

# Update of the SATELLIT. File and the ANTEX (v1.3) Converter, Consideration of Receiver Antenna Radome Codes

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# 1. Introduction

Absolute receiver antenna phase patterns from robot calibrations are getting available. When using absolute receiver antenna PCV (Phase Center Variations) in regional network analysis, it is necessary to use absolute calibrations for the satellite antennas, too. Within the IGS such patterns were computed for the active GNSS satellites and are made available. A new version of the antenna information exchange format ANTEX, version v1.3, was developed for this purpose. The IGS intends to perform the switch to absolute antenna patterns in autumn of 2006, together with the switch to ITRF2005.

The planned changes concerning the use of the antenna models within the IGS include:

- absolute Phase Center Variations (PCV) for receiver antennas,
- use of nadir dependent PCV for the satellite antennas (one common nadir dependent PCV for each block, individual Z-antenna offsets for each satellite),
- consideration of the receiver antenna radome codes (as far as the antenna radome combination has been calibrated).

The first two changes dependent on each other: absolute receiver antenna patterns have to be used in conjunction with absolute satellite antenna patterns.

Because of the upgraded version of ANTEX and the upcoming absolute antenna models in the IGS, some small, but important changes have to be done by the users of the Bernese GPS Software, V5.0.

After providing some general information this README first lists the necessary steps for updating your Bernese GPS Software version (Section 2), gives then a detailed description of the new ANTEX converter including a number of useful examples (Section 3), and finally lists the steps that are necessary to switch to the new set of files and, later, to absolute phase patterns (Section 4).

Note that until the new IGS absolute antenna model is officially adopted, there is no need to apply the changes described in this README file. The changes are, however, necessary in order to use the upgraded ANTEX converter. In addition, they are a good preparation for switching to the upcoming absolute antenna model.

## 1.1. Files Available for Download

### 1.1.1. Files available from IGS

For the planned changes, a new absolute ANTEX file is already available from the IGS at

URL: [ftp://igscb.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/station/general/pcv\\_proposed/](ftp://igscb.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/station/general/pcv_proposed/)

filename: `igs05_www.atx` (latest version, `igs05_1365.atx`)

The "www" indicates the GPS week of the creation of the file. More updates of the file are likely to be issued, e.g., when a new antenna radome combination is added.

IGS Mail: <http://igscb.jpl.nasa.gov/mail/igsmail/2006/msg00041.html>.

The information concerning absolute antenna phase patterns were compiled by Ralf Schmid at Technical University Munich into one ANTEX file on behalf of the IGS.

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A relative ANTEX file, `igs_01.atx`, is available at URL `ftp://igscb.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/station/general/` containing the same information as given in `igs_01.pcv`.

### 1.1.2. Files available from CODE/AIUB

From AIUB/CODE's anonymous ftp server (URL: `http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN` or `ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN`), several files are available for supporting the switch to the new format as well as the maintenance of the corresponding files by the user. These files are

- `SATELLIT.xxx` containing satellite-specific information, in particular satellite-specific antenna offsets that need to be consistent with the corresponding satellite antenna phase patterns,
- `PHAS_COD.xxx` containing the phase center information of the antennas processed by CODE.

The extension `xxx` of the above files is

- `xxx = I01` for files containing relative antenna information based on the IGS ANTEX file `igs_01.atx`,
- `xxx = I05` for files containing absolute antenna information based on the IGS ANTEX file `igs05_www.atx`.

For the switch to the new set of files and to absolute antenna phase patterns you have to download the satellite information files. It is recommended to follow a similar naming convention (as used at CODE) for your files, i.e., indicating the PCV model type with the extension.

In principle you might use CODE's Bernese PCV files (`PHAS_COD.xxx`) as long as you do not consider additional antenna radome combination in your analysis. It is, however, recommended to use the upgraded ANTEX converter to generate your own Bernese PCV files (see Section 3). The converter allows you to transfer information for your list of antennas included in your current Bernese PCV file.

**IMPORTANT:** Satellite information and phase pattern files form entities that have always to be used together throughout your processing in order to guarantee a consistent use of satellite/receiver antenna offsets and patterns. Make sure to never mix files with extensions `*.I01` and `*.I05`.

Two additional files are regularly made available by AIUB/CODE that support you in including the information for new satellites, see following Section 1.1.3.

### 1.1.3. Antenna Information for Newly Launched GNSS Satellites

The new Bernese PCV files require entries for all satellites. In order to make corresponding information available before tracking data of brand new satellites gets available, AIUB/CODE maintains two ANTEX files (`I01.ATX` and `I05.ATX`) and makes them available at URL `http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN` or `ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN`.

At the time of a satellite launch no estimated satellite antenna offsets are available for this satellite and the corresponding entry is missing in the official ANTEX (e.g.; `igs05_1365.atx`)

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as well as in the Bernese PCV file. Without this entry in the Bernese PCV file any further processing will be aborted.

The ANTEX files (I01.ATX and I05.ATX) provided at AIUB's anonymous FTP server contains mean values of the same satellite type for a newly launched satellite. Apart of values for new satellites, this ANTEX file is identical to the official ANTEX file. After estimation of official satellite antenna offsets the IGS distributes an updated ANTEX file. From that moment on the ANTEX file at our anonymous FTP will again be identical to the official ANTEX file from IGS.

## **1.2. Handling of Receiver Antenna/Radome Code Combinations by the IGS**

Note that with the change within the IGS, antenna radome codes must be used rigorously (radome code in Bernese GPS Software = last four characters of antenna name, e.g., NONE, DOME, SNOW, etc.). The ANTEX files listed above do, however, not contain all possible antenna radome combinations. For missing combinations the IGS decided to copy the values of the same antenna without radome, e.g., if "AOAD/M\_T DOME" is missing "AOAD/M\_T DOME" copied from "AOAD/M\_T NONE".

