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The second is the duration of 9 192 631 770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the caesium 133 atom.

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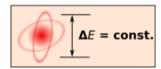
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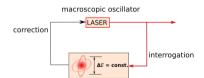
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#### Atomic clock diagram



- Ideal clock: a signal with stable and universal frequency.
- Energy levels of unperturbed atoms are stable and universal

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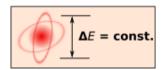
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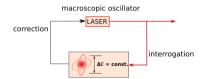
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$$\omega(t) = \omega_{ef} * (1 + \varepsilon + y(t))$$

 $\varepsilon$  -fractional offset of frequency y(t) - fractional fluctuations of frequency

### **Accuracy**

- uncertainty of  $\varepsilon$ 

### **Stability**

- statistical properties of y(t), characterized by the Allan deviation  $\sigma_{y}(\tau)$ 

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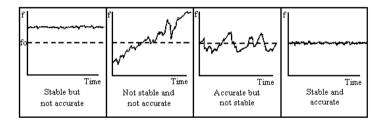
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# Accuracy and stability



source: nist.gov

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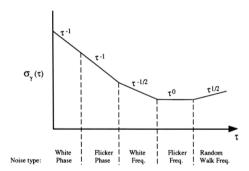
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### Allan deviation Details - Session II

$$\sigma_f(\tau) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n} \frac{\left(f_{n+1,\tau} - f_{n,\tau}\right)^2}{n}}$$



#### source: nist.gov

 $f_n$  is a set of frequency offset measurements that consists of individual measurements,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$ , and so on and the data are equally spaced in segments  $\tau$  seconds long.

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- 1. Atomic fountains, accuracy of  $\sim 10^{-16}$
- 2. Commercial caesium clocks, with good long term stability  $\sim 10^{-15}$  over few months and accuracy of  $\sim 10^{-13}$
- 3. Hydrogen masers: 1.4 GHz hyperfine structure transition in atomic hydrogen. Much better short-time **stability** than any commercial caesium clock:  $\sim 10^{-15}$  over few hours

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# Caesium clocks and hydrogen masers



HP5071A caesium clock and VCH-1005 hydrogen
maser in the Central Office of Measures in Poland



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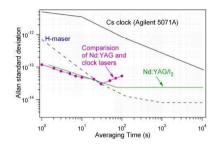
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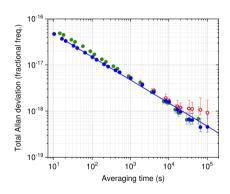
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# Caesium clocks and hydrogen masers vs optical clock



Feng-Lei Hong et al. Opt. Express 13, 5253-5262 (2005)



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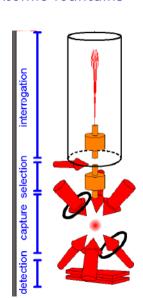
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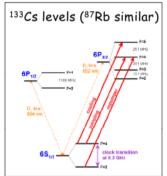
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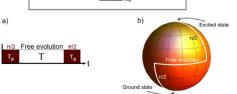
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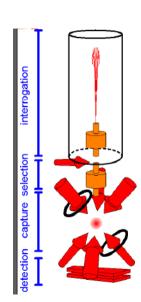
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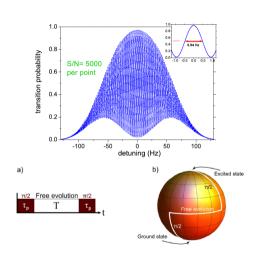
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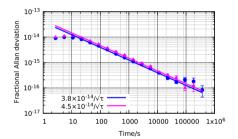
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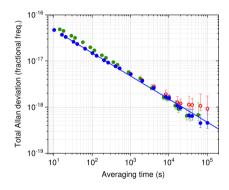
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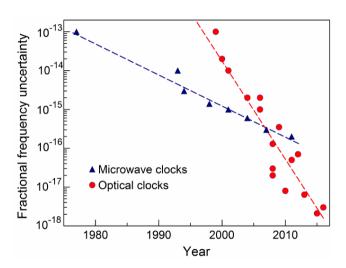
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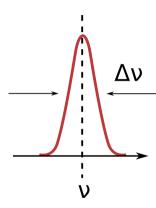
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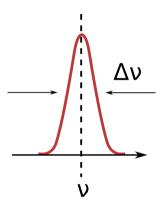
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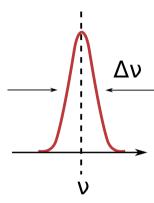
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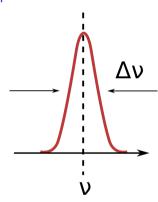
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# Optical clocks: trapped ions and neutral atoms

