

# MAGIS-100

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# MAGIS Collaboration

## Matter-wave Atomic Gradiometer Interferometric Sensor (MAGIS-100)

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## Science Case – See Fermilab Lol

A new ‘telescope’ for Unexplored Phase Space

“Ultralight” dark matter (e.g., axions, dilatons, etc.)

Mass  $\sim 10^{-15}$  eV

Would act like a **classical field**



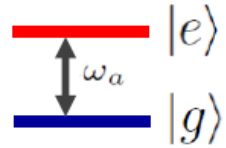
Gravitational waves in the mid-band

Tests of quantum mechanics at long time / length scales

Equivalence principle tests (spin dependent gravity)

Lorentz invariance tests

# Clock Gradiometer Concept



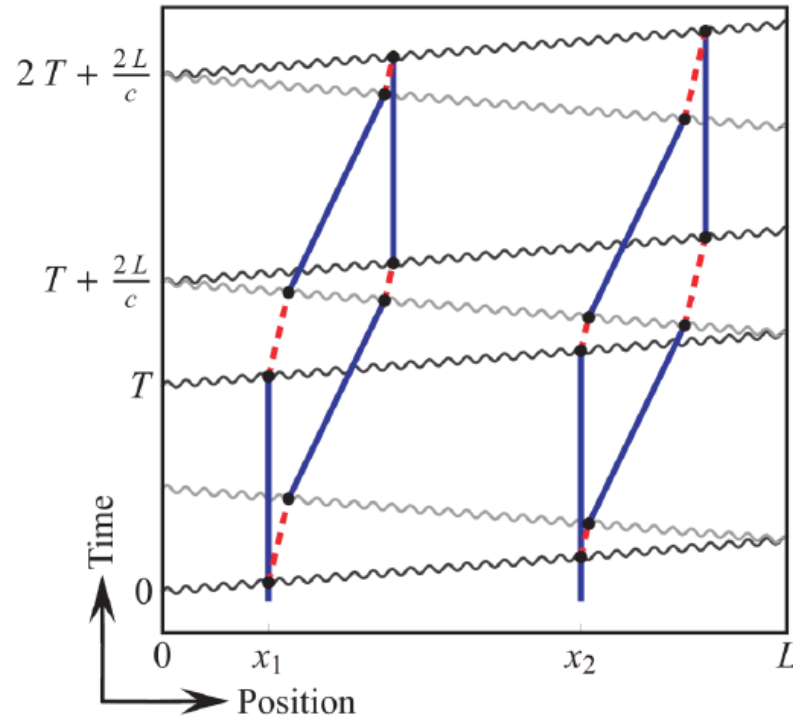
Excited state phase evolution:

$$\Delta\phi \sim \omega_A (2L/c)$$

Two ways for phase to vary:

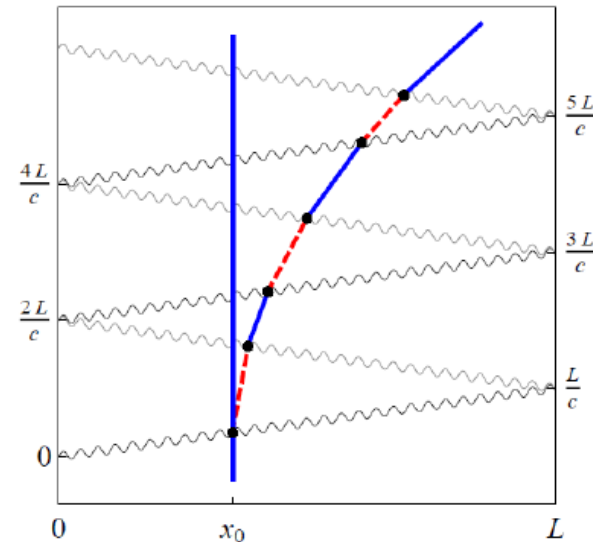
$\delta\omega_A$       *Dark matter*

$\delta L = hL$       *Gravitational wave*



Graham et al., PRL **110**, 171102 (2013).

Arvanitaki et al., PRD **97**, 075020 (2018).



*LMT  
beamsplitter  
(6  $\hbar k$ )*

## Quantum Science with MAGIS-100

Atom de Broglie wavepackets in superposition separated by up to 10 meters

Durations of many seconds, up to 9 seconds (full height launch)

Quantum entanglement to reduce sensor noise below the standard quantum limit

## Multiple ways to detect ultralight DM (axions, dilatons, moduli, etc)

1. Effects fundamental constants such as the electron mass or fine structure constant will change the energy levels of the quantum states used in the interferometer
2. Causes accelerations: can be searched for by comparing the accelerometer signals from two simultaneous quantum interferometers run with different Sr isotopes
3. Effects precession of nuclear spins, such as general axions. Searched for by comparing simultaneous, co-located interferometers with the Sr atoms in different quantum states with differing nuclear spins

## Ultralight scalar dark matter

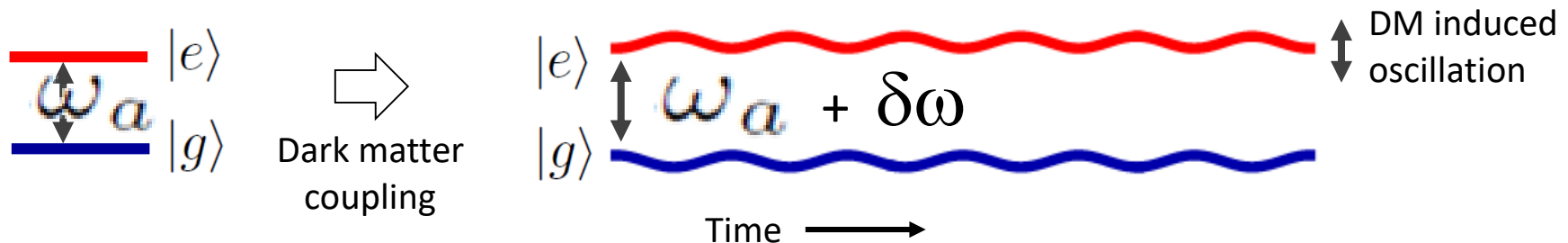
*Ultralight dilaton DM* acts as a background field (e.g., mass  $\sim 10^{-15}$  eV)

$$\mathcal{L} = + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 - \sqrt{4\pi G_N} \phi \left[ \underbrace{d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e} e}_{\text{Electron coupling}} - \underbrace{\frac{d_e}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Photon coupling}} \right] + \dots$$

↓ DM scalar field

$$\phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \phi_0 \cos[m_\phi(t - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}) + \beta] + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{v}|^2) \quad \phi_0 \propto \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{DM} \\ \text{mass} \\ \text{density} \end{array}$$

DM coupling causes time-varying atomic energy levels:



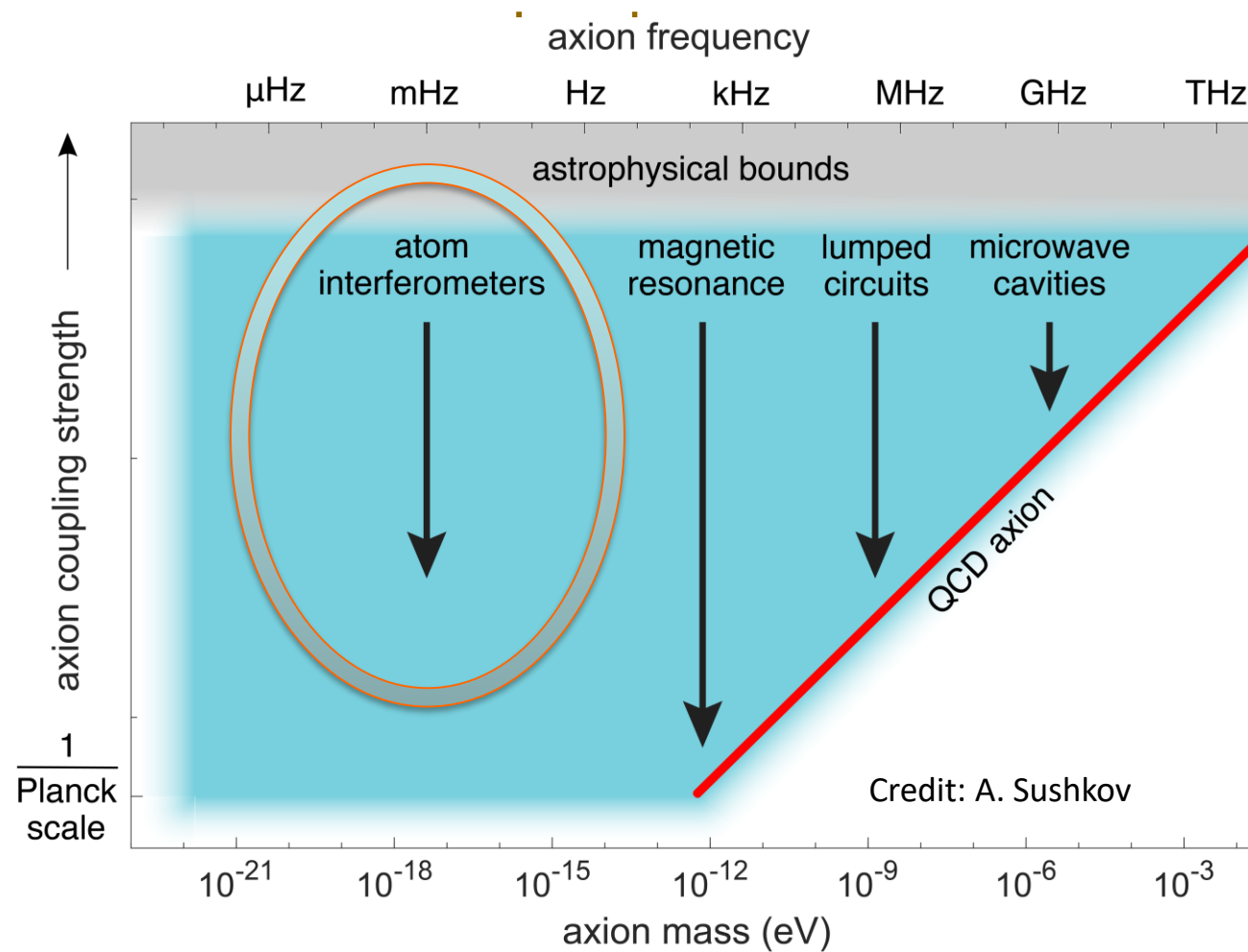
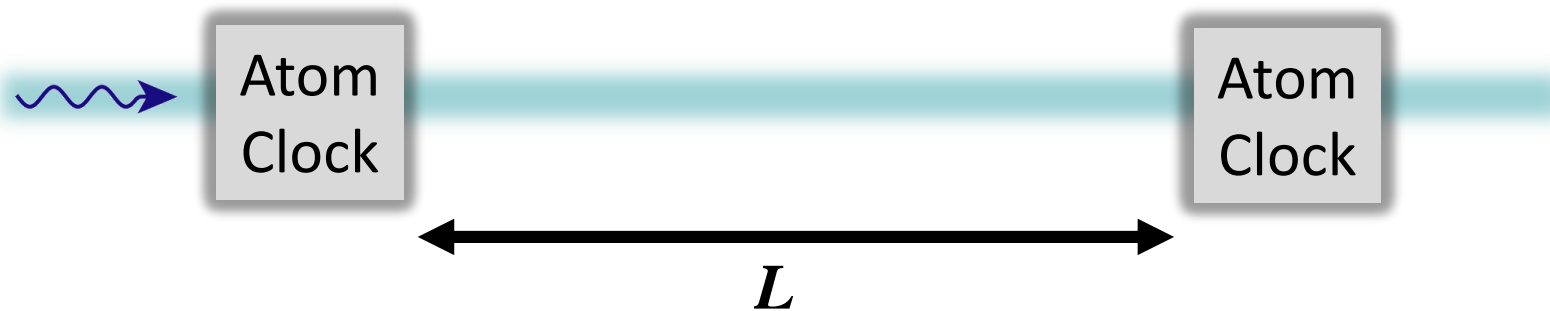


