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The 2012 UTC Time Links

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Profile

- What's new in the 2012 UTC time links
- Status of the TW links
 - Europe-Asia
 - Europe-Europe-America
 - Combination of multi-technique links
- The time link products on the BIPM ftp site



What's new in the 2012 UTC time links

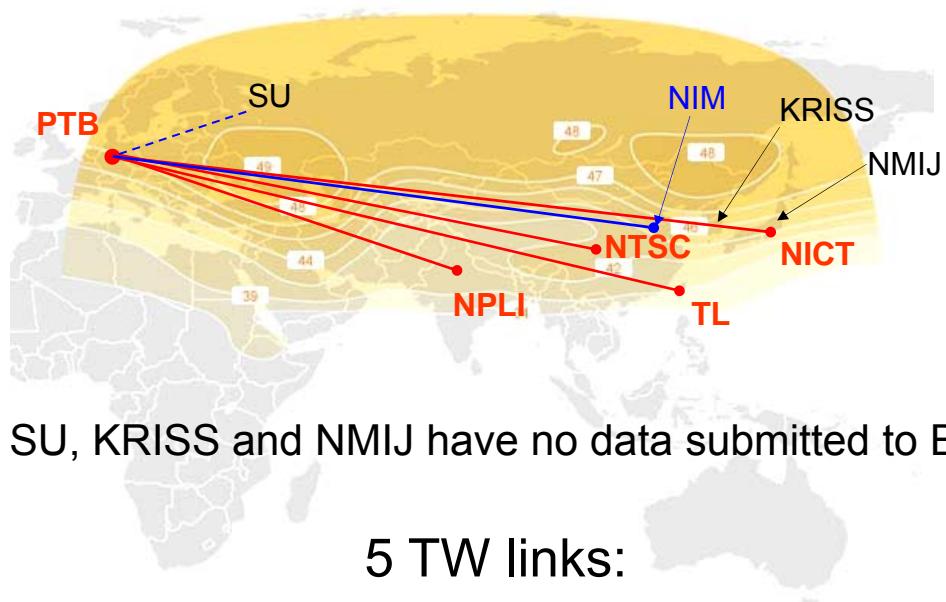
- 5 Europe-Asia TW links via AM2 back to UTC
- More combined time links:
 - 13 TW+GPSPPP combinations
 - 6 GPS+GLN combinations



5 Europe-Asia TW links via AM2

Coverage of the AM2 TW satellite

Visibility and EIRP/dBW



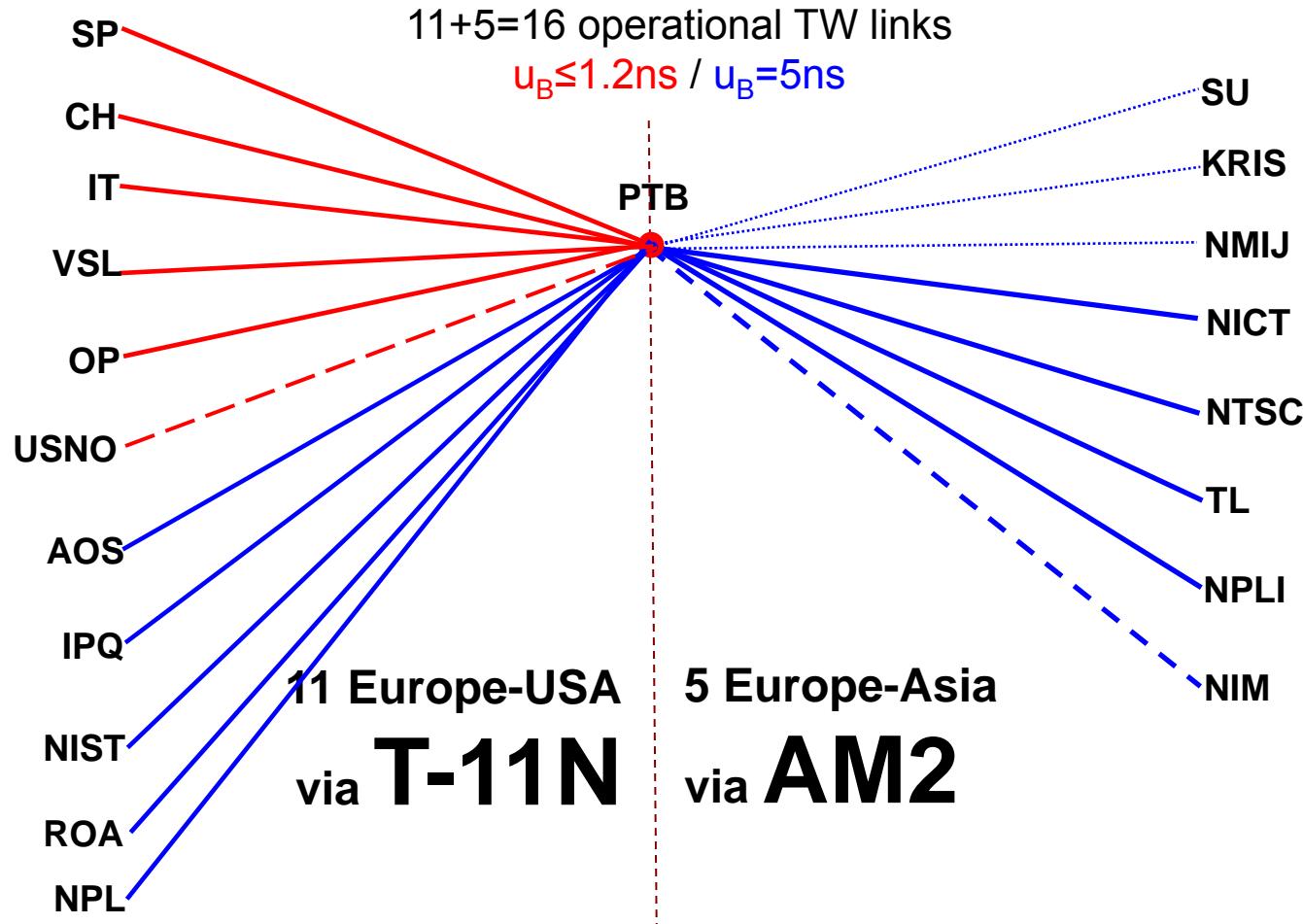
5 TW links:

