

**Precision
Atomic Optics at the IQ**

**Perspectives in
applied & fundamental sciences**

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IInd generation atom optical experiments
Heritage of PHARAO/ACES project

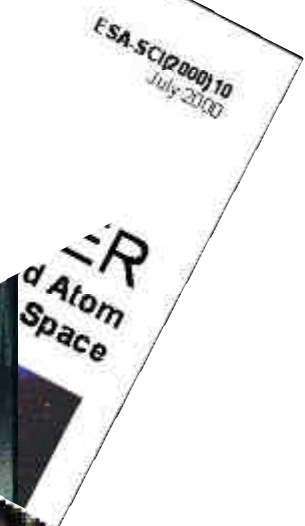
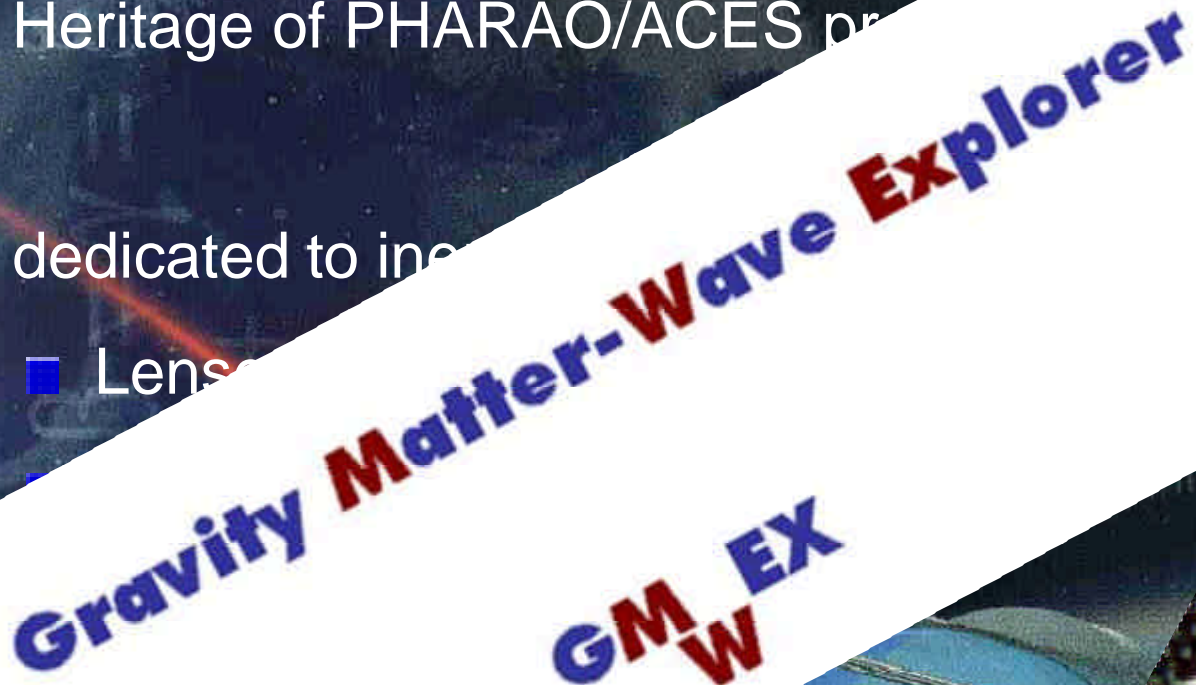
dedicated to international

- Lensing

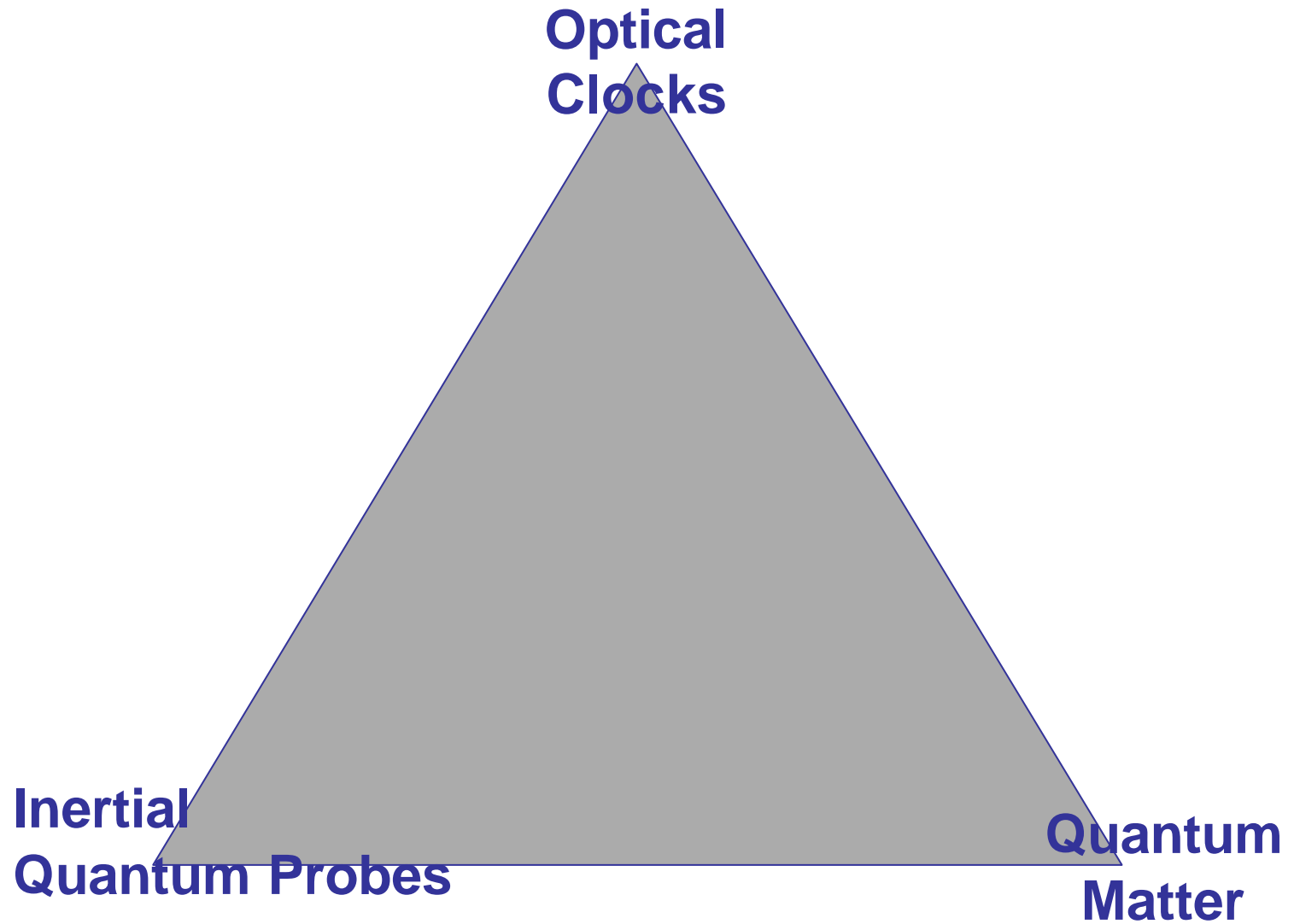
Atom Interferometry Networks (1999/2000)

- Atomic Clock (2001)

<http://atomopt.cicta.u-psud.fr/hyper>



IQ - Quantum Sensors



Magnesium Opt. Clock

*From microwaves to
optical frequencies*

10^{10} Hz @ 10^{15} Hz

Mg frequency standard

Sterr et al., Appl. Phys. B 54, 341 (1992)

J. Keupp, et al., High-resolution atom interferometry in the optical domain, E.J. Physics D, Highlight Paper (2002)

$$\frac{\Delta n}{n} \approx 10^{-8}$$

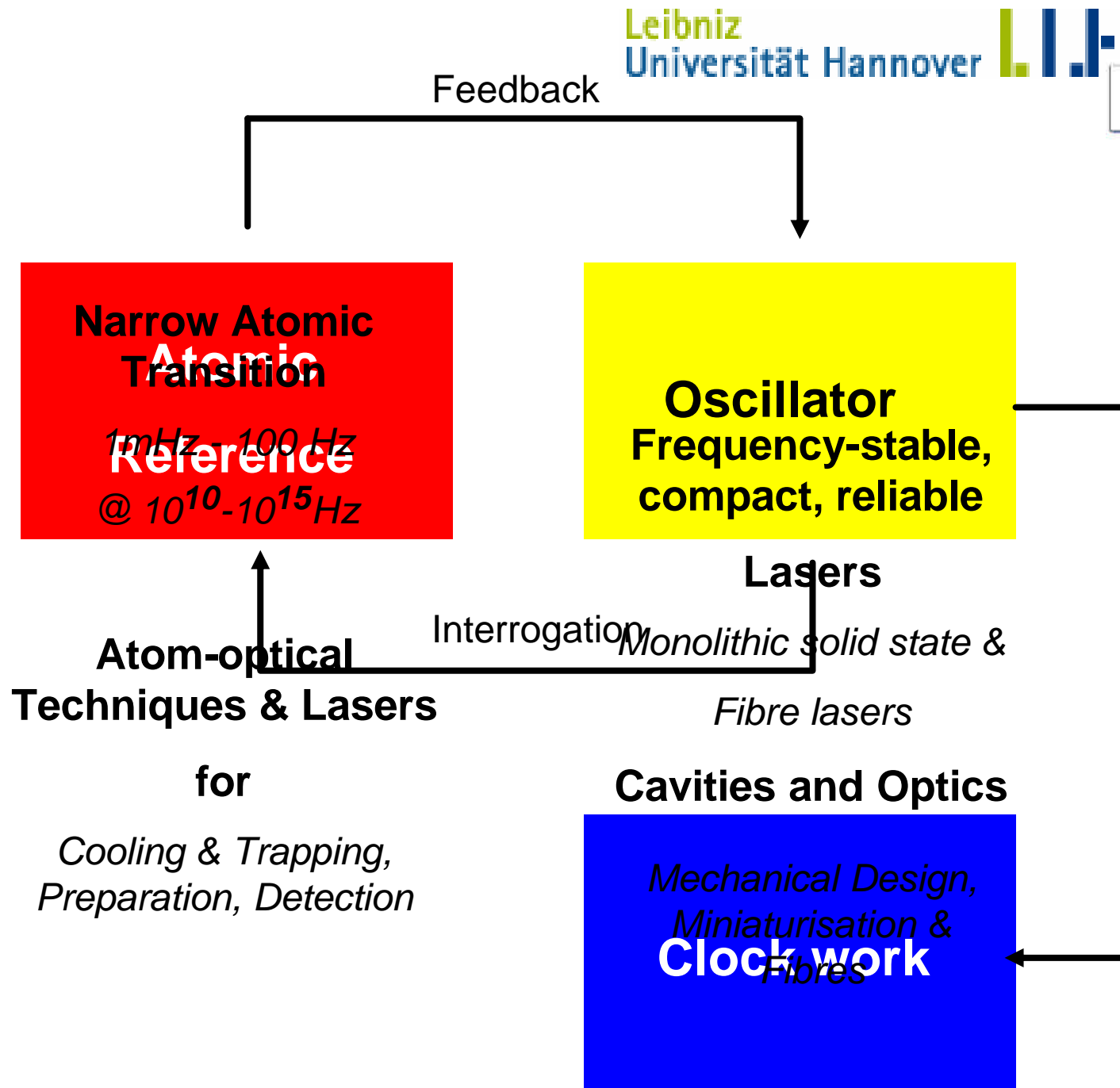
Instability $8 \cdot 10^{-14}$
 $Q = 2.3 \cdot 10^{12}$

Candidates

H,
Ca,
Mg,
Sr,
Ag,
Yb,
Hg,
...

