

Light, atoms, time

Varenna, July 6th, 2019

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Quantum revolutions

We can not yet foresee the consequences that, in the scientific thought of tomorrow, the Heisenberg principle and to which technical results the statistical interpretation of mechanics can lead us ...



Gustavo Colonnetti,
President of CNR

Italian Constitution, 1947

Article 9: The Republic promotes the development of culture and scientific and technical research. Protects the landscape and the historical and artistic heritage of the nation.



Varenna (lake Como) 1954

I. Rabi
Nobel Prize 1944



1955

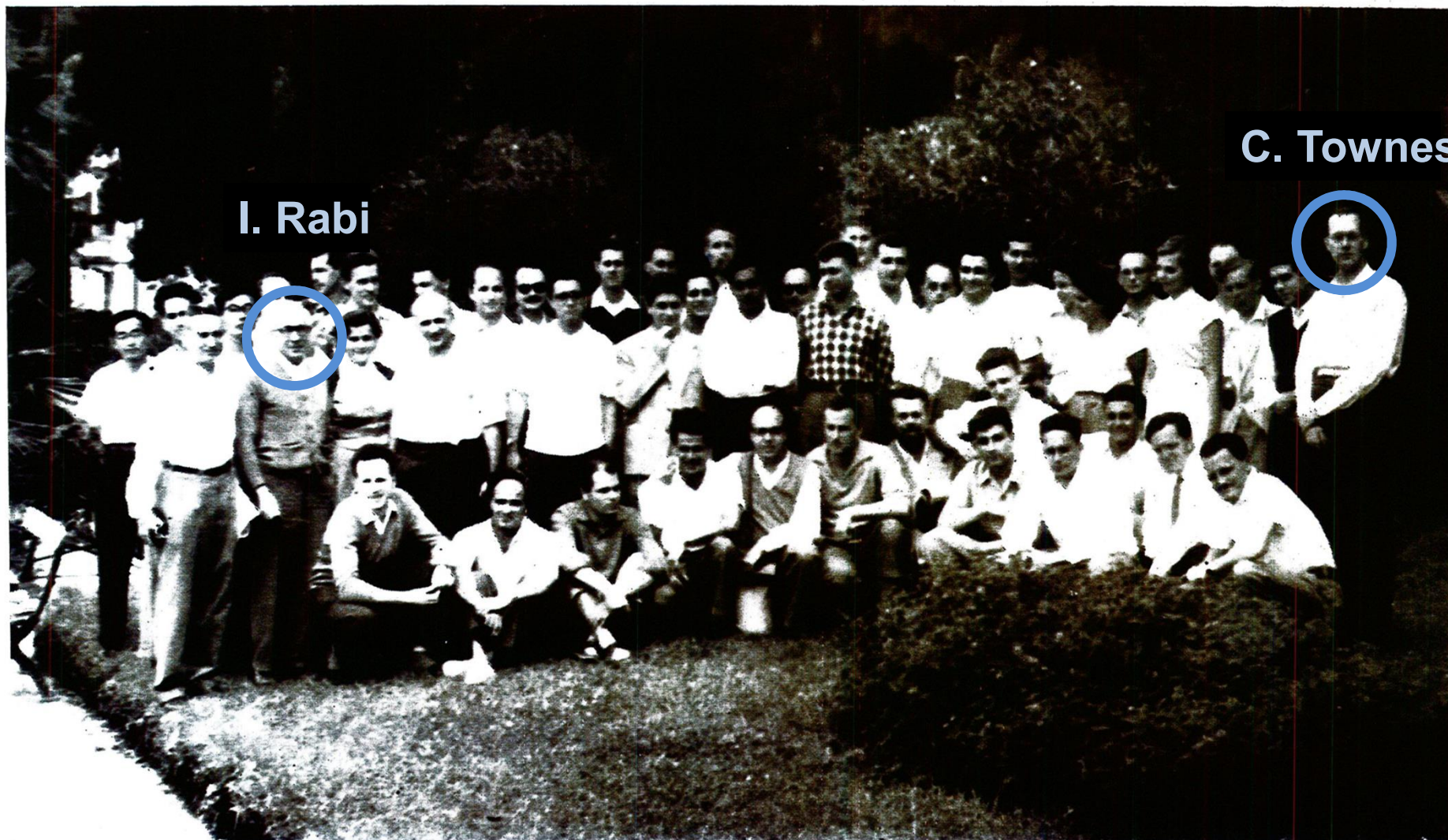
C. H. Townes
Nobel Prize 1964



1955, 1960, 1963

III Summer School on “Topics of Nuclear Structure” (Varenna, July 1955)

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RENDICONTI
DEL
CORSO CHE NELLA VILLA MONASTERO A VARENNA

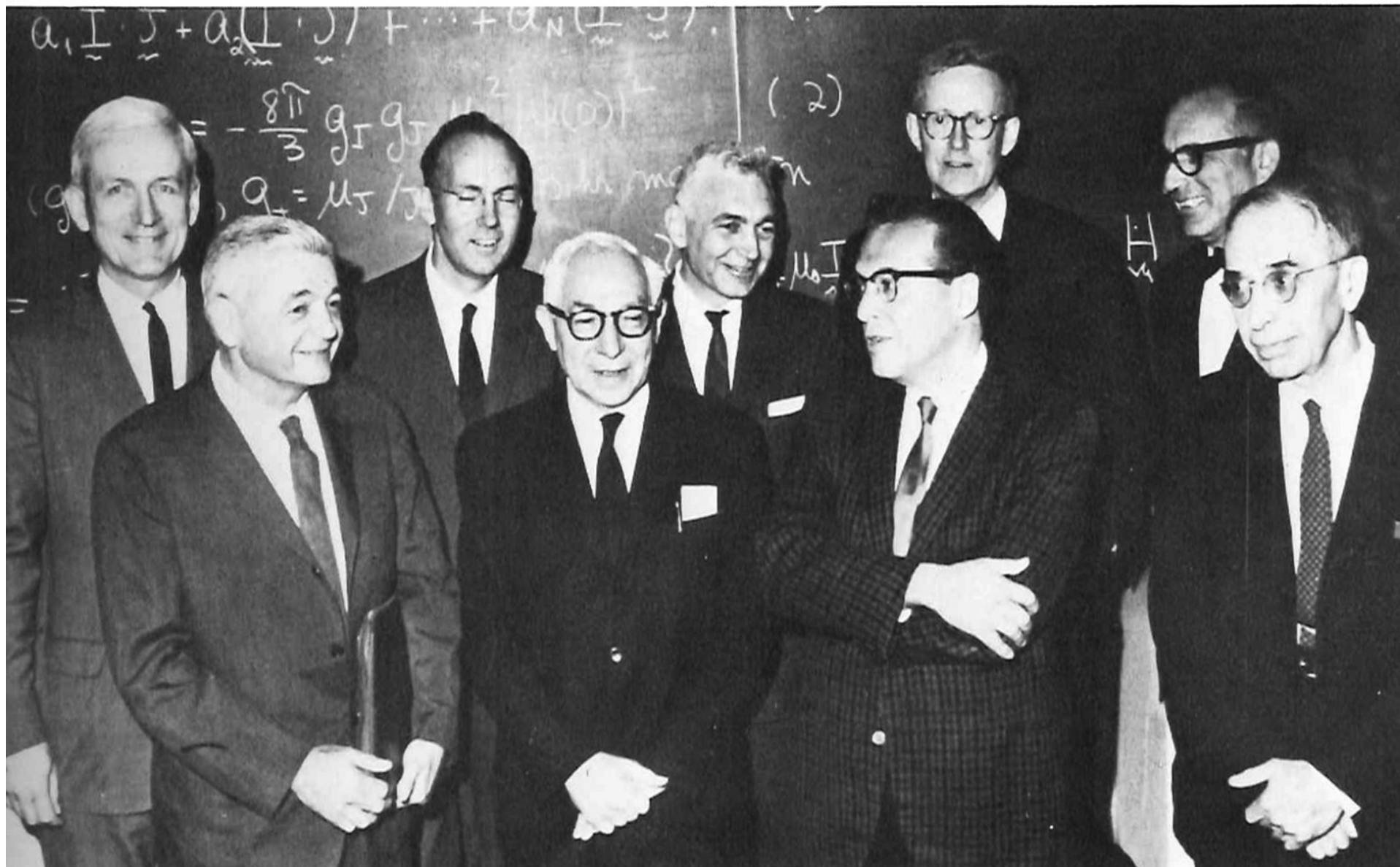
DAL 17 LUGLIO AL 6 AGOSTO, 1955

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DELLA SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE DI FISICA
DELLA SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI FISICA

PARTE SECONDA. – **Momenti nucleari.**

- I. I. RABI – Atomic and Molecular Beam Experiments
- A. DE SHALIT – Magnetic Moments of Nuclei
- C. H. TOWNES – On the Interpretation of H.F.S. in Molecules in Terms
of Molecular Structure and Nuclear Moments

Rabi's retirement from Columbia University in 1968 was an opportunity for some of his former students and friends to come together. From left, Norman Ramsey, Jerrold Zacharias, Charles Townes, Rabi, V. W. Hughes, Julian Schwinger, Edward Purcell, William Nierenberg, and Gregory Breit.



XXXI Summer School on “Quantum Electronics and Coherent Light” (Varenna, 1963)

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C. H. TOWNES
Director of the Course

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Quantum Electronics and Coherent Light

Proceedings edited by
P. A. MILES

1964

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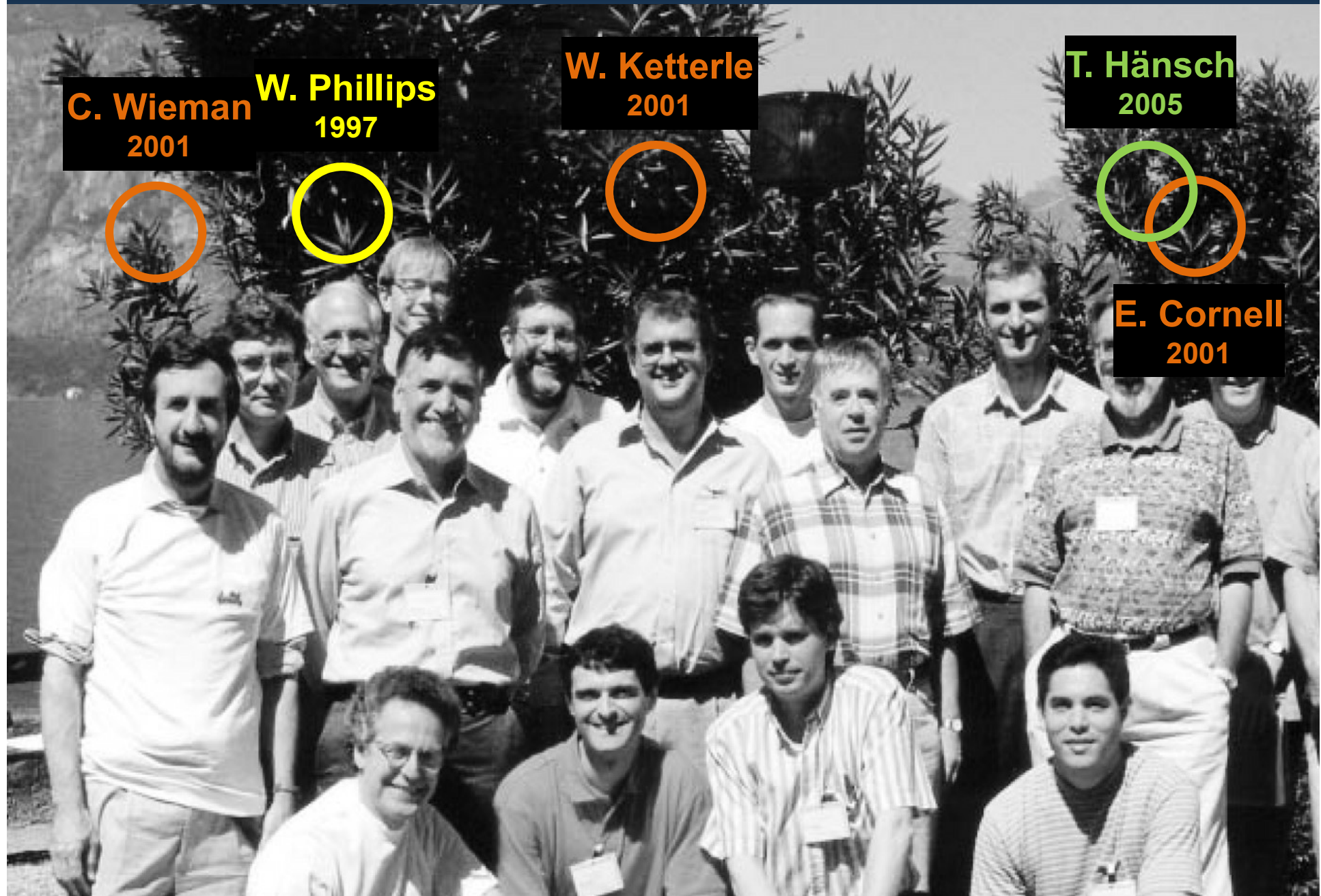
VARENNA ON LAKE COMO

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7-17 July 1998

*Bose-Einstein Condensation
in Atomic Gases*

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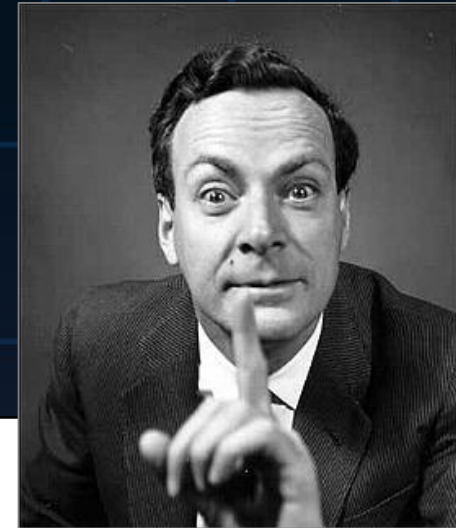


Atoms and light

It's all about atoms

What should you learn first?

R. P. Feynman, *Lectures on Physics*
Volume 1, Chapter 1



1-2 Matter is made of atoms

If, in some cataclysm, all of scientific knowledge were to be lost, what one sentence passed on to the next generations of creatives would contain the most information in the fewest words?

hypothesis (or the atomic *fact*, or whatever you wish to
made of atoms—little particles that move around in be

Spectroscopy

Atoms are our keys to the quantum world gates

Discrete spectra

Old quantum theory

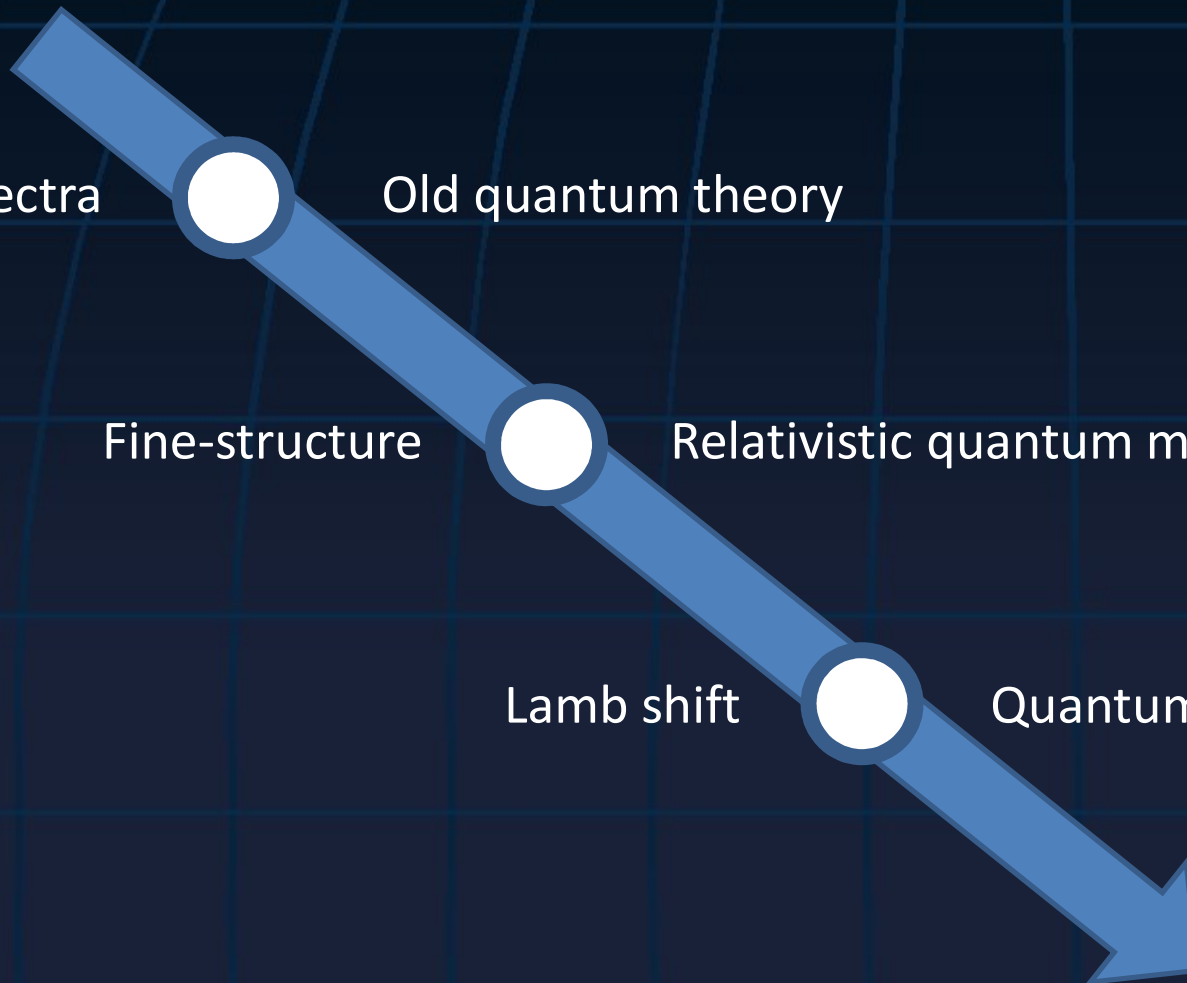
Fine-structure

Relativistic quantum mechanics

Lamb shift

Quantum field theory
(QED, QCD, ...)

