

Availability and Completeness of IGS/GLOS Tracking Data

Motivation

Timely availability of GNSS tracking data is a basic condition for generation of best possible analysis products. Data availability problems are highlighted, with the main focus on the data flow of hourly observation files. CODE provides high-quality analysis products with regard to all transmitting GNSS satellites. This includes all satellites marked unusable, or unhealthy, brand new satellites, and, since recently, GPS satellites being repositioned. In all mentioned cases, GNSS tracking data without interruption is desired.

IGS/IGLOS Hourly Data Flow

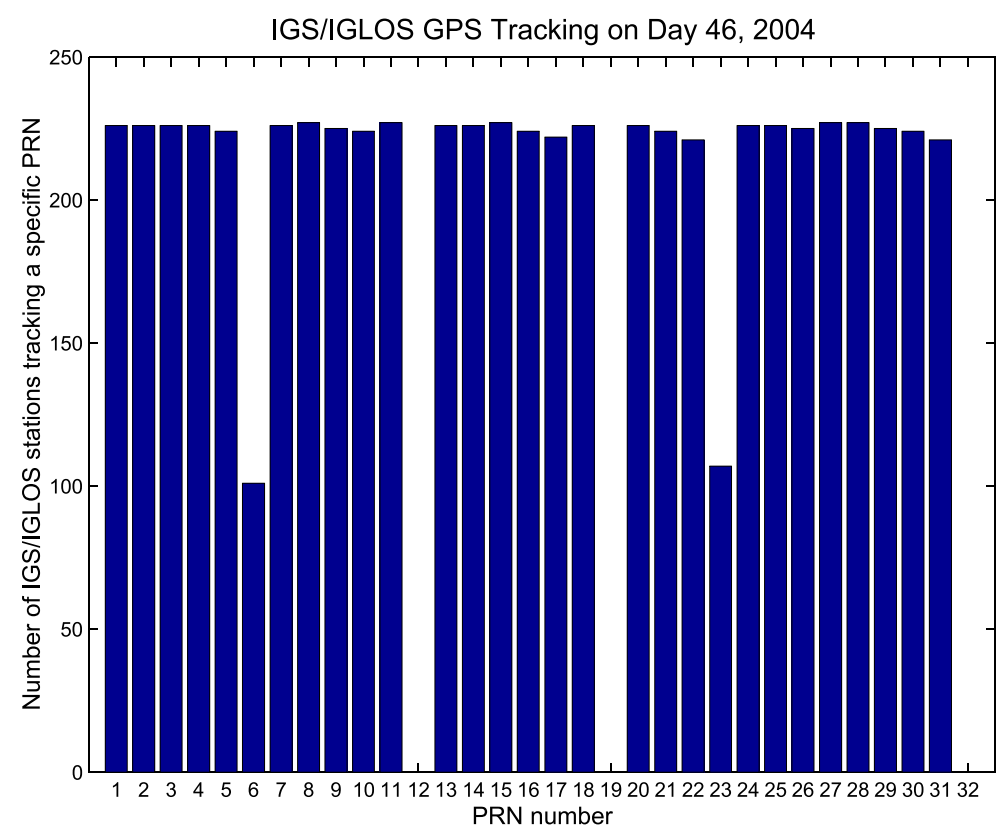
For NRT processing, the hourly file latency is a crucial factor. There is actually no reason why not all, or at least a significant fraction of the IGS/IGLOS hourly files should become available within few minutes after the end of each hour, the more so because exclusively stations are involved that are fully automatically operated. A corresponding monthly statistics is attached in the bottom part of this poster. The listing includes all (168) IGS stations that delivered hourly data during September 2003. IGLOS stations (providing GPS and GLONASS data) are indicated with a plus sign (+). Note that the "min(imum)" delay specified may be considered as "nominal" delay of the station's hourly file submission. The following table, an excerpt from this statistics, shows the situation concerning IGLOS hourly files made available by the BKG data center. Except for CAGZ, a file latency of generally 3-4 minutes is already achieved here.

Site	Delay in minutes			Availability	Data center
	Min	Mean	SDev		
BOGI+	3	3.2	1.0	86.7%	BKG_IGEX
CAGZ+	36	36.0	0.5	85.4%	BKG_IGEX
CONZ+	3	4.7	4.2	88.8%	BKG_IGEX
DREJ+	3	3.2	1.0	96.4%	BKG_IGEX
FMJ+	3	3.2	1.0	96.1%	BKG_IGEX
GOPE+	3	4.2	0.9	91.4%	BKG_IGEX
HELJ+	3	3.2	1.0	82.9%	BKG_IGEX
HERT+	3	4.2	0.9	99.2%	BKG_IGEX
HUEG+	3	3.2	1.0	91.4%	BKG_IGEX
JOZ2+	4	4.4	1.0	97.6%	BKG_IGEX
LEJ+	3	3.2	1.0	95.0%	BKG_IGEX
MAD1+	4	4.3	3.1	89.9%	BKG_IGEX
OH13+	3	5.2	4.0	74.6%	BKG_IGEX
REY2+	3	5.3	4.3	91.1%	BKG_IGEX
SP70+	3	4.1	3.3	93.5%	BKG_IGEX
TITZ+	3	3.2	1.0	92.4%	BKG_IGEX
WROC+	3	4.2	1.5	92.2%	BKG_IGEX
WTJ3+	3	3.2	1.0	95.8%	BKG_IGEX
WTZ2+	3	5.4	4.1	96.4%	BKG_IGEX
ZIMJ+	3	3.3	1.3	99.3%	BKG_IGEX

