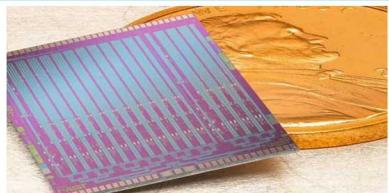


PJVS at Sandia's Primary Standards Laboratory



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Introduction – Sandia National Labs

Sandia National Laboratories

- Albuquerque, NM
- Nuclear Security Enterprise (NSE)
 - National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) – part of DOE
 - NSE consists of 8 sites across the U.S.
- Mission
 - *“Sandia develops advanced technologies to ensure global peace”*



Introduction – Primary Standards Lab at SNL

Primary Standards Laboratory

- Function: NIST equivalent for NSE
- Mission:
 - *“The qualification and reliability of every product in the NSE is based upon measurements traceable to the SI through the PSL”*
- Primary and secondary labs
 - Mechanical, electrical, radiation/optics
- Who are PSL customers?
 - Customers from other NSE sites
 - Internal SNL customers
 - 14,632 calibrations per year
- PSL Strategic Plan
 - Partner and align with NIST
 - Independent means of realizing SI units (V and Ω)



Why does PSL-SNL need DC voltage intrinsic standard?

Why Quantum Standard at PSL?

- Eliminate the need to send items to NIST for calibration
 - Reduce chance of damage
 - Reduce unwanted wear and tear on instruments
 - Reduce down-time for PSL and PSL customer
 - In some cases, reduce risk of battery failure and calibration information being lost

PJVS – Programmable Josephson Voltage Standard

- Quantum Standard for DC Voltage

DC Voltage Standards

- ~90 Fluke 732B DC Voltage Standards that require calibration through PSL
- Customers:
 - PSL Primary Lab
 - NSE calibration labs
 - SNL customers
- Accuracy → $\pm 2 \mu\text{V/V}$ ($\pm 2 \text{ ppm}$) → manufacturer 1 year spec. at 10V



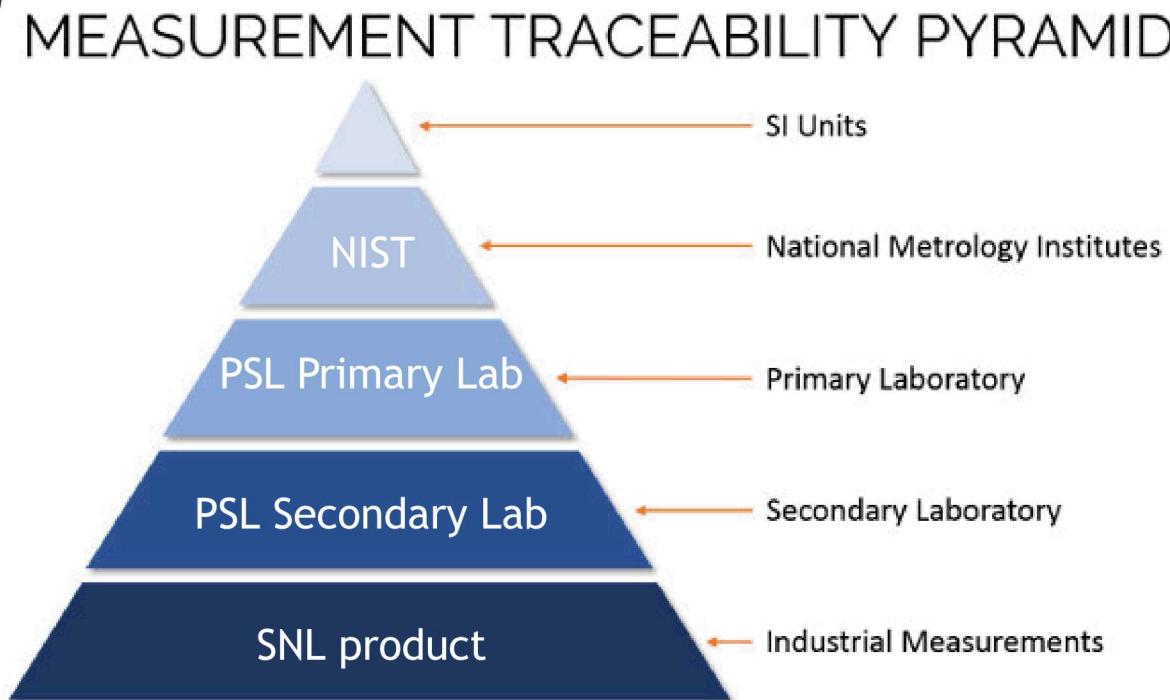


PJVS resides in the DC Electrical Lab at the PSL

Accuracy requirements for Fluke 732B:

- Accuracy → $\pm 2 \mu\text{V/V}$ ($\pm 2 \text{ ppm}$)
 - Need standard that meets TUR 4:1 to calibrate Fluke 732B
- SNL product accuracy
 - Must meet TUR 4:1 to Secondary Lab which must meet TUR 4:1 to Primary Lab → TUR 16:1
 - **Many products at SNL have tight tolerances which requires tight tolerances on standards**

PSL conventional JVS for many years (20+ years)



Timeline of PJVS at PSL

Fall 2017 – PSL purchased PJVS

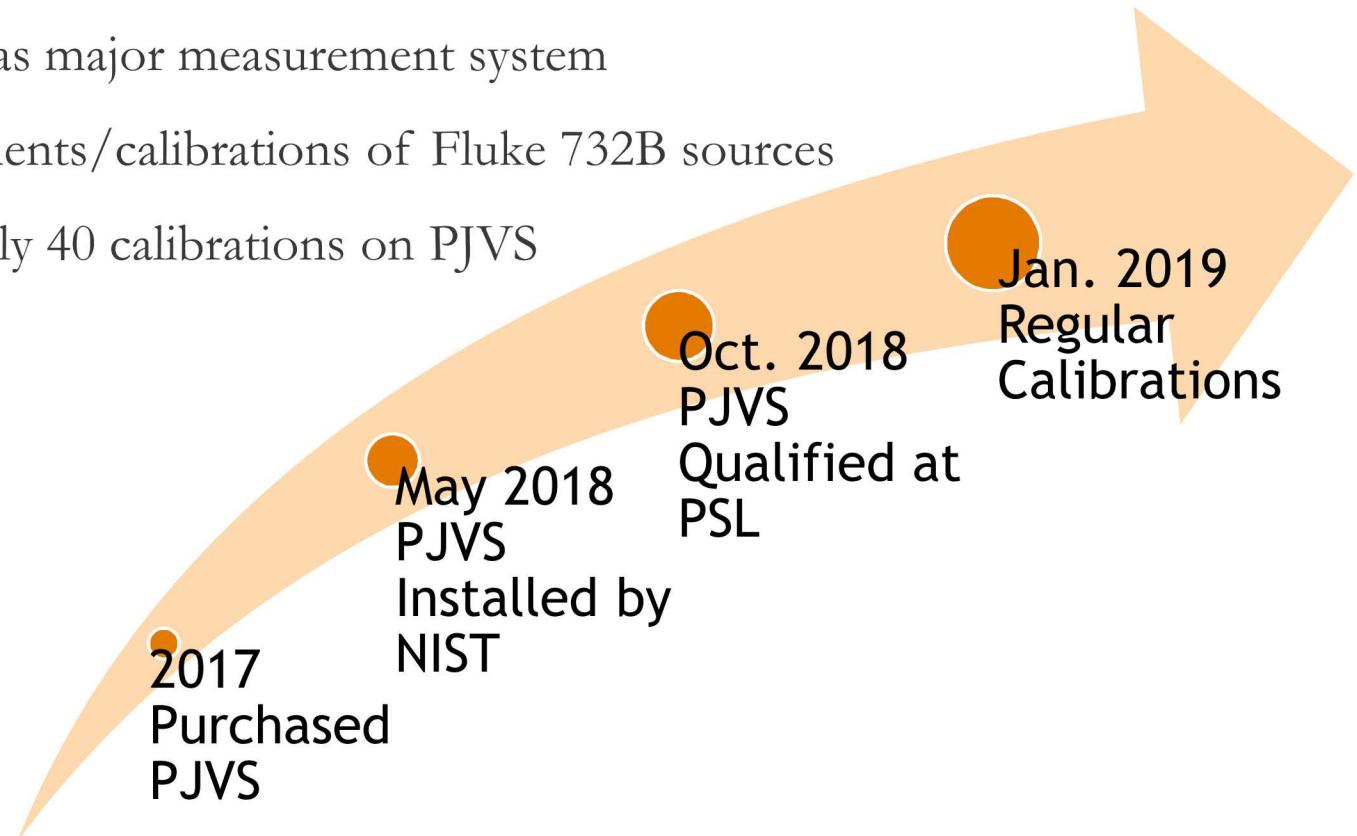
May 2018 – PJVS Installed

May/June 2018 – System qualified by NIST

Fall 2018 – System qualified by PSL as major measurement system

Fall 2018 – Started regular measurements/calibrations of Fluke 732B sources

Jan 2019 – present – Performed nearly 40 calibrations on PJVS



Benefits to PJVS vs. Conventional JVS

Automatic tuning

- Old JVS required manual tuning of microwave frequencies and power requirements (~several hours)
- Shortens measurement setup time (hours vs. minutes)
- Prevents loss of data during overnight measurements (“wandering” optimal microwave frequencies periodically occur)

Automated software – “plug and play”

Runs on closed-cycle refrigerator

- c-JVS required He transfer
 - \$10,000 per year in He purchases
 - Caused limited scheduling of JVS use

Safety

- Liquid He transfer
- Frozen air plugs creating cryogenic hazard
