

# GPS Carrier Phase vs. TWSTFT

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# The "GeTT Guys"

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# USNO Hardware: On Rebound

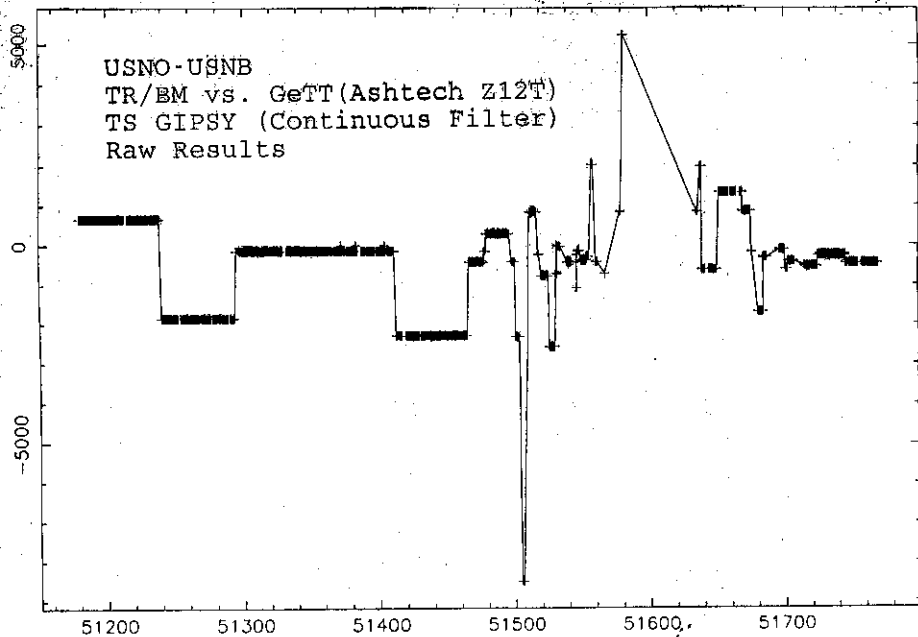
- TurboRogue to Benchmark conversion had problems

but: "Powers Correction" being tested/developed,  
for "Roving Rogue" calibration and peace-of-mind

- TWSTT modems: tick-to-phase problem

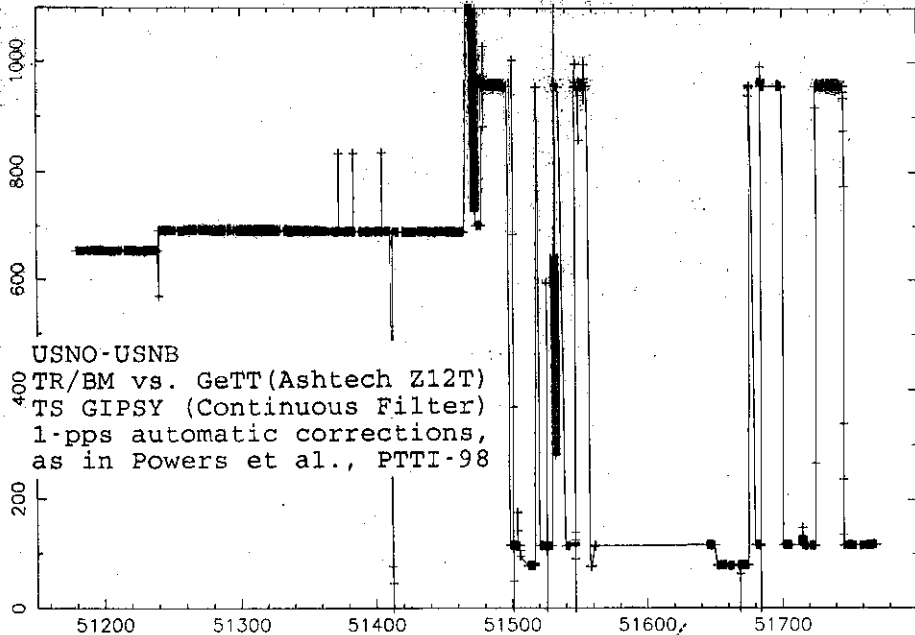
but: SATRE modems being installed

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## OUTLINE/SUMMARY

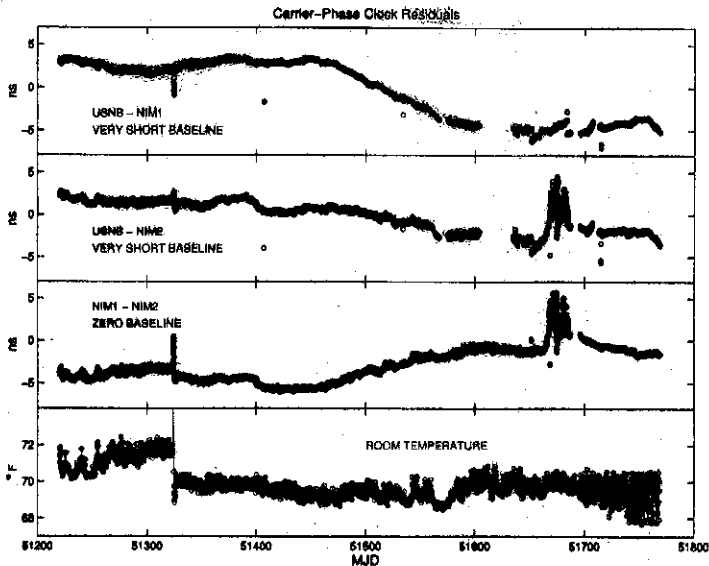
- Zero Baseline: Ashtech Z-12/ Z-12T's can walk 8 ns. Even the GeTT may have jumped 3 ns recently.
- Short Baseline: TurboRogue/Benchmarks and TWSTT can walk 3 ns.
- USNO-AMC: Carrier Phase can walk 7 ns.
- USNO-Europe: Ashtech Z12 moved 10 ns.
- Diurnal Terms: Carrier Phase: .1 - .4 ns p/p, TWSTT: .4-.8 ns p/p
- Consistency Checks: Carrier Phase Analysis Noise: 1 ns p/p  
TWSTT Closure: <.2 ns RMS

## Zero Baseline Data

- Two NIMA Ashtech Z12's in same rack, with same antenna, and common clock.. Temperature usually within 2 deg C.
- GeTT (Ashtech Z12T) adjacent to them

# SHORT BASELINE — 95m

(USNO bldg78 bldg52)



