check-ga-on-icrf2

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In this notebook I will look at the radio source catalogs (.sou file) from a VLBI solution denoted as icrf2-ga-09 and icrf2-nga-09.

The solution icrf2-nga-09 used sessions and analysis strategies that are similar to the ICRF2 solution.

The only difference between icrf2-ga-09 and icrf2-nga-09 is that we modeled the Galactic aberration effect in icrf2-ga-09.

Three comparisons need to do done:

- icrf2-nga-09 vs. ICRF2
- icrf2-nga-09 vs. Gaia DR2
- icrf2-ga-09 vs. Gaia DR2

The first comparison is to check if I can nearly reproduce the ICRF2 solution.

```
[1]: from astropy.table import Table, Column import astropy.units as u import matplotlib.pyplot as plt %matplotlib inline import numpy as np import bottleneck as bn
```

The two solutions are loaded from .sou files and there are 3581 sources in both solution.

```
[2]: from my_progs.vlbi.read_sou import read_sou

solnga = read_sou("../data/icrf2-nga-09/icrf2-nga-09.sou")
solga = read_sou("../data/icrf2-ga-09/icrf2-ga-09.sou")
```

[3]: solga

[3]: <Table masked=True length=3581>

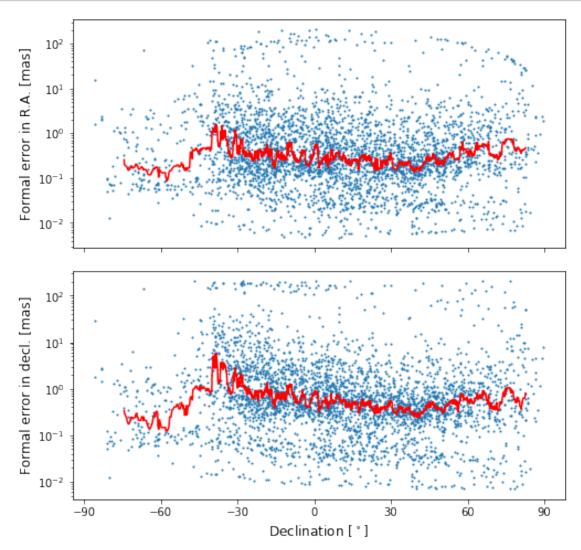
```
ivs_name icrf_name iers_name class ... used_sess total_sess beg_epoch end_epoch
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0000-197 J0003-1927
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   OP326 J1317+3425
                      1315+346
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   OQ172 J1445+0958
                      1442+101
                                                52
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 OW-015 J2011-0644
                      2008-068
                                    C ...
                                                34
                                                                  48345.0
                                                                             54740.0
                                                             48
 SN1993J J0955+6901
                      0951+692
                                    C ...
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                                                                  49224.0
                                                                             49266.0
UG01841 J0223+4259
                      0220+427
                                    C ...
                                                 2
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                                                                  51448.0
                                                                             53067.0
UG03927 J0737+5941
                                    C ...
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                      0831-445
VR422201 J2202+4216
                                    C ...
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                                                                  44088.0
                                                                             54893.0
```

A good habit is to check the dependency of the formal uncertainties on the declination. One can find that they show similar declination-dependence trend, but the dependency of the declination uncertainty is stronger.

```
[4]: fig, (ax0, ax1) = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 8), nrows=2, sharex=True)
     ax0.plot(solga["dec"], solga["ra_err"], ".", ms=2)
     ax1.plot(solga["dec"], solga["dec_err"], ".", ms=2)
     # Running median
     temp = Table(solga)
     temp.sort("dec")
     window = 50
     decmd = bn.move_median(temp["dec"], window=window)
     raerrmd = bn.move_median(temp["ra_err"], window=window)
     decerrmd = bn.move_median(temp["dec_err"], window=window)
     ax0.plot(decmd, raerrmd, "r")
     ax1.plot(decmd, decerrmd, "r")
     ax0.set_yscale("log")
     ax1.set_yscale("log")
     ax1.set_xlabel("Declination [$^\circ$]", fontsize=12)
     ax0.set ylabel("Formal error in R.A. [mas]", fontsize=12)
     ax1.set_ylabel("Formal error in decl. [mas]", fontsize=12)
```

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ax1.set_xticks(np.arange(-90, 91, 30))
plt.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.1)
```



1 1) Compare icrf2-nga-09 with icrf2-ga-09

First we take a look at the positional offsets between these two solutions, which are purely caused by the Galactic aberration with the assumed direction and magnitude.

