

Time and frequency transfer methods based on GNSS

LIANG Kun, National Institute of Metrology(NIM), China





Outline

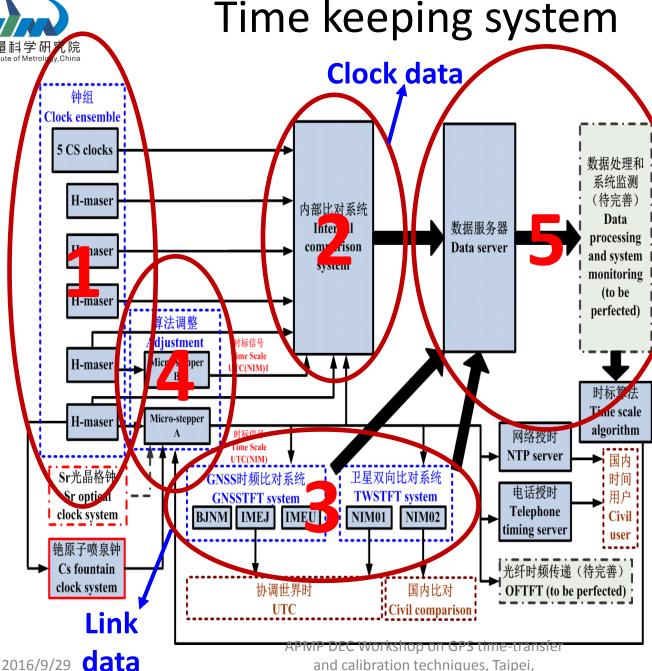
- Remote time and frequency transfer
- GNSS time and frequency transfer methods
- Data and results
- Characteristics, equipment and operation
- Application and extension
- Time link calibration



Outline

- Remote time and frequency transfer
- GNSS time and frequency transfer methods
- Data and results
- Characteristics, equipment and operation
- Application and extension
- Time link calibration





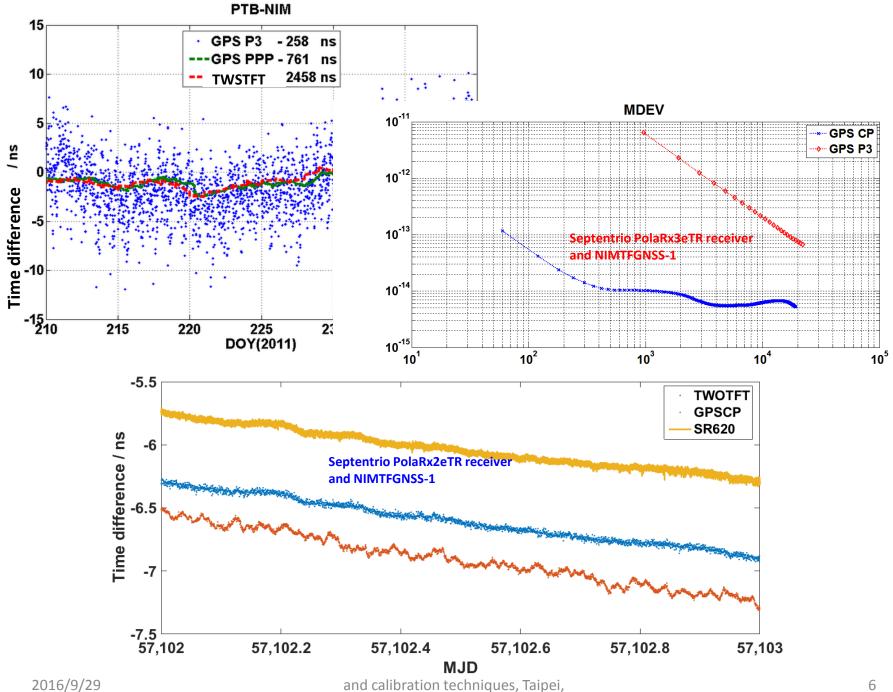
1.Clock ensemble: generate the time and frequency signals continuously 2.Internal comparison system: compare the clocks in the ensemble(clock data)

- 3. Tracing and comparing system: trace to UTC, compare with the other time and frequency reference
- 4. Time scale algorithm
- 5. Data storage, transferring, processing and monitoring