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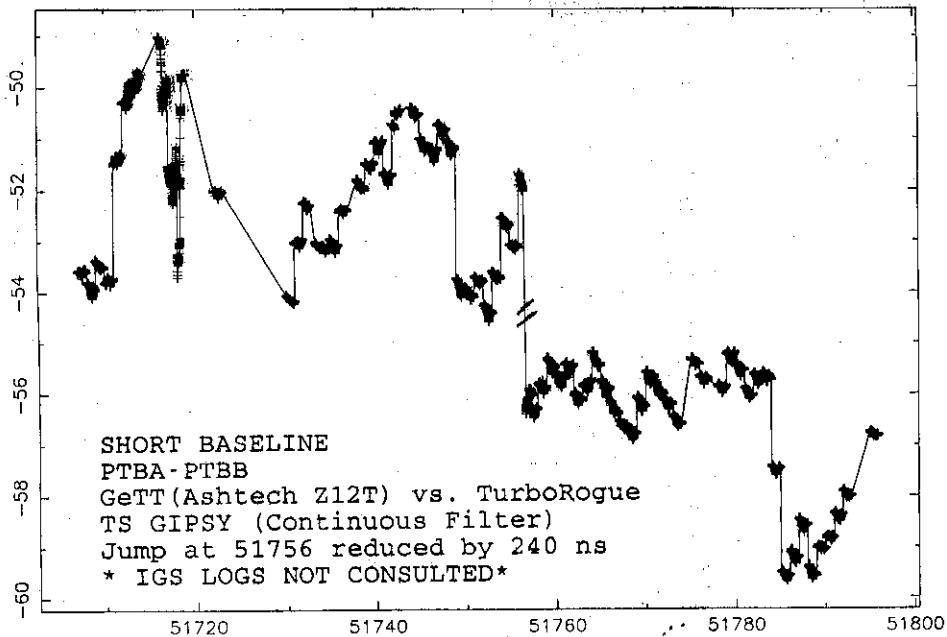




## Short Baseline Data

- PTBA vs. PTBB – inferences without logs
- USNO vs. USNB - in nearby buildings.  
Clock difference known to  $<1$  ns p/p

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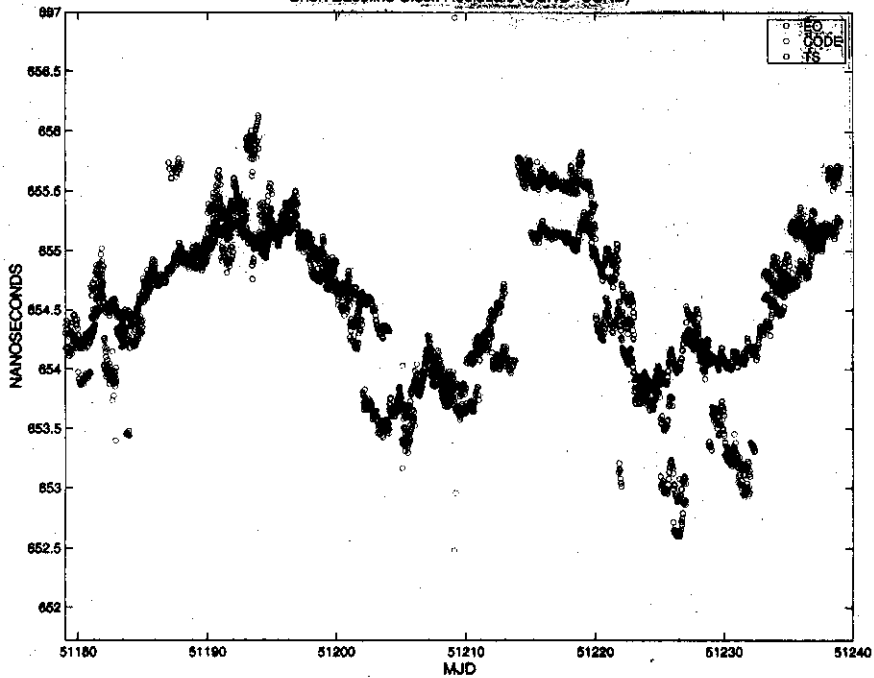


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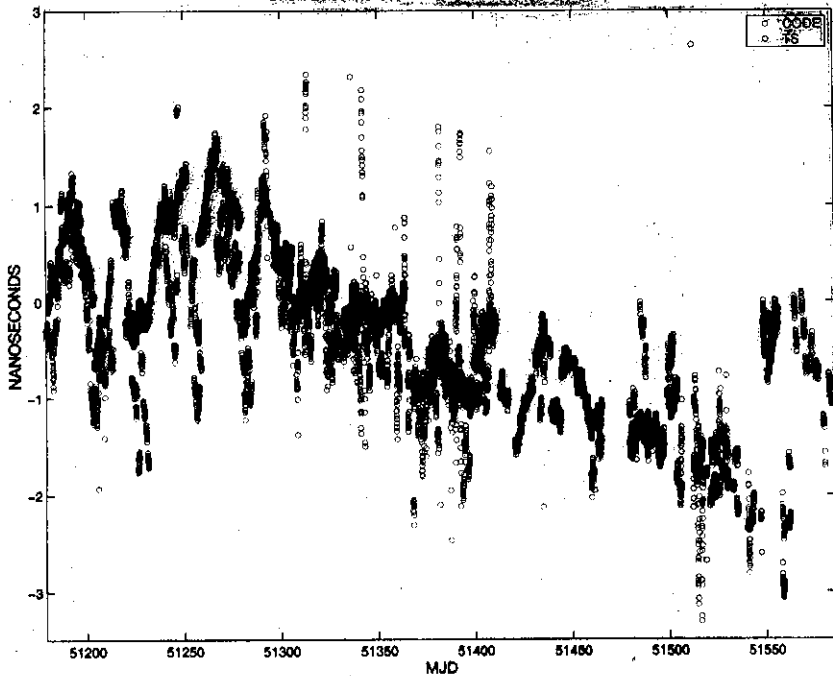
# Day-Boundary Problem

- Wonderful precision of IGS carrier phase obscured by 400 ps (best case) jumps at UT-midnight.
- Due to discarding Kalman filter values for ambiguities, atmosphere, etc. and fixed by “Continuous Filtering” (Senior et al, PTTI-99, but already done by many who didn’t bother to publish).
- Risk: systematic analysis errors may propagate. (In which case you steer CF to old-style solutions)
- Use “Ground-truth” to assess techniques.