What will be the „best“ atom
What will be the „best“ clock
Criteria ?
What to be tested ?
Diversity of Clocks

Clock Techniques



1st measurement of

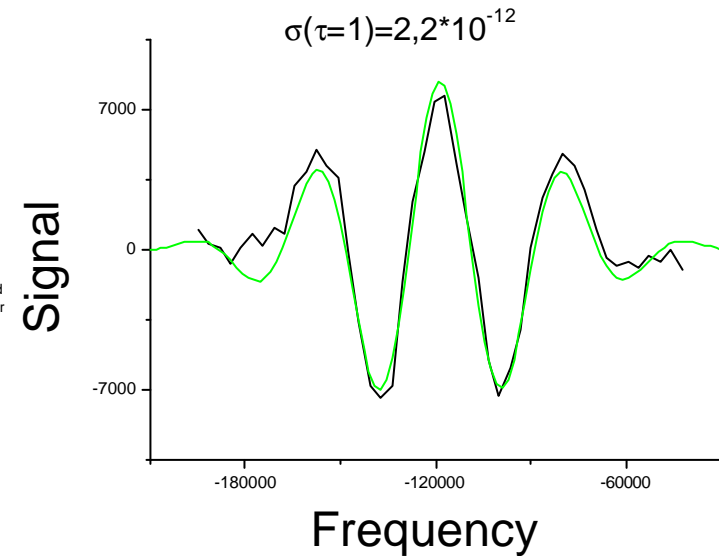
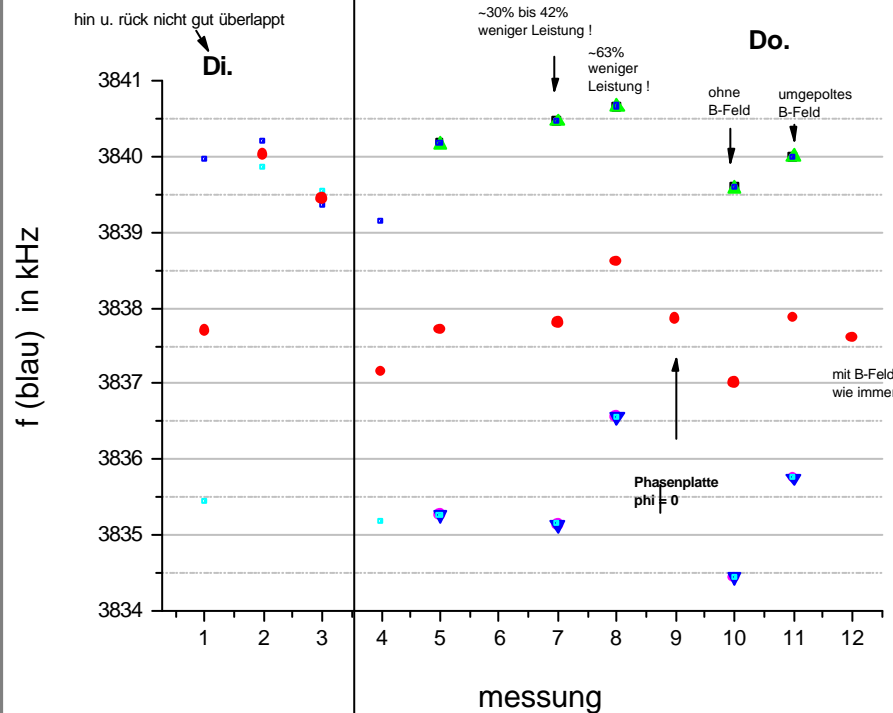
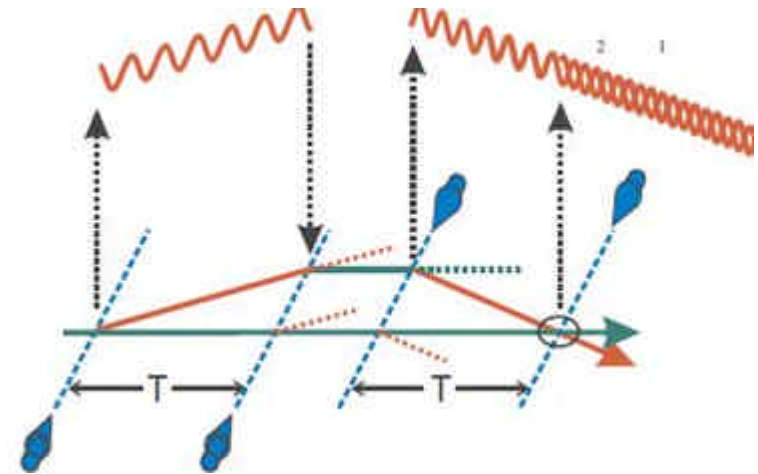
the Mg frequency $^1S_0 @ ^3P_1$

655.660.083.836 kHz +/- 3 kHz

Precision $\pm 10^{-11}$

Evaluation ongoing

2nd order Doppler shift ~1.5 kHz



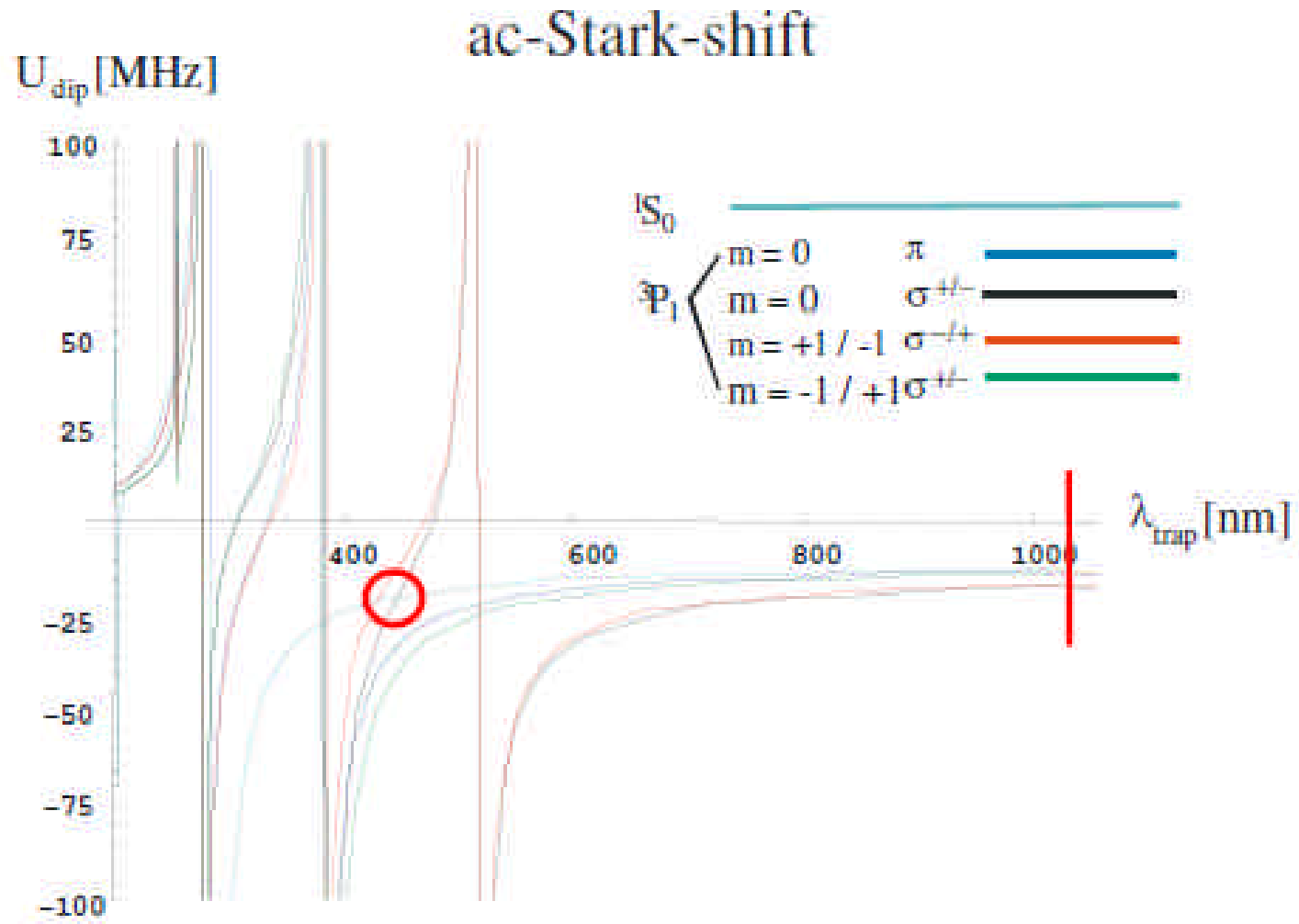
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Table 1 | Systematic corrections and uncertainties for the Sr optical lattice clock

Effect	Correction (Hz)	Uncertainty (Hz)	
		Achieved	Attainable
First order Doppler*	0	3×10^{-3}	$< 10^{-3}$
Second order Doppler	0	2×10^{-6}	$< 2 \times 10^{-6}$
Recoil shift	0		
First order Zeeman	0	10	10^{-3}
Collision shift	0.6	2.4	10^{-3}
Blackbody shift‡	2.4	0.1	3×10^{-3}
Probe laser light shift	0.1	0.01	10^{-3}
Scalar light shift	-3.85	4	10^{-3}
Vector light shift	0	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
Tensor light shift	0	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
Fourth order light shift¶	0	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
Cs clock offset	-45	3	
Frequency measurement	0	9	
Systematic total	-45.7		
Total uncertainty Δa		15	4×10^{-3}

M. Takamoto et al., Nature, 435, 321 (2005)

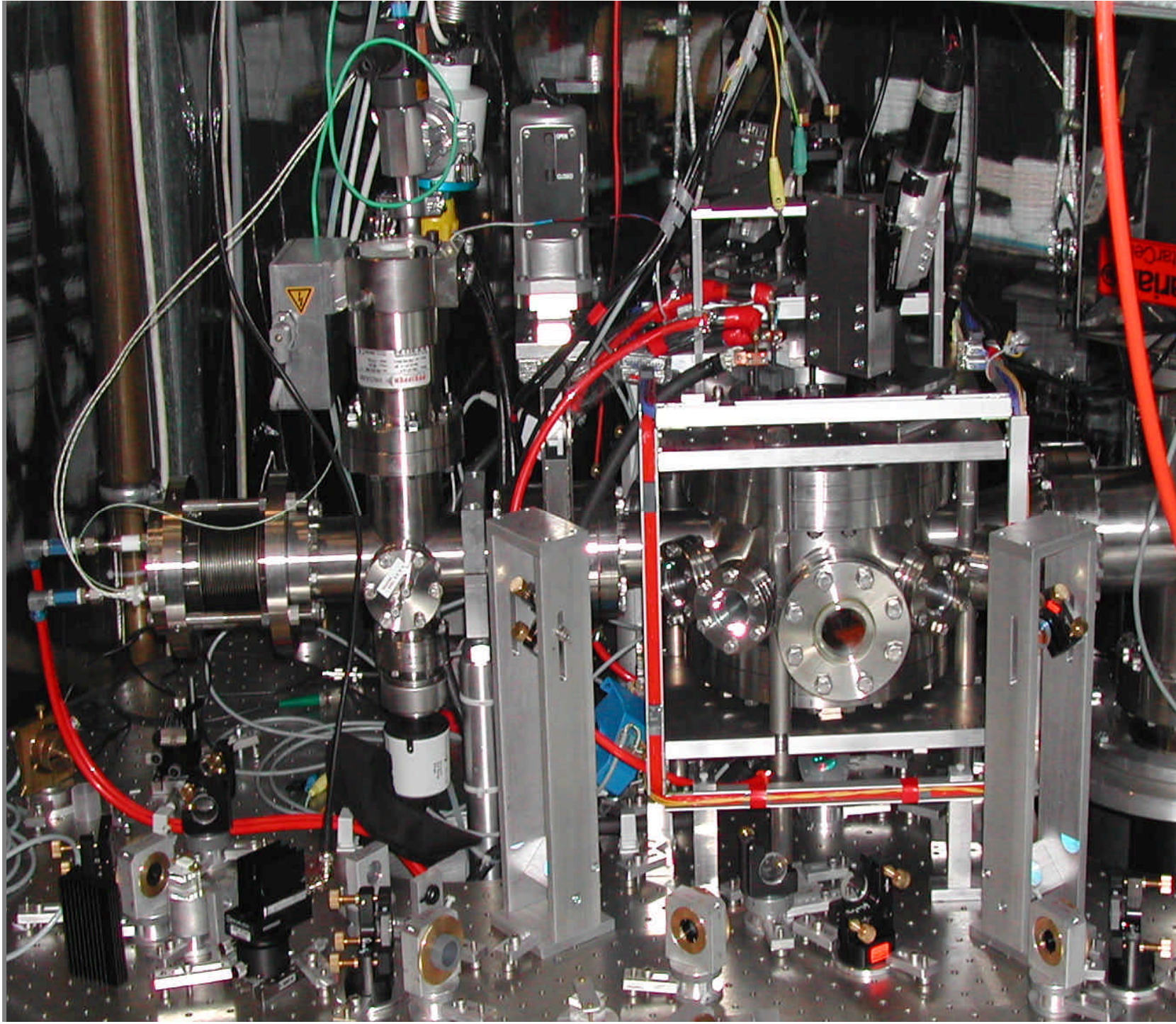
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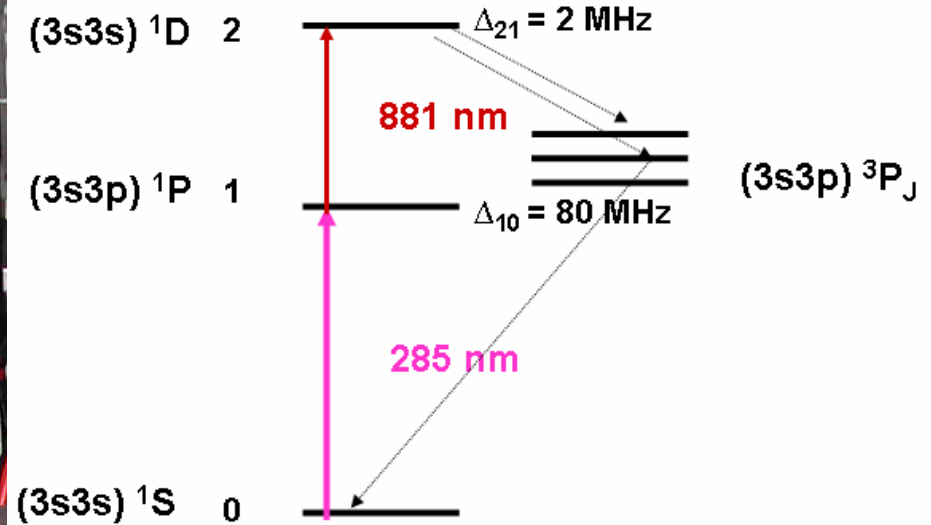
- ✓ Narrow to ultra-narrow transition
- ✓ "Magic" wave length dipole trap ($^1S_0 \rightarrow ^3P_0$: 465 nm)
- Higher order effects ?
- ✓ Reasonable abundance of fermionic and bosonic isotopes $^{24,25,26}\text{Mg}$
- ✓ Low black-body shift (10^{-16})
- ✓ Simple electronic structure- easy to model
- Semi-conductor laser + Frequency Doubling
- ✓ Fast and efficient laser cooling

