

# GNSS CALIBRATION REPORT

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RD04	J. Kouba, P. Heroux, 2002, <i>"Precise Point Positioning Using IGS Orbit and Clock Products,"</i> GPS Solutions, Vol 5, No. 2, 12-28
RD05	W. Lewandowski, C. Thomas, 1991, <i>"GPS Time transfers,"</i> Proc. IEEE, Vol. 79, No. 7, 991-1000
RD06	PTB GNSS calibration report G1G2_1012_2016
RD07	P. Defraigne and G. Petit, <i>"CGGTTS-Version 2E: an extended standard for GNSS time transfer,</i> Metrologia 52 (2015) G1

## ACRONYMS

ACRONYMS	
<b>BIPM</b>	<b>Bureau International de Poids et Mesures, Sèvres, France</b>
<b>CGGTTS</b>	<b>CCTF Generic GNSS Time Transfer Standard</b>
<b>DTAG</b>	<b>Deutsche Telekom AG</b>
<b>EURAMET</b>	<b>The European Association of National Metrology Institutes</b>
<b>IGS</b>	<b>International GNSS Service</b>
<b>GNSS</b>	<b>Global Navigation Satellite System</b>
<b>ORB</b>	<b>Observatoire Royal Belgique</b>
<b>PPP</b>	<b>Precise Point Positioning</b>
<b>PTB</b>	<b>Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, Braunschweig, Germany</b>
<b>RINEX</b>	<b>Receiver Independent Exchange Format</b>
<b>R2CGGTTS</b>	<b>RINEX-to CGGTTS conversion software, provided by ORB / BIPM</b>
<b>TDEV</b>	<b>Time deviation</b>
<b>TIC</b>	<b>Time interval counter</b>

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the support of the BIPM Time and Frequency Group by EURAMET, PTB conducted a relative calibration of the GNSS equipment of DTAG with respect to the calibration of PTB receiver PT02, whose last calibration was reported with Cal\_Id=1001-2016 [RD01]. PTB provided its receiver PTBT for the purpose as travelling equipment.

The current campaign followed as much as possible the BIPM Guide [RD02] and results will be reported using Cal\_Id 1015\_2017. Results provided are the visited receivers' internal delays for GPS P-code signals on the two frequencies L1 and L2 (INT DLY (P1), and INT DLY(P2)). The delays for the C/A-code signals on L1 and for GLONASS signals were not determined during this campaign.

The final results are included in Table 9-1. The internal delays of 2 receivers were determined with an uncertainty of about 1 ns for P1 and P2, respectively. The uncertainty for P3 time transfer links to PTB is of the order 1.4 ns.

As a reminder: All uncertainty values reported in this document are 1- $\sigma$  values.

## 1. CONTENTS OF THE REPORT

As part of the support of BIPM Time and Frequency Group by EURAMET, PTB conducted a relative calibration of the GNSS equipment of DTAG with respect to the calibration of receiver PT02, whose last calibration was reported with Cal\_Id=1001-2016 [RD01]. PTB provided its receiver PTBT for the purpose as travelling equipment. This report documents the installation, data taking and evaluation during the campaign.

The determination of the internal delay values of the receivers at the visited site is a three-step process.

At first (Common-Clock 1, CC1) the travelling receiver, PTBT, is compared to the “golden” receiver, PT02, and the offset between the actual and the assumed PTBT delay values is determined.

After that, the receiver is installed at DTAG and the internal delay values of the devices under test and their statistical properties are determined.

Finally, the stability of the PTBT delay is assessed by a second Common-Clock measurement (CC2) in PTB. Based thereon, the “final” INT DLY values of the visited receivers and their uncertainty values are calculated.

The structure of this report follows this sequence of work. After presentation of the participants and schedule, a general section follows that contains the (mathematical) calibration procedure, followed by a report of data collection at PTB and DTAG. The final results and the uncertainty discussion close the report. In the Annex the BIPM information tables are reproduced.

## 2. PARTICIPANTS AND SCHEDULE

Table 2-1: List of participants

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DTAG	Horst Ender Tel: +49 951 885177 Mail: <a href="mailto:Horst.Ender@telekom.de">Horst.Ender@telekom.de</a>	Deutsche Telekom Technik GmbH NSO-NTCC Raimundstraße 48-54 60431 Frankfurt am Main

Table 2-2: Schedule of the campaign

Date	Institute	Action	Remarks
2017-05-25 until 2017-05-31	PTB	First common-clock comparison between PTBT and PT02	7 days used for evaluation, MJD 57898 – 57904 (incl.)
2017-06-21 Until 2017-07-01	DTAG	Operation of PTBT and two GNSS receivers in parallel	10 days used for evaluation, MJD 57925–57934 (incl.)
Starting 2017-07-19 – 2017-07-23	PTB	Operation of PTBT after return	4.5 days used for evaluation, MJD 57953 – 57957 (incl.)

Information on the receivers at each site is contained in individual information tables which can be found in the Annex.



### 3. CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

The calculation of INT DLY values for the receiver to be calibrated follows the description given in BIPM TM.212 [RD03] and has been coded in software routine cv.py written by Julia Leute of PTB. The following text piece that describes its function is generated via copy-paste from [RD03] with small changes of the designation of quantities.

When dealing with G1G2 calibrations, in principal we distinguish receivers V, T, and G: V for visited, T for travelling, and G for golden\_reference. G1 labs committed to ship their T to the other sites. In the current campaign, PT02 (named PTBB when referred to as IGS station) serves as the reference receiver G, its internal delays were recently determined by BIPM in the second G1 campaign with the identifier Cal\_Id=1001-2016. PTBT served as the travelling receiver T.

Conventionally, the receiver delay D is considered as the sum of different terms that are defined subsequently:

#### (1) INT DLY

The sum  $X_R + X_S$  represents the “INT DLY” field in the CGGTTS header:

$X_R$  represents the receiver hardware delay, between a reference point whose definition depends on the receiver type and the internal time reference of the measurements.  $X_S$  represents the antenna delay, between the phase center and the antenna cable connector at the antenna body. We distinguish the two quantities for the two frequencies, 1 and 2.

INT DLY(P1) and INT DLY(P2) of receiver V are the basic quantities that are determined during the relative calibration. For calculating ionosphere—free observation data, INT DLY(P3) is calculated as  $2.54 \times \text{INT DLY}(P1) - 1.54 \times \text{INT DLY}(P2)$ .

The following terms are considered frequency independent, i. e. no distinction is made for P1 and P2 and other signal frequencies.

#### (2) CAB DLY

The sum  $X_C + X_D$  represents the “CAB DLY” field in the CGGTTS header.

$X_C$  corresponds to the delay of the long cable from the antenna to the input connector at either the antenna splitter or the receiver body directly. If a splitter is installed,  $X_D$  corresponds to the delay of the splitter and the small cable up to the receiver body. For a simple set-up with just an antenna cable,  $X_D = 0$ .

#### (3) REF DLY

The sum  $X_P + X_O$  represents the “REF DLY” field in the CGGTTS header.

$X_P$  corresponds to the delay of the cable between the laboratory reference point for local UTC and the 1 PPS-in connector of the receiver.

$X_O$  corresponds to the delay between the 1PPS-in connector and the receiver internal reference point, the latter depending on the receiver type:

- For Ashtech Z12-T: The first positive zero crossing of the inverted 20 MHz-in following the 1PPS-in, delayed by 15.8 ns,
- For Septentrio PolaRx2: The 1PPS-out, delayed by 8.7 ns,
- For Septentrio PolaRx4: The 1 PPS-out, no further correction
- For DICOM GTR50 and GTR51: The 1PPS-in, i.e.  $X_0 = 0$ ,
- For Javad/Topcon: The first positive zero crossing of the 5/10 MHz-in following the 1PPS-in.
- For TTS-4: RD02, Section 2.3.2, and Annex G specify the procedure for TTS-4, which in detail depends on the software version.

