

Gravimètres à atomes froids

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Gravimétrie - Instruments

$$\vec{g} \quad g = |\vec{g}| \quad \text{grad } \vec{g}$$

$$1 \mu\text{Gal} = 10 \text{ nm.s}^{-2} \quad 1 E = 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$\sim 10^{-9} g \quad = 0.1 \mu \text{ Gal.m}^{-1}$$

Gravimeters

Gradiometers

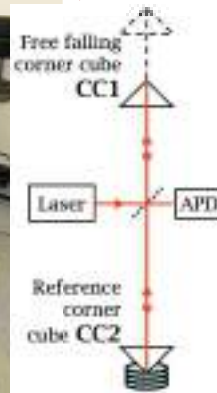
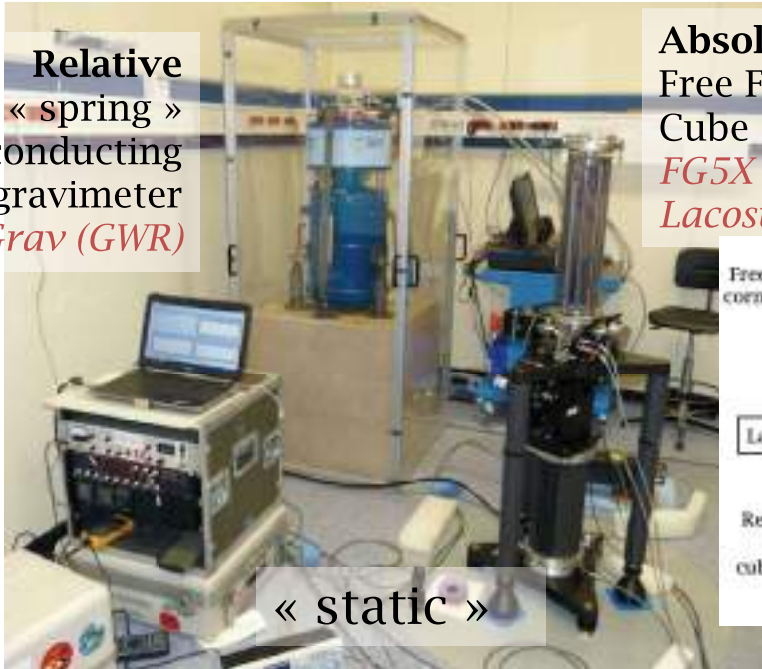
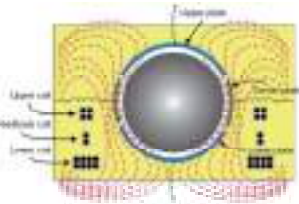
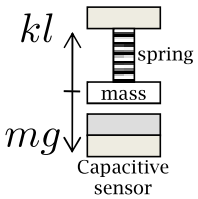
Combination of accelerometers, (gyro stabilized platform), Electrostatic, superconducting

Relative
« spring »
Superconducting gravimeter
iGrav (GWR)

Absolute
Free Fall Corner
Cube
*FG5X (Micro-g
Lacoste)*

*FTG (Lockheed
Martin)*

EGG (ARXEX)



GOCE (ESA)

VK1 (UWA)

Differential measurements

Continuous (1 Hz averaged)

$\sim 0.1 \text{ nm.s}^{-2}$ in 1 000 s

Drift (small)

Not accurate, to be calibrated

Not continuous (0.3 Hz)
dead time, #FF limited

$U \sim 20 - 30 \text{ nm.s}^{-2}$

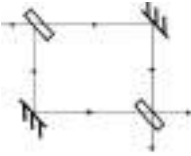
$\sim 10 \text{ nm.s}^{-2}$ in 90 s

FTG : $20 - 2 E.Hz^{-1/2}$
SG : $0.5 E.Hz^{-1/2}$
GOCE : $\sim 10 mE.Hz^{-1/2}$

Interférométrie Atomique - Principe

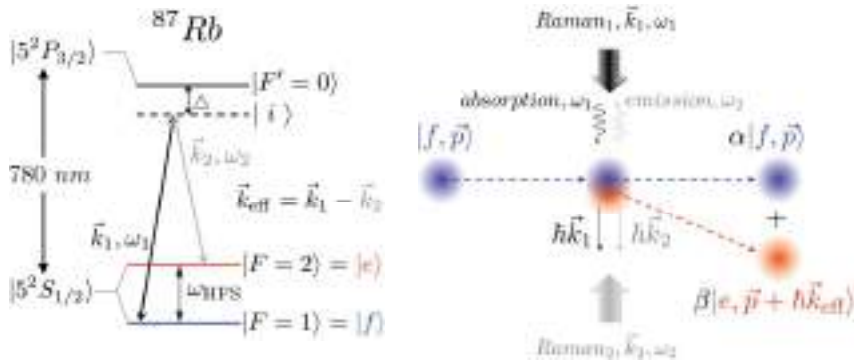
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- Manipulation cohérente de paquets d'onde atomiques à l'aide de séparatrices laser
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- Interféromètre analogue à un Mach Zehnder optique
- Séquence de trois impulsions lasers séparées par un temps d'évolution libre T
- La différence de phase module la population dans les ports de sortie de l'interféromètre



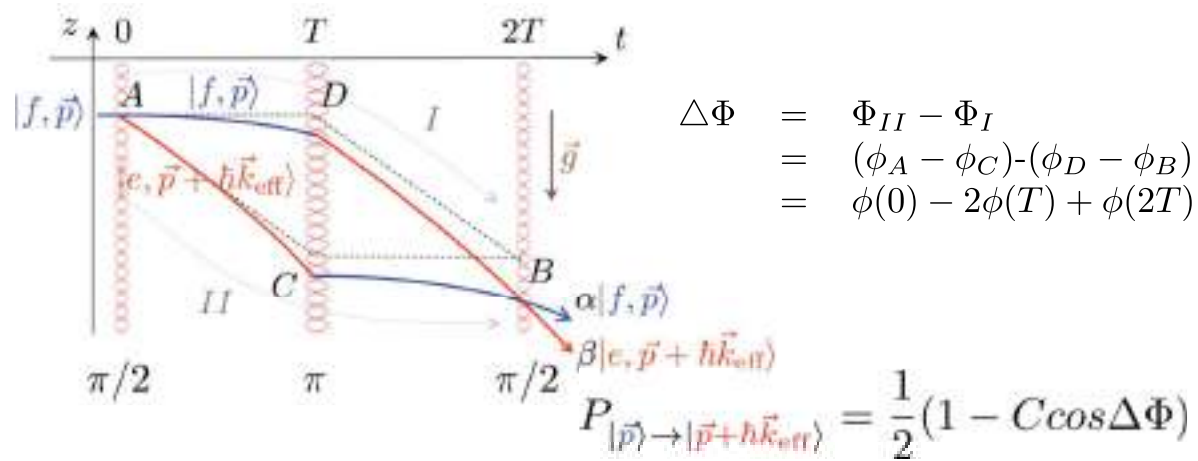
Stimulated Raman transitions

3 level atom



Two photon transition coupling $|f\rangle$ and $|e\rangle$

$$\phi(t) = \omega_{\text{eff}}t - \vec{k}_{\text{eff}}\vec{z}(t) + \varphi_{\text{eff}}(t)$$



$$z = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

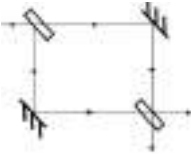
$$\Delta\Phi = -\vec{k}_{\text{eff}}\vec{g}T^2$$

→ Scales as T^2 , benefits of cold atoms

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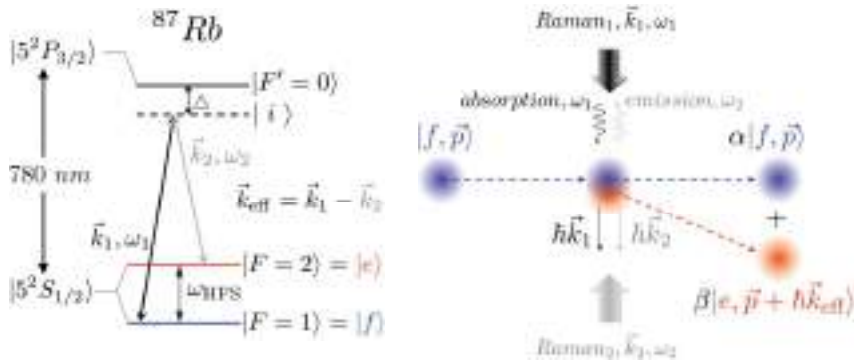
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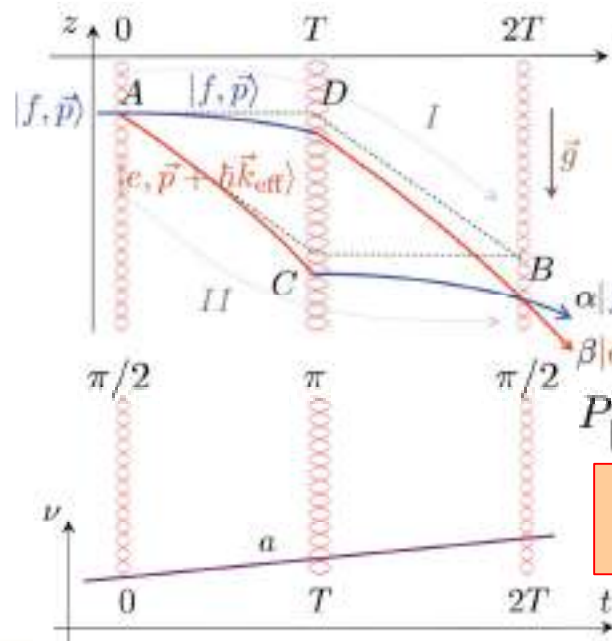
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$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\Phi &= \Phi_{II} - \Phi_I \\ &= (\phi_A - \phi_C) - (\phi_D - \phi_B) \\ &= \phi(0) - 2\phi(T) + \phi(2T) \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{|p\rangle \rightarrow |p + h\vec{k}_{\text{eff}}\rangle} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - C\cos\Delta\Phi)$$

$$\Delta\Phi = -\vec{k}_{\text{eff}}\vec{g}T^2 + aT^2$$

$$g = a/k_{\text{eff}}$$

Expériences pionnières : USA

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Atomic Interferometry Using Stimulated Raman Transitions

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(Received 23 April 1991)

The mechanical effects of stimulated Raman transitions on atoms have been used to demonstrate a matter-wave interferometer with laser-cooled sodium atoms. Interference has been observed for wave packets that have been separated by as much as 2.4 mm. Using the interferometer as an inertial sensor, the acceleration of a sodium atom due to gravity has been measured with a resolution of 3×10^{-9} after 1000 sec of integration time.

