

GNSS Data Processing for High-Accuracy Positioning using Low-Cost Receiver Systems

GNSS Introduction: Data Formats, Coordinates Systems and Errors

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What is GNSS?

Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) is the standard generic term for all navigation satellites systems like GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, BeiDou, QZSS, NAVIC.

- Global Constellation

- GPS USA
- GLONASS, Russia
- Galileo, Europe
- BeiDou (COMPASS) / BDS, China

- Regional Constellation

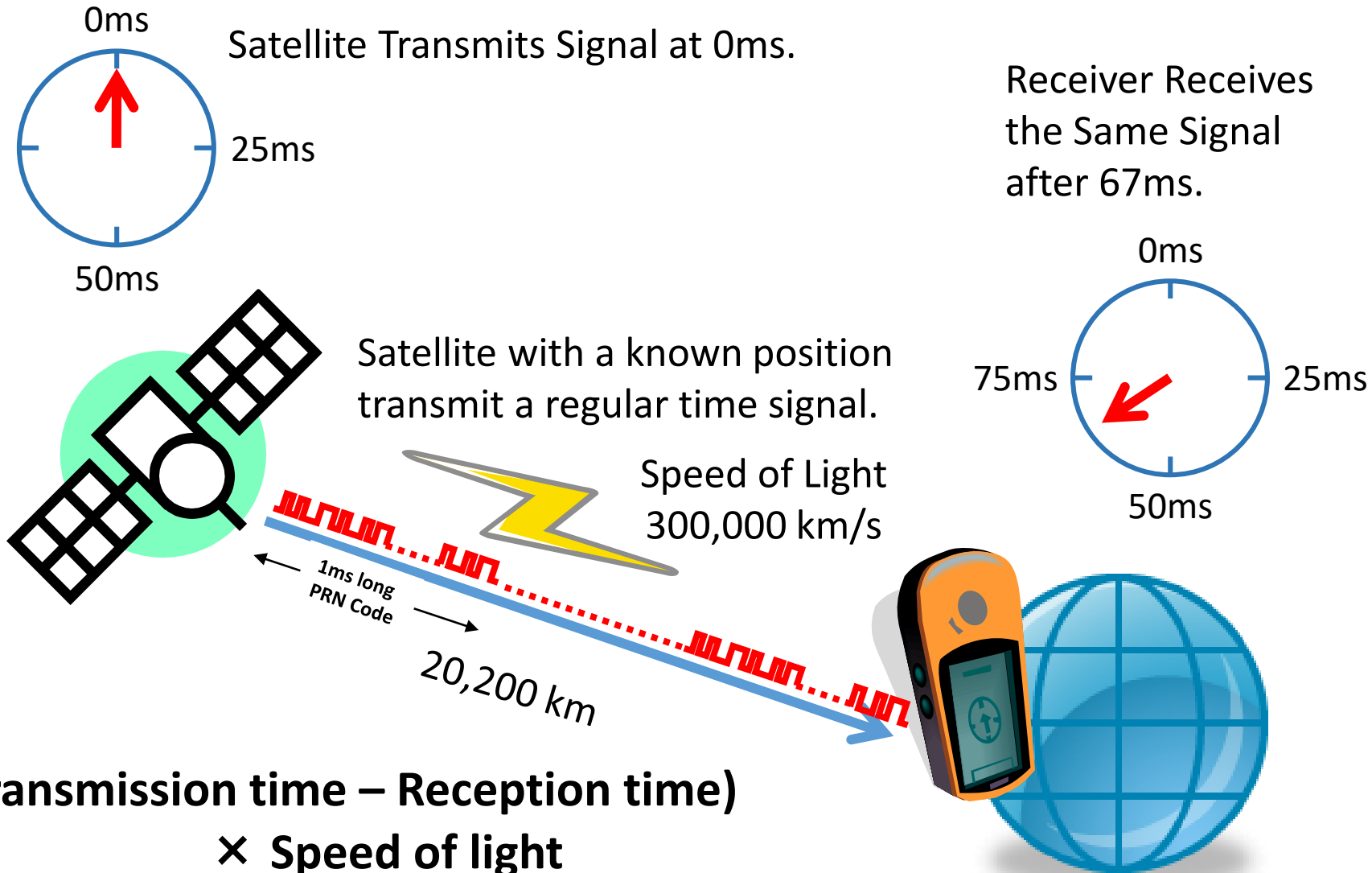
- QZSS, Japan
- NAVIC (IRNSS), India

Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS)

- Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) are used to augment GNSS Data
 - Provide Higher Accuracy and Integrity
 - Correction data for satellite orbit errors, satellite clock errors, atmospheric correction data and satellite health status are broadcasted from Geo-stationary satellites
 - Used by ICAO for Aviation
- SBAS Service Providers
 - WAAS, USA
 - MSAS, Japan
 - EGNOS, Europe
 - GAGAN, India
 - SDCM, Russia
 - Nigeria
 - Korea (Also navigation system)
 - Australia

GNSS: How does it work?

Determine the Distance using Radio Wave

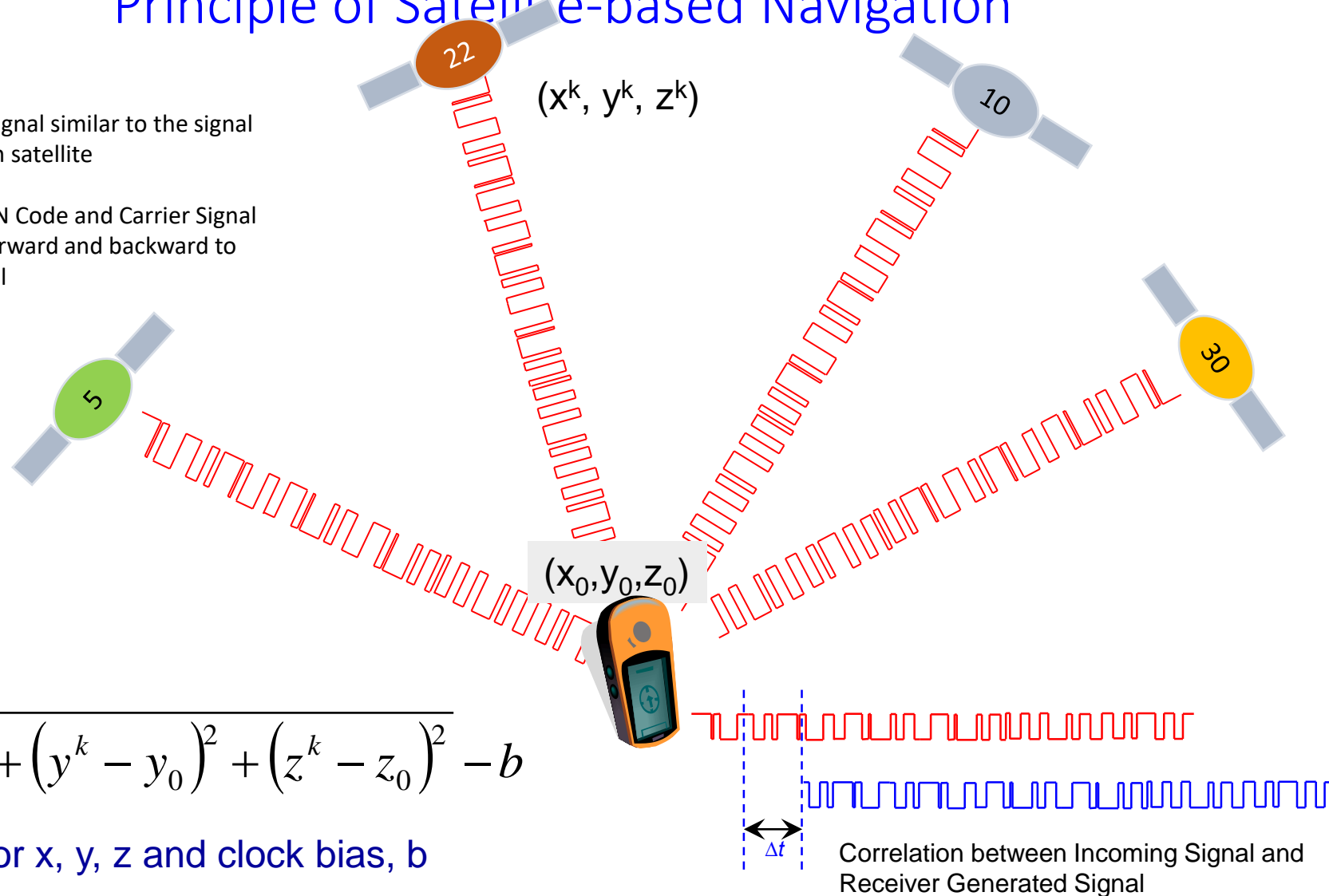


GNSS: How does it work?