$$u_B = 5\text{ns}$$

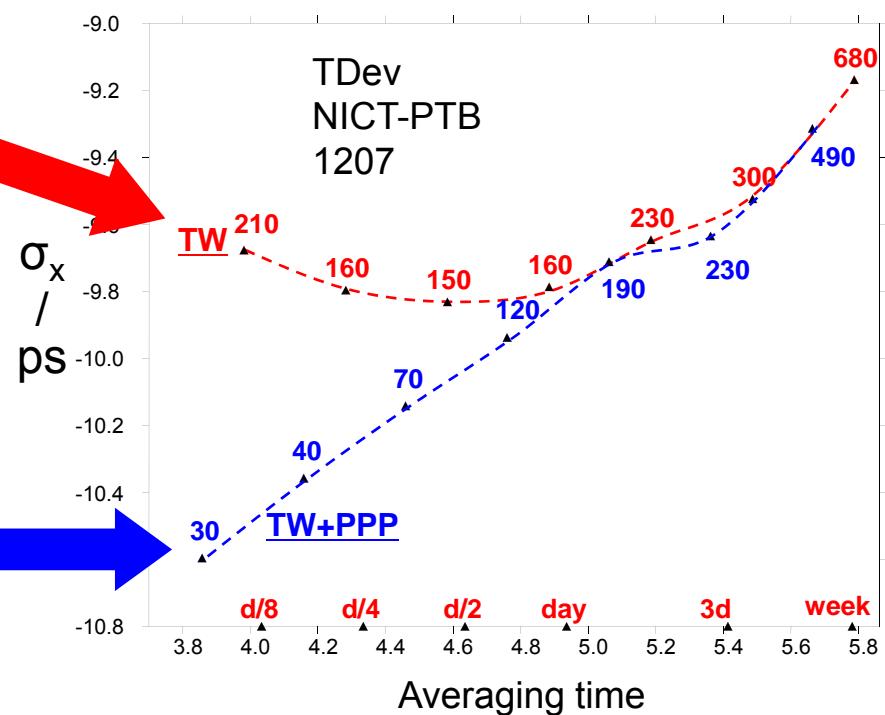
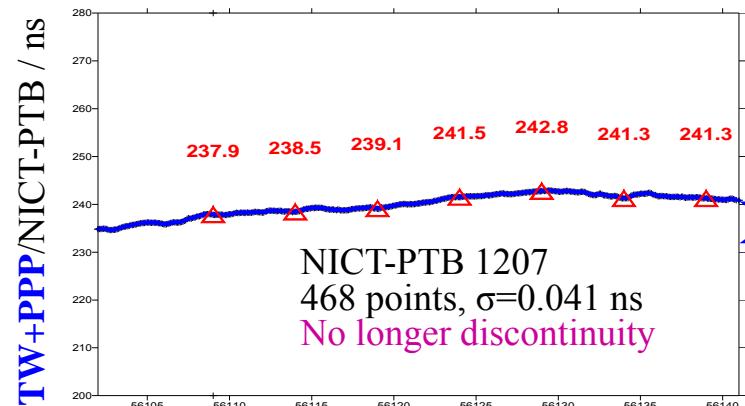
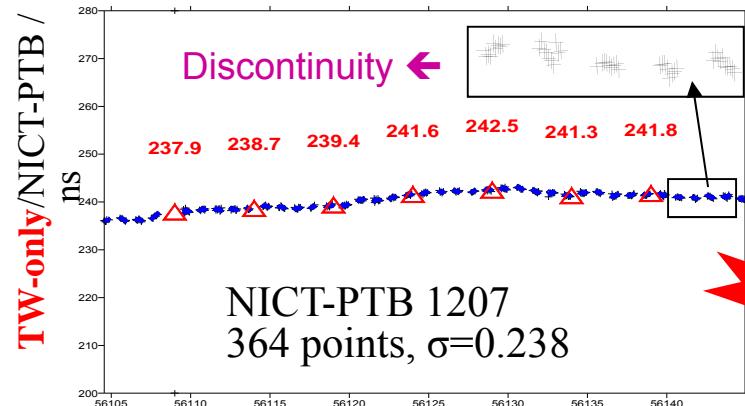
Equivalent isotropically radiated power (EIRP) or, alternatively, Effective isotropically radiated power