PACS numbers: 32.80.Pj, 07.60.Ly, 35.80.Fs, 42.50.Vk

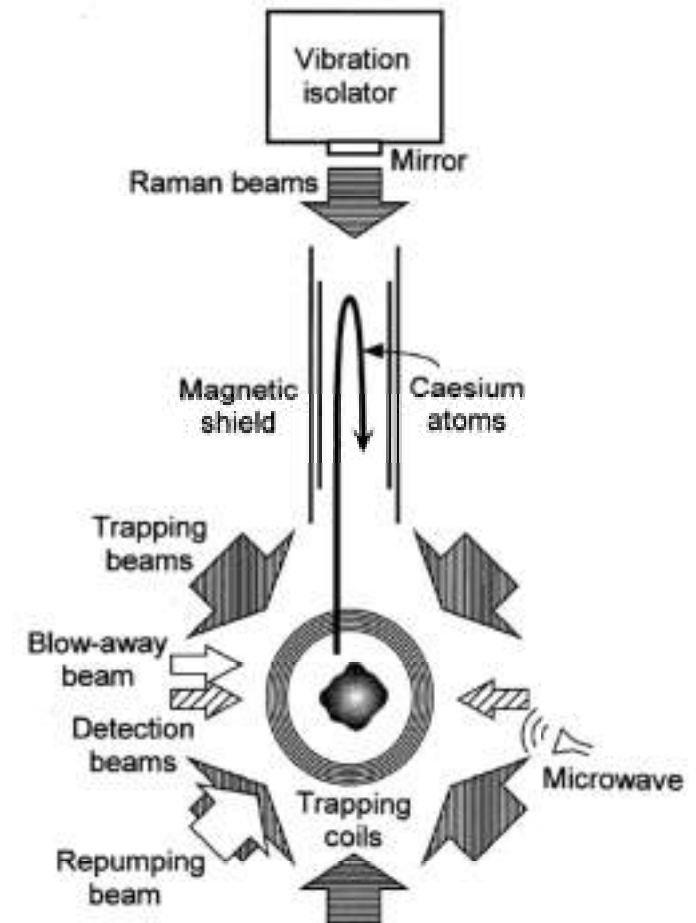
metrologia

High-precision gravity measurements using atom interferometry

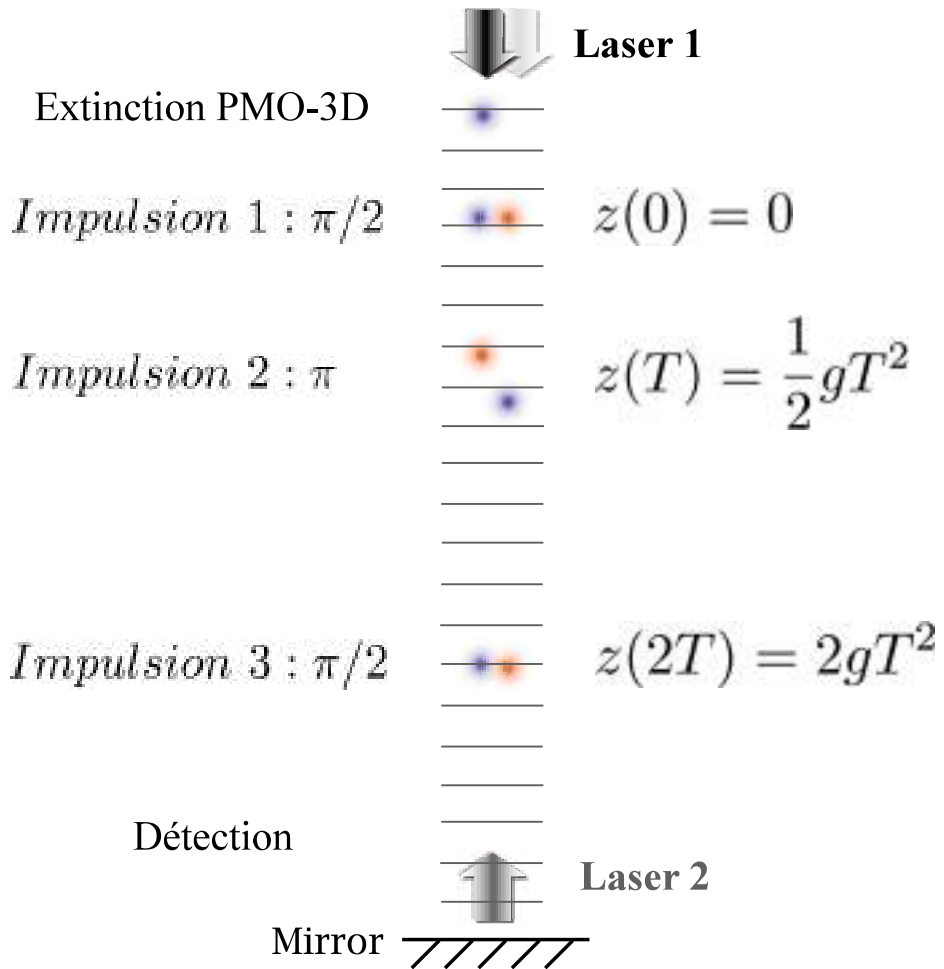
A. Peters, K. Y. Chung and S. Chu

Metrologia, 2001, 38, 25-61

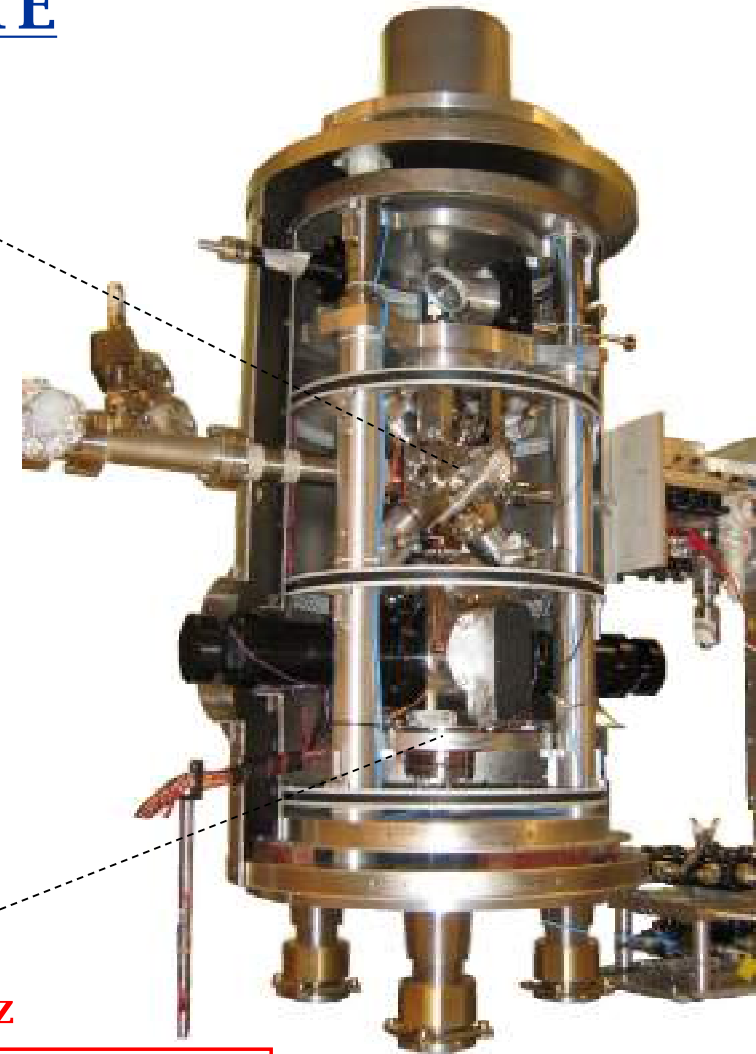
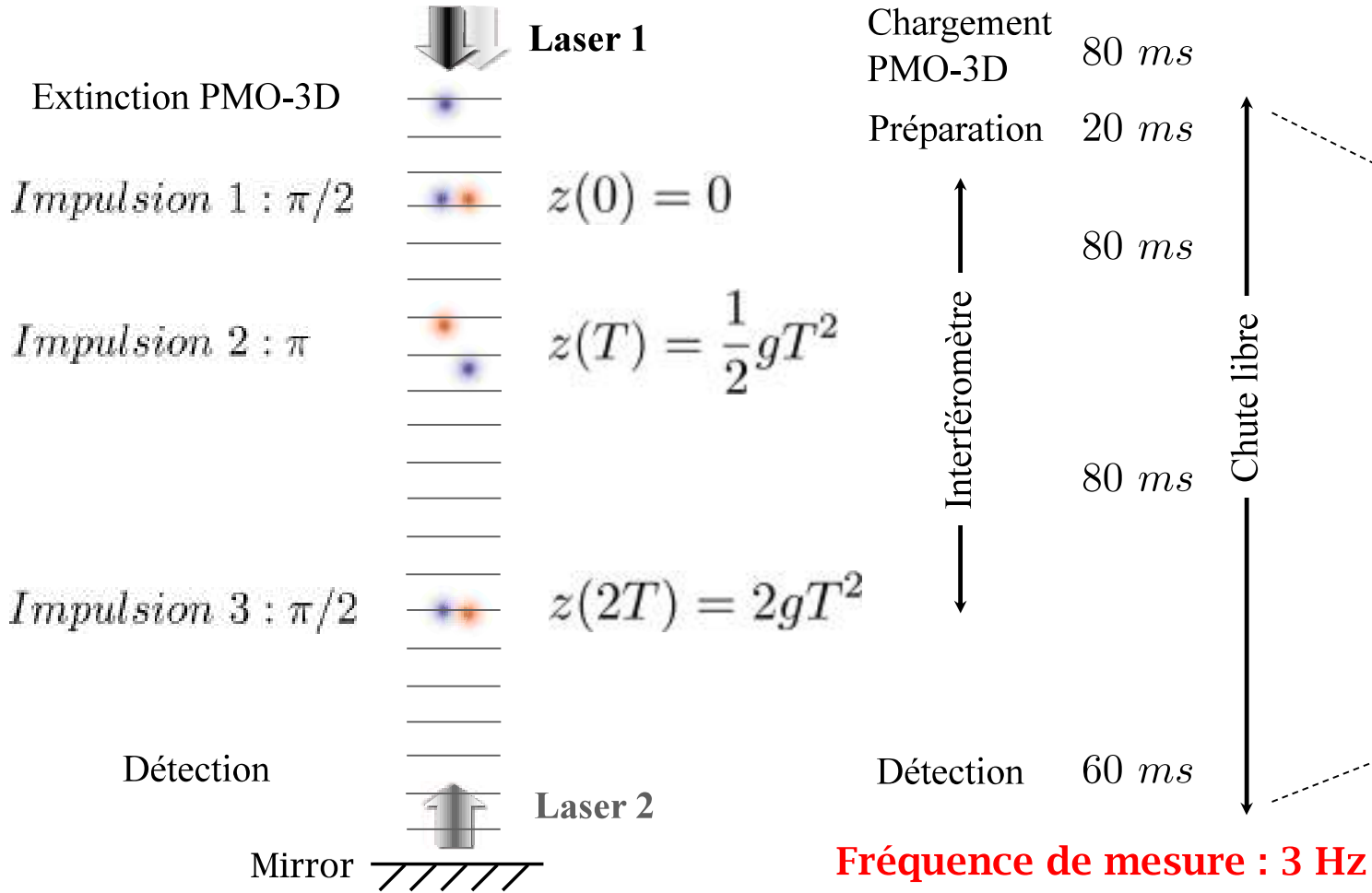
Abstract. We have built an atom interferometer that can measure g , the local acceleration due to gravity, with a resolution of $\Delta g/g = 2 \times 10^{-8}$ after a single 1.3 s measurement cycle, 3×10^{-9} after 1 min and 1×10^{-10} after two days of integration time. The difference between our value for g and one obtained by a falling corner-cube optical interferometer is $(7 \pm 7) \times 10^{-9} g$. The atom interferometer uses velocity-selective stimulated Raman transitions and laser-cooled caesium atoms in an atomic fountain. We extend previous methods of analysing the interferometer to include the effects of a gravitational gradient. We also present detailed experimental and theoretical studies of potential systematic errors and noise sources.



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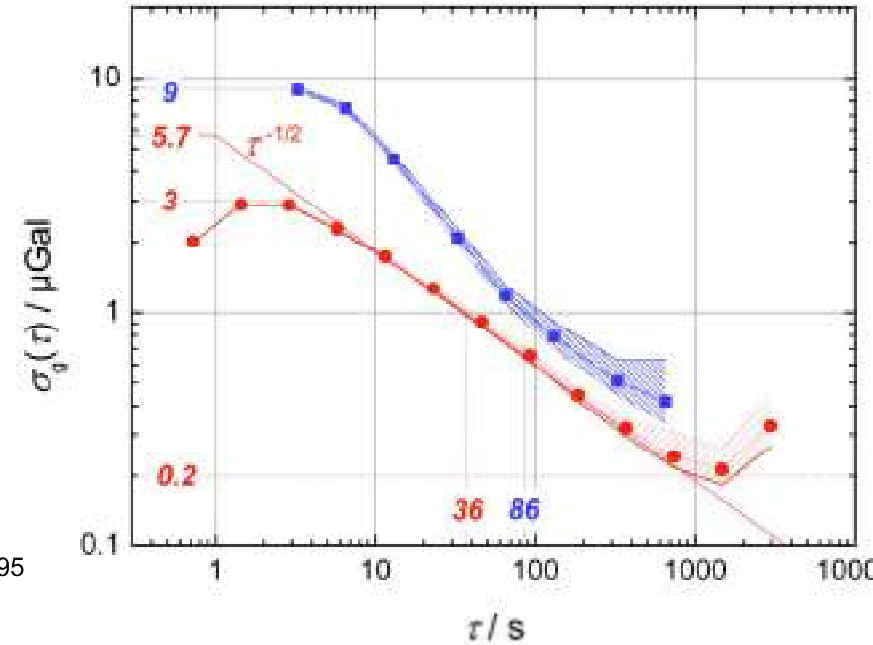
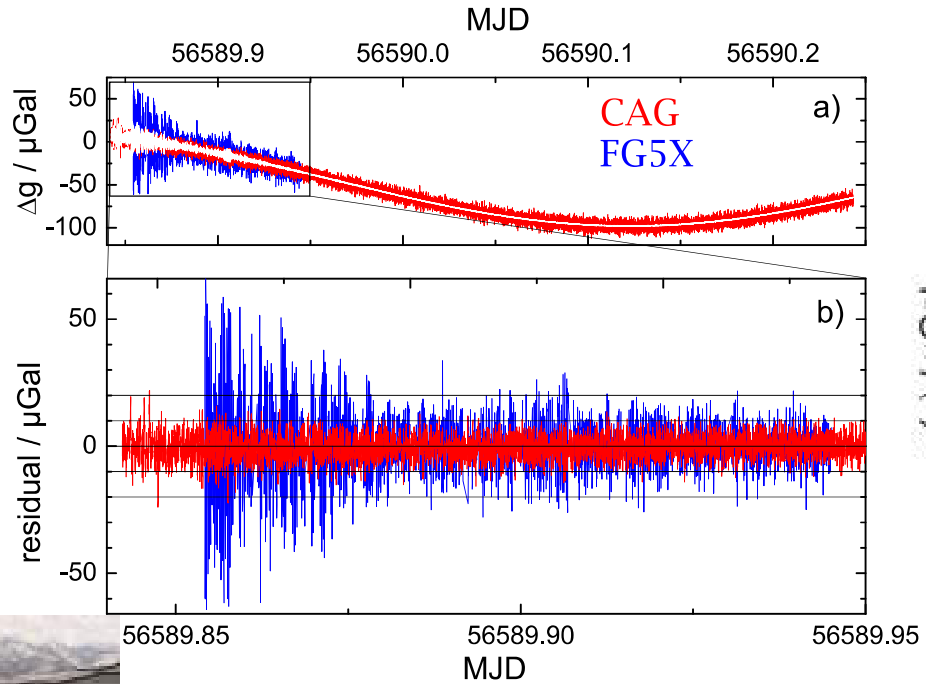
atomic measurement = measure of the relative displacement atoms/mirror

Gravimètre du LNE-SYRTE : déplaçable

OP-BIPM-LNE-Lux-LNE-LUX-LNE-LSBB-LNE-OP



Comparaison avec un gravimètre à coin de cube (FG5X)



P. Gillot et al., Metrologia 51 (2014)



CAG : Meilleure immunité vs séismes
 Mesure continue
 Meilleure sensibilité: 5.7 μGal en 1 s ($57 \text{ nm}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$)

Long terme ?

