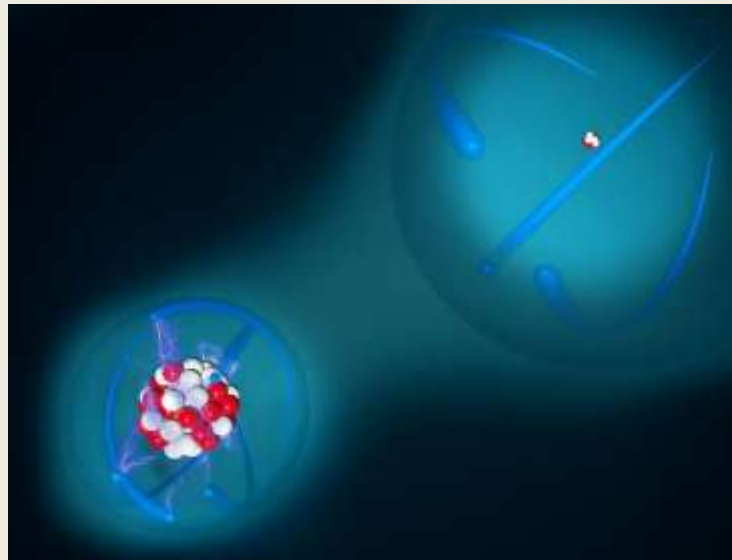


Highly Charged Ion Optical Clocks to Test Fundamental Physics



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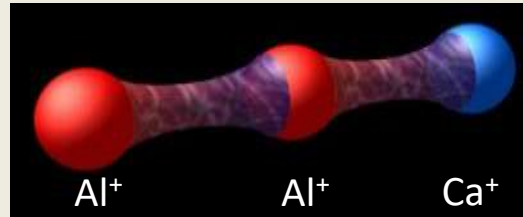
Hermann v. Helmholtz



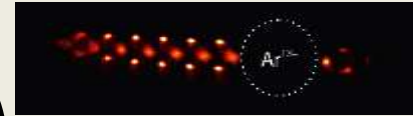
Location Braunschweig: 1 km², approx. 1500 employees

- National Metrology Institute, founded 1887
- **Tasks:** determination of fundamental constants, dissemination of SI units, development of measurement techniques,...
- ca. **2100 employees**, of which are **>200 PhD candidates**
- 60% research: >600 publications per year

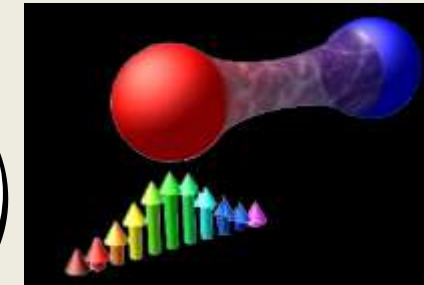
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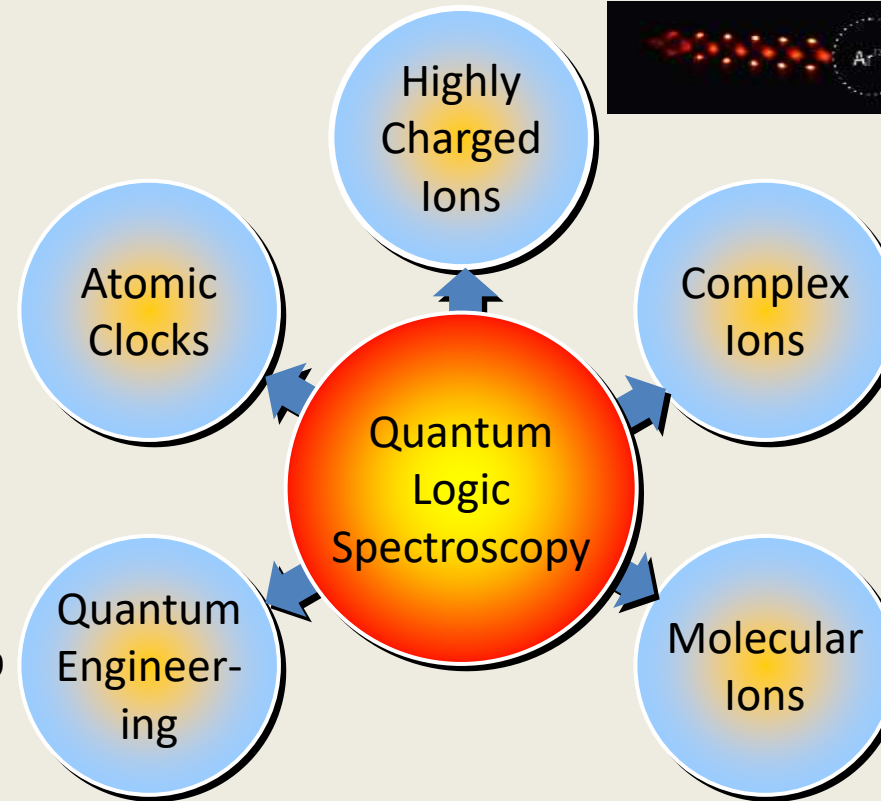
[Scharnhorst *et al.*, PRA **98**, 023424 (2018); Hannig *et al.*, RSI. **90**, 053204 (2019)]



[Micke *et al.*, Nature **578**, 60 (2020); King *et al.*, Nature **611**, 43 (2022)]

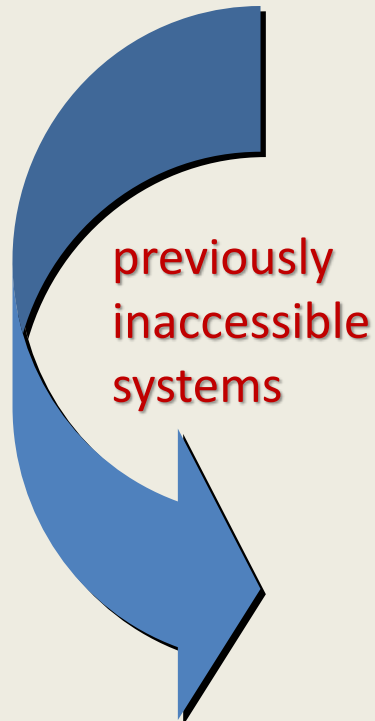


[Wan *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **5**, 4096 (2014); Gebert *et al.*, PRL **115**, 053003 (2015); Shi *et al.*, Appl. Phys. B **123**, 2 (2017)]

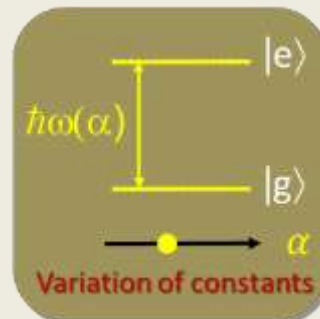
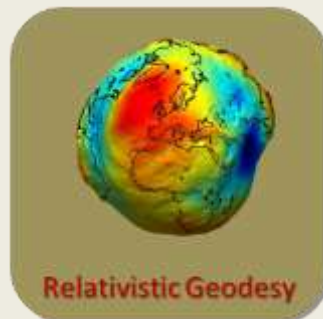


[Wolf *et al.*, Nature **530**, 457 (2016)]

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previously
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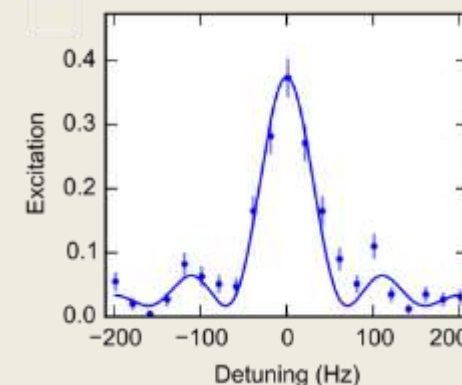
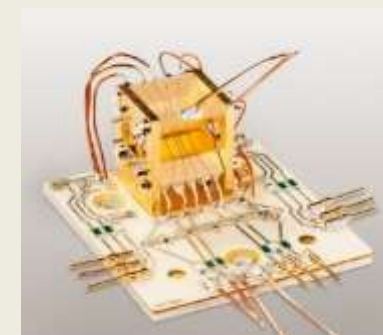
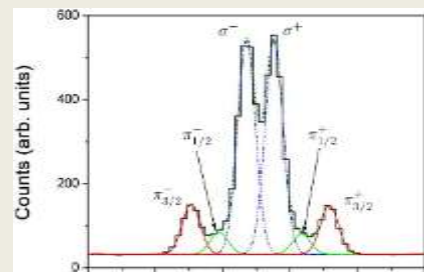
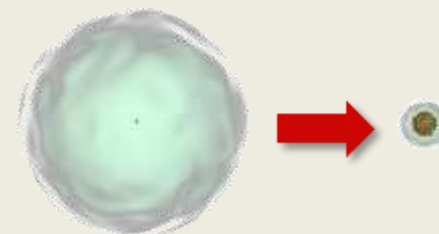


high
resolution
& accuracy



Overview

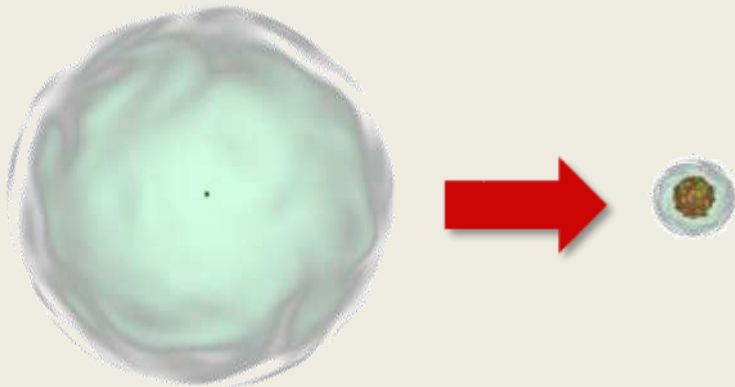
- Introduction to clocks
- Introduction to highly charged ions
- State-of-the art generation & spectroscopy of highly charged ions
- Quantum logic spectroscopy of Ar^{13+}
- Ar^{13+} optical clock
- search for 5th forces: $^{40,42,44,46,48}\text{Ca}^{14+}$ isotope shift
- Summary & future



Highly Charged Ions

Charge state dependence:

- Binding energy $\sim Z^2$
- Hyperfine splitting $\sim Z^3$
- QED effects $\sim Z^4$
- Stark shifts $\sim Z^{-6}$

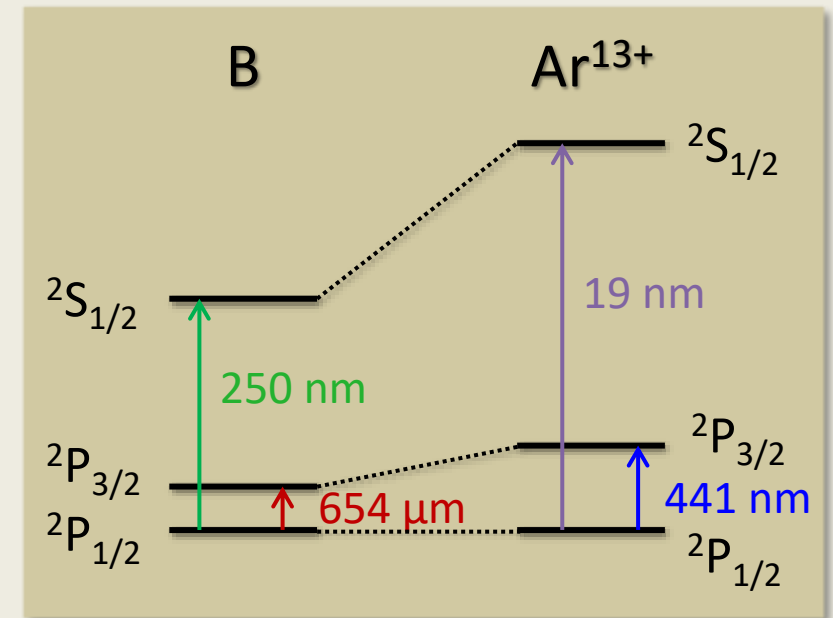


strongly relativistic systems with large QED effects

- optical transitions: fs, hfs, **level crossings**

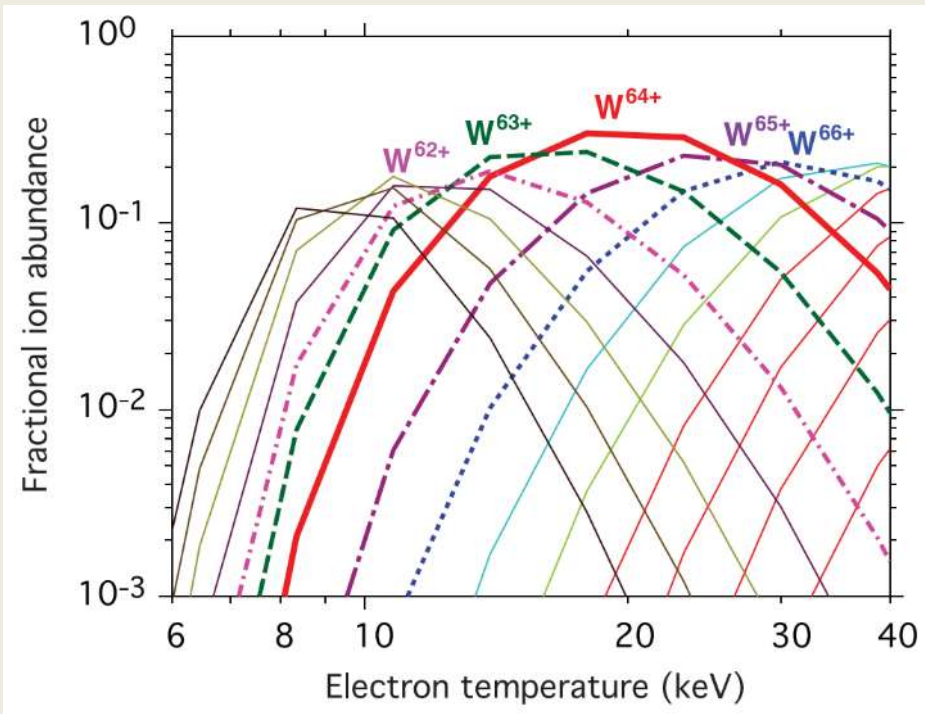
[Kozlov *et al.* Rev. Mod. Phys **90**, 045005 (2018)]

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| H | \rightarrow | U^{91+} (H-like) |
| 10 eV | \rightarrow | 140 keV |
| μeV | \rightarrow | eV |
| μeV | \rightarrow | 300 eV |

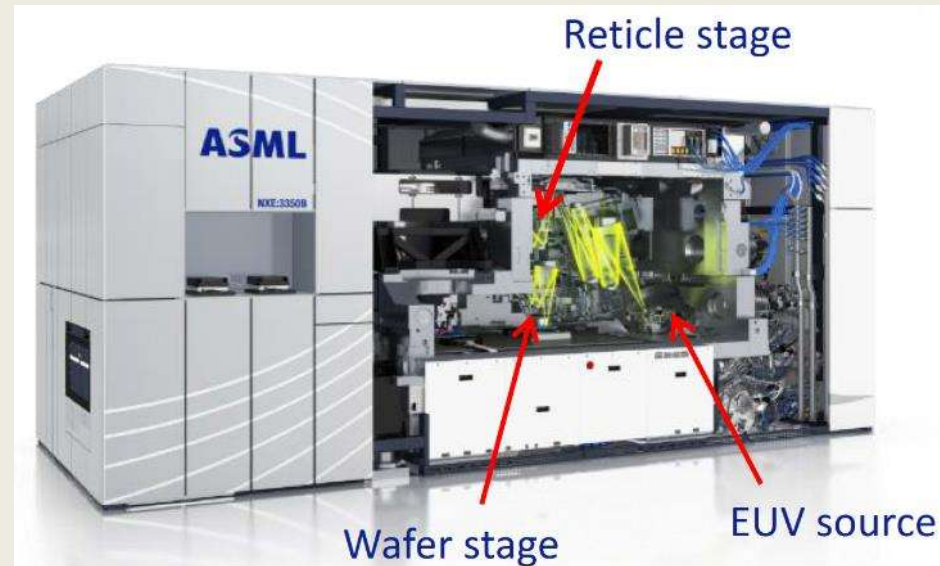


Applications of HCI

- abundant in the universe
→ probes for cosmic & stellar processes
- diagnostic tools for plasma physics



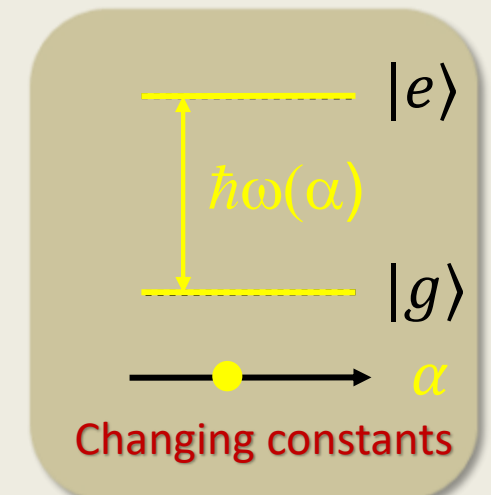
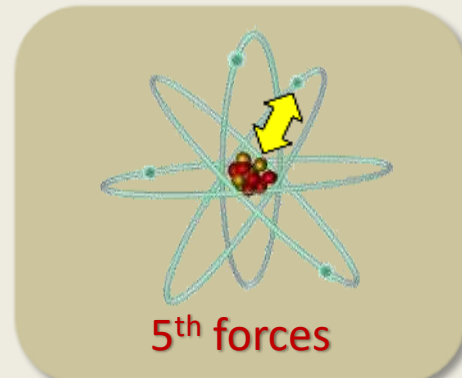
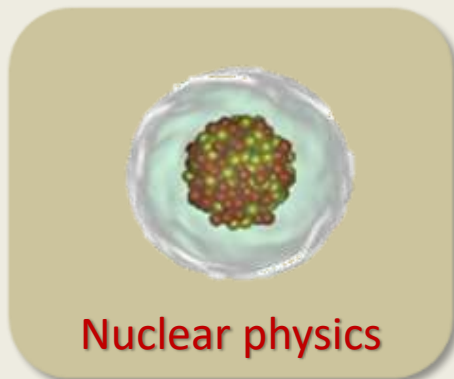
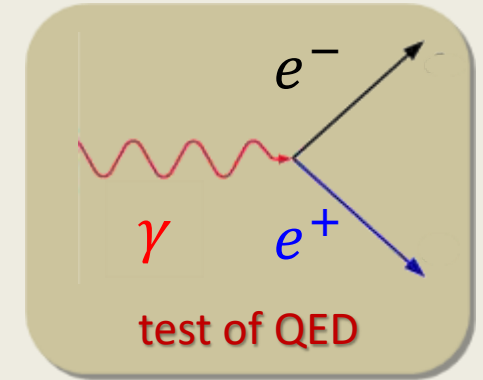
[Beiersdorfer, J. Phys. B **48**, 144017 (2015)]



XUV light generation in Sn¹²⁺ @ 13.5 nm for semiconductor fabs

Testing fundamental physics with HCI

- few remaining electrons \rightarrow calculable systems
- features
 - strong QED effects: g-factor measurements \rightarrow QED in strong fields
 - strongly relativistic & high ionization potential:
 \rightarrow highest sensitivity of all atomic species to α & dark matter
 - strongly relativistic \rightarrow violation of local Lorentz invariance
 - electrons close to nucleus
 \rightarrow isotope shifts (5th forces), nuclear physics, parity violation, ...

