

Optical techniques for atom interferometry

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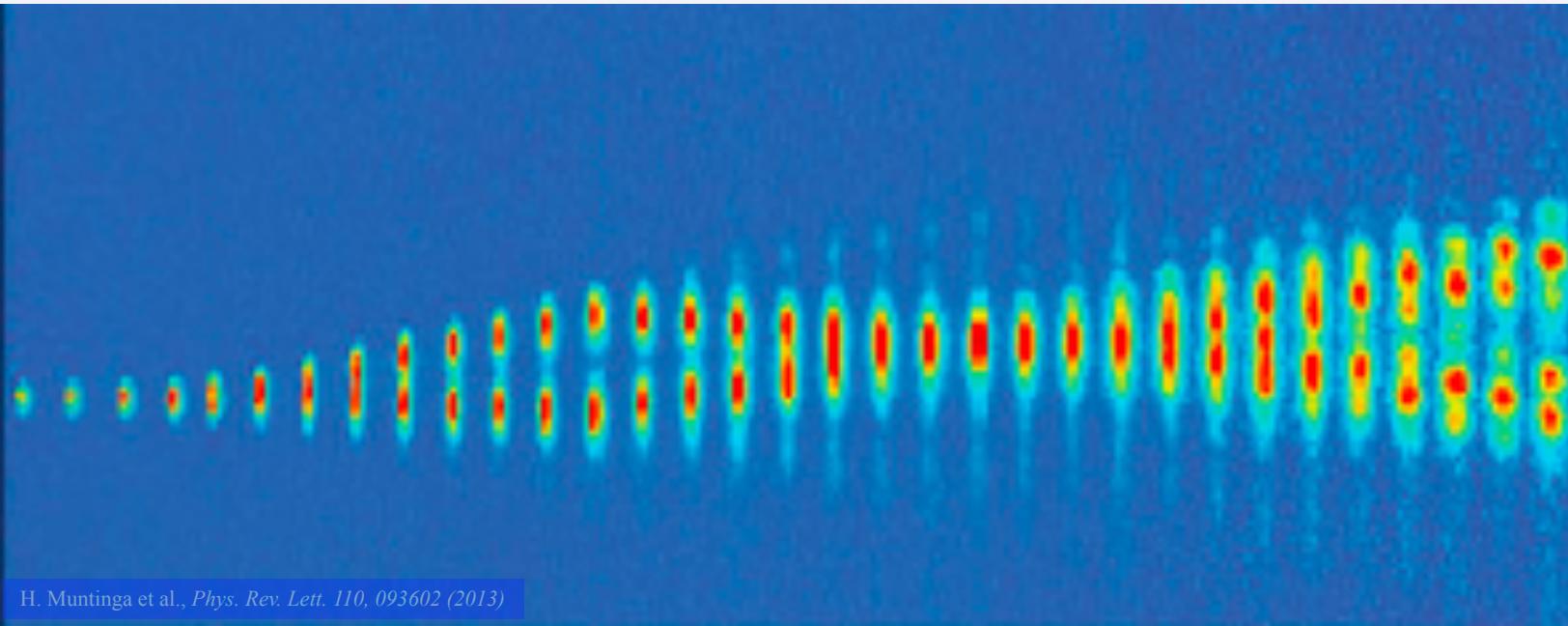
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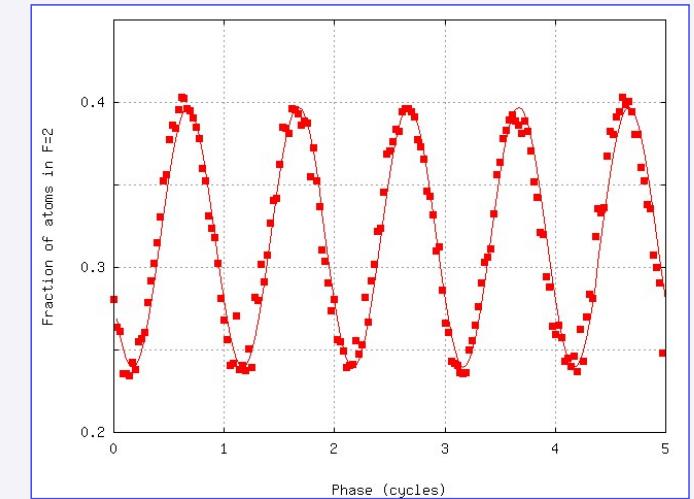
Atom interferometry

Wave-particle duality in quantum physics



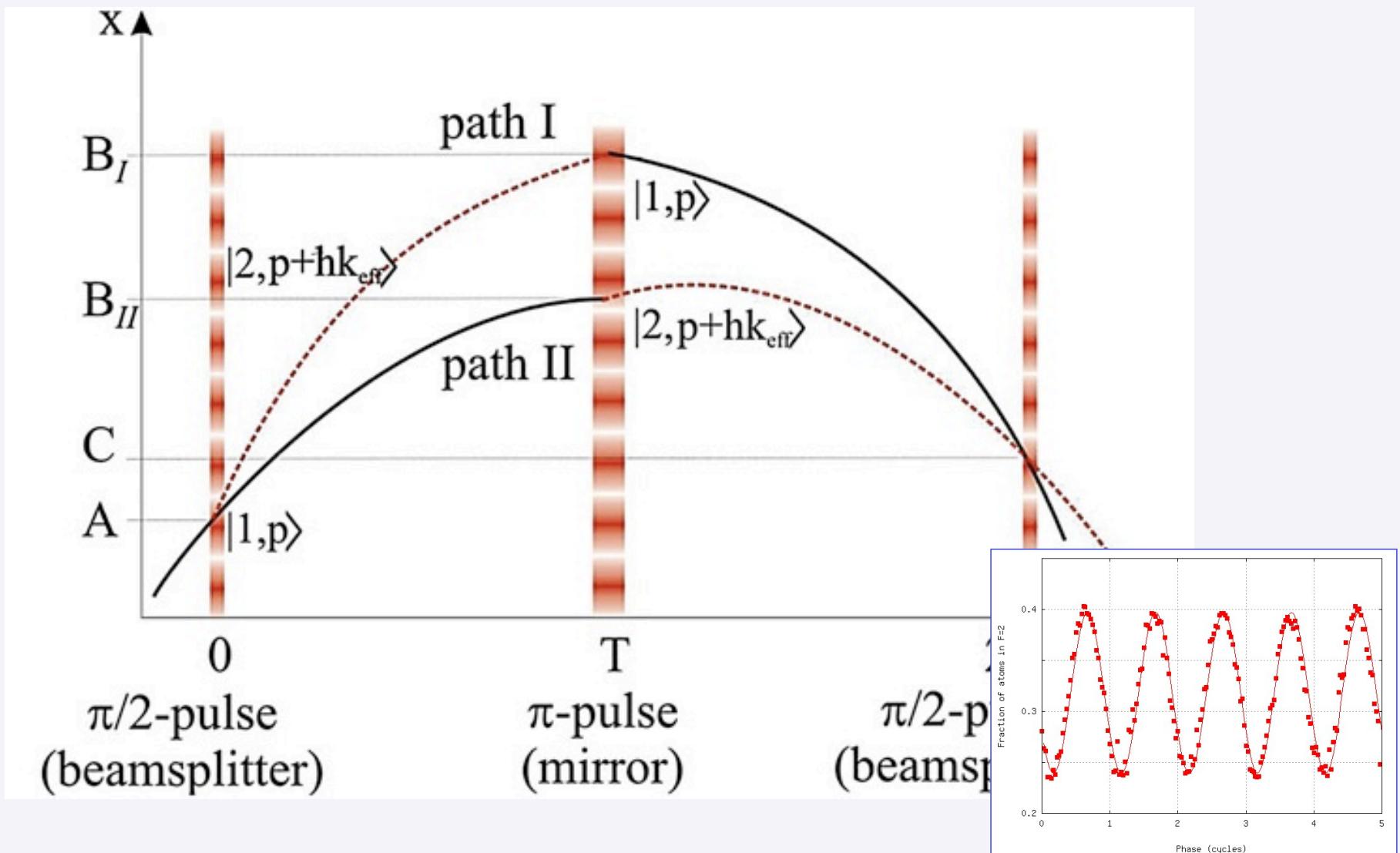
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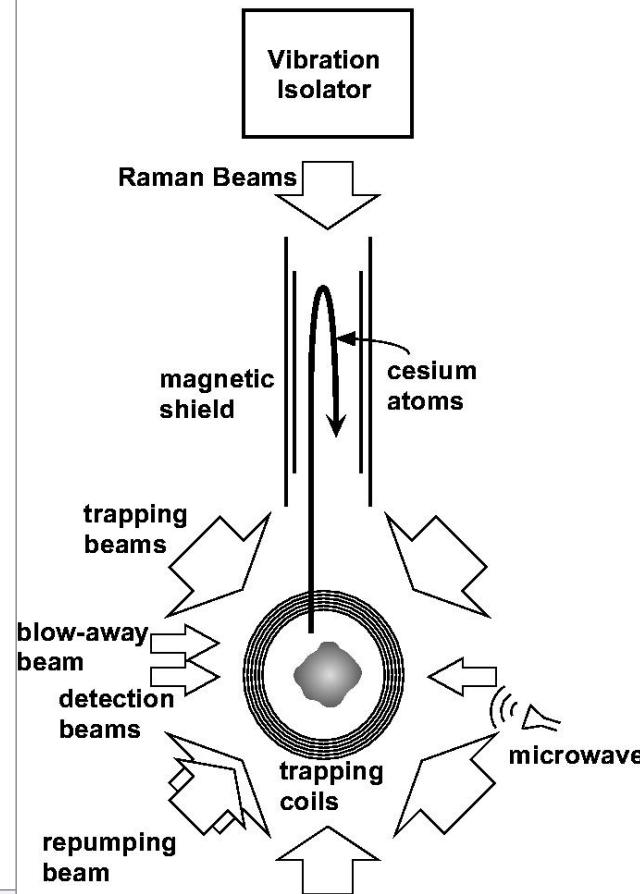
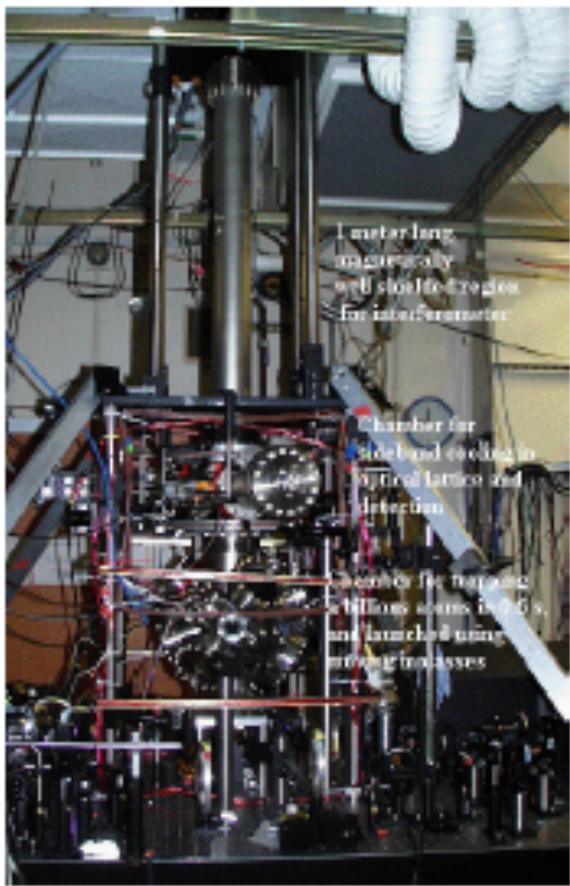