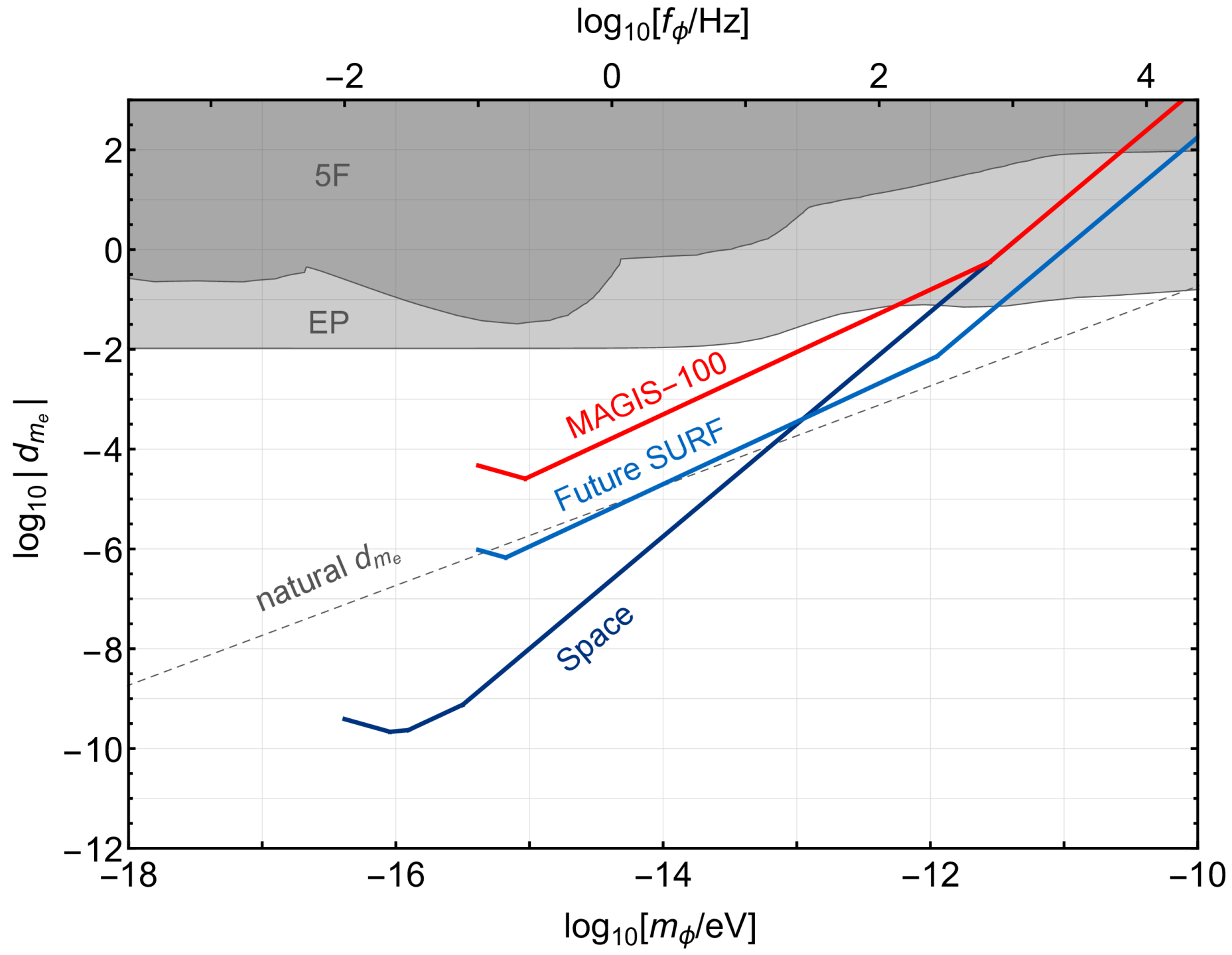
Figure from DOE Dark Matter Research Needs Report, 2018



# Measurement Concept

1. Light propagates across the baseline at a constant speed
2. Clocks read transit time signal over baseline
3. DM changes number of clock ticks associated with transit by modifying clock ticking rate
4. Many pulses sent across baseline (large momentum transfer) to coherently enhance signal





## B-L Dark Forces

In addition to scalar dark matter, other types of interactions can be looked for.

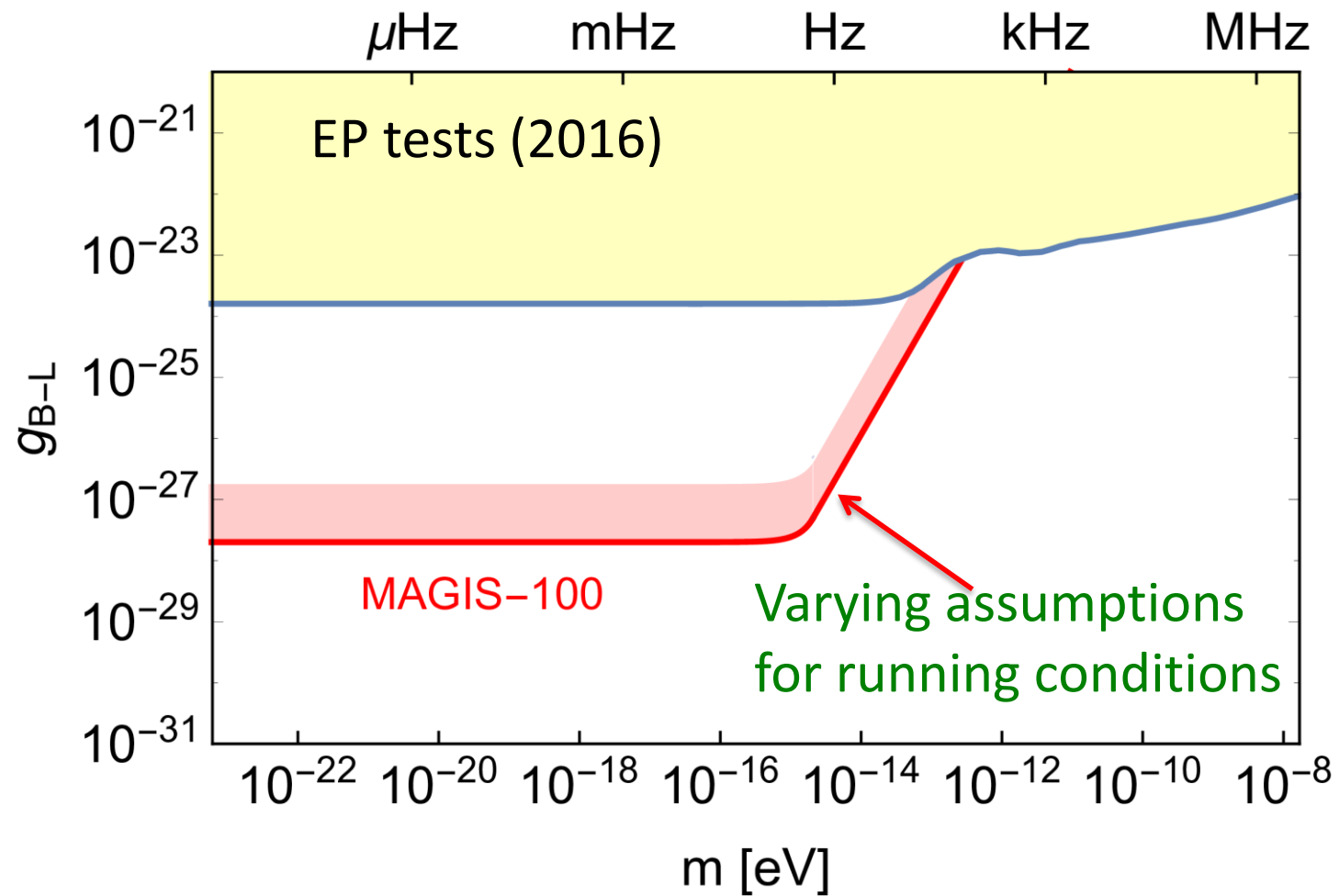
One example is a new vector boson coupling to B-L

If dark matter, will have time dependence.

If new force sourced by earth, force is static.

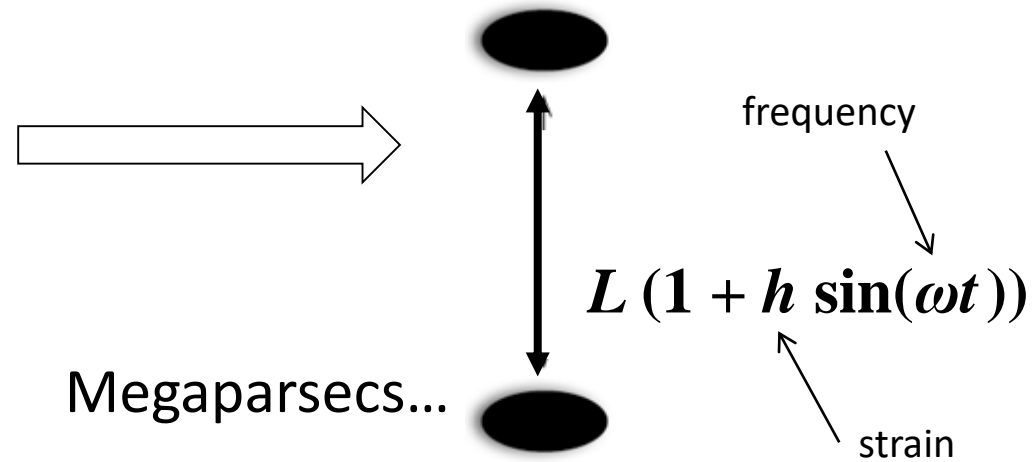
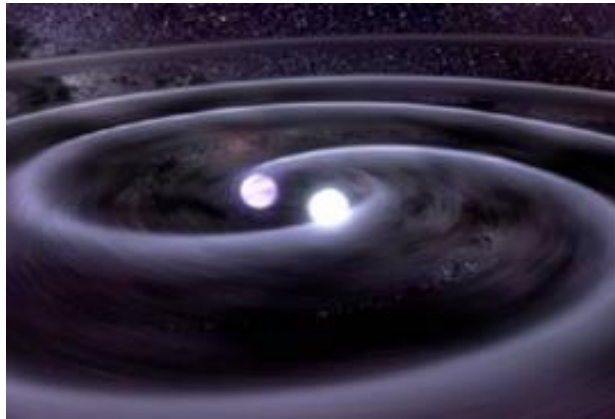
MAGIS-100 will search for this with atom source with dual isotope capability.

Competitive or better than, and extremely complementary to, other efforts, e.g. upgraded torsion pendula.