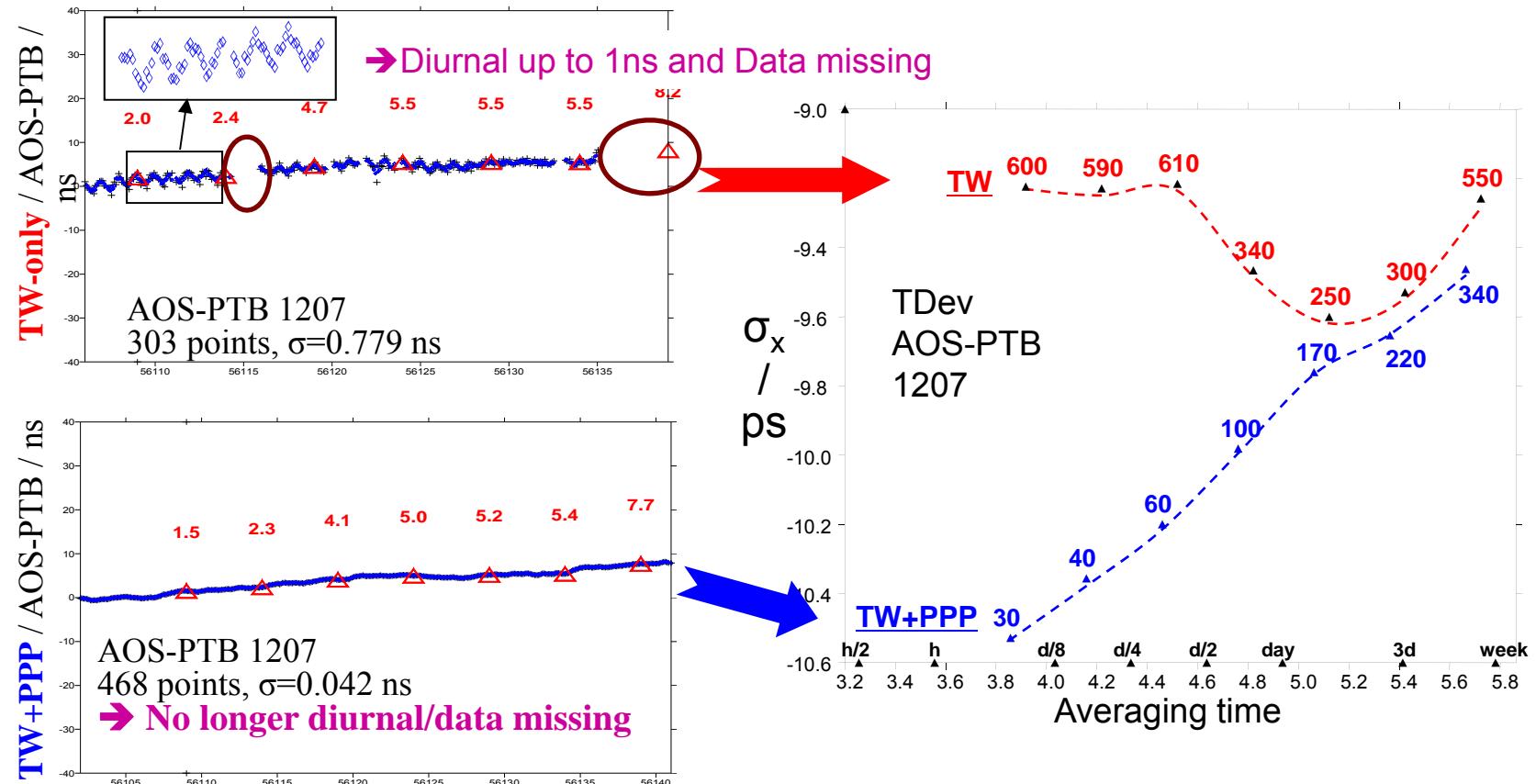
Operational Europe-US-Asia TW links



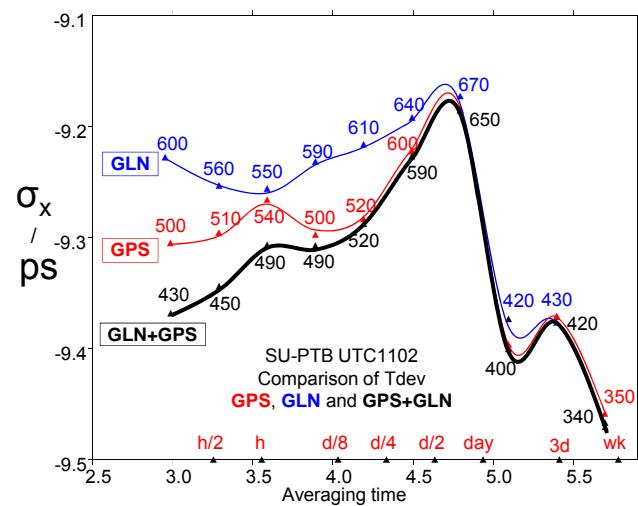
TW Asia-Europe Links via AM2



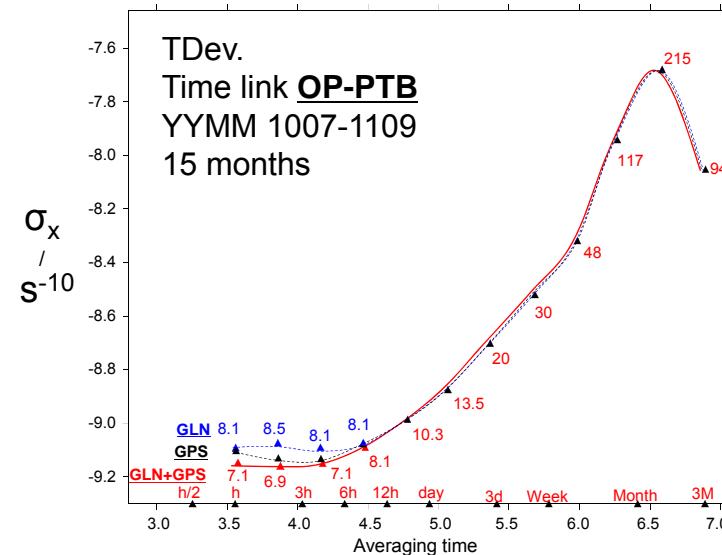
TW Europe-Europe Links via T-11N



Combination GLN+GPS



One month Tdev on the baseline SU-PTB for the time links of 1102



15 months' long-term Tdev on the baseline OP-PTB between 1007-1109

The TDev between GPS-only, GLN-only and GPS+GLN combined links

Gains of the combinations in UTC

Doubling measurement data, the combination reduces

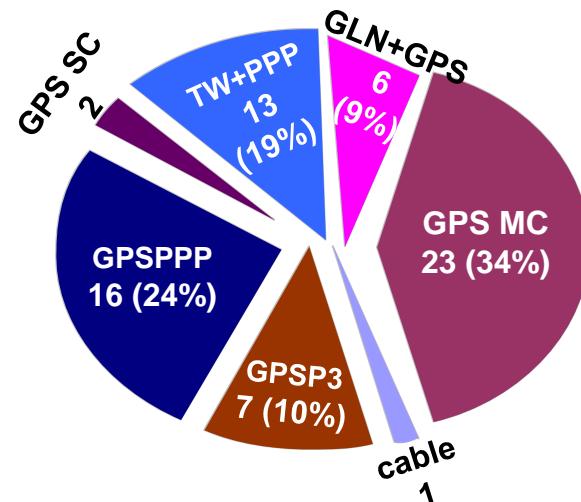
