

Synchronization Measurement and Analysis



Measurement & Analysis: Outline



1. Measurement of Phase



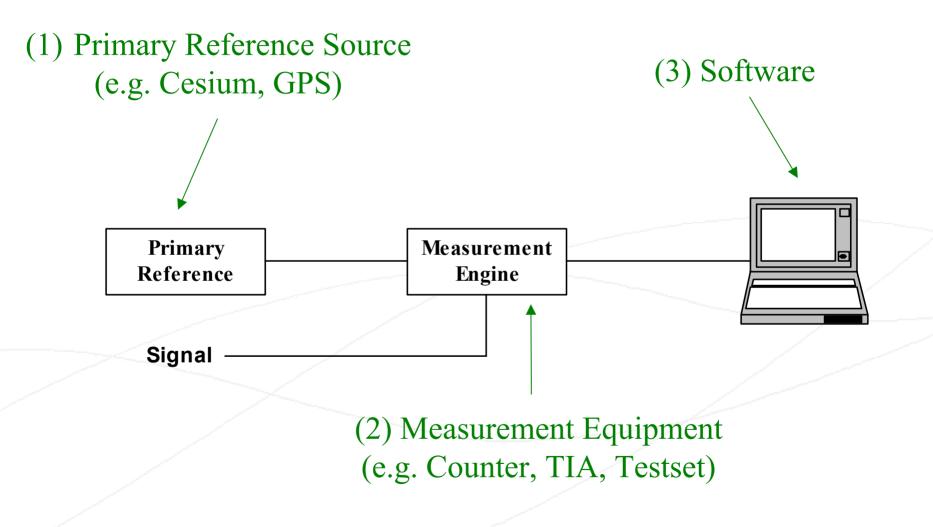
3. Measurement Examples



- Some kind of phase detector or phase measurement device is needed
- Phase measurements can be made using:
 - Frequency/time interval counters } Focus for our discussion
 - Time interval analyzers
 - Dedicated test-sets
 - BITS/SSU clocks with built-in measurement capability
 - GPS receivers with built-in measurement capability
 - Sync measurement module

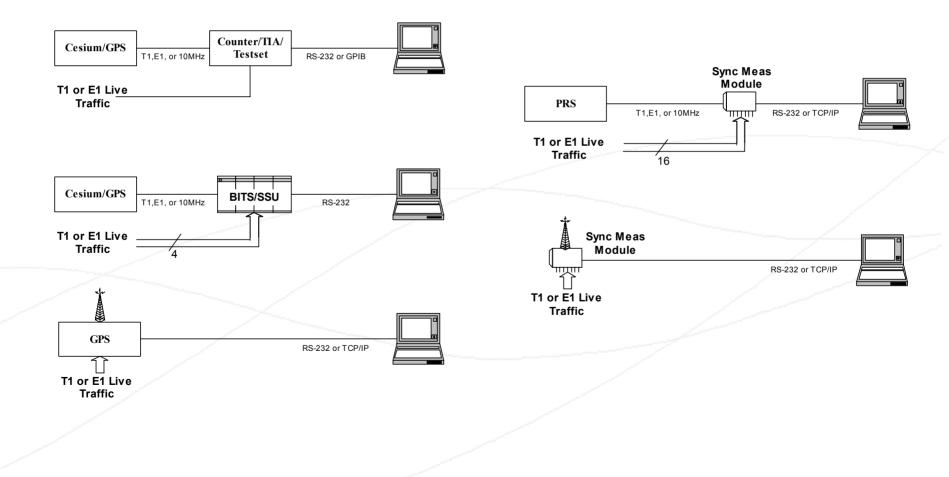








Five Example Measurement Equipment Configurations



Measuring Jitter/Wander with a Counter

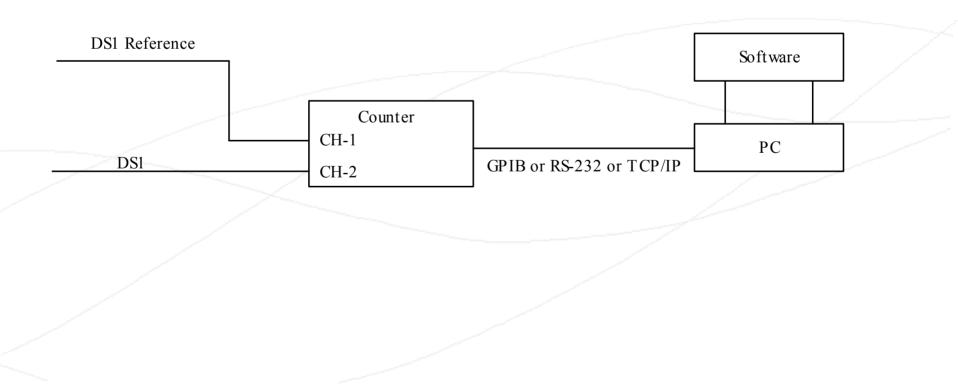


- Jitter & Wander Measurement Setup
 - Computer
 - Software
 - Off-the-shelf counter (or counters)





Counter Jitter/Wander Measurement Basic Block Diagram





- Using a reference signal at the same frequency (or submultiple) of the signal of interest, a counter can be used to measure phase (TIE) directly.
- Software can take care of data clock recovery (no data clock recovery hardware required), phase rollover, and any other processing required to convert the counter measurements to phase.
- Thus an inexpensive counter can be used to measure phase on signals such as traffic bearing DS1s directly.

Phase Digitizing with Counter

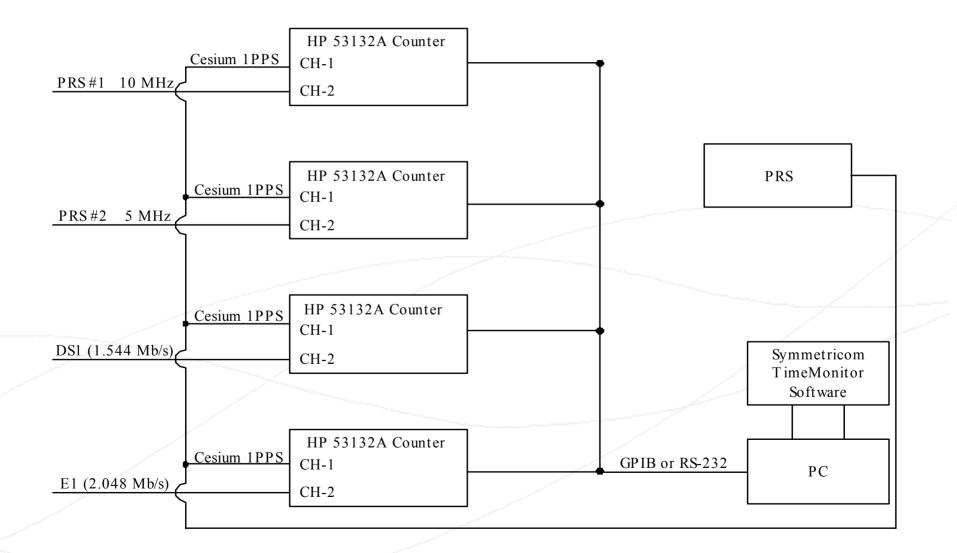


Any signal rate

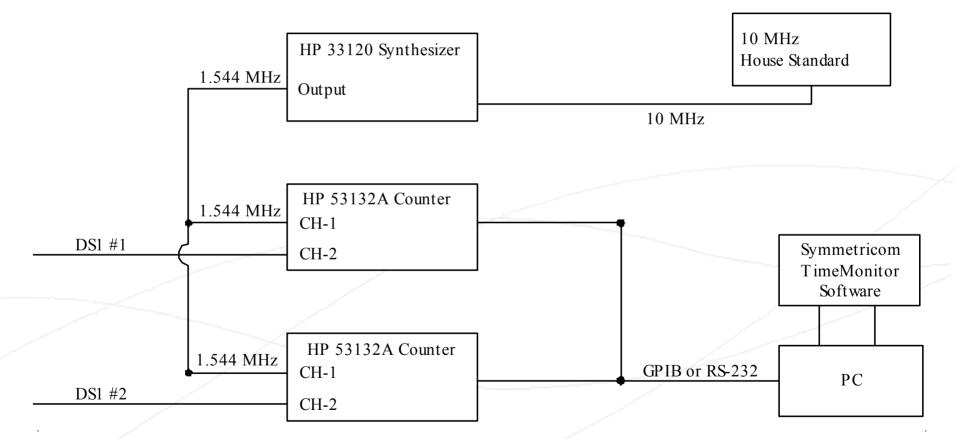
- T1/DS1 (1.544 M)
- E1 (2.048 M)
- DS2 (6.312 M)
- DS3 (44.76 M)
- 64 kbit

- 1 PPS
- 10 MHz
- STS-1/OC-1 electrical (51.84 M)
- 140 Mb/s Tributary (139.264 M)
- STS-3/STM-1/OC-3 electrical(155.52 M)
- Clock or data signal (software does data clock recovery): measure DS1, E1, DS3 signals directly



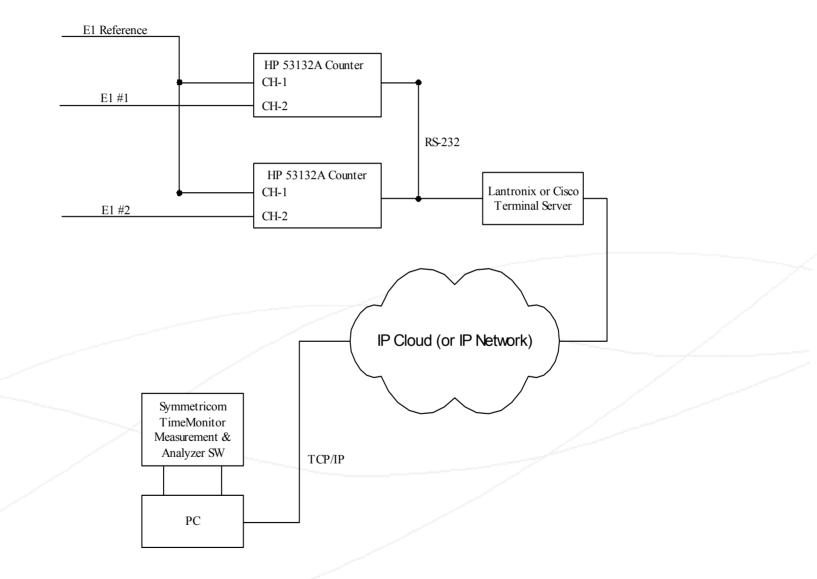






Counter Measurement Block Diagram #3

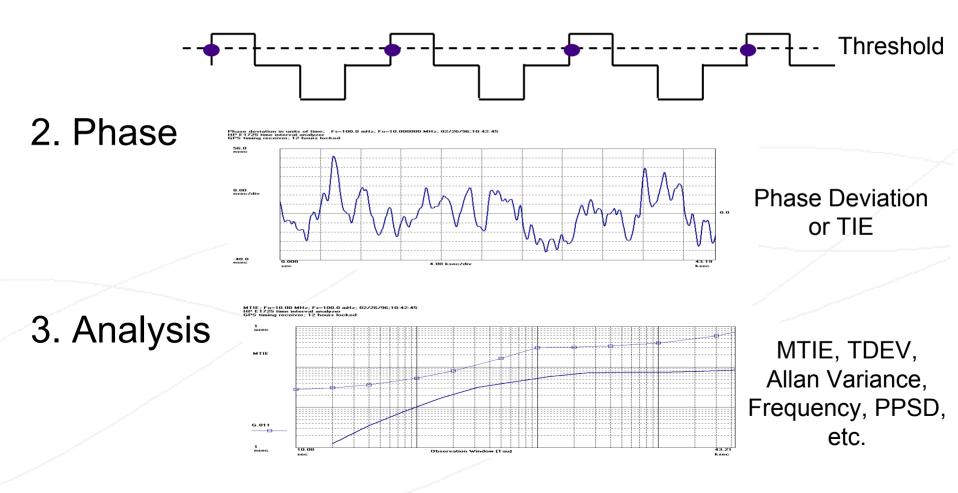




Synchronization Measurements w/ Phase Digitizing: 3 step process

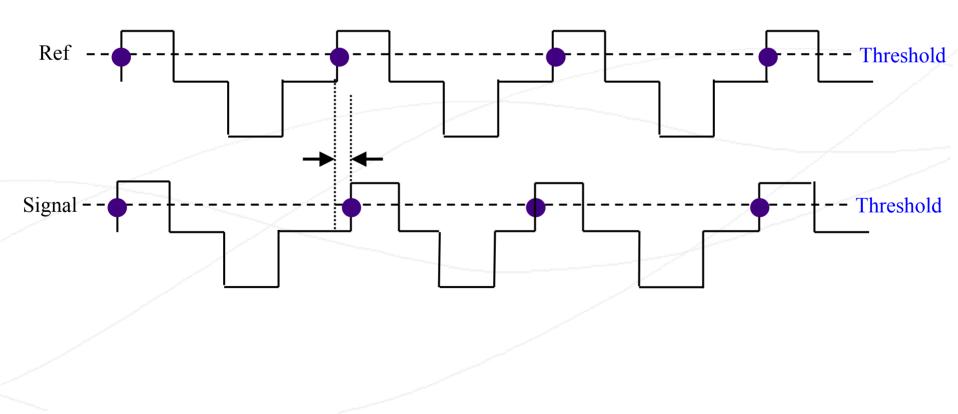


1. Timestamps

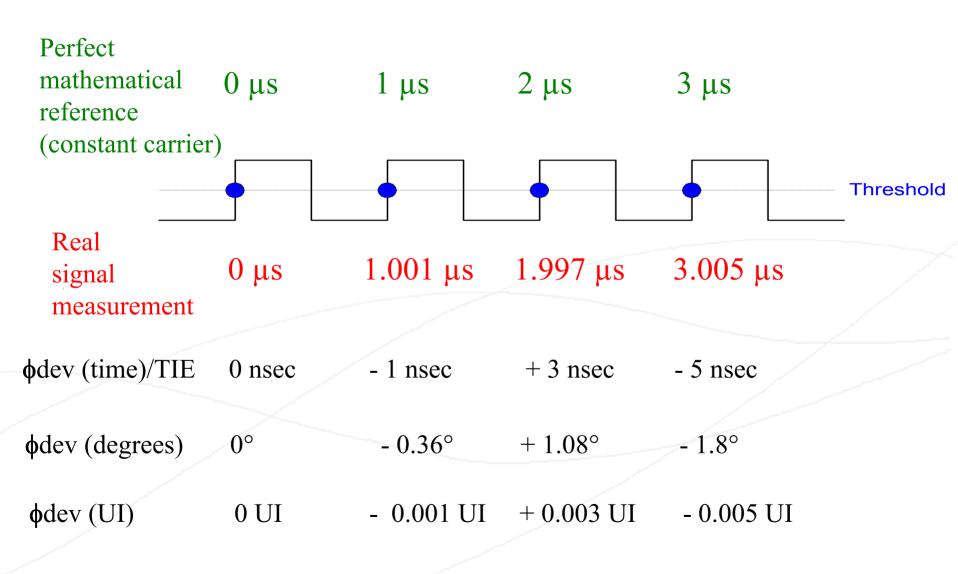




A time interval counter is used to time threshold crossings of a signal very precisely. This process is unaffected by amplitude modulation.