Expected MAGIS-100 B-L dark matter sensitivity

# Gravitational Wave Detection



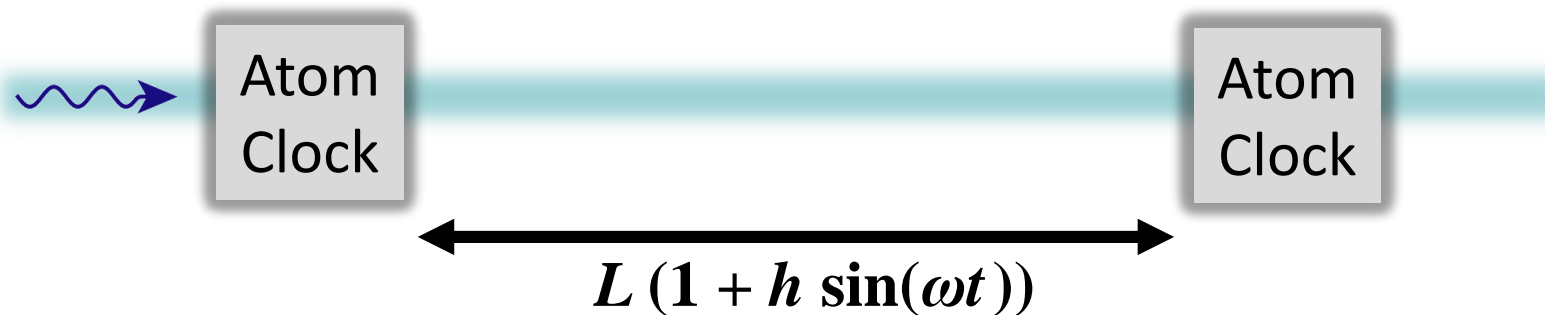
*New carrier for astronomy:* Generated by moving mass instead of electric charge

*Tests of gravity:* Extreme systems (e.g., black hole binaries) test general relativity

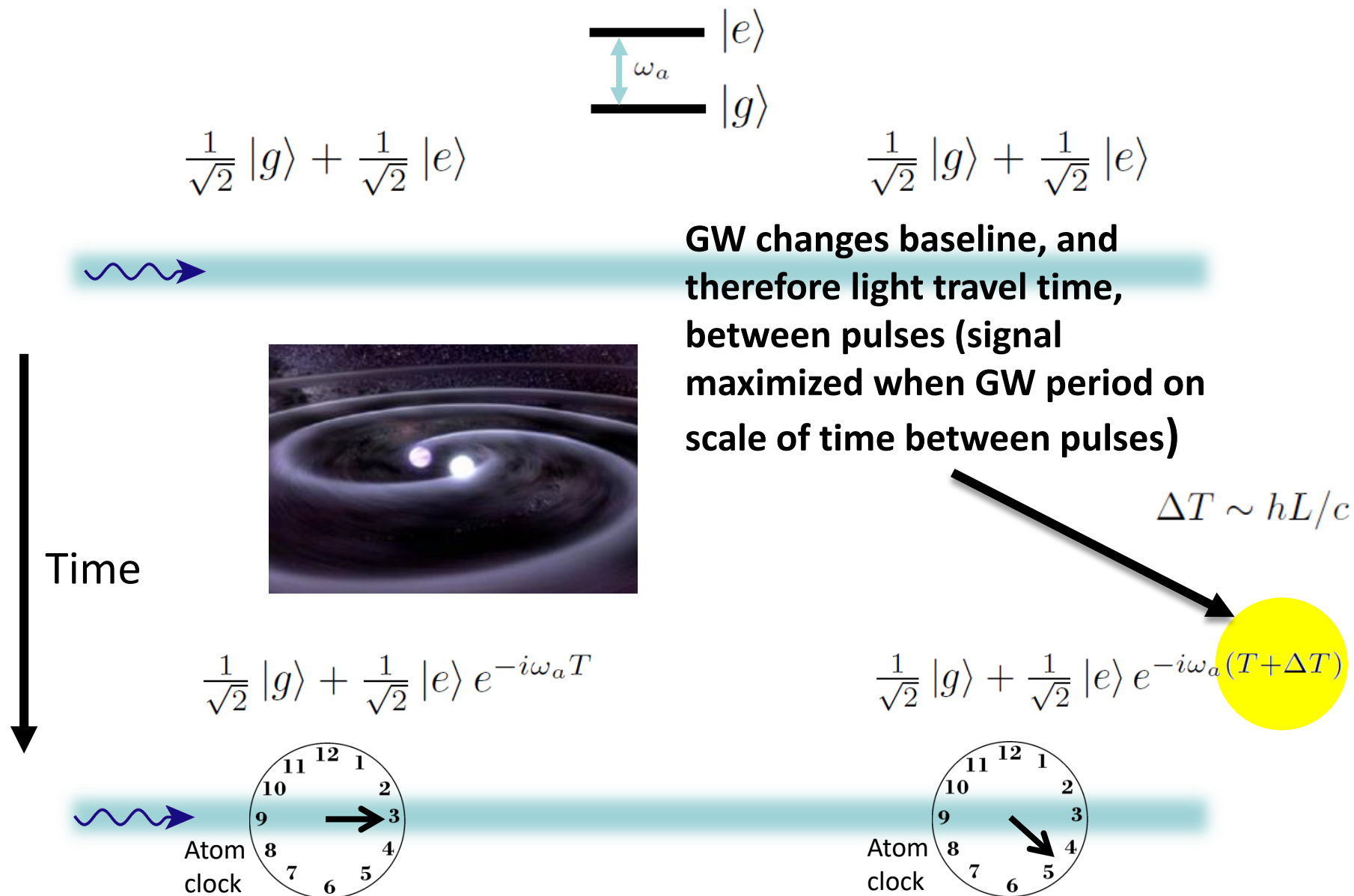
*Cosmology:* Can see to the earliest times in the universe

# Measurement Concept

1. Light propagates across the baseline at a constant speed
2. Clock atoms read transit time signal over baseline
3. GW changes number of clock ticks associated with transit by modifying light travel time across baseline
4. Many pulses sent across baseline (large momentum transfer) to coherently enhance signal



# Two Atomic Clocks



# Mid-band Science

## **Mid-band discovery potential**

Historically every new band/modality has led to discovery  
Observe LIGO sources when they are younger

## **Optimal for sky localization**

Predict *when* and *where* events will occur (before they reach LIGO band)  
Observe run-up to coalescence using electromagnetic telescopes

## **Astrophysics and Cosmology**

White dwarf binaries (Type IA supernovae), black hole binaries, and neutron star binaries

Early universe stochastic sources? (cosmic GW background)

- e.g., from inflation
- operating in mid-band instead of lower frequencies may be advantageous for avoiding background noise from white dwarf sources



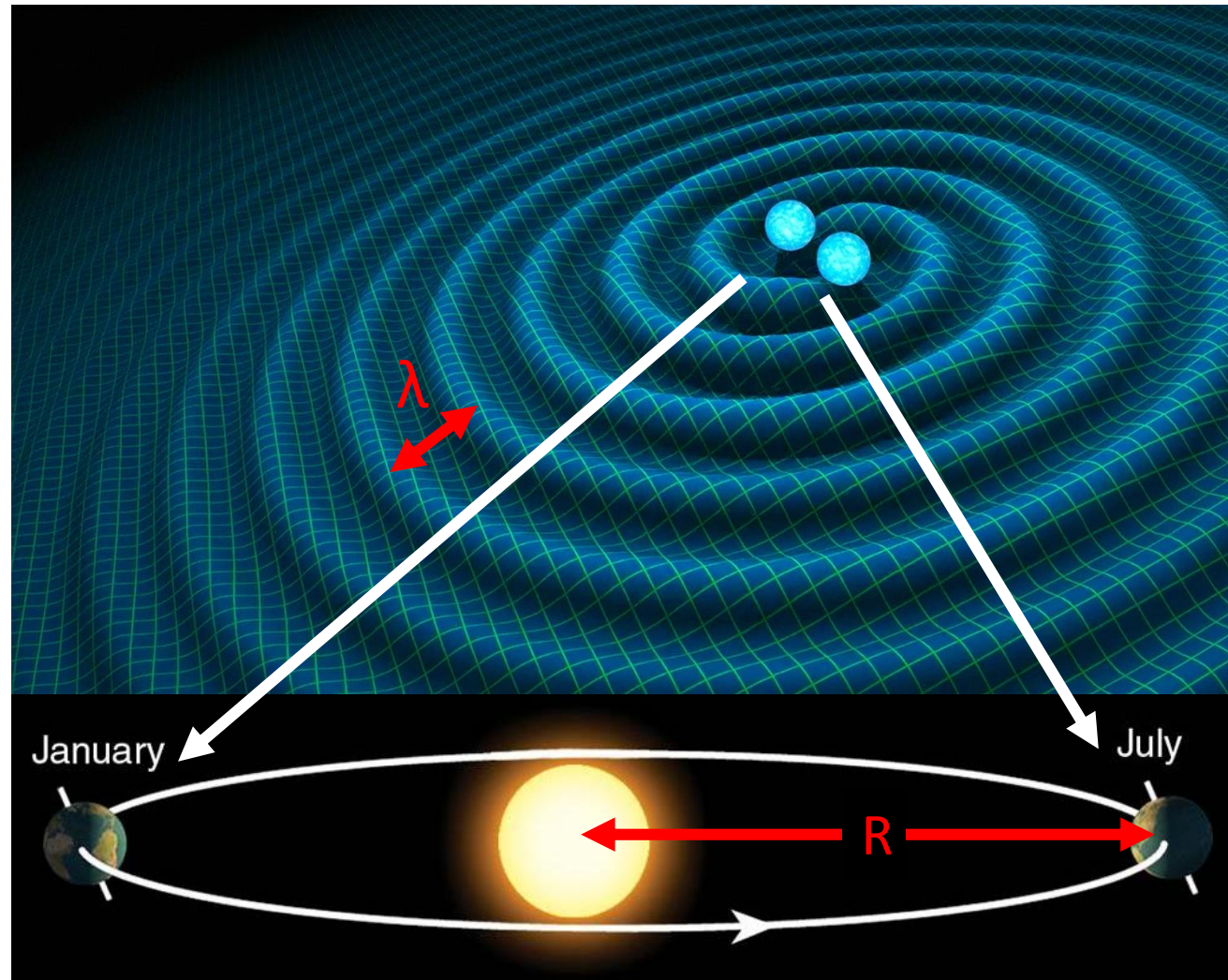
# Sky position determination

Sky localization  
precision:

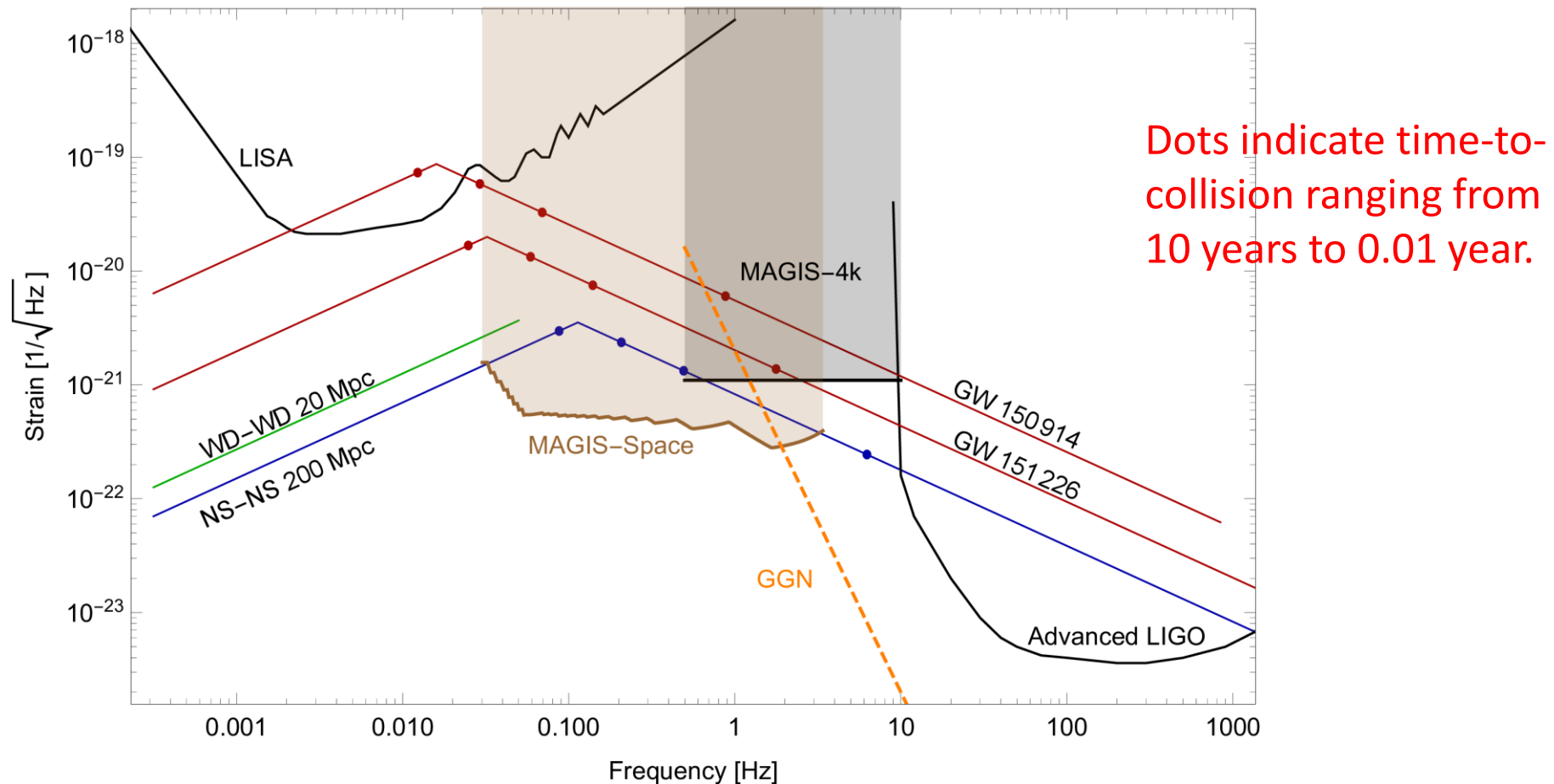
$$\sqrt{\Omega_s} \sim \left( \text{SNR} \cdot \frac{R}{\lambda} \right)^{-1}$$

## Mid-band advantages

- Small wavelength  $\lambda$
- Long source lifetime (~months) maximizes effective R



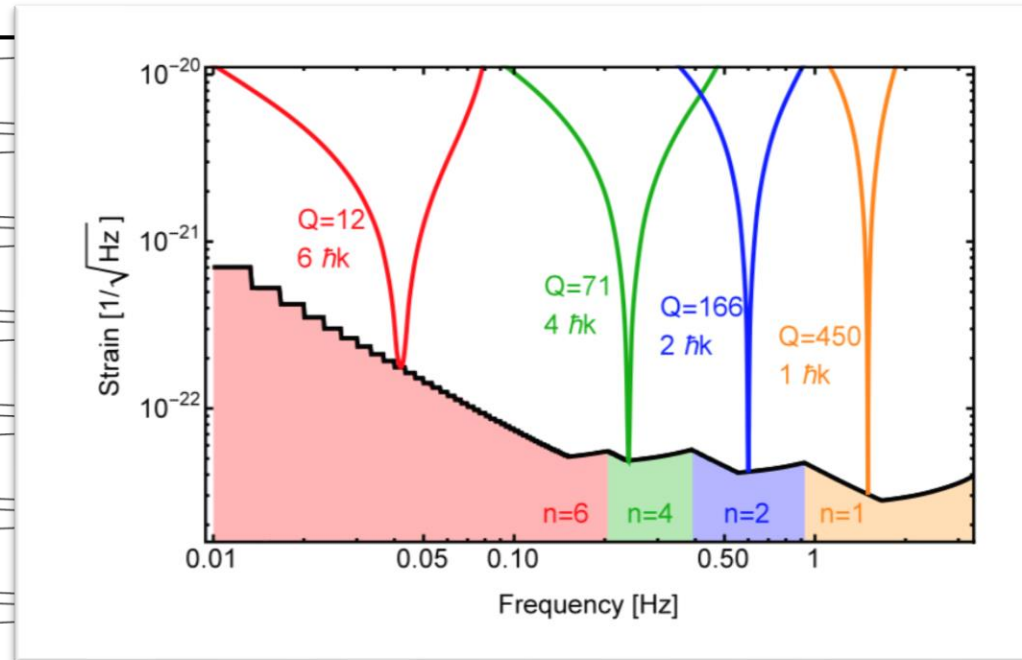
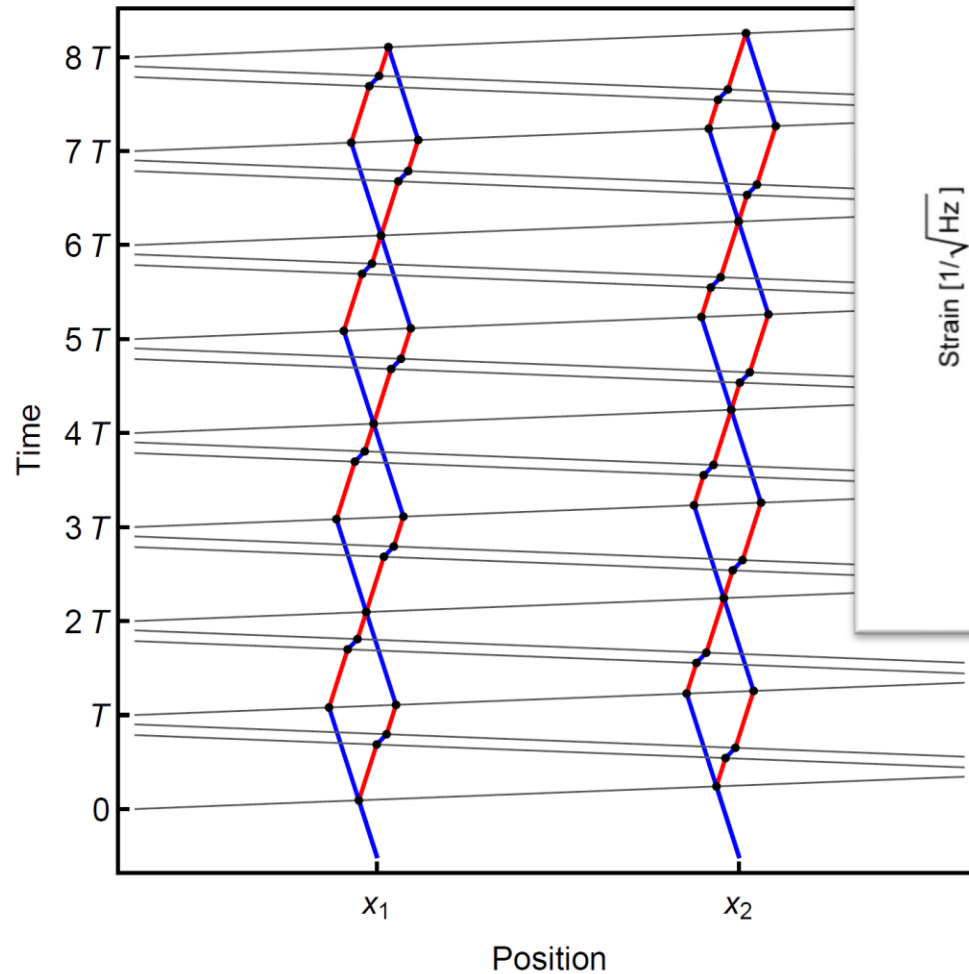
# Long Range Program Sensitivity



Full Scale future MAGIS detector fills frequency sensitivity gap in  $\sim 1$  Hz range.  
MAGIS-100 will give limits in this range several orders of magnitude beyond existing  
(but no known sources of such strength.)

# Resonant Pulse Sequences

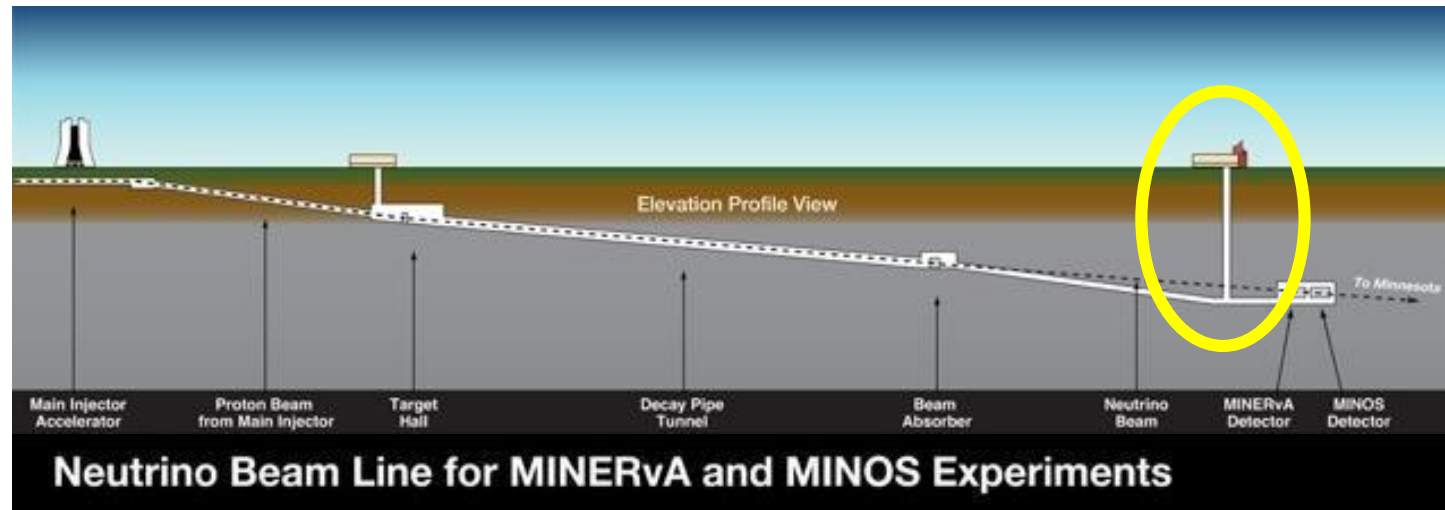
Resonant sequence ( $Q = 4$ )



Multiple Interferometer sequences ( $Q$ ) act as band pass filter.