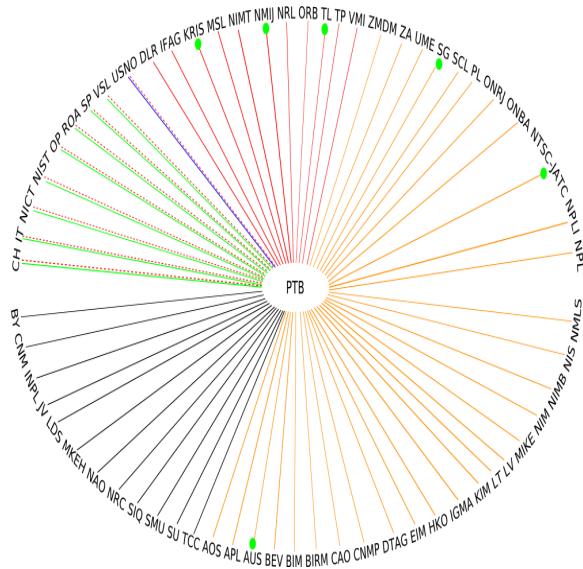
- the interpolation uncertainty
- the discontinuities/data missing
- disturbance of the outliers
- the diurnals in TW
- the measurement instability

→ Fully use the redundant measurement data and increase the robustness



Present UTC network: 68 Links

Time Transfer Techniques used in UTC (July 2012 / Circular T295)



- 13 TW and TWPPP links (19%), except for USNO, NTSC and NIM
- 16 GPS CP links (24%)
- More than half GNSS code links (56%)
- 19 Combined links of TW+PPP and GPS+GLN (28%)

Products of UTC time links on ftp

Products of monthly and long-term (since 2008)