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## 2. How to Update Your Software Version

### 2.1. Software Update

The Bernese GPS Software, Version 5.0, requires only a few small modifications to cope with the foreseen changes concerning absolute phase patterns. Program PHCCNV that converts files from ANTEX v1.3 to Bernese formatted PCV files needs to be updated. In addition, an update of the satellite information file is necessary. The update of four subroutines (READSIN.f90, SINSTORE.f90, RDSTACRX.f90 and CHKSIN.f90) of ADDNEQ2 is needed for a correct consideration of receiver antenna radome codes. The MAXRCV parameter in GPHECC.f needs to be increased because of the increased number of antennas.

To activate the changes for correct consideration of receiver antenna radomes and to activate the updated program PHCCNV the following step has to be performed:

- Update your software to the current release level (at least “27-Jun-2006”). Please follow the instructions given in BSW Mail #0215 and URL <http://www.bernese.unibe.ch/support.html> to run the update tool.

This update includes several bug fixes and improvements that were implemented since the previous release “09-Mar-2006”. Please follow *all* instructions during the update process. Do not forget to finalize the update process by updating the program panels PHCCNV.INP and ADDNEQ2.INP in the directory “\$U/PAN” (%U%\PAN for windows) resp. the BPE option directories \$U/OPT/\* (%U%\OPT\\* for windows).

You may use the menu: Configure >Update input files for the panel update.

### 2.2. Recommended BPE Update

In order to allow for an efficient switch between relative and absolute PCVs (and in future, to follow further PCV model updates) in the BPE, it is recommended to use a BPE variable V\_PCV for the file extensions: Change the names of the satellite information file in all program panels of the option directories (\$U/OPT and \$X/OPT) from SATELLIT. to SATELLIT.\$(PCV) and of the Bernese PCV file from PHAS\_IGS.REL (or PHAS\_ccc.REL) to PHAS\_ccc.\$(PCV). The string “ccc” is an arbitrary three character abbreviation, e.g., identifying your institution.

You may use the menu: Configure >Change general options.

Define the V\_PCV variable in all PCF-files by including the line:

“V\_PCV GNSS PCV MODEL I01” (or “I05”) in the last section (BPE variables). You may either use an ASCII editor or the menu: BPE >Edit process control file (PCF). By using a variable for the file extension you are well prepared for any further update of the antenna model.

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## 3. Upgraded ANTEX Converter PHCCNV

### 3.1. General Description

With the new PHCCNV version you will be able to:

- update your (old) Bernese PCV file containing old satellite antenna names and no receiver antenna radome codes,
- update the Bernese PCV file in case of new PCV calibration values,
- prepare a completely new Bernese PCV file (relative or absolute) from ANTEX,
- convert a relative Bernese PCV file (with all included antennas) to an absolute Bernese PCV file,
- merge new or individually calibrated antenna patterns from (relative or absolute) ANTEX to your existing (relative or absolute) Bernese PCV file,
- add patterns of antenna radome combinations that are not included in ANTEX to the Bernese PCV file according to the antenna list in your station information file.

Note that the consideration of radome codes is a must for the upgraded ANTEX converter. In addition, the converter requires the new SATELLIT.xxx files made available at the anonymous FTP server (<ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN> or URL <http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN>). Be sure to use the correct version ( \*.l01 = relative or \*.l05 = absolute), depending on the desired output PCV file type.

The panels of the updated program are similar to those of the old version. Two additional input files ("Bernese PCV file" and "Station information file") and three new options ("Conversion of PCV file", "Consider antennas without radome code", and "Elevation dependent patterns only") were added. A description of the options can be found in the online help or below in the examples.

Depending on the input files, the program handles relative or absolute antenna models. Furthermore, the conversion from relative to absolute antenna model is possible. In that case, the program checks whether the elevation depended corrections for, e.g., "AOAD/M\_T NONE" antenna numbered with 999999 (second entry in antenna number range) are zero or not. In any case, check the detailed program output carefully in order to verify that the information for all antennas was properly handled and that the output PCV file is ready for use.

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**CONVERT ANTENNA PHASE CENTER CORRECTIONS TO BERNESE FORMAT - PHCCNV 1: Input**

GENERAL FILES  
 Show all general files

INPUT FILENAMES  
 External phase center offsets   
 Bernese phase center offsets file   
 Station information file  STA

OPTIONS FOR BERNESE INPUT FILE  
 Conversion from relative to absolute PCV   
 Consider antennas without radome code

RESULT FILE  
 Bernese phase center offsets  PHG

GENERAL OUTPUT FILES  
 Program output  use PHCCNV.Lnn or  OUT  
 Error messages  merged to program output or  MSG

TITLE

^Top ^Prev ^Next Cancel Save^As ^Save ^Run ^Output Rerun

User: bern50 Campaign: \${K}/TESTHU \$Y+0=2002 \$S+0=1430 File: PHCCNV.INP

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**PHCCNV 2: ANTEX Conversion**

MISSING RECEIVER AND SATELLITE ANTENNA PATTERNS  
 Special handling of missing values

Fill missing values up to a MAXIMUM ZENITH ANGLE of  degrees  
 with ZEROS  
 with LAST VALUE available  
 with AOAD/M\_T values

Fill missing values up to a MAXIMUM NADIR ANGLE of  degrees  
 with ZEROS  
 with LAST VALUE available

OPTIONS  
 Do not write zero patterns   
 Elevation dependent receiver patterns only

^Top ^Prev ^Next Cancel Save^As ^Save ^Run ^Output Rerun

User: bern50 Campaign: \${F}/IGSRAPID \$Y+0=2002 \$S+0=1430 File: /u/aiub/bern50/GPSUSER/PAN/PHCCNV.INP

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### 3.1.1. Input and Result Files

The three possible input files are read from different directories. The external phase center offset file (ANTEX file) has to be stored in the OUT directory of the campaign. The input Bernese PCV file is read from \$X/GEN and the station information file is read from the STA directory of the campaign.

