

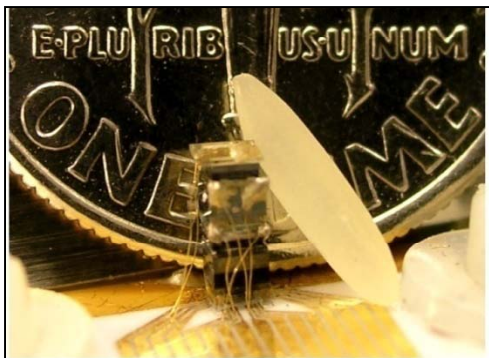
An aerial photograph of Boulder, Colorado, showing a mix of urban development, green spaces, and a large area of snow. In the background, rugged mountains with patches of snow rise against a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid in bright yellow.

NIST Time and Frequency Metrology

Technical and Economic Impacts of Precision Time and Frequency Measurements

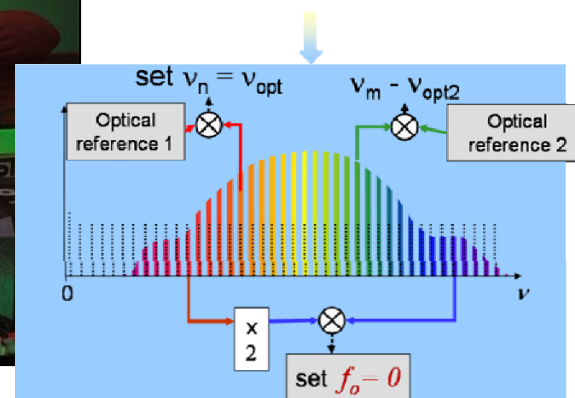
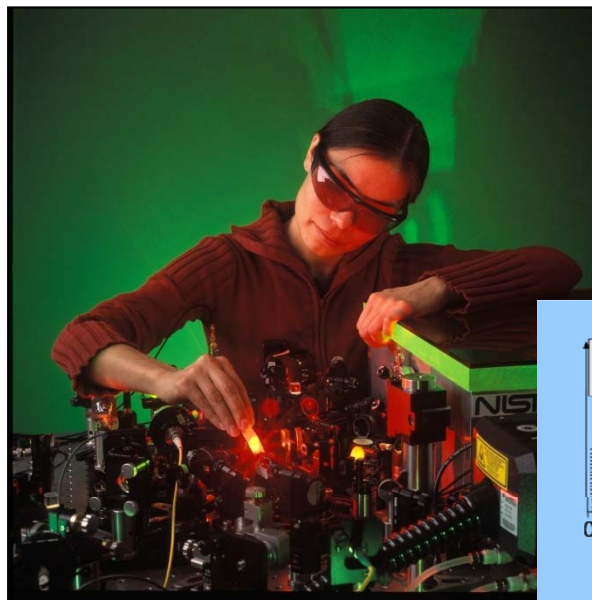
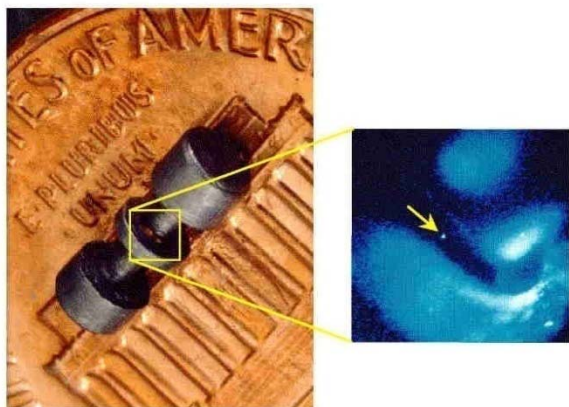
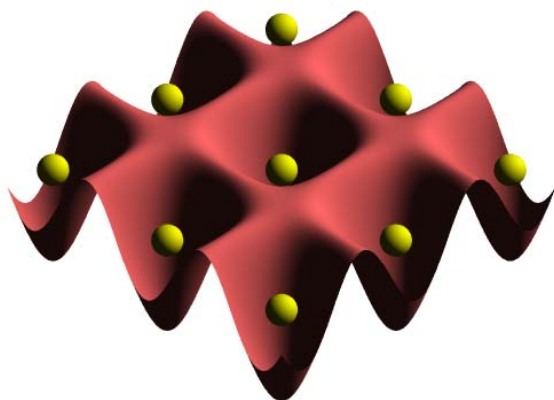
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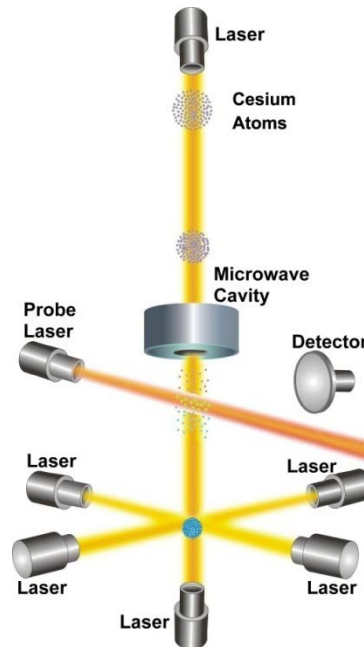
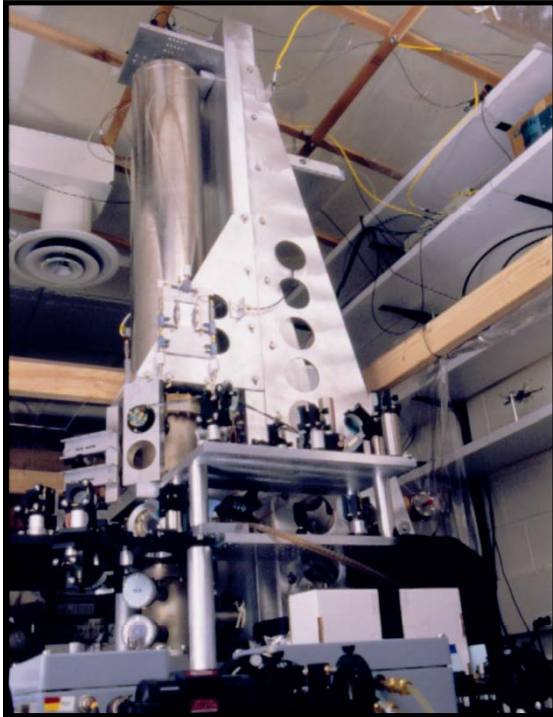
Develop and distribute the highest accuracy time and frequency measurements to support commerce, research, and the general public.

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NIST-F1 Atomic Fountain Clock

Primary Frequency Standard for the United States



1 second is defined as 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 ^{133}Cs atom.

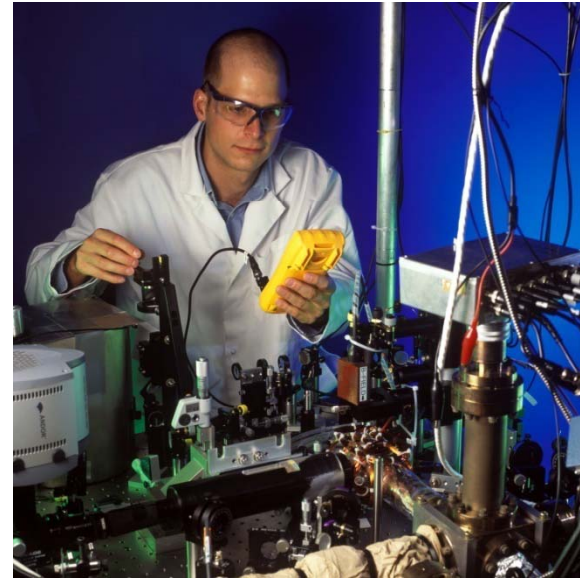
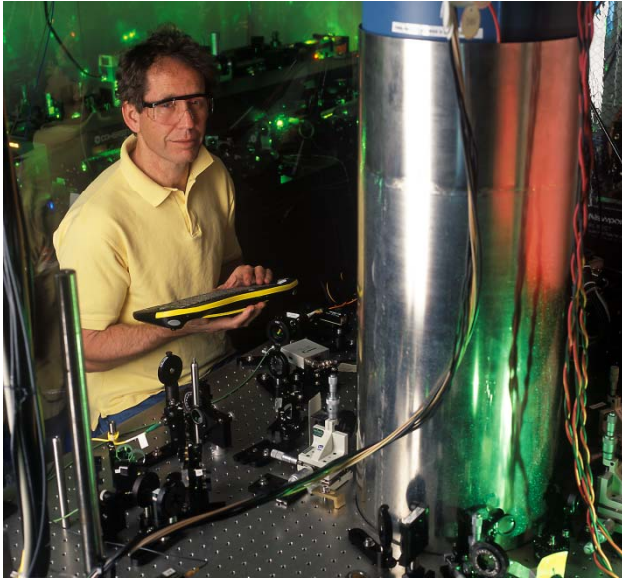
Current accuracy (uncertainty):

- 3×10^{-16} second.
- 25 trillionths of a second per day.
- 1 second in 100 million years.

*NIST-F1 laser-cooled fountain standard
“atomic clock”*

Equivalent to measuring distance from earth to sun (150,000,000 km) to uncertainty of about $45 \mu\text{m}$ (less than thickness of human hair).

NIST Mercury Ion Clock and Aluminum Ion Logic Clock Research Frequency Standards



- Research atomic clocks at NIST already at 8×10^{-18} uncertainty.
- 1 second in about 4 billion years.
- Rapidly improving.

Equivalent to measuring distance from earth to sun (150,000,000 km) to uncertainty of about $1 \mu\text{m}$ (size of a bacterium).

Why worry about precision time and frequency metrology?

Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

Telecommunication Networks



Synchronization to about 1 microsecond per day (10^{-11}) for Stratum 1 telecommunications.

Global wireline and wireless revenue in 2007: \$US 1.65 trillion.
Projected global wireline and wireless revenue in 2012: \$US 2.3 trillion.
(2/3 of projected 2012 revenue in wireless systems)

Source: Verizon

Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

Electric Power Generation and Distribution



Synchronization to about 1 microsecond per day (10^{-11}) for efficiency, fault location, etc.

US electric power sales in 2008: \$US 360 billion.

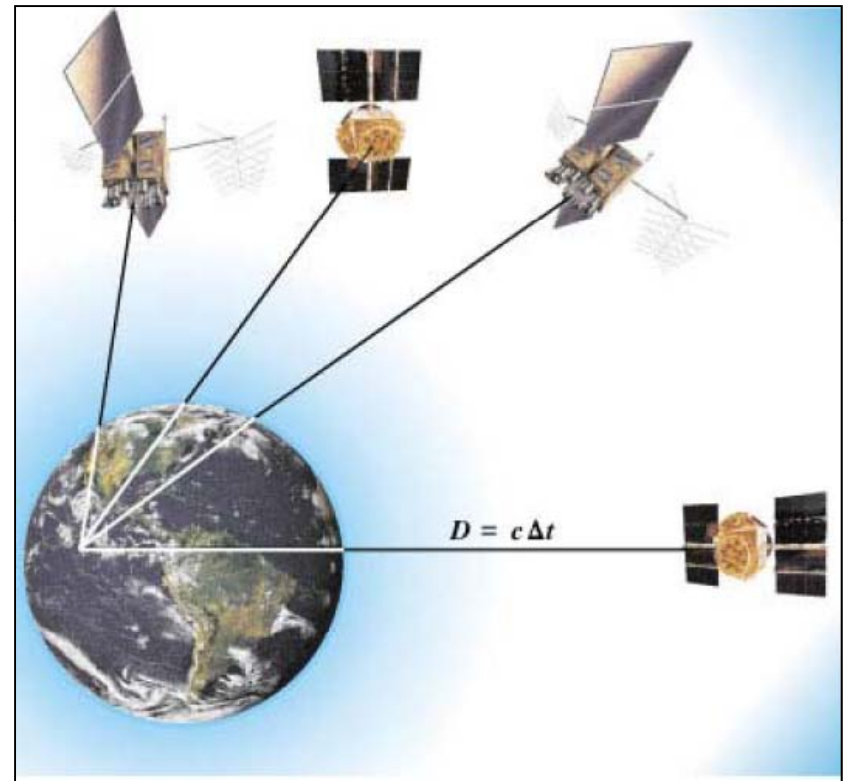
Smart Grid: Increased need for real-time, precision information on electric power generation, utilization, and distribution.

Source: US Energy Information Administration

Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)

- GPS – US
- GLONASS – Russia
- Galileo – European Union
- COMPASS – China
- Quasi-Zenith Satellite System – Japan
- Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System – India
- Etc.



Synchronization to about one nanosecond per day (10^{-14}).