Details of the measurement procedures for the Ashtech Z12-T are given in the BIPM calibration guideline [RD02], but the parameters of PT02 were not determined again on occasion of the current campaign.

The distinction of the individual components of the receiver delay reflects the fact that two of them, 2 and 3, can in principle be measured with standard laboratory equipment. Changes of the receiver installation typically affect cabling and thus such delays. As an alternative, the sum of the three terms CAB DLY + INT DLY – REF DLY is designated as TOT DLY (frequency dependent) and reported instead of the individual terms.

The quantity to be determined by the relative calibration is INT DLY: INT DLY of the device under test is determined in such a way that the common-clock differences obtained between the device under test and the reference are zero on average. The INT DLY of T may need to be adjusted so that T and G match, but in practice the small correction needed is taken into account only when INT DLY of V is adjusted to G, using T as intermediate for the measurements made at the different sites.

In the process followed by PTB, valid CGGTTS files with dual frequency observation (L3P) data (including correct, accurate antenna coordinates) are needed. As a reminder,

$$\text{REFGPS}(k) = [\text{REFGPS}_{\text{RAW}}(k) - \text{CAB DLY}_F - \text{INT DLY}(P3) + \text{REF DLY}_F], \quad (1a)$$

or

$$\text{REFGPS}(k) = [\text{REFGPS}_{\text{RAW}}(k) - \text{TOT DLY}(P3)_F], \quad (1b)$$

where REFGPS(k) is reported in column 10 of the standard CGGTTS files, REFGPS<sub>RAW</sub> designates the uncorrected measurement values, INT DLY(P3) is calculated as  $2.54 \times \text{INT DLY}(P1)_F - 1.54 \times \text{INT DLY}(P2)_F$ , and the values designated as “Q<sub>F</sub>” are reported in the CGGTTS file header.

The software cv.py in calibration mode is used to calculate:

$$\text{REFGPS}_{P1}(j) = \text{REFGPS}(j) + \text{MDIO}(j) \quad (2a)$$

$$\text{REFGPS}_{P2}(j) = \text{REFGPS}(j) + \text{MDIO}(j) + ((f_1/f_2)^2 - 1) \times \text{MSIO}(j), \quad (2b)$$

where  $(f_1/f_2)^2 = 1.647$  for GPS for each satellite observation  $j$  and  $REFGPS(j)$ ,  $MDIO(j)$ , and  $MSIO(j)$  are from the line in the CGGTTS file that reports the observation  $j$ . Eq. 2a and 2b build on the rules how CGGTTS L3P data lines are generated.

If the common-view condition is fulfilled for the observations with T and G, the differences

$$\Delta P_i = REFGPS_{P_i}(T) - REFGPS_{P_i}(G) \quad (3)$$

are calculated. The example here involves G and T; equivalent relations hold for the pair of receivers T and V.

cv.py at the end of the computation edits the median value of all individual observations  $\Delta P_i$  for P1 and P2, and the number of data points used. In addition cv.py generates a file `deltap_stats` that contains observation epoch (MJD.frakt) and the average  $\Delta P_1$ ,  $\Delta P_2$  of all satellite observations at that epoch. Such values are plotted throughout the report in the various figures.

The calculation of the INT DLY values comprises two steps:

$$\text{Step 1: INT DLY}(P_i)_T\_corr = \Delta P_i(T,G) + \text{INT DLY}(P_i)_T\_F, \quad (4)$$

where the last summand  $>_F <$  is the value reported in the CGGTTS file.

Step 2: The final results for receiver V is to be calculated as

$$\text{INT DLY}(P_i)_V\_new = \Delta P_i(V,T) + \langle \Delta P_i(T,G) \rangle + \text{INT DLY}(P_i)_V\_F, \quad (5)$$

where  $\langle \Delta P_i(T,G) \rangle$  is the mean value obtained during CC1 and CC2. Another option would have been to adjust the INT DLY of receiver T after CC1, but this was not done.

The third summand in (5) on the right represents the INT DLY value that was reported previously in the CGGTTS file of receiver V. This value may be reported initially as zero, in case of the DTAG receivers values from a factory calibration were provided.

## 4. CHARACTERIZATION OF PTB EQUIPMENT

The receiver PTBT was functionally tested before transport to DTAG. The comparison results against PT02 are shown in Figure 4-1. The installation of the receivers in PTB is depicted in Figure 4-2 for 1 PPS signals and in Figure 4-3 for 5 MHz signals. The PT02 and PT03 receivers are supplied with 20 MHz from a times 4 multiplier.

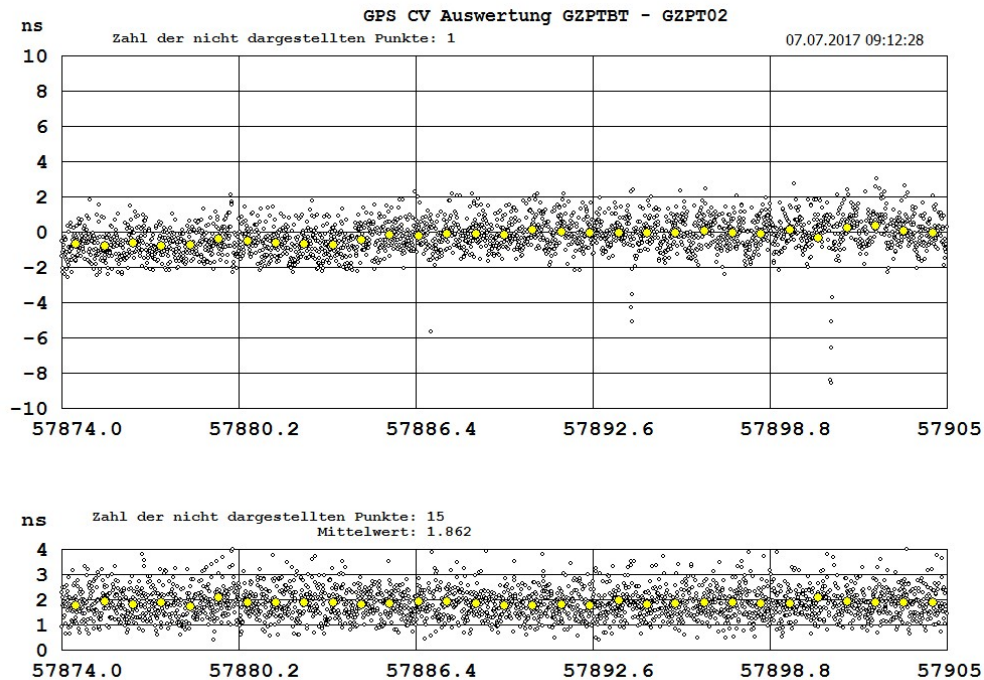


Figure 4-1: Common-clock common-view comparison between PTBT and PT02 at PTB, daily mean values (yellow) and 16-min avg data (grey), time differences (upper graph) and standard deviation (lower graph)

We note from Figure 4-1 that PTBT and PT02 had been almost perfectly aligned. The correct PTBT INT DLY(Pi) values to be used in the calculation of INT DLY of receivers V is determined using eq. (5) as explained before.

