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Large Area Cold Atom Gyroscope

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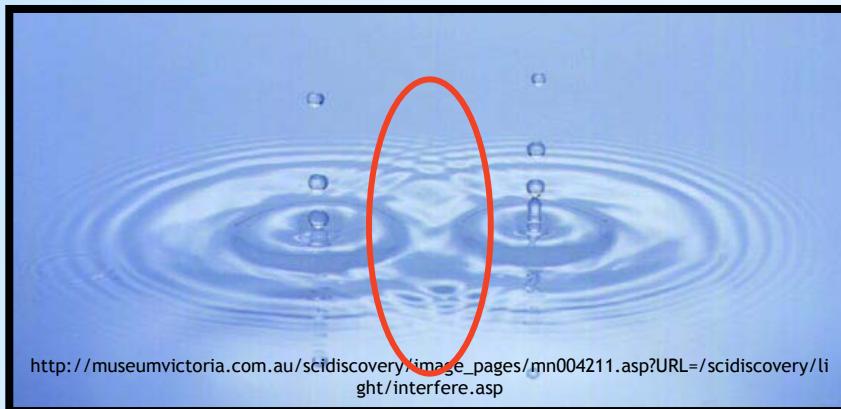
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Principles of Interferometry

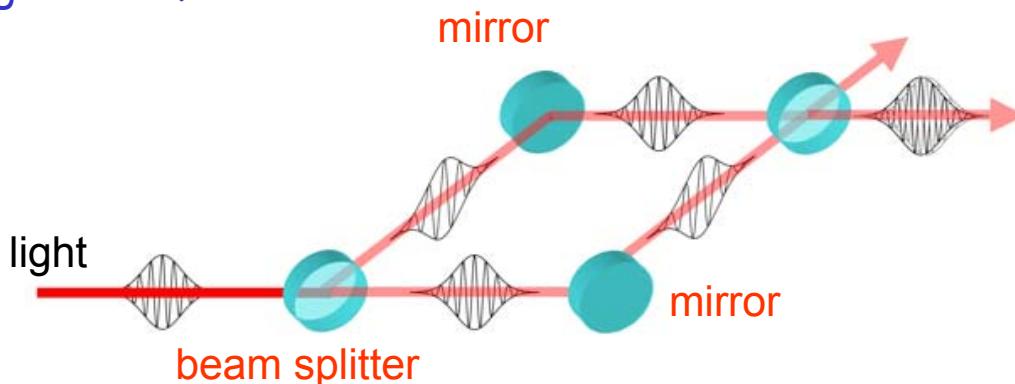


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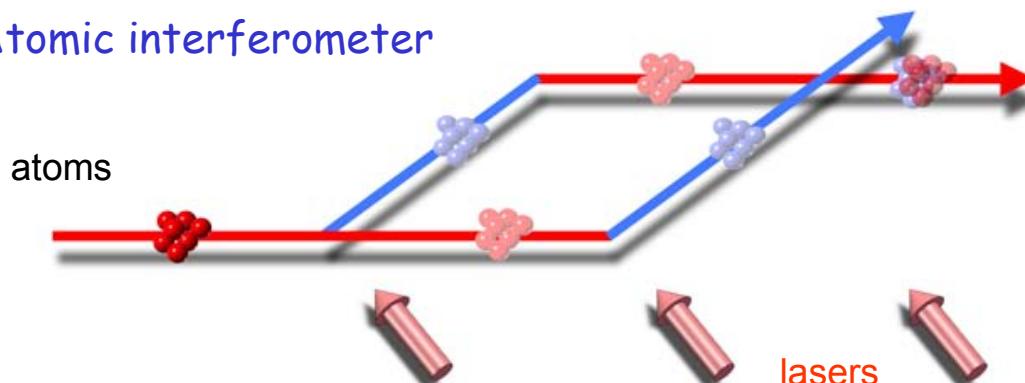
Principles of Interferometry

$\Delta\phi$: difference of accumulated phase shift along the two arms : 2 waves interferences

Light interferometer



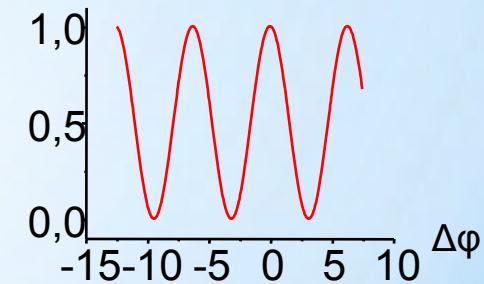
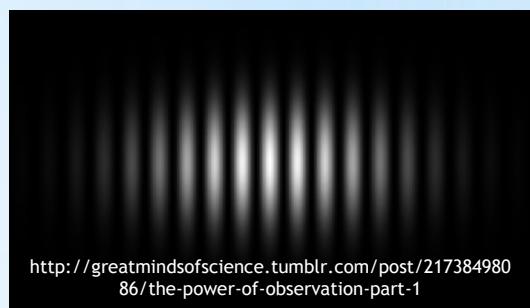
Atomic interferometer



Wave-particle duality
of atoms

« Quantum »
regime:
Cold Atoms

$$I \propto (1 + \cos(\Delta\Phi))$$

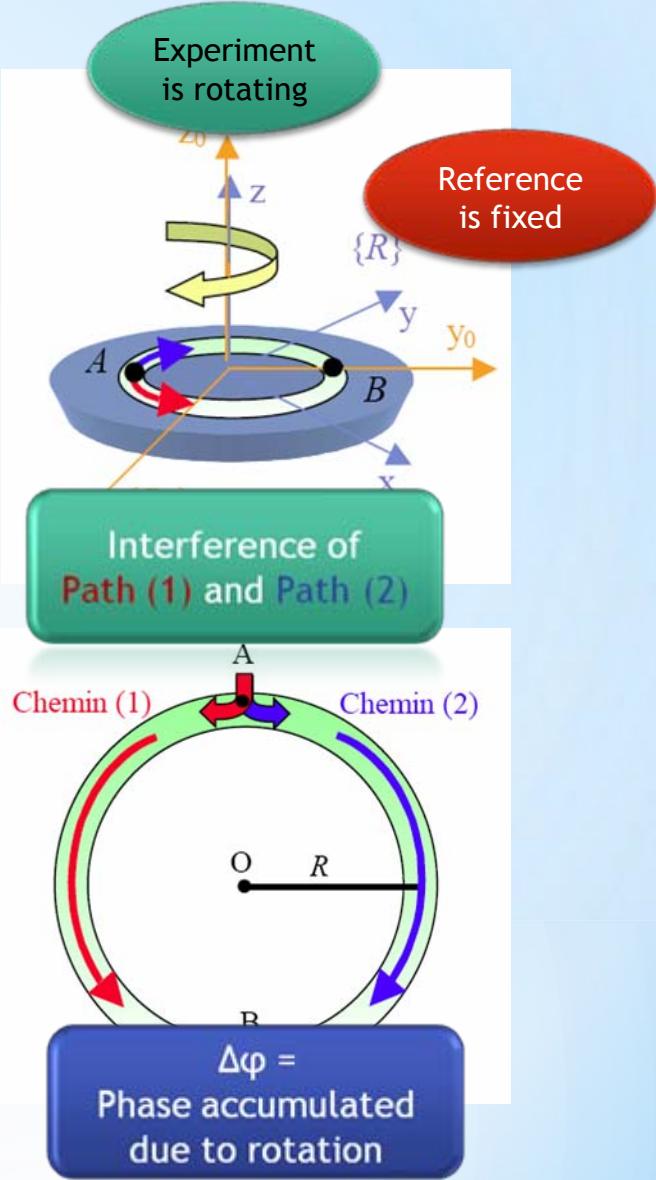
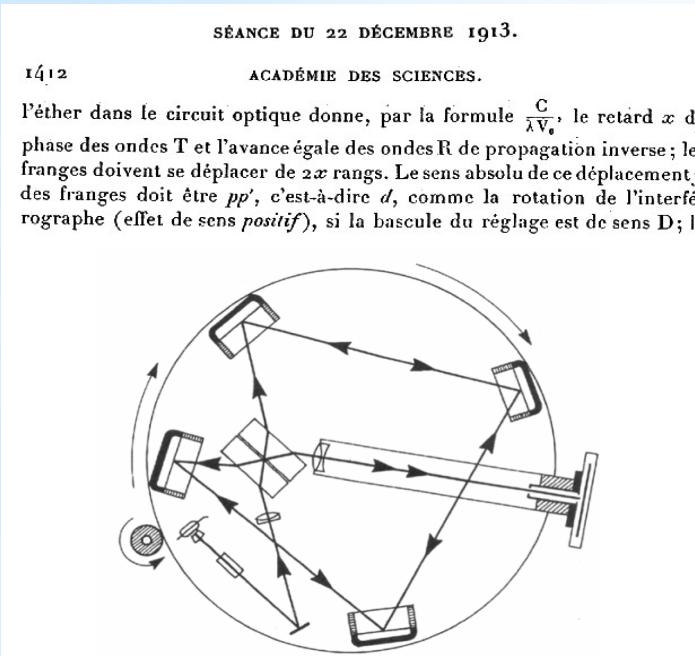