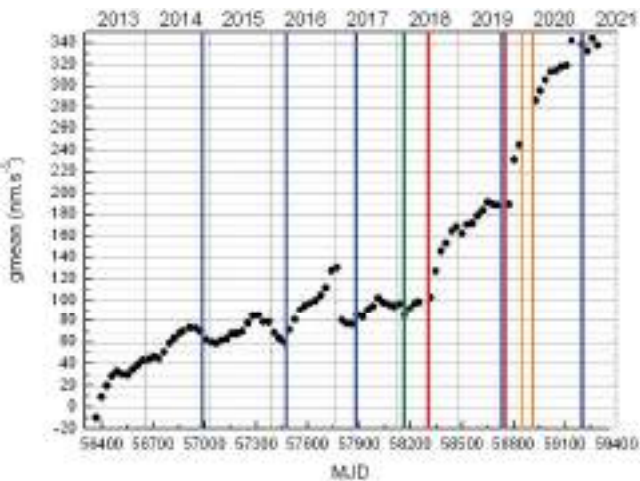
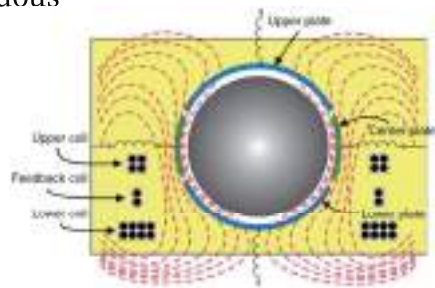
Comparaison avec un gravimètre supraconducteur, étalonnage

Relative gravimeter
iGrav005 SG

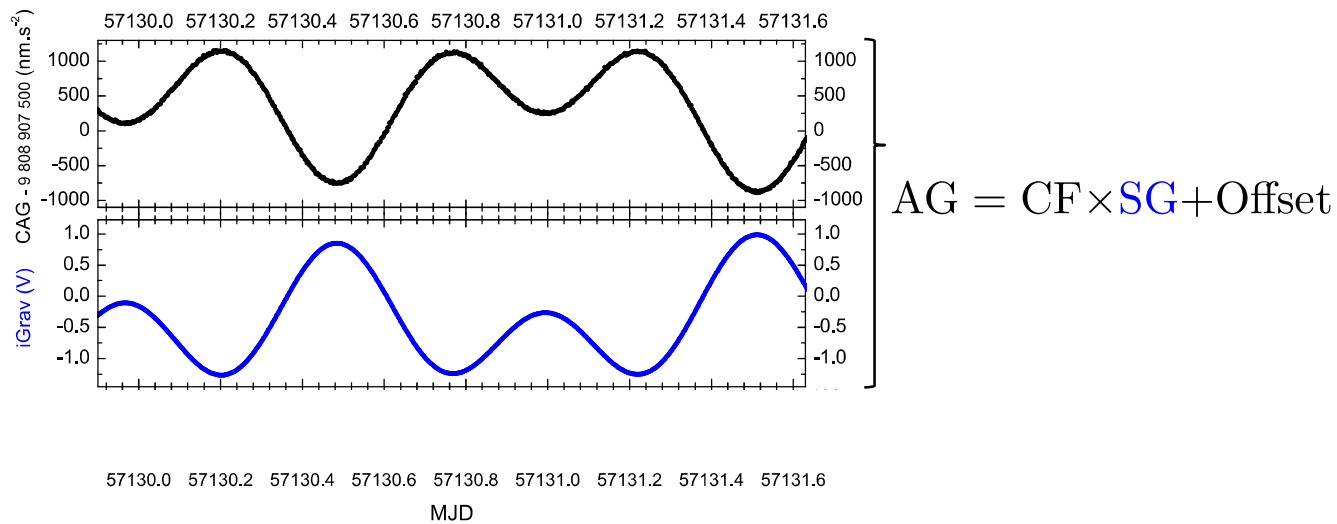
since 2013

<http://doi.org/10.5880/igets.tr.11.001>

(12Hz „averaged“) 1 gravity point / s
Continuous



1.7 d de mesure en vue commune CAG vs iGrav

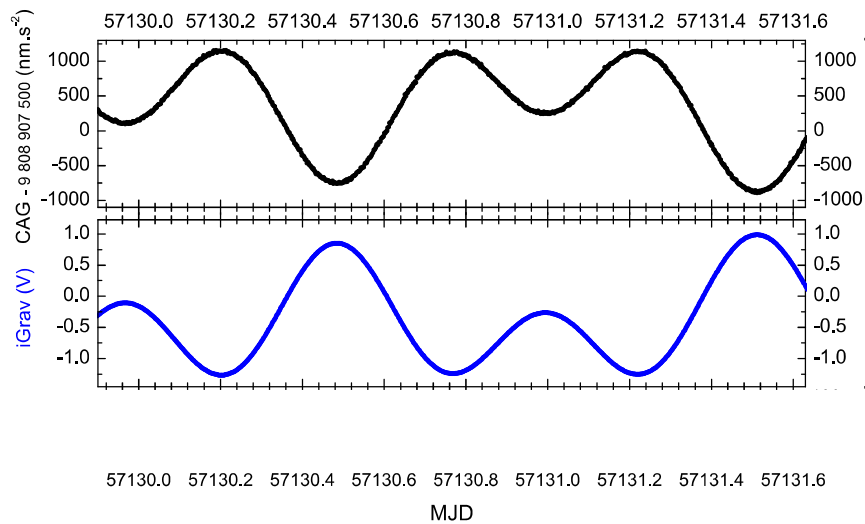


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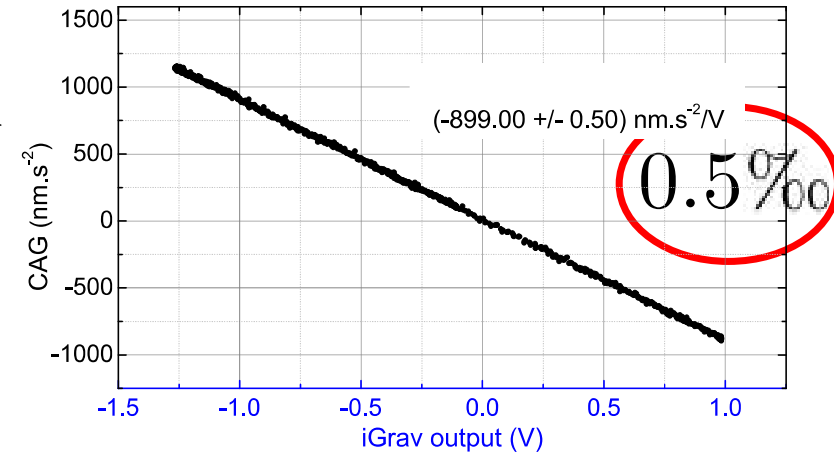
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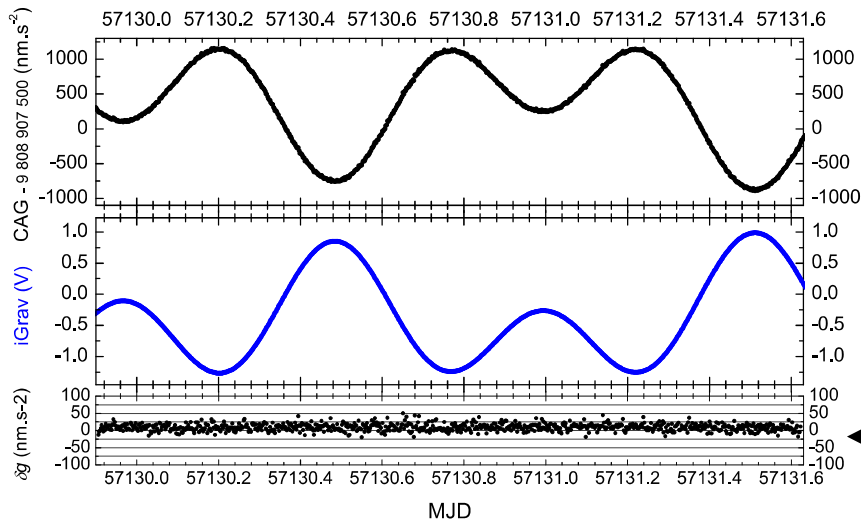


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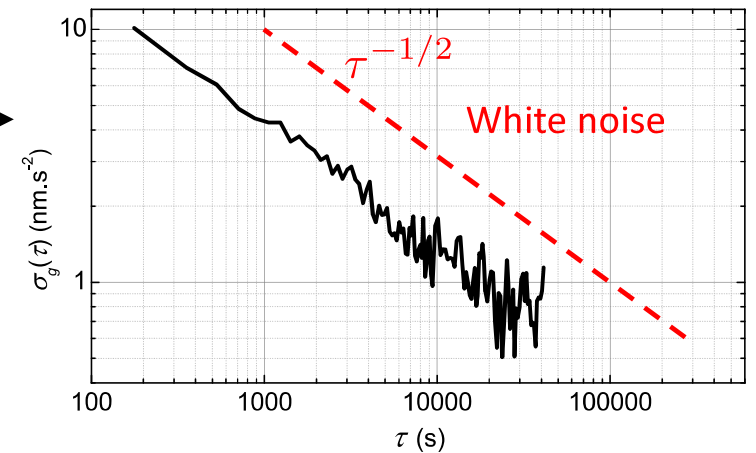
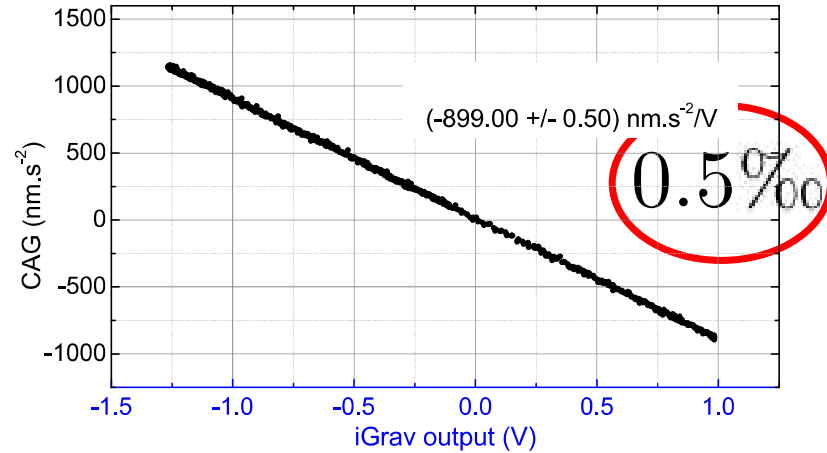
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residual

Allan Std Dev analyse



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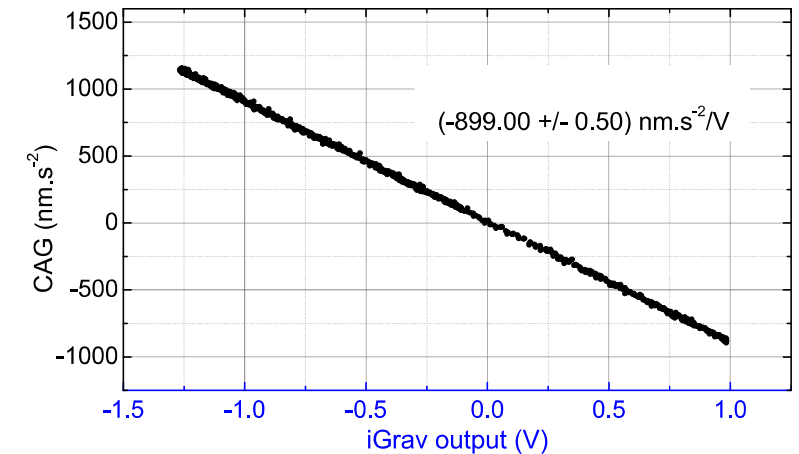
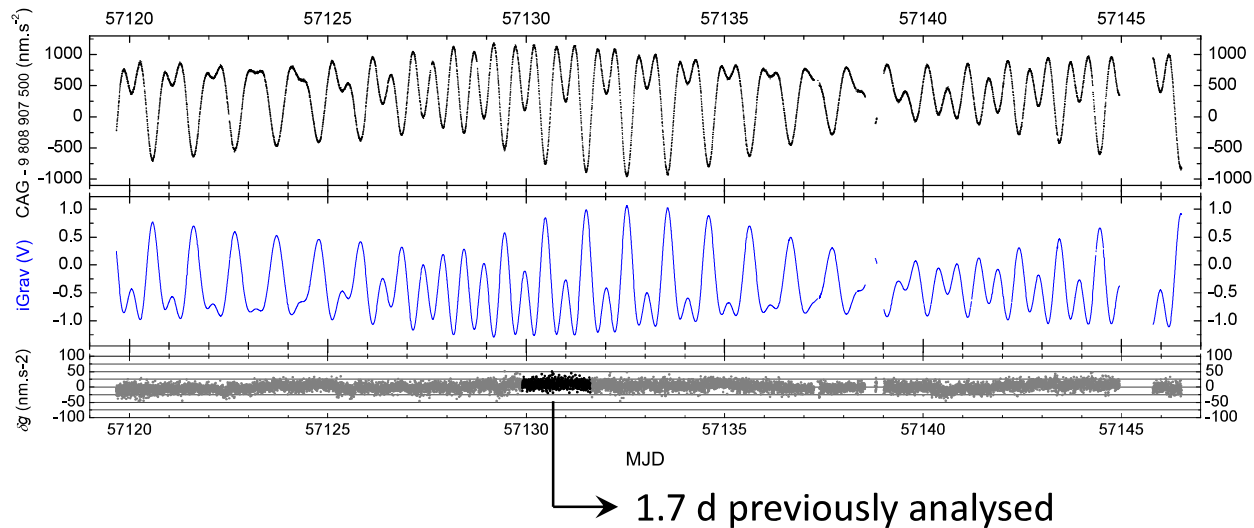
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0.5 – 0.6 nm.s⁻² in 20 – 30 000 s, moreover CF at 0.5‰ in less than 2d.