Atomic interference fringes – Firenze 2006

Atom interferometry and gravity

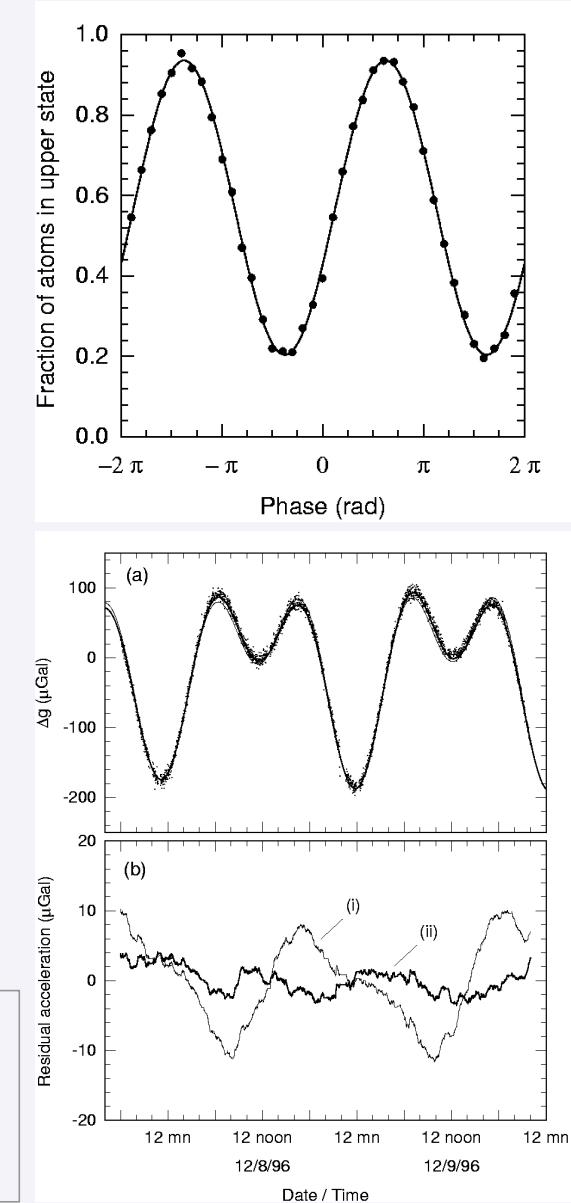


Stanford atom gravimeter



Resolution: 3×10^{-9} g after 1 minute

Absolute accuracy: $\Delta g/g < 3 \times 10^{-9}$



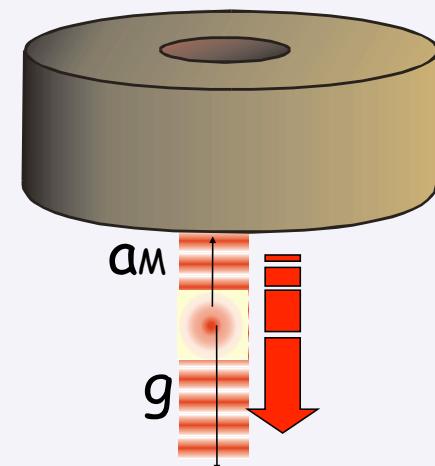
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(*MISURA ACCURATA di G MEDIANTE INTERFEROMETRIA ATOMICA*)

- Measure g by atom interferometry
- Add source mass
- Measure change of g

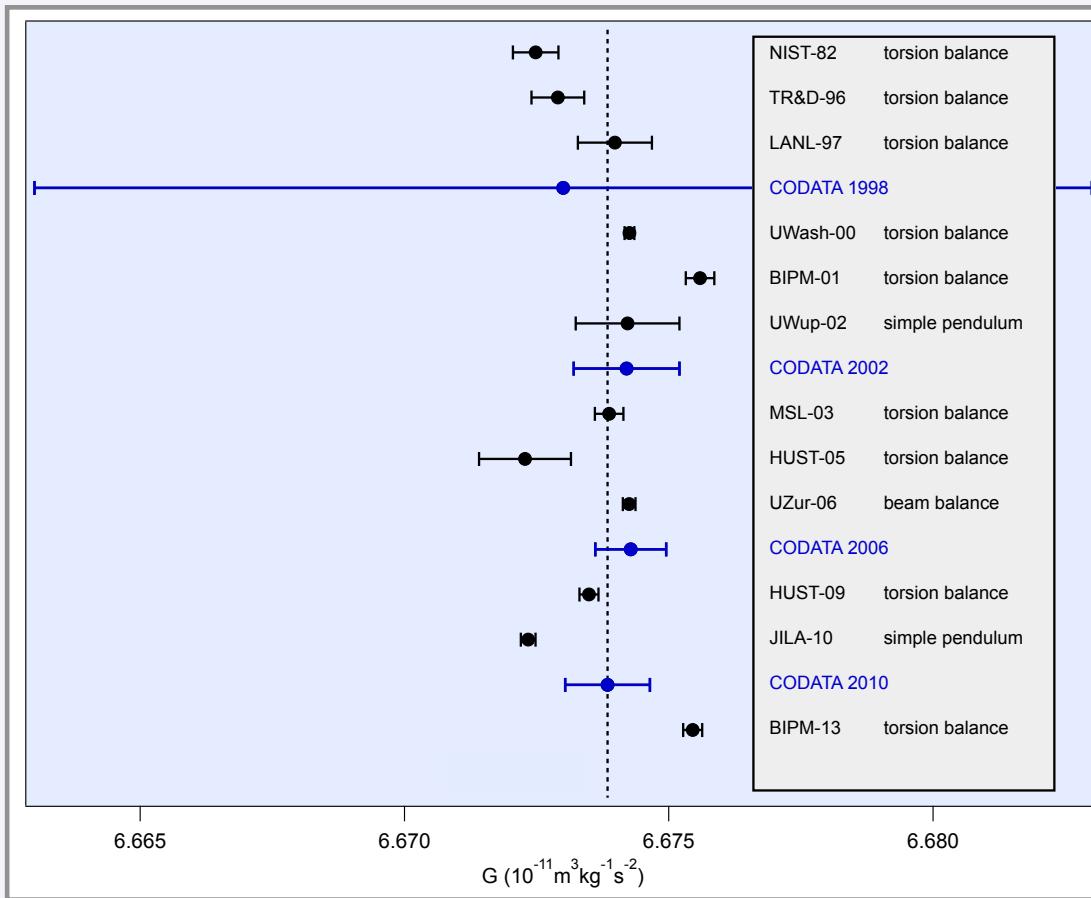


➤ *Precision measurement of G*

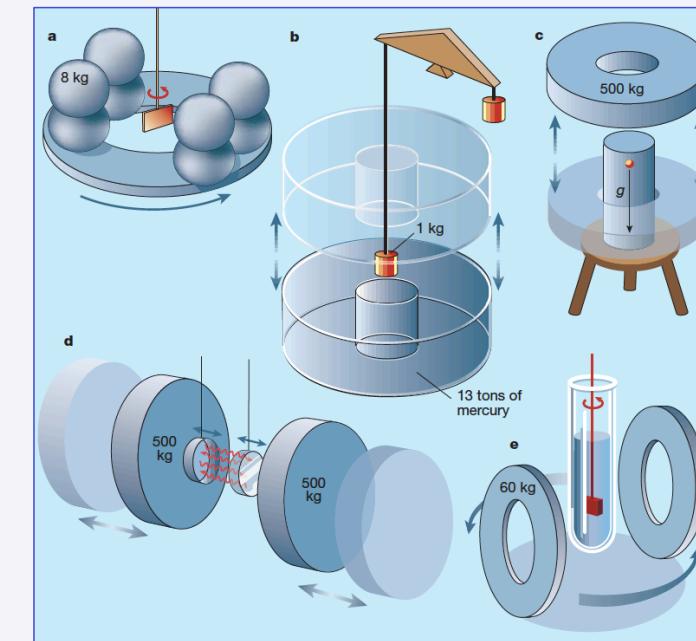
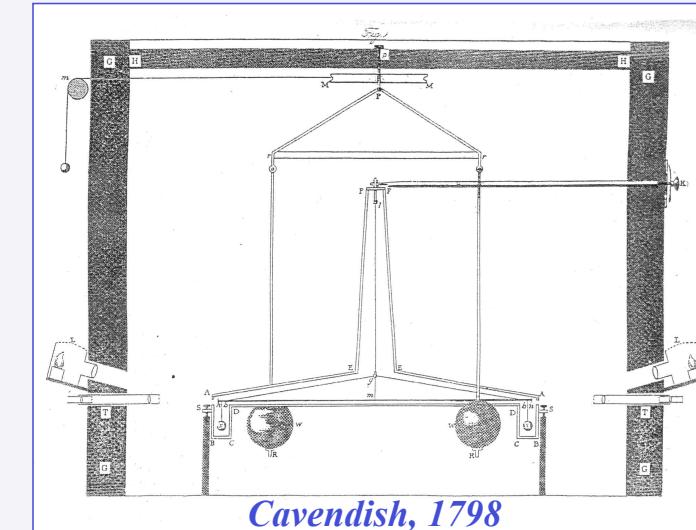
$$F(r) = G \frac{M_1 M_2}{r^2}$$

Measurements of the Newtonian gravitational constant G

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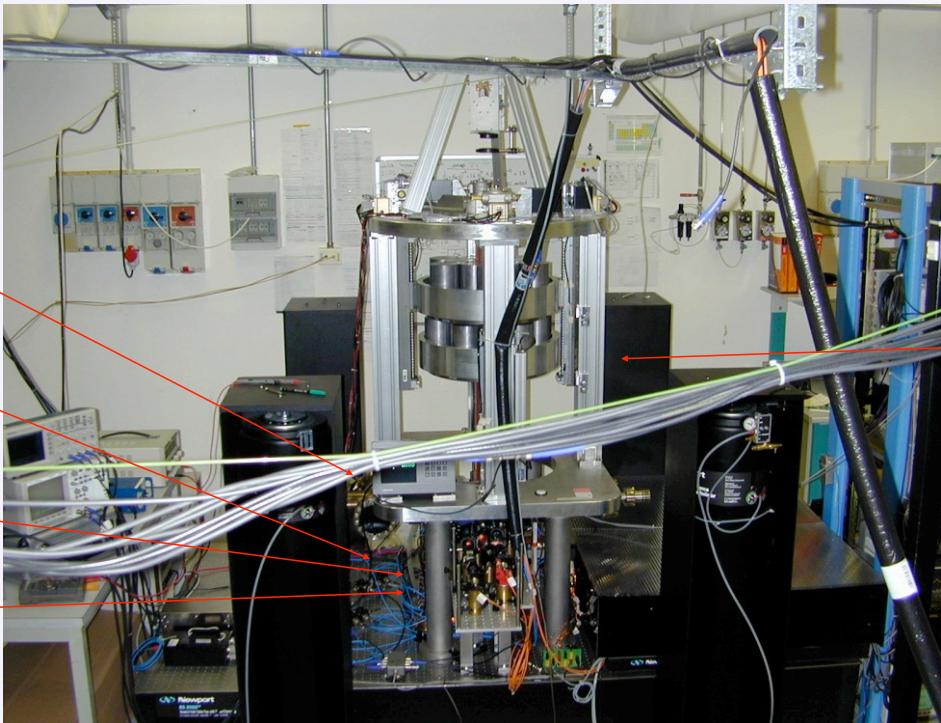
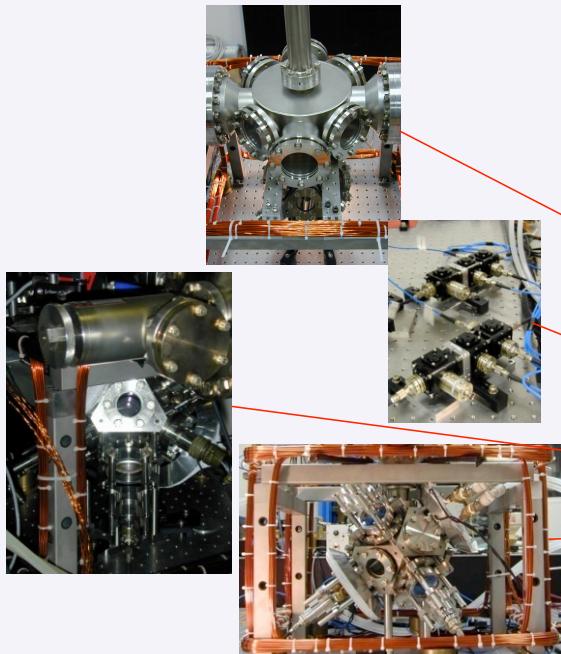


