

GNSS processing at DSO: recent activity and current status



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Introduction

Dionysos Satellite Observatory and Higher Geodesy Laboratory of National Technical University of Athens have developed an automated processing scheme to accommodate the daily analysis of all available continuous GNSS stations in Greece. This daily analysis process has been implemented for the last three years, yielding results which help us further understand the complicated tectonic setting of Greece.

In the last few months, within the SEISMO project([1]), this processing platform has been re-designed and upgraded to include more GNSS stations, new processing capabilities, automated archiving and publishing of results and products.

Currently, we have focused our efforts in reprocessing all the available GNSS data up to date, via Bernese GNSS Software v5.2[3].

In this study we present the final scheme of this platform, that includes data archiving, routine processing and dissemination of results and products.

Our goals for the near future include contributing to EUREF and expanding our research activities and capabilities.

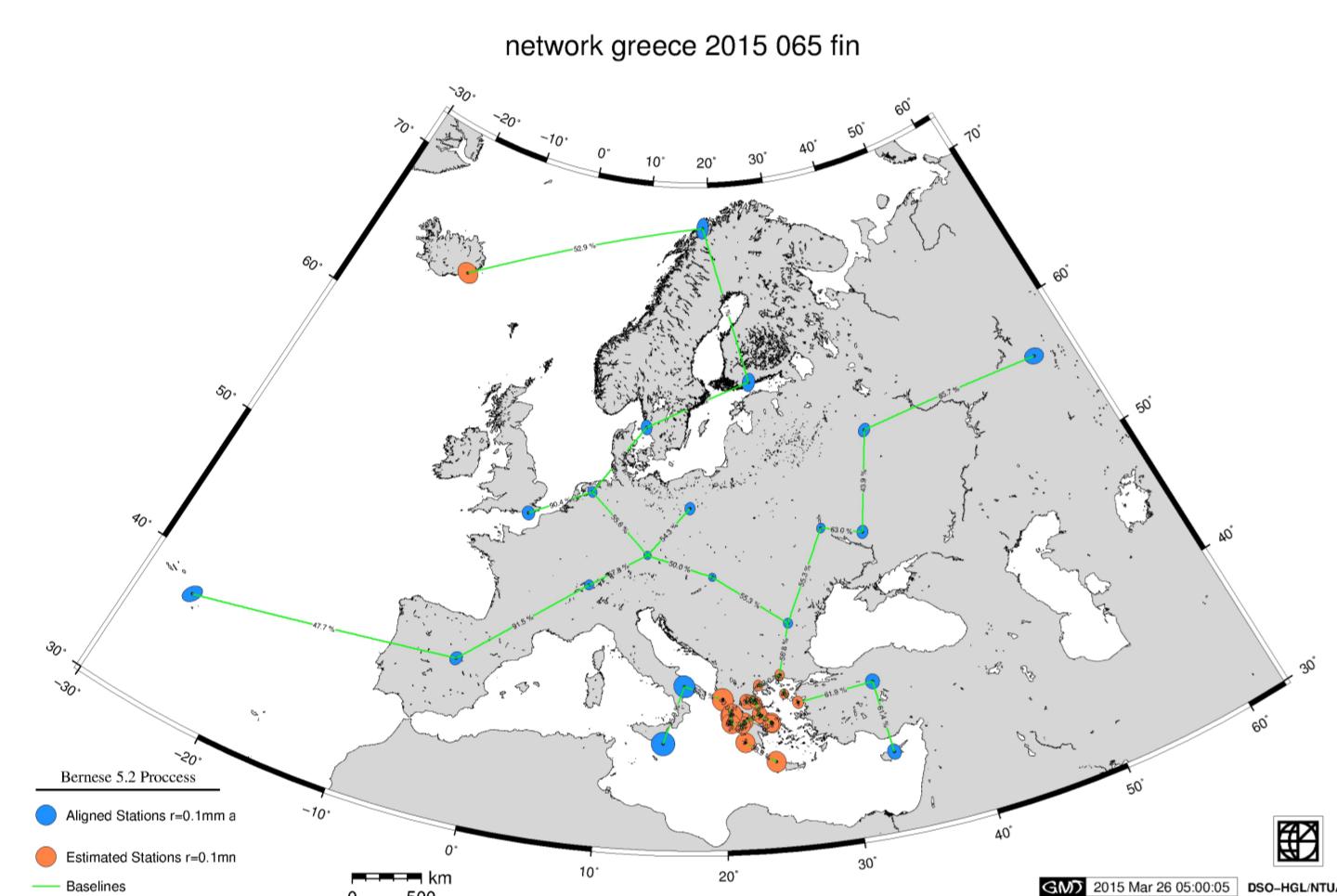


Figure 1: Processed stations and baselines for a typical run of the processing scheme.

