
SHAtrop: the new tropospheric delay model over China continent

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Troposphere modeling

➤ Slant Propagation Delay

$$SPD(e) = Z_h \cdot MF_h(e) + Z_w \cdot MF_w(e)$$

$$ZTD = Z_h + Z_w, \quad e = 90^\circ$$

➤ ZTD:

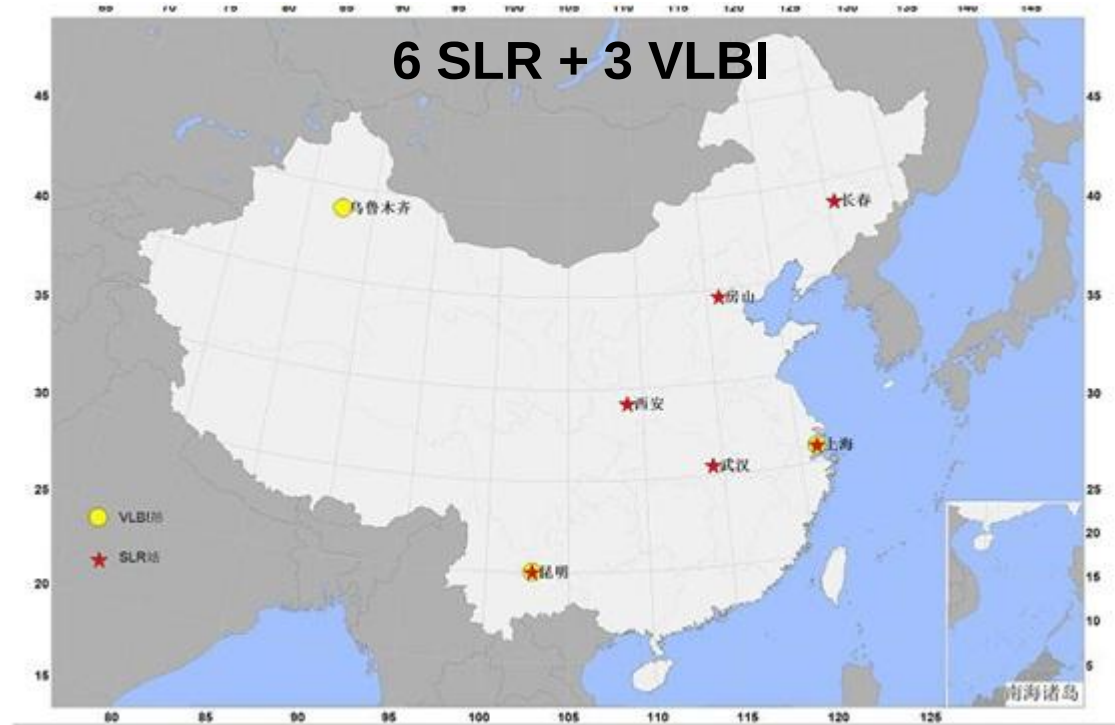
- EGNOS/UNB3 et al
- Saastamoinen/Hopfield et al using :
 - weather data at the site
 - numerical weather model (NWM)
 - empirical pressure/temperature model (GPT2/GPT2w)
- Ray-traced delays (VMF1/UNB-VMF)
- Empirical model based on GNSS ZTD

SHAtrop: *overview*

- **Empirical** regional ZTD model over China continent
- GNSS ZTD estimates (of **223** continuous **GNSS** sites) at Shanghai Astronomical Observatory
- **ZTD** is modeled by a function of **station height** and the ZTD at **geoidal surface** (ZTD-Geiod).
- Grid model with high spatial resolution ($2^{\circ} \times 2.5^{\circ}$)
- Without weather data, easy to implement

