



# Interferometric Dilatometer For Cryogenic Environments

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## Major ideas for the nano world

Founded in 2001

70 employees, 30% PhDs

Turnover 2013/14: ~ 15 Mio. €

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2006 Bavarian  
Innovation Award

2008 Landmark:  
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2008 Munich & German Award  
for Outstanding Entrepreneurs

2008/2009/2010  
Deloitte Technology  
Fast 50 Award

2010 Top 5 Nominee  
Hermes-Award  
Hannover Messe

2012 CLEO/Laser Focus World  
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2012 R&D100 Award

2013 TOP100  
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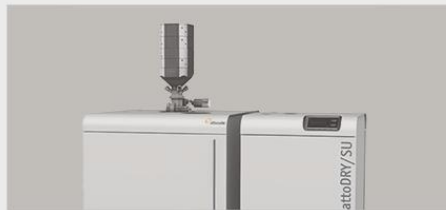
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### DRY MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS

Automated, cryogen-free nanocharacterization platform with a variety of different measurement options.

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Dry and liquid cryostats, optimized for most sensitive measurement techniques at variable temperature and high magnetic field.

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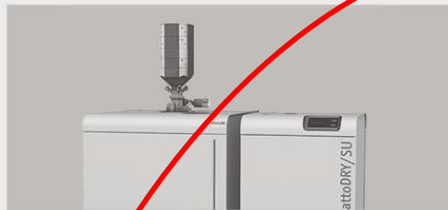
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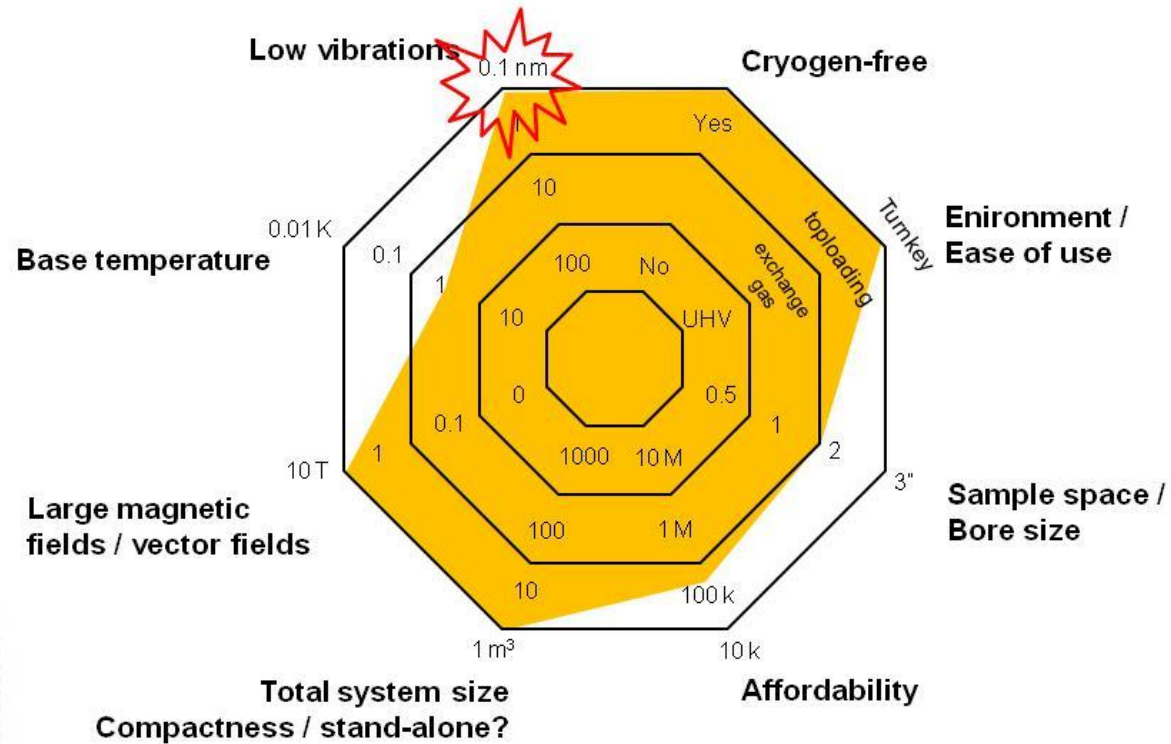
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## Ingredients

# 1: Cryostat

# attoDRY2100



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### 2: Interferometric sensor attoFPS