Remote time and frequency transfer

Methods	Uncertainty(A)	General features			
GPS C/A code	1.0 ns ~1.5 ns	No sending signals, no big cost			
GPS P3 code	0.7 ns	No sending signals, no big cost			
GPS carrier phase	0.3 ns	No sending signals, no big cost			
TWSTFT	0.3 ns ~ 0.5 ns	Need to rent satellite, expensive price for building TWSTFT earth station			
Optical fiber	1 ps ~ tens of ps	Limited path, several hundreds kilometers			

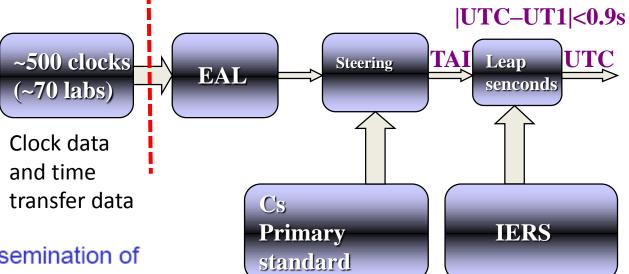




TAI corporation

The scale unit of TAI is kept as close as possible to the SI second by using data from those national laboratories which maintain the best primary

caesium standards.



BIPM:

Maintenance and dissemination of the international time scale UTC whose unit interval is the SI second

any laboratory wishing to contribute to the calculation of UTC at the BIPM must fulfil the ollowing conditions. It must:

- (a) belong to a Member State of the BIPM or to an Associate of the CGPM;
- (b) be equipped with atomic standards;
- (c) operate equipment adapted for time transfer, producing data in a standard format as requested by the CCTF and the BIPM;
- (d) have the capacity to report data to the BIPM on a continuous basis.

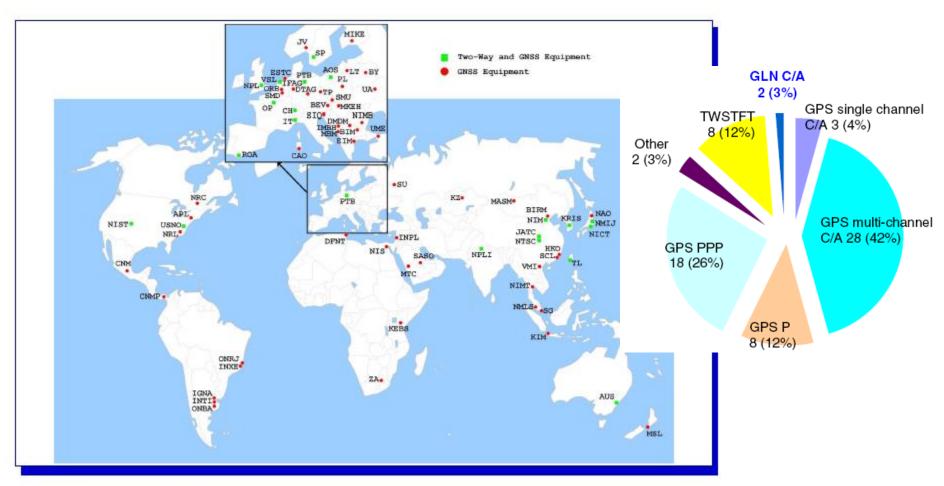
Participation in CCTF-K001.UTC is not limited to N

Participation in CCTF-K001.UTC is not limited to NMIs only, but other laboratories should request the authorization of the relevant NMI before applying to participate.

CCTF-K001.UTC key comparison



The BIPM organizes, for clock comparisons in TAI, an international network of time links:



Geographical distribution of the laboratories that contribute to TAI and time transfer equipment (April 2016)

In TAI, the only key comparison is CCTF-K001.UTC



Outline

- Remote time and frequency transfer
- GNSS time and frequency transfer methods
- Data and results
- Characteristics, equipment and operation
- Application and extension
- Time link calibration(short introduction)



GNSS



More than 20 satellites and in 2020, global coverage

GPS constellation status, 27.05.14

Total satellites in constellation	32 SC
Operational	29 SC
In commissioning phase	2 SC
In maintenance	1 SC
In decommissioning phase	-

CDMA

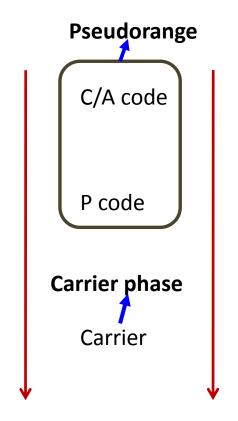
GLONASS CONSTELLATION STATUS, 26.09.2016

