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GNSS, SPACE WEATHER and CAPACITY BUILDING

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DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES
ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT
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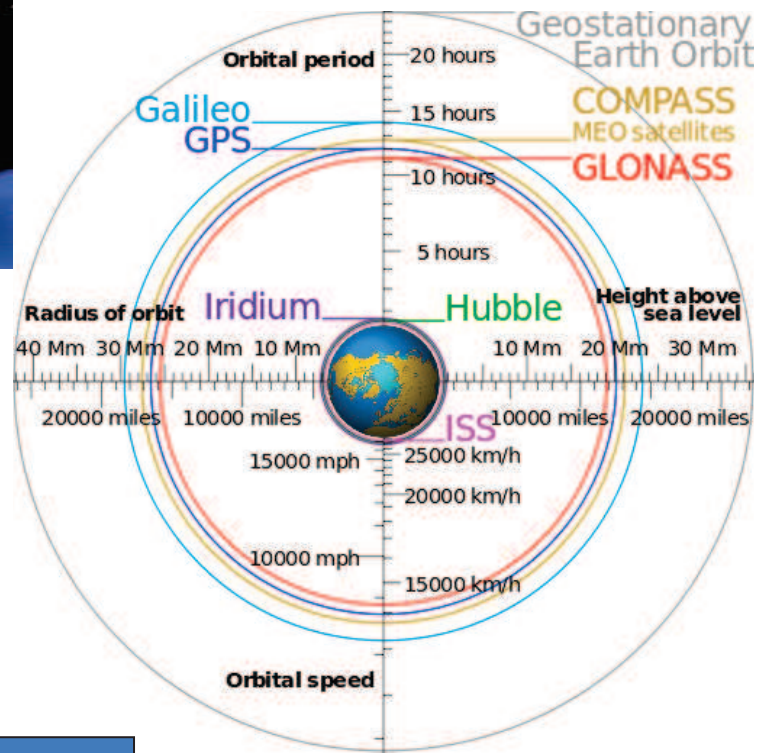
- GPS → GNSS
- Space Weather
- Capacity Building

- Last decade : mainly GPS -> Now -> GNSS
- Research and applications

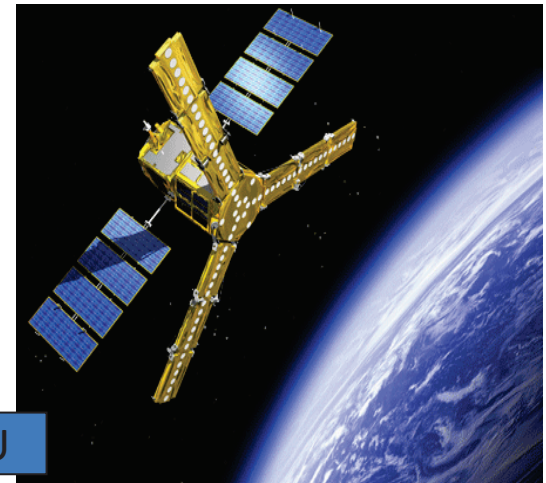


GPS IIR

GLONASS K1



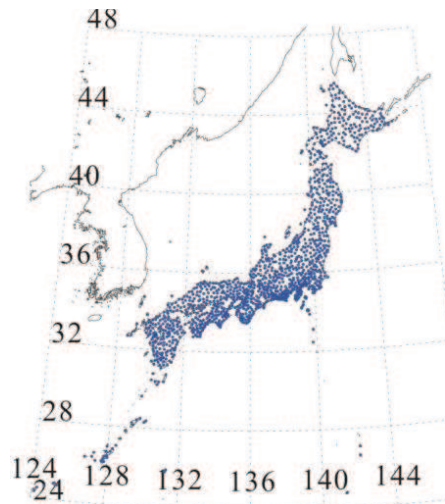
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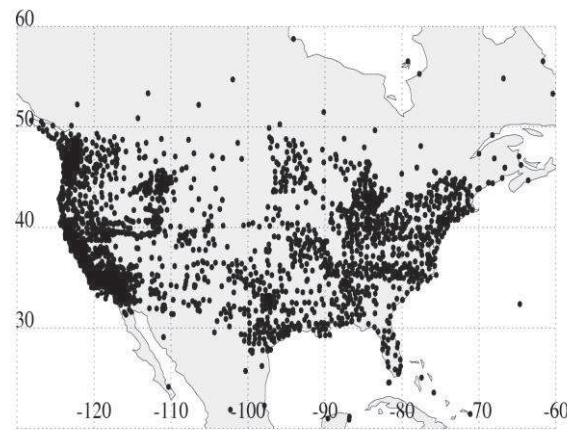
BEIDOU