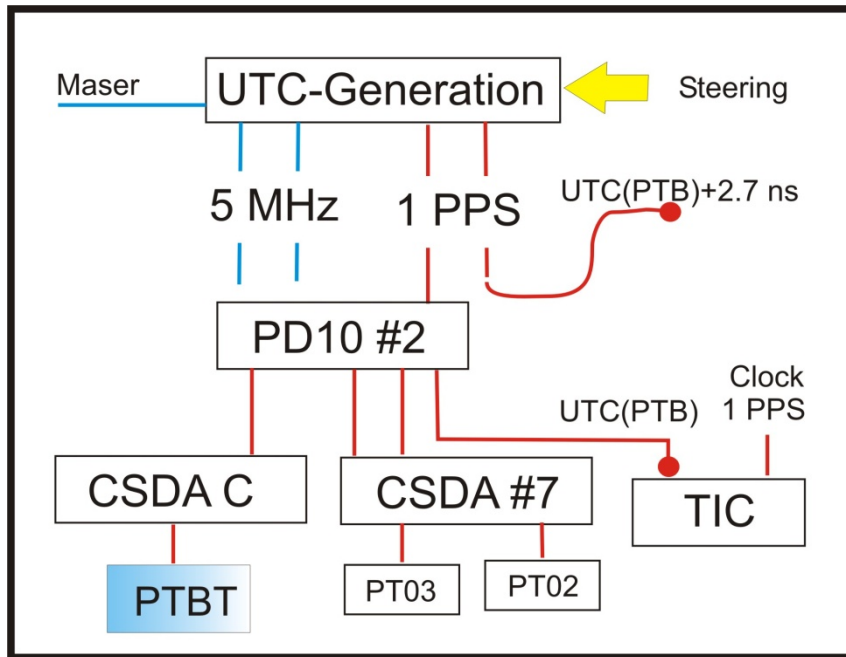


Figure 4-2: UTC(PTB) reference point and 1 PPS signal distribution to PT02, PT03 and PTBT

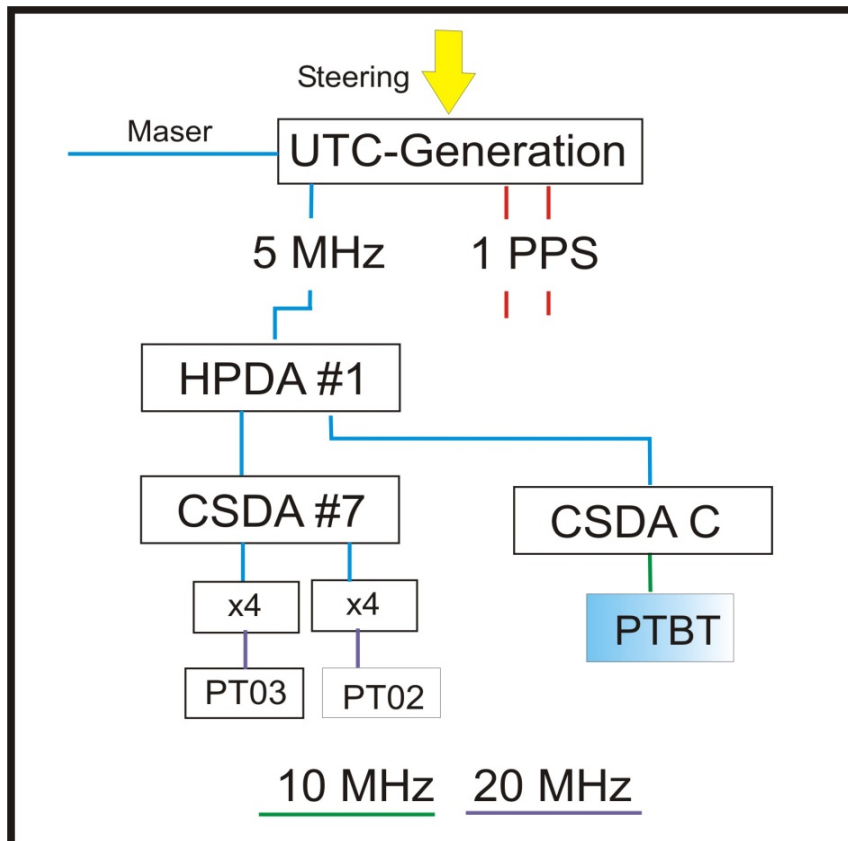
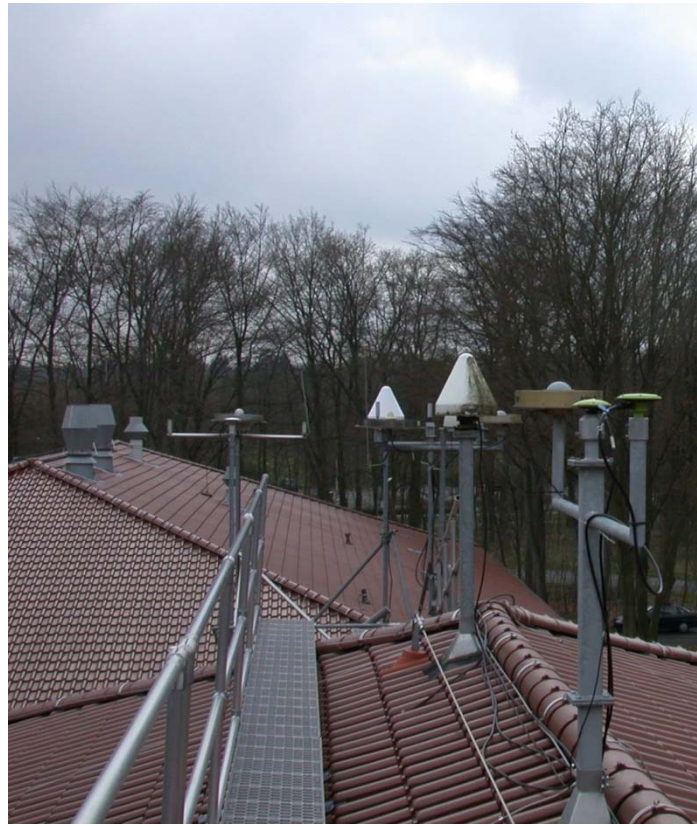


Figure 4-3: UTC(PTB) signal distribution (5 MHz, 10 MHz, 20 MHz) to PT02, PT03 and PTBT



**Figure 4-4: Installation of GNSS antennas at PTB**

Figure 4-4 illustrates the installation of GNSS antennas on the roof of the PTB time laboratory (clock hall). The two Ashtech SNOW antennas (with dome) belong to PT03 (background) and PT02 (middle). The PTBT antenna was mounted on the mast in the forefront and replaced the choke-ring antenna that was mounted at the time when the picture was taken.

The campaign after all lasted about 60 days. In Figure 4-5 the common-view common-clock time differences between PT03 and PT02 during this period is shown. We note a very smooth operation, different from occasional previous experience.

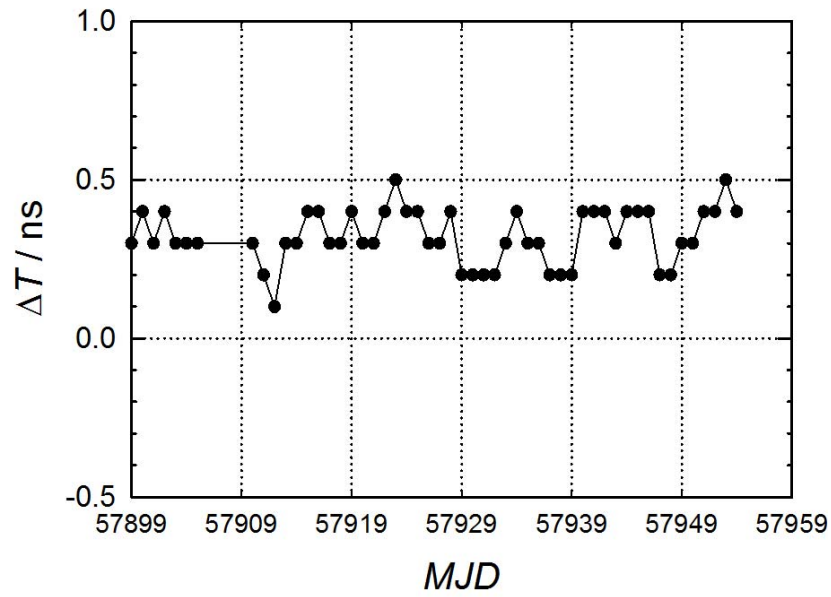


Figure 4-5: Daily mean time difference  $\Delta T$  between the two PTB receivers, PT03 – PT02, during the period of the calibration campaign.

