

# GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

## UNAVCO GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

Updated 12 September 2017

Data analysis plan prepared by Tom Herring, MIT, GAGE Analysis Center Coordinator.

Appendix A prepared by Tim Melbourne and Walter Szeliga, CWU Analysis Center.

Appendix B prepared by Mark Murray, NMT Analysis Center.

Appendices C-G prepared by David A. Phillips, UNAVCO and Tom Herring (Appendix H).

The most current information and resources regarding GAGE GPS data analysis and products, including updates, documentation, ancillary files, products log, technical news articles, and user notices and advisories is available from <http://www.unavco.org/data/gps-gnss/derived-products/derived-products.html>.

GAGE GPS data product users should read: Herring, T. A., T. I. Melbourne, M. H. Murray, M. A. Floyd, W. M. Szeliga, R. W. King, D. A. Phillips, C. M. Puskas, M. Santillan, and L. Wang (2016), Plate Boundary Observatory and related networks: GPS data analysis methods and geodetic products, *Rev. Geophys.*, 54, doi:10.1002/2016RG000529. [http://www.unavco.org/data/gps-gnss/derived-products/docs/Herring\\_et\\_al\\_2016\\_RevGeophys.pdf](http://www.unavco.org/data/gps-gnss/derived-products/docs/Herring_et_al_2016_RevGeophys.pdf).

The GAGE GPS data products described in this document are available from <ftp://data-out.unavco.org/pub/products>.

### GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan

#### 1 Introduction

GPS data analysis for initially the Plate Boundary Observatory (PBO) and currently the Geodesy Advancing Geosciences and EarthScope (GAGE) project is carried out in two phases. Analysis centers (ACs) at the Central Washington University (CWU) and New Mexico Institute of Mining and technology (NMT) process the GPS phase and pseudorange data to generate estimates of the coordinates of the GPS sites averaged over 24 hour periods. The Analysis Center Coordinator (ACC) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) combines the results from these analyses, produced in the SINEX format, to generate the final GAGE station coordinate product. Associated with the generation of these products, files containing the statistics on the phase data and estimates of atmospheric delays are also generated. The site coordinate information is made available both in SINEX format, containing full variance covariance information, and as time series files. The time series results are generated in a North American fixed reference frame and in the ITRF 2008 no-net-rotation reference frame. The results from the daily position estimates are combined to generate long-term velocity estimates of the sites in both the North America fixed frame and ITRF2008. In generating these velocity results, offsets due to earthquakes and equipment changes are estimated and low-quality outliers due to snow, for example, are removed from the velocity estimate solution so as to not corrupt it.

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

The philosophy in generating the daily position results is to include all results generated by the analysis centers. Even in cases where the daily position estimate is not likely to be correct, for example due to excess snow on the antenna, results are still retained in the time series and SINEX files. This procedure is used to allow users to reach their own conclusions concerning the quality of the data. By retaining the estimates users are aware of the existence of the data at that time although in most cases the estimates would be discarded from normal processing. When velocity fields are generated, these “bad” data are eliminated so as not to corrupt the velocity estimates. Algorithms based on signal-to-noise ratios (SNR), such as that described in Larson *et al.*, 2013) could be used to flag these anomalous position estimates in the time series. These algorithms are not yet implemented but may be in the future.

The methods used for reference frame alignment used in the GAGE processing differ from many other analysis centers. Frame alignment in the GAGE analysis uses only translation and rotation to align the daily solutions to the chosen reference frame. Scale is not included in the alignment parameters because scale changes are proportional to the mean of the height changes at the reference sites and thus scale estimates could absorb large spatial scale height changes across the GAGE network. When the phase center models are fixed in the GPS data processing as they are for the GAGE analyses, scale should be well determined for the GPS network. Users of GAGE results who want to remove scale changes can do so by simply removing the mean of the height differences at their chosen set of the reference frame sites (which will likely depend on the specific regional problem being addressed). In the GAGE estimation of the translation and rotation values for the frame alignment, heights are down-weighted relative to the horizontal components with a variance factor of 1000 so that height changes should have only a small effect on the estimates of the translation and rotation.

Recent analyses, have suggested that errors in the satellite phase center offsets (PCO) can induce “annual” signals in position estimates over large regions due to the changing geometry of satellite orbital plane and the sun through. This effect is not understood currently but seems to be related to the estimation of radiation parameters during the orbit determination. Although this error is not strictly a scale changes, scale change estimates seem to be able to alleviate this class of errors. Since the GAGE analyses do not estimate scale, they could be more sensitive to errors in the satellite PCO values that other analyses that estimate scale.

Appendix A describes the CWU Analysis Center processing specifications.  
Appendix B describes the NMT Analysis Center processing specifications.  
Appendix C describes position time series (\*.pos) file naming and format.  
Appendix D describes position time series (\*.csv) file naming and format.  
Appendix E describes the velocity (\*.vel) file naming and format.  
Appendix F describes coseismic event (\*.evt) file naming and format.  
Appendix G describes atmospheric delay (\*.met) file naming and format.  
Appendix H describes the discontinuity (KFOffset) file naming and format.

## 2 Analysis models

The analysis methods used by the GAGE analysis centers conform to the IERS 2010 conventions [IERS TN36, 2010]. Two different analysis programs are used to process the phase and range data collected by the GAGE GPS receivers. The analysis group at CWU uses the GIPSY/OASIS-II processing system developed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The analysis group at NMT uses

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

the GAMIT/GLOBK software developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The processing specifications for each of the analysis centers are given at the end of this document in Appendices A and B.

The GAGE analysis centers adhere to the IERS2010 conventions but there are some differences between the ACs that fall into the options allowed in the conventions. There are also some differences between products generated with very latency (approximately 1 day) and other analyses that process data more than a few days after the data is collected. These differences arise because of the availability of products needed for the longer latency processing.

In terms of IERS2010 conventions, the GAGE analysis centers use the Vienna mapping function VMF1 for determining the mapping function for longer latency products. Both analysis centers use the pressure, mapped to the height of the sites from the VMF1 grid files. To be consistent with the IGS processing standards, atmospheric pressure and water loading signals are not applied during the processing. In general, IGS products are used for the processing, although there are some deviations to ensure the consistency of the products generated by CWU and NMT. For the NMT analysis, IGS final orbits are held fixed (rapid orbits are used for the rapid products). For the CWU analysis JPL final orbits and clocks are used for all recent processing to ensure scale compatibility with the IGS08 reference frame. The transition to the IGS08 frame occurred on Date 2011/04/17, day-of-year 107, GPS Week 1632 [Rebischung et al., 2012] and all data prior to this change have been reprocessed in the IGS08 frame. The specific issue here is that the clock estimates generated by the original IGS processing (using the ITRF 2005 scale and antenna models) implicitly impart a scale change to the point positioning results generated by CWU. This problem does not affect the NMT processing because a double difference method is used to eliminate the clocks from the solution. A similar transition will occur associated with the adoption of the IGS14 reference frame. The IGS adopted this reference frame on Jan 29, 2017 (GPS week 1934) and after this date, there are differences between the rapid short latency processing and the later longer latency processing. These differences and their impacts are discussed in a separate document on the [UNAVCO GPS data products website](#) that will be updated as efforts progress.

The AC solutions are delivered in SINEX format for the geodetic parameter estimates and tabular files containing information about the root-mean-square (RMS) scatter and number of phase residuals by site for each day. The NMT RMS files also contain information on the elevation angle dependence for the phase residuals. The SINEX file submitted by the AC are directly copied to the UNAVCO archive and are designated as “loose” files. The contents of the RMS files submitted by the ACs are merged into a single file labeled with a .rms extent and sent to UNAVCO. These .rms files have a header that explains the contents of the file. An example of an .rms file from rapid solution is [GAGE18030.rapid\\_nam08.rms](#).

### Format of the RMS file.

```
RMS File from ../CWU_snx/cwu18030.20140727.a.rms ../NMT_snx/nmt18030.20140727.a.rms
Format Version : 1.1.0
Release Date   : 20140729120137
Start Field Description
Dot#           4-character identifier for a given station
GAGE_#         Number 30-sec phase epochs in 24-hours for combined RMS calculation
PRMS          Root-mean-square (RMS) scatter of combined phase residuals, mm
CWU_#         Number 30-sec phase epochs in 24-hours for CWU RMS calculation
CRMS          Root-mean-square (RMS) scatter of CWU phase residuals, mm
NMT_#         Number 30-sec phase epochs in 24-hours for NMT or BSL (prior to Feb 2006)
RMS calculation
```

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

```

NRMS          Root-mean-square (RMS) scatter of NMT or BSL phase residuals, mm
A             Coefficient from model fit  $RMS^2(elev) = A^2 + B^2/\sin(elev)^2$  where elev
is elevation angle, mm
B             Coefficient from model fit, mm
GPSW         GPS Week for 24-hour processing day
D            GPS Day of week for 24-hour processing day
YYYYMMDD    Year, month, day of month for 24-hour processing day
End Field Description
*Dot#  GAGE_#  PRMS   CWU_#  CRMS   NMT_#  NRMS   A     B  GPSW D  YYYYMMDD
1NSU   22668   9.7    21140  8.5    24197  10.9   4.9   4.2 1803 0 20140727
1ULM   22792   8.1    21030  7.0    24555  9.1    4.2   3.4 1803 0 20140727
7ODM   22639   9.9    21010  9.4    24268  10.5   5.5   3.9 1803 0 20140727
AB01   22657   6.4    20950  5.7    24365  7.1    3.0   2.7 1803 0 20140727
AB02   22127   7.2    20190  5.9    24064  8.4    2.1   3.6 1803 0 20140727
...
ZME1   22512  12.2   20880  10.9   24145  13.6   6.5   5.0 1803 0 20140727
ZMP1   22657  11.9   20880  10.2   24434  13.6   6.0   5.2 1803 0 20140727
ZNY1   22610  10.6   21270  9.4    23950  11.7   5.8   4.3 1803 0 20140727
ZSE1   22972  11.7   21710  11.3   24235  12.0   6.4   4.2 1803 0 20140727
ZTL4   22242  10.9   20760  9.7    23724  12.2   5.6   4.7 1803 0 20140727

```

In these files, the A and B coefficients representing the elevation dependence, expressed by the equation in the file header, are supplied by NMT. The number of data points in the CWU column are multiplied by 10 to make the values 5-minute sampled values used to CWU consistent with the 30-second sampled values used by NMT. The GAGE estimates are the averaged values between the NMT and CWU results weighted by the number of data listed.

The SINEX files supplied by the ACs are generated differently. The NMT SINEX are delivered with weak constraints (100 meters) applied to the coordinates and are considered to be fiducial free solutions. These SINEX files have a full variance covariance matrix. The CWU solutions are from point positioning and the standard deviations of site coordinates are small (typically 1-3mm). The covariance matrices for these SINEX files have no site-to-site covariance values. In order to make these SINEX file fiducial free, we add to the block diagonal covariance matrix in the SINEX files, a covariance matrix, which allows the system to rotate and translate so that we align them to different reference frame realizations. The added covariance matrices allow translation and rotation with standard deviations of ~1 meter at the surface of the Earth. There no earth orientation parameter (EOP) estimates in the CWU SINEX files and so we do not attempt to estimate EOPs in the GAGE analyses.