GPS :the most larger network of scientific ground based measurements

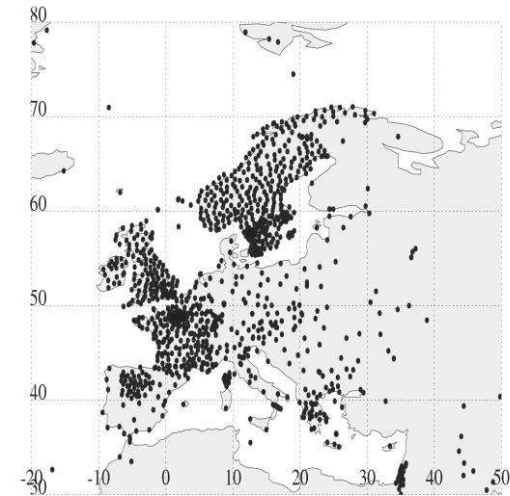
JAPAN
~1,200 receivers



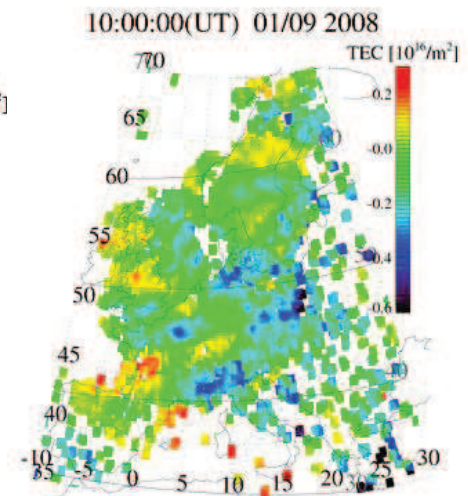
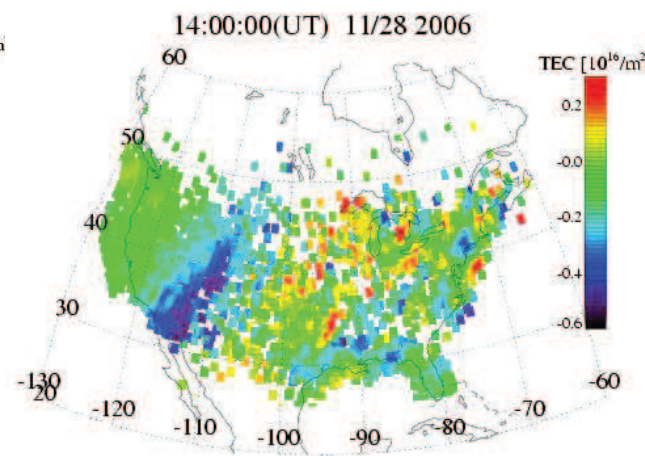
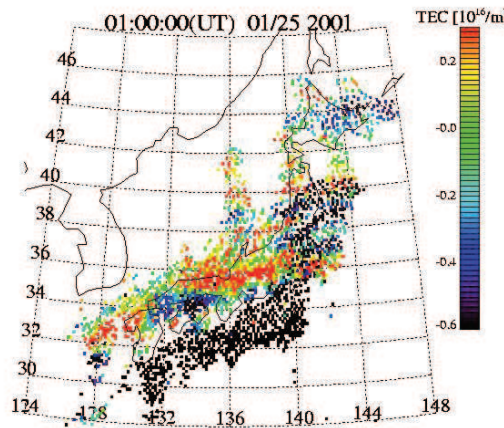
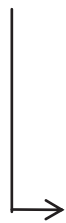
N. America
~2,700 receivers



