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Local Ionosphere Modeling Using GNSS Reference Stations Network in Morocco

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Introduction

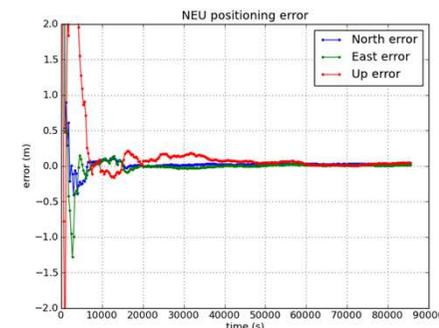
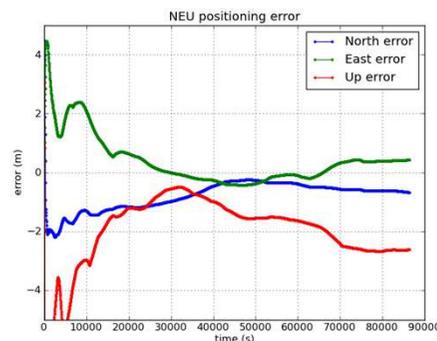
- GNSS contributed to advancing the understanding of the ionosphere in the last decades.
- At the same time GNSS techniques have benefited from improved knowledge of the electron content distribution in time and space.
- The increase knowledge has been made possible due to the use of GNSS with its unprecedented high temporal and spatial sampling rates.
- Implementation of new GNSS Infrastructure.
- Development of local products to support the use of GNSS PPP positioning .

Motivations

1. Scientific :

Accurate knowledge of ionosphere conditions can in turn be used to improve geodetic techniques :

- ✓ Evaluation and application of higher-order ionosphere corrections.
- ✓ High-precision GNSS real-time positioning.



Motivations

2. Operational :

Ionosphere modeling is critical for mass-market single frequency users and for many national priority applications :

- ✓ Surveying, mapping, construction
- ✓ Precision agriculture, land administration
- ✓ Weather forecasting models
- ✓ Automatic vehicle location and in- vehicle navigation systems