time/
knowledge

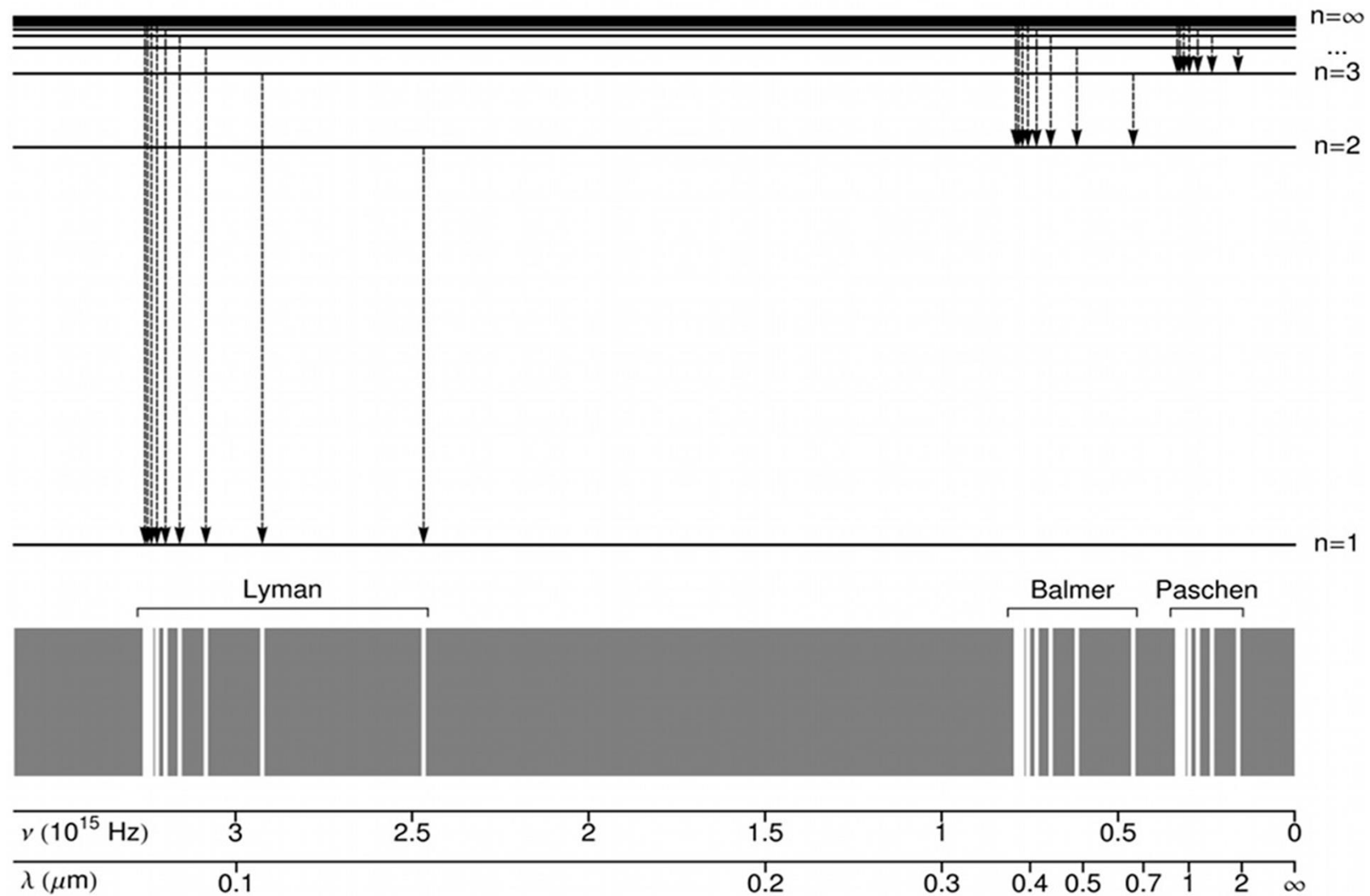


Hydrogen

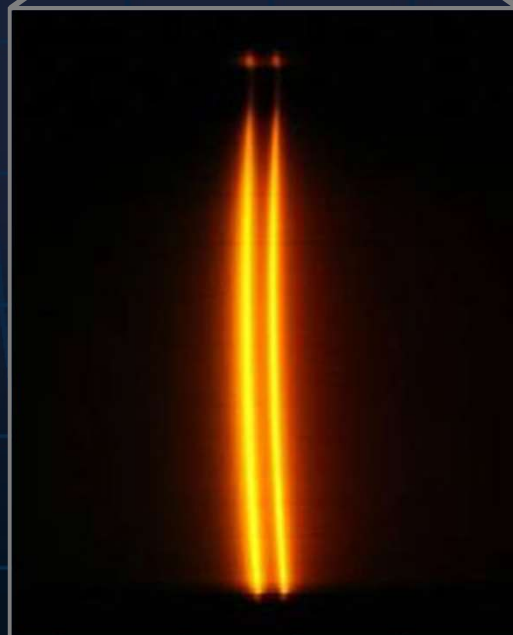


Hydrogen Balmer series

Hydrogen



Fine structure



Fine structure doublet
in sodium spectrum



Relativistic quantum
mechanics (Dirac)

Lord Rutherford lecturing at the
Royal Institution on "The New Hydrogen"
March 1934.

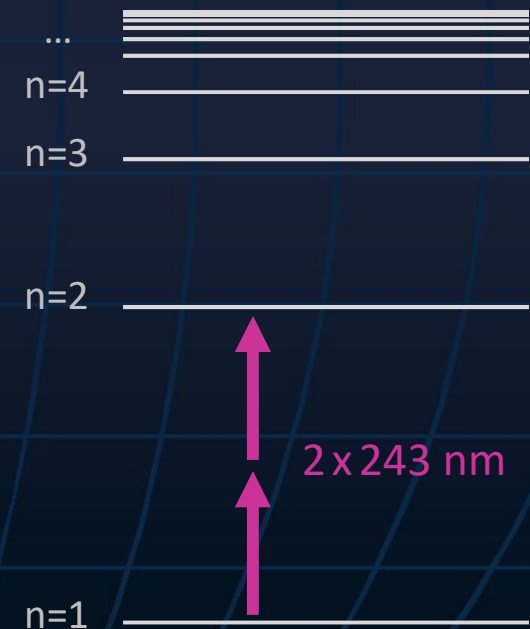
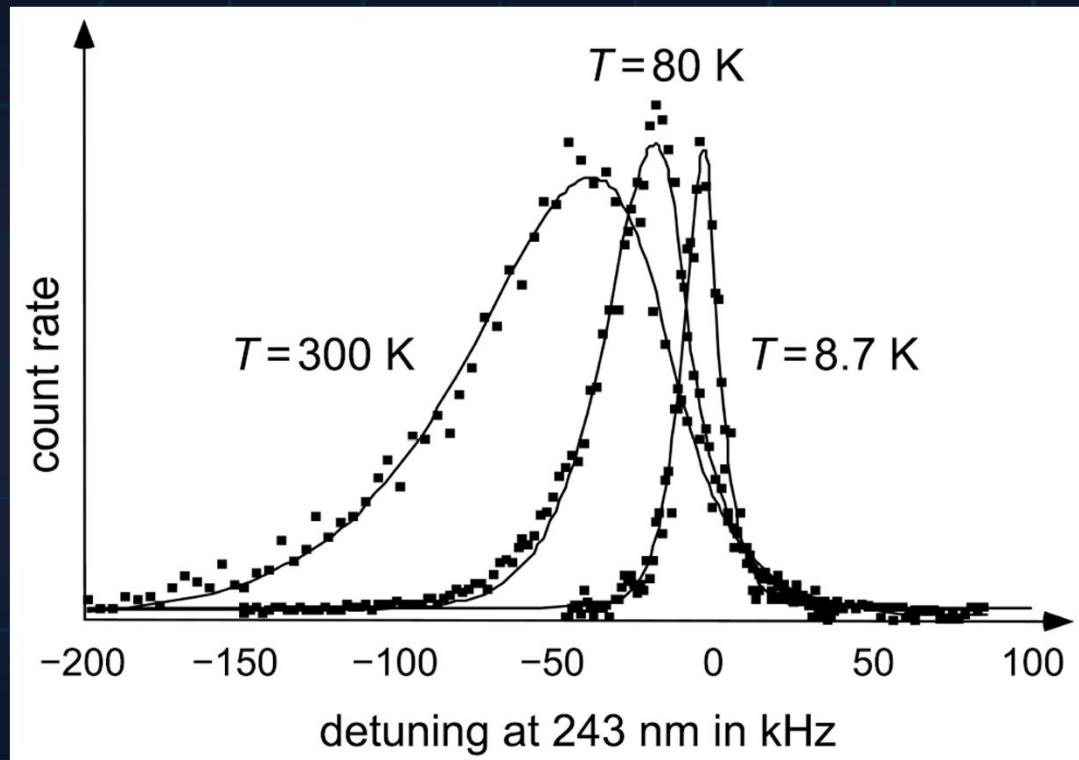
To my good friend A. Hayman

Thomas Rosten

May 1934.

Hydrogen

Spectroscopy of hydrogen 1s-2s (T. W. Haensch)



Hydrogen

High-precision spectroscopy

$$\delta\nu(1s - 2s) = 2\,466\,061\,413\,187\,035\,(10)\,\text{Hz}$$



The Rydberg constant

$$R_\infty = 10\,973\,731.568\,539(55)\,\text{m}^{-1}$$



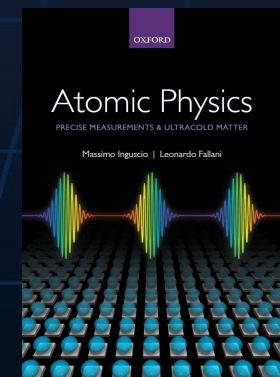
$$E_n = -hcR_\infty \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Very precise measurements!

Very precise theory!

...but still ***there are*** surprises!

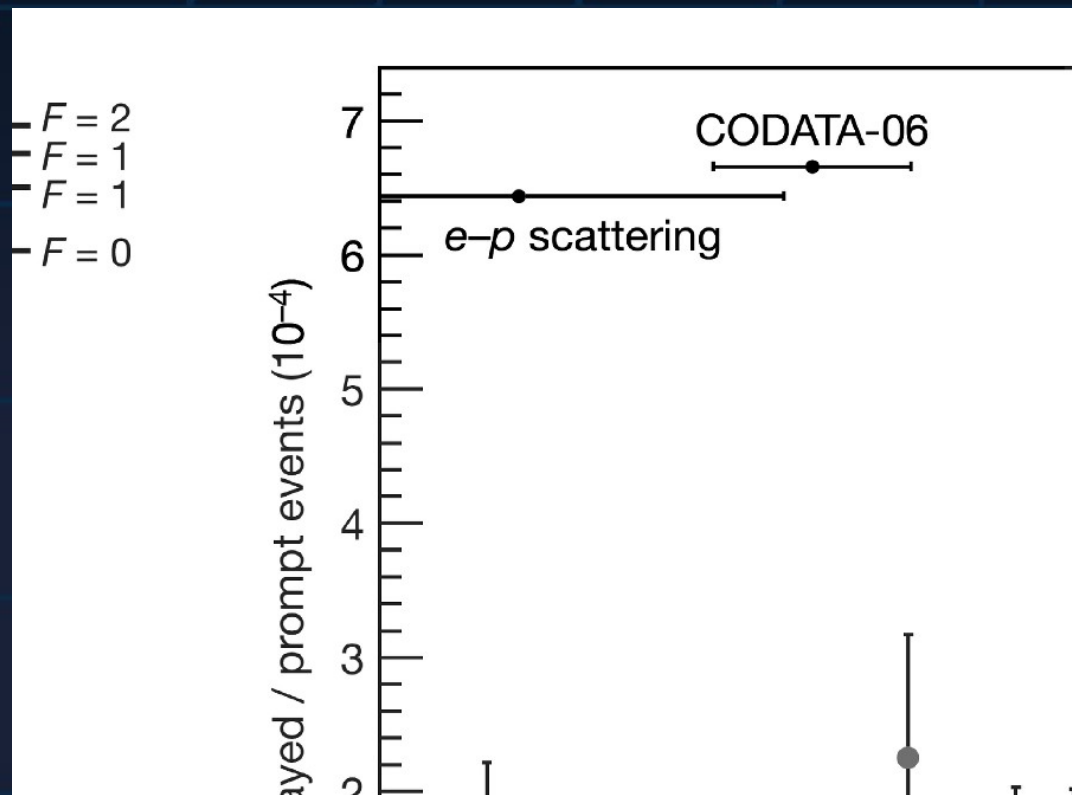
Massimo Inguscio & Leonardo Fallani
*Atomic Physics: Precise Measurements
and Ultracold Matter* (Oxford, 2013)



Muonic hydrogen

Spectroscopy of Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen

What's the size of the proton?

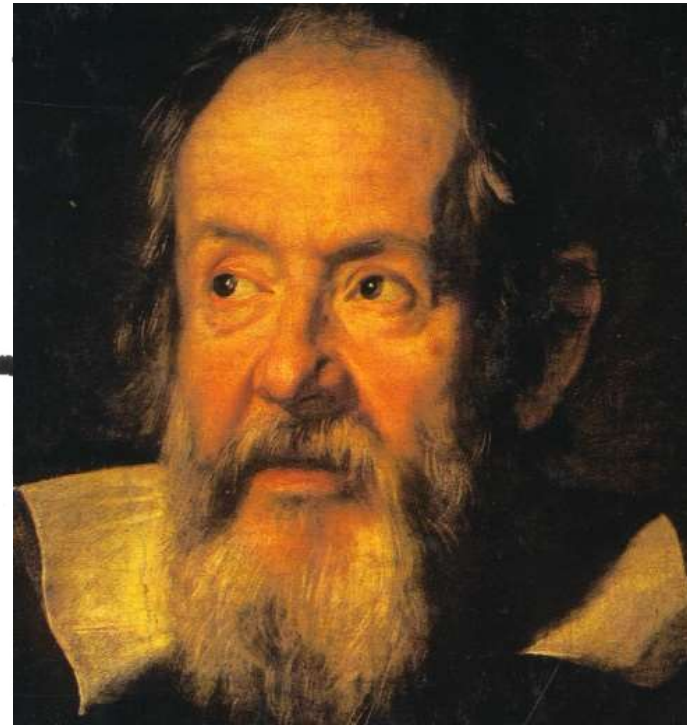


R. Pohl et al., Nature (2010)

Time and atomic clocks

Measuring time

Measuring time = A good oscillator + A counter



Counting time

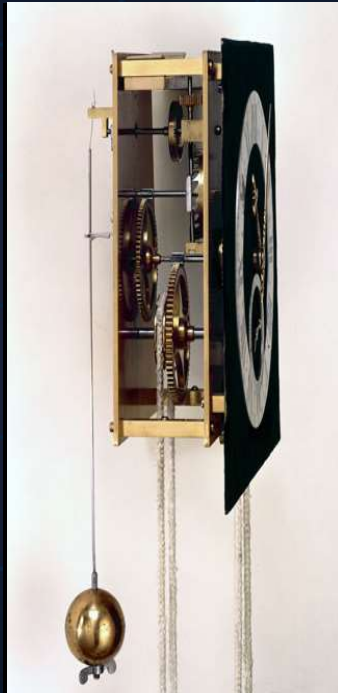
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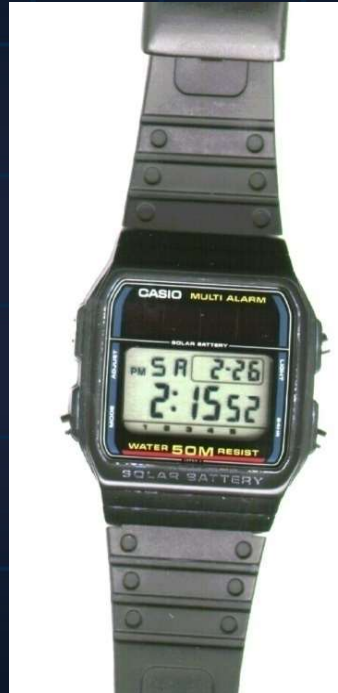
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osc. / day

1656
pendulum
clock



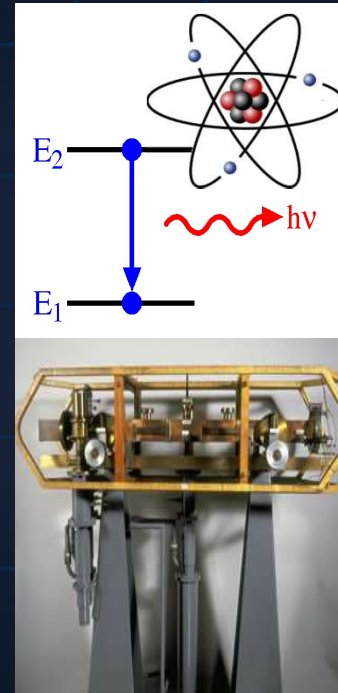
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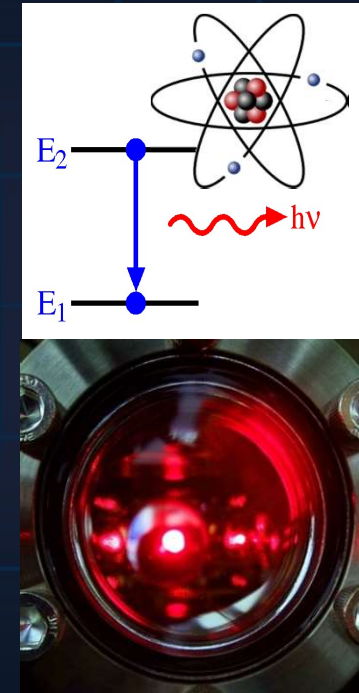
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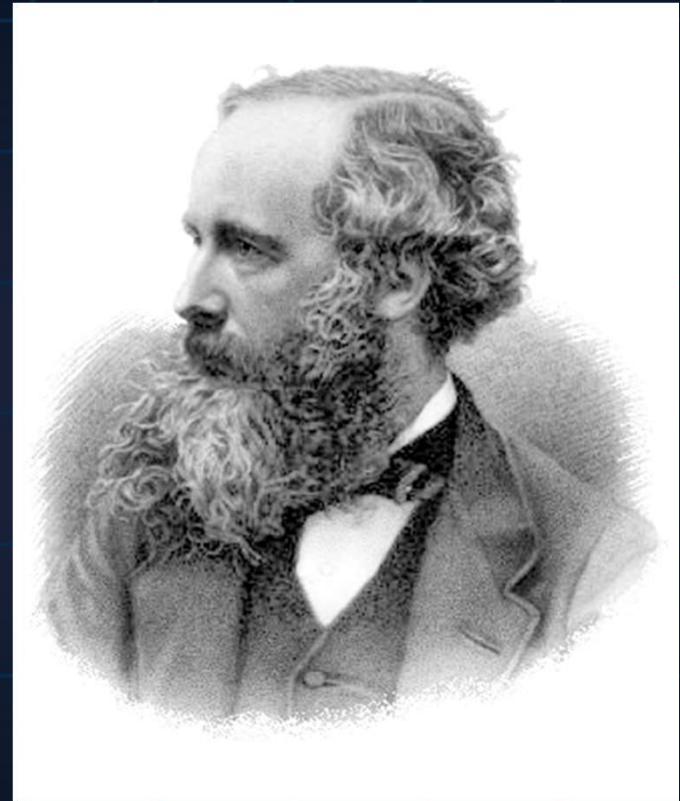


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osc. / second

An atomic system of units

If, then, we wish to obtain standards of length, time, and mass which shall be absolutely permanent, we must seek them not in the dimensions, or the motion, or the mass of our planet, but in the wavelength, the period of vibration, and the absolute mass of these imperishable and unalterable and perfectly similar molecules.

J. C. Maxwell (1870)



The International System of Units (SI)

The fundamental SI units (until May 30th 2019):

Length	meter	derived from time
Mass	kilogram	international prototype
Time	second	atomic transition frequencies
Current	ampere	force between wires
Temperature	kelvin	triple point of water

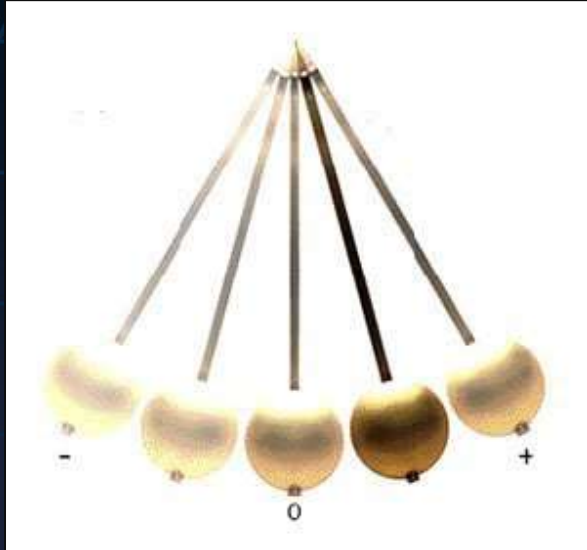
Amount of substance

Luminous intensity

The most precise unit ($\sim 10^{-16}$)!
Why? It's quantum!!!