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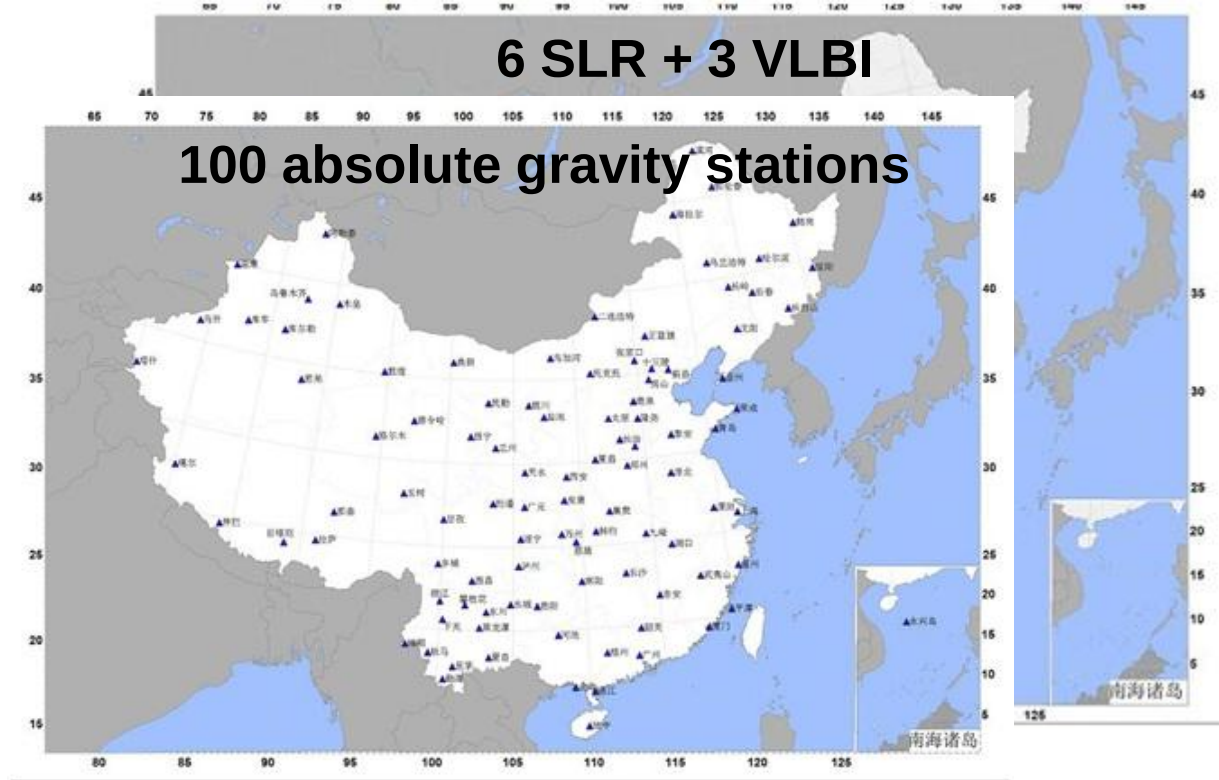
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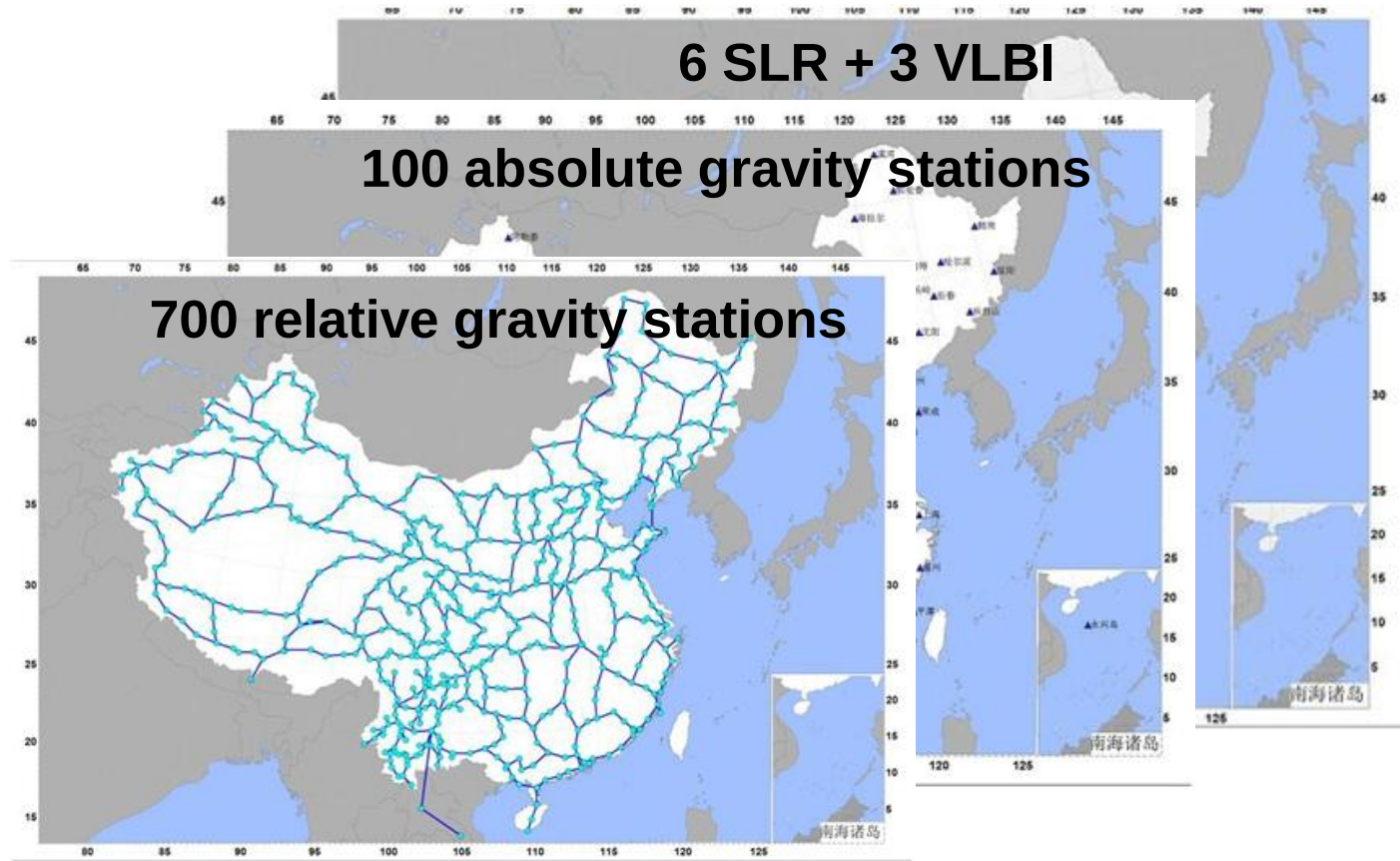
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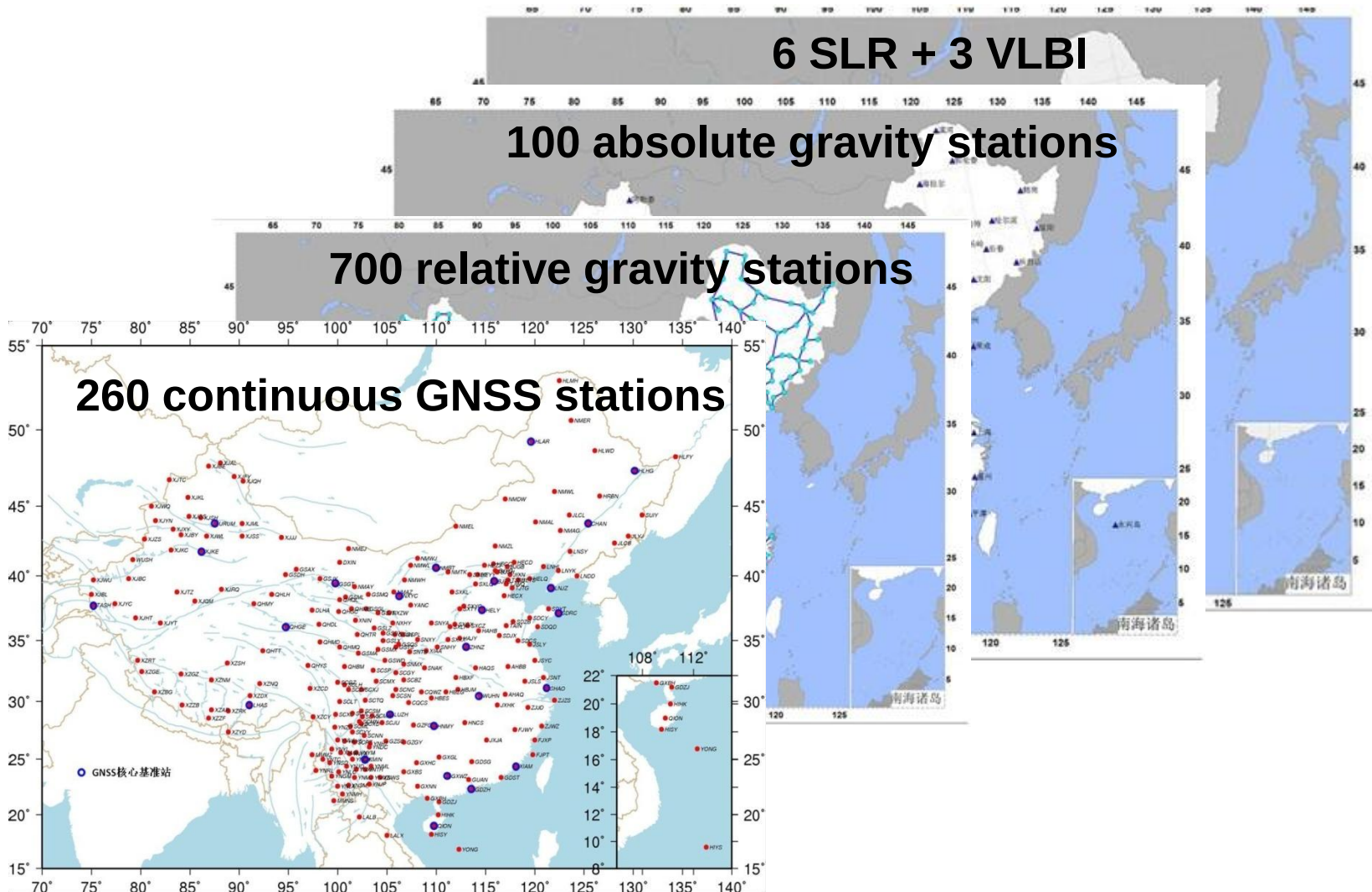
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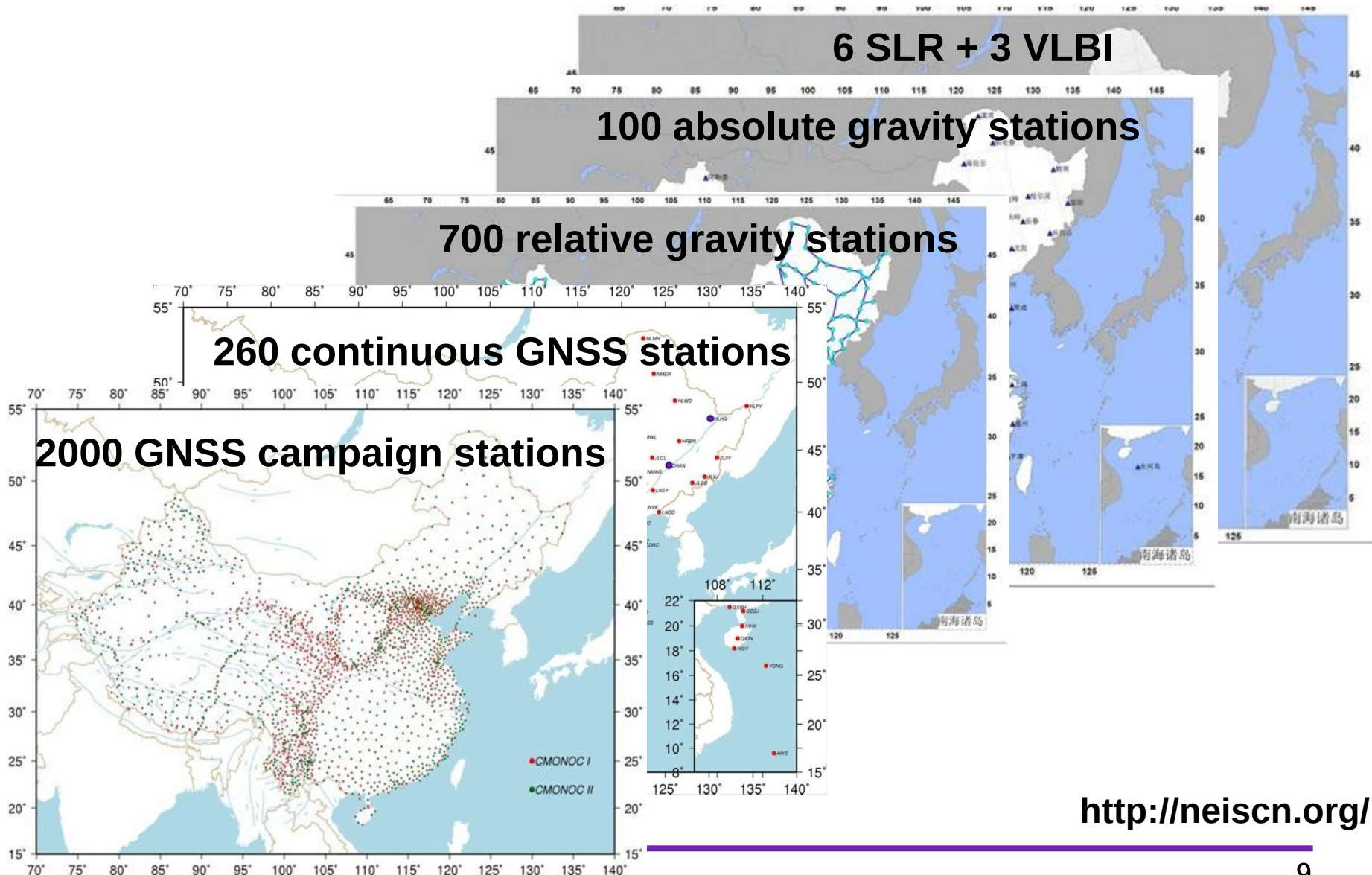