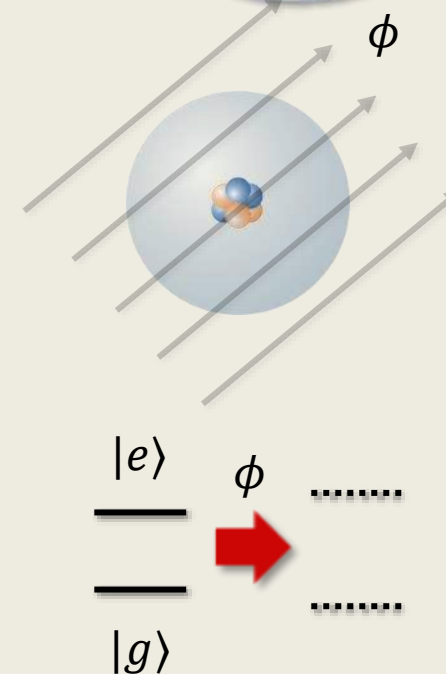


Effects of dark matter on normal matter

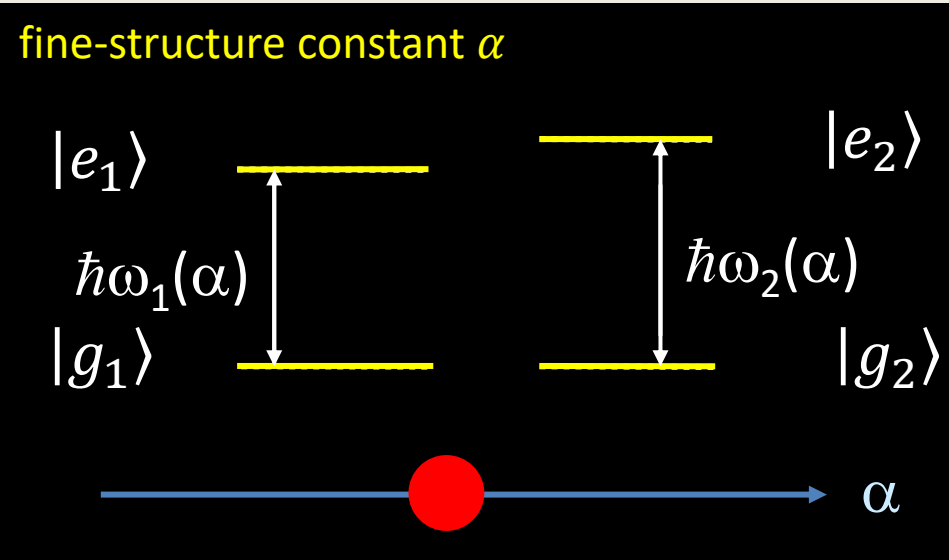


- dark matter candidate: scalar field ϕ
 - oscillating field
 - topological field (forming „clumps“)
 - ...
 - weak (non-gravitational) coupling to matter changes energy levels in atoms/molecules
- **apparent variation of fundamental constants**

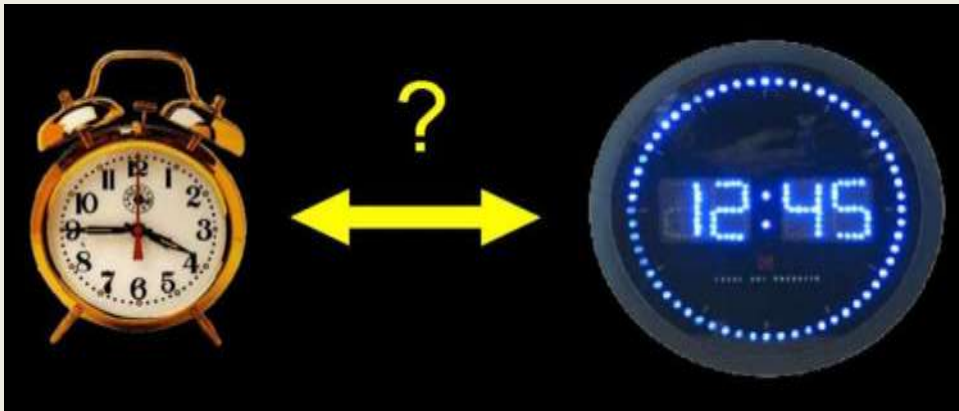
[review: Safronova *et al.*, RMP **90**, 025008 (2018)]



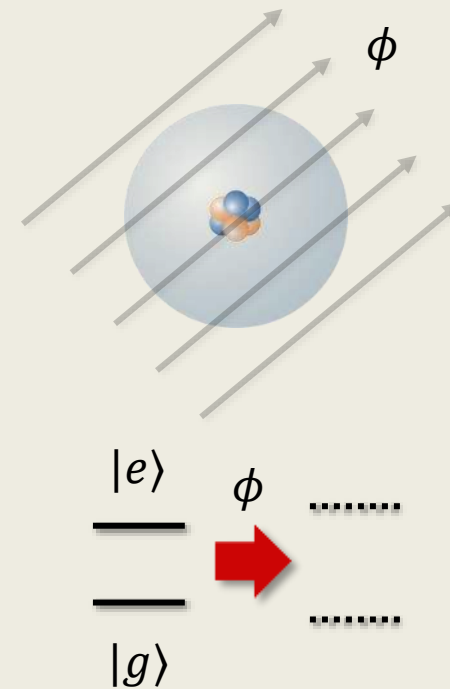
Variation of Fundamental Constants & Dark Matter



$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = K \frac{\Delta\alpha}{\alpha}$$

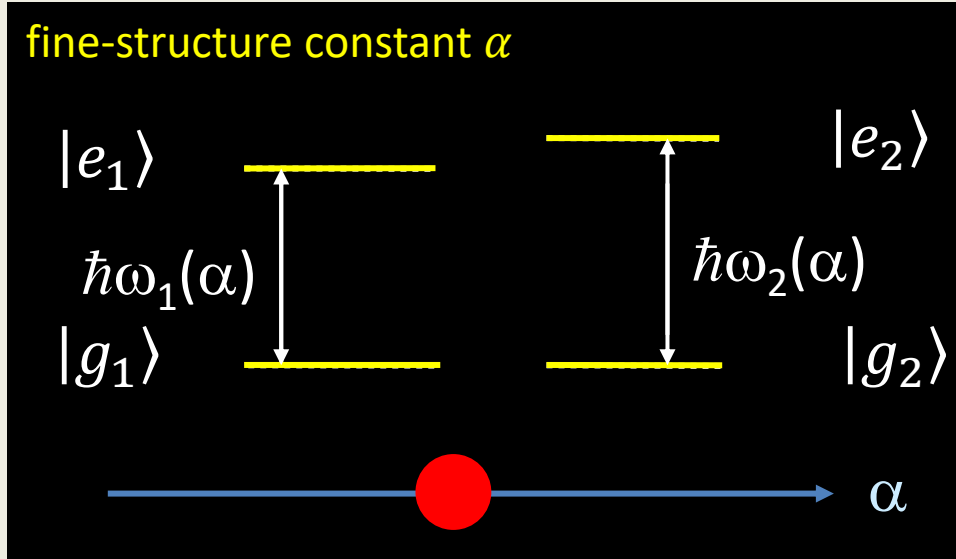


Apparent changes in α may be induced by scalar fields ϕ , e.g. dark matter



Variation of Fundamental Constants

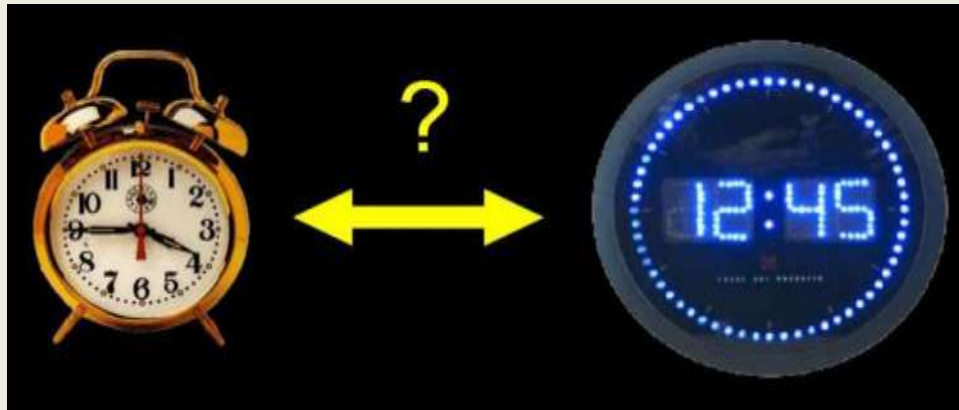
fine-structure constant α



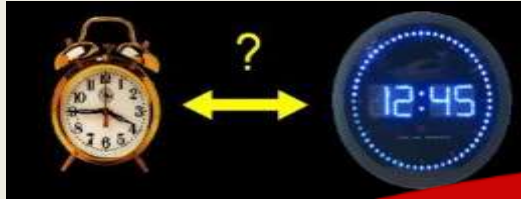
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| System | K | λ (nm) |
|--------------------|------|----------------|
| Sr | 0.06 | 699 |
| Yb ⁺ E2 | 0.91 | 436 |
| Yb ⁺ E3 | -6 | 467 |
| Hg ⁺ | -2.9 | 281.5 |
| Al ⁺ | 0.01 | 267 |



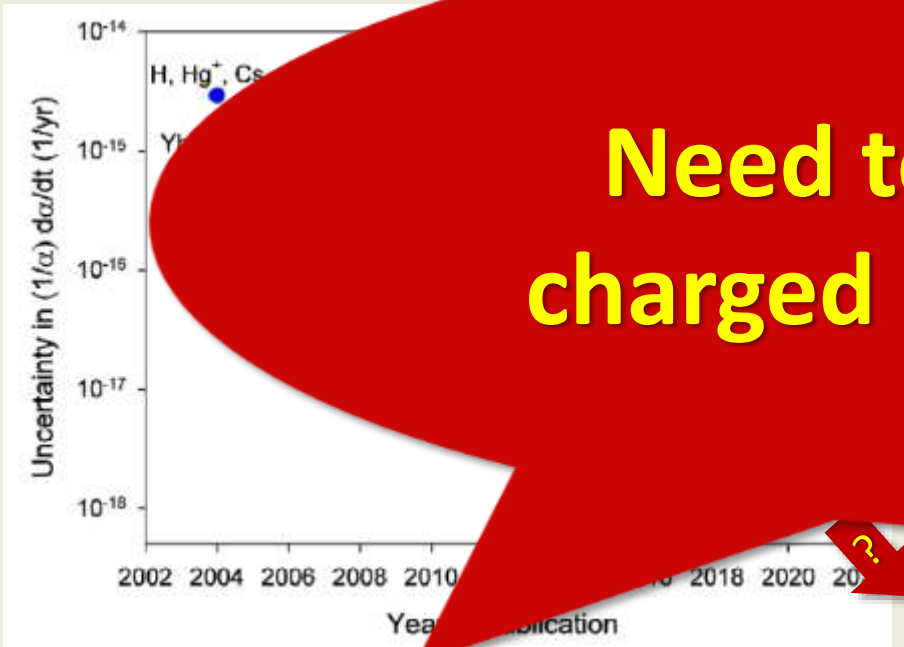
Combined data from clocks



$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = K \frac{\Delta\alpha}{\alpha}$$

| System | K | λ (nm) |
|-----------------------------|------|----------------|
| | 0.06 | 699 |
| | | 36 |
| | | 267 |
| | -22 | ca. 280 |
| Ir¹⁷⁺ T2 | 145 | ca. 1980 |
| Cf^{16+*} T1 | 59 | ca. 775 |
| Cf^{17+*} | -48 | ca. 535 |
| Th* nuclear | 8000 | ca. 150 |

Need to build a highly charged ion optical clock!

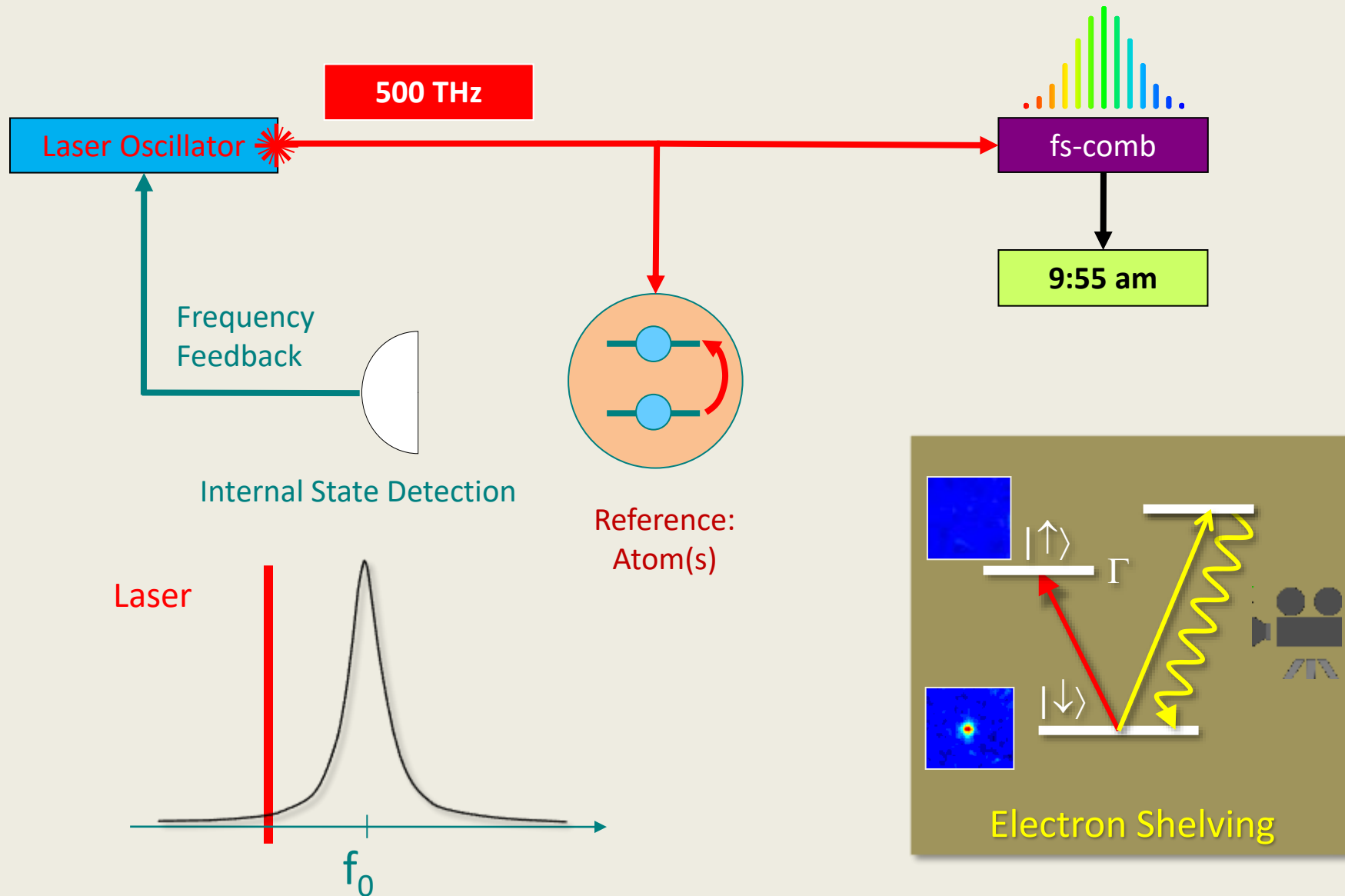


all known atomic systems

$$\dot{\alpha}/\alpha = 1.0(1.1) \times 10^{-18} / \text{year}$$

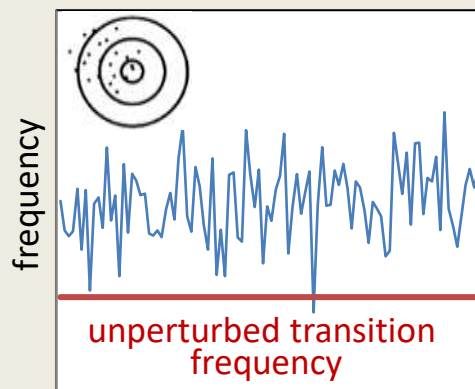
[Lange *et al.* PRL **126**, 011102 (2021)]