## 5. RESULTS OF COMMON-CLOCK SET-UP IN PTB: PERIOD 1

The period 57898 to 57904 (7 days) was chosen to determine the initial PTBT INT DLY values (CC1). The result of comparison with PT02 as the reference are shown in Figure 5-1 illustrating in total 616  $\Delta P_i$  (see eq. 3) values obtained as mean over all common view observations at a given epoch. The time instability (TDEV) plots for the two data sets follow as Figure 5-2. The numerical results are given in the Summary sub-section at the end of the report on CC2 in PTB.

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 PTB - DTAG - CC1 PTBT - PT02  
 PT02 delays according to Cal-Id 1001-2016

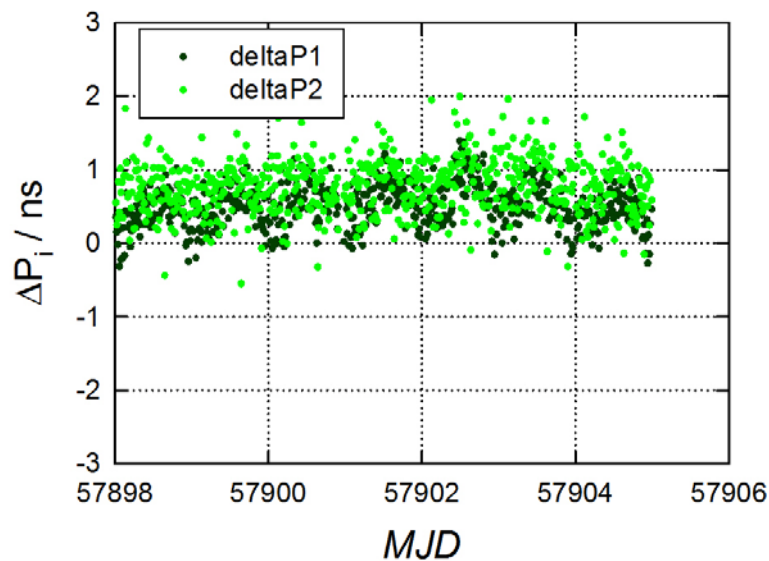


Figure 5-1:  $\Delta P_1$  (dark blue) and  $\Delta P_2$  (light blue) values obtained during the first common-clock set-up in PTB.

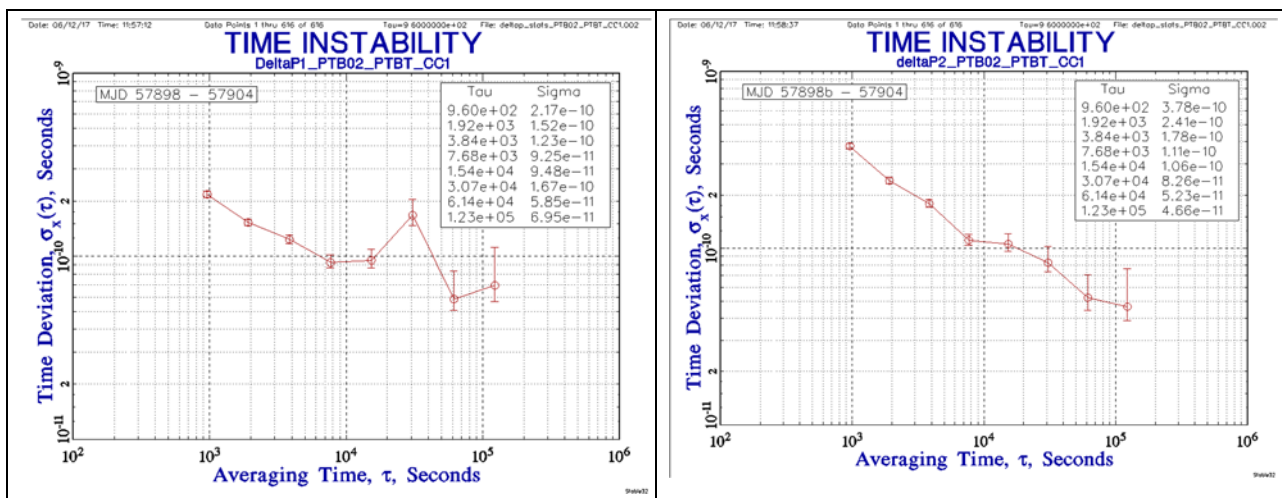


Figure 5-2: TDEV obtained for the two data sets shown in,  $\Delta P_1$  left,  $\Delta P_2$  right.

The INT DLY( $P_i$ ) of PTBT have not been corrected for the offsets shown in Figure 5-1 before shipment. Instead, the individual value found for the visited receivers will be corrected for the mean value obtained after the second common-clock set-up (see eq. 5)).



## 6. OPERATION OF PTBT AT DTAG, FRANKFURT

PTBT was in the hands of DTAG for 5 weeks, but only the ten days between MJD 57925 and 57934 (2017-06-21 – 2017-07-01) were used for the data analysis. In parallel, 2 local GNSS receivers of type GTR51 made by MESIT were operated. Their designations are DT04, and DT05. Details on the receivers and their installation are given in the Annex.

As the antenna installation was completely new, in a first step the antenna coordinates of DT04 and DT05 were determined using the NRCann PPP software. After transport and installation of PTBT on 2017-06-14 operation was started with an estimated antenna position, and accurate coordinates were determined using NRCann PPP and observations of two days. In the Annex the final coordinates are given.

The installation of the receivers in the DTAG time laboratory is illustrated in Figure 6-1. The mounting of the antennas is shown in Figure 6-2. A set of fixed LMR400 antenna cables connect the laboratory in the ground floor to the rooftop of the 15-store building. The PTBT was installed using one of these, whose signal delay had been determined previously by the installation company.

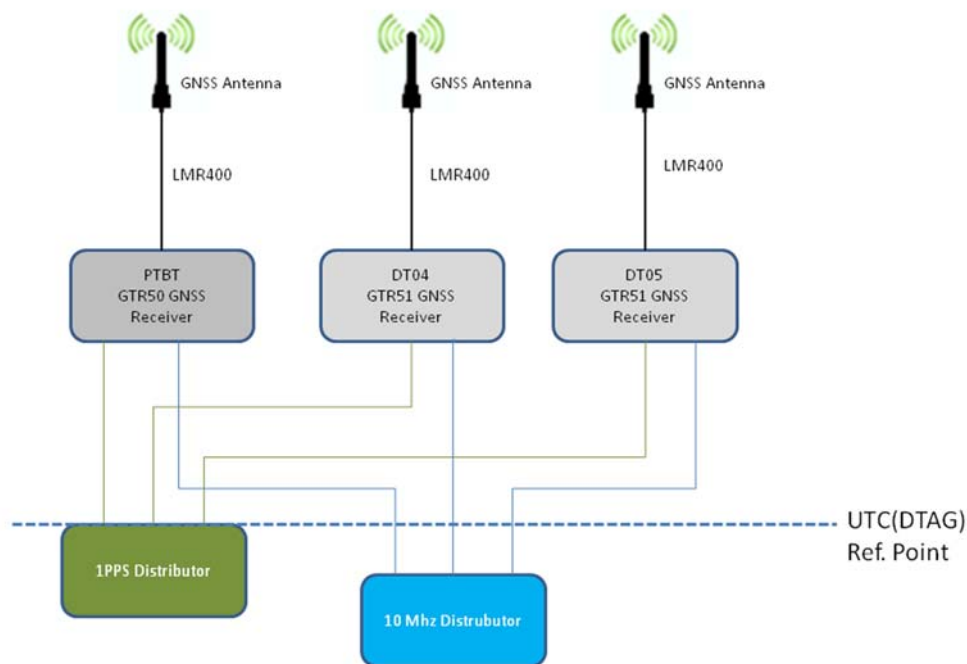


Figure 6-1: Scheme of the installation of the GNSS receivers at DTAG



**Figure 6-2: Antenna installation on the rooftop of the DTAG building: Horst Ender fixing the PTBT antenne (3G+C), and the two DTAG Leica AR25**

