Satellite Positioning

Performances under Ionospheric Scintillations



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The lonosphere is lonized by Solar Radiation



GNSS Signals are refracted by the lonosphere



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Ionospheric Electron Density Irregularities

Spatial Variation of the Refraction Index

Signal Losses Signal Diffraction

Constructive and Destructive Signal Interferences

GNSS Signals are diffracted by the lonosphere



Ionospheric Electron Density

Diffraction Pattern

Received Signal Intensity

Ionospheric Electron Density Irregularities are involved by Geomagnetic Storms



Geomagnetic Storms can be detected by global Geomagnetic Indices



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Ionospheric Electron Density Irregularities involve GNSS Signal Phase and Amplitude fluctuations



Ionospheric Scintillation Effects on GNSS Signals are Monitored by Scintillation GNSS Receivers

Ionospheric Scintillation Monitoring Receiver - ISMR



Ionospheric Scintillations exhibit Spatial and Temporal Characteristics



Operating Frequencies Geographic Locations Local Time Season Magnetic Activity Solar Activity



Frequent

Ionospheric Scintillations exhibit Spatial and Temporal Characteristics



Large Scale Irregularities ≈ 100 km

Small Scale Irregularities ≈ 1 – 100 m

Background Plasma Drift Speed ≈ 50-150 ms⁻¹

Duration ≈ minutes/hours

Spatiotemporal Variations of Scintillations Intensity

Infrequent

Frequent

Satellite Positioning is based on Multilateration



The Standard Point Positioning is an elementary SF Technique

$$P_r^s(t) = D_r^s + T_r^s + I_{r,k,m}^s + c \left(\Delta t^s - \Delta t_r\right) + M_{r,k,m}^s + \varepsilon_{r,k,m}^s$$

$$D_r^s = \sqrt{(X^s - X_r)^2 + (Y^s - Y_r)^2 + (Z^s - Z_r)^2}$$

Pseudorange (code) measurements Single Frequency Single Point Single Epoch (SPSE) Technique Real-Time / Post-Processing Static / Kinematic Atmospheric Models (Ionosphere and Troposphere) Broadcast Ephemeris Least Square Adjustement (LSA) to resolve unknowns



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The Precise Point Positioning is an advanced DF Technique

$$P_r^{s}(t) = D_r^{s} + T_r^{s} + I_{r,k,m}^{s}$$

$$\phi_r^{s}(t) = D_r^{s} + T_r^{s} - I_{r,k,d}^{s}$$

$$Pseudoran$$
Ambiguity
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$$I_r^s + T_r^s + I_{r,k,m}^s + c (\Delta t^s - \Delta t_r) + M_{r,k,m}^s + \varepsilon_{r,k,m}^s$$

 $I_r^s + T_r^s - I_{r,k,\phi}^s + c (\Delta t^s - \Delta t_r) + \lambda_k N_{r,k}^s + M_{r,k,\phi}^s + \varepsilon_{r,k,\phi}^s$
Pseudorange (code) and Carrier-Phase measurements
Ambiguity Resolution Process
Dual Frequency
Real-Time / Post-Processing
Static / Kinematic
Strategies against atmospheric effects
Precise Products: Ephemeris / Code-Phase Delays / Antenna
Sequential Least Squares Adjustment (Filter)

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$$P_{r,IF}^{s}(t) = D_{r}^{s} + T_{r}^{s} + c \left(\Delta t^{s} - \Delta t_{r}\right) + M_{r,IF,m}^{s} + \varepsilon_{r,IF,m}^{s}$$
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Stochastic Model

Solution: Sequential Least Square Adjustment (Filter)

The Precise Point Positioning is an advanced DF Technique



The Precise Point Positioning is highly sensitive to Ionospheric Scintillations Effects



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Geometry \rightarrow Analysis of Geometric Effects of Scintillations

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Preprocessing → Validation of a Cycle Slips Treatment Method

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gLAB is a SPP and PPP Software for Scientific Purposes





ESA/gAGE (UPC) GNSS Data Processing Tool GNSS Data Analysis Tool Support Multipurpose Scientific Professional Educational

gLAB can be coupled with a Matlab Environment Programming



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Ionospheric Scintillation Monitoring Receivers (ISMR) Network