Cooling strategies



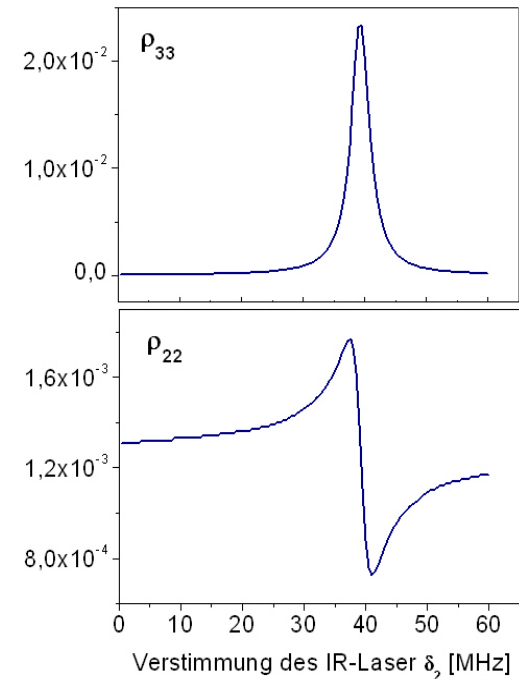
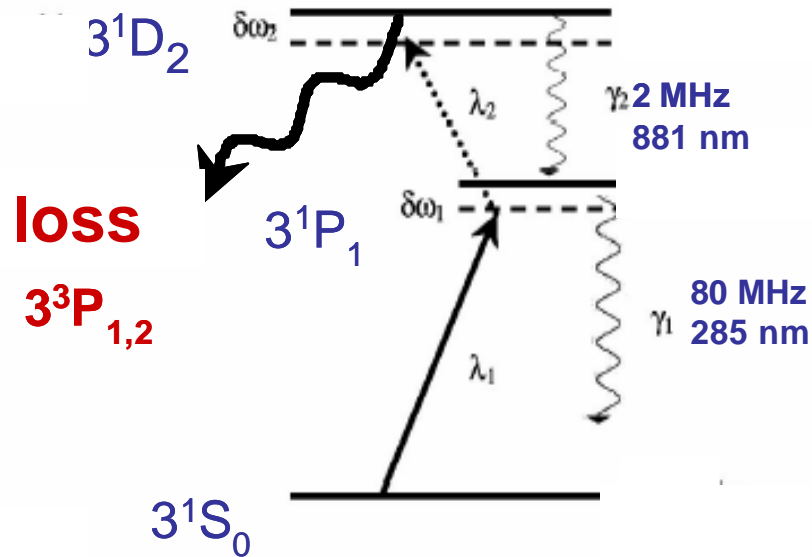
Coherent 2-Photon Cooling

*C2PC -
a simple avenue
to μ icroKelvin*



• simulated by **W. C. Magno, R. L. Cavasso, and F. C. Cruz,**
Phys. Rev. A 67, (2003)

• **Coherent effects of high relevance in magnesium**
→ also observed by **N. Malossi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A 72, (2005)**

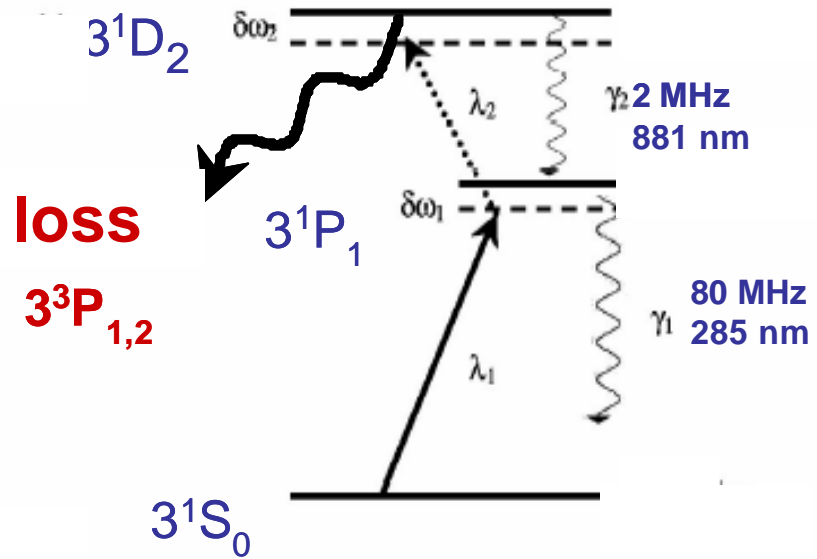


1-D Configuration

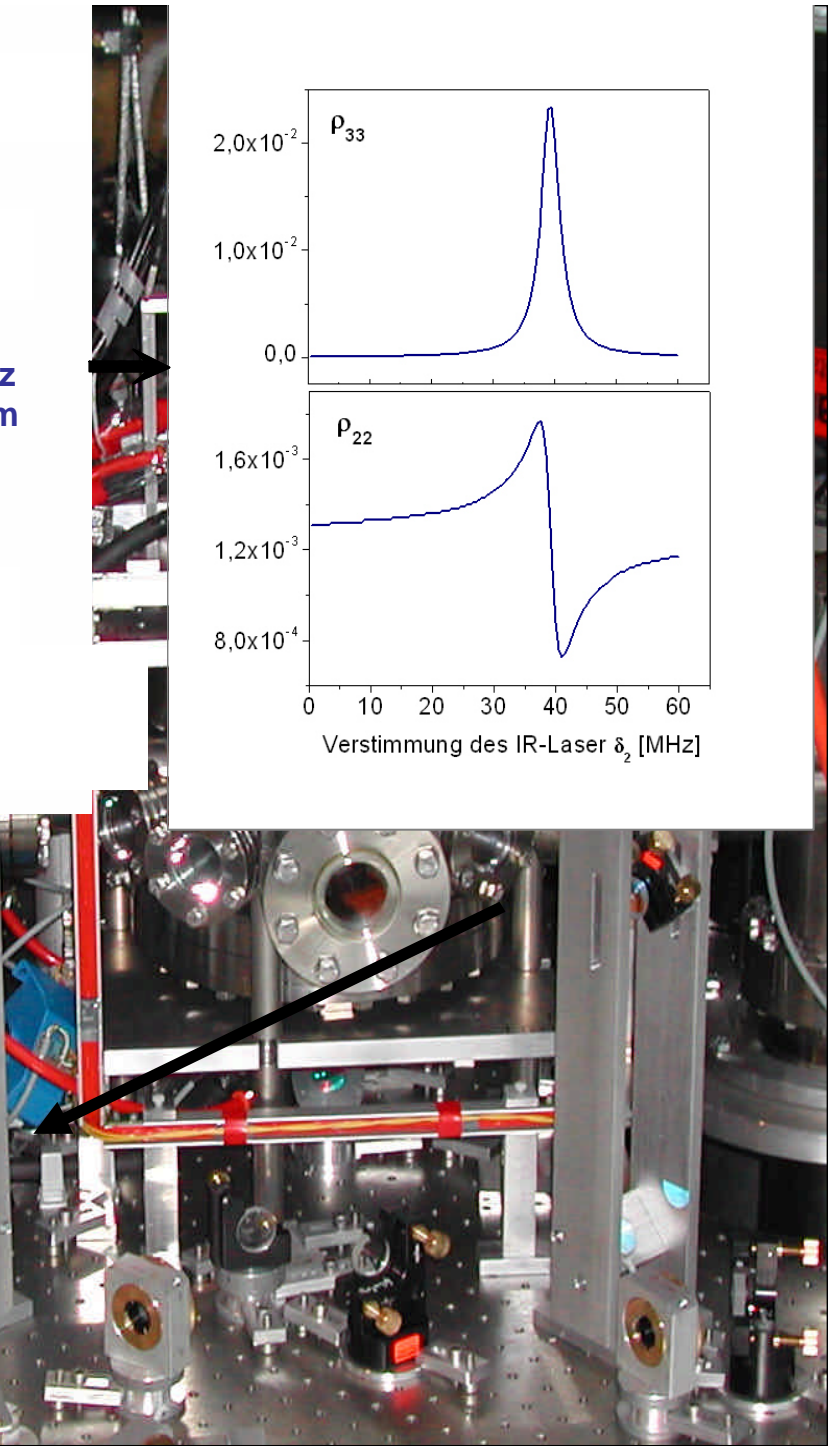
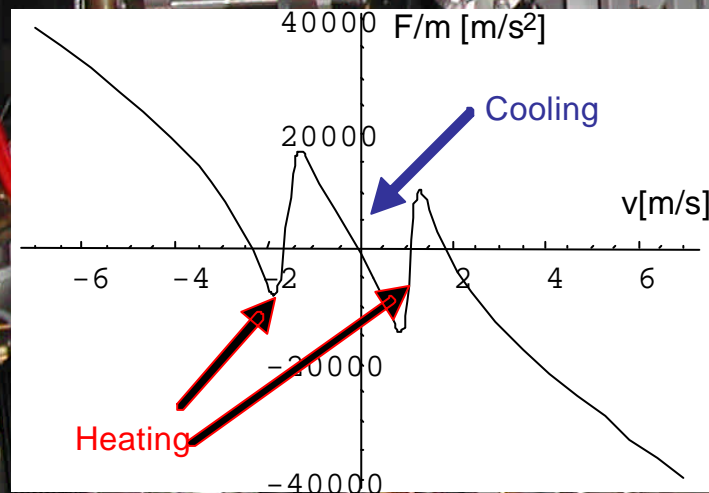
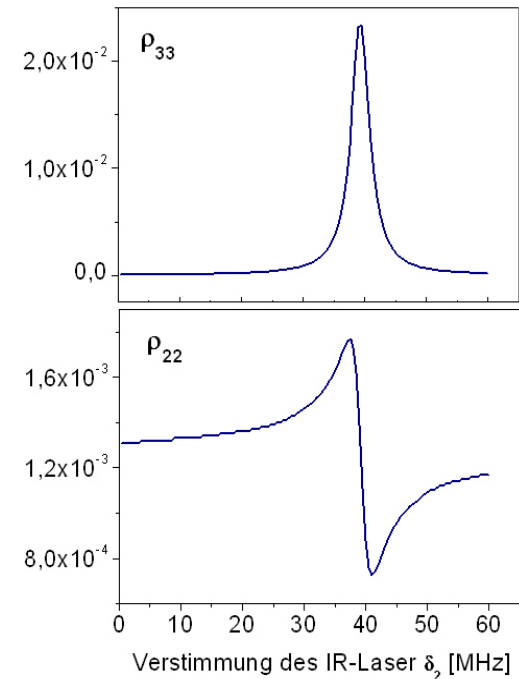
$$F(v) = \hbar k_1 \Gamma_1 (\rho_{22}^{(l)} - \rho_{22}^{(r)}) + \hbar k_2 \Gamma_2 (-\rho_{33}^{(l)} - \rho_{33}^{(r)})$$