Europe
~1,200 receivers

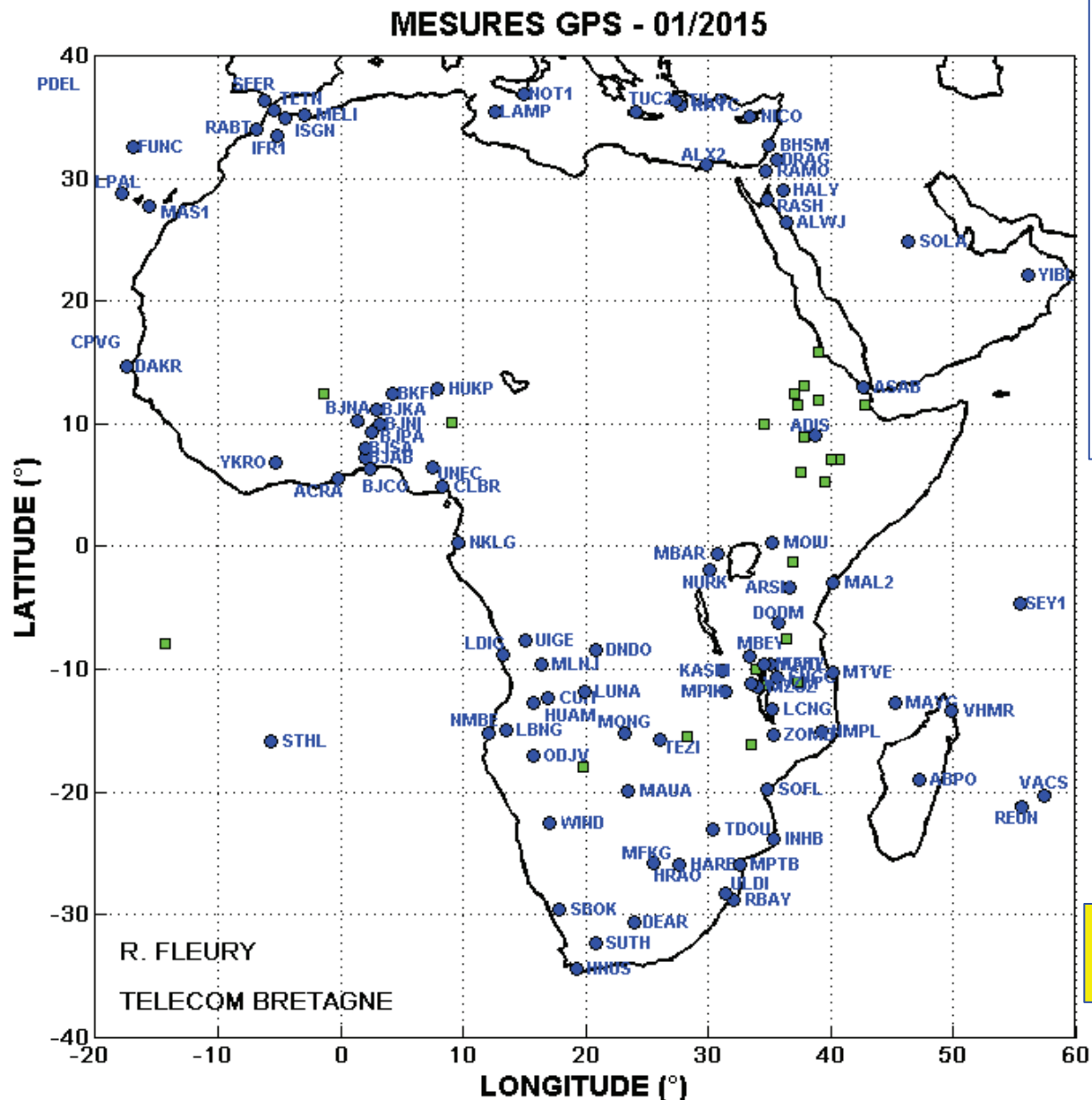


Detrended
TEC Map
(60-min
Window)



Provided by T. Tsugawa (NCIT, JAPAN)

GPS stations available on the web-2015



Increase of GNSS

stations in Africa

~50 to ~150

2010 to 2015

Mainly due to

GEODESY

Many other GPS networks

Algeria (~60), Burkina Faso (~10),

Egypt (~ 10), Morocco (~25)

Rwanda(~10), South Africa (~60)

