

Workbook 3

GNSS Standard Point Positioning (SPP)



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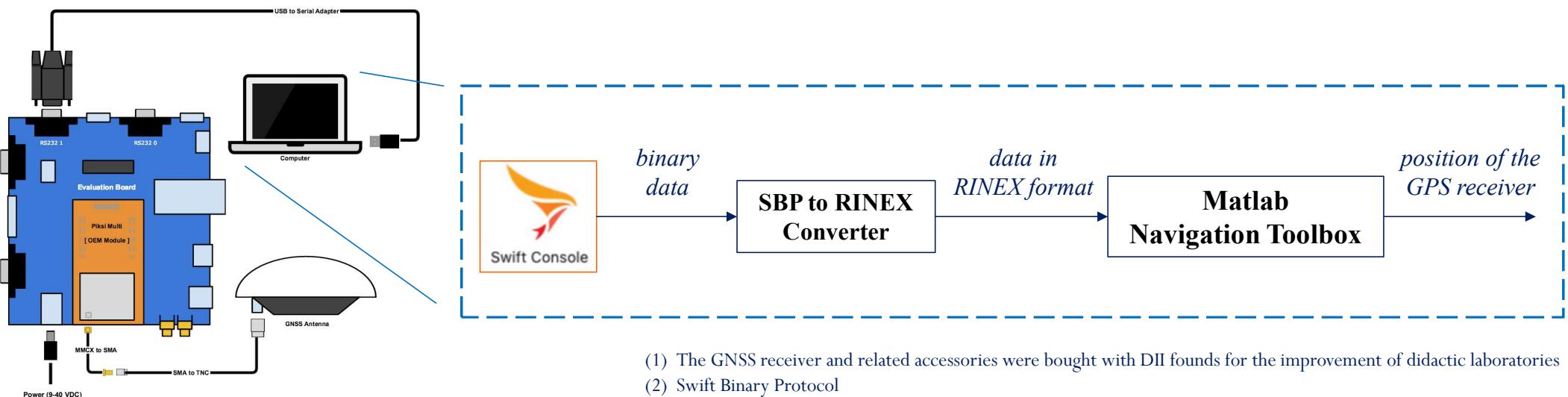
Laboratory experience overview

➤ Main objective

- ✓ compute the position of the receiver using pseudorange measurements and satellite broadcast and precise ephemeris.

➤ Instrumentation and software

- ✓ professional GNSS receiver⁽¹⁾ by Swift Navigation: Piksi Multi GNSS Module (<https://www.swiftnav.com/piksi-multi>)
- ✓ Swift Console for data recording and visualization
- ✓ SBP⁽²⁾ to RINEX Converter for conversion of binary data to data in RINEX format
- ✓ Matlab (R2022b or later) with Navigation Toolbox for computing the position of the GPS receiver (SPP)



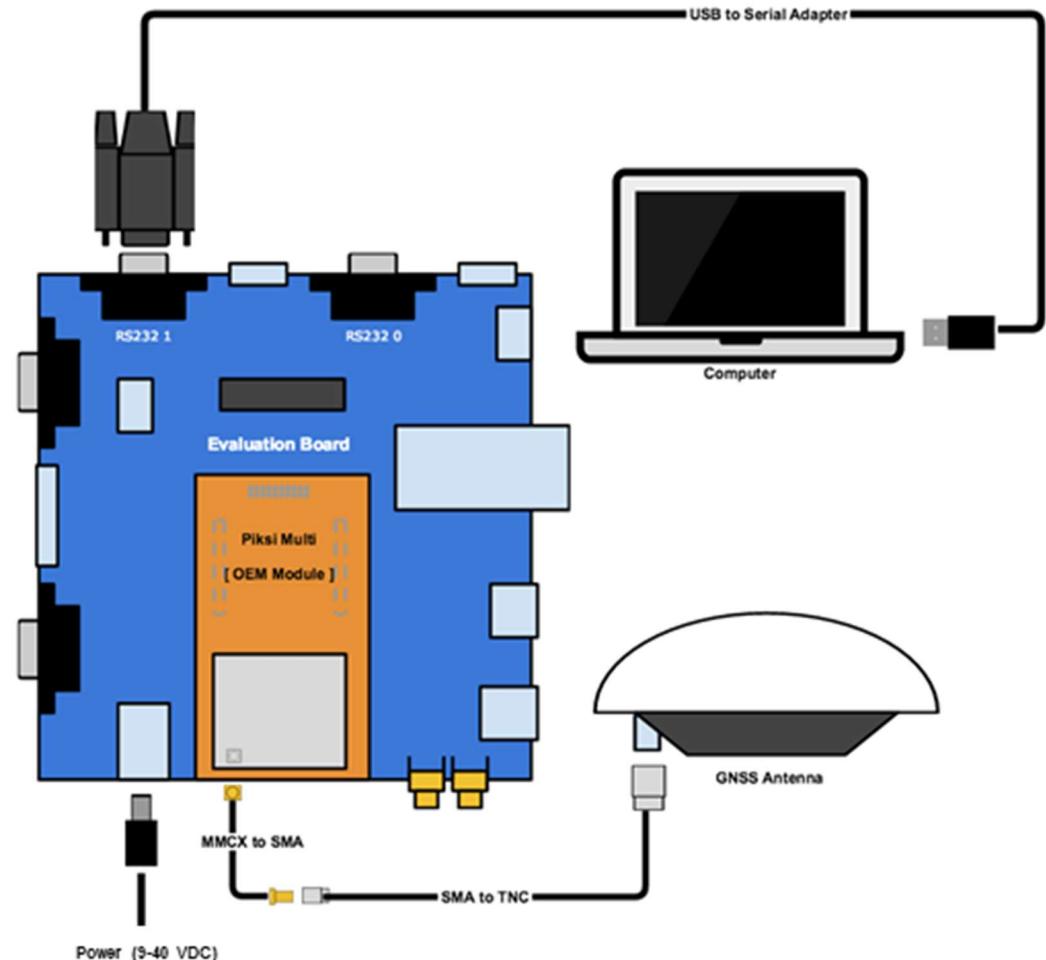
GNSS receiver main features

➤ Piksi Multi GNSS receiver

- ✓ Multi-Frequency, Multi-Constellation, Centimeter-Accurate GNSS
- ✓ supports GPS L1/L2, GLONASS G1/G2, BeiDou B1/B2, Galileo E1/E5b and SBAS
- ✓ product summary:
https://www.swiftnav.com/sites/default/files/piksi_multi_product_summary.pdf

➤ Swift Console

- ✓ data recording and visualization
- ✓ Observation and navigation data saved in Swift Binary Protocol (SBP) format ⇒ conversion to RINEX format

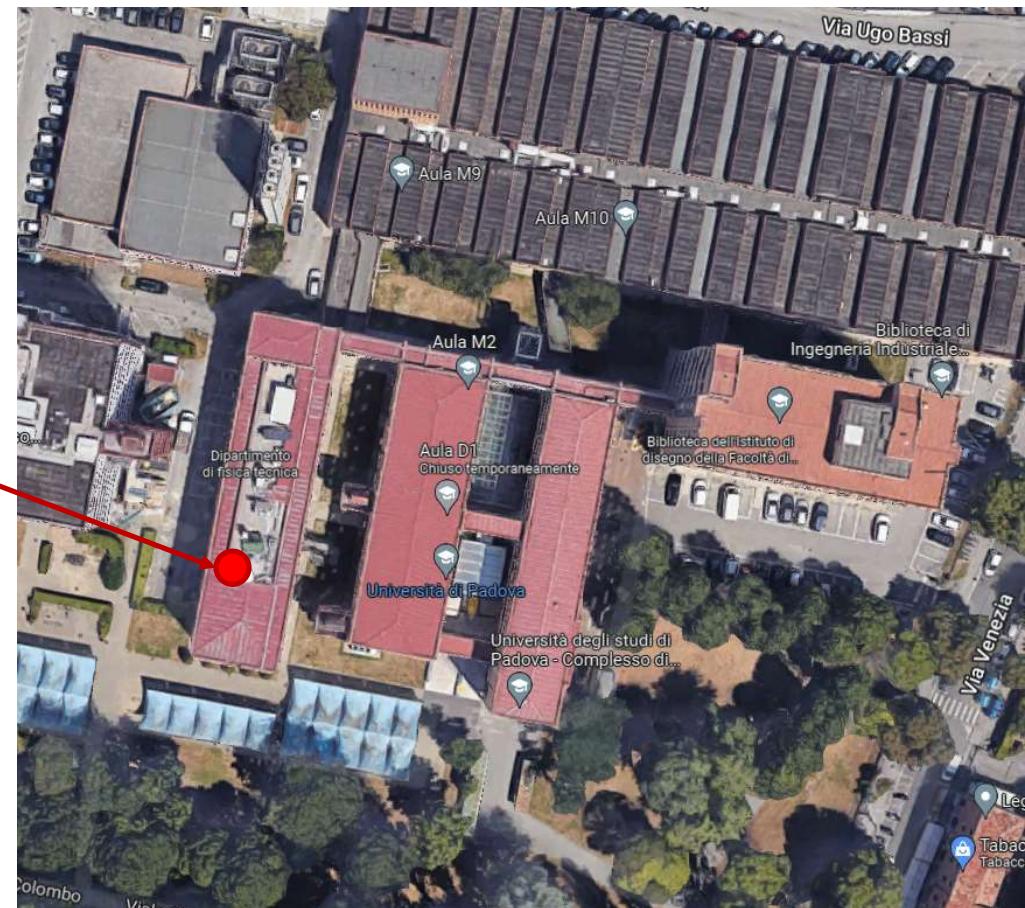




Data Acquisition

➤ Data acquisition:

- ✓ Date: 6/12/2022
- ✓ Time: from 11:45:22 to 12:01:40 (GPS time)
- ✓ Location: roof of “Fisica Tecnica” building (DII, via Venezia 1, Padova)
- ✓ Fiducial receiver position computed with RTKLIB (SPP):
 - latitude = 45.41085340 deg
 - longitude = 11.89170949 deg
 - altitude = 70.041 m



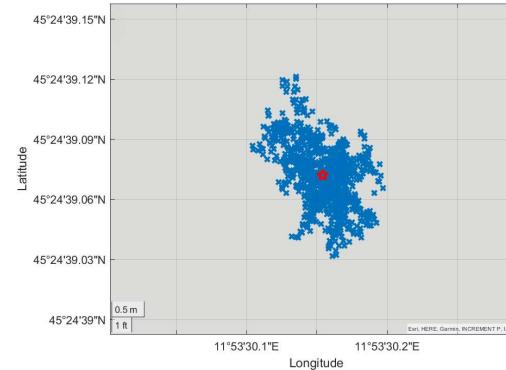
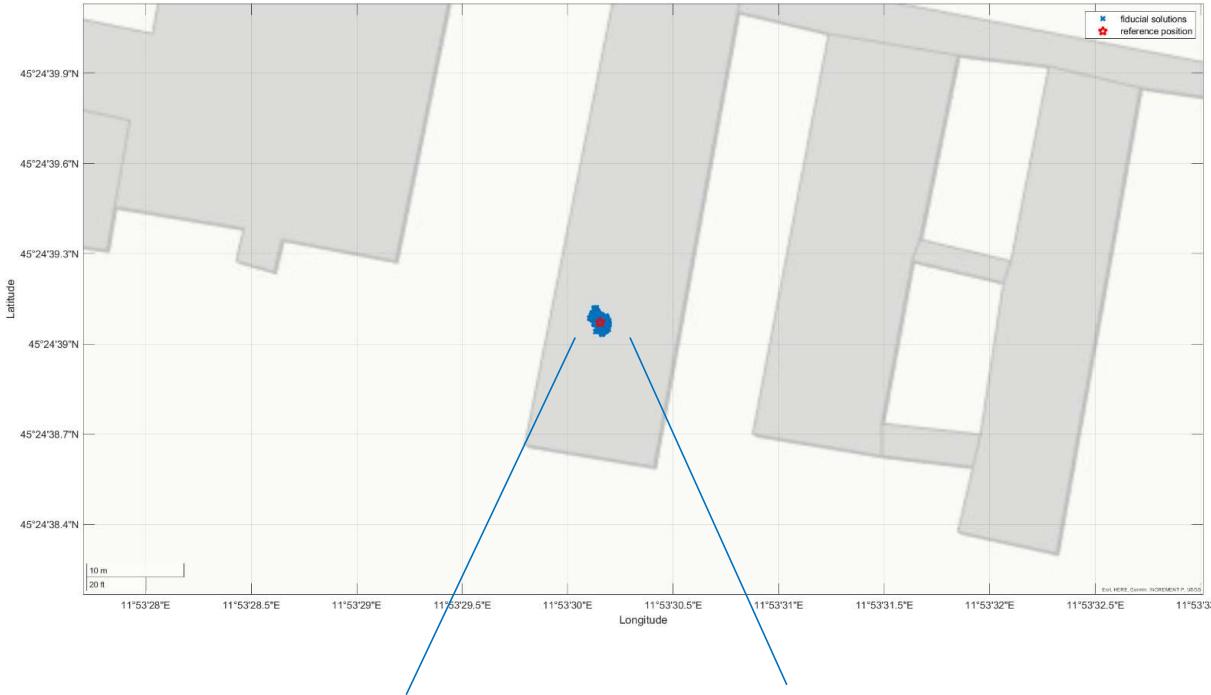
Laboratory experience main objectives and tools

➤ Main Objectives:

1. display the fiducial receiver position computed with RTKLIB⁽³⁾ (SPP) on a map; the RTKLIB uses the code pseudorange measurements of all the constellations (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo and BeiDou)
2. Covariance analysis to compute the uncertainty ellipse for the fiducial position estimations
3. Skyplot and GNSS performance metrics
4. Analysis of error sources effects

➤ Software and tools:

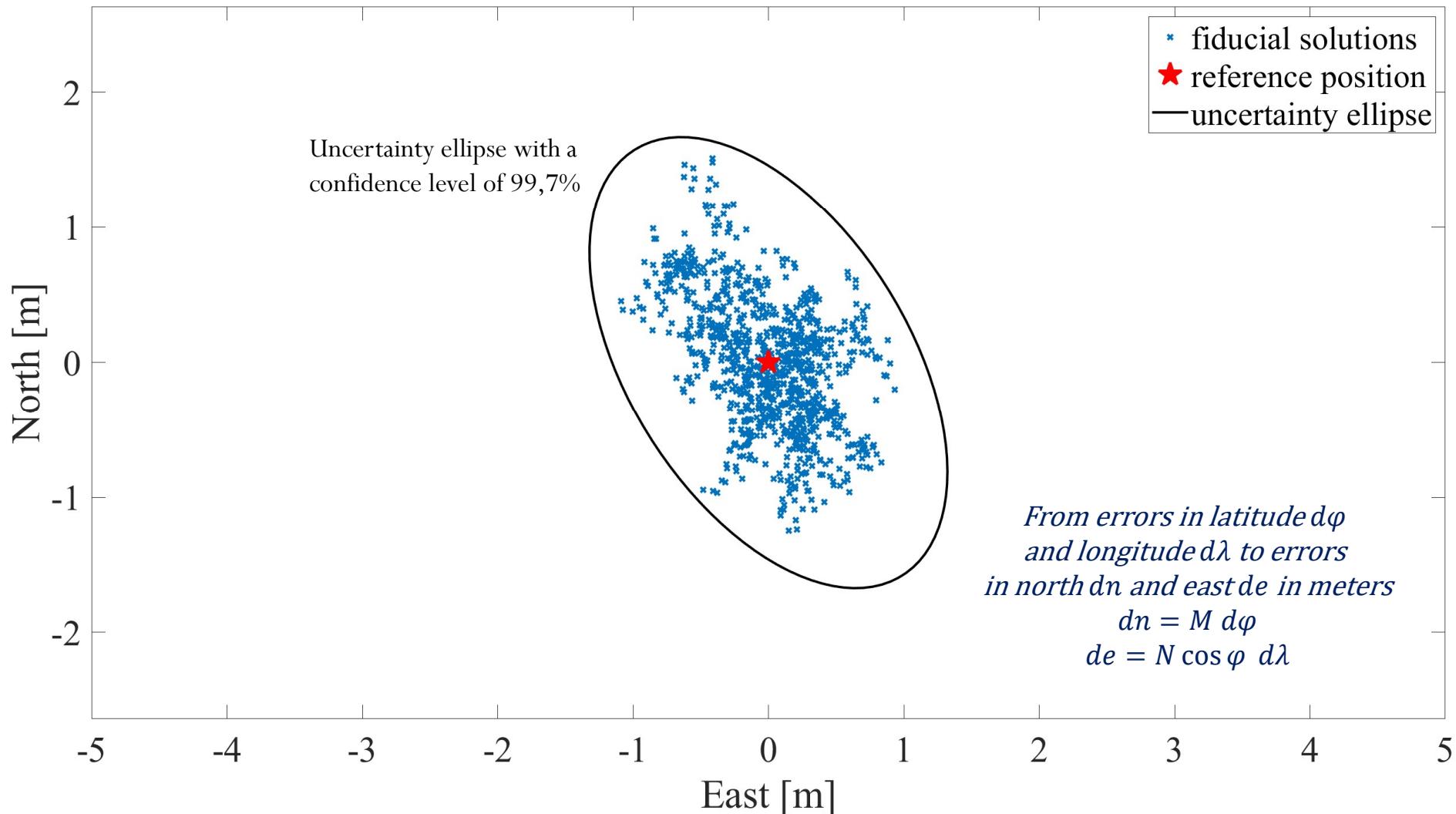
- ✓ RTKLIB used to parse the complete acquired data and compute the fiducial position of the receiver (SPP)
- ✓ Matlab with Aerospace Toolbox and Navigation Toolbox specific functions



