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The most measured physical quantity

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Evolution of timescales from astronomy to physical metrology

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Accurate pendulum clock and the equation of time















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Time measurement is of great importance for science, technology and commerce. Among physical quantities, time appears as the most measured quantity worldwide and it stands for the <u>highest accuracy measurement</u> made by the human kind.









The base units of the International System of units





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Time Scales

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Computation of TAI and UTC





Timing laboratories



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1 - Coordinated Universal Time UTC and its local realizations UTC(k). Computed values of [UTC-UTC(k)] and uncertainties valid for the period of this Circular. From 2009 January 1, 0h UTC, TAI-UTC = 34 s.

Date 2010 Oh UTC	OCT 30	NOV 4	NOV 9	NOV 14	NOV 19	NOV 24	NOV 29	Uncertainty/ns		
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AOS (Borowiec) APL (Laurel) AUS (Sydney) BEV (Wien) BIM (Sofiya) BIRM (Beijing) BY (Minsk) CAO (Cagliari) CH (Bern)	-3.8 -2.6 196.2 -15.1 -6474.1 -11830.4 13.1 -4740.8 5.0	-2.1 -5.9 208.0 -23.3 -6456.2 -11869.0 15.6 -4749.6 4.2	-0.2 -1.0 212.6 -34.8 -6436.4 -11921.4 19.8 -4770.8 1.7	2.3 -1.0 229.6 -42.1 -6418.8 -11961.5 27.2 -4796.0 1.7	2.2 -3.7 233.6 -45.9 -6405.5 -12010.2 36.0 -4818.4 0.3	1.1 -2.5 247.2 -57.3 -6403.6 -12056.2 45.8 -4822.0 -1.5	-0.6 -4.7 256.0 -64.0 -6401.1 -12109.4 57.2 -4840.4 -5.9	0.5 1.5 0.3 1.5 2.0 2.0 2.0 1.5 0.6	5.3 5.2 3.4 7.2 20.1 7.2 7.1 1.9	5.3 5.5 3.7 7.5 20.2 7.5 7.3 2.0
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THE IBEROAMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL TIME KEEPING

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RESUMEN

Las escalas internacionales de tiempo, Tiempo Atómico Internacional (TAI) y Tiempo Universal Coordinado (UTC), son elaboradas en el Bureau Internacional des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), gracias a la contribución de 57 laboratorios de tiempo nacionales que mantienen controles locales de UTC. La contribución iberoamericana al cálculo de TAI ha aumentado en los últimos años. Diez laboratorios en las Américas y uno en España contribuyen a la estabilidad de TAI con el aporte de datos de relojes atómicos industriales; una fuente de cesio mantenida en uno de ellos contribuye a mejorar la exactitud de TAI. Este artículo resume las características de las escalas de tiempo de referencia y describe la contribución de los laboratorios iberoamericanos.

ABSTRACT

The international time scales, International Atomic Time (TAI) and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), are elaborated at the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), thanks to the contribution of 57 national time laboratories that maintain local realizations of UTC. The Iberoamerican contribution to TAI has increased in the last years. Ten laboratories in America and one in Spain participate to the calculation of TAI, increasing its stability with the data of industrial atomic clocks and improving its accuracy with frequency measurements of a cassium source developed and maintained at one laboratory. This paper summarizes the characteristics of the reference time scales and describes the contributions of the Iberoamerican time laboratories to them.

Key Words: TIME - REFERENCE SYSTEMS





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National aproximation to the UTC



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Progress in the generation of the UTC(CNM) in terms of a virtual clock

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UTC(CNM)





CENAM ensamble of Cs commercial clocks

CENAM Active Hydrogen Maser


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The SIM Time Network

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Michael A. Lombardi and Andrew N. Novick	Gregory Pascoe Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ), Kingster, Jamaica	The Sistema Interamericano de Metrologi (SIM) is a regional metrology organizatio (RMO) whose members are the national metrology institutes (NMIs) located in					
and Technology (NIST), Boulder, CO 80305, USA	Daniel Perez	metrology institutes (NMIs) located in the 34 nations of the Organization of American States (OAS). The SIM/OAS region extends throughout North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean Islands. About half of the SIM NMIs maintain national standards of time and frequency and must participate in international comparisons in order to establish metrological traceability to the International System (SI) of units. The SIM time network (SIMTN) was developed as a practical, cost effective, and technically sound way to automate these comparisons. The SIMTN continuously compares the time standards of SIM NMIs and produces measurement results in near real-time by utilizing the Internet and the Global Positioning System (GPS). Fifteen SIM NMIs have joined the network as of December 2010. This paper provides a brief overview of SIM and a technical					
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Ottawa, Canada	(UTE), Montevideo, Uruguay Victor Masi						
Ricardo J. de Carvalho National Observatory (ONRJ), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia Normalizacion y Metrologia (INTN), Asuncion, Paraguay	description of the SIMTN. It presents international comparison results and examines the measurement uncertainties. It also discusses the metrological					



- 1. United States, 2005
- 2. Mexico, 2005
- 3. Canada, 2005
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- 14. Trinidad & Tobago, 2009
- 15. Chile, 2010
- 16. Saint Lucia, 2010



