

Automatic processing INT sessions with nuSolve software

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Script mode of vSolve

Script support

- Qt library provides an engine for ECMAScript (standardized Java script).
- vSolve exports its types, objects and functions to make them accessible to the script engine.
- A script is a plain ASCII file that vSolve reads and executes line by line.
- In a script a user can read a session, change models, parameterization, obtain a solution, save a report, store a new version of the session, and so on.



Script mode of vSolve

Applications of script mode

Using the script mode allows to automate many operations.

- Arthur Niell (Haystack Observatory) used the script mode to process VGOS sessions and KOKEE mixed mode observations.
- Eskil Varenius (Onsala Observatory) processed ONTIE19 (9 databases), ONTIE20 (16 databases), VGOS-B (16 databases) sessions using the script mode. Later, he adjusted the script to analyze phase delays from these sessions.
- Nicole Geiger (USNO) developed a script to process INT type sessions.
- At Goddard we use the script mode for various purposes.



Script autoINT.js

Script

Initially, when the script mode appeared in vSolve, a script pia4INT.js has been created and included in a distribution. Script autoINT.js is derived from script pia4INT.js.

Operations

- Read a database. If version greater than 3, reset all editings.
- Set parameters for estimation: clocks offset and rates only. Get single band delay solution for S-band.
- Check group delay ambiguity in S-band. Get solution, check outliers.
- Check group delay ambiguity in X-band. Get solution, check outliers.
- Evaluate ionosphere corrections.
- Set parameters for estimation: clocks, zenith delays, dUT1 or baseline vector.
- Perform reweighting/outlier processing loop.
- Obtain a final solution.
- Save a report in spool file format.

Script process one database at a time. A spool file and additional output are stored in predefined directories.

Verification of a solution

To compare results of running `autoINT.js` script with a human solution, a simple script was created. The script reads a database, set up parameters and obtain a final solution using editings stored in the database. Then, a spool file and similar addition output are stored.

To compare two versions of editings, the following results of a final solution were used:

- Numbers of observations: total, usable and processed.
- WRMS of the solution.
- dUT1: a posteriori value, adjustment and standard deviation.

Comparison of script and operator solution: 2183 INT sessions from January 2017 – March 2022 (S/X and VGOS). Solutions for 1091 sessions are identical, 1092 sessions are different.

