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Reprocessing activities at swisstopo (LPT)

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Motivation for Reprocessing

- Achieve homogenous time series
- Benefit from consistent reprocessed input data (orbits and ERPs from CODE reprocessing series 2011)
- Switch to absolute antenna models (so far possible only for test solutions, in order to avoid jumps for the velocity estimation)
- Adopting the newest processing options (Bernese Version 5.2)
- Enhancing the network with valuable sites showing a good performance (seen in retrospect)
- Participating in the reprocessing project of the EPN



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Processed Network

• About 190 sites

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- From different types of networks:
 - IGS/EUREF
 - AGNES
 - D/A/F/I
 - Others

Remarks on the Reprocessing

- Time span 1996, DOY 007 till 2011, DOY 106
- Number of sites increased from 20 sites (1996) to 160 sites (2011)
- CODE orbits/ERPs from 2011 reprocessing used
- Alignment to IGb08
 reference frame
- Based on RNX2SNX BPE, further developments for reprocessing task



Processing Options

Make use of new Bernese Software (BSW52) options, amongst others:

- Troposphere GMF / Chen Herring for gradients
- Absolute antenna calibration values, specific for GLONASS also
- Following IERS2010 conventions
- Higher order ionosphere
- Intersystem translation parameters and troposphere bias for GLONASS set up, but so far not activated

Processing Times



- **1996**: 20 Stations (24 satellites) 40 sec CPU time / day
- 2011: 150 stations (55 satellites) Up to 1300 sec CPU time / day
- 15 years need
 2 weeks of computation time (on 2 Linux servers with 32 nominal CPUs each)

Principle of Multi-Year Combination

- Done with Bernese program ADDNEQ2
- Using daily solutions (NEQs) from the reprocessing and adding daily solutions from the routine processing after DOY 106, 2011
- Benefits:
 - Extension of the reprocessed time series up to current date
 - Update of the combination every week with new data possible
 - Always actual coordinates available (e.g. after equipment change)
- Difficulties:
 - Not completely identical networks
 - One part stemming from the routine processing not fully consistent (Slightly different options, BSW50 (17.03.2011 to 10.04.2013))

Multi-Year Solutions Repeatabilities Old vs. New



RMS of all sites	North	East	Up
Multi-Year (old)	1.4 mm	1.2 mm	3.5 mm
Multi-Year (new)	1.6 mm	1.4 mm	4.5 mm

New solution shows a nice performance (RMS difference smaller than the expected factor of 2.6 ($\sqrt{7}$), weekly vs. daily)

Helmert Coordinate Differences Comparison of Old and New Multi-Year Solution





- RMS of all sites: 2.1 mm North / 1.9 mm East / 8.0 mm Up
- Mainly due to different processing options (especially due to antenna model change from IGS01(rel) to IGS08 (abs))

Multi-Year Combination: Time Series Relativ to ZIMM (IGb08)



Horizontal Velocity Field (Central Europe)



Relative to APKIM2005 plate motion model [Drewes, 2009] and Zimmerwald

Horizontal Velocity Field (Switzerland)



Vertical Velocity Field (Central Europe)



Vertical velocities in the IGb08 reference frame

Vertical Velocity Field (Switzerland)



Conclusion/Outlook

- A time series from 1996 to 2011 of about 190 sites is available
- The combination with solutions from routine processing extends the available time span (for velocity estimation) and provides up to date estimates of station coordinates
- Newly available products from CODE (reprocessing series 2013) will allow the extension of our reprocessing series
- Reprocessing is an ongoing task (e.g., new input products, new models and options of the used processing software)
- Follow-up computations will (hopefully) be much easier and faster to do, having solved most problems in the first runs