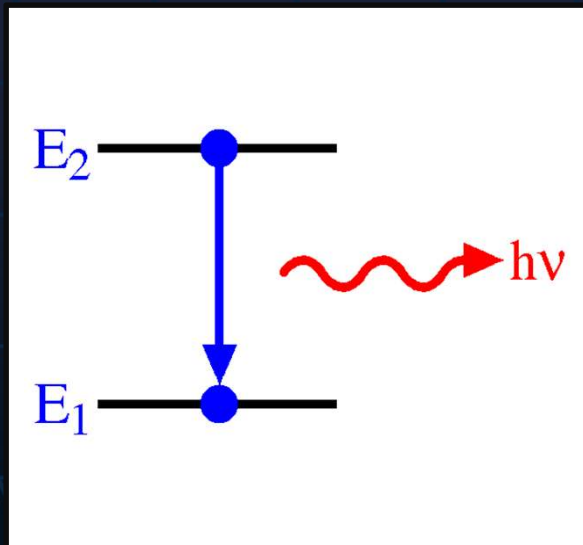


A good oscillator



Mechanical pendulum

$f \approx 1 \text{ Hz}$ (1 oscillation/second)

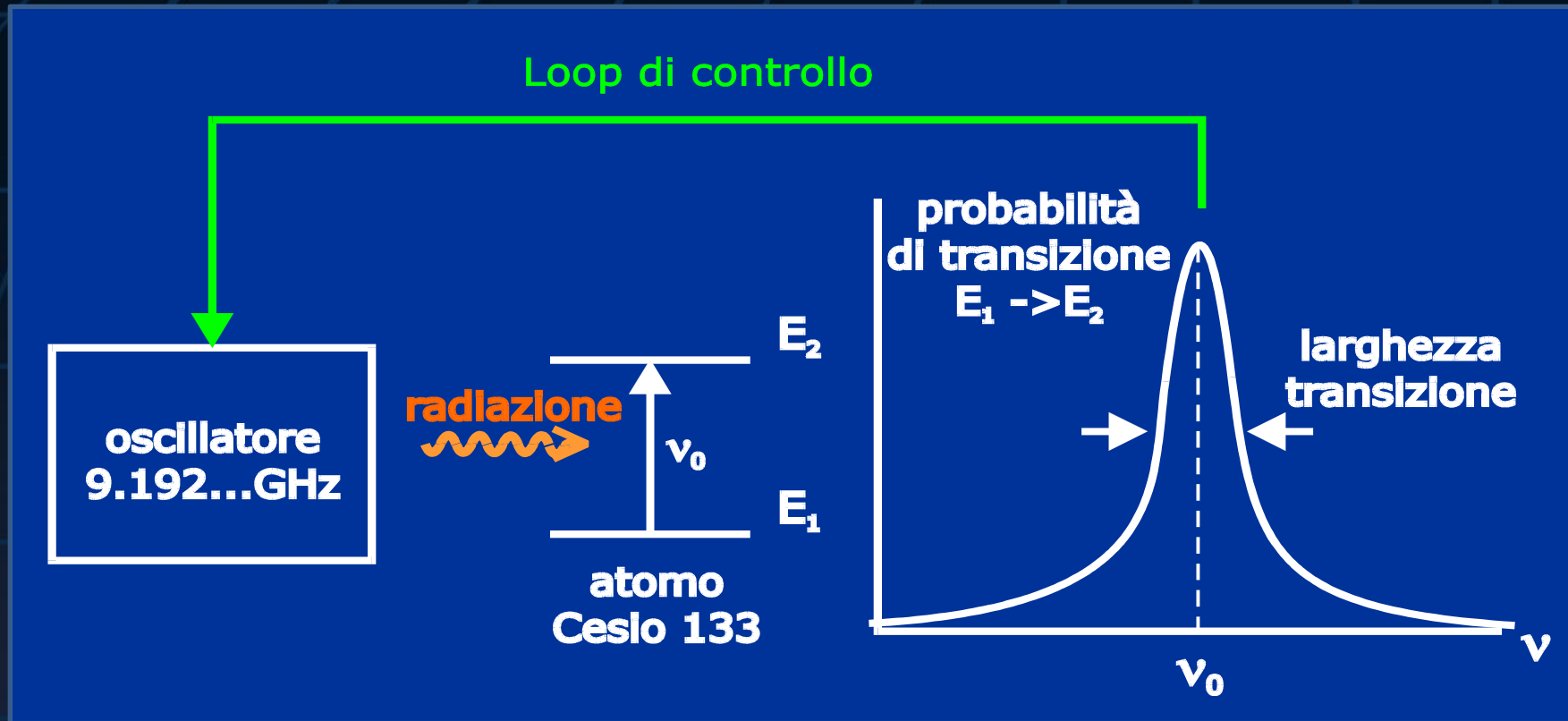


Transition between atomic levels

$f \approx 10^{10} \text{ Hz}$ microwave clock
(10.000.000.000 oscillations/second)

$f \approx 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$ optical clock
(1.000.000.000.000.000 oscillations/second)

Atomic clocks

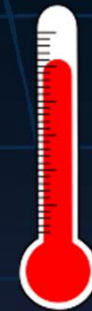
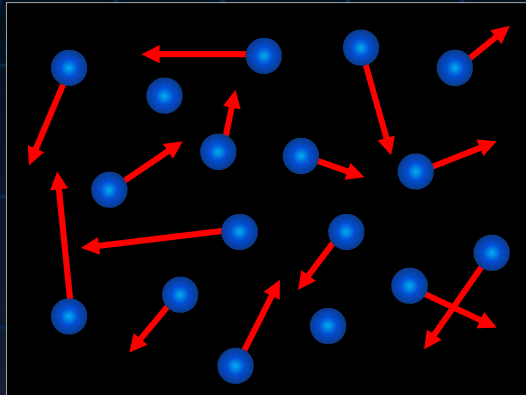


The precision increases with interrogation time: $\Delta\nu \sim \Delta t^{-1}$

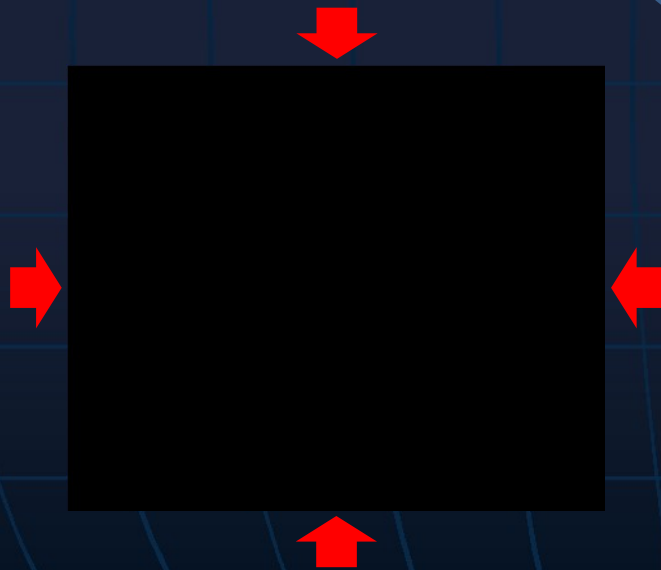
Laser cooling

Laser cooling

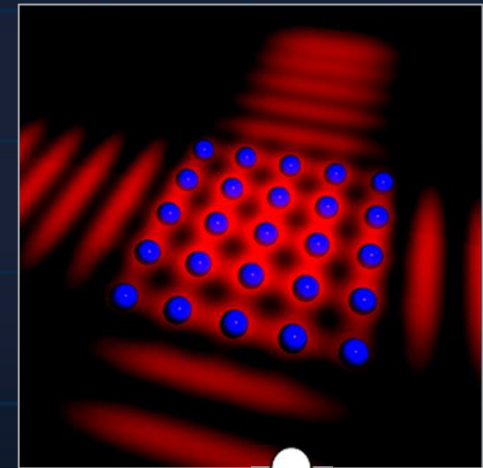
thermal gas
fast atoms



300 K



atomic fountains
slow atoms

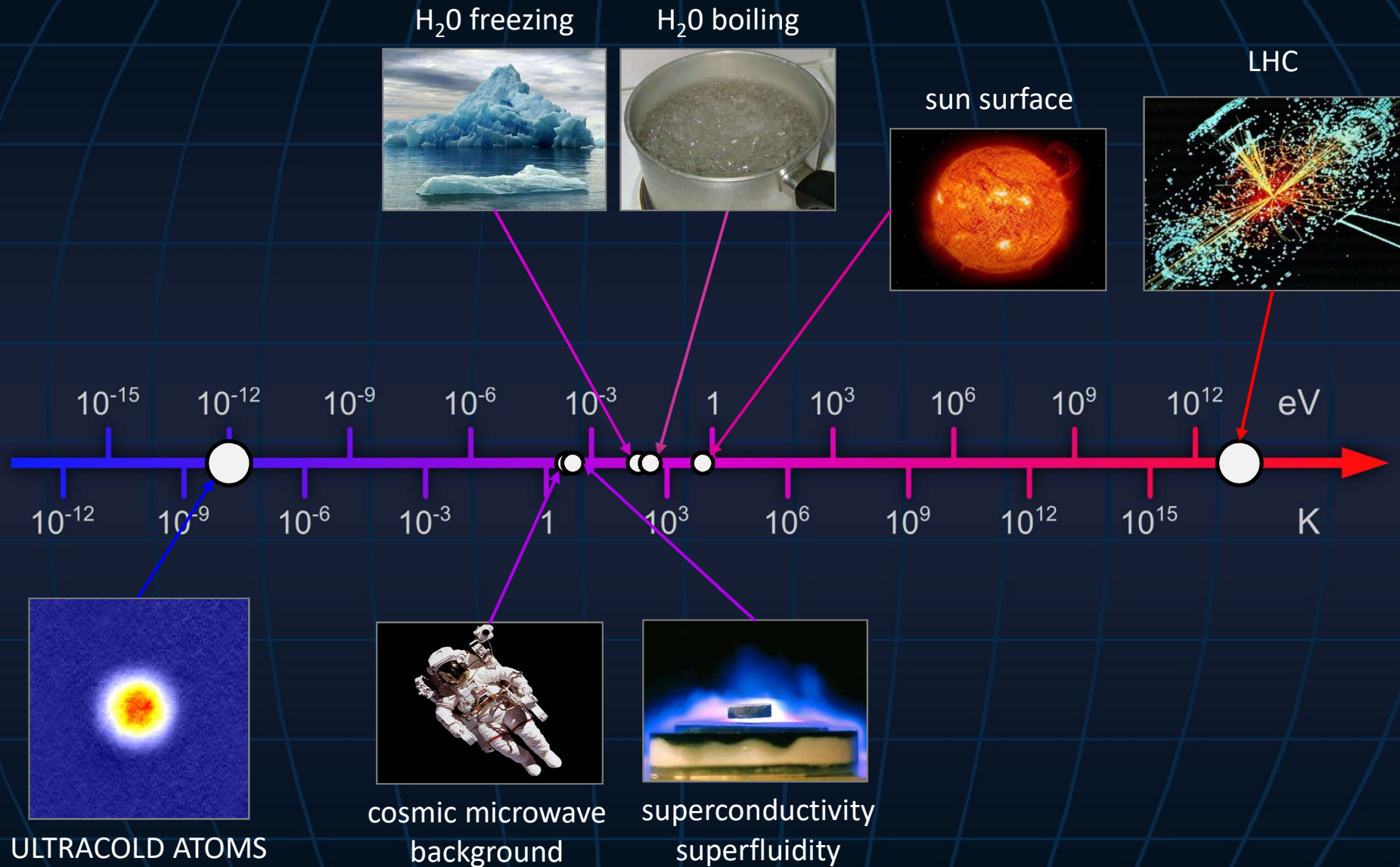


lattice clocks
"stopped" atoms



$\sim \mu\text{K}$

Temperature/energy scales



Microwave atomic clocks

Atomic fountain clocks



Hyperfine levels of ^{133}Cs



Accuracy of INRIM fountain clocks

	ITCsF1 $\sigma_y(\tau) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$	ITCsF2 $\sigma_y(\tau) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$
Zeeman	2E-16	8E-17
Collisions	3E-16	1E-16
Blackbody	3E-16	1E-17
Microwave	2E-16	1E-16
Redshift	1E-17	1E-17
Total	5E-16	2E-16

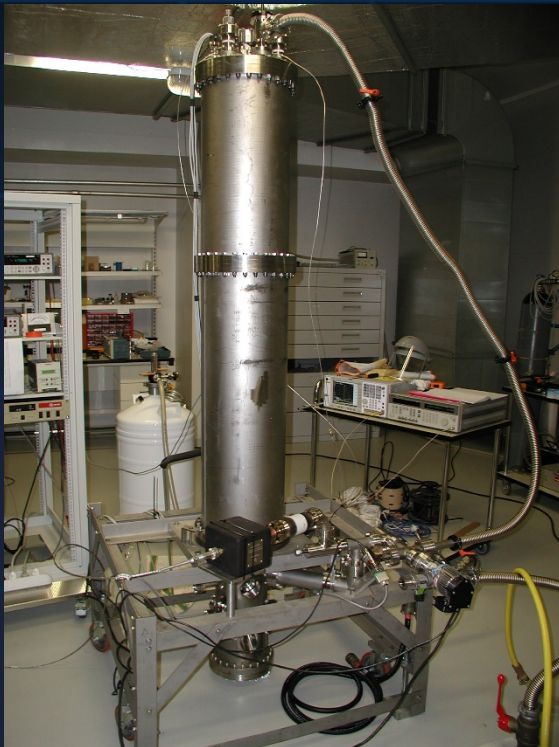
Microwave atomic clocks

Atomic fountain clocks

15 atomic fountains in operation at

INRIM, PTB, NIST, SYRTE, USNO, Penn St, NPL,
Neuchatel, JPL, NIM, NMII, NICT, Sao Carlos, ...

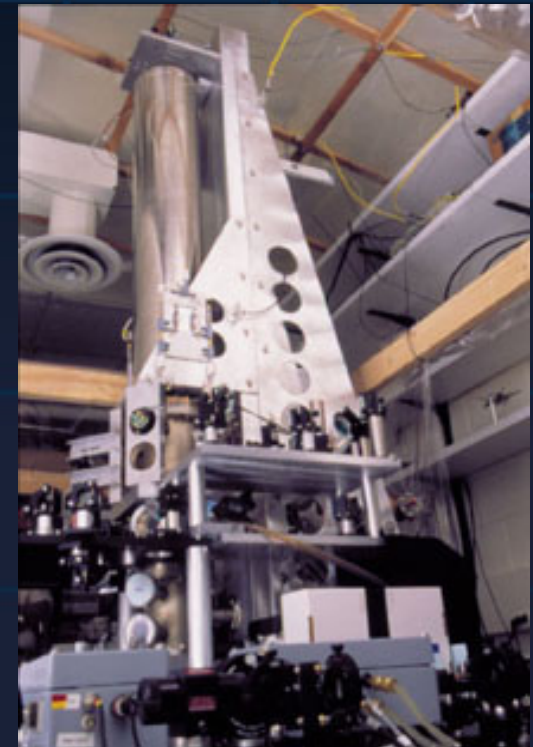
~10 report to BIPM with accuracy of a few 10^{-16} realizing the **International Atomic Time (TAI)**



INRIM (Italy)



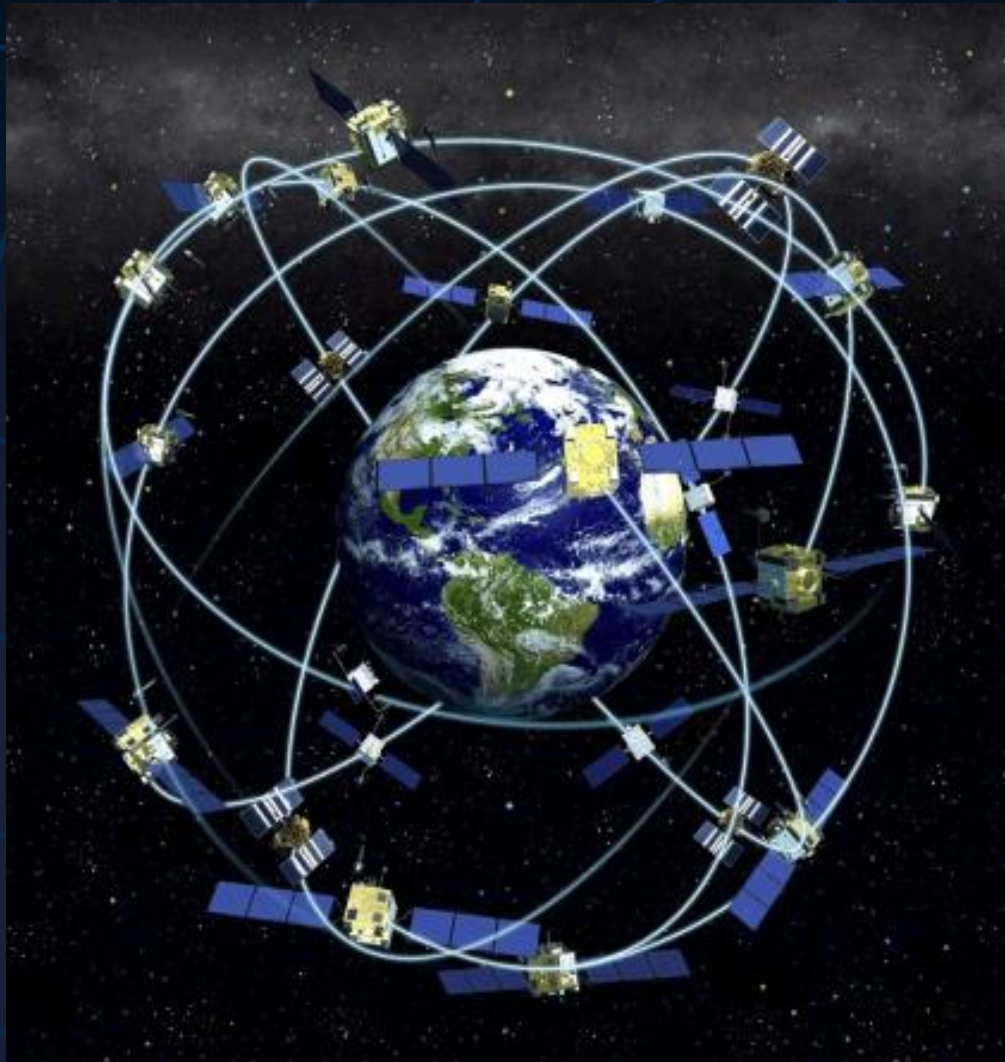
PTB (Germany)



NIST (USA)

