

Non-destructive detection of lattice trapped ^{87}Sr atoms in an optical clock ACES workshop 2019

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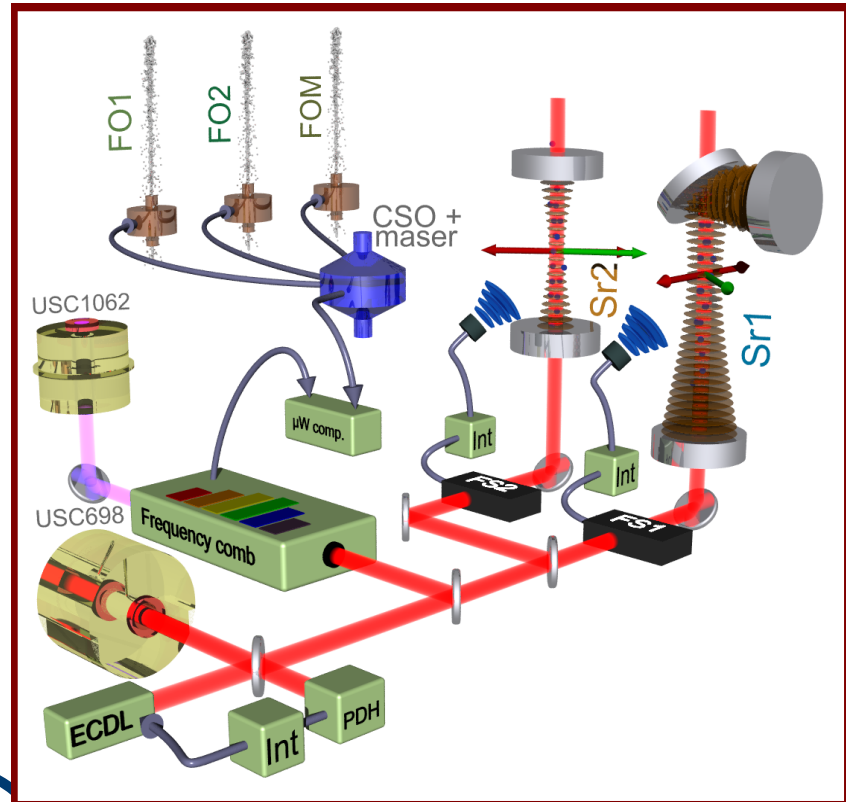
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Outline:

- Overview of the Sr clocks at LNE–SYRTE
- Clock performance, accuracy budget, stability
- Detection scheme: Non-destructive detection

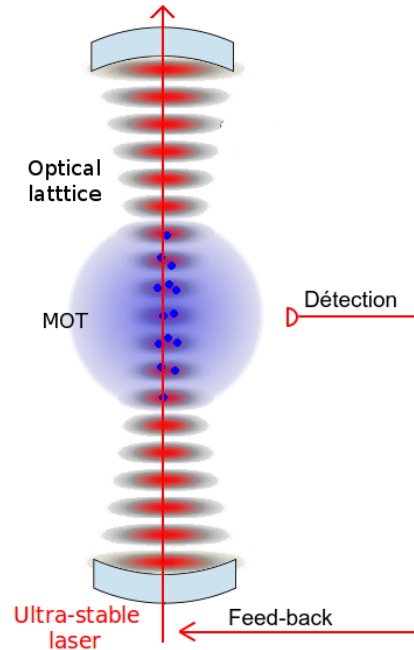
^{87}Sr lattice clock at LNE-SYRTE

- Trap depth ranging from a few E_r to 1000's E_r
- Optical lattice cavity locked and intensity controlled ($\omega_0 = 50\mu\text{m}$)
- Two ^{87}Sr clocks probed by a single US laser enabling studies of non-common mode systematics effect
- Comb linked to maser and atomic fountains primary standard