## Short Baseline Clock Residuals (USNO-USNB)

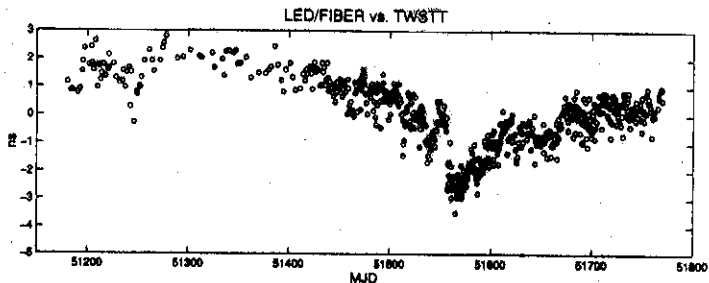
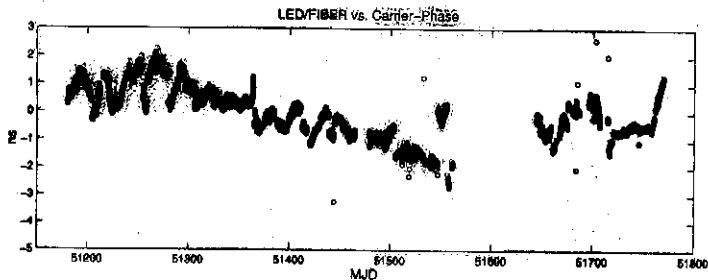


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(USNO bldg 78 bldg 52)



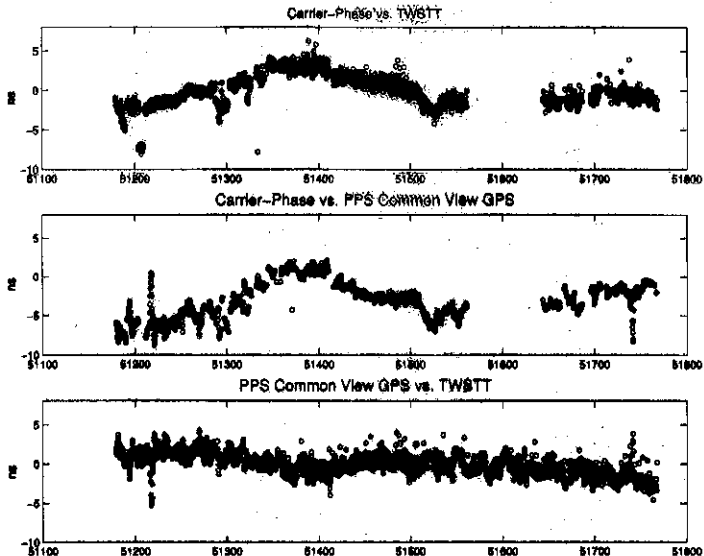
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# USNO-AMC

- TurboRogue/Benchmark at AMC
- Kristine Larsen's data are earlier
- Common View agrees more with TWSTT than with Carrier Phase

# CONTINENTAL BASELINE = 2500km (USNO-AMC)



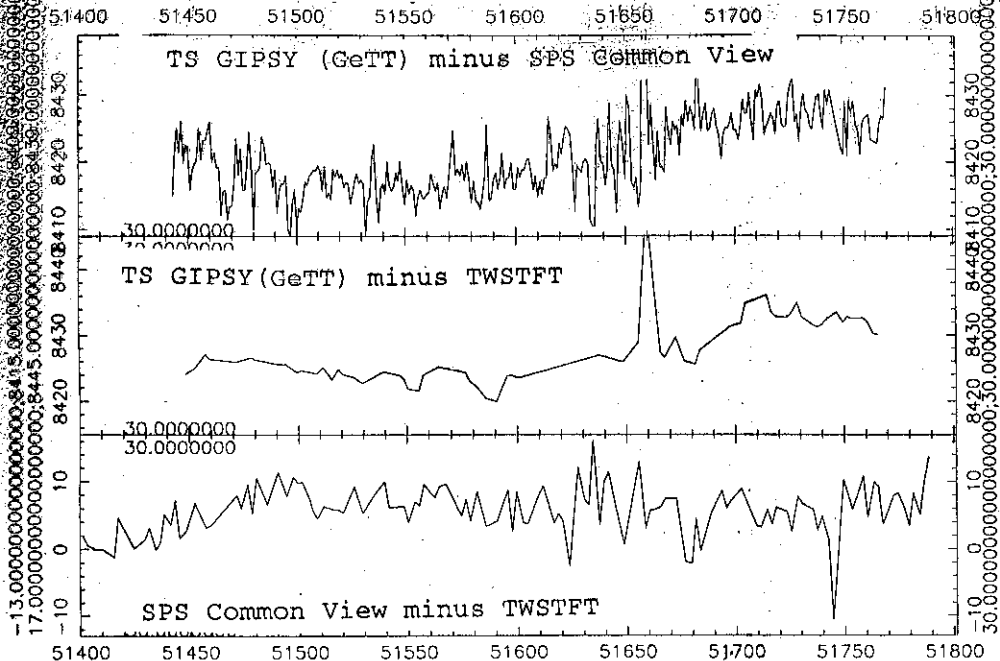
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## USNO to NPL and PTB

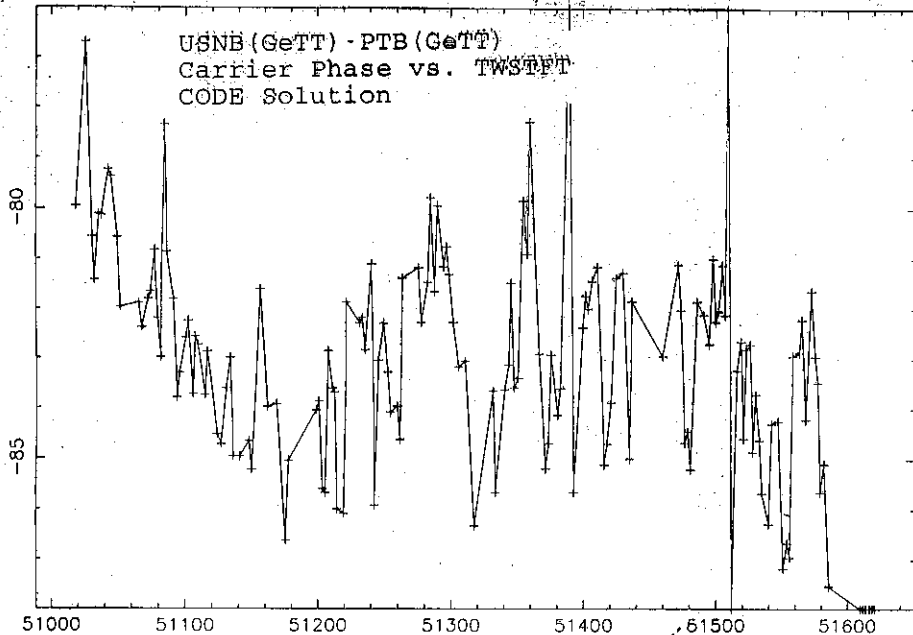
- NPL shows recent 10-ns jump in Carrier Phase vs. both TWSTT and Common View
- PTB shows TWSTT as “odd-man out”

