(F)ptiSynX In the right place ... with the right time

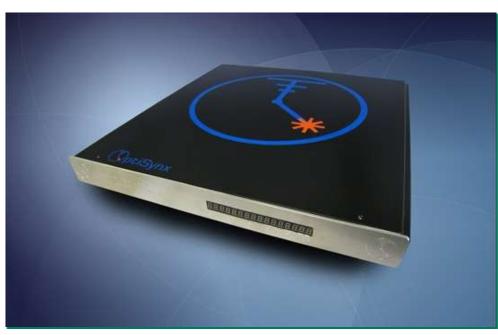
First results of a new precision
frequency source.
5 November 08<sub>v1</sub>

Molecular Optical Clock



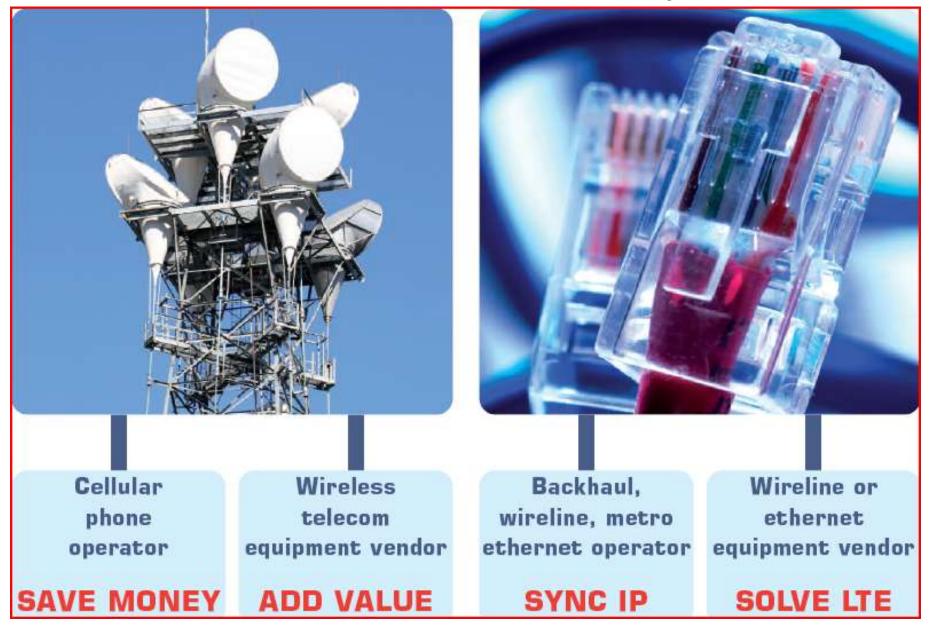
#### Agenda

- A new clock .... Why?
- OptiSynx Technology
- Technology Development
- First showing of very first results
- Where next?





