Generating time series with `glred`

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sh_glred

- `glred` is just a way of invoking `globk` to process one day at a time; `sh_glred` is a script to invoke `glred` easily for a sequence of days

- Once you've run `sh_gamit` for a sequence of days, you will have on each day an h-file of loosely constrained parameter estimates and covariances. If you have appropriately constructed command files for `globk` (globk.cmd) and `glorg` (glorg.cmd) in [expt]/gsoln/, you can obtain time series using

```
sh_glred –expt [expt] –s [start yr] [start_doy] [stop yr] [stop doy] –opt H G T
```

  which will translate the GAMIT plain text h-files into GLOBK binary h-files (H), run GLOBK (G) and run `sh_plot_pos` (T)

- The lectures on GLOBK, references frames and survey-mode GPS will guide you in constructing the command files, and there are self-guided templates to make this easy

Manual sequence

- `htoglb` (i.e. `sh_glred -opt H`)
  - Converts plain text h-files output from GAMIT to binary h-files (in glbf/) for input to GLOBK
- `ls`
  - Create list of binary h-files to process (in gsoln/)
- `glist`
  - Create chronological list of h-files to process and associated information
- `glred` (i.e. `sh_glred -opt G`)
  - Create ".org"-file(s) with individual solutions
- `sh_plot_pos` (i.e. `sh_glred -opt T`)
  - Create ".pos" (time series) file(s) and time series plots
- `globk`
  - Create combined (or velocity) solution
- `glorg`
  - Additional `glorg` runs for different reference frames

htoglb

- Creates binary h-files for input to GLOBK
  - All metadata etc. carried forward from GAMIT
- Not restricted to plain text h-files from GAMIT
  - May also use SINEX (Software INdependent EXchange format), GIPSY's "stacov" files, etc.
  - But beware of constraints implicit in solutions from other software/processing runs!
- For example, from glbf/

```
htoglb . '' ../[0-3][0-9][0-9]/h*a.*
```

- (Use pair of quotes '' if no satellite data is to be saved. This is normal case).

GLOBK checks

- List files to be processed by GLOBK, e.g. from gsoln/
  `ls ../glbf/h*.glx > expt.glx.gdl`
- Run pre-processing checks using `glist`

  `glist expt.glx.gdl 201407_NSFBay.sum +1 ~/gg/tables/itrf08_comb.eq:A 201407_NSFBay.gdl`
  - This will also calculate if any over-lapping h-files should be combined with `glred` (e.g. multiple networks on the same day)
- Inspect any errors (e.g. site name clashes)

Create time series

- `glred` simply runs the main program, `globk`, once per interval (e.g. daily) to combine data over that interval into one solution and one effective time series point
  ```
  glred 6 glred_20150811.prt glred_20150811.log 201407_NSFBay.gdl globk.cmd
  ```
  - Assess solution by looking at "POS STATISTICS" lines

- Old example using `sh_glred` with "`-opt E`" creates:
  - "mb"-files (time series) with `multibase`
  - "psbase"-files (PostScript) with `sh_baseline`

- Updated, preferred method is `sh_glred` with "`-opt T`":
  - `tssum` to create ".pos"-files (time series)
  - `sh_plot_pos` to create PostScript plots
    - ".org"-file may be input to `sh_plot_pos`, which will run `tssum` for you, e.g.
      ```
      sh_plot_pos -f glred_YYYYMMDD.org -d figs ...
      ```

Time series solution files

Old scheme

- ".org"-file

- `ensum`
  - "VAL"-file (time series values)
  - "SUM"-file (statistics)

- `multibase`
  - "mb"-files

- `sh_baseline`
  - Time series plots

`sh_plotcrd`

Current scheme

- ".org"-file

- `tssum`
  - ".pos"-files
  - `tsfit`
    - ".res"-files

- `sh_plot_pos`
  - Time series plots

`sh_plot_pos`

Recommended strategy for stabilization

- In the template files, globk.cmd and glorg.cmd:
    - default apr-file is ~/gg/tables/igs14_comb.apr
    - default eq-file is ~/gg/tables/igs14_comb.eq
    - default stab-file is ~/gg/tables/igs14_comb.stab_site
- igs14_comb.apr is a combined apr-file, using many publicly available coordinate sources, all aligned to ITRF2014
- igs14_comb.eq is the associated eq-file with defined discontinuities
    - equipment changes
    - earthquakes
    - etc.
- igs14_hierarchy.stab_site uses the established IGS core network hierarchy to choose stabilizing sites, e.g.
    - " stab_site DRAO/BREW/NANO/ALBH/HOLB"
      means use DRAO if available in the solution (e.g. h-files), otherwise use BREW if available, otherwise use NANO, etc.
- Equivalent files for ITRF2008 ("itrf08…", "igb08…") still available