Velocity selective Switch for the photon pressure

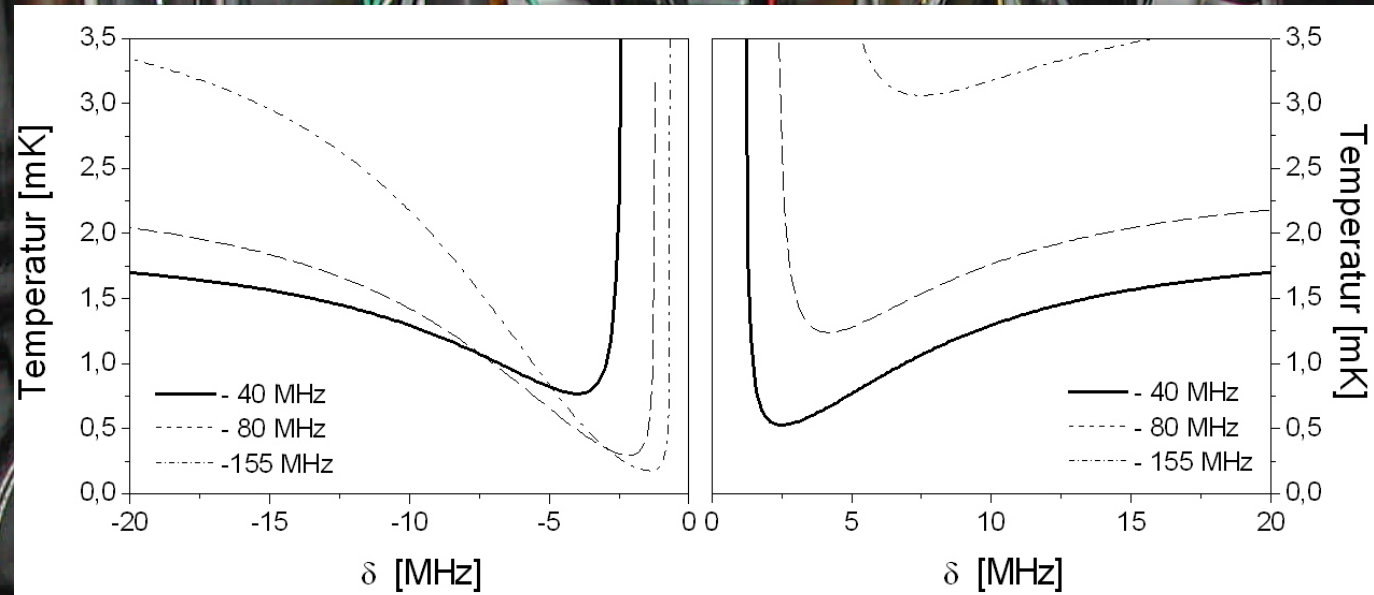
C2PC ctd.



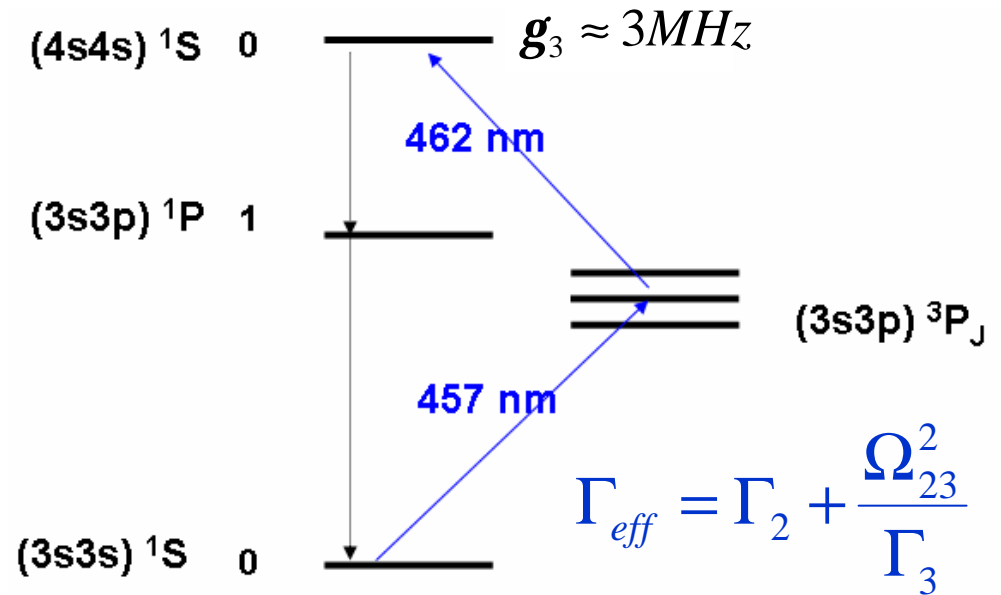
$$k_B T_{\text{Dopp}} = D/a$$



C2PC ctd.



- C2PC - a simple extension of Doppler cooling
- Accessible temperatures $\sim 200 \mu\text{K}$
- Fast cooling scheme: 1-2 ms
- Technical heating of UV-MOT influences also C2PC
- Bridges temperature gap for Quench cooling



- Quench Cooling –only efficient for cold atoms below the Doppler temperature
- Laser Cooling in dipole traps operated at magic wavelength

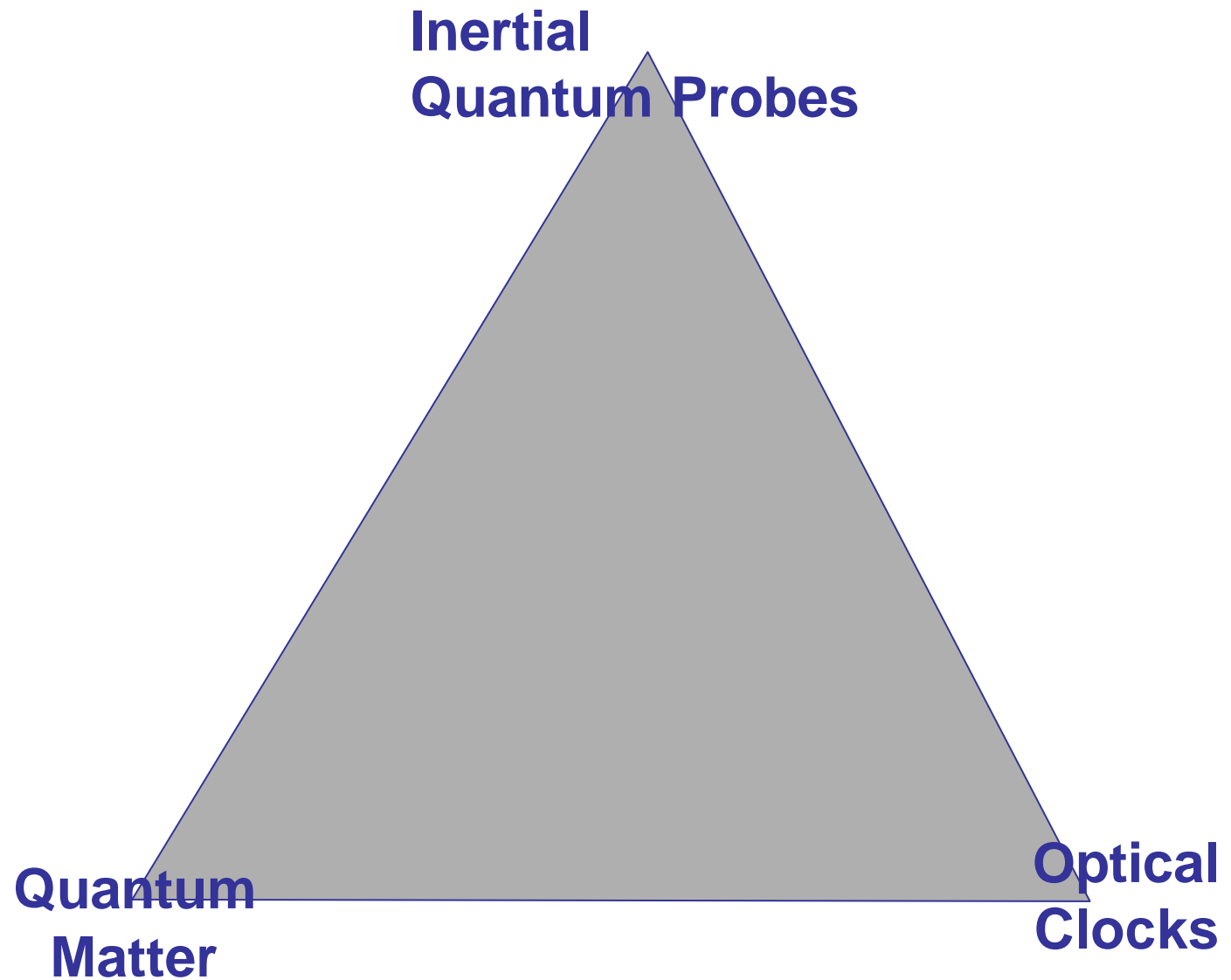
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T. E. Mehlstäubler, E. M. Rasel, W. Ertmer, IQ, Leibniz Universität Hannover, "Doppler cooling and trapping on forbidden transitions", Phys. Rev. Lett. 87, p. 123002, 2001.

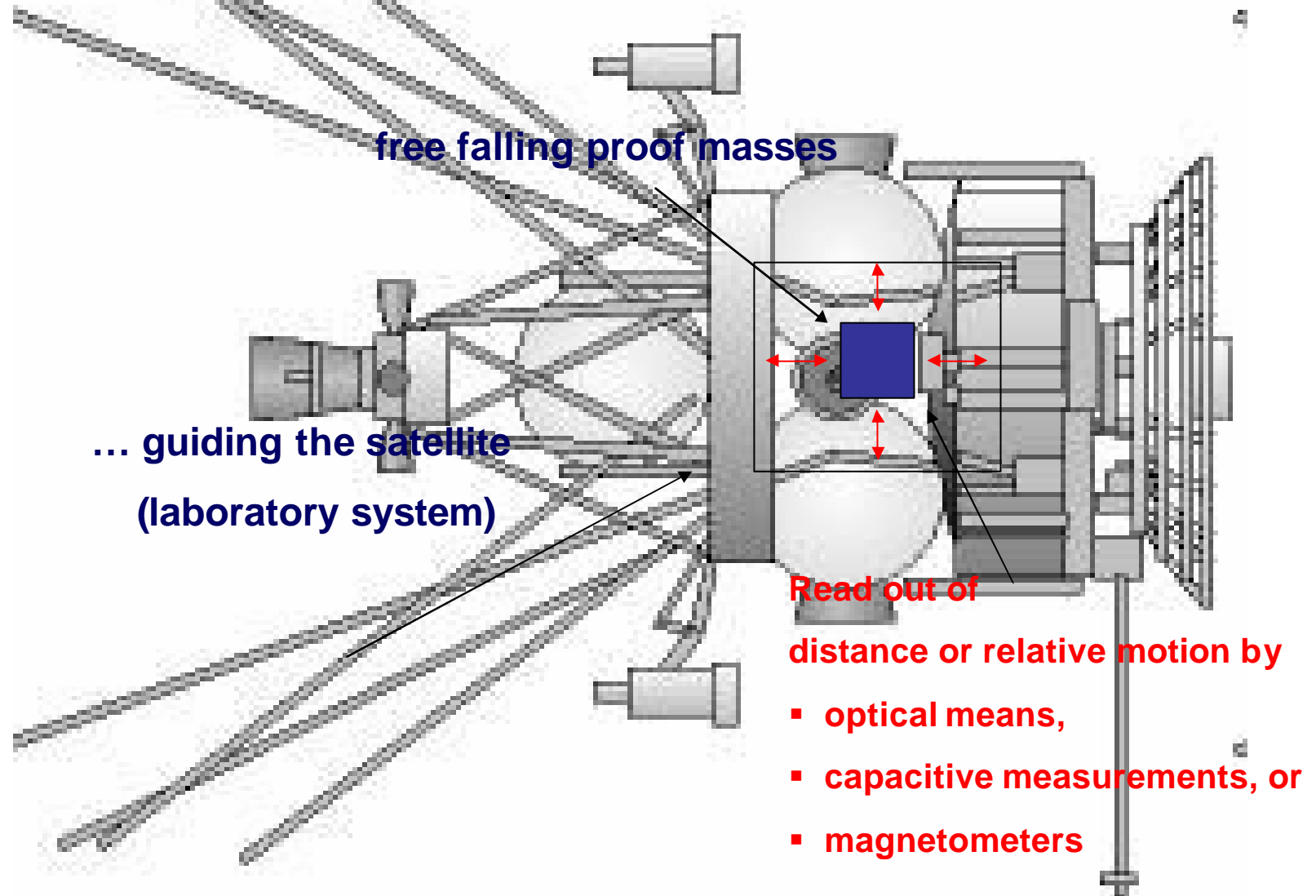
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IQ - Quantum Sensors