Microwave atomic clocks

At the basis of satellite-based navigation systems

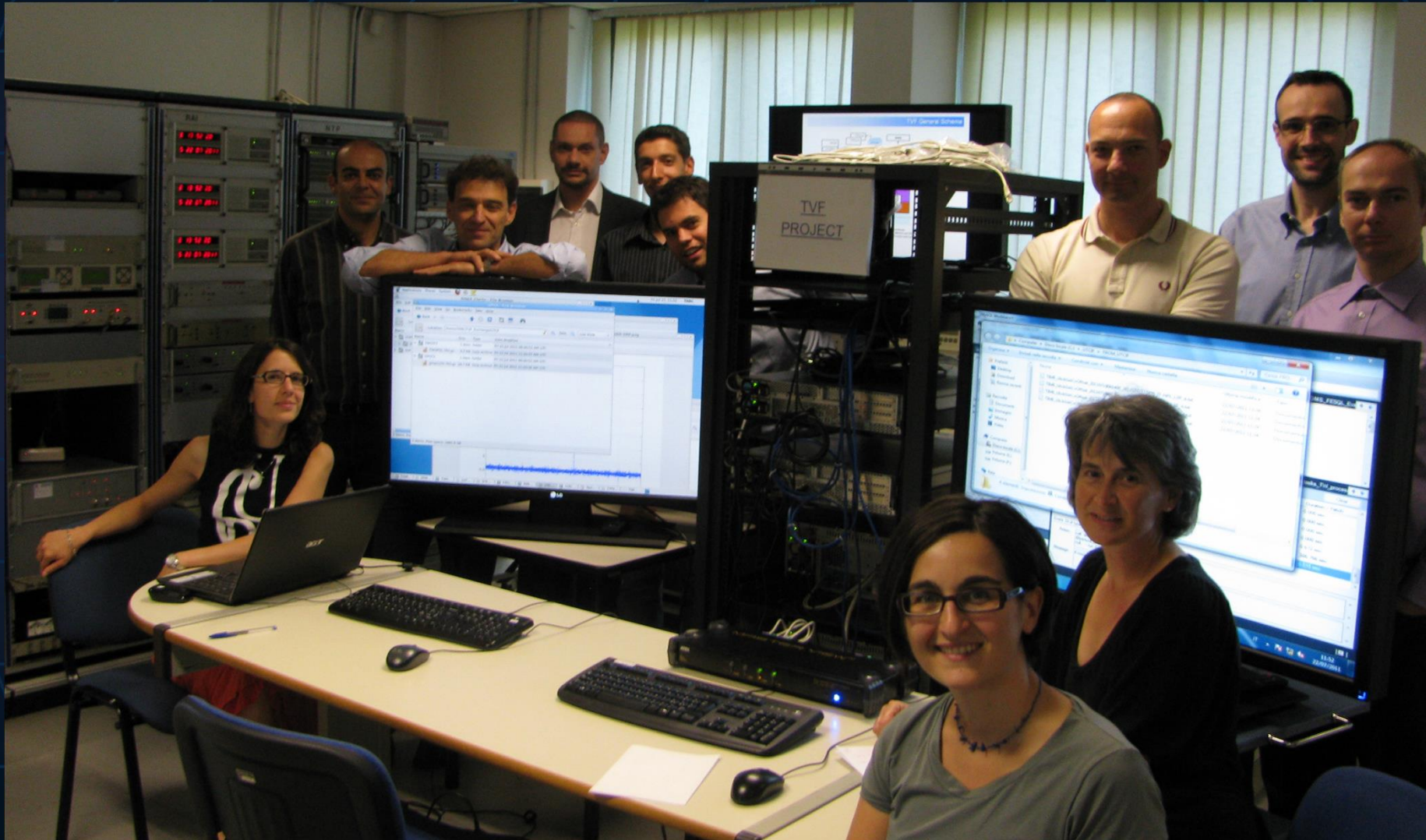


INRiM
ISTITUTO NAZIONALE
DI RICERCA METROLOGICA

**GALILEO Time
Validation Facility**

...to GALILEO

GALILEO Time Validation Facility @ INRIM



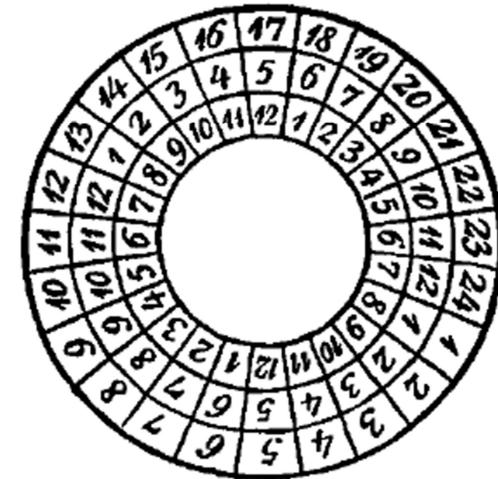


J.W. GOETHE VIAGGIO IN ITALIA



CERCHIO COMPARATIVO
dell'ora italiana e tedesca, nonché dell'orario italiano
per la seconda metà di settembre

Mezzogiorno



Mezzanotte

La notte cresce di mezz'ora
ogni mezzo mese

Mese	Giorno	E notte secondo il nostro orario alle	Qui è perciò mezzanotte alle
Ag.	1	8½	3½
»	15	8	4
Sett.	1	7½	4½
»	15	7	5
Ott.	1	6½	5½
»	15	6	6
Nov.	1	5½	6½
»	15	5	7

D'ora in poi l'ora rimane
fissa ed è

	notte	mezzanotte
Dic.		
Genn.	alle 5	alle 7

Il giorno cresce di mezz'ora
ogni mezzo mese

Mese	Giorno	E notte secondo il nostro orario alle	Qui è perciò mezzanotte alle
Febr.	1	5½	6½
»	15	6	6
Marzo	1	6½	5½
»	15	7	5
Aprile	1	7½	4½
»	15	8	4
Maggio	1	8½	3½
»	15	9	3

D'ora in poi l'ora rimane
fissa ed è

	notte	mezzanotte
Giugno		
Luglio	alle 9	alle 3

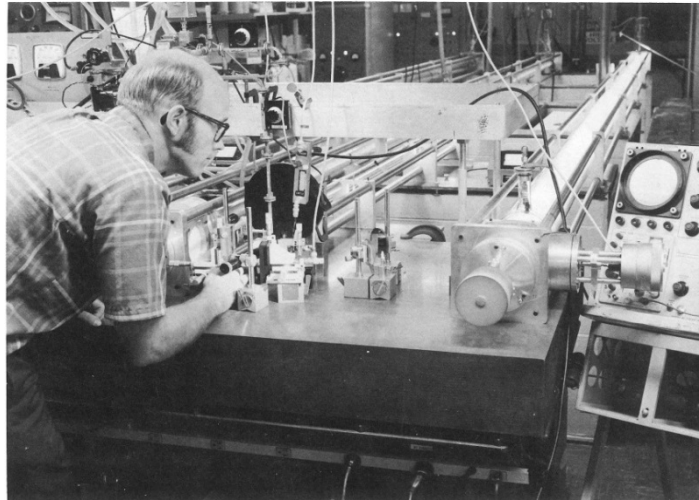
Dear Massimo, As you see in this book it is pre-Ingenius!
 The first entry is 1976 - and you came here in 1977.

months later, absolute frequency measurements were extended to still higher values (again reported as "highest cw frequency measurements as yet reported"), using the CO₂ laser [38]. These measurements led in turn to the He-Ne laser cited in ref. [36] above [39].

It is too bad the "new" meter is not in here, or the first measure of visible light, or those fun things we did when you were here.

I hope you will again get some time to spend with us again!

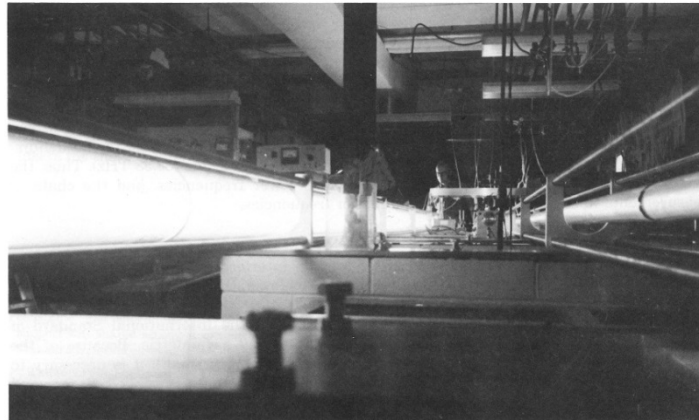
Best Wishes,
 Ken.



Laser research at NBS Boulder has improved the determination of the speed of light by 100-fold. Kenneth M. Evenson is adjusting lasers used in the project.

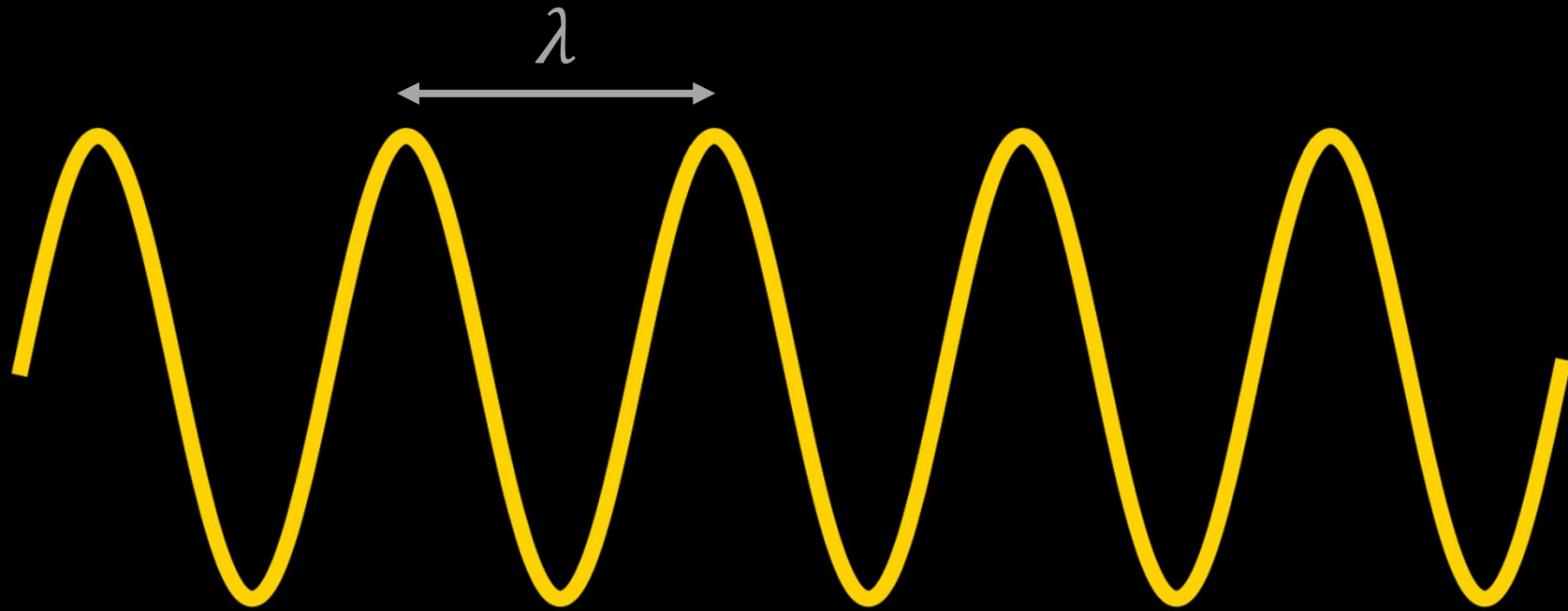
**Kenneth
 Evenson**

**NBS (now NIST)
 Boulder Colorado**



Laser used in the speed-of-light determination.

Time and length



$$c = \lambda \nu$$

Meter: 1/299 792 458 seconds

Optical atomic clocks

Counting time

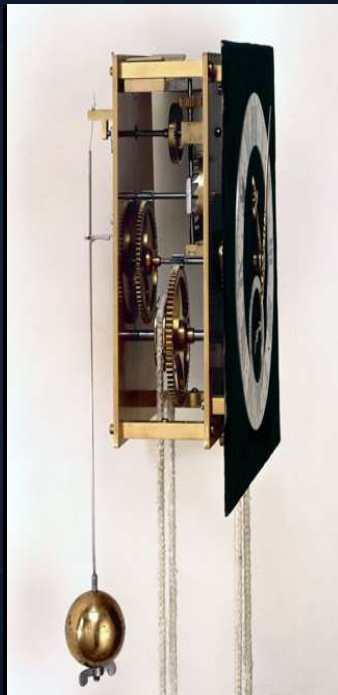
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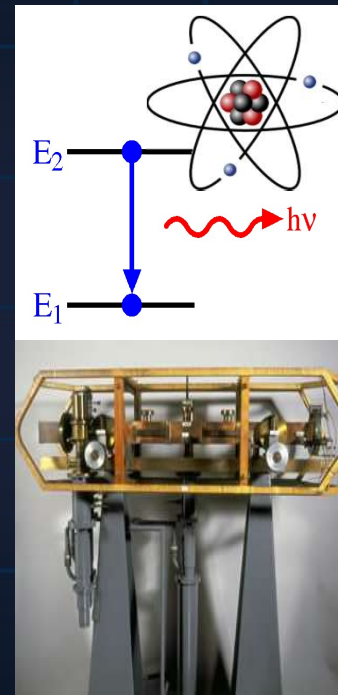
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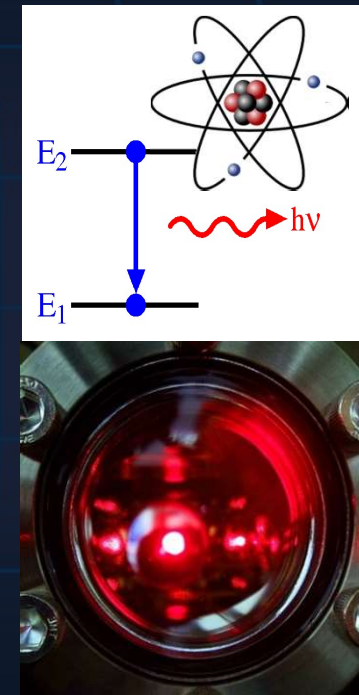
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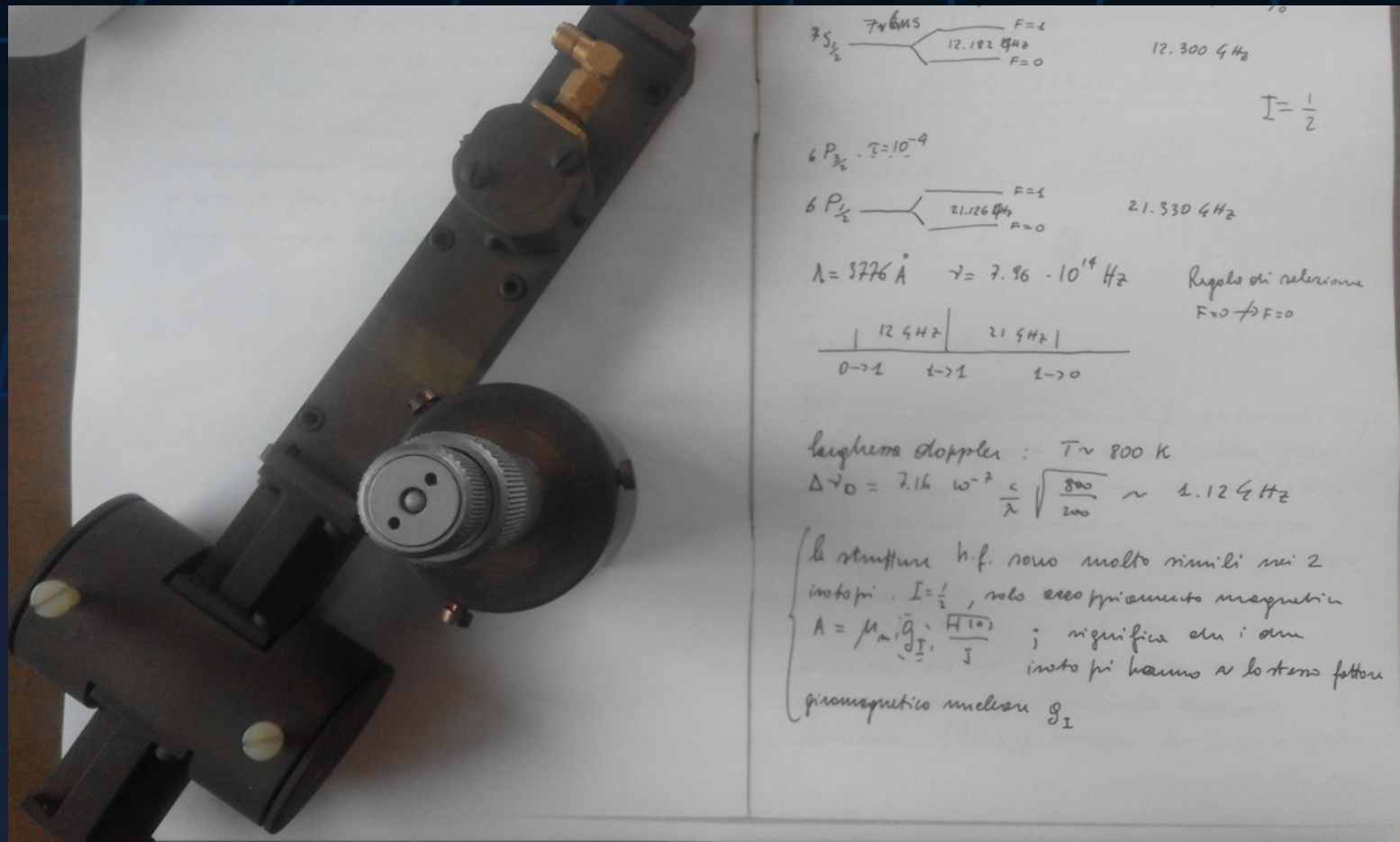
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Increasing the clock frequency

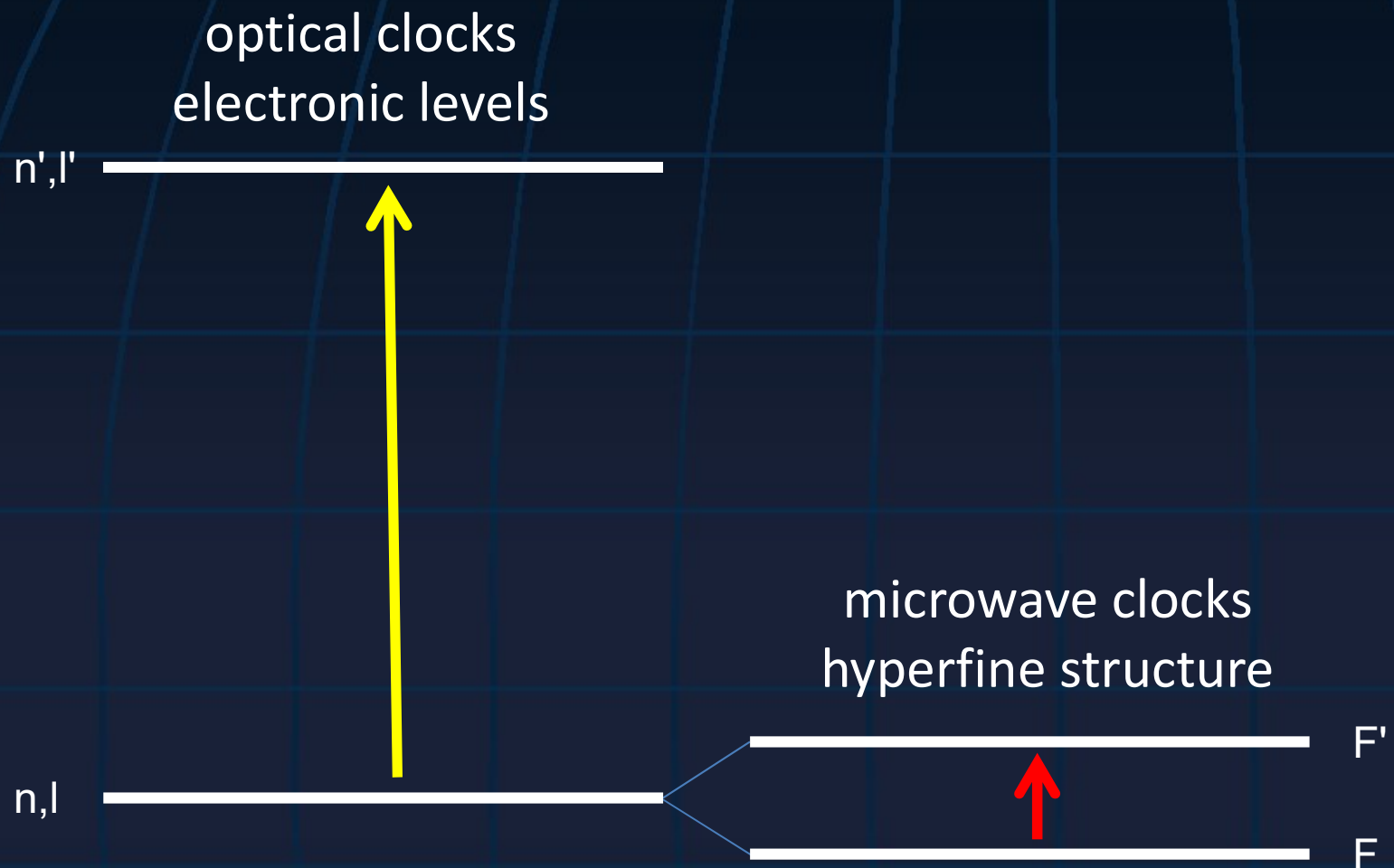
From Caesium to Thallium: 9 to 21 GHz...