The resulting Bernese PCV file is stored in the OUT directory of the campaign and is labelled with the extension .PHG. Please verify the content of the created PCV file before copying it to the \$X/GEN directory. In addition, you should rename the extension from PHG to I01, or I05. We recommend to use a consistent file naming convention indicating the PCV model, e.g., PHAS\_ccc.I01 for relative files based on the relative IGS01 PCV model and PHAS\_ccc.I05 for absolute files based on the absolute IGS05 PCV model. The string “ccc” is an arbitrary three character abbreviation, e.g., identifying your institution.

### 3.1.2. Program Output

The program output provides a detailed summary of the conversions performed. The first section lists all satellite antennas from the satellite information file as well as corresponding information from the ANTEX file. A second section deals with all other antennas and gives the information where the offsets and pattern values are taken from (ANTEX or input Bernese PCV file or directly converted to absolute). The two sections are always provided. Additional sections depend on the selected options and are self-explanatory.

### 3.1.3. Warning and Error Messages

The program provides detailed warnings and error messages in case of possible problems. Please be aware of the fact that some warning messages appear even in regular program runs.

The program, e.g., generates a warning message for each satellite included in the satellite information file for which no antenna information is available in the ANTEX file. Since for most GPS Block I and older GLONASS satellites no absolute offsets and patterns are available, you may ignore the corresponding warnings as long as you do not process data from these satellites. However, do not overlook new satellites that are not yet included in ANTEX (see also Section 1.1.3).

Further warning messages are issued if you select an input Bernese PCV file with missing antenna radome codes for one or several antennas. Depending on the setting of "Consider antenna radomes without radome code", missing radome codes are substituted with a string "?????" in the output PCV file or these antennas are not written at all to the output PCV file. A similar warning is issued if a station information file with missing antenna radome codes in section TYPE 002 is selected (see also Section 3.2.3). For that reason, please add first the correct antenna radome codes in the input Bernese PCV file and in the station information file before executing the ANTEX converter.

Error messages are generated if you try to combine, e.g., an absolute input Bernese PCV file with a relative ANTEX file or a relative ANTEX file with an absolute satellite information file. In this case no result file will be written. You have to rerun the program with the correct combination of files and options.

If you have changed the satellite antenna names in your satellite information file, you have to ensure that the characters 11 to 16 of the satellite antenna name in the satellite information file



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are identical to the characters 7 to 12 of the corresponding satellite antenna name in the ANTEX file, otherwise the satellite antennas are not included in the Bernese PCV file and the program issues a warning message. To avoid problems, we advise to use the satellite antenna naming of the provided satellite information files SATELLIT.I01 and SATELLIT.I05.

#### **3.1.4. GLONASS Receiver Patterns**

GLONASS satellite antenna PCVs were estimated based on the assumption that all receiver antenna PCVs for GLONASS frequencies are equal to those of GPS frequencies. However, studies have shown small differences between receiver antenna PCVs for the two satellite systems, to be more precise, for the different frequencies. The IGS will eventually make ANTEX files available that include GLONASS-specific receiver antenna information.

Since the Bernese GPS Software V5.0 handles only one PCV per receiver antenna and frequency, non-GPS patterns found in the input ANTEX file remain disregarded by the converter and just GPS patterns are written to the output Bernese PCV file. This approach is justified by the relatively small GPS-GLONASS pattern differences and the fact that corresponding GNSS receiver antenna calibrations are currently available only for selected antennas.

#### **3.1.5. PCV Model Name for SINEX**

The model name ("IGS\_01" for relative files or "IGS05\_www" for absolute files) is automatically included in the title line of the output Bernese PCV file. The program ADDNEQ2 reads this line when an input Bernese PCV file is specified in panel "ADDNEQ2 1.1: General Files" and if an output SINEX file shall be written. It extracts the PCV model name from the characters 13-22, if characters 1-12 of the title string are "MODEL NAME", and includes it in the SINEX section "SITE/GPS\_PHASE\_CENTER". Be sure to select the same PCV file in program ADDNEQ2 as you used in program GPSEST.

If the title line in the input Bernese PCV file contains the model name, the name is replaced by the model name of the ANTEX file if characters 1-3 and 6 of the model are equal (matching, e.g. "IGS??\_" assuming that the Bernese PCV file is updated with a new IGS PCV model). If you use your own model you should use a different convention for the model name, e.g., "LPT05". If desired, the converter's behaviour of modifying the title line may be adapted to your needs in program PHCCNV.f (close to line 1520). In any case, check the given model name in the title line of the output Bernese PCV file.

#### **3.1.6. Receiver Antenna Numbering**

Numeric antenna numbers are supported by the Bernese GPS Software. Alphanumeric entries are automatically set to 0 in the RXOBV3 RINEX observation data import. The antenna with the range from 0 to 999999 is the generic entry in the Bernese PCV file. Individually calibrated antennas are explicitly numbered there, e.g., from 317 to 317. The Bernese GPS Software uses the first matching entry for a receiver antenna. Individually calibrated antennas have thus to be listed prior to the generic antenna entry. The converter takes care of this fact and sorts entries of equal antenna types accordingly.

## 3.2. Examples

The following examples describe the handling of the most important conversion scenarios.