# Ion traps: Ions trapped in the Paul trap by the RF field

- ► Trap is perturbed only slightly ⇒ excellent accuracy 9.4 × 10<sup>-18</sup>
- ► Good stability  $(1.2 \times 10^{-15}/\sqrt{\tau})$ , but restricted by Quantum Shot Nose only 1 ion

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#### Neutral atoms: Optical lattice

- A trap with a high-intensity light  $\Rightarrow$  high perturbation, though well under control.  $2*10^{-18}$ 
  - T. Bothwell et al. arXiv:1906.06004 (2019)
- ► High number of atoms (10<sup>4</sup>)⇒ high stability possible.

$$1.5 \times 10^{-16}/\sqrt{ au}$$
 down to  $3.2 \times 10^{-19}$ 

W.F. McGrew et al. Nature 564, 87-90 (2018)

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# A transition good for optical clock

Natural linewidth of an electric dipole (E1) transition is typically bigger than 1 MHz  $\Rightarrow$  Q below  $10^8$ 

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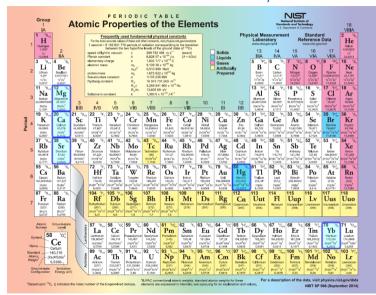
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#### Possible candidates:

- two-photon transitions and higher order electric transitions (quadrupole, octubole
- ▶ a low energy nuclear transition (still sought at <sup>229</sup> Th)
- an intercombination transition



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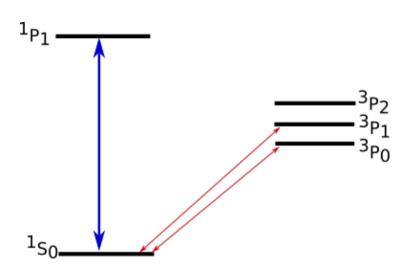
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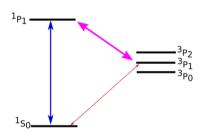
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- Forbidden  ${}^1S_0 {}^3P_1$  transition:
  - ► Fine structure interaction

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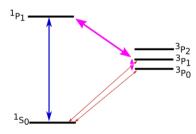
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- Forbidden  ${}^1S_0 {}^3P_1$  transition:
  - Fine structure interaction
- ▶ Double forbidden  ${}^{1}S_{0} {}^{3}P_{0}$  transition:
  - ► Fermions: hyperfine interaction
  - Bosons: quenching by a static B field

