

GPS Strain Analysis

Also known as...

Average-Crustal-Strain Analysis for
Instantaneous/Infinitesimal Horizontal
Strain Using GPS Velocity/
Displacement Data

The Plan...

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Finally, have them select their own data based on personal interest and execute the process.

The Plan...

An example of the analysis

How to find PBO GPS data

— Notice which reference frame is used

— Acquire data for 3 sites

Using one of the strain calculators

What the output means

**Interpreting the results in the context of
local/regional geology**

GPS Strain & Earthquakes Unit 3: Finding location and velocity data for PBO GPS stations

Original activity by Vince Cronin (Baylor University). Revisions by Beth Pratt-Sitaula (UNAVCO).

Analyzing the velocities recorded at different GPS stations can give significant insights into plate tectonic motion, earthquake hazards, volcanic hazards, groundwater removal, and more.

GPS data can be acquired from a variety of different research groups around the world, but some the most accessible and easy to use GPS data comes from the EarthScope Plate Boundary Observatory (PBO), which is managed by UNAVCO. The data are available online for free at <https://www.unavco.org/instrumentation/networks/status/pbo/gps>. In this exercise you will learn one method for downloading GPS station location and velocity data.

Worked Example: Finding PBO GPS data in the Oregon Coast Ranges

Finding station locations in latitude-longitude coordinates

We will search for data generated by one of the PBO's permanent GPS stations above the Cascadia subduction zone in northwest Oregon. If we do not know which station we want to learn about, we can go to the interactive PBO map and zoom-in on our area of interest (<https://www.unavco.org/instrumentation/networks/status/pbo/gps>). We find several green marker dots along the coastline. Clicking on any of the dots will provide some initial information. The dot we chose (Figure 1) is associated with station P395 (Rose_LodgeOR2006) located west of Salem in northwest Oregon. Clicking on the dot gives us a box that provides the



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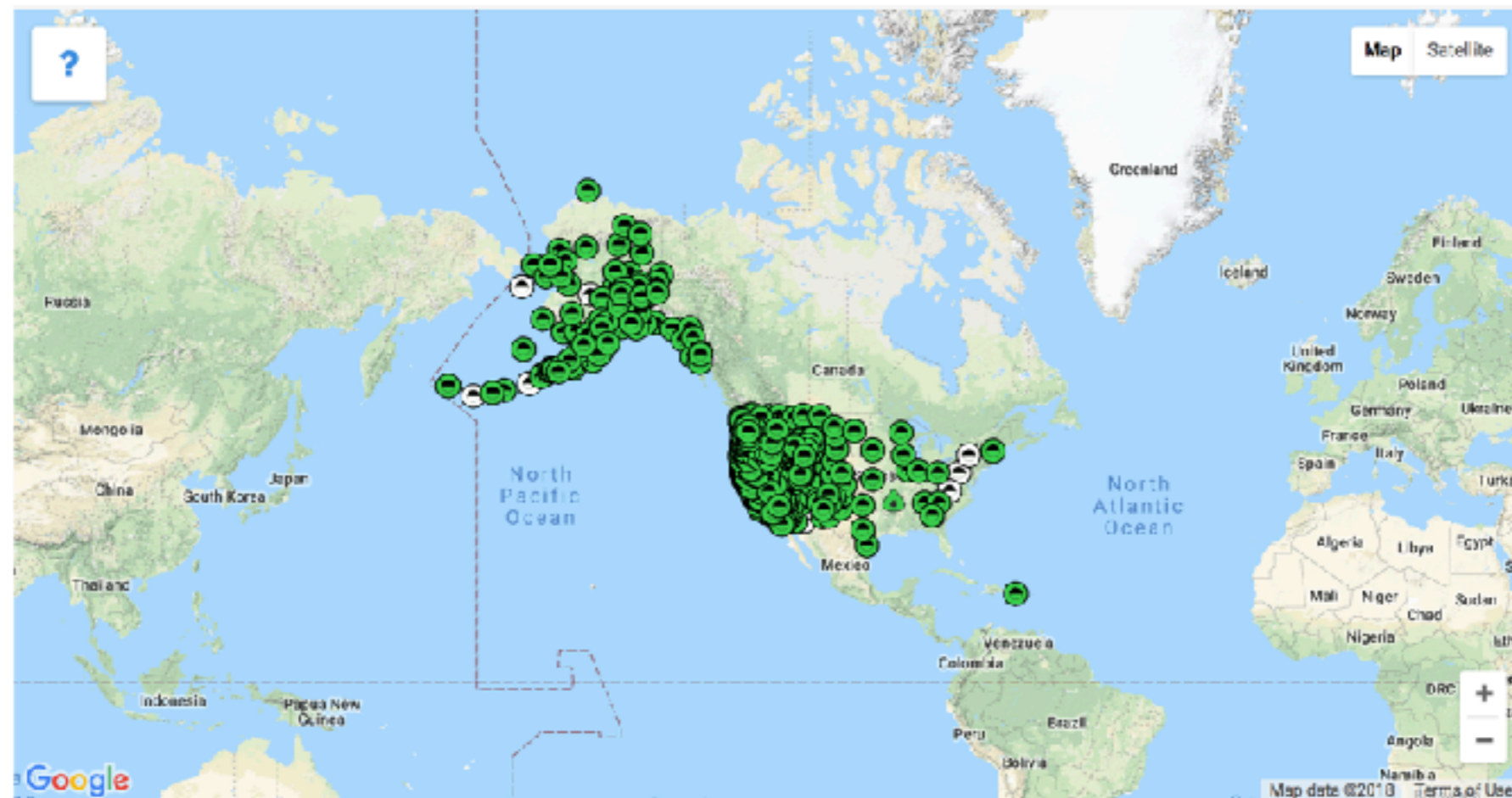
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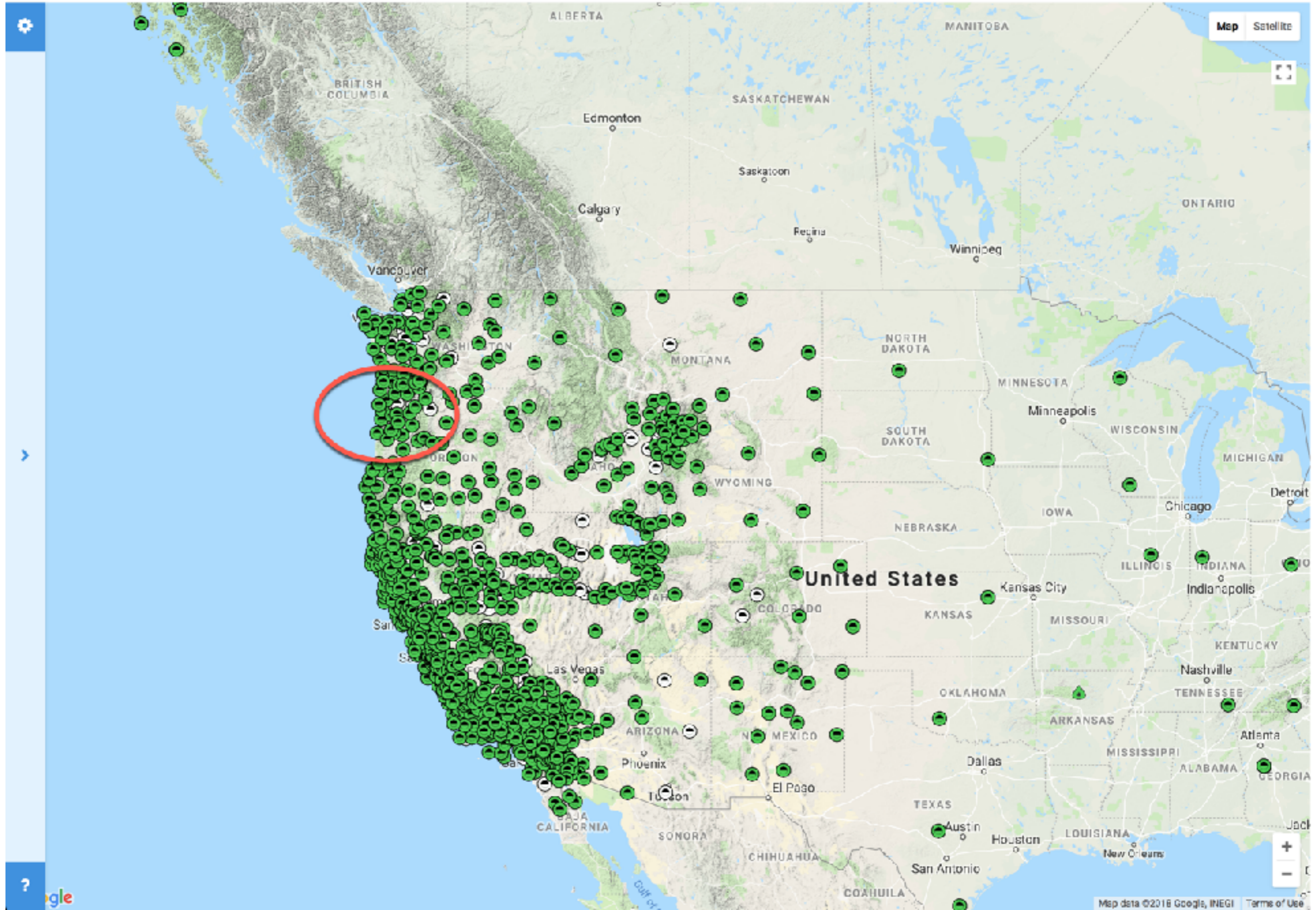
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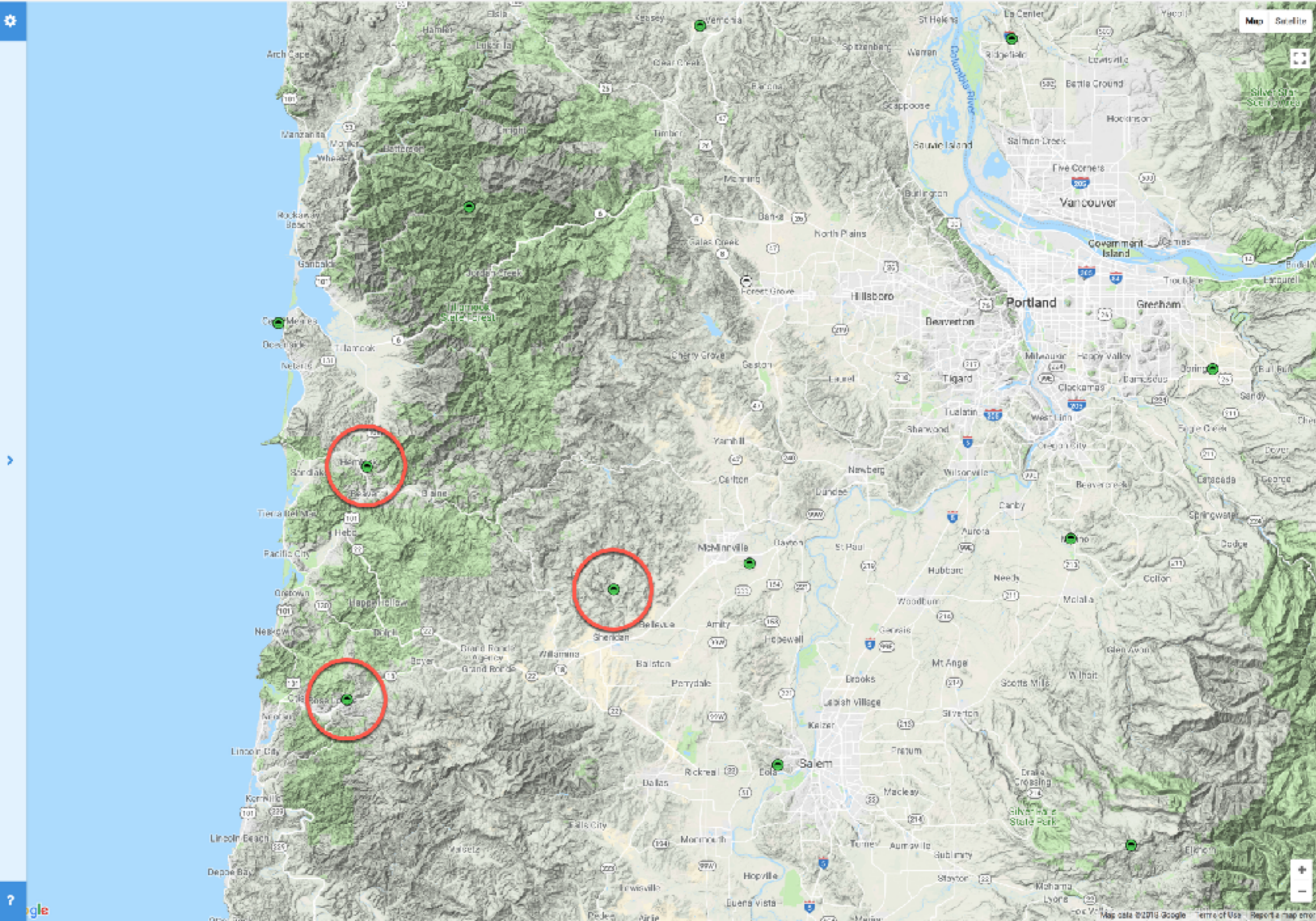
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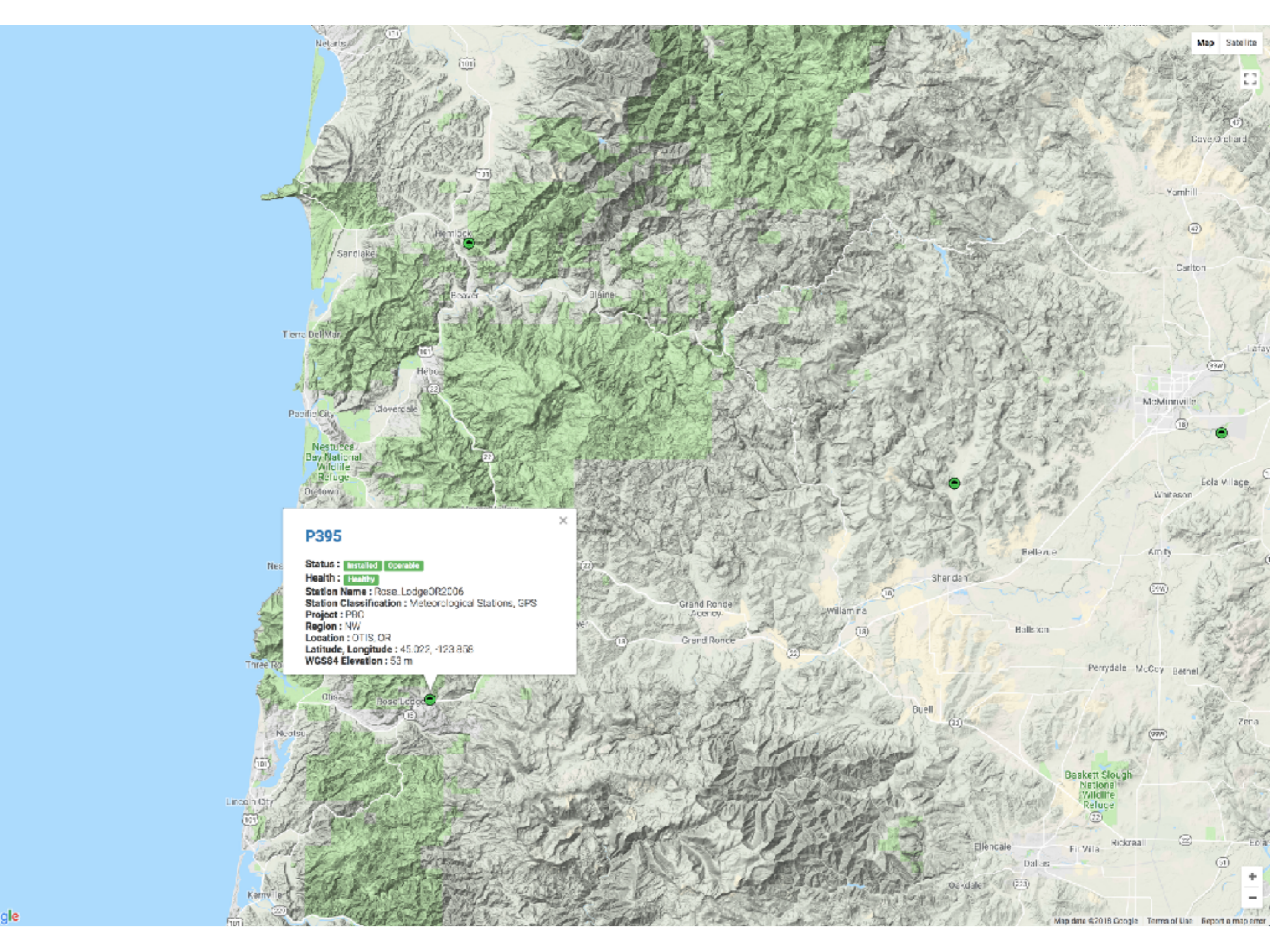
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P395