Study finished.

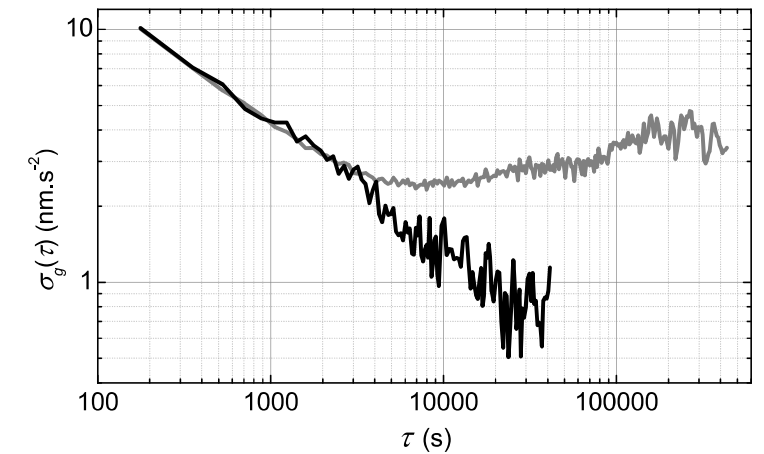
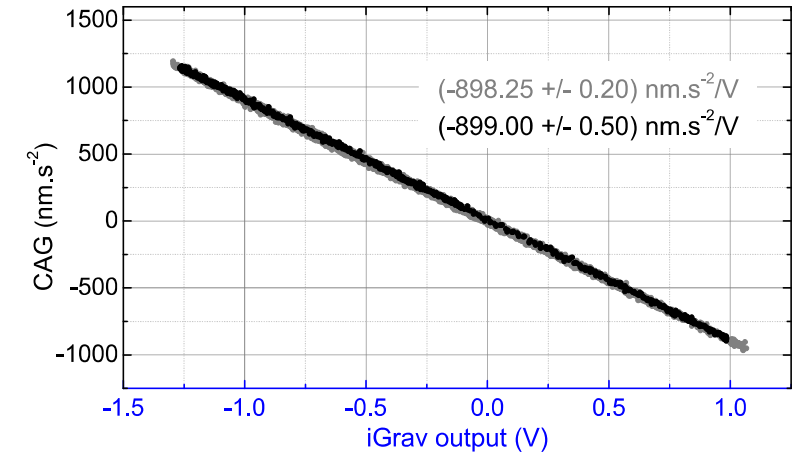
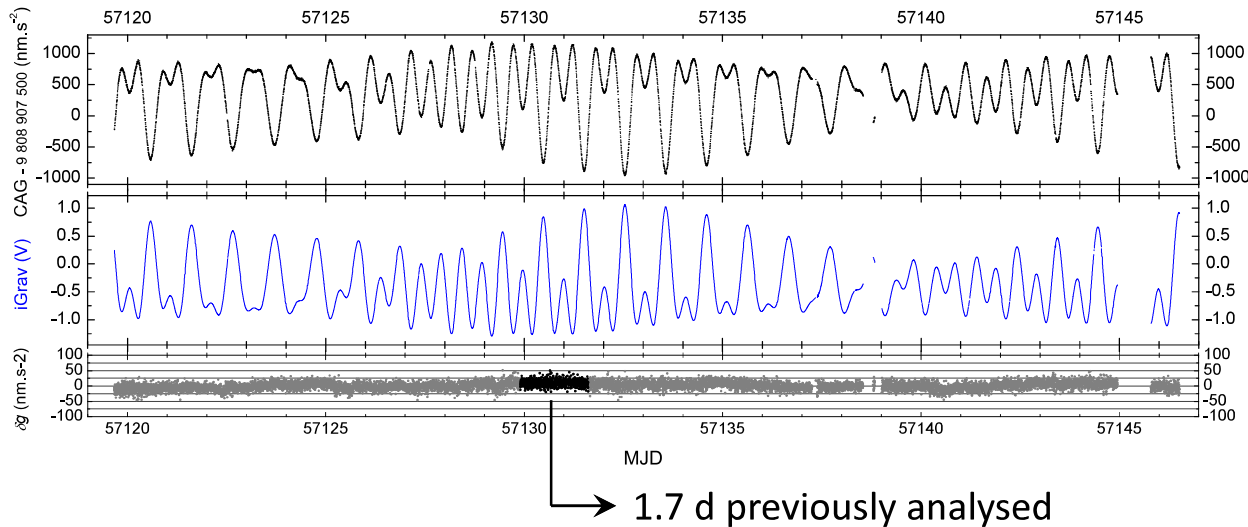
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Repeat the treatment for the long measurement

27 jours de mesures continues
Inaccessible aux gravimètres coin de cube (usure), mais OK pour supra
Opération concurrente de deux instruments : CAG et iGrav

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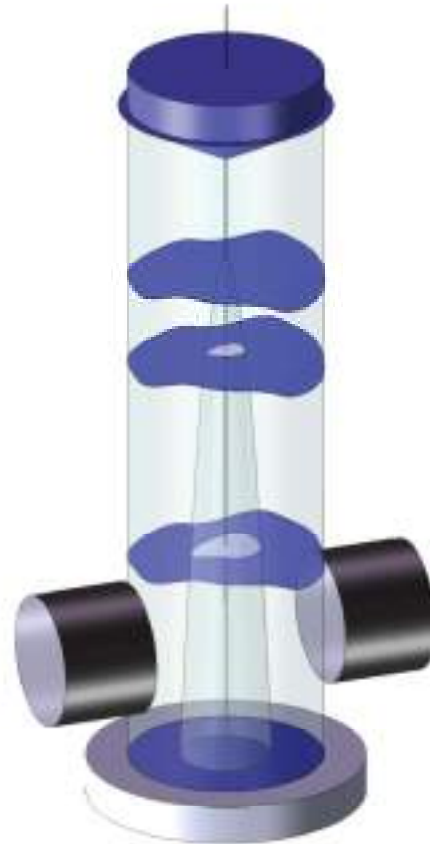
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CF ? Agreement.
 Level ? 0.2 ‰ ?
 Long term stability ?
Not White noise, so 0.20/898.25 not possible

S. Merlet et al., J Geod 95, 62 (2021)

Exactitude

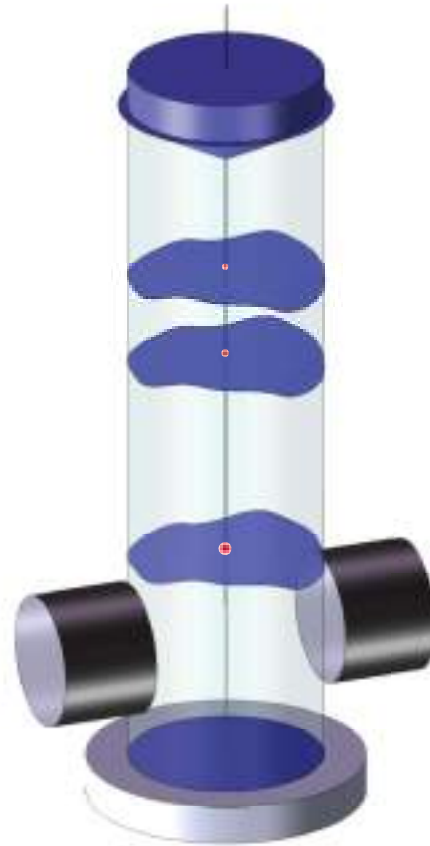
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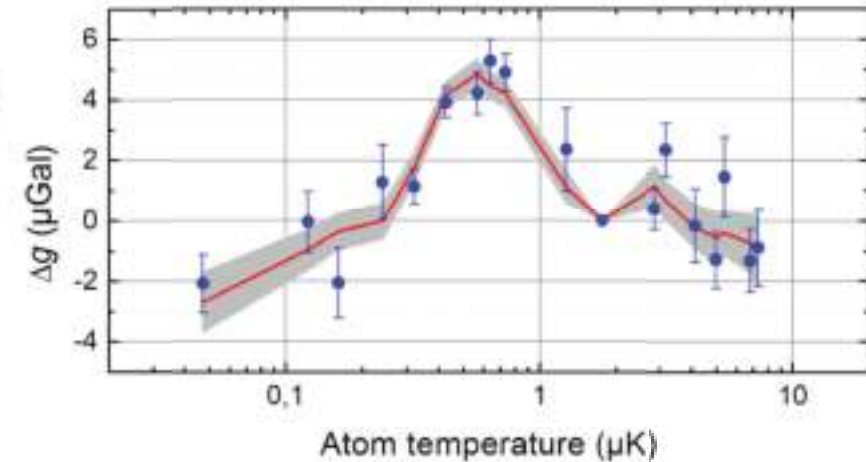
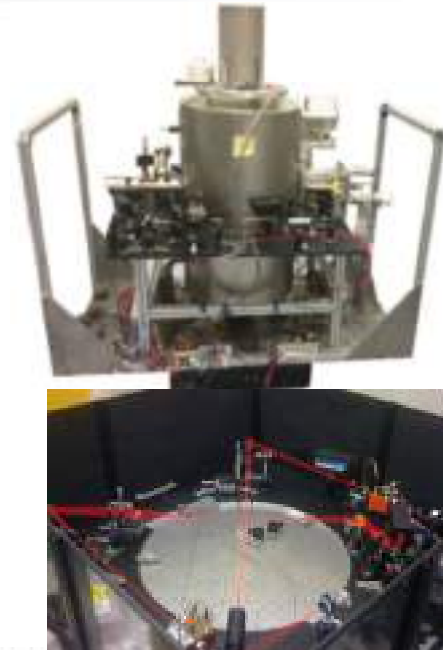
Atomes froids
 $T_{emp} \sim 2\mu\text{K}$
 $\sigma_v \sim 14 \text{ mm.s}^{-1}$

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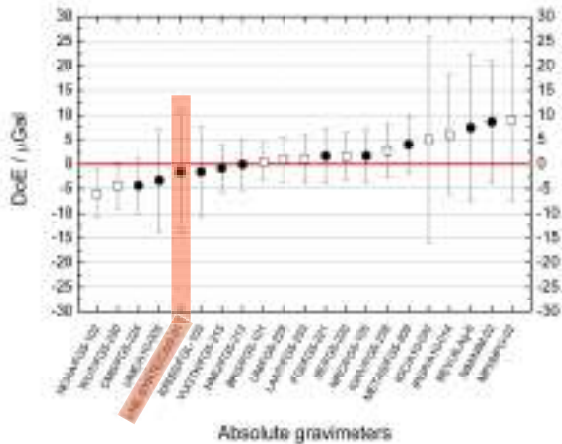
Atomes ultra froids dans un piège dipolaire (refroidissement évaporatif)
50 nK à 7 μK



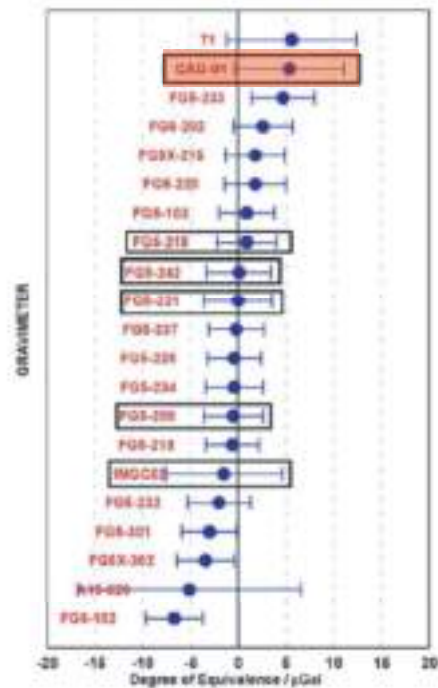
R. Karcher et al New J. Phys. 20 (2018)

