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# CSRS-PPP – Transitioning to a Modernized Positioning Service in Canada

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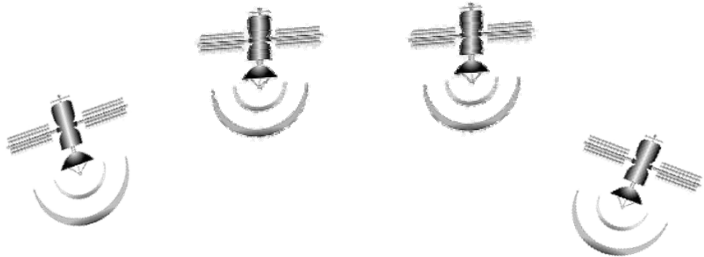
# Outline

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  - Submission options
  - Usage statistics
- August 2018 software update
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  - Accuracy analysis
  - User impact
- CSRS-PPP solution validation
- Future plans





# CSRS-PPP Overview



**IGS**

\*PPP Coordinates are in the reference system of the orbit and clock products

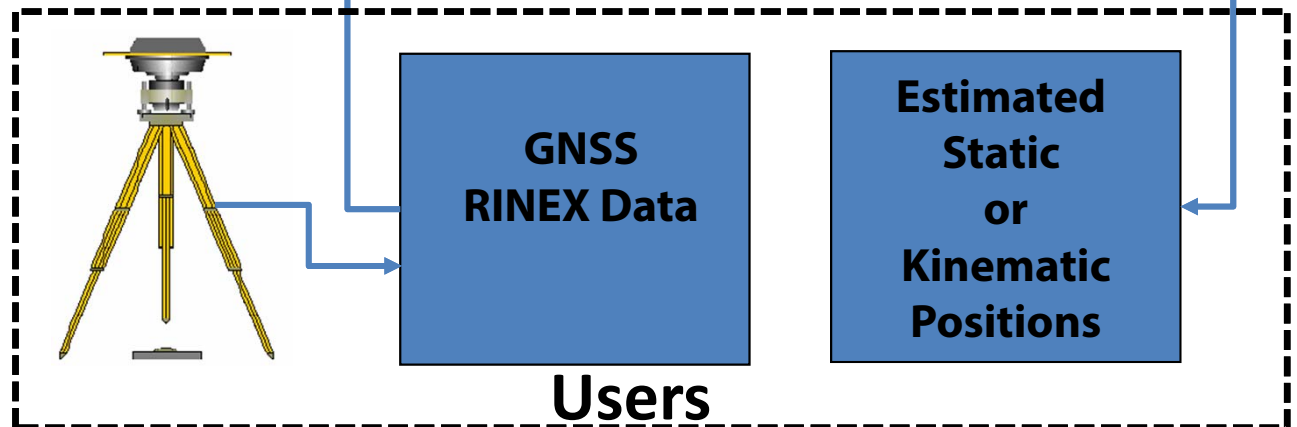
**NRCan or IGS**

**GNSS Orbit & Clock Estimation**

**NRCan**

**GNSS Modelling and Processing**

**CSRS-PPP**



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# CSRS-PPP – Product Summary

Product	Frequency	Latency <sup>1</sup>	Hor. RMS <sup>2</sup>	Ver. RMS <sup>2</sup>	Usage (2018)
NRCan Ultra-Rapid GNSS	Hourly <sup>3</sup>	90 minutes	10 mm	13 mm	8%
NRCan Rapid GNSS	Daily	12 – 15 hours	10 mm	13 mm	34%
IGS Final GNSS	Weekly	12 – 15 days	9 mm	10 mm	58%

<sup>1</sup> Latency is measured from the end of the time correction period

<sup>2</sup> Horizontal and Vertical RMS were calculated from static PPP results for 1013 RINEX files with 3-hour observations

<sup>3</sup> GLONASS Ultra-Rapid currently on 3 hour cycle (will be updated to hourly in 2019)





# CSRS-PPP – History

Date	Update
<b>2003-10-14<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>CSRS-PPP service launched with GPSPACE software</b>
2006-12-05	Introduced multi-file submissions
2008-05-12	Ultra-rapid products introduced
2009-09-09	Introduced epoch transformations for NAD83(CSRS) solutions
2011-10-04	Introduced GLONASS processing
2012-10-19	National velocity grid updated to version 6.0
2013-11-29	Added option to get orthometric heights in CGVD2013
2015-10-21	Implemented queuing system to reduce wait times during peak periods
<b>2018-08-16<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Transitioned processing engine from GPSPACE to SPARK</b>
2019-02-14	National velocity grid updated to version 7.0

<sup>1</sup> Processed 547 RINEX files during 1<sup>st</sup> month of CSRS-PPP service

<sup>2</sup> Processed 49,500+ RINEX files during 1<sup>st</sup> month with SPARK

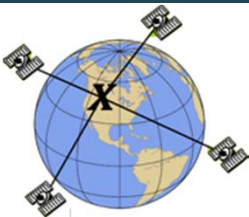




# CSRS-PPP – Submission Options

Option	Notes
Web interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://webapp.geod.nrcan.gc.ca/geod/tools-outils/ppp.php">https://webapp.geod.nrcan.gc.ca/geod/tools-outils/ppp.php</a></li> <li>• Can upload either single or multiple (tar or zip archive) RINEX files</li> <li>• Maximum file size limit of 300 MB</li> <li>• Results (link) will be emailed when analysis completed</li> </ul>
PPP direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://webapp.geod.nrcan.gc.ca/geod/tools-outils/applications.php">https://webapp.geod.nrcan.gc.ca/geod/tools-outils/applications.php</a></li> <li>• Desktop application which can be installed on PC (Windows only)</li> <li>• Can drag and drop single or multiple RINEX files</li> <li>• Allows for direct download and/or email of results</li> <li>• Limit of 5 RINEX files for direct download</li> </ul>
Script	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSRS-PPP runs as a web service and submissions can be automated</li> <li>• Requires network connectivity while files are being processed</li> </ul>





# CSRS-PPP – Web Interface

## Precise Point Positioning

### **i** CSRS-PPP Service Upgrade

The Canadian Geodetic Survey of Natural Resources Canada updated the CSRS-PPP service on Thursday, August 16th 2018. This update included the transition to a new processing software (SPARK) which replaced the previous software (GPSPACE). Information detailing the file formats for all updated output files is available on the [modernized CSRS-PPP service page](#). Sample static and kinematic solutions are also available for download to allow you to familiarize yourself with the new outputs.

### **i** New velocity grid NAD83(CSRS)v7

[View documentation](#) about the new NAD83(CSRS) v7.0 velocity grid.

Important notices with links to documentation

▶ Help for CSRS PPP (Updated 2019-02-27)

Profile Sign out

Email for results (required)

brian.donahue@canada.ca

Email address for results (auto-filled from user's account)

Help Link: Lists all major changes to service

Processing mode

Static  Kinematic

NAD83 ITRF

Epoch (Adopted)

2002.0

Pick mode, reference frame, epoch (if NAD83 ref. frame)

Vertical datum

CGVD2013

Vertical Datum: CGVD28 or CGVD2013

Contribute to passive control maintenance? ([what is this?](#))

Authorize the Canadian Geodetic Survey (CGS) to archive and publish CSRS-PPP submission and solution

Official marker station name

If submitting data collected on an existing passive control monument, user can request to have it archived for possible coordinate maintenance

▶ More options

RINEX observation file (required) (.zip, .gzip, .gz, .Z, .??O)

Choose File No file chosen

Submit to PPP



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# CSRS-PPP – PPP direct Application

PPP direct 2.1

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Configuration: default

CSRS User ID: brian.donahue@canada.ca

[Français](#)

**Results**

Sent to this email: brian.donahue@canada.ca

Downloaded in this folder: C:\Users\bdonahue\Downloads

Processing mode:  Static /  Kinematic

Reference frame:  NAD83 (CSRS) /  ITRF

Epoch for NAD83 (CSRS):  Epoch of GPS data /  1997.0 /  2002.0 /  2010.0 /  User defined

[NAD83\(CSRS\) adopted epochs for provincial geodetic agencies](#)

Vertical Datum:  CGVD28(HT2\_0) /  CGVD2013

[Proxy](#)

User can select local directory and/or email return



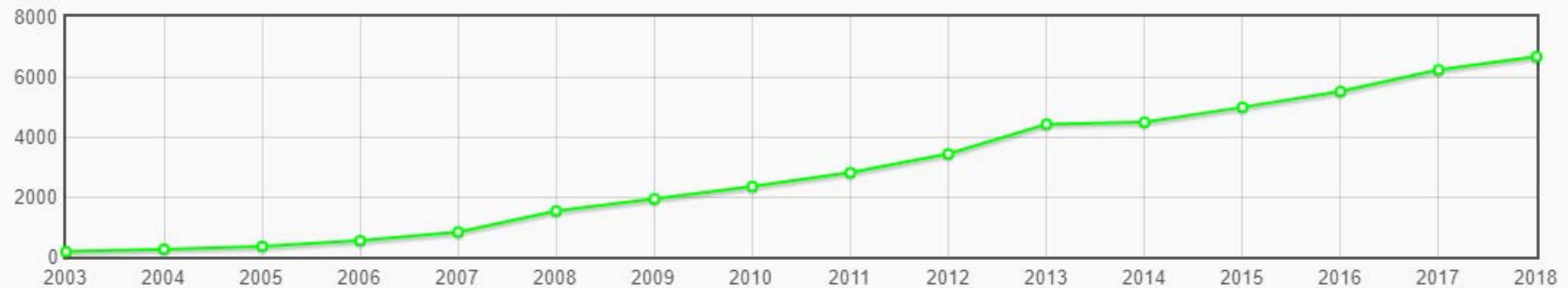




# CSRS-PPP Global Usage 2003-2019

Number of PPP Users

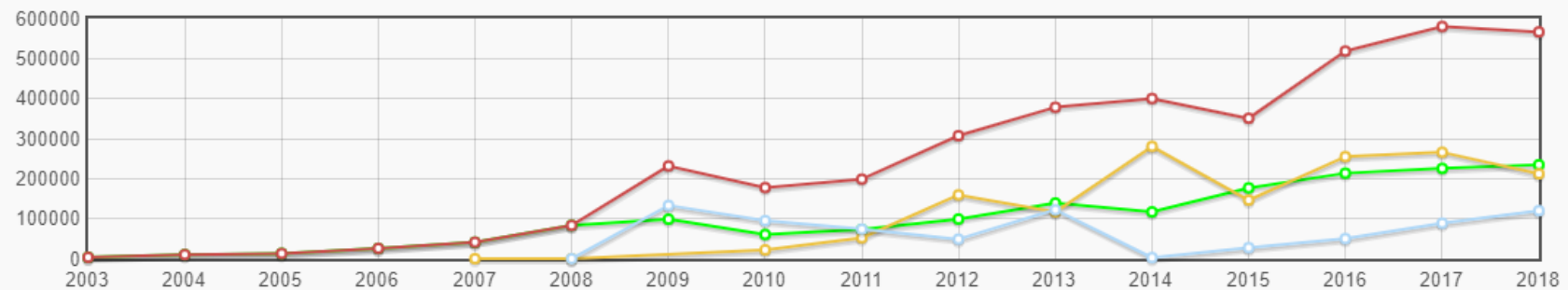
NumPPPUsers



NumPPPUsers Mean: 2901

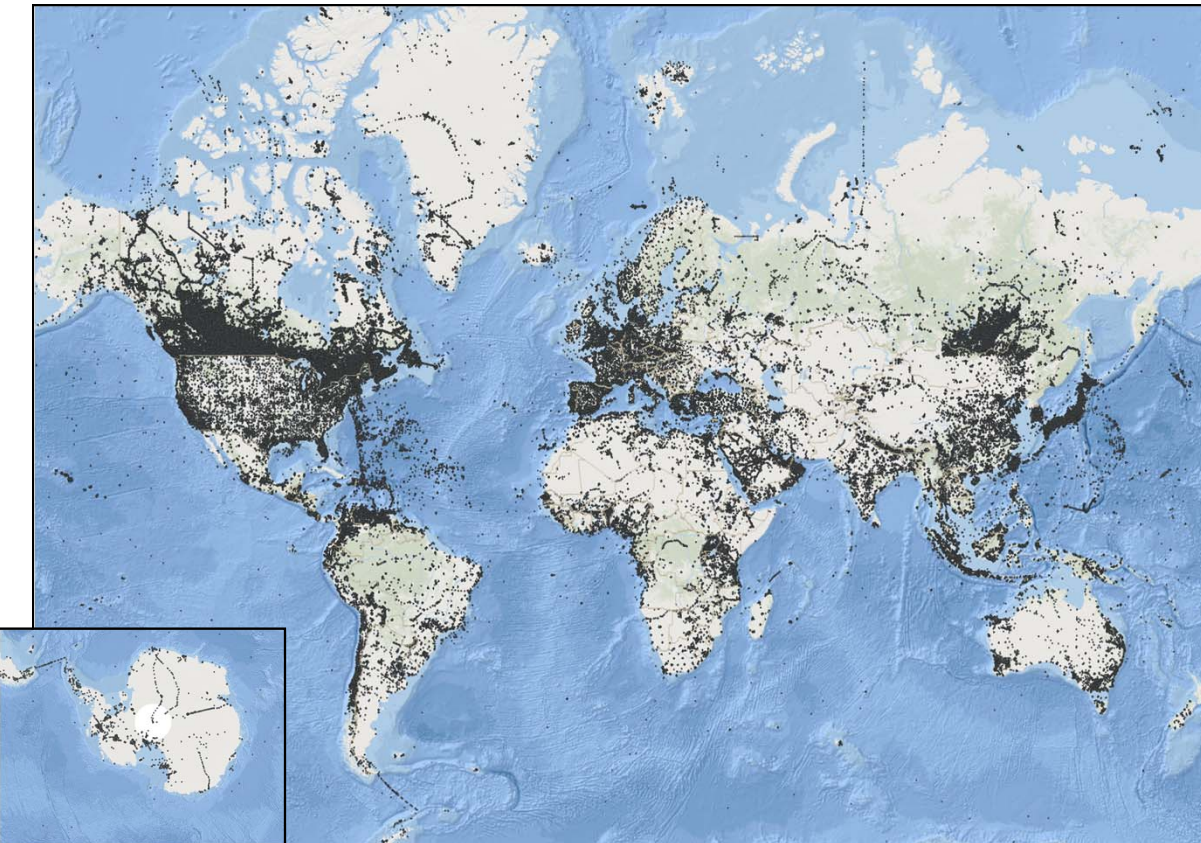
Number of Files Successfully processed with PPP

Web\_Application  PPP\_Direct  Script  Total



# CSRS-PPP Worldwide usage

## 2003 - 2018



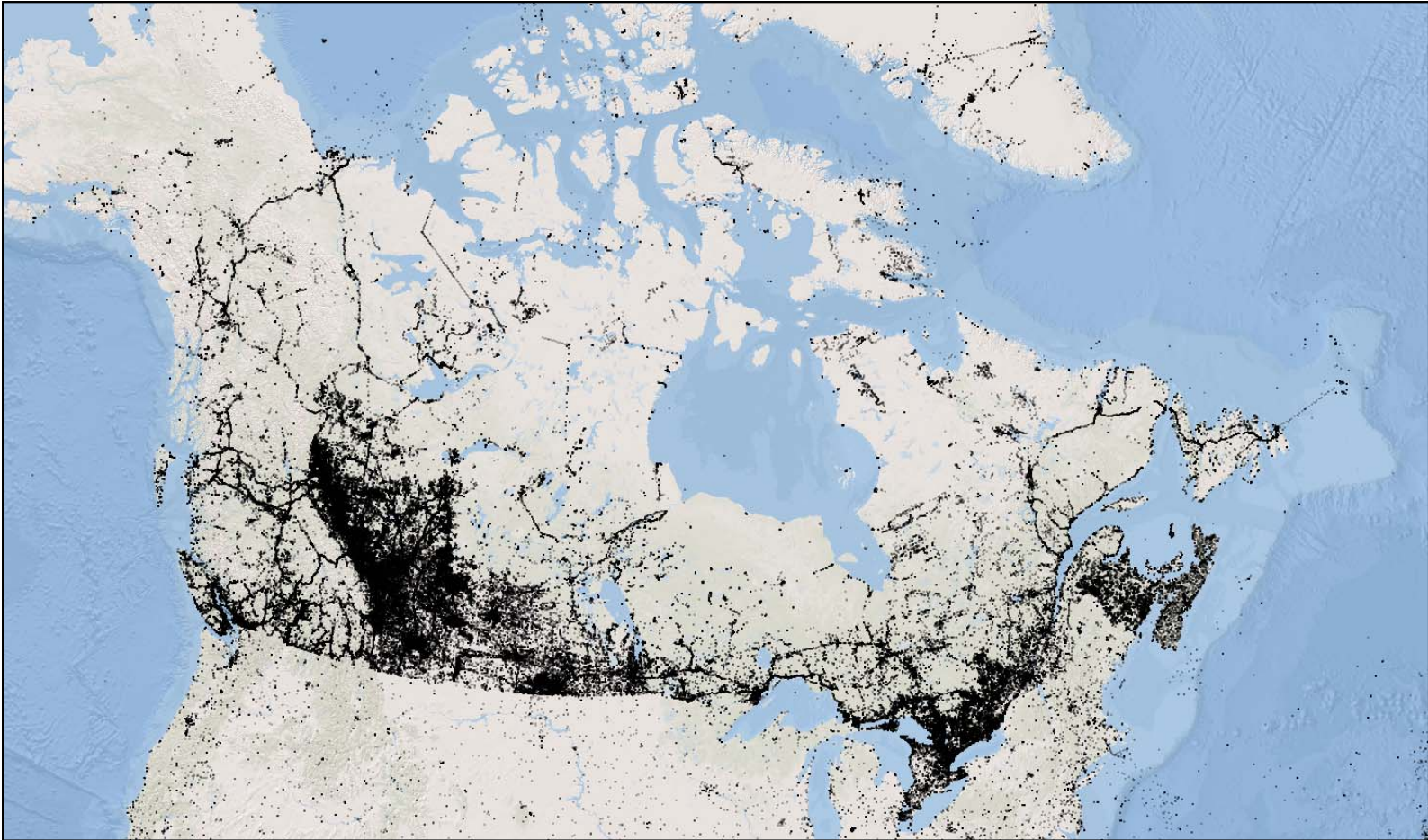
- 3.2M successfully processed files
- 21.3K users
- 203 countries/terr.
- 779K (25%) in Canada