1973 – IEN Galileo Ferraris (now INRiM)

Increasing the clock frequency

From microwave to optical: ~ 10 GHz to ~ 500 THz...



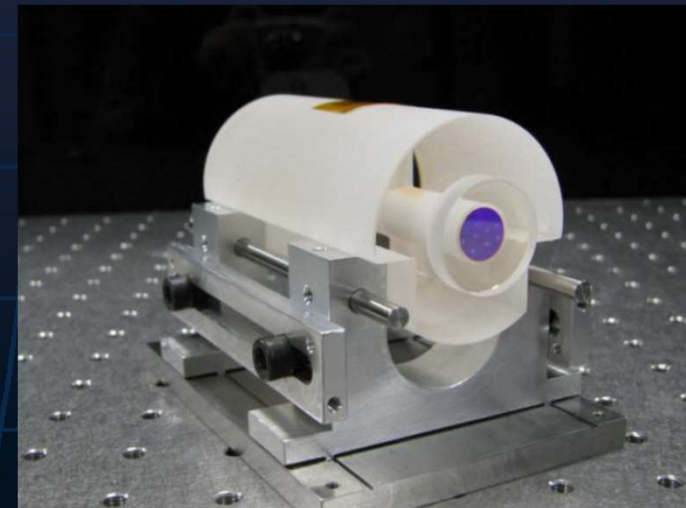
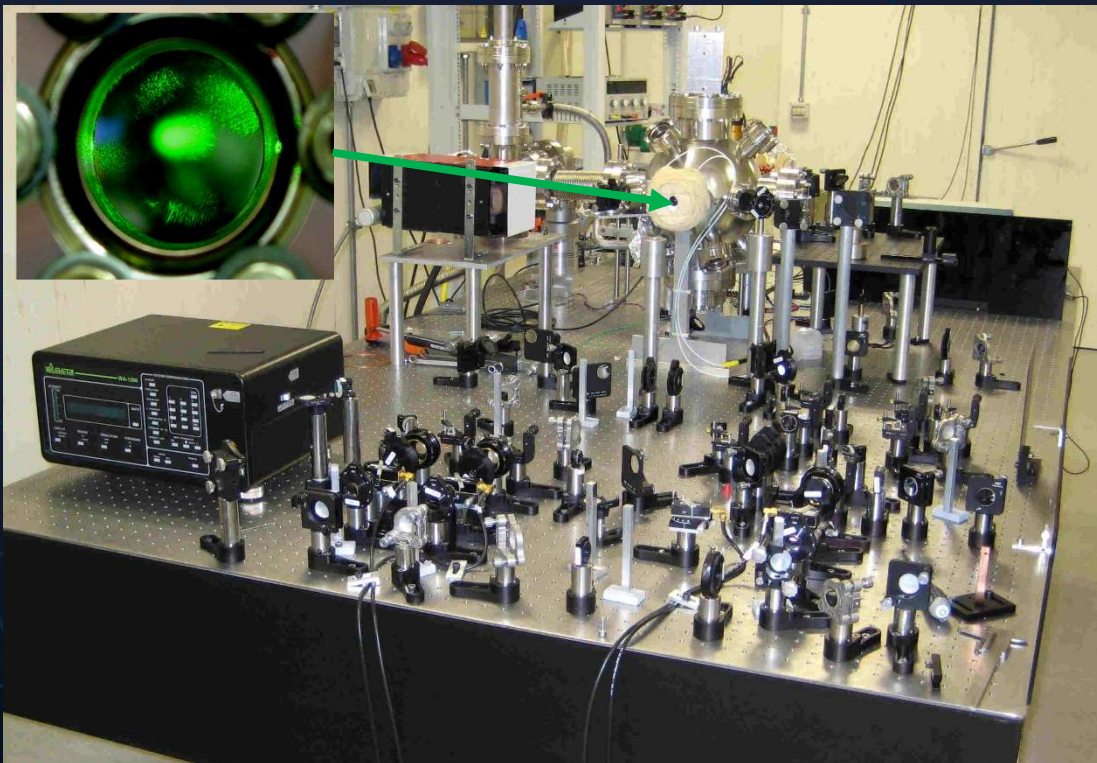
Optical atomic clocks

Ticking time with ultrastable light
linked to an atomic frequency

Electronic levels of Yb

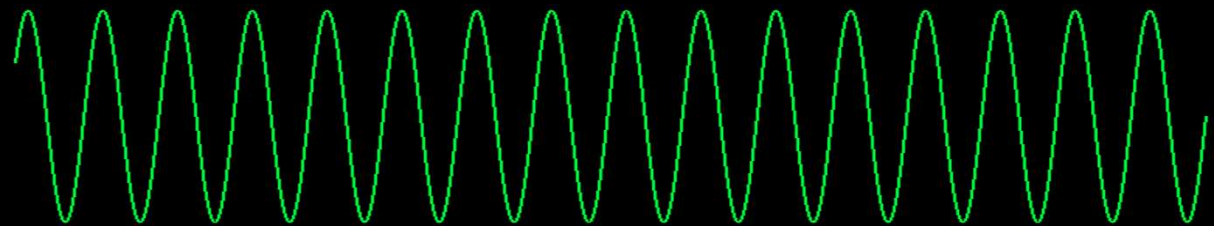
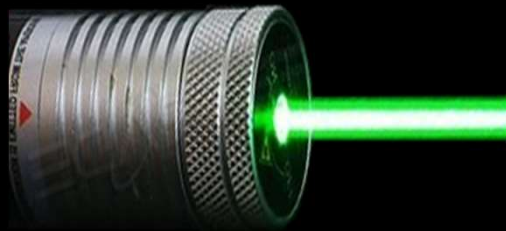


Ultranarrow optical transition!!



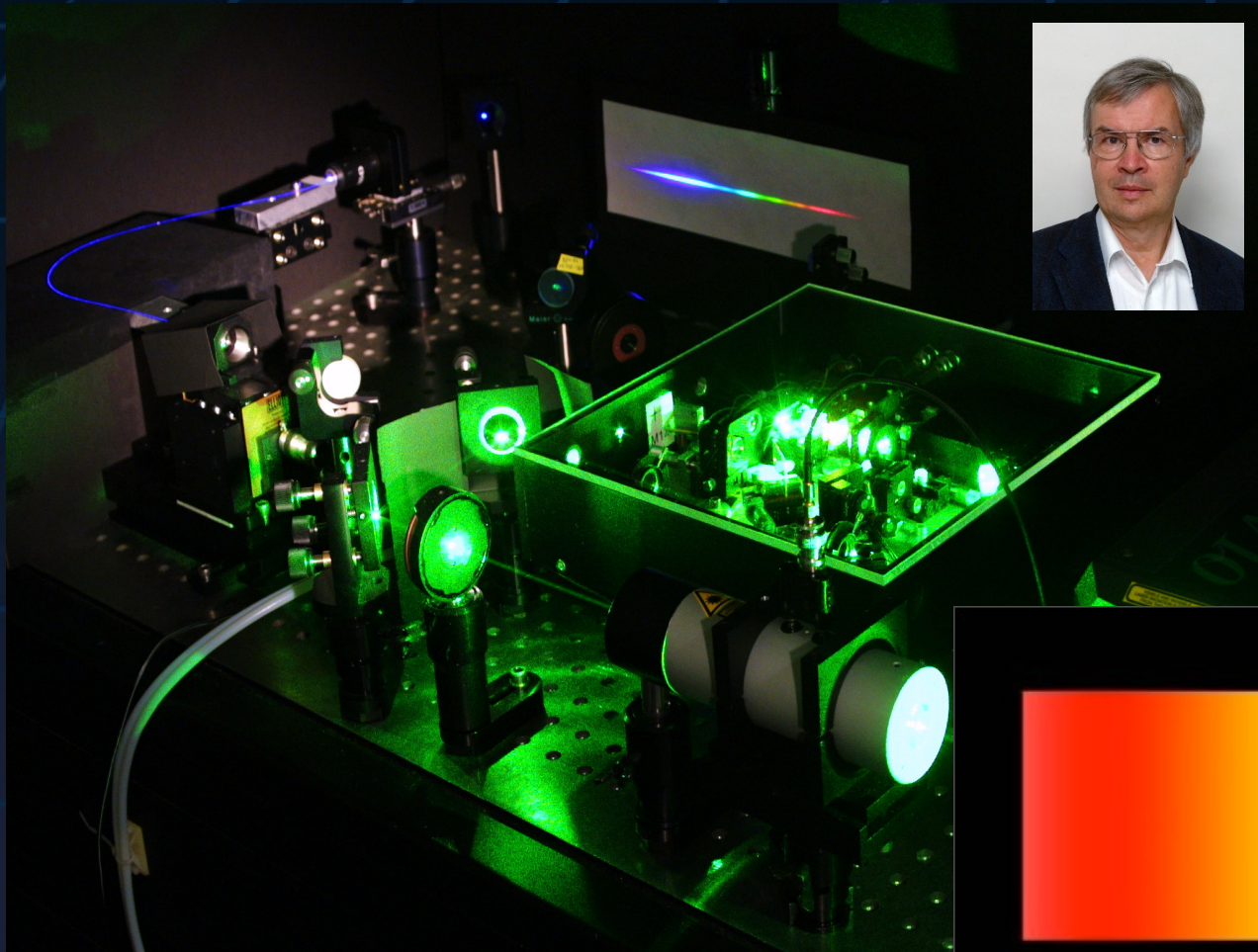
Optical atomic clocks

Measuring time = counting oscillations of light

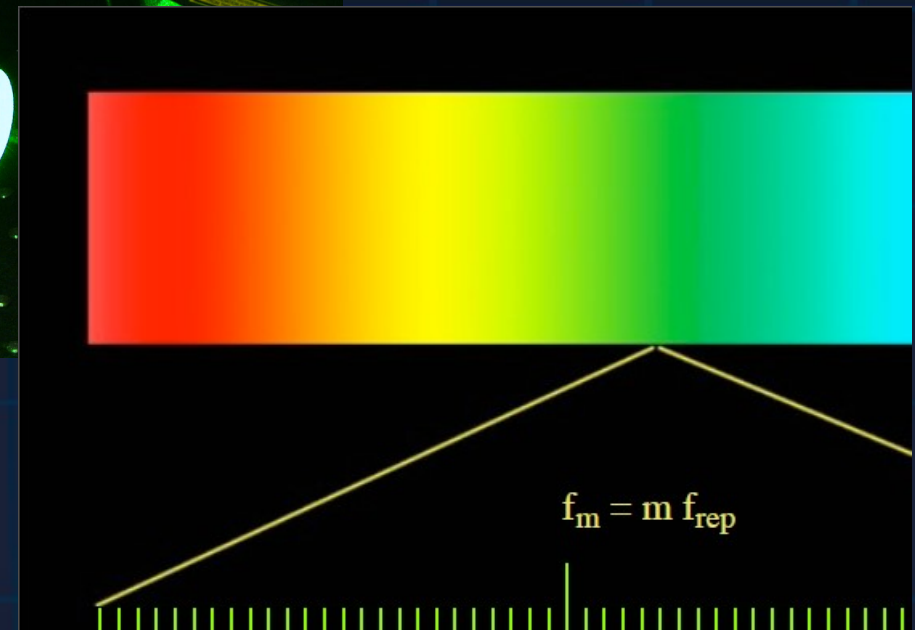


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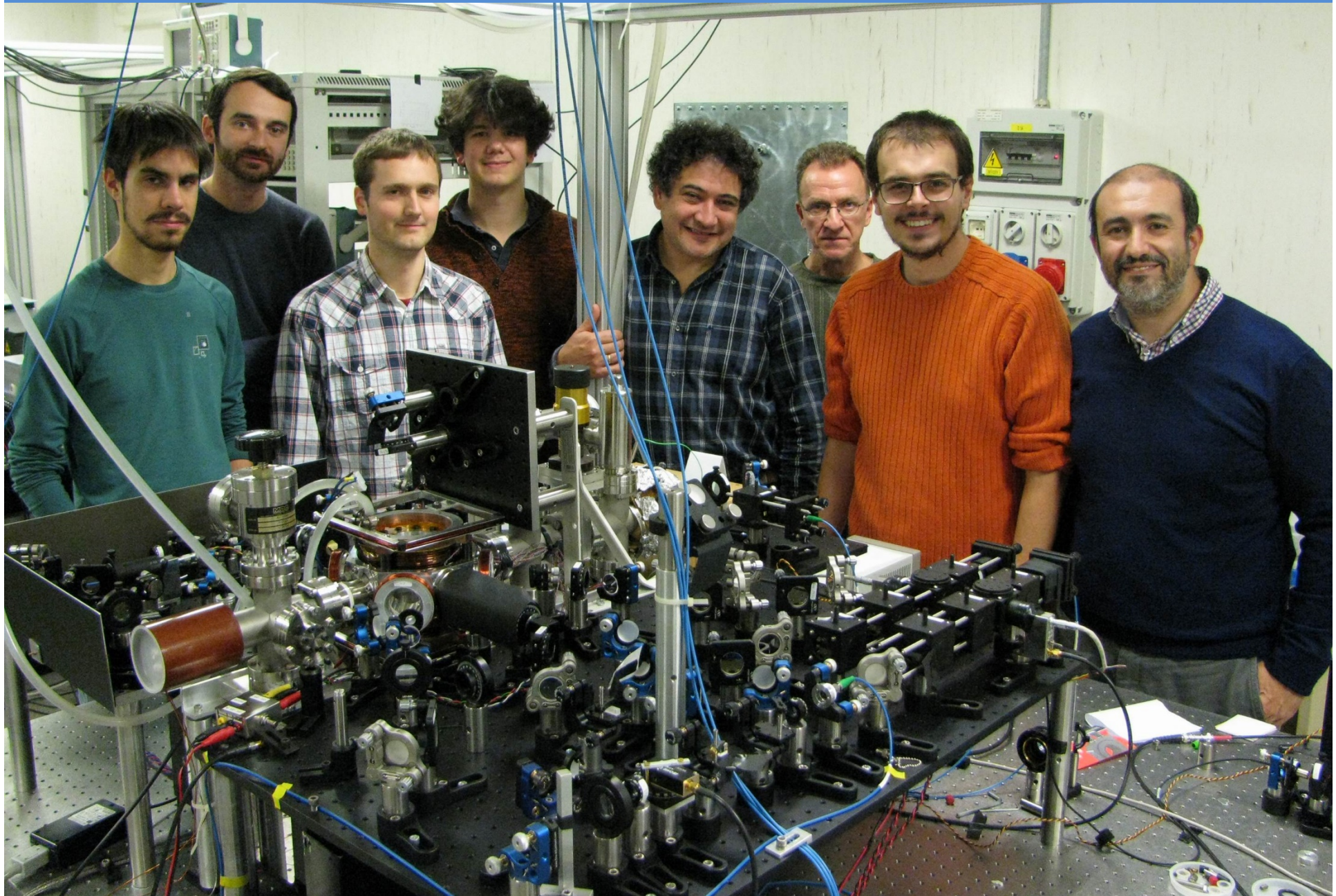
A counter for light



The optical frequency comb:
a frequency ruler of laser lines



Yb optical clock at INRIM



Doubly forbidden!