Principle of Satellite-based Navigation

Receiver generates its own GPS signal similar to the signal coming from the satellite for each satellite

- Its called **Replica Signal**
- The **Replica Signal** includes PRN Code and Carrier Signal
- This **Replica Signal** is moved forward and backward to match with the incoming signal



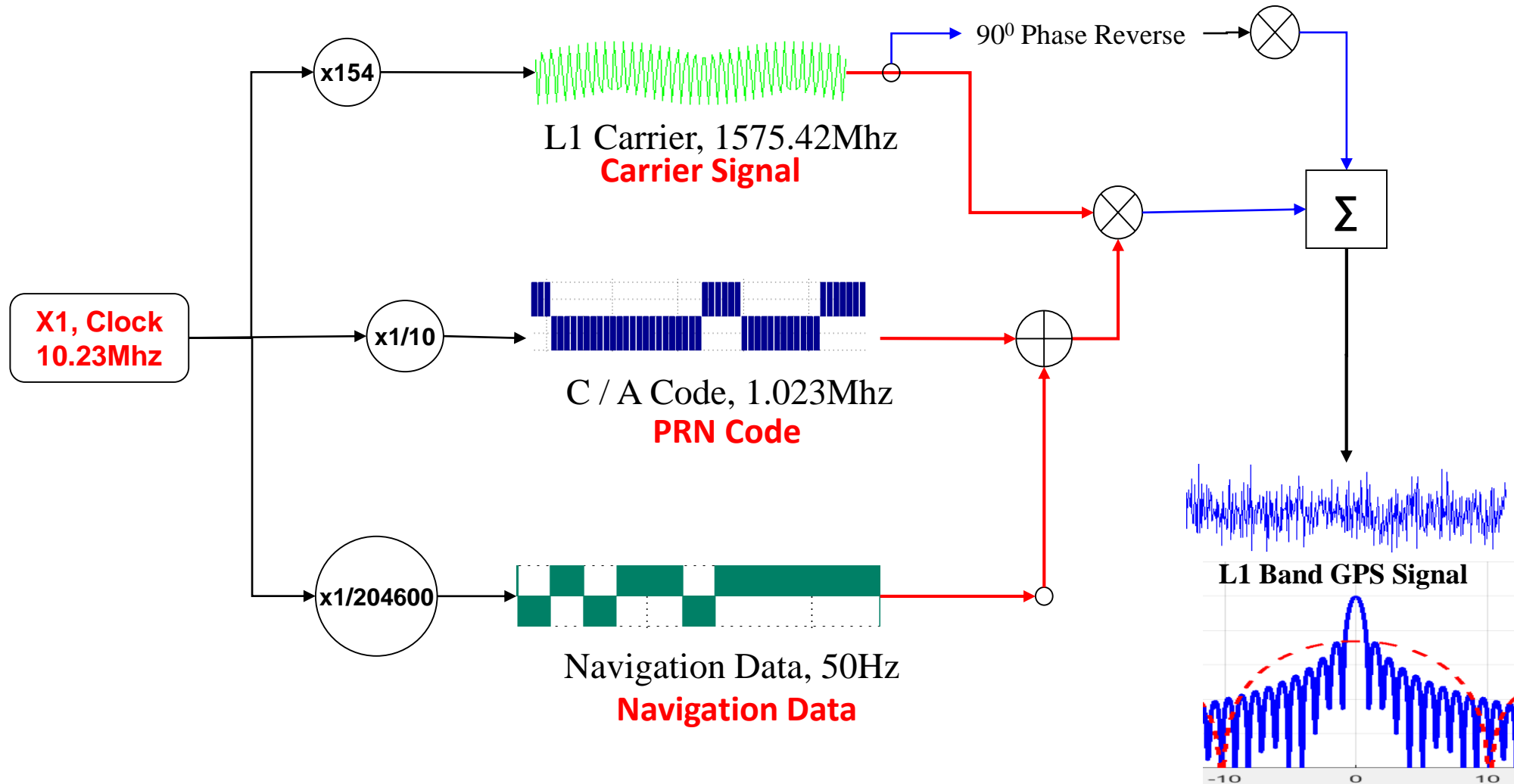
$$\rho^k = \sqrt{(x^k - x_0)^2 + (y^k - y_0)^2 + (z^k - z_0)^2} - b$$

If $k \geq 4$, solve for x , y , z and clock bias, b

GPS L1C/A Signal Structure

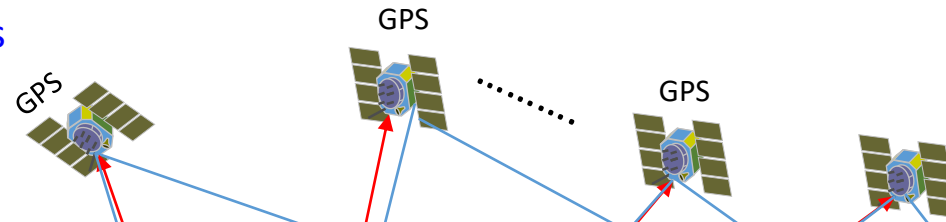
- Carrier Signal
 - It defines the frequency of the signal
 - For example:
 - GPS L1 is 1575.42MHz, L2 is 1227.60MHz and L5 is 1176.45MHz
- PRN Code
 - Used to identify satellite ID in CDMA
 - Requires to modulate the data
 - Should have good auto-correlation and cross-correlation properties
- Navigation Data
 - Includes satellite orbit related data (ephemeris data)
 - Includes satellite clock related information (clock errors etc)