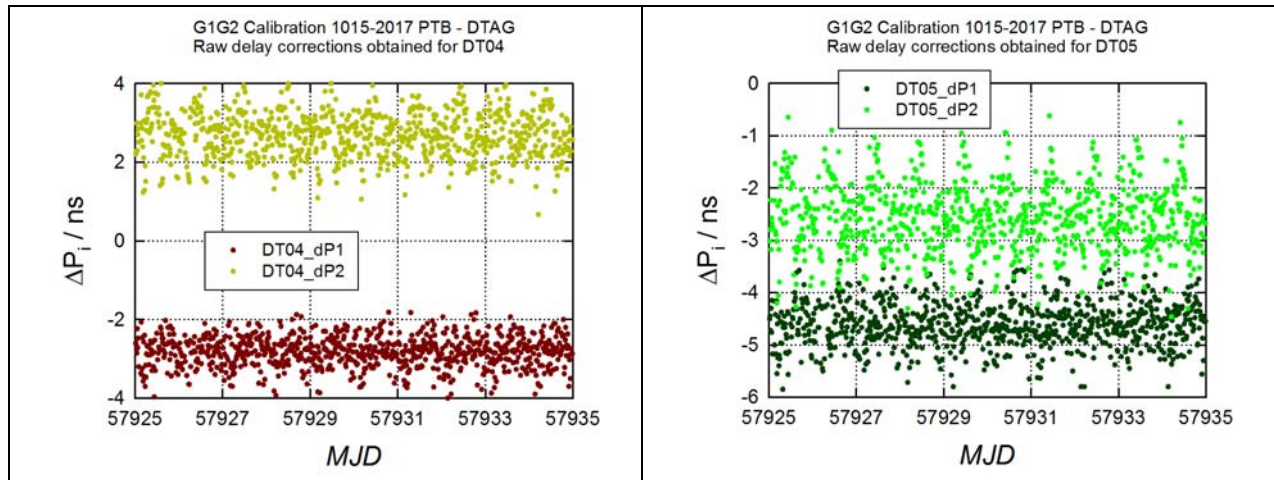


Figure 6-3: Raw  $\Delta P_i$ -values recorded between PTBT and DT04 and DT05 at DTAG.

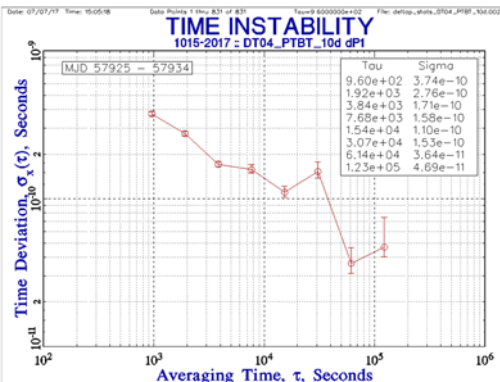
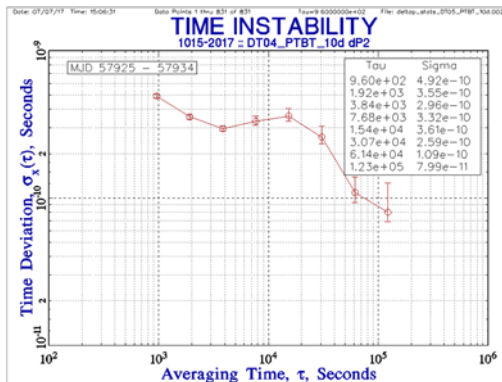
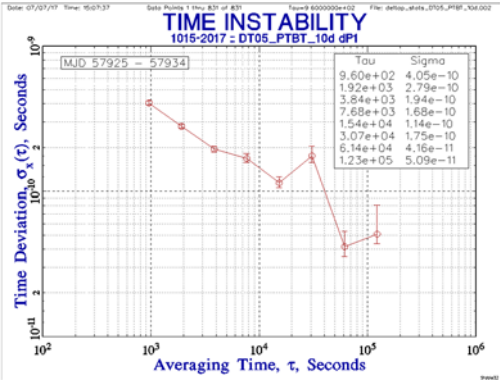
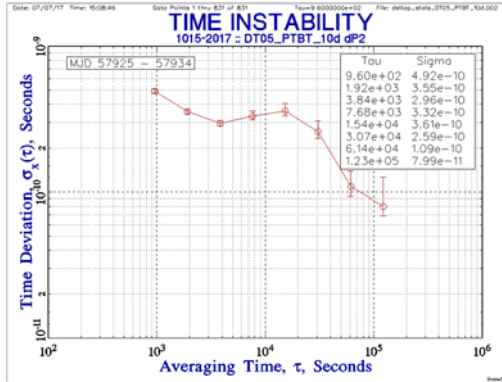
In Figure 6-3, the  $\Delta P_i$  (3) derived from the raw data are depicted and the result are summarized in Table 6-1, including their statistical uncertainty. The corresponding TDEV plots are shown in Table 6-2. As a statistical measurement uncertainty the value of TDEV at  $\tau$  equal to about one tenth of the total measurement time (about 80 000 s) is chosen, cum grano salis, to be not too optimistic. The corresponding TDEV plots are collected in Table 6-2.

Table 6-1:  $\Delta INT DLY(P_i)$  values and statistical properties (in ns) obtained initially.

$\Delta INT DLY (P_i)$ for receivers at DTAG	Mean / ns	Median / ns	Std. Dev. / ns	TDEV / ns	Number of 16-min epochs
DT04 P1	-2.82	-2.80	0.39	0.1	831
DT04 P2	2.73	2.72	0.63	0.25	831
DT05 P1	-4.61	-4.62	0.43	0.15	831
DT05 P2	-2.57	-2.58	0.65	0.25	831

It turns out that the data collected at DTAG, particularly those of PTBT, contain quite a few gross outliers per day that are removed by an outlier detection procedure implemented in the software. This may be related to the fact that the GPS-signal attenuation by even one of the best rf-cables, LMR400, at the given length (about 510 ns delay) is substantial, so that the tracking by the receiver might be difficult. As a result the number of useful 16-min data is well below the maximum of 890, but still sufficiently large.

Table 6-2: Time instability of the  $\Delta\pi$ -values obtained for the DTAG receivers with reference to receiver PTBT

Receiver at DTAG	Time instability of $\Delta\pi$ 1-values	Time instability of $\Delta\pi$ 2-values
DT04		
DT05		

## 7. OPERATION OF PTBT AT PTB: SECOND PERIOD

The period 57953 to 57957(4.5 days) was chosen to determine PTBT INT DLY values during the common clock period CC2. The result of comparison with PT02 as the reference are shown in Figure 7-1 illustrating in total 392  $\Delta P_i$  (see eq. 3) values obtained as mean over all common view observations at a given epoch. The time instability (TDEV) plots for the two data sets follow as Figure 7-2. The mean values obtained for CC1 and CC2 differ by 0.73 ns (P1) and 0.33 ns (P2).