(Basemap : ESRI)

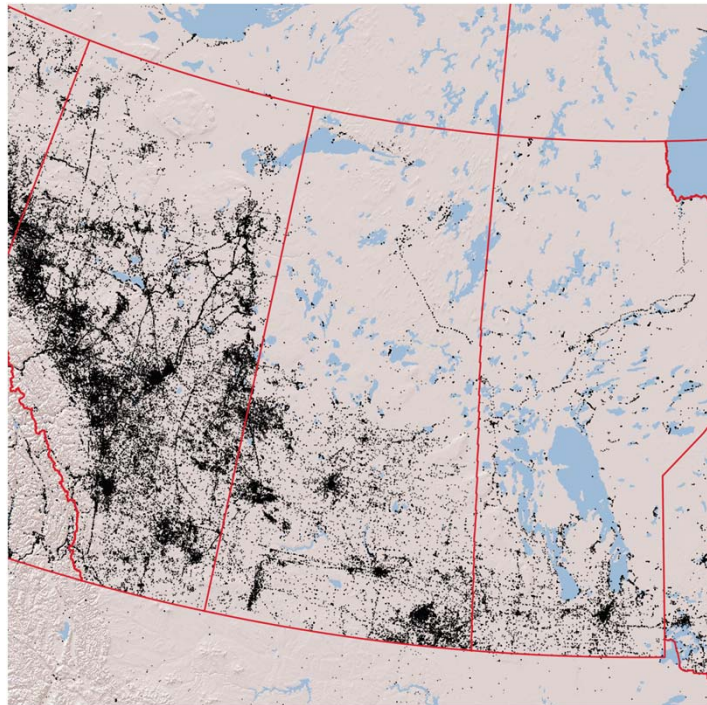
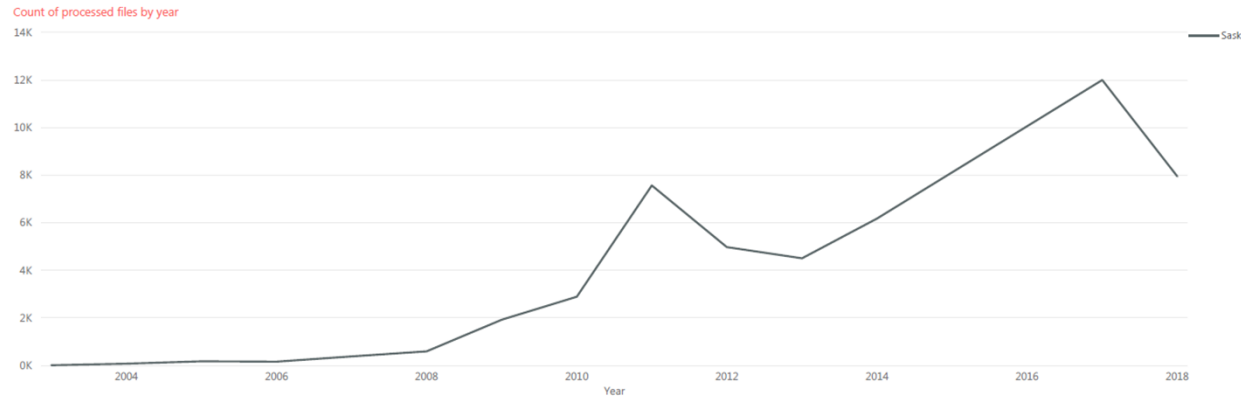




# CSRS-PPP Canadian Usage 2003-2018



# CSRS-PPP Sask. Usage (2003-2018)



Files processed: 61155



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# CSRS-PPP Usage Statistics

- NRCan has processed over **3.8 million** GNSS data sets with the CSRS-PPP service since 2003
- **2018 Usage Statistics**
  - 6605 unique users
  - Almost 600,000 data sets processed
  - 78% static, 22% kinematic
  - 98.7% dual frequency
  - 23% NAD83(CSRS) (21% in 2017), 77% ITRF
  - 20% CGVD2013 (**12% in 2017**), 80% CGVD28 (% of NAD83 solutions)
- Note: **2016 user survey** respondents reported satisfaction with CSRS-PPP service but some requested support for new GNSS satellite constellations and RINEX v3





# CSRS-PPP – 2018 Software Transition





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## Why did CGS transition to SPARK?

- Modern processing engine
  - Capable of handling all constellations and signals
  - Supports RINEX v3
  - Single frequency code + phase solution
  - Pathway to PPP-AR and co-operative PPP (faster convergence = shorter observation requirements)
- Completely updated pre/post-processing modules
  - Easier to maintain
    - Perl script replaced with modular Python and Java tools
    - RINEX validation includes support for RINEX v3
    - Post-processing uses common transformation libraries (GPS-H/TRX)

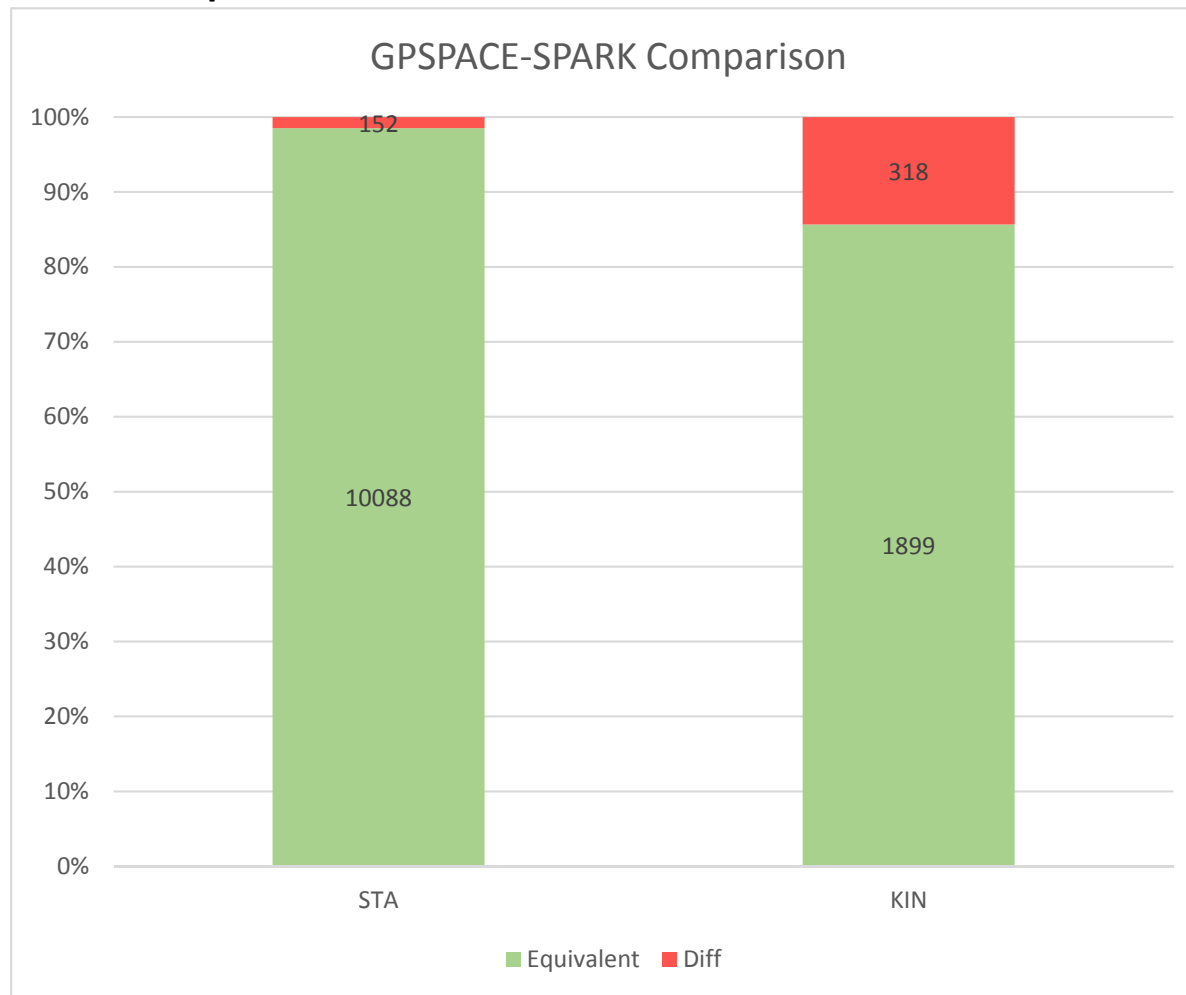




# CSRS-PPP – 2018 Software Transition

## How did SPARK and GPSPACE results compare?

- Comparison of **13,459** submissions (2018-04-10 to 2018-04-24)



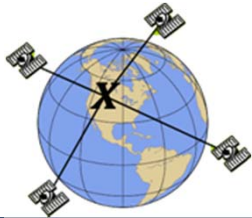
**Solutions were flagged for further analysis if:**

Static: 3D-diff > 3D standard deviation at 95%

Kinematic: RMS of vert. diffs > 5 cm





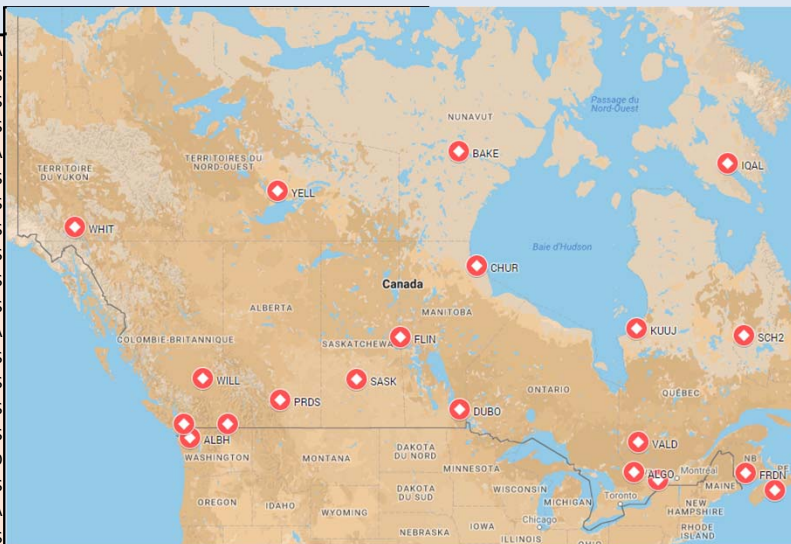


# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

## DATA

- **1000** 24h-observation RINEX files (sampling rate – 30s)
  - 20 stations from CACS: 15 National - 4 WCDA -1 Regional
  - 52 days between January 6<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Reference positions: weekly IGS estimated pos. (SSC file)

ALBH	Victoria/Sidney - WCDA
ALGO	Algonquin - CSRS
BAKE	Baker Lake - CSRS
CHUR	Churchill - CSRS
DRAO	Penticton - WCDA
DUBO	Lac du Bonnet - CSRS
FLIN	Flin Flon - CSRS
FRDN	Fredericton - CSRS
HLFX	Halifax - CSRS
IQAL	Iqaluit - CSRS
KUUJ	Kuujuarapik - CSRS
NANO	Nanose - WCDA
NRC1	Ottawa - CSRS
PRDS	Calgary - CSRS
SASK	Saskatoon - CSRS
SCH2	Schefferville - CSRS
VALD	Val d'Or - REGIO
WHIT	Whitehorse - CSRS
WILL	Williams lake - WCDA
YELL	Yellowknife - CSRS



## Process Parameters

- Mode: Static & Kinematic
- GNSS: GPS only & GPS + GLONASS
- Frequency: L1 + L2
- Orbits and Clocks: IGS products (finals)
- Pole tide corrections (erp)
- Tropospheric Zenith Delay (TZD)
- Cut-off elevation: 7.5
- Ant/sat offsets: ATX/SVB files
- Tropospheric gradient estimation
- Ocean Loading OTL

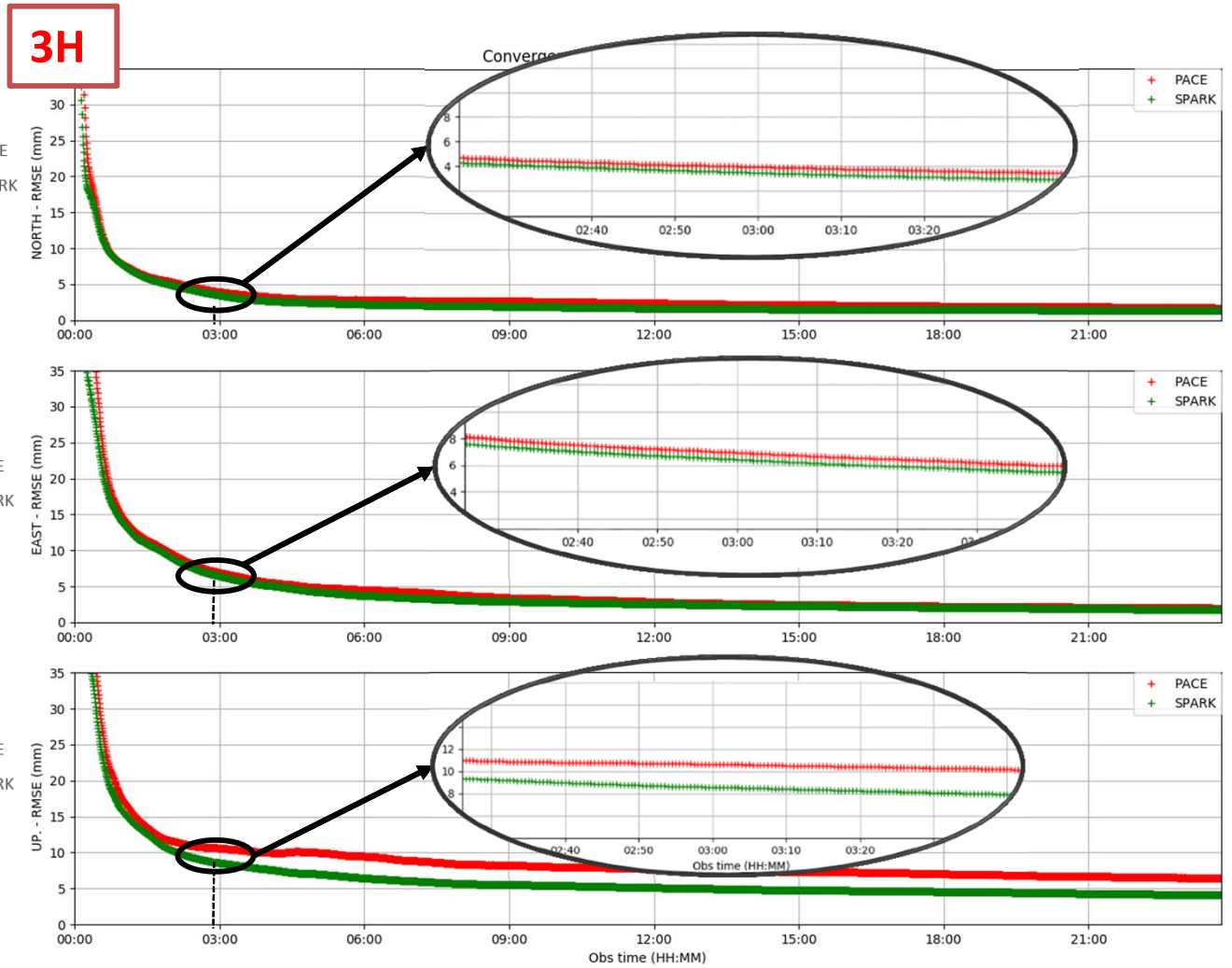
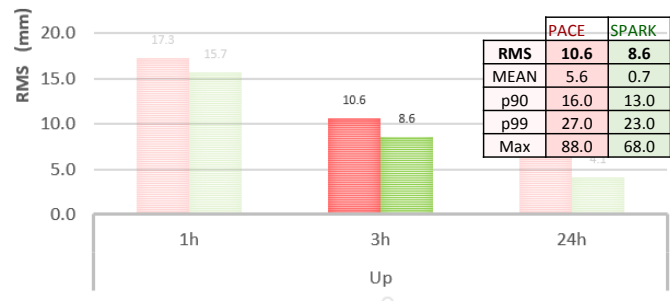
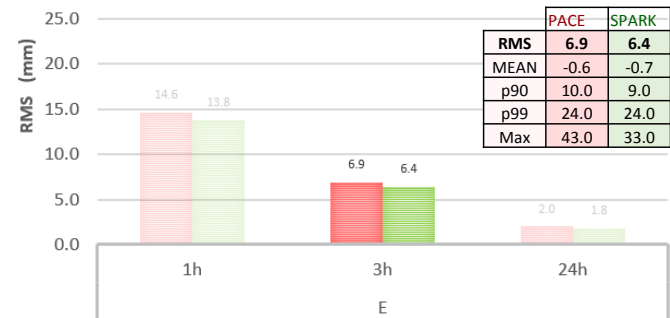
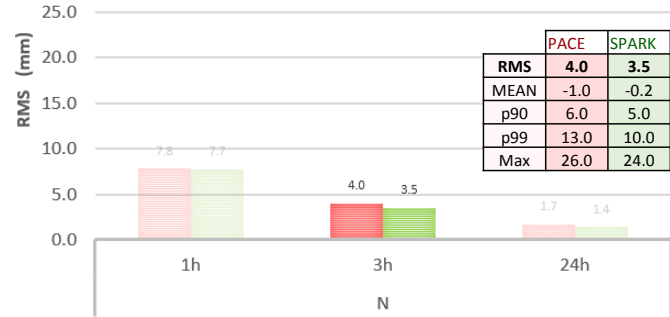
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\* Data processed on RTOPSDATA2 between April 9th and April 14th, 2018



