

# GLM Evaluation Using Raspberry Pi-based Camera Network

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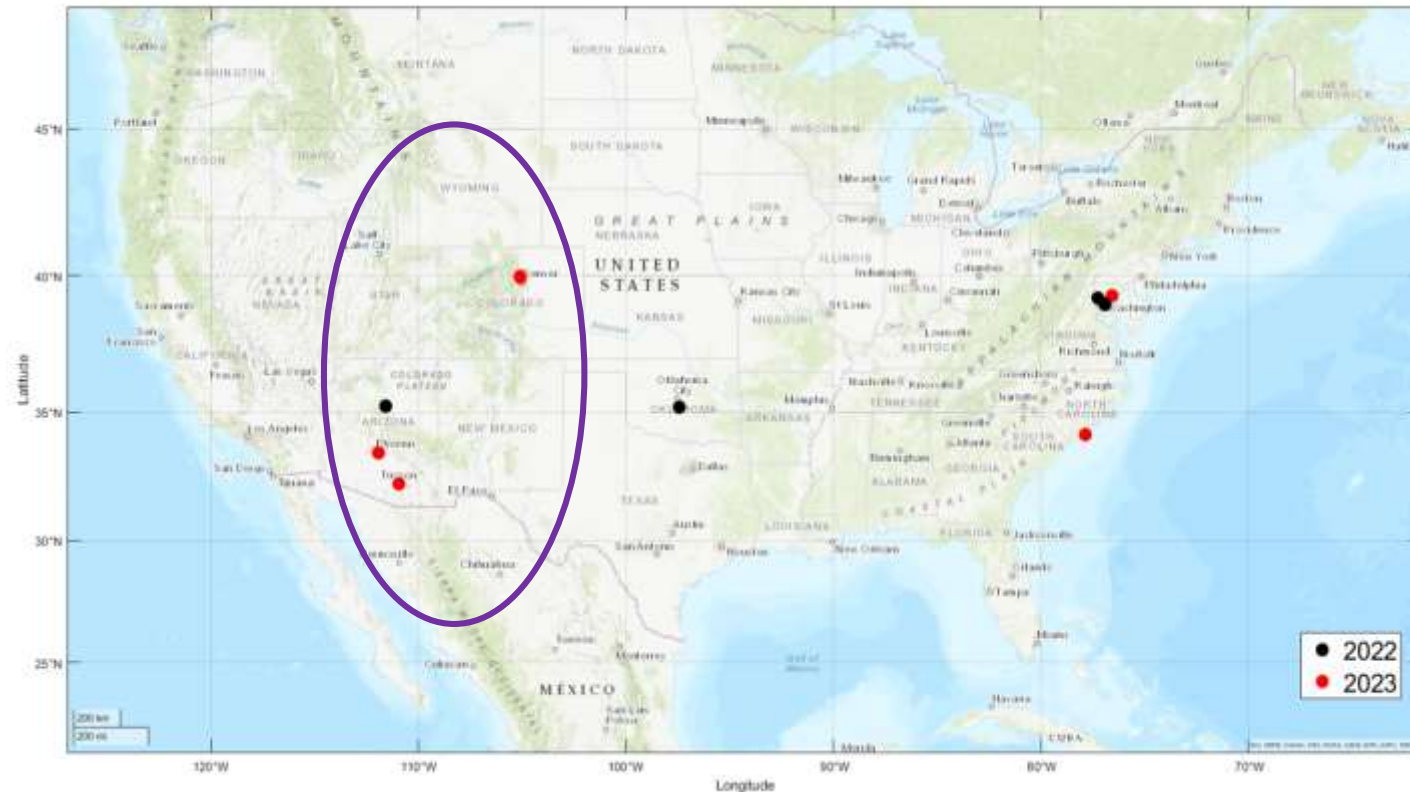
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# Raspberry Pi Network Updates



- 8 new stations in 4 states (total 15 stations in 5 states)
- 5 new stations in the GLM overlapping region
- 2 outdoor setups, 1 portable station as needed
- Network-wide algorithm upgrade

