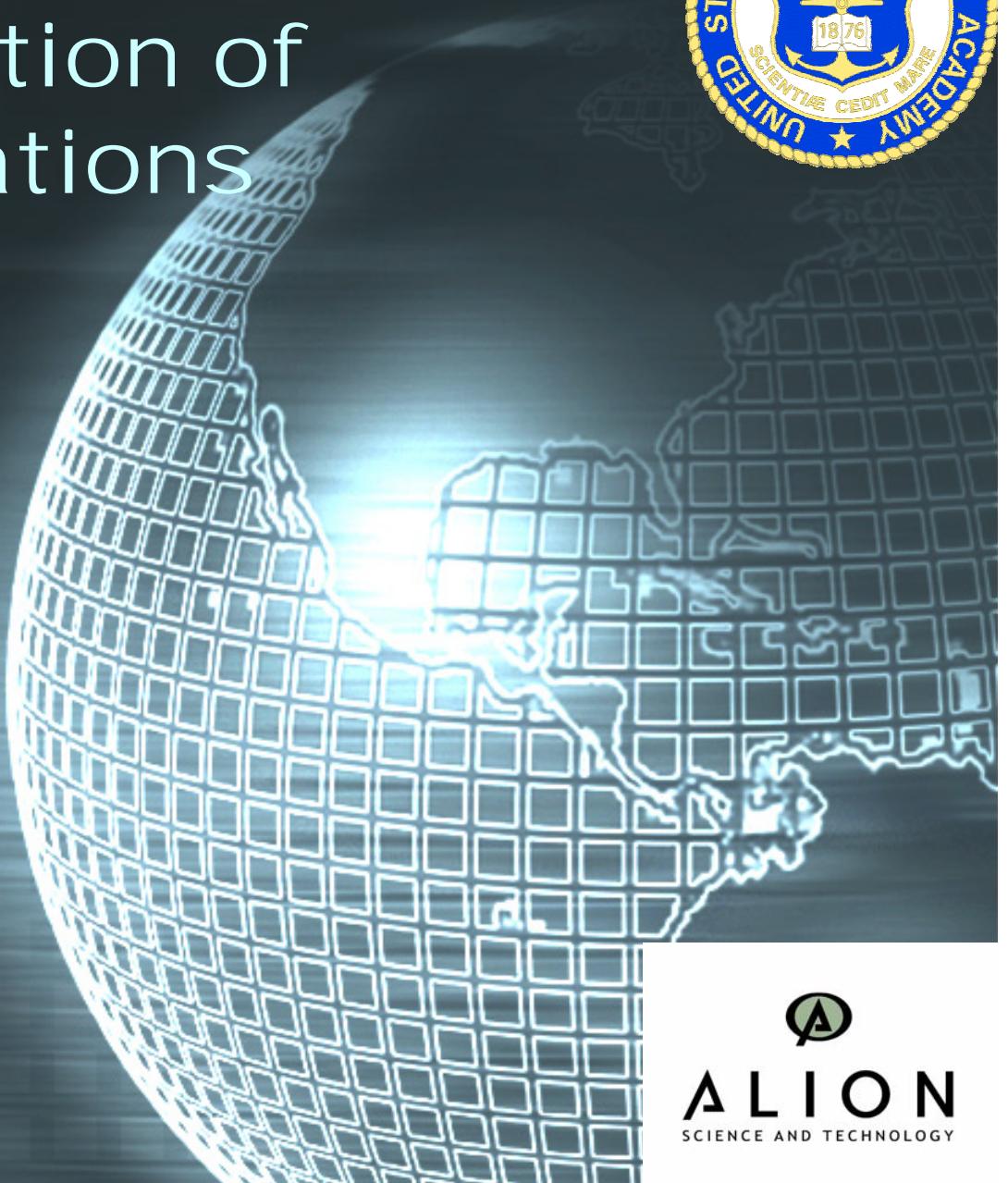


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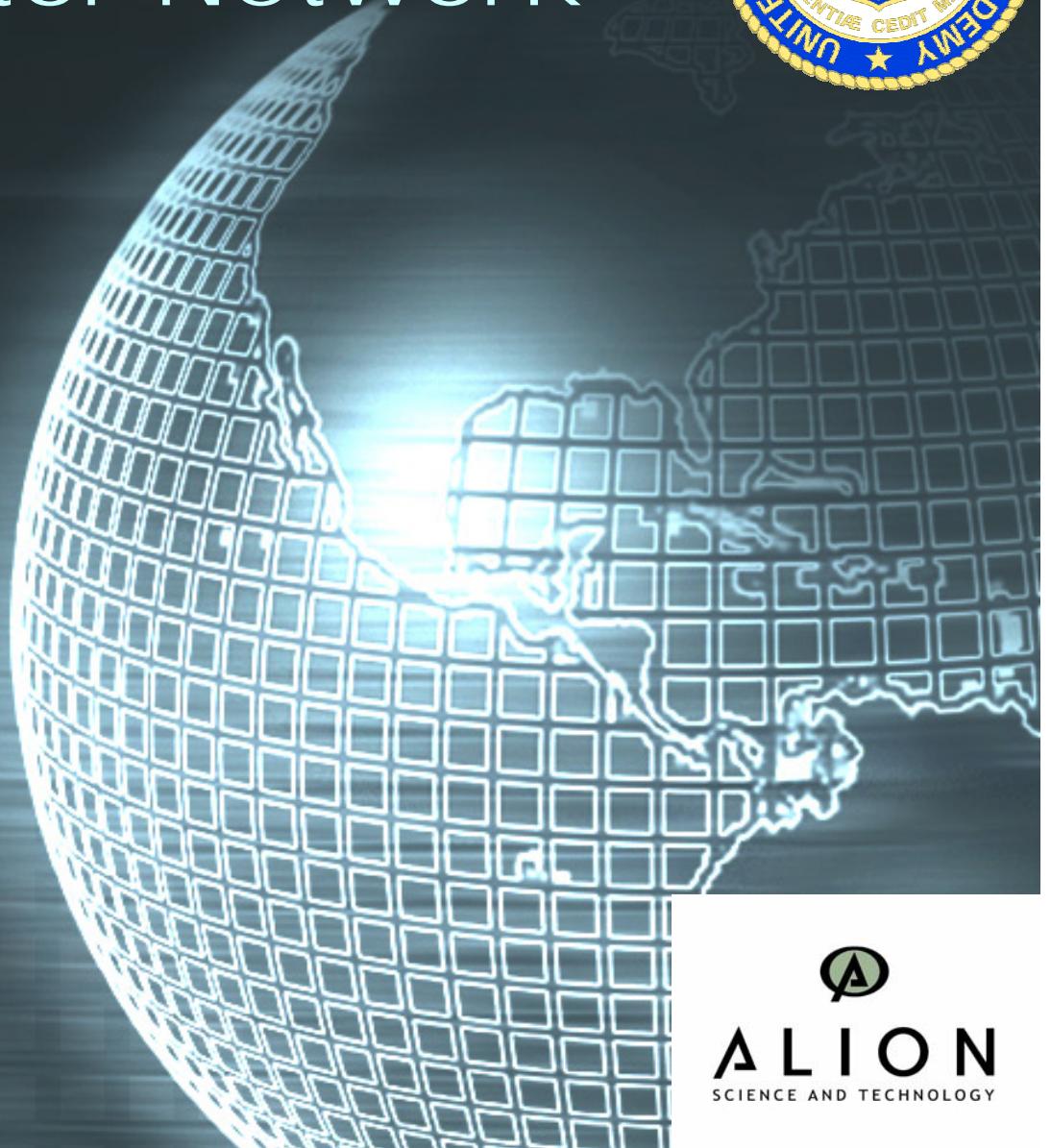
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Seasonal Monitor Network