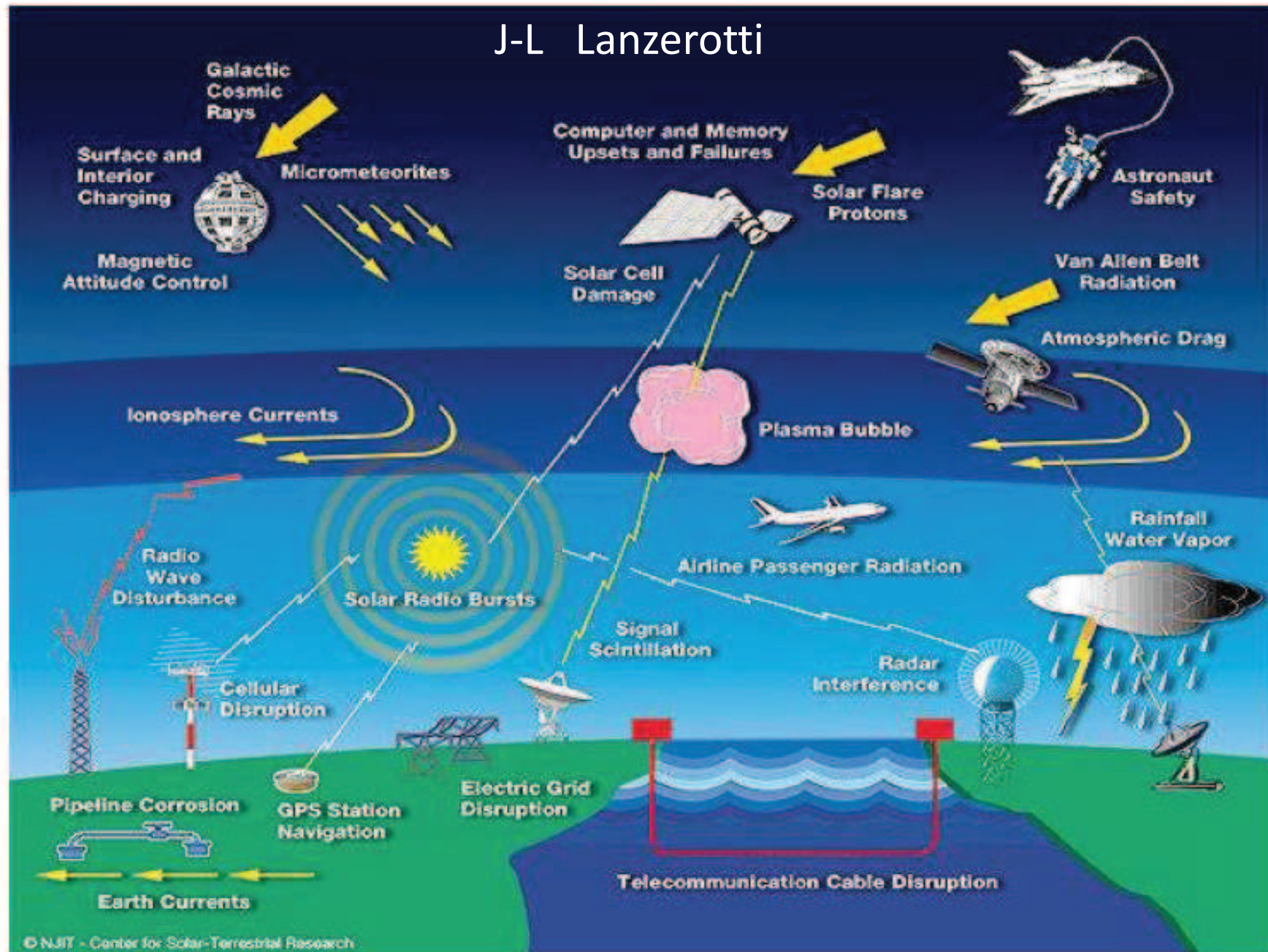
DRC (~15) > 200

=> Work of AGS

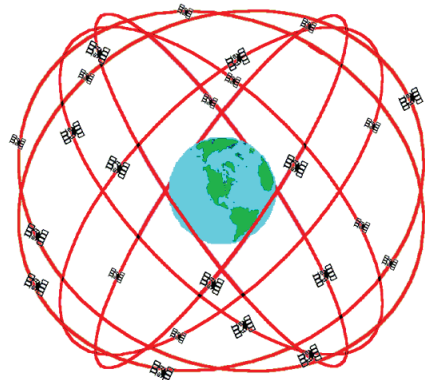
Necessity TO SHARE

Space Weather : effects on GNSS

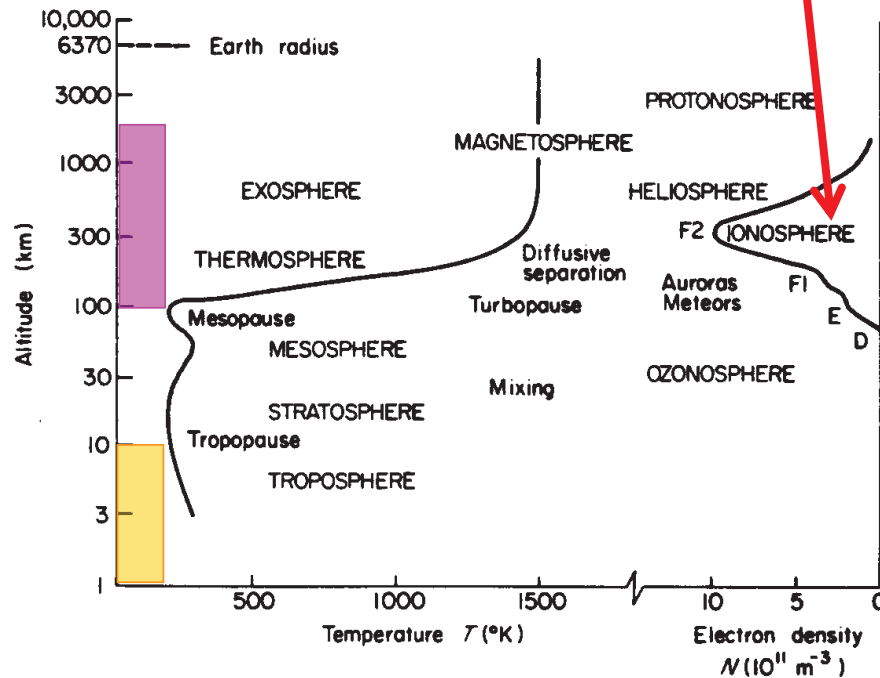
J-L Lanzerotti



The satellite signal is strongly modified by ionosphere and troposphere



TEC



TEC : Total Electron Content

LAYERS

> 600 km EXOSPHERE
few collisions, Particles follow ballistic orbit

80-600 km THERMOSPHERE
Ionization by the solar X-EUV radiation
IONOSPHERE, TEC and scintillations