# Raspberry Pi Network Updates (cont.)



Outdoor setups



Portable setups



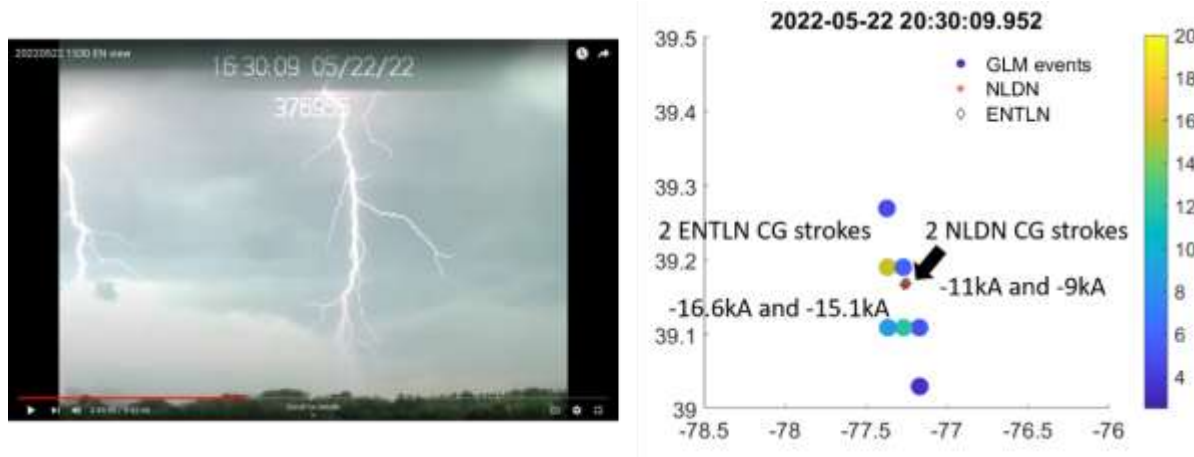
Indoor setups

# 2022 Flash Statistics & Comparison

Variables	Raspberry Pi	US (Poelman et al, 2021)
Mean multiplicity (strokes/flash)	3.2	3.9
Recurrent strokes in multi-stroke flash frequency (%)	55	N/A
Single stroke flash frequency (%)	34	25.6
Average flash duration (ms)	239.7	236
Average stroke duration (ms)	36.00	N/A
Average duration between strokes in a multi-stroke flash (ms)	62.24	N/A

- Good network for GLM evaluation

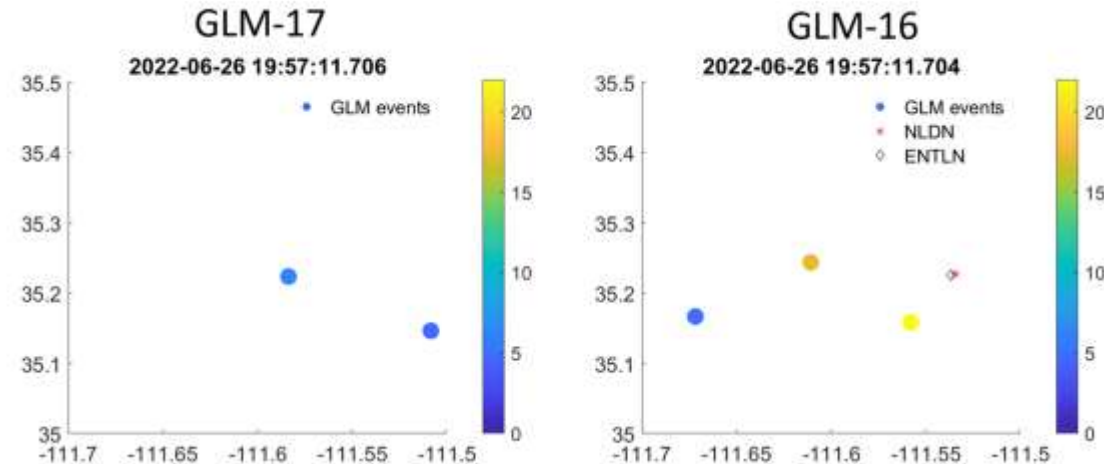
# GLM16 Evaluation



Left: Two strokes in the same frame captured by a Raspberry Pi camera; Right: Plan view of the GLM16 pixels geolocations color-coded by optical energy (fJ), ENTLN (black diamonds), and NLDN (red stars).

- Overall, GLM16 detected most CG flashes based on the Raspberry Pi camera observations.
- GLM16 has a reduced detection efficiency for the first one or two strokes of a flash. (see Zhang and Cummins, 2020)
- GLM16 has a reduced detection efficiency for CG strokes with continuing currents.
- GLM16 has a reduced detection efficiency for some CG strokes when the clouds were thick.

# GLM Evaluation – 16 vs. 17



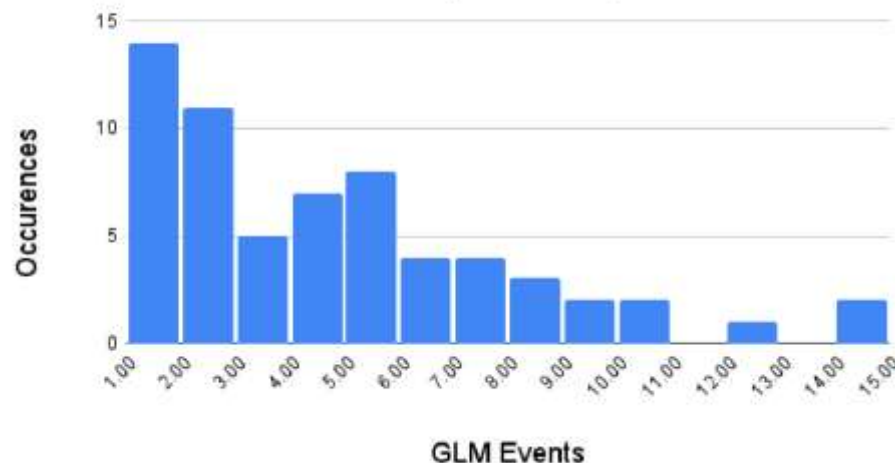
An example of a stroke-by-stroke analysis. The flash was captured at Flagstaff, AZ

