

From the *Mise-en-pratique* for Mass to the Future of Metrology for the SI

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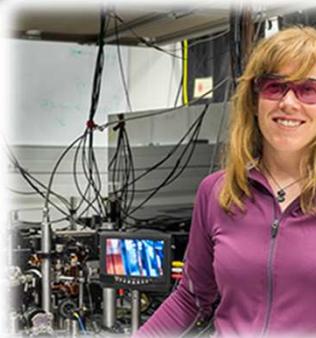
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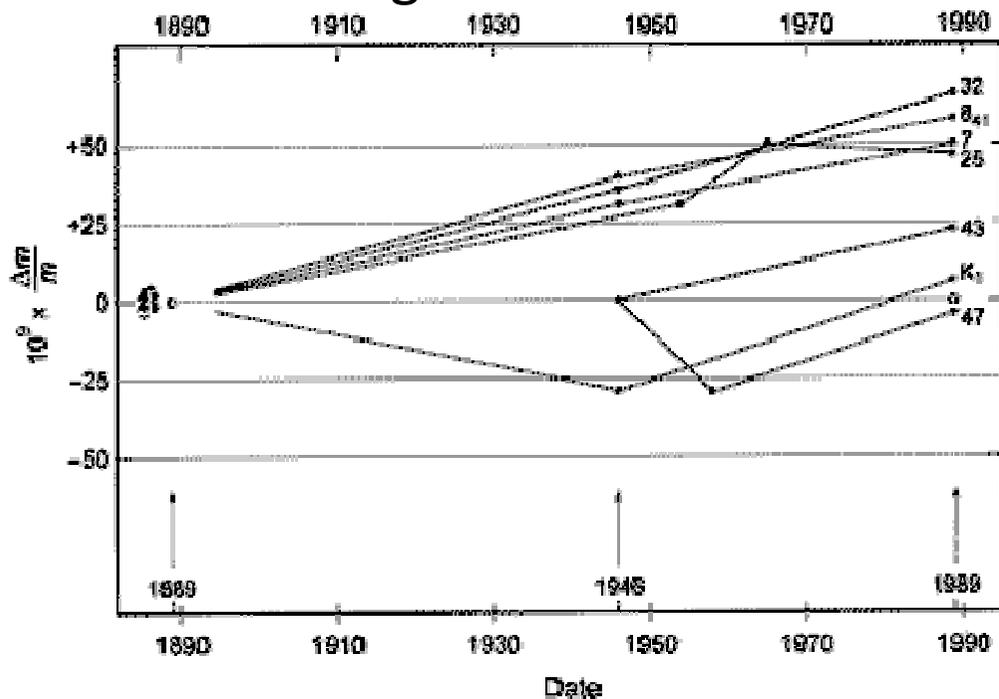
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The Two Biggest Headaches in SI Today

) The artifact kilogram



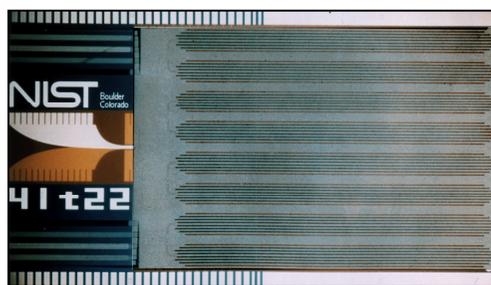
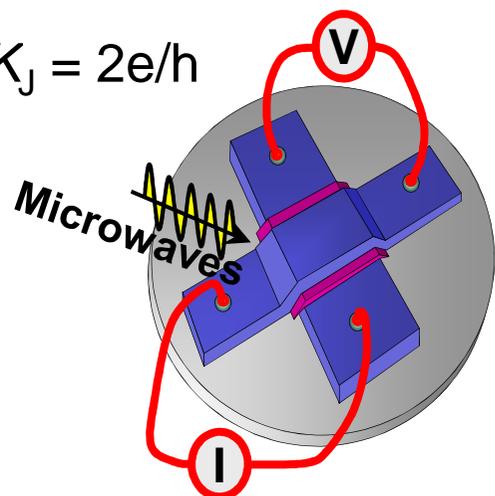
Shown: International Prototype of the Kilogram, kept at BIPM

In 2013, in preparation for the redefinition, the BIPM conducted an “extraordinary comparison” of its working standards with the IPK. In the 25 years since the 3rd periodic verification the unit of mass as maintained by the BIPM through its working standards was found to be *0.035 mg too high relative to the*

) The electrical units...

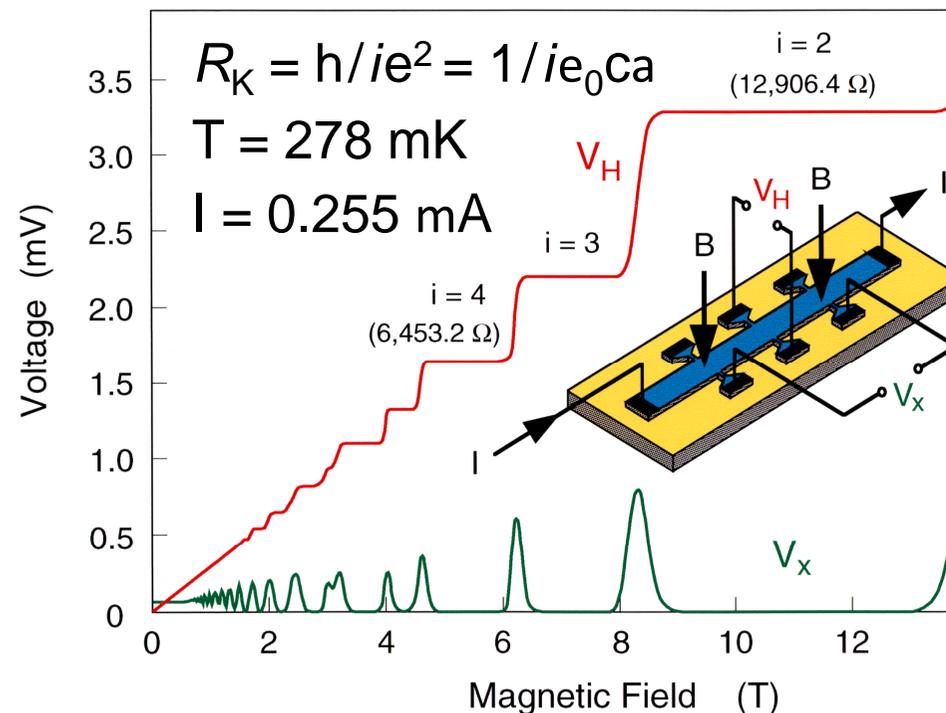
Standards for Electrical Units Since 1990

Josephson Voltage Standard



The "volt" realized by Josephson Junction devices, with $K_{J-90} = 483,597.9 \text{ GHz/V}$

GaAs Quantum Hall Resistance



The "ohm" realized by Quantum Hall Effect devices, with $R_{K-90} = 25,812.807 \text{ } \Omega$

These quantum standards, the Josephson effect (1962, Nobel Prize 1973) and quantum Hall effect (von Klitzing 1980, Nobel Prize 1985) are so robust that in 1987 the CGPM (Resolution 6) established *conventional electrical units!*

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The Redefinition: “Quantum SI”

NIST, along with the BIPM and other NMIs (especially NRC, PTB and NMIJ), are at the center of the redefinition

The “Quantum SI”

- A proposal by Mohr, Taylor, and E. Williams (NIST) along with Terry Quinn ([here](#)) and Ian Mills
- CODATA/ICSU (Committee on Data for Science and Technology) recommended values will be basis for fixing the constants

Quantum Measurement Division (QMD) within

PML realizes electrical, mass, and force units

- NIST Reorganization (2011) created a *unique* opportunity for the *mise-en-pratique* for mass!
- Quantum based measurements provides foundation for advances in all units including beyond the standard quantum limit

Redefinition of the kilogram, ampere, kelvin and mole: a proposed approach to implementing CIPM recommendation 1 (CI-2005)

Ian M Mills¹, Peter J Mohr², Terry J Quinn³, Barry N Taylor² and Edwin R Williams²

2014 CODATA RECOMMENDED VALUES OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CONSTANTS OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY NIST SP 959 (Aug 2015)

See: P. J. Mohr, D. B. Newell, and B. N. Taylor, arxiv.org/pdf/1507.07956v1.pdf (2015). A more extensive listing of constants is available in the reference given above and on the NIST Physical Measurement Laboratory Web site: physics.nist.gov/constants.

Quantity	Symbol	Numerical value	Unit
speed of light in vacuum	c, c_0	299 792 458 (exact)	m s^{-1}
magnetic constant	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ (exact)	N A^{-2}
electric constant $1/\mu_0 c^2$	ϵ_0	$8.854 187 817 \dots \times 10^{-12}$	F m^{-1}
Newtonian constant of gravitation	G	$6.674 08(31) \times 10^{-11}$	$\text{m}^3 \text{kg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$
Planck constant	h	$6.626 070 040(81) \times 10^{-34}$	J s
$h/2\pi$	\hbar	$1.054 571 800(13) \times 10^{-34}$	J s
elementary charge	e	$1.602 176 6208(98) \times 10^{-19}$	C
fine-structure constant $e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c$	α	$7.297 352 5664(17) \times 10^{-3}$	
inverse fine-structure constant	α^{-1}	137.035 999 139(31)	
Rydberg constant $\alpha^2 m_e c/2h$	R_∞	10 973 731.568 508(65)	m^{-1}
Bohr radius $\alpha/4\pi R_\infty$	a_0	$0.529 177 210 67(12) \times 10^{-10}$	m
Bohr magneton $e\hbar/2m_e$	μ_B	$927.400 9994(57) \times 10^{-26}$	J T^{-1}

Redefinition of the SI: What's up?

We are on schedule for a possible redefinition in 2018: See Resolution 1 of the 24th (2011) and 25th (2014) CGPM

December 2013, International Prototype Kilogram (IPK) brought out for first time in 25 years: **Extraordinary Comparison (Feb 2015)**

- Result: BIPM mass scale found to be .035 mg too high relative to IPK
- This largely cancels the .045 mg shift NIST *accepted* in 2010

Agreement of Planck's constant determinations is sufficient to support redefinition

CODATA 2014 values are available on web, including Planck's constant

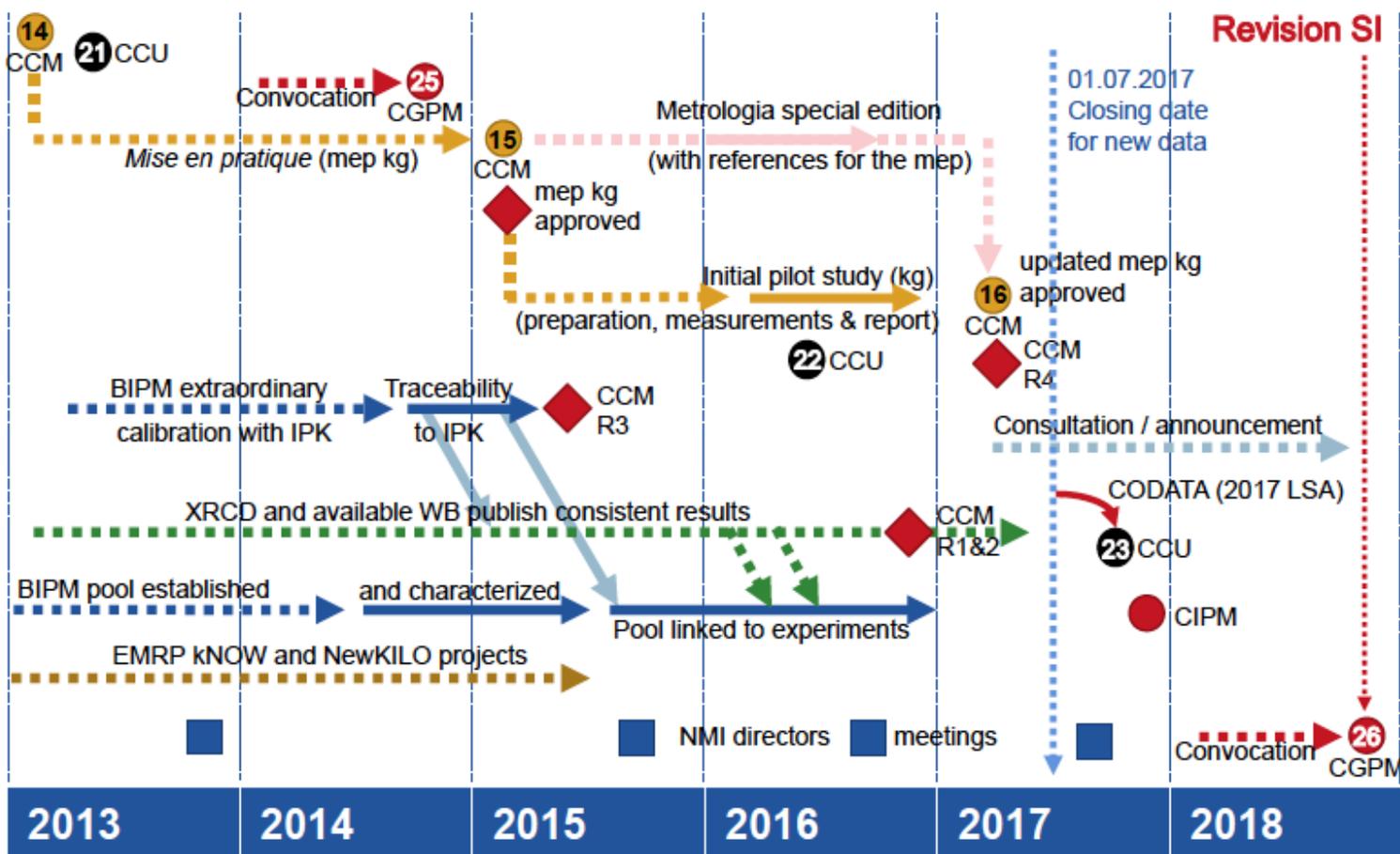
Pilot study – a dry run of the new *mise-en-pratique* for mass is underway



Le Grand K (I)

Redefinition of the SI is Coming

Joint CCM and CCU roadmap for the new SI



So how will we realize the definition of the kilogram in the new SI?

mise-en-pratique:
the instruction set for realizing the definition of a unit at the highest level

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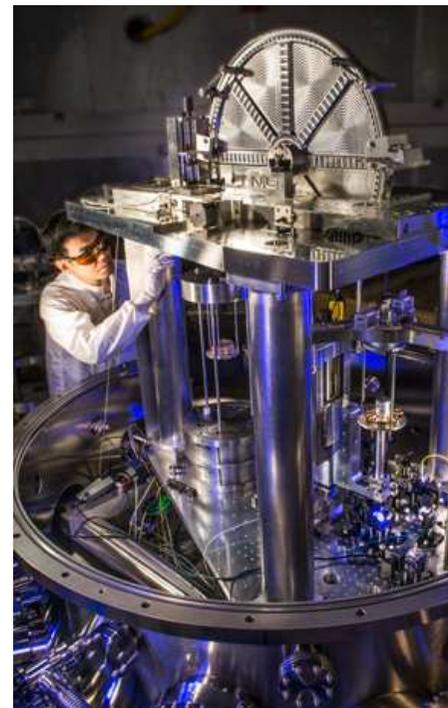
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Primary Realization of the Definition of the Kilogram

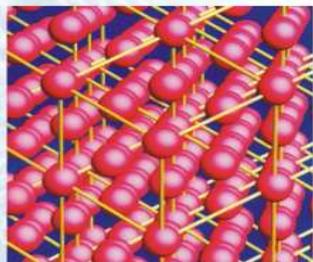
Watt Balance: Equates mechanical quantity of power to the corresponding electrical quantity when the latter is measured in terms of quantum electrical effects – used to determine h

X-Ray Crystal Density (Avogadro): Compares a macroscopic mass to the mass of a single atom of a specified isotope – used to determine N_A

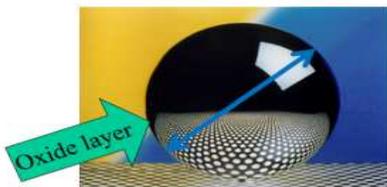


How to count 10^{23} atoms? PTB

With a crystal!



1. Volume a_0^3 of the unit cell
2. Volume of an atom: $a_0^3/8$
3. Volume V of a sphere
4. Number n of the atoms



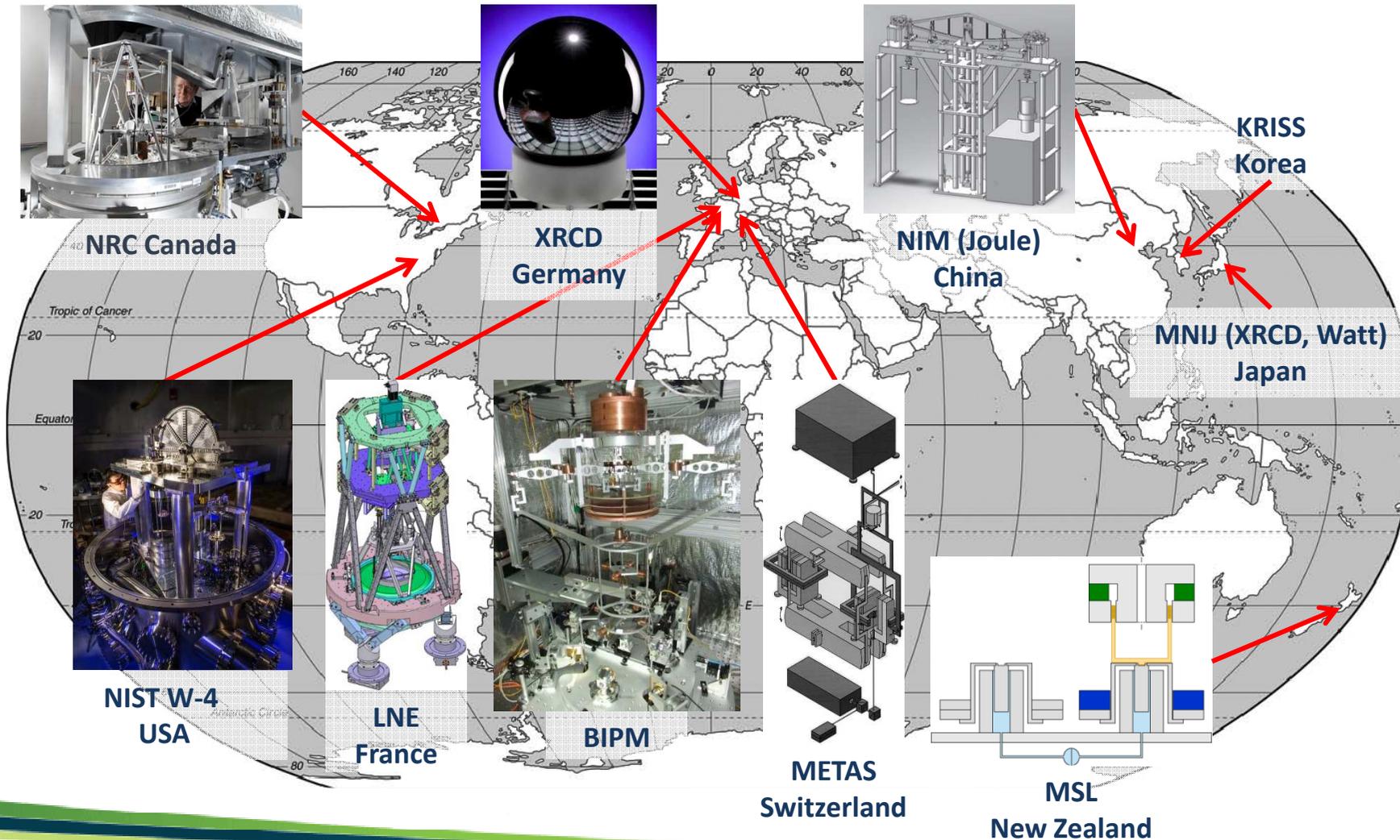
$$N_A = \frac{8V}{a_0^3} \cdot \frac{M_{\text{mol}}}{m_{\text{sphere}}}$$

$$N_A h = \frac{M(e)}{m(e)} \cdot h = \frac{M(e) c \alpha^2}{2 R_\infty}$$

- Approaches are complementary - Either can be used to realize the definition of the kilogram.
- SI kilogram realized in vacuum.

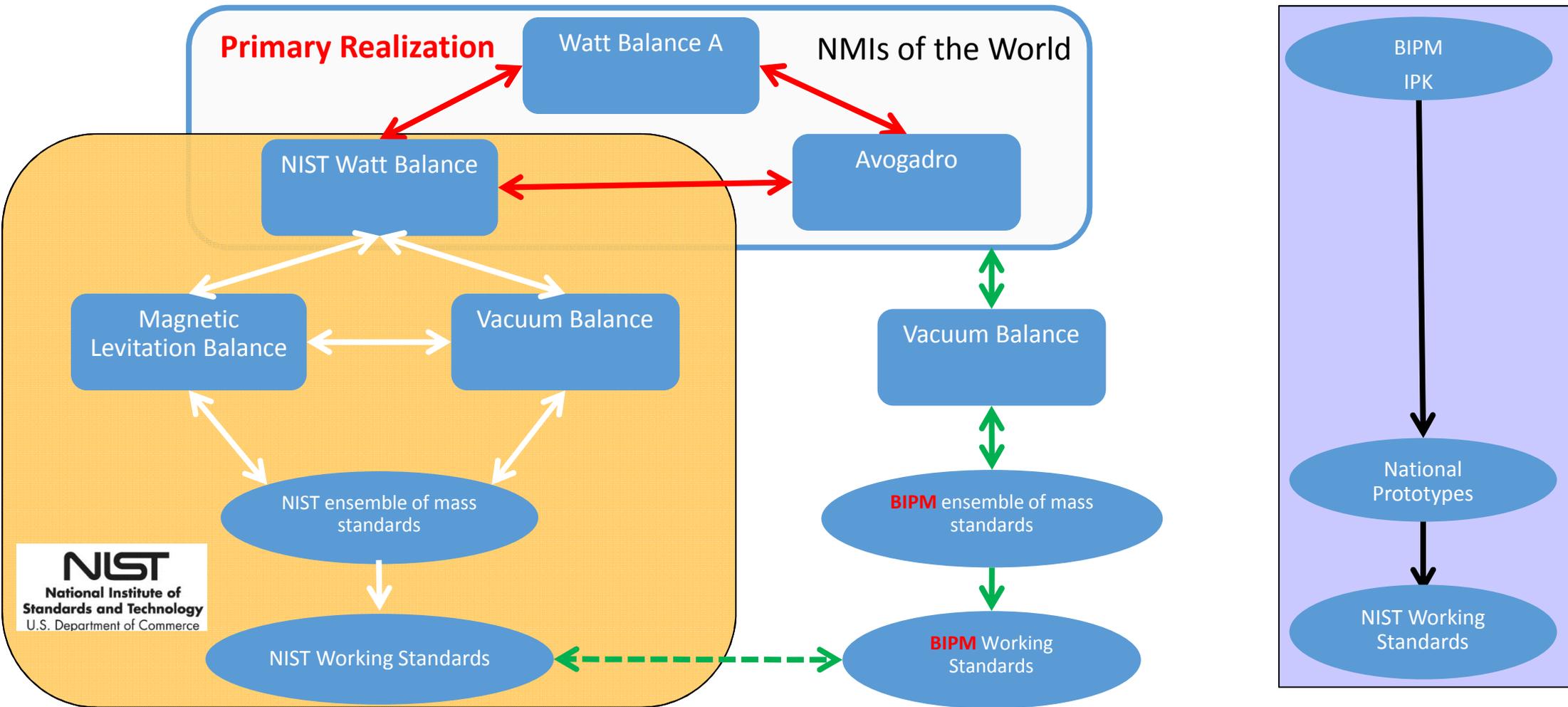
The Perfect Artifact!