Graham, *et al.*, PRD (2016)

## MAGIS-100: Bringing Large Scale Interferometry to Fermilab

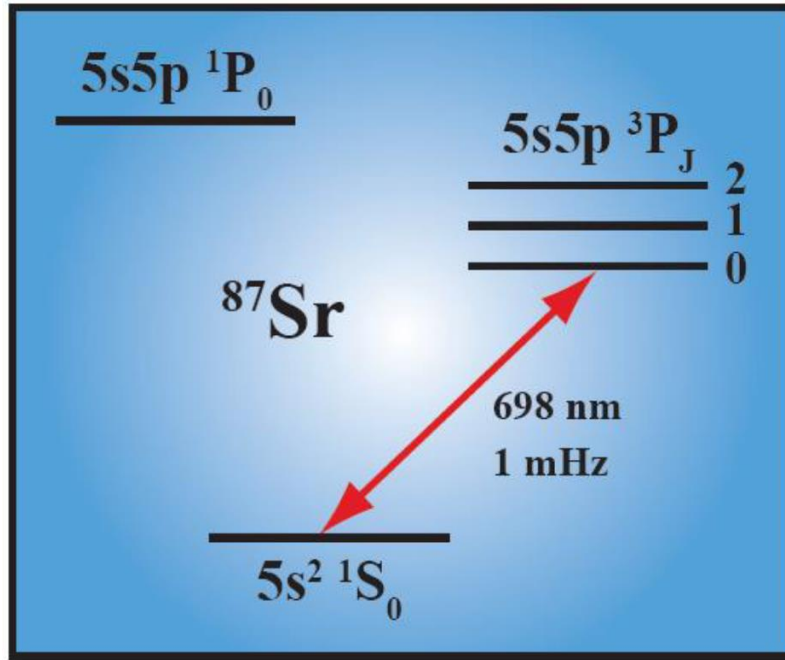


Use existing 100 m shaft from NuMI/MINOS program

Equipped surface building because underground experiments still active

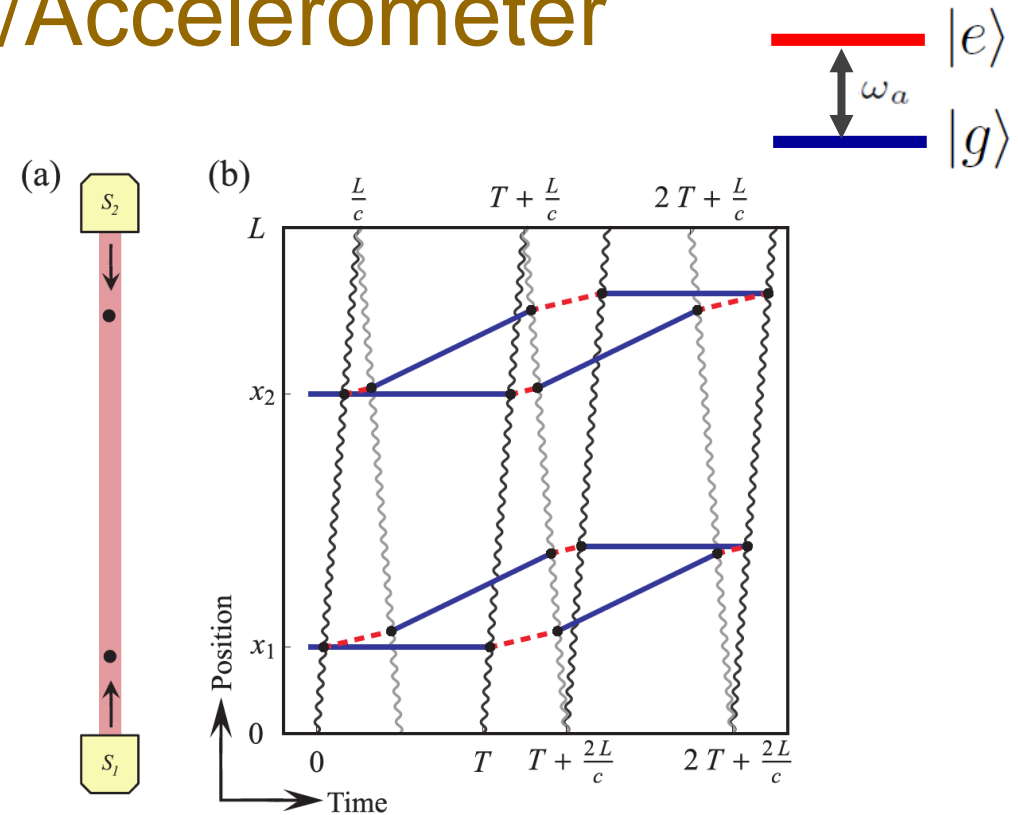
Serves both to study fundamental physics and as prototype for longer baseline (km scale ) in future

# Hybrid Clock/Accelerometer



Sr has a narrow optical clock transition with a long-lived excited state that atoms can populate for >100 s without decaying.

Graham et al., PRL  
110, 171102 (2013)



- Beamsplitter—Mirror—Beamsplitter sequence makes interferometer insensitive to initial atom position and velocity

- Only sensitive to relative *acceleration* of baseline between two clocks/interferometers

## Advantages of Sr for MAGIS-100

Narrow excited state has long lifetime ( $\sim 150$  s).

Resonant single laser beam excitations can be used while avoiding spontaneous emission, which would cause particle loss.

The long-lived metastable state could in principle allow interrogation times up to 100 seconds.

Achieving a long-lived state with one laser photon (and one laser) reduces laser phase noise – good for gradiometer measurements.

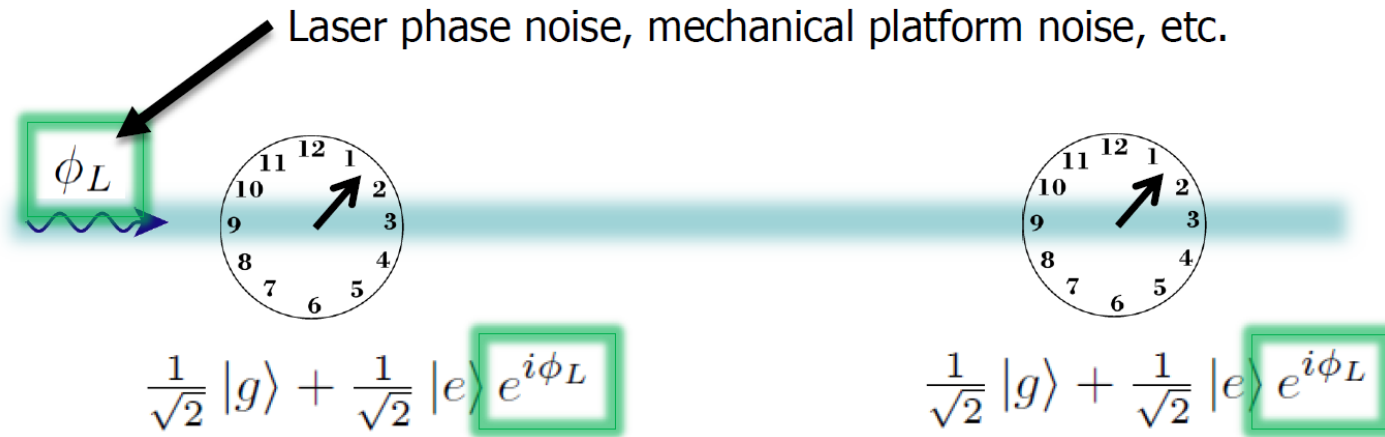
Sr has greatly reduced sensitivity to external magnetic fields (factor of 1000).

Note: Significant laser power needed to rapidly populate 689 nm state.



# Common-Mode Laser Noise Suppression

*Phase of the laser is imprinted onto the phase of the atom*



*Two interferometers interact with common laser pulses: laser noise (e.g., from vibrations in the optical path) suppressed as a common mode*

# Location – MINOS building



Ground level of MINOS building.

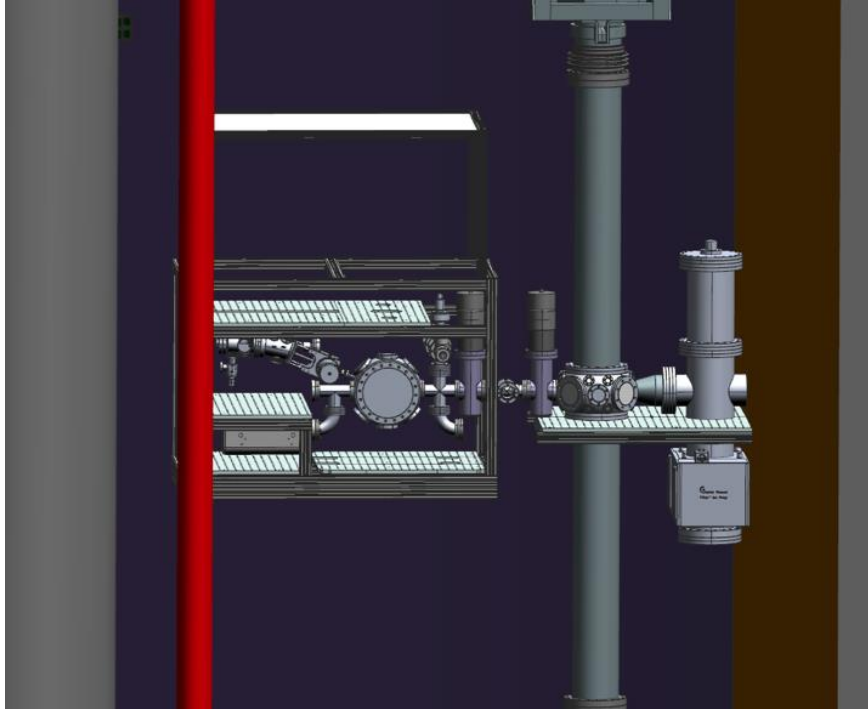


## Location – Shaft in MINOS building

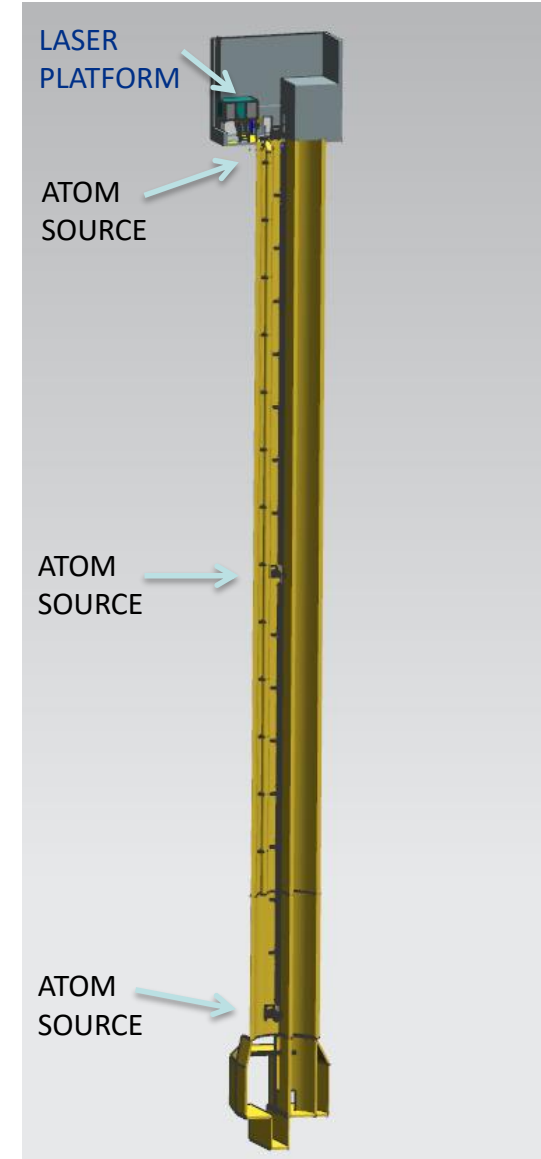


Top and bottom of ~100m shaft.

