

Consistency of antenna products in the MGEX environment

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Motivation

IGS antenna patterns before the release of Galileo and QZSS calibrations:

- Type-mean robot calibrations for receiver antennas
- Estimated satellite antenna offsets

In 2016 and 2017 Galileo and QZSS satellite antenna calibrations were disclosed by the GSA and CAO

- What is the impact when using the calibrated patterns?
- Only GPS and GLONASS L1/L2 receiver antenna patterns available.
Influence using GPS pattern for Galileo?
Alternatives (chamber calibrations)?

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Global precise orbit determination possible!

Extracted antenna calibrations

AOADM.T	NONE	AOADM.T	SCIS	ASH700936A_M	NONE
ASH700936C	NONE	ASH700936C_M	NONE	ASH700936D_M	NONE
ASH701945B_M	NONE	ASH701945C_M	NONE	JAVRINGANT_DM	NONE
JAVRINGANT_G5T	NONE	JAV_RINGANT_G3T	NONE	JNSCR_C146-22-1	NONE
LEIAR10	NONE	LEIAR20	LEIM	LEIAR20	NONE
LEIAR25.R3	BEVA	LEIAR25.R3	LEIT	LEIAR25.R3	NONE
LEIAR25.R4	LEIT	LEIAR25.R4	NONE	LEIAR25R4	LEIT
LEIAS10	NONE	LEIAT502	NONE	LEIAX1202GG	NONE
NAX3G+C	NONE	SEPCHOKE_MC	NONE	SEPCHOKE_MC	SPKE
TPSCR.G5	NONE	TRM159900.00	SCIS	TRM55971.00	NONE
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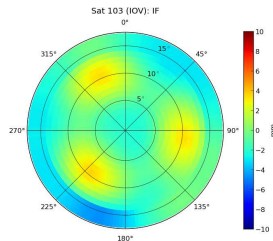
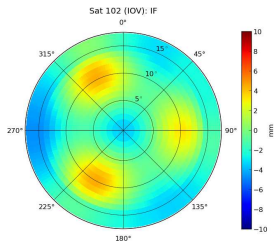
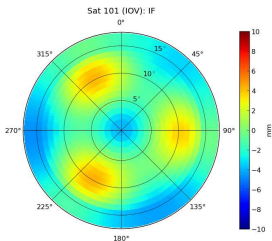
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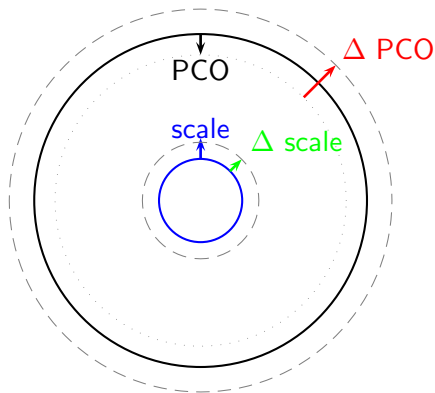
Cha. : chamber receiver antenna calibrations

Galileo IOV/FOC Pattern

- Officially disclosed by GSA
(IOV: December 2016, FOC: October 2017)
- GSA calibrations (PCO and PCV) for all active FOC/IOV satellites
- Difference between calibrated PCO's and estimated PCO's [Steigenberger et al., 2016, J. Geod]:
 - X: up to 1 cm
 - Y: up to 1 cm
 - Z: IOV: ca. 0 – 10 cm, FOC 17 – 34 cm



