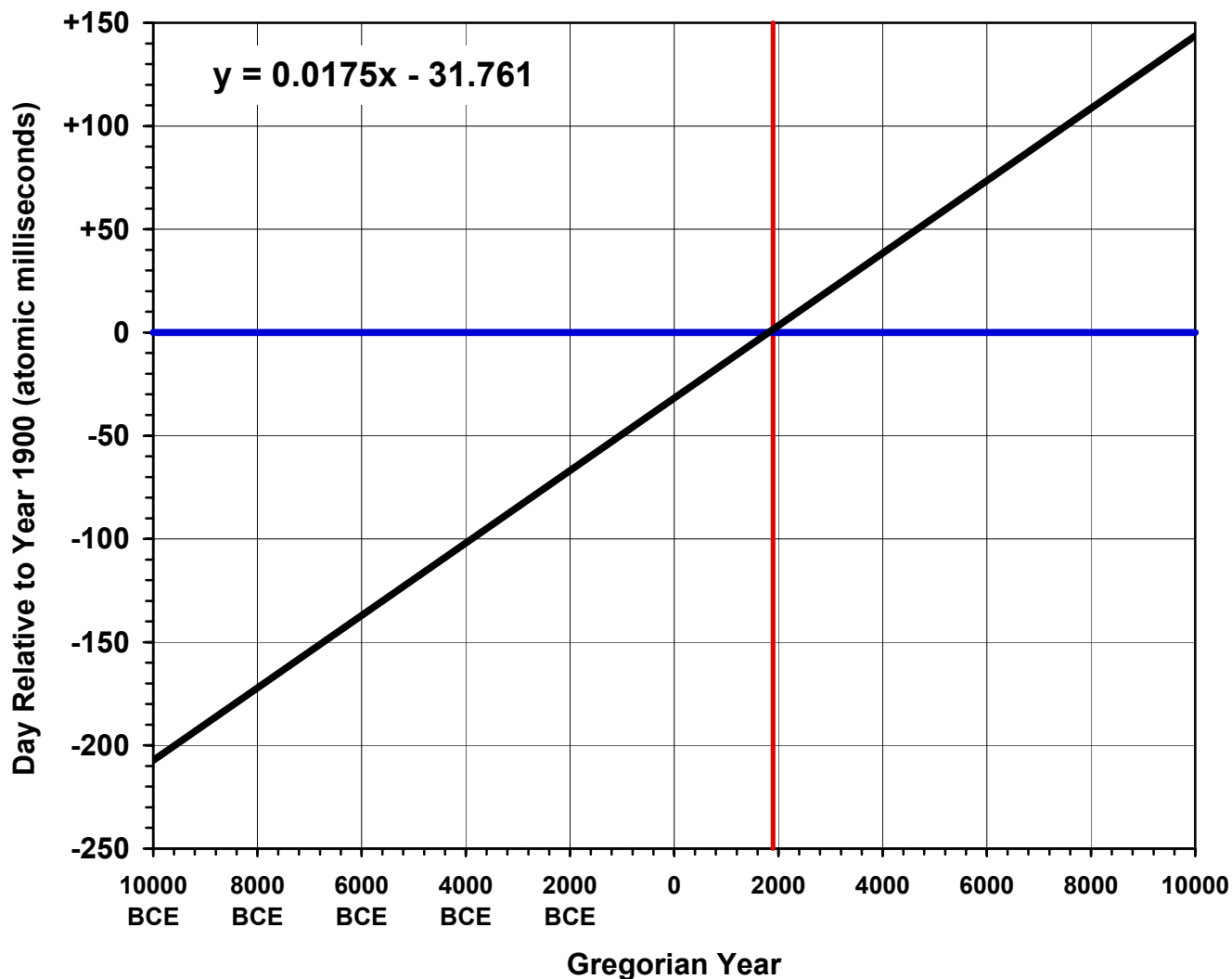


Length of Solar Day, Relative to Year 1900



Data for the chart above was computed at intervals of 100 years (as of January 1st at the end of each Gregorian century).

Earth's rate of rotation is slowing down due to Tidal Deceleration, caused mainly by Moon.

From the slope of the linear regression line on the chart, solar days are 1.75 milliseconds longer each century.

For comparison, historical eclipse records imply a rate of about 1.7 milliseconds each century.

For each date plotted, compute the ephemeris length of solar days based on the 10000 calendar days centered on that date:

$Day_No = Fixed_From_Gregorian (Gregorian_Year, January, 1)$

$M1 = Dynamical_From_Universal (Day_No - 5000)$

$M2 = Dynamical_From_Universal (Day_No + 5000)$

$Atomic_Seconds_Per_Solar_Day = (M2 - M1) * 86400 / 10000 = (M2 - M1) * 216 / 25$

Difference in length of Mean Solar Day relative to the year 1900:

$Difference \text{ in milliseconds} = 1000 * (Atomic_Seconds_Per_Solar_Day - 86400) = -8640 * (10000 + M1 - M2)$

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