

## Matter Wave Interferometry in Space

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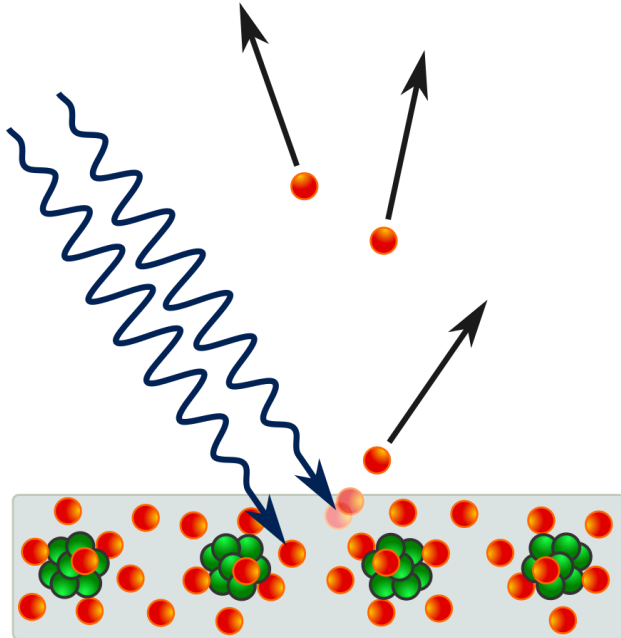


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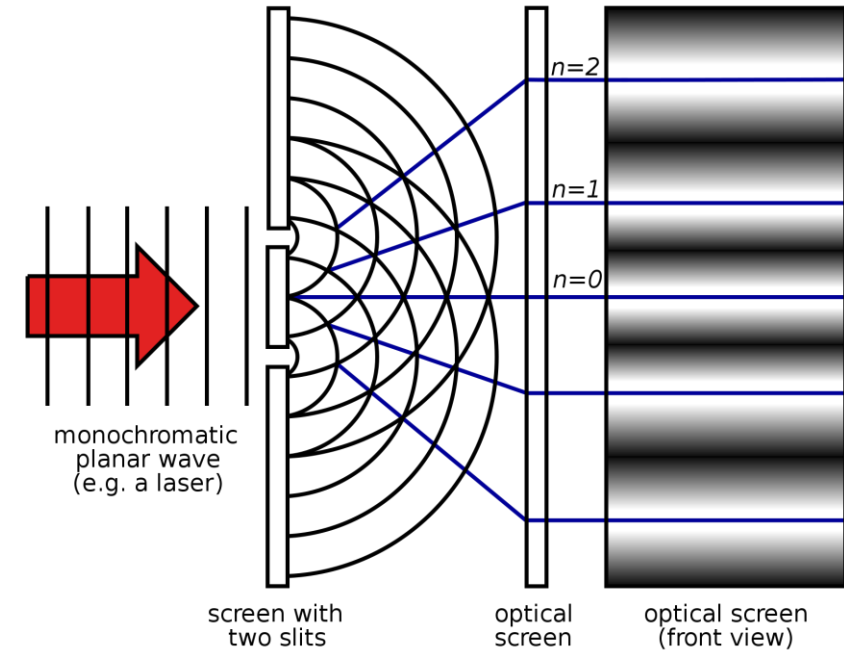
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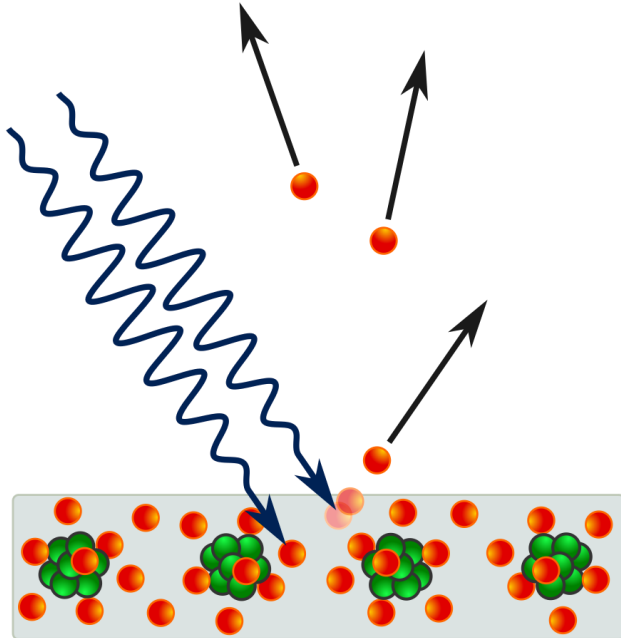


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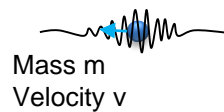
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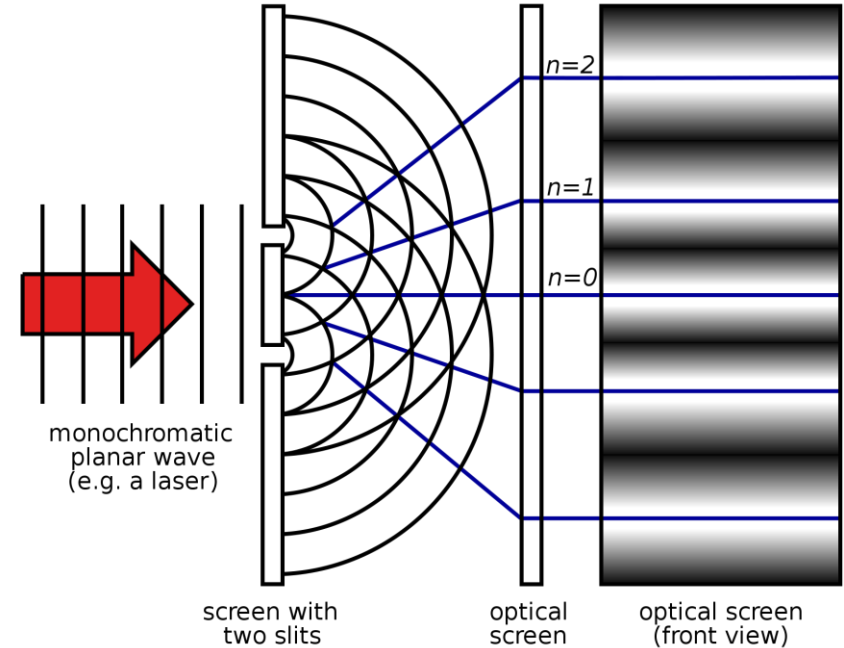
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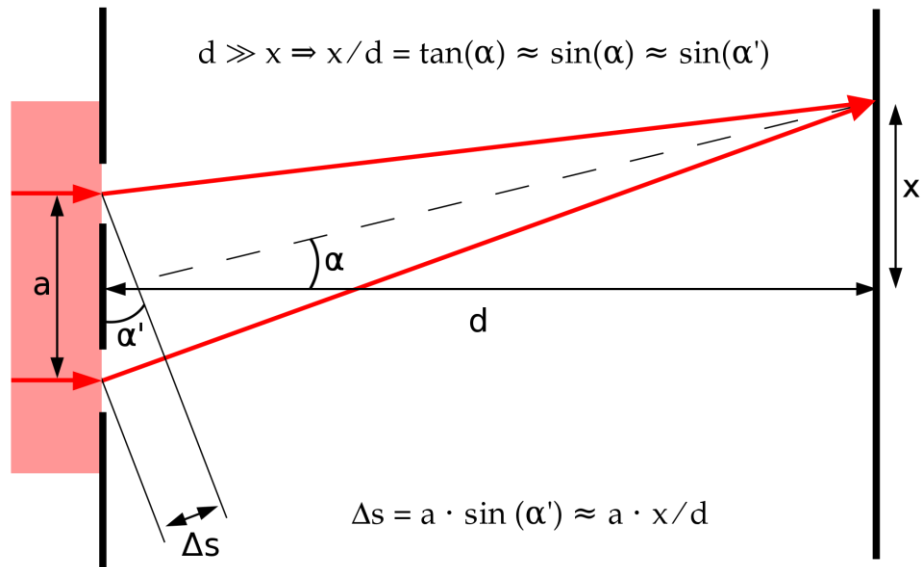
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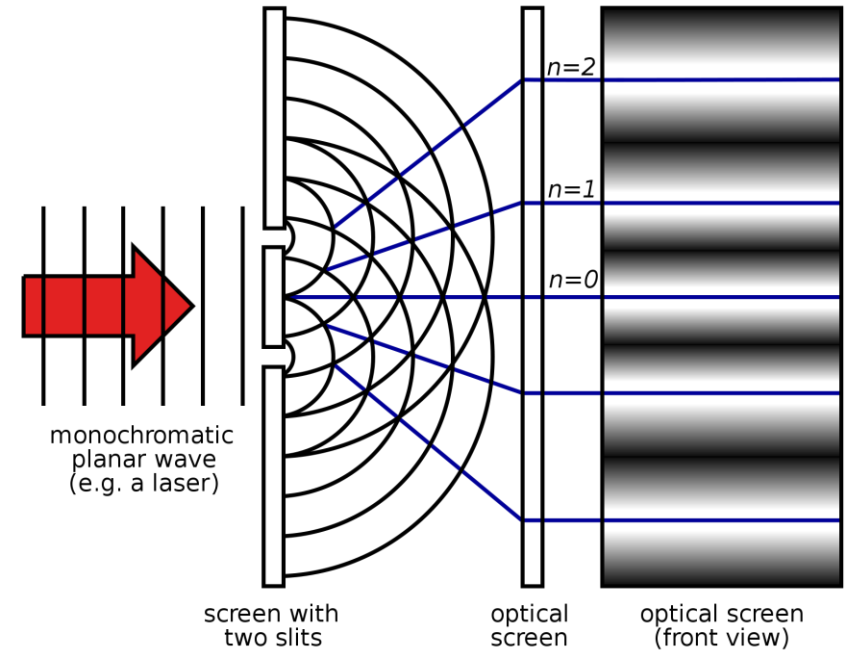
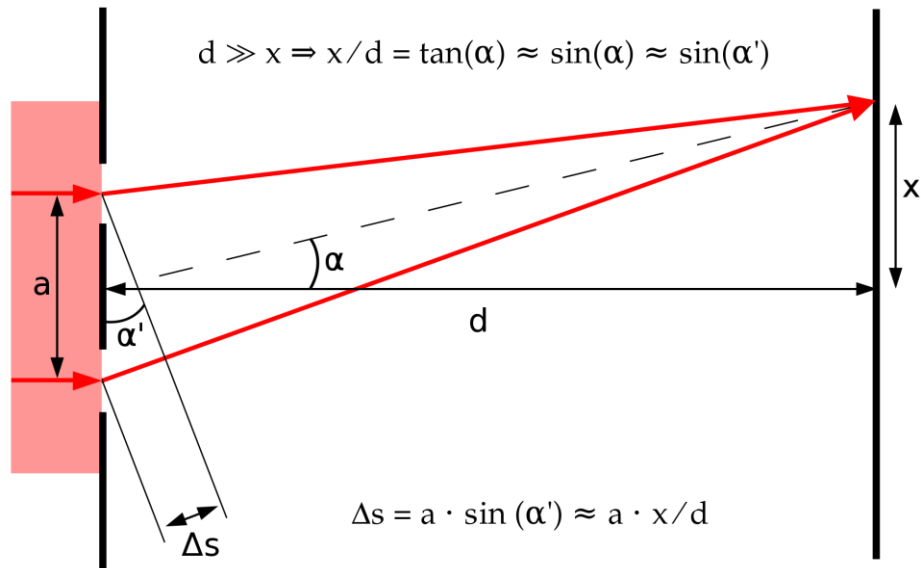
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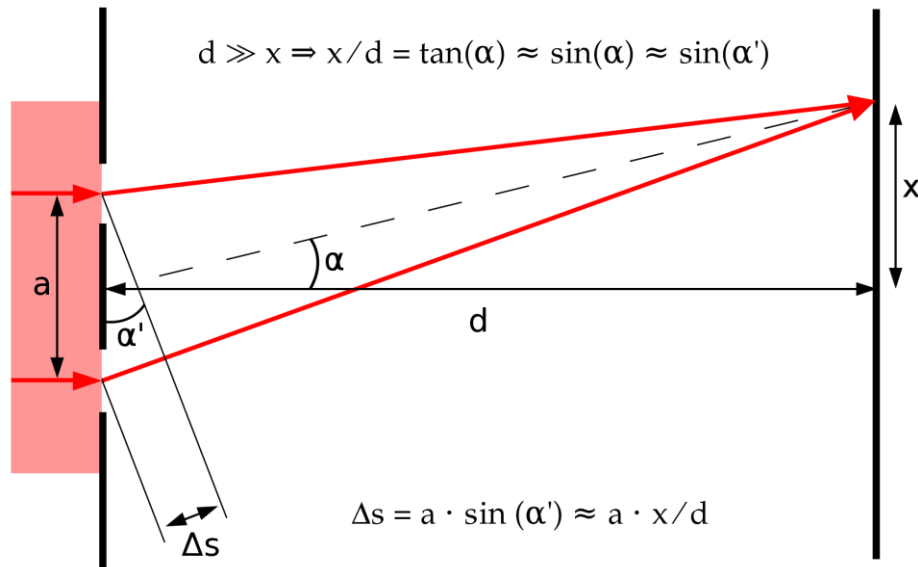
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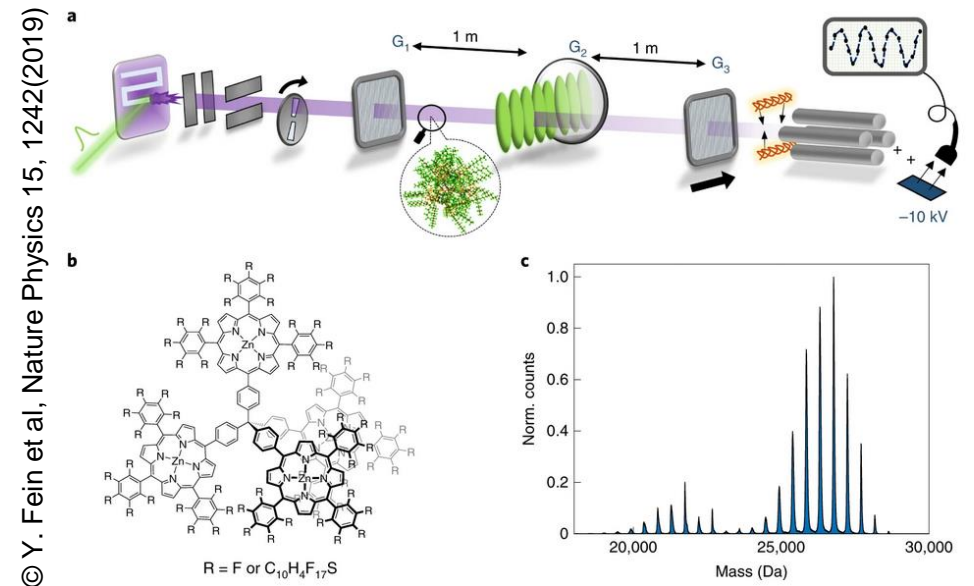
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## Experimental Proof:

- 1961 Electrons  
Claus Jönsson et al.
- 1999  $C_{60}$  Molecules  
Markus Arndt et al.
- 2019 Molecules containing 2000 Atoms  
Markus Arndt et al.