- Overall, GLM-16 and -17 match well.
- GLM-16 tends to report more events and higher event energy.
- GLM-17 tends to miss strokes within a flash.
- GLM-16 matches better in time with NLDN/ENTLN.

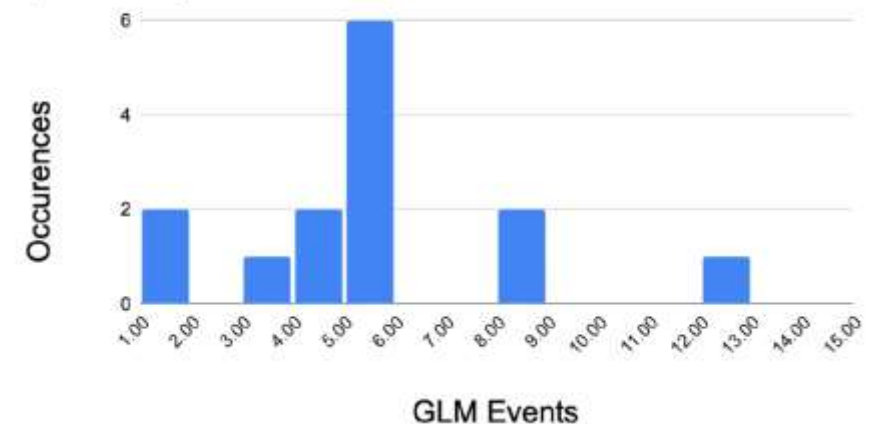
# GLM Evaluation – Long Continuing Current

- Long cc defined as same channel in at least consecutive 3 frames (>30ms, with 90fps)
- GLM Lcc DE =  $14/26 \approx 50\%$  (see Zhu's talk at the same meeting)
- GLM+NLDN+ENTLN combined Lcc DE =  $23/26 = 88.5\%$
- Typically lit up 3-5 pixels, but could be more.

Histogram of GLM Events (Total: 63)



Histogram of GLM Events Continuing Current Only (Total: 14)





# 2023 Statistics (Arizona only, so far)

FDE\_GLM16 = 0.78 (7/9)

FDE\_GLM18 = 0.89 (8/9)

GDE\_GLM16 = 0.57 (12/21)

GDE\_GLM18 = 0.86 (18/21)

ccDE\_GLM16 = 0 (0/4)

ccDE\_GLM18 = 0.75 (3/4) \* Reported one that NLDN missed

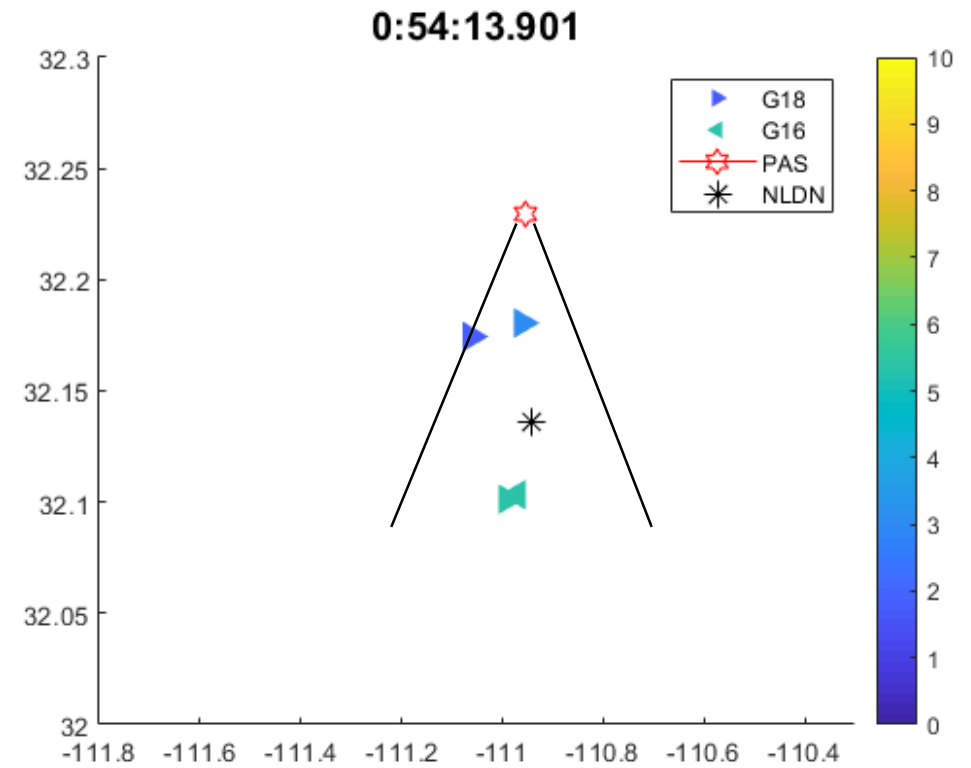
GLM 18 reported additional groups either not seen on the video (or out of FOV) or reported by NLDN – more IC components reported.