GPS L1C/A Signal Structure



GNSS System Architecture

Space Segment
GNSS Satellites



User Segment
GNSS Receivers
Applications that use GNSS

GNSS Receiver

Marine / AIS

Aviation / WAAS

Railway

Finance

Safety Security

Mobile Phone

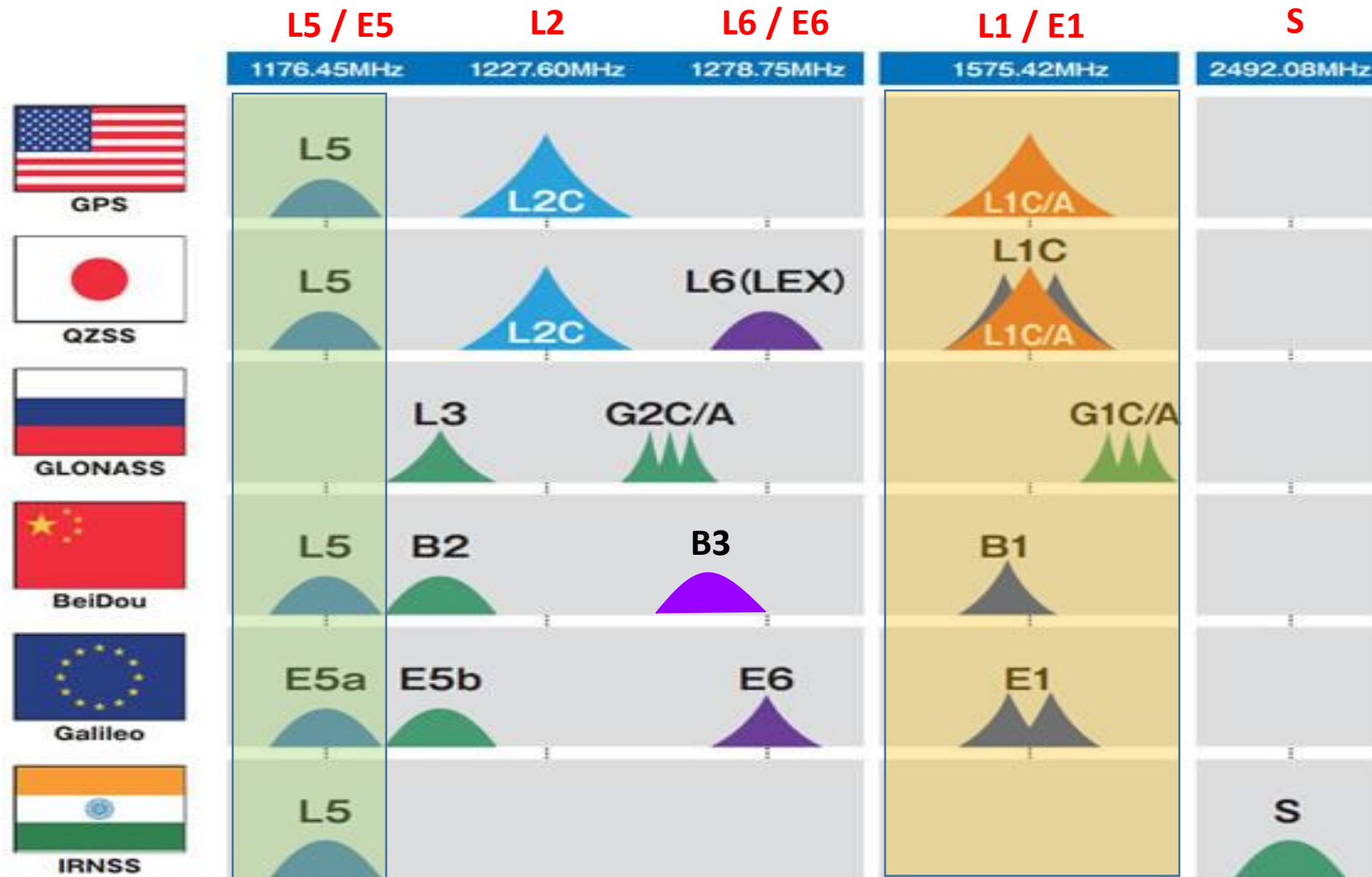
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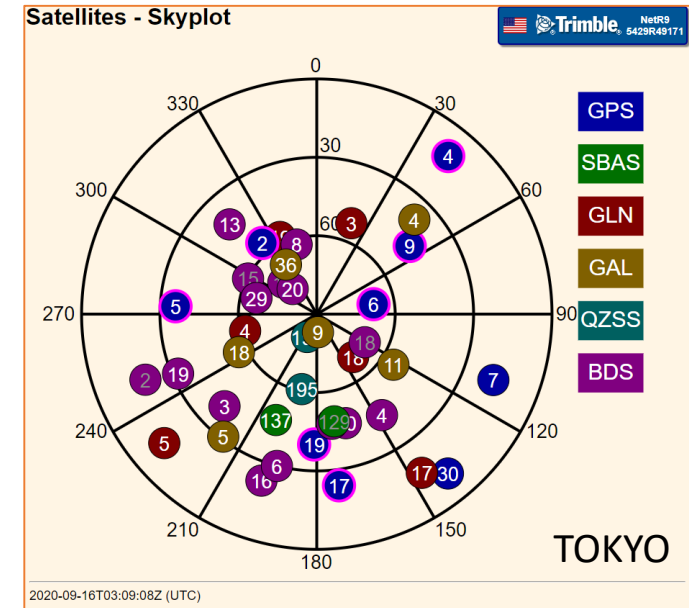
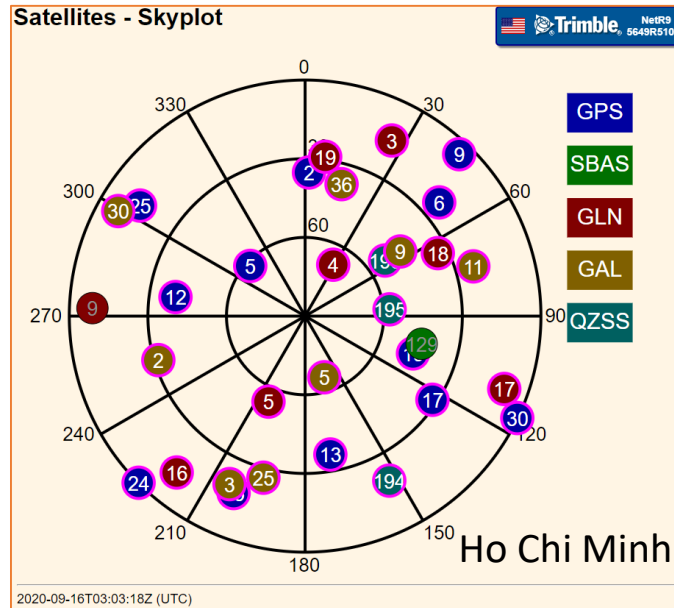
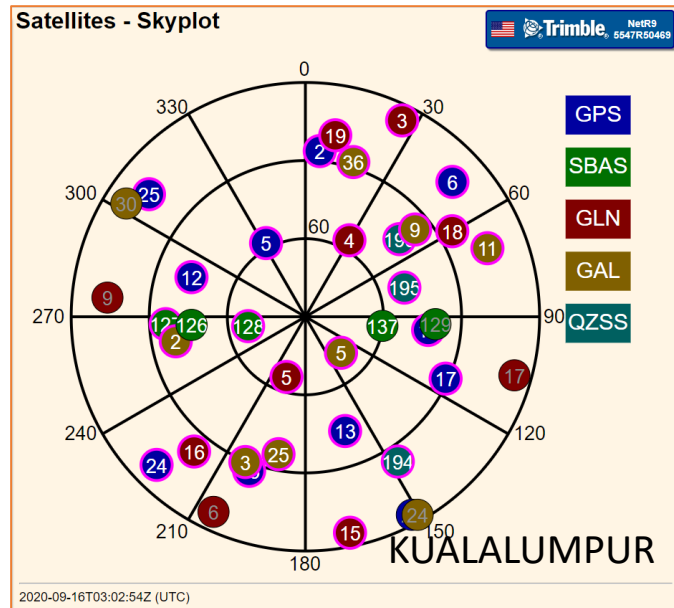
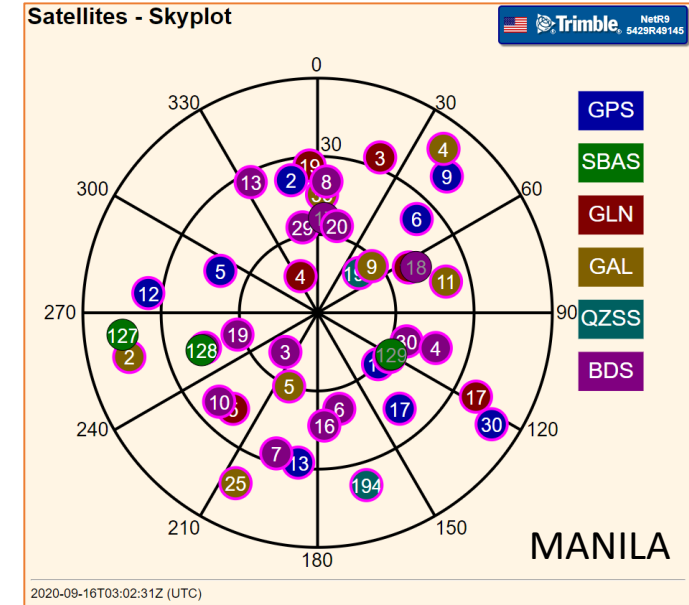
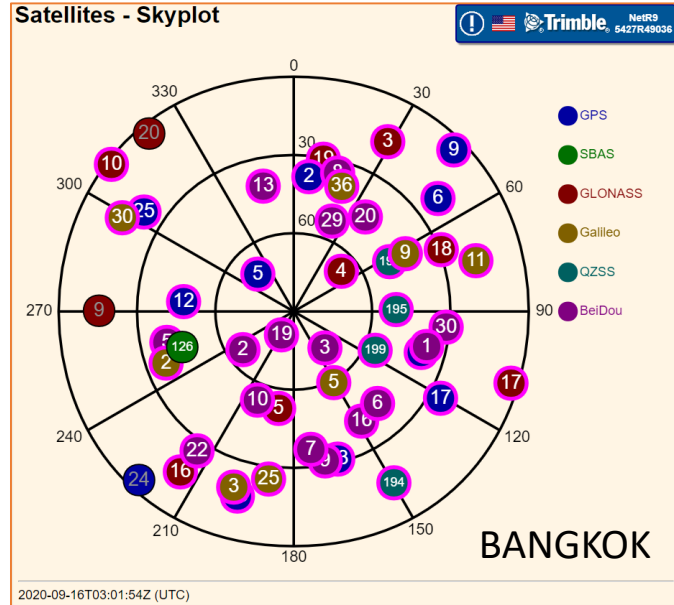
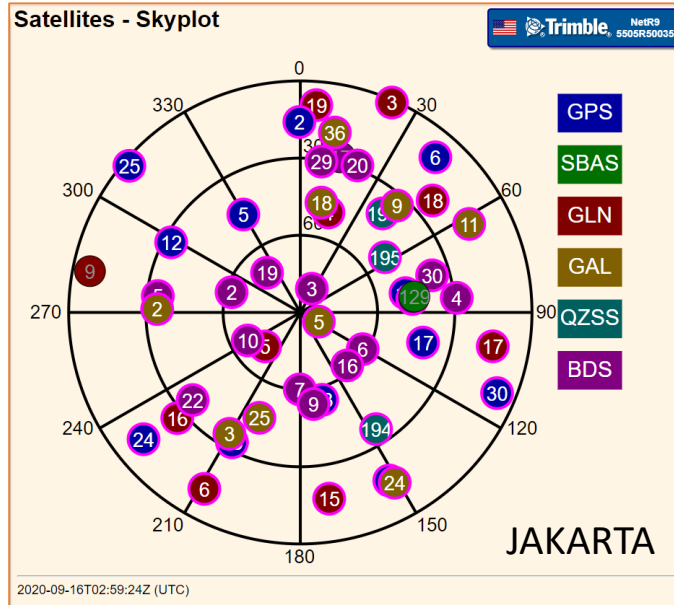
Control Segment
Monitor Satellite Health, Orbit, Clock etc
Upload Navigation Data to Satellites