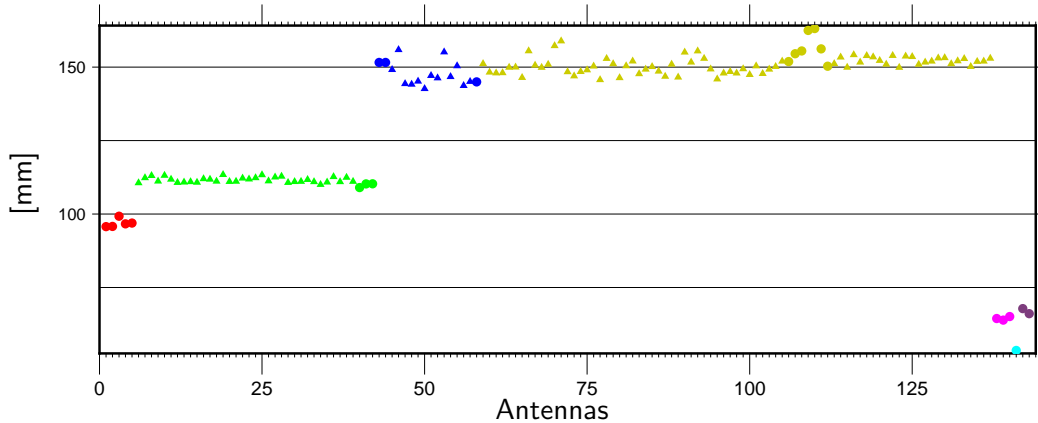
Relation between satellite PCO and scale



- PCO to Scale:
[Zhu et al. 2002]
 $1\text{m} \hat{=} -7.8 \text{ ppb}$
 $1 \text{ ppb} \hat{=} -0.13 \text{ m}$
- PCO's: $-4 \text{ m } \Delta PCO$
- Stations: 20 cm offset

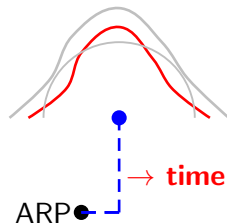
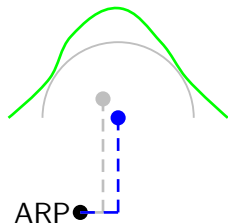
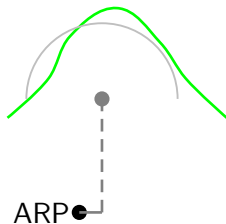
Creation of group mean values (IF)

PCO: Up



LEIAR10 LEIAR20 LEIAR25.R3 LEIAR25.R4

Comparison chamber and robot calibration



Applied correction [mm]:

		chamber				robot			
Antenna		N	E	U	const	N	E	U	const
LEIAR20	LEIM	0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.04	-5.24	2.47
TRM59800.00	NONE	0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.00	0.011	0.00	-11.07	4.90
JAVRINGANT_DM	NONE	0.03	0.00	-0.03	0.02	-0.04	0.05	-11.44	5.03

Comparison: PCO GPS (IF)

Antenna	Radom	# Chm.	# Rob.	North	East	Up	Org
ASH700936C_M	NONE	5	7	-1.02	-0.04	-3.19	14.16
JAVRINGANT_DM	NONE	6	9	0.62	-1.14	1.31	17.31
LEIAR10	NONE	5	24	-1.14	0.69	0.21	-1.61
LEIAR20	LEIM	34	82	-1.15	-0.87	-6.10	-2.43
LEIAR25.R3	LEIT	13	28	0.07	-0.18	-1.56	-20.18
LEIAR25.R4	LEIT	47	35	0.53	0.14	-1.03	-15.83
LEIAR25.R4	NONE	7	18	0.15	-0.44	4.11	-9.00
TRM55971.00	TZGD	5	8	-0.47	-0.63	2.60	6.04
TRM57971.00	NONE	5	13	-2.74	2.06	0.28	1.99
TRM57971.00	TZGD	53	6	-0.66	0.28	0.63	3.87
TRM59800.00	NONE	10	28	-1.77	-0.49	-2.52	13.62
TRM59800.00	SCIS	8	40	-0.01	-0.93	-4.15	15.92
TRM59900.00	NONE	7	5	0.30	-0.31	-6.27	2.88
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Antenna	Radom	# Chm.	# Rob.	North	East	Up	Diff
ASH700936C_M	NONE	5	7	-0.56	0.57	-6.42	-3.23
JAVRINGANT_DM	NONE	6	9	0.21	-1.57	-3.26	-4.57
LEIAR10	NONE	5	24	-1.33	0.58	-2.51	-2.72
LEIAR20	LEIM	34	82	-0.72	-1.17	-14.76	-8.66
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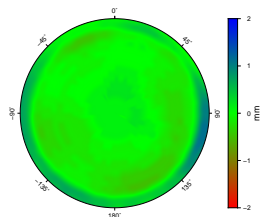
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Comparison chamber vs robot calibrations: PCV