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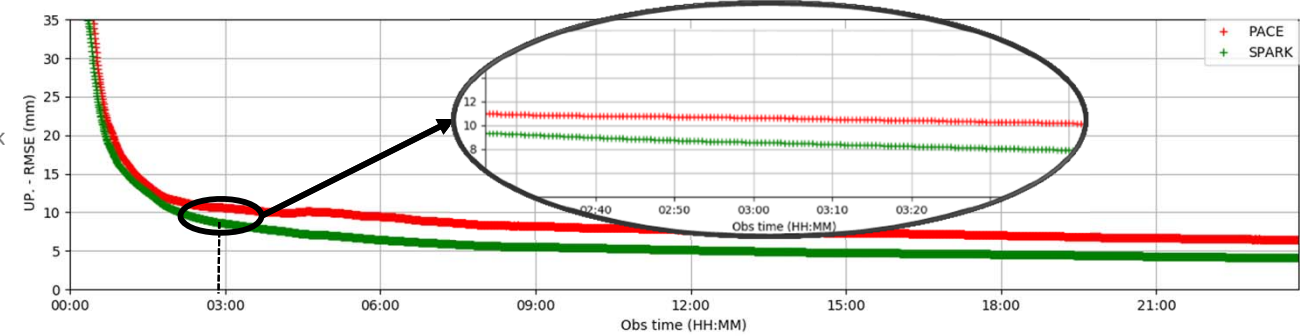
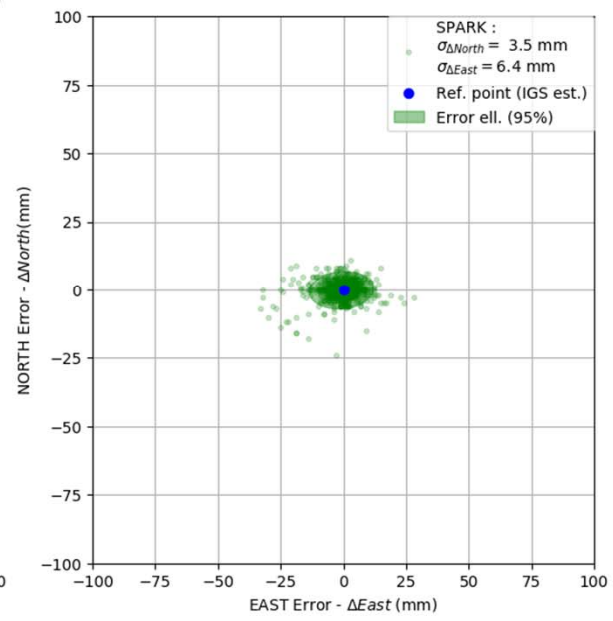
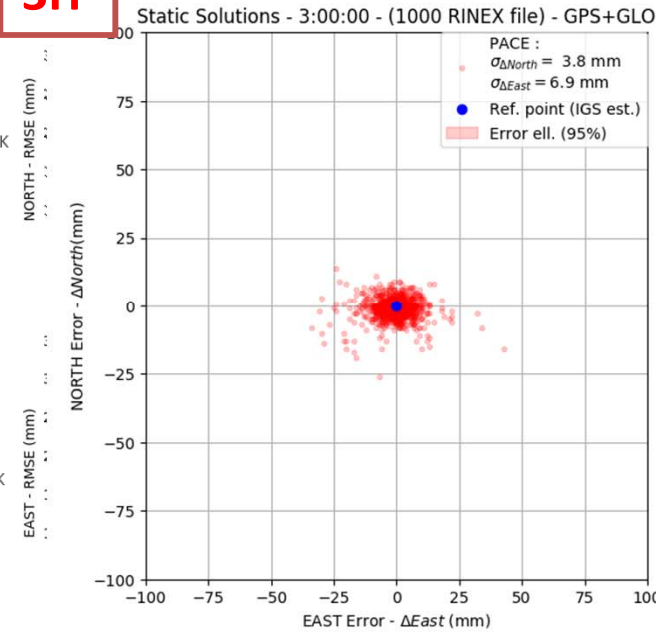
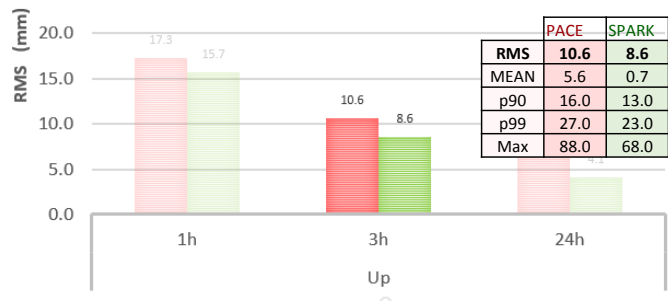
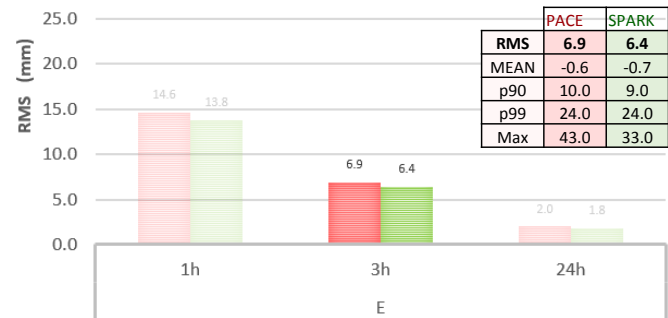
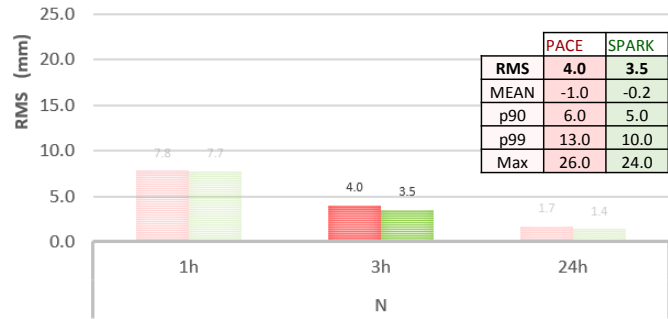
## Results Static - GPS + GLONASS



# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

**3H**

## Results Static - GPS + GLONASS

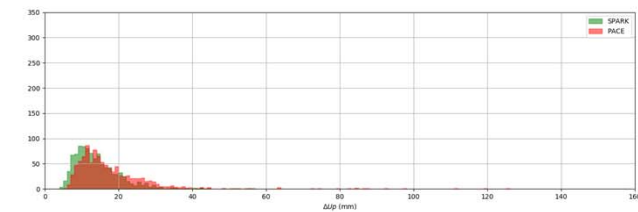
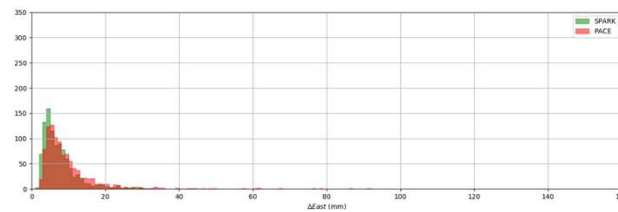
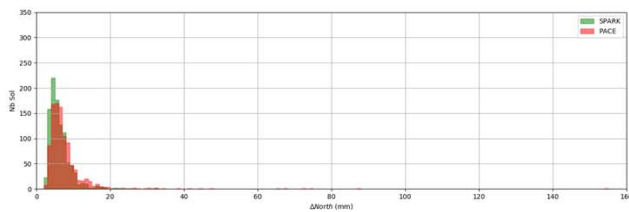
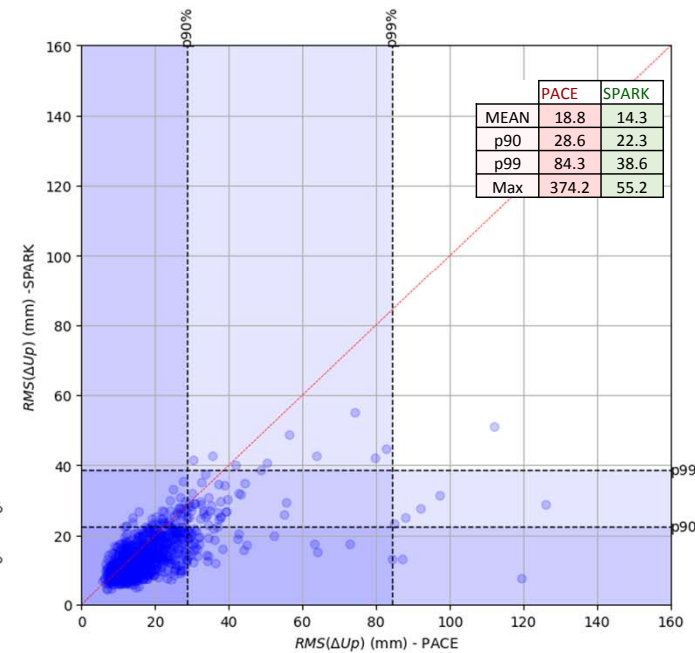
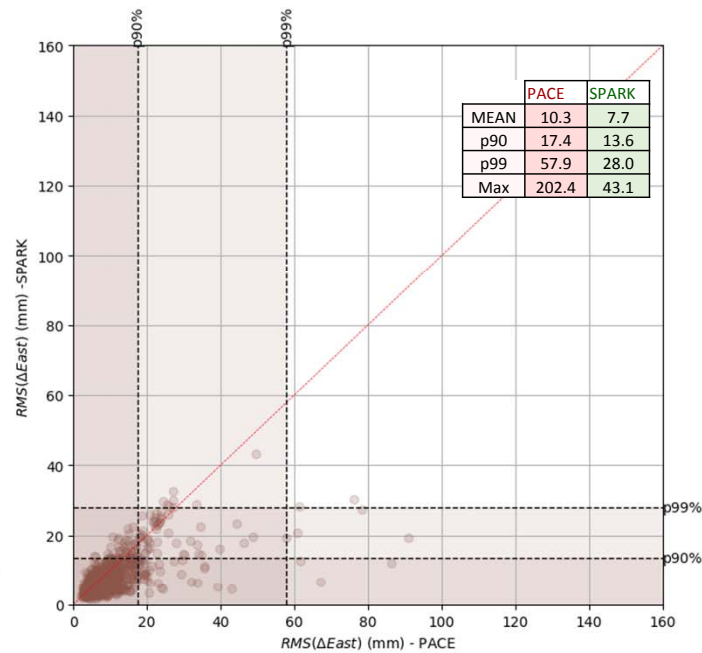
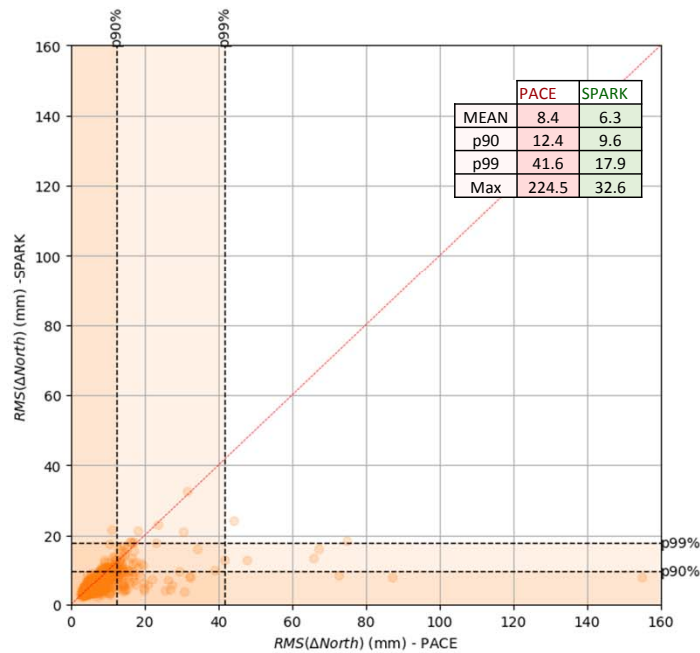


# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

## Results

Kinematic – GPS + GLONASS – Obs. time: 3h

RMS of estimated positions over all epochs





# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

- **Accuracy Analysis Conclusions**
  - Validated accuracy of new CSRS-PPP engine
    - SPARK 24h static solutions were within 2mm horizontal and 4mm vertical of truth
  - Confirmed equal or better quality SPARK vs. GPSPACE
    - Horizontal equivalent (< 1 mm)
    - Vertical 4-5 mm bias in GPSPACE
    - 20 - 30% improvement in kinematic solutions with SPARK





# CSRS-PPP – 2018 Software Transition

## What was the impact on users?

- Some outputs changed
  - Summary file (.sum) was the most significant change
  - MTM outputs for Canadian NAD83 solutions are now merged directly into original .sum and .pos files

### SPARK:

Summary of results

PDF report

Summary file (txt)

Position file (txt)

Position file (csv)

Help file (txt)

Residuals

### GPSPACE:

Summary of results

PDF report

Summary file (txt)

Position file (txt)

Position file (csv)

Help file (txt)

Residuals

MTM.sum (Canada only, NAD83)

MTM.pos (Canada only, NAD83)

HTML

PDF

.sum

.pos

.csv

.txt

.res

HTML

PDF

.sum

.pos

.csv

.res

.res

full\_output.zip

res.zip





# CSRS-PPP – 2018 Software Transition

## SPARK summary text file (.sum)

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HDR TEL 343-292-6617
HDR FAX 613-996-9843
HDR EMA nrcan.geodeticinformationservices.rncan@canada.ca
VER 2.1.0 (2018-05-23 r440)
NOW 2018-06-11 17:44:58.00
RXN yell11210.18o
MOD $STATIC
BEG 2018-05-01 00:00:00.00
END 2018-05-01 23:59:30.00
INT 30.00
EPO 2880 2880 2880

SP3 igs19992.sp3
SP3 igs19993.sp3
CLK igs19992.clk
CLK igs19993.clk
ERP igs19997.erp
ATX gpsppp.pcv_absolute_igs14
ELV 7.5
TZD GPT
REC JAVAD TRE_3N DELTA
ANT AOAD/M_T NONE
ARP 0.000 0.000 0.100
PCO G01 0.001 -0.001 0.092
PCO G02 -0.000 -0.001 0.120
PCO R01 0.001 -0.001 0.092
PCO R02 -0.000 -0.001 0.120

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↑ 3-character codes





# CSRS-PPP – 2018 Software Transition

SPARK summary text file (.sum)

POS	CRD	SYST	EPOCH	APRIORI	ESTIMATED	DIFF	SIGMA(95%)	CORRELATIONS		
POS	X	IGS14	18:121:43185	-1224451.8900	-1224452.9400	-1.0500	0.0040	1.0000		
POS	Y	IGS14	18:121:43185	-2689217.2800	-2689216.2000	1.0800	0.0047	0.1677	1.0000	
POS	Z	IGS14	18:121:43185	5633638.0900	5633638.2849	0.1949	0.0074	-0.3978	-0.7513	1.0000
POS	LAT	IGS14	18:121:43185	62 28 51.19452	62 28 51.21312	0.5759	0.0026	1.0000		
POS	LON	IGS14	18:121:43185	-114 28 50.44340	-114 28 50.54135	-1.4031	0.0038	-0.0047	1.0000	
POS	HGT	IGS14	18:121:43185	181.0668	180.9865	-0.0803	0.0084	-0.1580	-0.0003	1.0000
POS	X	NAD83	10:001:00000	-1224495.5544	-1224496.6049	-1.0505	0.0040	1.0000		
POS	Y	NAD83	10:001:00000	-2689220.6170	-2689219.5357	1.0813	0.0047	0.1677	1.0000	
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PRJ	TYPE	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SCALE_POINT	SCALE_COMBINED				
PRJ	UTM	11	629807.830	6930262.617	0.999806	0.999778				
PRJ	MTM	23	279973.889	6929903.510	0.999908	0.999879				
OHT	SYST	MODEL	HEIGHT							
OHT	CGVD2013	CGG2013a	210.928							
VLM	NAD83v6VG									
OFF	-418899.2123 0.2409 ns									
DRI	-1236.6557 ns/day									
RES	G	C1W	0.379							
RES	G	C2W	0.390							
RES	G	L1W	0.002							
RES	G	L2W	0.001							
RES	R	CIF	1.156							
RES	R	LIF	0.007							

OHT – orthometric height

PRJ – projected coordinates for UTM and MTM

POS – positions (including reference system, epoch, a priori, estimate, and sigma)







# CSRS-PPP – 2018 Software Transition

## ■ User Impact Summary

- Improvement of 4-5 mm in height
- No differences to submission applications
- Some outputs slightly changed (e.g. PDF report)
- Summary text file (.sum) completely updated with 3-character codes
- Residual file format switched from text to JSON
  - Script available to convert JSON residuals to former text format





# CSRS-PPP Solution Validation

- “Calibrate” your GPS equipment with PPP in static mode over known points
- Review information in reports (.pdf and .sum)
  - Check percentage of data rejected
  - Verify antenna information
  - Check the satellite coverage
  - Check stability of tropospheric correction
  - Check observation residuals
  - Verify reference frame, epoch, and vertical datum (if applicable)
- Ensure tracking long enough for convergence
- Multiple occupation
- Compare to other online positioning services (e.g. AUSPOS)
  - <https://www.ga.gov.au/scientific-topics/positioning-navigation/geodesy/auspos>



# CSRS-PPP Outputs (PDF report)



CSRS-PPP 2.26.0 (2019-02-25)



drao0720.19o  
DRAO CACS-GSD 887006 Penticton BC Canada

**Data Start**  
2019-03-13 00:00:00.00  
**Processing Time**  
22:54:43 UTC 2019/03/14  
**Observations**  
Phase and Code  
Elevation Cut-Off  
7.5 degrees

**Data End**  
2019-03-13 23:59:30.00

**Duration of Observations**  
23:59:30

**Antenna Model**  
TRM59800.00 SCIS

**Frequency**  
Double  
**Rejected Epochs**  
0.00 %  
APC to ARP  
L1 = 0.087 m L2 = 0.116 m

**Mode**  
Static  
**Estimation Steps**  
30.00 sec  
ARP to Marker  
H:0.100m / E:0.000m / N:0.000m

**Product Type**  
NRCan Ultra-rapid

**Rejected Epochs**  
0.00 %

**Antenna Model**  
TRM59800.00 SCIS

(APC = antenna phase center; ARP = antenna reference point)