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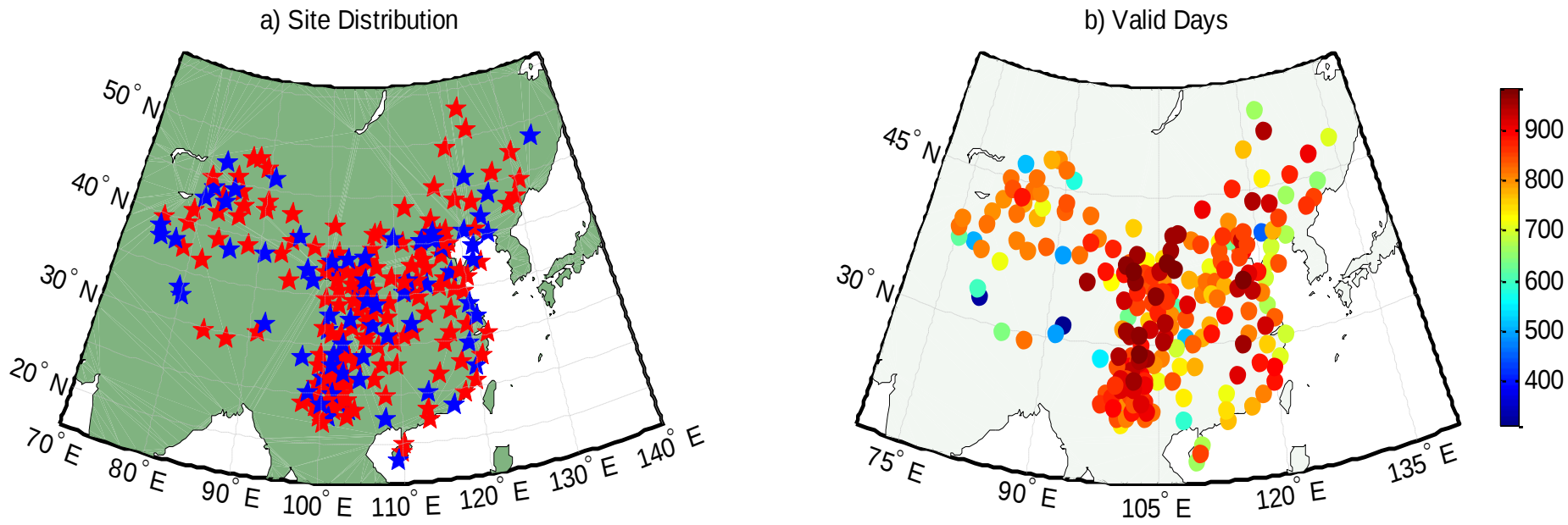
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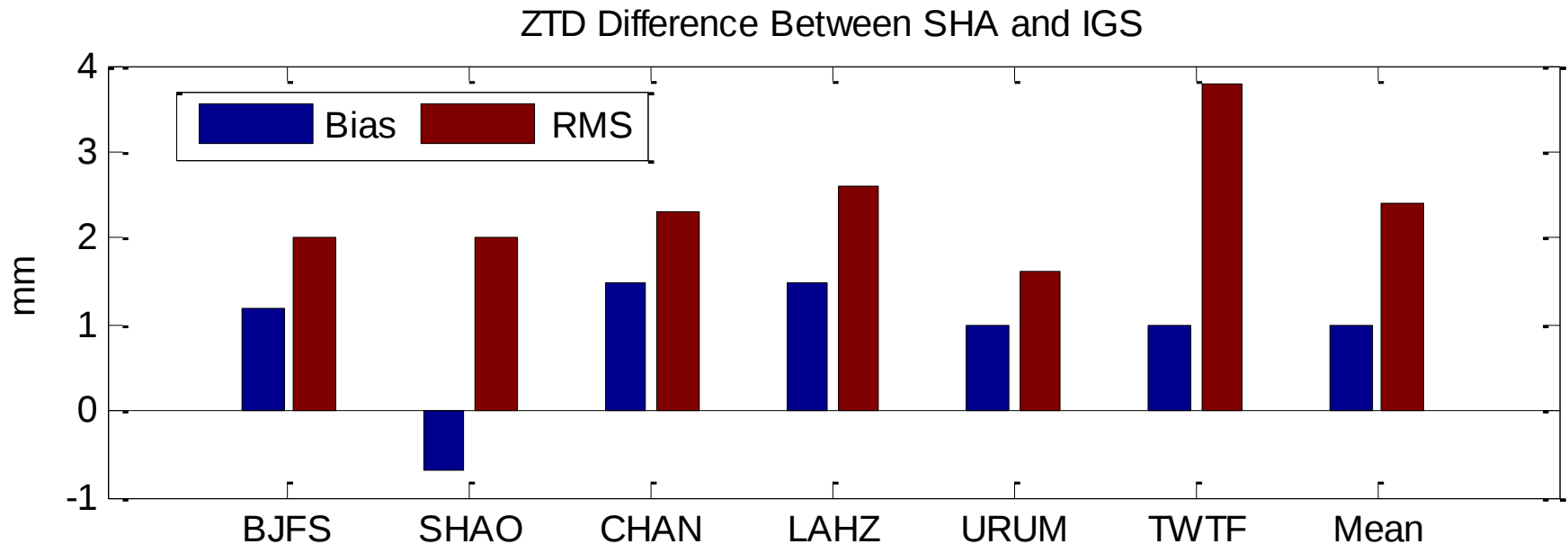
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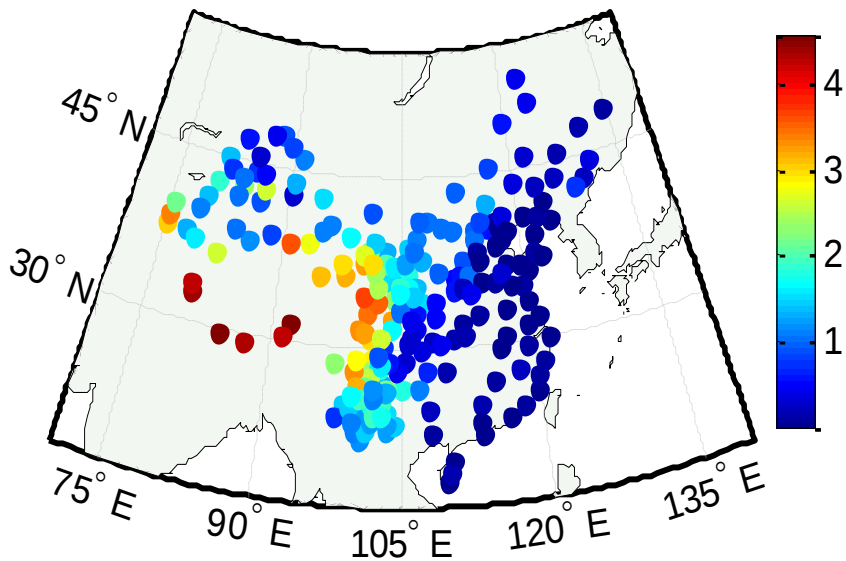
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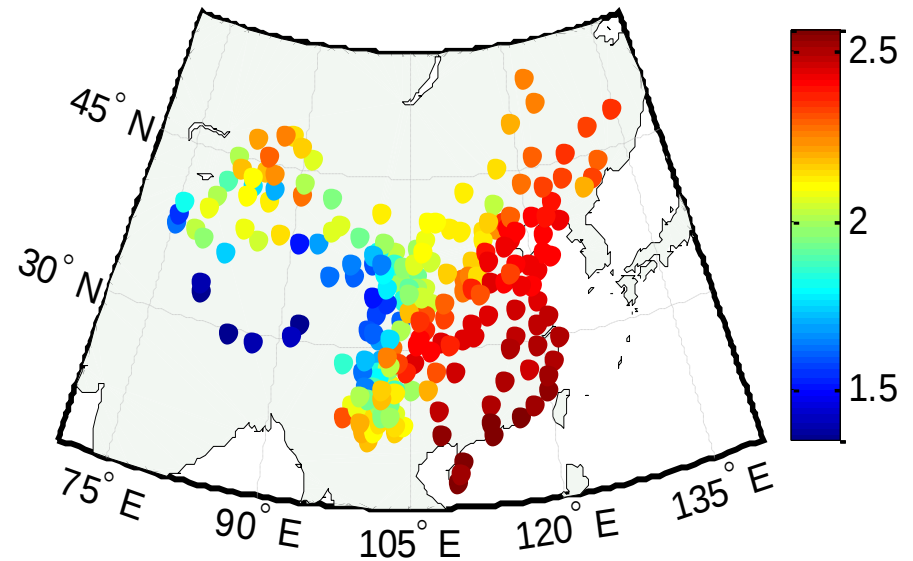
SHAtrop: ZTD v.s. station height