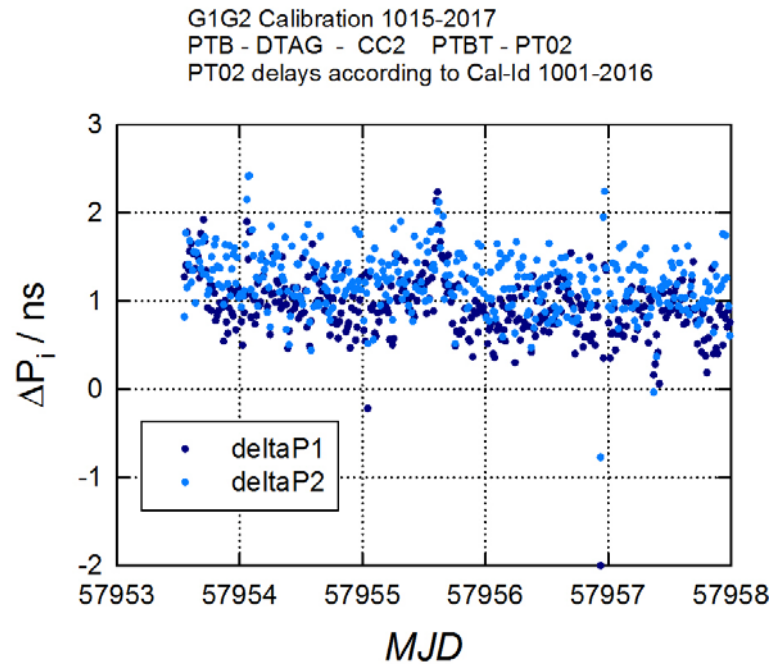


Figure 7-1.  $\Delta P_i$  values obtained during the second common-clock set-up in PTB.

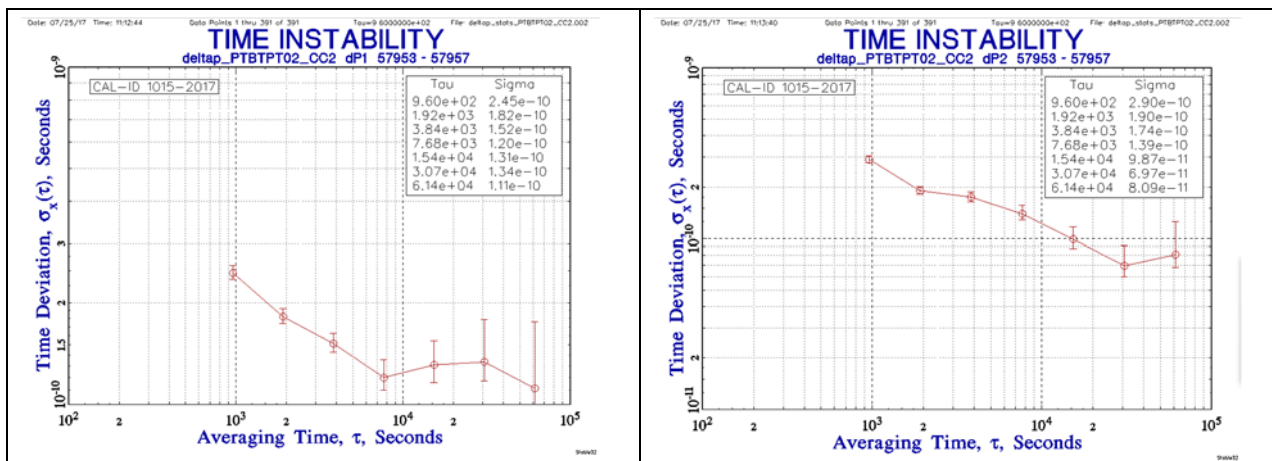


Figure 7-2. TDEV obtained for the two data sets shown in,  $\Delta P_1$  left,  $\Delta P_2$  right.

## 7.1. SUMMARY

The numerical result of the two common-clock campaigns at PTB are given in Table 7-1. The largest change noted between CC1 and CC2 amounts to 0.44 ns for  $\Delta P1$ . For the evaluation of the delays of the visited receivers the mean values for  $\Delta P1$ ,  $\Delta P2$  are used. The estimate of the uncertainty contribution is given in Section 8.

**Table 7-1: Result of common clock measurements at PTB**

Quantity	Median (ns)	Sigma (ns)	TDEV (ns)
$\Delta P1$ (CC1)	0.52 ns	0.29 ns	0.1 ns
$\Delta P2$ (CC1)	0.80 ns	0.37 ns	0.1 ns
$\Delta P3$ (CC1)	0.1 ns		
$\Delta P1$ (CC2)	0.96 ns	0.36 ns	0.15 ns
$\Delta P2$ (CC2)	1.22 ns	0.34 ns	0.1 ns
$\delta P3$ (CC2)	0.56		
<b>Mean values used for evaluation of DTxx internal delays / total delays</b>			
$\Delta P1$	0.74 ns		
$\Delta P2$	1.01 ns		

## 8. INT DLY UNCERTAINTY EVALUATION

The overall uncertainty of the INT DLY values obtained as a result of the calibration is given by

$$u_{CAL} = \sqrt{u_a^2 + u_b^2}, \quad (6)$$

with the statistical uncertainty  $u_a$  and the systematic uncertainty  $u_b$ . The statistical uncertainty is related to the instability of the common clock data collected at DTAG and PTB, respectively. The systematic uncertainty is given by

$$u_b = \sqrt{\sum_n u_{b,n}^2}. \quad (7)$$

The contributions to the sum (7) are listed and explained subsequently. In the table, extra lines (a, b, ) are introduced for the different receivers calibrated at DTAG. Note that the uncertainty of the INT DLY values of PTB's fixed receiver PT02 (G) which served as the reference is not included.

**Table 8-1: Uncertainty contributions for the calibration of receiver delays**

	Uncertainty	Value P1 (ns)	Value P2 (ns)	Value P1-P2 (ns)	Value P3 (ns)	Description
1	$u_a$ (PTB)	0.10	0.15	0.18	0.35	CC measurement uncertainty at PTB, TDEV at $\tau = 5 \times 10^4$ s, max. of the two CC campaigns
2a	$u_a$ (DTAG)	0.1	0.25	0.27	0.35	CC measurement uncertainty, receiver DT04
2b	$u_a$ (DTAG)	0.15	0.25	0.29	0.40	CC measurement uncertainty, receiver DT05
	Uncertainty	Value P1 (ns)	Value P2 (ns)	Value P1-P2 (ns)	Value P3 (ns)	Description
<b>Result of closure measurement at PTB</b>						
3	$u_{b,1}$	0.31	0.30		0.62	Misclosure, see Table 7-1
<b>Systematic components due to antenna installation</b>						
4	$u_{b,11}$	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.25	Position error at PTB
5a	$u_{b,12}$ (DTAG)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.25	Position error at DTAG
6	$u_{b,13}$	0.1	0.1	0.14	0.24	Multipath at PTB
7	$u_{b,14}$	0.1	0.1	0.14	0.24	Multipath at DTAG
<b>Installation of PTBT and visited receivers</b>						
8	$u_{b,21}$	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	Connection of PTBT to UTC(PTB) (REF DLY)

9	$u_{b,22}$	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	Connection of PTBT to UTC(DTAG) (REF DLY)
10	$u_{b,23}$	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	Connection of receivers at DTAG to UTC(DTAG) (REF DEL) (* see explanations below)
11	$u_{b,24}$	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	TIC nonlinearities at PTB
12	$u_{b,25}$	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	TIC nonlinearities at DTAG
<b>Antenna cable delay</b>						
13	$u_{b,31}$ (PTB)	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	Uncertainty estimate for the PTBT CAB DLY when installed at PTB
14	$u_{b,32}$ (DTAG)	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	Uncertainty estimate provided by DTAG for the PTBT CAB DLY used at DTAG
15	$u_{b,33}$ (DTAG)	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	Uncertainty estimate provided by DTAG for the DTxx CAB DLY (*)

The uncertainty contribution  $u_{b,1}$  is based on the difference between the two common clock campaigns in the following way. The standard deviation of the two values around the mean value is considered as measure for the uncertainty, and they are treated as statistically independent contributions.

