Overview of SmartNet Reference Station Network for RTK Positioning and Rinex Data Services

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SmartNet Reference Station General Layout as of May 2008



Notes:

SmartNet Reference Stations Network consists of over 45, as of May 2008, GNSS Stations spread between Nova Scotia and Southern Ontario providing live RTK Positioning Data services via the Internet and 1-second Rinex data from a FTP Download Site.

Atlantic Reference Station Layout as of May 2008



Notes:

Atlantic Reference Stations consist of 5, as of May 2008, Reference Stations spaced by about a few 100 kilometres providing Single Site RTK Positioning Data services via the Internet and 1-second Rinex data from FTP site.

The Atlantic Reference Stations coordinates are based on CSRS as computed from CACS and CBN Control Points in the area via Network Adjustment of several independent baseline vector solutions between stations.

Montreal Reference Station Layout as of May 2008



Notes:

Montreal Reference Stations consist of 9, as of May 2008, Reference Stations spaced by about 50 to 70 kilometres providing Single Site and Network RTK Positioning Data services via the Internet and 1-second Rinex data from FTP site.

The Montreal Reference Stations coordinates are based on CSRS as computed from CACS and CBN Control Points in the area via Network Adjustment of several independent baseline vector solutions between stations.

Montreal Network Cluster Layout as of May 2008



Notes:

The Montreal Network Cluster consist of 9, as of May 2008, Reference Stations forming a rectangular shape of about 100 km by 50 km which are processed together to determine Common Level Site, Satellite and Frequency Phase Integer Ambiguities for Ionospheric and Tropospheric Network RTK space based corrections.

The Montreal Cluster provides different Network RTK Message types based on the Master-Auxiliary Concept (MAC) from automatically created Cells.

Each Cell is a subset of Cluster Stations surrounding the RTK Rover location and is automatically redefined as the RTK Rover moves in the Cluster area.

Ottawa/Gatineau Reference Station Layout as of May 2008



Notes:

Ottawa/Gatineau Reference Stations consist of 9, as of May 2008, Reference Stations spaced by about 50 to 70 kilometres providing Single Site and Network RTK Positioning Data services via the Internet and 1-second Rinex data from FTP site.

Ottawa/Gatineau Reference Stations coordinates are based on CSRS as computed from CACS and CBN Control Points in the area via Network Adjustment of several independent baseline vector solutions between stations.

Other Reference Stations in Eastern Ontario are providing Single Site RTK Positioning Data services via the Internet and 1-second Rinex data from FTP site.



Ottawa/Gatineau Network Cluster Layout as of May 2008

Notes:

The Ottawa/Gatineau Network Cluster consist of 9, as of May 2008, Reference Stations forming a trapezoid shape of about 150 km by 50 km which are processed together to determine Common Level Site, Satellite and Frequency Phase Integer Ambiguities for Ionospheric and Tropospheric Network RTK space based corrections.

The Ottawa/Gatineau Cluster provides different Network RTK Message types based on the Master-Auxiliary Concept (MAC) from automatically created Cells.

Each Cell is a subset of Cluster Stations surrounding the RTK Rover location and is automatically redefined as the RTK Rover moves in the Cluster area.



Southern Ontario Reference Station Layout as of May 2008

Notes:

Southern Ontario Reference Stations consist of over 20, as of May 2008, Reference Stations spaced by about 50 to 70 kilometres providing Single Site and Network RTK Positioning Data services via the Internet and 1-second Rinex data from FTP site.

Southern Ontario Reference Stations coordinates are based on CSRS as computed from CACS and CBN Control Points in the area via Network Adjustment of several independent baseline vector solutions between stations.



Southern Ontario Network Cluster Layout as of May 2008

Notes:

The Southern Ontario Network Cluster consist of 22, as of May 2008, Reference Stations forming a dome shape of about 200 km by 150 km which are processed together to determine Common Level Site, Satellite and Frequency Phase Integer Ambiguities for Ionospheric and Tropospheric Network RTK space based corrections.

The Southern Ontario Cluster provides different Network RTK Message types based on the Master-Auxiliary Concept (MAC) from automatically created Cells.

Each Cell is a subset of Cluster Stations surrounding the RTK Rover location and is automatically redefined as the RTK Rover moves in the Cluster area.



Notes:

The Master-Auxiliary Concept (MAC) RTK Positioning Process consists of obtaining raw measurements from all stations within a Network Cluster to determine and maintain Common Level Site, Satellite and Frequency Ambiguities with Receiver Clock corrections from Single Difference Phase measurements.

