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Time for future: quantum clocks

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Physics World, 13 April 2007

University of Nottingham http://mpa.ac.uk/muarc/

Quantum Sensors

- Gravity -

Quantum Sensors In Space



Quantum Sensors - Clocks -





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Personal Navigation

The measurement of time

Accuracy \rightarrow realization of the standardStability \rightarrow stability of the frequency: depends on $\frac{\Delta v_0}{v_0}$ of the oscillator v_0

The measurement of time

Clock: Historical View

Atomic Clocks: Hot Atoms

The definition of the second

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 ¹³³Cs atom

(13th CGPM, 1967)

Laser cooling

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1997

"for development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light"

S. Chu

W.D. Phillips

Laser cooling: Temperatures

Atomic Temperature : $k_B T = M v_{rms}^2$

Minimum temperature for Doppler cooling:

$$k_{B}T_{D}=\frac{h\Gamma}{2}$$

Single photon recoil temperature:

$$k_B T_r = \frac{1}{M} \left(\frac{h_{VL}}{c} \right)^2$$

Atomic fountain clock

NIST-F1

Time up to 1s

Clock: Optical Clock

Fractional frequency instability

$$\sigma \propto \frac{\Delta v}{v_o} \frac{1}{S/N}$$

 v_o Natural frequency Δv Line width

S/N Signal to noise ratio

Cs hyperfine transition ~ 10^{10} Hz (Fountain Clocks) Optical Transition ~ 10^{15} Hz (Optical Clock)

Optical Clock is the way to go

Schematic of an Optical Clock

Optical clocks: Towards 10-18-10-19

• Narrow optical transitions $\delta v_0 \le 1$ Hz, $v_0 \sim 10^{15}$ Hz

Trapped ions: Hg^+ , In^+ , Sr^+ , Yb^+ , Al^+ ...

(NPL, NRC, NIST, PTB, MPQ Innsbruck, CRL)

Paul trap

•Narrow optical transitions

Advantage: easy tight trapping, minimised perturbations Limitation: single or limited number of ions (Coulomb interaction) Stability achieved ~8×10⁻¹⁸ (so far)

Cold neutral atoms: H, Ca, Sr, Yb,... (MPQ, Hannover, PTB, NIST, JILA, SYRTE, Tokyo, Kriss, NPL, UoB, HHUD, Florence, INRIM)

Advantage: high signal to noise with many atoms Requirement: magic optical lattice

Stability achieved ~1.6x10⁻¹⁸ (so far)

Optical clocks: Towards 10-18-10-19

Sr Optical Lattice Clock 3x10⁻¹⁸ at about 10,000 s @JILA

Nature 506, 72 (2014)

Yb Optical Lattice Clock 1.6x10⁻¹⁸ at 25,000 s @NIST

arXiv:1305.5869v1 [physics.atom-ph] 24 May 2013

Optical clocks: Towards 10-18-10-19

• Direct optical-µwave connection by optical frequency comb

Nobelprize.org

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LAUREATES EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2005

"for his contribution to the quantum theory of optical coherence"

"for their contributions to the development of laser-based precision spectroscopy, including the optical frequency comb technique"

Roy J. Glauber 1/2 of the prize USA Harvard University Cambridge, MA, USA Ъ. 1925

John L. Hall 1/4 of the prize

USA

of Standards and

Boulder, CO, USA

Technology

Ъ. 1934

Theodor W. Hänsch 🕘 1/4 of the prize

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2005

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Roy J. Glauber Nobel Lecture Interview Other Resources

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Theodor W. Hänsch Nobel Lecture Interview Other Resources

2004

The 2005 Prize in: Physics Chemistry Physiology or Medicine

Find a Laureate:

Name

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Sr Clock lasers: UoB

SOC-2, 2nd generation Sr transportable clock: UoB

Acknowledgement: SOC2 Team

Miniaturized Optical Lattice Clock for Ultraprecise Timing: UoB

Optical lattice clocks promise a step-change in timing precision with impacts on communication networks, navigation and determining the Earth's geoid.

STATE OF THE ART

JILA 1 in 10¹⁸ Sr lattice

SOC-II lattice

DARPA 6I Sr beam

Entire assembly (vision)

Ultra Cold atoms in Space: QUANTUS DLR Funded; Coordinator: LUH

Frequency Combs

Fibre Combs: Menlo Systems

2.2 x 10⁻¹⁸ instability at 30.000 s

Micro Combs

Del Haye,Schliesser,Wilkins, Holzwarth,Kippenberg, Nature, **2007** Del Haye, Arcizet, Schliesser, Holzwarth, Kippenberg, Phys. Rev. Lett., **2008** EU & US Patent application "Optical Comb Generator using Microresonators" TJ Kippenberg, Holtzwarth, Diddams, Science **2011**

Sounding Rocket Test Due some time summer

The Future: STE-QUEST

STE-QUEST is the only fundamental physics proposal selected as one of four candidates for ESA's next medium size class missions, to be launched 2020-2022 within the Cosmic Vision programme

Goal:

- Precision test gravitational redshift as predicted by Einstein's general relativity

- Precision test Einstein's Equivalence Principle for quantum objects