Fabry-Pérot Sensor (FPS)



- + 3 channels: Measurement of erratic pitch and yaw movement
- + Easy integration and compactness (sensor heads with only Ø 1.2 mm)
- + Position sensing at the sample level with 1pm of internal resolution
- + UHV compatibility, non-magnetic, radiation-hard, cryogenic compatibility
- + Quick access to the displacement data with the software and USB

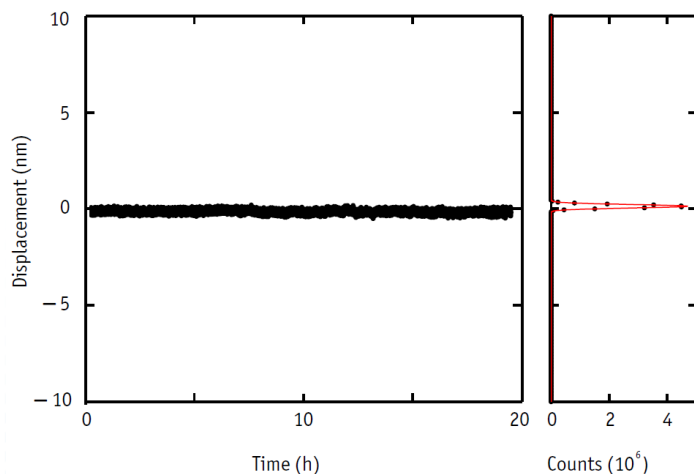
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## 2: Interferometric sensor

### attoFPS

A very stable and sensitive system



- 20 hours, sample time 100 Hz
- 77 mm titan cavity @ 3.8 Kelvin
- standard deviation (sigma) **55 pm**

Fabry-Pérot Sensor (FPS)



Sensor heads



## Fiber-based distance sensing interferometry

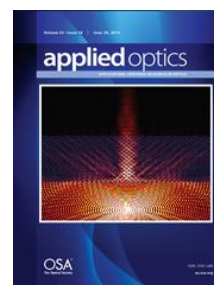
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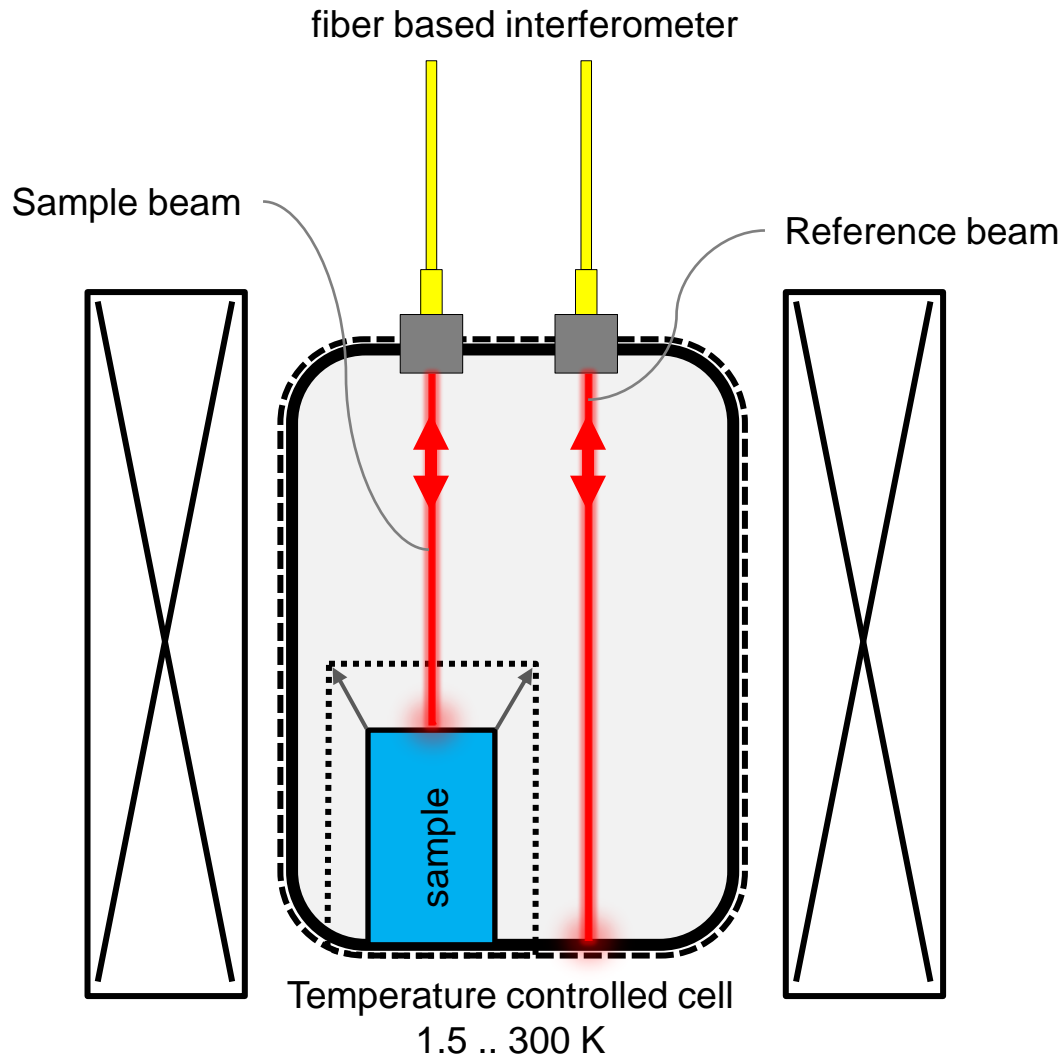