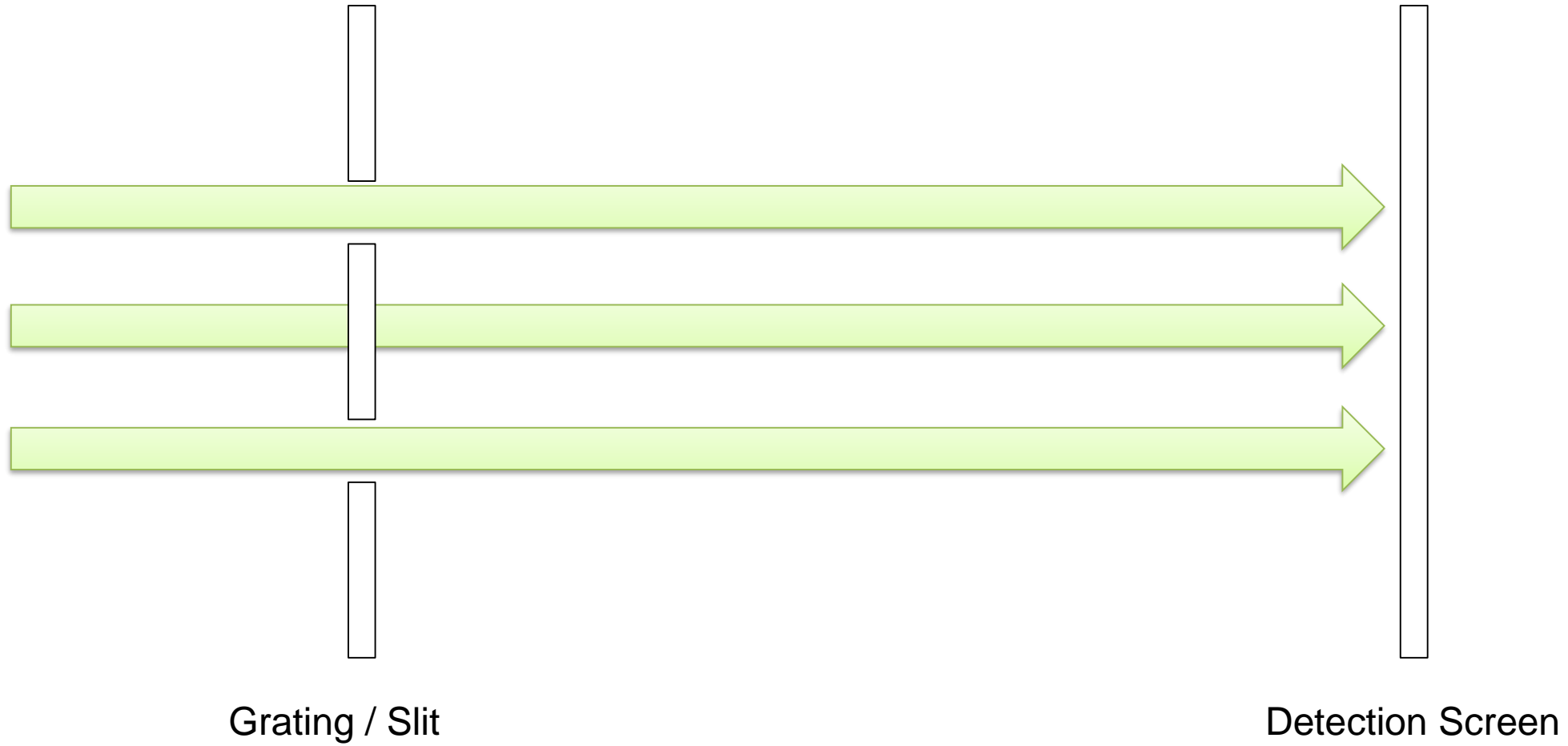


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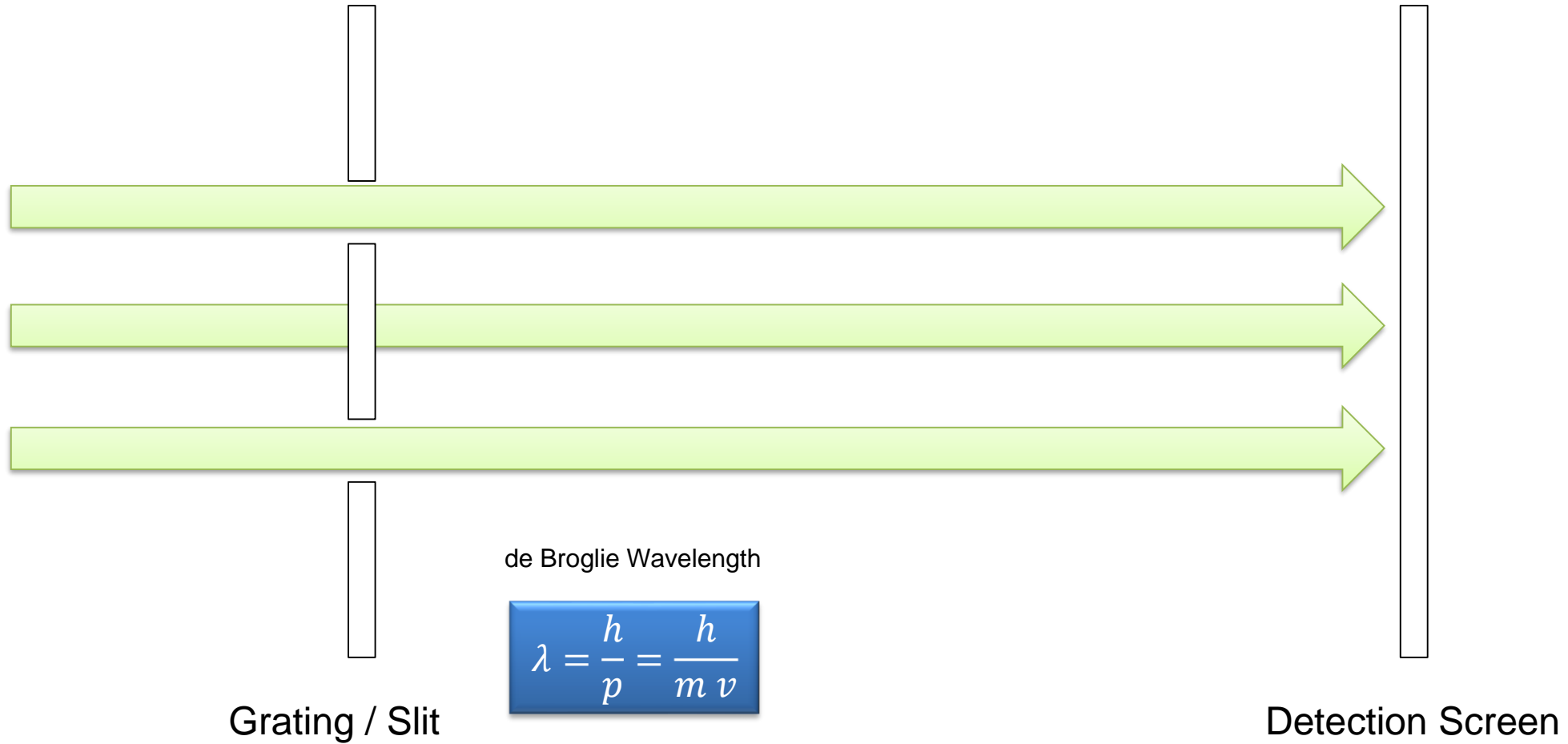
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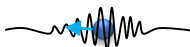


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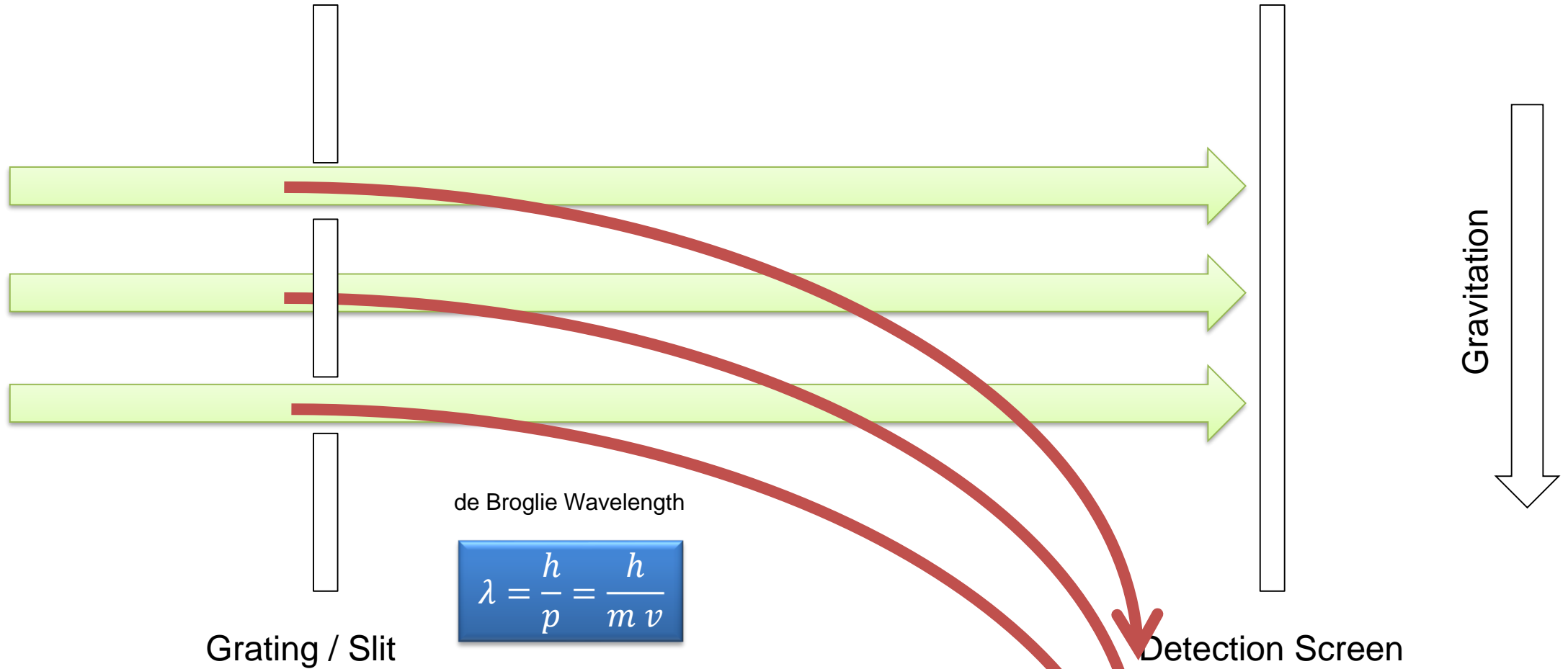
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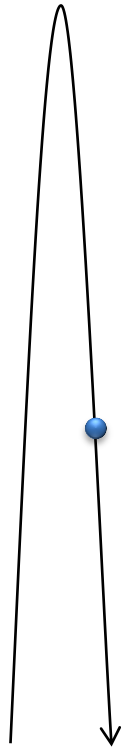
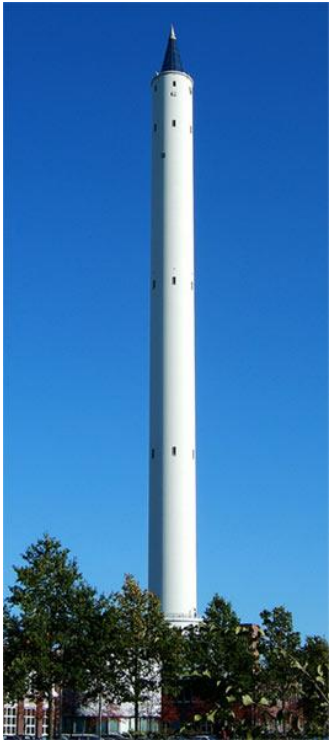
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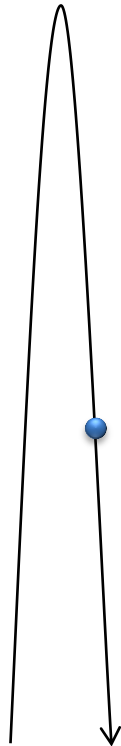
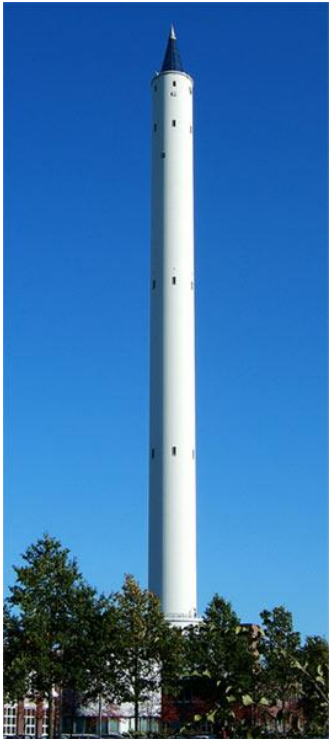
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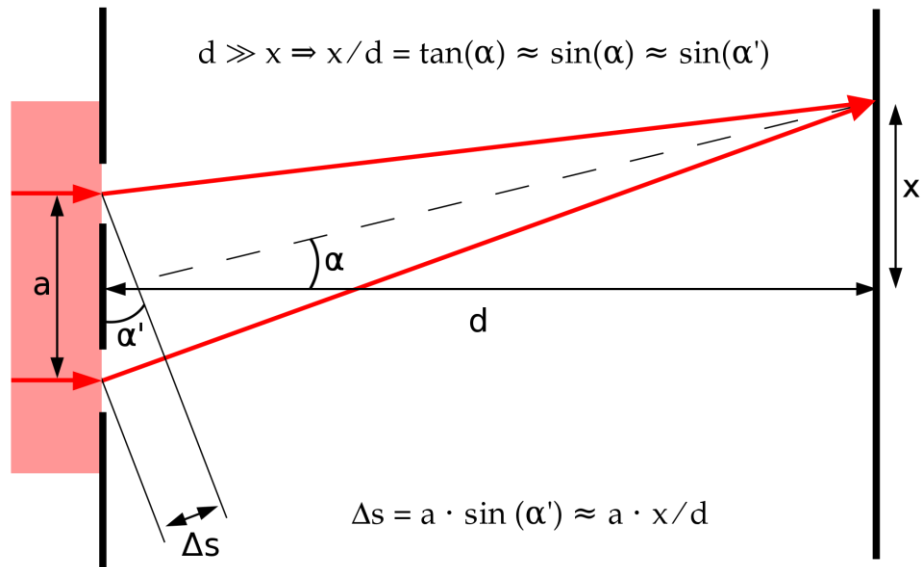