GPS Signals

Band	Frequency, MHz	Signal Type	Code Length msec	Chip Rate, MHz	Modulation Type	Data / Symbol Rate, bps/sps	Notes
L1	1575.42	C/A	1	1.023	BPSK	50	Legacy Signal
		C _{Data}	10	1.023	BOC(1,1)	50 / 100	From 2014
		C _{Pilot}	10	1.023	TMBOC	No Data	BOC(1,1) & BOC(6,1)
		P(Y)	7 days	10.23	BPSK		Restricted
L2	1227.60	CM	20	0.5115	BPSK	25 / 50	Modulated by TDM of (L2CM xor Data) and L2CL
		CL	1500	0.5115		No Data	
		P(Y)	7days	10.23	BPSK		
L5	1176.45	I	1	10.23	BPSK	50 / 100	Provides Higher Accuracy
		Q	1			No Data	

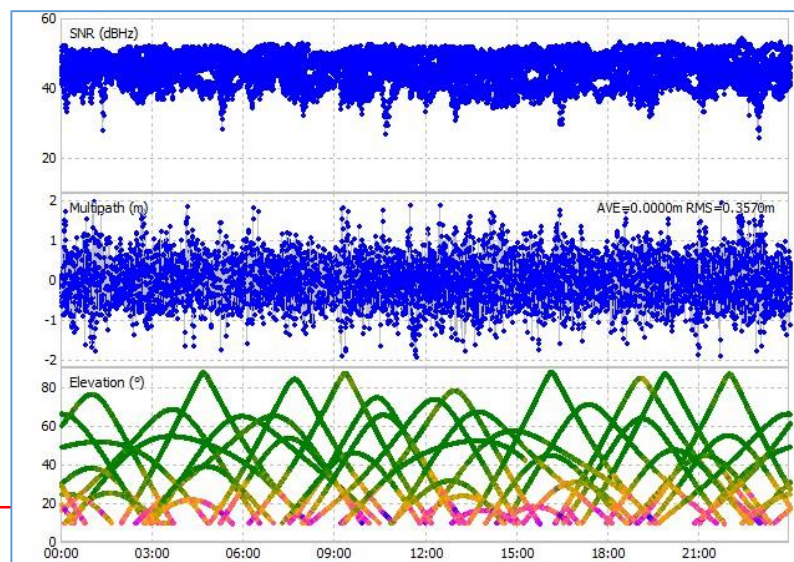
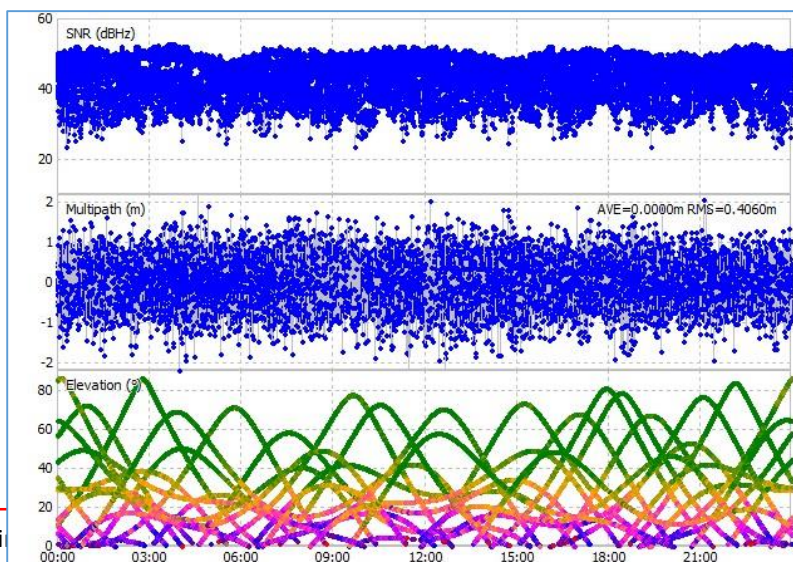
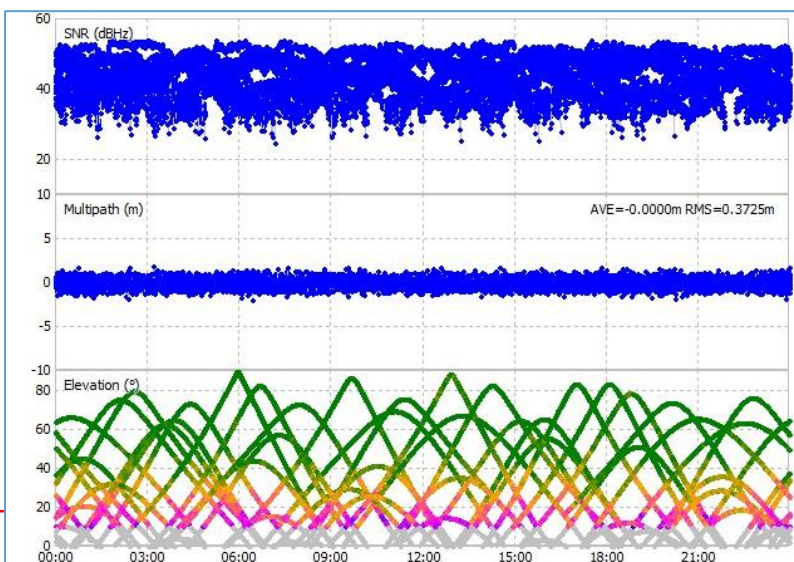
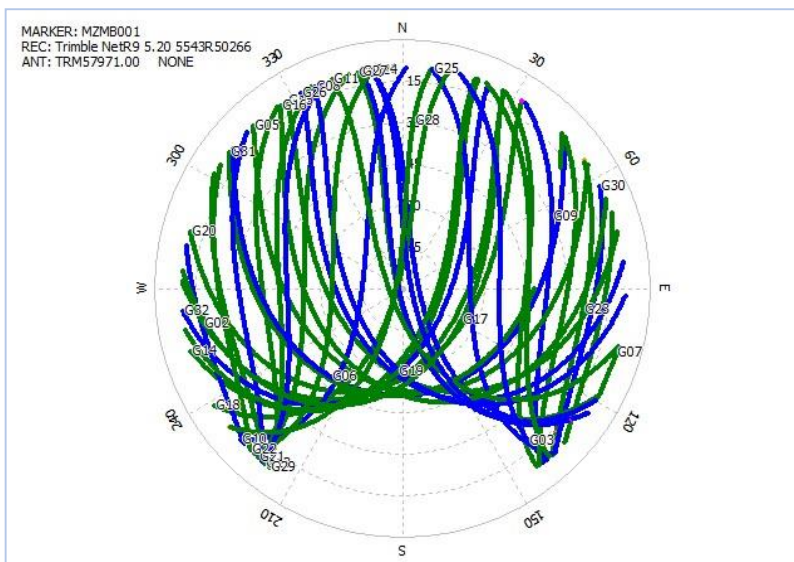
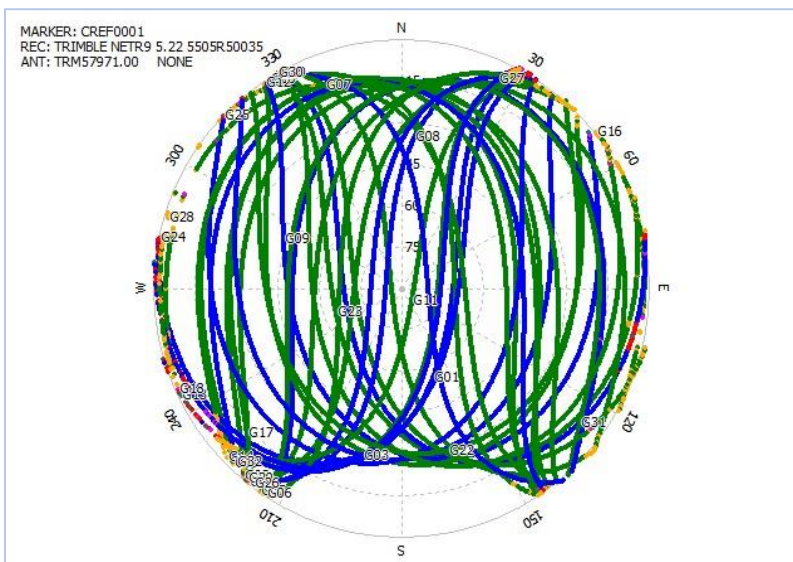
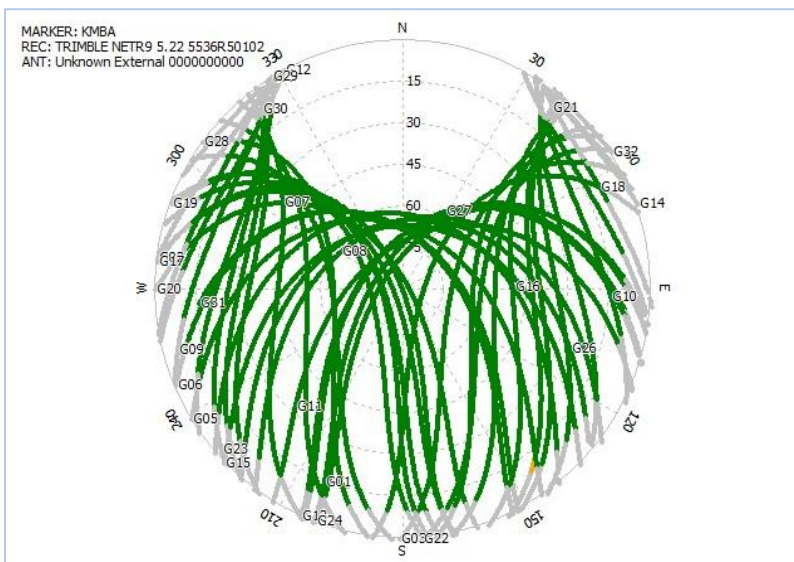
Multi-GNSS Signals