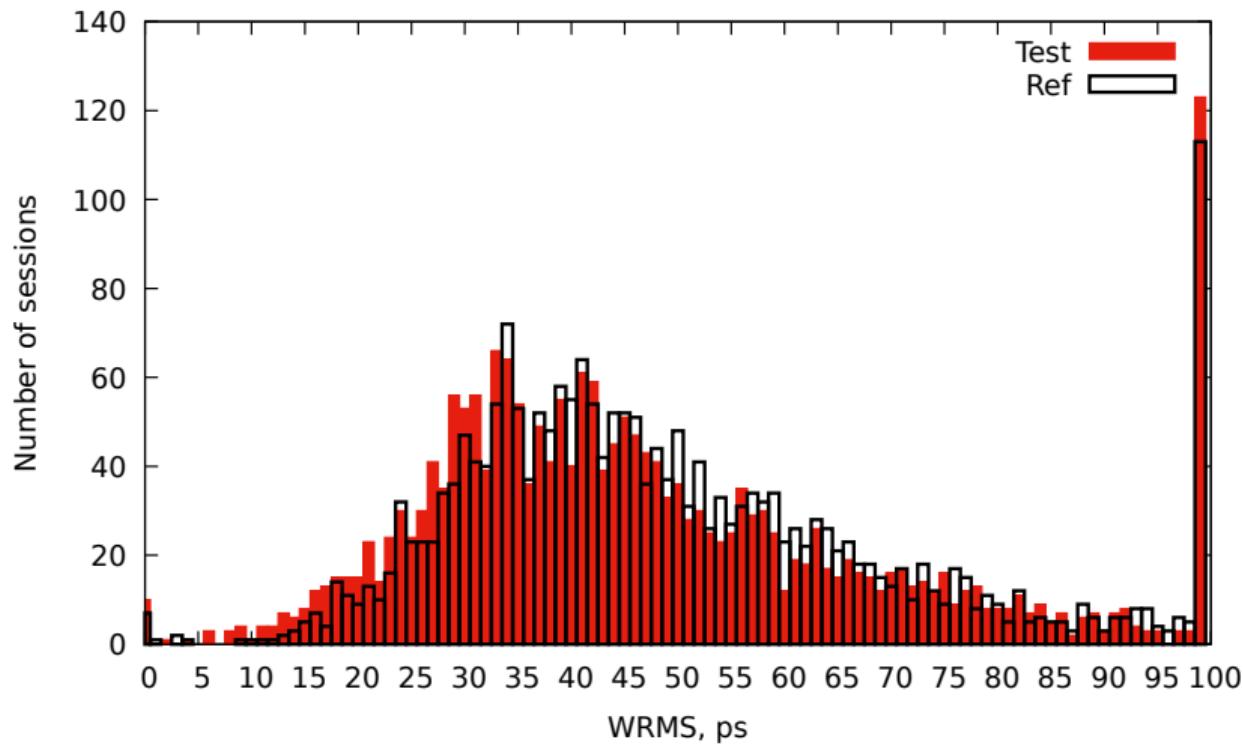


Differences between solutions

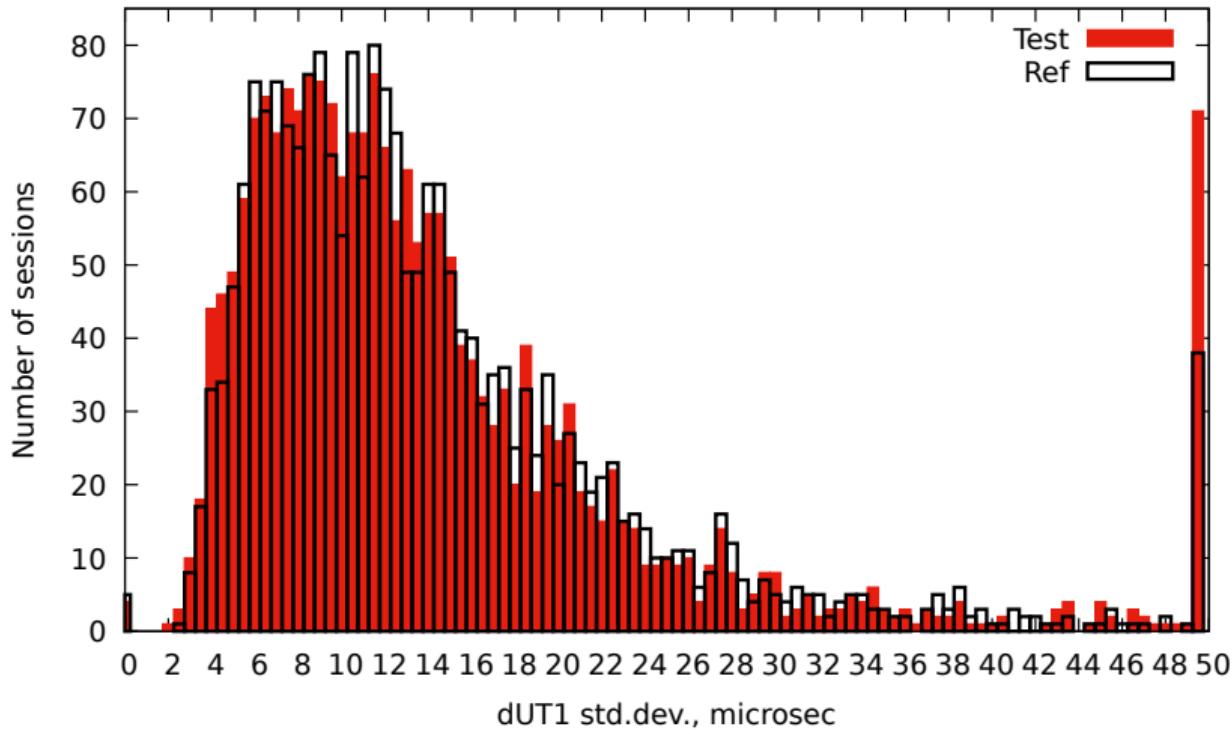
Database	Reference solution										autoINT script									
	Number of obs			WRMS			dUT1, μ s				Number of obs			WRMS			dUT1, μ s			
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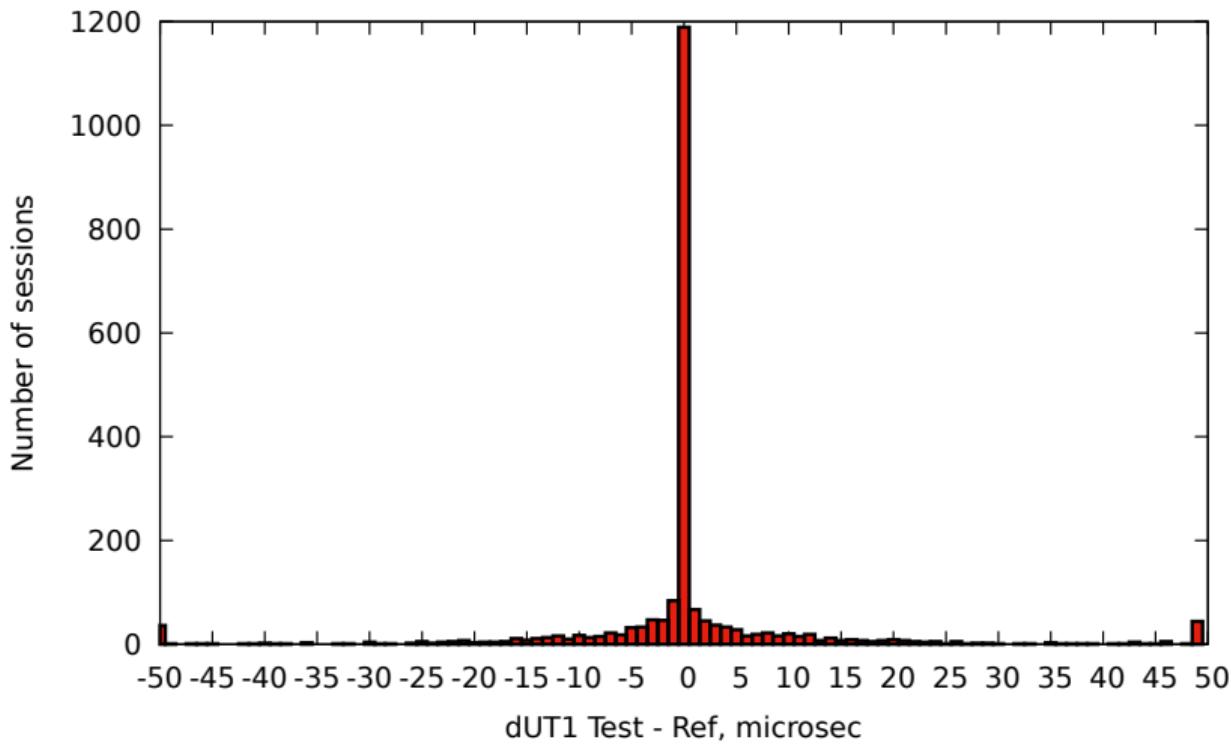
Distribution of WRMS for all INT sessions 2017–2022



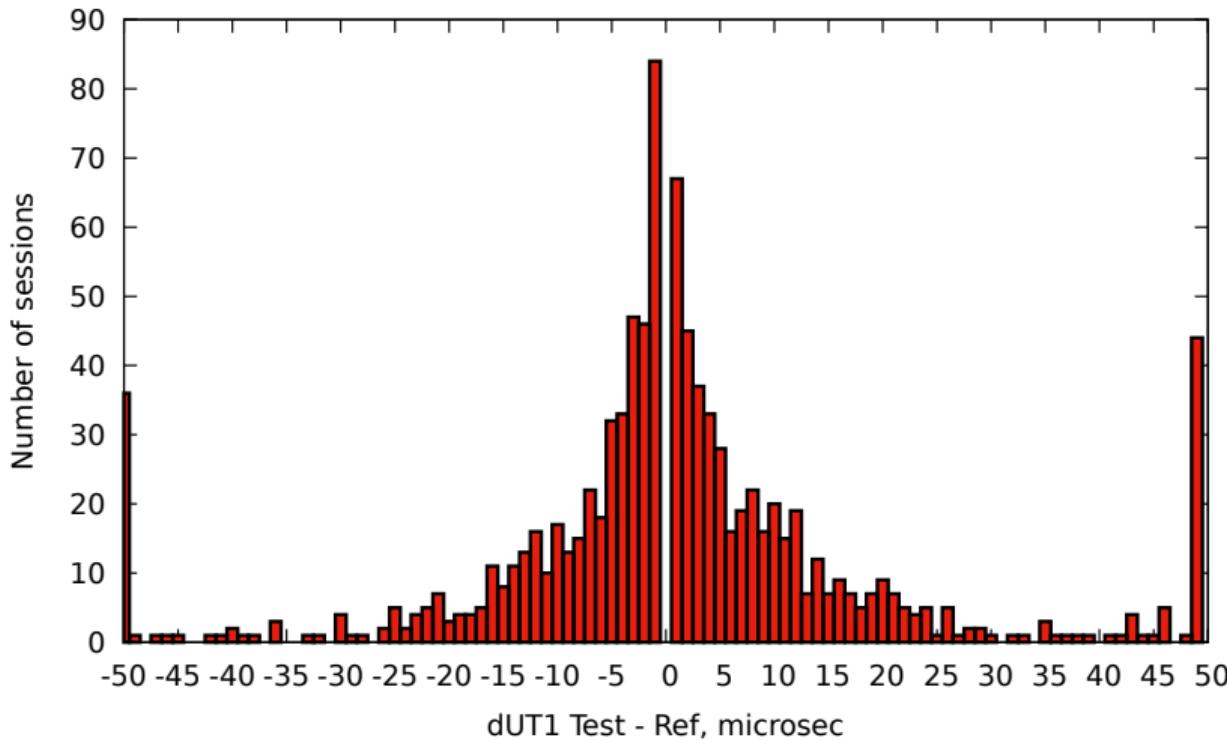
Distribution of dUT1 std.devs, all INT sessions