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Health: Healthy

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Station Classification: Meteorological Stations, GPS

Project: PRC

Region: NW

Location: OTIS, OR

Latitude, Longitude: 45.022, -123.858

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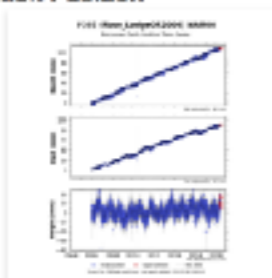
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Station Position



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 Station Status: Installed / Operable
 Station Name: Rose_LodgeOR2008
 Project: PBO
 Location (City, State): OTIS, OR
 Latitude, Longitude: 45.022, -123.858
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Current Status: OK

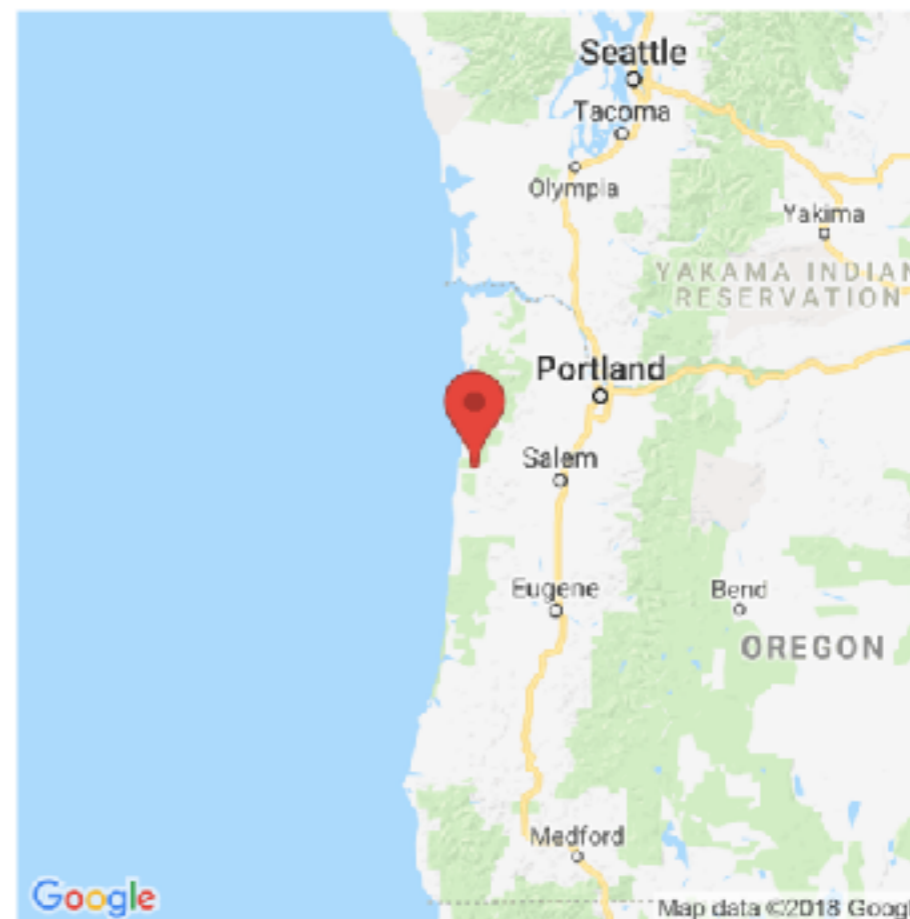
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GPS Monument Coordinates

Approximate Geographic Coordinates			
lat/lon/elev [d/d/m]°:	45.02228	-123.85753	53

IGS08 Reference Frame			
X/Y/Z (m/m/m):	-2515929.2663	-3750099.6722	4489136.3575
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 COND: unavailable TEMP: unavailable
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Station Health Details