```
[5]: from my_progs.catalog.pos_diff import radio_cat_diff_calc

soldif = radio_cat_diff_calc(solga, solnga, sou_name="iers_name")
```

```
[6]: fig, (ax0, ax1) = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 8), nrows=2, sharex=True)
    ax0.plot(soldif["ra"], soldif["dra"], ".", ms=1)
    ax1.plot(soldif["ra"], soldif["ddec"], ".", ms=1)

ax0.set_ylabel("Offset in R.A. [mas]")

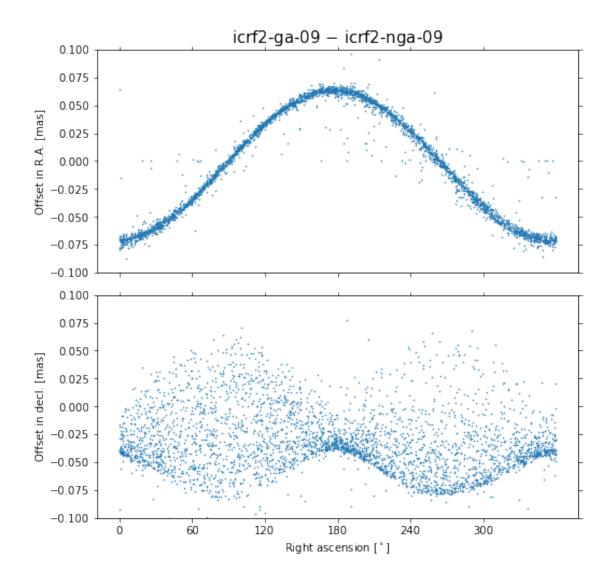
ax1.set_xlabel("Right ascension [$^\circ$]")
    ax1.set_ylabel("Offset in decl. [mas]")

ax1.set_xticks(np.arange(0, 360, 60))

ax0.set_ylim([-0.1, 0.1])
    ax1.set_ylim([-0.1, 0.1])

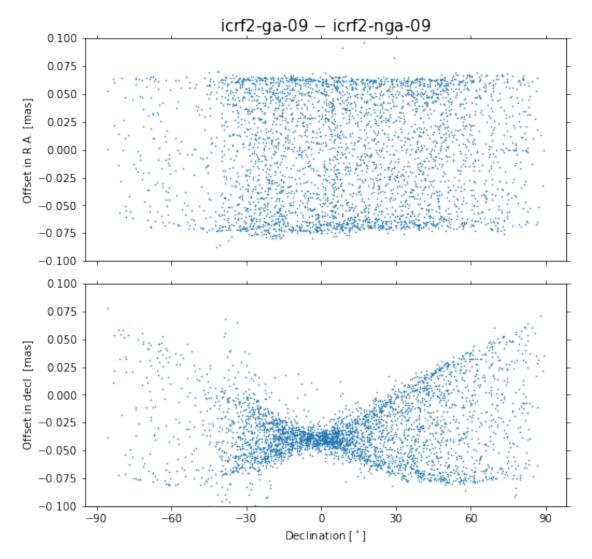
ax0.set_title("icrf2-ga-09 $-$ icrf2-nga-09", fontsize=15)

ax0.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
    ax0.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
    ax1.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
    ax1.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
    ax1.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
    plt.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.1)
```



```
fig, (ax0, ax1) = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 8), nrows=2, sharex=True)
ax0.plot(soldif["dec"], soldif["dra"], ".", ms=1)
ax1.plot(soldif["dec"], soldif["ddec"], ".", ms=1)
ax0.set_ylabel("Offset in R.A. [mas]")
ax1.set_xlabel("Declination [$^\circ$]")
ax1.set_ylabel("Offset in decl. [mas]")
ax1.set_xticks(np.arange(-90, 91, 30))
ax0.set_ylim([-0.1, 0.1])
ax1.set_ylim([-0.1, 0.1])
```

