

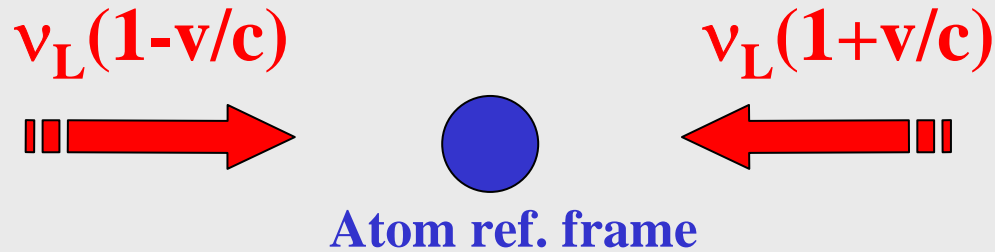
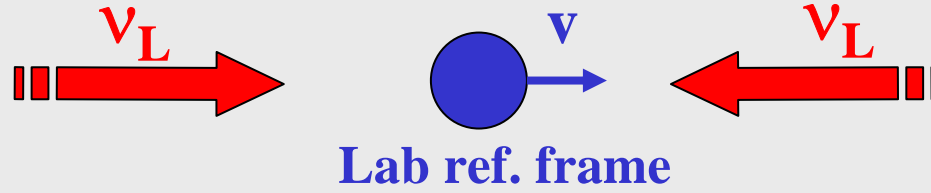
# *Orologi e interferometri atomici*

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in laboratori terrestri e nello spazio*

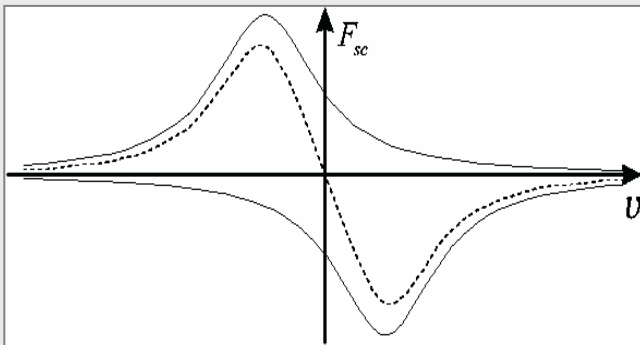
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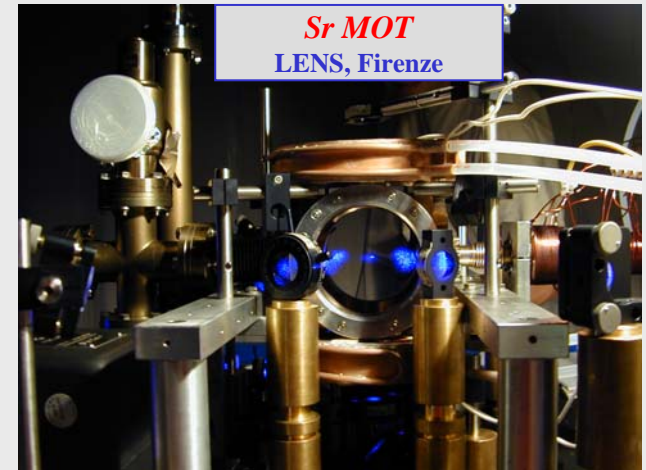
# Laser cooling of atoms



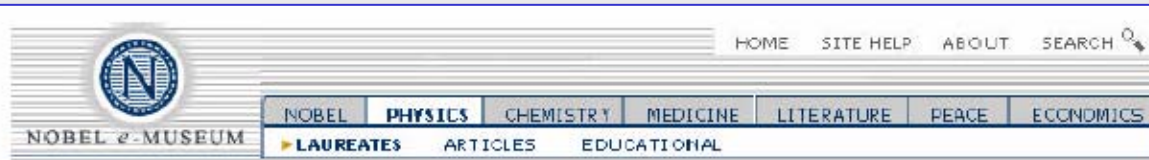
Idea:  
T.W. Hänsch, A. Schawlow, 1975  
Exp. demonstration:  
S. Chu et al., 1985



$$F(v) \approx \frac{h}{4\pi^2} \frac{\omega_L^2 8\delta}{c^2 \Gamma} \frac{I/I_0}{[1 + (\frac{2\delta}{\Gamma})^2]^2} v = -\alpha v$$



# The Nobel Prize in Physics 1997



Web Adapted Version of the Nobel Poster from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences



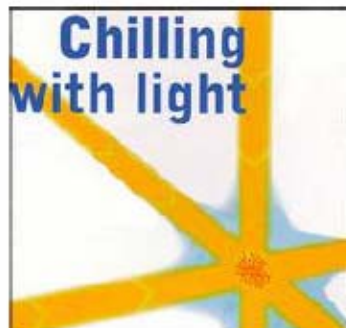
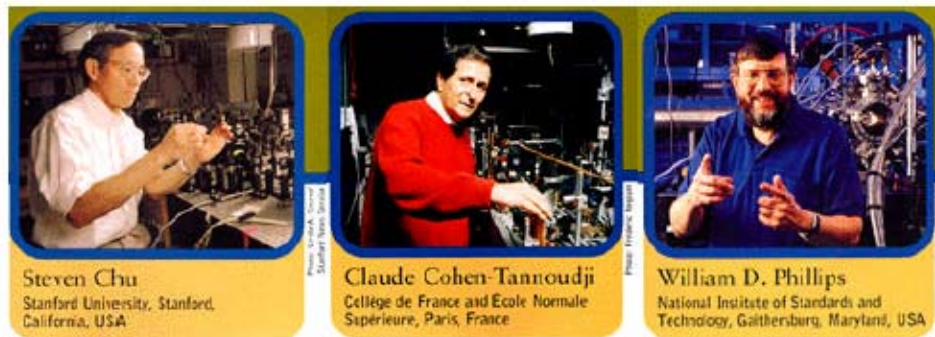
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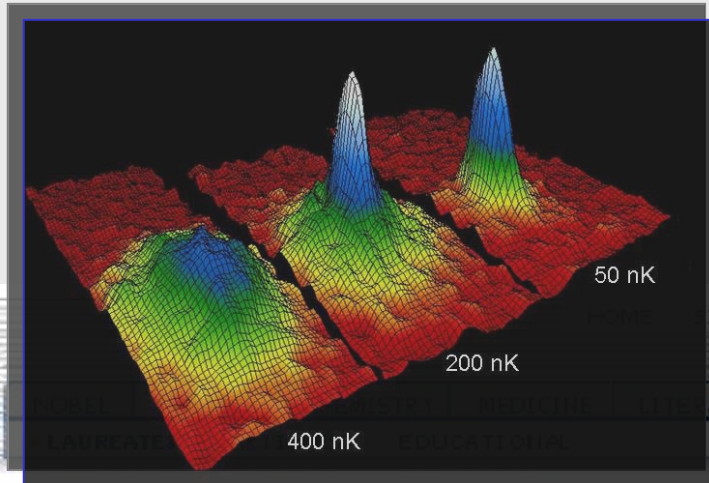
**Steven Chu, Claude Cohen-Tannoudji and William D. Phillips**

for their developments of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light.