➤ Mean annual ZTD with respect to station height

a) Site Altitude(km)

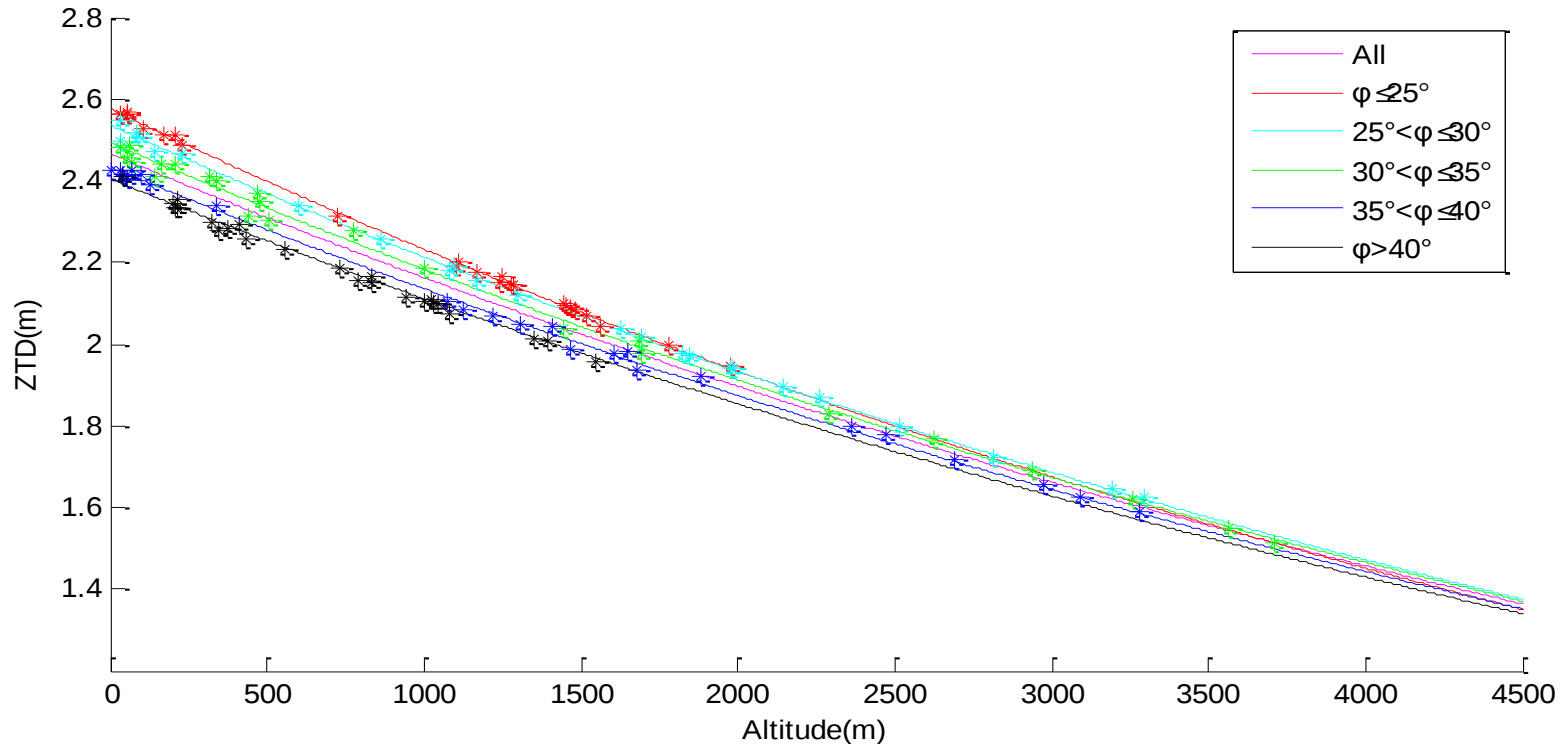


b) Mean ZTD(m)



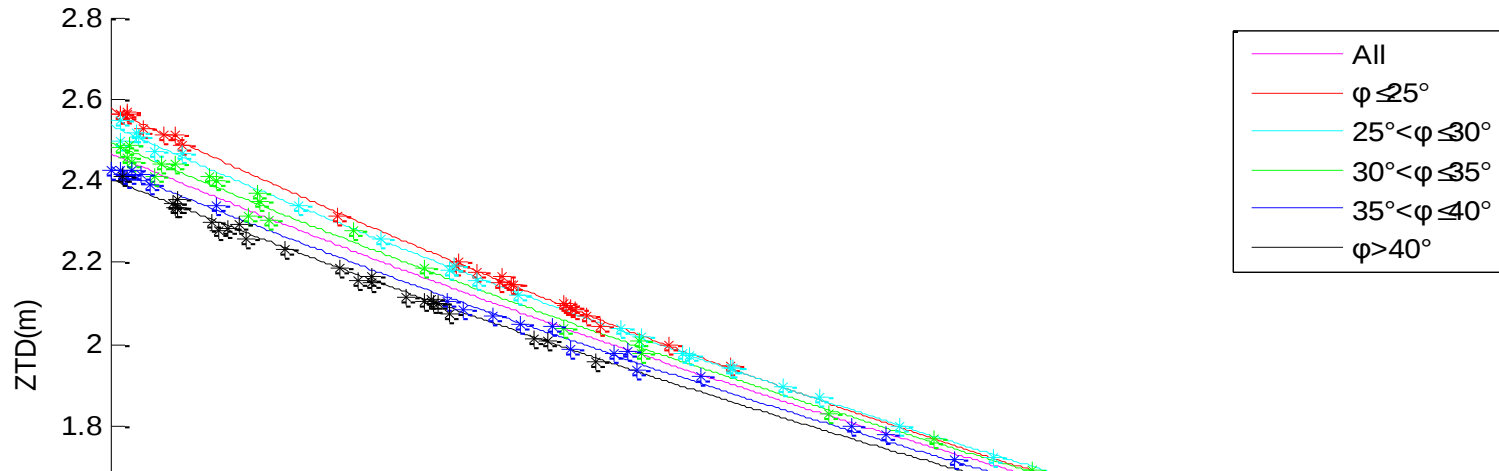
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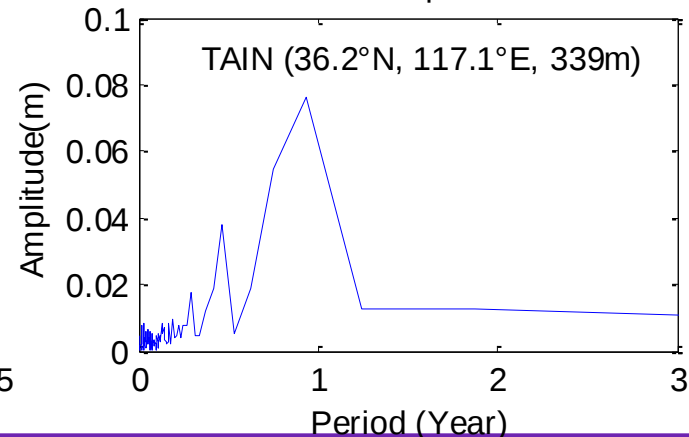
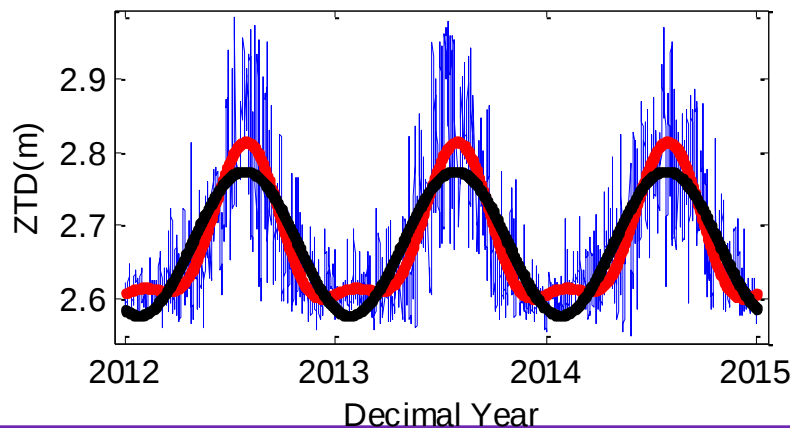
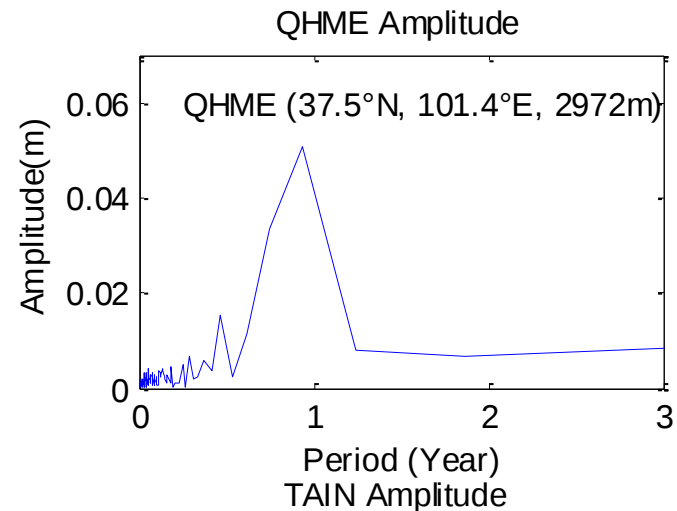
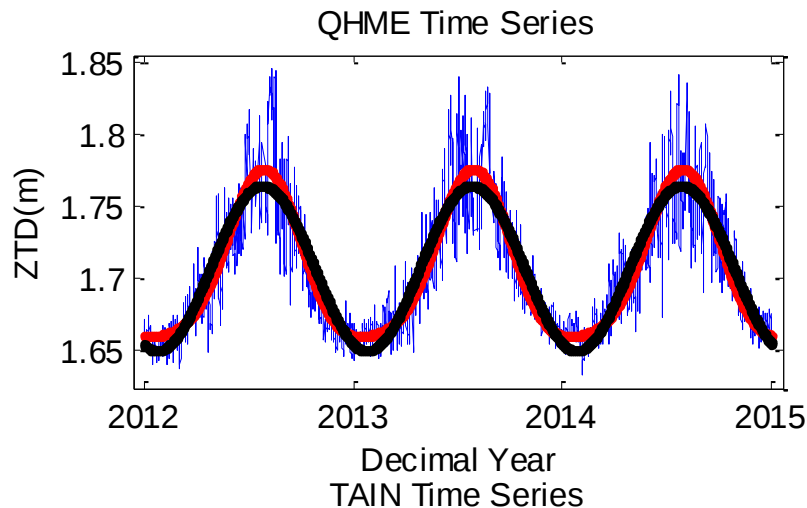


$$ZTD(h) = ZTD_0 \times e^{\beta h}$$

Latitude	<25° N	25° N~30° N	30° N-35° N	35° N-40° N	>40° N
$\beta (10^{-3})$	- 0.1435	- 0.1359	- 0.1329	- 0.1306	- 0.1300

SHAtrop: ZTD period term

- ZTD time series fitting with annual and semi-annual terms
- amplitude derived from fast Fourier transform



