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Real Time Geomonitoring with Low-cost L1 GPS

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Motivation

Increasing disasters caused by mass movement are happening world-widely: in 2012, 115 landslides with 192 death toll; in 2013 (till 22, April), 117 archived landslides with archived more than 306 dead, according to archived landslide news by U.S. Geological Survey. Six percent of Switzerland is prone to slope instability (Lateltin et al., 2005). There is a strong demand for low-cost/cost-effective Geomonitoring system in hostile areas.

Landslide in Ticino Switzerland on 14.05.2012 (@ Andrey Eroshin)

Goal

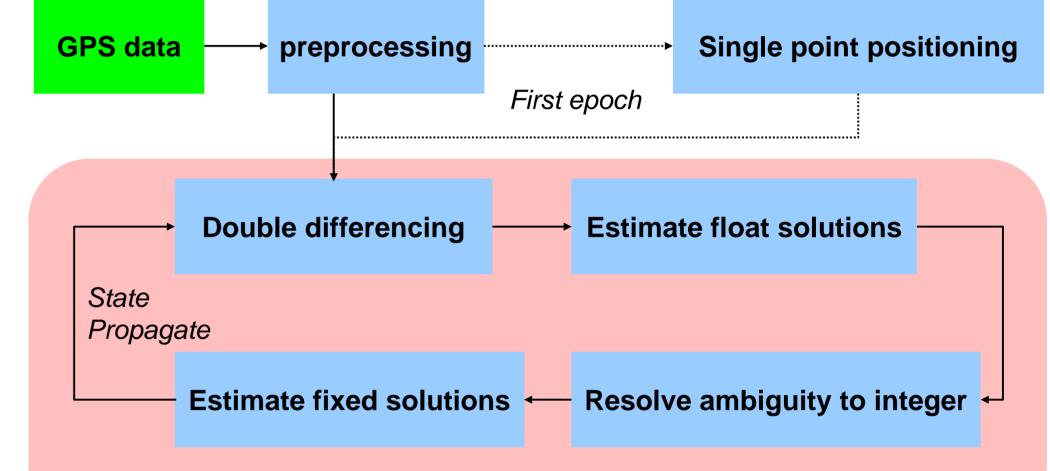
To get precise, reliable and real time 3 dimensional positions of study targets with low-cost GPS sensors

To make not only monitoring but also early warning of mass movements through low-cost GPS networks possible

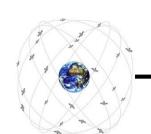


Methodology

- Double-differenced GPS carrier phase processing with short baselines to reduce distance dependent GPS signal errors (such as troposphere and ionosphere delays) as well as orbits and clock errors
- Real time processing of GPS data by EKF (Extended Kalman Filter)
- Modeling and correcting remaining errors (e.g., multipath) in the calculated GPS positions
- Solution validation procedure to select trustable RTK solutions for motion detection