Severe Geomagnetic Storms occur under High Solar Activity


Geomagnetic Storms still occur under Moderate Solar Activity



Ionospheric Scintillations occur under Moderate Solar Activity



The Analysis Strategy is based on the Selection of 5 typical Days



	Single Station Approach
	Low/High Magnetic Activity
Multi Station Approach	Occurrence: Measurements and Epochs Positioning: SPP and PPP Geometry: Satellite Number and Dilution of Precision Spatial Characteristics
Medium/High Latitude	Cycle Slips Noise Measurement

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	Cycle Slips
	Noise Measurement

Ionospheric Scintillations affect a very Small Portion of the Measurements













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Ionospheric Scintillations Increase the Dilution of Precision



Single Station Approach Low/High Magnetic Activity Occurrence: Measurements and Epochs **Multi Station** *Positioning: SPP and PPP* Approach Geometry: Satellite Number and Dilution of Precision Spatial Characteristics *Medium/High* Cycle Slips Latitude Noise Measurement

High Phi6o values are frequently observed at High Latitudes





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High Phi6o values do not seem to be correlated with Noise Measurement



Analysis: Single Station Approach Summarize



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Ionospheric Scintillation Monitoring Receivers (ISMR) Network



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SPP and PPP Techniques are affected differently by Ionospheric Scintillations according to Geographic Latitude



Satellite Geometry Quality is affected differently by Ionospheric Scintillations according to Geographic Latitude



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Ionospheric Scintillations concern only High Latitude Ionopheric Pierce Point



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Stochastic Model

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Resolution Process

LSA Adjustment

Kalman Filter

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Mathematic Model

Stochastic Model

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} & \dots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \sigma_{n1} & \sigma_{n2} & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Mathematic Model

Stochastic Model

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Mathematic Model

Resolution Process

Stochastic Model $\rightarrow \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} & \dots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \sigma_{n1} & \sigma_{n2} & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$

Spatial Approach Empirical Approach First Law of Geography...

"Everything is related to everything else, but near things are more related than distant things."

Waldo Tobler

1. Spatial Autocorrelation Test



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- 1. Spatial Autocorrelation Test
- 2. Covariance Function



Description of the Spatial Covariance of a random Variable process

1. Spatial Autocorrelation Test



Spatial Autocorrelation Test 1.



Covariance Function 2.

- 1. Spatial Autocorrelation Test
- 2. Covariance Function
- 3. RNX vs. ISMR

Variable? Time Correlation? Multi-receiver? Mapping Function? Scintillation Level? Time Sampling? Polar / Equatorial Scintillations?

CHAIN – Canadian High Artic Ionospheric Network



United Kingdom – Ordnance Survey Network

60°

50°

10[°] W

The « Empirical Strategy relies on Observations whatever their Locations



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Ionospheric Scintillation involve Satellite Signal Losses



 $\sigma_{POS} = DOP \times \sigma_P$

Ionospheric Scintillation increase the Dilution of Precision



The Dilution of Precision depends on the amount and the Spatial Distribution of Tracked Satellites



PDOP = 10.79

PDOP = 2.58

$$\underline{x} = -(A^{T}PA)^{-1}A^{T}PW$$

$$\sum_{\underline{x}} = (A^{T}A)^{-1}\sigma_{p}^{2} = N^{-1}\sigma_{p}^{2} = Q_{\underline{x}}\sigma_{p}^{2}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -\cos\eta^{1}\sin\chi^{1} & -\cos\eta^{1}\cos\chi^{1} & -\sin\eta^{1} & 1 \\ -\cos\eta^{2}\sin\chi^{2} & -\cos\eta^{2}\cos\chi^{2} & -\sin\eta^{2} & 1 \\ ... & ... & ... & ... \\ -\cos\eta^{n}\sin\chi^{n} & -\cos\eta^{n}\cos\chi^{n} & -\sin\eta^{n} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{POS} = DOP \times \sigma_{P}$$

$$Any \text{ linear dependence?}$$

$$Q_{\underline{x}} : \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} & q_{13} & q_{14} \\ q_{12} & q_{22} & q_{23} & q_{24} \\ q_{13} & q_{23} & q_{33} & q_{34} \\ q_{14} & q_{24} & q_{34} & q_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$North$$

$$Nort$$



PDOP = 10.79

PDOP = 2.58



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PDOP = 4.39



PDOP = 152.05

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Cycle Slip Detection/Repair is a real need for Precise Positioning Technique



The availability of Three Frequencies makes the CS Detection more efficient



Observable Noise Assessment could help to define the Stochastic Model (« Empirical Strategy »)


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