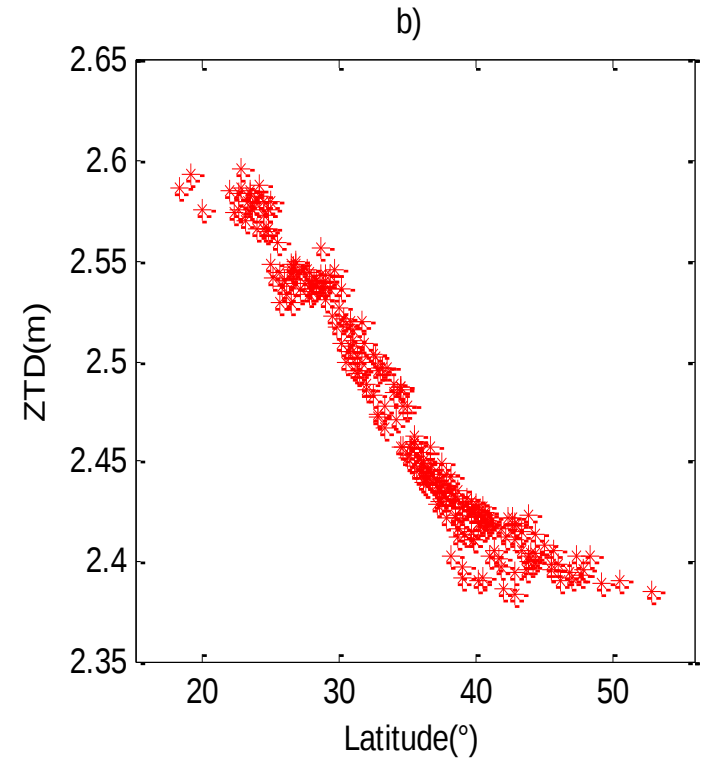
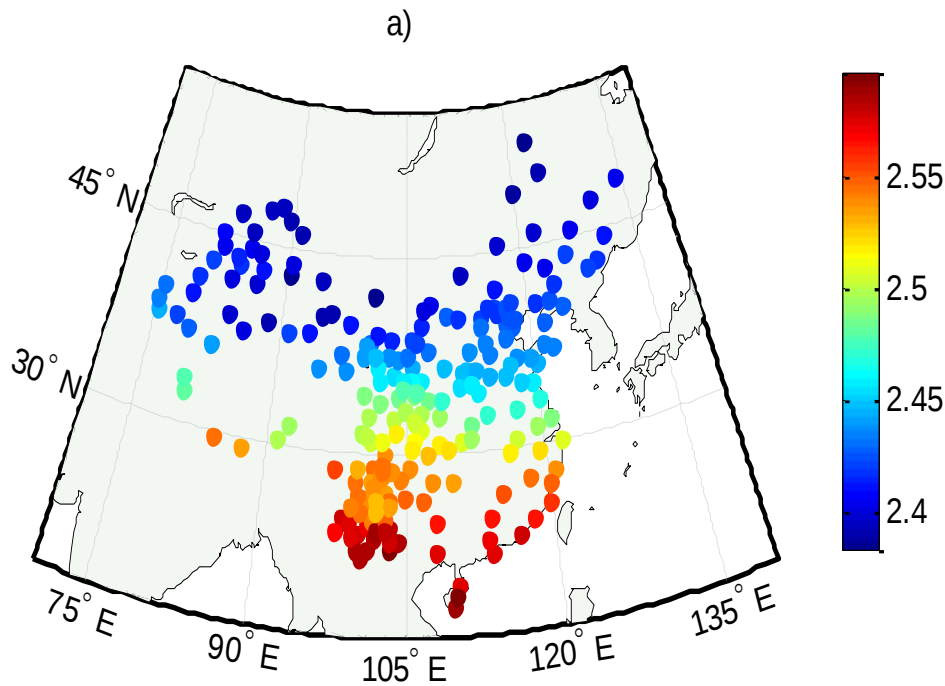
SHAtrop: ZTD model over China continent

- ZTD modeled with function of station height over Geoid (constant term) and periodical terms

$$ZTD(doy) = ZTD_m + A_1 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{365.25}(doy - d_1)\right) + A_2 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{365.25}(doy - d_2)\right)$$

