

Quantum Sensing

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Quantum Sensing

1. What ?

2. Why ?

3. How ?

What is Quantum Sensing?

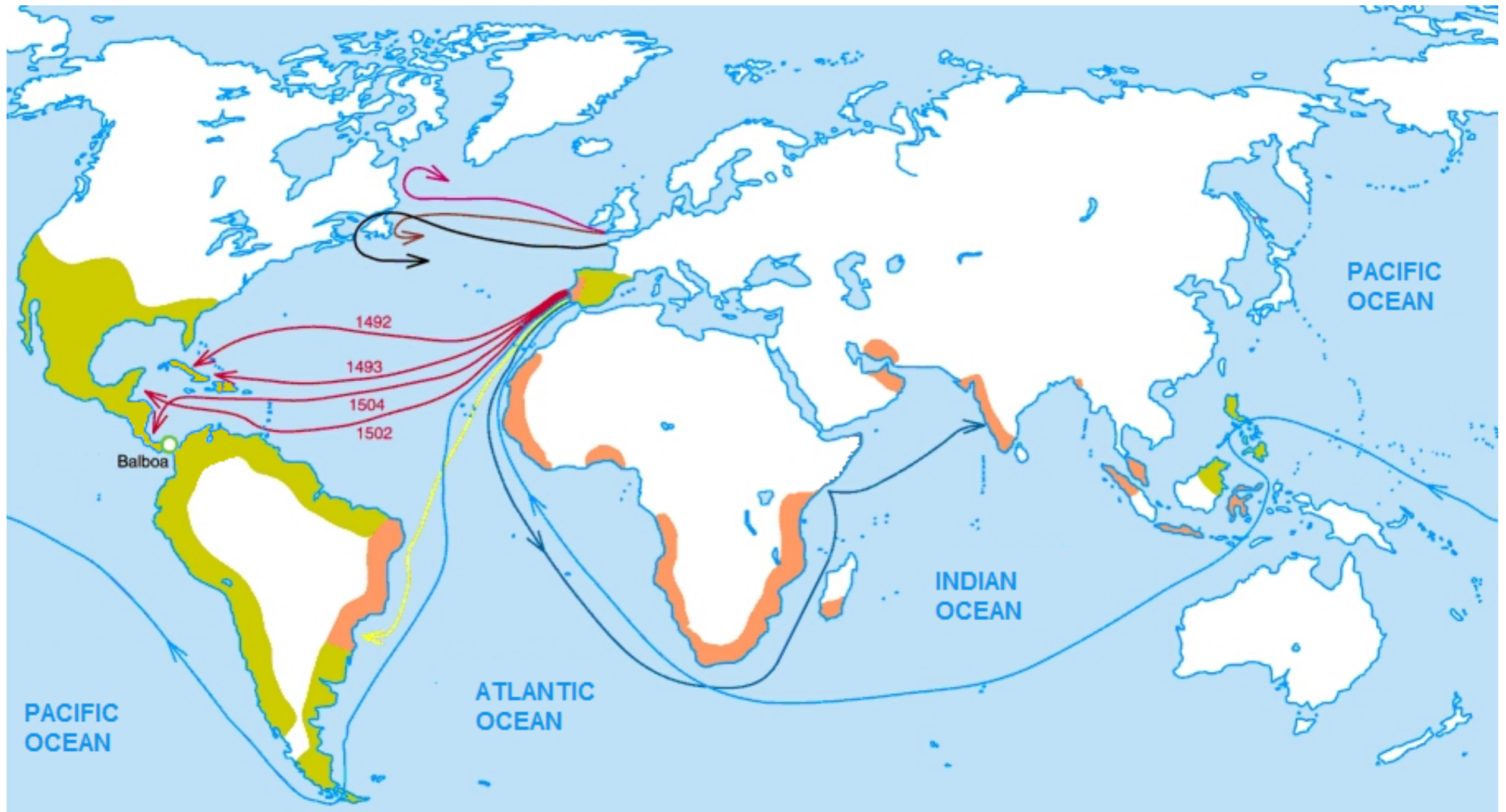
measuring of a physical quantity using a device (sensor)



sound mirror before the invention of **Radar**

“human” sensor

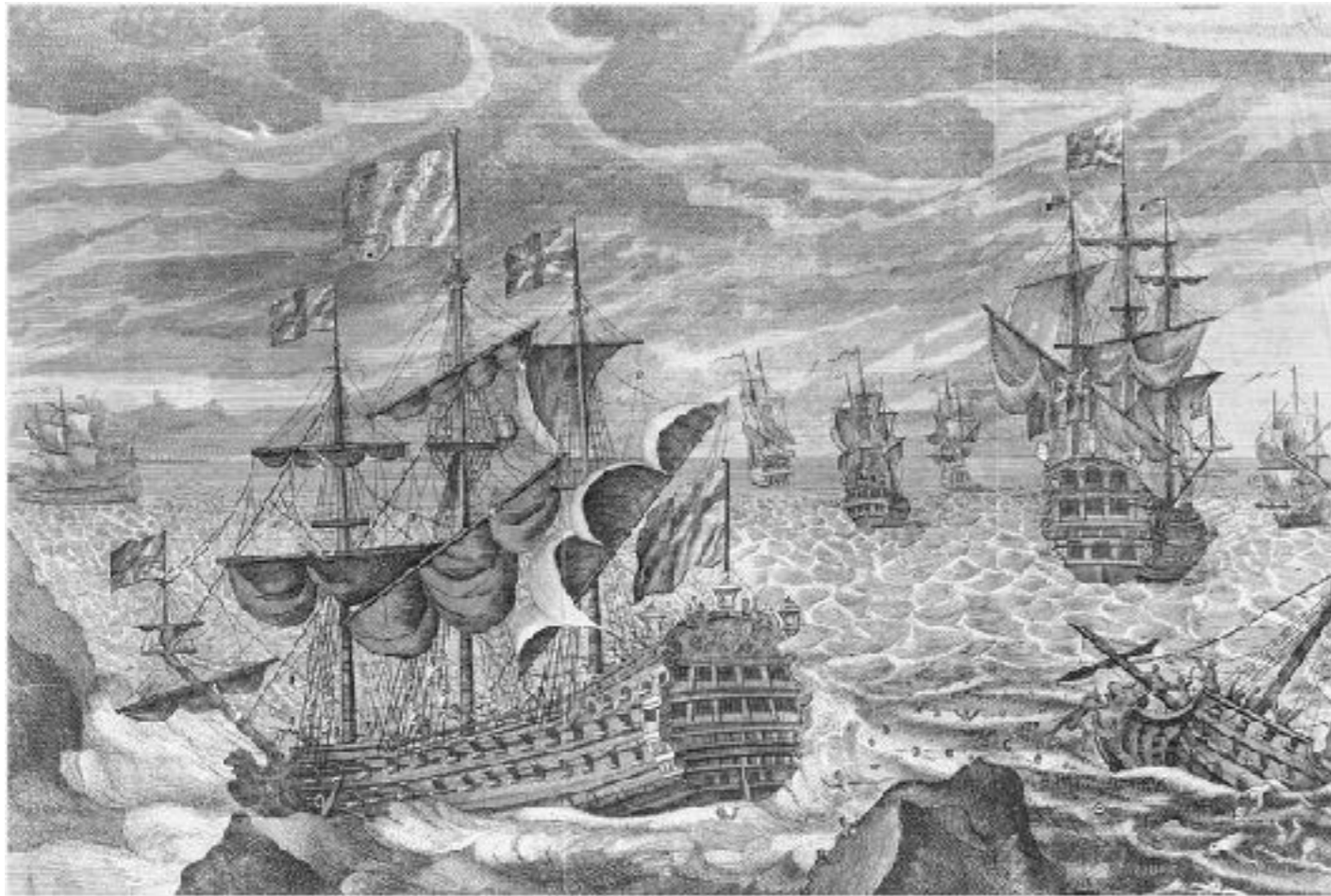
The Age of Discovery



A wide-angle photograph of a calm blue ocean under a clear, bright blue sky. The horizon line is straight and divides the image roughly in half. The water has a textured surface with small, gentle waves. The text 'Navigation!' is centered horizontally and positioned slightly above the horizon line.

Navigation !

Navigation and Timekeeping

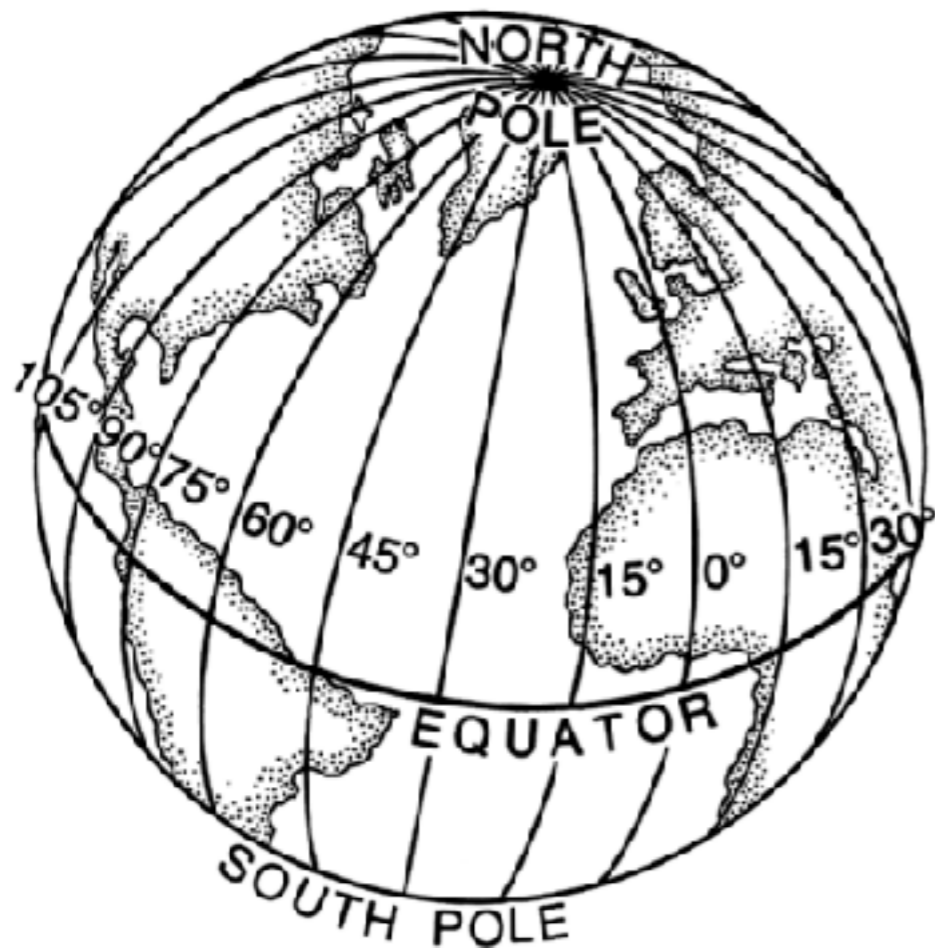


The Loss of British Fleet (1707)

Four warships of a Royal Navy fleet were lost at *the Isles of Scilly* on **22 October 1707**. About 2,000 sailors died in this disaster.

The disaster has been attributed to a combination of factors, including the navigators' inability to accurately **calculate the positions**, errors in the available **charts and pilot books**, and **inadequate compasses**.

Navigation and Timekeeping



The Longitude Problem



Galileo



Huygens

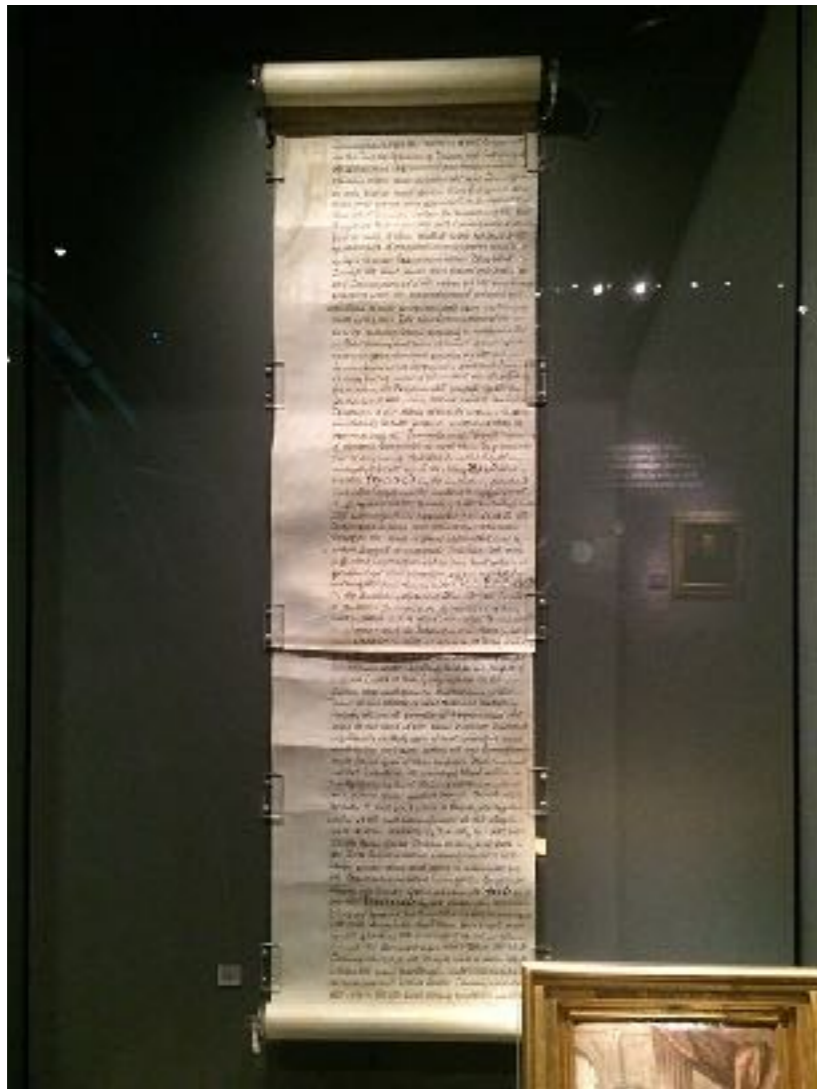


Newton



Halley

The Longitude Act



The Longitude Act of 1714

- **1st prize (£20,000)**
1/2 degree of longitude (30 nautical miles)
- **2nd prize (£15,000)**
2/3 degree of longitude (45 nautical miles)
- **3rd prize (£10,000)**
1 degree of longitude (60 nautical miles)

*1 nautical miles \approx 1.8 kilometers
£10,000 in 1714 \approx £1.5 million in 2020*

What is Quantum Sensing?



John Harrison

1693-1776

Inventor of the

Marine Chronometer

(航海钟)



H1



H2



H3



H4



H5



1735

1739

1758

1759

1772

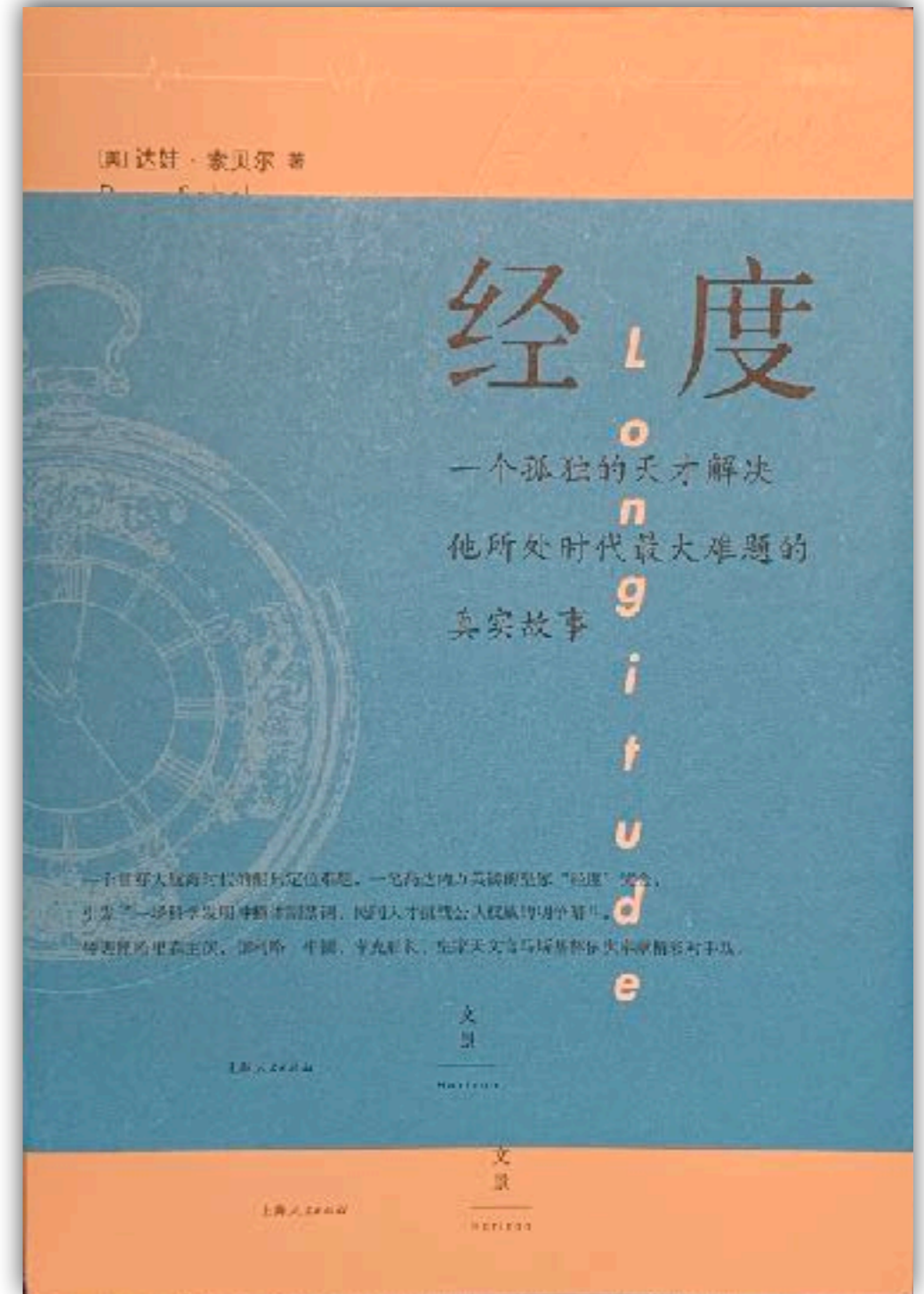
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accuracy

$$0.2 \text{ s/day} = 2.3 \times 10^{-6}$$

Shortly before he died, Harrison received nearly the full £20,000.

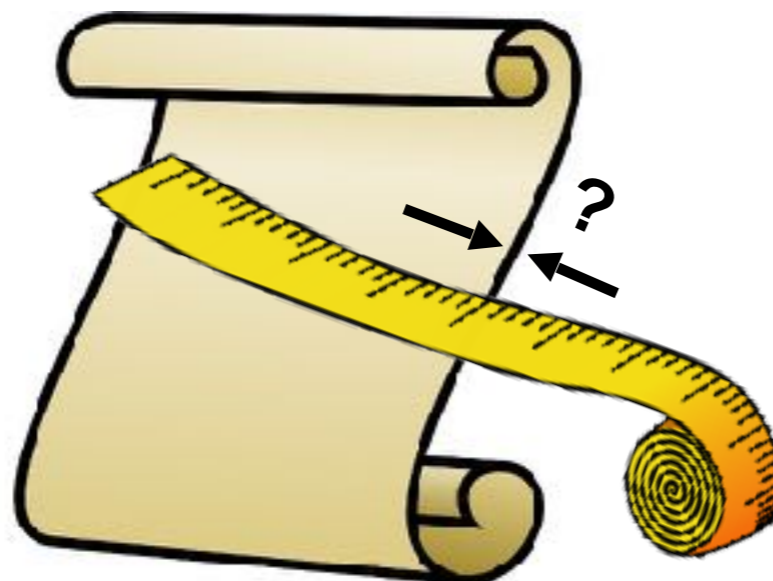


What is Quantum Sensing?

physical quantities to be measured

- time, frequency, ...
- position, velocity, acceleration, rotation, ...
- electric field, magnetic field, electromagnetic wave, ...
- temperature, strain, pressure, ...

Quiz: how to measure the thickness of a piece of paper?



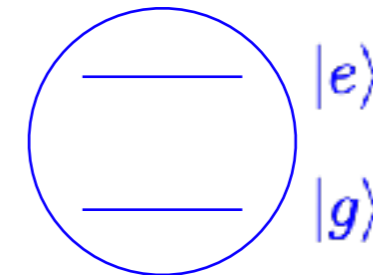
what kind of **equipment** do you need?

what kind of “**resource**” do you need?

What is Quantum Sensing?

Quantum sensing is typically used to describe one of the following:

I. Use of a **quantum object** to measure a physical quantity (classical or quantum);



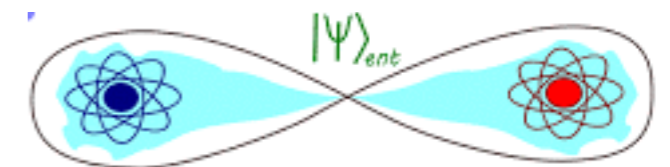
discrete levels

II. Use of **quantum coherence** (i.e., wavelike spatial or temporal superposition states) to measure a physical quantity;

$$\alpha|e\rangle + \beta|g\rangle$$

quantum superposition

III. Use of **quantum entanglement** to improve the sensitivity or precision of a measurement, *beyond what is possible classically.*



quantum entanglement

only type-III is strictly “quantum”

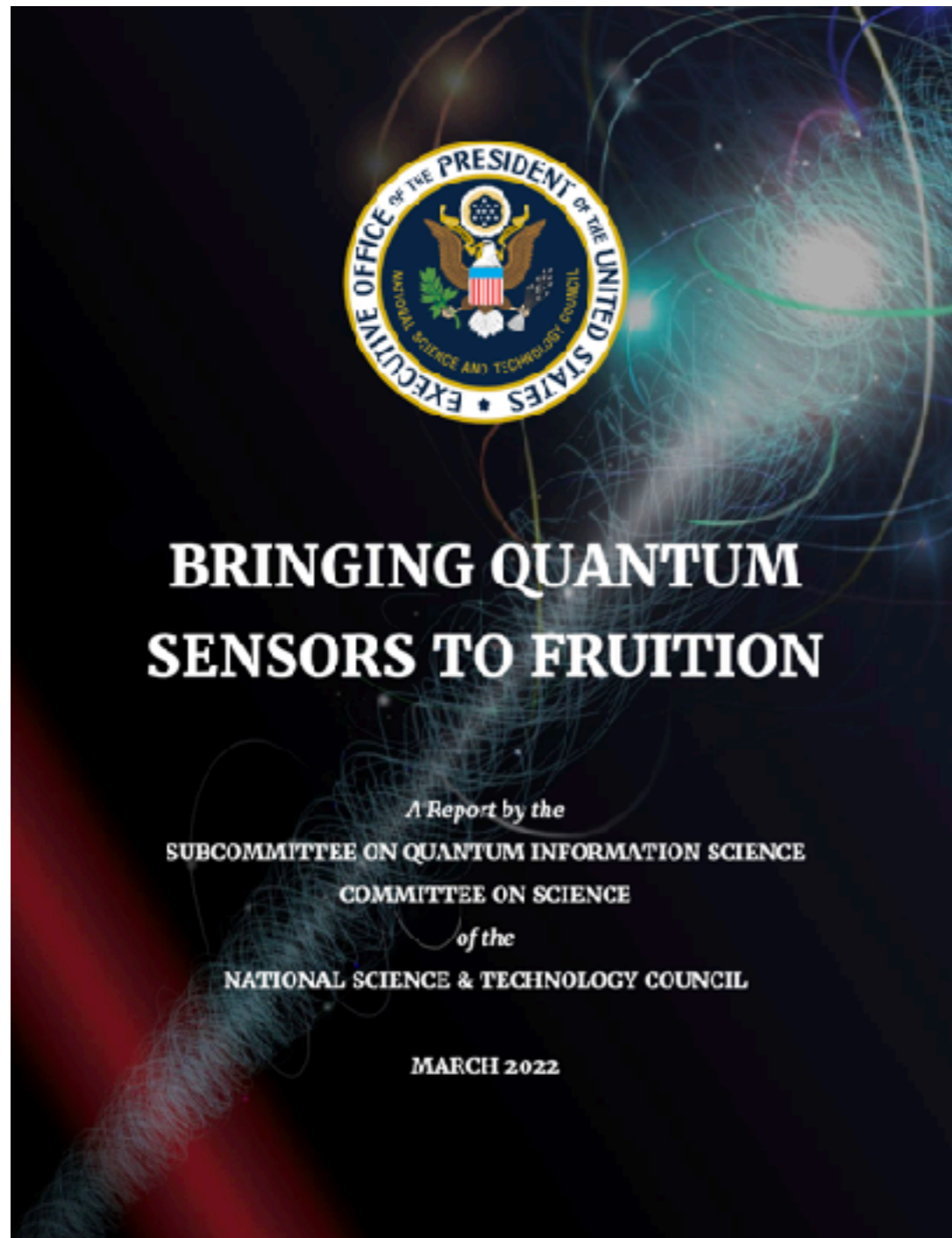
Degen, C. L., Reinhard, F. & Cappellaro, P. Quantum sensing. *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **89**, 035002 (2017)

What is Quantum Sensing?

TABLE I. Experimental implementations of quantum sensors.

Implementation	Qubit(s)	Measured quantity(ies)	Typical frequency	Initialization	Readout	Type ^a
Neutral atoms						
Atomic vapor	Atomic spin	Magnetic field, rotation, time/frequency	dc-GHz	Optical	Optical	II, III
Cold clouds	Atomic spin	Magnetic field, acceleration, time/frequency	dc-GHz	Optical	Optical	II, III
Trapped ion(s)						
	Long-lived electronic state	Time/frequency	THz	Optical	Optical	II, III
	Vibrational mode	Rotation		Optical	Optical	II
		Electric field, force	MHz	Optical	Optical	II
Rydberg atoms						
	Rydberg states	Electric field	dc, GHz	Optical	Optical	II, III
Solid-state spins (ensembles)						
NMR sensors	Nuclear spins	Magnetic field	dc	Thermal	Pick-up coil	II
NV ^b center ensembles	Electron spins	Magnetic field, electric field, temperature, pressure, rotation	dc-GHz	Optical	Optical	II
Solid-state spins (single spins)						
P donor in Si	Electron spin	Magnetic field	dc-GHz	Thermal	Electrical	II
Semiconductor quantum dots	Electron spin	Magnetic field, electric field	dc-GHz	Electrical, optical	Electrical, optical	I, II
Single NV ^b center	Electron spin	Magnetic field, electric field, temperature, pressure, rotation	dc-GHz	Optical	Optical	II
Superconducting circuits						
SQUID ^c	Supercurrent	Magnetic field	dc-GHz	Thermal	Electrical	I, II
Flux qubit	Circulating currents	Magnetic field	dc-GHz	Thermal	Electrical	II
Charge qubit	Charge eigenstates	Electric field	dc-GHz	Thermal	Electrical	II
Elementary particles						
Muon	Muonic spin	Magnetic field	dc	Radioactive decay	Radioactive decay	II
Neutron	Nuclear spin	Magnetic field, phonon density, gravity	dc	Bragg scattering	Bragg scattering	II

Examples of Quantum Sensing



- atomic clock
- atom interferometer
- optical magnetometer
- Rydberg atoms
- systems using quantum resources

Atomic Clock

Examples of Quantum Sensing: Atomic Clock

The Periodic Table of the Elements

The periodic table shows elements arranged by atomic number (1 to 118). A callout box for Iron (Fe) provides the following data:

- atomic mass: 55.845
- atomic number: 26
- 1st ionization energy: 762.5 kJ/mol
- electronegativity: 1.83
- chemical symbol: Fe
- name: Iron
- electron configuration: [Ar] 3d⁶ 4s²
- oxidation states: most common are bold

Legend for element categories:

- alkali metals (orange)
- alkaline metals (light orange)
- other metals (yellow)
- transition metals (light green)
- lanthanoids (green)
- actinoids (dark green)
- metalloids (light purple)
- nonmetals (purple)
- halogens (pink)
- noble gases (blue)
- unknown elements (grey)
- radioactive elements have masses in parentheses



notes

- Actinoid elements 103, 104, 105 and 106 have their radii not compared by IUPAC
- Actinoid elements 107-110
- All elements are implied to have an oxidation state of 0.

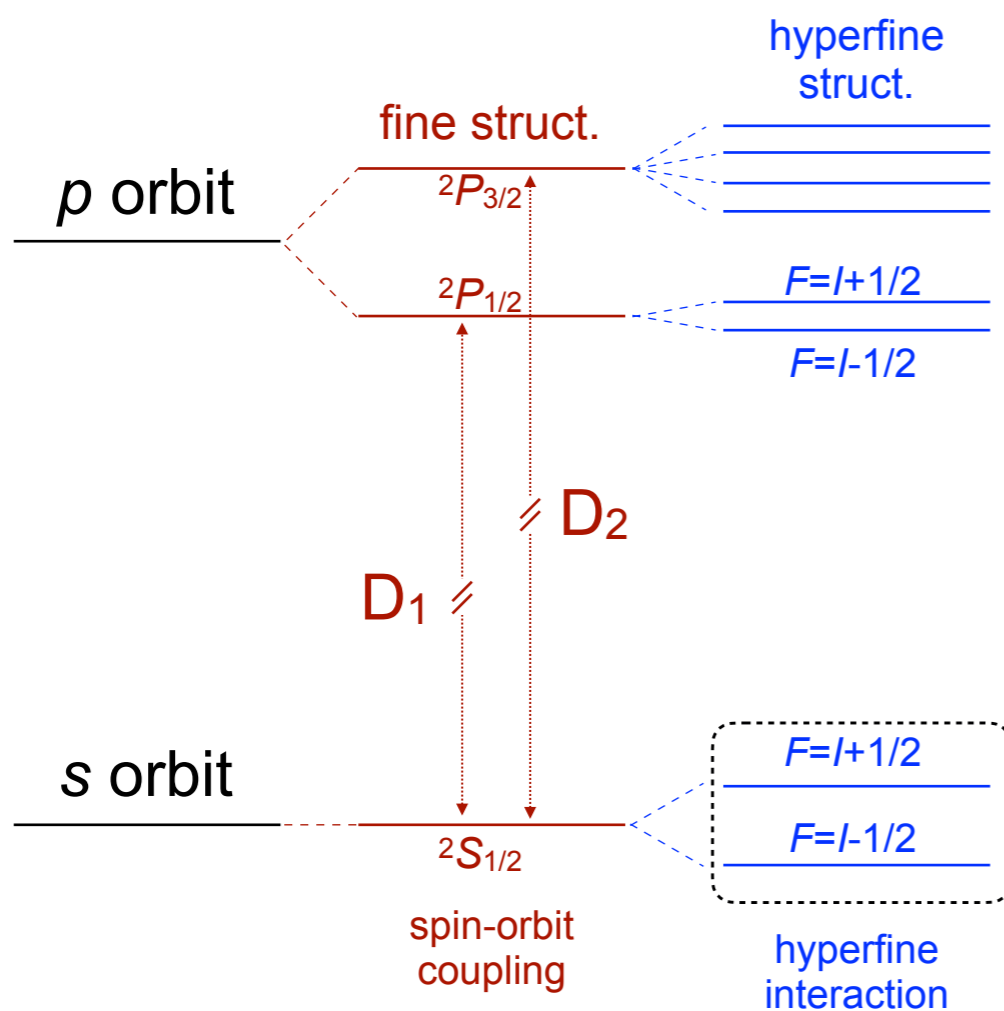
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(227) 89 Ac Actinium	232.0377 90 Th Thorium	231.0362 91 Pa Protactinium	238.0289 92 U Uranium	(237) 93 Np Neptunium	(244) 94 Pu Plutonium	(243) 95 Am Americium	(247) 96 Cm Curium	(247) 97 Bk Berkelium	(251) 98 Cf Californium	(252) 99 Es Einsteinium	(257) 100 Fm Fermium	(261) 101 Md Mendelevium	(265) 102 No Nobelium

Alkali Metal

The Periodic Table of the Elements

electron configuration $[X] ns^1$

$X = \text{He, Ne, Ar} \dots$ $n = 2, 3, 4 \dots$



^{133}Cs hyperfine splitting

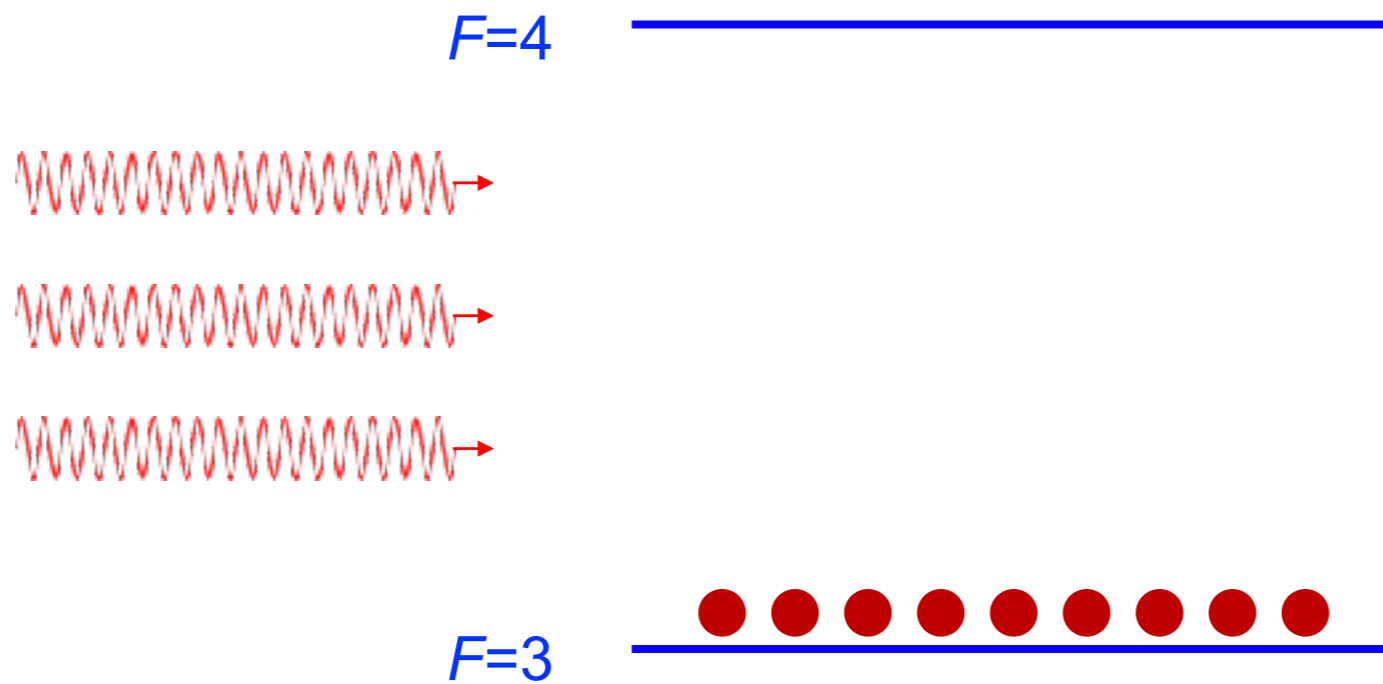
$F = 4$
($m_F = 0$)

9,192,631,770 Hz
(exact number)

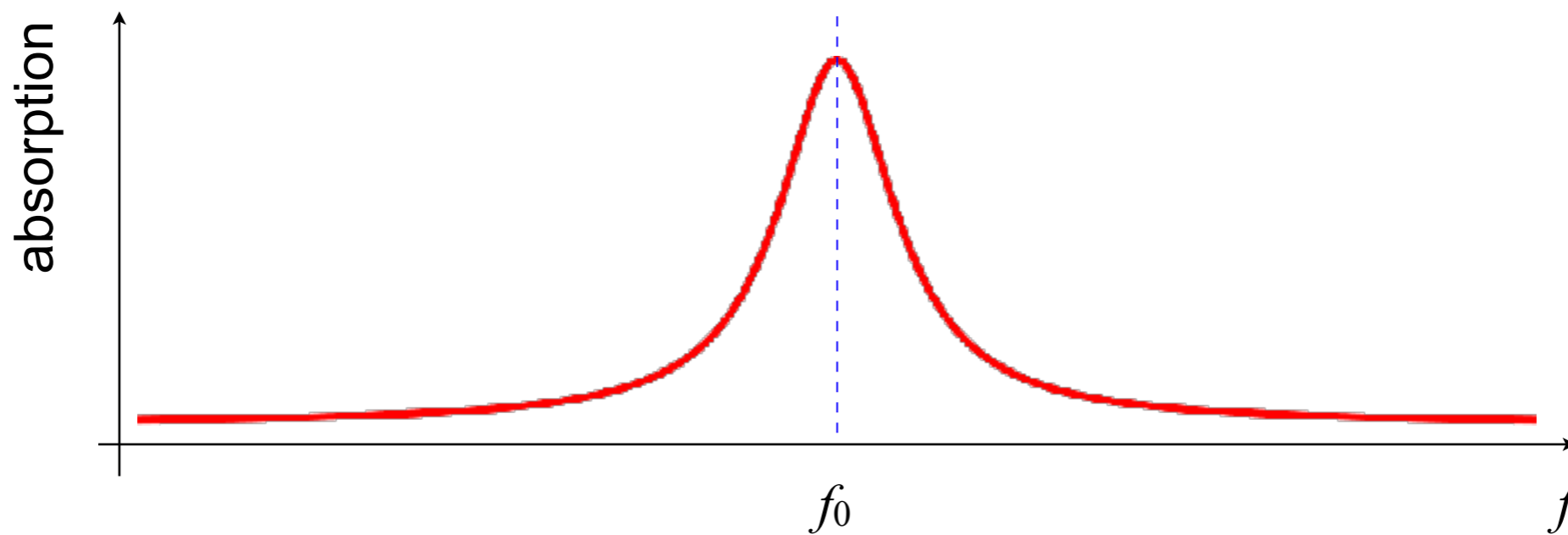
$F = 3$
($m_F = 0$)