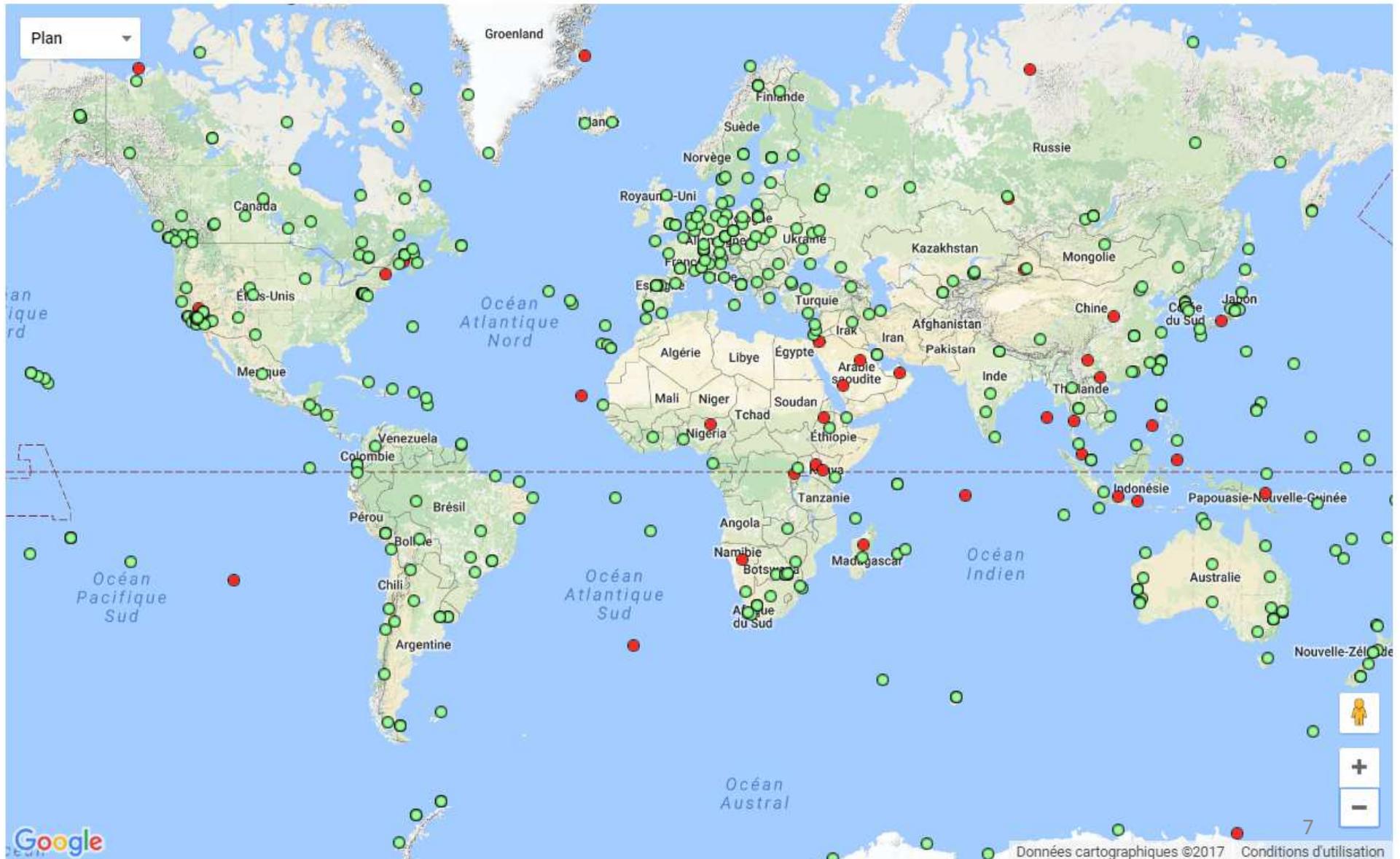
Motivations

3. Outreach :

Raise awareness of the usefulness of space weather science for the following reasons:

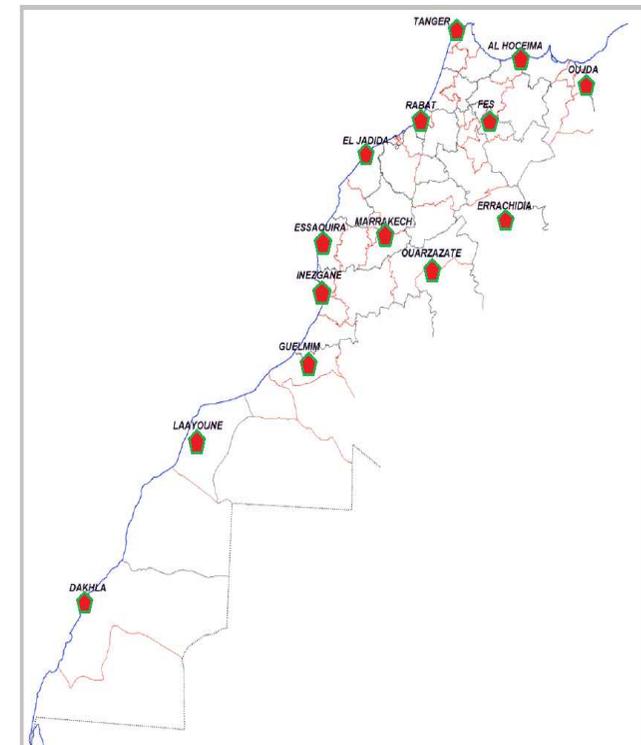
- ✓ Obtain the involvement of national organizations in research activities by showing the benefit through products that meet their needs.
- ✓ Create a service that has a societal impact.
- ✓ Have access to data and instruments of national administrations concerned.
- ✓ Collect national funds and logistical support for science and education activities related to Space Weather.

Network



GNSS Data in Morocco

- Many agencies are deploying GNSS permanent stations
 - ANCFCC, CNRST, DMN, UNAVCOO, Universities.
- Currently only 01 IGS station located in Morocco
- More than 30 National GNSS Stations



Modeling Approach

1. Calculation of the ionosphere delay by linear combination : Geometry-free
2. Single layer model at $h=350$ km
3. Mapping with polynomial function

→ High spatial and temporal resolution are required :

15 - 20 min on a $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ grid

- Integration of all National GNSS Permanent Reference Stations (NPRS);
- Near real time availability

TEC determination

$$\frac{a}{f^2} TEC$$



$$P_{r,fi}^S = \rho_r^S + c * dt_{rec} - c * dt^{sat} - c * \Delta t^{sat} + d_{fi}^S + d_{r,fi} + T_{r,fi}^S + I_{r,fi}^S + \Delta R_r^S + m_r^S + e_{P,r}^S$$

$$L_{r,fi}^S = \rho_r^S - \lambda * N_r^S + c * dt_{rec} + b_{r,fi} - \lambda * \phi_r(t_0) - c * dt^{sat} - c * \Delta t^{sat} + b_{fi}^S + \lambda * \phi^S(t_0) + T_{r,fi}^S - I_{r,fi}^S + \Delta R_r^S + \mu_r^S + dp_u^S + \varepsilon_{P,r}^S$$

$$P_{r,f_1}^S - P_{r,f_2}^S = I_{r,f_1}^S - I_{r,f_2}^S + (d_{f_1}^S - d_{f_2}^S) + (d_{r,f_1} - d_{r,f_2})$$

$$P1 - P2 = 40.3 \left(\frac{1}{f_1^2} - \frac{1}{f_2^2} \right) * STEC + c * (DCB^S + DCB_r)$$