Upon the reception of Rover positions, Cells are automatically created and updated by forming Single Difference Phase corrections from a Master (nearest to Rover position) and a few Auxiliary stations (surrounding Rover position) to provide raw measurements from the Master Site with Dispersive and Non-Dispersive Single Difference Phase corrections for Network RTK positioning.



Notes:

RTK Network corrections consist of Delta Single Difference Ionospheric (Dispersive) and Tropospheric (Non-Dispersive) corrections factorized with respect to their frequencies. These corrections are derived from Delta Single Difference Phase between Auxiliary "k" and Master "m" Reference Sites for the "j-th" Satellite on the "i-th" Frequency (L1 or L2) based on raw Single Difference Phase measurements corrected for Common Level Network Ambiguities, Across Receiver Clock Offset and Geometric Delta Receiver-Satellite Range.

The Ionospheric and Tropospheric corrections are being updated and sent to the different Cells Network RTK Messages at every 5 seconds to maintain a high degree of reliability in the changes of those corrections over time.

RTK Network Cluster Common Level Ambiguity Status



Notes:

The Status of Common Level Ambiguities from all Sites forming a Network Cluster is continuously reported to confirm the correctness of Satellite and Frequency Measurement data at each site in order to provide consistent RTK Network corrections.

Fixing and maintaining fixed the Common Level of Ambiguities to their Integer values for Stations forming a Network Cluster requires that Site coordinates be precise to better than 2 cm relative between themselves and better than 2 decimetres absolute with respect to a Geocentric Datum (CSRS) to properly handle Precise Orbit predicted in real-time via the Internet.

Examples of Auto Cell Network RTK Solutions



Notes:

Different Cells are created when Rovers access MAC RTK Network Auto Cell Messages to provide Raw Measurements from the Nearest Station with Dispersive and Non-Dispersive Corrections from the Auxiliary Stations surrounding their location.

Each Rover receives its own MAC RTK Network Cell message, uses Raw Measurements from the Nearest Site and interpolates the Ionospheric and Tropospheric Single Difference Phase corrections from the Auxiliary Stations surrounding its location. The MAC RTK Network Cell messages are automatically updated while Rovers are changing locations within a Cluster as well as from different Clusters.

When Rover location is outside of a Cell and/or Cluster, the system still provides RTK Data from the Nearest Site.