Principle of Optical Clocks

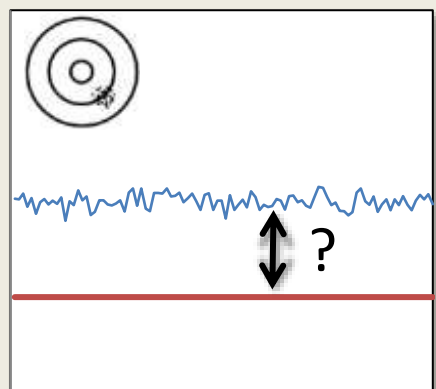


Clock characterization

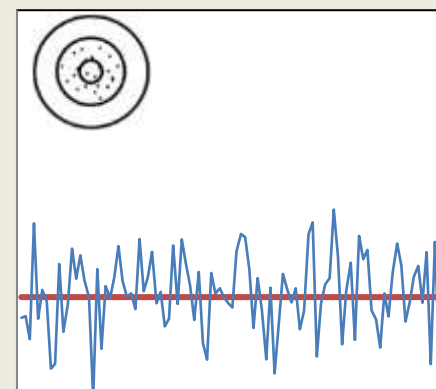
Two (main) notions: Stability & Accuracy



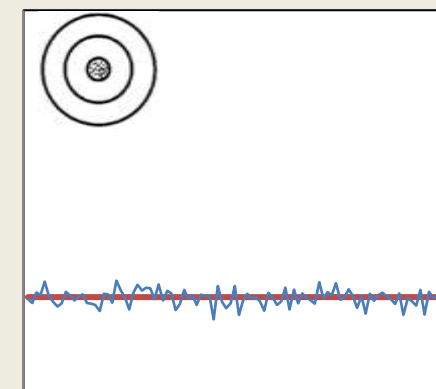
time
unstable,
inaccurate



stable,
inaccurate



unstable,
accurate



stable,
accurate

- **(In-)Stability:** How large is the scatter of data points?
→ Uncertainty type A (u_A , only statistical) “**statistical uncertainty**”
- **(In-)Accuracy:** How well is the unperturbed reference reproduced?
→ Uncertainty type B (u_B , outside information) “**systematic uncertainty**”

Problem: value of unperturbed reference a priori not known!

Why optical clocks?

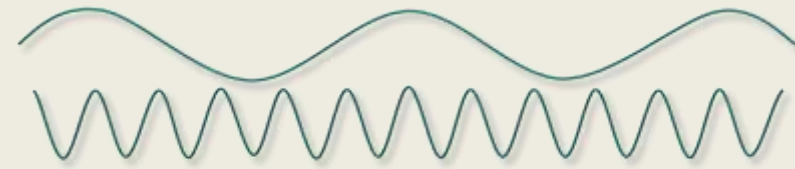
statistical uncertainty

- microwave vs. optical clocks

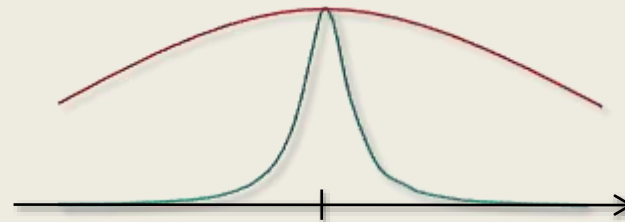
low frequency (mw)

$\times 10^5$

high frequency (optical)



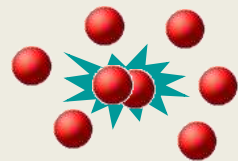
- line width $\Delta\nu$



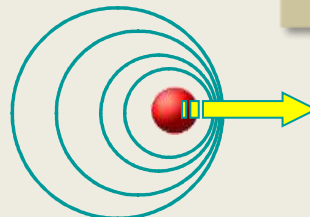
relevant quantity: $\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu_0}$

systematic uncertainty

- small frequency shift $\delta\nu$
→ even smaller relative shift $\delta\nu/\nu_0$



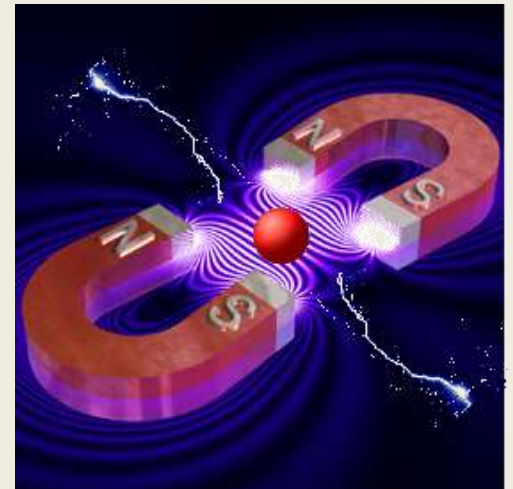
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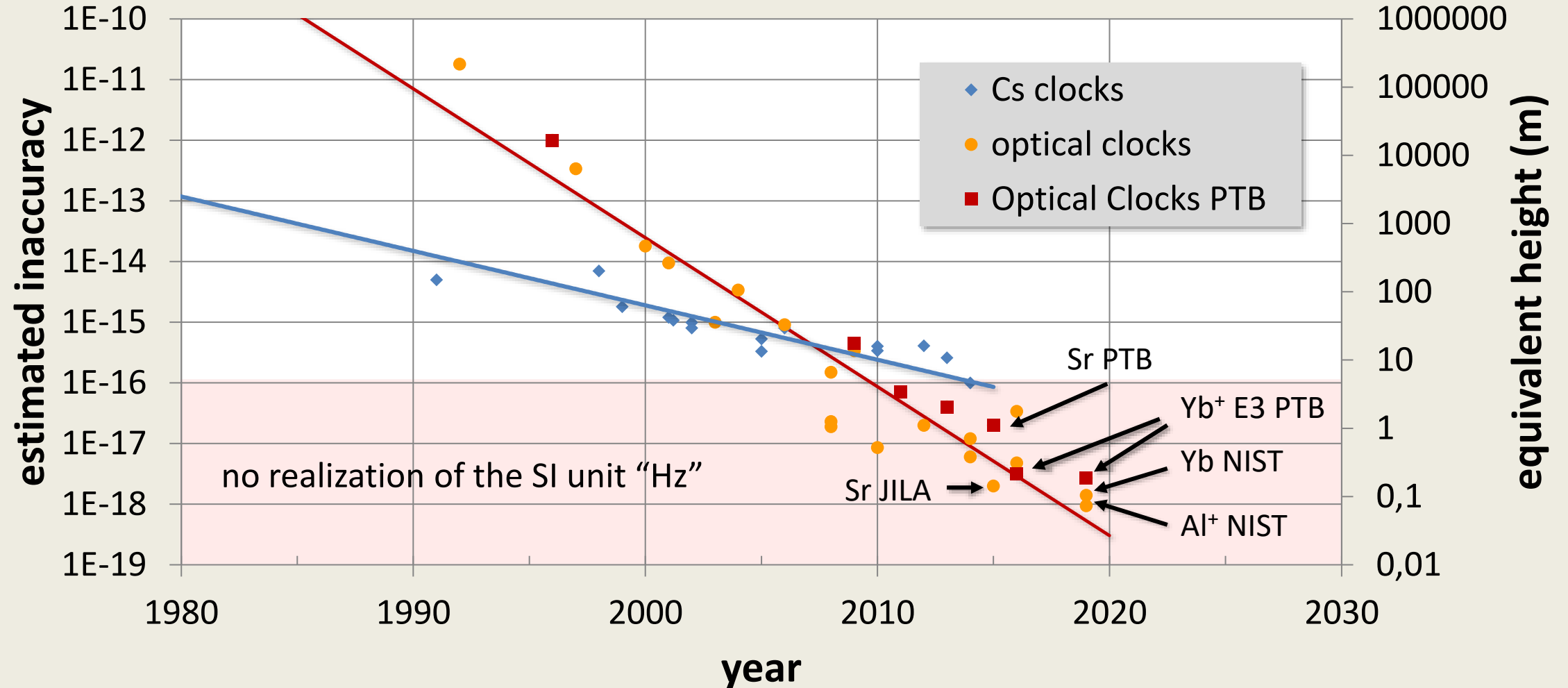
Doppler shift

species dependent
→ small for HCl

electric and magnetic fields

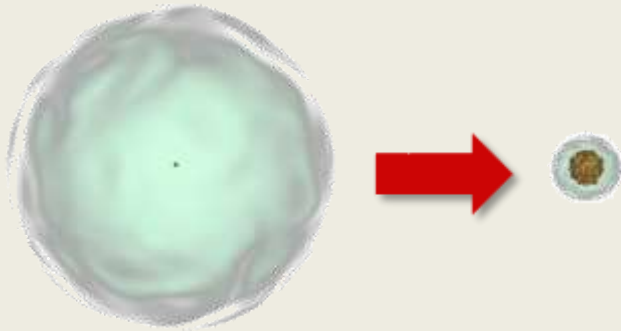


Evolution of (estimated) clock accuracy



Highly charged ions as optical clocks?

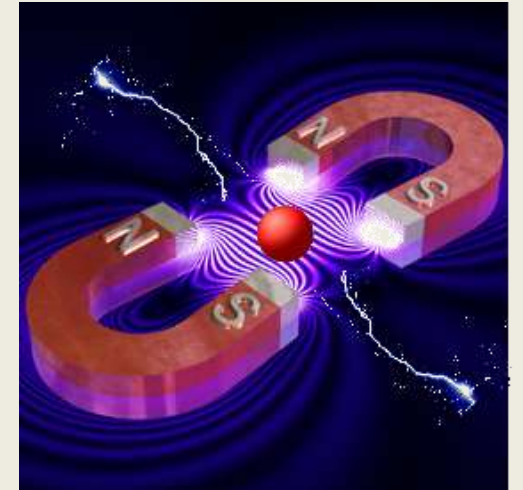
- **High accuracy**
→ low sensitivity to resonance shifts
- **HCI advantage: suppressed shifts**



Hydrogen-like HCI:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Linear Stark shift | Z^{-1} |
| Second order Stark shift | Z^{-4} |
| Linear Zeeman shift | Z^0 |
| Second order Zeeman shift | $Z^{-3...-4}$ |
| Electric quadrupole shift | Z^{-2} |

[Berengut *et al.*, PRA **86**, 022517 (2012)]



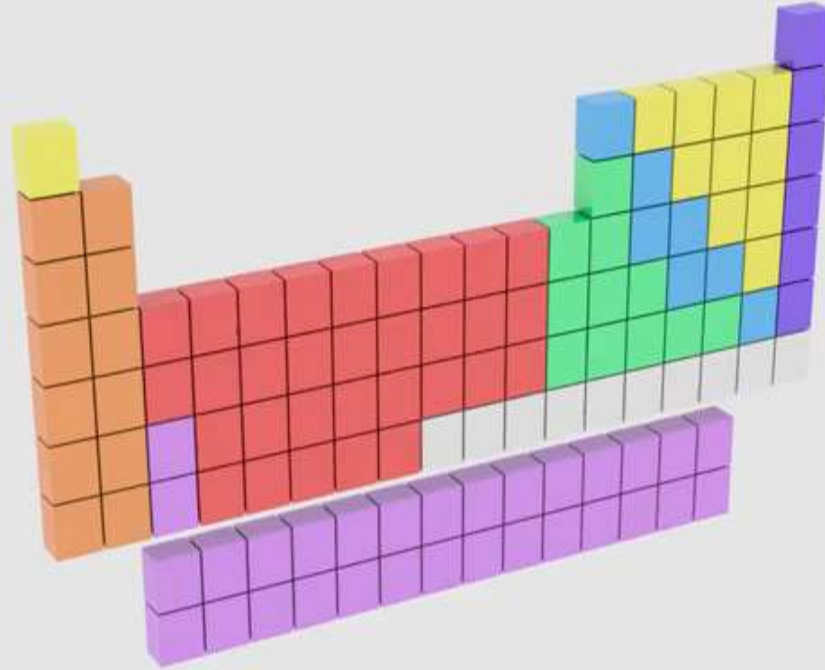
electric & magnetic fields

Other clock species requirements can be fulfilled:

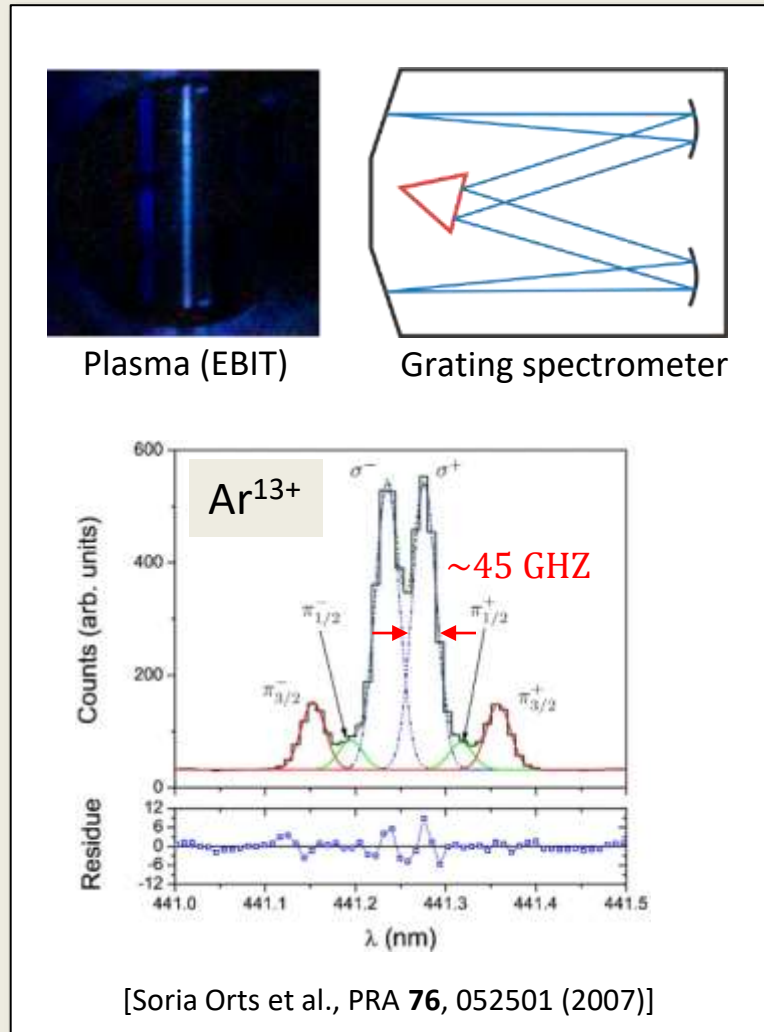
narrow, laser accessible transition, simple level structure, ...

[dozens of proposals, many summarized in: Kozlov *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phy. **90**, 045005 (2018)]

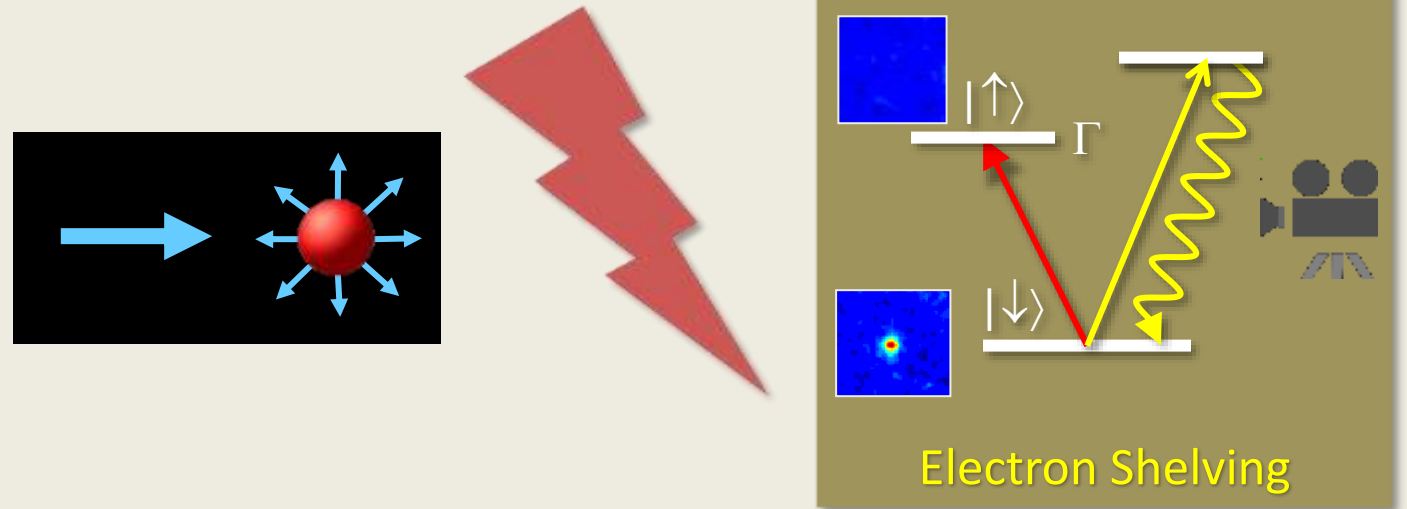
Many HCl to choose from...