Worldwide Realizations of the New Kilogram



Plans for
table top w
balances in
Mexico and
South Africa

Dissemination From a Primary Realization



Realization of Kilogram: XRCD

Carefully maintain the Si sphere

Monitor surface layers (oxidation)

Spectral ellipsometry, X-ray refractometry, photoelectron spectrometry, X-ray fluorescence, and infrared absorption

Monitor volume of sphere

Assumes that the crystal spacing is constant with time and the molar mass will not change

Si sphere mass can be measured in vacuum or in air (buoyancy correction required – but the density and volume are known very well)

Determining N_A was much harder than realizing mass with the sphere



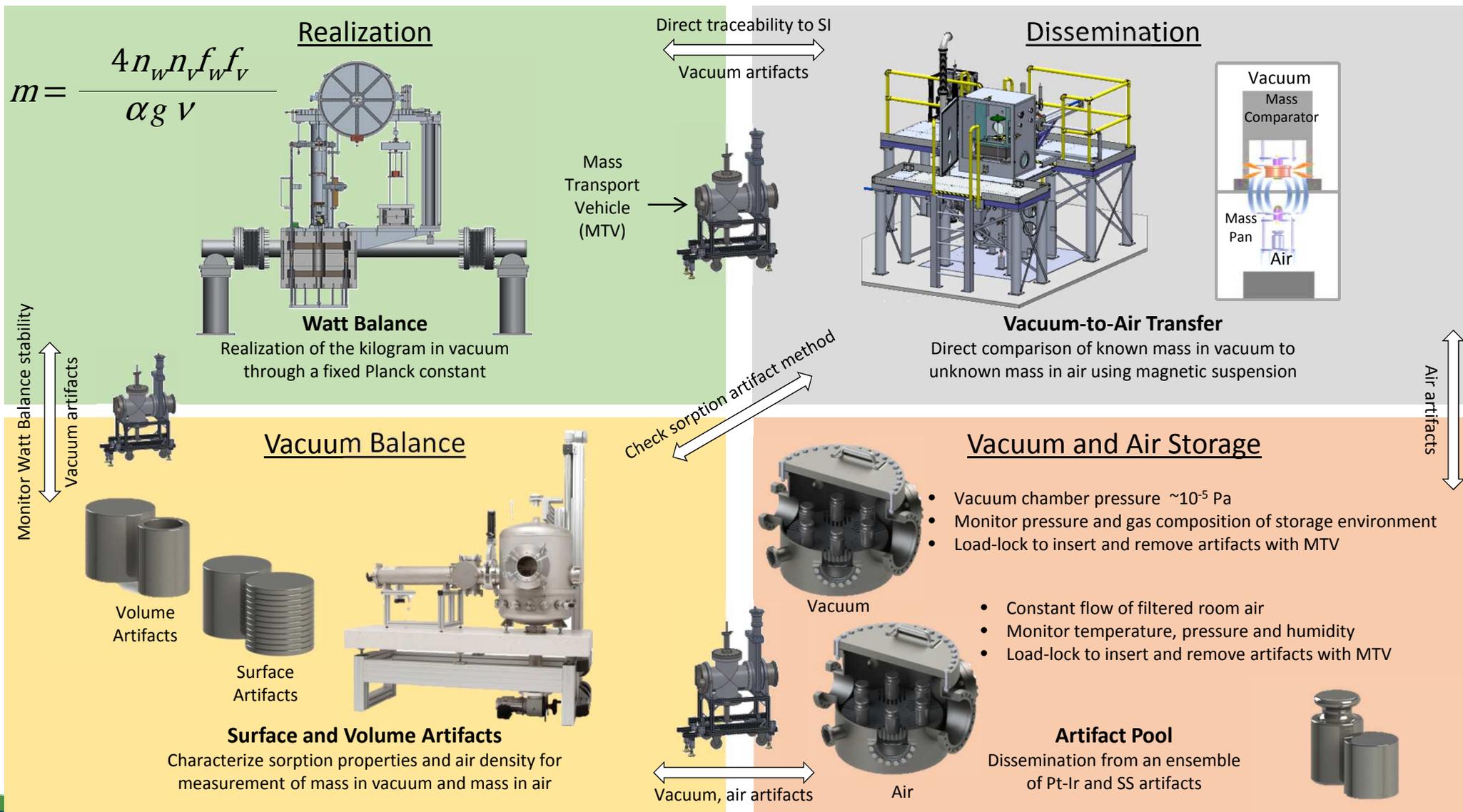
View into weighing chamber showing (1) ^{28}Si sphere (AVO28-S8), (2) Prototype kilogram No. 70, and (3-6) absorption and air buoyancy artifacts. (from

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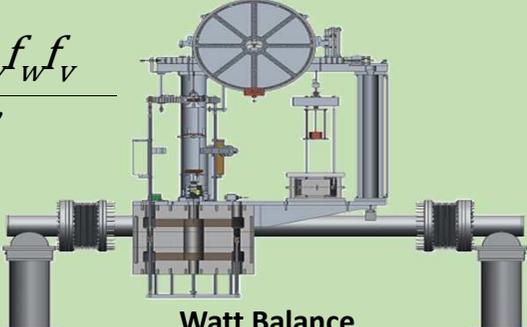
Mise-en-pratique for Kilogram at NIST



MISE EN PRATIQUE

For the Realization and Dissemination of the Redefined Kilogram
 Patrick J. Abbott, Edward Mulhern, Eric Benck, Corey Stambaugh, Zeina Kubarych

Realization

$$m = \frac{4n_w n_v f_w f_v}{\alpha g v}$$


Watt Balance
 Realization of the kilogram in vacuum through a fixed Planck constant

Direct traceability to SI

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Vacuum artifacts

Dissemination



Vacuum-to-Air Transfer
 Direct comparison of known mass in vacuum to unknown mass in air using magnetic suspension

Mass Transport Vehicle (MTV) → 

Vacuum Balance



Surface and Volume Artifacts
 Characterize sorption properties and air density for measurement of mass in vacuum and mass in air

Check sorption artifact method

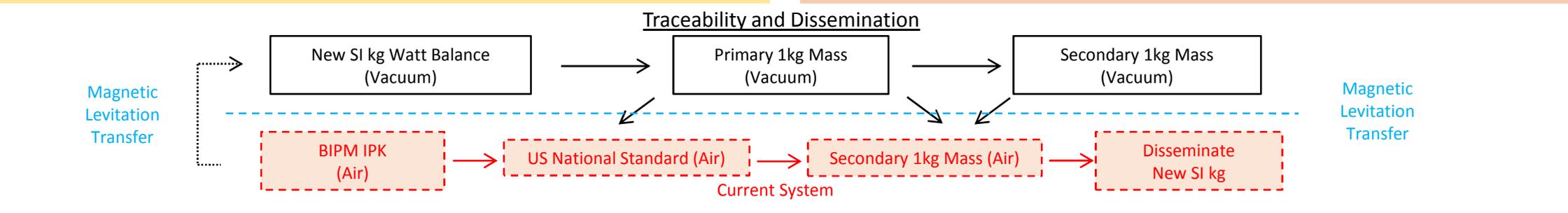
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Vacuum and Air Storage

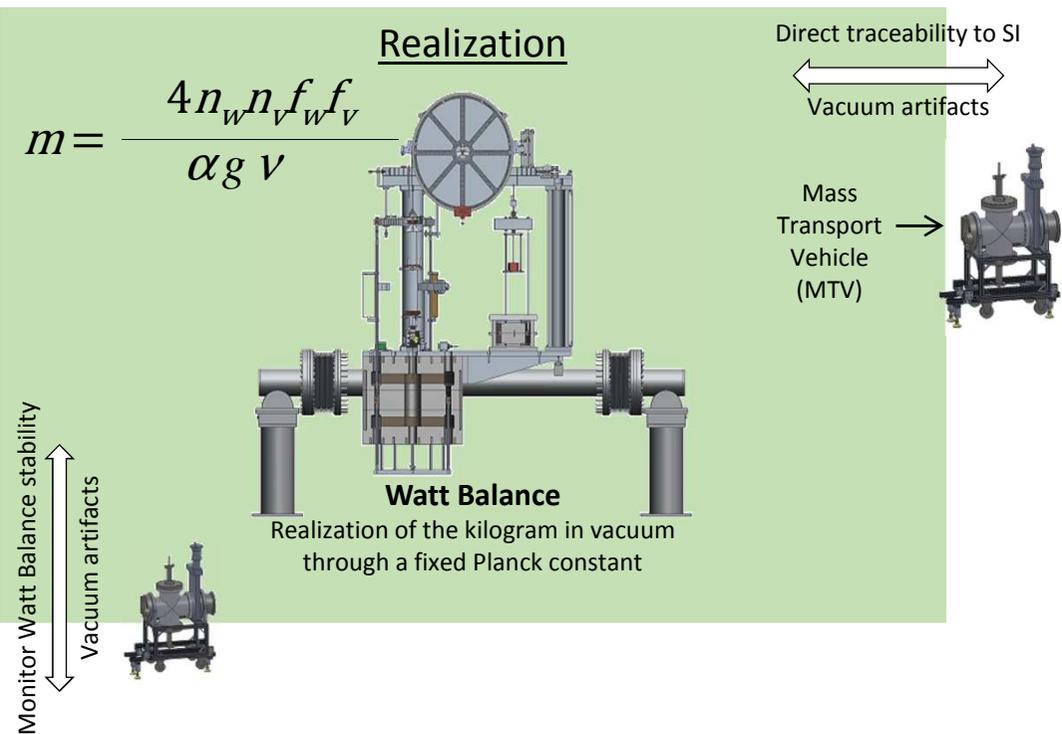
- Vacuum chamber pressure $\sim 10^{-5}$ Pa
- Monitor pressure and gas composition of storage environment
- Load-lock to insert and remove artifacts with MTV

Artifact Pool
 Dissemination from an ensemble of Pt-Ir and SS artifacts

Vacuum artifacts ↔ Vacuum, air artifacts ↔ Air artifacts

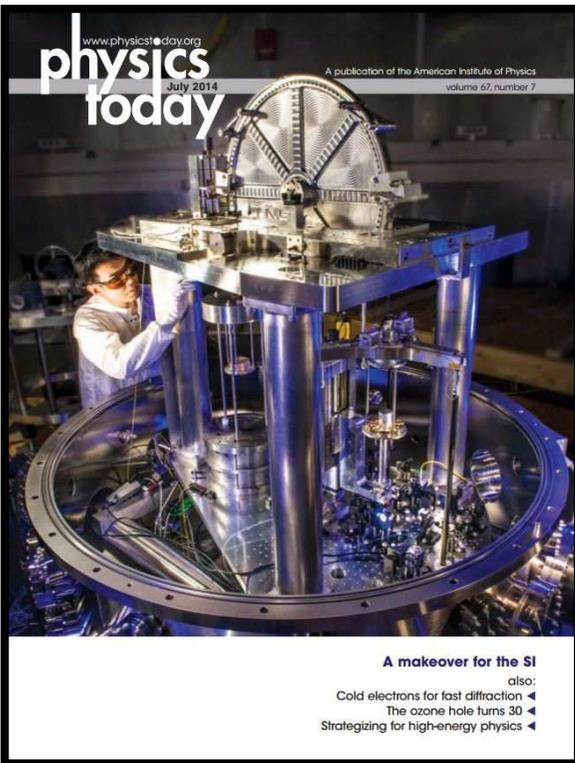


Mise-en-pratique at NIST: Part 1 Realization

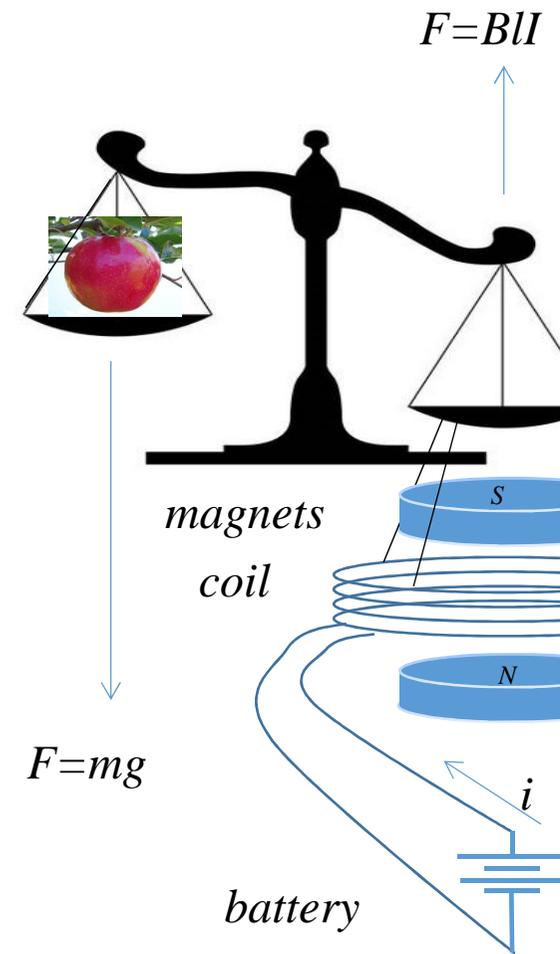


You can Weigh an Apple with a Scale

One usually weighs apples using a scale to compare their gravitational force to that of a known artifact (see painting on the right)



With a watt balance electromagnetic scale (see magazine cover at the left) one compares the apple's gravitational force to that of a calculable force that is known in terms of physical invariants, like the figure on the right



Watt Balance Basics

Weighing or Force mode: An unknown weight mg is balanced by an electromagnetic force on a horizontal coil of wire-length L in a radial magnetic field of flux density B when a current I flows through the coil

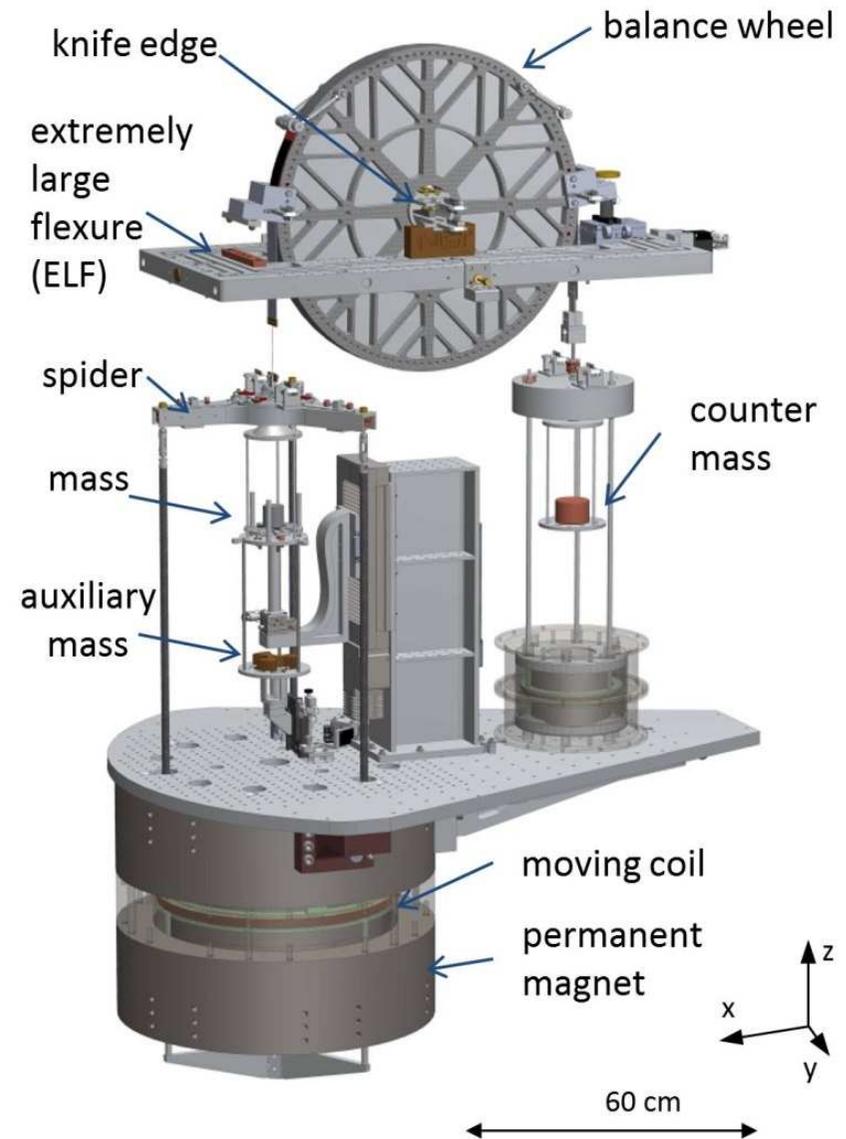
$$mg = BLI$$

Calibration or Velocity mode: The magnet's strength BL is measured by moving the coil at a velocity v while recording the voltage V across the coil terminals

$$BL = \frac{V}{v}$$

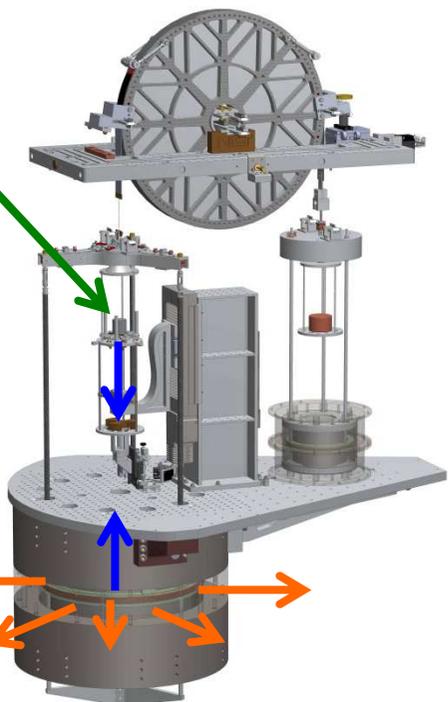
The two modes can compare mechanical and electrical power, hence the name, watt balance

$$mgv = VI$$



Watt Balance Principles in one-Slide

Force mode



$$mg = BLI$$

$$BL = \frac{mg}{I}$$

$$\frac{mg}{I} = \frac{V}{v}$$

$$mgv = VI$$

$$mgv = \frac{VV_2}{R}$$

$$mgv = \frac{n_1 f_1 \frac{h}{2e} n_2 f_2 \frac{h}{2e}}{\alpha \frac{h}{e^2}} = \frac{n_1 n_2}{4\alpha} f_1 f_2 h$$

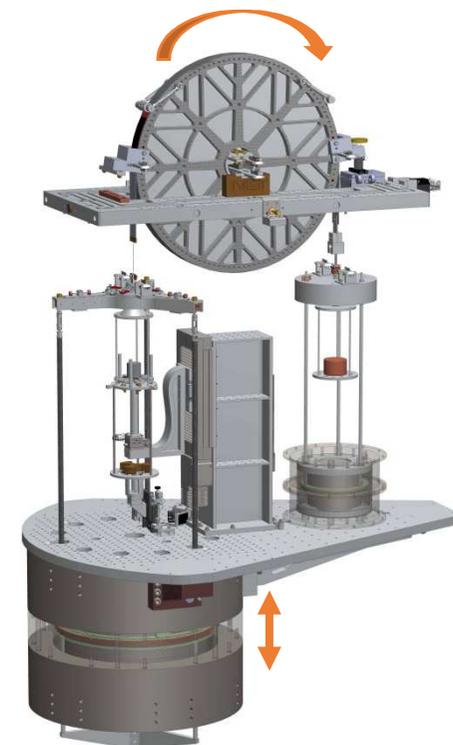
$$h = \frac{4\alpha}{n_1 n_2} \frac{gv}{f_1 f_2} m$$

before redefinition

$$V = vBL$$

$$BL = \frac{V}{v}$$

Velocity mode

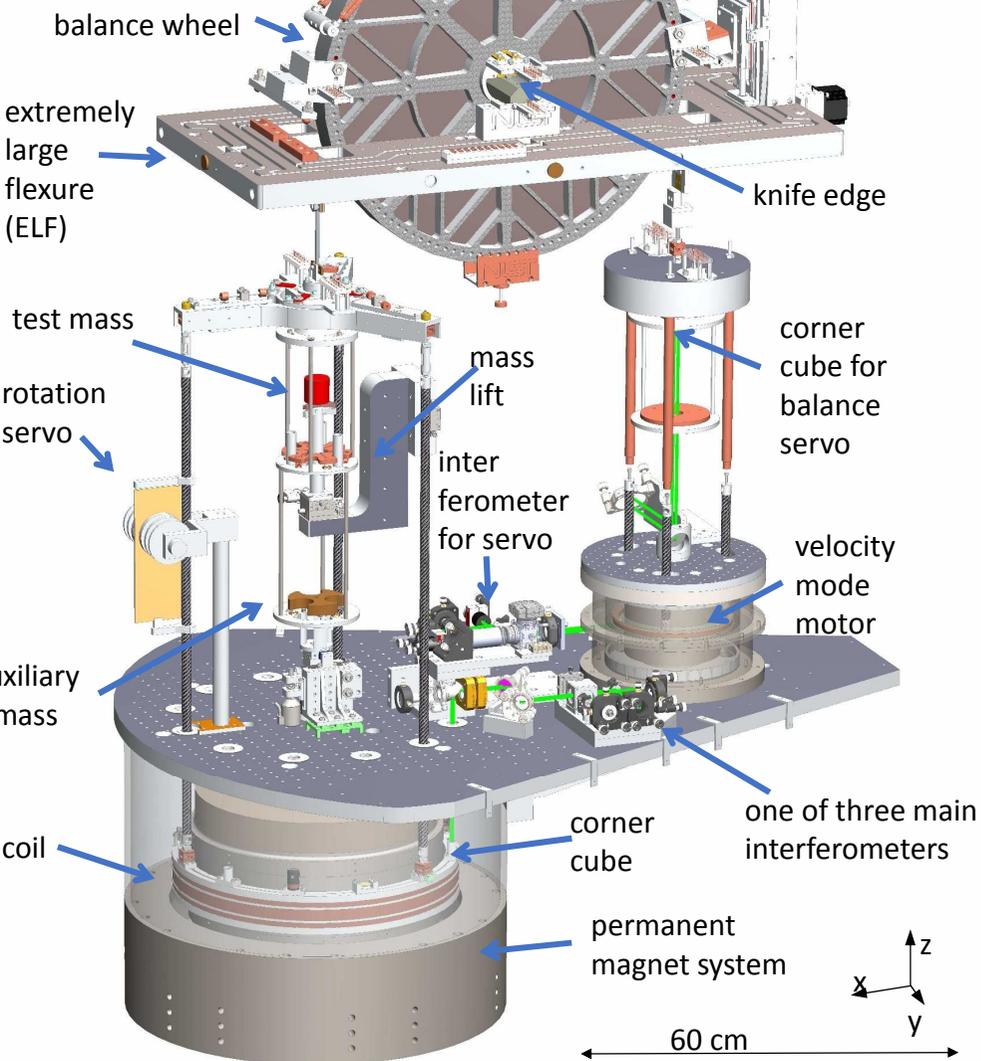


$$m = \frac{n_1 n_2}{4\alpha} \frac{f_1 f_2}{gv} h$$

after redefinition

NIST-4 Watt Balance

Main Mass Side Counter Mass Side

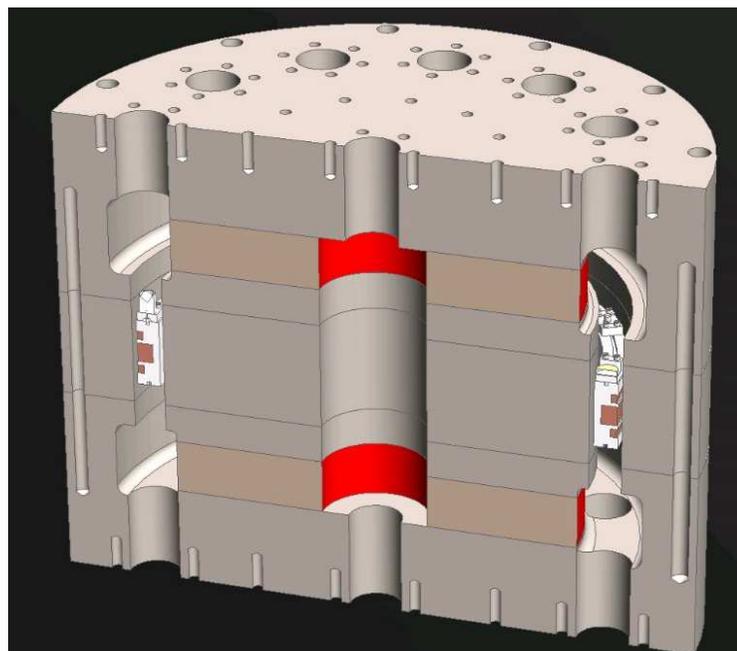


Magnet system constructed from soft iron and $\text{Sm}_2\text{Co}_{17}$.

