

PM 6685 PM 6685R

Technical Data

Universal Frequency Counter Rubidium Frequency Counter Calibrator

Cal lab performance you can take anywhere

Cal lab performance in the field The PM 6685 frequency counter from Fluke brings cal lab accuracy to field measurements. With 10 digits per second, plus overflow (displays 11th and 12th digits), it delivers high-accuracy measurements instantly. The PM 6685 is easy to use. compact and - most important of all - it has today's smartest input triggering for frequency measurements. The battery option for the PM 6685 maintains oven stability for 20 hours, giving you instant oven performance even after long transportation.



- 300 MHz basic input range; options for 1.3 GHz, 2.7 GHz, 4.2 GHz or 4.5 GHz
- Ultra High Stability Oven: up to 5 x 10⁻⁹ within 10 min
- Battery supply in combination with Ultra High Stability Oven for On-Site calibration
- Displays 10 digits in a second
- Smart AUTO trigger eliminates guesswork, provides errorfree measurements
- Analog Bar Graph displays signal strength and input sensitivity to assist instrument setup and RF tuning





- applications
 Nulling function lets you use
 any value as input reference
- Digit blanking function to eliminate distracting or insignificant digits in your readings
- Connect-and-go convenience for testbench and field use Optional IEEE-488 (SCPI) interface

GSM Network operators

Depending on the cellular radio system network operators and the internal procedures and budgets, the calibration requirement can be fulfilled with the following solutions from Fluke.

- PM6685 with the Ultra-High-Stability oven oscillator in the small housing with or without battery supply to check base stations, offering a low initial cost-effective solution (2 month calibration interval for a margin of 5x better than GSM specification)
- PM6685R Rubidium
 Frequency Counter/Calibrator, to check base stations,

providing low cost of ownership, (2 year calibration interval, for a margin of 50x better than GSM specification)

New Ultra High Stability Timebase

The new Ultra-High-Stability oven oscillator PM9692 fills the gap between the currently available best crystal oscillators and the Rubidium oscillator. The short warm-up time of 10 min to reach 5 x 10^{-9} of final value makes it the ideal solution for many ion-siteî calibration applications.

The PM9692 oscillator in the smaller housing of the PM6685, provides adequate accuracy to handle the fast-growing need for calibrations of digital cellular telephony systems and other calibration applications, very cost effectively.

PM6685R - Todavís most accurate frequency counter

The PM 6685R from Fluke is the most accurate portable frequency counter on the market. It offers all the functionality of the PM 6685, plus the stability and accuracy of a built-in Rubidium atomic reference.

High stability, high accuracy and short warm-up times make this instrument ideal for highaccuracy calibration procedures outside the cal lab environment, such as in base station transmitters of large telecommunication networks

like GSM.

The short warm-up time means that the PM 6685R is ready for use within minutes after field transport or a change of location inside a building.

Additional features PM 6685R

 High accuracy and short warm-up times:

 1×10^{-9} within 7 min. 4×10^{-10} within 10 min. Ageing 2 x 10-10 per year

- Calibrates any application specific frequency
- 10 MHz buffered Rubidium reference output
- 5 year warranty on Rubidium element

Technical Specifications PM 6685

Measuring Functions Refer to table 1 for measurement uncertainty information. Frequency A, C Range Input A: 10 Hz to 300 MHz 70 MHz to 1.3 GHz (PM 9621) Input C: 100 MHz to 2.7 GHz (PM 9624) 150 MHz to 4.2 GHz (PM 9625B) 150 MHz to 4.5 GHz (PM 9625) 10 digits/s measurement time Resolution: **Burst Frequency A** Frequency Range: 100 Hz to 160 MHz PRF Range: 1 Hz to 100 kHz Pulse Width Range: 1 µs to 50 ms, min. 3 periods of this signal Period A 6 ns to 100 ms Range: 10 digits/s measurement time Resolution: Ratio A/E, C/A 10⁻⁷ to 10¹⁰ Range: Frequency Range:

Input A: 10 Hz to 160 MHz 10 Hz to 50 MHz Input E:

Input C: 70 MHz to 1.3 GHz (PM 9621) 100 MHz to 2.7 GHz (PM 9624)