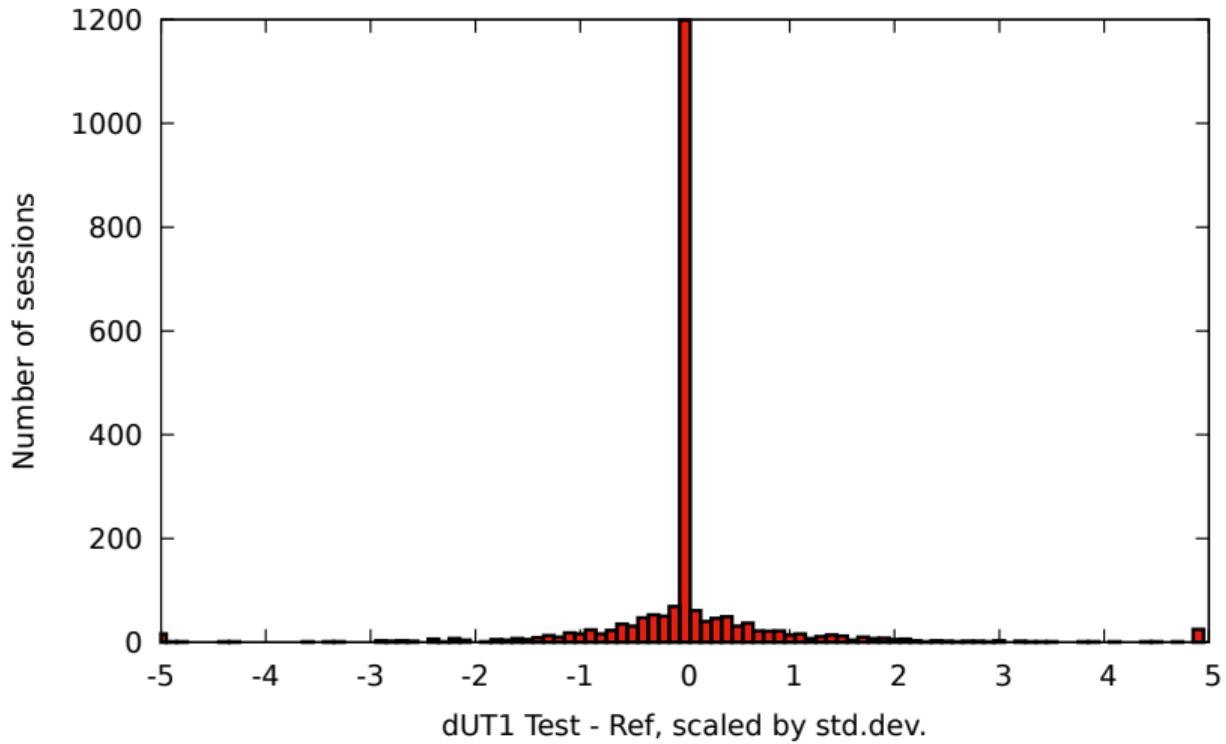
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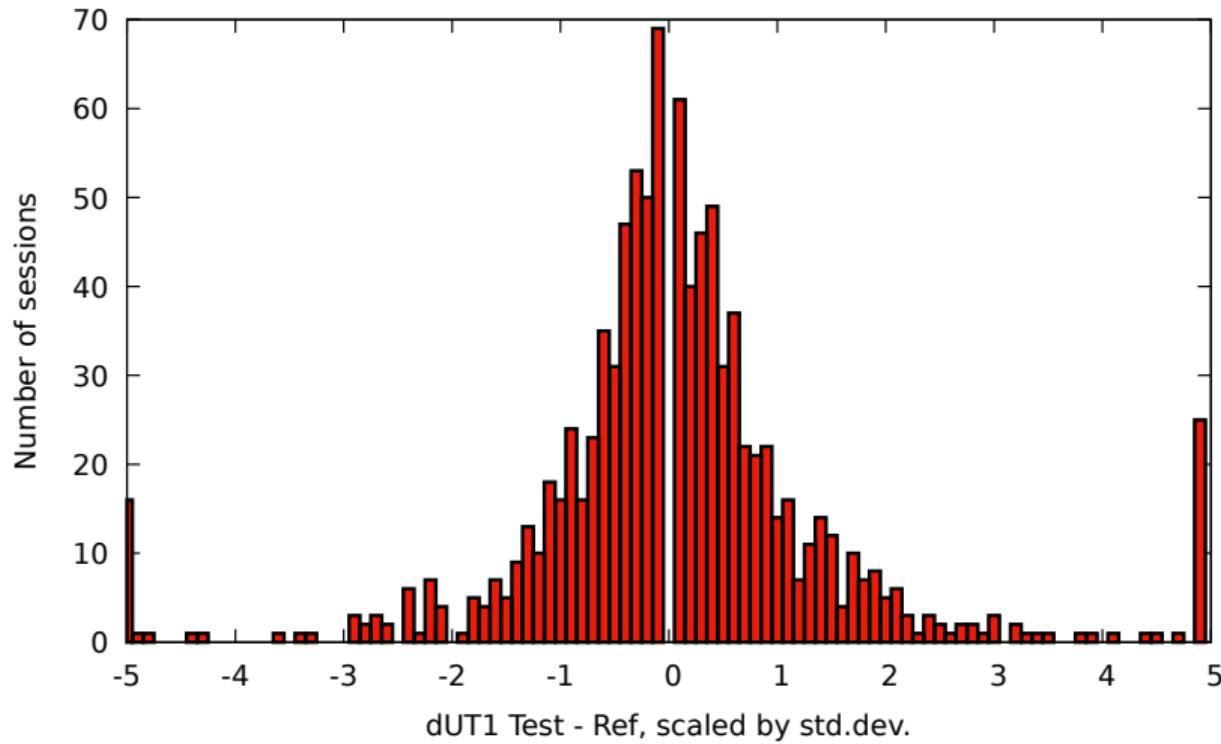
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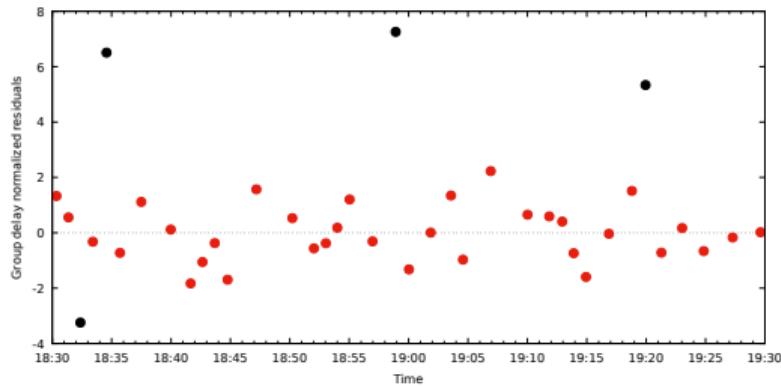
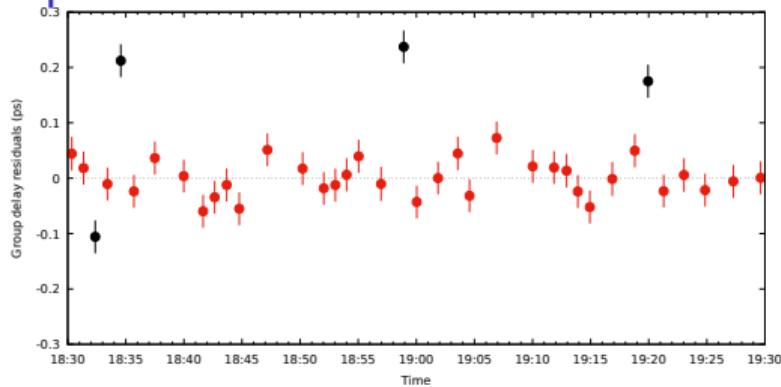
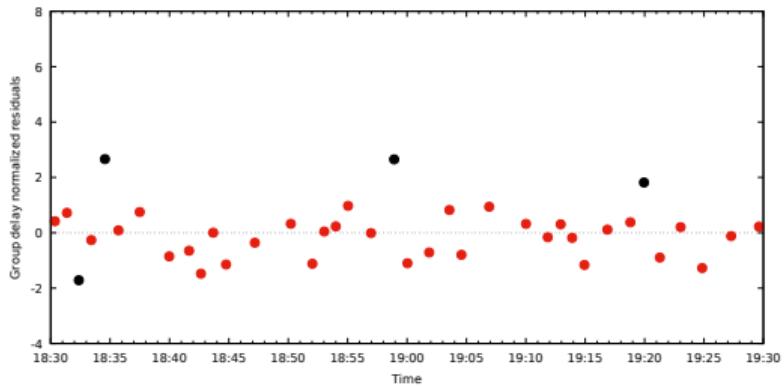
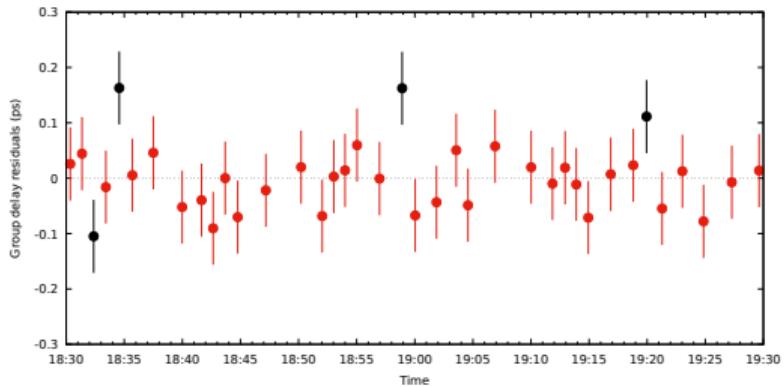
Distribution of scaled dUT1 differences, all INT sessions



