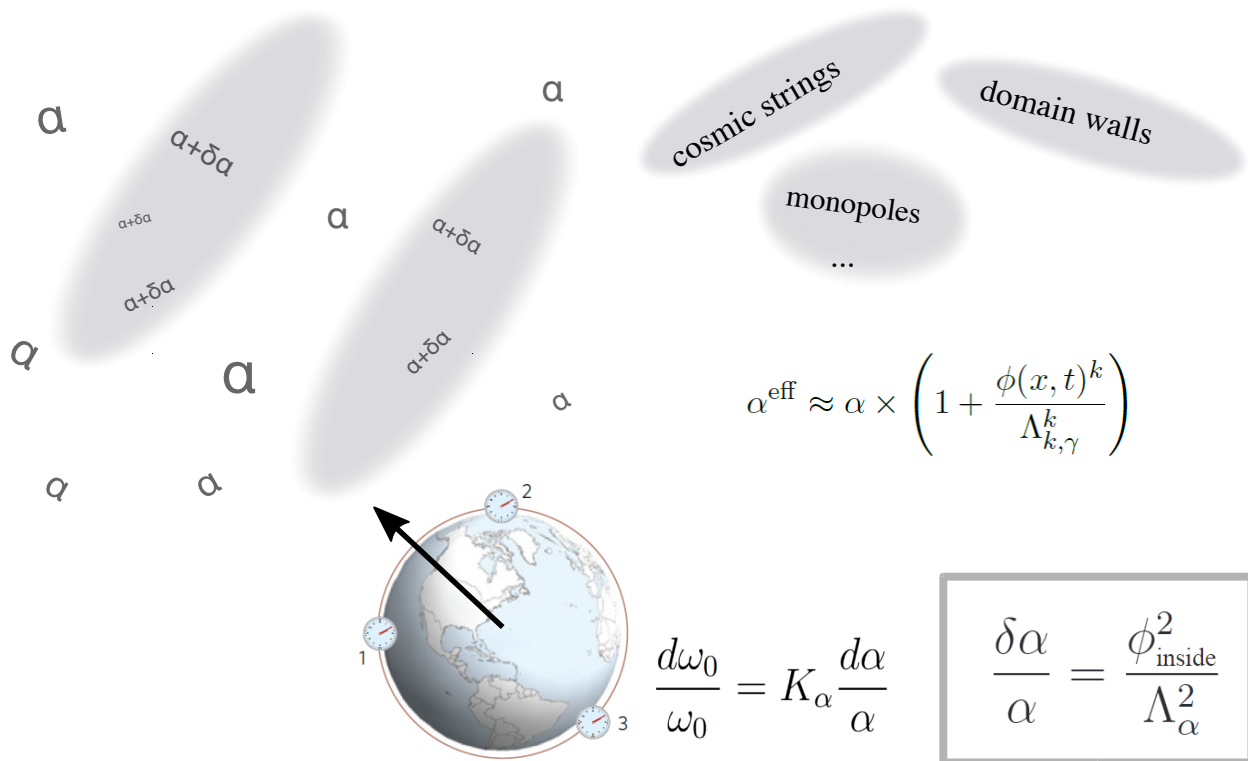


Dark matter in the form of topological defects

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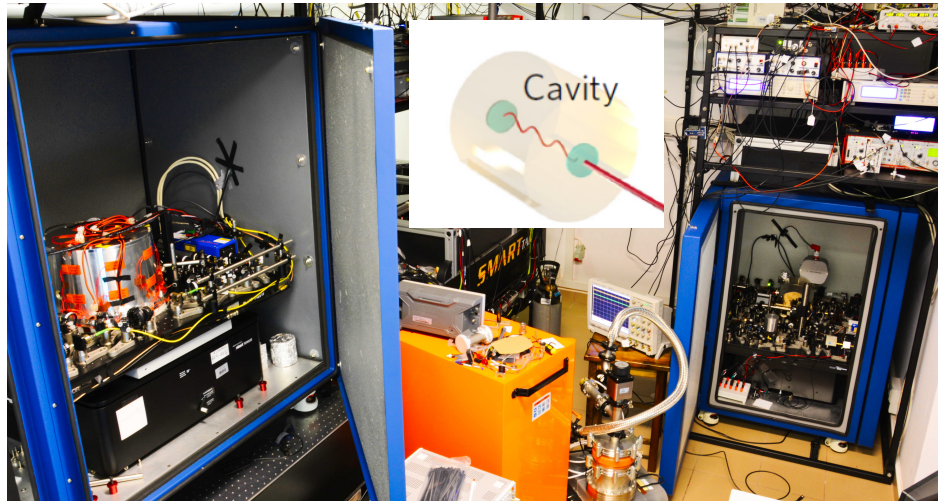


