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SCINTEC - The implementation of a system for monitoring and mapping of ionospheric scintillation and Total Electron Content in real time over Brazilian territory

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INTRODUCTION

- SCINTEC is a project for monitoring and mapping the total electron content (TEC) and ionospheric scintillation in real time over the Brazilian territory.
- SCINTEC system provides data to a Relational Database Management System (RDBM-S).

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SCINTEC is a software system created to monitor and generate real time maps of ionospheric scintillation and total electron content (TEC). SCINTEC is capable to assimilate ground-based GPS receiver data through the use of relational data base management system. SCINTEC also incorporates data mining and artificial intelligence tools to be used in ionospheric scintillation and magnetic storm predictions. All these resources are intended to be available on line on this WEB site.

SCINTEC is aimed to generate maps over the Brazilian territory. TEC maps over Brazil will be generated from International GNSS Service (IGS) and [Continuous Monitoring Brazilian Network \(RBMC\)](#) dual-frequency GPS receiver data network. The latter is managed by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).

SCINTEC will also be integrated with the Low-Latitude Ionosphere Sensor Network (LISN) in order to provide, for the scientific community, scintillation and TEC real time maps over South America. This is part of an extensive project of collaboration and interaction between American South Cone researchers.

SCINTEC has been developed by the INPE's GPS group and supported by [The State of São Paulo Research Foundation \(FAPESP\)](#), a research foundation sited at São Paulo state, Brazil.

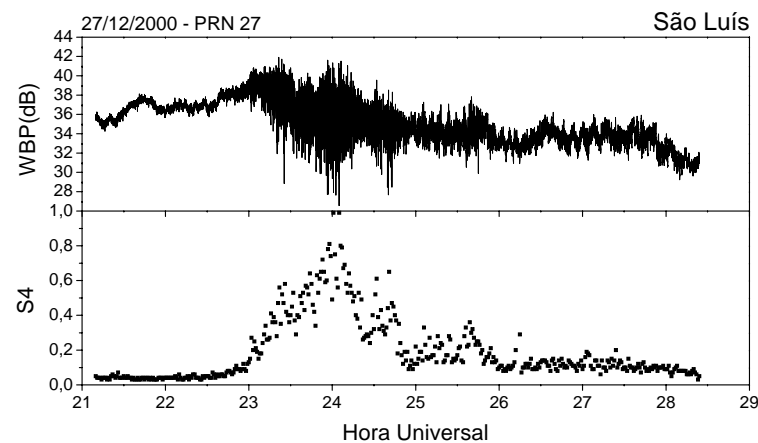
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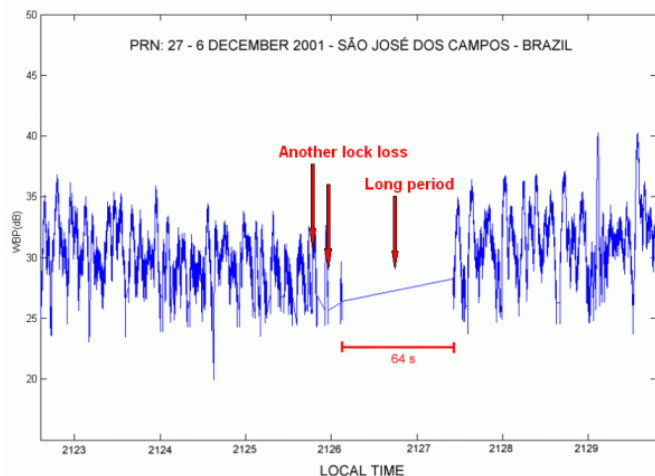
- Several studies have demonstrated that the equatorial ionospheric scintillations affects the performance of GPS receivers.

• Scintillation occurs when a radio wave crosses the ionosphere and it suffers a distortion in phase and amplitude.

