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# **Geodetic Components of a Tsunami Early Warning Systems**

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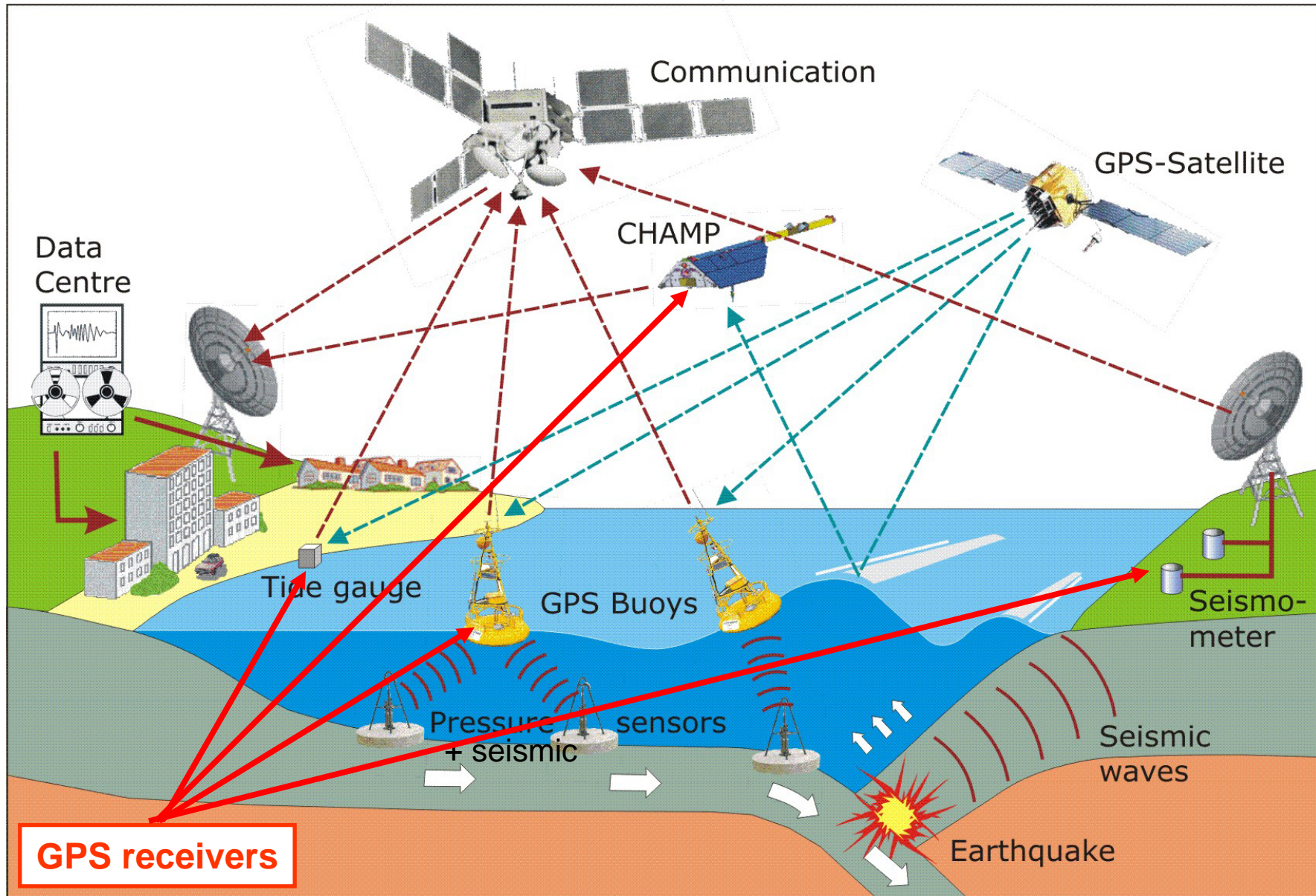
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- **Tsunami Early Warning System (TEWS)**
- **Ground-Based GPS Technology**
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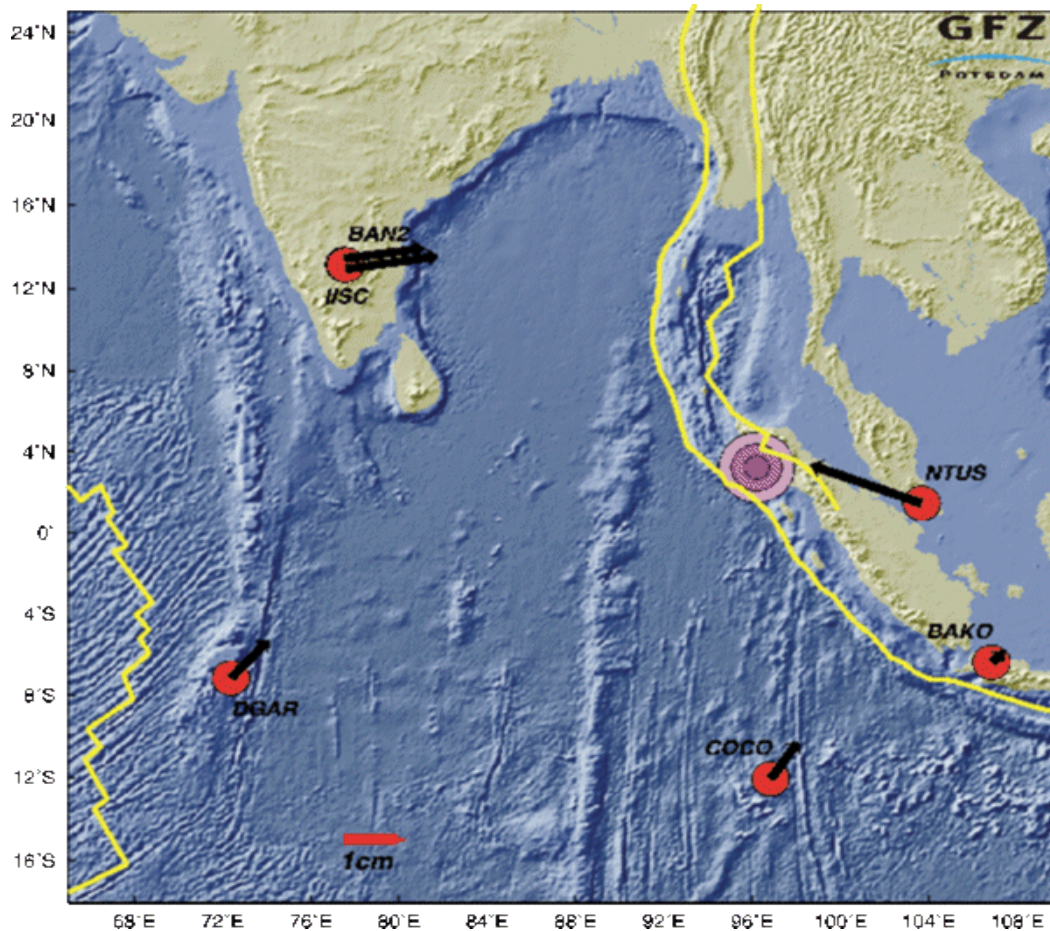
# Large Earthquake of Lissabon (1. 11. 1755)