$$v(t) = a(t) \cdot \sin(\phi(t))$$

$$\phi(t) = \omega_o \cdot t + \theta(t)$$

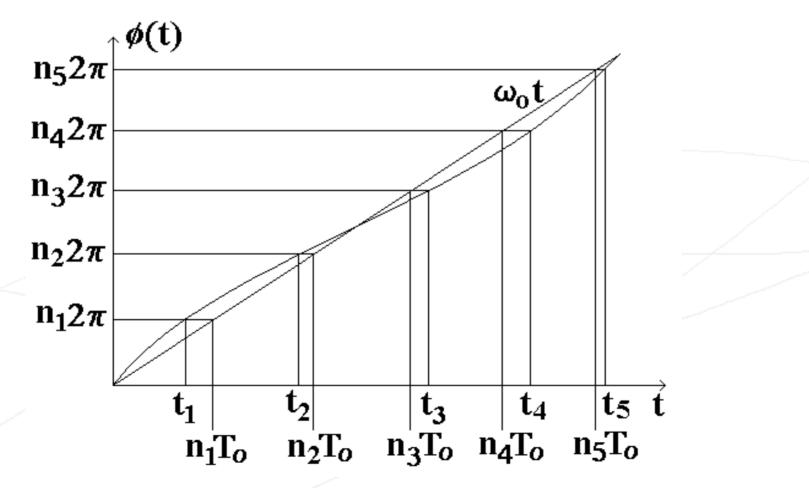
$$\phi(t_i) = \omega_o \cdot t_i + \theta(t_i) = n_i \cdot 2\pi$$

Phase deviation or TIE $\longrightarrow \theta(t_i) = n_i \cdot 2\pi - \omega_o \cdot t_i = \omega_o \cdot (n_i \cdot T_o - t_i)$ Reference

frequency

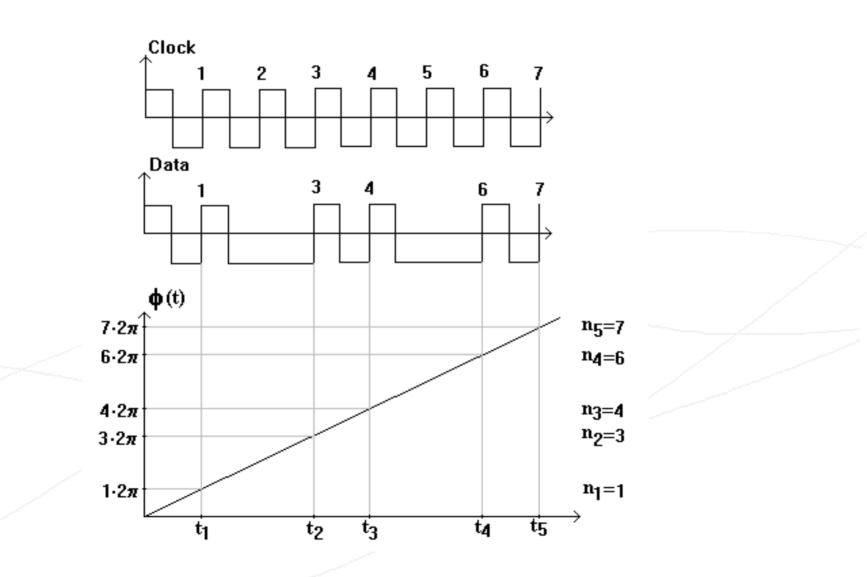


Phase deviation (TIE) is the difference between these two curves



Data Signal Phase vs. Time







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Interpretation of Measurement Results



- ► For synchronization measurements, the measurement analysis used primarily is:
 - Phase (TIE)
 - Frequency (fractional frequency offset).
 - Frequency accuracy
 - MTIE
 - TDEV

All are derived from phase

MTIE and TDEV analysis shows comparison to ANSI, Telcordia/Bellcore, ETSI, & ITU-T requirements



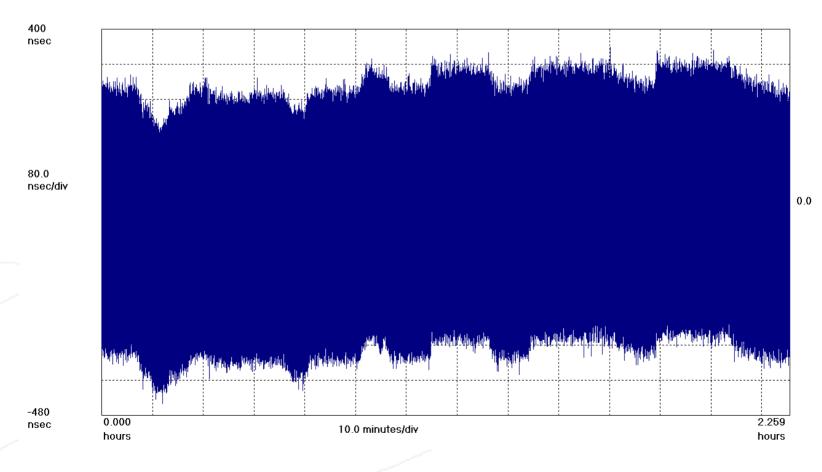
- 1. **Analysis:** Frequency/MTIE/TDEV etc. derived from phase
- 2. *Check:* Verify measurement is properly made
 - Sudden (point-to-point) large movements of phase are suspect.
 For example, if MTIE fails the mask, it could be a measurement problem. Phase will help to investigate this.
 - Large frequency offset is easily seen: Is the reference OK? Is the equipment set to use the external reference?
- 3. *Timeline:* The processed measurements don't show what happened over time. Is the measurement worse during peak traffic times? Is the measurement worse in the middle of the night during maintenance activities?
- Sync Audit reports: 80% 90% of the plots are phase plots



Signal with jitter and wander present

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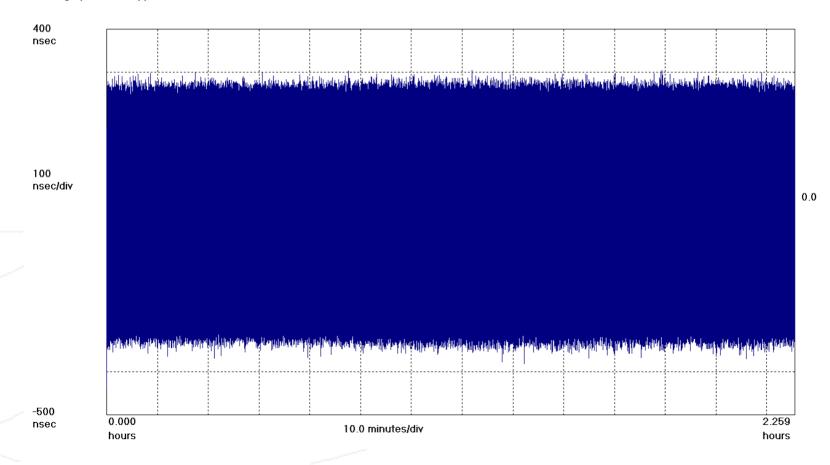
Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=31.48 Hz; Fo=2.0480000 MHz; 01/16/98;10:58:04 No filter





Jitter: Filter out low-frequency components with high-pass filter Jitter = 740 nsec peak-to-peak = 1.52 UI peak-to-peak (E1)

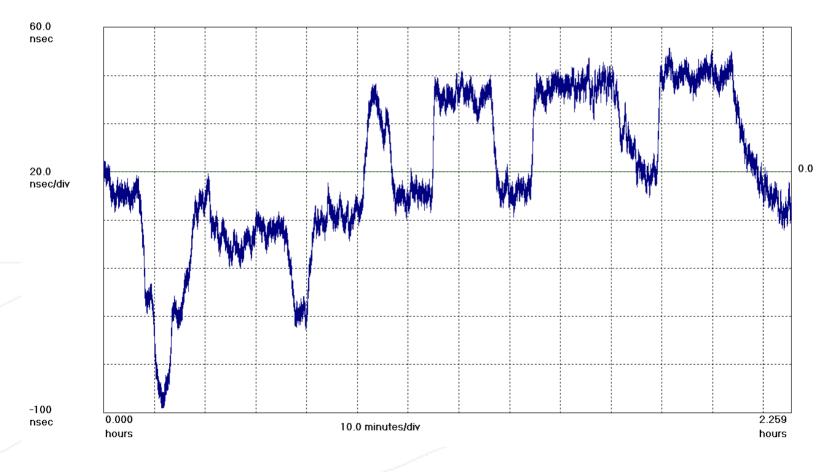
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Wander: Filter out high-frequency components with low-pass filter

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Analysis from Phase: Frequency



- Recall the relationship between frequency and phase: $\omega = \frac{d\phi}{dt}$
 - Important point: Frequency is the slope in the phase plot





Timestamps(µs):0 1.001 1.997 3.005 4.002 4.999 6.003 \$\$\overline{4}\$ dev (ns): 0 -1 +3 -5 -2 +1 +3

Phase deviation slope

$$\Delta \phi dev = \Delta N \cdot T_o - \Delta t = (\Delta N - f_o \Delta t) / f_o$$

fdev = f - f_o = $\Delta N / \Delta t - f_o = (\Delta N - f_o \Delta t) / \Delta t = \Delta \phi dev \cdot f_o / \Delta t$

ffoff = $fdev/f_o$

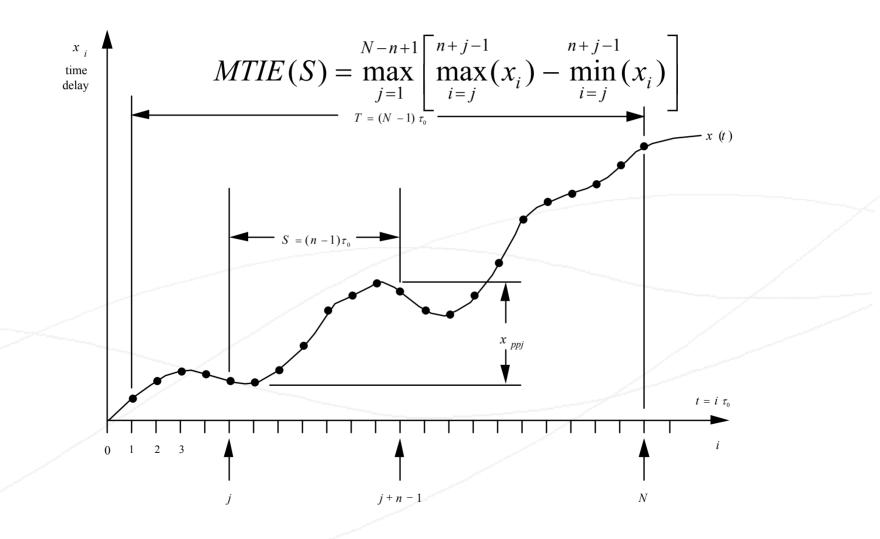
For example, take the average fdev over the first 3 cycles:

Frequency Deviation = -5 sec $\cdot 10^{6}$ Hz/3.005 µsec = -1.7 kHz

Fractional Frequency Offset = -1.7 kHz/1MHz = -1.7 parts per thousand

Analysis from Phase: MTIE







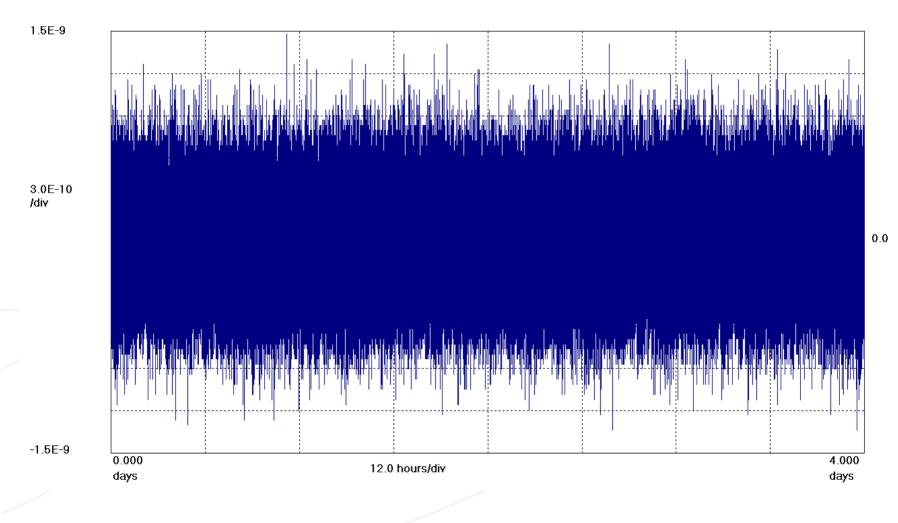
- Dynamic frequency: FDEV/FFOFF
 - Instantaneous frequency plotted over time
 - Fractional frequency offset is a normalized version of frequency deviation
 - Limited resolution as measurement interval decreases
- Frequency accuracy
 - Derived from longer term measurement
 - Phase slope calculation (least-square-fit)
 - Example: PRS 1 part in 10¹¹ requirement
- To sum up: a tradeoff exists between precision of frequency result and pinpointing when it occurred

Frequency: Point-by-point



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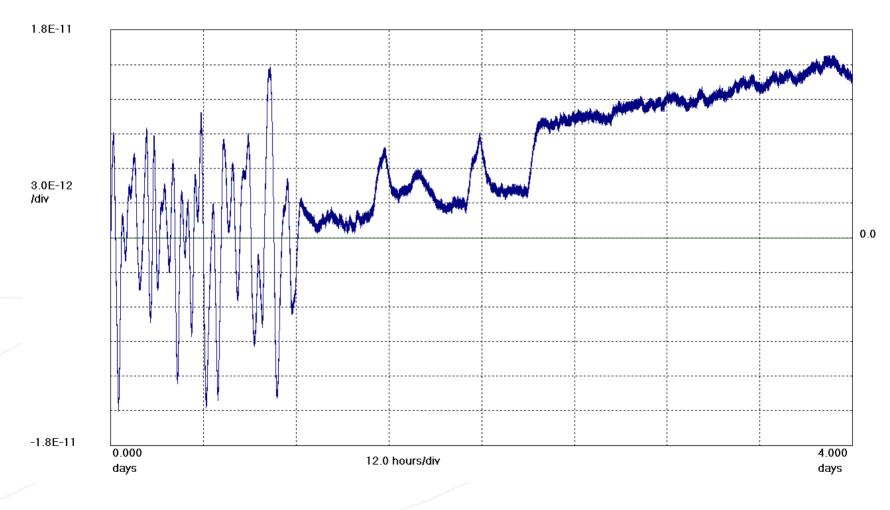
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Frequency: w/ Low Pass Filter



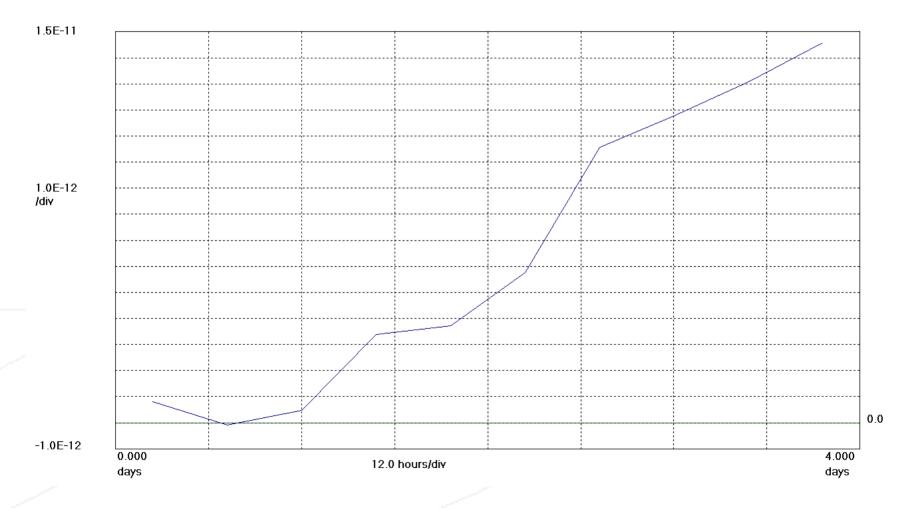
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Frequency: Segmented LSF



Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer Least square fit fractional frequency offset vs. time; N=10; 08/15/98;07:55:45 Holdover after 24 hours

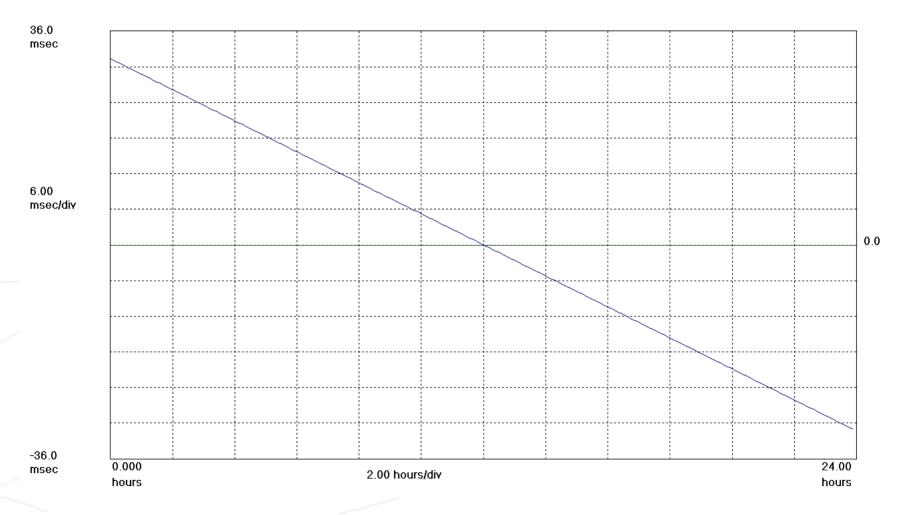




0.7 ppm on double oven quartz oscillator

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=296.3 mHz; Fo=10.000000 MHz; 03/12/97;02:37:24 Test #1423; set 97.75; #23; Fo offset = -7.255E-7; Fo reference = 10.00000000000 MHz

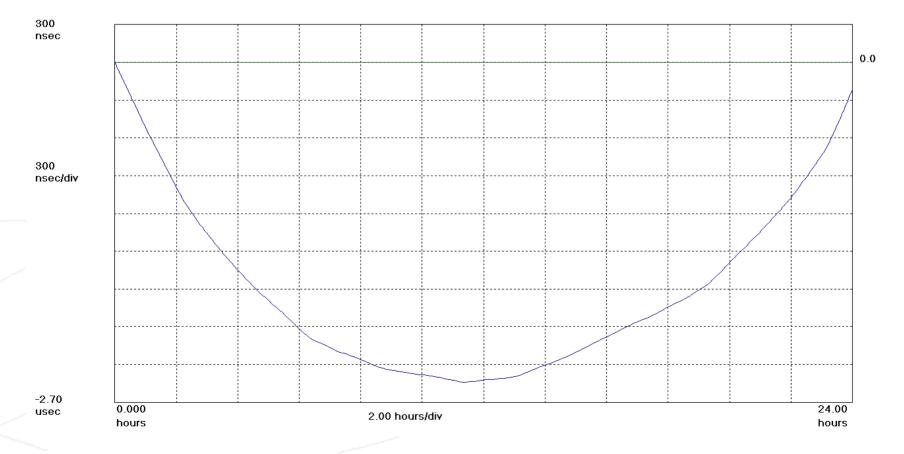




Frequency offset removed Phase deviation quadratic shape shows presence of linear frequency drift Frequency drift is 2 mHz per day or 2 · 10⁻¹⁰ per day

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Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=296.3 mHz; Fo=9.9999927 MHz; 03/12/97;02:37:24 Test #1423; set 97.75; #23; Frequency Drift Rate = 2.078 mHz/day; 2.078E-10/day;



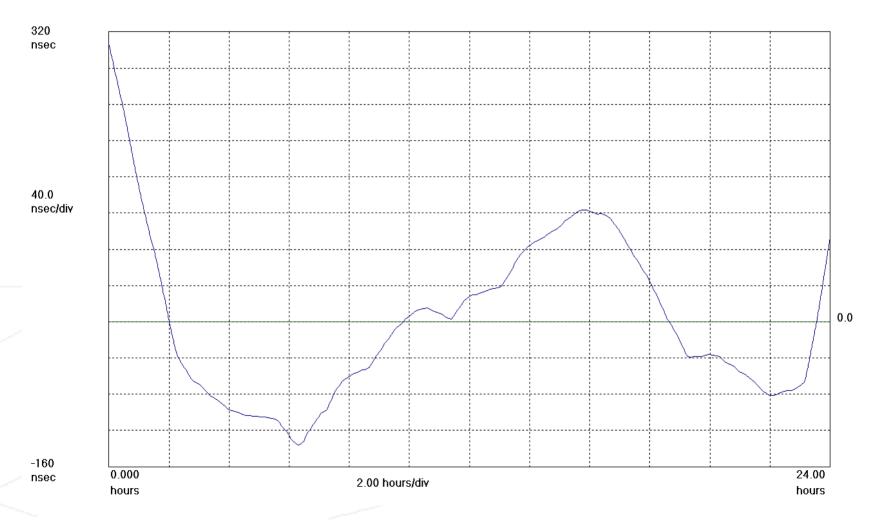
Frequency: Drift Removed



Phase deviation fit to quadratic shows residual phase movement

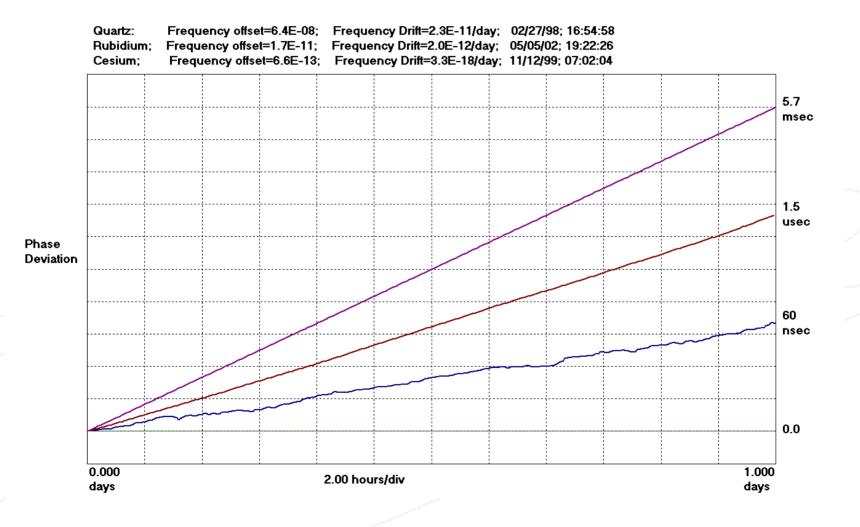
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Quartz, Rubidium, and Cesium





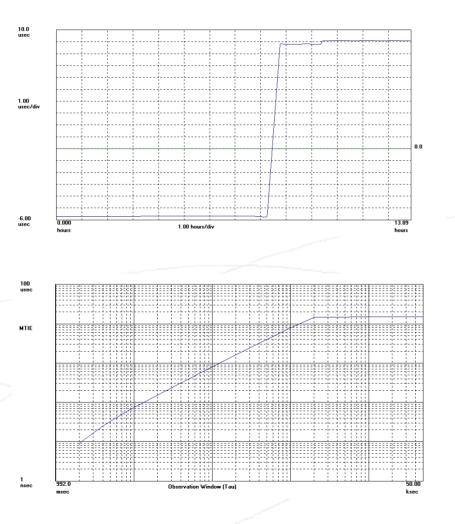
- Both MTIE and TDEV are measures of wander over ranges of values from very short-term wander to long-term wander
- MTIE is a peak detector: shows largest phase swings for various observation time windows
- TDEV is a highly averaged, "rms" type of calculation showing values over a range of integration times

MTIE: shows a step in phase



Phase

MTIE



Phase steps upwards 15 µsec about 8 hours into the measurement

MTIE flattens after a certain tau value (moving from left to right)