Data

In our daily processing scheme, we incorporate all GPS/GNSS stations placed in Greece, for which the data are made available. These stations, are established and maintained by various institutions thus varying in quality, spatial distribution, hardware and data acquisition methods and rates.

At the moment, we analyze data from over 150 stations in Greece, divided in 4 subnetworks (Figure 2). This accounts for a more homogenous spatial distribution and computational efficiency.

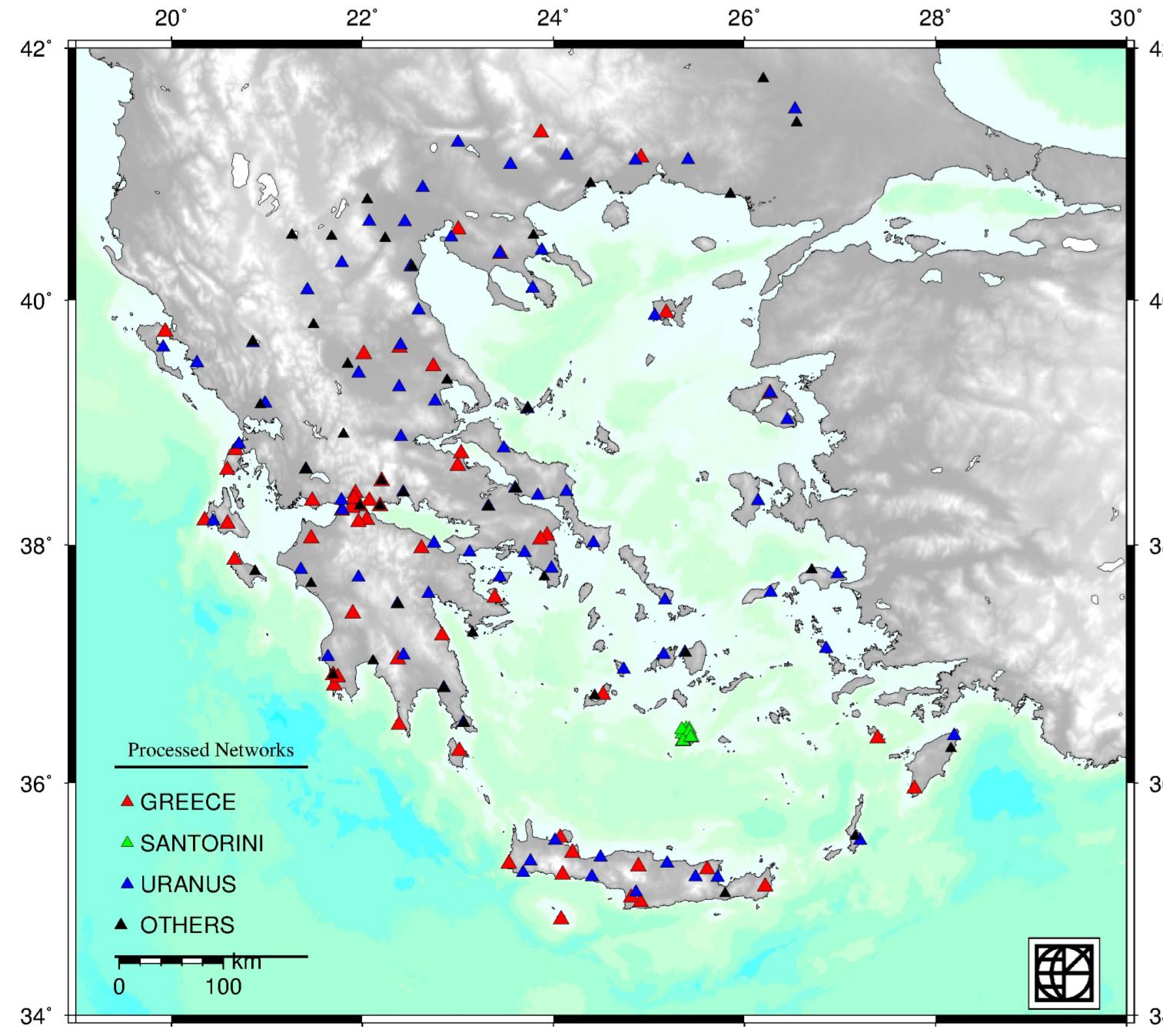


Figure 2: cGNSS stations processed at DSO.