Seasonal Monitors



- Monitor Sites Installed at
 - USCGA, New London CT
 - URI, Kingston RI
 - Volpe, Cambridge MA
 - FAATC, Atlantic City NJ
 - OU, Athens OH
 - Staten Island, NY



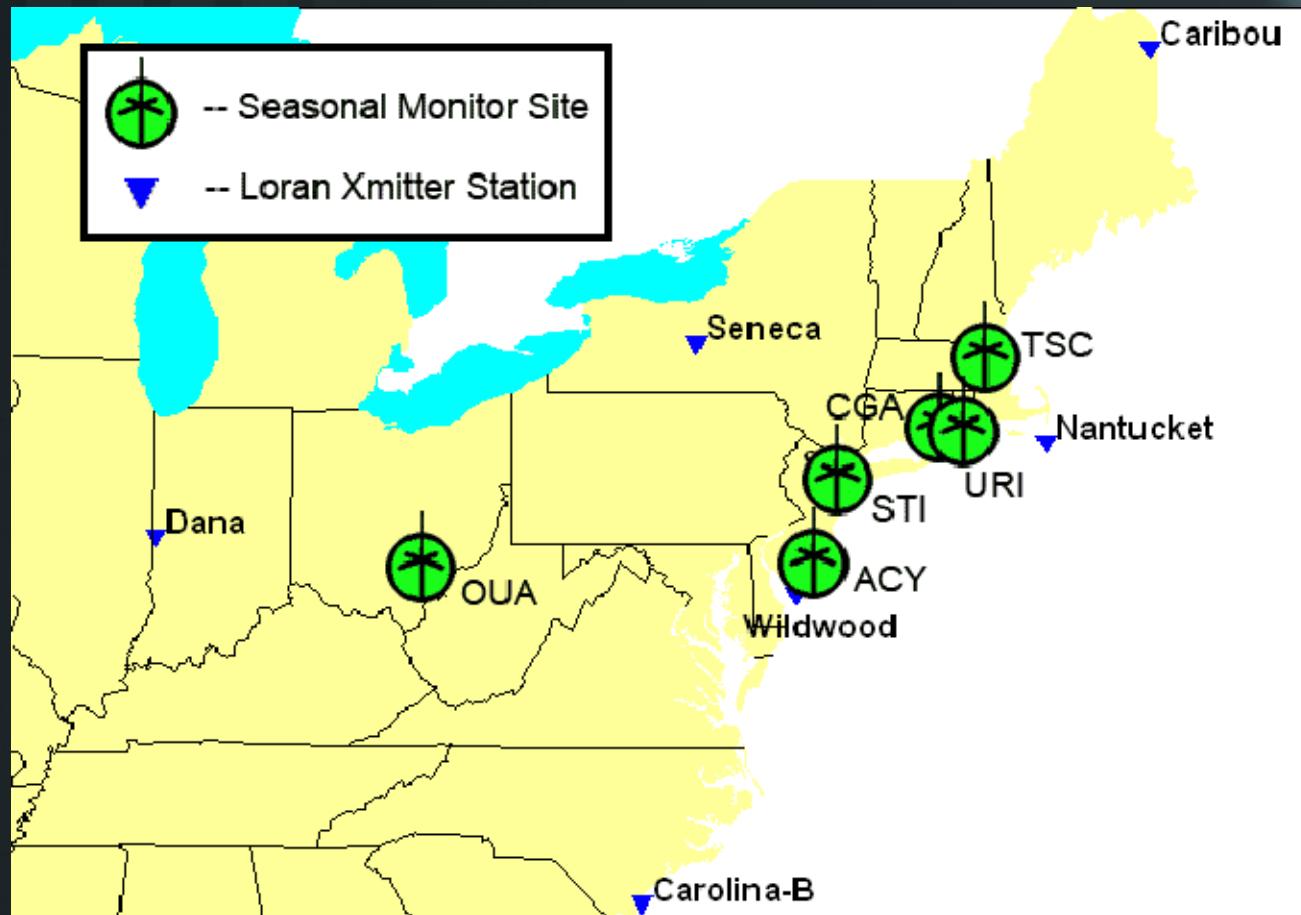
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Site Locations