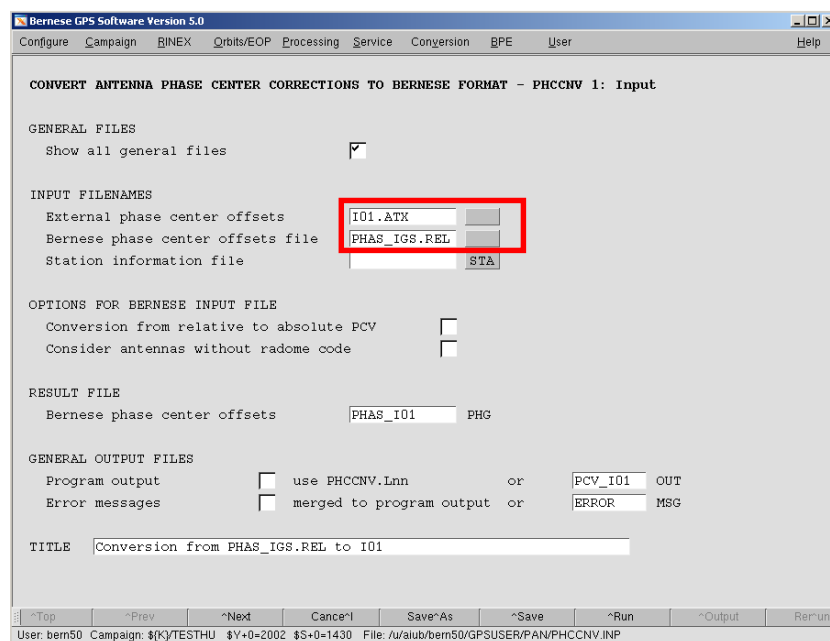
### 3.2.1. Update of (Currently Used) Bernese PCV File

One of the new features of the program is the possibility to update a Bernese PCV file with information from ANTEX. This is the most important step commonly used by the users and in addition it corresponds exactly to the procedure to be applied when a new ANTEX file is distributed by the IGS. Apart from the ANTEX file (e.g., I01.ATX), an existing Bernese PCV file has to be selected in the field "Bernese phase center offsets file" as input. The program will update all antenna patterns in this file that are available in the ANTEX file. All other antennas (incl. SLR, etc.) will be adopted from the old phase file.

Moreover, please specify the correct satellite information file in panel "PHCCNV 1.1: general files" (SATELLIT.I01 for this example).

Note that it is only possible to update the Bernese PCV file containing old satellite antenna names, if a complete ANTEX file including receiver antennas as well as GPS satellite and GLONASS satellite antennas is used (e.g., I01.ATX or I05.ATX).

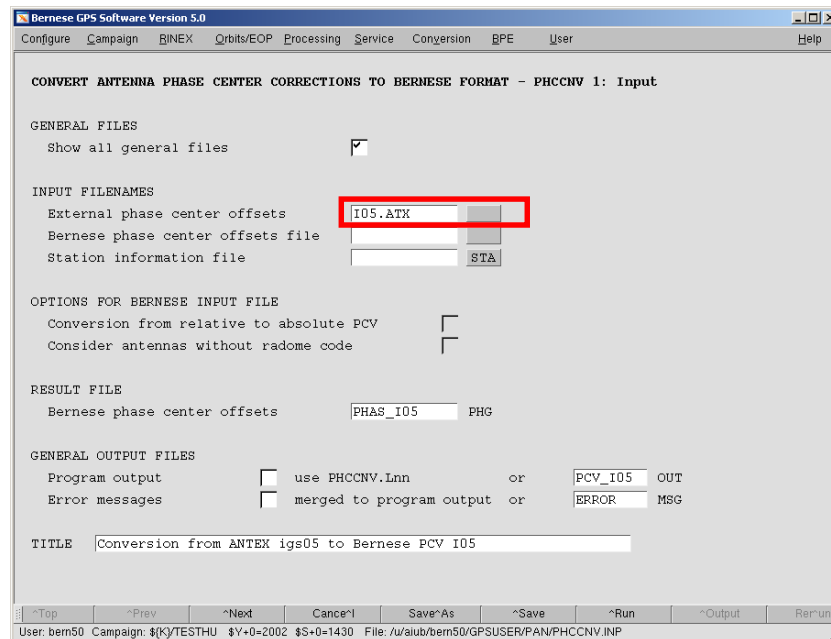
The new Bernese PCV file is stored with extension ".PHG" in the OUT directory of the current campaign. After verification of the converted PCV file, copy it into the \$X/GEN directory (%X%\GEN for Windows) and rename it if you want.



### 3.2.2. Creation of a Completely New Bernese PCV File from an ANTEX File

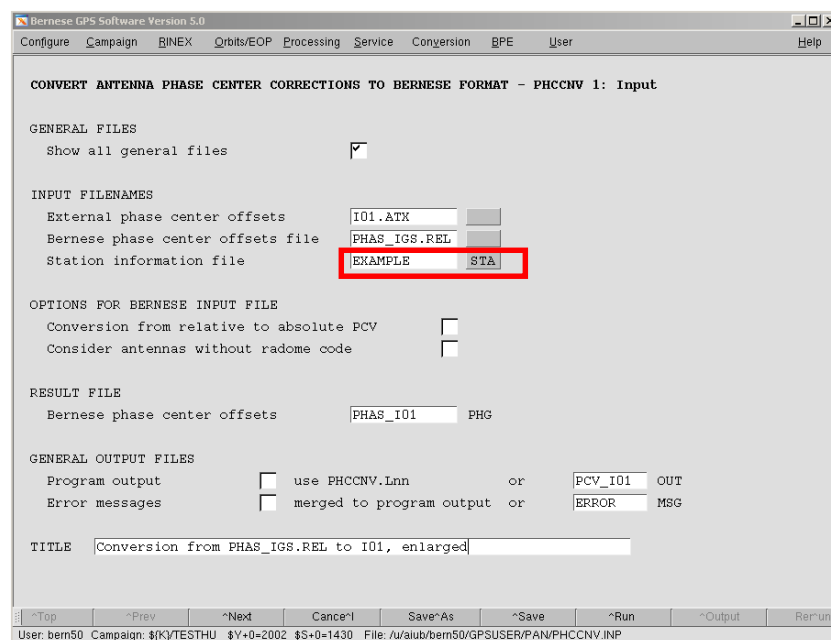
The basic function of the program is the conversion of an ANTEX file into a completely new Bernese PCV file. Select the name of an ANTEX file (e.g., I05.ATX) in the field "External phase center offsets". Leave the other two input fields blank. Finally, specify the compatible satellite information file in panel "PHCCNV 1.1: General Files" (SATELLIT.I05 for this example). The resulting file is a Bernese PCV file that only contains the information from the ANTEX file.