- Work stoppage / system stress when JVS electronics have to be warmed up then cooled down in a controlled manner when the system ran out of He due to supply chain issues

Up-to-date equipment

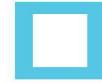
- Old JVS system had an archaic oscilloscope and other old equipment

Smaller footprint



Summary of Benefits of Owning PJVS

PJVS Cryopackage



Ease of use

- No He transfer
- Automatic tuning
- Easy to follow software
- Short set-up time
- Efficient
- Analysis software included

Reduce the time and cost of calibration

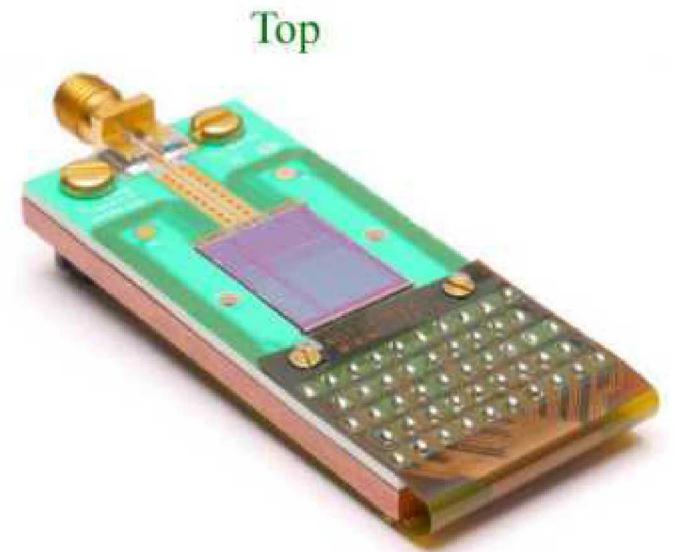
- Multiple hour set-up time with c-JVS down to minutes setup time with PJVS

No need to ship artifacts to NIST

PJVS has improved quality and safety in the lab

Excellent communication with NIST

- Knowledgeable and fast response time



Top



Bottom

Moving forward

PJVS: Expand capabilities to calibrate DVM, calibrators, etc.

PJVS: How do we ensure it is giving correct values?

- Inter Laboratory Comparisons (ILC) and Proficiency Tests (PT)
- Assurance the PJVS is working correctly
- Monitor, control chart, etc.

PJVS: Software improvements

JAWS system

- To be installed Fall 2019
- FY20 and beyond – R&D with NIST
- JAWS/PJVS measurements
- Partnerships with NIST

NIST JAWS system



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