Report for Calibration of G2 Laboratory BIRM by NIM

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The report is divided by eight parts. The first part introduces the calibration process briefly. And the second and third parts describe separately the equipments and the operation methods, and the experiment setups during the calibration campaign. Part 4 and 5 separately introduce the data processing of the calibration, and the final calibration results by the computation. Then the sixth part describe the verification for the final results by processing Rinex observation using dclrinex program. In part 7, it is shown how the calibration uncertainties are evaluated. Climate parameters during the calibration is involved in part 8.

From the verification, we can find the discrepancy of less than 1.1 ns between the results by the two methods as shown in part 5 and 6 separately. And the final calibration uncertainties for C1 and P3 codes are evaluated both as 1.8 ns.

1. Introduction

Time link calibration is the premise of time transfer. Since 2012, BIPM has started to draw up the new guideline for GNSS link calibration and assigned several NMIs including NIM as the group 1 laboratories to implement the possibility of calibration of group 2 laboratories in the local RMO (Regional Metrology Organization) that might give some assist to BIPM.

In March 2016, BIRM (in Beijing, China) sent us the calibration request and due to the calibration G2 laboratory NTSC (in Lintong, China) and APMP TCI project with our calibrator, the calibration has been delayed and it was implemented from last October to last November.

2. Description of the equipments and the operation method

We had planned to use our calibrator (NIM cal-001) for BIRM calibration. However, it had been occupied by the APMP TCI project for the verification and demonstration among APMP G1 labs until last December. So another traveling receiver for this calibration as follows in figure 1 and it has been operated in a stable status nearly continuously for a long period as indicated in table 2.



Figure 1. IM20 GNSS time and frequency transfer receiver

Physical Size: 43cm(width)*8.8cm(height)*50cm(depth)

rough weight: 15 kg

List of supplied items:

Receivers: IM20: NIM-TF-GNSS-2J (with antenna Novatel 702GG)

All information about the equipments for the calibrator and the receivers to be calibrated are list in table 1.

Timing lab	Site name	BIPM code	Model	Role	Notes
NIM	IMEJ	IM06	Dicom GTR50	Reference	Master
				receiver	
NIM	IM20	IM20	NIM-TF-GNSS-2J	Traveling	Traveling
				receiver	
BIRM	TTS4	BI01	TTS-4	Receiver to be	Master
				calibrated	
BIRM	BIRM	BI02	BM1308-52	Receiver to be	Backup
				calibrated	

Table 1. Sites used for the calibration

Note: BIRM has given the same code for the two receivers, for discrimination, we just call TTS-4 receiver "BIRM" and the other "BM52" when we processed the data for calibration computation. Finally, BIRM decided to name TTS-4 receiver "BI01" and the other "BI02". However, in the following part of this report, all description and results corresponds to "BIRM" and "BM52".

The whole calibration tour includes start CCD before calibration, calibration on site and closure CCD as shown in table 2.

Time period	Place	Operation	Notes
MJD 57315-MJD 57672	NIM	Start CCD before calibration	Measurements used for computation from MJD 57665-MJD 57671
MJD 57673-MJD 57715	BIRM	Calibration on site	Measurements used for computation from MJD 57703-MJD 57706

Table 2. Sites used for the calibration

MJD 57716 to now	NIM C	Closure CCD after	Measurements used for			
		calibration	computation from MJD			
			57716-MJD 57721			

We had IM20 installed and operated at BIRM in MJD 57673, and however it was some time for us to remove the possibility of the influence from some interferences transmitted for some other experiments, which made the CCD results very noisy and sometimes the standard deviation of the results approached 2 ns as shown in figure 34 in Annex 5. The data from MJD 57703 to MJD 57706 after the signal transmitting was closed which looks normal are finally used for computation.

The calibration method, the differential calibration with closure of GPS (Global Positioning System) time and frequency transfer receiver, is used. Its principle concept of is addressed in [1],. Here we don't repeat the description of the differential calibration by BIPM.

3. Experiment setups

In the campaign, the receivers used were as follows in table 1. IMEJ (site name for CGGTTS is IM06) is the master GPS time and frequency transfer receiver of NIM for TAI contribution and the reference receiver and has been calibrated in 2012 by NIM and 2014 by BIPM. The calibrator at BIRM was installed as figure 2 and 3 shows. And the setups and the sub-delay information for start and closure experiments at NIM and calibration experiments on site at BIRM were depicted in figure 4 and 5.