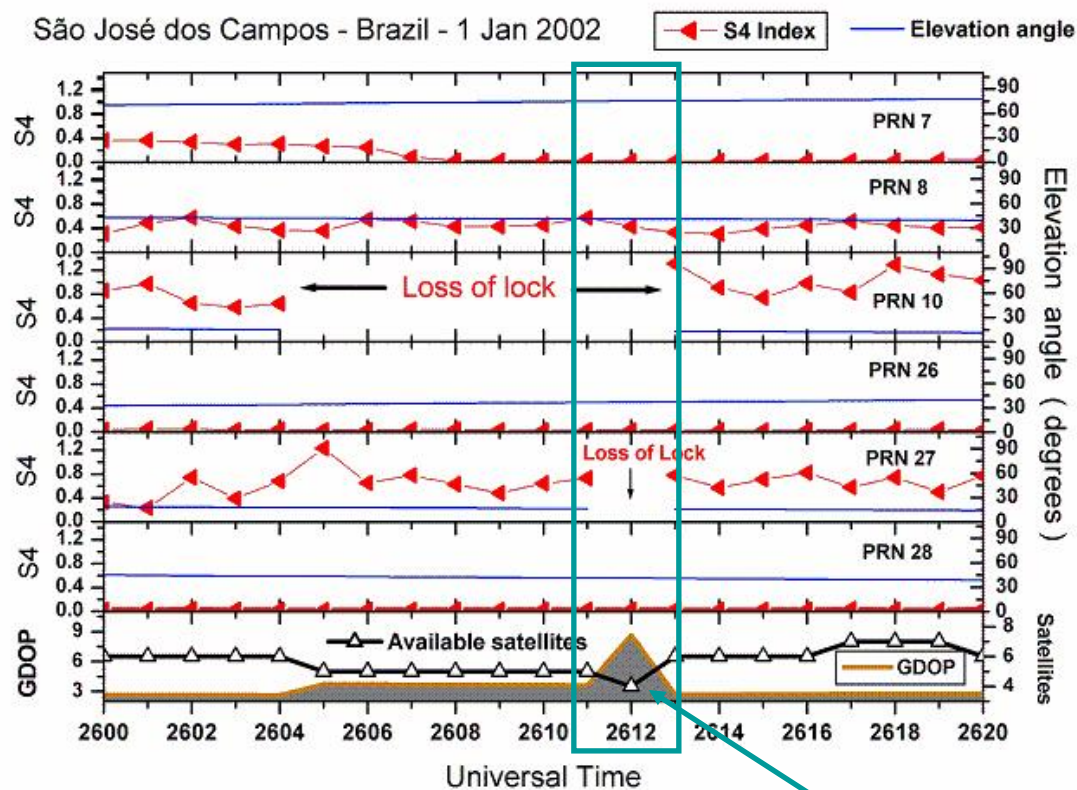


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Scintillation contributes to the loss of lock of the GPS receivers, decreasing the number of available satellites and consequently the possibility to get good satellite geometry in the sky.



Loss of lock





SCINTEC (Scintillation & TEC) PROJECT

OBJECTIVES:

- Mapping of plasma bubbles in real time available in the Internet (finalizing). Extend the mapping to the South America – integration with the LISN (Low Latitude Ionospheric Sensor Network)
- Using DM (Data Mining) to do prediction of the ionospheric scintillation.
- Implementation of the RDBMS (Relational Data Base Management System) with data of TEC and ionospheric scintillation.
- Through SQL (Structured query language) to retrieve the data.
- Calculate the zonal velocity of the ionospheric irregularities.
- Analyze the effects of plasma irregularities in the TEC.
- Analyze the effects of the magnetic storms.
- Study the effects of the solar cycle and season.
- Analyze loss of lock in the GPS signal.
- Mapping of the TEC over the Brazilian territory.
- This project is supported by The State of São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP).