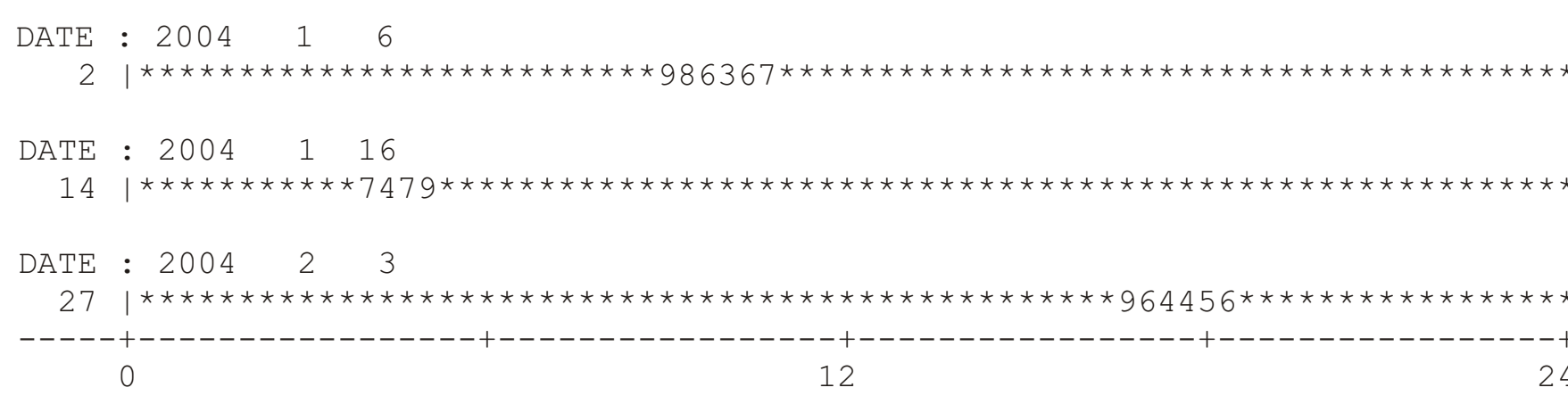
For a surprisingly big number of IGS stations, the statistics attached shows serious data flow problems. A dramatic example is, e.g., ZIMJ. The many percentage values far from 100% are something unpleasant.

Complete GNSS Tracking

The IGS has been generating orbit and clock products commonly for all transmitting GPS satellites, independent of whether they are declared unusable or not (by the GPS MCC). It is not unusual that one or more GPS (or GLONASS) satellites are marked unusable over a longer period of time. This was recently the case with respect to PRN06 and PRN23. The GPS tracking situation on day 46 of 2004 is illustrated in the histogram plot. More than 50% of the IGS ground receivers did not sample the two satellites.



For the same reason, POD of GPS satellites being repositioned is difficult due to the lack of tracking data. This is illustrated for three recent GPS repositionings (PRN02, PRN14, PRN27), where the number of simultaneous observations per epoch may temporarily drop well below the level of >9 observations (indicated by *).



Incompleteness of data is, to an increased extent, a problem concerning GPS/GLONASS-combined tracking. The differences between well performing and poorly behaving GNSS receivers is remarkable in terms of data completeness (not data quality!). For example, missing G02, G03, G08 observations seem to be symptomatic for some Ashtech Z18 receiver models.

Conclusions

- (1) It should be possible to drastically reduce the mean hourly file latency. Desirable would be a maximum delay of 5 minutes, namely for all IGS/IGLOS stations that do not have explicit restrictions in communication. Reviewing the procedures at the IGS/IGLOS data centers would make sense.
- (2) Generally all stations should submit their observation files to at least two IGS data centers (for backup). In case of ftp connection problems, "old," not yet submitted files of the previous (24) hours should be uploaded by the stations as soon as ftp connection is reestablished.
- (3) At CODE, we started to create daily observation files on the basis of hourly files for all stations where daily files are not available for rapid analysis. The fact that complete sets of 24 hourly files, but no daily files are available 3-5 hours after the end of the day for a number of IGS/IGLOS stations reveals also potential for improvement in terms of daily files.
- (4) We consider complete GNSS tracking important for a continuous receiver network, like the IGS/IGLOS network. Javad GNSS receiver models, for example, are able to operate in "all-in-view" tracking mode. This is, however, only the case concerning IGLOS receivers that have been specifically reconfigured by the station managers (successfully convinced by CODE). An official statement from IGS side addressing this issue would be appreciated. Finally, the wish for complete GNSS tracking had to be manifested when interacting with receiver manufacturers.