Note that the specification of an ANTEX filename is always necessary for a PHCCNV program run.



### 3.2.3. Enlargement of the Bernese PCV File with Missing Antenna Radome Combinations

The absolute IGS ANTEX file does not contain all antenna radome combinations, e.g., "AOAD/M\_T DOME" is currently still missing. After a "one-to-one" conversion from the ANTEX into the Bernese PCV file these antenna radome combinations are missing for analysis of a network that includes these specific combinations. Using PHCCNV, it is possible to extend the output Bernese PCV file with all necessary antenna patterns by selecting a station information file (e.g., EXAMPLE.STA) in the field "Station information file". This file has to be maintained by the user and should contain at least all stations used within the network and correct antenna radome codes for all used antennas.



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Include in the second section (TYPE 002) of the station information file the correct receiver antenna/radome code combination (radome code = last four characters of antenna name). Use either an ASCII editor or the menu: Campaign >Edit station files >Station information.

For antennas included in the station information file but not included in the ANTEX file, the program copies then the values from the corresponding antenna with radome code "NONE" inline with IGS practice, see Section 1.2 (e.g., values for "AOAD/M\_T DOME" are adopted from "AOAD/M\_T NONE").

**TIP:** It is worth mentioning that two station information files, IGS.STA and EUREF.STA, are regularly derived from the latest versions of the igs.snx and euref.snx templates (maintained by the IGS/EUREF CB) and posted to the following AIUB/CODE ftp address:

<ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/STA/>

<http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/STA/>

These STA files (created using the SNX2STA program) should contain the complete station information history and may be helpful in updating your STA file with the antenna radome codes that are required for the procedures described in this README file.

For creation of the two mentioned STA files, receiver or antenna serial number information is masked out. In case you are interested in antenna serial numbers you may have a look at IGS\_FULL.STA and EUREF\_FULL.STA, respectively. Note that serial numbers with more than 5 digits are handled differently (in the SINEX templates) within IGS and EUREF.

For completeness, the station information used at CODE (CODE.STA) is also regularly posted to the above ftp address.

#### **3.2.4. Elevation-Dependent PCVs only**

If you wish to get only elevation dependent receiver antenna patterns from ANTEX, check the box "Elevation dependent receiver patterns only" in the panel "PHCCNV 2: ANTEX Conversion". By selecting this option the program converts only the NOAZI line in the ANTEX file.

Note that this works exclusively for the antennas converted from ANTEX file. Antennas from an input Bernese phase file that are not included in ANTEX will not be reduced.

#### **3.2.5. Merging of Individually Calibrated Antennas**

It is possible to merge individually calibrated antennas from an ANTEX file to an existing Bernese PCV file. For an ANTEX file that only contains the individually calibrated antenna with an individual serial number, the program merges the antenna into the selected Bernese PCV file. The corresponding ANTEX file and the Bernese PCV file have to be selected (see Section 3.2.1).

Note that an individual serial number in ANTEX has to be numeric and in the range of 1 to 999998, otherwise the serial number is set to zero and the converter overwrites the generic entry of this antenna in the output Bernese PCV file.

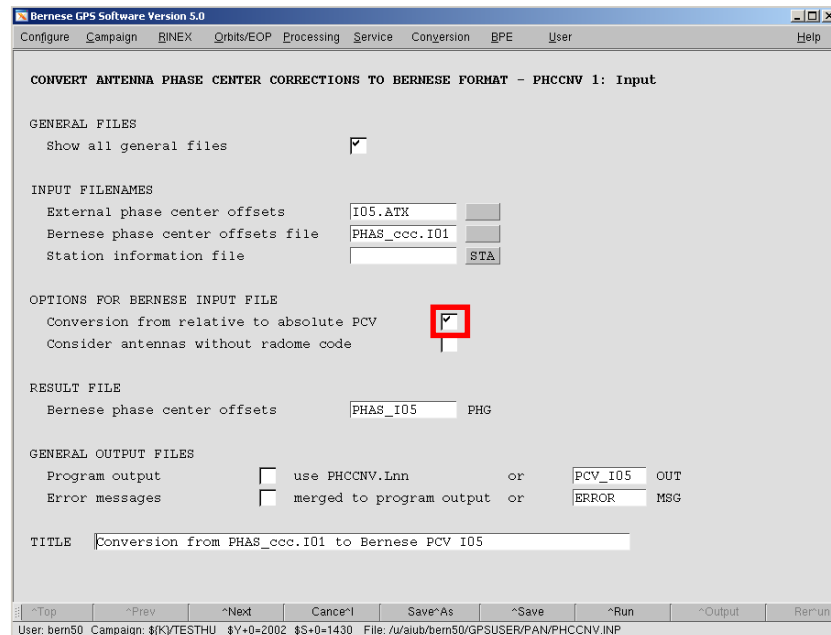
Also note that the selected Bernese PCV file must contain the new satellite antenna names. If it is desired to merge a specific antenna to the currently used Bernese PCV file, the update step described in Section 3.2.1 has to be done first.

### 3.2.6. Conversion of a Relative to an Absolute Bernese PCV File

Another new feature is the conversion of a relative to an absolute Bernese PCV file. To activate this option, select an absolute ANTEX file (e.g., I05.ATX) and a relative Bernese input PCV file and mark the checkbox "Conversion from relative to absolute PCV". The resulting Bernese PCV file will then contain all antennas from ANTEX as well as all converted antennas from the input Bernese PCV file that are not included in the ANTEX file. The expansion of the Bernese PCV file with missing antenna radome combinations as described in Section 3.2.3 is also possible for the conversion.