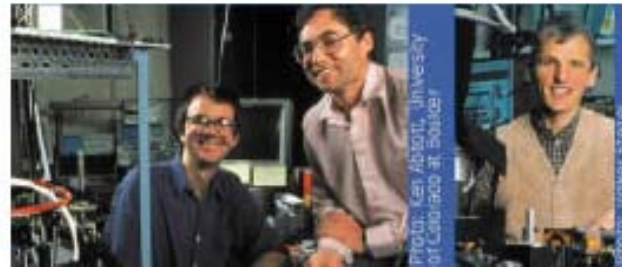
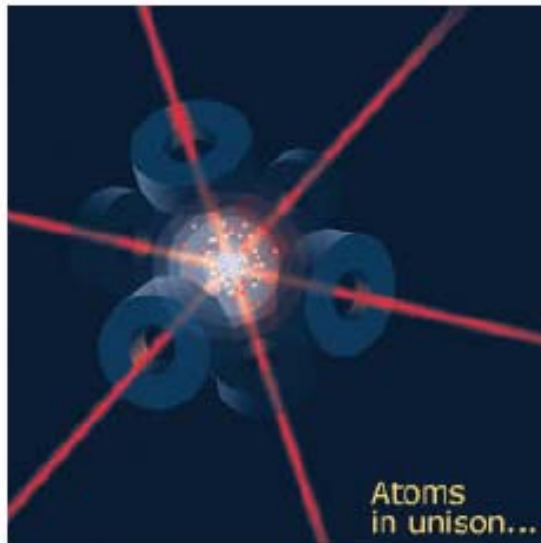
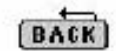
This year's Nobel laureates in physics have developed methods of cooling and trapping atoms by using laser light. Their research is helping us to study fundamental phenomena and measure important physical quantities with unprecedented precision.

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## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2001

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2001 jointly to Eric A. Cornell, Wolfgang Ketterle and Carl E. Wieman "for the achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases of alkali atoms, and for early fundamental studies of the properties of the condensates".



**Eric A. Cornell**  
JILA and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Boulder, Colorado, USA.

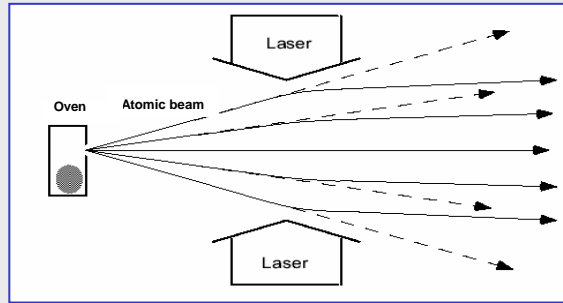
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JILA and University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, USA.

**Wolfgang Ketterle**  
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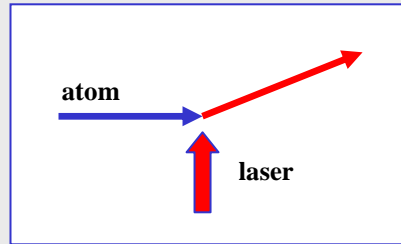
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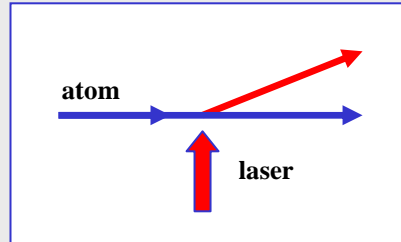
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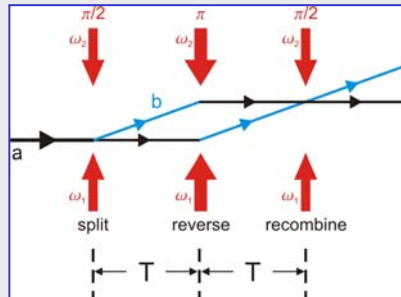
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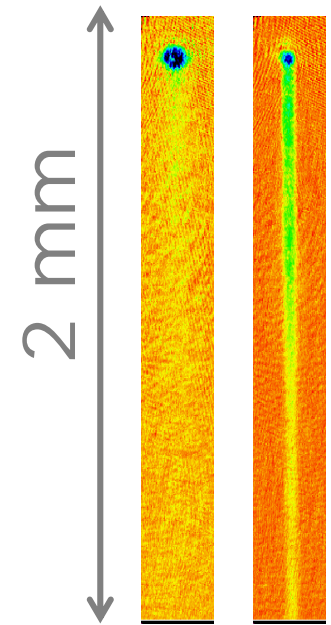
**beam-splitters**



**interferometers**



**Atom Laser**



$T > T_c$     $T < T_c$

# *$\mu$ -traps*

## Laser Cooling and loading: (<10 s)

Single MOT system (need <50 mW of light)  
 $\approx 10^8$  atoms at  $T \approx 50 \mu\text{K}$  and  $n \approx 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

## Evaporative cooling: (<1 s)

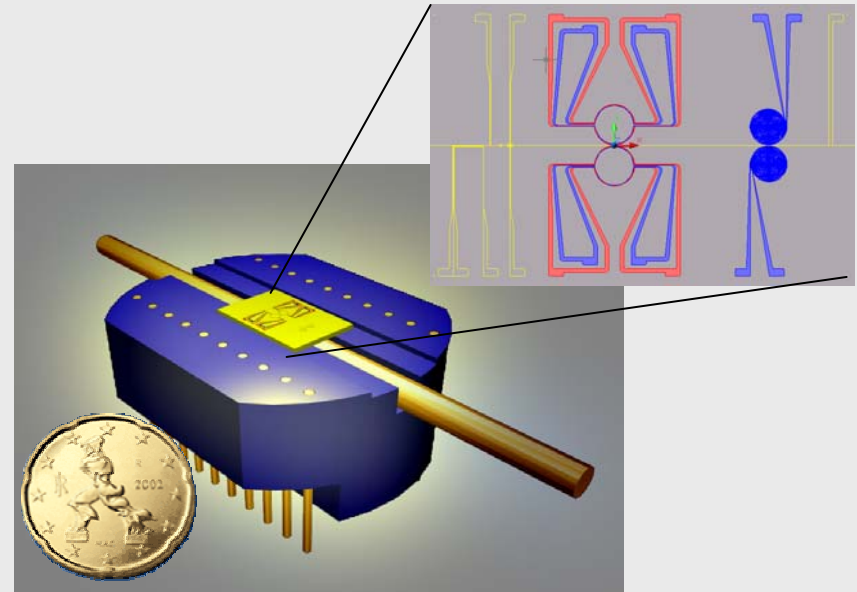
Static magnetic trap (Ioffe-type)  
(need < 10 W)

$\approx 10^5$  atoms in condensate

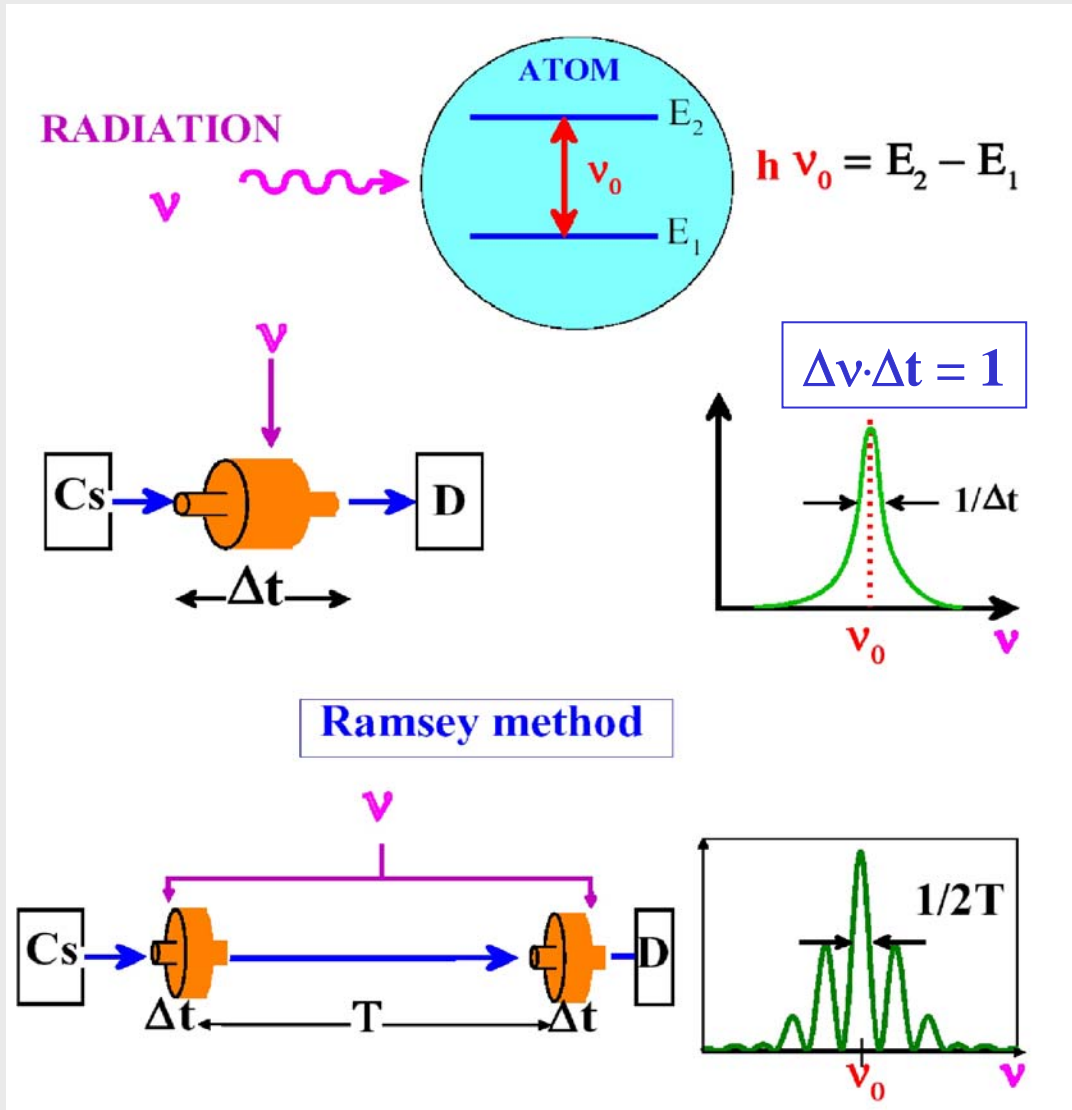
$$\nu_a = 1 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\nu_r = 10 \text{ kHz}$$