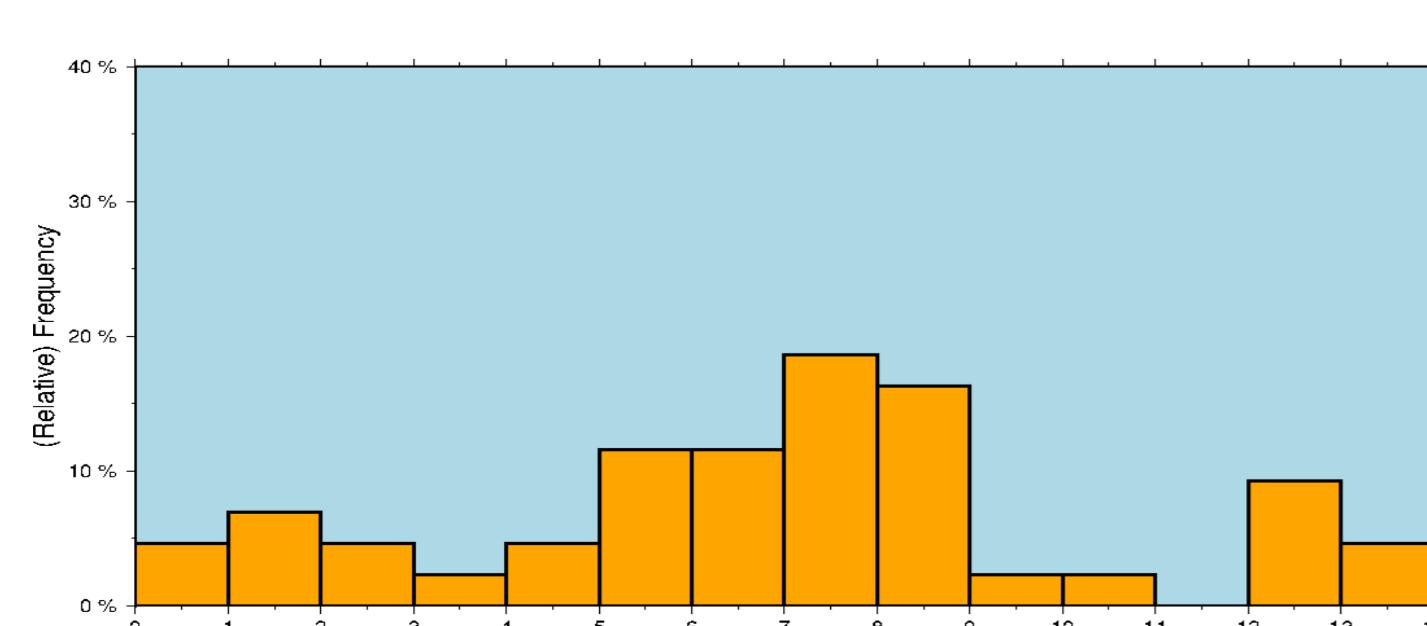


Figure 3: Data-span histogram for network GREECE.

Processing & Analysis

The processing routine (Figure 4) starts a few hours after the end of day (typically at 3 am). All available data are collected and quality checks are performed. The required products are retrieved from CODE Analysis Center [2]. All networks are processed sequentially, using the Bernese GNSS Software Version 5.2 [3], in baseline mode, using a double-difference approach. In a last step, the networks are aligned to IGB08 [4].

The processing of each network is performed twice for each day; first using ultra-rapid/rapid products and then, with a time lag of approximately 20 days, using final products. Coordinate estimates are inserted in respective time-series files, which are then processed to estimate tectonic velocities, offsets and annual and semi-annual harmonic coefficients (see Figure 7).

Specialities in each network are introduced; *Santorini* network is aligned to IGB08 implicitly, using a subnetwork of *Greece's* stations, while for the *Uranus* network we process both GPS and GLONASS observations.