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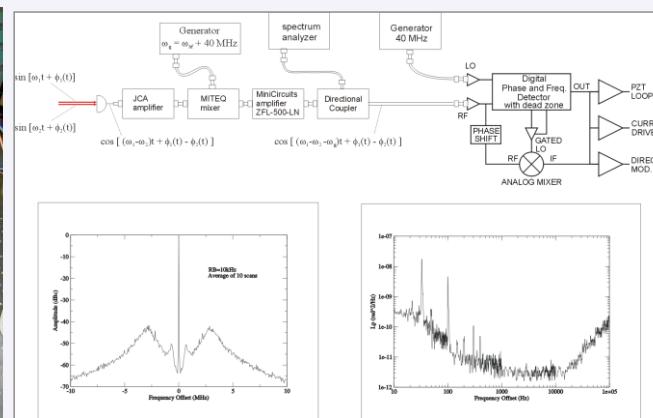


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G. Lamporesi, A. Bertoldi, A. Cecchetti, B. Dulach, M. Fattori, A. Malengo,, S. Pettoruso, M. Prevedelli, G.M. Tino,
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Laser and optical system



L. Cacciapuoti, M. de Angelis, M. Fattori, G. Lamporesi, T. Petelski, M. Prevedelli, J. Stuhler, G.M. Tino,
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LETTER

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Precision measurement of the Newtonian gravitational constant using cold atoms

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About 300 experiments have tried to determine the value of the Newtonian gravitational constant, G , so far, but large discrepancies in the results have made it impossible to know its value precisely¹. The weakness of the gravitational interaction and the impossibility of shielding the effects of gravity make it very difficult to measure G while keeping systematic effects under control. Most previous experiments performed were based on the torsion pendulum or torsion balance scheme as in the experiment by Cavendish² in 1798, and in all cases macroscopic masses were used. Here we report the precise determination of G using laser-cooled atoms and quantum interferometry. We obtain the value $G = 6.67191(99) \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$ with a relative uncertainty of 150 parts per million (the combined standard

the relevant gravitational signal. An additional cancellation of common-mode spurious effects was obtained by reversing the direction of the two-photon recoil used to split and recombine the wave packets in the interferometer¹⁸. Efforts were devoted to the control of systematics related to atomic trajectories, the positioning of the atoms and effects due to stray fields. The high density of tungsten was instrumental in maximizing the signal and in compensating for the Earth's gravitational gradient in the region containing the atom interferometers, thus reducing the sensitivity of the experiment to the vertical position and size of the atomic probes.

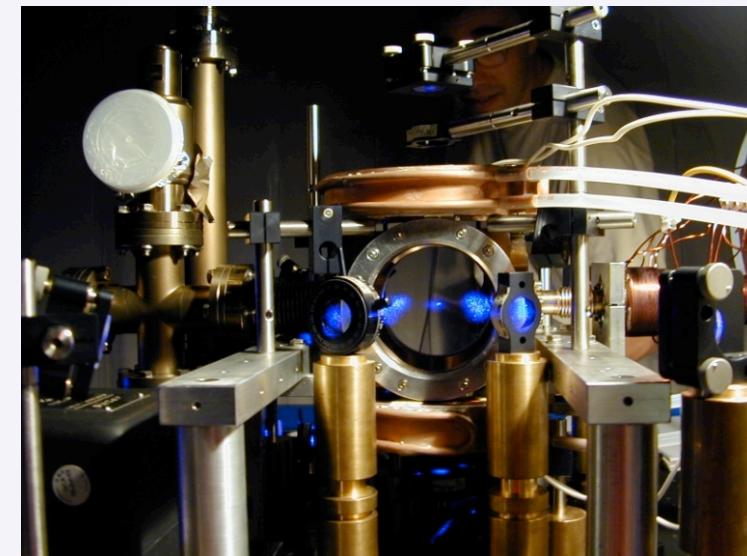
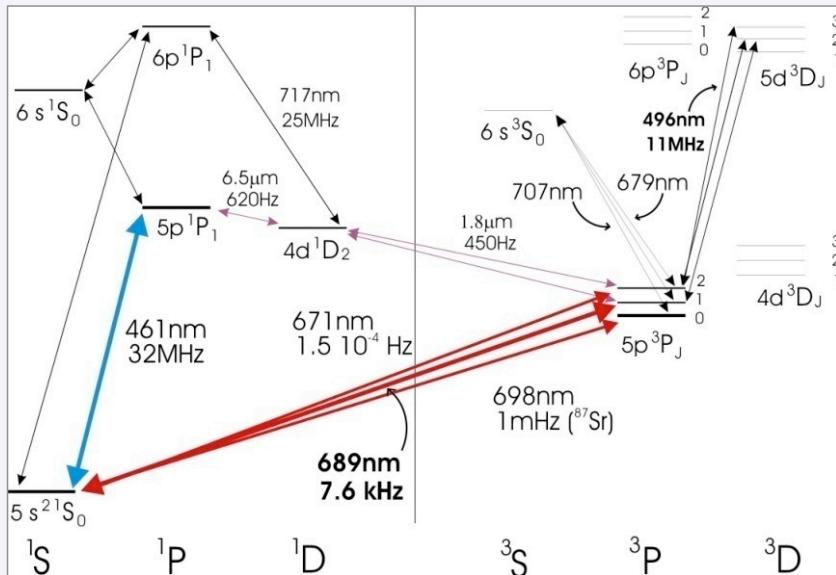
The atom interferometer is realized using light pulses to stimulate ^{87}Rb atoms at the two-photon Raman transition between the hyperfine

$$G = 6.67191(77)(62) \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

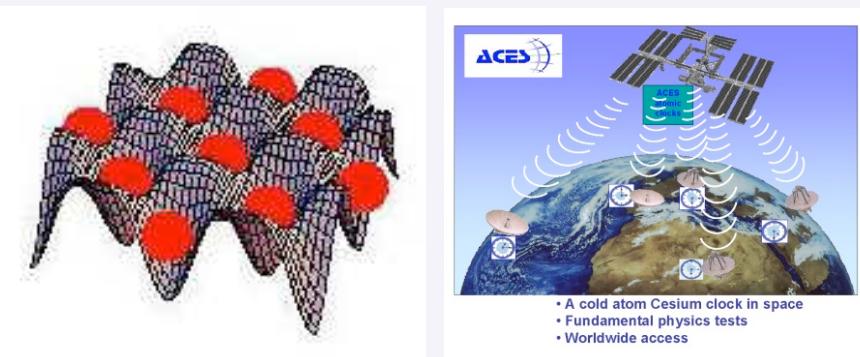
Relative uncertainty: 150 ppm

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Precision Measurement of the Newtonian Gravitational Constant Using Cold Atoms
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Ultracold Sr - Experiments in Firenze



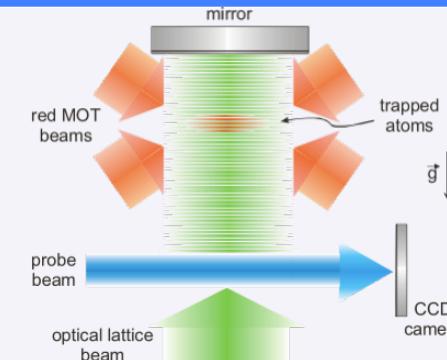
- Optical clocks using visible intercombination lines



G. Ferrari, P. Cancio, R. Drullinger, G. Giusfredi, N. Poli, M. Prevedelli, C. Toninelli, G.M. Tino, *Precision Frequency Measurement of Visible Intercombination Lines of Strontium*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 243002 (2003)

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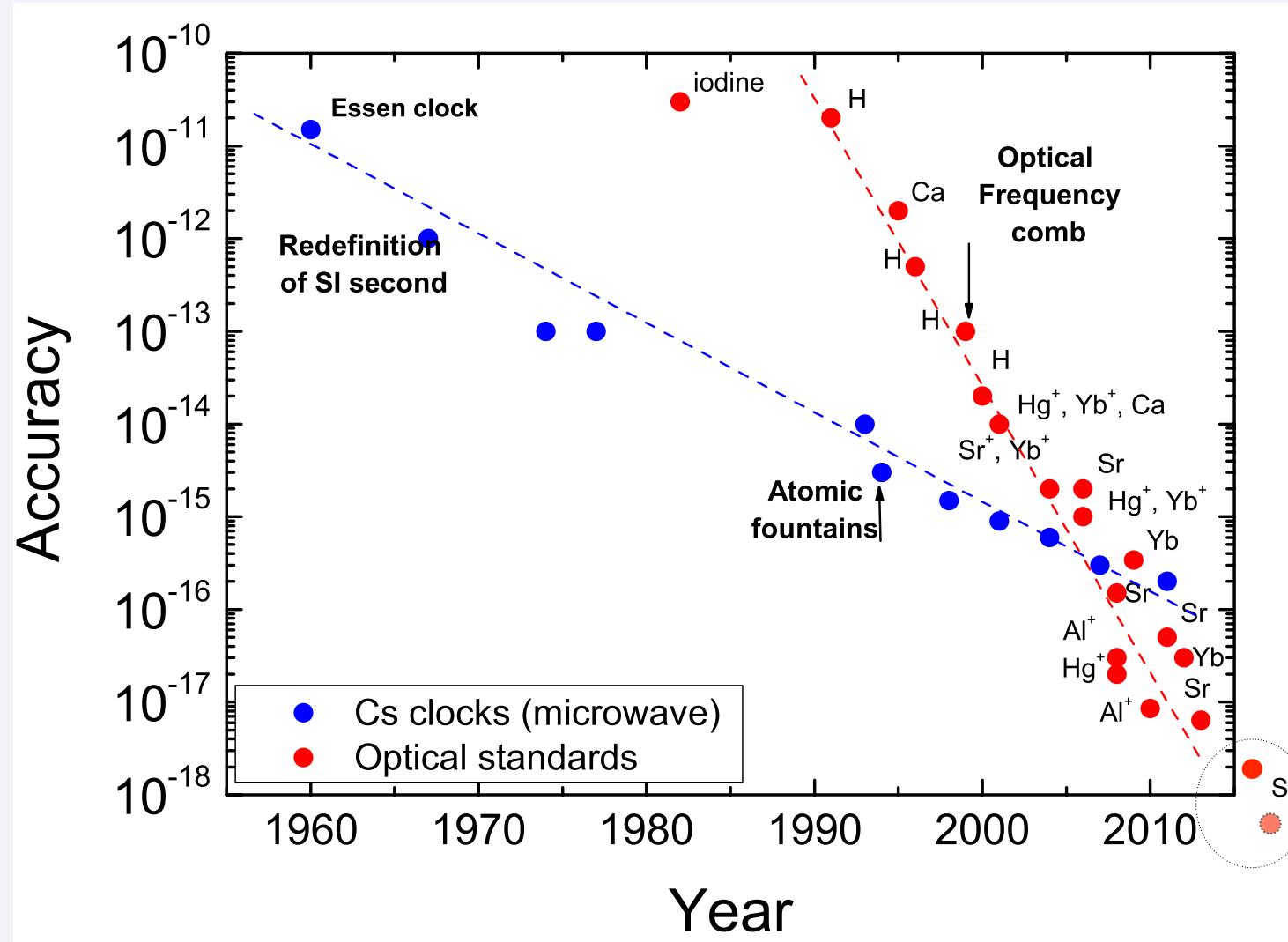
- New atomic sensors for fundamental physics tests