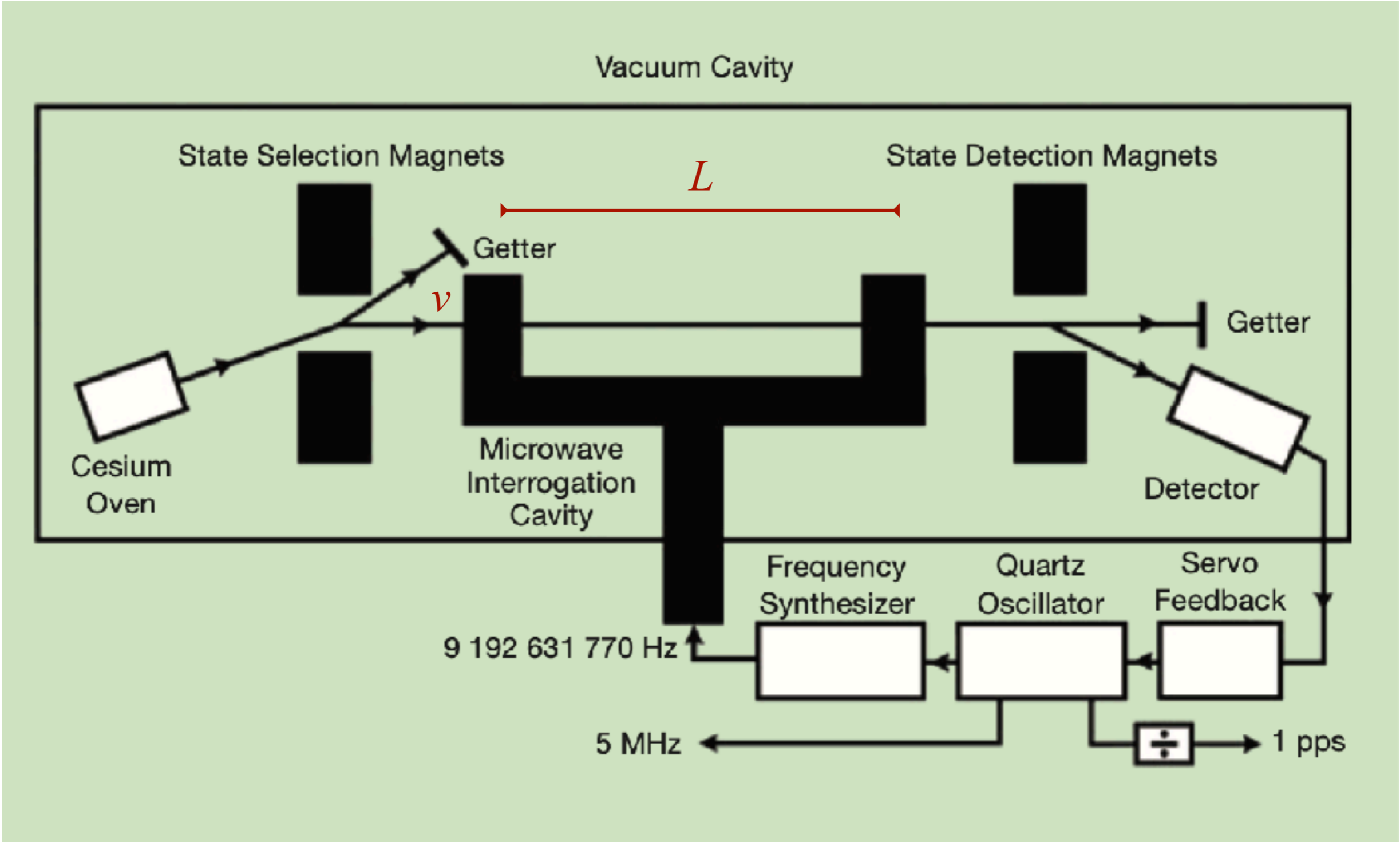
definition of 'second' since 1967

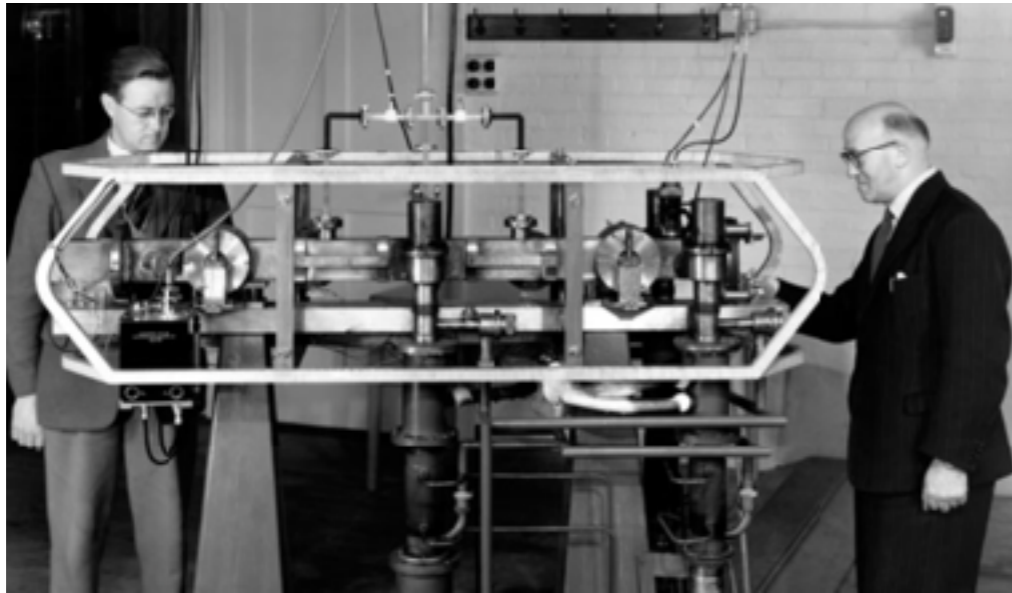
f -tunable
microwave
source



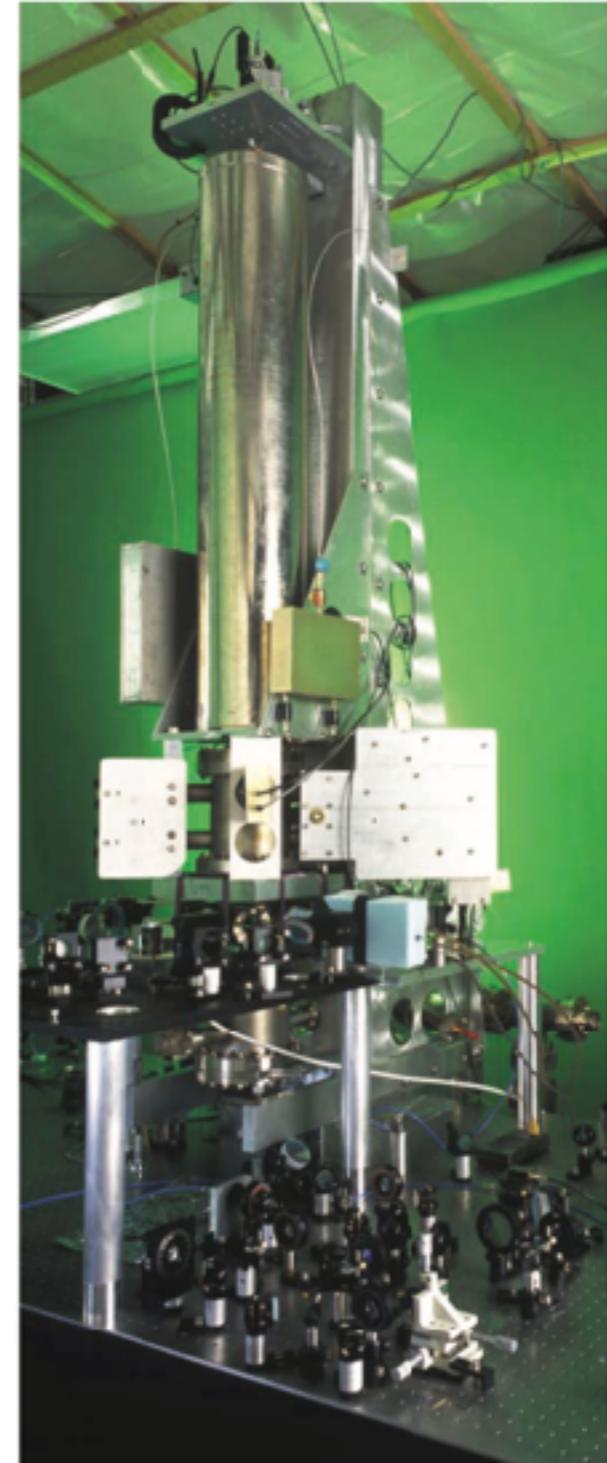
absorbed
microwave



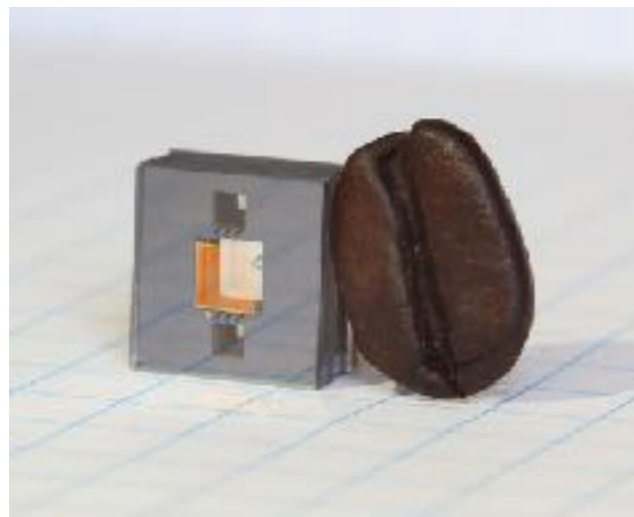




Louis Essen (right) and Jack Parry (left) standing next to the world's first ¹³³Cs atomic clock



Cs fountain clock NIST-F1

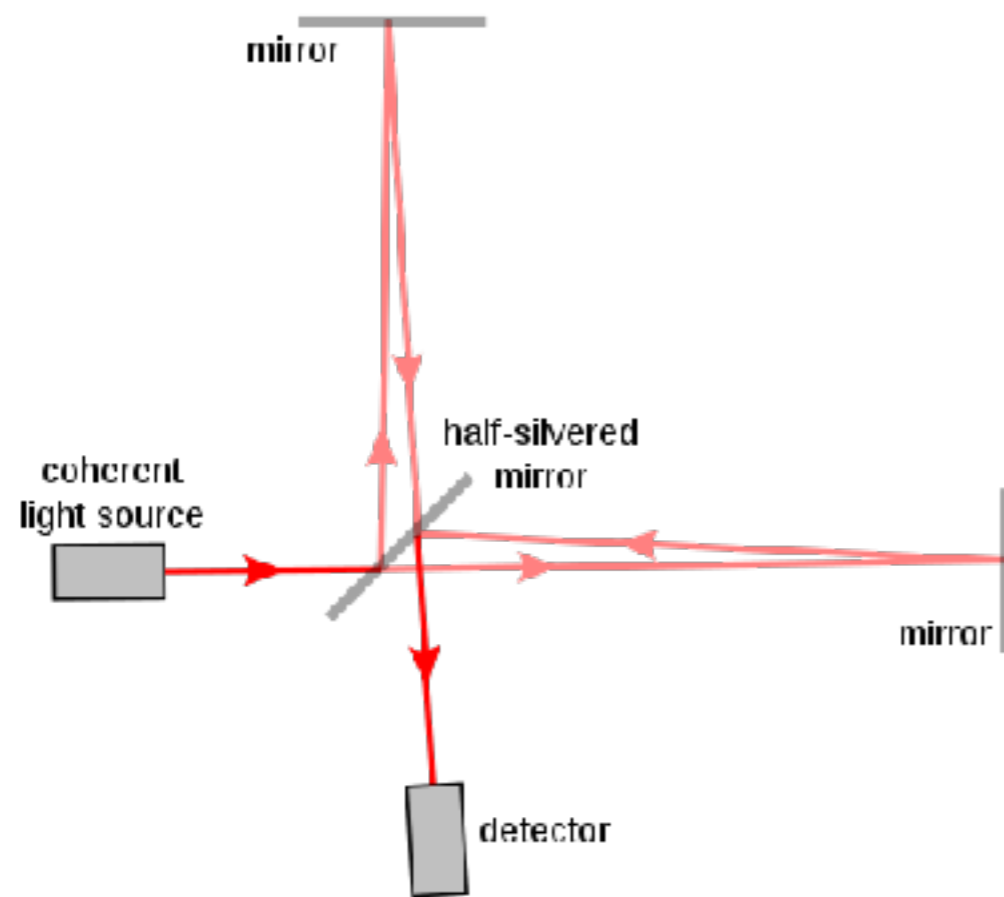


NIST physicist John Kitching and world's smallest chip-scale atomic clock (CSAC)

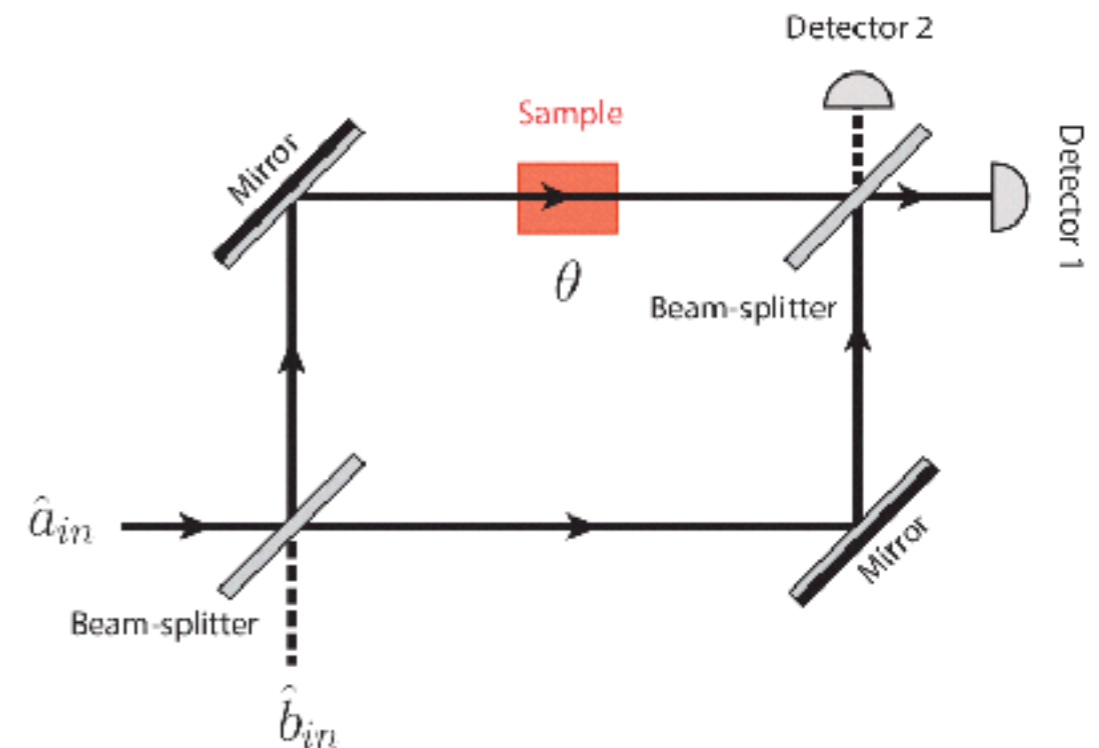
Atom Interferometer

Examples of Quantum Sensing: Atom Interferometer

Optical Interferometer

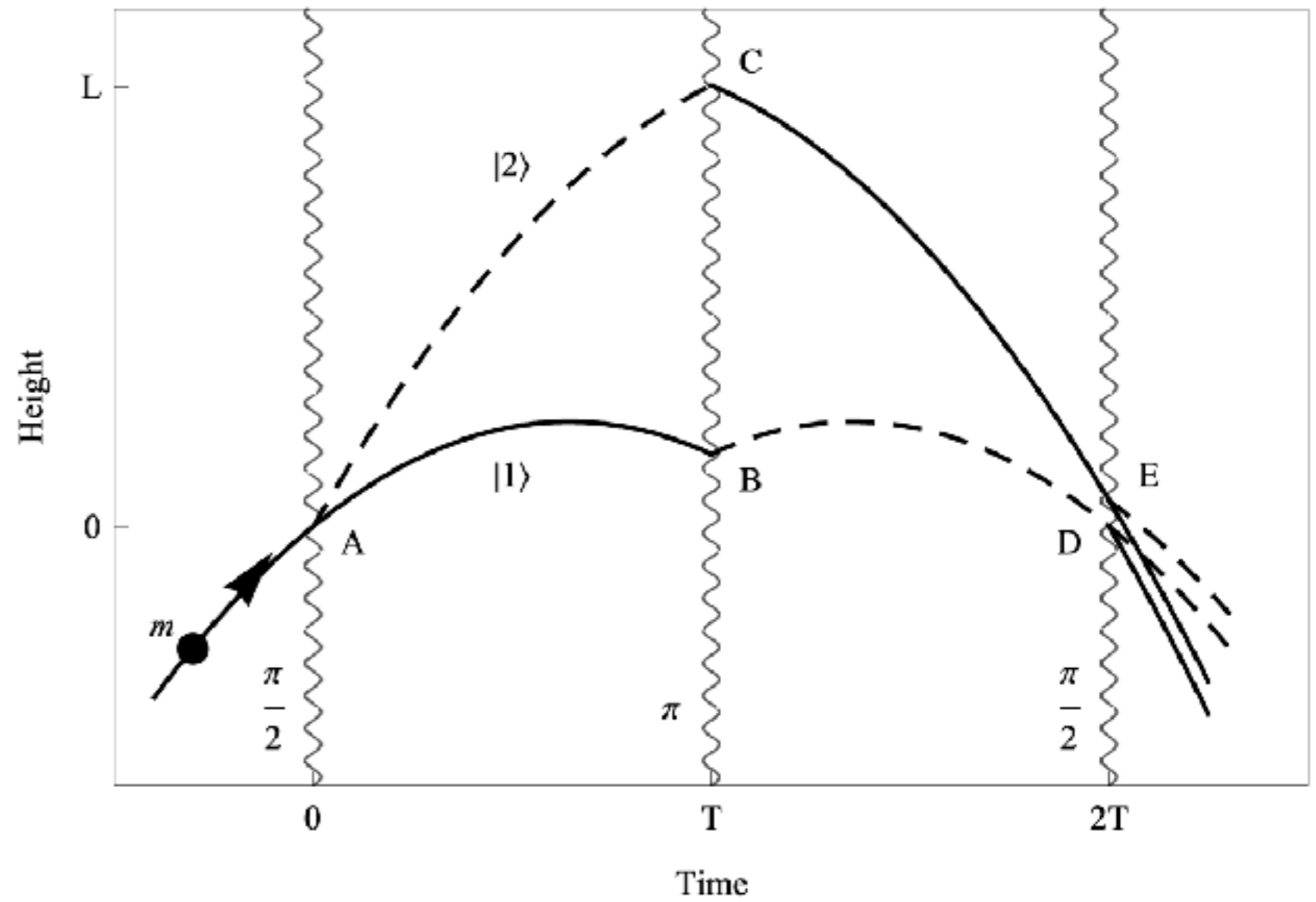
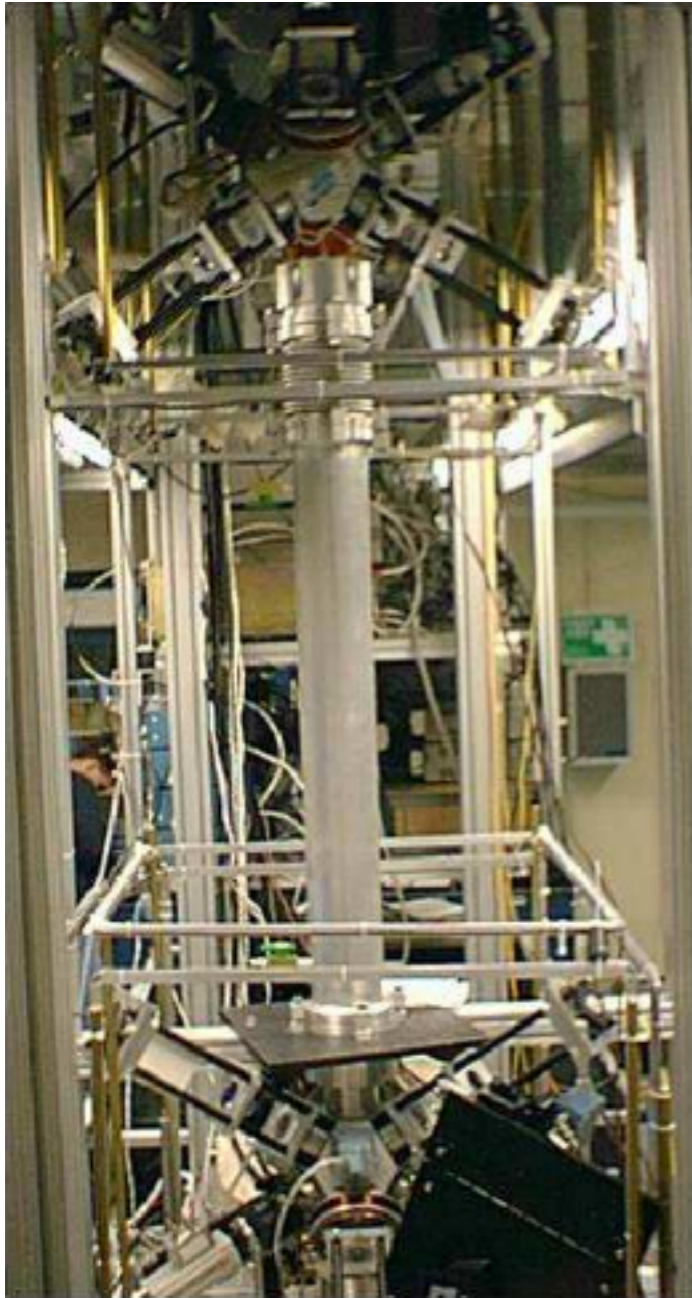


Michelson interferometer

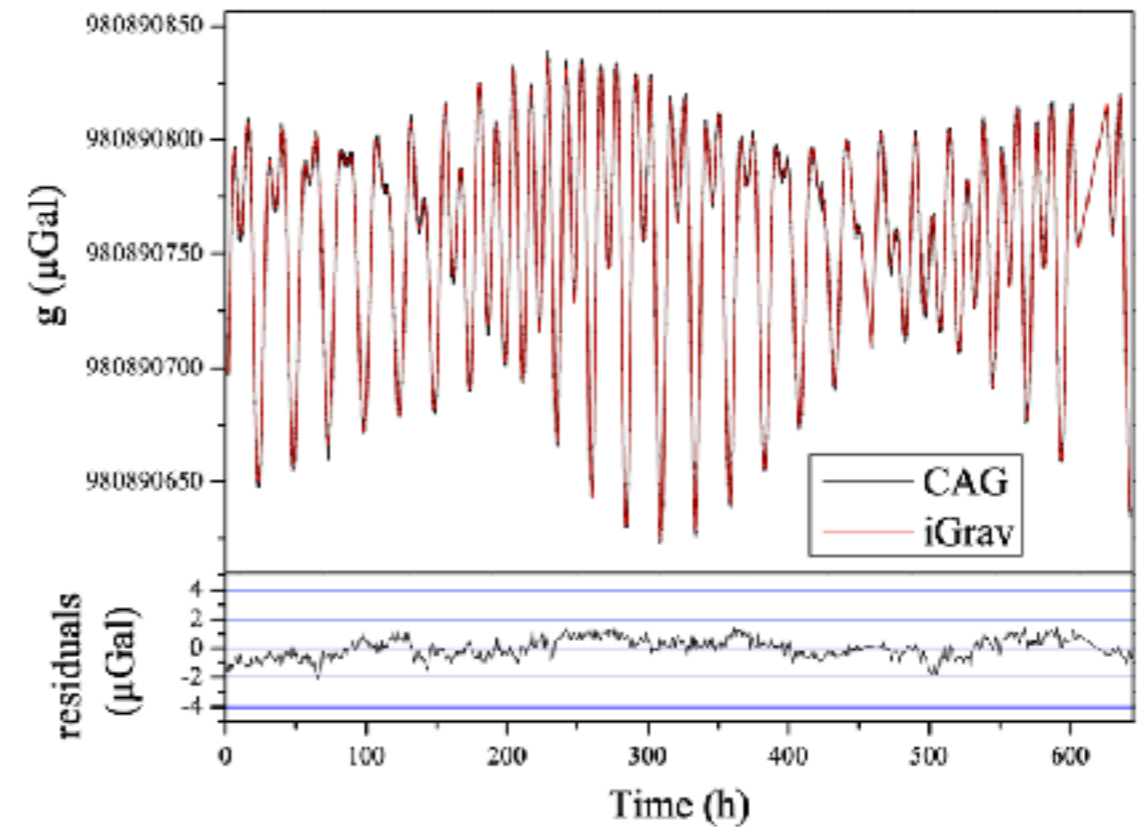
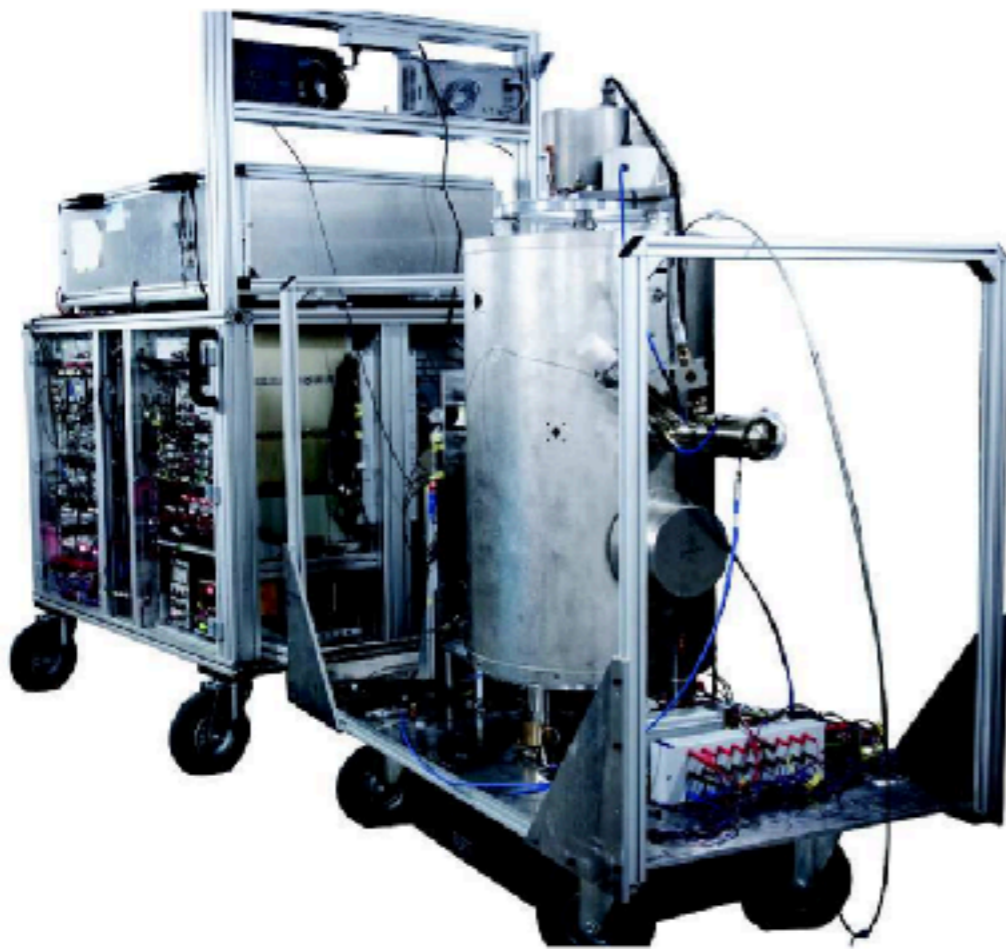


Mach-Zehnder interferometer

Examples of Quantum Sensing: Atom Interferometer



$$\phi = \mathbf{k}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \mathbf{g}T^2$$

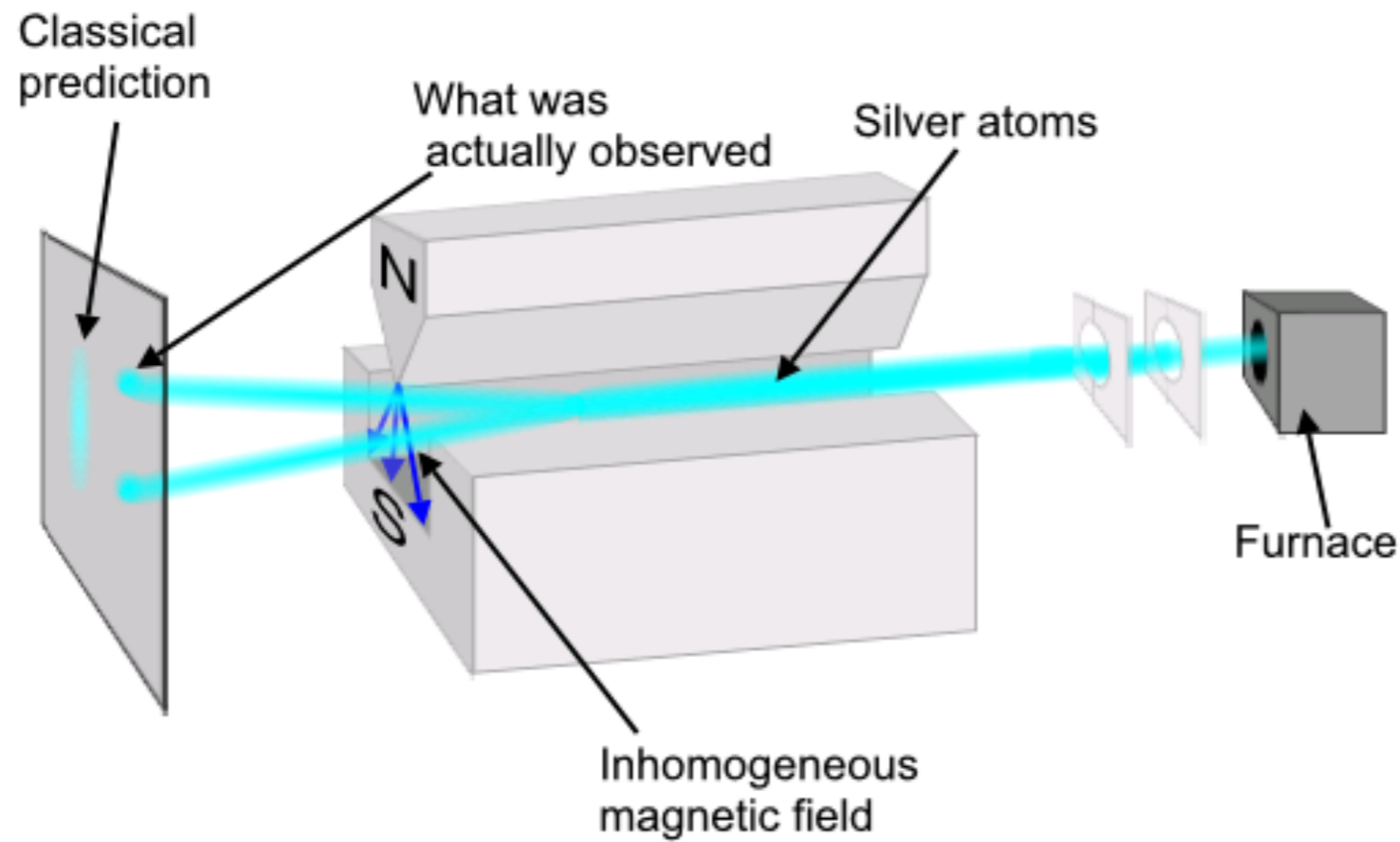


The LNE-SYRTE (France) cold atom gravimeter

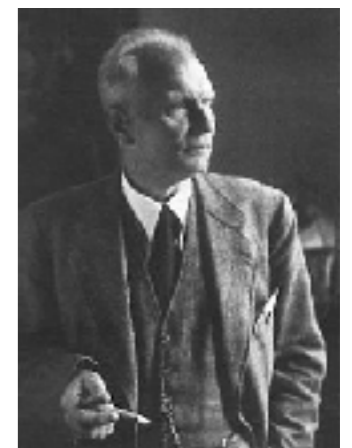
$$1 \text{ Gal} = 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}^2 \approx 10^{-3} g$$

Optical Magnetometer

Stern-Gerlach Experiment



Otto Stern



Walter Gerlach

Spin is an intrinsic property of electron.