# A Video Example – Tucson, AZ

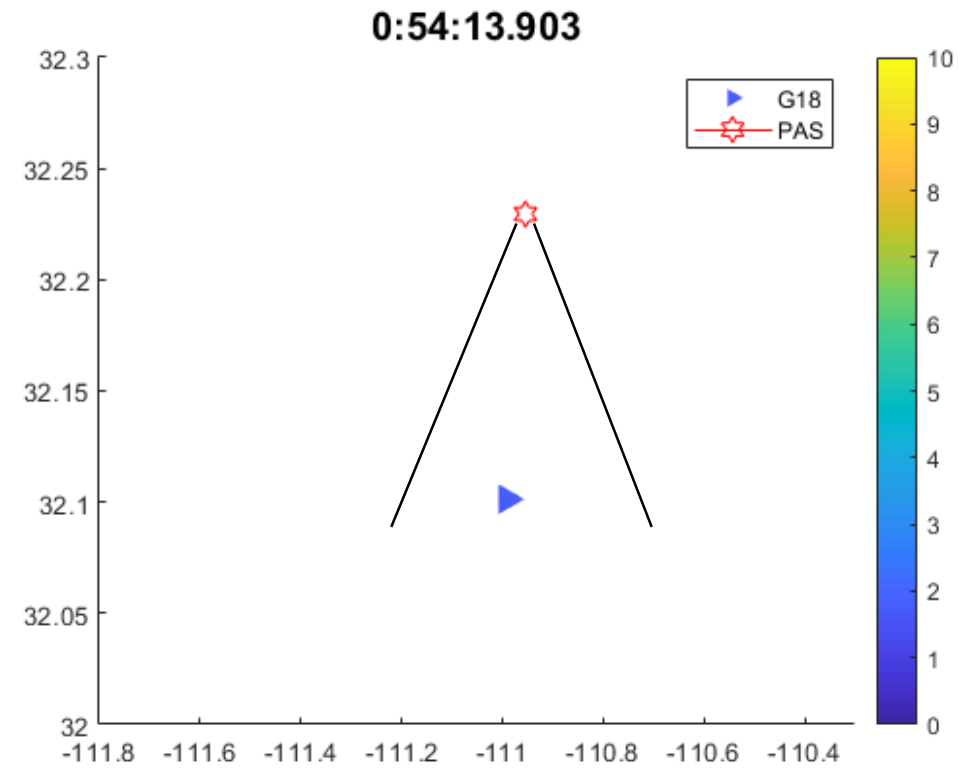


# 1<sup>st</sup>: IC pulse



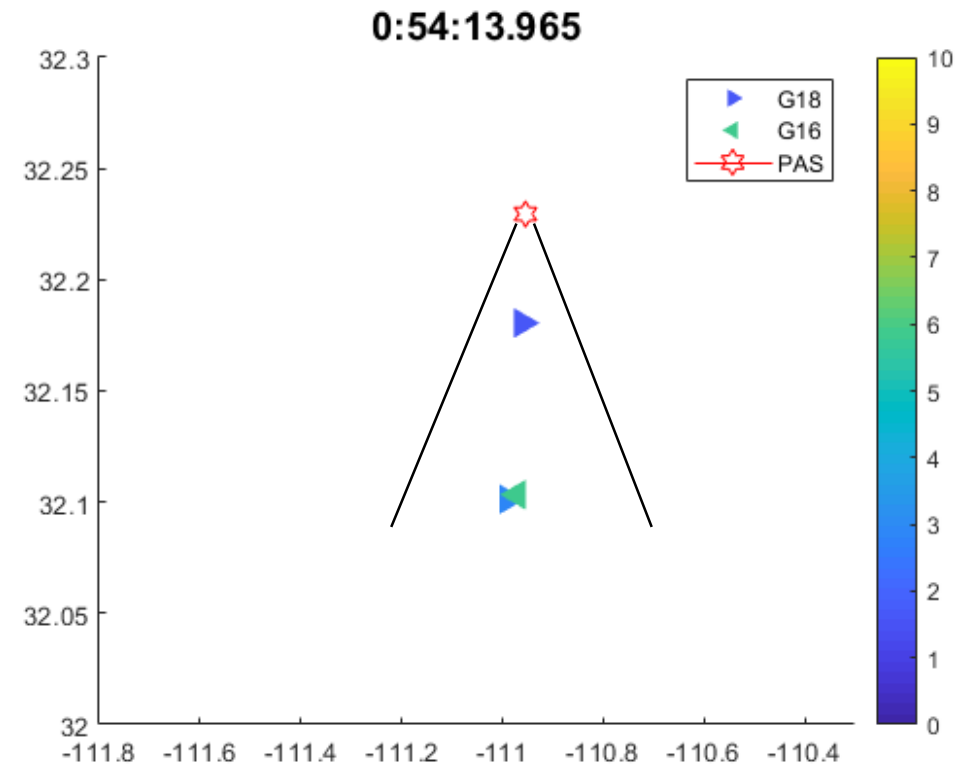
Both G16 (1 pixel) and G18 (3 pixels) detected the pulse.