30-80 km MESOSPHERE
Absorption of the radiation UV by the ozone layer

11-30 km STRATOSPHERE
Turbulence

0-11 km TROPOSPHERE
Meteorological phenomena
Water Vapour content

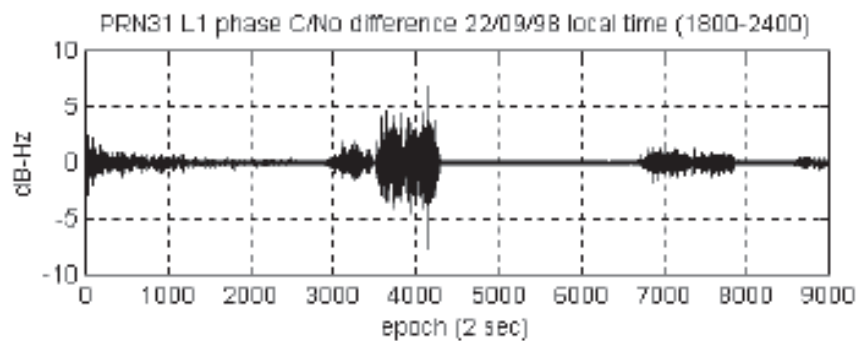
Ionospheric propagation



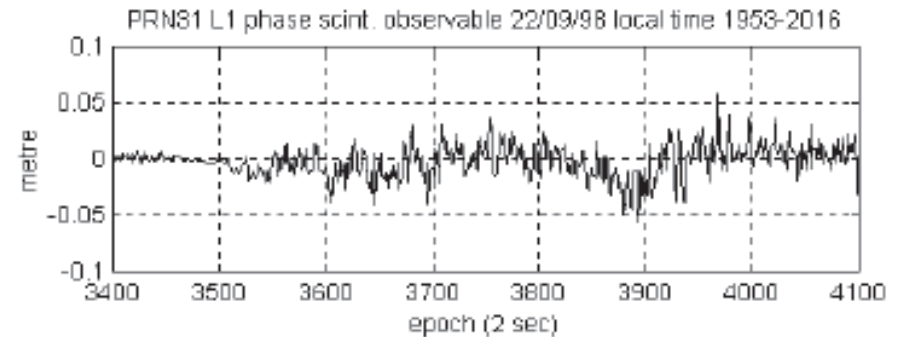
Scintillations

Fluctuations of the signal due to the inhomogeneity of the medium

Scintillations of amplitude

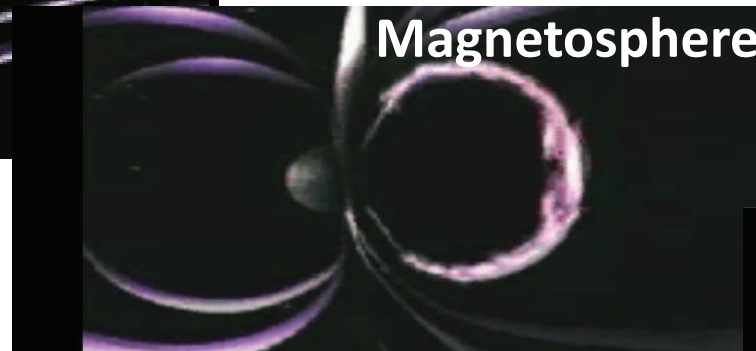
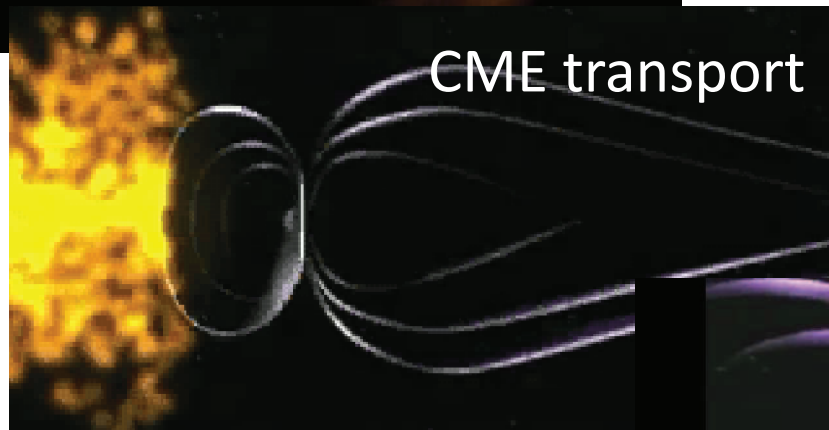
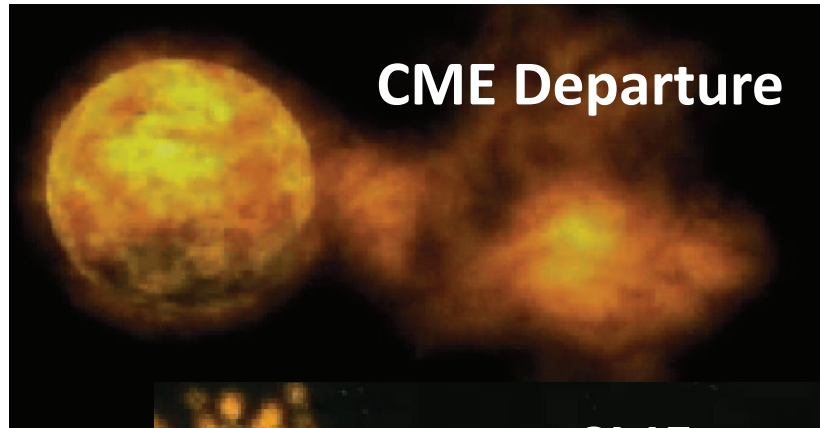


Scintillations of phase



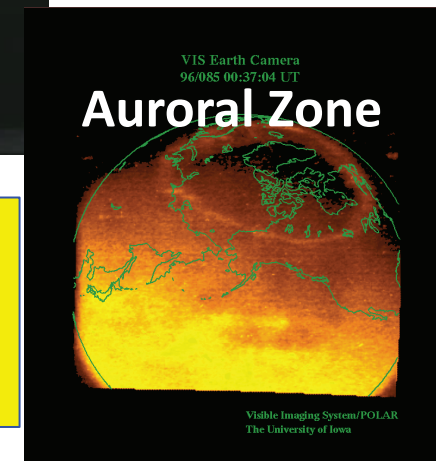
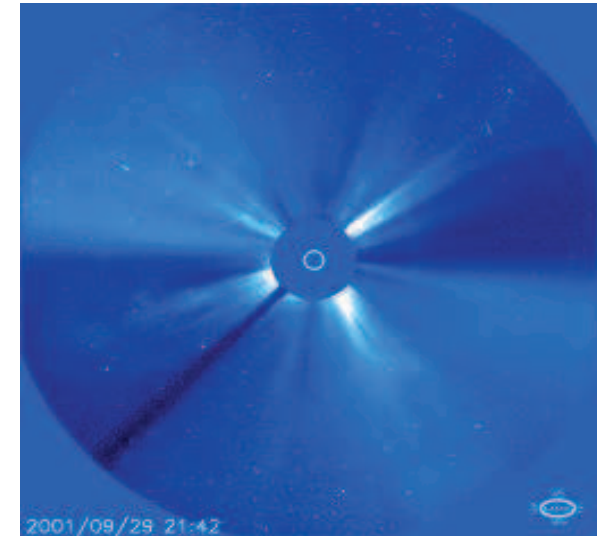
Echelles : ± 3 rad.