$$P_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \Delta\Phi)$$

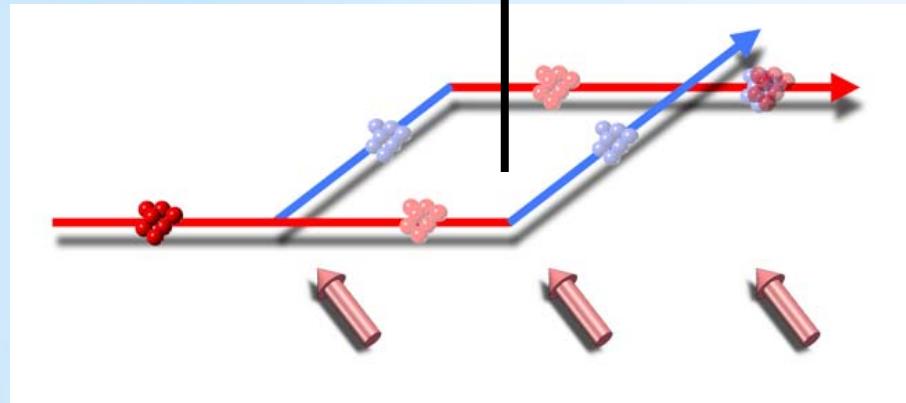
Transition in internal states

Gyroscope using Interferometry

Sagnac Effect



Atomic Gyroscope

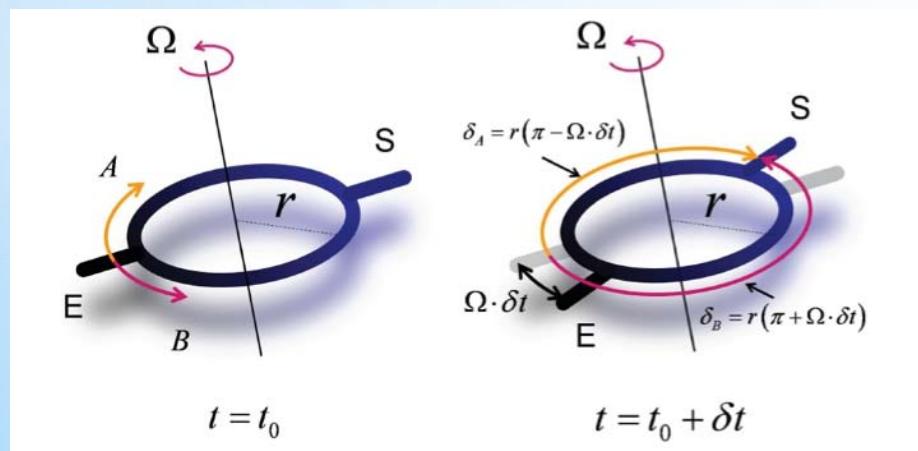


$$P = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(\Delta\Phi))$$

Sagnac phase shift :

$$\Delta\Phi_{\Omega} = \frac{4\pi E}{hc^2} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{\Omega}$$

E : energy of atoms
 A : physical area



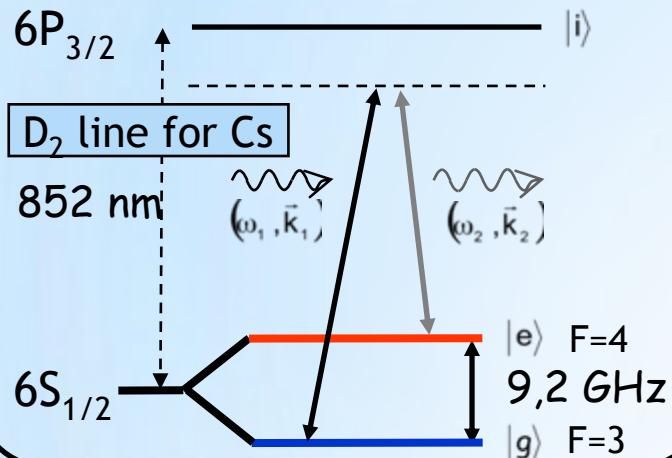
Interest : $\frac{E_{atom}}{E_{photon}} \sim 10^{11}$

Bigger sensitivity

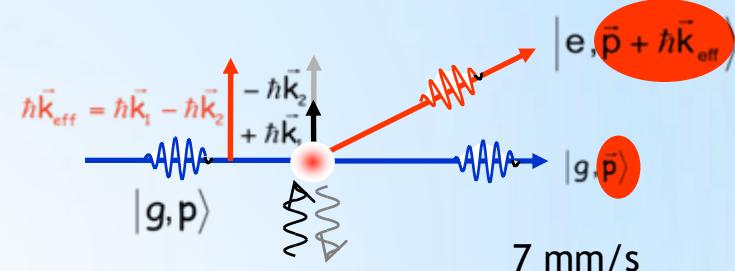
Manipulating atomic wave packets with light pulses