150 MHz to 4.2 GHz (PM 9625B) 150 MHz to 4.5 GHz (PM 9625)

Pulse Width A

Range: 3 ns to 10 ms Frequency Range: 50 Hz to 160 MHz Voltage Range: 100 mV p-p to 70V p-p **Duty Factor A**

Range:

0 to 1 Frequency Range: 50 Hz to 160 MHz Voltage Range: 100 mV p-p to 70V p-p Totalize A

Event counting on input A with manual start and stop

0 to 10¹⁷ Range: 0 to 160 MHz

Input and Output Specifications

Input A Frequency Range: 10 Hz to 300 MHz Coupling: Impedance: 1 M Ω //25 pF or 50 Ω , VSWR < 2:1 Sensitivity: Sinewave: 10 mV rms, 10 Hz to 50 MHz

15 mV rms, 50 MHz to 100 MHz 20 mV ms, 100 MHz to 150 MHz 30 mV rms, 150 MHz to 200 MHz 50 mV rms, 200 MHz to 300 MHz50 mV p-p, 3 ns minimum pulse width

Dynamic Range: 30 mV p-p to 70V p-p

Manual Trigger: Sensitivity Range:

Trigger Slope:

Auto Trigger:

Frequency:

Sensitivity Range:

Signal Monitor:

Pulse:

10 mV rms to 10V rms, variable in 3 dB steps, indicated on a

bar graph

Selectable for optimum Trigger Level: triggering on waveforms with duty factors < 0.25, 0.25

to 0.75 and >0.75 Positive or negative Automatic setting of input signal conditioning circuits for

optimum triggering on different amplitudes and waveforms Minimum 50 Hz

10 mV rms to 25V rms A bar graph displays actual input signal level in 3 dB steps, 10mV rms to 10V rms

Low Pass Filter: 100 kHz nominal 3 dB point. Minimum 40 dB attenuation at

Damage Level: 1 M Ω : 350V (dc + ac peak) at dc

to 440 Hz, falling to 12V rms at 1 MHz and above 50Ω : 12V rms Input C (Option PM 9621)

. 70 MHz to 1.3 GHz Frequency Range:

Prescaler Factor: 256 Operating Input Voltage Range:

10 mV rms to 12V rms 70 to 900 MHz: 900 to 1100 MHz: 15 mV rms to 12V rms 1100 to 1300 MHz: 40 mV rms to 12V rms

Amplitude

Modulation: dc to 0.1 MHz: Up to 94%

> depth 0.1 to 6 MHz: Up to 85% depth Minimum signal must exceed minimum operating input voltage

Impedance: 50Ω nominal, ac coupled.

VSWR <2:1

Max Voltage

12V rms, pin-diode protected without Damage:

Connector:

Input C (Option PM 9624)

Frequency Range: 100 MHz to 2.7 GHz

Prescaler Factor: 16 Operating Input Voltage Range:

100 MHz to

300MHz 20 mV rms to 12V rms 0.3 GHz to 2.5 GHz 10 mV rms to 12V rms 2.5 GHz to 2.7 GHz 20 mV rms to 12V rms

Amplitude

Modulation: As PM 9621

Impedance: 50 nominal, ac coupled,

VSWR <2,5:1

Max Voltage

without Damage: 12V rms, pin-diode protected

Connector: Type N Female

Input C (Option PM 9625B)

150 MHz to 4.2 GHz Frequency Range:

Prescaler Factor: 32 Operating Input Voltage Range:

20 mV rms to 1V rms 150 to 300 MHz: (-21 to +13 dB)

0.3 to 2.2 GHz: 10 mV rms to 1V rms (-27 to +13 dB)2.2 to 3.5 GHz: 15 mV rms to 1V rms

(-23.5 to + 13 dB)25 mV rms to 1V rms

(-19 to +13 dB)

Amplitude

3.5 to 4.2 GHz:

Modulation: As PM9621

50 nominal, AC coupled, Impedance:

VSWR <2.5:1

Max Voltage

without damage: 12V rms, pin-diode protected

Connector: Type N Female

Input C (Option PM 9625)

150 MHz to 4.5 GHz Frequency Range:

Prescaler Factor: Operating Input Voltage Range:

150 to 300 MHz: 20 mV rms to 1V rms

(-21 to +13 dBm)

0.3 to 2.5 GHz: 10 mV rms to 1V rms (-27 to + 13 dBm)