State-of-the-art HCI spectroscopy



- Problem #1: Electron beam ion trap (EBIT) is a noisy & hot environment
- Problem#2: No cycling transition for cooling & state detection

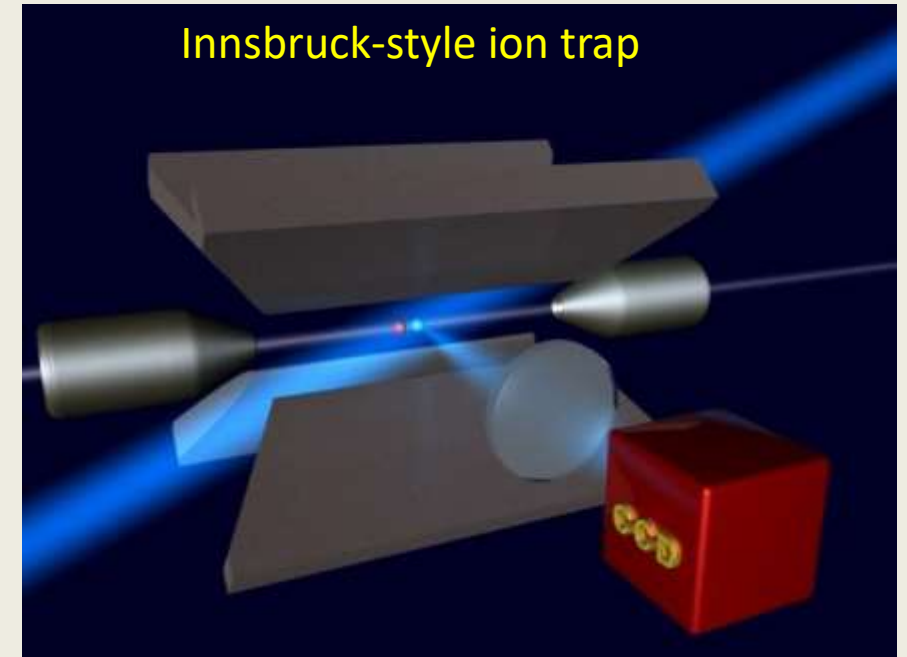


Doppler-limited resolution of $\sim 150 \text{ MHz}$

Solution #1: Transfer HCl into a Paul trap

Features of trapped ions

- large trap frequencies
→ recoil-free absorption
- long interrogation times
- trap ion in zero field
→ small trap induced shifts
- isolated from environment
+ laser cooling
+ no interactions
→ high accuracy

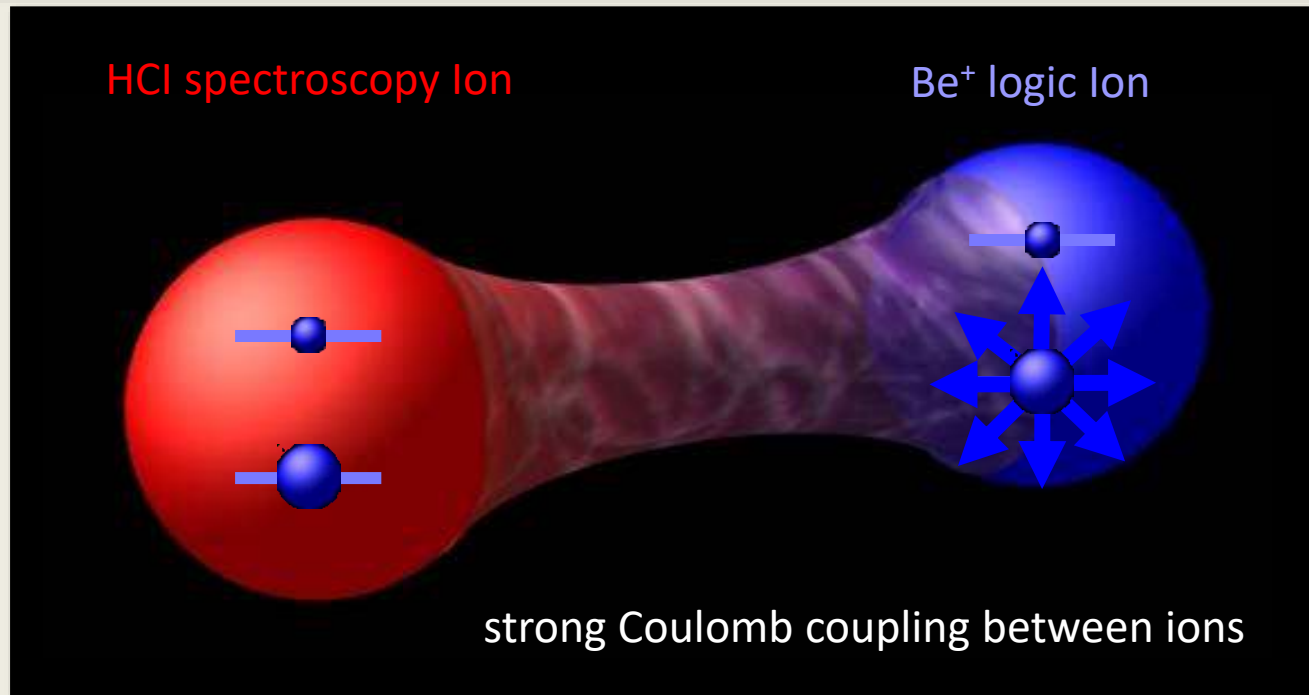


$$d_{\text{ion-electr}} \sim 0.8 \text{ mm}$$
$$\omega_z \sim 2 \text{ MHz}, \omega_r \sim 4 \text{ MHz}$$

Yb⁺ single-ion clock: 3×10^{-18}

[Sanner *et al.*, Nature **567**, 204 (2019)]

Solution #2: Quantum Logic Spectroscopy



Many more applications demonstrated, e.g.

- Most accurate clock: Al⁺
[Brewer *et al.*, PRL **123**, 033201 (2019)]
- Molecular ion state detection and preparation
[Wolf *et al.*, Nature **530**, 457 (2016); Chou *et al.*, Nature **545**, 203 (2017)]

- ions in linear Paul trap → high accuracy achievable
 - logic ion provides sympathetic cooling & signal readout
 - strong Coulomb interaction couples motional modes
 - composite system: combine advantages of both species
- investigation of previously inaccessible species

Approach to precision HCl spectroscopy: CryPTEx-PTB

Machine room

Laser Laboratory

1 m

cryogenic linear Paul trap

55 mm

[Leopold *et al.*, Rev. Sci. Instr. **90**, 073201 (2019)]

compact EBIT

[Micke *et al.*, RSI **89**, 063109 (2018)]

[Micke *et al.*, Rev. Sci. Instr. **90**, 065104 (2019)]

mini EBIT

[Prior work: L. Schmöger *et al.*, Science **342**, 1233 (2015)]

Z-ion crystal

with J. Crespo @ MPIK Heidelberg

Specs vacuum system:

- Vacuum: $< 10^{-14}$ mbar
→ HCl lifetime: ~ 100 min
- Temperature: < 5 K
- Vibrations: < 20 nm
- Magnetic field: < 200 pT

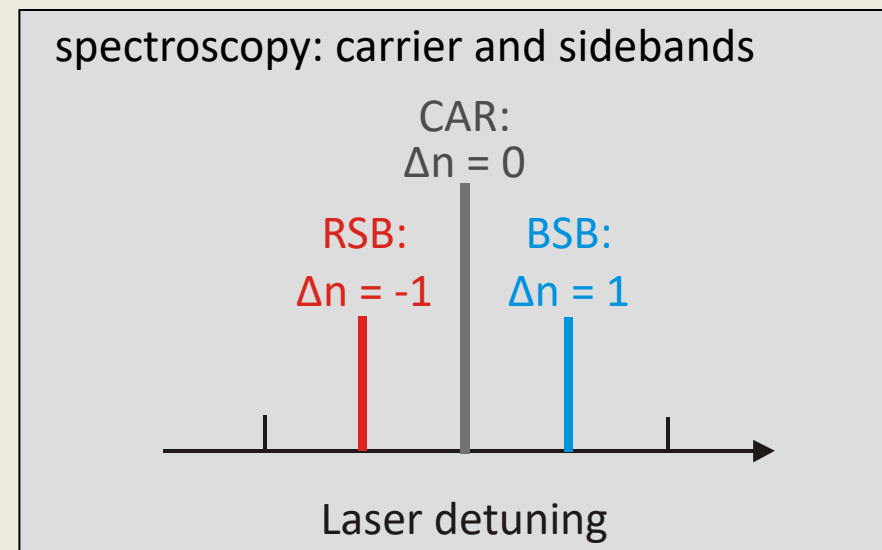
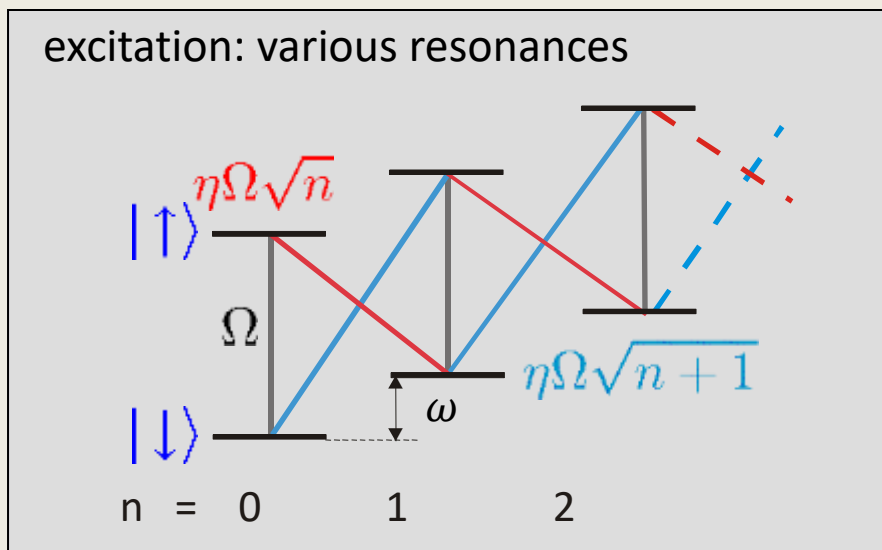
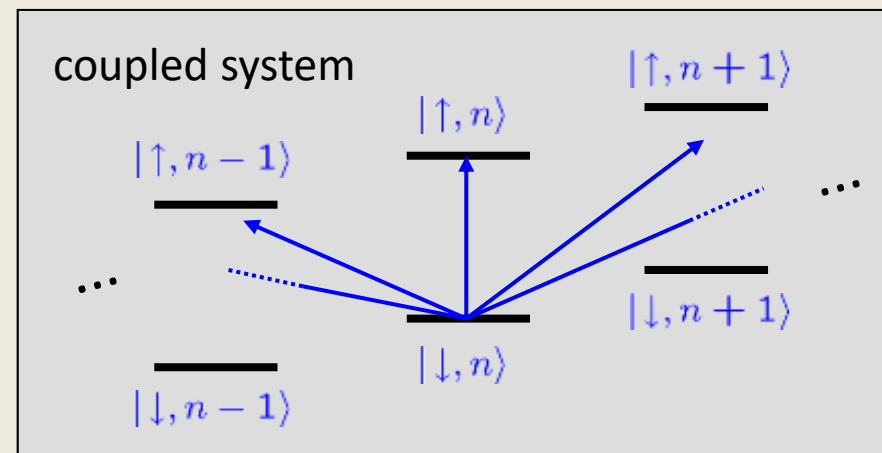
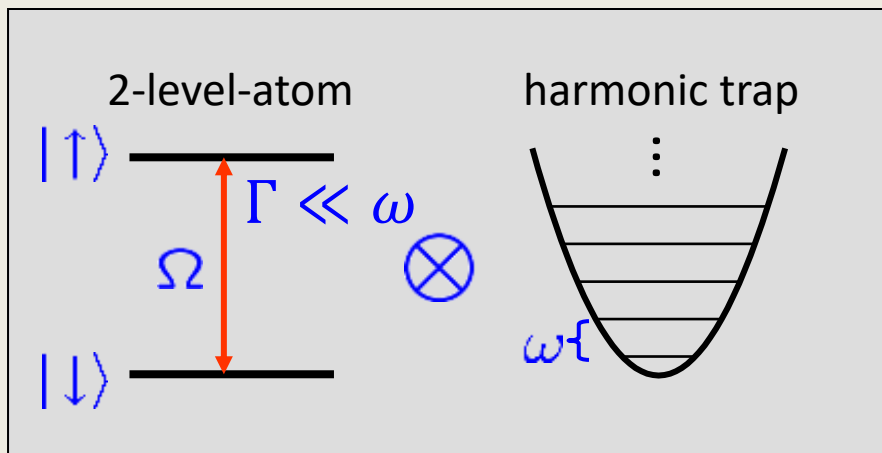
Specs EBIT:

- Magnetic field: 0.86 T
(72 permanent magnets)
- Acceleration voltage: 10 kV
- Current: > 80 mA

Specs ion trap:

- 5 segments, Au-coated Al_2O_3 , 0.7 mm ion-electrode distance
- Trapping frequencies: > 1 MHz
- Heating rates: ~ 1 1/s
- $f/\# \sim 1$ imaging with bi-axpheric lens

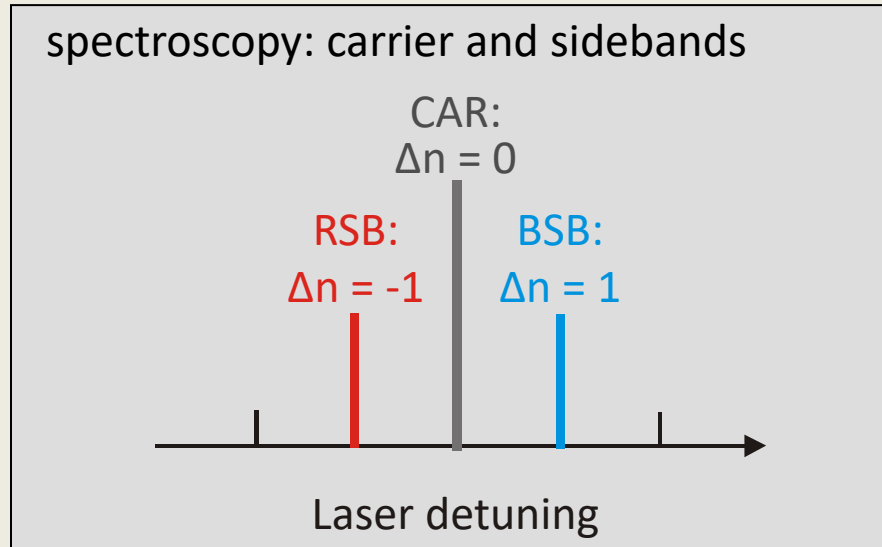
Quantum Logic with Trapped Ions



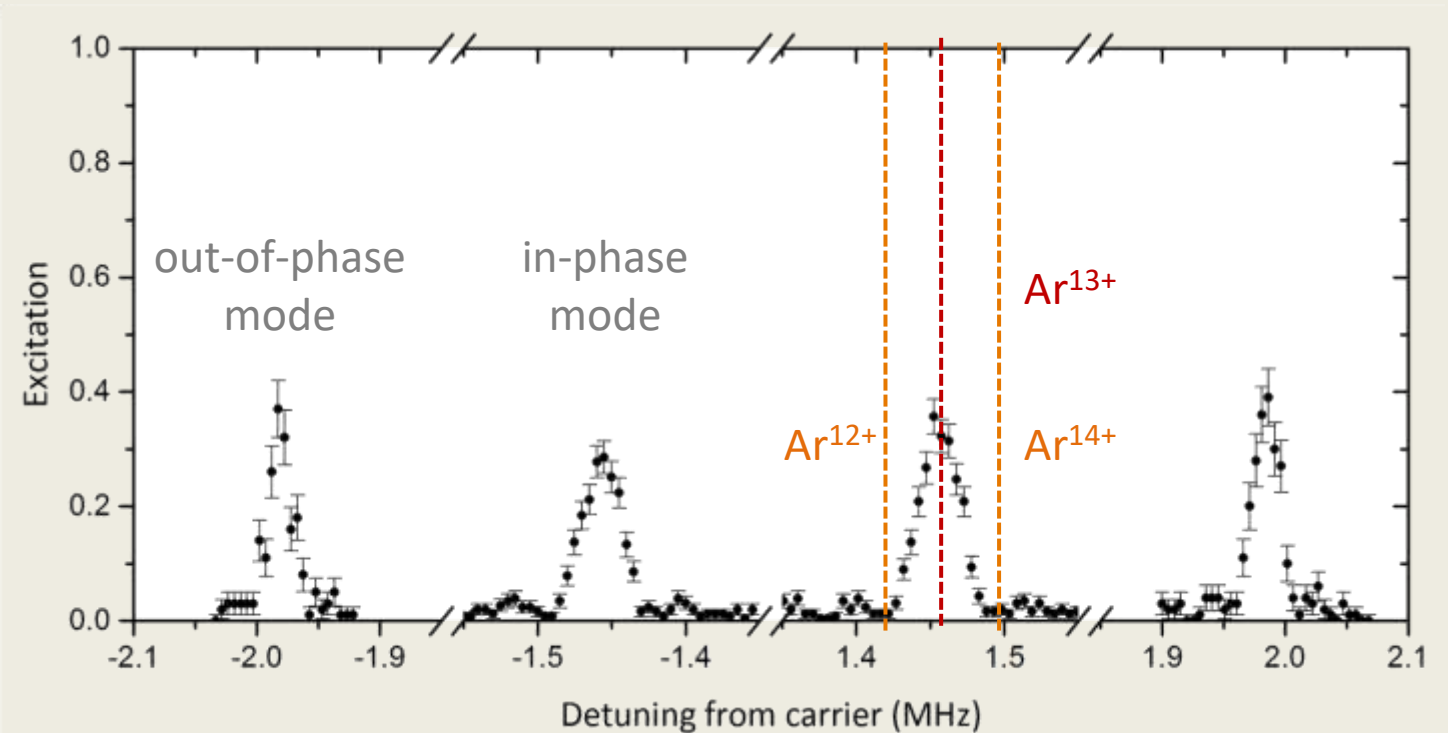
Ω : Carrier Rabi frequency; $\eta = kz_0$: Lamb-Dicke factor



