High Precision Differential eLoran Tampa Bay Revisited

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Overview presentation

- Tampa Bay campaign April 2004
- dLoran error model
- Spatial decorrelation of the temporal correction
- Creation of an ASF correction map
- E-field versus H-field
- Local disturbances
- HEA showcase
- recommendations

Tampa Bay measurement campaign April 2004









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Error model



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Spatial decorrelation of the temporal correction

$$ASF_{tot}^{TXi}(x_{user}, x_0, t) = ASF_{average}^{TXi}(x_0) + ASF_{spatial}^{TXi}(x_{user}, x_0) + ASF_{temporal}^{TXi}(x_0, t) + ASF_{dtemporal}^{TXi}(x_{user}, x_0, t)$$



Creation of an ASF-Map: expanding the coverage by interpolation



Creation of an ASF-Map: gridding of the data



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Creation of an ASF-Map: expanding the coverage by interpolation



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Creation of an ASF-Map: expanding the coverage by extrapolation



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Creation of an ASF-Map: expanding the coverage by BALOR

work in progress...

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Creation of an ASF-Map: influence of grid size on positioning accuracy

re-radiation excluded

re-radiation included



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Tampa Bay ASF maps

Malone (7980M / 8970W)



E-field versus H-field

If there is no re-radiation, E-field and H-field should have a fixed relation, resulting in the same ASF:

		Mean ASF (µs)		Std AS	F (µs)
Station	Id	H-field	E-field	H-field	E-field
Malone	7980M	0.552	0.551	0.067	0.067
Malone	8970W	1.033	1.031	0.069	0.067
Grangeville	7980W	0.231	0.233	0.086	0.086
Grangeville	9610Z	0.480	0.481	0.090	0.088
Jupiter	7980Y	0.594	0.585	0.040	0.040
Carolina Beach	7980Z	0.176	0.173	0.086	0.085
Carolina Beach	9960Y	0.036	0.032	0.088	0.087

E-field positioning performance after correction with H-field on a per-epoch basisRe-radiation excludedRe-radiation included95%99%95%95%99%11.5m

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Local disturbances: spatial domain re-radiation detection



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Local disturbances: Tampa Bay bridges



A E. Howard Frankland Bridge
B Friendship Trail Bridge
C Corey Causeway Bridge
D Tierra Verda
E St. Petersburg Bridge
F Sunshine Skyway
G Sunshine Skyway Bridge

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Local disturbances: influence of bridge A on E-field and H-field



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Local disturbances: influence of bridge B on E-field and H-field



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Local disturbances: influence of bridge C on E-field and H-field



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Local disturbances: influence of bridge D on E-field and H-field



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Local disturbances: influence of bridge E on E-field and H-field





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Local disturbances: influence of bridge F on E-field and H-field



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Local disturbances: influence of bridge G on E-field and H-field



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Local disturbances: influence of bridges - statistics

	#	%
Nominal operation	8208	95.8%
Justified alert	162	1.9%
False alert	183	2.1%
Misleading information	12	0.1%
Total	8565	100%

Note: the many passes under bridges at very low speed blurs statistics

Local disturbances: influence of bridges - statistics



HEA dLoran showcase: track



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HEA dLoran showcase: influence grid size of ASF map

re-radiation excluded

re-radiation included



Grid size of 0.01° chosen

HEA dLoran showcase: re-radiation excluded



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HEA dLoran showcase: re-radiation included



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Some recommendations

- Spatial decorrelation of temporal correction
- Merging BALOR with measurements
- Discuss format dLoran differential corrections and ASF map

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Invitation

Public defense of the Ph.D. dissertation titled "New Potential of Low-Frequency Radionavigation in the 21st Century"

Date

Tuesday, November 28th, 2006 Introduction by the author 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Formal defense 10:00 AM

Venue

Aula of the Delft University of Technology, Mekelweg 5, Delft

Reception

Immediately following the defense

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