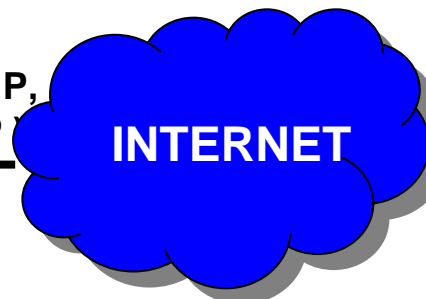
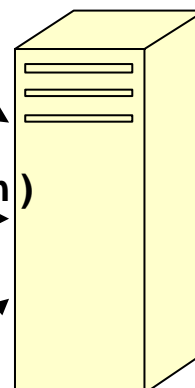
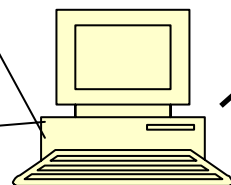
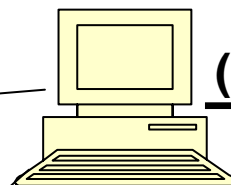
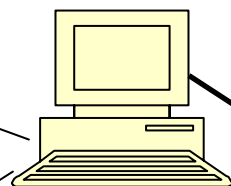
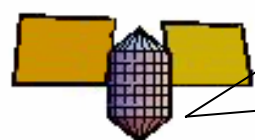


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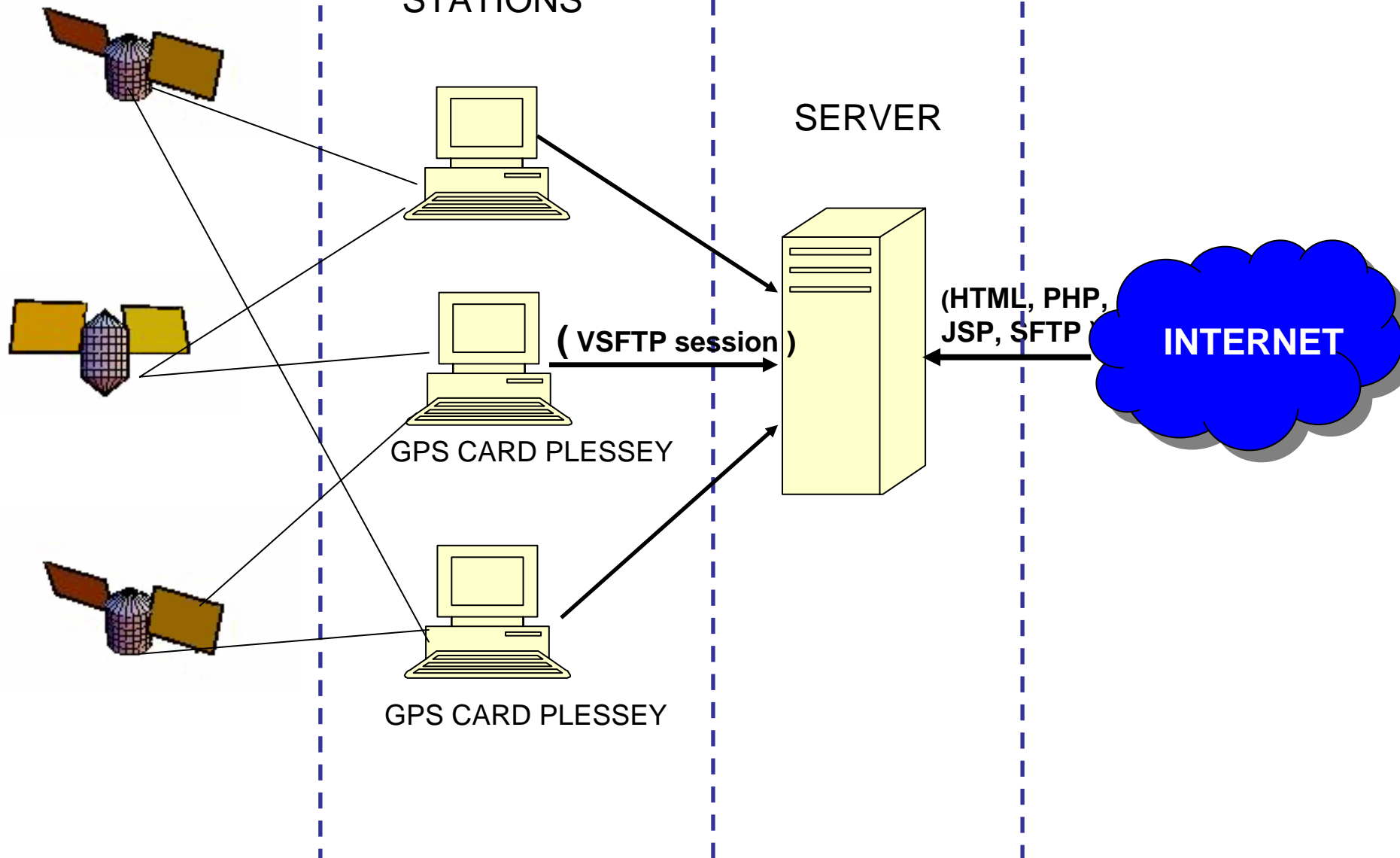
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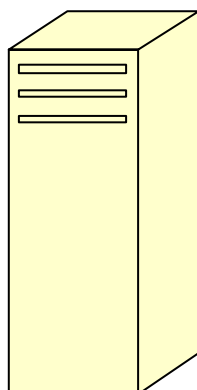
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2 Processors Intel Xeon E5345 Quad Core - 2.33 GHz with 2X4MB of cache memory (1333 FSB).