Figure 2. Calibrator installed in BIRM



Figure 3. Calibrator installed in BIRM



Figure 4. Experiment setup @NIM(for CCD experiments)



Figure 5. Experiment setup @BIRM(for CCD experiments)

4. Data processing

The calibration tour is divided into three phases including start CCD before calibration, calibration on site and closure CCD after calibration. Thus, data processing results are divided into three sides using GPS C1 and P3 CGGTTS data of the receivers.

4.1. Start CCD before calibration

Table 3. Real measurements of sub-delays for the sites in start experiment at NIM

Receiver	Ref-PPSin(XP) / ns	Meas 3.1(3.3) Meas 3.2		Ant. Cable (XC+XD) / ns
		Int ref – 1PPSin(XC	0) / ns	
IM20	123.5	/		205.1
IMEJ	122.2	/		248.7

4.2. Calibration on site

Table 4.	. Real measurements of sub-delays for the sites in calibrat	ion experiment at
	BIRM	

Receiver	Ref-PPSin(XP) / ns	Meas 3.1(3.3)	Meas 3.2	Ant. Cable (XC+XD) / ns		
		Int ref – 1PPSin(XO) / ns				
BM52	12.0(11.4)	/		225.4		
BIRM	9.4(10.5)	/		/		218.9
IM20	11.1(10.4)	/		205.1		

Note: Due to the very early version of the receiver software and the lack of the factory test cables, the REFDLY value of BIRM has not been measured in full accordance with the Annex 1 of the BIPM calibration guidelines. The Ref-PPSin(XP) data outside and inside the brackets were separately the measurements before and after calibration at BIRM.

4.3. Closure CCD after calibration

Table	Table 5. Real measurements of sub-delays for the sites in closure experiment at Milvi									
Receiver	Ref-PPSin(XP) / ns	Meas 3.1(3.3) Meas 3.2		Ant. Cable (XC+XD) / ns						
		Int ref – 1PPSin(XO) / ns								
IM20	146.9	/		205.1						
IMEJ	122.2	/		248.7						

Table 5. Real measurements of sub-delays for the sites in closure experiment at NIM

Closure values(the difference between the mean values before calibration and after calibration shown in the figures in the Annex 1.)

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IM20:

C1: -47.43+47.19=-0.24 ns P3: -51.44+51.37=-0.07 ns

5. C1/P3 Calibration computation and calibration values

Algorithm:(XR+XS)_{RUC}=CCD(RUC-
Calibrator)-original
from
CGGTTScompensation
header-(XC+XD)-
header-(XC+XD)-
RUC+(XO+XP)_{RUC}+(XC+XD)_{Cal}+
CCD(Calibrator-Ref)RUC:Receiver under calibration

Ref: calibration reference receiver, NIM master GPS time and frequency receiver IM06(IMEJ)

C1:

Base on IM20 GM data

(XR+XS)_{BM52}

-18.73+225.0-12.0-225.43+(12.0+11.4)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(47.43+47.19)/2= -66.4 ns Total_delay= -18.73+225.0-12.0+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(47.43+47.19)/2= 147.3 ns

(XR+XS)_{BIRM}=

18.80+218.85-10.0-26.44-218.85+(9.4+10.5)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(47.43+47.19)/2=-54.7 nsTotal_delay= 18.80+218.85-10.0-26.44+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(47.43+47.19)/2=154.3 \text{ ns}

P3:

Base on IM20 GZ data

(XR+XS)_{BM52}

-2.92+225.0-12.0-225.43+(12.0+11.4)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(51.44+51.37)/2=-54.7 ns Tatal dalam - 2.02+225.0, 12.0+11.1, (11.1+10.4)/2, (51.44+51.27)/2, 150.0 ms

Total_delay= -2.92+225.0-12.0+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(51.44+51.37)/2=159.0 ns

$(XR+XS)_{BIRM}=$

47.12+218.85-10.0-26.44-218.85+(9.4+10.5)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(51.44+51.37)/2= -30.4 ns Total_delay= 47.12+218.85-10.0-26.44+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2-(51.44+51.37)/2=178.5 ns

Note: The internal reference delay XO is difficult to be decided due to its very early version of firmware. Thus here XR+XS should include the compensation for the present internal reference

delay.

Calibration values are as follows in terms of the computation according to the above formulaa.

