

## Frequency evaluation of UTC(NMIJ) by NMIJ-Yb1 for the period MJD 58904 to MJD 58939

The secondary frequency standard NMIJ-Yb1 has been compared to UTC(NMIJ), during a measurement campaign between MJD 58904 and MJD 58939 (25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020). The Yb optical lattice clock operation covers 92.6 % of the total measurement period.

### 1. Results

Table 1. (a) Results of the comparison in  $1 \times 10^{-16}$

Period (MJD)	$\nu(\text{UTC(NMIJ)} - \text{NMIJ-Yb1})$	Total $u_A$	Total $u_B$	$u_{A/\text{Lab}}$	$u_{B/\text{Lab}}$	$u_{\text{SecRep}}$	Uptime (%)
58904 - 58939	-25.1	0.06	3.98	0.8	2.2	5	92.6

(b) Budget of uncertainties in  $1 \times 10^{-16}$

<b><math>u_A</math>: Type A uncertainty</b>	
Yb statistics	0.06
<b>Total</b>	0.06
<b><math>u_B</math>: Type B uncertainty</b>	
Yb systematics	3.93
Gravitational	0.6
<b>Total</b>	3.98
<b><math>u_{A/\text{Lab}}</math>: Type A uncertainty</b>	
Dead time in UTC(NMIJ) – Yb	0.8
<b>Total</b>	0.8
<b><math>u_{B/\text{Lab}}</math>: Type B uncertainty</b>	
Microwave frequency synthesis	2.2
<b>Total</b>	2.2

The calibration is made using the most recently recommended value for the  $6s^2 \ ^1S_0 - 6s6p \ ^3P_0$  unperturbed optical transition in the  $^{171}\text{Yb}$  neutral atom: 518 295 836 590 863.6 Hz [1].  $u_{\text{SecRep}}$  is the recommended uncertainty of the secondary representation [1].

## 2. Systematic effects and uncertainties

Table 2. Budget of systematic effects and uncertainties for NMIJ-Yb1 [2] in  $1 \times 10^{-17}$

Effect	Shift	Uncertainty
Lattice light	3.4	33.1
Blackbody radiation	-263.8	20.8
Density	-5.3	3.7
Second order Zeeman	-5.2	0.3
Probe light	0.4	0.2
Servo error	-4.1	1.4
AOM switching	-	1
Line pulling	-	1
<b>Total</b>	-274.5	39.3
Gravitational redshift	229.4	6
<b>Total (with gravitational redshift)</b>	-45.1	39.8

## 3. Frequency comparison

The frequency comparison between NMIJ-Yb1 and UTC(NMIJ) was carried out using an optical frequency comb. The comb was phase locked to UTC(NMIJ). A beat frequency between a laser locked to an ultra-stable cavity and the comb was counted. The frequency of the ultra-stable laser was shifted by an acousto-optic modulator (AOM) and stabilized to the clock transition in  $^{171}\text{Yb}$  atoms trapped in an optical lattice. The frequency of the AOM was then combined with the beat frequency to compute  $\nu(\text{UTC(NMIJ)} - \text{NMIJ-Yb1})$ .

A Type B  $u_{B/\text{Lab}}$  uncertainty arose from microwave frequency synthesis of UTC(NMIJ) which includes frequency multiplication. This uncertainty was estimated by comparisons between two combs with independent setups for the microwave frequency synthesis.

A Type A  $u_{A/\text{Lab}}$  uncertainty arose from the dead time in the comparison between NMIJ-Yb1 and UTC(NMIJ). This uncertainty was estimated using a method described in Ref. [3]. For this estimation, we derived a maser noise model from the measured stability of UTC(NMIJ) against NMIJ-Yb1. The model includes a white phase modulation of  $1 \times 10^{-12} / (\tau / \text{s})$ , a white frequency modulation (FM) of  $7 \times 10^{-14} / (\tau / \text{s})^{1/2}$ , a flicker FM of  $2 \times 10^{-15}$ , a random walk FM of  $4 \times 10^{-24} (\tau / \text{s})^{1/2}$ .  $u_{A/\text{Lab}}$  also includes the uncertainty of a frequency correction resulting from the dead time when the frequency steering of UTC(NMIJ) is carried out.

The gravitational redshift was calculated with respect to the conventionally adopted reference

potential  $W_0 = 62\,636\,856.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ .

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