

# Active Hydrogen Maser VCH-2021

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VCH-2021 is the first successful realization of hydrogen maser with a single state selection system. It demonstrates absolutely record frequency stability for active H-masers.

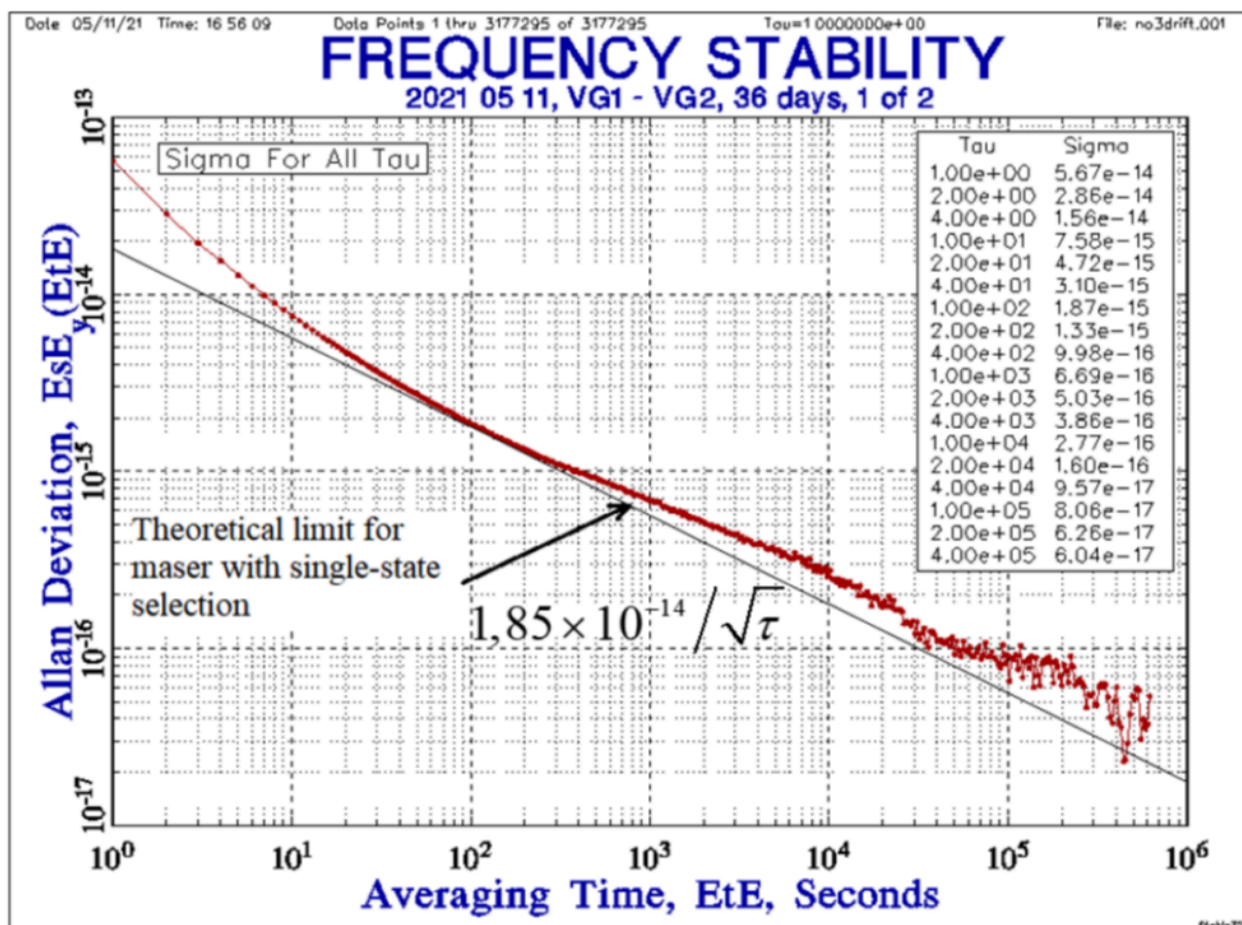
Best technologies including internal stand-alone Cavity Auto Tuning system are inherited from the previous model VCH-1003M.

New option: optical output with wavelengths 1310 nm and 1550 nm.

## **Key Applications:**

- National Time Keeping Service.
- Deep space tracking and navigation.
- VLBI systems.
- GNSS satellite monitoring.