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BM52(C1): -66.4 ns
BIRM(C1): -54.7 ns
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BM52(P3): -54.7 ns BIRM(P3): -30.4 ns

6. Verification using dclrinex

CGGTTS file headers

IM20

MJD 57665-57671 INT DLY = 0.0 ns (GPS P3) CAB DLY = 205.1 ns (GPS), 205.1 ns (GLONASS) REF DLY = 115.5 ns (XO+XP) MJD 57703-57706 INT DLY = 0.0 ns(GPS L1C), 0.0 ns (GPS P3) CAB DLY = 205.1 ns (GPS), 205.1 ns (GLONASS) REF DLY = 3.1 ns (XO+XP) MJD 57716-57721 INT DLY = 0.0 ns (GPS C1) 0.0 ns (GPS P3) CAB DLY = 205.1 ns (GPS), 205.1 ns (GLONASS) REF DLY = 138.9 ns (XO+XP)

Note: REF DLY of IM20 in the file header is just the external reference delay(XP). The internal reference delay(XO) is measured automatically and saved in one specific file and compensated in the REFSYS. However, for the unification of definition of REF DLY, the REF DLY values shown above here are the sum of the external reference delay and the internal reference delay by adding the internal reference delay to the original REF DLY value.

BM52

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MJD 57703-57706
INT DLY = [ns] 0.0 (GPS C1), 0.0 (GPS C2), 0.0 (GPS P1), 0.0 (GPS P2), 0.0 (GPS L5)
CAB DLY = 225.0 ns
REF DLY = 12.0 ns
BIRM
MJD 57703-57706
INT DLY = [ns] GPS: L1C:-26.44 L2C:-26.44 L1P:-26.44 L2P:-26.44 L5P:0.00,
GLO: L1C:0.00 L2C:0.00 L1P:0.00 L2P:0.00
CAB DLY = 218.85 ns (GPS), 218.85 ns (GLONASS)
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REF DLY = 10.00 ns (1PPS DLY: 10.00 ns, phase corr: 0.00 ns)

Compensation for P1 and P2 results: IM20

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MJD 57665-57671	-205.1+115.5 = -89.6 ns
MJD 57703-57706	-205.1+3.1 = -202.0 ns
MJD 57716-57721	-205.1 + 138.9 = -66.2 ns

Note: P3 results are calculated by the formula P3=P1*2.54573-P2*1.54573. In the figures, only the P3 results are compensated by these corresponding values, and P1, P2 and P1-P2 results are not compensated. IM06 has all the delays in CGGTTS header compensated in Rinex data.

6.1. Start CCD before Calibration

Table 6. Results for the sites by dclrinex in start experiment at NIM

Before	C1		P1		P2		P3	P1-P2	
calibration	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Mean	Std
(ns)									
IM20-IMEJ	-47.85	0.95	-17.91	0.94	4.22	0.86	-52.17	-22.15	0.83

6.2. Calibration on site

Table 7. Results for the sites by dclrinex in calibration experiment at BIRM

On site(ns)	C1		P1		P2		P3 P1-P2		
	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Mean	Std
IM20-BM52	19.06	0.92	12.04	0.81	17.72	0.76	3.24	-5.69	0.74
IM20-BIRM	-18.56	0.89	-36.88	0.90	-29.89	0.96	-47.68	-6.99	0.82

6.3. Closure CCD after calibration

Table 8. Results for the sites by dclrinex in closure experiment at NIM

After	C1		P1		P2		P3 P1-P2		
Calibration(ns)	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Mean	Std
IM20-IMEJ	-47.65	1.48	-17.93	0.93	4.23	0.86	-52.19	-22.16	0.83

6.4. Calibration calculation

We can get the similar all CCD values using dclrinex of BIPM to the ones solved in section 8 by ourselves. The differences between them are smaller than 0.7 ns. So we can think the P3 calibration values from two processing methods should be agreed with each other. Anyway, we calculate the P1, P2 and P3 calibration values using CCD values using dclrinex as follows.

P1 and P2 calculation algorithm: $(XR+XS)_{RUC} = CCD(RUC-Calibrator)$ -compensation of IM20 for P1 and P2- $(XC+XD)_{RUC}+(XO+XP)_{RUC}+CCD(Calibrator-Ref)$

RUC: Receiver under calibration

Ref: calibration reference receiver, NIM master GPS time and frequency receiver IM06(IMEJ)

P3 calculation algorithm is the same to that of section 8. C1:

Based on IM20

$(XR+XS)_{BM52_C1}=$

-19.06+225.0-12.0-225.43+(12.0+11.4)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(-47.85-47.65)/2=-67.2 ns

(XR+XS)_{BIRM_C1}=

18.56+218.85-10.0-26.44-218.85+(9.4+10.5)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(-47.85-47.65)/2= -55.3 ns