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Seasonal Monitor Unit

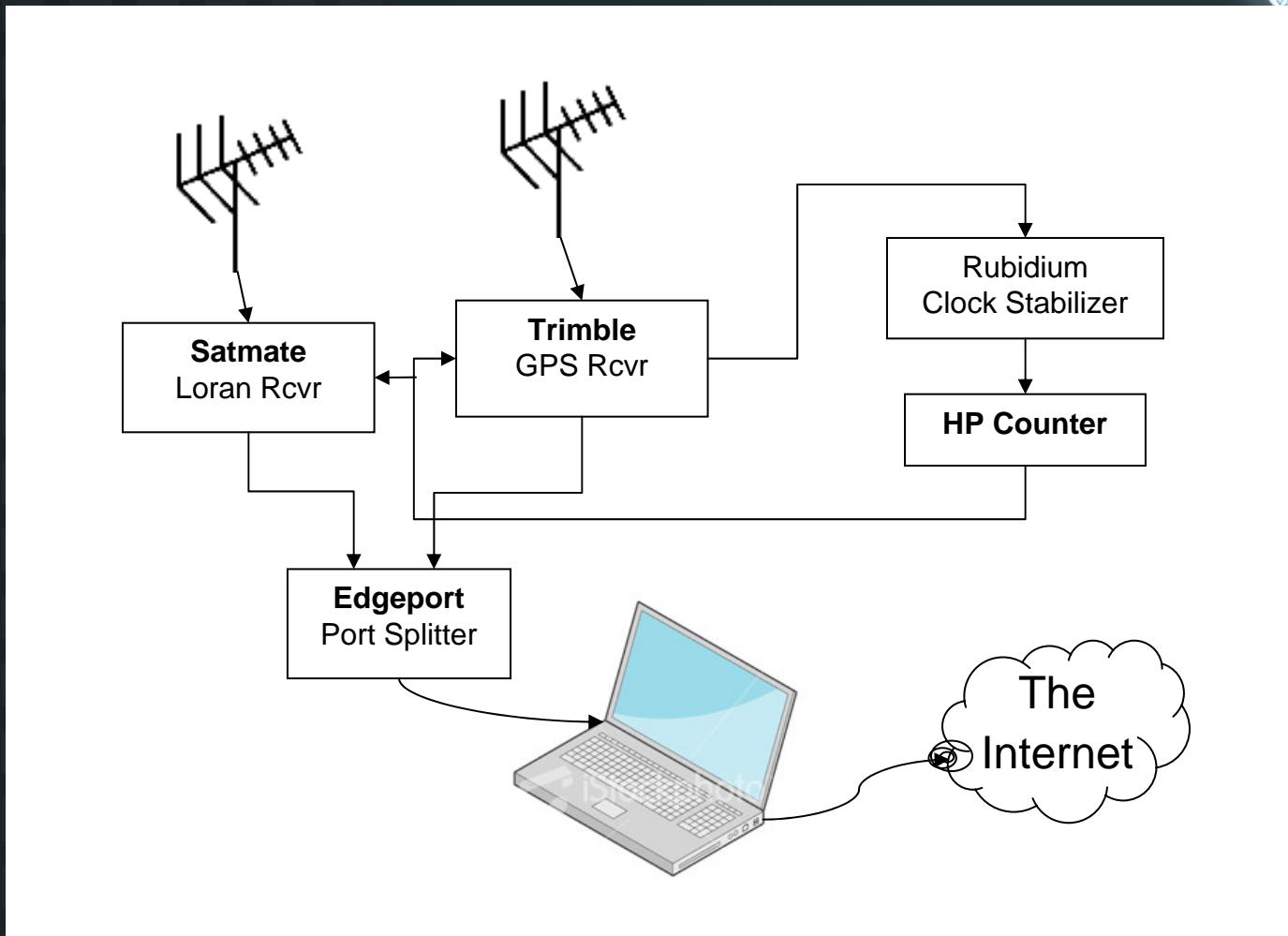


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System Description



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Seasonal Monitor Data



- ASFs plus other Loran & GPS information saved at 1 minute intervals
 - All information is also transmitted across the Internet to a server located at CGA
 - Enables sites to be monitored at CGA
 - All data available at CGA
 - ASFs transmitted to LSU as differential Loran corrections



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CGA Data Server

Allon Seasonal Monitors Server 1.2 Beta 8

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Server-side Software



ASF data is managed by two programs
on the server side at USCGA

- First program collects updates of ASF data at one sample for every site
 - All past data is also kept for historical view
- Second program, wxXMTR, converts data for dLoran transmission
 - Raw ASFs are converted into offsets from a base ASF value



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DLoran System



- ASF offset updates sent to LSU by FTP
- LSU generates LDC messages and makes available for widespread access
- LORAN stations, like in Seneca, NY download these messages over FTP
- LORAN station transmits the messages by LDC on the 9th pulse



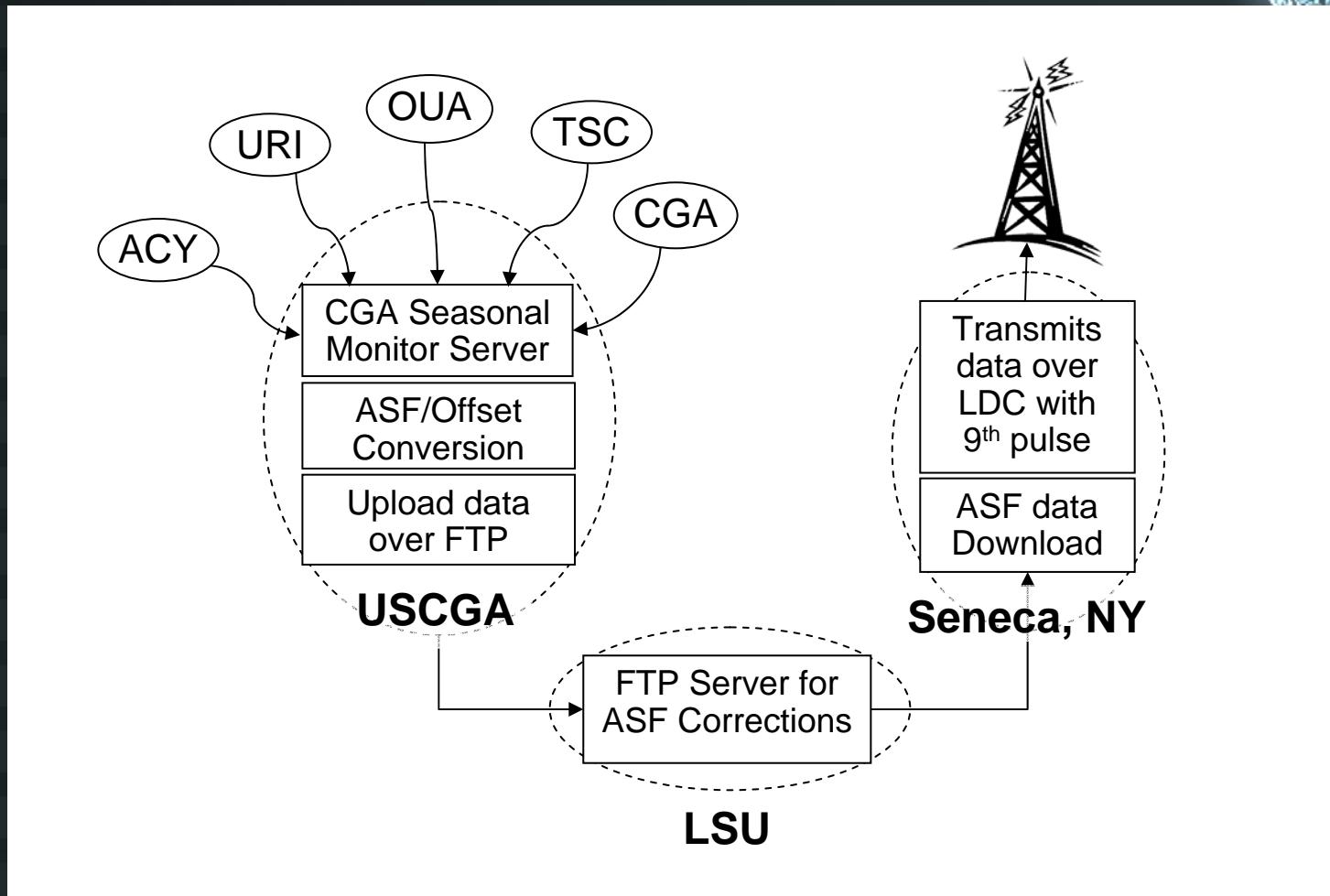
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DLoran System Diagram