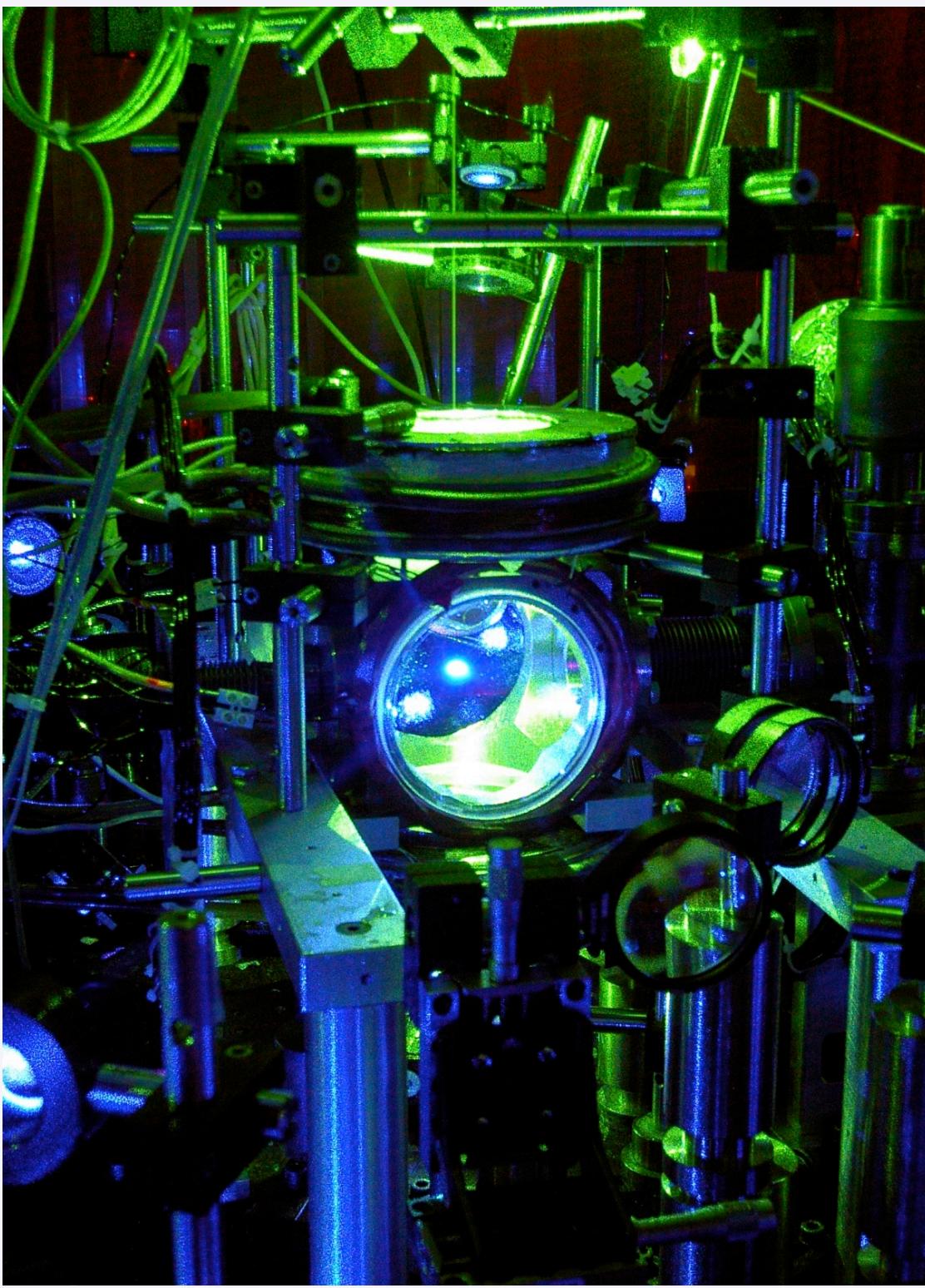
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Microwave vs. optical clocks

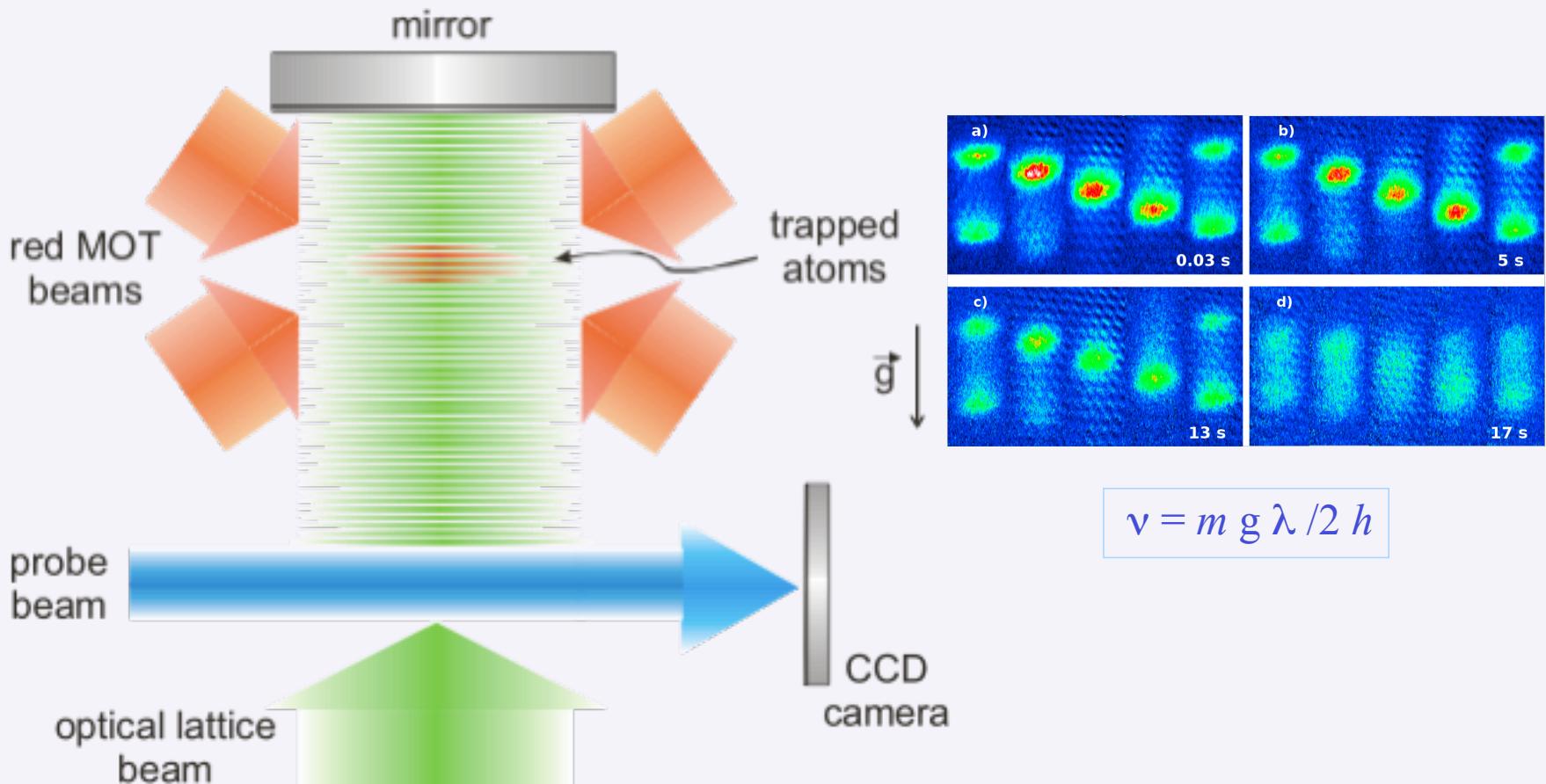


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Bloch oscillations of Sr atoms in an optical lattice

Precision gravity measurement at μm scale



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N. Poli, F.Y. Wang, M.G. Tarallo, A. Alberti, M. Prevedelli, G.M. Tino, *Precision Measurement of Gravity with Cold Atoms in an Optical Lattice and Comparison with a Classical Gravimeter*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 038501 (2011)

Test of the EP for 0-spin and half-integer-spin atoms: Search for spin-gravity coupling effects

Einstein Equivalence Principle

→ Universality of the Free Fall

*The trajectory of a freely falling “test” body
is independent of its internal structure
and composition*



Test of the equivalence principle with two isotopes of strontium atom:

88Sr

- Total spin = 0
- Boson

87Sr

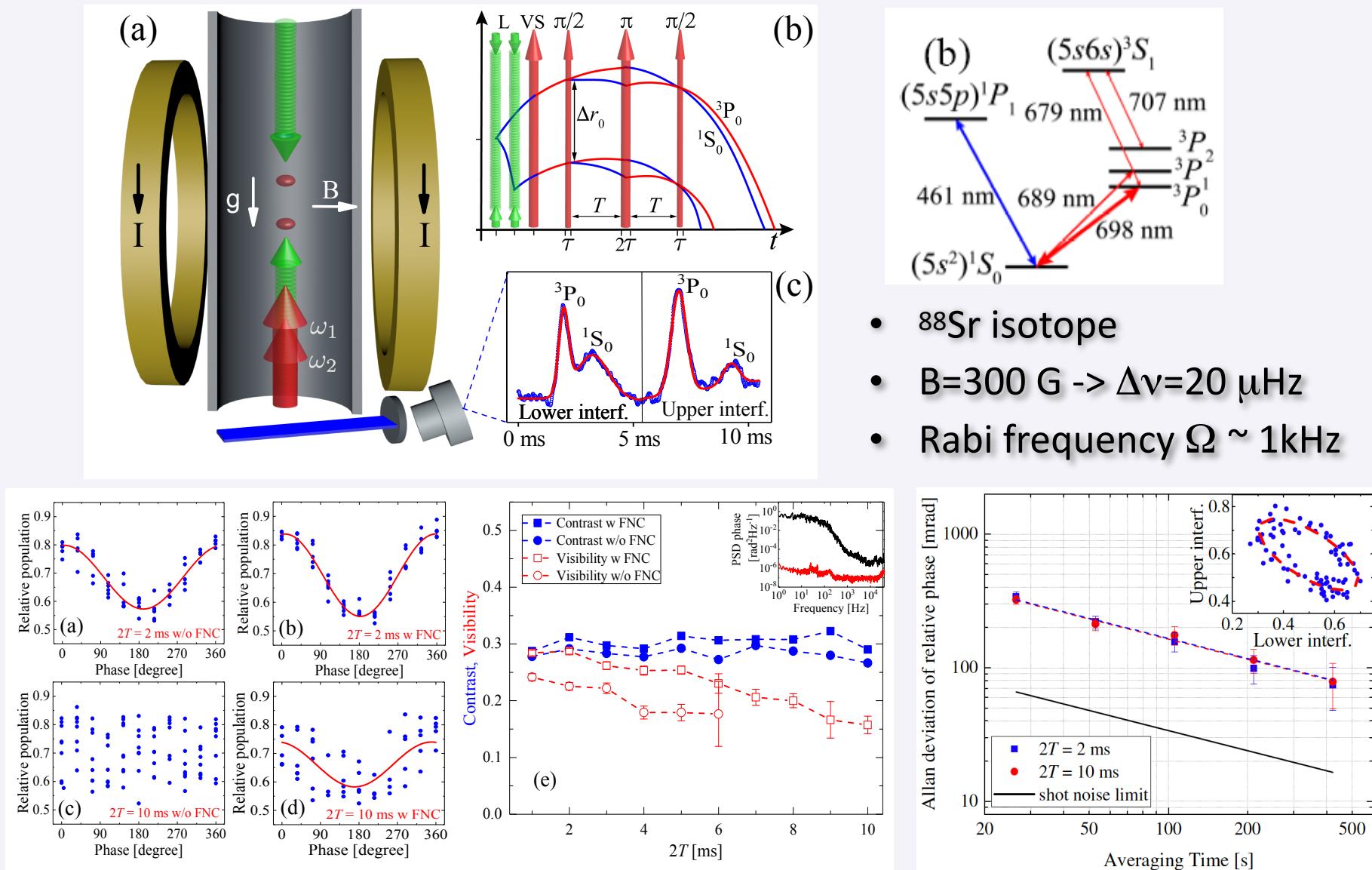
- Total spin \equiv nuclear spin $I = 9/2$
- Fermion

Comparison of the acceleration of ^{88}Sr and ^{87}Sr under the effect of gravity
by measuring the Bloch frequencies in a vertical optical lattice

Search for EP violations due to spin-gravity coupling effects

M.G. Tarallo, T. Mazzoni, N. Poli, D.V. Sutyrin, X. Zhang, G.M. Tino, *Test of Einstein Equivalence Principle for 0-Spin and Half-Integer-Spin Atoms: Search for Spin-Gravity Coupling Effects*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 023005 (2014)