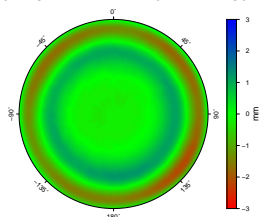
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LEIM G01



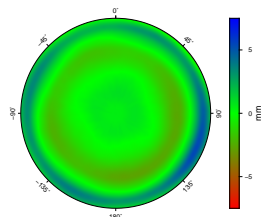
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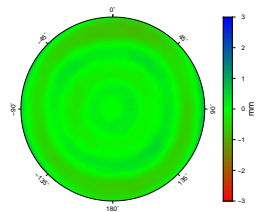
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LEIM GIF



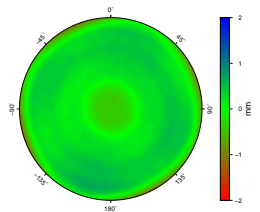
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NONE G01



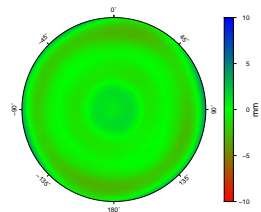
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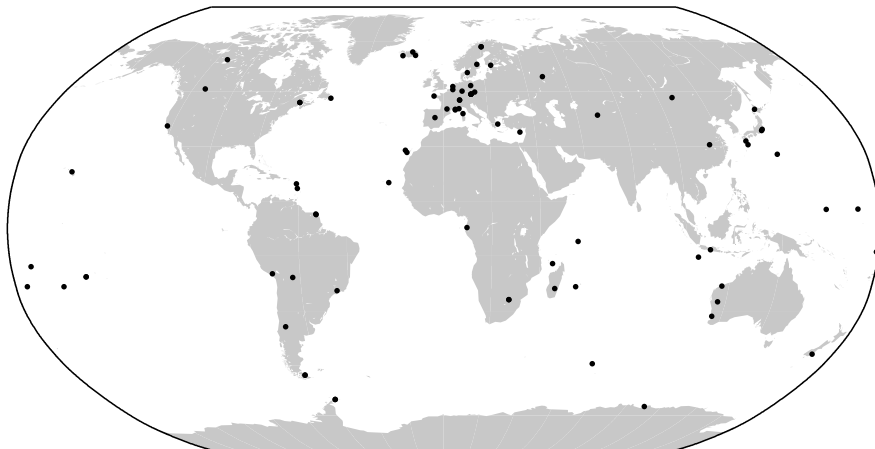


ROBOT – CHAMBER: TRM59800.00

NONE GIF



Chamber calibrations: covered (used) network



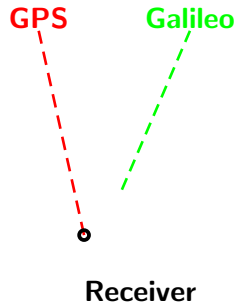
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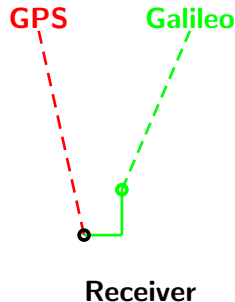


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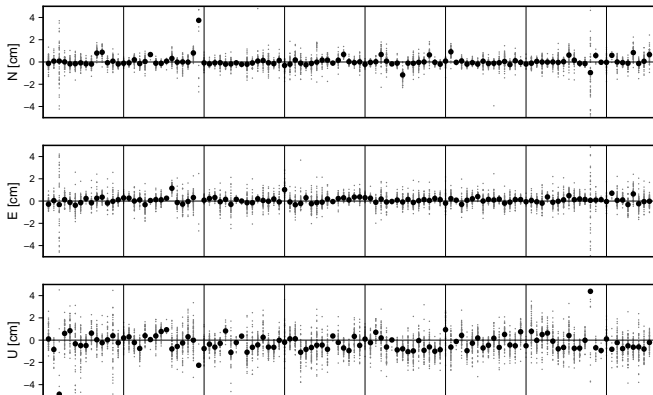
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Galileo - GPS translation biases: roboter