Polynomial model

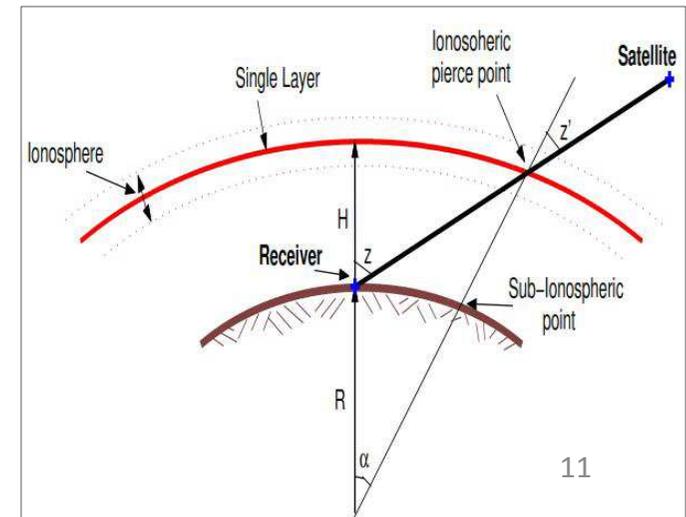
$$STEC = \frac{1}{CI} [P4 + c * (DCB^s + DCB_r)]$$

$$CI = \frac{f_2^2 - f_1^2}{40.3 * f_1^2 f_2^2}$$

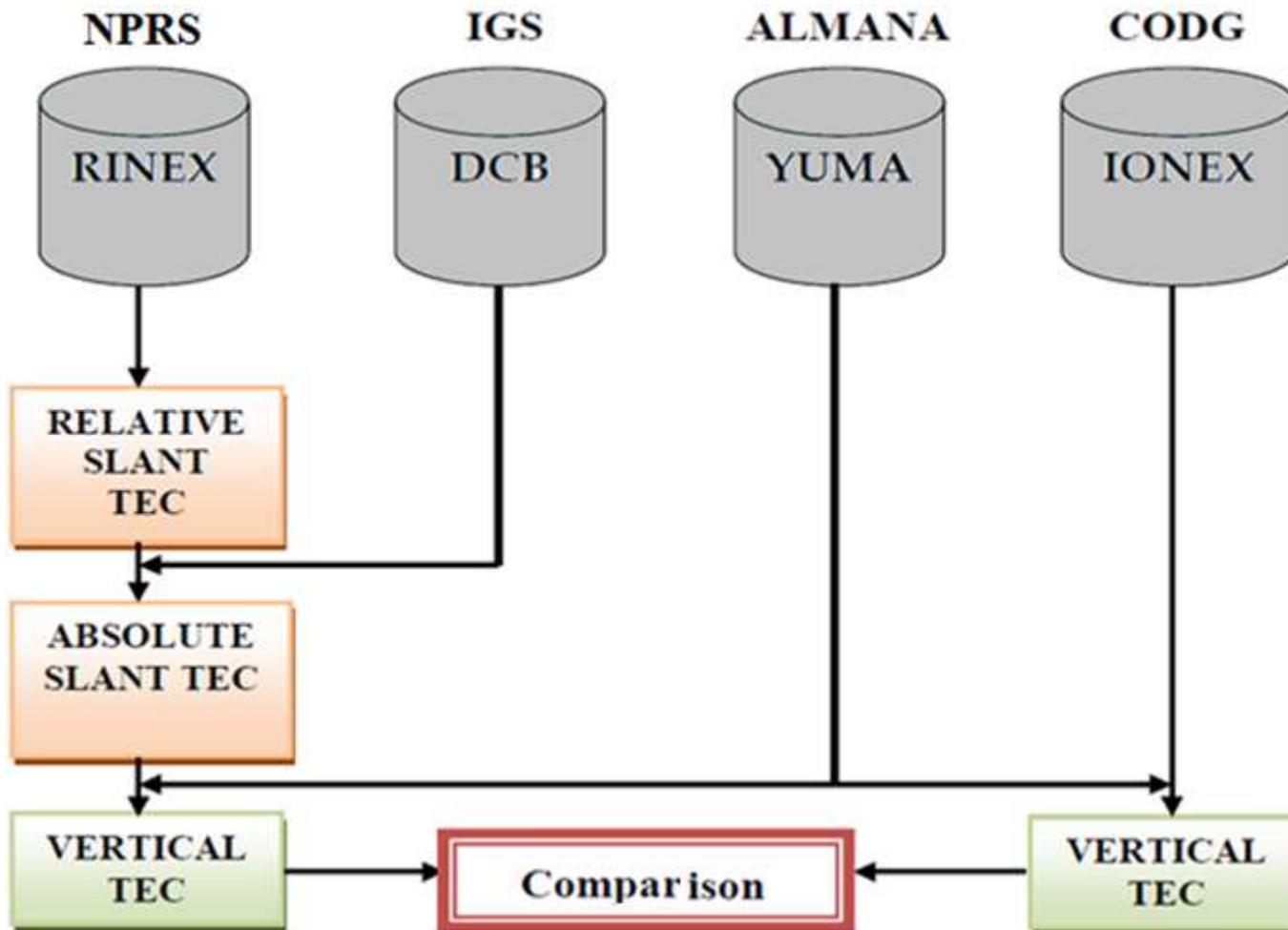
$$VTEC = STEC * \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{R}{R+H} \cos\beta\right)^2}$$

$$VTEC = \frac{1}{CI} [(P1 - P2) + c * (DCB^s + DCB_r)] * \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{R}{R+H} \cos\beta\right)^2}$$

$$VTEC(\beta, s) = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{max}} \sum_{m=0}^{m_{max}} E_{nm} (\beta - \beta_0)^n (s - s_0)^m$$

