Biases in Multi-GNSS Processing

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Overview

Observation Equation

GNSS Code Biases

GNSS Phase Biases

Inter-System Antenna Bias

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 $\begin{array}{ll} N_i^k & \mbox{phase ambiguity (one and the same for} \\ & \mbox{one pass)} \\ \Delta \varphi_i^k & \mbox{initial phase shift between the oscillators} \\ & \mbox{at station i and satellite k} \end{array}$

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CODE – GFZ	52	-210.6	-209.4	4.9
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ESA – GRGS	34	6.1	5.8	20.6

- High consistency (low RMS) with a proper IFB-handling (enough weight for the code measurements?)
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Further Code Biases

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$$a(LC_{ion-free}) = \kappa_1 \cdot a(P1 - Code) + \kappa_2 \cdot a(P2 - Code)$$

If a receiver provides alternative measurements, DCB corrections need to be applied.

Examples:

- Receiver is tracking C1C/C2D=L1(C/A)+(P2-P1):
 - Correction for the second frequency: DCB(P1-C1)
 - Correction for the first frequency: DCB(P1-C1)
 - Combining the corrections from the two frequencies:

 $\kappa_1 \cdot DCB(P1 - C1) + \kappa_2 \cdot DCB(P1 - C1) = DCB(P1 - C1)$

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TLSE 10003M009	2.851	0.023	C1/P2 TRIMBLE NETR5	C1/P2 OK
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WTZZ 14201M014	0.335	0.023	?1/?2 TPS E_GGD	P1/P2
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With the same technology the signal reported in the RINEX3 files for the MGEX stations can be verified and potentially the reference for the "X-signal" for each receiver type (and firmware) determined.

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Forming single differences between two stations we obtain:

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- the signals are received on different frequencies because different hardware delays are expected (Inter-frequency bias, IFB) (alternatively, the IFB may be calibrated and corrected, e.g., for GLONASS ambiguity resolution).





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Dependency of the Terms

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GPS-GLONASS-Bias for the coordinates using IGS05.atx-antenna phase center corrections from weekly solutions of the years 2009 and 2010.

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