$$\Delta S \neq 0$$

$$J = 0 \rightarrow J' = 0$$

$$\lambda = 399 \text{ nm}$$
$$\Gamma = 29 \text{ MHz}$$

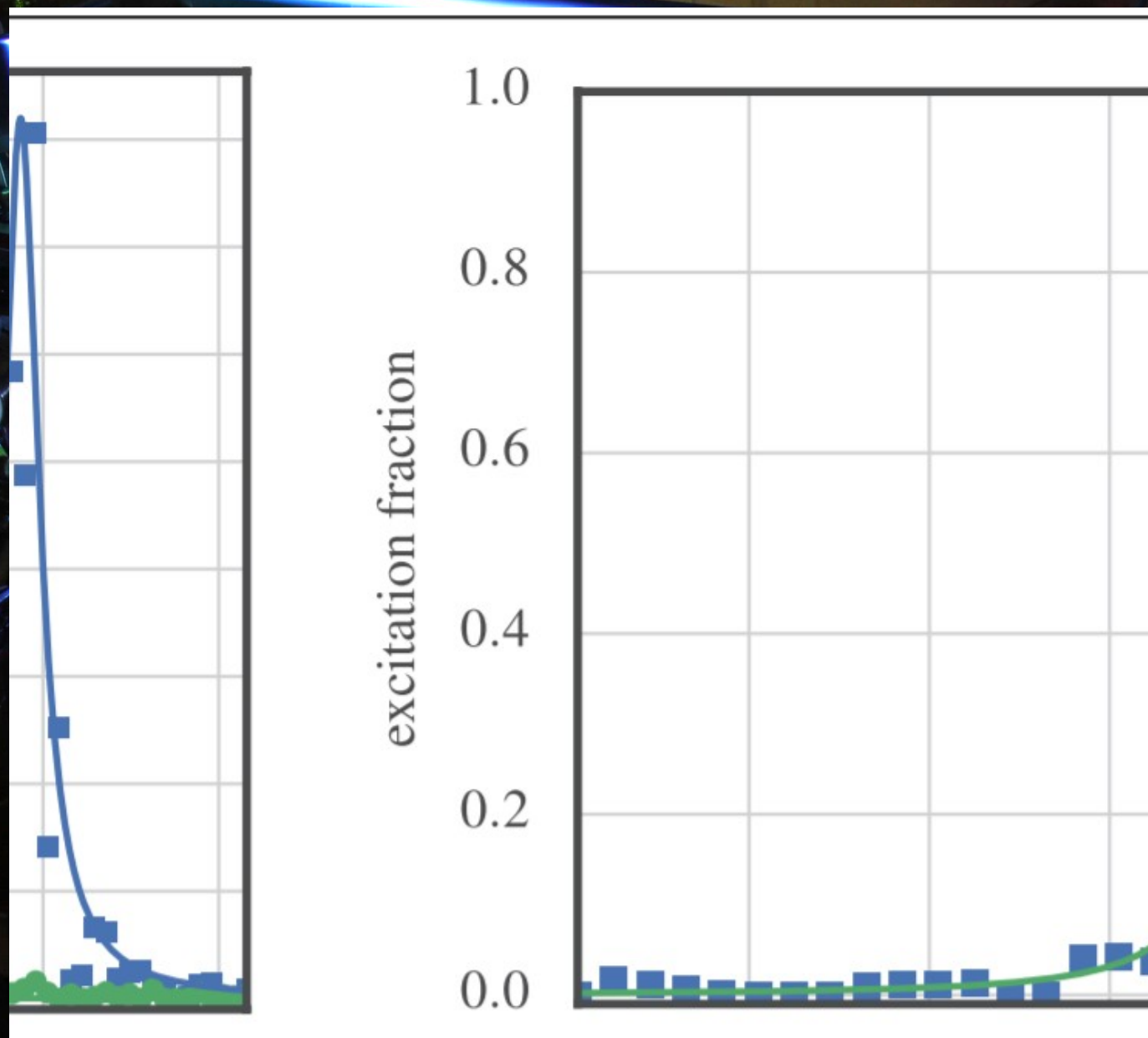
1P_1

$$\lambda = 1344 \text{ nm}$$

$$\Gamma = 48 \text{ MHz}$$

CLOCK TRANSITION

$$\lambda = 556 \text{ nm}$$
$$\Gamma = 182 \text{ kHz}$$



Absolute frequency measurement of ^{171}Yb clock transition

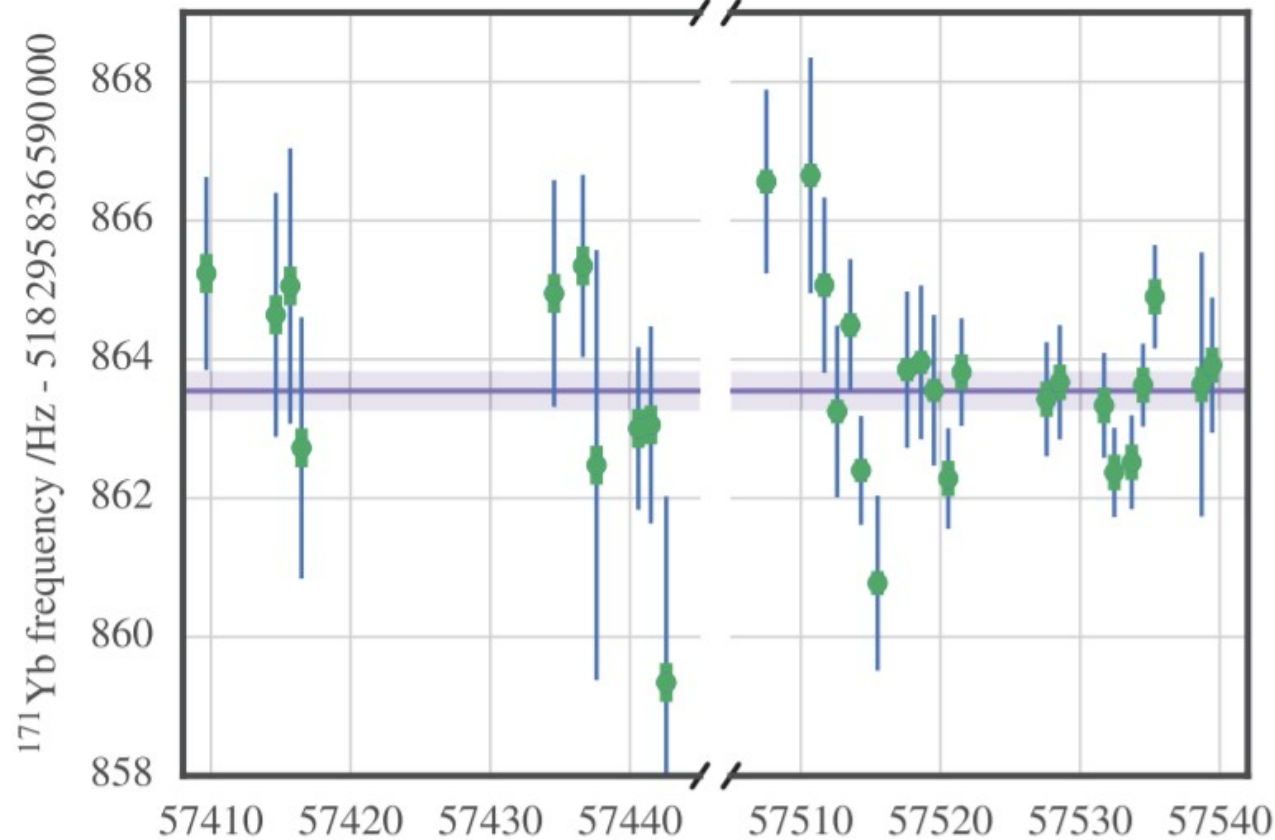


Table 2. Uncertainty budget

Contribution
ITCs F2
Statistics
Yb
Comb
Grav. redshift
Fiber link
Synchronization
Total

This work

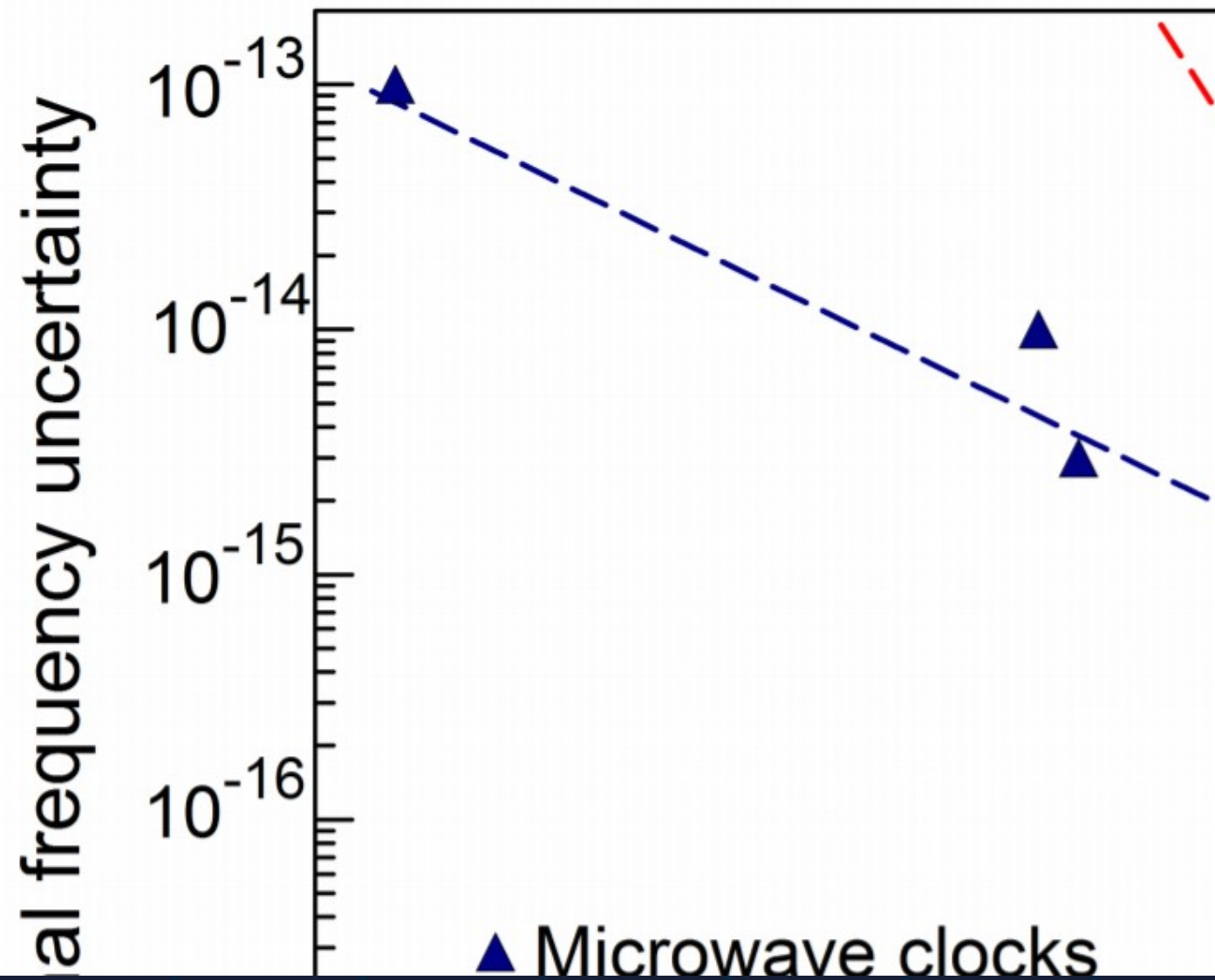
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RIKEN 15

NMIJ 14

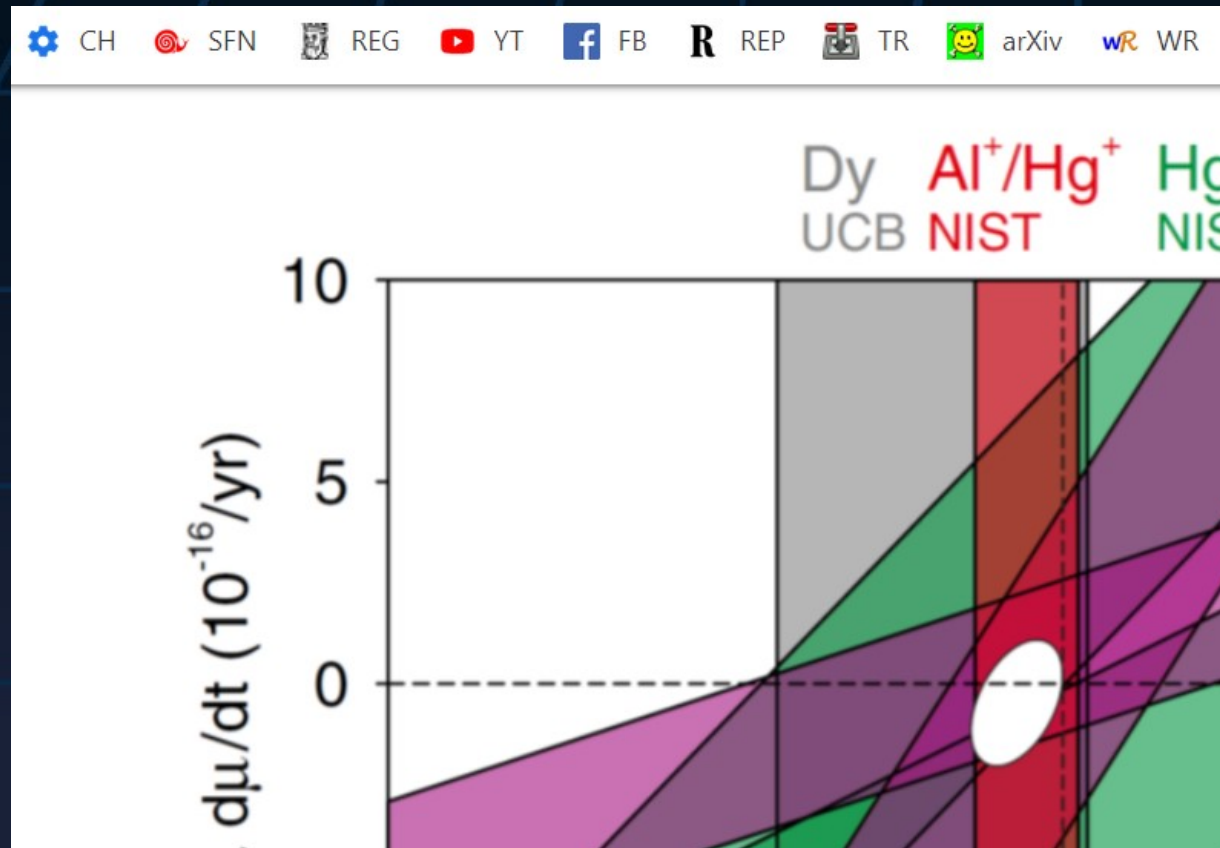
campaign run from January
frequency of ^{171}Yb relative to

Uncertainty of atomic clocks



Are fundamental constants constant?

Comparison btw different atomic clocks at different measurement times



Bounds on the drift of the proton/electron mass ratio μ and fine structure constant α :

Combining this measurement with previous experiments, the following limits to the pre



13 years ago... Fermions in Varenna (2006)

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Quantum degenerate gases and the mixtures of ytterbium atoms

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“Ultracold Fermi Gases” Varenna, June 2006

**Linking clocks:
communicating time, sensing and beyond**

Optical fiber link

- Time/freq. dissemination
- Radioastronomy
- Ultracold atoms physics
- Aerospace
- Finance
- Quantum technologies (QKD)



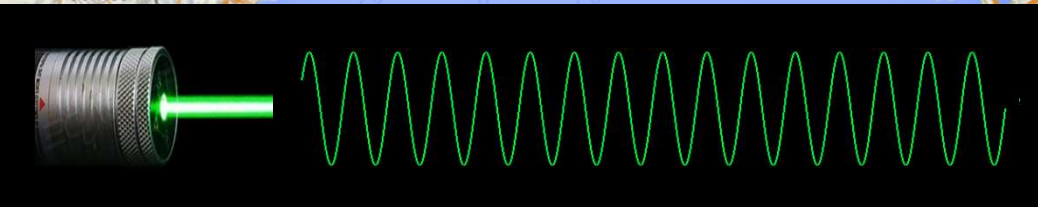
"Absolute" time dissemination

absolute time reference

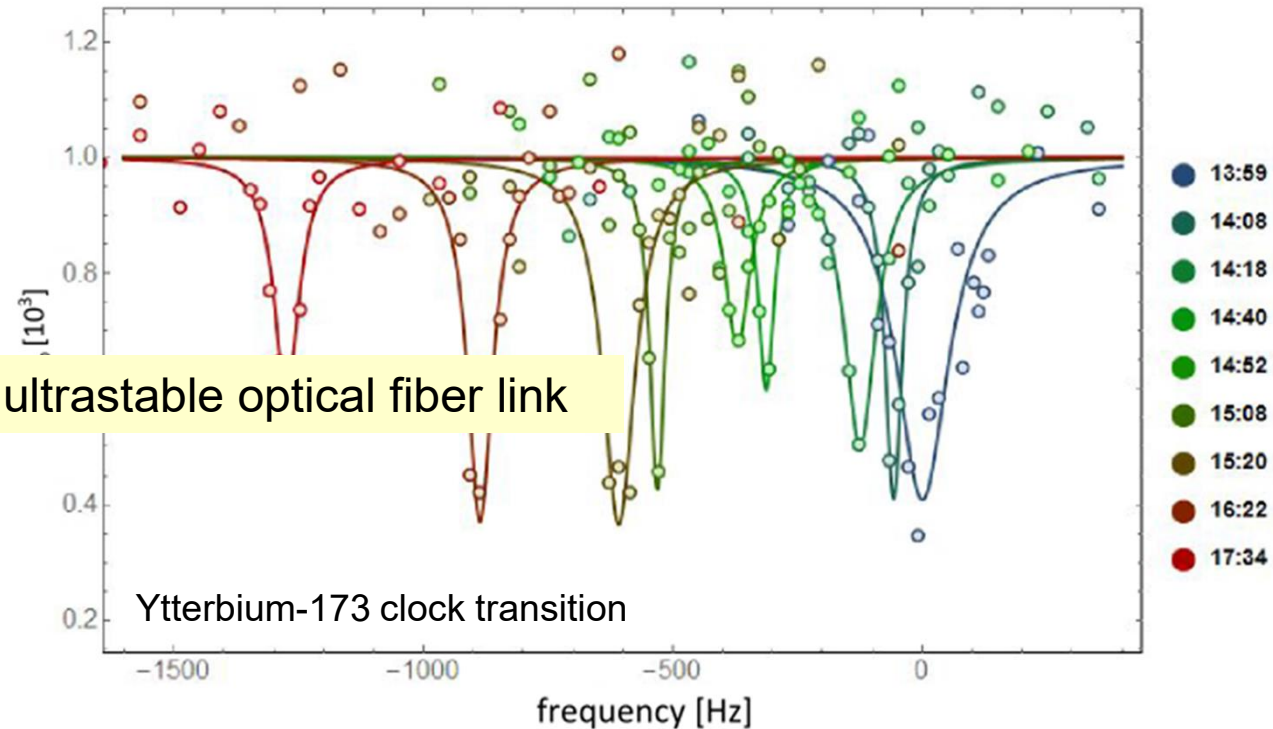
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ultrastable optical fiber link

stabilized laser stabilization



Ytterbium-173 clock transition



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The enigma of the hour

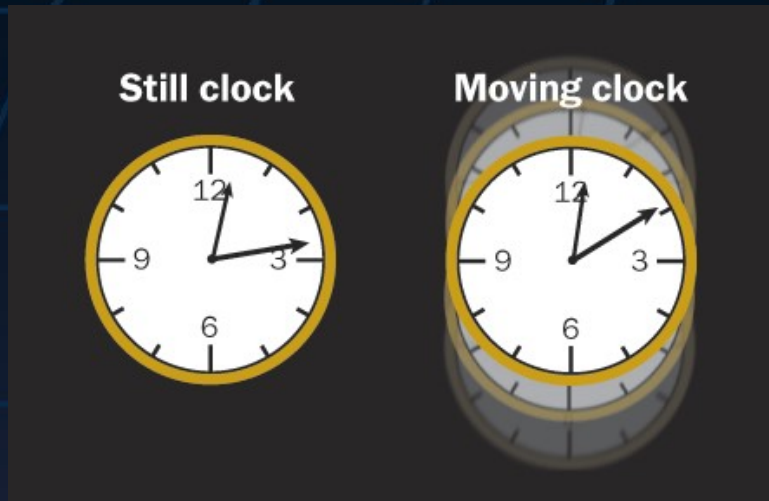


Giovanna Rasario «Giorgio De Chirico, un filo di Arianna»

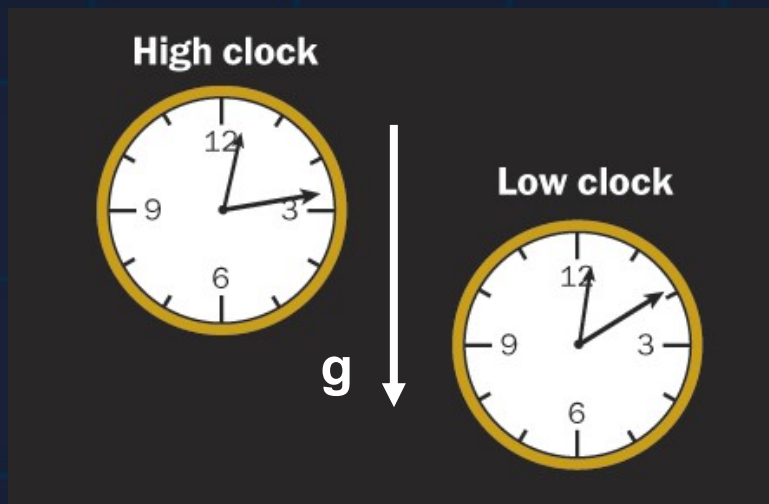
A relative time

Absolute time does not exist (*A. Einstein, 1905-1915*)

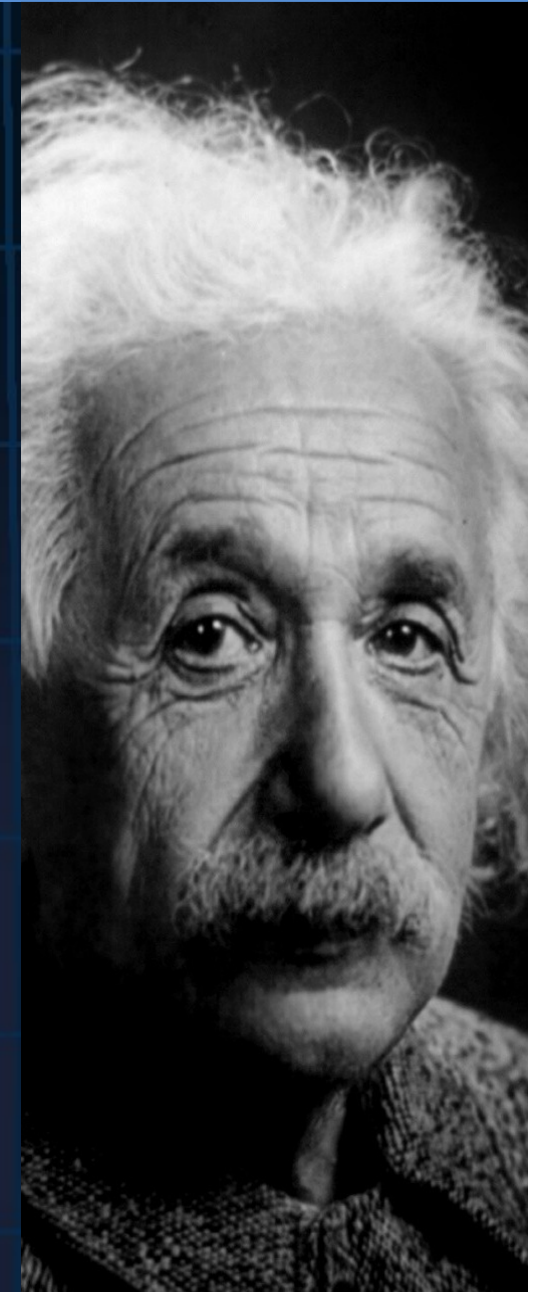
Time dilation because of motion and gravity