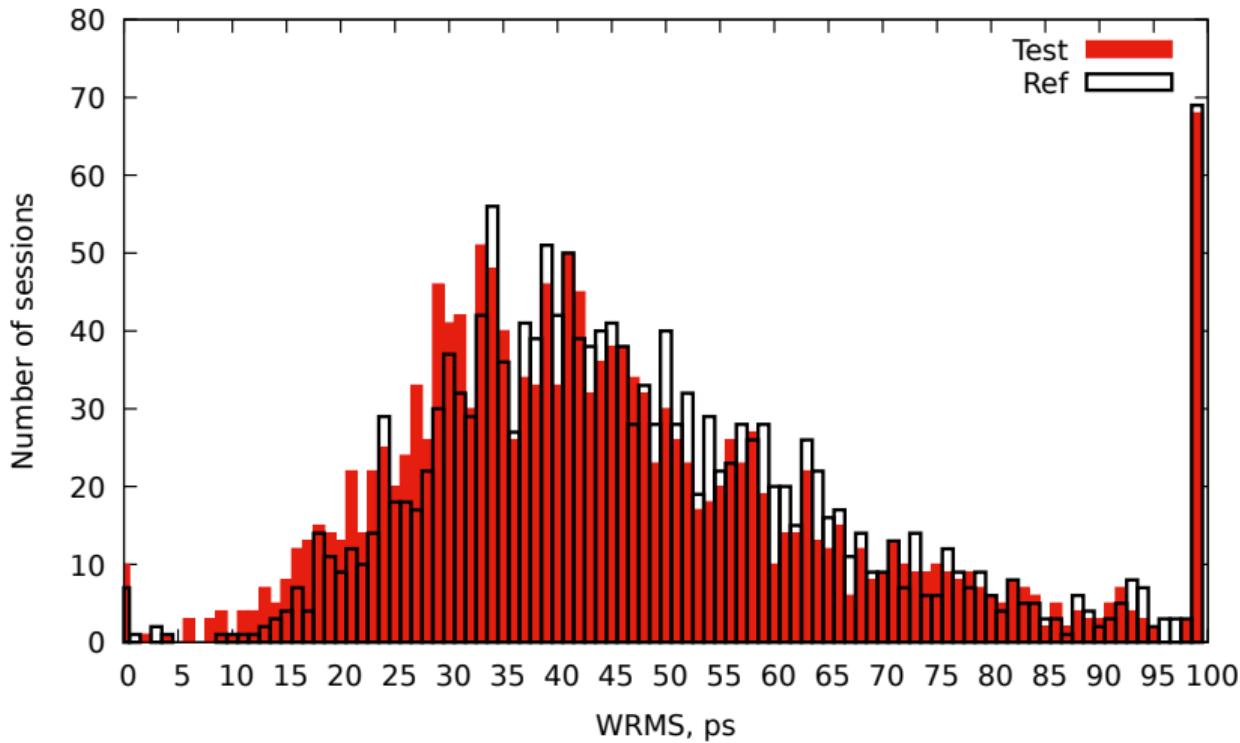
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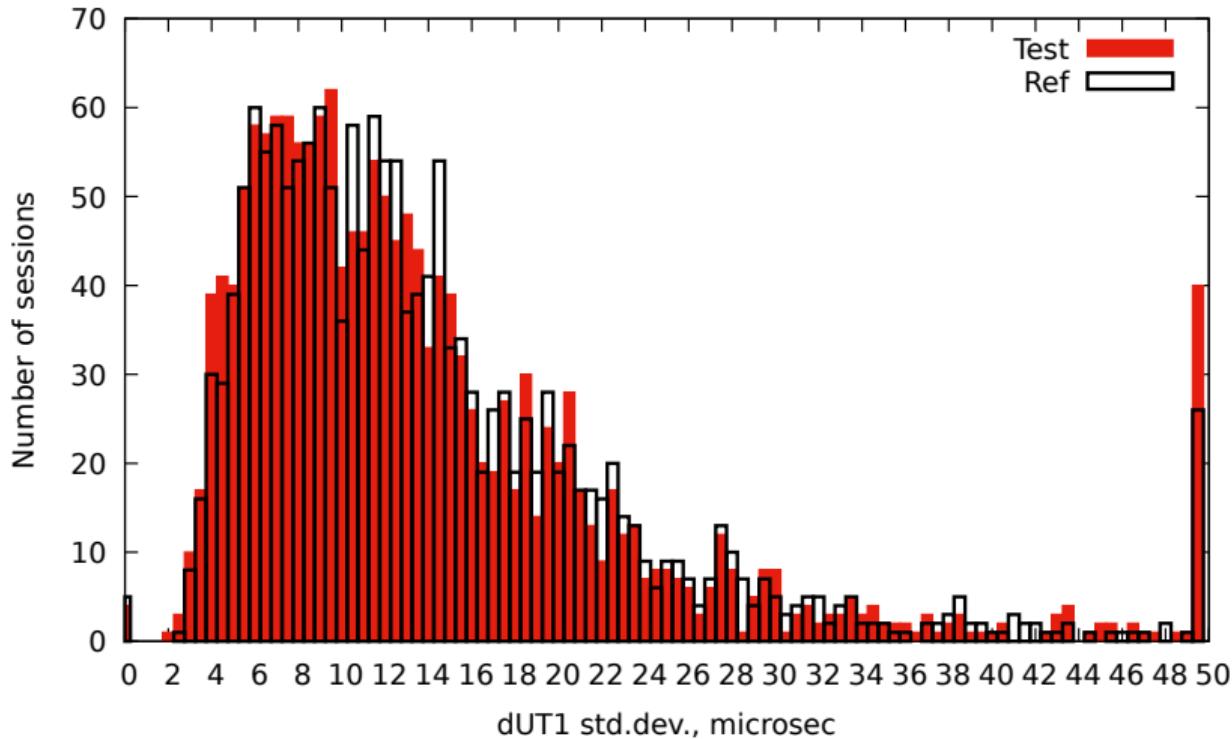
Script vs human: 21JAN11VI



