Comparitive Analysis of Online Static GNSS Post-Processing Services

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Project Introduction





Introduction

- OPUS-Static
 - Popular in US
 - User submits single, static GPS observation
- Limitations
 - GPS-only
 - Files decimated to 30 sec logging rate
- Other services available
 - AUSPOS Geoscience Australia
 - CSRS-PPP Natural Resources Canada
 - GAPS University of New Brunswick
 - TrimbleRTX Trimble, Inc.
 - And more



Objectives

- Compare accuracy of online static GNSS post-processing services
 Submit identical data files
- 2. Investigate accuracy using increased logging rate and addition of GLONASS Submit 6 variations of data files:

10, 15, 30 second logging rates, each with GPS-only and GPS+GLONASS



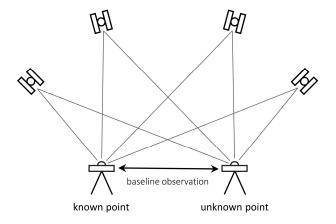




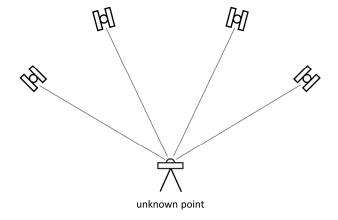


Relative Positioning vs Precise Point Positioning

- Relative Positioning
 - Use differencing to remove errors
 - Dependant on active stations
 - Believed to be more accurate



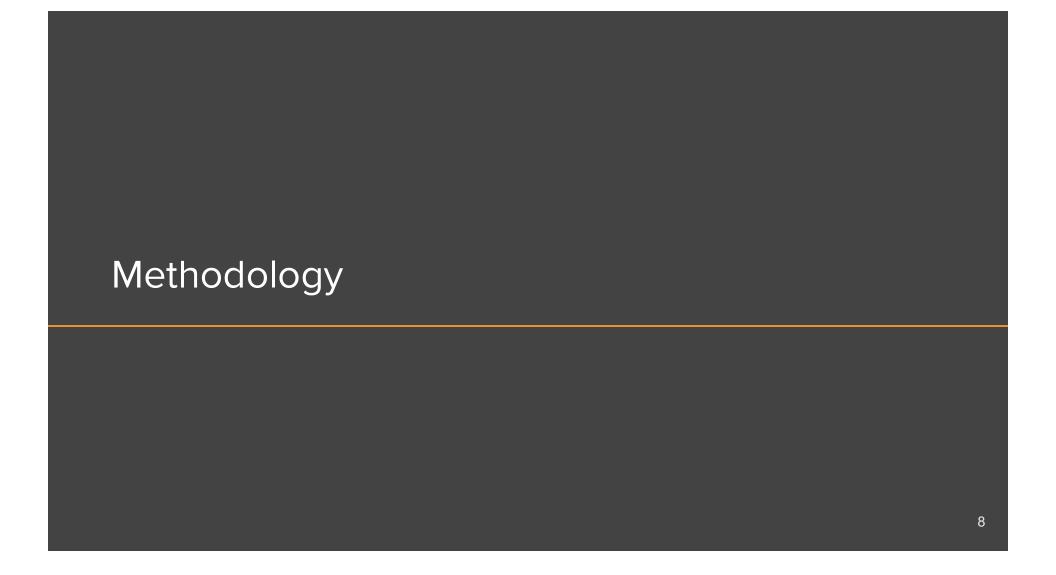
- Precise Point Positioning (PPP)
 - Only mathematical models to remove errors
 - No active stations needed
 - Relies on precise satellite ephemerides



Summary of Post-Processing Services

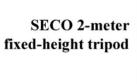
Service Name	Positioning Technique	Satellites	Minimum Duration (Recommended)	Process Rate	Orbit Source	Solution Format
OPUS-S	Relative	GPS only	2 hours (4 hours)	30 sec	IGS	Email, XML
AUSPOS	Relative	GPS only	1 hour (6 hours)	30 sec	IGS	PDF, SINEX
CSRS-PPP	PPP	GPS, GLONASS	None (>2 hours)	Down to 1 sec*	IGS and NRCan	PDF, CSV, SUM, POS
GAPS	PPP	GPS, Galileo, BeiDou	None (2 to 3 hours)	30 sec	IGS and NRCan	HTML, JPG, KML, etc.
TrimbleRTX	РРР	GPS, GLONASS, QZSS, BeiDou	10 min (>1 hour)	Down to 10 sec	Trimble	PDF, XML

^{*}During batch processing, CSRS-PPP decimated our data files that were more than 4 hours in duration to a logging rate of 30 seconds. However, CSRS-PPP processed our data at a 1 second logging rate if they were uploaded individually.