GPS Skyplots: Tokyo, Jakarta and Maputo

Tokyo-A Base-Station Jakarta Base-Station Maputo Base-Station



Data Formats:

Standard Formats: NMEA, RINEX, RTCM, BINEX

Proprietary Data Formats: UBX, SBF, JPS, Txx/Rxx etc.

References: <https://www.nmea.org/>

National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) Format

- NMEA is format to output measurement data from a sensor in a pre-defined format in ASCII
- In the case of GPS, It outputs GPS position, velocity, time and satellite related data
- NMEA sentences (output) begins with a “Talker ID” and “Message Description”
 - Example: \$GPGGA,123519,4807.038,N,01131.000,E,1,08,0.9,545.4,M,46.9,M,,*47
 - “\$GP” is Talker ID
 - “GGA” is Message Description to indicate for Position Data

NMEA Data Format

GGA - Fix data which provide 3D location and accuracy data.

\$GPGGA,123519,4807.038,N,01131.000,E,1,08,0.9,545.4,M,46.9,M,,*47

Where: GGA Global Positioning System Fix Data

123519 Fix taken at 12:35:19 UTC

4807.038, N Latitude 48 deg 07.038' N

01131.000, E Longitude 11 deg 31.000' E

1 Fix quality:

0 = invalid ,

1 = GPS fix (SPS),

2 = DGPS fix,

3 = PPS fix,

4 = Real Time Kinematic

5 = Float RTK

6 = estimated (dead reckoning) (2.3 feature)

7 = Manual input mode

8 = Simulation mode

08 Number of satellites being tracked

0.9 Horizontal dilution of position

545.4,M Altitude, Meters, above mean sea level

46.9,M Height of geoid (mean sea level) above WGS84 ellipsoid

(empty field) time in seconds since last DGPS update (empty field) DGPS station ID number

*47 the checksum data, always begins with *

RINEX Data Format

- RINEX: Receiver Independent Exchange Format is a data exchange format for raw satellite data among different types of receivers.
 - Different types of receivers may output position and raw data in proprietary formats
 - For post-processing of data using DGPS or RTK it is necessary to use data from different types of receivers. A common data format is necessary for this purpose.
 - Example: How to post process data from Trimble, Novatel and Septentrio receivers to compute a position?
- RINEX only provides Raw Data. It does not provide position output.
 - User has to post-process RINEX data to compute position
 - Raw data consists of Pseudorange, Carrierphase, Doppler, SNR
- RINEX basically consists of two data types
 - “*.N” file for Satellite and Ephemeris Related data.
 - Also called Navigation Data
 - “*.O” file for Signal Observation Data like Pseudorange, Carrier Phase, Doppler, SNR
 - Also called Observation Data
- The latest RINEX version is 3.04, 23 NOV 2018
 - Note: Not all the software and receivers are yet compatible with the latest version
 - Make sure which version of RINEX works the best with your software

RINEX "N" File for GPS

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2.11 NAVIGATION DATA GPS (GPS) RINEX VERSION / TYPE
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0.8602D+05 0.6554D+05 -0.1311D+06 -0.4588D+06 ION BETA
-0.931322574615D-09-0.355271367880D-14 405504 1947 DELTA-UTC: A0,A1,T,W
18 LEAP SECONDS
END OF HEADER
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RINEX "O" File GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, QZSS, SBAS

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2.11 OBSERVATION DATA Mixed(MIXED) RINEX VERSION / TYPE
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KMBA MARKER NAME
KMBA MARKER NUMBER
DM UT OBSERVER / AGENCY
5536R50102 TRIMBLE NETR9 5.20 REC # / TYPE / VERS
UNKNOWN EXT ANT # / TYPE
-3955510.8982 3357111.6791 3697796.5495 APPROX POSITION XYZ
0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N
1 1 0 WAVELENGTH FACT L1/2
8 C1 C2 C3 L1 L2 L3 P1 P2 # / TYPES OF OBSERV
1.000 INTERVAL
2017 5 1 0 0 0.000000 GPS TIME OF FIRST OBS
2017 5 1 23 59 59.000000 GPS TIME OF LAST OBS
0 RCV CLOCK OFFS APPL
18 LEAP SECONDS
59 # OF SATELLITES
G01 23351 23350 0 23350 46694 0 0 23344 PRN / # OF OBS
G02 22293 0 0 22293 22286 0 0 22286 PRN / # OF OBS
G03 19633 19632 0 19632 39259 0 0 19627 PRN / # OF OBS
G05 25303 25302 0 25299 50599 0 0 25297 PRN / # OF OBS
G06 24709 24708 0 24709 49411 0 0 24703 PRN / # OF OBS
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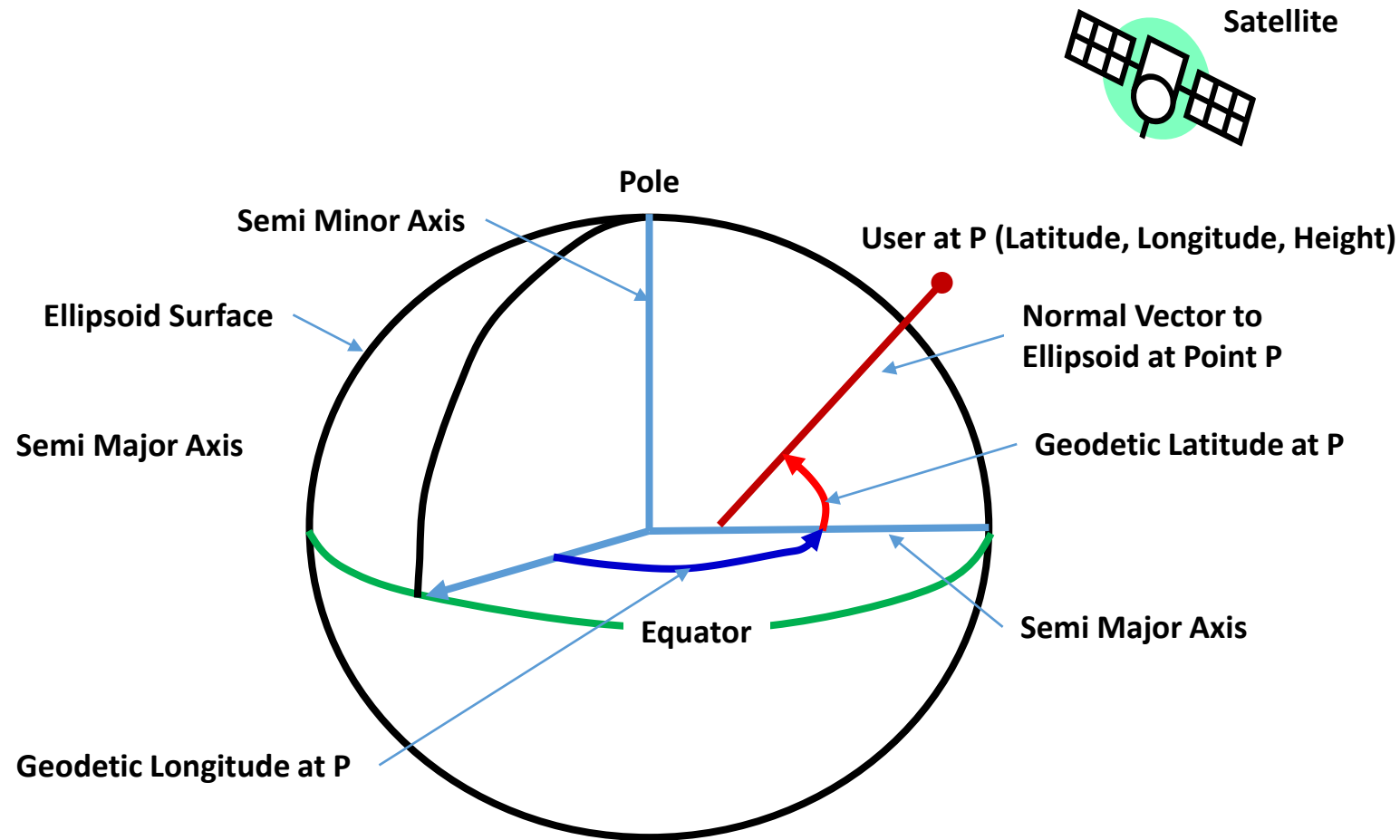
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									END OF HEADER	
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							21395769.30548			