Broad Range of Civilian/Commercial GNSS Applications



Satellite Operations



Precision Agriculture



Surveying & Mapping



Aviation



Communications



Disease Control



Power Grids



Trucking & Shipping



Oil Exploration



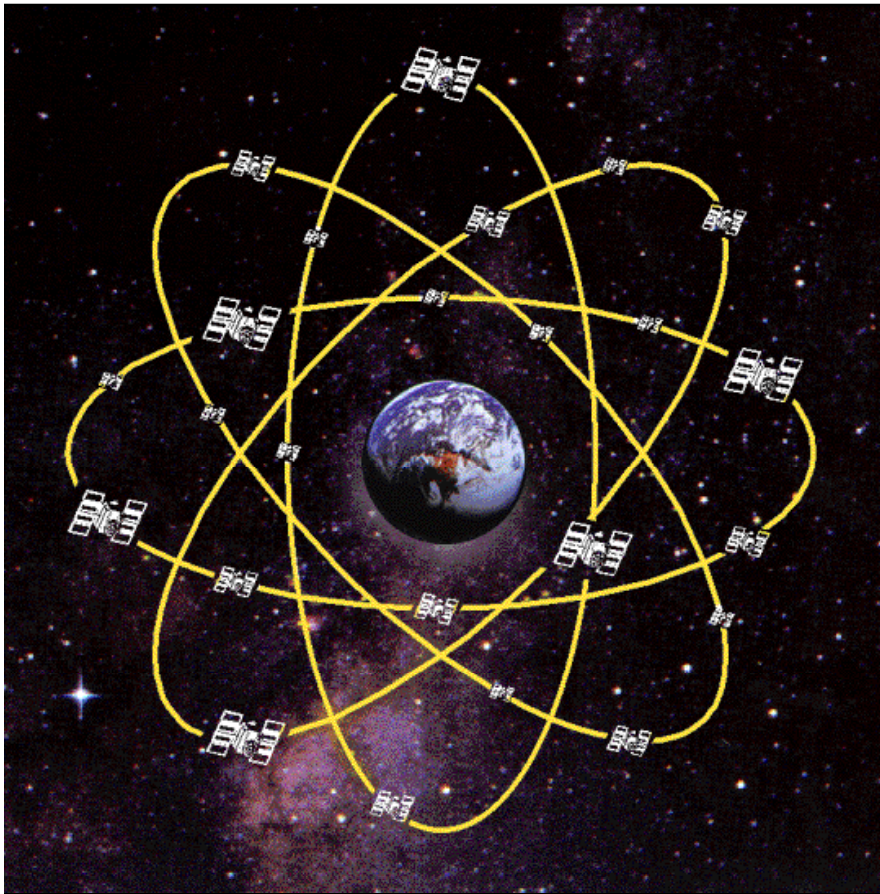
Fishing & Boating



Personal Navigation

Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)



US civilian/commercial economic benefits estimated 2008: \$US 70 billion.

Global civilian/commercial economic benefits estimated 2008: \$US 250 billion.

New applications and impacts rapidly growing...

National security applications: Extremely important, exceptionally high value, difficult to estimate economic impacts/benefits. (Probably equivalent of many trillions of US dollars...)

Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

Electronic Financial Transactions

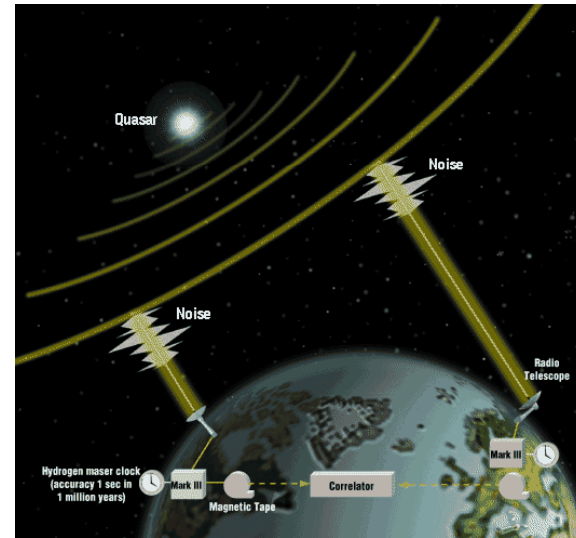


- US Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) rules for electronic financial transactions. Rules reviewed and approved by US federal government.
- Rules apply to more than 800,000 businesses conducting billions of transactions daily through New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, and other venues.
- All FINRA member electronic and mechanical time-stamping devices must remain accurate to within 1 second of NIST time.
- Hundreds of billions of dollars of daily electronic financial transactions in US.
- Hundreds of trillions of dollars of financial transactions per year in US.

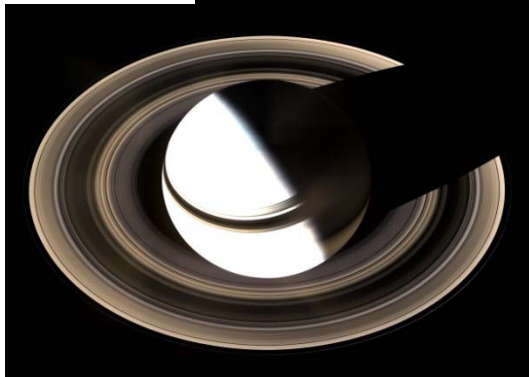
Source: US Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

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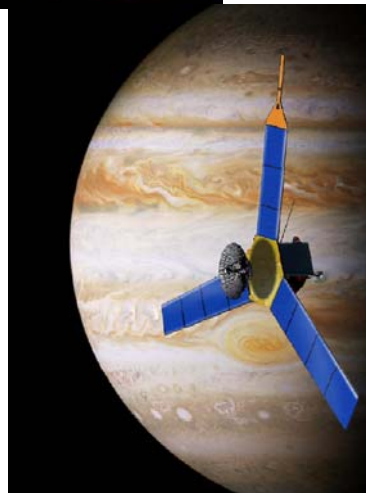
Science: Spacecraft Communications, Astrophysics



Very Long Baseline Interferometry



NASA Deep Space Network



Timing/synchronization to as stringent as 1 picosecond per day (10^{-16}).

Source: NASA

Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

Fundamental Science

$$T = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \approx T_0 \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{2c^2}\right) \quad v \ll c$$

Time dilation
(special
relativity)

$$T = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}}} \approx T_0 \left(1 + \frac{GM}{Rc^2}\right) \quad \frac{2GM}{R} \ll c^2$$

Gravitational time dilation
(general relativity)



$$\alpha = e^2 / 4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c$$

Are fundamental constants
changing over time?
(fine structure constant)

Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

Fundamental Metrology: International System of Units (SI)

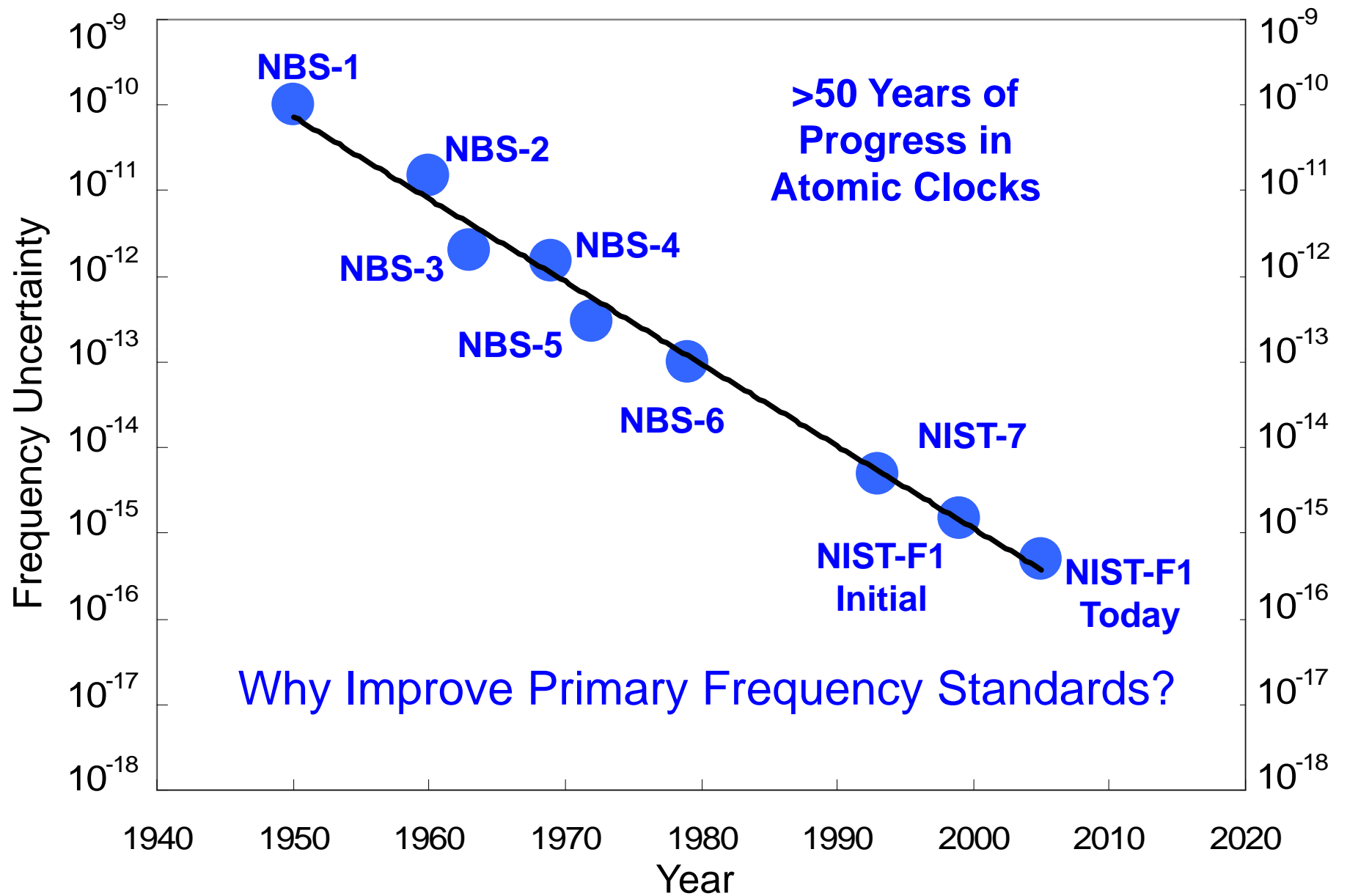
Time/frequency impacts or will impact nearly all other SI units

SI Base Unit	Approx. Relative Uncertainty	Depends on SI Second
Second	10^{-15}	Yes
Meter	10^{-12}	Yes
Kilogram	10^{-9}	Future SI redefinition
Ampere	10^{-7}	Yes
Mole	10^{-7}	Future SI redefinition
Kelvin	10^{-7}	Future SI redefinition?
Candela	10^{-3}	Yes

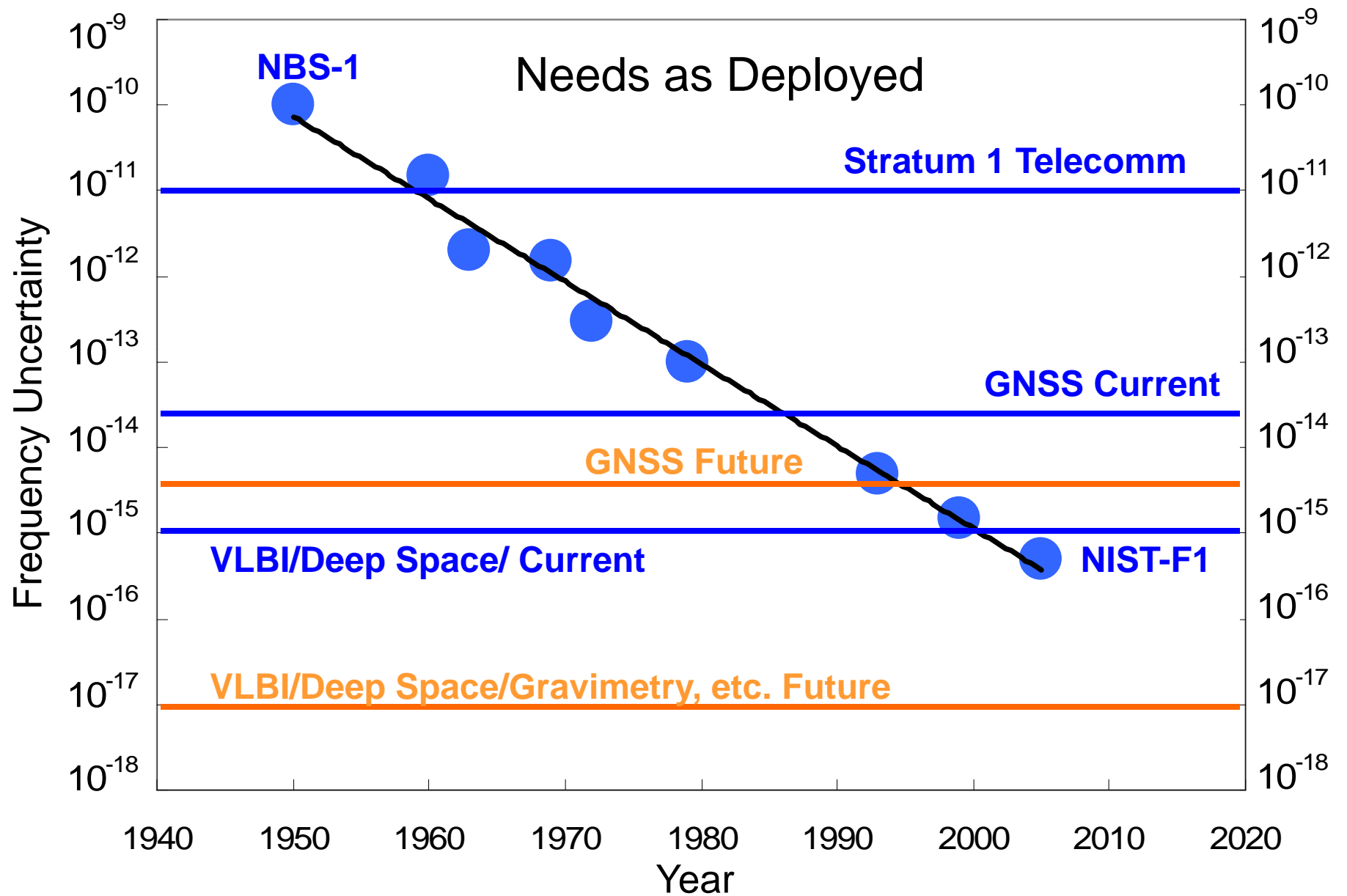
Impacts of Accurate Timing and Synchronization

- Accurate timing and synchronization are a crucial part of the infrastructure of modern technology.
- Used continuously every day – although most users remain unaware of the use or impacts (part of the infrastructure).
- Needs of different users vary enormously – range of 10^{15} (fifteen orders of magnitude).
 - Timestamping of electronic financial transactions – 1 second precision.
 - Global Navigation Satellite Systems applications – 10^{-15} second precision.
- NIST and other NMIs provide broad range of timing and synchronization measurement services to meet this very broad range of needs.
 - Highest precision/accuracy for the most stringent requirements.
 - Easiest use/lowest cost (free) for the broadest applications.