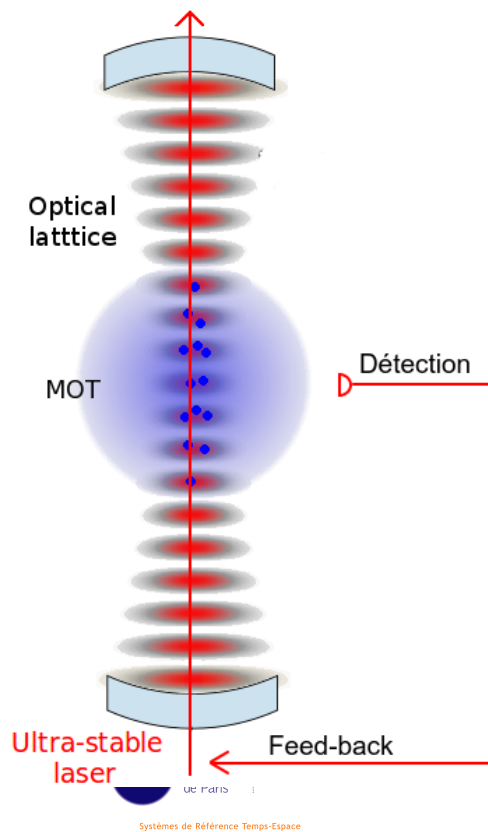
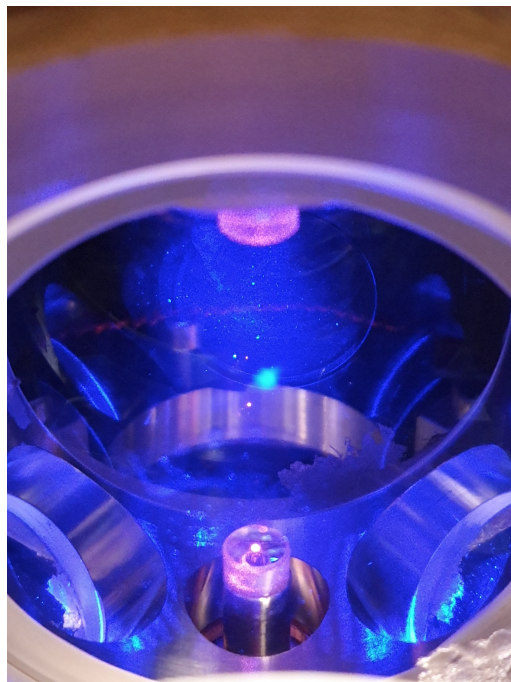


^{87}Sr lattice clock at LNE-SYRTE

- Atoms loaded in a 3D MOT from Zeeman-slowed atomic flux
- From the MOT, cold atoms are loaded in a 1D lattice trap
- Further control of atomic motion and state preparation



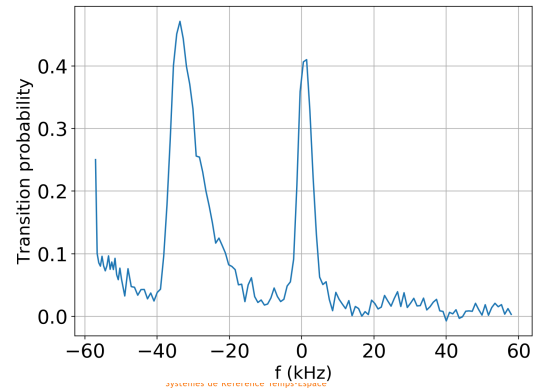
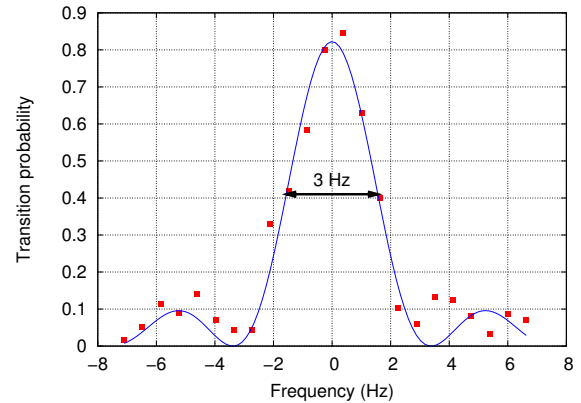
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Effect	Uncertainty in 10^{-18}
Black-body radiation shift	12
Quadratic Zeeman shift	5
Lattice light-shift	3
Density shift	8
Line pulling	6
Background collisions	5
Probe light	0.4
Total uncertainty	1.7×10^{-17}