FROM the SUN to the EARTH



SOHO

Coronal Mass Ejection
Billions tons of matter ejected



NECESSITY TO TRAIN IN SPACE WEATHER ALL OVER THE WORLD

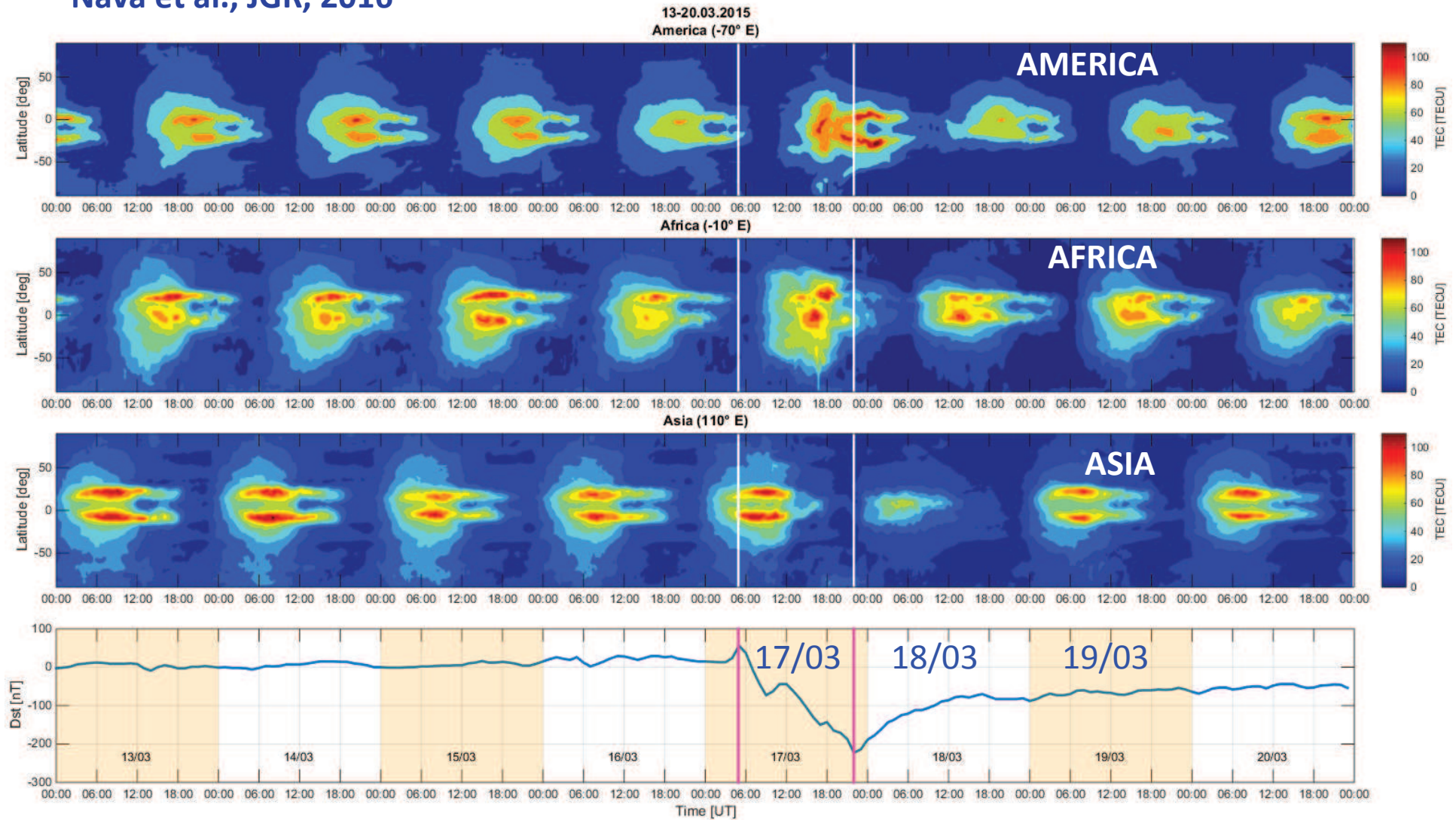
⇒ **Merging of different scientific disciplines**

⇒ **Connection between Research and Applications**

At equatorial latitudes : TEC variations on St Patrick's day storm

Physics of the connections between auroral and equatorial regions

Nava et al., JGR, 2016



At the Equator : necessity to deploy scientific tools

Capacity building , Space Weather and use of GNSS
Training and Research

Training by scientists : scientific research

School for all scientists using GPS

Basic GPS observables

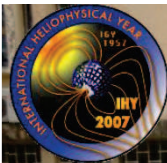
- Code (pseudo-range):

$$P_i = \rho + c \cdot (dt - dT) + d_{iono} + d_{tropo} + v_P$$

- Phase (differenced wrt phase of local oscillator)

$$\Phi_i = \rho + c \cdot (dt - dT) + \lambda \cdot N - d_{iono} + d_{tropo} + v_\Phi$$

The diagram shows the equation $\Phi_i = \rho + c \cdot (dt - dT) + \lambda \cdot N - d_{iono} + d_{tropo} + v_\Phi$ with blue boxes around each term. Arrows point from these terms to their physical meanings: ρ to 'Distance Receiver-satellite', $(dt - dT)$ to 'Clock offsets (dt = receiver, dT = satellite)', N to 'Integer phase ambiguity number', d_{iono} to 'Ionospheric delay', d_{tropo} to 'Tropospheric delay', and v_Φ to 'Noise errors'.



CONGO 2009 [IHY]

EGYPT 2010 [ISWI]



DRC 2011 [ISWI]