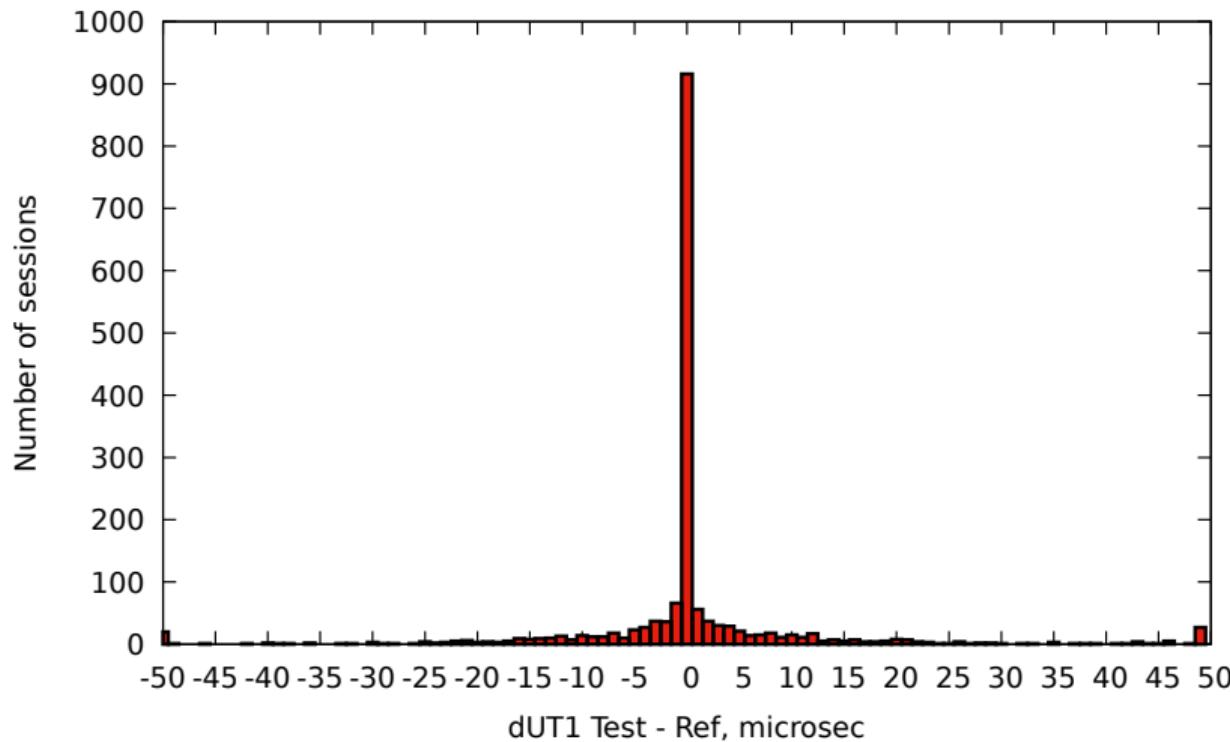
Distribution of WRMS, non-GSI INT sessions