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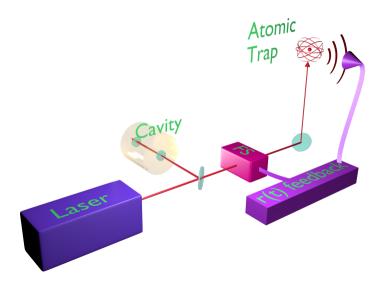
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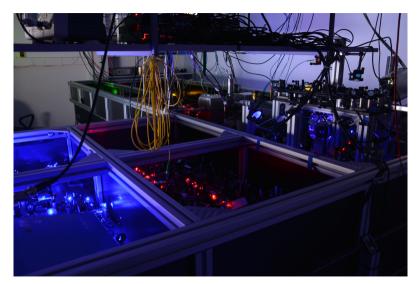
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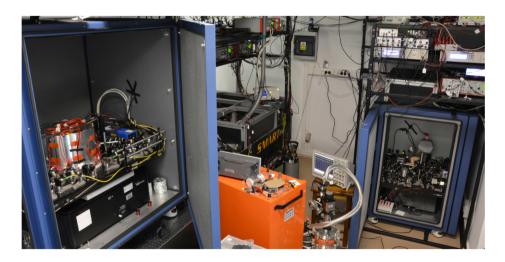
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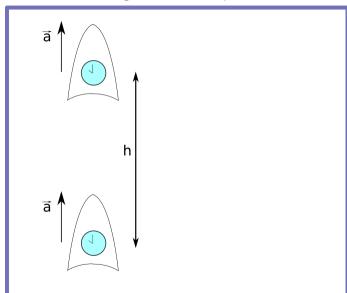
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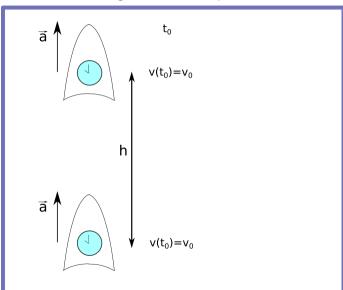
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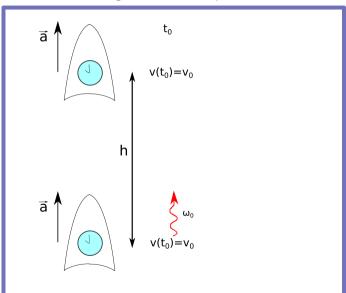
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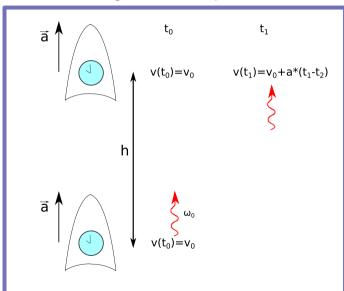
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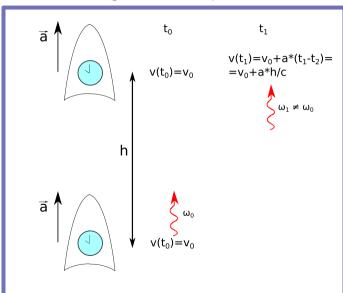
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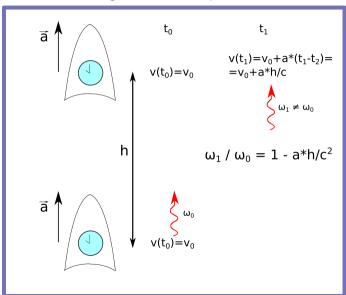
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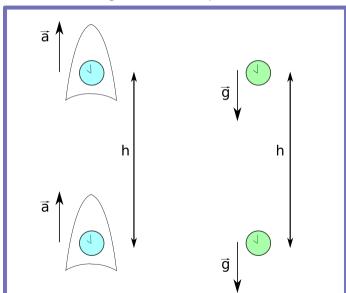
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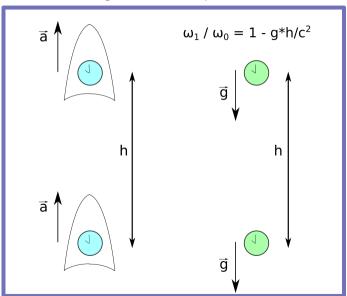
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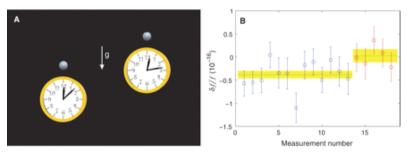
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### Gravitational redshift



Clock raised by 33 cm - CW Chou, et. al., Science, **329** 1630 (2010)

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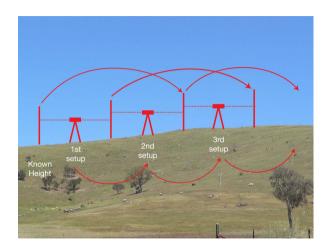
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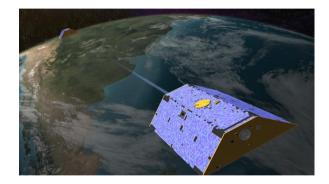
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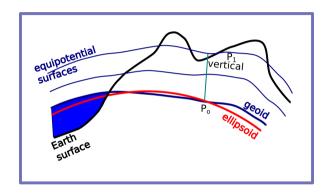
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## Gravitational redshift - relativistic geodesy



