

# Activities in HIM (Germany) & PKU (China)

## — Atomic Magnetometry and Related Applications in Exotic Physics —

The 1st International Workshop on Global Network of Cavities to Search for Gravitational Waves (GravNet)

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## 2015.03 - 2015.06 : PhD candidate, 3-months' visit, *Nitrogen Vacancy Centers in Diamond*

[Peking University] Ask for Short-term Visiting Student's Position (**Self-Funded**)



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Nov 16, 2014, 4:24 AM



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Dear Teng Wu:

I think it would be very good if you could come to our laboratory as a visiting student. I am not sure if you know this, our group is now in two geographical locations, one at Berkeley, and another at the new Helmholtz institute and the Johannes Gutenberg University at Mainz, Germany. It is our German operations that are rapidly expanding at the moment, and where I think it would be best for you to visit. Would this be of interest?

To proceed, please ask Prof. Hong Guo to e-mail me a (possibly brief) recommendation letter for you; also, please let me know what will be needed on my side to support your application for the scholarship. Let me know also if you would like to speak with me via SKYPE (I am dmitrybudker ).

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Helmholtz Institut Mainz (2015)

2015

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PhD degree  
Baby

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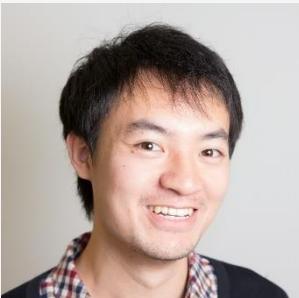
2016

2016.09 - 2019.09

**Postdoc**, 3 years, Zero- to Ultralow-Field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, CASPER



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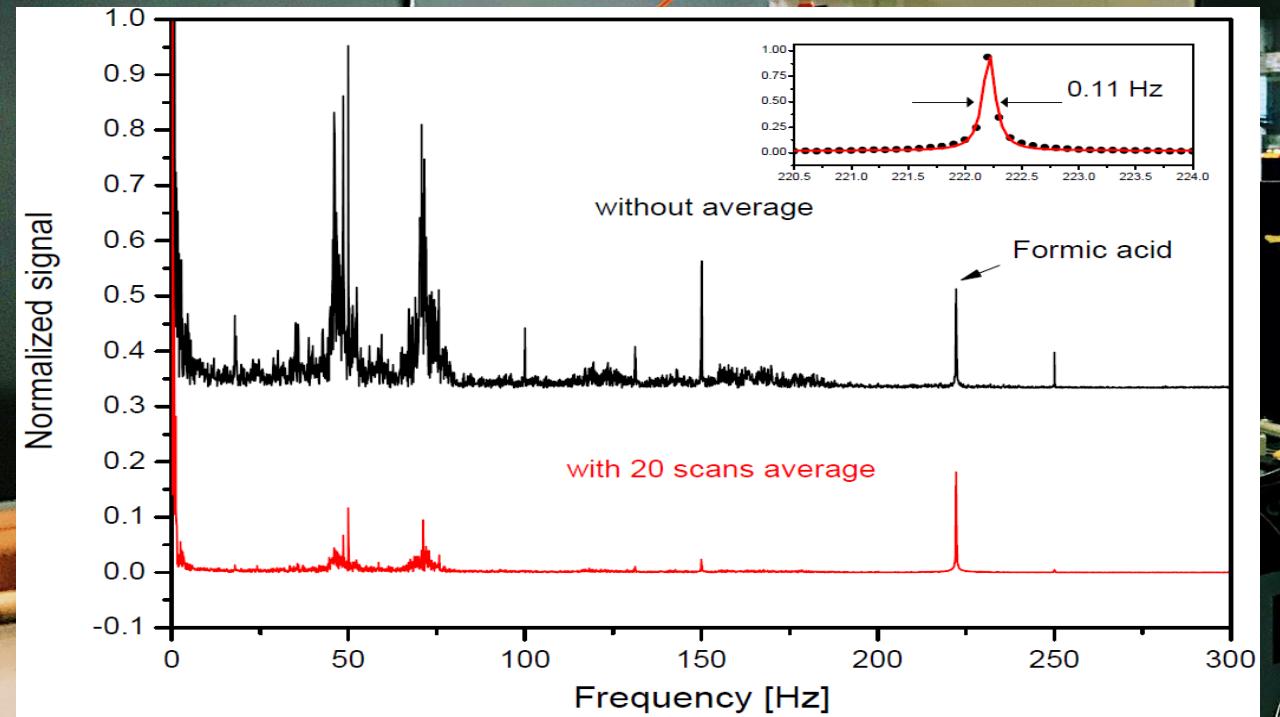


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# Zero- to Ultralow-Field (ZULF) Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

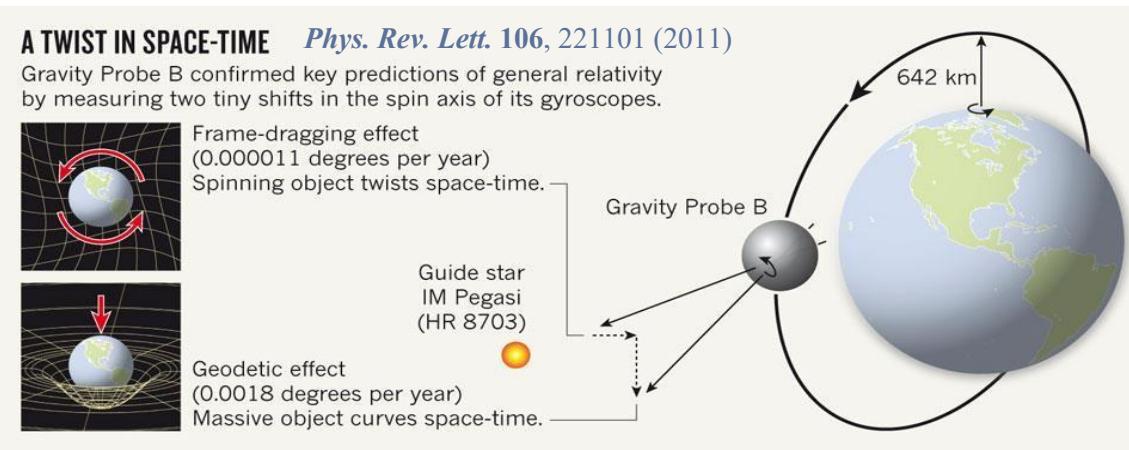
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First ZULF NMR signal @ Mainz: *Formic Acid* (Dec. 2016)

# Q: Why to measure the *Gravitation Induced Spin Precession* Signal?

## I. Check whether *Spin* experiences the *Same* Geodetic and Frame-Dragging effects as a *Classical Gyroscope*



*Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 044056 (2021)

### Gravity Probe Spin: Prospects for measuring general-relativistic precession of intrinsic spin using a ferromagnetic gyroscope

Pavel Fadeev<sup>1,\*</sup>, Tao Wang<sup>1,2</sup>, Y. B. Band<sup>1,3</sup>, Dmitry Budker<sup>1,4</sup>, Peter W. Graham<sup>1,5</sup>, Alexander O. Sushkov<sup>6</sup>, and Derek F. Jackson Kimball<sup>7,†</sup>

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## II. Check whether the *Extension* of General Relativity is Possible (*Pseudoscalar Coupling, Long-range Spin-dependent Potential*)

*Rev. Mod. Phys.* **48**, 393 (1976)

*Phys. Rev. D* **18**, 2739 (1978)

*Phys. Rev. D* **30**, 130 (1984)

*Rev. Mod. Phys.* **90**, 025008 (2018)

**Spins**  
Electron, Nucleus

**Hypothetical bosonic fields**

*Extension of General Relativity based on Riemann-Cartan Space-Time*

**Gravitation**  
Earth, Mass...



# Q: What happens to the spin and how to measure it?

Source of Precession	Geodetic Precession	Frame-Dragging Precession	Spin-Gravity Precession
Basic Formula	$\Omega_{\text{geo}} = \frac{3GMv}{2c^2R^2}$	$\Omega_{\text{fra}} = \frac{2GI\omega_E}{c^2R^3}$	$H_{\text{sg}} = \chi_e \vec{S} \cdot \vec{g} + \chi_N \vec{I} \cdot \vec{g}$ ( $\chi \cong \hbar/c \sim 10^{-42} \text{ kg m}$ )
Typical Frequency	$\sim 10^{-13} \text{ Hz}$	$\sim 10^{-15} \text{ Hz}$	$\sim 10^{-8} \text{ Hz}$ (estimated value)
Methods & Results	<p><b>Classical Angular Mom.</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p>After one year, gyroscopes predicted to turn with 'spacetime' frame</p> <p>Rotation of Earth</p> <p>Gravity B</p> <p>IM Pegasi (star)</p> <p>Perfect alignment</p> <p>Inside the probe:</p> <p>Telescope</p> <p>Vacuum flask</p> <p>Solar panels</p> <p>Gyroscopes x4</p> <p><b>Gravity Probe B</b></p> <p>Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 221101 (2011)</p>	<p><b>Quantum Angular Mom.</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p>Frequency Uncertainty (<math>s^{-1}</math>)</p> <p>Experimental constraints</p> <p>de Sitter</p> <p>Lense-Thirring</p> <p><math>\Delta\Omega</math></p> <p>Time (s)</p> <p>Frequency Uncertainty (mas/yr)</p> <p><b>mm - scale Ferromagnetic Gyroscopes</b></p> <p>Phys. Rev. D 103, 044056 (2021)</p>	<p><b>Classical Angular Mom.</b></p> <p>?</p> <p><b>Quantum Angular Mom.</b></p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p>Electron Spin (<math>\sim 10^{-4} \text{ Hz}</math>)</p> <p>Phys. Rev. D 78, 092006 (2008)</p> <p>Proton Spin (<math>\sim 10^{-3} \text{ Hz}</math>)</p> <p>Phys. Rev. D 96, 075004 (2017)</p> <p>Neutron Spin (<math>\sim 10^{-7} \text{ Hz}</math>)</p> <p>Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 201401 (2023)</p>

# The basic idea for measuring exotic spin-dependent interactions

**$^{39}\text{K}$  -  $^3\text{He}$**

Princeton University, USA

PRL 103, 261801 (2009)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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31 DECEMBER 2009

## Limits on New Long Range Nuclear Spin-Dependent Forces Set with a K- $^3\text{He}$ Comagnetometer

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(Received 1 September 2008; revised manuscript received 23 September 2009; published 29 December 2009)

A magnetometer using spin-polarized K and  $^3\text{He}$  atoms occupying the same volume is used to search for anomalous nuclear spin-dependent forces generated by a separate  $^3\text{He}$  spin source. We measure changes in the  $^3\text{He}$  spin precession frequency with a resolution of 18 pHz and constrain anomalous spin forces between neutrons to be less than  $2 \times 10^{-8}$  of their magnetic or less than  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  of their gravitational interactions on a length scale of 50 cm. We present new limits on neutron coupling to light pseudoscalar and vector particles, including torsion, and constraints on recently proposed models involving unparticles and spontaneous breaking of Lorentz symmetry.

DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.103.261801

PACS numbers: 14.80.Mz, 04.80.Cc, 21.30.Cb, 24.80.+y

**$^{85}\text{Rb}$  –  $^{87}\text{Rb}$**

California State University, USA

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 96, 075004 (2017)

## Constraints on long-range spin-gravity and monopole-dipole couplings of the proton

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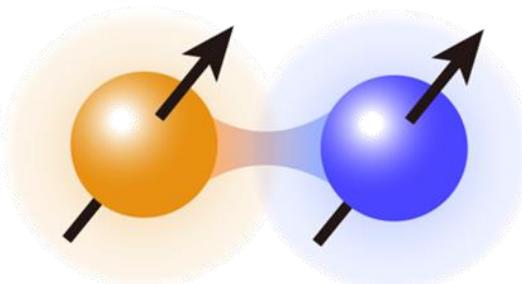
Results of a search for a long-range monopole-dipole coupling between the mass of the Earth and rubidium (Rb) nuclear spins are reported. The experiment simultaneously measures the spin precession frequencies of overlapping ensembles of  $^{85}\text{Rb}$  and  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms contained within an evacuated, antirelaxation-coated vapor cell. The nuclear structure of the Rb isotopes makes the experiment particularly sensitive to spin-dependent interactions of the proton. The spin-dependent component of the gravitational energy of the proton in the Earth's field is found to be smaller than  $3 \times 10^{-18}$  eV, improving laboratory constraints on long-range monopole-dipole interactions by over 3 orders of magnitude.