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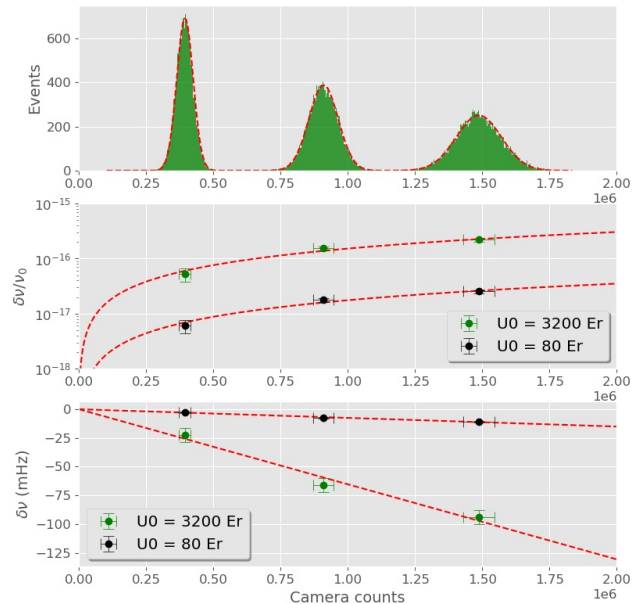
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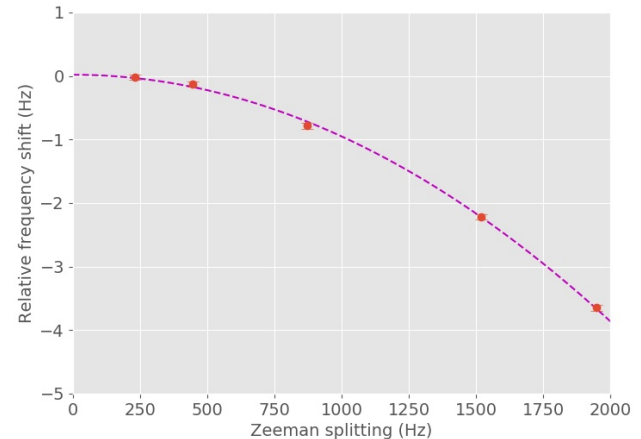
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Quadratic Zeeman shift:



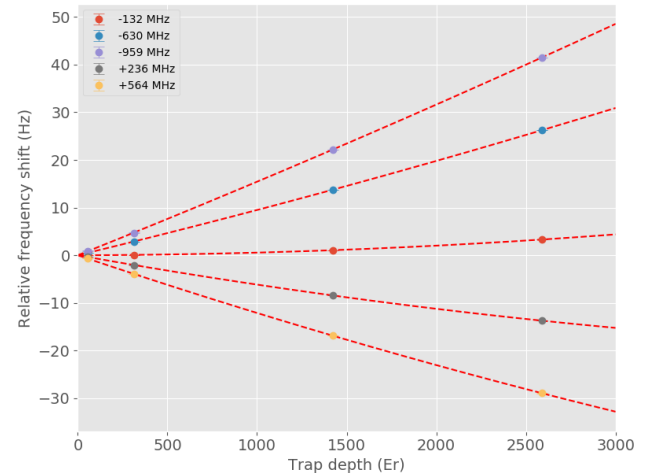
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Light shift:



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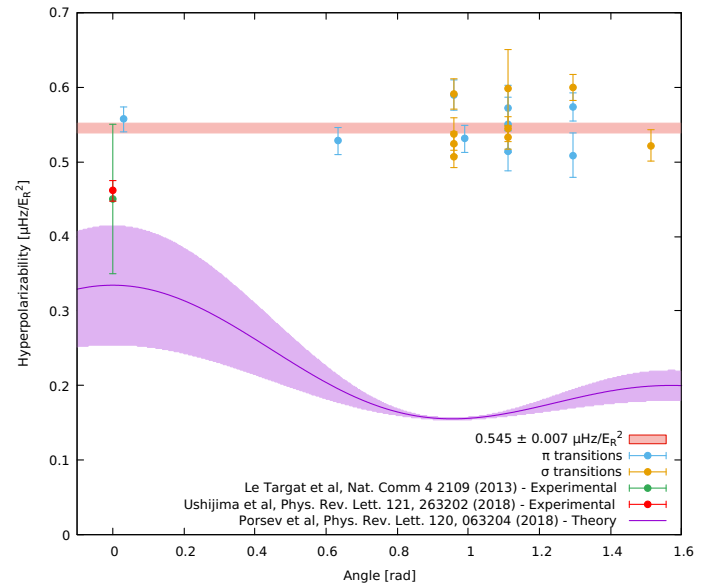
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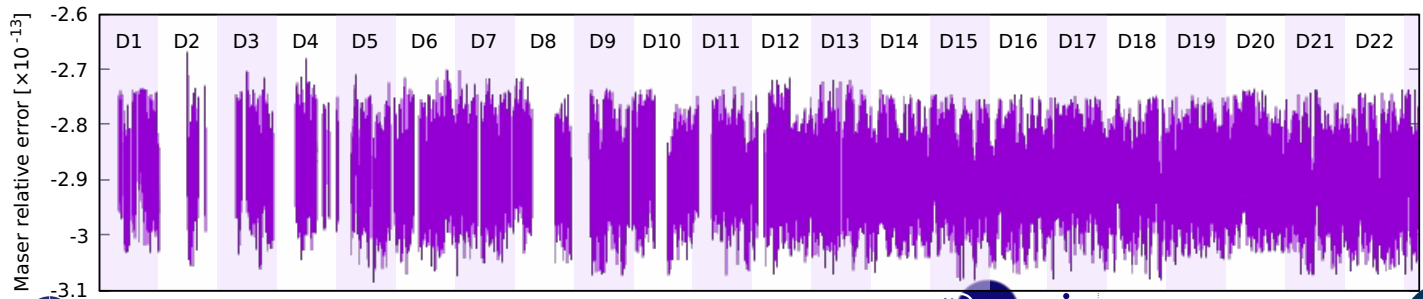


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Clock performance – local and international comparisons

- Regularly comparing clocks with fairly automated instrumentation
- Enables fixing technical problems affecting the clock at the 10^{-17} range
- Robustness of instrumentation leading to high uptime $\approx 60 - 90\%$



TAI contribution

- First optical clock contribution to TAI (thanks, Michel Abgrall):

3 - Duration of the TAI scale interval d.

Table 1: Estimate of d by individual PFS measurements and corresponding uncertainties. All values are expressed in 18e-15 and are valid only for the stated period of estimation.

Standard	Period of Estimation	d	uA	uB	u(Lab)	u(Lab)/TAI	u	uSrep	Ref(uS)	Ref(uB)	uB(Ref)	Steer	Note
PTB-CS1	57784 57889	-18.71	6.00	8.00	0.00	0.15	10.00	PFS/NA	T148	8.		Y	(1)
PTB-CS2	57784 57889	-8.28	5.00	12.00	0.00	0.15	12.37	PFS/NA	T148	12.		Y	(1)
SYRTE-F02	57784 57889	-1.30	0.40	0.32	0.11	0.32	0.61	PFS/NA	T381	0.23		Y	(2)
SYRTE-SORB	57784 57889	-0.91	0.20	0.22	0.13	0.32	0.49	0.7	T11			Y	(2)
SYRTE-SR2	56954 56964	0.81	0.20	0.04	0.10	0.53	0.57	0.5	T1	0.05		N	(3)
SYRTE-SR2	57379 57399	0.46	0.20	0.04	0.10	0.26	0.36	0.5	T1	0.05		N	(3)
SYRTE-SR2	57469 57479	-1.39	0.25	0.20	0.11	0.53	0.63	0.5	T1	0.05		N	(3)
SYRTE-SR2	57629 57634	-1.24	0.30	0.04	0.11	0.37	0.49	0.5	T1	0.05		N	(3)
SYRTE-SR8	57539 57554	-1.22	0.25	0.05	0.10	0.37	0.46	0.5	T1	0.05		N	(3)
PTB-CSP2	57779 57889	-1.56	0.60	0.28	0.03	0.15	0.26	PFS/NA	T287	0.41		Y	(4)