# 1<sup>st</sup>: IC pulse



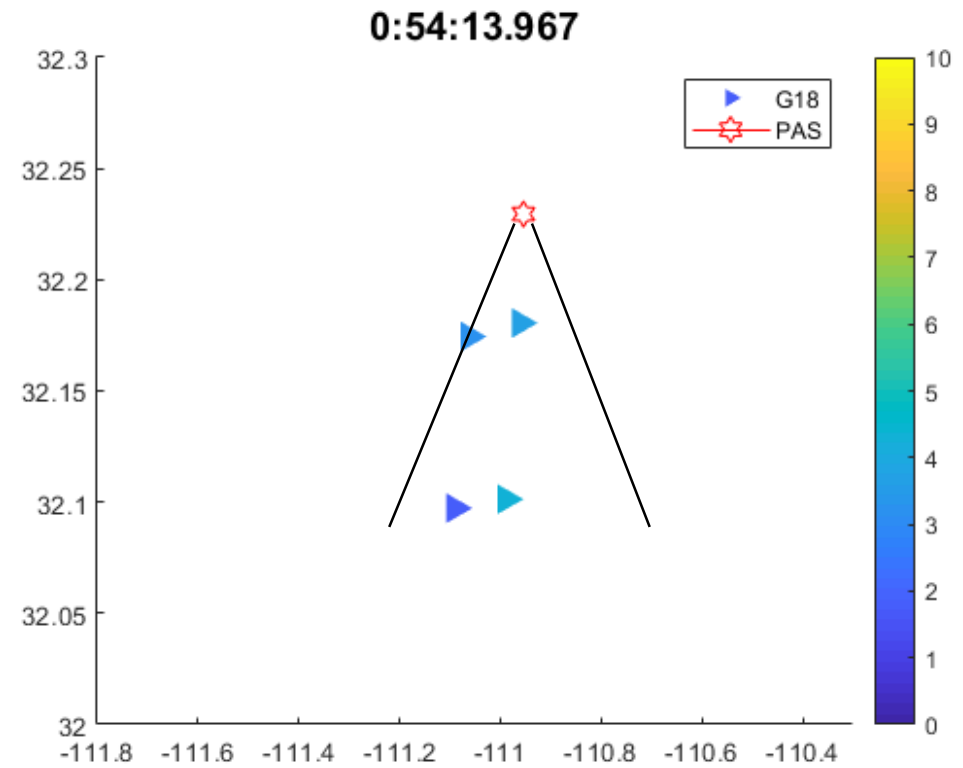
G18 reported a consecutive frame

## 2<sup>nd</sup>: IC before the CG



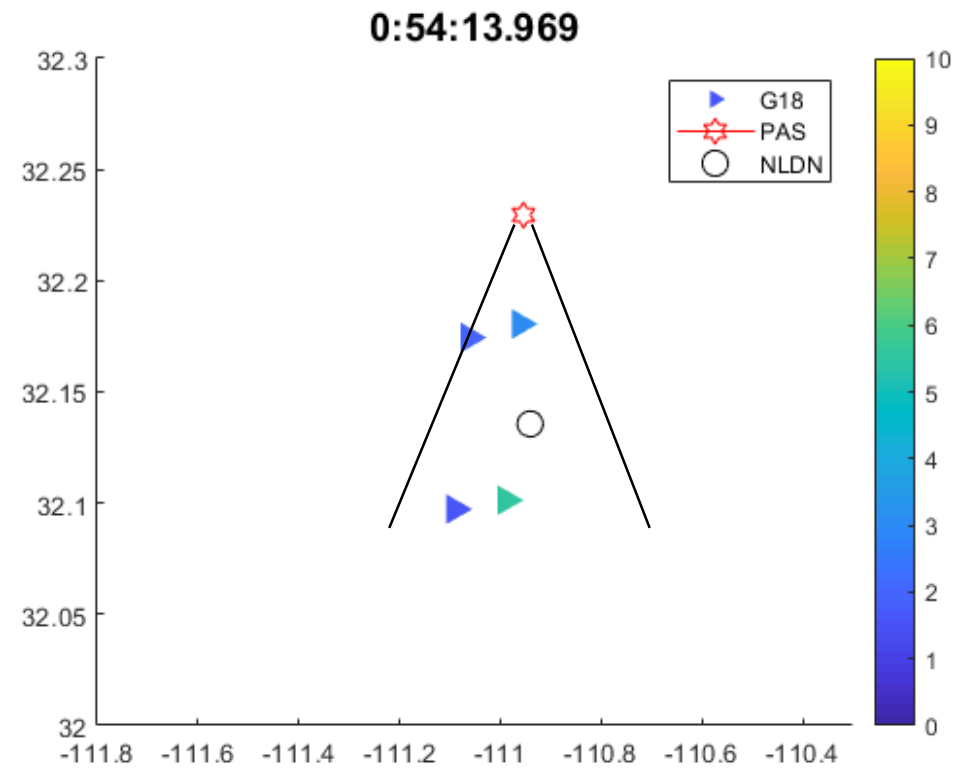
Both G16 (1 pixel) and G18 (2 pixels) detected the IC