#### A new clock ... Why?



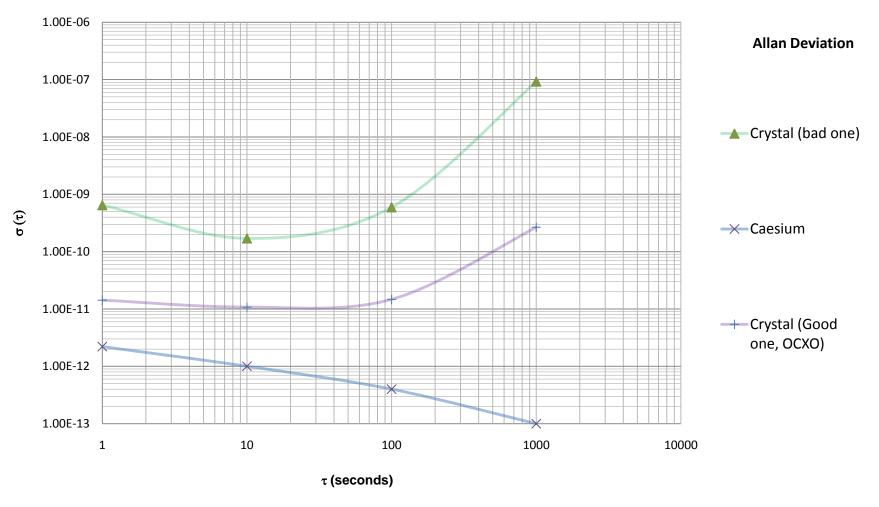




# A precision time source providing the vital pulse of your network.



#### **Allan Deviation Comparisons**



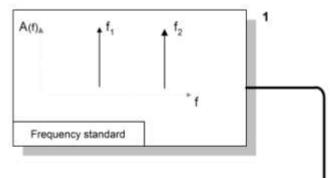
 $\sigma(\tau) = [y-axis] = a root mean square measure of stability$ 



#### **OptiSynx Molecular Optical Clock**

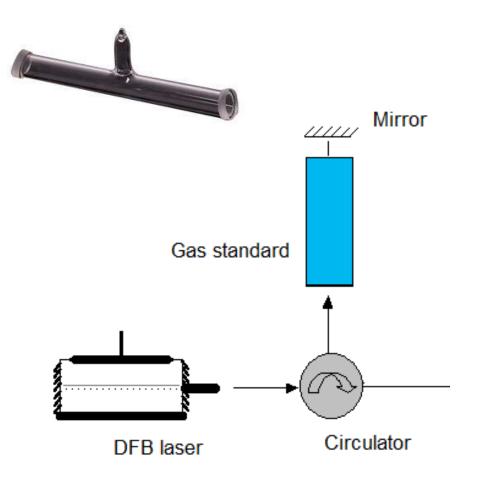
- Cesium is based on a hyperfine atomic energy transition
  - − in the tens of GHz. Atomic Line Q factor  $\approx$ 20,000,000
- OptiSynx MOC is based on a hyperfine molecular energy state
  - in the hundreds of THz. Molecular Q factor  $\approx$ 200,000,000,000
  - Also an international wavelength standard
  - Temperature effect <1E-15 /°C</li>
- The problem is then to down-convert to useful frequencies
- The OptiSynx MOC teraconverter is a non-obvious combination
   of solid state optics with the molecular oscillator
- In a single step it down-converts light to electronic frequencies