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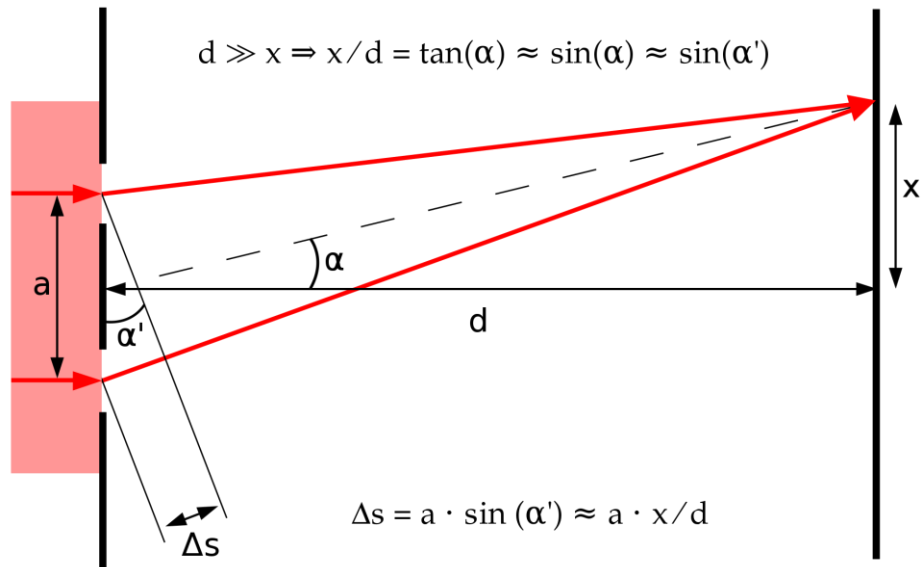


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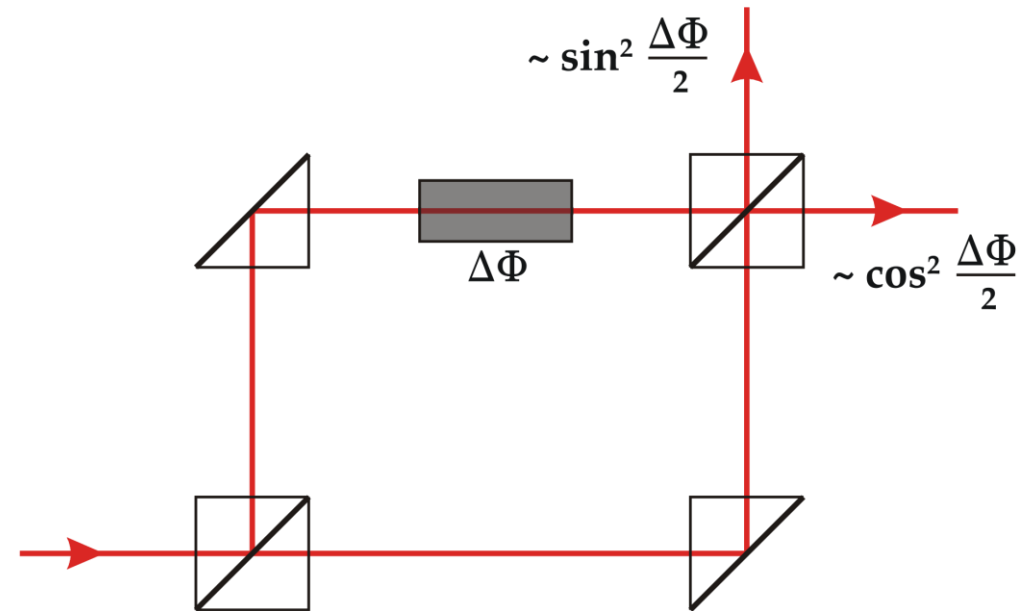


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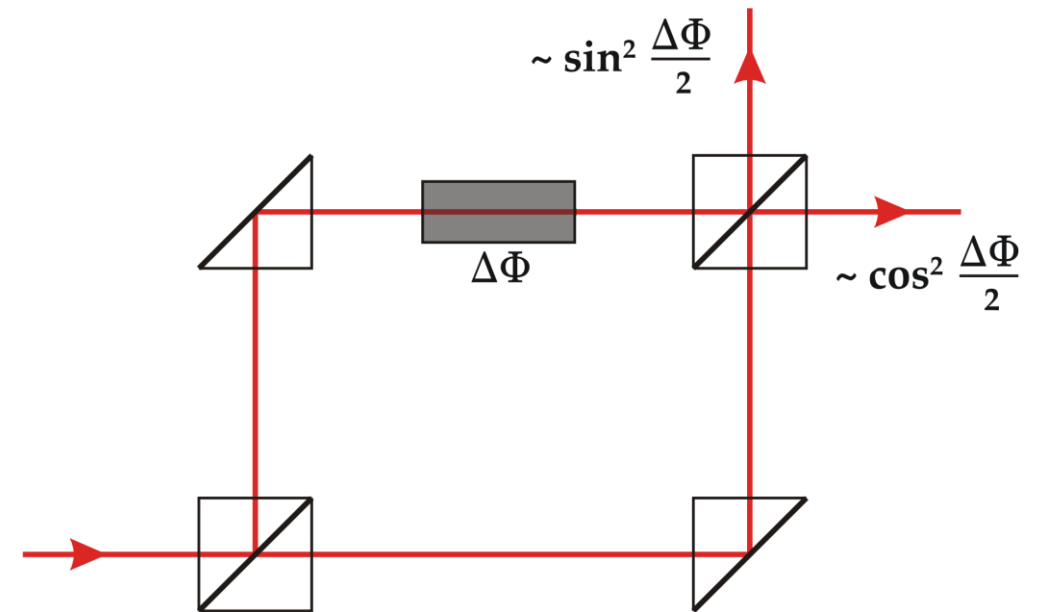


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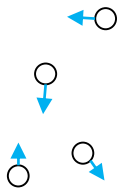
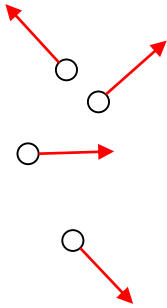
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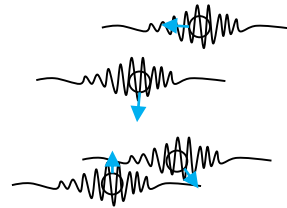
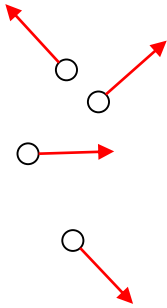
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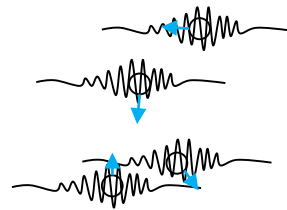
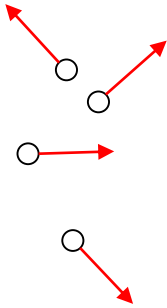
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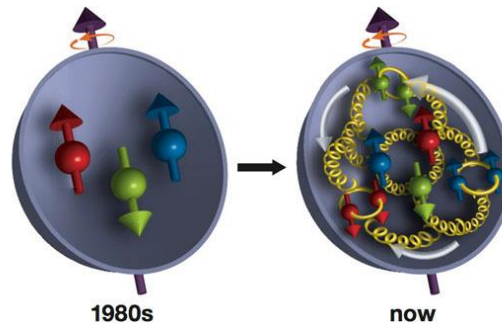
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  - Quarks
  - Baryons (Particle made from odd number of Quarks)
    - Proton (up, down, down)
    - Neutron (up, up, down)
    - ...
    - Exotic: Pentaquarks



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  - Gauge Bosons (Gluon, Photon, Z, W)
  - Higgs Boson
  - Mesons (Particles made from even number of Quarks)