USNO - NPL double differences



MJD 51400=TUE 10AUG99. MJD 51801=THU 14SEP00

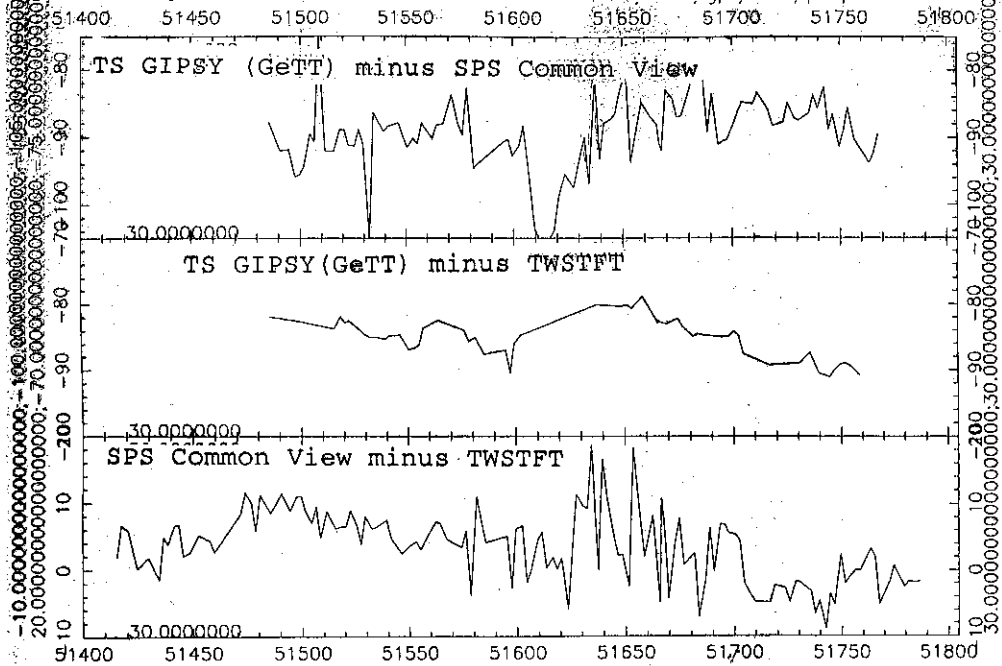
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USNO- PTB double differences



MJD 51400=TUE 10AUG99. MJD 51804=SUN 17SEP00

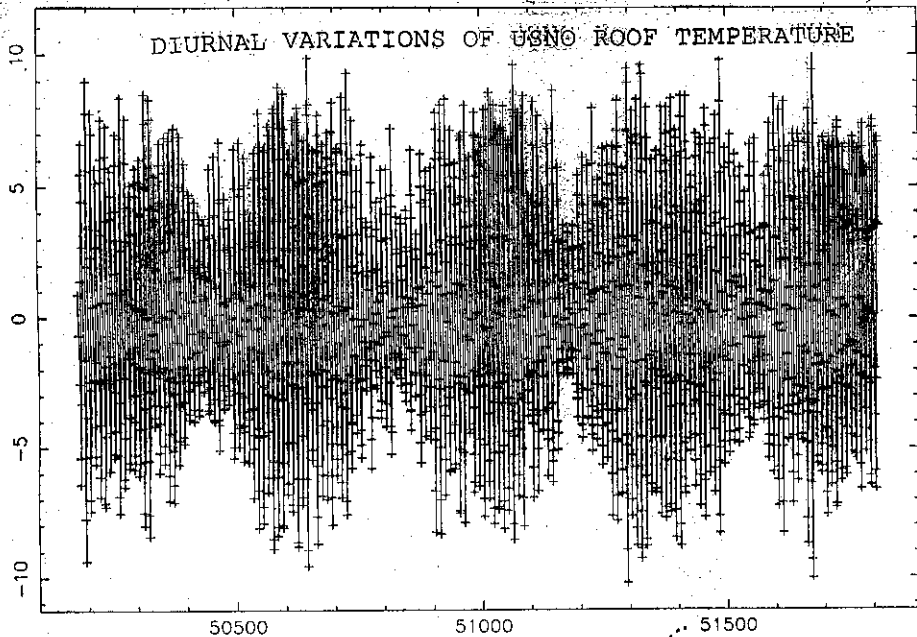
## Diurnal Terms

- Often worse in summer
- Larger diurnals probably due to bad cabling
- Carrier Phase: .1 – 1 ns peak/peak
  - 1 ns: HOB2, HRAO, MATE
  - .5 ns: PTBA, KOKB, NLIB, DRAO, GODE, FAIR?
  - <.5 ns: ALGO, AMC2, PIE1, USNB, NRC1?
- USNO-AMC TWSTT: .6 ns p/p in summer
- Short-BL TWTT: .4-.8 ns p/p not seasonal

# Diurnal Plots: How I made them

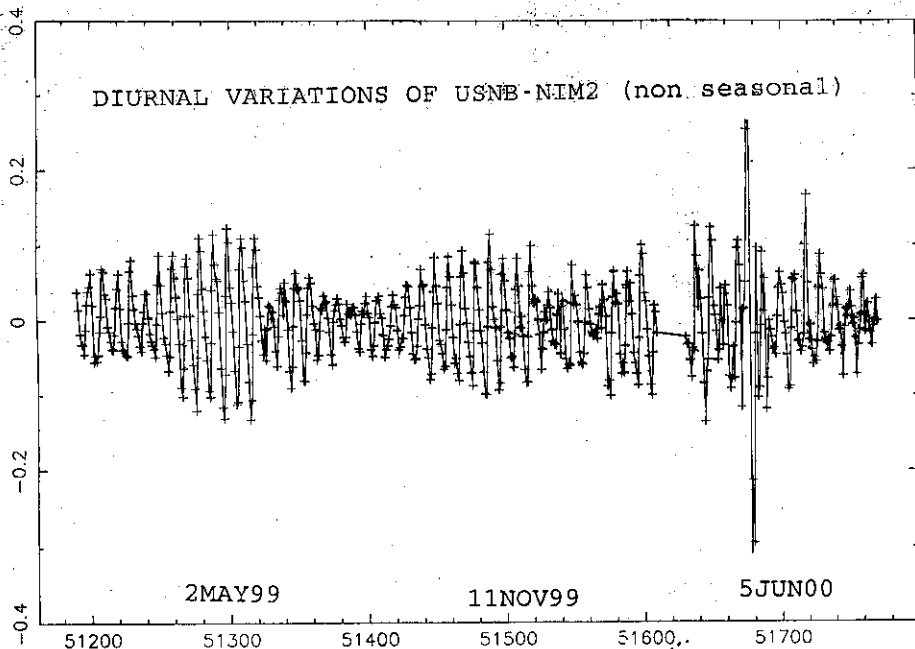
- Detrend data by subtracting 24-hour average from each point (12 hours before and after).
- What remains is the diurnal term (daily variation)
- Average the diurnal terms in 10-day batches.
- Plot the average diurnal term from MJD 50000 to 50010 as data from 50000 to 50010
  - 50000.0 is average detrended value at UT 0:00, 50000-50010
  - 50002.5 is average detrended value at UT 6:00, 50000-50010
  - 50005.0 is average detrended value at UT 12:00, 50000-50010
  - 50007.5 is average detrended value at UT 18:00, 50000-50010
  - 50010.0 is average detrended value at UT 0:00, 50010-50020

