


*Evaluation of Multi-path and Accuracy
Improvement method in a stand-alone
Positioning*



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Outline of our study



- Understanding of multi-path
- Data analysis
- Accuracy improvement
- Result and conclusion

Object of our study

Use “code - carrier” measurement technique



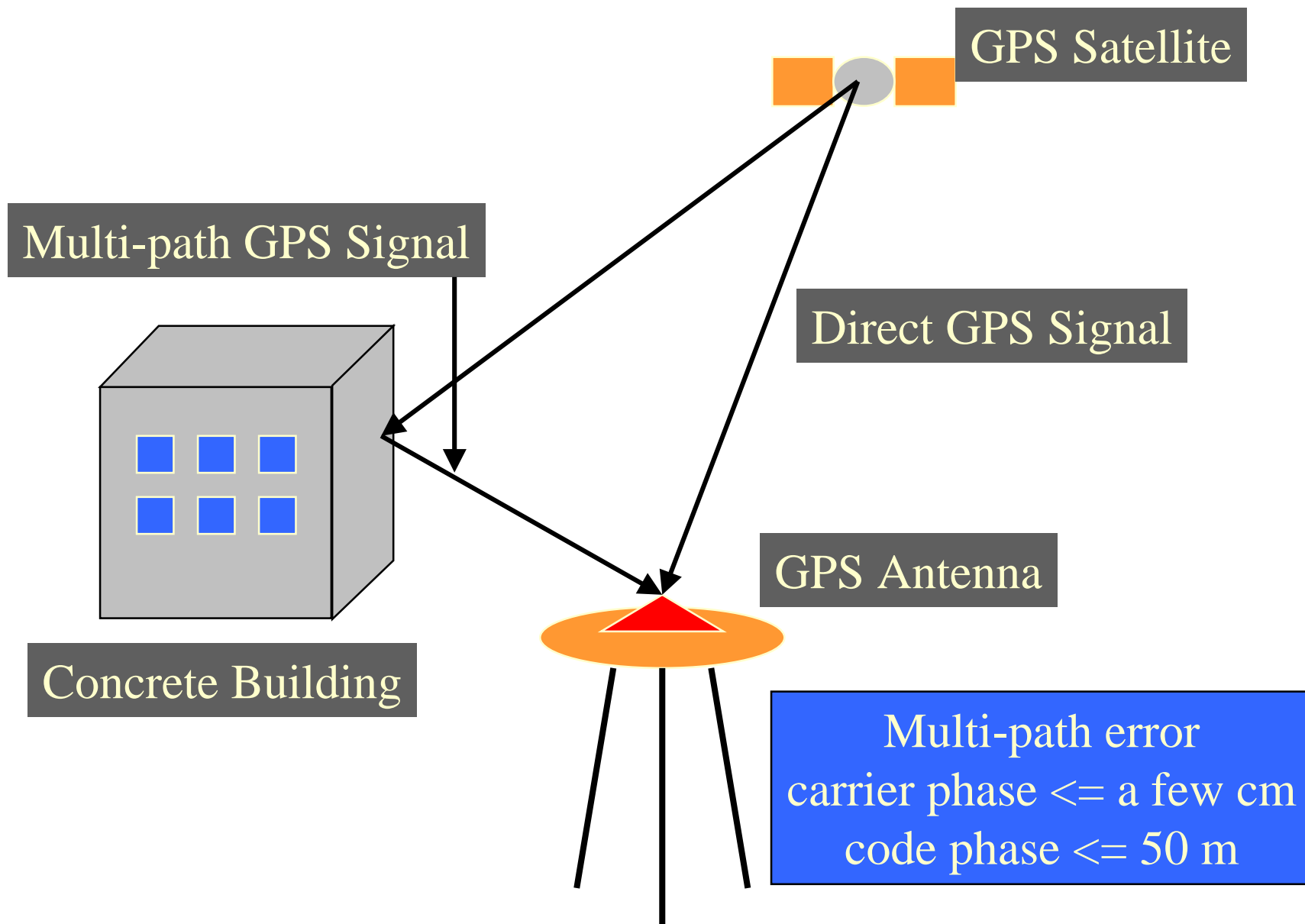
Detect SVs contaminated with multi-path



Remove SVs from positioning



Improve accuracy in positioning



Picture 1 Direct and multi-path GPS signal

Reduction in pseudorange error by DGPS technique

- Satellite clock stability
- Satellite perturbations
- Ephemeris prediction error
- Ionospheric delay
- Tropospheric delay

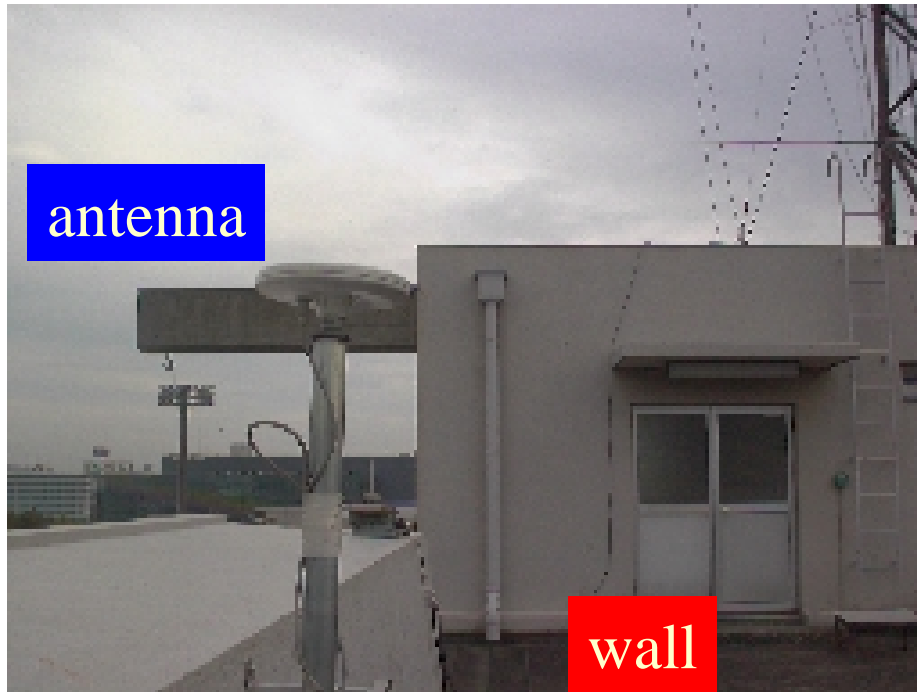
Most of error
sources in
GPS positioning

Multi-path and Receiver noise are not reduced.