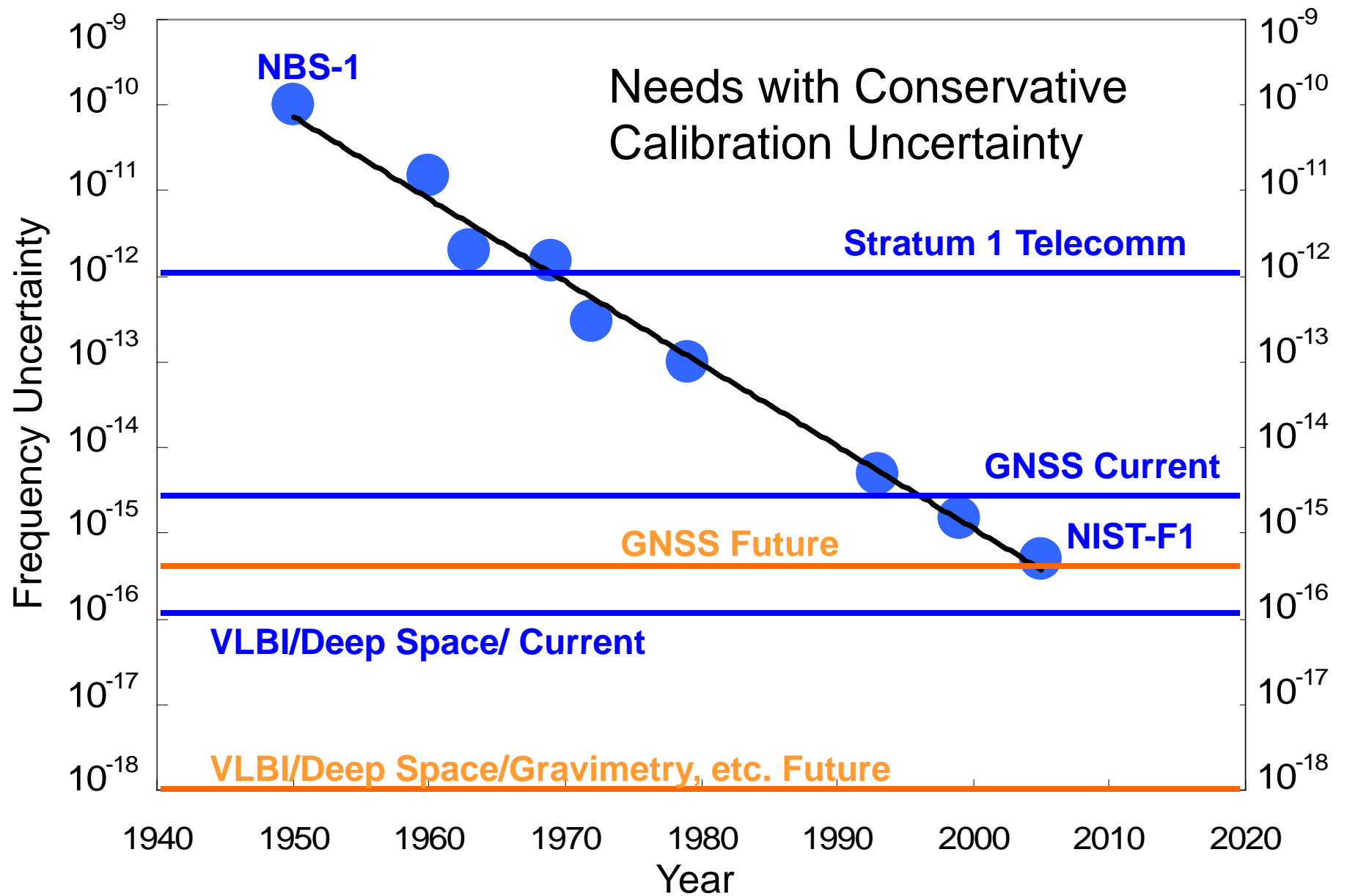
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NIST Time and Frequency Standards and Distribution

Primary Frequency
Standard and
NIST Time Scale
Realization of SI second



NIST-F1



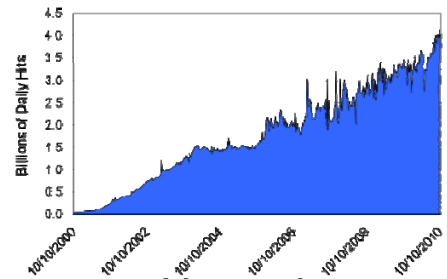
*Hydrogen Maser &
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NIST Time and Frequency Standards and Distribution

Time and Frequency Distribution Services



Radio broadcasts



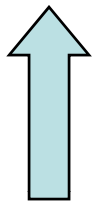
Networks



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Noise metrology



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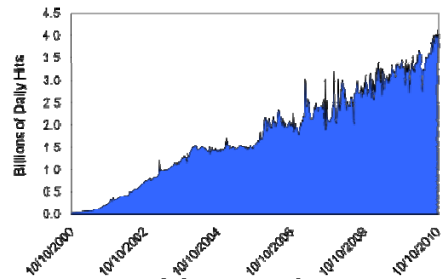
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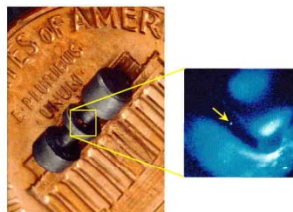


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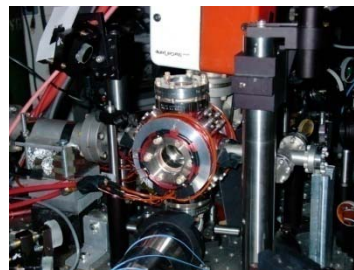


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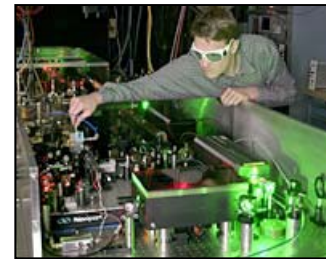
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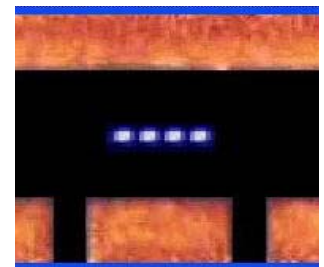
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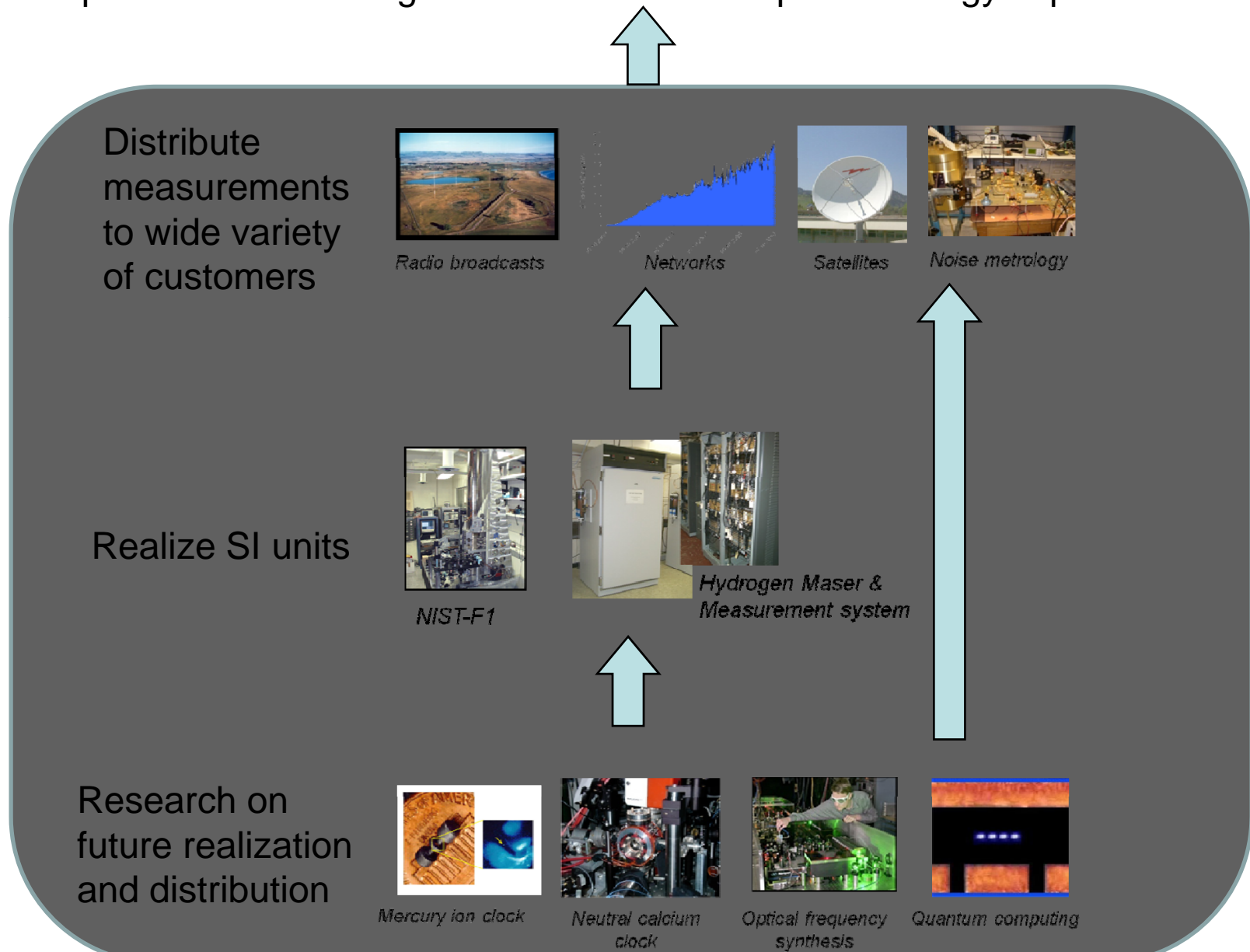


Quantum computing



One Model of Unique Role of National Metrology Institute

Special national assignments based on unique metrology expertise



NIST Time Scale and Distribution

4 Cesium Beam standards



6 Hydrogen Masers



Calibrated by NIST-F1
primary frequency standard

UTC(NIST)

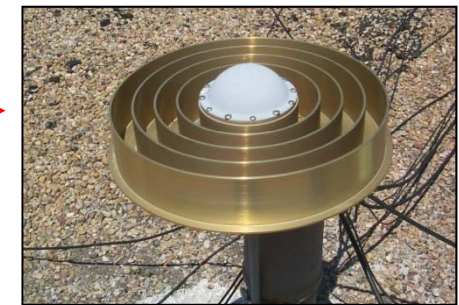


Measurement System

Two-way satellite time
& frequency transfer



GPS



International coordination of time
and frequency: UTC, TAI, etc.

NIST Time and Frequency Metrology



- NIST-F1 primary frequency standard periodically calibrates NIST time scale.
- NIST-F1 also reports frequency information to BIPM, along with approximately 12 other primary frequency standards worldwide.

- NIST time scale is the source of NIST's realization of Coordinated Universal Time , UTC(NIST).
- NIST time scale reports time of day information to BIPM, along with approximately 60 other timing laboratories world-wide.



- The NIST time scale, periodically calibrated by NIST-F1, is the ultimate source of all NIST time and frequency measurements.

NIST Time and Frequency Distribution

NIST time distribution: Radio

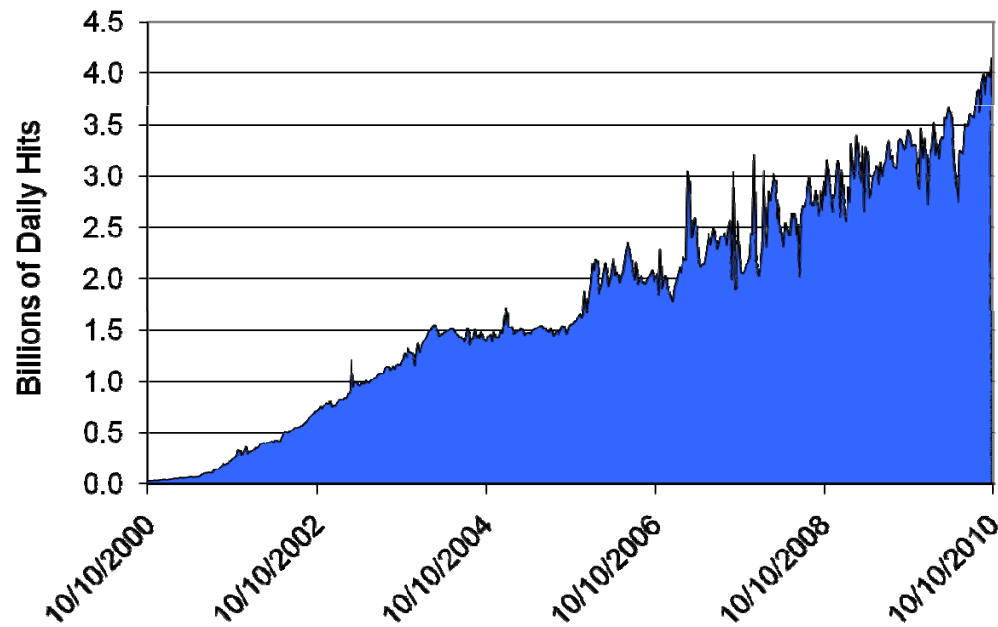


WWVB low frequency broadcast of time code signals.
Near Ft. Collins, CO (since 1963).