SmartNet RTK Product and Message Types

Management	RT Product name	Cells/Sites Type	Cells/Sites	Message Type	Connection S	Satellite System	Data Rate	Iono Rate	Re-ch	Adv	
acal Network Server	2 Nbrip_Aylmer	Single site	AYLMER - AYLM	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	-			
Dire .	2 Ntrip_Barrie	Single site	BARRIE - BARR	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	-			
	😤 Ntrip_Barthurst	Single site	BATHURST - BATH	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	-	-	-	
Local Network Server	😤 Ntrip_Belleville	Single site	BELLEVILLE - BELL	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15				
- 1 L	😤 Ntrip_Beloeil	Single site	BELOEIL - BELO	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	1s	Single	e Site		
ftp	😤 Ntrip_Buckingham	Single site	BUCKINGHAM - BUCK	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s	eingi	0.00		
ETD Locations	😤 Ntrip_Cambridge	Single site	CAMBRIDGE - CAMB	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS & GLONASS	1s	RTK Me	essage	S	
	* Ntrip_Dartmouth	Single site	DARTMOUTH - DART	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS & GLONASS	1s [[]	4B	-		
- 	😤 Ntrip_Drummondville	Single site	DRUMMONDVILLE	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS & GLONASS	1s ()	4B+			
	😤 Ntrip_Etobicoke	Single site	ETOBICOKE - ETOB	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	1s L	ica			
Operators	2 Ntrip_Fort Erie	Single site	FORT ERIE - ERIE	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	1s R	TCM 1,2 [version	n 2)		
	😤 Ntrip_Granby	Single site	GRANBY - GRAN	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s R	TCM 1.2,18819	(version 2)		
	😤 Ntrip_Guelph	Single site	GUELPH - GUEL	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	1s R	FCM 1,2,20621	(version 2)		
Events	* Ntrip_Highland_Creek	 Single site 	HIGHLAND CREEK	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	1s R	TCM 1003 (vers	ion 3)		
2	😤 Nbrip_Kanata	Single site	KANATA - KANA	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s R	CM 18,19 [ver	sion 2)		
8	😤 Ntrip_Kazabazua	Single site	Kazabazua - Kaza	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS & GLONASS	1s R	ECM 20,21 [vers ECM 9.2 (version	sion 2] n 21		
Rover Users	2 Ntrip_Listowel	Single site	LISTOWEL - LIST	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	- Contraction (Augusta)	-	-	
+ 1	😤 Ntrip_London	Single site	LONDON - LOND	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s				
	😤 Ntrip_MAX	Automatic cells		RTCM MAX 1004,10	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	56	1000	5000	
Transformations	😤 Ntrip_Madoc	Single site	MADOC - MADO	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	-	-	-	
IT dirisi of macions	😤 Ntrip_Markham	Single site	MARKHAM - MARK	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	-	-	-	
	😤 Ntrip_Milton	Single site	MILTON - MILT	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s	-	-	-	
	😤 Ntrip_Miramichi	Single site	MIRAMICHI - MIRA	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s	-	-		
	% Ntrip_Montreal	Single site	MONTREAL - MONT	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS & GLONASS	1s	-			
	* Ntrip_Moose-Creek	Single site	MOOSE CREEK - MS	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS	15	-			
	2 Ntrip_Mulgrave	Single site	MULGRAVE - MULG	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	-	-		
	2 Ntrip_Nearest	Nearest site		RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	15	-	1000	5000	
	😤 Ntrip_Niagara	Single site	NEAGARA - NEAG	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15	-	-	-	
	* Ntrip_North-Gower	Single site	NORTH GOWER - N	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	15	-	-	-	
	* Ntrip_Orangeville	Single site	ORANGEVILLE - ORAN	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s			-	
	* Ntrip_Orleans	Single site	ORLEANS - ORLE	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s	Netwo	nrk		
	* Ntrip_Ottawa	Single site	OTTAWA - OTTA	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS	15	netwo			
	2 Ntrip_Peel	Single site	PEEL - PEEL	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS	15	RTK Mes	sages		
	2 Ntrip Pontiac	Single site	PONTIAC - PONT	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	15 1 1 1	14452	•		
	2 Ntrip_Prevost	Single site	PREVOST - PREV	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	15	I PRIMO			
	😤 Ntrip_Sebringville	Single site	SEBRINGVILLE - SEBR	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s RTC	M 18,19 (version	n 2] i-MAX	1 1/20.0	
	Ntrip_Sorel	Single site	SOREL - SORL	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5 & GLONASS	1s RTC	M 20,21 [version	12) i MAX	VRS Compa	tibl
	😤 Ntrip_St-Jean	Single site	ST-JEAN - STJE	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s RTC	M HMAX (version M MAX 1004.10	n 3] 115 1016 (see	ion 31	
	% Ntrip_St-John_NB	Single site	ST-JOHN_NB - SJNB	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GP5	1s RTC	M MAX 1004,10	17 (version 3)	🖌 MAX Compa	atib
	* Ntrip_Terrebonne	Single site	TERREBONNE - TERR	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS & GLONASS	15	-	-		
	2 Ntrip_Toronto	Single site	TORONTO - TORO	RTCM 1004 (version 3)	LEICA-8:3045	GPS & GLONASS	15				
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Different RTK Message Types are instantaneously available to several Users simultaneously connected to SmartNet via the Internet.

All Single Site and RTK Network messages are related to the Reference Station Antenna Reference Plane (ARP) to provide a common base to RTK Rovers using different Antenna Types than the ones used in SmartNet avoiding incorrect L1 and L2 Phase Center handling in RTK Positioning solutions.

Different Single Site RTK Message Formats for Leica, CMR, CMR+, RTCM Versions 2 and 3 as well as different Network RTK Message Formats for Leica i-MAX, RTCM Versions 2 and 3 i-MAX, simulating VRS message formats, and Leica MAX RTCM V3.1 are automatically provided to accommodate different RTK Rover equipments and models.