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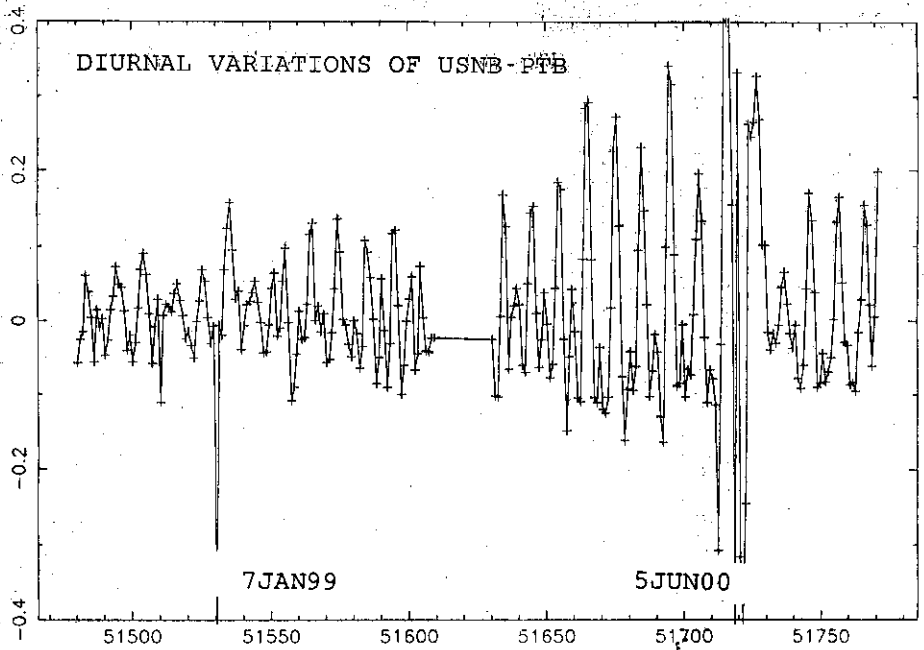
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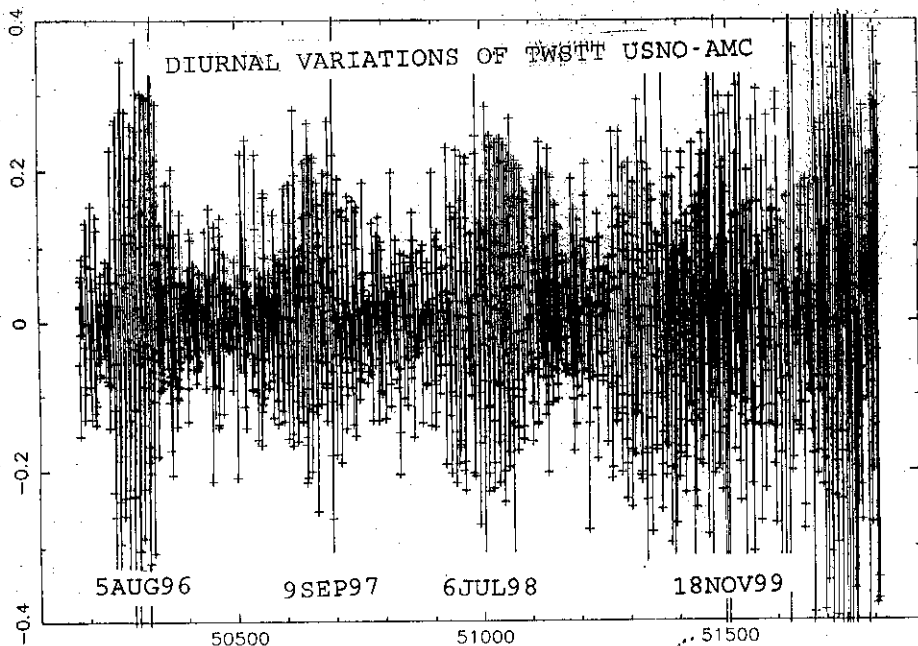


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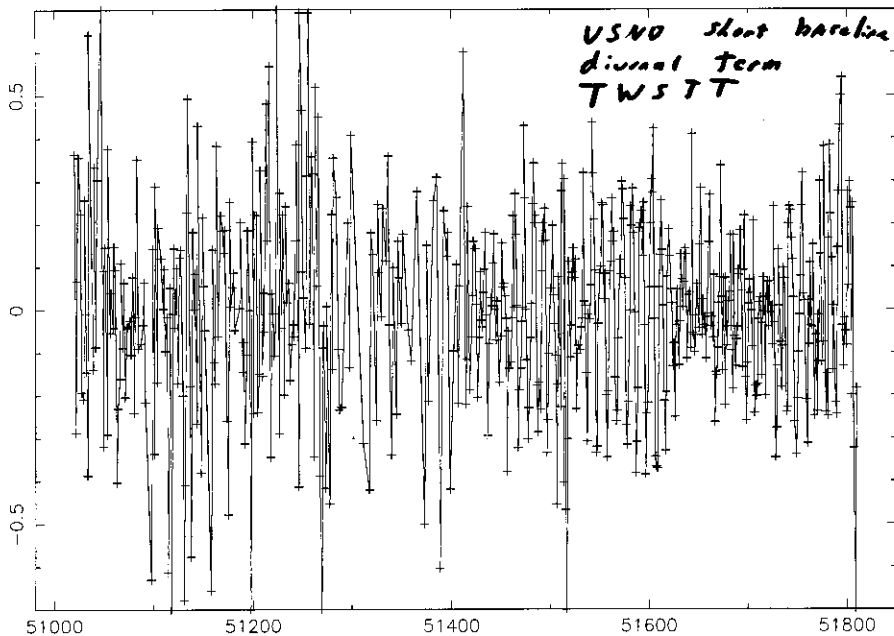
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# Diurnals – Eyeball Values