**BEC production time < 10 s**



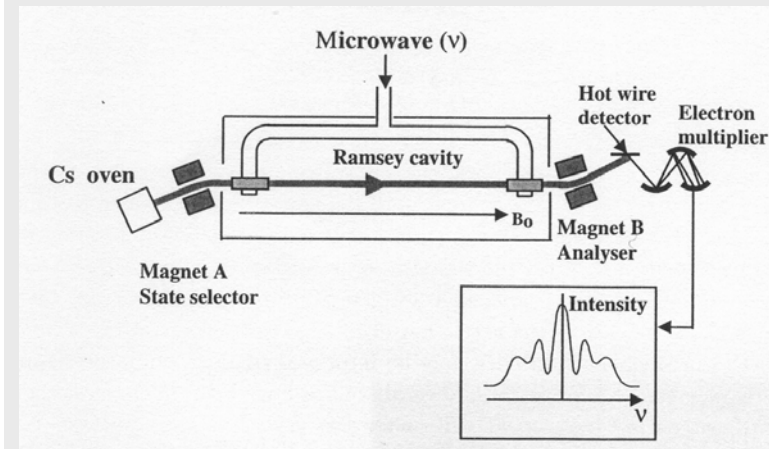
# Atomic clocks



## The definition of the second

The second is the duration of 9 192 631 770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the  $^{133}\text{Cs}$  atom

(13th CGPM, 1967)



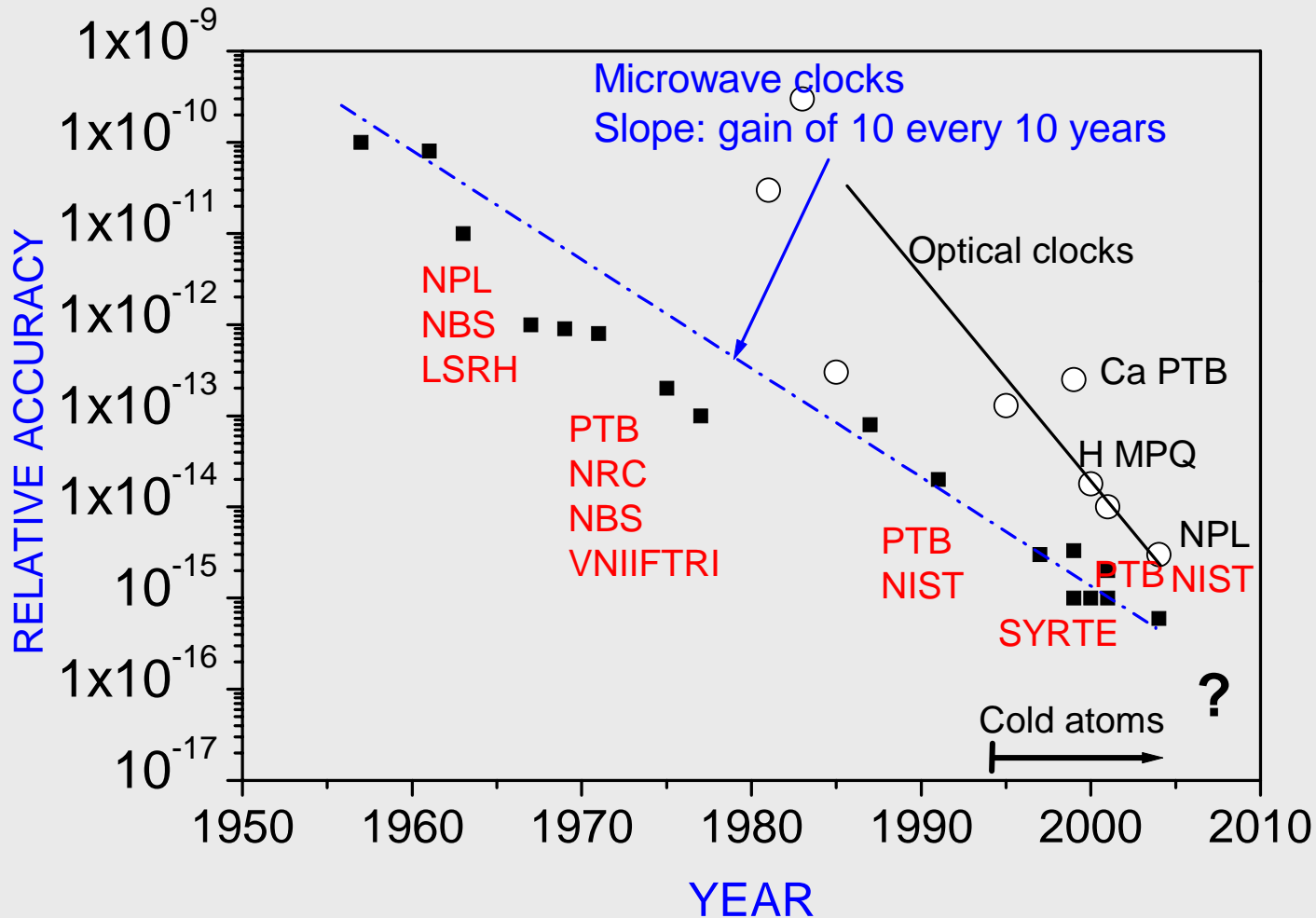
# ***Atomic clocks***

- Location finding
- Precision navigation and navigation in outer space
- Variability of Earth's rotation rate and other periodic phenomena
- Earth's crustal dynamics
- Secure telecommunications
  
- Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI)
- Spectroscopy
- Expression of other physical quantities in terms of time
- Tests of constancy of fundamental constants
- Tests of the special and general theories of relativity