RTCM

- RTCM : Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services
 - An internationally accepted data transmission standard for base-station data transmission to a rover defined. The standards are defined and maintained by RTCM SC-104
- RTCM SC-104 (Special Committee 104)
 - Defines data formats for Differential GPS and
 - RTK (Real-Time Kinematic Operations)
- The Current Version is RTCM-3 (10403.3)
- Refer <https://www.rtcn.org/> for detail information and document
 - Documents are not free
 - A normal user does not need RTCM document.
 - GNSS receivers with base-station capabilities will setup necessary messages for RTK
 - If you are developing a system or application you may need it

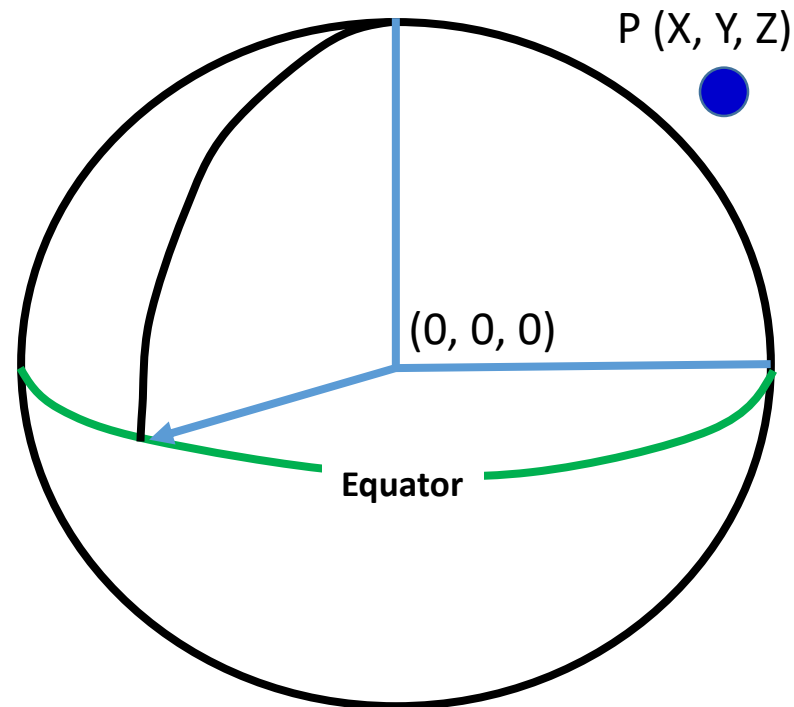
Coordinate Systems

Geodetic Coordinate System



ECEF (Earth Centered, Earth Fixed)

ECEF Coordinate System is expressed by assuming the center of the earth coordinate as $(0, 0, 0)$



Coordinate Conversion from ECEF to Geodetic and vice versa

Geodetic Latitude, Longitude & Height to
ECEF (X, Y, Z)

$$X = (N + h) \cos \varphi \cos \lambda$$

$$Y = (N + h) \cos \varphi \sin \lambda$$

$$Z = [N(1 - e^2) + h] \sin \varphi$$

$\varphi = \text{Latitude}$

$\lambda = \text{Longitude}$

h = Height above Ellipsoid

ECEF (X, Y, Z) to
Geodetic Latitude, Longitude & Height

$$\varphi = \text{atan} \left(\frac{Z + e^2 b \sin^3 \theta}{p - e^2 a \cos^3 \theta} \right)$$

$$\lambda = \text{atan2}(y, x)$$

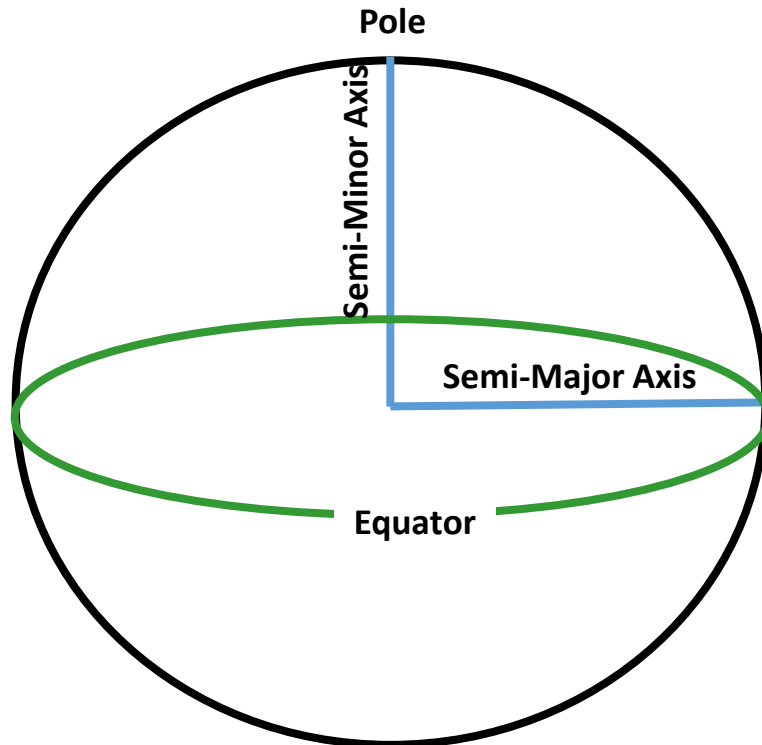
$$h = \frac{P}{\cos \varphi} - N(\varphi)$$

$$P = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \text{atan} \left(\frac{Za}{Pb} \right)$$

$$N(\varphi) = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1 - e^2 \sin^2 \varphi}}$$

Geodetic Datum: Geometric Earth Model



GPS uses WGS-84 Datum

But, topographic maps and many other maps use different datum. Before using GPS data on these maps, its necessary to convert GPS coordinates from WGS-84 to local coordinate system and datum. Many GPS software have this tool. Also, GPS receivers have built-in datum selection capabilities.

Check your receiver settings before using.