(3) <https://www.rtklib.com/>



Uncertainty ellipse



Skyplot

➤ Objectives:

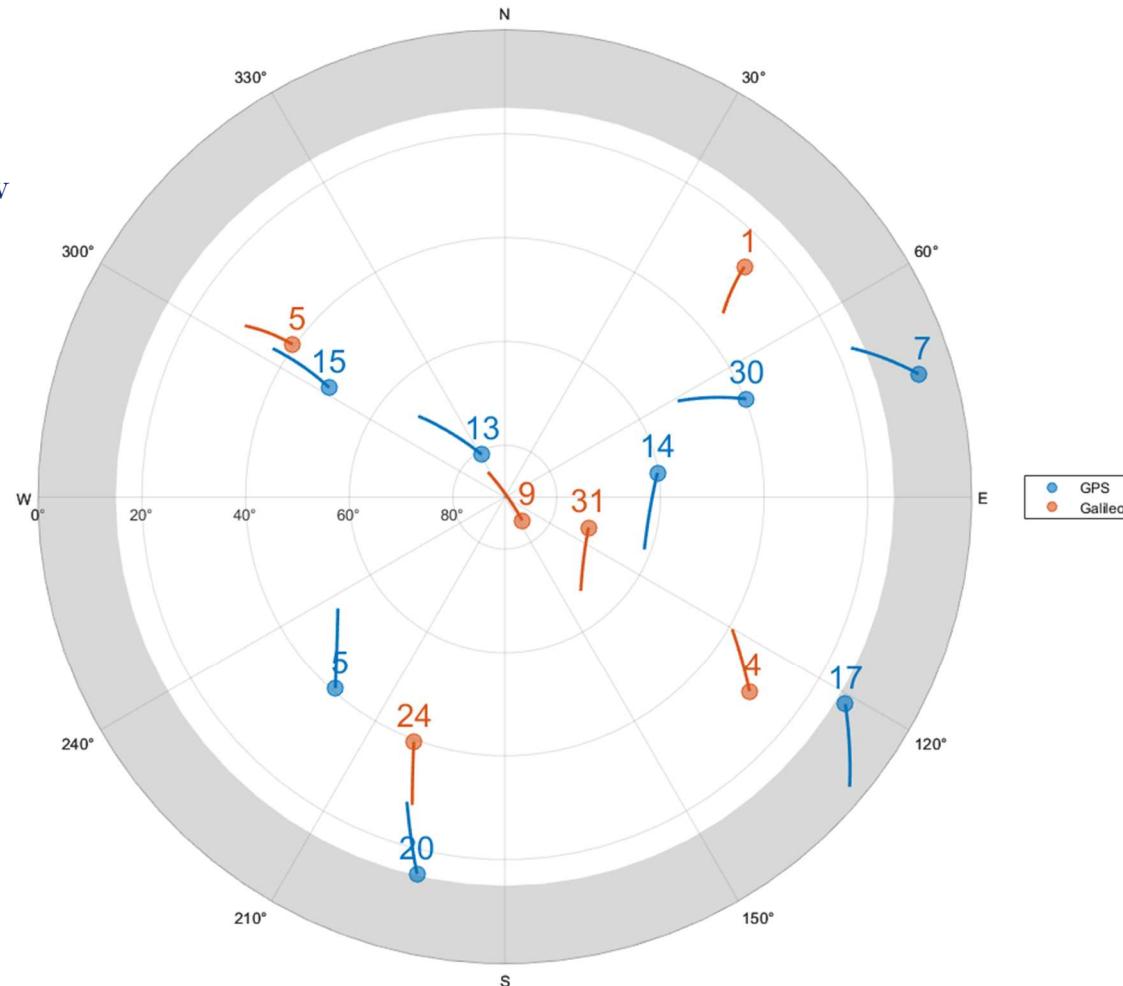
- ✓ read observation and navigation data in RINEX format
- ✓ display the skyplot for the GPS and Galileo satellites in view

➤ Software and tools:

- ✓ RTKLIB used to parse the complete acquired data and compute the fiducial position of the receiver (SPP)
- ✓ Matlab with the Navigation Toolbox:
`rinexread, lookangles, skyplot`

➤ Skyplot of GPS and Galileo satellites in view

- ✓ from 11:45:22 (GPS time) for 30 minutes
- ✓ masking angle: 15 deg
- ✓ 8 GPS satellites, 6 Galileo satellites





Observation data in RINEX format

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1 3.04          OBSERVATION DATA   M: Mixed      RINEX VERSION / TYPE
2 sbp2rinex v2.3 (RTKL)        20221206 123528 UTC PGM / RUN BY / DATE
3 format: Swift Navigation SBP-JSON, option:           COMMENT
4 log: swift-gnss-20221206-124503.sbp.json           COMMENT
5                                         OBSERVER / AGENCY
6                                         REC # / TYPE / VERS
7                                         ANT # / TYPE
8 4388984.1634 924238.9471 4519578.2828          APPROX POSITION XYZ
9 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000          ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N
10 G 8 C1C L1C D1C S1C C2S L2S D2S S2S          SYS / # / OBS TYPES
11 R 8 C1C L1C D1C S1C C2C L2C D2C S2C          SYS / # / OBS TYPES
12 E 8 C1B L1B D1B S1B C7I L7I D7I S7I          SYS / # / OBS TYPES
13 C 8 C2I L2I D2I S2I C7I L7I D7I S7I          SYS / # / OBS TYPES
14 2022 12 06 11 45 22.00000000 GPS             TIME OF FIRST OBS
15 2022 12 06 12 01 40.00000000 GPS             TIME OF LAST OBS
16 G L1C          SYS / PHASE SHIFT
17 G L2S 0.00000
18 R L1C
19 R L2C
20 E L1B
21 E L7I
22 C L2I
23 C L7I          SYS / PHASE SHIFT
24 6 R01 1 R02 -4 R03 5 R11 0 R12 -1 R13 -2          GLONASS SLOT / FRQ #
25 C1C 0.000 C1P 0.000 C2C 0.000 C2P 0.000          GLONASS COD/PHS/BIS
26
27 > 2022 12 06 11 45 22.0000000 0 23 0.000000000000 END OF HEADER
28 G13 20547689.680 107978834.387 1564.031 53.500
29 G30 21160484.820 111199096.051 -1638.336 53.000 21160486.660

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Constellation identifier:

- ✓ G: GPS
- ✓ R: GLONAS
- ✓ E: GALILEO
- ✓ C: BEIDOU

t :observation type	C = pseudorange,	L = carrier phase,	D = doppler,	S = signal strength
n :band / frequency	1, 2, ..., 9			
a : attribute	tracking mode or channel, e.g., I , Q , etc			



Observation data in RINEX format

GNSS System	Freq. Band /Frequency	Channel or Code	Observation Codes			
			Pseudo Range	Carrier Phase	Doppler	Signal Strength
GPS	L1/1575.42	C/A	C1C	L1C	D1C	S1C
		L1C(D)	C1S	L1S	D1S	S1S
		L1C(P)	C1L	L1L	D1L	S1L
		L1C(D+P)	C1X	L1X	D1X	S1X
		P (AS off)	C1P	L1P	D1P	S1P
		Z-tracking and similar (AS on)	C1W	L1W	D1W	S1W
		Y	C1Y	L1Y	D1Y	S1Y
		M	C1M	L1M	D1M	S1M
		codeless		L1N	D1N	S1N
		C/A	C2C	L2C	D2C	S2C
	L2/1227.60	L1(C/A)+(P2-P1) (semi-codeless)	C2D	L2D	D2D	S2D
		L2C(M)	C2S	L2S	D2S	S2S
		L2C(L)	C2L	L2L	D2L	S2L
		L2C(M+L)	C2X	L2X	D2X	S2X
		P (AS off)	C2P	L2P	D2P	S2P
		Z-tracking and similar (AS on)	C2W	L2W	D2W	S2W
		Y	C2Y	L2Y	D2Y	S2Y
		M	C2M	L2M	D2M	S2M
	L5/1176.45	codeless		L2N	D2N	S2N
		I	C5I	L5I	D5I	S5I
		Q	C5Q	L5Q	D5Q	S5Q
		I+Q	C5X	L5X	D5X	S5X

