

IGS Tracking Data: Availability and Completeness as Good as Possible?

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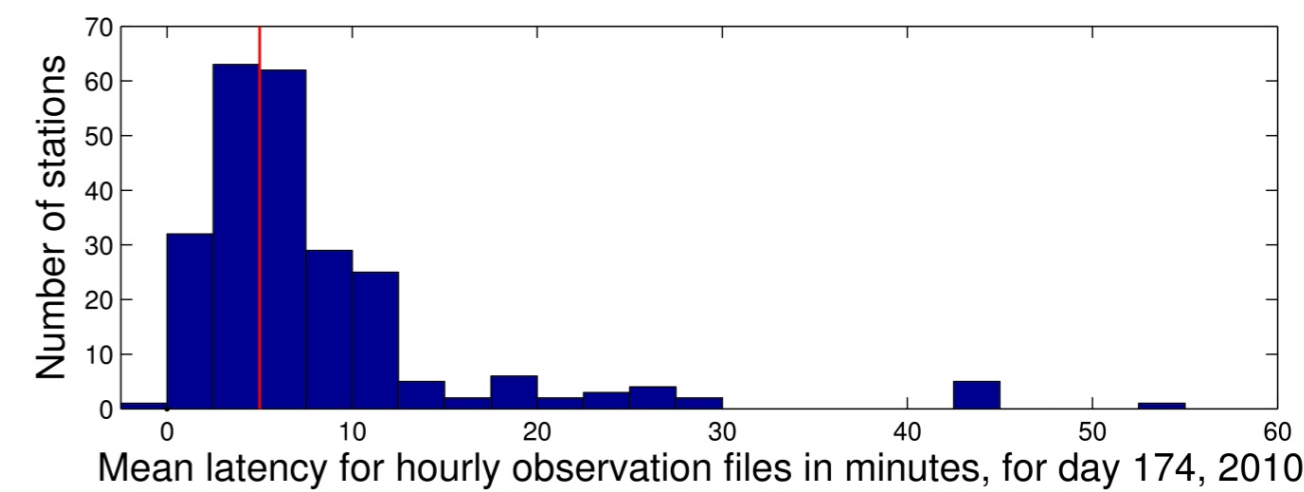
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MOTIVATION

Timely availability of GNSS tracking data is a basic condition for generation of best possible analysis products. The overall latency for IGS hourly observation files is still suboptimal. Problems are highlighted concerning availability and completeness with the main focus on all-in-view (AIV) tracking...

IGS HOURLY DATA FLOW

For NRT processing, the hourly file latency is a crucial factor. There is actually no reason why not all, or at least a significant fraction of the IGS hourly observation files should become available within few minutes after the end of each hour...



ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/igsdata/nrtdata_0d.txt
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A TRACKING OF UNHEALTHY SATELLITES

The tracking situation has been compared for two GPS satellites permanently marked unhealthy: PRN01/SVN49 (G01) and PRN25/SVN62 (G25). The number of stations tracking G01, or G25 is listed for each receiver type (top) and for specific receiver groups (bottom)...

Tracking Situation Concerning PRN01/SVN49 (G01) and Tracking Situation Concerning PRN25/SVN62 (G25). Tables showing station counts and percentages for various receiver types and groups.

B INCOMPLETE TRACKING OF THE OPERATIONAL GNSS CONSTELLATIONS

There are IGS stations unable to provide tracking data for specific operational satellites of the GPS and GLONASS constellation. Concerning GPS: There are still stations unable to sample PRN32. This includes ASHTECH Z18 (green) and TRIMBLE NETRS (red)...

Stations with Unobserved Operational GPS Satellites and Stations with Unobserved Operational GLONASS Satellites. Lists of station identifiers and satellite IDs not tracked.

C TRACKING OF OTHER SATELLITES

A survey over CODE's RINEX database revealed that 17 stations provide regularly tracking data with respect to a total of 8 GEO satellites (S20,S24, S26, S29, S33, S35, S37, S38).

Tracking Situation Concerning GEO Satellites. Table listing satellite IDs and station counts.

D P1&C1 AND P2&C2 GNSS TRACKING DATA FOR DIRECT GPS/GLONASS DIFFERENTIAL CODE BIAS (DCB) RETRIEVAL

The first table (top) lists all stations providing P2&C2 observations for at least one GNSS. 9 of 29 stations provide P2&C2 for both GPS (G) and GLONASS (R). They are all equipped with a TPS NETG3 receiver model (indicated in red). For completeness, the table also describes whether P1&C1 is available (for G and R) or not (-), and, moreover, whether L5 and/or C5 observations are available (X).

A routine process has been set up at CODE for direct P2-C2 (and P1-C1) GNSS code bias retrieval:

Old: GPS P1C1 for satellites
New: GPS P1C1 for satellites and receivers
GLO P1C1 for satellites and receivers
GPS P2C2 for satellites and receivers
GLO P2C2 for satellites and receivers
Note: P2C2 monthly files are available starting with year-month 10-01.

Interestingly, a long list of inexistent satellites (G33, G34, G38, G42, G43, G50, G58, G61, G62, R35, R47, R50, R62, R63, E01, E02, E03, E13, E16, E17, E20, E26, E28, E39, E48, E50, E59, E61, E63, S25, S28, S29, S30, S35, S39, S42, S45, S53, S56, S65, S68, S74, S80, S81, S82) sporadically appears in the observation files collected by alic, cas1, darw, dav1, hob2, maw1, str1, xmis (all equipped with a LEICA GRX1200GGPRO model).

Stations Observing P2&C2 for GPS/GLONASS (and L5&C5 for GPS) and Receivers not Providing P1&C1 for GLONASS. Tables listing station names, receiver types, and availability of various tracking data.