SYSTEM	DATE	DETAIL
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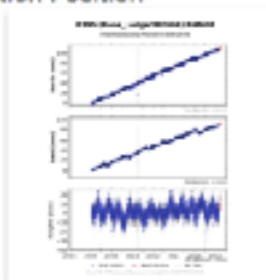
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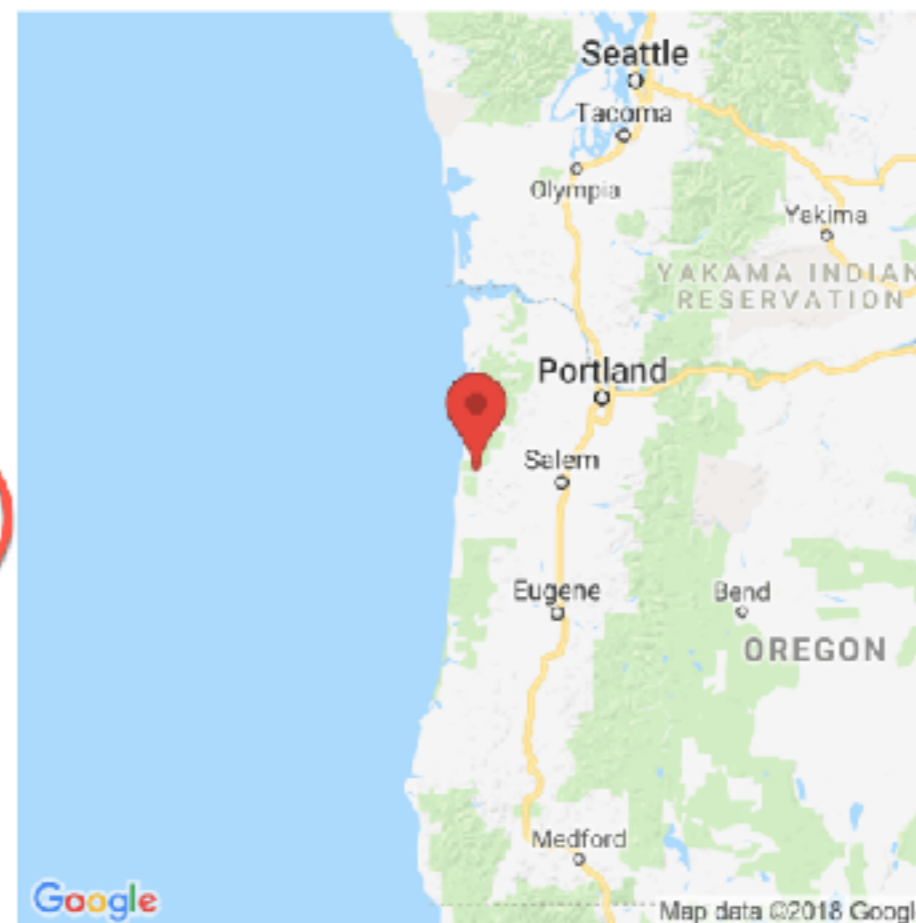
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Station Information	
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Project:	PBO
Location (City, State):	OTIS, OR
Latitude, Longitude:	45.0222, -123.8575
Elevation:	63 m
Monument Type:	DDBM
Station Install Date:	2006/01/24
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Station Data	
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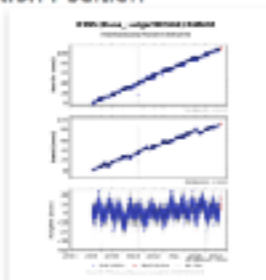
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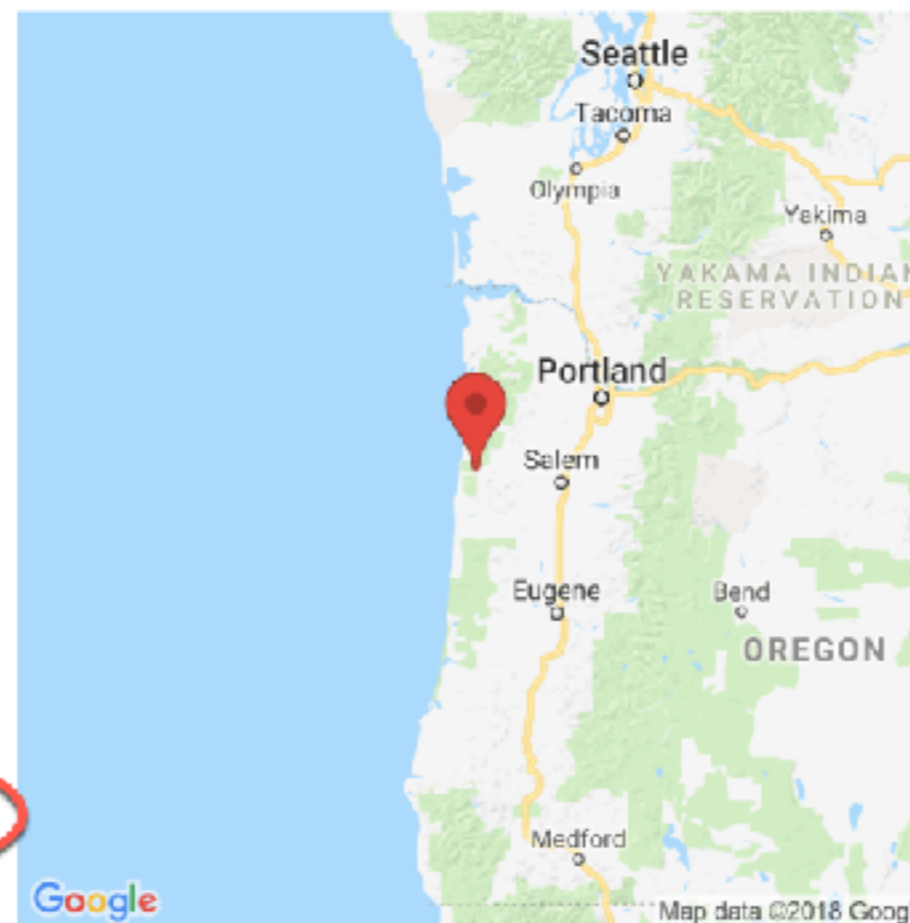
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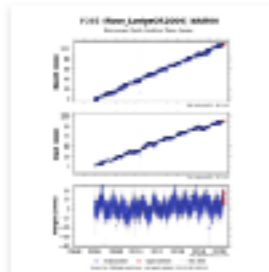
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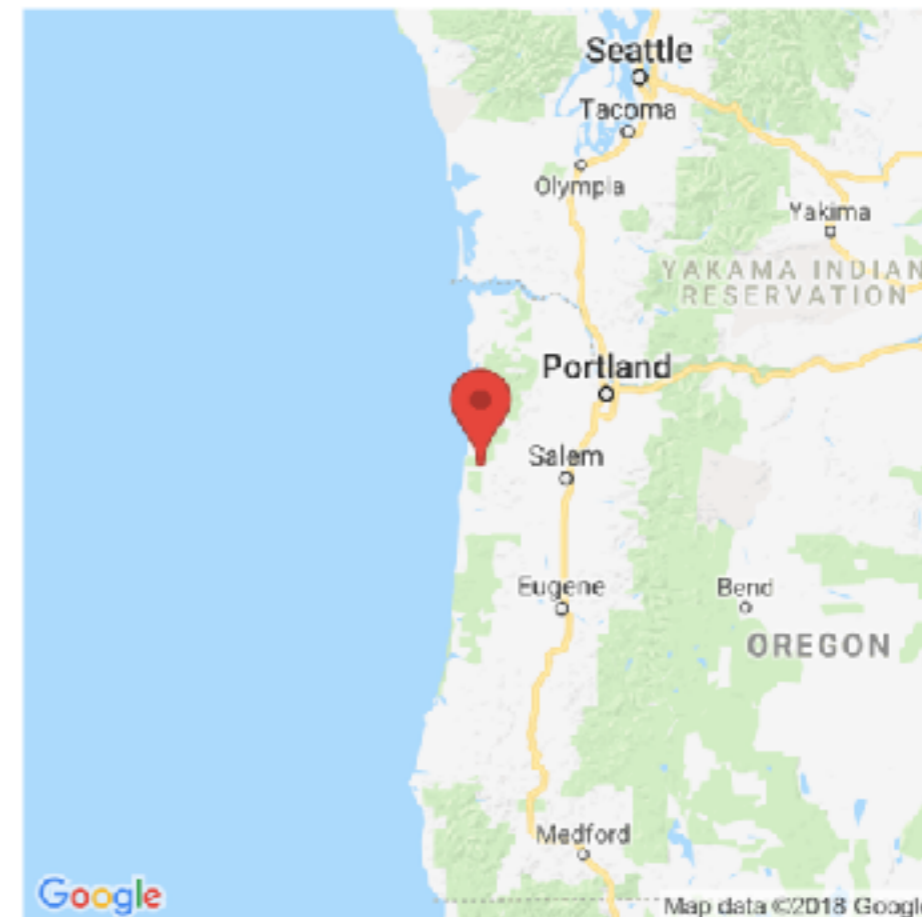
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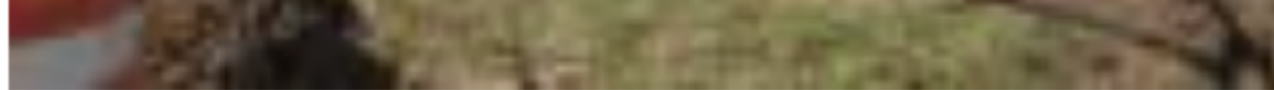
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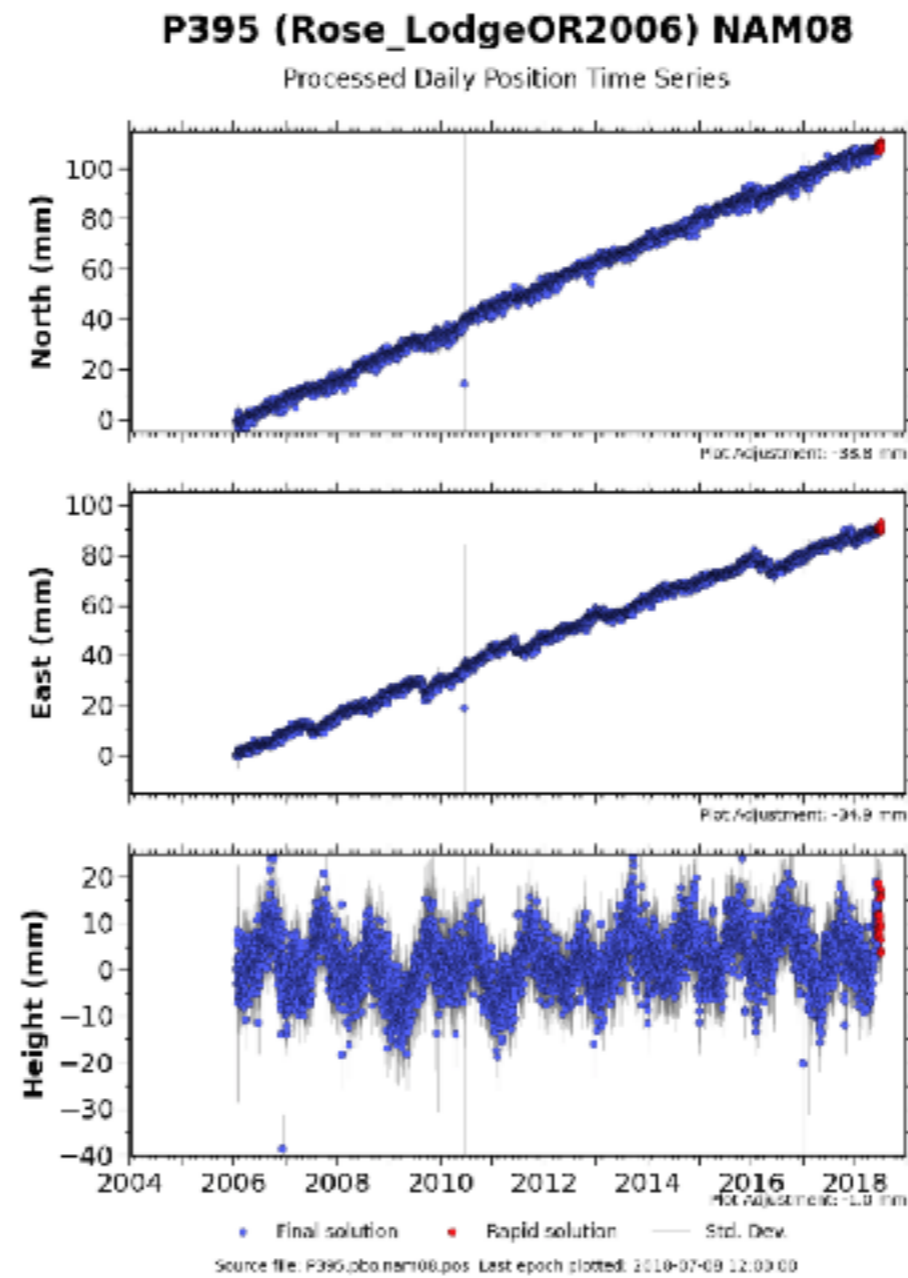
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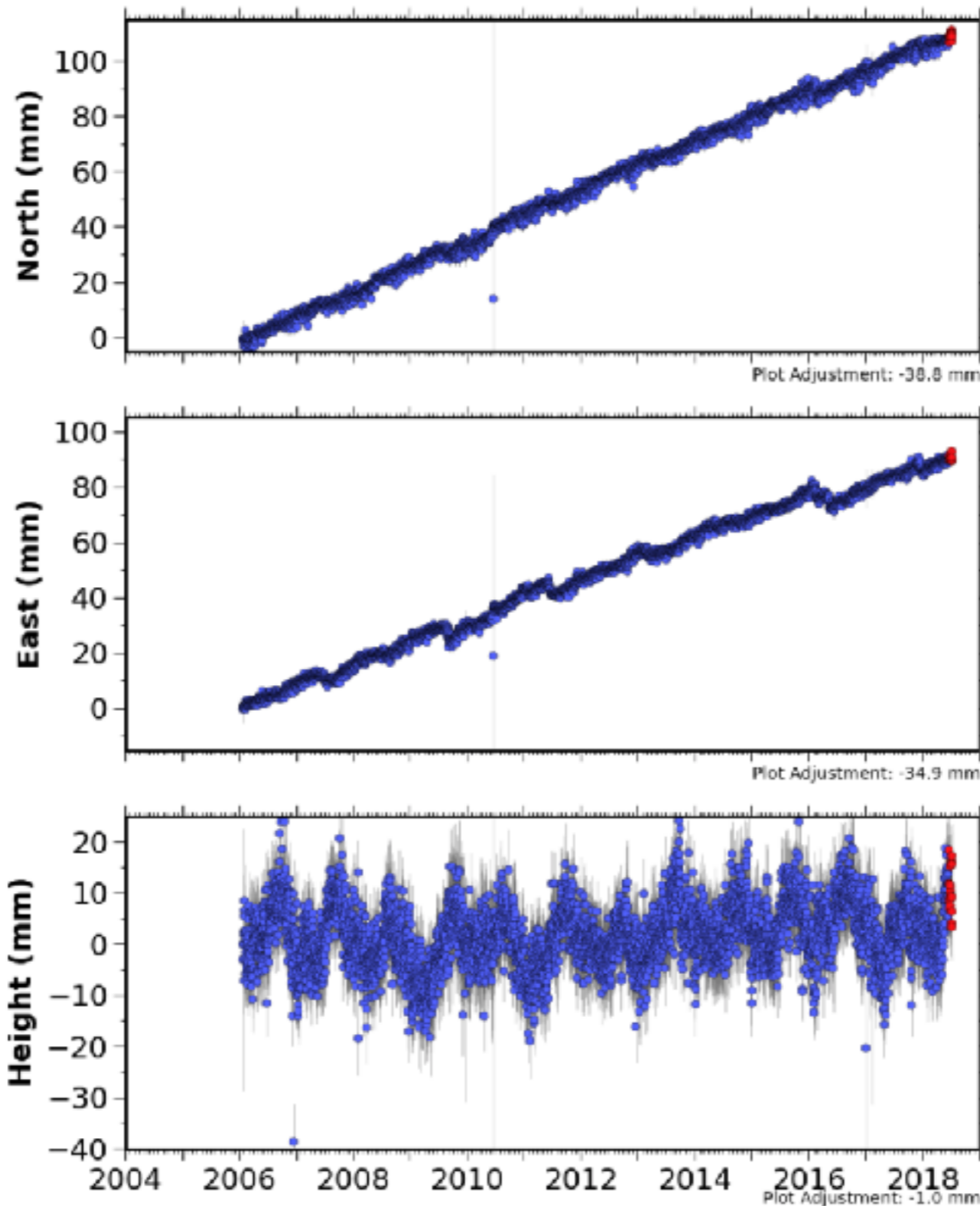
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Ref Epoch**:

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**Station position epoch being the

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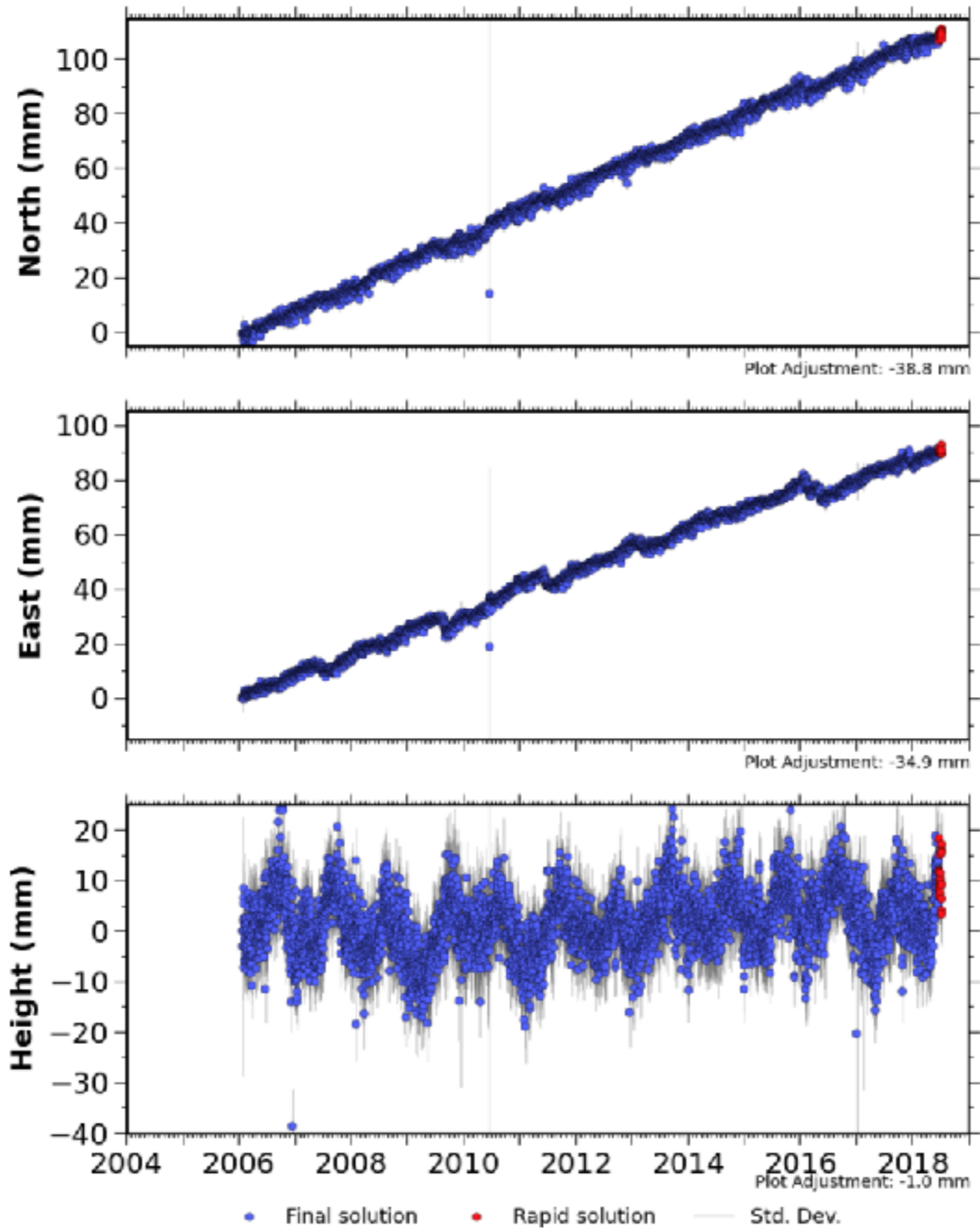


