Seasonal effects on Laser, GPS and Absolute Gravimetry vertical positioning at the OCA-CERGA geodetic station, Grasse (FRANCE)

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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



5 years of SLR time series

- LAGEOS-1 and -2 satellite monthly combined solution
- Standard deviation of the vertical component: 3 mm





6 years of GPS time series

Data

- Weekly CODE (Centre for Orbit Determination in Europe)
- Standard deviation on the vertical component : 4 mm

14 A.G. campaigns

- FG5 accuracy 1-2 µGal
- Corrections for earth tides, ocean loading, polar motion, and local atmosphere effects (- 0.3 μ Gal / 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