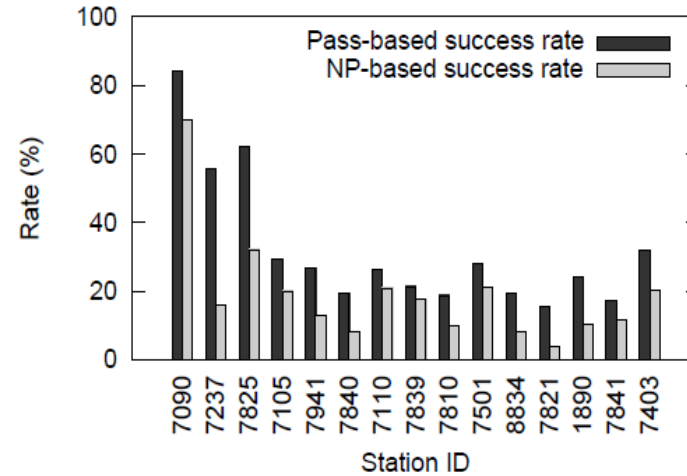


The number of fly-over normal points with respect to the latitude (in degrees) of a ground station, for six geodetic satellites during a one-year period from July 2014 to June 2015. The distance (km) and the angle (degrees) in the legend are the altitude and the inclination of satellite orbits.