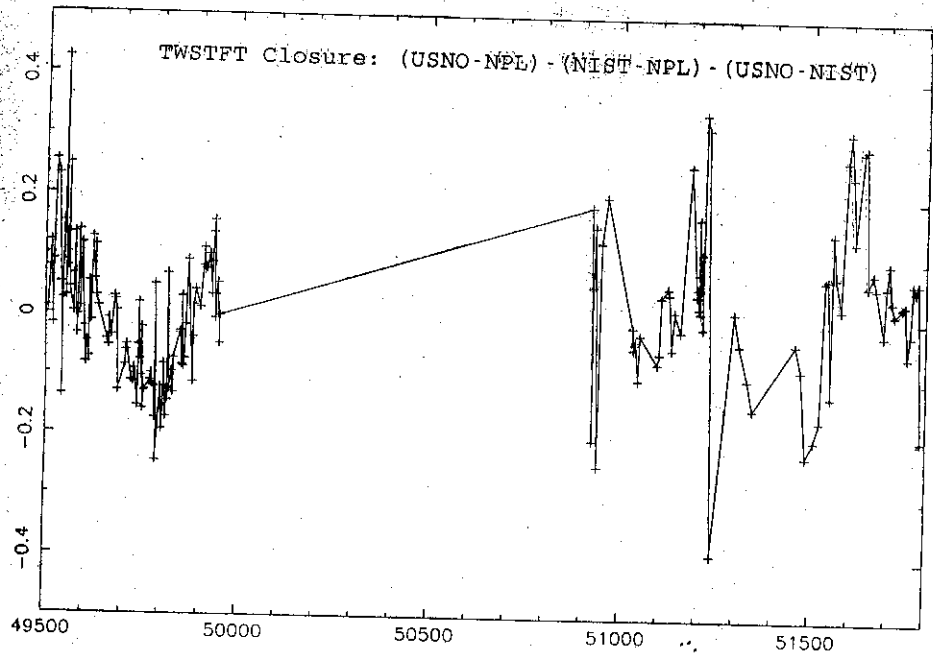
## USNB (GeTT) is reference

- PTBA .4 ns summer, .3 ns winter
- NPL .4 ns (before recent cable upgrade)
- NIM1 was .2 ns summer, .1 ns winter (before upgrade)
- NIM2 was .2-.4 ns; now less (before upgrade)
- USNO .3 ns summer, .2 ns winter
- AMC .1 ns?
- TWSTT short baseline: <.4-.8 ns, not seasonal
- TWSTT USNO-AMC .8 ns summer, .4 ns winter
- LED-FIBER .06 ns

## TWSTFT Closure

- Wednesdays only, since May, 1994
- USNO-Europe and NIST-Europe simultaneous, using INTELSAT satellite
- USNO-NIST , 3 hours later, with SBS-3 satellite
- .16 ns RMS using NPL  
.22 ns RMS using PTB

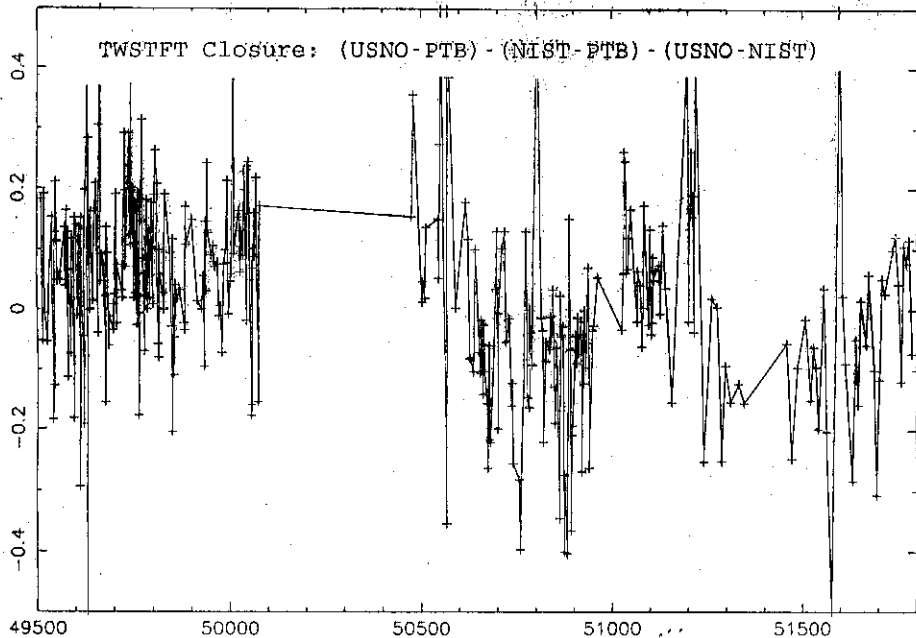
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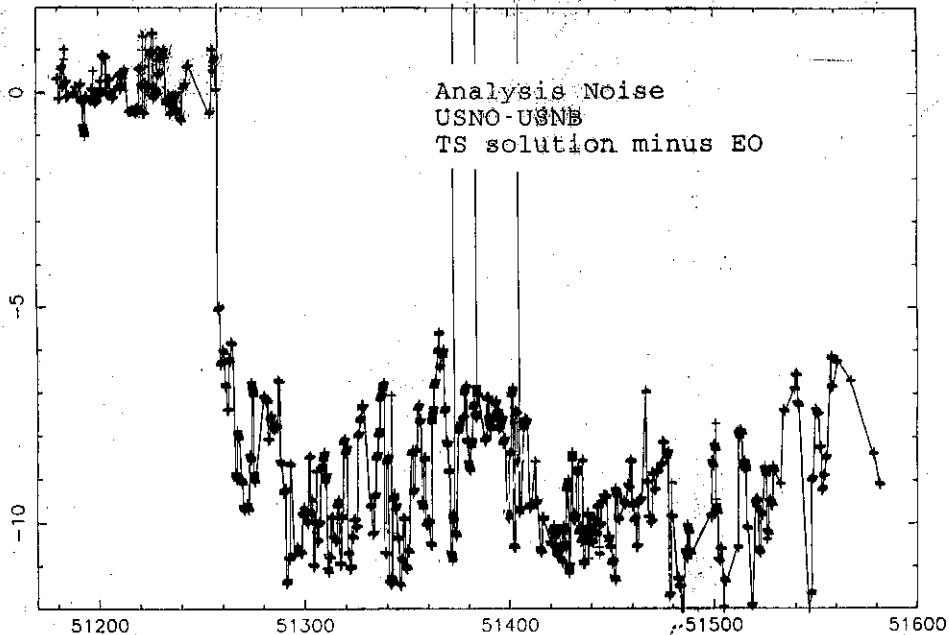
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## Carrier Phase Analysis Noise

- Three Reductions: CODE, EO, TS
- CODE-EO: ~ 1 ns peak-to-peak
- TS – CODE, TS-EOG 2-3 ns peak-to-peak
- USNO-AMC similar to USNO-USNB



rms=3.99087157 1st=.086268113 2nd=.080540681 range=14.000000 ave=-7.1539836



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# Atmosphere and Orbit Errors

- Based on one site (AMC), and one day
- Lanyi vs. Neill jump AMC clock 10 ps
- Broadcast vs. rapid: up to 3 ns
- Rapid vs. Final: .5 ns bias

# WAAS for Time Transfer

Satellites at fixed position, so

- Can use directional antenna
  - harder to jam
- Can use high-gain antenna
  - more signal to noise
- Continuous coverage
  - carrier-phase simplified
- Steered to GPS time, UTC (USNO)
  - excellent backup potential