Doppler cooling & charge state identification



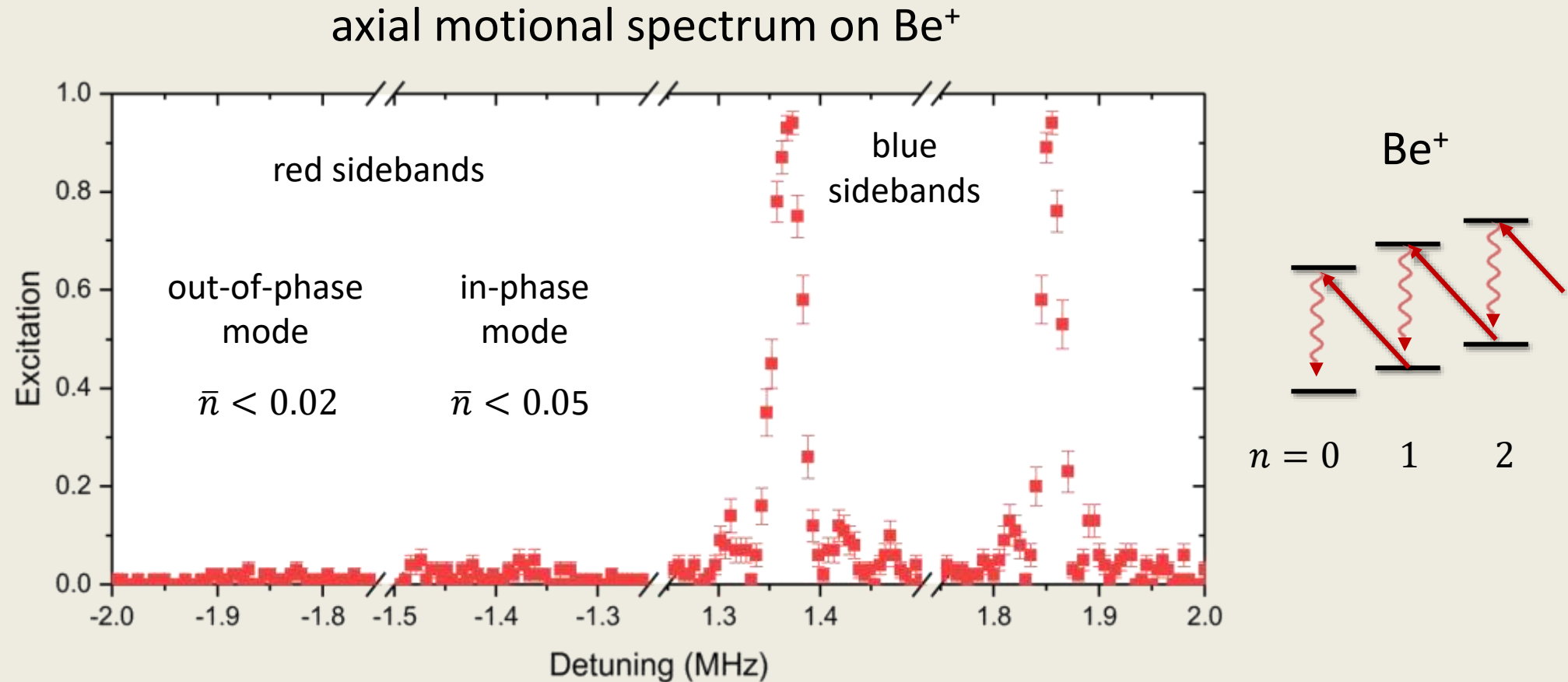
axial motional spectrum on Be^+



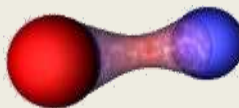
- single Be^+ axial frequency: 0.995 MHz
→ $\text{Be}^+/\text{Ar}^{13+}$ axial frequencies:
1.47 MHz and 1.99 MHz



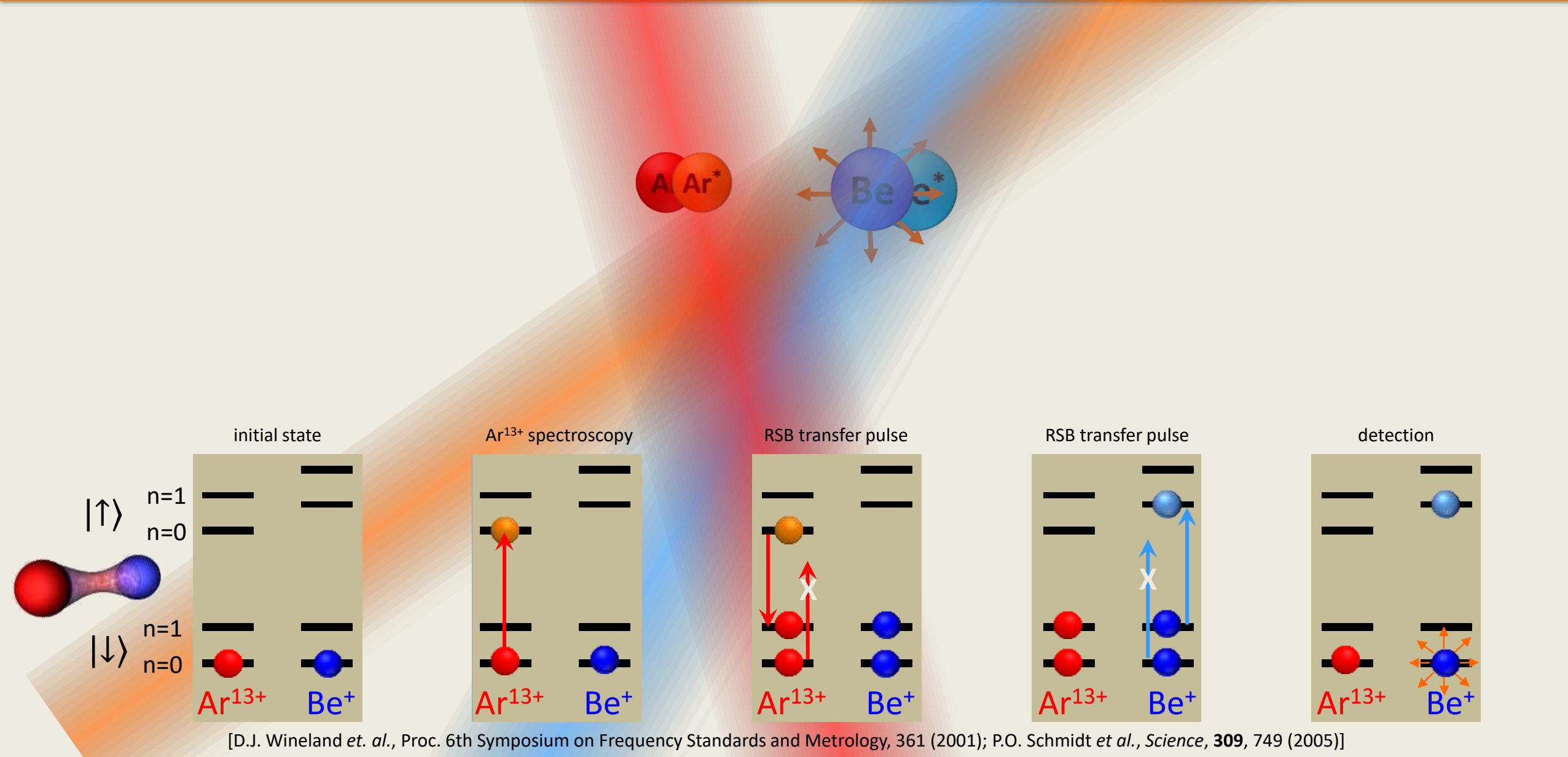
Sympathetic axial ground state cooling of Ar¹³⁺



- resolved Raman sideband cooling on Be⁺ + algorithmic cooling of radial modes
- Lamb-Dicke parameter: $\eta_z = 0.82\sqrt{\text{MHz}/\nu_z}$

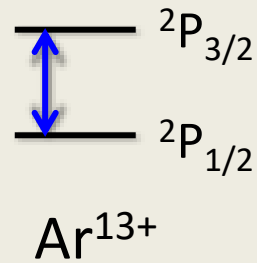
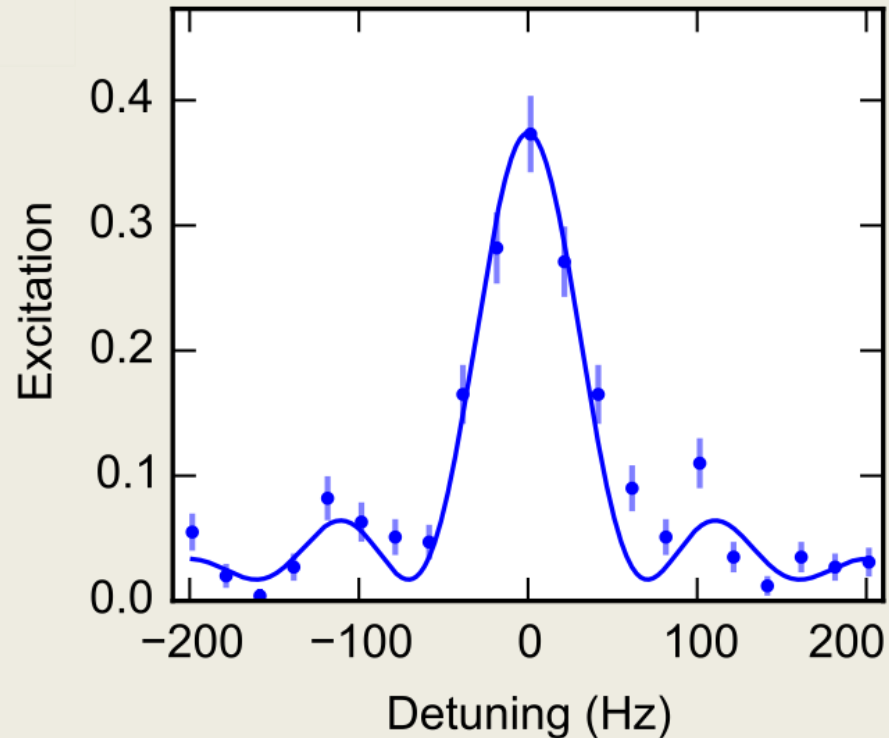


Quantum Logic State Transfer

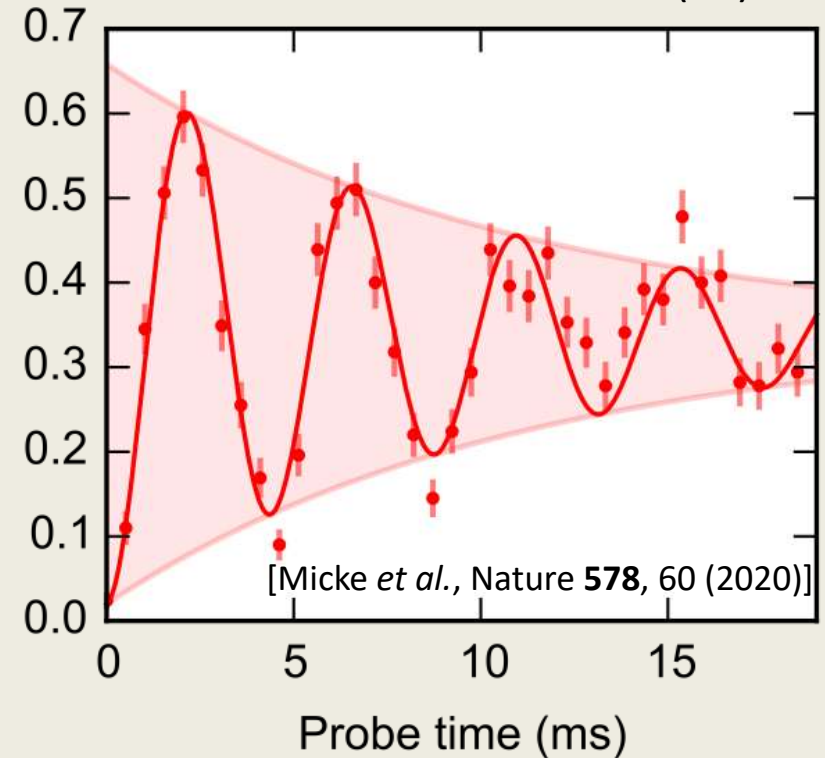


Quantum Logic Spectroscopy of Ar^{13+}

Fourier-limited linewidth: 65 Hz
(12 ms probe time) resolution: ~ 5 Hz



dephasing dominated by
excited state lifetime of 9.97(26)ms



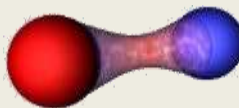
[Micke *et al.*, Nature **578**, 60 (2020)]

- spectroscopy laser transfer locked of Ar^{13+} to Si cavity-stabilized laser
[Sterr & Benkler @ PTB: D. G. Matei *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **118**, 263202 (2017)]

How to turn this into a clock?



Evaluation of systematic frequency shifts

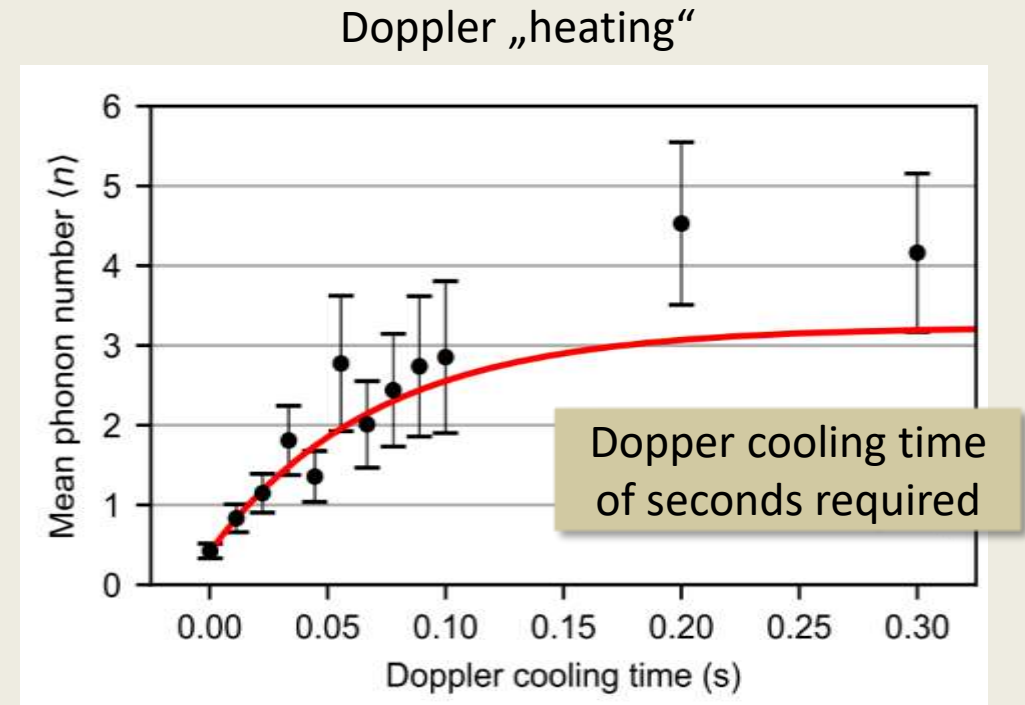
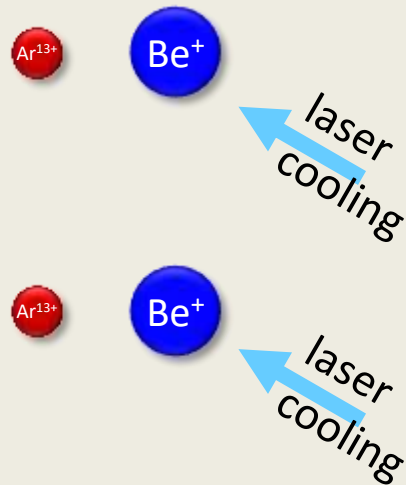


Time dilation shift: cooling challenges....