## OptiSynx MOC Block Diagram

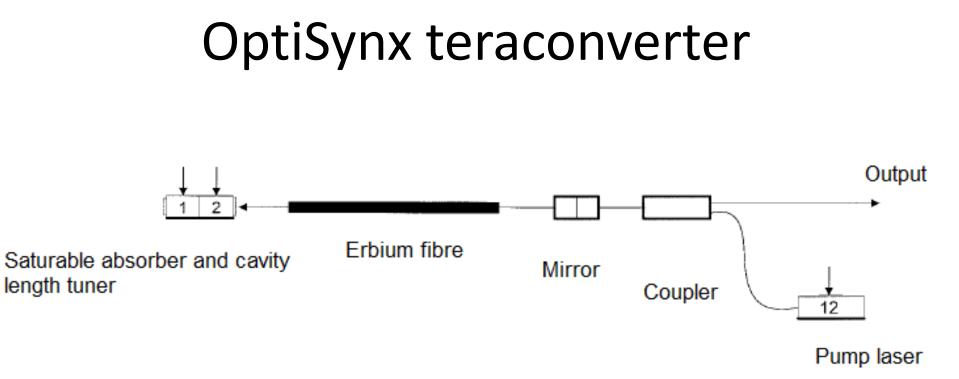




#### **OptiSynx Gas Standard**

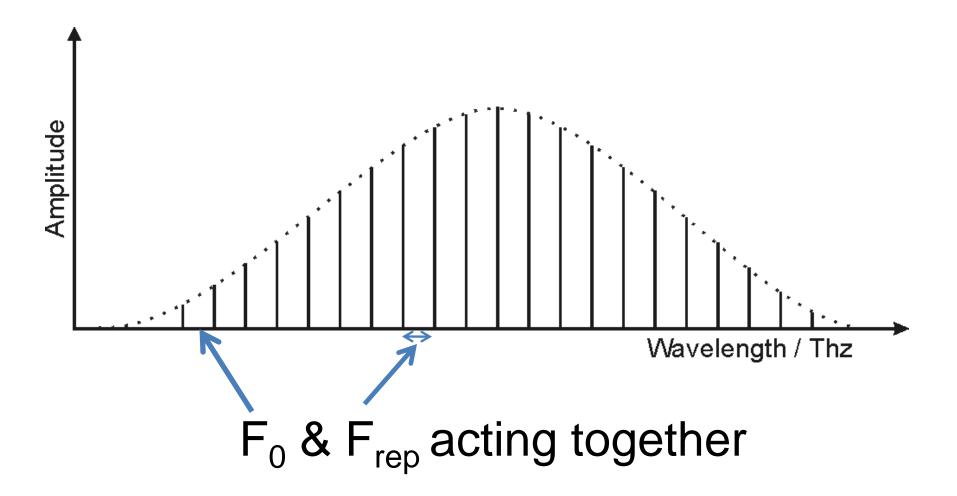






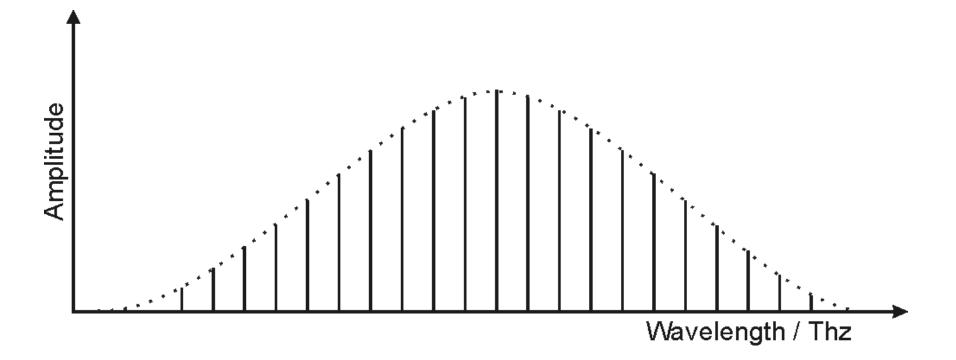


#### **MOC Unconstrained Comb**



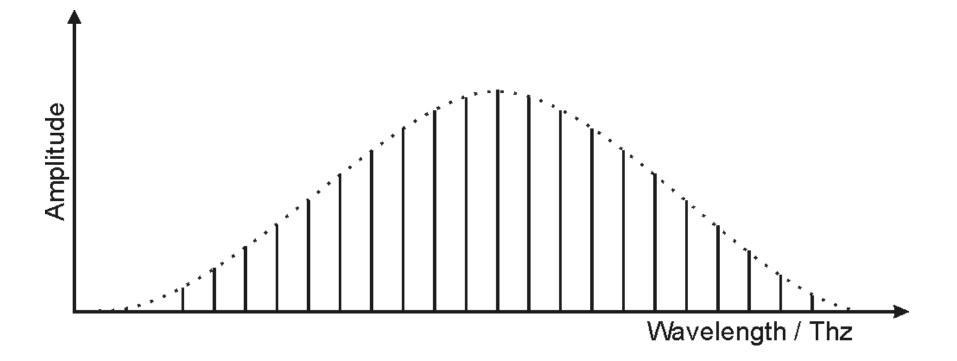