Comparaisons Internationales et Nationales

ICAG'09 (BIPM) : CCM.G-K1



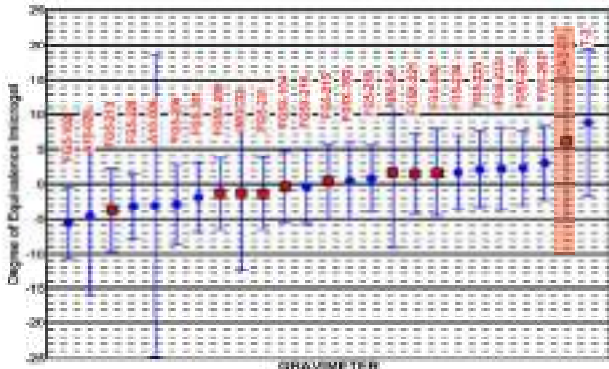
ECAG (2011, LUX)



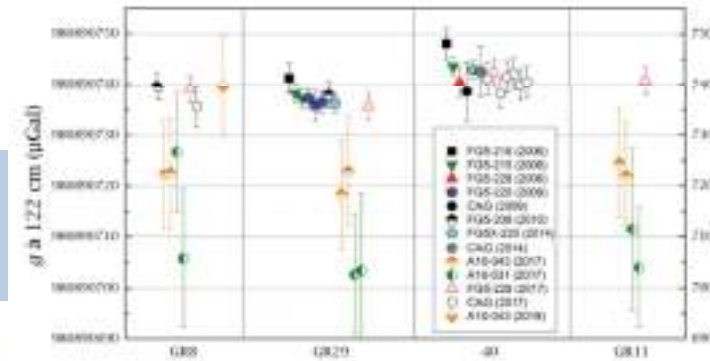
Résultats du CAG

Date	Différence $g_{\text{CAG}} - g_{\text{REF}}$ (μGal)
2009	- 1.6 (7.8)
2011	+ 5.4 (5.7)
2013	+ 6.2 (5.5)

CCM.G-K2 (2013, LUX)



Deux comparaisons « clés » 2009 & 2013
CAG : 1^{er} gravimètre atomique à participer
 Autres instruments : gravimètres à coin de cube



Résumé applications avec le CAG et futur

- Référence nationale, missions métrologie LNE
- Participations au CIPM KC
- Amélioration de la référence ($U < 10 \text{ nm.s}^{-2}$, stabilité long terme 1 nm.s^{-2} , fiabilisation et fonctionnement en « *mode opérationnel* »)
- Support aux utilisateurs (FFCC et AI)

- Transfert industriel

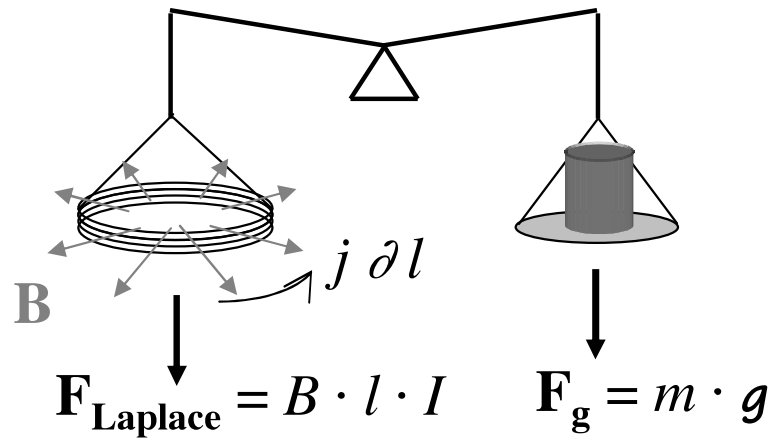
- Participation au SNO Gravimétrie
- Etalonnage de l'iGrav#005, études sur le facteur d'échelle

- *Détermination de g pour la mise en pratique de la définition du kg , précédemment détermination de la constante de Planck et participation à la révision du SI*

Cf, 36^{ième} réunion de la Commission « GeoPos » du CNIG, 17/10/2019

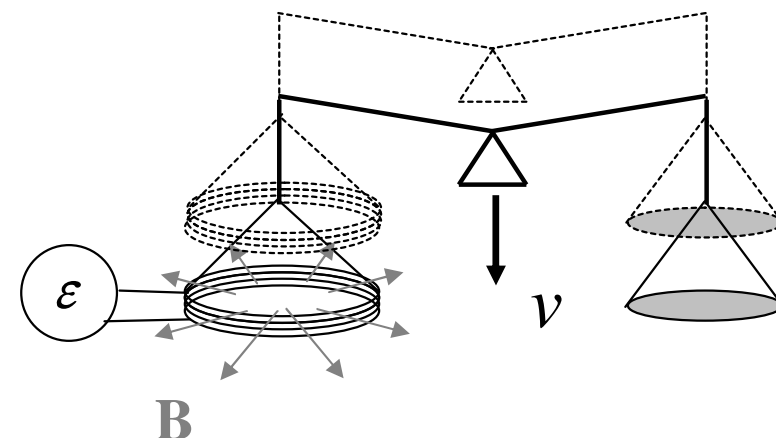
Balance du watt ou de Kibble

Etape statique



$$F_z = mg = Bli$$

Etape dynamique



$$\epsilon = -Blv$$

$$mgv = \epsilon i = \epsilon V / R$$

$$mgv = \frac{A}{K_J^2 R_K}$$

$$A = \frac{n_1 f_1 n_2 f_2 i}{k}$$

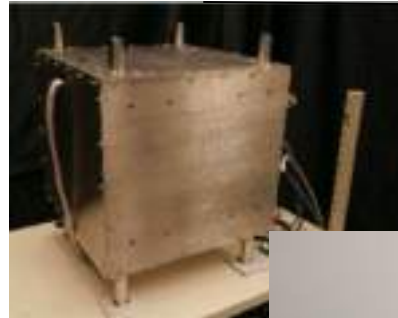
$$\frac{m}{h} = \frac{A}{4gv}$$

Besoin d'une mesure de *g*, **exacte**

1962: Josephson effect
 $V = n f / K_J$ $K_J = 2e/h$

1980: Quantum Hall effect
 $R_H(i) = R_K / i$ $R_K = h/e^2$

Domaine en pleine expansion



Etat de l'art

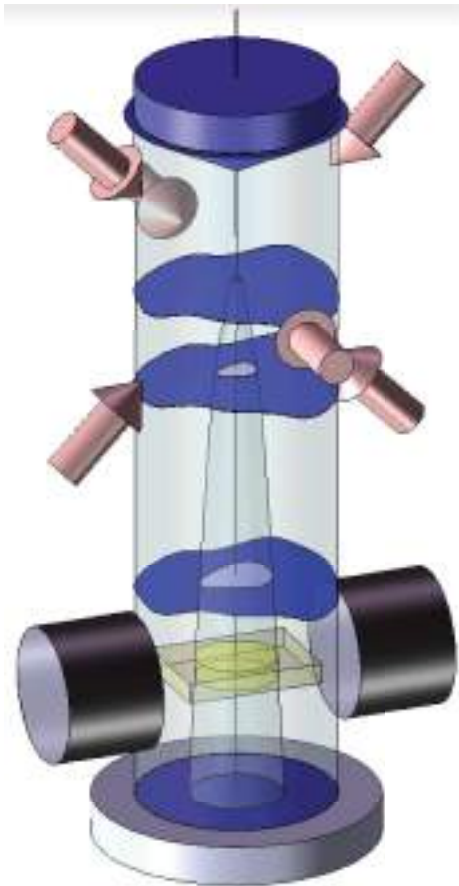
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				0.1	.	.	1.0	~ 700	
Rel	Supra	GWR	iGrav	1.0	.	.	0.01	600	drift
Abs	Atom	SYRTE	CAG	2.8	2.0	1.3	5.7	1	T=80ms dropped atoms
							1.0	36	
							0.06	20 000	
Abs	Atom	HUB	GAIN	0.7	3.2	2.2	9.6	1	T=260ms launched atoms
							1.0	100	
							0.05	100 000	
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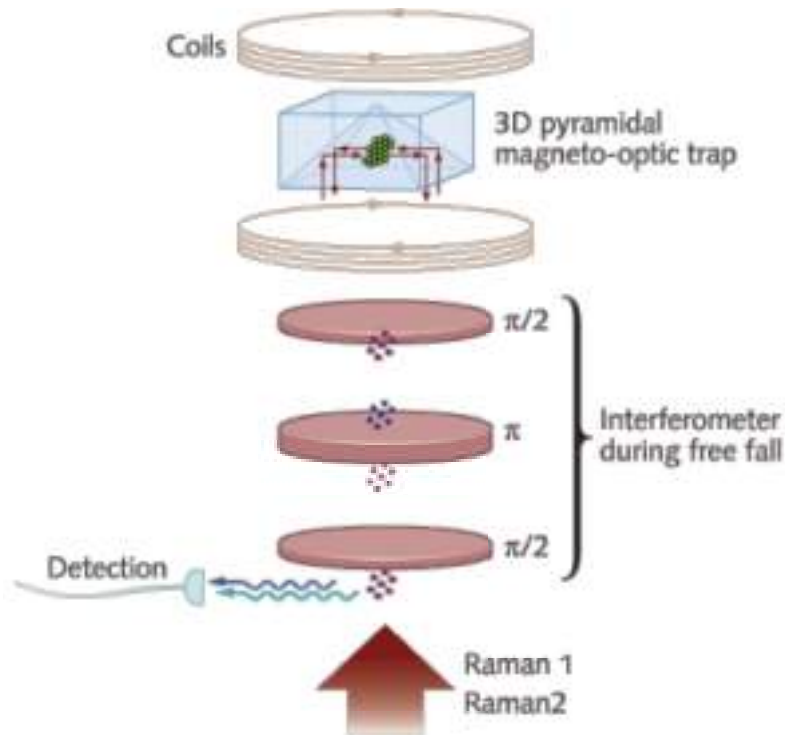
Différences de 2T pas nécessairement corrélées avec les performances

Motivation pour le développement de gravimètres compacts (2T \approx 100 ms, h \approx 5 cm)

Simplification, fige les fonctions



15 fibres



1 seule fibre

1 seul faisceau pour réaliser :

- la source,
- l'interféromètre,
- détecter

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A cold atom pyramidal gravimeter with a single laser beam

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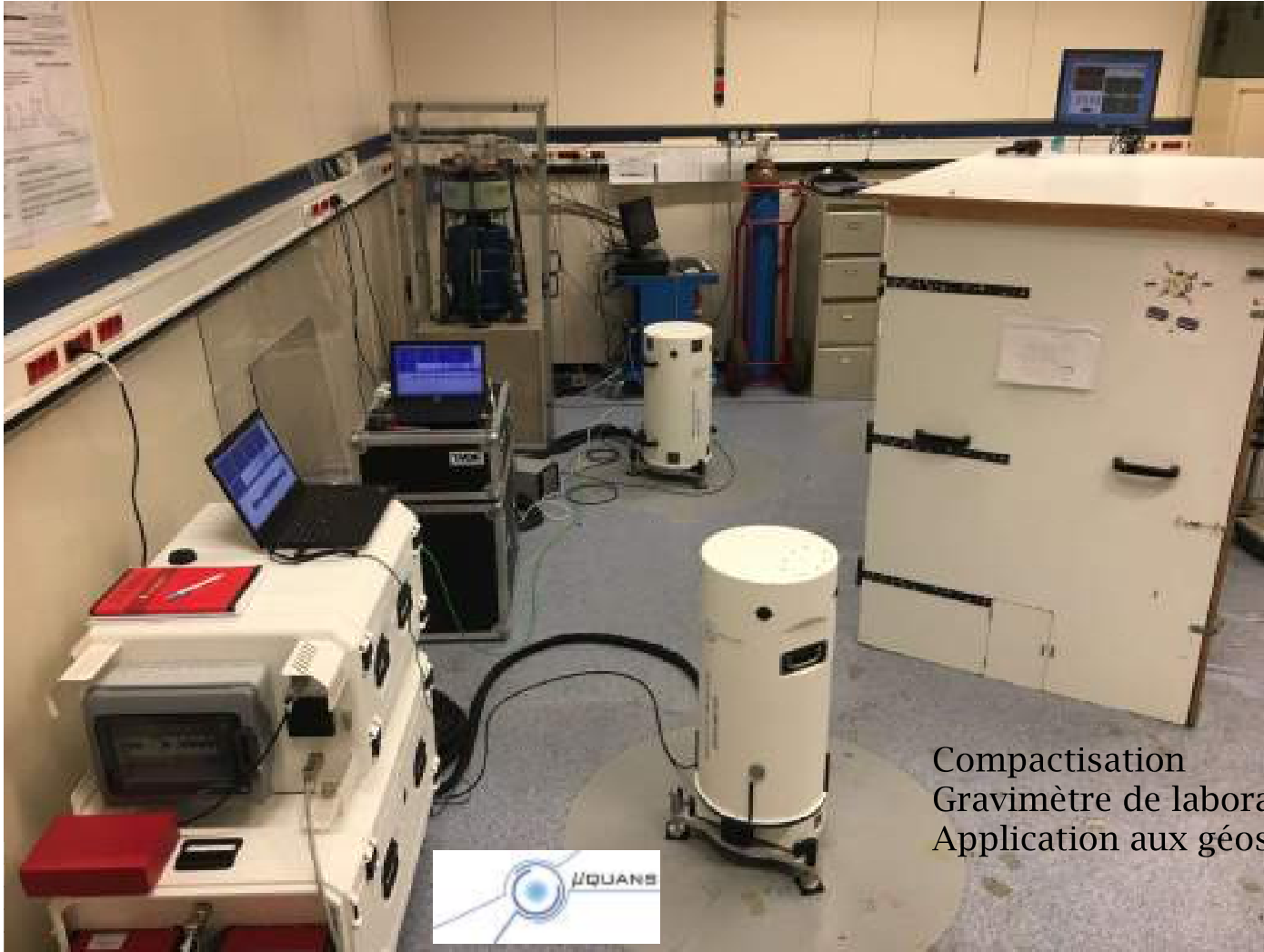
Hybridizing matter-wave and classical accelerometers

