

**RECOMMENDED VALUES OF STANDARD FREQUENCIES  
FOR APPLICATIONS INCLUDING THE PRACTICAL REALIZATION  
OF THE METRE AND SECONDARY REPRESENTATIONS OF THE  
DEFINITION OF THE SECOND**

**HYDROGEN  $^1\text{H}$  ATOM ( $f \approx 1233$  THz)**

**$^1\text{H}$  neutral atom, 1S – 2S unperturbed optical transition**

**1. Recommended value [1] of the frequency:**

$$f(^1\text{H}) = 1\ 233\ 030\ 706\ 593\ 514 \text{ Hz}$$

equivalent to

$$\lambda(^1\text{H}) = 243\ 134\ 624.626\ 044 \text{ fm},$$

with an estimated relative standard uncertainty of  $9 \times 10^{-15}$ .

Note: The 1S - 2S transition is excited by two photons of the frequency 1 233 THz

**2. Source data**

Adopted value

$$f(^1\text{H}) = 1\ 233\ 030\ 706\ 593\ 514 \text{ Hz} \quad u_{\text{c}}/y = 9 \times 10^{-15}$$

calculated from

$2 \times f(^1\text{H}) / \text{Hz}$	$u / \text{Hz}$	source data
2 466 061 413 187 035	10	[2]
2 466 061 413 187 018	11	[3]

as a weighted mean of the above values divided by two.

Given the noticeable drift of the values of the past measurements [3] and the fact that the values come from a single laboratory the CCTF considered it prudent to attribute an increased standard uncertainty by a factor of three.

**3. References**

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