#### MOC Comb: F<sub>0</sub> degree of freedom



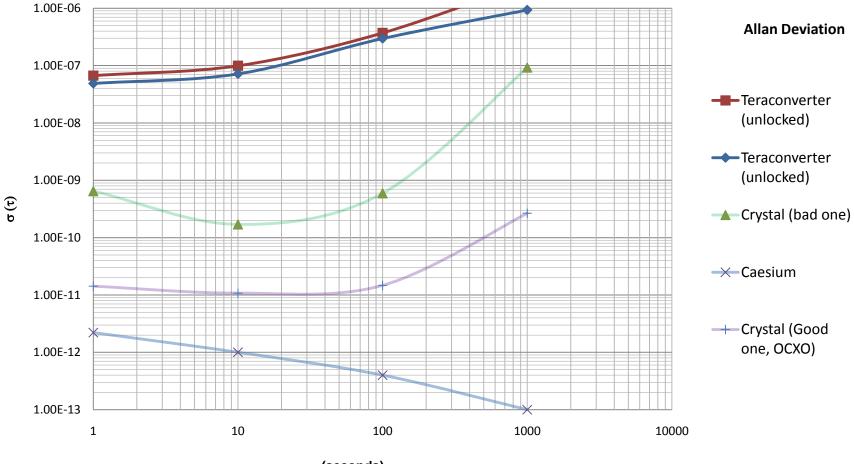


## MOC Comb: F<sub>rep</sub> degree of freedom





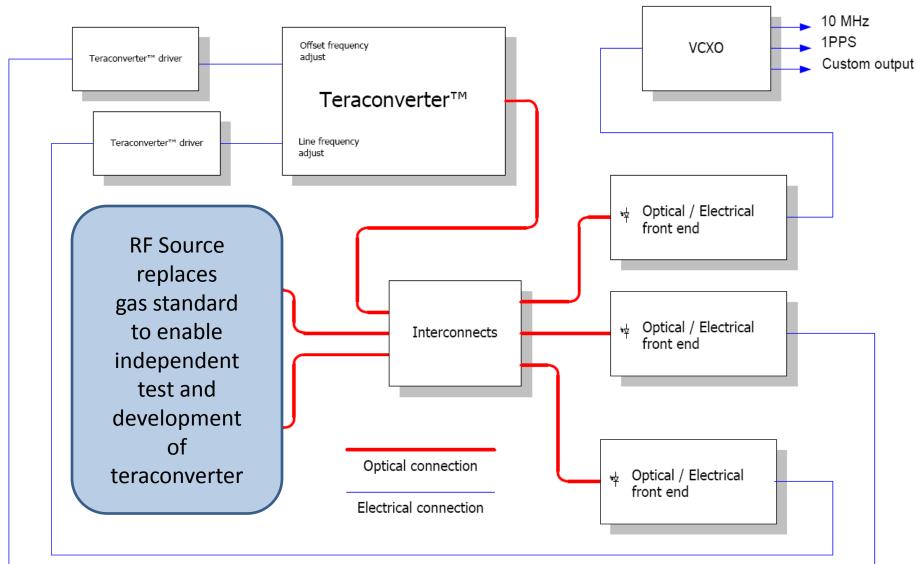
#### **MOC Integration Stage 0: No Lock**



τ (seconds)

