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Definition and Realization of the System Time of COMPASS/BeiDou Navigation Satellite System

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- The system time (BDT) is an internal, continuous navigation time scale, without leap second
- The basic unit is the SI second
- The largest unit used to stating BDT is one week, defined as 604,800 seconds
- BDT is counted with the week number (WN) and the second of week (SoW)
- The zero point is 1 January 2006 (Sunday) UTC 00h00m00s



- BDT is realized in a conception of composite clock
- BDT is maintained by a time and frequency system (TFS) located at the master control station (MCS)





Time deviation of a hydrogen

clock referred to BDT







Frequency stability of the clock





Time accuracy : $< 2 \times 10^{-14}$ Long stability : $< 1 \times 10^{-14} / 1$ day $< 6 \times 10^{-15}$ /5 days < 5×10⁻¹⁵ /10 days $< 6 \times 10^{-15}$ /30days Time deviation: |BDT-UTC| < 100ns (modulo one second)

Time difference between BDT and UTC (NTSC)



Circle Content of BDT with respect to UTC calculated Through UTC (NTSC)



The observed time difference between **BDT and GPST**



Satellite time synchronization

- Two-way time and frequency transfer is used between satellites and ground stations
- ✓ Time prediction :

$$\Delta T \equiv T - t = a_0 + a_1(t - t_0) + a_2(t - t_0)^2$$

 a_0 , a_1 , a_2 and t_0 are given in the NAV data

Station time synchronization

Two-way satellite time and frequency transfer (TWSTFT) are used between the master control station and the up-loading stations.

All the clock offsets are controlled within a limited range with the frequency and phase control.



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- RDSS one-way time service: uncertainty :100ns \rightarrow 50ns (referred to BDT)
- RDSS two-way time service

uncertainty :20ns \rightarrow 10ns

RNSS one-way time service

uncertainty : 50ns

C improvements and developments

Accurate relation of BDT to UTC TWSTFT

Fiber time and frequency transfer

✓ Long stability of BDT

the time keeping clocks

the hardware and software of TFS

Circling Improvements and developments

• GNSS time monitor system

observe the time differences calculate the system time offset broadcast the parameters in BD NAV data.