GNSS System	Freq. Band /Frequency	Channel or Code	Observation Codes			
			Pseudo Range	Carrier Phase	Doppler	Signal Strength
Galileo	E1 / 1575.42	A PRS	C1A	L1A	D1A	S1A
		B I/NAV OS/CS/SoL	C1B	L1B	D1B	S1B
		C no data	C1C	L1C	D1C	S1C
		B+C	C1X	L1X	D1X	S1X
		A+B+C	C1Z	L1Z	D1Z	S1Z
	E5a / 1176.45	I F/NAV OS	C5I	L5I	D5I	S5I
		Q no data	C5Q	L5Q	D5Q	S5Q
		I+Q	C5X	L5X	D5X	S5X
		I I/NAV OS/CS/SoL	C7I	L7I	D7I	S7I
		Q no data	C7Q	L7Q	D7Q	S7Q
	E5b / 1207.140	I+Q	C7X	L7X	D7X	S7X
		I	C8I	L8I	D8I	S8I
		Q	C8Q	L8Q	D8Q	S8Q
		I+Q	C8X	L8X	D8X	S8X
	E6 / 1278.75	A PRS	C6A	L6A	D6A	S6A
		B C/NAV CS	C6B	L6B	D6B	S6B
		C no data	C6C	L6C	D6C	S6C
		B+C	C6X	L6X	D6X	S6X
		A+B+C	C6Z	L6Z	D6Z	S6Z

- See the reference document for RINEX v 3.04 available at <https://files.igs.org/pub/data/format/rinex304.pdf>



Observation data in RINEX format

epoch (date and time)	number of satellites observed in current epoch	A DER
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G13 20547689.680	107978834.387	1564.031 53.500
G30 21160484.820	111199096.051	-1638.336 53.000 21160486.660 86648656.613 -1277.535 50.250
G05 21076687.280	110758746.348	-988.043 52.750 21076688.740 86305514.109 -769.500 49.250
G07 23480536.820	123391049.770	-2691.906 49.000 23480537.840 96148865.234 -2097.445 44.500
G15 22365355.480	117530731.3321	3061.910 49.000 22365356.880 91582411.4061 2385.984 44.750
G14 20999258.640	110351843.535	1056.121 51.250
G20 22121125.200	116247302.082	-3047.793 50.000
R02 19164129.800	102263509.164	149.855 57.500 19164135.080 79538279.191 116.734 53.000
R13 21047700.620	112393576.574	3324.789 45.750 21047705.200 87417224.848 2584.512 43.500
R12 19147430.540	102282172.258	-140.566 57.500 19147435.660 79552799.258 -108.340 53.250
R11 21917540.820	117120721.859	-3718.656 53.000 21917546.640 91093878.516 -2893.035 51.250
R01 21755379.300	116294980.414	-3578.578 49.250 21755388.680 90451674.035 -2783.359 47.000
R03 21475325.940	114959129.504	3517.676 51.250 21475334.380 89412658.418 2736.273 49.500
C37 24787029.760	129072569.941	2915.266 46.750
C07 38966890.300	202910826.723	73.230 44.000 38966889.000 156903511.586 57.039 44.750
C23 21904153.160	114060675.750	699.590 53.750
C25 22909530.340	119295939.250	-2110.156 51.750
C32 22066183.440	114904409.172	592.625 53.500
C10 38632282.440	201168418.230	474.586 43.250 38632285.040 155556184.320 366.527 48.000
E04 24811506.400	130385338.652	-1844.063 48.500 24811507.960 99905644.820 -1414.051 51.250
E09 23556414.140	123789789.488	551.559 51.250 23556416.080 94851910.641 422.758 51.750
E24 26859153.760	141145832.289	3093.977 41.250 26859157.620 108150694.121 2370.414 45.500
E31 23981624.220	126024298.344	1324.520 49.750 23981628.180 96564067.168 1015.828 51.750
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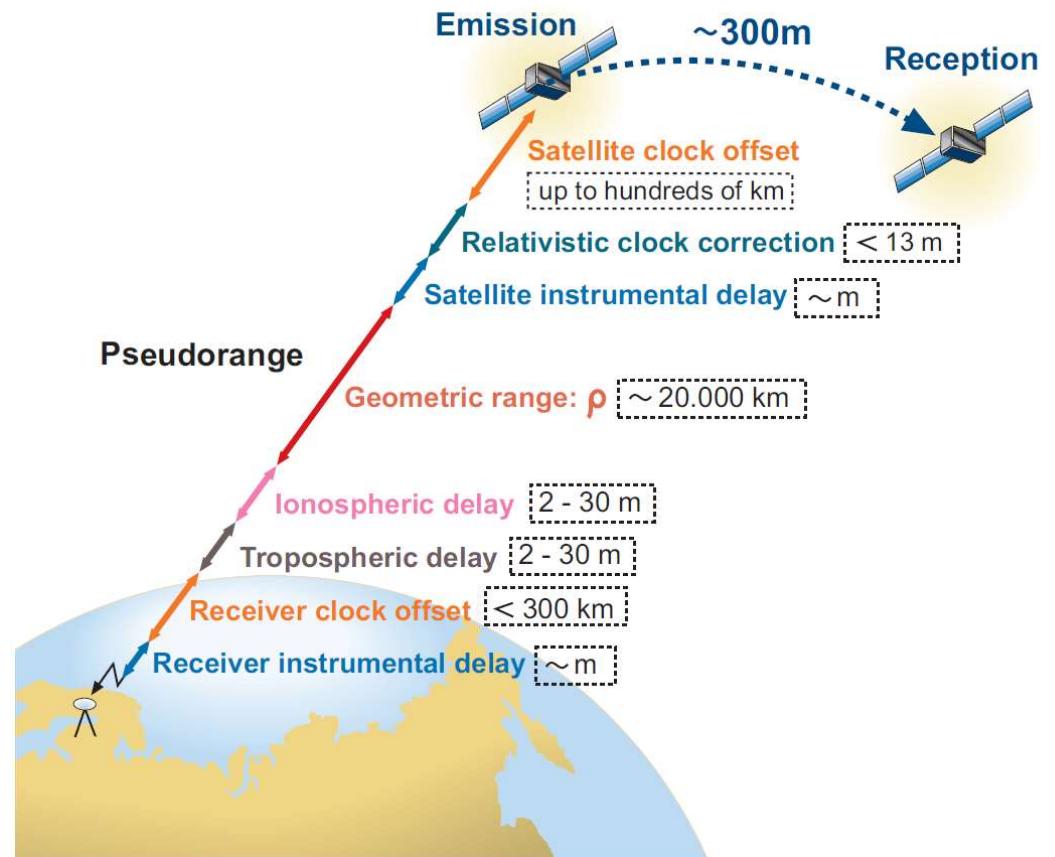
Analysis of error sources effects

➤ Objectives:

- ✓ Implement a Single Point Positioning (SPP) algorithm to estimate the GNSS receiver position, using code pseudorange measurements and considering only the GPS constellation
- ✓ compute Dilution Of Precision (DOP) parameters
- ✓ compare the implemented SPP solution with the fiducial SPP solution
- ✓ evaluate the effect of the following error sources:
 - “leap seconds”
 - satellite clock drift
 - satellite positions
 - relativistic effects
 - Segnac effect
 - ionospheric delay

➤ Software and tools:

- ✓ Matlab with the Aerospace and Navigation Toolboxes:
`rinexread`, `gnssconstellation`