Inspect consistency of stabilization statistically

- It is a good idea to have thought about your reference frame stabilization when setting up your experiment, e.g. sites.defaults, before running `sh_gamit`

- Desire as many well-defined (e.g. IGS) sites as possible for redundancy
  - Recommended to use some of the sites (preferring the first column) in ~/gg/tables/igs14_hierarchy.stab_site when selecting your processing network, e.g. additional sites listed in your sites.defaults
  - But remember trade-off with processing time, e.g. processing time scales proportionally to n^3

```
grep '^POS S' glred_20150811.org

POS STATISTICS: For   51 RefSites WRMS ENU   2.15   2.55   6.19   mm
NRMS ENU    0.71    0.84    0.63 L0104260000_tg1a.glx

POS STATISTICS: For   54 RefSites WRMS ENU   2.17   2.42   6.03   mm
NRMS ENU    0.74    0.80    0.63 L0104270000_tg1a.glx

POS STATISTICS: For   50 RefSites WRMS ENU   2.12   2.25   6.34   mm
NRMS ENU    0.71    0.75    0.67 L0104280000_tg1a.glx

POS STATISTICS: For   54 RefSites WRMS ENU   2.19   2.31   5.23   mm
NRMS ENU    0.80    0.81    0.58 L0104300000_tg1a.glx

POS STATISTICS: For   54 RefSites WRMS ENU   1.83   2.17   6.34   mm
NRMS ENU    0.64    0.75    0.68 L0105010000_tg1a.glx

POS STATISTICS: For   54 RefSites WRMS ENU   2.09   2.63   6.47   mm
NRMS ENU    0.80    0.98    0.75 L0105020000_tg1a.glx
```

".pos"-files

- These contain your time series solution
- Long format in various coordinate systems
  - Geocentric (X, Y, Z)
  - Geodetic (lon., lat., height)
  - Local (east, north, up)
- Can be input to tsfit (interactive version of GGMatlab tool "tsview"), `sh_cats` (requires CATS) and `sh_hector` (requires Hector)
- Both ".pos"-files and ".res"-files can be plotted with `sh_plot_pos`