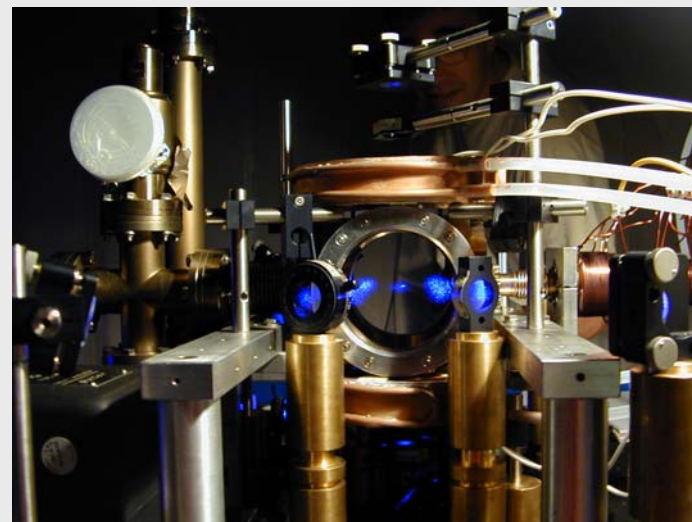
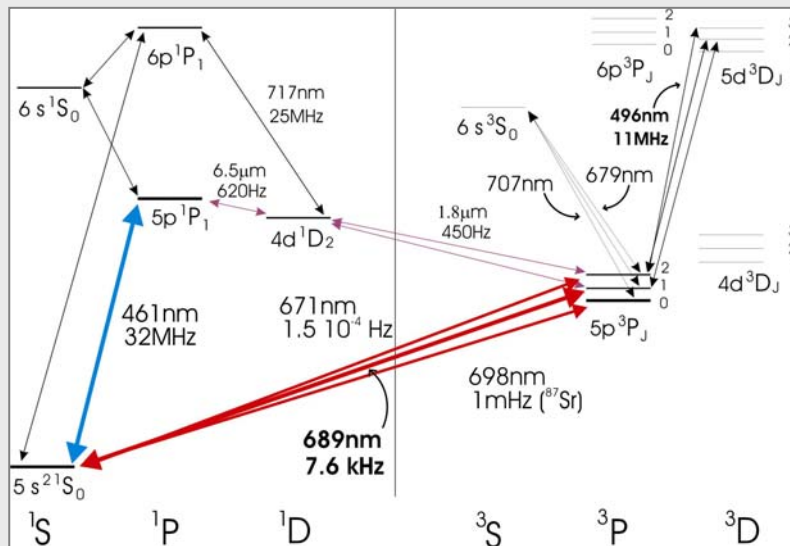
# Accuracy of the atomic time

## ACCURACY OF THE ATOMIC TIME



from C. Salomon

# Towards a Sr clock – The experiment in Firenze



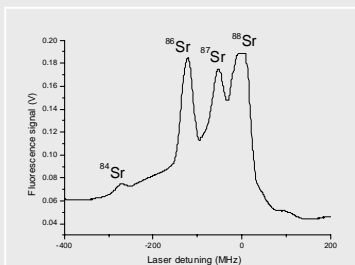
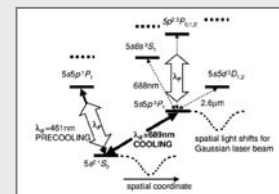
Firenze 2003, Magneto-optical trapping of all Sr isotopes

• Optical clocks using visible intercombination lines

- $1S_0 - 3P_1$  (7.5 kHz)
- $1S_0 - 3P_0$  (1 mHz,  $^{87}\text{Sr}$ )
- $1S_0 - 3P_2$  (0.15 mHz)

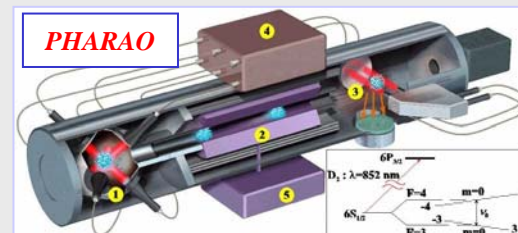
Optical trapping in Lamb-Dicke regime with negligible change of clock frequency

Comparison with different ultra-stable clocks (PHARAO/ACES)



|                  | Abundance |
|------------------|-----------|
| $^{88}\text{Sr}$ | 82.6%     |
| $^{86}\text{Sr}$ | 9.9%      |
| $^{87}\text{Sr}$ | 7.0%      |
| $^{84}\text{Sr}$ | 0.6%      |

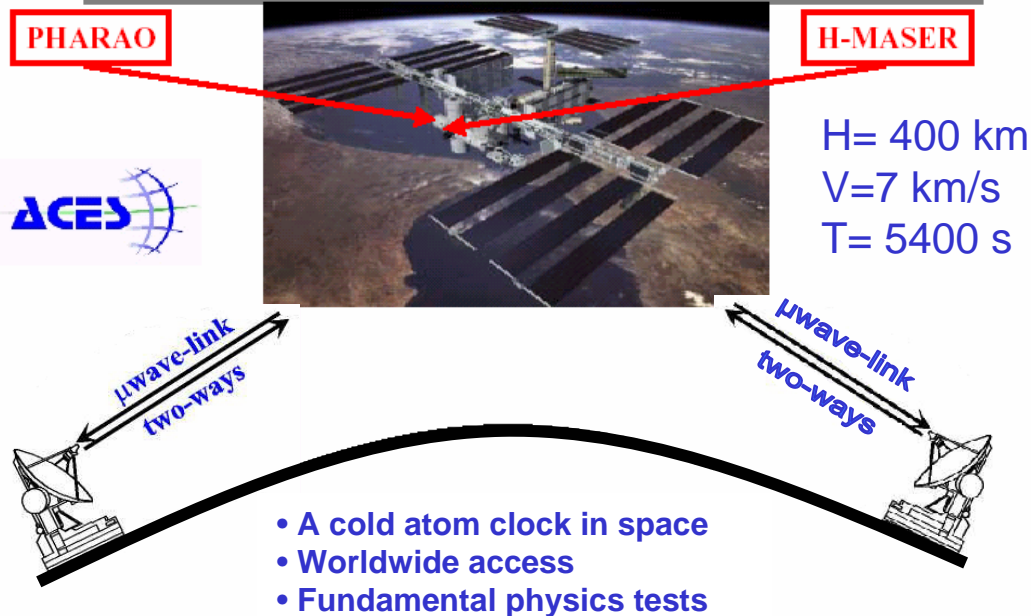
| Isotope          | I   | transition    | lifetime         | $\lambda$ | $t_{\text{int}}$ | $\sigma_y t^{-1/2}$ | abundance |
|------------------|-----|---------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| $^{88}\text{Sr}$ | 0   | $1S_0 - 3P_1$ | 20 $\mu\text{s}$ | 689 nm    | 10 $\mu\text{s}$ | $2 \cdot 10^{-13}$  | 83%       |
| $^{87}\text{Sr}$ | 9/2 | $1S_0 - 3P_0$ | 200 s            | 698 nm    | 0.5 s            | $10^{-17}$          | 7%        |



<http://www.lens.unifi.it/poli/>

# Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space

## ACES : New clocks on board the ISS



### PHARAO : Cold Atom Clock in Space. CNES (France)

A. Clairon, P. Laurent, P. Lemonde, M. Abgrall, S. Zhang, C. Mandache, F. Allard, M. Maximovic, F. Pereira, G. Santarelli, Y. Sortais, S. Bize, H. Marion, D. Calonico, (BNM-LPTF), N. Dimarcq (LHA), C. Salomon (ENS)