## 2<sup>nd</sup>: IC before the CG

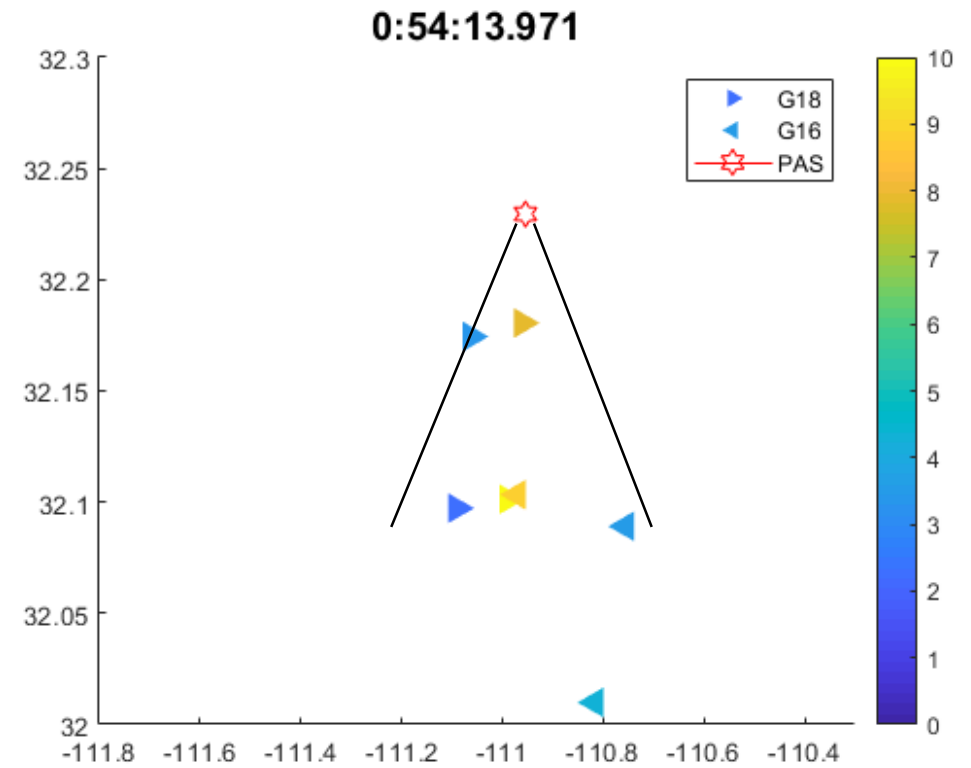


G18 reported a consecutive frame

# 3<sup>rd</sup>: First CG



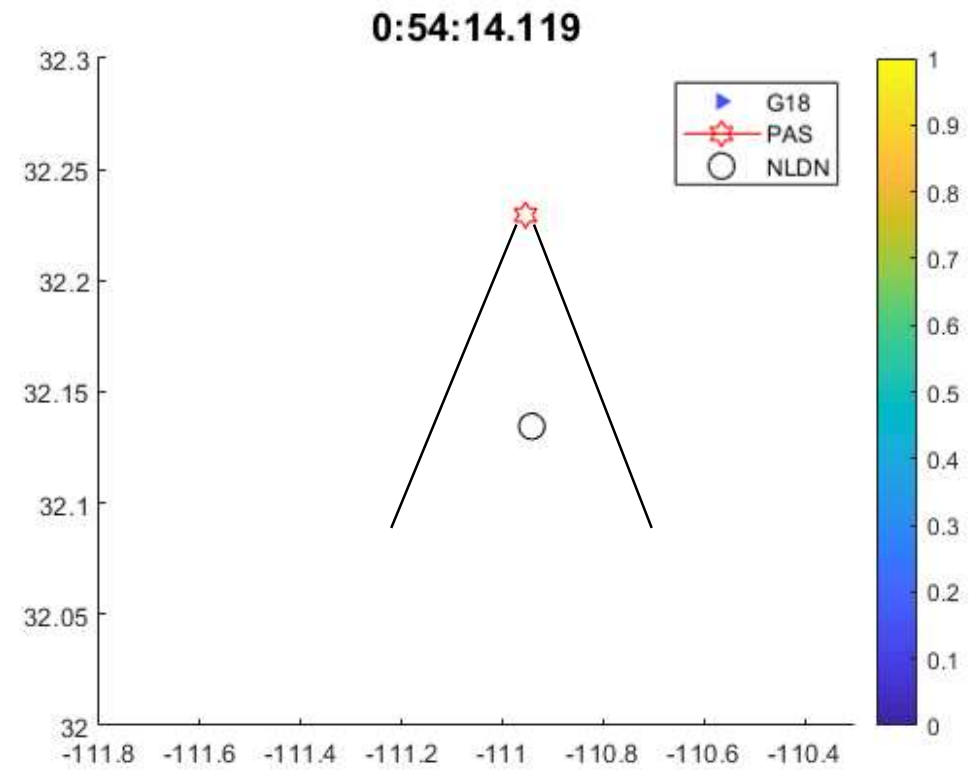