- total 91 kg of $\text{Sm}_2\text{Co}_{17}$
- flux density: 0.55 T
- 3 cm gap
- 10 cm tall
- magnet can be split

Coil

- alumina former
- three groves
- main coil (945 turns)
- wire length: 1271 m
- $U = 0.69 \text{ V}$ (1 mm/s)
- two gradient coils (135 turns)



Watt Balance requires precision measurements of

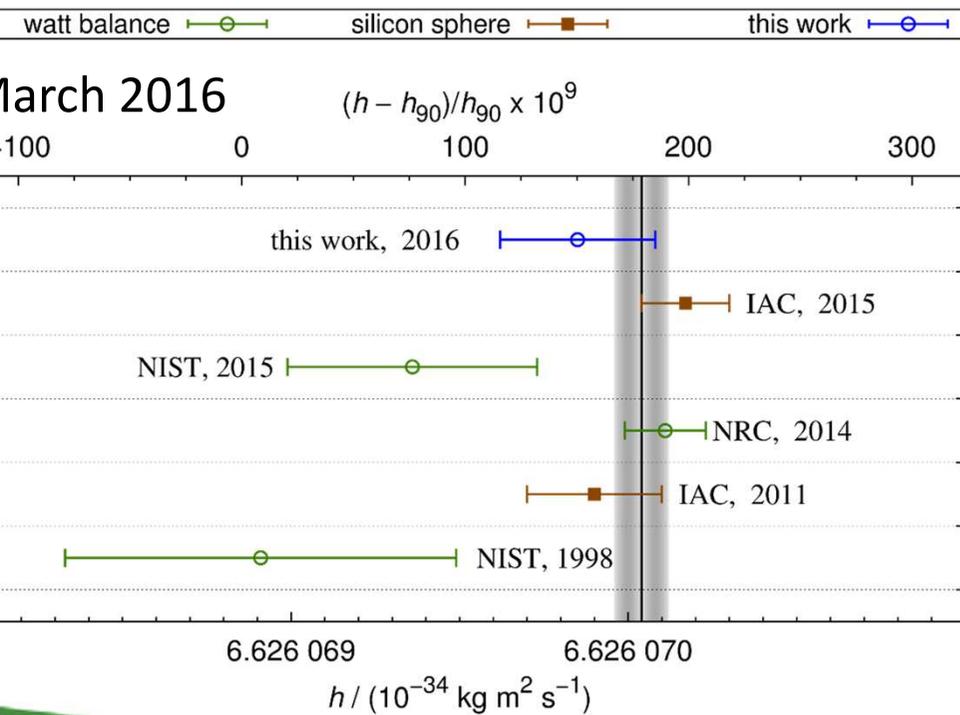
- Current
- Voltage
- Resistance
- Gravity
- Length
- Time

The NIST-4 Watt Balance



August 2015

Source	Uncertainty (10^{-9})
Statistical	25.3
Magnetic field	15.4
Electrical	10.9
Alignment	7.0
Mass metrology	6.3
Mathematical	5.0
Balance mechanics	5.0
Local acceleration, g	4.4
Velocity	1.7
Total relative uncertainty	33.7



- relative uncertainty (1-sigma): 34×10^{-9}
- projected relative uncertainty *by June 2017*: 20×10^{-9}

NIST and the Redefinition

NIST-4 Watt Balance

- Fully operational and has a *great* noise floor
- First value of Planck published (RSI **87**, 061301 (2016))
- Final value of Planck expected early 2017

Vacuum Levitation Balance concept validated

Pilot study of the *new mise-en-pratique* for mass is underway and should be completed by fall 2016

CODATA will provide final constants for redefinition in 2017

CODATA will determine the constants for the “*new SI*” in 2018



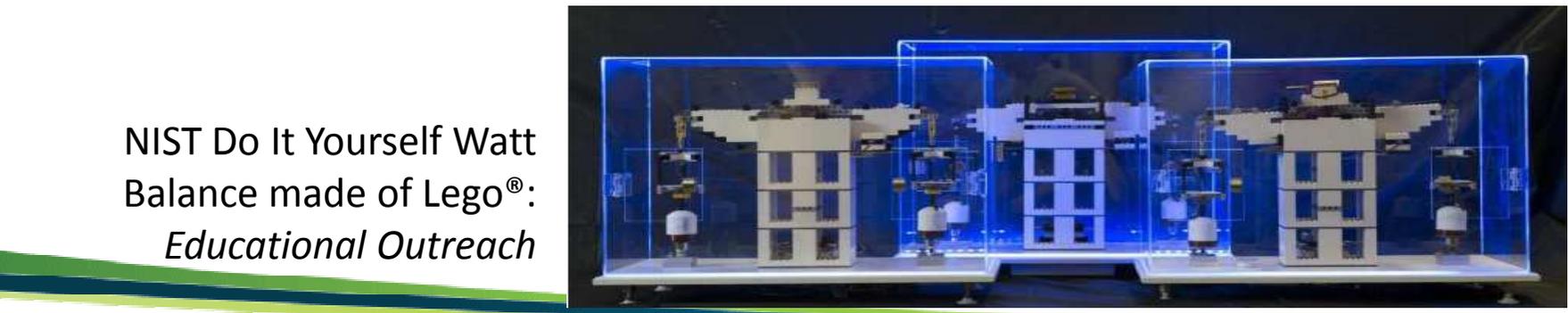
A more fundamental International System



The universally accepted method of expressing physical quantities for world commerce, industry and science is about to be replaced by our improved knowledge of fundamental physics.

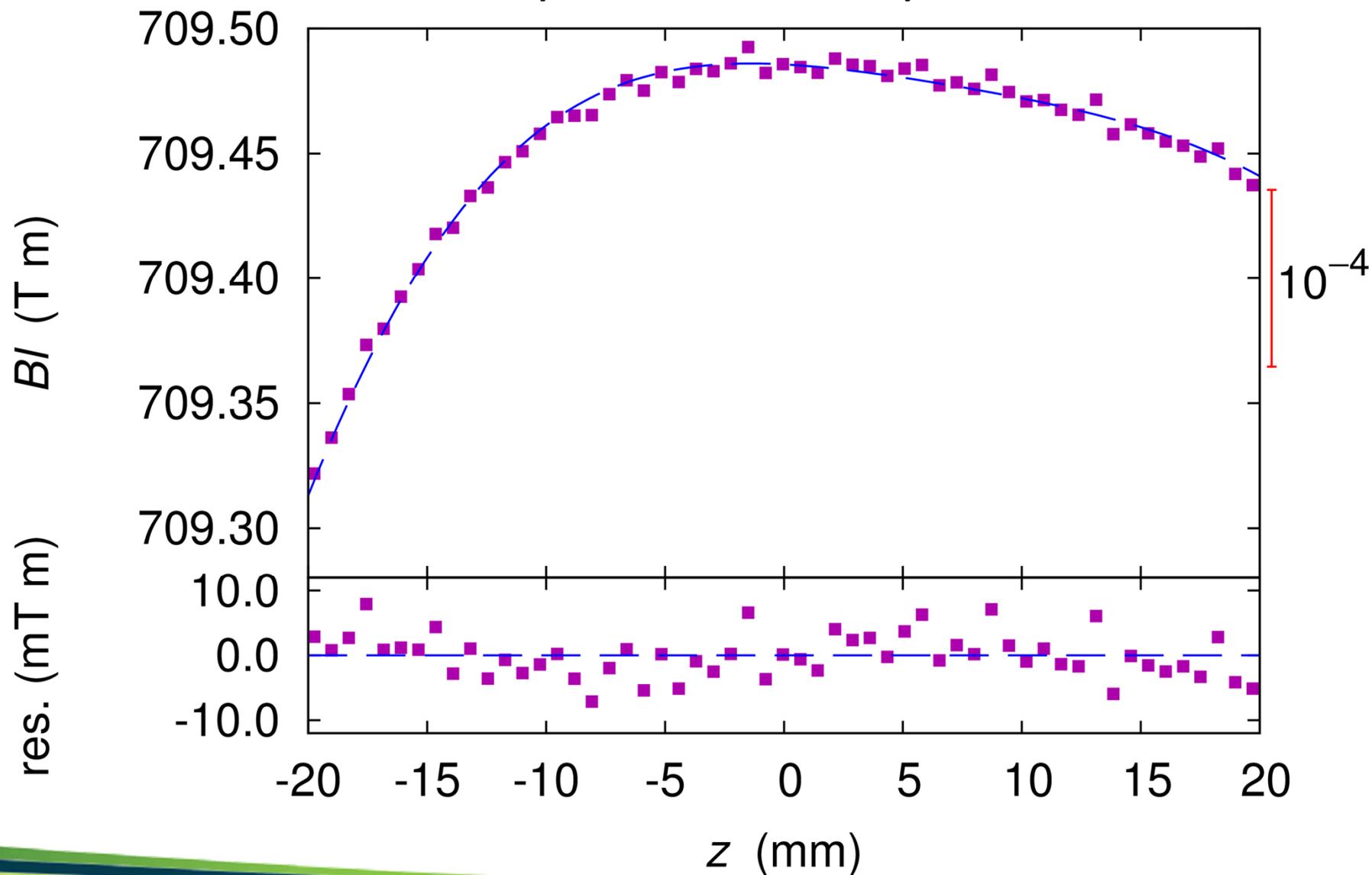
Although the present International System of Units (SI) was established in 1889, it has remained largely unchanged since then. The new SI will be based on the seven fundamental constants of nature, and will be defined in terms of these constants. This new system will be more accurate and more stable than the current SI, and will be easier to use in the laboratory and in industry.

David Heston is a physicist at NIST who has been instrumental in the development of the new SI. He is the author of the book 'The New SI: A Guide to the International System of Units' published by NIST in 2015.

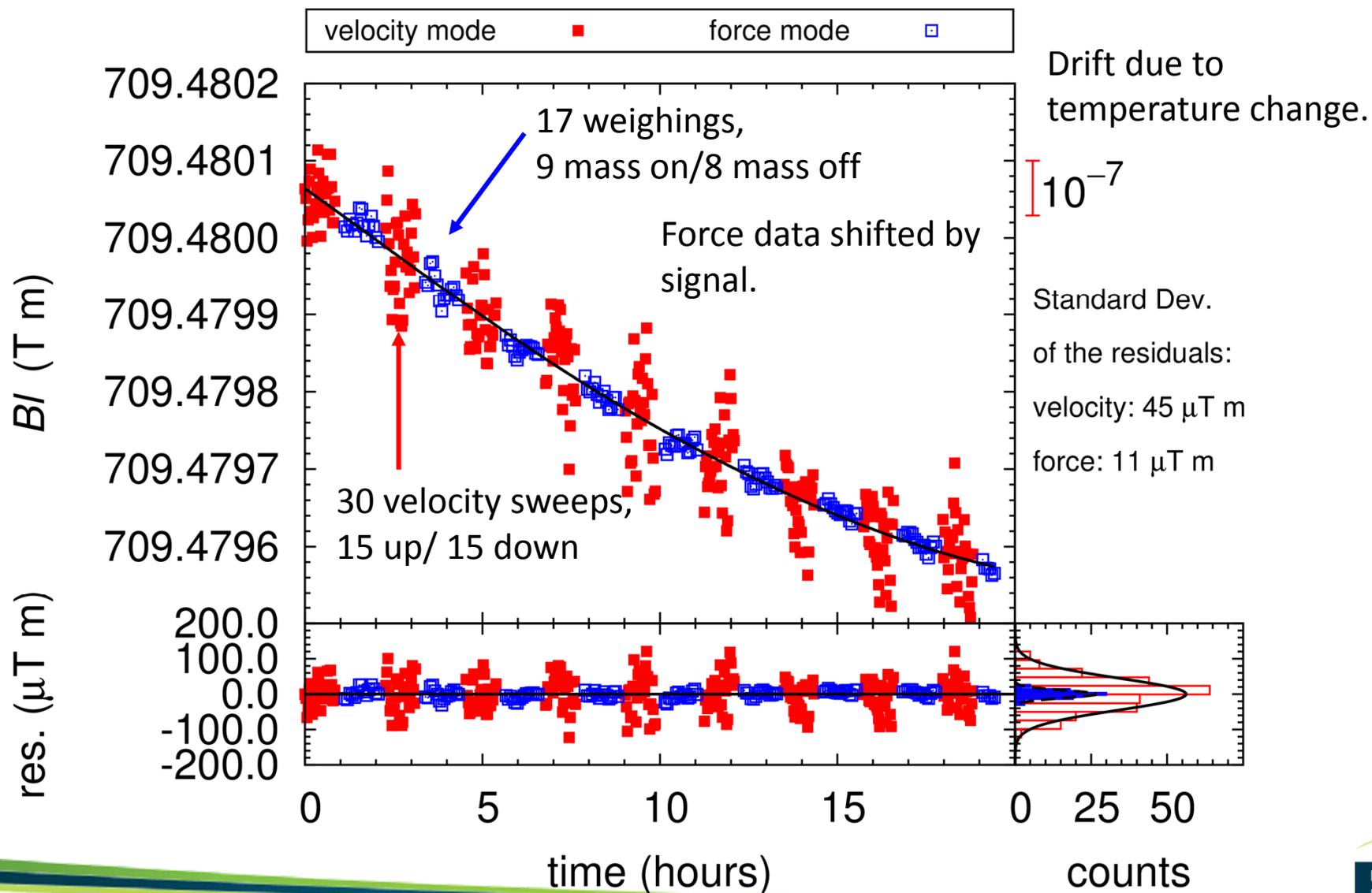


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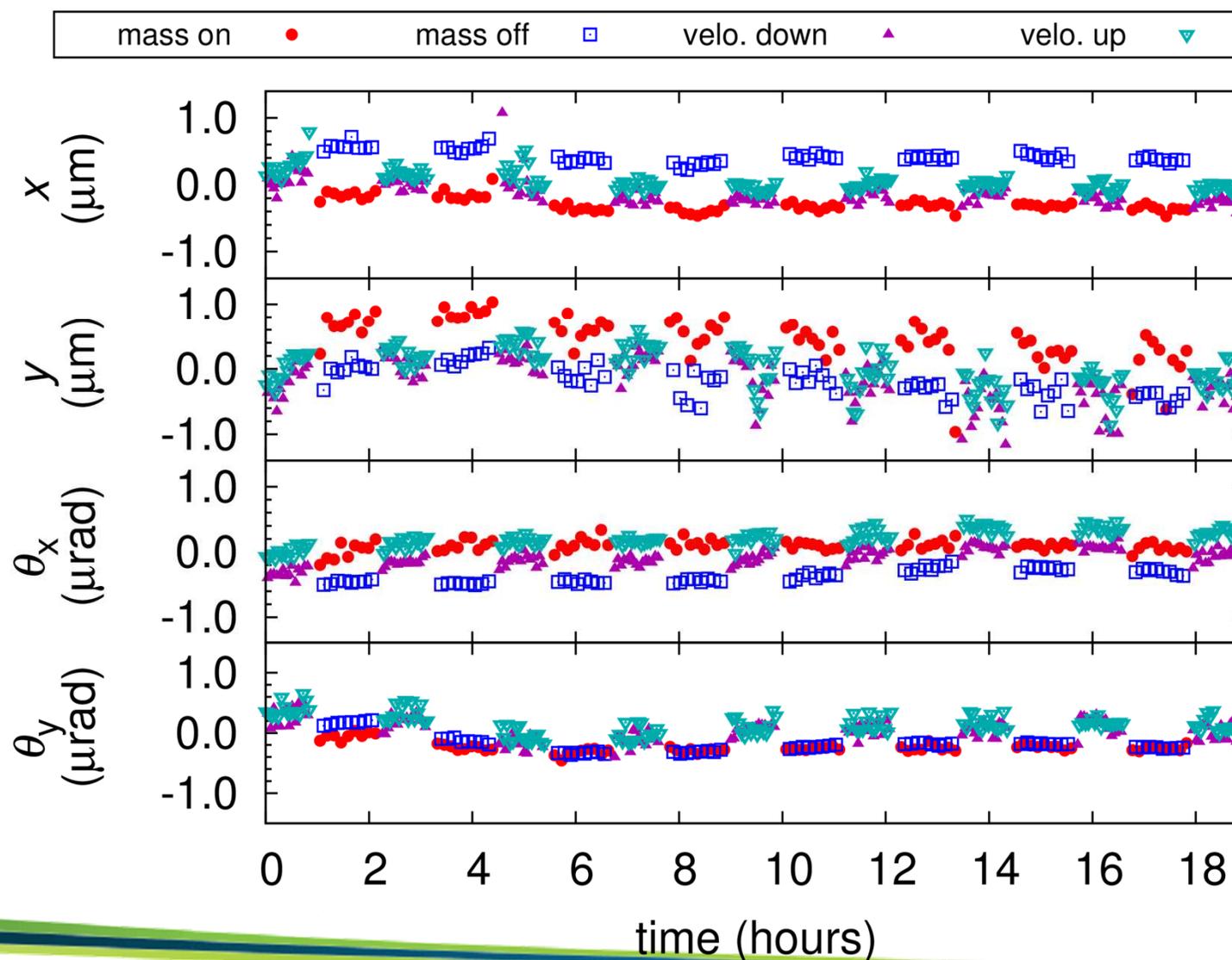
Coil Sweep in Velocity Mode