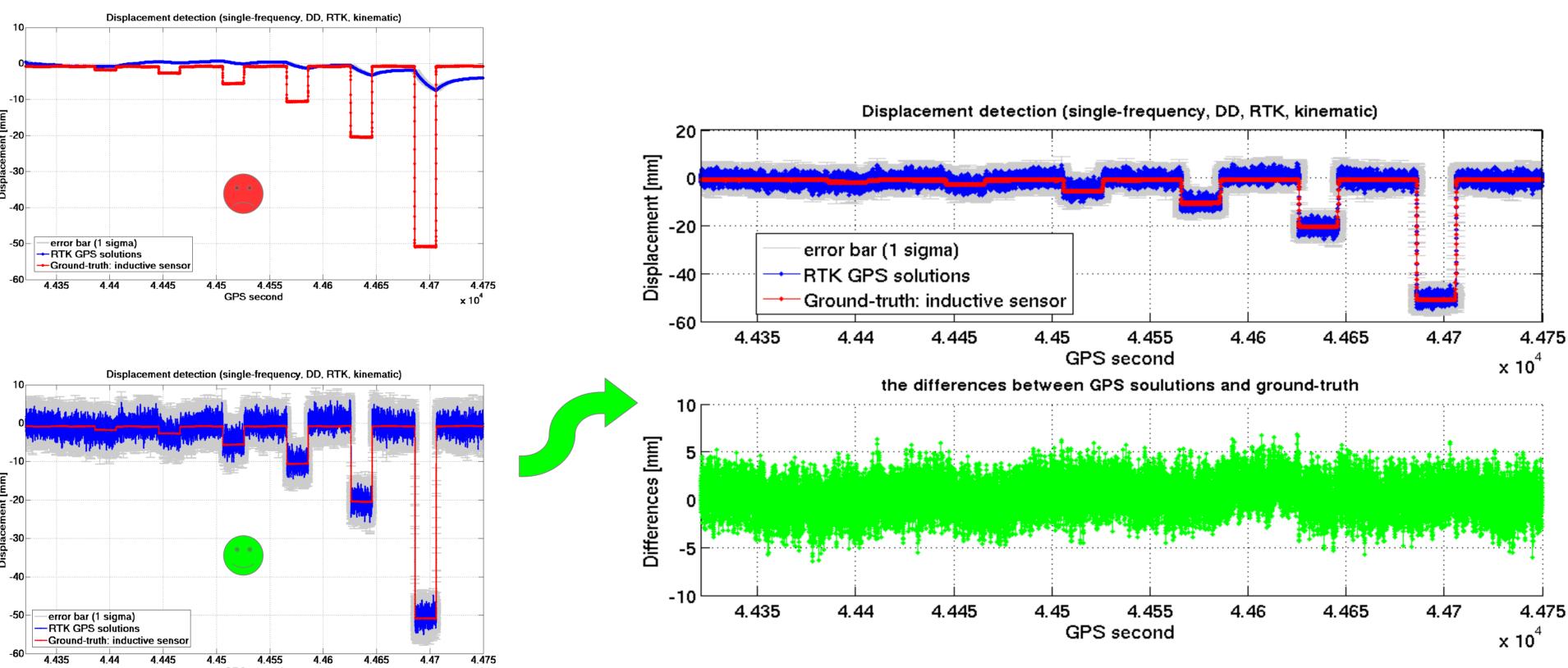


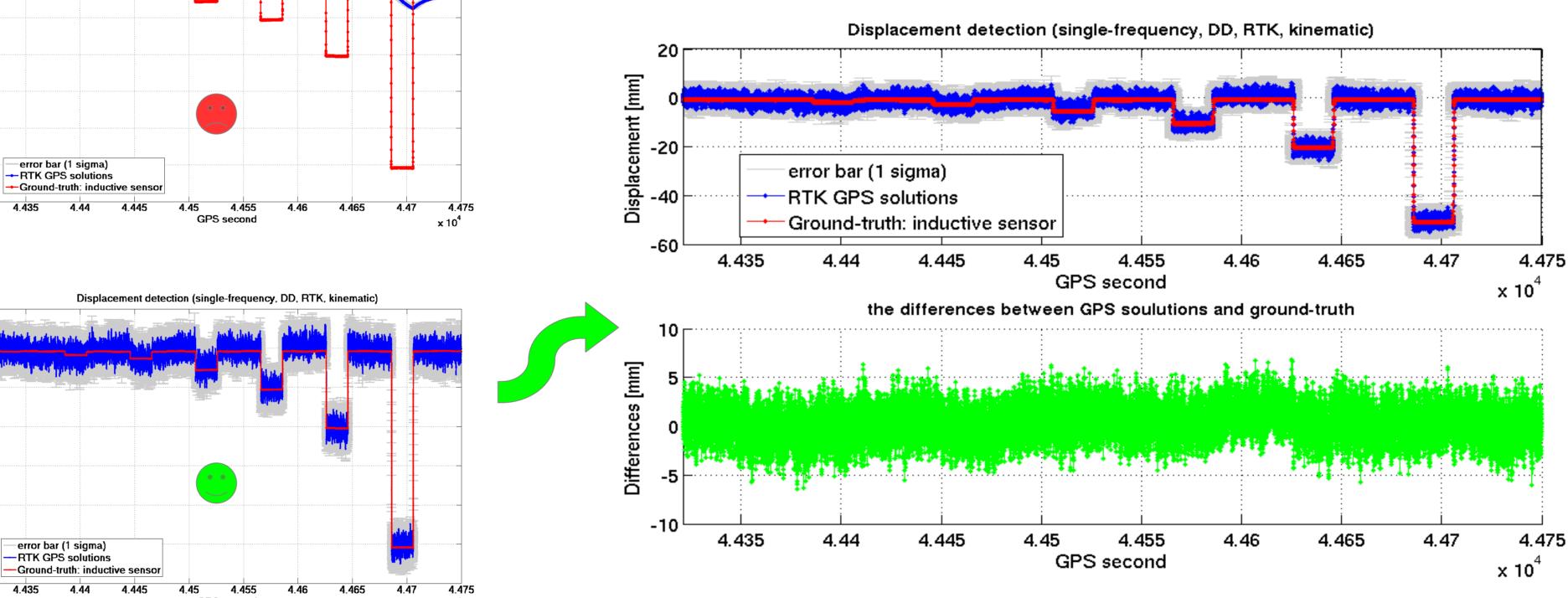
EKF: state vector - rover positions and carrier phase ambiguities