The procedures used to generate the daily GAGE products are the same for all latency products. There are four different latencies in the GAGE products (see section 3). The rapid solution latency is typically 24-hours and is generated when the IGS rapid products become available. Rapid solutions are generated daily. The final analysis latency is 2-3 weeks and is generated when the IGS final orbits become available. These analyses are performed in 1-week batches. Two other analyses are performed with 12-week and 26-week latency and add to the final analysis, sites whose data was not available at the time the final analysis was run. The long latency solutions are referred to supplemental and supplemental 6-month solutions. In addition, campaign processing may be added as requested by users and there are also reprocessing runs that supersede all previous results. In general, the latest results generated will have the most complete and up to date analyses.

Two different schemes are used by the ACs for weighting the phase and range data and the sampling interval used in the estimation scheme. NMT uses an elevation angle dependent phase data sigma (see RMS file example above) with the values used for each station

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

determined from the post-fit phase residuals. The pseudo-range are not directly used the geodetic parameter estimation in the NMT analysis. Phase measurements are sampled every 2 minutes in the estimator. CWU used a fixed phase sigma independent of the elevation angle and the RMS scatter of the phase data at individual sites. 5-minute phase measurement samples are used in the estimator. This difference in the noise models and sampling rates in the geodetic analysis results in the need to scale the variance covariance matrices from the SINEX files. The scale factors are determined such that the average values of the  $\chi^2/f$ , where  $f$  is the degrees of freedom, of the fits to the reference frame sites (typically 500-600 per day) are near unity. Fixed scale factors for all NMT and CWU solutions of 0.7 and 4.8, respectively, are used. When the two AC results are combined, these factors, applied to variances, are doubled so that the individual AC and combined GAGE solutions have similar standard deviations for the geodetic parameter estimates.

The GAGE individual AC and combined daily solutions are aligned to the GAGE realization of the North American plate using 500-600 reference frame sites. A hierarchical list of sites is used based on grid with 150 km node spacing placed over GAGE geographical region. In each grid cell a sorted list of sites in that cell is generated based on the process noise value associated with each site. During frame alignment only one site from each cell is used. In the current realization, up to 604 sites could be used with a typically number being about 530 sites. The loose frame solutions are rotated and translated to align to the North America reference frame. The heights are down weighted by a variance factor of 1000 in determining the reference frame transformation parameters. An IGS08 no-net-rotation (NNR) frame solution is also generated using similar algorithms but operating on the time series generated in the North America frame. This operation is done using the GAMIT/GLOBK program `tscon`. The hierarchical list of reference frame sites is given in [All\\_PBO.stab](#). This file is updated with each annual release of a new velocity and reference frame solution. The current release is 20161203.

The current North America reference frame, NAM08, is based on rotating IGS08 into the North America frame using the Euler pole from Altamimi *et al.* [2012]. The rotation vector used has rotation rates around the X- Y- and Z-axes of 0.0275 -0.6752 -0.0729 mas/yr. This rotation vector corresponds to a rotation pole at longitude/latitude of -87.6655/-6.1542 degs, rotating with a rate of 0.1888 deg/Myr. The GAGE reference frame is center of figure (as is ITRF2008). To generate results in a center of mass system, Altamimi *et al.*, 2012 gives the translation rates as (Tx Ty Tz) = (0.41 0.22 0.41) mm/yr to be used. The initial frame is realized by aligning the GAGE combined velocity solution to IGS08 rotated to North America using 37 IGS08 sites (ALGO, ALRT, AMC2, BAKE, BARH, BILI, BOGT, BREW, BRMU, CHUR, CRO1, DUBO, EISL, EPRT, FLIN, GODE, GUAT, INVK, KELY, KOKB, MANA, MAUI, MDO1, MKEA, NAIN, NANO, NLIB, NRC1, PIE1, PRDS, QIKI, RESO, SCH2, SSIA, STJO, THU3, USNO). The positions and velocities of the GAGE sites generated from this solution are then used as the basis of the daily frame realization. The IGS08 coordinates used for the original position and velocity alignment is [igs08\\_noam.apr](#). Time series fitting to the NAM08 aligned time series, including earthquake offsets, post-seismic log fits, and antenna discontinuity offsets and annual signal are used to generate the final NAM08 reference frame apriori coordinate file. The current version is [All\\_PBO\\_nam08.apr](#) for NAM08 and [All\\_PBO\\_igs08.apr](#) for IGS08. Although annual sine and cosine terms are included in these files, these values are not used during reference frame realization. Discontinuities included in the analyses are given in several GLOBK earthquake/rename files. We also now distribute estimates of these offsets in KFOffset file discussed in Appendix H. In GLOBK, sites are given 8-character site names. The first 4-characters are given the standard 4-character site codes of the GAGE

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

sites. A standard site name would have GPS as the other 4 characters. Sites affected by earthquakes have the last 2 characters of their name (PS by default) to a 2-character code associated with the earthquake. For GAGE these codes are most 2-digit numeric values incremented with each earthquake. For large earthquakes, descriptive 2-character codes are often assigned such a PA for the 2005 Parkfield event. The *EQ\_DEF* lines in the earthquake files give the assigned code. For antenna offsets, the 6<sup>th</sup> character in the name is changed starting with 2 and numerically progressing into the capital letters except G and X (XPS and XCL names denote sites to be removed for the analysis). Antenna offsets are included whenever an antenna or radome is changed at the site. Some offsets are observed in the time series and their origin is often not known. (In some cases, they are due to the onset of damage at a time that can only be determined by examining the time series. The current GAGE earthquake file is [All PBO eqs.eq](#), antenna offsets due antenna changes file is [All PBO ants.eq](#) and the offsets due to unknown reasons (speculations are included in the comments in the file) is [All PBO unkn.eq](#).

### 3 Velocity field generation

GAGE velocity fields are generated by two different methods on two different time scales. On an annual basis, velocity fields are generated using a full SINEX combination. These annual solutions use the discontinuity files given above and process noise models for the sites that account for the temporal correlations in the time series. The process noise models, in the form of random walk time-step variances are given in [All PBO.rw](#). A list of sites to be used in these solutions is given in [All PBO.use](#) based on the process noise levels at the sites. Sites which have process noise values greater than 2.0 mm<sup>2</sup>/yr are not included in this velocity solution so that they do not contaminate nearby sites. The process noise statistics are generated from the time series using the GAMIT/GLOBK script *sh\_gen\_stats* based on *tsfit* fits to the time series with the realistic sigma algorithm used to account for correlated noise. The *tsfit* solutions also generates a lists of site position estimates not to be used in the velocity solution because they are outliers (either due to bad analyses, antenna failures or snow on antennas). The current list of edited site position estimates is given in [All PBO edits.eq](#). These edits can be by AC or for both ACs.

Because of the long run time of these SINEX velocity solutions different methods have been used to generate them. Prior to August 2014, they were generated as 7 separate combinations with solutions using 1 day per week on each day of the week. These 14 runs, 7 for CWU and 7 for NMT, can be run parallel and then combined at the end. Each of the 7 solutions is given a 1/7 weight variance to account for the correlated noise in the solutions when the 7 days of solution are combined. Once the velocity solution is completed, the velocity estimates at sites with multiple names are made equal using the *equate* command in the GAMIT/GLOBK module *glorg*. IGS08 velocity fields can be generated from the final combination by changing the reference frame alignment with GAMIT/GLOBK program *glorg*.

After August 2014 the GAGE velocity solutions are generated differently due to long runs times, even with the decimation, the time needed for the combination was excessively long. These runs are very long because of all of the entries needed in the state vector to accommodate the offsets from equipment changes and earthquakes. When all these offset estimates are included, the GAGE processing of ~1800 sites becomes the equivalent of processing over 4000 sites. The current generation of solutions divides the sites to be combined into sub-networks. The position and velocity are generated for each network (1-day per week is used to speed up

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

these runs) and the complete solution is generated but combining all the sub-networks (which share no common sites) with a sub-network that contains three carefully chosen sites from each subnet. The three sites in each subnetwork are used to all translation and rotation estimates for each subnet to be estimated in the combination. These solutions still take 1-2 days to complete with sub-networks running in parallel.

The other type of velocity solution generated uses the time series directly and this approach is much faster. These solutions are generated monthly and use the same discontinuity and earthquake files as the full velocity solutions. The earthquake and discontinuity files are updated each month to add new entry for the month. These velocity fields are called snapshot velocity fields. All sites are included in these files because there are no interactions between the sites. Two types of time series analyses are used. The snapshot velocity fields for NMT, CWU and PBO combined are created in the NAM08 frame and the PBO combined solution is also created in the IGS08 frame using a weighted least squares estimator with the standard deviations modified based on the realistic sigma algorithm. A Kalman filter is also performed on the PBO combined time series in the NAM08 reference frame. This later solution is used to generate the discontinuity estimates and the time series event files. The Kalman filter analysis with appropriate random walk process noise yields more reliable estimates of the offsets and sigmas in time series that have systematic residuals.

### **4 Products generated by Analysis Center Coordinator**

The ACC uses the Level 2a SINEX files from each Analysis Center to produce a series of combined Level 2b GPS data products, in accordance with standards laid out above.

#### **(a) Daily rapid solutions**

Merged SINEX files based on each day's rapid SINEX files. These merged files contain network solutions that are loosely constrained and constrained to a standard reference frame as described in section 2. Additionally, ASCII time series, containing data not yet in the final solutions (see below), are created from the merged and constrained SINEX files. The SINEX alignments are made to the NAM08 reference frame. Normally, the rapid time series files will contain 7-14 days of results depending on the generation of the final solution. Daily reports are generated that compare the results between the two AC solutions, report metadata errors, and note sites with deviations from the a priori motions of the sites. The IGS08 time series are generated by aligning the NAM08 time series files to the IGS08 no-net-rotation system. The rapid solutions are not used after the final and subsequent solutions are available. The rapid solutions also differ from the solutions below in that the 2<sup>nd</sup> order ionospheric delay are not applied and the VMF1 mapping functions are not used (see analysis center descriptions in Appendices A and B).

#### **(b) "Final" solutions**

Merged SINEX files based on each day's "final" SINEX files. These solutions are generated with IGS final orbit products for NMT and JPL final orbit and clock products for CWU. These merged files contain network solutions that are constrained to a standard North America fixed reference frame. ASCII time series will be derived from this combined solution and these time series files contain the time series for all data processed to date. These products are generated in 7-day batches based on GPS weeks and will become available after the weekly releases of the IGS final orbits. Reports are generated from each day of data in the

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

week and contain the same information as the rapid processing described above. Time series in North America fixed (NAM08) and the International Terrestrial Frame (ITRF2008 as realized through IGB08) are generated. SINEX files in fiducial free (loose) and NAM08 are generated.

### (c) "Supplemental" solutions

SINEX files generated by merging the solution files from the corresponding final solution with supplemental solutions that contain sites not in the original final solution and a small number of overlap sites to allow alignment of the reference frame. ASCII time series files, merged with the final time series files, are generated from these supplemental analyses.

The routine supplemental analyses are run with 12-week and 26-week latencies (SUPPL and SUPP6 labels where the 6 is for 6 months). Since the SUPP6 solution includes all stations with new data since the time the original FINAL solution was run (including those in the 12-week supplemental) the combined final and suppl or suppl6 SINEX files are simply labeled as suppl. The suppl6 solutions contain all sites in the suppl solution plus any other whose data have become available since the suppl solution was run. The frame resolved (NAM08) SINEX files contain all stations processed to that time. The loose SINEX files are the ones originally submitted by the ACs except for the GAGE loose solution, which contains all sites.