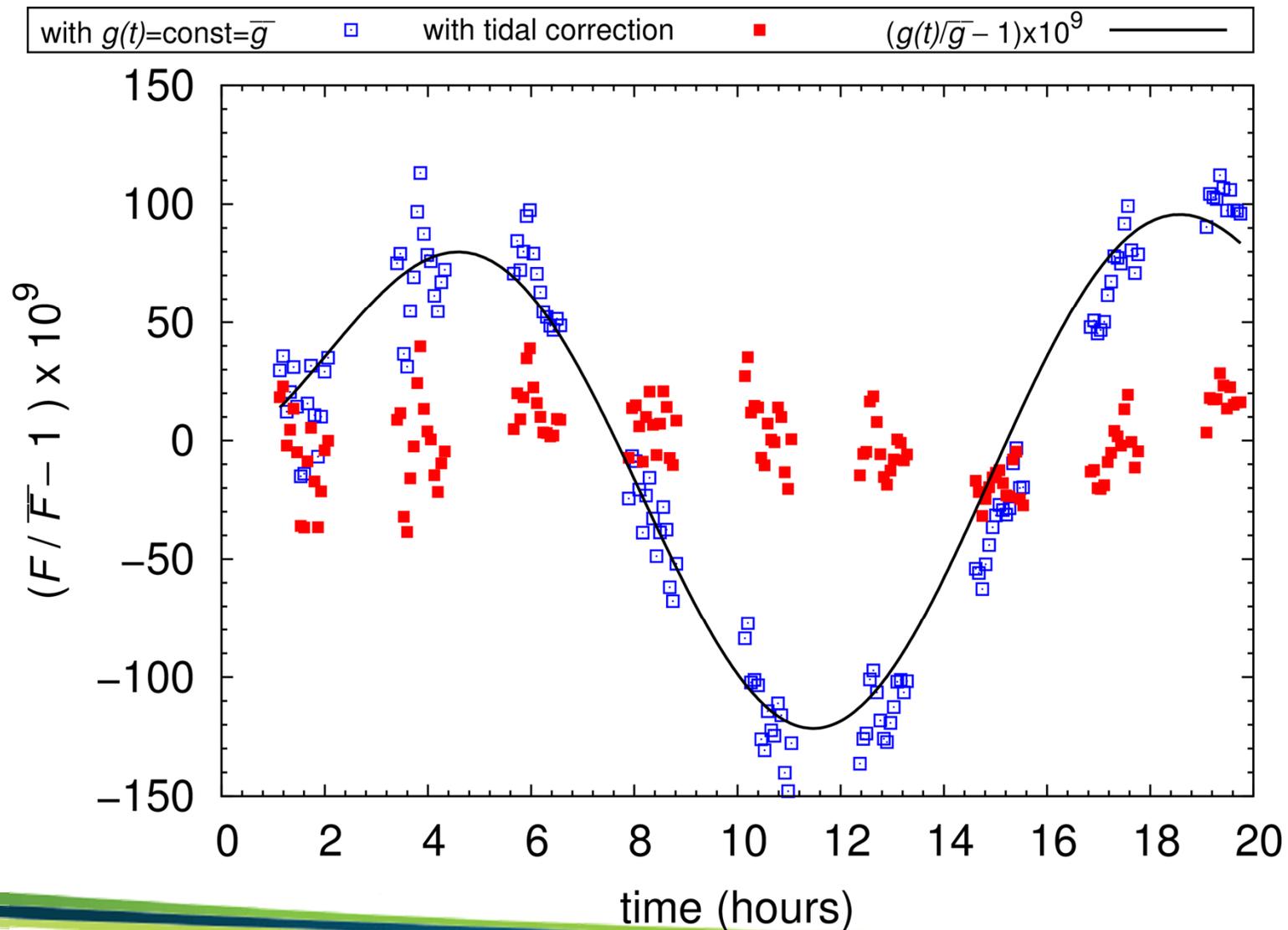
Typical Measurement Sequence



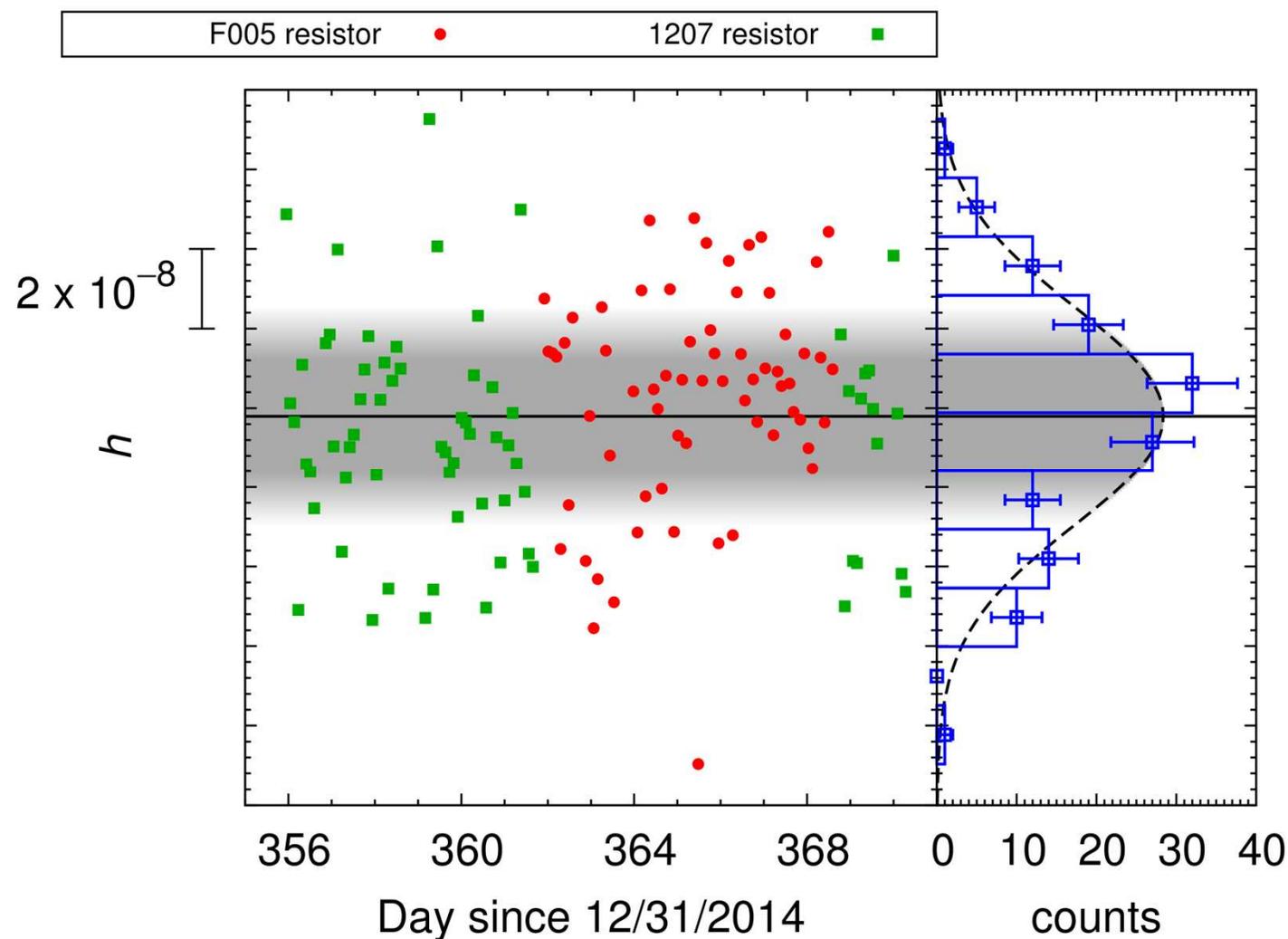
Parasitic Forces and Torques on the Coil



Clear Tidal Signature



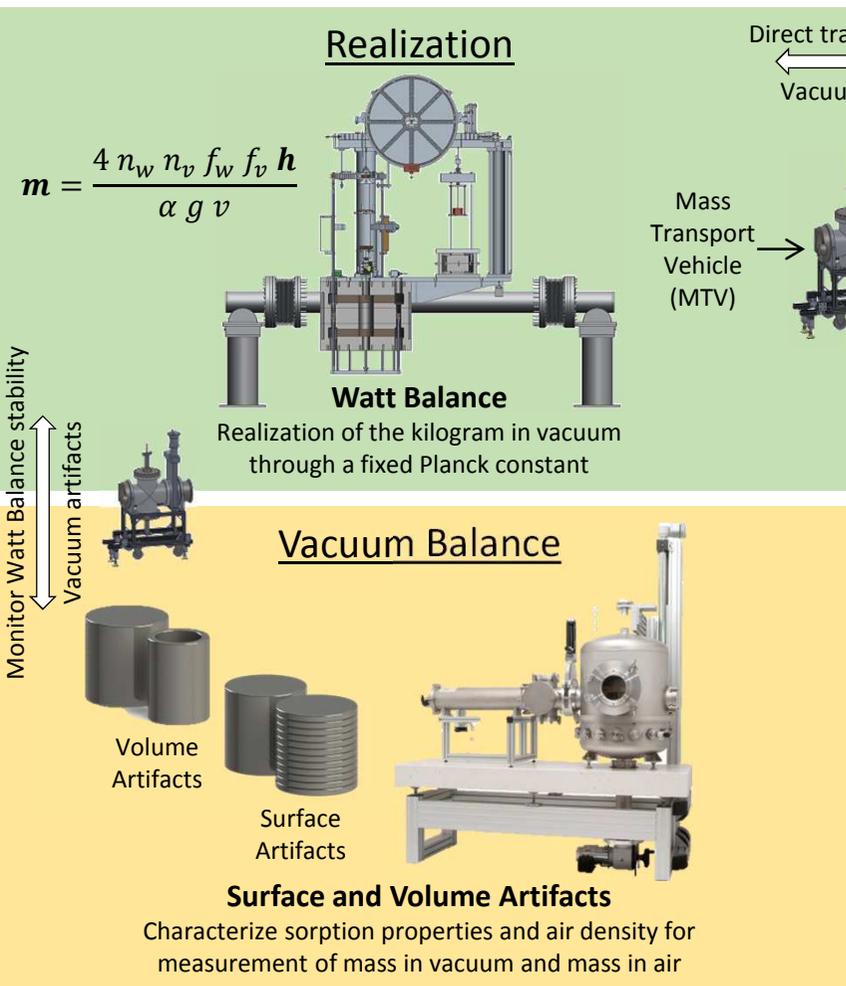
Data Taken with Prototype K85



133 points
Rel. standard
deviation: 25.3×10^{-9}

Estimated total
relative uncertainty:
 $< 40 \times 10^{-9}$.

Mise-en-pratique at NIST: Part 2 Air-Vacuum



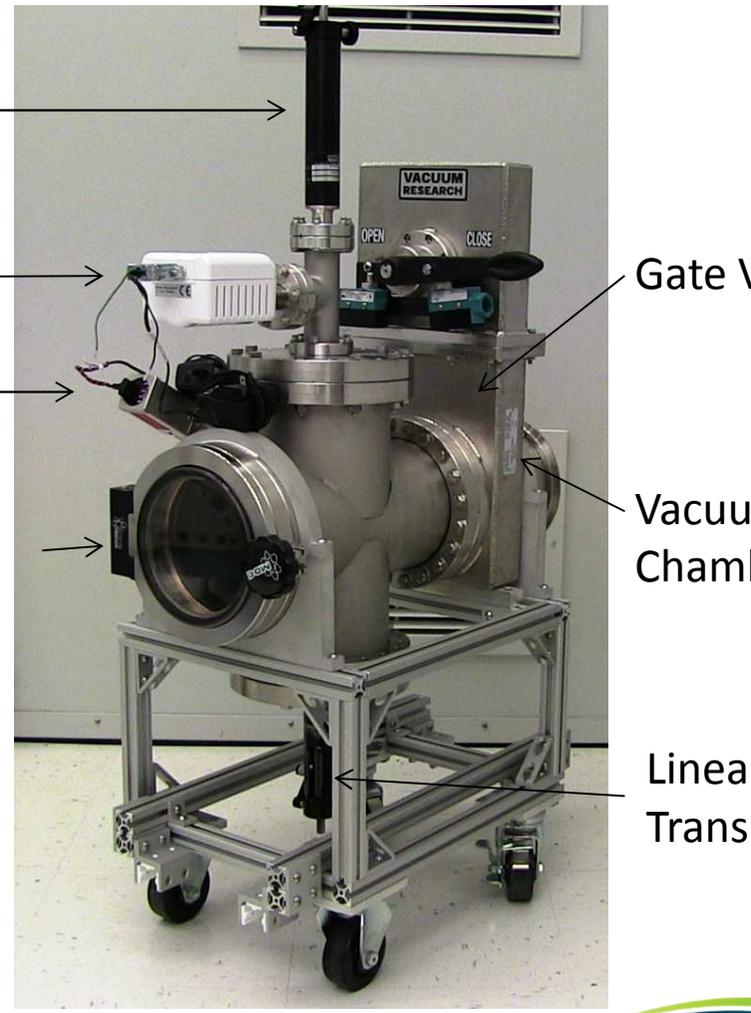
Linear Translator

Pressure Gauge

Getter Pump

Viewport and Door

Mass Transport Vehicle (MTV) Details

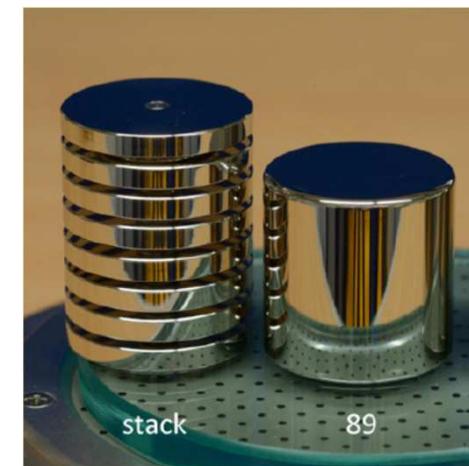
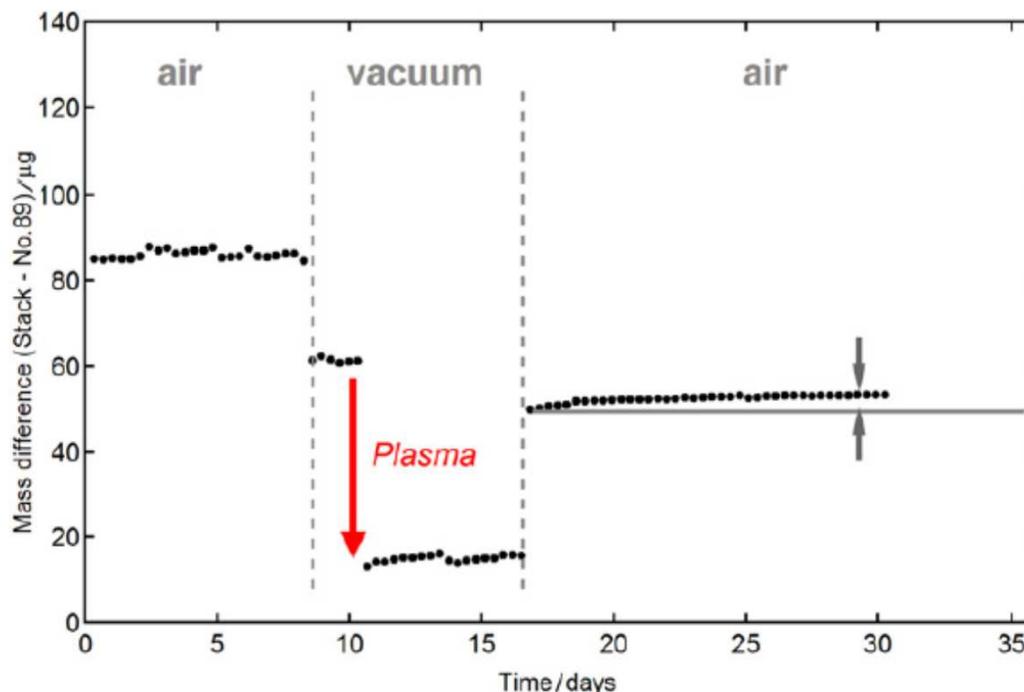


Vacuum-Air Weighing with Sorption Artifacts

Plasma Cleaning



Mass of stack – Mass of cylinder 89



Reference: Fuchs, Marti & Rüchardt, *Metrologia*, **49** (2012) 607–612

Figure 4. Evolution of the mass difference between the stack of discs and the surface artefact No 89 with time. The mass difference significantly decreases after air-to-vacuum transfer and decreases further by H-plasma treatment. The mass difference increases significantly after vacuum-to-air transfer. The gain in mass at ambient after cleaning is indicated by the horizontal line and arrows.

NIST will do this at least initially

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ance

Mise-en-pratique at NIST: Part 3 Store Artifacts

$$m = \frac{4n_w n_v f_w f_v}{\alpha g v} \text{ Realization}$$

Direct traceability to SI
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 Vacuum artifacts

Mass Transport Vehicle (MTV)

Watt Balance
 Realization of the kilogram in vacuum through a fixed Planck constant

Monitor Watt Balance stability
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 Vacuum artifacts

- “Pool of Artifacts” traceable to NIST WB stored in filtered lab air or vacuum
- Artifacts enter and leave chambers via Mass Transport Vehicle
- **The unit of mass disseminated by NIST will be an “ensemble average” of the mass values of these artifacts – both Pt-Ir and Stainless**
- NIST owns K4, K20, K79, K85, K92, K102, K104, K105

Vacuum Balance

Monitor Watt Balance stability
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 Vacuum artifacts

Volume Artifacts
 Surface Artifacts

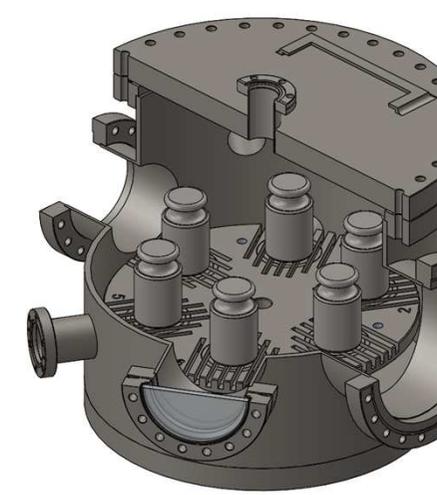
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Vacuum and Air Storage

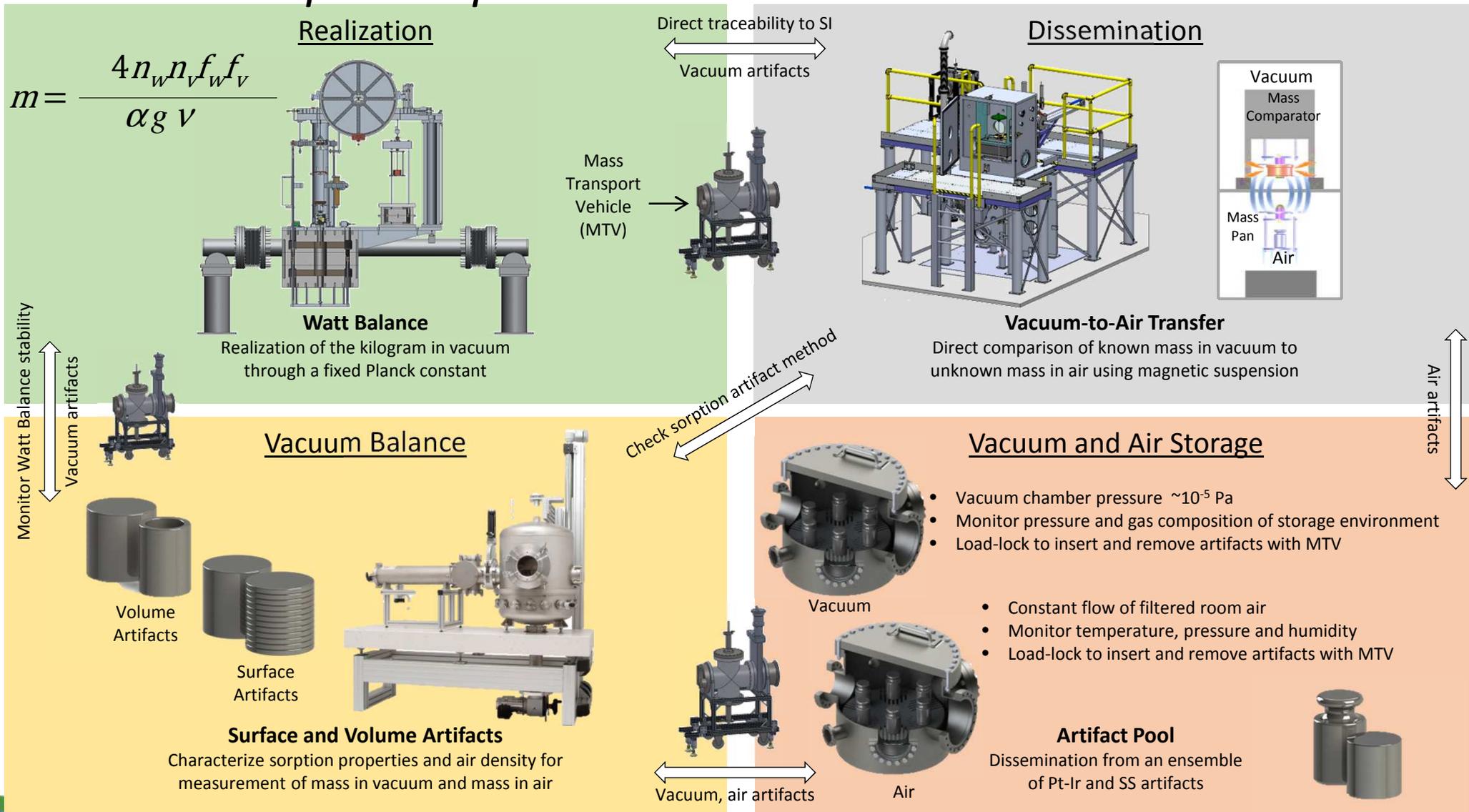
- Vacuum chamber pressure $\sim 10^{-5}$ Pa
- Monitor pressure and gas composition of storage environment
- Load-lock to insert and remove artifacts with MTV
 - Constant flow of filtered room air
 - Monitor temperature, pressure and humidity
 - Load-lock to insert and remove artifacts with MTV

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 Dissemination from an ensemble of Pt-Ir and SS artifacts

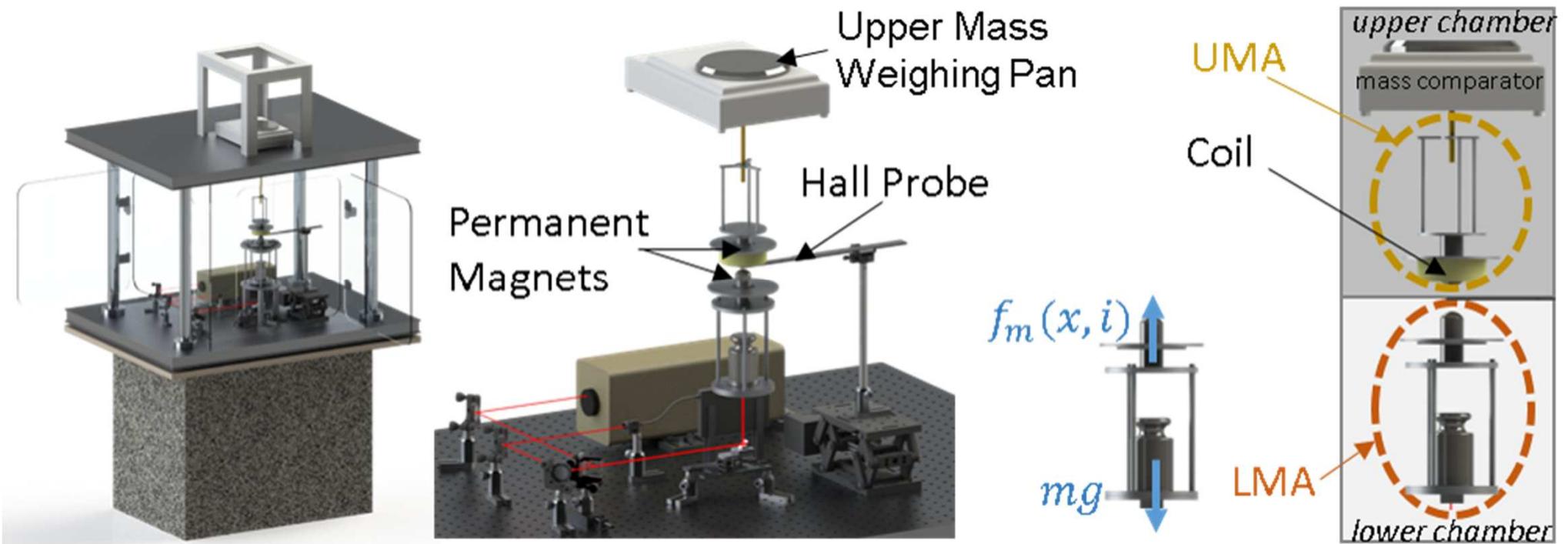
Vacuum ↔ Air
 Vacuum, air artifacts



Mise-en-pratique at NIST: Part 4 Dissemination

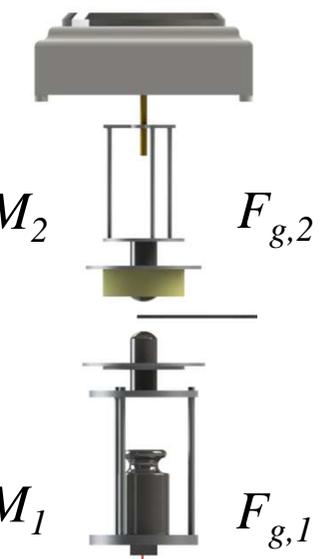


Magnetic Levitation Concept



*Images by E. C. Mulhern

Magnetic Suspension: Proof of Concept



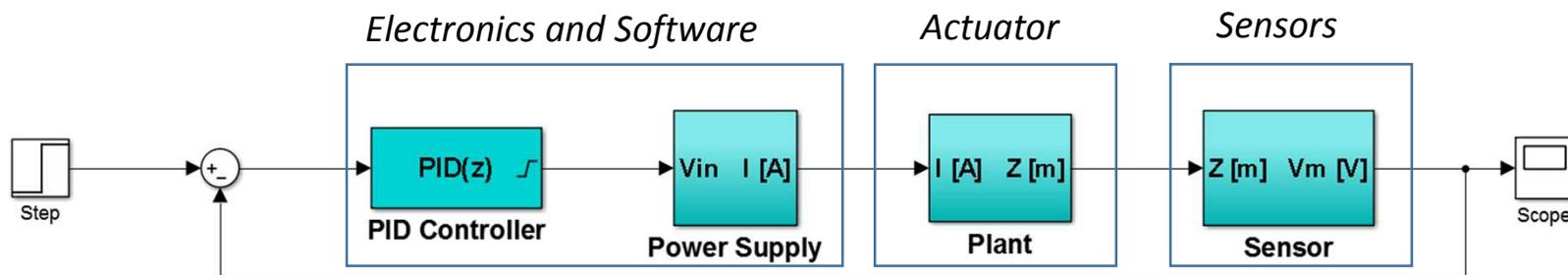
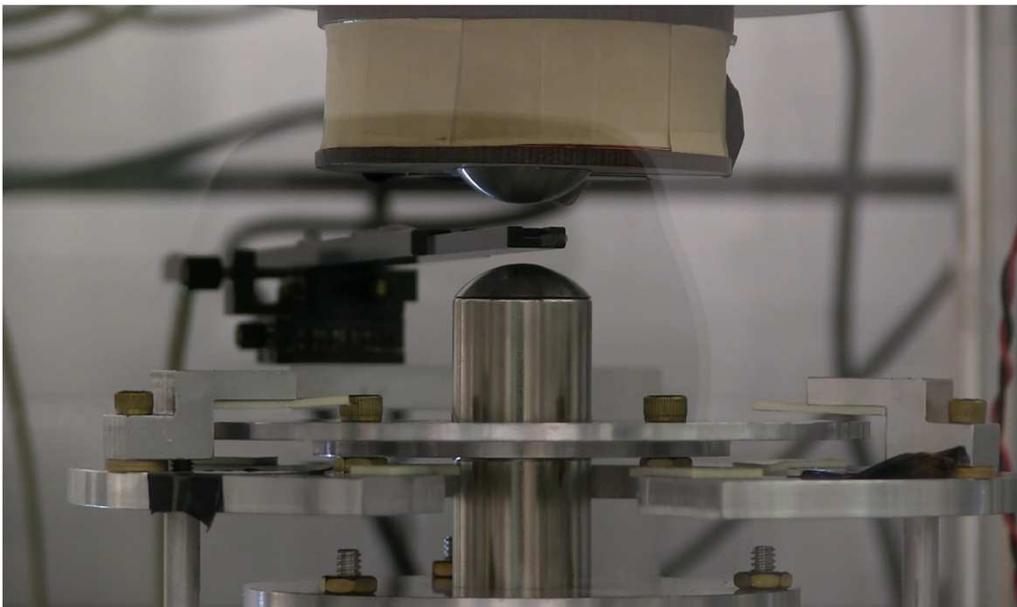
$$F_{scale} = F_{g,2} + F_{g,1}$$