## **Factory test results**



Polyakov V., Timofeev Y. and Demidov N., “Frequency Stability Improvement of an Active Hydrogen Maser with a Single-State Selection System,” 2021 Joint Conference of the European Frequency and Time Forum and IEEE International Frequency Control Symposium (EFTF/IFCS), 2021, pp. 1-4, doi: 10.1109/EFTF/IFCS52194.2021.9604270.

## Specifications

### Output signals:

- sine: 5 MHz; 10 MHz, 100 MHz,  $1 \pm 0.2$  V RMS into 50 Ohms;
- pulse: 1 Hz, Amplitude:  $>2.5$  V into 50 Ohms, width:  $(15 \pm 5)$   $\mu$ s.  
Rise time  $<2$ ns, positive polarity;
- optical: wavelengths 1310 nm and 1550 nm, modulated by 100 MHz and 1 Hz signals, respectively; power of optical radiation (0.1-1) mW.

**Metrological characteristics are given in the table:**

**Frequency stability (Allan deviation) 5 MHz, 10 MHz, 100 MHz**

	Standard	Option L	
Averaging time, $\tau$	3 Hz measuring bandwidth	0.5 Hz measuring bandwidth	3 Hz measuring bandwidth
1 s	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$7.0 \cdot 10^{-14}$

10 s	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$0.9 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-14}$
100 s	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-15}$
1000 s	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-15} *$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-15} *$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-15} *$
1 hour	$8.0 \cdot 10^{-16} *$	$8.0 \cdot 10^{-16} *$	$8.0 \cdot 10^{-16} *$
1 day	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-16} *$ (typical value $8.0 \cdot 10^{-17}$ )	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-16} *$ (typical value $8.0 \cdot 10^{-17}$ )	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-16} *$ (typical value $8.0 \cdot 10^{-17}$ )

\* Specified only under laboratory conditions: ambient temperature in the range  $\pm 0.1$  °C, changing rate  $< 0.3$  °C/hour. ADEV at 1 day is specified for measurements with removed linear frequency drift

Frequency drift is no more  $2.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$  per day at release and no more  $3.0 \cdot 10^{-16}$  per day after 1 year of continuous operation.

Temperature sensitivity:  $\leq 1.5 \cdot 10^{-15}$  / °C.

Magnetic sensitivity:  $\leq 5 \cdot 10^{-15}$  /Gauss.

Frequency trim range:  $1 \cdot 10^{-10}$ .

Frequency setting resolution:  $10^{-16}$ . Manual synchronization to external 1 PPS TTL signal in the range:  $\pm 15$  ns.

#### Phase noise (SSB Phase Noise, dBc/Hz):

	Standard			Option L		
Offset from carrier	5 MHz	10 MHz	100 MHz	5 MHz	10 MHz	100 MHz
1 Hz	$\leq -118$	$\leq -112$	$\leq -92$	$\leq -130$	$\leq -121$	$\leq -100$
10 Hz	$\leq -135$	$\leq -129$	$\leq -109$	$\leq -148$	$\leq -135$	$\leq -115$
100 Hz	$\leq -149$	$\leq -143$	$\leq -122$	$\leq -151$	$\leq -145$	$\leq -125$
1 kHz	$\leq -156$	$\leq -149$	$\leq -122$	$\leq -158$	$\leq -150$	$\leq -130$
10 kHz	$\leq -158$	$\leq -153$	$\leq -153$	$\leq -158$	$\leq -153$	$\leq -153$
100 kHz	$\leq -158$	$\leq -153$	$\leq -153$	$\leq -158$	$\leq -153$	$\leq -153$

**Harmonic distortion:**  $\leq -40$  dBc (for 5 MHz output).

**Non-harmonic distortion:**  $< -100$  dBc in the range from 10 Hz to 10 kHz.

**Full data monitoring and functions control. Application software running under Microsoft Windows and Linux.**

**Operating temperature range:** 10...30 °C.

**Storage temperature range:** -30...50 °C.

**Power supply:** AC(85÷264)V, (49÷51)Hz; DC(24÷27)V.

**Power consumption:** 150 V·A (AC), 100 W (DC).

**Weight:** <115 kg.

**Weight in shipping container:** <200 kg.

**Dimensions (W×H×D):** 445×950×625mm.

**Warranty:** 3 years (7 years extended).

**Lifetime:** 15 years.