## Two Spin Species

$$\frac{\Delta v_a}{\Delta v_b} = \frac{\gamma_a \mathbf{B} + \mathcal{E}_a}{\gamma_b \mathbf{B} + \mathcal{E}_b}$$



## Reduce Common-Mode Magnetic-Field Noise



**$^{199}\text{Hg}$  - Neutron**

PSI, Switzerland

PHYSICAL REVIEW X 7, 041034 (2017)

## Search for Axionlike Dark Matter through Nuclear Spin Precession in Electric and Magnetic Fields

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**$^{129}\text{Xe}$  –  $^{131}\text{Xe}$**

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Editors' Suggestion

Featured in Physics

## Search for Spin-Dependent Gravitational Interactions at Earth Range

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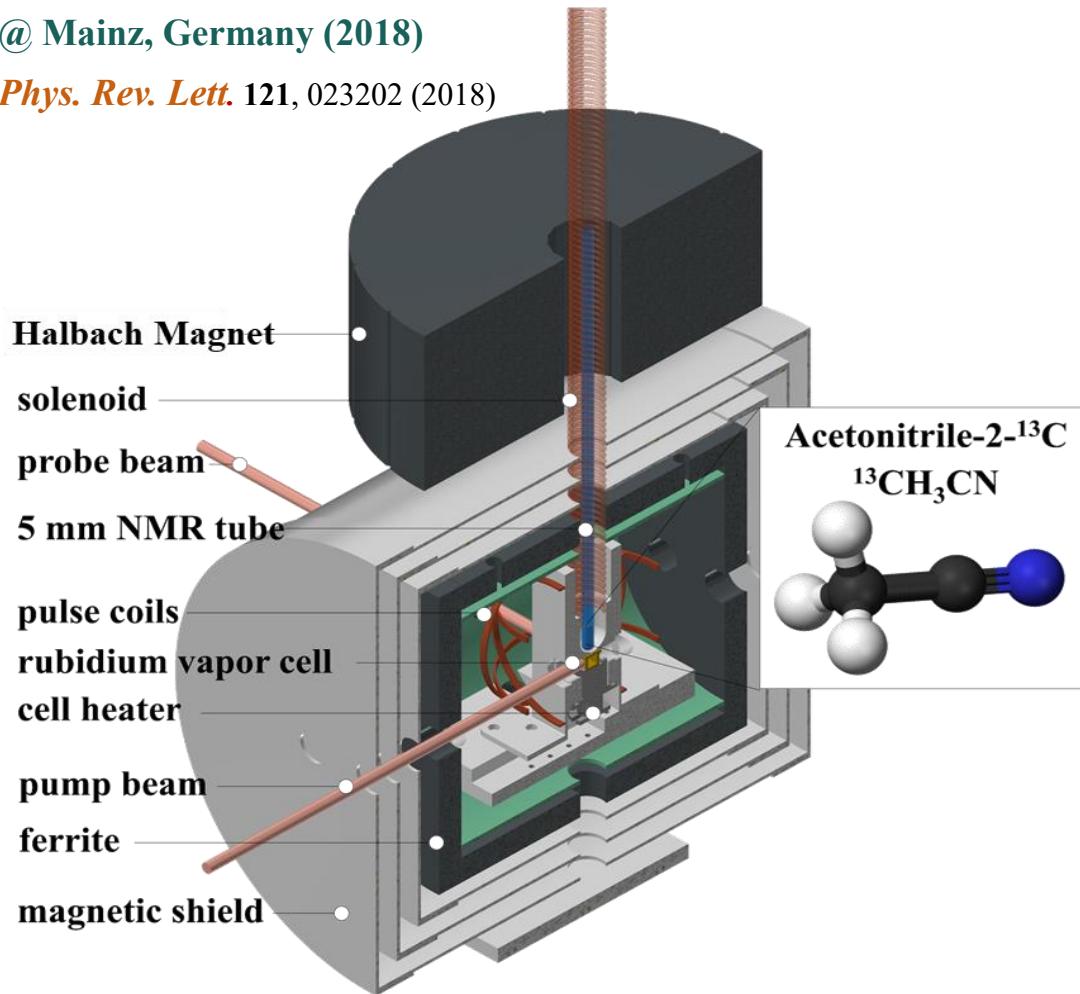
Among the four fundamental forces, only gravity does not couple to particle spins according to the general theory of relativity. We test this principle by searching for an anomalous scalar coupling between the neutron spin and the Earth's gravity on the ground. We develop an atomic gas comagnetometer to

# Comagnetometer with Single-Species Molecule: ZULF NMR

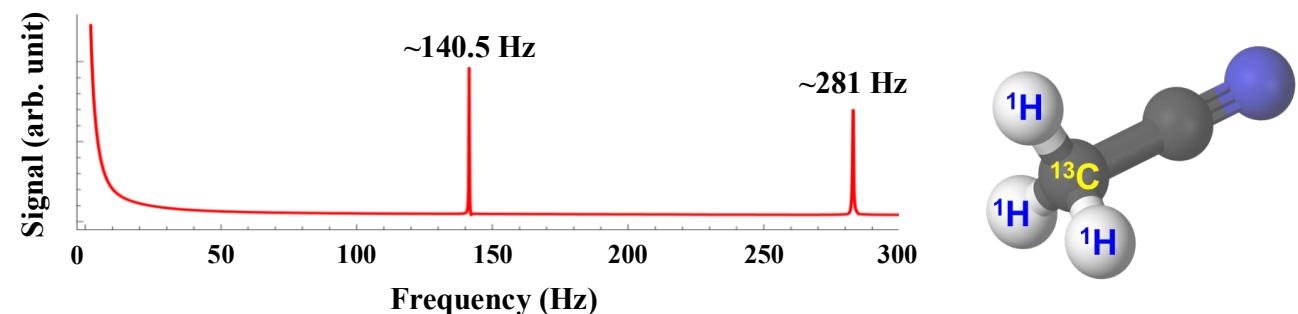
## ZULF NMR: Zero- to Ultralow-Field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

@ Mainz, Germany (2018)

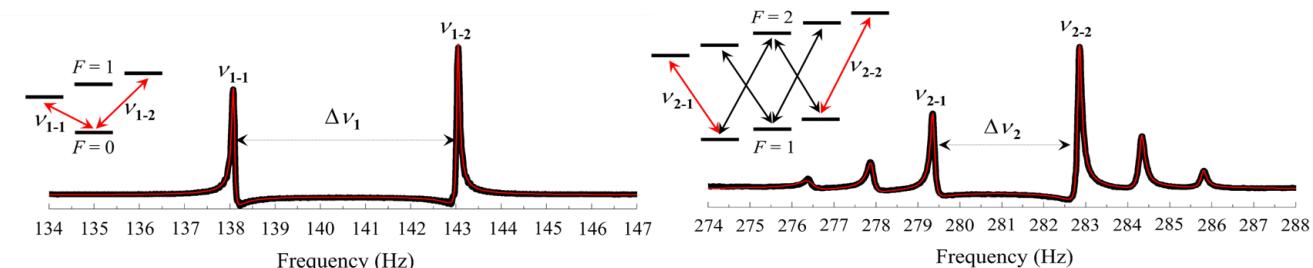
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### Acetonitrile-2-<sup>13</sup>C: no magnetic field



### Acetonitrile-2-<sup>13</sup>C: with magnetic field



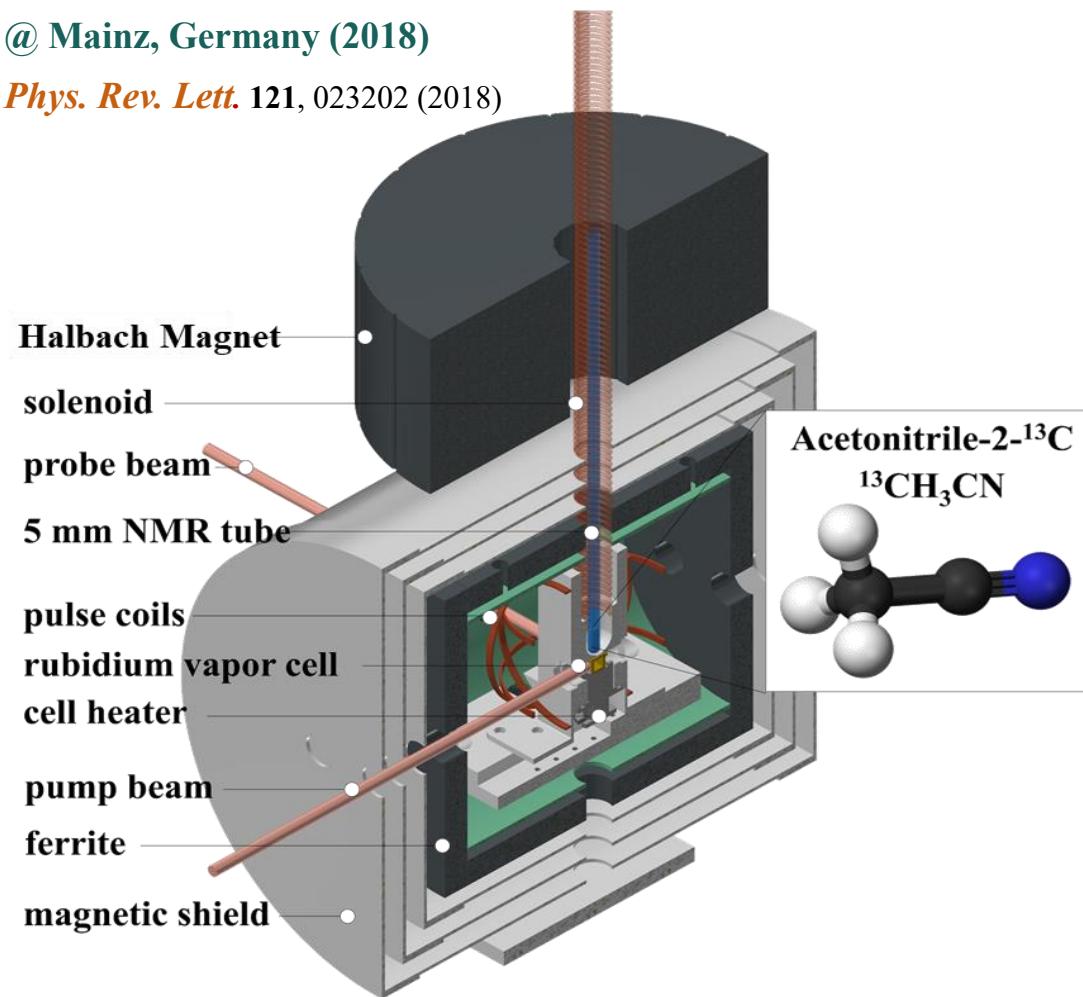
Measurement Type	Single Shot (Thermal)	Day Average (Thermal)	Single Shot (Hyper Polarization)	Day Average (Hyper Polarization)
Frequency Resolution (Hz)	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-9}$