4 GB memory Fully Buffered Dimm (FBD) – DDR - 667 MHz (4x1 GB)

7 hard disks - 300GB SAS - 3.5" – 10,000 rpm

Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES 4.0 - support a EM64T (64 bits)



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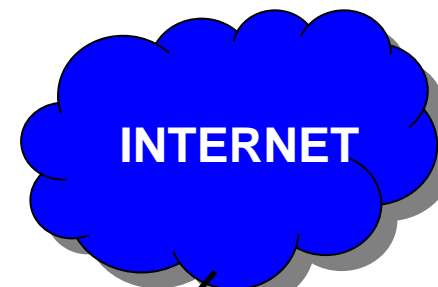
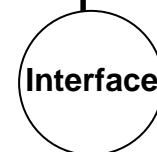
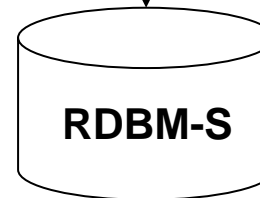
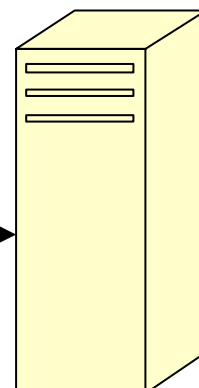
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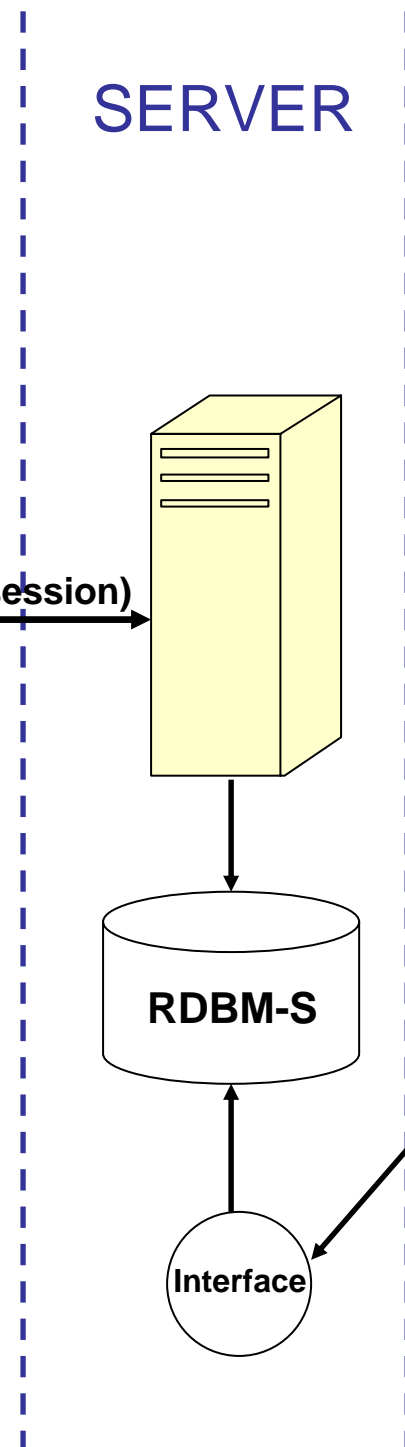
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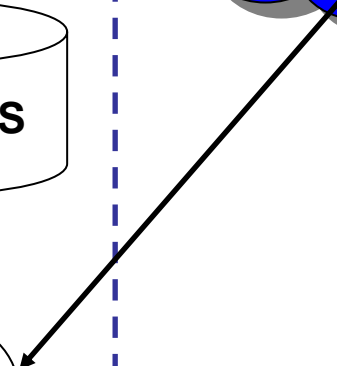
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Ionospheric Scintillation over Brazilian territory