For the generation of the CGGTTS data the PTBT antenna position is manually entered into the processing software in ITRF coordinates before the CCD measurements. These positions could in principle differ from the “true” positions in a different way in each laboratory. This is taken into account by the contributions  $u_{b,11}$  and  $u_{b,12}$ . In the current campaign it was confirmed that the antenna coordinates were determined for all masts involved consistently and the contribution is 0.1 ns at maximum. As a matter of fact, a position error in general could even affect the P1 and P2 delays in a slightly different way, if the distinction between Antenna Reference Point (ARP) and Antenna Phase Centre (APC) is not accurately made. It has been reported that the difference between the two quantities is different for each antenna type but in addition also for the two frequencies received. To be on the safe side,  $u_{b,11}$  and  $u_{b,12}$  are very conservatively estimated. For other entries, where a frequency dependence can be safely excluded, the entry for P1-P2 is set to zero.

An uncertainty contribution due to potential multipath disturbance is added as  $u_{b,13}$  and  $u_{b,14}$ . If at a given epoch in time the recorded time differences REFSYS would be biased by multipath, this might change with time due to the change in the satellite constellation geometry. [RD05] gives an estimate that has often been referred to. It was agreed at the 2017 meeting of the CCTF WG on GNSS that the multipath error need not be considered more significant than reported here.

The uncertainties of the connection of the receivers to the local time scales ( $u_{b,21}$ ,  $u_{b,22}$ ,  $u_{b,23}$ ) are equal but of different origin. As the same counter is employed for the PTBT REF DLY measurements at all sites, the counter’s internal measurement uncertainty for time interval need not be considered.  $u_{b,21}$  was estimated by PTB: The cable connecting UTC(PTB) to PTBT is repeatedly controlled and has been used in many calibration exercises. DTAG stated the uncertainty of the connection of PTBT and the local receivers to the local time scale, and this is reflected in  $u_{b,22}$ ,  $u_{b,23}$ . The term  $u_{b,23}$ , marked by (\*) need not be considered in case that only TOT DLY is stated.



The uncertainty contributions  $u_{b,24}$  and  $u_{b,25}$  are related to imperfections in the TIC in conjunction with the relationship between the zero-crossings of the external reference frequency and the 1 PPS signals. This “nonlinearity” is probably caused by the internal interpolation process. By connecting the travelling TIC successively to 5 MHz and 10 MHz generated by different clocks (masers, commercial caesium clocks), respectively, the effect was estimated to be at most 0.1 ns if 1 PPS signals with a slew rate of approximately 0.5 V/ns are used.

The measurement of antenna cable delays causes contributions  $u_{b,31}$ ,  $u_{b,32}$  and  $u_{b,33}$ . It is made with different methods in timing laboratories. On PTB side, the same antenna cable(s) were repeatedly measured using 1 PPS signals from different sources – but using the same counter – and an uncertainty of 0.5 ns is estimated. The PTBT antenna cable could not be used at DTAG, and instead a fixed cable was connecting antenna and receiver. All DTAG antenna cable delays were determined using a vector-network-analyser previously by the installation company, and DTAG estimated the uncertainty as 0.5 ns. The term  $u_{b,33}$  need not be considered when only TOT DLY is stated.

Note anyway that this uncertainty contribution  $u_{b,33}$  a priori has no impact on the uncertainty of the time transfer link between PTB and the visited institutes. If the started CAB DLY for the DTAG fixed receivers would be erroneous, this would be absorbed in the INT DLY values produced as a result of the campaign.

## 9. FINAL RESULTS

The results of the calibration campaign G1G2\_1019\_2016 are summarized in Table 9-1. It contains the designation of visited receiver, the INT DLY values hitherto used, the offsets  $\Delta P_i(V,T)$  and  $\Delta P_i(T,G)$  (see Section 5, (5)), the new INT DLY values to be used with consent by BIPM, and the uncertainty with which the new values were determined. For calculation, the respective entries from Table 8-1, individually for P1, P2, and combined for P3, were used. Intermediate delays and uncertainties are reported here with two decimal points. According to [RD07], in CGGTTS V2E file headers all delays should be reported with one decimal only, so the final results to be reported are rounded to one decimal.

**Table 9-1. Results of the Calibration Campaign G1G2\_1015\_2017, all values in ns**

Receiver	INT DLY(P1), old	INT DLY(P2); old	$\Delta P_1(V,T)$	$\Delta P_2(V,T)$	$\Delta P_1(T,G)$	$\Delta(P_2)(T,G)$	INT DLY(P1), new	$u_{cal, P1}$	INT DLY(P2), new	$u_{cal, P2}$	$u_{cal, P3}$
DTAG, DT04	-33.5	-38.0	-2.80	2.73	0.74	1.01	-35.6	1.02	-34.3	1.10	1.4
DTAG, DT05	-34.3	-34.5	-4.61	-2.57	0.74	1.01	-38.2	1.02	-36.1	1.10	1.4

## ANNEX: BIPM CALIBRATION INFORMATION SHEETS

### First common clock measurement at PTB

<b>Laboratory:</b>		PTB		
Date and hour of the beginning of		2017-05-25 0:00 UTC (MJD 57898)		
Date and hour of the end of measurements:		2017-06-01 24:00 UTC (MJD 57904)		
<b>Information on the system</b>				
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>		
4-character BIPM code	PTBB	PTBT		
Receiver maker and type:	ASHTECH Z-XII3T	Dicom GTR50		
Receiver serial number:	(S/N RT820013901)	0708522 1.7.7		
1 PPS trigger level /V:	1	1		
Antenna cable maker and type: Phase stabilised cable (Y/N):	Nokia RG214	Andrews FSJ-1 (N)		
Length outside the building /m:	approx. 25	25		
Antenna maker and type: Antenna serial number:	Ashtech ASH700936 SNOW (S/N CR15930)	Navexperience 3G+C NA0164		
Temperature (if stabilised) /°C				
<b>Measured delays /ns</b>				
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>		
Delay from local UTC to receiver 1 PPS-in ( $X_p$ ) / ns	19.9 ± 0.1 (**)	59.6 ± 0.1		
Delay from 1 PPS-in to internal Reference (if different): ( $X_o$ ) / ns	38.2 ± 0.1 (**) + 15.8	N/A		
Antenna cable delay: ( $X_c$ ) / ns	301.7	205.0 ± 0.1		
Splitter delay (if any):	N/A			
Additional cable delay (if any):	N/A			
<b>Data used for the generation of CGGTTS files</b>				
	<b>LOCAL:</b>	<b>Travelling</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GPS) /ns:	304.5 (P1), 319.8 (P2) (**)	-42.6 (P1) -49.1 (P2) (***)		
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GLONASS) /ns:				
<input type="checkbox"/> CAB DLY (or $X_c$ ) /ns:	301.7	205.0		
<input type="checkbox"/> REF DLY (or $X_p+X_o$ ) /ns:	73.9 (**)	59.6		
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinates reference frame:	ITRF (*)	ITRF (***)		
X /m:	+3844059.89 (*)	Mast P10	+3844056.64 (***)	Mast P13
Y /m:	+709661.48 (*)		+709664.25 (***)	
Z /m	+5023129.73 (*)		+5023131.88 (***)	

General information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rise time of the local UTC pulse:	3 ns
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the laboratory air conditioned:	Yes
Set temperature value and uncertainty:	23.0 °C, peak-to-peak variations 0.6 °C

Notes:

(\*) values provided by BIPM as part of coordinate alignment 2014 and G1 calibration  
 Cal\_Id=1001-2014

(\*\*) values provided by BIPM Cal\_Id 1001-2016 / local measurements not repeated

(\*\*\*) BIPM campaign 1001-2014 provided new INT DLY values for PTB receiver PT02.  
 Subsequently PTBT INT DLY were adjusted so that PTBT – PT02 were close to zero for  
 convenience. Coordinates of mast P13 were interpolated from BIPM results provided for  
 neighbouring masts.