Not quite!
 Earnshaw's theorem – Basically you can't achieve stable suspension using fixed (permanent) magnets and static charges.

Need Feedback - Closed-Loop

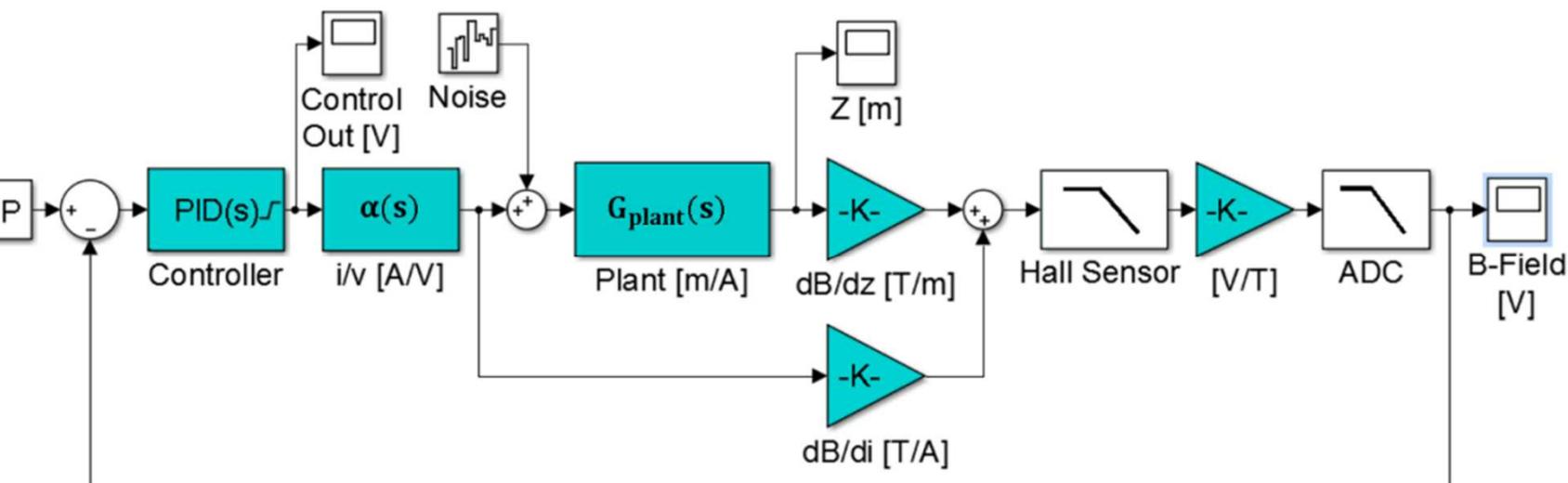
Instead $\ddot{x} \neq 0$

$$F_{scale} = F_{g,2} + F_{g,1} + M_1 \ddot{x}_1$$

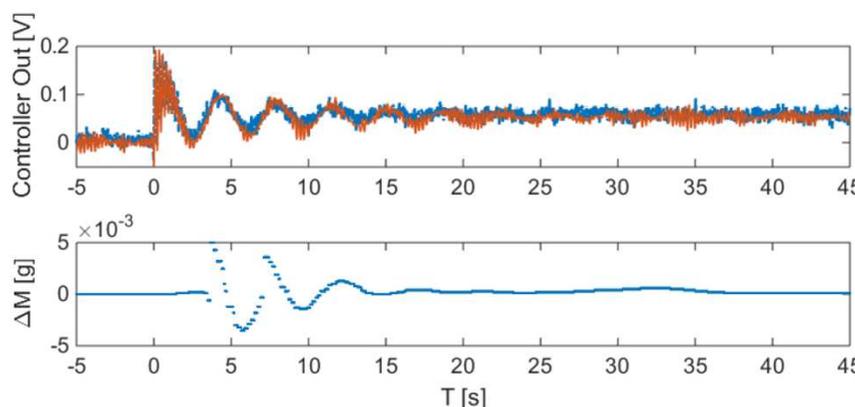
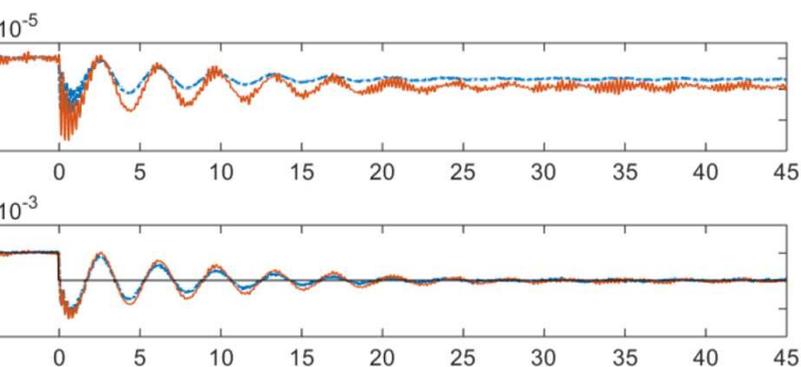


W. Earnshaw, "On the nature of the molecular forces that regulate the constitution of the luminiferous ether", Trans. Camb. Phil. Soc., 7, 97–112 (1842)

Proof of Concept



Verification of Feedback Loop



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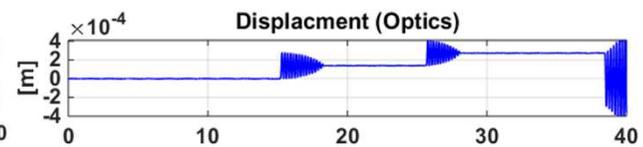
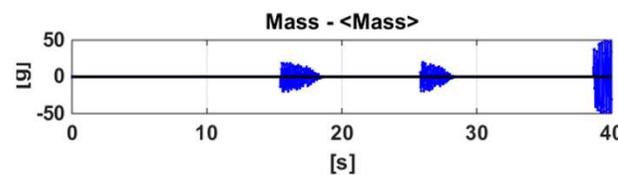
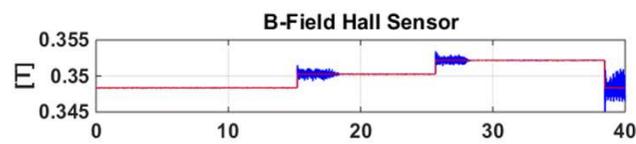
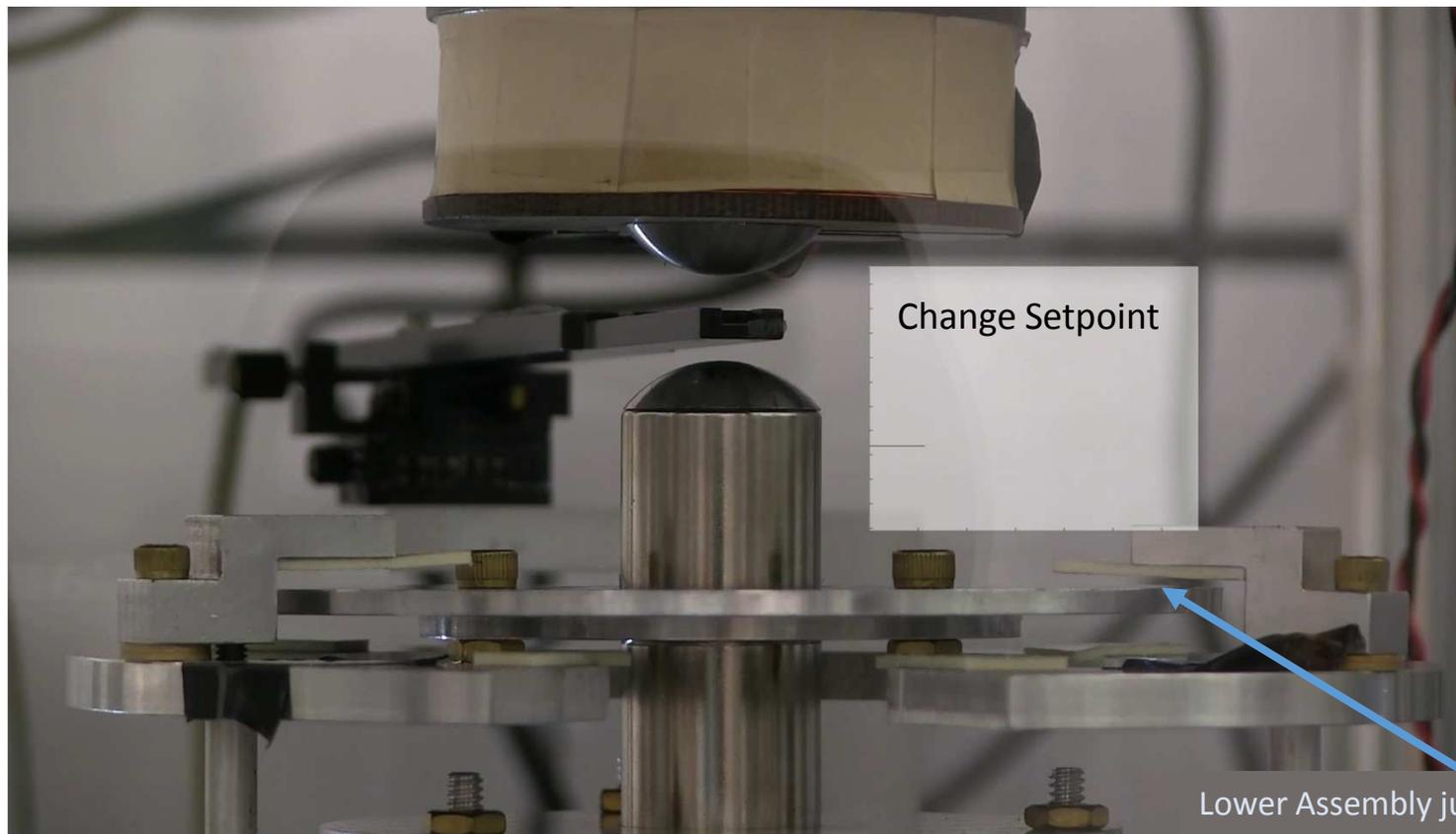
- Tested system using a comparator with a 10 μg readability
- A comparator with a 10 μg readability has been installed
- Final testing underway

Validation of Concept

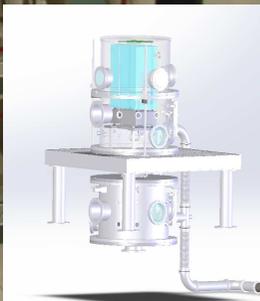
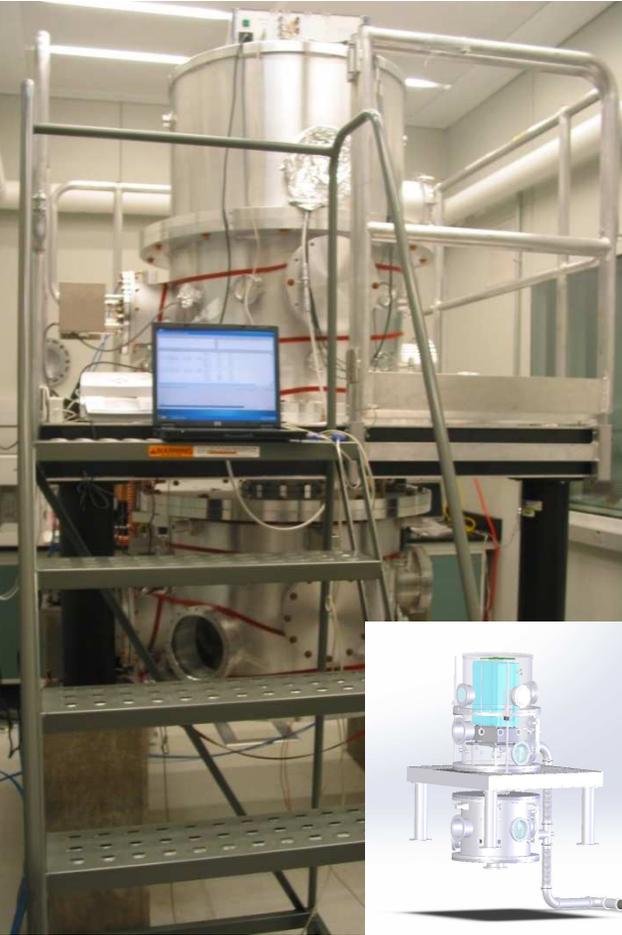
Two masses compared

- From mass calibration $m_1 - m_2 = 1.01 \pm 0.01$ g
- From magnetic mass suspension comparison $m_1 - m_2 = 0.95 \pm 0.13$ g

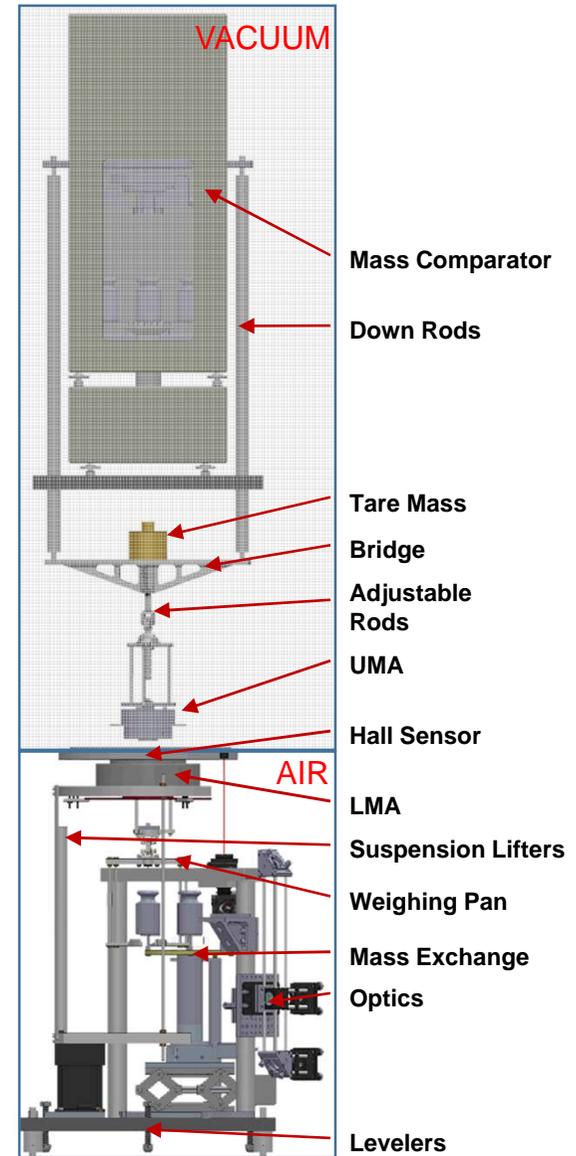
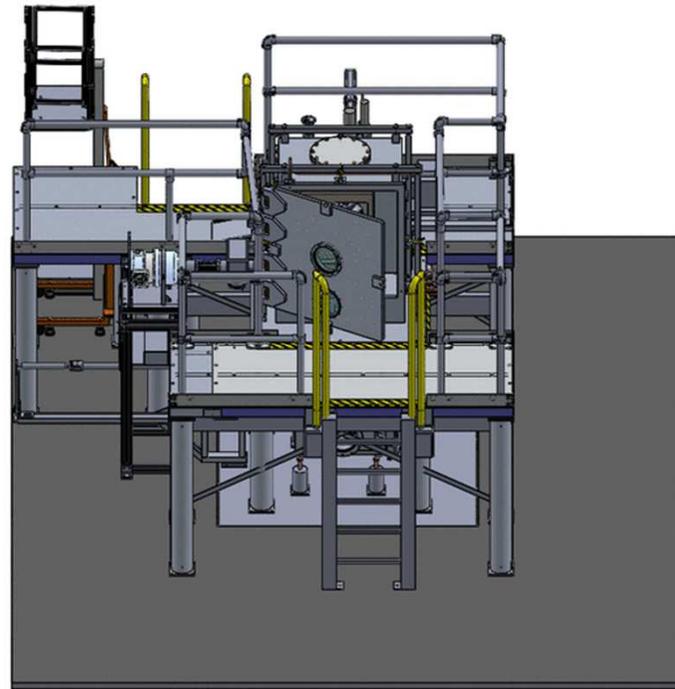
Step Response of Suspend Mass



Magnetic Suspension Mass Comparator



Two Aluminum 6061 Chambers
20+ ports (KF-40,KF-50,ISO-100,...) on each chamber

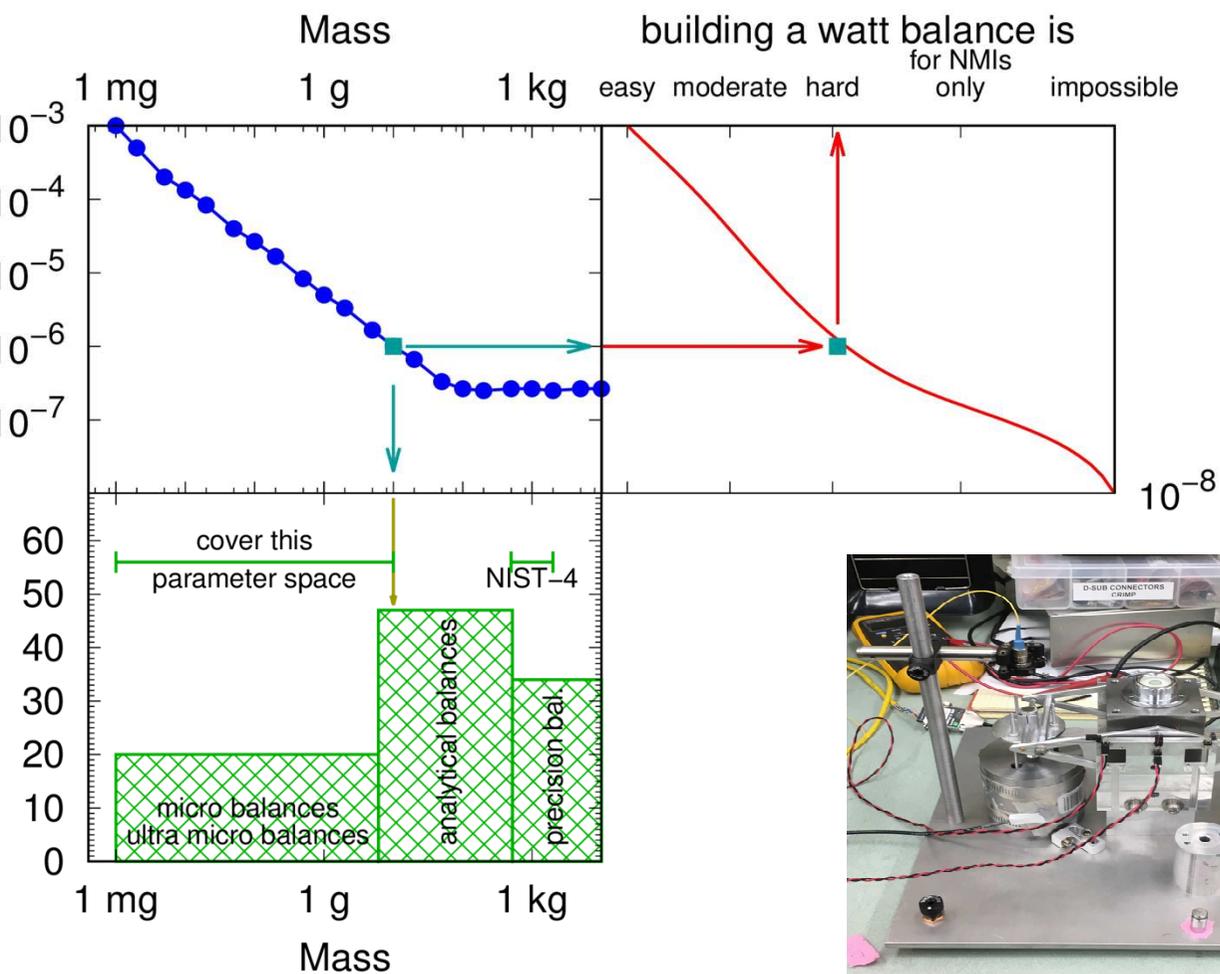


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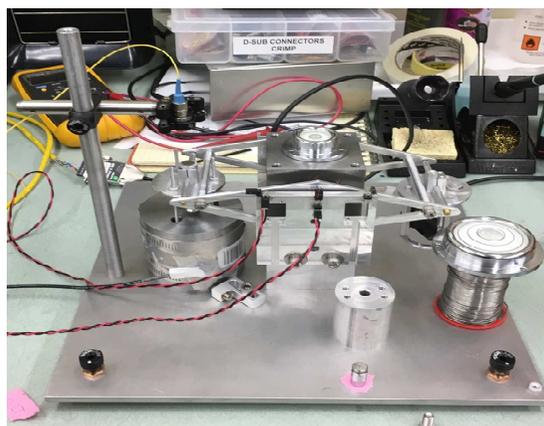
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Redefinition Frees the Mass Scale: Tabletop Watt

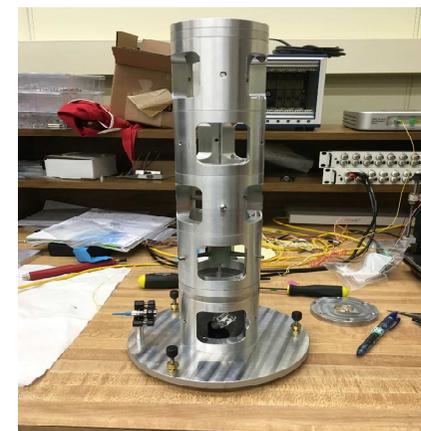


- Building a 1 kg watt balance is involved & expensive
- At 1 g a rel. uncertainty of 10^{-6} can compete with current system
- A tabletop watt balance can be used for calibration at the factory floor or a calibration lab
- Or for realization of the unit of mass at smaller N

Objective: Build a tabletop watt balance for 1 g, 1 p
 <\$50k – two prototypes built at NIST in spring 2016



Prototype Classical
beam balance



Prototype
Seismometer balance

In collaboration
with Luis Pena
Perez from CEM

Status: Tabletop Watt Balance

Challenges and questions (nothing is easy when it costs you!):

AC versus DC metrology

- Prototypes explore low-frequency sinusoidal motion measured using conventional multimeters.
- Could high frequency designs be coupled directly to low cost thermal converter chips?