MTIE: shows a frequency offset



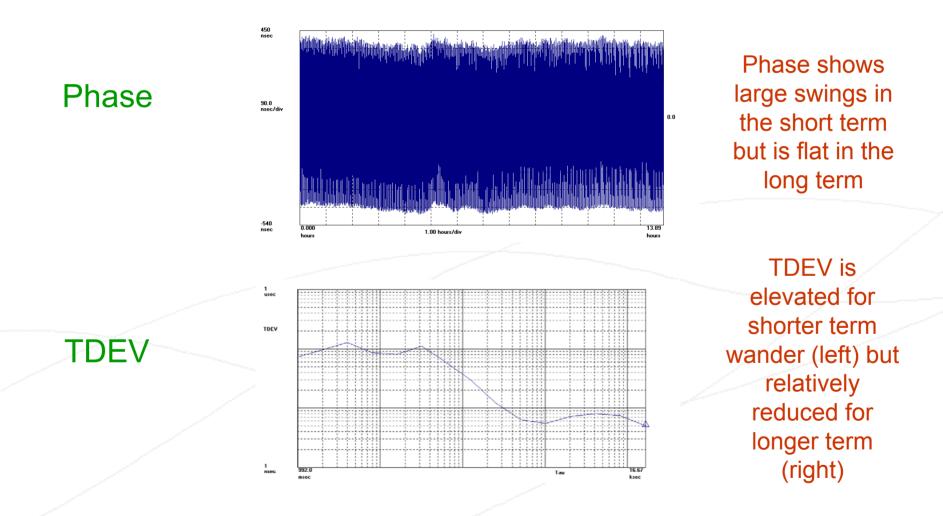
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A frequency offset is seen as a constant slope in phase

MTIE constantly increases with increasing observation time

TDEV: shows a phase modulation consistent throughout measurement





Measurement Demo



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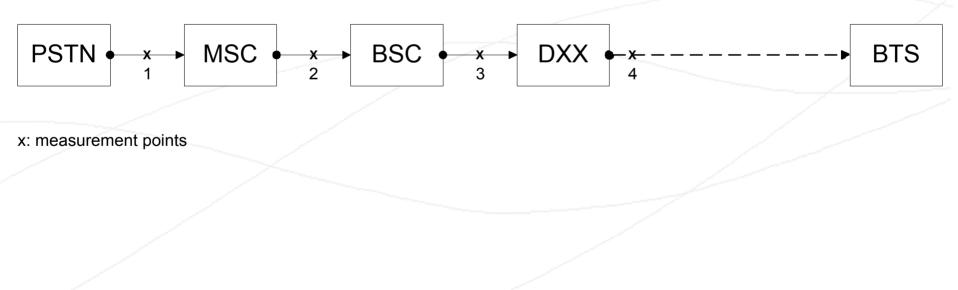
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Sync degradation with cascading: PSTN-MSC-BSC-DXX

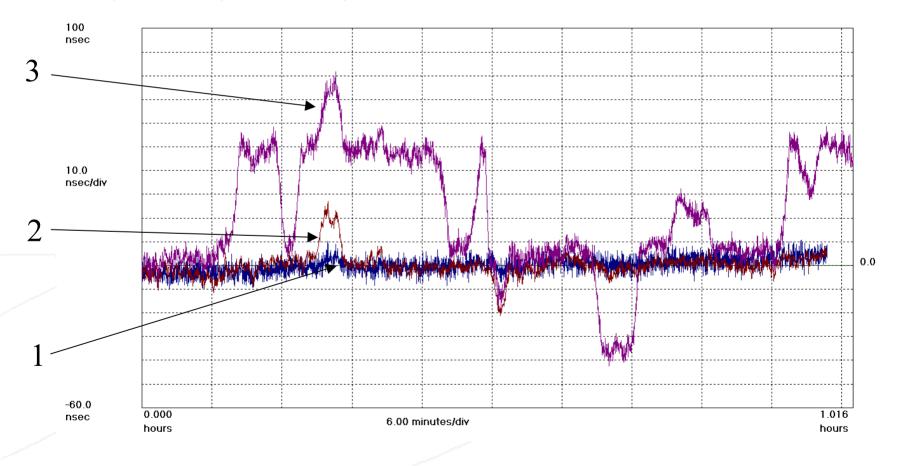






Sync degradation with cascading: PSTN-MSC-BSC-DXX 21 nsec to 48 nsec to 124 nsec to 682 nsec peak-to-peak TIE

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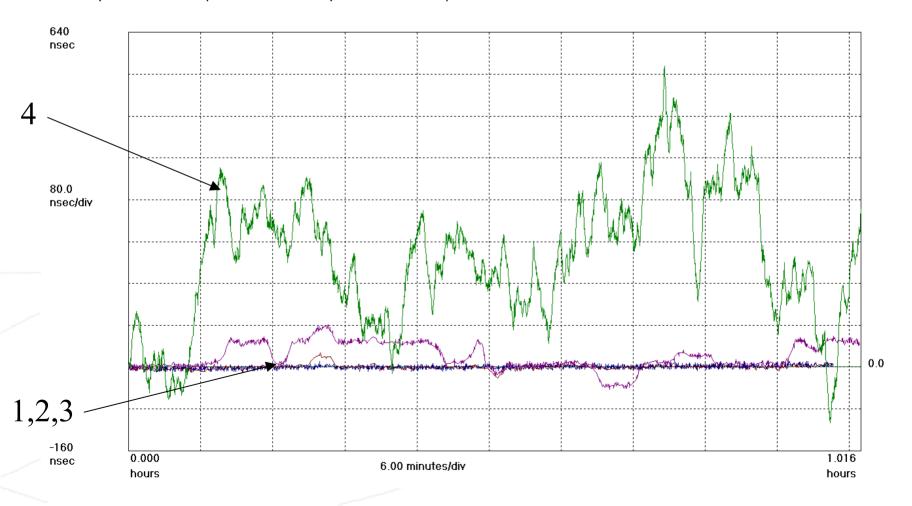




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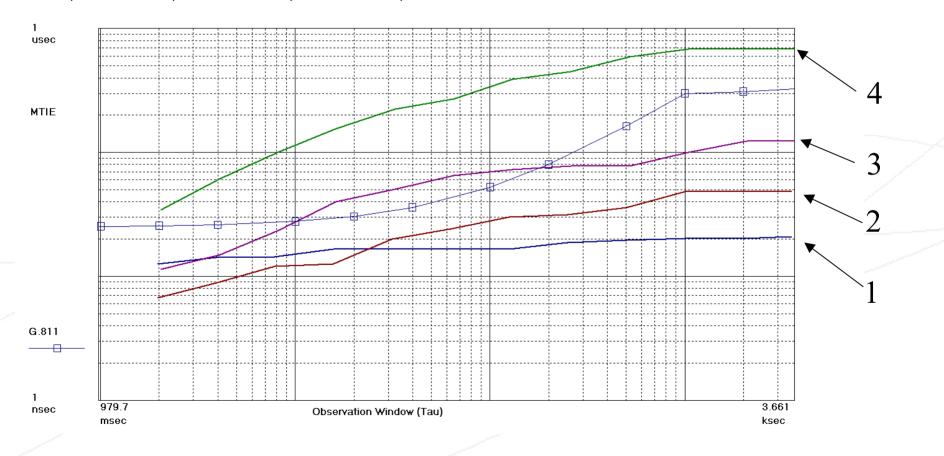
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Sync degradation with cascading: PSTN-MSC-BSC-DXX MTIE

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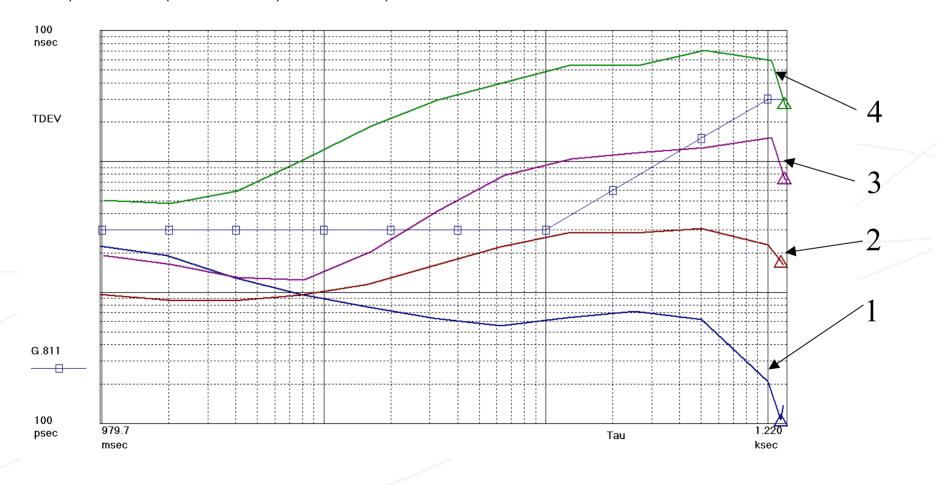




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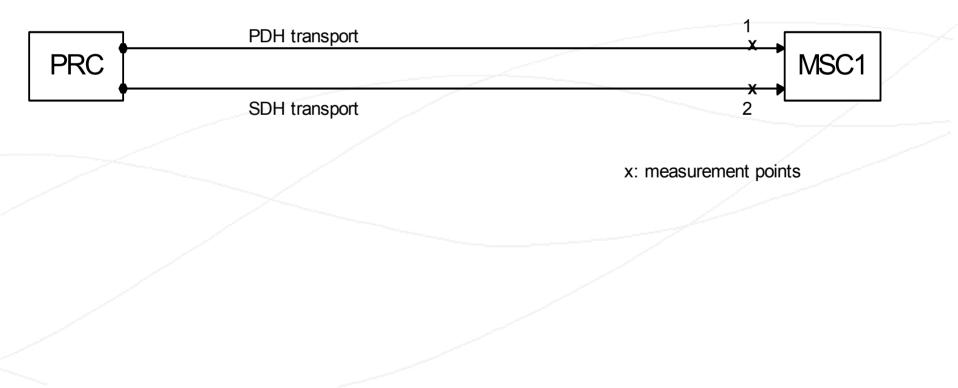
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MSC PSTN timing: PDH vs. SDH transport





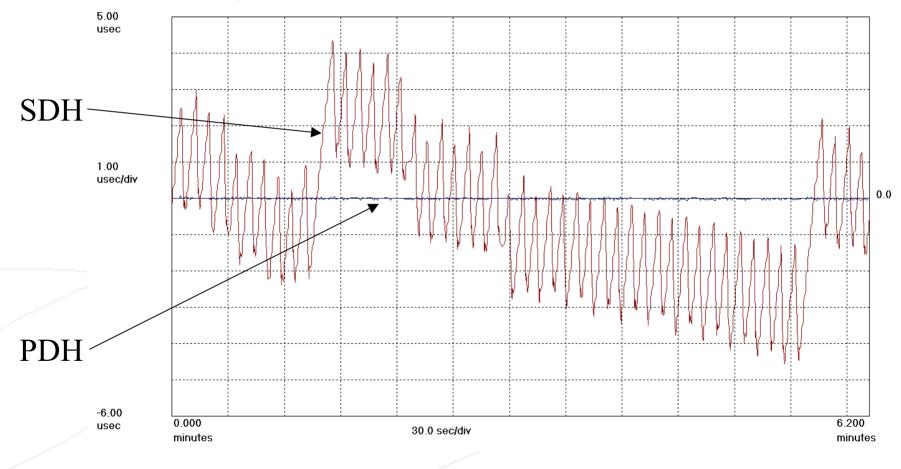
PDH vs. SDH transport

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Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=115.6 Hz; Fo=2.0480000 MHz; 08/22/01; 13:08:18

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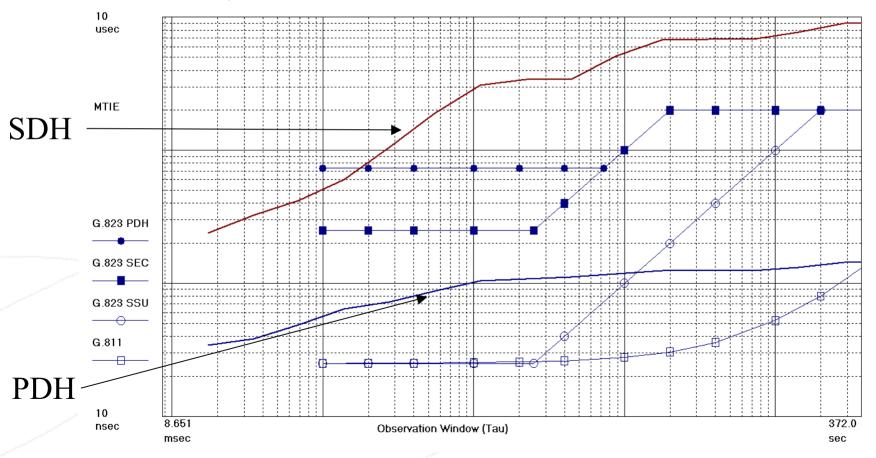




