

THE POLE POSITION IN OCTOBER 1980 AS DETERMINED
FROM LAGEOS LASER DATA

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On the basis of 223 passes of Lageos Laser Tracking data taken in October 1980 during the MERIT short arc campaign from 13 tracking sites, the pole position was determined in the orbit correction program MGM along with the initial state vector. This analysis was done for a varying time resolution (5-1 days).

Basis of our computation is the GRIM3P gravity model and a station position set derived by UTEX and partly by the DGF1. The formal sigma of the 5 and 2.5 mean values for the pole coordinates is generally about 0.005 arc-seconds.