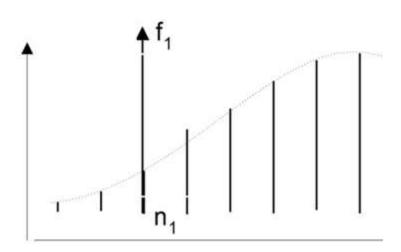


#### **OptiSynx MOC Block Diagram**





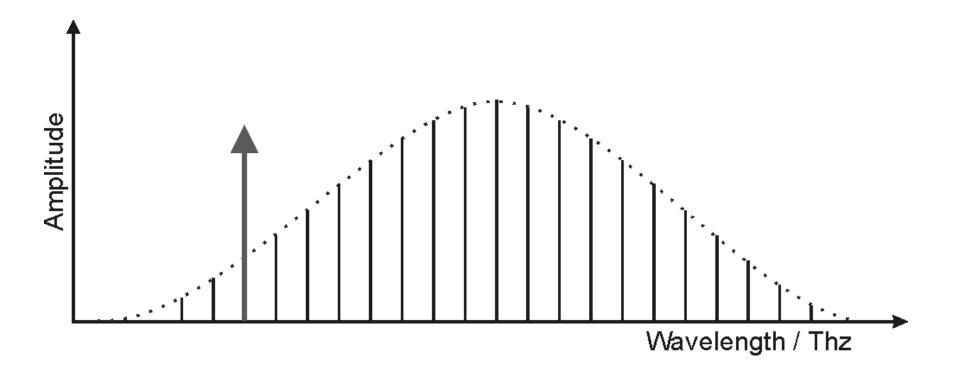
#### **MOC Integration Stage 1: RF Lock**



A comb line is locked onto a single fixed frequency generated by an RF signal source (locked to GPS to provide a high quality signal)



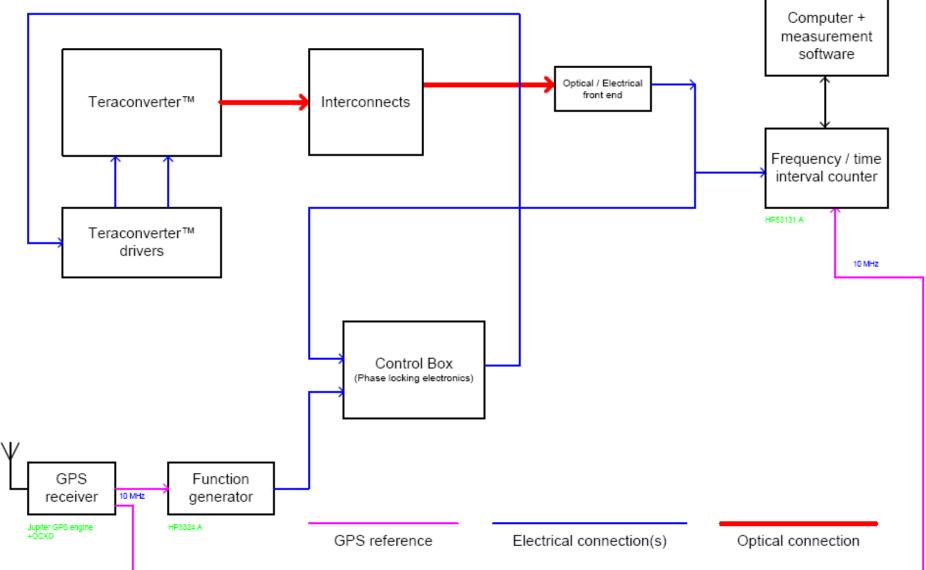
#### **MOC Single Constrained Comb**



#### Single RF lock



#### MOC Integration Stage 1: RF Lock





#### RF lock results (March 2008)



• First attempt at "closing the loop". Brief periods of locking like behaviour observed.



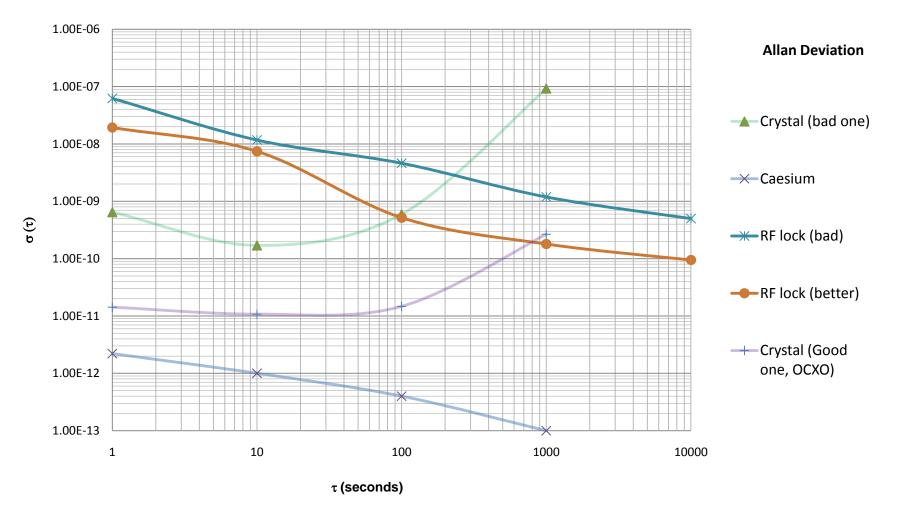
#### RF lock results (October 2008)