## Estimated Position for drao0720.19o

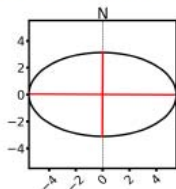
	Latitude (+n)	Longitude (+e)	Ell. Height
NAD83(CSRS) (2002)†	49° 19' 21.40972"	-119° 37' 29.87651"	542.220 m
Sigmas(95%)	0.003 m	0.004 m	0.009 m
A priori*	49° 19' 21.41016"	-119° 37' 29.87542"	542.224 m
Estimated - A priori	-0.014 m	-0.022 m	-0.005 m

Orthometric Height CGVD2013 (CGG2013a)

558.544 m

(click for height reference information)

95% Error Ellipse (mm)  
semi-major: 5.495 mm  
semi-minor: 3.122 mm  
semi-major azimuth: 90° 17' 46.43"



UTM (North) Zone 11

5466635.021 m (N)  
309256.449 m (E)

Scale Factors  
1.000047 (point)  
0.999962 (combined)

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†(Epoch transformation using velocity grid NAD83v70VG)



# CSRS-PPP Outputs (PDF report)



CSRS-PPP 2.26.0 (2019-02-25)

drao0720.19o  
DRAO CACS-GSD 887006 Penticton BC Canada



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<b>Processing Time</b>		<b>Product Type</b>
22:54:43 UTC 2019/03/14		NRCan Ultra-rapid
<b>Observations</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Mode</b>
Phase and Code	Double	Static
<b>Elevation Cut-Off</b>	<b>Rejected Epochs</b>	<b>Estimation Steps</b>
7.5 degrees	0.00 %	30.00 sec
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558.544 m

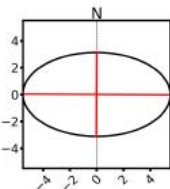
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# CSRS-PPP Solution Validation

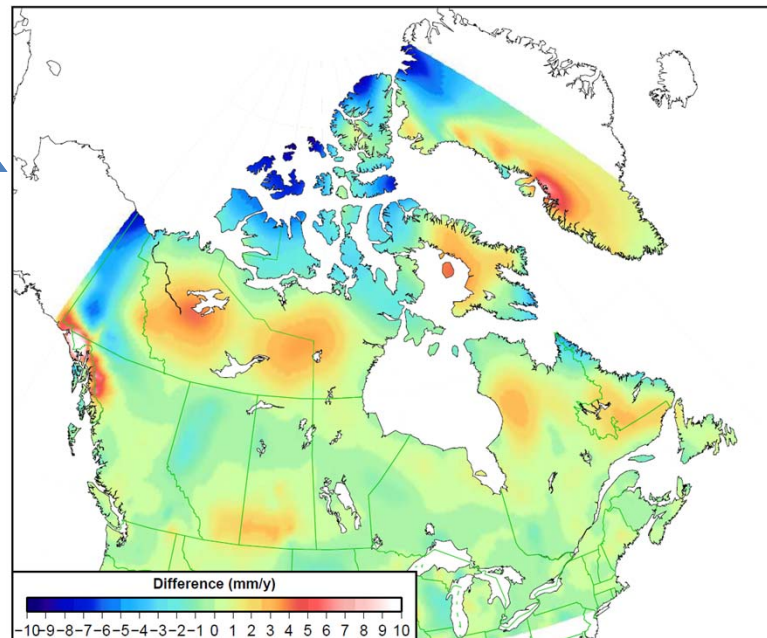
What can cause solution differences?

POS	CRD	SYST	EPOCH	A_PRIORI	ESTIMATED	DIFF	SIGMA (95%)
POS	X	NAD83	02:001:00000	-2059164.0600	-2059164.0827	-0.0227	0.0049
POS	Y	NAD83	02:001:00000	-3621109.5700	-3621109.5654	0.0046	0.0057
POS	Z	NAD83	02:001:00000	4814432.2300	4814432.2173	-0.0127	0.0065
POS	LAT	NAD83	02:001:00000	49 19 21.41016	49 19 21.40972	-0.0137	0.0025
POS	LON	NAD83	02:001:00000	-119 37 29.87542	-119 37 29.87651	-0.0219	0.0044
POS	HGT	NAD83	02:001:00000	542.2244	542.2196	-0.0048	0.0085
PRJ	TYPE	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SCALE_POINT	SCALE_COMBINED	HEMISPHERE
PRJ	UTM	11	309256.449	5466635.021	1.000047	0.999962	N
PRJ	MTM	25	332061.502	5465027.552	0.999909	0.999824	
OHT	SYST	MODEL	HEIGHT				
OHT	CGVD2013	CGG2013a	558.5442				
VLM	NAD83v70VG						

Verify reference system and epoch match requirements

If working with orthometric heights, note datum and model

Important to note velocity model when working with older epochs of NAD83

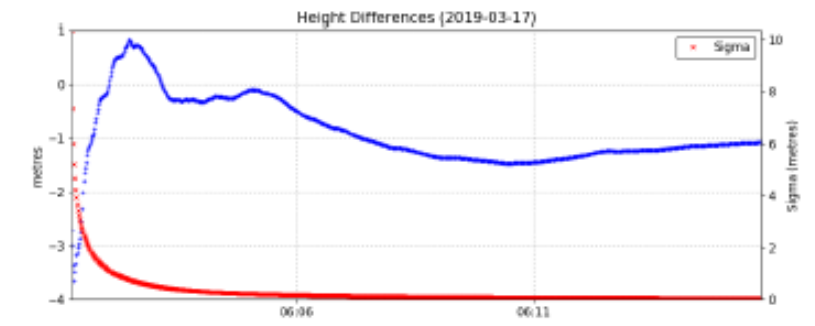
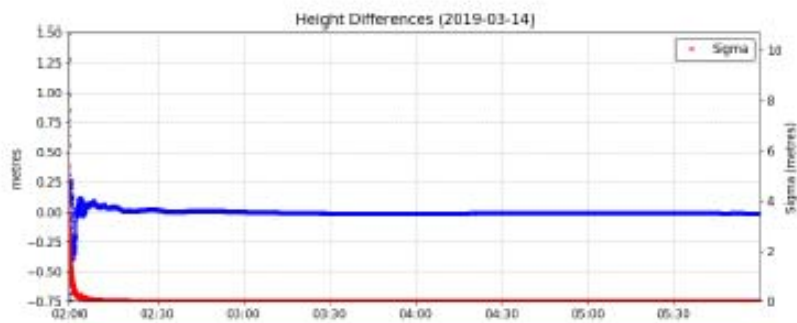
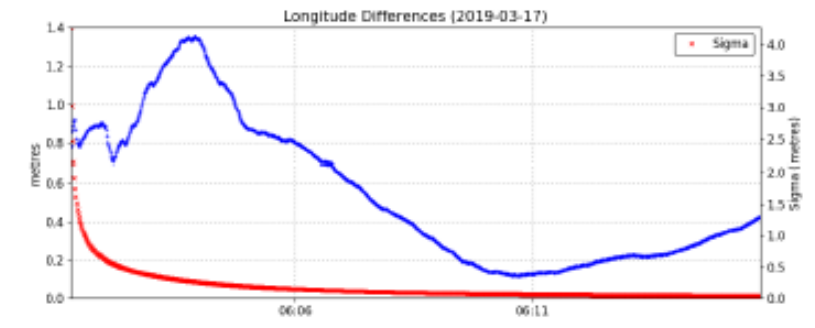
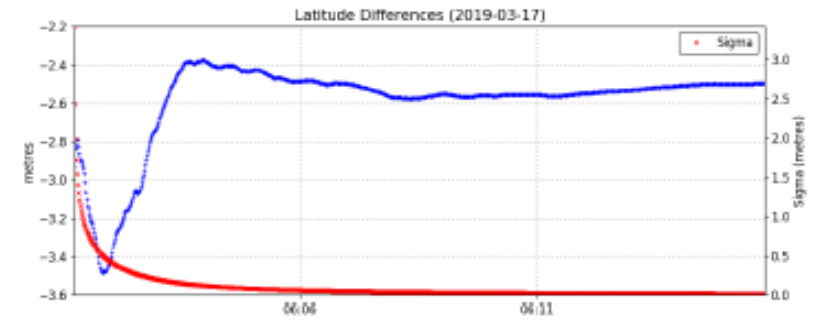
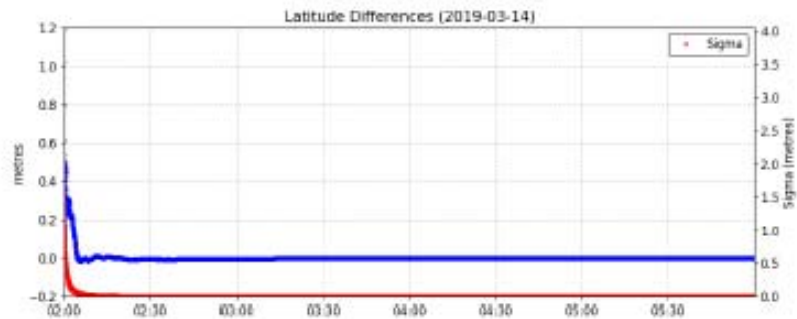


Vertical difference between v7 and v6 velocity grids





# CSRS-PPP Solution Validation – Convergence





# CSRS-PPP Future Plans



# Towards PPP-AR

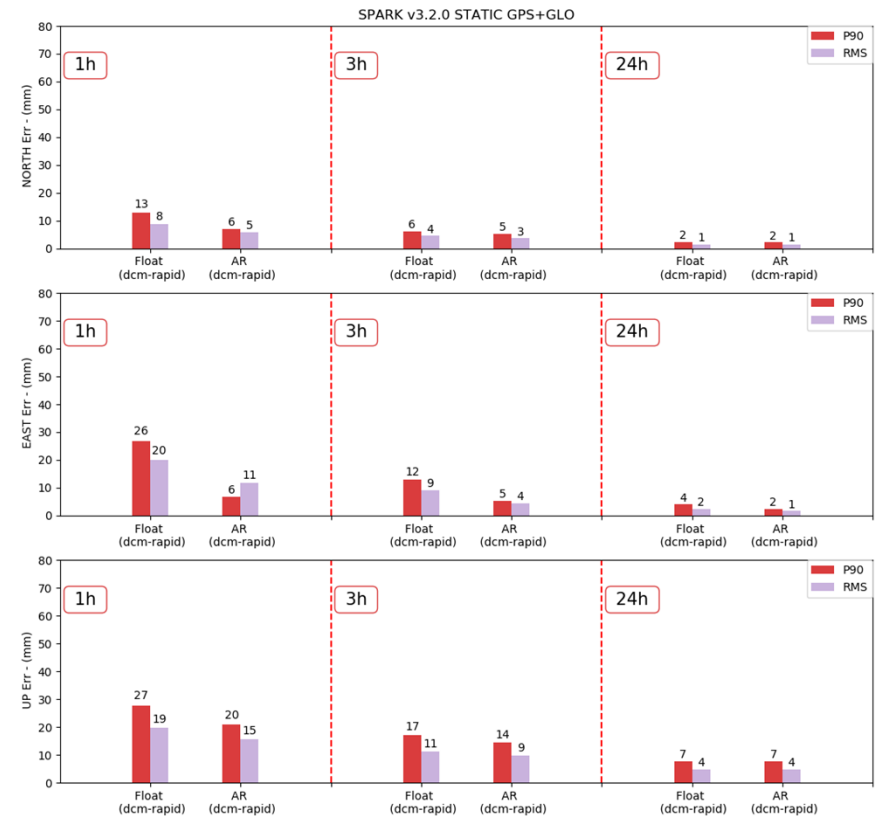
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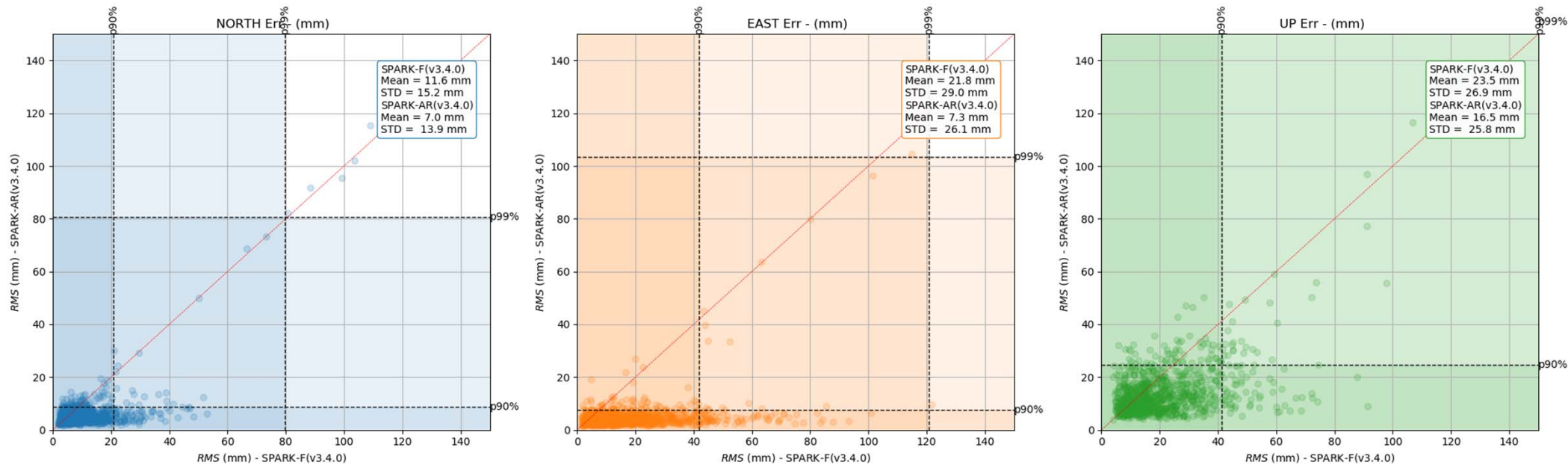
# Towards PPP-AR

- Statistics based on 1000 solutions over 52 weeks in 2018
- Static solutions
- GPS + GLONASS
- Ambiguity resolution for GPS only



# Towards PPP-AR

- 1-hour kinematic solutions, GPS+GLONASS



# Towards PPP-AR

- The main challenge to offering a PPP-AR service is the availability of products
- Our current product flow relies heavily on IGS products:

Orbit and Clock Products	Usage (2018)
NRCan Hourly	8%
NRCan Rapid	34%
IGS Final	52%
IGS Final (repro1)	6%

- But the IGS does not provide products for PPP-AR

# Towards PPP-AR

- The strategy currently planned is:
  - **Ultra-rapid** and **Rapid** products enable PPP-AR (NRCan solutions)
  - **Final** products:
    - NRCan has initiated a new IGS working group on PPP-AR (Nov 2018)
    - Before the IGS officially delivers combined PPP-AR products, we will be computing our own IGS-like combination enabling PPP-AR



# CSRS-PPP v3 Report Updates



## SPARK

CSRS-PPP 2.26.0 (2019-02-25)



## SPARK + AR

CSRS-PPP 2.26.0/3.4.0 (2019-03-01)



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Processing Time	Product Type	Mode
14:50:28 UTC 2019/03/15	NRCan Rapid	Static
Observations	Frequency	Estimation Steps
Phase and Code	Double	30.00 sec
Elevation Cut-Off	Rejected Epochs	Fixed Ambiguities
7.5 degrees	0.00 %	88.61 %
Antenna Model	APC to ARP	ARP to Marker
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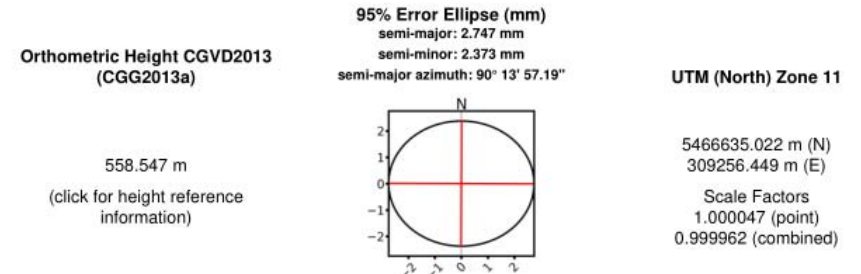
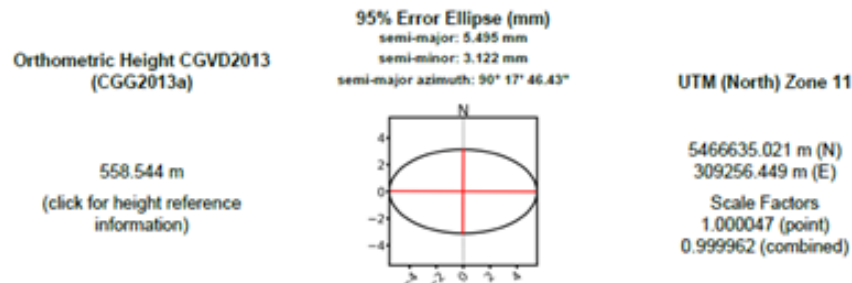
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Sigmas(95%)	0.002 m	0.002 m	0.007 m
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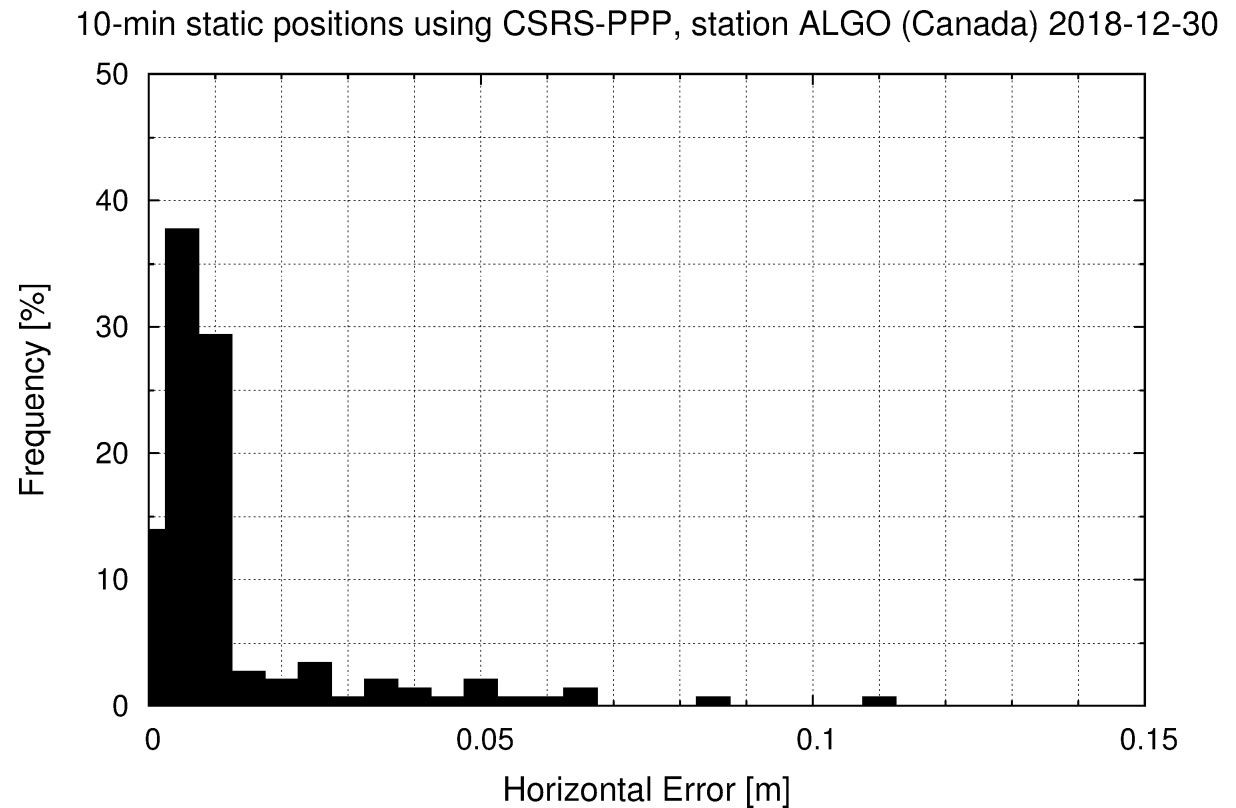
# What about multi-GNSS?