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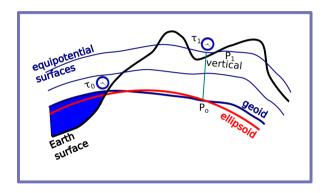
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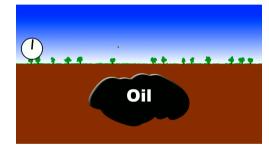
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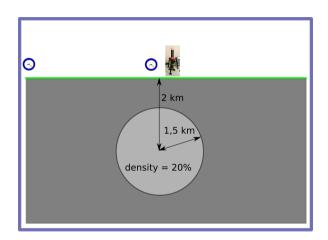
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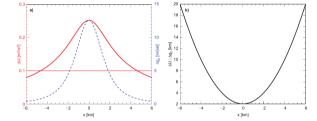
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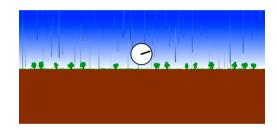
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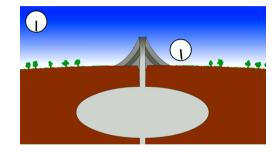
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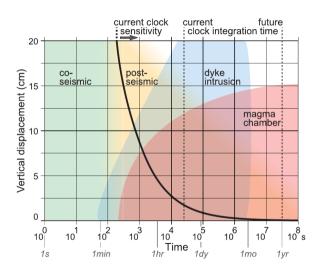
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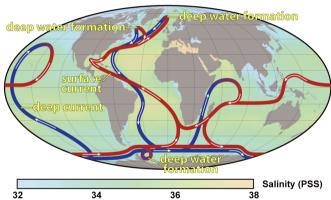
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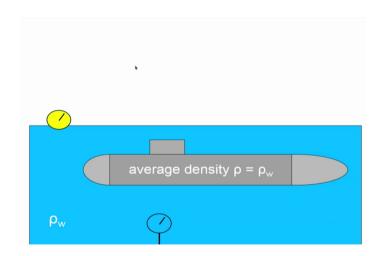
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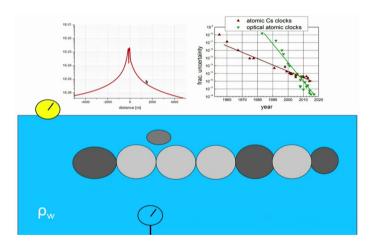
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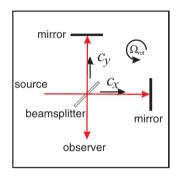
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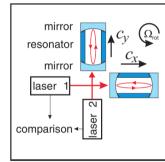
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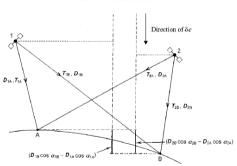
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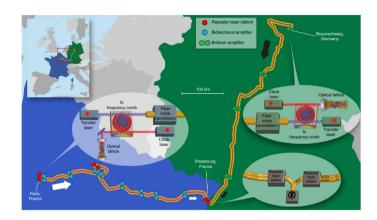
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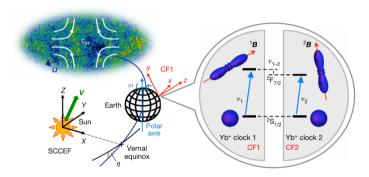
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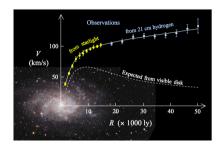
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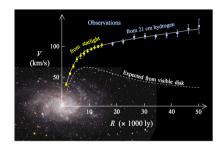
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$$ho_{cDM}^{local} pprox 0.4 \; GeV/cm^3$$

Global dark matter density (WAMP):

$$ho_{DM} = 1.3 \times 10^{-6} \; GeV/cm^3$$

► Inside the Solar System (planetary ephemerides-EPM2011):

$$ho_{DM}^{Solar} < 10^5 \; GeV/cm^3$$

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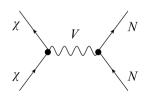
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The most widely accepted hypothesis: WIMP = Weakly interacting massive particles

Direct detection - collisions with nuclei.