Data Source

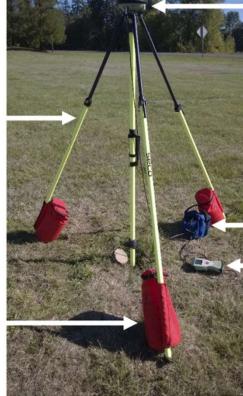
- 2014 height mod survey
 - 18 marks
 - 10+ hour observations
 - 1 second epoch
 - GPS and GLONASS
- "True" coordinates
 - OPUS-Projects + ADJUST
 - Uncertainty at 95% confidence
 - 0.4 0.5 cm horizontally
 - 1.1 1.3 cm vertically
- Chosen for analysis
 - 6 marks
 - 3 minimal multipathing potential
 - 3 moderate multipathing potential



14 kg (30 lb)

sandbag





Leica GS14 GNSS receiver

External 12V battery

Leica CS15 data collector

Gillins, D. and Eddy, M. (2016)

Setups

Moderate Obstruction









GLAS - East



Y683 - North

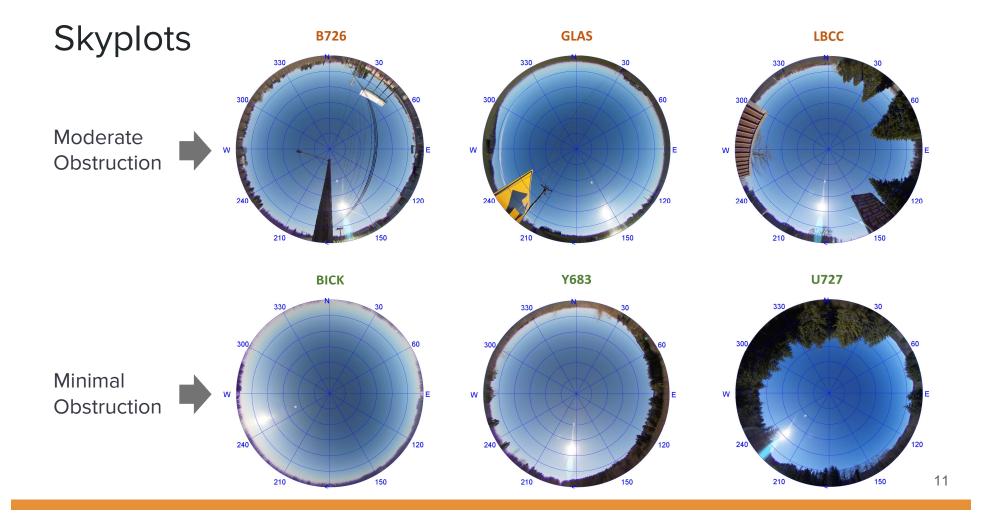


LBCC - East



U727 - West





Windowed Data and Sample Sizes

Number of windowed files on each mark, organized by observation duration

	Mark	Duration of Observation					Total	
	Name	2h	3h	4h	5h	7h	10h	Τοται
	B726	20	12	8	8	4	4	56
	GLAS	20	12	8	8	4	4	56
	LBCC	35	21	14	14	7	7	98
	BICK	50	30	20	20	10	10	140
	Y683	30	18	12	12	6	6	84
	U727	20	12	8	8	4	4	56
	Total	175	105	70	70	35	35	490



Evaluating the Results

 Computed HRMS and VRMS for each sample on each mark

$$HRMS = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(\Delta n^2 + \Delta e^2)}{n}}$$