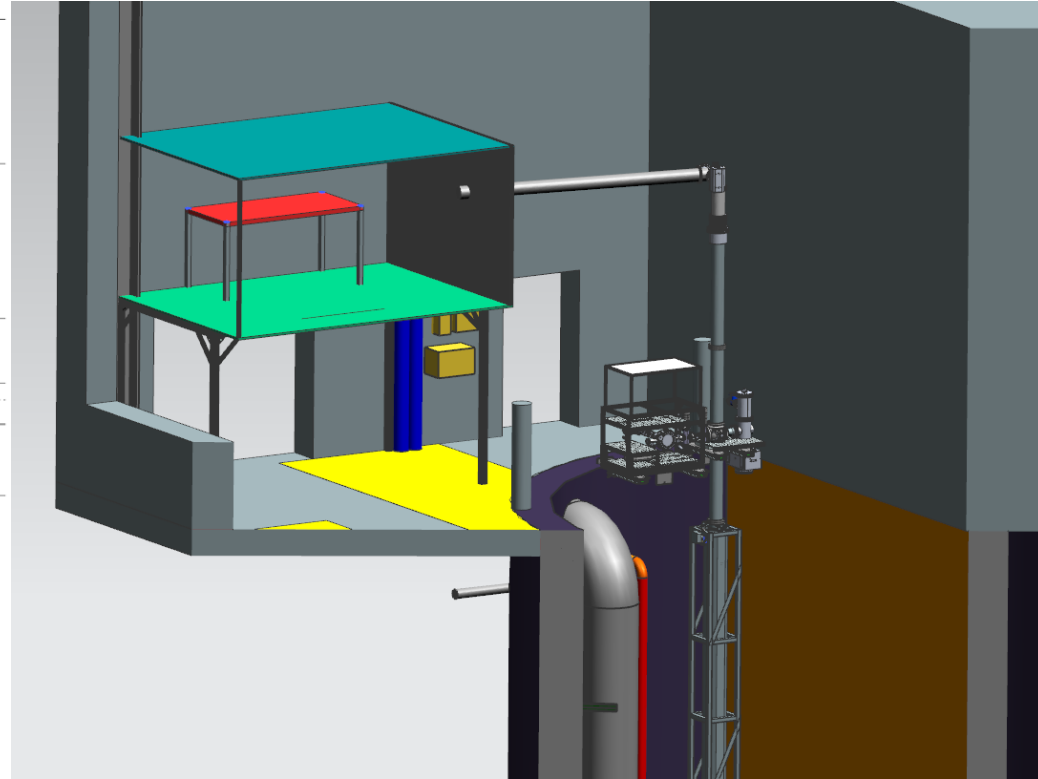
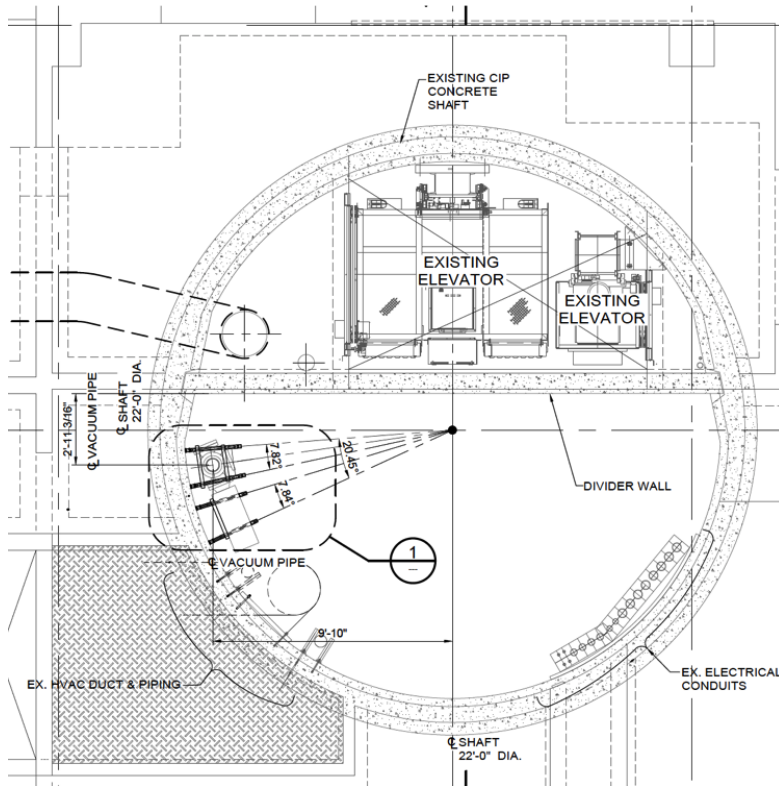
# Technical: Layout 3D model



**atom source details with overall layout.**  
**Atom sources mounted to 2m sections with in-vacuum optics.**

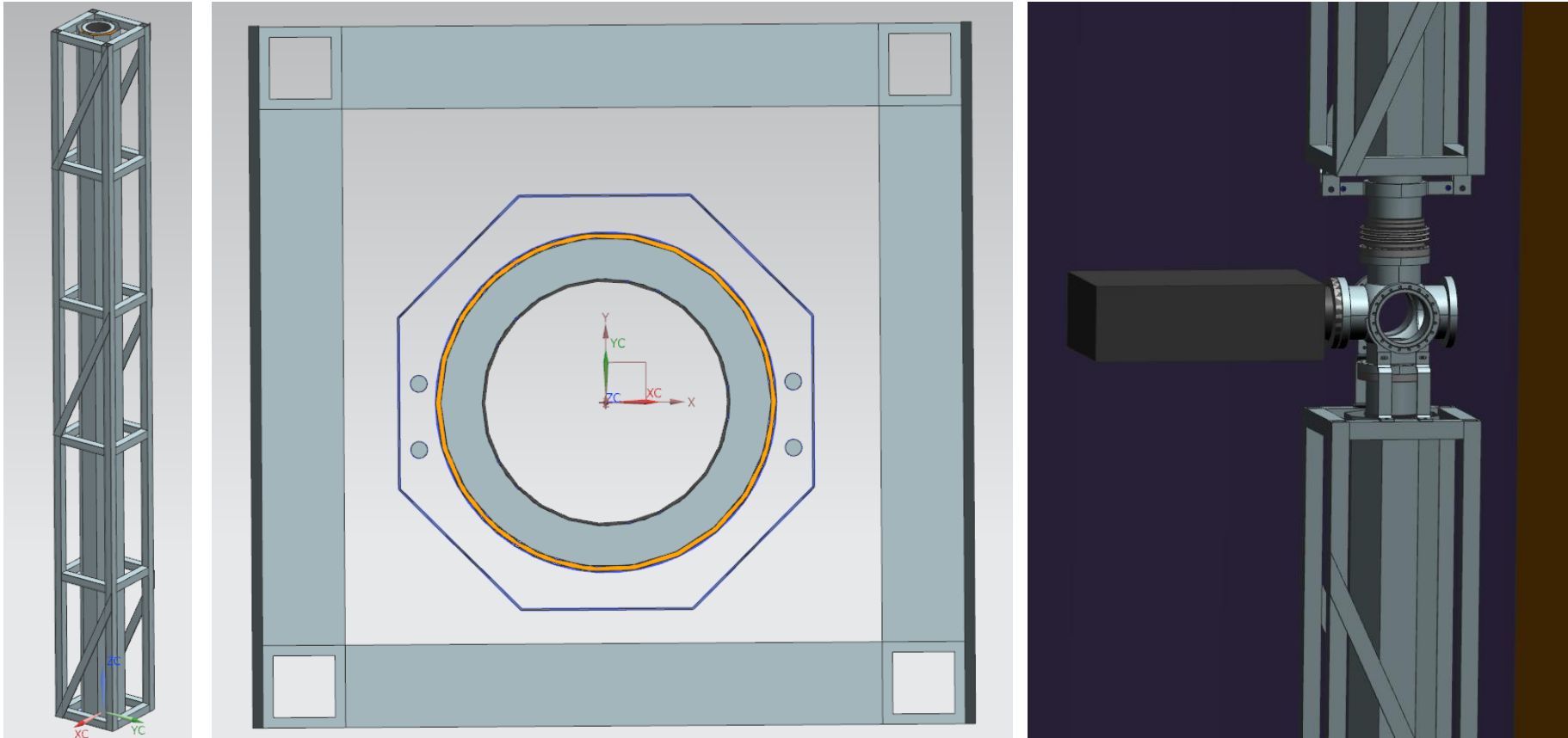


# Preliminary designs – 3D model



**Civil engineering drawing of shaft and proposed location of mounting brackets.  
Cutaway view of laser platform and top of shaft.**

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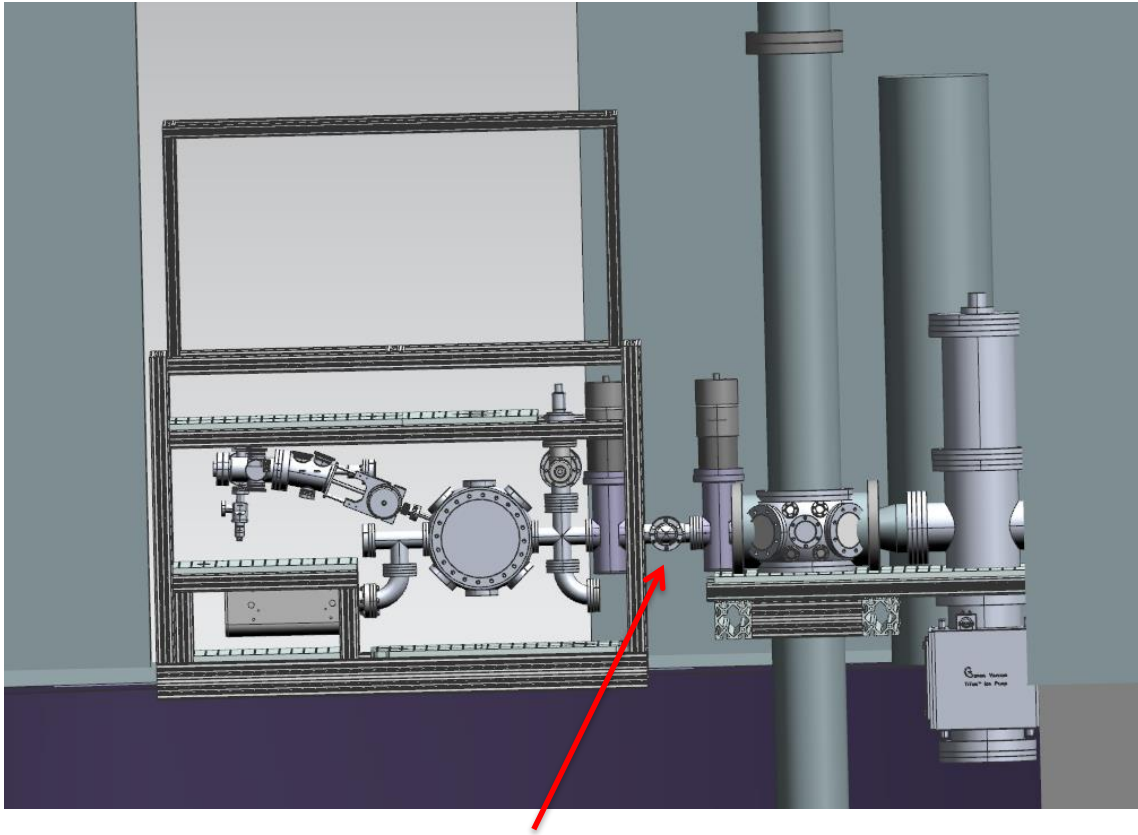