### SHM : Space Hydrogen Maser. ON (Switzerland)

L. Jornod, D. Goujon, L.G. Bernier, P. Thomann, G. Busca

### MWL : Microwave link. Kayser-Threde-Timetech (Germany)

W. Schaefer, S. Bedrich

### ACES is open to any interested scientific user

W. Knabe, P. Wolf, L. Blanchet, P. Teyssandier, P. Urich, A. Spallici

### New members :

2001: UWA (Australia), A. Luiten, M. Tobar, J. Hartnett, R. Kovacich

2002: LENS (Italy), G.M. Tino, G. Ferrari, L. Cacciapuoti

### ESA: MSM

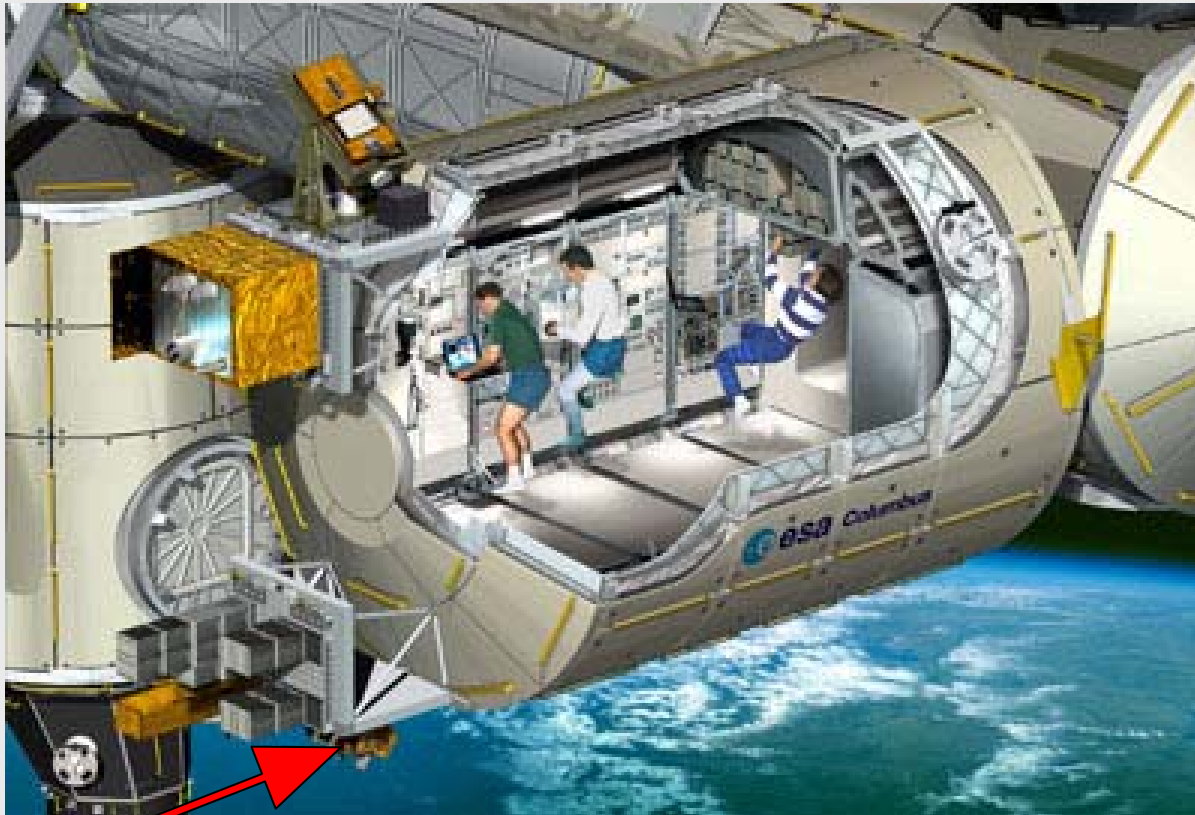
Stephen Feltham

### CNES:

C. Sirmain + team of 20 engineers at CST, Toulouse

Support: ESA, CNES, BNM, CNRS

# ACES ON COLUMBUS EXTERNAL PLATFORM



**ACES**

**M = 227 kg**

**P = 450 W**

**Launch date : end of 2008**  
**Mission duration : 18 months**







# ACES objectives



1. Operate a cold atom clock in microgravity :
  - A linewidth of 50 milliHertz
  - A frequency stability of :  $\sigma_y(\tau) < 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$   
 $< 3 \cdot 10^{-16}/\text{day}$
2. Study the ultimate stability and accuracy in space :
  - Accuracy :  $\sim 10^{-16}$
  - Compromise stability-accuracy
3. Ultra-stable time-scale comparisons on a worldwide basis :
  - 30 ps accuracy
  - Clock synchronisation ( $10^{-16}$  accuracy)
  - Contribution to TAI
4. Test General Relativity :
  - Red shift : x25 sensitivity improvement
  - Search for a possible drift of the fine structure constant  
 $\alpha : 10^{-16} / \text{year}$  (x100)
  - Search for an anisotropy of speed of light (x10)

# PARCS

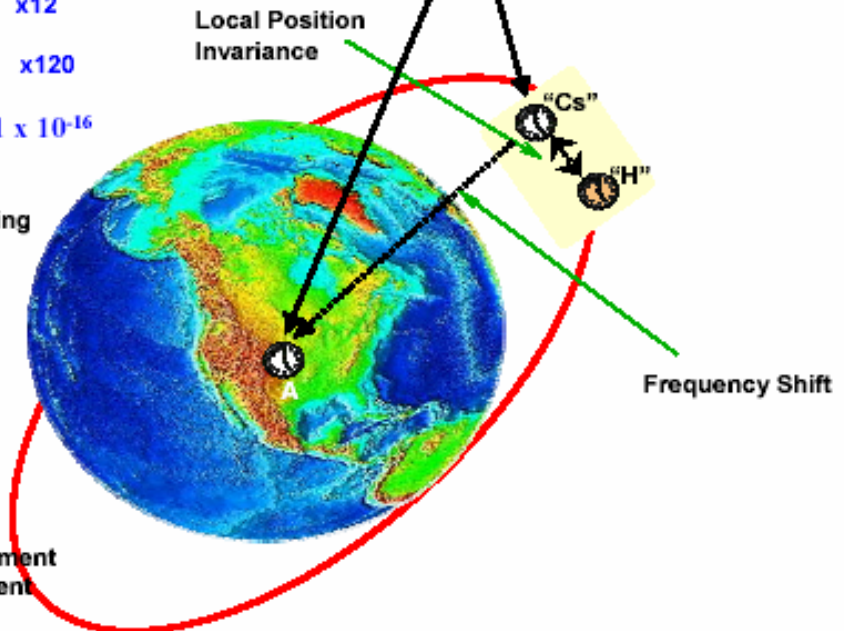
## Primary Atomic Reference Clock in Space

  **Clock Comparisons:**  

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**MISSION GOALS**

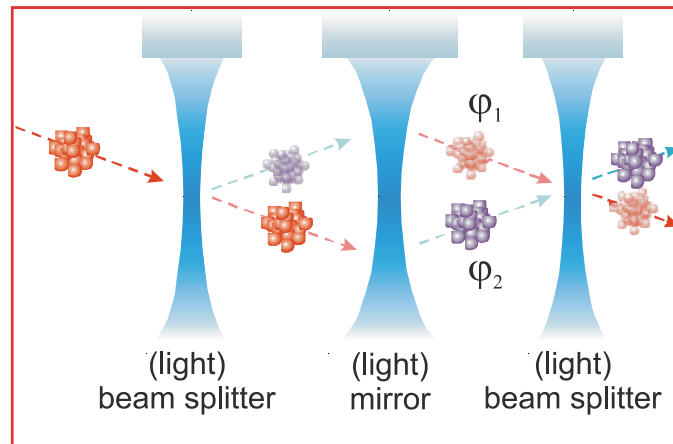
- Relativistic Frequency Shift **x35**
- Gravitational Frequency Shift **x12**
- Local Position Invariance Test **x120**
- Realization of the Second  **$1 \times 10^{-16}$**
- Studies of the Global Positioning System
- *With a Cavity Oscillator:*
  - Local Position Invariance
  - Kennedy-Thorndike Experiment
  - Michelson-Morley Experiment



The diagram illustrates the mission goals and experimental setup. A GPS satellite is shown in space, connected to a ground station on Earth. The ground station contains two atomic clocks, labeled "Cs" and "H". A red line represents the Earth's orbit. The diagram is annotated with "Local Position Invariance" and "Frequency Shift".