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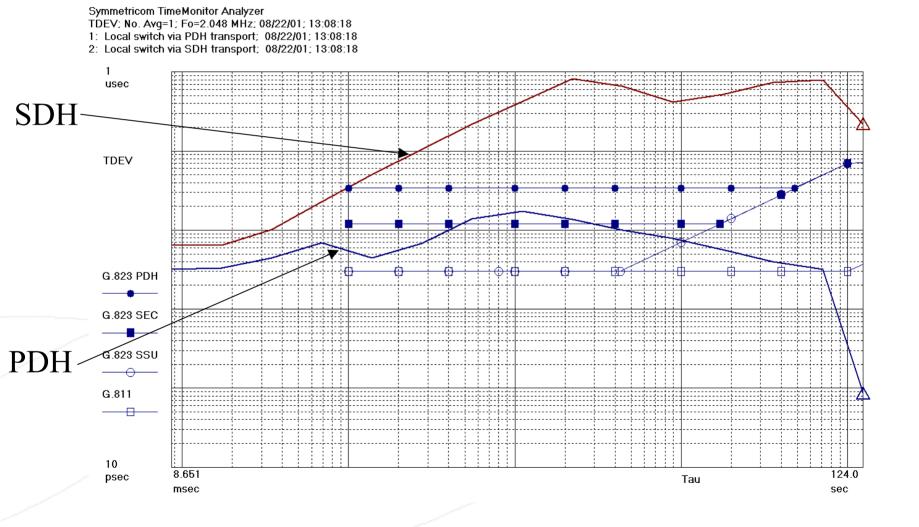
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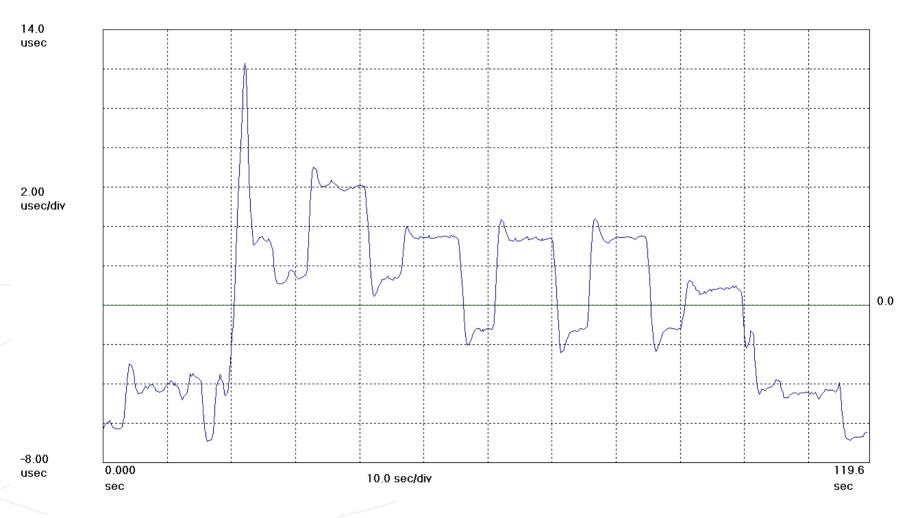


SONET pointer justifications on DS1

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=167.3 Hz; Fo=1.5440000 MHz; 02/19/98;20:57:50

DS1 transported in SONET VT payload with pointer justifications; Ymax-Ymin=2.542628863011 usec

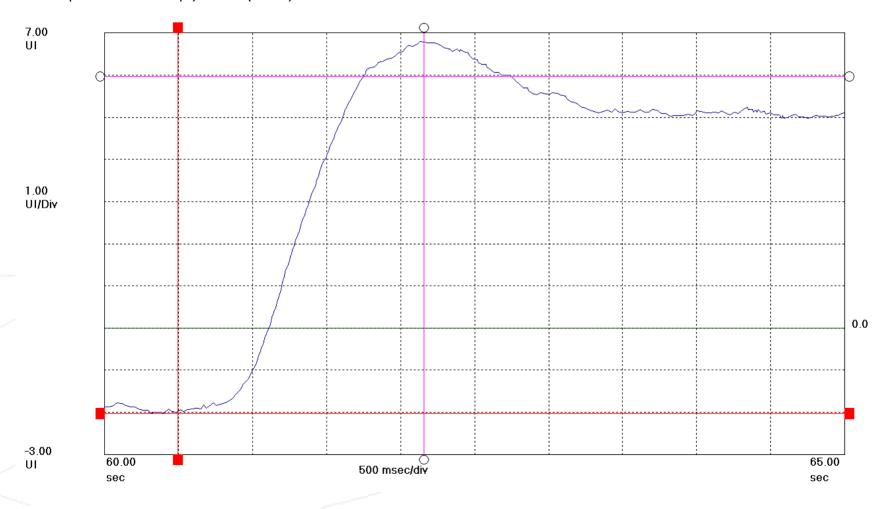




SONET pointer justifications on DS1 Zoom into 8UI phase movement

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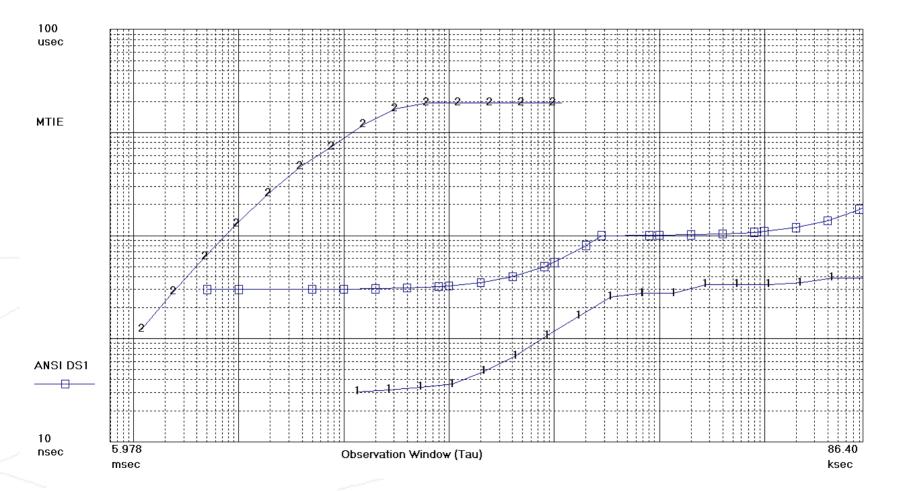
Phase shift in unit intervals; Fs=167.3 Hz; Fo=1.5440000 MHz; 02/19/98;20:57:50 DS1 transported in SONET VT payload with pointer justifications; MRK1to2> Dtime=1.662 sec; DPhase=8.001 UI; 5.182 us





SONET pointer justifications on DS1 SONET vs. PDH transport MTIE comparison

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer MTIE; Fo=1.544 MHz; Fs=1.481 Hz; 10/13/97; 14:40:33 1: PDH transport; 10/13/97; 14:40:33; 2: SONET transport; 02/19/98; 20:57:50

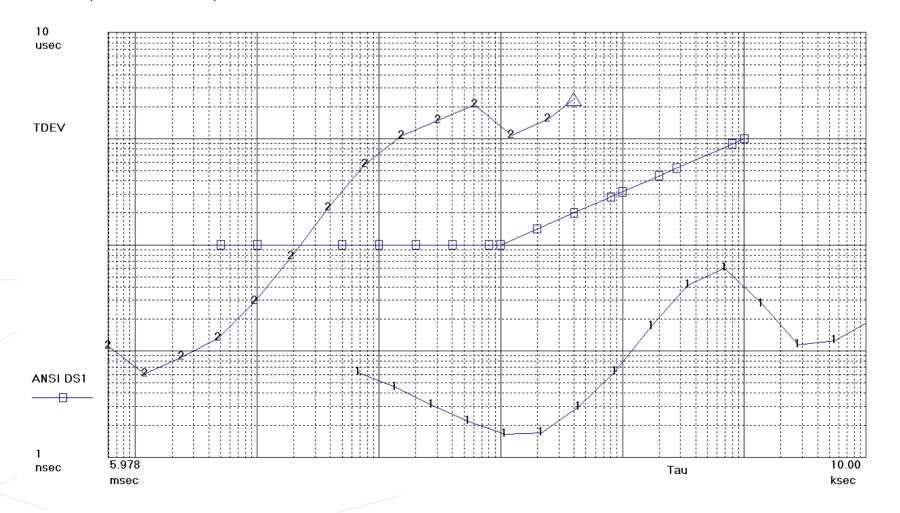




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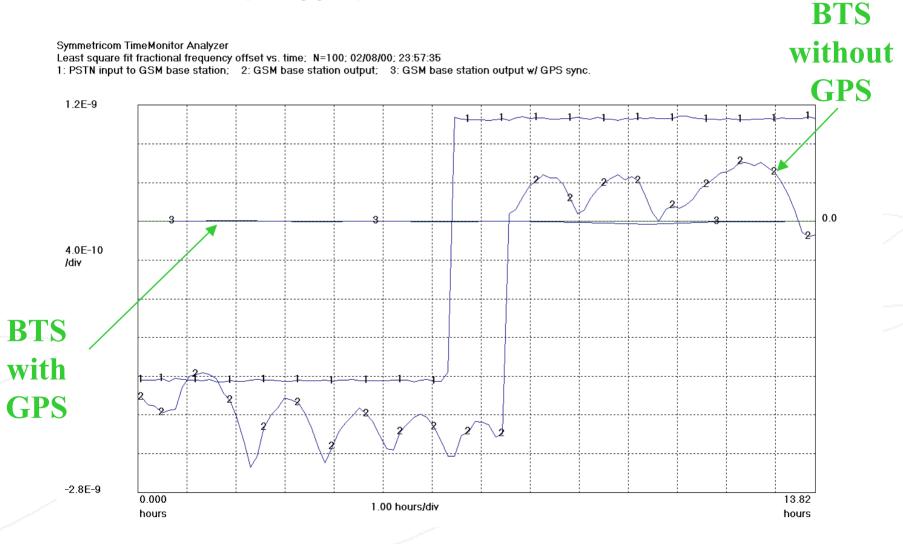
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Frequency jump from PSTN at GSM base station



Sync Measurement #5: NE Reference Switching

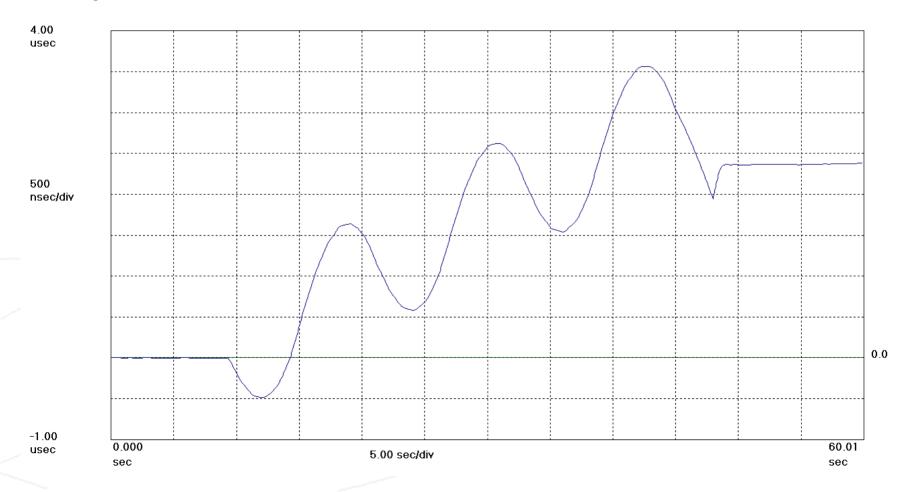


Reference switching

Phase deviation ringing and overall phase shift of 2.4 µsec

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Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=499.9 Hz; Fo=2.0480000 MHz; 08-10-1994 SDH switching from line to external 2 MHz; Ymax-Ymin=4.058982028710 usec



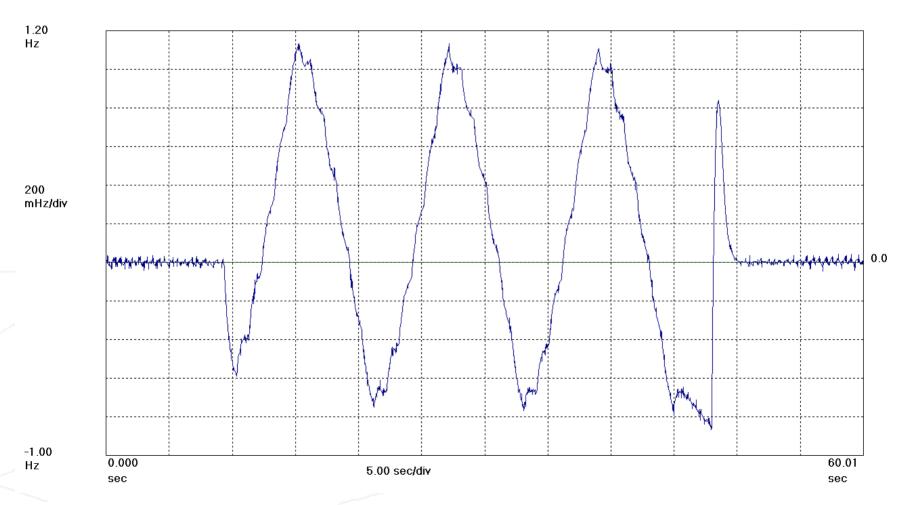
Sync Measurement #5: NE Reference Switching



Reference switching Frequency movement +/- 1 Hz

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Frequency deviation from Fo; Fs=499.9 Hz; Fo=2.048 MHz; 08-10-1994 SDH switching from line to external 2 MHz; Ymax-Ymin=2.005233108997 Hz



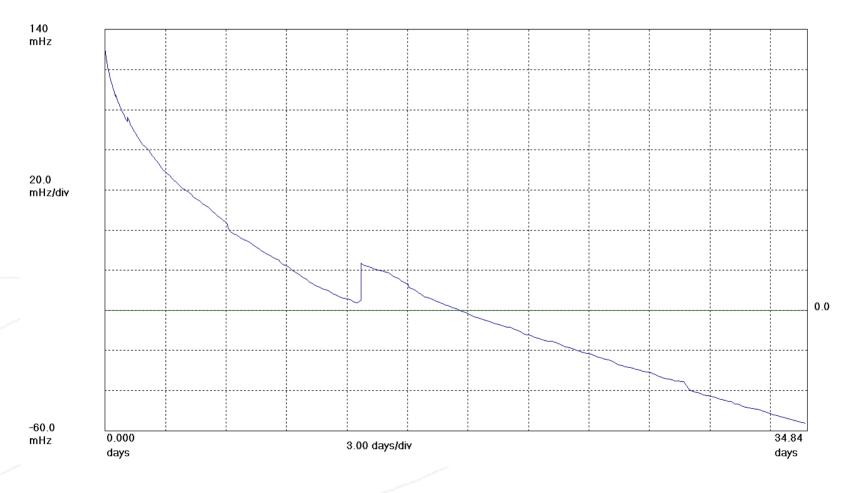
Sync Measurement #6: Oscillator Frequency Jump