GTRA: roboter – estimated



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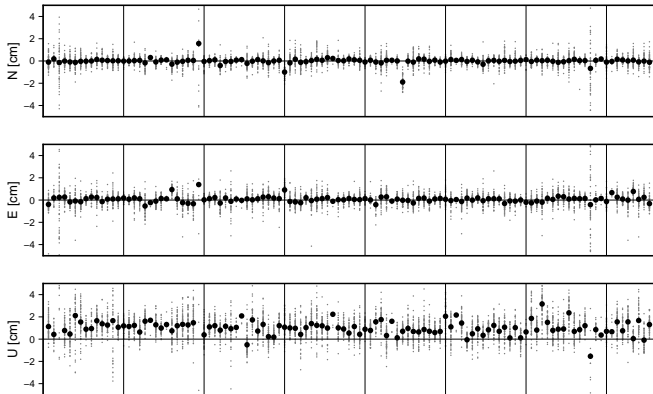
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East 0.5

Up -2.6

Galileo - GPS translation biases: chamber

GTRA: chamber - GSA



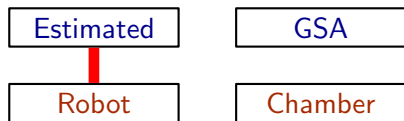
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Up 9.4

Comparison of inter-system GPS-Galileo biases



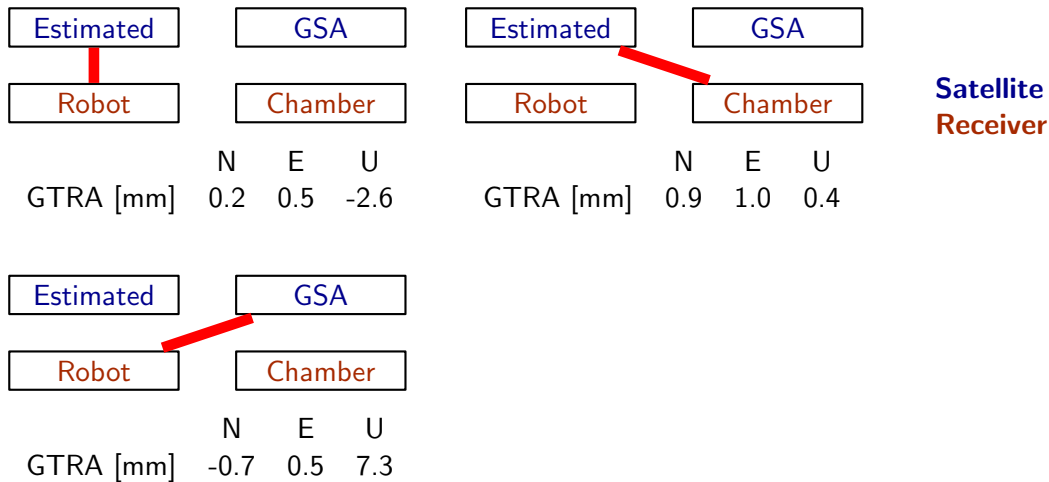
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Satellite
Receiver