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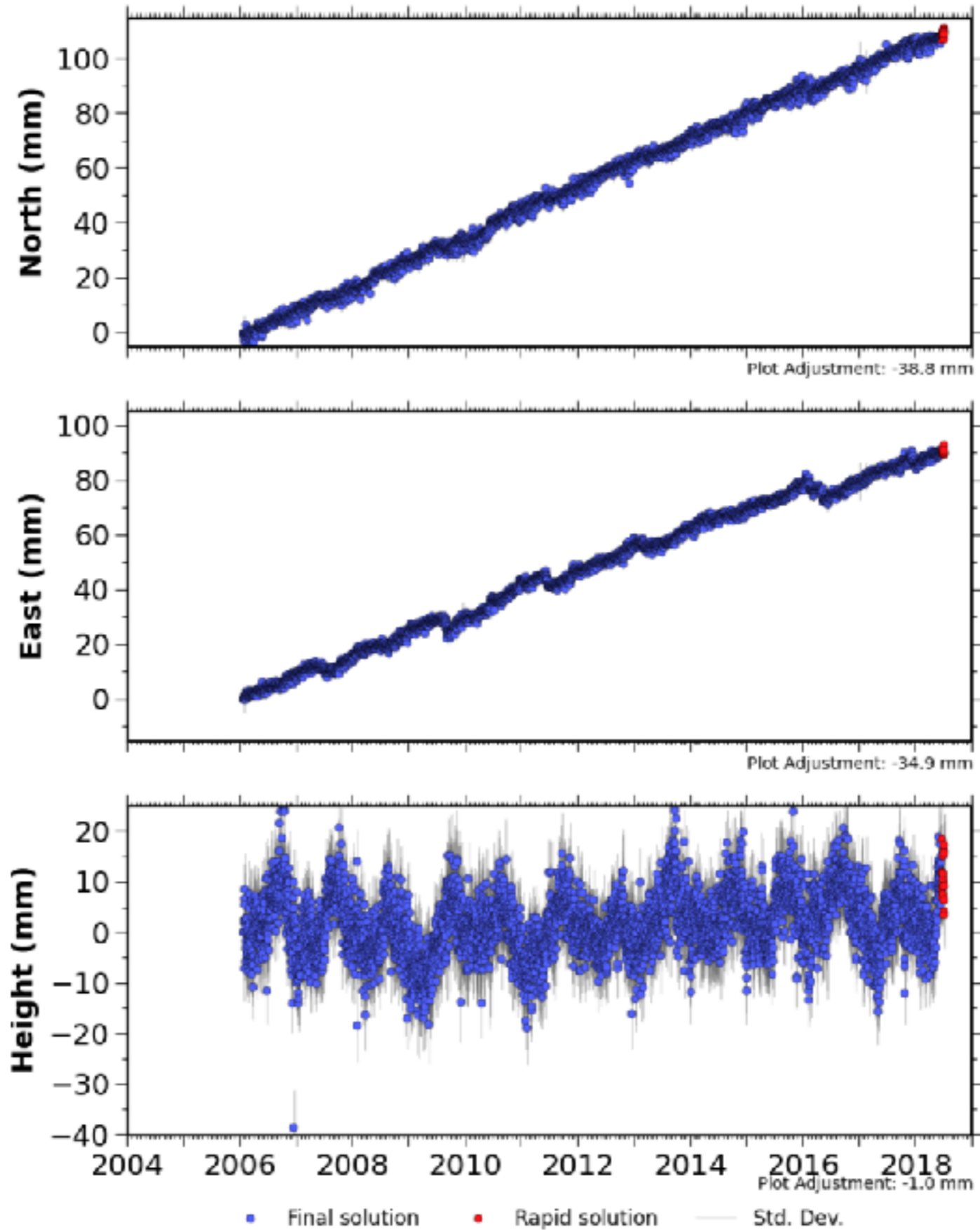
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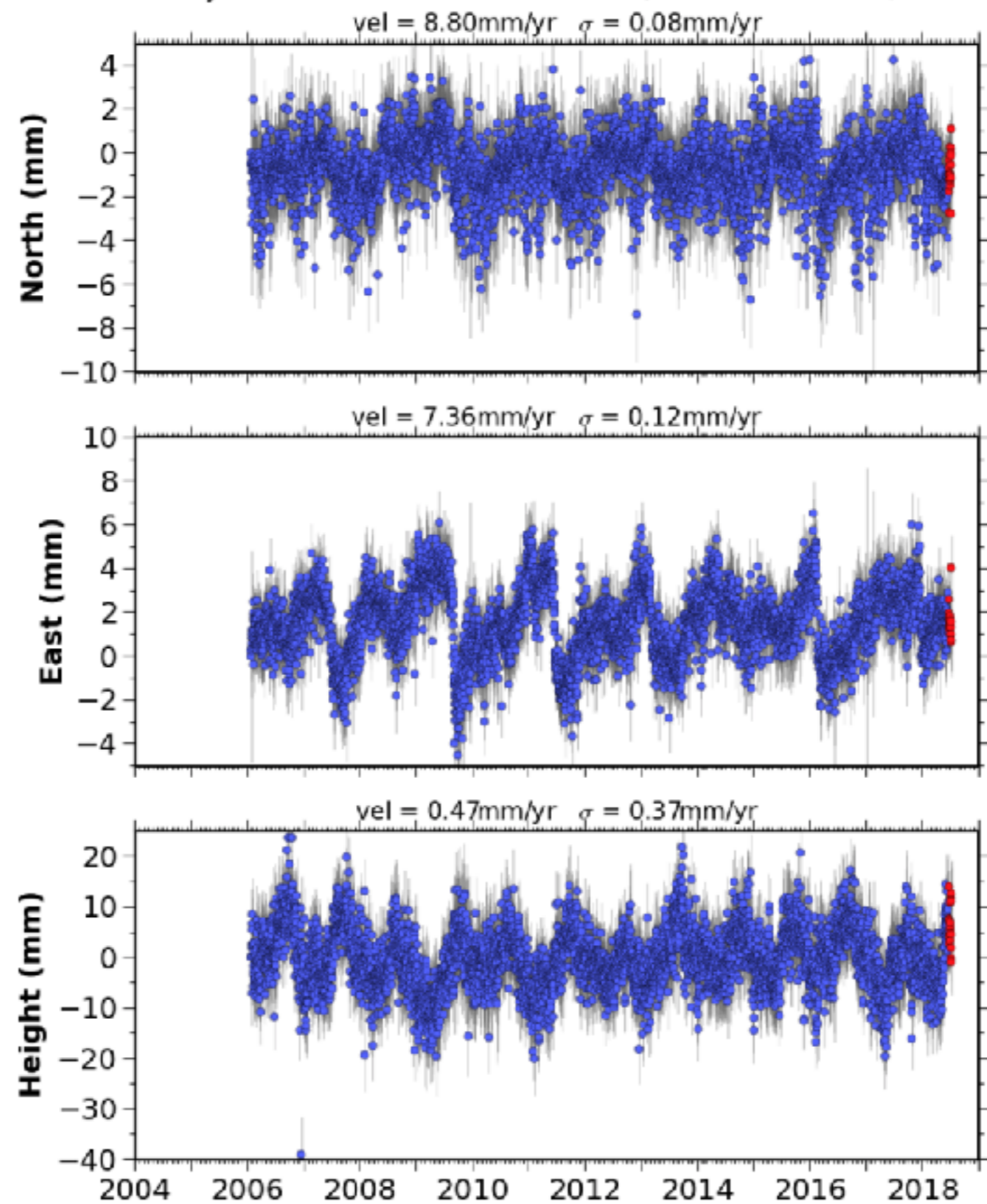
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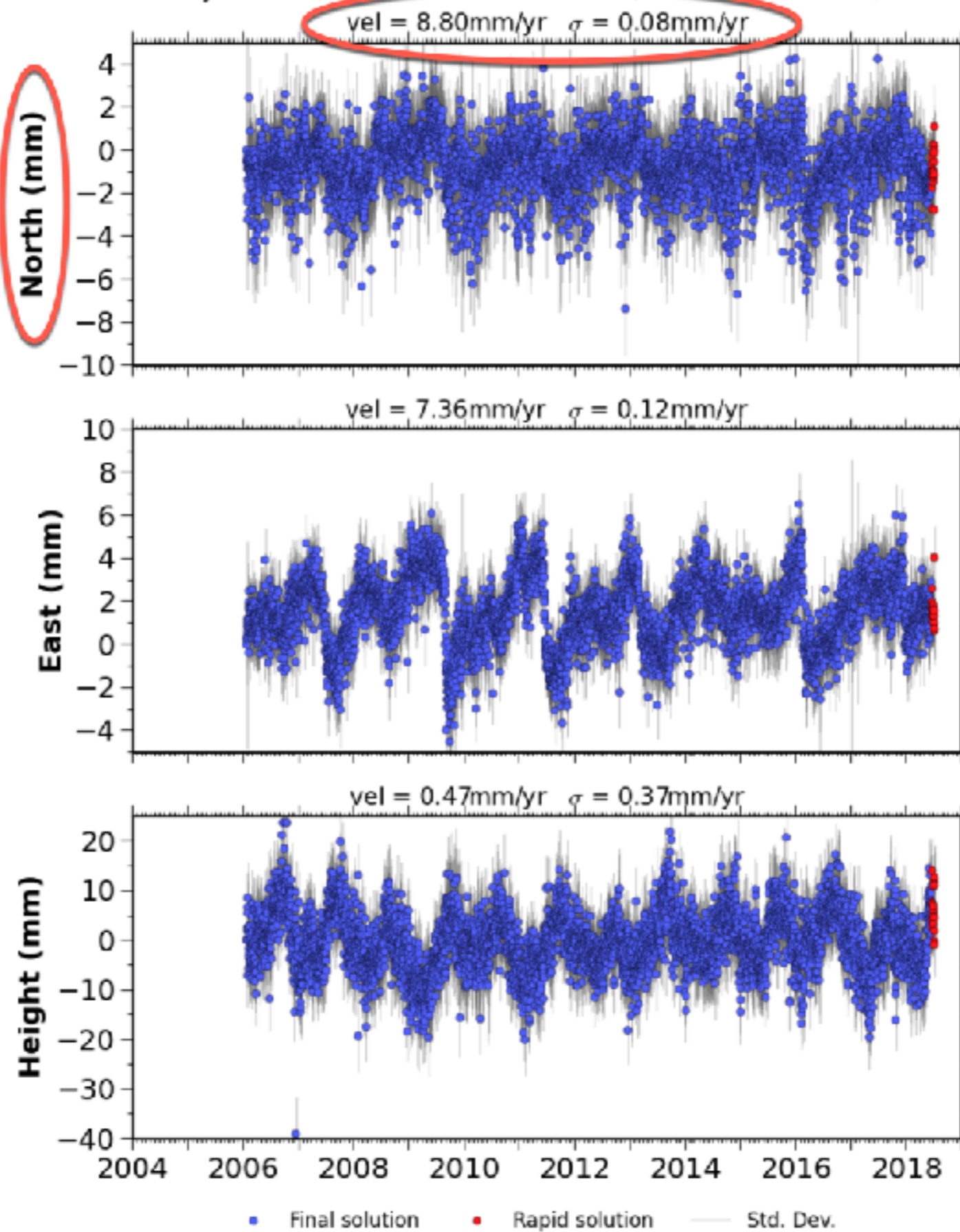