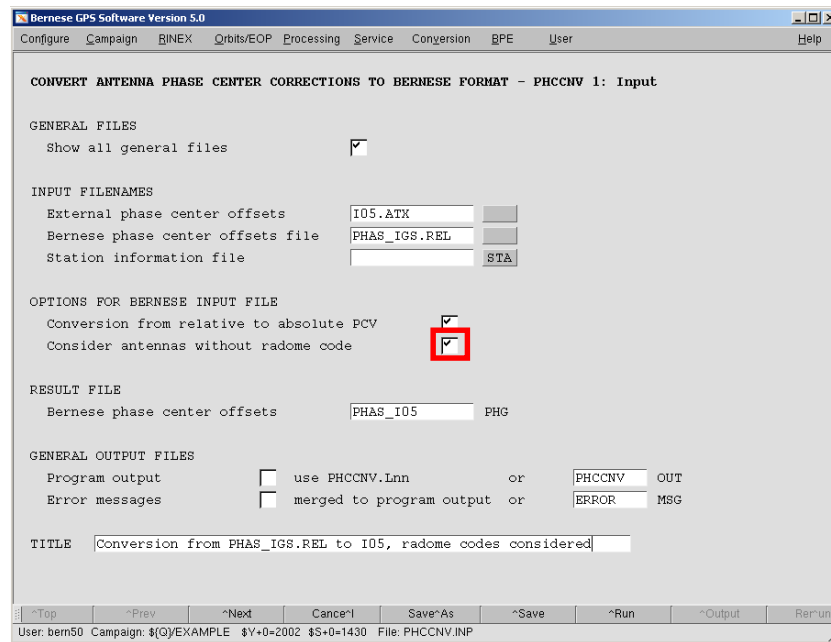
The conversion is performed by adding the absolute pattern of the reference antenna "AOAD/M\_T NONE" to the relative patterns of antennas that are not included in ANTEX. The absolute ANTEX file must contain the mentioned reference antenna.

In any case, the program checks whether a conversion is allowed. If either the input ANTEX file contains relative patterns or the input Bernese PCV file contains absolute patterns the program stops execution with an error message. Similarly, the program stops if the conversion checkbox remains unmarked, but the two input files are of different type.



### 3.2.7. Handling of Antennas Without Radome Code

The new version of the converter forces the user to use antenna radome codes for all antennas as recommended by the new IGS policy. For antennas read from the input Bernese PCV file with blank radome code (last four characters in the antenna name), this code is replaced by a string '????'. The user then has to check the output Bernese PCV file and insert the correct radome codes. By disabling the option "Consider antennas without radome code", antennas without radome code are not written to the output file. In any case, check carefully the antenna names in the input Bernese PCV file, insert missing antenna radome codes and assure consistency with the station information file before starting the conversion. After the conversion, check the detailed output of program PHCCNV that indicates how each individual antenna was handled. If necessary, repeat the procedure.



**Remark:** A blank antenna radome code gets automatically replaced by NONE in the RXOBV3 RINEX observation data import step (provided that antenna radome codes are considered in RXOBV3, see also Section 4.1)

### 3.3. Routinely Running PHCCNV

For permanent network analysis, users of the Bernese GPS Software are advised to download the SATELLIT.xxx file (xxx=I01 or I05) on a regular basis (either from ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN or from http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN). When using SATELLIT.I01 and in particular SATELLIT.I05, updating your PHAS\_ccc.xxx file in a BPE process becomes indispensable in order to avoid aborting of your processing. The main reason for that is to keep the satellite-specific PCV entries up to date in your PCV file (e.g. with respect to brand new satellites), see Section 1.1.3.

A nice side effect of such an update step is that PCV calibrations of added receiver antenna/radome combinations get automatically included in your PCV file. This obviously also includes indicated "enlargement" of your PCV file (after a change of your STA info file). It is worth mentioning that the PCV model identifier gets automatically updated, ensuring proper PCV model declaration in your SINEX results (see Section 3.1.5).

For this purpose, the files I01.ATX and I05.ATX are maintained at CODE (in terms of the GPS/GLONASS satellite constellation) and regularly posted to the addresses mentioned above. Both files should be consistent to igs\_01.atx and igs05\_www.atx (latest version: igs05\_1365.atx), respectively, which are maintained at the IGS CB (in terms of the IGS receiver network).

### 3.4. Problematic Antenna Radome Combinations in Relative Case

There are four antenna/radome combinations for which relative PCV calibrations are included in I01.ATX:

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ASH701945E_M	SCIS
LEIAT504	LEIS
TPSCR3_GGD	CONE
NOV503+CR	SPKE

Please be aware of the fact that adding the radome codes in the station information file will effect your data analysis even if you still apply the relative antenna models after the conversion of the I01.ATX file (Section 3.2.1) because you will use a different PCV model for these antennas (antenna radome codes are considered after the conversion). If you want to use the PCV values of the corresponding NONE antenna, you have to remove the calibration entries from the input ANTEX file (I01.ATX) before executing the conversion.

Also, note that there are antennas for which different PCV values are in circulation. Examples are:

LEIAT303  
LEIAT504.

This list is not complete.

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## 4. How to Switch to the New Set of Files

The following sections describe the procedures to generate and implement the new relative and absolute satellite information resp. phase pattern files into your processing. The steps described in Section 4.1 may be done at any time (keep in mind 3.4) while the switch to absolute antenna phase patterns described in Section 4.2 should be performed together with IGS's switch to absolute patterns, foreseen in autumn 2006.