• Initially unlocked, then locking circuit switched on to produce stable lock

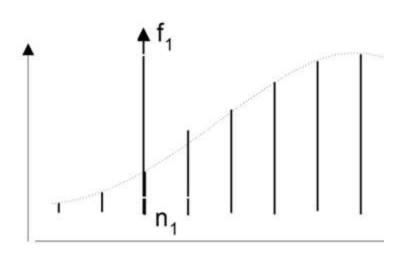


#### RF lock results (October 2008)





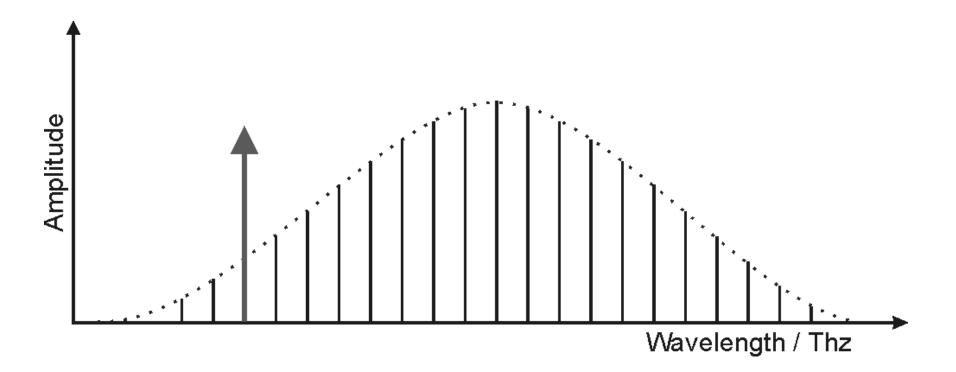
### MOC Integration Stage 2: SOL (Single Optical Lock)



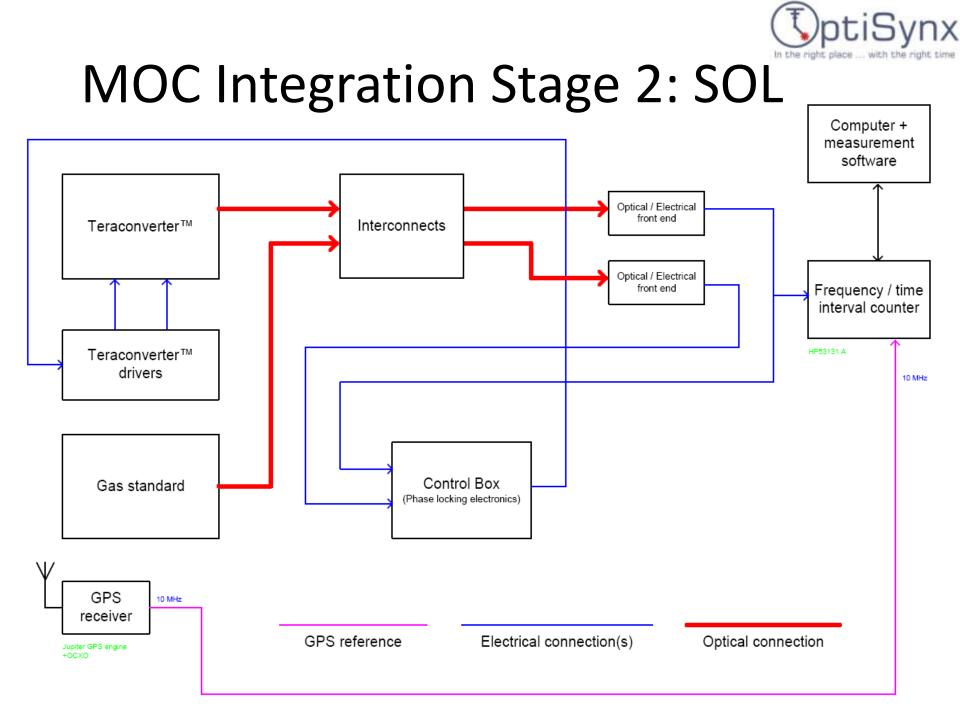
A comb line is locked onto a single fixed frequency generated by our own frequency standard source