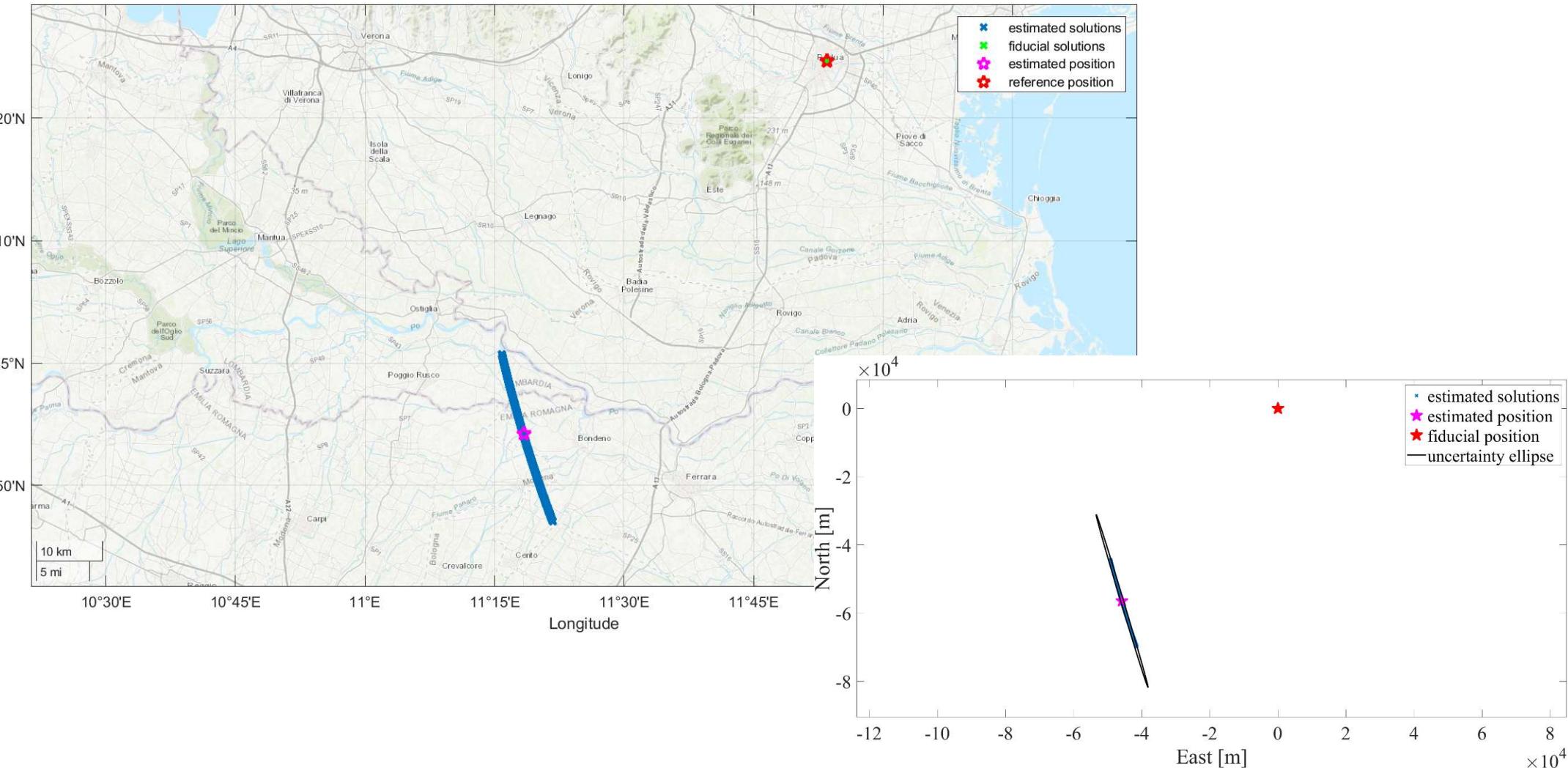
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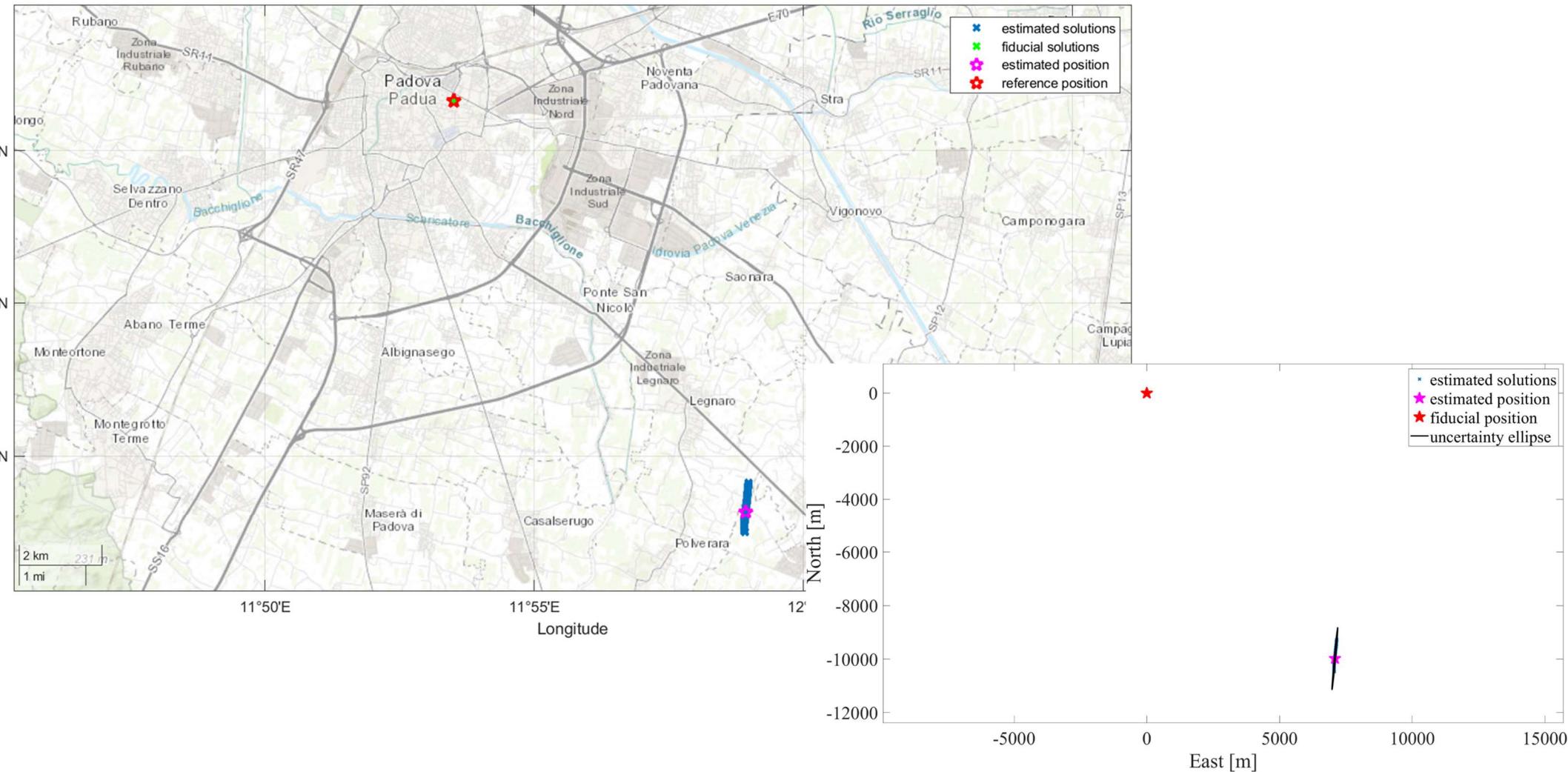
Analysis of error sources effects

Error source	North error [m]	East error [m]	Uncertainty ellipse		
			Semi-major axis [m]	Semi-minor axis [m]	Orientation of semi-major axis [deg]
Sat. clock offset	-56381	-45771	26476	418	106
«Leap seconds»	9977	7081	1166	22,46	84,7
Sat. position	-39,38	29,53	5,94	5,01	132,8
Segnac	1,66	23,98	5,64	5,14	185,8
Relativistic	2,75	6,12	5,67	5,01	185,3
Ionospheric delay	-0,03	-1,21	2,64	1,86	102,5
All error source compensated	1,14	-0,12	5,66	4.95	182,7