15 mV rms to 1V rms (-23.5 to + 13 dBm)

3.5 to 4.5 GHz: 25 mV rms to 1V rms

(-19 to +13 dBm)

Amplitude

2.5 to 3.7 GHz:

Modulation: As PM 9621

Impedance: 50 nominal, ac coupled,

VSWR 2,5:1 typical

Max Voltage

without Damage: 12V rms (+34 dBm),

pin-diode protected

Type N Female Connector:

External Reference Input D

The use of external reference is indicated on the display Input Frequency: 10 MHz standard. 1 MHz and

5 MHz with optional Reference Frequency Multiplier (PM 9697).

Voltage Range: 500 mV rms to 10V rms Impedance: Approx 1 k (ac coupled)

Input E

Used in Ratio A/E and external arming/gating modes

Frequency Range: DC to 50 MHz Pulse Width: 10 ns minimum Slew Rate: 2V/us minimum Trigger Level: TTL level, 1.4V nominal Trigger Slope: Positive or negative Impedance: Approx 2 $k\Omega$ (dc coupled)

Damage Level: ±25V peak

Reference Output G

Frequency: 10 MHz, sine wave Output Level: >0.5V rms into 50Ω load,

>0.7V rms into high impedance load

Coupling:

Auxiliary Functions

External Arming/External Gate

External signal on input E can be used to inhibit start and/or stop

triagering.

Stop arming is not applicable to Pulse Width and Duty Factor

measuring modes.

Start Arming Delay: OFF or 200 ns to 1.6s

in 100 ns steps

Nulling/Frequency Offset

Nulling enable measurements to be displayed relative to a previously measured value or any frequency offset value entered

via front panel keys

Other Functions

Blanking:

Measuring Time: Single cycle, 0.8, 1.6, 3.2, 6.4,

12.8 µs and 50 µs to 20s, (up to 400s, depending on measuring function and input

signal frequency)

Local/Preset: Go to local function in remote

mode, or preset counter to default setting in local mode

Restart: Starts a new measurement Display Hold: Freezes measuring result. Start

and stop of the totalization in TOT A MAN.

Check: Applies 10 MHz to the measuring logic Display: LCD with high-luminance

backlight

Number of Digits: 10 digits plus exponent

Least significant digits can be blanked

Bar graph: Displays input signal level or

sensitivity setting in 3 dB steps from 10mV rms to 10V rms

Auxiliary Menu: The following functions are

available from the AUX MENU and via the GPIB interface

Save/Recall: 19 complete instrument

settings. 10 settings can be

user protected

GPIB-Address: Read and temporarily change



via front panel keys. (Set new

address on rear panel switch.) A or C (PM 9625) input, set synchronization delay time

PRF: A or C (PM 9625) input, set synchronization delay time

Burst Frequency:

Trigger Slope: Positive or negative slope

Arming Start: Positive or negative slope, set

start arming delay time Arming Stop: Positive or negative slope Null: Read and change stored offset

frequency

Display Overflow: Display of the 11th and 12th

digits

Select selftests Test:

Display instrument and GPIB Program Version: program versions

Time Out: OFF or 100 ms to 25.5s in 100 ms steps

Analog Output: Select digits and scaling factor

Display Backlight: On/Off

Measuring function	Random Uncertainty rms	Systematic Uncertainty	LSD Displayed
Frequency Period	$\pm \frac{\sqrt{(250 \text{ps})^2 + (\text{Trigger Error})^2}}{\text{\pm Measuring Time}} \text{ x Freq. or Period}$	± Time Base Error x Freq. or Period	250ps x Freq. or Period Measuring Time
Ratio f ₁ /f ₂	$ \frac{\sqrt{(\text{Prescaler Factor})^2 + (f_1 \text{ x Trigger Error of } f_2)^2}}{\pm {f_2 \text{ x Measuring Time}} $		Prescaler Factor f ₂ x Measuring Time
Pulse Width (Auto Trigger)	$\pm \sqrt{(250 \text{ ps})^2 + (\text{Trigger Error})^2}$	\pm Time Base Error x Pulse Width \pm 0.5 x Transition Time \pm 1.5 ns	100 ps
Duty Factor	$\pm \sqrt{(250 \text{ ps})^2 + (\text{Trigger Error})^2 \text{ x Frequency}}$	± (0.5 x Transition Time ± 1.5 ns) x Frequency	1 x 10-6

Table 1. Measurement Uncertainties and LSD Displayed

Random Uncertainty

Random uncertainty is due to quantization error, short-term Time Base stability, internal noise and input signal noise. The random uncertainty can be reduced by increasing the measurement time. Trigger Error: Internal noise and input signal noise, expressed as an rms Trigger Error.