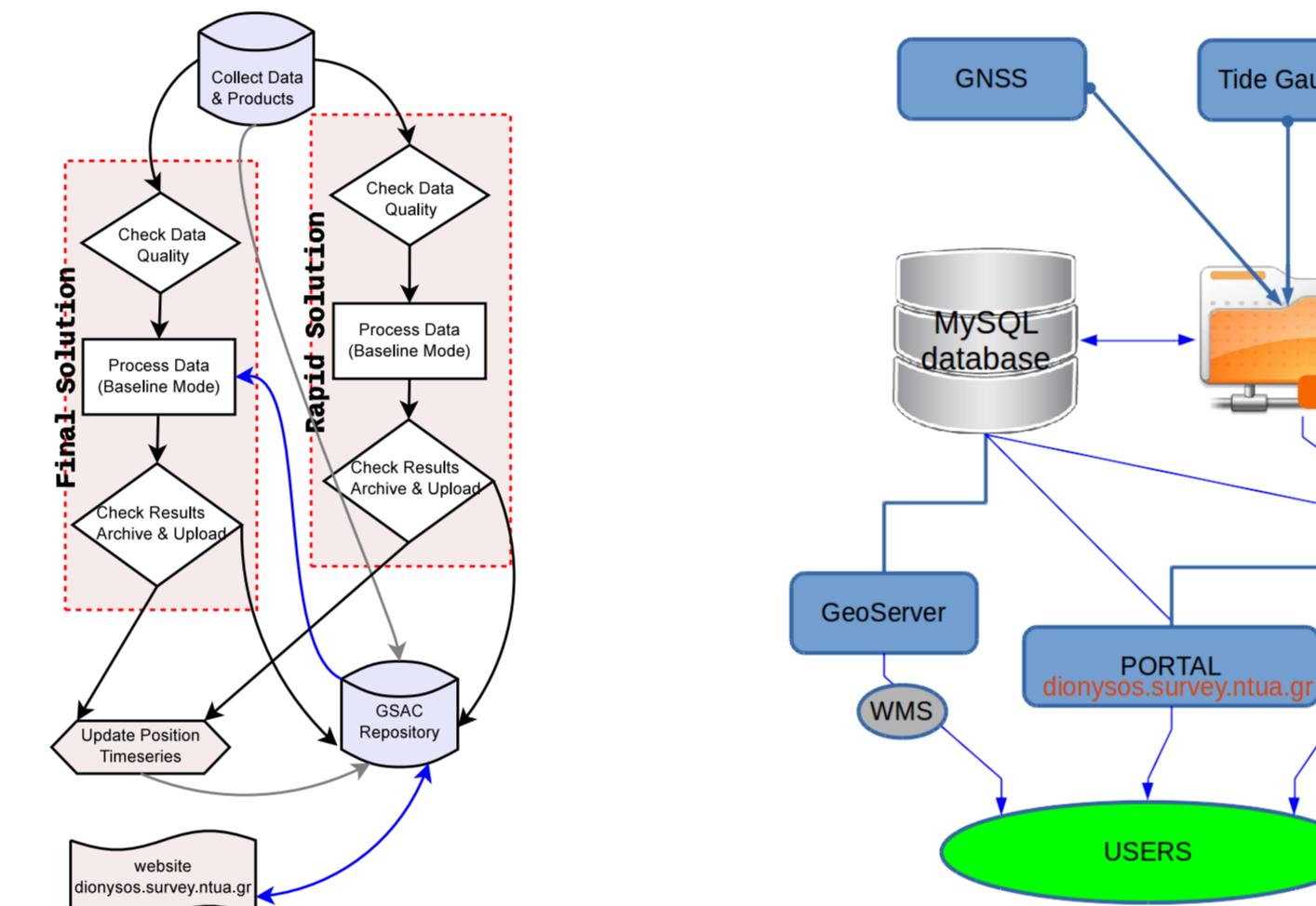


Figure 4: Processing scheme.

