# Seasonal effects on Laser, GPS and 

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## Objectives

- Monitoring the vertical displacements of the Grasse fundamental geodetic observatory
-Comparing the time series of 3 independent geodetic techniques Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR) GPS Absolute Gravimetry (A.G.)
-Comparing the observations with geodynamical models of the different loading effects to better understand the annual signal 6 -year time series spanning 1998-2003



## Data

5 years of SLR time series

- LAGEOS-1 and -2 satellite monthly combined solution
- Standard deviation of the vertical component: $3 \mathbf{~ m m}$


6 years of GPS time series

- Weekly CODE (Centre for Orbit Determination in Europe)
- Standard deviation on the vertical component : $\mathbf{4} \mathbf{~ m m}$


## 14 A.G. campaigns

- FG5 accuracy 1-2 $\boldsymbol{\mu} \mathbf{G a l}$
- Corrections for earth tides, ocean loading, polar motion, and local atmosphere effects ( $-0.3 \mu \mathrm{Gal} / \mathrm{hPa}$ due to loading and to mass attraction)



## Six years results



- Both SLR and GPS time series of the vertical component show a significant annual signal
- Non linear least squares algorithm to search for periodical signal :
- Amplitude : 5.5 mm (GPS) - 6.1 mm (SLR)
- Phase : maximum near July