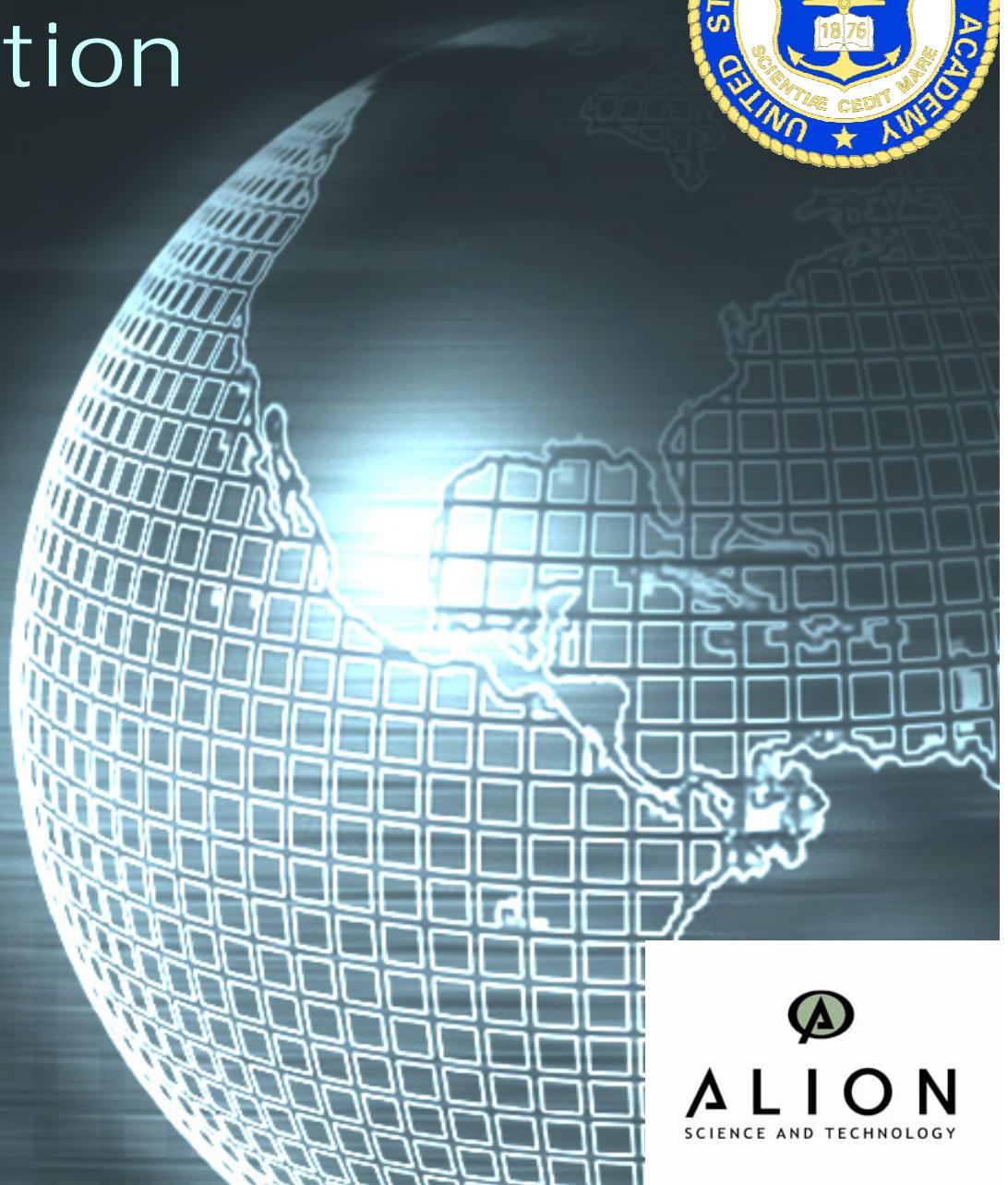
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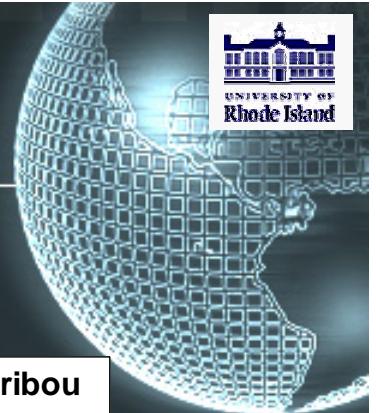
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Spatial Correlation