Data collection



- Period : 2000/12/2~12/3 (48hours)
- Place : On the roof of laboratory
//there is a wall and high steel tower
- Antenna : Aero Antenna Technology AT2775
- Receiver : NovAtel RT-2
//Mask 5 degrees
//Csmooth 20 seconds (L1,L2)



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wall

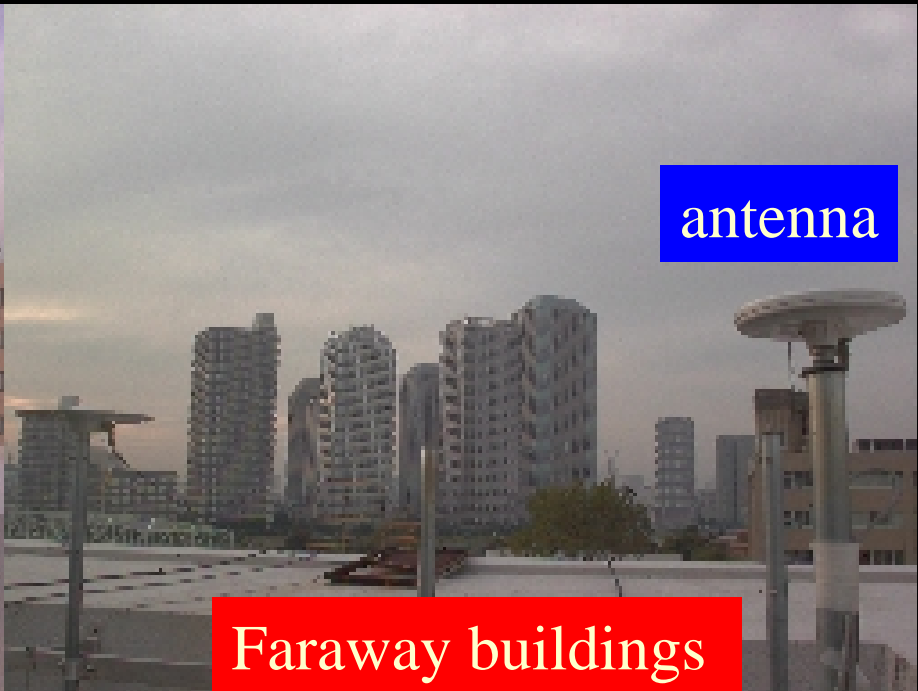


Steel tower



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Buildings in the university



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Faraway buildings

Investigation of multi-path



Investigation consists of 2 points

1. Relationships between code multi-path and accuracy
2. Accuracy improvement by removing SV (Satellite Vehicle) contaminated with multi-path

Caribration of code multi-path

Standard “code-carrier” technique

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Code multi-path} + \text{bias} &= \text{L1_code} - 4.0915 \times \text{L1_carrier} \\ &+ 3.0915 \times \text{L2_carrier} \end{aligned}$$

Errors concerned with carrier phase are negligible.

Ionospheric term can be removed

Code multi-path error traces tend not to be zero-mean. In this study, we consider them zero-mean. Because we don't use absolute multi-path error but we use only variation of multi-path error.

Fig.1 Code multi-path error for 30min.