Standard Model of Elementary Particles

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
	I	II	III		
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0
	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H higgs
	d down	s strange	b bottom	$\gamma$ photon	
	e electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	Z Z boson	
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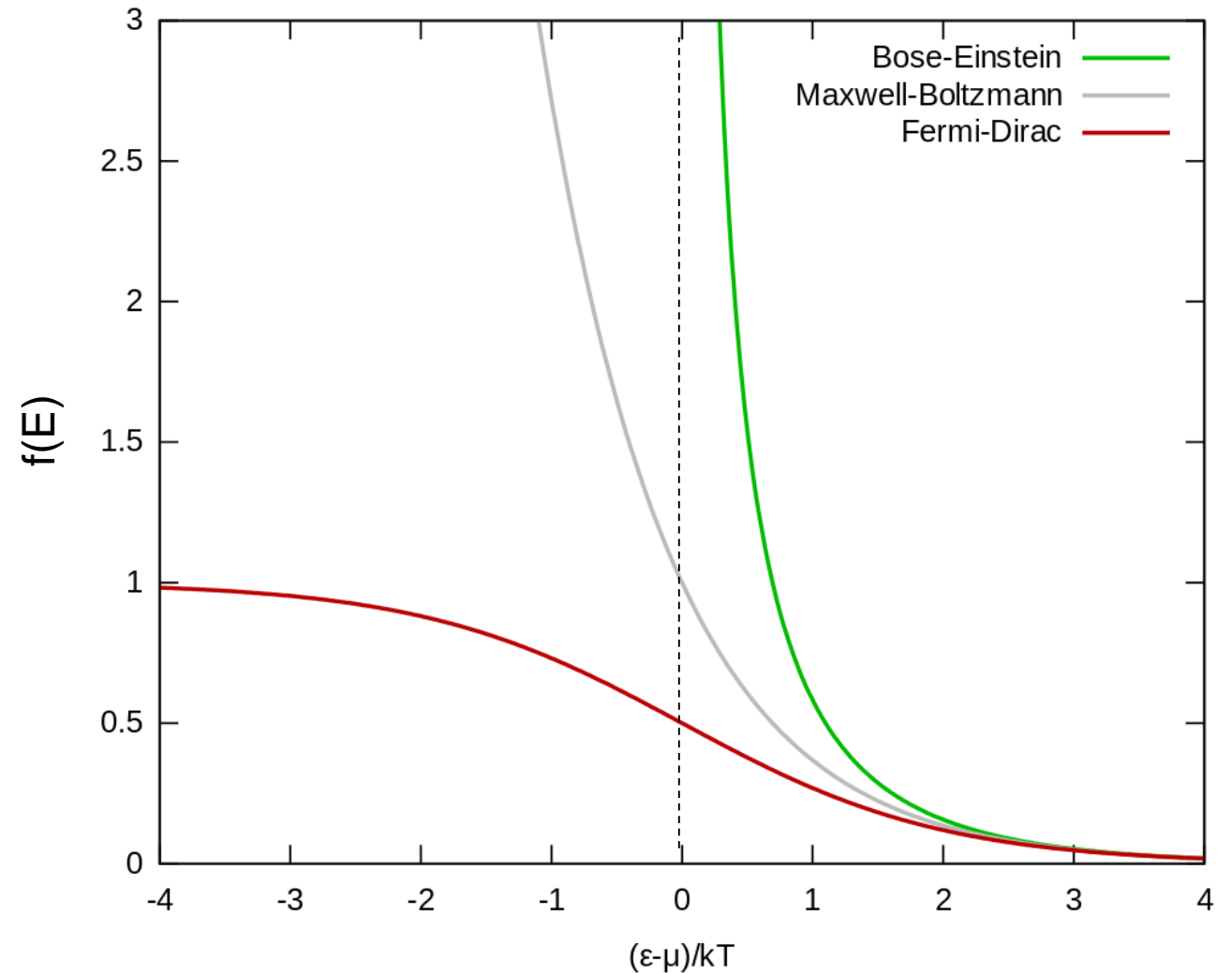
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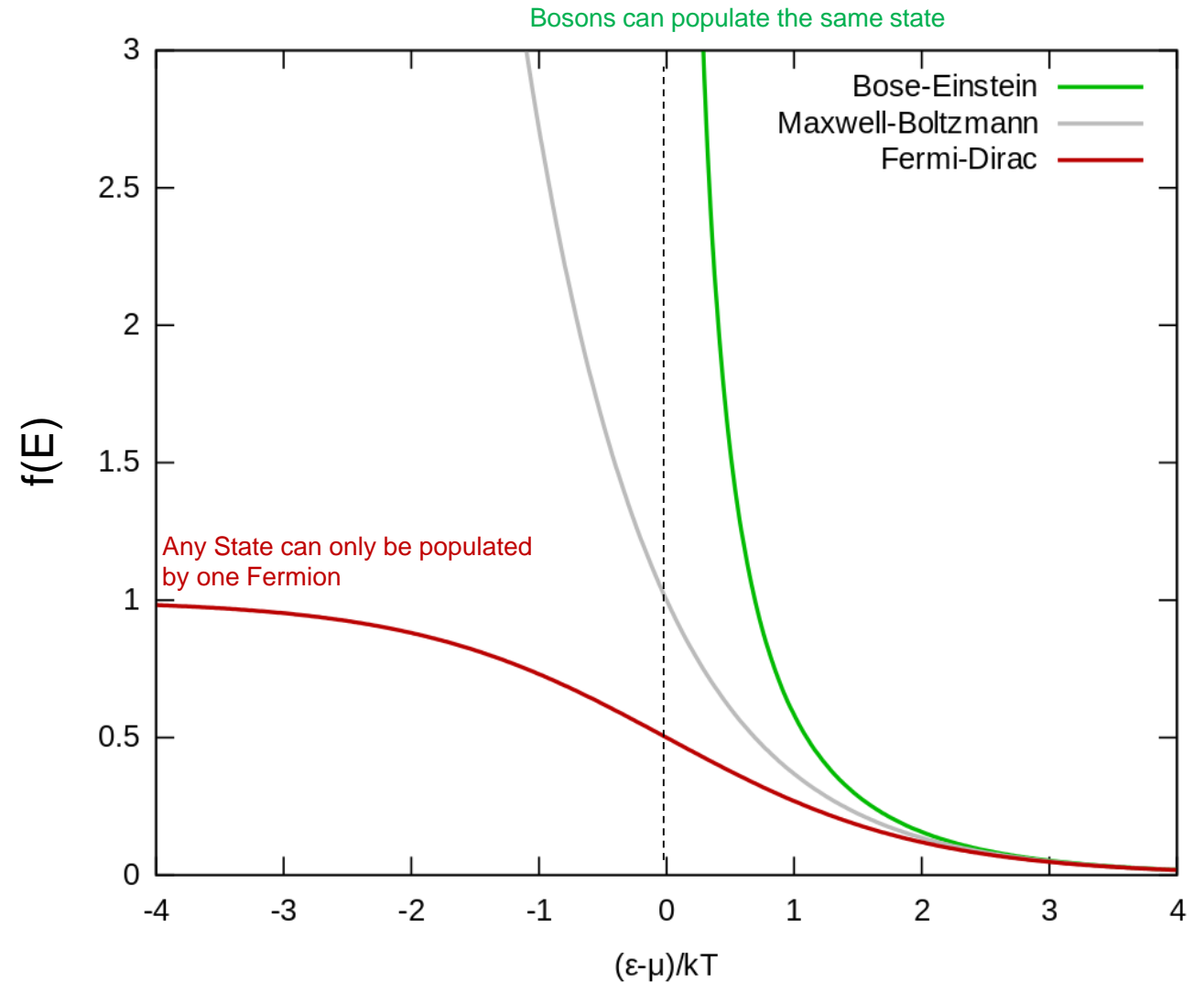
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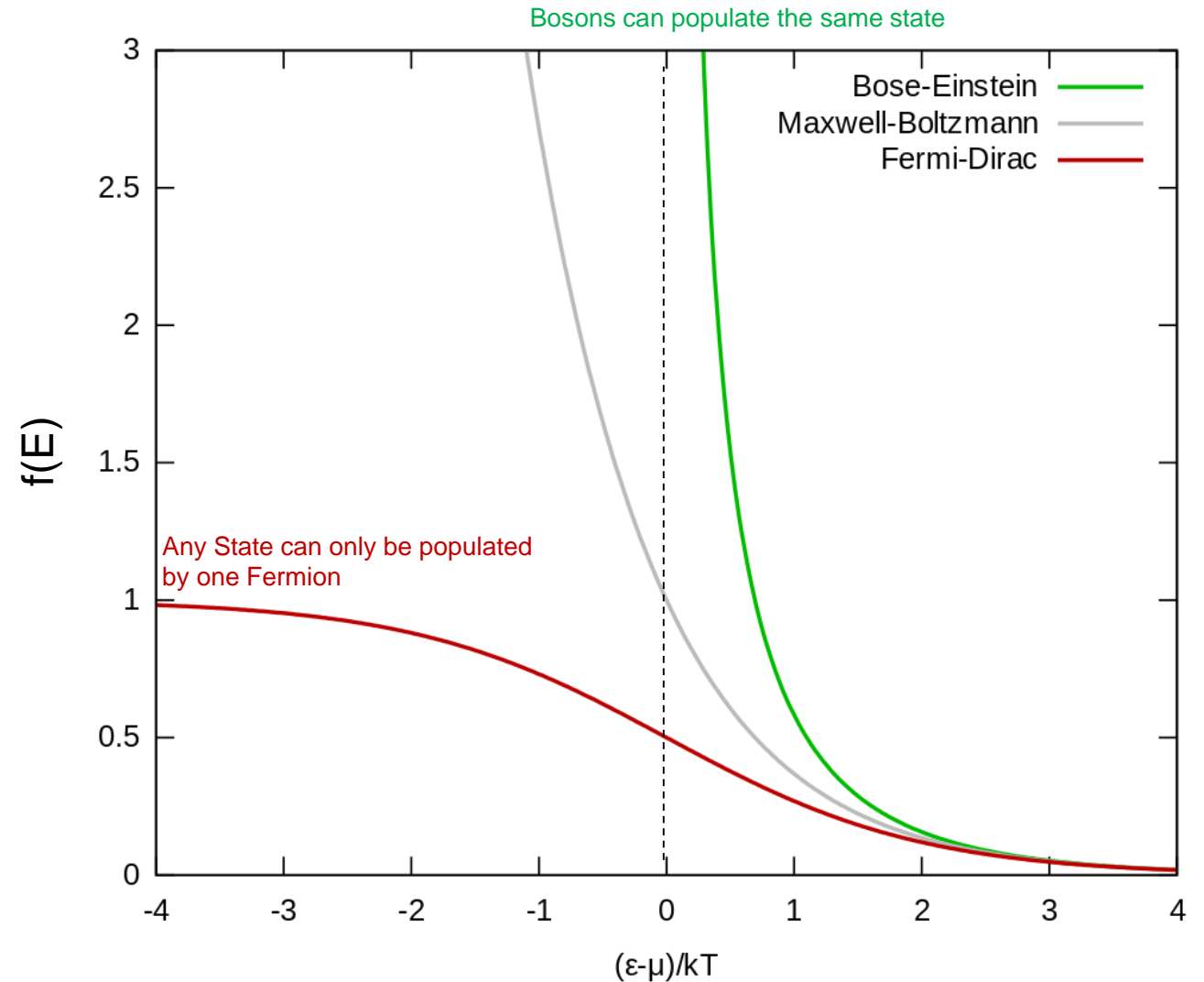
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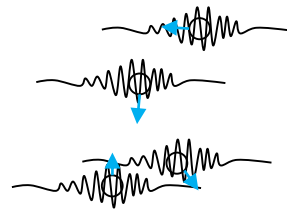
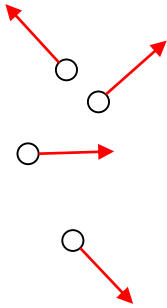
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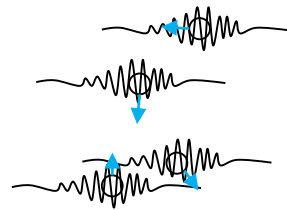
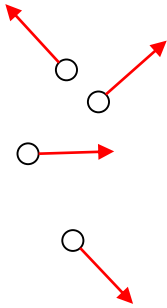
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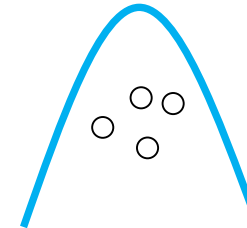
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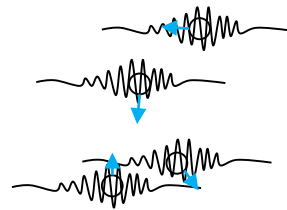
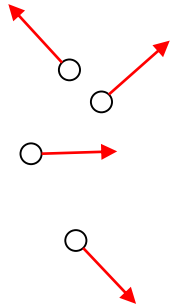
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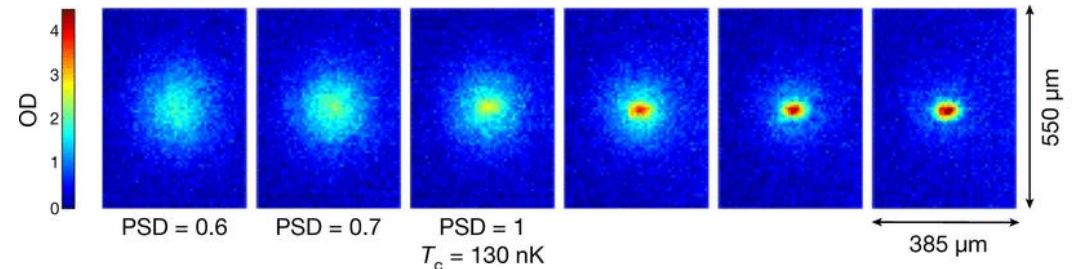
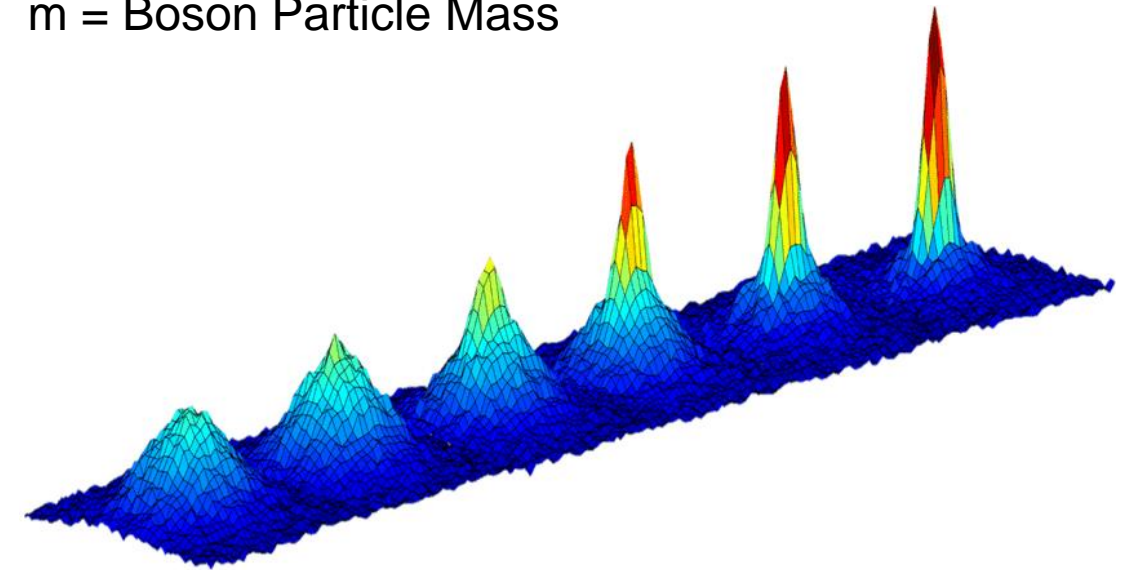
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$T_C$ , 'critical temperature'  
 $\Rightarrow$  At which condensation occurs