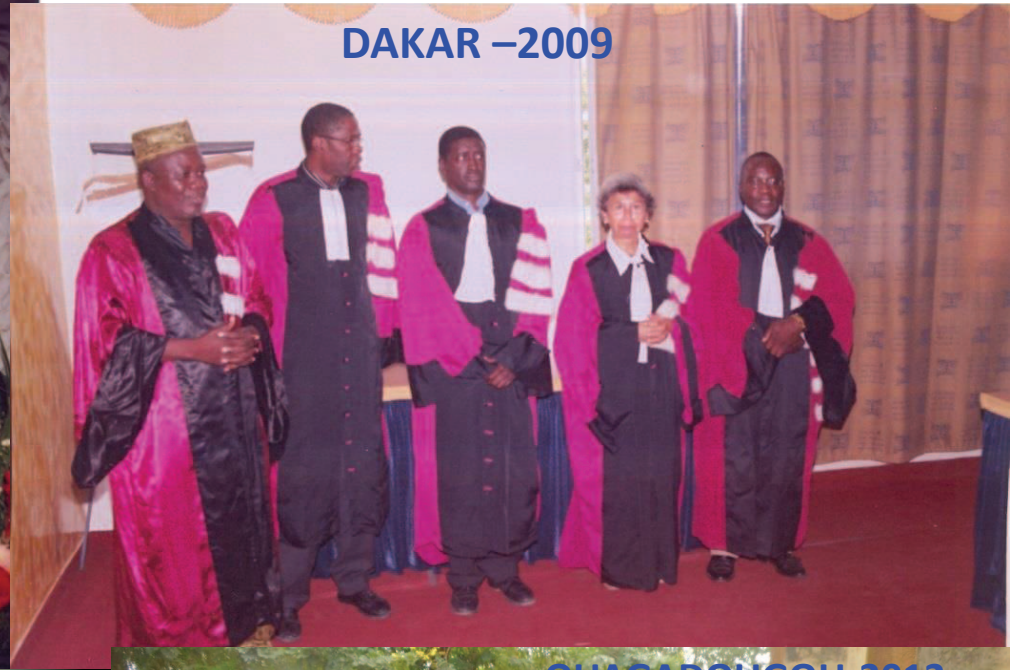


PHD in AFRICA

ABIDJAN -2008



DAKAR -2009



KINSHASA -2016



OUAGADOUGOU-2012



Scientific projects in the framework of UNBSSI United Nations Basic Space Science Initiative