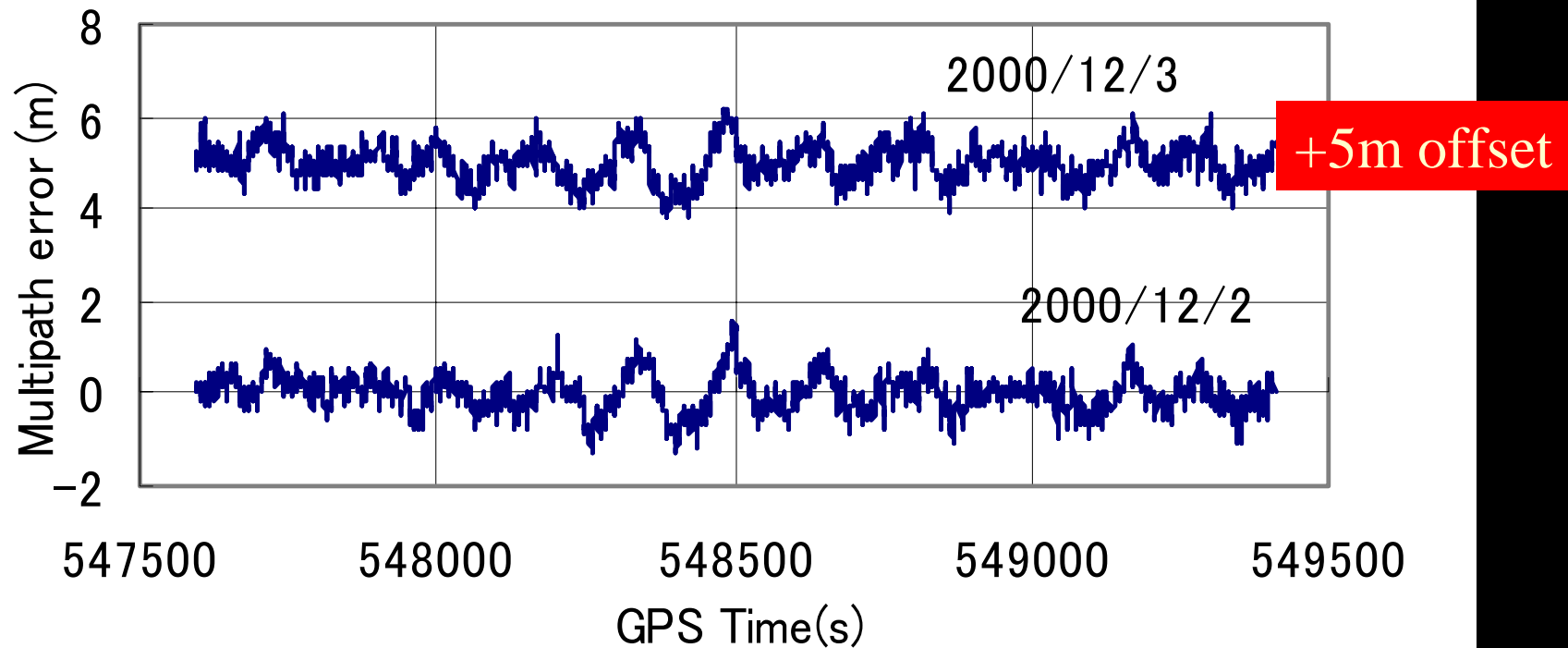


Fig.1 Day-to-day repeatability of multipath

Fig.2 Relationships between code multi-path error and elevation

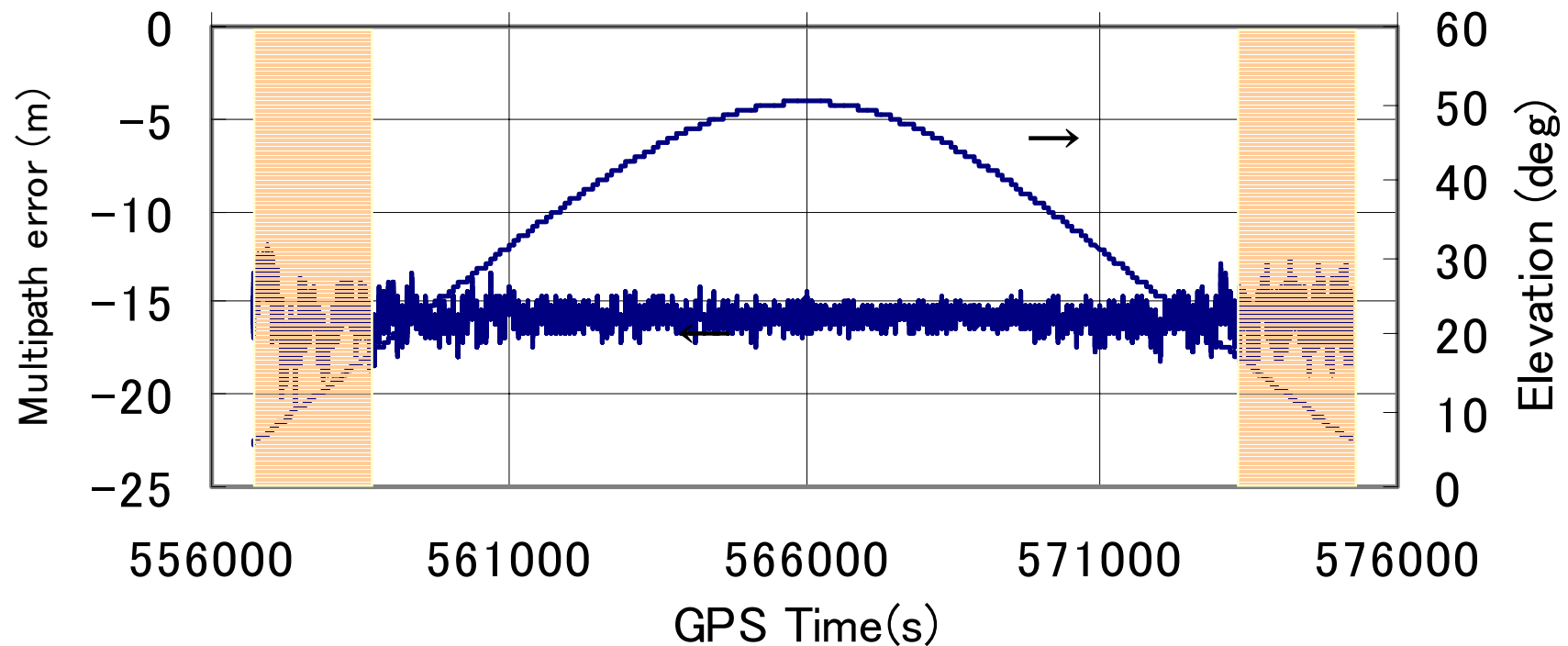


Fig.2 Relationship between multipath error and elevation

Fig.3 12hours Stand-alone positioning

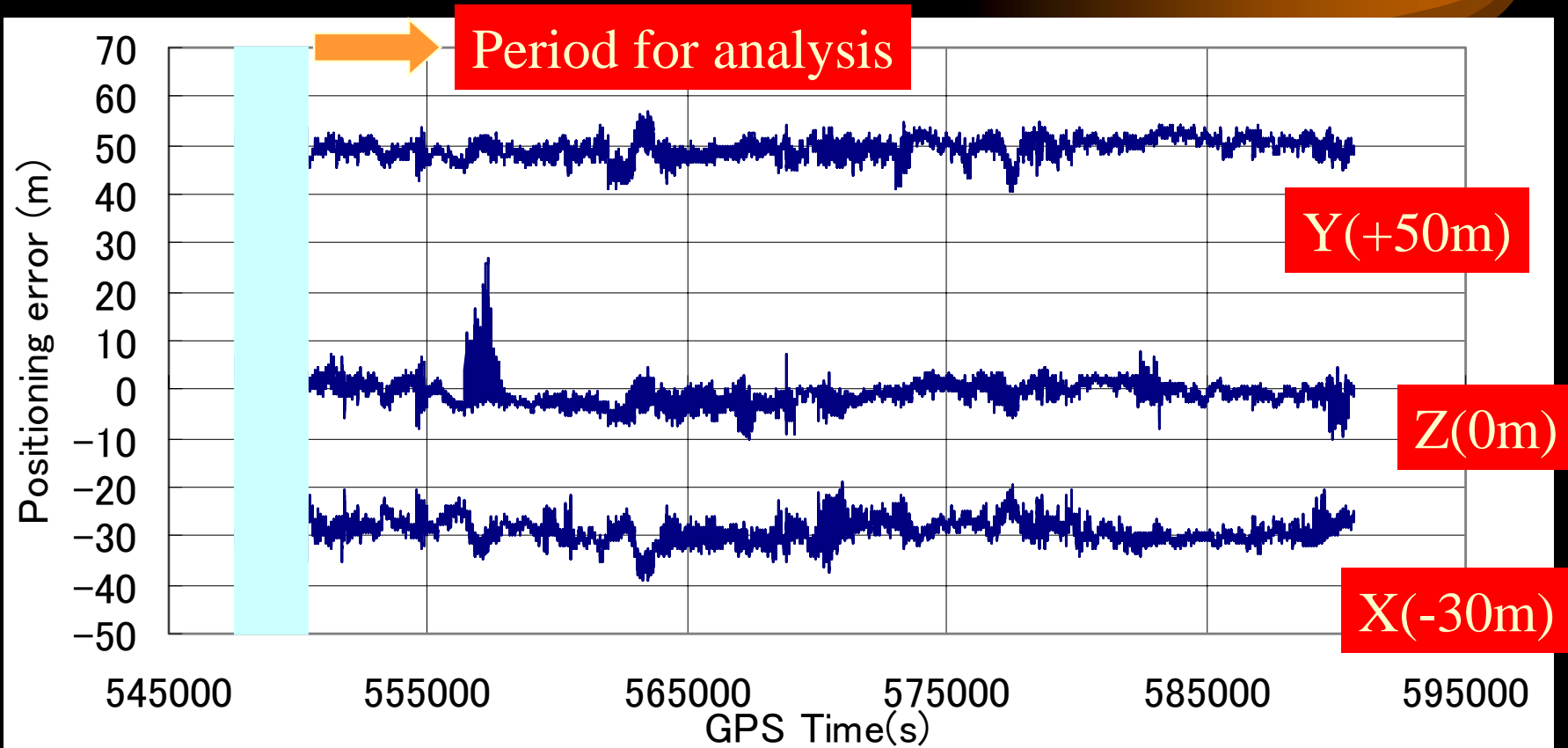


Fig.3 12hours Stand-alone positioning error