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Gravimètres commerciaux

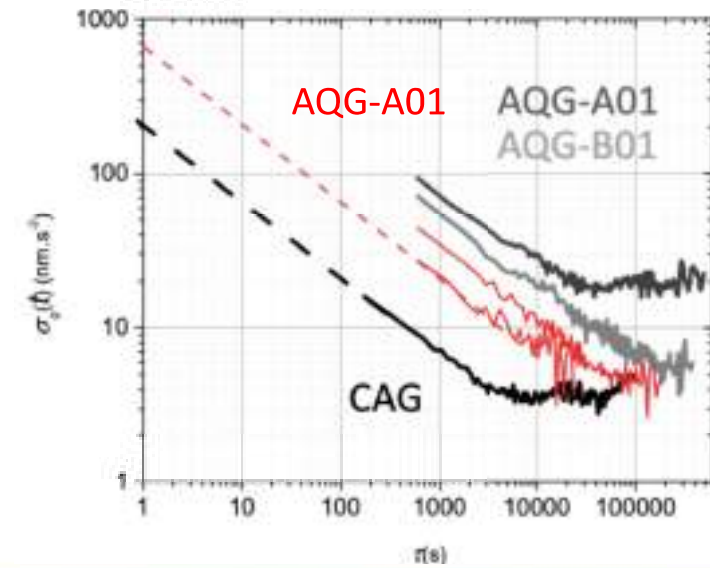
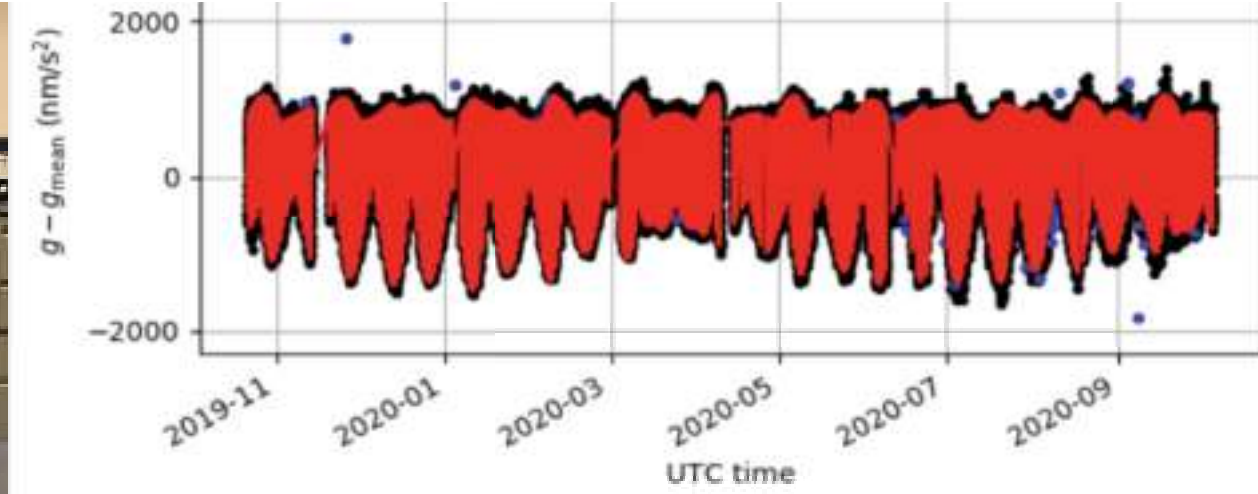
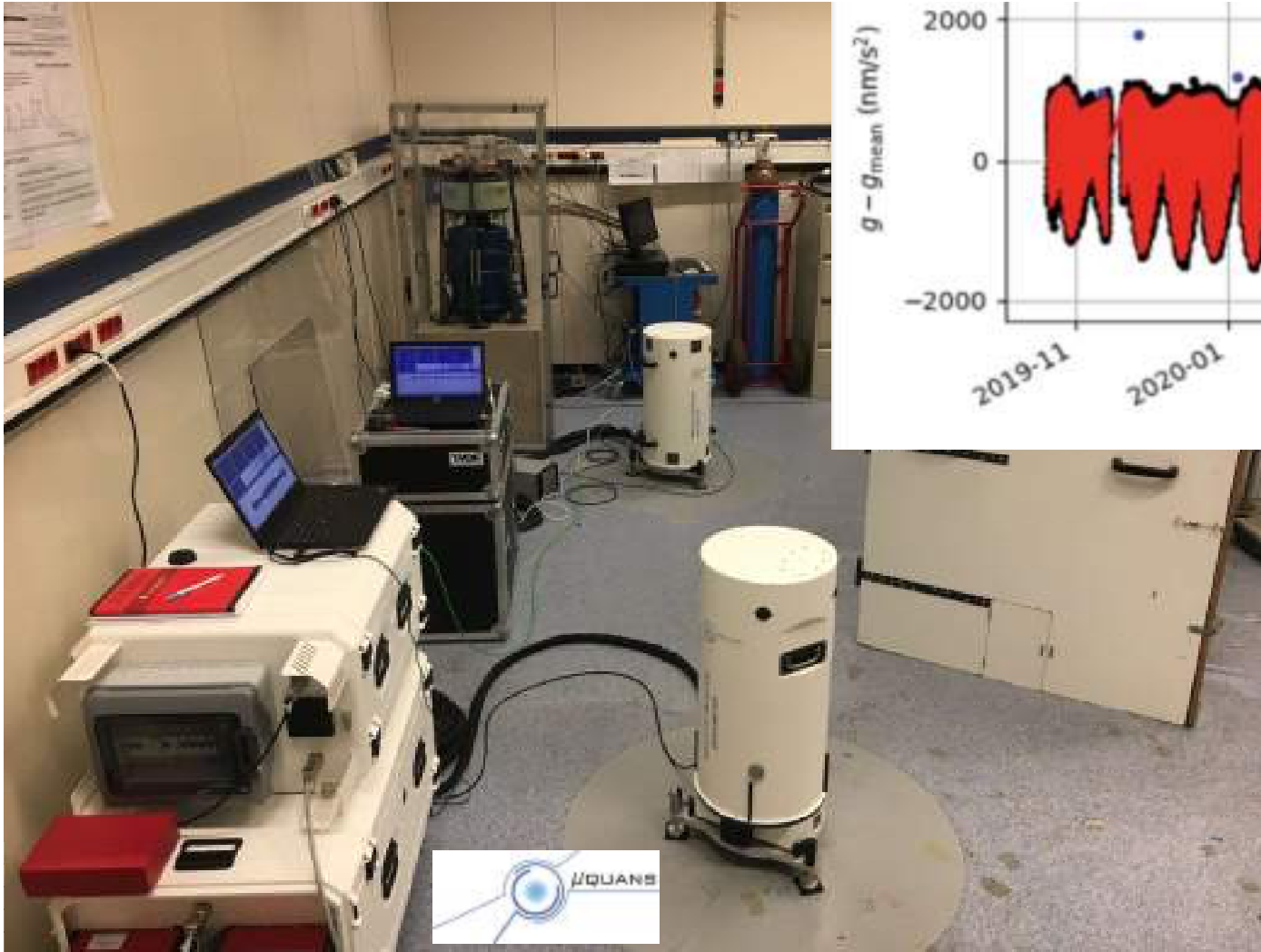


Compactisation
Gravimètre de laboratoire et de terrain
Application aux géosciences



Gravimètres commerciaux

1 an de mesure



Mesures embarquées

Développement par l'ONERA d'un gravimètre compact pour gravimétrie marine
Campagnes de mesures sur Beautemps-Beaupré (Marine Nationale)



KSS32 relative Marine Gravimeter
(Bodenseewerk)

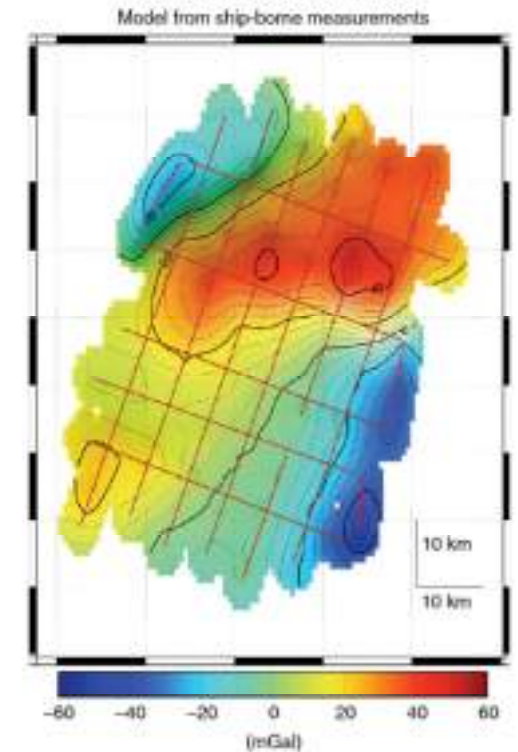
Cold Atom Gravimeter
(Onera)

→ Meilleure performance pour le gravimètre absolu Girafe 2

- Suppression des erreurs de calibration initiale
et des corrections de dérive du gravimètre relatif

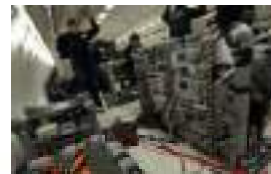
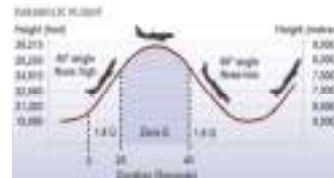
Y. Bidel et al Nat Commun. 9, 627 (2018)

→ Gain d'un facteur 2-3 sur l'incertitude des mesures



+ Campagne aéroportée *Y. Bidel et al J. Geod. 94, 20 (2020)*

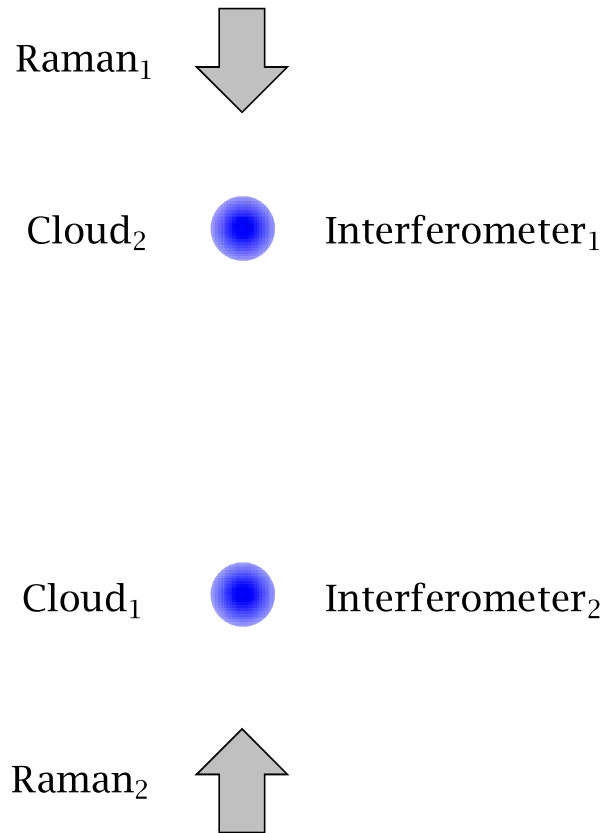
ICE : Expérience pionnière
Pour accélérométrie embarquée



Commission Geo-Pos

Gravimètre embarqué:
Problème des vibrations

Gradiométrie



$g_1, g_2, g_1 - g_2$

- **Simultaneous** interferometers on two cold atom clouds with **common Raman lasers**
- **Differential measurement** allows for extracting the **acceleration difference** (and thus the Earth gravity gradient)
- **Suppression of common mode noise**, and in particular of the vibration noise
- Adapted for onboard measurements
- g and Δg : **resolve ambiguities** in determination of mass and position