$$VRMS = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(\Delta u^2)}{n}}$$

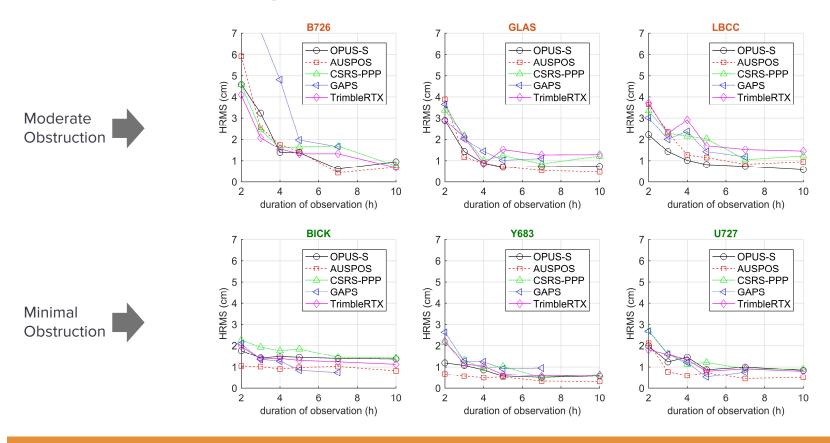


Objective 1

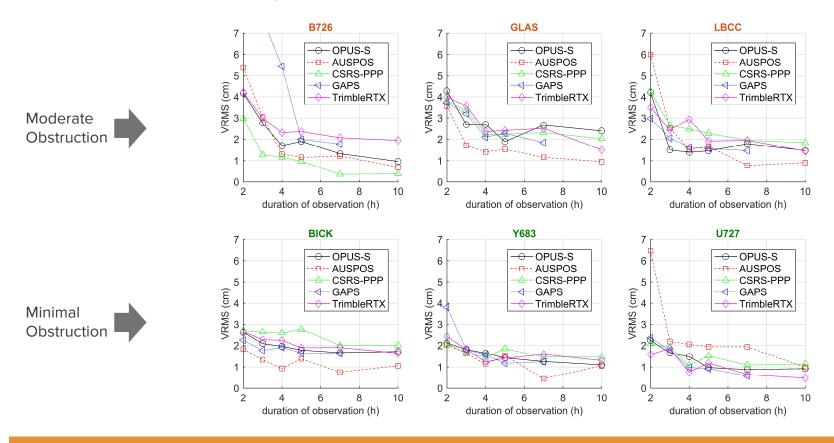
- Compare services using identical submissions
 - 5 services: OPUS-S, AUSPOS, CSRS-PPP, GAPS, TrimbleRTX
- General takeaway:
 - Relative positioning and PPP can perform similarly
 - Services converge at 4+ hours
- Problems
 - AUSPOS two 10 hr solutions with huge residuals
 - GAPS files cropped at GPS midnight. No 10 hour session solutions available. Unusually large RMS on B726.