Names of files to be used in processing for site PTB CC1

Local receiver: GZPT02MJ.DDD

Travelling receiver GZPTBTMJ.DDD

## PTBT operation at DTAG: Receiver DT04

<b>Laboratory:</b>		<b>DTAG</b>	
Date and hour of the beginning of measurements:		2017- 06 - 20 00:00:00 UTC (57808)	
Date and hour of the end of measurements:		2017- 07 -	
<b>Information on the system</b>			
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>	
4-character BIPM code	<b>DT04</b>	<b>PTBT</b>	
Receiver maker and type:	Mesit GTR51	Dicom GTR50	
Receiver serial number:	1609096	0708522 1.7.4	
1 PPS trigger level /V:	1.0	1.0	
Antenna cable maker and type: Phase stabilised cable (Y/N):	N-Type, LMR400	N-type, LMR400	
Length outside the building /m:	5 m	5 m	
Antenna maker and type: Antenna serial number:	Leica AR25.4 726132	Navexperience 3G+C NA0164	
Temperature (if stabilised) /°C			
<b>Measured delays /ns</b>			
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>	
Delay from local UTC to receiver 1 PPS-in ( $X_P$ ) / ns	25.3	22.5	
Delay from 1 PPS-in to internal Reference (if different): ( $X_O$ ) / ns		N/A	
Antenna cable delay: ( $X_C$ ) / ns	506.1	519.0	
Splitter delay (if any):	N/A	N/A	
Additional cable delay (if any):	N/A	N/A	
<b>Data used for the generation of CGGTTS files</b>			
	<b>LOCAL:</b>	<b>Travelling</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GPS) /ns:	-33.5 (P1) , -38.0 (P2)	-42.6 (P1) -49.1 (P2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GLONASS) /ns:	N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> CAB DLY (or $X_C$ ) /ns:	506.1	519.0	
<input type="checkbox"/> REF DLY (or $X_P+X_O$ ) /ns:	25.3	22.5	
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinates reference frame:	ITRF	ITRF	
X /m:	+4049233.7		4049234.93
Y /m:	+616576.6		616575.61
Z /m	+4873107.4		4873106.31
<b>General information</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rise time of the local UTC pulse:	1 ns		
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the laboratory air conditioned:	Yes		
Set temperature value and uncertainty:			

Names of files to be used in processing for site DTAG:

Local receiver: GZDT04MJ.DDD  
Travelling receiver GZPTBTMJ.DDD

Notes:

All coordinates determined consistently using NRCAN PPP immediately before the period of data taking

## PTBT operation at DTAG: Receiver DT05

<b>Laboratory:</b>		<b>DTAG</b>	
Date and hour of the beginning of measurements:		2017- 06 - 20 00:00:00 UTC (57808)	
Date and hour of the end of measurements:		2017- 07 -	
<b>Information on the system</b>			
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>	
4-character BIPM code	<b>DT05</b>	<b>PTBT</b>	
Receiver maker and type:	Mesit GTR51	Dicom GTR50	
Receiver serial number:	1510236	0708522 1.7.4	
1 PPS trigger level /V:	1.0	1.0	
Antenna cable maker and type: Phase stabilised cable (Y/N):	N-Type, LMR400	N-type, LMR400	
Length outside the building /m:			
Antenna maker and type: Antenna serial number:	LEICA AR25.4 726130	Navexperience 3G+C NA0164	
Temperature (if stabilised) /°C			
<b>Measured delays /ns</b>			
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>	
Delay from local UTC to receiver 1 PPS-in ( $X_P$ ) / ns	25.3	22.5	
Delay from 1 PPS-in to internal Reference (if different): ( $X_O$ ) / ns		N/A	
Antenna cable delay: ( $X_C$ ) / ns	530.7	519.0	
Splitter delay (if any):	N/A	N/A	
Additional cable delay (if any):	N/A	N/A	
<b>Data used for the generation of CGGTTS files</b>			
	<b>LOCAL:</b>	<b>Travelling</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GPS) /ns:	-34.3 (P1) , -34.5 (P2)	-42.6 (P1) -49.1 (P2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GLONASS) /ns:	N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> CAB DLY (or $X_C$ ) /ns:	530.7	519.0	
<input type="checkbox"/> REF DLY (or $X_P+X_O$ ) /ns:	25.3	22.5	
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinates reference frame:	ITRF	ITRF	
X /m:	4049230.5		4049234.93
Y /m:	616579.1		616575.61
Z /m	4873109.7		4873106.31
<b>General information</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rise time of the local UTC pulse:	1 ns		
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the laboratory air conditioned:	Yes		
Set temperature value and uncertainty:			

Names of files to be used in processing for site DTAG

Local receiver: GZDT05MJ.DDD

Travelling receiver GZPTBTMJ.DDD

**Notes:**

All coordinates determined consistently using NRCan PPP immediately before the period of data taking



## Second common clock measurement at PTB

<b>Laboratory:</b>		<b>PTB</b>	
Date and hour of the beginning of measurements:		2017-07-19 13:00 UTC (MJD 55953)	
Date and hour of the end of measurements:		2017-07- 23 23:55 UTC (MJD 55957)	
<b>Information on the system</b>			
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>	
4-character BIPM code	<b>PTBB</b>	<b>PTBT</b>	
Receiver maker and type:	ASHTECH Z-XII3T	Dicom GTR50	
Receiver serial number:	(S/N RT820013901)	0708522 1.7.4	
1 PPS trigger level /V:	1 V	1 V	
Antenna cable maker and type: Phase stabilised cable (Y/N):	Nokia RG214	Andrews FSJ-1 (N)	
Length outside the building /m:	approx. 25 m	25 m	
Antenna maker and type: Antenna serial number:	Ashtech ASH700936 SNOW (S/N CR15930)	Navexperience 3G+C NA0164	
Temperature (if stabilised) /°C			
<b>Measured delays /ns</b>			
	<b>Local:</b>	<b>Travelling:</b>	
Delay from local UTC to receiver 1 PPS-in ( $X_P$ ) / ns	19.9 ± 0.1 (**)	59.6 ± 0.1	
Delay from 1 PPS-in to internal Reference (if different): ( $X_O$ ) / ns	38.2 ± 0.1 (**)+ 15.8	N/A	
Antenna cable delay: ( $X_C$ ) / ns	301.7	205.5 ± 0.1	
Splitter delay (if any):	N/A		
Additional cable delay (if any):	N/A		
<b>Data used for the generation of CGGTTS files</b>			
	<b>LOCAL:</b>	<b>Travelling</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GPS) /ns:	304.5 (P1), 319.8 (P2) (**)	-42.6 (P1) -49.1 (P2) (***)	
<input type="checkbox"/> INT DLY (or $X_R+X_S$ ) (GLONASS) /ns:			
<input type="checkbox"/> CAB DLY (or $X_C$ ) /ns:	301.7	205.5	
<input type="checkbox"/> REF DLY (or $X_P+X_O$ ) /ns:	73.9 (**)	59.6	
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinates reference frame:	ITRF (*)	ITRF (***)	
X /m:	+3844059.89 (*)	Mast P10	+3844056.64
Y /m:	+709661.48 (*)		+709664.25 (***)
Z /m	+5023129.73 (*)		+5023131.88 (***)
			Mast P13
<b>General information</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rise time of the local UTC pulse:	3 ns		
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the laboratory air conditioned:	yes		
Set temperature value and uncertainty:			

Notes:

(\*) values provided by BIPM as part of coordinate alignment 2014 and G1 calibration  
Cal\_Id=1001-2014

(\*\*) values provided by BIPM Cal\_Id 1001-2016 / local measurements not repeated

(\*\*\*) BIPM campaign 1001-2014 provided new INT DLY values for PTB receiver PT02.  
Subsequently PTBT INT DLY were adjusted so that PTBT – PT02 were close to zero for  
convenience. Coordinates of mast P13 were interpolated from BIPM results provided for  
neighbouring masts.

Names of files to be used in processing for site PTB CC2

Local receiver: GZPT02MJ.DDD

Travelling receiver GZPTBTMJ.DDD

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