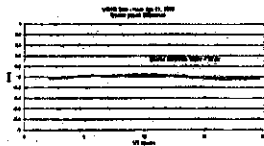
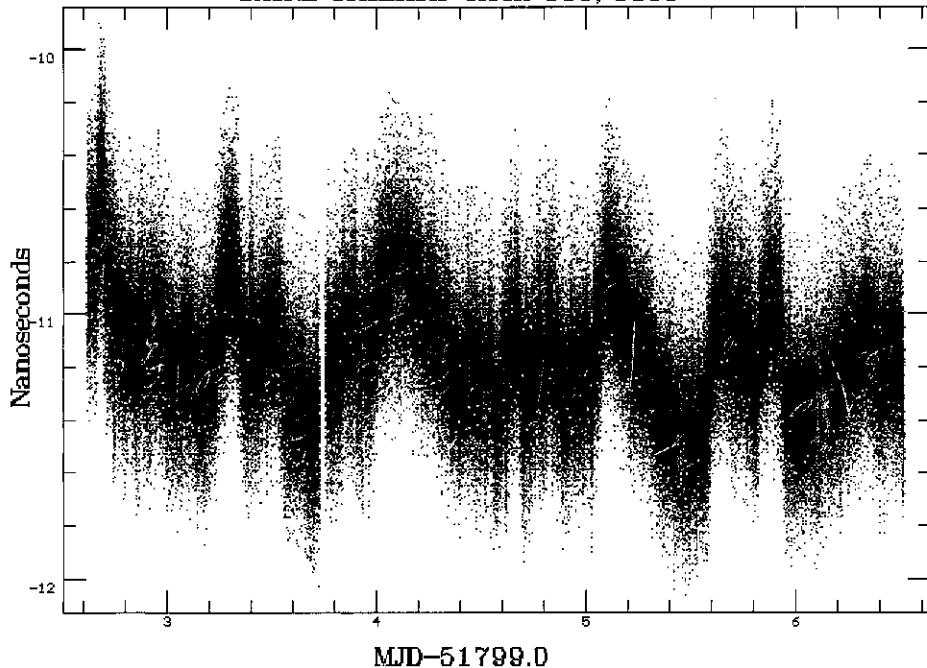


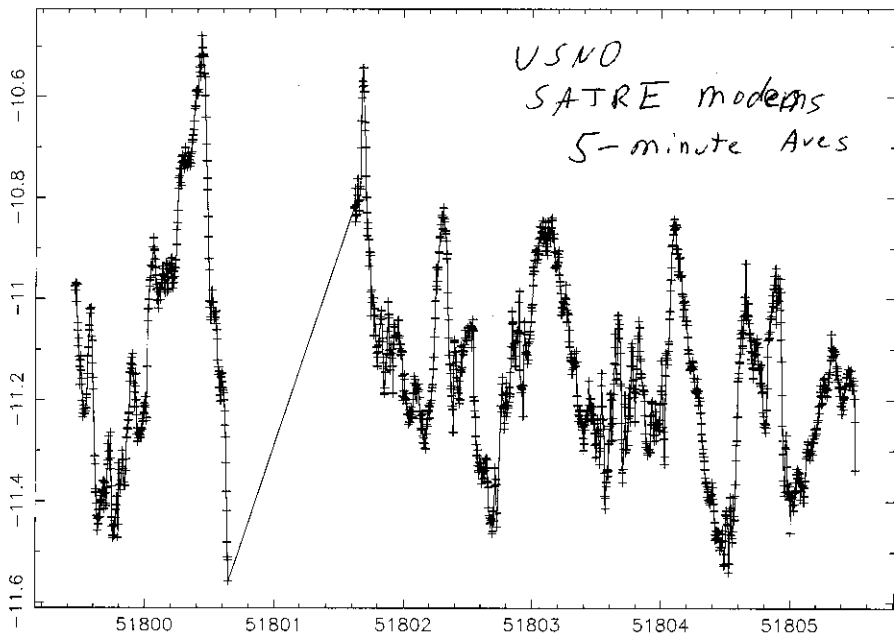
Figure 8 of Fenton et al, ION-NTN, January, 2000