sh_plot_pos

- Uses GMT and has many features including options to:
  - Read in ".org"-files, ".pos"-files (output of tssum) and ".res"-files (output of `tsfit`) [`-f` option]
  - Run `tsfit` (GLOBK's curve-fitting module) on input ".pos"-files [`-t` option]
  - Calculate basic statistics (e.g. WRMS, NRMS)
  - Add vertical lines at epochs specified by renames, earthquakes or user [`-b`, `-e` and `-l` options, respectively]
  - Specify fixed start and end times of time series [`-t1`, `-t2` options]
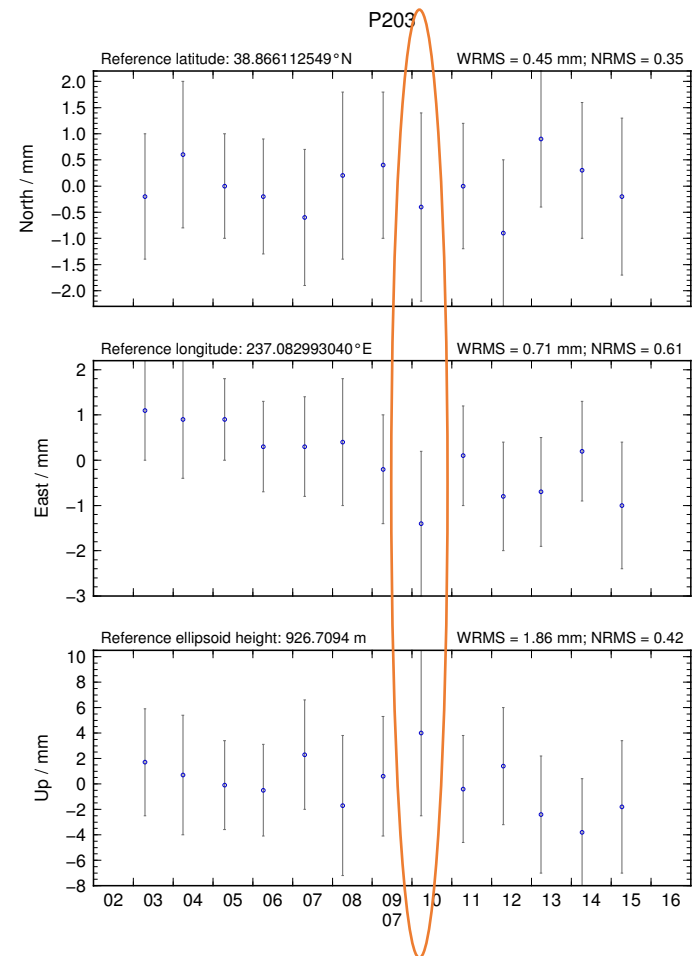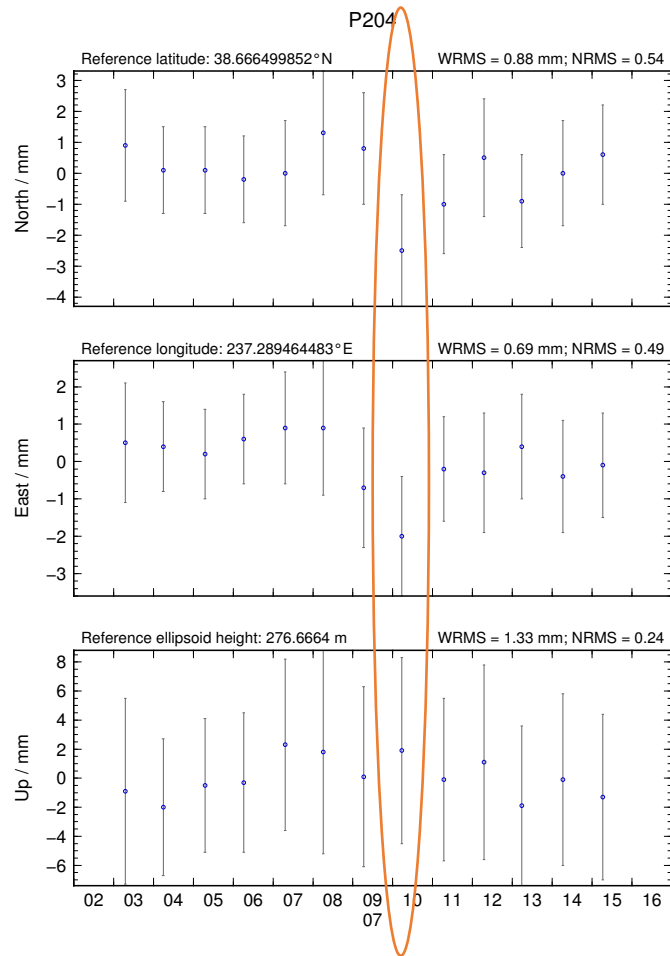 - etc.