$$\Rightarrow T_C \sim 3.3 \frac{\hbar^2 n^{2/3}}{m k_B}$$

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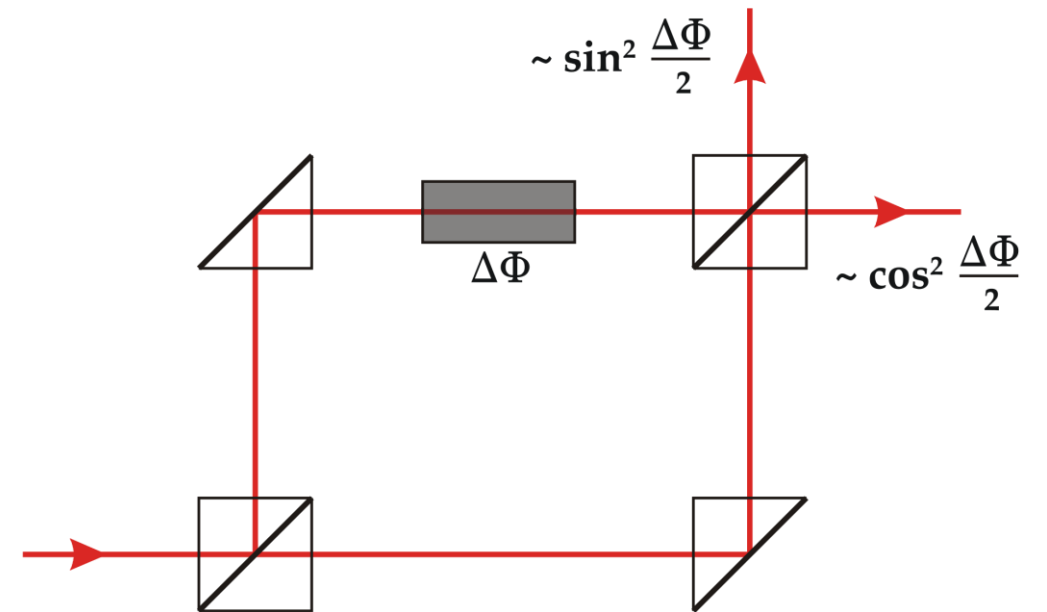
- $n$  = Particle Density
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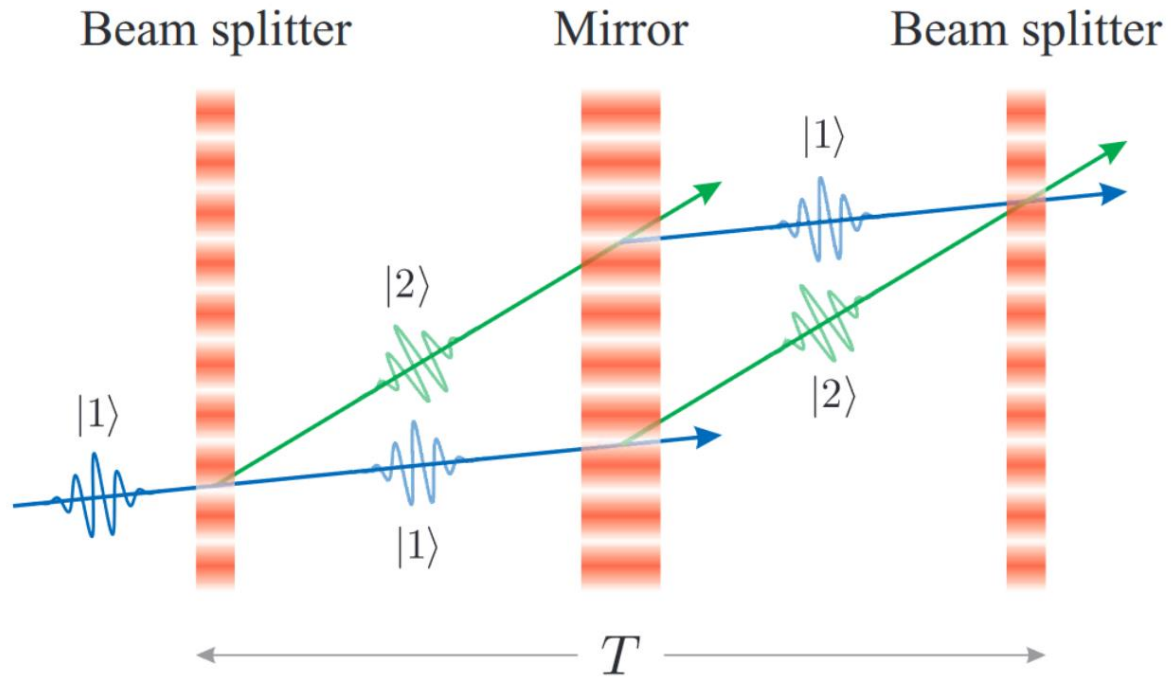
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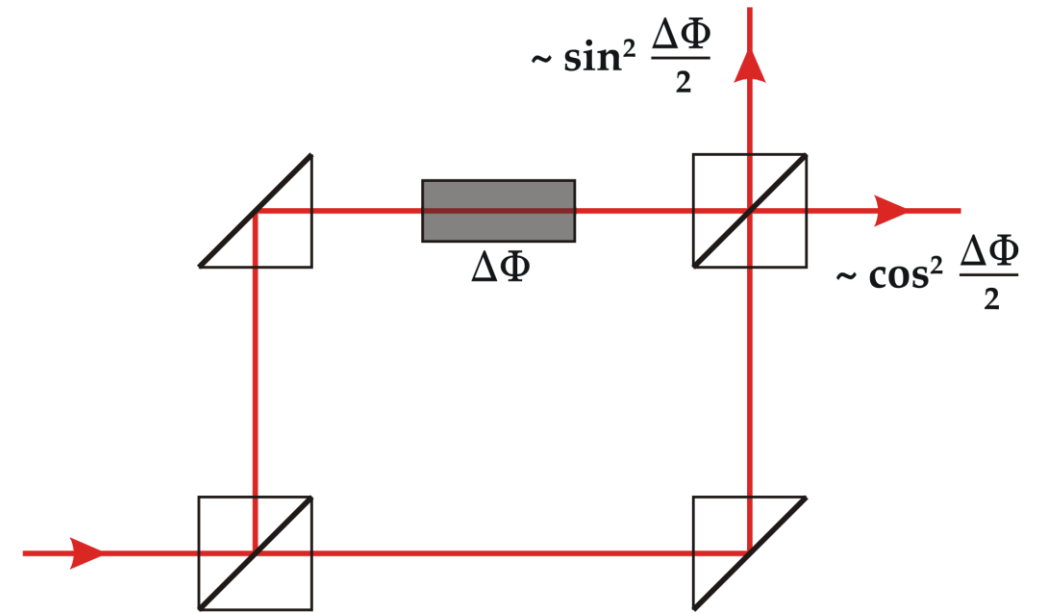


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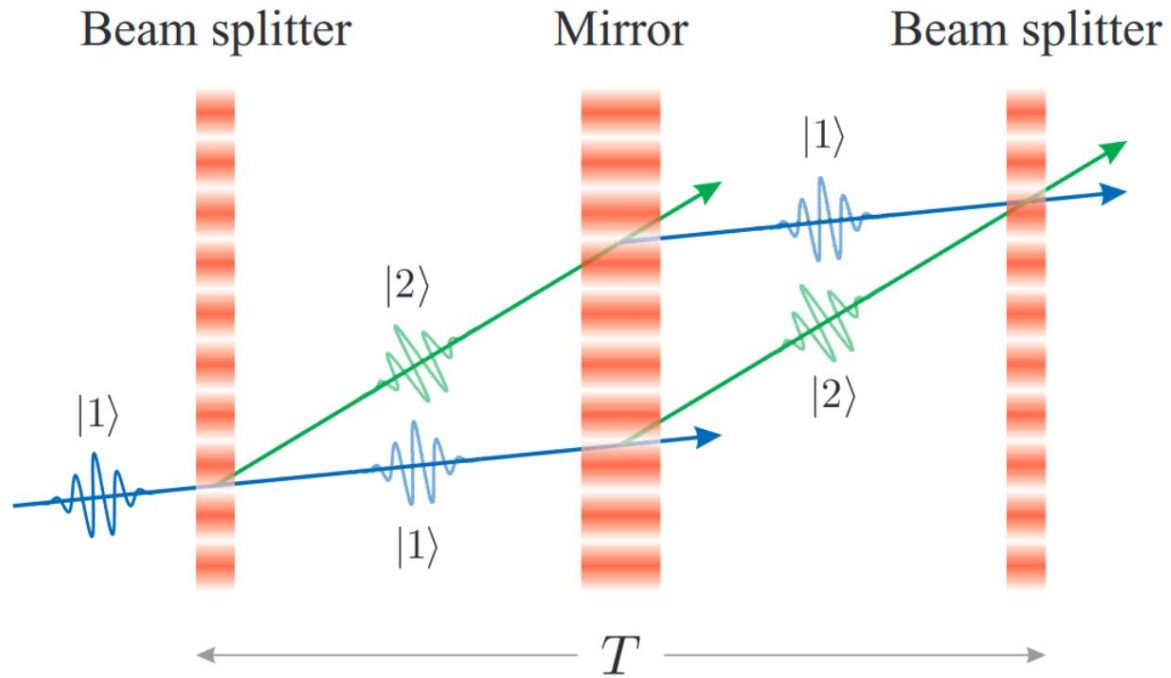


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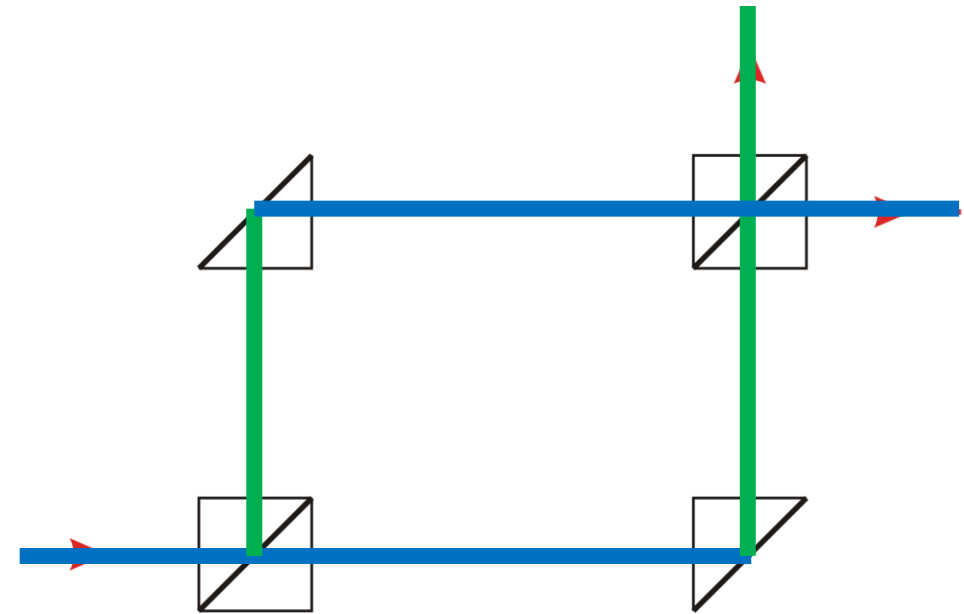


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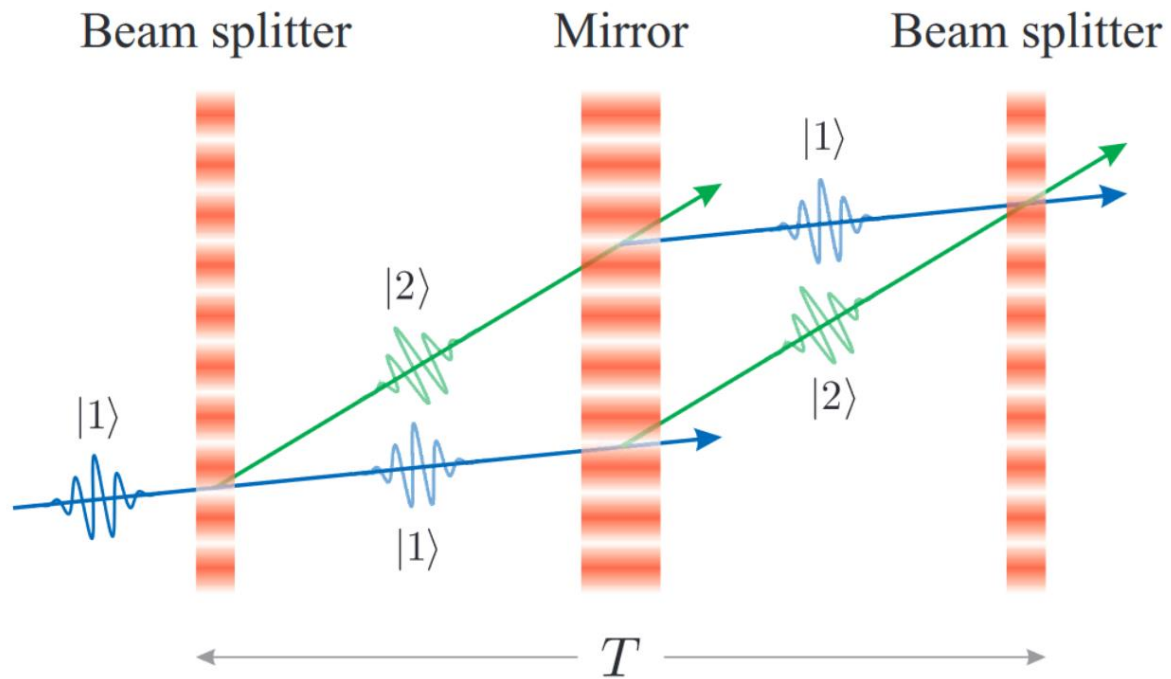
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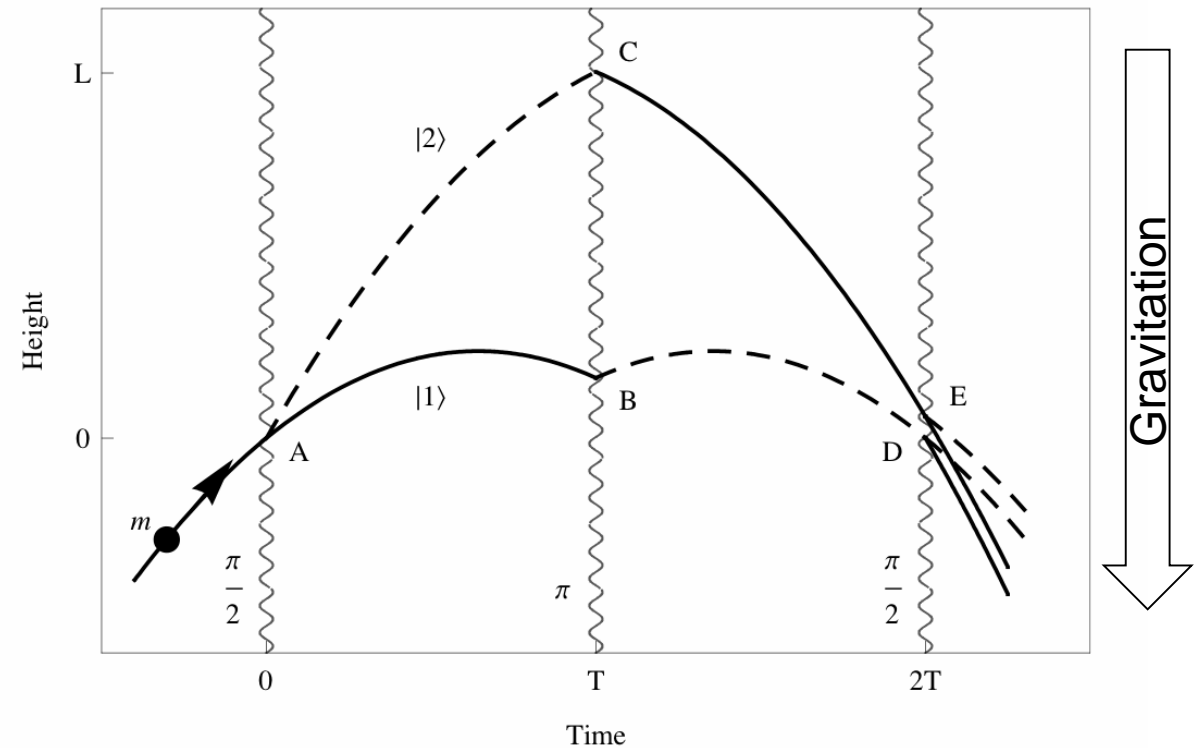
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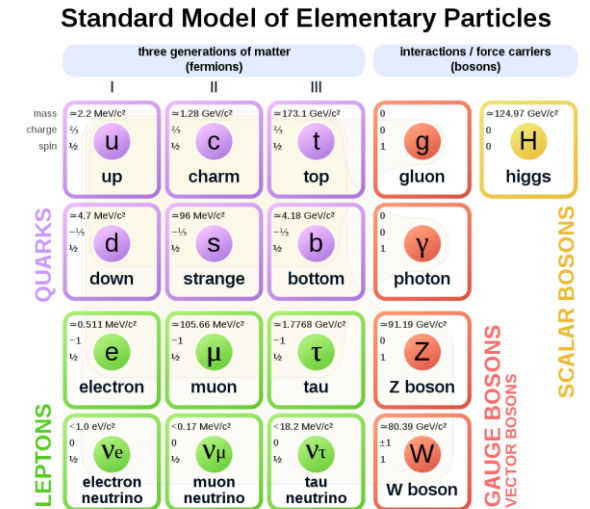
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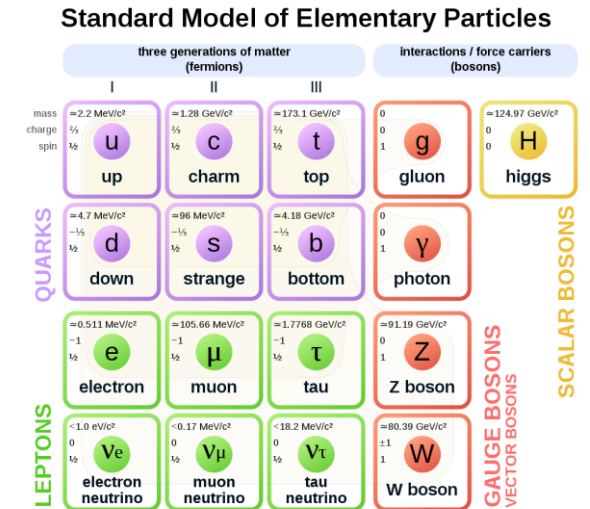
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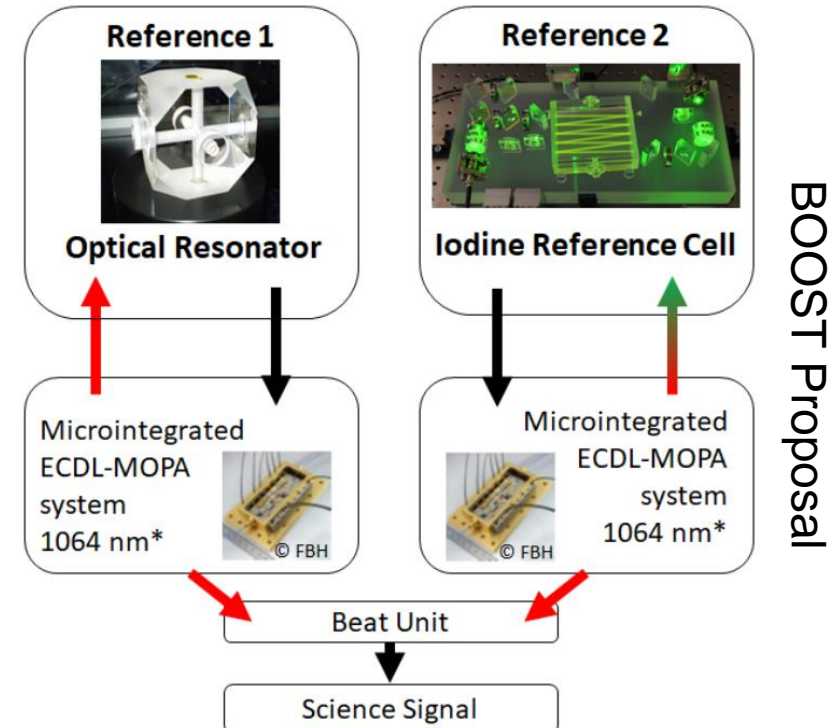
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- Local Non-Gravitational Test is independent of velocity and orientation of Experiment