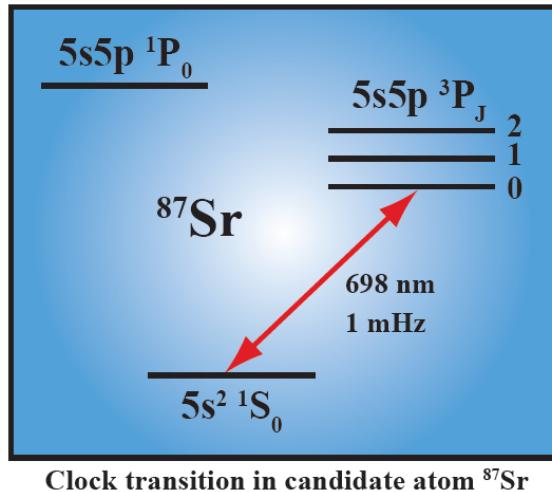
Atom interferometry with the Sr optical clock transition



Liang Hu, Nicola Poli, Leonardo Salvi, Guglielmo M. Tino,
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From table-top experiments to large-scale detectors

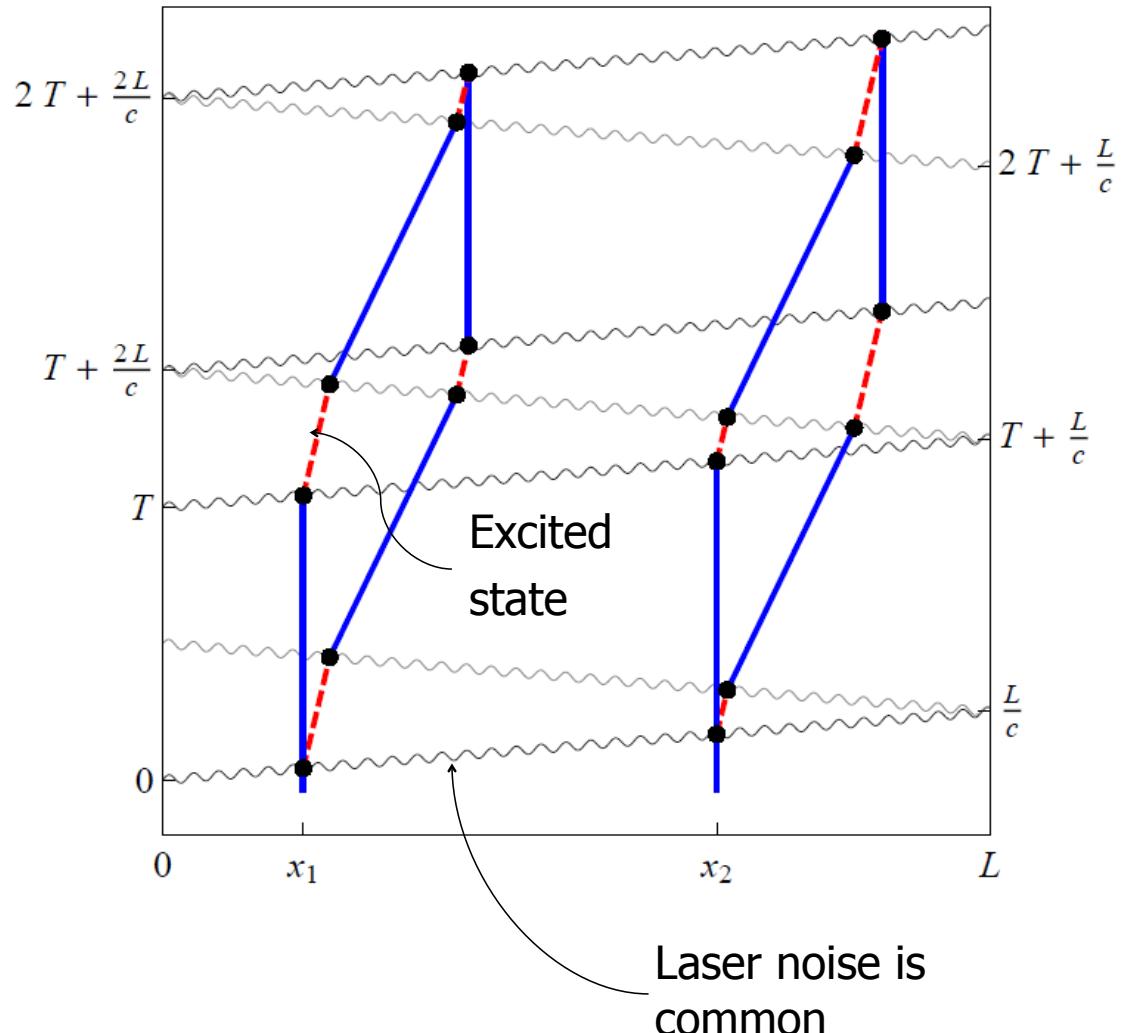
Laser frequency noise insensitive detector



Clock transition in candidate atom ^{87}Sr

- Long-lived single photon transitions (e.g. clock transition in Sr, Ca, Yb, Hg, etc.).
- Atoms act as clocks, measuring the light travel time across the baseline.
- GWs modulate the laser ranging distance.

Enables 2 satellite configurations



Proposal title

SPACE ATOMIC GRAVITY EXPLORER

Acronym

SAGE

Lead Proposer

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N is in the field of Fundamental Physics. The scientific objective is to observe Gravitational Waves and other fundamental aspects of gravity as well as the gravitational physics and quantum physics using new quantum sensors, namely, optical atomic clocks and atom interferometers based on ultracold Strontium atoms.

Combining quantum sensing and quantum communication, SAGE is based on recent impressive achievements in quantum technologies for optical clocks, atom interferometers, microwave and optical links. This call provides a unique opportunity to investigate in detail the fascinating idea of this ultimate multi-purpose gravity explorer based on all the most advanced achievements in the field.

We consider a multi-satellite configuration with payload/instruments including Strontium optical atomic clocks, Strontium atom interferometers and satellite-to-satellite/satellite-to-Earth laser links.

SAGE main scientific goals are:

PRIMARY GOAL:

- Observe Gravitational Waves in new frequency ranges with atomic sensors.

SECONDARY GOALS:

- Search for Dark-Matter
- Measure the Gravitational Red Shift
- Test the Equivalence Principle of General Relativity and search for spin-gravity coupling
- Define an ultraprecise frame of reference for Earth and Space and compare terrestrial clocks
- Investigate quantum correlations and test Bell inequalities for different gravitational potentials and relative velocities
- Use clocks and links between satellites for optical VLBI in Space

Although the technology for such a mission is not mature yet, it takes advantage of developments for the ACES (Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space) mission and the results of ESA studies for SOC (Space Optical Clock), SAI (Space Atom Interferometer), STE-QUEST, GOAT and ongoing national projects in this frame.

Supporting scientists and institutes from ESA member states as well as from USA, China, Japan, Singapore are listed in the final section of the proposal.

AEDGE: Atomic Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration

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ABSTRACT: We propose in this White Paper a concept for a space experiment using cold atoms to search for ultra-light dark matter, and to detect gravitational waves in the frequency range between the most sensitive ranges of LISA and the terrestrial LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA/INDIGO experiments. This interdisciplinary experiment, called Atomic Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration (AEDGE), will also complement other planned searches for dark matter, and exploit synergies with other gravitational wave detectors. We give examples of the extended range of sensitivity to ultra-light dark matter offered by AEDGE, and how its gravitational-wave measurements could explore the assembly of super-massive black holes, first-order phase transitions in the early universe and cosmic strings. AEDGE will be based upon technologies now being developed for terrestrial experiments using cold atoms, and will benefit from the space experience obtained with, e.g., LISA and cold atom experiments in microgravity.

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Large-scale atom interferometers

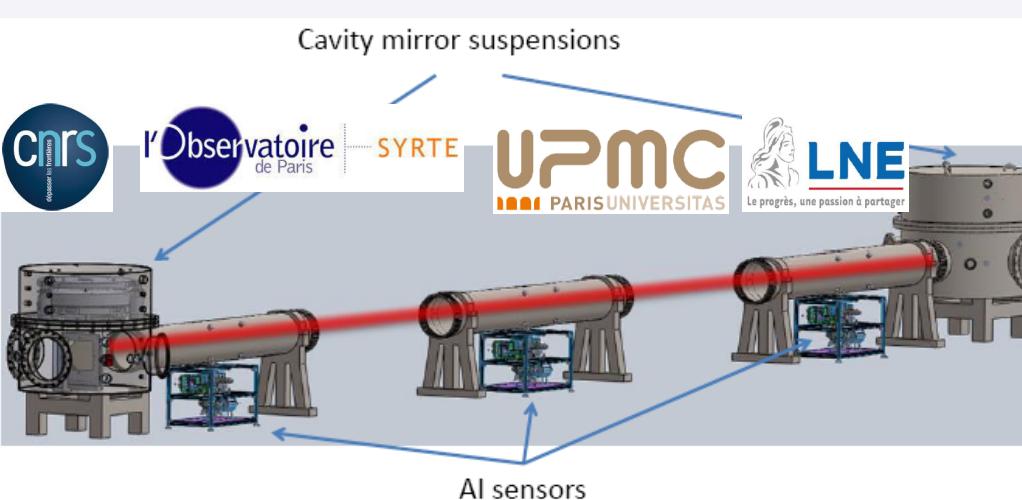
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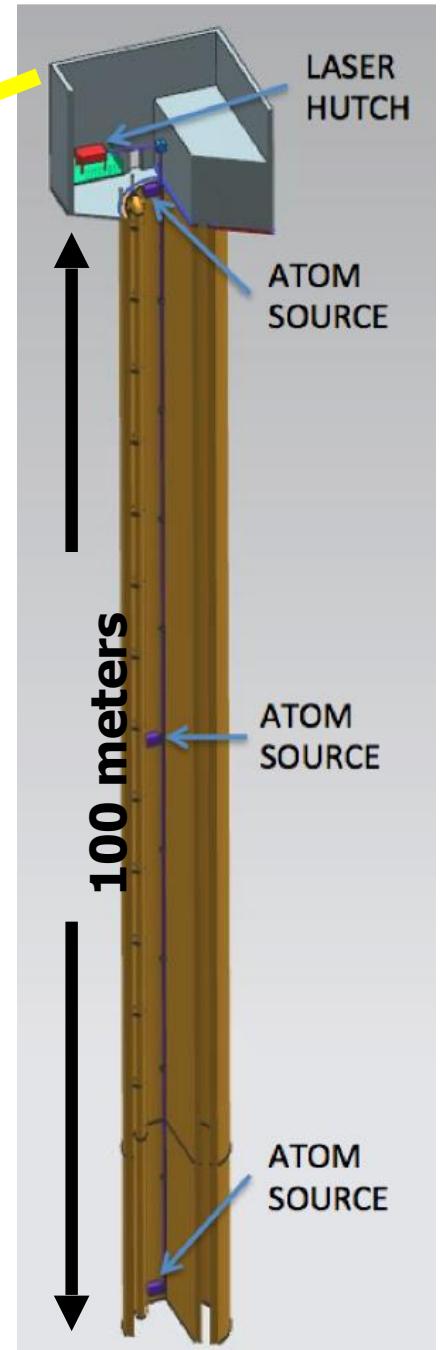
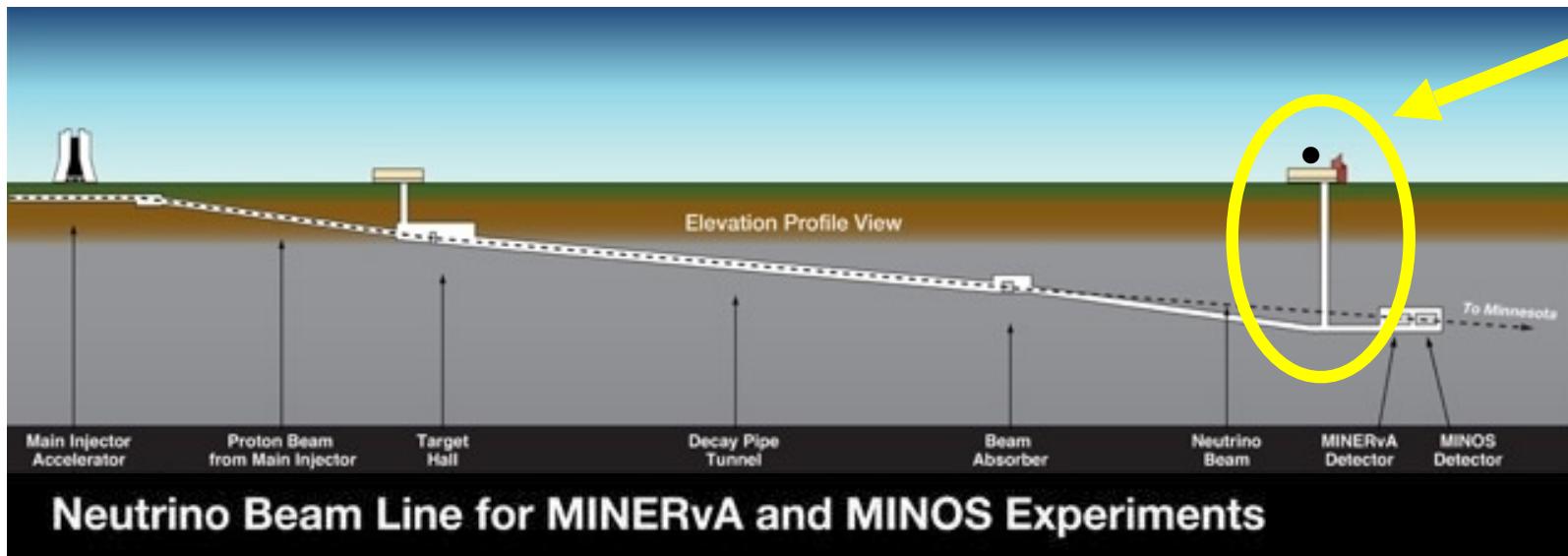