```
ax0.set_title("icrf2-ga-09 $-$ icrf2-nga-09", fontsize=15)
ax0.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax0.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax1.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax1.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
plt.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.1)
```



```
[8]: # My modules
from my_progs.catalog.vsh_deg2_cor import vsh_deg02_fitting, residual_calc02
from my_progs.catalog.write_output import print_vsh1_corr, print_vsh2_corr
```

```
[9]: # Try with all the sources
    # Transform columns into np.array
    dra = np.array(soldif["dra"])
    ddec = np.array(soldif["ddec"])
    dra_err = np.array(soldif["dra_err"])
    ddec_err = np.array(soldif["ddec_err"])
    ra rad = np.array(soldif["ra"].to(u.radian))
    dec_rad = np.array(soldif["dec"].to(u.radian))
    dra_ddec_cov = np.array(soldif["dra_ddec_cov"])
    # Transformation parameters
    \# l max = 2
    w2_all, sig2_all, corrcoef2_all, _, _, _ = vsh_deg02_fitting(
       dra, ddec, ra_rad, dec_rad, dra_err, ddec_err,
       cov=dra_ddec_cov, elim_flag="None")
    # mas -> uas
    w2 = w2_{all} * 1.e3
    sig2 = sig2_all * 1.e3
    # Print results
    print("Estimates (%6d sources)\n"
         0_____0
                Rotation [uas]
Glide [uas]
y z
                                            \n"
"
            x
                               z\n"
         "_____"
         "----\n"
         "%+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f "
         " %+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f\n"
         0_____0
         "----\n" %
         (dra.size,
          w2[3], sig2[3], w2[4], sig2[4], w2[5], sig2[5],
          w2[0], sig2[0], w2[1], sig2[1], w2[2], sig2[2]))
    quad names = Column(["ER22", "EI22", "ER21", "EI21", "E20",
                      "MR22", "MI22", "MR21", "MI21", "M20"])
    t_quad = Table([quad_names, w2[6:], sig2[6:]],
                 names=["Quadrupolar term", "Estimate", "Error"])
    t_quad["Estimate"].format = "%5.0f"
    t_quad["Error"].format = "%5.0f"
    print(t_quad)
```

```
print("Correlation coefficient between parameters in 'l_max=2' fit")
print_vsh2_corr(corrcoef2_all, deci_digit=1, included_one=False)
Estimates ( 3581 sources)
______
          Rotation [uas]
                                               Glide [uas]
              У
                                    X
                       Z
                                                У
 -1 +/- 0 +3 +/- 0 -4 +/- 0 -5 +/- 0 -68 +/- 0 -40 +/-
Quadrupolar term Estimate Error
        ER22
                0
        EI22
                -0
                      0
        ER21
                -0
                0
        EI21
         E20
                1
        MR22
                 0
                     0
        MI22
                -0
                     0
        MR21
                1
                     0
                -1
                      0
        MI21
         M20
                0
                      0
Correlation coefficient between parameters in 'l_max=2' fit
       R1 R2
                         D2 D3 E22R E22I E21R E21I E20 M22R
                R3
                    D1
M22I M21R M21I
  R2 +0.0
  R3 +0.0 +0.1
  D1 +0.0 +0.6 +0.0
  D2 -0.6 +0.0 -0.0 +0.0
  D3 -0.0 +0.0 -0.1 +0.0 +0.0
 E22R -0.0 -0.1 -0.0 -0.1 +0.0 +0.1
 E22I +0.0 -0.0 +0.0 -0.0 +0.0 -0.0 -0.0
 E21R +0.5 +0.1 +0.0 +0.0 -0.1 -0.1 -0.1 +0.0
 E21I -0.0 -0.5 -0.0 -0.1 +0.0 -0.0 +0.1 +0.0 -0.0
 E20 -0.1 -0.0 -0.5 -0.1 -0.0 +0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0
 M22R +0.0 +0.0 -0.0 +0.1 -0.0 +0.0 +0.0 -0.3 +0.0 -0.0 +0.1
 M21R +0.0 +0.6 +0.0 +0.5 -0.0 +0.0 -0.1 -0.1 +0.0 -0.3 -0.0 -0.0
 M21I +0.6 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.5 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0 +0.3 -0.0 -0.1 +0.0
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M20 +0.0 -0.0 +0.0 -0.1 -0.0 -0.4 -0.1 +0.0 +0.0 +0.1 -0.0 -0.0