# Tsunami Early Warning System



# GPS Ground-Based Technologies: Deformation

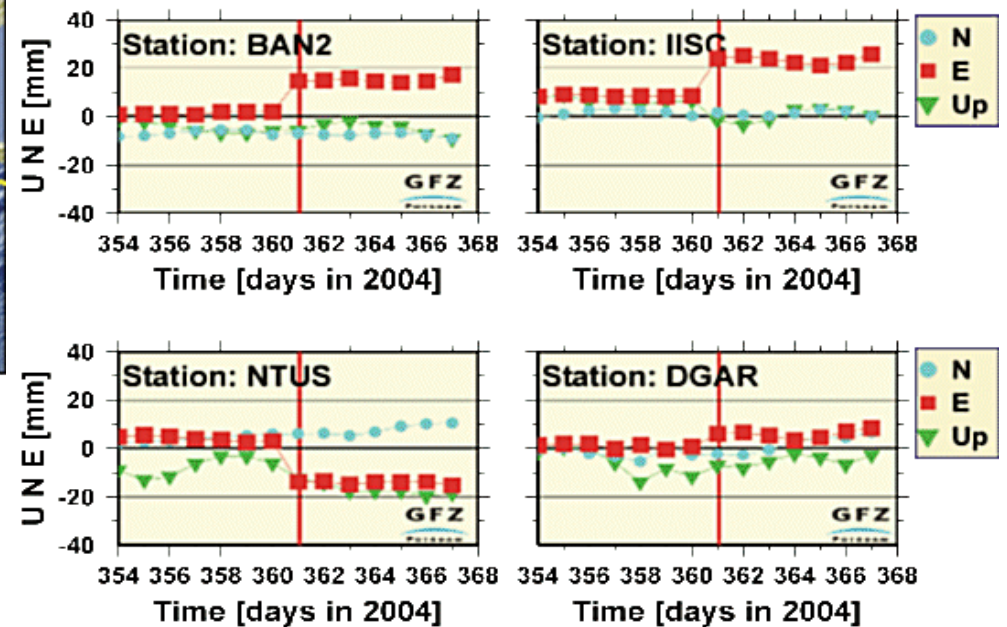


**Future: 10-Hz GPS data  
Detection of the station motion  
during the earthquake**

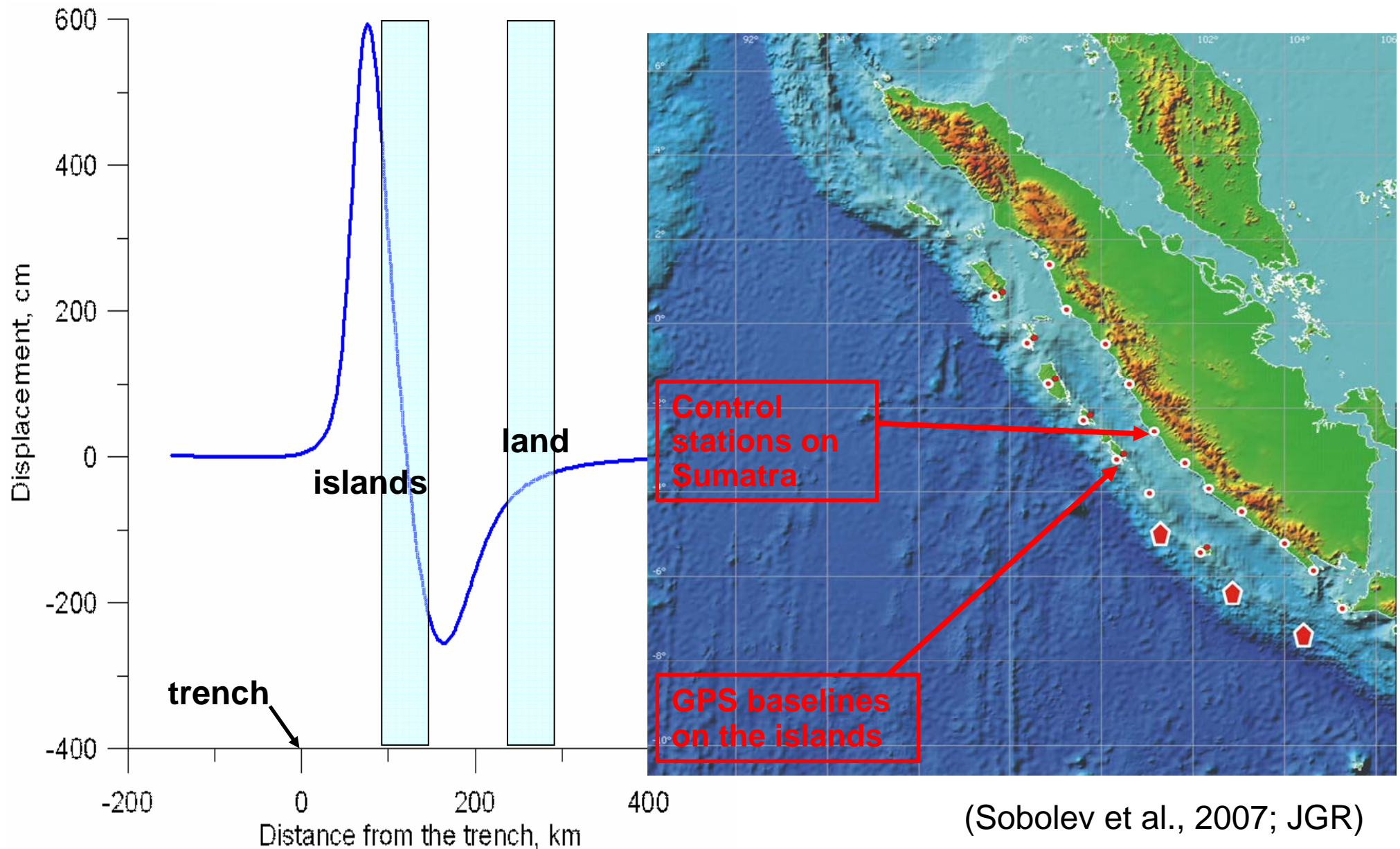
**Sumatra Earthquake:  
Deformation from the  
postprocessing of the  
IGS network**

**Sumatra - Andaman Island Earthquake**  
2004 dec 26 00:58 UTC - Day of Year 361 - Magnitude 9.0

**Results from GPS Analysis**

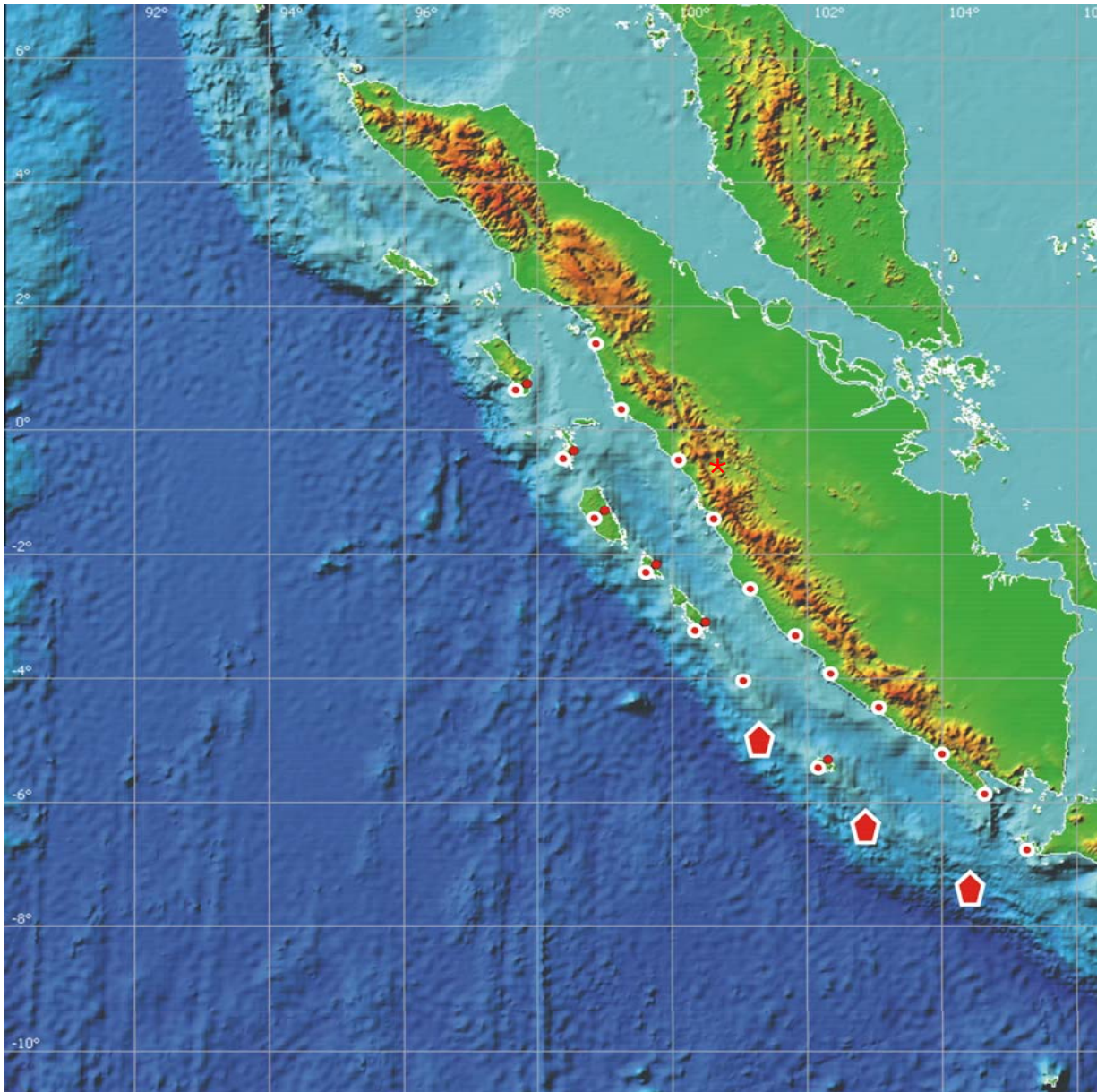


# Land Stations for the "GPS Shield" Concept



(Sobolev et al., 2007; JGR)

# GPS Shield for Sumatra



**10 s:** P-wave at the closest island station— triggering high GPS sampling rate

**1 min:** initial tsunami wave formed; strong GPS signal at island station

**2 min:** GPS signal at island station established—first estimation of fault parameters

**3 min:** GPS signal at control (land) station established—first verification of fault parameters

**4-5 min:** Tsunami at island tide-gauge—second verification of fault parameters

## GPS/Seismological Station in Yogyakarta

Combined GPS/seismological station close to Yogyakarta (smart stations)

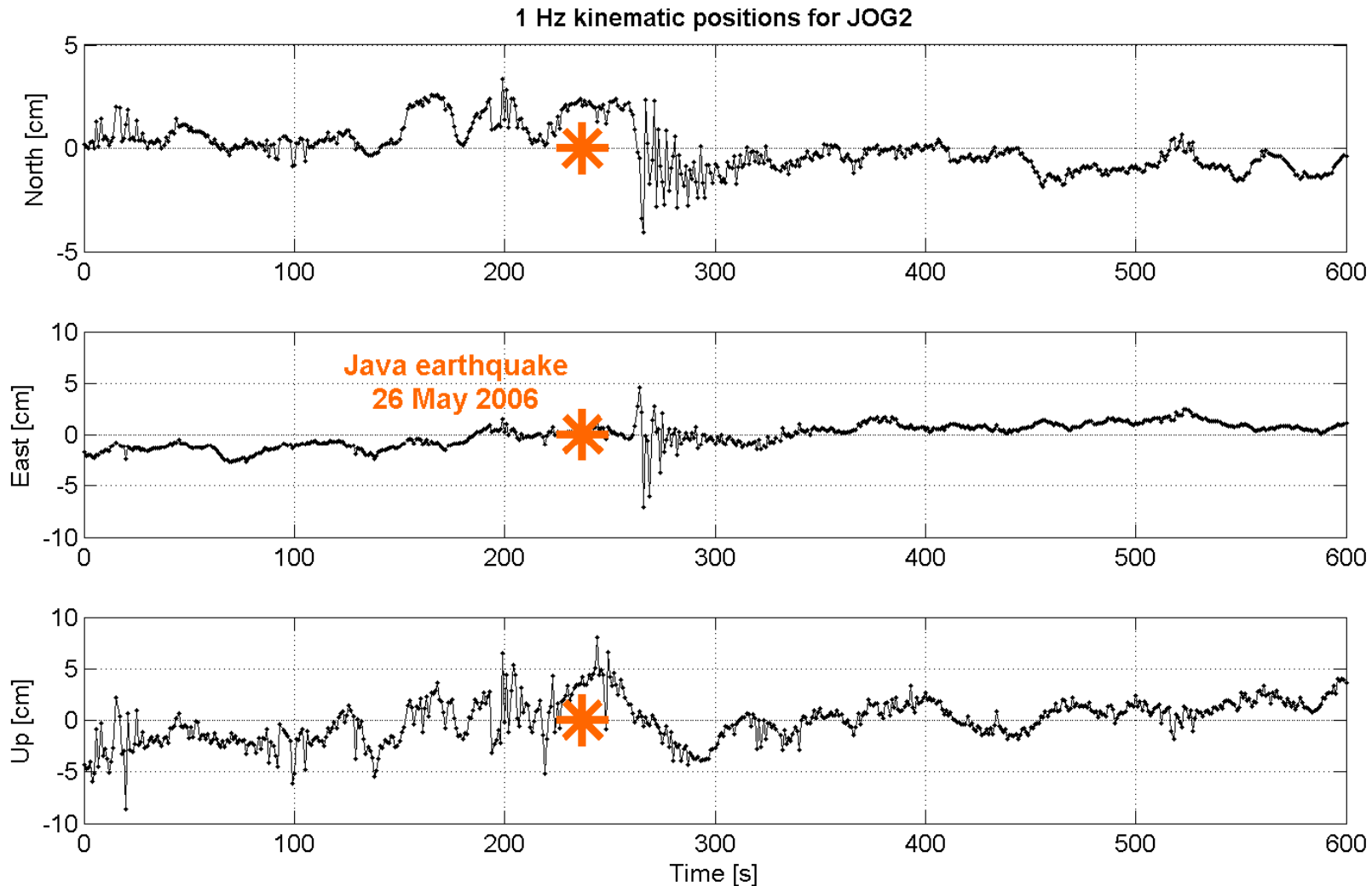
GPS and met data sensors working since March 2006.