Sampling of radio-controlled products automatically set by WWVB time codes.



NIST Time and Frequency Distribution



- NIST Internet Time Service – time codes delivered over the Internet.
- 4 billion requests per day.
- Built into common operating systems: Windows, Mac, Linux, etc.
- 23 servers at 19 locations across the US.

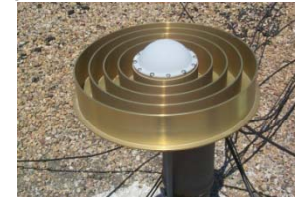
- Expected significant growth in need for auditable time-stamping at ever greater timing precision.



NIST Time and Frequency Distribution

Serve the most demanding needs of timing laboratories, research laboratories, telecomm industry, etc.

Provided remotely in the customer's lab.



Global Time Service

- Calibrate remote clock with respect to NIST time via Common-View GPS.
- 10 ns uncertainty.



Frequency Measurement and Analysis Service

- Full measurement system (“black box”) with continuous remote monitoring by NIST.
- “In-house” $\Delta f/f \sim 2 \times 10^{-15}$.
- GPS transfer $\Delta f/f \sim 2 \times 10^{-13}$.

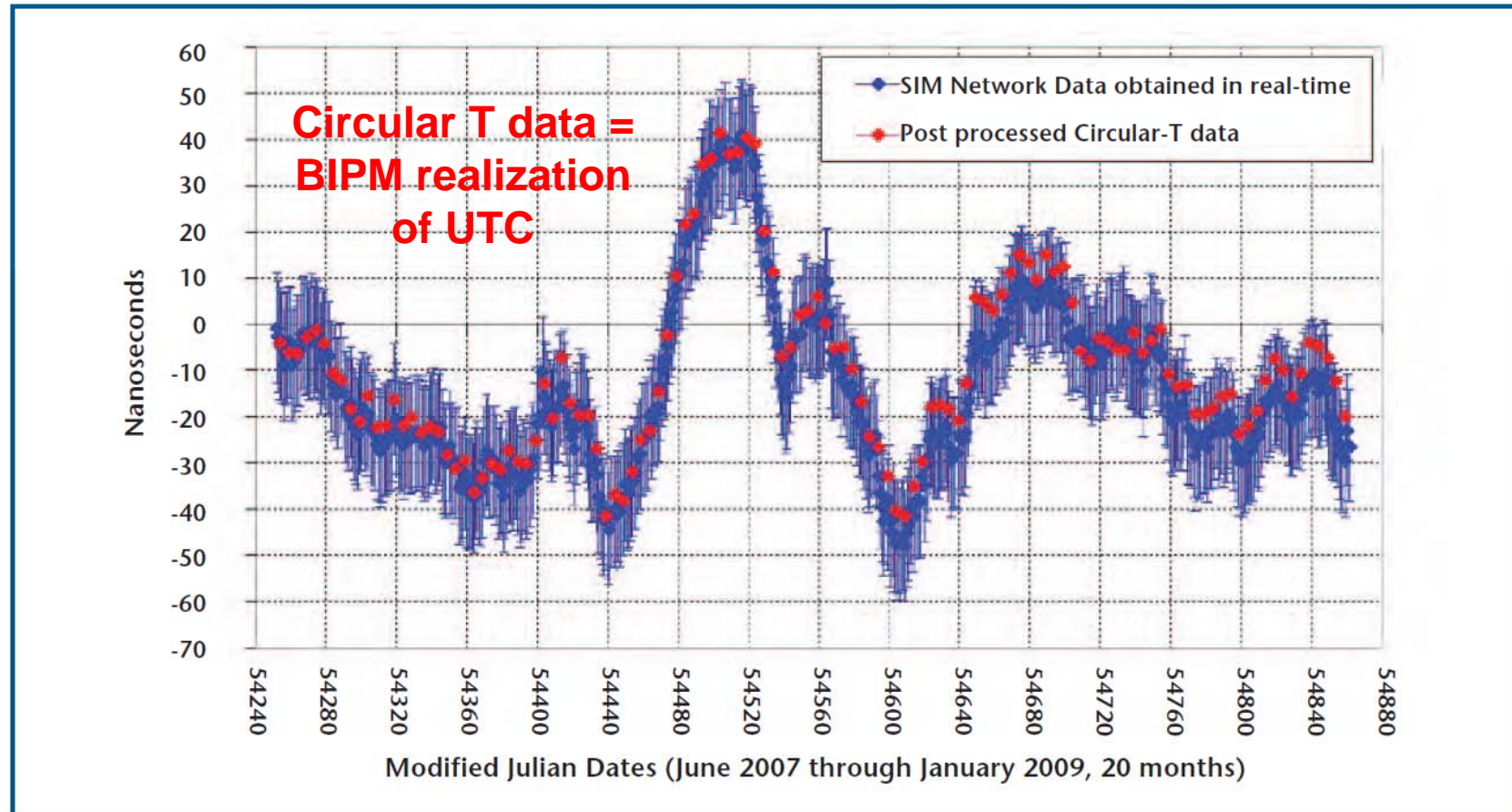
SIM Time Network: International Time Coordination

- SIM Time Network.
- Pioneered by CENAM, NIST, NRC-Canada.
 - Based on NIST FMAS experience.
- 14 current partners in North, Central, and South America.
 - Additional partners planned.
- World's only near real-time international measurement system.
- World-class international measurement system available to broad range of national laboratories.



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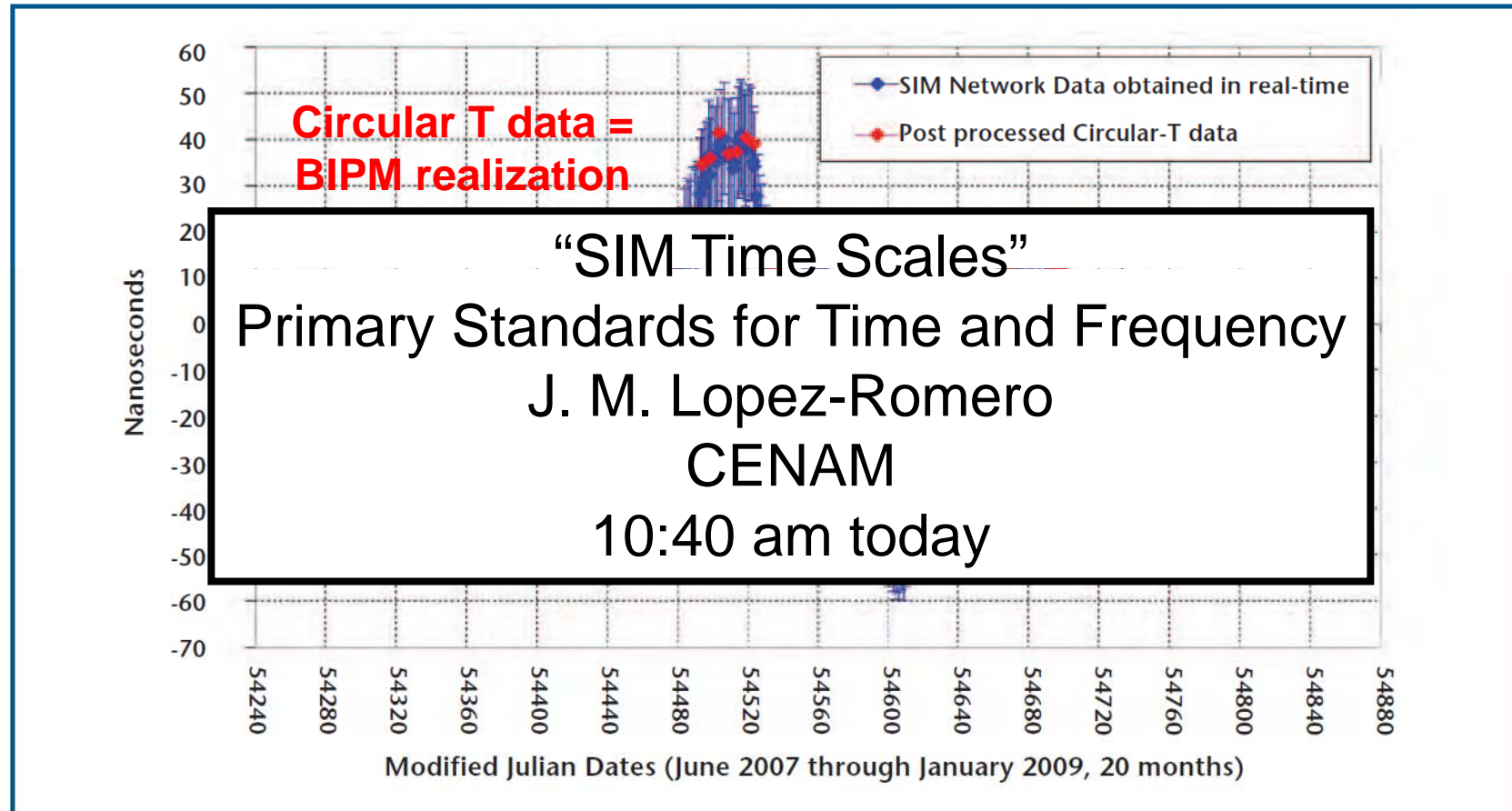
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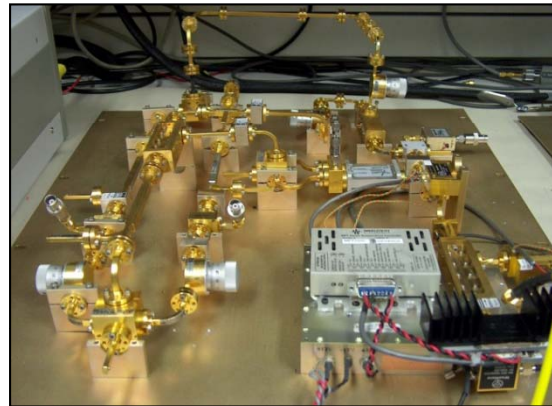
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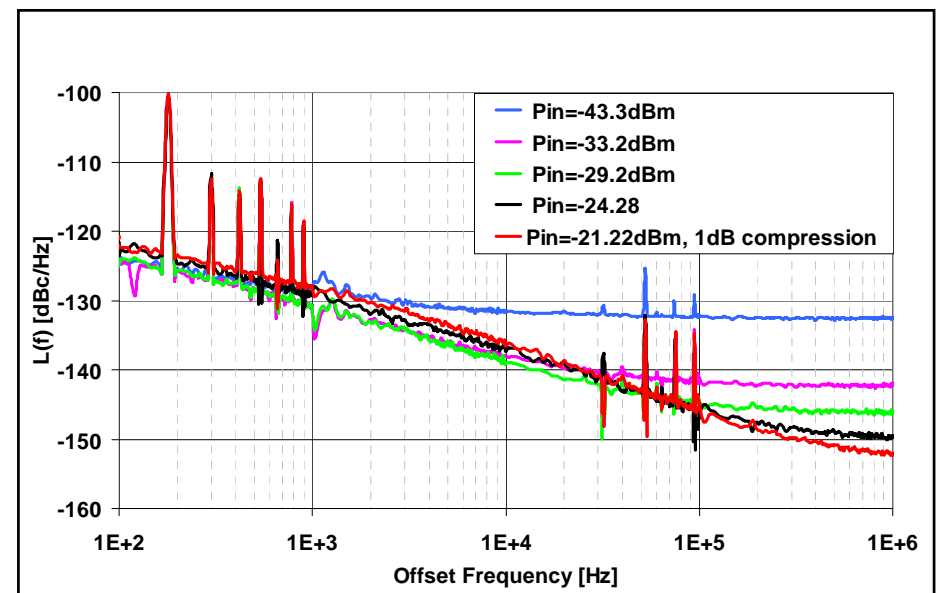
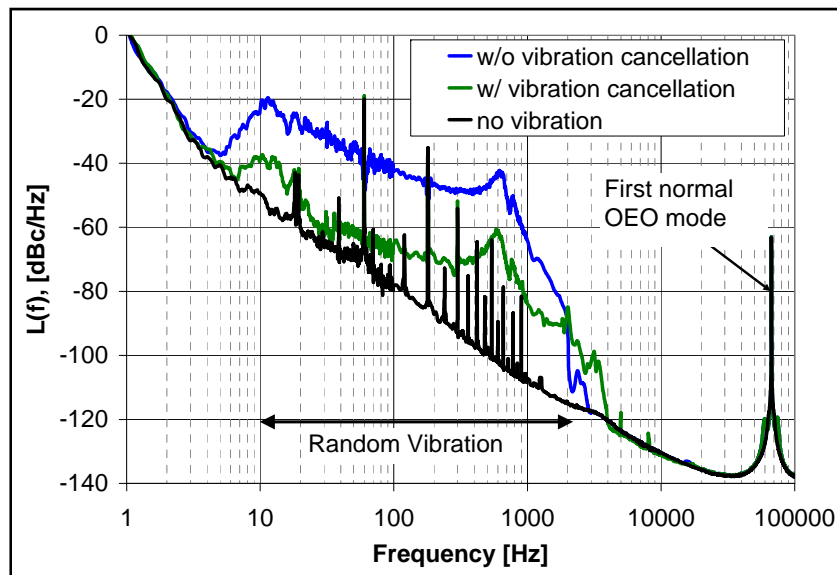


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Phase Noise Measurements (Spectral Purity / “Timing Jitter”)



- Ultralow noise sources and metrology.
- Increasing applications in communications, navigation, remote detection, ultra-high-speed electronics, national security, etc.