Atom Interferometer Mechanisms

Raman transitions

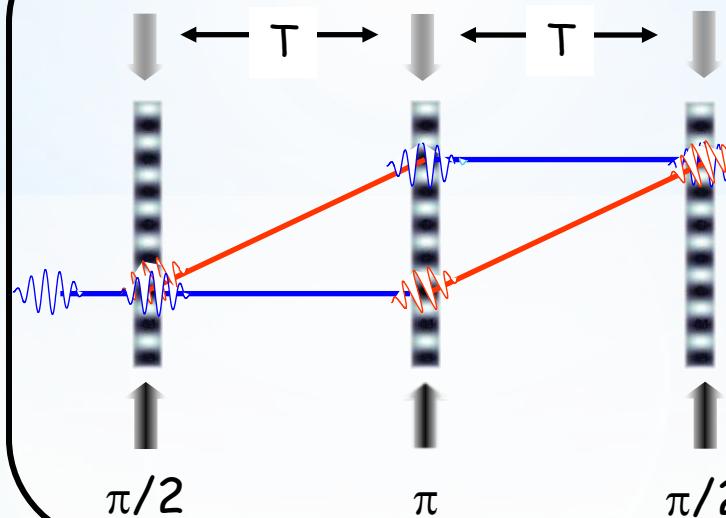


Transition between 2 momentum states



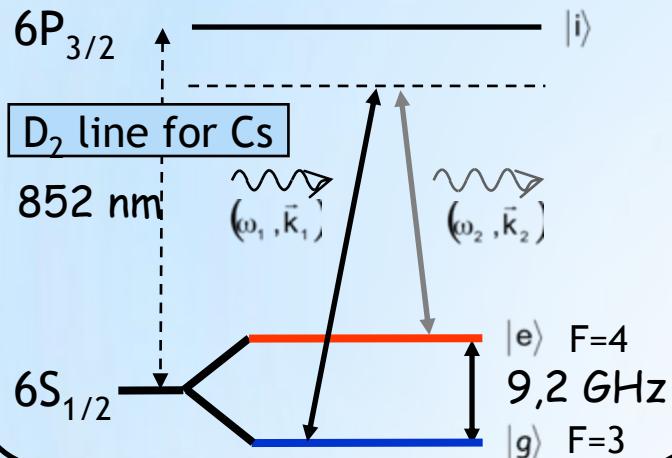
A two photon transition

3 Pulse Interferometer

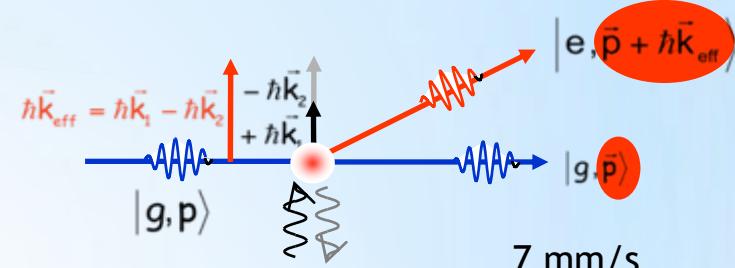


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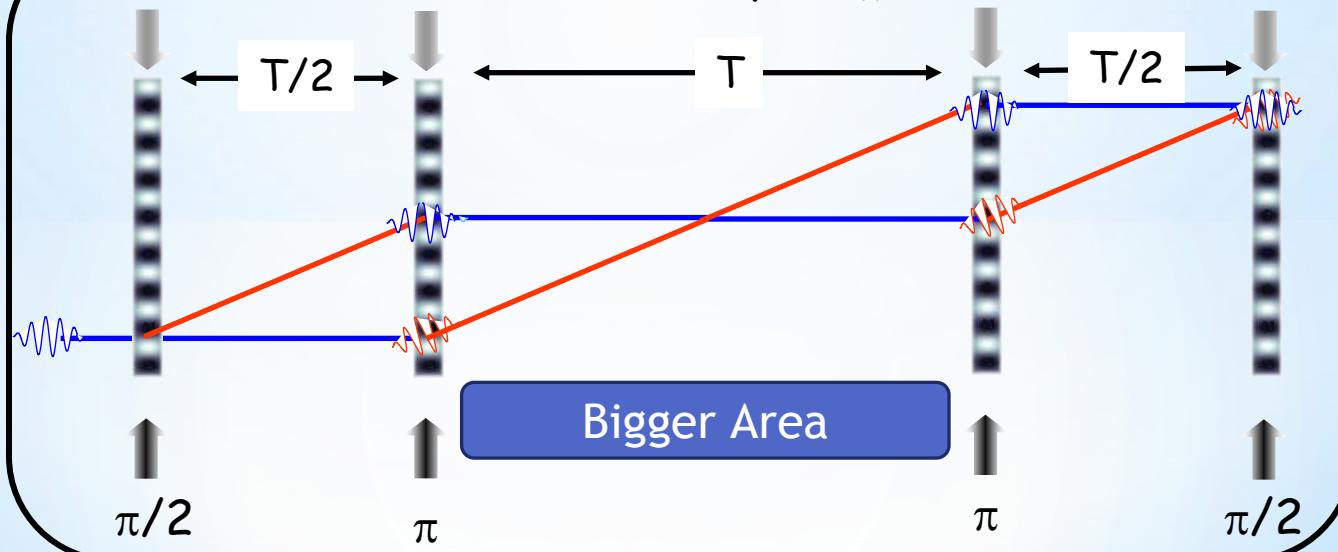


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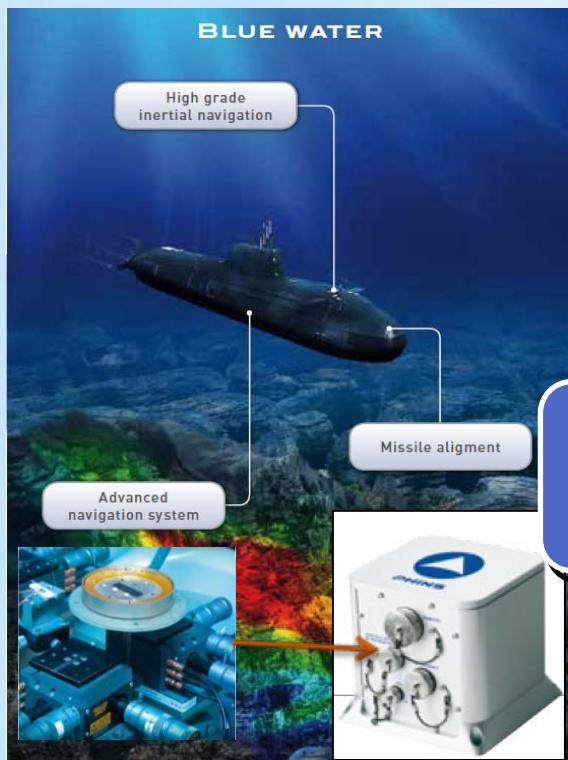
4 Pulse Interferometer



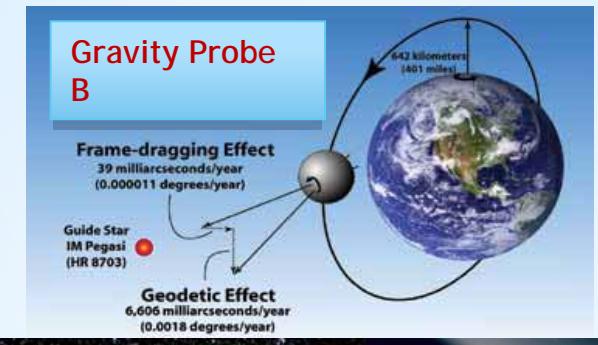
Gauguet et al.,
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Gyroscope

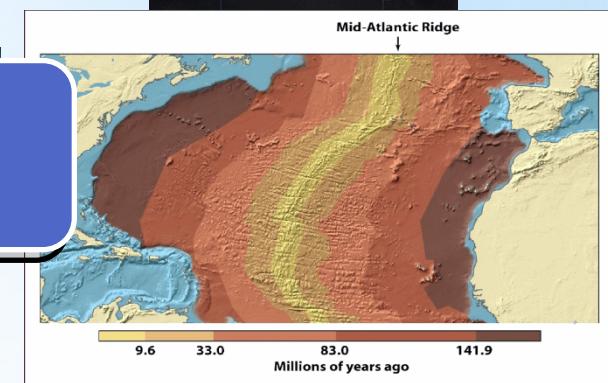
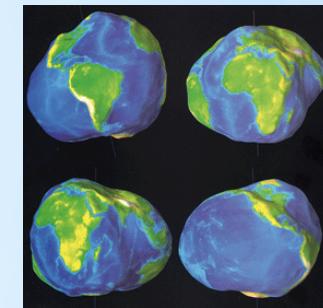
Inertial Navigation