Baselines



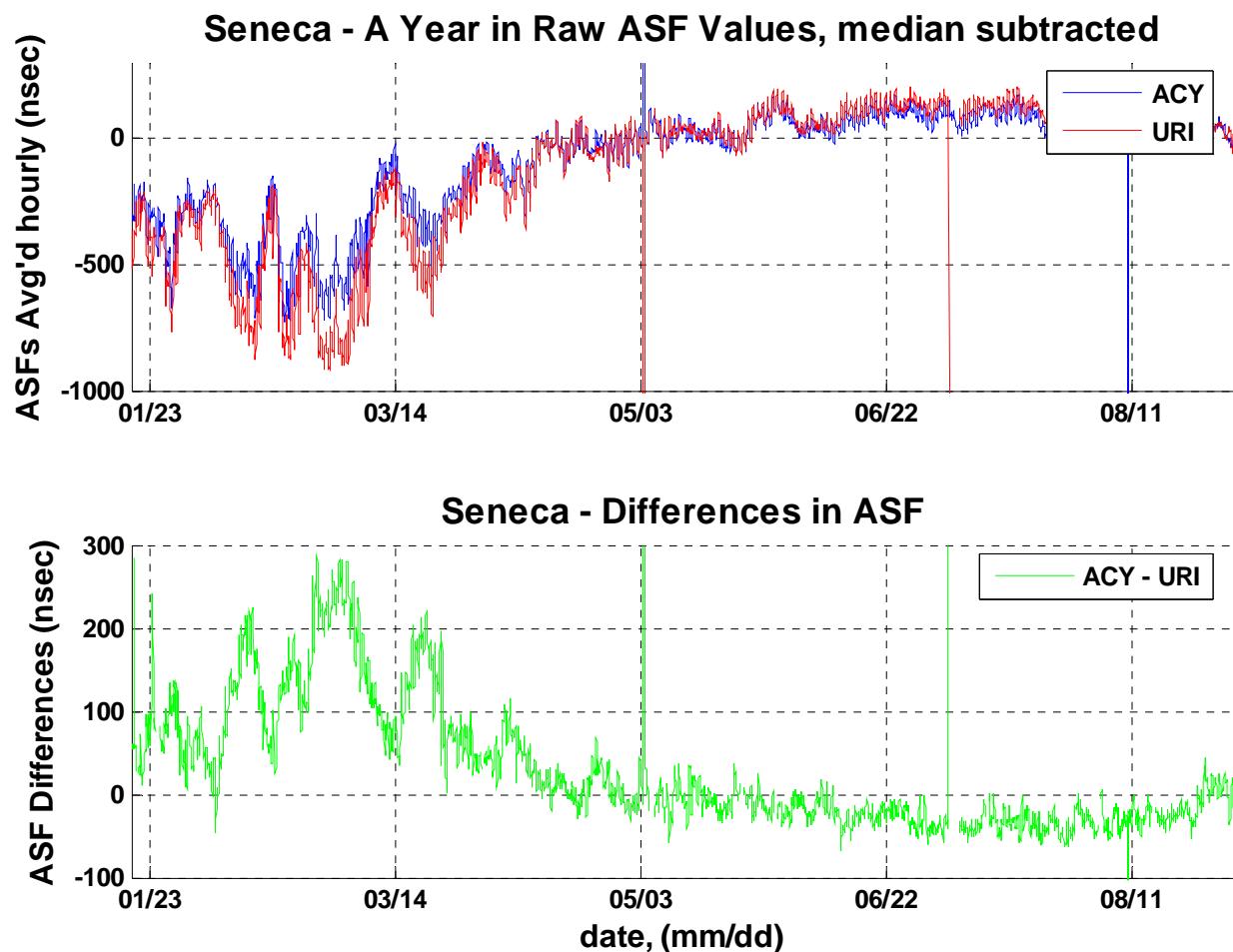
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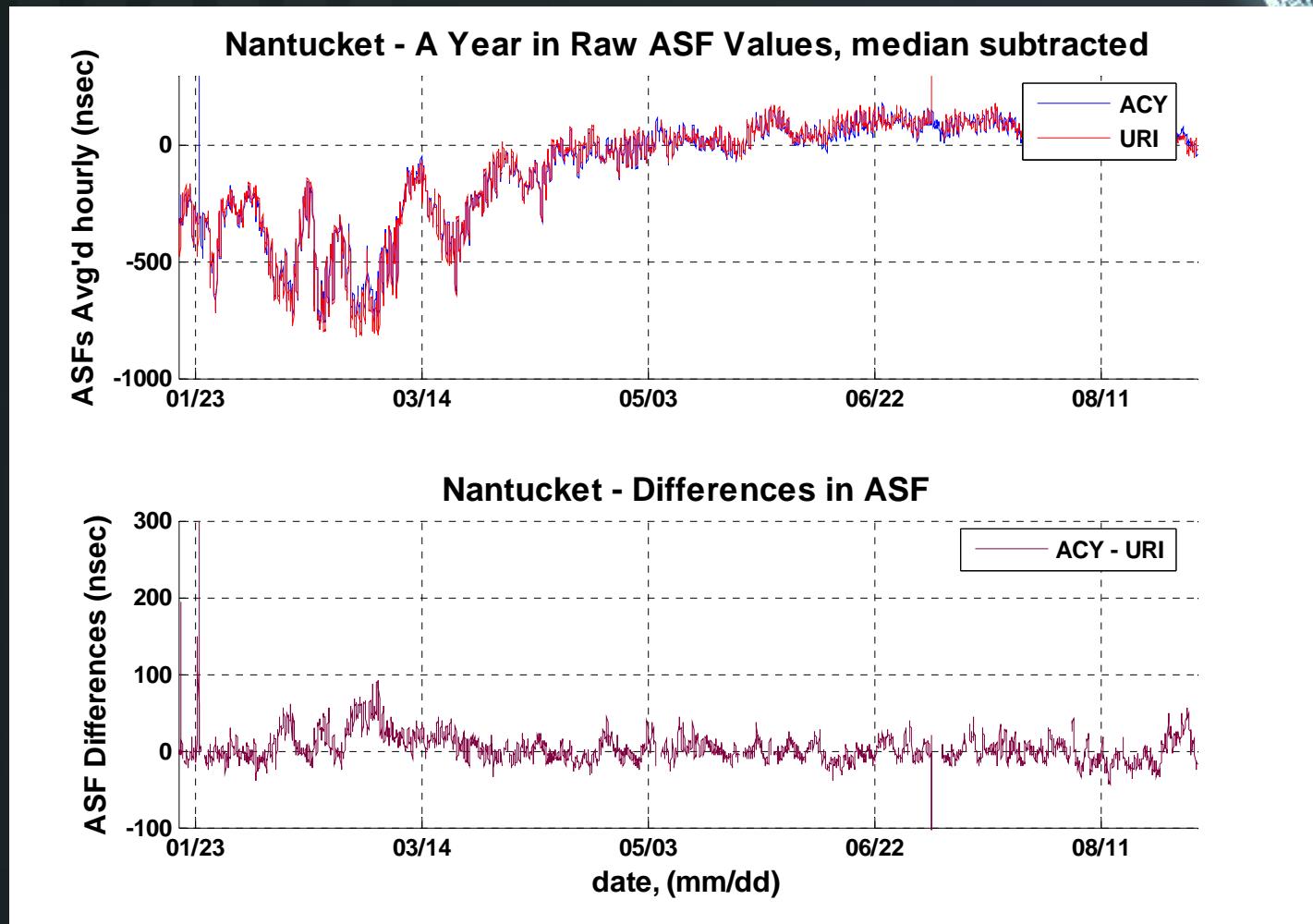


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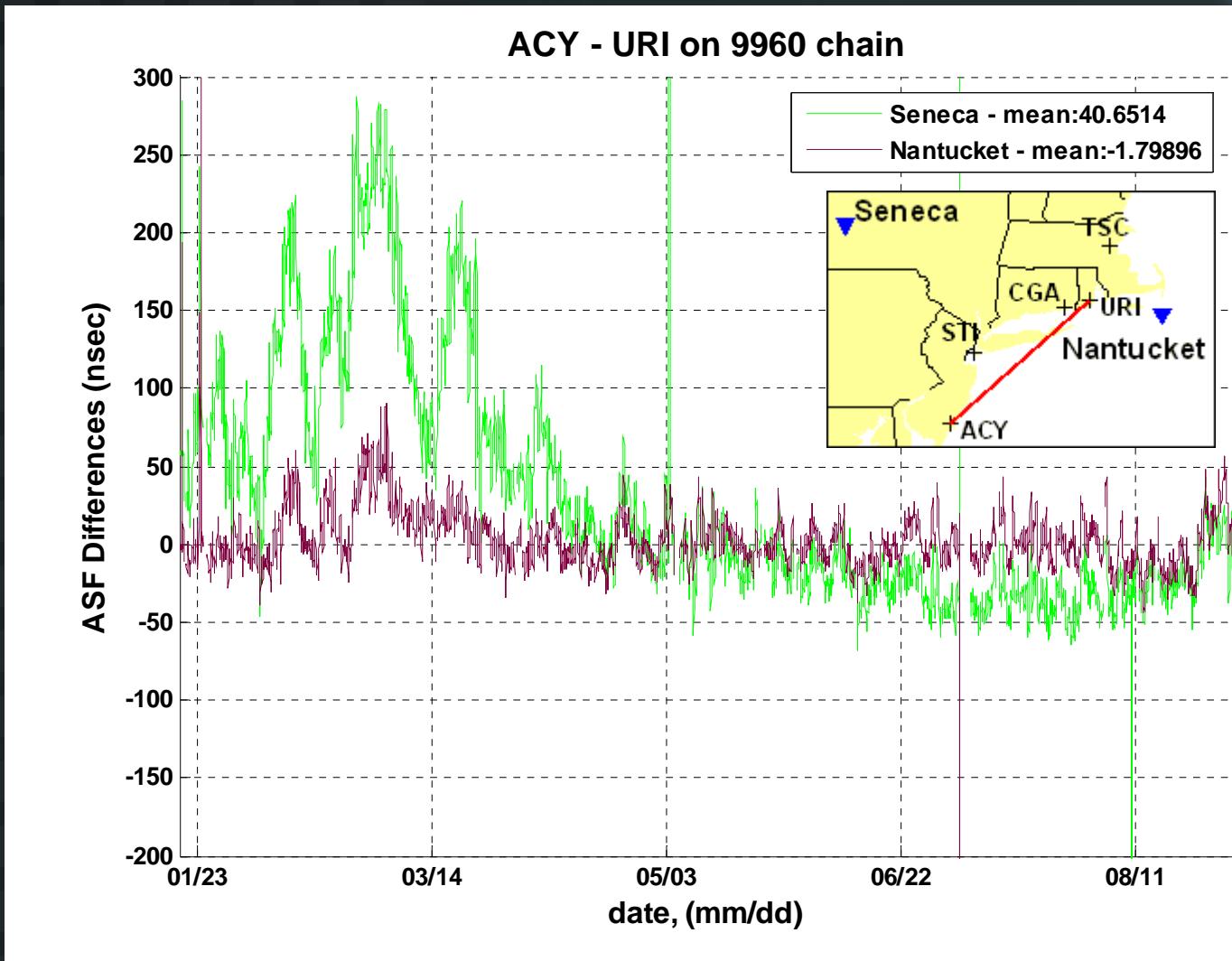
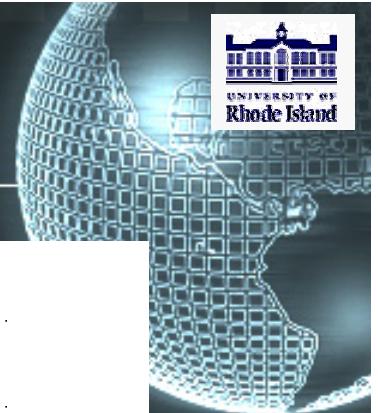