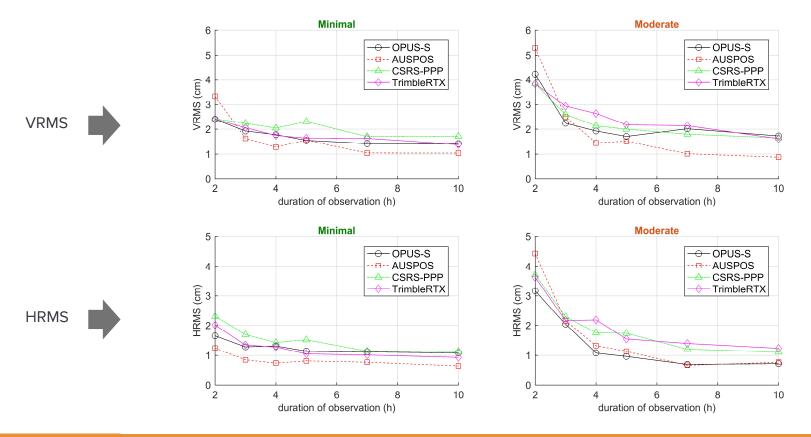
Post-Processing Services Results - HRMS



Post-Processing Services Results - VRMS



Post- Processing Services → Pooled Samples

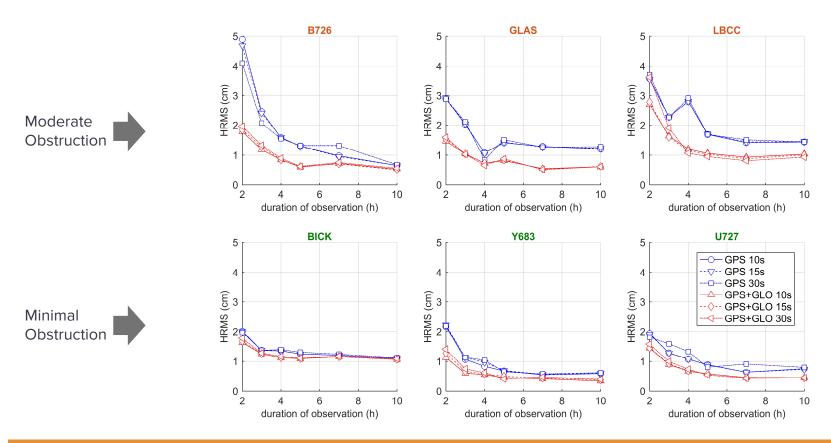


Objective 2

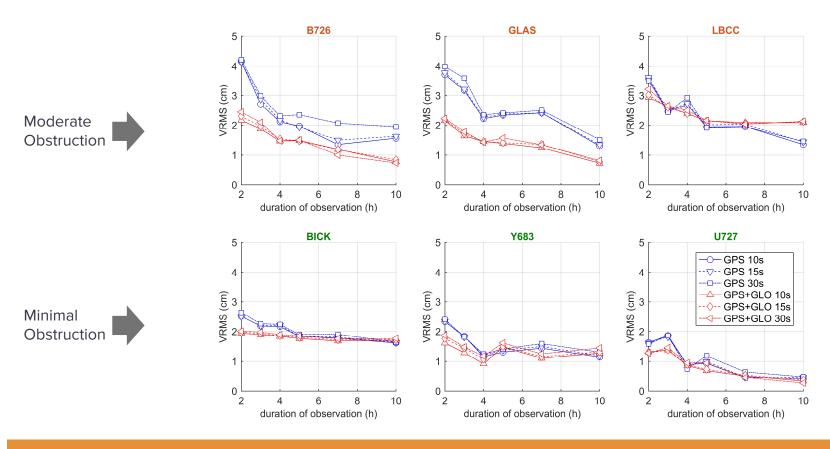
- Assess impacts of:
 - Faster logging rates
 - Addition of GLONASS observables in 2 services: TrimbleRTX and CSRS-PPP
- General takeaway:
 - Faster logging rates marginally improved results
 - Addition of GLONASS observables improved results significantly



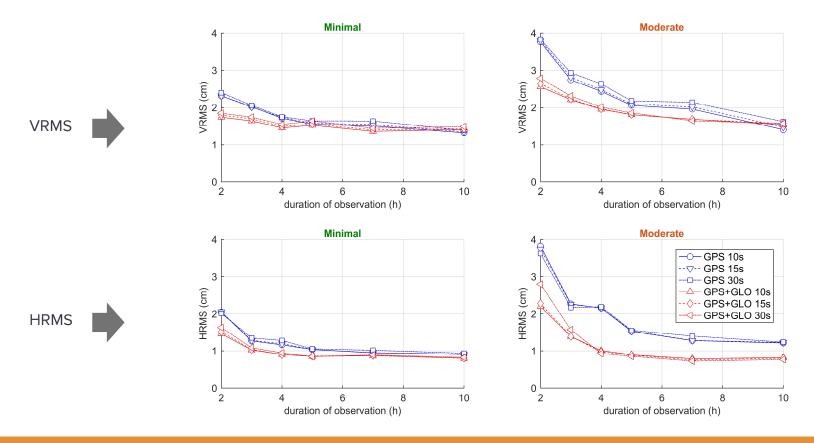
HRMS – Faster logging rates, GPS+GLONASS



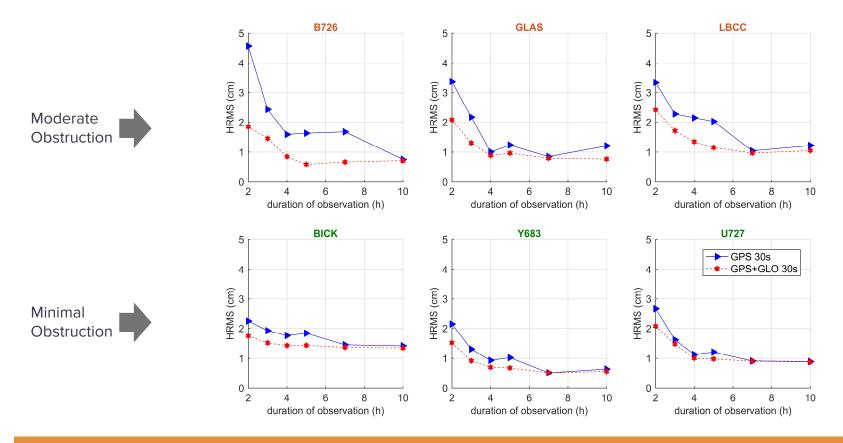
VRMS – Faster logging rates, GPS+GLONASS



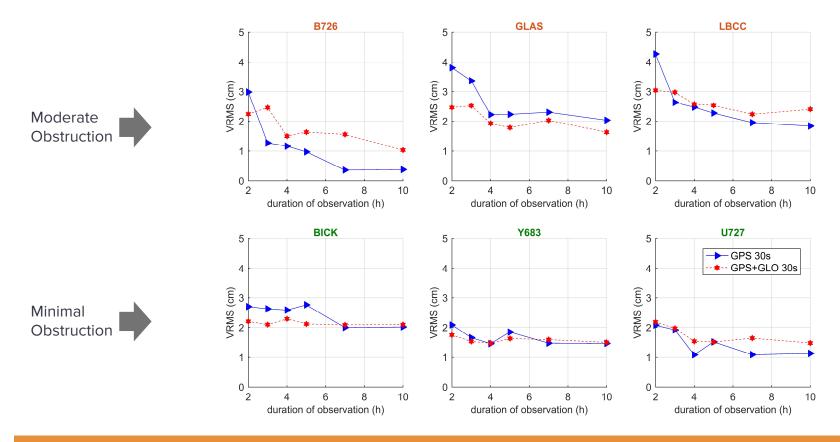
Pooled – Faster logging rates, GPS+GLONASS



