

# Characteristics and results of two years of a VLBI southern hemisphere intensive observing program

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# Motivation

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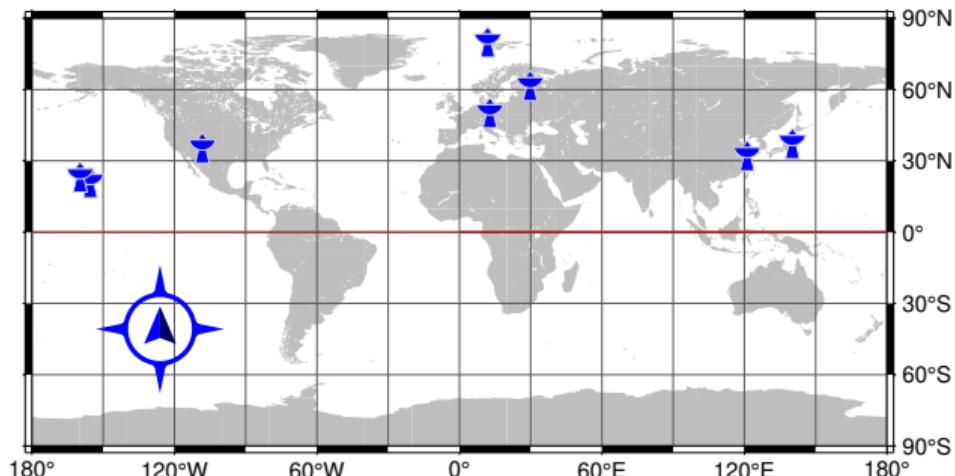
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## Intensive sessions

- Rapid service  
UT1–UTC results
- Duration of one hour,  
small network
- Sensitive to errors in a  
priori values
- North-bias

Antennas participating in IVS Intensives 2019



# The southern Intensive program (SI)

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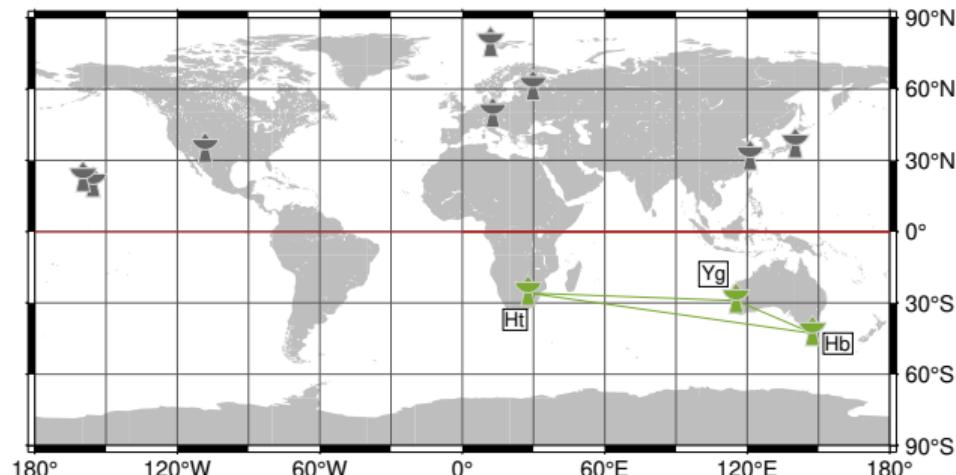


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- Three station network
- > 50 sessions  
(2020/21/22..)