Fig.4 Code multi-path and rate of carrier phase SV49

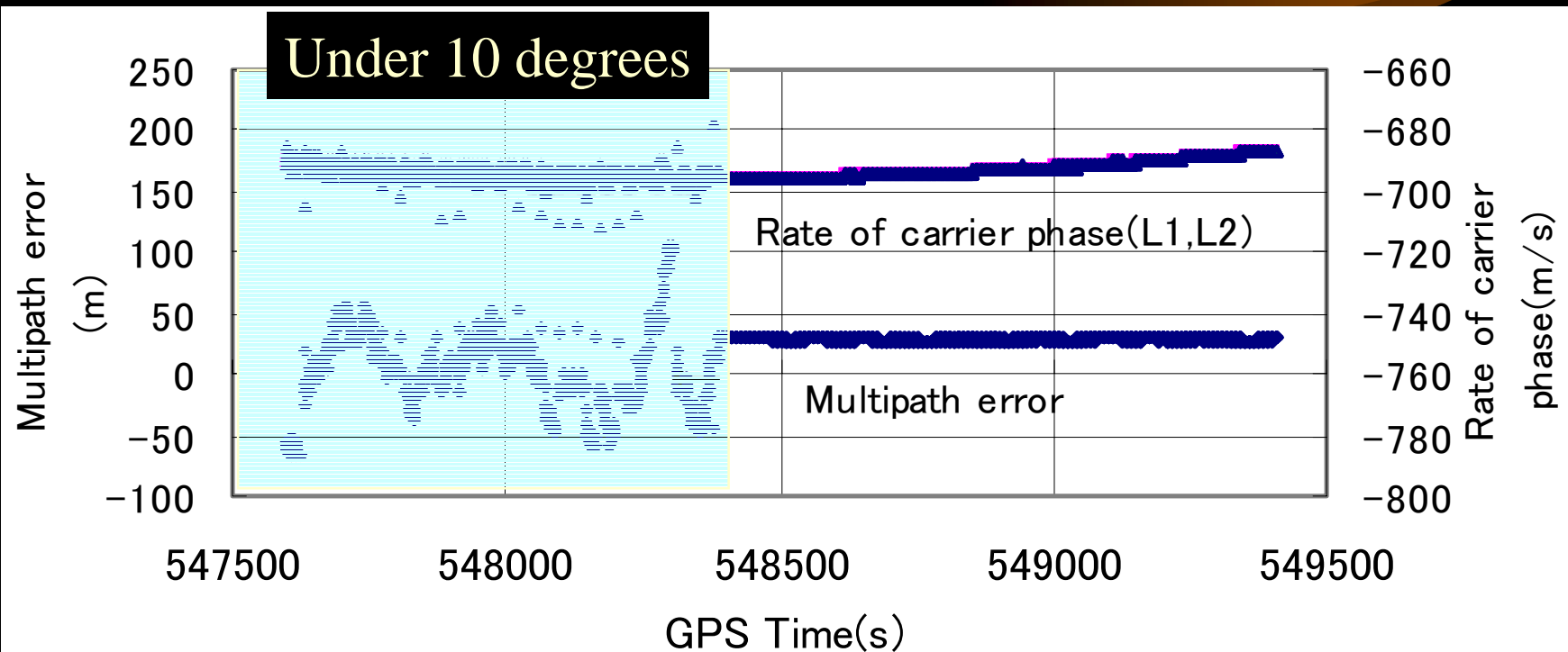


Fig.4 Temporal variation of multipath error and the rate of carrier phase(SV49)

Fig.5 Code multi-path and rate of carrier phase SV17

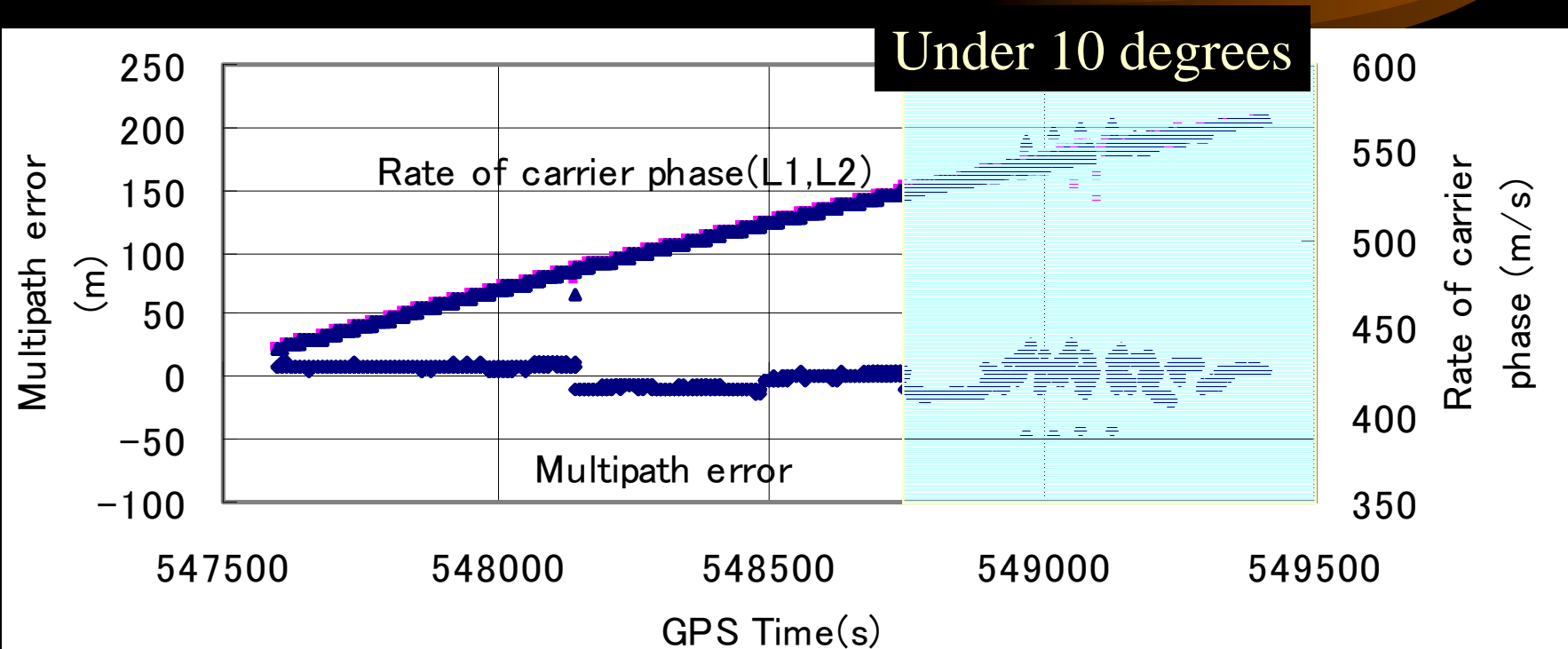


Fig.5 Temporal variation of multipath error and the rate of carrier phase(SV17)