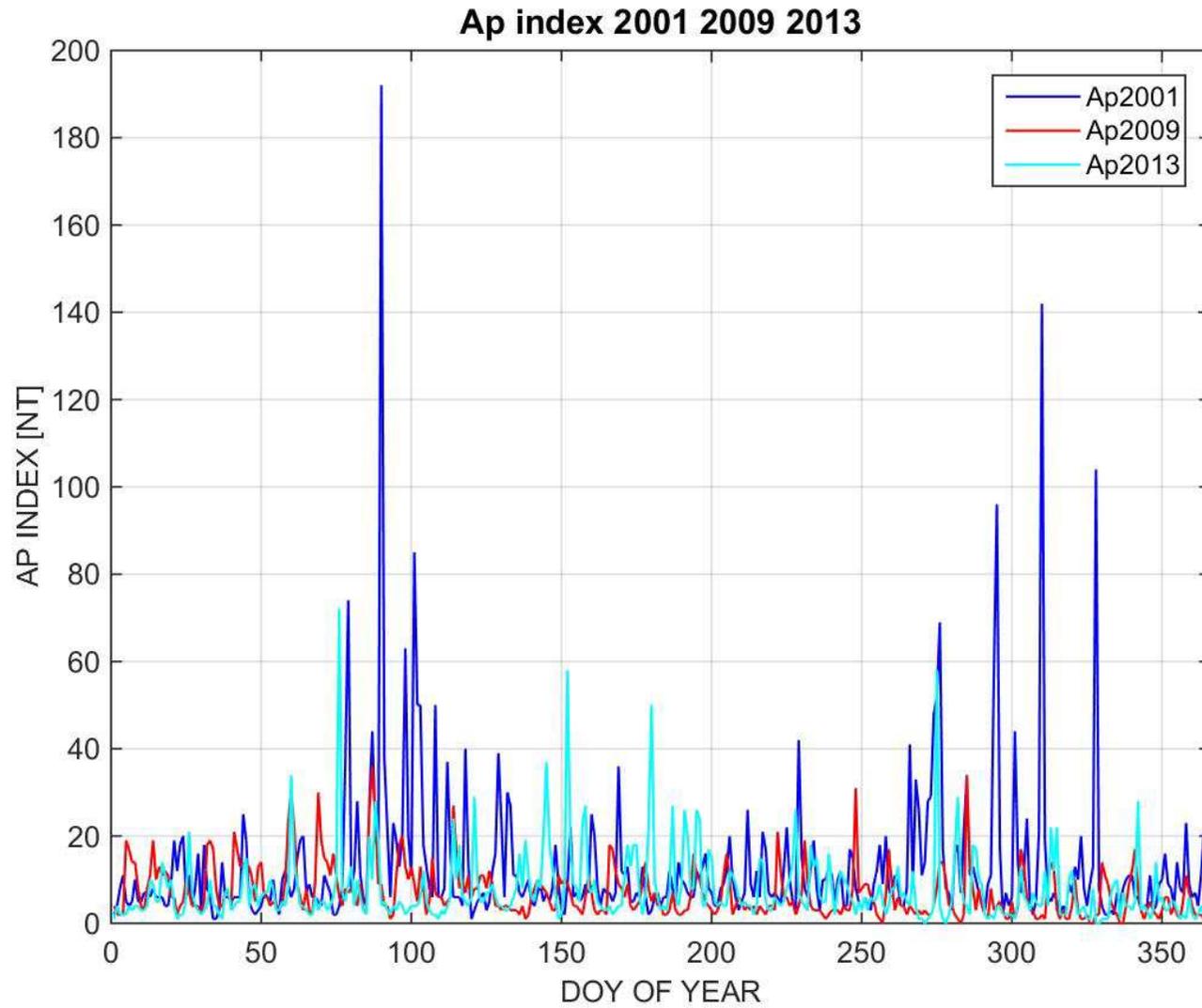


LIM & GIM Comparison