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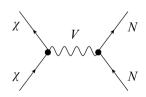
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# The problem with dark matter - broadening the scope of DM searches

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### A scalar field

The most general form of self-interaction potential of a scalar field  $\phi$ 

$$V(\phi) = 2\frac{c^2}{\hbar^2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \lambda\phi^4$$

- $\triangleright$  odd powers of  $\phi$  field are ruled out because of symmetry  $\phi \to -\phi$
- powers of  $\phi^6$  ad higher are ruled out because of renormalisation condition

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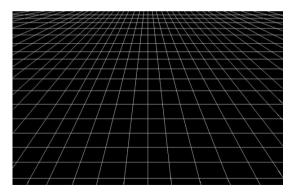
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### A massive scalar field

$$V(\phi) = 2\frac{c^2}{\hbar^2} m_{\phi}^2 \phi^2 + \lambda \phi^4$$

A coherently oscillating classical field  $\phi \sim \phi_0 \cos{(\omega t + \delta)}$  with Compton frequency  $\omega = \frac{m_\phi c^2}{\hbar} \rightarrow$  a valid DM candidate



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### A scalar field

$$V(\phi) = 2\frac{c^2}{\hbar^2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda\phi^4}{\hbar^2}$$

If  $m_\phi^2 < 0$  then the second term yields a spontaneous symmetry breaking and creation of topological solitons, otherwise called topological defects.

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# Phase transitions in Space - a spontaneous symmetry breaking

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 $\phi$  has non-zero expectation value  $\langle \phi \rangle = \eta e^{i\theta}$ , where only  $\eta$  is set by the model. We have a manifold, M, of degenerate vacuum states corresponding to different choices of  $\theta$ . 4 D > 4 A > 4 B > 4 B > B 90 C

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The expectation value of  $\phi$  vanishes and the symmetry is restored.

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## Cosmic phase transitions

### What is happening as the universe cools through $T_c$ ?

The field  $\phi$  will tend to develop an expectation value  $\langle \phi \rangle$  corresponding to some point in the manifold M.

Since all points in M are equivalent, the choice will depend on random fluctuations and will be different in different regions of space.

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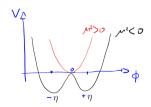
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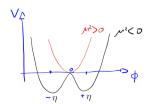
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As we go from a region with  $\langle \phi \rangle = +\eta$  to a region with  $\langle \phi \rangle = -\eta$ , we must pass through  $\langle \phi \rangle = 0$ , therefore these two regions are separated by a domain wall of false vacuum.

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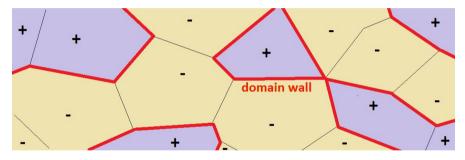
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# Cosmic phase transitions

After the phase transition  $\langle \phi \rangle$  will be different in different regions of space.



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Size of domains is determined by the correlation length  $\xi \sim T_C^{-1}$  and restricted by an event horizon - the Kibble-Żurek mechanism with speed c

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# Topological defects

### Plethora of topological defects:

- ► Domain walls
- Strings
- Monopols
- Monopols connected by strings
- Walls bounded by strings
- **•** ...

Topological defects carry energy and are comparable in size to the Compton wavelength  $d \sim m^{-1}$  of vector and Higgs bosons of a given field  $\rightarrow$  another valid DM candidate

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$$V(\phi) = 2\frac{c^2}{\hbar^2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \lambda\phi^4$$

can couple to SM by different "portals", for instance:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\textit{scalar}}^{\textit{lin}} = rac{\phi}{\Lambda_{\gamma}} rac{\mathcal{F}_{\mu
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u}}{4} - \sum_{f} rac{\phi}{\Lambda_{f}} m_{f} \overline{f} f + \sum_{V} rac{\phi}{\Lambda_{V}} rac{M_{V}^{2}}{2} V_{
u} V^{
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\textit{scalar}}^{\textit{quad}} = \frac{\phi^2}{(\mathsf{\Lambda}_\gamma')^2} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}}{4} - \sum_f \frac{\phi^2}{(\mathsf{\Lambda}_f')^2} m_f \overline{f} f + \sum_V \frac{\phi^2}{(\mathsf{\Lambda}_V')^2} \frac{M_V^2}{2} V_\nu V^\nu$$

 $\Lambda_{\gamma}$  ( $\Lambda'_{\gamma}$ ) and  $\Lambda_{f}$  ( $\Lambda'_{f}$ ) are the energy scales of the respective linear (quadratic) couplings.