Fig.6 Code multi-path and rate of carrier phase SV25

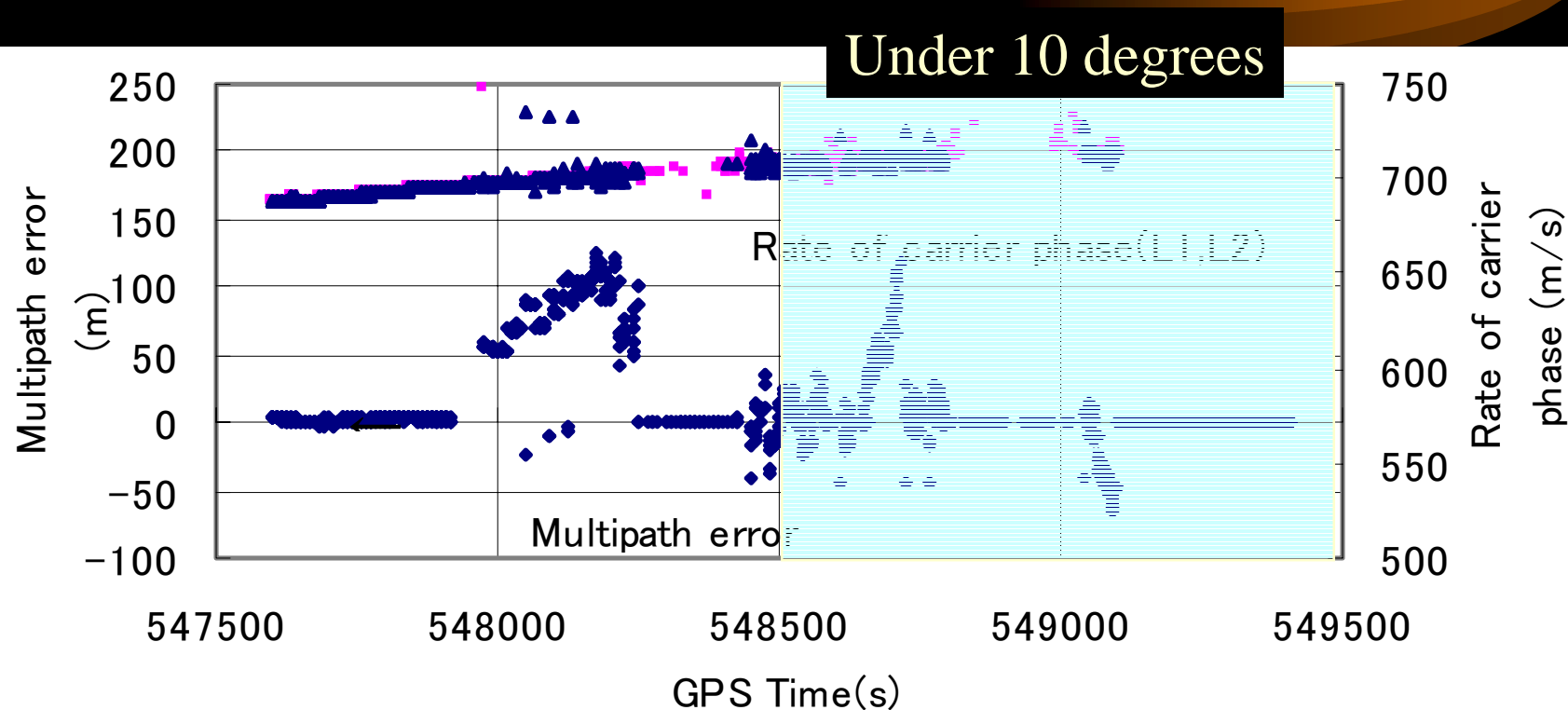


Fig.6 Temporal variation of multipath error and the rate of carrier phase(SV25)

Fig.7 Transition of elevation

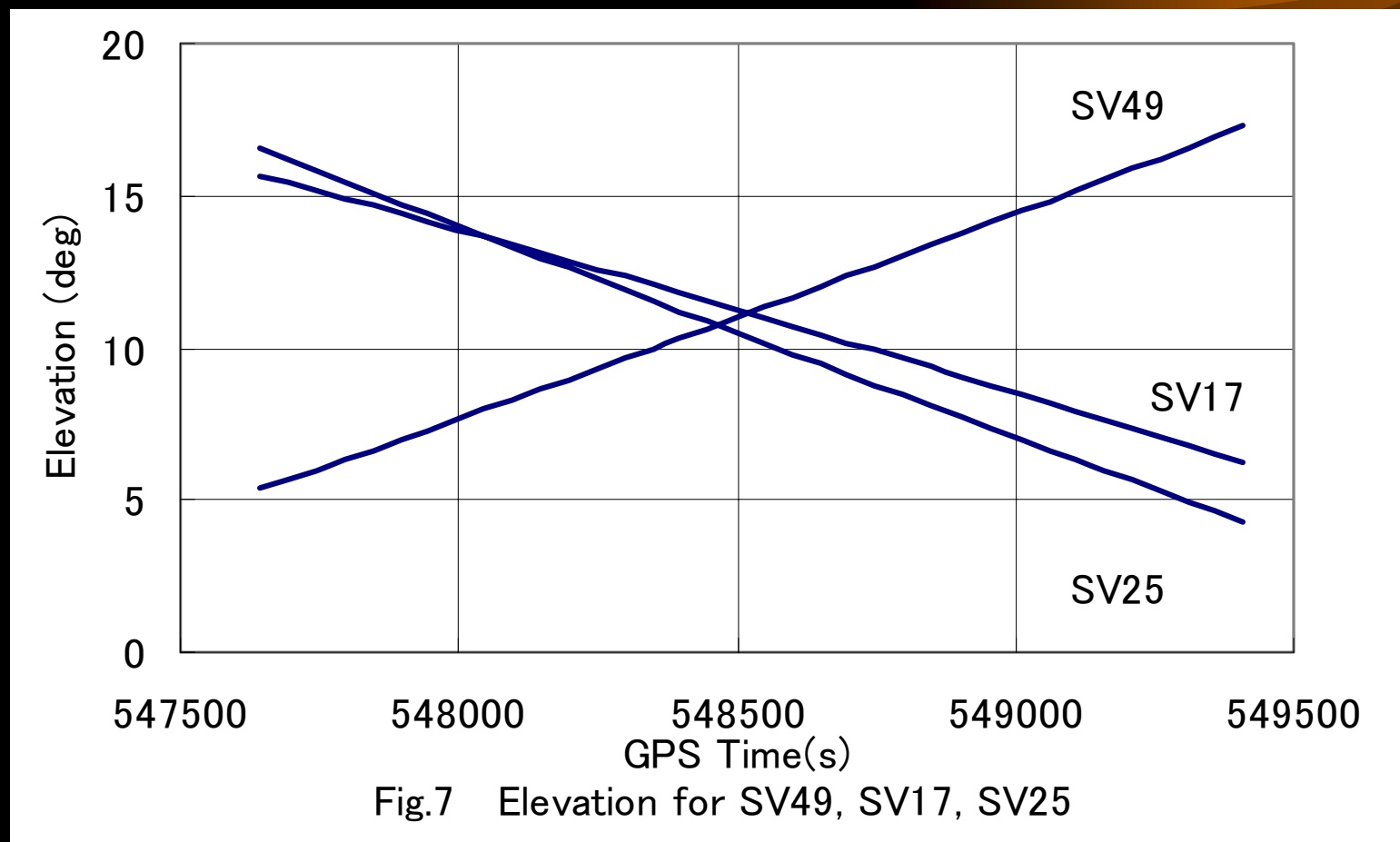
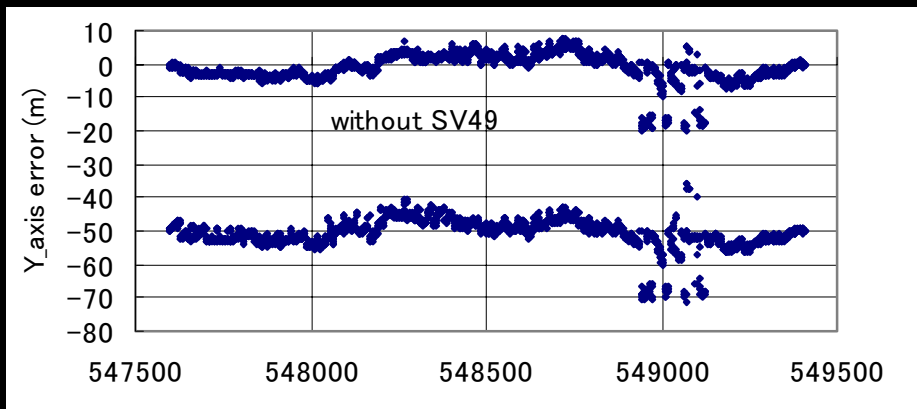
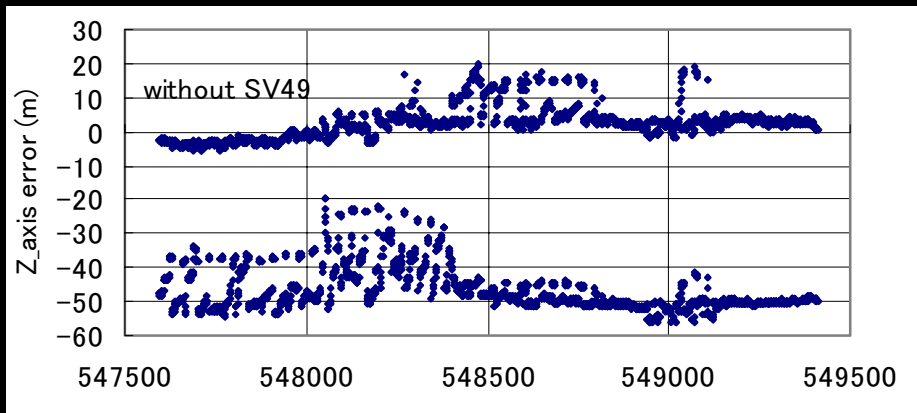