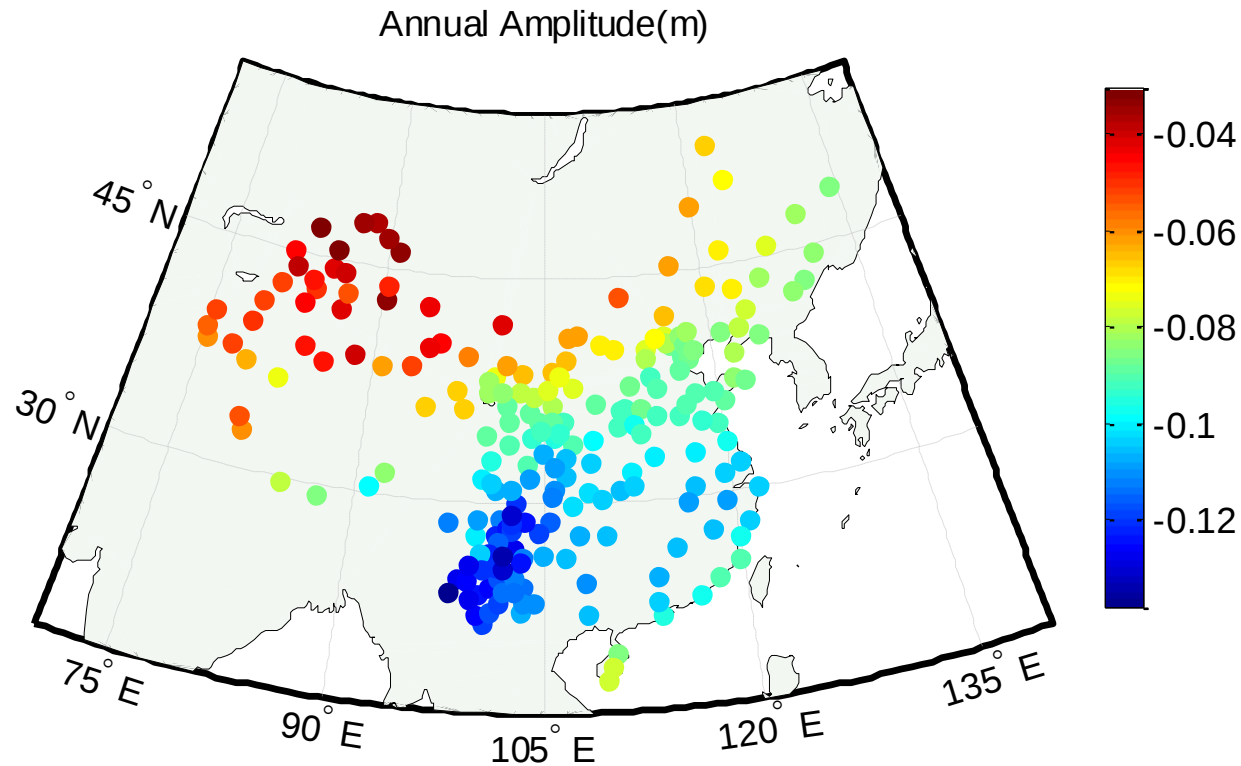
SHAtrop: ZTD constant term

- Constant term of all sites
- Constant term v.s. site latitude



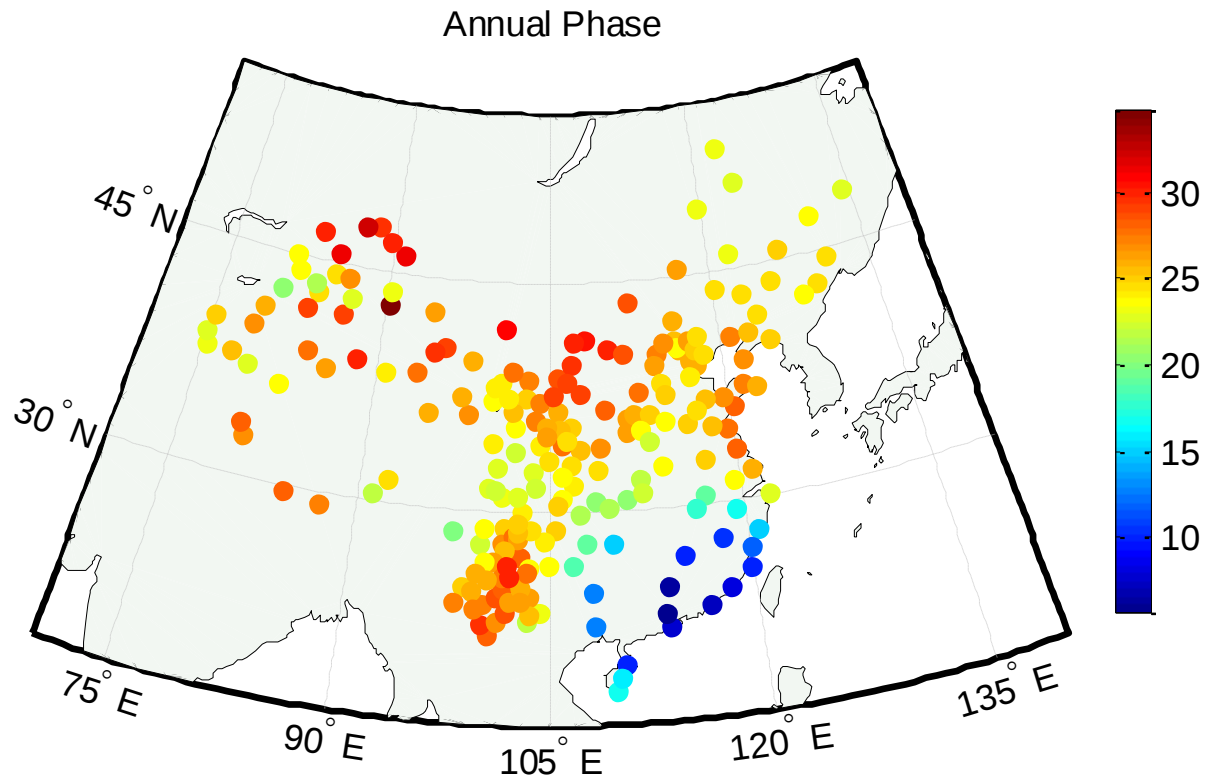
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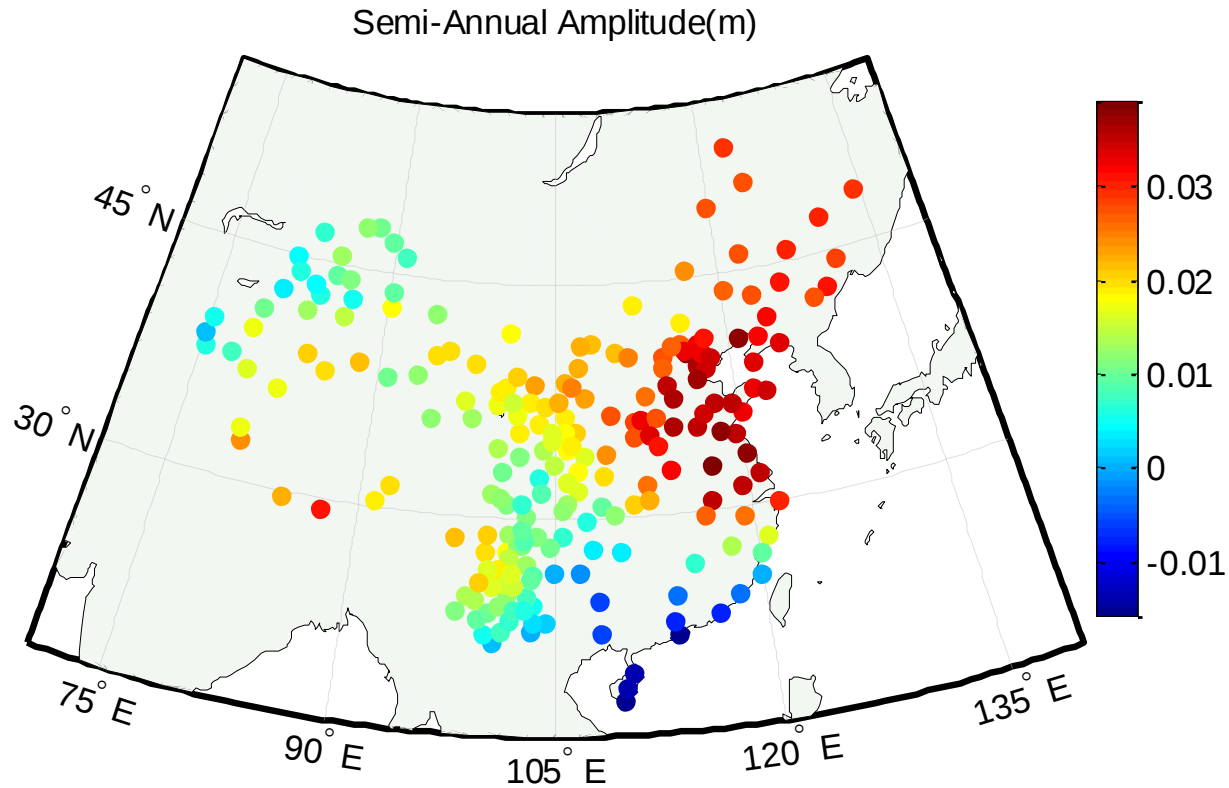
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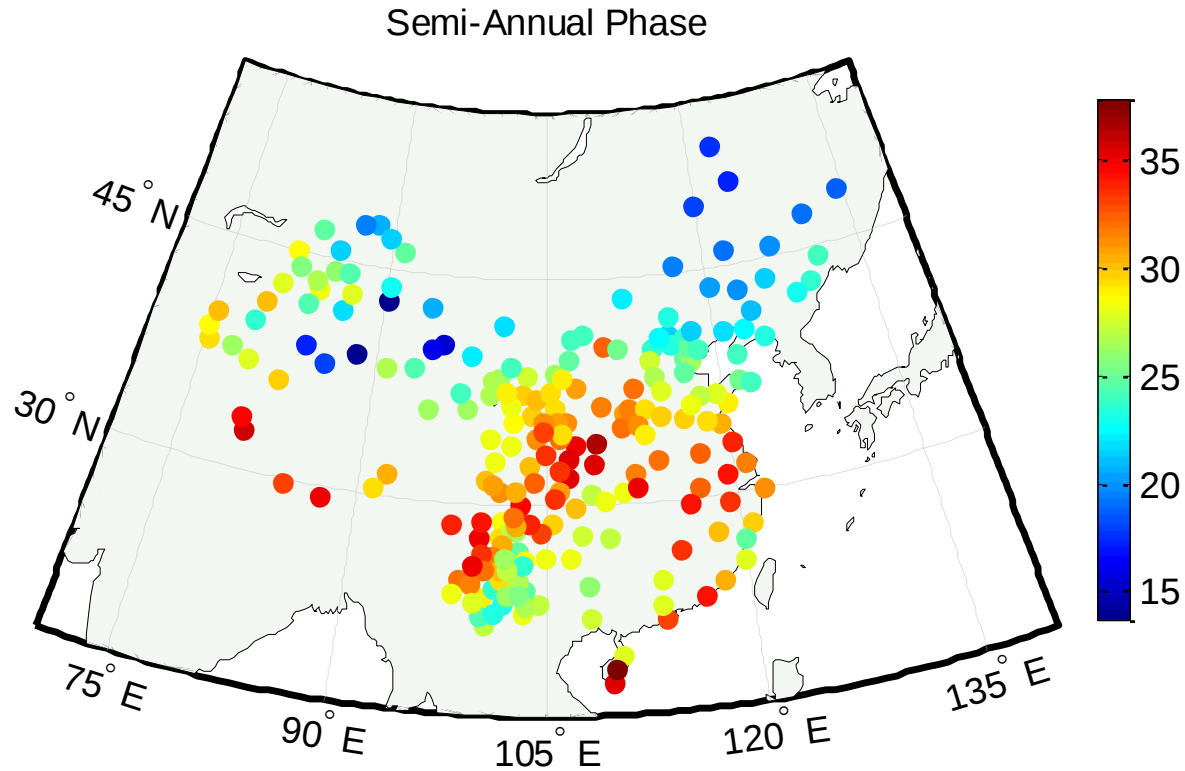
SHAtrop: ZTD semi-annual term

➤ Semi-annual amplitude



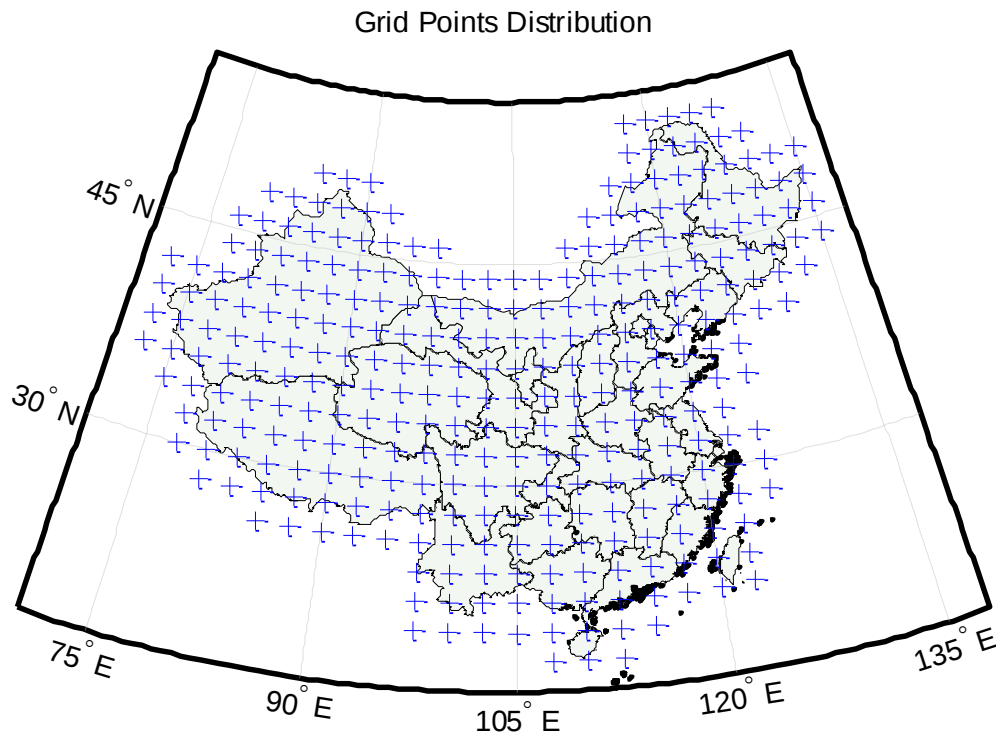
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SHAtrop: ZTD Grid model over China continent

- Parameters of 152 sites
- Latitude-Longitude: $2^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$ grid
- $[70^\circ\text{E} \sim 135^\circ\text{E}, 18^\circ\text{N} \sim 54^\circ\text{N}]$