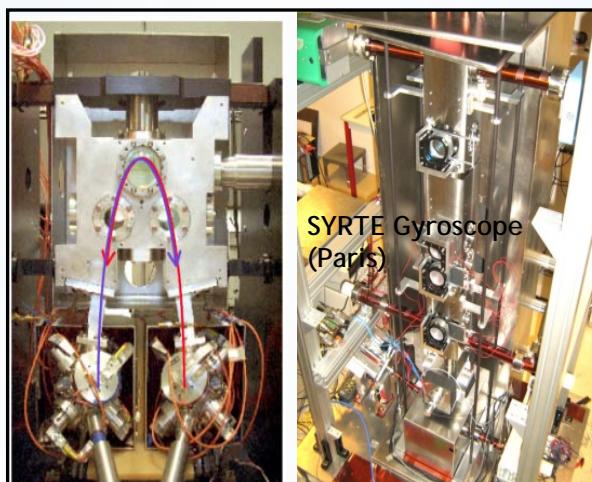
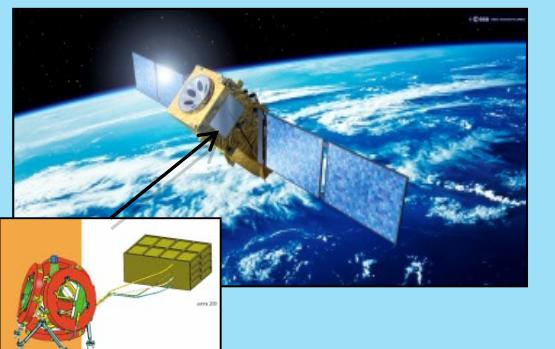
Precision Measurements