$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = \frac{v^2}{2c^2}$$

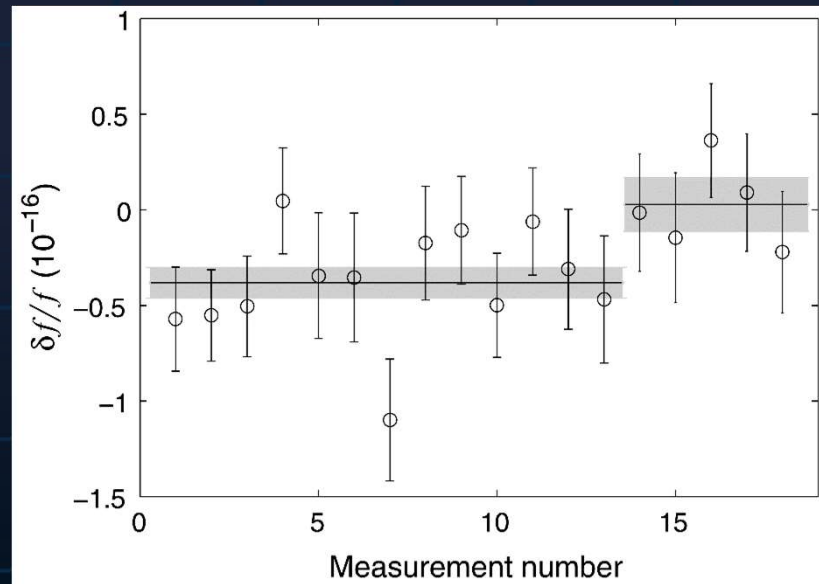
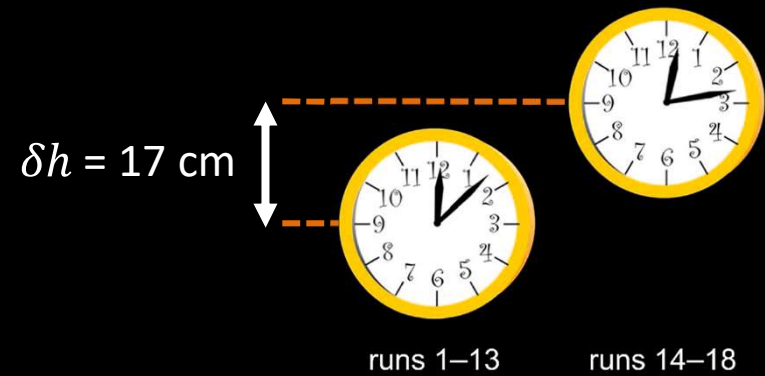


$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = \frac{g}{c^2} \delta h$$



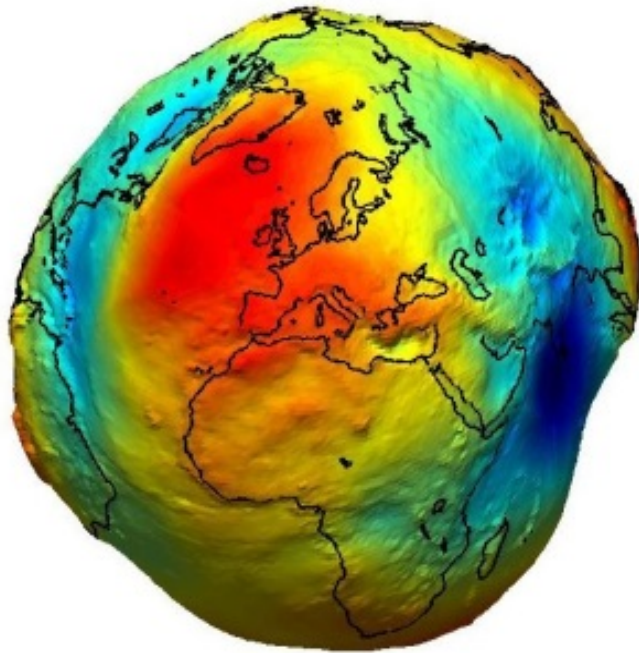
A relative time

Gravitational redshift: 10^{-16} / m



D. Wineland Al^+ ion clock (NIST, Boulder)

Clocks and gravitational redshift



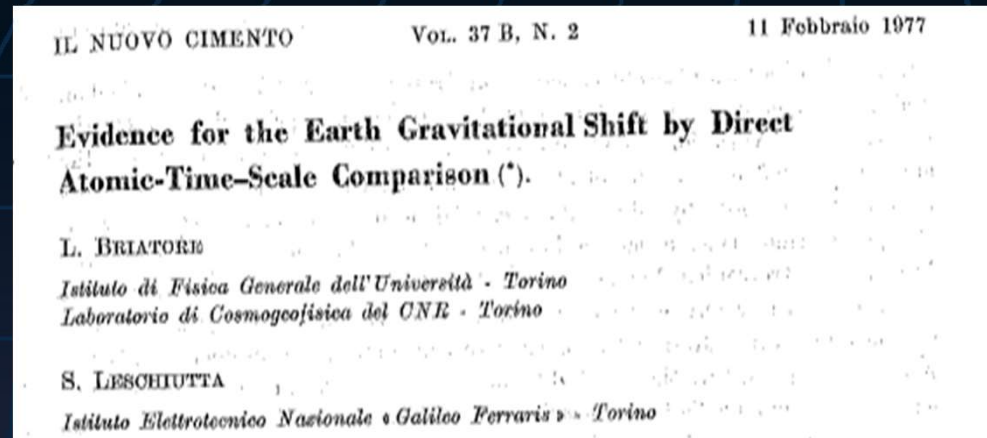
In the weak field approximation (as in the Solar System), two clocks placed at two different locations with different gravitational potential W , have a frequency offset:

$$\frac{\nu_0 - \nu(\bar{r})}{\nu_0} = \frac{W(\bar{r}) - W_0}{c^2}$$

On Earth (W_0 is the Geoid potential):

$$\frac{\nu_0 - \nu(\bar{r})}{f_\nu} \approx \frac{g_0}{c^2} m^{-1} = 1.09 \times 10^{-16} m^{-1}$$

Clocks comparisons at different gravity potentials



IEN G. Ferraris
1977

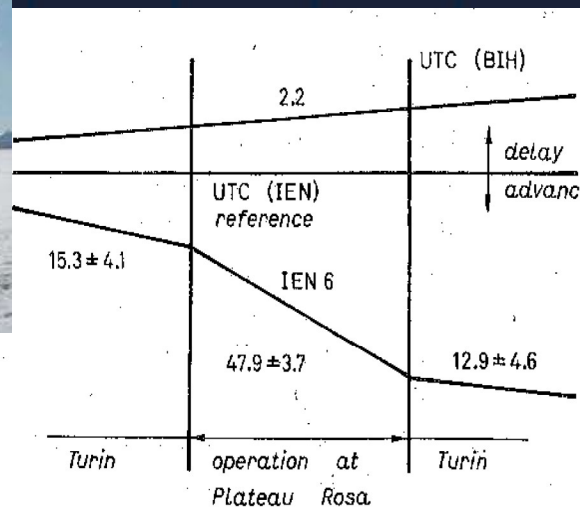
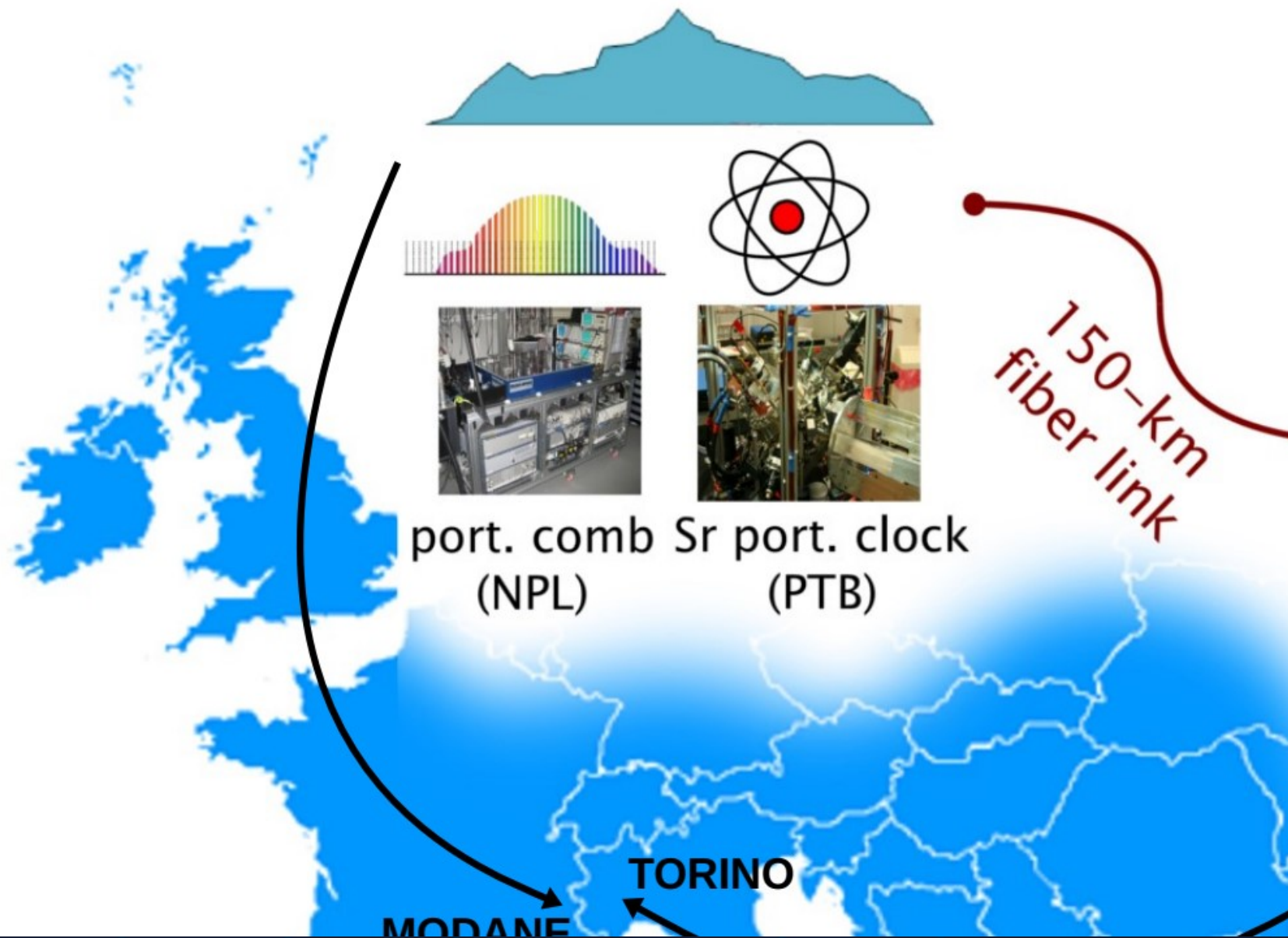


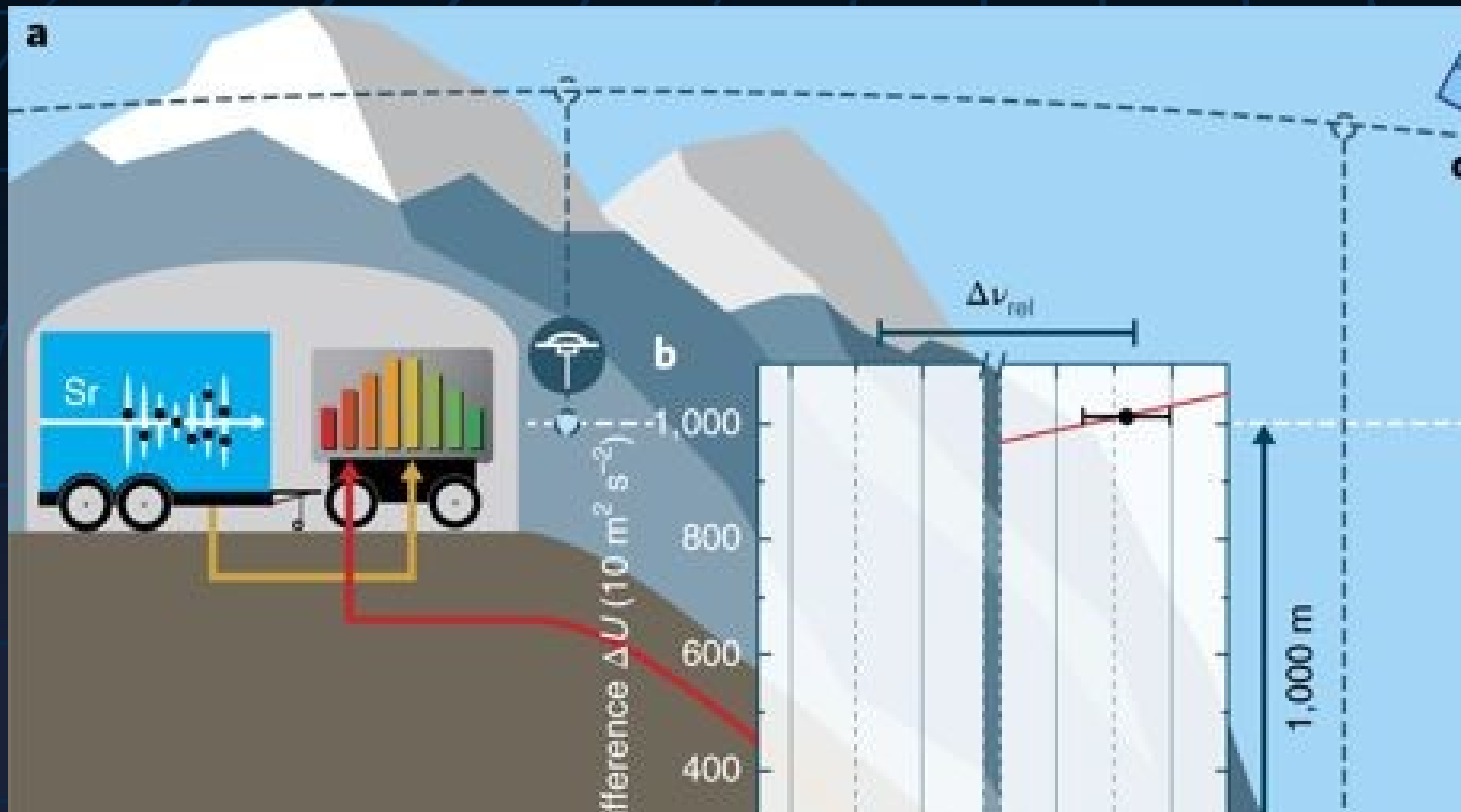
Fig. 3. - Schematic drawing of the least-square-fitted relative behaviours of UTC (IEN) and UTC (BIH) for the periods concerned. The slopes are of UTC (IEN) and are given in ns/d.



Relativistic geodesy on the Alps



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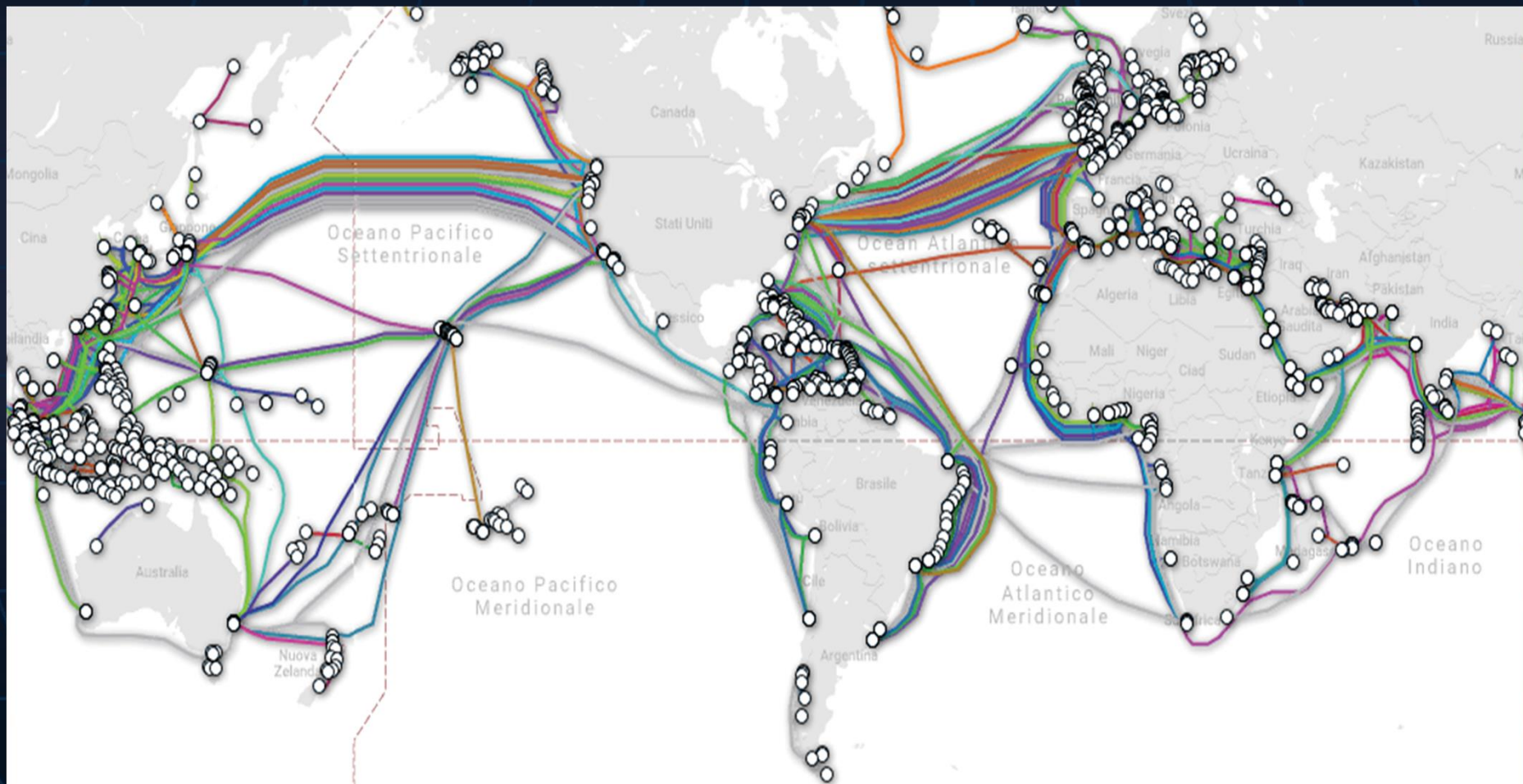
First demonstration of chronometric levelling with transportable optical clocks

Frejus tunnel – Turin gravitational potential difference: $10.034 (174) \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$