+0.0 +0.0

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+0.0 -0.0 -0.0
```

The offset is generally on the order of $25 \,\mu as$ and we found an offset in declination of $-50 \,\mu as$, which could explain part of the declination bias in the ICRF2.

Later we will make certain conclusion.

2 2) Compare icrf2-nga-09 versus ICRF2

```
[10]: from my_progs.catalog.read_icrf import read_icrf2
    icrf2 = read_icrf2()

[11]: # Crossmatch between ICRF2 and solution
    icrfdif1 = radio_cat_diff_calc(solnga, icrf2, sou_name="iers_name")
```

The cross-match gives a sample of 3362 rather than 3414 common sources.

Possibly these sources are VCS sources.

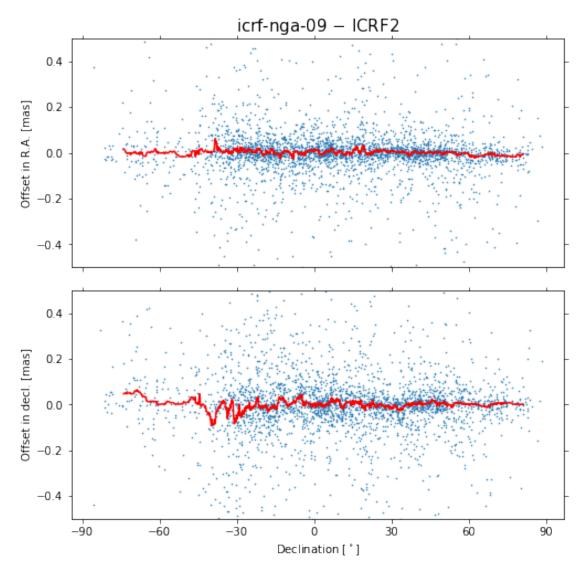
But it make no sense here.

```
[12]: fig, (ax0, ax1) = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 8), nrows=2, sharex=True)
      ax0.plot(icrfdif1["dec"], icrfdif1["dra"], ".", ms=1)
      ax1.plot(icrfdif1["dec"], icrfdif1["ddec"], ".", ms=1)
      ax0.set_ylabel("Offset in R.A. [mas]")
      ax1.set_xlabel("Declination [$^\circ$]")
      ax1.set_ylabel("Offset in decl. [mas]")
      # Running median
      temp1 = Table(icrfdif1)
      temp1.sort("dec")
      window = 50
      decmd1 = bn.move_median(temp1["dec"], window=window)
      dramd1 = bn.move_median(temp1["dra"], window=window)
      ddecmd1 = bn.move_median(temp1["ddec"], window=window)
      ax0.plot(decmd1, dramd1, "r")
      ax1.plot(decmd1, ddecmd1, "r")
      ax1.set_xticks(np.arange(-90, 91, 30))
      ax0.set_ylim([-0.5, 0.5])
      ax1.set ylim([-0.5, 0.5])
      ax0.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
```

```
ax0.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax1.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax1.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")

ax0.set_title("icrf-nga-09 $-$ ICRF2", fontsize=15)

plt.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.1)
```



The offset scatter in the declination is obviously larger than in the RA. For most sources, they are below in 0.1 mas, albeit some large offset over 1 mas.

