



Impact of different phase center correction values on GNSS-based positioning and frequency transfer

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Motivation



- Highly precise & accurate positioning, navigation and frequency transfer with GNSS: Phase Center Corrections (PCC) are mandatory
- ▶ Generally, two methods exist to determine PCC:
 - 1) chamber calibration
 - (2) robot calibration
- PCC differences (ΔPCC) between methods, resolutions as well as individual & type-mean calibrations
- \rightarrow How do \triangle PCC impact geodetic parameters and GNSS-based frequency transfer?







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Impact on GNSS-based frequency transfer

Analysis of differential receiver clock time series using PPP and single differences (SD) approaches:

$$\Delta PCC = PCC_{LEIAR25.R4 LEIT} - PCC_{LEIAR20 LEIM}$$







Impact on geodetic parameters: differences at pattern level (LEIAR20 LEIM antenna)



Kersten et al. (2022): Comparison concept and quality metrics for GNSS antenna calibrations, Journal of Geodesy, DOI: 10.1007/s00190-022-01635-8





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Impact on geodetic parameters: results for one year (station PZA2, estimation every 3 h, $\Delta t = 5 \text{ min}$)







Impact on frequency transfer: experiment set-up

Data set

- Common-clock, short baseline set-up ¹
- Use of 5 different PCC sets at MEI2 (LEIAR20 LEIM antenna):
- (1) type-mean calibration (robot)
- (2) indiv. calibration (IfE), 5° resolution
- (3) indiv. calibration (IfE), 1° resolution
- (4) indiv. calibration (IfE), method COEFF
- (5) type-mean calibration (chamber)
- PCC values for LEIAR25.R4 LEIT at PTBB not changed (indiv. chamber calibration)



¹Krawinkel et al. (2022): Exploring the Technical Limits of GNSS-based Frequency Transfer, PTTI proceedings, DOI: 10.33012/2022.18288





Impact on frequency transfer: differences at pattern level (LEIAR20 LEIM antenna)



(1) type-mean calibration robot | (2) indiv. calibration (IfE), 5° resolution | (5) type-mean calibration chamber





Impact on frequency transfer: PPP approach (GPS L1/L2 IF)







Impact on frequency transfer: SD approach (GPS L1)







Impact on frequency transfer: frequency stability







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