Trigger Error = $1.4 \text{ x} \sqrt{(e_{amp})^2 + (e_n)^2}$ Signal slew rate (V/s)

at trigger point

Where:

e_{amp} = ms input amplifier noise (250 μV ms typical) e_n = rms noise of the input signal over a 300 MHz bandwidth

Systematic Uncertainty

See crystal oscillator specifications for aging and possible frequency deviation due to the oscillator's temperature dependency

LSD Displayed

Unit value of Least Significant Digit (LSD) displayed. After calculation, the LSD value is rounded to the nearest decade before display (for example >0.5 Hz will be 1 Hz and <0.5 Hz will be 0.1 Hz). LSD blanking is available to reduce displayed resolution. Measuring times >1s can give significance in >10 digits. The 11th and 12th digits can be displayed using the display overflow function.

Battery Unit (Option PM 9623)

The PM 9623 is a rechargeable battery unit for mounting inside the counter.

Battery Type: Sealed lead-acid cells

Battery Capacity: At 25C

Standby Mode: Typically 20 hours with

Oven Time Base

Operating Mode: Typically 3 hours without

options, 2.5 hours with Oven Time Base, and 2 hours with Oven Time Base and Input C

Recharge Time: Typically 8 hours in

standby mode

Battery Protection: Overcharge and deep

discharge protection 12V to 24V via socket on rear External DC: panel (16V to 24V to charge

internal battery)

Line Failure

Counter automatically switches Protection:

to internal battery or external dc when the line voltage falls

below 90V ac

Temperature

Operating: 0° C to $+40^{\circ}$ C Storage: -40°C to +50°C 1.5 kg (3.3 lb) Weight:



GPIB (Option PM 9626/02)

Programmable All front panel and Functions: AUX MENU functions

Compatibility: IEEE 488.2-1987, SCPI 1991.0 Interface Functions: SH1, AH1, T6, L4, SR1, RL1,

DC1, DT1, E2 Maximum 200 to 1600 readings/s.

Measurement Rate depending on measurement to Internal Memory: function and internal data format Internal 764 to 2600 readings, Memory Size: depending on measurement

function and internal data format

Maximum Bus 150 to 1000 readings/s, Transfer Rate from depending on internal data internal memory: format and output data format