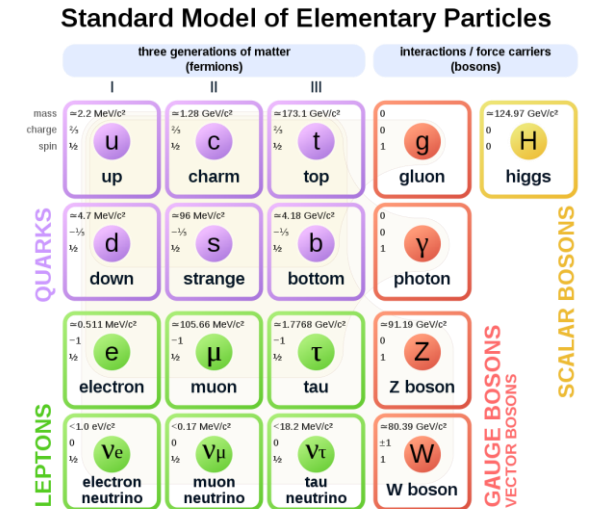
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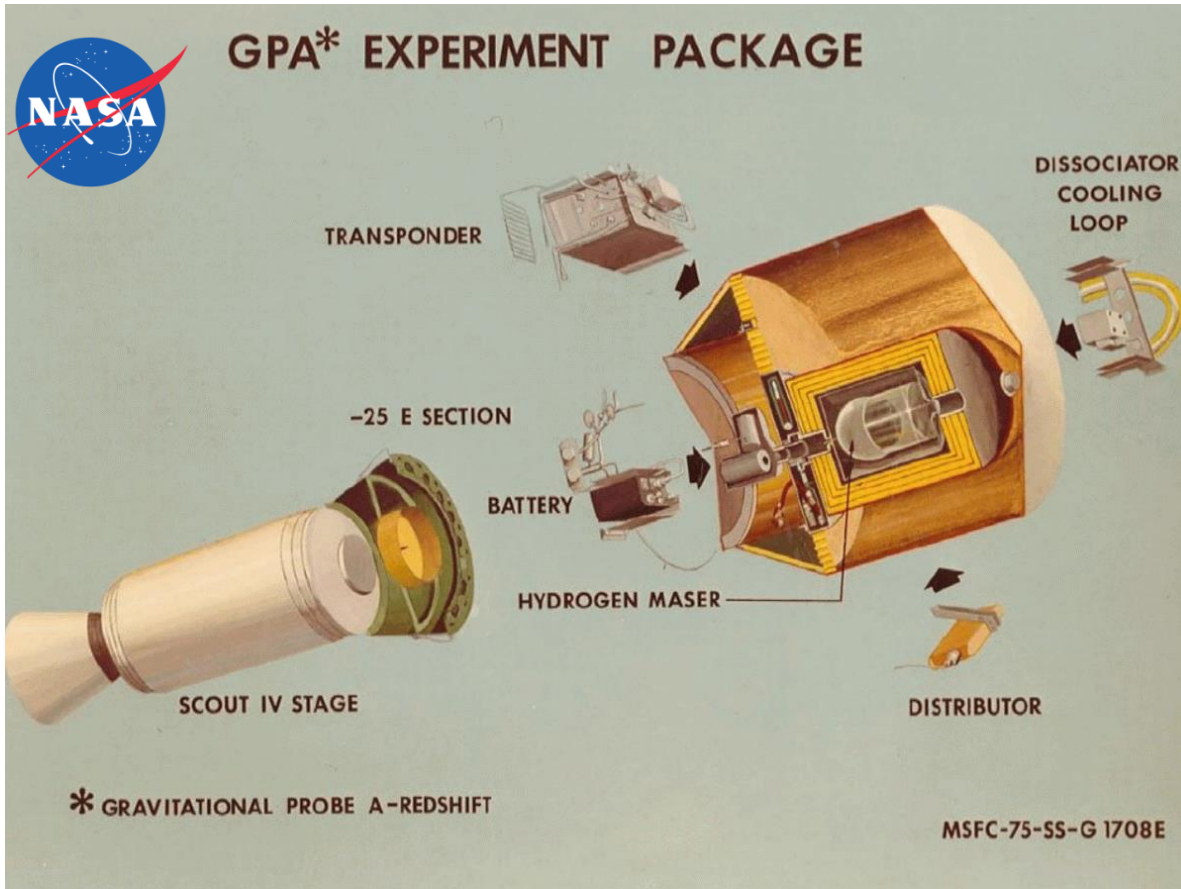
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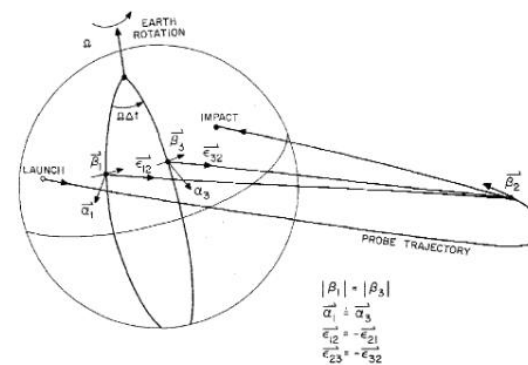


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Gravity Probe A (B & C)



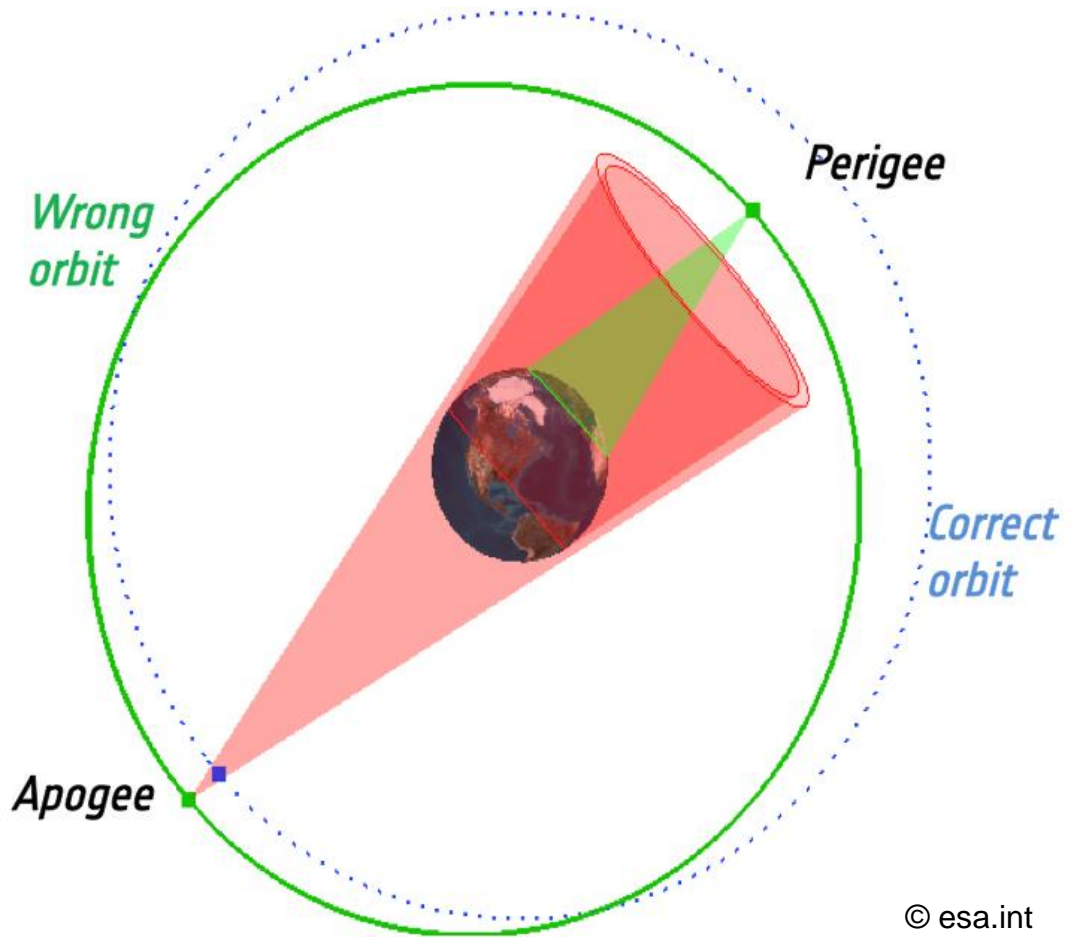
- Robert VESSOT & Martin LEVINE
- Hydrogen Maser in Flight and on Ground
- Launch 1967
- Parabola with 10 000km height
- Theoretical Predictions
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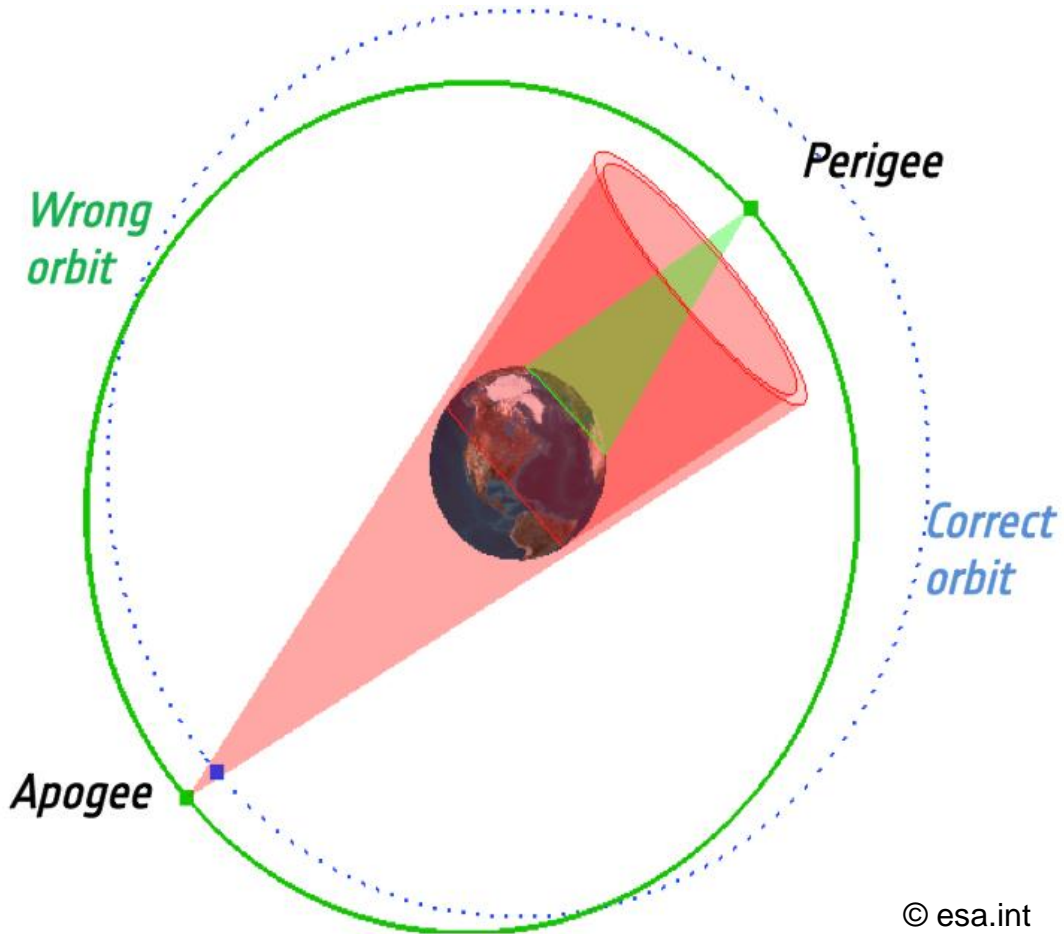