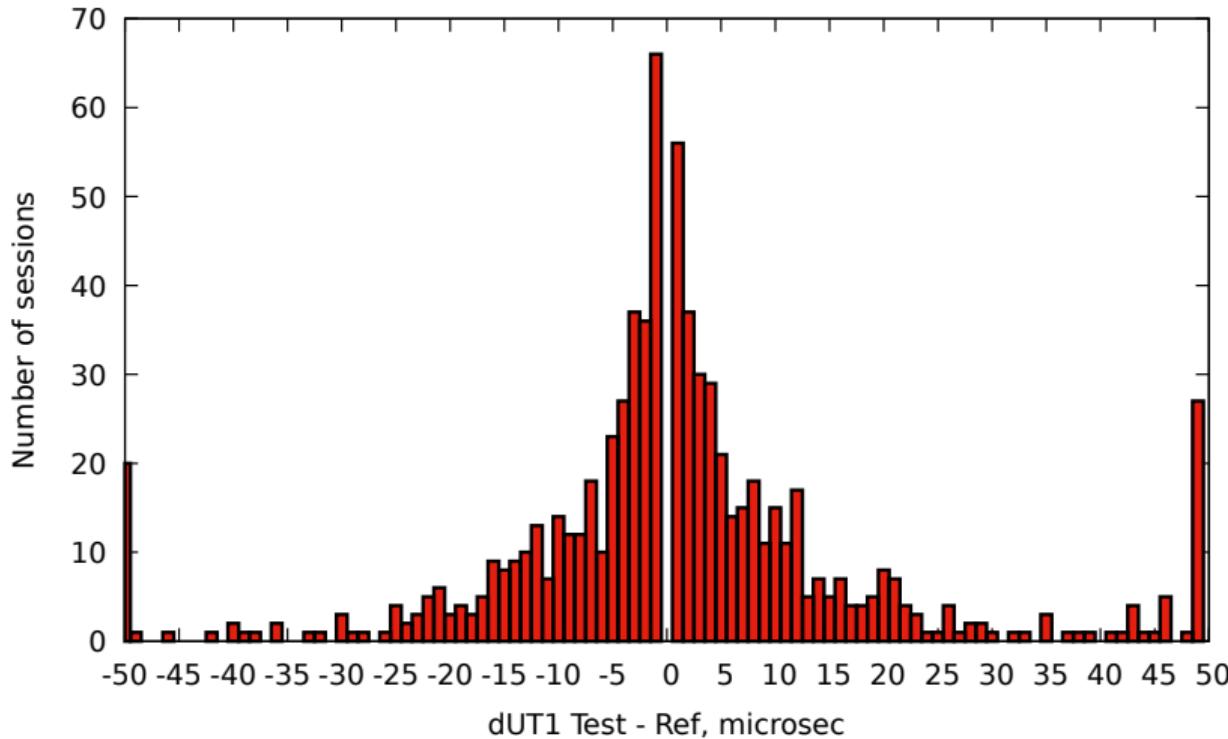
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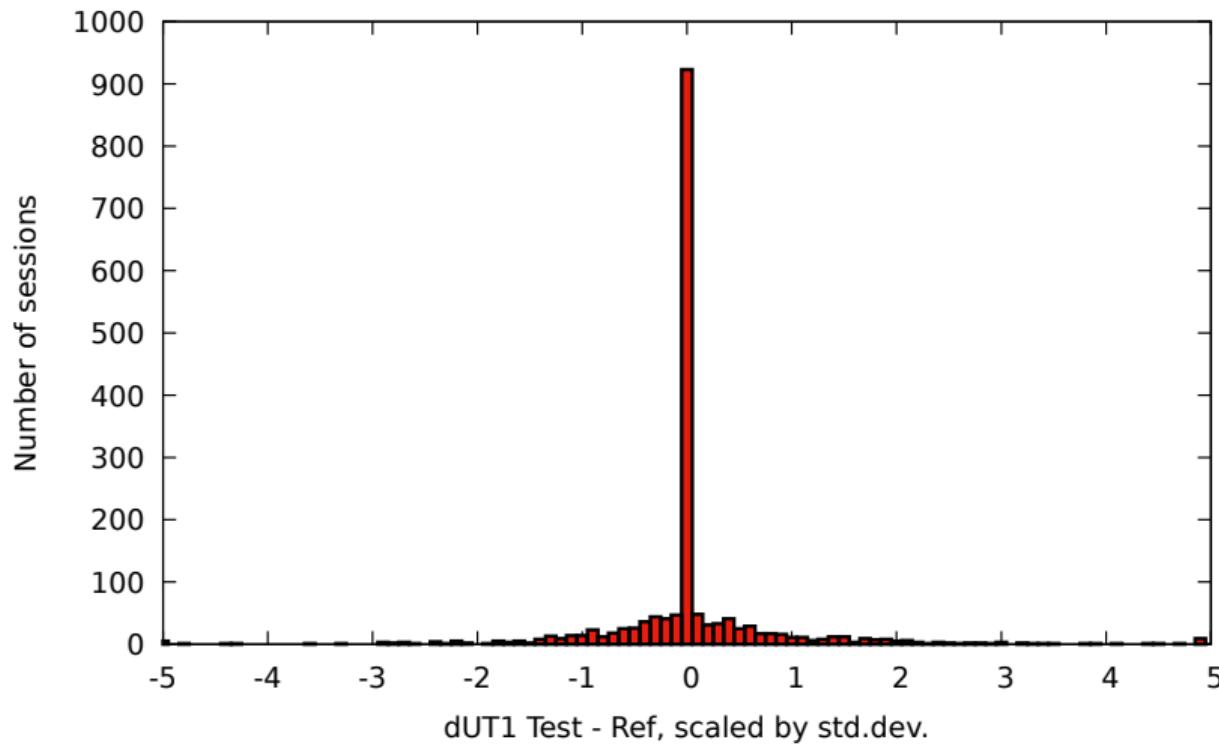
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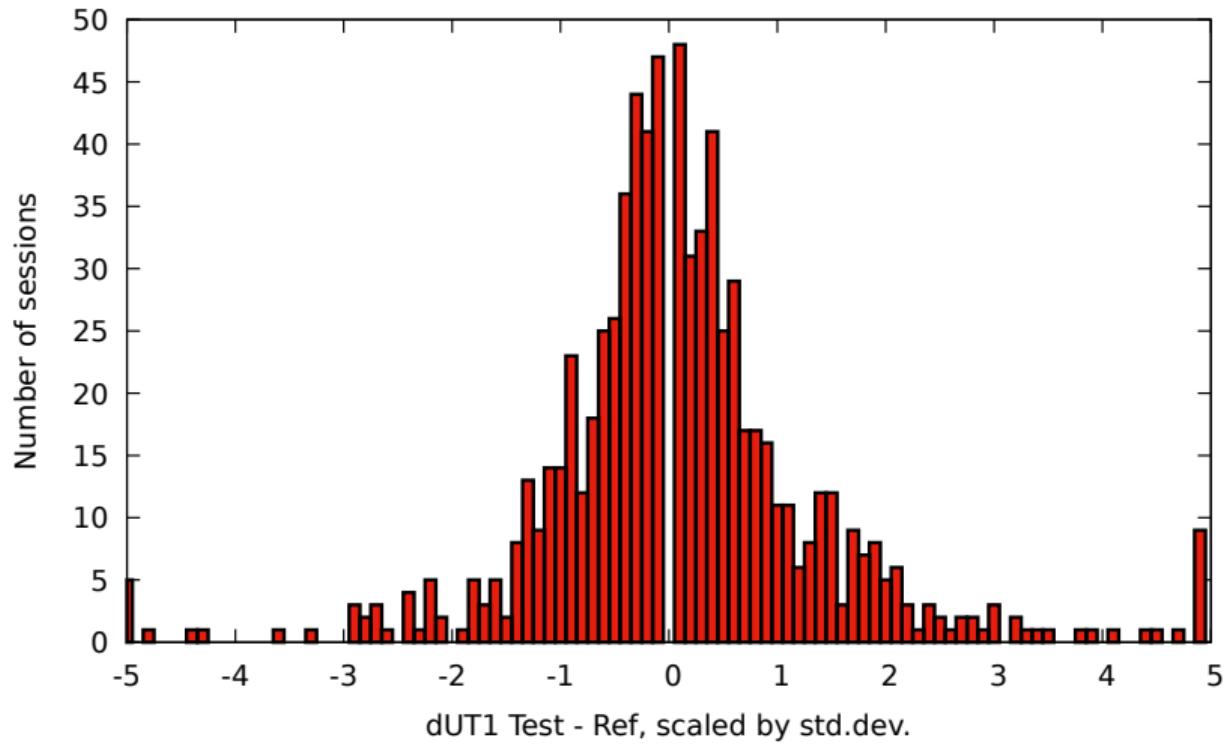
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