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Optical atomic clock



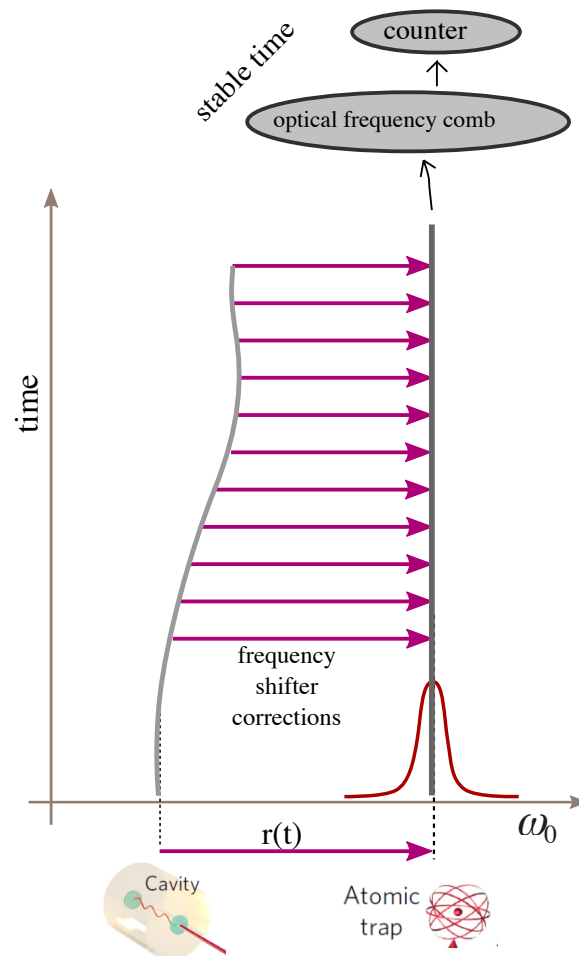
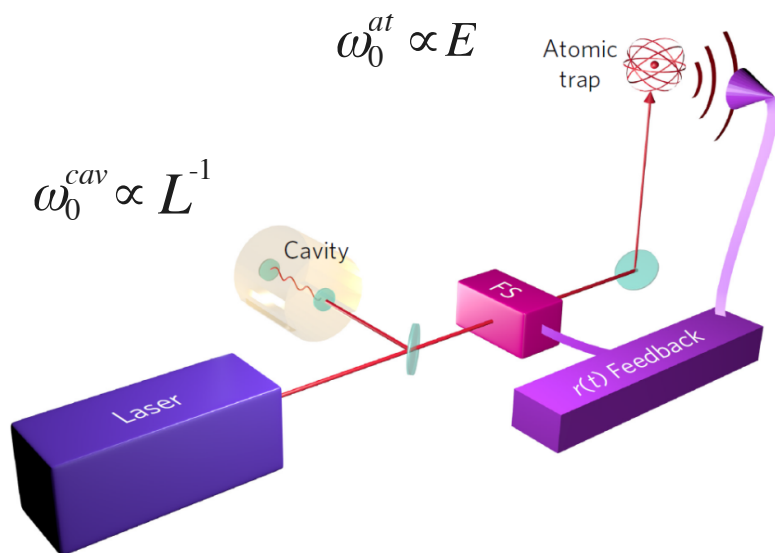
The most precise measuring tool