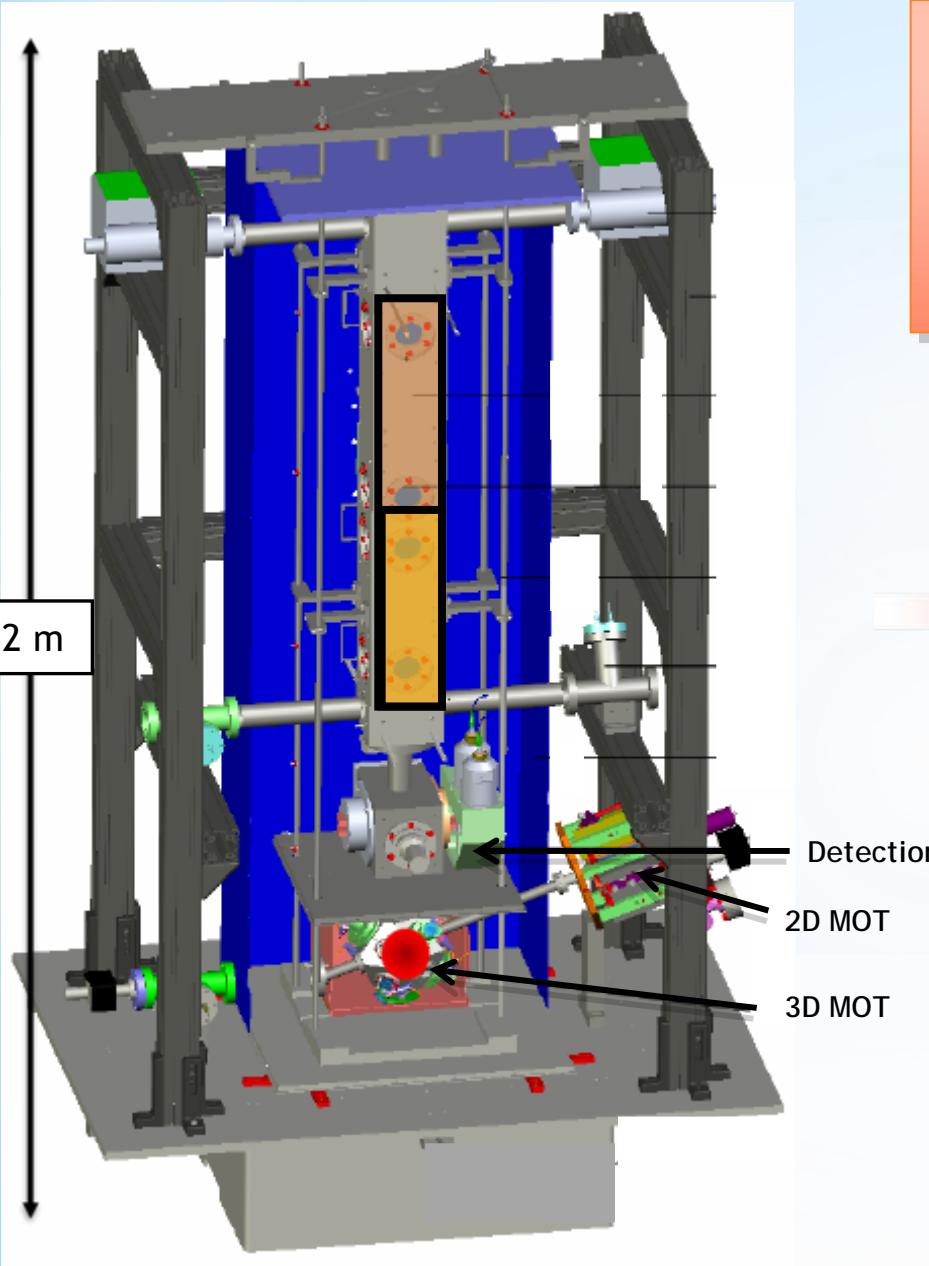
Applications in Geodesy and Seismology



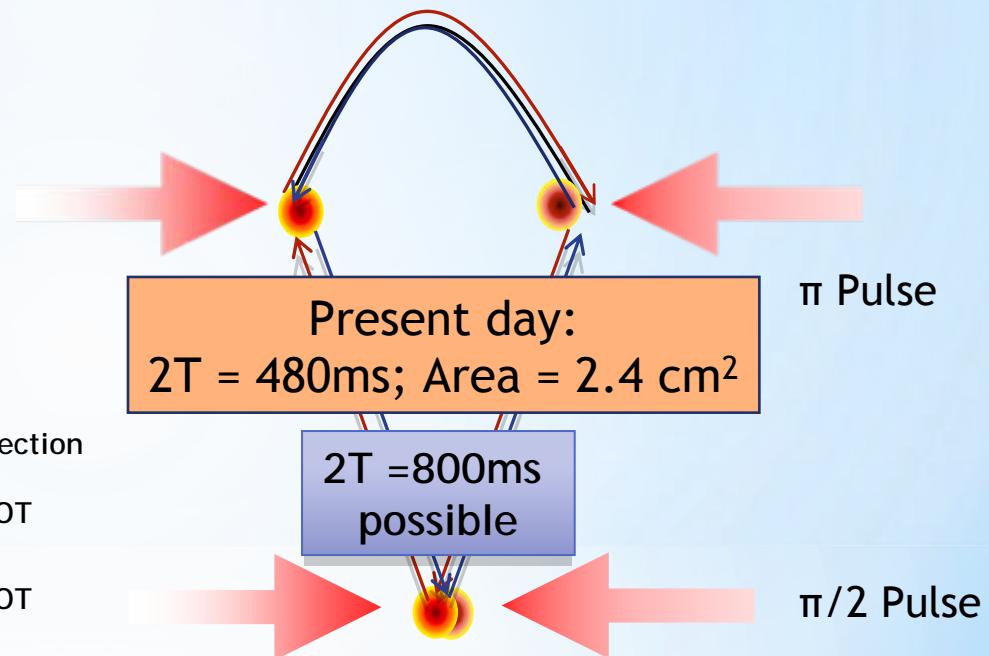
Aim:
Extremely
Precise and Stable



Experimental Set Up @ SYRTE

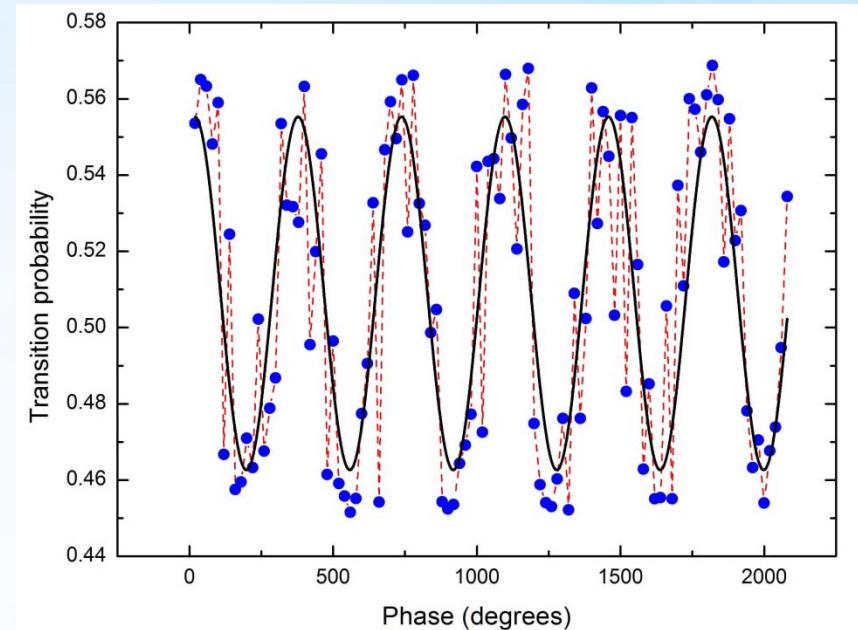
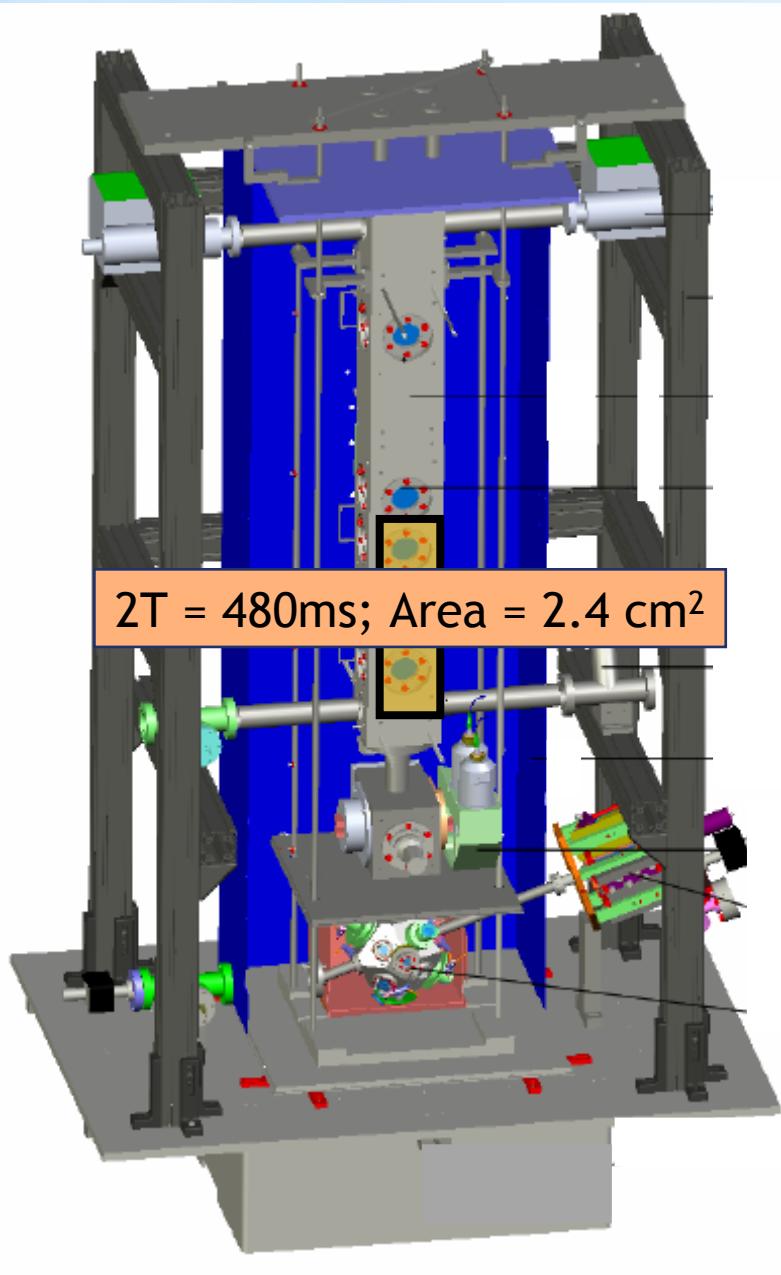


4 Pulse Geometry: **11cm²** area (max.)
30 times bigger area than existing atom gyros
Large baseline but human-size
Cold Atomic Source (1.4μK)
with fast repeatability