IGS/IGLOS Hourly Data Latency Statistics, for September 2003

Site					Site					Site					Site					Site					Site				
Delay in minutes					Delay in minutes					Delay in minutes					Delay in minutes					Delay in minutes					Delay in minutes				
Site	Min	Mean	SDev	Availability	DC	Site	Min	Mean	SDev	Availability	DC	Site	Min	Mean	SDev	Availability	DC	Site	Min	Mean	SDev	Availability	DC	Site	Min	Mean	SDev	Availability	DC
ALBH	15	35.4	18.4	36.5%	CCDIS	CHOI	4	7.5	3.7	85.0%	CCDIS	HOEG	13	13.3	5.7	92.5%	CCDIS	MATE	4	4.3	2.1	88.3%	BKG	POTB	2	2.3	2.0	96.1%	BKG
ALBH	16	42.0	6.7	54.6%	IGN	CHOI	9	18.7	6.0	93.3%	IGN	HOEG	10	11.3	4.0	96.5%	IGN	MATE	6	8.4	9.1	83.8%	CCDIS	POTB	4	6.0	6.5	92.4%	CCDIS
ALBH	16	30.3	7.2	52.9%	JPL	CHOI	1	2.1	2.2	98.5%	JPL	HOEG	6	7.1	3.0	94.7%	JPL	MATE	6	14.5	6.3	85.5%	POTS	POTB	4	6.4	5.5	95.7%	POTS
ALBH	16	20.1	2.7	54.4%	SOPAC	CHOI	2	3.7	3.3	94.3%	SOPAC	HOEG	10	11.6	4.3	98.9%	JPL	MATE	10	11.6	4.3	98.9%	JPL	POTB	5	9.1	5.3	96.1%	JPL
ALGO	11	16.5	13.1	92.5%	IGN	DAMA	2	2.3	1.2	70.1%	BKG	HOEG	10	11.6	4.3	98.9%	JPL	MATE	5	6.7	5.1	85.0%	SOPAC	POTB	5	6.7	5.1	85.0%	SOPAC
ALGO	12	18.0	5.8	65.6%	CCDIS	HOEG	7	14.7	8.6	86.1%	CCDIS	MAUI	10	10.8	4.0	84.0%	CCDIS	MAUI	10	10.8	4.0	84.0%	CCDIS	POTB	10	17.4	5.5	86.0%	SOPAC
ALGO	10	13.7	6.8	91.5%	JPL	HOEG	14	17.8	7.1	94.7%	IGN	MAUI	1	3.3	1.3	78.5%	IGN	MAUI	1	3.3	1.3	78.5%	IGN	MAUI	3	5.3	4.4	77.6%	BKG
ALGO	7	10.3	4.7	89.2%	SOPAC	HOEG	4	7.1	3.1	94.4%	SOPAC	MAUI	11	12.7	3.9	86.8%	CCDIS	MAUI	11	12.7	3.9	86.8%	CCDIS	MAUI	7	11.4	14.1	63.1%	CCDIS
ALIC	19	31.1	2.7	58.6%	CCDIS	DAMA	30	30.7	1.7	50.7%	JPL	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	12.5	5.8	75.4%	CCDIS
ALIC	20	24.5	5.5	72.2%	SOPAC	DAMA	30	24.5	6.3	50.3%	SOPAC	MAUI	3	2.6	3.3	91.4%	CCDIS	MAUI	3	2.6	3.3	91.4%	CCDIS	MAUI	3	2.6	3.3	91.4%	CCDIS
AMC2	7	13.1	8.3	86.2%	CCDIS	DAMA	11	12.8	4.0	72.8%	IGN	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	12.5	5.8	75.4%	CCDIS
AMC2	6	6.8	0.9	99.4%	JPL	DAMA	13	17.8	7.0	82.9%	IGN	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	12.5	5.8	75.4%	CCDIS
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ANAL	11	15.8	8.5	86.0%	CCDIS	DAMA	13	13.3	0.8	95.6%	CCDIS	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	12.5	5.8	75.4%	CCDIS
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ANAL	10	10.4	1.2	92.2%	JPL	DAMA	10	11.4	1.2	92.2%	JPL	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	11.8	5.2	82.1%	JPL	MAUI	10	12.5	5.8	75.4%	CCDIS
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