SmartNet Real-Time User Connection Status

Management al Network Server	Name RTK User 01	Connection started			7	7	-	-
al Network Server	RTK User 01		Duration	Sats Rov / Ref	Product	Latency	Ref. Stn. ID	Ref. Dist.
		15.02.2008 08:34	01:27:49	5/9	SmartNet_Nearest	0.33	TERR-13	5.5
	RTK User 02	15.02.2008 08:46	01:15:36	5/6	SmartNet i-MAX GP	0.00	TERR-13	8.6
<u>8</u> 6	RTK User 03	15.02.2008 08:48	01:13:06	9/7	SmartNet_Nearest	0.56	GRAN-32	12.4
al Network Server	RTK User 04	15.02.2008 08:49	01:12:51	6/7	SmartNet_Nearest	0.52	GRAN-32	3.8
<u> </u>	RTK User 05	15.02.2008 08:49	01:12:45	7/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.50	MARK-0	11.0
up -	RTK User 06	15.02.2008 09:00	01:01:41	7/8	SmartNet i-MAX GP	1.60	PEEL-3	10.5
FTP Locations	RTK User 07	15.02.2008 09:19	00:42:01	8/8	SmartNet_Nearest	1.09	LOND-1	7.5
	RTK User 08	15.02.2008 09:22	00:39:51	6/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.47	SORL-17	0.8
- ??	RTK User 09	15.02.2008 09:32	00:29:25	5/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.65	DRUM-31	2.0
Operators	RTK User 10	15.02.2008 09:33	00:28:40	7/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.50	MARK-0	11.0
operators	RTK User 11	15.02.2008 09:34	00:27:06	8/8	SmartNet i-MAX GP	0.21	PEEL-3	5.9
	RTK User 12	15.02.2008 09:36	00:25:21	8/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.47	PEEL-3	11.4
<u> </u>	RTK User 13	15.02.2008 09:43	00:18:06	8/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.43	DRUM-31	5.7
Events	RTK User 14	15.02.2008 09:44	00:17:36	8/8	SmartNet i-MAX GP	0.27	KANA-20	11.1
- A	BTK Lloor 15	15.02.2008 09:45	00:16:20	8/10	SmartNet_Nearest	0.34	VINE-10	3.0
	DTK User 16	15.02.2008 09:51	00:10:31	5/7	SmartNet i-MAX GP	0.26	AYLM-22	11.1
Rover Users	DTK User 17	15.02.2008 09:51	00:10:11	6/8	SmartNet i-MAX GP	0.64	WATE-4	21.6
	RTK User 19	15.02.2008 09:54	00:07:41	8/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.51	PEEL-3	2.7
77	RTK User 18	15.02.2008 09:55	00:06:01	8/8	SmartNet i-MAX GP	2.20	ORAN-9	15.6
ransformations	RTK User192	15.02.2008 09:58	00:03:41	6/7	SmartNet_Nearest	0.00	GRAN-32	15.6
1	RIK User 20	15.02.2008 09:59	00:01:56	8/8	SmartNet_Nearest	0.13	PEEL-3	4.9
1	RIK User 21	15.02.2008 10:00	00:01:16	4/7	SmartNet_Nearest	0.36	STJE-8	19.3
1	RTK User 22	15.02.2008 10:01	00:00:21	6/7	SmartNet_Nearest	0.53	GRAN-32	12.1

Notes:

Several RTK Users can be simultaneously connected to either the same or different Stations for different Single Site RTK Message types as well as to different MAC Auto Cell RTK Network Message types specific to their location and movement within the different Network Clusters.

The Spider Network Server application monitors the Number of Satellites available from the Nearest Site and Rover location, RTK Rover Position Status (Navigated, Code Differential or RTK Fixed Ambiguity solutions), Distance from the Nearest Site and the Position Latency of all Rovers simultaneous connected to the SmartNet Network.

Summary and Conclusion about SmartNet

- SmartNet Reference Network consists of GNSS Reference Stations spread between Nova Scotia and Southern Ontario providing live RTK Positioning Services over the Internet.
- It also provides 1-second Rinex Data to support KOF and Static Post-Processing solutions in areas of intermittent or poor Cellular Coverage.
- Three different Clusters provide Auto Cell RTK Network Solutions based on RTCM V3.1 Master-Auxiliary Concept (MAC) in the Montreal, Ottawa and Southern Ontario Regions.
- Different RTK Message Types in various formats are instantaneously available to several RTK Users simultaneously connected to the Network via the Internet.
- Field Survey Results reveal that Long Term Positioning Precision (Repeatability) of RTK Network MAC solutions are typically a few centimeters under adequate observing conditions with an overall positioning latency of less than half second.
- The Precision of RTK solutions are also consistent with the Reference Network Frame.
- Future Plans include the installation of more Reference Stations along major Highways for Wireless Network access together with Full GPS and GLONASS Single Site and Network RTK Positioning Services to provide better control in local infrastructure positioning needs.

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