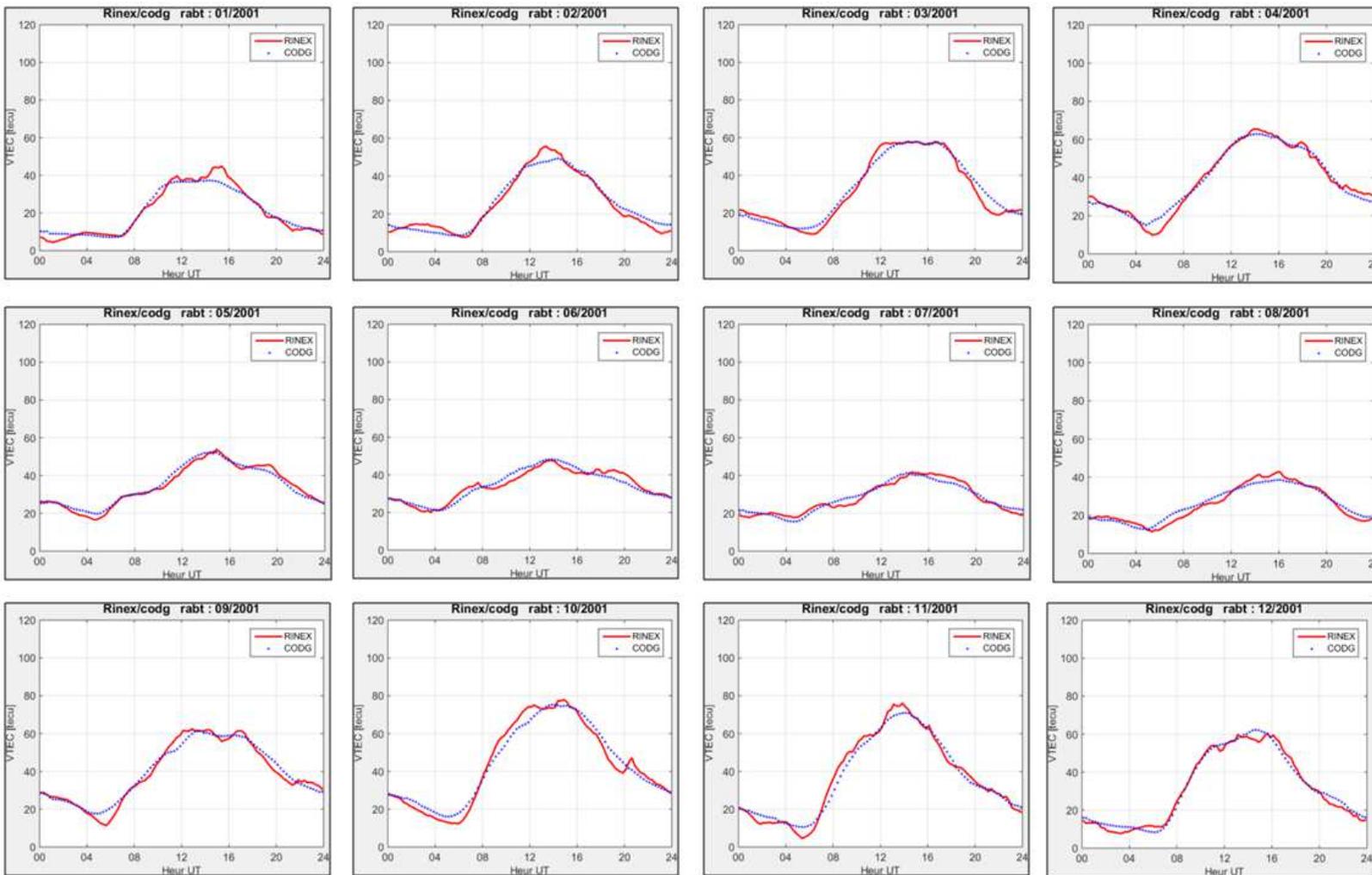
Program Rinex-TEC (Rolland Fleury)

