## ION GNSS 2014 REAL-TIME PPP WITH GALILEO, PAVING THE WAY TO EUROPEAN HIGH ACCURACY POSITIONING

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#### **PPP: PRECISE POINT POSITIONING**

GPS / GLONASS / Galileo



- Absolute positioning technique
- Precise orbits & clocks + observations + detailed models
- Sparse network of reference stations



#### MOTIVATION

- Background: GNSS POD
  - PPP is a natural evolution
  - Algorithm development, product generation
- Evaluate real-time PPP performances in the field
  - Realistic scenarios
  - Static and kinematic
- Learn and overcome the challenges associated to the end-toend process
  - Communications
  - Robustness and Reliability
- Learn and overcome the challenges associated to implementing the PPP algorithm in portable devices
  - CPU and memory load
  - Power consumption





#### **PPP DEMONSTRATOR SERVER**

- Infrastructure for generation of:
  - Precise multi-GNSS orbits and clocks for real time and postprocessing applications
  - RTCM ephemeris corrections for HA positioning in Real-Time
- Modular architecture for distributed processing
- Data retrieval, from a worldwide RTCM station network via NTRIP
- Configurable in Real-Time by means of a database
- Accepts connections from multiple PPP clients





#### **PPP DEMONSTRATOR SERVER PERFORMANCES**

- Quality of the Real-Time GPS and GLONASS orbits and clocks has been assessed during the past years versus IGS in the frame of IGS' Real Time Service (rt.igs.org)
- Typical GPS orbit accuracy is about 6 cm, RMS, and clock accuracy is about 0.25 ns, RMS versus IGS rapid products
- Typical GLONASS orbit accuracy is about 10 cm, RMS, and clock accuracy is about 0.4 ns, RMS versus ESOC (European Space Operations Centre) products.





### **RT PPP DEMONSTRATOR CLIENT**

- PPP module able to compute HA user position in Real-Time based on:
  - RTCM observations and ephemeris coming from a GNSS receiver via serial port
  - RTCM ephemeris corrections coming from an external service provider
- User logs and runs the PPP client by means of an MMI



Position generated in NMEA format



Allows running RTK by means of rtklib



#### **RT PPP DEMONSTRATOR CLIENT** PERFORMANCES

- Base station coordinates continuously monitored
- Real-Time PPP performances assessed versus RTK in open field kinematic environments



Centimetric consistency between RTK and PPP under nominal circumstances







#### **RTCM STATUS**

- The latest RTCM 3.2 standard developed by the SC.104 intends to support highly accurate differential and kinematic positioning as well as a wide range of navigation applications as PPP
- For POD and PPP 3 types of RTCM messages are crucial:
  - Observations
  - Ephemeris
  - Ephemeris correction messages
- Multi-GNSS coverage has been improved, but certain gaps persist:

	GPS	GLONASS	Galileo	BeiDou	QZSS
Observations (MSM)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ephemeris	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Ephemeris corrections	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
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#### **IGS' MULTI-GNSS EXPERIMENT PROJECT**

Established to explore and promote the usage of new navigation signals and constellations within the IGS

(http://www.igs.org/mgex)

- Multi-GNSS sensor station network
  - Around 110 stations located in 90 sites
  - RTCM3-MSM real-time data streams (5 streams per registered user)
  - RINEX 3.02 data archive
- Multi-GNSS products from 5 AC`s
  - European Space Operations Centre (ESOC)
  - Center for Orbit Determination in Europe (CODE)
  - GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam (GFZ)
  - Technische Universität München (TUM)
  - Wuhan University



Real-time M-GEX RTCM-3 MSM Stream Generation



IGS Workshop, 22-27 July 2012, Olsztyn, Poland



#### **MAGICGNSS' GALILEO PRODUCTS**

- Experimental magicGNSS' web server with MGEX stations for reference product generation
- MGEX' products used as reference for Galileo product quality assessment
- Centimetric consistency between all the solutions





#### **GALILEO-ONLY PPP**

- Data recorded on May 31st 2013 during a 150 minute window with 4 IOV satellites over Tres Cantos.
- Reference products obtained by means of magicGNSS' web server and MGEX data
- Addition of GALILEO reduces the convergence time w.r.t. a GPS+GLONASS PPP
- GALILEO-only PPP of the recorded RINEX 3.02 data
  - Batch PPP provides centimetric accuracy
  - Sequential PPP converges to decimetric accuracy after 45 minutes









#### SEQUENTIAL KINEMATIC MULTI-GNSS PPP

- Multi-GNSS data recording around Tres Cantos (close to GMV's premises in Madrid) on August 21<sup>st</sup> for around 25 minutes by means of a Trimble R10 receiver
- Recorded RINEX post-process by a sequential PPP using as reference products the ones obtained by *magicGNSS'* web server and MGEX' station network





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#### **SEQUENTIAL KINEMATIC MULTI-GNSS PPP (2)**

- L2 tracking frequently lost around wooded areas
- The number of usable satellites when driving under wooded areas drops to 5 -> GPS+GLONASS realtime PPP greatly affected







#### **SEQUENTIAL KINEMATIC MULTI-GNSS** PPP (3)

#### E5 tracking under wooded areas more robust than for L2



Does the addition of Galileo (even with just 3 satellites) ease the impact of the L2 tracking loses in the end PPP performances?



#### **SEQUENTIAL KINEMATIC MULTI-GNSS PPP (4)**

- Notable PPP improvement by the addition of Galileo
- Overall robustness increased by the addition of just 3 satellites
- Promising results once the full constellation is deployed







#### **CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK**

- Even with only 3 operating satellites, Galileo has proven to provide a remarkable contribution to the PPP performances increasing the PPP robustness under challenging environments
- MSM data availability and multi-GNSS ephemeris correction message definition issues need to be solved for multi-GNSS infrastructure testing in real-time
- Future work focused on testing our magicGNSS' real-time infrastructure to try to increase the robustness and analyse the benefits of using additional GNSS constellations





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