### 4.1. Switch from Currently Used Old PCV File to New Relative File

You are currently using a version of the Bernese PCV file that contains relative antenna information and a corresponding satellite information file. Both files can be downloaded from our anonymous FTP server (<ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN> or <http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN>) with the names PHAS\_IGS.REL and SATELLIT.

In our opinion, the big effort in the context of the upcoming absolute PCV models is that you have to consider the correct antenna radome codes for your processing. This work can be done already before switching to absolute PCVs, i.e., you have to perform a switch from relative PCV(old, without radome codes) to relative PCV(new, with radome codes). In this sense, switching to the new relative file is just a preparation for the upgraded program PHCCNV and the upcoming absolute antenna model. Apart from the impact of the few receiver antenna radome combinations additionally included in I01.ATX (see Section 3.4) no changes in the analysis results are expected.

The differences in the relative set of files to the files you are currently using concern:

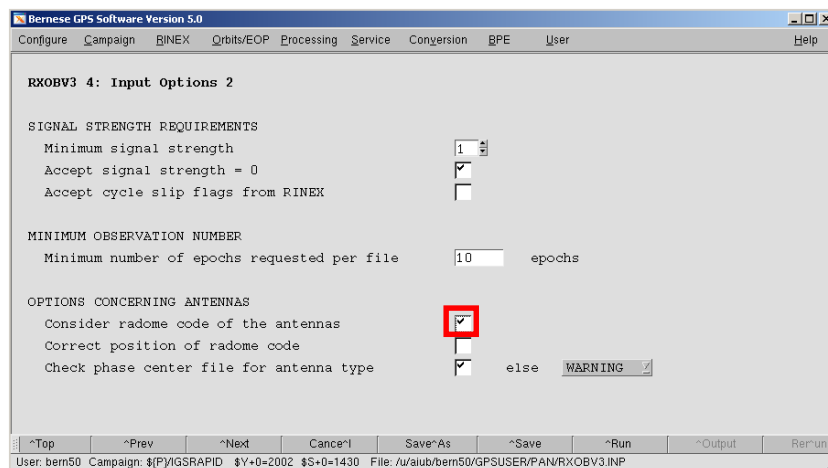
- the satellite antenna naming and
- radome codes for all receiver antennas (most of them are indicated with NONE).

To use these files the following steps have to be performed:

- Download the file SATELLIT.I01 from URL "<http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN>" or <ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN> and put it into the \$X/GEN directory (%X%\GEN for windows).
- Download the file I01.ATX from the same URL and put it into the campaign's OUT directory.
- Change in your station information file the last four characters of the antenna names in the second section (TYPE 002) from blank to the correct antenna radome code (e.g., NONE, DOME, SNOW etc.).  
You may either use an ASCII editor or the menu: Campaign >Edit station files >Station information.
- Add correct antenna radome codes, e.g., NONE or DOME to the antenna names in your Bernese PCV file (last four characters).
- Run the ANTEX converter PHCCNV (menu: Conversion > ANTEX to Bernese format) as described in the example in Section 3.2.1. Use the ANTEX file I01.ATX, the SATELLIT.I01 satellite information file, your Bernese PCV file, as well as your station information file as input.



- Check carefully the program output and verify the output of the new relative Bernese PCV file generated in the campaign's OUT directory. Correct your input files and repeat the program run if you identify problems or copy the output PCV file to the \$X/GEN directory (%X%\GEN for Windows) if you are satisfied with the result. Select a file name such as, e.g., PHAS\_ccc.I01 where ccc identifies your institution.
- If necessary adapt header information in already existing Bernese observation files with the edited station information file from the previous step as input. You may use the menu: Service >Bernese observation files >Change header information.
- Change the names of the satellite information file in all program panels from SATELLIT. to SATELLIT.I01 and of the Bernese PCV file from PHAS\_IGS.REL (or own file name) to PHAS\_ccc.I01 (or own file name).  
You may use the menu: Configure >Change general options.  
Perform this step for \$U/PAN as well as for \$X/PAN (%U%\PAN and %X%\PAN for Windows).
- Activate option "consider radome codes of the antennas" in panel "RXOBV3 4" of the RINEX converter (Menu: RINEX > Import RINEX to Bernese > Observation files). It is important that after the switch to the new set of files all Bernese observation files contain the proper receiver antenna/radome code combinations.



After activation of this option, all antenna names without antenna radome codes are automatically replaced by NONE (in the generated Bernese binary observation files)

- Use for the BPE processing the variable \$(PCV) as described in Section 2.2. Set the value of the variable to I01 in the PCFs.

The use of PHAS\_COD.I01 is possible. However, this file may not be complete. It does not include all antenna/radome combinations that are present in the IGS/EUREF receiver network. Anyway, PHAS\_COD.I01 may be useful for verification of your PHAS\_ccc.I01 file created according to the instructions in Section 3.2.

## 4.2. Switch from Relative Files to Absolute Files

For switching from relative to absolute PCV file the steps described in Section 4.1 have to be performed first. The differences in the absolute set of files to the relative set of files concern:

- satellite specific Z-offsets,
- absolute satellite and receiver antenna PCV, and

- much more calibrated antenna radome combinations.

To use these files the following steps have to be performed:

- Download the file SATELLIT.I05 from URL "http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN" or ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN and put it into the \$X/GEN directory (%X%\GEN for windows).
- Download the file I05.ATX from the same URL and put it into the campaign's OUT directory.
- Use the station information file from the conversion step described Section 3.2.3, if it is already prepared for the converter PHCCNV, otherwise change the last four characters of the antenna names in the second section of the station information file from blank to the correct antenna radome code (e.g., NONE, SCIS, SNOW etc.). You may either use an ASCII editor or the menu: Campaign >Edit station files >Station information.
- Run the ANTEX converter PHCCNV (menu: Conversion >ANTEX to Bernese format) as described in the example in Section 3.2.6. Use the ANTEX file I05.ATX, the SATELLIT.I05 satellite information file, your Bernese PCV file, as well as your station information file as input.
- Check carefully the program output and verify the output of the new relative Bernese PCV file generated in the campaign's OUT directory. Correct your input files and repeat the program run if you identify problems or copy the output PCV file to the \$X/GEN directory (%X%\GEN for Windows) if you are satisfied with the result. Select a file name such as, e.g., PHAS\_ccc.I05 where ccc identifies your institution.
- If necessary adapt header information in existing Bernese observation files with the edited station information file from the previous step as input. You may use the menu: Service >Bernese observation files >Change header information.