Inspect consistency of time series

Good repeatability
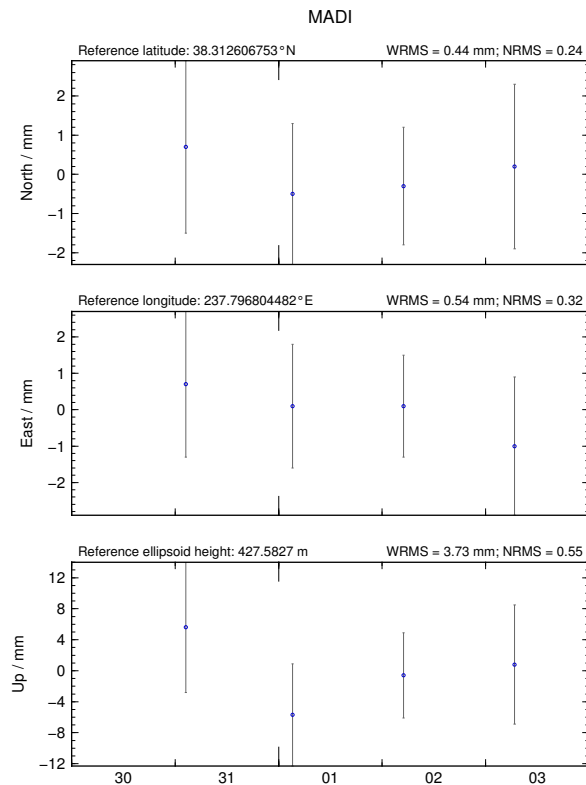
Outlier
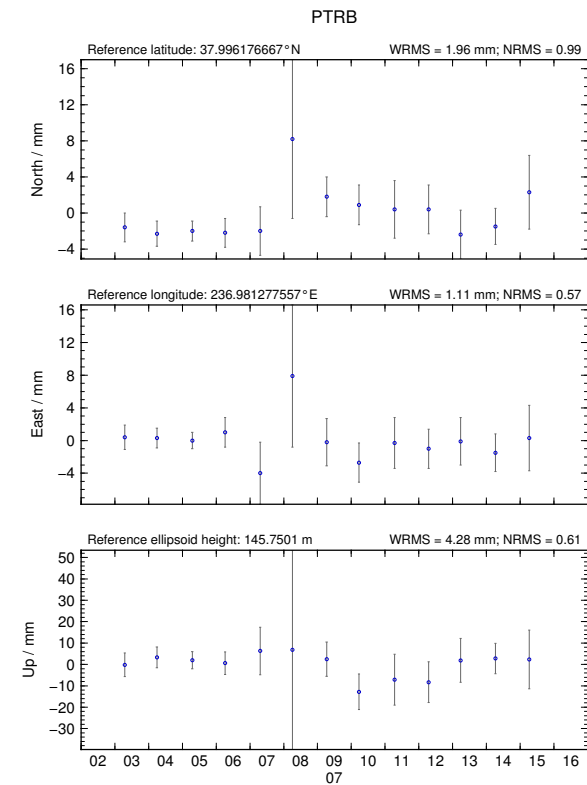
Some "outliers" may be stability issues

Excluding outliers or segments of data

- Create "rename" file records and add to GLOBK command file's "eq_file" option, e.g.

```
rename PTRB      PTRB_XPS h1407080610_nb4a
rename PTRB      PTRB_XPS 2014 07 07 18 00 2014 07 08 18 30
rename ABCD      ABCD_XCL 2013 07 08 00 00
```

- "XPS" will not exclude data from `glred` (so still visible in time series) but will exclude data from `globk` (combination or velocity solution)

- "XCL" will exclude data from all `glred` and `globk` runs

Iterating your solution

- First time series may only be stabilized by previously well-defined sites, e.g. ITRF sites

- Once a high-quality position (and velocity) estimate for a previously unknown or new site is available, we can use all sites to stabilize

- This approach may be used with both time series (e.g. `glred`) and velocity (e.g. `globk`) solutions

Short- vs long-term time series

- Exactly the same procedure is used for short (e.g. survey) and long (e.g. years of continuous data) time series
- The only difference may be the number and type of input h-files, e.g.
  - Daily survey h-files (short-term time series)
  - Combine into one solution (short-term position combination)
  - Several combined survey files over years (long-term time series)
  - Several combined survey files over years (long-term velocity combination)

`tsfit` and tsview

- `tsfit` is the command-line tool for fitting time series and generating statistics
  - Input ".pos"-files, optionally eq-files
  - Fits linear rate and choice of common parameters
    - Periodic terms
    - Discontinuities and earthquakes
    - Post-seismic decays
  - Outputs
    - statistics of fit
    - standard (position and velocity) apr-files
    - extended (periodic, logarithmic decay, etc.) apr-files
    - Residuals to fit (".res"-files)
- tsview is an alternative that, via a MATLAB interface, allows interaction

Summary

- `sh_glred` is post-processing equivalent to `sh_gamit`
- .pos-file format now standard GLOBK output for time series
- Visual inspection of time series very important for identifying outliers, bad segments of data or other problems like incompatible site IDs
  - `sh_plot_pos` (GMT) and tsview (MATLAB)
  - Populate eq-file(s) with "rename" commands or use "sig_neu" commands to mitigate impact of poor or incompatible data points during velocity
  - Be aware that some "outliers" may be stabilization issues if they persist across a large part or all of a network at the same time, so check stabilization using "POS STATISTICS" lines in .org-file(s)
    - Numbers of stabilizing sites should be consistent and at least as many as the number of parameters estimated in `glorg` (e.g. three components of rotation and translation)
    - Numbers for wrms should be consistent from day-to-day and small (< 5 mm)
- Batch tools are available for longer, denser, continuous time series where point-by-point visual inspection is unreasonable
  - `tsfit` and tsview