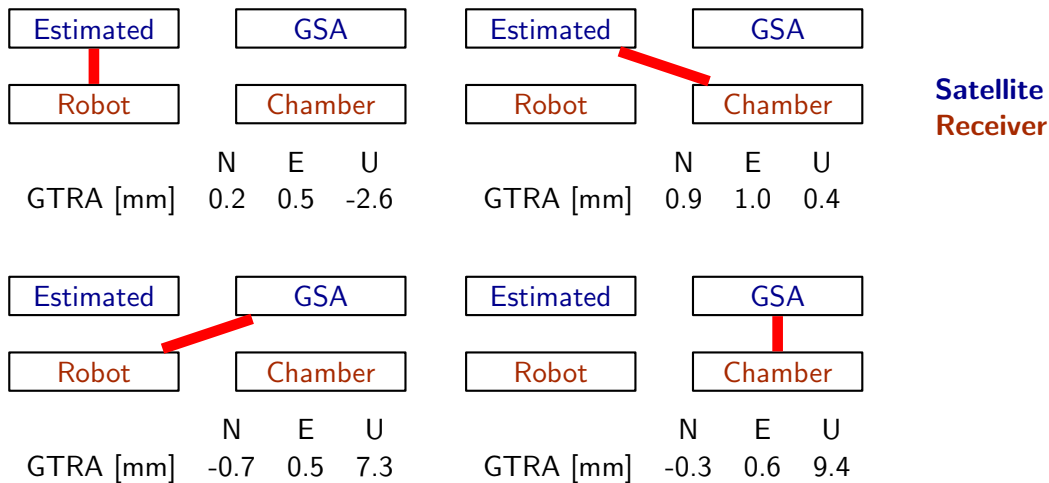
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Estimated		GSA			Estimated		GSA			Satellite Receiver
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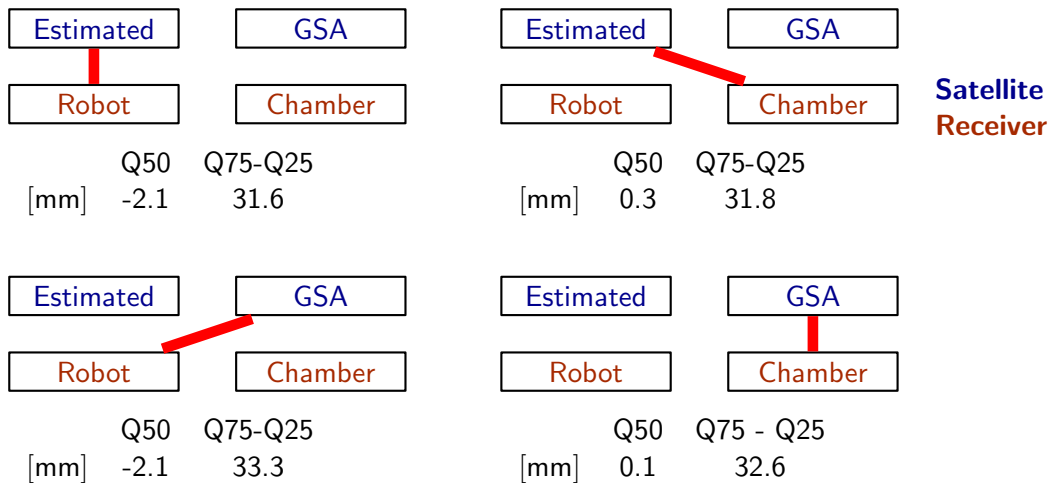
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SLR residuals



What does this means in terms of scale?

Estimating scale (of the ground network) using Galileo-Only solution!

- Reference stations: on average 35 sites (60-day period)
- Scale: -1.2 ± 0.0008 ppb
- Daily standard deviation of scale estimation: 0.0002 ppb
- : On Earth: -8 mm
- : Satellite orbit: -36 mm

How can the scale difference between GPS / Galileo be solved?

- Introducing **L5** calibrations (chamber)
- Estimating GPS PCO using scale derived from Galileo
- → leading to "GNSS" scale
- option for future ITRF solutions (keep consistency in current ITRF solution)

Summary/Conclusion

- Chamber calibrations show consistency at the level of 0 to 7 mm in the Z-PCO with robot calibrations
- Chamber calibrations are accepted by the IGS (resolution IGS Workshop 2010, Newcastle)
- GNSS-Scale derived from Galileo (and potential other GNSS if calibrated PCOs available)
- For future ITRF solutions one needs to think to prefer calibrations with complete frequencies
- Further test have to be be carried out
 - Estimation of GPS PCOs based on Galileo scale
 - Using at least one year of data
 - Extend the used network
 - Comparison of PCOs estimation with QZSS (available PCOs, regional)

Summary/Conclusion

- We are grateful to the participating institutions for providing a set of (Bonn) chamber receiver antennas calibrations!
- We hope that in the future we get more satellite chamber calibrations from other GNSS operators.