**Future: use together with seismometers for GPS seismology (10-20-Hz data measuring the Earthquake motion)**



# Combination GPS/Seismology



- Earth's motion during the earthquake
- Deformation due to the earthquake (magnitude determination, rupture process)

# Continuous GPS (cGPS) @ Tide Gauges

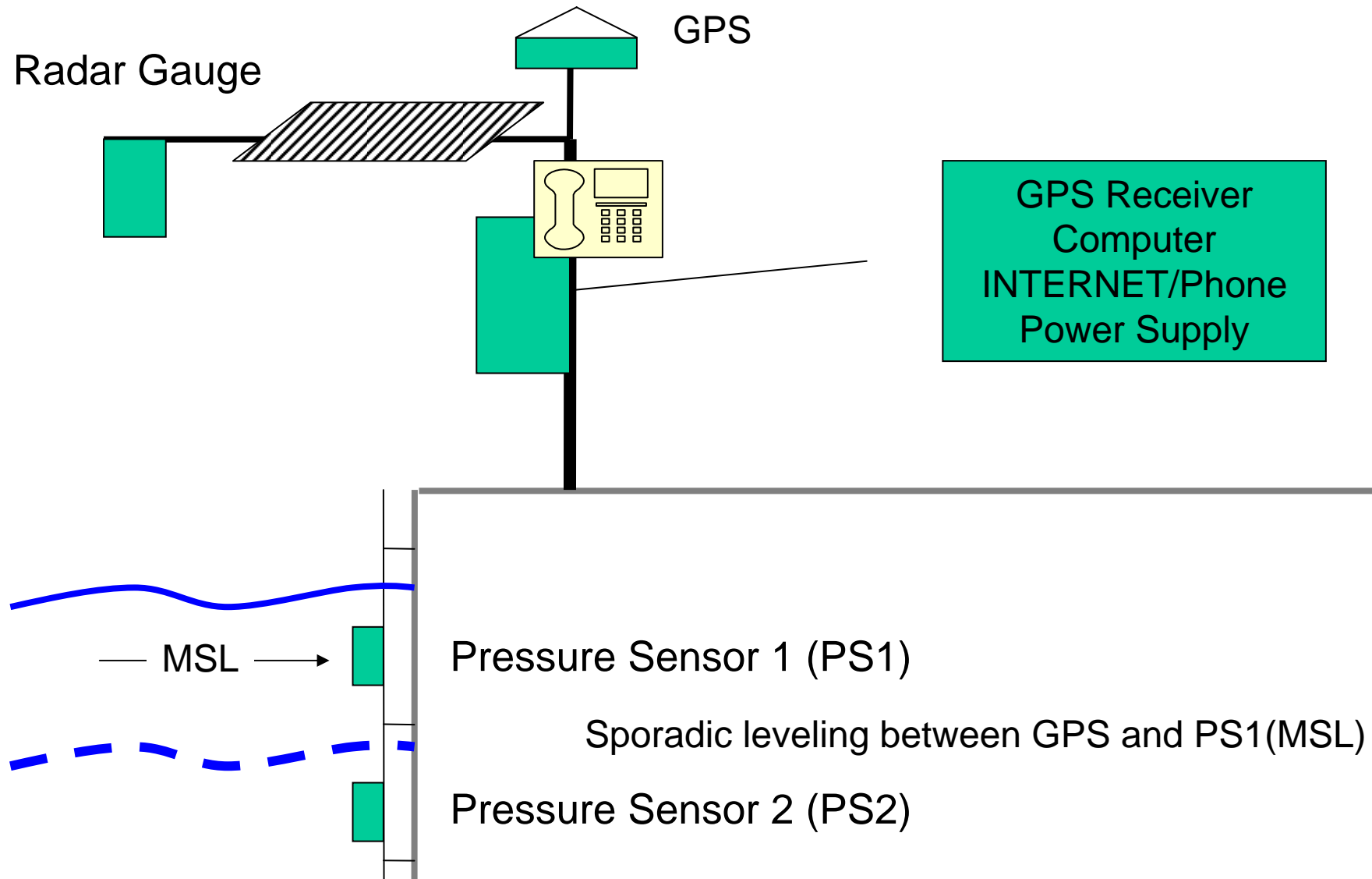
Tide Gauge

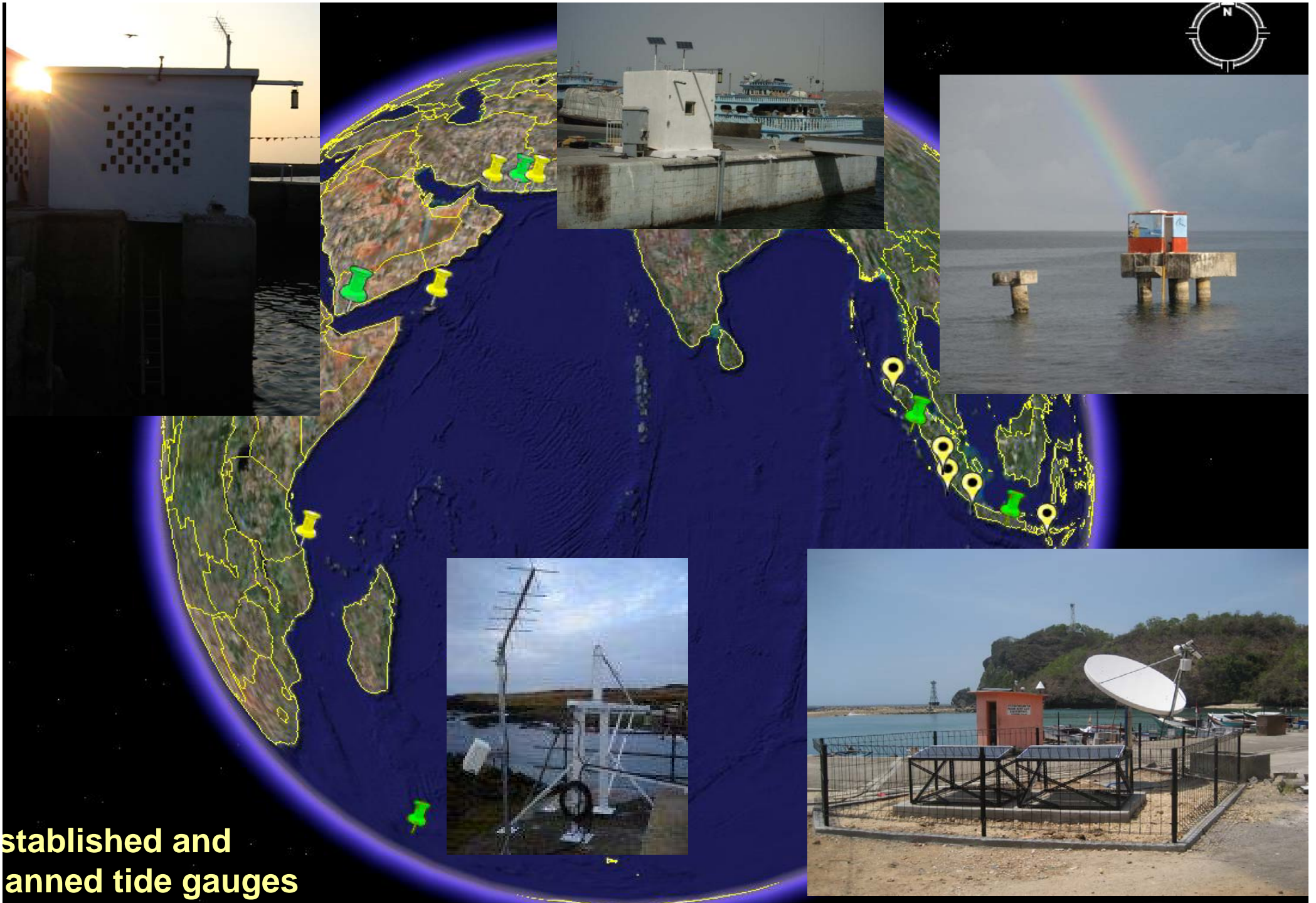
GPS

## Earthquake-prone areas:

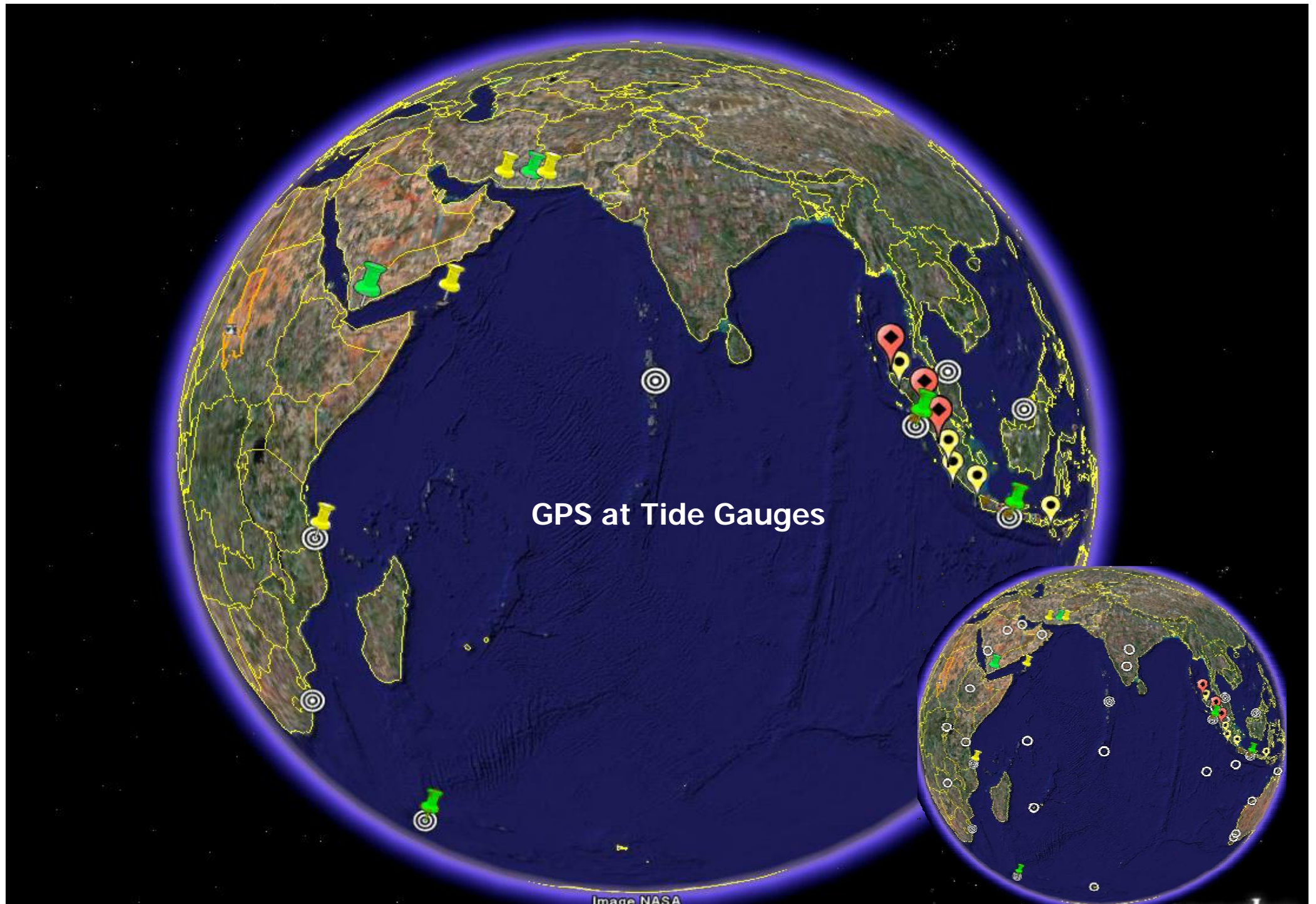