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Cooking

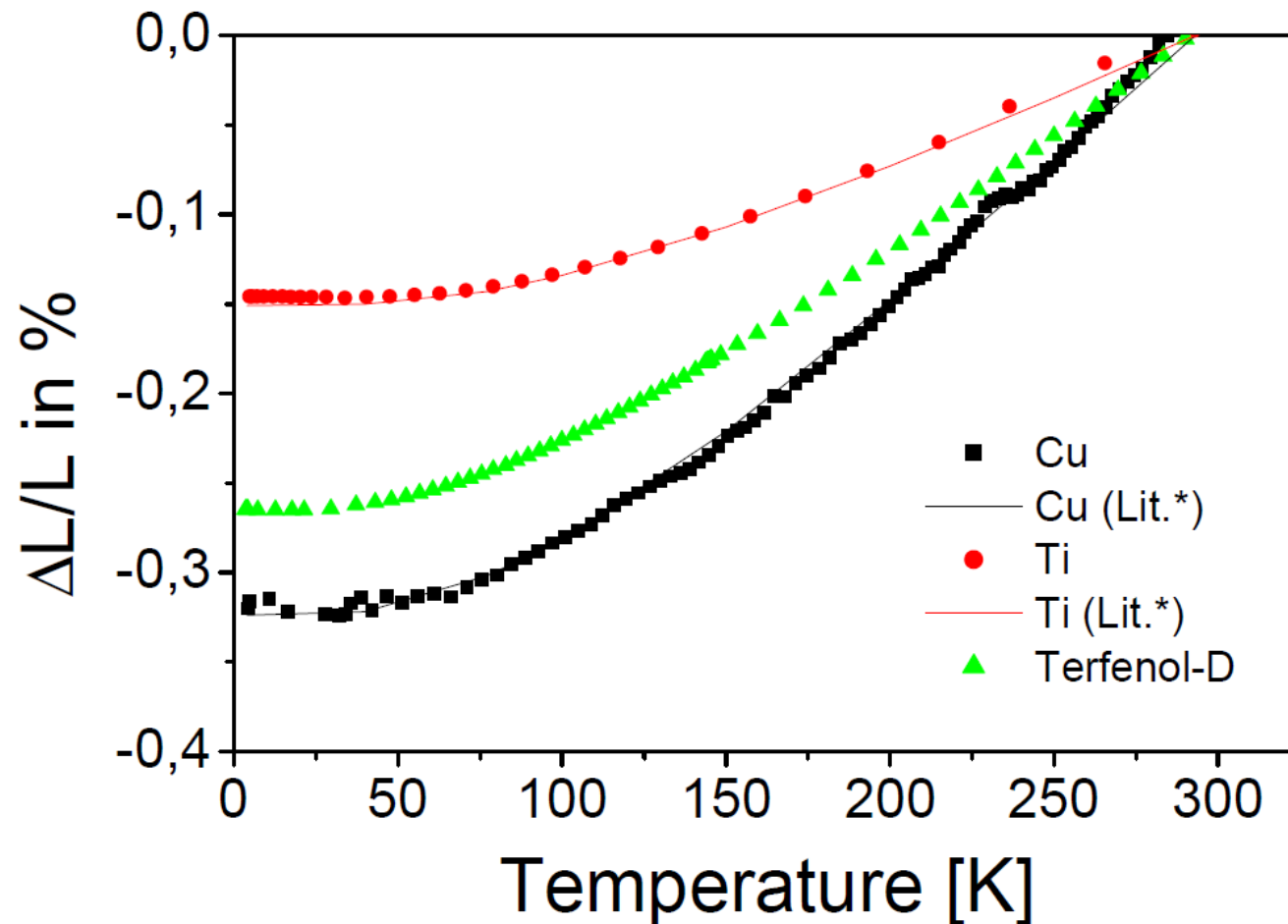


## Working principle:

- Sample beam measures expansion or contraction of sample
- Reference beam measures expansion or contraction of cell
- Difference between the two signals yields the absolute change in length  $\Delta L$
- Calculate thermal or magnetic strain as ratio between  $\Delta L$  and the initial length  $L_0$