*Using atoms as microscopic
perfect test masses*

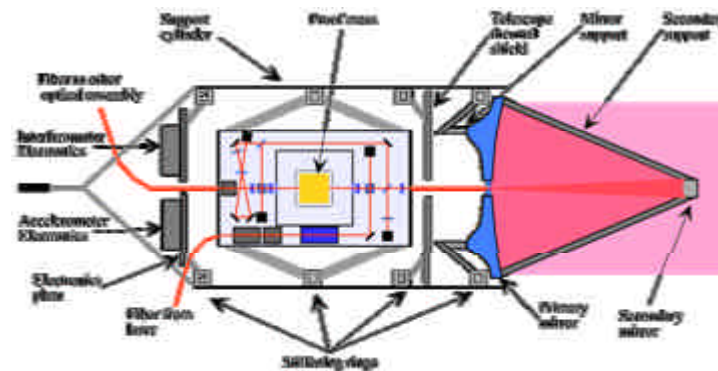
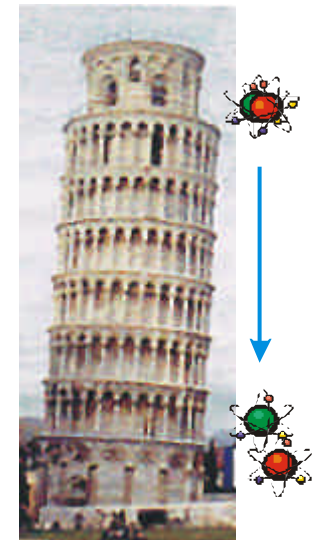
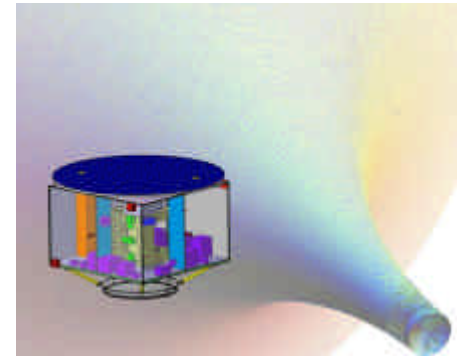
Inertial sensing



Fields of Interest:

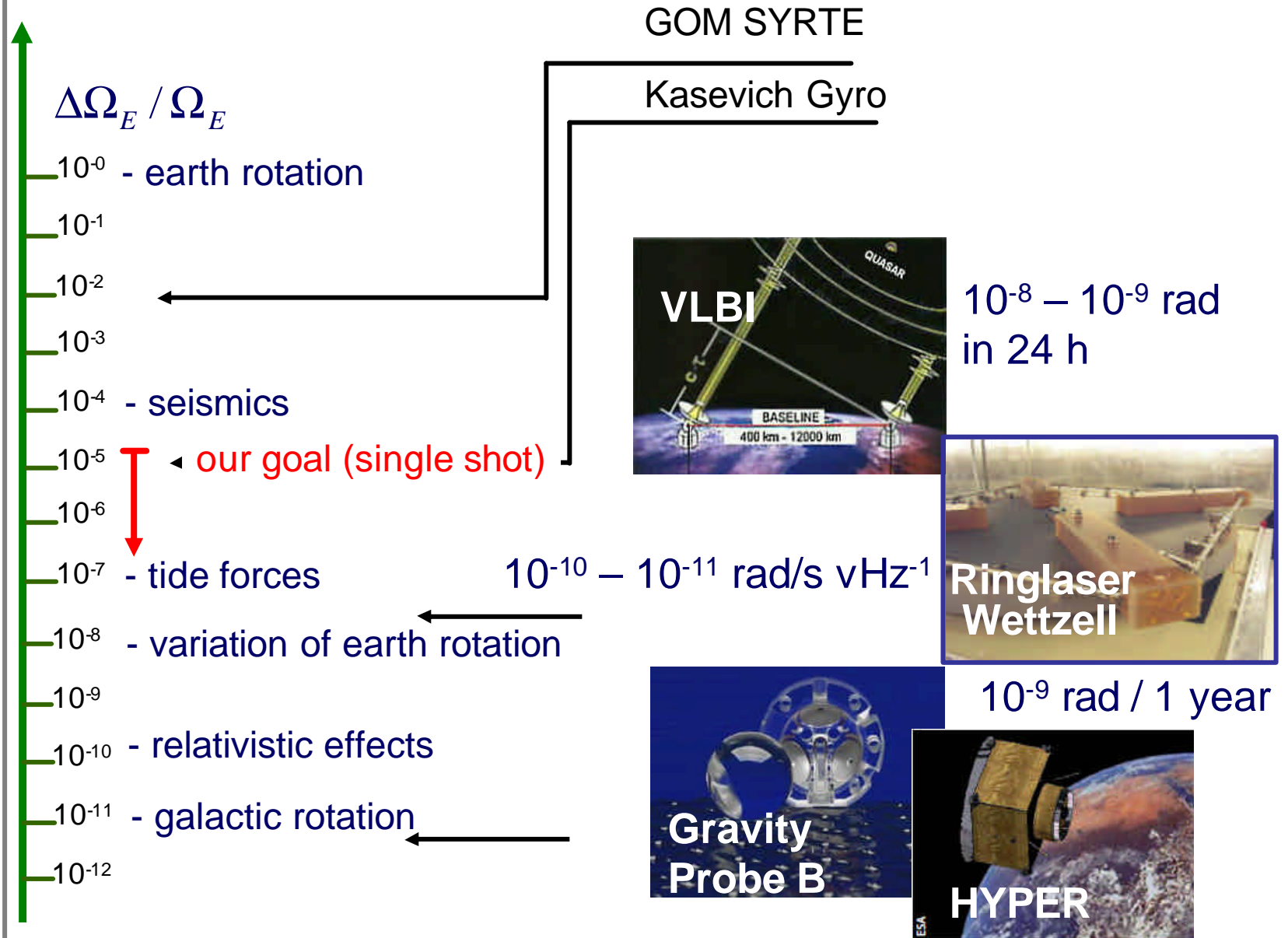
- Inertial standards/references
- Earth Observation
- Measurement of relativistic effects & gravity
- Pioneer anomaly
- Testing the Weak Equivalence Principle
- Drag-free sensors

perhaps in gravitational wave detectors ?



Rotation sensing

The Earth's rotation:
 $\Omega_E \sim 7,2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ rad/s

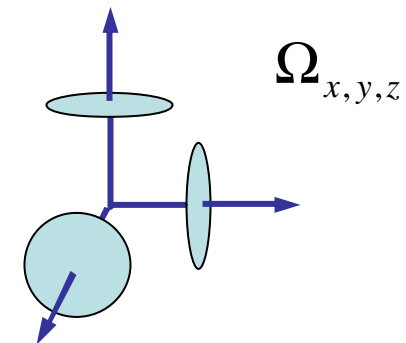


Comparison

	Wettzell (light)	Stanford (thermal Cs- atoms)	CASI (cold Rb-atoms)
length [cm]	400	200	15
area	16m ²	26mm ²	25mm ²
sensitivity [rad.s ⁻¹ Hz ^{-1/2}]	9x10 ⁻¹¹	6x10 ⁻¹⁰	2x10 ⁻⁹

➔ different application for interferometer using atoms:

- small device ➔ portable sensor
- inertial sensitivity in 3 dimensions
[B. Canuel, F. Leduc, A. Clairon, Ch.Bordé and A. Landragin, Phys.Rev.Lett. **97**, 010402 (2006)]



Sagnac Effect

Rotational induced
Phase shift:

for Light :

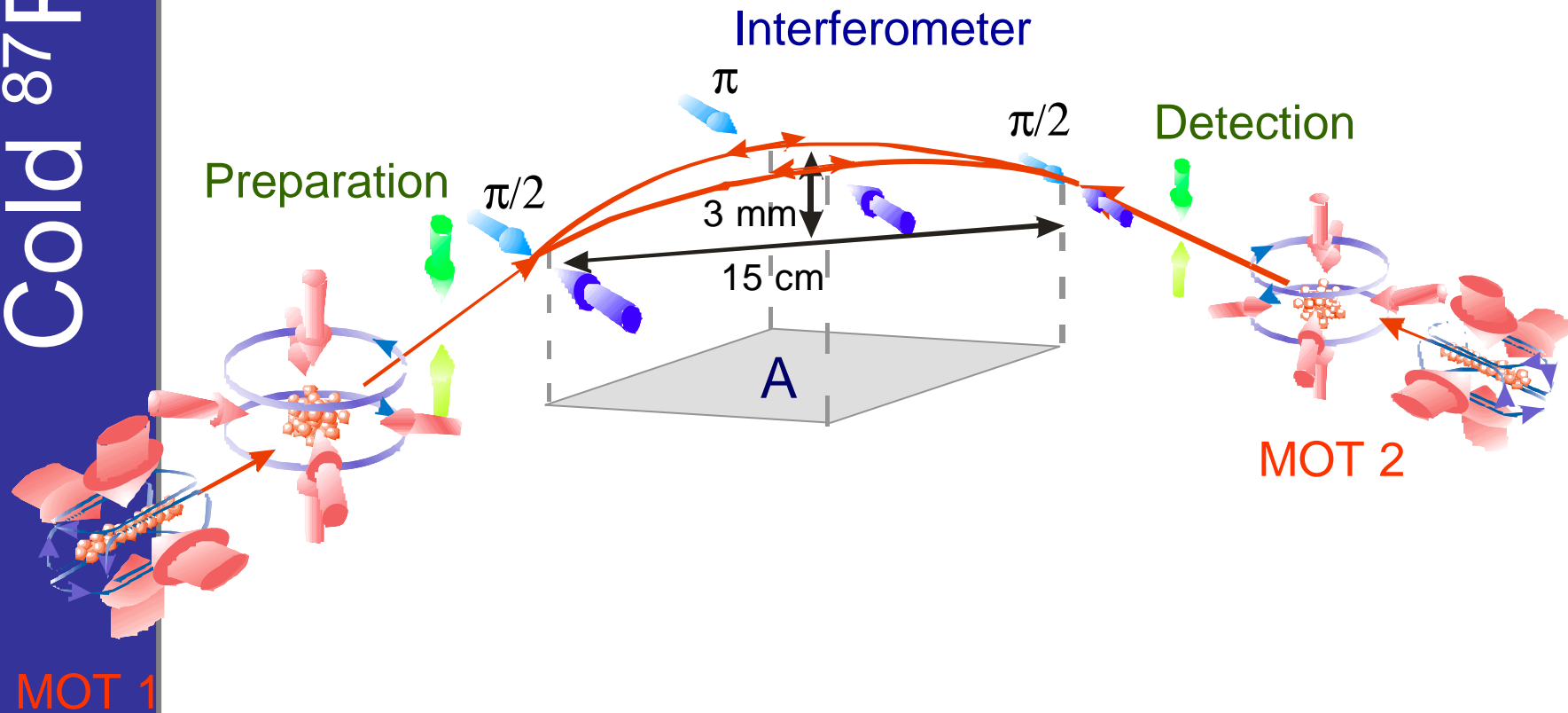
$$\Delta\varphi_{rot} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{\Omega}$$

for Atoms :

$$\Delta\varphi_{rot} = \frac{4\pi}{h} m_{at} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{\Omega}$$