Notes:

(1) Continuously operating as a clock participating to TAI

(2) Report 83 MAR. 2017 by LNE-SYRTE

(3) Report 16 AUG. 2016 by LNE-SYRTE

(4) Report 02 MAR. 2017 by PTB

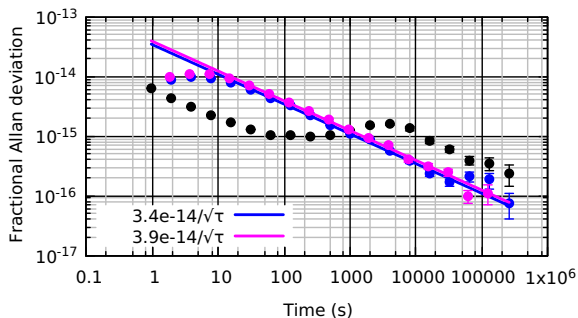
[1] CIPM Recommendation 2 (CI-2015) - Updates to the List of standard frequencies in Proces-Verbaux

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[2] Optical to microwave clock frequency ratios with a nearly continuous strontium optical lattice clock. Lodewyck J.,

Bilicki S., Boukiani E., Roby J.L., Shi C., Vollet G., Le Targat H., Nicolodi D., Le Coq Y., Guena J., Abgrall M.,

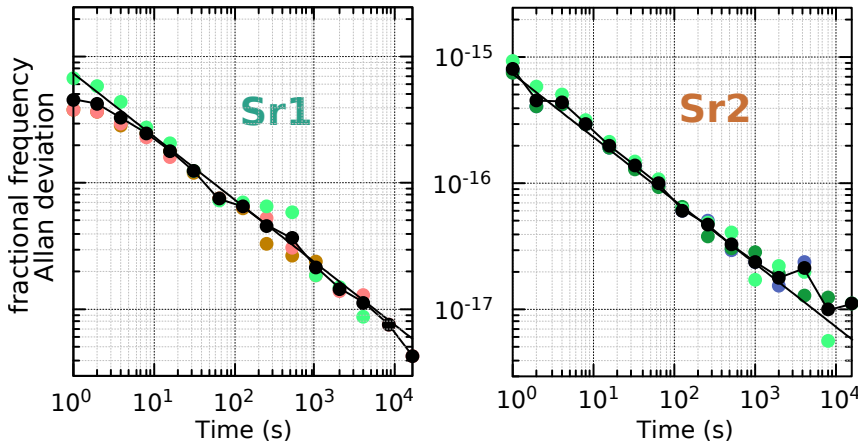
Rosenbusch P. and Bizé S., Metrologia 53(4), 1123, 2016.