A supplemental solution called "suppf" was introduced in 2006. The convention in the naming is "suppf" used for a site that was in the original final runs and "suppl" for a site added in the supplemental solution itself (normally there are 30-40 of these sites per supplemental run). Since there can be small changes in the coordinates of sites between the original final run and the supplemental runs where the original final SINEX files are combined with the (smaller) supplemental SINEX files, it was felt important to change the designation so that users who had been downloading .pos files would know why there are small changes in the coordinates of the sites."

A supplemental solution called "rern6" was introduced in 2015 for a block of GAGE analysis that were being repeated to fix some deficiencies in the original analyses carried in 2013 and early 2014. The reprocessing period is 2013/01/06-2014/03/22 (GPS weeks 1722-1784) for CWU and 2013/04/07-2013/05/04 (GPS weeks 1735- 1738) for NMT. The reprocessing will correct noisy results in height estimates during this period. SINEX files and time series will be re-generated and during the few days needed to re-combine all the reprocessed results there could be a blend of old and new processing results in the GAGE time series. The recombined should be completed by 2015/12/01. Most of these entries have been or will be replaced with repro designations.

### (d) "Campaign" solutions

Occasionally, the GAGE analysis centers will process campaign GPS data for UNAVCO users who want their results in the GAGE reference system. These campaign analyses are treated like the supplemental solutions and the result combined SINEX files contain all data processed to that time. If the campaign processing is done before the GAGE AC run the supplemental runs, the campaign sites will be added to the supplemental list of stations and the supplemental SINEX file will replace the campaign one. SINEX files which include campaign data are labeled campd.

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

### (e) “Reprocessed” solutions

When there are large changes to the IGS processing models and the IGS generates a set of reprocessed solutions, GAGE reprocesses all the GAGE data including these new models and products from the IGS. Campaign sites are also included in the reprocessed analyses. The most recent of these solutions used the IGS repro1 reprocessing and the ITRF2008 system. These solutions are labeled repro and replace all prior solutions. By mid-2015, IGS had completed repro2 and the ITRF2014 system will be defined based on this reprocessing and reprocessing from the other space geodetic systems. It is expected that GAGE will be reprocessed in early to mid 2017 when JPL completes its generation of orbits and clocks in the IGS14 system. The IGS has released the repro2 orbits consistent with the ITRF2014 system and these will be used by in the NMT analyses.

Users downloading SINEX files should always take the latest SINEX file for a given day since these files will contain the most complete group of stations. The SINEX files labeled loose from NMT and CWU will contain the SINEX files from which the combined SINEX files are generated.

### (f) Velocity solutions

The full velocity solutions derived from the combined SINEX files annually, and these files are updated using fits to the time series on a monthly basis. The annual velocity solutions are provided in both ASCII and SINEX formats in NAM08 and IGS08 reference frames. The velocity field solutions incorporate estimates of offsets from antenna changes, equipment problems (such as broken radomes), and earthquakes. For earthquakes with large post-seismic deformations, time dependent models are estimated, in the form of log functions with earthquake dependent time constants, so that the velocity estimates will not be greatly affected by the earthquake post-seismic motions. Since the post-seismic signals take time to develop, post-seismic log terms may be found to be needed many months after an earthquake and so these parameterizations evolve with time. Monthly velocity estimates are also generated based on time series analysis (direct fitting to time series as opposed to the (much more time consuming) rigorous combination of SINEX files) in North America fixed and IGS08 frames. These monthly velocity field estimates are referred to as snapshot velocity fields.

### (g) Coseismic offsets and postseismic log terms for significant events

The ACC generates two types of the significant event files. Co-seismic offsets are estimated from a short span of data (normally 2-days) on either side of the event and they are also estimated from Kalman filter time series analyses. For the latter analyses, postseismic log terms are also estimated, if needed, and are made available in the same format as the coseismic offsets.

The ACC generates “rapid” and “final” offset estimates for events that result in station position displacements beyond an agreed upon threshold (currently 1mm), for stations within the footprint of all processing groups. All offsets will be archived (and made available for download) in a centralized place by the ACC and UNAVCO. These initial event files are made available within a few days (rapid) to weeks (finals and later processing). The time series analyses would start being generated as part of the monthly reports after the event occurs.

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

At times there are reassessments of the significance of events and some event numbers may be removed if later analyses of data suggest that they are not as significant as first thought. In some cases, events can be missed and event number are added at a later time. The time series derived event files contain all events that are considered significant.

Event file estimates are made available rapidly after large earthquakes with the initial estimates based on the difference between position estimates two days before and after the day of the earthquake (thus a 3-day latency). These estimates are updated at the time when the final and supplement runs are submitted by the ACs. These later runs could contain more sites than the initial rapid solutions. Time series analyses are also used to generate event files based on Kalman filter of the entire time series of a given site. During the annual velocity field analyses and at other times as well, the need for postseismic signal modeling is assessed and incorporated in the velocity solution estimates.

An empirical algorithm based on fits to coseismic models and GPS estimates is used to make a preliminary assessment of the likely magnitude of offsets from an earthquake. This algorithm is embedded in the GAMIT/GLOBK script `sh_makeeqdef` which creates an GLOBK earthquake definition file that can be used (after name modification) in GLOBK and the time series fitting tools `tsfit` and `tsview`. Each candidate earthquake is examined in `tsview` and an assessment made of whether the event contributed a significant coseismic offset. In some cases, this assessment can be difficult due to missing data and snow and/or ice on antennas (especially for some Alaska and volcanic sites). If the event is deemed significant is added to the cumulative GAGE earthquake definition file with, in most cases, a sequential 2-digit number assigned to the earthquake. For large events, a 2-character code is often assigned (e.g., PA for the 2010 Parkfield earthquake.) Both the NEIC catalog (<http://neic.usgs.gov/>) and the ISC bulletins (<http://www.isc.ac.uk>) are used to determine earthquakes that may have resulted in coseismic offsets. The algorithm used predicts (a) the distance from the epicenter that 1 mm coseismic displacement could happen, and (b) the magnitude of the possible offsets as a function of distance from the epicenter, based on the magnitude of the earthquake in the catalog. Since this is an approximate algorithm, the magnitude in the catalog, independent of its type, is used. For some earthquakes, we fit single fault plane solutions to the coseismic offsets and use these estimates of the parameters in the `eq_def` entries in the `All_PBO_eqs.eq` input file. The file contains comments when then method is used. The entries are generated using the GAMIT/GLOBK `sh_eq_model` script but since this involved non-linear parameter estimation, some analyst interaction is typically needed to generate a robust result.

Time series of sites with large co-seismic offsets are monitored to assess if a post-seismic non-linear parameterization is needed. In some cases, it may take up to a year for it be clear that post-seismic log estimates are needed. The postseismic log behavior is modeled as  $\Delta P(\Delta t) = C \ln(1 - \frac{\Delta t}{\tau})$  where  $\Delta t$  is the time since the earthquake,  $\Delta P(\Delta t)$  is the position change in north, east or up (N, E or U),  $C$  is the log coefficient of N, E, or U in the event file and  $\tau$  is the time constant for the postseismic motion. The time units are the same between  $\Delta t$  and  $\tau$ . This time constant is given in the "Event Type" line in the event file header.

In most cases, data two-days before and after the earthquake, excluding the day of the earthquake, are used to compute the initial estimates of the offsets. In some cases when

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

data near the earthquake are missing, an extended number of days will be used. This feature is sometimes needed for sites with low telemetry rates. In later processing, we also generate results from the analysis of the full-time series (see event file description in Appendix H). These time series are generated with a Kalman filter which tends to generate more reliable estimates of offsets when there is systematic noise in the time-series. Post-seismic log coefficients are also generated and reported in the time-series event files.

### 5 GLOBK documentation

The GLOBK processing scripts and control files are given in GAGE\_ACC\_export.tar file. The GAGE\_export\_README.txt file explains how to use the files contained in the tar file. The control and tables directories included the export tar are included here as well. (The export tar file is large because it contains example data sets as well). The contents of this file are given here.

#### Notes on use of GAGE processing scripts

These scripts assume that GAMIT/GLOBK is installed and the standard gg link exists. The scripts included here are the operational scripts. These scripts can be used to reference to an ftp area where subdirectories NMT and CWU would contain SINEX and RMS files generated by the GAGE Acs. For most users, the simpler method is to put the SINEX and RMS files in the subdirectories NMT\_snx and CWU\_snx. The RMS files are not needed to generate position time-series but some of the summary scripts will report errors if the RMS files do not exist (these errors can be ignored if phase RMS values are not of interest).

A small number of SINEX files generated by the AC have been saved in the NMT\_snx and CWU\_snx files for testing. These files are for 2012 12 31 (all solutions) and 2013 01 01 rapid solution. This latter file is included because the sh\_rapid\_ts shell script that generates rapid time series files will only generate values for dates that are after the last final orbit solution processed. The scripts also contain features unlikely to be used by other users such as the ldm option which queues solution to LDM to be transferred to UNAVCO.

To test the solutions, use the following commands to be executed in the export/control directory.

```
csch PBO_final.cmd -d 2012 366 -m `whoami` -clear >&! FIN_12366.out
sh_final_ts -w 1721
csch PBO_rapid.cmd -d 2013 6 -m `whoami` -clear -ts >&! RAP_13006.out
Other solutions that can run are
csch PBO_suppl.cmd -d 2012 366 -m `whoami` -clear >&! SUP_12366.out
csch PBO_supp6.cmd -d 2012 366 -m `whoami` -clear >&! SU6_12366.out
csch PBO_repro.cmd -d 2012 366 -m `whoami` -clear >&! REP_12366.out
```

After each of these runs, the corresponding sh\_<type>\_ts script is used to generate the time-series files.

#### Notes on above solutions:

Since final, suppl, supp6 and repro solutions are usually processed one week batches, the time series files are created after the last day of the week has been processed and so above we explicitly show the use the time series generation script/

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

When using these scripts, you should regularly update the earth orientation parameter (EOP) a priori values using GAMIT script `sh_update_eop`.

In the `export/tables` directory use:  
`sh_update_eop -ser usno`

Information after station meta data should be kept update by downloading `station.info` from the GAMIT/GLOBK ftp site into the `export/tables` directory. In general, the tables directory for your GAMIT/GLOBK installation should be updated regularly. (The `station.info` file in `export/control` could be linked to `~/gg/tables/station.info` to ensure it is kept up to date.

Meta data errors are reported in the processing scripts and the example data given show how changes in the antenna phase center models can affect the results. (Models for two antennas were changed between the original final processing and the values used now).