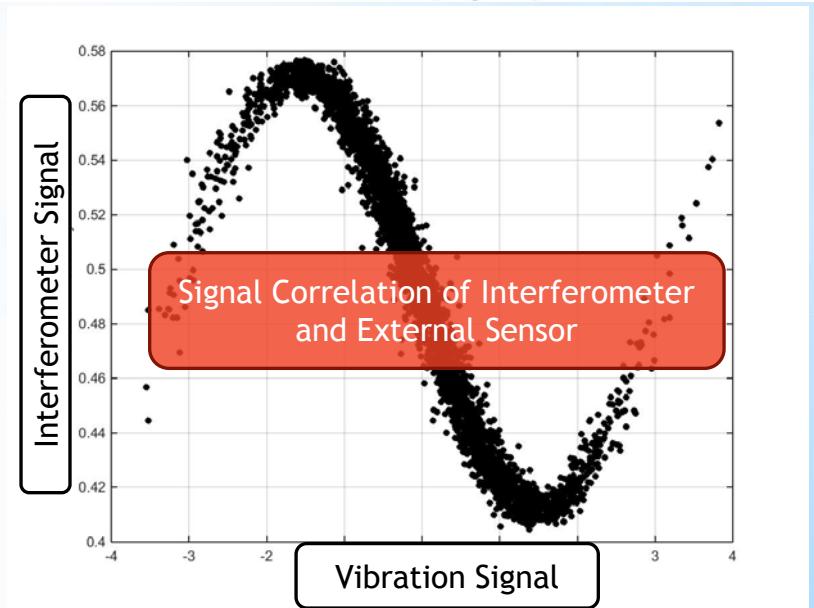
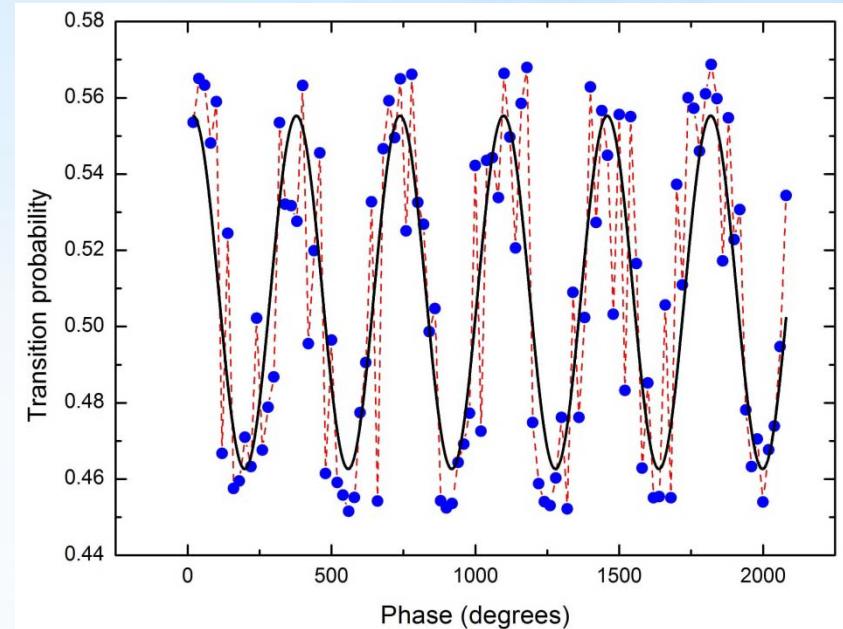
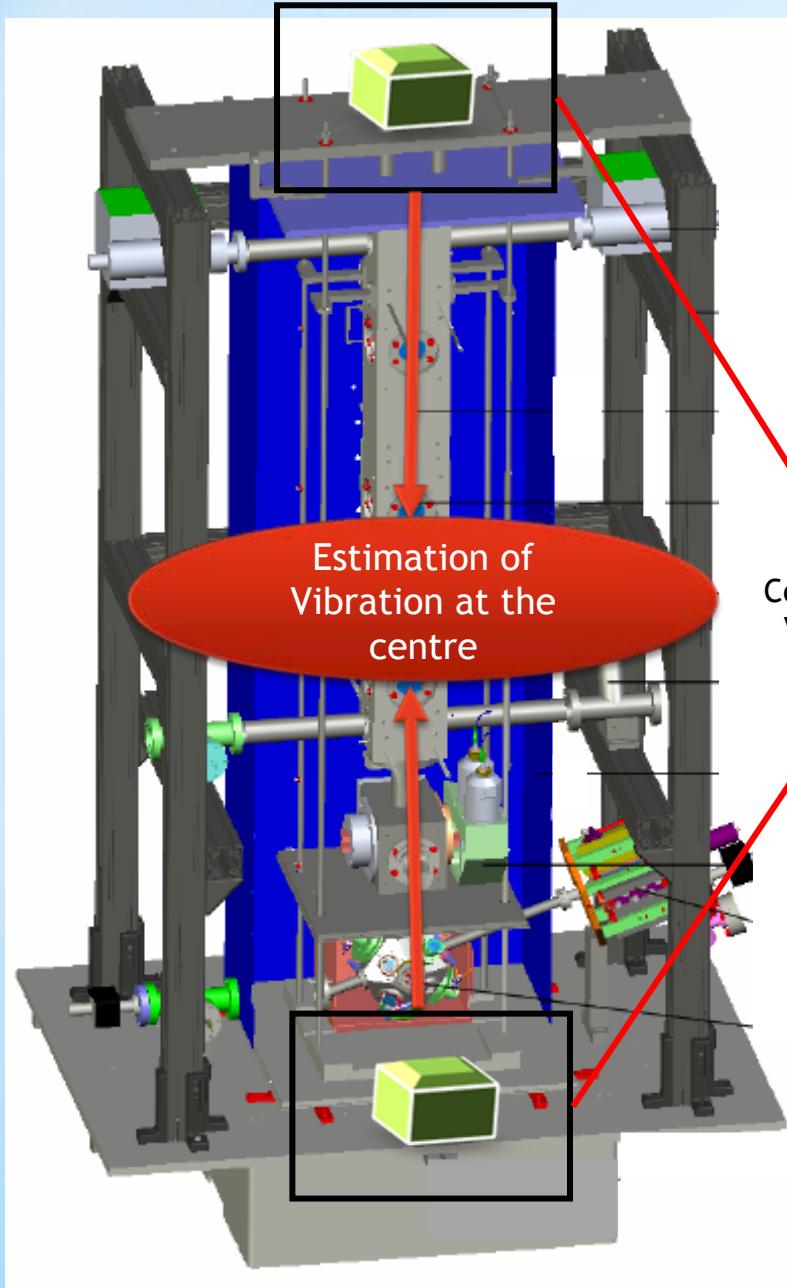
$$\Delta\Omega = \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\frac{1}{2} k_{eff} g(T^3)}$$

Interferometric Performances

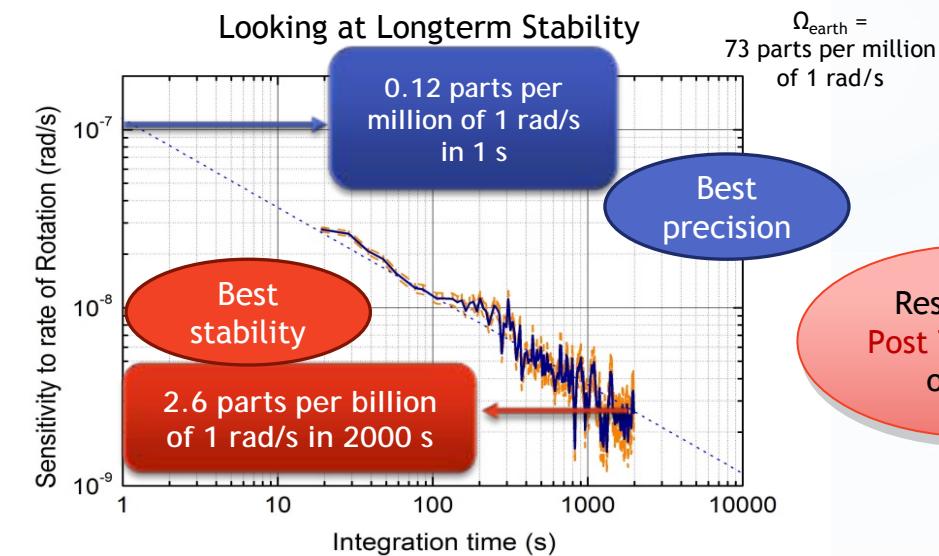
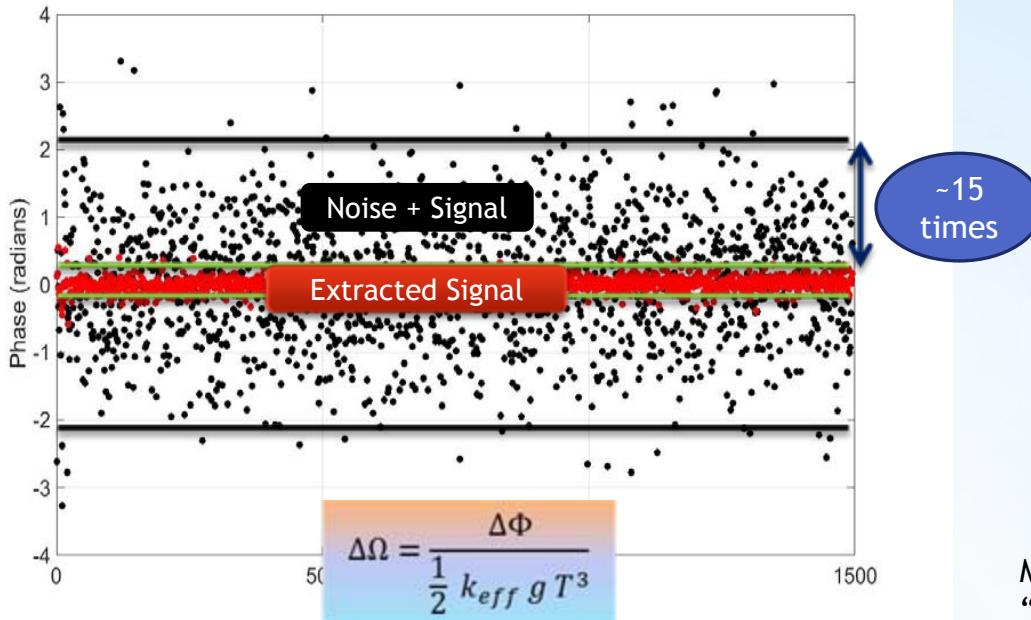