- First real time contribution Dec/2018: 10 days clock operation together with NICT
- SYRTE-Sr x NICT-Sr at 1^{-16} level via GPS-IPPP
- Other contributions for TAI: NIST-Sr, NIST-Yb

Clock performance – local and international comparisons

- Fiber links between SYRTE, NPL and PTB: remote comparison of optical clocks
- Regular comparison campaigns since 2015



- Average = $7.4 \cdot 10^{-16} / \sqrt{\tau}$
- PTBYb+NPLSr
- SYRTEsr2+NPLSr
- SYRTEsr2+PTBYb

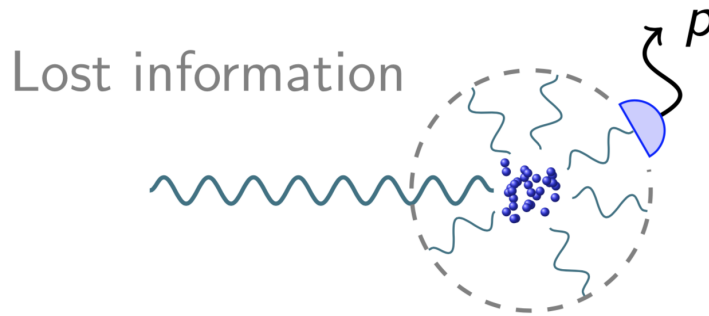
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Detection scheme: non-destructive detection

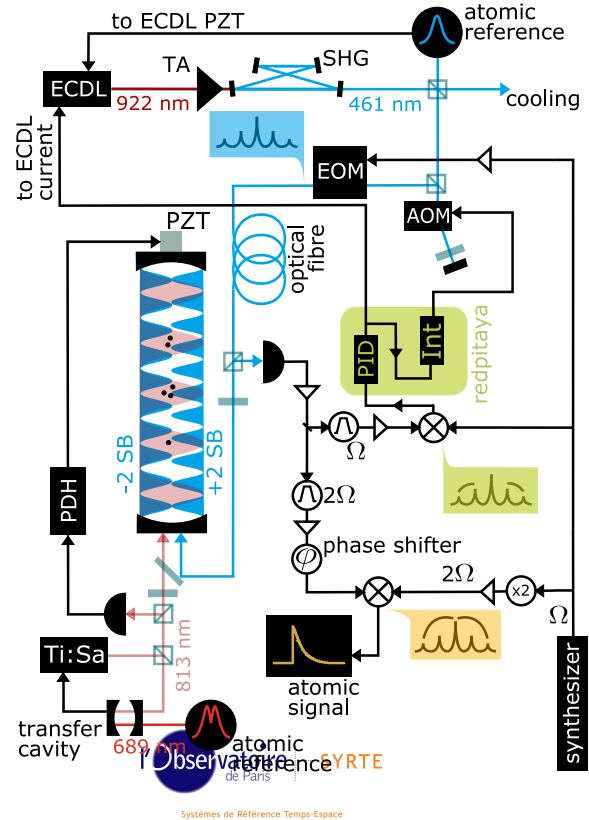
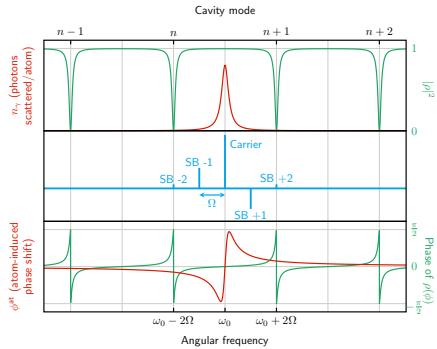
- Fluorescence-based detection
- Lost of atoms: need to reload the trap



A phase-shift sensitive detection scheme can preserve the atoms in the trap!

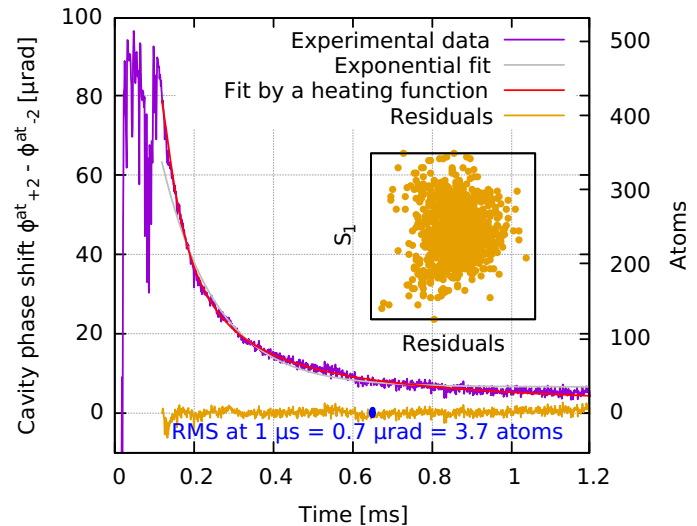
Detection scheme: non-destructive detection