Results, Products & Dissemination

Results of the processing include:

- Coordinate estimates and time-series files,
- SINEX and Normal Equation files,
- Tropospheric Sinex and Ionospheric TEC Maps (Figure 6),
- Tectonic velocities, offsets and annual and semi-annual harmonic coefficients

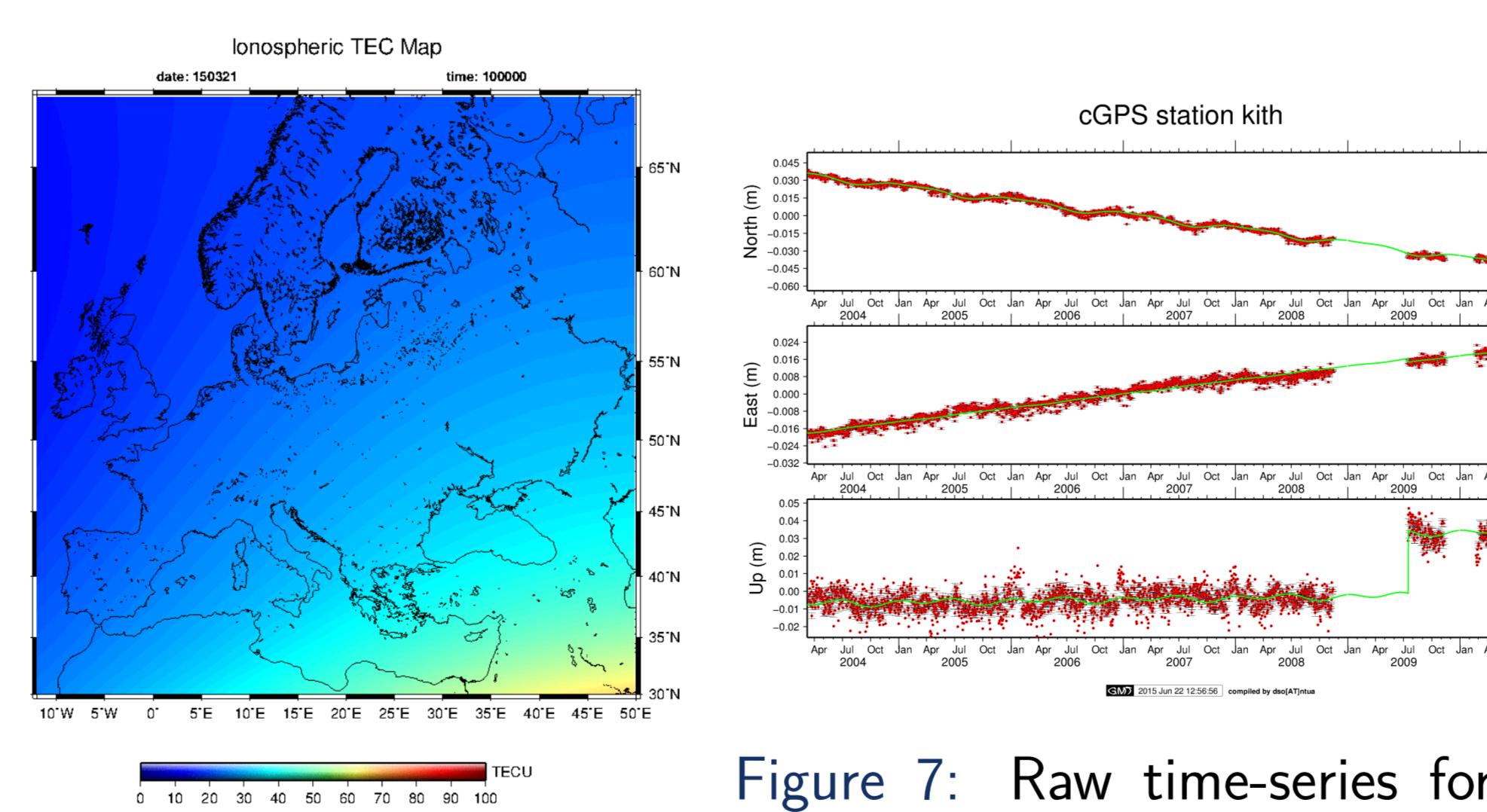


Figure 6: Snapshot of an ionospheric TEC map and raw time-series for GPS station kith; the fitted model is depicted in green.

Some of the results are already accessible via our website, while others will soon be publicly available via NTUA's GSAC [5] repository (http://dionysos.survey.ntua.gr/dsoportal_datacenter/gsacrepo.html).

Note that each site has a dedicated webpage, depicting its time-series analysis information; additionally, phenomena of special interest are analyzed with minimum latency, and results are published on the web.