```
[13]: # Try with all the sources
# Transform columns into np.array
```

```
dra = np.array(icrfdif1["dra"])
ddec = np.array(icrfdif1["ddec"])
dra_err = np.array(icrfdif1["dra_err"])
ddec_err = np.array(icrfdif1["ddec_err"])
ra_rad = np.array(icrfdif1["ra"].to(u.radian))
dec_rad = np.array(icrfdif1["dec"].to(u.radian))
dra_ddec_cov = np.array(icrfdif1["dra_ddec_cov"])
# Transformation parameters
\# l max = 2
w2_all, sig2_all, corrcoef2_all, _, _, _ = vsh_deg02_fitting(
   dra, ddec, ra_rad, dec_rad, dra_err, ddec_err,
   cov=dra_ddec_cov, elim_flag="None")
# mas -> uas
w2 = w2_all * 1.e3
sig2 = sig2_all * 1.e3
# Print results
print("Estimates (%6d sources)\n"
     "______"
                Rotation [uas] "

Glide [uas] \n"

y z "

y z\n"
     "_____"
     "----\n"
     "%+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f "
     " %+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f %+4.0f +/- %3.0f\n"
     0_____0
     "----\n" %
     (dra.size,
      w2[3], sig2[3], w2[4], sig2[4], w2[5], sig2[5],
      w2[0], sig2[0], w2[1], sig2[1], w2[2], sig2[2]))
quad_names = Column(["ER22", "EI22", "ER21", "EI21", "E20",
                  "MR22", "MI22", "MR21", "MI21", "M20"])
t_quad = Table([quad_names, w2[6:], sig2[6:]],
             names=["Quadrupolar term", "Estimate", "Error"])
t_quad["Estimate"].format = "%5.0f"
t_quad["Error"].format = "%5.0f"
print(t_quad)
print("Correlation coefficient between parameters in 'l_max=2' fit")
print_vsh2_corr(corrcoef2_all, deci_digit=1, included_one=False)
```

```
Estimates ( 3362 sources)
           Rotation [uas]
                                                  Glide [uas]
               У
                                                   У
 -2 +/- 2
            +1 +/- 2 +1 +/- 1 +2 +/- 1 -1 +/- 1
Quadrupolar term Estimate Error
         ER22
         EI22
                 -0
         ER21
                  3
                        2
         EI21
                  4
                        2
          E20
                  4
         MR22
                  1
         MI22
                  1
                       1
                  -2
         MR21
         MI21
                  1
                        2
          M20
                  -0
                        1
Correlation coefficient between parameters in 'l_max=2' fit
                      D1
                           D2
                                D3 E22R E22I E21R E21I
                                                       E20 M22R
        R1
            R2
                 RЗ
M22I M21R M21I
   R2 + 0.0
   R3 -0.0 +0.0
     +0.0 +0.5 +0.0
   D2 -0.5 +0.0 -0.0 +0.0
   D3 -0.0 +0.0 -0.1 -0.0 +0.0
 E22R +0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0 +0.0 +0.1
 E22I +0.0 -0.0 +0.0 +0.0 +0.0 +0.1 +0.0
 E21R +0.4 +0.1 -0.0 +0.0 -0.1 -0.0 -0.0 +0.0
 E21I +0.0 -0.4 -0.0 -0.1 +0.0 +0.0 +0.1 +0.0 +0.0
  E20 -0.0 -0.0 -0.4 -0.0 -0.0 +0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0
 M22R +0.0 -0.0 -0.1 +0.0 -0.0 -0.0 +0.1 -0.3 +0.0 +0.0 +0.1
 M22I -0.0 -0.0 -0.0 +0.0 -0.0 +0.0 +0.3 +0.1
                                            +0.0 +0.0 +0.1 +0.0
 +0.0
 M21I +0.4 -0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.4 -0.0 -0.0 +0.3 -0.0 -0.0 +0.1
+0.0 +0.0
  M20 +0.0 +0.0 +0.0 -0.0 -0.0 -0.3 -0.1 -0.1 +0.0 +0.0 -0.0 -0.0
```

Basing on all the common sources between the two data sets and modelling the positional offsets to extract the global (long wavelength) differences, we found no significant terms.

-0.0 -0.0 -0.0

As a result, I reproduced a catalog having similar global properties to the ICRF2.

3 2) icrf2-nga/ga-09 versus the Gaia DR2

```
[14]: from my_progs.catalog.read_gaia import read_dr2_iers

gdr2 = read_dr2_iers()