The Family of Magnetic Resonance



O. Stern
1943, phys.



I. Rabi
1944, phys.



F. Bloch
1952, phys.



R. Ernst
1991, chem.



K. Wüthrich
2002, chem.



P. Lauterbur
2003, med.

磁共振家族

自旋种类

- ◆ 核磁共振(NMR)
- ◆ 电子顺磁共振(ESR)

样品物态

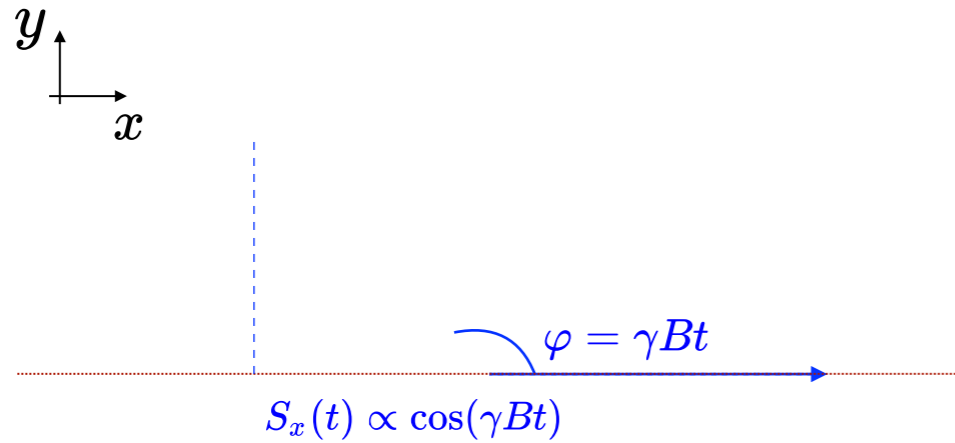
- ◆ 气态、液态磁共振
- ◆ 固态磁共振

应用

- ◆ 分子结构
- ◆ 组织成像
- ◆ 量子信息
- ◆ 磁测量
- ◆ 量子陀螺

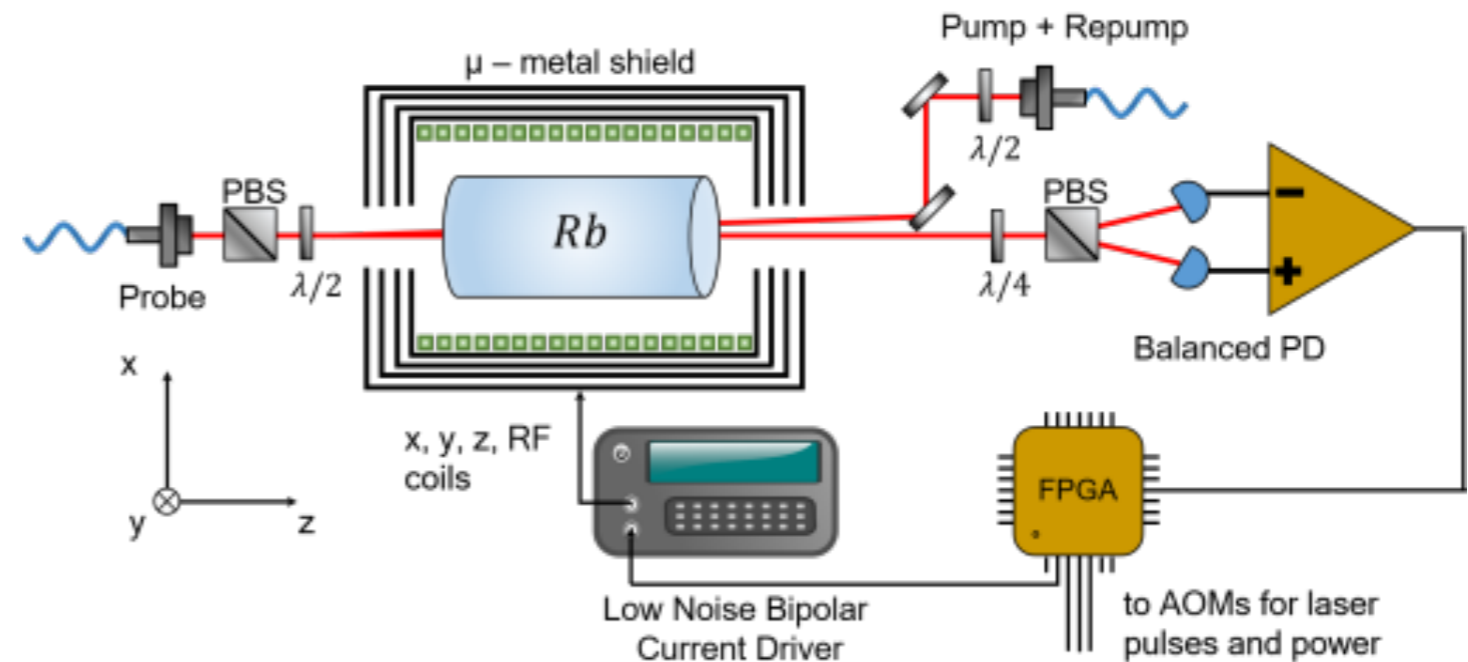
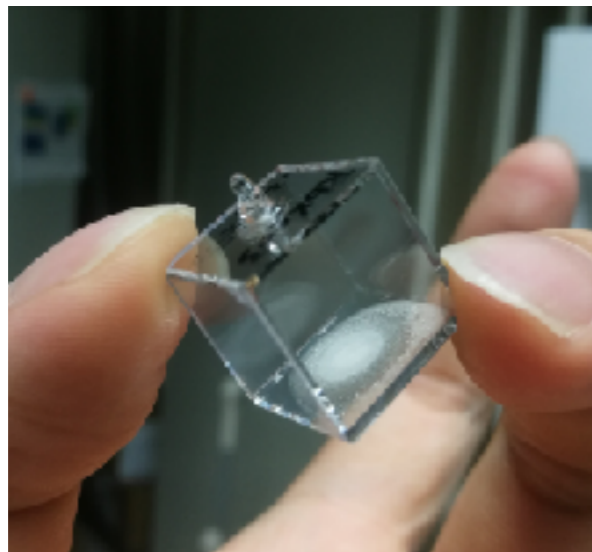
Examples of Quantum Sensing: Optical Magnetometer

Spin precession in static field

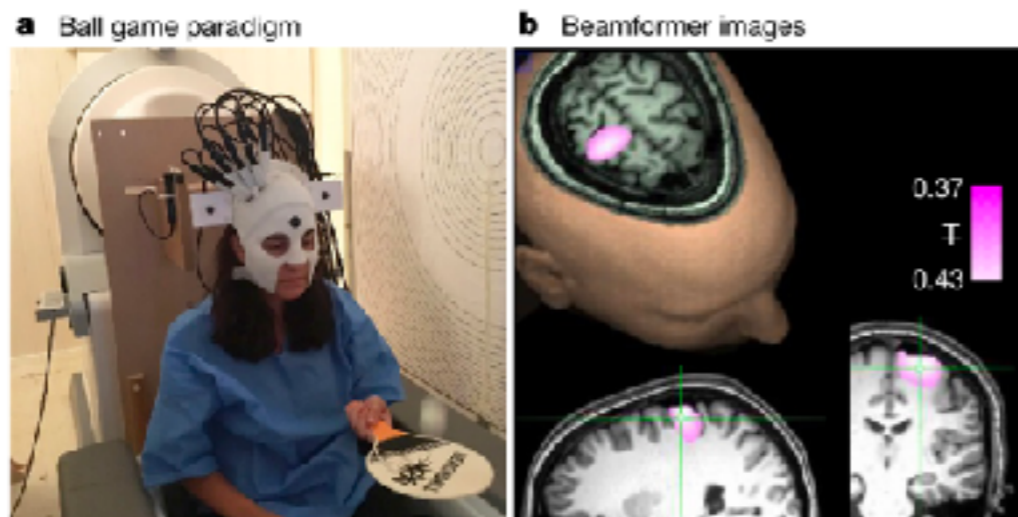


$$B = \frac{\varphi}{\gamma t} = \frac{\omega}{\gamma}$$

magnetic field is inferred from precession frequency



Examples of Quantum Sensing: Optical Magnetometer



Vapor Cell Magnetoencephalography (MEG)

脑磁图

Boto, E. et al. Nature **555**, 657 (2018).

Optical Magnetometer: Artificial Atoms in Solids



Diamond 4 C's

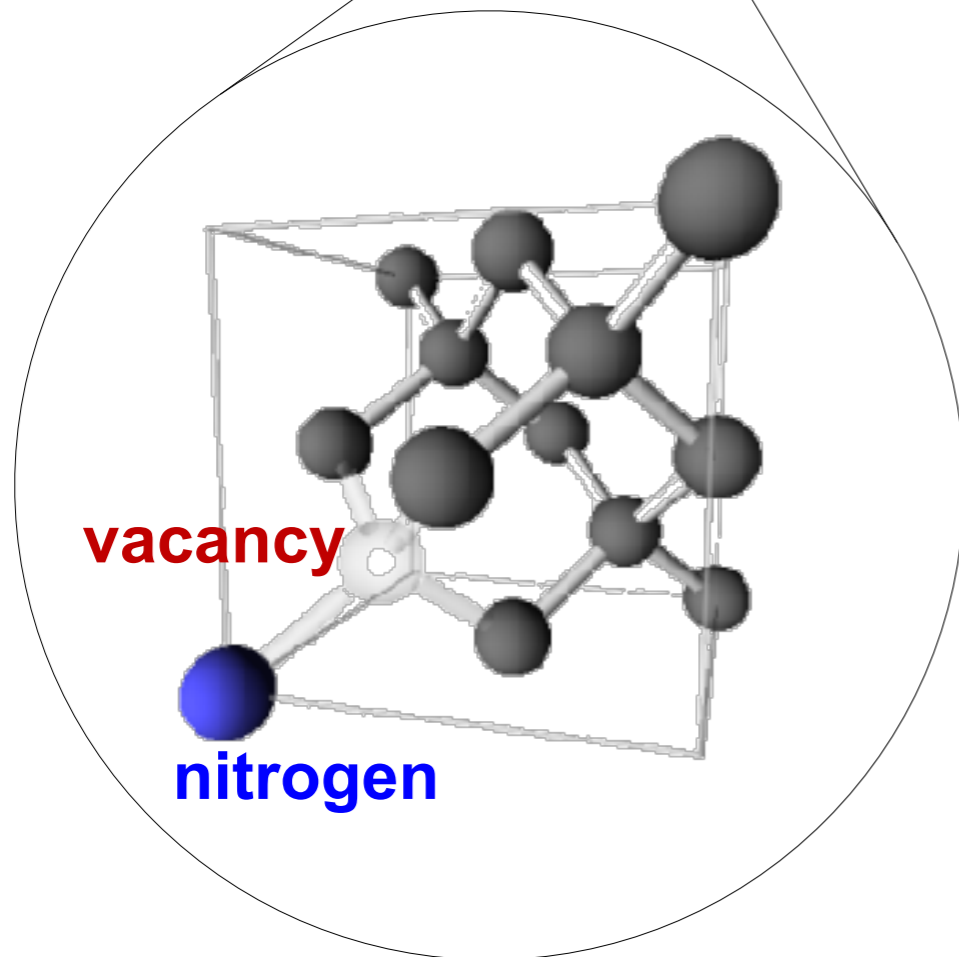
Carat

Clarity

Cut

Color

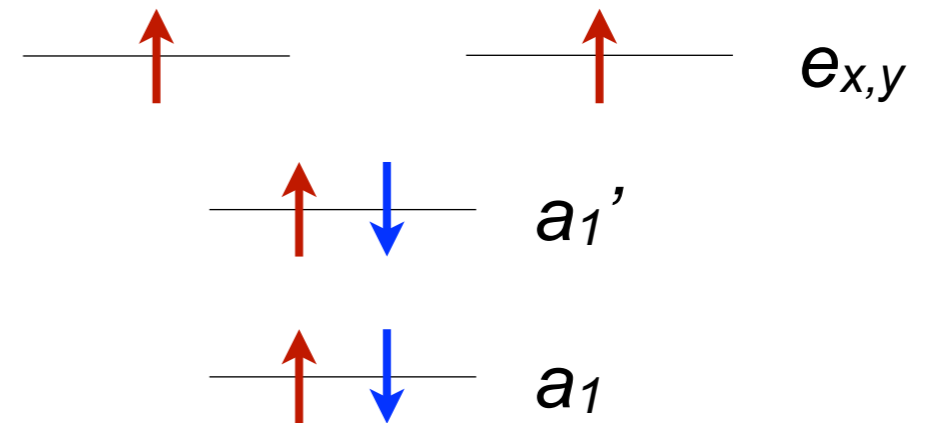
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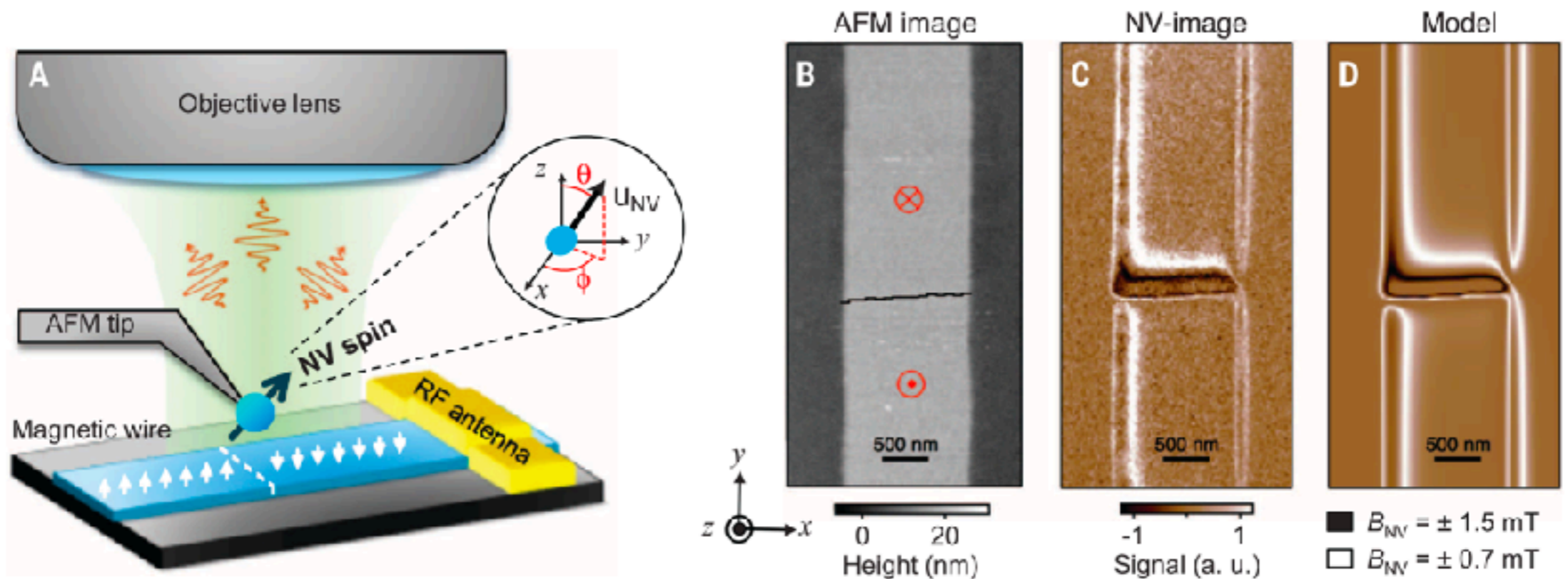
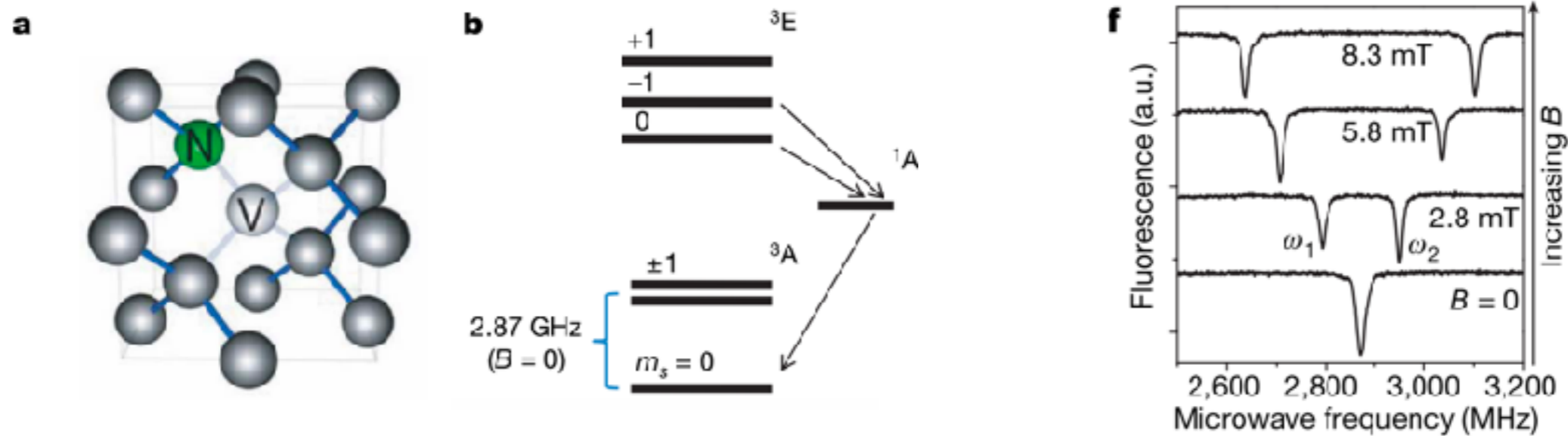
Negatively charged NV center

carbon sp^3 orbit	3 e
nitrogen orbit	2 e
negative charge	1 e
<hr/>	
total	6 e

Ground state configuration

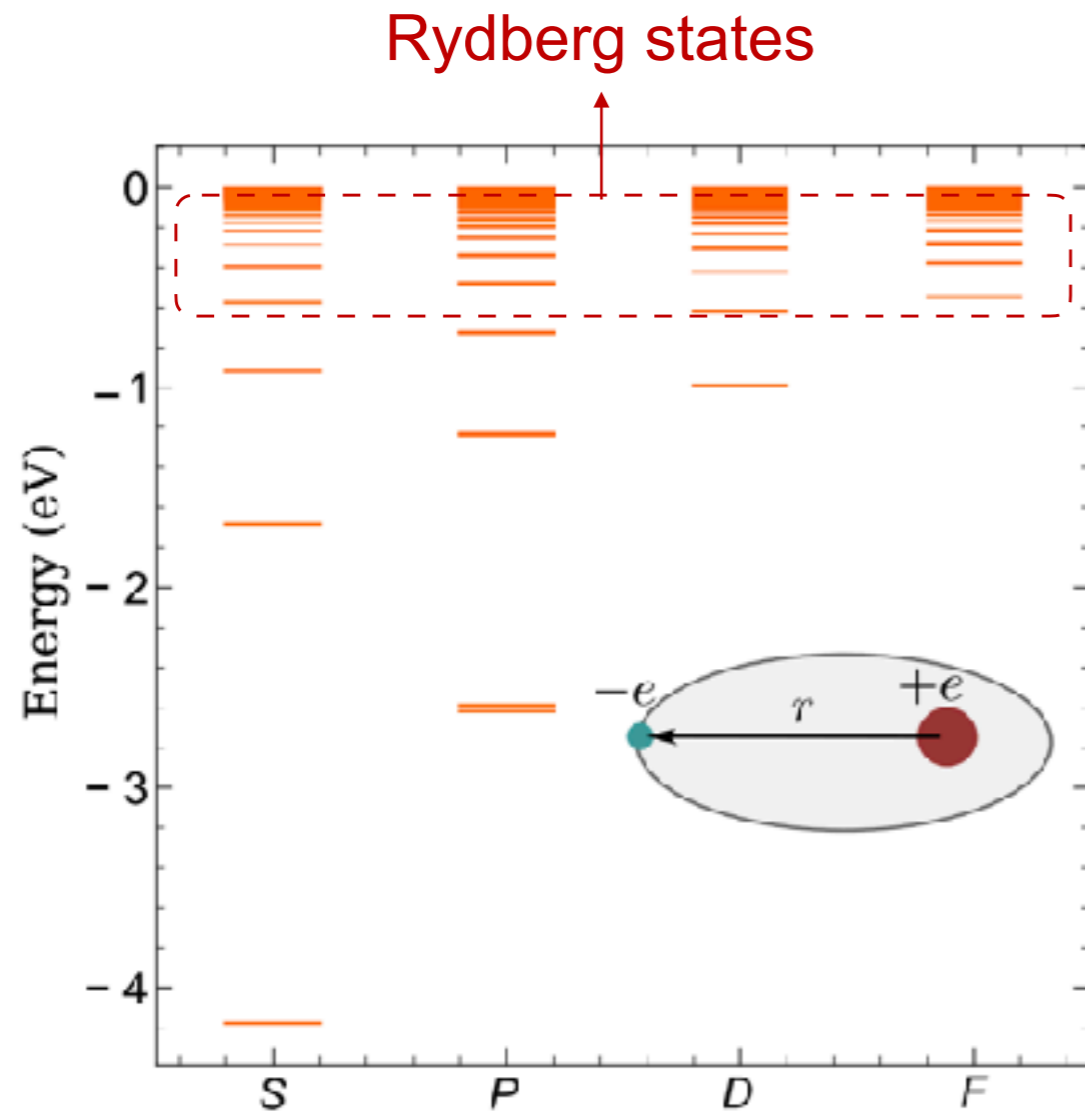


Optical Magnetometer: Artificial Atoms in Solids



Rydberg Atoms

Examples of Quantum Sensing: Rydberg Atoms



principle quantum
number $n \gg 1$

$$E_n \propto -\frac{1}{n^2}$$

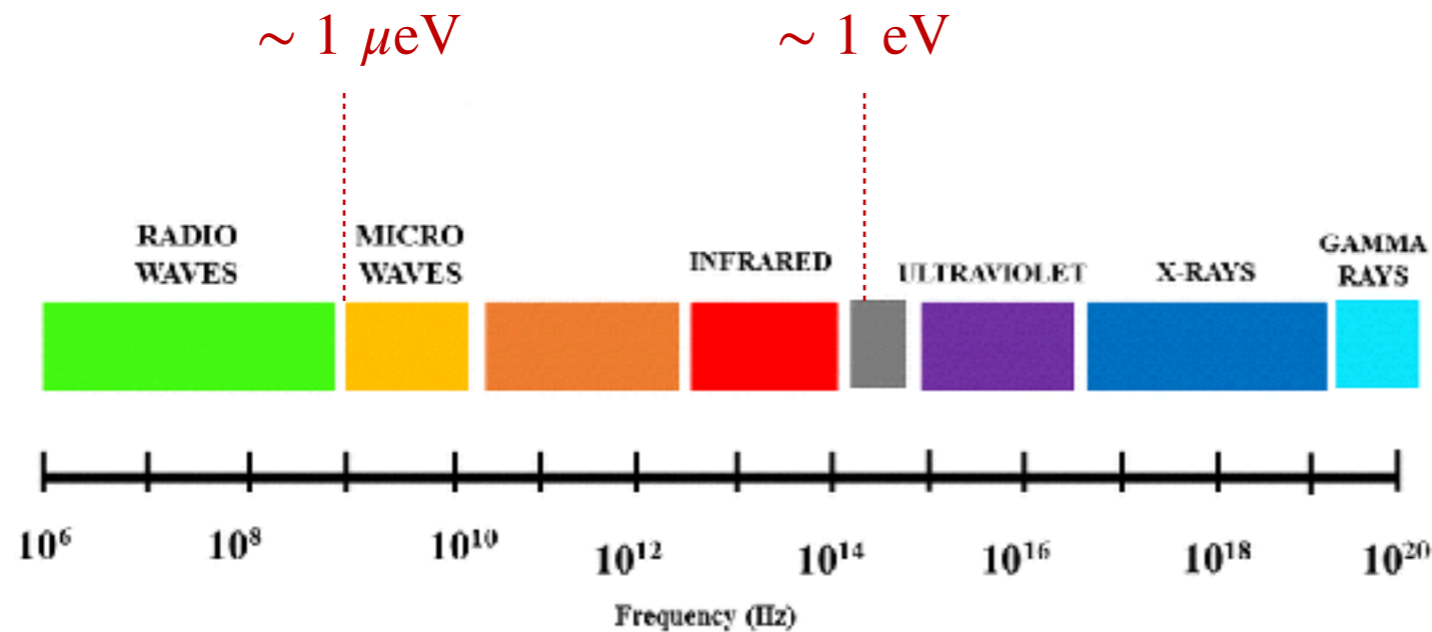
large size $\sim n^2$

large dipole $\sim n^2$

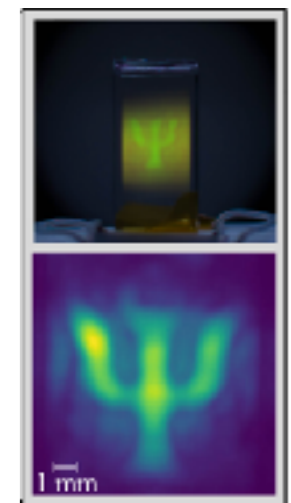
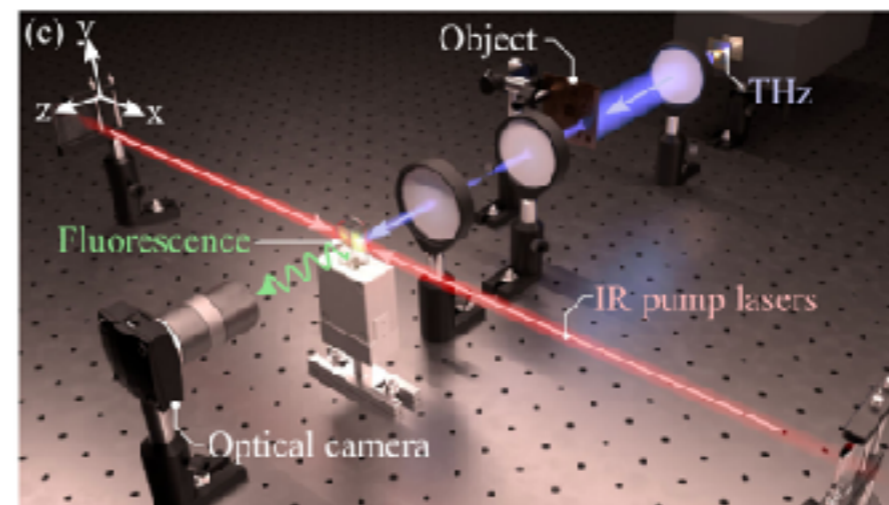
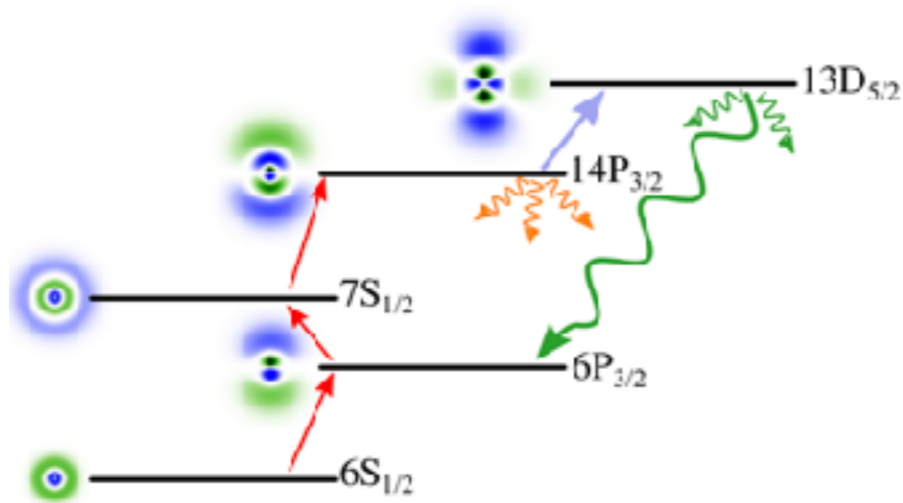
long lifetime $\sim n^5$

strong interaction $\sim n^4$

Examples of Quantum Sensing: Rydberg Atoms



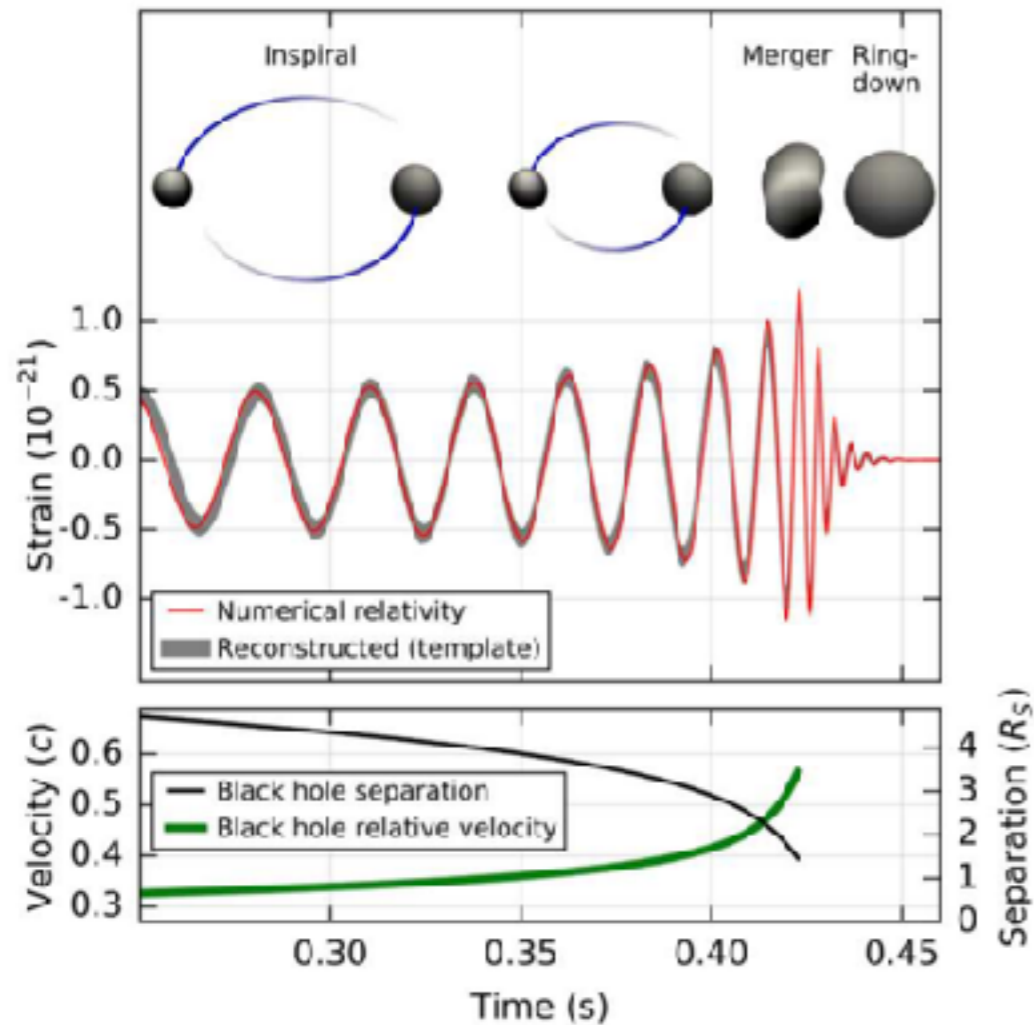
THz electric field sensing
by Rydberg atoms



Quantum Resource

Examples of Quantum Sensing: Quantum Resource

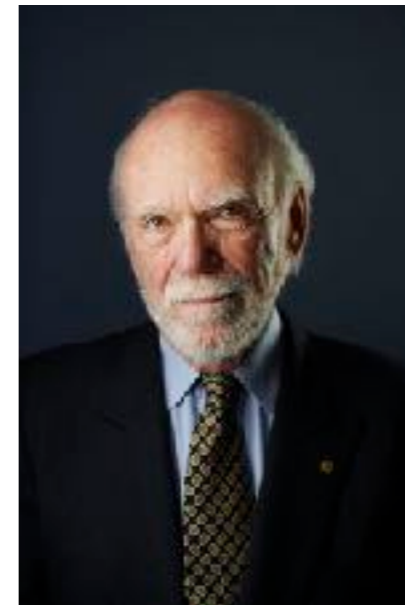
First observation of gravitational waves
black hole merge event in 2016



Nobel Prize in Physics 2017



Rainer Weiss



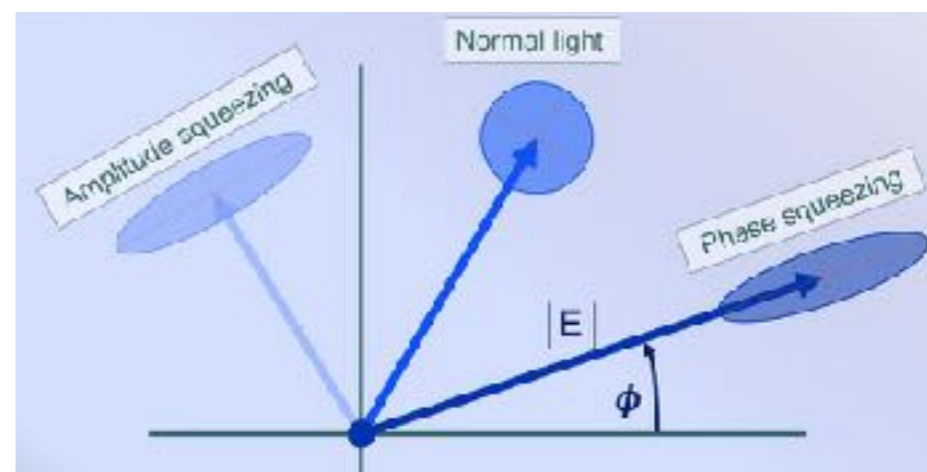
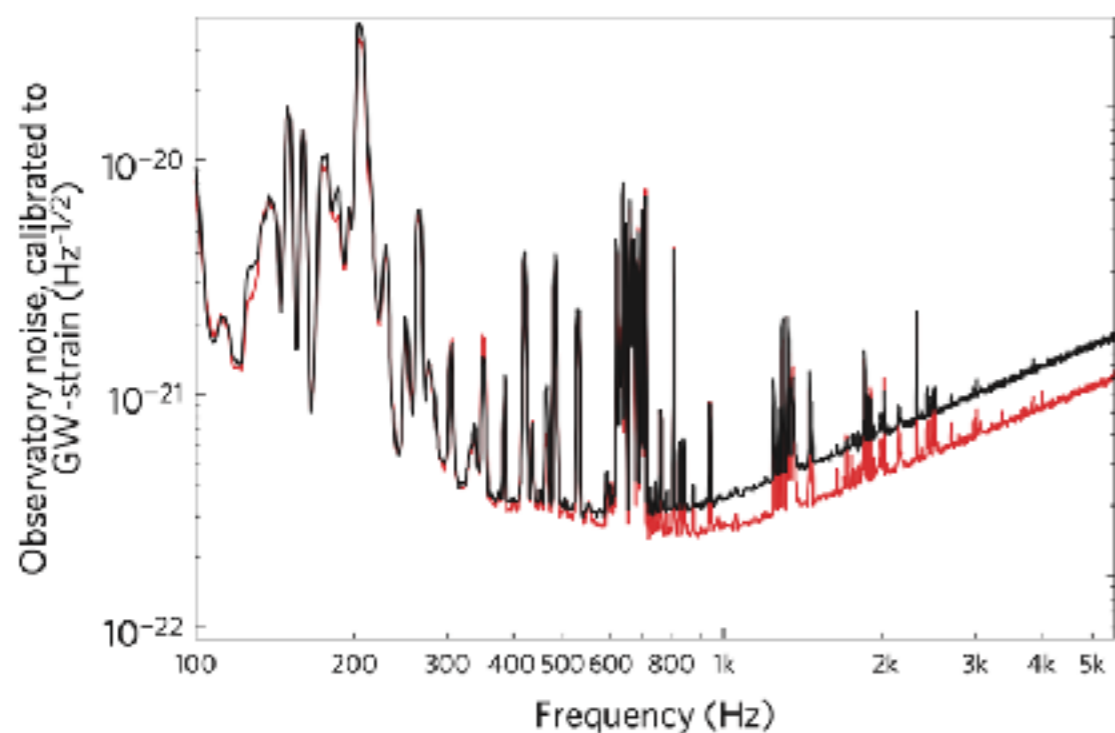
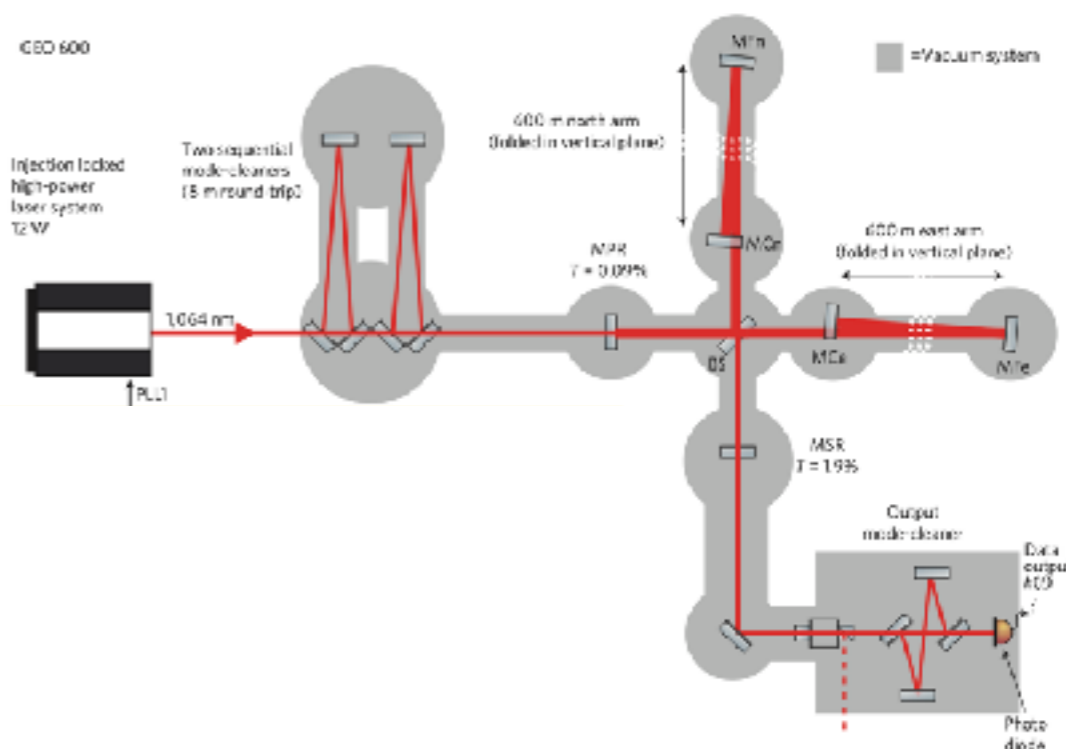
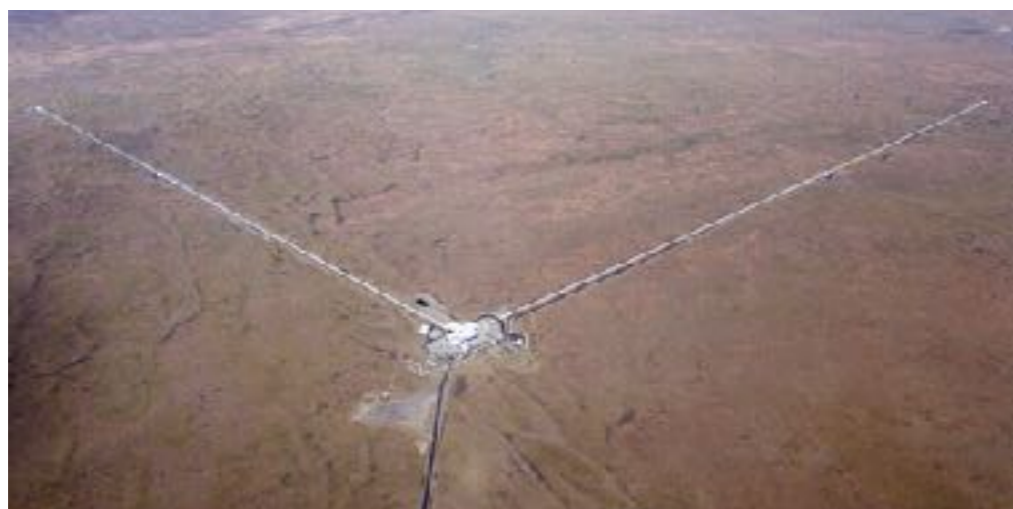
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Kip S. Thorne