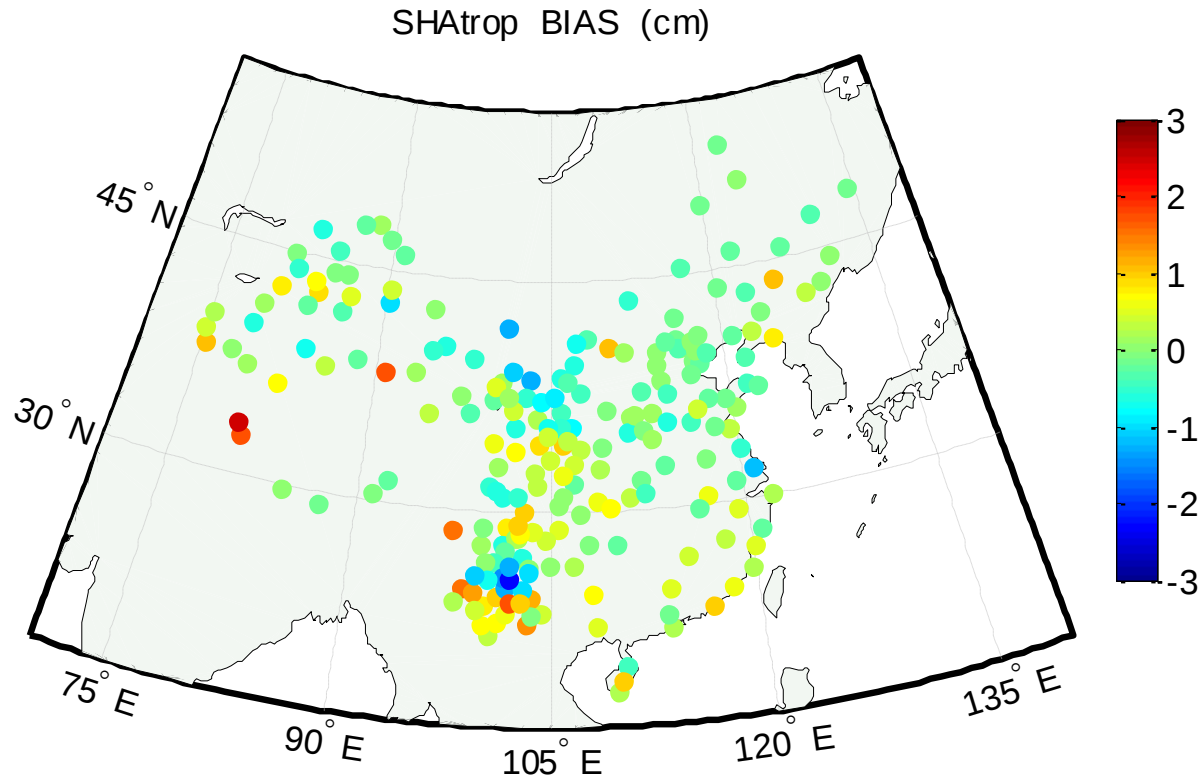
SHAtrop: ZTD calculation for user

- Select four grid points around the site
- Bilinear interpolation (ZTD_m , A_1 , d_1 , A_2 , d_2)
- Reduction to the site height
- ZTD at each grid point is modeled by:

$$ZTD(doy, h) = \left(ZTD_m + A_1 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{365.25}(doy - d_1)\right) + A_2 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{365.25}(doy - d_2)\right) \right) \times e^{\beta h}$$

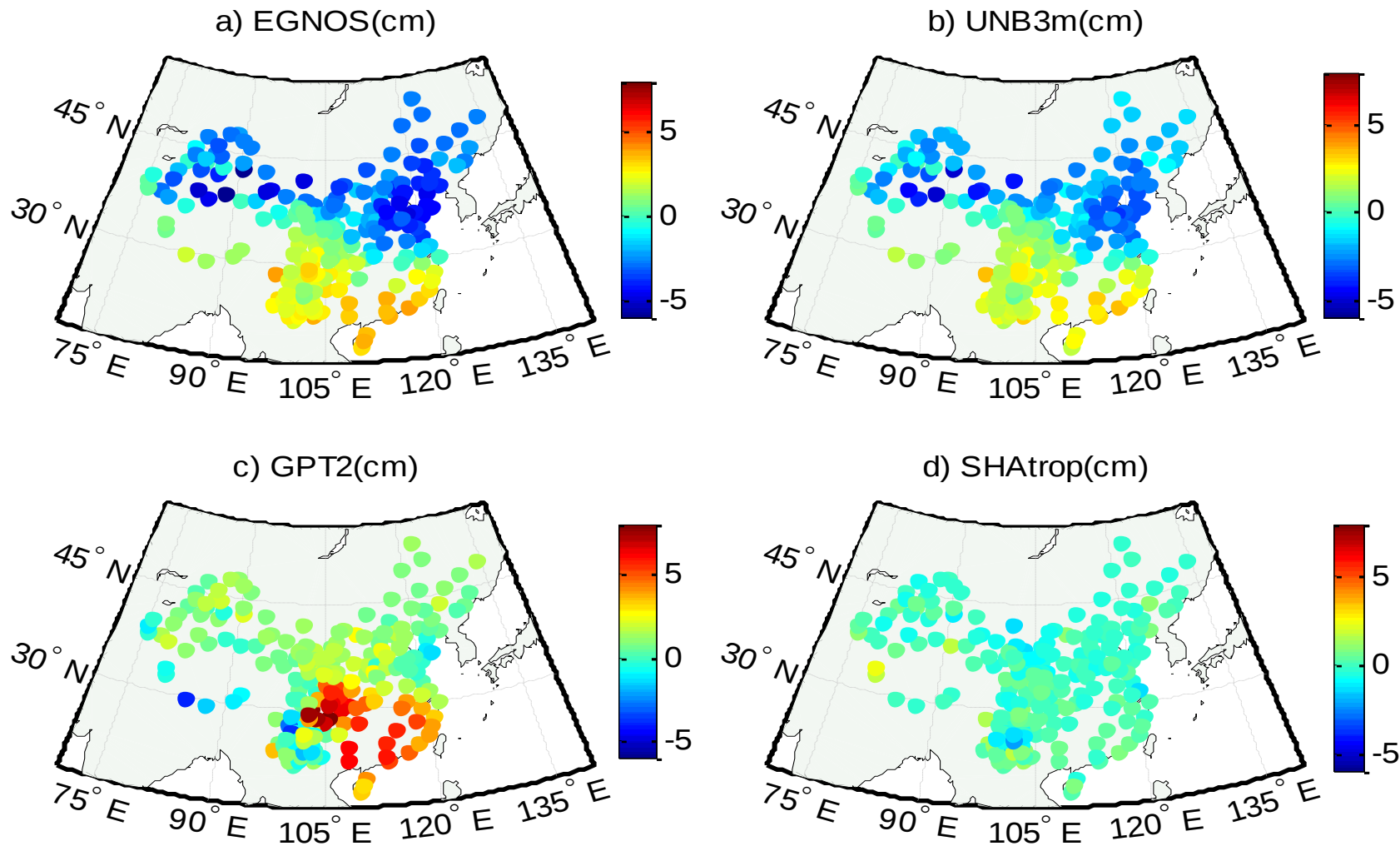
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- Compare to precise ZTD estimates of SHAO