WGS-84 Geodetic Datum Ellipsoidal Parameters

Semi-Minor Axis, $b = 6356752.3142\text{m}$

Semi-Major Axis, $a = 6378137.0\text{m}$

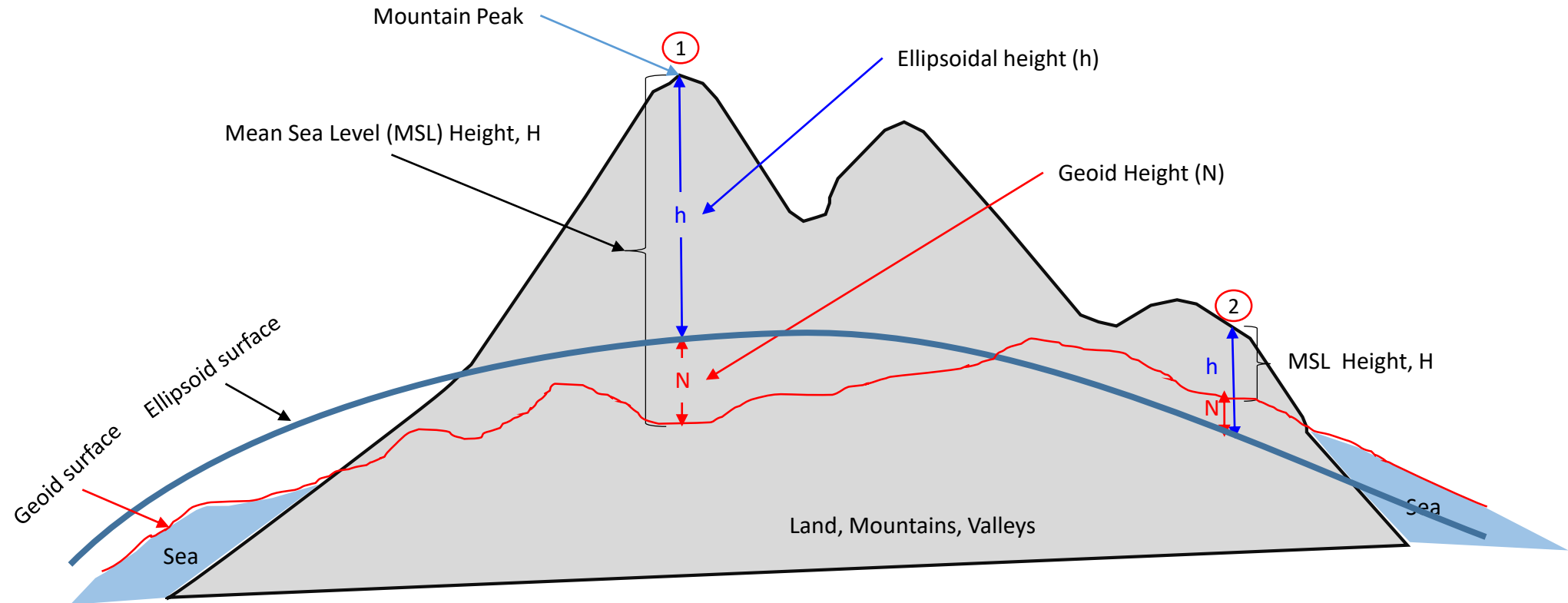
Flattening, $f = (a-b)/a$

$= 1/298.257223563$

First Eccentricity Square = $e^2 = 2f-f^2$

$= 0.00669437999013$

Ellipsoid, Geoid and Mean Sea Level (MSL)



MSL Height (H) = Ellipsoidal height (h) – Geoid height (N)
Geoid Height is negative if its below Ellipsoidal height

Example at point (1) : $h = 1200\text{m}$, $N = -30\text{m}$
 $H = h - N = 1200 - (-30) = 1200 + 30 = 1230\text{m}$

Example at point (2) : $h = 300\text{m}$, $N = +15\text{m}$
 $H = h - N = 300 - 15 = 285\text{m}$

Height Data Output in u-blox Receiver, NMEA Sentence, \$GNGGA Sentence

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MSL (Altitude)

Geoid Separation
Geoid Height

NMEA - GxGGA (Global Positioning System Fix Data)			
Parameter	Value	Unit	Description
UTC	012040.00	hhmmss.sss	Universal time coordinated
Lat	3554.18235	ddmm.mmmm	Latitude
Northing Indicator	N		N=North, S=South
Lon	13956.35868	dddmm.mmmm	Longitude
Easting Indicator	E		E=East, W=West
Status	2		0=Invalid, 1=2D/3D, 2=DGNSS, 4=Fixed RTK, 5=Float RTK, 6=Dead Reckoning
SVs Used	12		Number of SVs used for Navigation
HDOP	0.48		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
Alt (MSL)	54.4	m	Altitude (above means sea level)
Unit	M		M=Meters
Geoid Sep.	39.6	m	Geoid Separation = Alt(HAE) - Alt(MSL)
Unit	M		M=Meters
Age of DGNSS Corr	0.0	s	Age of Differential Corrections
DGNSS Ref Station	0000		ID of DGNSS Reference Station

The NMEA sentences in this figure are from u-blox receiver.

NMEA format uses "Mean Sea Level" for height data (shown in blue texts).

Also it provides Geoid Height (Geoid Separation) value.

GPS by default is Ellipsoidal height and this height is converted to Mean Sea Level height using the geoid Height (shown in red texts).

This means, u-blox receiver uses a built-in database of Geoid Height.

U-blox also outputs Ellipsoidal height in proprietary message \$PUBX,00 (marked as altRef)
\$PUBX,00,time,lat,NS,long,EW,altRef,navStat,hAcc,vAcc,SOG,COG,vVel,diffAge,HDOP,VDO
P,TDOP,numSvs,reserved,DR,*cs<CR><LF>

altRef → Altitude above user datum ellipsoid

Height Data Output in u-blox Receiver, NMEA Sentence, \$GNGGA Sentence

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MSL (Altitude) Geoid Separation
Geoid Height

NMEA - GxGGA (Global Positioning System Fix Data)			
Parameter	Value	Unit	Description
UTC	012040.00	hhmmss.sss	Universal time coordinated
Lat	3554.18235	ddmm.mmmm	Latitude
Northing Indicator	N		N=North, S=South
Lon	13956.35868	dddmm.mmmm	Longitude
Easting Indicator	E		E=East, W=West
Status	2		0=Invalid, 1=2D/3D, 2=DGNSS, 4=Fixed RTK, 5=Float RTK, 6=Dead Reckoning
SVs Used	12		Number of SVs used for Navigation
HDOP	0.48		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
Alt (MSL)	54.4	m	Altitude (above means sea level)
Unit	M		M=Meters
Geoid Sep.	39.6	m	Geoid Separation = Alt(HAE) - Alt(MSL)
Unit	M		M=Meters
Age of DGNSS Corr	0.0	s	Age of Differential Corrections
DGNSS Ref Station	0000		ID of DGNSS Reference Station

The NMEA sentences in this figure are from u-blox receiver.

NMEA format uses "Mean Sea Level" for height data (shown in blue texts).

Also it provides Geoid Height (Geoid Separation) value.

GPS by default is Ellipsoidal height and this height is converted to Mean Sea Level height using the geoid Height (shown in red texts).

This means, u-blox receiver uses a built-in database of Geoid Height.

U-blox also outputs Ellipsoidal height in proprietary message \$PUBX,00 (marked as altRef)
\$PUBX,00,time,lat,NS,long,EW,altRef,navStat,hAcc,vAcc,SOG,COG,vVel,diffAge,HDOP,VDO
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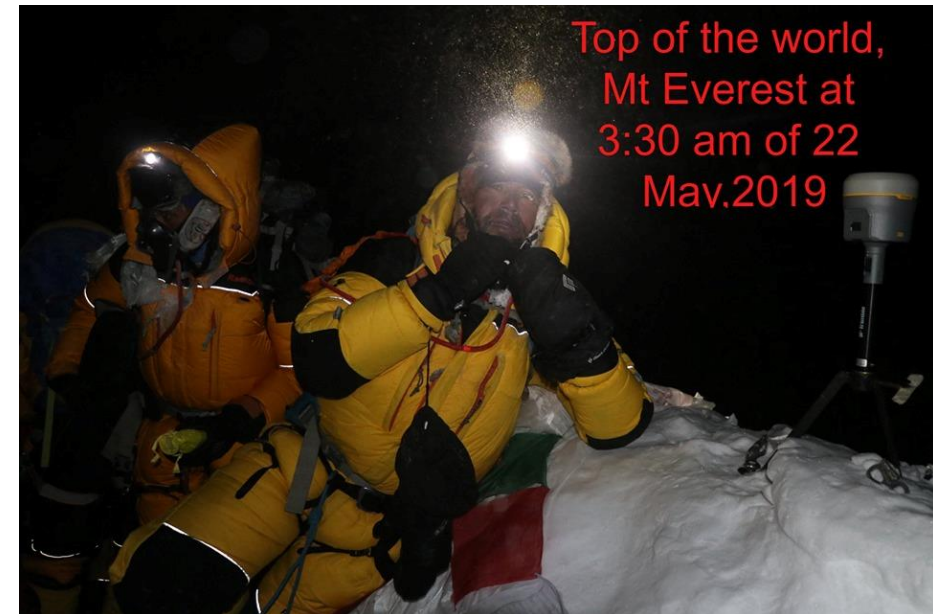
altRef → Altitude above user datum ellipsoid

Points to Be Careful in GPS Survey

- Datum
 - Which Datum is used for GPS Survey?
 - By default, GPS uses WGS-84
 - But, your Map may be using different datum like Everest
 - Make Sure that Your Map and Your Coordinates from the GPS are in the same Datum, if not, datum conversion is necessary
 - You can get necessary transformation parameters from your country's survey department
- Height
 - Which Height is used?
 - By default GPS uses Ellipsoidal Height
 - But, your Map may be using Mean Sea Level (MSL or Topographic) Height
 - You need to convert from Ellipsoidal Height into MSL Height
 - Use Ellipsoidal and Geoid height Difference Data for your survey region
 - You can get it from your country's survey office

How to Measure the Height of Everest?