Cavity mirror suspensions



MAGIS-100: Detector prototype at Fermilab

Matter wave Atomic Gradiometer Interferometric Sensor

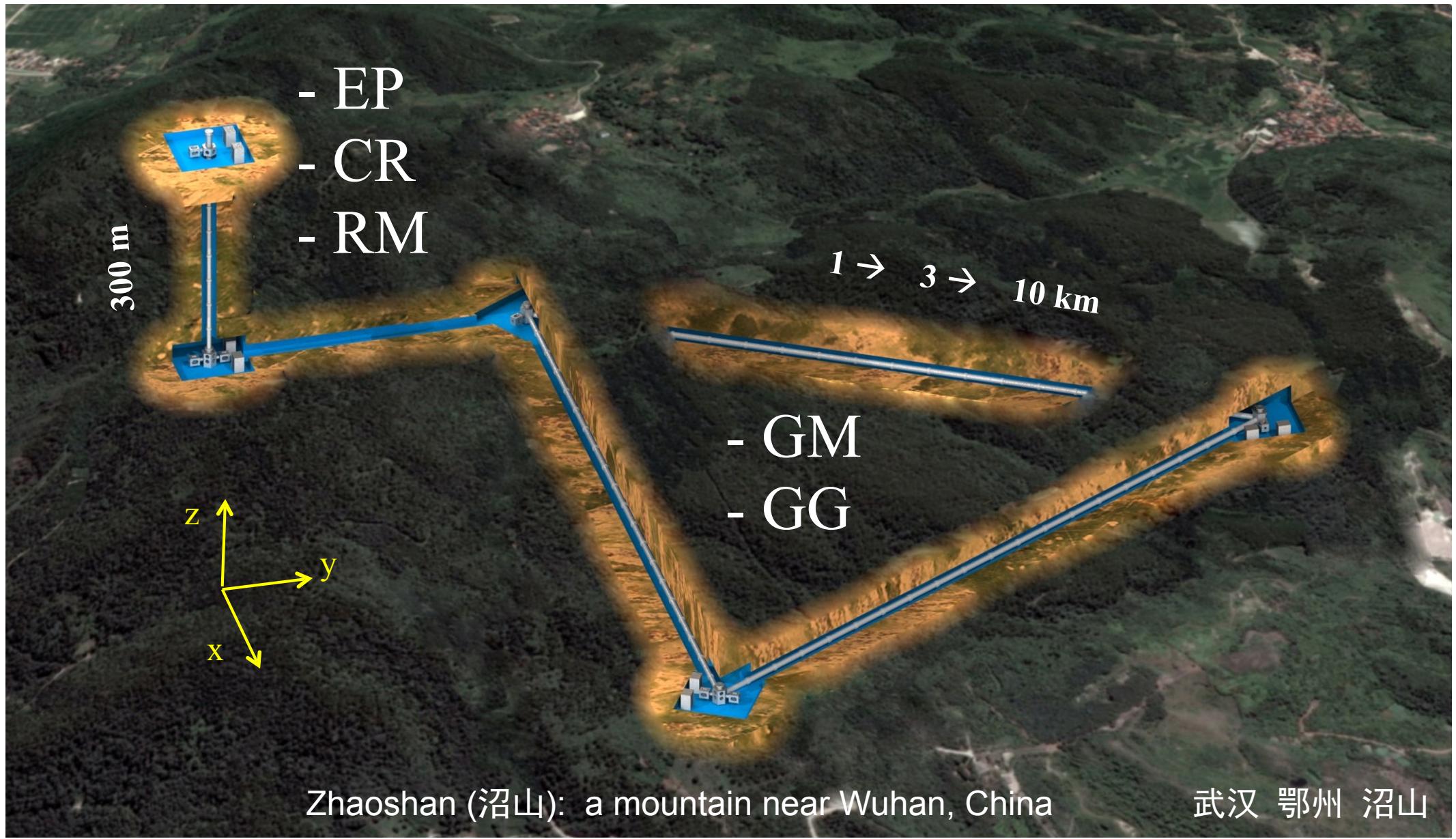
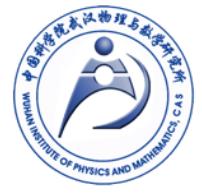


- 100-meter baseline atom interferometry in existing shaft at Fermilab
- Intermediate step to full-scale (km) detector for gravitational waves
- Clock atom sources (Sr) at three positions to realize a gradiometer
- Probes for ultralight scalar dark matter beyond current limits (Hz range)
- Extreme quantum superposition states: >meter wavepacket separation, up to 9 seconds duration



from J. Hogan

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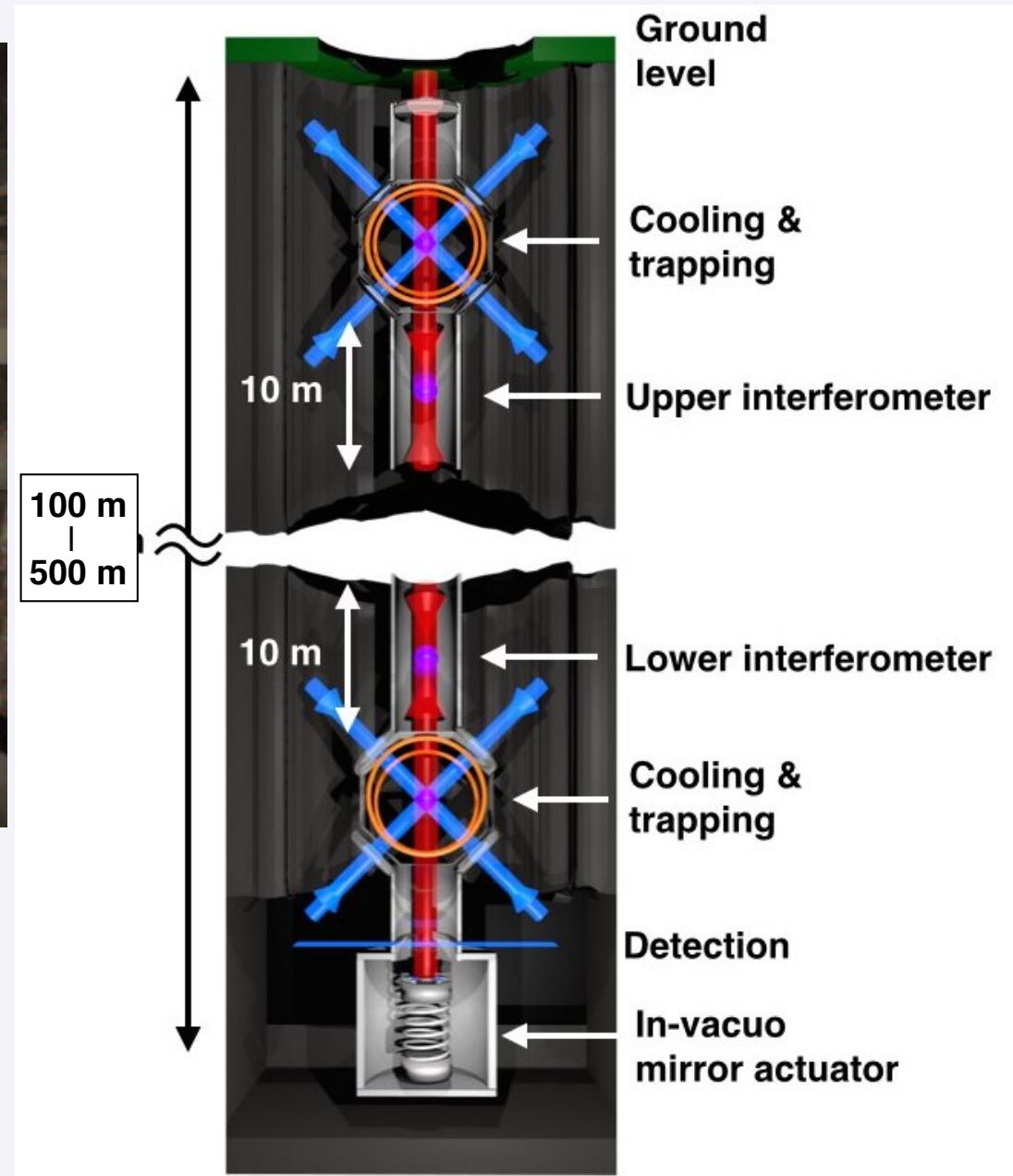


Large-scale atom interferometer ⇒ Sardegna?



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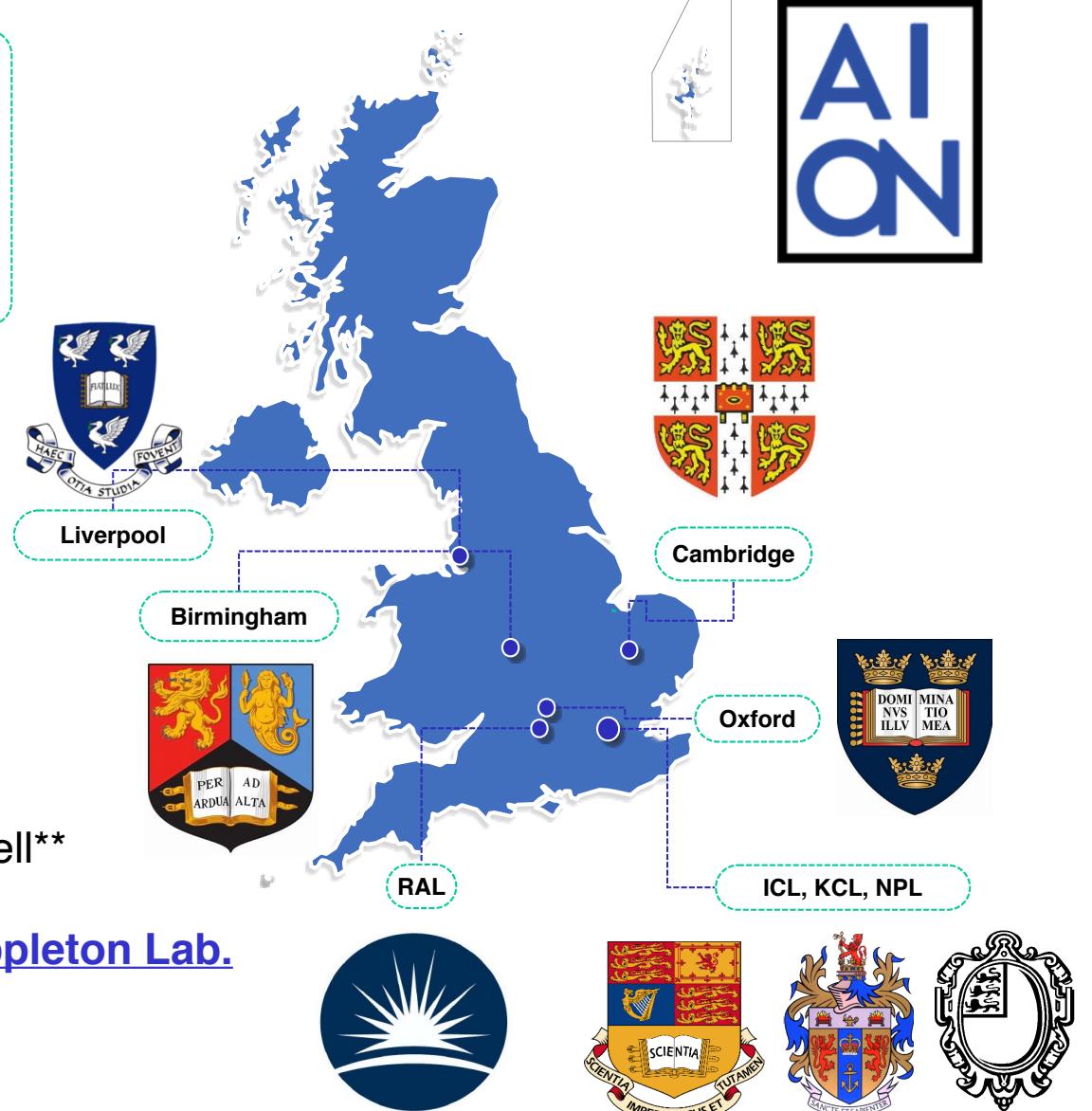
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AION – A Staged Programme

