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A 87 Sr Optical Lattice Clock SEBASTIAN BLATT, GRETCHEN K. CAMPBELL, ANDREW D. LUDLOW, MARTIN M. BOYD, JAN W. THOMSEN, MICHAEL J. MARTIN, JUN YE, JILA, National Institute of Standards and Technology and the University of Colorado, Department of Physics, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, 80309 — We report on our recent progress on a optical atomic clock with high accuracy and stability based on ultracold fermionic lattice-confined 87 Sr atoms. We have evaluated the systematic effects at 1×10^{-16} , enabling an improved measurement of the absolute clock transition frequency. The frequency of the 1S_0 - 3P_0 transition was measured as 429 228 004 229 873.83 \pm 0.37 Hz, where the final fractional uncertainty represents one of the most accurate measurements of an optical atomic frequency to date. In combination with data from the Paris and Tokyo groups, this measurement is used to limit Local Position Invariance by limiting coupling of fundamental constants to the gravitational potential.

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