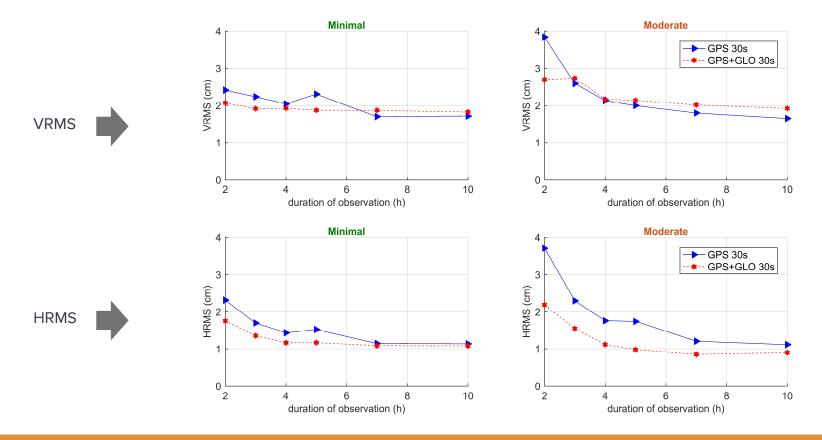
HRMS - GPS+GLONASS

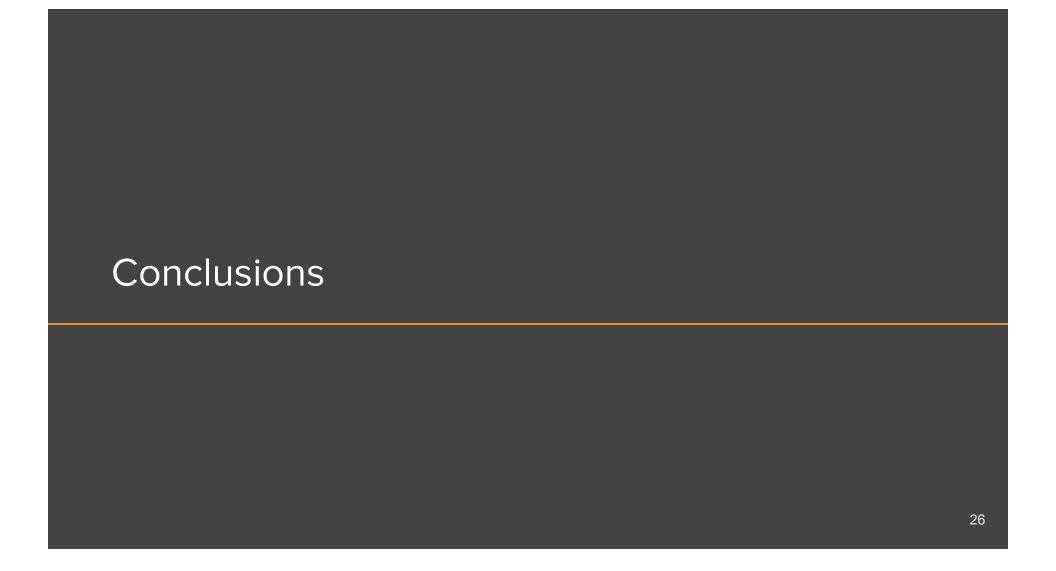


VRMS - GPS+GLONASS



Pooled - GPS+GLONASS





Conclusions

- All services (except GAPS) have relatively similar results
- 5 hours or greater
 - Services vary by less than 1 cm
 - HRMS and VRMS are similar for minimally and moderately obstructed sites
 - Limited improvement in HRMS or VRMS with longer durations
- Increased logging rates minimally improved results
- Addition of GLONASS reduced RMS by
 - Minimally obstructed
 - HRMS 17.1%
 - VRMS 7.7%
 - Moderately obstructed
 - HRMS 36.7%
 - VRMS 8.4%



Limitations and Future Work

- All durations tested greater than 2 hours
- All marks in same area
- Only Minimally and Moderately obstructed locations
- Additional services
 - JPL-APPS, SCOUT, MagicGNSS
- Additional/other GNSS constellations
 - Galileo, BeiDou
- Rapid vs Final ephemerides