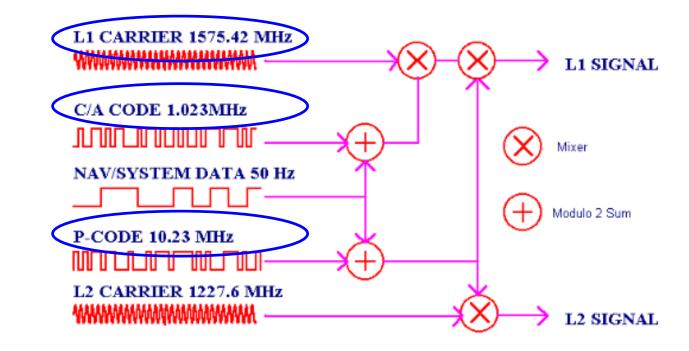
Total satellites in constellation	27 SC
Operational	24 SC
In commissioning phase	-
In maintenance	-
Under check by the Satellite Prime Contractor	-
Spares	2 SC
In flight tests phase	1 SC

FDMA



GPS for examples





Frequency& resolution

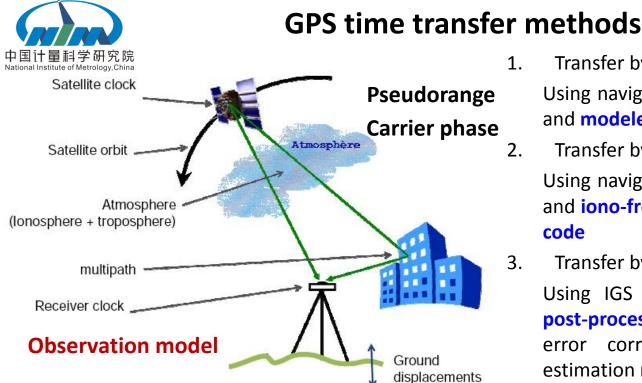
Precision

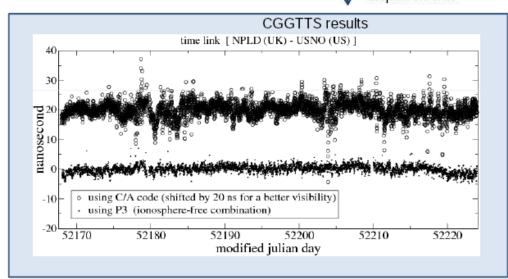
GPS SATELLITE SIGNALS



Some history for GPS time transfer

- Since 1985, GPS time transfer in common view has been used for the time transfer/comparison and for the TAI calculation.
- Since 1990's, GPS time transfer in common view has been applied over the world.
- In 1994, CGGTTS format has been defined by CCTF for standard use in TAI corporation.
- Around 2000, GPS P3 code time transfer and GPS carrier phase time transfer was raised successively.





Transfer by GPS C/A code

Using navigation message for error correction and modeled ionospheric correction

Transfer by GPS P3 code

Using navigation message for error correction and iono-free combination of P1 code and P2 code

Transfer by GPS carrier phase

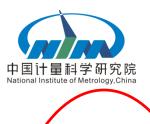
Using IGS precise ephemeris and complex post-processing with ambiguity fixing, precise error correction models and parameter estimation methods

Ionospheric delay correction

P3 code will remove 99.9% of the ionosphere delays and models like Klobuchar will remove only 60%.

Pascale Defraigne. GNSS time transfer. TAI training of CCTF2012

ime-transfer



Compensate for the atmospheric delays, atellite clock error, relativistic effect and path delay and so on

Basic principles

GNSS Code: C/A&P3 **GNSS** time **Carrier phase** (GNSST)

GPS measurements



Build the relation Reference in between the referenc elclock



Rinex file

CGGTTS file

2016/9/29

GNSS time and requency receiver *R*1

GNSS time and frequency receiver R2

Reference in

and receiver time Local time and frequency reference *LTR*1

Local time and frequency reference *LTR*2

 $\Delta T1 = LTR1 - GNSST$

 $\Delta T2 = LTR2 - GNSST$

 $LTR1 - LTR2 = \Delta T1 - \Delta T2$



Observation equation for code

Based on pseudorange

To be determined

$$P_{1,2}^{sat} = ||\mathbf{x}_{sat} - \mathbf{x}_{rec}|| - c[(t_{rec} - ref) - (t_{sat} - ref)] + I_{1,2} + Tr + \delta_{1,2} + \varepsilon_{1,2}$$