Reduced Fringe visibility :
Vibration Noise

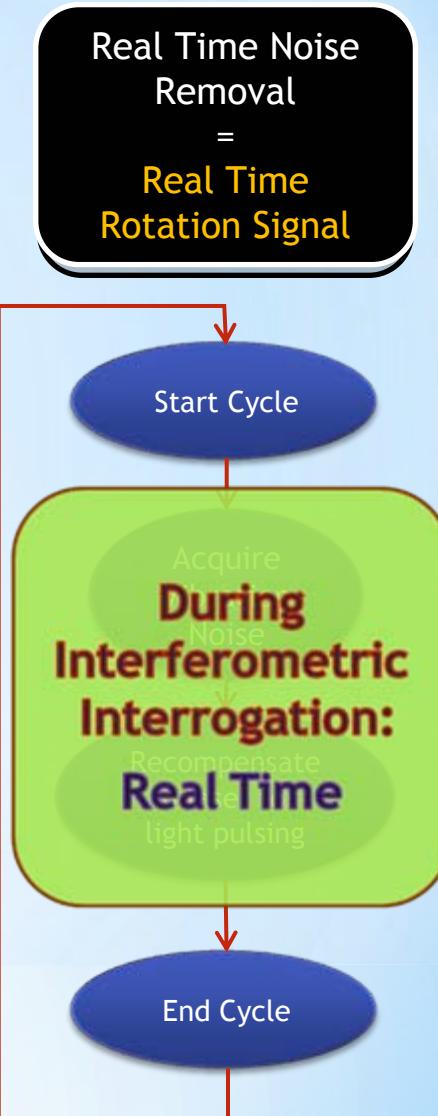
Effect of Vibration Noise



Gyrosopic Results and Towards Improvements



Method similar to
“Hybridization”
Lautier & Lours et al.
Appl. Phys. Lett. 105,
144102 (2014)



Way to Improve: No Dead Time

Waiting to Prepare

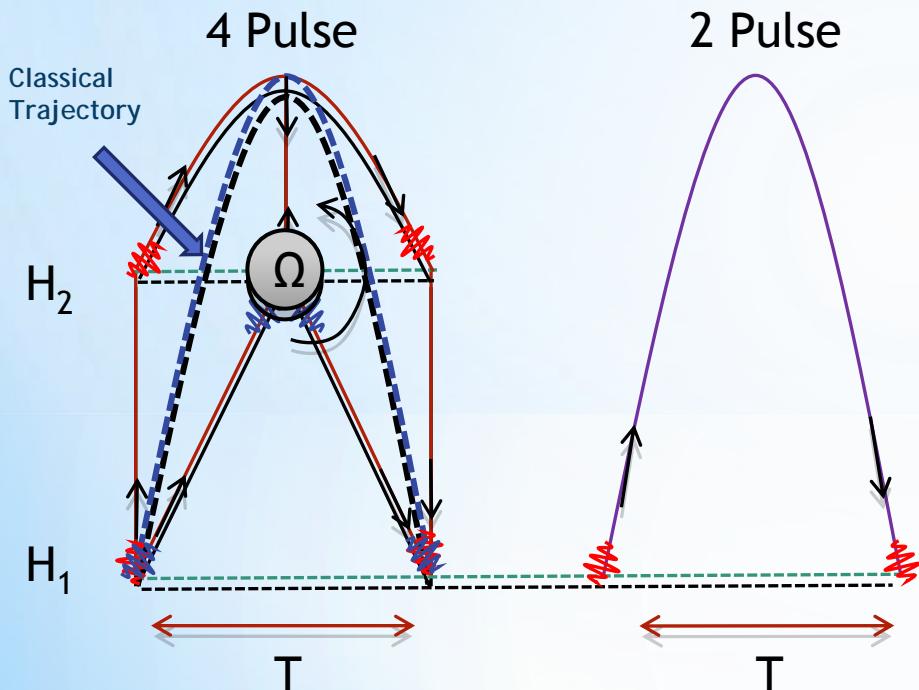
Short term
Limitation:
Under-sampled
Parasitic
Vibration Noise

We lose
information

No-Dead-Time:
No loss of
Information

Testing as a Fountain Clock

Useful for
Inertial
Navigation

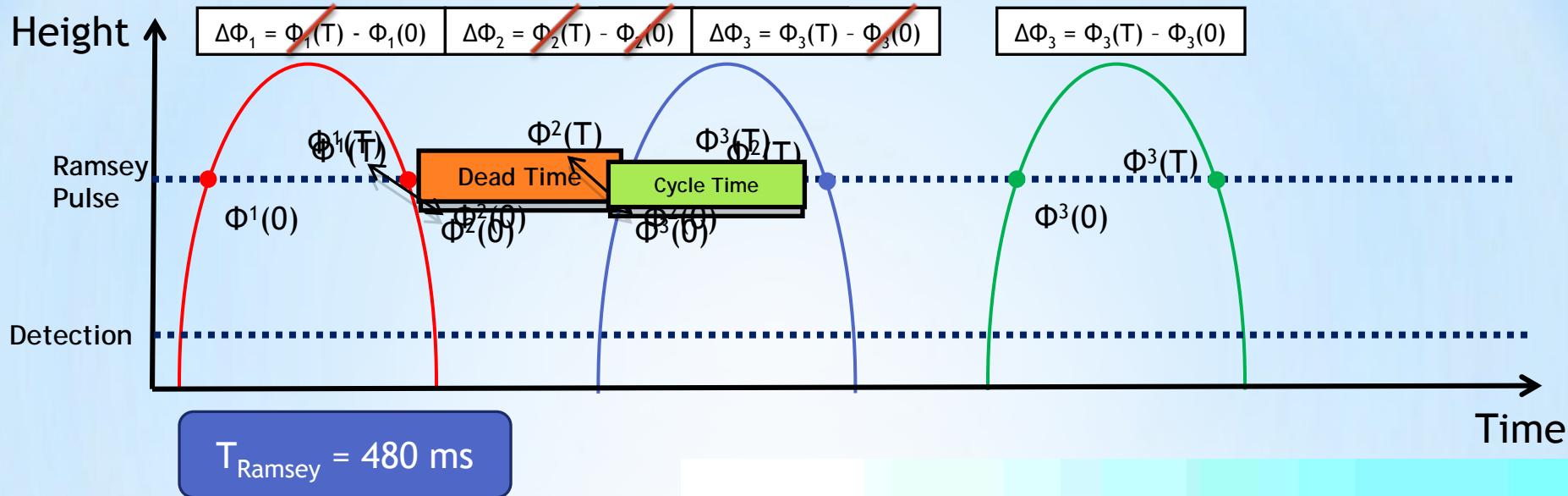


Inertial Noise in Gyro
= Local Oscillator Noise in Fountain Clock

Average faster to Intrinsic Fundamental Noise

Working with No Dead Time

Meunier and Dutta et al.
Phys. Rev. A 90, 063633 (2014)