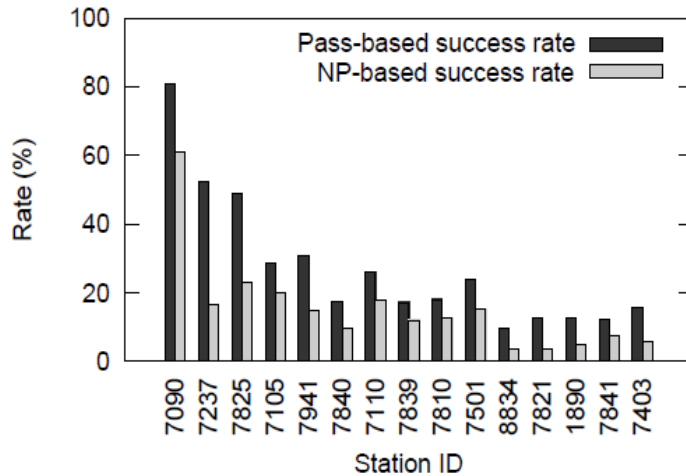
LAGEOS 1 and 2, July 2014 - June 2015



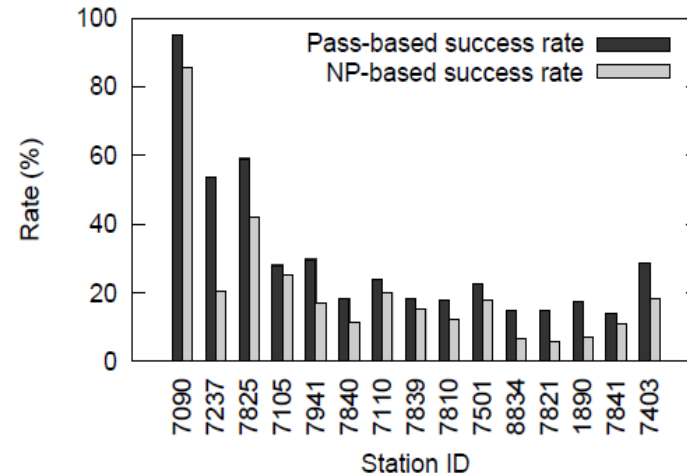
AJISAI, July 2014 - June 2015



LARES, July 2014 - June 2015



STARLETTE and STELLA, July 2014 - June 2015



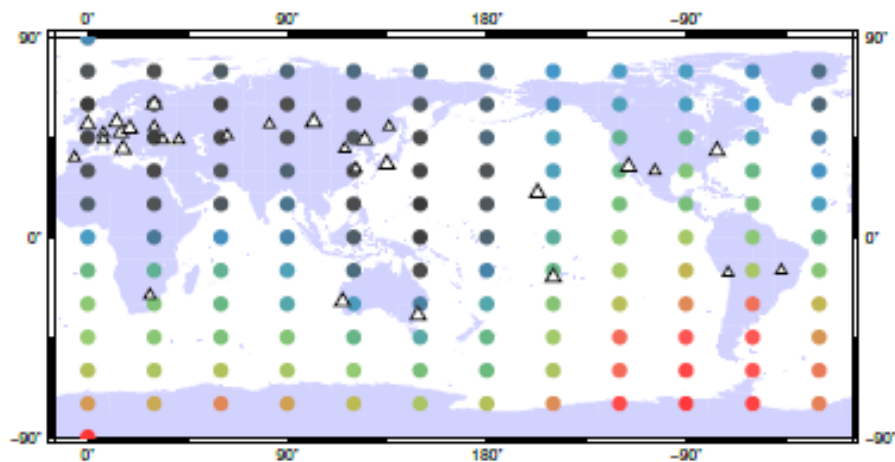
Pass rate 25%  
NP rate 15%  
を設定  
(5-10 位相当)

Pass-based success rates and normal-point-based success rates for four types of satellites during a one-year period from July 2014 to June 2015. Fifteen highly productive stations are shown where the four-digit station IDs are the NASA CDDIS Codes.

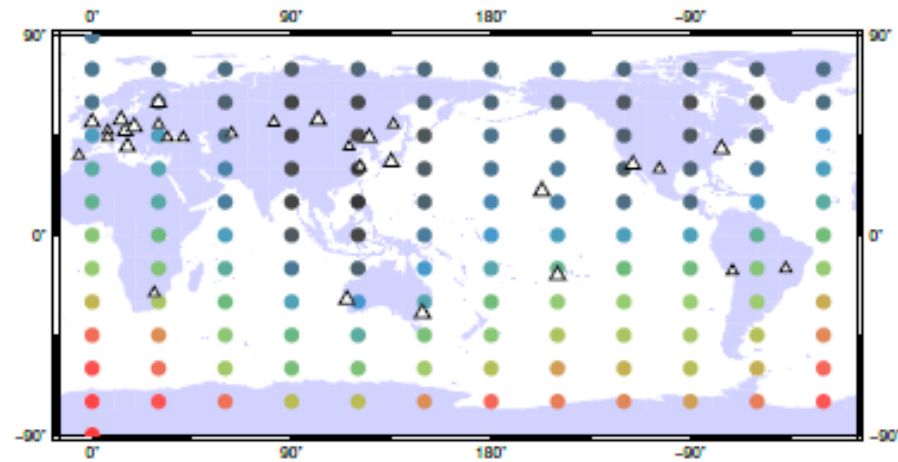
# [2] Simulation Analysis

- Parameters to be investigated
  - Geocenter (TRF translation)
  - TRF Scale
  - Low-degree Earth gravity terms (up to degree/order 4)
  - (EOP)
  - (Orbit)
- POD analysis simulation using software c5++
  - Span: Mar-Apr 2015
  - 134 virtual points: latitude 15-deg interval, longitude 30-deg interval
  - Estimated formal error =  $\text{Sqrt}(\text{Diagonal element of covariance matrix})$
  - Compare the formal errors between **baseline** and **virtual**
  - 5-6% increase of total number of observation  $\rightarrow$  2-3% improvement expected according to the  $\text{Sqrt}(N)$  rule.