Traceable velocity measurement

- Built a universal interferometer from catalog components.
- Could entire system be replaced with NIST fiber frequency comb technologies?

Robust data acquisition and control

- Began with NI/Labview, migrated to NI/Labview FPGA based data acquisition with trigger pulse.
- Could dedicated FPGA be the solution for truly low-cost implementation?

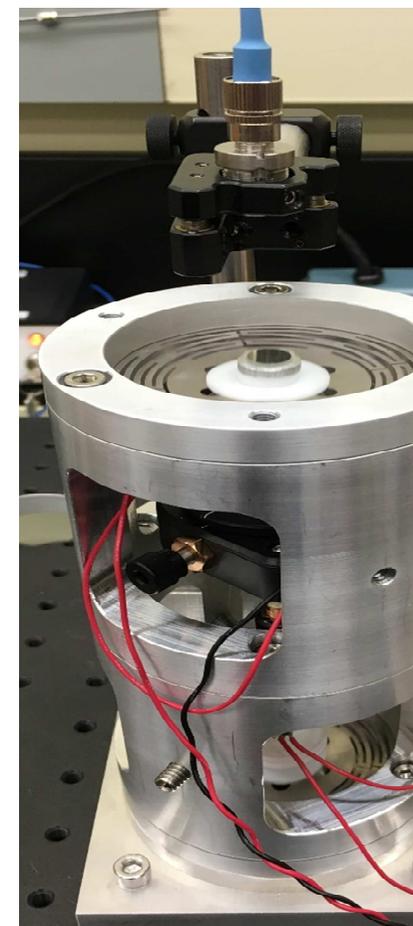
Electromagnetic design

- Moving coil or moving magnet? Built two optimized coil/magnet systems to explore tradeoffs.

3-D Constrained motion to 1 ppm

- Spring or balance suspension? Mechanics is unexpectedly difficult and currently undergoing a revision. Need to minimize off-axis motion. Extent depends on magnet design, but since we hope to relax the constraints on the magnet, anticipate needing vertical motions of millimeters with horizontal motions of nanometers!

Work this summer on a detailed uncertainty budget for the table top watt balance. Prototypes show promising precision: balance design has executed ppm weighing; seismometer design has shown ppm moving mode measurements

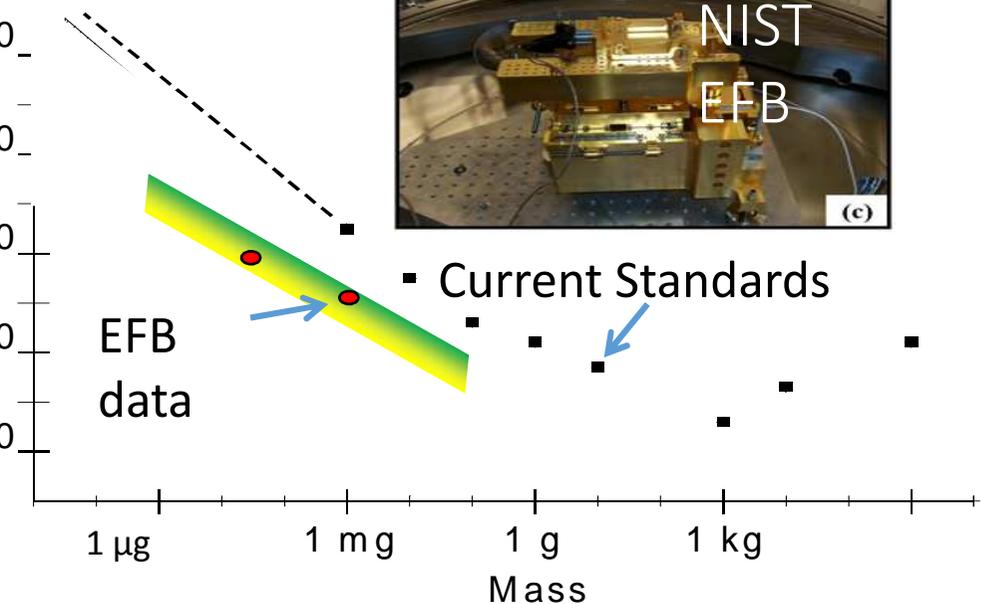
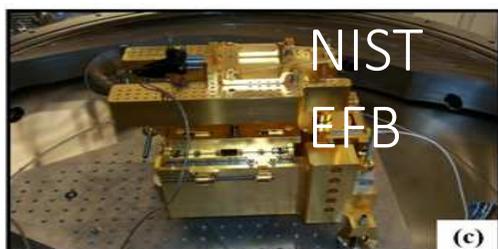


Small Mass and Force Metrology

Mass Calibrations – towards an electronic milligram

Electrostatic Force Balance

$$F = mg = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dC}{dz} \right) V^2$$

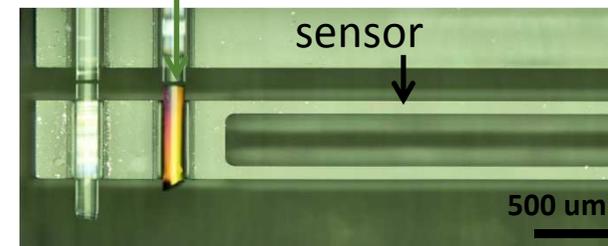
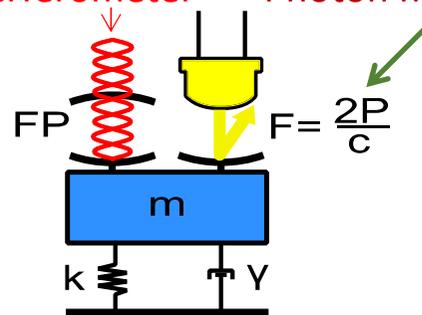


orders of magnitude less uncertainty

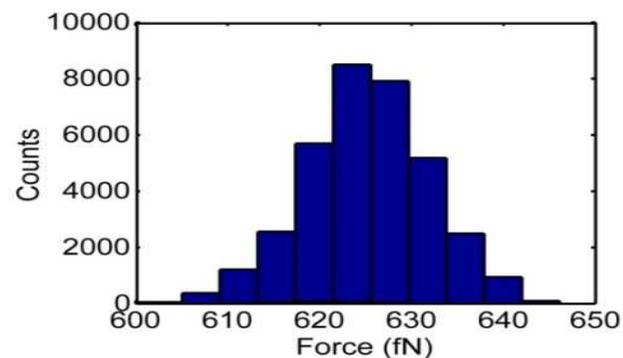
Collaborators: J. Pratt, J. Kramar, A. Koffman, R. Steiner, P. Abbott, Z. ...

Uniting Mass, Force, & Laser Power on Chip

Interferometer Photon momentum exchange force



fN resolution



A self-calibrating optomechanical system links SI mass, force and laser power using frequency.

New cryogenic UHV compatible AFM sensor

Collaborators: J. Taylor, A. Chijoke, F. Guzman, R. Mirin, S. Nam, T. G. ... P. Williams, J. Lehman

Mass from Electrostatic Force Balance

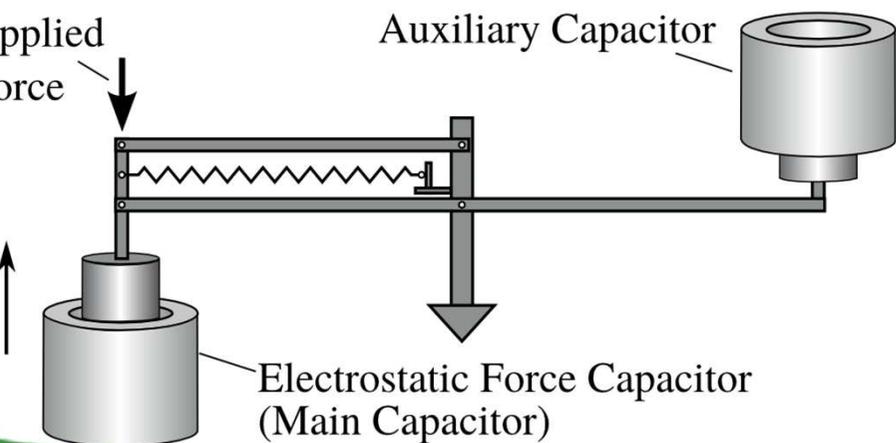
Control balance position with potential across either capacitor

Controlling on Aux. measure capacitance of main vs z

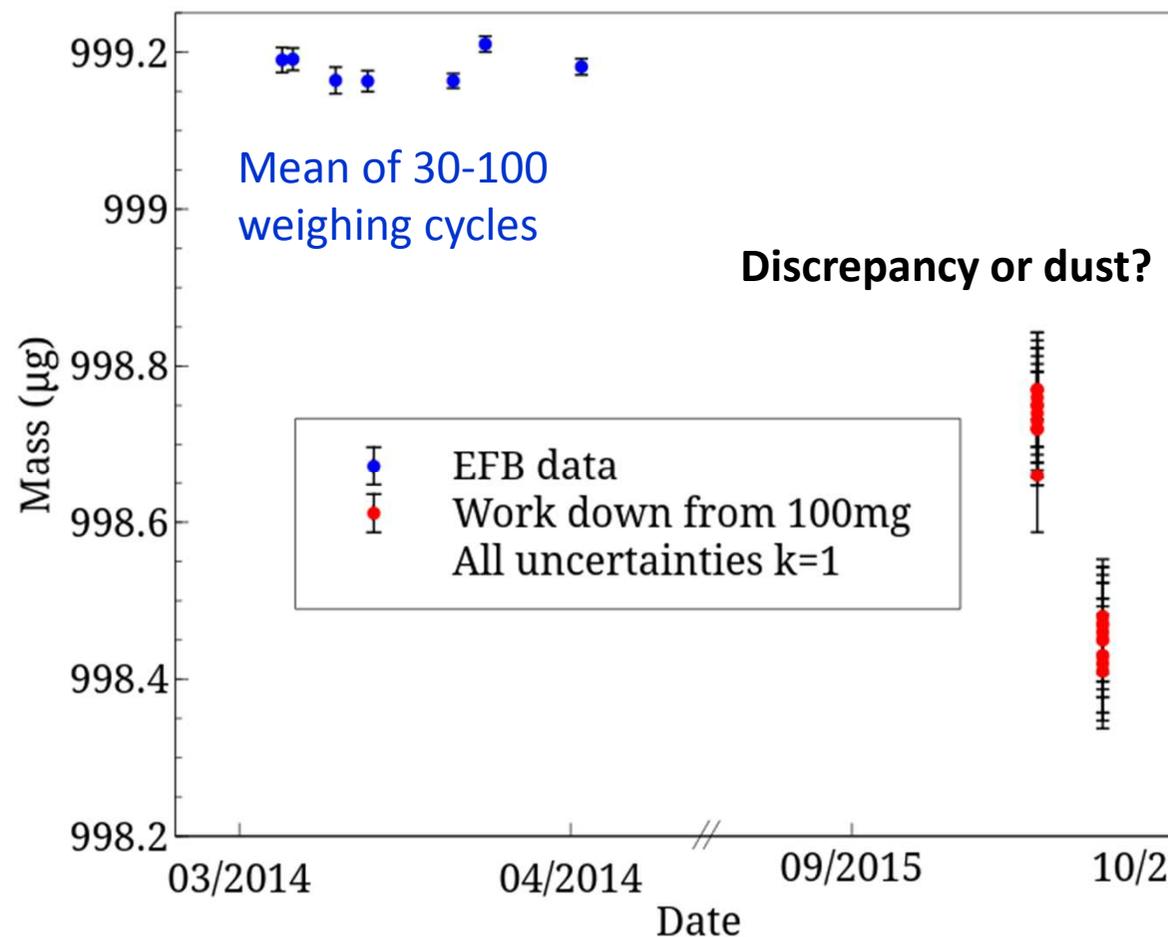
Electrostatic force when controlling on main is

$$F_z = \frac{1}{2} V^2 \frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$$

Perform differential measurement with and without applied force



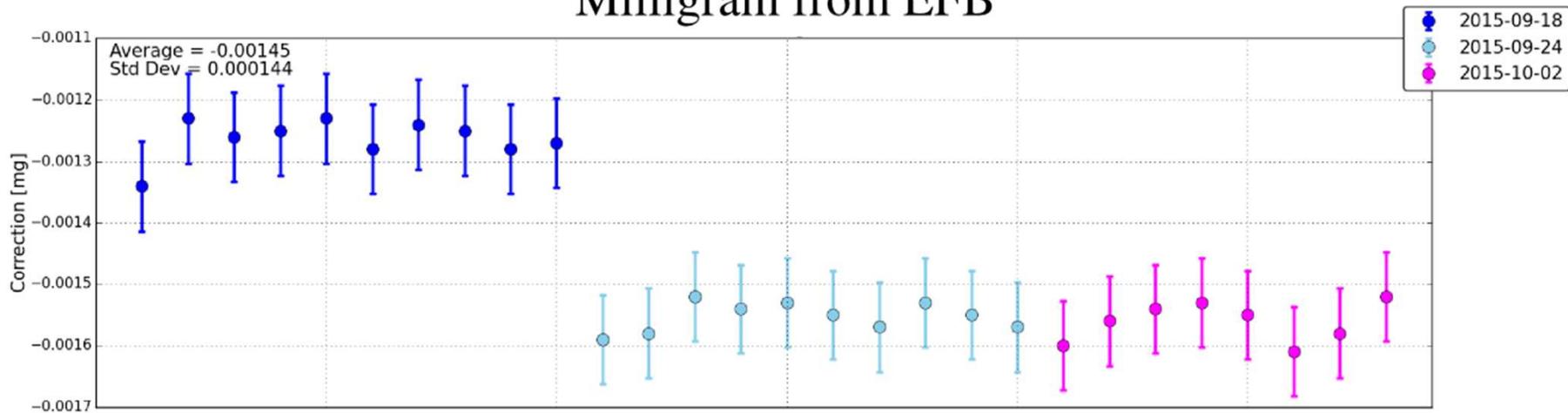
Comparison of 1 mg mass measured by electrostatics and work down from 100 mg



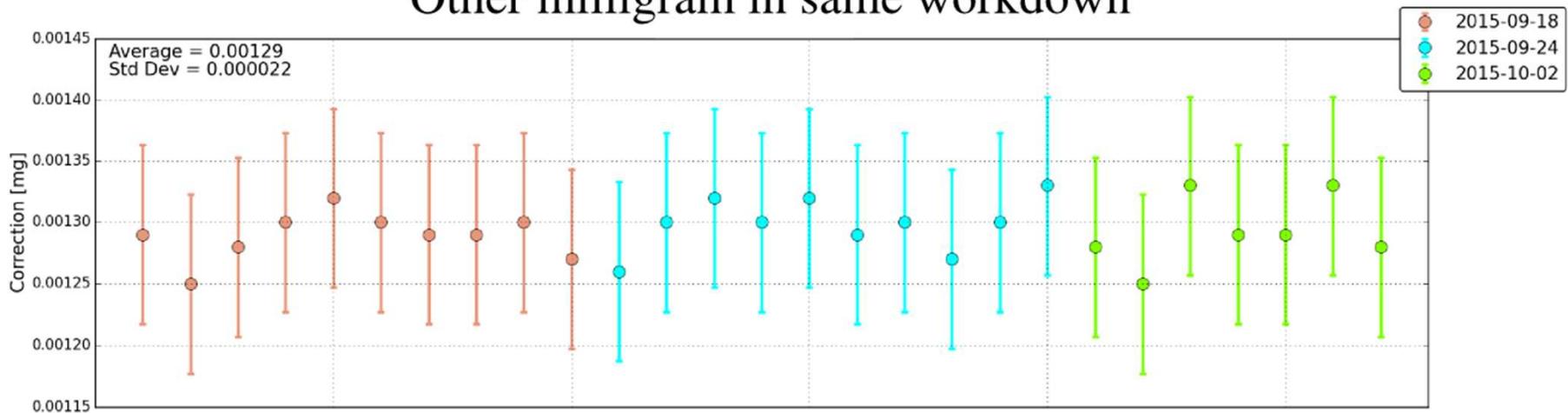
G. Shaw, J. Stirling, A. Moses

Something Clearly Happened

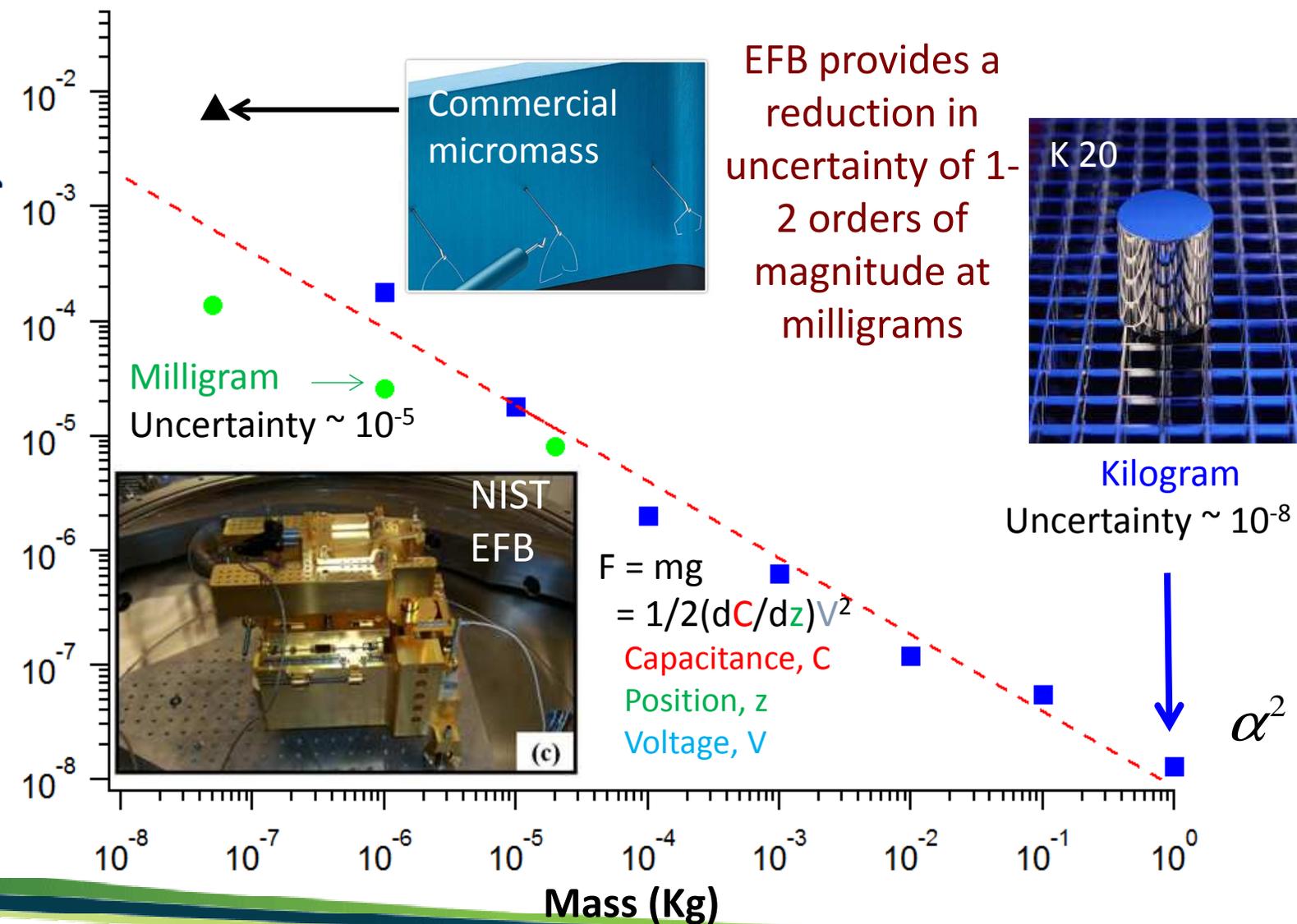
Milligram from EFB



Other milligram in same workdown



Improving Mass from the Bottom Up



EFB provides a reduction in uncertainty of 1-2 orders of magnitude at milligrams

Mass of an atom: Currently atom recoil experiments are used to determine the fine structure constant. These could be inverted to determine mass at the accuracy of the fine structure constant

$$R_\infty = \frac{\alpha^2 m_e c}{2h}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{h}{m_e} = \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{A_r(x)}{A_r(e)}$$

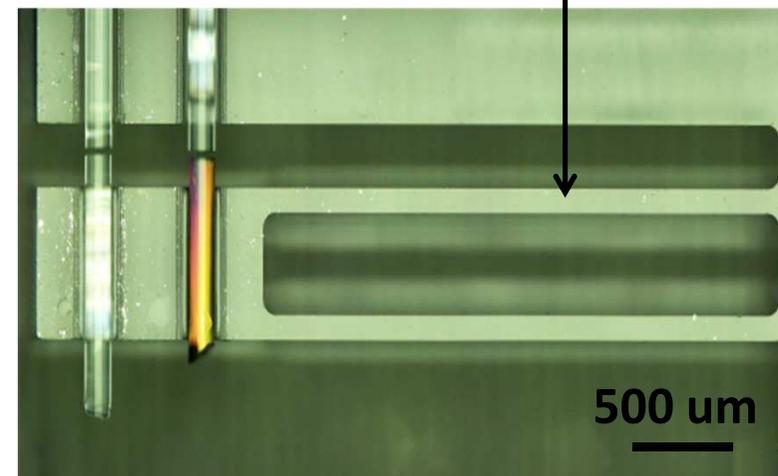
Techniques for Small Masses and Forces

- Optomechanical system can balance mechanical force with photon pressure force
- Integrated interferometer and calibrated light source
- Optical power standards provide low uncertainty for small force measurements
 - Scales down to the single photon level
 - Femtonewton resolution
- Calibration of atomic force microscopy

**Fabry-Perot
Interferometer
(for displacement)**

**Superluminescent diode
(for photon momentum force)**

**Flexure Stage
(for mass and restoring force)**



See: J. Melcher, et al., "A self-calibrating optomechanical force sensor with femtonewton resolution," *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **105**, 233109 (2014); <http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/1.4903801>

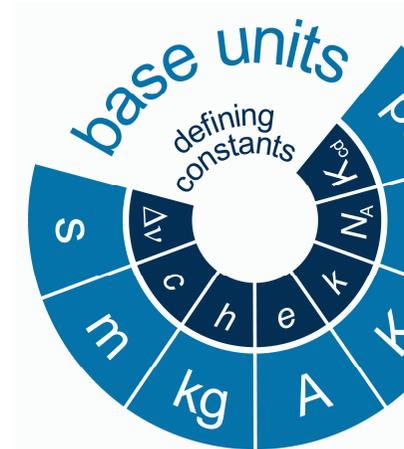
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Comparing the Current and New SI

Current SI		New "Quantum" SI	
Base quantity	Base unit	Base quantity	Defining Constant
Time	second (s)	Frequency	$\Delta\nu(^{133}\text{Cs})_{\text{hfs}}$
Length	meter (m)	Velocity	c
Mass	kilogram (kg)	Action	h
Electrical Current	ampere (A)	Electric Charge	e
Therm. Temperature	kelvin (K)	Heat Capacity	k
Amount of Substance	mole (mol)	Amt of Substance	N_A
Luminous intensity	candela (cd)	Luminous intensity	K_{cd}



From: D. Newell, "A more fundamental International System of Units," *Physics Today* **67(7)**, July 2014.