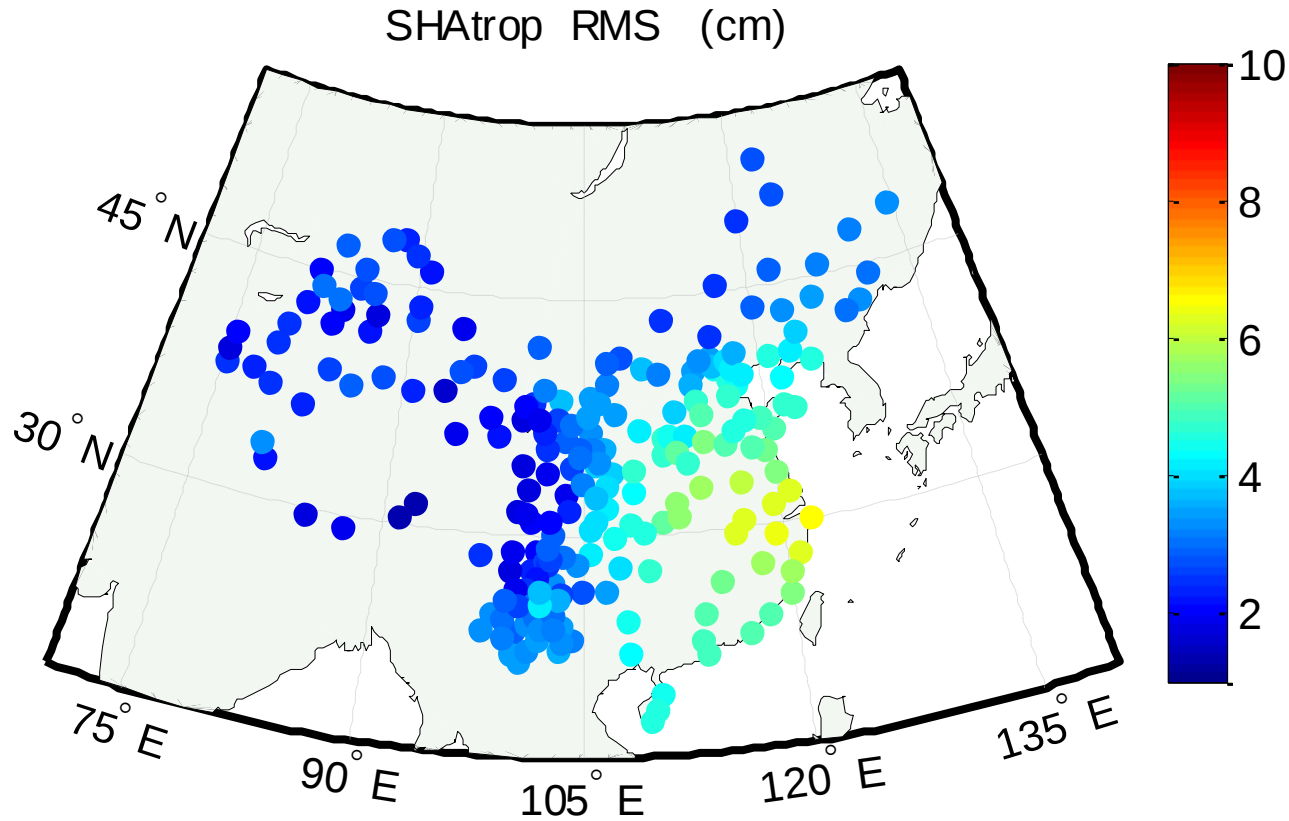
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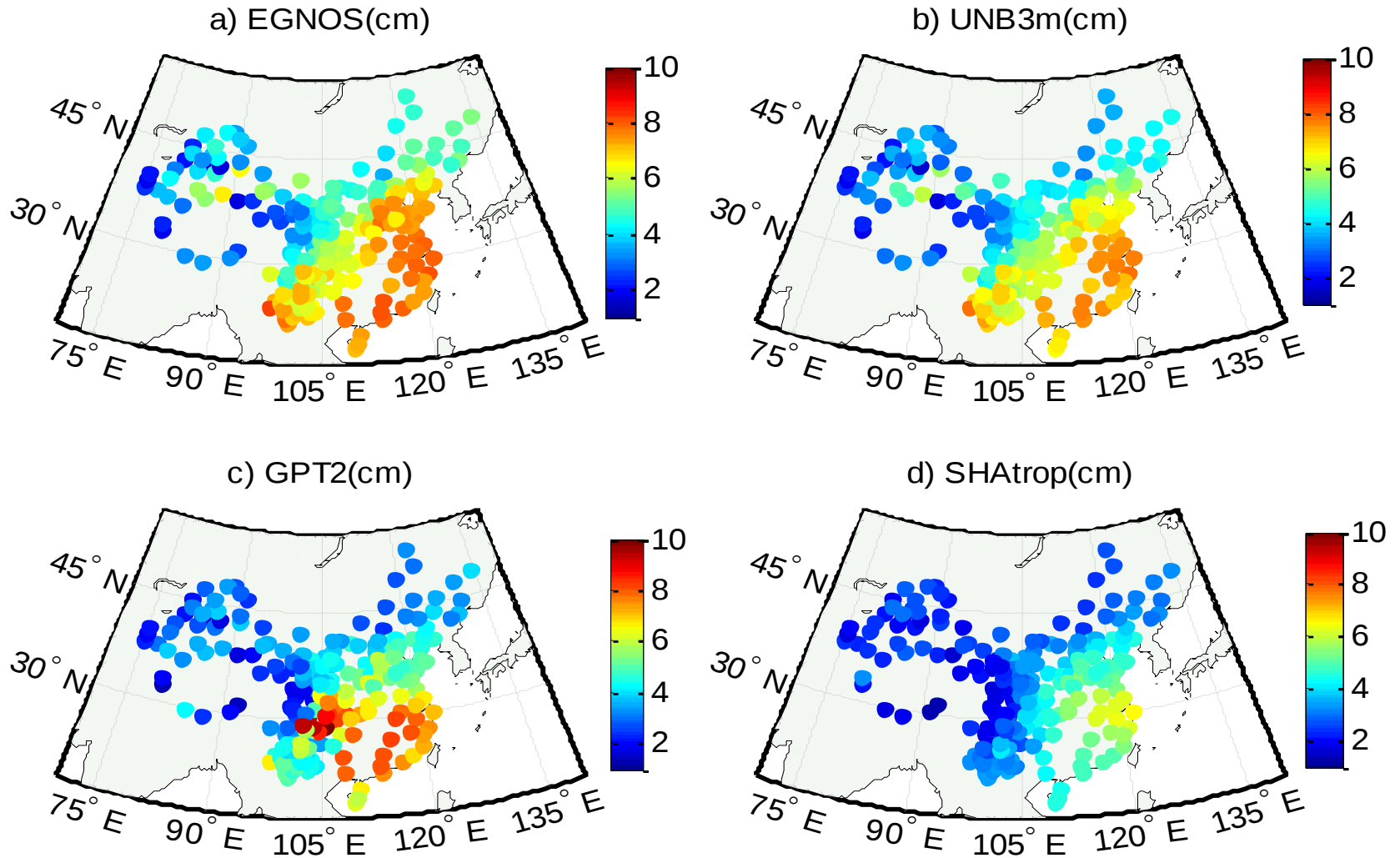
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Internal accuracy using sites included in model determination

	EGNOS	UNB3m	GPT2	SHAtrop
RMS(cm)	5.64(1.77, 8.22)	5.20(1.68,7.81)	4.70(1.55,9.35)	3.45(1.34,6.56)
BIAS(cm)	- 0.58(- 5.87,3.84)	- 0.32(- 5.07,3.23)	1.67(- 3.89,7.53)	- 0.02(- 2.27,1.70)

- Improved by 39%,34%,26% over EGNOS,UNB3,GPT2

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External accuracy using sites not included in model determination

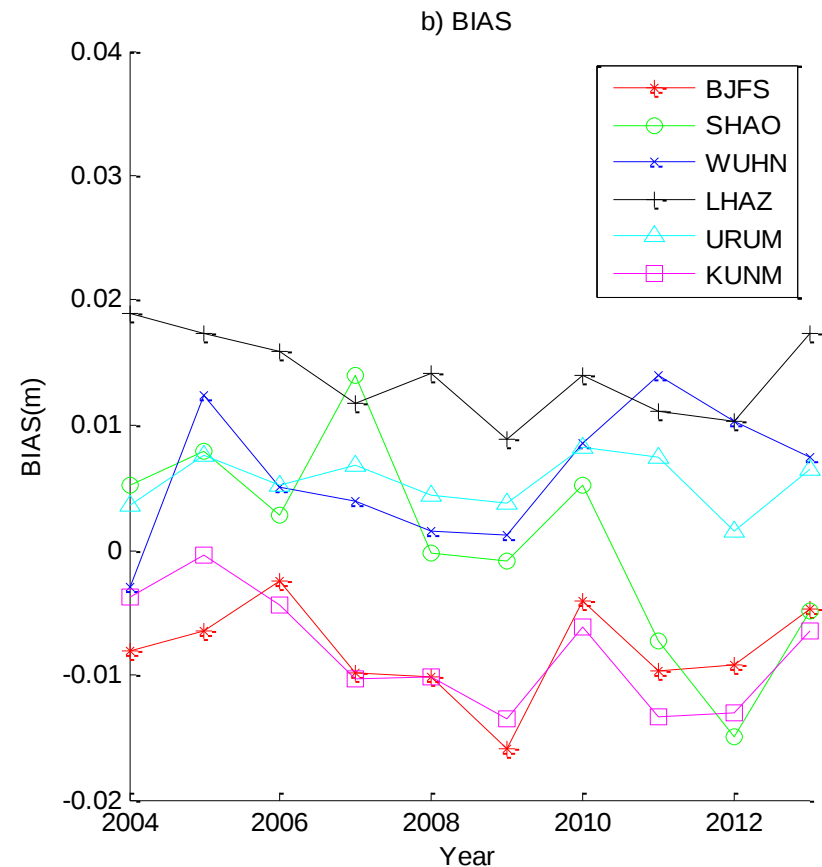
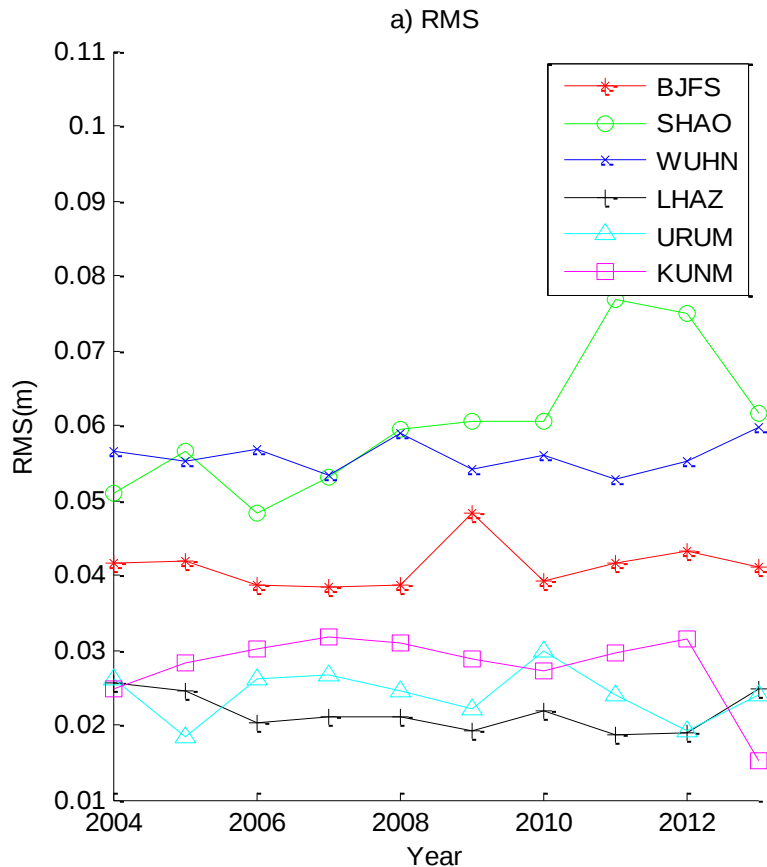
	EGNOS	UNB3m	GPT2	SHAtrop
RMS(cm)	5.45(1.75,7.89)	5.03(1.75,7.89)	4.53(1.41,10.11)	3.48(1.30,6.41)
BIAS(cm)	- 0.32(- 4.18,4.78)	- 0.08(- 3.90,3.59)	1.51(- 3.68,8.33)	0.19(- 1.31,2.51)

- Improved by 36%,31%,23% over EGNOS,UNB3,GPT2

SHAtrop: model validation

➤ Compare to precise ZTD estimates of IGS

Long term validation: 6 IGS sites, 10 years(2004-2013)



Summary

- New ZTD model based on precise GNSS ZTD time series
- High spatial resolution
- Better accuracy in China continent than other empirical models

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