- Risk of sudden vertical displacement
- Water level will adjust in short time, leading to mix of tsunami signals and water table adjustment
- **GPS to correct tide gauge time series**

# Design of the Tide Gauge Station

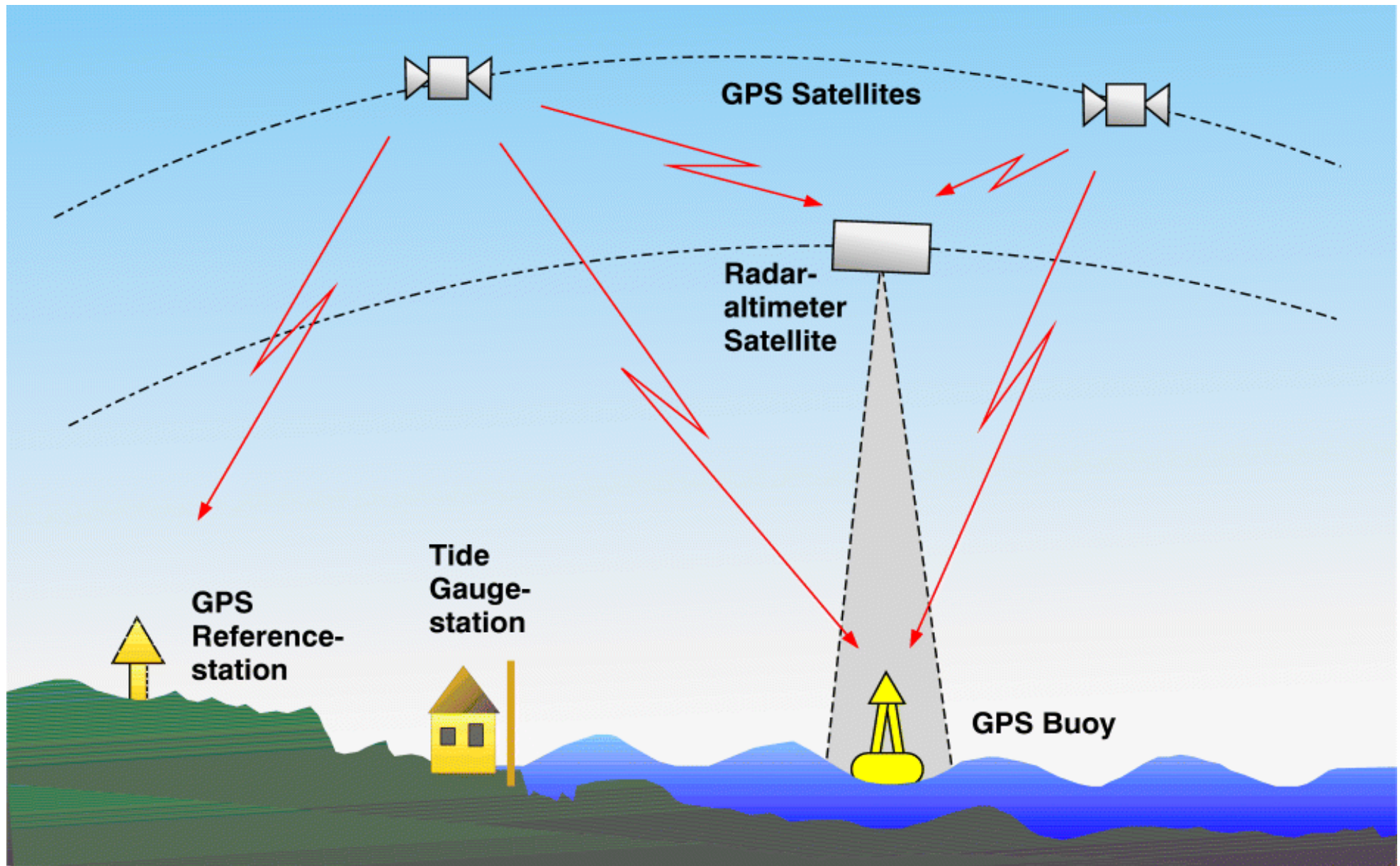




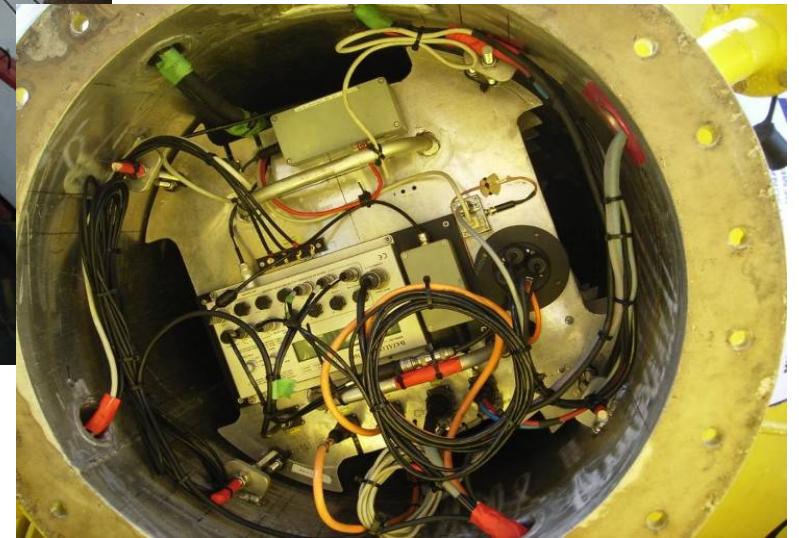
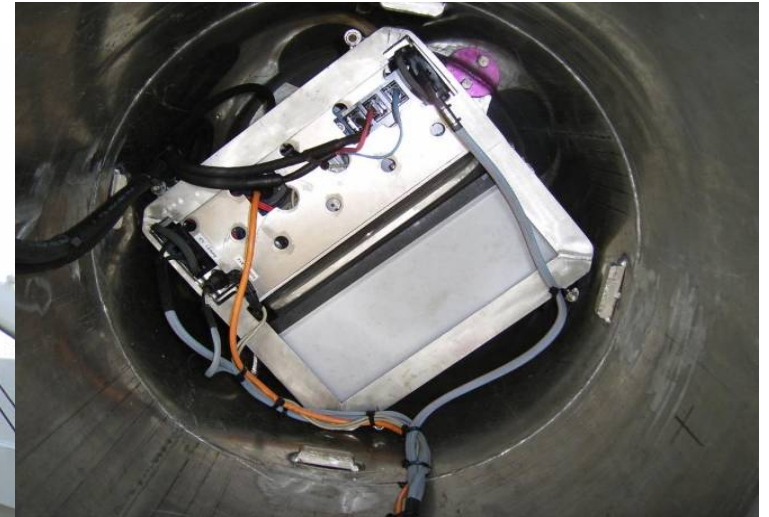
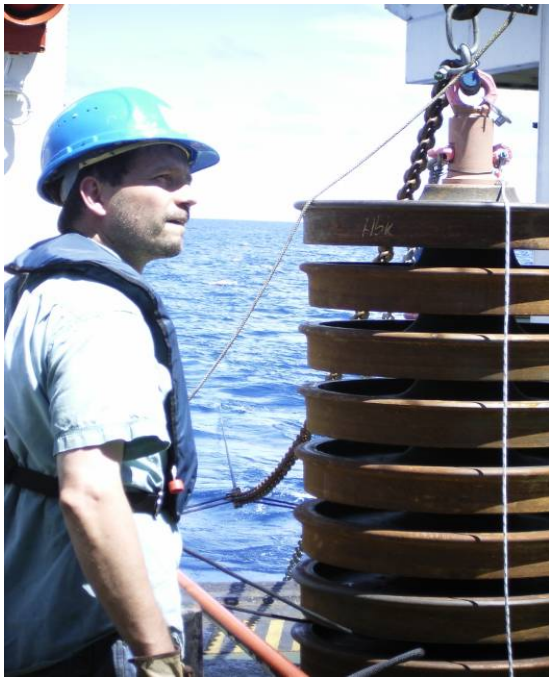
**Established and  
planned tide gauges**