Data Output Format: ASCII, IEEE double

precision floating point Time Out: Off or 100 ms to 25.5s in

100 ms steps

Analog Output: 0 to 4.98V in 20 mV steps,

derived from three consecutive

digits selected from the measurement result

Output Impedance: 200Ω

Timebase Options

Option model:		PM668-/-1-	PM668-/-2-	PM668-/-4-	PM668-/-5-	PM668-/-6-	PM668-/-7-
Retro-fittable option:		non retrofit.	PM9678B/021	PM9690/011	PM9691/011	PM9692/011	non retro-fit.
Time base type:	Standard	TCXO	OCXO	OCXO	OCXO	Rubidium	
Uncertainty due to:							
Calibration adjustment tolerance, at $+ 23^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$		<1x10 ⁻⁶	<2x10 ⁻⁷	<5x10 ⁻⁸	<2x10 ⁻⁸	<5x10 ⁻⁹	<5x10 ⁻¹¹
Ageing:	per 24 hr.	n.a.	n.a.	<1.5x10 ⁻⁹ 1	<5x10 ⁻¹⁰ 0	<3x10 ⁻¹⁰ 0	n.a.
	per month	<5x10 ⁻⁷	<1x10 ⁻⁷	<2x10 ⁻⁸	<1x10 ⁻⁸	<3x10 ⁻⁹	$<5x10^{-11}$ 2
	per year	<5x10 ⁻⁶	<5x10 ⁻⁷	<1x10 ⁻⁷	<7.5x10 ⁻⁸	<2x10 ⁻⁸	$<2x10^{-10}$ 3
Temperature variation:	0°C-50°C,	<1x10 ⁻⁵	<1x10 ⁻⁶	<1.5x10 ⁻⁸	<5x10 ⁻⁹	<2.5x10 ⁻¹⁹	<3x10 ⁻¹⁰
	20°C-26°C (typ. values)	<3x10 ⁻⁶	<2x10 ⁻⁷	<2x10 ⁻⁹	<6x10 ⁻¹⁰	<4x10 ⁻¹⁰	<5x10 ⁻¹¹
Power voltage variation: ± 10%		<1x10 ⁻⁸	<1x10 ⁻⁹	<5x10 ⁻¹⁰	<5x10 ⁻¹⁰	<5x10 ⁻¹⁰	<1x10 ⁻¹¹
Short term stability:	$\tau = 1 \text{ s}$					<1x10 ⁻¹¹	<5x10 ⁻¹¹
(root Allan Variance)	$\tau = 10 \text{ s}$	not specified	not specified	not specified	not specified	<3x10 ⁻¹²	<1.5x10 ⁻¹¹
	$\tau = 100 \text{ s}$					<1x10 ⁻¹²	<5x10 ⁻¹²
Power-on stability:							
Deviation versus final value after 24hr on time,		n.a.	n.a.	<1x10 ⁻⁷	<1x10 ⁻⁷	<5x10 ⁻⁹	$<4x10^{-10}$
after a warm-up time of:		30 min	30 min	15 min	15 min	10 min	10 min
Total uncertainty, for operating temperature							
0° C to 50° C, at 2σ (95%) confidence interval:							
1 year after calibration		<1.2x10 ⁻⁵	<1.2x10 ⁻⁶	<1.5x10 ⁻⁷	<1x10 ⁻⁷	<2.5x10 ⁻⁸	<7x10 ⁻¹⁰
2 years after calibration		<1.5x10 ⁻⁵	<1.5x10 ⁻⁶	<2.5x10 ⁻⁷	<2x10 ⁻⁷	<5x10 ⁻⁸	<9x10 ⁻¹⁰
Typical total uncertainty, for operating temperature							
20°C to 26°C, at 2σ (95%) confidence interval:							
1 year after calibration		<7x10 ⁻⁶	<7x10 ⁻⁷	<1.5x10 ⁻⁷	<1x10 ⁻⁷	<2.5x10 ⁻⁸	<6x10 ⁻¹⁰
2 years after calibration		<1.2x10 ⁻⁵	<1.2x10 ⁻⁶	<2.5x10 ⁻⁷	$<2x10^{-7}$	<5x10 ⁻⁸	<8x10 ⁻¹⁰
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n.a.

2 after 1 month of continuous operation

3 after 1st year, ageing during 1st year: < 5 x 10-10

Explanation

Calibration Adjustment Tolerance is the maximal tolerated deviation from the true 10MHz frequency after a calibration. When the reference frequency does not exceed the tolerance limits at the moment of calibration, an adjustment is not needed.

Total uncertainty is the total possible deviation from the true 10MHz value under influence of frequency drift due to ageing and ambient temperature variations versus the reference temperature. The operating temperature range and the calibration interval are part of this specification.

General Specifications

Shipping container. **Environmental Conditions** Reliability:

Temperature Operating: OC to +50C

Fan option PM 9628/02 is required when ambient temperature >45C and oven oscillator PM 9690, 9691 or 9692 is installed

Storage: -40°C to +70°C Humidity: 95% RH, 0°C to 30°C Altitude Operating: Up to 4600m (15000 ft) Non-operating: Up to 12000m (40000 ft) 3G at 55 Hz per MIL-T-Vibration:

28800D, Class 3, Style D Shock: Half-sine 40G per MIL-T-

28800D, Class 3, Style D. Bench handling.

MTBF 30 000 hours

Safety: IEC 1010 Class 1, CSA 22.2 No.