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Difference Comparison



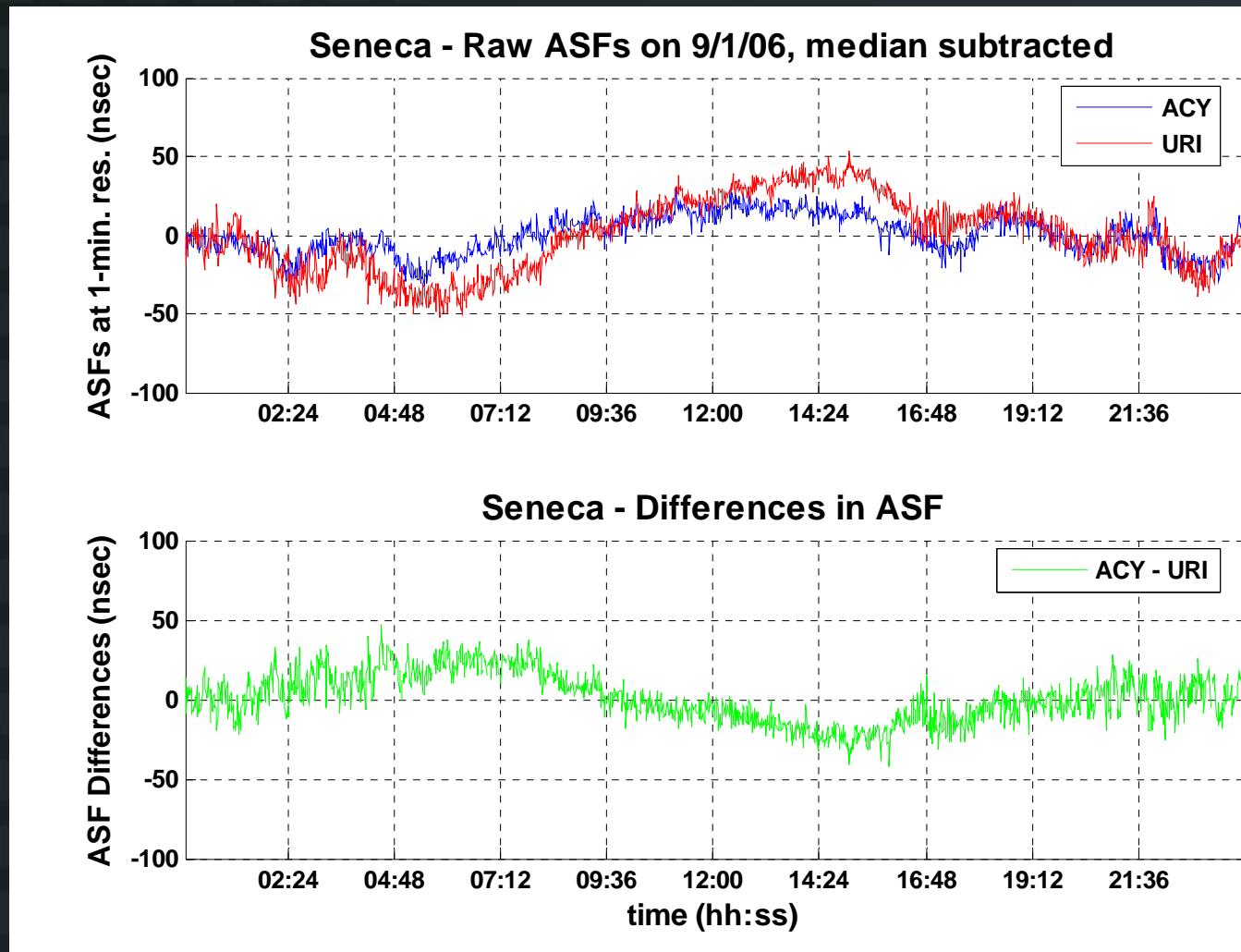
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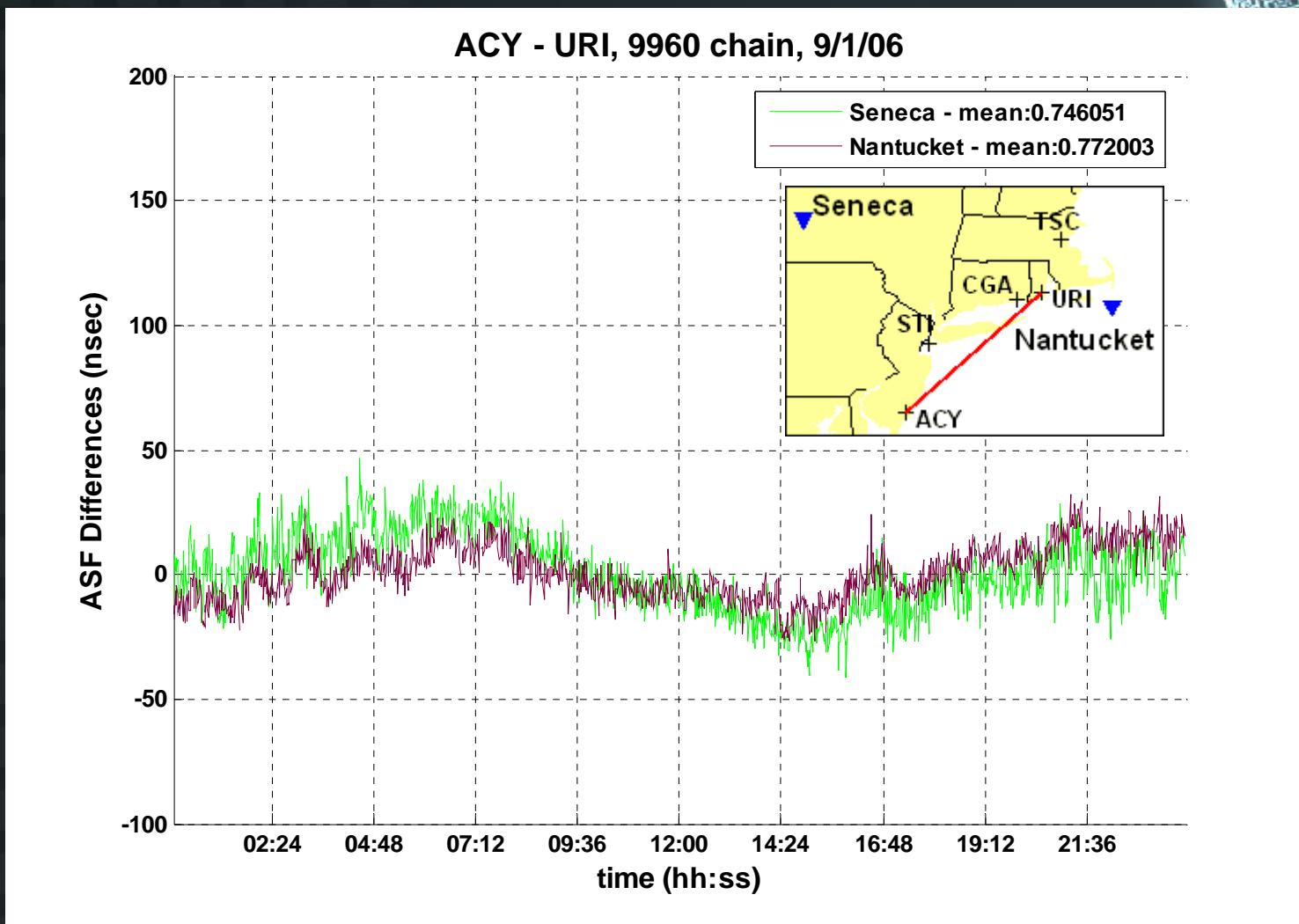