AION-10: Stage 1 [year 1 to 3]

- **1 & 10 m Interferometers & Site Development for 100m Baseline**

AION-100: Stage 2 [year 3 to 6]

- **100m Construction & Commissioning**

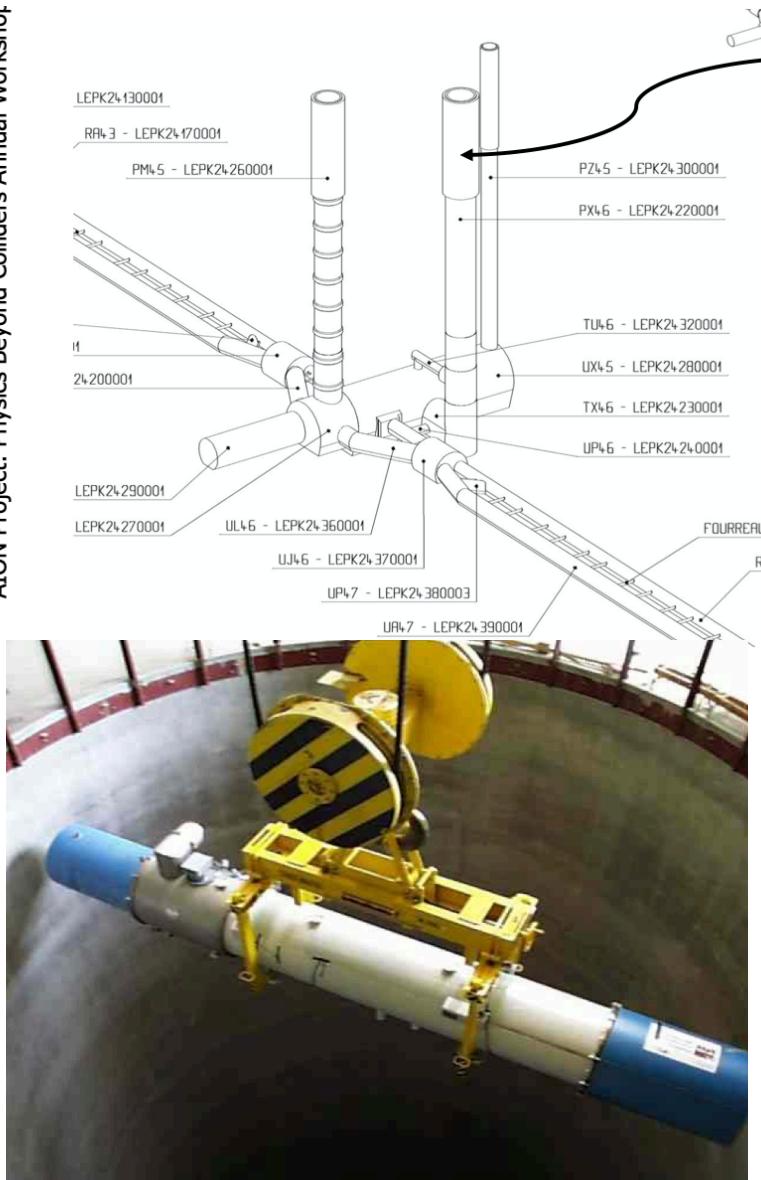
AION-KM: Stage 3 [> year 6]

- **Operating AION-100 and planning for 1 km & Beyond**

AION-SPACE: Stage 4 [after AION-KM]

- **Space based version**

Possible CERN Location of AION-100m



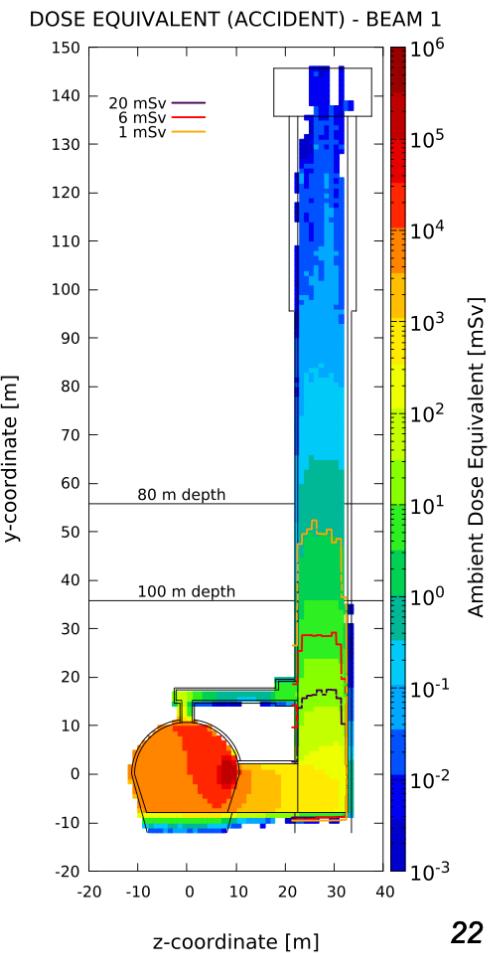
PX46 – P4 Support shaft

Lengths 143m
D = 10.10m

➤ Ideal basic parameters for
AION100

First radiation studies are also
Looking promising but more work is
needed to determine if PX46 could be a
valid option for AION 100.

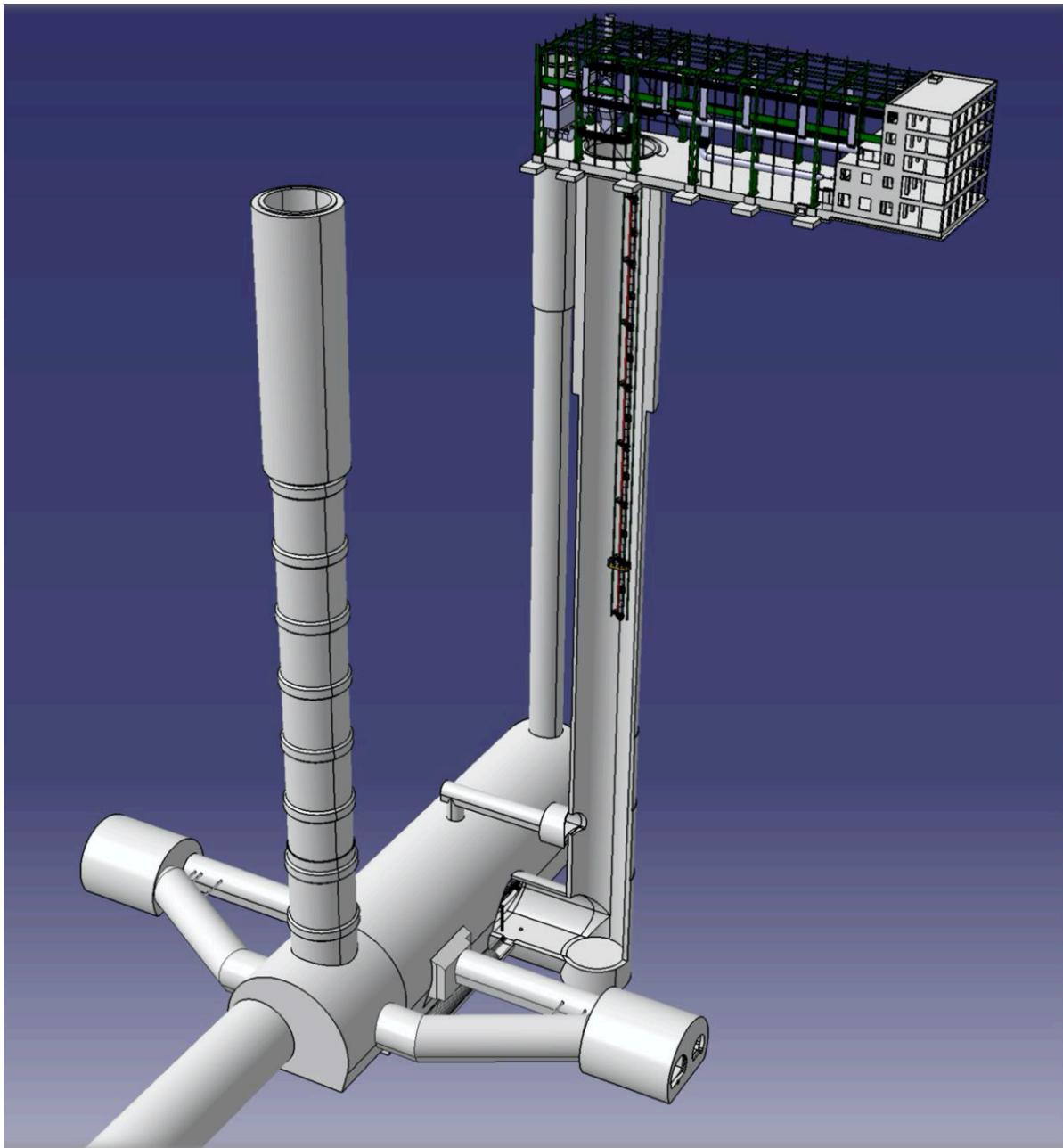
We are working with PBC Team
(Gianluigi Arduini et al)
on feasibility study:
Seismology
Temperature
Ventilation
Radiation protection
Electromagnetic interference



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Mini-Workshop at CERN AION



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14:00 → 14:20 **Introduction** 20m

- o Why AION
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- o Why AION-100 at CERN
- o Present status

Speakers: John Ellis (Kings College London), Oliver Buchmuller (Imperial College (GB))

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14:30 → 14:50 **AION-100 Challenges** 20m

- o Systematics
- o Sensitivity to environmental parameters (vibrations, pressure and temp differences, EM interferences, radiation)

Speaker: Jeremiah Mitchell (University of Cambridge)

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15:00 → 15:20 **Siting options and required civil engineering** 20m

Speaker: Kincső Balázs (CERN)

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15:30 → 15:50 **Radiation protection considerations** 20m

- o access constraints
- o Radiation levels to equipment

Speaker: Angelo Infantino (CERN)

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16:00 → 16:20 **Cooling and ventilation** 20m

- o Expected parameters
- o Impact of modifications

Speakers: Olivier Crespo-Lopez (CERN), Raphael Langlois (CERN)

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16:30 → 16:50 **Vibration and seismic noise** 20m

- o Expected levels
- o Measurement campaign (what are we going to measure in the forthcoming campaign?)