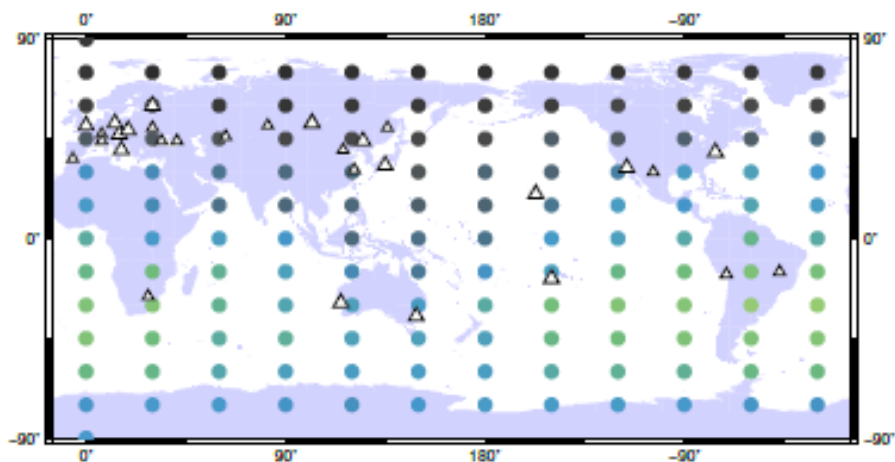
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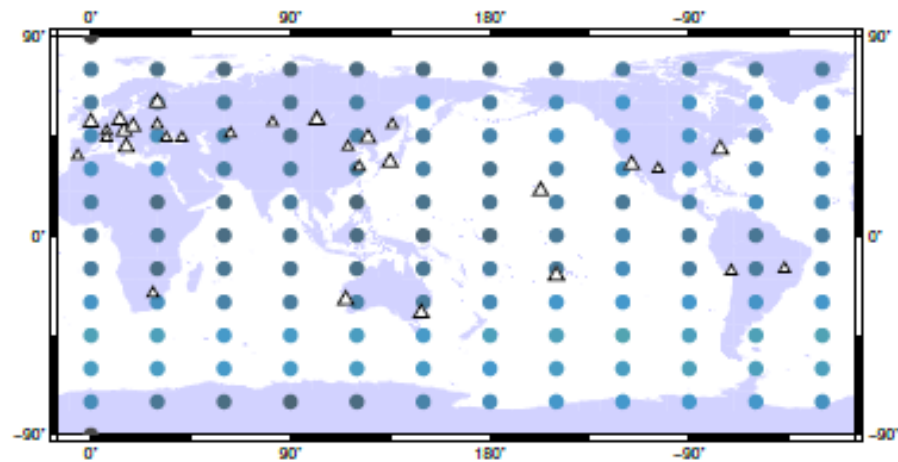
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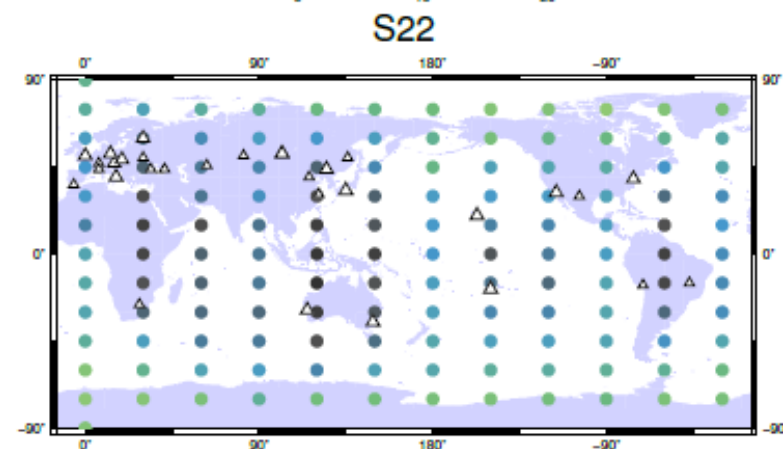
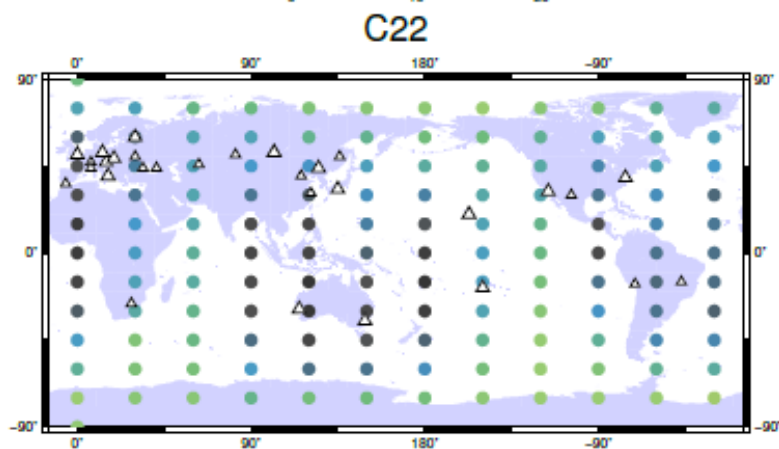
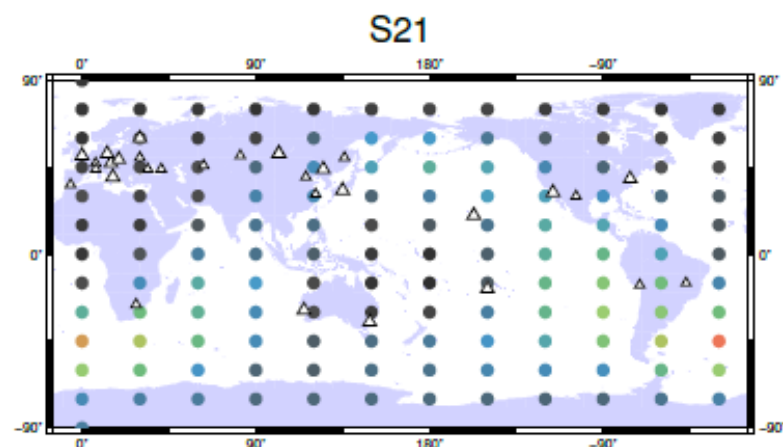
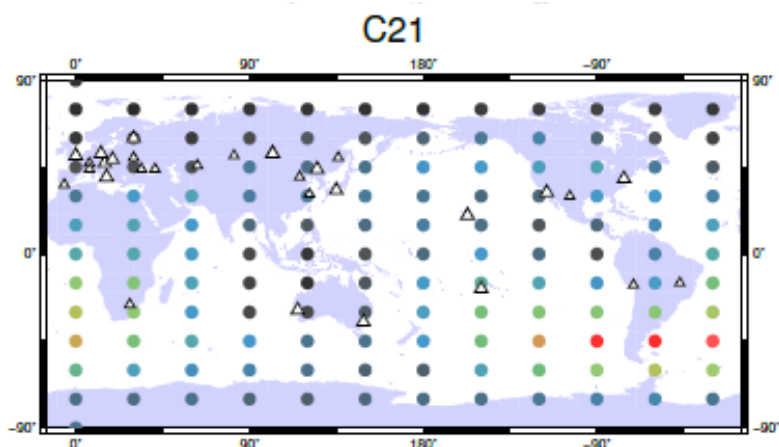
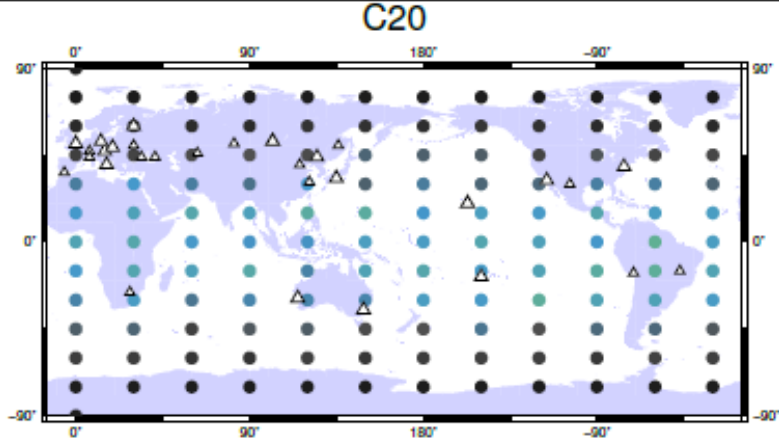