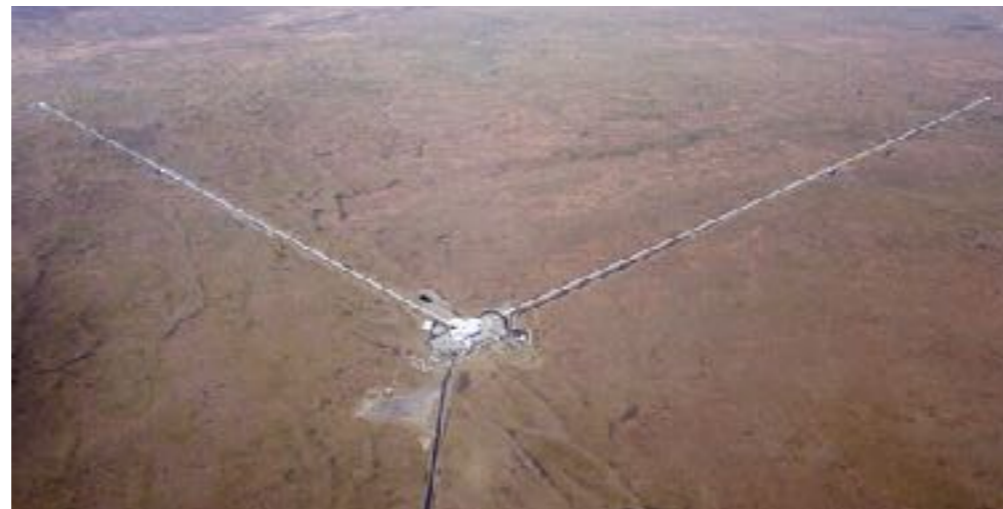
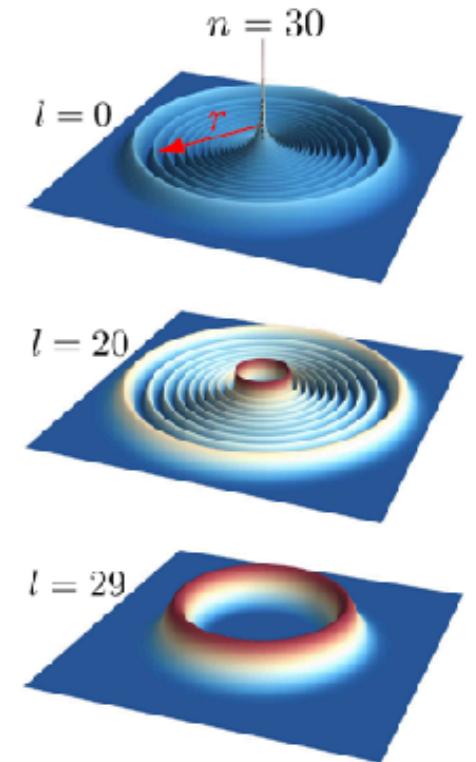
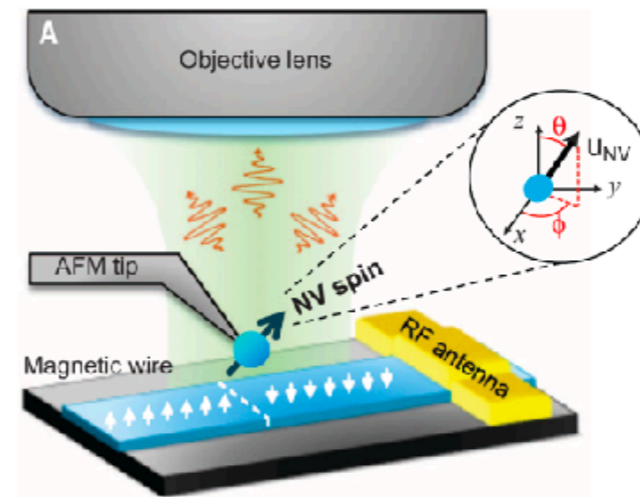
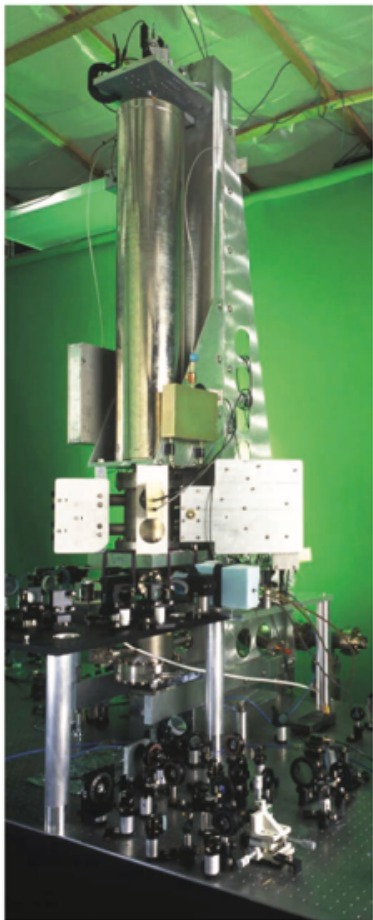
"for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector
and the observation of gravitational waves."

Examples of Quantum Sensing: Quantum Resource



squeezed light: beyond the quantum shot-noise limit

What is Quantum Sensing?



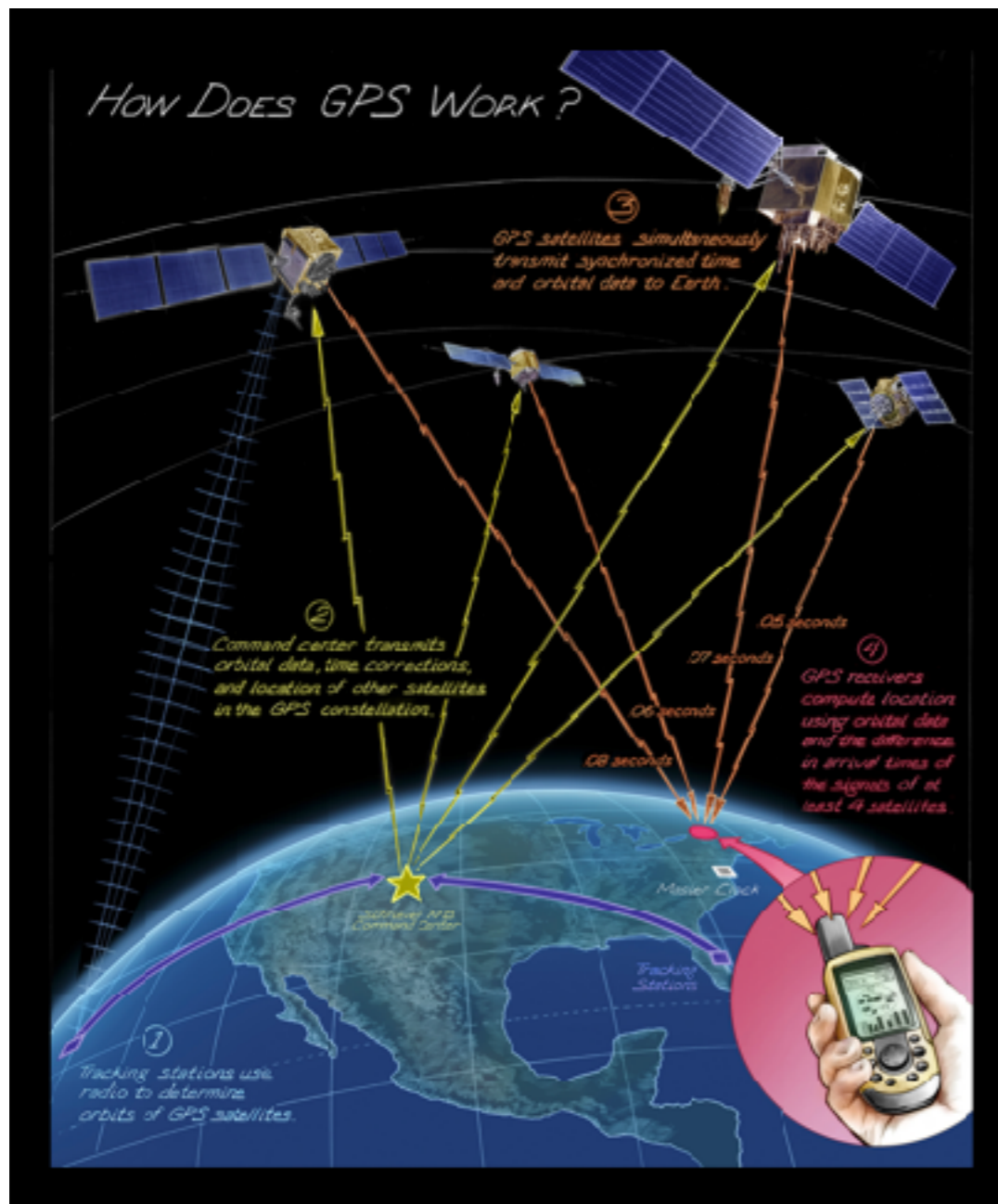
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Improving Measurement Precision



1. determine orbits of GPS satellites.
2. transmits orbital data, time corrections, and location of other satellites
3. transmit **synchronized time and orbital data** to Earth.
4. GPS receivers compute location using **orbital data and the difference in arrival times of the signals of at least 4 satellites**

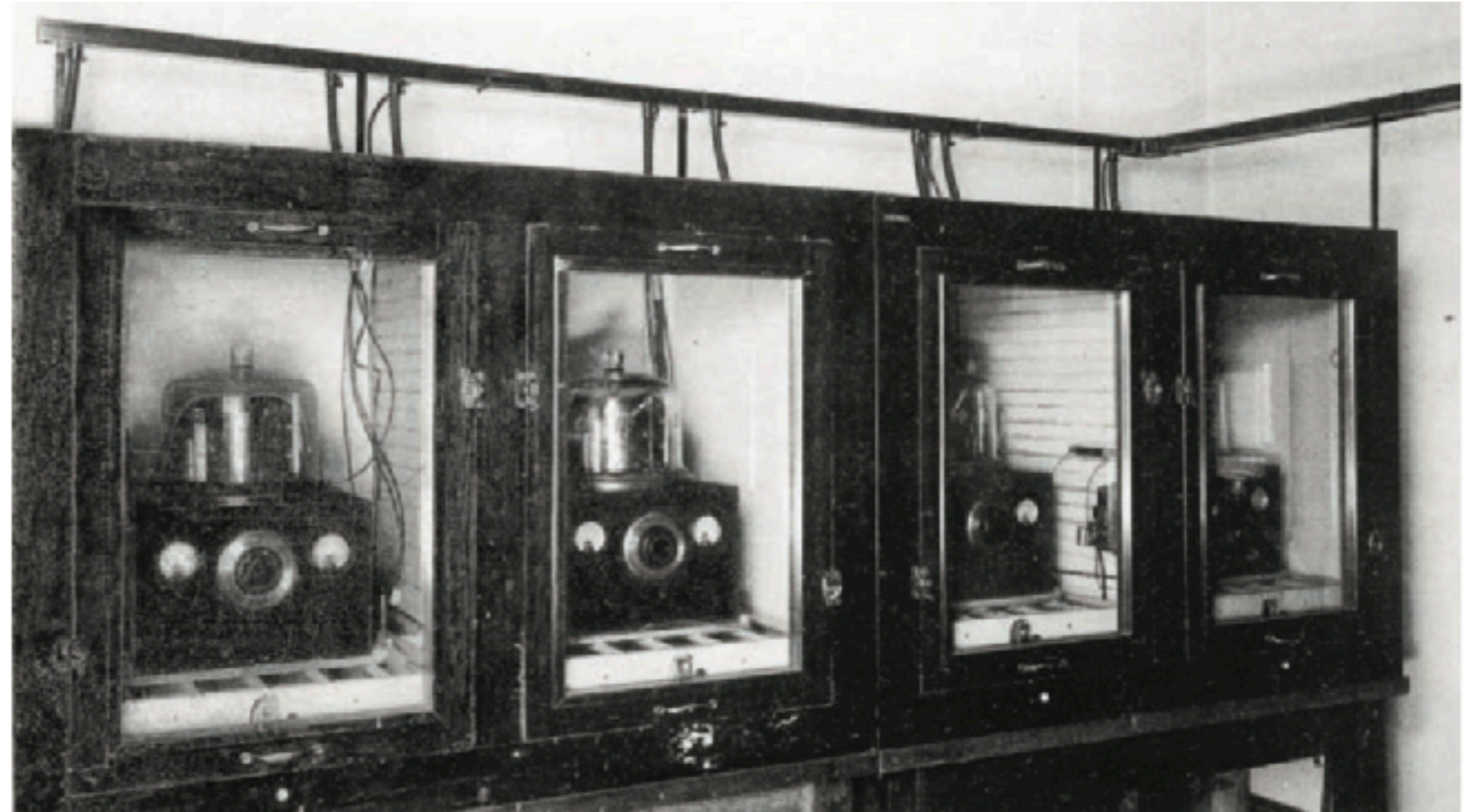
Accurate time (frequency) measurement is crucial!

Early time standard before atomic clock



pendulum clock
1904-1929

$\sim 1 \times 10^{-7}$



quartz crystal oscillators, 1929

best accuracy 1×10^{-9} (1950)

'COSMIC PENDULUM' FOR CLOCK PLANNED

Radio Frequencies in Hearts of
Atoms Would Be Used in Most
Accurate of Timepieces

DESIGN TERMED FEASIBLE

Prof. I. I. Rabi, 1944 Nobel
Prize Winner, Tells of
Newest Developments

By WILLIAM L. LAURENCE

Blueprints for the most accurate clock in the universe, tuning in on radio frequencies in the hearts of atoms and thus beating in harmony with the "cosmic pendulum," were outlined yesterday at the annual New York meeting of the American Physical Society, at Columbia University, by Prof. I. I. Rabi, who delivered the Richtmyer Memorial Lecture under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers.



The first atomic frequency standard, based on the ammonia molecule, with accuracy $\sim 2 \times 10^{-8}$ in 1949

Harold Lyons (right) & Edward Condon (left)

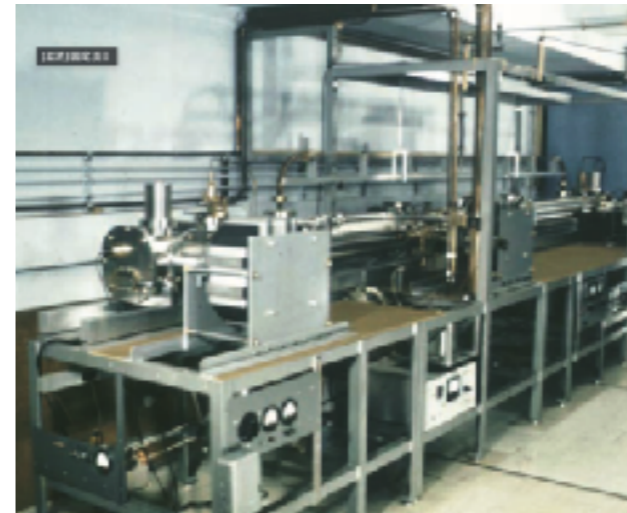
National Primary Frequency Standards



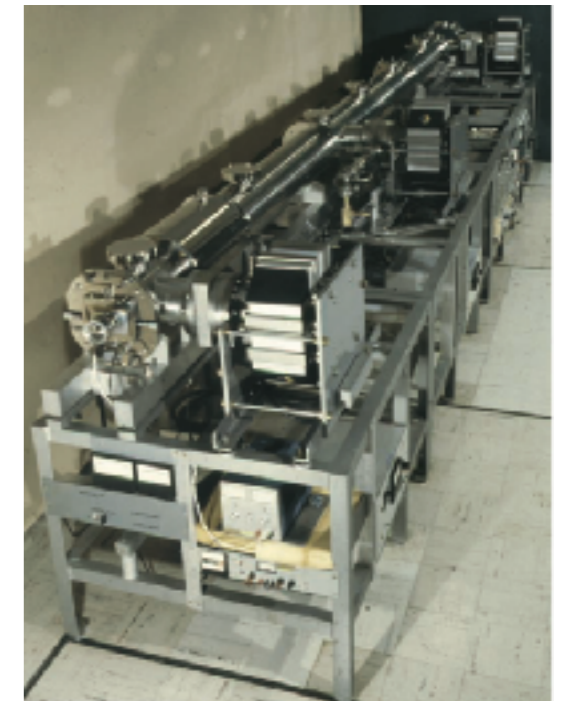
NBS-1, 1959
 1×10^{-11}



NBS-2, 1960
 8×10^{-12}



NBS-3, 1963
 5×10^{-13}



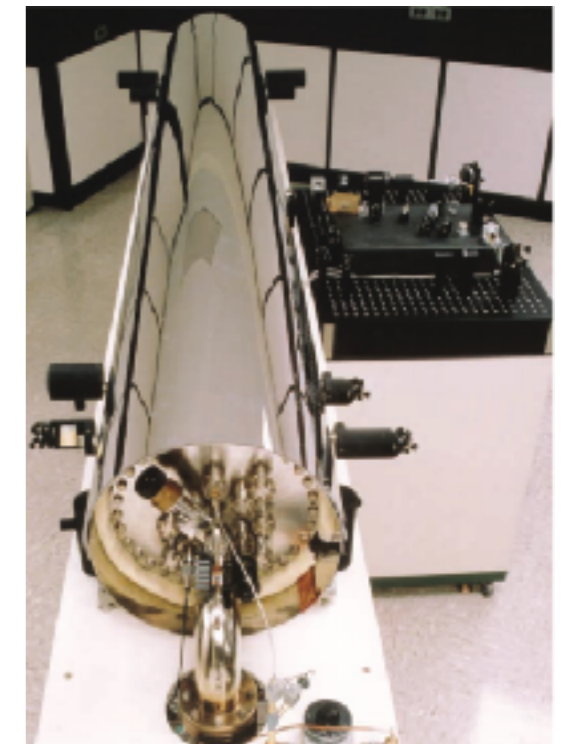
NBS-5, 1972 2×10^{-13}



NBS-4 3×10^{-13}



NBS-6, 1975 8×10^{-14}



NIST-7, 1993 5×10^{-15}

NBS = National Bureau of Standards
NIST = National Institute of Standards and Technology

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$$= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi} |1\rangle$$

- normalization condition

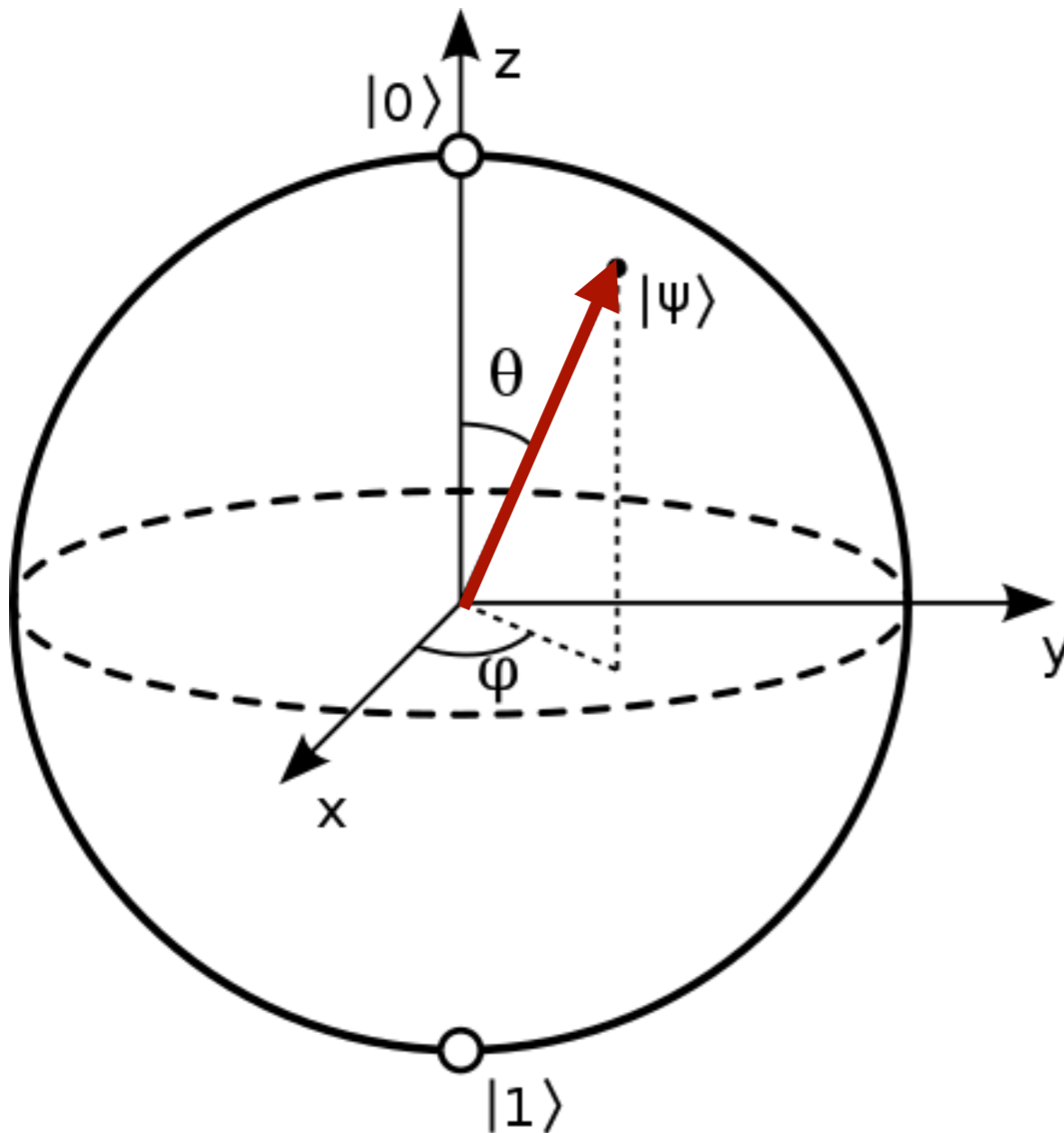
$$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

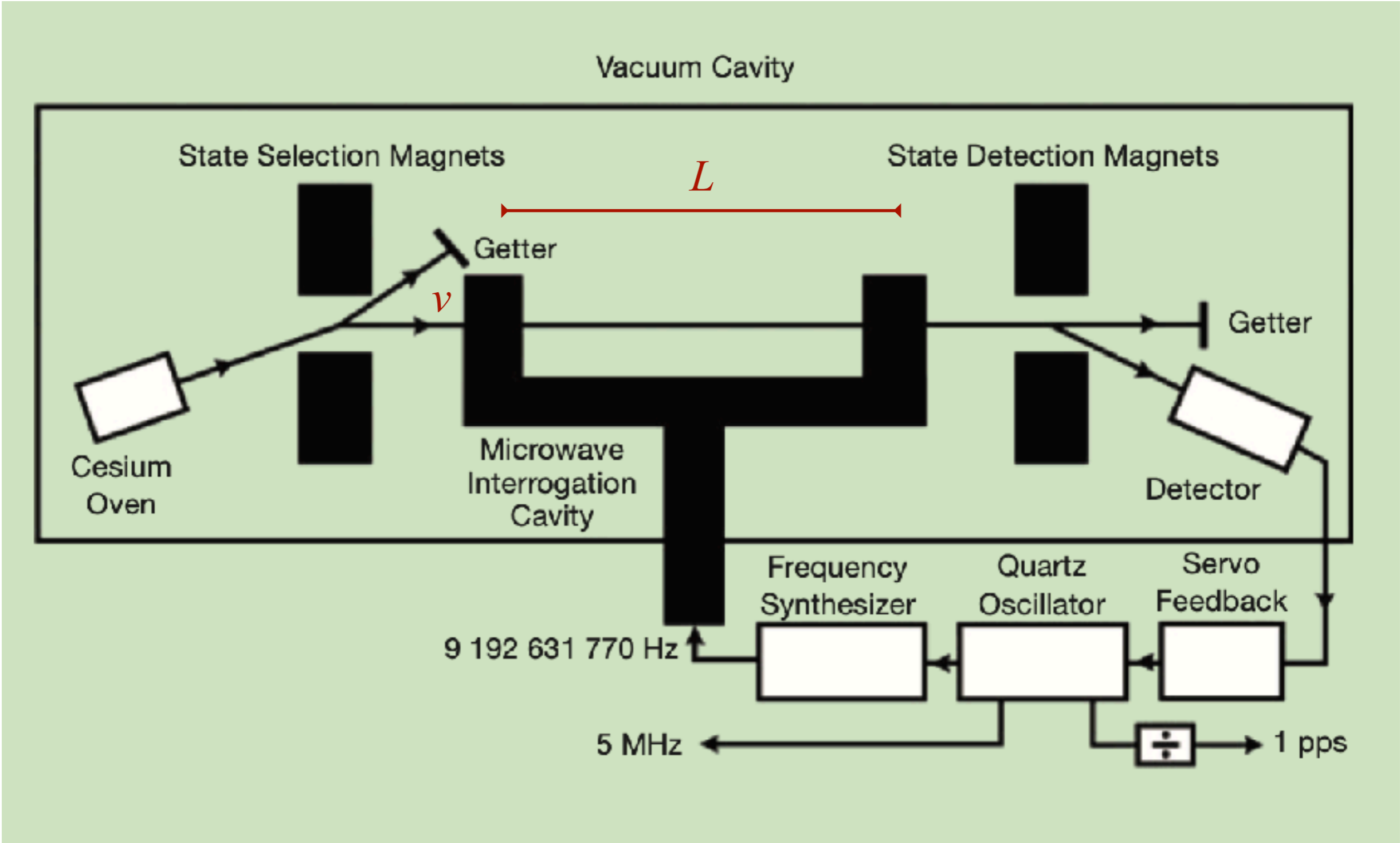
- global phase does not change $|\psi\rangle$

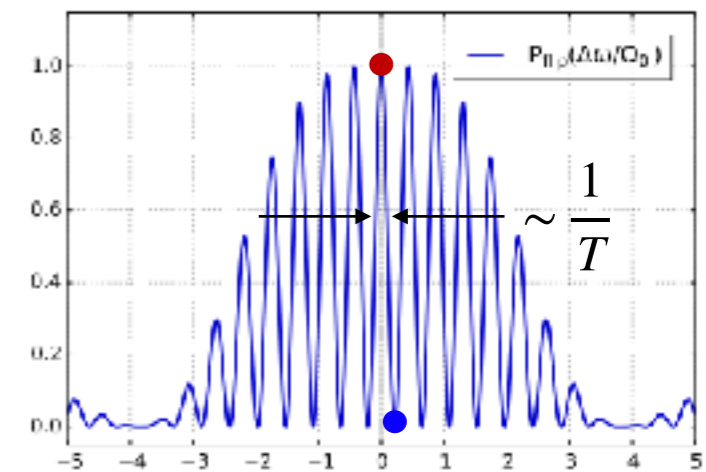
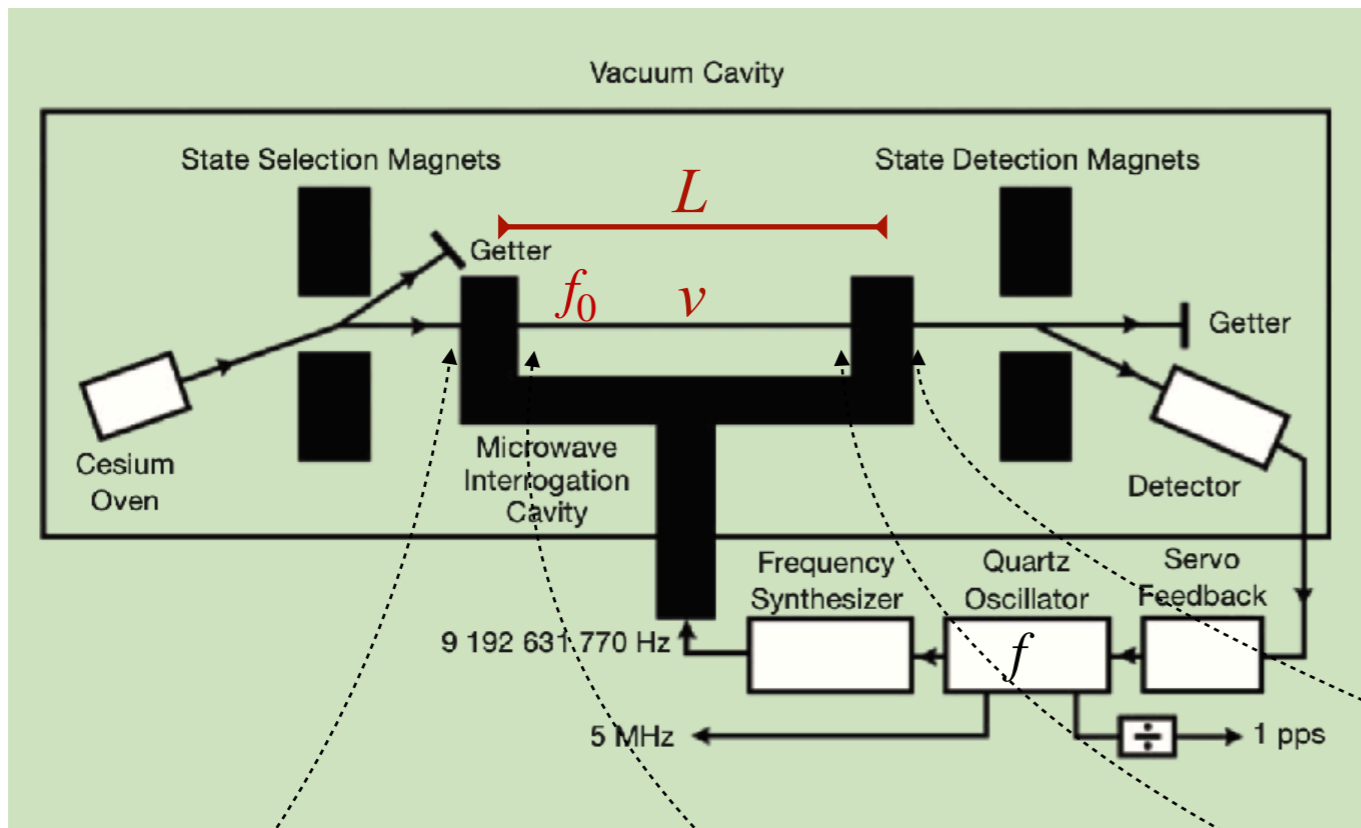
$$\langle \sigma_x \rangle = \sin \theta \cos \varphi$$

$$\langle \sigma_y \rangle = \sin \theta \sin \varphi$$

$$\langle \sigma_z \rangle = \cos \theta$$

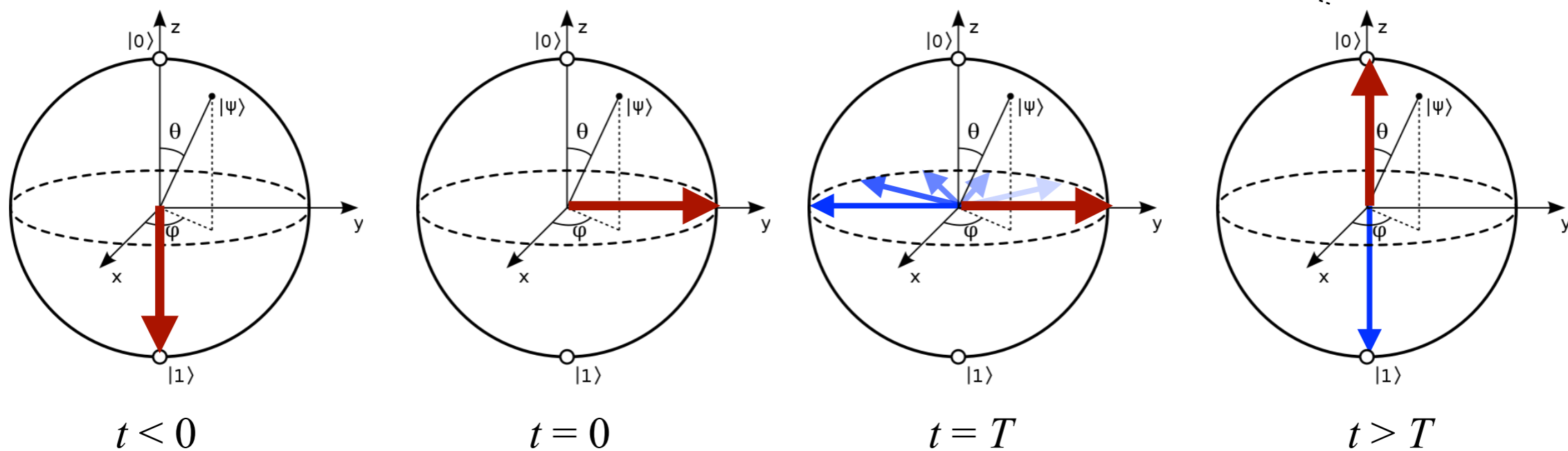


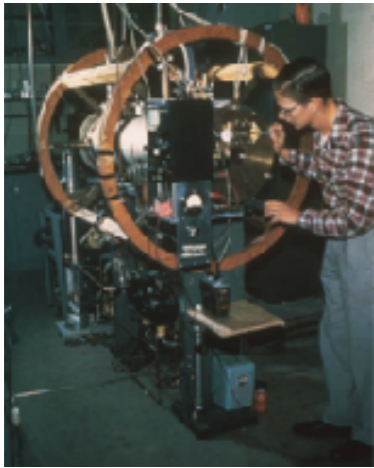




$$P_0(T, \Delta) = \cos^2\left(\frac{\Delta T}{2}\right) = \cos^2\left(\frac{\Delta L}{2v}\right)$$

$$\Delta = 2\pi(f - f_0)$$





55 cm
300 Hz

NBS-1, 1959 1×10^{-11}

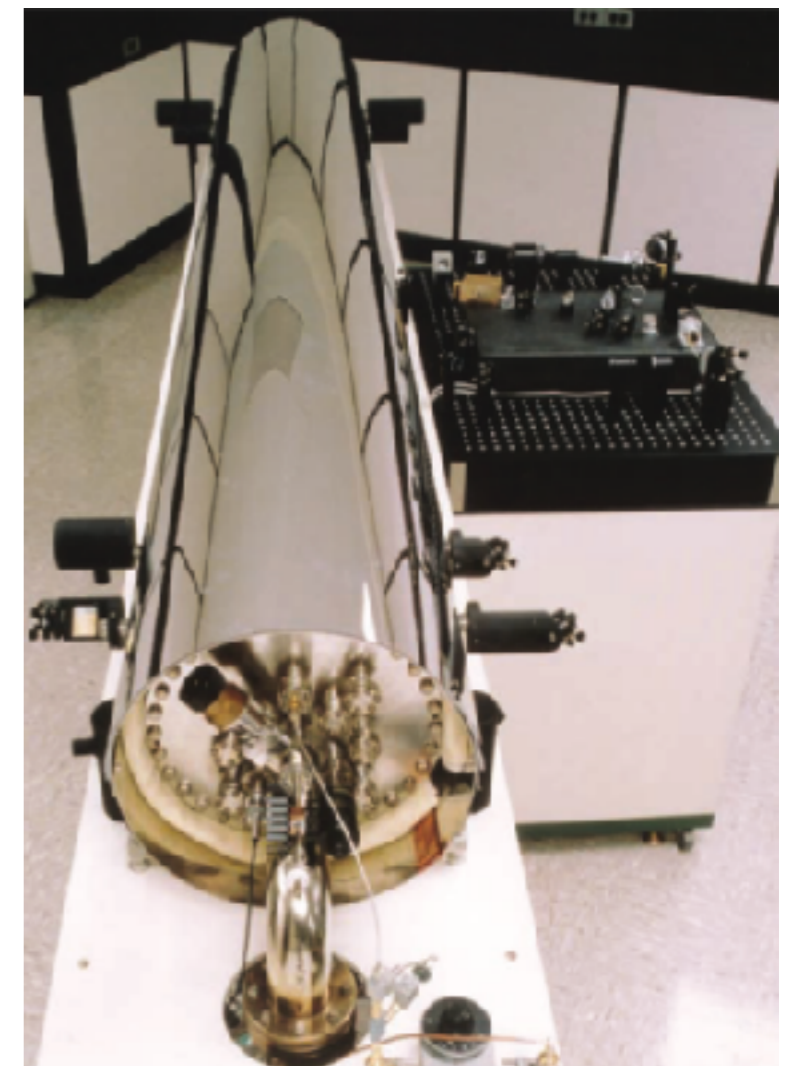
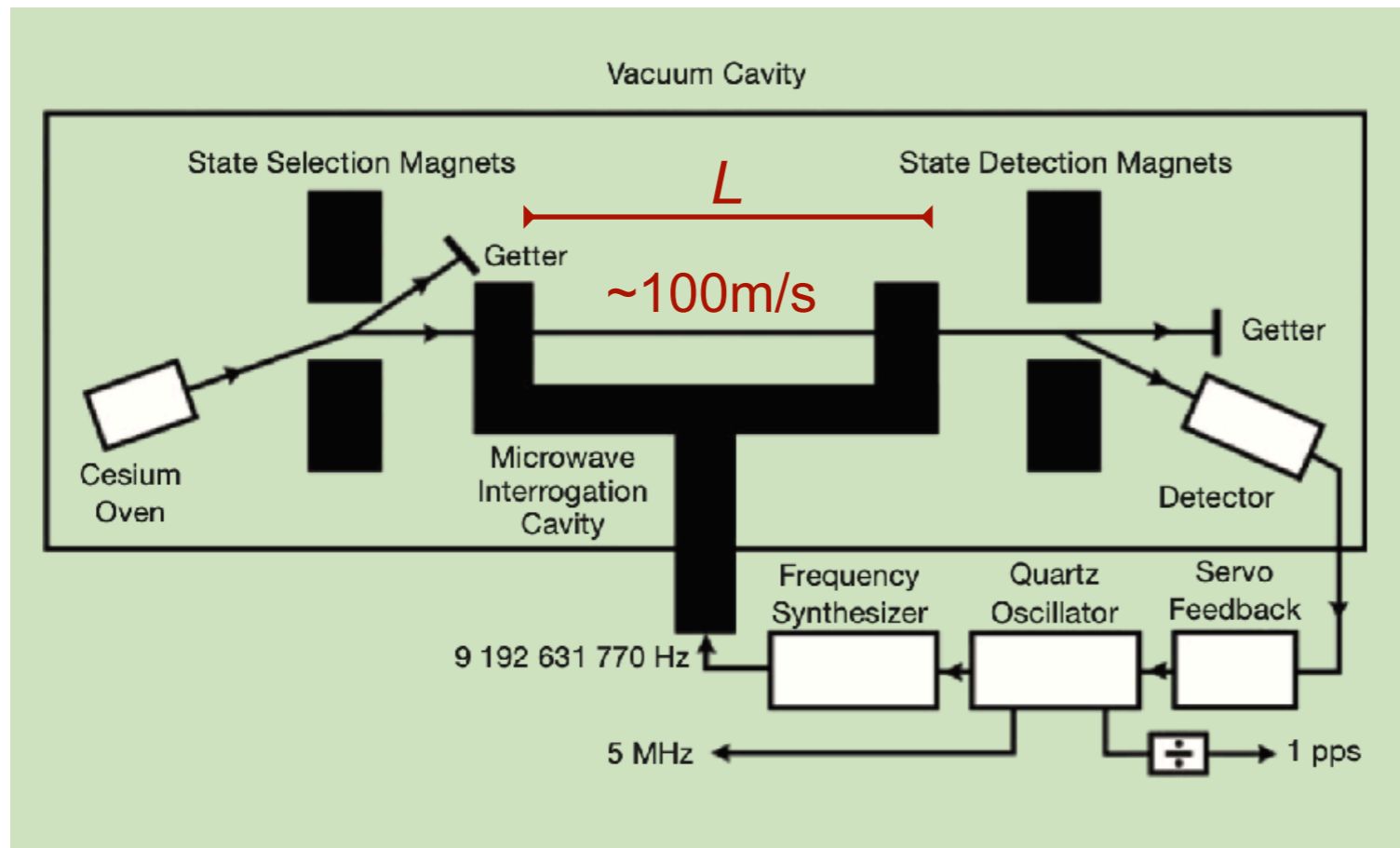