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$${\cal L}_{\it QED}=\hat{\imath}\hbar c\overline{\psi_e}\gamma^\mu D_\mu\psi_e-m_ec^2\overline{\psi_e}\psi_e+rac{1}{4\mu_0}{\cal F}_{\mu
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where  $m_e$  i  $\psi_e$  are mass and field of electron, respectively,  $\alpha = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{e^2 c}{\hbar}$ 

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Observed values of  $\alpha$  and  $m_e$  will change because of coupling to  $\phi$ 

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The electronic part of the Schrödinger equation within the Born-Oppenheimer approximation, in SI units, in dimensionless form, for n electrons and m nuclei:

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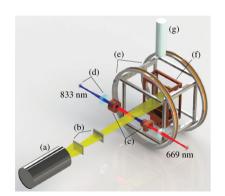
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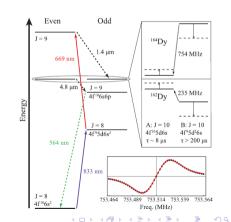
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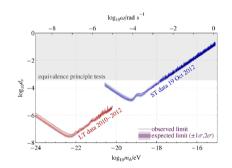
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The strength of the linear coupling  $d_e$  is the inverse of the energy scale  $\Lambda_{\gamma}$ .

$$d_e = \frac{M_P c^2}{\sqrt{4\pi}\Lambda_{\gamma,1}}$$

where  $M_Pc^2=1.2\times 10^{19}$  GeV is the Planck mass energy equivalent.



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## Atomic fountain - two species with different clock frequency

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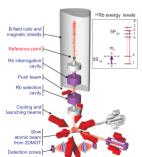
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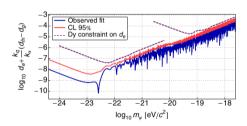
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# Searching for an Oscillating Massive Scalar Field as a Dark Matter Candidate Using Atomic Hyperfine Frequency Comparisons

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$$d_{\hat{m}} = \frac{d_{m_u} m_u + d_{m_d} m_d}{m_u + m_d}$$

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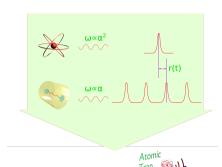
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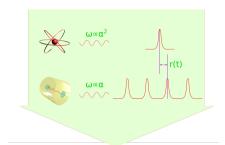
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$$= \omega_0 (1 + k_\alpha^{at}) \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha}$$
$$\equiv \omega_0 K_\alpha \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha}$$

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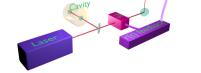
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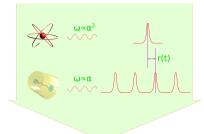
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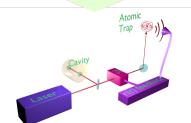
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The variations of  $\alpha$  can be seen in the feedback signal r(t)

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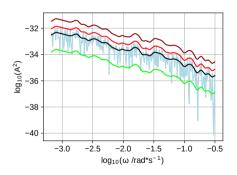
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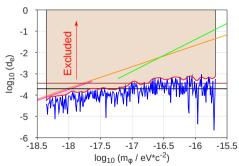
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For each frequency of the oscillation  $\omega$ , i.e. for each mass  $m_{\phi}$ , the  $R(t) = B + A(\omega)cos(\omega t + \delta)$  function is fitted to the normalised signals.