Analysis of error sources effects: satellite clock offset effect

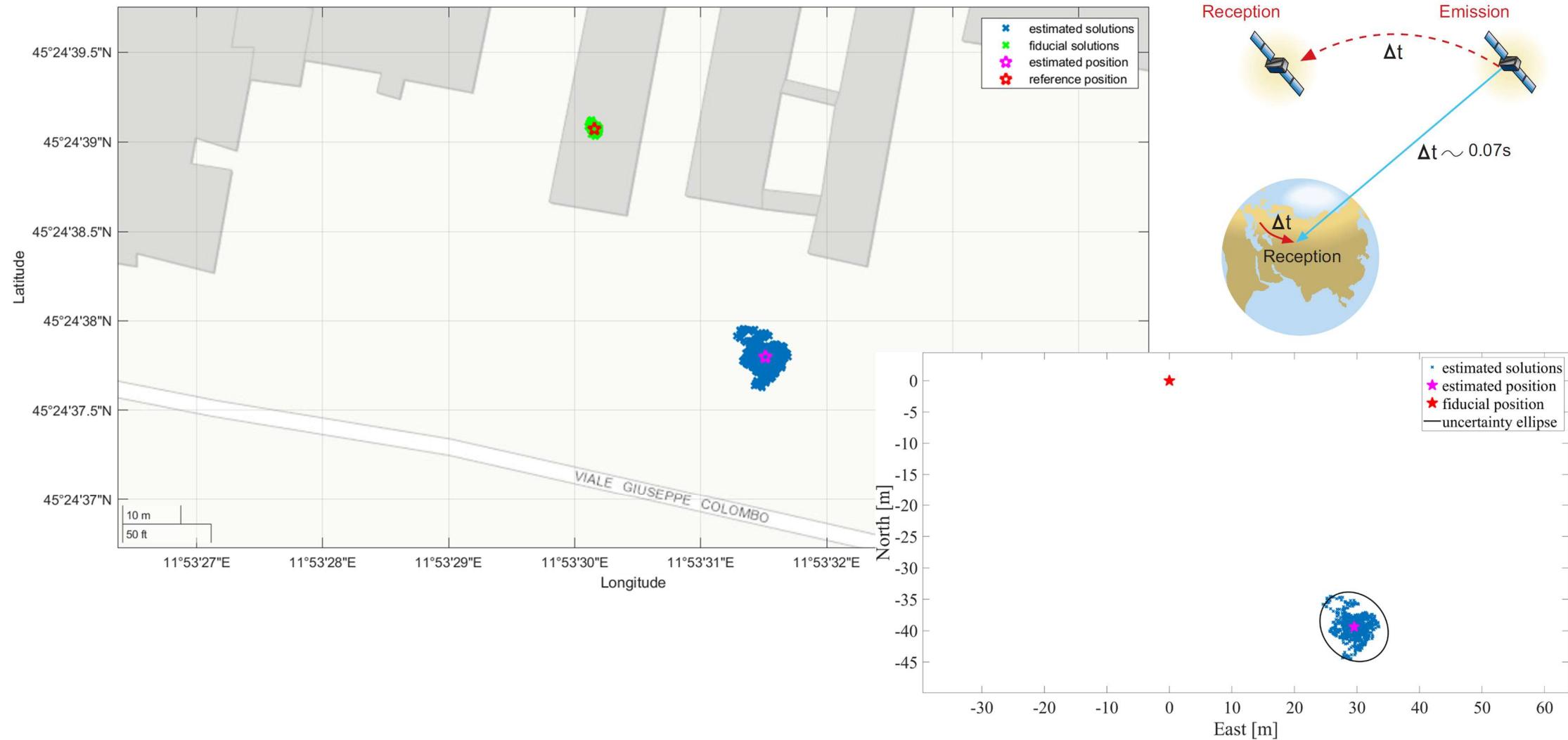


Analysis of error sources effects: “leap seconds” effect

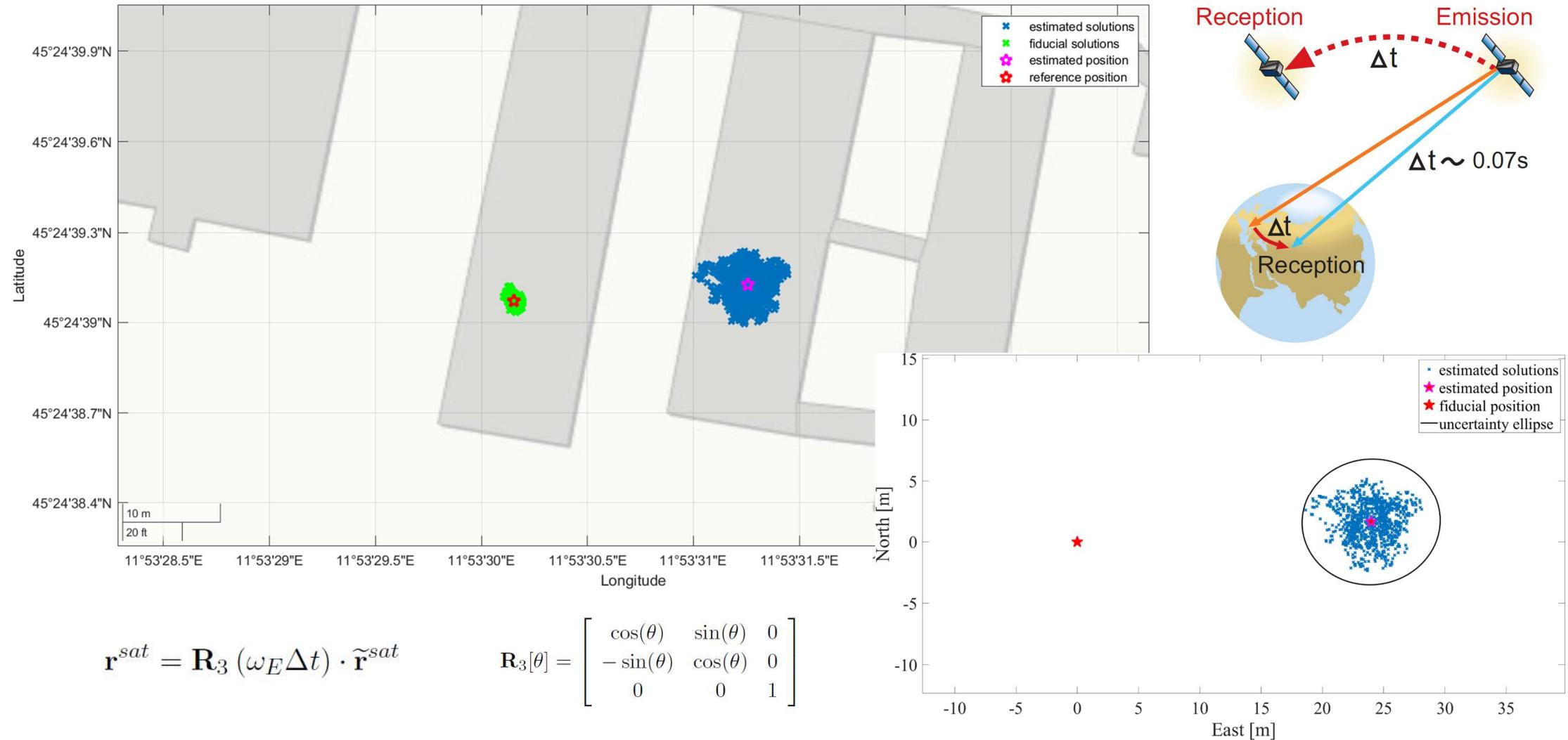




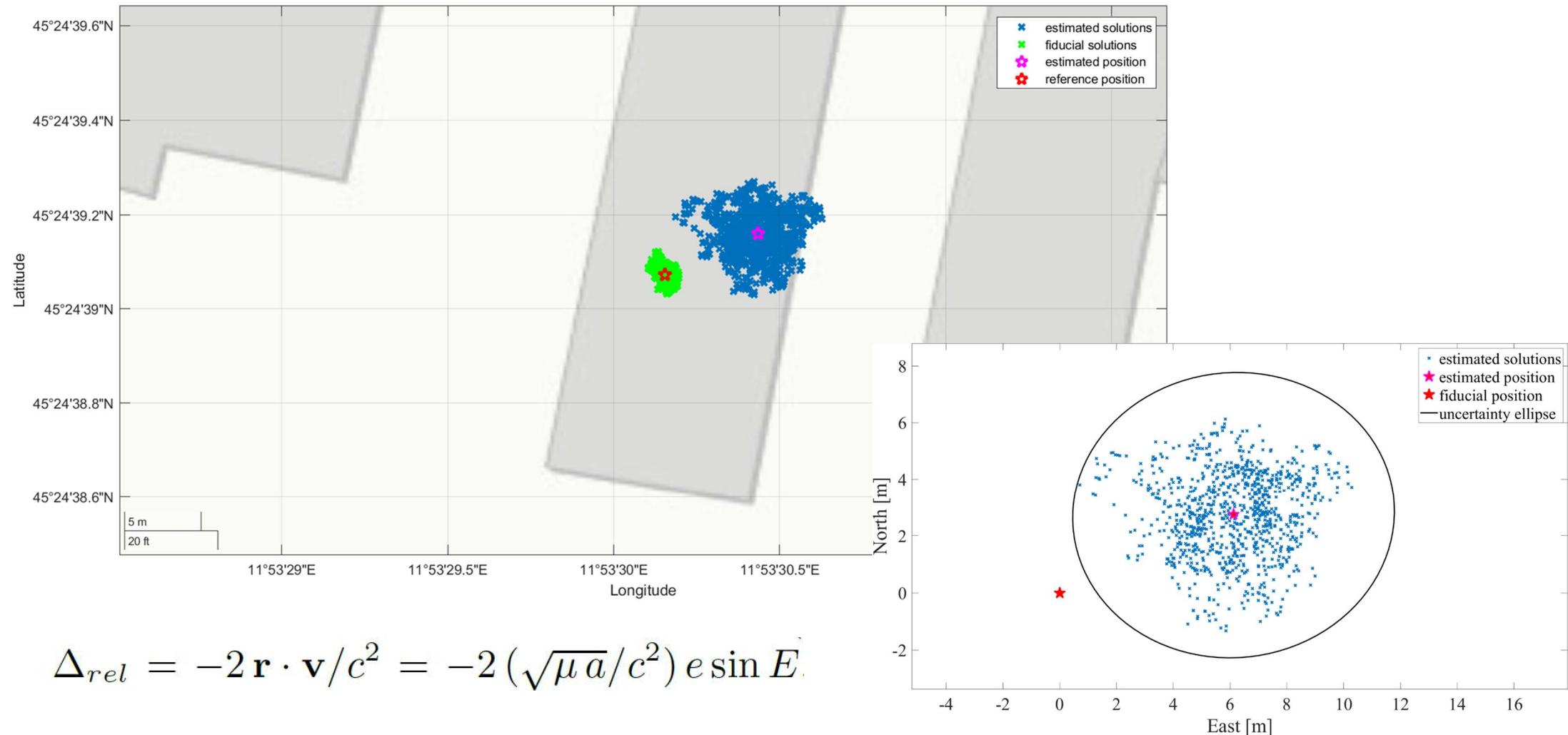
Analysis of error sources effects: satellite position effect