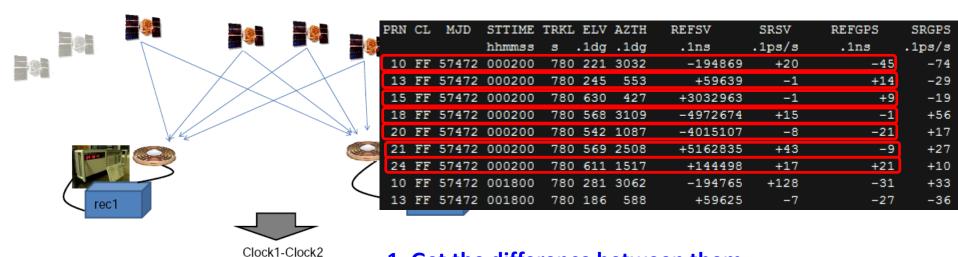
Path between satellite position(calculated from navigation data) and position already known from geodetic measurement in advance

 $+I_{1,2} + Tr + \delta_{1,2} + \mathcal{E}_{1,2}$ \downarrow tropo
Hardware delays
Known from calibration

Modeled with navigation data Klonbuchar model from navigation data or dual frequency measurement



Common View(CV)



1. Get the difference between them

Pascale Defraigne. GNSS time transfer. TAI training of CCTF2012

2. Average all the differences

Discarded

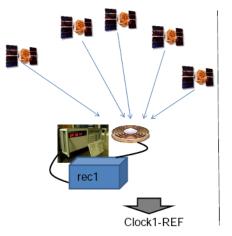
Get the difference between measurements from two sites by the same satellite and then combine the differences of all the satellites

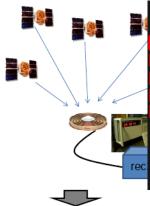
									<u>/</u>	
PRN	CL	MJD	STTIME	TRKL	ELV	AZTH	REFSV	SRSV	REFSYS	SRSY
			hhmmss	s	.1dg	.1dg	.1ns	.1ps/s	.1ns	.1ps/
13	FF	57472	000200	780	156	503	+59662	-25	38	-5
21	FF	57472	000200	780	658	2564	+5162872	+0	29	-1
20	FF	57472	000200	780	488	927	-4015055	-3 <mark>2</mark>	31	-
18	FF	57472	000200	780	560	3232	-4972659	<u> </u>	14	+2
24	FF	57472	000200	780	623	1273	+144515	114	38	+
15	FF	57472	000200	780	527	393	+3032992	+3	37	-1
32	FF	57472	000200	780	77	2476	-93229	-65	27	-7
10	FF	57472	000200	780	235	3046	-194811	+106	13	+1
14	FF	57472	001800	780	189	2502	+44748	+113	44	+9
21	দদ	57472	001800	780	634	2388	+5162887	+41	29	+2



All in View(AV)

Average 1





Clock2-REF

PF	RN	CL	MJD	STTIME	TRKL	ELV	AZTH	REFSV	SRSV	REFGPS	SRGPS
4				hhmmss	s.	.1dg	.1dg	.1ns	.1ps/s	.1ns	.1ps/s
	10	FF	57472	000200	780	221	3032	-194869	+20	-45	-74
1	13	FF	57472	000200	780	245	553	+59639	-1	+14	-29
1	15	FF	57472	000200	780	630	427	+3032963	-1	+9	-19
	18	FF	57472	000200	780	568	3109	-4972674	+15	-1	+56
= 2	20	FF	57472	000200	780	542	1087	-4015107	-8	-21	+17
111	21	FF	57472	000200	780	569	2508	+5162835	+43	-9	+27
2	24	FF	57472	000200	780	611	1517	+144498	+17	+21	+10
c 1	10	FF	57472	001800	780	281	3062	-194765	+128	-31	+33
1	13	FF	57472	001800	780	186	588	+59625	-7	-27	-36

1. Average all the measurements of two sites

2. Get one difference between two averaged

measurements

Average 2

First combine the results of											
each site by all the satellites											
and then get the difference											
between	the	combined									
results two sites											