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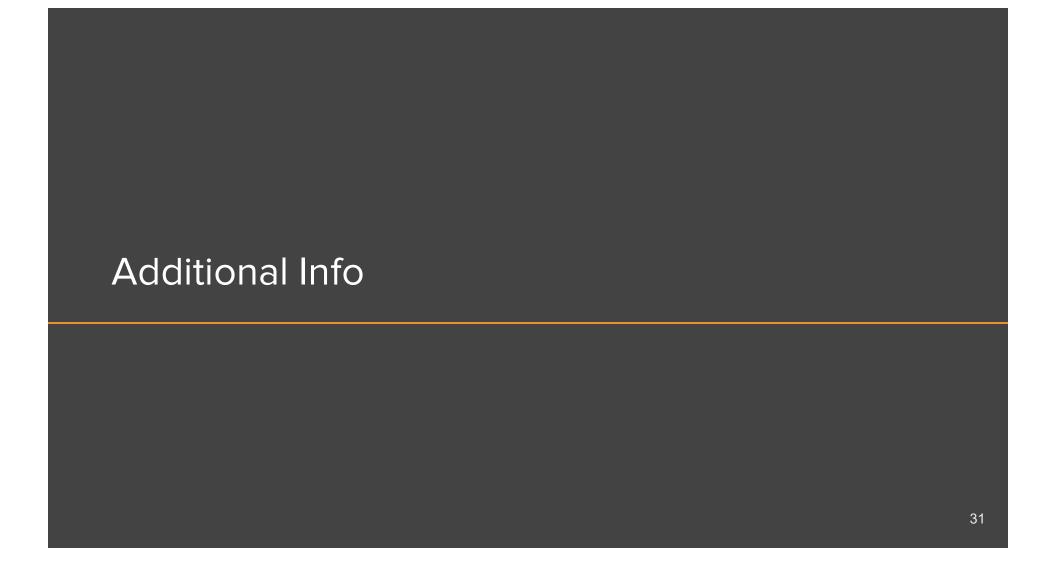


Questions?

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Further Reading

- Paper in press
 - Jamieson, M., & Gillins, D.T., (In Press). Comparative Analysis of Online Static GNSS Post-Processing Services, ASCE Journal of Surveying Engineering.
- Preliminary Study
 - http://gpsworld.com/a-comparison-of-free-gps-online-post-processing-services/

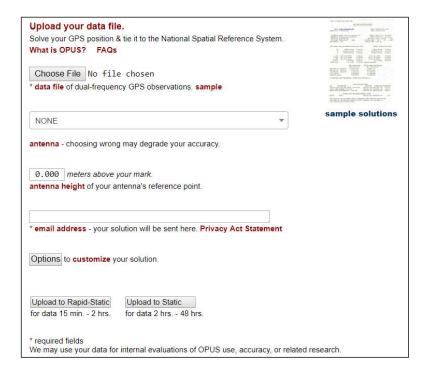
Comparative Analysis of Online Static GNSS Postprocessing Services

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Abstract: Several precise point positioning or relative positioning services are available online for postprocessing static global navigation satellite system (GNSS) data collected on a single mark. The accuracy of five services (OPUS-S, AUSPOS, CSRS-PPP, GAPS, TrimbleRTX) were compared by processing the same 490 static GNSS files of varying session duration (from 2 to 10 h) on six passive marks in minimal or moderate multipathing environments. First, only Global Positioning System observables at a 30-s logging rate were tested using each service. Then, the effects of including observables from Russia's GNSS (i.e., GLONASS) were investigated using TrimbleRTX and CSRS-PPP, and the accuracy of processing data at faster logging rates were evaluated using TrimbleRTX. The results from each service were differenced with coordinates derived from a high-accuracy campaign-style static GNSS survey. Increasing the logging rate from 30 to 10 s did not significantly reduce the root-mean-square error (RMS) of the differences. However, adding GLONASS observables significantly reduced the horizontal RMS by an average of 17.1% and 36.7% at sites in minimal and moderate multipathing environments, respectively. DOI: 10.1061/(ASCE)SU.1943-5428.0000256. © 2018 American Society of Civil Engineers.

Author keywords: GNSS; GPS; Precise point positioning; PPP; OPUS.

OPUS-Static



FILE: BICKD1.140 OP1415139856075

NGS OPUS SOLUTION REPORT _____

All computed coordinate accuracies are listed as peak-to-peak values. For additional information: http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS/about.jsp#accuracy

USER: marianberryjam@gmail.com RINEX FILE: bick195p.14o

DATE: November 04, 2014

TIME: 22:31:21 UTC

SOFTWARE: page5 1209.04 master50.pl 022814 START: 2014/07/14 15:57:00 EPHEMERIS: igs18011.eph [precise] STOP: 2014/07/14 22:45:00 OBS USED: 19415 / 19989 : 97% NAV FILE: brdc1950.14n ANT NAME: LEIGS14 NONE # FIXED AMB: 77 / 79 : 97% ARP HEIGHT: 2.000 OVERALL RMS: 0.012(m)

REF FRAME: NAD_83(2011)(EPOCH:2010.0000)

IGS08 (EPOCH:2014.5337)

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LAT: 44 29 22.26003 0.006(m) 44 29 22.27313 0.006(m) E LON: 236 43 9.50467 0.006(m) 236 43 9.44212 0.006(m) W LON: 123 16 50.49533 0.006(m) 123 16 50.55788 0.006(m) EL HGT: 52.347(m) 0.014(m) 51.977(m) 0.014(m)

ORTHO HGT: 75.102(m) 0.028(m) [NAVD88 (Computed using GEOID12A)]