IEEY: International Equatorial Electrojet year /1992-1994/

IHY: International Heliophysical Year /2007-2009/

ISWI: International Space Weather Initiative / 2010-2012/

=> Friendly framework ISWI

Methodology

Schools

Distribution of tools and constitution of data base

PhD students

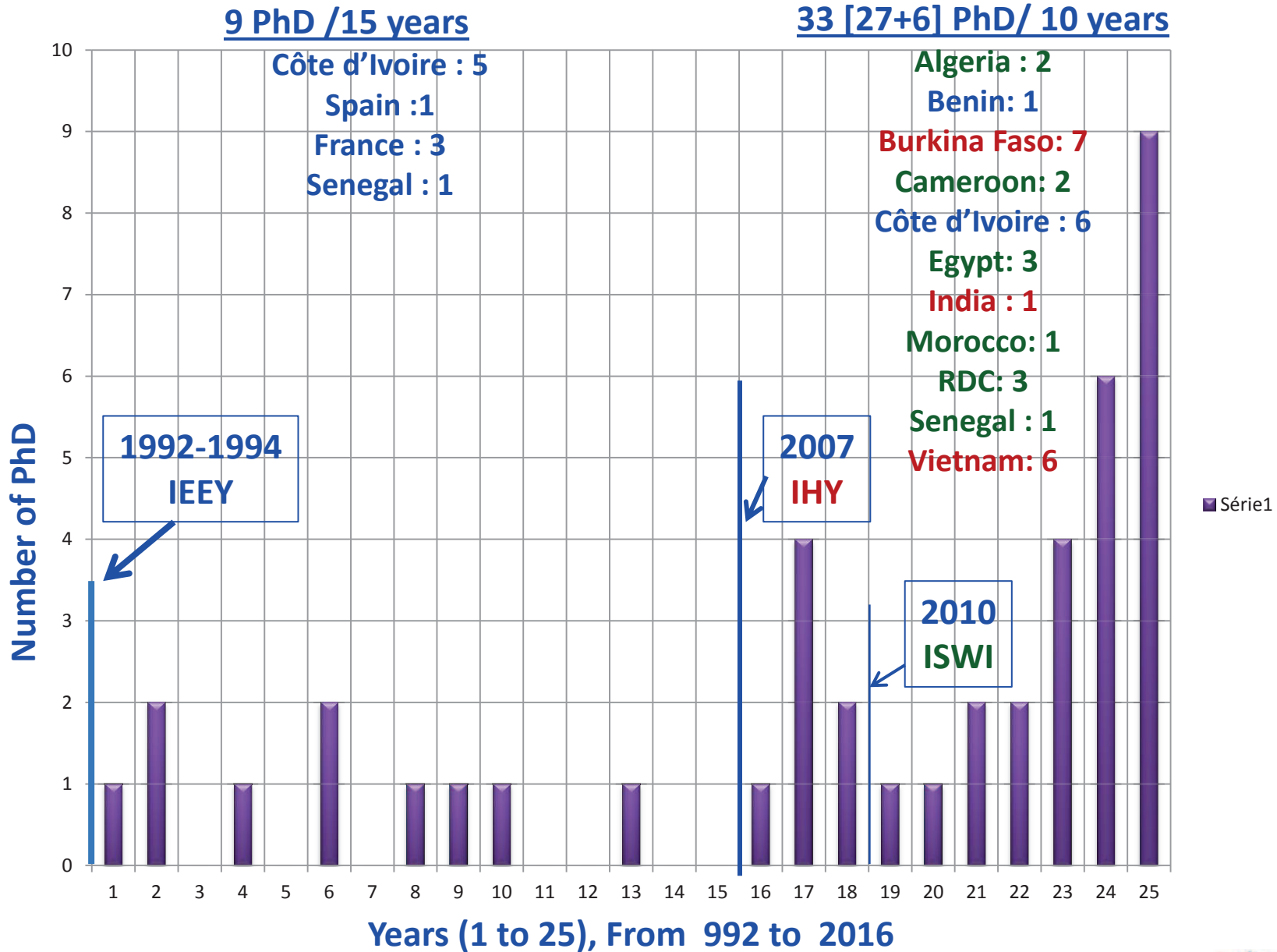
Positions at University

Curricula in Universities

Network ISWI : <http://www.iswi-secretariat.org>

84 countries

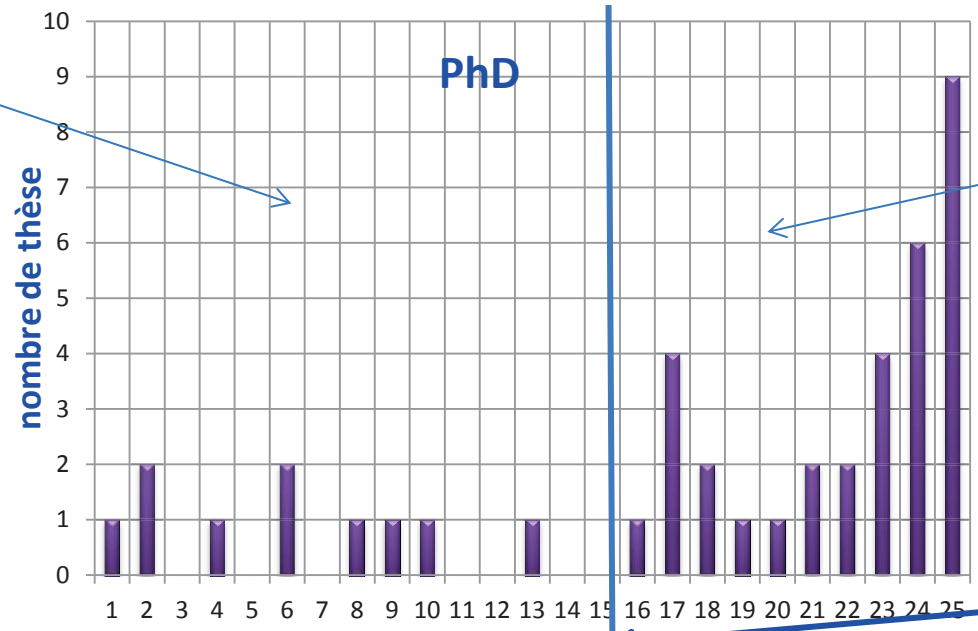




Results of the GIRGEA network 24 countries of ISWI network

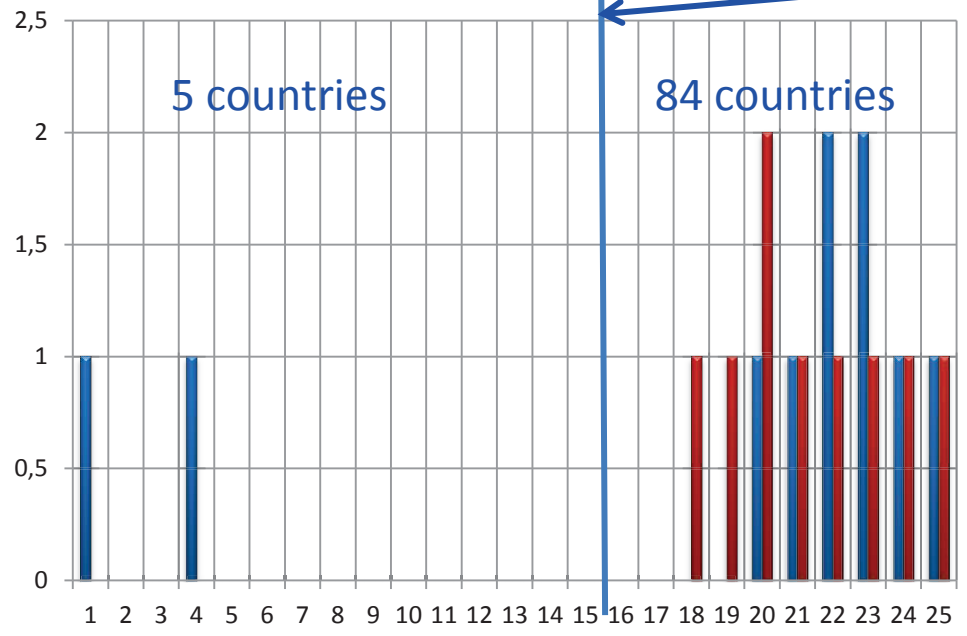


1 observatory in Côte d'Ivoire with expensive tools



Networks of Cheap instruments
GPS
Magnetometers
Etc...

2007

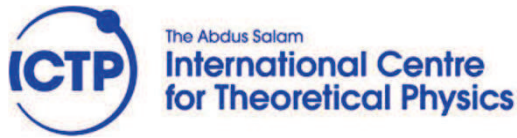


Schools
Physics — (blue line)
GPS — (red line)

Results of the GIRGEA network 24 countries of ISWI network



PERMANENT : TRAINING BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and RESEARCH NETWORKS



T/ICT4D Abdus Salam ICTP + Boston College essentially : ionospheric effects on GNSS/Space weather, several schools each year at Trieste (20-24 May 2016)

CRASTE-LF



Master of GNSS in the Regional Centers (affiliated to UN), by the past essentially on global positioning and now Space Weather, Master (Web) in Plasma Physics ,



Permanent project of SCOSTEP and UN : 1 event each year [school or workshop on Space Weather] (7-17 November 2016 in India)



A school on Space Weather, each 2 year organized in North or West Africa by scientists with the CRASTE-LF (12-28 October 2017)

Conclusion

- There are 54 countries in AFRICA:
 - only 33 are concerned by ISWI,
 - only 12 are developing curricula at University
- => we have to pursue capacity building in AFRICA in order to reach all the countries
- Interest of connection between research and application
 - : to predict the impact of solar events on Earth's environment and perform GNSS/EGNOS