Large q/m mismatch between ions

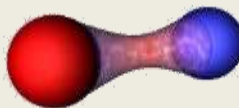
- large difference in radial amplitudes
- inefficient cooling of radial modes

- radial mode x_1 :
→ strong cooling
- radial mode x_2 :
→ weak cooling



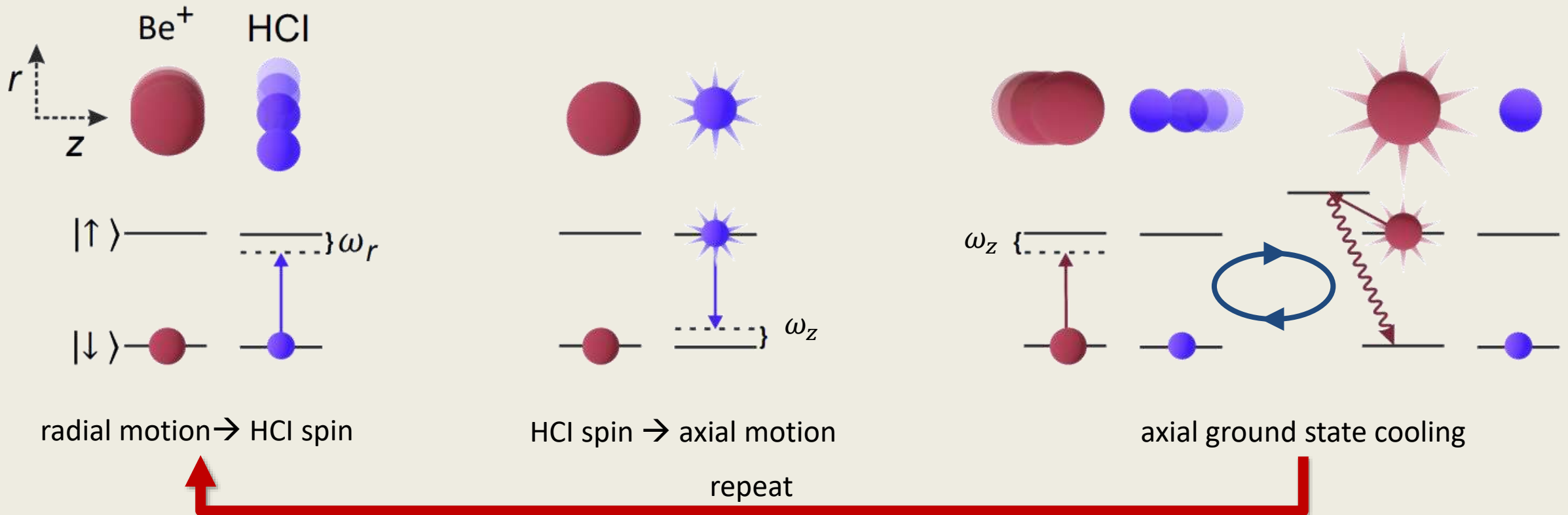
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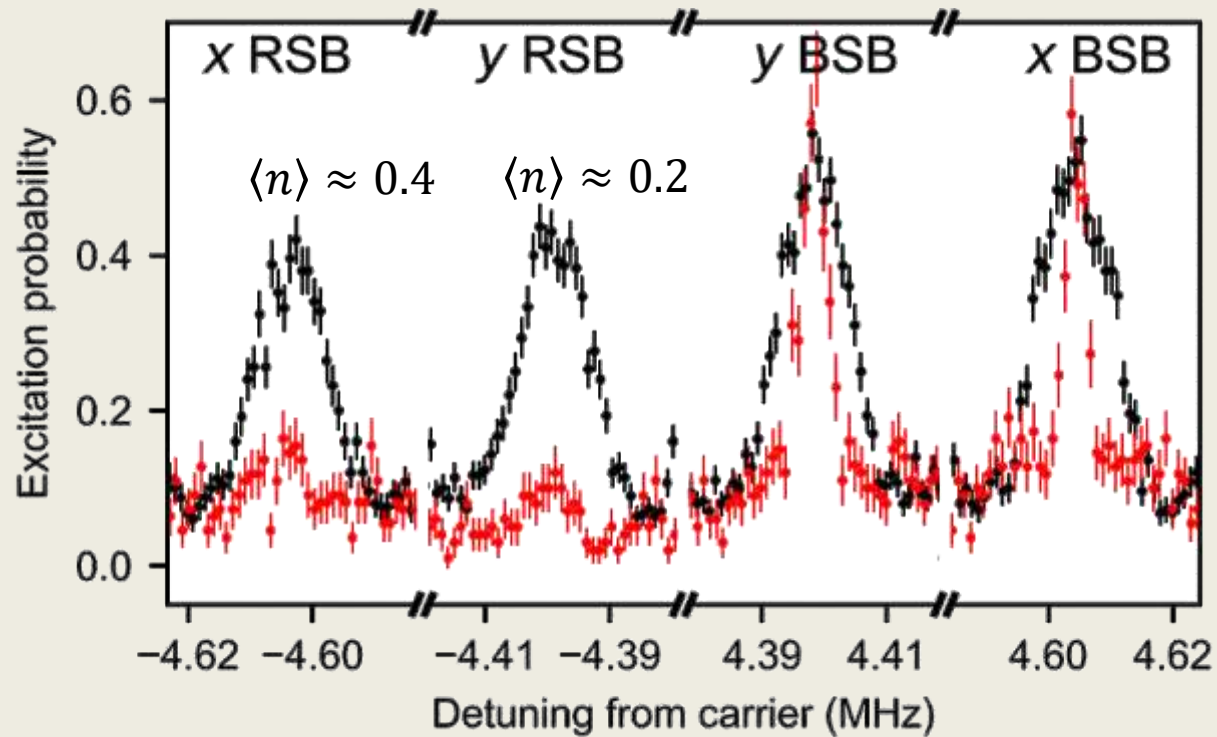
Ground-state cooling using quantum logic

Coherently transfer radial mode phonons to efficiently-cooled axial modes
„Algorithmic cooling“

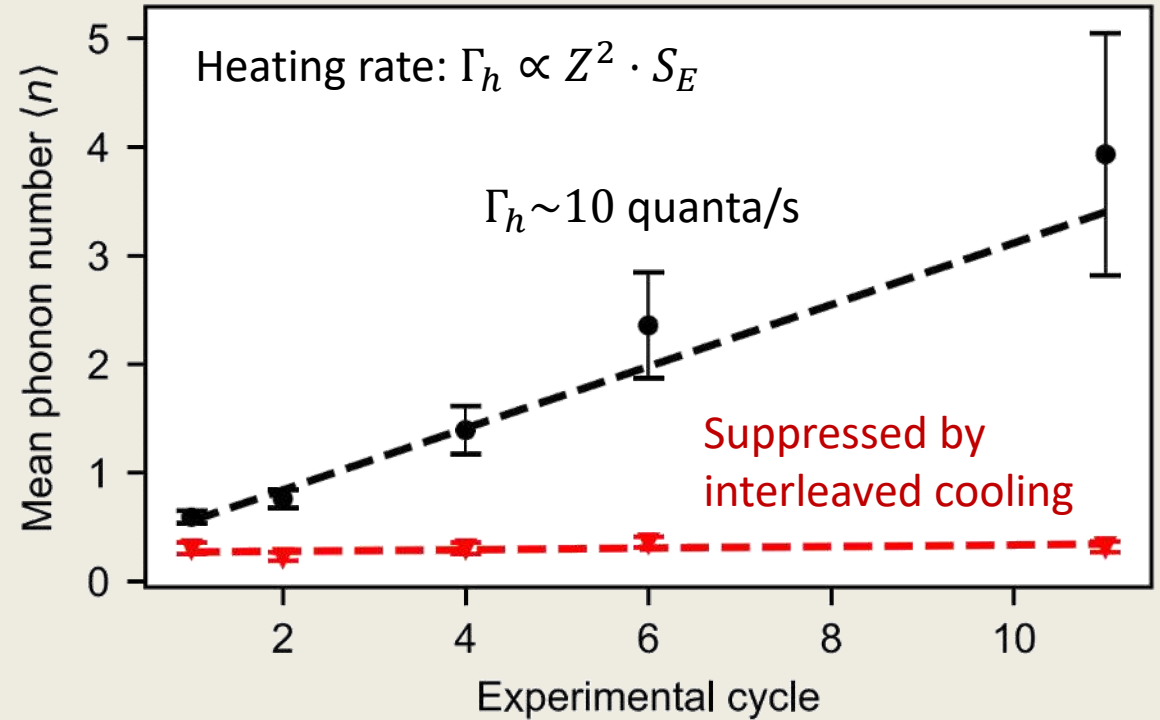


Generic scheme applicable to other systems:
large molecules, nanoparticles, ...

Algorithmic cooling: results



Coldest HCI of all time!
 $T < 200 \mu\text{K}$ in all modes



Enables $< 10^{-18}$ levels of inaccuracy
for HCI-based optical clocks

Systematic shifts for Ar¹³⁺

| Shift source | Mitigation | Shift (10 ⁻¹⁸) | Uncertainty (10 ⁻¹⁸) |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Micromotion | Real-time measurement | -443 | 22 |
| AC Zeeman shift | Calibration at much higher powers and extrapolation | 0 | 2 |
| First-order Doppler | Counter-propagating beams | 0 | < 1 |
| Electric quadrupole | Small coefficient, averaging over multiple Zeeman components | 0 | < 1 |
| Linear Zeeman | Averaging over multiple Zeeman components | 0 | < 1 |
| Quadratic Zeeman | Small coefficient, small field | < 1 | ≪ 1 |
| 2 nd order Doppler | Algorithmic cooling | -1 | < 1 |

} no fundamental limitations

**⁴⁰Ar¹³⁺ clock with
2.2 × 10⁻¹⁷
estimated systematic
uncertainty**

**8 orders of magnitude
improvement**

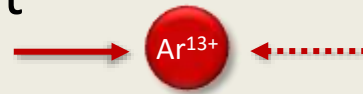
Clock operation

Stabilisation to 4 Zeeman components

- eliminate linear Zeeman shift
- eliminate quadrupole shift
- measure quadrupole moment & g -factor

Interrogation from two possible directions

- eliminate linear Doppler shift

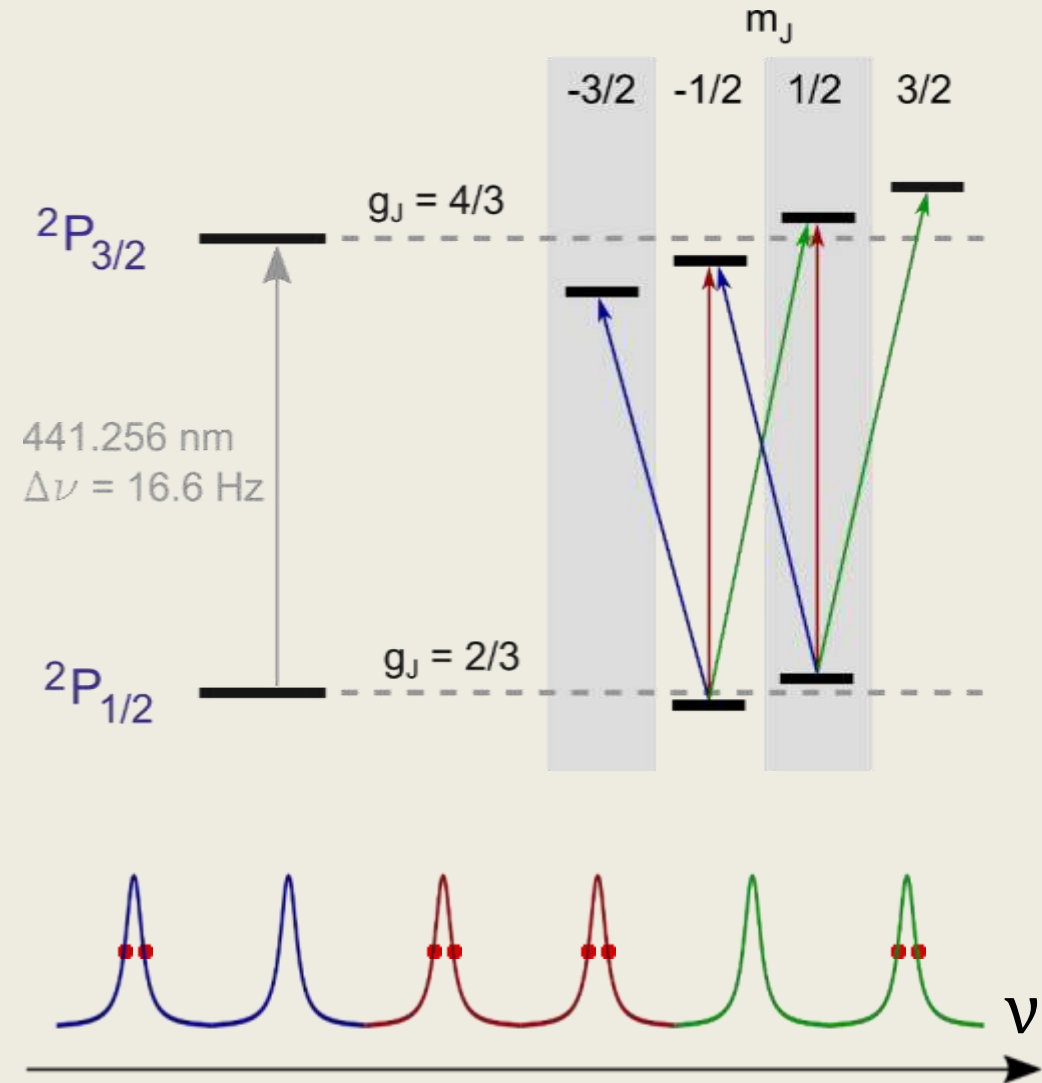


Pseudorandomisation of component & direction

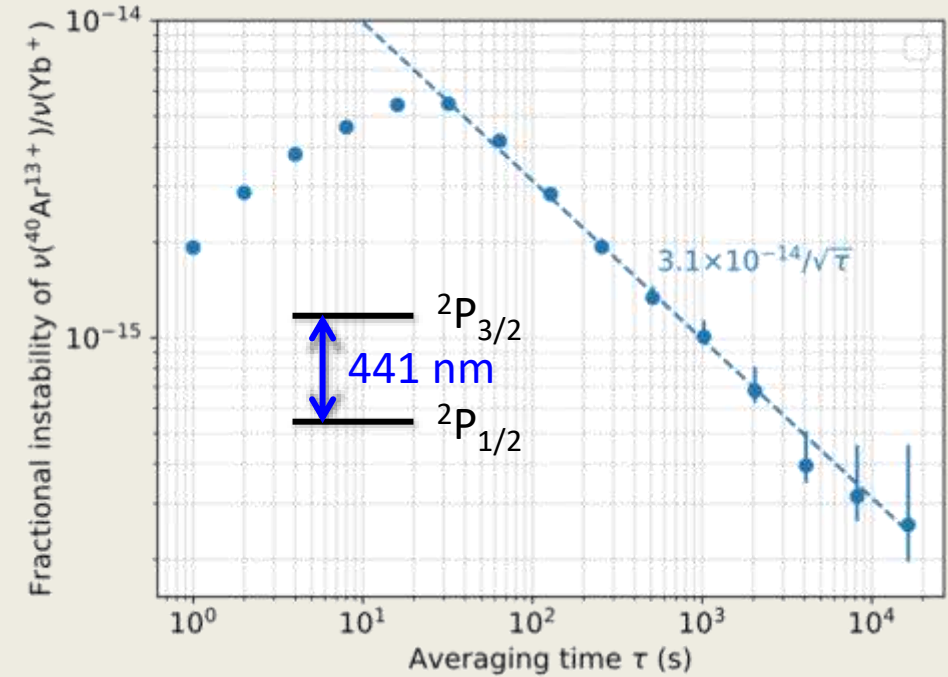
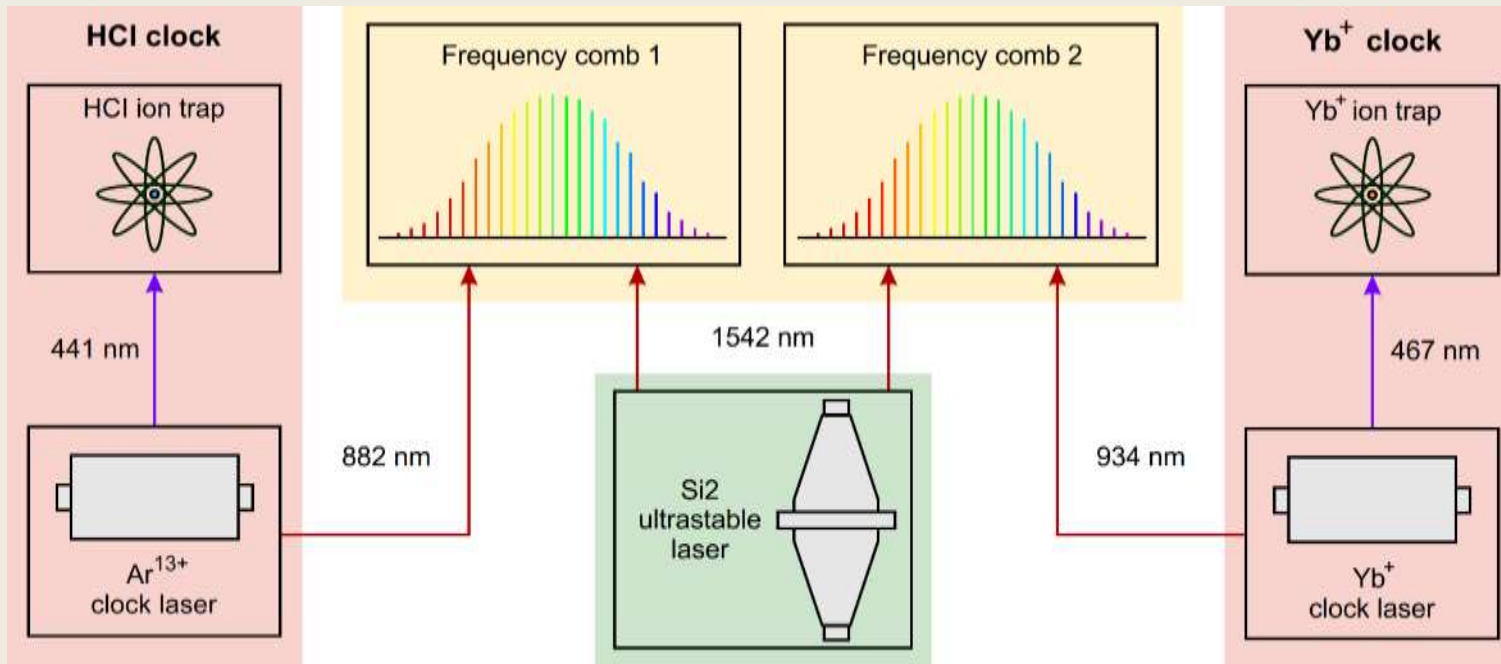
- sensitivity to drifts suppressed