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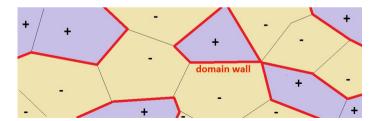
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$$V(\phi) = 2\frac{c^2}{\hbar^2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda\phi^4}{\hbar^2}$$

where  $m_{\phi}^2 < 0$ 



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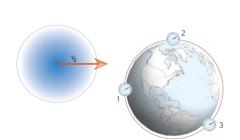
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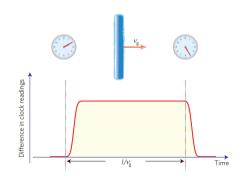
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$$\frac{d\omega_0}{\omega_0} = k_\alpha \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha}$$





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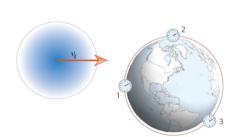
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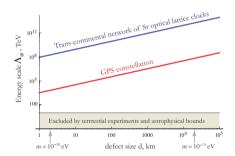
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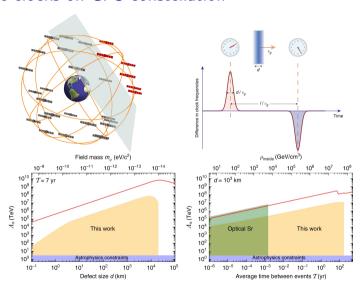
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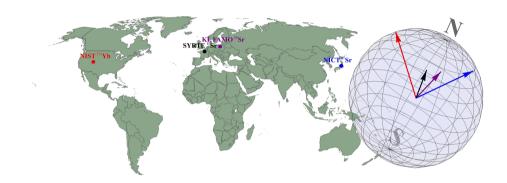
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### Intercontinental network of optical atomic clocks.



The readouts of the distant clocks do not need to be correlated in real time. Just as in the standard radio-astronomical technique, very-long-baseline interferometry, they can be locally recorded (with time stamps that are accurate to the level of 1 ms) and cross-correlated later.

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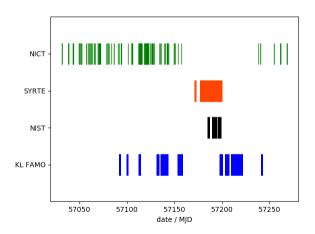
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Observation sessions spanning Jan. 2015 to Dec. 2015.

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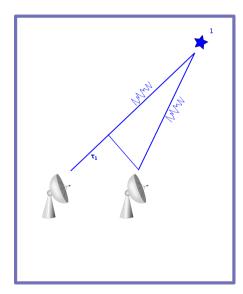
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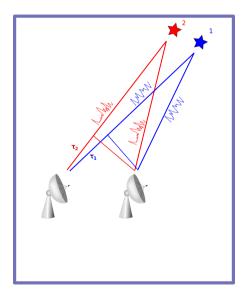
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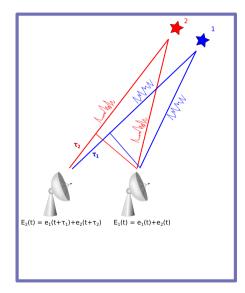
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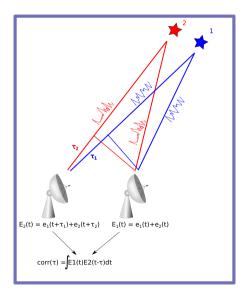
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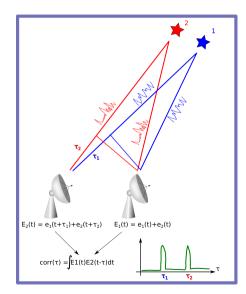
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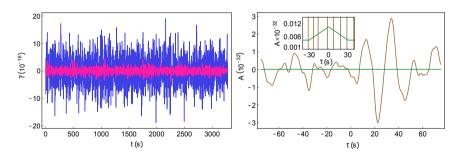
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The transient effect can be detected by cross-correlating the pairs of feedbacks  $r_i(t)$  recorded in the network of worldwide dispersed clocks.



The expected cross-correlation shape is fitted to cross-correlated data.