374 cm
26 Hz

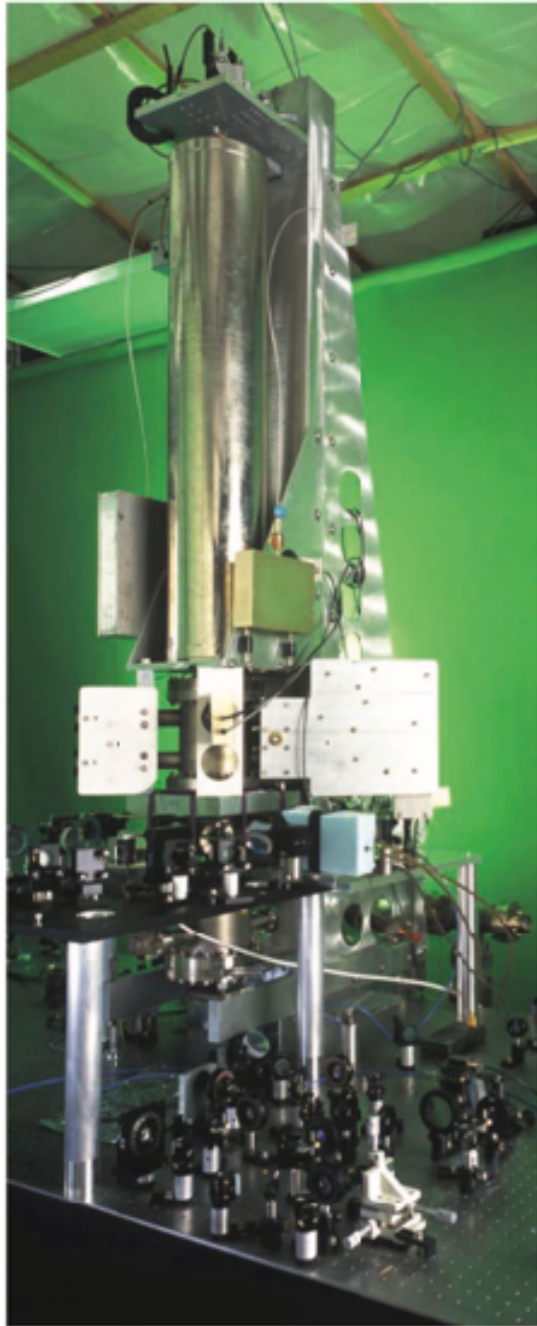
NBS-6, 1975 8×10^{-14}

NIST-7, 1993

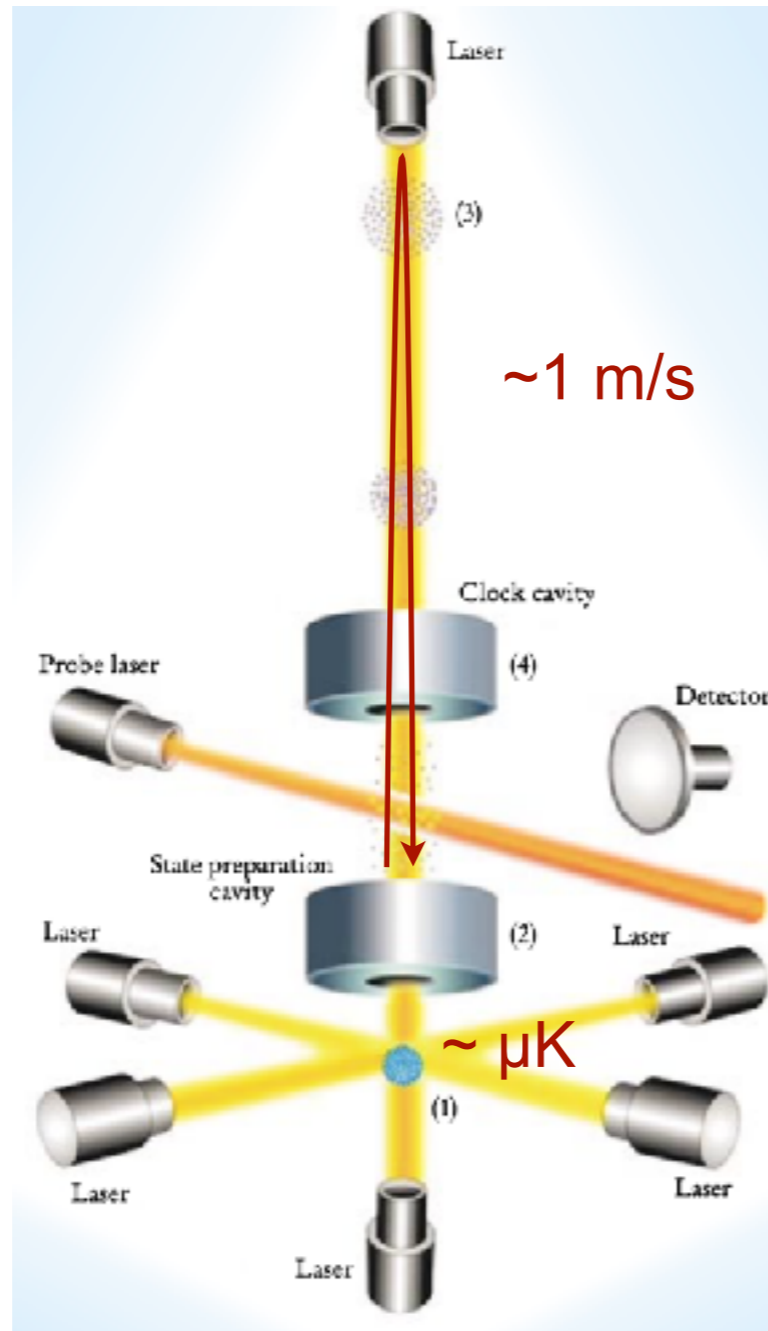
5×10^{-15}



155 cm, 62 Hz



NIST-F1



Cs fountain clock 4×10^{-16}

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1997



Steven Chu



Claude Cohen-Tannoudji

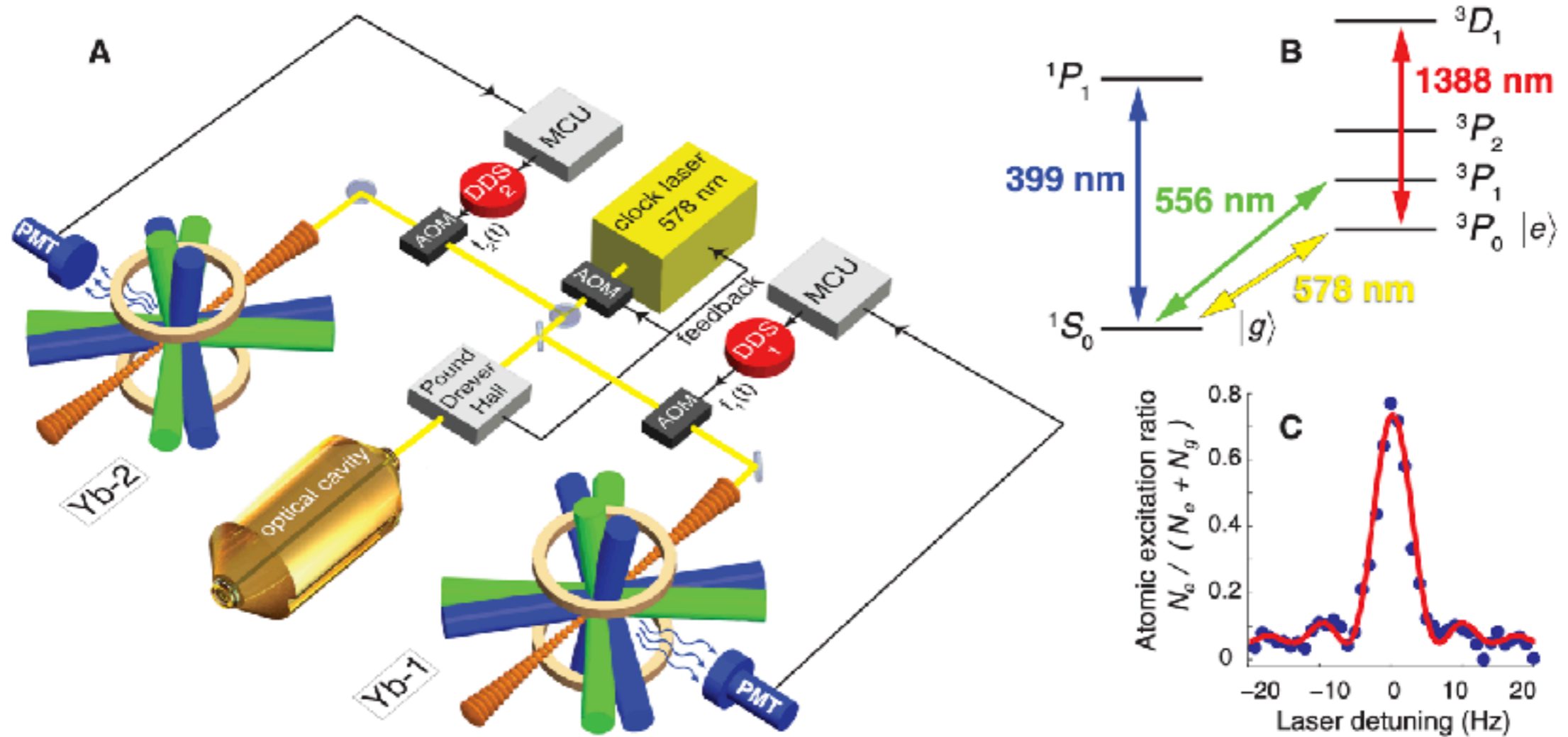


William D. Phillips

"for development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light."

cold atom era !

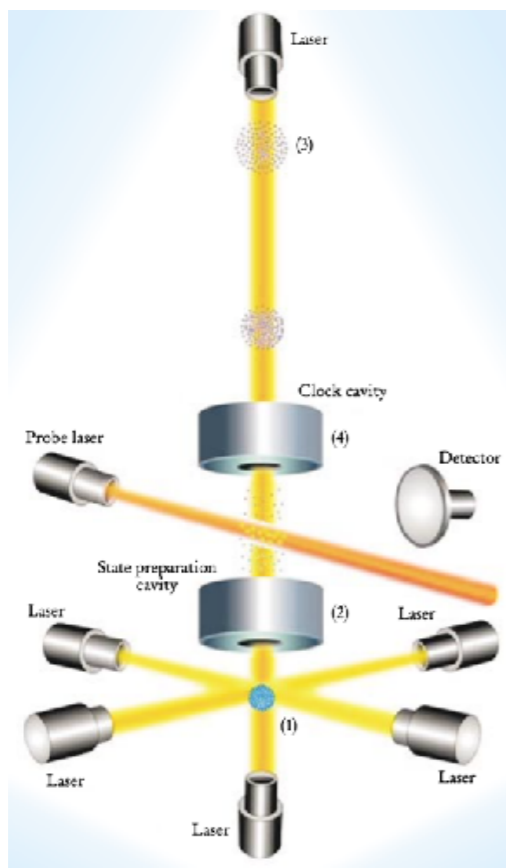
Optical Clock



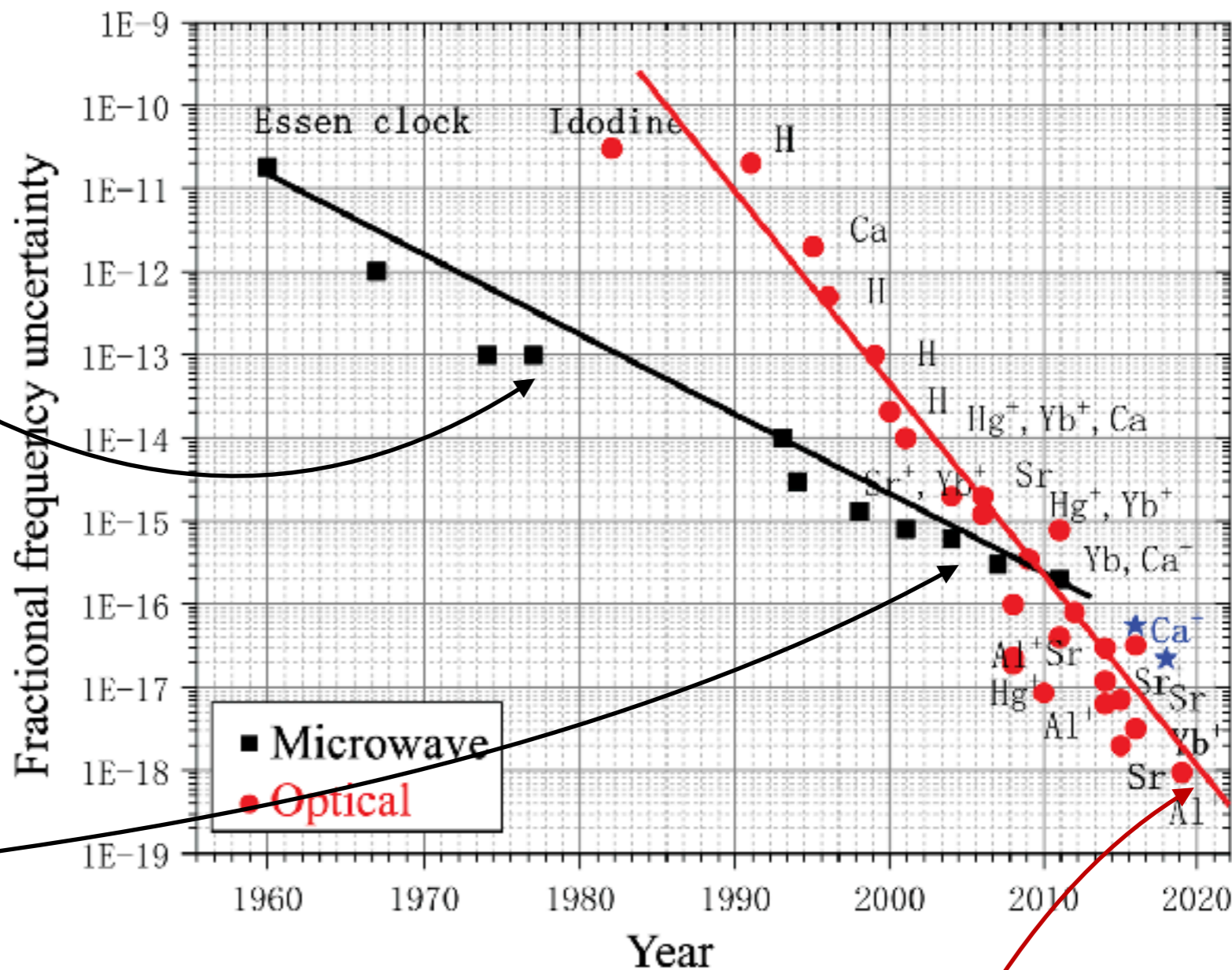
clock transition frequency ~ 500 THz



Cs atomic clock built for the first GPS satellites (late 1970s)



Cs fountain clock



from microwave clock to **optical clock**

the era of 10^{-18}

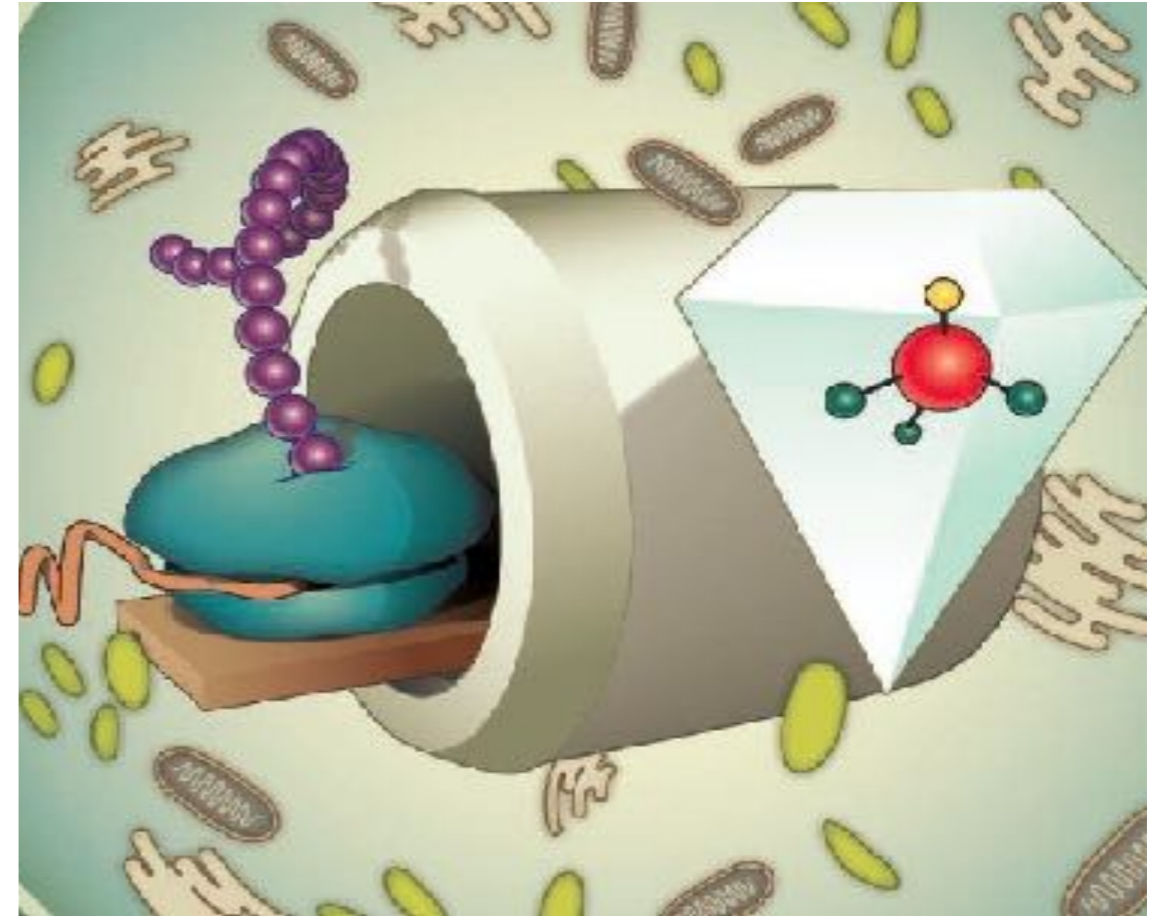
New Features of Quantum Sensing

(1) Spatial Resolution



Sensing

Toward Molecular-Scale MRI

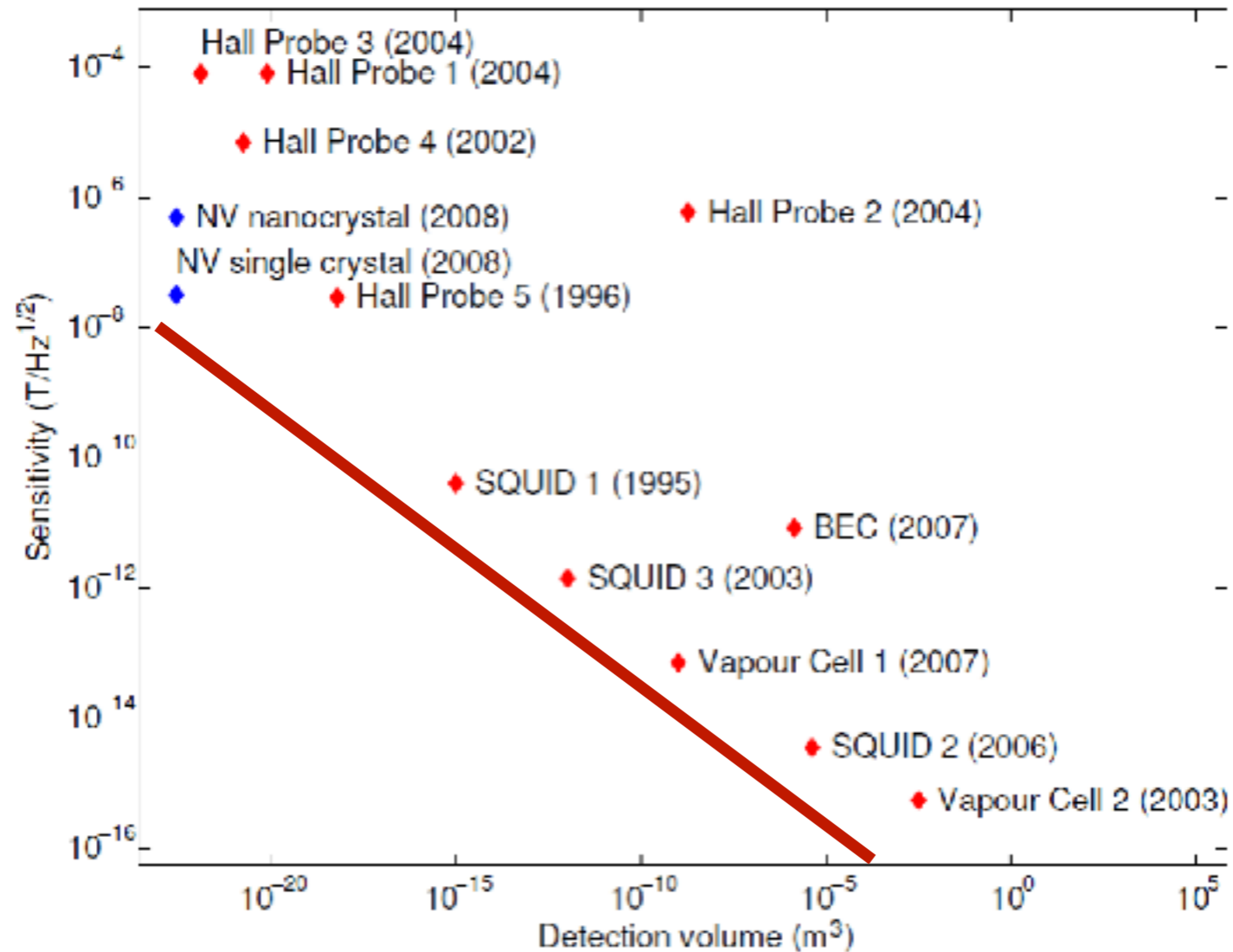


“molecular diagnosis” from *Science* 2013

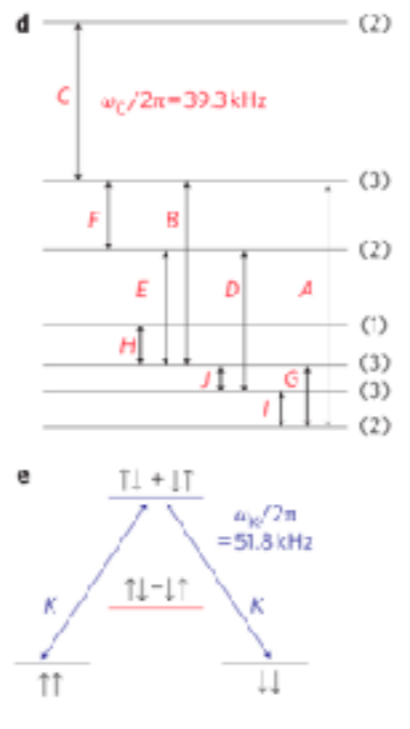
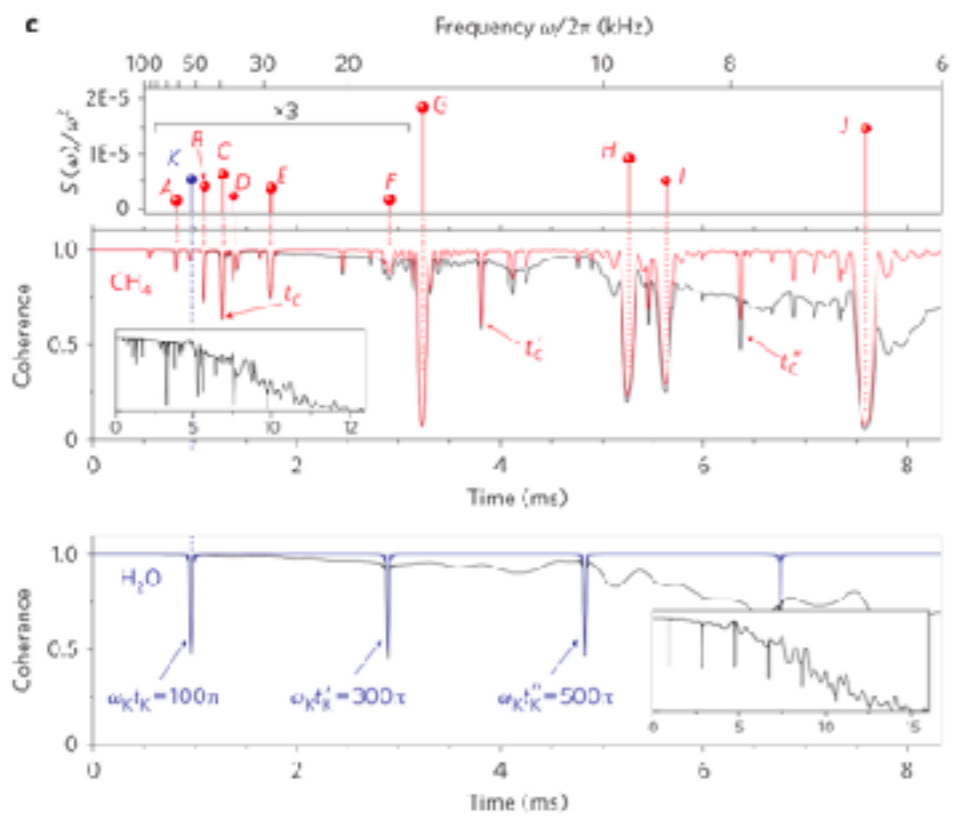
Sensing single nuclear spins

Sensing

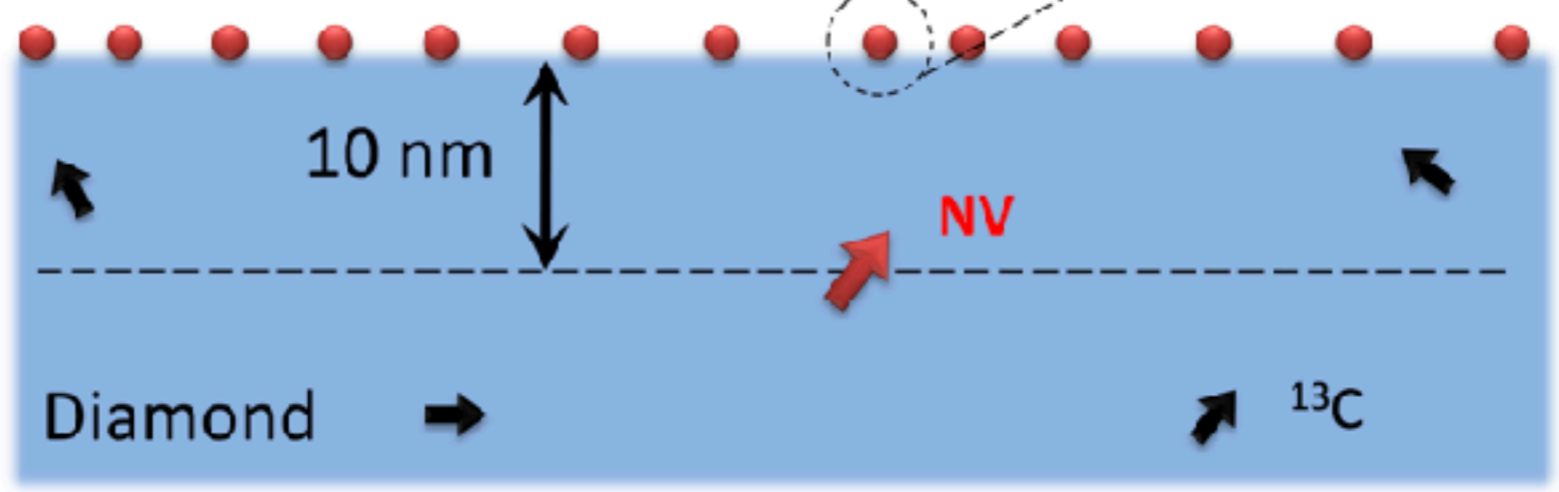
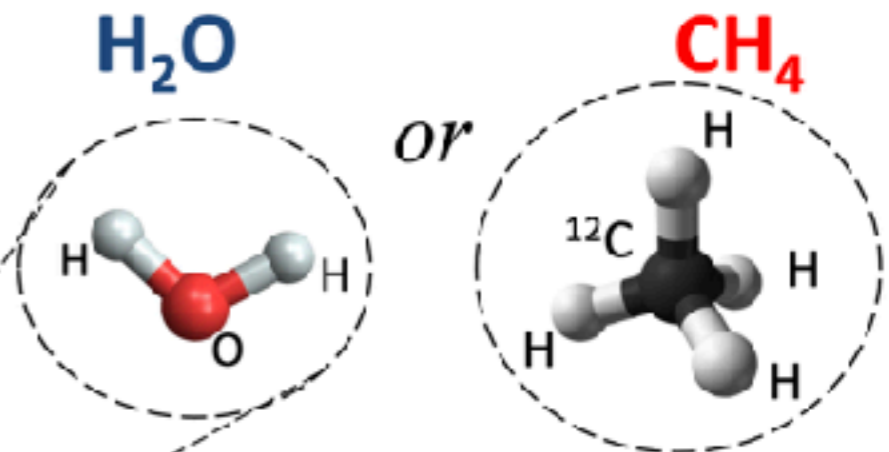
Resolution vs. Sensitivity



J. R. Maze, et. al. *Nature* (2008)

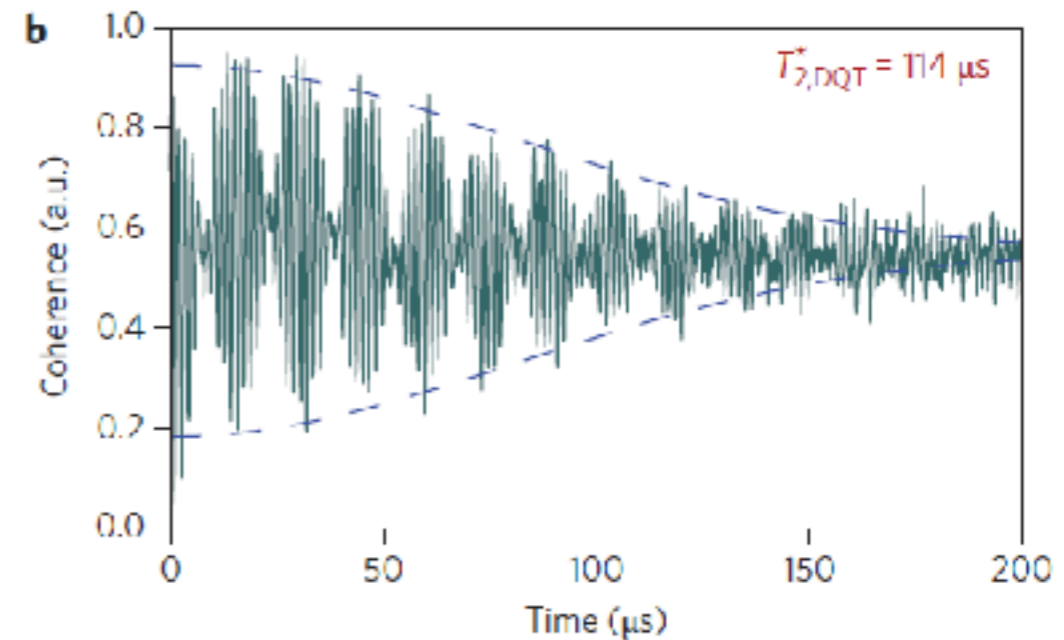
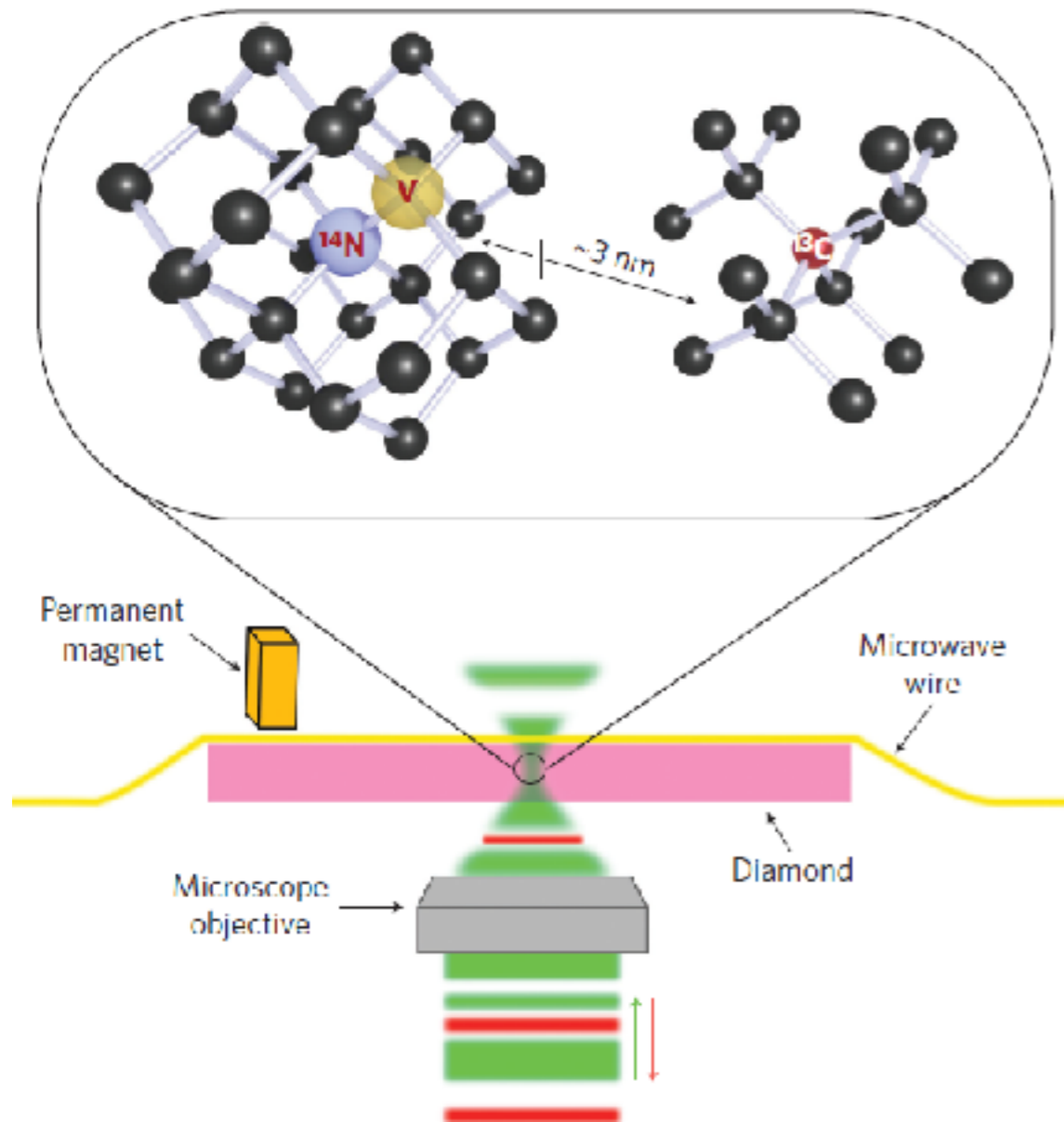