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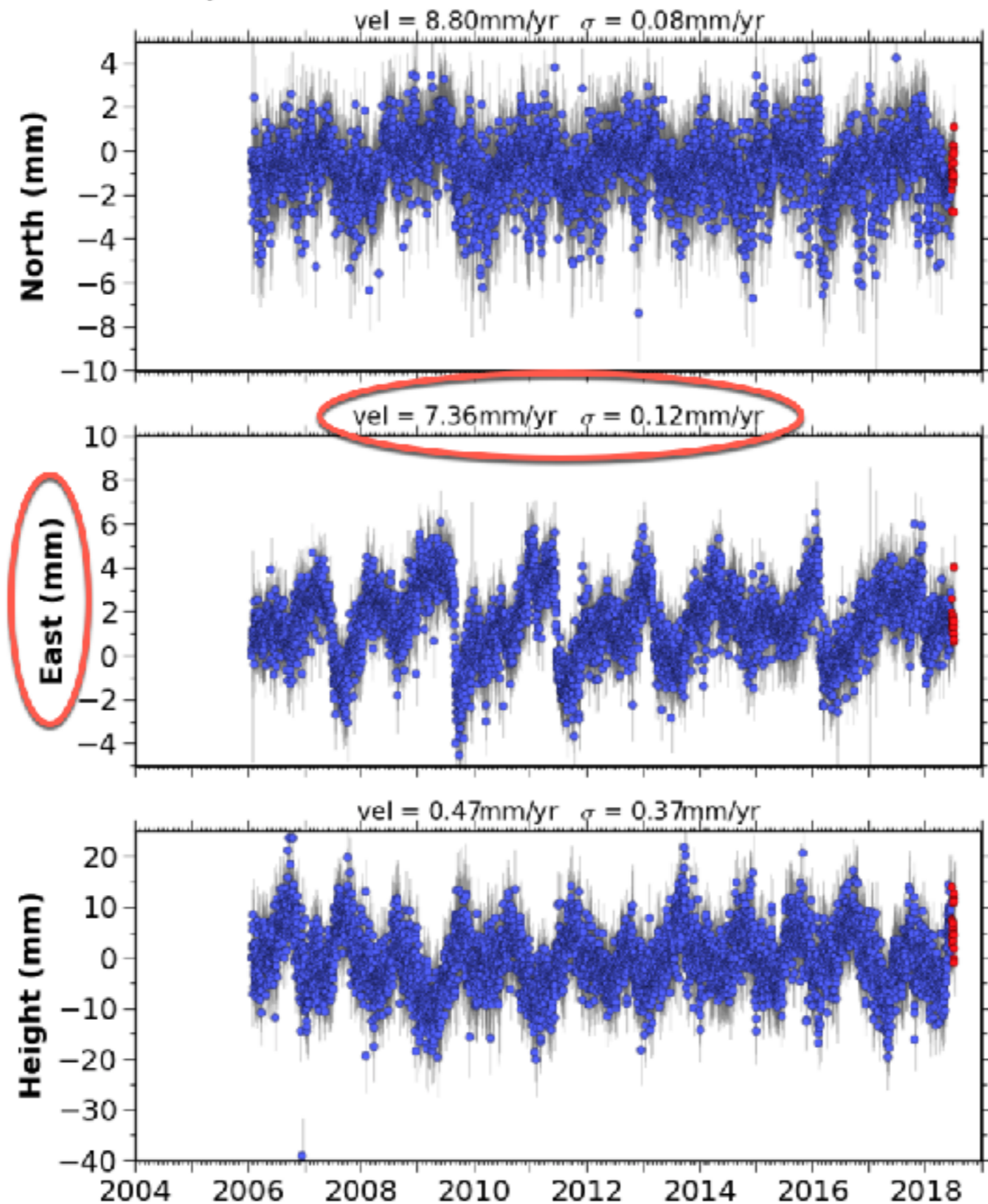
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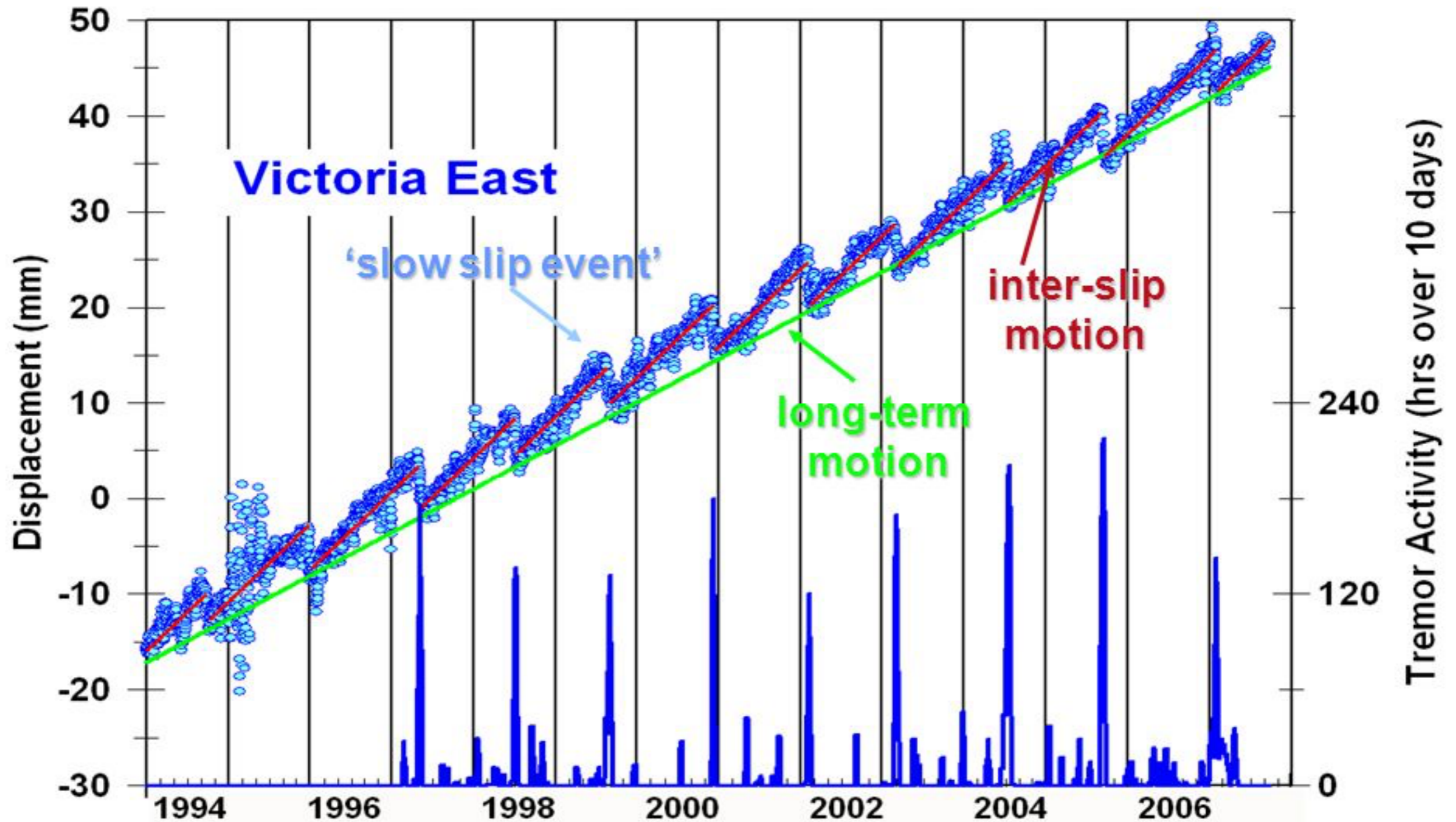
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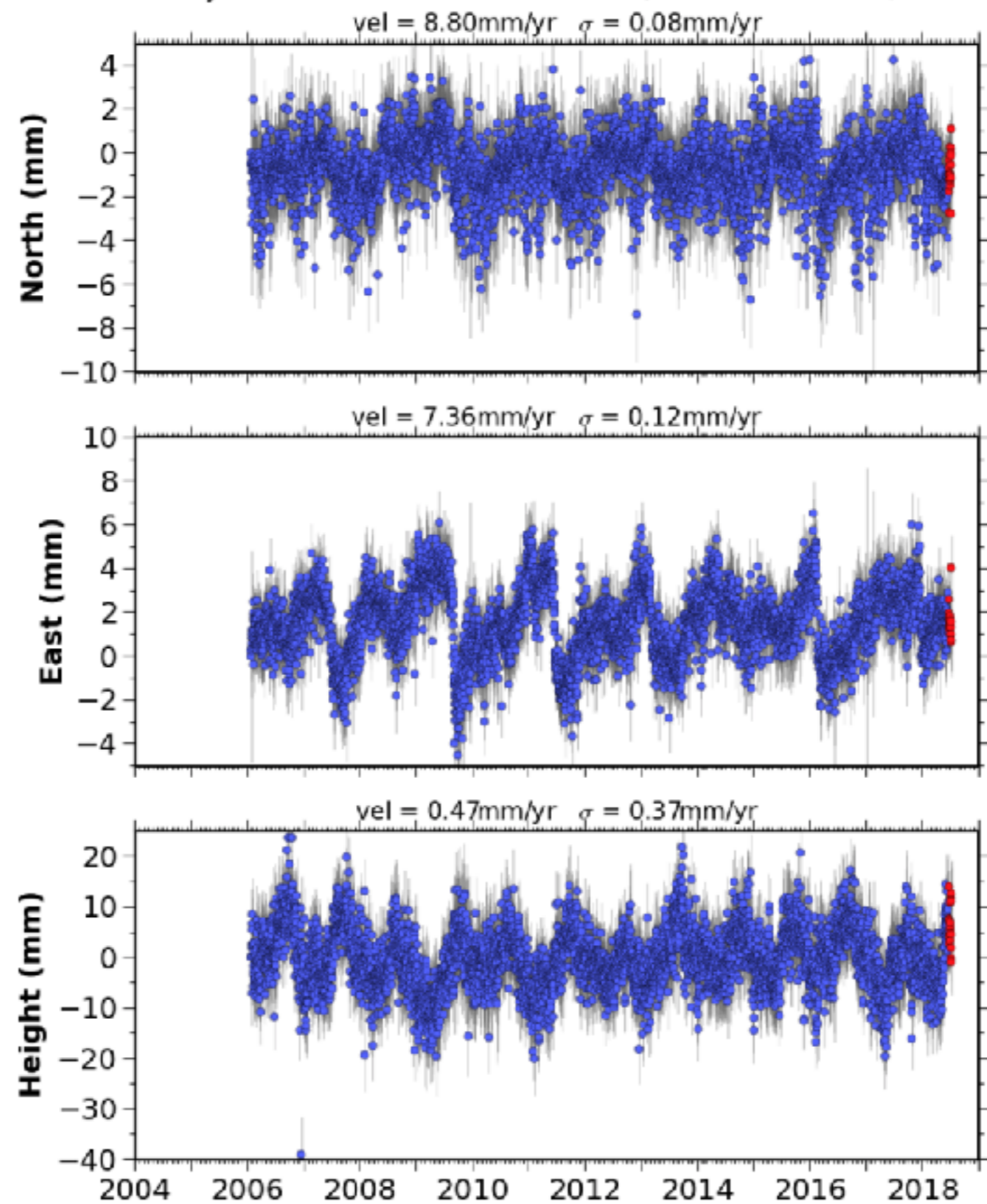
Episodic Tremor and Slip



Rogers and Dragert, 2003

P395 (Rose_LodgeOR2006) NAM08

Processed Daily Position Time Series - Cleaned (Outliers Removed) & Detrended



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Date on which the data were acquired from the PBO website: _____

Geographic coordinates using WGS 1984 datum, North American 2008 Reference Frame (NAM08)

Site	Decimal <u>Lat</u>	Decimal Long
P395	_____	_____
P396	_____	_____
P404	_____	_____

GPS site velocities relative to NAM08, expressed in mm/year

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Approximate Azimuth (ex. "north" or "southwest")

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Rotation direction (+ = counter clockwise, - = clockwise):

Strain:

Sign (+ = extension, - = contraction)

Approximate Azimuth

Max horizontal extension _____

Min horizontal extension _____

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Site Locations

P395

GPS Monument Coordinates

Approximate Geographic Coordinates

lat/lon/elev (d/d/m)*:	45.02228	-123.85753	53
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P396

GPS Monument Coordinates

Approximate Geographic Coordinates

lat/lon/elev (d/d/m)*:	45.30951	-123.82289	55
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P404

GPS Monument Coordinates

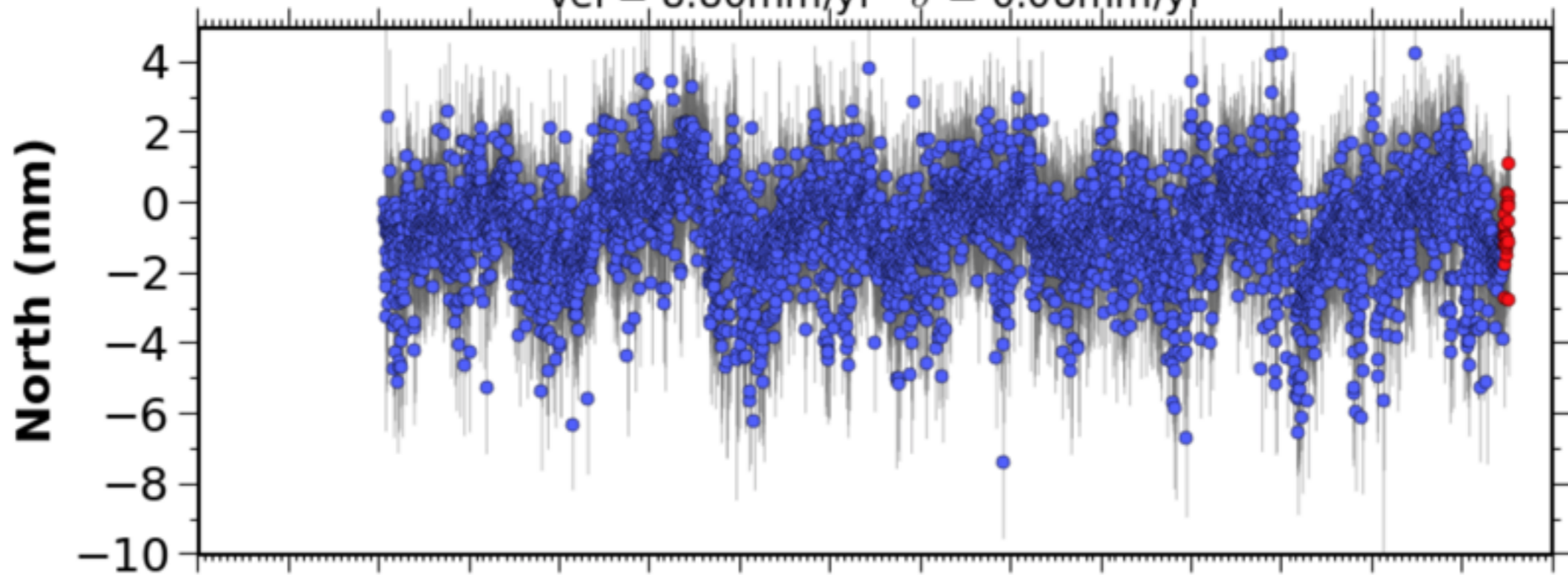
Approximate Geographic Coordinates

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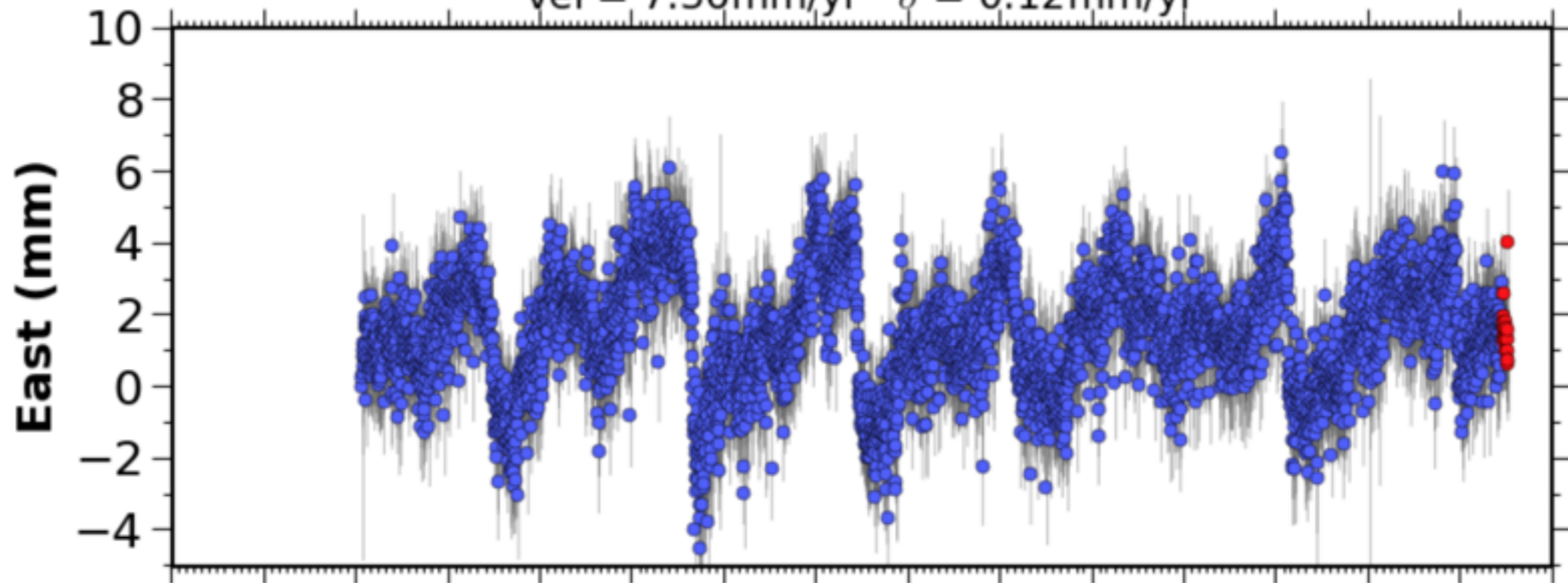
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vel = 8.80mm/yr σ = 0.08mm/yr