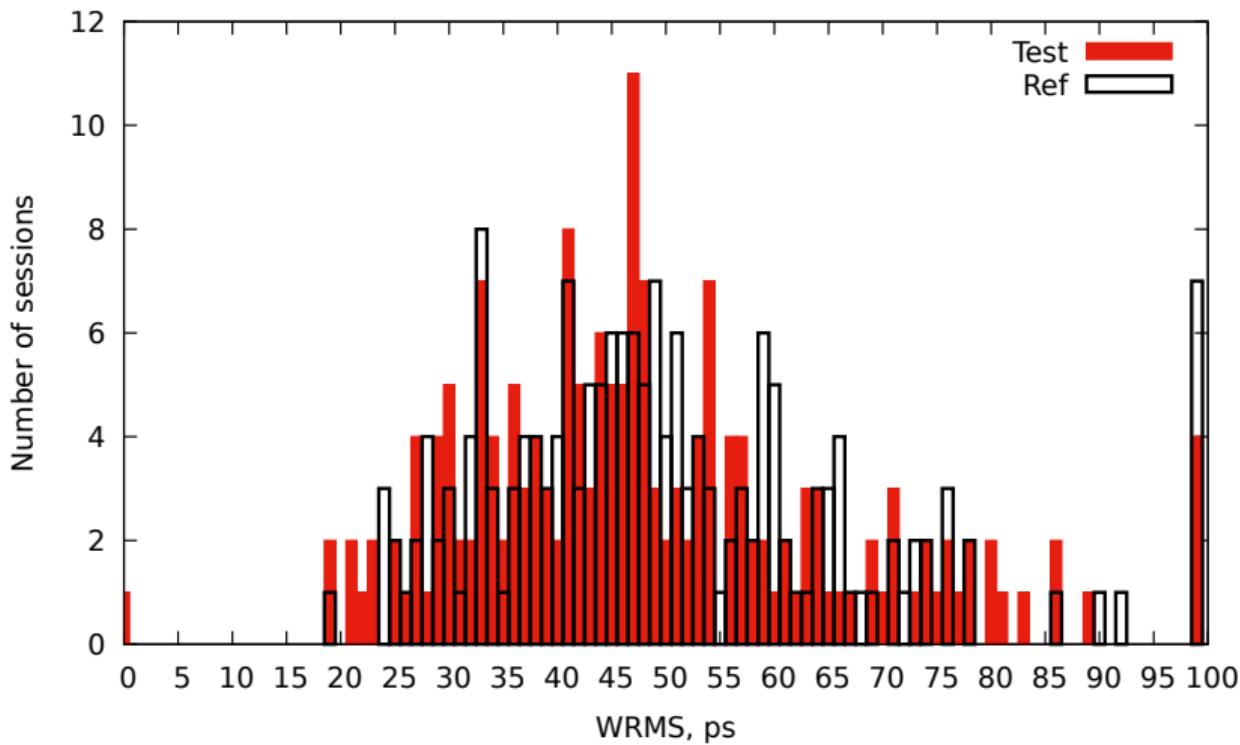
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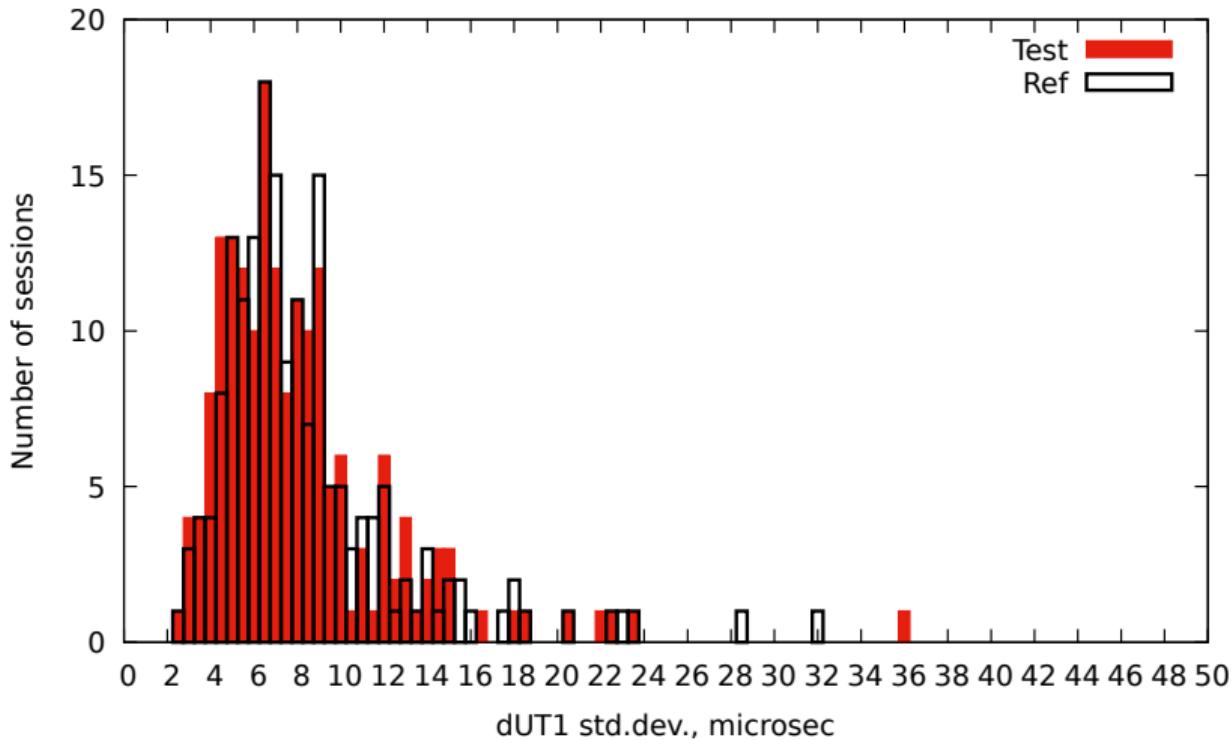
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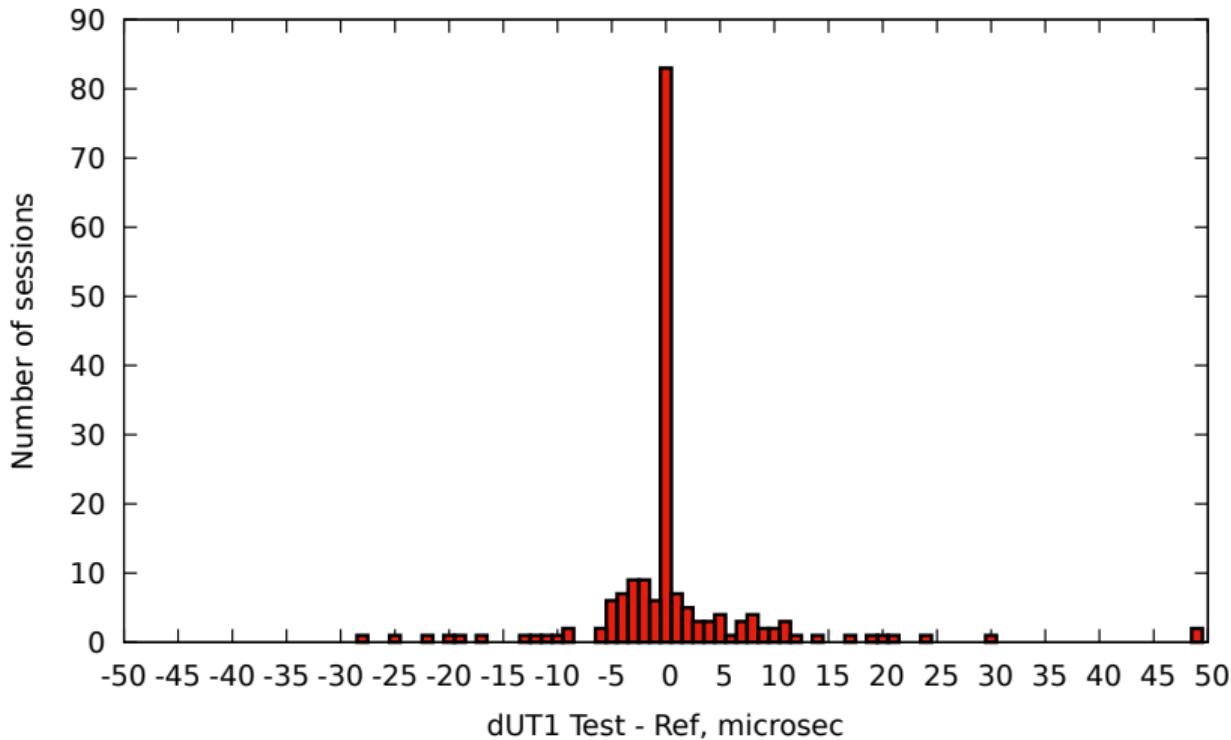
Distribution of WRMS, VGOS INT sessions