### References

- Altamimi, Z., L. Métivier, and X. Collilieux (2012), ITRF2008 plate motion model, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 117, B07402, doi:10.1029/2011JB008930.
- IERS TN36 (2010) [TN36.html](#)
- Larson, K.M., A Methodology to Eliminate Snow and Ice-Contaminated Solutions from GPS Coordinate Time Series, *J. Geophys. Res.*, Vol. 118(8), 4503-4510, doi:10.1002/jgrb.50307, 2013.
- Rebischung, P, J. Griffiths, J. Ray, R. Schmid, X. Collilieux and B. Garayt, (2012), IGS08: the IGS realization of ITRF2008, *GPS Solutions* 16:483-494 DOI 10.1007/s10291-011-0248-2
- [http://download.springer.com/static/pdf/648/art%253A10.1007%252Fs10291-011-0248-2.pdf?auth66=1384569269\\_41588ddafabceb649e99d1482132d72e&ext=.pdf](http://download.springer.com/static/pdf/648/art%253A10.1007%252Fs10291-011-0248-2.pdf?auth66=1384569269_41588ddafabceb649e99d1482132d72e&ext=.pdf)

# GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

## APPENDIX A. Central Washington University Analysis Parameters.

PLATE BOUNDARY OBSERVATORY (GAGE) CWU Analysis Center Strategy Summary	
ANALYSIS CENTER	Central Washington University (CWU) Geodesy Lab & PANGA Facility 400 East University Way Ellensburg, WA 98926 USA Fax: +1 509 963 1109 Data Archive: ftp://sideshow.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/JPL_GPS_Products ftp://ftp.panga.cwu.edu/pub/GAGE_ac
CONTACT PERSON(S)	Dr. Tim Melbourne E-mail: tim (at) geology.cwu.edu Phone: +1-509-963-2799  Dr. Walter Szeliga E-mail: walter (at) geology.cwu.edu Phone: +1-509-963-2705  M.S. Marcelo Santillan E-mail: marcelo (at) geology.cwu.edu Phone: +1-509-963-1107
SOFTWARE USED	GIPSY/OASIS-II Version 6.4 developed at JPL GOAT (GIPSY OASIS Toolkit) developed at CWU
List of JPL's analysis products	YYYY-MM-DD.pos GPS orbits for all satellites YYYY-MM-DD.tdp Satellite clocks + yaw rates YYYY-MM-DD.eo Earth orientation parameters
Rapid Products generated daily in fiducial frame	YYYY-MM-DD.shad Shadow events YYYY-MM-DD.ant Receiver/Transmitter antenna calibration used YYYY-MM-DD.frame Reference frame for provided orbits YYYY-MM-DD.wlpb Global set of wide-lane biases used for bias fixing (PPP-AR)
Final Products generated weekly in non-fiducial frame	YYYY-MM-DD_nf.pos GPS orbits for all satellites YYYY-MM-DD_nf.tdp Satellite clocks + yaw rates YYYY-MM-DD_nf.eo Earth orientation parameters YYYY-MM-DD.shad Shadow events YYYY-MM-DD.ant Receiver/Transmitter antenna calibration used YYYY-MM-DD.frame Reference frame for provided orbits YYYY-MM-DD.x 7 parameter Helmert's transform from fiducial frame to the frame in .frame file
YYYY : 4 digit year MM : 2 digit month DD : 2 digit day	YYYY-MM-DD_nf.wlpb Global set of wide-lane biases used for bias fixing (PPP-AR)
PREPARATION DATE	June 26, 2013

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

MODIFICATION DATES	2 Jul. 2015: Update to reflect recent PBO reprocessing 14 Mar. 2017: Update to reflect transition to IGS14
EFFECTIVE DATE FOR DATA ANALYSIS	Week 1934 onwards

MEASUREMENT MODELS	
Preprocessing	Carrier Phase: Decimated to 5 minutes Pseudorange: Decimated to 5 minutes Cycle slip detection
Basic Observable	Undifferenced ionosphere-free carrier phase, LC Undifferenced ionosphere-free pseudorange, PC ----- Elevation angle cutoff: 15 degrees Sampling rate: 5 minutes Data weight, LC: 1 cm Data weight, PC: 1 m
Modeled observable	Undifferenced LC and PC combinations CA-P1 biases from CODE applied
RHC phase rotation corr.	Applied
Marker -> antenna ARP eccentricity	dN, dE, dU eccentricities from CWU sinex file applied to compute station marker coordinates
Ground antenna phase center cal.	Final Orbits PCV model from igs08_www.atx applied Rapid Orbits PCV model from igs14_www.atx applied
Troposphere	A priori model: Dry delay Final Orbits VMF1 Rapid Orbits Exponential wrp height Wet Delay Final Orbits VMF1 Rapid Orbits 10 cm Mapping Function: Vienna Mapping Function (VMF1) in weekly runs Niell Mapping Function (NIELL) in daily runs Estimation: Zenith delay and horizontal gradients
Ionosphere	1st order effect: Removed by LC and PC combinations 2nd order effect: Modeled using a 600 km shell height and Slant TEC from IONEX files after 01 JAN 1999 and using IRI prior to 1999. NOT Applied with rapid orbits
Plate motions	
Tidal	Solid earth tide: IERS 2010 Conventions ----- Permanent tide: NOT removed from model, so NOT in estimated site coordinates ----- Pole tide: IERS 2010 Conventions

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

	<p>Ocean Tide Loading corrections:  Tide Model: FES2004  Tides: M2 S2 N2 K2 K1 O1 P1 Q1 MF MM SSA  Computed using OLCMC plus OLFG by H G Scherneck  <a href="http://holt.oso.chalmers.se/loading">http://holt.oso.chalmers.se/loading</a>  Frame origin is the joint mass center of the solid earth and ocean.</p> <p>Ocean Pole Tide Loading: Not applied</p>
Non-tidal loading	<p>Atmospheric Pressure: Not applied</p> <p>Ocean Bottom Pressure: Not applied</p> <p>Surface Hydrology: Not applied</p> <p>Other Effects: None applied</p>
Earth Orientation Parameter (EOP) Model	IERS 2010 Conventions for diurnal, semidiurnal, and long period tidal effects on polar motion and UT1
Satellite center of mass correction	<p>Final Orbits</p> <p>Phase centers offsets from igs08_www.atx applied</p> <p>Rapid Orbits</p> <p>Phase centers offsets from igs14_www.atx applied</p>
Satellite antenna phase variations	<p>Final Orbits</p> <p>PCV model w.r.t. phase center from igs08_www.atx applied</p> <p>Rapid Orbits</p> <p>PCV model w.r.t. phase center from igs14_www.atx applied</p>
Relativistic corrections	<p>Periodic Clock Corrections, <math>(-2*R*V/c)</math>: Applied</p> <p>Gravity Bending: Applied</p>
GPS Attitude model	GYM95 nominal yaw rate model from Bar-Sever (1996) and yaw rates for Block II satellites
ESTIMATED PARAMETERS (APRIORI VALUES & SIGMAS)	
Adjustment	Stochastic Kalman filter/smoothing implemented as square root information filter with smoother
Station coordinates	<p>Daily Point Positioning estimates with rapid orbits</p> <p>Weekly free-network estimates with final orbits</p> <p>Weekly free-network supplemental processing with 13 and 26 week lag</p>
Satellite clock	Not estimated
Receiver clock	Estimate every 5 minutes
Orbital parameters	Not estimated
GPS Attitude parameters	Not estimated

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

Troposphere	Zenith delay: random walk 5.0d-8 km/sqrt(sec) Horizontal delay gradients: random walk 5.0e-9 km/sqrt(sec)
Ionosphere	1st order effects removed by LC and PC combinations and 2nd order effects modeled
Ambiguity	Ambiguities resolved using JPL WLPB products

### REFERENCE FRAMES

Terrestrial	Final Orbits IGS08 station coordinates and velocities Rapid Orbits IGS14 station coordinates and velocities
-------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

### REFERENCES

Bar-Sever, Y. E. (1996), "A new model for GPS yaw attitude", *Journal of Geodesy*, 70:714-723

Bar-Sever, Y. E., and D. Kuang (2004), New empirically-derived solar radiation pressure model for GPS satellites, *IPN Progress Reports 42-159*, JPL. Available online: [http://ipnpr.jpl.nasa.gov/progress\\_report/42-160/title.htm](http://ipnpr.jpl.nasa.gov/progress_report/42-160/title.htm)

Bassiri, S., and G. A. Hajj, (1993), Higher-order ionospheric effects on the global positioning systems observables and means of modeling them, *Manuscripta Geodtica*, 18, 280-289, 1993

Blewitt, G., (1990), An automatic editing algorithm for GPS data. *Geophysical Research Letters*, Vol. 17, No. 3, p. 199-202

Kouba, J., 2008, "Implementation and testing of the gridded Vienna Mapping Function 1 (VMF1)", *J. Geod.*, 82(4-5), pp. 193-205, doi:10.1007/s00190-007-0170-0.

Niell, A. E., 1996, "Global mapping functions for the atmosphere delay of radio wavelengths", *J. Geophys. Res.*, 101(B2), pp. 3227, 3246, doi:10.1029/95JB03048.

IERS Conventions 2003, D.D. McCarthy & G. Petit (editors), *IERS Technical Note 32*, Frankfurt am Main: Verlag des Bundesamts fuer Kartographie und Geodaesie, 2004.

Kedar, S., G. Hajj, B. Wilson, and M. Heflin (2003), The effect of the second order GPS ionospheric correction on receiver positions, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 30(16), 1829, doi:10.1029/2003GL017639

Moyer, T.D., (2000) Formulation of observed and computed values of deep space network data types for navigation, *Deep Space Communications and Navigation Series*, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, Chapter 4, pp, 19-28.

Sibthorpe, A., J. Weiss, N. Harvey, D. Kuang, and Y. Bar-Sever, Empirical modeling of solar radiation pressure forces affecting GPS satellites, *AGU Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, 2010.

# GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

## Appendix B. New Mexico Tech Analysis Parameters.

PLATE BOUNDARY OBSERVATORY  
NMT Processing Strategy Summary

Analysis Center	New Mexico Tech (NMT)	
	Dept Earth & Environmental Sciences 801 Leroy Place New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Socorro, NM 87801 Phone: ++ 1 575 835 6930 Fax: ++ 1 575 835 6436	
Contact Person(s)	Mark Murray	e-mail: murray@nmt.edu phone : ++ 1 575 835 6930
Software Used	GAMIT v. 10.5, GLOBK v. 10.5, developed at MIT/SIO	
Preparation Date	March 5, 2014	
Modification Dates	New	
Effective Date for Data Analysis	January 5, 2014	

MEASUREMENT MODELS	
Observable	Doubly differenced, ionosphere-free combination of L1 and L2 carrier phases. Pseudoranges are used only to obtain receiver clock offsets and in ambiguity resolution.
Data weighting	Sigma on doubly difference LC phase: Site and elevation dependent based on iterated analysis. Cleaning at 30-second rate. Sampling rate: 2 minutes Elevation angle cutoff : 10 degrees
Data Editing	Cycles slips detected and fixed. Unresolved cycle slips estimated in solution. Postfit editing using 4 times RMS deletion.
RHC phase rotation corr.	Phase polarization effects applied (Wu et al, 1993)
Ground antenna phase center calibrations	Elevation- and azimuth-dependent phase center corrections are applied according to the model IGS08. The corrections are given relative to the Dorne Margolin T antenna.
Troposphere	Atmospheric mapping functions and hydrostatic zenith delays from VMF1 numerical model (Boehm et al., 2006b) 2-hour piecewise linear function estimated, 2 NS and EW gradient per day.  Met data input: VMF1 global numerical model (Boehm et al., 2006b)