Fundamental Noise Limit

With Added Phase Noise

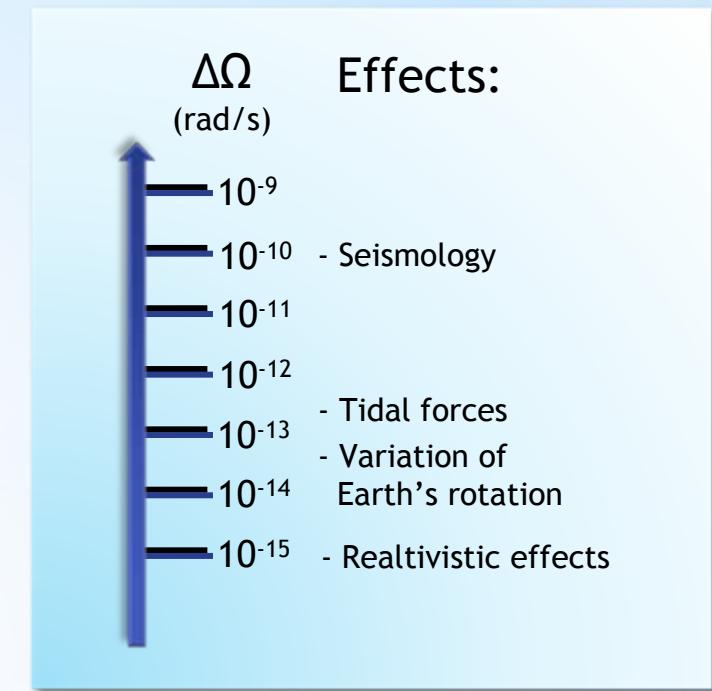
With Added Noise and
No Dead Time

Average faster to
Fundamental Noise



Stability Comparisons and Future Prospects

Type of Gyro	Research Group/Industry	Area	Long term stability (rad/s)	Integration time
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	< 10^{-8} rad/s in 1 sec	11cm ²	< 10^{-10}	~30 mins
Optical	Fiber Optic Gyro (IXBLUE) (FR) (2014) [2]	3 km Long Fiber in loops	5×10^{-11}	38 days
	Ring Laser Gyro (DE) (2014) [3]	16 m ²	6×10^{-13}	2 hours



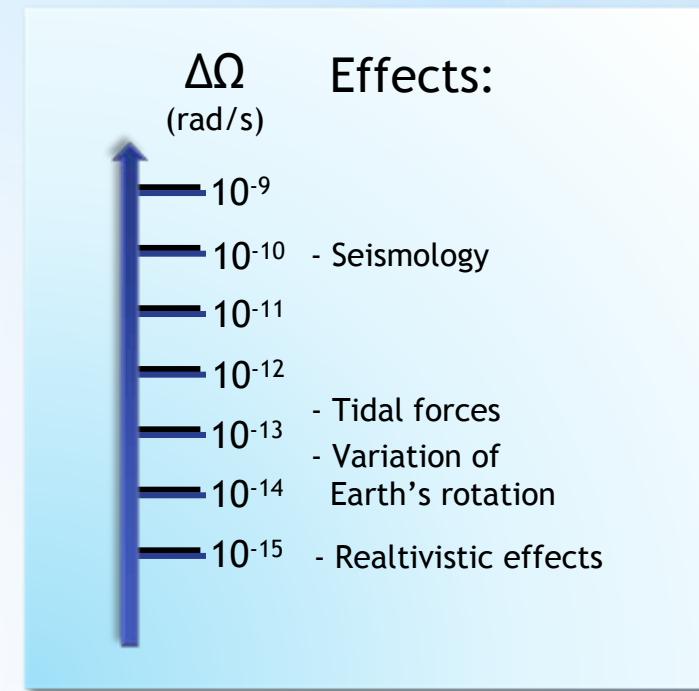
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Larger Area

+

No-Dead-Time Mode

+

Real Time Rotation Signal



Large Area Atom Gyroscope:
Extremely Precise and Stable

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Large Area Atomic Gyroscope Scheme

Extracting Signal from Vibration Noise

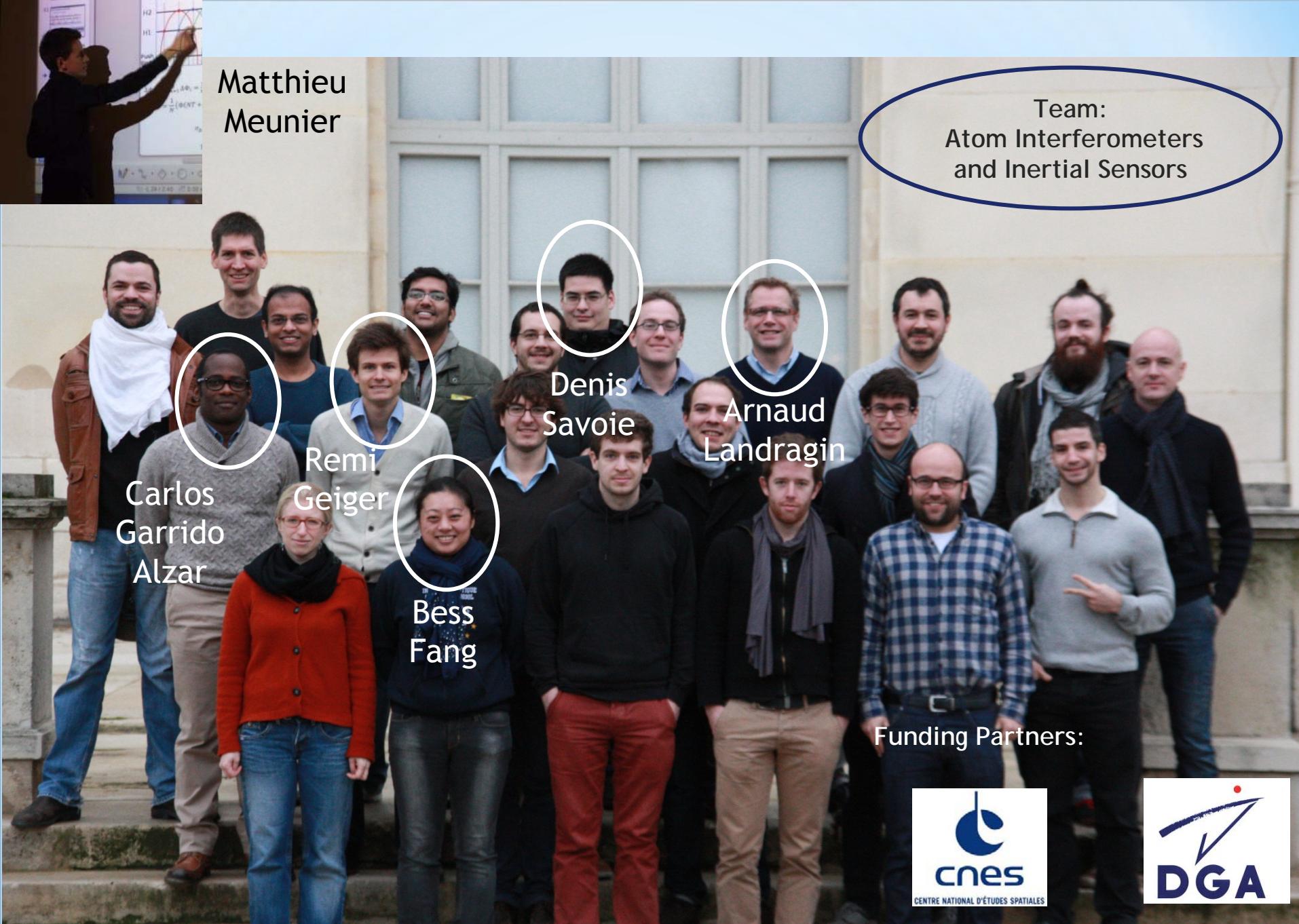
Best Precision and Stability with 2.6 ppb of 1 rad/s in ~30 mins

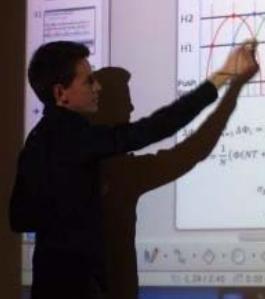
Towards a Standard with bigger area:
11 cm² area
(2T = 800 ms)

End Remarks

Way to Improvement:
Real Time Signal & No Dead Time

Future prospects:
Improvement methods for our Gyroscope





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Team:
Atom Interferometers
and Inertial Sensors



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