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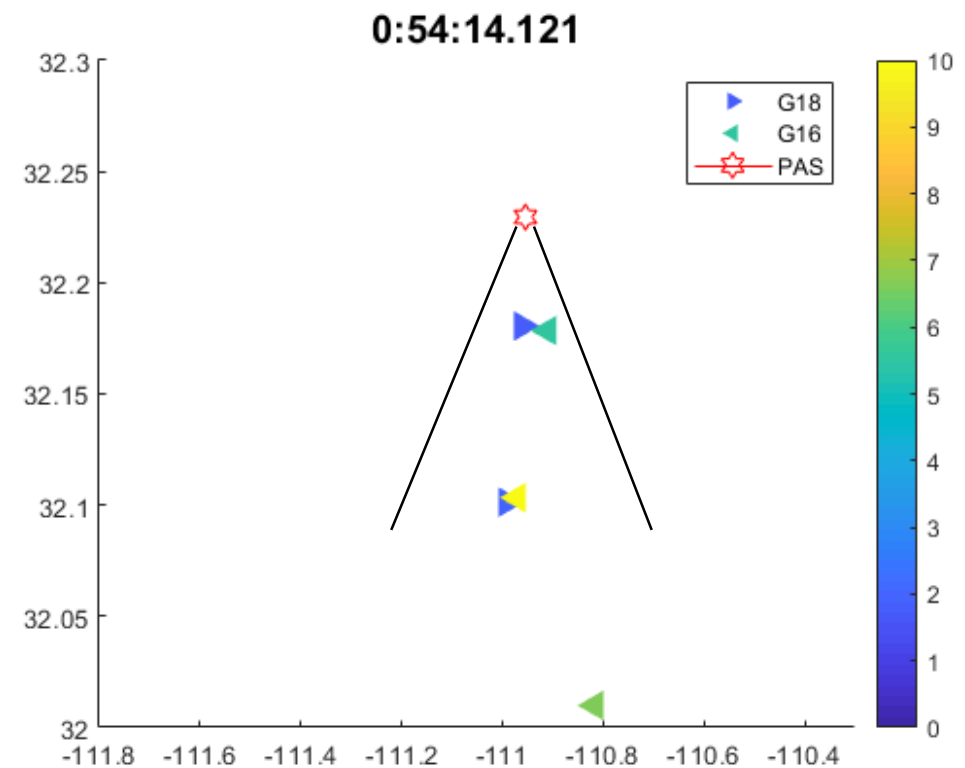
Both G16 (3 pixels) and G18 (4 pixels) detected the CG