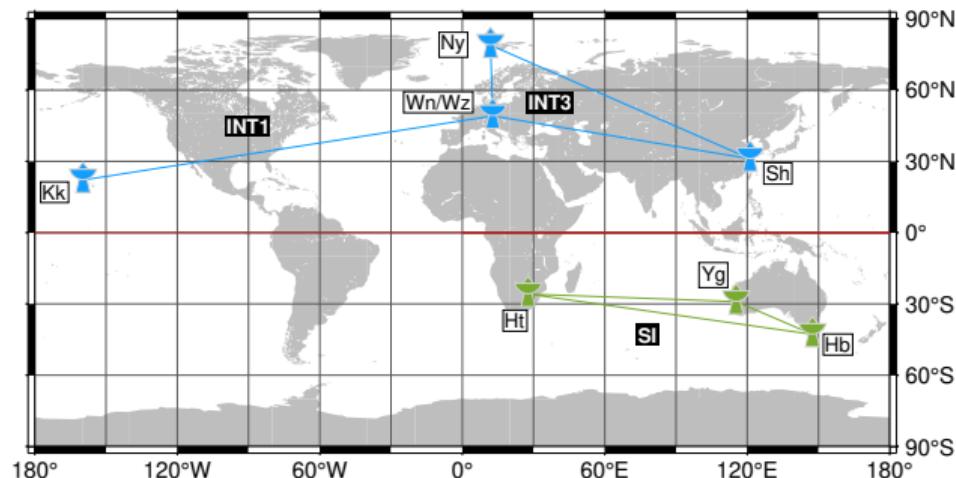


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# Assessment of SI performance

## Results of 53 SI

- 42 SI sim. to INT1
- 11 SI between INT1 and INT3
- Compared to:
  1. INT1/3 (vie)
  2. INT1/3 (4 other analysis centers)
  3. IERS EOP 14C04
- Analysed with VieVS using VIETRF2020 (Krásná et al.)