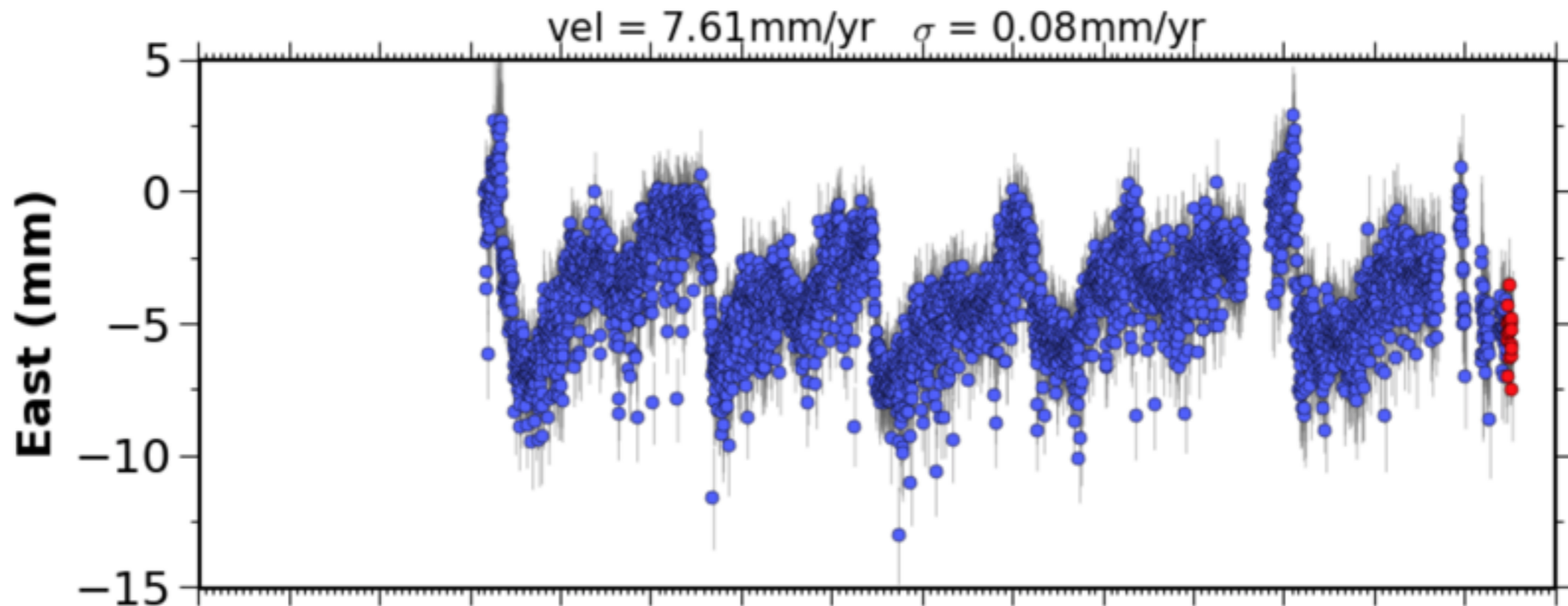
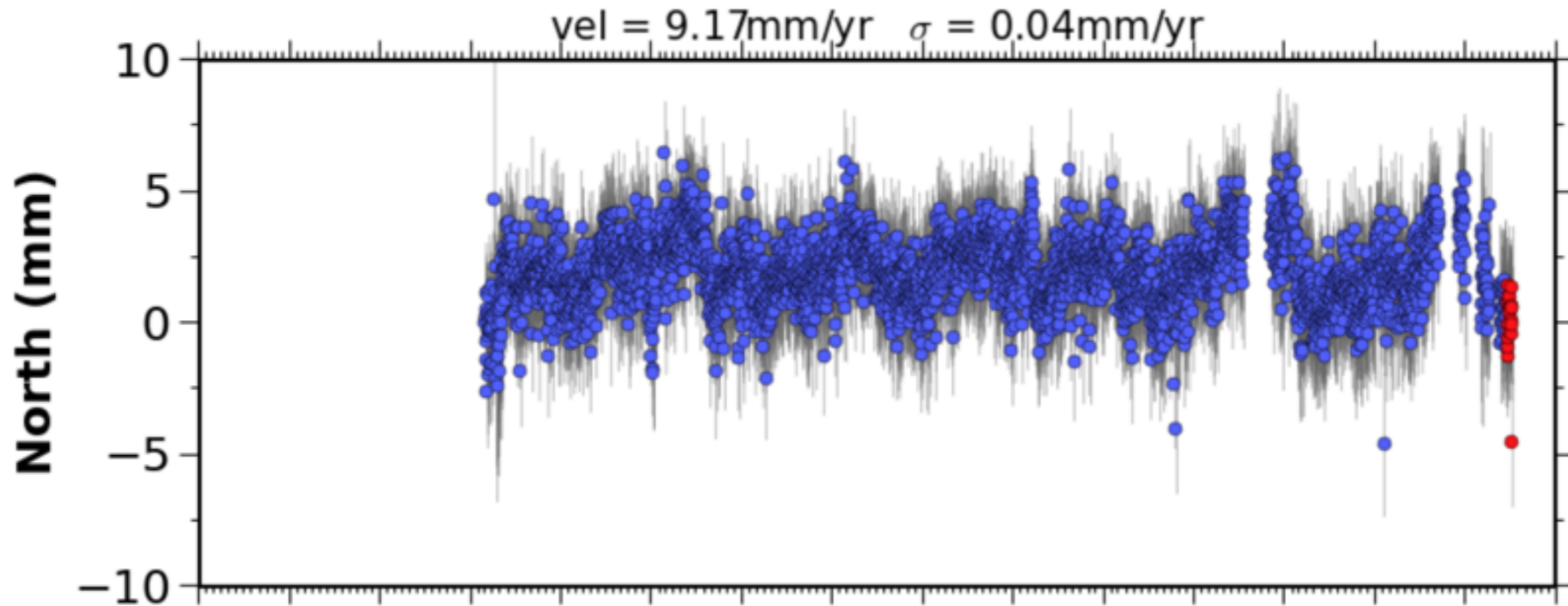


vel = 7.36mm/yr σ = 0.12mm/yr



P396 (RoosBC026GOR2007) NAM08

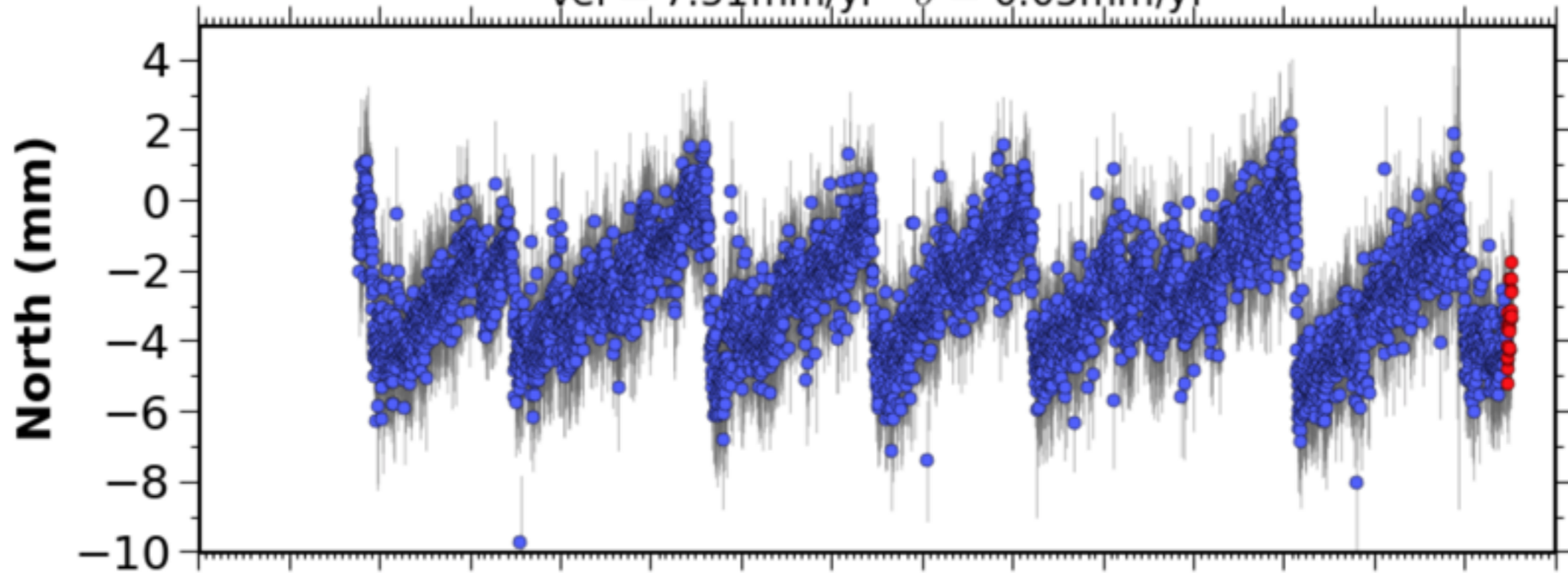
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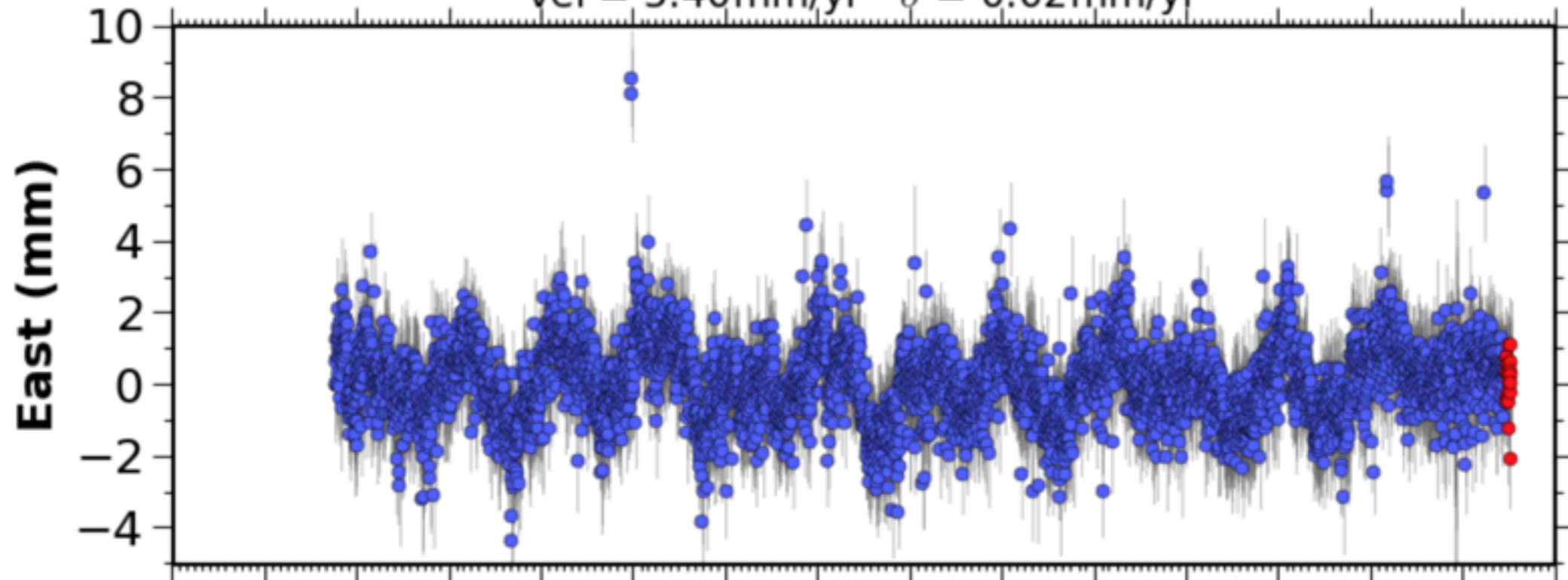
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vel = 7.51mm/yr σ = 0.05mm/yr



vel = 5.40mm/yr σ = 0.02mm/yr



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Name: _____

Date on which the data were acquired from the PBO website: July 11, 2018

Geographic coordinates using WGS 1984 datum, North American 2008 Reference Frame (NAM08)

Site	Decimal Lat	Decimal Long
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P396	<u>9.17</u>	<u>0.04</u>	<u>7.61</u>	<u>0.08</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
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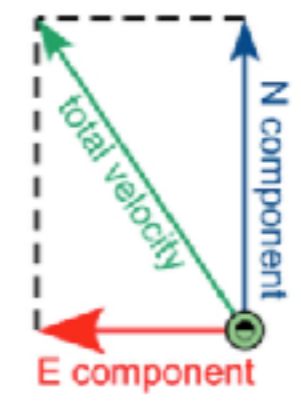
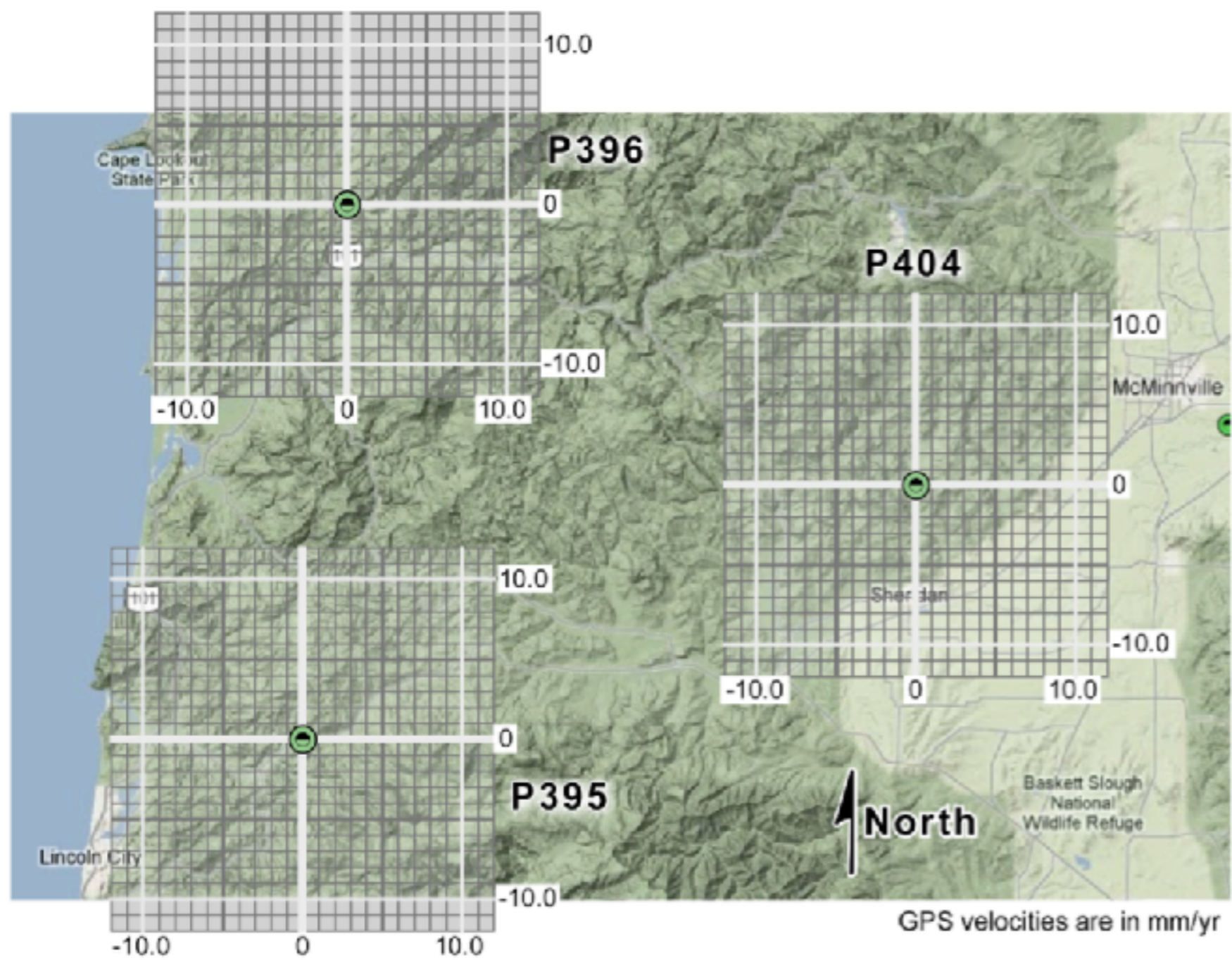
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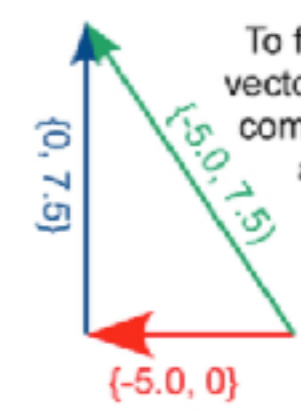
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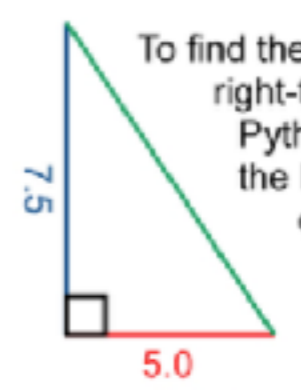


To find the total speed graphically, use a ruler and the scale shown on the graph to measure the length of the total velocity vector.