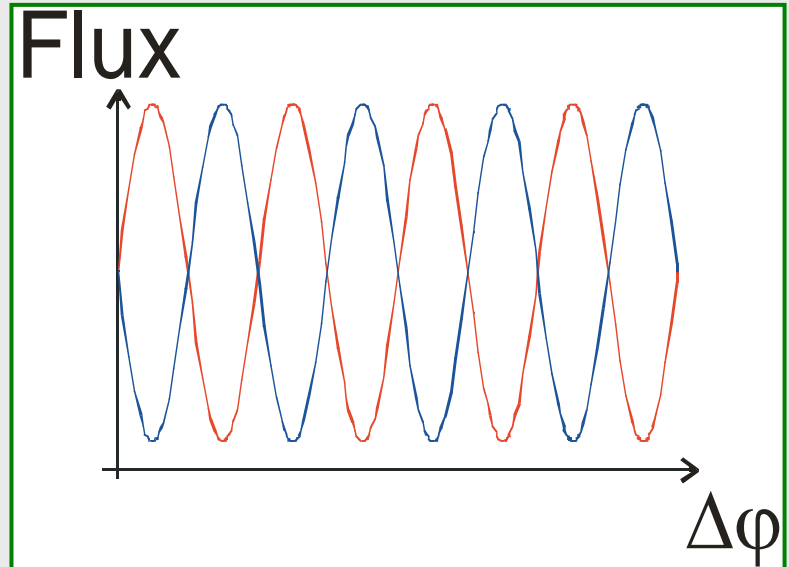
# Atom Interferometry

## Atom interferometer



Phase difference

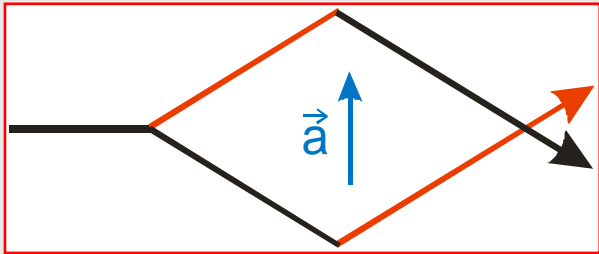
$$\Delta\varphi = \varphi_1 - \varphi_2$$



atomic flux at **exit** port **1**  
at **exit** port **2**

# Matter wave sensors

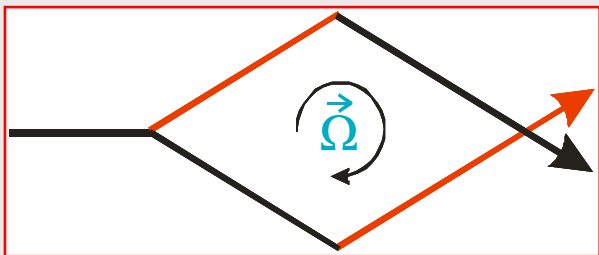
accelerations:



$$\Delta\Phi_{\text{acc}} = k T_{\text{drift}}^2 \cdot a$$

$$\frac{\Delta\varphi_{\text{mat}}}{\Delta\varphi_{\text{ph}}} \sim \left( \frac{c}{v_{\text{at}}} \right)^2 \approx 10^{11} - 10^{17}$$

rotations:

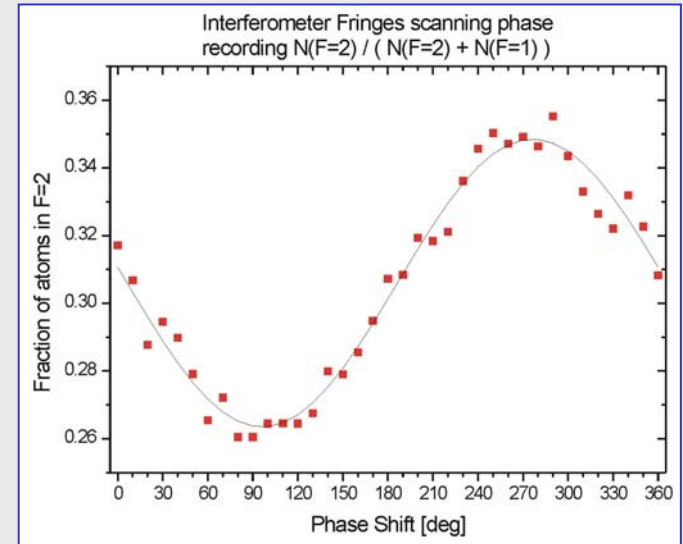
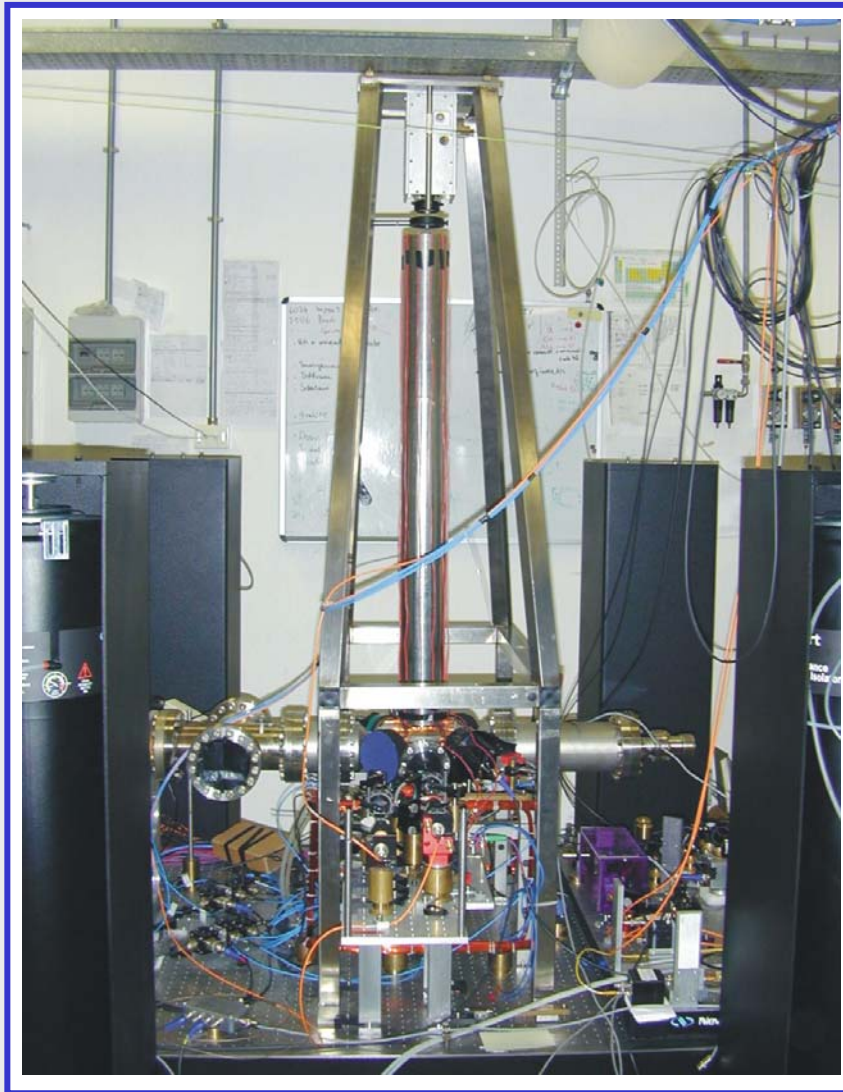