# Comagnetometer with Single-Species Molecule: ZULF NMR

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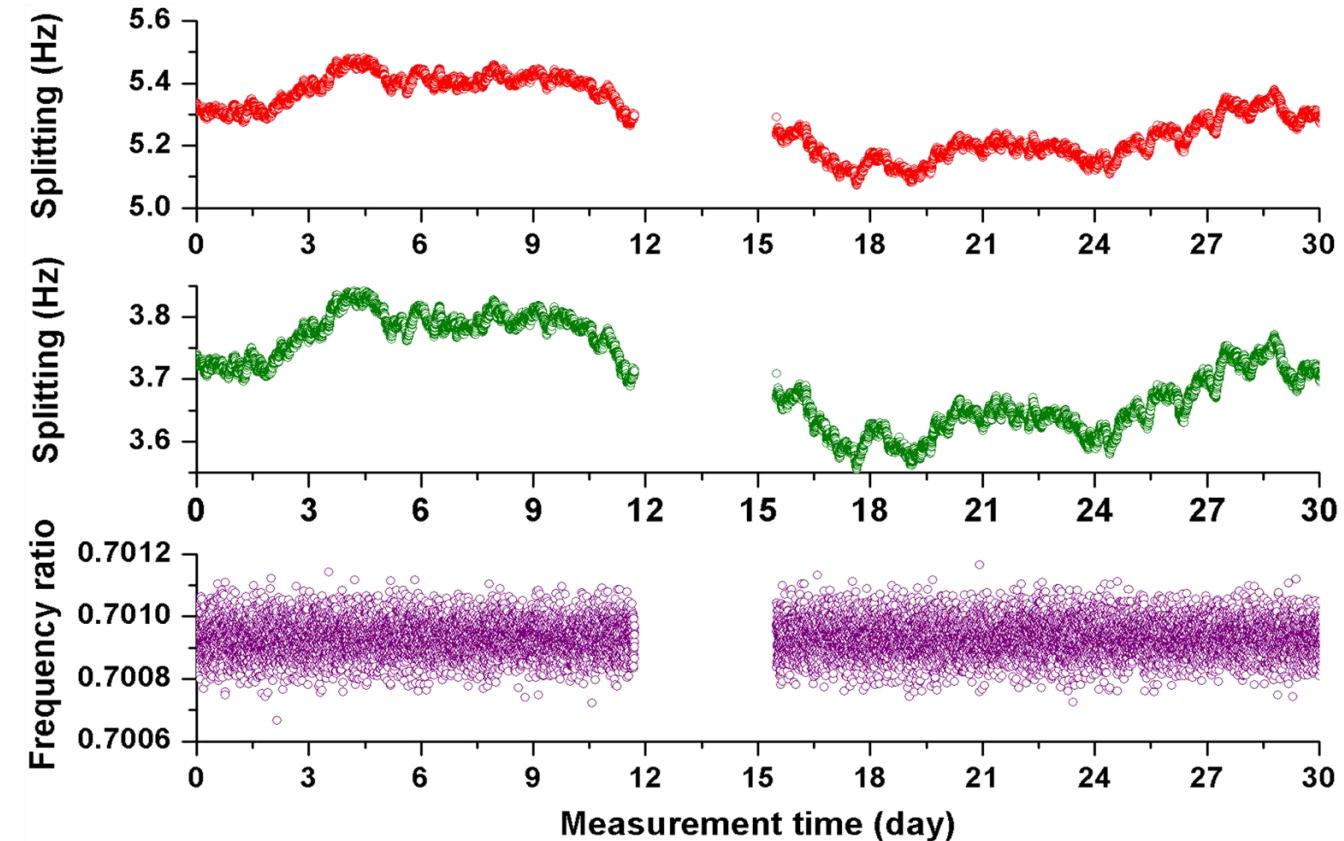


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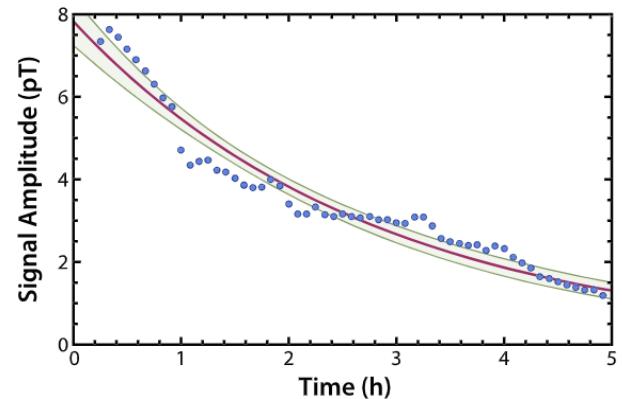
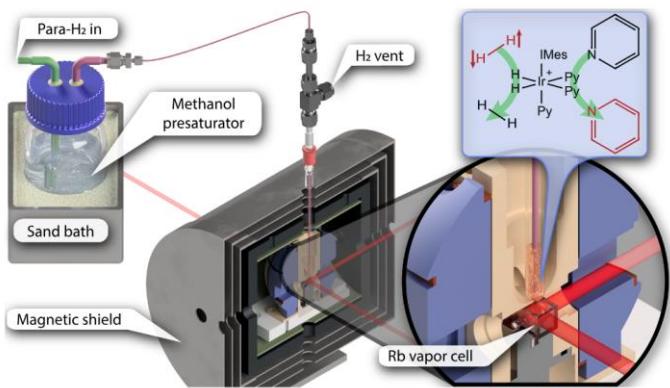


Cosmic Axion induced  
Spin Precession Experiment



# ParaHydrogen Induced Polarization (PHIP) + ZULF NMR

## Long-Lasting Detection of SABRE-Derived Nuclear Magnetization



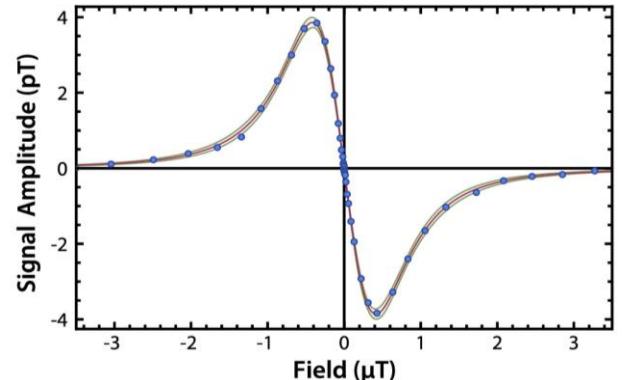
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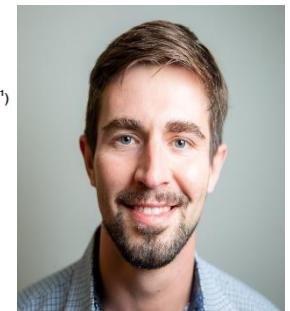
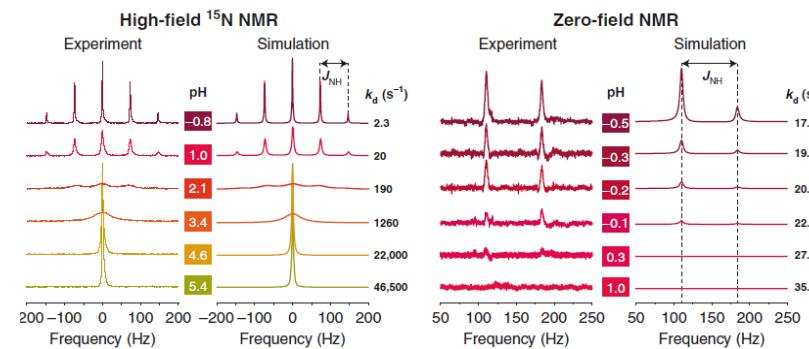


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## Observation of Chemical Exchange on ZULF NMR

Nature Communications 10, 3002 (2019)



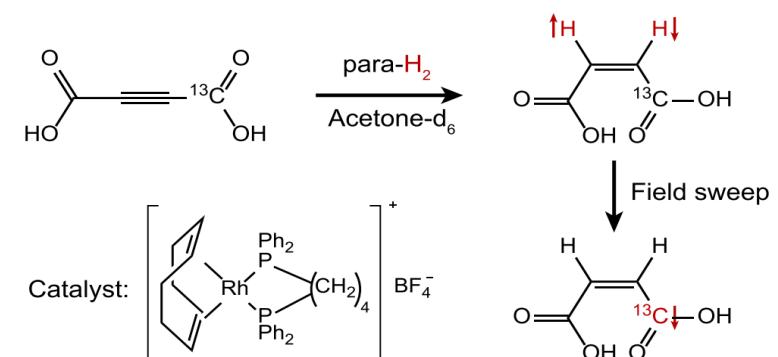
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## Polarization transfer via field sweeping on ZULF NMR

J. Chem. Phys. 150, 174202 (2019)



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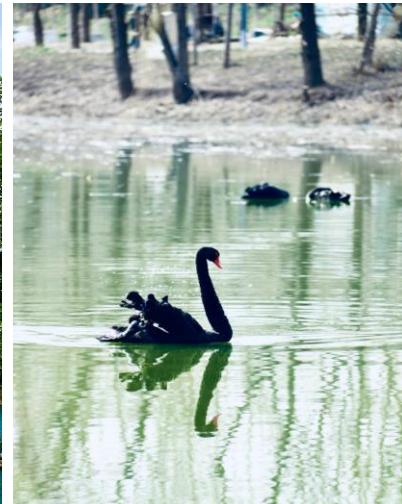
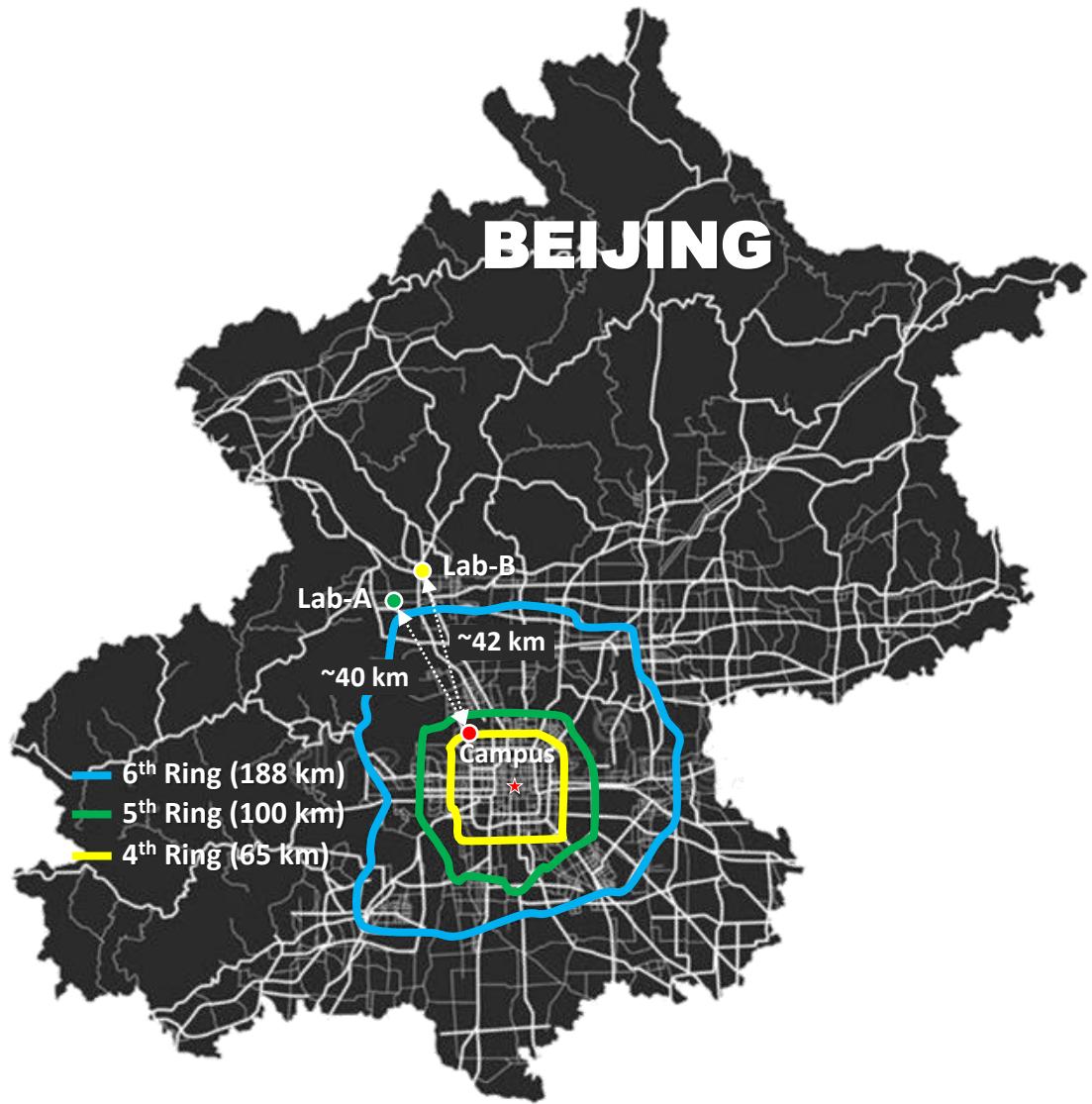
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**Assistant Professor**, Peking University, Atomic magnetometry in Fundamental Physics & Biomagnetism