P3:

Based on IM20

$(XR+XS)_{BM52_P1} =$

-12.04+225.0-12.0-225.43+(12.0+11.4)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(-17.91-17.93)/2= -30.3 ns

$(XR+XS)_{BM52_P2} =$

-17.72+225.0-12.0-225.43+(12.0+11.4)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(4.22+4.23)/2= -13.9 ns

 $(XR+XS)_{BM52_P3}=$

-3.24+225.0-12.0-225.43+(12.0+11.4)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(-52.17-52.19)/2 = -55.8 ns

 $(XR+XS)_{BIRM_P1}=$ 36.88+218.85-10.0-26.44-218.85+(9.4+10.5)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(-17.91-17.93)/2 = -7.2 ns $(XR+XS)_{BIRM_P2}=$ 29.89+218.85-10.0-26.44-218.85+(9.4+10.5)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(4.22+4.23)/2= 8.0 ns $(XR+XS)_{BIRM_P3}=$ 47.68+218.85-10.0-26.44-218.85+(9.4+10.5)/2+11.1-(11.1+10.4)/2+(-52.17-52.19)/2 = -30.6 ns

7. Uncertainty Evaluation

Here we evaluated the uncertainty from the sources as follows and got the combined uncertainty as 1.8 ns conservatively for C1 and P3 codes. All the measurements related to the cable and reference delays were done with SR620 on the trigger level 1.0 V. And the uncertainties from position references and multipaths are just referenced to the description of the guideline. The u_a values are from TDEV of the corresponding CCD results shown in the figures in Annex 6.

T	Value	Value	Value	Value	
Unc.	P1 (ns)	P2 (ns)	C1 (ns)	P3 (ns)	Description
u _a (T-V)	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9	RAWDIF (traveling-visited)
u _a (T-R)	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	RAWDIF (traveling-reference)
ua	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.2	
Misclosure					
u _{b,1}	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	observed mis-closure
Systematic con	mponents related	l to RAWD	<u>o</u> IF		
u _{b,11}	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	Position error at reference
ub,12	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	Position error at visited
ub,13	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	Multipaths at reference
ub,14	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	Multipaths at visited
Link of the Tra	aveling system to	the local	UTC(k)	_	-
ub,21	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	REFDLY _T (at ref lab)
ub,22	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	REFDLY _T (at visited lab)
ub,TOT	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	
Link of the Re	eference system t	o its local l	UTC(k)		
ub,31	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	REFDLY _R (at ref lab)
Link of the Vi	sited system to it	s local UT	C(k)		
ub,32	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	REFDLYV (at visited lab)
ub,SYS	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	Components of equation (2)
			1	-	
uCAL	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.8	Composed of ua and ub,SYS
Antenna cable	delays				
ub,41	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	CABDLYR
ub,42	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	CABDLYV
Combined Und	certainty: 1.8 ns	6			

8. Climate parameters

8.1. Temperature and humidity

23.3°C~24.3°C ±0.5°C 32.1%~42.3% ±3%

8.2. Reference signal

Rise time of the local UTC pulse: 2 ns

References:

[1] BIPM. BIPM guidelines for GNSS calibration(V3.2). 05, 02, 2016.

Annex 1. CCD results (C1/P3 code) for calculation



1. Start CCD before calibration











Figure 8. CCD between IM20 and BM52 at BIRM



Figure 9. CCD between IM20 and BM52 at BIRM







Figure 11. CCD between IM20 and BIRM at BIRM

3. Closure CCD after calibration







Figure 13. CCD between IM20 and IM06 at NIM

IM20-IM06

1. Start CCD before calibration



Annex 2. CCD results using dclrinex







Figure 15. CCD between IM20 and IM06 at NIM(P1)









2. Calibration on site

IM20-BM52







Figure 23. CCD between IM20 and BM52 at BIRM(P1-P2) IM20 - BIRM

Figure 27. CCD between IM20 and BIRM at BIRM(P3)

IM20-IM06

Figure 33. CCD between IM20 and IM06 at NIM(P1-P2)

Annex 3 - Information Sheet

(to be repeated for each calibrated system)		
Laboratory:	BIRM	
Date and hour of the beginning of UTC time 0:00 am November 11,2016		
measurements:		
Date and hour of the end of	UTC time 0:00 am November 15,2016	
measurements:		

(to be repeated for each calibrated system)