Note that relative NEQ-files cannot be converted to the absolute case by manipulating them with the help of the new absolute set of files. For a consistent reprocessing with absolute antenna information you have to start at least with existing observation files.

- Change the names of the satellite information file in all program panels from SATELLIT.I01 to SATELLIT.I05 and of the Bernese PCV file from PHAS\_ccc.I01 (or own file name) to PHAS\_ccc.I05 (or own filename). You may use the menu: Configure >Change general options. Perform this step for \$U/PAN as well as for \$X/PAN (%U%\PAN and %X%\PAN).
- Activate option "consider radome codes of antennas" in panel "RXOBV3 4" (see figure in Section 4.1) if not already activated.
- For BPE processing we advise to use the variable \$(PCV) as described in Section 2.2. Set the value of the variable to I05 in the PCFs.

The use of PHAS\_COD.I05 is possible. However, this file may not be complete. It does not include all antenna/radome combinations that are present in the IGS/EUREF receiver network. Anyway, PHAS\_COD.I05 may be useful for verification of your PHAS\_ccc.I05 file created according to the instructions in Section 3.2.

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### 4.3. Routinely Updating Phase Pattern File(s)

The Bernese PCV file has to be regularly updated, e.g., if a new satellite is launched and corresponding pattern and antenna offset information is needed (see Section 1.1.3), if the IGS ANTEX file `igs05_www.atx` is updated with new antennas, or if you want to add own, individually calibrated antennas. The update procedure is very simple:

- Download the necessary files `SATELLIT.I05` and `I05.ATX` (synchronized by AIUB/CODE with the corresponding IGS ANTEX file) from URL "`http://www.aiub.unibe.ch/download/BSWUSER50/GEN`" or `ftp://ftp.unibe.ch/aiub/BSWUSER50/GEN` and put the first file into the `$X/GEN` directory (`%X%\GEN` for windows), the second into the `OUT` directory of your campaign.
- Run the ANTEX converter `PHCCNV` (menu: `Conversion >ANTEX to Bernese format`) as described in the example in Section 3.2.1 or 3.2.5. Use the ANTEX file `I05.ATX` or the ANTEX file containing your individually calibrated antenna values, the `SATELLIT.I05` satellite information file, your Bernese PCV file, as well as your station information file as input.
- If the new Bernese PCV file is different to the input Bernese PCV file check carefully the program output and verify the output of the new relative/absolute Bernese PCV file generated in the campaign's `OUT` directory. Copy the output PCV file to the `$X/GEN` directory (`%X%\GEN` for Windows) if you are satisfied with the result. Select a file name such as, e.g., `PHAS_ccc.I05` where `ccc` identifies your institution.
- If you generated a PCV file with a new name `PHAS_ccc.I05`, replace the old name by the new name in all program panels, including BPE option directories. You may use the menu: `Configure >Change general options`. Perform this step for `$U/PAN` as well as for `$X/PAN` and `$U/OPT` (`%U%\PAN`, `%X%\PAN` and `%U%\OPT` for Windows). Because the file contains the model name we recommend to keep the same filename.

It is recommended to perform these steps on a regular basis, e.g., using a BPE-based procedure as described in Section 3.3.

### 4.4. Summary of BSW File Names

The following table summarizes the file names referring to the different status, 0: current status of relative PCV information, 1: status after update to new set of files (satellite antenna names), but still relative model as described in Section 4.1, 2: status after switch to absolute antenna PCV information as described in Section 4.2.

Status	Satellite info	Model name	BSW ANTEX	BSW PCV
0	<code>SATELLIT.</code>	<code>IGS_01</code>	–	<code>PHAS_ccc.REL</code> (or <code>PHAS_IGS.REL</code> )
1	<code>SATELLIT.I01</code>	<code>IGS_01</code>	<code>I01.ATX</code>	<code>PHAS_ccc.I01</code> (or <code>PHAS_COD.I01</code> )
2	<code>SATELLIT.I05</code>	<code>IGS05_www</code>	<code>I05.ATX</code>	<code>PHAS_ccc.I05</code> (or <code>PHAS_COD.I05</code> )

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The four character string 'www' refers to the GPS week in which IGS issues a new update of the PCV model (new receiver or satellite antennas included), 'ccc' designates, e.g., the institution maintaining the PCV information. The PCV model name is transferred from the Bernese PCV file title header into the SINEX file written by ADDNEQ2. Files SATELLIT.xxx and xxx.ATX with xxx=l01 and l05 are maintained by AIUB/CODE and should be downloaded regularly. Files PHAS\_COD.xxx are made available by CODE. Please make sure that you never mix PCV and satellite information files referring to relative and to absolute PCV information.

**IMPORTANT:** It should be clarified that a changing www number in the IGSyy\_www PCV model identifier indicates an update (values added for a new satellite or a new receiver antenna). A changing yy number will indicate a new PCV model. You may start from the assumption that new (absolute) calibration results with regard to old (already processed) receiver antenna/radome combinations will be assigned to a new PCV model (with a different yy number). The naming convention of the presented files will allow the user to control the GNSS PCV model that should be applied for his analysis (without being disturbed by PCV model updates). Switching to a new PCV model (e.g. IGS07) should be quite simple (see also Section 2.2).