Analysis of error sources effects: Segnac effect



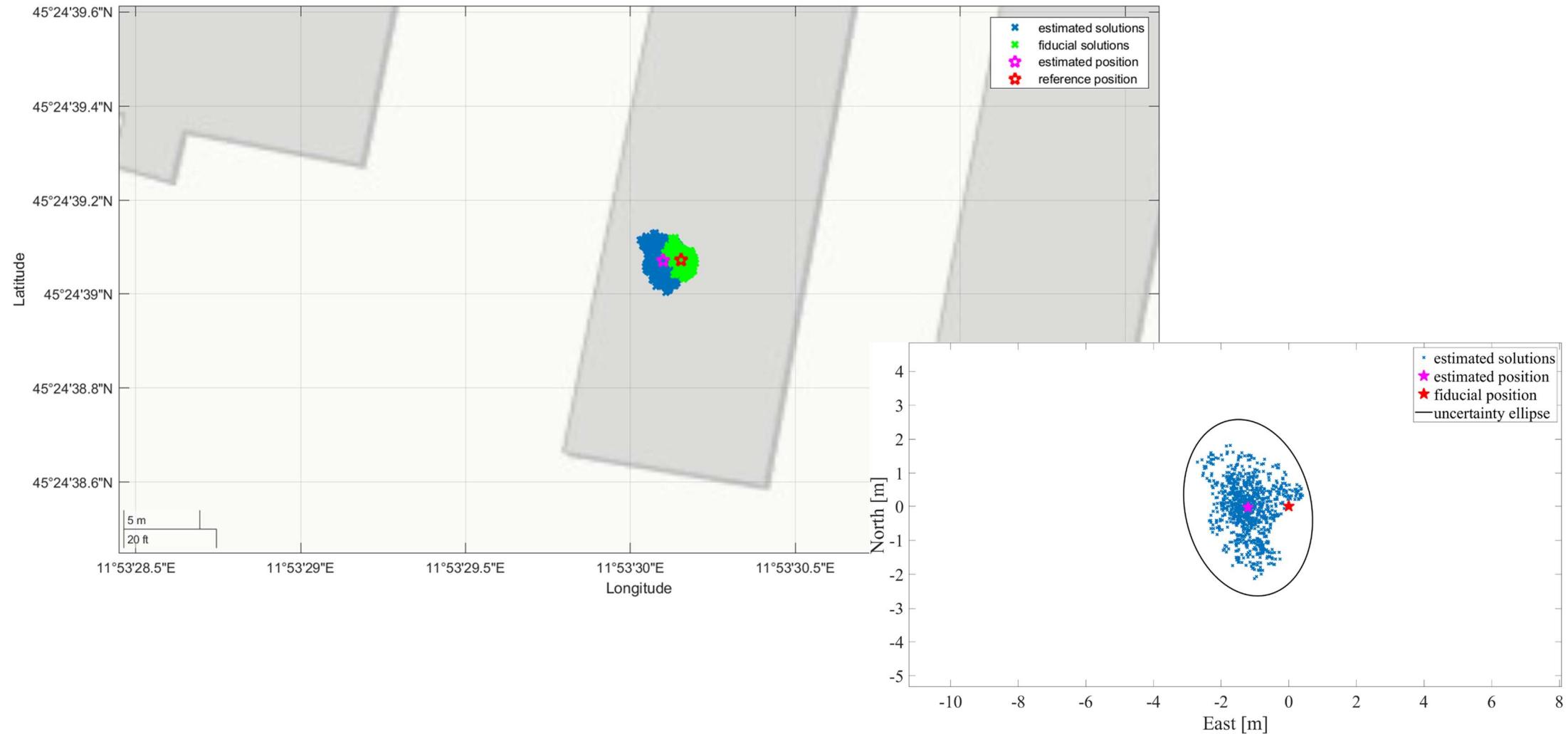
Analysis of error sources effects: relativistic effect



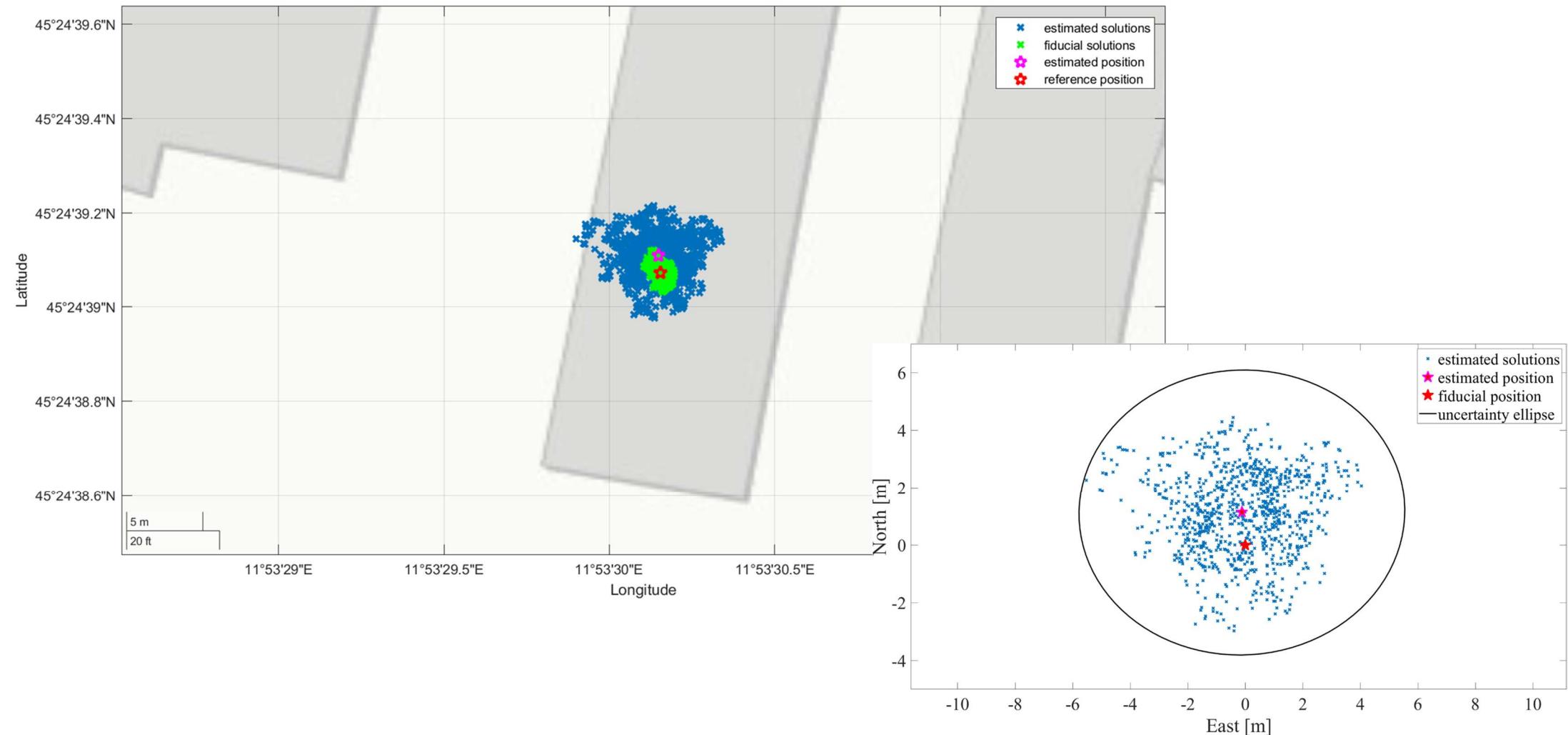
$$\Delta_{rel} = -2 \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}/c^2 = -2 (\sqrt{\mu a}/c^2) e \sin E$$