231, EN61010, CE

EN 55011, VDE 0871 Level B, EMC:

FCC Part 15J Class A. CE

Power Requirements

AC: 90 to 265V rms, 45 to 440 Hz,

max 30W

DC (PM 9623): Internal battery or external 12

to 24V dc. max 2A

Mechanical Data

Width 210 mm (8.25 in) Height 86 mm (3.4 in) Depth 395 mm (15.6 in)



Weight: Net 3.2 kg (7 lb); shipping

5.5 kg (12 lb)

Additional Specification for PM6685R

(where these differ from the standard model PM6685) Short-term (Root Allan Variance of reference Oscilator) See Timebase Options table

Warm-up time (at 25°C)

Unlocked status indicated by LED Time to lock approx. 5 min.

Time to reach

1 x 10-9 approx. 7 min. Retrace: $< 2.5 \times 10^{-1}$

Power requirements (at 25°C)

Voltage 90 ... 264 Vrms, 47 ... 440Hz Power rating <100W for <4 min., 47W continuous operating

Dimensions and weight

315 mm (12.4 in) Width Weight Net 5.5 kg (12 lb) Shipping weight 8.8 kg (19 lb)

Ordering Information

Basic Model

PM 6685/011 Universal Frequency Counter

300 MHz incl. Standard Time Base

Rubidium Reference Ba sic Model

PM 6685R/071 Rubidium Frequency

Counter/Calibrator

Included with One year product warranty, line Instrument cord, operator manual, and Certificate of Calibration practices

Input Frequency Options

1.3 GHz Input C (PM 9621) PM 6685_/4_ PM 6685_/6_ 2.7 GHz Input C (PM 9624) PM 6685 /8 4.2 GHz Input C (PM 9625B) PM 6685_/7_ 4.5 GHz Input C (PM 9625)

Time Base Options

PM 6685/_1_ Standard Time Base PM 6685/ 2 TCXO (PM 9678B)

PM 6685/4 High Stability Oven Time Base

(PM 9690)

PM 6685/5 Very High Stability Oven Time

Base (PM 9691)

PM 6685/_ 6 _ Ultra-High-Stability Oven Time

Base (PM 9692)

Rubidium Time Base 1)

PM 6685R/_7_ PM 6685/8 Standard Time Base plus

> External Ref. Frequency Multiplier (1, 5, 10 MHz)

(PM 9697)

1) Product physical dimensions are larger with rubidium time base. The rubidium time base is not customer installable.

Battery Unit and GPIB Interface Options

PM 6685/__1 or PM 6685R/__1 No Battery Unit or GPIB

Interface

PM 6685/_ _3 PM 6685/_ _6 or PM 6685R/_ _6 Battery Unit (PM 9623) GPIB Interface (PM 9626/02) and Time & Frequency Analysis SW: TimeView

Battery Unit plus GPIB Interface PM 6685/ 8

Example, Ordering Configuration

To order the 300 MHz PM 6685 version with the TCXO Time Base and GPIB interface, select the Complete Model Number PM 6685/026

Options and Accessories

1.3 GHz Input C PM 9621 PM 9624 2.7 GHz Input C PM 9625B 4.2 GHz Input C PM 9625 4.5 GHz Input C PM 9678B/01 TCXO Time Base

High Stability Oven Time Base PM 9690/01 PM 9691/01 Very High Stability Oven Time Base Ultra-High-Stability Oven Time Base PM 9692/01 PM 9697/00 ** External Reference Multiplier

(1. 5. 10 MHz)

PM 9623 *** Battery Unit PM 9626/02 * GPIB-Interface

PM 9622/00 Rack Mount Kit for PM 6685R PM 9622/02 Rack Mount Kit for PM6685 PM 9622/03 Side Handle Kit for PM6685 PM 9628/02 Cooling Fan (>50°C ambient)

PM 9627B Carrying Case

500 MHz 10:1 probe 1MΩ/15pF PM 8929/191 PM 8911/091 1.5 GHz 10:1 probe 50Ω for C

channel option (BNC)

* PM9626 GPIB-Interface includes Analog Output and TimeView Analysis software

** PM 9697 External Reference Multiplier can be used only with the Standard Time Base.

*** PM 9623 can not be fitted in PM 6685R

When ordered together with the basic counter, options are factory

Options ordered separately can be customer retrofitted, except PM 9611/80 Rear Panel Inputs

SW Drivers

on request MET/CAL procedures are available HPVEE driver is available

Manuals

PM6685 Operator * PM6685 Program * PM6685 Service

* No charge with purchase of unit

Factory Warranty

One year product warranty Five year warranty on Rubidium Element