Speaker: Michael Guinchard (CERN)

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17:00 → 17:20 **EM noise** 20m

- o What is known?
- o What are the frequencies/characteristics
- o What can we measure?

Speakers: Daniel Valuch (CERN), Richard Hobson (Imperial College London), Richard Hobson

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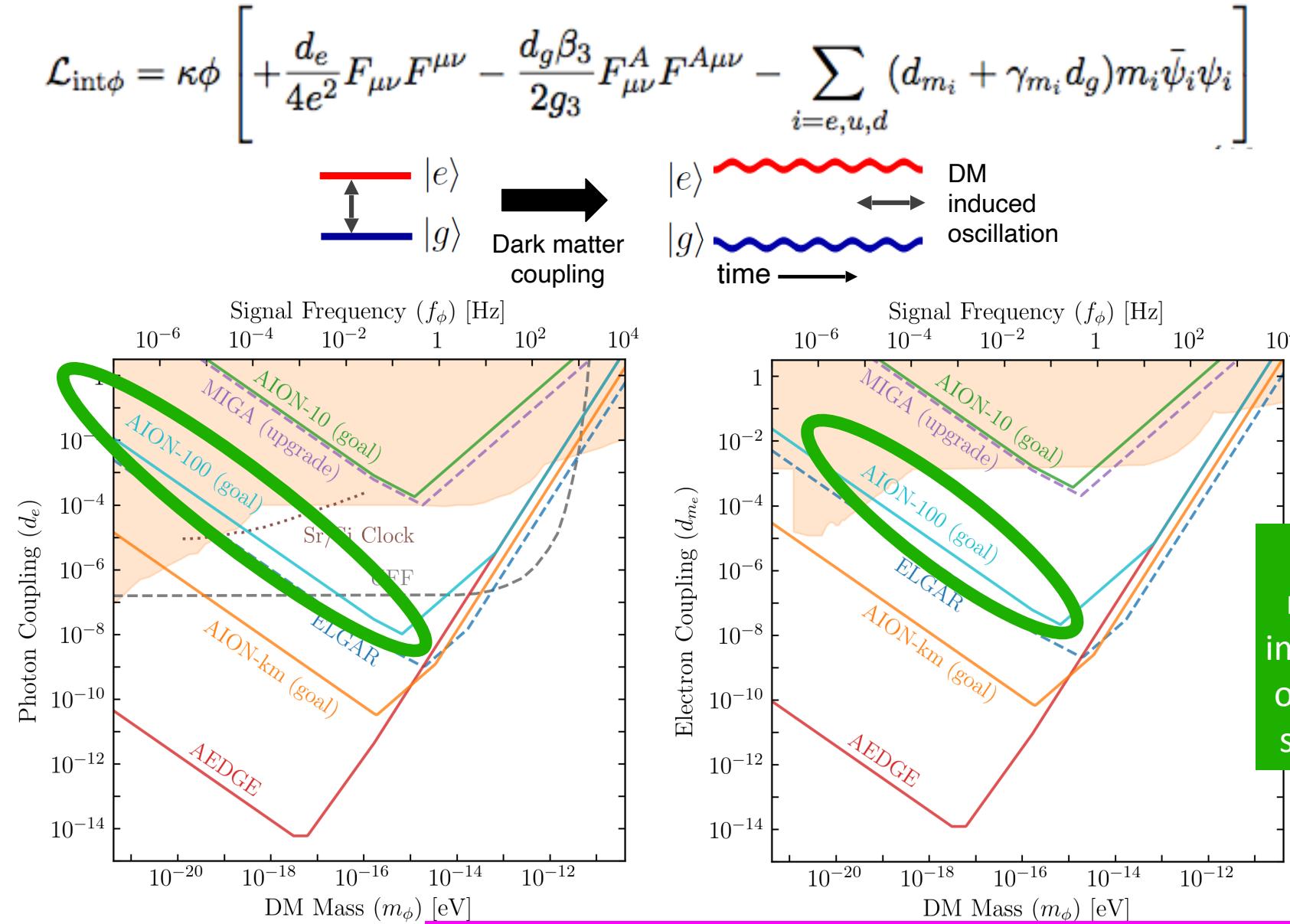
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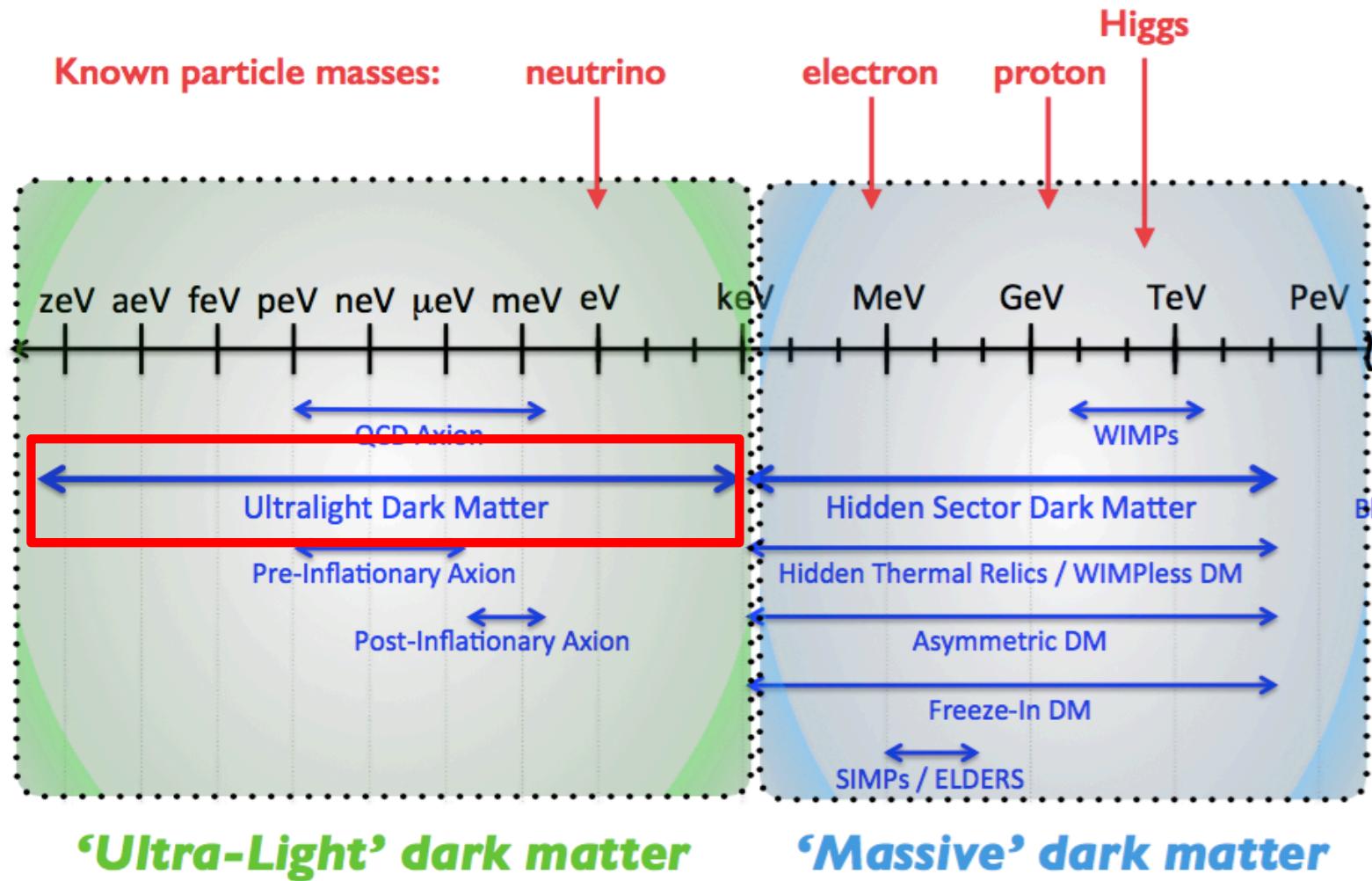
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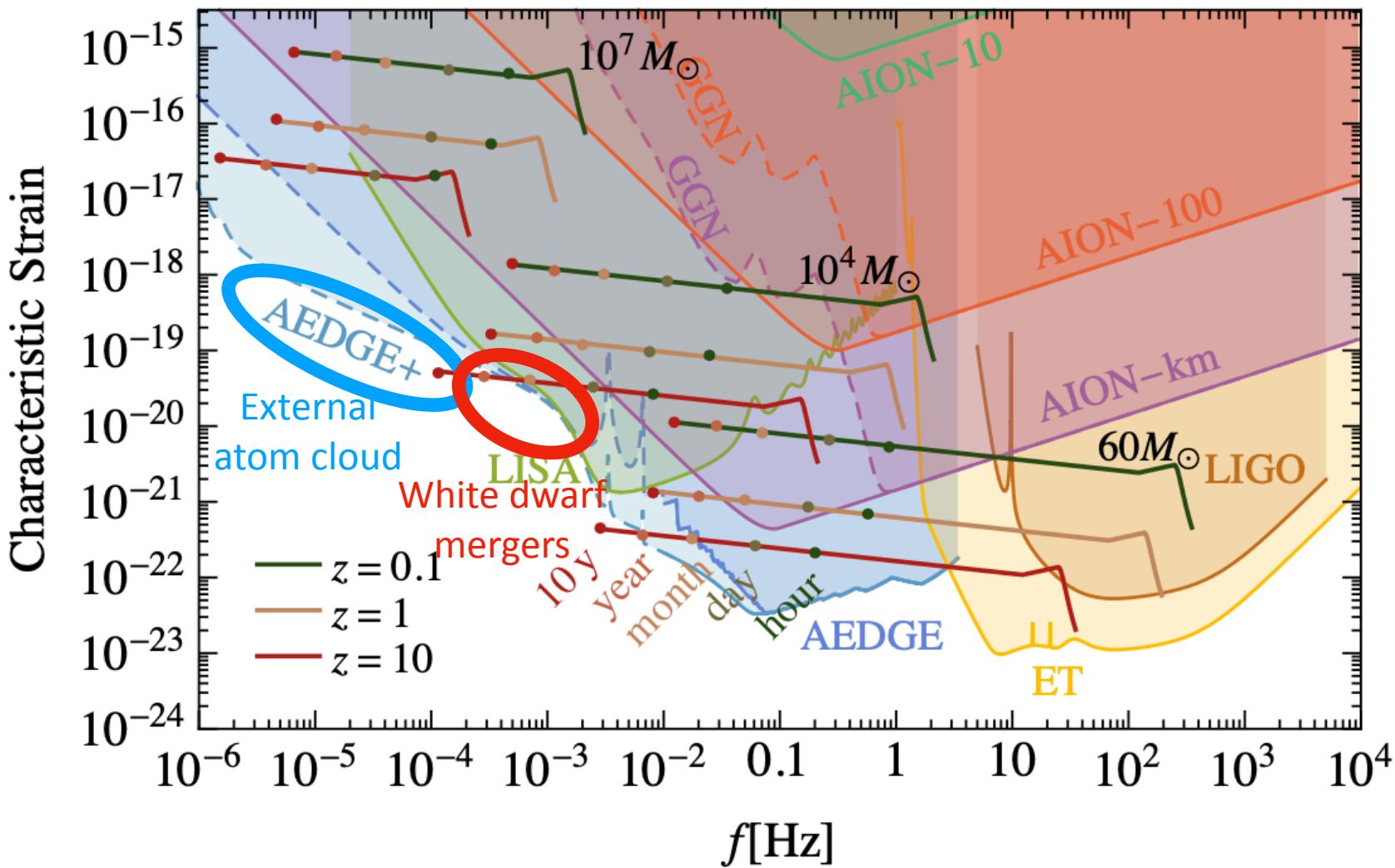
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Probe formation of SMBHs

Synergies with other GW experiments (LIGO, LISA), test GR

Advanced atomic quantum sensors for gravitational physics

- Large-scale atom interferometer
- New schemes for large momentum transfer
- Higher power lasers
- High-flux atomic sources
- High-sensitivity detection schemes
- Squeezed atomic states