PRN	CL	MJD	STTIME	TRKL	ELV	AZTH	REFSV	SRSV	REFSYS	SRS
			hhmmss	s.	1dg	.1dg	.1ns	.1ps/s	.1ns	.1ps
13	FF	57472	000200	780	156	503	+59662	-25	38	-!
21	FF	57472	000200	780	658	2564	+5162872	+0	29	- :
20	FF	57472	000200	780	488	927	-4015055	-32	31	
18	FF	57472	000200	780	560	3232	-4972659	-19	14	+
24	FF	57472	000200	780	623	1273	+144515	±14	38	
15	नन	57472	000200	780	527	393	+3032992	+3	37] –
32	FF	57472	000200	780	77	2476	-93229	-65	27	_
10	FF	57472	000200	780	235	3046	-194811	+106	13	+
14	FF	57472	001800	780	189	2502	+44748	+113	44	+
21	দদ	57472	001800	780	634	2388	+5162887	+41	29	+



GPS carrier phase time and frequency transfer

Code Wavelength:

P code : 29.3 m, C/A code : 293 m

Carrier wavelength: 19 cm (L1) and 24 cm (L2)

→ Carrier phase measurements about 100 times more precise than codes measurements

BUT carrier phases ambiguous

- only usable for frequency transfer, no time
- need code data for time transfer

Carrier phase data will give the shape of the clock solution Code data will give the numerical value of the clock solution.

In observation model, we need more precise error models for correction, ambiguity resolution and cycle slip detection



Codes:

$$P_3^{sat} = ||\mathbf{x}_{sat} - \mathbf{x}_{rec}|| - c[(t_{rec} - ref) - (t_{sat} - ref)] + Tr + \delta_3 + \varepsilon_3$$

Carrier Phases:

$$L_3^{sat} = \| \mathbf{x}_{sat} - \mathbf{x}_{rec} \| -c [(t_{rec} - ref) - (t_{sat} - ref)] + Tr + (\lambda_3 N_3) + \mathcal{E}'_3$$

- -Needs precise satellite clocks/orbits like the ones delivered by the IGS
- -No advantage of using precise carrier phases if broadcast orbits and clocks are used.

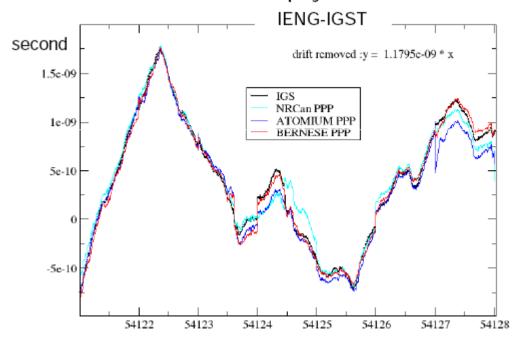


Available GPS CP processing tool

BIPM uses

Some professional geodetic software: NRCan-PPP Bernese, GAMIT and GIPSY and some self-developed tool: Atomium and so on

Bernese, NRCan, Atomium, Gipsy,



Just as an example

T Feldmann, D Piester, A Bauch. <u>GPS carrier-phase time and frequency transfer with different versions of precise point positioning software</u>[C]. Proc. 40th Precise Time and Time Interval Meeting, 403-414, 2008.

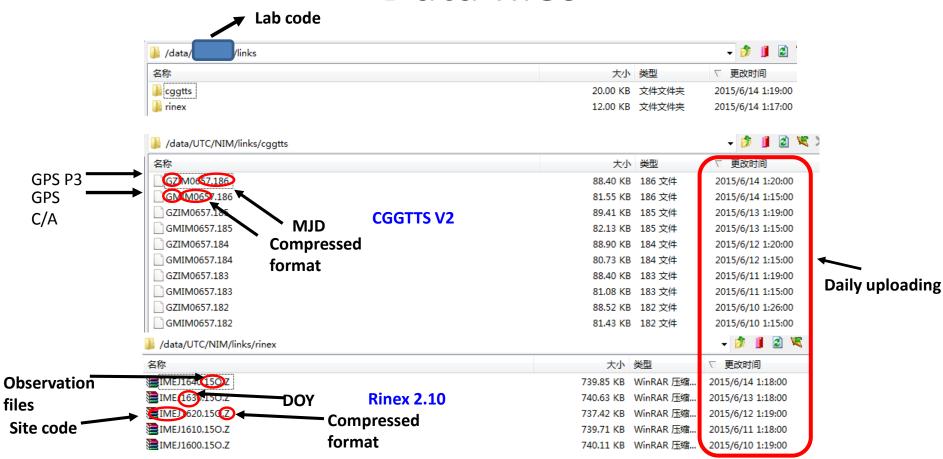


Outline

- Remote time and frequency transfer
- GNSS time and frequency transfer methods
- Data and results
- Characteristics, equipment and operation
- Application and extension
- Time link calibration(short introduction)