- Challenge #1: product availability
  - No multi-GNSS combined products from the IGS
  - We now have access to NASA JPL's Gipsy-X software but we need to learn how to use it, assess solution quality and automate solutions
- Challenge #2: antenna calibrations
  - Multi-GNSS is great for converging to cm-level accuracies
  - But the current lack of antenna calibrations impacts mm-level accuracies
  - IGS actively working on this issue
- Target date: 2021



# What about multi-GNSS?

- SPARK is ready!
- Example:
  - Station ALGO
  - GPS (L1/L2/L5) + AR
  - GLONASS (L1/L2)
  - Galileo (L1/L5) + AR
  - 24 hours divided into 10-min sessions
  - Products from CNES





## CSRS-PPP – Summary

- Service was launched in 2003 and has now processed over 3.8 million RINEX files
- In August 2018 the service was upgraded with a new modern processing engine (SPARK v2)
- NRCan is planning to upgrade to SPARK v3 with support for PPP-AR in 2019
- CSRS-PPP has proven to be an efficient means to access the NAD83(CSRS) reference frame, but it is important that users understand and validate their results
- Multi-GNSS – Target date 2021 (Same as USA)





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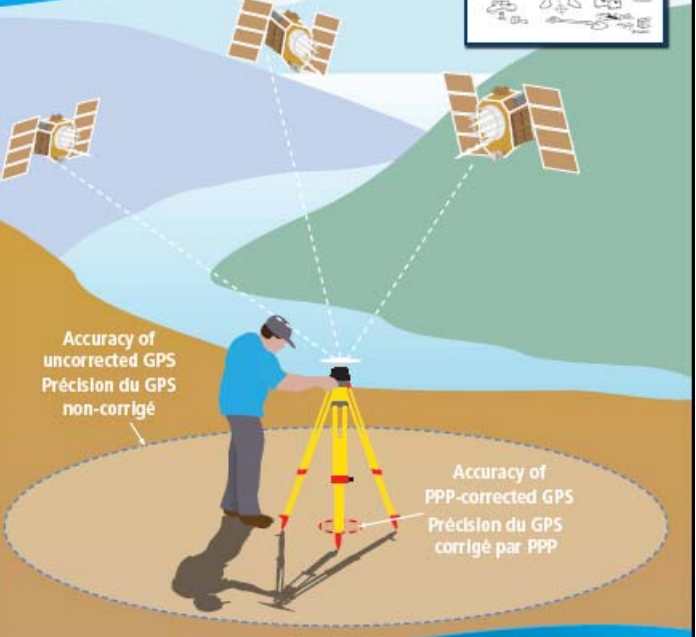
### Precise Point Positioning (PPP)

*Did you know* that correcting your GPS data with NRCan's PPP service can produce positions up to 100 times more precise than uncorrected?



### Positionnement ponctuel précis (PPP)

*Saviez-vous* que corriger vos données GPS à l'aide du service PPP de NRCan peut produire des positions jusqu'à 100 fois plus précises que non-corrigées?

Accuracy of uncorrected GPS  
Précision du GPS non-corrigé

Accuracy of PPP-corrected GPS  
Précision du GPS corrigé par PPP

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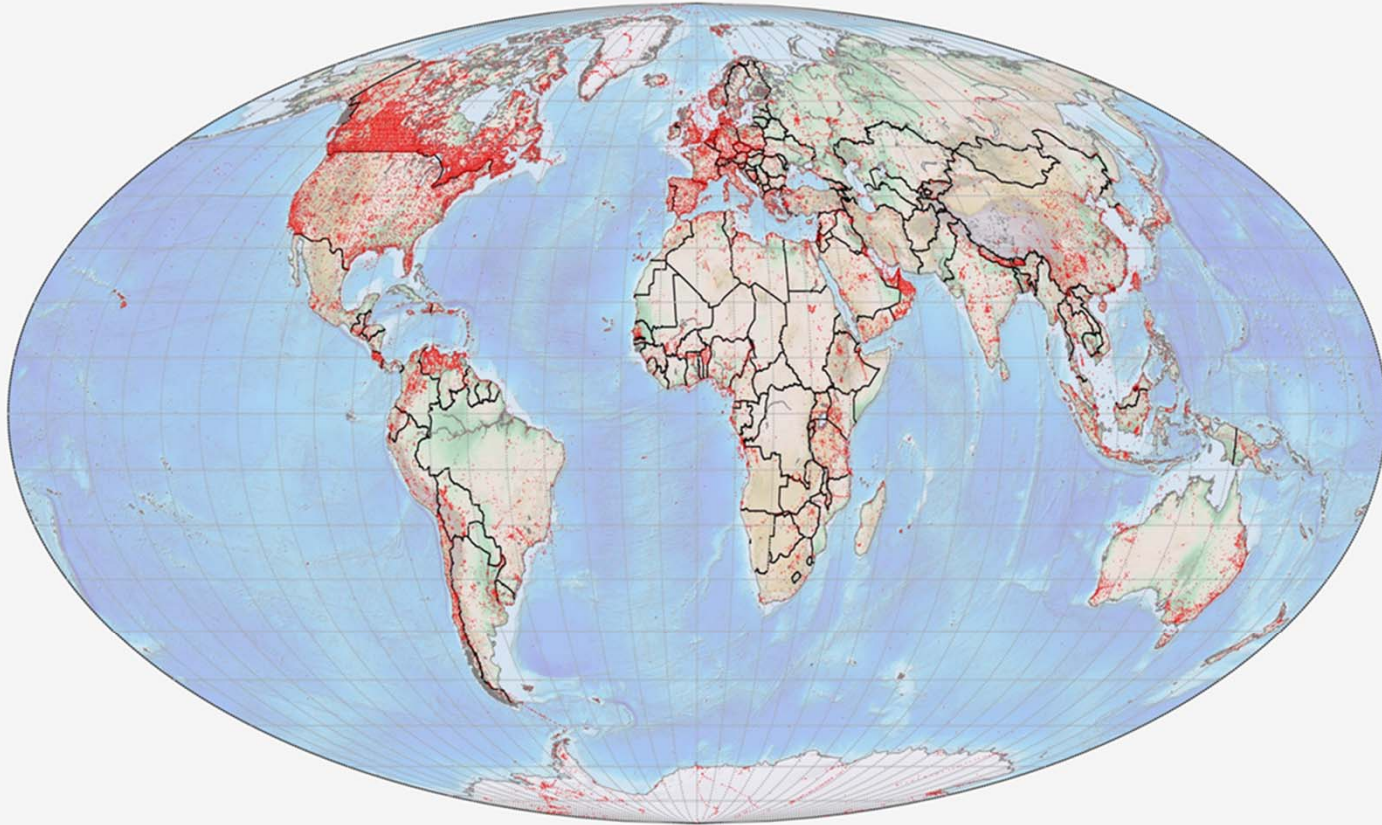
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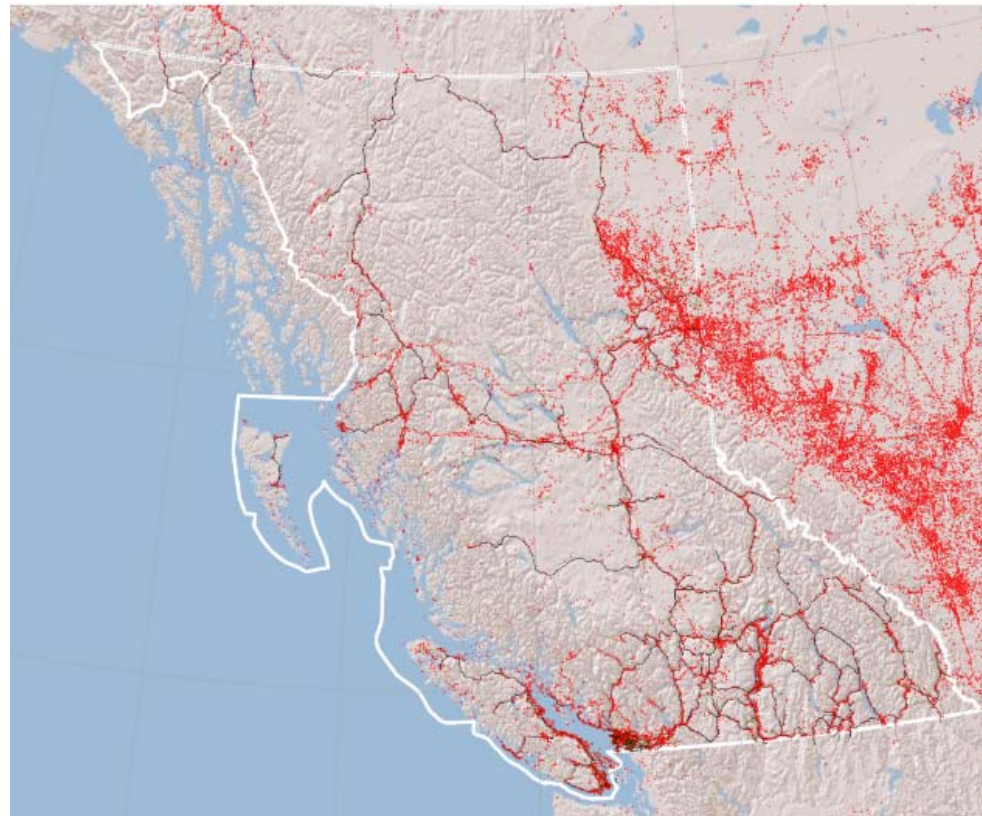
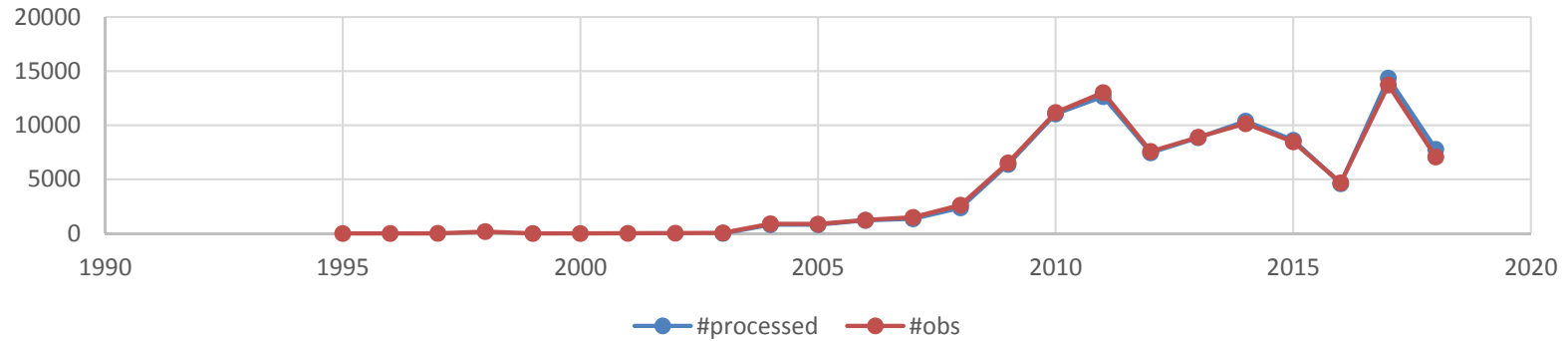
# CSRS-PPP Global Usage 2003-2015





# CSRS-PPP BC Usage

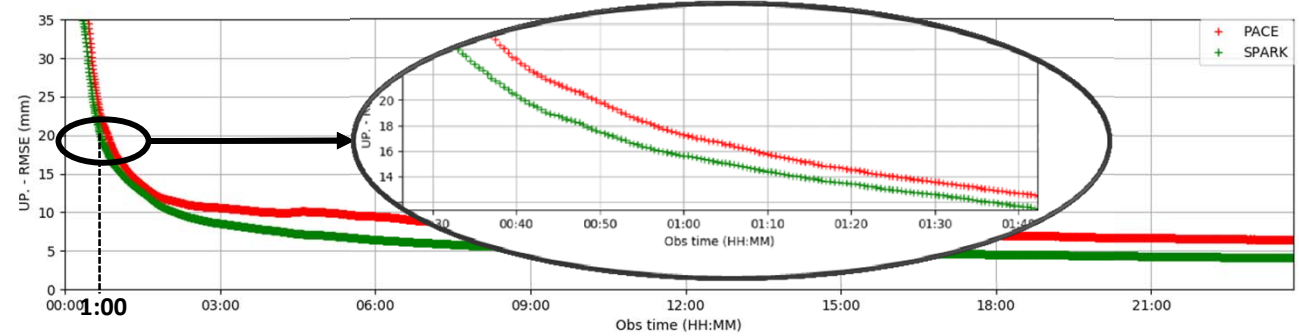
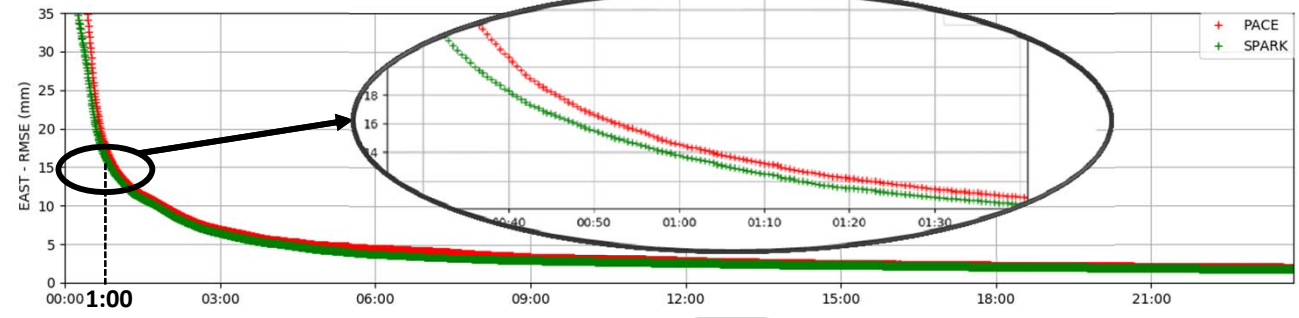
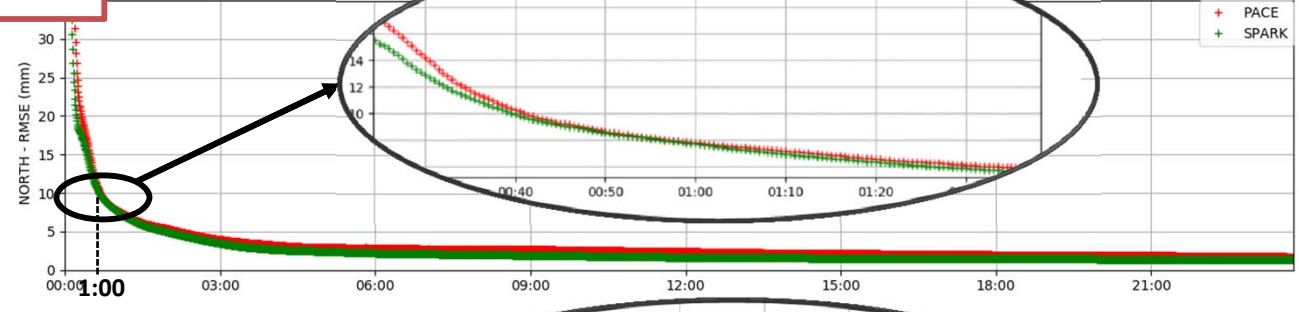
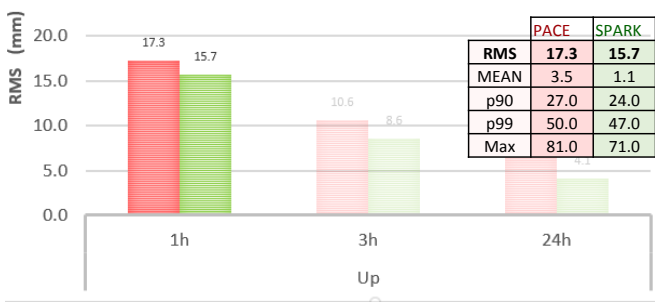
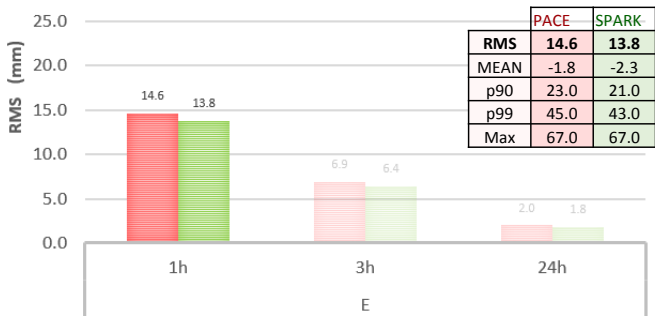
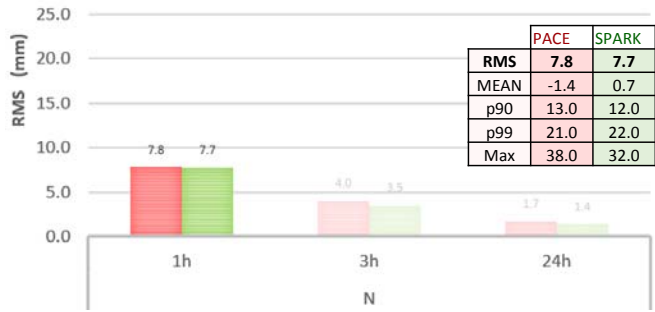
Number of Submissions from BC by Year



# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

**1H**

## Results Static - GPS + GLONASS





# CSRS-PPP – 2018 Software Transition

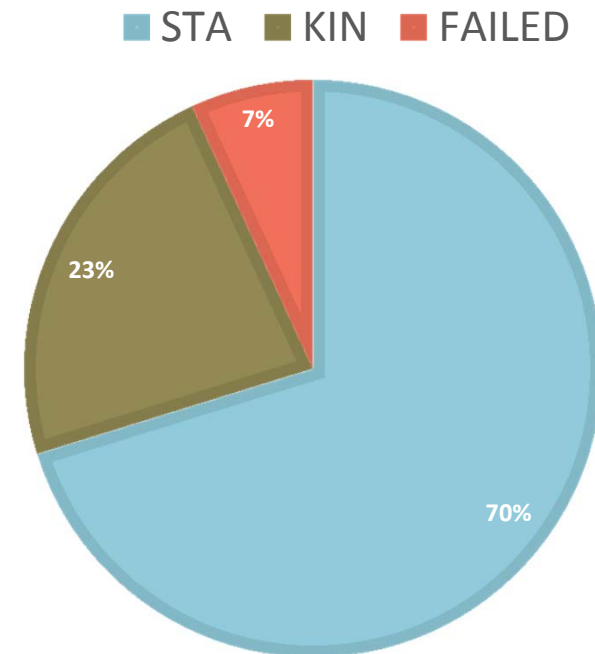
## How did SPARK and GPSPACE results compare?