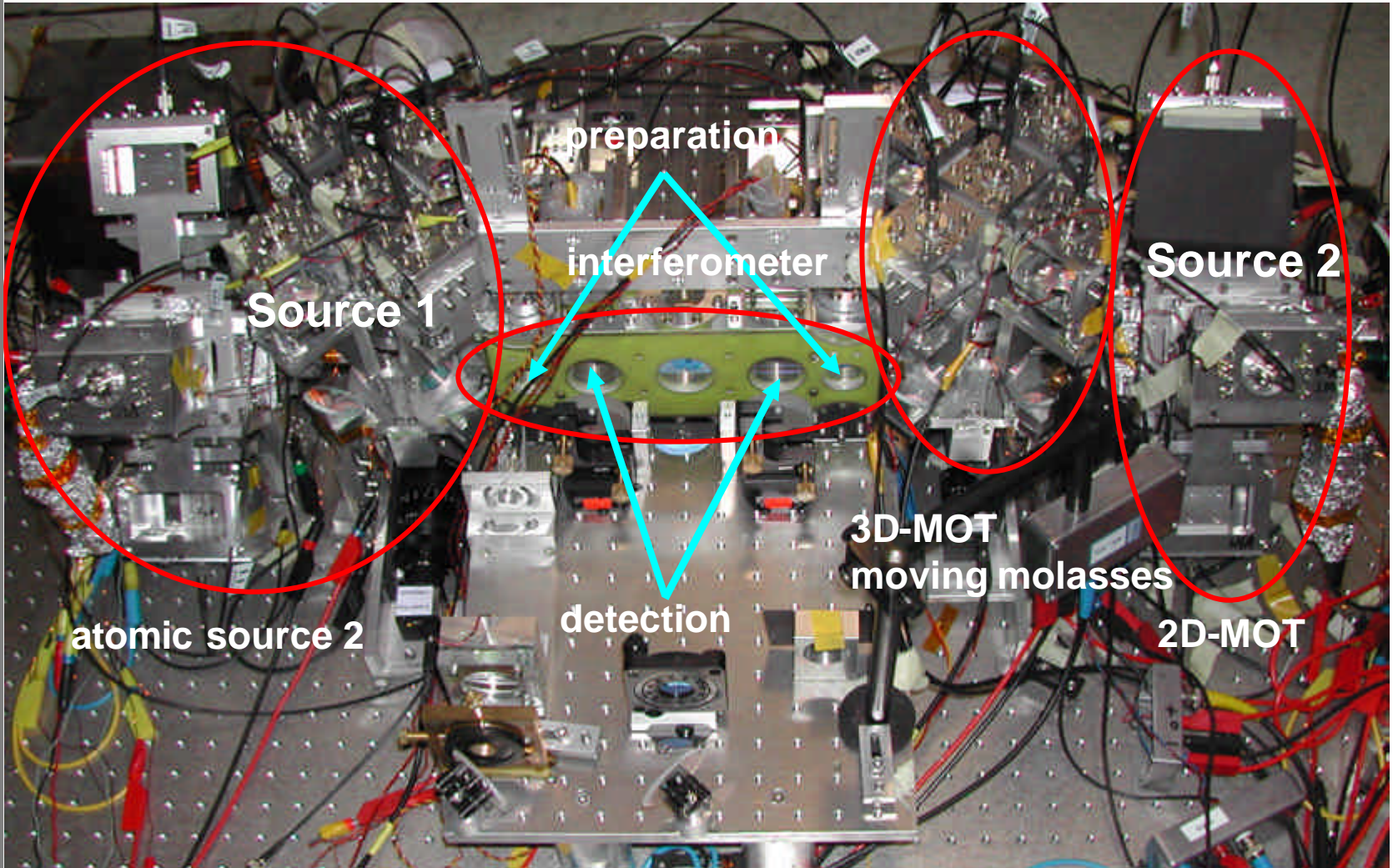
➔ Gain by de Broglie-Wellen : $\sim 10^{11}$

Sagnac Interferometer

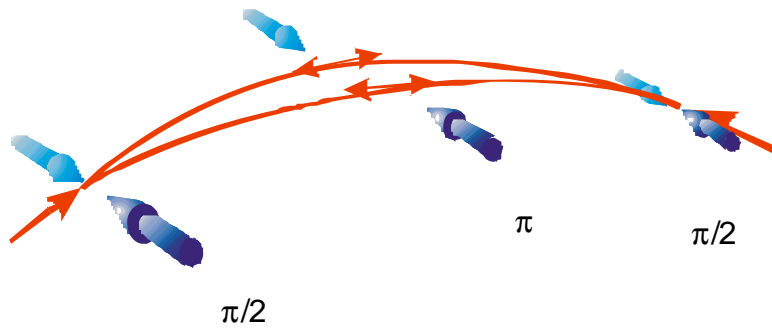
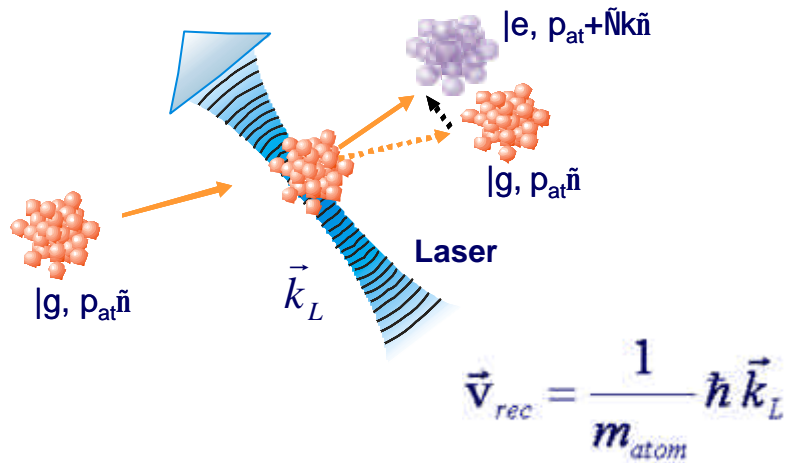


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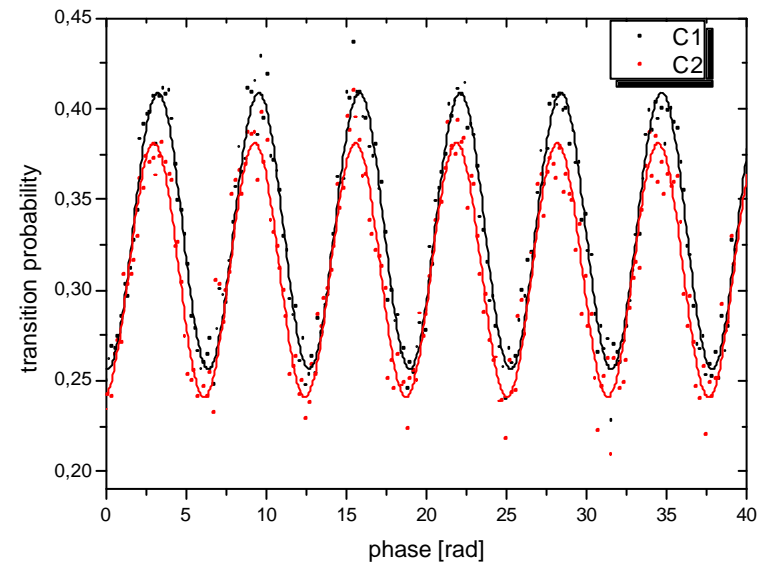
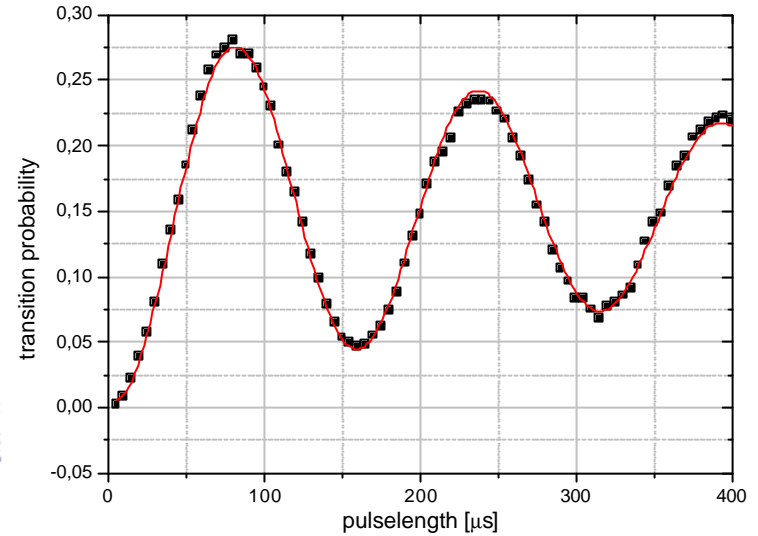
Cold Atom Sagnac Interferometer



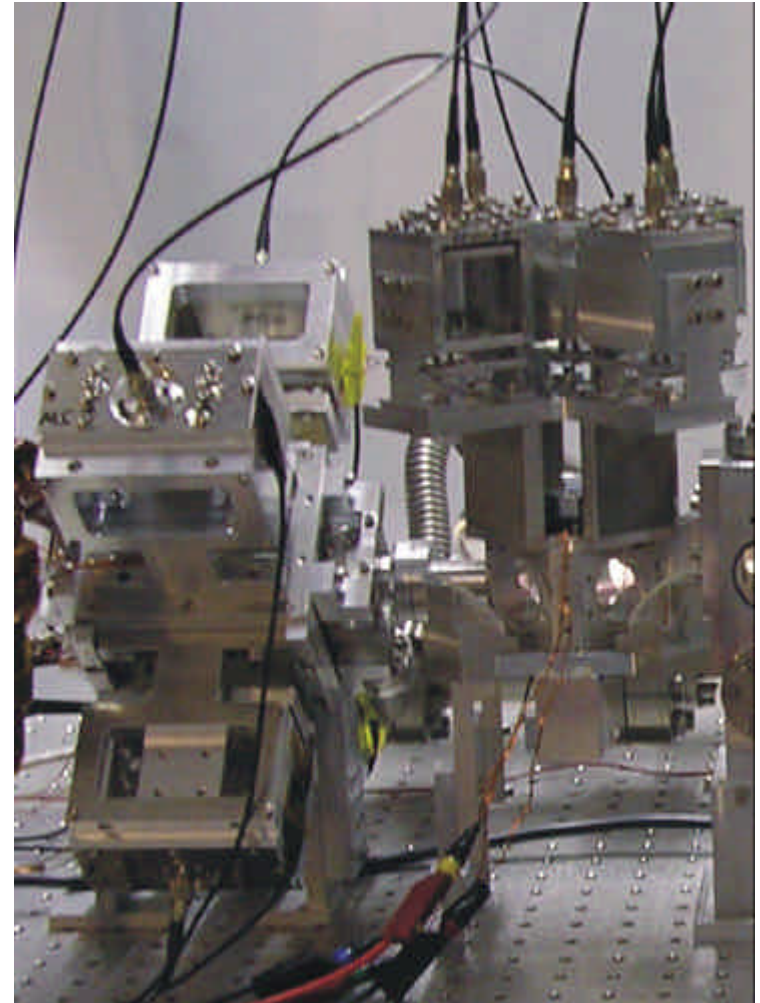
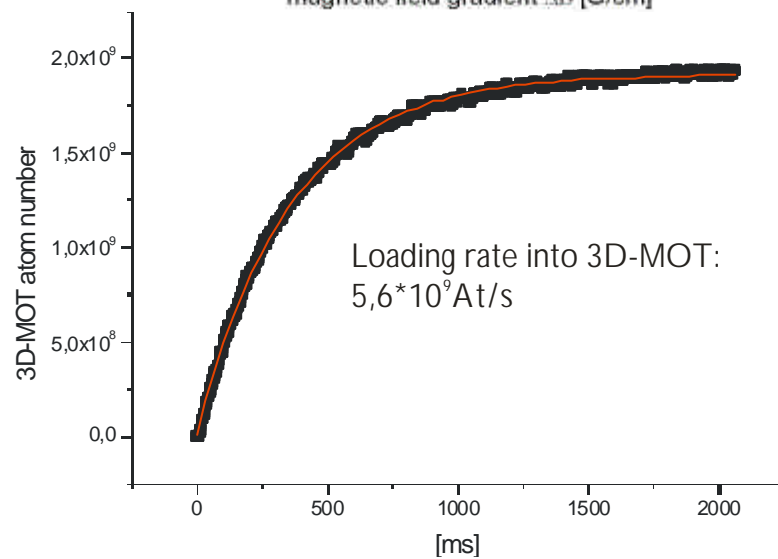
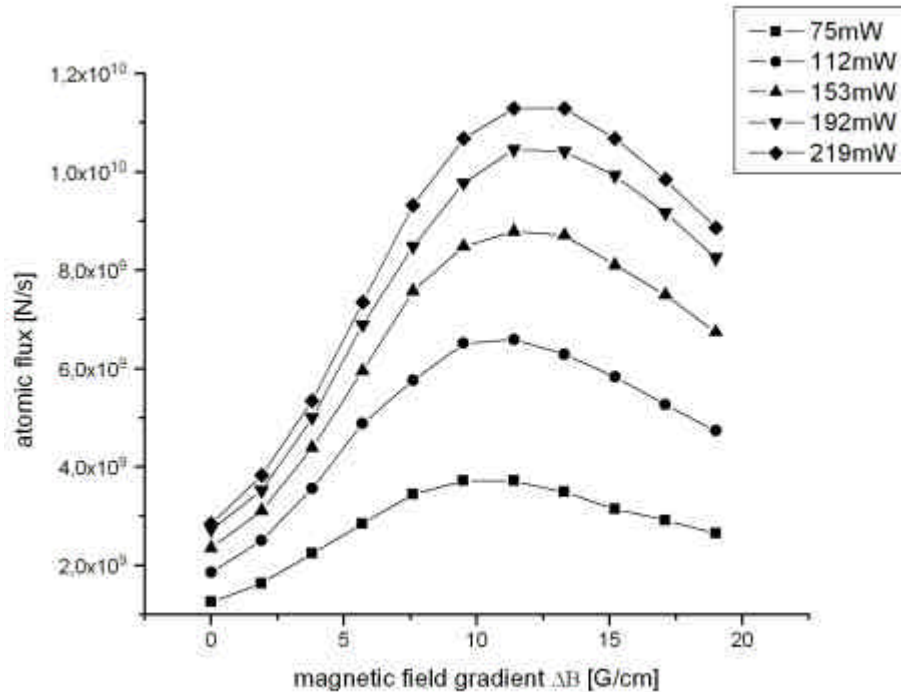
Dual interferometer