Fig.8 Stand-alone positioning with and without SV49



upper: without SV49
lower: all visible SVs

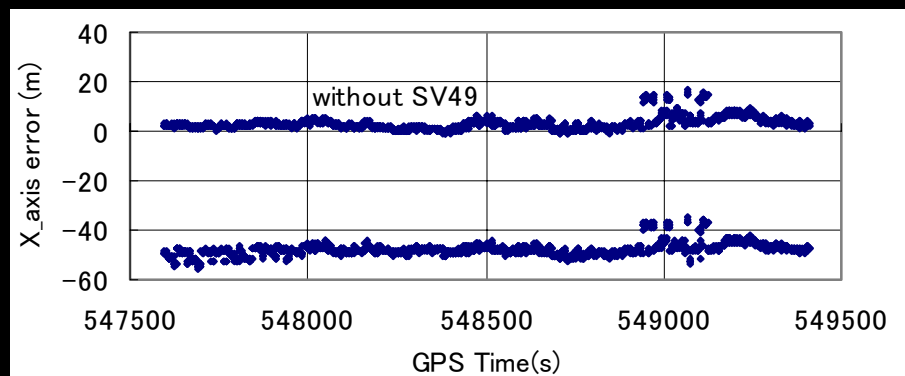
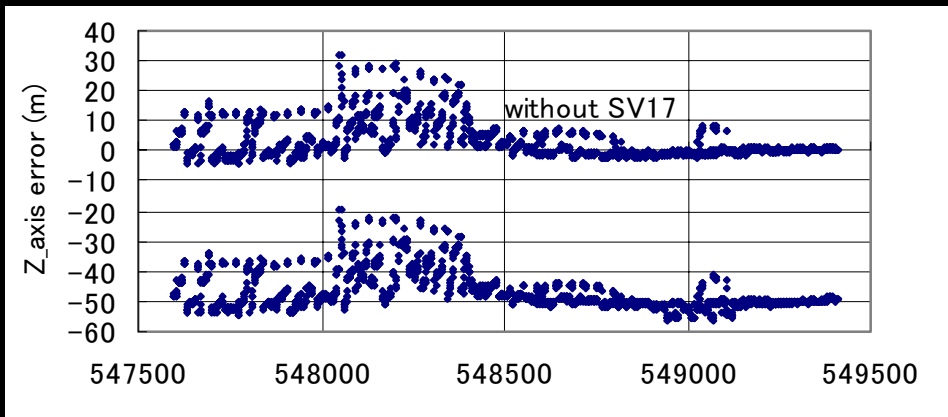


Fig.8 Stand-alone positioning error with and without SV49

Fig.9 Stand-alone positioning with and without SV17



upper: without SV17
lower: all visible SVs

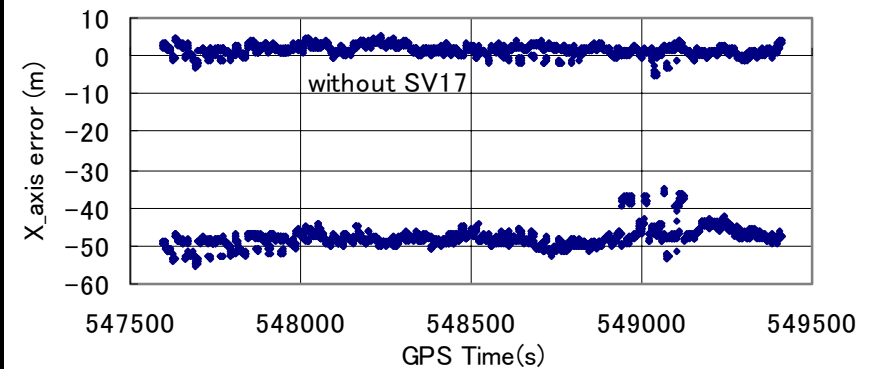
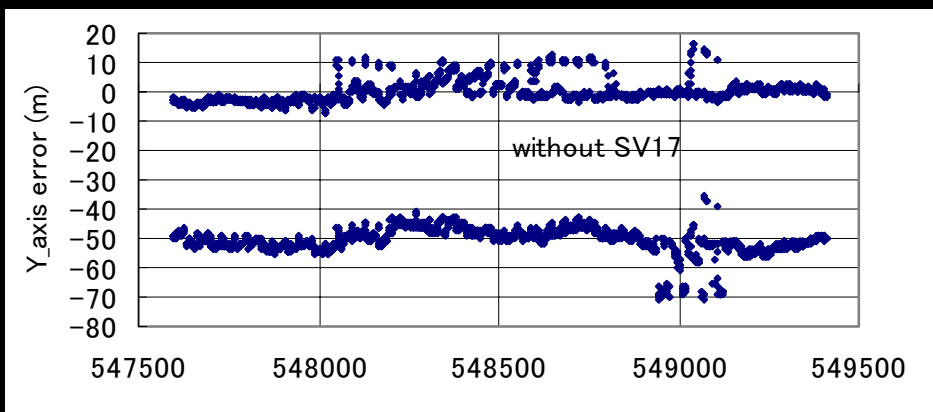