CNM Time - NIST Time

SIM Time Network

(real-time measurement results for the 10-minute period ending on 05-23-2011 at 1720 UTC)

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INTERANERCANO DE VETROLOGIA		United States SIMT(NIST)	Mexico SIMT(CNM)	Canada SIMT(NRC)	Panama SIMT(CNMP)	Brazil SIMT(ONRJ)	Costa Rica SIMT(ICE)	Colombia SIMT(SIC)	Argentina SIMT(INTI)	Guatemala SIMT(LNM)	Jamaica SIMT(BSJ)	Uruguay SIMT(UTE)	Paraguay SIMT(INTN)	Peru SIMT(INDP)	Trinidad SIMT(TTBS)	St. Lucia SIMT(SLBS)	Chile SIMT(INN)
	United States SIMT(NIST)		29.0	18.2	22.6	-10.0	33.5	1.5	-1.6	-8.3		17.8	30.4	-550.3	-314.9	-11168.0	92938830.0
۲	Mexico SIMT(CNM)	-29.0		-12.6	-6.1	-44.7	5.1	-28.6	-34.4	-38.0		-12.7	-5.3	-578.4	-347.4	-11203.9	92938799.5
*	Canada SIMT(NRC)	-18.2	12.6		7.3	-26.4	16.5	-13.9	-12.2	-24.6		7.1	19.8	-565.3	-329.9	-11183.0	92938819.4
*	Panama SIMT(CNMP)	-22.6	6.1	-7.3		-40.0	8.1	-24.0	-25.8	-31.8		-5.6	1.3	-572.6	-342.5	-11200.0	92938805.2
	Brazil SIMT(ONRJ)	10.0	44.7	26.4	40.0		42.8	15.3	12.2	-0.8		33.5	36.0	-536.2	-313.8	-11170.6	92938847.1
@	Costa Rica SIMT(ICE)	-33.5	-5.1	-16.5	-8.1	-42.8		-31.4	-30.4	-38.9		-10.2	-3.4	-580.2	-349.2	-11206.7	92939587.9
	Colombia SIMT(SIC)	-1.5	28.6	13.9	24.0	-15.3	31.4		2.5	-11.2		17.7	22.2	-550.8	-320.6	-11291.5	92939040.6
•	Argentina SIMT(INTI)	0.8	32.3	17.2	25.8	-12.0	29.4	3.5		-4.0		21.4	24.2	-544.5	-313.4	-11292.7	92939043.6
w	Guatemala SIMT(LNM)	9.6	37.5	26.3	31.2	-9.2	40.6	7.1	4.8			25.0	32.0	-541.0	-309.4	-11280.3	92939046.9
$\mathbf{\times}$	Jamaica SIMT(BSJ)																
*	Uruguay SIMT(UTE)	15.1	13.3	13	7.7	31.3	13.2	-17.7	-21.4	-25.0			2.5	-566.3	-330.9	-11317.5	92939021.8
0	Paraguay SIMT(INTN)	-31.1	3.1	-14.7	-2.2	-37.1	0.7	-22.2	-24.2	-32.0		-2.5		-569.1	-340.1	-11319.4	92939018.5
	Peru SIMT(INDP)	549.3	575.9	565.4	571.7	528.7	580.9	550.8	544.5	541.0		566.3	569.1		230.5	-10742.7	92939587.9
	Trinidad SIMT(TTBS)	318.1	346.1	333.4	341.8	302.4	350.8	320.6	313.4	309.4		339.9	340.1	-230.5		-10975.2	92939360.2
	St. Lucia SIMT(SLBS)	11053.4	11087.9	11068.8	11084.8	11051.9	11088.9	11291.5	11292.7	11280.3		11317.5	11319.4	10742.7	10975.2		92950337.8
*	Chile SIMT(INN)	-92938619.9	-92938592.9	-92938603.5	-92938595.4	-92938637.0	-92938587.6	-92939040.6	-92939043.6	-92939046.9		-92939021.8	-92939018.5	-92939587.9	-92939360.2	-92950337.8	
Last Update (HHMM)		1720	1720	1720	1720	1720	1720	1740	1740	1740		1740	1740	1740	1740	1740	1740

This table was created at 05-23-2011 (MJD 55704) 17:26:43 UTC and will refresh every five minutes. Values are in units of nanoseconds.

Click on a time scale or country name to view a one-way GPS graph for the current day (GPS-NMI). Click on a number to view a common-view graph between two laboratories for the current day.