To find the total speed using vector math, add the E and N component vectors together, and find the length of the resulting total velocity vector using the Pythagorean theorem.

$$\text{total speed} = \sqrt{(-5.0)^2 + (7.5)^2}$$

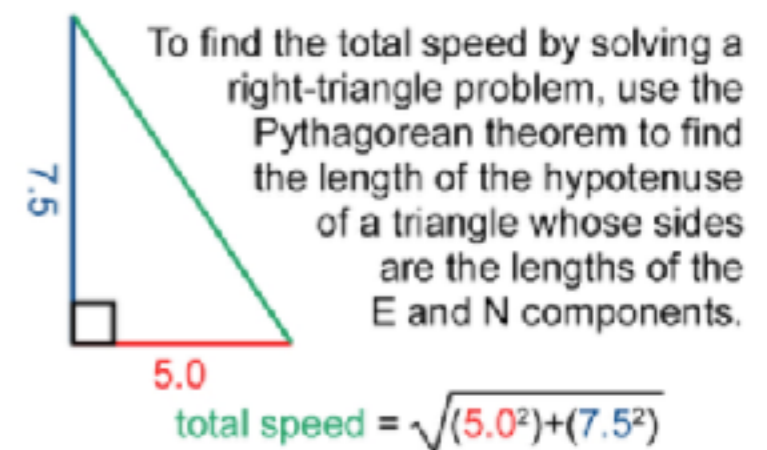
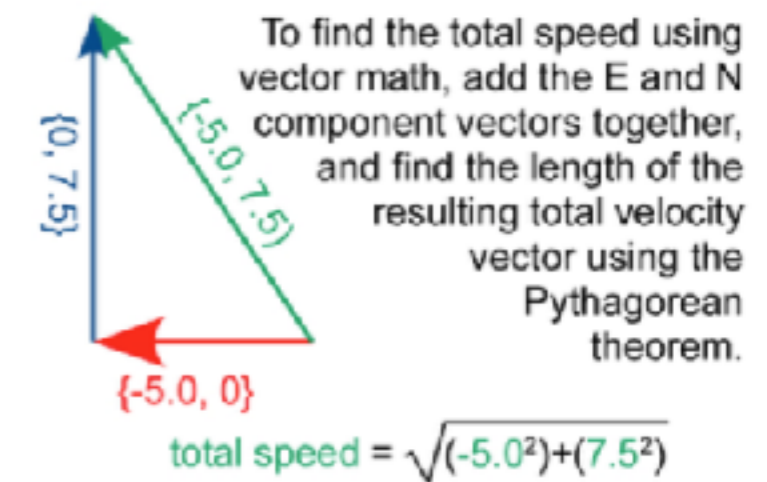
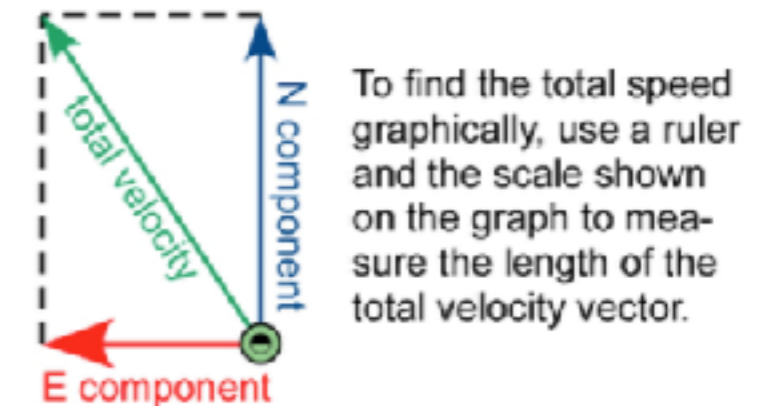
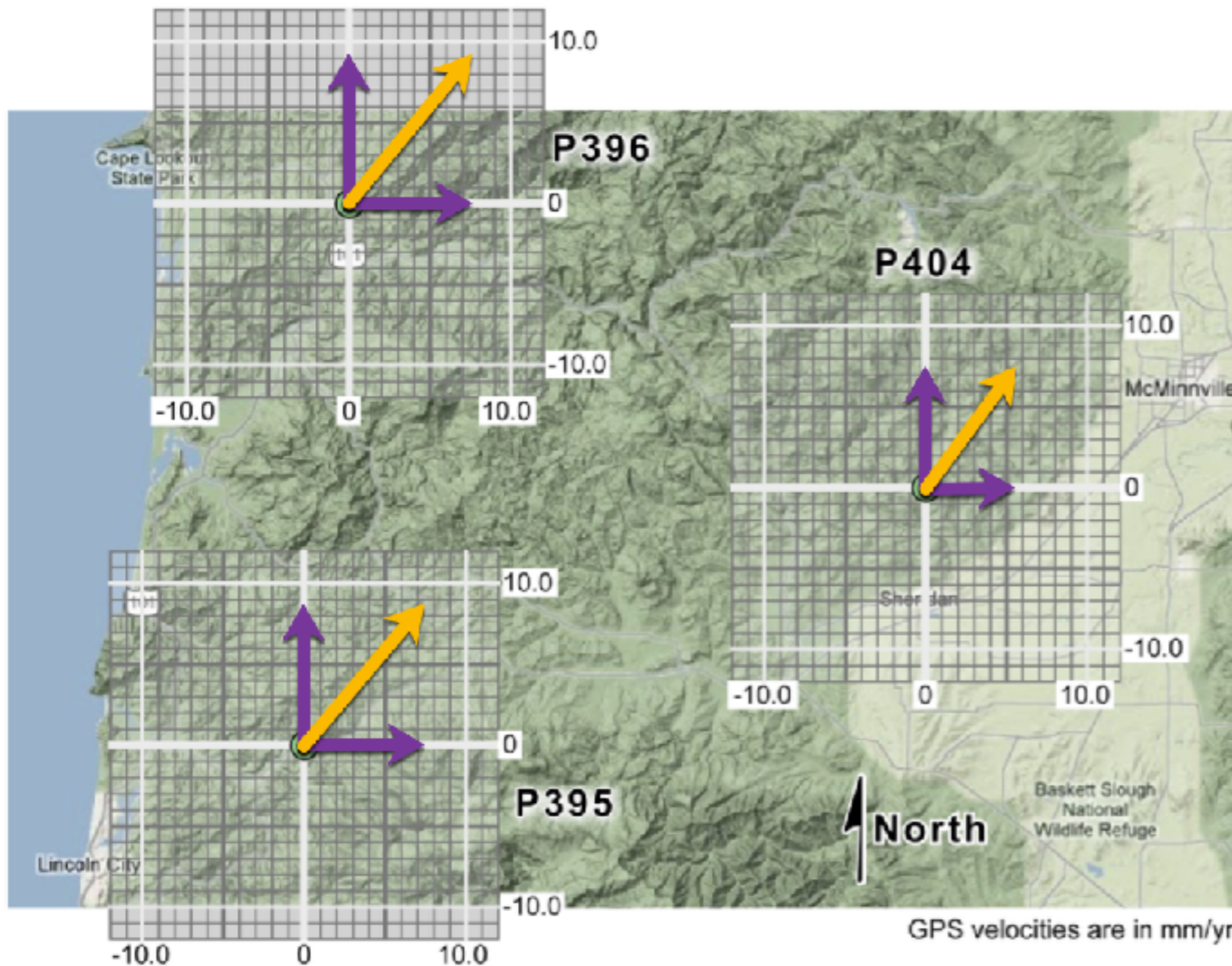


To find the total speed by solving a right-triangle problem, use the Pythagorean theorem to find the length of the hypotenuse of a triangle whose sides are the lengths of the E and N components.

$$\text{total speed} = \sqrt{(5.0)^2 + (7.5)^2}$$

Total horizontal speeds: P395 _____ mm/yr; P396 _____ mm/yr; P404 _____ mm/yr

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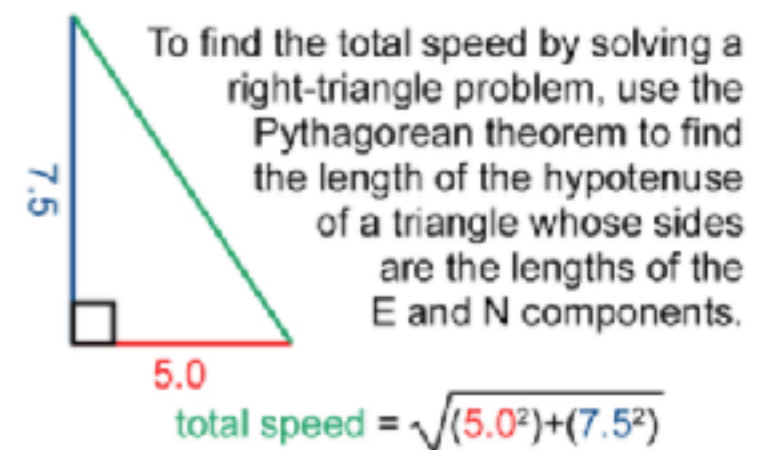
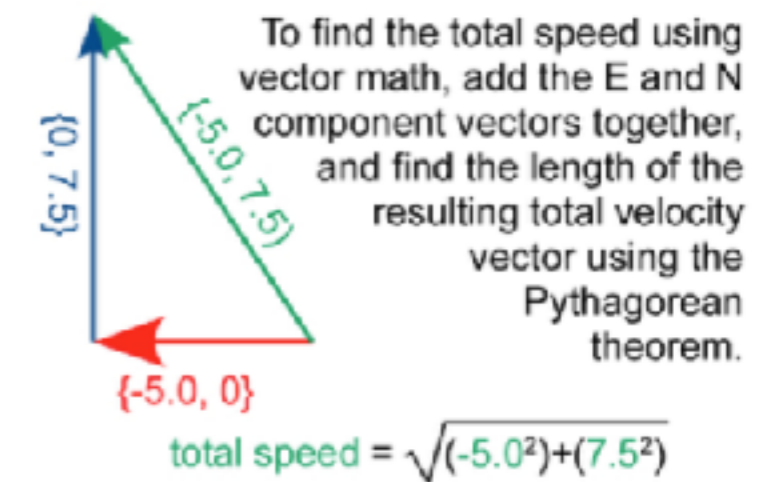
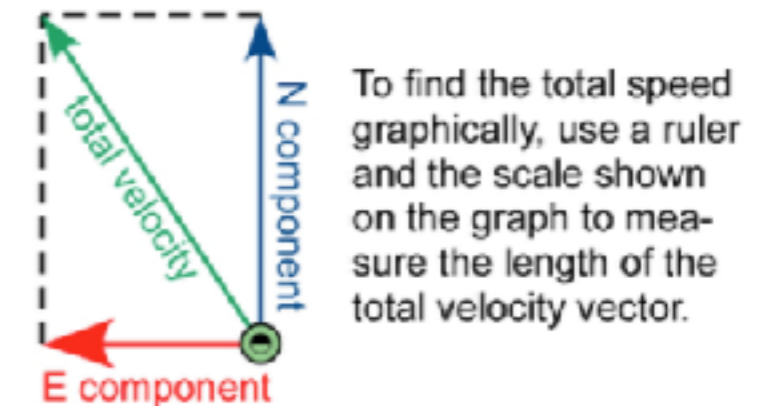
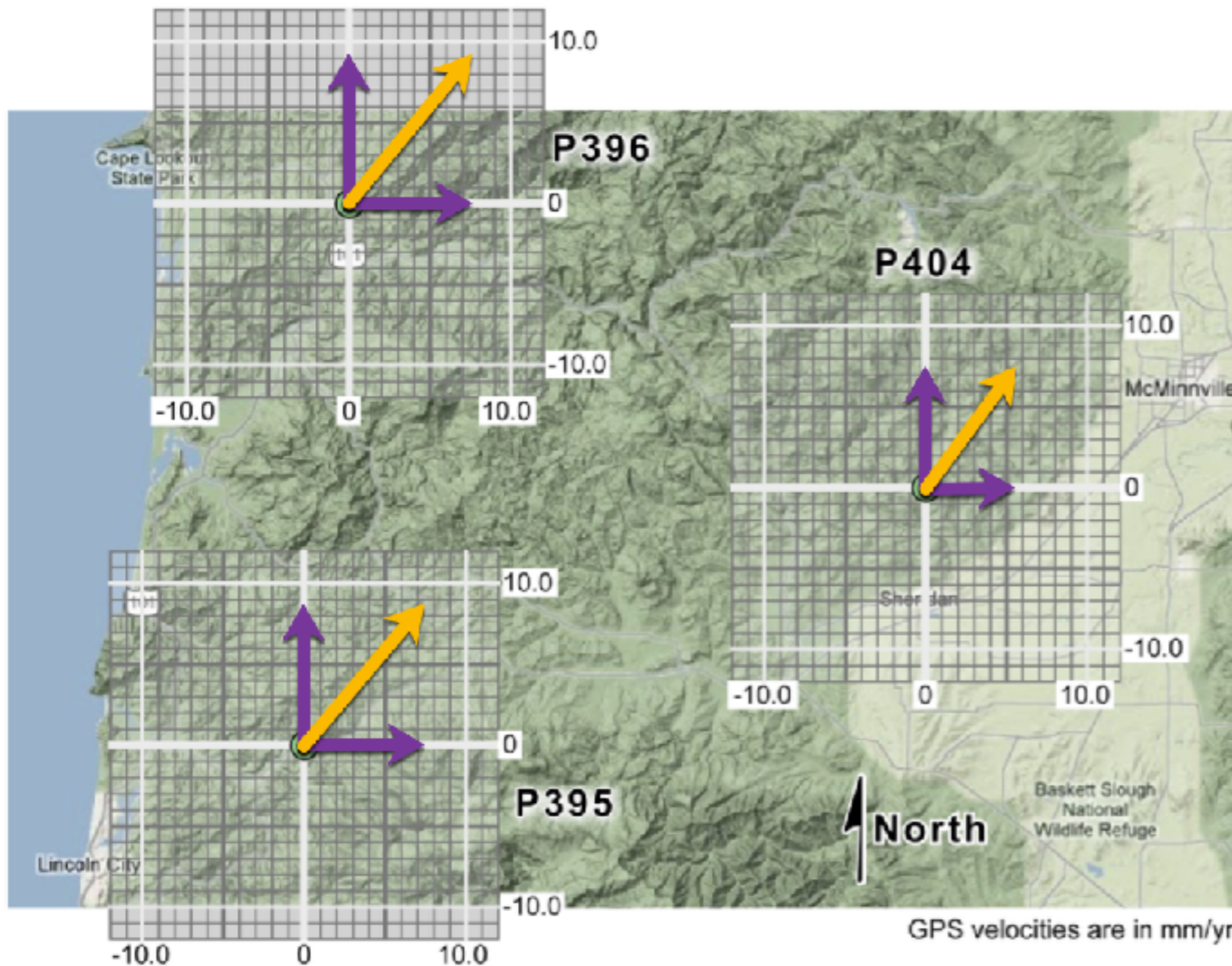
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Graphic solutions are OK for initial visualization, but we need an analytical or numerical solution to improve the reliability of our result.