# Crossmatch between Gaia DR2 and solution
gaiadif1 = radio_cat_diff_calc(solnga, gdr2, sou_name="iers_name")

gaiadif2 = radio_cat_diff_calc(solga, gdr2, sou_name="iers_name")
gaiadif1
```

```
[14]: <Table masked=True length=2360>
     iers name
                     ra_err_1
                                           nor_dec
                                                               nor_sep
                       mas
                     float64
                                           float64
                                                               float64
        str8
      0000-197 0.32661929193625466 ...
                                       1.3563059271796065
                                                            2.64482732802601
      0000-199 1.6302775548424904 ... -0.42022179627092204 0.9897627368510226
      0001+459 0.20743503589630327 ...
                                      0.11881064252786361 1.0301596172987877
      0001-120 0.09631485130652458 ...
                                       1.2343140113986901 4.007359259633918
      0002+051 1.3841229462433025 ...
                                      -1.2898815480439287 1.2928061090499665
      0002+541 0.49891369488195203 ...
                                       2.0951207510502625
                                                            2.10843079344123
      0002-170 0.26402690905814885 ...
                                       -1.910266784137314 2.0358973930097344
      0002-478 0.06337782678662841 ...
                                      -0.4055542805407914 0.6943509208727018
      2355-106 0.01790467513317899 ...
                                       0.7383735724024061 2.4502080196773406
                 89.46571632534463 ... -0.017558686407799295 0.7291986082896366
      2355-291
      2355-534 0.06836910385226462 ...
                                         1.905989062067475 6.794382789900244
      2356+196 0.11930573809938169 ...
                                        0.7438364016468374 1.8482592426170907
      2356+385 0.00872305978042032 ...
                                     -0.06863941236182419 1.820274647690552
      2356+390 0.18444153749895628 ...
                                      -0.5955968519074689 2.830558338598594
      2357-318 0.06816581467049355 ...
                                         2.117066104963246 2.2002967249724685
      2357-326 0.3018441821147953 ...
                                       1.4542046854474326 17.71630348461664
      2358-161 0.31119750453488076 ... -0.18949460847349578 1.5213055073471848
      2359-221 11.002615216965625 ...
                                       0.9534586969652366 2.643986465902531
```

We found **2360** common sources between icrf2-ga-09/icrf2-nga-09 and *Gaia* DR2.

Their positional differences are on the order of 1 mas.

```
[15]: fig, (ax0, ax1) = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 8), nrows=2, sharex=True)
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```
ax0.plot(gaiadif1["dec"], gaiadif1["dra"], ".", ms=1)
ax1.plot(gaiadif1["dec"], gaiadif1["ddec"], ".", ms=1)
ax0.set_ylabel("Offset in R.A. [mas]")
ax1.set_xlabel("Declination [$^\circ$]")
ax1.set_ylabel("Offset in decl. [mas]")
ax1.set xticks(np.arange(-90, 91, 30))
# Running median
temp2 = Table(gaiadif1)
temp2.sort("dec")
window = 50
decmd2 = bn.move_median(temp2["dec"], window=window)
dramd2 = bn.move_median(temp2["dra"], window=window)
ddecmd2 = bn.move_median(temp2["ddec"], window=window)
ax0.plot(decmd2, dramd2, "r")
ax1.plot(decmd2, ddecmd2, "r")
ax0.set_ylim([-2, 2])
ax1.set_ylim([-2, 2])
ax0.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax0.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax1.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax1.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax0.set_title("icrf-nga-09 $-$ Gaia DR2", fontsize=15)
plt.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.1)
```

/usr/local/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/bottleneck/slow/move.py:149: FutureWarning: Using a non-tuple sequence for multidimensional indexing is deprecated; use `arr[tuple(seq)]` instead of `arr[seq]`. In the future this will be interpreted as an array index, `arr[np.array(seq)]`, which will result either in an error or a different result.

```
nidx1 = n[idx1]
```

/usr/local/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/bottleneck/slow/move.py:150: FutureWarning: Using a non-tuple sequence for multidimensional indexing is deprecated; use `arr[tuple(seq)]` instead of `arr[seq]`. In the future this will be interpreted as an array index, `arr[np.array(seq)]`, which will result either in an error or a different result.