$$\Delta\Phi_{\text{rot}} = 2\pi \frac{2 m_{\text{at}}}{h} A \cdot \Omega$$

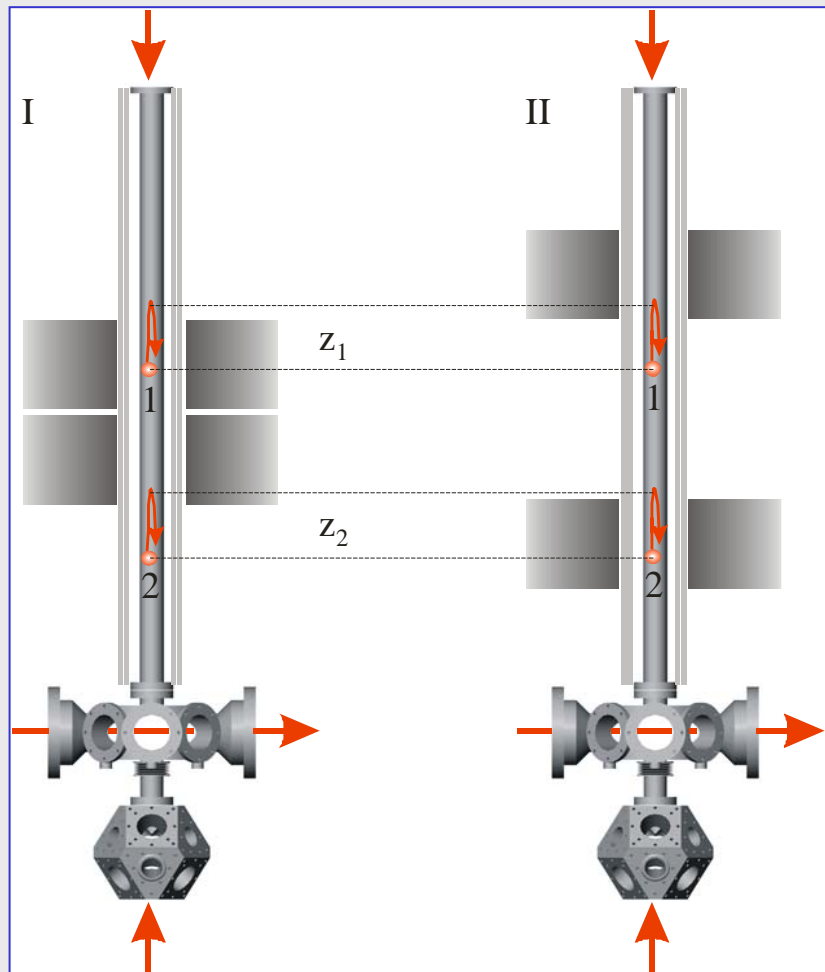
$$\frac{\Delta\varphi_{\text{mat}}}{\Delta\varphi_{\text{ph}}} \sim \frac{m_{\text{at}} \cdot \lambda \cdot c}{h} \approx 5 \cdot 10^{10}$$



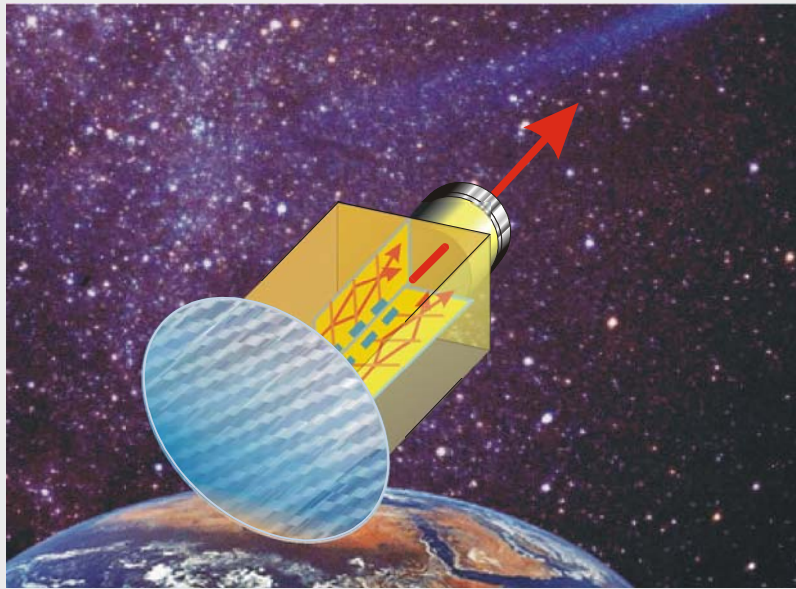
# Atom gravimeter/gradiometer in Firenze



$$\Rightarrow \Delta g/g = 8.6 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}} = 9.1 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ in } 90 \text{ s}$$

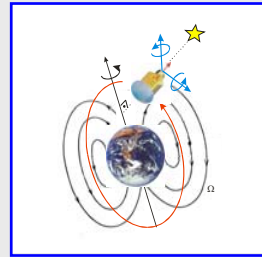


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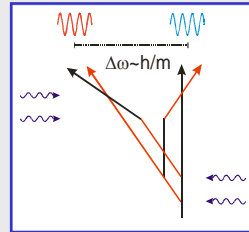


**Differential measurement between two atom gyroscopes and a star tracker orbiting around the Earth**

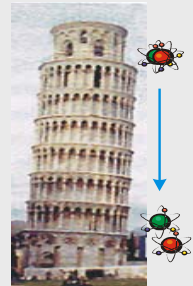
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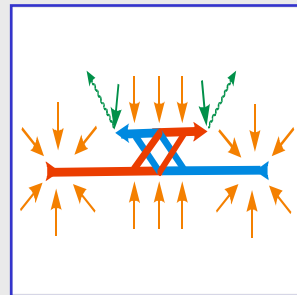
**Improving knowledge of fine-structure constant**



