

## Evaluation of PTB primary caesium fountain frequency standard CSF1 between MJD 61099 - MJD 61129

PTB's primary caesium fountain frequency standard CSF1 was operated between MJD 61099, 0:00 UTC and MJD 61129, 0:00 UTC. Frequency comparisons were made with respect to PTB hydrogen maser H9, BIPM code 1400509.

The relative frequency instability of the relative frequency differences  $y(\text{CSF1-H9})$  was  $11.5 \times 10^{-14} \cdot (\tau/\text{s})^{-1/2}$  during the 30 days. The actual measurement time amounts to 95.7% of the  $30 \times 24$  hours. Assuming that white frequency noise is the dominant noise source, this results in a statistical uncertainty  $u_A = 0.25 \times 10^{-15}$ , if also the statistical uncertainty of the collisional shift determination ( $0.24 \times 10^{-15}$ ) is taken into account.

For the statistical uncertainty due to the clock link  $u_{A/\text{Lab}} = 0.02 \times 10^{-15}$  is obtained by taking into account the actual measurement time, while the systematic uncertainty due to the clock link  $u_{B/\text{Lab}}$  is negligible. Finally, the estimated uncertainty for the link to TAI for 30 days is  $u_{\text{TAI}} = 0.13 \times 10^{-15}$ .

Frequency corrections for the following effects were applied to the raw data:

- Zeeman effect (magnetic field along the atoms' trajectory)
- black body effect (thermal radiation along the atoms' trajectory)
- relativistic redshift and relativistic Doppler effect
- cold collisions effect
- distributed cavity phase effect
- microwave lensing effect

Estimated CSF1 standard uncertainty  $u_B$  for the relevant period [1]:  $2.7 \times 10^{-16}$  (1  $\sigma$ ).

### **Table of results of CSF1 compared to hydrogen maser H9 (1400509)**

Interval of evaluation	MJD 61099, 0:00 UTC – MJD 61129, 0:00 UTC
Fractional dead time	4.3%
Resulting frequency difference	$y(\text{CSF1} - \text{H9}) = 57.31 \times 10^{-15}$
Type A uncertainty $u_A$ (1 $\sigma$ )	$0.25 \times 10^{-15}$
Type B uncertainty $u_B$ (1 $\sigma$ )	$0.27 \times 10^{-15}$
Link to clock $u_{A/\text{Lab}}$ (1 $\sigma$ )	$0.02 \times 10^{-15}$
Link to clock $u_{B/\text{Lab}}$ (1 $\sigma$ )	$0.00 \times 10^{-15}$
Link to TAI $u_{\text{TAI}}$ (1 $\sigma$ )	$0.13 \times 10^{-15}$ (30 days)
Combined uncertainty (1 $\sigma$ )	$0.39 \times 10^{-15}$

### **Type A (statistical) uncertainty of CSF1**

For the microwave synthesis the previously utilized optically stabilized microwave oscillator [2] has been replaced by a new system for the optical generation of ultra-stable microwave signals. The new system utilizes the same cavity stabilized laser as before, but a new commercial frequency comb system, where the microwave signal is obtained from a photodiode. As before this signal is locked to a hydrogen maser in the long-term and employed as local oscillator for the PTB fountain clocks.

The frequency instability  $11.5 \times 10^{-14} (\tau/s)^{-1/2}$  of the measured relative frequency differences  $y(\text{CSF1} - \text{Hmaser})$  is obtained for the combination of low and high density operation. Since the evaluation of the collisional shift is based exclusively on measurements in the reporting interval, the statistical uncertainty of the collisional shift determination ( $0.24 \times 10^{-15}$ ) is added to the statistical uncertainty obtained from the frequency instability to obtain the overall Type A uncertainty  $u_A$  [1].

The optically stabilized microwave system was available during about 99% of the TAI measurement interval. Alternatively a quartz-based frequency synthesis system was employed.

### **Type B (systematic) uncertainty of CSF1**

In the table below we report the type B uncertainty evaluation results valid for the evaluation at hand. Detailed descriptions of the systematic uncertainty contributions of CSF1 have been published elsewhere [1].

Since the evaluation of the collisional shift is based exclusively on measurements in the reporting interval, the statistical uncertainty of the collisional shift determination is not part of the overall Type B uncertainty  $u_B$  [1].

At the 26<sup>th</sup> CGPM in November 2018, TAI has been newly defined (Resolution 2). As a result the relativistic redshift of a clock contributing to TAI is to be computed with respect to the conventionally adopted equipotential  $W_0 = 62\,636\,856.0 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-2}$  of the Earth's gravity potential. The differentiation relating to the uncertainty of the relativistic redshift for the case of TAI contributions of the PTB fountain clocks in [1] is therefore no longer needed, so that a relativistic redshift uncertainty of  $0.02 \times 10^{-16}$  [1] is attributed now and in the future.

**Frequency shifts, corrections and type B uncertainties of CSF1 (parts in 10<sup>16</sup>):**

Frequency shift	Correction	Uncertainty
Quadratic Zeeman shift	- 1078.42	0.10
Blackbody radiation shift	163.51	0.80
Relativistic redshift and Doppler effect	- 85.56	0.02
Collisional shift	23.1	2.3
Distributed cavity phase shift	- 0.04	0.93
Microwave lensing	-0.4	0.2
AC Stark shift (light shift)		0.01
Rabi and Ramsey pulling		0.013
Microwave leakage		0.01
Electronics		0.1
Background gas collisions		0.4
Total type B uncertainty		2.7

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