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

	Mapping functions: VMF1 (Boehm et al., 2006b)
Ionosphere	Not modeled (ionosphere eliminated by forming the ionosphere-free linear combination of L1 and L2).
Plate motions	ITRF2008 velocities
Tidal displacements	Solid earth and tidal displacement: constant Love number tides frequency dependent radial tide (K1)  Pole tide: Applied to Mean IERS pole position  Ocean loading: FES2004 (Lyard et al., 2006)
Atmospheric loading	Not applied
Earth orientation	IERS Bulletin A plus diurnal and semidiurnal variations in x,y, and UT1 models (EOP) R. Ray [1995], IERS Tech. Note 21 [1996]
Satellite center of mass correction	Block I        x,y,z: 0.2100, 0.0000, 0.8540 m Block II/IIA x,y,z: 0.2790, 0.0000, 0.9519 m Block IIRA/IIRB x,y,z: -0.0031, -0.0012, 0.0000 m Block IIRM    x,y,z: 0.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000 m Block IIF     x,y,z: 0.3940, 0.0000, 1.6000 m
Satellite phase center calibrat	Not applied
Relativity corrections	Relativistic corrections applied
GPS attitude model	Yaw computed using model of Bar-Sever (1996), using nominal rates or estimates supplied by JPL
-----	
ORBIT MODELS	
Geopotential	EGM08 degree and order 9 (Pavlis et al., 2012)  GM = 398600.4415 km**3/sec**2  AE = 6378.1363 km
Third-body	Sun and Moon as point masses  Ephemeris: CfA PEP NBODY 740  GMsun = 132712440000 km**3/sec**2  GMmoon = 4902.7989 km**3/sec**2
Solar radiation pressure	A priori: nominal block-dependent constant direct acceleration; corrections to direct, y-axis, and B-axis constant and once-per-rev terms estimated (Beutler et al., 1994; Springer et al. 1998)

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

	Earth shadow model: umbra and penumbra
	Earth's albedo: not applied
	Satellite attitude model not applied
Tidal forces	Solid earth tides: frequency independent Love number K2= 0.300
	Ocean tides: None
Relativity	Applied (IERS 1996, Chapter 11, Eqn.1)
Numerical Integration	Adams-Moulton fixed-step, 11-pt predictor-corrector with Nordsieck variable-step starting procedure (see Ash, 1972 and references therein)
	Integration step-size: 75 s; tabular interval: 900 s
	Arc length: 24 hours

ESTIMATED PARAMETERS (A PRIORI VALUES & SIGMAS)	
Adjustment	Weighted least squares plus Kalman filter
Station coordinates	~40 networks of ~45 stations per network. 2-3 common sites between networks. Weak constraints applied to site coordinates.
Satellite clocks bias	Initial values from linear fit to Broadcast ephemeris. Values estimated during data cleaning.
Receiver clock bias	Time estimated from pseudoranges.
Orbital parameters	Initial Position and Velocity (IC) plus 9 radiation-pressure terms: constant and sin/cos once-per-rev terms for a direct, y-axis, and b-axis acceleration. ICs estimated each day. Radiation parameters treated as random walk with process noise based on independent daily estimates. ICs fixed to IGS Final orbit values.
Troposphere	Piece-wise linear function in zenith delay estimated once per 2-hr for each station constrained by a random-walk process to 20mm/sqrt(hr); one N-S and one E-W gradient parameter per day for each station, constrained to 10 mm at 10 deg elevation angle
Ionospheric correction	Not estimated (first-order effect eliminated by linear combination of L1 and L2 phase)
Ambiguity	Resolution attempted for all baselines but resolving Melbourne-Webena Widelines for L2-L1 using pseudoranges with differential code biases applied, and then L1 from geodetic solution using ionospheric free observable.
Earth Orient. Parameters (EOP)	Pole X/Y and their rates, and UT1 rate estimated once per day.
GPS attitude model	Not estimated

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

REFERENCE FRAMES	
Inertial	Geocentric; mean equator and equinox of 2000 Jan 1 at 12:00 (J2000.0)
Terrestrial	ITRF2008, No constrained sites coordinates.
Interconnection	Precession: IAU 1976
	Nutation: IAU 2000

### REFERENCES:

- Ash, M. E., Determination of Earth satellite orbits, Tech. Note 1972-5, Lincoln Laboratory, MIT, 19 April 1972.
- Bar-Sever, Y. E., A new module for GPS yaw attitude, in Proc. IGS Workshop: Special Topics and New Directions, edit. G. Gendt and G. Dick, pp. 128-140, GeoForschungsZentrum, Potsdam, 1996.
- Beutler, G., E. Brockmann, W. Gurtner, U. Hugentobler, L. Mervart, and M. Rothacher, Extended Orbit Modeling Techniques at the CODE Processing Center of the International GPS Service for Geodynamics (IGS): Theory and Initial Results, Manuscripta Geodaetica, 19, 367-386, 1994.
- Boehm, J., and H. Schuh, Global Pressure and Temperature (GPT): A spherical harmonic expansion of annual pressure and temperature variations for geodetic applications, J. Geod., 2006
- Boehm, J., A. Niell, P. Tregoning, and H. Schuh, Global Mapping Function (GMF): A new empirical mapping function based on numerical weather model data, Geophys. Res. Lett., 33, L07304, doi:10.1029/2005/GL025546, 2006a.
- Boehm J, Werl B, Schuh H, Troposphere mapping functions for GPS and very long baseline interferometry from European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts operational analysis data, J Geophys Res 111:B02406. doi:10.1029/2005JB003629, 2006b.
- Dong, D., and Y. Bock, Global Positioning System network analysis with phase ambiguity resolution applied to crustal deformation studies in California, Journal of Geophysical Research, 94, 3949-3966, 1989.
- Dong, D., T. A. Herring, and R. W. King, Estimating Regional Deformation from a Combination of Space and Terrestrial Geodetic Data, J. Geodesy, 72, 200-214, 1998.
- Lyard, F., F. Lefèvre, T. Letellier and O. Francis. Modelling the global ocean tides: a modern insight from FES2004, Ocean Dynamics, 56, 394-415, 2006.
- Niell, A. E., Global mapping functions for the atmospheric delay, J. Geophys. Res., 101, 3227-3246, 1996.
- Pavlis, N.K., S.A. Holmes, S.C. Kenyon, J.K. Factor, The development and evaluation of the Earth Gravitational Model 2008 (EGM2008), J. Geop. Res., 117(B4), 2012.
- Ray, R.D., <ftp://maia.usno.navy.mil/conventions/chapter8/ray.f> (IERS Standards), 1995
- Schaffrin, B., and Y. Bock, A unified scheme for processing GPS phase observations, Bulletin Geodesique, 62, 142-160, 1988.
- Springer, T. A., G. Beutler, and M. Rothacher, A new solar radiation pressure model for the GPS satellites, IGS Analysis Center Workshop, Darmstadt, 9-11 February 1998.
- Wu, J. T., S. C. Wu, G. A. Hajj, W. I. Bertiger, S. M. Lichten, Effects of antenna orientation on GPS carrier phase. Manuscripta Geodaetica 18, 1993, 91-98, 1993.

## APPENDIX C. Position Time Series File Naming and Format (\*.POS)

Created by the Analysis Center Coordinator.

Available from <ftp://data-out.unavco.org/pub/products/position/>

### File Naming

<STATION\_ID>.<AC\_ID>.<SOLUTION\_ID>\_<FRAME\_ID>.pos

where

- <STATION\_ID> 4-character station identifier
- <AC\_ID> Analysis Center from whose work the time series is derived. Values are one of
  - cwu (Central Washington University)
  - nmt (New Mexico Tech)
  - pbo (Combined solution from MIT)
- <SOLUTION\_ID> Solution type identifier. Values are one of
  - rapid (daily rapid orbit solutions; described section 4a)
  - final (weekly final orbit solutions; described in section 4b)
  - suppl (supplemental 12-week final orbit solutions; described in section 4c)
  - supp6 (supplemental 26-week/6-month final orbit solutions; described in section 4c)
  - suppf (supplemental final orbit solution revised from an original final orbit solution; described in section 4c)
  - rern6 (temporary solutions from a partial processing rerun in 2015)
  - repro (reprocessed solution as described in section 4e above)
- <FRAME\_ID> Reference frame identifier. Values are one of
  - nam08
  - igs08
  - snf01 (discontinued)
  - igs05 (discontinued)

Additionally, UNAVCO generates concatenated \*pos files that include ALL solution types (rapid, final, etc.) in a single file. These concatenated \*pos files omit the <SOLUTION\_ID> from the file name.

Examples:

P513.cwu.final\_igs08.pos

...is the time series for station P513 derived from final solutions generated by the Central Washington University Analysis Center in the IGS08 reference frame.

P513.nmt.rapid\_nam08.pos

...is the time series for station P513 derived from rapid solutions generated by the New Mexico Tech Analysis Center in the NAM08 reference frame.

P513.pbo.final\_nam08.pos

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

...is the time series for station P513 derived from final solutions combined by the MIT Analysis Center Coordinator in the NAM08 reference frame.

P513.pbo.nam08.pos

...is the time series for station P513 containing both final and rapid solutions combined by the MIT Analysis Center Coordinator in the NAM08 reference frame.

# GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

## File Format

Station position time series files are made available in ASCII format and contain a descriptive header that defines the fields.

### Example:

```

PBO Station Position Time Series. Reference Frame : NAM08
Format Version: 1.1.0
4-character ID: P513
Station name : Point_Sal_CS2007
First Epoch : 20070322 120000
Last Epoch : 20170127 120000
Release Date : 20170216 090407
XYZ Reference position : -2669569.05613 -4504986.54067 3629597.39768 (NAM08)
NEU Reference position : 34.9072632191 239.3498271380 284.58671 (NAM08/WGS84)
Start Field Description
YYYYMMDD Year, month, day for the given position epoch
HHMMSS Hour, minute, second for the given position epoch
JJJJJ.JJJJJ Modified Julian day for the given position epoch
X X coordinate, Specified Reference Frame, meters
Y Y coordinate, Specified Reference Frame, meters
Z Z coordinate, Specified Reference Frame, meters
Sx Standard deviation of the X position, meters
Sy Standard deviation of the Y position, meters
Sz Standard deviation of the Z position, meters
Rxy Correlation of the X and Y position
Rxz Correlation of the X and Z position
Ryz Correlation of the Y and Z position
Nlat North latitude, WGS-84 ellipsoid, decimal degrees
Elong East longitude, WGS-84 ellipsoid, decimal degrees
Height (Up) Height relative to WGS-84 ellipsoid, m
dN Difference in North component from NEU reference position, meters
dE Difference in East component from NEU reference position, meters
dU Difference in vertical component from NEU reference position, meters
Sn Standard deviation of dN, meters
Se Standard deviation of dE, meters
Su Standard deviation of dU, meters
Rne Correlation of dN and dE
Rnu Correlation of dN and dU
Reu Correlation of dE and dU
Soln "rapid", "final", "suppl/suppf", "campd", or "repro" corresponding to
products generated with rapid or final orbit products, in supplemental
processing, campaign data processing or reprocessing
End Field Description
*YYYYMMDD HHMMSS JJJJJ.JJJJJ X Y Z Sx Sy
dU dU Sn Se Su Rne Rnu Reu Soln Height dN dE
20070322 120000 54181.5000 -2669569.00197 -4504986.66587 3629597.28826 0.00357
0.00610 0.00436 0.800 -0.789 -0.819 34.9072619971 239.3498283462 284.58978
-0.13603 0.11029 0.00307 0.00210 0.00195 0.00779 -0.220 -0.242 0.147 repro
20070323 120000 54182.5000 -2669568.99965 -4504986.66464 3629597.28930 0.00207
0.00328 0.00255 0.805 -0.765 -0.847 34.9072620164 239.3498283611 284.58854
-0.13389 0.11166 0.00183 0.00112 0.00108 0.00437 -0.006 -0.118 0.050 repro

```

## APPENDIX D. Position Time Series File Naming and Format (\*.CSV)

Created by UNAVCO, sourced from \*.pos files created by the GPS Analysis Center Coordinator.  
Available from <ftp://data-out.unavco.org/pub/products/position/>

These files contain ALL solution types (rapid, final, etc.) in a single file. These files contain only a subset of the most commonly used data columns from the original \*.pos files.