# — GPS Buoys for Instantaneous Sea Level Measurements —



# GPS Tsunami Buoy

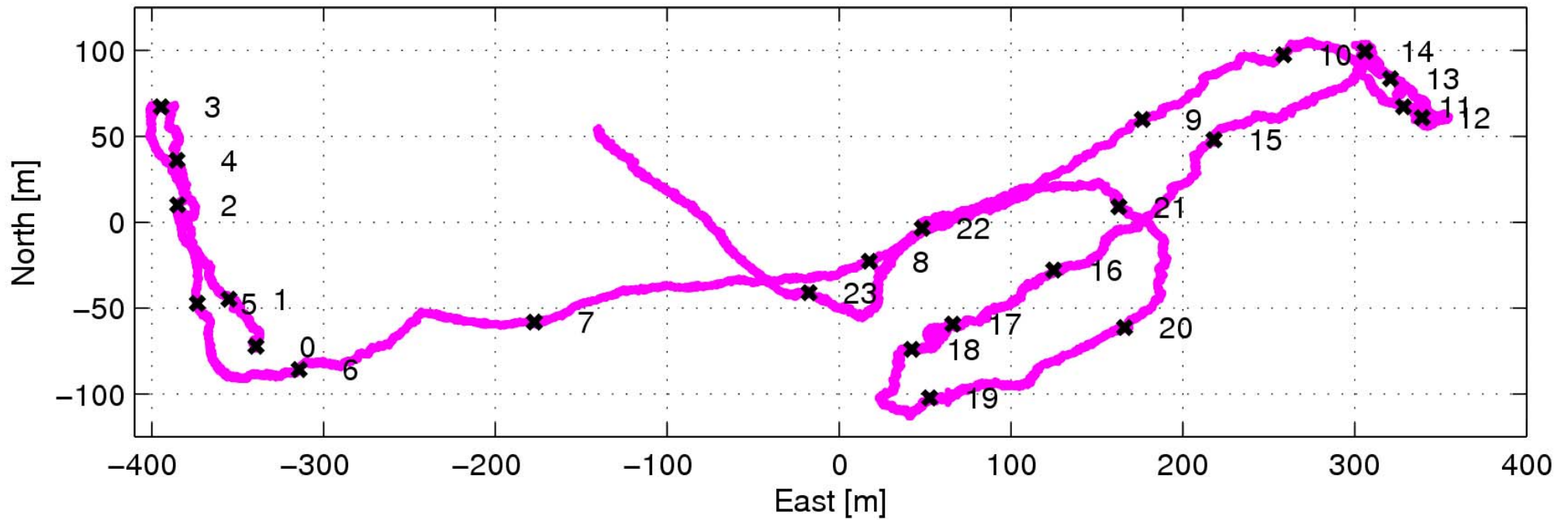


# Ocean Bottom Pressure Unit / Seismometer

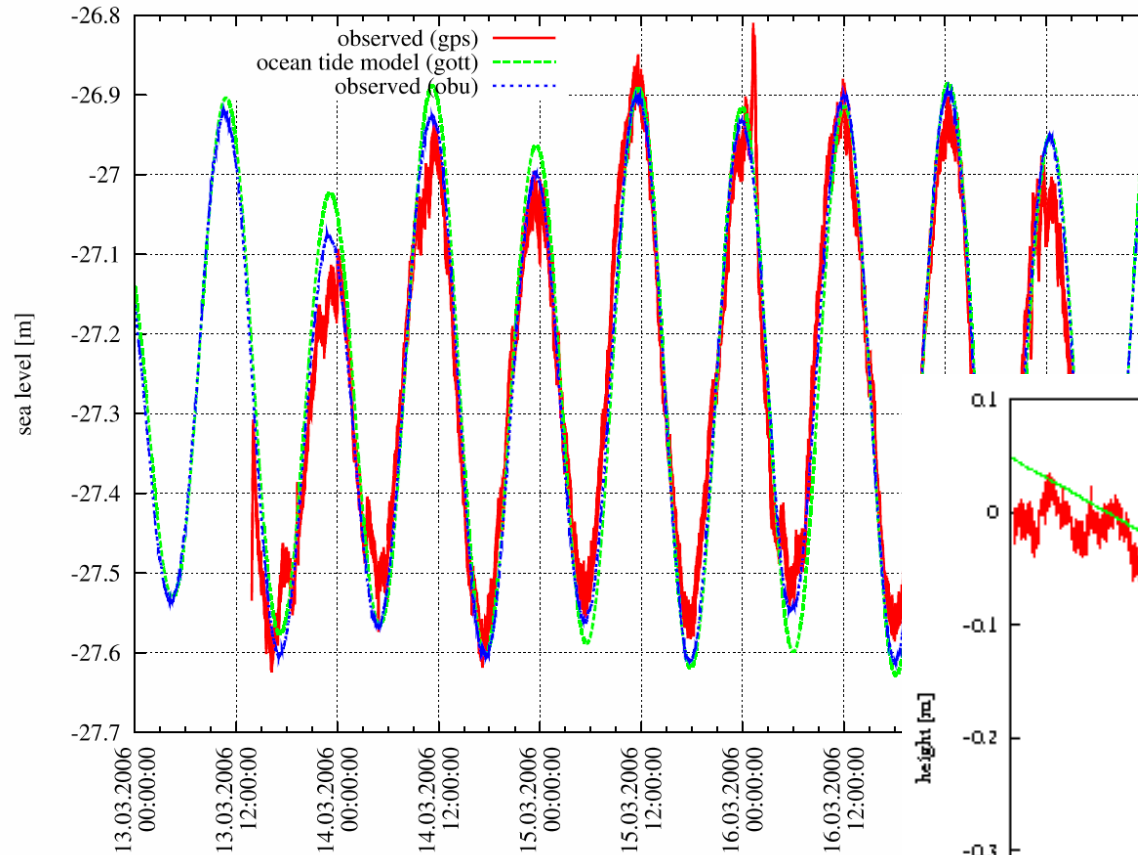




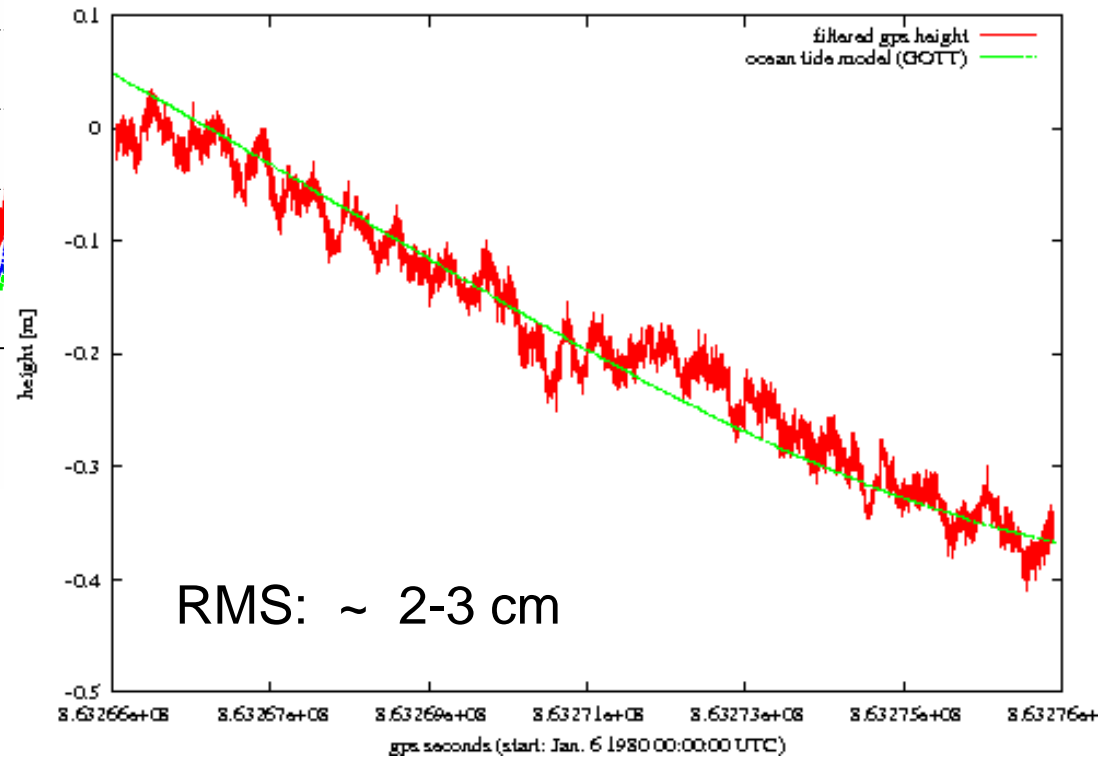
# GPS Tsunami Buoy: Motion



# GPS Tsunami Buoy: Ocean Heights

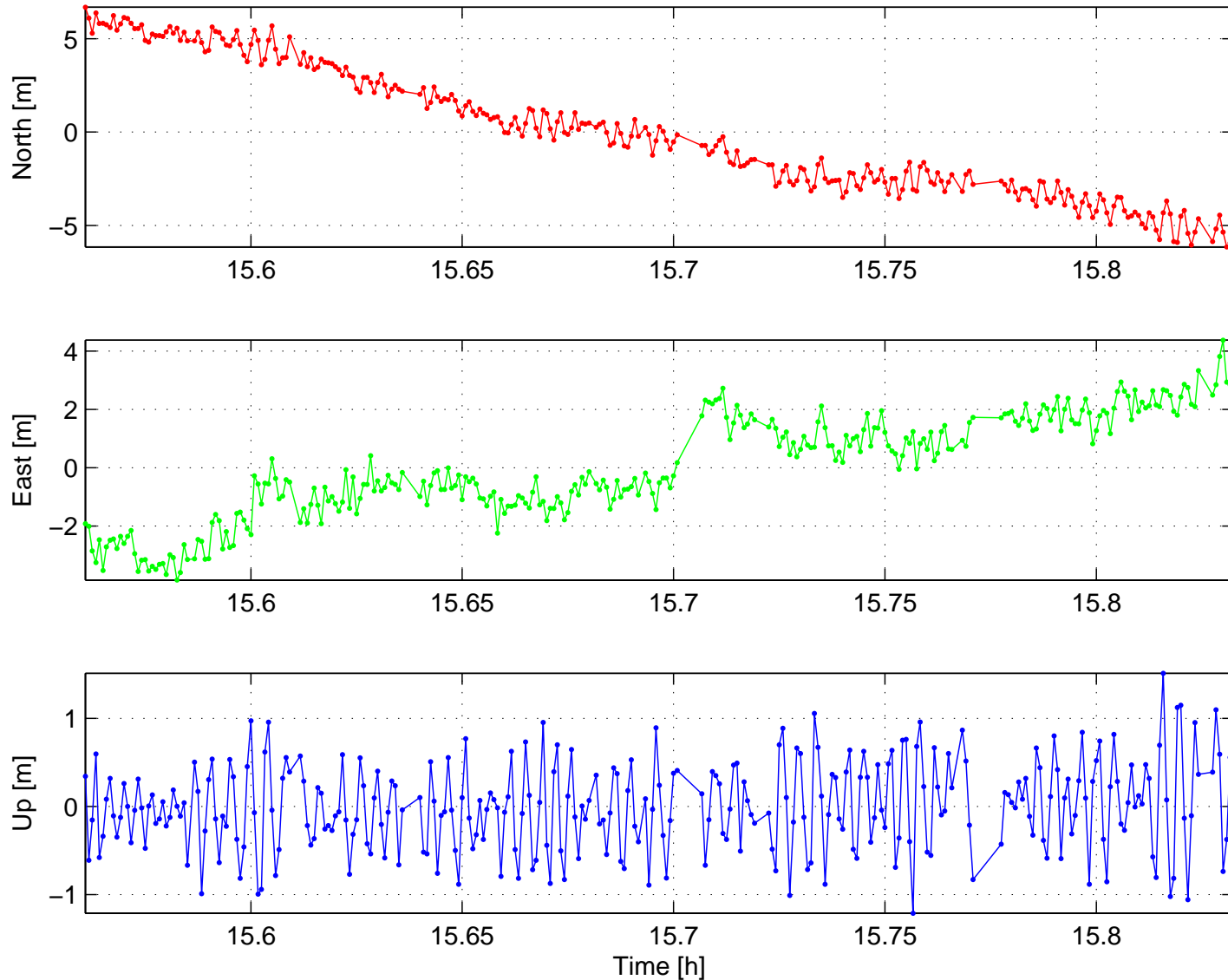