Assessment



Comparison LIM & GIM

Rbat - 2001

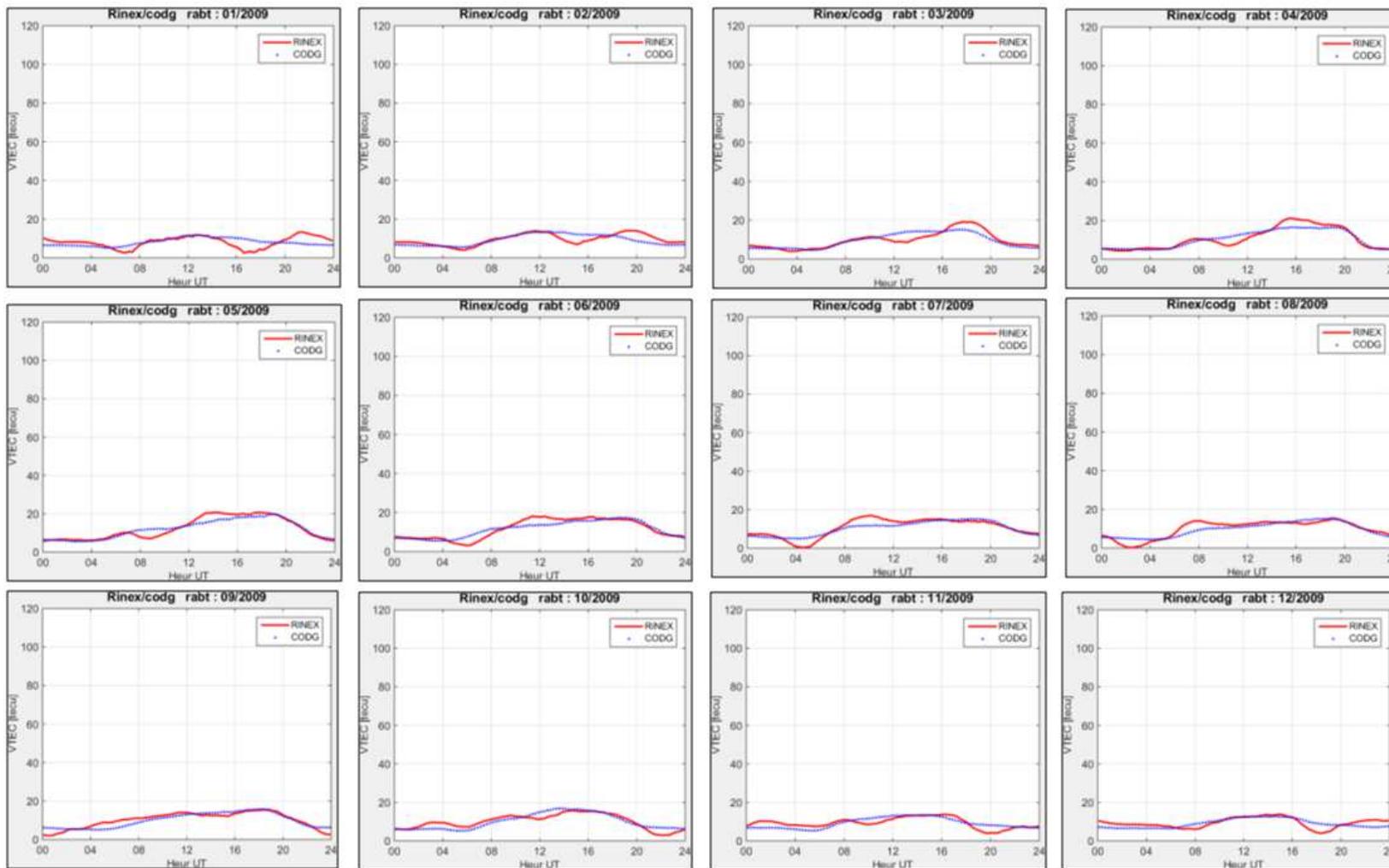


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MAX_DIFF = 17 Tecu ; STD_DIFF = 5 Tecu