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Short-term Comparisons



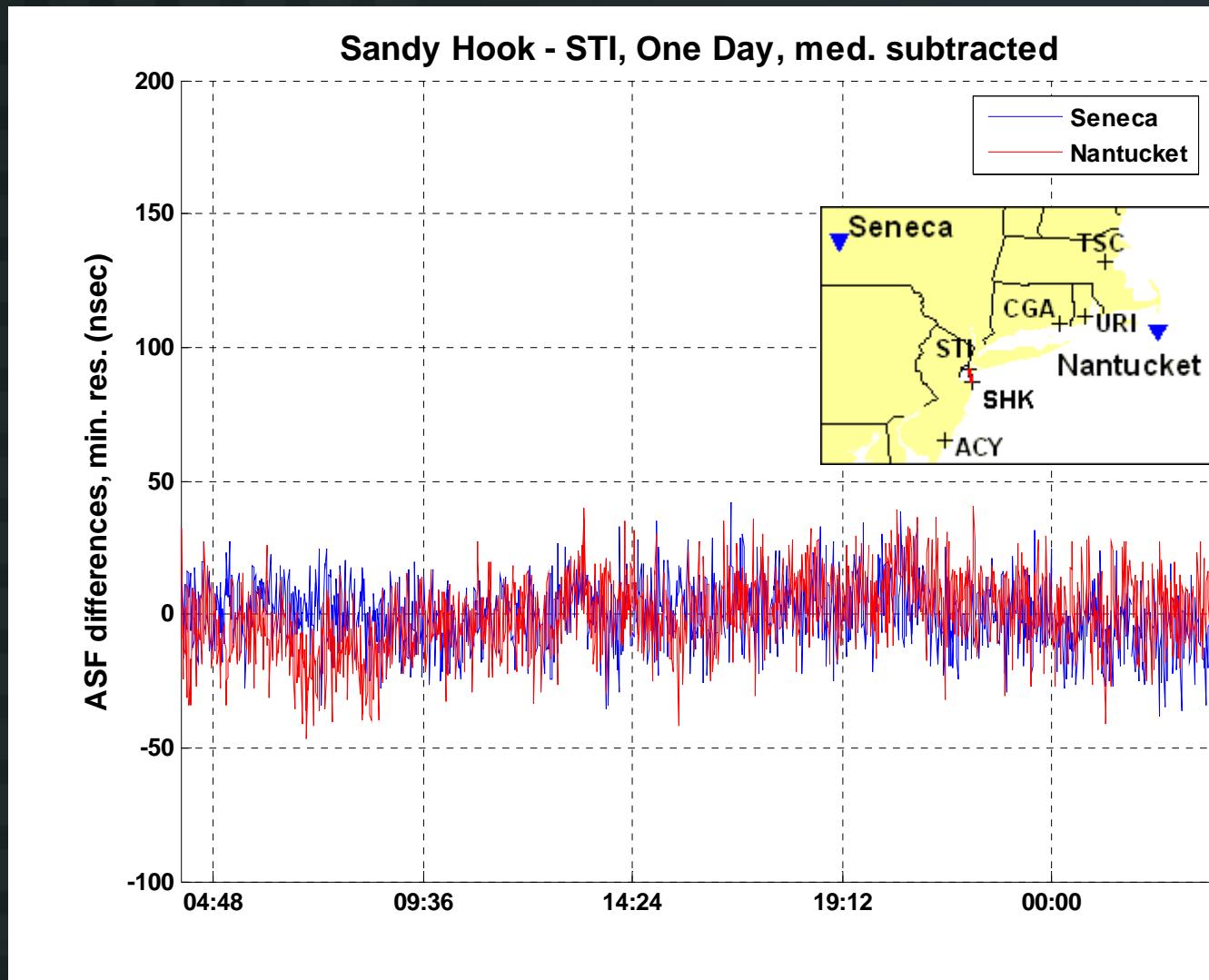
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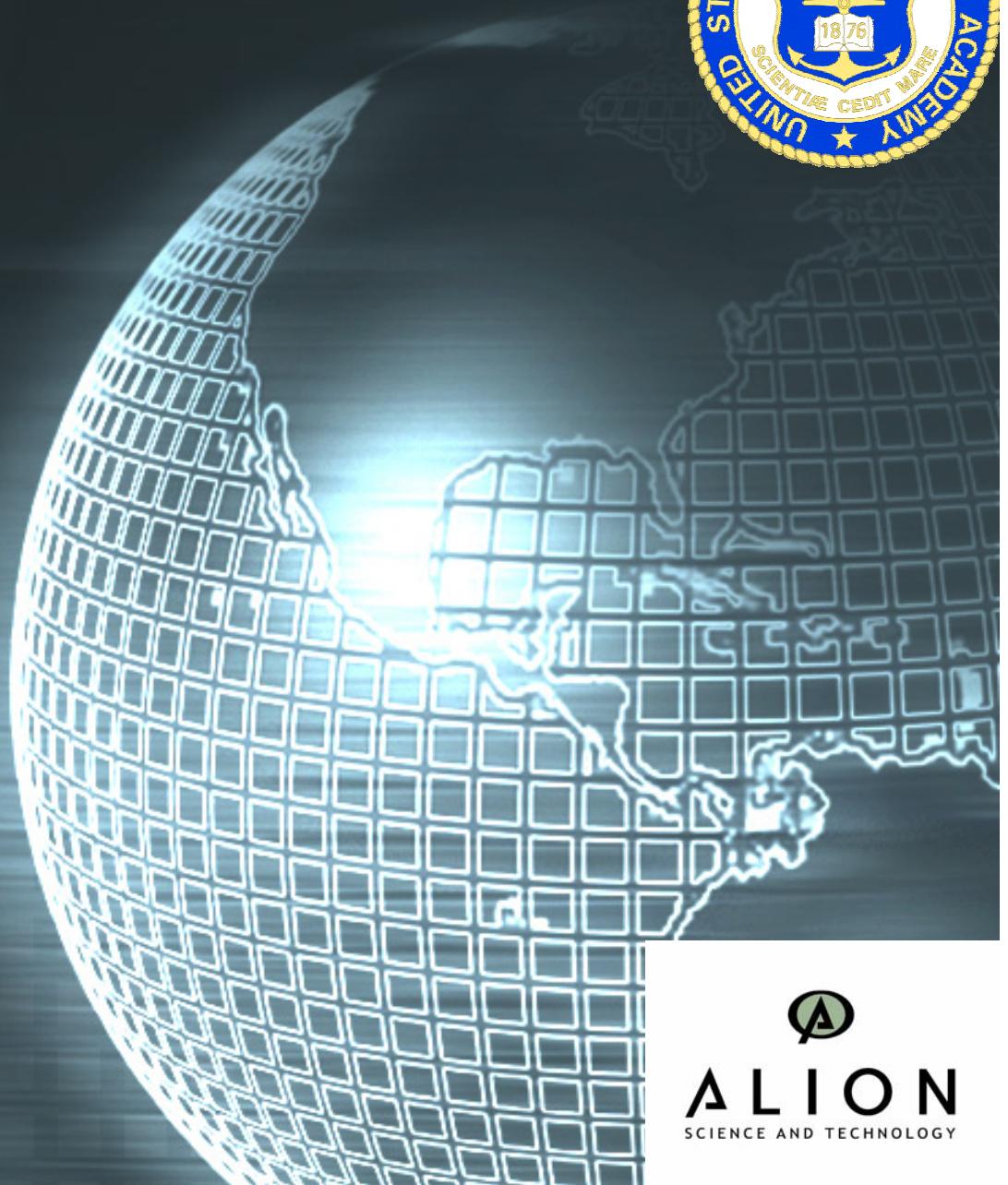