Oscillator frequency jump: effect on holdover

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Frequency deviation from Fo; Fs=11.38 mHz; Fo=10.00 MHz; *3/21/97 1:43:35 PM*; *4/25/97 9:50:08 AM*; Quartz oscillator; Samples: 34259; Gate: 10 s; Freq/Time Data Only;

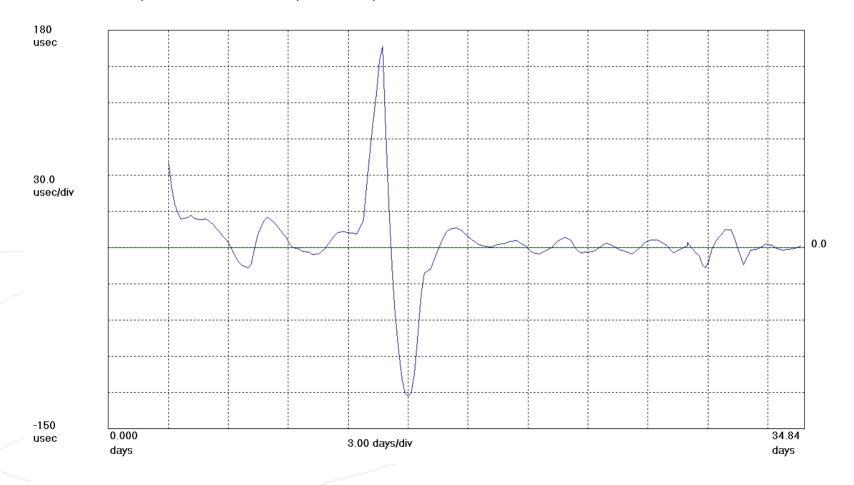




Oscillator frequency jump: effect on holdover > 150 μsec rather than 1 to 10 μsec

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Holdover vs. time; N=200; Start/Learn/Holdover(h): 0.000,48.00,24.00; *3/21/97 1:43:35 PM*; *4/25/97 9:50:08 AM*; Quartz oscillator; Samples: 34259; Gate: 10 s; Freq/Time Data Only;



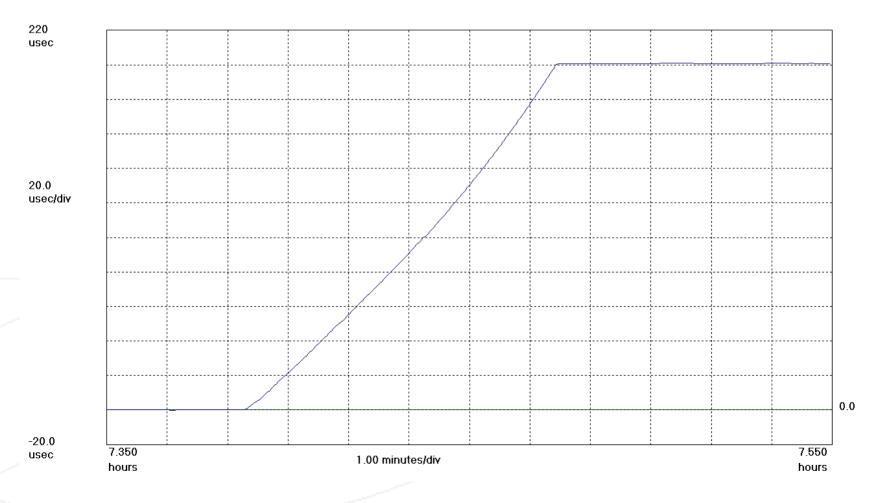
Sync Measurement #7: Microwave Link Down



Microwave link down: 200 µsec over 5 minutes

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=5.457 Hz; Fo=2.0480000 MHz; *3/3/2002 5:52:53 PM*; *3/4/2002 3:58:07 AM*; Sync while microwave link down during maintenance



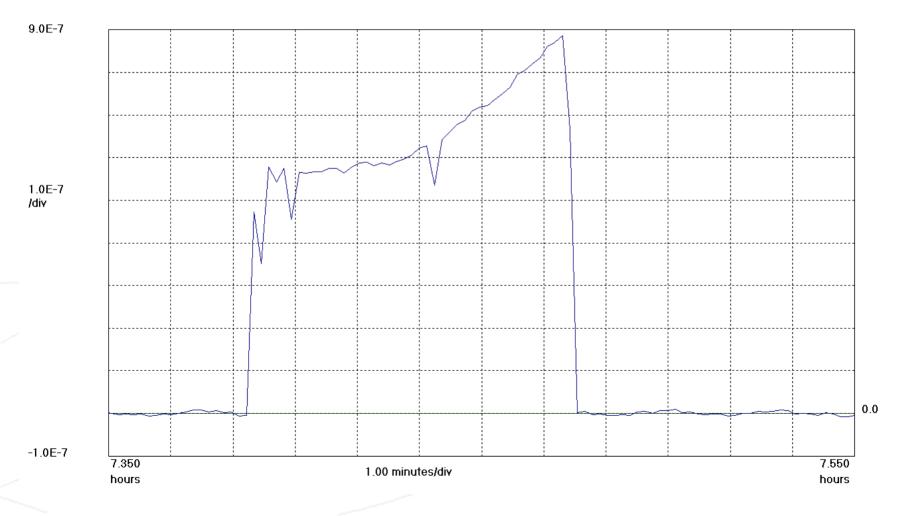
Sync Measurement #7: Microwave Link Down



Microwave link down: Frequency offset reaches 1 ppm

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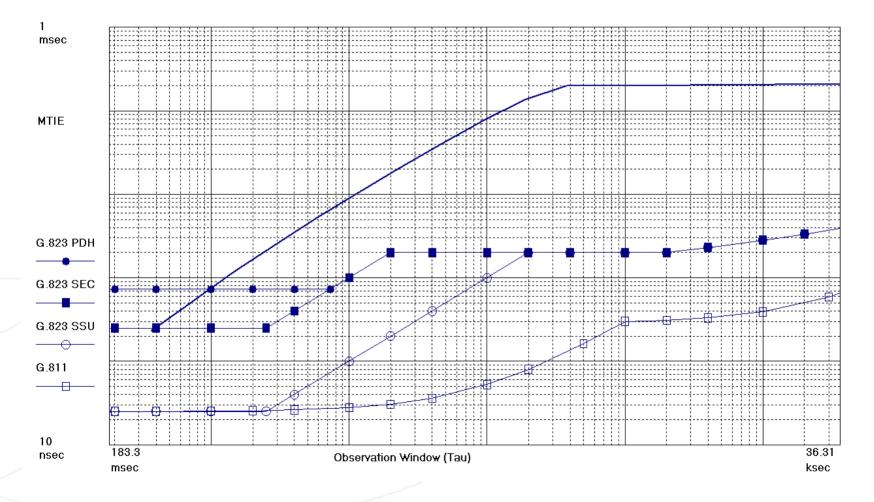
Least square fit fractional frequency offset vs. time; N=5000; *3/3/2002 5:52:53 PM*; *3/4/2002 3:58:07 AM*; Sync while microwave link down during maintenance





Microwave link down: MTIE network limits exceeded by a large margin

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer MTIE; Fo=2.048 MHz; Fs=5.457 Hz; *3/3/2002 5:52:53 PM*; *3/4/2002 3:58:07 AM*; Sync while microwave link down during maintenance

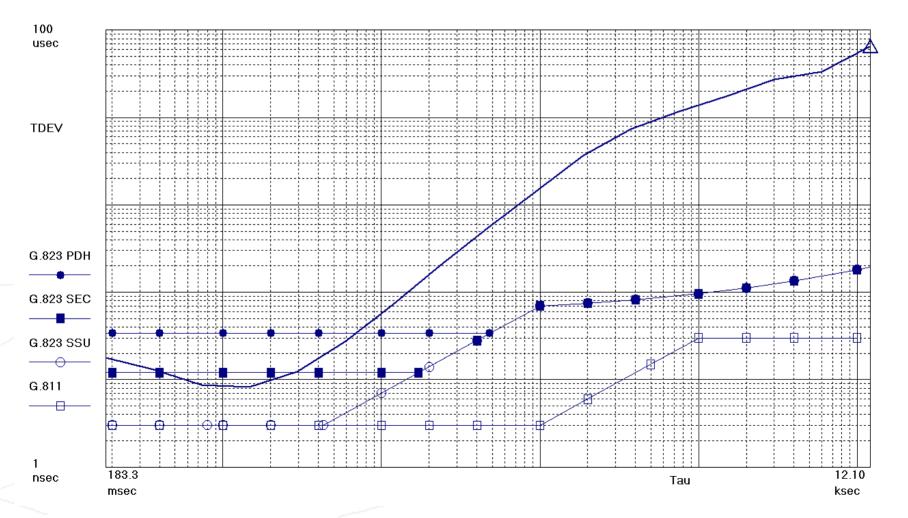




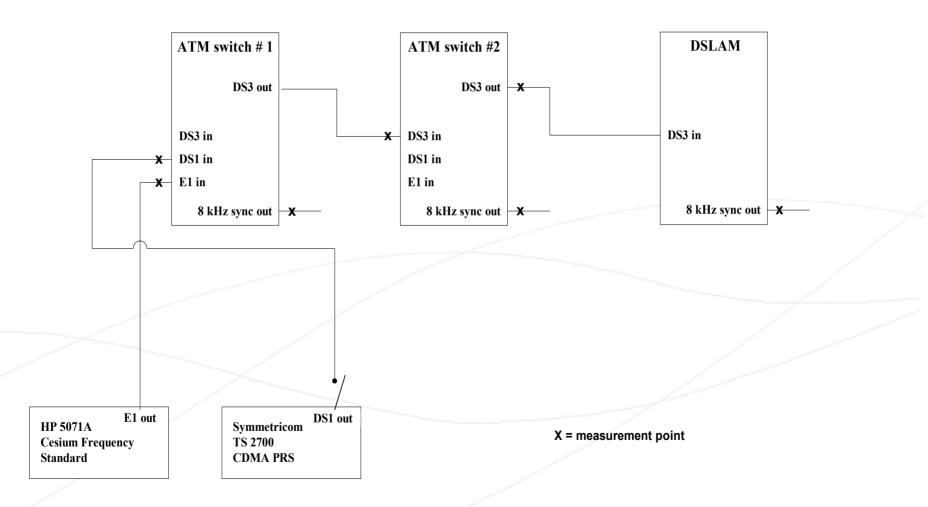
Microwave link down: TDEV network limits exceeded by a large margin

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

TDEV; No. Avg=1; Fo=2.048 MHz; *3/3/2002 5:52:53 PM*; *3/4/2002 3:58:07 AM*; Sync while microwave link down during maintenance





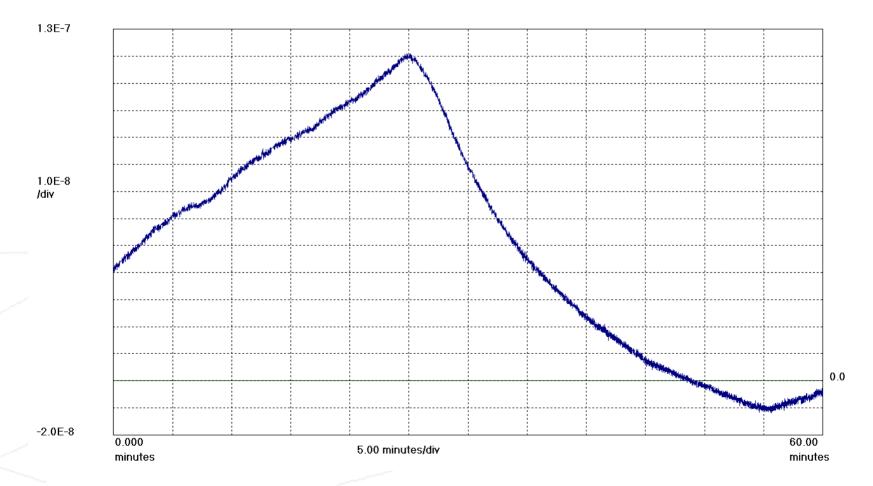




ATM switch internal oscillator Frequency drifting between –1.2 and 12 parts in 10⁸ over one hour Average frequency offset: 6.0 parts in 10⁸

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Fractional frequency offset; Fs=5.000 Hz; Fo=8.000 kHz; 11/10/99; 14:39:16 ATM switch internal clock