One major difference between \*.csv and \*.pos files is that the N/E/U daily position offsets begin at "0.00 mm" for the first epoch in the \*.csv file. The actual motion of the station through time relative the reference coordinate is the same in corresponding \*.csv and \*.pos files. This format was implemented based on user feedback, as having zero values for the first epoch can make the position offsets though time easier for some users and applications.

### File Naming

<STATION\_ID>.<AC\_ID>.<FRAME\_ID>.csv

where

- <STATION\_ID> 4-character station identifier
- <AC\_ID> Analysis Center from whose work the time series is derived. Values are one of
  - cwu (Central Washington University)
  - nmt (New Mexico Tech)
  - pbo (Combined solution from MIT)
- <FRAME\_ID> Reference frame identifier. Values are
  - nam08
  - igs08
  - snf01 (discontinued)
  - igs05 (discontinued)

Examples:

P513.cwu.nam08.csv

...is the time series for station P513 containing both final and rapid solutions generated by the Central Washington University Analysis Center in the NAM08 reference frame.

P513.nmt.igs08.csv

...is the time series for station P513 containing both final and rapid solutions generated by the New Mexico Tech Analysis Center in the IGS08 reference frame.

P513.pbo.nam08.csv

...is the time series for station P513 containing both final and rapid solutions combined by the MIT Analysis Center Coordinator in the NAM08 reference frame.

### File Format

Station position time series files are made available in ASCII comma separated value (CSV) format and contain a descriptive header that defines the fields.

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

### Example:

```
PBO Station Position Time Series.  
Format Version, 1.2.0  
Reference Frame, NAM08  
4-character ID, P513  
Station name, Point_Sal_CS2007  
Begin Date, 2007-03-22  
End Date, 2017-02-14  
Release Date, 2017-02-16  
Source file, P513.pbo.nam08.pos  
Offset from source file, 136.03 mm North, -110.29 mm East, -3.07 mm Vertical  
Reference position, 34.9072632191 North Latitude, -120.650172862 East Longitude,  
284.58671 meters elevation  
Date, North (mm), East (mm), Vertical (mm), North Std. Deviation (mm), East Std.  
Deviation (mm), Vertical Std. Deviation (mm), Quality,  
2007-03-22,0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 2.1, 1.95, 7.79, repro,  
2007-03-23,2.14, 1.37, -1.24, 1.12, 1.08, 4.37, repro,
```

## APPENDIX E. Velocity (\*.VEL) File Naming and Format.

Created by the Analysis Center Coordinator.

Available from <ftp://data-out.unavco.org/pub/products/velocity/>

### File Naming

<AC\_ID>.<SOLUTION\_ID>\_<FRAME\_ID>.vel

where

- <AC\_ID> Analysis Center from whose work the time series is derived. Values are one of
  - cwu (Central Washington University)
  - nmt (New Mexico Tech)
  - pbo (Combined solution from MIT)
- <SOLUTION\_ID> Solution type identifier. Values are one of
  - rapid (described in section 3 of analysis plan above)
  - final (described in section 3 of analysis plan above)
  - snaps (described in section 3 of analysis plan above)
  - snips (contains the subset of stations in the “snaps” solution with velocities that have changed in some significant fashion since the most recent “final” solution)
- <FRAME\_ID> Reference frame identifier. Values are one of
  - nam08
  - igs08
  - snf01 (discontinued)
  - igs05 (discontinued)

Examples:

cwu.final\_nam08.vel

...is the final (annual) velocity field derived from the solutions generated by the Central Washington University Analysis Center in the NAM08 reference frame.

nmt.snaps\_nam08.vel

...is the snapshot velocity field derived from the solutions generated by the New Mexico Tech Analysis Center in the NAM08 reference frame.

pbo.snips\_nam08.vel

...is the snapshot velocity field derived from the combined solutions generated by the Analysis Center Coordinator in the NAM08 reference frame, containing just the subset of stations with velocities that have changed significantly since the most recent “final” solution.

pbo.final\_igs08.vel

...is the final (annual) velocity field derived from the combined solutions generated by the Analysis Center Coordinator.

### File Format

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

Network velocity files are in ASCII format and contain a descriptive header that defines the fields.

A given station may have more than one entry in a given velocity file, for example if the station is near a large earthquake and is affected by postseismic deformation. In this case, there will be multiple velocity lines in the given file, with different first\_epoch and last\_epoch for each entry, but will still have the same velocity for each entry.

### Example:

```
PBO Velocity file from PBO_vel_161203_NAM08.org Reference Frame : NAM08
Format Version: 1.1.0
Release Date : 20161230095029
Start Field Description
Dot#          4-character identifier for a given station
Name          16-character station name
Ref_epoch     Date and time at which the station position is as given in ref_XYZ and
ref_NEU. Format is YYYYMMDDhhmmss.
Ref_jday      Reference epoch, represented as Modified Julian Day number (MJD)
Ref_X         Reference X coordinate at Ref_epoch, meters
Ref_Y         Reference Y coordinate at Ref_epoch, meters
Ref_Z         Reference Z coordinate at Ref_epoch, meters
Ref_Nlat      Reference North latitude WGS-84 ellipsoid, decimal degrees
Ref_Elong     Reference East Longitude WGS-84 ellipsoid, decimal degrees
Ref_Up        Reference Height WGS-84 ellipsoid, meters
dX/dt         X component of station velocity, meters/yr
dY/dt         Y component of station velocity, meters/yr
dZ/dt         Z component of station velocity, meters/yr
SXd           Standard deviation of X velocity, meters/yr
SYd           Standard deviation of Y velocity, meters/yr
SZd           Standard deviation of Z velocity, meters/yr
Rxy           Correlation of X and Y velocity
Rxz           Correlation of X and Z velocity
Ryz           Correlation of Y and Z velocity
dN/dt         North component of station velocity, meters/yr
dE/dt         East component of station velocity, meters/yr
dU/dt         Vertical component of station velocity, meters/yr
SNd           Standard deviation of North velocity, meters/yr
SEd           Standard deviation of East velocity, meters/yr
Sud           Standard deviation of vertical velocity, meters/yr
Rne           Correlation of North and East velocity
Rnu           Correlation of North and vertical velocity
Reu           Correlation of East and vertical velocity
first_epoch   Epoch of first data used to derive the station velocity, in the same format
as ref_epoch.
last_epoch    Epoch of last data used to derive the station velocity, in the same format as
ref_epoch.
End Field Description
*Dot#         Name          Ref_epoch     Ref_jday      Ref_X         Ref_Y
Ref_Z         Ref_Nlat      Ref_Elong     Ref_Up...     dX/dt         dY/dt         dZ/dt         SXd
SYd          SZd          Rxy          Rxz          Rzy          dN/dt         dE/dt         dU/dt         SNd         SEd         Sud
Rne          Rnu          Reu          first_epoch   last_epoch
1LSU Louisiana_St      20161130120000  57722.5000    -113402.86155 -5504361.32180
3209404.21177 30.4074248318  268.8197384036 -6.56004      0.00038      0.00317      -0.00063
0.00023 0.00050 0.00036 0.040 -0.007 -0.580 0.00105 0.00031 -0.00306 0.00026 0.00023
0.00056 0.027 -0.005 0.003 20030423000000 20080621000000
1LSU Louisiana_St      20161130120000  57722.5000    -113402.85625 -5504361.31533
3209404.21172 30.4074248615  268.8197384573 -6.56575      0.00038      0.00317      -0.00063
0.00023 0.00050 0.00036 0.040 -0.007 -0.579 0.00105 0.00031 -0.00306 0.00026 0.00023
0.00056 0.027 -0.005 0.003 20080623000000 20100415000000
1LSU Louisiana_St      20161130120000  57722.5000    -113402.86032 -5504361.31285
3209404.20650 30.4074248318  268.8197384145 -6.57045      0.00038      0.00317      -0.00063
0.00023 0.00050 0.00036 0.040 -0.007 -0.580 0.00105 0.00031 -0.00306 0.00026 0.00023
0.00056 0.027 -0.005 0.003 20100415000000 20140115000000
```

## APPENDIX F. Coseismic/Postseismic Event (\*.EVT) File Naming and Format.

Created by the Analysis Center Coordinator.

Available from <ftp://data-out.unavco.org/pub/products/event/>

### File Naming

<AC\_ID>\_<EVENT\_DATE>\_<EVENT\_TIME>\_<EQ\_CODE>\_<TYPE>\_<SOLUTION\_ID>.evt

where

- <AC\_ID> Analysis Center from whose work the time series is derived. Values are one of
  - cwu (Central Washington University)
  - nmt (New Mexico Tech)
  - pbo (Combined solution from MIT)
- <EVENT\_DATE> UTC date of earthquake that caused coseismic offset, in yymmdd format
- <EVENT\_TIME> UTC time of earthquake that caused coseismic offset, in hhmm format
- <EQ\_CODE> 2-character code assigned to earthquake by Analysis Center Coordinator currently preceded by “eq” i.e., event number 31 is eq31. In future other types of events may be added.
- <TYPE> Type of event. Currently “coseis” for co-seismic offsets or “postln” for post-seismic log coefficient estimates (only available for time series analyses).
- <SOLUTION\_ID> Solution type identifier. Values are one of
  - rapid (described in section 4g of analysis plan above)
  - final (described in section 4g of analysis plan above)
  - suppl/repro for other longer latency results
  - kalts/wlsts for time series analyses based Kalman filtering or weight-least-squares. Currently only kalts results are distributed since these are more reliable in the presence of systematic noise in the time series.

Associated with event files, there are also automatically generated and scaled postscript files with plots of the results (.ps replaces .evt in file name).

### Examples:

pbo\_140424\_0311\_eq31\_coseis\_final.evt

...is the file containing final coseismic offsets for GPS stations affected by an earthquake identified as “EQ31” which occurred on April 24, 2014, at 03:11 UTC.

pbo\_160124\_1031\_eq37\_coseis\_rapid.evt

...is the file containing rapid coseismic offsets for GPS stations affected by an earthquake identified as “EQ37” which occurred on January 24, 2016, at 01:24 UTC.

pbo\_160124\_1031\_EQ37\_coseis\_kalts.evt

Estimates of coseismic offsets for event 37 based on Kalman filter time series analyses.