Fig.9 Stand-alone positioning error with and without SV17

Fig.10 Stand-alone positioning with and without SV25

upper: without SV25
lower: all visible SVs

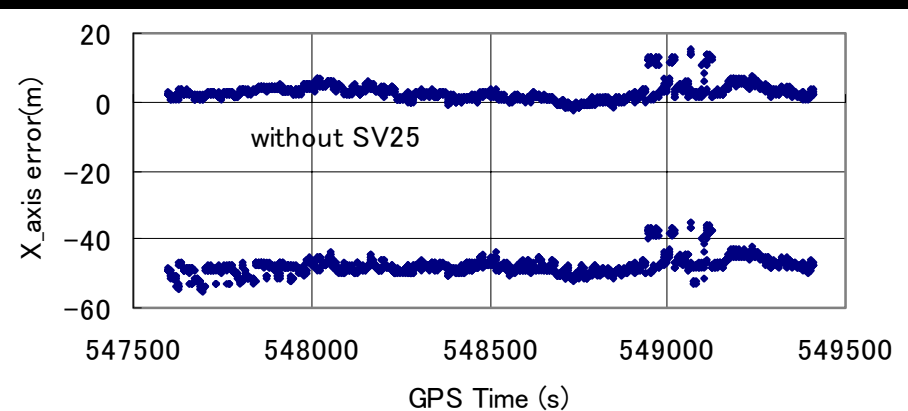
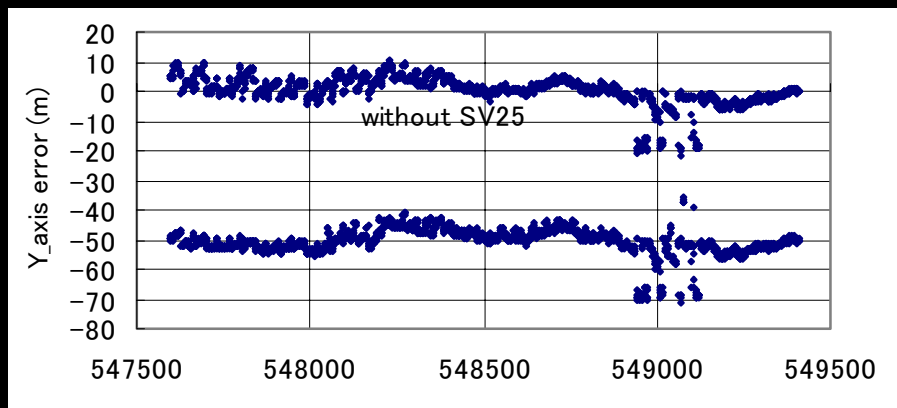
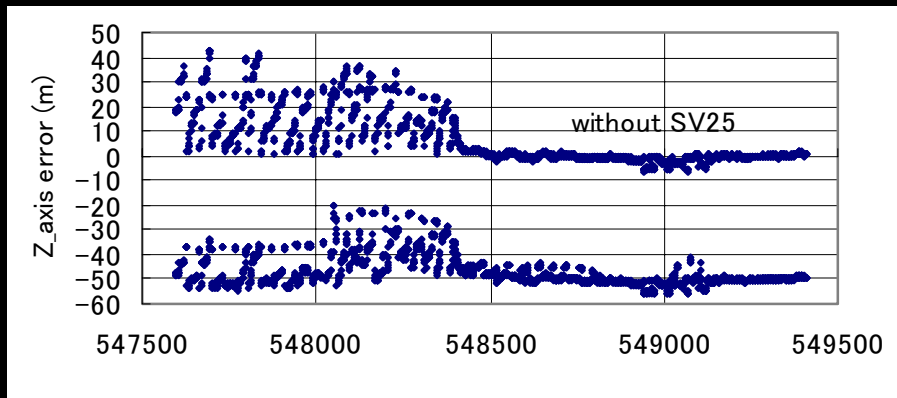