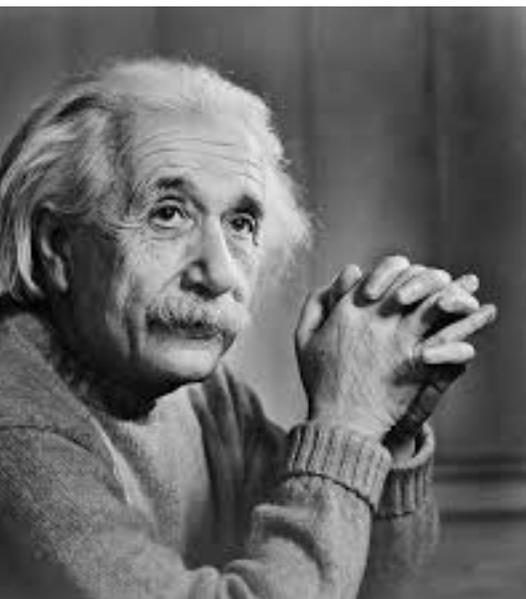
What is the future of the “Quantum SI”

- Time will get redefined but even if redefined in terms of the Rydberg constant – the structure of the “Quantum SI” remains the same
- Candela (maybe lumen) will eventually get redefined but won't change the structure of the “Quantum SI”
- So what is the limit of the “Quantum SI”?
 - It is based on the Standard Model which fails in several know ways – dark matter, dark energy, neutrino mass, ...
 - Thus at some level of accuracy the Quantum SI will fail or change with time

→ Need to explore the limits of the standard model

→ Also, as clock approach an accuracy of 10^{-19} , they become environmental sensors! Is the end of metrology visible?

Einstein was not always right



MAY 15, 1935

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Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*

(Received March 25, 1935)

In a complete theory there is an element corresponding to each element of reality. A sufficient condition for the reality of a physical quantity is the possibility of predicting it with certainty, without disturbing the system. In quantum mechanics in the case of two physical quantities described by non-commuting operators, the knowledge of one precludes the knowledge of the other. Then either (1) the description of reality given by the wave function in

quantum mechanics is not complete or (2) these two quantities cannot have simultaneous reality. Consideration of the problem of making predictions concerning a system on the basis of measurements made on another system that had previously interacted with it leads to the result that if (1) is false then (2) is also false. One is thus led to conclude that the description of reality as given by a wave function is not complete.

W. Pauli - "Einstein has once again expressed himself publicly on quantum mechanics, indeed in the 15 May issue of *Physical Review*. As is well known, every time this happens it is a catastrophe."

First Hints of Quantum Information



“When we get to the very, very small world---say circuits of seven atoms---we have a lot of new things that would happen that represent *completely new opportunities* for design. Atoms on a small scale behave like nothing on a large scale, for they satisfy the laws of quantum mechanics. So, as we go down and fiddle around with the atoms down there, we are working with different laws, and *we can expect to do different things*. We can manufacture in different ways. We can use, not just circuits, but some system involving the quantized energy levels, or the interactions of quantized spins, etc.” – **Richard P. Feynman**, *“Plenty of Room at the Bottom”*, December 1959

What is Quantum Information?

Quantum computation and quantum information is the study of the information processing tasks that can be accomplished using quantum mechanical systems.” – M. Nielsen & I. Chuang, *“Quantum Computation and Quantum Information”*

Quantum information science (QIS) is the fundamental research, applied research, and technology development that are associated with the physical and computational limits that quantum mechanics places on simple quantum information systems and the emergent behavior stemming from attempts to control or manipulate complex quantum information systems.

Why Care about QIS

- It tells me how nature computes
- It tells me what is possible
- It is helping to provide insight into quantum many-body problems
- All of these provide insight into what is possible for metrology!

“Entanglement is a uniquely quantum mechanical resource that plays a key role in many of the interesting applications of quantum computation and quantum information; entanglement is to iron to the classical world’s bronze age. In recent year there has been a tremendous effort to better understand the properties of entanglement considered a fundamental resource of Nature, of comparable importance to energy, information, entropy, or any other fundamental resource.”

– **M. Nielsen and I. Chuang; *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information***

The Power of Quantum Computation



Peter Shor (AT&T, 1994):

In principle, with a quantum computer (assuming one can be built), one can factor an N-digit number in $\sim N^3$ steps ...

First quantum algorithm to tackle an important problem that is classically **computationally hard*** – i.e. grows exponentially in the length of an input string

Our understanding of QC and QI is providing constraints on theories beyond the standard model and informing us on what the quantum world allows

***This is a problem that belongs in NP (hard to factor but solution verifiable in polynomial time)! Not in NP-Complete**

Shor's Factoring Algorithm and Shor's Dilemma

her:

1. The Extended Church-Turing Thesis is false,
2. Textbook quantum mechanics is false, or
3. There's an efficient classical factoring algorithm.

All three seem like crackpot speculations.

At least one of them is true!

“In my view, this is why everyone should care about quantum computing, whether or not quantum factoring machines are ever built” -- Scott Aaronson



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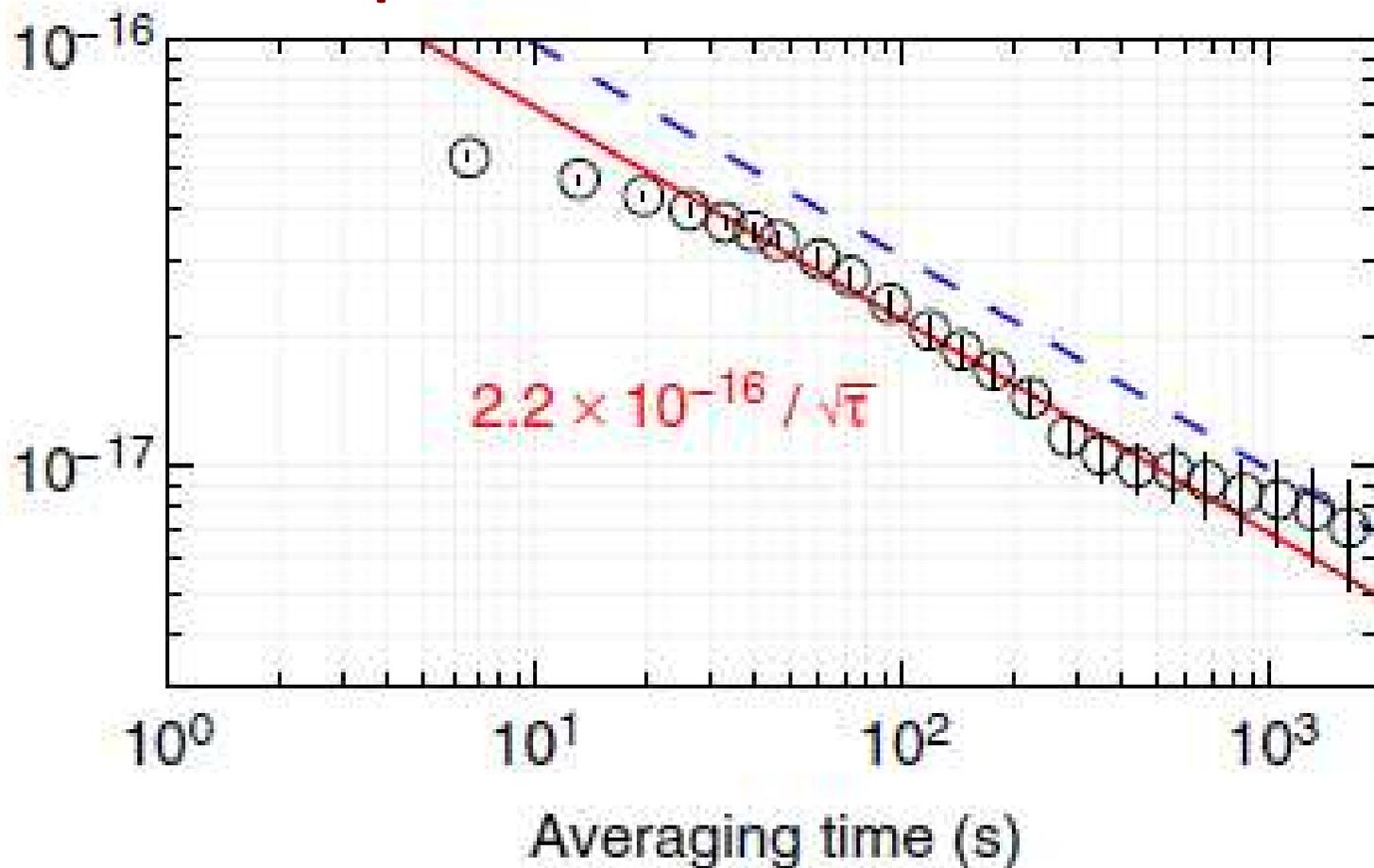
- We will test the standard model
- Clocks will become increasingly environmental sensors – geodesy, time variation of the fine structure, gravity gradiometry, gravitational wave detectors
- Good metrology – near NMI quality – will become more ubiquitous
- Dynamic metrology will become more relevant

Optical Clock Frequency Stability

Sr optical lattice clock results: J. Ye

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Total deviation



$\sim 1 \times 10^{-16}$ at 5 seconds
for Sr lattice clock

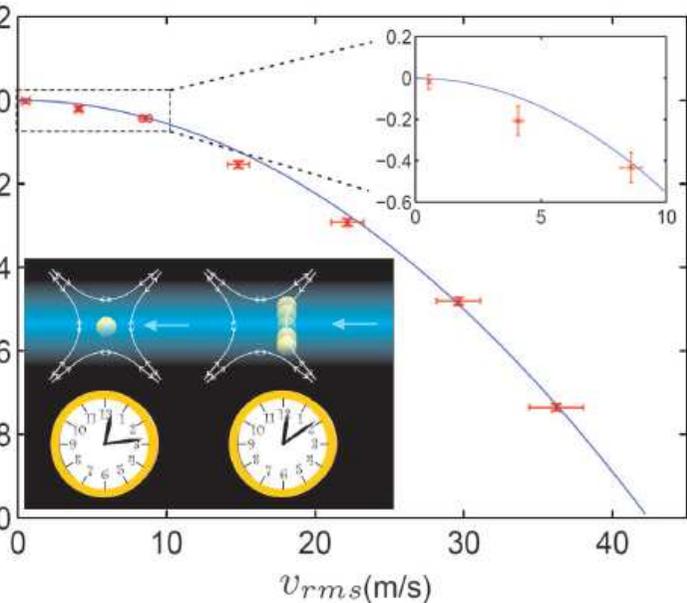
vs.

$\sim 1 \times 10^{-16}$ at 10^6
seconds for NIST-F2

Clocks and Relativity

Time dilation (special relativity)

Science 329, 11630, 2010



relativistic time dilation at familiar speeds (10 m/s = 36 km/hour ≈ 22.4 miles/hour). (Lower left) An Al^+ ion in one of the twin clocks is displaced from the null of the confining RF quadrupole field lines, it undergoes harmonic motion and experiences relativistic time dilation. In the figure, the motion is approximately perpendicular to the probe laser beam (indicated by the blue arrow). The Al^+ ion clock in motion advances at a rate that is slower than its rate at rest. In the figure, the fractional frequency difference between the moving clock and the stationary clock is plotted versus the root mean square (v_{rms}) of the moving clock. The solid curve represents the theoretical prediction. (Upper right inset) A close-up of the results for $v_{rms} < 10$ m/s in the dashed box. The vertical error bars represent statistical uncertainties, and the horizontal ones cover the spread of measured values for the applied electric fields.

$$T = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \approx T_0 \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{2c^2}\right)$$

$v \ll c$

$$T = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}}} \approx T_0 \left(1 + \frac{GM}{Rc^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{2GM}{R} \ll c^2$$

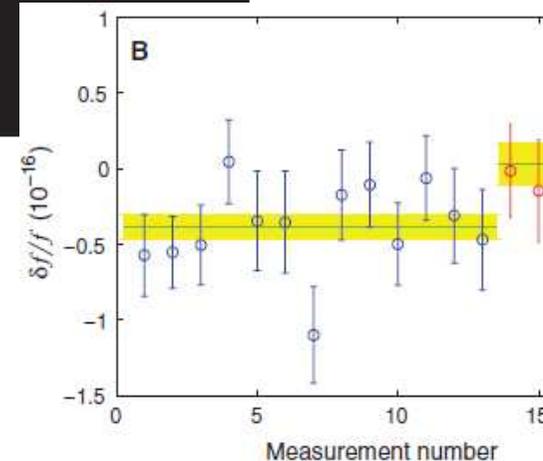
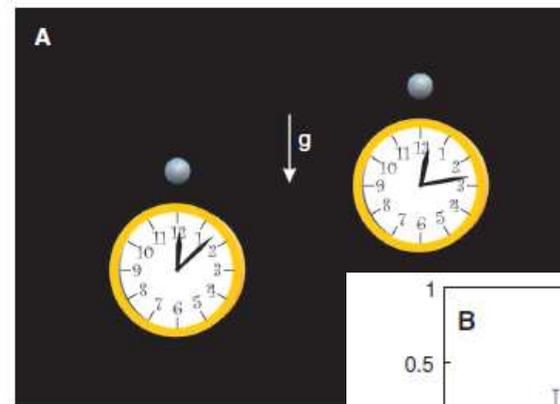


Fig. 3. Gravitational time dilation at the scale of daily life. (A) As one of the clocks is raised, its rate increases when compared to the clock rate at deeper gravitational potential. (B) The fractional difference in frequency between two Al^+ optical clocks at different heights. The $Al-Mg$ clock was initially 17 cm lower in height than the $Al-Be$ clock, and subsequently, starting at data point 14, elevated by 33 cm. The net relative shift due to the increase in height is measured to be $(4.1 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-17}$. The vertical error bars represent statistical uncertainties (reduced $\chi^2 = 0.87$). Green lines and yellow shaded bands indicate, respectively, the averages and statistical uncertainties for the first 13 data points (blue symbols) and the remaining 5 data points (red symbols). Each data point represents about 8000 s of clock-comparison data.

Gravitational time dilation (general relativity)

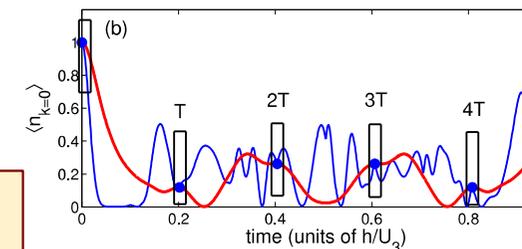
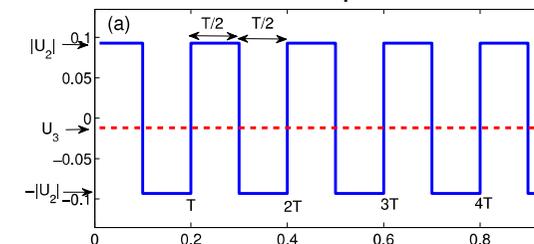
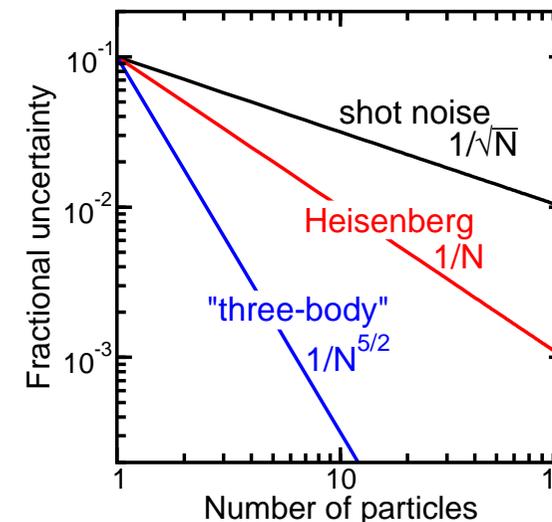
Entanglement Enhanced Measurements

How does measurement uncertainty scale with atom number?

- For an atomic clock with N atoms
 - Independent atoms gives shot-noise limit
 - Entanglement leads to Heisenberg limit
- Applying a *stroboscopic* protocol for three-body interactions with scaling of $1/N^{5/2}$
 - Alternate between attractive/repulsive pairwise interactions, thereby undoing two-body effects, and leaving the weak three-body interactions.

This is similar to dynamical decoupling in NMR experiments!

V Mahmud *et al.*, *New J. Phys.* **16**, 103009 (2014) and *Phys. Rev. A* **90**, 041602(R) (2014)



Quantum Many-body Optical Lattice Clock

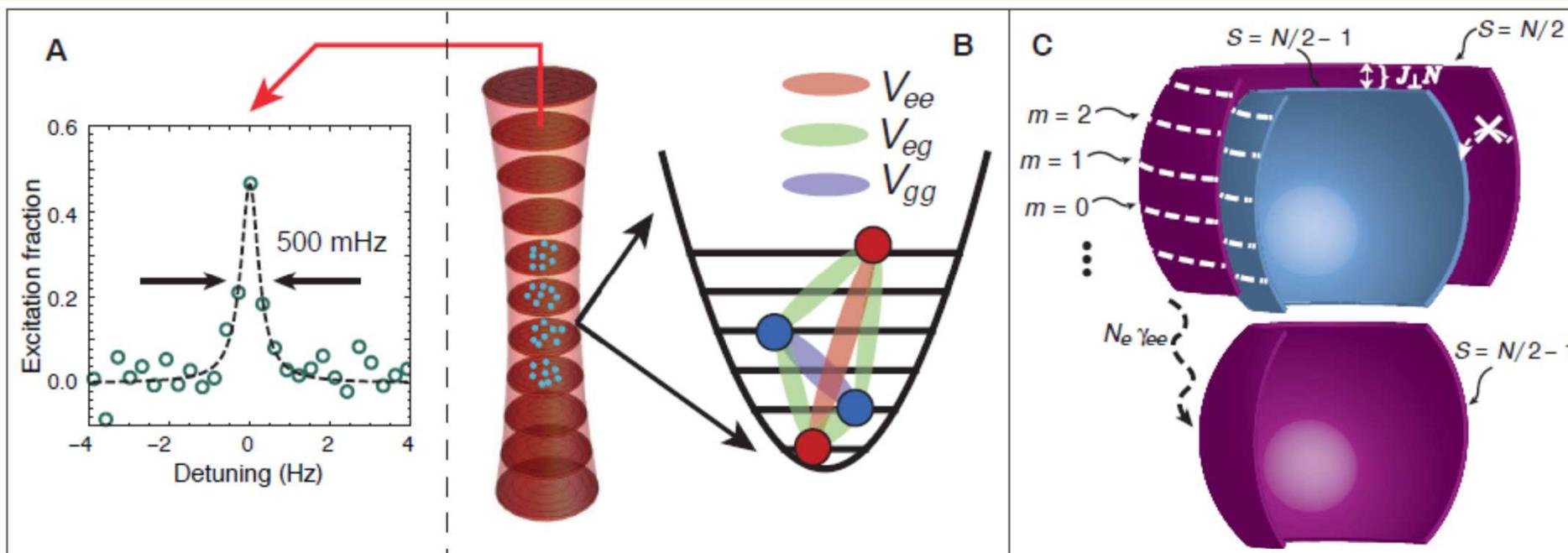


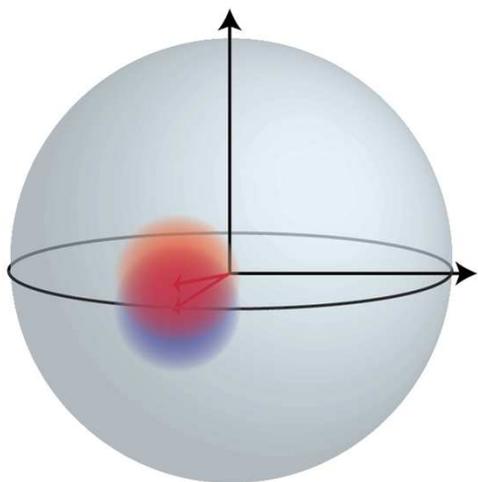
Fig. 1. Diagram of the interacting many-body system. (A) Spectroscopy of the ^{87}Sr clock transition in a 1D optical lattice, showing 500-mHz spectral resolution. The density is more than an order of magnitude lower than the typical operating condition. (B) Several hundred sites of the 1D vertical optical lattice are substantially occupied during the experiment. The average lattice occupancy is 20 atoms for the peak total atom number. Interactions between atoms are parametrized by the spin-dependent interaction parameters, $V_{gg} \propto b_{gg}^3$ (blue), $V_{eg} \propto b_{eg}^3$ (green), and $V_{ee} \propto b_{ee}^3$ (pink), with b^3 being the

p -wave scattering volumes (22). (C) The many-body Hamiltonian has eigenstates comprising maximally symmetric superpositions (Dicke states, for which $S = N/2$) of electronic ground and excited states (purple shells). Slight inhomogeneities in the coupling strengths allow the maximally symmetric manifold to be coupled to the next lowest manifold with $S = N/2 - 1$ (nested blue shell), but this coupling is prevented by an energy gap resulting from the $J_{\perp}^2 \cdot \vec{S}_{\perp}^2$ term in the Hamiltonian. Two-body inelastic losses connect maximally symmetric manifolds of $S \rightarrow S - 1$ and thus are not a strong decoherence mechanism.