Scintillation **Map** Satellite Hybrid

Quiet day, without scintillation

25/01/2008 19:...

Network Status: 80% | Scintillation Map: On

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Access to data

The system provides access to data base through graphic interface and Structured Query Language (SQL).

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Access to data

Results from query

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Access to data

Download of the data of the query (ASCII file)

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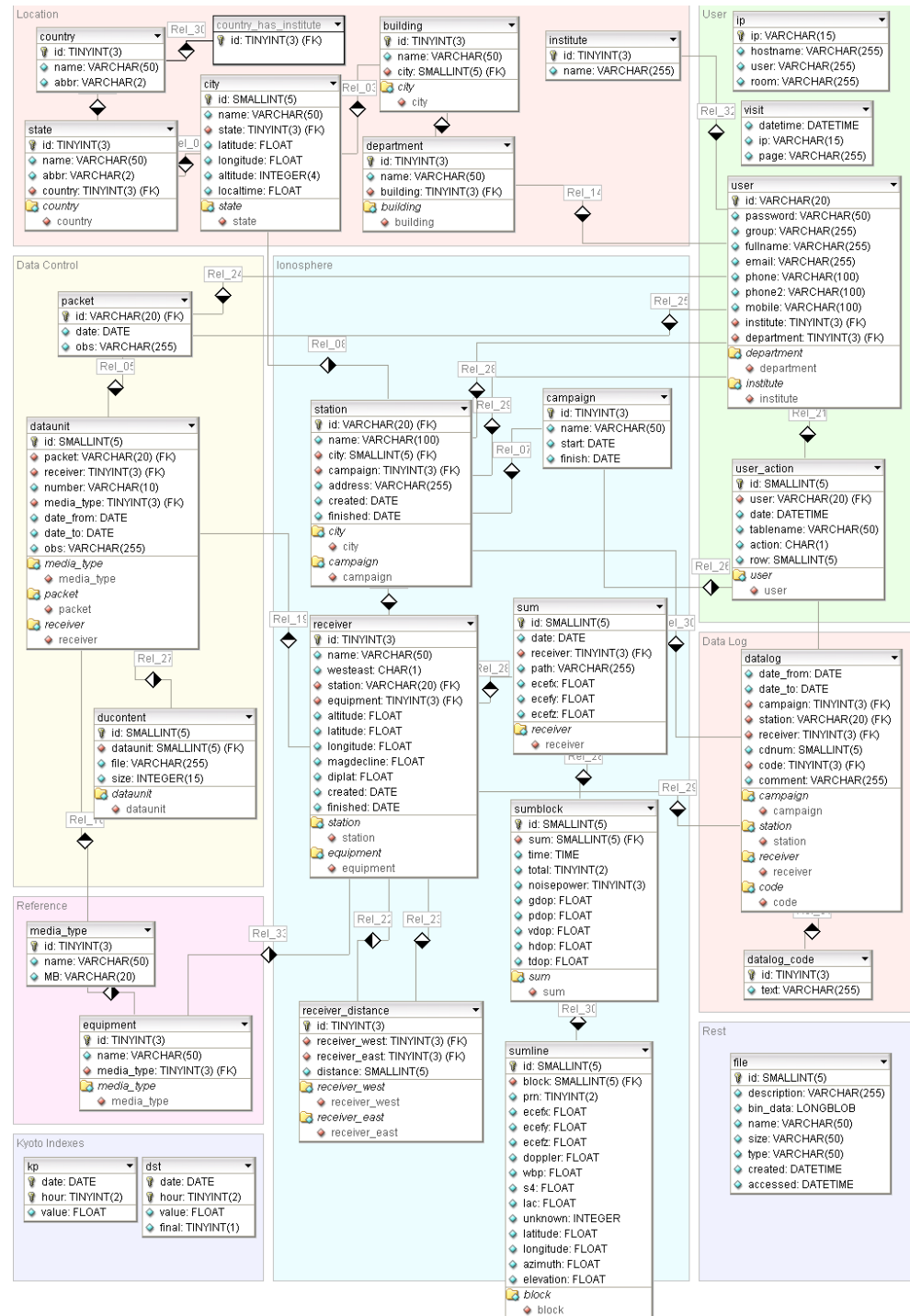
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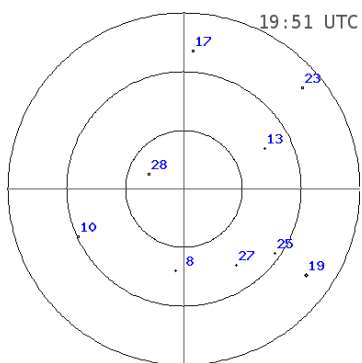
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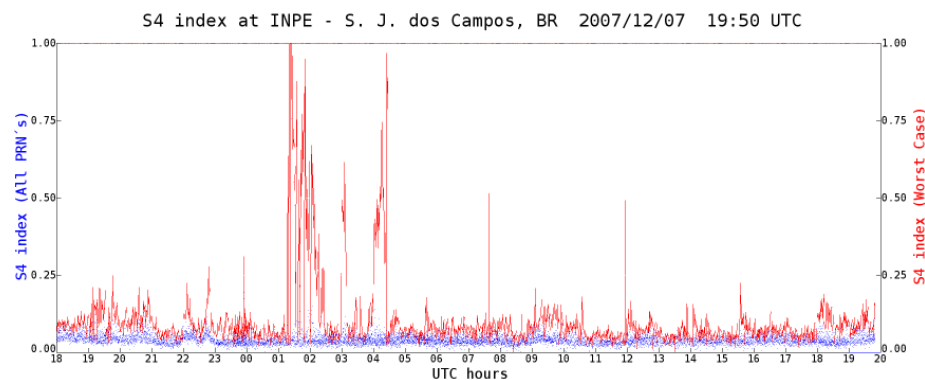