- Time link
- Time link comparison = Link2 – Link1

→ visit <ftp://tai.bipm.org/TimeLink/LkC/>



Result of the time link Comparisons



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- [data](#) – all data used for the computation of TAI;
- [publication](#) – the latest issues of the BIPM's publications on time scales (including *Circular T*);
- [scale](#) – time scales data;
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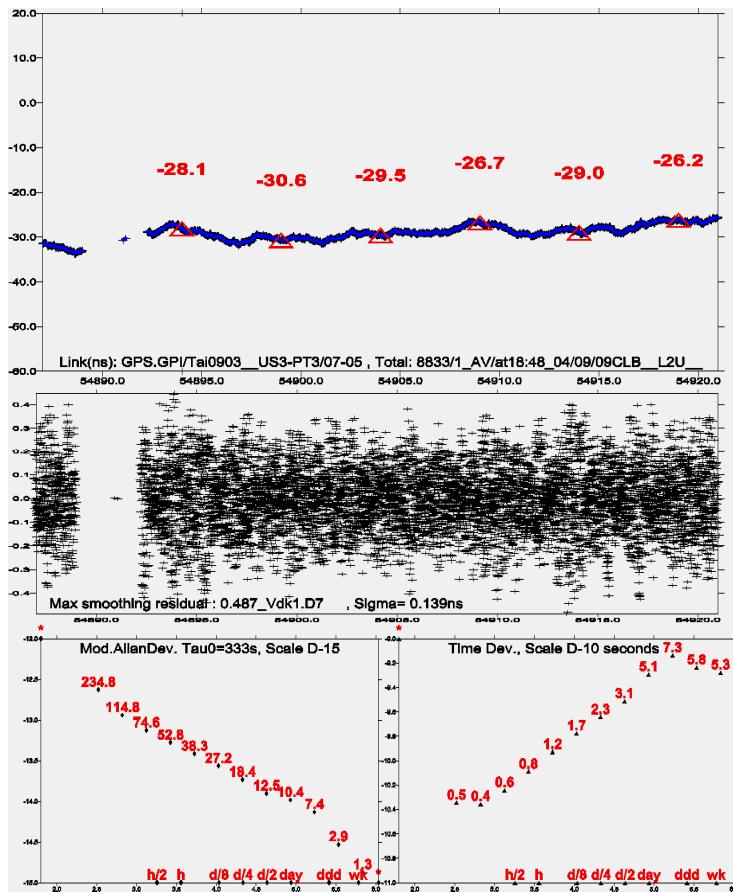
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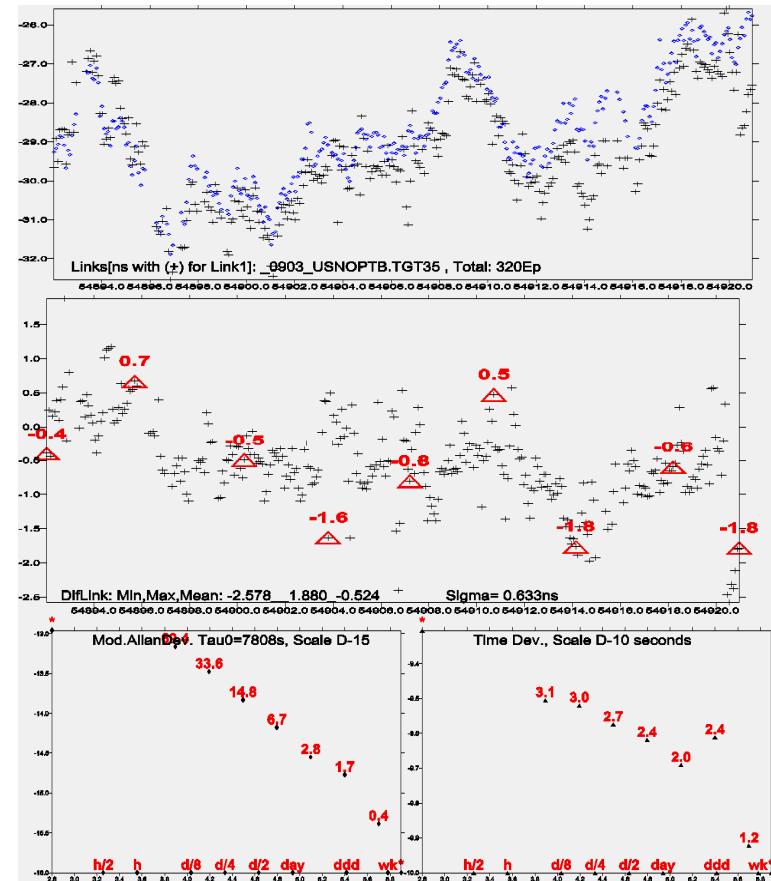