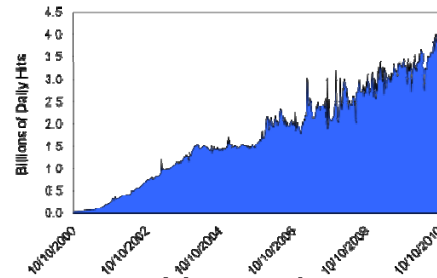


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Primary Frequency Standard and NIST Time Scale

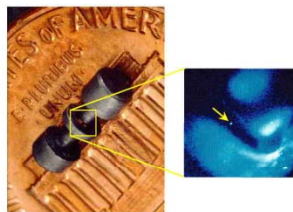


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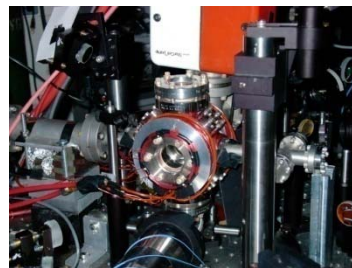


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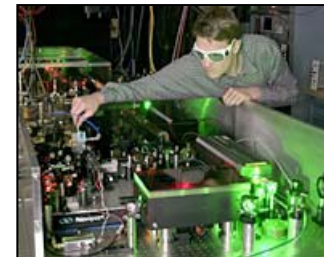
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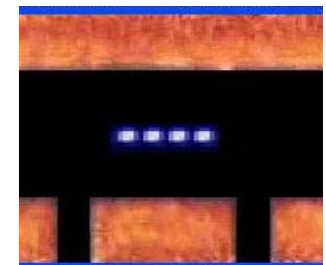
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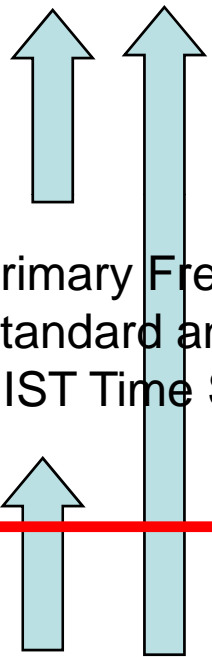
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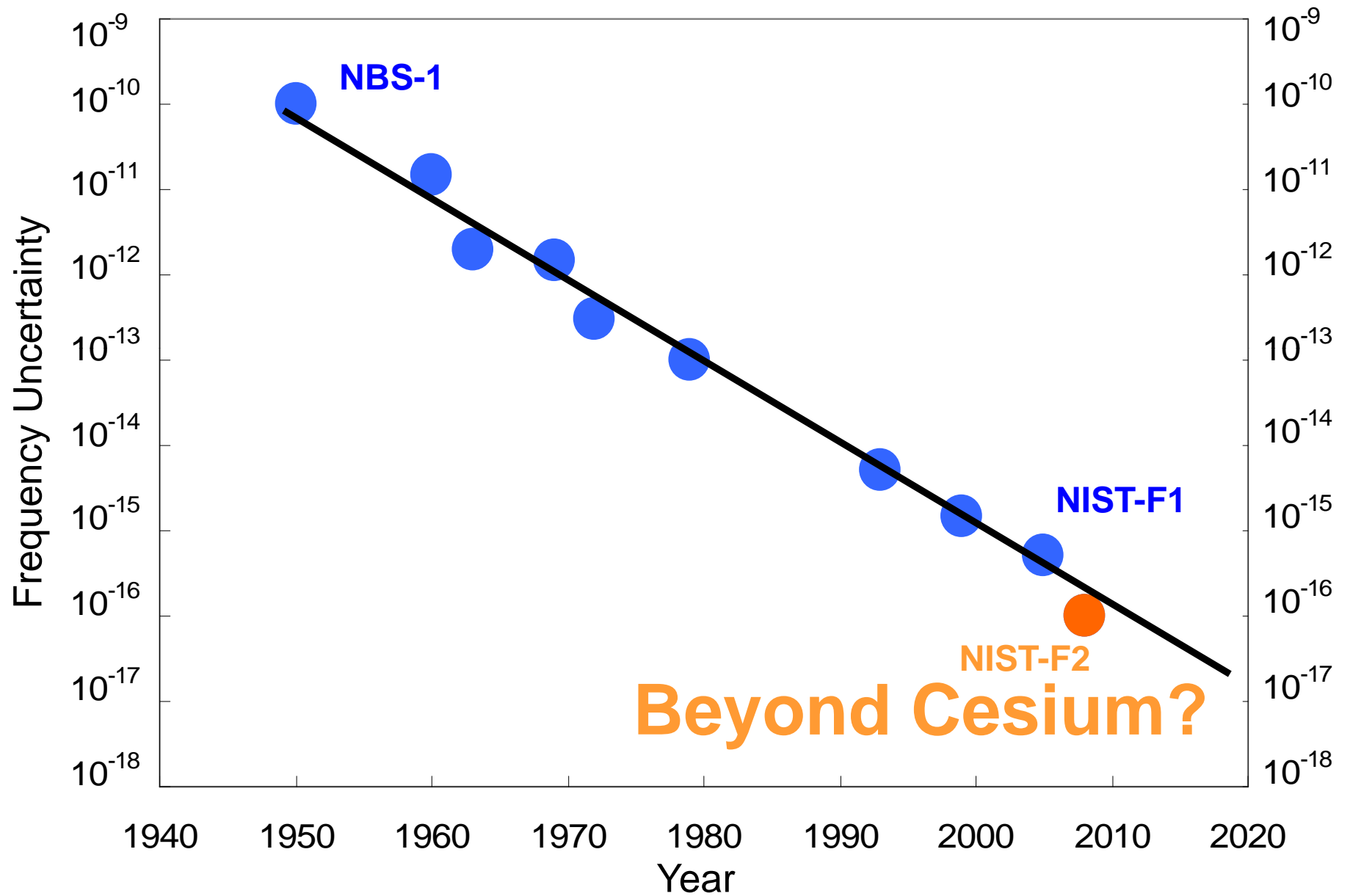
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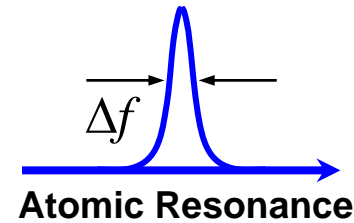


Improvements in Primary Frequency Standards



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$$\text{Frequency uncertainty} \sim \frac{\Delta f}{f_0} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$



τ = observation time

N = number of atoms

$$\frac{f_0 \text{ optical}}{f_0 \text{ microwave}} \approx \frac{10^{15}}{10^{10}} \approx 10^5$$

NIST research atomic clocks

Al ⁺	1124 THz (1124 x 10 ¹² Hz)
Hg ⁺	1024 THz
Yb	520 THz
Ca	456 THz
Sr	430 THz

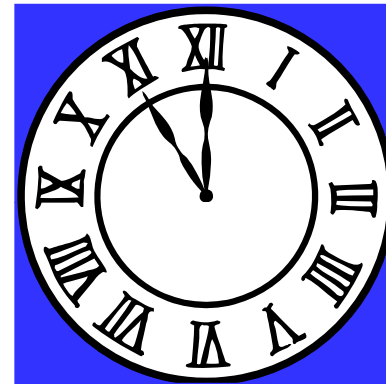
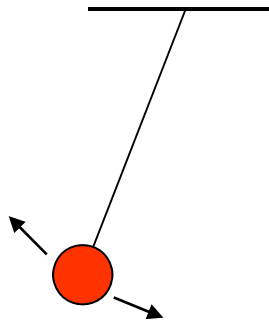
} Optical

Cs 0.0092 THz

Microwave

What is a clock?

Repeating Motion + Counting Mechanism



Earth Rotation

Pendulum Swing

Quartz Crystal Vibration

Cesium Atomic Transition

Optical Atomic Transition

Sundial

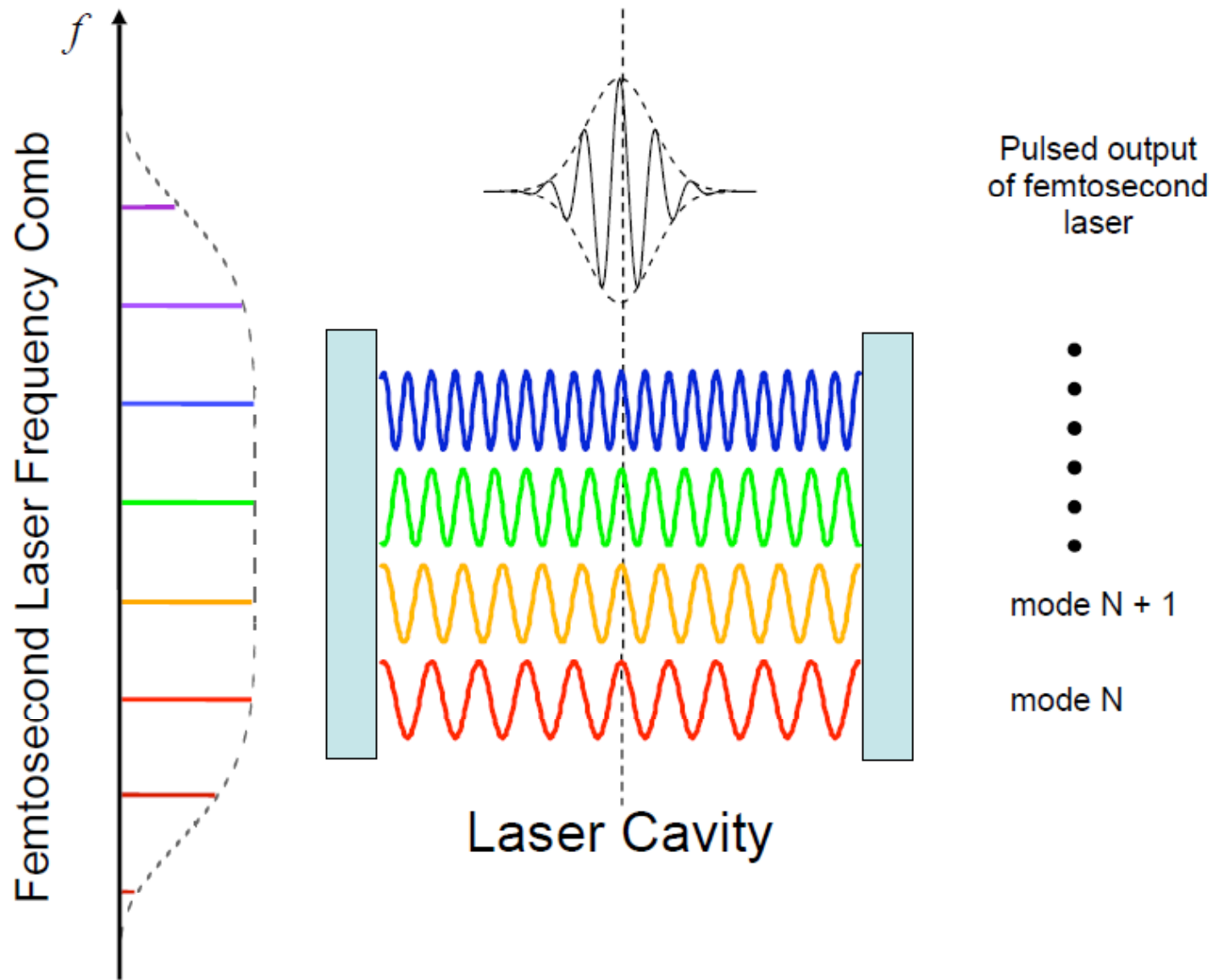
Clock Gears and Hands

Electronic Counter

Microwave Counter

?? Counter ??