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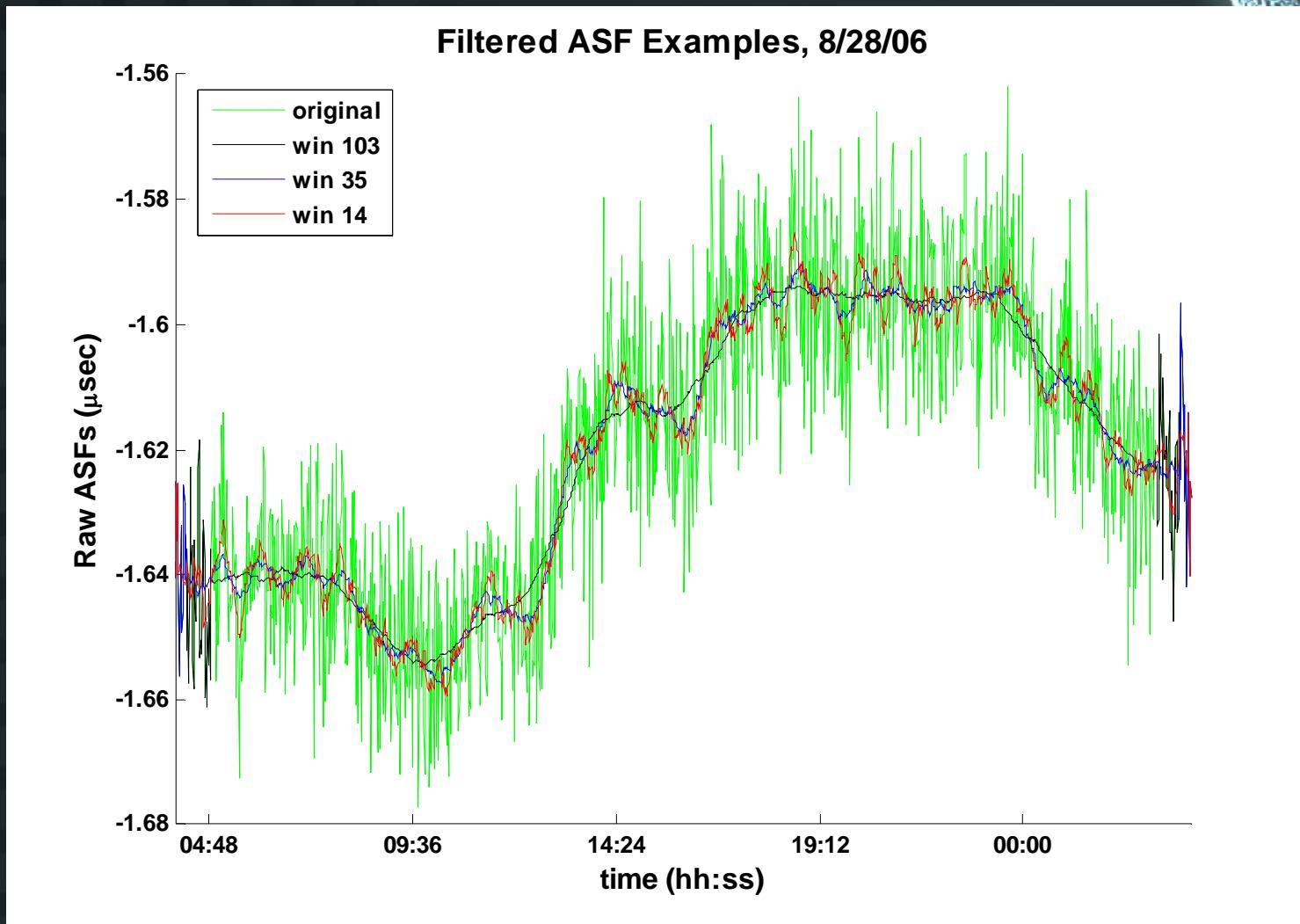
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ASF Filtering



Moving Average Filter



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Conclusions



- Seasonal Monitors Work!
- Obvious correlation in ASFs of nearby sites
 - Depends on local topography
 - Placement of monitors dependent on worst-case correlations
- Land-path stations experience more variation
- Most extreme variations occur in Winter



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Future Work



- Continue collecting Seasonal Monitor data
- Determine best choice for updates at points between Seasonal Monitors
- Identify relevant ASF variation and differentiate from random noise
- Find acceptable compromise between rate of update and quality of update
- Investigate predictive filters based on signal history



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