UTM COORDINATES STATE PLANE COORDINATES

UTM (Zone 10) SPC (3601 OR N) Northing (Y) [meters] 4926283.030 95243.437 Easting (X) [meters] 477681.526 2278864.625 Convergence [degrees] -0.19670460 -1.97202870 Point Scale 0.99960613 0.99996433 Combined Factor 0.99959793 0.99995612

US NATIONAL GRID DESIGNATOR: 10TDQ7768126283(NAD 83)

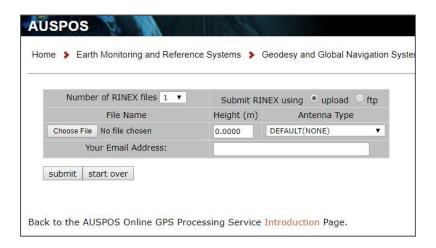
BASE STATIONS USED

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NEAREST NGS PUBLISHED CONTROL POINT QE0656 BICKFORD N442922.260 W1231650.495 0.0

This position and the above vector components were computed without any knowledge by the National Geodetic Survey regarding the equipment or field operating procedures used.

AUSPOS





1 User Data

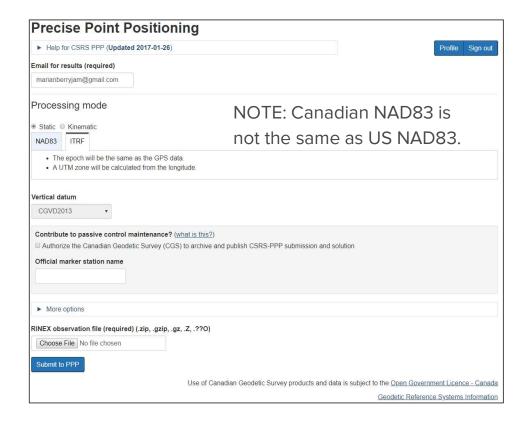
All antenna heights refer to the vertical distance from the Ground Mark to the Antenna Reference Point (ARP).

Station (s)	Submitted File	Antenna Type	Antenna Height (m)	Start Time	End Time
B726	B72610A10.zip	LEIGS14 NONE	2.000	2014/10/27 15:05:00	2014/10/28 01:05:00

2 Processing Summary



Date	User Stations	Reference Stations	Orbit Type
2014/10/27 15:05:00	B726	ALBH AMC2 CHUR DRAO DUBO FLIN GOLD HOLB JPLM MONP NANO VNDP WHIT WILL YELL	IGS final





CSRS-PPP (V 1.05 34613)



B720

Data Start	Data End	Duration of Observations
2014-10-27 15:05:00.000	2014-10-27 17:06:00.000	2h 0m 60.00s
Apri / Aposteriori Phase Std		Apri / Aposteriori Code Std
0.015 m / 0.011 m		2.0m / 0.786m
Observations	Frequency	Mode
Phase and Code	L1 and L2	Static
Elevation Cut-Off	Rejected Epochs	Observation & Estimation Step
10.000 degrees	0.00 %	30.00 sec / 30.00 sec
Antenna Model	APC to ARP	ARP to Marker
LEIGS14 NONE	L1= 0.089 m L2= 0.089 m	2.000 m

(APC = antenna phase center; ARP = antenna reference point)

Estimated Position for B72602A10G.140

	Latitude (+n)	Longitude (+e)	Ell. Height
ITRF08 (2014)	44° 38' 54.2665''	-123° 03' 45.5764"	42.009 m
Sigmas(95%)	0.023 m	0.098 m	$0.080~\mathrm{m}$
Apriori	44° 38' 54.281''	-123° 03' 45.532''	41.525 m
Estimated - Apriori	-0 459 m	-0 988 m	0 484 m

95% Error Ellipse (dm) semi-major: 1.237dm semi-minor: 0.207dm semi-major azimuth: 80° 45' 28.22''

4943896.031m (N) 495031.315m (E)



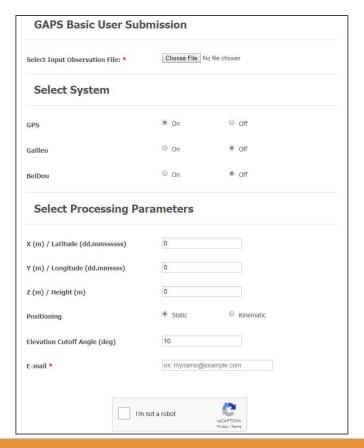
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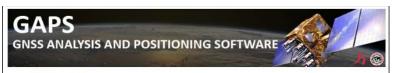
UTM (North) Zone 10

(Coordinates from RINEX file used as apriori position)