Examples: Plots of Link and link comparison

USNO-PTB 0903 GPS PPP **Link:**



USNO-PTB 0903 **Link comparions**
between GPS PPP and TW Ku:



Summary of the 2012 TW links

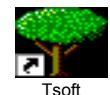
- 5 Asia-Europe TW links back to UTC
- 5 more new UTC TW links are expected
- Combined TW+PPP links improve:
 - discontinuities, outliers and diurnals
 - measurement uncertainty $u_A \leq 0.3$ ns
- Major challenge is the calibration (u_B):
 - mobile calibration station (TimeTech): $u_B \leq 1$ ns ?
 - calibrations made by the UTC laboratories (MRA): $u_B \leq 1\text{--}2$ ns ?
 - BIPM transportable link-calibration station (BIPM): $u_B \leq 2$ ns ?
 - Absolute receiver calibration: $u_B \leq 1$ ns ?
- ➔ Variations of the TW calibrations and the interval of repeat calibration ?



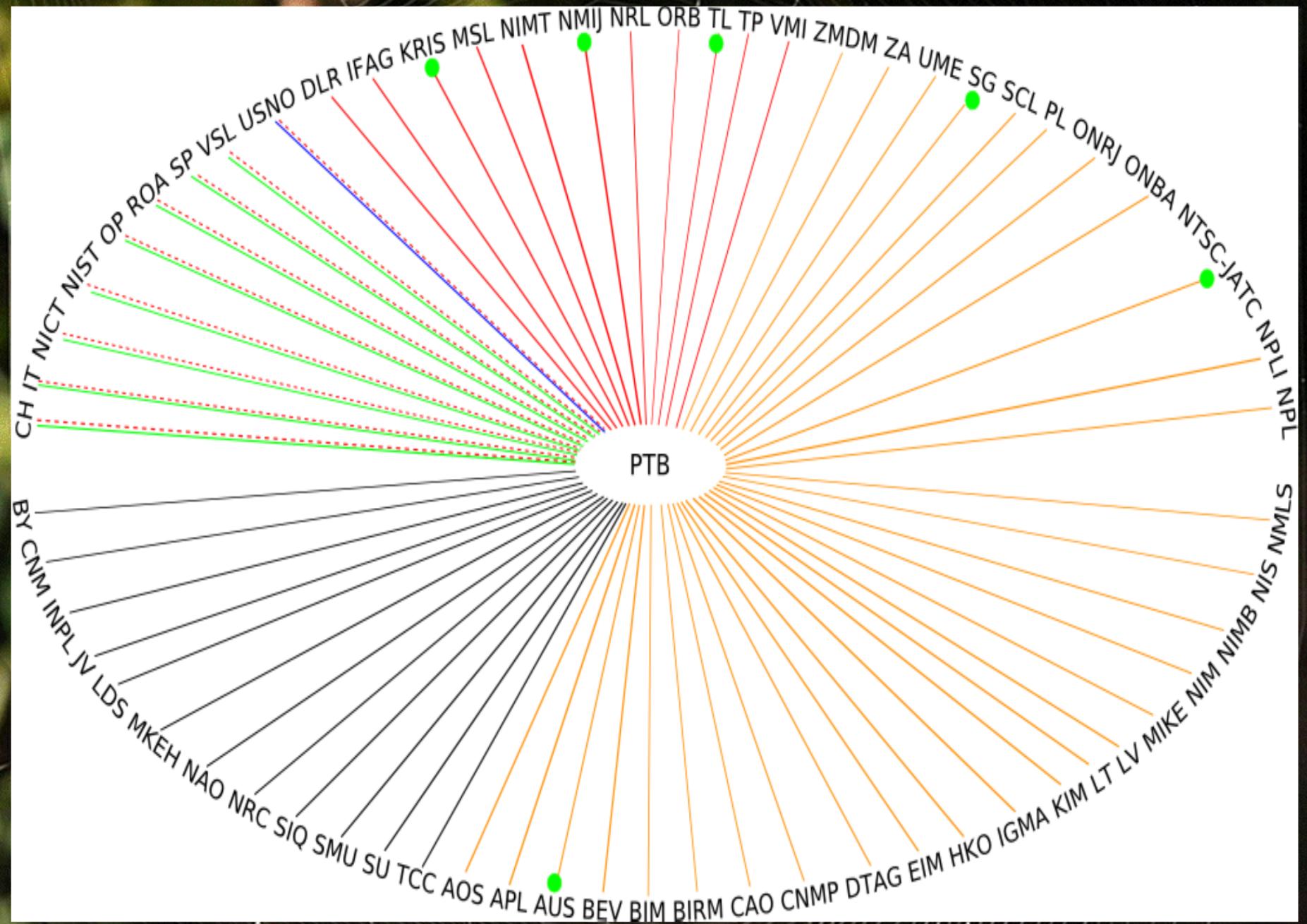
Thank for your attention



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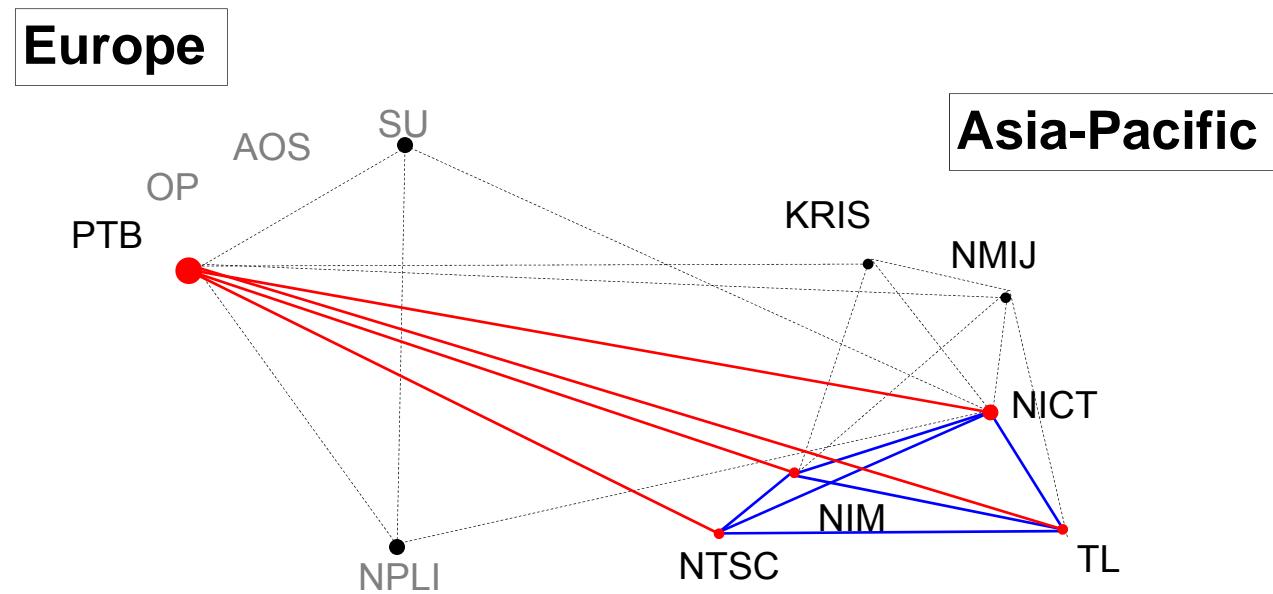