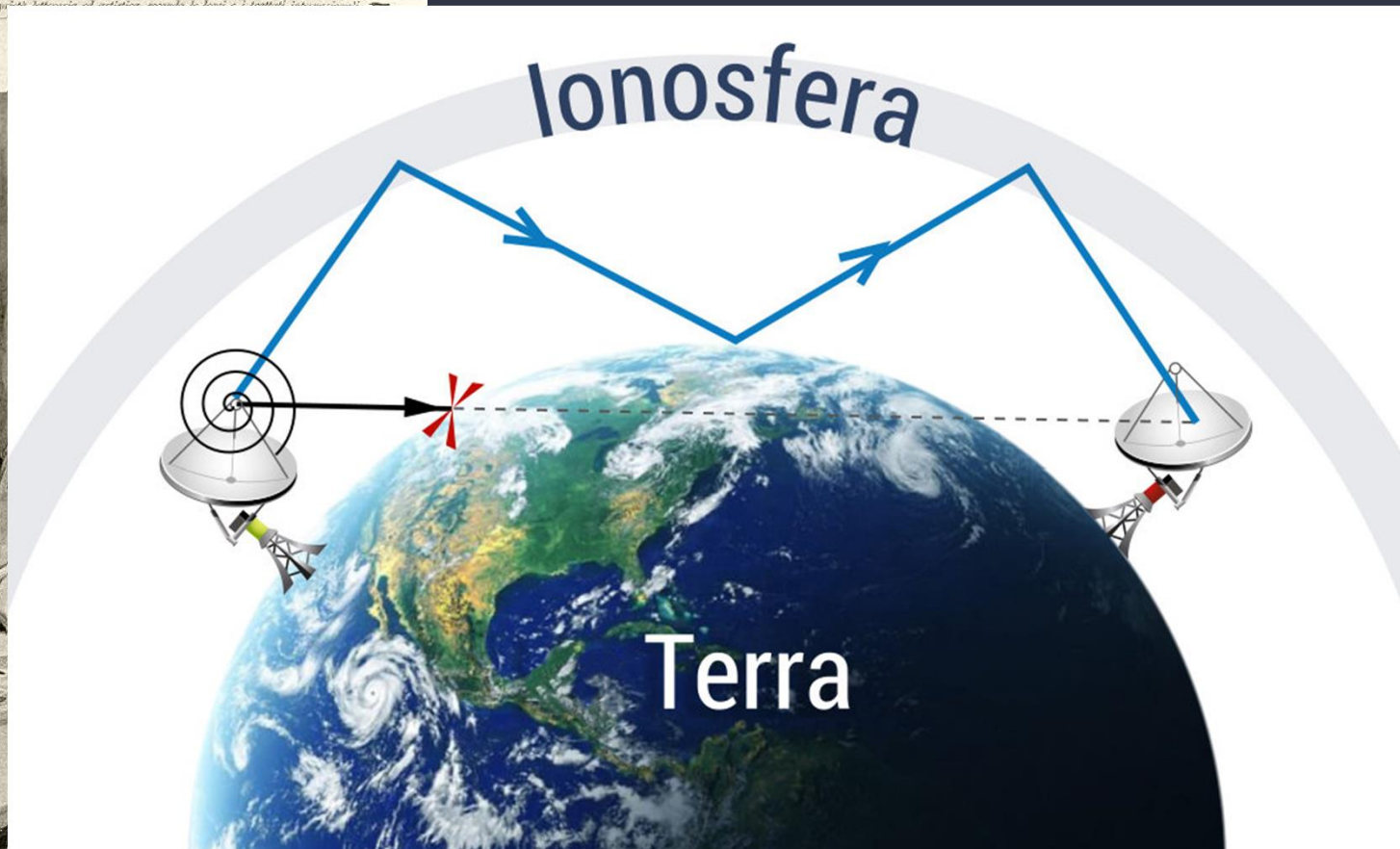
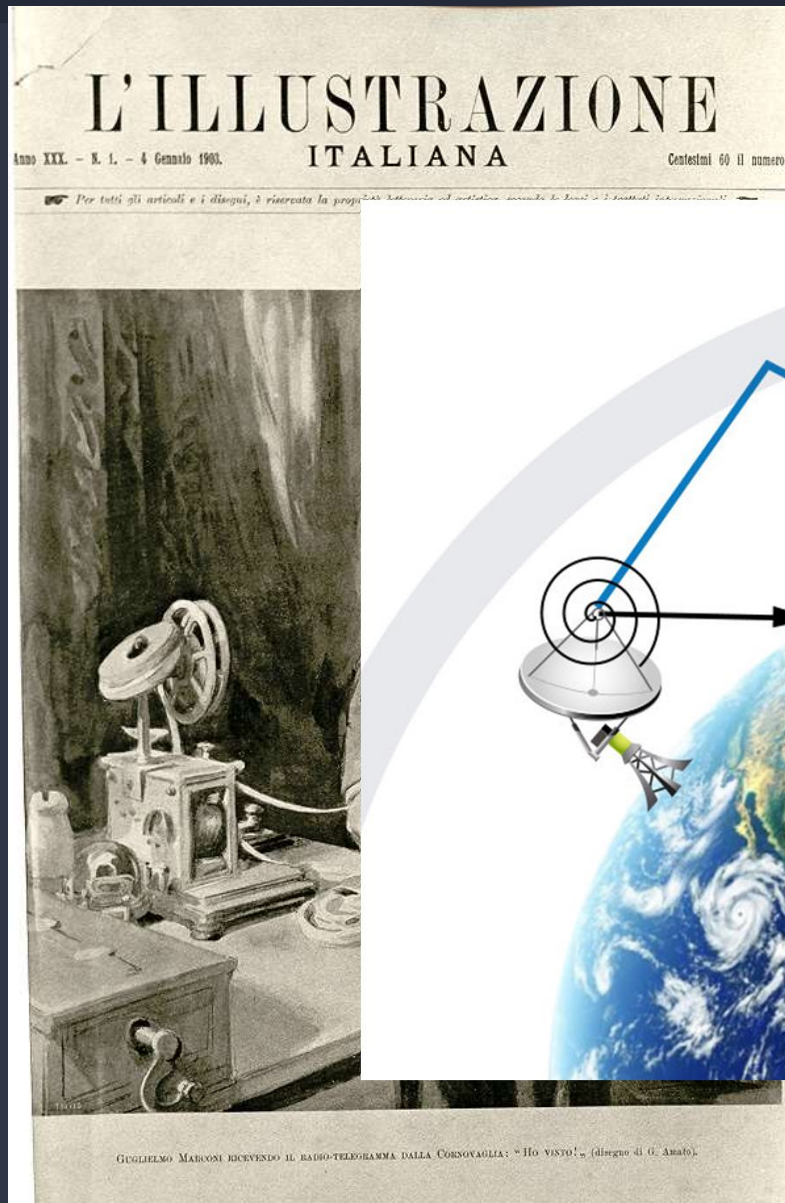
Optical fiber link for earthquake detection

**Submarine earthquakes are very hard to detect
(submarine seismometers scarce, expensive and difficult to operate)**

Can we use the current 1 Mkm-long submarine optical fiber network?



Marconi ... radiowaves

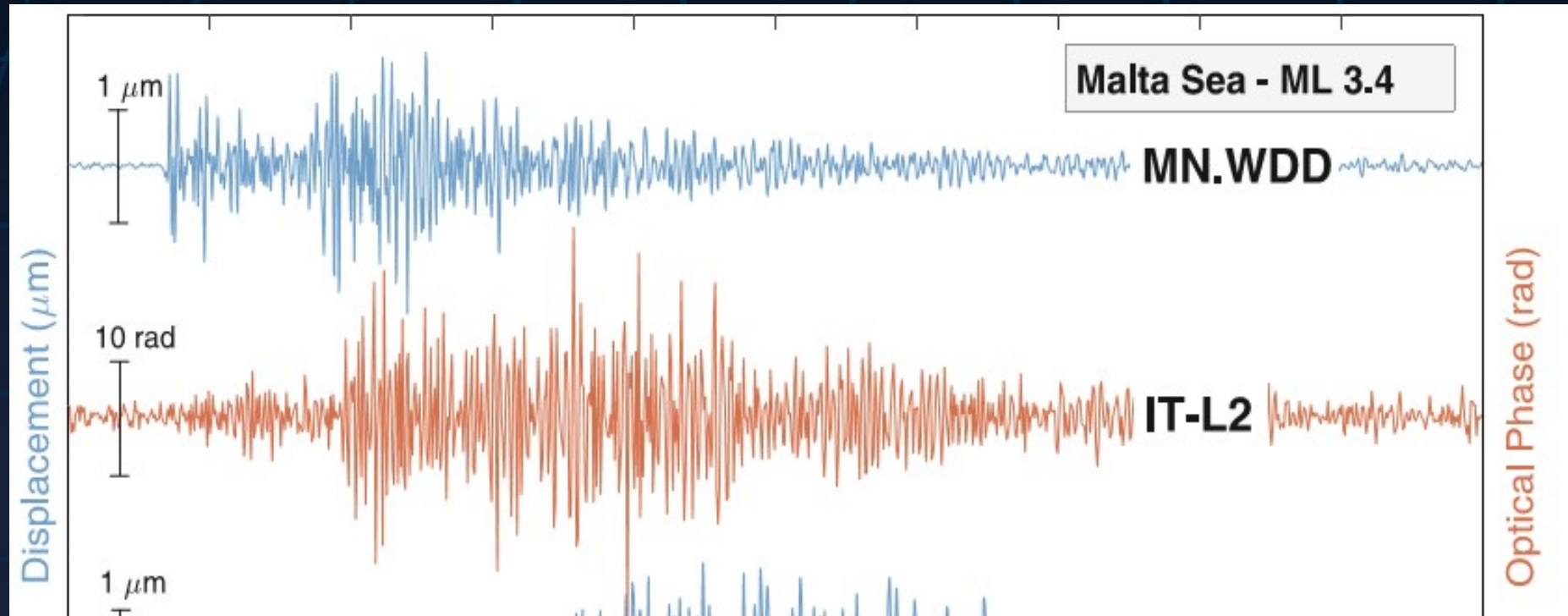


Optical fiber link for earthquake detection

Detection of submarine earthquakes (magnitude 3.4 e 5.1)

Blue: conventional seismometer

Red: optical fiber link error signal



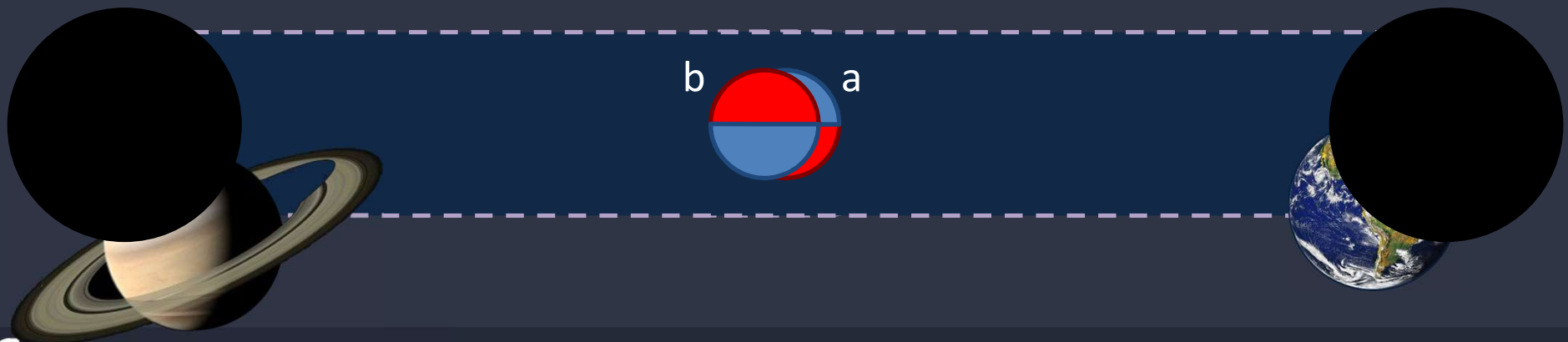
G. Marra et al., Science 361 (2018)

Quantum Communication

Entanglement:

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{blue/red} \\ \text{red/blue} \end{array} \right\rangle_{ab} = \alpha \left| \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right\rangle_{ab} + \beta \left| \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right\rangle_{ab}$$

Two quantum systems can be correlated independently of their distance

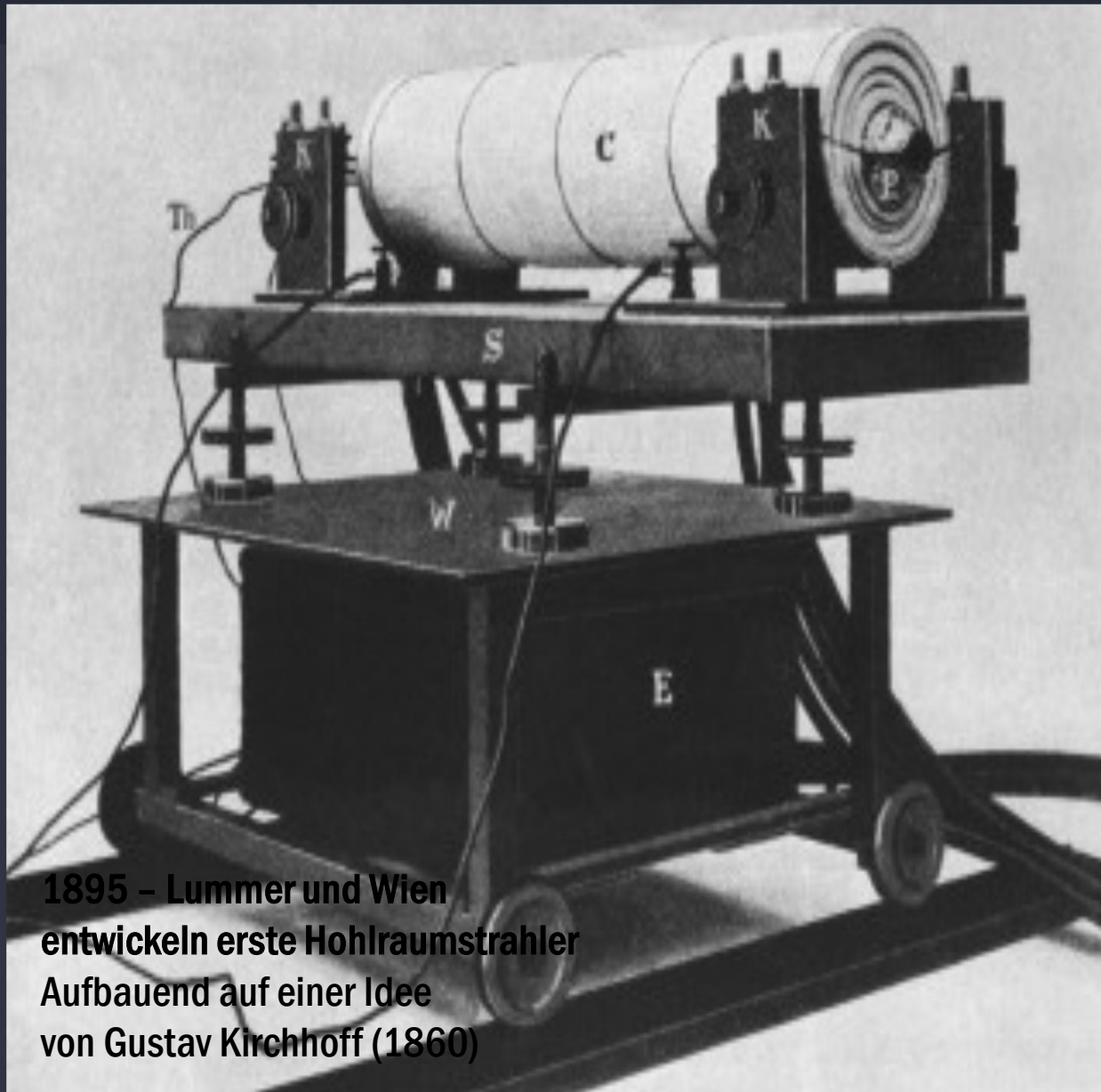




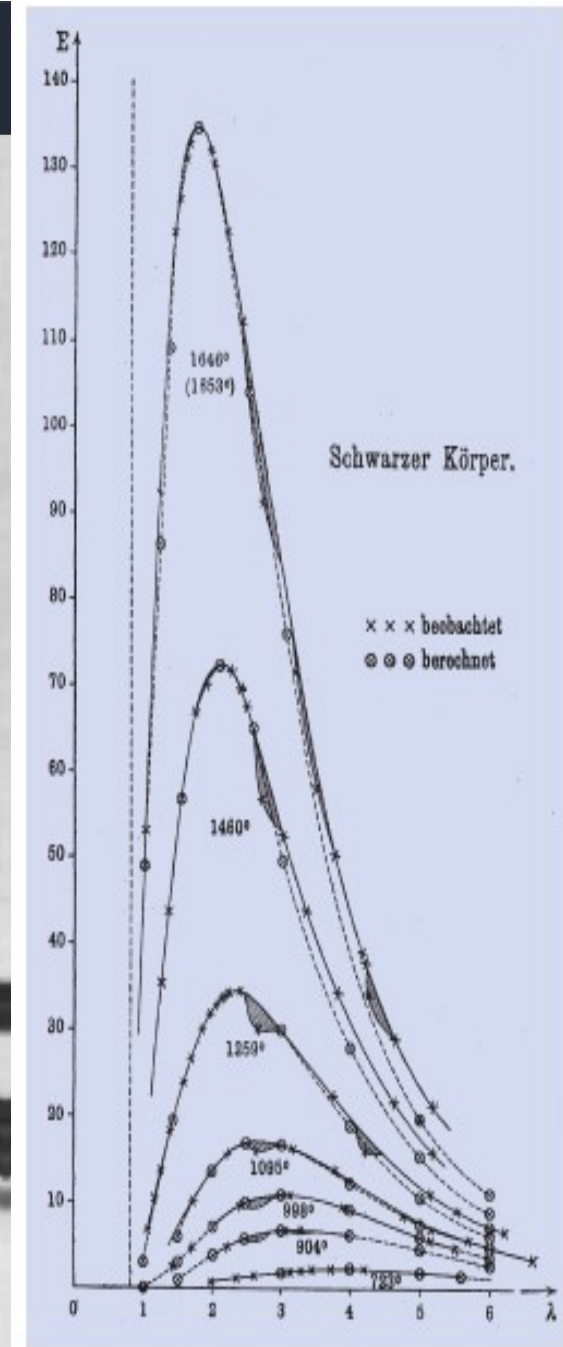
1 Light bulb used in demonstration at Menlo Park, Christmas week, 1879
From Edison's collection, NMHT 1879

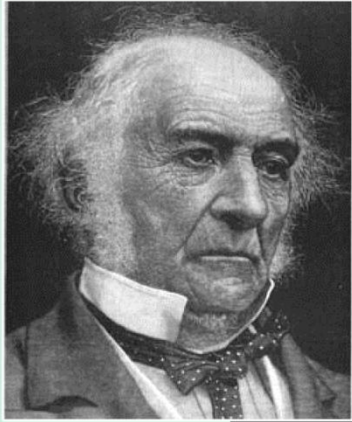
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EDISON'S FIRST
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LAMP
AS USED IN THE
MENLO PARK DEMONSTRATION
OF DEC. 31, 1879
THE TRIUMPH



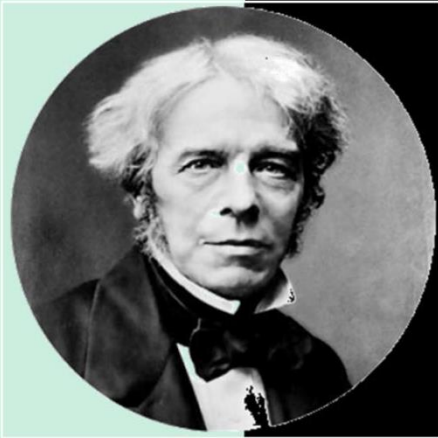
**1895 – Lummer und Wien
entwickeln erste Hohlraumstrahler
Aufbauend auf einer Idee
von Gustav Kirchhoff (1860)**





“But, after all, what good is it (generating electric current)?”

William Gladstone
British Chancellor of the Exchequer



“Why sir, one day you will tax it.”

Michael Faraday

Galileo Galilei's telescope





1609: Galileo discovers the Jupiter's moons



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GALILEO GALILEI
CON L'OCCHIO INTERNO
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E CONVERSANTE COI DISCEPOLI DI NVOVI VERI
TRASSE GLI VLTIMI ANNI
E COMPÌ LA SVA VITA

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Here
Galileo Galilei,
with his internal eye,
looked again at that sky, that world, that universe
that he had expanded
beyond what was commonly seen by the men of wisdom.
And, discussing with his disciples about the new truths,
he spent the last years of his life,
and here he passed away.

The University of Florence
offers this house for the future people,
as a testimony of daring,
as an emblem
of the intrepid human thirst for knowledge

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30th May 1942

An aerial photograph of a snowy, mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a dark body of water reflects the sky. A small settlement of buildings is situated on a snowy plain near the water's edge. In the background, several large, snow-covered mountains rise under a cloudy sky.

WHAT NEXT?