- Comparison of 16,150 submissions (2018-04-10 to 2018-04-24)

Static	11,439
Kinematic	3494
Failed	1216
Removed	2691
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,149</b>

Reasons for failed submissions:

- Pre-processing RINEX QC
  - e.g. bad format, missing required data
- Post-processing solution QC
  - e.g. more than 90% of data rejected





## CSRS-PPP – Future Plans

- The next major update (SPARK v3) will include Ambiguity Resolution (PPP-AR)
- In conventional PPP, integer phase ambiguities cannot be resolved due to the presence of phase biases
- NRCan is now producing rapid Decoupled Clock Model (DCM) products which support PPP-AR
- Expected benefits include:
  - Higher accuracy for short observation sessions (1-2 hours)
  - Improved longitude estimates for 24-hour static sessions
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# CSRS-PPP – Towards Fast Convergence

Satellite orbit and clock corrections

Standard PPP

Next step for  
CSRS-PPP service

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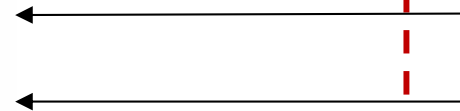
Satellite code and phase biases  
(Decoupled-Clock Model)

PPP with ambiguity resolution (PPP-AR)



User

← **Ionosphere  
(STEC)**



Optional regional network



Permanent reference  
stations

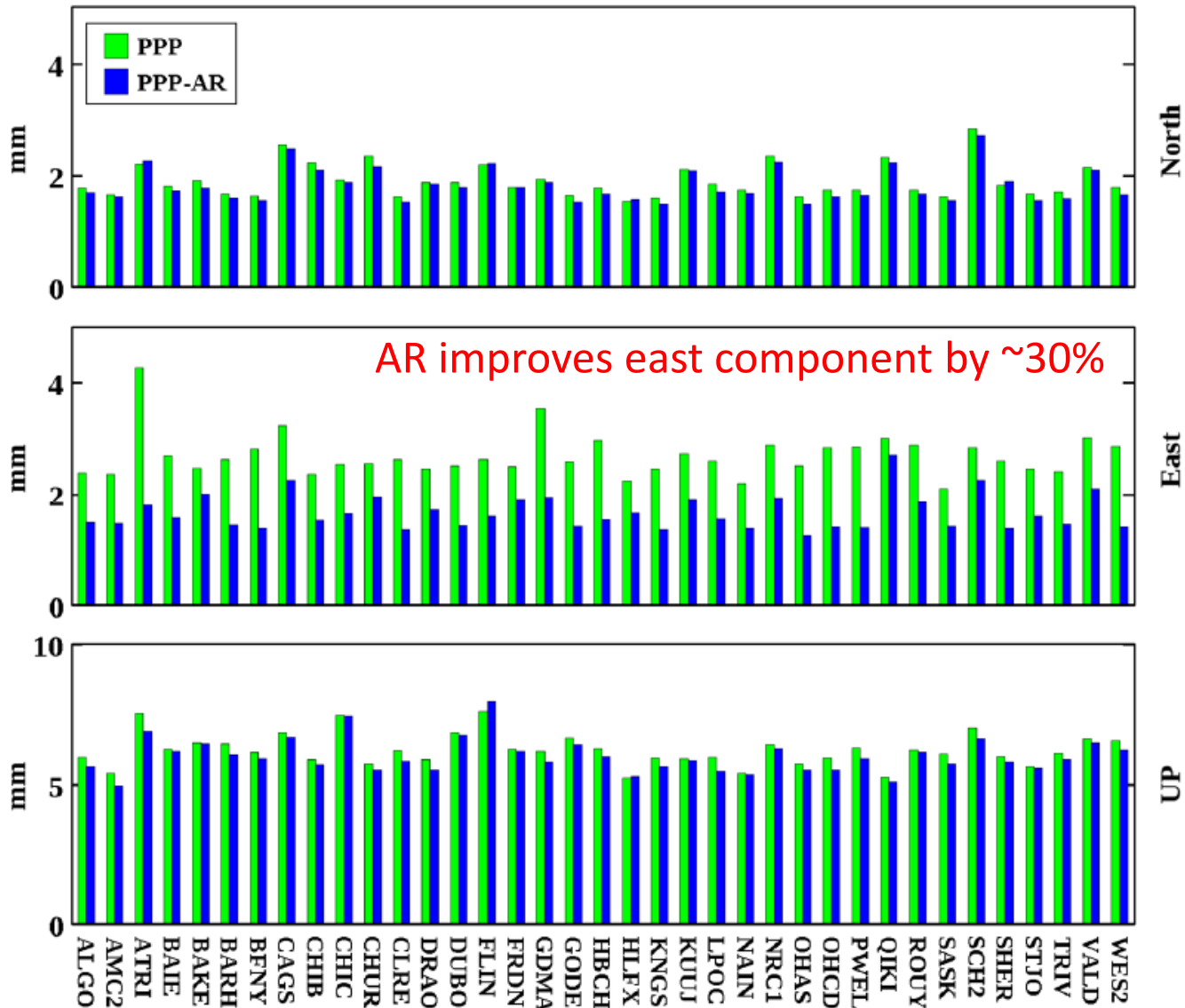
Rapid PPP convergence /  
Improved single-frequency solutions







# PPP-AR Precision (24h Static Solutions)



Nearly 40 stations in eastern Canada-US processed over a 10 year period

This plot shows the repeatability of daily positions after removing linear and seasonal trends.





# CSRS-PPP v3 Accuracy Analysis

**Data set:** 20 stations, 1 day/week for 52 weeks (2018)

## PPP-Processing:

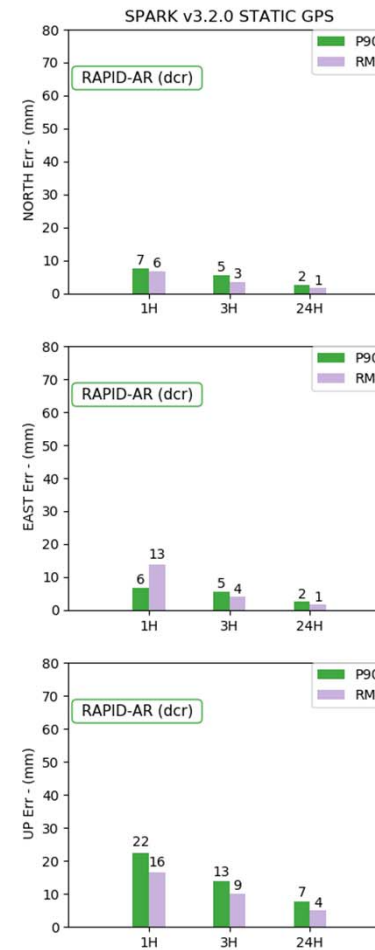
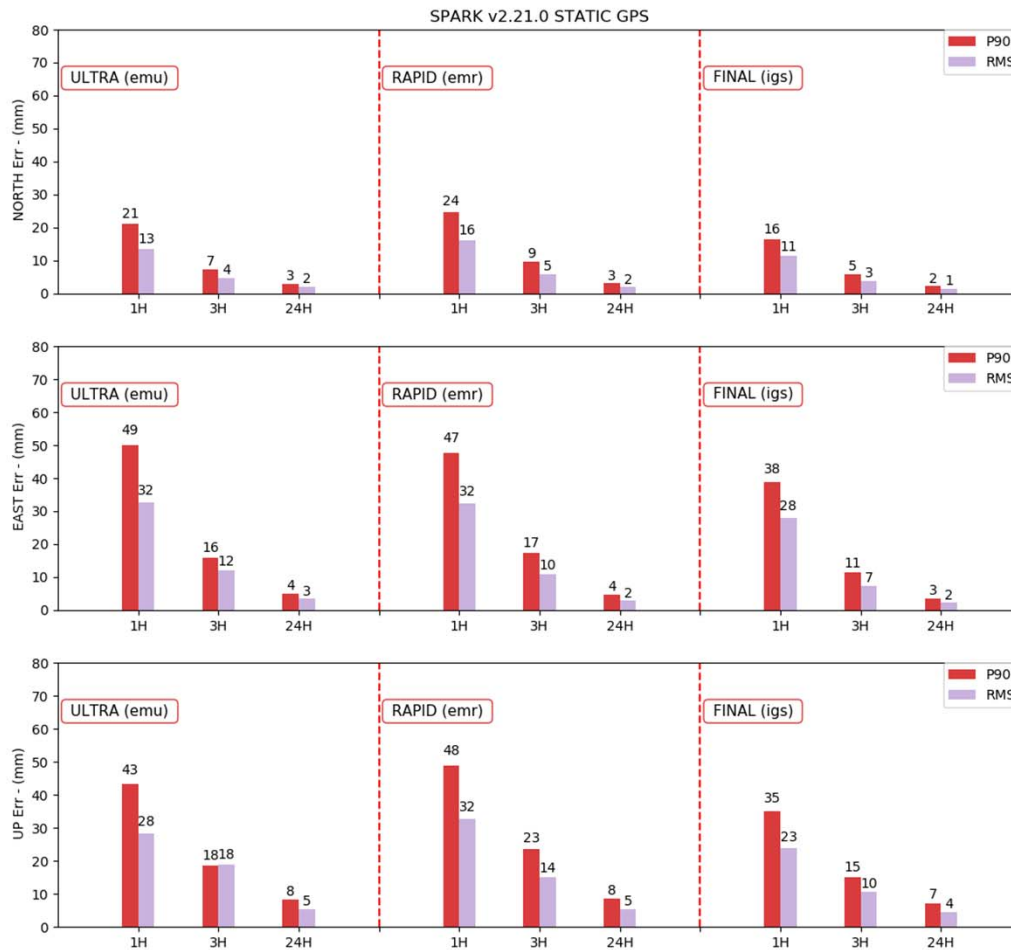
- 1013 RINEX files
- 1h, 3h, and 24h observation sessions from each file
- Mode: Static & Kinematic
- Systems: GPS-only & GPS + GLONASS
- SPARK versions: v2.21.0 & v3.2.0





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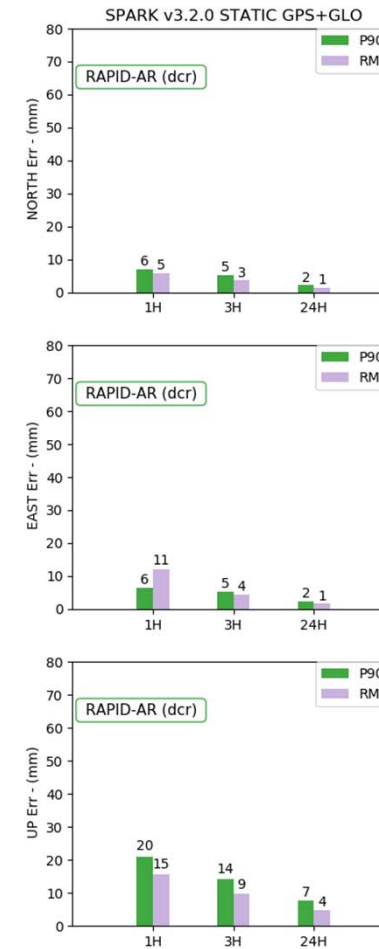
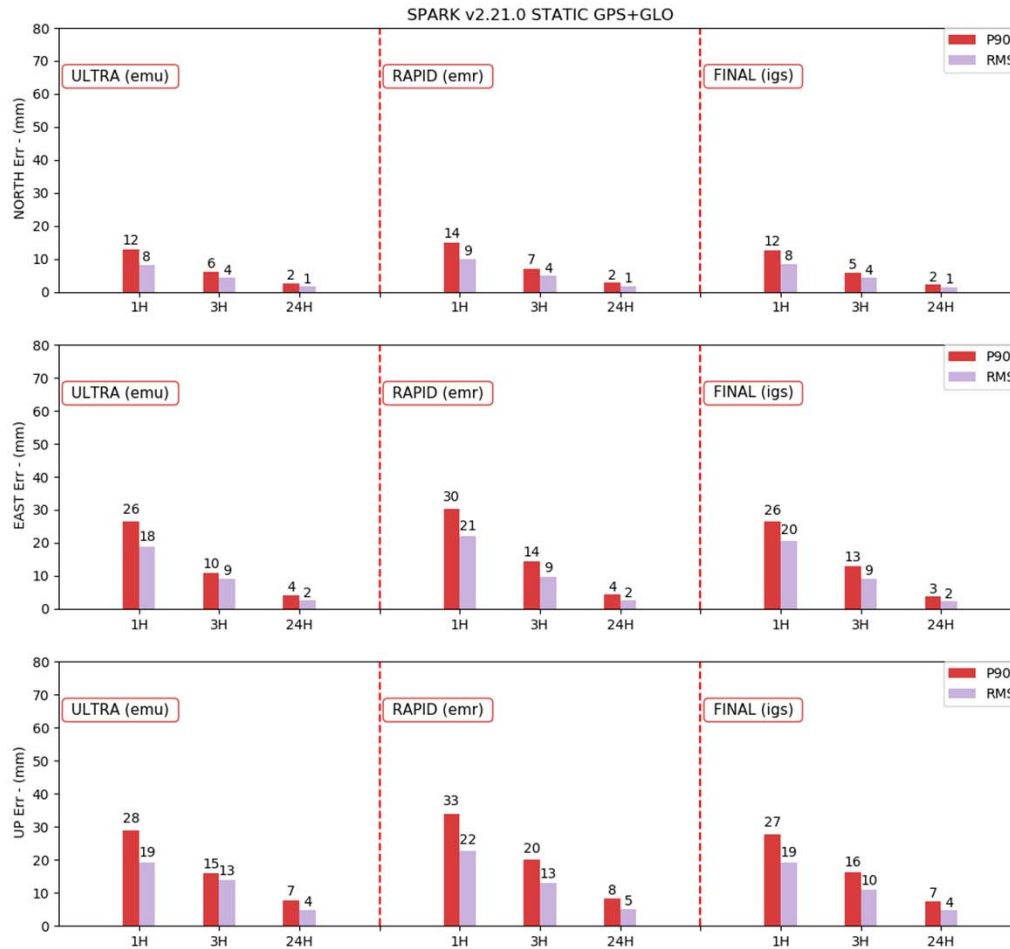
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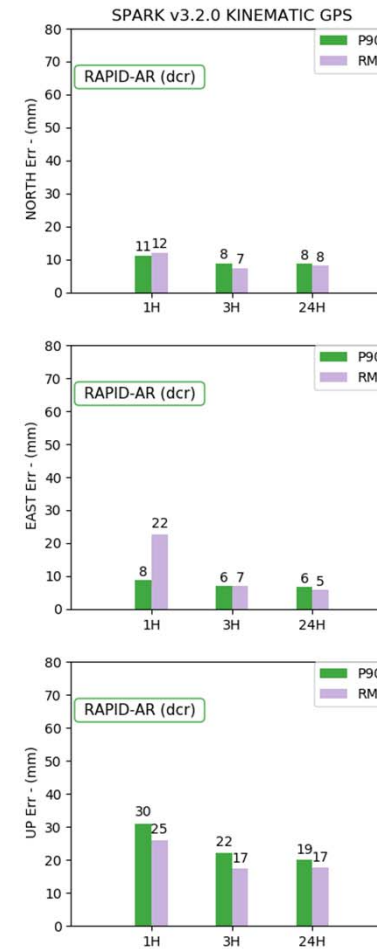
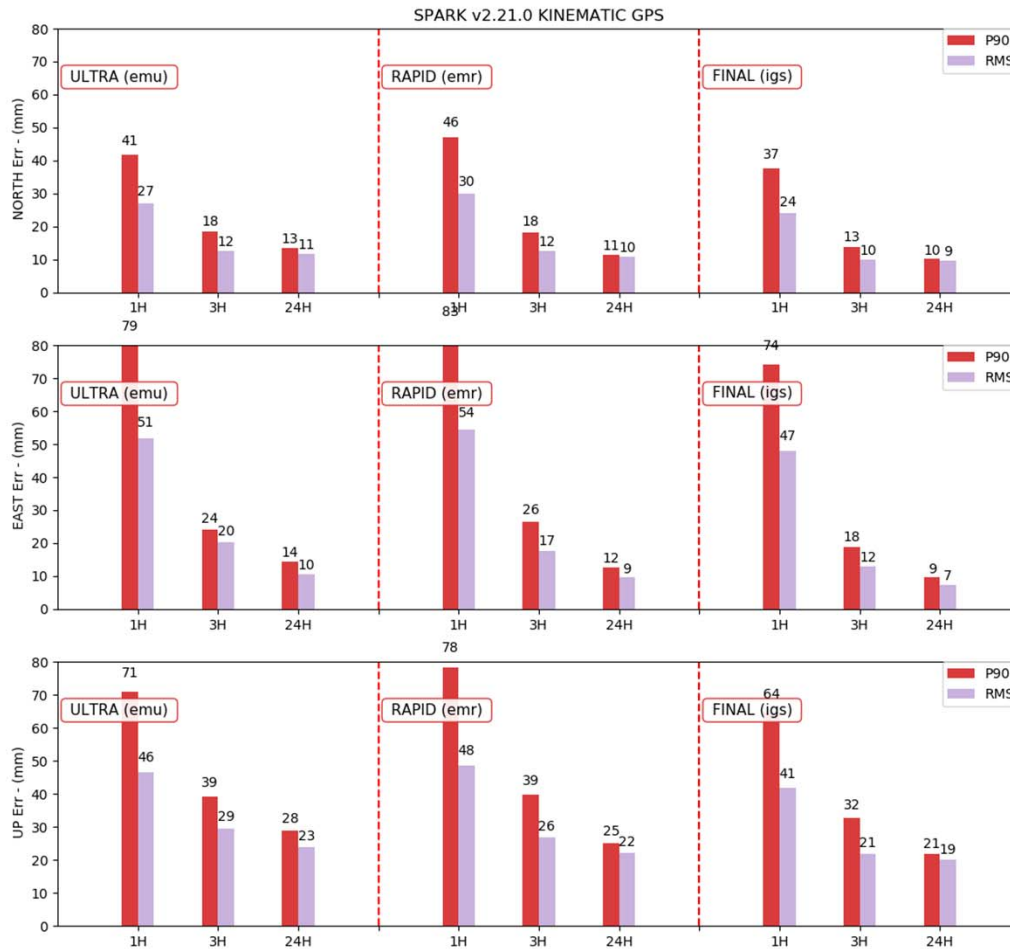
## STATIC – GPS+GLONASS