Information on the system Local: **Travelling:** BIRM 4-character BIPM code IM20 and maker: PIKTIME Receiver maker maker: NIM type: TTS-4 type: NIM-TF-GNSS-2J type: serial number:140 serial number:2016005 Receiver serial number: 1 PPS trigger level /V: 0~2 1 Antenna cable maker maker:JiangXiLiangChuang maker: Pasternack and type: type: 5D-FB type: RG223/U Phase stabilised cable Phase stabilised cable:N Phase stabilised cable:N (Y/N): 4.4 Length outside the 3.0 building /m: Antenna maker and type: maker: PIKTIME maker: Novatel Antenna serial number: type: Javad RingAnt-G3T type: NOV702GG serial number: 00635 serial number: nae16270022 Temperature (if stabilised) /°C

Measured delays /ns

	Local:	Travelling:
Delay from local UTC to	9.4(10.5)	11.1(10.4)
receiver 1 PPS-in:		
Delay from 1 PPS-in to		
internal Reference (if		
different):		
Antenna cable delay:	218.85	205.1
Splitter delay (if any):		
Additional cable delay (if		
any):		

Data used for the generation of CGGTTS files

INT DLY (GPS) /ns:	-26.44
INT DLY (GLONASS) /ns:	0

CAB DLY /ns:	218.85
REF DLY /ns:	10
Coordinates reference frame:	WGS84
Latitude or X /m:	-2167479.18
Longitude or Y /m:	4393380.27
Height or Z/m:	4070639.00

General information

Rise time of the local UTC pulse	2ns
Is the laboratory air conditioned	Yes
Set temperature value and uncertainty:	23.3°C~24.3°C ±0.5°C
Set humidity value and uncertainty:	32.1%~42.3% ±3%

(1) For a trip with closure, not needed if the traveling equipment is used in the same set-up throughout.

Diagram of the experiment set-up

Please see the report.

Log of Events / Additional Information

Annex 4 - Information Sheet

Laboratory:	BIRM	
Date and hour of the beginning of	UTC time 0:00 am October 13,2016	
measurements:		
Date and hour of the end of	UTC time 0:00 am October 19,2016	
measurements:		

(to be repeated for each calibrated system)

Information on the system Local: **Travelling:** BIRM 4-character BIPM code IM20 and maker: BIRM Receiver maker maker: NIM type: BM1308-52 type: NIM-TF-GNSS-2J type: serial number:1501004 serial number:2016005 Receiver serial number: 1 PPS trigger level /V: 0~2 1 Antenna cable maker maker: Pasternack maker:JiangXiLiangChuang and type: type: 5D-FB type: RG223/U Phase stabilised cable Phase stabilised cable:N Phase stabilised cable:N (Y/N): Length outside the 4.2 3.0 building /m: Antenna maker and maker: COMTECH maker: Novatel type: CRG-2D type: NOV702GG type: Antenna serial number: serial number: 160405021 serial number: nae16270022 Temperature (if stabilised) /°C

Measured delays /ns

	Local:	Travelling:
Delay from local UTC to	12.0(11.4)	11.1(10.4)
receiver 1 PPS-in:		
Delay from 1 PPS-in to		
internal Reference (if		
different):		
Antenna cable delay:	225.43	205.1
Splitter delay (if any):		
Additional cable delay (if		
any):		

Data used for the generation of CGGTTS files

INT DLY (GPS) /ns:	0
INT DLY (GLONASS) /ns:	0

CAB DLY /ns:	225.4
REF DLY /ns:	12.0
Coordinates reference frame:	WGS84
Latitude or X /m:	-2167478.947
Longitude or Y /m:	4393378.742
Height or Z/m:	4070640.118

General information

Rise time of the local UTC pulse	2ns
Is the laboratory air conditioned	Yes
Set temperature value and uncertainty:	23.3°C~24.3°C ±0.5°C
Set humidity value and uncertainty:	32.1%~42.3% ±3%

(1) For a trip with closure, not needed if the traveling equipment is used in the same set-up throughout.

Diagram of the experiment set-up

Please see the report.

Log of Events / Additional Information

Annex 5 - the Noisy CCD results on Calibration

Figure 36. CCD between IM20 and BIRM at BIRM(C1)

Figure 37. CCD between IM20 and BIRM at BIRM(P3)

Annex 6 – TDEV for CCD results

Figure 38. TDEV between IM20 and IM06 receivers at NIM before calibration

Figure 39. TDEV between IM20 and BIRM receivers at BIRM during calibration

Figure 40. TDEV between IM20 and BM52 receivers at BIRM during calibration

Figure 41. TDEV between IM20 and IM06 receivers at NIM after calibration