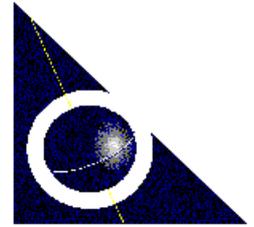


Format of Geo++[®] PCV Antenna File



1. NAME

Geo++[®] antenna file

2. DESCRIPTION

The following text describes the format of the Geo++[®] antenna files.

Antenna files may contain information on the three dimensional antenna phase center offsets and antenna phase center variations (PCV). The PCV can be elevation dependent or both, elevation and azimuth dependent.

3. File Format

The format of the Geo++[®] antenna file uses keywords to indicate different information. Comment lines are allowed and do have a '#' as the first sign of the line. However, comment lines are not allowed within a data section (i.e. the data section, which are labeled with the keyword VARIATIONS L1= and/or VARIATIONS L2=).

The meaning of the keywords is described in the following. The '=' sign is part of the keyword and is not separated by a blank from the previous alphanumerical character.

TYPE=

is an alphanumerical description of the antenna type. The TYPE= entry generally contains the IGS naming convention consisting of Antenna code and IGS Antenna Dome code.

NO OF FREQUENCIES=

indicates the number of frequencies, which follow in the Geo++[®] antenna file. For dual frequency antenna the entry is "2", for single frequency antenna "1".

OFFSETS L1=

contains the L1 offsets of the phase center in north, east and height component for the L1 frequency. The unit of the values is in meter [m]. The three numbers are separated by a blank.

OFFSETS L2=

contains the L2 offsets of the phase center in north, east and height component for the L2 frequency. The unit of the values is in meter [m]. The three numbers are separated by a blank.

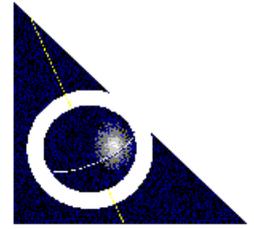
ELEVATION INCREMENT=

is the increment of elevation of the PCV. The unit of the increment is degree [deg]. The increment can be individually selected, however, a common value for the ELEVATION INCREMENT= is 5 deg.

AZIMUTH INCREMENT=

is the increment of azimuth of the PCV. The unit of the increment is degree [deg]. The increment can be individually selected, however, a common value for the AZIMUTH INCREMENT= is 5 deg. An increment of 0° specifies a file with only elevation dependent PCV.

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VARIATIONS L1=

is followed in the next line by the actual PCV values of L1. The lines contain PCV values sorted by increasing elevations from 0 to 90 deg. The number of PCV values within the line is determined by "columns: 90/(elevation increment)+1". For just an elevation dependent data set, only one line of PCV correction is given. Additional azimuth dependent PCV follow in a new line. The corresponding number of lines is determined by "rows: 360/(azimuth increment)+1" and starts from 0 deg and ends with 360 deg azimuth. The row for 0 deg has to be repeated for the 360 deg row. The PCV values are given in units of meter [m].

VARIATIONS L2=

is followed in the next line by the actual PCV values of L2. The lines contain PCV values sorted by increasing elevations from 0 to 90 deg. The number of PCV values within the line is determined by "columns: 90/(elevation increment)+1". For just an elevation dependent data set, only one line of PCV correction is given. Additional azimuth dependent PCV follow in a new line. The corresponding number of lines is determined by "rows: 360/(azimuth increment)+1" and starts from 0 deg and ends with 360 deg azimuth. The row for 0 deg has to be repeated for the 360 deg row. The PCV values are given in units of meter [m].

STANDARD DEVIATIONS L1=

is followed in the next line by the standard deviation (1 sigma) of PCV values from the complete spherical harmonic model for the L1 frequency. The same format as for PCV is used. Refer to „VARIATIONS L1=“. This entry is optional.

STANDARD DEVIATIONS L2=

is followed in the next line by the standard deviation (1 sigma) of PCV values from the complete spherical harmonic model for the L2 frequency. The same format as for PCV is used. Refer to „VARIATIONS L2=“. This entry is optional.

4. DIFFERENCES to IGS/NGS FORMAT

The Geo++[®] antenna files are different to PCV definition at IGS in the following aspects:

- all values given in meter (instead of mm in IGS)
- all parameters (offset and PCV) with the same sign convention (opposite to IGS)
- sign of PCV (opposite to IGS)
- PCV listed starting from 0 to 90 deg elevation (opposite to IGS)

The Geo++[®] sign of the PCV originates from the intention to have consistent corrections for offset and PCV. The offsets of the phase center (PC) are added. Therefore the PCV should be added to a range or phase range as well. This defines the sign of the PCV in the Geo++[®] antenna file, which is opposite to the IGS.