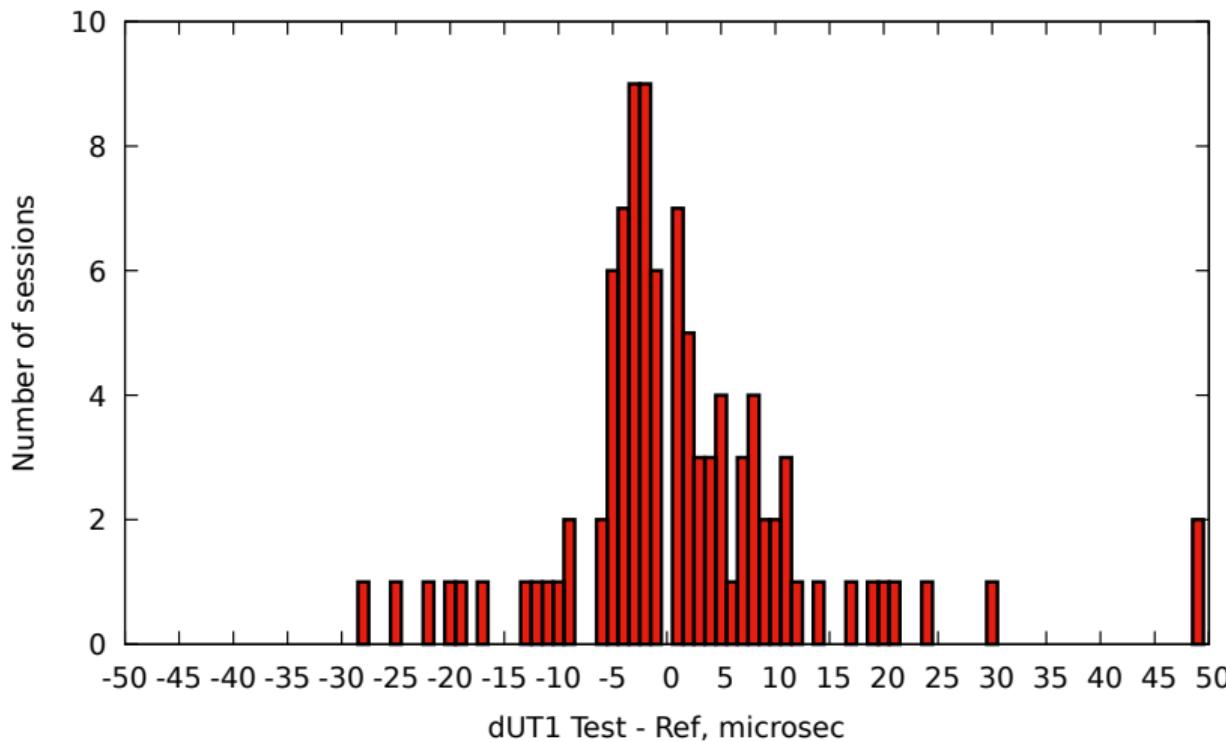
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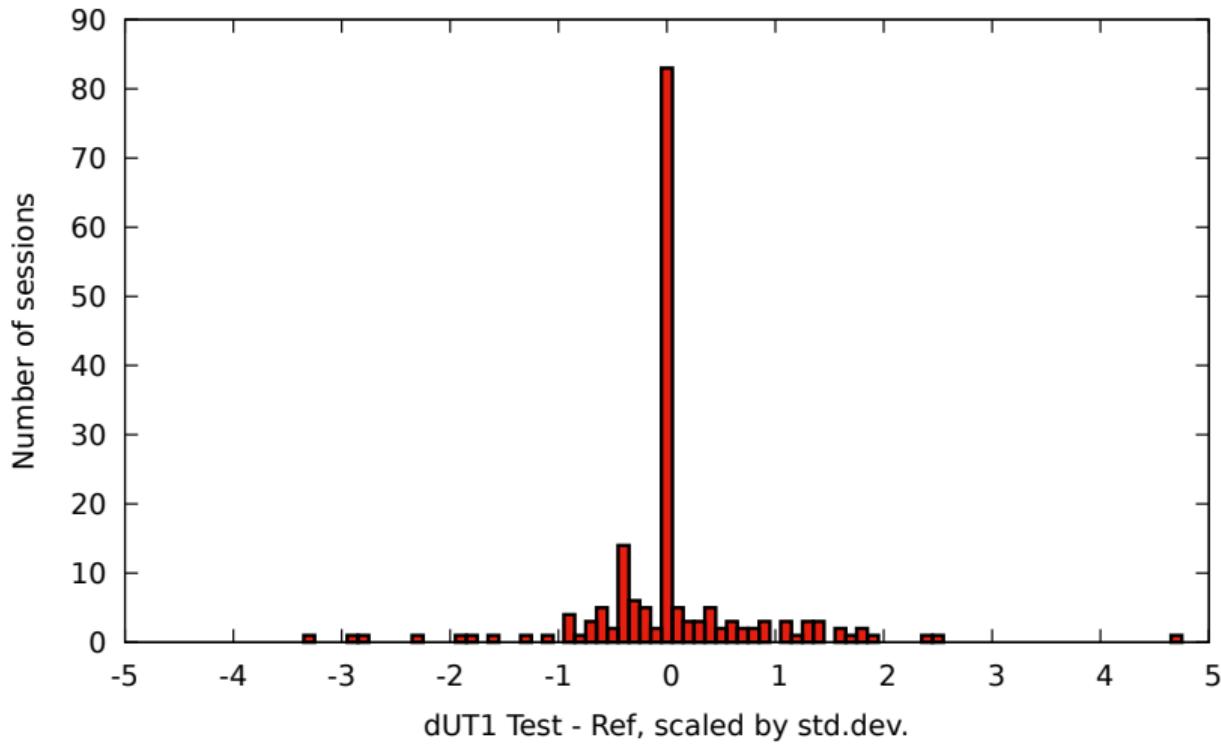
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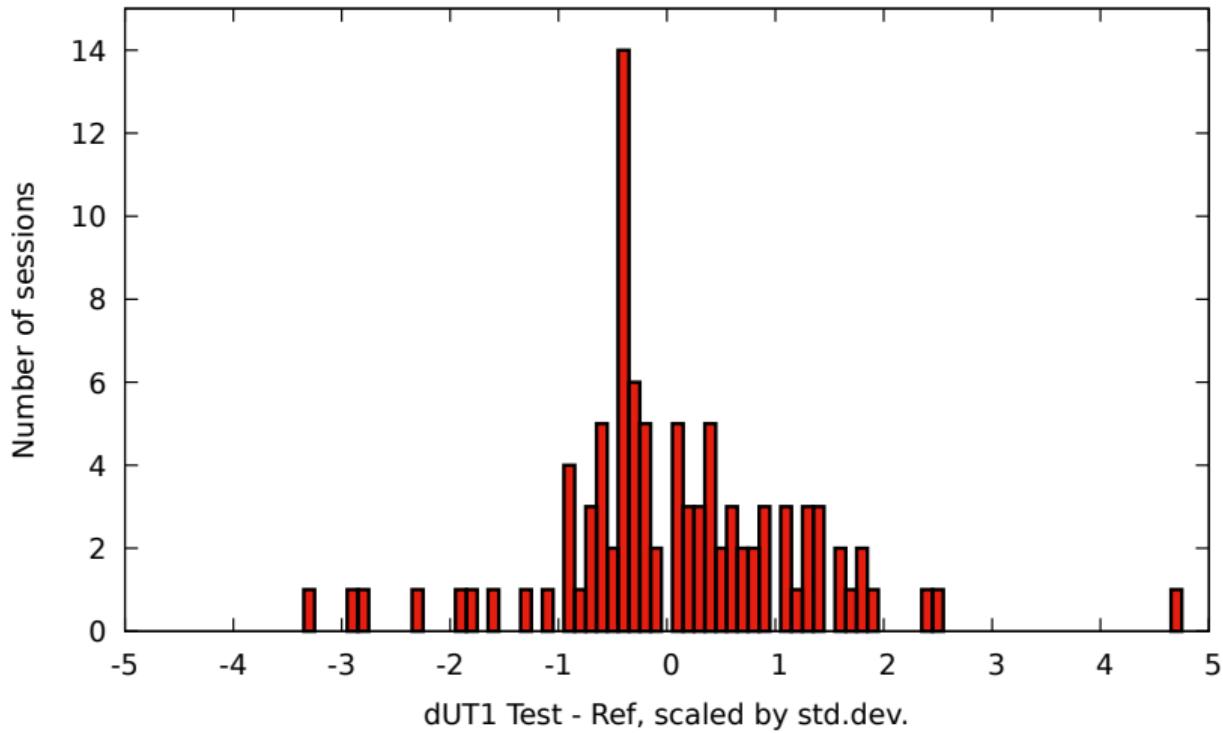
Distribution of dUT1 differences, VGOS



Distribution of scaled dUT1 differences, VGOS



Distribution of scaled dUT1 differences, VGOS



Summary

- The automatic script is capable to process INT sessions.
- Special treatment of outliers are required when a session with small number of observations is processed.
- The work on the script is continuing.
- We plan to include it in nuSolve distribution as well as update in the future releases.

Thank you for your time!