# Lab-A for Exotic Physics @ PKU

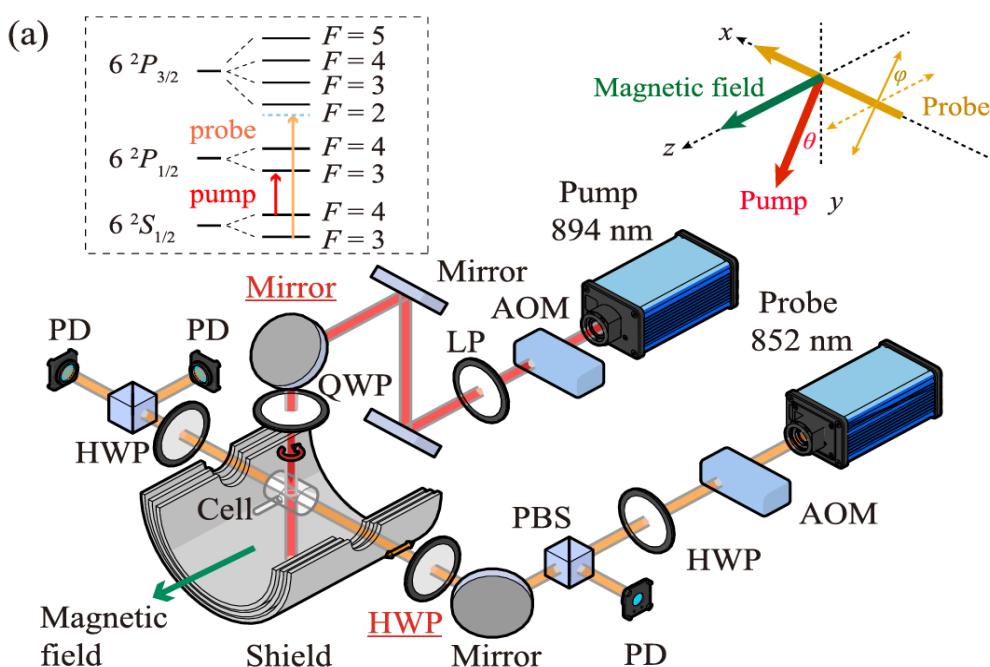


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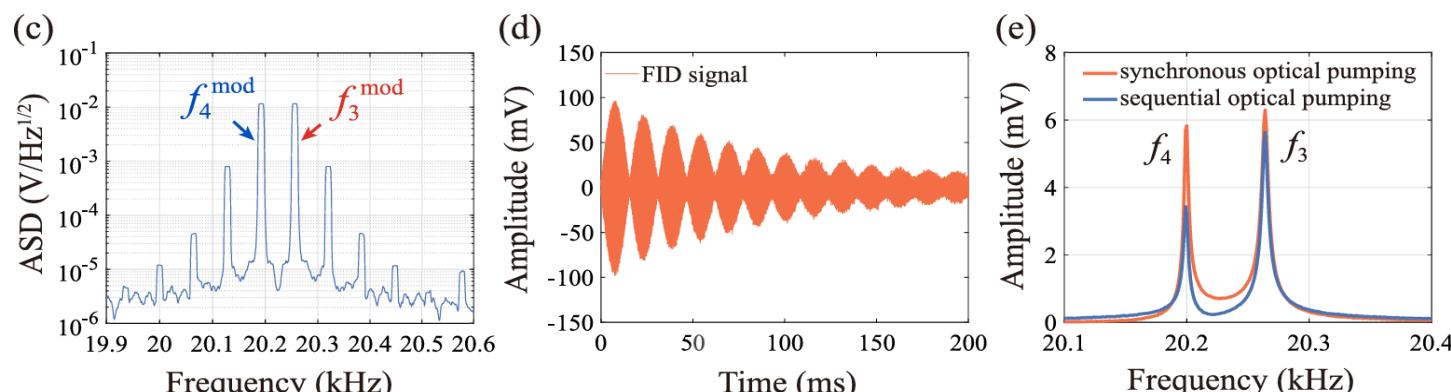
## Two Ground States of Alkali-Metal Atom Precess at Different Frequencies under Magnetic Field

Gyromagnetic Ratio (Hz/nT)	$F = I + 1/2$	Potassium 39	Rubidium 85	Rubidium 87	Cesium 133
	$F = I - 1/2$	+ 7.0053	+ 4.6674	+ 6.9958	+ 3.4986
		- 7.0075	- 4.6756	- 7.0237	- 3.5098

See: *Phys. Rev. A* 110, 063122 (2024) *Phys. Rev. D* (Accepted)



Measurement Type	Single Shot	Day Average	
	Frequency Resolution (Hz)	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-7}$
on	pump $f_3^{\text{mod}}(+), f_4^{\text{mod}}(+)$ 250 ms	probe FID signals 1 s	pump $f_3^{\text{mod}}(-), f_4^{\text{mod}}(-)$ 250 ms
off			probe FID signals 1 s



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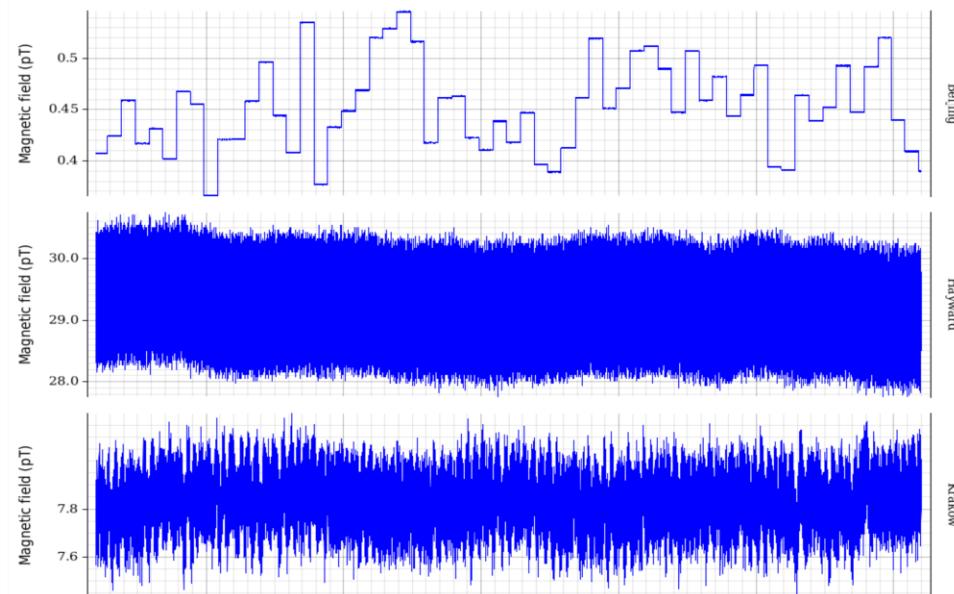
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See: *Nature Physics* 17, 1396 (2021)

## Advanced GNOME (With Comagnetometers)



## Single-Species Comagnetometer (PKU Station)

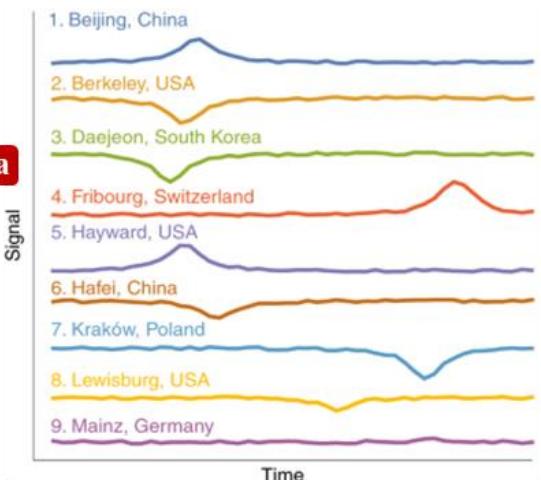
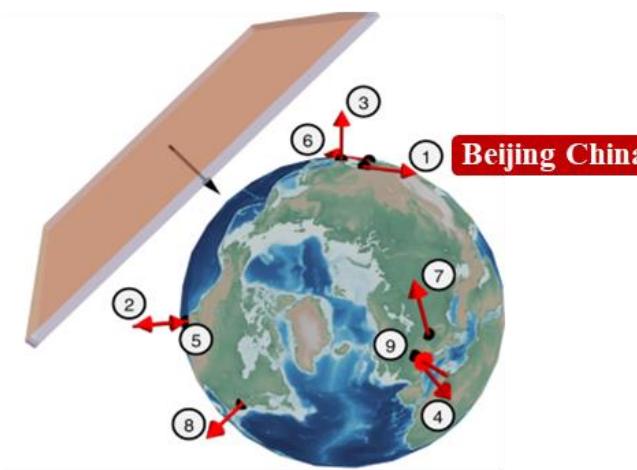
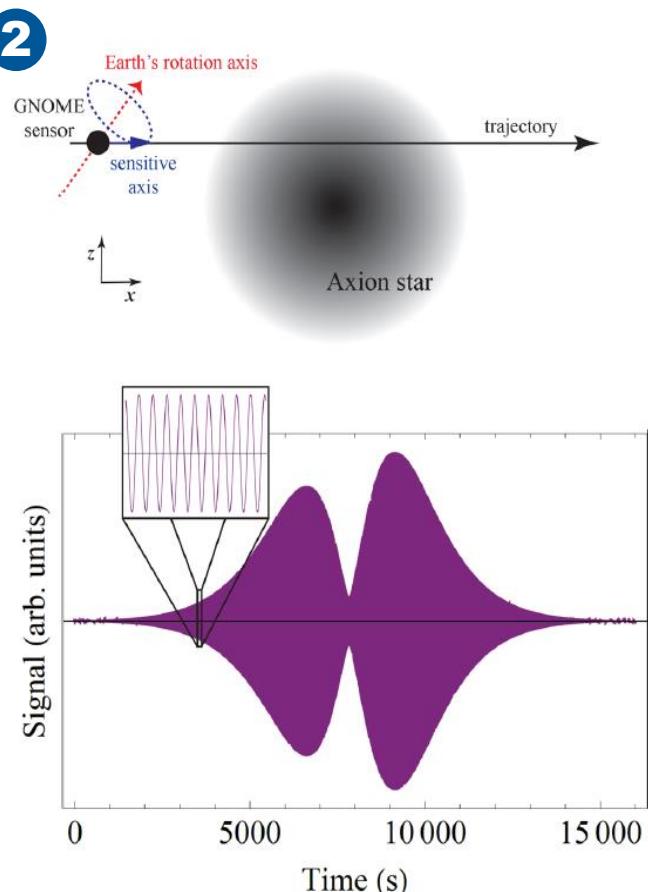
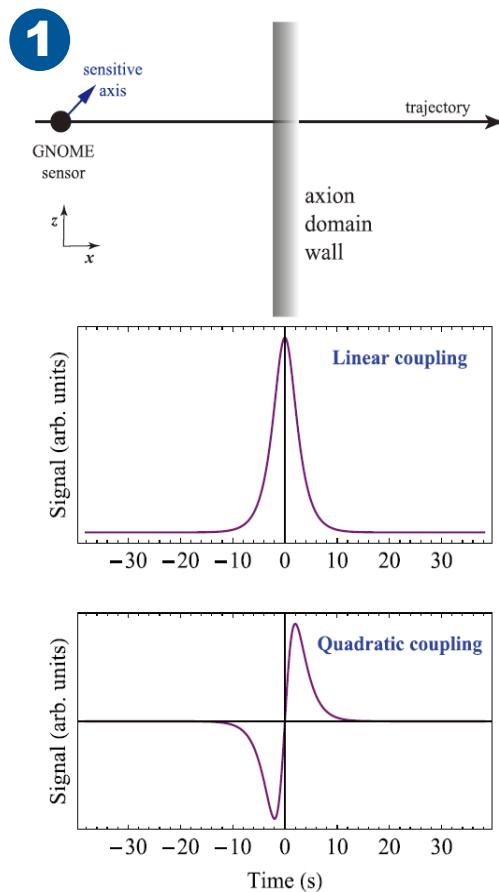