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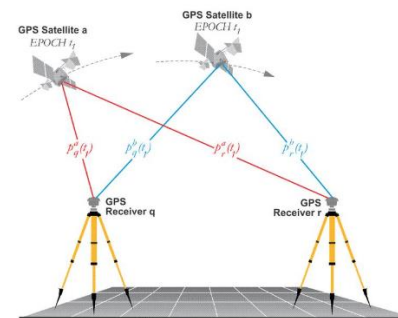
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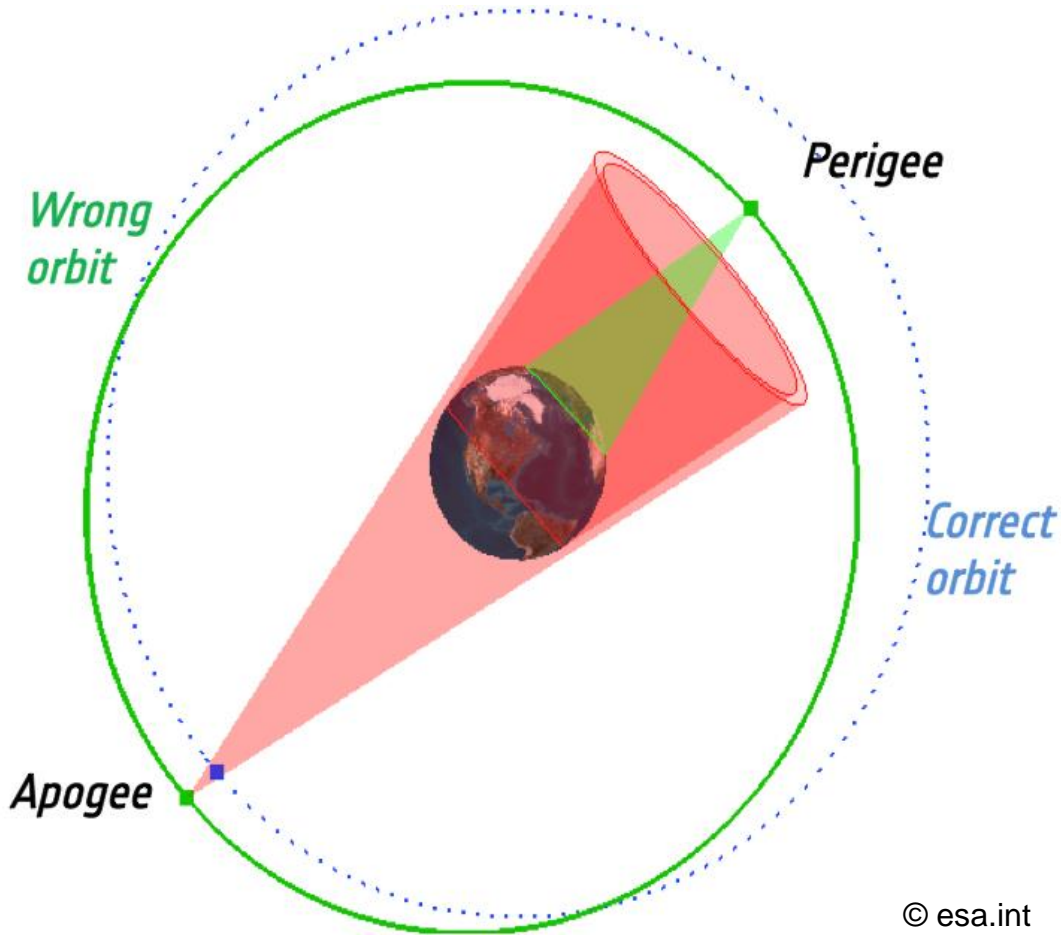
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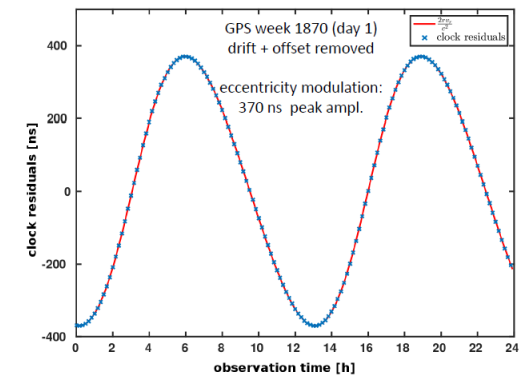
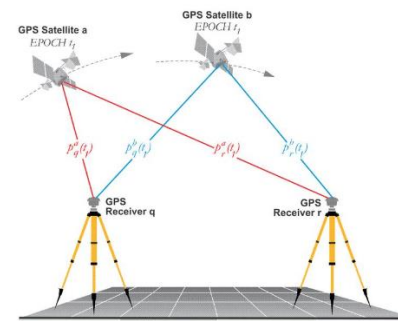
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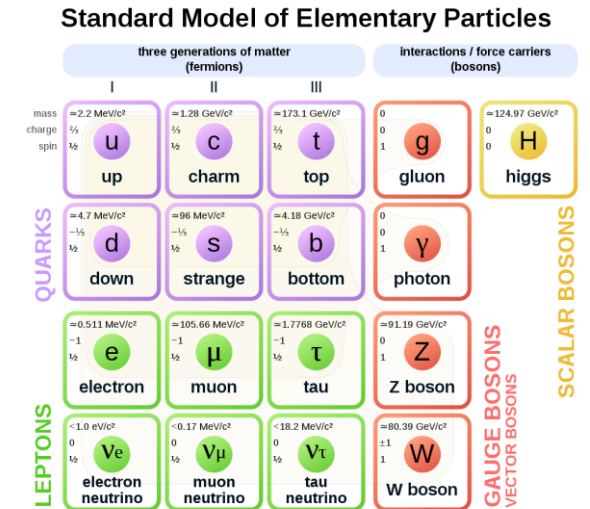
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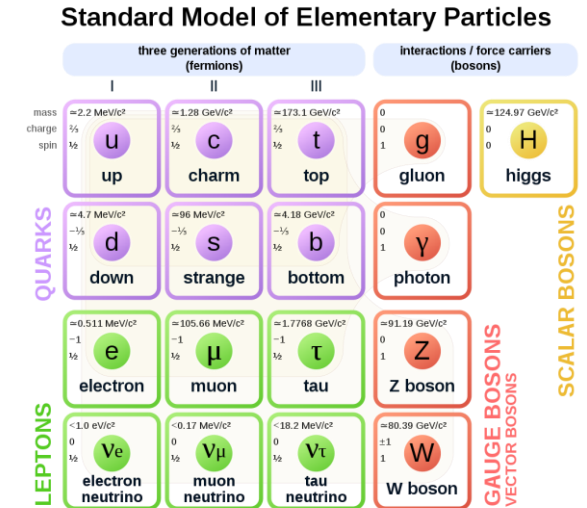
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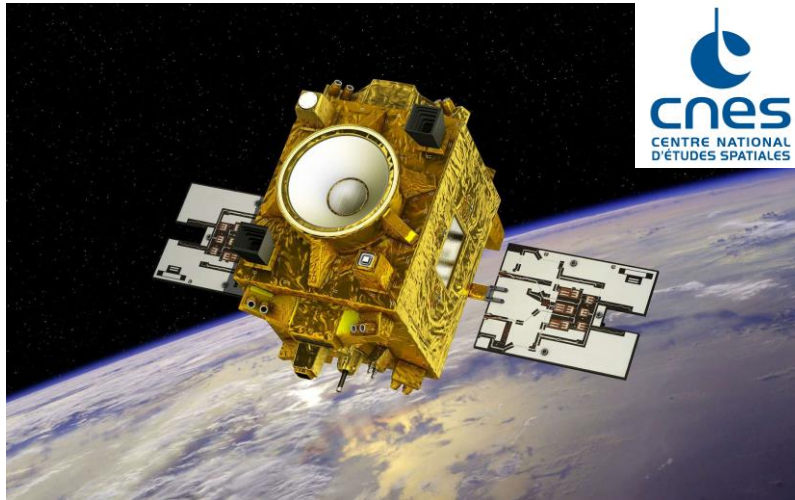
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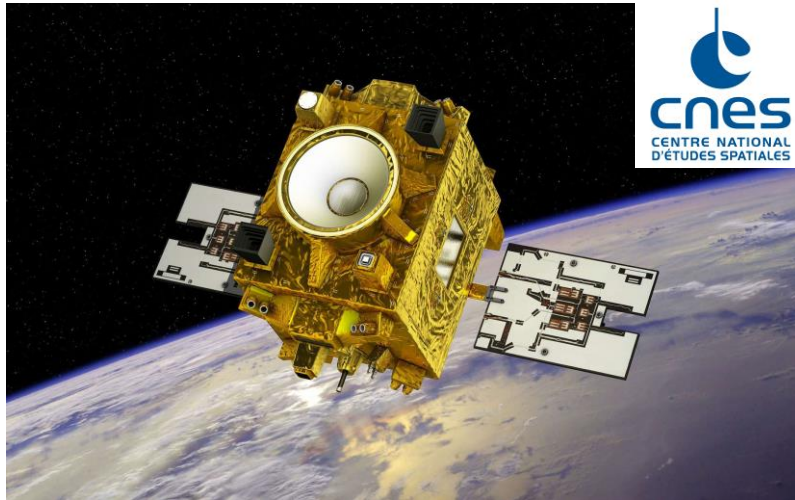
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- Accelerometer
  - Reference: Two Platinum / Rhodium Masses
  - Measurement:
    - Platinum-Rhodium Alloy
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- Motionless with respect to Satellite
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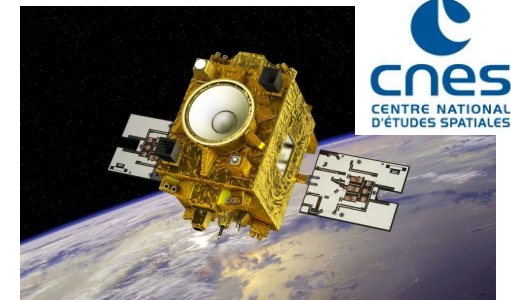
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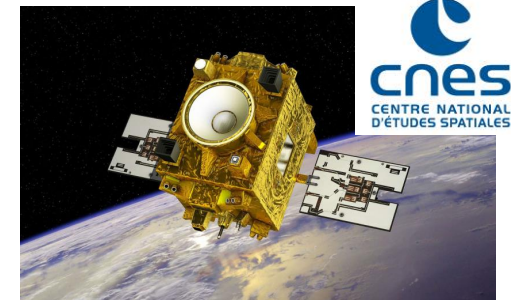
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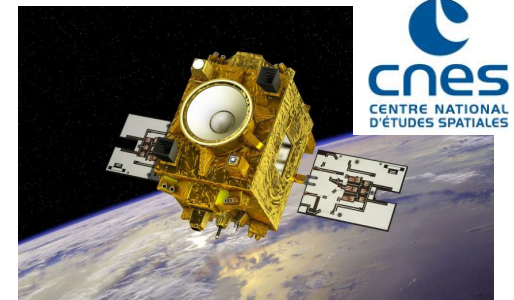
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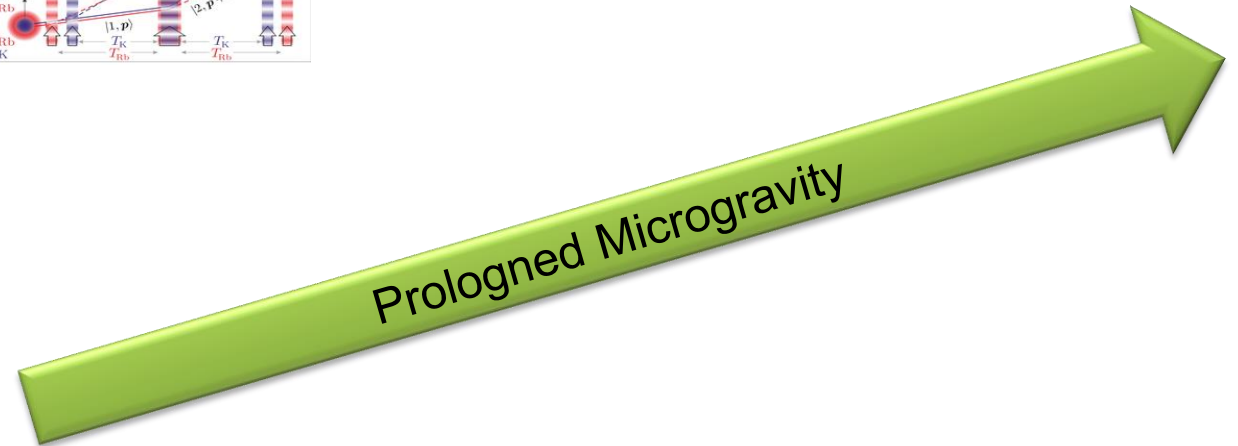
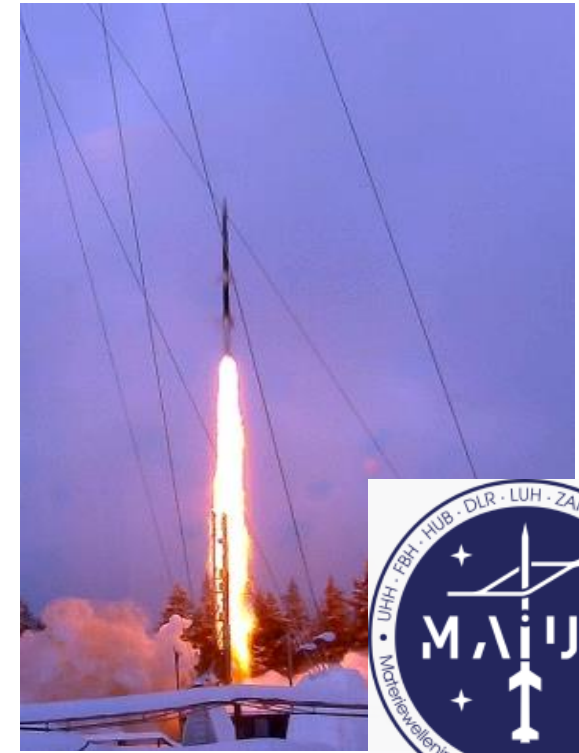
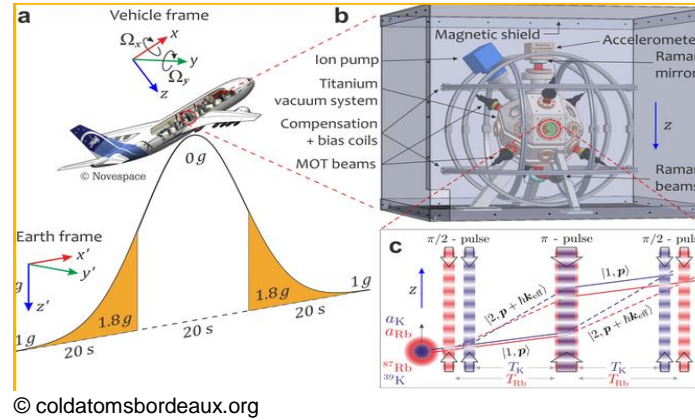
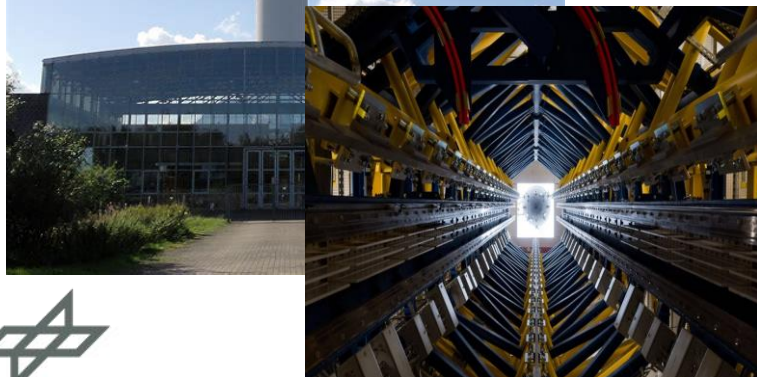
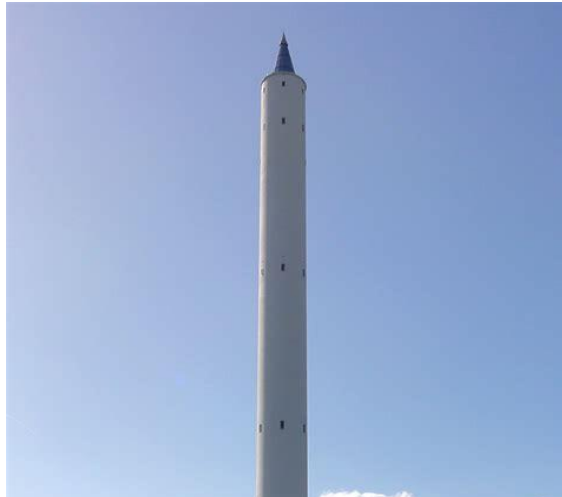