**Filtered GPS heights**  
**Ocean Tide Model (GOTT)**  
**Ocean Bottom Pressure**

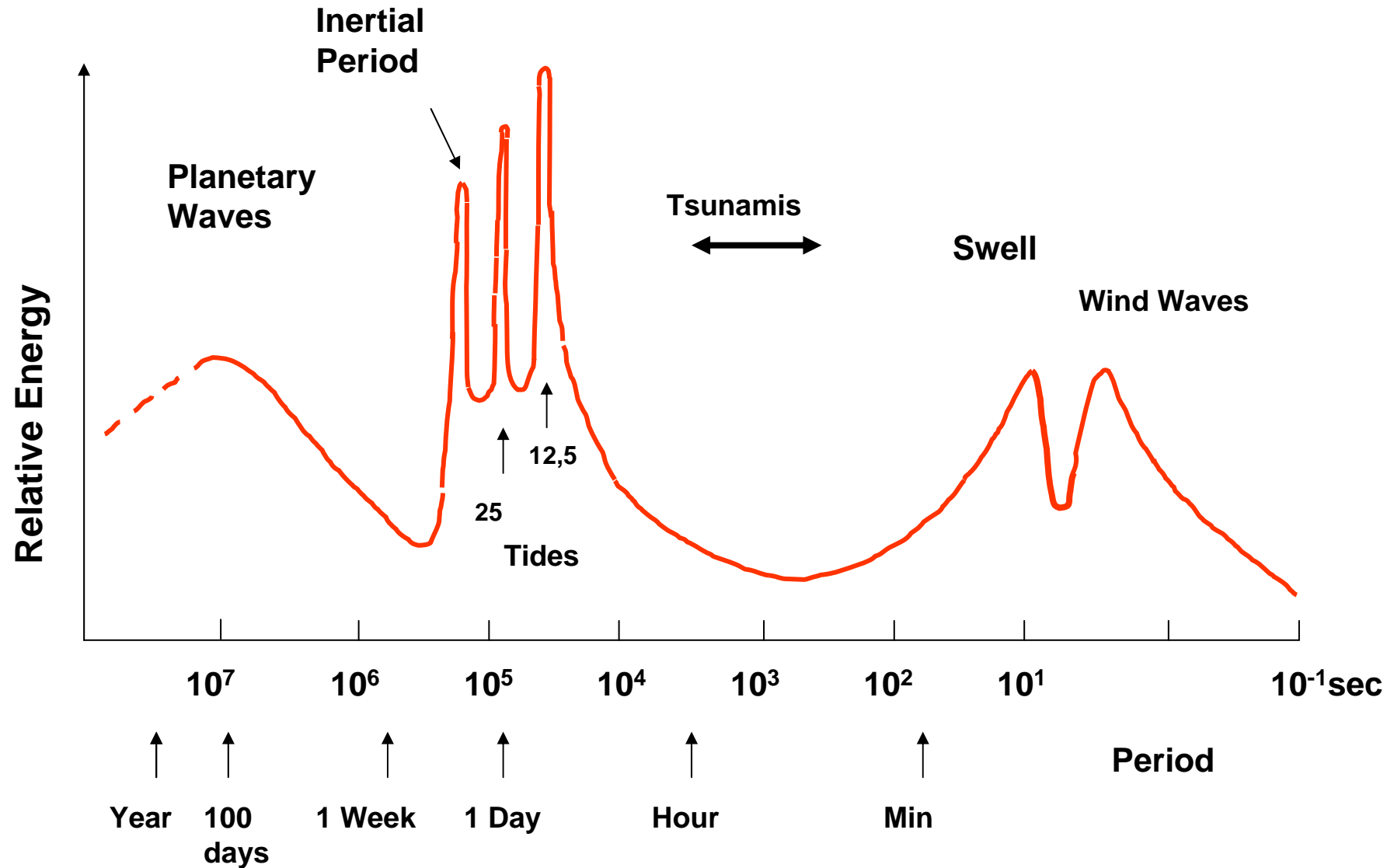


# GPS Tsunami Buoy: Waves

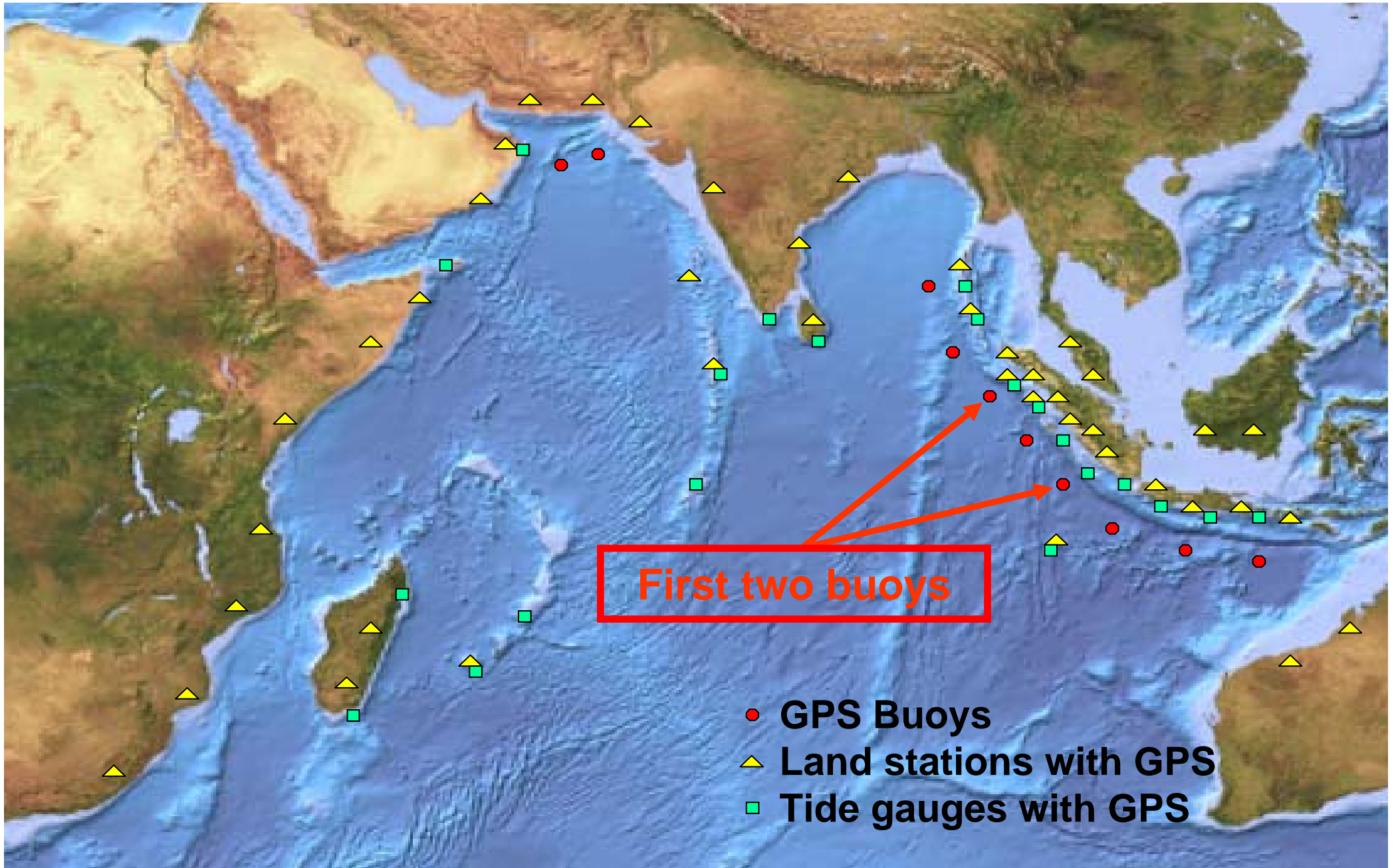
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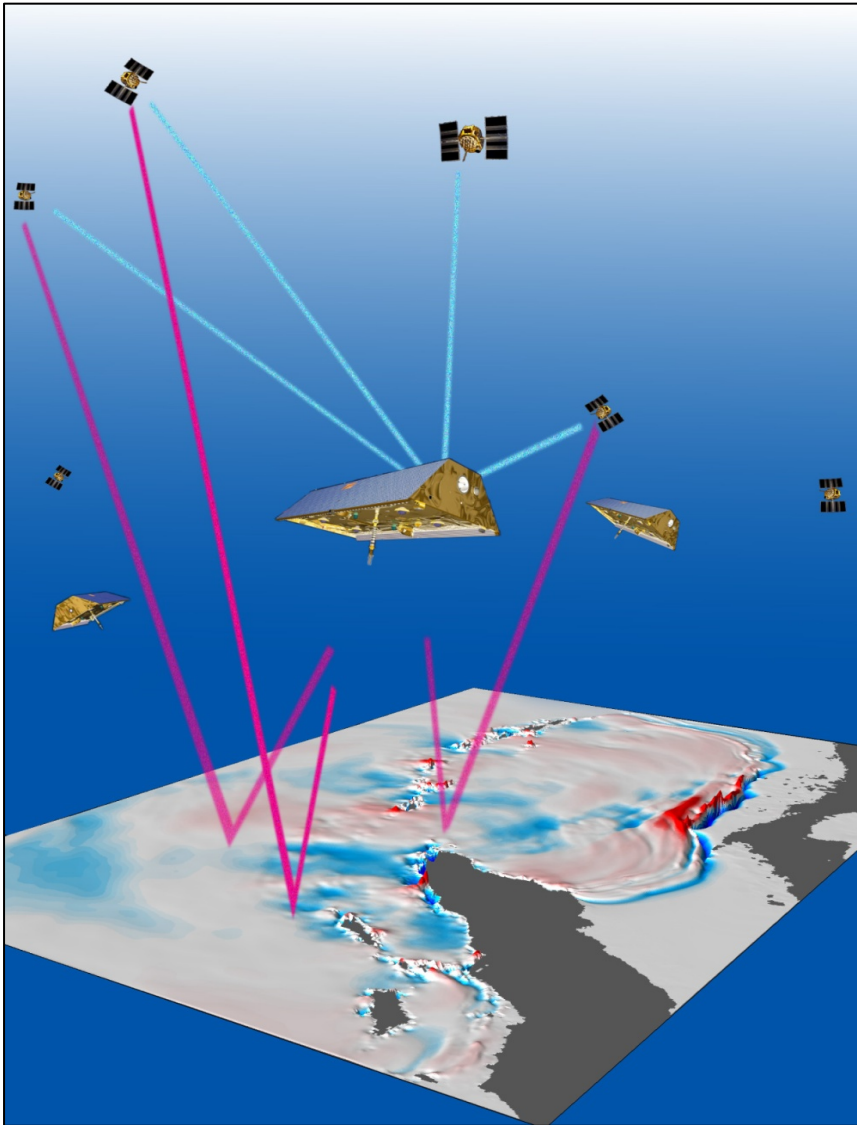
# GPS Buoys: Tsunami Detection by Filtering



# GPS Buoys and Other Instrumentation



# Space-Based GPS Reflectometry



## GPS ALTIMETRY

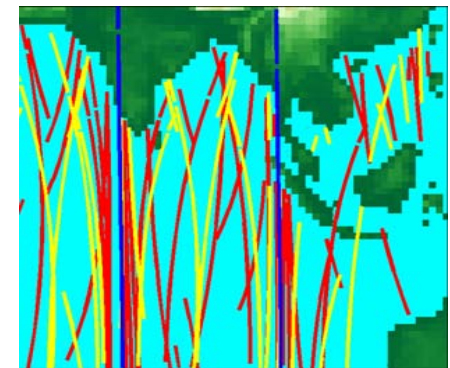