# GNOME (magnetometer) & aGNOME (comagnetometer)

## GNOME: Global Network of Optical Magnetometer for Exotic Physics

Searches for Axion Domain Wall (Topological Defect) or Axion Stars

See: *Nature Physics* 17, 1396 (2021)



Time Synchronization with GPS

Sensor Calibration (Per Hour)

Data Processing and Upload



# Time Synchronization & Calibration @ GNOME

## Magnetometer Signal (Optimized)

( 100 fT/Hz<sup>1/2</sup>, BW 200 Hz )

## Disturbance & Fault Monitoring

Sensor	Laser	Cell	Temperature
Environment	Vibration	Magnetic	Acceleration

## GPS Signal (Time Stamp)

## Data Acquisition System

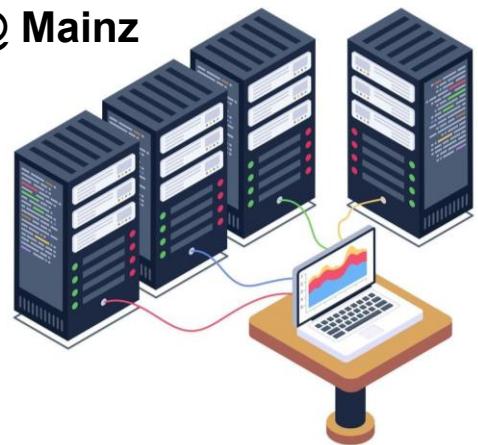


CH1: Magnetometer

CH2: Disturbance & Fault

## Data Upload & Saving

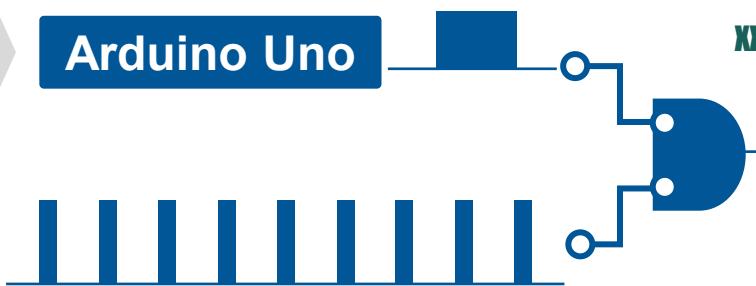
@ Mainz



## GPS Signal

## Arduino Uno

## GPS Pulse



XX:00:00

## Function Generator

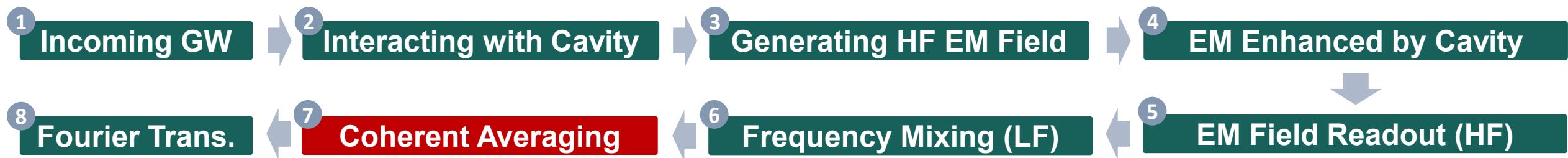
Frequency Sweep Sinusoidal (1-190 Hz)

## Magnetic-Field Coil

Frequency Sweep Magnetic Field

# Some Thoughts of GravNet (Transient Signal)

## Detection of High Frequency Gravitational Wave Signals



*Suppose we could not observe the signal from single shot and have no idea where the frequency is*

Calibration 1:

The Starting Frequency of the Spectrum for Each Station

For Averaging

Calibration 2:

Relationship between Input MW Signal with Output Signal

For Conversion

Calibration 3:

Q Factor, Bias Magnetic Field Amplitude of Each Station

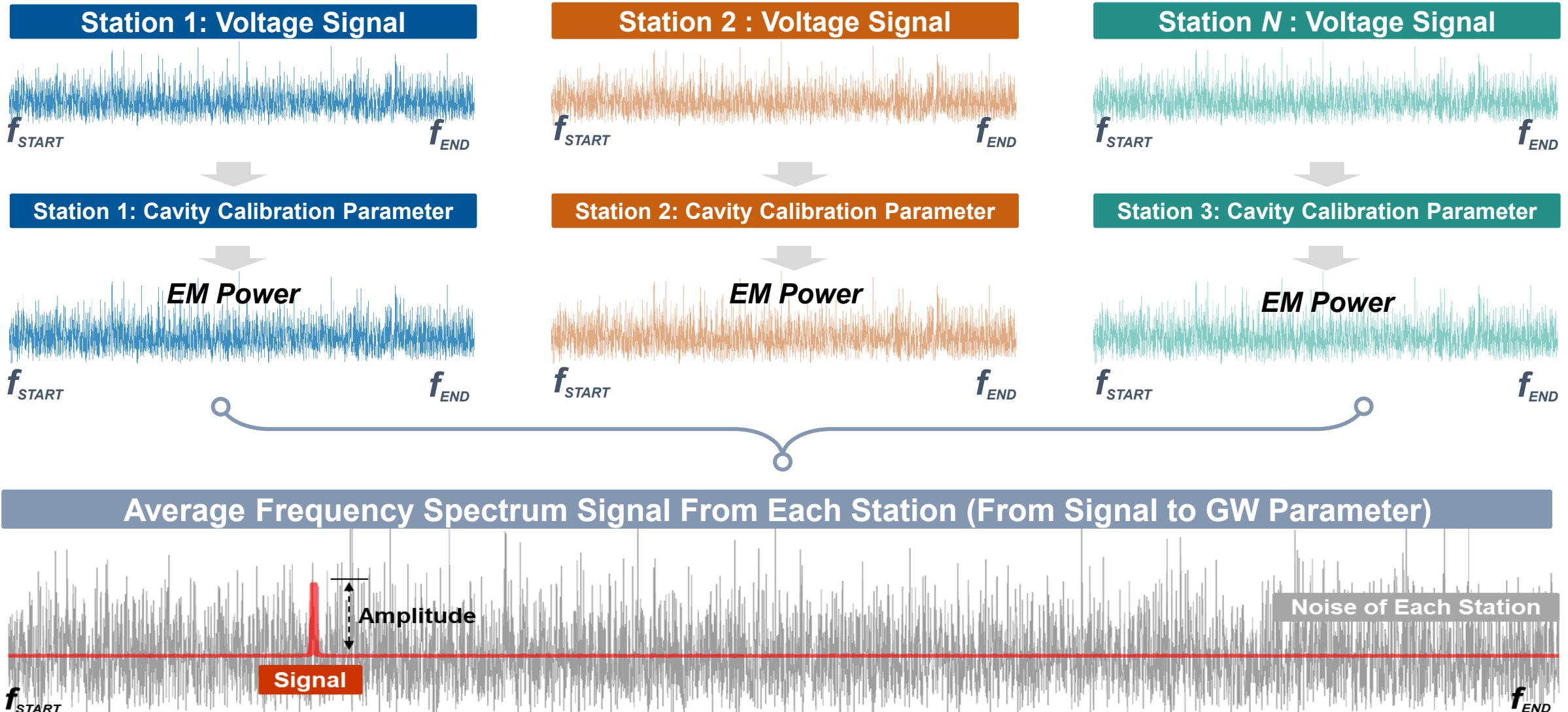
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Calibration 4:

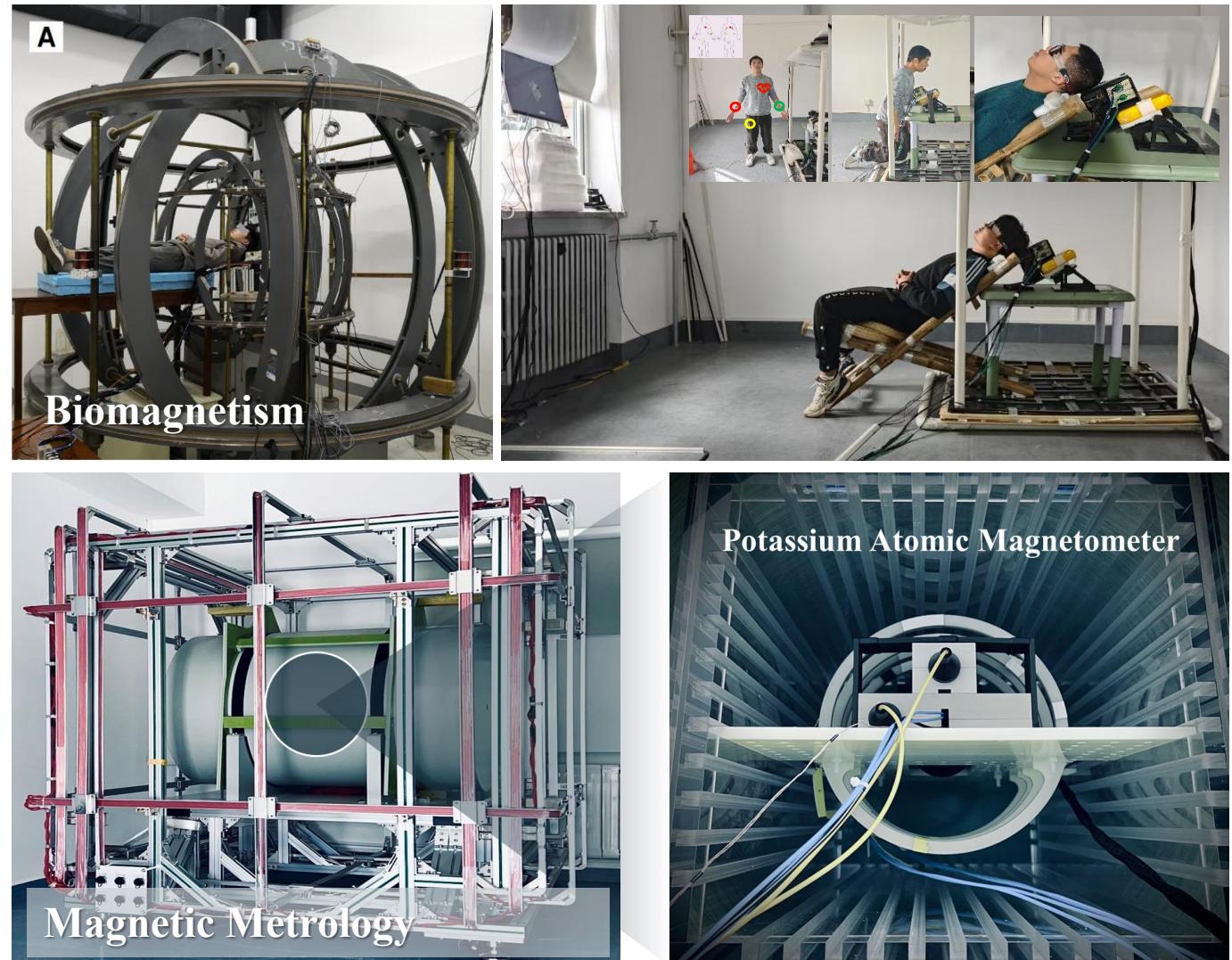
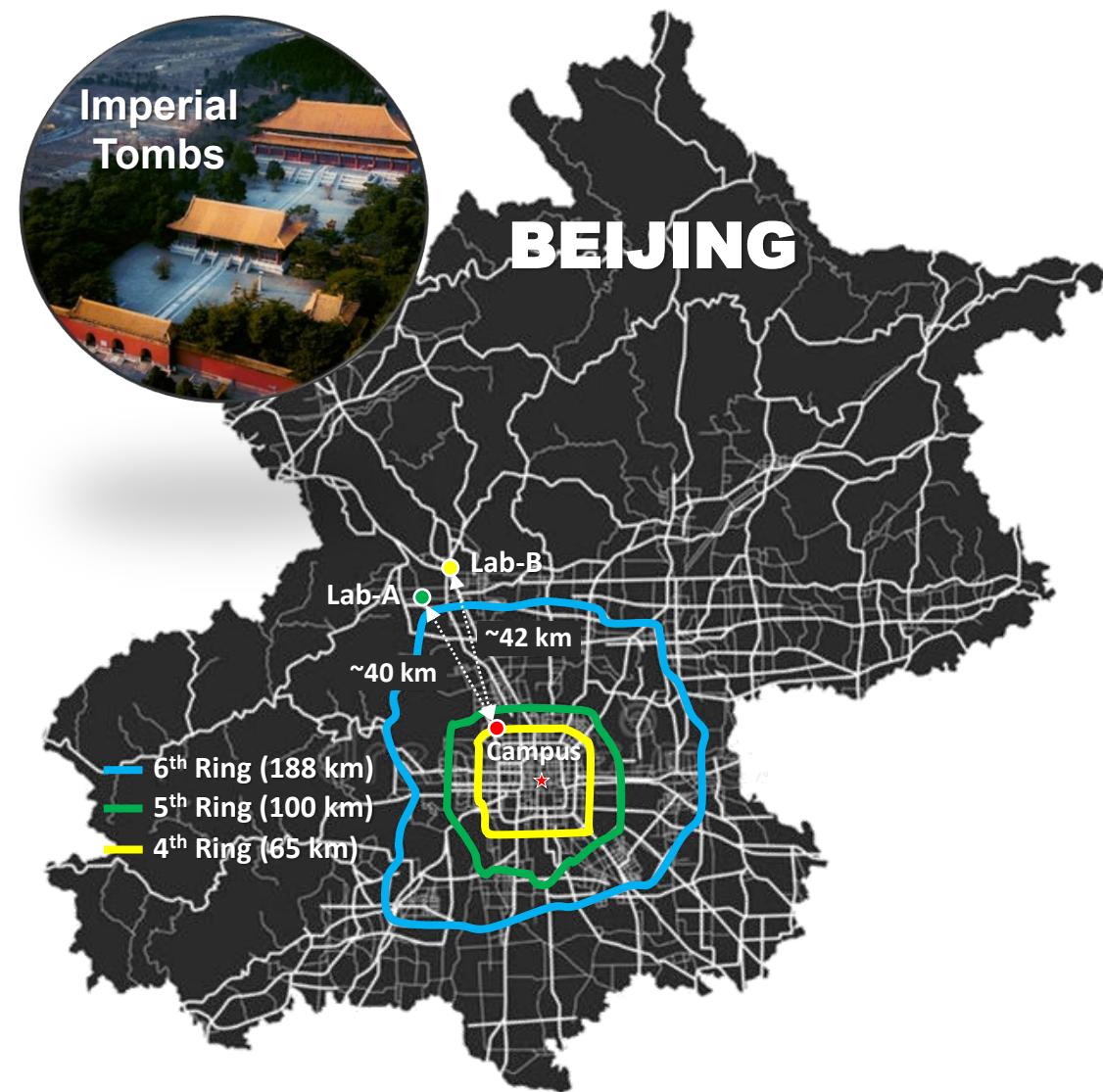
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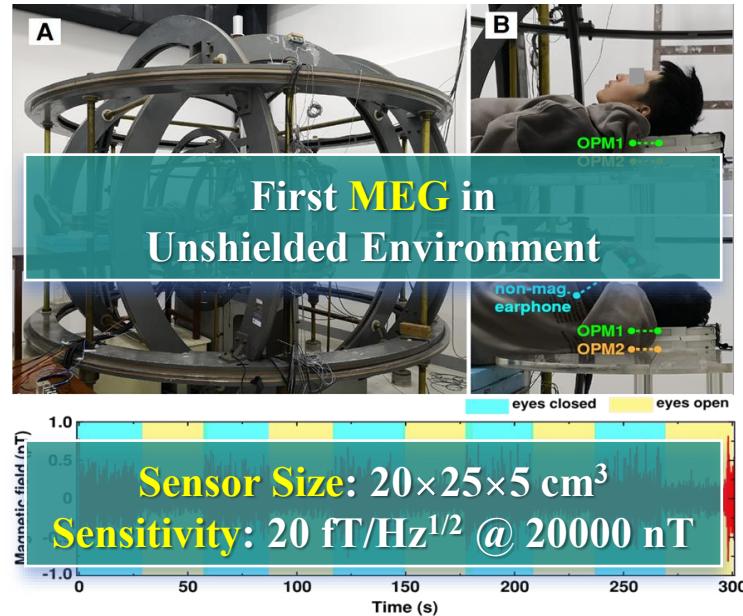


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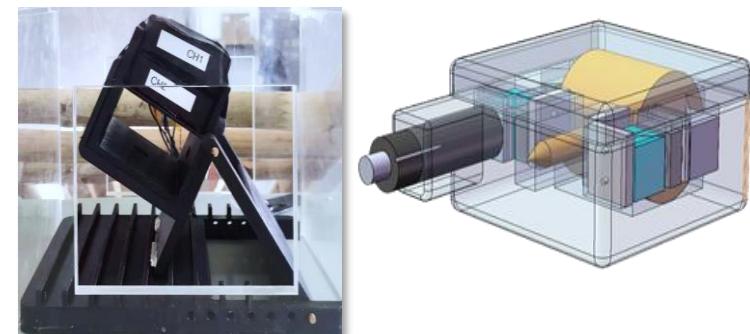
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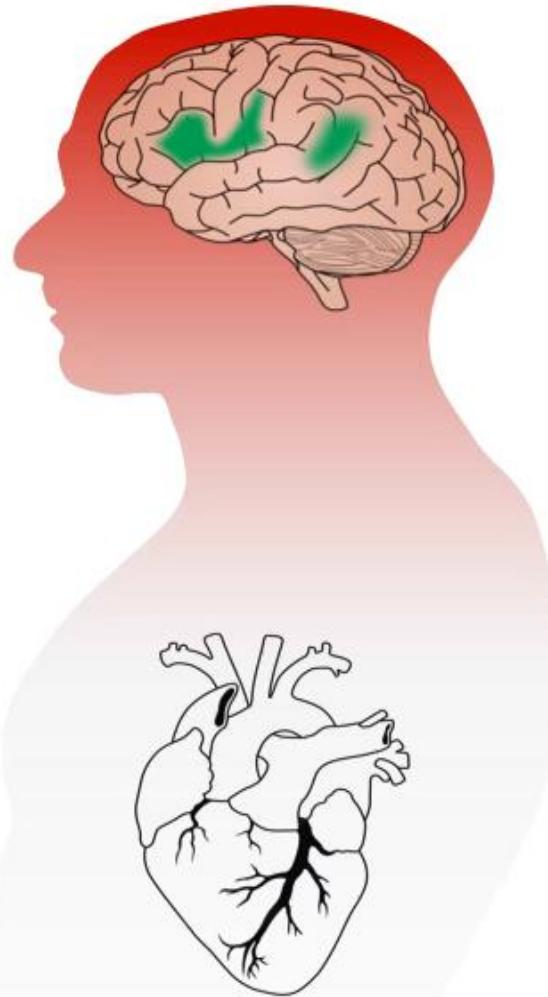
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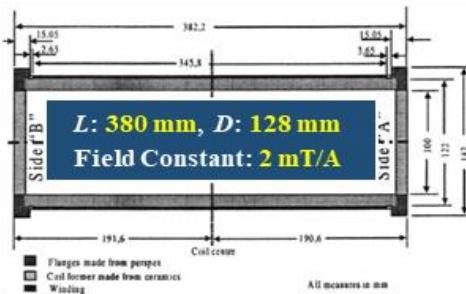
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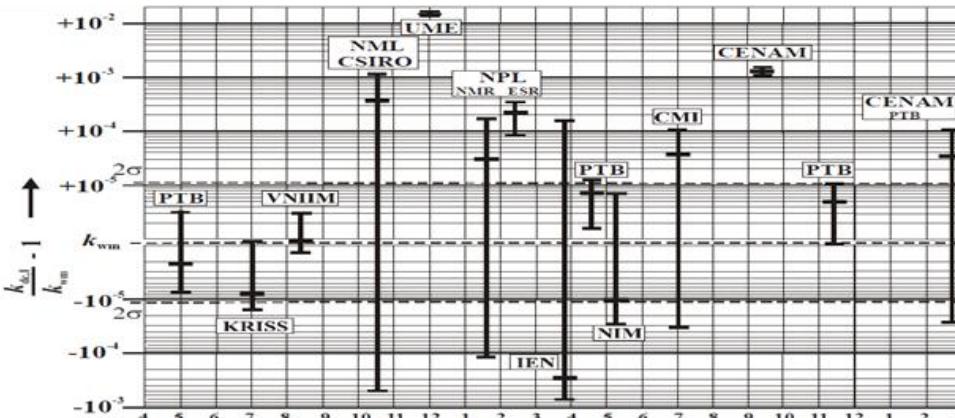
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Q: To what degree can we say that the magnetometer measurement result is *accurate*?

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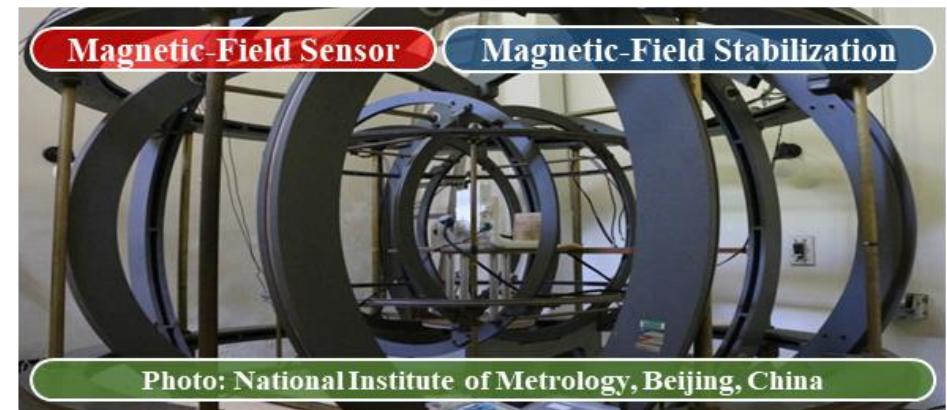
## 4 International Comparison-Phys. Const.