How to increase the sensitivity ?

$$\Delta\Phi = \vec{k}_{\text{eff}} \vec{g} T^2$$

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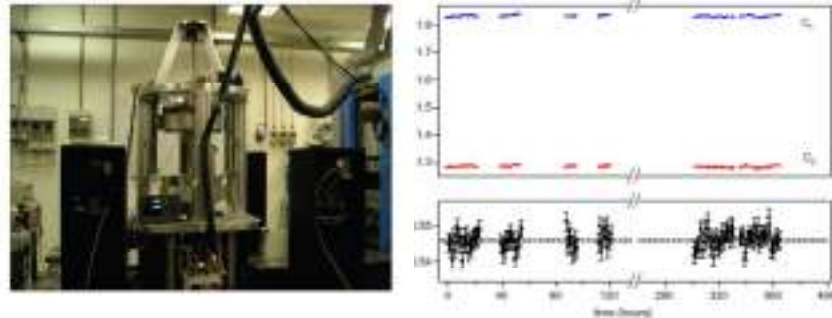
Increase the scale factor

New tools

- High order Bragg diffraction LMBS with up to N photons
- Ultracold atoms Fast generation on atom chip

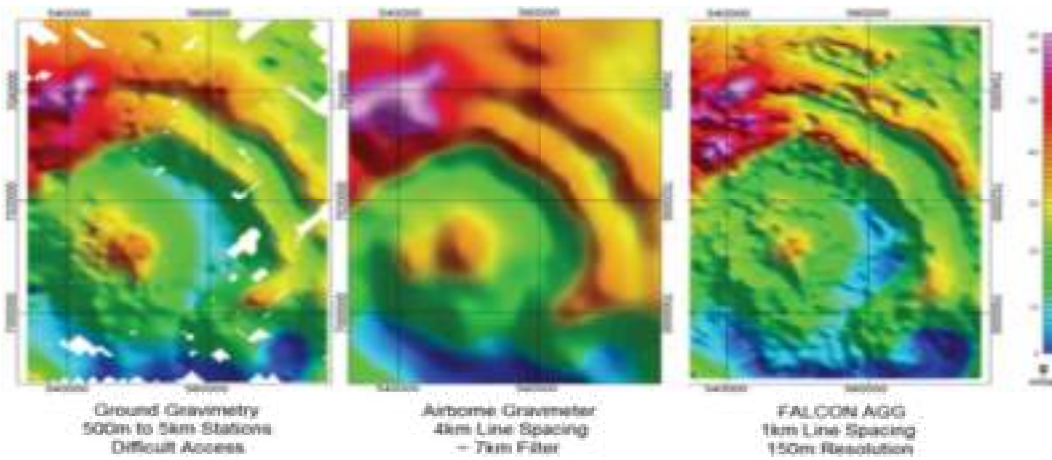
Applications

- Mesure de G
Florence (G. Tino)



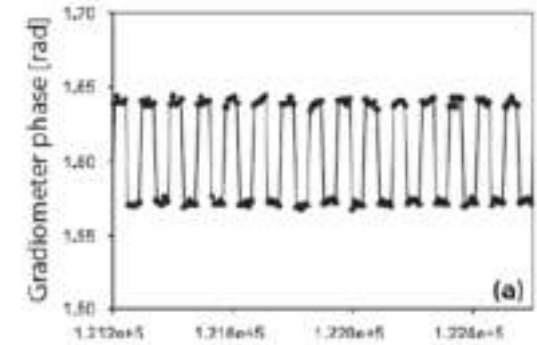
Incertitude relative : $1.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$

- Mesures embarquées (aéroportées)



- Génie civil
Détection infrastructures souterraines, réseaux de tuyaux ...
Projet Gravity Pioneer (UK)

- Mesure de G
Stanford (M. Kasevich)



Quantum dual gravi-radio meter

- 2 ultracold Rb clouds obtained on 2 chips
- 2 clouds launched with elevator
- 2 Interferometers driven by LMTB

Targeted parameters

$$T_c = 2s \quad N_{\text{atoms}} = 5.10^5$$
$$T_{\text{emp}} = 10 - 100nK$$
$$p = 100\hbar k \quad 2T = 0.5s$$

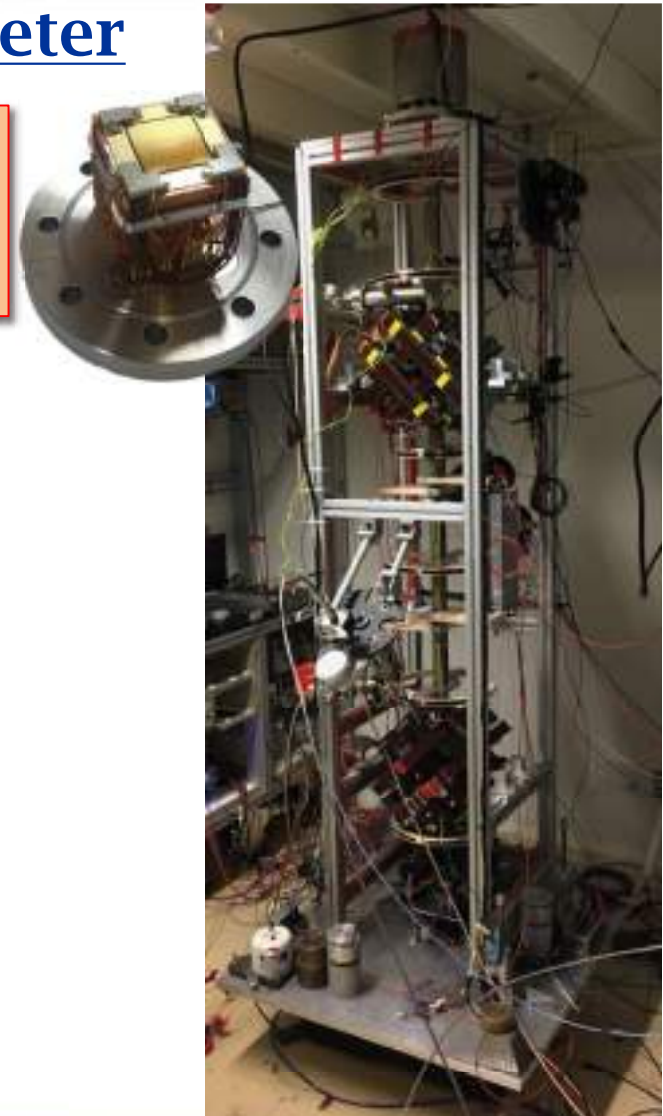
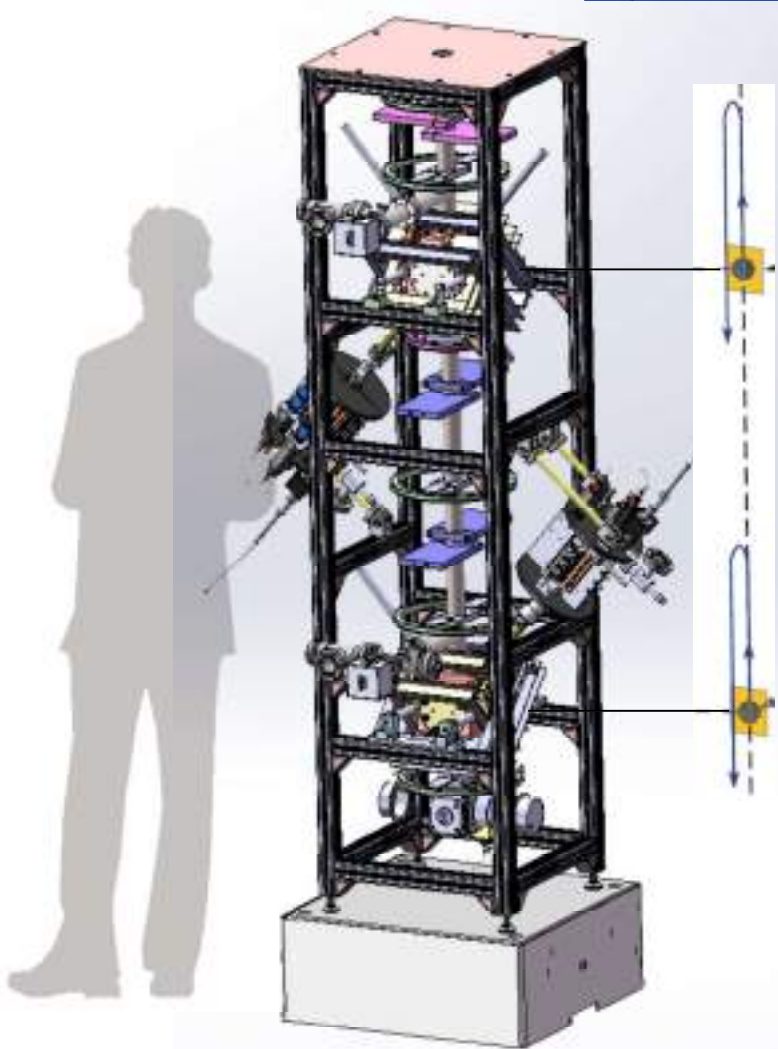
$$\sigma_g^1 = 9 \times 10^{-11} m.s^{-2}.Hz^{-1/2}$$

If limited by QNP

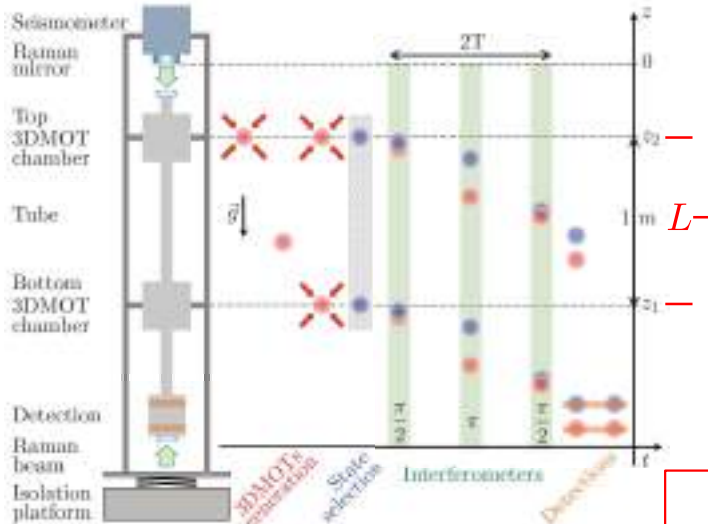
$$\Delta z = 1m$$

$$\sigma_{\text{grad}g} = 126 mE @1s$$

More than one order of magnitude better than state of the art



Premiers résultats

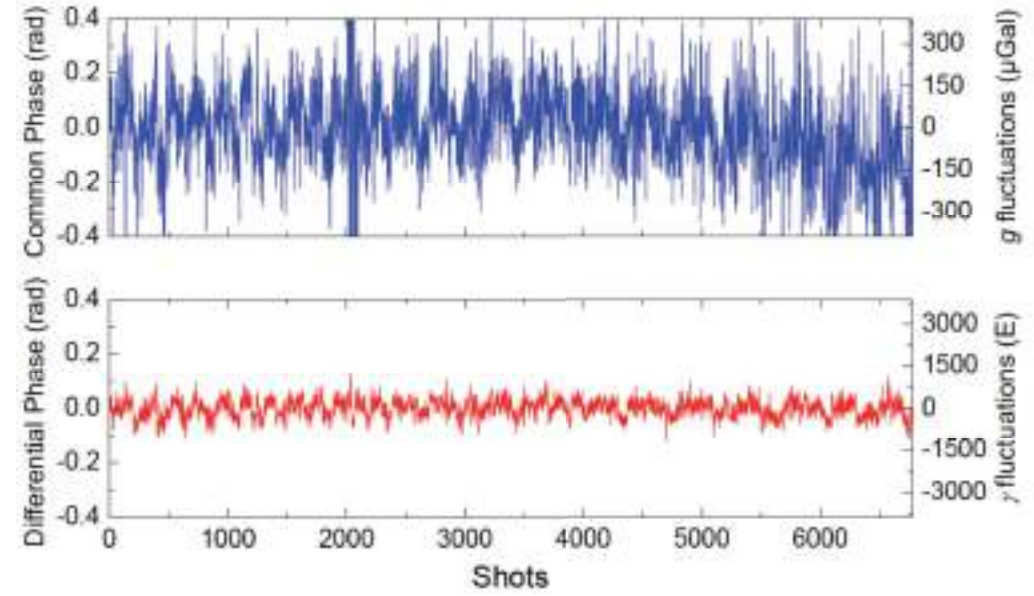
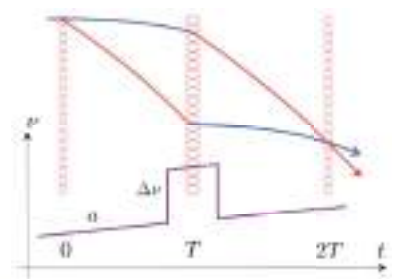