! /usr/local/twosony/satre/data/Filtered.out

SATRE Common-Clock 330, 119s About 4 days



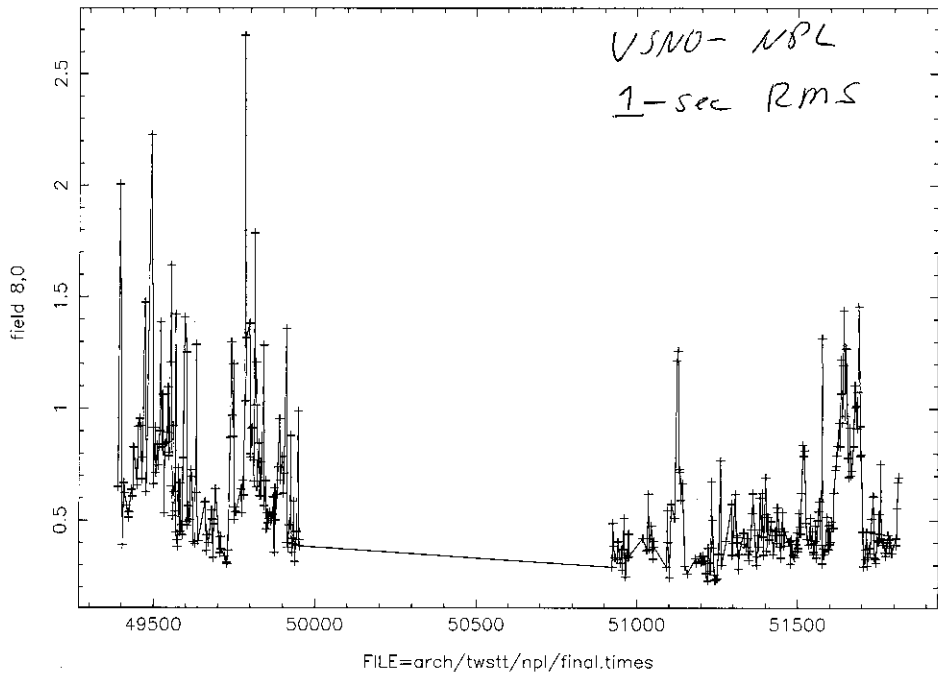
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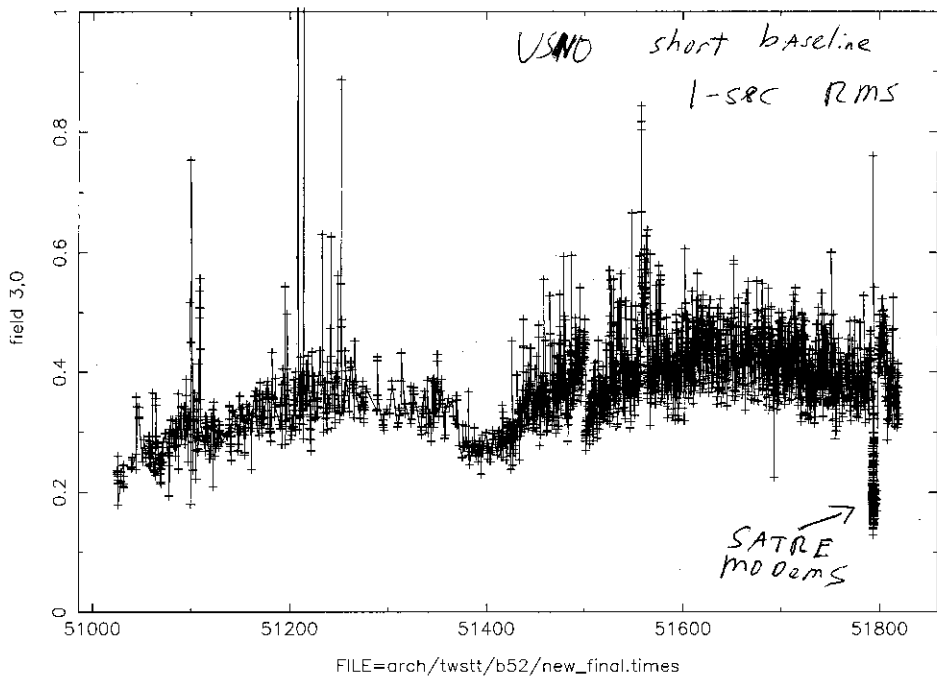
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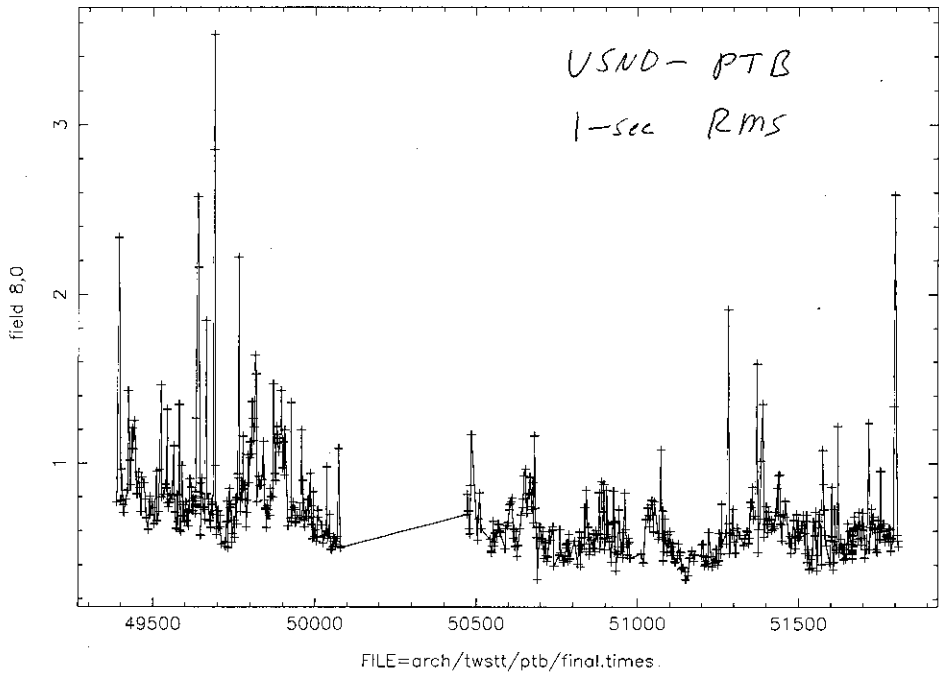


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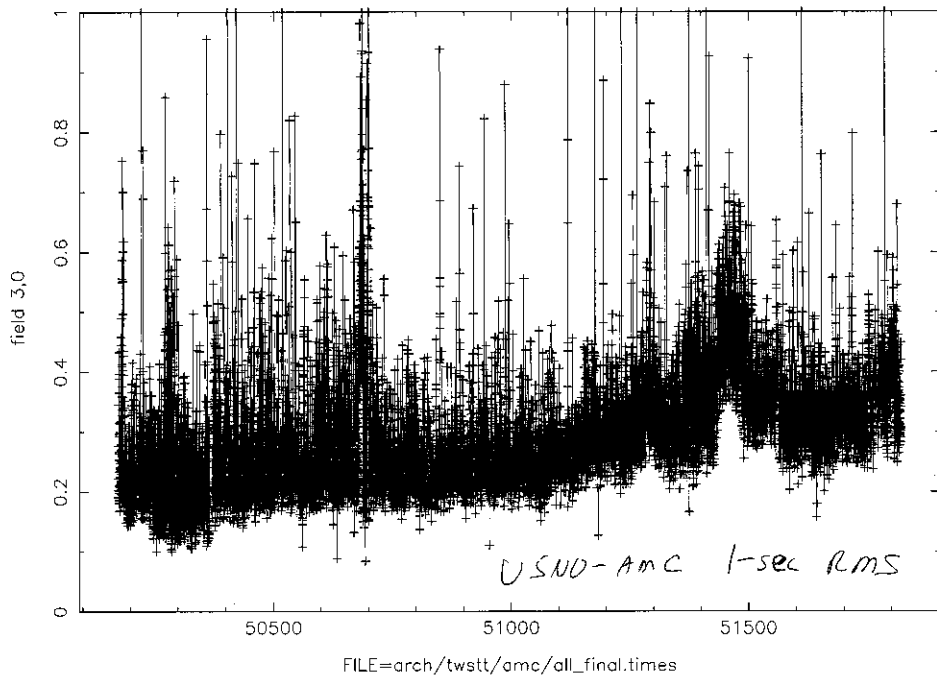
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USNO SATRE MODEMS

Temperature testing next!

10/29/00 Time: 13:00:27

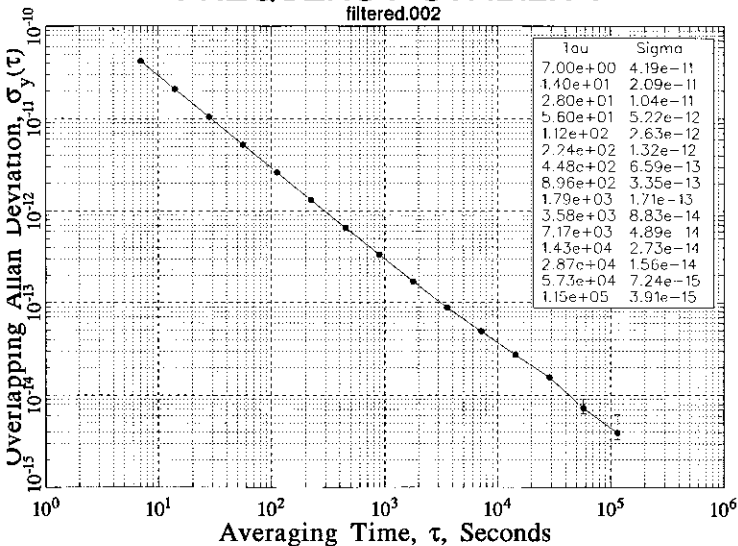
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