$C_1 = 24\%$ $C_2 = 22\%$
 $T = 1\text{ms}$, $\tau = 7,5\mu\text{s}$

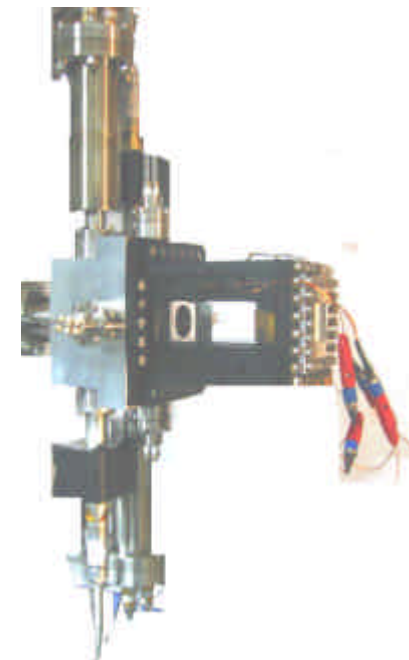
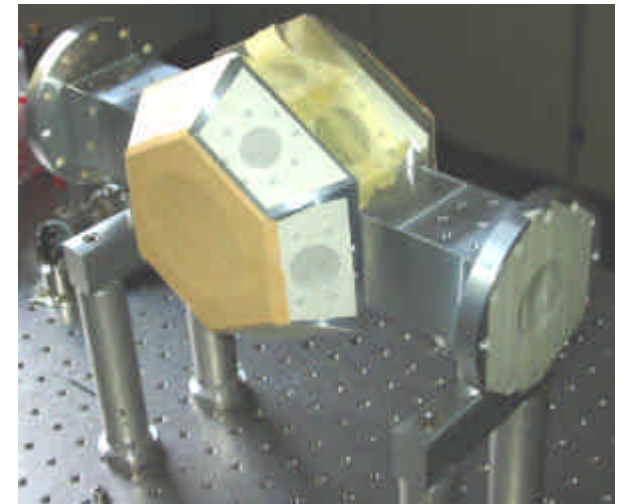
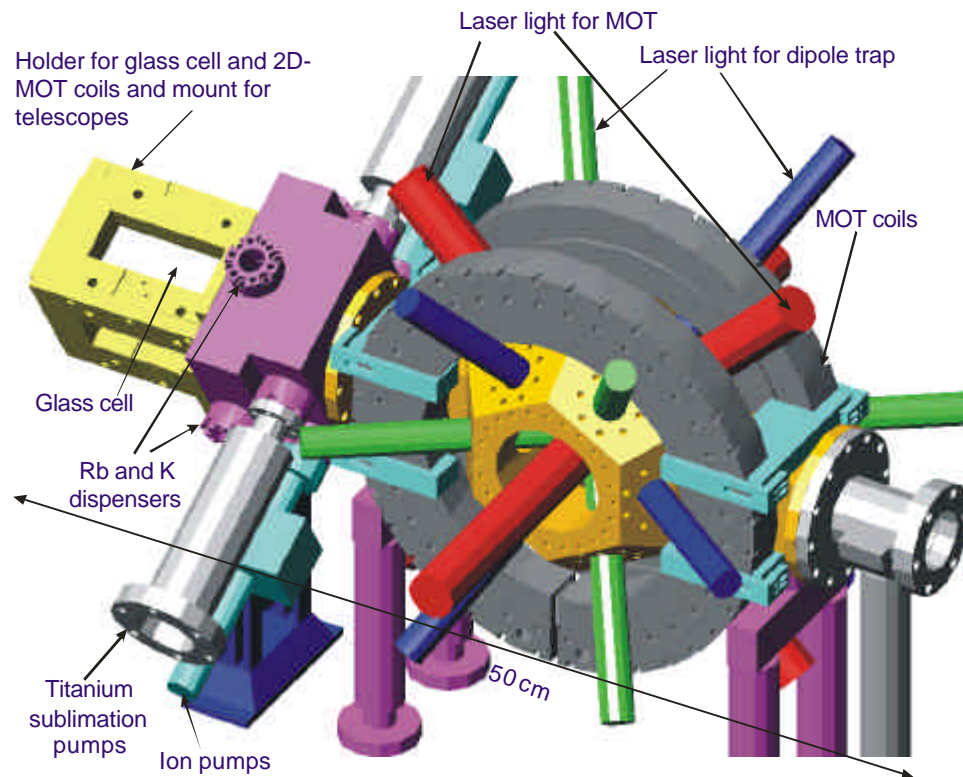


Intense Atomic Sources



T. Müller, T. Wendrich, M. Gilowski, C. Jentsch, E.M. Rasel and W. Ertmer, "
"Versatile compact sources for high resolution dual atom interferometry" in prep. for Phys. Rev. A

for degenerate matter

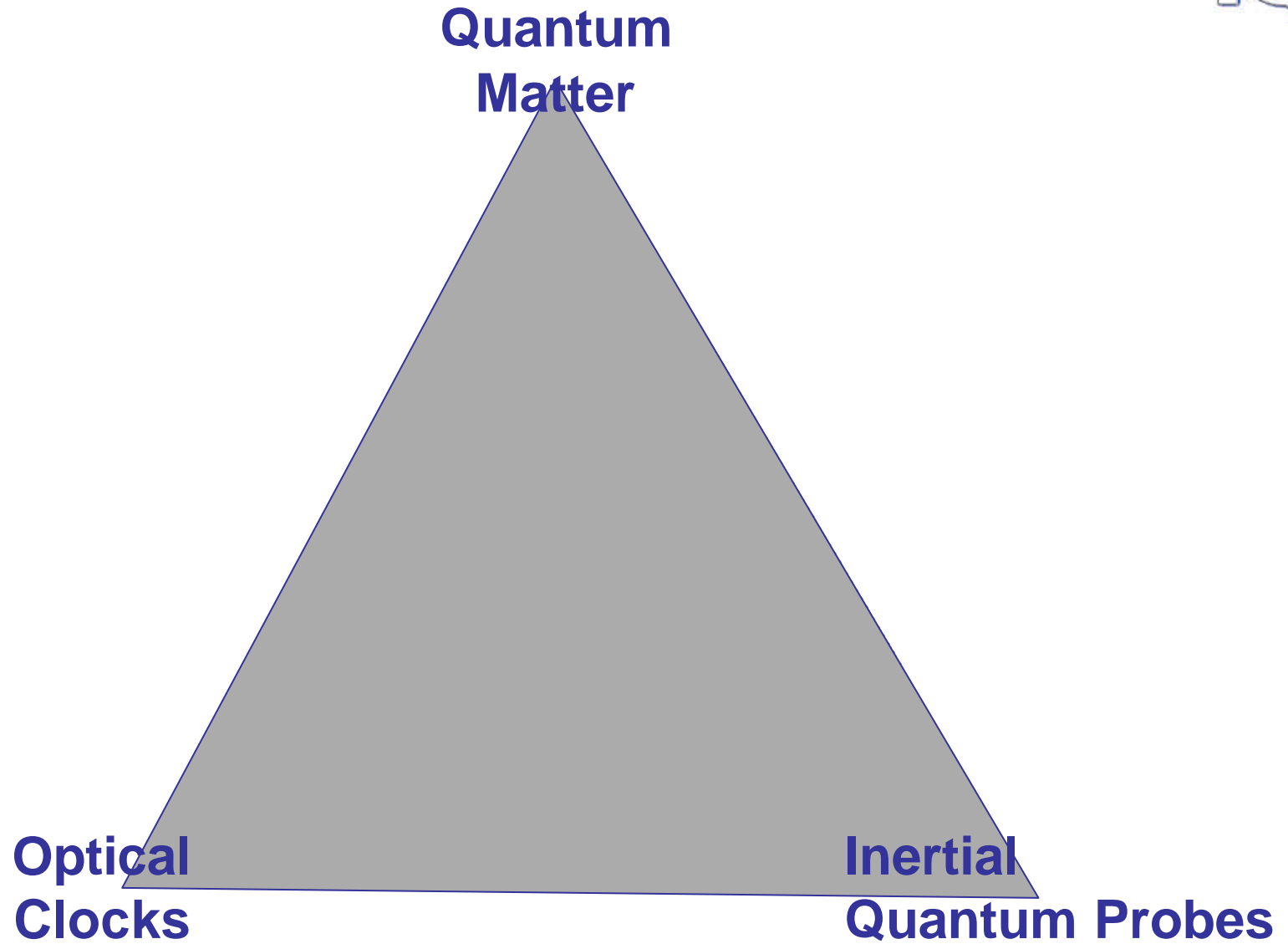


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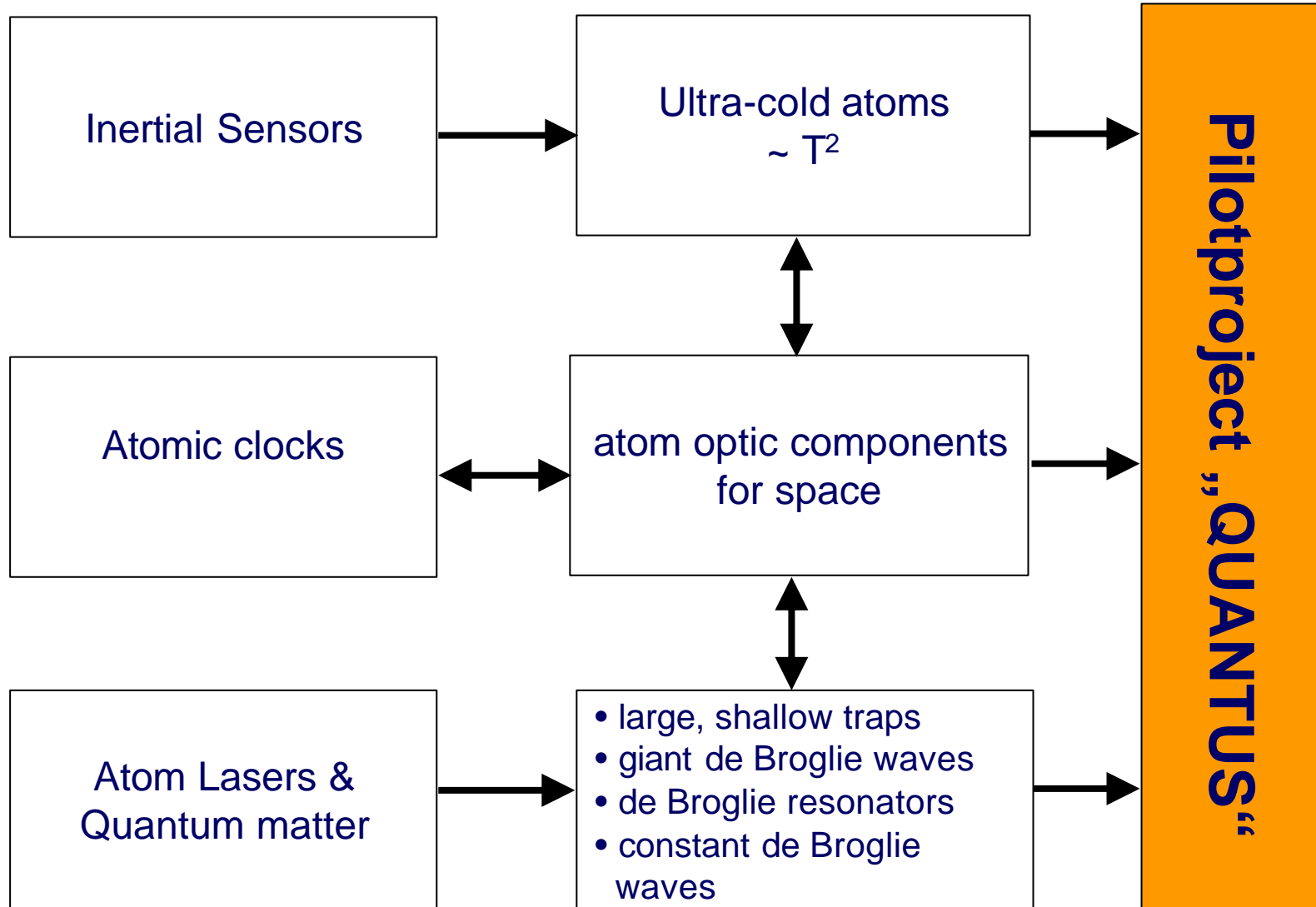
- **Extended Time of Evolution**
- **Perturbation-free Evolution**
- **No need to compensate gravity /
to levitate the atoms**