Comparison LIM & GIM

Rbat - 2009

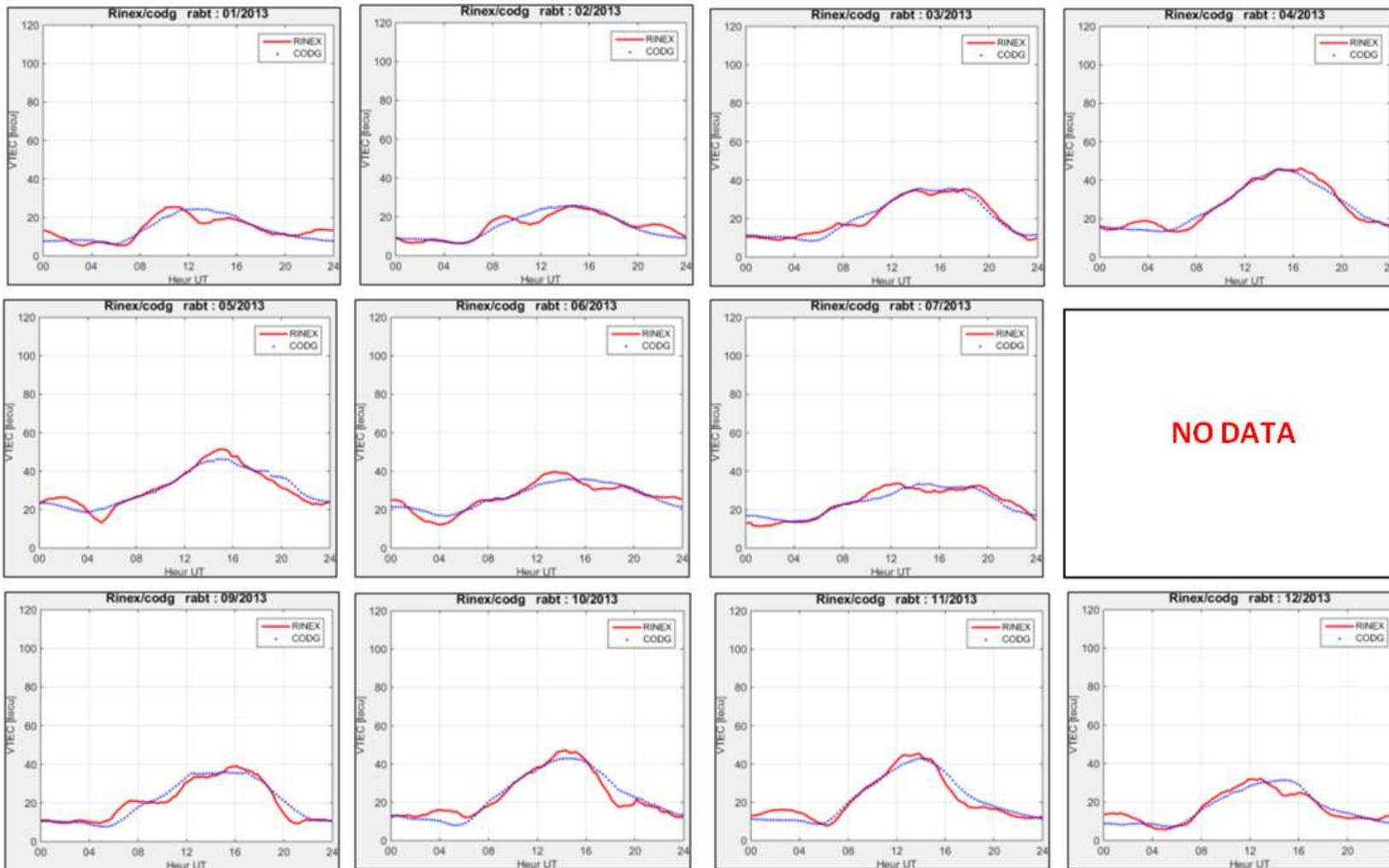


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Comparison LIM & GIM

Rbat - 2013



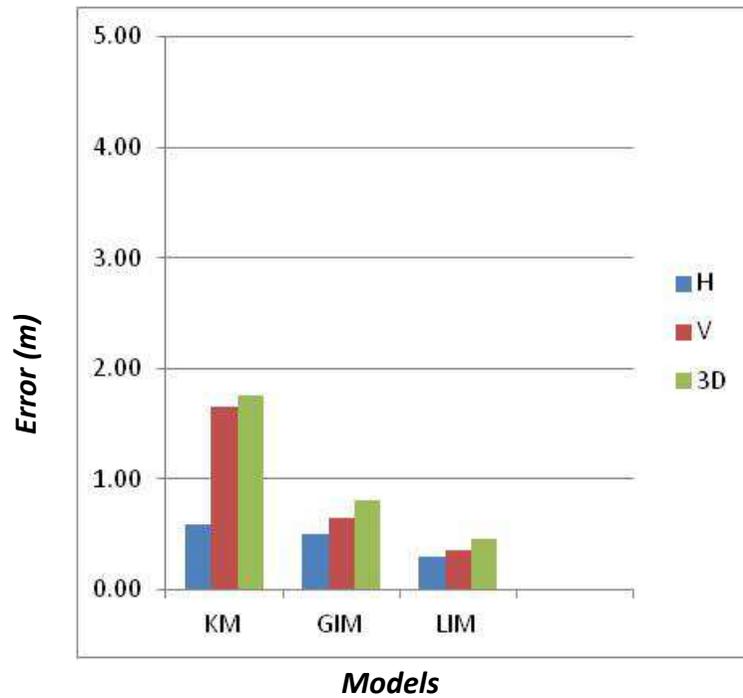
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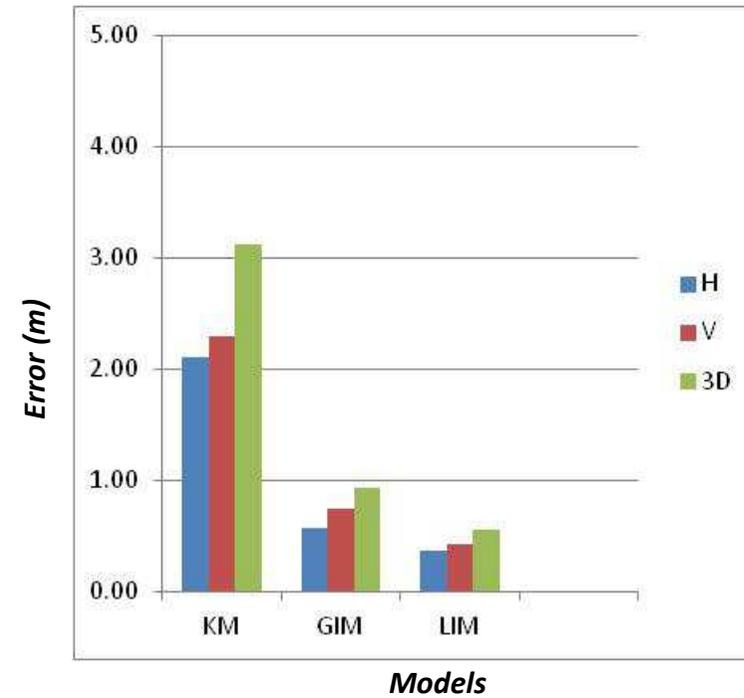
Impact on positioning