Feasibility study

Movements generated by shake table GPS data measured under ideal conditions





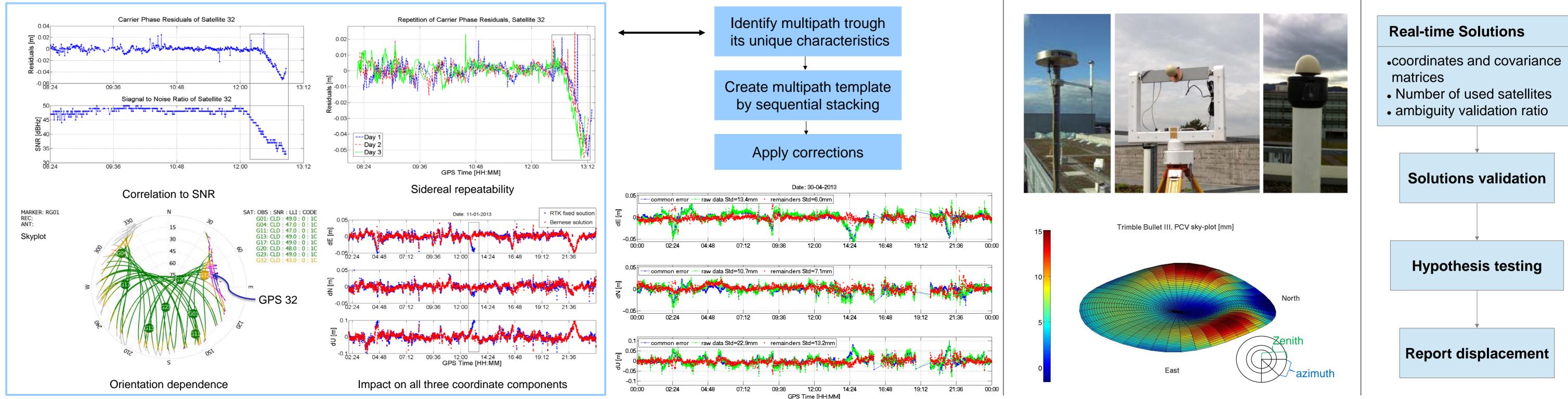
Benchmarking system— inductive sensor Test of two different algorithms



Main challenges & Solution

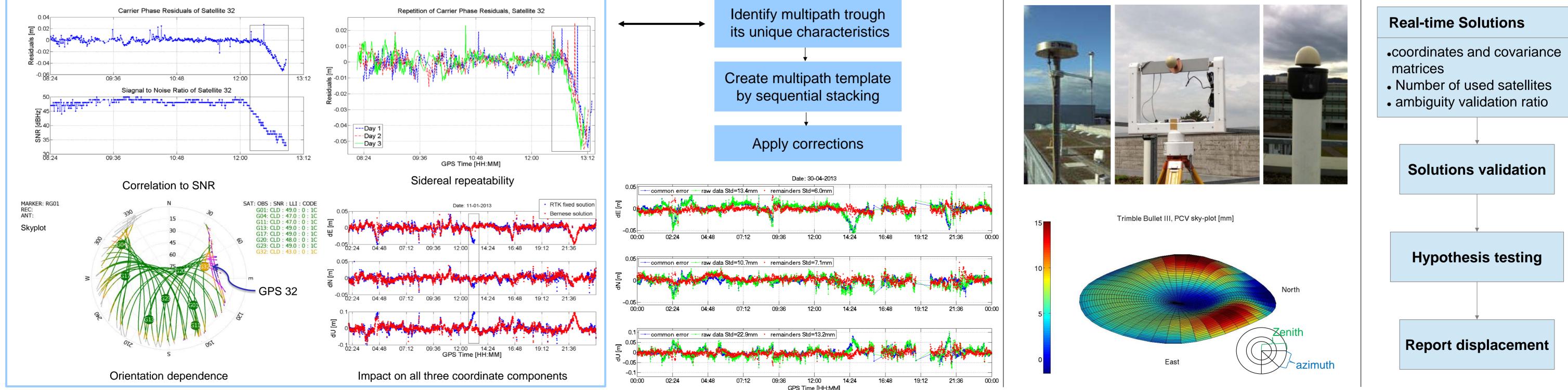
- To reduce multipath effect, the major factor limiting the accuracy of RTK positions
- To estimate low-cost GPS antenna pattern PCO (Phase Center Offset) and PCV (Phase Center Variation)
- To know which is trustable and can be used for motion detection

Multipath modeling and mitigation



Antenna pattern estimation

Solution validation



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