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First results

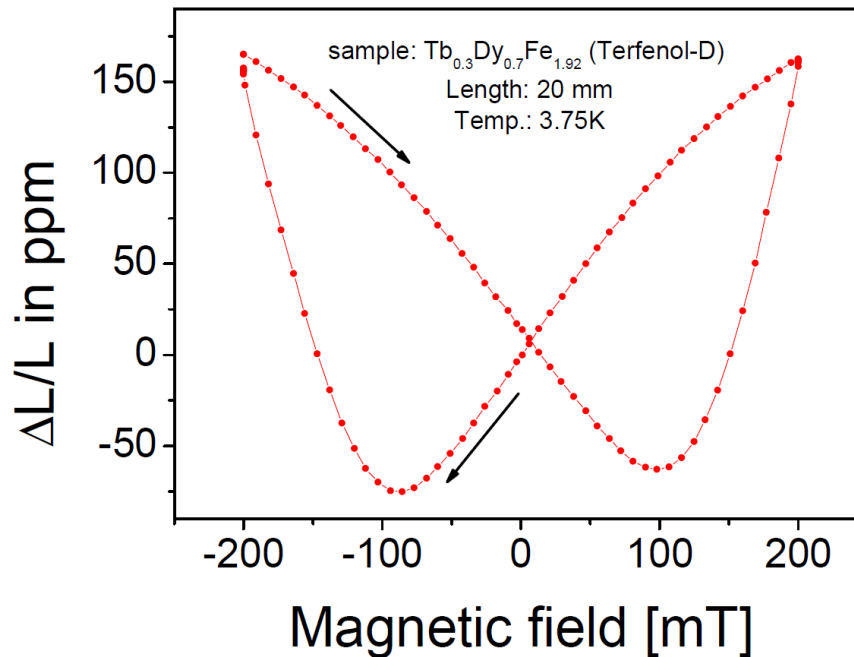


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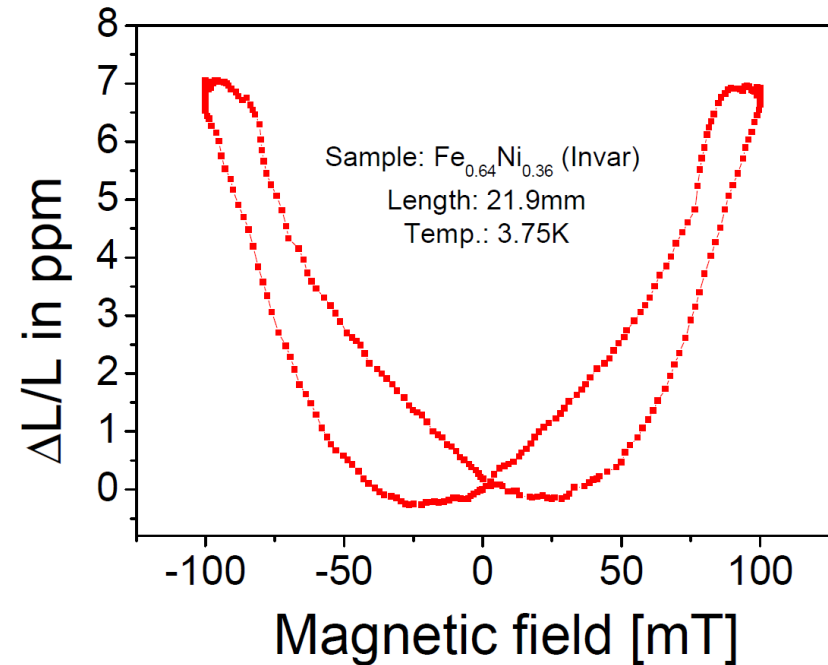
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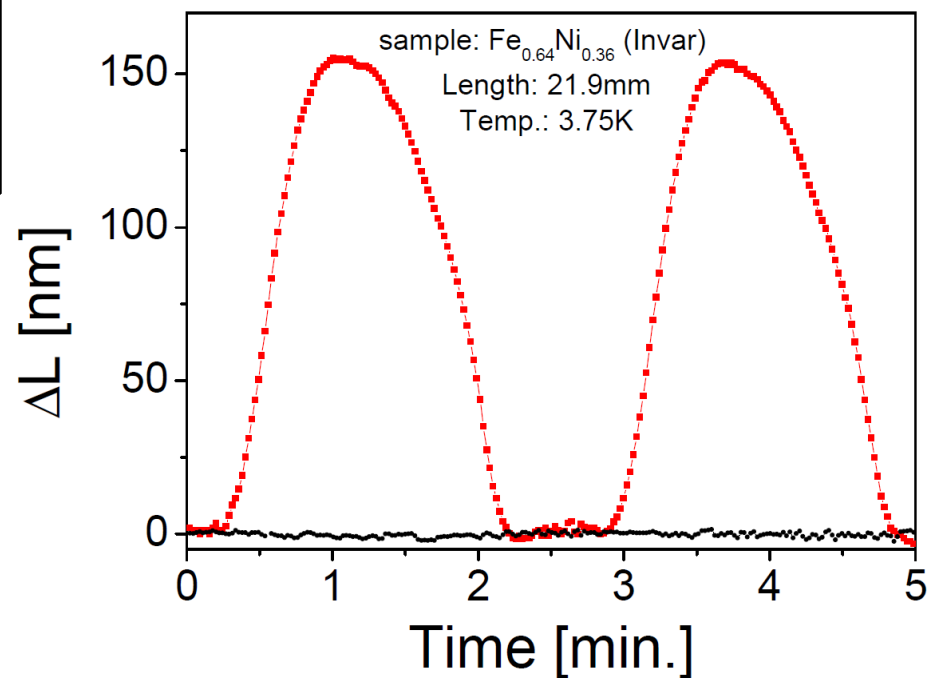
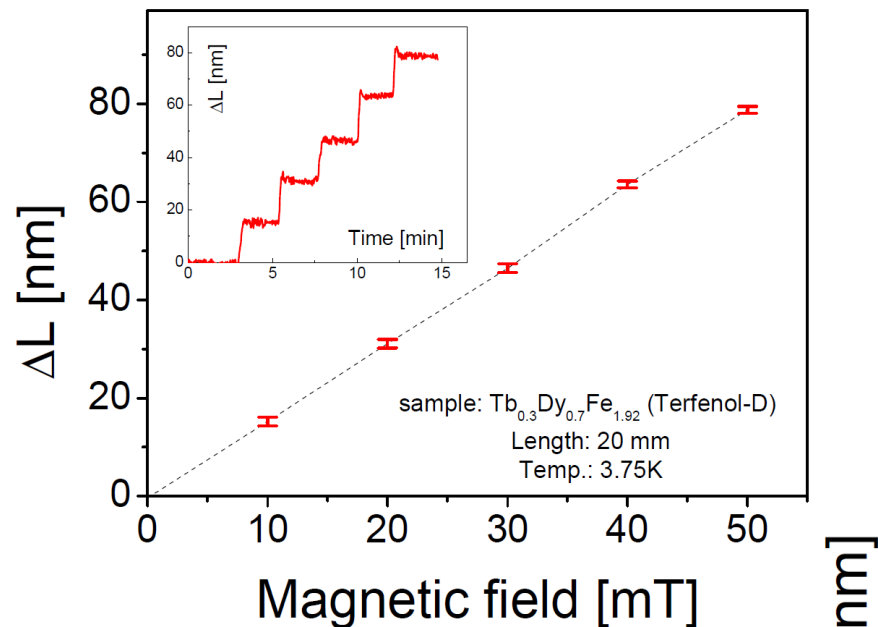


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## First results



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## Conclusions & Outlook

- Proof of concept for miniature interferometric dilatometer compatible with cryogenic environment;
- Demonstrated resolution down to 1nm on mm-sized samples (1 ppm);
- Your feedback



# Thank you for your attention!



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