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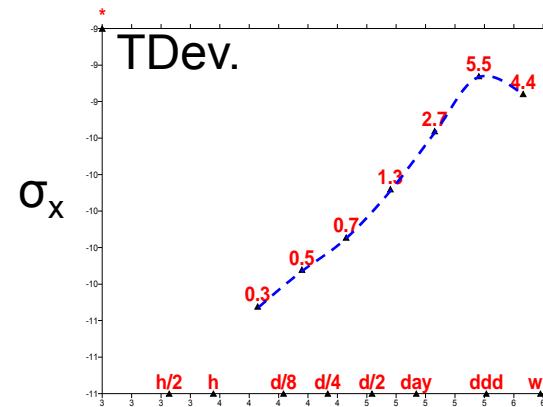
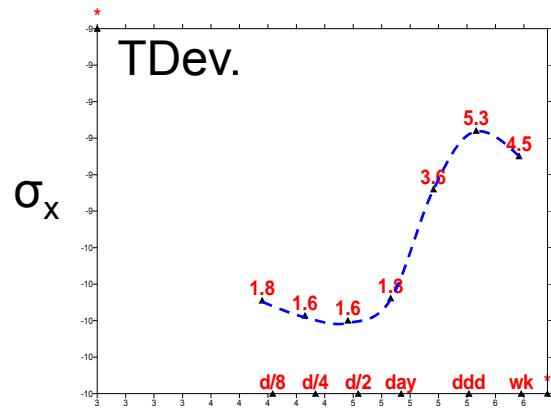
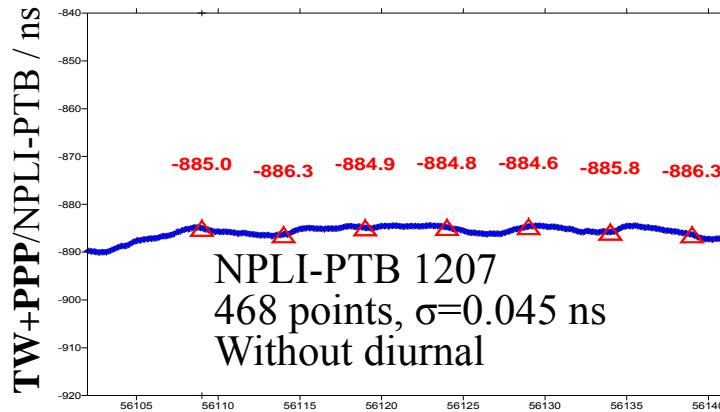
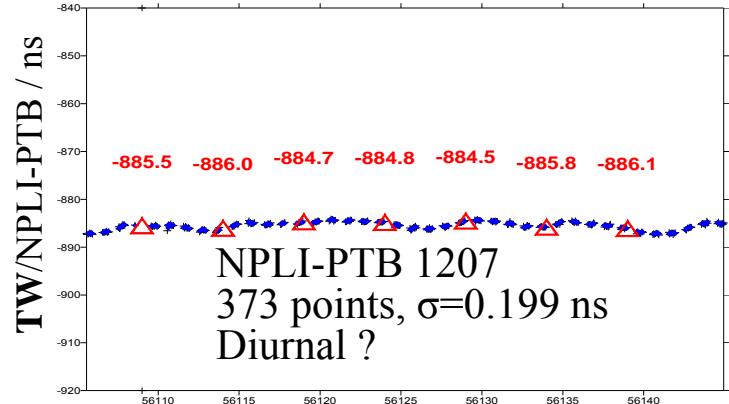
Asia-Asia-Europe Tw links



Pilot study:

- PPP assisted GNSS-TW link calibrations
- Combination of PPP and TW links

TW Asia-Asia-Europe Links via AM2 2/2



→ TW+PPP combination improves :

- the interpolation
- the measurement stability

