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Systematic uncertainty evaluation of an ²⁷Al⁺ quantum-logic clock¹ SAMUEL BREWER, NIST, JWO-SY CHEN, NIST, University of Colorado, DAVID HUME, AARON HANKIN, NIST, ETHAN CLEMENTS, NIST, University of Colorado, CHIN-WEN CHOU, NIST, DAVID WINELAND, NIST, University of Colorado, University of Oregon, DAVID LEIBRANDT, NIST, University of Colorado — A previous optical atomic clock based on quantum-logic spectroscopy of the ${}^{1}S_{0}$ $\leftrightarrow {}^{3}P_{0}$ transition of ${}^{27}\text{Al}^{+}$ reached a systematic uncertainty of $\delta\nu/\nu = 8.0 \times 10^{-18}$ 2 ,³. This uncertainty was dominated by environmental effects related to the traps used to confine the ions; i.e. time-dilation shifts due to motion of the ions in the trap and the blackbody radiation (BBR) shift due to elevated trap temperature. Improvements in a new trap have reduced excess micromotion and secular heating, making it possible to operate the clock near the three-dimensional motional ground state ⁴, and leading to a reduced time-dilation shift uncertainty. In addition, the operating temperature of the system has been lowered to reduce the BBR shift uncertainty. Here we present the systematic uncertainty evaluation of a new ${}^{27}\text{Al}^+$ quantum-logic clock based on this improved trap design.

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