Conclusion

The routine analysis of these stations has already provided crucial insight on various abrupt geophysical events in the recent past (e.g. [6]), but also for the long time period monitoring of such a tectonically active region such as Greece. We hope that in the near future, it will evolve into a node of knowledge and research, both for the scientific community and the public.

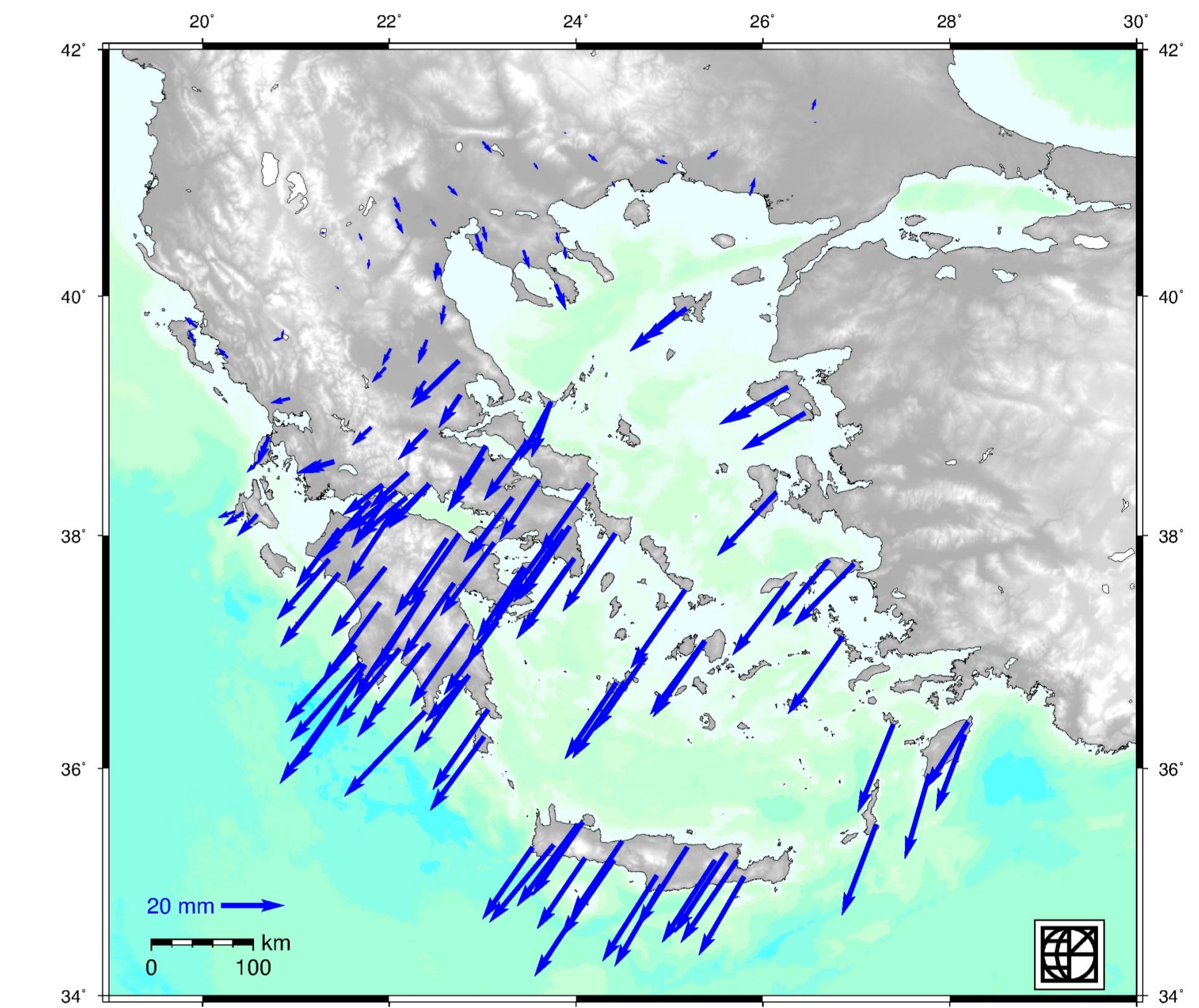


Figure 8: Tectonic velocities of all processed GNSS stations wrt fixed Europe.

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