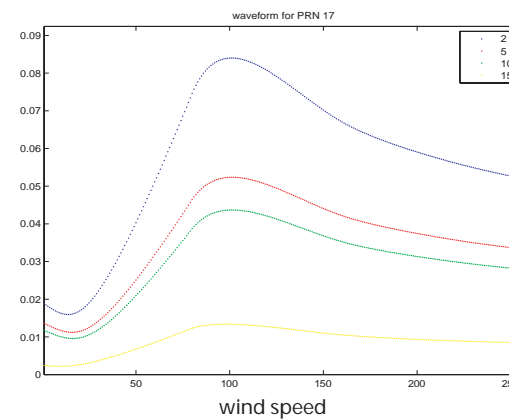
### GORS SPACE RECEIVER DEVELOPMENT



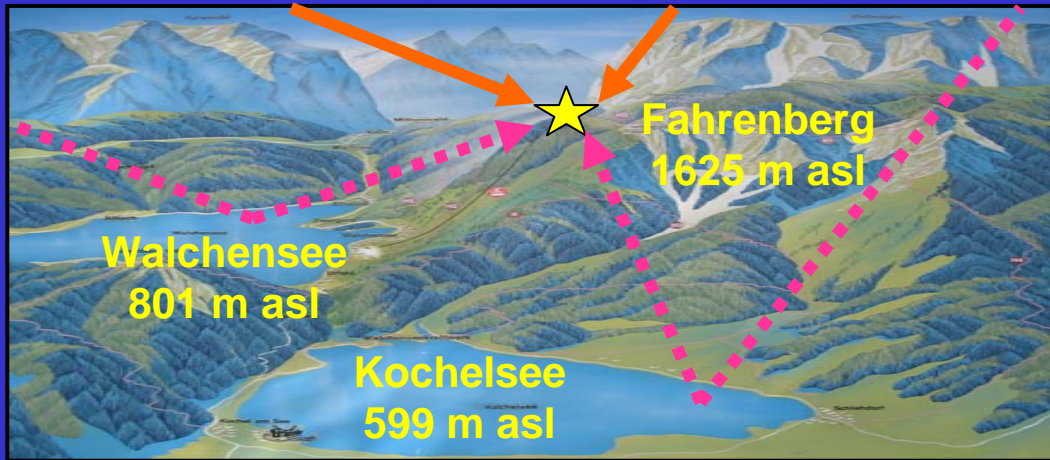
with  
**JAVAD**

### GPS SIGNAL SIMULATION & MISSION DESIGN STUDY

**IEEC**  
**ICE**



# First Tests: GPS Reflectometry on the Ground



## Instrument:

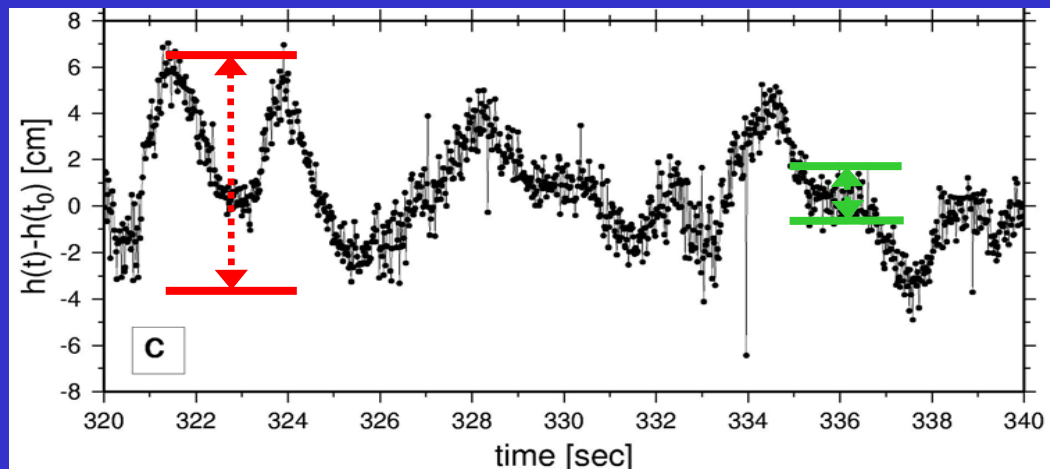
Reflectometry GPS receiver designed and developed by GFZ