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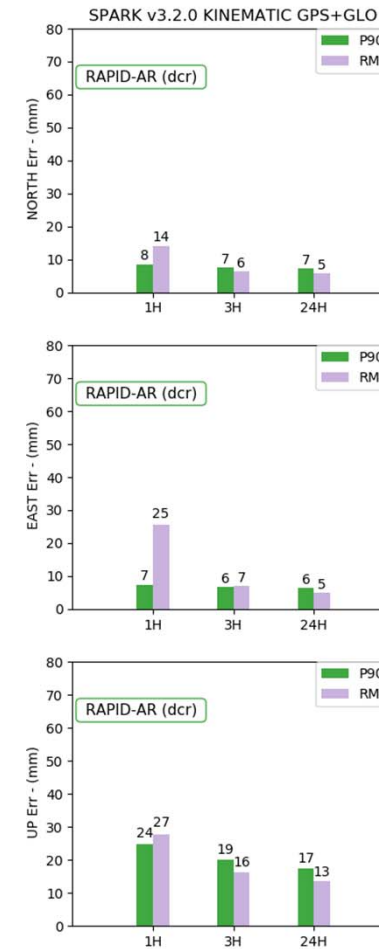
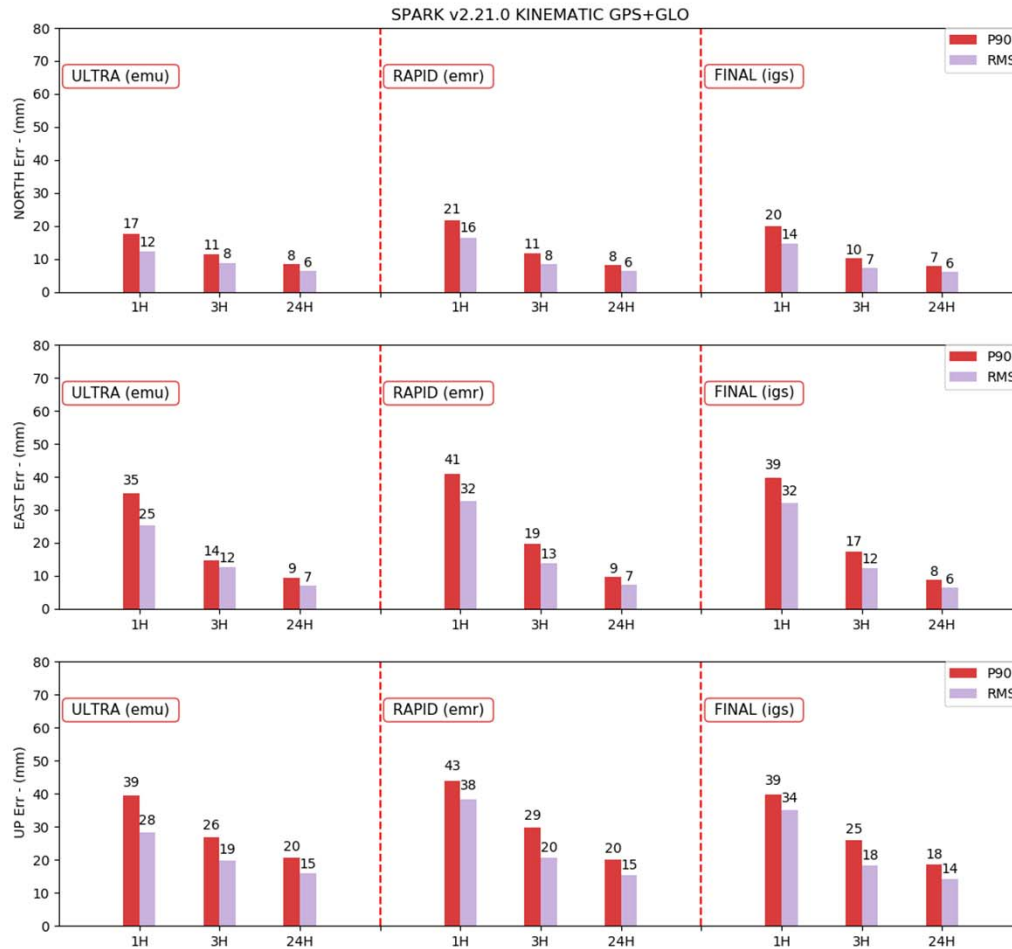
## KINEMATIC - GPS





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# PPP-AR Convergence Analysis

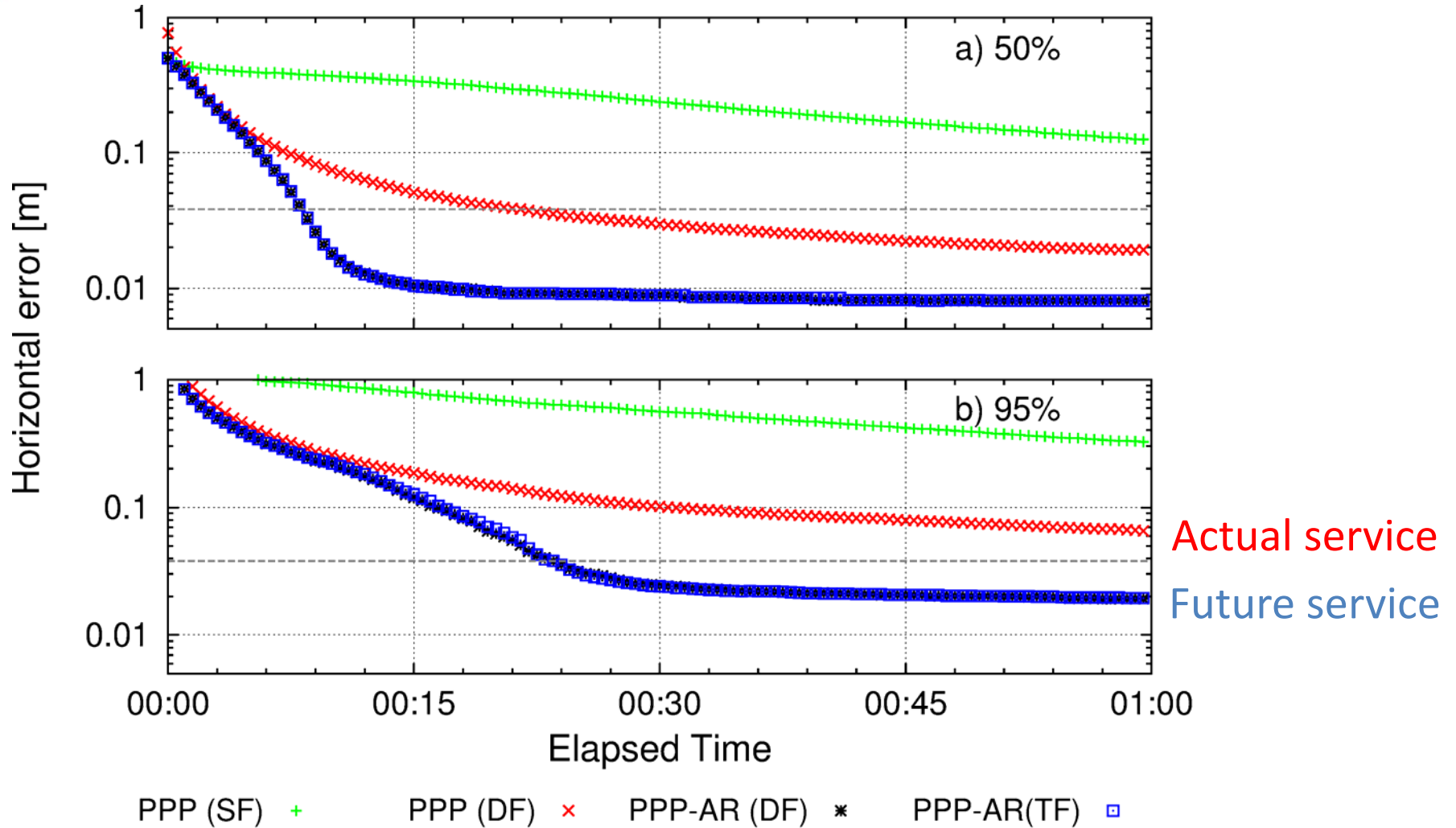
- 7 days of data: August 14-20, 2016
- ~40 globally-distributed stations using 30-sec data divided in hourly sessions
- 4 solutions analyzed:

Solutions	Frequencies	Systems	Ambiguity Resolution	STEC Constraints
PPP (SF)	L1	GPS + GLONASS	No	GIM
PPP (DF)	L1 / L2	GPS + GLONASS	No	No
PPP-AR (DF)	L1 / L2	GPS + GLONASS	GPS	GIM
PPP-AR (TF)	L1 / L2 / L5 (GPS)	GPS + GLONASS	GPS	GIM





# PPP-AR Convergence Results



\* May allow for shorter on-site occupation times

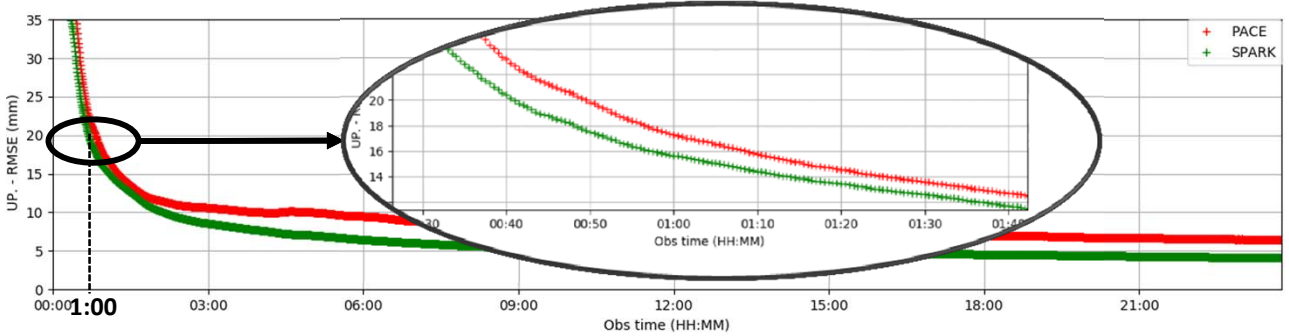
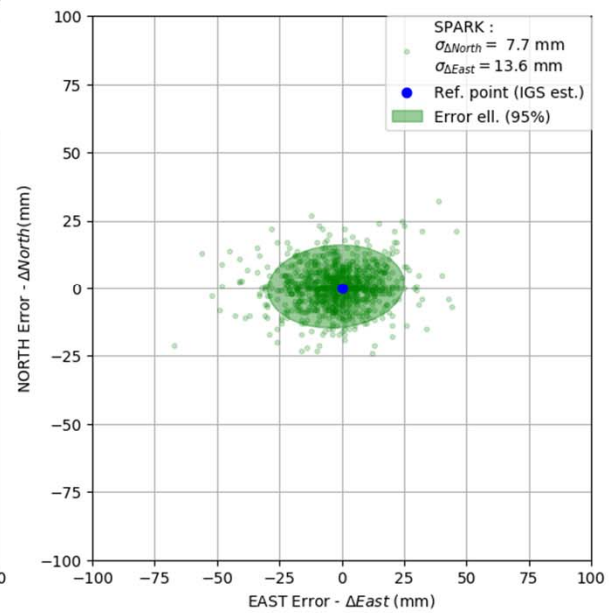
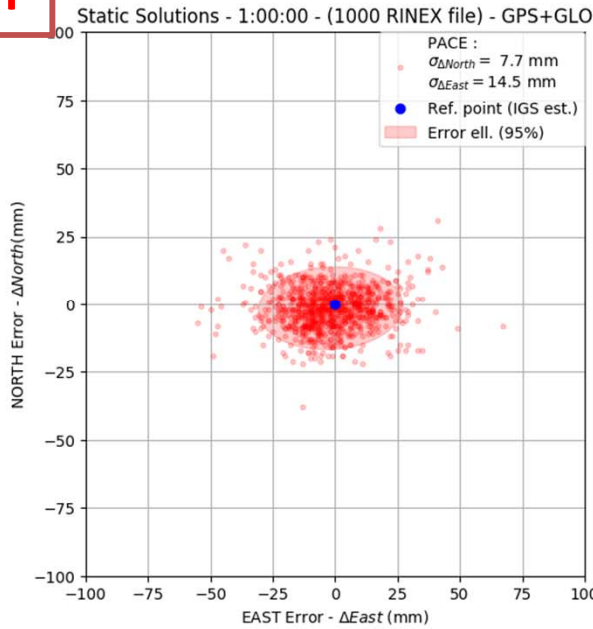
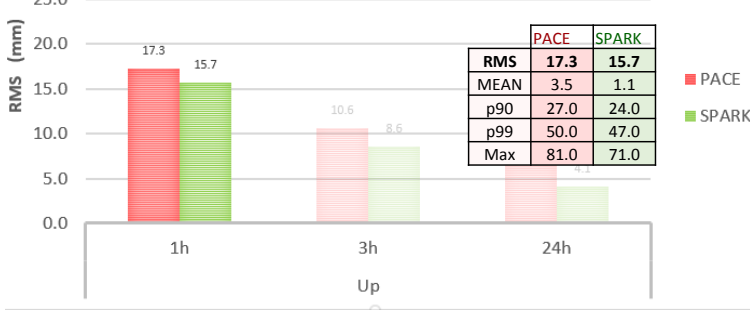
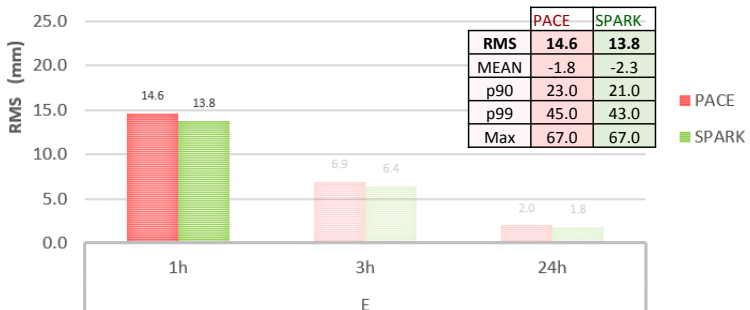
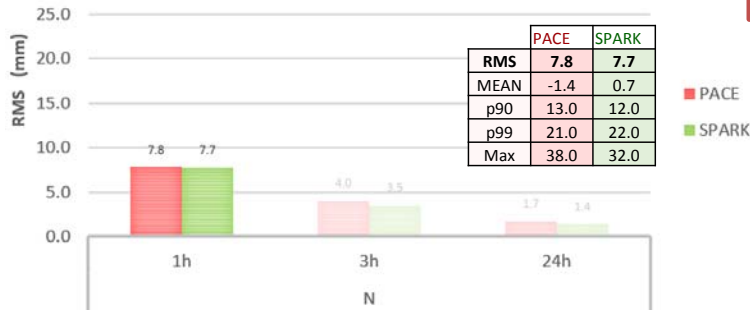