- Off resonance 461 nm blue probe phase modulated
- Coupled in the lattice cavity simultaneously with 813 nm
- Lock the cavity and measure the phase shift due to the atoms



Detection scheme: non-destructive detection

- Detection resolution: $\delta N = 3.7$ atoms
- Scattering of 38 photons per atom
- Shot noise limit: $\delta N \approx 0.7$
Allows for recycling the atoms for the next interrogation

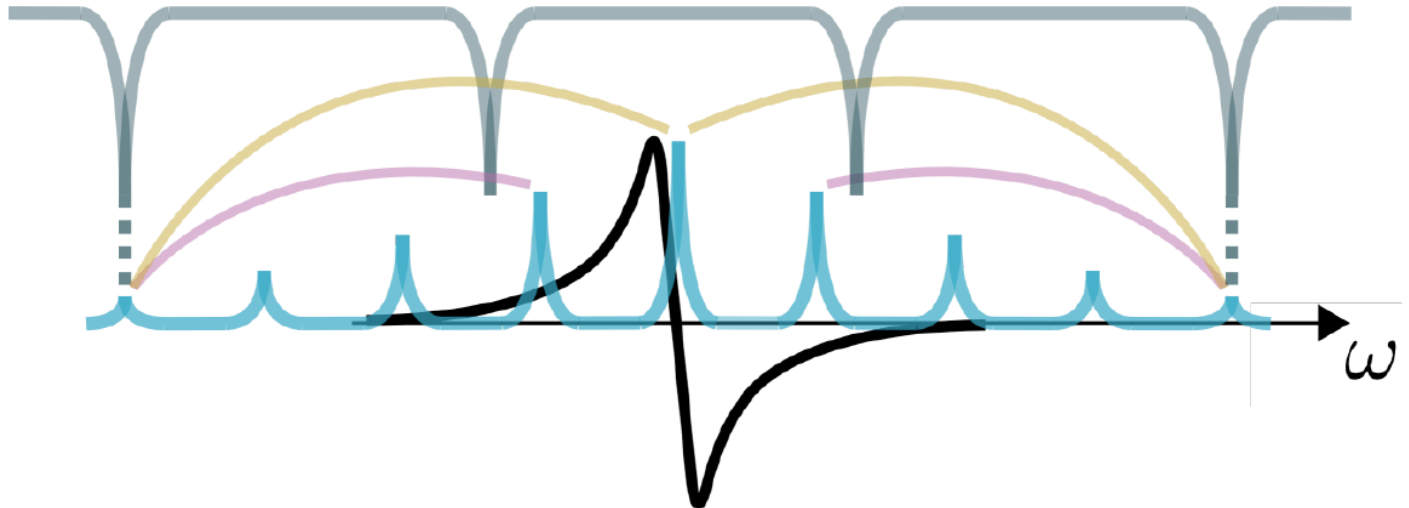


Detection scheme: non-destructive detection, next steps

- Detection noise usually fundamentally limited by projection noise (projective measurements)

$$\delta N_{QPN} \approx \sqrt{N}$$

- Overcome QPN: spin squeeze
- Reduced blue probe intensity by using 3rd and 4th side bands



Conclusions

- Robust clock operation: able to run the clock for weeks on demand
- Stability at the high 10^{-16} at 1 s, allowing for frequency resolution in the low 10^{-17} and systematics control at the same level
- Remote comparisons and TAI contributions
- Non-destructive detection, Dick effect reduction
- Moving towards quantum regime, spin squeeze to overcome QPN

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