Small Molecules
(5 molecules on top of NV are enough)



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Diamond sample



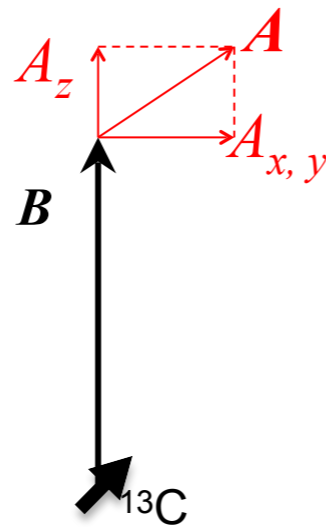
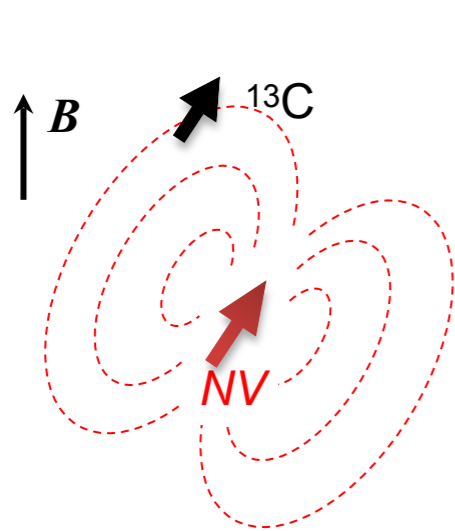
Isotope purified diamond sample:

- $^{12}\text{C} > 99.99\%$, 100 times purer than natural abundance
- Typical FID T_2^* time $\sim 200 \mu\text{s}$
- Typical nearest ^{13}C -NV distance: $\sim 3 \text{ nm}$
- Hyperfine coupling strength $\sim \text{kHz}$

Sensing

Microscopic Model

$$H = \Delta S_z^2 - \gamma_e B S_z + S_z \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{I} - \gamma_C B I_z$$



Conditional Hamiltonian of ^{13}C

$$H_{\text{C13}}(m_S = 0) = -\gamma_C B I_z$$
$$H_{\text{C13}}(m_S = \pm 1) = -\gamma_C B I_z \pm \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{I}$$

Effective Larmor frequency for given m_S

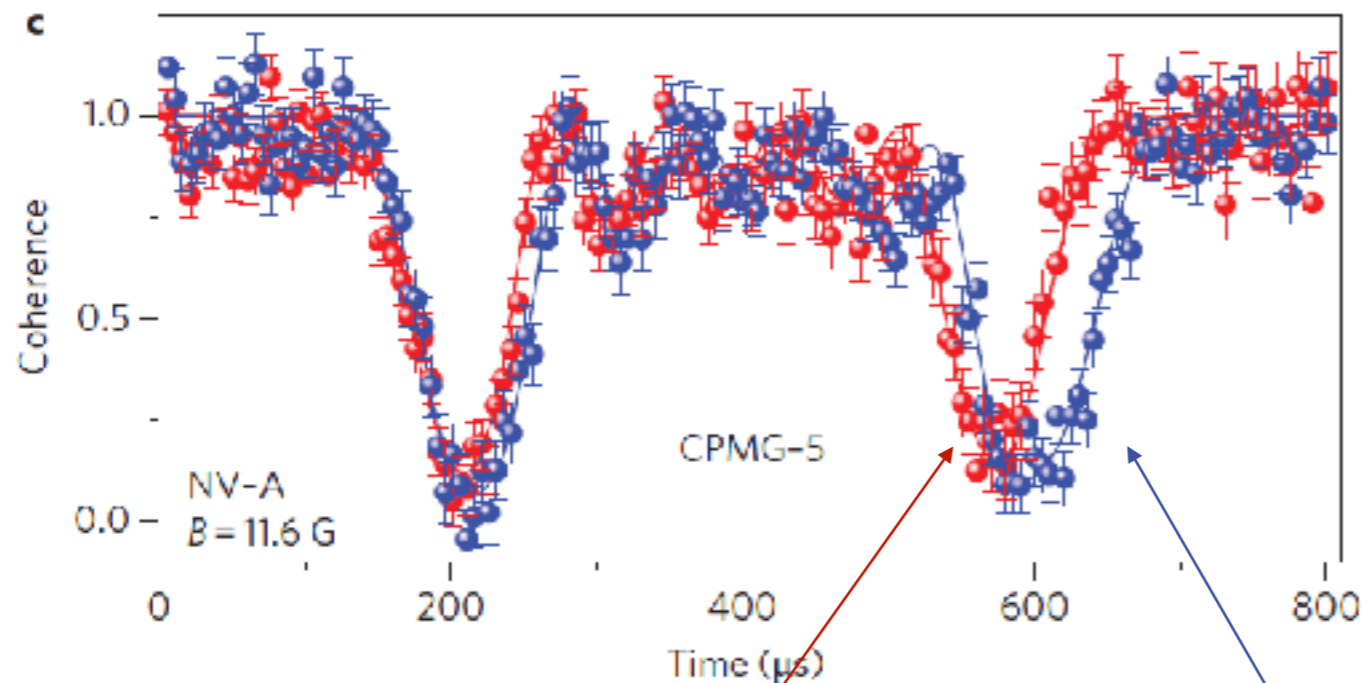
$$2\pi f_{\text{Larmor}}(m_S) = -\gamma_C B + m_S \cdot A_z$$

$$\text{for } |\gamma_C B| \gg |\mathbf{A}|$$

Sensing

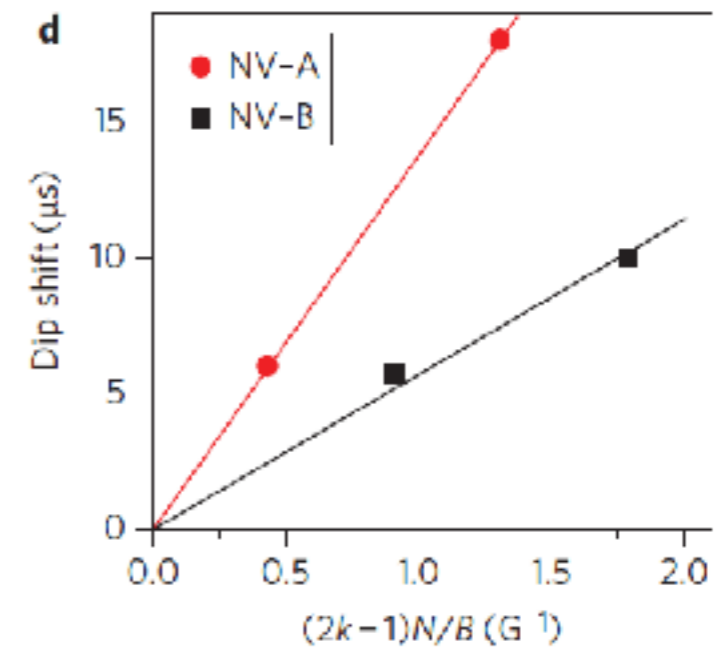
Effective Larmor frequency for given transition

$$2\pi f_{\text{Larmor}}(0 \leftrightarrow m_S) = -\gamma_C B + m_S \cdot A_z/2$$



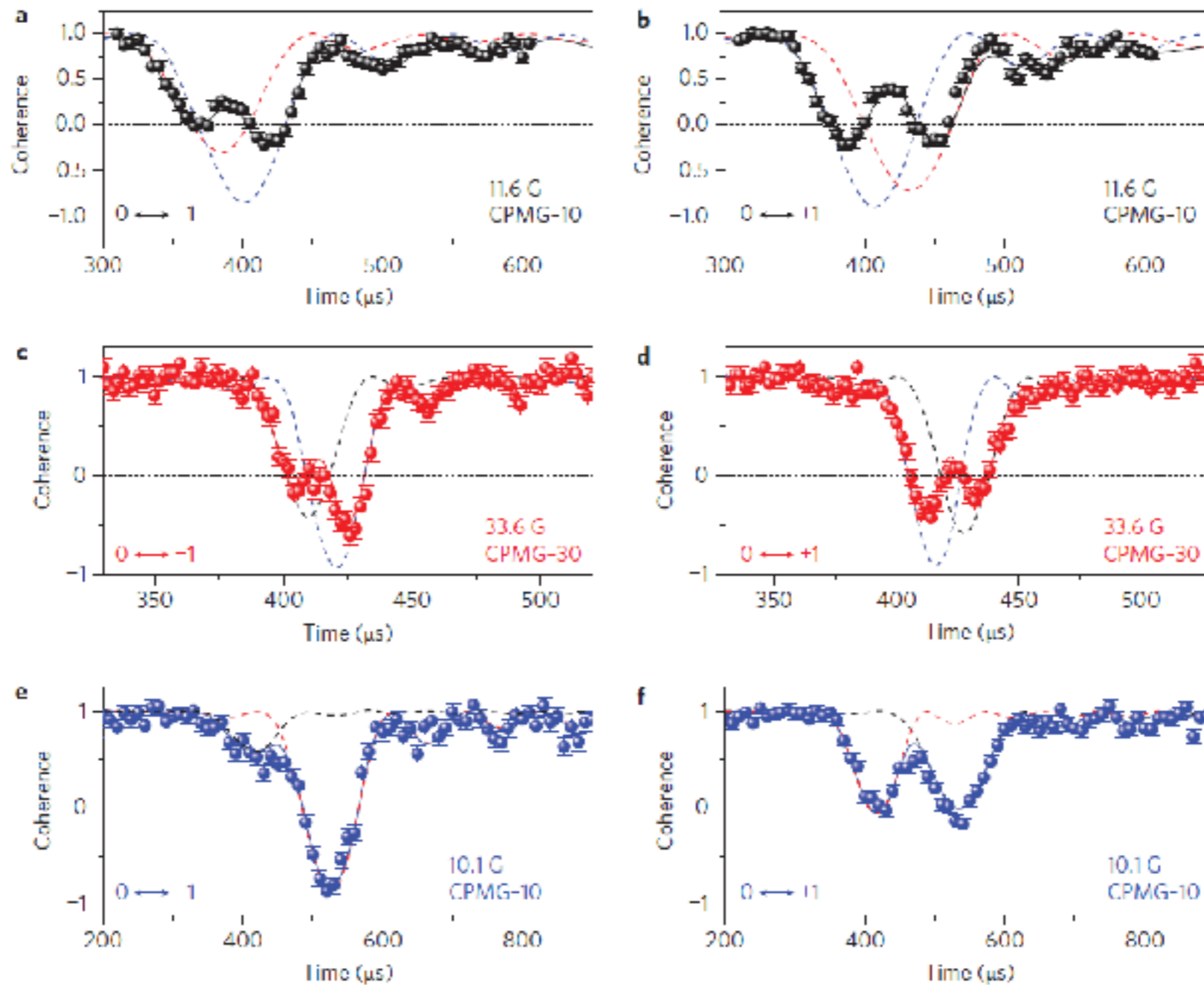
0 \leftrightarrow +1

0 \leftrightarrow -1



Sensing

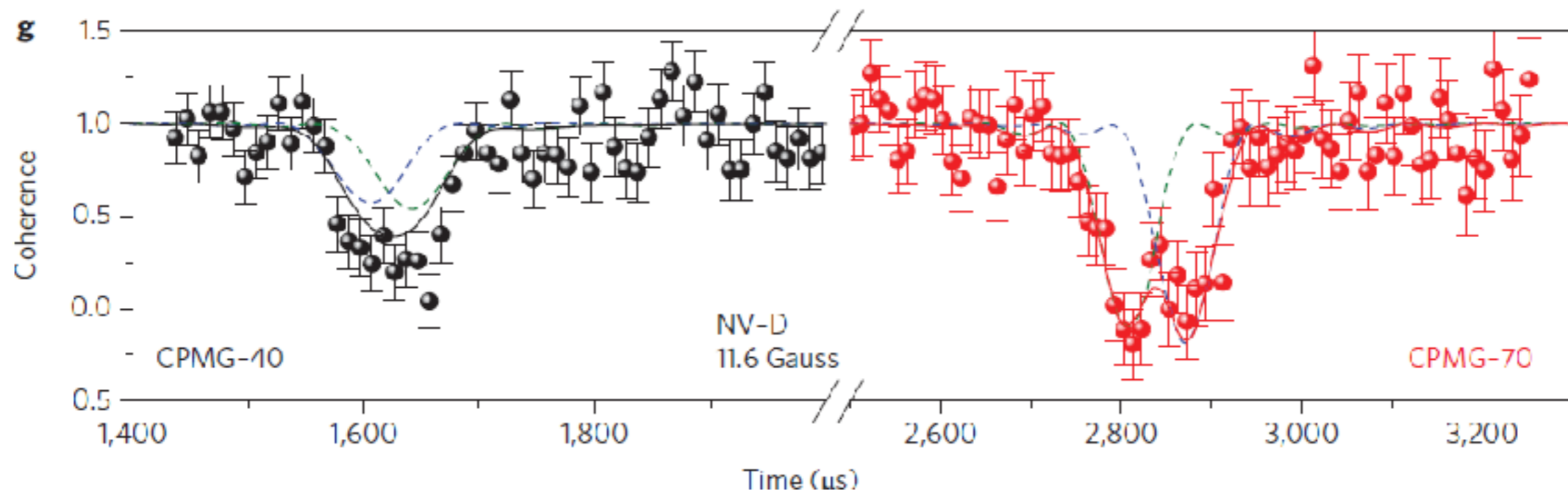
More than one ^{13}C nuclear spins



Positions of each ^{13}C nuclear spins could be identified through the B fields dependence

Sensing

Proof-of-Principle measurement for single nuclear spin NMR



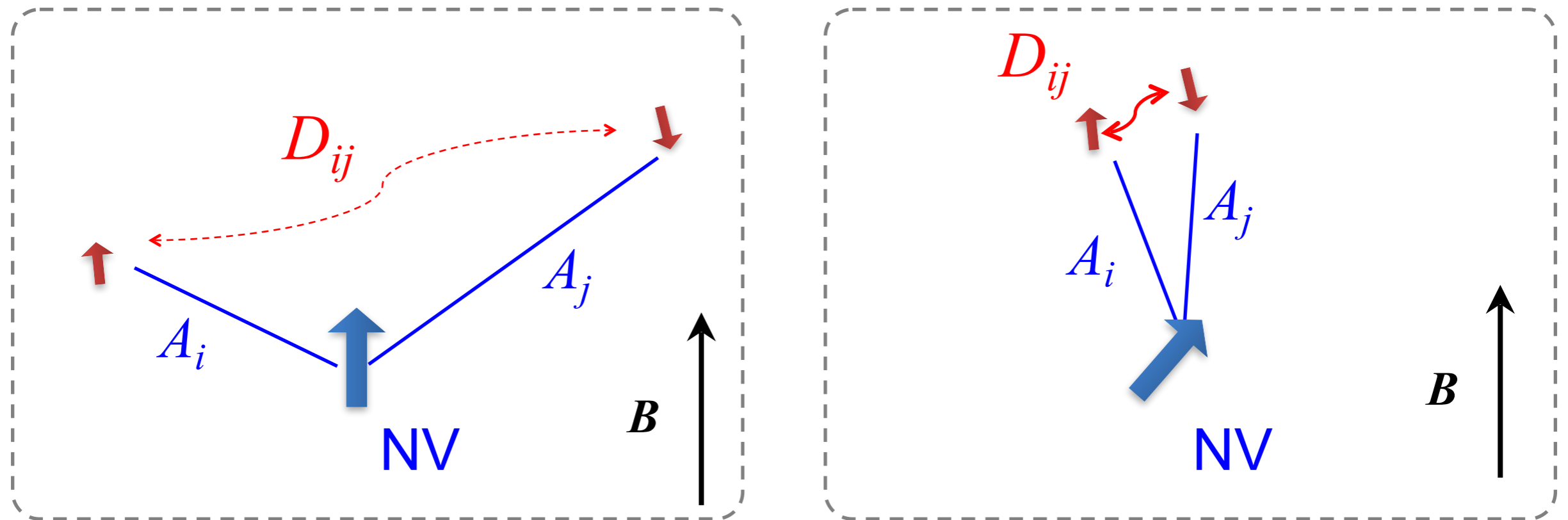
long coherence time $T_2 \sim 3$ ms

measured hyperfine coupling ~ 300 Hz

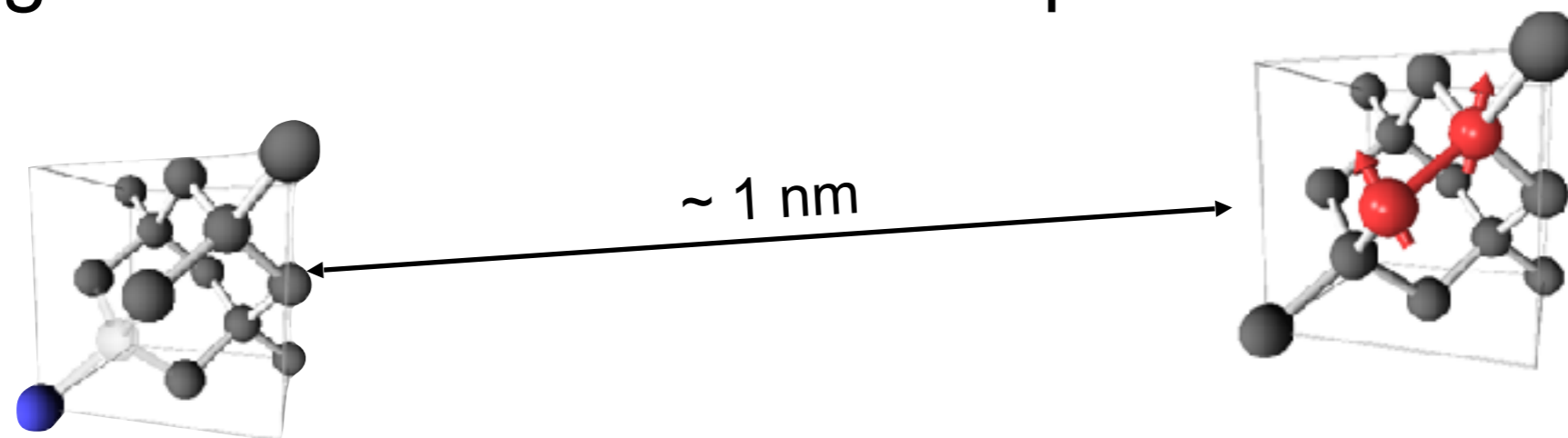
distance: ~ 3 nm from NV center

Sensing

From non-interacting nuclear spins to interacting clusters



Unraveling interaction within nuclear spin clusters in diamond



Theory: Zhao, N., et. al, *Nat. Nanotech.* **6**, 242 (2011)
Experiment: Shi, F.Z., et. al, *Nat. Phys.* **10**, 21 (2014)

Sensing

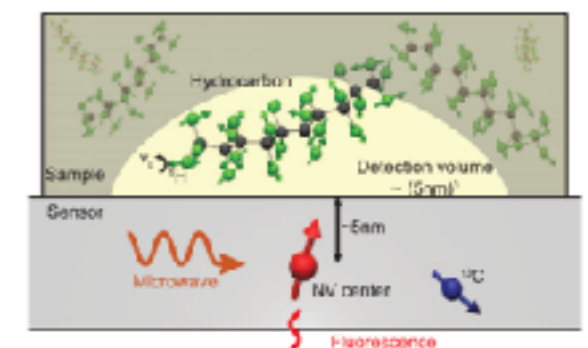
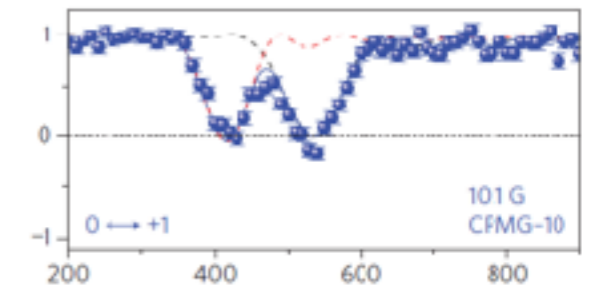
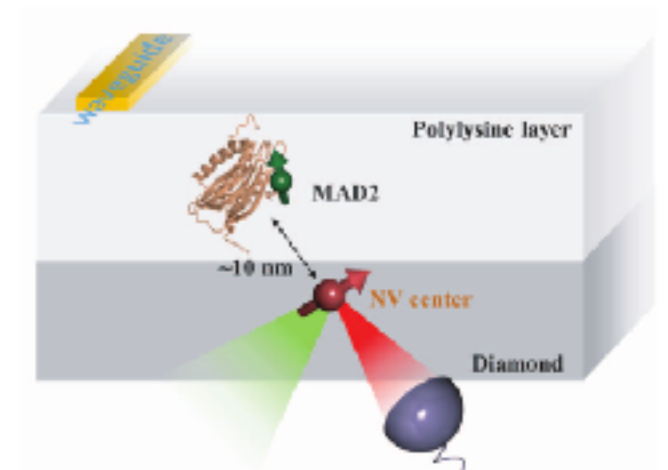
Nano-scale NMR/ESR/MRI with NV

sensing electron spins

1. Grinolds, M. S., et. al, *Nat. Phys.* **9**, 215 (2013) [Harvard]
2. Sushkov, O., et. al, *Nano Lett.* **14**, 6443 (2014) [Harvard]
3. Shi, F.Z., et. al, *Science* **347**, 1135 (2015) [USTC]

sensing nuclear spins

4. Zhao, N., et. al, *Nat. Nanotech.* **7**, 657 (2012) [Stuttgart]
5. Kolkowitz, S., et. al, *PRL* **109**, 137601 (2012) [Harvard]
6. Taminiau, T. H., et. al, *PRL* **109**, 137602 (2012) [Delft]
7. Staudacher, T., et. al, *Science* **339**, 561 (2013) [Stuttgart]
8. Müller, C., et. al, *Nat. Comm.* **5**, 4703 (2014) [Ulm]
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The Next Breakthrough

single-proton & single-molecule outside diamond

New Features of Quantum Sensing

(2) System Miniature

Navigation Methods



compass



sextant



radio



radar



satellite (GPS)

Observation of the Outside World !

Inertial Navigation System

An **inertial navigation system (INS)** is a navigation aid that uses a computer, motion sensors (**accelerometers**) and rotation sensors (**gyroscopes**) to continuously calculate via dead reckoning the position, orientation, and velocity (direction and speed of movement) of a moving object **without the need for external references.**

Inertial Navigation System

gyroscope: an example



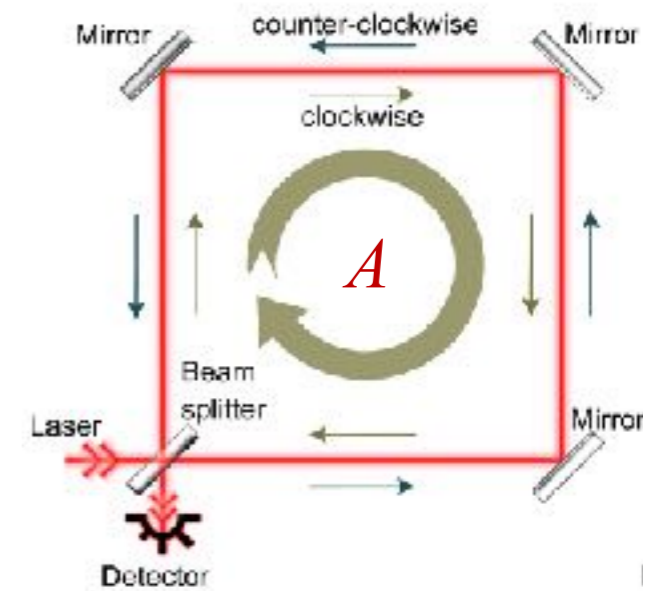
Classical Gyroscope

级别	陀螺种类	惯导方式	角度随机游走 $^{\circ}/\sqrt{h}$	漂移($^{\circ}/h$)	尺寸	价格	主要技术瓶颈	主要应用场景
战略级	静电陀螺	平台	—	$10^{-4} \sim 10^{-6}$	大	高	悬浮球加工工艺和稳定性要求高,控制系统复杂	核潜艇
	液浮陀螺 三浮陀螺	平台	—	$10^{-3} \sim 10^{-5}$	大	高	结构偏心,转轴摩擦	潜艇,舰船,远程火箭
战术级	挠性陀螺 动力调谐陀螺	可平台 也可捷联	—	$10^{-2} \sim 10^{-3}$	较小	较低	调谐参数的精确设定,结构热和应力稳定性	飞机,火箭,导弹
	激光陀螺	捷联	$10^{-3} \sim 10^{-4}$	10^{-2} (无温控时 $>10^{-2}$) $\sim 10^{-4}$ (有温控时可用于核潜艇)	中等	中	闭锁效应,光的散粒噪声	飞机,火箭,导弹,卫星
	光纤陀螺	捷联	$10^{-1} \sim 10^{-4}$	$10^{-3} \sim 10^{-4}$	中等	中	光源频率稳定性,光纤热稳定性	飞机,火箭,导弹,卫星
消费级	振动陀螺 MEMS陀螺	捷联	$10^0 \sim 10^{-2}$	10^1 (国内) $\sim 10^{-1}$ (国外)	小	较低	加工相对精度,等效热噪声	常规弹药制导化,消费电子产品