#### **MOC Single Constrained Comb**



Single Optical lock





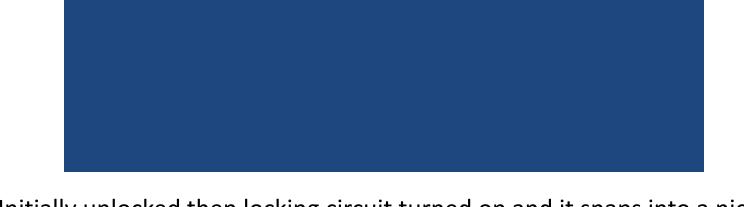
#### SOL results (October 2008)



• Very noisy, regularly jumping out of lock, but with a brief period in lock



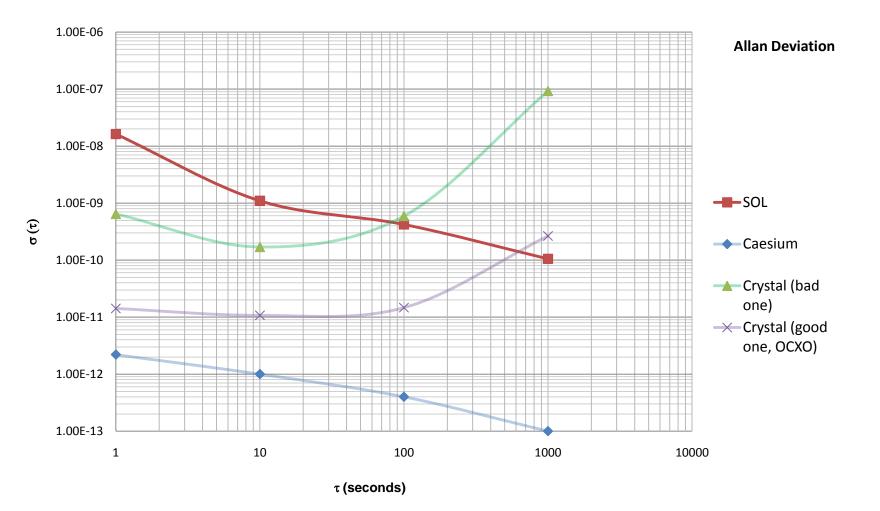
#### SOL results (November 2008)



 Initially unlocked then locking circuit turned on and it snaps into a nice stable long term lock