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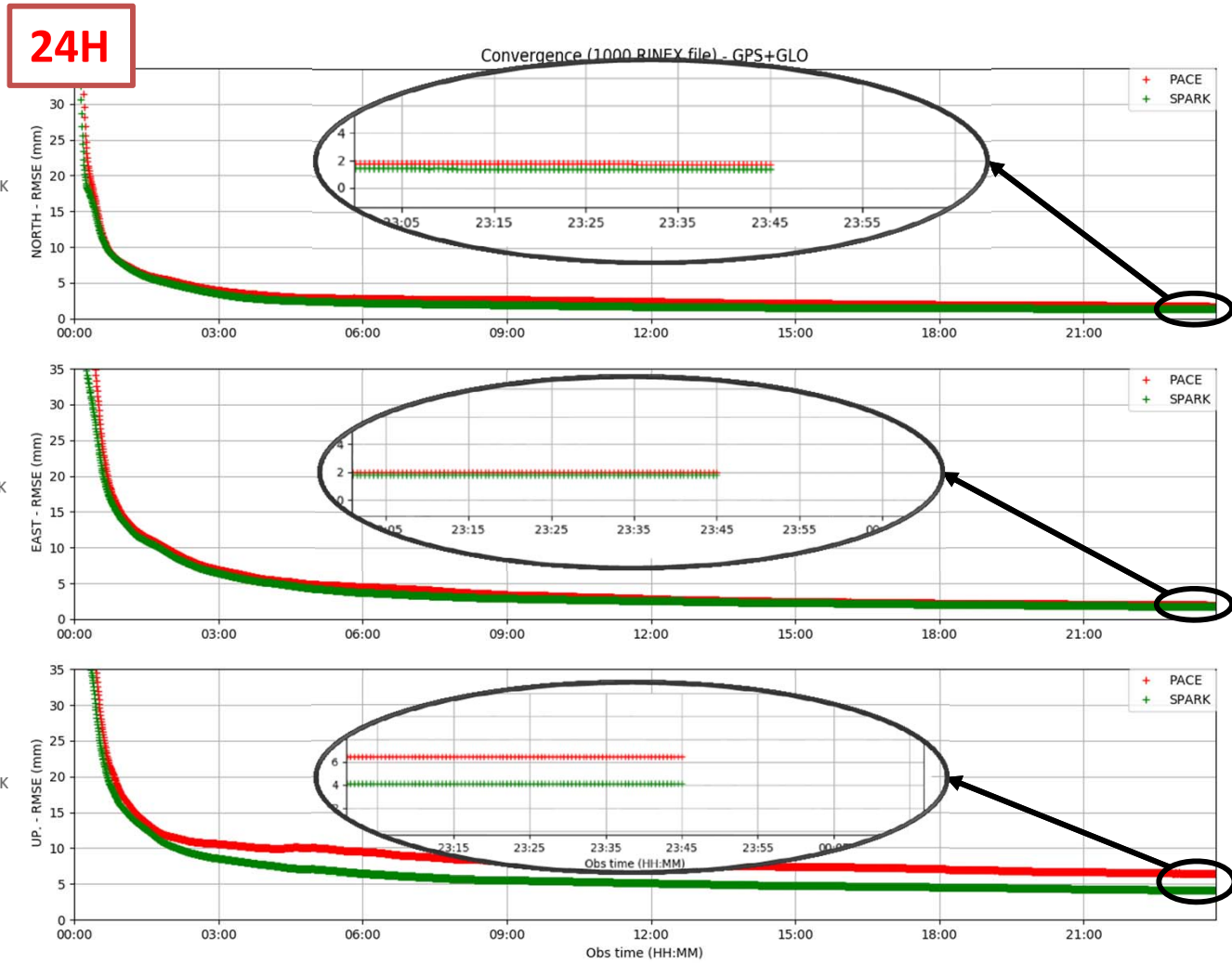
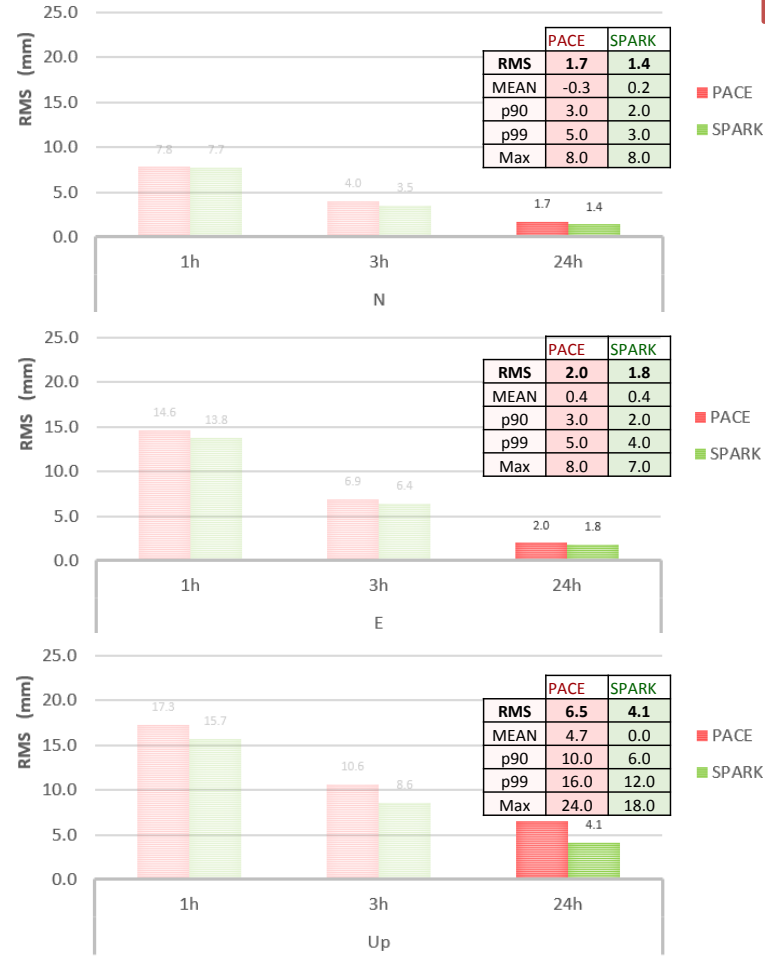
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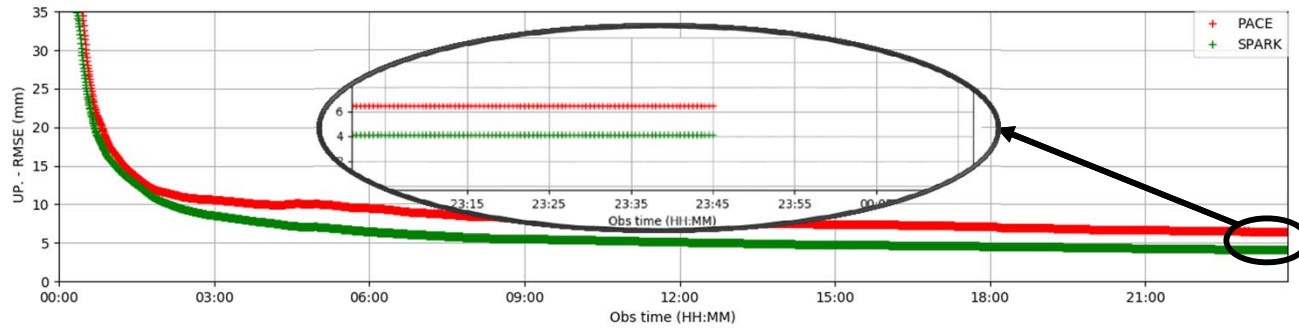
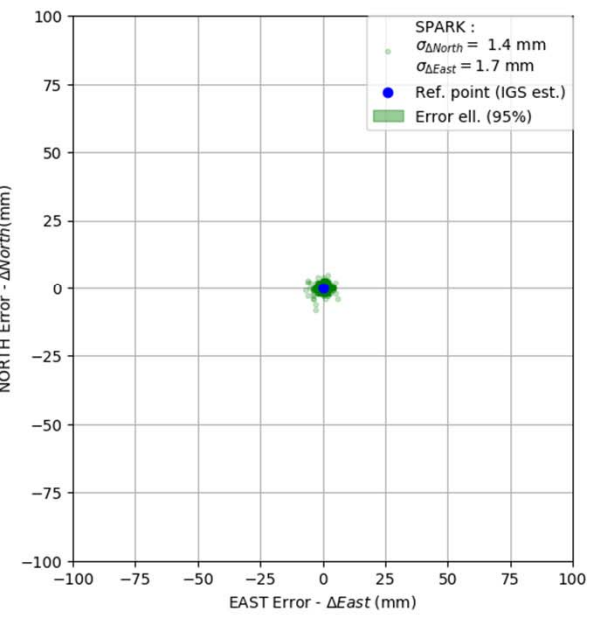
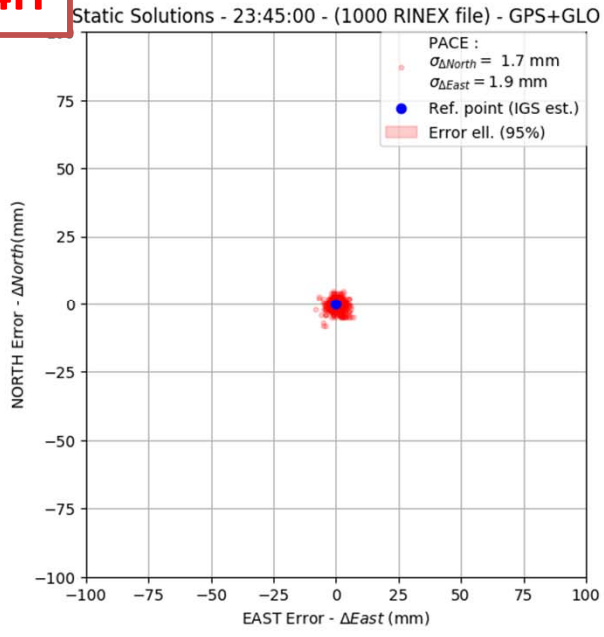
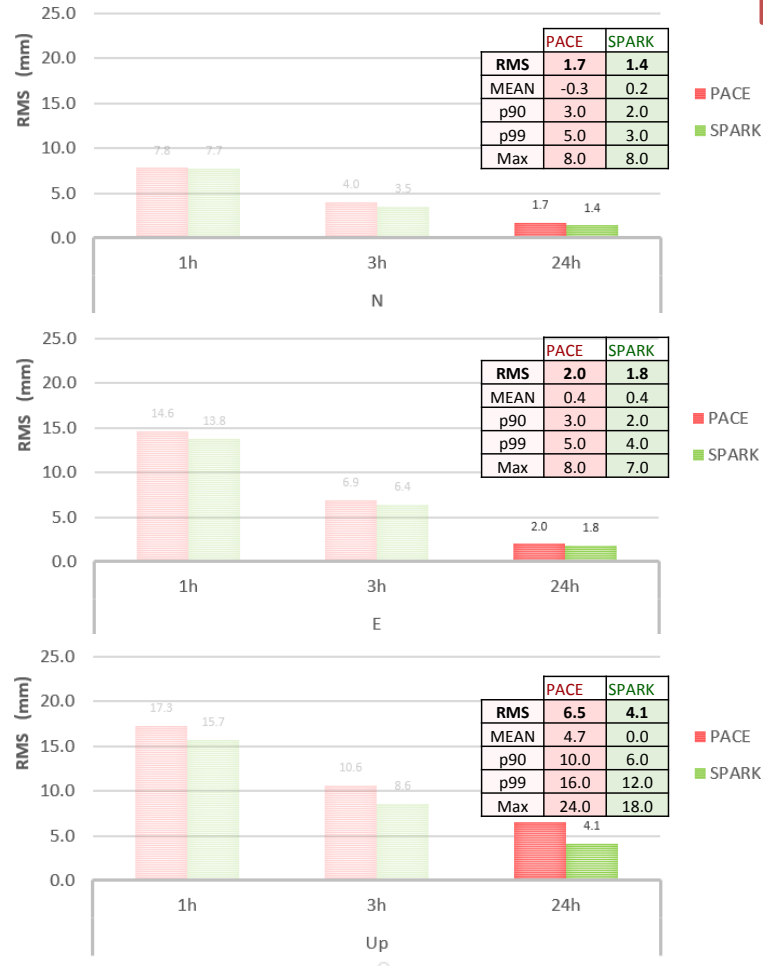
## Results Static - GPS + GLONASS



# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

**24H**

## Results Static - GPS + GLONASS

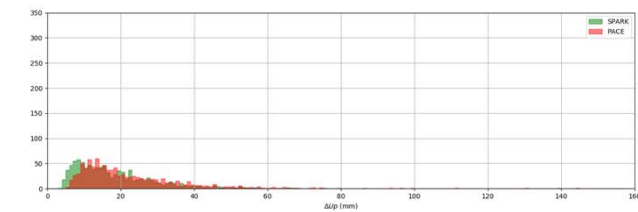
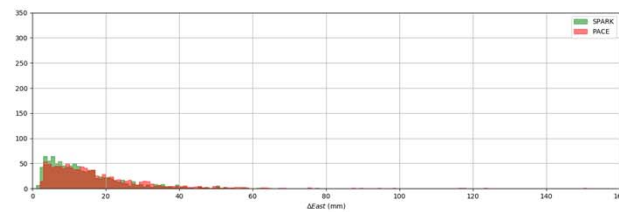
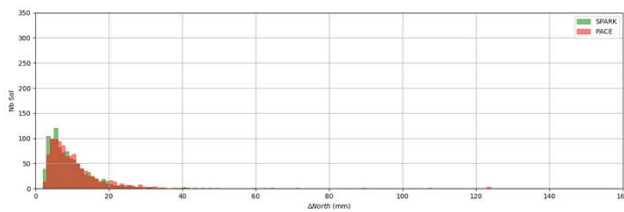
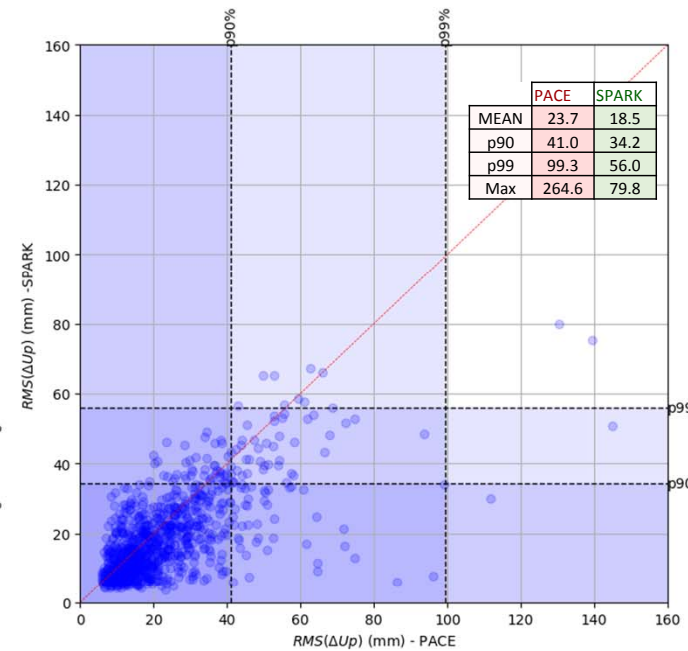
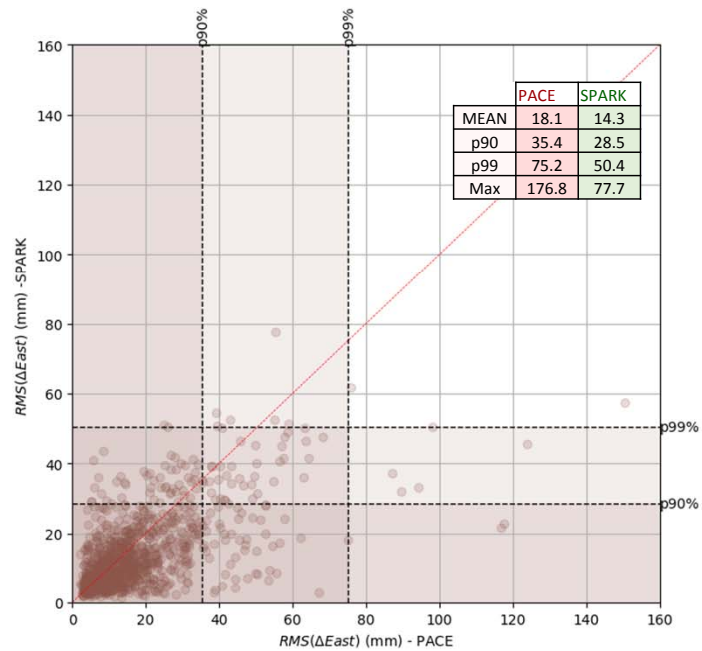
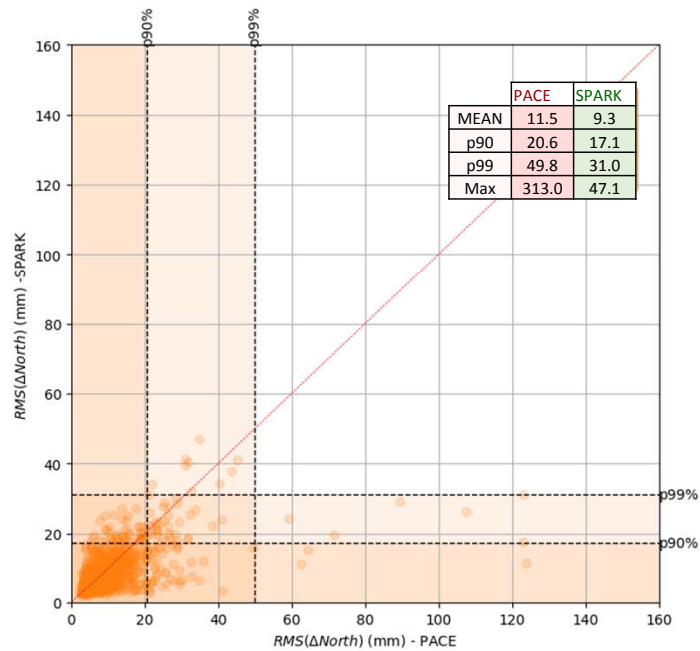


# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

## Results

Kinematic – GPS + GLONASS – Obs. time: 1h

RMS of estimated positions over all epochs



# CSRS-PPP – SPARK Accuracy Analysis

## Results

Kinematic – GPS + GLONASS – Obs. time: 23h 45min

RMS of estimated positions over all epochs