Ring Laser Gyroscope



Sagnac effect

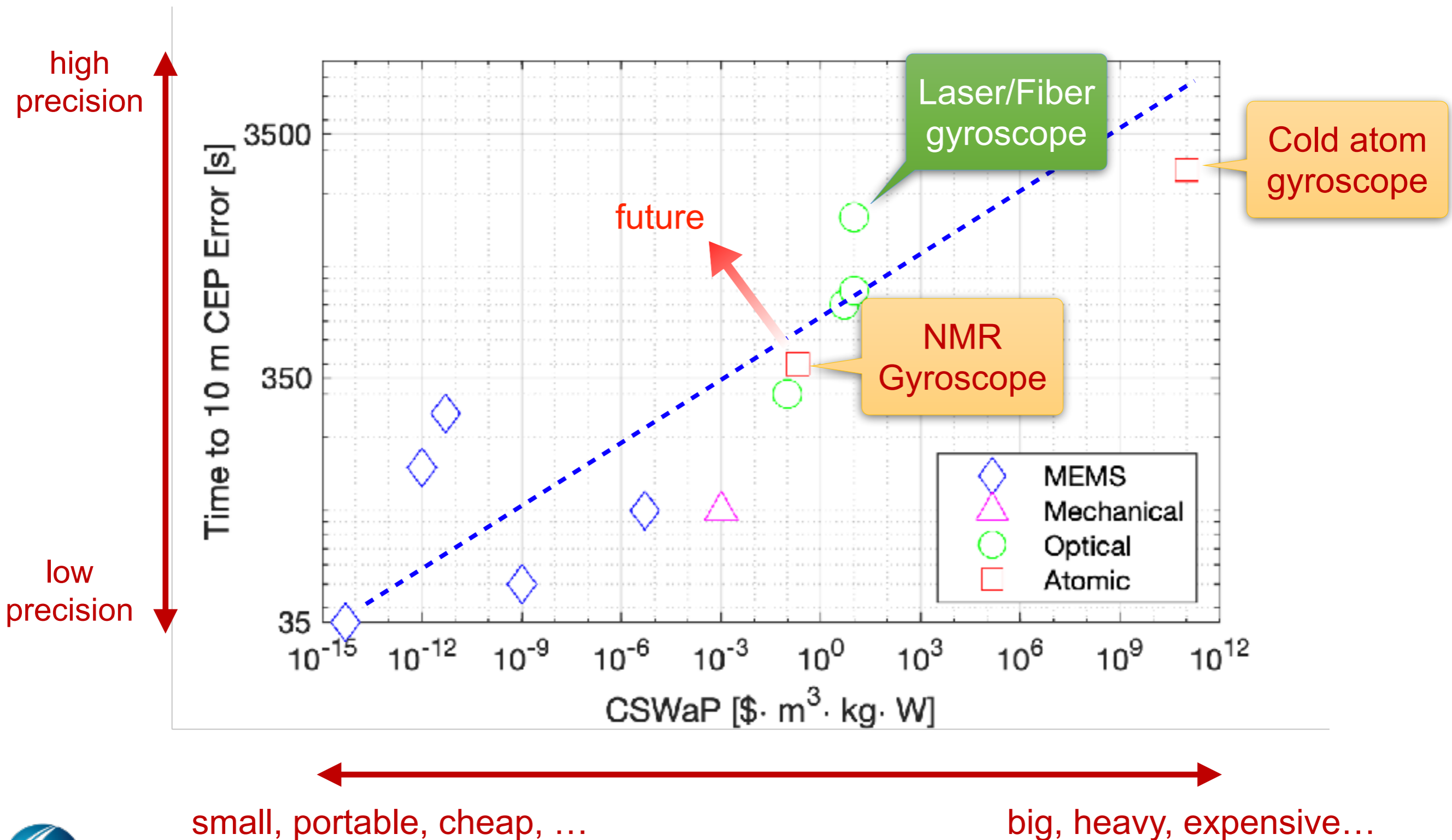


$$\Delta\phi = \frac{8\pi A}{\lambda c} \omega$$

size: $\sim 1000 \text{ cm}^3$

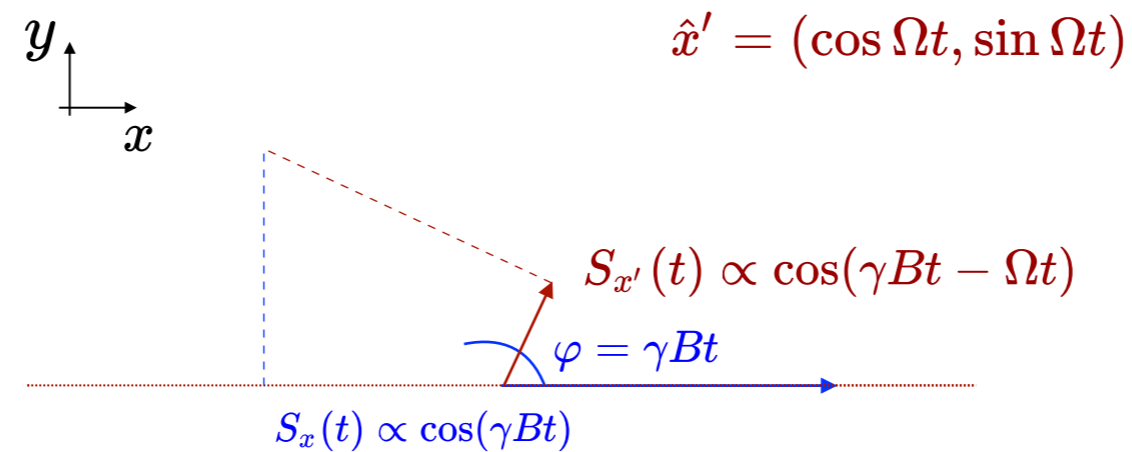
weight: $\sim \text{kg}$

Gyroscope Performance



Quantum Gyroscope: Spin-Based Systems

Spin precession in static and rotating frame



in a rotating frame with angular velocity Ω

$$\gamma B t - \Omega t \equiv \gamma B_{\text{meas}} t$$

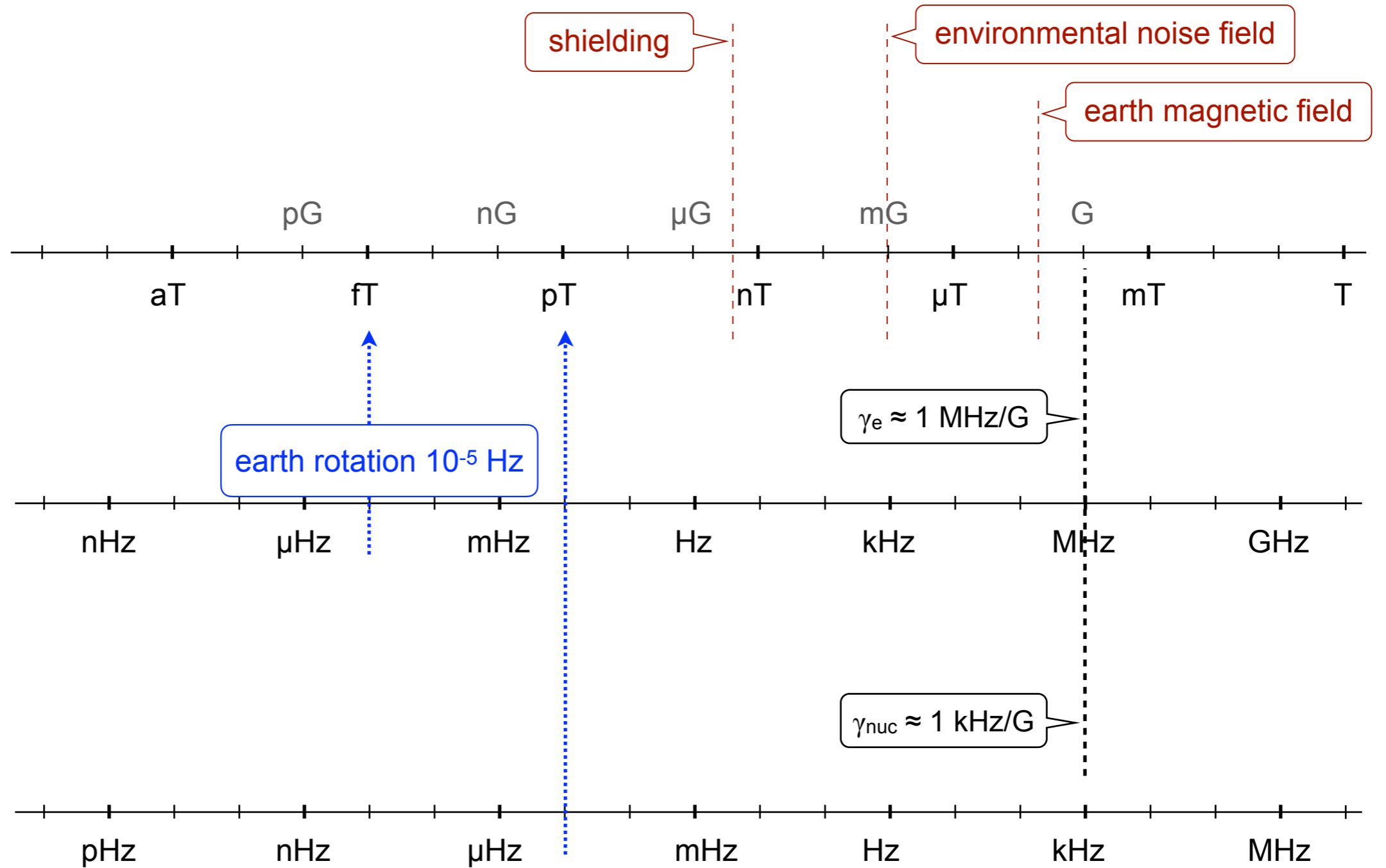
Gyroscope = Magnetometer

$$B_{\text{gyro}} = B - B_{\text{meas}} = \Omega / \gamma$$

magnetic field

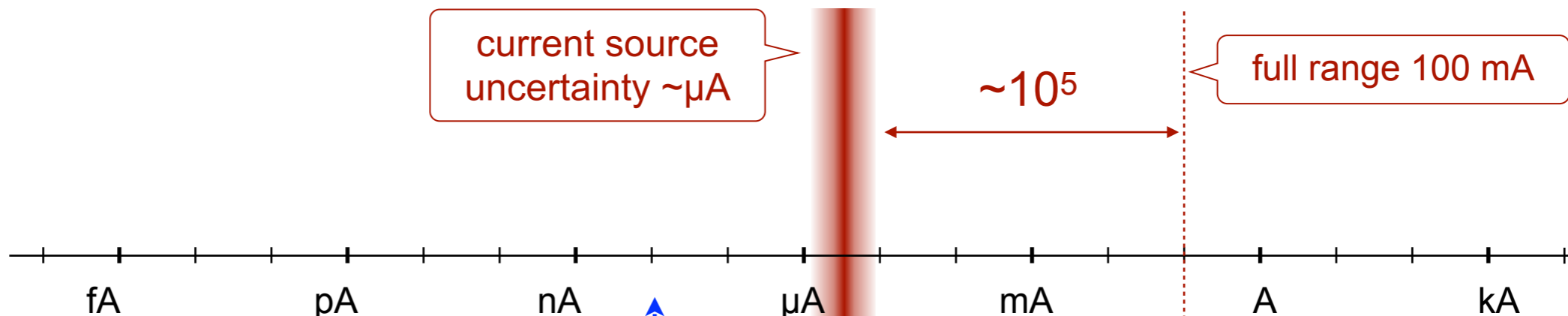
electron spin precession

nuclear spin precession

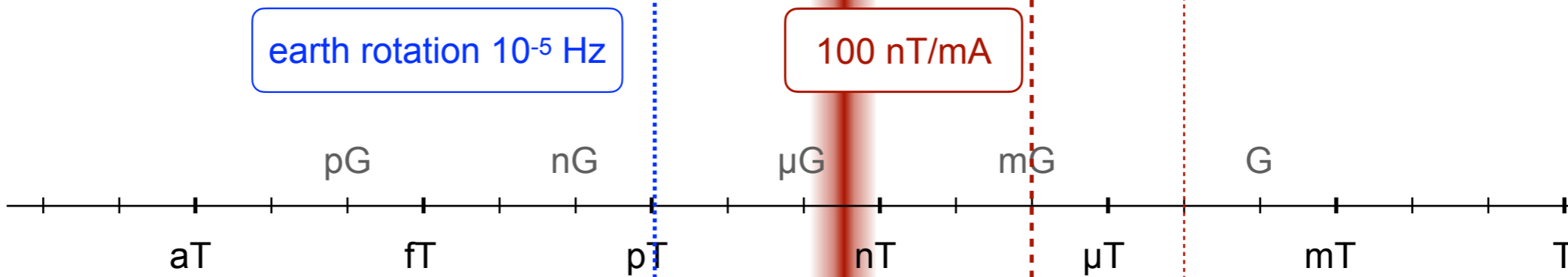


$$360^\circ / \text{day} = 15^\circ / \text{h} \approx 10^{-5} \text{ Hz}$$

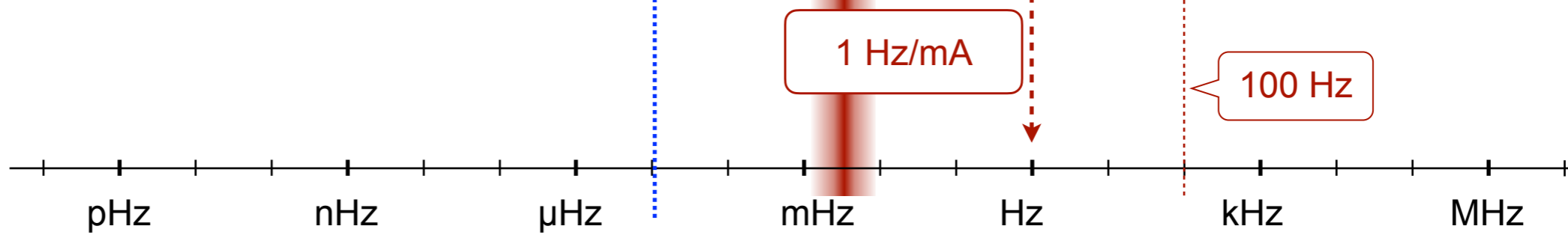
current



magnetic field



nuclear spin precession



$$\gamma B t - \Omega t \equiv \gamma B_{\text{meas}} t$$

Two Species: ^{129}Xe & ^{131}Xe

$$\gamma_{129} = -2\pi \times 11.86 \text{ mHz/nT}$$

$$\gamma_{131} = 2\pi \times 3.516 \text{ mHz/nT}$$

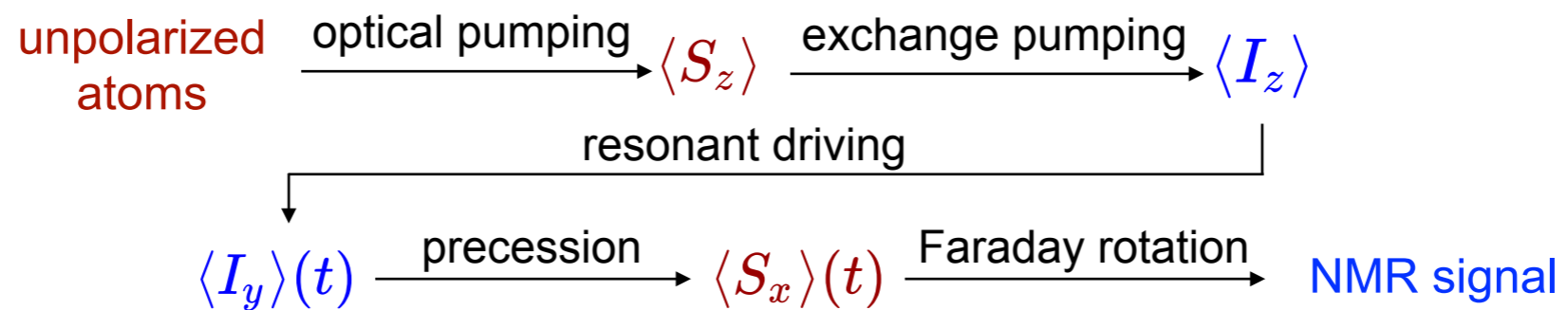
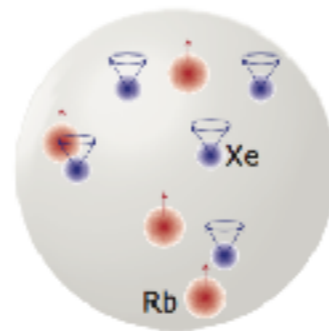
$$\Omega_{129} = \gamma_{129} B - \Omega$$

$$\Omega_{131} = \gamma_{131} B - \Omega$$

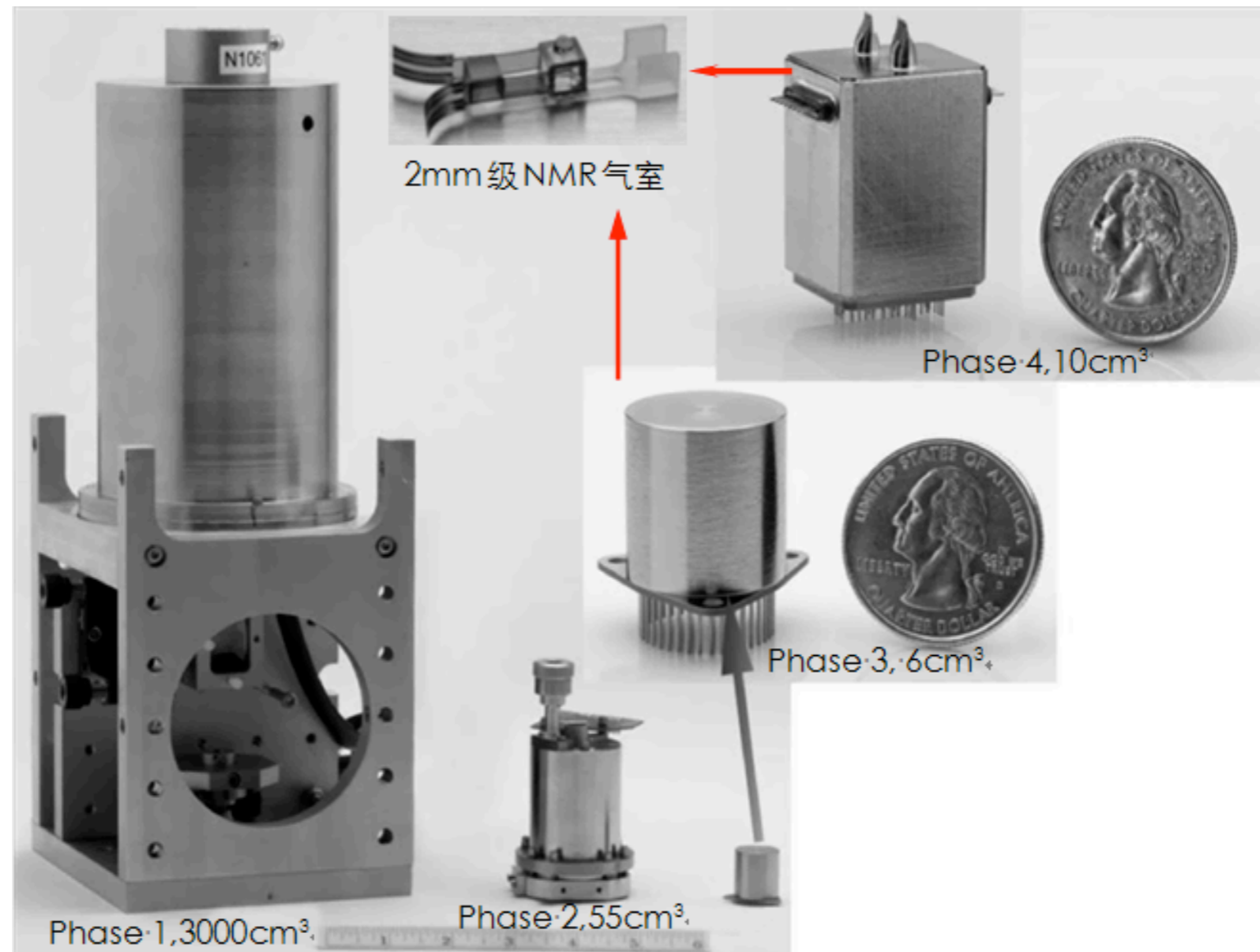
$$\Omega = \frac{\gamma_{129} \Omega_{131} - \gamma_{131} \Omega_{129}}{\gamma_{131} - \gamma_{129}}$$

magnetic fluctuations (due to current noise) can be eliminated.

NMR Measurement

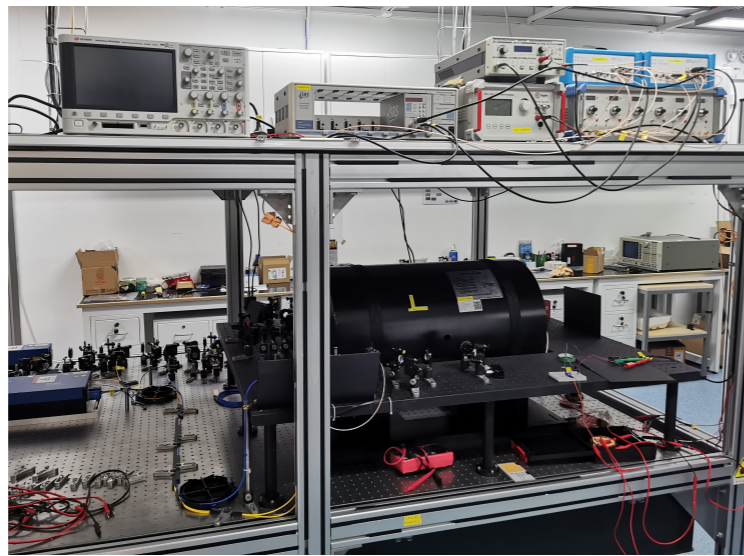


Micro-NMR Gyroscope by Northrop Grumman Corporation

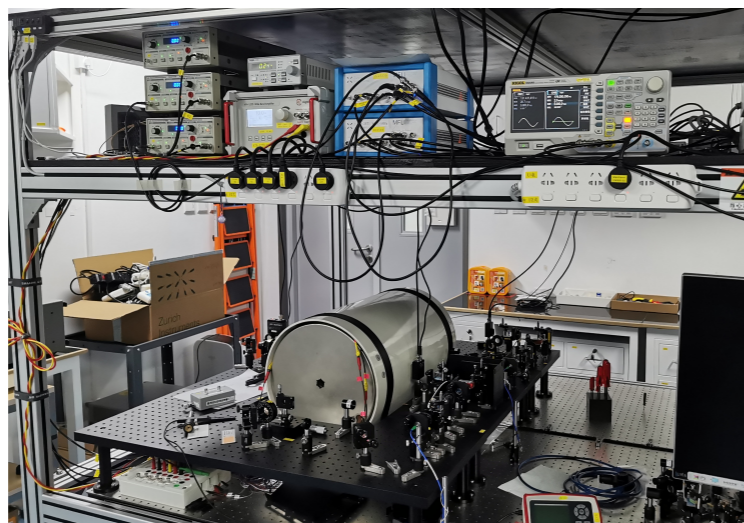


实物“产品”

物理平台

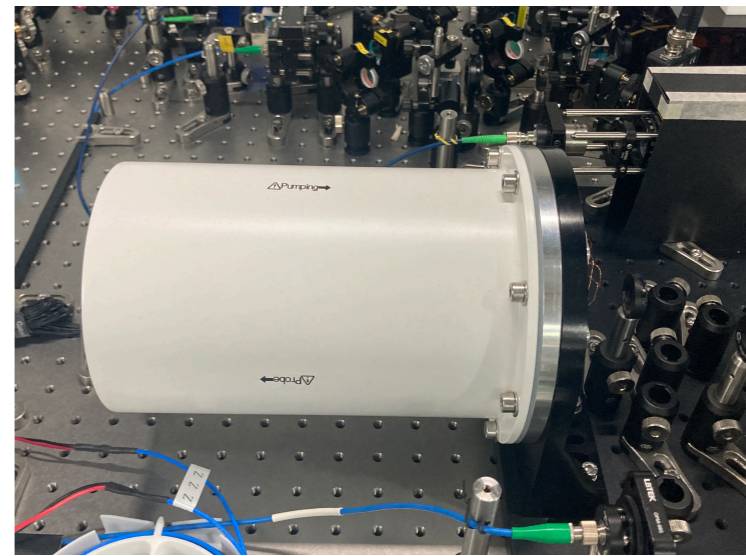


测试系统 #1

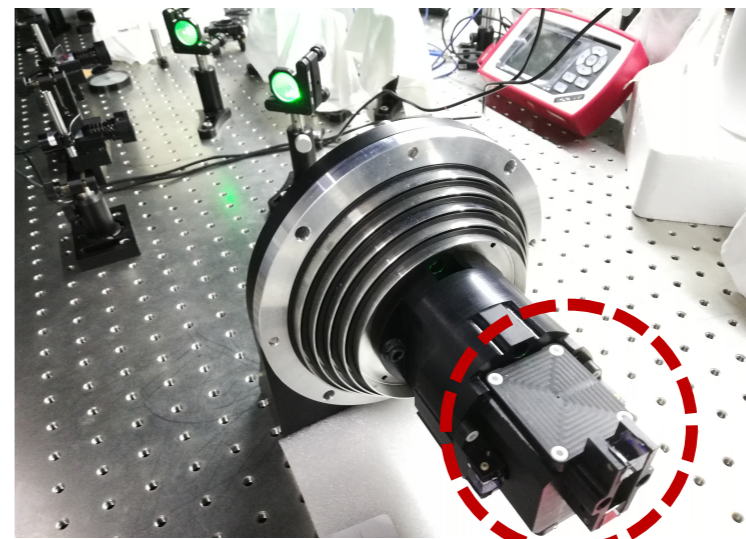


测试系统 #2

小型化样机*



3000cm³样机（外观）



3000cm³样机（内部）

* 设计加工：总体工程所

调试测试：计科中心

Quantum Sensing

1. What ?

2. Why ?

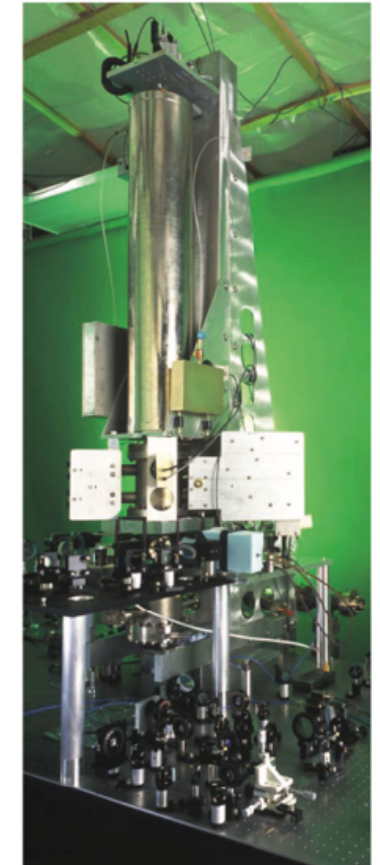
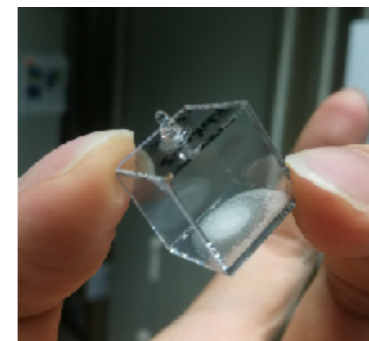
3. How ?

Quantum Sensor is a toolbox

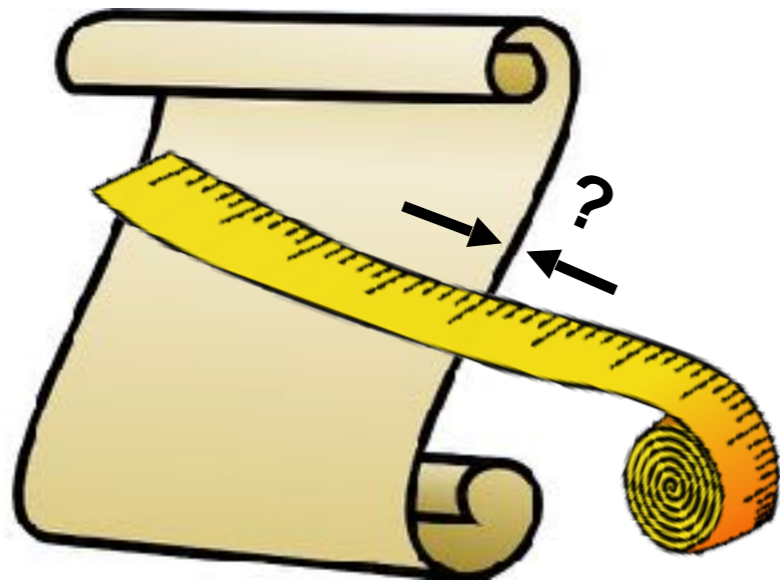


clock, magnetometer, gyroscope, interferometer, electric field sensor, gravitational wave sensor...

thermal atoms, cold atoms, atomic spins, solid-state defects, lasers, superconducting devices, ...



How to measure the thickness of a piece of paper?



what kind of **equipment** do you need?

what kind of “**resource**” do you need?



uncertainty:

> mm

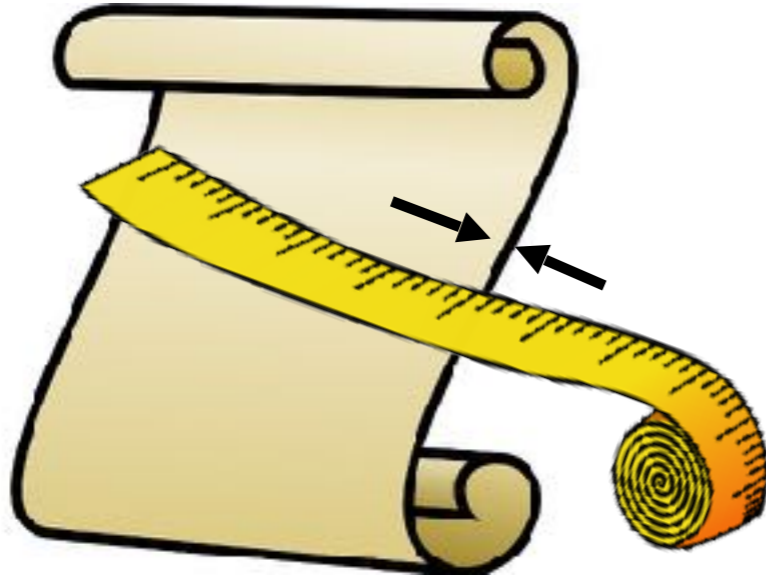
1~0.1 mm

~0.01 mm

~0.001 mm

How to measure...

thickness of a piece of paper ?



or
more clever



single meas.: $d \pm \Delta_d$

$D \pm \Delta_d$

multiple meas.: $\bar{d} \pm \Delta_d / \sqrt{N}$

$D/N \pm \Delta_d / N$

\sqrt{N} enhancement

- ruler uncertainty
 - signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)
- page vs. book
 - system coherence

Central Limit Theorem

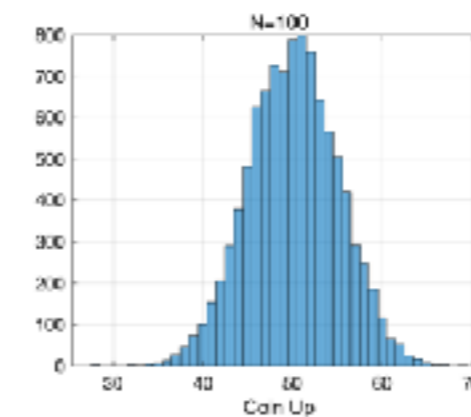
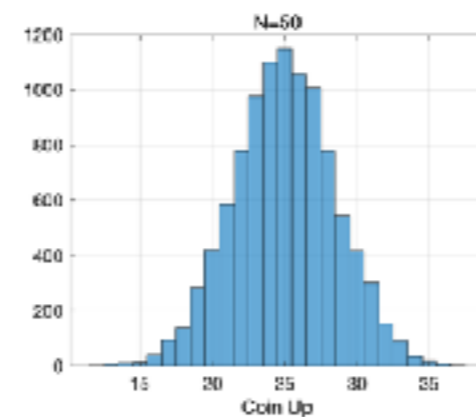
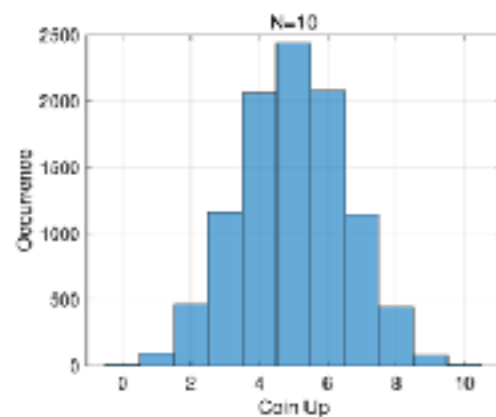
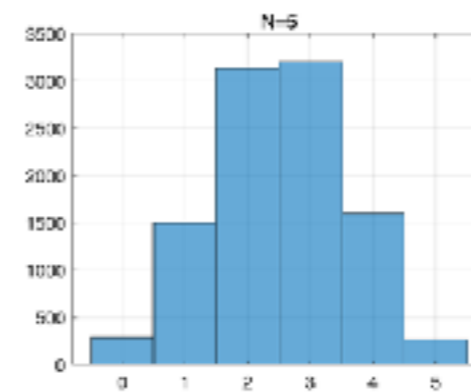
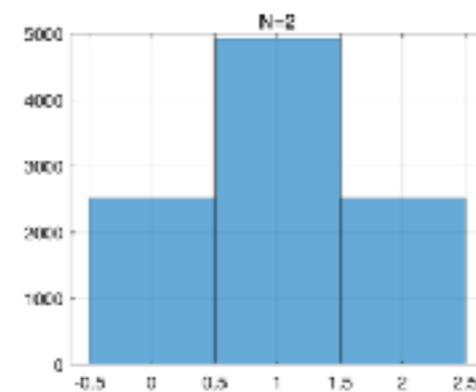
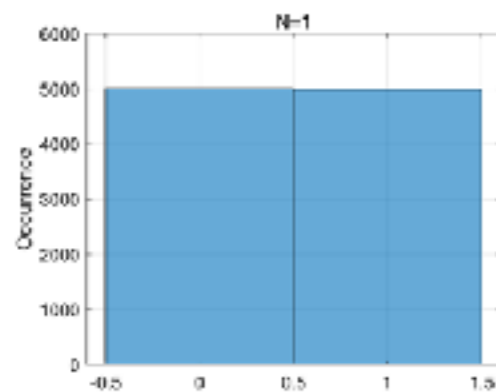
- independent and identically distributed random variables $\{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$
- expected value: $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 0$; variance : $\text{var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$

N -sample average $\bar{X}_N = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N}{N}$ approaches to **normal distribution**.

- expected value: $\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}_N) = 0$; variance : $\text{var}(\bar{X}_N) = \frac{\sigma^2}{N}$

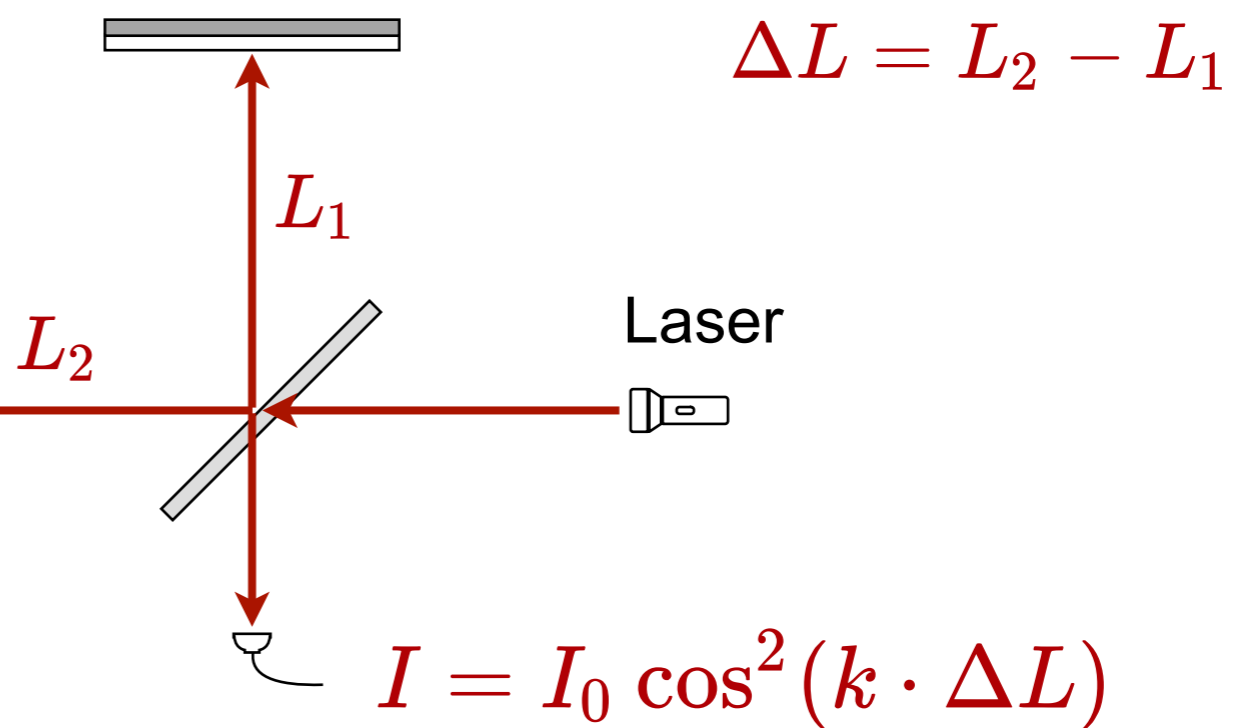
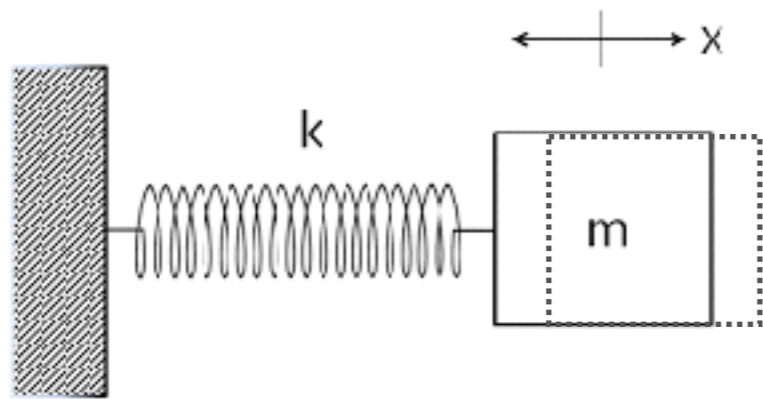
standard deviation
(uncertainty)

$$\text{std}(\bar{X}_N) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

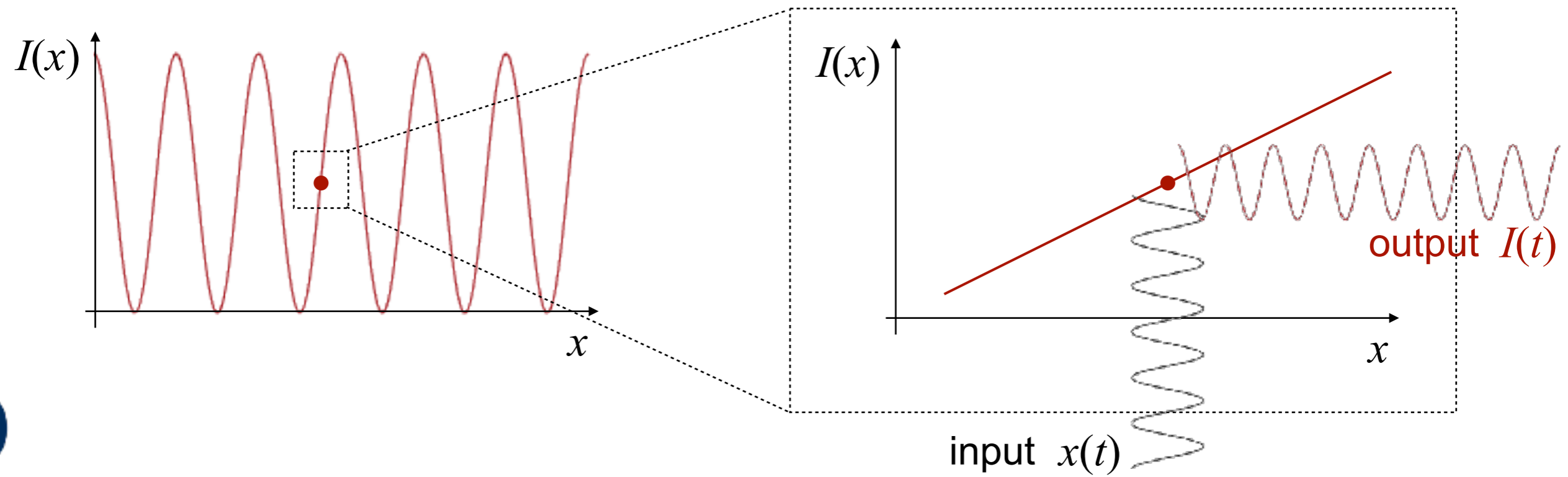


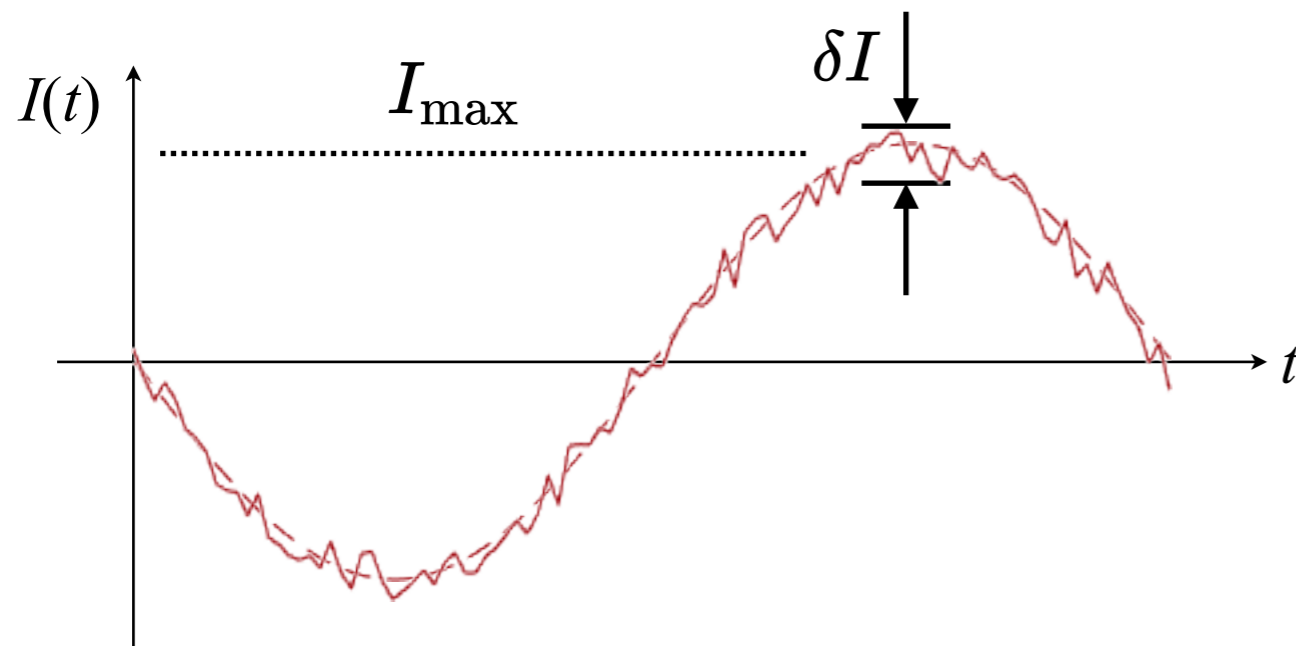
Oscillator Frequency

frequency $f_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$



$$I = I_0 \cos^2(k \cdot \Delta L)$$





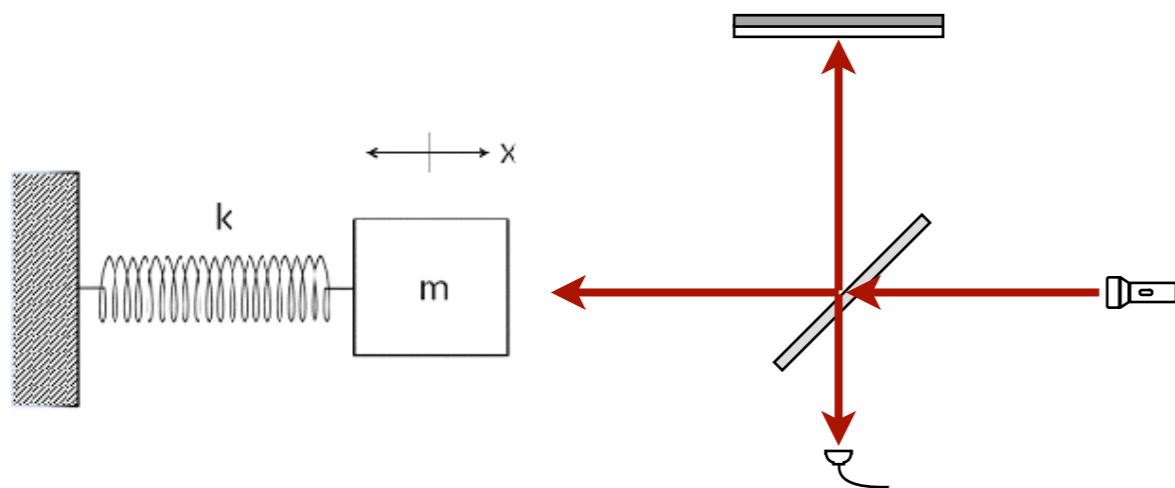
signal: $I(t)$

noise: δI

Signal to Noise Ratio

$$SNR = \frac{I_{\max}}{\delta I}$$

Phase Uncertainty $\delta\phi = SNR^{-1}$

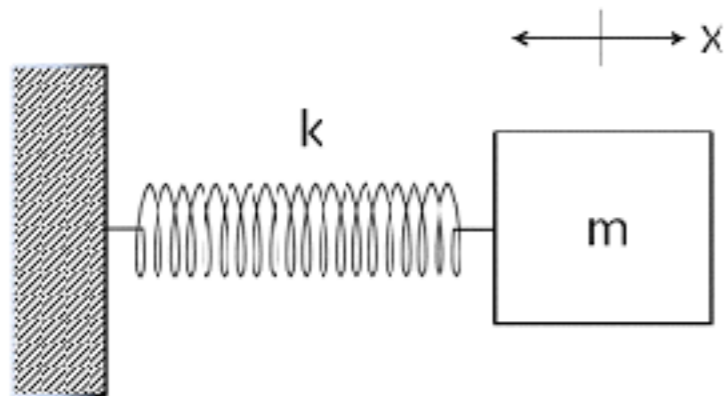


Fundamental noise:

- **laser shot noise**
 - Poisson process
- **oscillator quantum noise**
 - laser 'disturbs' the oscillator

- ruler uncertainty
 - signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)
- page vs. book
 - system coherence

Oscillator Frequency

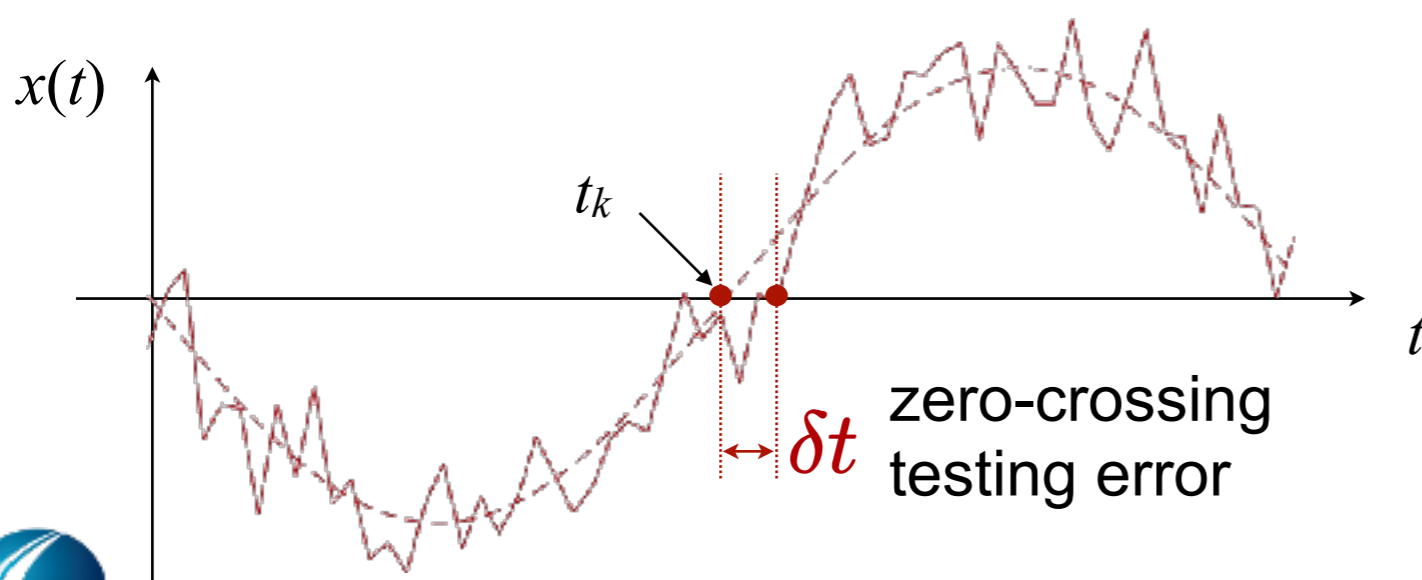
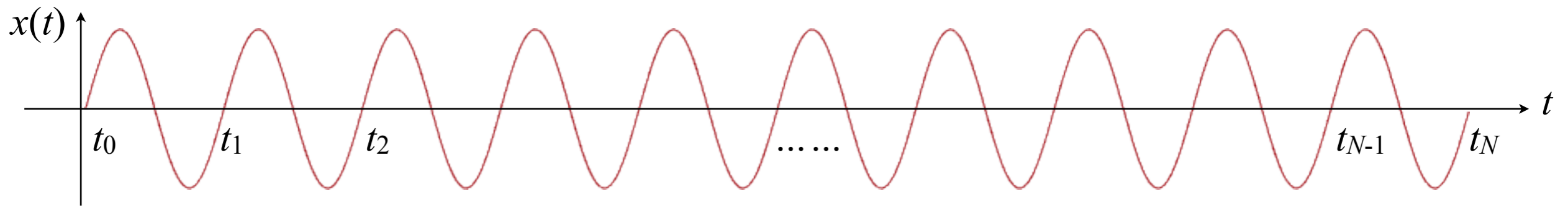


frequency

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

period

$$\tau = \frac{1}{f_0}$$

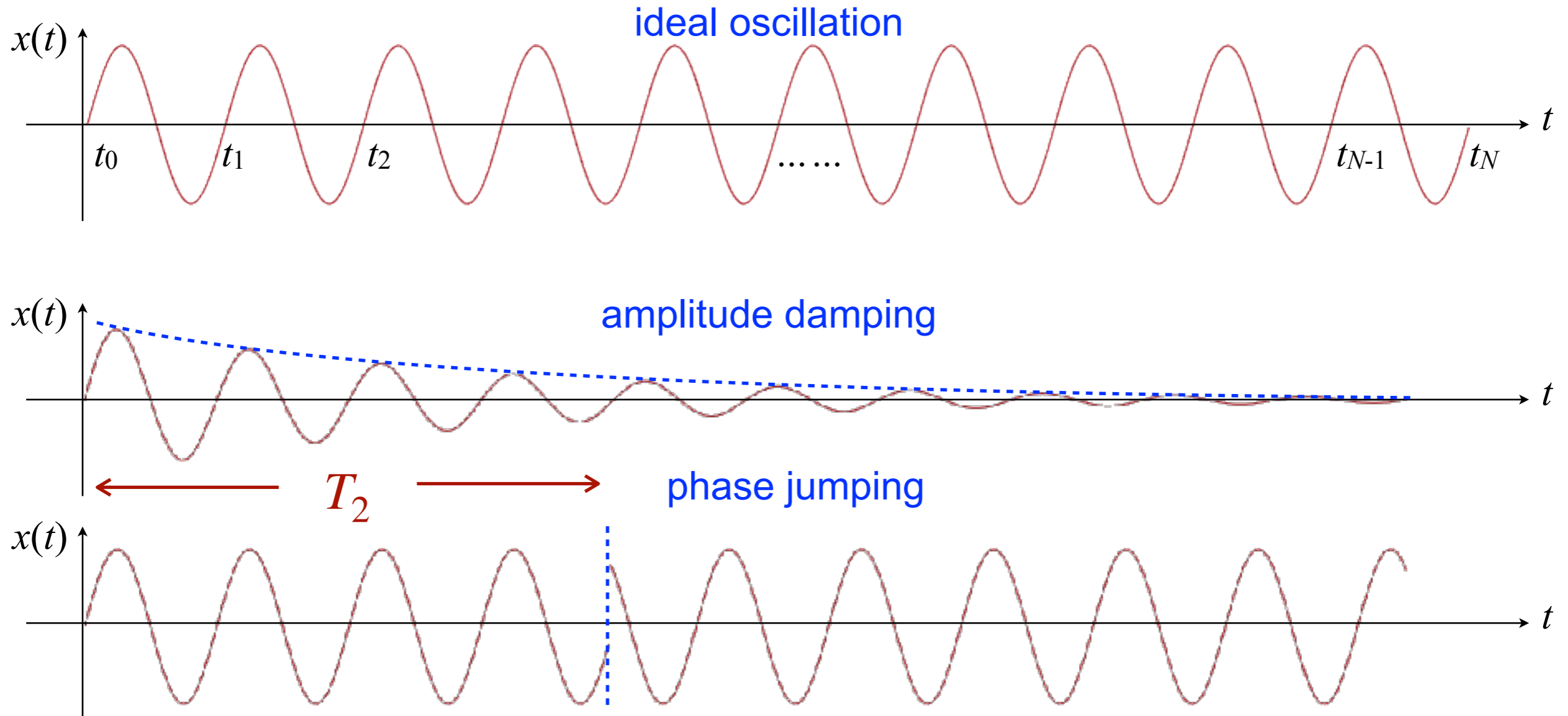


$$\tau = \frac{t_N - t_0}{N} \quad \delta\tau \sim \frac{\delta t}{N}$$

$$\delta f \sim f_0 \cdot \frac{\delta t}{T}$$

frequency uncertainty measurement time

Two Decoherence Mechanisms



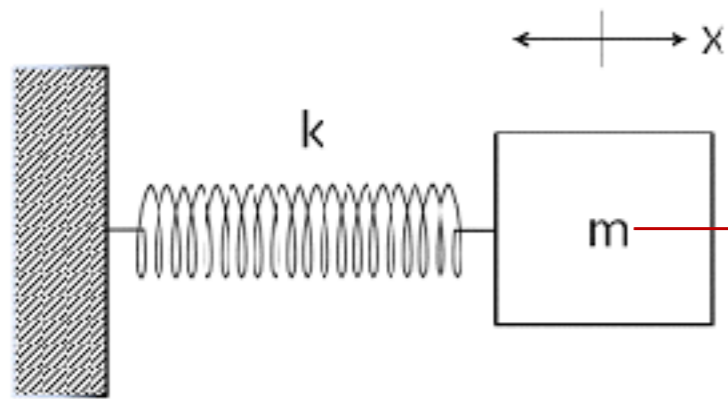
Coherence time T_2 :

characteristic time that the
phase is predictable.

max. measurement time $T_{\max} \approx T_2$

**Coherence time limits the
measurement precision.**

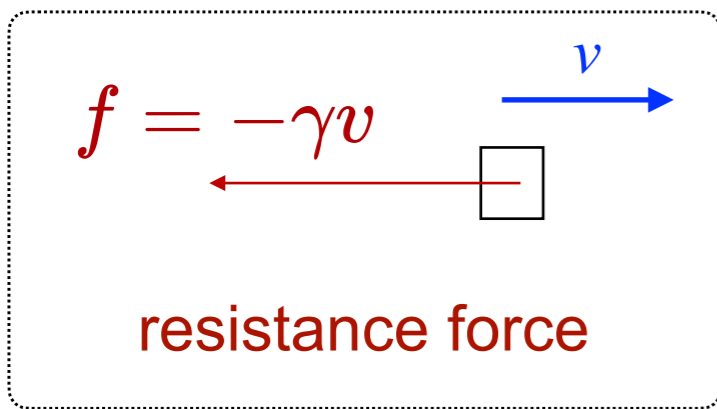
Forced Oscillator with Damping



$$F(t) = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

frequency

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$



$$\ddot{x} + 2\Gamma \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos \omega t$$

damping rate $\Gamma = \gamma/(2m)$

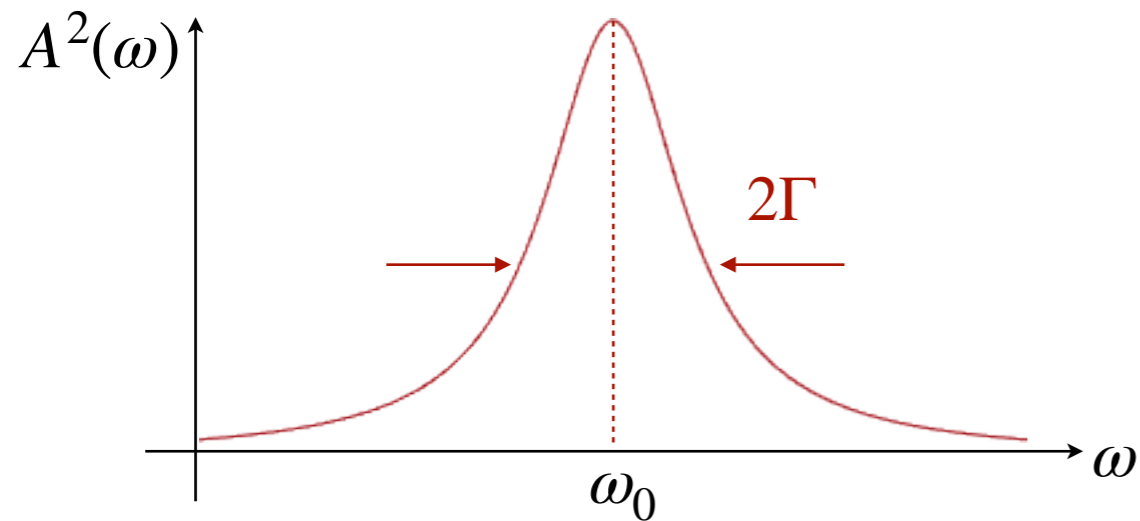
steady state solution

$$x(t) = \frac{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) \cos(\omega t) + 2\Gamma\omega \sin(\omega t)}{4\Gamma^2\omega^2 + (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2} \frac{F_0}{m}$$

$$x(t) = A(\omega) \cos[\omega t + \phi(\omega)]$$

amplitude

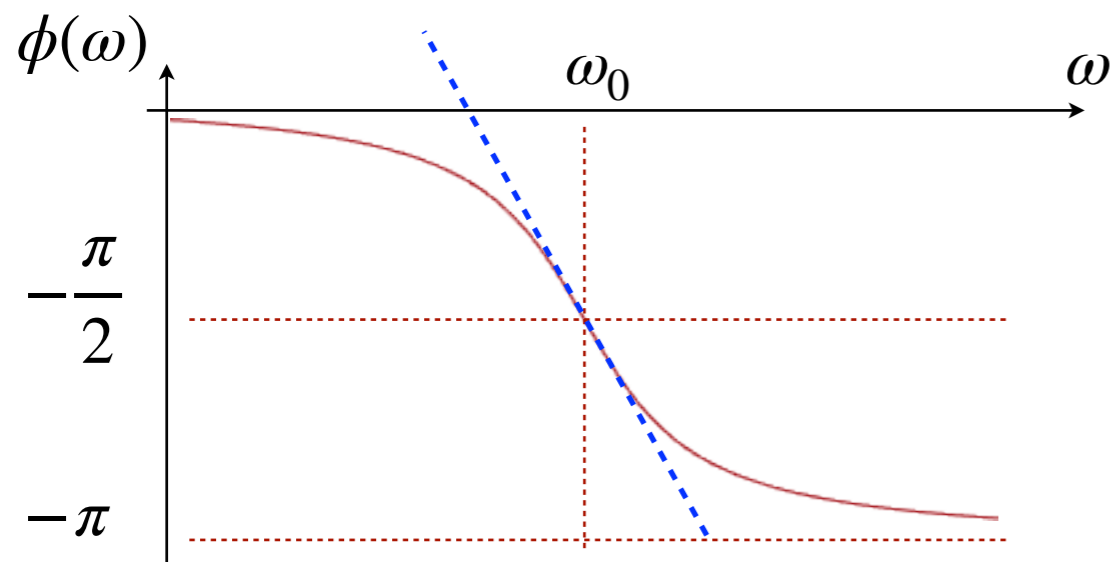
phase



Amplitude-Frequency Response

$$A^2(\omega) \propto \frac{1}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \Gamma^2}$$

$$\text{line width } \Gamma = T_2^{-1}$$

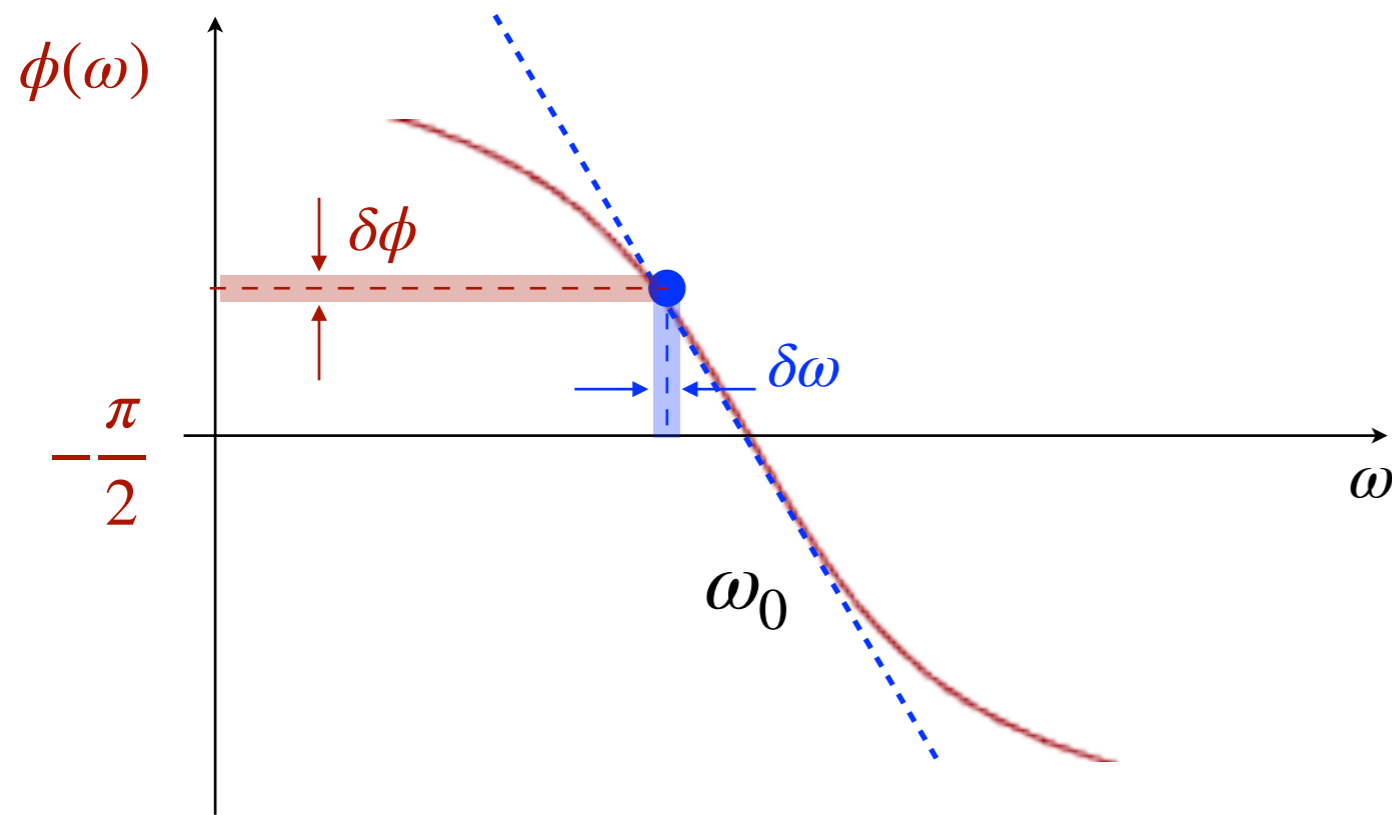


Phase-Frequency Response

$$\phi(\omega) = \arctan\left(\frac{\Gamma}{\omega - \omega_0}\right)$$

Near the resonant point

$$\omega - \omega_0 = -\Gamma \left(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$



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frequency $\omega - \omega_0$ is derived
from measured phase ϕ

$$\delta\omega = \Gamma \cdot \delta\phi$$

$$\delta\omega = \frac{\Gamma}{SNR}$$

55 cm
300 Hz



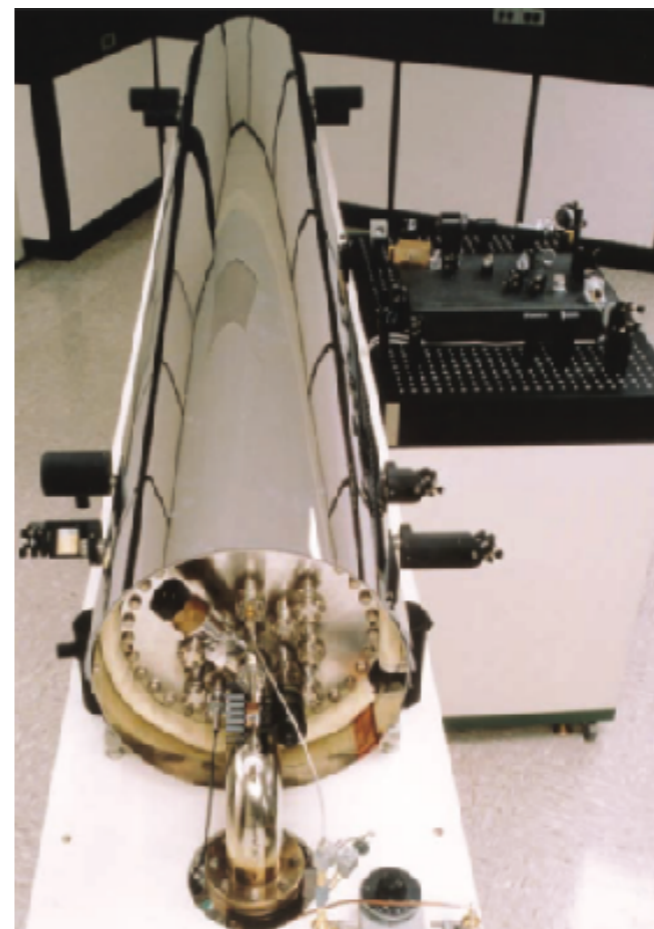
NBS-1, 1959
 1×10^{-11}

374 cm
26 Hz



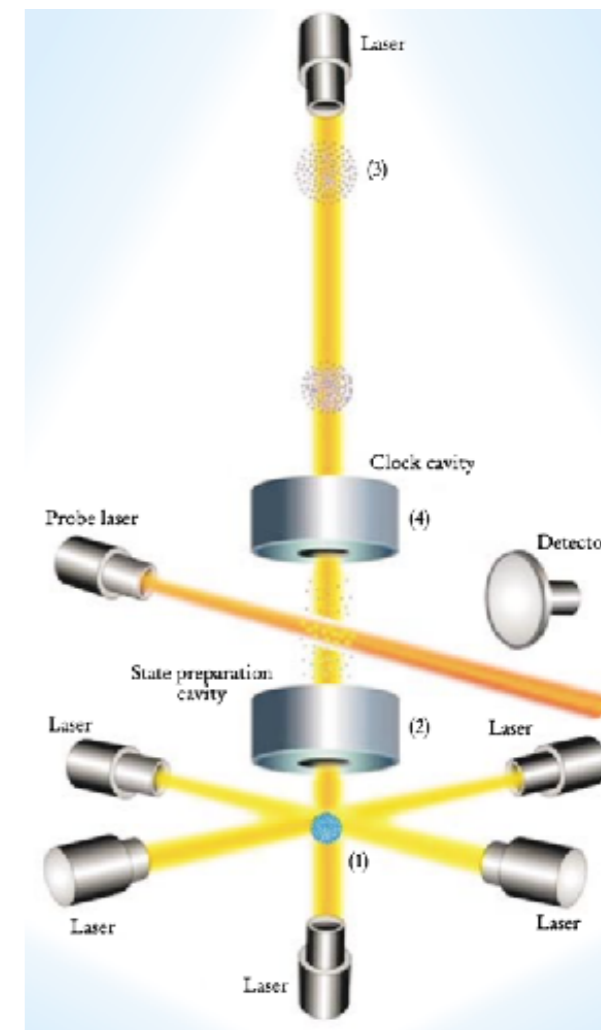
NBS-6, 1975
 8×10^{-14}

155 cm, 62 Hz



NIST-7, 1993
 5×10^{-15}

~1 m/s



Cs fountain clock
 4×10^{-16}



incoherent

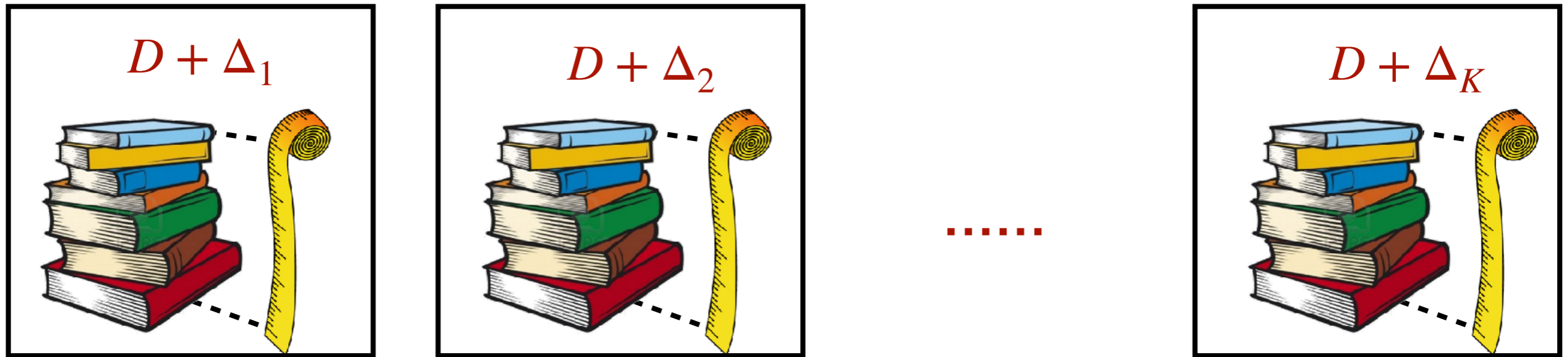


coherent

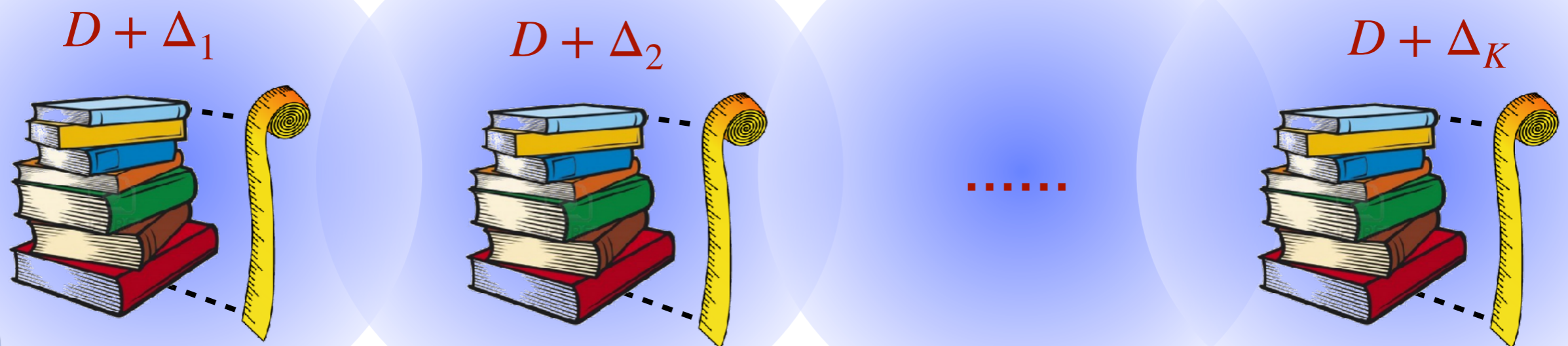
**“Signal” should be accumulated
as coherently as possible.**

Quantum Entanglement and Quantum Correlation

Classical Ensemble: $\{\Delta_i\}$ are independent random variables



Quantum Ensemble: $\{\Delta_i\}$ are correlated (entangled)



Summary

What is quantum sensing?

- Atomic Clock
- Atom Interferometer
- Optical Magnetometer
- Rydberg Atoms
- Sensing with Quantum Resources

Why do we study quantum sensing?

- High Precision
- Spatial Resolution
- System miniature

How does quantum sensing work?

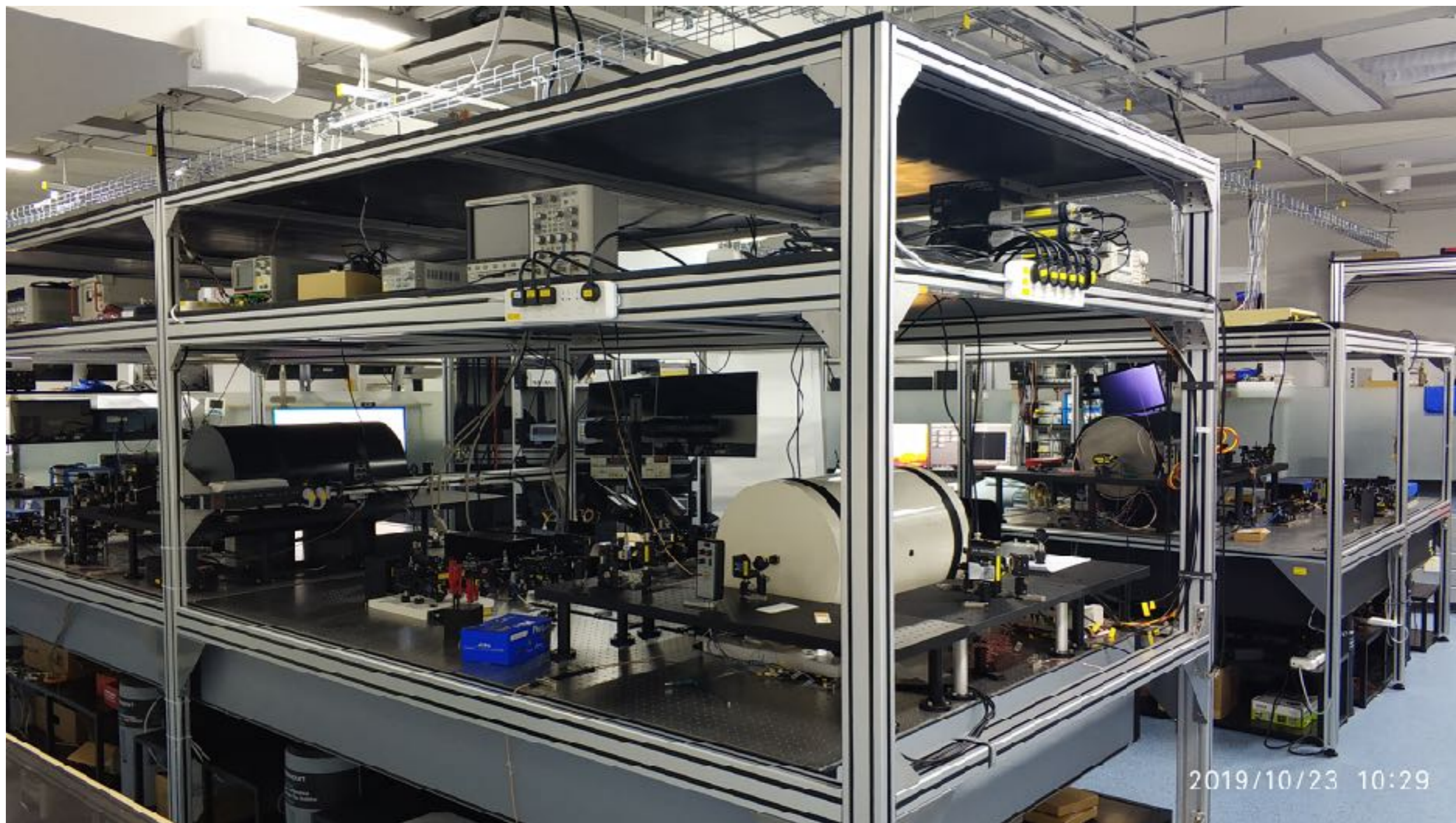
$$\delta\omega = \frac{\Gamma}{SNR}$$

what is NOT covered in this talk

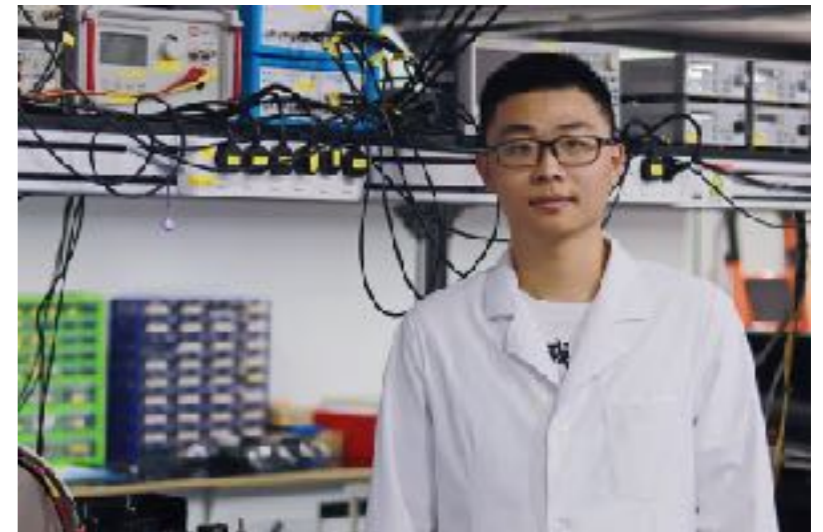
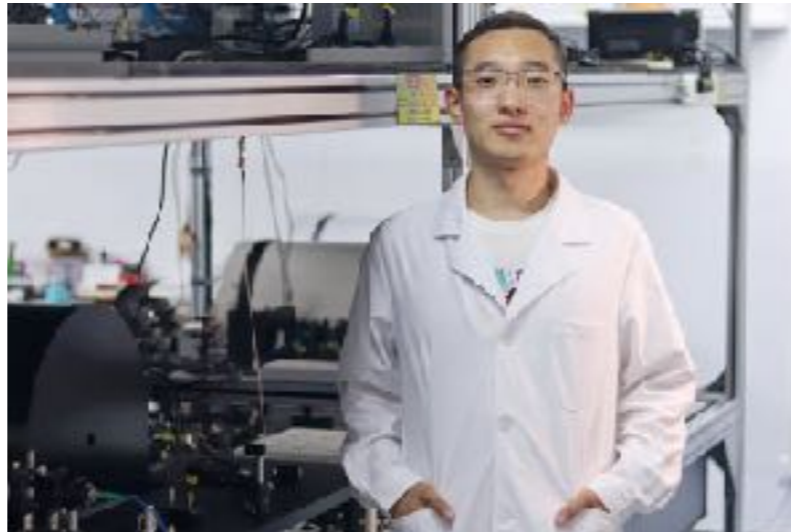
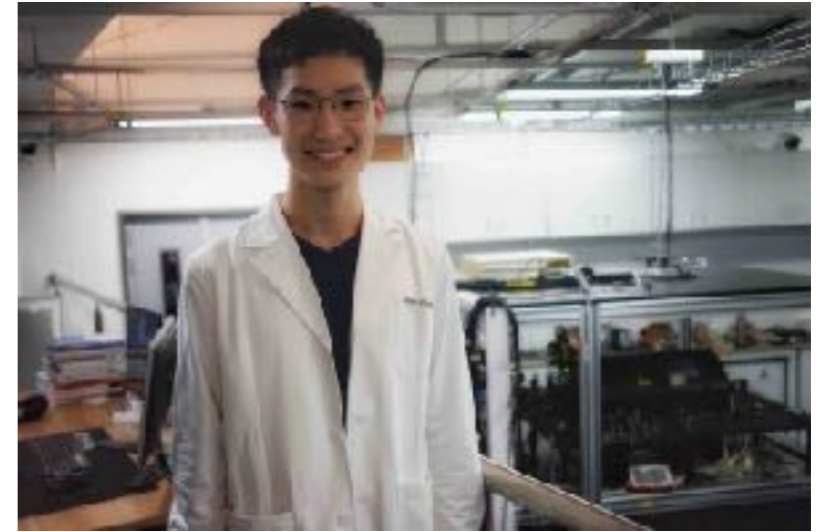
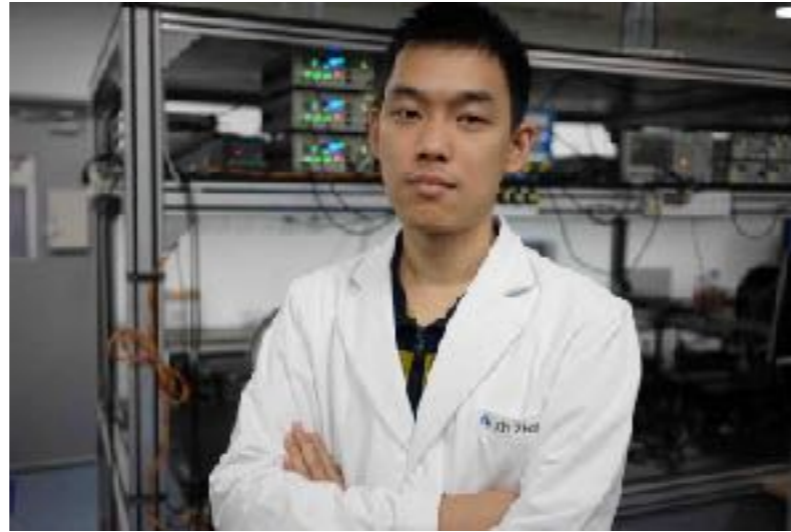
$$\delta\omega = \frac{\Gamma}{SNR}$$

- what causes the decoherence?
 - atomic collision
 - light scattering
 - inhomogeneous fields
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- how to increase coherence time?
 - decoupling environment
 - noise compensation
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- more about quantum resource
 - quantum radar
 - quantum imaging
 - quantum illumination
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- quantum metrology theory
 - quantum Fisher information
 - Cramér-Rao bound

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