State-of-the-art clocks

relative uncertainty 10^{-18}

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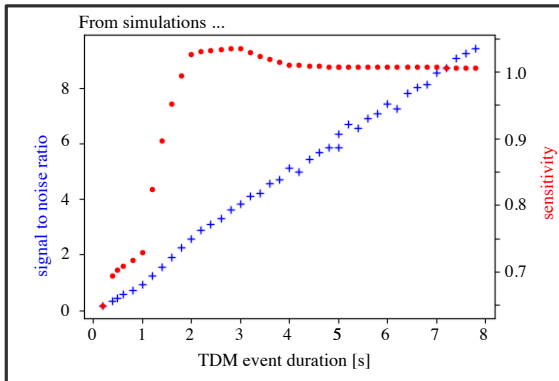
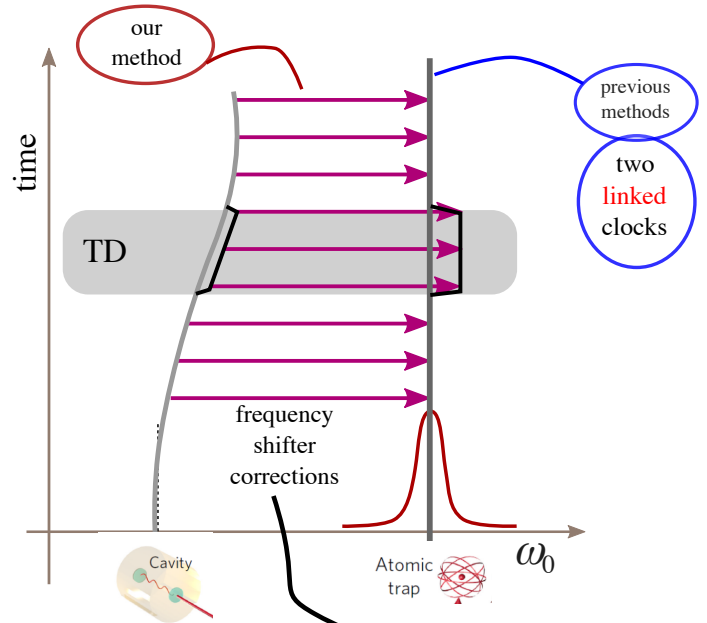
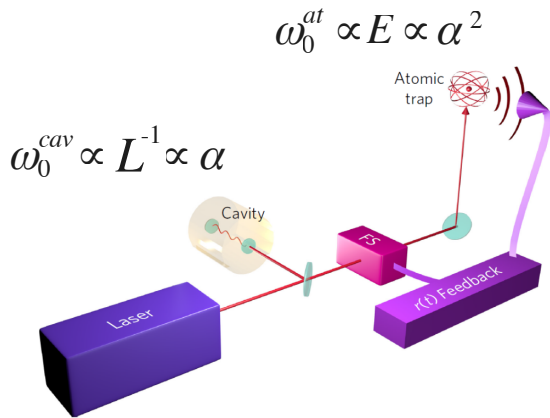
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... is sensitive to a variation