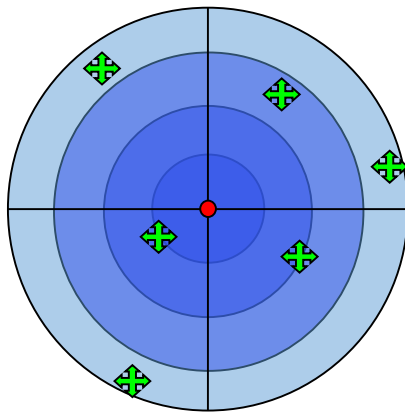
- Measure by GNSS receiver at the peak of the mountain
 - But it gives Ellipsoidal height, how to get Mean Sea Level height?
 - The peak is covered by snow and ice, how to get the true rock height?
 - High-accuracy requires long-time data observation but summiteers can stay for short duration only (about 30 minutes in average)



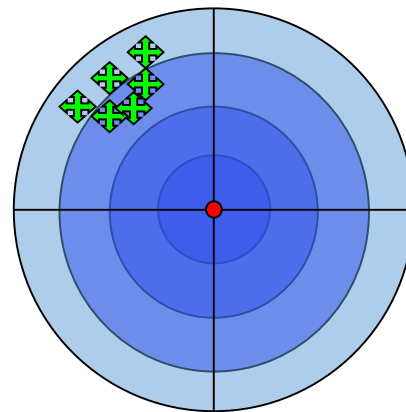
GNSS Errors

Background Information: Accuracy vs. Precision

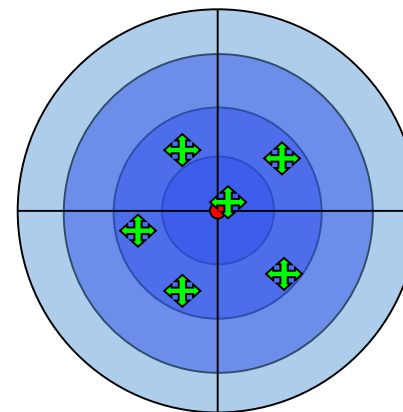
- Accuracy
 - Capable of providing a correct measurement
 - Measurement is compared with true value
 - Affected by systematic error
- Precision
 - Capable of providing repeatable and reliable measurement
 - Statistical analysis of measurement provides the precision
 - Measure of random error
 - Systematic error has no effect



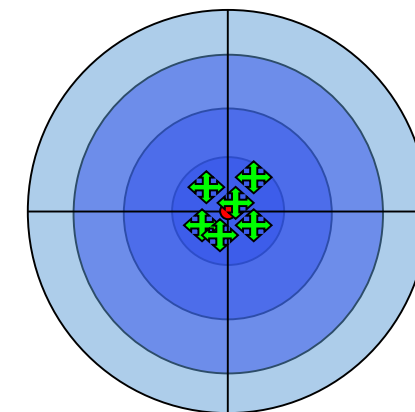
Neither Precise nor Accurate



Precise but Not Accurate



Accurate but Not Precise



Precise and Accurate

GNSS Measurement Errors

Measure	Abbreviation	Definition
Root Mean Square	RMS	The square root of the average of the squared errors
Twice Distance RMS	2D RMS	Twice the RMS of the horizontal errors
Circular Error Probable	CEP	A circle's radius, centered at the true antenna position, containing 50% of the points in the horizontal scatter plot
Horizontal 95% Accuracy	R95	A circle's radius, centered at the true antenna position, containing 95% of the points in the horizontal scatter plot
Spherical Error Probable	SEP	A sphere's radius centered at the true antenna position, containing 50% of the points in the three dimensional scatter plot

Source: [GPS Accuracy: Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics, GPS World, JAN 1998](https://www.gpsworld.com/gps-accuracy-lies-damn-lies-and-statistics/)
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Commonly Used GNSS Performance Measurements

- TTFB
 - True Time to First Fix
 - Parameter: Cold Start, Warm Start, Hot Start
- Standard Accuracy
 - Accuracy attainable without any correction techniques
- DGPS Accuracy
 - Accuracy attainable by differential correction data
 - Code-phase correction
- RTK Accuracy
 - Accuracy attainable by differential correction data
 - Use both Code-Phase and Carrier Phase correction

TTFF and Typical Example Values

- **TTFF**
 - **Cold Start : < 36 seconds**
 - Time required to output first position data since the receiver power is on
 - No reference data like time or almanac are available
 - **Warm Start : < 6 seconds**
 - Time required to output first position data since the receiver power is on with the latest satellite almanac data in the receiver's memory
 - Time and almanac related reference data are already known
 - **Hot Start : < 1 second**
 - Receiver has already output position data
 - Time to reacquire an already tracked satellite due to temporary blockage by buildings or trees

Performance Measurement of RTK Accuracy

- A fix error and a variable error with respect to base-length is given
 - Such as : $x \text{ cm} + y \text{ ppm}$
 - Example: $2\text{cm} + 1\text{ppm}$
 - There is a fix error of 2cm plus 1ppm error due to base-length between the Base and Rover
 - 1ppm \rightarrow 1 parts per million
 - \rightarrow 1cm of error in 1 million centimeter distance between the Base and the Rover
 - \rightarrow 1cm of error in 1000000 centimeter distance between the Base and the Rover
 - \rightarrow 1cm of error in 10000 meter distance between the Base and the Rover
 - \rightarrow 1cm of error in 10 kilometer distance between the Base and the Rover
 - \rightarrow **1cm of error for every 10Km of distance between the Base and the Rover**
 - \rightarrow 4cm of error for 40Km of distance between the Base and the Rover
 - **Thus the total error is : 2cm + 4cm due to 40Km of base length**
 - The longer the base-length, the larger the error
 - Do not assume that this error is linear
 - And it may not be valid for longer base-lines
 - Normally the recommended base-length for RTK for a Geodetic Receiver is 40Km

GNSS Applications

GNSS Applications - 1

- Surveying, Mapping and Geodesy
- Transportation
 - Car Navigation, ITS, ADAS, V2X
 - Railway Network
 - Marine : AIS, VMS
 - Aviation : SBAS / GBAS
 - UAV / DRONE
 - 3-D Mapping without GCP
- Vehicle Accidents / Emergency Services
 - eCall/ ERA-GLONASS / E-911
- Taxation / Insurance
 - Taxation based on location or distance traveled

GNSS Applications - 2

- Legal and Law Enforcement
 - Fishing Zone Management, Illegal Fishing Control
 - Crime Prevention
- Agriculture
 - Precise farming, Auto or Semi-Auto Driving of Tractors
 - Product Supply-Chain Management
- Location Based Applications
 - Services, Entertainment, Advertisement, Gaming, Marketing
- Warning during Disasters
 - EWS of QZSS, SAR of GALILEO
- Geo-Fencing / Geo-Securities
- Robotics
 - Navigation, Actions based on Location
- Scientific Applications
 - Space Weather : Scintillation, Radio Occultation, Plasma Bubble

GNSS Applications - 3

- Telecommunication
 - Synchronize cell towers, microsecond order for CDMA
 - Network Time Protocol , millisecond order
- Power Grid
 - Phase Synchronization between grids is required for higher efficiency and avoid power failures
- Time Stamping of
 - Financial and Banking Transactions
 - Legal, Clerical, Shipping Documents
- Scientific Timing Applications
 - Time stamping of events
 - e. g. Global VLBI Observation, earthquake occurrences, arrival of neutrino in particle physics