```
nidx1 = nidx1 - n[idx2]
```

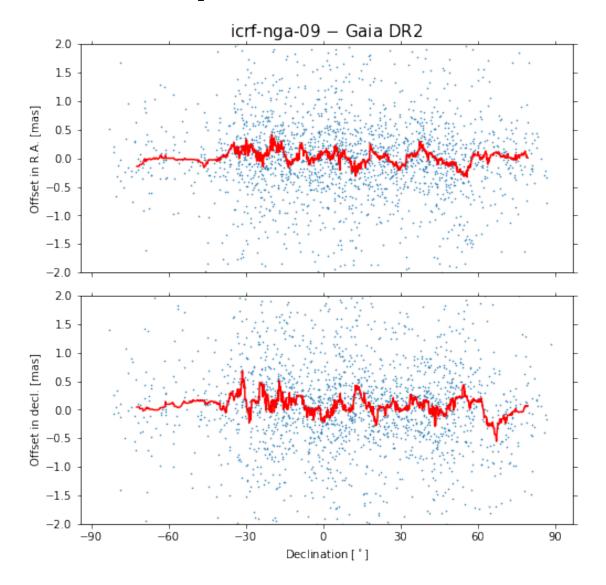
/usr/local/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/bottleneck/slow/move.py:152:

FutureWarning: Using a non-tuple sequence for multidimensional indexing is deprecated; use `arr[tuple(seq)]` instead of `arr[seq]`. In the future this will be interpreted as an array index, `arr[np.array(seq)]`, which will result either in an error or a different result.

idx[idx1] = nidx1 < min_count</pre>

/usr/local/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/bottleneck/slow/move.py:153: FutureWarning: Using a non-tuple sequence for multidimensional indexing is deprecated; use `arr[tuple(seq)]` instead of `arr[seq]`. In the future this will be interpreted as an array index, `arr[np.array(seq)]`, which will result either in an error or a different result.

idx[idx3] = n[idx3] < min_count</pre>



Then the postional offsets are projected on the expensions of the vertor spherical harmonics.

```
[16]: # icrf2-nga-09 - gaia dr2
      # Transform columns into np.array
      dra1 = np.array(gaiadif1["dra"])
      ddec1 = np.array(gaiadif1["ddec"])
      dra_err1 = np.array(gaiadif1["dra_err"])
      ddec_err1 = np.array(gaiadif1["ddec_err"])
      ra_rad1 = np.array(gaiadif1["ra"].to(u.radian))
      dec_rad1 = np.array(gaiadif1["dec"].to(u.radian))
      dra_ddec_cov1 = np.array(gaiadif1["dra_ddec_cov"])
      # Transformation parameters
      \# l max = 2
      w21, sig21, corrcoef21, _, _, = vsh_deg02_fitting(
          dra1, ddec1, ra_rad1, dec_rad1, dra_err1, ddec_err1,
          cov=dra_ddec_cov1, elim_flag="None")
      # mas -> uas
      w21 = w21 * 1.e3
      sig21 = sig21 * 1.e3
      # icrf2-qa-09 - qaia dr2
      # Transform columns into np.array
      dra2 = np.array(gaiadif2["dra"])
      ddec2 = np.array(gaiadif2["ddec"])
      dra_err2 = np.array(gaiadif2["dra_err"])
      ddec err2 = np.array(gaiadif2["ddec err"])
      ra_rad2 = np.array(gaiadif2["ra"].to(u.radian))
      dec_rad2 = np.array(gaiadif2["dec"].to(u.radian))
      dra_ddec_cov2 = np.array(gaiadif2["dra_ddec_cov"])
      # Transformation parameters
      \# l_max = 2
      w22, sig22, corrcoef22, _, _, _ = vsh_deg02_fitting(
          dra2, ddec2, ra_rad2, dec_rad2, dra_err2, ddec_err2,
          cov=dra_ddec_cov2, elim_flag="None")
      # mas -> uas
      w22 = w22 * 1.e3
      sig22 = sig22 * 1.e3
```

Use a histogram to show these terms clearly.