Data files





CGGTTS(CCTF Group on GPS Time Transfer Standards)

metrologia

International Reports

Technical Directives for Standardization of GPS Time Receiver Software

to be implemented for improving the accuracy of GPS common-view time transfer

D. W. Allan and C. Thomas

1. Introduction

The observation, using the common-view method [1], of satellites of the Global Positioning System (GPS),

for the exchange of information between the military operators of GPS and the civil timing community [3].

The Group has identified two principal impediments to its objective of sub-nanosecond accuracy in



CGGTTS format

Annex III. GGTTS GPS Data Format Version 01

The GGTTS GPS Data Format Version 01 comprises:

(i) a file header with detailed information on the GPS equipment (lines 1 to 16);

```
(ii) a blant line /line 17).
                                                                     Slope resulting from the treatment (vi-a) of
                                                                     Annex II.
           4. Data line
   1. Fil
                                                                                                                     ample
                                                                     In 0.1 ps/s.
                                                                                                                     mated
           Line 20, column 1. space ASCII value 20 (hexa-
                                                                                                    value 20 (hexa-
                                                                                            SRGPS
                                                           REFSV
                                                                       SRSV
                                                                                 REFGPS
           decimal).
   Line
                                              .1dg .1dg
                                                             .1ns
                                                                       .1ps/s
                                                                                  .ins
                                                                                           .1ps/s
                     10 FF 57472 000200
                                           780 221 3032
                                                             -194869
                                                                          +20
           Line 20.
                                                                                                  7890" REFGPS
                     13 FF 57472 000200
                                           780 245
                                                               +59639
                                                                          -1
                                                                                       +14
               Satel
                                                                                                  he treatment (vi-b)
                     15 FF 57472 000200
                                           780 630
                                                     427
                                                                          -1
                                                                                       +9
                                                            +3032963
               No u
                     18 FF 57472 000200
                                           780 568 3109
                                                            -4972674
                                                                         +15
                                                                                       -1
                                                                                              +56
           Line 20.
                     20 FF 57472 000200
                                                                                                                     zer, in
                                           780 542 1087
                                                            -4015107
                                                                          -8
                                                                                       -21
                                                                                              +17
                                           780 569 2508
                                                                         +43
                                                                                       -9
                                                                                              +27
           decimal).
                     21 FF 57472 000200
                                                            +5162835
                                                                                                    value 20 (hexa-
                                                                                              +10
   Line 1
                           57472 000200
                                           780 611 1517
                                                             +144498
                                                                         +17
                                                                                       +21
           Line 20,
                                           780 281 3062
                                                             -194765
                                                                        +128
                                                                                       -31
                                                                                              +33
                     13 FF 57472 001800
                                           780 186
                                                               +59625
                                                                          -7
                                                                                              -36
                                                                                                                    *ns"
           Metrologia, 1994, 31, 69-79
                                                                                                                     • GPS
        γ
                                                                      antenna to the main unit, entered in the GPS time
        21 columns.
```

receiver, in ns and given with 1 decimal.

Line 3: "RCVR* = *" MAKER"*"TYPE"*"SERIAL

APMP DEC Workshop on GPS times to columns as necessary.