# 4<sup>th</sup>: Second CG

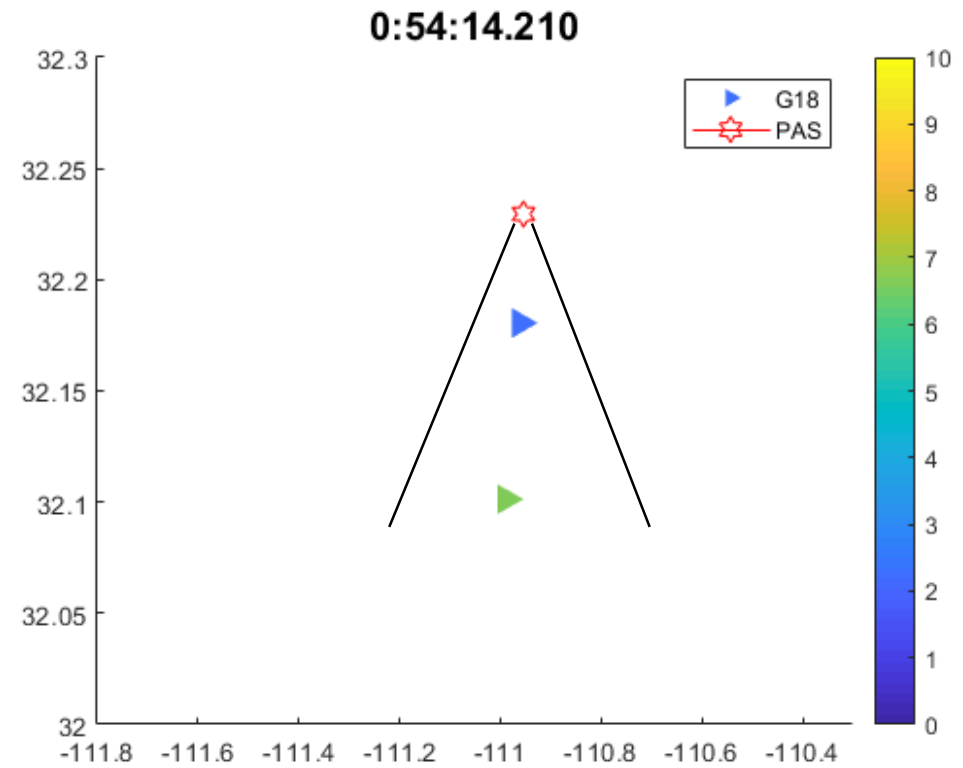


# 4<sup>th</sup>: Second CG



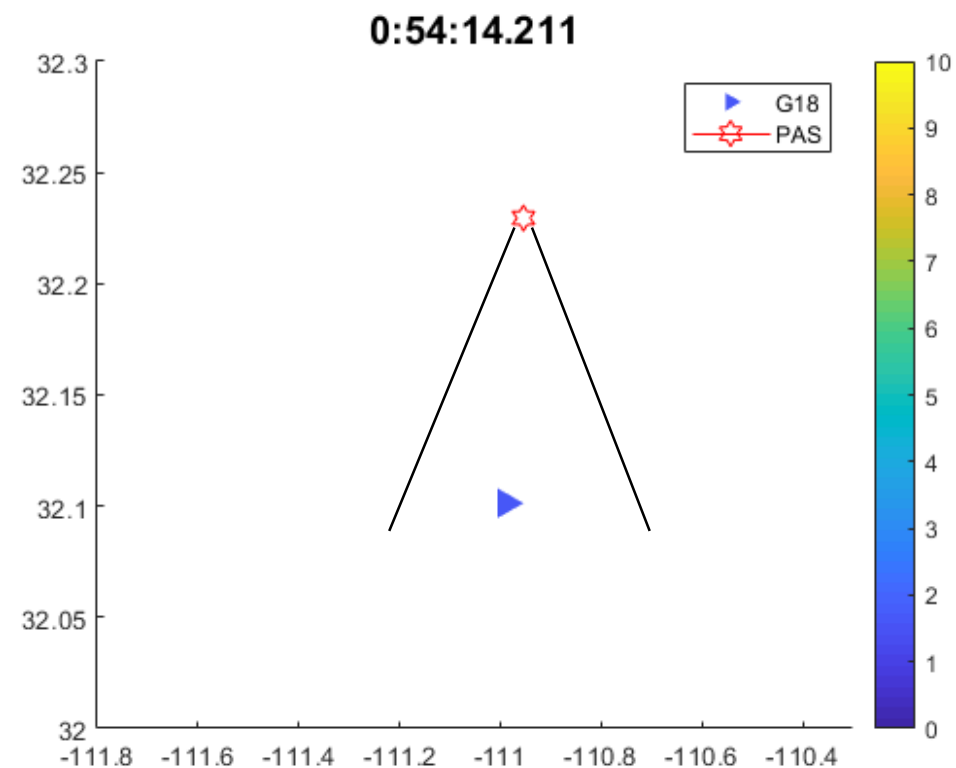
Both G16 (3 pixels) and G18 (2 pixels) detected the CG

# 5<sup>th</sup>: Last CG with cc



Only G18 detected the CG

# 5<sup>th</sup>: Last CG with cc



G18 reported a consecutive frame

# Summary

- Overall, GLM-18 has a better detection efficiency than GLM-16.
- GLM-18 tends to have a higher detection efficiency in cc strokes.
- GLM-18 tends to detect more in-cloud components.

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