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Content

- swisstopo analysis center LPT
 - contributions to the EPN
 - connection to the national processing
- GNSS-meteorology
 - comparisons with radio sonde data
 - usage of troposhere in the processing validation

swisstopo (LPT) contribution to the EPN

- since 1997: weekly SINEX files
- since May 1, 2007: rapid und ulta-rapid SINEX files based on NRT processing
- EUREF processing is "nested" within different additional processing schemes



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GNSS analyses using Bernese GPS Software at swisstopo Final (weekly): SNX, TRO

network (#stations)	availability	comments	
EUREF sub-network (40)	100 % daily	reference frame Europe	eursf
AGNES + sub-network EUREF (90)	100 % daily	reference frame Switzerland	swisstopo
AGNES + sub-network EUREF (80)	98 % hourly	monitoring + numerical weather prediction	swisstopo

Ultra-rapid (hourly): 24 accumulated hourly SNX rapid (daily): last "hourly" SNX



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GLONASS data used for EUREF solutions

- swisstopo's official contribution based on GLONASS data (amb. float) since GPS week 1400 (Nov. 2006)
- National network AGNES was enhanced with GLONASS in Mid 2007
- New Swiss EUREF site ZIM2 providing GNSS data
- GLONASS ambiguity fixing implemented since Aug. 2007 (Bernese 5.0⁺ and processing optimizations) – Sept. 2007 for NRT
- Orbit information used from CODE (no combined product available from IGS)



Further processing remarks

- GNSS ambiguity resolution (no ambiguities GPS-GLO)
 - QIF < 2000 km: 60 90 % (only for same frequencies)
 - L5/L3 < 200 km: 90 100%
 - L1/L2 < 20 km: 95 100%
- Combining GPS and GLONASS: a) GPS-only + GLONASSonly + NEQ stacking or b) directly processed together
- Coordinate repeatability: improvement due to GLONASS is small for the daily analyses + GLONASS-only solutions performing well in view of # satellites (see EUREF paper D. Ineichen et al.) → DICLES
- On the national level: continuation of solutions based on relative antenna models (national coordinates based on rel. antenna models; as long as reprocessing is not done)

GNSS-meteorology within EUREF

- Collaboration EUREF with EUMETNET
 - MoU signed in London, June 2007
 - data exchange between the two communities
 - usage of radio sonde (since April 2008) and synoptic observations (since June 2008) for geodetic scientific use
- Access of meteorological data
 - download via a password-protected ftp server
 - to get a login/password:
 - contact Henrik Vedel by e-mail [hev@dmi.dk]
 - sign a "condition of use" form (usage for noncommercial applications)

Radiosonde - EPN Collocation

The EUREF – EUMETNET Collaboration: First Experiences and Potential Benefits, E. Pottiaux, E. Brockmann, W. Soehne, C. Bruyninx



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0 **RS** – swisstopo collocation



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ZTD comparisons with radio sondes: Example BRST (GPS)



ZTD comparisons with radio sondes: Example PAYE (GNSS)



Statistics of RS comparisons

Abs. PCV TRP ~ 7-9 mm dryer as rel. PCV+ closer to RS

f (GNSS antenna type)



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Influence GLONASS: Example PAYE

 GPS+GLONASS versus GPS-only: very small impact on ZTD for post-processed solutions



• (same is also valid for the NRT solutions covering 8 hours of data)

Monitoring NRT troposphere

- EPN + AGNES sites
- Web-based monitor
- Updated every 30 minutes
- Coordinates: postprocessed, NRT, positioning service
- Troposphere: postprocessed, NRT, positioning service. radio sonde





Final ZTD check of all available solutions Example: GPS-week 1498, site ZIM2



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Conclusions

- GNSS data are routinely processed for EUREF including GLONASS ambiguity fixing on a daily and hourly basis (BSW 5.0⁺)
- Troposhpere is routinely monitored together with coordinates – now also including comparisons with radio sonde data

Proposal: official ETRF coordinates on EPN site

- EUREF main goal: maintenance of the reference frame realized by
 - campaigns ("historically", EUREF TWG classification + EUREF campaign database)
 - permanent networks
- coordinates of permanent stations:
 - EPN web portal gives detailed information on coordinates. coordinates are mainly "scientific" oriented:
 - weekly
 - ITRF / ETRF coordinates
 - EPN cummulative coordinate sets
 - EPN stations are also used to realize the national reference systems, which are mostly aligned to ETRS

Proposal: official ETRF coordinates on EPN site (2)

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National level (e.g. CH)



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Proposal: official ETRF coordinates on EPN site (3)

Displaying of "official national ETRF coordinates" for stations used within EPN and national permanent networks on the EPN web site (optional for NMA's)

- EUREF underlines the position as an umbrella of the national mapping agencies; the link EPN <-> NMA is visible on the web + info must flow
- for EUREF and all users of the data of the station: differences of "official national" to "scientific" ETRF coordinates. (evtl.
 "displacement" map of the differences show how well ETRS is realized: problems for sites / entire countries)
- for the mapping agencies: EPN monitors the compliance with ETRF scientific solutions as an service for the contribution countries; EUREF knows better about the used national coordinates in case of new reference frame definitions ETRF00(RYY).

Proposal: official ETRF coordinates on EPN site (4)

Displaying of "official national ETRF coordinates" for stations used within EPN and national permanent networks on the EPN web site (optional for NMA's)

- to be done (EUREF TWG + EPN CB + NMA / station manager):
 - list of EPN stations, which are part of national reference networks collection of the coordinates (could be with the RINEX header ?)
 - document about update procedure (changes are extremely rare; history is sufficiently archived by NMAs)
 - include info to the EPN web site; optional: generation of an downloadable coordinate file

Remarks, Comments, Suggestions?

- idea is to present that at the next EUREF TWG (only with some positive feedbacks...)
- I'm looking forward to your valuable input also later by mail

File format for information exchange

File name: CH_200810021.ETRF

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Difference between "official" and scientific coordinates

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Current GNSS status of the AGNES network

▲ "Normal station": GNSS receiver and antenna installed

▲ "Double station": New antenna mount for GNSS antenna GNSS and GPS run simultaneously

"Double station":GNSS not yet installed

New equipment: Trimble NetR5 receivers and Zephyr GNSS antennas



Reference frame stability: New coordinates for AGNES reference sites



- Total difference is the sum of antenna change, station movement since last determination, and rounding effects of the old coordinates
- → Double stations help to ensure the consistency of the national reference frame during transition time

Post-processing of the AGNES network: Summary of the repeatability values



Kinematic solutions: Residuals of GPS vs. GNSS solutions

Station San Bernardino, 7 days, 19'000 position estimates
North



Kinematic solutions: Improvement using additional GLONASS data

Mean values of 7 days, 24 stations:

	North	East	Up	
RMS GPS	7.3 mm	5.4 mm	12.4 mm	
RMS GNSS	6.0 mm	4.8 mm	10.8 mm	
Improvement	17 %	11 %	13 %	

Gain up to 30% for North, 13% for East, and 16% for Height component for stations in mountainous regions