The GPS module includes “calculators” written in three forms (Excel, MatLab, and Mathematica) as well as documents that would allow students to write their own code:

**Primer on Infinitesimal Strain Analysis in 1, 2 and 3-D
and
Algorithm for Triangle Strain**

Fire-up the Excel version of
the strain calculator

Infinitesimal strain from GPS velocity data from sites in a triangular array

October 18, 2012

Send corrections, suggestions, comments to Vince_Cronin@baylor.edu

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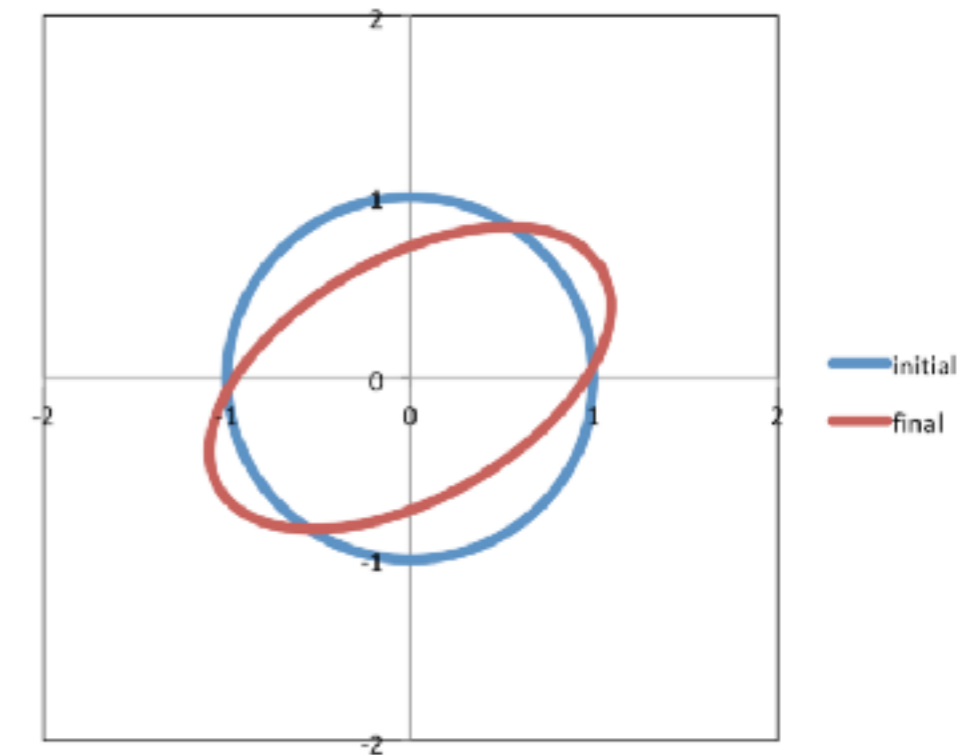
Initial Input Data

Site	Longitude	Latitude	E velocity	E vel uncert	N velocity	N vel uncert
Name	west is negative	south is negative	(mm/yr)	(mm/yr)	(mm/yr)	(mm/yr)
AC63	-145.847244751	63.502426437	1.79	0.01	-2.76	0.01
AC62	-146.312697002	63.083606996	-19.51	0.01	5.43	0.01
AB37	-145.451879261	62.967323566	-21.6	0.01	10.3	0.01

Primary Output Data

Translation Vector			
E component \pm uncert (m/yr)	-0.0131	\pm	5.7735E-06
N component \pm uncert (m/yr)	0.0043	\pm	5.7735E-06
Azimuth (degrees)	288.3		
Speed (m/yr)	0.0138		
Rotation \pm uncertainty (degrees/yr)			
Rotation \pm uncertainty (degrees/yr)	-0.00001044	\pm	0.00000001
Rotation \pm uncertainty (nano-rad/yr)	-182.2906	\pm	0.2002
Direction of rotation	clockwise		
Max horizontal extension (e1H) (nano-strain)			
Max horizontal extension (e1H) (nano-strain)	207.4117		
Azimuth of S1H (degrees)	59.8113	or	239.8113245
Min horizontal extension (e2H) (nano-strain)			
Min horizontal extension (e2H) (nano-strain)	-339.1133		
Azimuth of S2H (degrees)	149.8113	or	329.8113245
Max shear strain (nano-strain)	546.5250		
Area strain (nano-strain)	-131.7015		

Strain ellipse (exaggerated by 1e6)



Other Output

Lagrangian strain-rate tensor			
$\epsilon_{xx} \pm$ uncert (nano-strain)	69.2189	\pm	0.3280
$\epsilon_{xy} \pm$ uncert (nano-strain)	237.5470	\pm	0.2002
$\epsilon_{yy} \pm$ uncert (nano-strain)	-200.9205	\pm	0.2298
First invariant of strain-rate tensor	-131.7015		

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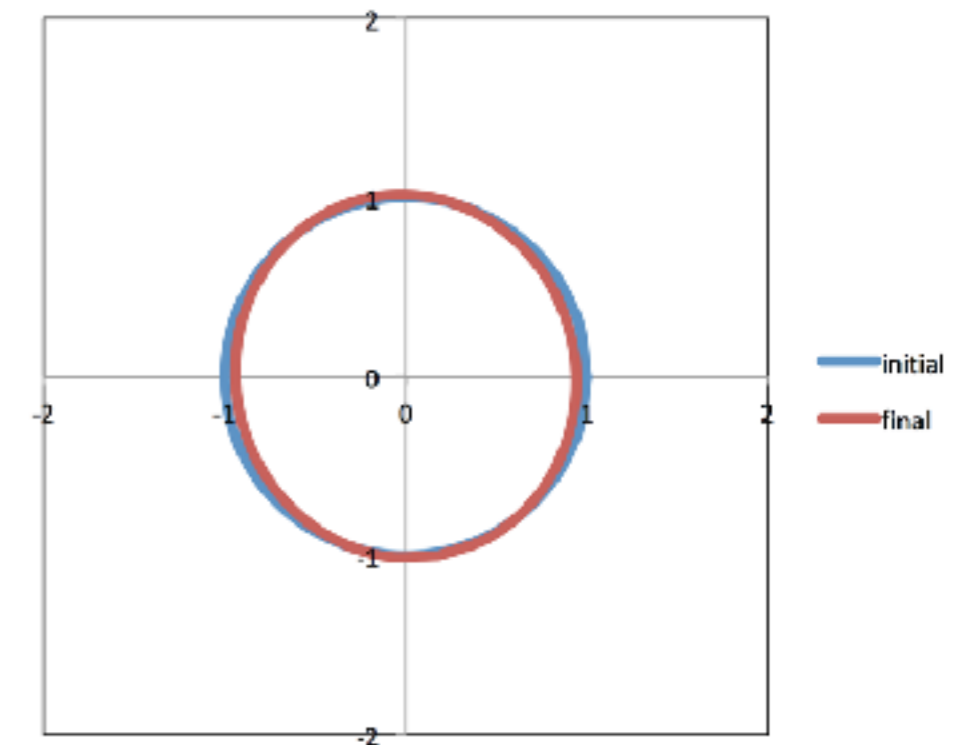
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P404	-123.390330000	45.158530000	5.4	0.02	7.51	0.05

Primary Output Data

Translation Vector			
E component \pm uncert (m/yr)	0.0068	\pm	2.82843E-05
N component \pm uncert (m/yr)	0.0085	\pm	3.41565E-05
Azimuth (degrees)	38.6		
Speed (m/yr)	0.0109		
Rotation \pm uncertainty (degrees/yr)	-0.00000157	\pm	0.00000009
Rotation \pm uncertainty (nano-rad/yr)	-27.3470	\pm	1.6500
Direction of rotation	clockwise		
Max horizontal extension (e1H) (nano-strain)	18.0762		
Azimuth of S1H (degrees)	169.7234	or	349.723356
Min horizontal extension (e2H) (nano-strain)	-61.0800		
Azimuth of S2H (degrees)	79.7234	or	259.723356
Max shear strain (nano-strain)	79.1562		
Area strain (nano-strain)	-43.0038		

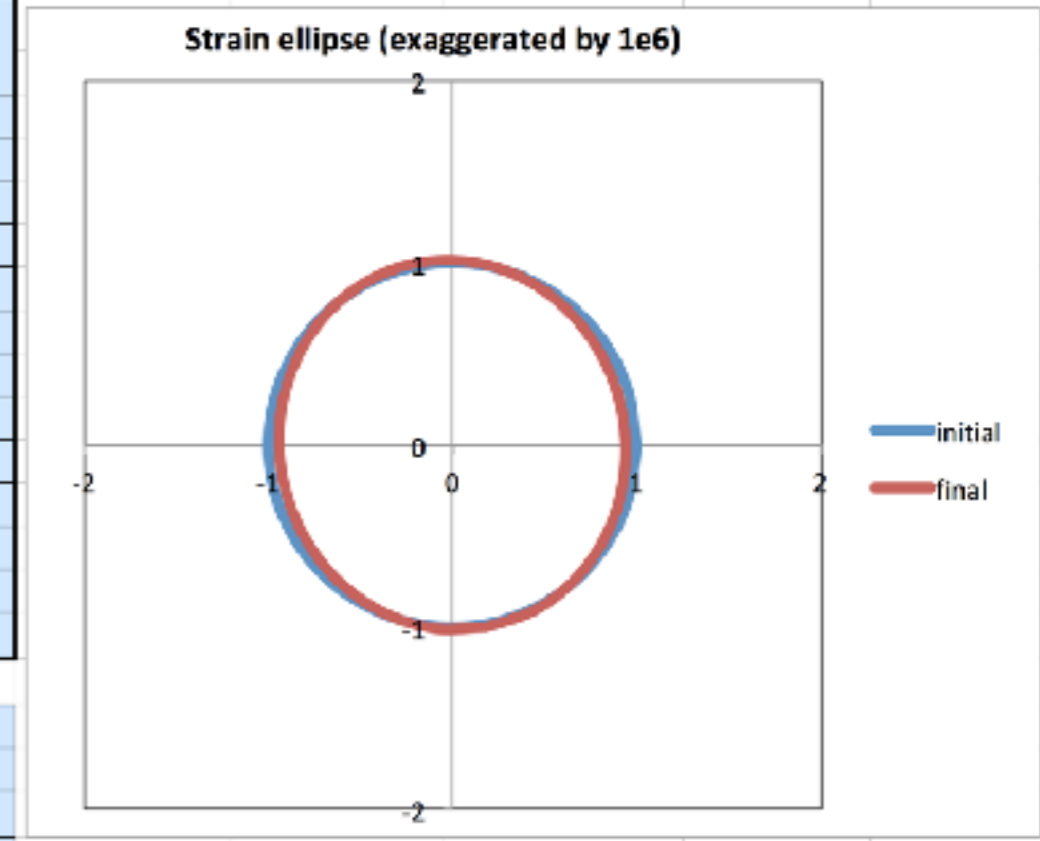
Strain ellipse (exaggerated by 1e6)



Other Output

Lagrangian strain-rate tensor			
$\epsilon_{xx} \pm$ uncert (nano-strain)	-58.5607	\pm	1.2303
$\epsilon_{xy} \pm$ uncert (nano-strain)	-13.8950	\pm	1.6500
$\epsilon_{yy} \pm$ uncert (nano-strain)	15.5569	\pm	2.7299
First invariant of strain-rate tensor	-43.0038		

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First invariant of strain-rate tensor (nano-strain)	-43.0038			
Second invariant of strain-rate tensor (nano-strain)	-1.1041E-06			
Third invariant of strain-rate tensor (nano-strain)	-1.1041E-06			

Computation				
	Site name	P395	P396	P404
	latitude in radians	0.785787023	0.790800132	0.788165034
	longitude in radians	-2.161721702	-2.16111712	-2.153567524

GPS Strain & Earthquakes: Explanation of Strain Calculator Output

Original document by Vince Cronin (Baylor University). Revisions by Beth Pratt-Sitaula (UNAVCO).

The “GPS Triangle Strain Calculator” (Excel and Matlab versions) takes the velocity at each of the three GPS stations, and determines what types of transformations the region between them is undergoing. It breaks the total measured GPS velocities into components of the different types of transformations—translation, rotation, extension, and strain.

- The **Translation Vector** can be visualized as the vector from one specific point to another -- from the original position of the center of the triangle formed by the three GPS sites to the displaced position of the center of the triangle.
 - The **East component** of the translation vector is computed by taking the average of the three E (east-west) velocity vectors, expressed in meters per year (1 m/yr = 1000 mm/yr; 1 mm/yr = 0.001 m/yr). A negative value signifies westward movement.
 - In a similar way, the **N component** of the translation vector is the average of the N (north-south) velocity vectors, also expressed in meters per year; negative value is southward movement.
 - The **Azimuth** of the translation is the average direction that the GPS sites are moving. The azimuth is measured in a horizontal plane, starting at north (0° azimuth) and



Figure 1. Translation.

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