

Towards an Argentinean Online GPS Processing Service

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Goal

- ✓ Develop an online GPS data processing service for sub-foot positioning accuracy requirements.

Motivation

- ✓ A growing number of people demanding georeference information.
- ✓ GNSS technology has become more affordable.
- ✓ Processing data obtained after a survey requires specific skills and infrastructure.

Basic Facts

- ✓ If positioning accuracy better than a few meters is required, data processing must be done.
- ✓ The usual procedure involves differential positioning.
- ✓ Few decimeter accuracy can be obtained with low cost L1 receivers.

Context in South America

- ✓ A significant number of GNSS continuously operating reference stations (CORS) have been installed or improved in the last decade in South America.
- ✓ Those data are already accessible via Internet.
- ✓ Governmental authorities and private sector are demanding sub-foot positioning.

Online processing service

- ✓ Other online processing service that already exist:
 - ✓ Auto-GIPSY: Auto-GPS Inferred Positioning System developed by Jet Propulsion Laboratory.
 - ✓ Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) developed by The United States' National Geodetic Survey.
 - ✓ Precise Point Positioning (PPP) developed by the Canadian Spatial Reference System (CSRS).
 - ✓ The Scripps Coordinate Update Tool (SCOUT) developed by the Scripps Orbit and Permanent Array Center.

Different goals

- ✓ Data from single frequency receivers must be accepted.
- ✓ Expected accuracy must be in the decimeter-level.
- ✓ Real time processing is not critical.

Methodology

- ✓ Upload RINEX observations and other information.
- ✓ The optimum processing strategy is automatically decided by the system.
- ✓ Numeric and a graphic solutions are delivered.

The actual prototype

- ✓ Only for point positioning.
- ✓ Accept broadcast and precise ephemerides.
- ✓ Work with L1 or L1 & L2 (“ion free”) observables.

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Final remarks

- ✓ A basic automatic processing service was developed and is already available online.
- ✓ Improvements to make the system work in differential mode are in progress.
- ✓ This system will provide a solution that particularly fits necessities of developing countries.