**Testing EP with microscopic bodies**



**Atomic gyroscope control of a satellite**



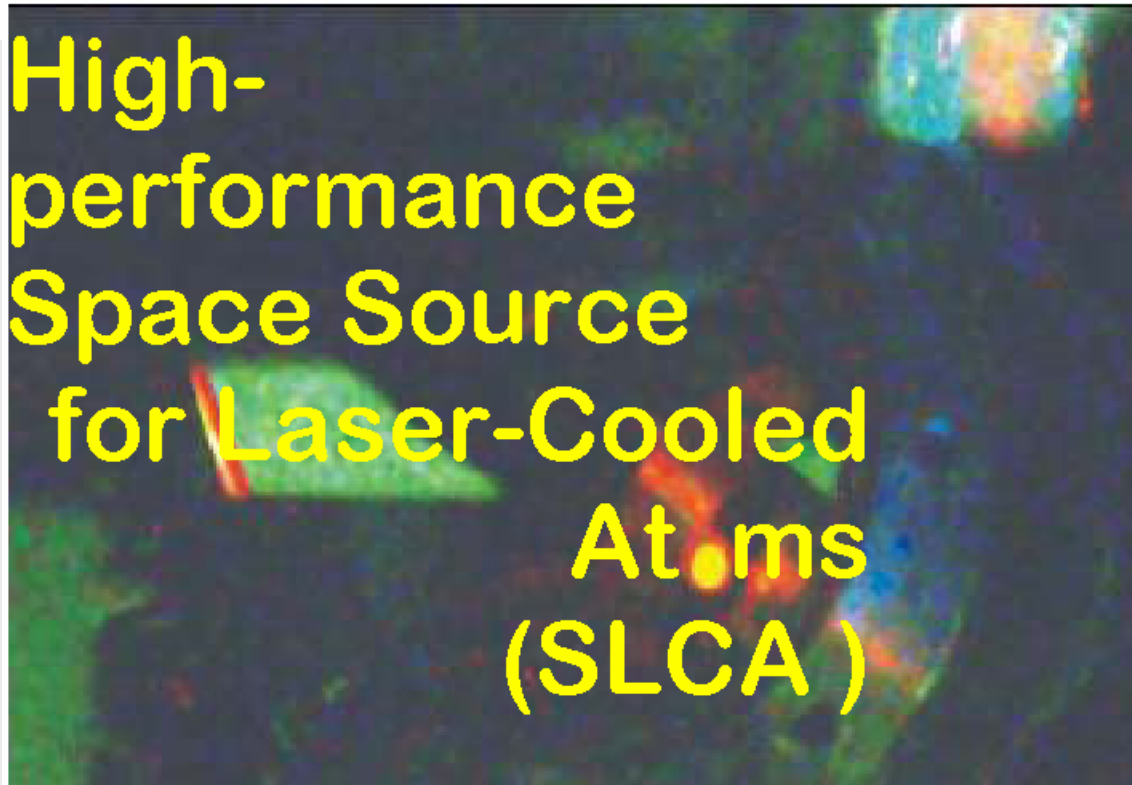


**Laser Cooled Atom (LCA) Sensor  
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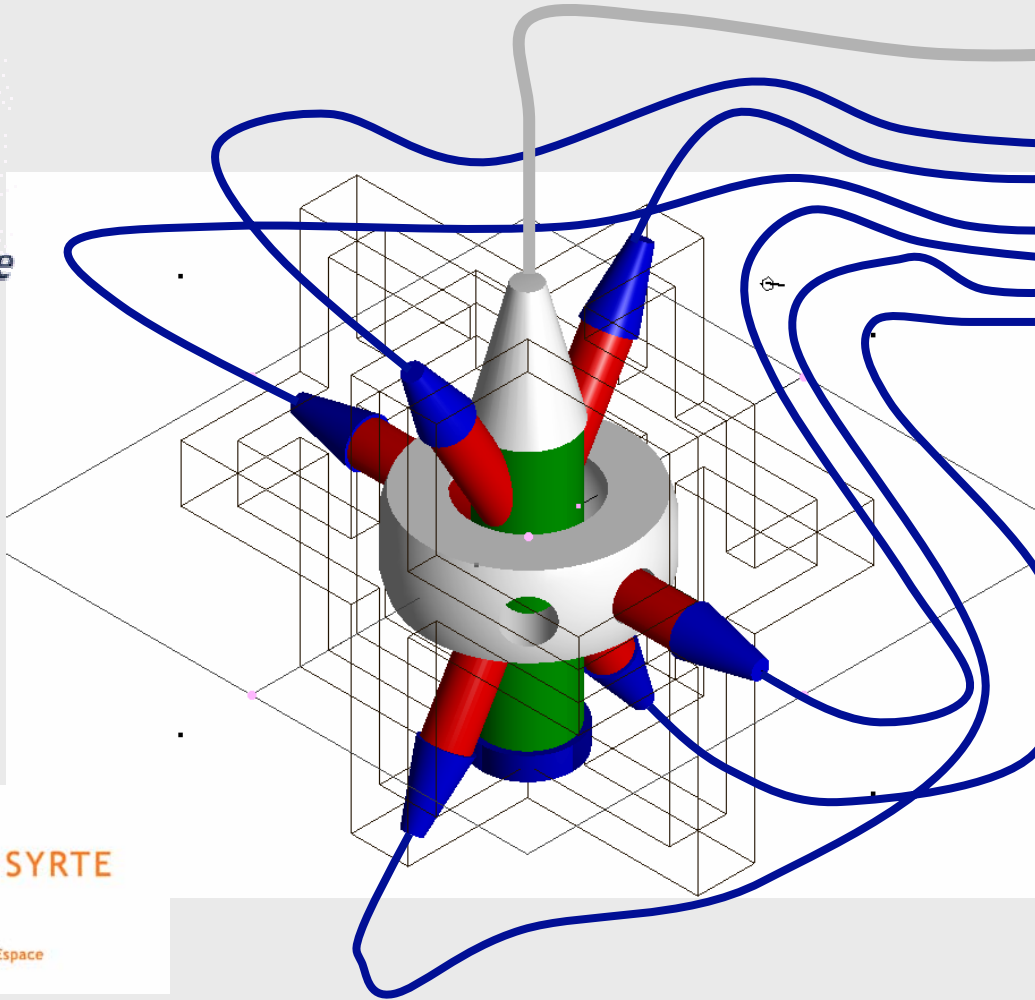
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**High-  
performance  
Space Source  
for Laser-Cooled  
Atoms  
(SLCA)**



# ICE : interferometry in 0-g



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**OMEGA: OROLOGI IN MICROGRAVITÀ E GIROSCOPI ATOMICI**

Proposal application in response to ASI Call for Proposals *Nuove idee di missioni spaziali (2000)*

COMPLETE TITLE OF PROJECT

**ULTRACOLD ATOMS IN MICROGRAVITY:  
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# Future Inertial Atomic Quantum Sensors

## FINAQS

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A Specific Targeted Research Project (STREP)

FULL Proposal

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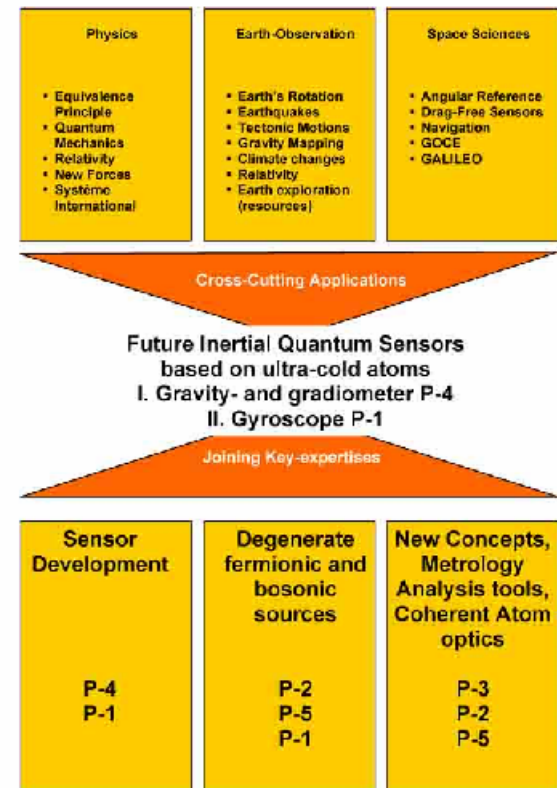
NEST-2003-1 ADVENTURE

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# *Future prospects: Atom interferometers*

- Development of transportable atom interferometers → geophysics  
→ space  
EC-STREP “FINAQS”: BEC or Fermionic Source?
- Test of Newton’s law at short distances
- Test of equivalence principle
- New definition of kg
- Accurate measurement of  $h/m$  and  $\alpha$
- Search for electron-proton charge inequality
- Test of equivalence principle for anti-matter (?)
- New detectors for gravitational waves (?)



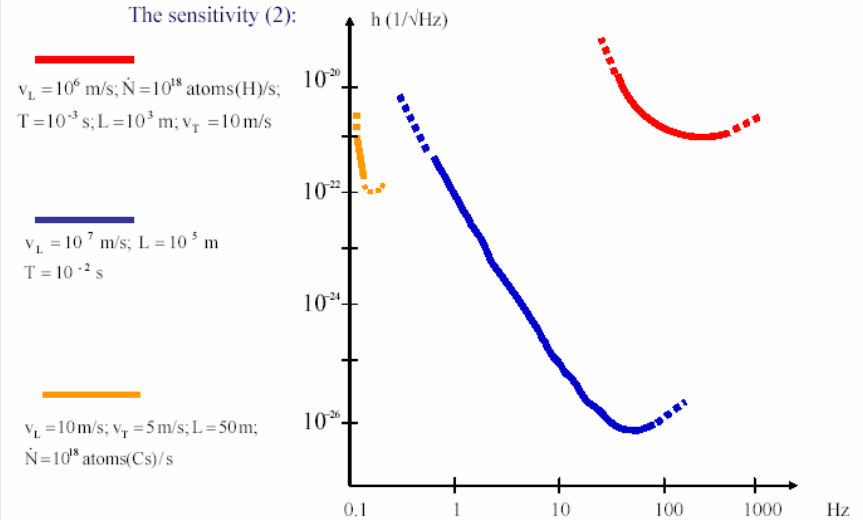
# Gravitational wave detection by atom interferometry

Can we use atom interferometers in searching for gravitational waves?

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- G. Tino, *University of Firenze*
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F. Vetrano - Aspen Winter Conference, FEB 2004

## Build the simplest A.I. for G.W. - 5



F. Vetrano - Aspen Winter Conference, FEB 2004

Presentation at 2004 Aspen Winter College on Gravitational Waves:  
See [http://www.ligo.caltech.edu/LIGO\\_web/Aspen2004/pdf/vetrano.pdf](http://www.ligo.caltech.edu/LIGO_web/Aspen2004/pdf/vetrano.pdf)

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