## 2 Standard Coil Distribution

Korea	Russia	Australia	Turkey	China
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## 3 Magnetic-Field Standard Transfer

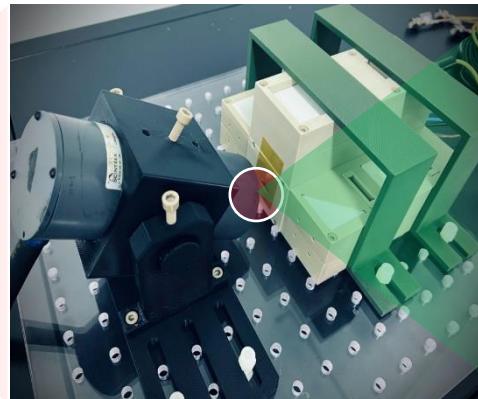


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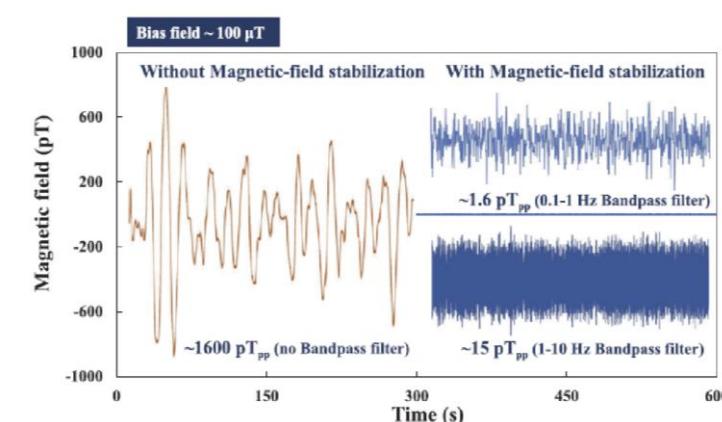
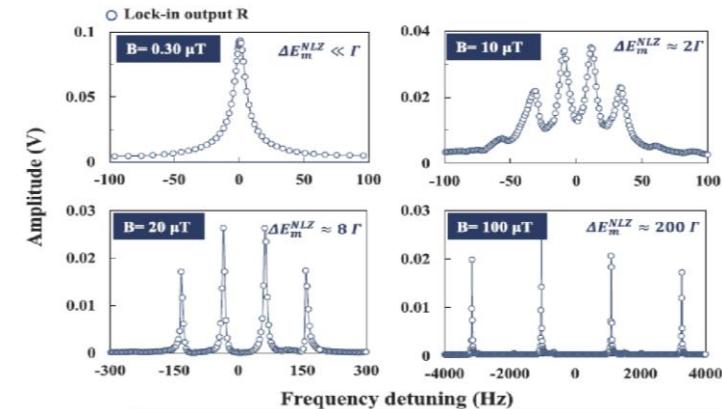
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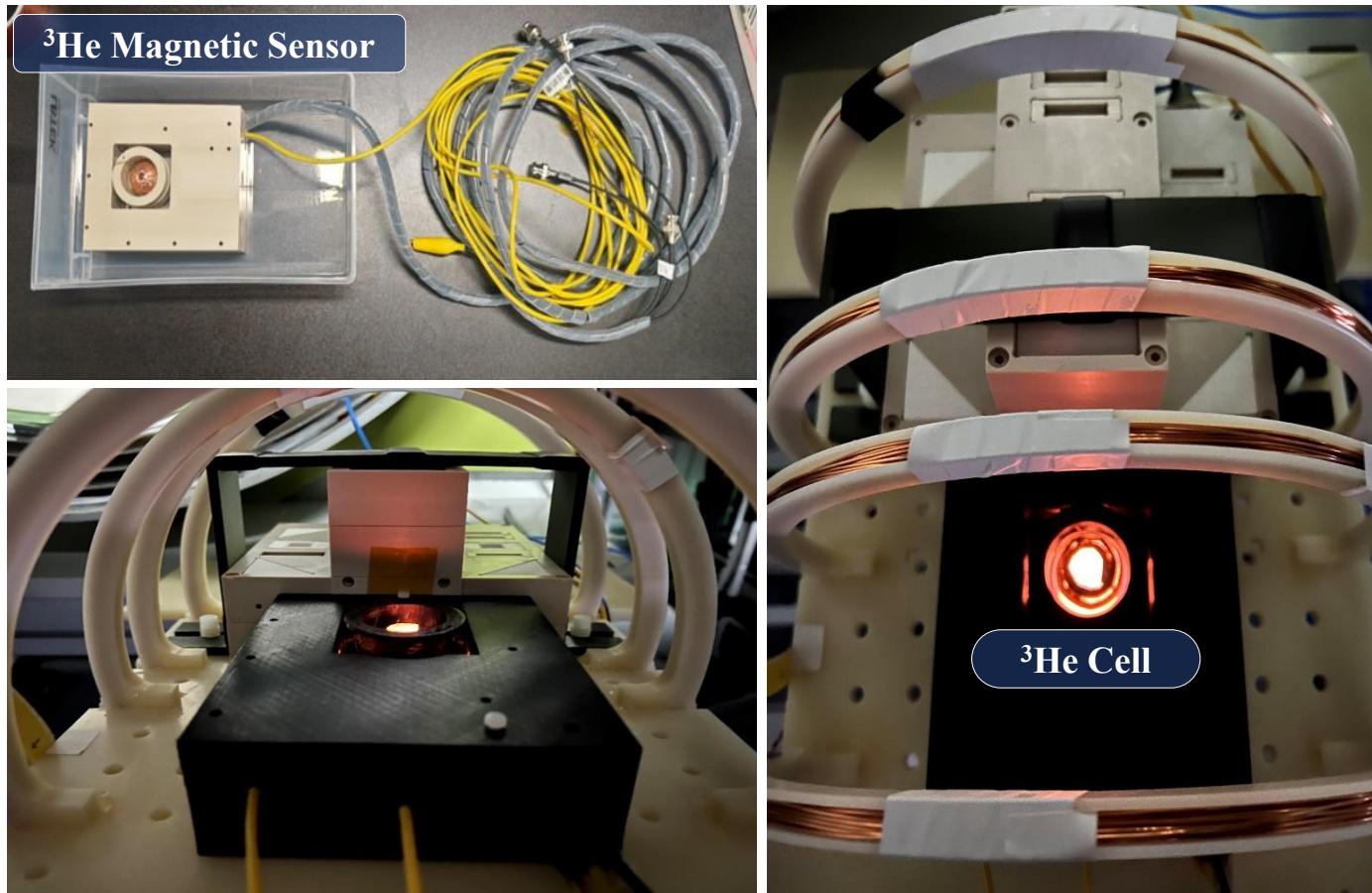


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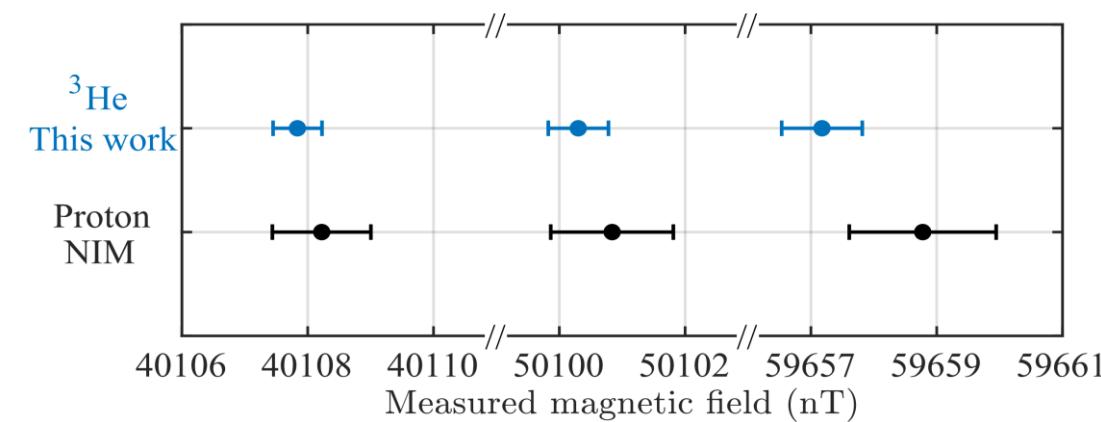
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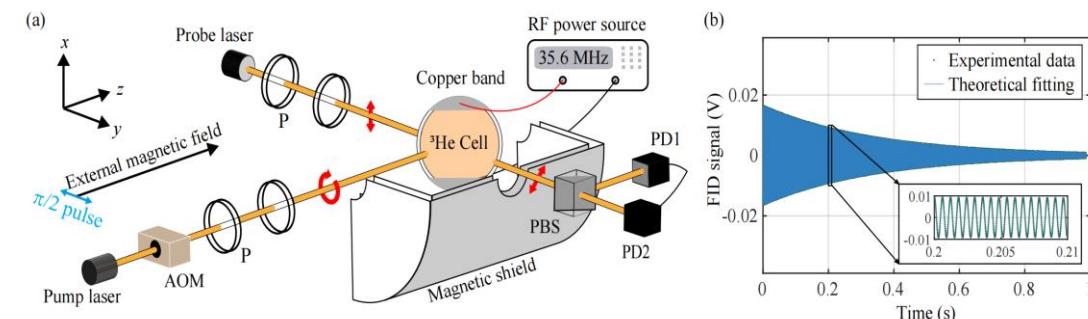
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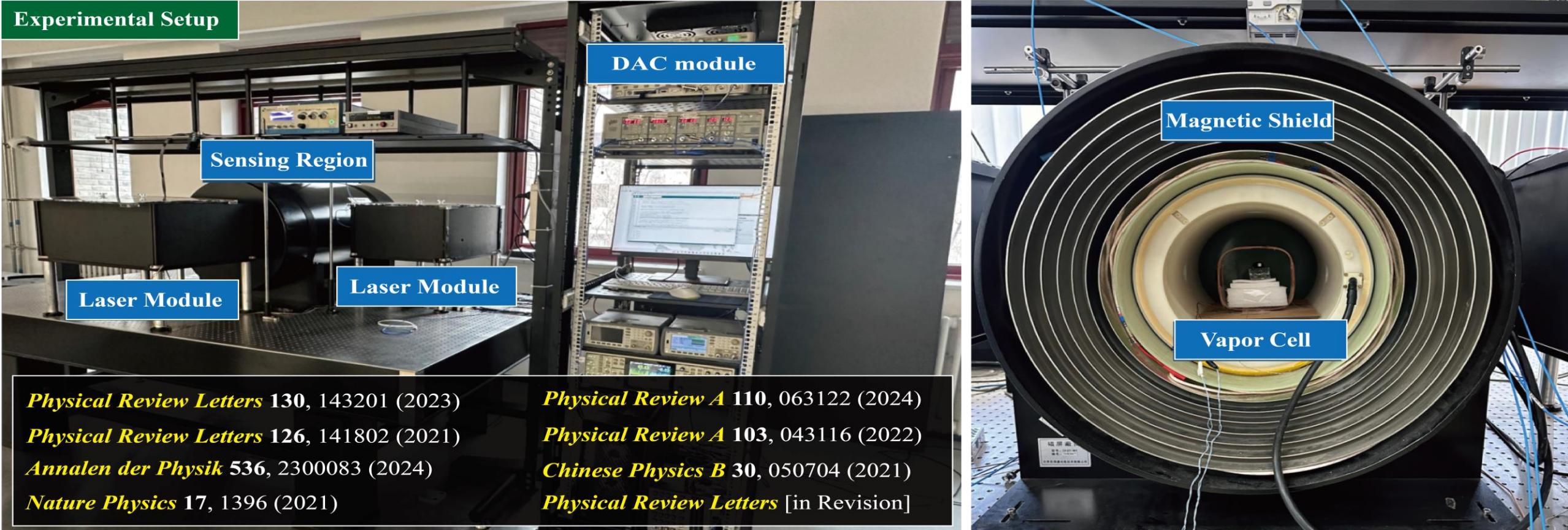
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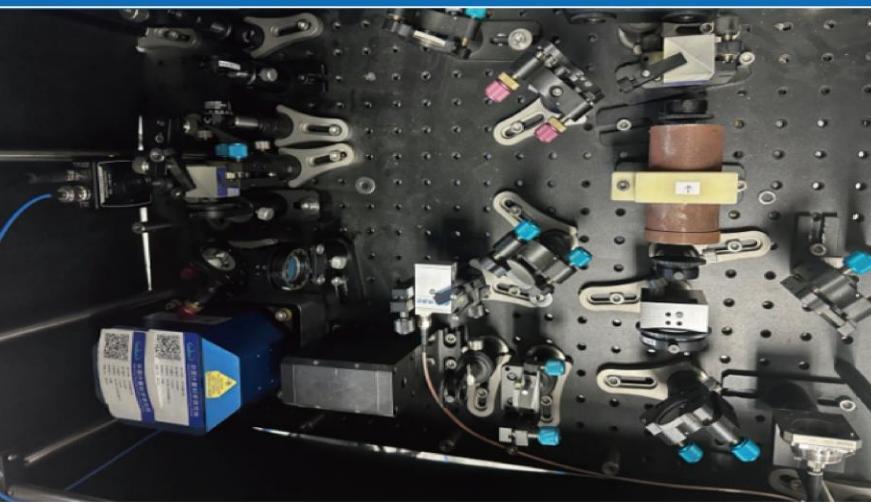
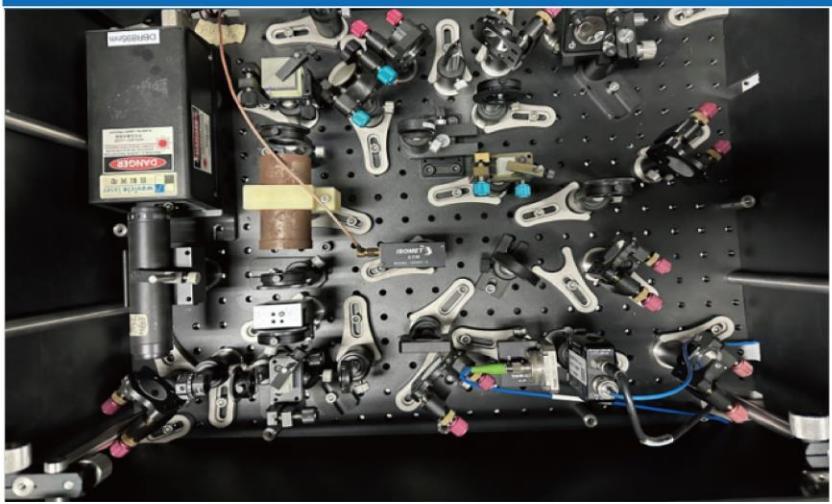
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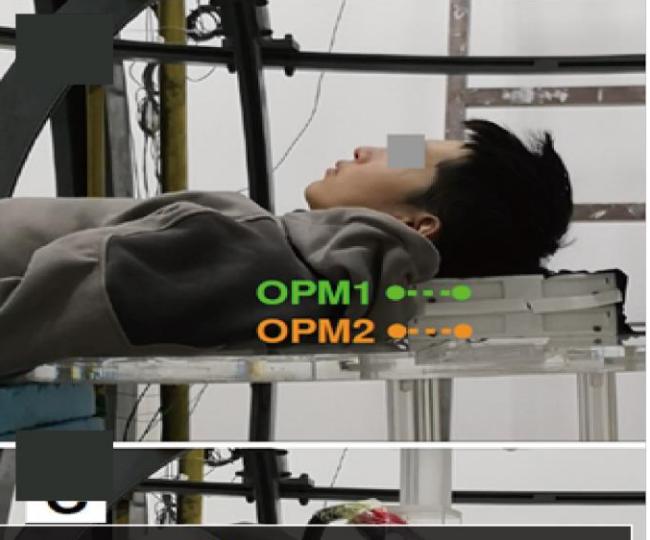
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# Flexible High Performance Magnetic Field Sensors