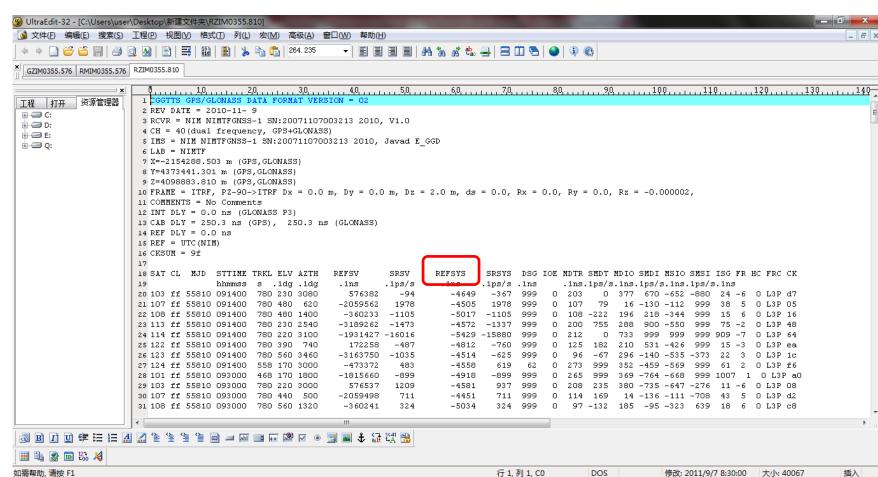
2016/9/29 NUMBER " * "YEAR " * " SOF TWARE and calibration techniques, Taipei,



CGGTTS(Common GPS GLONASS Time Transfer Standards)

CGGTTS GPS GLONASS Data Format Version

Include GLONASS





CGGTTS(Common GNSS Generic Time Transfer Standard)

CGGTTS-Version 2E: an extended standard for GNSS Time Transfer

P. Defraigne, G. Petit

Examples of CGGTTS V2E files

Case 1: no ionospheric measurements available, single-fre

```
GENERIC DATA FORMAT VERSION = 2E
REV DATE = 2014-02-20
RCVR = RRRRRRRR
CH = 12
IMS = 99999
LAB = ABC
  = +4027881.79 \text{ m (GPS)}
    +306998.67 m (GPS)
Z = +4919499.36 \text{ m (GPS)}
FRAME = ITRF
COMMENTS = NO COMMENTS
                                   CAL ID = 1nnn-yyyy
SYS DLY = 237.0 ns (GPS C1)
REF DLY = 149.6 ns
REF = UTC(ABC)
CKSUM = 3B
```

Abstract

The standard for GNSS time transfer was first defined in 1984, associated to the use of GPS signals, which were at that time degraded by the Selective Availability. It was updated at a few instances to follow the evolution of GPS, of the receivers, and the inclusion of GLONASS. With the emergence of additional navigation systems like Galileo, BeiDou, QZSS the standard has to be further adapted. This paper prepared by the CCTF Working Group on GNSS Time Transfer details the associated extended standard, named CGGTTS for Common GNSS Generic Time Transfer Standard, and the corresponding Version 2E of the format.

SAT CL MJ	D STTIME T	RKL ELV	AZTH	REFSV	SRSV	REFSYS	SRSYS	DSG	IOE	MDTR	SMDT	MDIO	SMDI	FR	HC FRC CK
	hhmmss	s .1dg	.1dg	.1ns	.1ps/s	.1ns	.1ps/s	.1ns		.1ns	.1ps/s	.1ns.	1ps/s		
G 6 FF 570	00 000600 '	780 185	754	-234764	-125	-36	-52	26	57	252	-36	64	+25	0	0 L1C E8
G17 FF 570	00 000600 '	780 80	367	+1426632	-13	-34	-37	33	1	559	+393	67	+64	0	0 L1C D0
G25 FF 570	00 000600 '	780 494	2568	-103408	+28	-35	+7	8	38	106	-11	57	-9	0	0 L1C A8



Important information

CGGTTS GPS/GLONASS DATA FORMAT VERSION = 02 REV DATE = 2007-06-29 RCVR = NRL1 ASHTECH Z-XII3T RT9200102R2CGGTTS v4.0 CH = 12 (GPS) IMS = NRL1 ASHTECH Z-XII3T RT9200102 LND - NNL X = +1117249.12 m (GPS) Y = -4848758.67 m (GPS) Z = +3976821.18 m (GPS) TRANC - ITER COMMENTS = NO COMMENTS INT DLY = 310.9 ns (GPS P1), 324.5 ns (GPS P2) CAB DLY = 109.5 ns (GPS) REF DLY = 14.4 ns REF = UTC (NRL)