SIMT SIMT National National National National SIMT - SIMT(k), ns SIMT - SIMT(k), ns Standard Flag Contribution Standard Flag Contribution Paraguay United States 3.46 0.00 % Θ SIMT(NIST) SIMT(INTN) Canada Guatemala (-17.84 11.89 % -3.52 SIMT(NRC) SIMT(LNM) Mexico Jamaica ۹ 2.56 11.69 % 0.00 % SIMT(CNM) SIMT(BSJ) Brazil Peru 6 34.10 ٢ -15808.13 0.00 % SIMT(ONRJ) SIMT(SNM) Panama * Trinidad 42.55 262.78 SIMT(CNMP) SIMT(TTBS) * Argentina St. Lucia \wedge 24.72 7.19 % -1038.32 SIMT(SLBS) SIMT(INTI) Costa Rica Chile 635.50 6.80 % -584514.48 0.00 % 8 SIMT(ICE) SIMT(INN) Colombia Antigua 83781.86 -63.64 5.00 % SIMT(SIC) SIMT(ABBS) Uruguay Ecuador SIMT(UTE) SIMT(CMEE)

SIM Time Scale

(SIMT - SIMT(k) for the 1-hour period ending on 2012-02-20 at 17:20:00 UTC)

Click on a SIMT - SIMT(k) value to view today's graph. New values are computed at 30 minutes after the hour. This table was updated at 17:37:31 UTC and refreshes every 30 minutes.

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GPS Satellite Constellation

24 satellite constellation

Semi-synchronous, circular orbits (~20,200 km/10,900 nautical miles altitude) Six orbital planes, inclined at 55 degrees, four vehicles per plane Orbital period is 11 hours, 58 minutes Spares can bring number of satellites up to 32 – new satellites are launched as necessary, lately 2 or 3 per year Designed to cover entire earth, with at least four satellites always in view

Cesium and/or rubidium oscillators are on board each satellite



GPS Signal Structure

Two L-band carrier frequencies

L₁ = 1575.42 MHz L₂ = 1227.60 MHz

Two PRN Codes

P(Y): Military Code

267 day repeat interval

Encrypted – code sequence not published Available on L1 and L2

C/A: Coarse Acquisition (Civilian) Code 1 millisecond repeat interval Available to all users, but only on L1



Code modulated with Navigation Message Data

- Provides ephemeris data and clock corrections for the GPS satellites
- Low data rate (50 bps)

The GPS common view technique

The common-view method involves a GPS satellite (S), and two receiving sites (A and B). Each site has a GPS receiver, a local time standard, and a time interval counter.

Measurements are made at sites A and B to compare the received GPS signal to the local time standard.

Two data sets are recorded (one at each site):

- Clock A S
- ◆ Clock B S

The two data sets are then exchanged and subtracted from each other to find the difference between Clocks A and B. Delays that are common to both paths (d_{SA} and d_{SB}) cancel, but delays that are not common to both paths contribute uncertainty to the measurement. The equation for the measurement is:

(Clock A - S) - (Clock B - S) = $(Clock A - Clock B) + (d_{SA} - d_{SB})$



All-in-view GPS

Receivers at remote stationary locations track all the satellites in view

Each receiver makes the *all-in-view measurements*, $(REF_{station_i} - GPS)$: time difference between a local reference clock and the received composite timing signal from all the satellites being tracked

The all-in-view measurements from two receivers are differenced to obtain the time and frequency difference of two remote clocks

Works when no satellites are in common-view

Performance is about the same as common-view for short baselines (2500 km or less), better than common-view for long baselines (5000 km or longer)



SIM Receiver Calibrations



SIM systems are calibrated at NIST prior to shipment. Calibrations are performed using the commonview, common-clock method. The SIM laboratory installs the same antenna cable and antenna that were used during the calibration.

Calibrations last for 10 days. The time deviation (Type A uncertainty) of the calibration is less than 0.2 ns after one day of averaging. The combined uncertainty is estimated at 4 ns, because a variety of factors can introduce a systematic offset.



Modified Julian Dates (June/July 2007)

UTC(CNM) - UTC(NIST)

Monitor of the GPS Signal at CENAM 50 days time interval ending at October 14, 2011



Monitor of the GPS Signal at NIST 50 days time interval ending at October 14, 2011





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The second is the duration of 9 192 631 770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the caesium 133 atom.





The concept of an atomic clock







Commercial availabe Cs atomic clock using the magnetic selection of N. Ramsey













Pumping

Optically pumped thermal Cs beam clock CENAM CsOp-2





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Tiempo y Frecuencia



Cesium fountain clock

CENAM CsF-1

MOT





Optical system

Physics package



ULTRA COLD MATTER for ULTRA PRECISE CLOCKS



Optical spectroscopy and a new definition of the second



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Frequency combs



CENAM Ti:Sa Frequency comb 0.8 GHz repetition rate, pulsewidth < 50 fs



Pulse Spectra (fr=802 MHz & 900 mW Average Output)







State-of-the-art Time & Frequency Standards

Cesium fountain clocks use a *large number of atoms* for a limited period of time: HIGH stability: 10⁻¹⁴ in 1s, Accuracy: 2×10⁻¹⁶.

(Accuracy limit reached in 10 minutes)

lon clocks use atoms trapped for extended periods of time: HIGH accuracy: 10⁻¹⁷, Stability: 5×10⁻¹⁵ in 1s.

(Accuracy limit reached in one month)





Lattice clocks combine the advantages of trapped ion clocks and cooled neutral atoms clocks: *large number of atoms for extended periods of time*:

HIGH stability 10⁻¹⁷ in 1s AND HIGH accuracy: 10⁻¹⁷.



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El Sistema Internacional actual


<u>El Sistema Internacional en el ¿2014?</u>



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