On-Scalp Magnetoencephalography and Other Applications

**Chapter 9**  
**Fiber-Coupled OPM in Purely Coil-Shielded Environment**

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**Abstract.** Magnetoencephalography (MEG) uses an array of high-sensitivity magnetometers, which are placed commensurate to millimeters from the surface of the scalp, to record magnetic-field signals generated from neural currents occurring naturally in the brain. The MEG is normally performed in a magnetically shielded room to reduce the environment magnetic-field noise and to zero the bias magnetic-field strength, in order to provide optimal conditions for the operation of the magnetometer. In this book chapter, we present a comprehensive introduction on unshielded MEG measurements based on fiber-coupled optically pumped atomic magnetometers (OPMs). We introduce how to realize the environmental magnetic-field cancellation through active magnetic-field stabilization, including a theoretical model and the basic procedures to optimize the performance of active magnetic-field stabilization using OPMs. We also characterize the technical issues to be solved and the corresponding improvements to be implemented for realizing a practical unshielded OPM-based MEG system.

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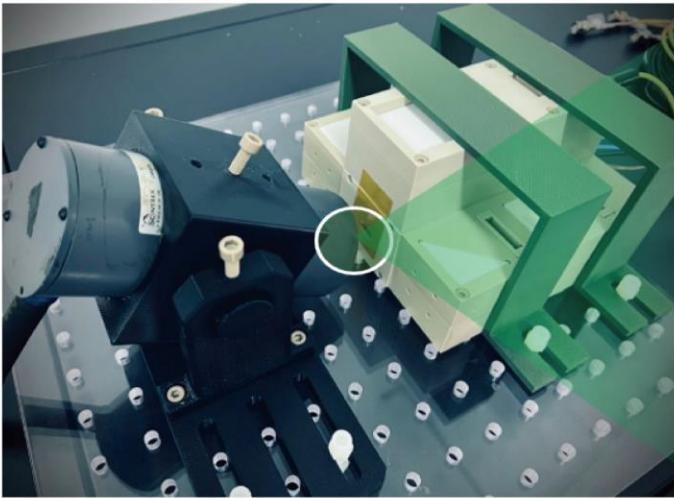
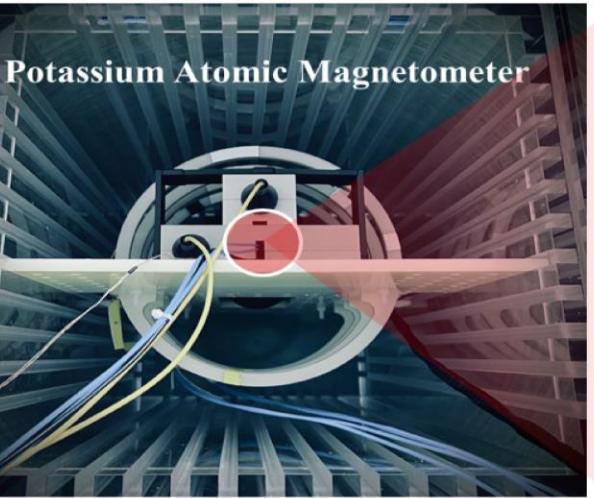
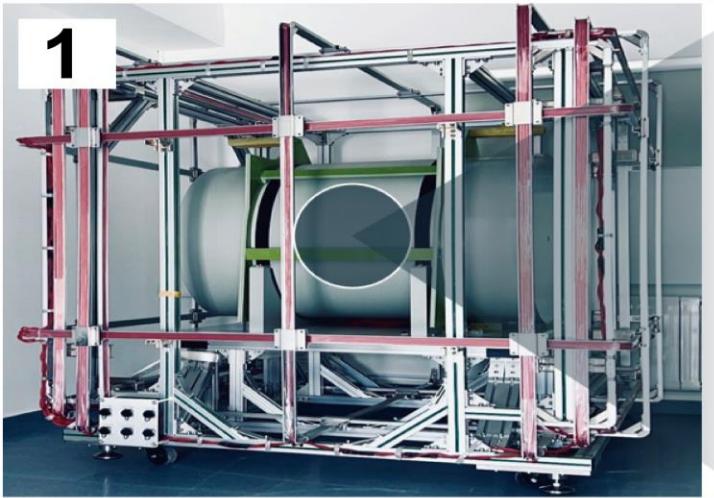
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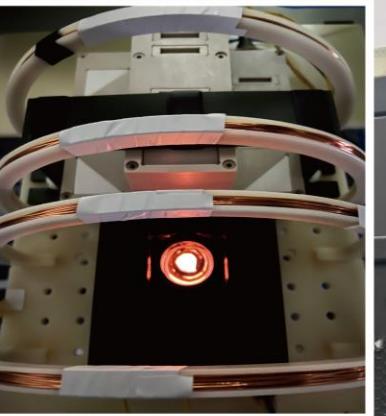
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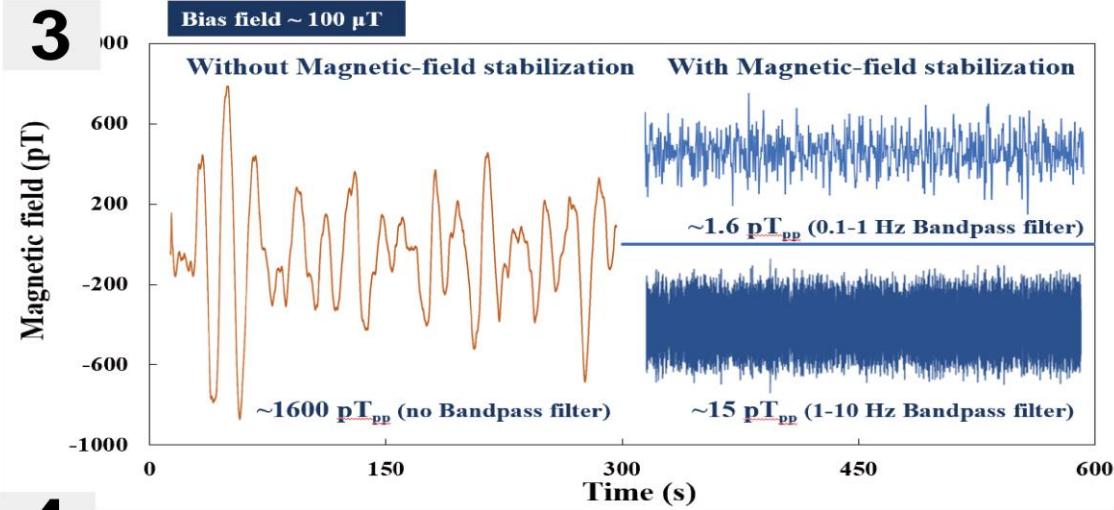
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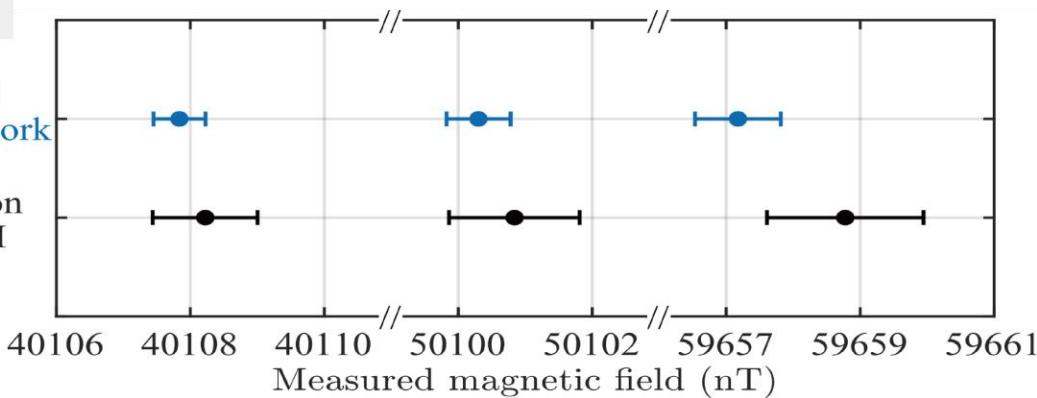
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