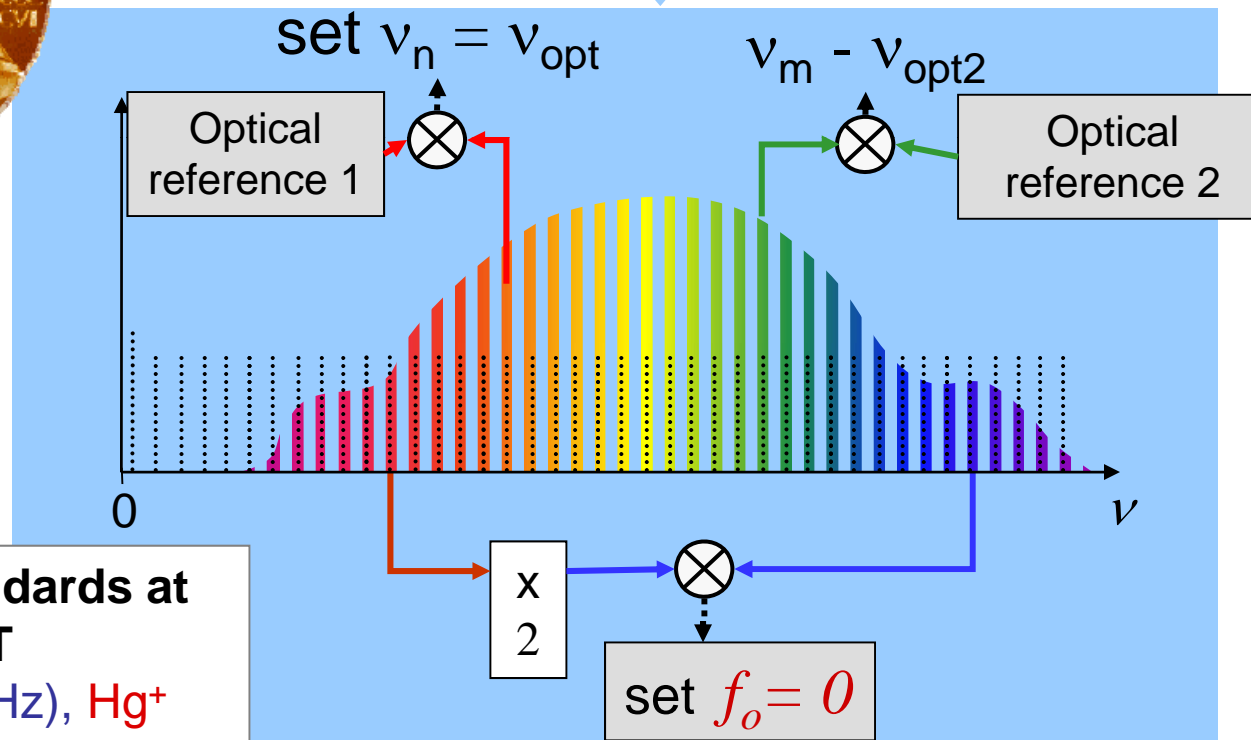
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Compare ν_1 vs ν_2

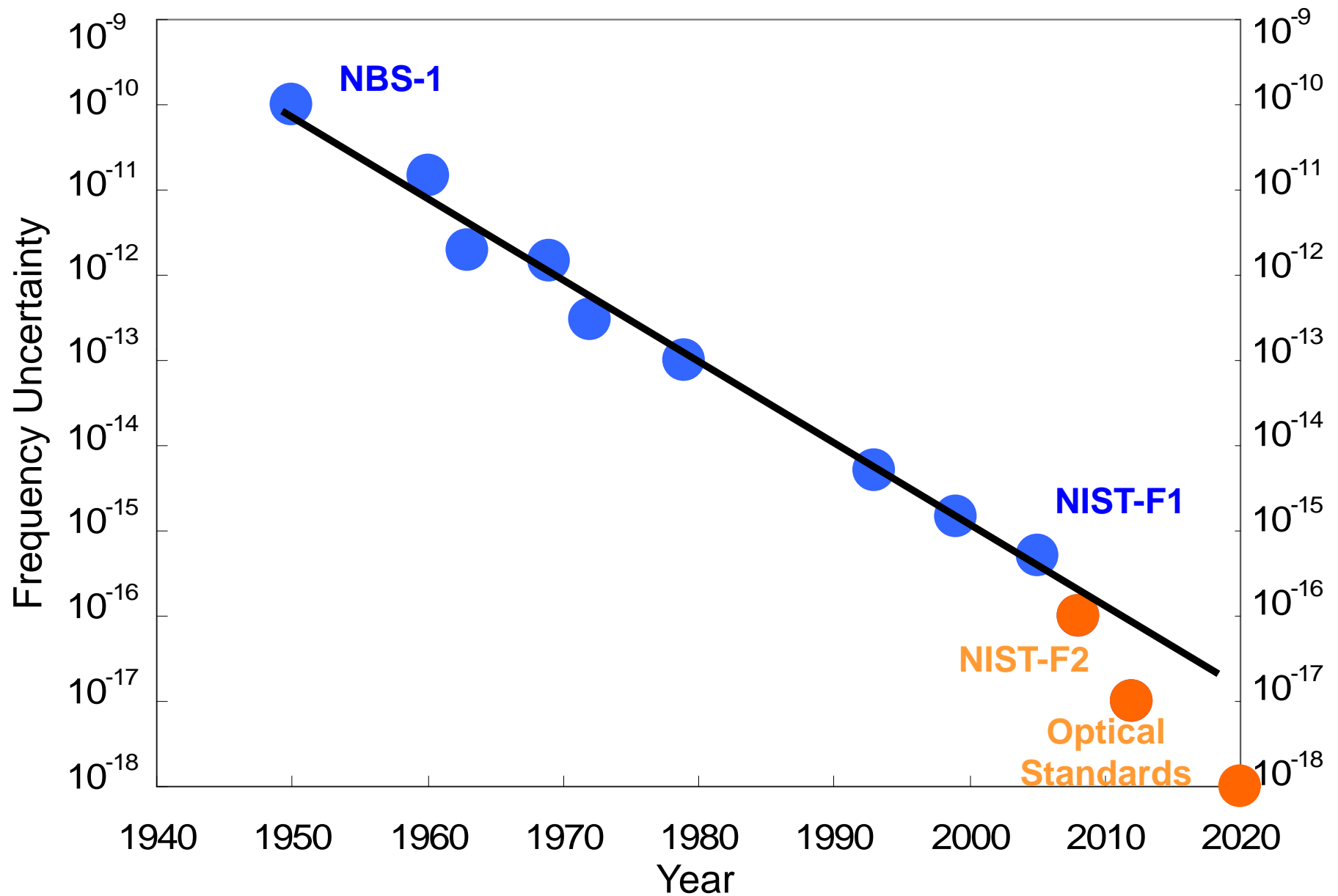


Optical standards at NIST

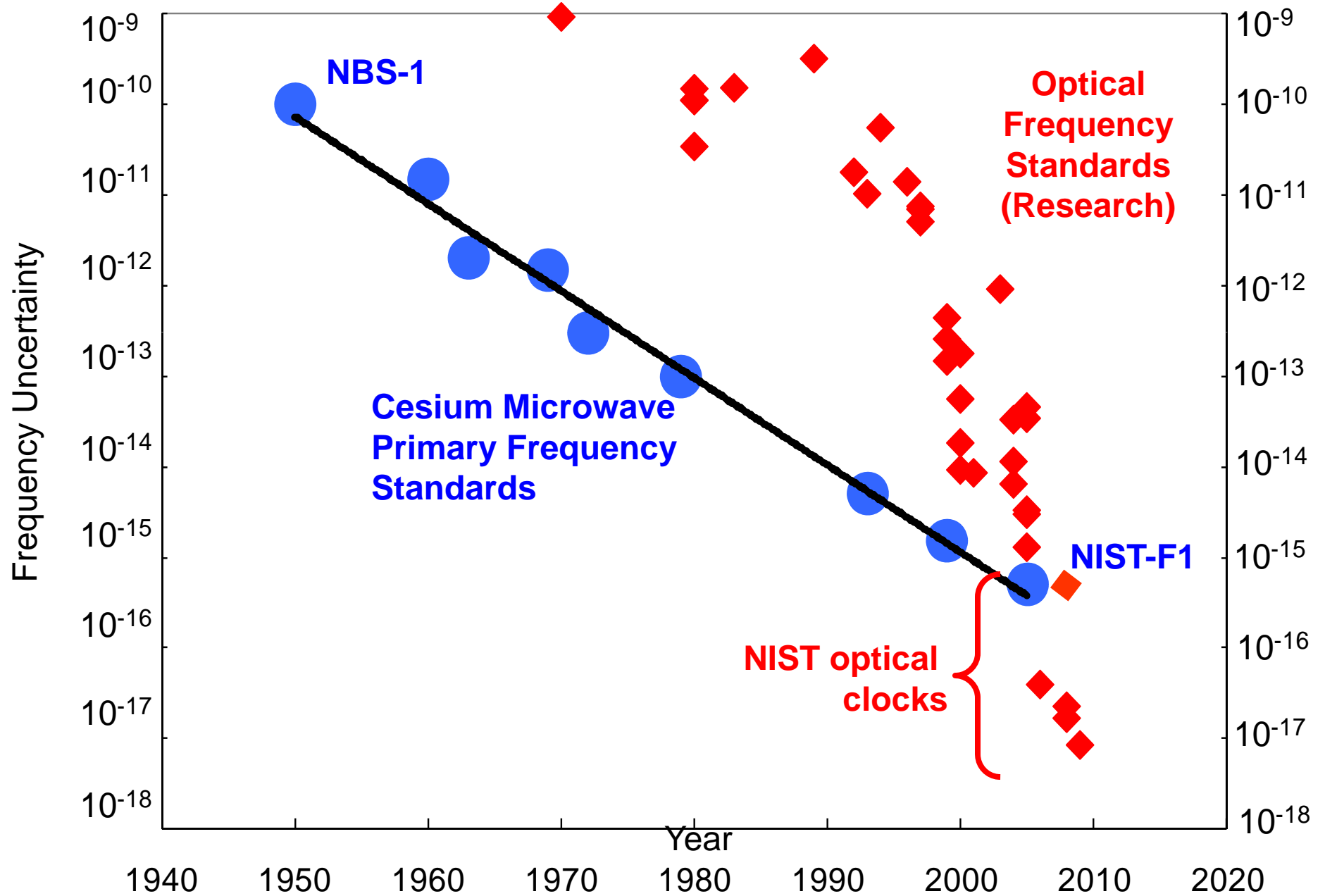
Al^+ (1124 THz), Hg^+ (1064 THz), neutral Yb (520 THz) and Ca (456 THz)

Direct comparison to Cs (0.0092 THz)

Improvements in Primary Frequency Standards: Optical Clocks

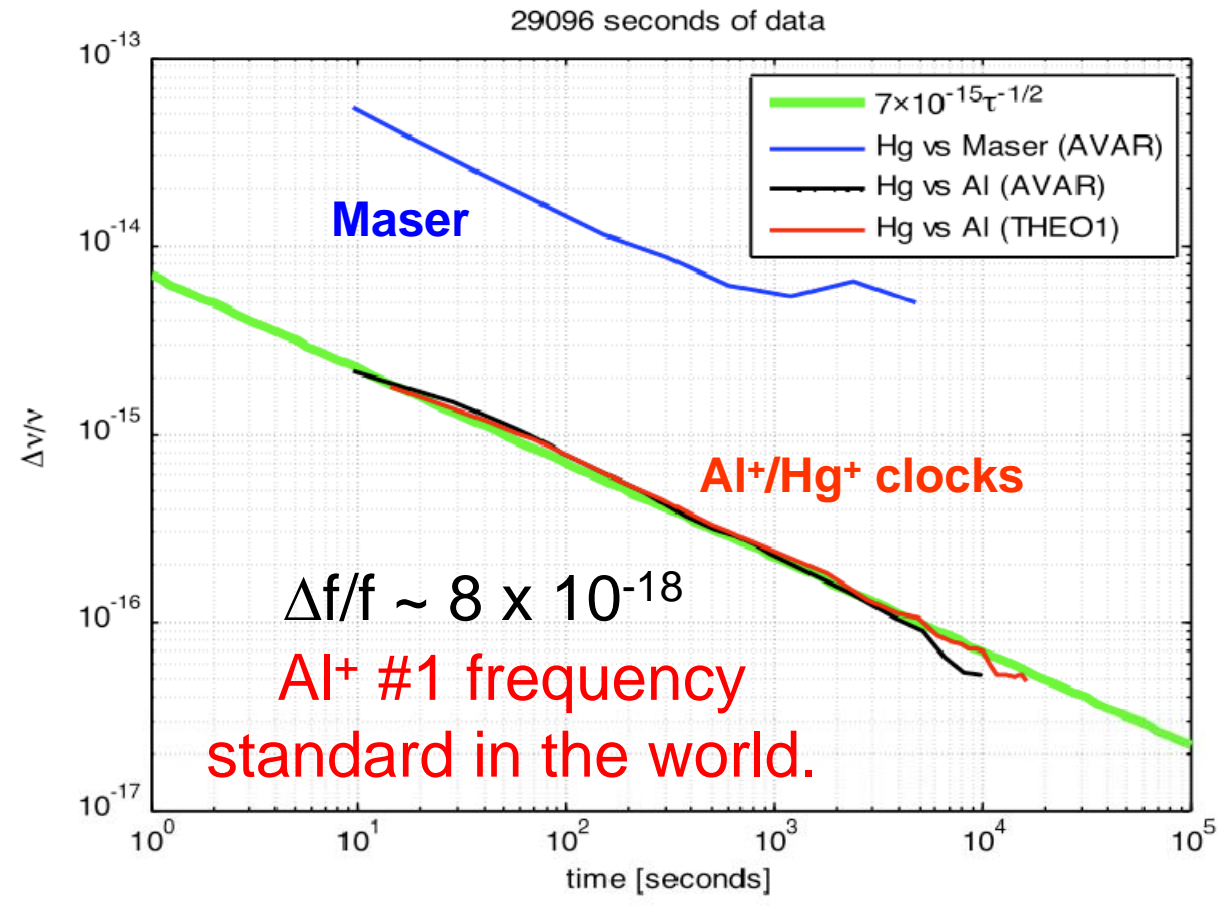
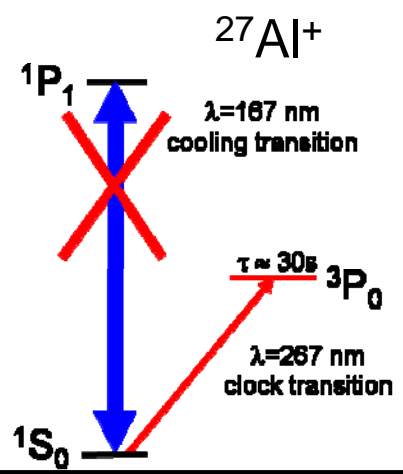
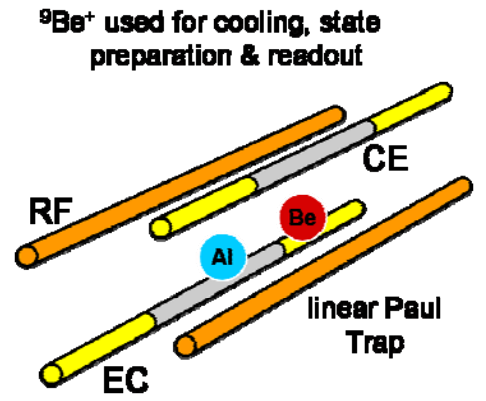
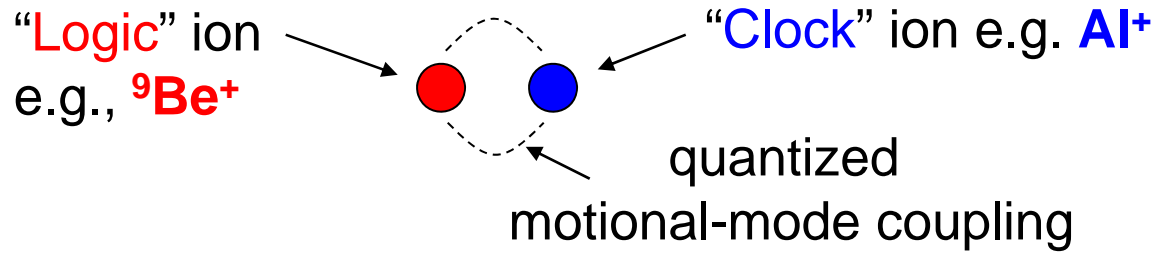