## Measurement technique:

Interference between the reflected and the direct GPS signal

## Result:

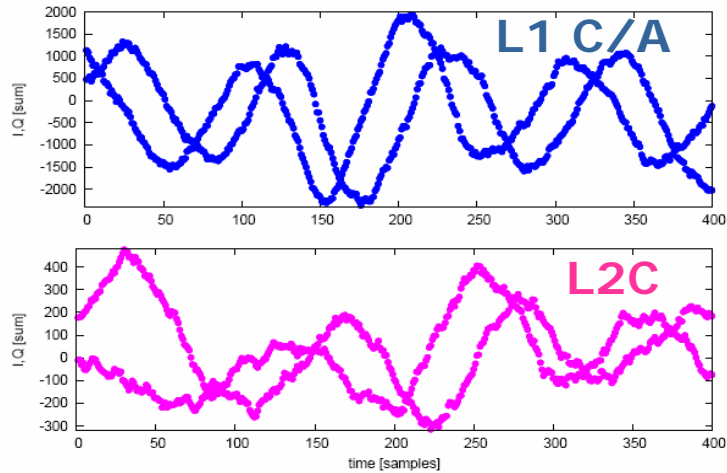
Relative height change with centimeter accuracy



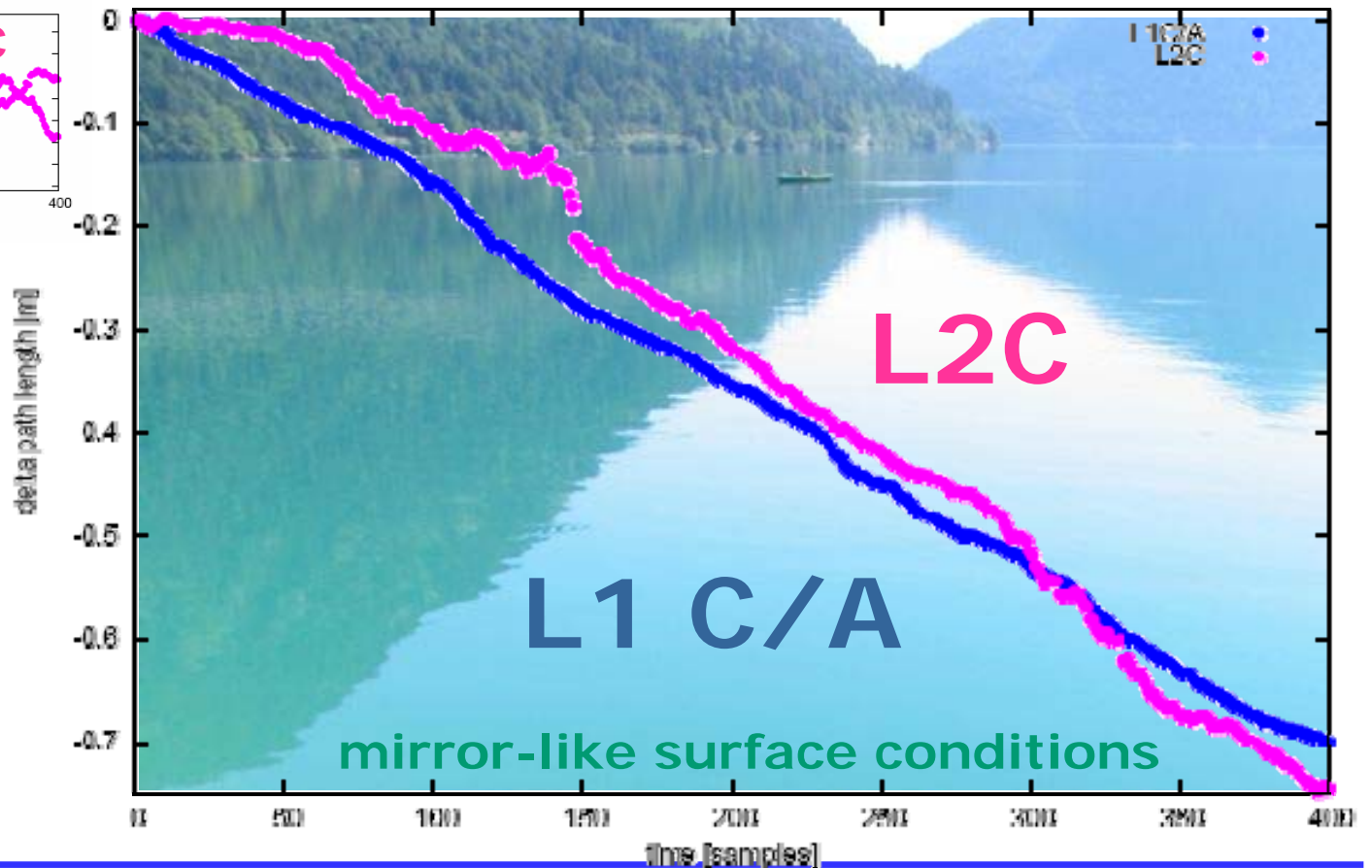
**Wave amplitude  
up to 10 cm**

**Precision  
approx. 2 cm**

# First L1 C/A and L2C Reflections at Lake Walchen



Path difference  
between direct and reflected GPS signal





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# Summary and Conclusions

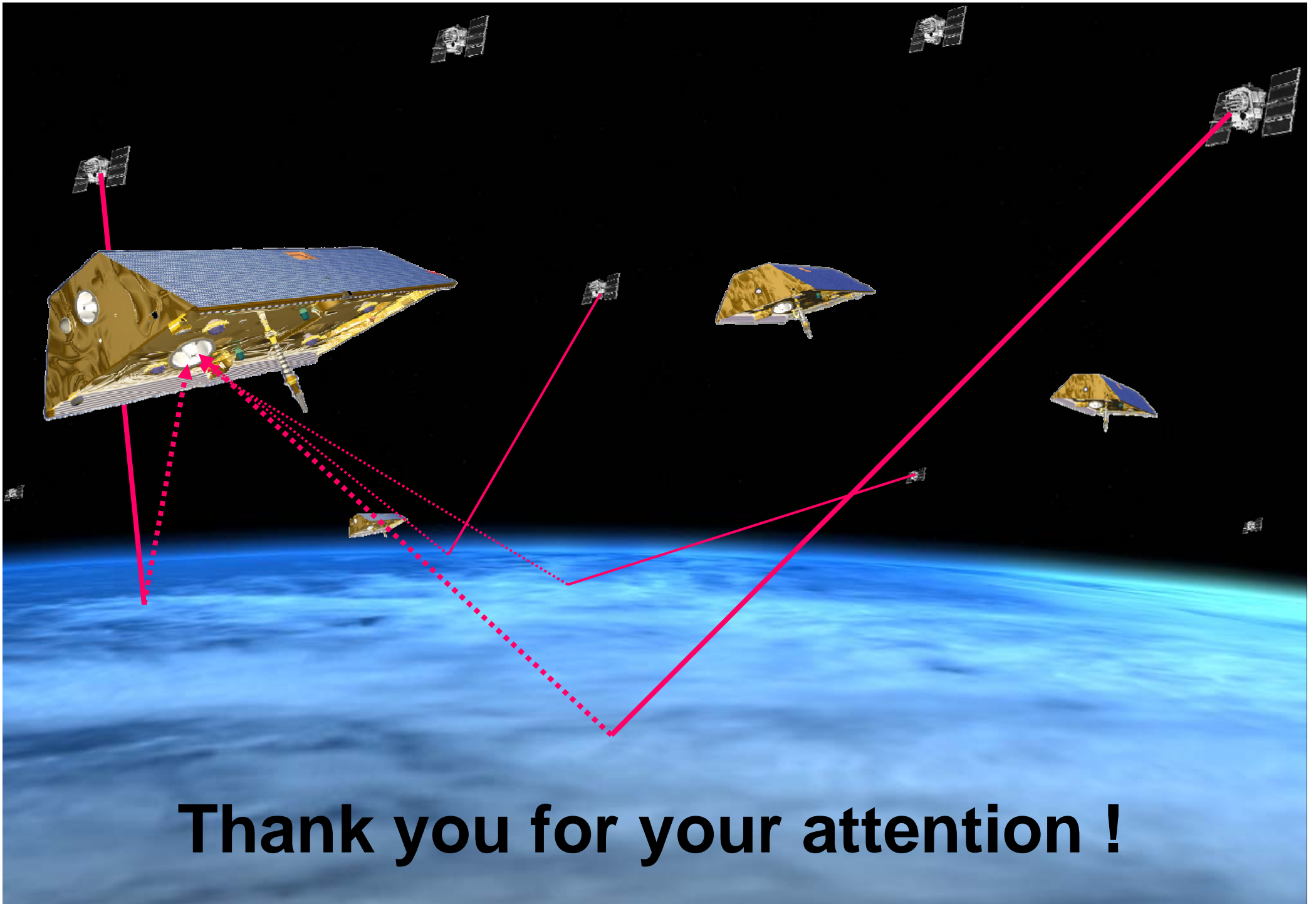
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## Geodesy's contributions to TEWS:

- High-precision and stable global reference frame (all space techniques)
- Detection of displacements with GPS for determination of Earthquake model parameters (e.g., "GPS shield")
- GPS seismology: measuring the motion during the Earthquake, integration with seismometers (→ co-location of instruments)
- Tide gauges with GPS to distinguish between motion of land and sea
- GPS buoys to measure the tsunami wave independently of OBP unit
- Future: satellite constellation with GNSS reflectometry and scatterometry, global multi-hazard monitoring/warning system

## Requirements:

- Real-time (RT) capabilities (incl. communication) and system reliability
- Earthquake-prone areas: a backbone of globally distributed RT GPS station is needed (→ IGS/GGOS)
- RT GPS clocks and orbits would enable Precise Point Positioning (PPP) at stations with limited bandwidth (→ IGS/GGOS)



**Thank you for your attention !**