**Modular assembly concept uses support frames.**

**Cross section shows 6" dia. vacuum tube, heating/insulation system, bias field wires, octagonal mu metal shield, and support frame.**

**Vacuum pumps and viewports will be placed between (~5.7m) tube sections.**

# Conceptual Plan for Transition Regions

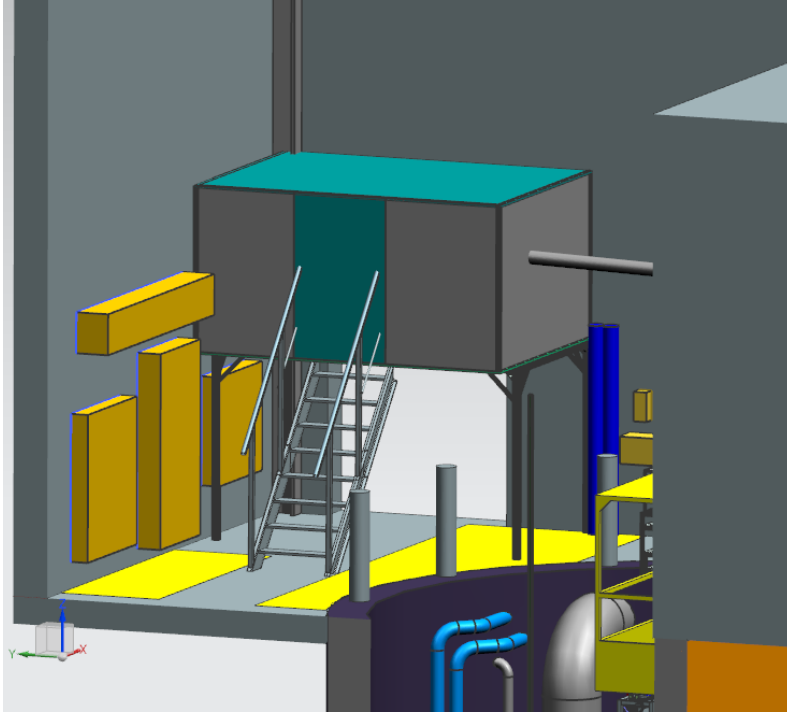


In tube beam optics  
in transition region  
allow establishment of  
launch lattice

**“Airlock” region between each atom source and the main tube will  
allow vacuum to be established independently.  
Component locations still being optimized.**



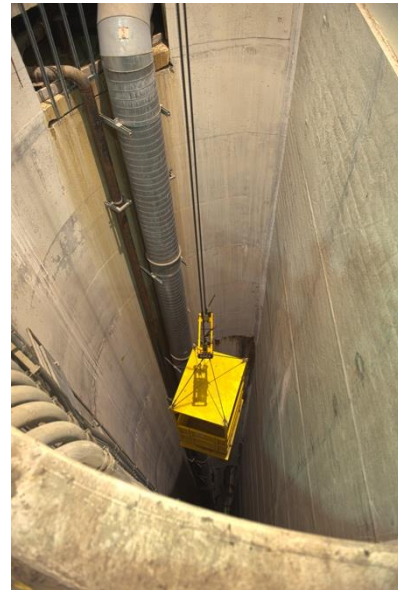
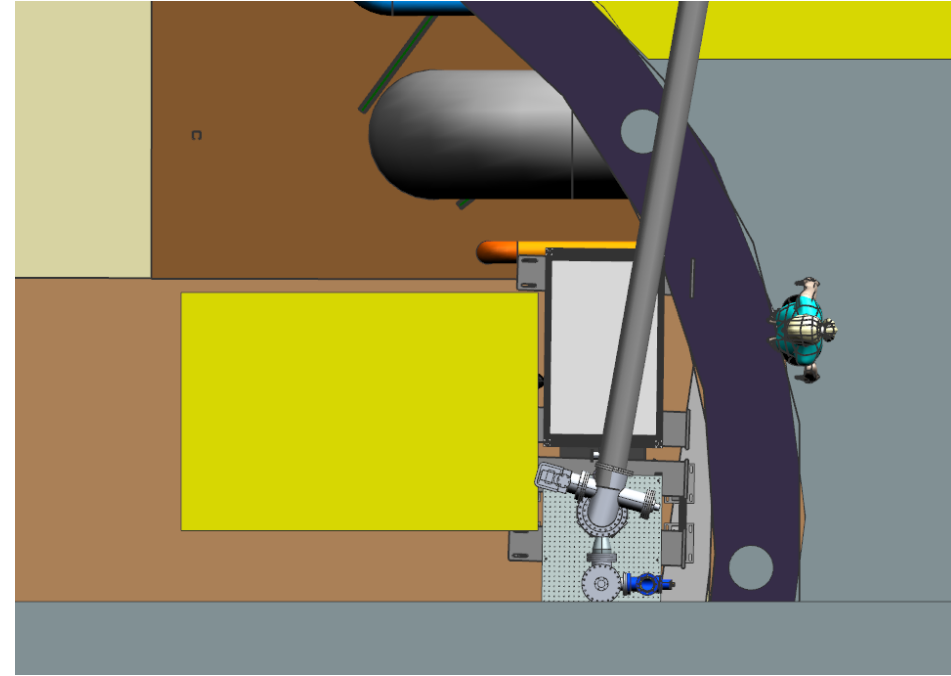
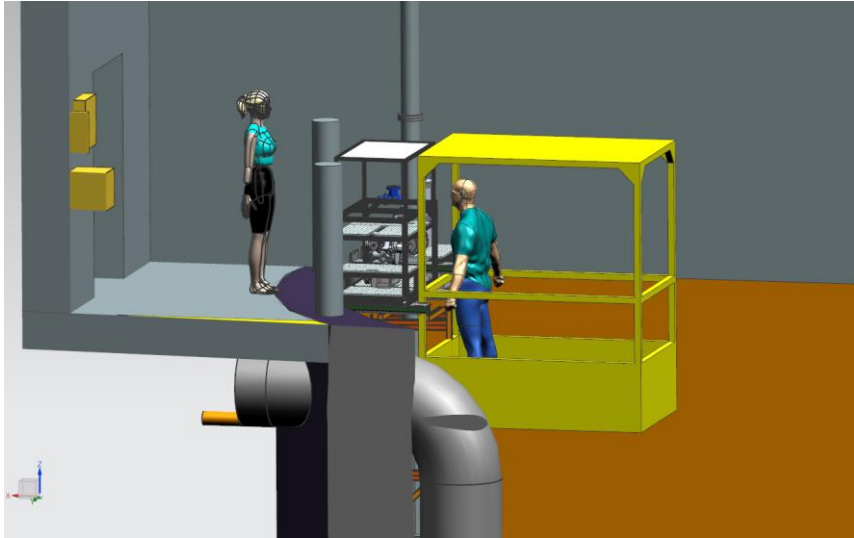
# Laser room proposal



**Raised, light-tight, climate-controlled laser room is expected to be similar to other laser rooms built at Fermilab. PIP-II laser room photos shown.**



# Technical: Beginnings of Installation Plan



**Accessibility from personnel basket.**

**Need additional winch or small mobile gantry to lower sections into place.**

## Development of MAGIS Program in Short and Long Term

Short term R&D at Stanford concurrent with first deployment of detector

Includes:

- Develop advanced LMT technology
- Increase steady-state source flux
- Spin-squeezed sources to further increase intensity (statistics!)
- Resonant interferometry

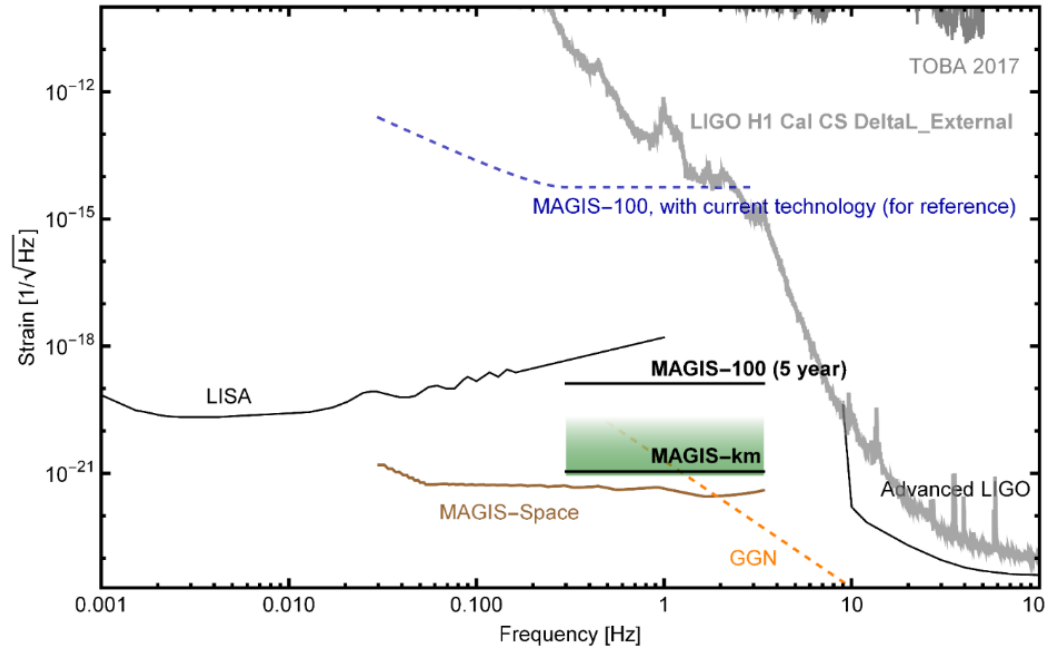
Need to aim development for longer 1.5 - 4 km deployment:

- Modular construction
- Large scale integration and operation
- Identify any design problems early
- Increased laser power
- Additional mitigation of systematics:
  - Wavefront transverse phase variation
  - Laser Pointing
  - Coriolis compensation.

MAGIS-100 provides essential input in all these areas.