### File Format

Coseismic event files are in ASCII format and contain a descriptive header that defines the fields.

# GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

## Example: pbo\_140424\_0311\_EQ31\_coseis\_final.evt

PBO Coseismic Offsets for EQ code 31, Date 2014 04 24 (ymd) Time 03 11 (hr min)  
Format Version : 1.00  
EQ Location (lat/long) : 49.8459 -127.4440 deg  
Release Date : 20140515145905  
Data Analyzed : ../COM/com17892.b.glb ../COM/com17893.b.glb ../COM/com17895.b.glb  
../COM/com17896.b.glb  
Analysis Center : PBO  
Analysis Type : final  
Event Type : Coseismic  
Event Code : EQ31  
Event Date : 201404240311  
GLOBK Solution file : ../COM/pbo140424\_EQ31.b.org

. Long	Lat	dE	dN	E +-	N +-	RhoEN	dH	H +-	Site
. deg	deg	mm	mm	mm	mm	--	mm	mm	--
233.15736	50.54428	0.07	-2.28	1.28	1.69	0.000	-4.25	3.90	BCOV_431
232.87734	49.87305	-2.08	-6.70	1.48	2.13	0.000	-4.58	6.53	ELIZ_231
233.87267	49.68149	2.23	-0.75	1.59	1.92	0.000	-0.07	4.04	GLDR_G31
231.86500	50.64035	-0.65	-0.01	1.18	1.51	0.000	0.27	3.21	HOLB_831

...

## Example of time series generated co-seismic offset file pbo\_140424\_0311\_EQ31\_coseis\_kalts.evt

PBO Coseismic Offsets for EQ code 31, Date 2014 04 24 (ymd) Time 03 11 (hr min)  
Format Version : 1.01  
EQ Location (lat/long) : 49.8459 -127.4440 deg  
Release Date : 20170405161336  
Data Analyzed : Time Series  
Analysis Center : PBO  
Analysis Type : Kalman Filter  
Event Type : Coseismic  
Event Code : EQ31  
Event Date : 201404240311  
TSFIT Command file : tsfit\_SNAPKF.cmd

. Long	Lat	dE	dN	E +-	N +-	RhoEN	dH	H +-	Site
. deg	deg	mm	mm	mm	mm	--	mm	mm	--
234.86490	48.83533	1.96	0.11	0.31	0.35	0.000	-3.78	1.03	BAMF_G31
233.15736	50.54428	-1.12	-2.42	0.22	0.27	0.000	0.47	0.74	BCOV_G31
232.87734	49.87305	-2.48	-7.96	0.26	0.41	0.000	0.36	0.82	ELIZ_G31
233.87267	49.68149	1.63	-1.01	0.38	0.36	0.000	-1.50	1.18	GLDR_G31
231.86500	50.64035	-0.95	-0.87	0.30	0.31	0.000	-2.80	1.00	HOLB_G31
233.38339	49.59236	4.06	-1.63	0.27	0.35	0.000	-4.11	0.88	NTKA_G31
235.13904	49.25633	1.17	-0.53	0.22	0.26	0.000	-0.17	0.66	PTAL_G31
234.66917	50.13250	0.33	-0.24	0.24	0.28	0.000	-0.65	0.90	QUAD_G31
234.09216	49.15414	1.89	-0.44	0.37	0.41	0.000	-5.80	1.32	TFNO_G31
234.45836	48.92564	1.47	-0.18	0.20	0.29	0.000	-2.55	0.85	UCLU_G31

...

## Example of time series generated postseismic log coefficient event file pbo\_120905\_1442\_EQ21\_postsm\_kalts.evt

PBO Postseismic Log for EQ code 21, Date 2012 09 05 (ymd) Time 14 42 (hr min)  
Format Version : 1.01  
EQ Location (lat/long) : 10.1000 -85.3100 deg  
Release Date : 20170405161336  
Data Analyzed : Time Series  
Analysis Center : PBO  
Analysis Type : Weighted Least Squares  
Event Type : Postseismic Log Tau 2.0 days  
Event Code : EQ21  
Event Date : 201209051442  
TSFIT Command file : tsfit\_SNAPKF.cmd

. Long	Lat	dE	dN	E +-	N +-	RhoEN	dH	H +-	Site
. deg	deg	mm	mm	mm	mm	--	mm	mm	--
279.82689	7.41473	-1.46	1.68	0.42	0.35	0.000	2.74	1.25	ACHO_G21
280.05014	9.37139	-0.08	-0.44	0.21	0.17	0.000	2.80	0.75	ACP1_G21
280.59218	9.23848	-0.09	0.61	0.22	0.19	0.000	1.65	1.55	ACP6_G21
269.70865	15.81225	-4.22	1.65	4.20	2.50	0.000	-25.89	8.65	CHIS_G21
272.95531	12.38409	-0.16	-1.03	0.69	0.57	0.000	4.69	1.38	CN22_G21
271.22124	17.26061	-0.48	-0.50	0.28	0.24	0.000	1.22	1.55	CN23_G21

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

280.96628	8.62506	-2.21	-0.48	1.26	1.77	0.000	0.43	4.24	CN28_G21
276.62536	14.04880	5.05	11.63	14.32	14.64	0.000	49.71	36.81	CN29_G21
276.22795	11.99355	-2.59	-2.09	0.47	0.38	0.000	1.96	1.14	CN30_G21
279.67333	8.48724	0.26	-0.55	0.43	0.47	0.000	1.22	1.17	CN33_G21

## APPENDIX G. Atmospheric Delay (\*.MET) File Naming and Format.

Created by the Analysis Centers.

Available from <ftp://data-out.unavco.org/pub/products/troposphere/>

### File Naming

<AC\_ID><GPS\_WEEK\_DAY><DATE><PRODUCT\_ID>.met

where

- <AC\_ID> Analysis Center from whose work the time series is derived. Possible values:
  - cwu (Central Washington University)
  - nmt (New Mexico Tech)
- <GPS\_WEEK\_DAY> The GPS Week (week 0000 began on 1/6/1980) and GPS Day (0 = Sunday, 6 = Saturday) of the data contained in the file, in the format WWWWD
- <DATE> UTC date of the data contained in the file, in the format YYYYMMDD
- <PRODUCT\_ID> A string that identifies the data product whose processing generated the tropospheric estimates. Possible values:
  - a (rapid)
  - b (final)
  - c (supplemental)

Examples:

nmt19300.20170101.a.met

...is the file containing tropospheric data derived from the New Mexico Tech processing using rapid orbits for data on GPS Week 1930, GPS Day 0, January 1, 2017 UTC.

cwu19300.20170101.b.met

...is the file containing tropospheric data derived from the Central Washington University processing using final orbits for data on GPS Week 1930, GPS Day 0, January 1, 2017 UTC.

### File Format

PBO tropospheric parameter files are in a different ASCII format for each Analysis Center.

Central Washington University generates files consisting of tropospheric parameter estimates from GIPSY posted every 5 minutes for each GPS station processed. Files begin with the header lines:

```
#For more information about Troposphere Parameters, in a system with GOA 5.0
type: ... gd2p.pl -h_wash
# GRADDRIFT = 5.0D-9 km/sqrt(sec)
# TROPDRIFT = 5e-8 km/sqrt(sec)
# SECS[J2000] ZD[m] TROP_DRY[m] WETZ[m] WETZ_SIG[m] TRPAZSIN[km]
TRPAZCOS[km]... TRPAZSIN_SIG[km] TRPAZCOS_SIG[km] SITE SNET MAP_FUNC
```

The GRADDRIFT parameter refers to the a priori random walk scaling for the Wet Z gradient, and the TROPDRIFT parameter is the a priori random walk scaling for Wet Z. The last header line is a list of fields in the individual line entries that follow the header.

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

SECS[J2000] Time in seconds from standard epoch "J2000" (~12:00UTC, January 1, 2000)  
ZD[m] Zenith delay, in meters.  
TROP\_DRY[m] Hydrostatic zenith delay, in meters.  
WETZ[m] Wet zenith delay, in meters.  
WETZ\_SIG[m] Wet zenith delay standard error, in meters.  
TRPAZSIN[km] The sine component of the wet tropospheric gradient in kilometers.  
TRPAZCOS[km] The cosine component of the wet tropospheric gradient in kilometers.  
TRPAZSIN\_SIG[km] The uncertainty in the sine component of the wet tropospheric gradient in kilometers.  
TRPAZCOS\_SIG[km] The uncertainty in the cosine component of the wet tropospheric gradient in kilometers.  
SITE PBO GPS station 4-character ID.  
SNET Subnetwork in which SITE was processed (no longer meaningful).  
MAP\_FUNC Tropospheric mapping function ((NIELL for rapid orbits, VMF1GRID for final orbits)).

New Mexico Tech generates files from GAMIT consisting of tropospheric parameter estimates posted every 2 hours for each GPS station processed. Files begin with a single header line describing the list of fields in the line entries that follow.

\* Yr Doy Hr Mn Sec TotalZen WetZen SigZen PW SigPW(mm) Press(hPa) Temp(K) ZHD(mm) GradNS SigNS GradEW SigEW(mm) Site Net

The individual fields are:

Yr Year of interval start  
DOY Day of year of interval start  
Hr Hour of interval start  
Mn Minute of interval start  
Sec Second of interval start  
Total Zen Total zenith delay, in mm  
Wet Zen Wet zenith delay, in mm  
Sig Zen Uncertainty of wet zenith delay, in mm  
PW Precipitable water, in mm  
Sig PW (mm) Uncertainty of precipitable water, in mm  
Press (hPa) Barometric pressure, in hPa  
Temp (K) Temperature, in K  
ZHD (mm) Zenith hydrostatic ("dry") delay, in mm  
Grad NS North-south component of the gradient of the total zenith delay, in mm \*\*  
Sig NS Uncertainty of Grad NS, in mm \*\*  
Grad EW East-west component of the gradient of the total zenith delay, in mm \*\*  
Sig EW Uncertainty of Grad EW, in mm \*\*  
SITE PBO GPS station 4-character ID  
NET Subnetwork in which SITE was processed

\*\* gradients are rescaled to represent the difference between the north (or east) and south (or west) delay at 10 degrees elevation.

## APPENDIX H. Kalman filter discontinuity (.OFF) File Naming and Format.

Created by the Analysis Center Coordinator

Available from <ftp://data-out.unavco.org/pub/products/event/>

### File Naming

<AC\_ID>.<SOLUTION\_ID>\_<FRAME\_ID>.off

where

- <AC\_ID> Analysis Center from whose time series the offsets have been extracted. Current possibilities are pbo, nmt or cwu. Currently only offsets from the combined series are generated.
- <SOLUTION\_ID> Solution type identifier. Values are one of
  - final (described in section 4g of analysis plan above)
  - kalts for time series analyses based Kalman filtering. Currently only kalts results are distributed since these are more reliable in the presence of systematic noise in the time series.
- <FRAME\_ID> Reference frame identifier. Values are one of
  - nam08 (only one currently distributed. Frame should not affect results)
  - igs08

Examples:

pbo.kalts\_nam08.off

Estimates generated from the PBO combined time series on April 03, 2017. The final time series available on that date would be used to generate these values.