20:37:48 UTC 20:16/05/02 / B72602A10G:14o 1 IGS Final

GAPS





GAPS v5.9.1 ADVANCED

GENERAL INFO

Station: B726

Observation File: B72602A10.14o Begin Processing: 15:5:0

End Processing: 17:5:45 Date of Observation: 2014/10/27 Date of Submission: 04-Feb-2016 20:46:54

Processing Time: 73.52 seconds

PROCESSING OPTIONS

Positioning Type: Static

GPS Orbit and Clock Products: IGS Precise orbits & IGS Precise clocks
GPS Observables Processed: Pseudorange (C1/P2) and Carrier-phase (L1/L2)

Linear Combination: Iono-free

A-priori Carrier-Phase Std Dev: 0.015 m A-priori Pseudorange Std Dev: 2.000 m Cutoff Elevation Angle: 10 degrees

Ocean Tidal Loading: No Body Tidal Loading: Yes Maximum Iterations: 5

Positional Convergence Condition: 1 (m)

EQUIPMENT INFO

Receiver Name: LEICA GS14

Receiver Type: Non-cross-correlation receiver reporting C1

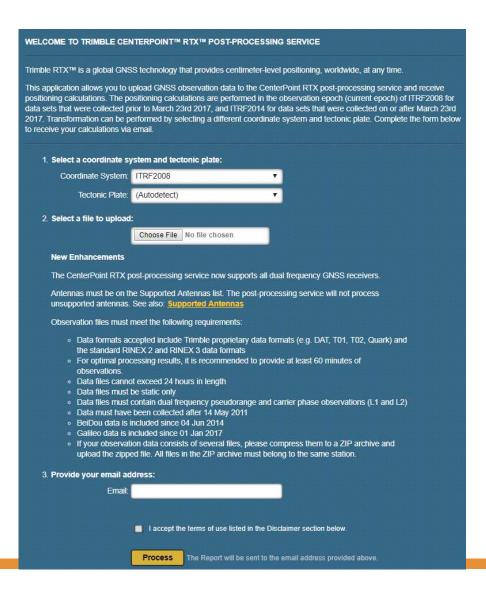
Antenna Type: LEIGS14NONE

Antenna Calibration: IGS ANTEX - Absolute

Marker to ARP: 2.000 m ARP to APC: 0.089 m

NEUTRAL ATMOSPHERE

NAD model: UNB3m Initial A-priori NAD: 2.411 m A-priori NAD Std Dev: 0.100 m NAD Process Noise: 5.0 mm/sqrt(h) Mapping Functions: Niell Mapping Function Gradient Estimation: Not Estimated



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TrimbleRTX

Raw XML file

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Post-Processing Service Based on RTX Technology

TrimbleRTX.com

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 dtgillins@gmail.com

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 Y68302A06V.zip

 Upload Date:
 06/30/2016 21:35:50 UTC

Report Time Frame:

| Start Time: | 10/13/2014 14;29:00 UTC | End Time: | 10/13/2014 16;29:00 UTC | Observation File Type(s): | RINEX | Observation File(s): | Y68302A06V.14o

Antenna:

Statistics

# Total Obs	# Usable Obs	# Used Obs	Percent
1441	720	710	98

Used Satellites

# Total Satellites:	19	
GPS:	G01 G02 G04 G06 G12 G15 G17 G24 G25 G26 G28	
GLONASS:	R12 R13 R14 R15 R17 R22 R23 R24	

Processing Results

NAD83-2011 at Epoch 2010.0					
Coordinate	Value	σ			
Х	-2488287,242 m	0.027 m			
γ	-3799765.128 m	0.026 m 0.012 m 0.009 m 0.035 m			
Z	4462905.913 m				
Latitude	44° 41' 20.91988" N				
Longitude	123° 13′ 8.04300" W				
El. Height	72.014 m	0.017 m			

ITRF2008 at Epoch 2014.78						
Value	σ					
-2488288.135 m	0.027 m					
-3799763.936 m	0.026 m					
4462905.903 m	0.012 m					
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Report Information

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 7249771

 Solution Type:
 Static

 Software Version:
 5.0.0.15127

Creation Date: 06/30/2016 21:36:14 UTC

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Bias Study

$$RMS = \sqrt{\mu^2 + \sigma^2}$$

$$\mu_n = \sqrt{|NRMS^2 - \sigma_n^2|}$$

$$\mu_e = \sqrt{\mid ERMS^2 - \sigma_e^2 \mid}$$

$$\mu_u = \sqrt{|VRMS^2 - \sigma_u^2|}$$

Table 4. Summary of F-test results for pooled observations

Service		# r	Total		
	Service	North	East	Up	Total
	OPUS-S	8	2	4	14/36
	AUSPOS	2	0	0	2/36
	CSRS-PPP	8	1	7	16/36
	TrimbleRTX	6	0	0	6/36
	total	24 / 48	3/48	11/48	38 / 144