**EXTENDED
PARAMETER RANGE**

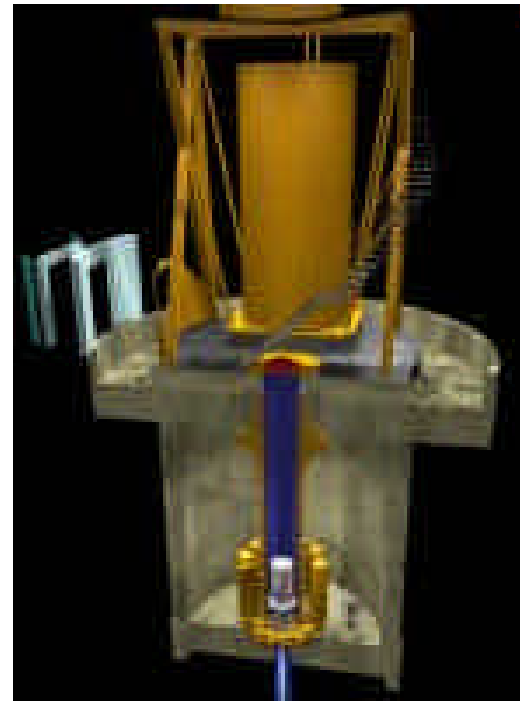
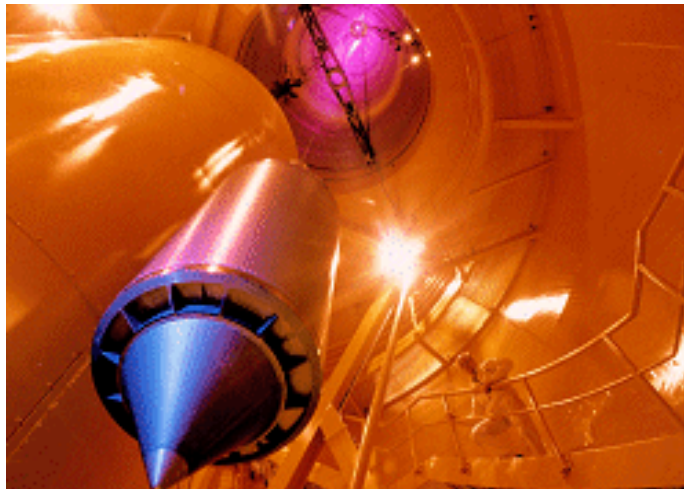
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Pilotproject QUANTUS

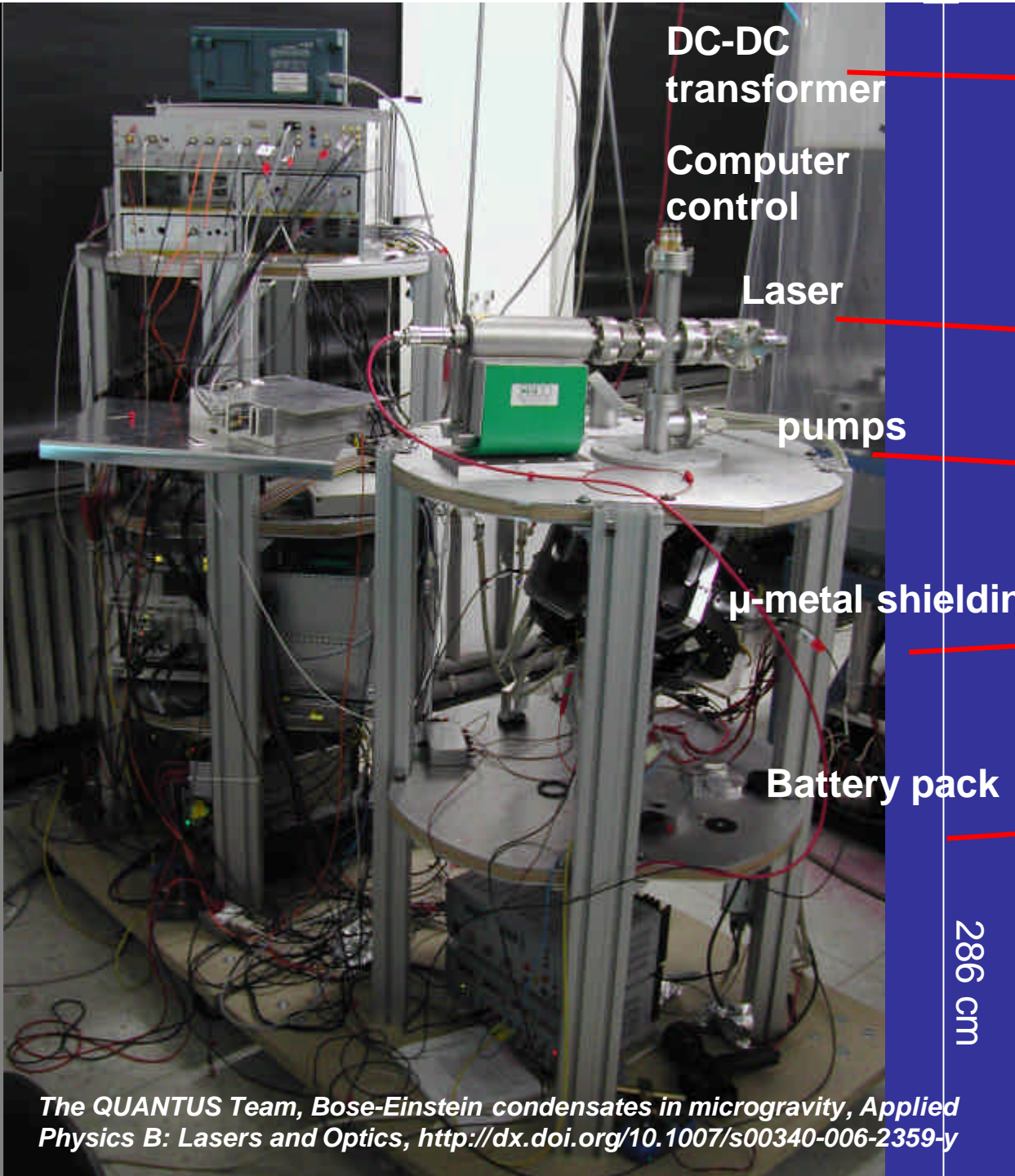


- Free Fall: up to 9 sec
- Duration > 1 BEC-Experiment
- 3 flights per day
- Test of a robust BEC Facilities
Dimensions < 0.6 \varnothing x 1.5 m
< 234 kg
- Height 110 m





QUANTUS



DC-DC transformer

Computer control

Laser

pumps

μ -metal shielding

Battery pack

286 cm

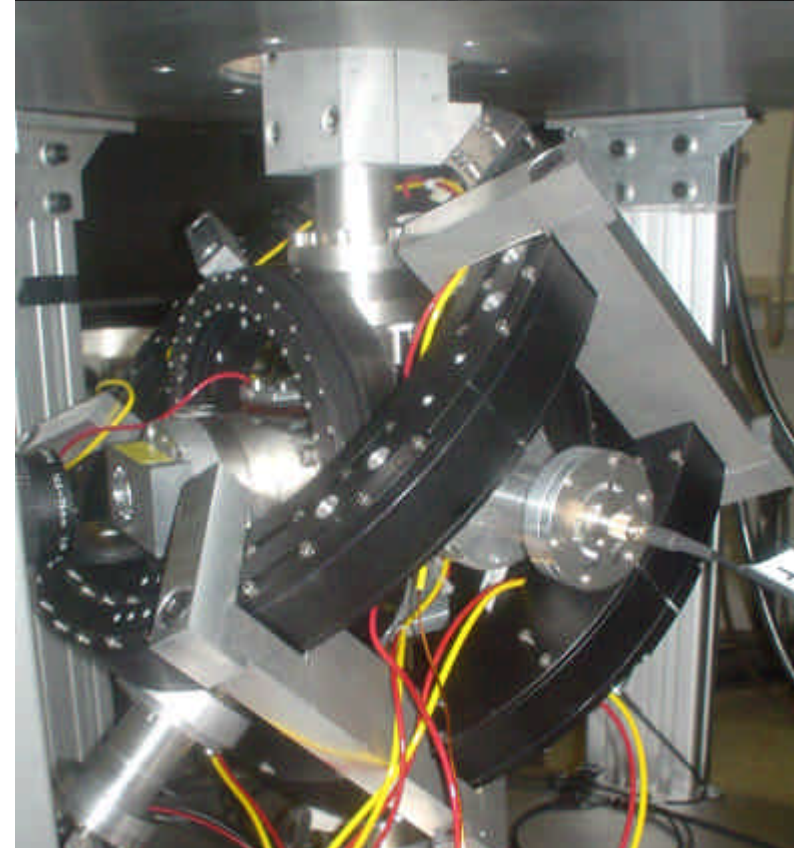
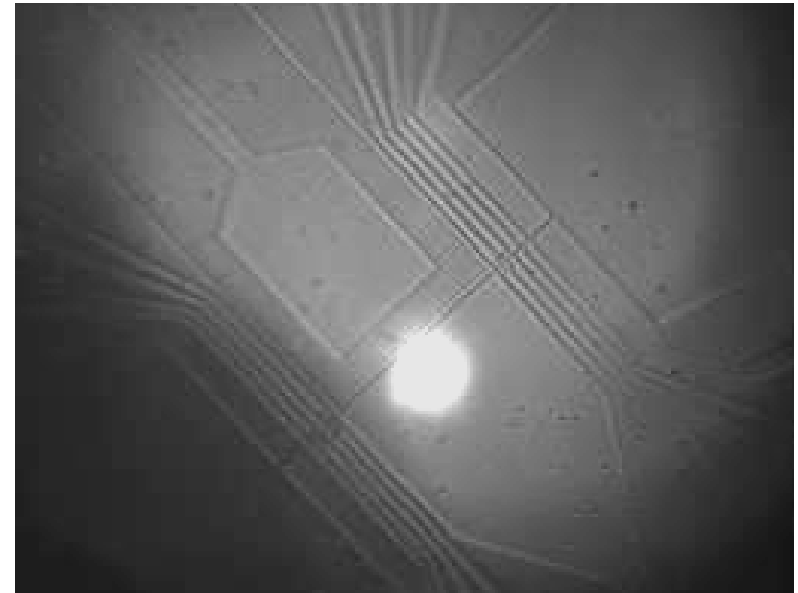


The QUANTUS Team, Bose-Einstein condensates in microgravity, Applied Physics B: Lasers and Optics, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s00340-006-2359-y>

- molasses $T \sim 15 \mu\text{K}$
- $\sim 3 \cdot 10^6$ atoms on the Chip magnetic trap
- lifetime 2.5 s
- evaporation works

- first drops this year
- interferometry
- mesoscopic trap

→ talk by A. Peters



Perspectives



Perspectives



Maiden Flight: 2006- annual flights

BEC apparatus 25% of 1 ATV rack

EAD Sug-quality $< 10^{-6}g$

Weight < 100 kg / power < 1000 W

Drop tower experiment is a big step in space qualification

Early Flight opportunity



Dual Atomic Accelerometer

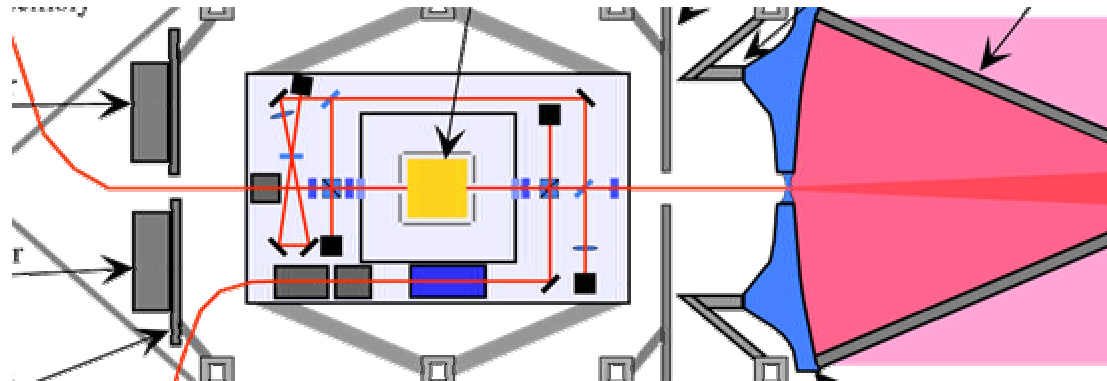
2 atomic species of 10^8 atoms $< 1 \mu\text{K}$

combined with a drag free proof mass
(Pathfinder or ONERA type / optical read out)

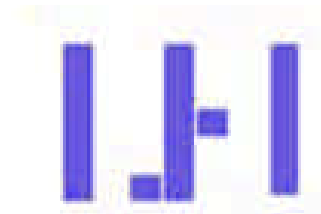
HYPER orbit

Accelerational Sensitivity with 10^8 ats:

Space 10^{-12} g/vHz @ Expansion Time 3 s



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A photograph of Earth from space, showing a vast expanse of blue oceans and white clouds. The Earth's horizon is visible, and the Moon is seen in the dark sky above. The text "ENOUGH SPACE FOR EXCITING EXPERIMENTS" is overlaid on the image.

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