```
[17]: from my_progs.catalog.vec_mod import vec_mod_calc

# icrf2-nga-09 - gaia dr2
gli1 = w21[:3]
rot1 = w21[3:6]
```

```
qua1 = w21[6:]
gerr1 = sig21[:3]
rerr1 = sig21[3:6]
qerr1 = sig21[6:]

glimod1, glierr1 = vec_mod_calc(gli1, gerr1)
rotmod1, roterr1 = vec_mod_calc(rot1, rerr1)

# icrf2-ga-09 - gaia dr2
gli2 = w22[:3]
rot2 = w22[3:6]
qua2 = w22[6:]

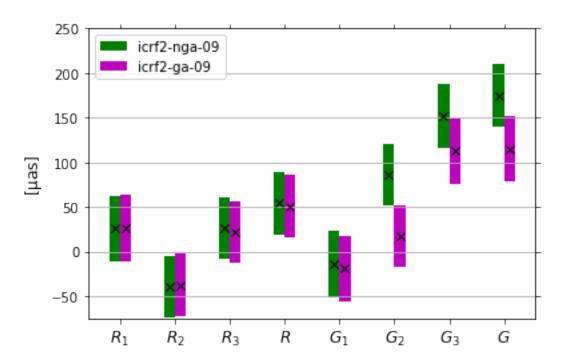
gerr2 = sig22[:3]
rerr2 = sig22[3:6]
qerr2 = sig22[6:]

glimod2, glierr2 = vec_mod_calc(gli2, gerr2)
rotmod2, roterr2 = vec_mod_calc(rot2, rerr2)
```

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```
[18]: from my_progs.catalog.vec_mod import vec_mod_calc
```

[19]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x113cd0470>

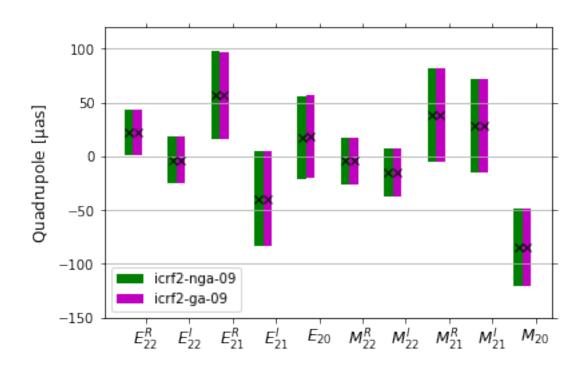


3.2 2.2) Quadruple terms

```
[20]: # Quadruple terms
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
```

```
barwidth = 0.2
loc = 0.2
terms = ["$E_{22}^R$", "$E_{22}^I$", "$E_{21}^R$", "$E_{21}^I$", "$E_{20}$",
         "$M_{22}^R$", "$M_{22}^I$", "$M_{21}^R$", "$M_{21}^I$", "$M_{20}$", ]
pos1 = np.arange(len(terms)) - 2 * loc
pos2 = np.arange(len(terms)) - 1 * loc
ax.bar(pos1, 2 * qerr1, bottom=qua1-qerr1, width=barwidth,
       color="g", ecolor="black", label="icrf2-nga-09")
ax.bar(pos2, 2 * qerr2, bottom=qua2-qerr2, width=barwidth,
       color="m", ecolor="black", label="icrf2-ga-09")
ax.plot(pos1, qua1, "kx")
ax.plot(pos2, qua2, "kx")
ax.set_xticks(range(len(terms)))
ax.set_xticklabels(terms, fontsize=12)
ax.set_ylabel("Quadrupole [$\\mathrm{\mu as}$]", fontsize=12)
ax.xaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax.yaxis.set_ticks_position("both")
ax.yaxis.grid() # horizontal lines
ax.set_ylim(-150, 120)
ax.legend()
```

[20]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x114cc3710>



We can find

- 1) Modeling the GA effect can reduce the glide in Y- and Z-component, bringing the VLBI positions close to the *Gaia* position.
- 2) The glide in Z-component is still significant, even though the Galactic aberration effect is considered. Possibly it reflects the intrinsic errors in the VLBI astrometry.