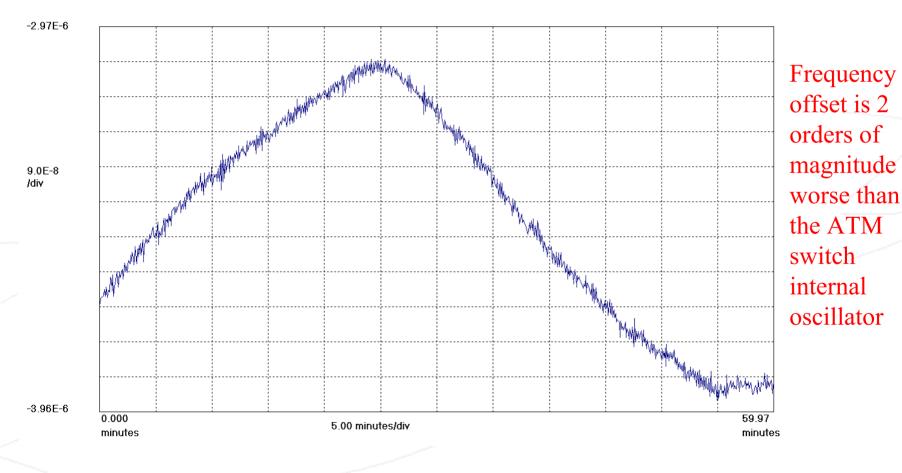




DSLAM internal oscillator Frequency drifting between –3 and –4 parts in 10⁶ over 1 hour Average frequency offset: -3.4 parts in 10⁶

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Fractional frequency offset; Fs=250.0 mHz; Fo=8.000 kHz; 11/10/99; 14:39:16 DSLAM internal clock



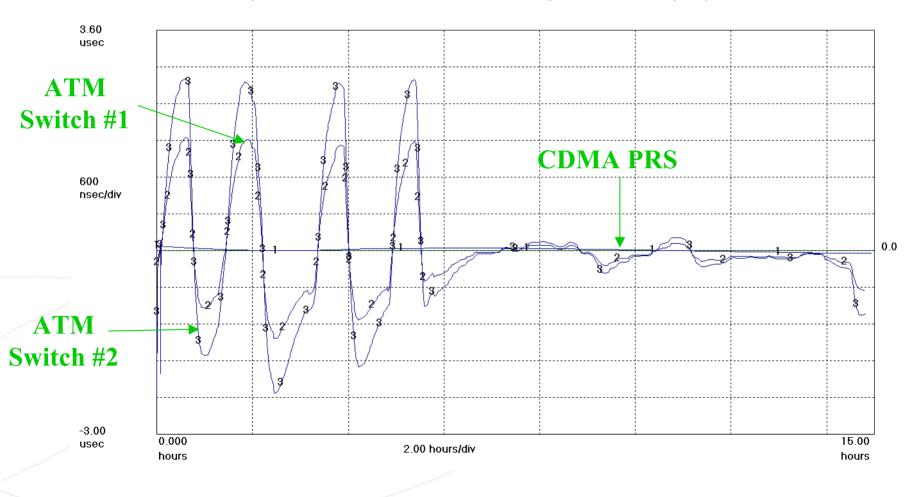


ATM switch phase-locked loop affected by daytime temperature swings from air conditioning system ($\Delta T = 20$ degrees F)

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=999.0 mHz; Fo=10.000000 MHz; 11/11/99; 17:35:29

1: CDMA PRS Receiver; 2: Primary ATM switch locked to CDMA PRS receiver; 3: Secondary ATM switch (locked to primary ATM);





DSLAM w/ External Sync

Does not really synchronize to external signal: 2.5 parts in 10⁸ frequency offset!!

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=1.000 Hz; Fo=8.0000000 kHz; 11/10/99; 17:44:52 DSLAM switch locked to ATM switch (with ATM switch locked to cesium clock); Fo offset = 2.529E-8

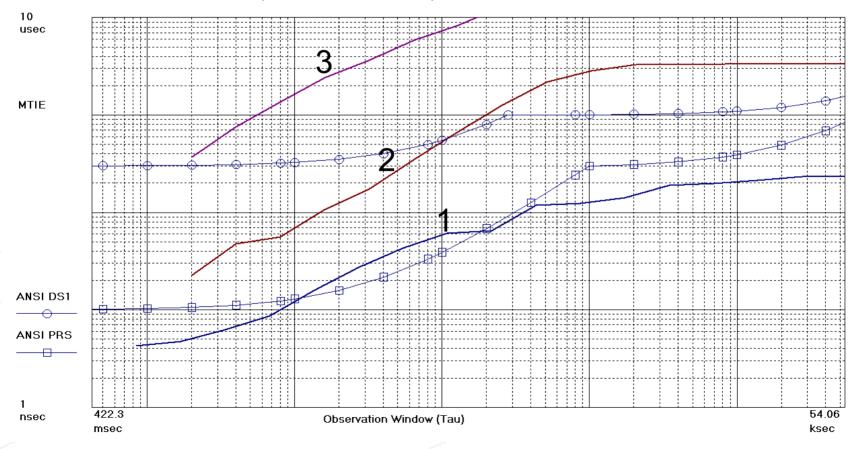
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ATM vs. ATM Δ T vs. DSLAM

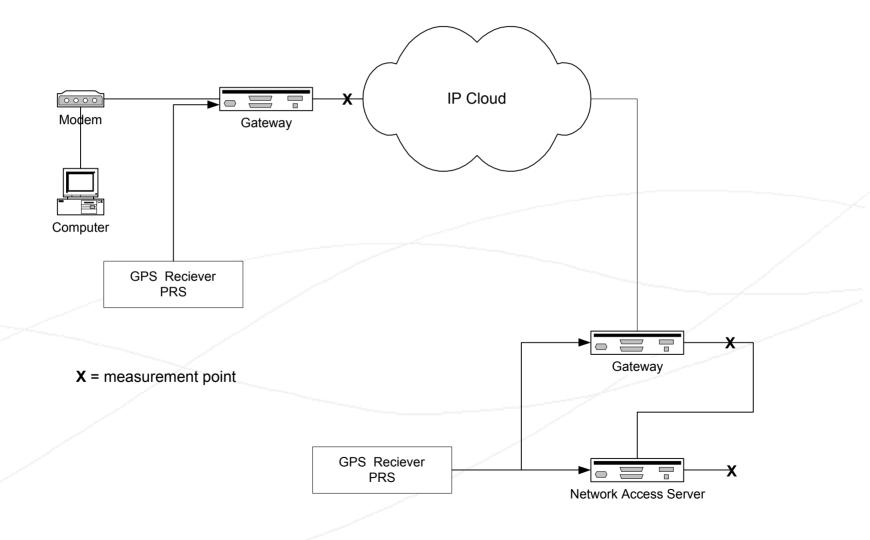
Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

- MTIE: 1: ATM switch locked to PRS with constant temperature
 - 2: ATM switch locked to PRS with temperature fluctuations due to improperly functioning air conditioning system
 - 3: DSLAM switch locked to ATM switch (with ATM switch locked to PRS)





Modem over IP fails without synchronization

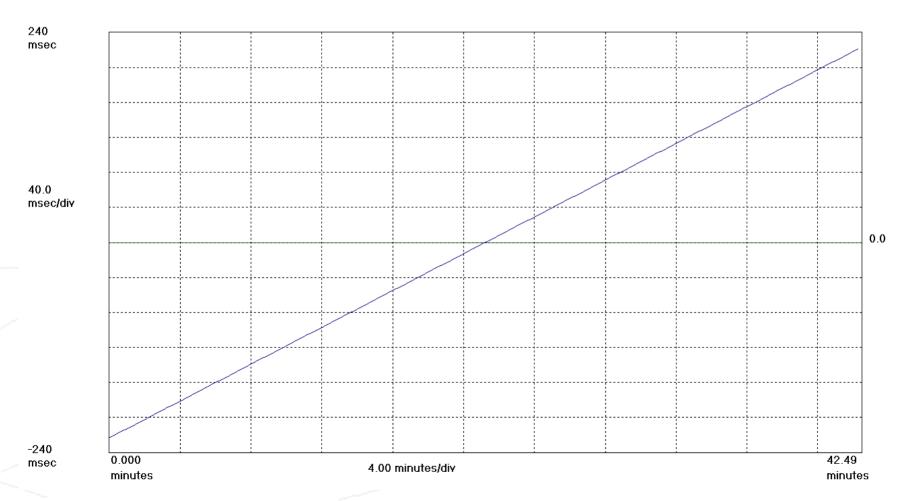




IP network access server internal oscillator 175 ppm: much worse than stratum 4 requirement of 32 ppm

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=10.04 Hz; Fo=1.5440000 MHz; 04/10/00; 12:40:54 NAS free-run; Fo offset = 270.6 Hz; 1.752E-4; Fo reference = 1.544000000000 MHz





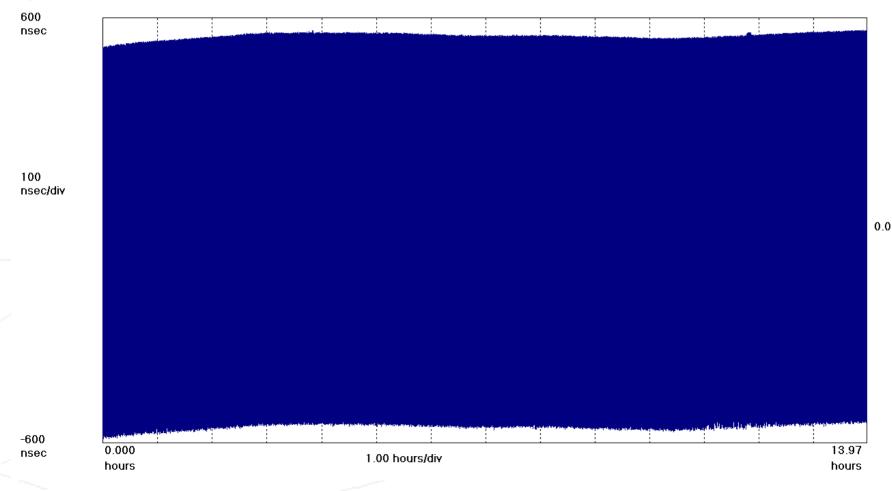
IP network access server locked to external PRS reference Short-term wander at 1.15 µsec peak-to-peak

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=5.089 Hz; Fo=1.5440000 MHz; 04/12/00; 19:02:00

HP E1725 Time Interval Analyzer

Voip1 locked to GPS; Ymax-Ymin=1.154499045697 usec





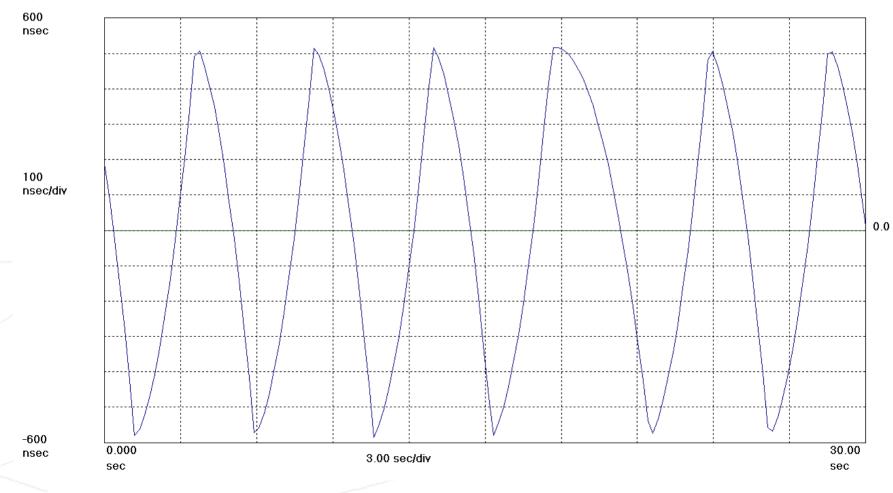
IP network access server locked to external PRS reference Zoom into first 30 seconds: wander pattern observed

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=5.089 Hz; Fo=1.5440000 MHz; 04/12/00; 19:02:00

HP E1725 Time Interval Analyzer

Voip1 locked to GPS; Ymax-Ymin=1.154499045697 usec



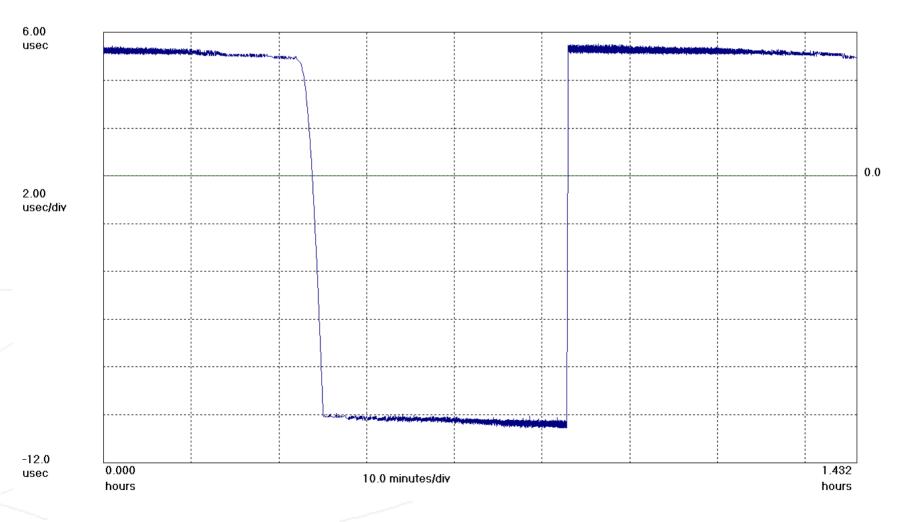
Sync Measurement #10: HDSL: Unsuitable for Sync Transport



HDSL DS1: 15 µsec phase steps every 30 minutes

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=49.66 Hz; Fo=1.5440000 MHz; *4/1/2002 4:40:20 PM*; *4/1/2002 6:06:15 PM*; HDSL at 9000 feet