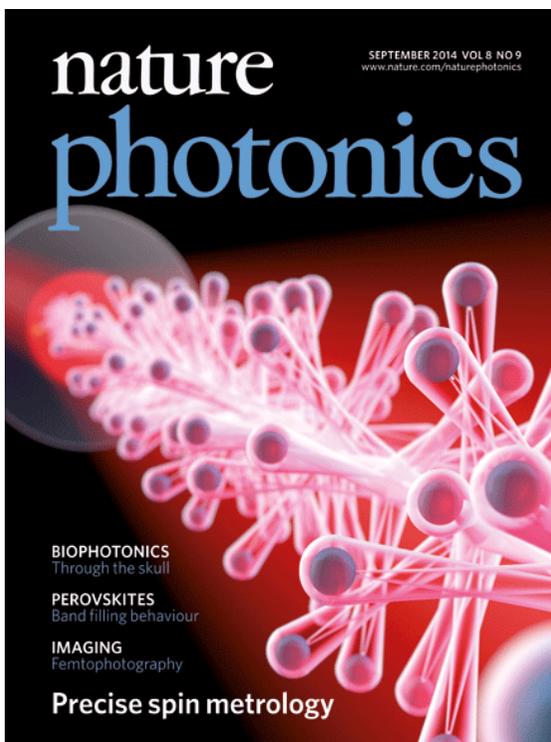
Science 341, 632 (2013); *Nature* 506, 71, 2014

Entanglement-Enhanced Quantum Measurements

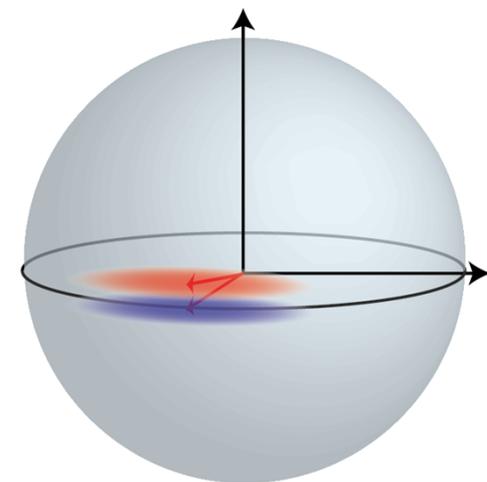
Quantum noise smears out the resolution of quantum sensors, limiting the precision of the information that can be extracted.



Cavity-based measurements forge entanglement or quantum links between a million atoms.



The entanglement squeezes quantum noise, enhancing the precision of the information that can be extracted by a factor



Technique directly applicable to improving state-of-the-art optical lattice clocks and inertial sensors.

Bohnet; et al., *Nature Photonics* **8**, 731-736 (2014)

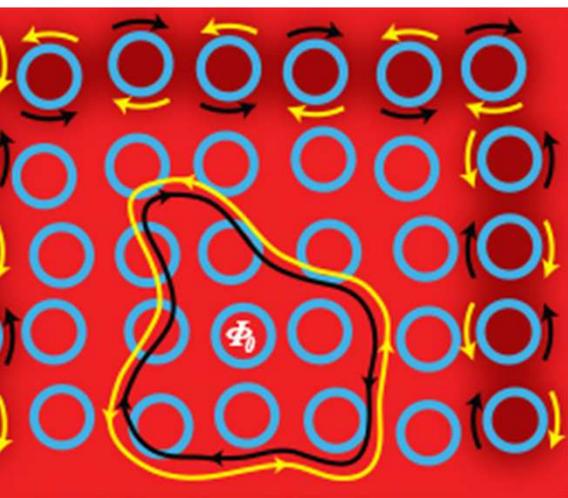
Photonic QHR and Edge State

Photonic chip with ring resonators

Fabrication defects

Resonator frequency shifts

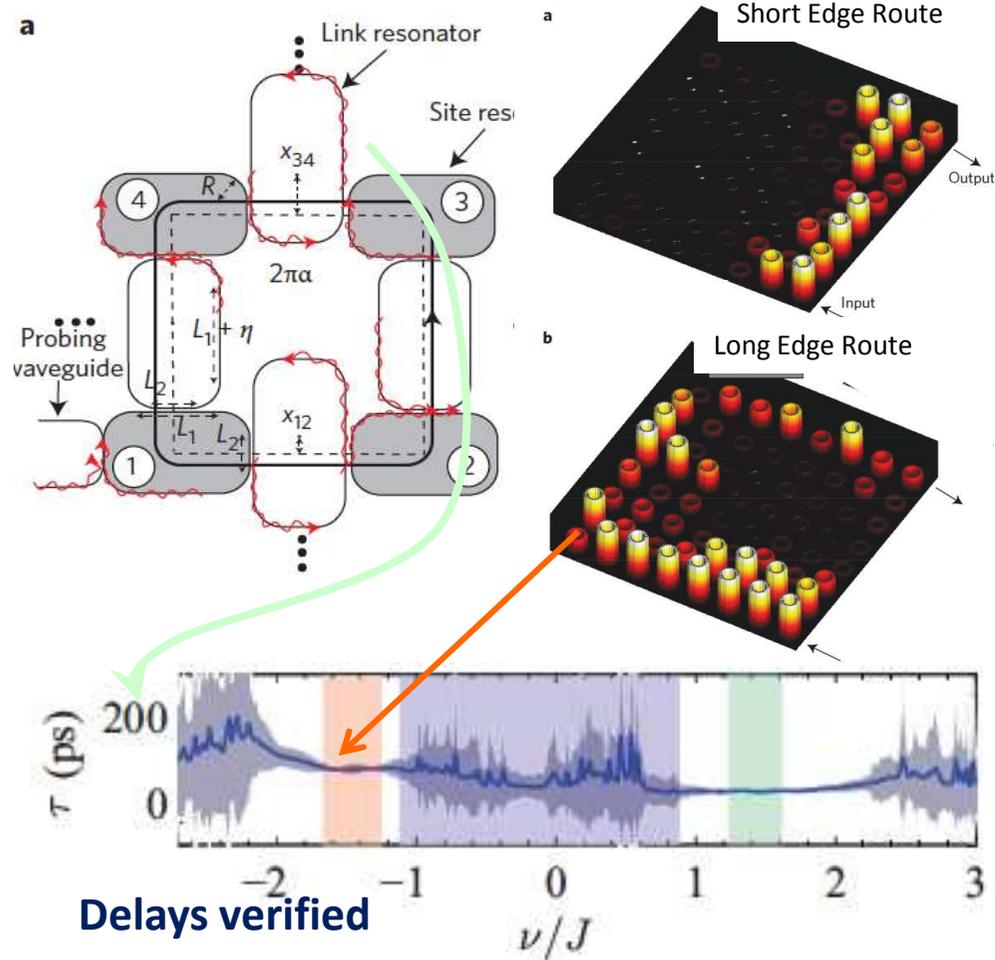
Results: high loss, high scatter, & low transmittance



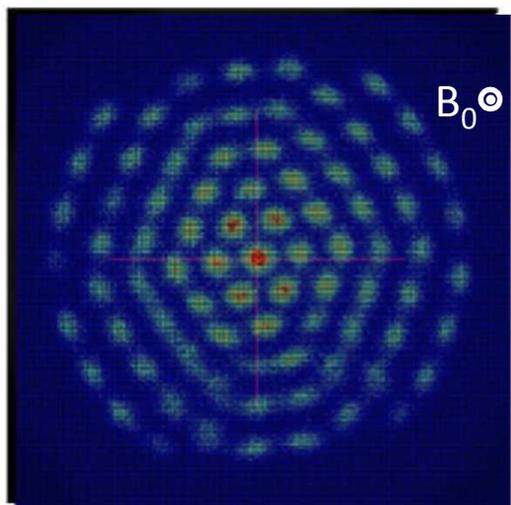
Topology to the rescue:

- Resonator pattern yields “synthetic magnetic field”
- Scattering is suppressed
- Light travels along the edge
- Transport is robust to defects

S. Mittal, *et al.*; Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 087403 (2014)

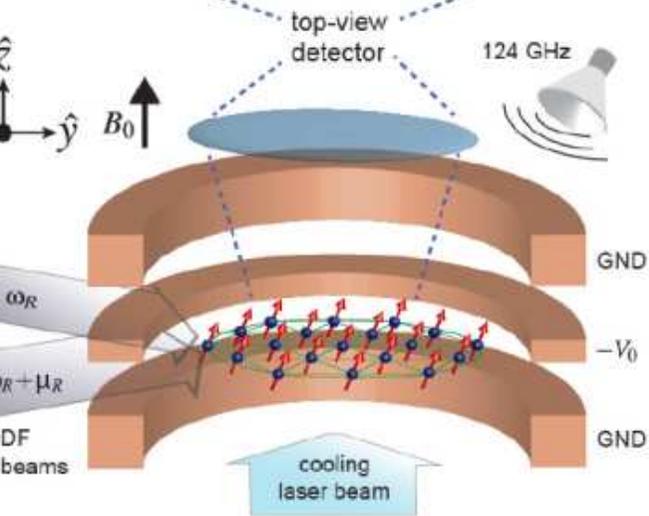


Simulating spin-spin interactions



$$H = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i < j} J_{i,j} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z + B_x \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

2-d arrays of hundreds of ions formed and controlled in a Penning trap; provides platform for simulation of quantum magnetism with a number of spins that is intractable on a conventional computer



Synthesized transverse Ising model; benchmark with mean field theory -J. Britton et al., Nature 484, 2012

New trap, which increases spin-spin coupling by 50, is fabricated and operational.

Larger couplings (>1 kHz) should enable simulation of non-equilibrium processes that can not be simulated on a conventional computer



Time Variation of Fine Structure Constant

Possible temporal variation in fundamental constants

Fine structure constant

$$\alpha = e^2 / 4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c$$

over $\sim 10^{10}$ years from quasar observations

$$\frac{\Delta\alpha}{\alpha} = -0.72 \pm 0.18 \times 10^{-5}$$

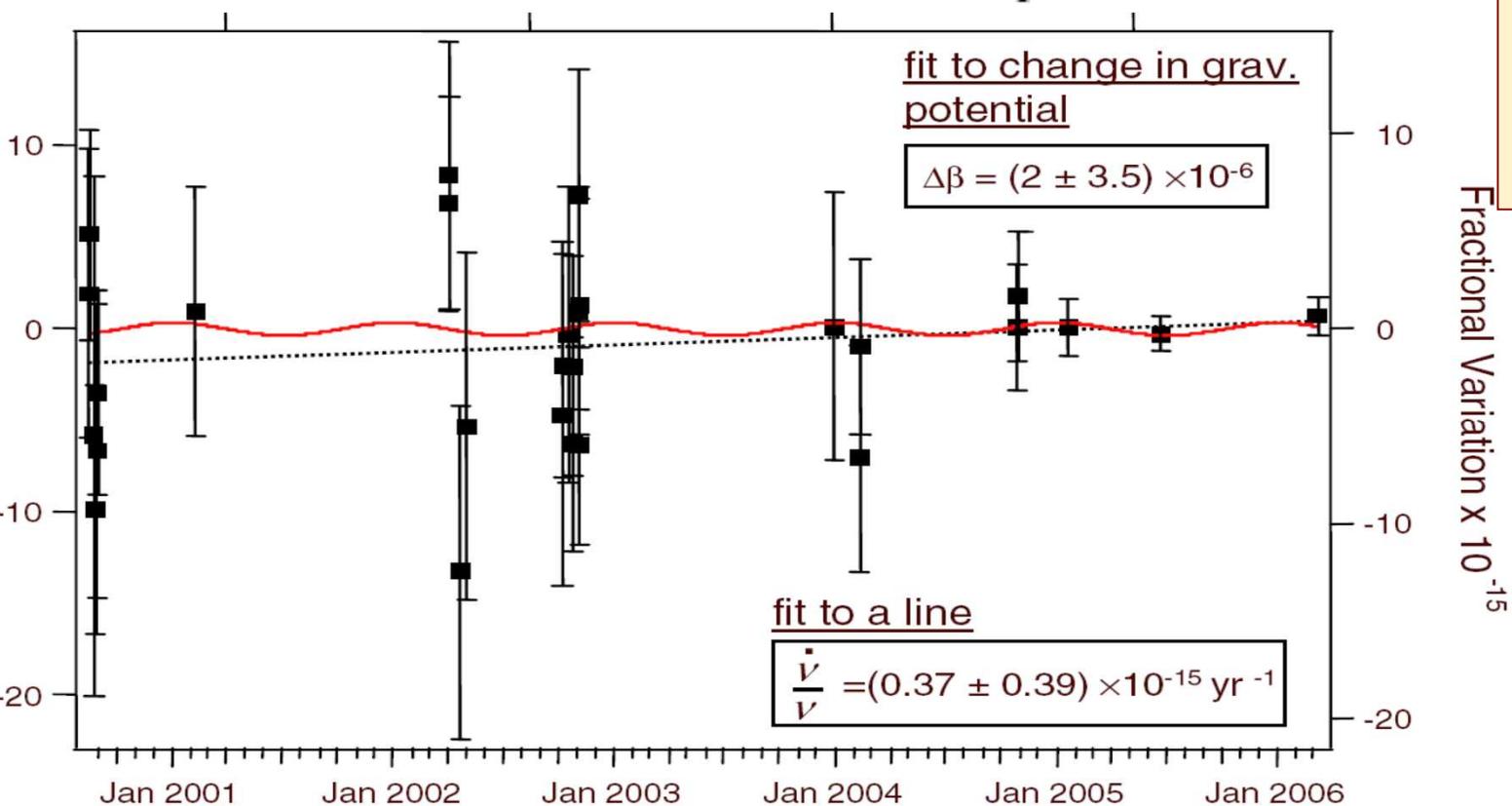
Possible $\Delta\alpha/\alpha \sim 10^{-15}/\text{year}$



J. K. Webb *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **87**, 091301 (2001)

Time Variation of Fine Structure Constant

$$\nu_{\text{Cs}}/\nu_{\text{Hg}} \sim g_{\text{Cs}}(m_e/m_p)\alpha^{6.0}$$



Comparing cesium, mercury ion, aluminum ion atomic clocks over several years

$$\left| \frac{\Delta\alpha}{\alpha} \right| < 1.6 \times 10^{-17}$$

Outline

- Problems with the Current SI
- Brief Review of the Redefinition of the SI
- Primary Realization of the Definition of the Kilogram in the new SI
- The *Mise-en-pratique* of the Kilogram at NIST
- Small Mass Realization and Metrology at NIST
- The “Quantum SI,” Quantum Information, and the Standard Model
- Future Metrology
- Ubiquitous embedded measurements

Disclaimer: This talk is very “NIST-centric”

Embedded Standards

Develop SI-traceable measurements and physical standards that are:

Deployable in a factory, lab, device, system, home, anywhere...

Usable: Small size (usually), low power consumption, rugged, easily integrated and operated

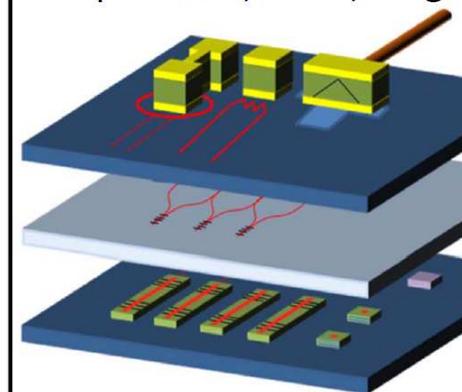
Flexible: Provide a range of SI-traceable measurements and standards (often quantum-based) relevant to the customer's needs / applications

- One, few, or many measurements from a single small form package

Manufacturable:

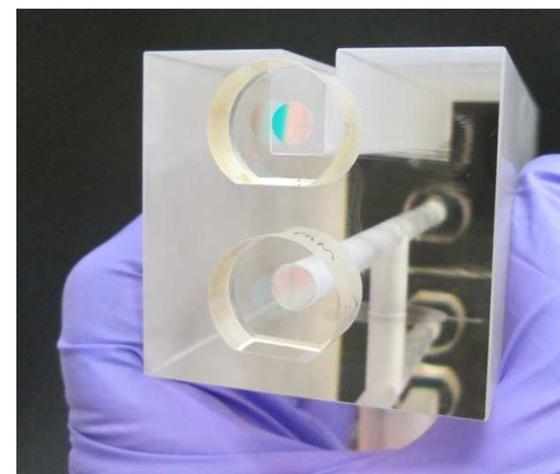
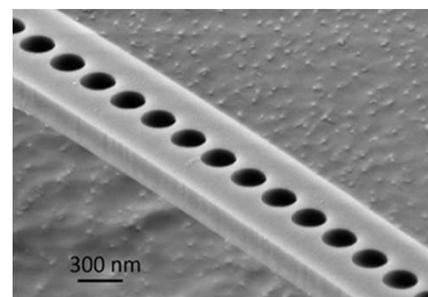
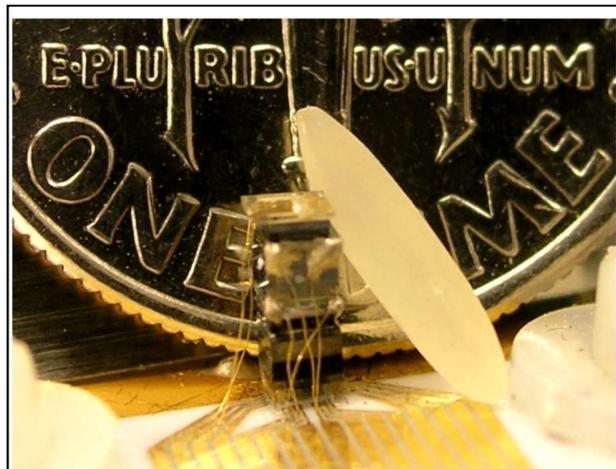
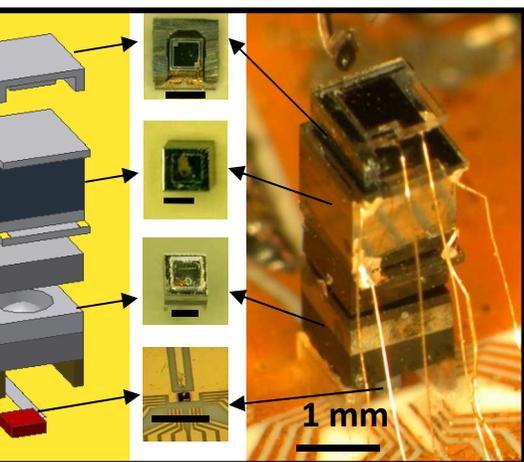
- Potential for production costs commensurate with the applications
- Low cost for broad deployment; or
- Acceptable cost for high-value applications
- Enabled by multiple technologies: micro-combs, stable lasers, ...

Time, electrical, magnetic,
temperature, force, length



Physical, chemical,
material, biological, etc.

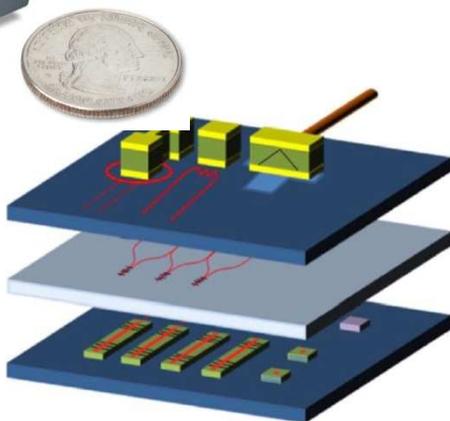
Embedded Standards and Sensors



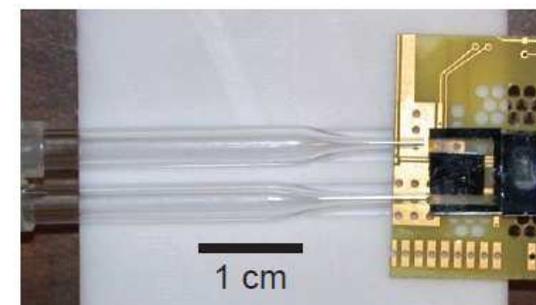
Fixed Length Optical Cavity (



Symmetricom (now Microsemi):
First commercial CSAC – $\Delta f/f \sim 10^{-11}$



- Chip-scale atomic clock
- Chip-scale atomic magnetometer
- Ultraminiature gyroscope
- Future atom-based sensors
- Temperature and pressure sensors

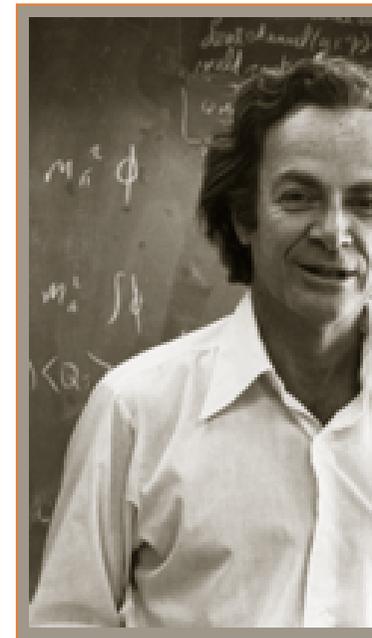


Zero-field NMR for
“remote” chemical analysis
and zero-field MRI.

The 2nd Quantum Revolution

We are witnessing the second quantum revolution where technology
Will use the weird properties of quantum mechanics
Will exploit how nature works at the quantum level

.. and if you want to make a simulation of Nature, you'd better
make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem,
because it doesn't look so easy." -- **Richard P. Feynman**, "*Simulating
Physics with Computers*", May 1981



In the 20th Century only atomic clocks used the strange aspects of QM (GPS)
Now chip scale atomic clocks are available
Related technologies include exquisitely sensitive magnetometers,
accelerometers, gravimeters are coming
NV centers may be lead to unimaginable magnetic imaging systems

Thank you!

Any questions?

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