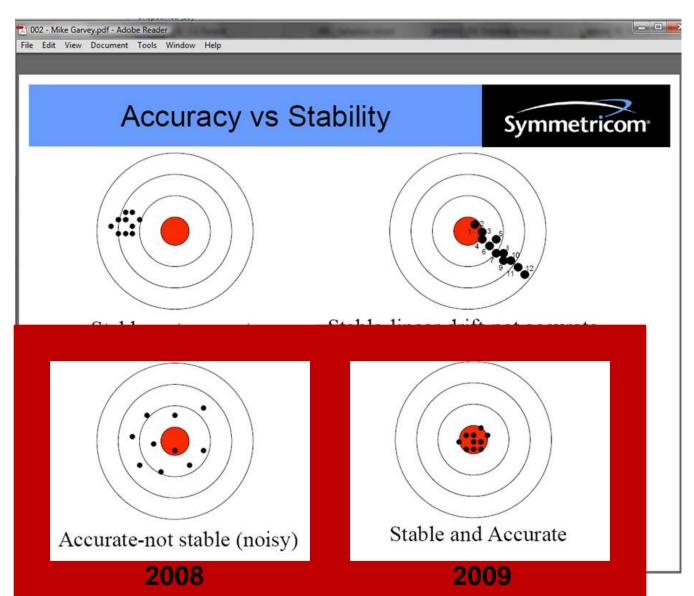


#### SOL results (November 2008)





#### OptiSynx MOC as an accurate source



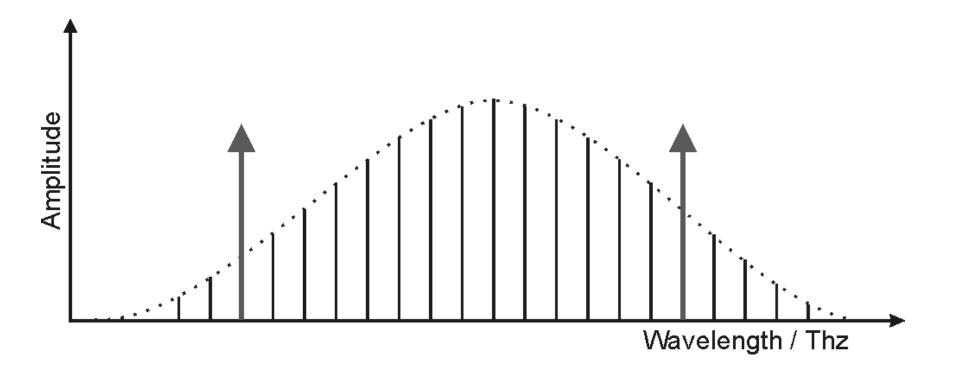


### **OptiSynx MOC Next Integration Stages**

- Double Optical Lock (DOL) to remove noise
- Iterative improvement of locking circuits
- Output conditioning
- Evaluation prototypes
- Field trials
- Production



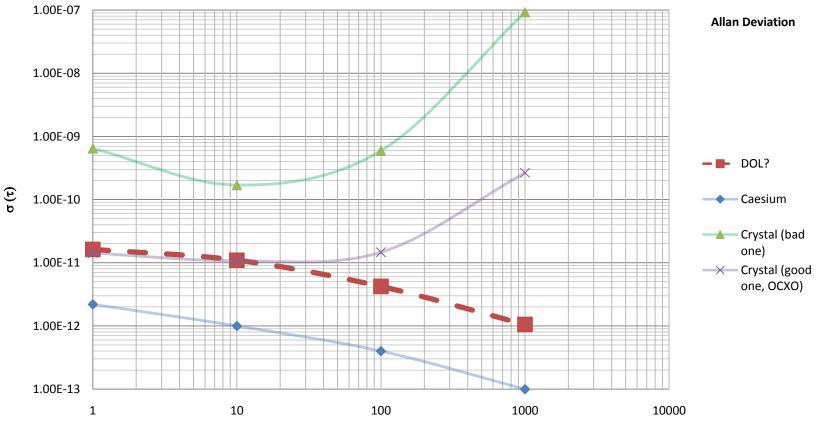
#### **MOC Fully Constrained Comb**



Double optical lock



#### Anticipated Initial DOL Results



τ (seconds)



#### **OptiSynx Product Development**

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Product Cost Deployment	x months \$a0,000 Core	y years \$b00 Edge	z years \$c0 Home

Currently OptiSynx envisage the above roadmap for product release with each successive product smaller, lower cost and lower power. Exact product features will be dependent on customer feedback.



#### Summary

- New primary source
  - Based on molecular reference standard
  - Teraconverter
- New performance/price regime
  - Offers new options in synchronisation
  - Offers solutions to precision timing over IP networks
- Stand-alone or network synchronised
  - Can be used stand-alone for some applications
  - Can be used as UTC time source with long hold-over



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