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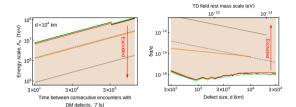
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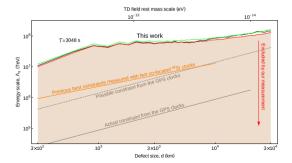
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The topological defect size comparable to the size of the Earth (10,000 km)  $\Rightarrow$   $\delta\alpha/\alpha < 1.6 \times 10^{-16}.$ 

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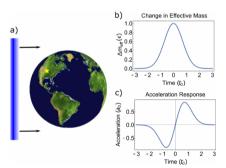
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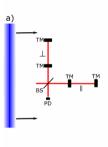
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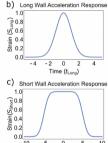
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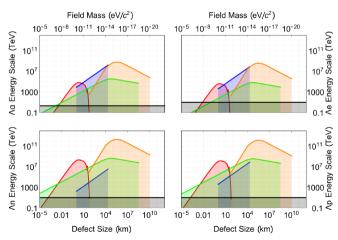
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# Coupling to SM

#### Search for New Physics with Atoms and Molecules

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Spin	Type	Operator	Interaction	DM effects	Searches
0	scalar	$\varphi h^{\dagger}h$ , $\phi^n \mathcal{O}_{SM}$	Higgs portal / dilaton	fundconstant variation	Atomic clocks, GPS.DM
		$a G^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}$	axion-QCD	nucleon EDM	CASPEr-Electric
	pseudo-scalar	$a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$	axion-E&M	EMF along $B$ field	ADMX, CULTASK, MADMAX
		$(\partial_{\mu}a)\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}\psi$	axion-fermion	spin torque	CASPEr-Wind, GNOME, QUAX
1	vector	$F'_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$	vector-photon mixing	EMF in vacuum	DM Radio, ADMX
		$F'_{\mu\nu}\bar{\psi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi$	dipole operator	spin torque	CASPEr-Wind
	axial-vector	$A'_{\mu}\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\psi$	minimally coupled	spin torque	CASPEr-Wind

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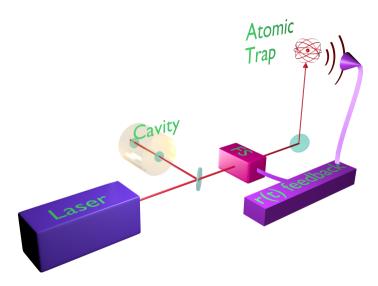
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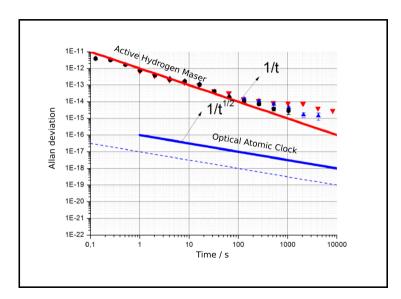
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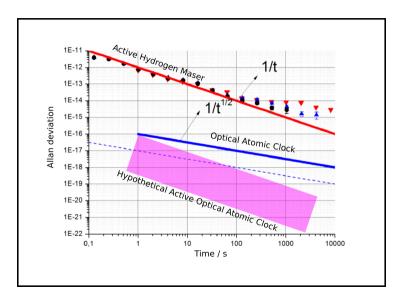
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Indirect LHC bounds (from Higgs decay, status as of 2015)

$$y_e < 1.3 \times 10^{-3}, y_{u,d} < 1.3 \times 10^{-2}$$

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#### Probing atomic Higgs-like forces at the precision frontier

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Higgs boson exchange between a nucleus of mass number A and one of its bound electrons induces an attractive potential of Yukawa type:

$$V_{Higgs}(r) = -\frac{y_e y_A}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-rm_h}}{r}$$

Higgs force - attractive, the higher / state, the less is affected

$$\delta E_{nlm}^{Higgs} = \langle nlm|V_{Higs}|nlm\rangle \approx - - \frac{y_e y_A}{4\pi m_h^2} |\phi(0)|^2 \frac{\delta I, 0}{n^3}$$

How to measure the Higgs force? Change the total mass not changing the total charge.

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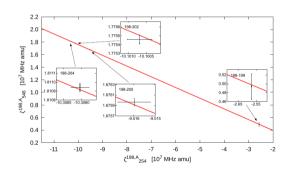
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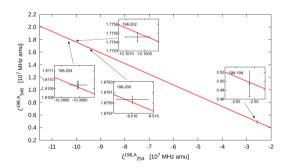
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