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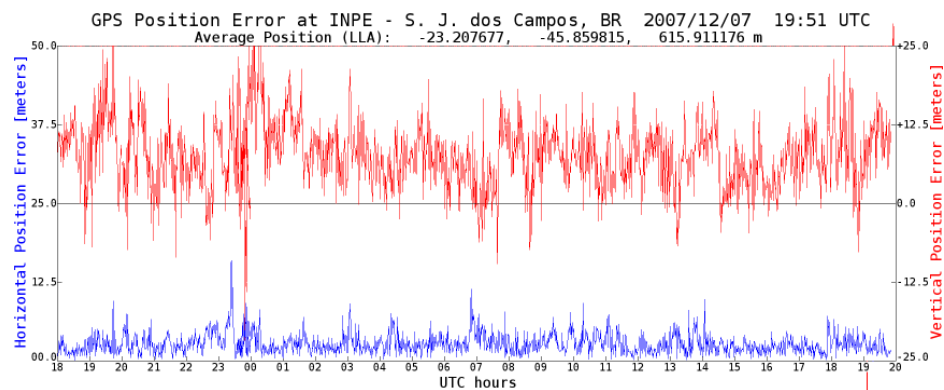
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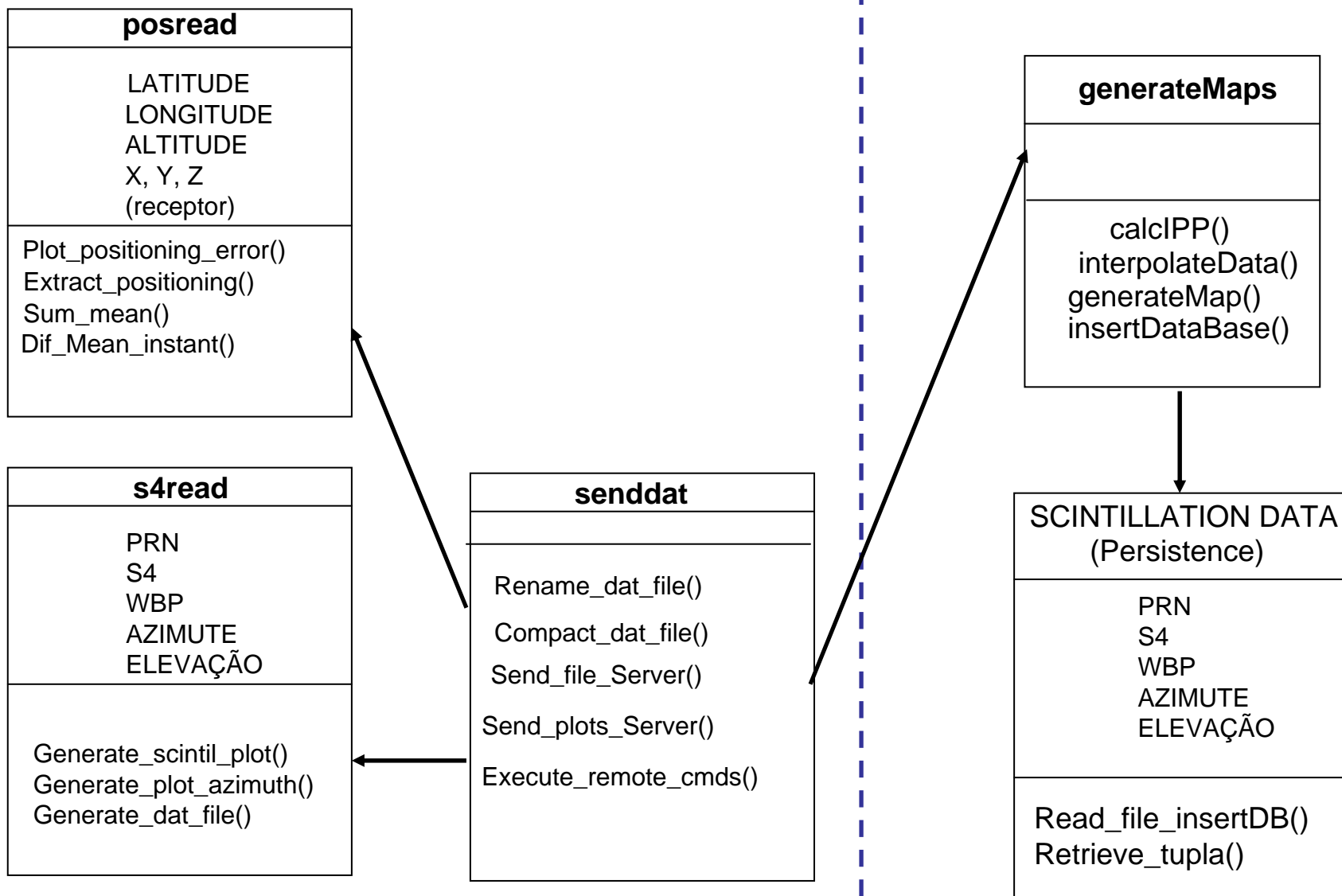




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CONCLUSION

- The system is working well, but performance can be improved with more support staff and better hardware.
- This innovative project will contribute to Space Weather forecast and, besides its scientific purposes, will provide informations about the Ionosphere to eventual users of GPS receivers.



NEXT STEPS

- TEC mapping in RT (real time); calculation of relative and absolute TEC.
 - Ionospheric scintillation modelling.
 - TEC modelling.
- The SCINTEC system will integrate the Low-Latitude Ionospheric Sensor Network (LISN) data to provide scintillation and TEC maps over South America and to get a better resolution over Brazil.
- Prediction of the scintillation using Data Mining techniques.
- Calculate the zonal velocity of the ionospheric irregularities.
- Analyze the effects of plasma irregularities in the TEC.
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