P. Wcislo et al., Nat. Astron. 1, 0009 (2016)



$$\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{x_i}^2 - \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,m} \frac{Z_{ij}}{r_{ji}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,k=1}^{n,n} \frac{1}{r_{ik}} \right) \psi = \epsilon \psi$$

$$x_i = \frac{r_i}{a_0}$$

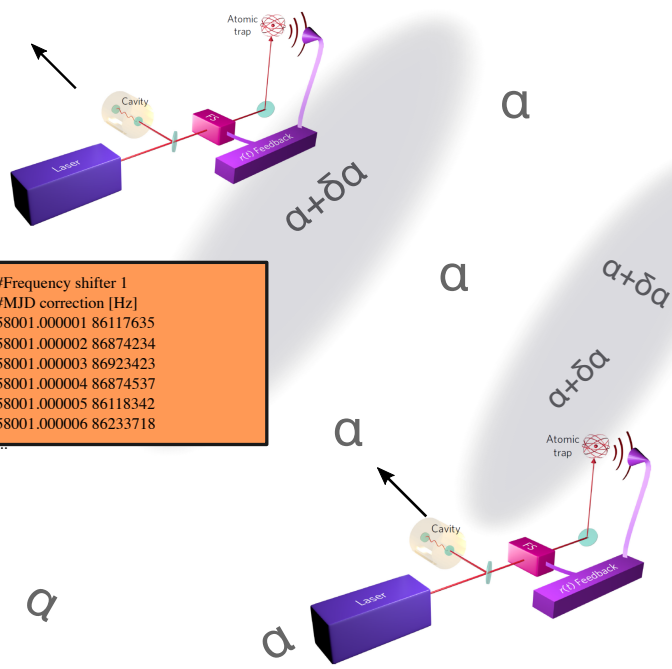
$$a_0 = \frac{\hbar}{m \alpha c}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{E}{E_h}$$

$$E_h = \alpha^2 m_e c^2$$

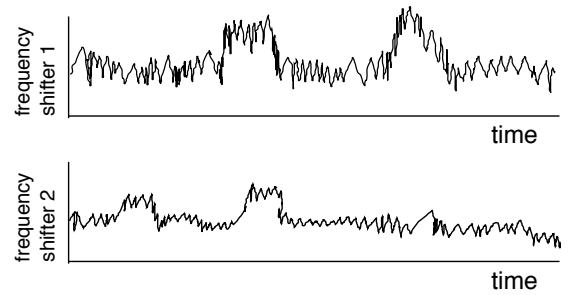
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#Frequency shifter
#MJD correction [Hz]
58001.000001 110834135
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58001.000004 110834134
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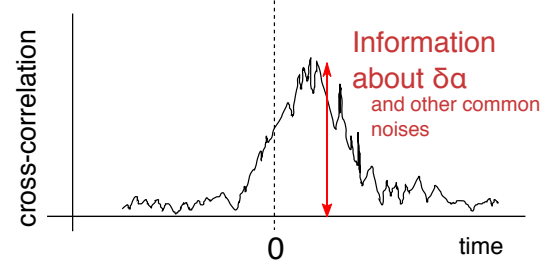


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#Frequency shifter 1
#MJD correction [Hz]
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58001.000003 86923423
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58001.000006 86233718
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#Frequency shifter 2
#MJD correction [Hz]
58001.000001 110834135
58001.000002 110834132
58001.000003 110834126
58001.000004 110834134
58001.000005 110834142
58001.000006 110834115
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$$(r_1 * r_2)(\Delta t) = \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} r_1(t) r_2(t + \Delta t) dt$$



$$\frac{\delta\alpha}{\alpha} < \frac{1}{K_\alpha} \frac{\sqrt{A_0/\eta_r}}{\omega_0}$$

$$\Lambda_\alpha > d^{1/2} \sqrt{\frac{\eta_r}{A_0}} \rho_{\text{TDM}} \hbar c K_\alpha \mathcal{T} v \omega_0$$