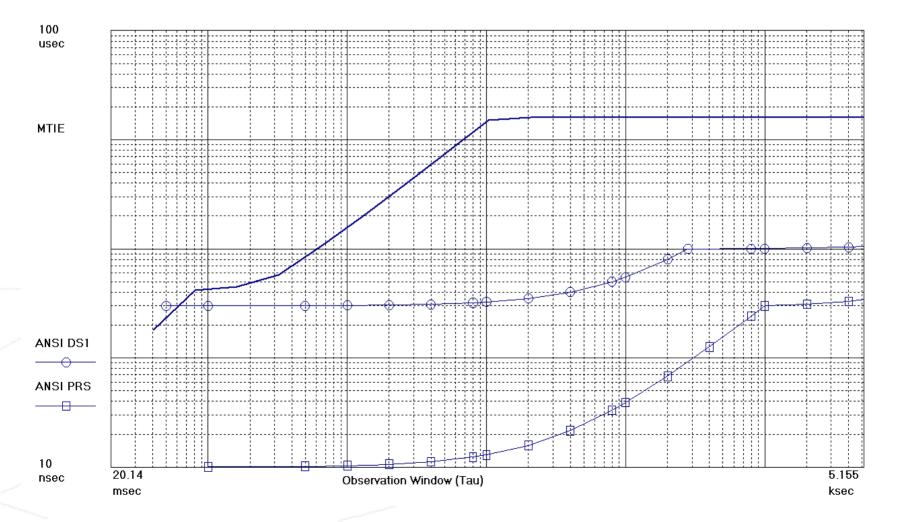




HDSL DS1: ANSI T1.101 DS1 MTIE requirement exceeded by a large margin

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

MTIE; Fo=1.544 MHz; Fs=49.66 Hz; *4/1/2002 4:40:20 PM*; *4/1/2002 6:06:15 PM*; HDSL at 9000 feet



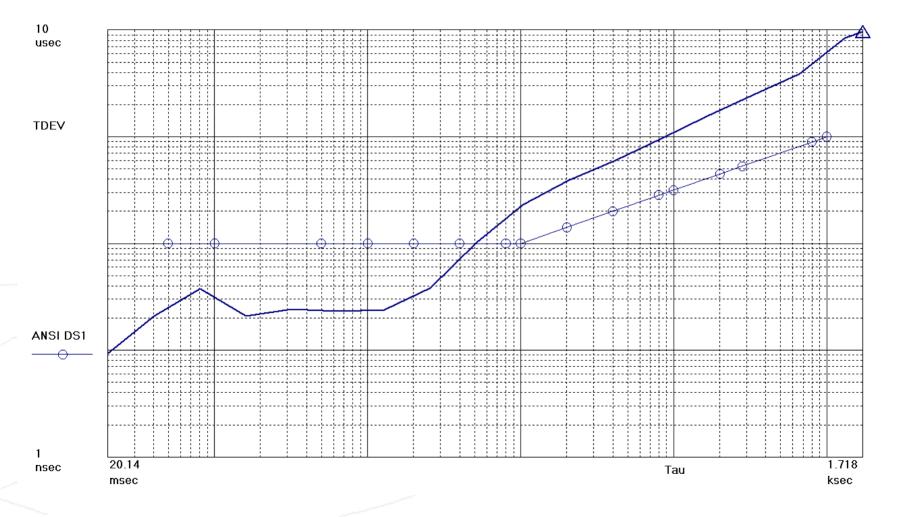
Sync Measurement #10: HDSL: Unsuitable for Sync Transport



HDSL DS1: ANSI T1.101 DS1 TDEV requirement exceeded by a large margin

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

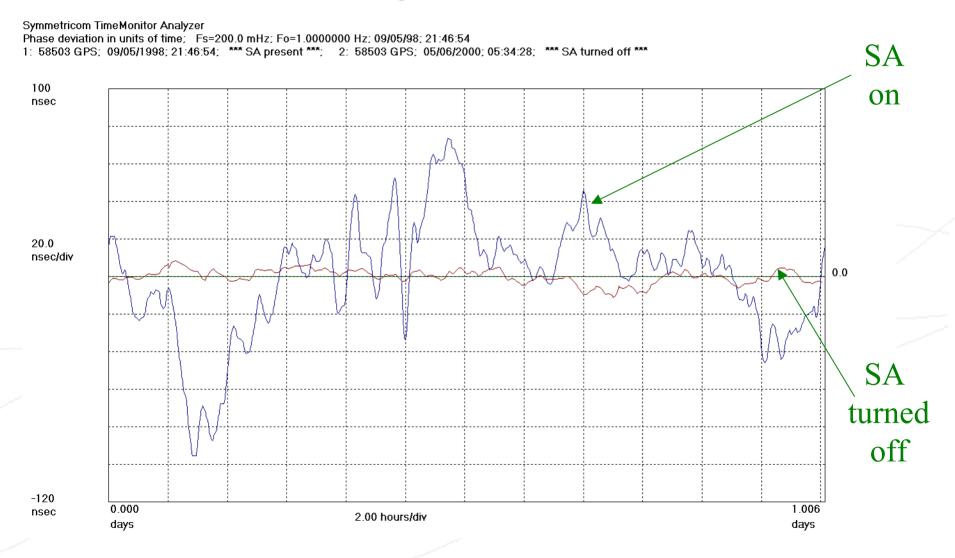
TĎEV; No. Avg=1; Fo=1.544 MHz; *4/1/2002_4:40:20 PM*; *4/1/2002_6:06:15 PM*; HDSL at 9000 feet



Sync Measurement #11: GPS: Effect of SA Being Turned Off



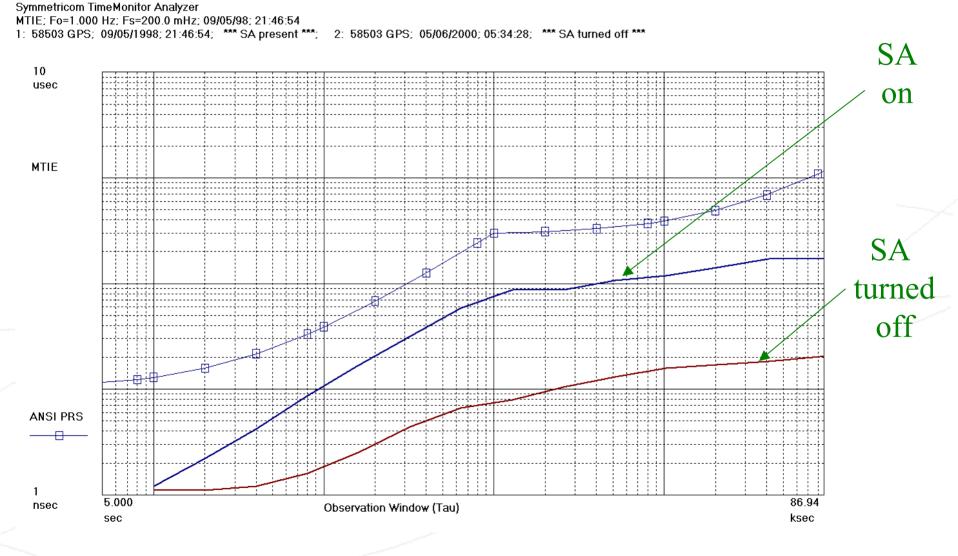
Effect of turning off SA on GPS receivers



Sync Measurement #11: GPS: Effect of SA Being Turned Off



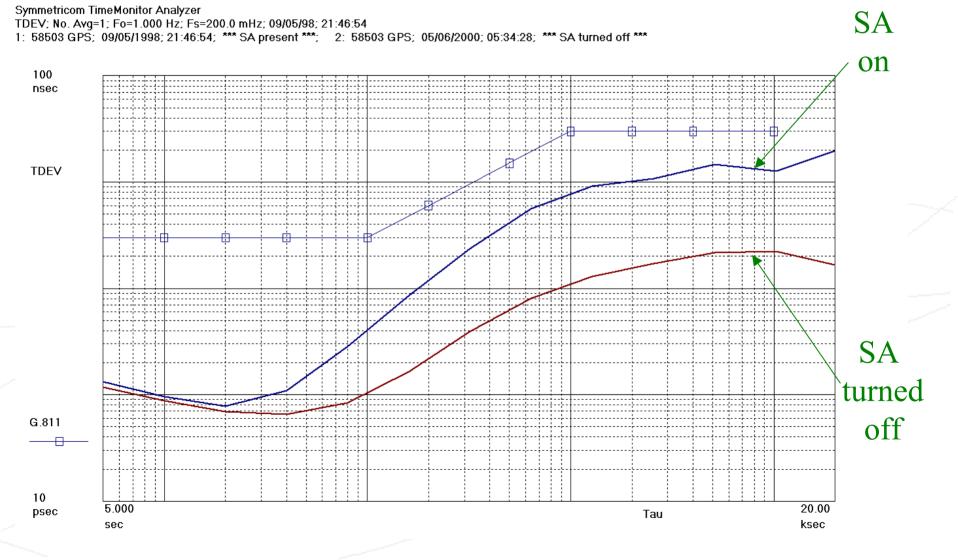
Effect of turning off SA on GPS receivers: MTIE



Sync Measurement #11: GPS: Effect of SA Being Turned Off



Effect of turning off SA on GPS receivers: TDEV

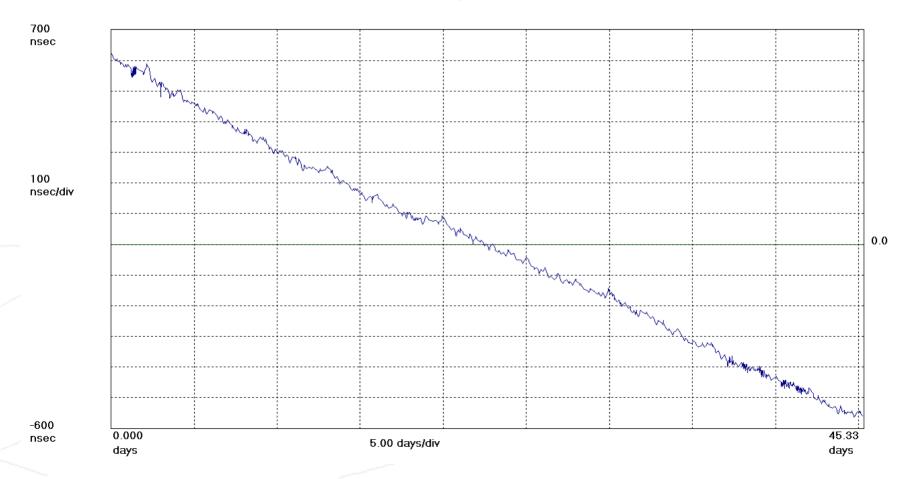




Measuring cesium clock offset with GPS: -2.7 parts in 10¹³ 24 hour measurement: cesium can be used to measure GPS 45 day measurement: GPS can be used to measure cesium

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=33.33 mHz; Fo=1.0000000 Hz; *6/19/2000 11:09:59 AM*; *8/3/2000 7:07:14 PM*; HP 53132A time interval counter; GPS receiver measured vs. cesium clock 45 days

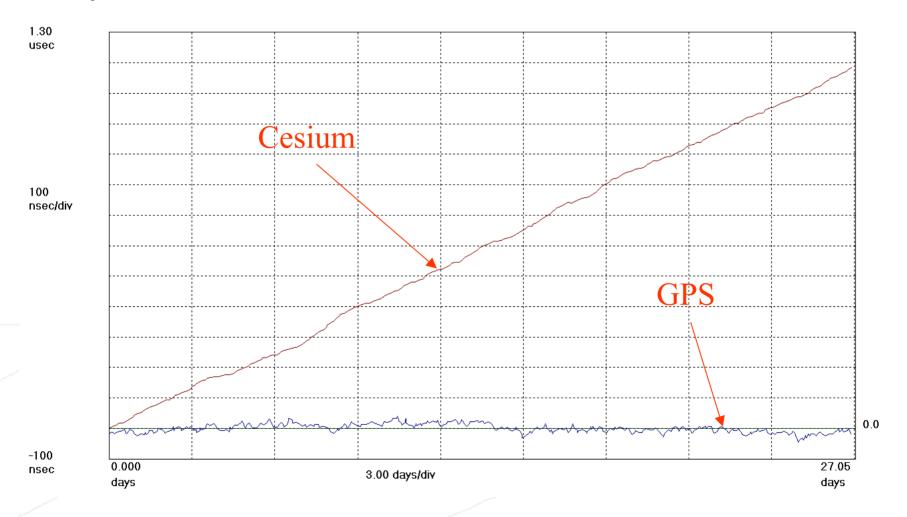


Sync Measurement #12: GPS vs. Cesium



Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

Phase deviation in units of time; Fs=33.33 mHz; Fo=1.0000000 Hz; 06/24/00; 10:38:59 1: GPS timing receiver; 06/24/2000; 10:38:59; 2: Cesium clock; 11/10/1999; 07:43:42



Sync Measurement #12: GPS vs. Cesium



Intersect point at 12.7 hours Both meet PRS requirements by a large margin

Symmetricom TimeMonitor Analyzer

MTIE; Fo=1.000 Hz; Fs=33.33 mHz; 06/24/00; 10:38:59

1: GPS timing receiver; 06/24/2000; 10:38:59; 2: Cesium clock; 11/10/1999; 07:43:42