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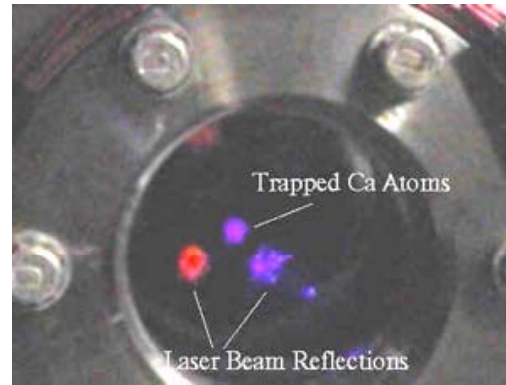
Improvements in Clocks: Quantum "Logic Clock"

Aluminum Ion Logic Clock

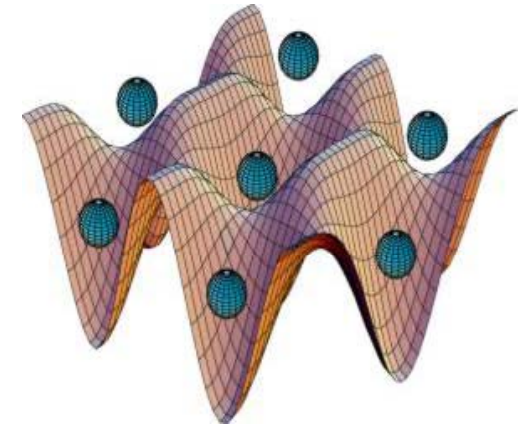


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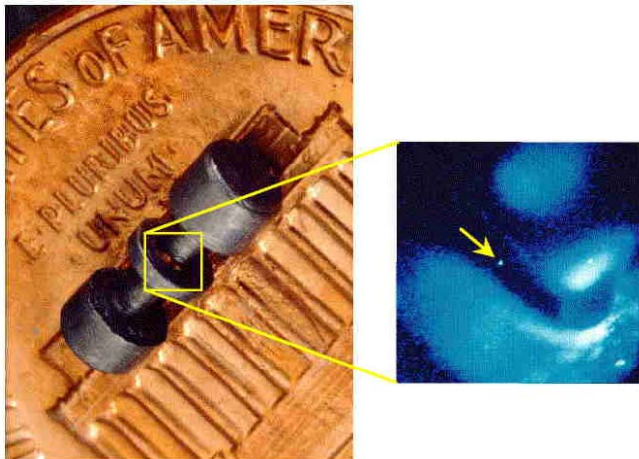
- High-frequency optical clocks outperform microwave clocks.
- NIST research optical clocks already performing better than 1×10^{-17} .
- Potential for accuracy at the 10^{-18} level, 100 times better than NIST-F1.
- Likely to take many years to realize that potential.



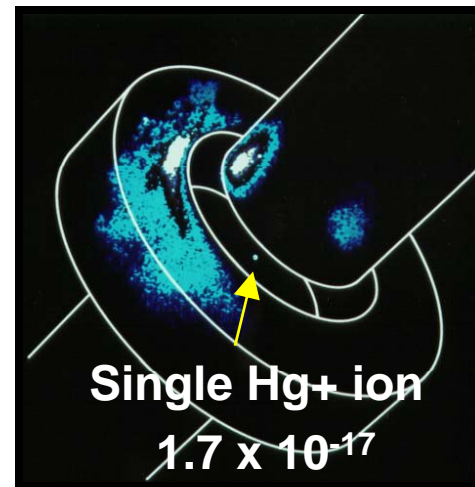
Laser-cooled calcium atoms.



Ytterbium atoms in optical lattice.

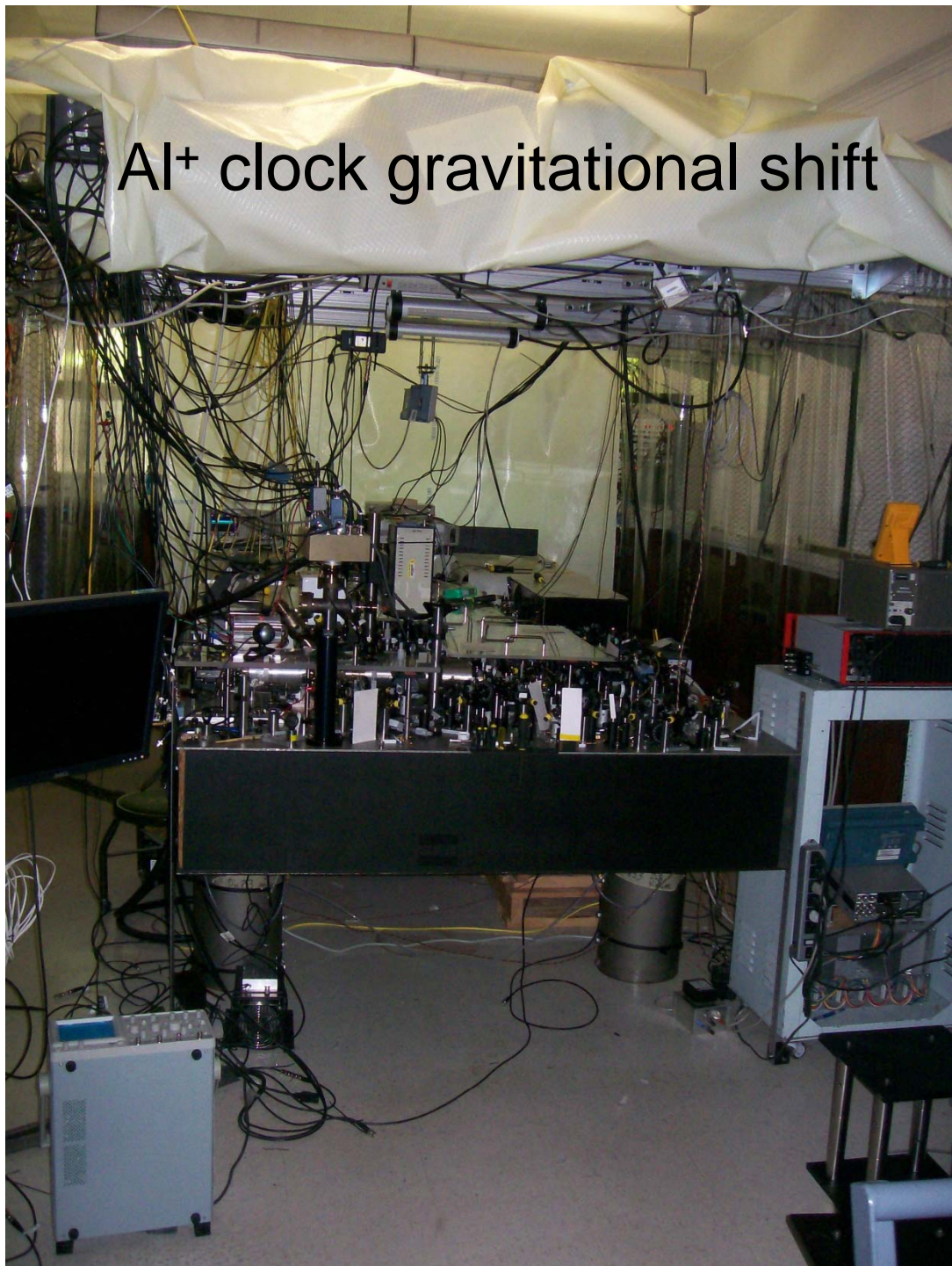


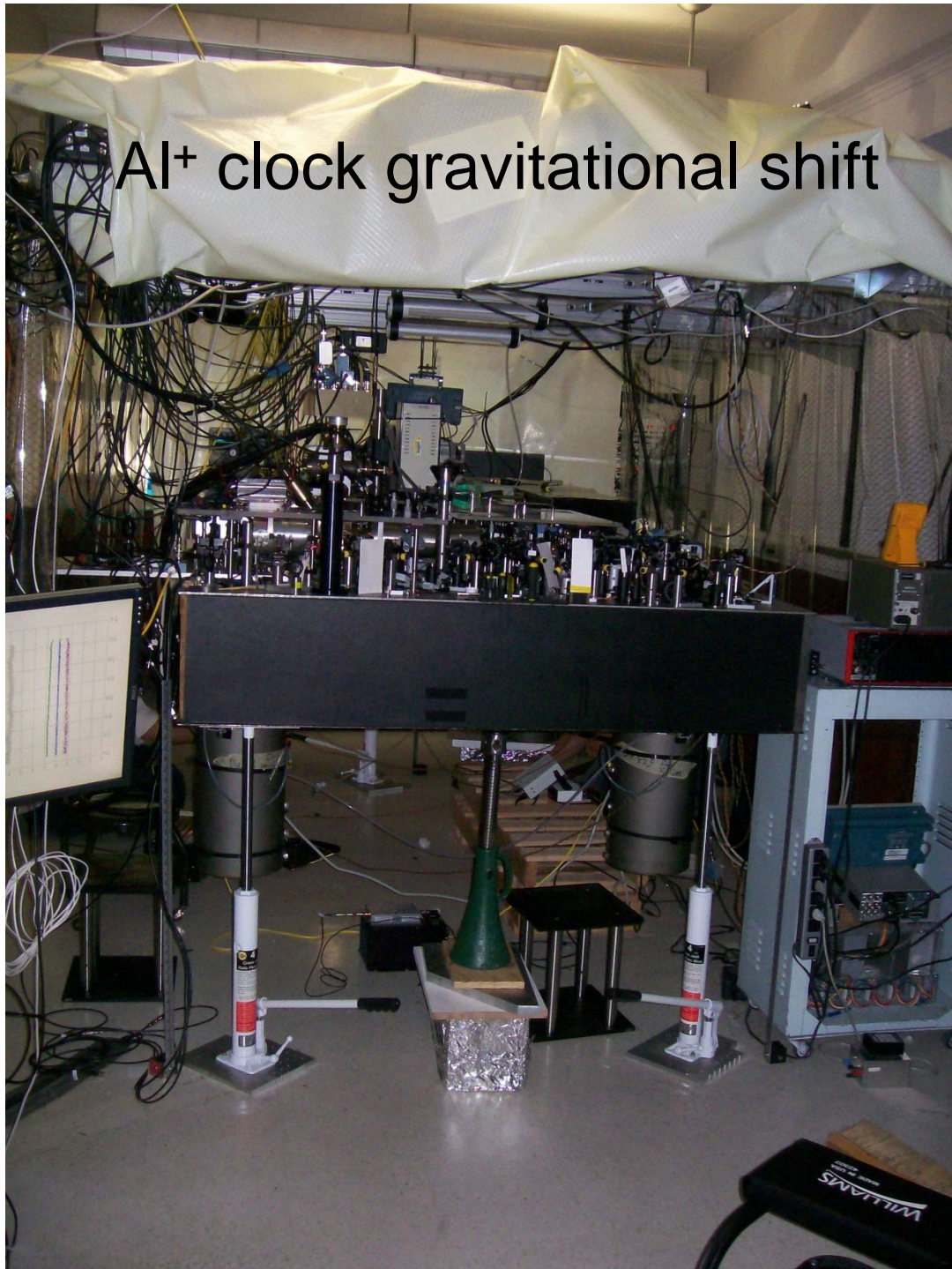
Single mercury ion trap.



Al+ quantum logic optical clock.

Al⁺ clock gravitational shift





Measure frequency shift by raising clock as little as 10 cm.

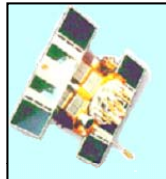
Measure frequency shift by moving Al⁺ ion as slow as walking speed (about 1 m/second).

Extreme precision optical clocks may initially be most useful as exquisitely precise atomic sensors:

- Gravity.
- Magnetic fields.
- Acceleration.
- Temperature.
- Other quantities...