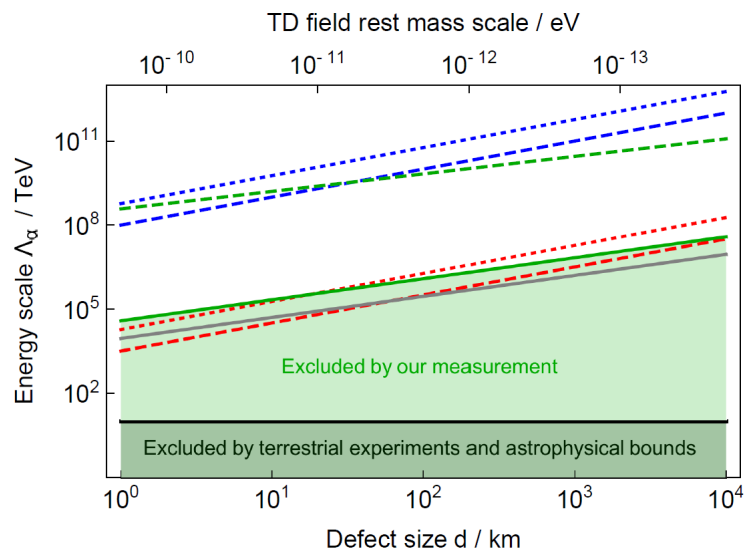
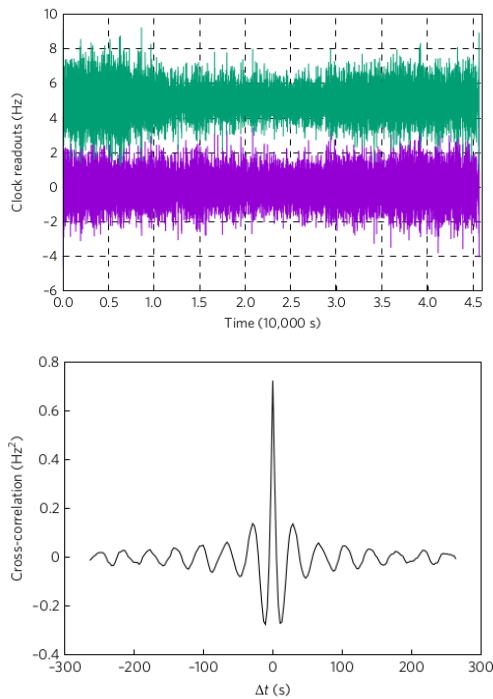
Experimental constraint



Two optical atomic clocks with neutral ^{88}Sr atoms trapped in optical lattices

P. Morzyński, Scientific Reports 5, 17495 (2015)

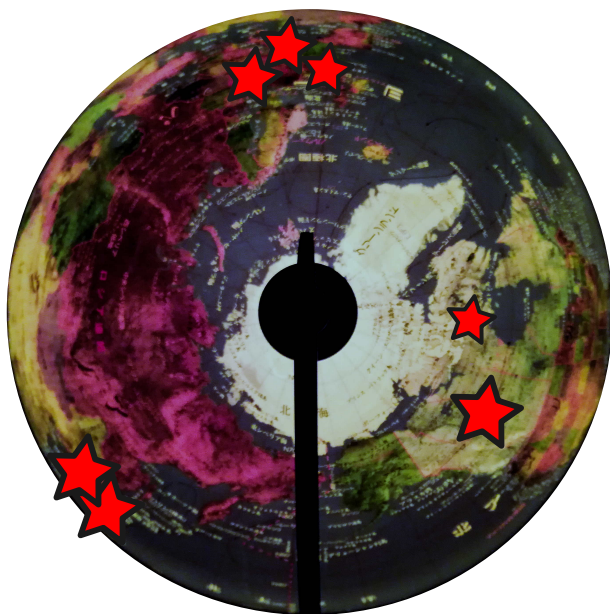
M. Bober et. al., Measurement Science and Technology 26, 075201 (2015)



Assumptions:
 • one event per 45 700 s
 • $d = 10\,000$ km $\longrightarrow \frac{\delta\alpha}{\alpha} < 5 \times 10^{-15}$

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Summary



- ✓ New method for searching for transient α variation
- ✓ Simplicity and workability
- ✓ Measuring apparatus already exists
- ✓ Results

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