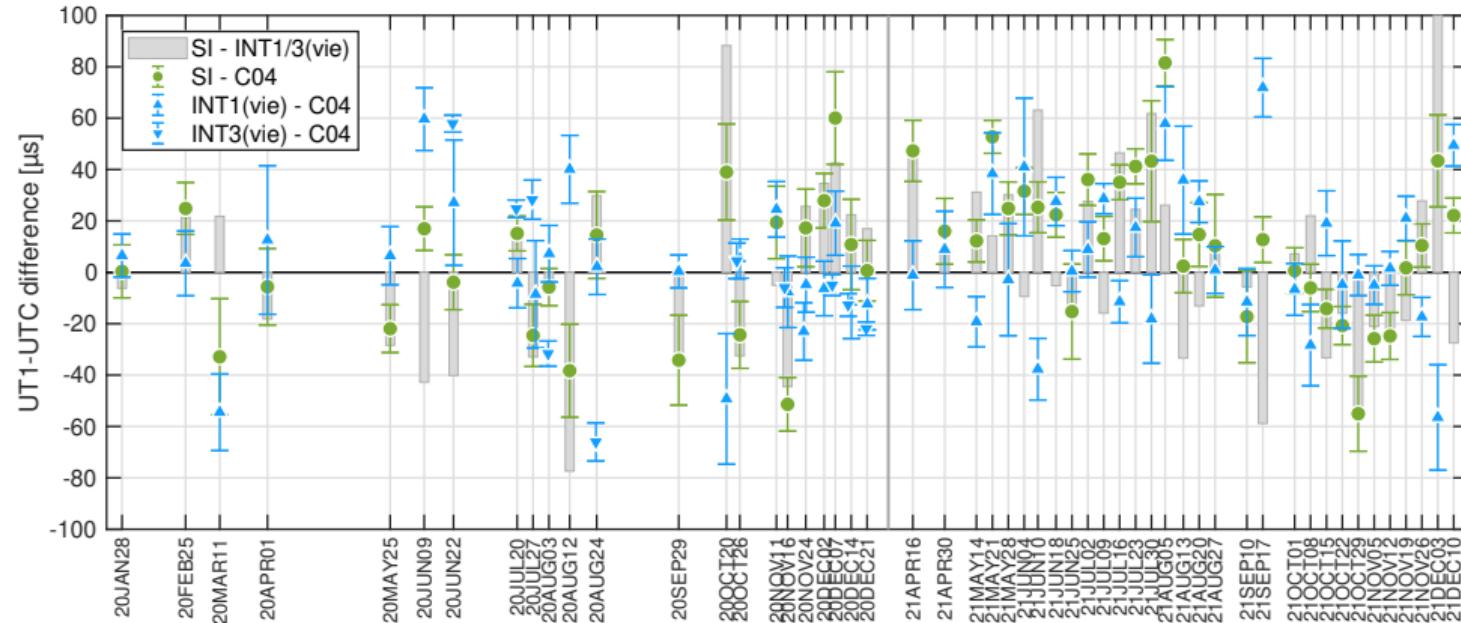


# Time series comparison

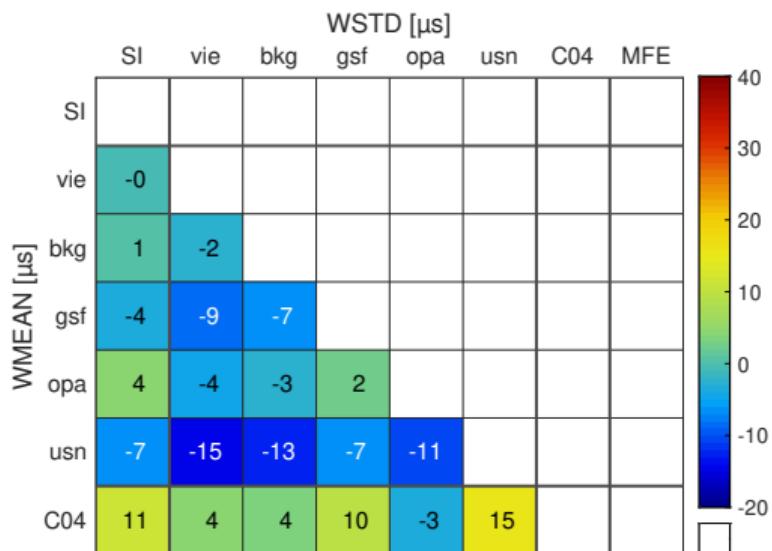
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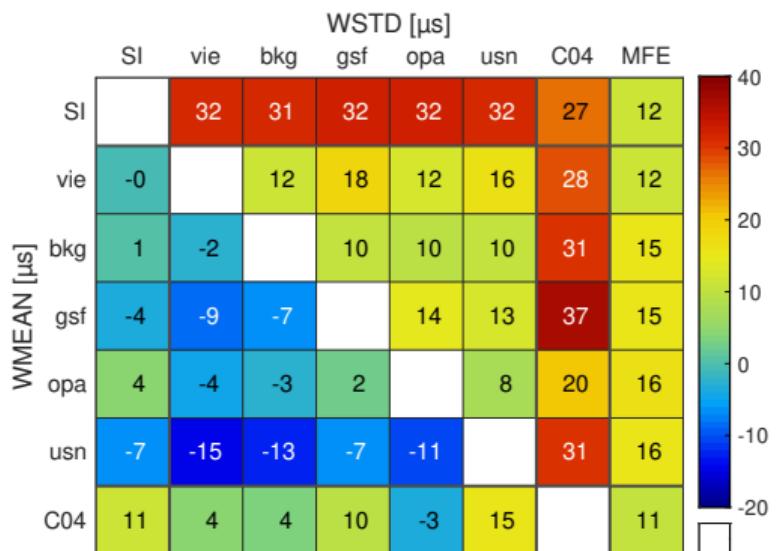


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- WSTD SI to INT1/3 are in same range as with C04.
- Internal agreement INT1/3 ≈ mean formal errors (MFE).

# Summary & Outlook

- The precision of the SI is equivalent to that of INT1/3.
- The UT1–UTC values estimated from SI show a scatter of  $\sim 32 \mu\text{s}$  w.r.t. INT1/3. This is at the same level as the WSTD of SI-C04 and INT1/3-C04, amounting to  $\sim 30 \mu\text{s}$  on average.
- In 2022 the SI sessions are observed every Monday at 6:30 UTC, the session data is publicly available via CDDIS.
- The current work is on routinely guaranteeing low latency and increasing automation. Once established, we might consider increasing the cadence.