Improvements in Frequency Standards and Clocks

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10^{-15} clocks
(0.1/month)

10^{-13} clocks
(10/month)

10^{-11} clocks
(1,000/month)

10^{-9} clocks
(100,000/month)

- Master clocks (long term synchronization)
- Secure communications
- Deep space navigation
- GPS Master clock (ground)

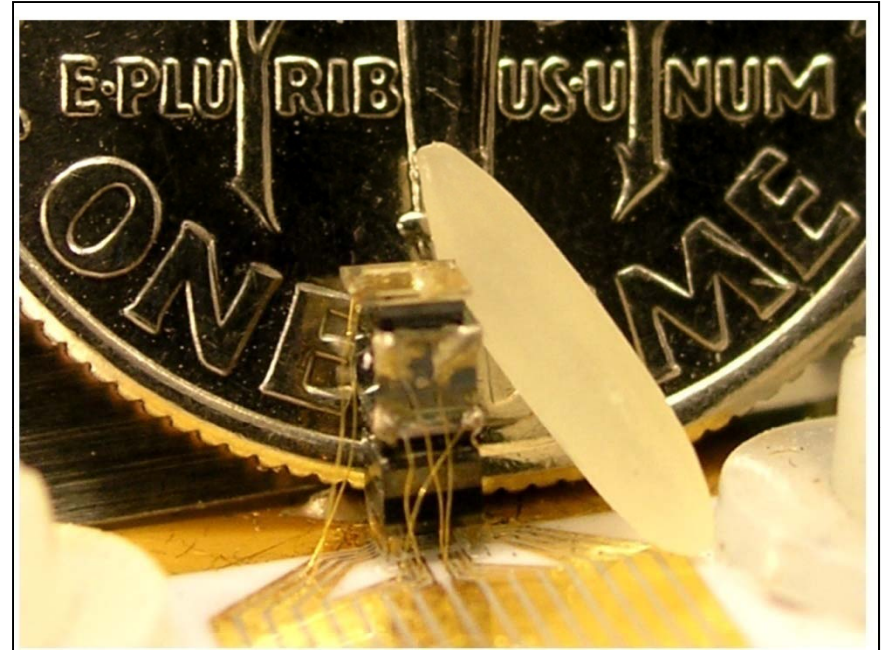
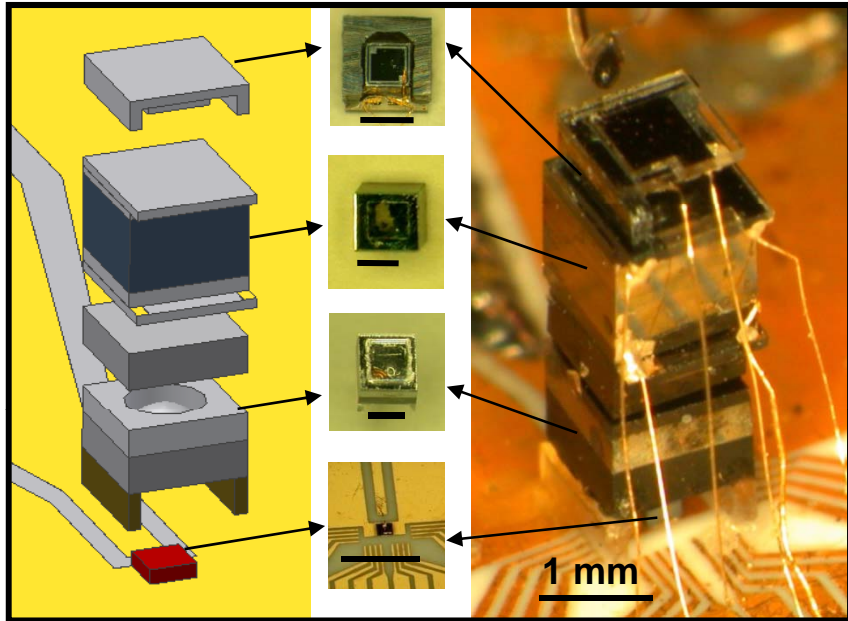
- Large scale communications systems
- Power grids
- GPS Space Clocks
- Local synchronization

- Local communications hubs
- Instrumentation level flywheels

- Short haul navigation
- Local communications

Opportunities for Improvement?

Improvements in Clocks: Emerging Technologies



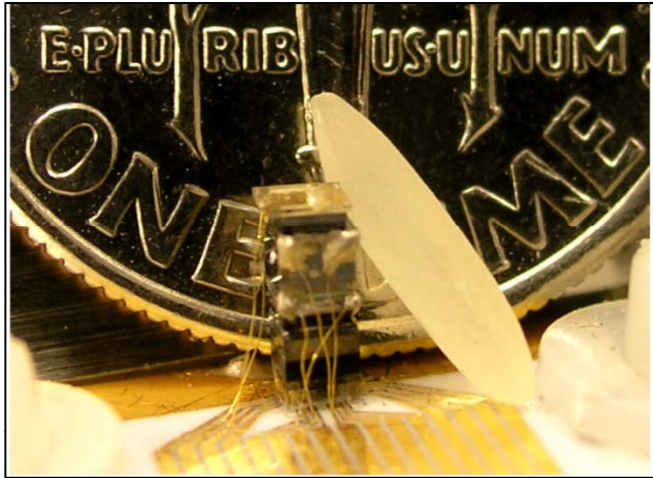
Chip-scale atomic clock

Chip-scale atomic magnetometer

Ultraminiature gyroscope

Future atom-based sensors

Improvements in Clocks: Emerging Technologies



Chip-scale atomic clock

Chip-scale atomic clocks:

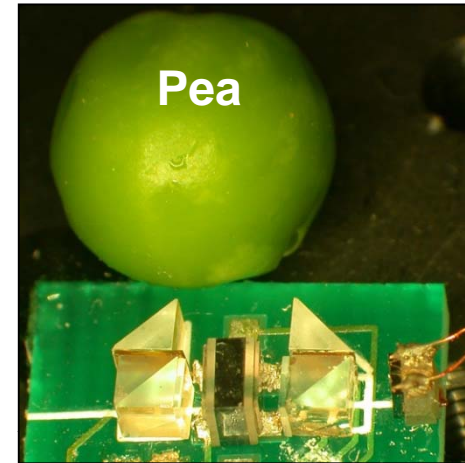
- $\Delta f/f$ 10^{-11} or better.
- Runs on AA battery.
- Potential for low-cost mass production.

Chip-scale atomic magnetometers:

- 10^{-15} sensitivity: SQUID performance with no cryogenes.

Ultraminiature NMR gyroscopes:

- Navigation grade (0.002 degree).



Ultraminiature spectrometer

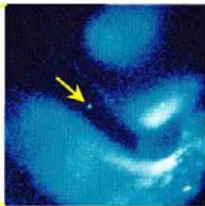
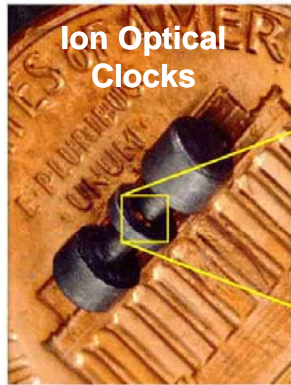
Related devices:

- **Ultraminiature spectrometer** for telecommunications, chemical identification, atmospheric research, etc.

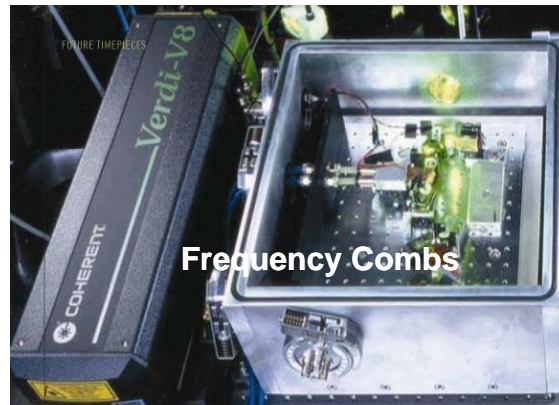
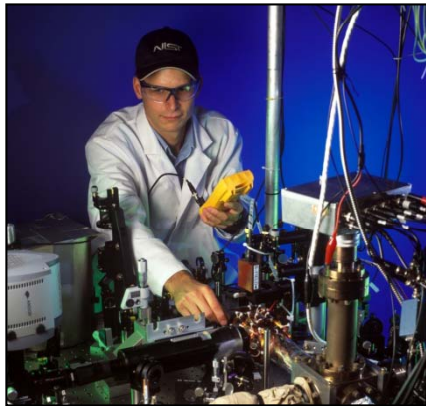
NIST chip-scale atomic device program since August 2004:

- *Three NIST patents.*
- *More than 60 NIST publications on chip-scale atomic devices.*
- *Dozens of conference and workshop presentations.*

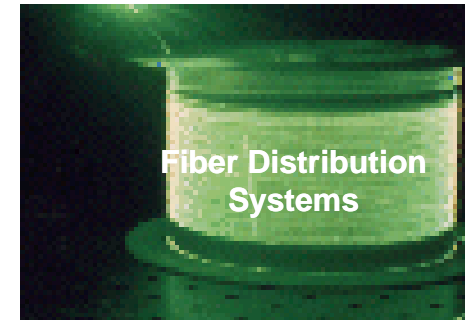
Improvements in Time and Frequency Distribution



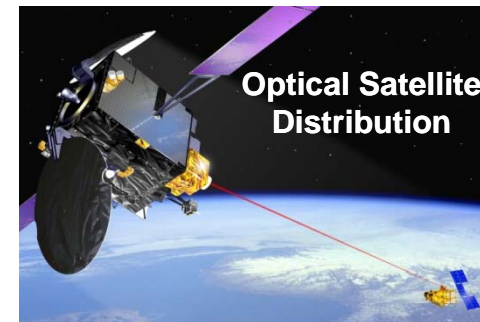
Future optical clocks
 $\Delta f/f \sim 1 \times 10^{-18}$



- Directly compare optical frequencies spanning more than an octave.
- Link optical to microwave frequencies.



- High accuracy.
- Direct reference of optical applications to optical standards.
- New applications.



Crucial topic...

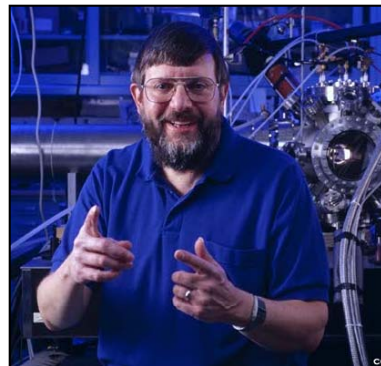
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Time, Timekeeping and Time Distribution

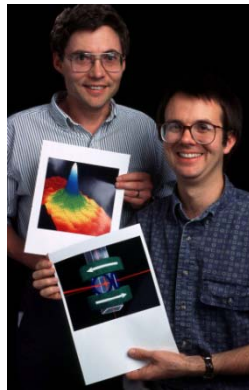
- Modern time and frequency metrology results from and has stimulated some of the most interesting and important developments in science and technology over about the past 100 years:
 - Atomic theory.
 - Quantum mechanics.
 - Relativity.
 - Radio (including microwaves).
 - Electronics.
 - Materials science.
 - Lasers.
 - Laser cooling and trapping.
 - Femtosecond laser frequency combs.
 - Etc.
- 104 Nobel Physics Prizes from 1901 through 2010.
 - About 20% directly or indirectly related to science and technology of timekeeping.

Some Nobel Prizes Related to Atomic Time and Frequency Metrology

1943	Otto Stern	Molecular/atomic beam spectroscopy.
1944	Isidor Rabi	Atomic beam resonance technique.
1955	Polykarp Kusch	Magnetic moment of electron; early atomic clocks.
1964	Charles Townes, Nicolai Basov, Alexandr Prokhorov	Quantum electronics, including maser/laser principles.
1966	Alfred Kastler	Optical pumping methods.
1989	Norman Ramsey, Hans Dehmelt, Wolfgang Paul	Atomic clock techniques; trapped ion spectroscopy.
1997	Steven Chu, Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, Bill Phillips	Laser cooling of neutral atoms.
2001	Eric Cornell , Carl Wieman , Wolfgang Ketterle	Bose-Einstein condensate.
2005	Roy Glauber, Jan Hall , Ted Hansch	Laser spectroscopy, including laser frequency combs.



Bill Phillips, NIST



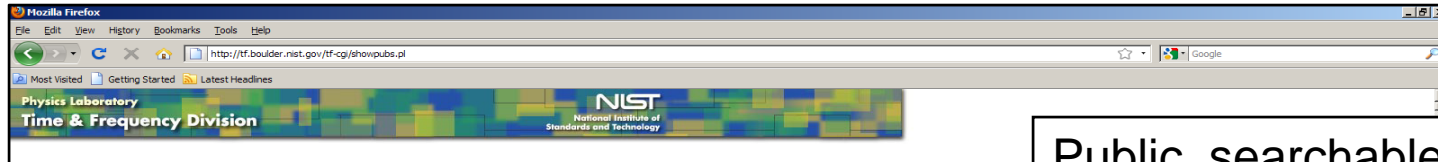
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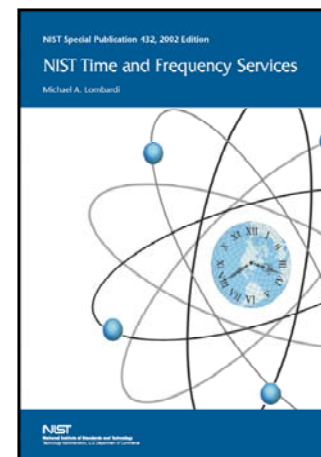
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