MAR 2015											
DoY	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
<i>Kp</i>	8	16	15	11	11	14	19	48	39	30	28
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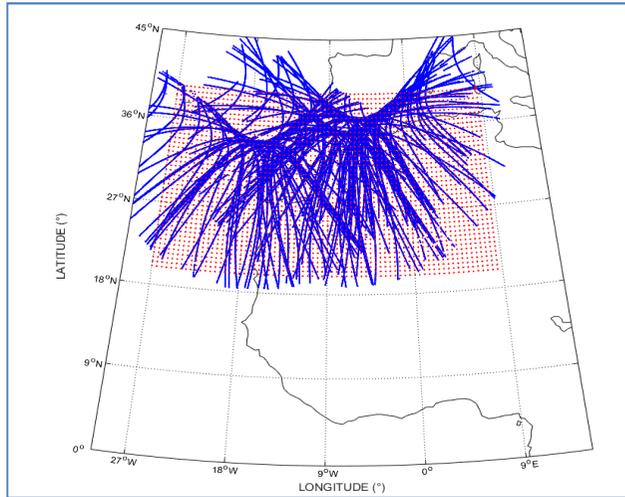


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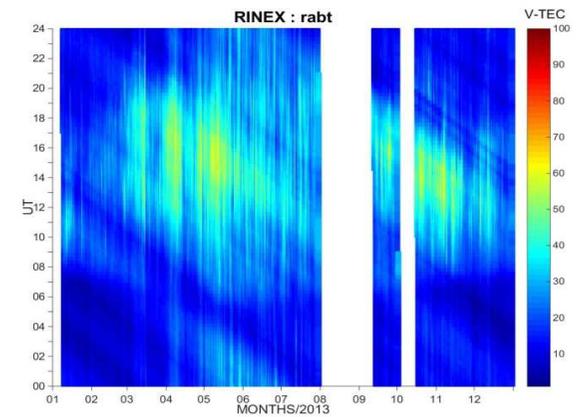
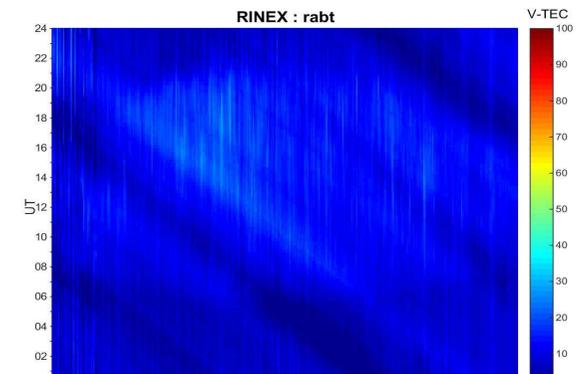
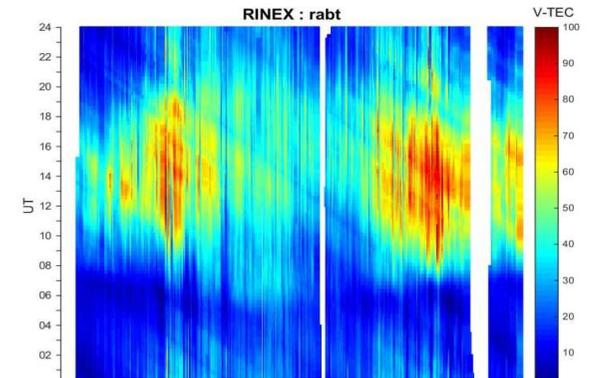
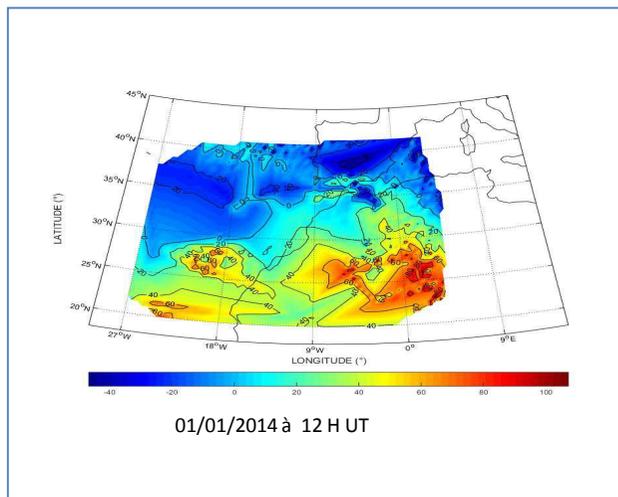


TEC Mapping

Iono-Pierce Points



VTEC-Map



Conclusion

- Involvement of public administrations in research activities
- Recent Applications : Mapping, Land delimitation, Forestry, Urban Navigation
- Integration of more GNSS Stations to obtain a dense network
- More improvements needed for LIM & Inclusion of more National Permanent Reference Stations
- Experimentations assessment for the integration in Real Time are ongoing

Training on Space weather-GNSS (Craste-LF, Rabat)

- 02/2015
- 01/2017
- 05/2017





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Ultra-low noise GNSS receiver for ionospheric scintillation monitoring installed in Rabat



- Following a scientific collaboration agreement between scientific teams of Telecom Bretagne and the Geodesy department of IAV Hassan 2, a GNSS receiver for ionospheric scintillation monitoring was installed in Rabat, may 2017.
- The exploitation and analysis of the data will be done within the framework of a PhD. thesis which will be supervised jointly by the two partners.



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