# GW Sensitivity development plan



Phase noise  
improvements:

10x from higher flux

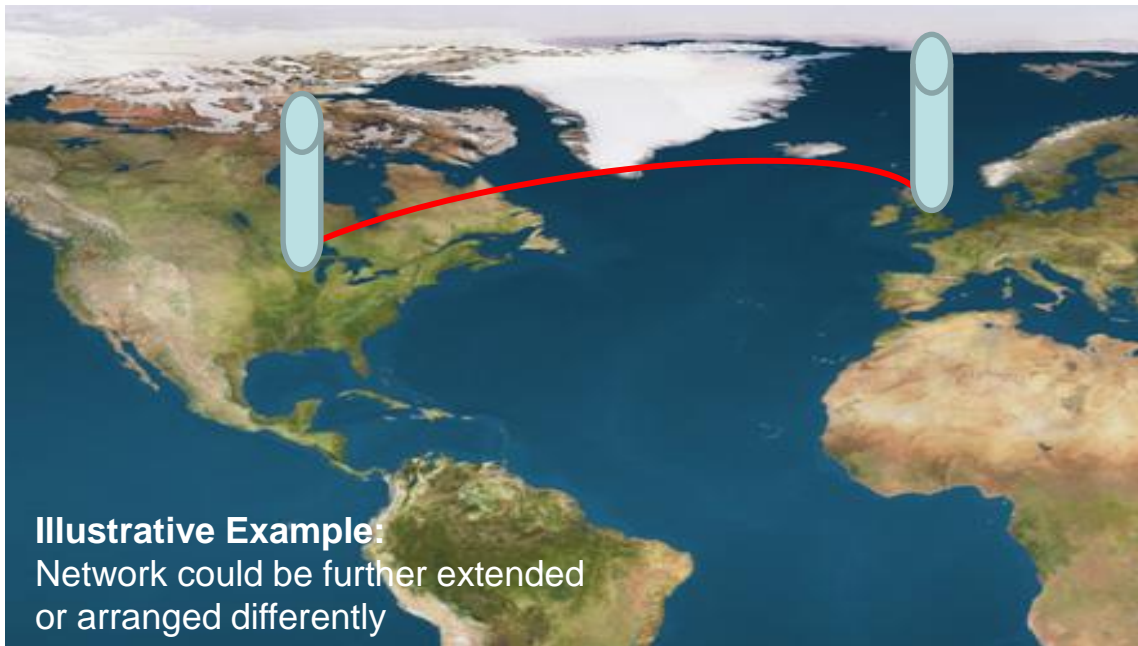
10x from squeezing

Atom source scaling:  $\sim \sqrt{n}/2$

	MAGIS-100 (current)	MAGIS-100 (5 year)	MAGIS-km
Baseline	100 m	100 m	2 km
Phase noise	$10^{-3}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$10^{-5}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$0.3 \times 10^{-5}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
LMT	100	4e4	4e4
Atom sources	3	3	30

MAGIS-km additional factor of 3x  
improvement in phase noise from  
flux + quantum entanglement (spin  
squeezing)

## UK AION Ultimate Goal: Establish International Network



Programme  
would reach its  
ultimate  
sensitivity by  
operating two  
detectors in  
tandem

A UK Effort 'AION' to network with MAGIS is in preparation

Develop a LIGO/VIRGO style collaboration

Rejection of non-common mode backgrounds

unequivocal proof of any observation

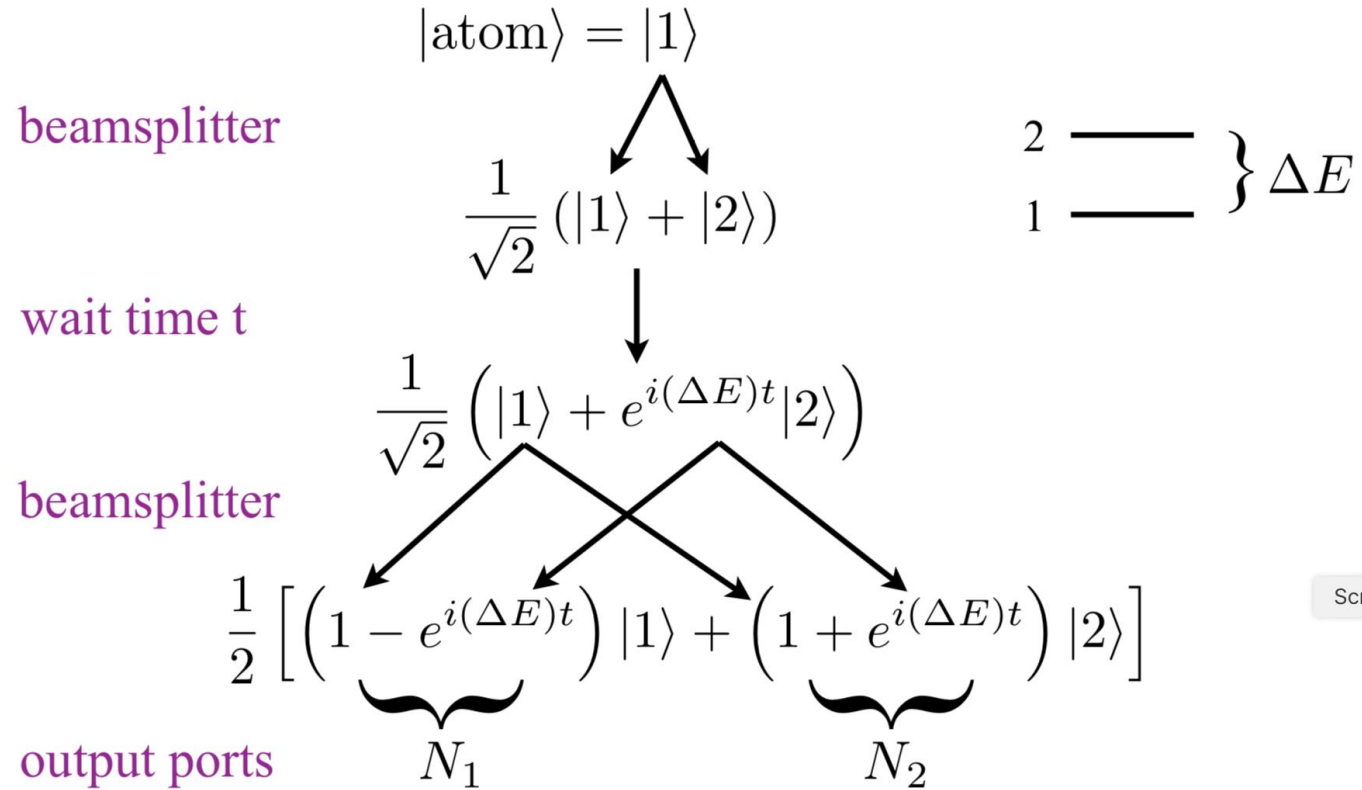
*See AION presentation  
by Oliver Buchmueller*

# Summary

- MAGIS-100 is a new experiment at Fermilab
  - potential to scale much larger to SURF
- Using Atom Interferometry as a macroscopic quantum probe of the 'early universe' through:
  - gravitational waves
  - and the 'dark sector'
- Proposal currently given stage-1 approval by the Fermilab PAC
- MAGIS-100 has been funded through the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- QIS application with DOE pending
- AION initiative to network with MAGiS



# Pulsed Atomic Clock

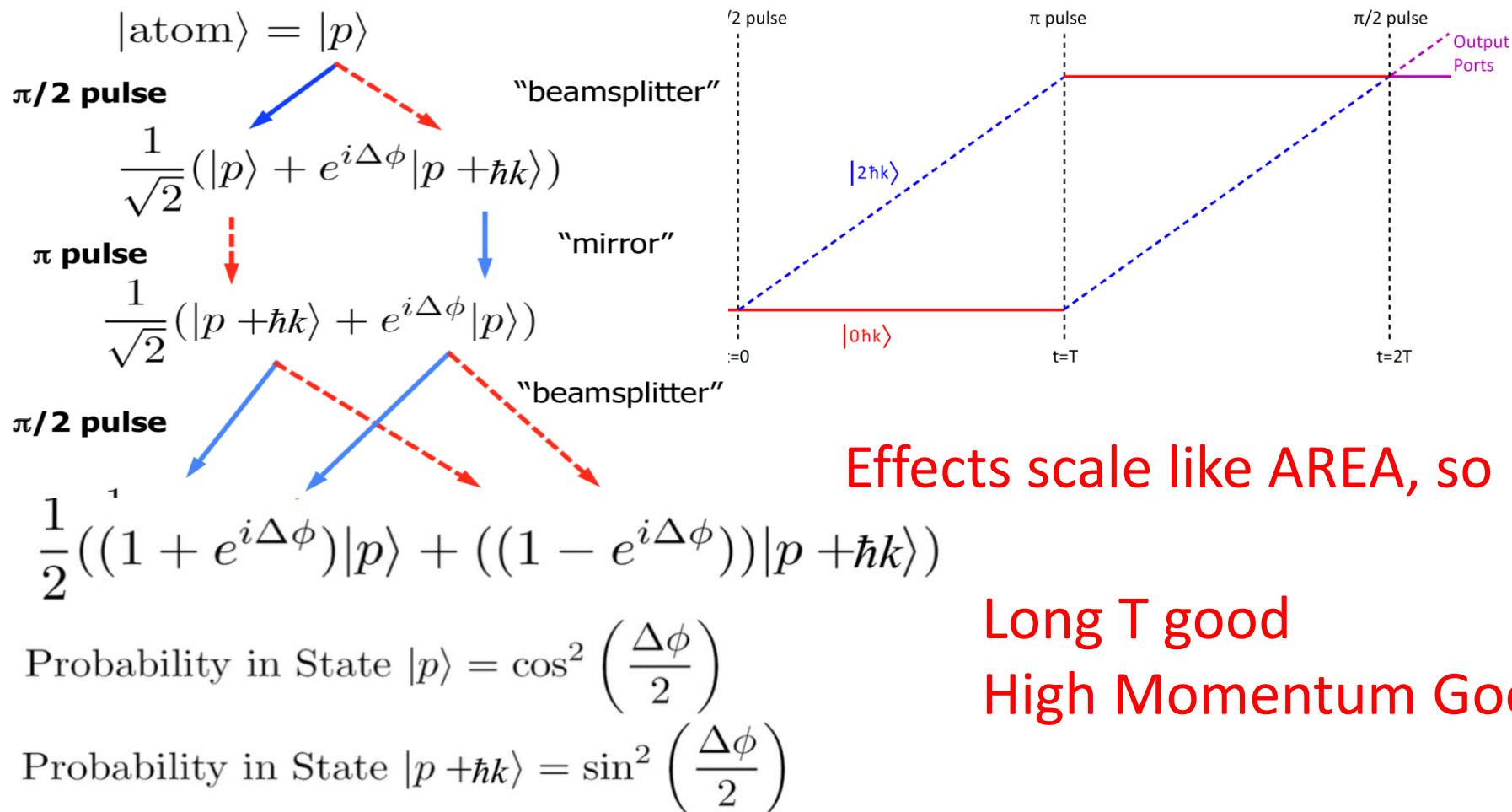


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# Atom Interferometry

Laser pulses act as beam splitters and mirrors for atomic wavefunction

Highly sensitive to accelerations (or to time-variations of atomic energy levels)



## UK International Collaboration

- AION greatly benefits from close collaboration on an international level with MAGIS-100
  - goal of an eventual km-scale atom interferometer on comparable timescales
- operating two detectors, one in the UK and one in the US in tandem enables new physics opportunities
- MAGIS experiment and Fermilab endorsed collaboration with AION
- US-UK collaboration serves as a testbed for full-scale terrestrial (kilometer-scale) and satellite-based (thousands of kilometres scale) detectors and builds the framework for global scientific endeavor