Interleaved measurements:

- Micromotion
- Secular temperature



Frequency ratio measurement $\text{Ar}^{13+}/\text{Yb}^+$ E3

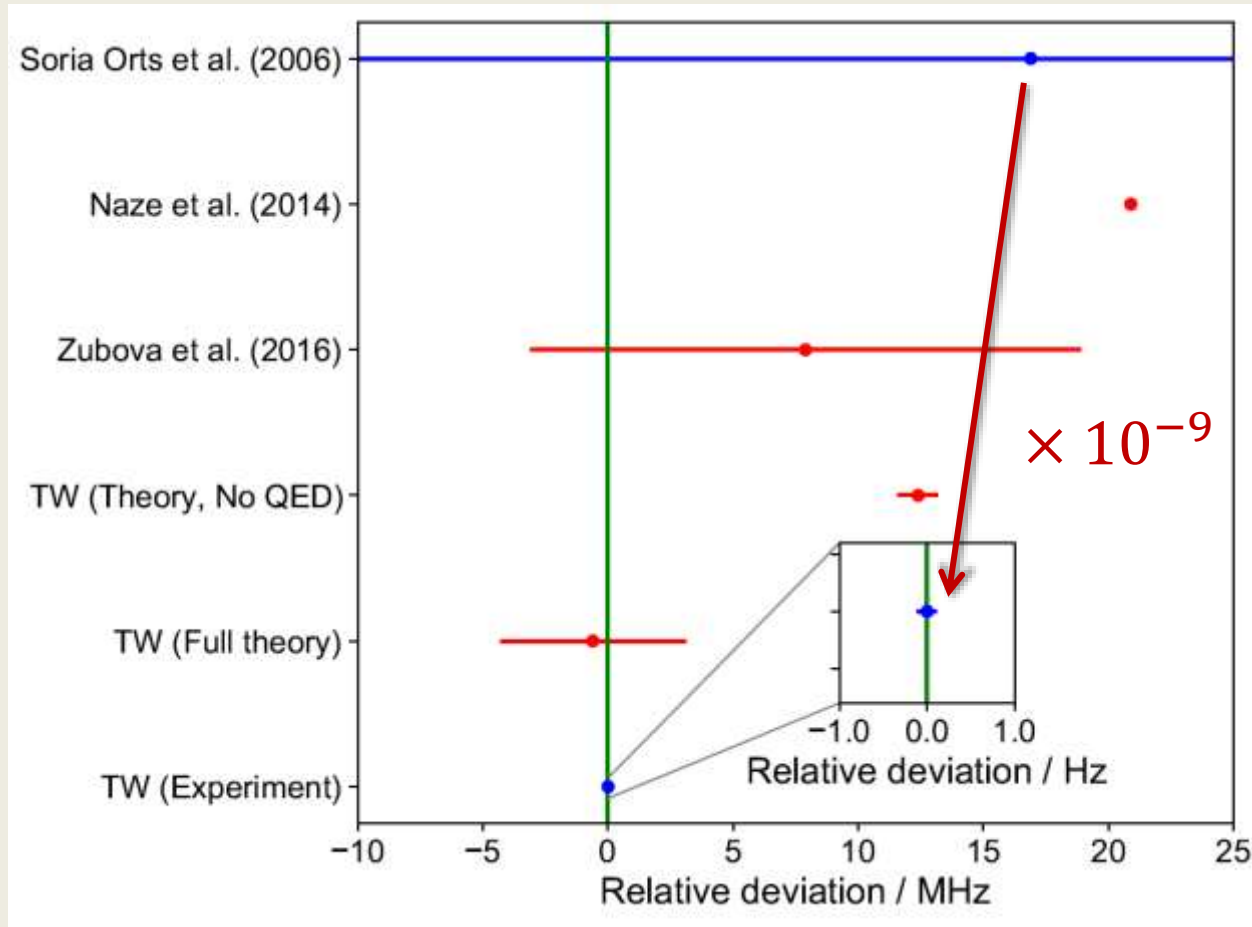


Comparison: E. Benkler, Yb^+ E3 clock: R. Lange, N. Huntemann

$$R = 1.05776938758748093(11)$$

- Frequency ratio uncertainty limited by Ar^{13+} excited state lifetime to $\sim 3 \times 10^{-14}/\sqrt{\tau}$
- Measurements to $\sim 1 \times 10^{-16}$ statistical uncertainty for $^{40}\text{Ar}^{13+}$ and $^{36}\text{Ar}^{13+}$
- Yb^+ E3 absolute frequency known with 1.3×10^{-16} fractional uncertainty

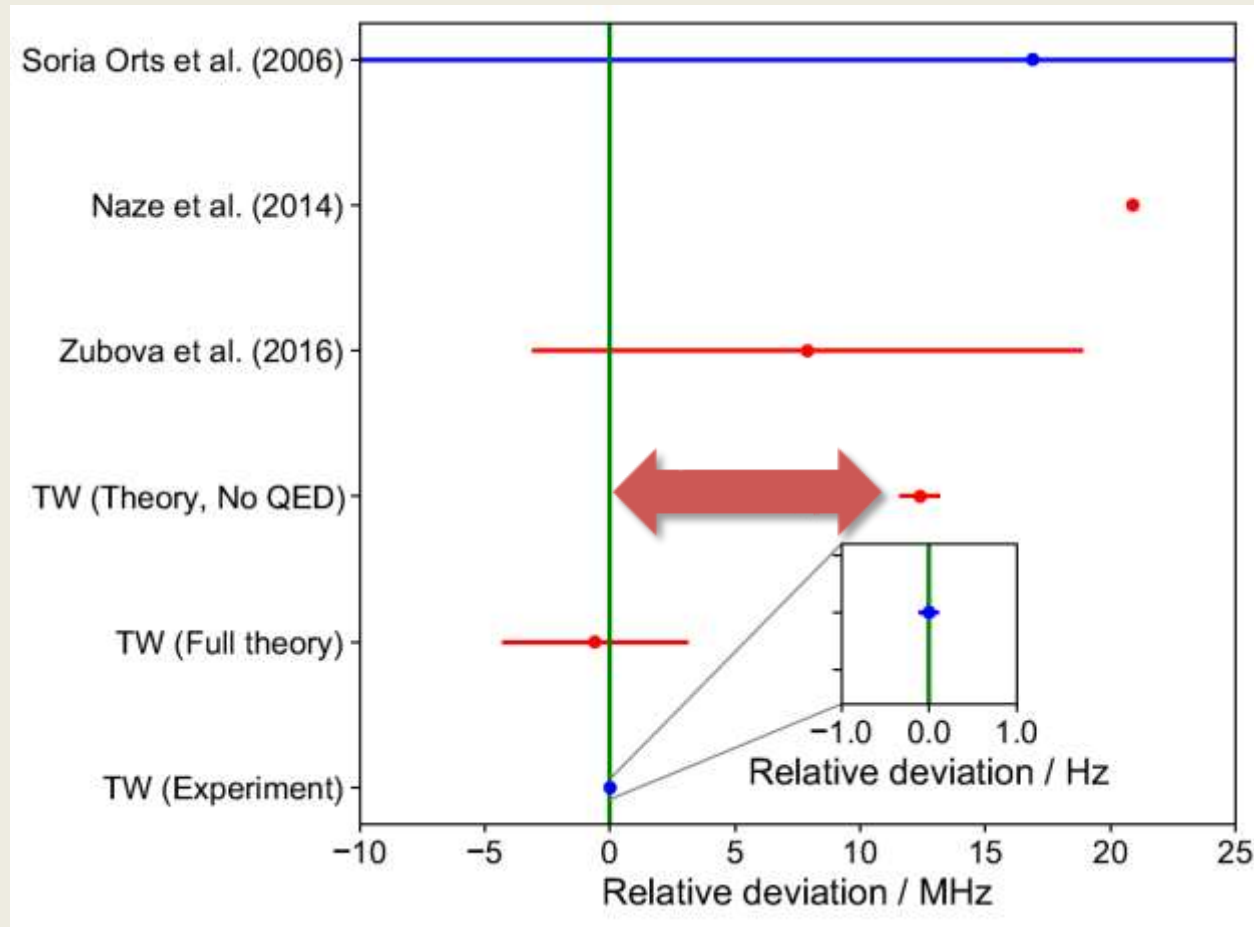
Isotope shift $^{40}\text{Ar}^{13+} \leftrightarrow ^{36}\text{Ar}^{13+}$



[Soria Orts *et al.*,
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**First experimental verification
of QED nuclear recoil effect in a many-electron system**

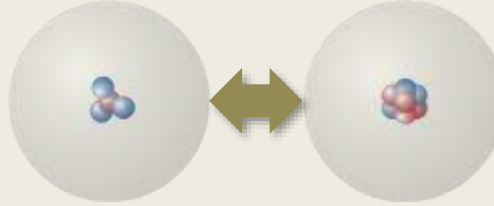
[see also: T. Sailer *et al.* Nature **606**, 479–483 (2022)]

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Search for 5th forces

Isotope shift spectroscopy: King plot

$$\delta\nu_i^{A,A'} = \underbrace{F_i}_{\text{field shift}} \delta\langle r^2 \rangle_{A,A'} + \underbrace{k_i}_{\text{recoil shift}} \frac{A-A'}{AA'}$$



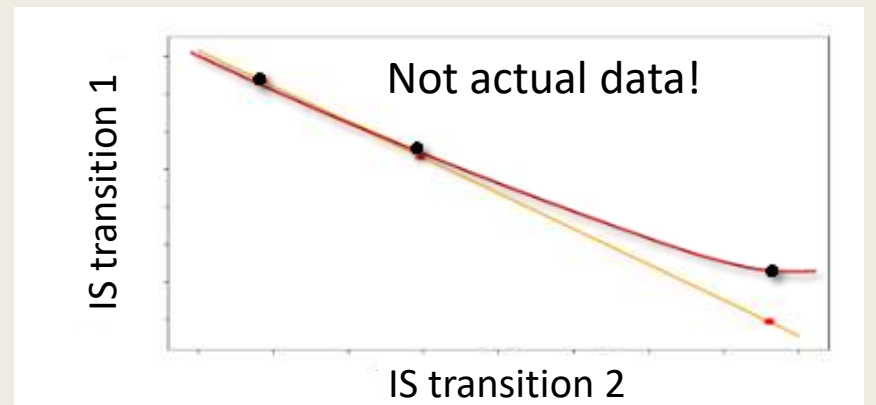
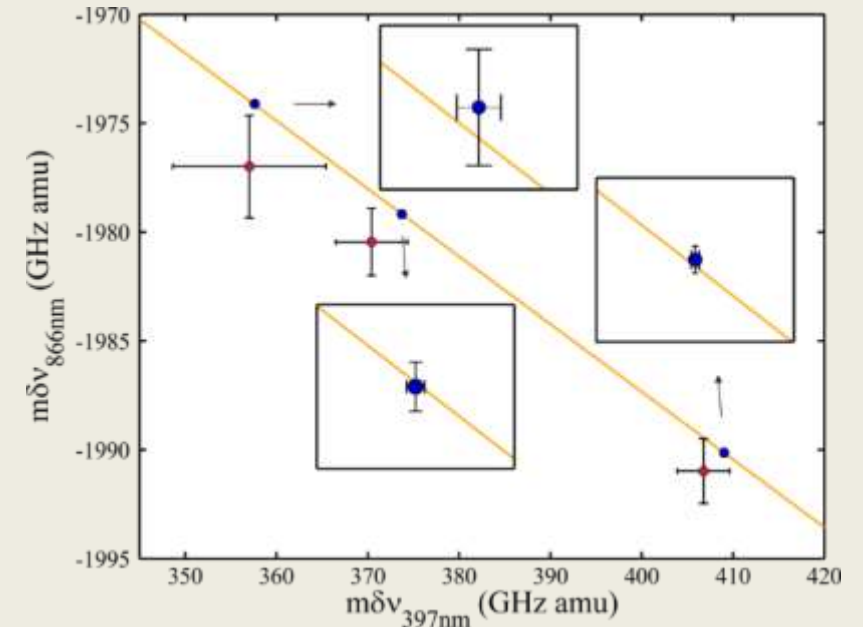
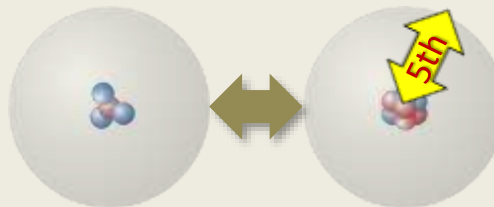
- use 2 transitions $i, j \rightarrow$ eliminate $\delta\langle r^2 \rangle_{A,A'}$

Additional hypothetical 5th force (relaxion, DM, ...)

- new force mediated through scalar field with mass $m_\phi \rightarrow X_i$
- coupling constant: α_{NP}

\rightarrow nonlinearity in King plot:

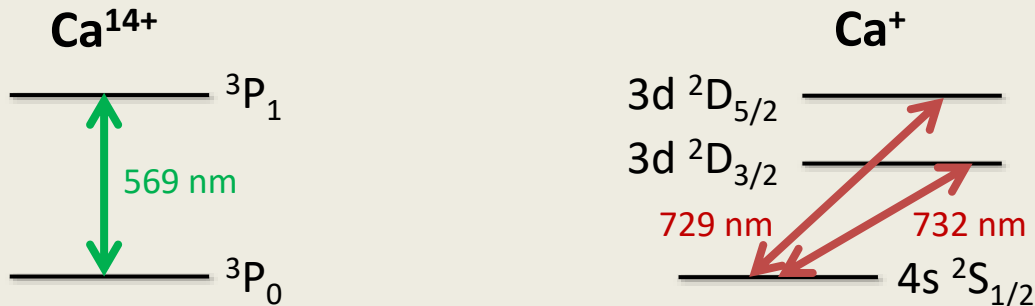
$$\delta\nu_i^{A,A'} = F_i \delta\langle r^2 \rangle_{A,A'} + k_i \frac{A-A'}{AA'} + \alpha_{NP} X_i (A - A')$$



Isotope shift spectroscopy of $^{40,42,44,46,48}\text{Ca}^{+}/^{14+}/^{15+}$

need: pair of narrow transitions with different electronic character

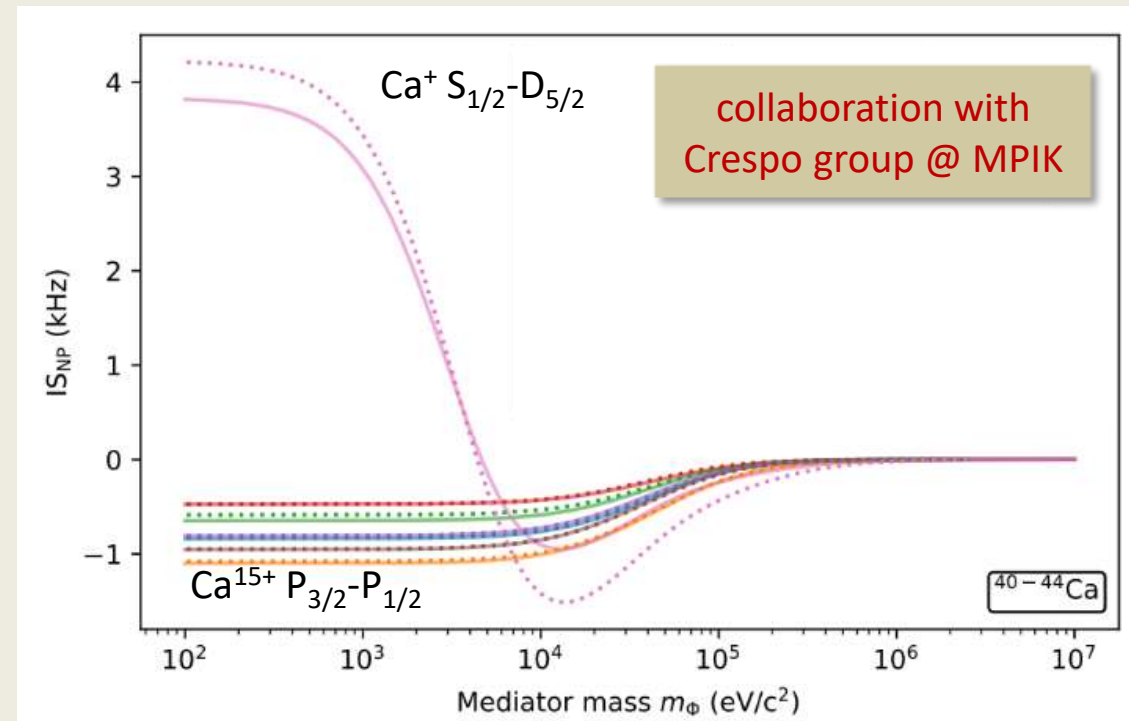
promising approach: isotope shifts of clock transitions in Ca^+ & Ca^{14+}



related experimental work:

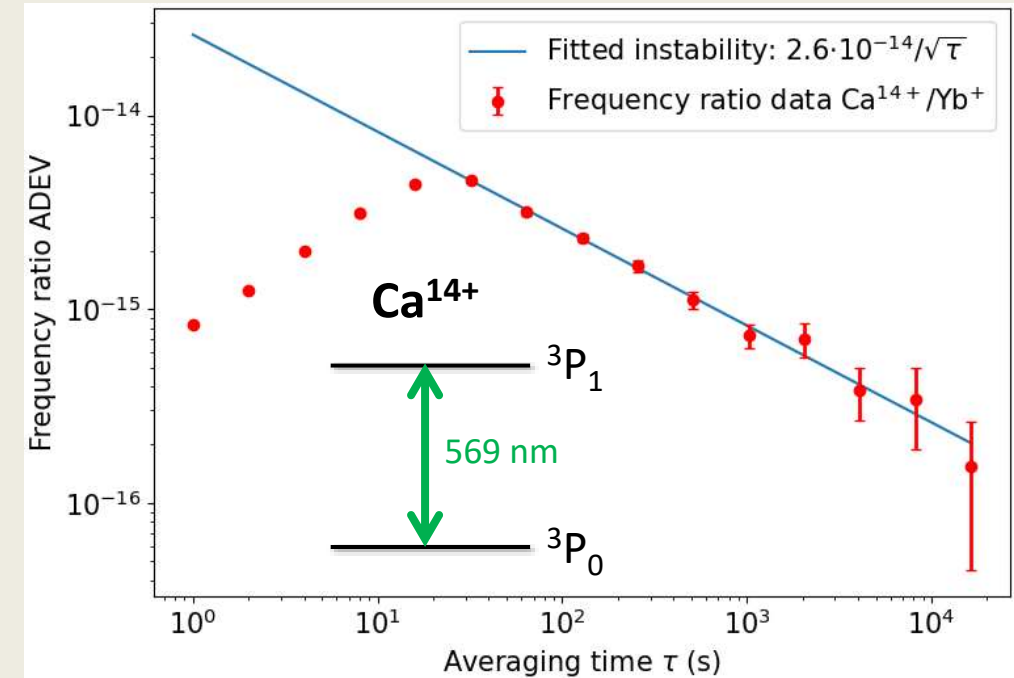
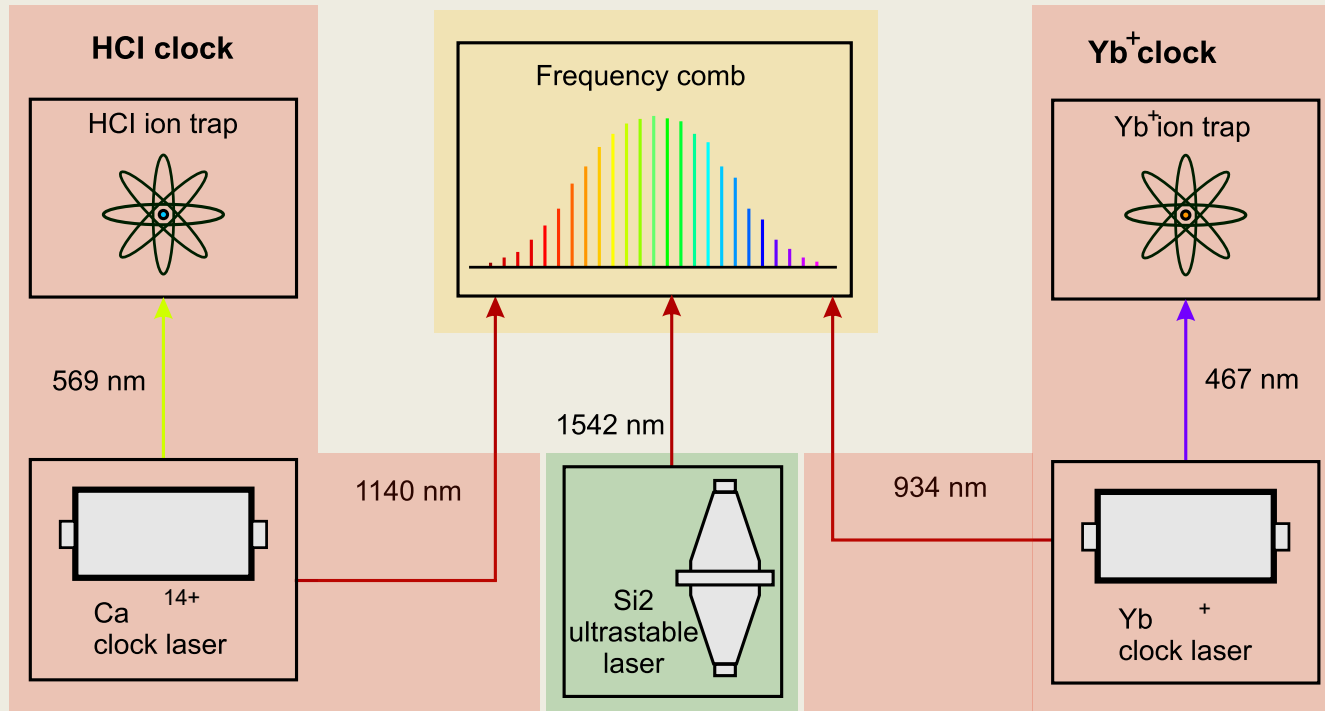
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[Rehbehn, *et al.*, PRA **103**, L040801 (2021)]

Frequency ratio measurements $^{40,42,44,46,48}\text{Ca}^{14+} / \text{Yb}^+$ E3



Comparison: E. Benkler, Yb⁺ E3 clock: M. Filzinger, N. Huntemann

- Yb⁺ E3 absolute frequency: 1.3×10^{-16}
- statistical uncertainty: $\sim 1 \times 10^{-16} \rightarrow 0.1 \text{ Hz}$ (improvement by $\times 10^{-9}$)
- systematic uncertainty: $\sim 3 \times 10^{-17}$

[A. Wilzewski *et al.*, in preparation]

Higher order SM contributions

$$\Delta E_{ij} = K^{(1)} \left(\frac{m}{M_i} - \frac{m}{M_j} \right) + F^{(1)} \delta R_{ij}^2$$

1st order mass shift (MS) 1st order field shift (FS)

$$+ K^{(2)} \left(\frac{m^2}{M_i^2} - \frac{m^2}{M_j^2} \right) + \delta R_i F^{(1)} \delta R_{ij}^2 + F^{(2)} (\delta R_{ij}^2)^2$$

2nd order MS 1st order FS correction 2nd order FS

purely electronic

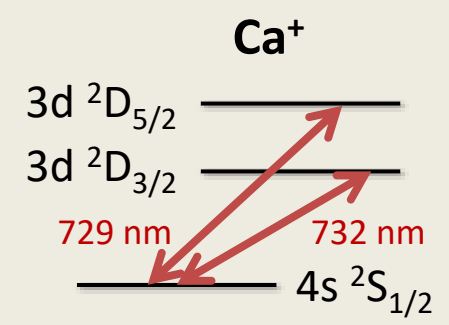
$$\delta R_{ia}^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_c^2} (\langle r_i^2 \rangle - \langle r_a^2 \rangle)$$

up to 99% nonlinearity contribution

+ $\Delta_{np,ij}$ + $\Delta_{MS-FS,ij}$

nuclear polarization MS-FS cross term

up to 25% nonlinearity contribution



courtesy: Anna Viatkina
[PRA **108**, 022802 (2023)]

[also: Flambaum *et al.*, PRA **97**, 032510 (2018); Yerokhin *et al.*, PRA **101**, 012502 (2020); Counts *et al.*, PRL **125**, 123002 (2020)]

Outlook

Future: competitive clocks & fundamental physics

- Clock candidate: $^{58}\text{Ni}^{12+}$

[Yu & Sahoo, Phys. Rev. A **97**, 041403 (2018);
Chen *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Res. **6**, 013030 (2024)]

also: Gao (Wuhan)

Challenge: transition energy

uncertainty of several THz (few nm)

- dark matter & α -sensitive level-crossings:

- Pr^{9+} [Bekker *et al.*, Nat. Commun. **10**, 5651 (2019)]

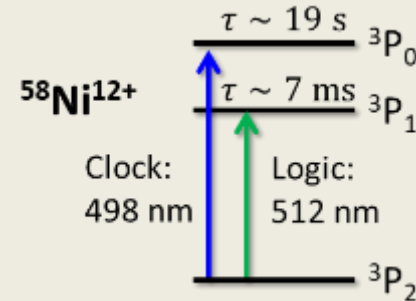
- Ir^{17+} [Windberger *et al.*, PRL **114**, 150801 (2015)]

- Cf^{15+} & Cf^{17+} [Porsev *et al.*, PRA **102**, 012802 (2020)]

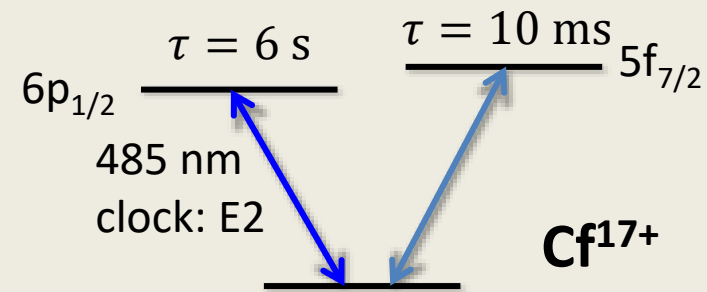
also: V. Schäfer (MPIK), G. Barontini (Birmingham)

Other ideas

- Ba^{4+} , Pr^{10+} : S. Brewer (Colorado State)
- XUV clocks: J. Crespo (MPIK)
- few-electron HCl: P. Micke (GSI/Jena)



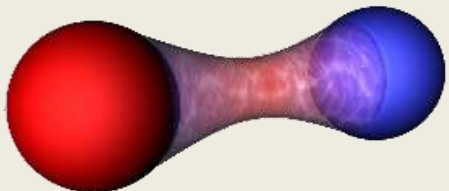
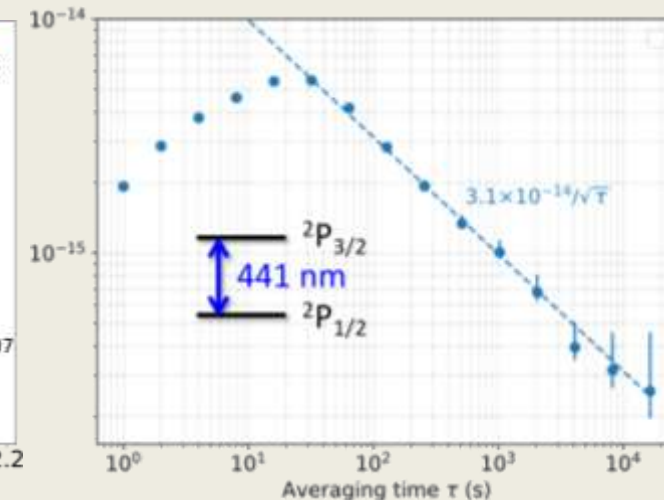
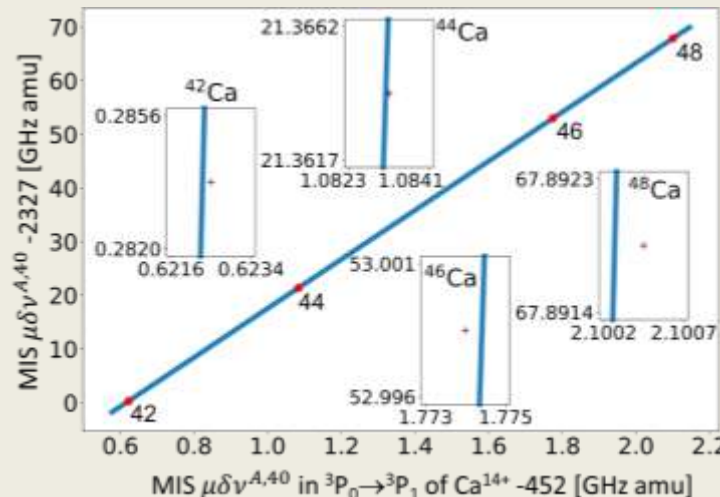
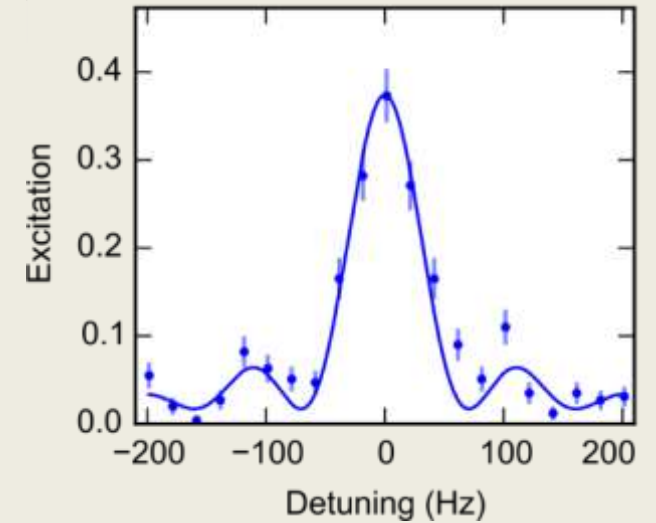
better calculations:
M. Safronova +
new search strategies
for narrow transitions



Summary

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- precision spectroscopy of HCl addresses fundamental physics
- full quantum optical control over HCl achieved
- first coherent spectroscopy of HCl
- optical HCl clock with 2.2×10^{-17} syst. uncertainty
- improved absolute frequency & isotope shift by 10^8 & 10^9
- test of fundamental physics: verification of QED nuclear recoil & bounds on 5th forces
- new HCl clocks with high sensitivity to dark matter and α -variations
- “universal” spectroscopy scheme



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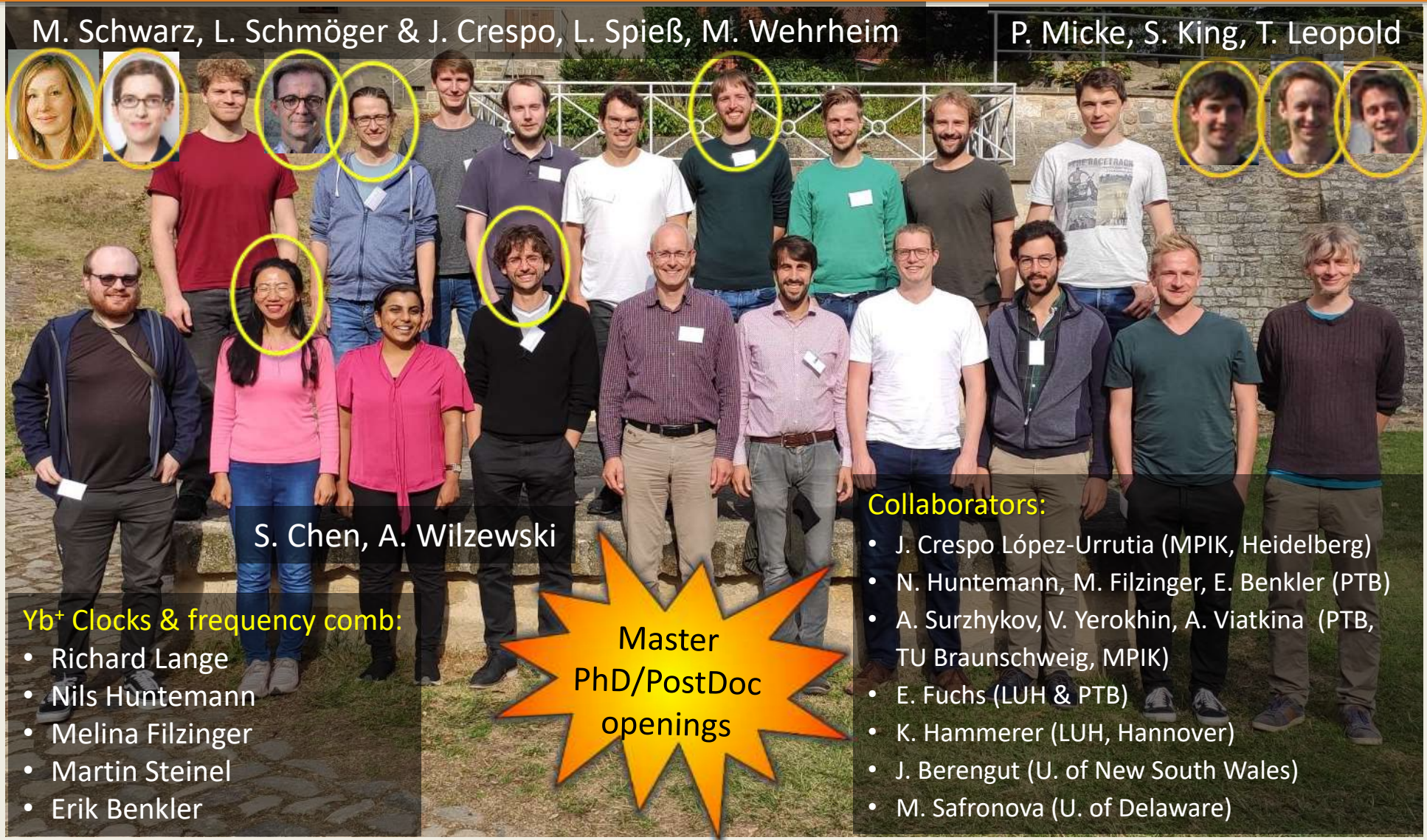
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