### File Format

The format is described in the header records along with notes and cautions about the use of this product. Valid data lines start with a blank in column one. Non-blank characters in column 1 denote a comment. The types of breaks given are by "Break" which would arise from an antenna or radome change, or from an unknown reason. An "OffEq" discontinuity is due to an earthquake or other spatially dependent rapid position change. There is a free form description of reason for the break which are derived from the GLOBK earthquake files used in the GAGE processing. In these descriptions, AN is an antenna or radome change determined from meta data change. The first entries in the descriptions give the antenna or radome information that changed. UN are unknown types determined from discontinuities in the time series. The descriptions are notes made at the time the discontinuity was noted. There are no particular formats for these comments. EQ <CD> gives the 2-character earthquake code <CD> and the latitude and longitude of central point of the earthquake used in the GLOBK processing. Some entries have large standard deviations and these can arise because of missing data or earthquakes for which post-seismic model parameters are estimated but which have no data before the earthquake. Earthquakes with large standard deviations are not output because these are generally associated with stations not having data before the earthquake. If there is a large gap in the data and both an earthquake and antenna change occur in the gap, only the antenna offset (which will have a large uncertainty) will be reported.

# GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

## Example: (note lines are wrapped)

```

PBO Offset estimates from SNAPKF/kf_<site>.pbo.final.det Reference Frame : NAM08
Format Version: 1.0.0
Release Date : 201705230001
Start Field Description and Notes
NOTES
Extracted using sh_extOffsets Date Tue May 23 09:43:01 EDT 2017
This file is created from Kalman Filter fits to the GAGE time-series. The process
noise values used in the Kalman filters are computed for each site as described in
Herring et al., 2016. Offsets can be of Break type due to antenna change or due
to unknown reasons or of type OffEq due an earthquake at the time. If the standard
deviation of the offset estimates (sN, sE, sU) are large, the offset can not be
accurately determined. In some cases this is due to there being no usable data
prior to the offset or, in some cases, multiple offsets with no usable data between
the offsets.
Earthquakes with large coseismic standard deviations are not reported
This product is not quality checked to see if the estimated offsets remove the
apparent discontinuities in the time series. For sites with very systematic
residuals, the estimates might not remove the discontinuities.
The columns are
Site : GAGE 4-character site ID
YYYY MM DD HR MN : Year, month, day, hour, minute of the time of the offset
dN (mm) sN (mm) : Change in North, 1-sigma standard deviation (mm)
dE (mm) sE (mm) : Change in East, 1-sigma standard deviation (mm)
dU (mm) sU (mm) : Change in Height, 1-sigma standard deviation (mm)
TYPE : Either Break (equipment) or OffEq (earthquake)
Description : Free format comments specific to offset type
. Types are
. EQ -- Earthquake with GAGE code (from All_PBO_eqs.eq)
. AN -- Antenna or radome change (from All_PBO_ants.eq)
. UN -- Unknown reason or from damage (from All_PBO_unkn.eq)
Reference:
Herring, T. A., T. I. Melbourne, M. H. Murray, M. A. Floyd, W. M. Szeliga,
. R. W. King, D. A. Phillips, C. M. Puskas, M. Santillan, and L. Wang (2016),
. Plate Boundary Observatory and related networks: GPS data analysis methods
. and geodetic products, Rev. Geophys., 54, 759-808, doi:10.1002/2016RG000529.
End Field Description and Notes
.Site YYYY MM DD HR MN dN (mm) sN (mm) dE (mm) sE (mm) dU (mm) sU (mm)
TYPE ! Description
1LSU 2008 06 20 18 00 2.89 0.42 4.30 0.46 -9.40 1.09
Break ! AN Antenna swap ASH701945E_M to TRM57971.00 Receiver ASHTECH
UZ-12 to TRIMBLE NETRS Dome SCIS to NONE
1LSU 2010 04 14 16 00 0.13 0.38 -3.82 0.42 -2.46 1.04
Break ! AN Antenna swap TRM57971.00 to TRM41249.00 Receiver TRIMBLE
NETRS to TRIMBLE NETRS Dome NONE to NONE
1LSU 2014 01 14 18 31 -0.79 0.34 0.71 0.39 3.69 0.95
Break ! AN Antenna swap TRM41249.00 to TRM57971.00 Receiver TRIMBLE
NETRS to TRIMBLE NETR9 Dome NONE to NONE
1NSU 2010 07 30 00 00 1.84 0.43 1.41 0.24 -1.29 1.14
Break ! AN Antenna swap ASH701945E_M to TRM57971.00 Receiver ASHTECH
UZ-12 to TRIMBLE NETR8 Dome SCIS to NONE
1ULM 2010 07 30 00 00 -1.42 0.22 1.98 0.23 -0.34 0.85
Break ! AN Antenna swap ASH701945E_M to TRM57971.00 Receiver ASHTECH
UZ-12 to TRIMBLE NETR8 Dome SCIS to NONE
7ODM 2011 08 24 01 06 44.83 0.36 36.34 0.54 -18.24 1.09
Break ! AN Antenna swap ASH701945B_M to ASH701945B_M Receiver ASHTECH Z-
XII3 to TPS NET-G3A Dome SCIT to SCIT
7ODM 2012 05 04 00 00 -0.76 0.35 0.99 0.49 -1.15 1.02
Break ! AN Antenna swap ASH701945B_M to TPSCR.G3 Receiver TPS NET-
G3A to TPS NET-G3A Dome SCIT to SCIT
7ODM 2013 11 07 22 23 1.67 0.33 0.76 0.47 -11.14 1.00
Break ! AN Antenna swap TPSCR.G3 to TRM57971.00 Receiver TPS NET-
G3A to TRIMBLE NETR9 Dome SCIT to SCIT
7ODM 2015 07 05 00 00 3.99 0.34 0.36 0.49 13.87 1.00
Break ! UN TRM57971.00 SCIT PCV update Week 1848
7ODM 2010 04 04 22 40 -4.09 0.39 0.01 0.56 -8.04 1.18
OffEq ! EQ GU Location 32.14485 244.62646
AB01 2013 08 30 16 25 -7.04 0.51 -0.44 0.34 3.49 0.65
OffEq ! EQ 28 Location 51.60960 -175.36110

```

## GAGE GPS Data Analysis Plan and Products

AB01	2014 06 23 20 54	-1.60	0.47	2.09	0.33	-1.08	0.65
OffEq !	EQ 32 Location 51.79720 178.76040						
AB02	2010 07 18 05 56	11.37	0.60	14.80	0.48	-2.35	0.64
OffEq !	EQ 27 Location 52.87600 -169.84800						
AB02	2015 07 27 04 50	-6.81	0.58	-0.98	0.46	0.03	0.61
OffEq !	EQ 36 Location 52.37600 -169.44580						
AB06	2009 08 23 00 00	-2.24	0.26	3.29	0.20	-0.45	0.67
Break !	AN Antenna swap TRM29659.00 to TRM59800.00					Receiver	TRIMBLE
NETRS	to TRIMBLE NETRS Dome SCIT to SCIT						
AB08	2009 09 29 21 30	4.64	0.38	1.16	0.47	-2.00	0.86
Break !	AN Antenna swap TRM29659.00 to TRM59800.00					Receiver	TRIMBLE
NETRS	to TRIMBLE NETRS Dome SCIT to SCIT						
...							
ACP6	2012 09 05 14 42	-1.58	0.64	-1.57	0.77	-5.31	3.94
OffEq !	EQ 21 Location 10.24172 274.16050						
ACSO	2014 07 30 16 18	1.52	0.21	-2.28	0.20	2.68	0.64
Break !	AN Antenna swap TRM29659.00 to TRM59800.80					Receiver	TRIMBLE
NETRS	to TRIMBLE NETR9 Dome SCIT to SCIT						
ACU6	2006 12 22 00 00	-17.94	0.26	-38.03	0.22	-1.55	0.67
Break !	UN Un-documented offset of order -15,-40 mm NE						
ADRI	2014 03 24 17 07	0.37	0.21	1.53	0.25	-1.34	0.75
Break !	AN Antenna swap LEIAT504 to LEIAT504GG					Receiver	LEICA
RS500	to LEICA GRX1200PRO Dome LEIS to LEIS						
AGMT	2010 04 04 22 40	-2.34	0.30	0.44	0.28	2.46	1.14
OffEq !	EQ GU Location 32.14485 244.62646						
AIRS	2013 12 12 17 17	2.83	0.71	-6.24	0.84	8.17	2.69
Break !	AN Antenna swap ASH701945B_M to TRM59800.80					Receiver	ASHTECH
UZ-12	to TRIMBLE NETR9 Dome SCIT to SCIT						
AIS1	2008 02 02 00 00	9.45	0.95	5.45	0.68	95.41	2.79
Break !	UN Height offset (unexplained)						
AIS5	2013 01 05 08 58	-20.19	0.33	14.59	0.29	-0.87	1.05
OffEq !	EQ 24 Location 55.39352 224.55061						
AIS6	2013 01 05 08 58	-8.15	0.51	14.76	0.33	-0.83	1.05
OffEq !	EQ 24 Location 55.39352 224.55061						
AL30	2006 10 20 00 00	-1.48	0.31	0.21	0.29	-0.27	1.06
Break !	AN Antenna swap LEIAX1202 to LEIAX1202GG					Receiver	LEICA
GRX1200PRO	to LEICA GRX1200GGPRO Dome NONE to NONE						
AL30	2010 08 18 19 30	-0.63	0.28	-0.84	0.26	3.15	0.74
Break !	AN Antenna swap LEIAX1202GG to LEIAX1203+GNSS					Receiver	LEICA
GRX1200GGPRO	to LEICA GRX1200+GNSS Dome NONE to None						
...							
ZMP1	2003 05 06 00 00	1.46	0.31	-6.20	0.27	-0.79	1.29
Break !	AN Antenna swap MPL_WAAS_2224NW to NOV_WAAS_600					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						
ZMP1	2007 06 07 00 00	-9.83	0.28	6.50	0.25	-0.12	1.22
Break !	AN Antenna swap NOV_WAAS_600 to MPL_WAAS_2225NW					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						
ZNY1	2003 05 16 00 00	-0.69	0.29	-8.65	0.26	4.49	0.94
Break !	AN Antenna swap MPL_WAAS_2224NW to NOV_WAAS_600					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						
ZNY1	2007 05 11 00 00	-4.56	0.25	5.53	0.23	10.80	0.75
Break !	AN Antenna swap NOV_WAAS_600 to MPL_WAAS_2225NW					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						
ZSE1	2003 04 19 00 00	-5.06	0.45	-14.12	0.31	14.62	1.29
Break !	AN Antenna swap MPL_WAAS_2224NW to NOV_WAAS_600					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						
ZSE1	2007 05 17 00 00	15.15	0.39	10.90	0.26	11.16	1.04
Break !	AN Antenna swap NOV_WAAS_600 to MPL_WAAS_2225NW					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						
ZTL4	2003 05 02 00 00	0.69	0.34	-6.20	0.27	26.29	1.01
Break !	AN Antenna swap MPL_WAAS_2224NW to NOV_WAAS_600					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						
ZTL4	2006 12 05 00 00	-8.90	0.31	14.76	0.22	4.63	0.84
Break !	AN Antenna swap NOV_WAAS_600 to MPL_WAAS_2225NW					Receiver	NOV
WAASGII	to NOV WAASGII Dome NONE to NONE						