Enhancement of Performance of GNSS

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GNSS performance enhancement (1)

- GNSS offer Position, Navigation and Time service
- GNSS performance can be improved with:
- (a) Compatibility and Interoperability amongst systems
- (b) Better iono-tropo models worldwide
- (c) Proper selection of RF modulation schemes
- (d) Improvement of the GNSS receiver multipath
- (e) Extension of GNSS for indoor applications
- (f) Value addition to GNSS through use of terrestrial technology (Internet, Wimax, FM etc.)
- (g) Improvement in On-board atomic clock stability and
- (h) Improved Orbit Determination of Navigation satellites

The WG-B addresses mainly items (b), (d), (e) and (f)

GNSS performance enhancement (2)

- Better iono-tropo models
- (a) India has installed TEC (Total Electron Content) receivers in L1 and L2 frequency bands through out the Indian subcontinent.
- (b) TEC data is being collected and analysed for the past 5 years.
- (c) Krigging and Planar models are being developed for Indian equatorial region
- (d) Interaction with other GNSS systems in the equatorial region such as Brazil is required to develop a worldwide model

GNSS performance enhancement (3)

- Receiver Multipath
- (a) Receiver multipath performance is better with BOC modulation
- (b) Alternatives to simple BOC are MBOC or Alt.BOC
- (c) Choice of Ranging codes improves multipath performance
- (d) Harmonisation in selection of centre frequencies and codes will help considerably
- (e) Improving the receiver sensitivity and use of FEC will help in indoor positioning

GNSS performance enhancement (4)

- GNSS and indoor applications
- (a) Extension of PNT services for indoor applications is essential for many large market applications
- (b) Use of Internet, WiMAX and terrestrial FM systems needs to be studied
- (c) Urgent need to pursue area specific R&D in this area.

Way Ahead

- Developing countries can benefit from the availability of a large number of Navigation satellites.
- Regional workshops to educate non-space countries in the use of GNSS for various applications
- Use of area specific technologies
- More frequent interactions in WG-B members



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