Fig.10 Stand-alone positioning error with and without SV25

Fig.11 Algorithm to remove SV contaminated with multi-path

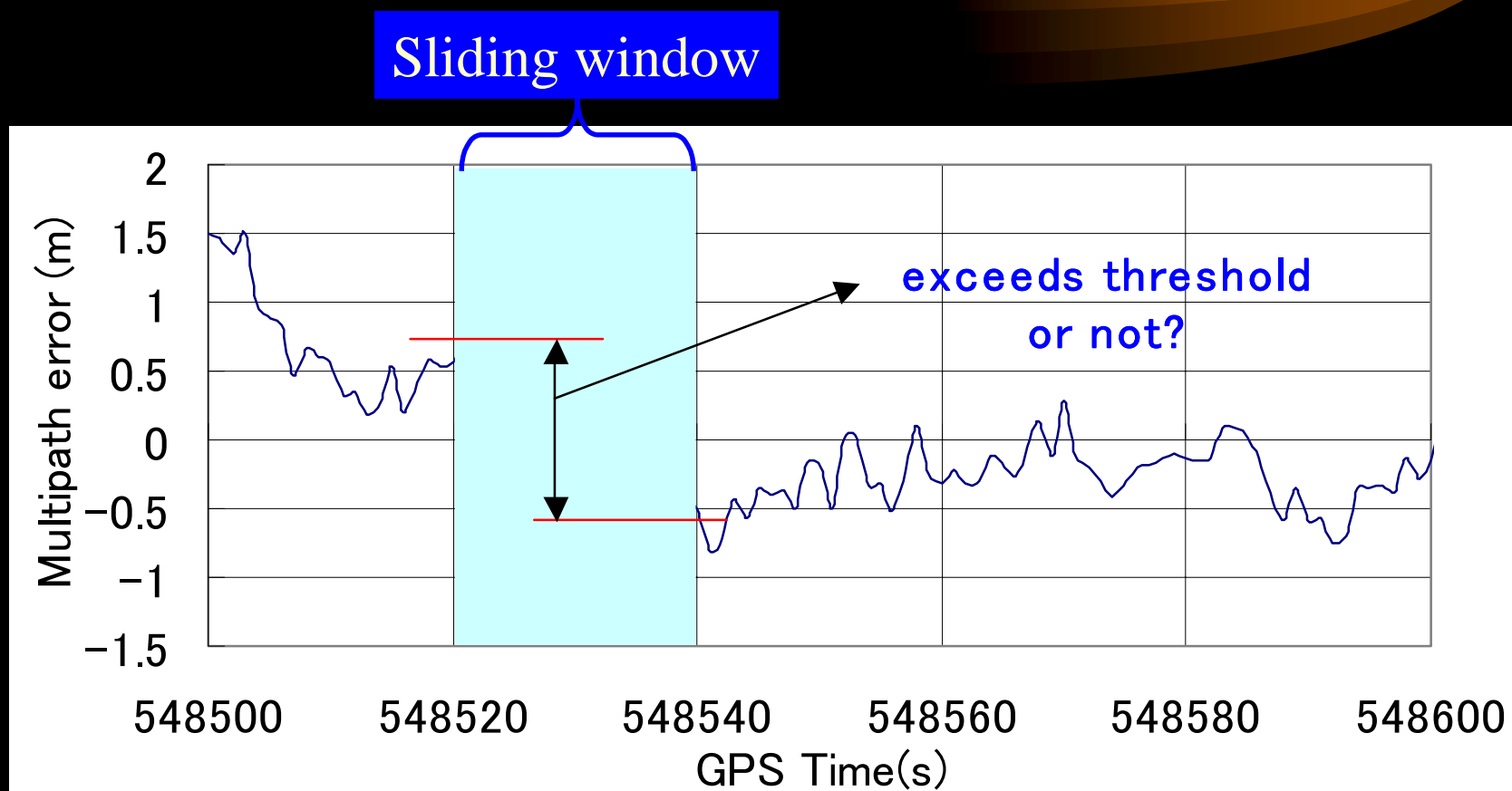


Fig.11 Algorithm to remove SV contaminated with multi-path

Fig.12 The interval removing SV contaminated with multi-path

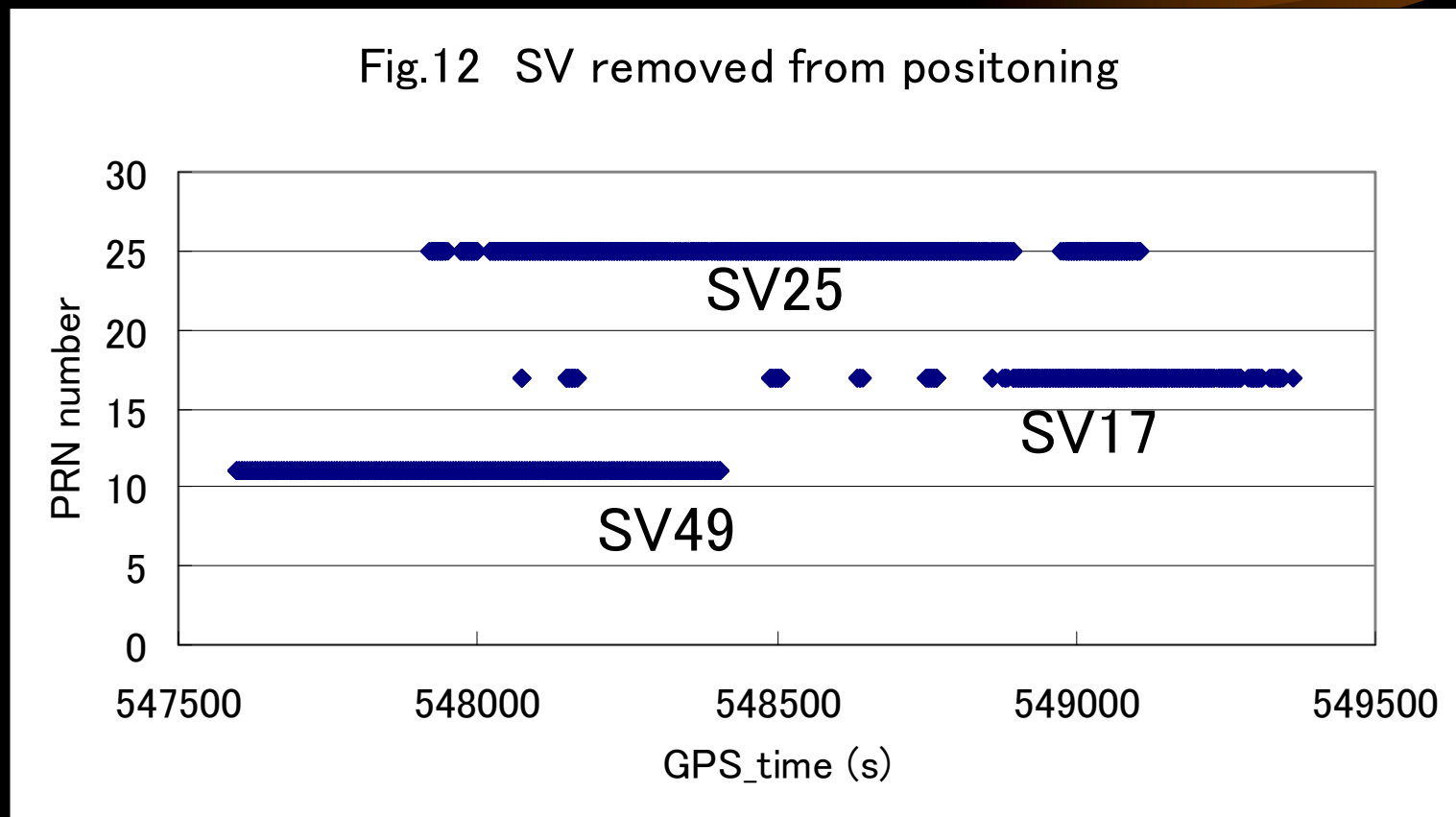
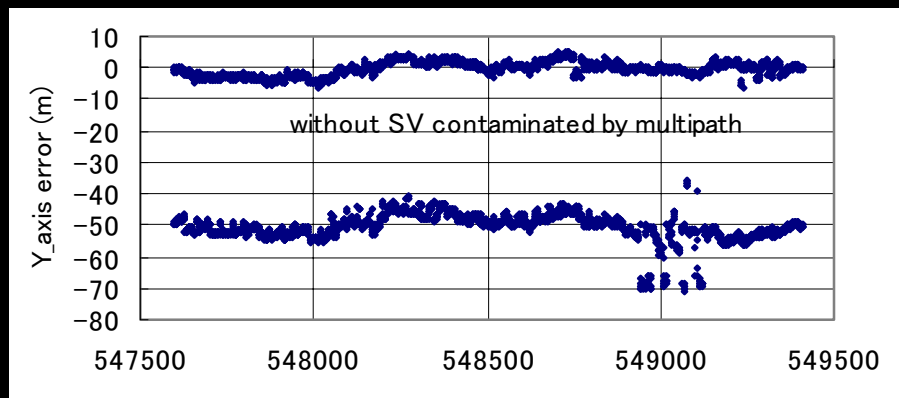
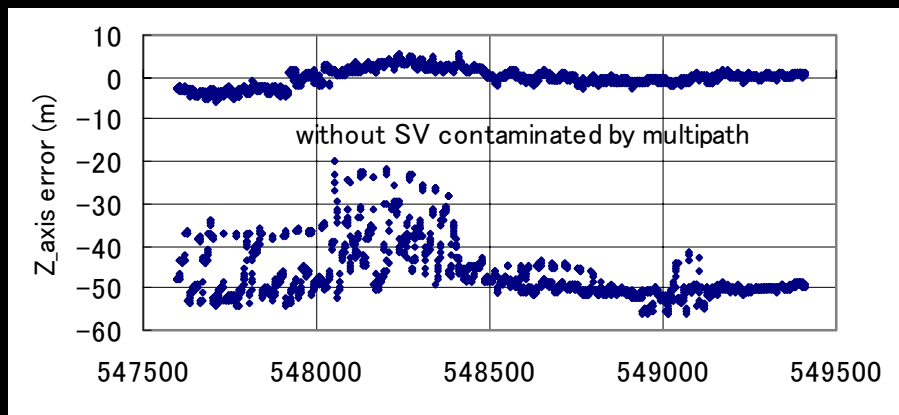


Fig.13 Stand-alone Positioning without SV contaminated with multi-path



upper: without SV contaminated
with multi-path
lower: all visible SVs

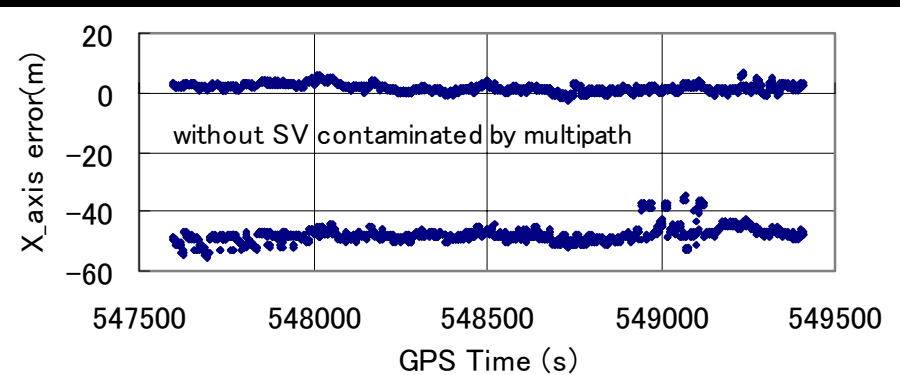


Fig.13 Stand-alone positioning error in case of removing SV contaminated by multipath

Standard deviation in positioning

Threshold(m)	average	X_std(m)	Y_std(m)	Z_std(m)
2	8	0.64	0.92	2.27
4	9.5	0.83	1.2	2.01
6	9.7	0.85	1.22	1.99
8	9.7	0.85	1.22	1.99
10	9.7	0.85	1.22	1.99

Table1 Relationships between Std, average SVs and threshold by proposed algorithm

average	X_std(m)	Y_std(m)	Z_std(m)
10.8	2.01	3.29	4.17

Table2 Output of RT-2 receiver

Summary

Significant accuracy improvement in a stand-alone positioning by proposed algorithm



In urban environment, more over the number of SVs decrease due to surrounding obstacles (causing multi-path)



We need SVs as many as we can in positioning (at least 4SVs).



We would like to develop the positioning algorithm, which use different weight coefficients for SVs contaminated with multi-path not remove SVs.