Example of header (GPS P3 data files).

```
REFGPS
           STTIME TRKL ELV AZTH
                                   REFSV
                                              SRSV
                                                                        DSG IOE MDTR SMDT MDIO SMDI MSIO SMSI ISG FR HC FRC CK
            hhmmss s .1dg .1dg
                                    .1ns
                                             .1ps/s
                                                                 .1ps/s .1ns
                                                                                 .1ns.1ps/s.1ns.1ps/s.1ns.1ps/s.1ns
24 FF 54780 001400 780 424 3038
                                    -1398240
                                                -56
                                                                                               +14
2 FF 54780 001400
                  780 521 841
                                    -1742578
                                    +2082940
                                                +23
                                                            -90
15 FF 54780 001400
                   780 266 1804
                                                                   -40
                                                                                178
                                                                                      -47 118
                                                                                                +24
                                                                                                     118
                                                                                                            24
30 FF 54780 001400
                   780 156 2533
                                    -1069545
                                                                                                -29
                                                +31
5 FF 54780 001400
                  780 90 2304
                                    +3783014
                                               +386
                                                            -69
                                                                  +113
                                                                         68
                                                                                           106
                                                                                                -65
                                                                                                     106
                                                                                                           -65
                                                            -75
10 FF 54780 001400
                  780 743 203
                                      +70469
                                                +21
                                                                   +17
                                                                                  83
                                                                                             48
                                                                                                -13
                                                                                                       48
                                                                                                          -13
4 FF 54780 001400 780 114 1006
                                    +2273459
                                               +304
                                                            -58
                                                                  +184
                                                                              4 397 +165
                                                                                           102 -140
                                                                                                     102 -140
                                                                                                                66
29 FF 54780 001400 780 497 3017
                                     +307365
                                                -27
                                                            -80
                                                                                105
```

CKSUM = A2



RINEX, Receiver Independent Exchange Format

RINEX v. 3.03	August 2015 release notes: ftp://igs.org/pub/data/format/RINEX_3.03_ReleaseNotes.pdf
RINEX v. 3.02	Enhanced 3.01 to include: a new header message to specify the GLONASS code-phase bias; the existing GLONASS frequency to slot header message has been specified as mandatory and a new RINEX file naming convention
RINEX v. 3.01	GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, BeiDou (Compass), QZSS and SBAS, however, structure of the data record has changed significantly with the addition to detailed characterization of actual signal generation
RINEX v. 2.11	GPS, GLONASS and Galileo observations, meteorological data, and navigation files. Additionally, the C2, L2C/L5 and Galileo codes have also been introduced
RINEX v. 2.10	GPS and GLONASS observations, meteorological data, and navigation files

- 3.01: include GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, BDS, SBAS, QZSS



Agree with the IGS antenna list for PPP processing

1	2.11	OH	SERVATIO	N DATA	М		RINEX VERSIO	N / TYPE
2	sbf2rin-9.4.0				11-J	UN-14 08:03	PGM / RUN BY	/ DATE
3	bjnm						MARKER NAME	
4	21616M001						MARKER NUMBE	R
5	LTANG Kun	N1	М				OBSERVER / A	GENCY.
4	2001087	SE	PT POLAR		2.1		REC # / TYPE	•
1	NAE09190046)V702GG		IONE		ANT # / TYPE	
8	-2154287.4861	437343	7.9794	4098884			APPROX POSIT	
9			0.0000	0	0.0000		ANTENNA: DEL	
10							WAVELENGTH F	
11		L1	L2 P2	P1	C2		# / TYPES OF	OBSERV
12		40				ana	INTERVAL	m one
13		10 10	0 0		000000	GPS GPS	TIME OF FIRS	
14 15		10	43 55	, 30.0	,000000	GPS	# OF SATELLI	
16	50						END OF HEADE	
17	14 6 10 0 0	0.000	00000 0	1781963	81614624	G32G01G18G25G		K
18		, 0.000	,0000)1014024)9R16R06		1202207811	
19		5 14538	85272 . 021		JN10100	1.00		
20		0 11000	,00,10,003					
21		7 11814	4279.199	907 920	060497.5	7905 2248210	6.553 5 224821	02.925 5
22								
23	20687498.750	8 10871	3562.851	.08 847	711890.5	0505 2068750	1.368 5 206874	98.142 5
24								
25	23975809.996	6 12599	3728.173	06 981	176958.4	5003 2397581	7.714 3 239758	09.992 3
26								
27	24320549.438	6 12780	5361.670	06 995	588629.0	9002 2432055	5.054 2 243205	48.330 2
28								
29	25128209.476	6 13204	19633.013	06 1028	395853.4	2202 2512821	8.988 2 251282	09.498 2
30								