Scale



Improvement rate 0 10 20 (%)

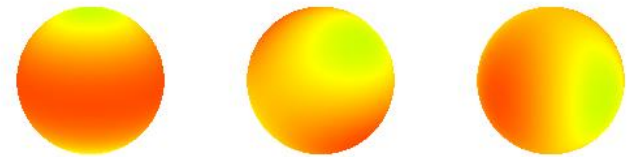




# Results

- Improvement rate: mostly better than 2-3% (predicted by the  $\text{Sqrt}(N)$  rule)
  - Building a new station should be encouraged anywhere.
- High latitude stations in S hemisphere effective in general.
- High-latitude station effective
  - TX, TY, C22, S22 (Sectoral terms)
- Middle-latitude station effective
  - C21, S21 (Tesseral terms)
- Low-latitude station effective
  - TZ, C20 (Zonal terms)
- Similar results for gravity degree-3 & 4 terms
- No significant improvement
  - Scale, Polar motion XY

$C_{20} \text{ -- } C_{22}$ :



$S_{21} \text{ -- } S_{22}$ :



# Future Studies

- To relate this outcome with physical phenomena & future projects.  
Proposals welcome.
- To add “orbit” to the optimizing parameter.  
For uniform orbit quality all over the world.
- To combine with VLBI, GNSS, DORIS etc.  
Analysis software development. GGOS.
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