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta\nu = \frac{k(g_1 - g_2)T^2}{K_2 - K_1} \\ a_s = -k \left(\frac{K_2 g_1 - K_1 g_2}{K_2 - K_1} \right) = -k g_s \end{array} \right. \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} K_i = 8\pi z_i / c \\ g_i = g_0 + \gamma z_i \end{array}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta\nu_\gamma = -\gamma \frac{kT^2 c}{8\pi} \\ g_s = g_0 \end{array} \right.$$

Accurate determinations of **both** the gravity acceleration (at the mirror position) and the gravity gradient, **independent from the baseline**

$$\Delta\Phi = \Phi_2 - \Phi_1 = k g_2 T^2 - k g_1 T^2 = k \gamma L T^2$$

$$\Phi_i = k g_i T^2 + a T^2 + K_i \Delta\nu \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta\Phi_i^{\text{FC}} = a T^2 \\ \Delta\Phi_i^{\text{FJ}} = K_i \Delta\nu \end{array} \right.$$



R. Calvani et al., Phys. Rev. A 99 033601 (2019)

Collaboration GRADIOM, ANR GRADUS

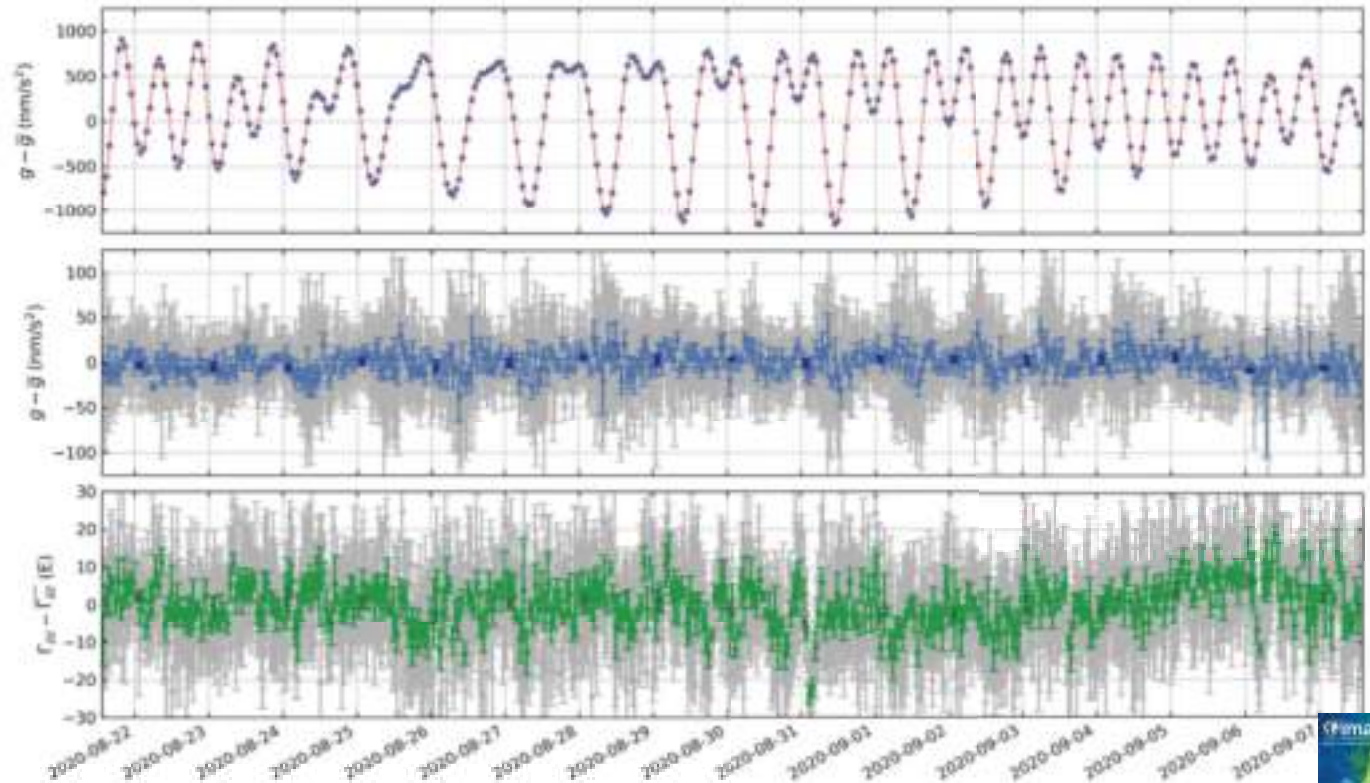


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Mesures continues de g et dg (vertical) avec un instrument compact et facilement transportable

Differential Quantum Gravimeter (DQG)



50 E/ $\sqrt{\tau}$ et 360nm/s²/ $\sqrt{\tau}$ (au 2ème étage !)
 Long terme: 0.1E et > 5nm/s²

C. Janvier et al., Recent advances in quantum gravity sensors, (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1190/segam2021-3580909.1>

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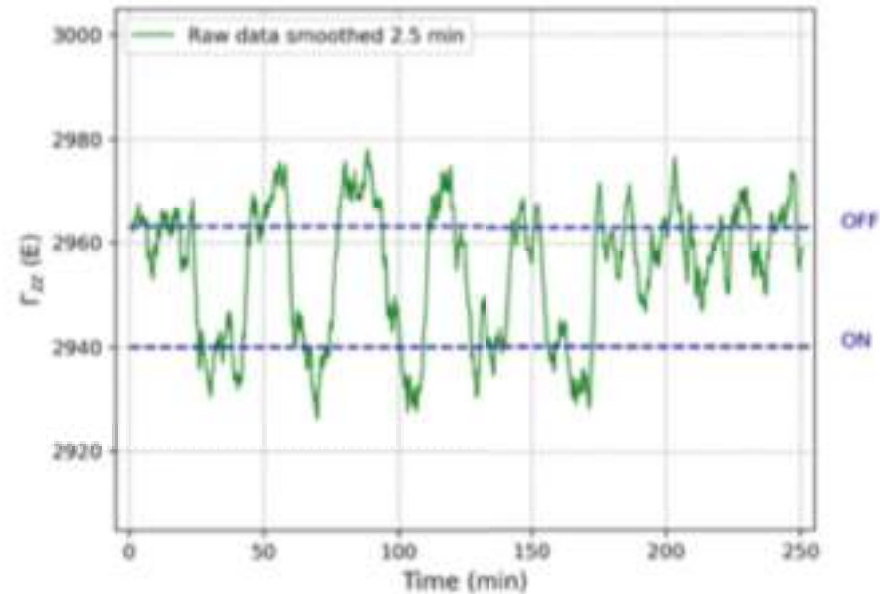


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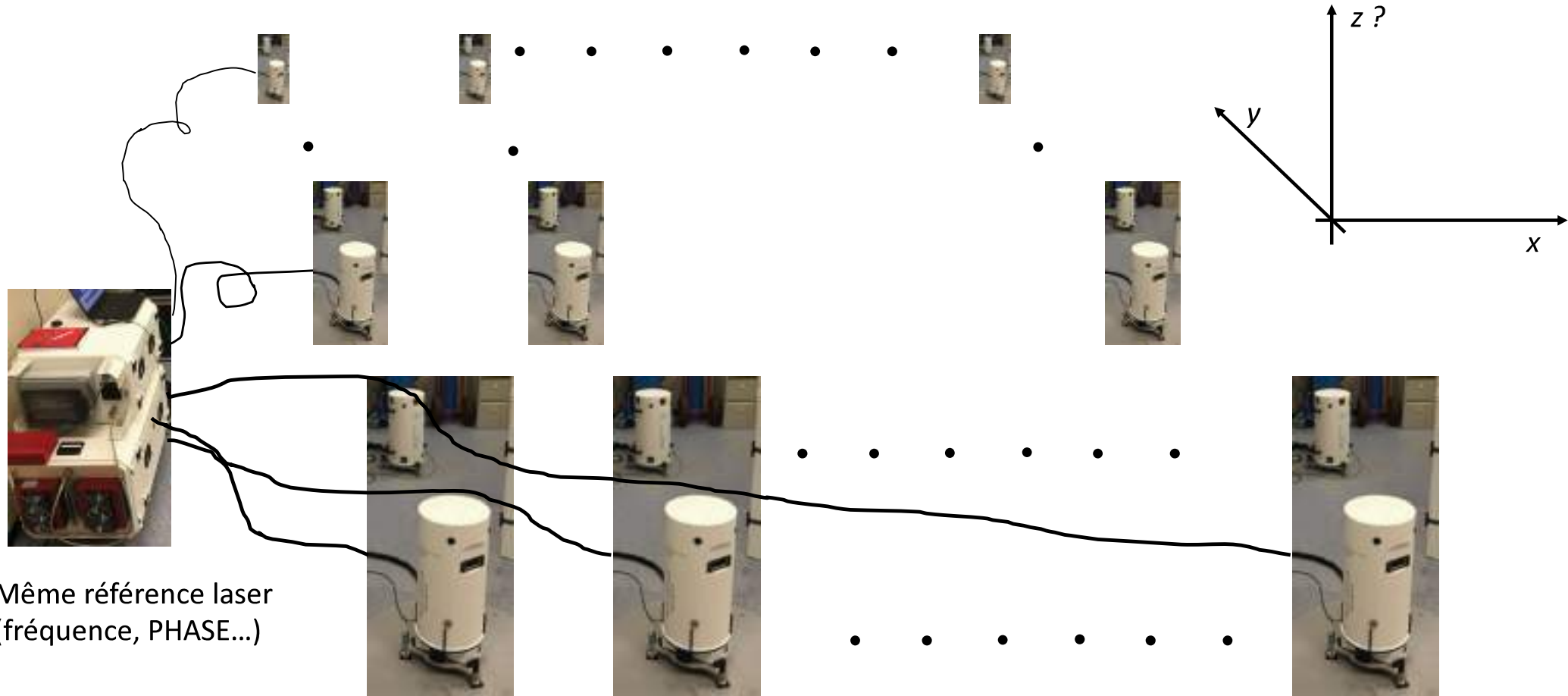


Déplacement d'une masse de 100 kg à proximité du DQG

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Réseaux

Réseaux de gravimètres et/ou gradiomètres, échelles ?



Même référence laser
(fréquence, PHASE...)

MIGA : Gravitation et Géophysique avec des capteurs atomiques

Equipex porté par LP2N, consortium de 15 laboratoires



Gradiométrie à très longue ligne de base avec 3 interféromètres séparés de 150 m

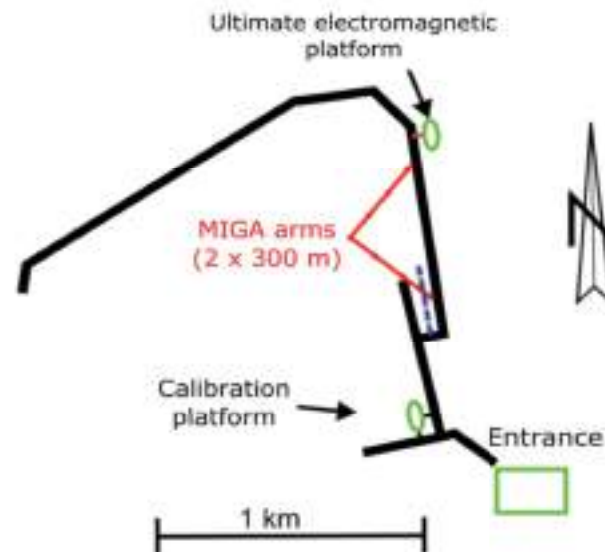
B. Canuel et al., « Exploring gravity with the MIGA large scale atom interferometer », arxiv. 1703.02490.



- Surveillance des distributions de masses souterraines
Applications: géophysique, hydrologie
- Détection d'ondes gravitationnelles



LSBB
Laboratoire Souterrain à Bas Bruit
Low Noise Site (Gravity, Geophysical, Seismic & Technology)



T. Farah et al., Gyr & Nav 5, (2014).

Inauguration projet LSBB 2020, 22/10/2021

Conclusion

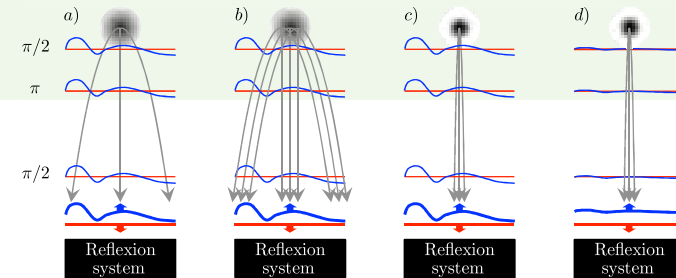
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- Techniques AI: matures pour développement de gravimètres et de capteurs inertiels
- Performances rivalisent ou dépassent les technologies « classiques »

Efforts pour rendre plus compacts, plus robustes les sous systèmes clefs

Transfert industriel, commercialisation

- Limites pas encore atteintes, perspectives d'amélioration des performances (sources ultra-froides et transitions multiphotoniques...)



Diversité des applications : physique fondamentale, géophysique, géodésie, surveillance des réservoirs, génie civil, navigation...

- Projets spatiaux: Gradiométrie Atomique spatiale



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<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2021-space-01-62>

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