



# **SCHOOL on GPS at BREST/France [13 - 17 February 2017]**

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- Theoretical Lectures and practical works
- The GPS system
- The RINEX format
- The data bases
- The almanac files and ephemeris
- Calculating the position of the GPS satellites
- Processing of GPS measurements using Matlab -
- VTEC results from VTEC\_RF software
- TEC Values on the Web (GIM maps)
- Calculating the ROTI index, proxy for scintillation
- Ionosonde (Databases)
- Magnetic indices for storms

**Number of participants : maximum 8**

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***The national school of Telecom Brest will assume the local financial support of all participants – The training is in French***

- **DAY 1 : February 13**

- 1.1 The GPS system, introduction (principle, frequency, modulation, coding, ...)
- 1.2 Databases measures, ftp transfers, decompression Hatanaka, the rinex file, exercises.

Other measures: almanac, ephemeris, precise orbits, the satellites biases

- **DAY 2 : February 14**

- 2.1. The rinex file, structure, reading Matlab, view P1, L1, S1 over time for a given number GPS.
- 2.2. The almanac or ephemeris file, structure and read with Matlab, calculating the position of the satellites, visualization.

- **DAY 3 : February 15**

- 3.1. TEC models: IRI and NeQuick, availability, performances (online for IRI, with Matlab for NeQuick)
- 3.2. TEC values available on the Web: List of some sites, the IONEX format, playback and visualization with Matlab, another possibility (Leica gnss qc)

- **DAY 4: February 16**

- 4.1. Calculation of slant STEC by the recombination of the frequencies, calculations with Matlab (with code and phase) and visualization. Procedures to implement, effects of multiple paths.
- 4.2. Calculation of the receiver bias and determination of the 'absolute' STEC, transition to vertical VTEC by the law of Secant, IPP position, developments in Matlab

- **DAY 5 : February 17**

- 5.1. Ionosonde (what is available on the web)  
Scintillation, calculate ROTI index from GPS measurements
- 5.2. Accurate positioning from Rinex files: available sites and online calculations, interpreting results.

The examples used for the exercices are mostly illustrated from measurements of existing African stations: Dakar, Koudougou, Port Gentil (NKLG) etc ..., and data from GPS stations of the participants.

The development with Matlab will be enough 'simplified' for those who do not know the language