Analysis of error sources effects: ionospheric delay effect



Analysis of error sources effects: full corrections





Additional slides with useful resources and algorithms

Position in Cartesian Coordinates and Geodetic Coordinates

Cartesian coordinates: x, y, z in ECEF reference frame



Geodetic coordinates: φ, λ, h in World Geodetic System
WGS84 reference frame

φ : geodetic latitude

a : equatorial radius

λ : longitude

b : polar radius

h : altitude

$$f = \frac{a-b}{a} : \text{flattening}$$

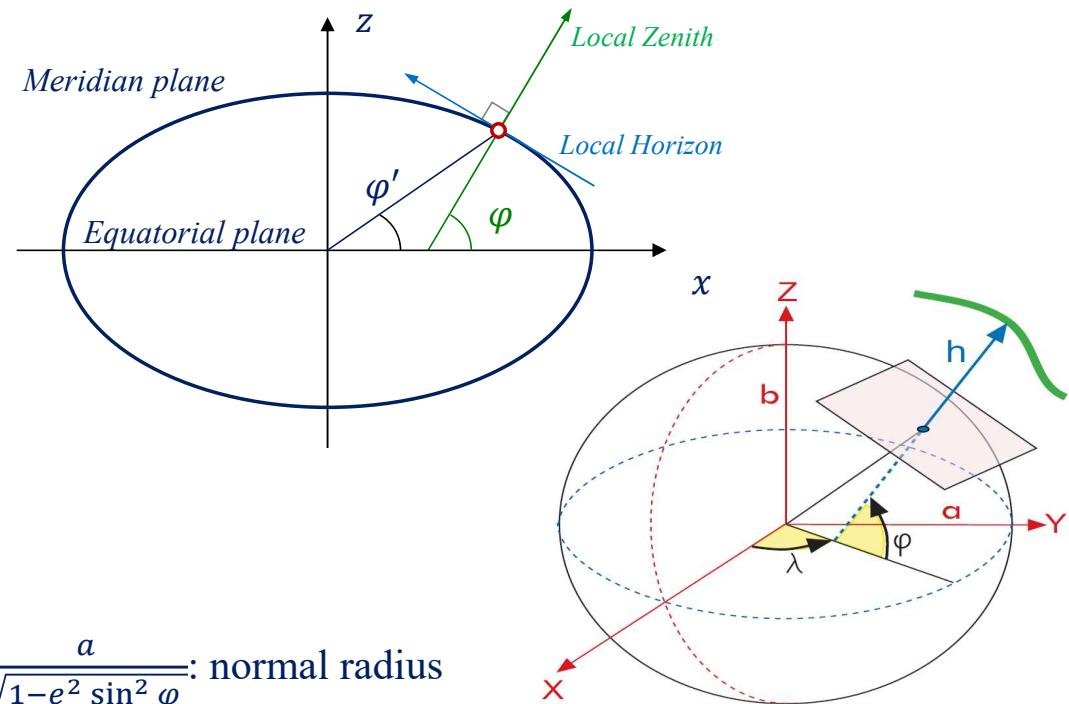
$$e = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2}$$

$(\varphi, \lambda, h) \rightarrow (x, y, z)$: analytical solution

$$x = (N + h) \cos \varphi \cos \lambda$$

$$y = (N + h) \cos \varphi \sin \lambda$$

$$z = [N(1 - e^2) + h] \sin \varphi$$



$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (\varphi, \lambda, h)$: numeric solution

✓ in Matlab: function `ecef2lla` of the Aerospace Toolbox

Estimation Accuracy in the Geodetic Reference Frame

- Covariance matrix of the estimated geodetic parameters φ, λ, h

$$\mathbf{C}_G = J_{\varphi\lambda h \rightarrow xyz}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{xyz} (J_{\varphi\lambda h \rightarrow xyz})^T$$

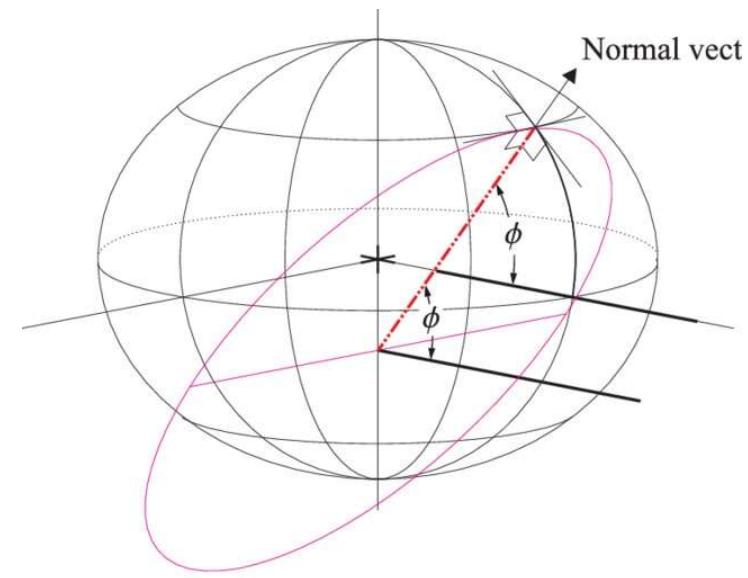
- ✓ $J_{\varphi\lambda h \rightarrow xyz}$ is the Jacobian Matrix of the affine transformation $(\varphi, \lambda, h) \rightarrow (x, y, z)$

$$J_{\varphi\lambda h \rightarrow xyz} = \left[\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \varphi_j} \right] ; i = 1,2,3 ; j = 1,2,3$$

$$J_{\varphi\lambda h \rightarrow xyz} = \begin{bmatrix} -(M + h) \sin \varphi \cos \lambda & -(N + h) \cos \varphi \sin \lambda & \cos \varphi \cos \lambda \\ -(M + h) \sin \varphi \sin \lambda & (N + h) \cos \varphi \cos \lambda & \cos \varphi \sin \lambda \\ -(M + h) \cos \varphi & 0 & \sin \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$N = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1-e^2 \sin^2 \varphi}}$: normal radius

$M = \frac{a(1-e^2)}{\sqrt{(1-e^2 \sin^2 \varphi)^3}}$: meridian radius

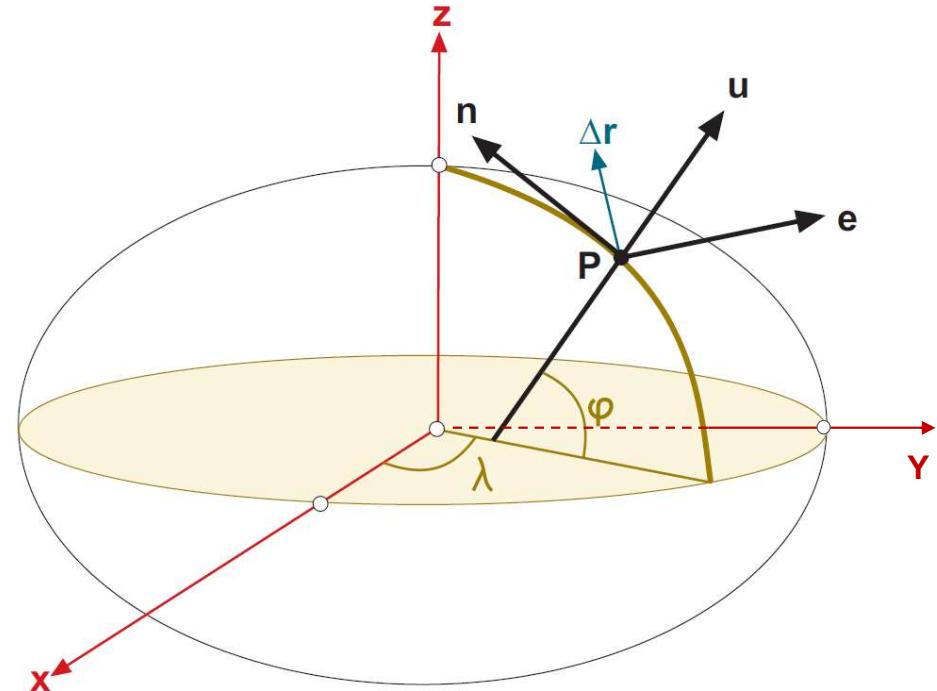


— Radius of curvature in the prime vertical

Estimation Accuracy in the Local Topocentric Reference Frame

- Local Topocentric Reference Frame: East – North – Up (ENU)
- Transformation from (dx, dy, dz) to (dn, de, du)

$$\begin{bmatrix} dn \\ de \\ du \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\sin \varphi \cos \lambda & -\sin \lambda & \cos \varphi \cos \lambda \\ -\sin \varphi \sin \lambda & \cos \lambda & \cos \varphi \sin \lambda \\ \cos \varphi & 0 & \sin \varphi \end{bmatrix}}_{J_{xyz \rightarrow neu}}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{bmatrix}$$



- Covariance matrix of the estimated topocentric parameters n, e, u

$$\mathbf{C}_{neu} = J_{xyz \rightarrow neu} \mathbf{C}_{xyz} J_{xyz \rightarrow neu}^T = \sigma^2 J_{xyz \rightarrow neu} (\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H})^{-1} J_{xyz \rightarrow neu}^T = \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_n^2 & \sigma_{ne} & \sigma_{nu} \\ \sigma_{en} & \sigma_e^2 & \sigma_{eu} \\ \sigma_{un} & \sigma_{ue} & \sigma_u^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Dilution Of Precision

- Dilution Of Precision (DOP) parameters:

Vertical Dilution of Precision: $VDOP = \sigma_u$

Horizontal Dilution of Precision: $HDOP = \sqrt{\sigma_n^2 + \sigma_e^2}$

Position Dilution of Precision: $PDOP = \sqrt{\sigma_n^2 + \sigma_e^2 + \sigma_u^2}$

Time Dilution of Precision: $TDOP = \sigma_\tau$

Geometric Dilution of Precision: $GDOP = \sqrt{\sigma_n^2 + \sigma_e^2 + \sigma_u^2 + c^2\sigma_\tau^2}$

- ✓ Example: if $PDOP = 2$ and $\sigma = 3m$, then the position accuracy is $6m @ 1\sigma$

- DOP parameters:

- ✓ are purely a function of satellite geometry as observed by the receiver
- ✓ A “good geometry” gives low DOP values