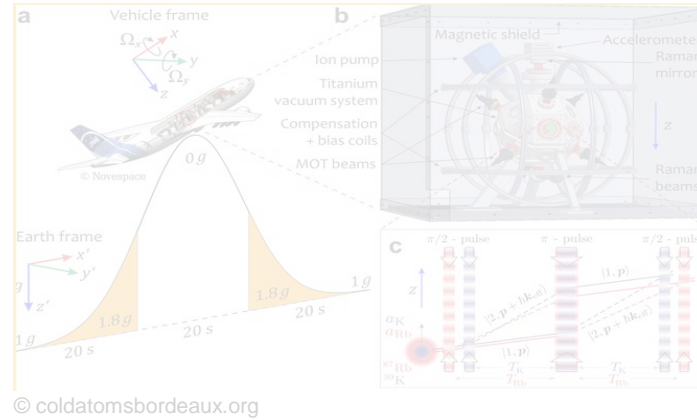
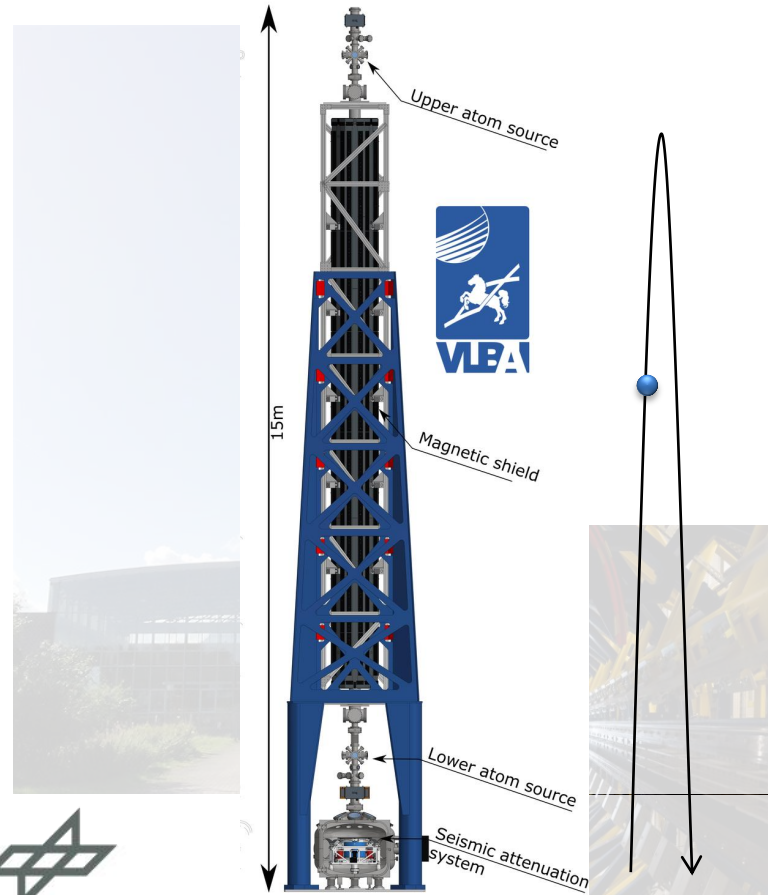
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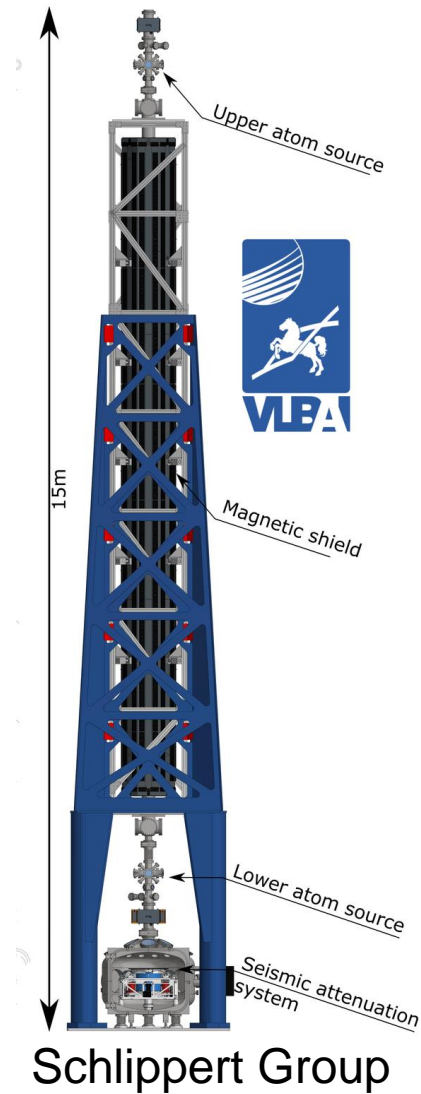
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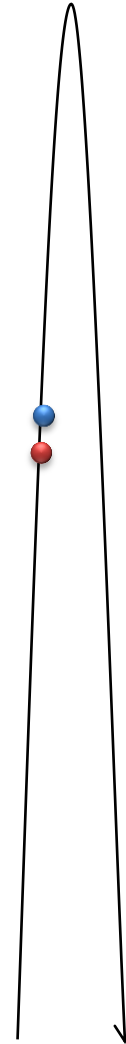
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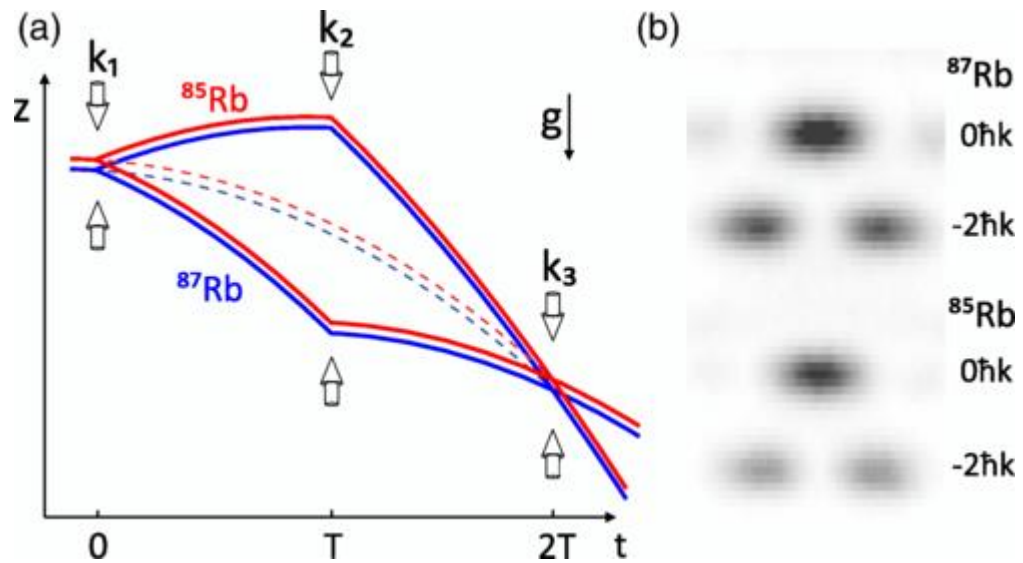


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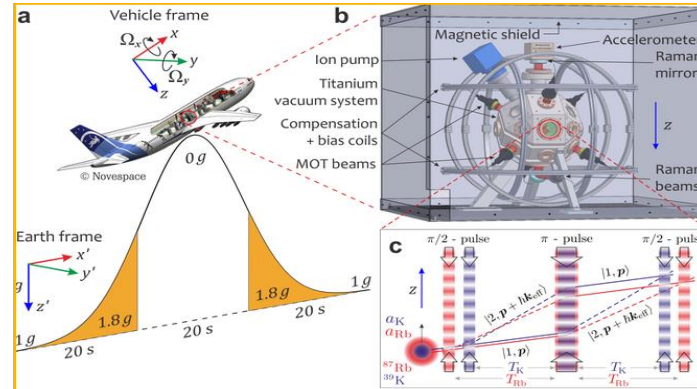
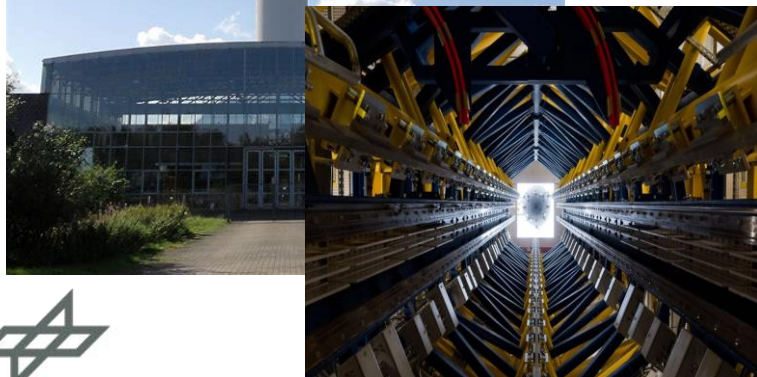
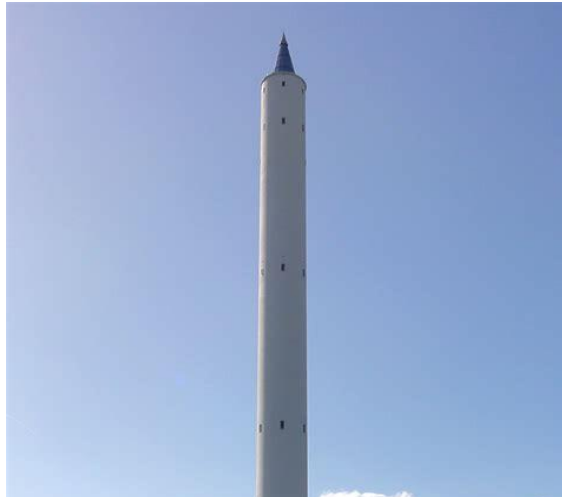


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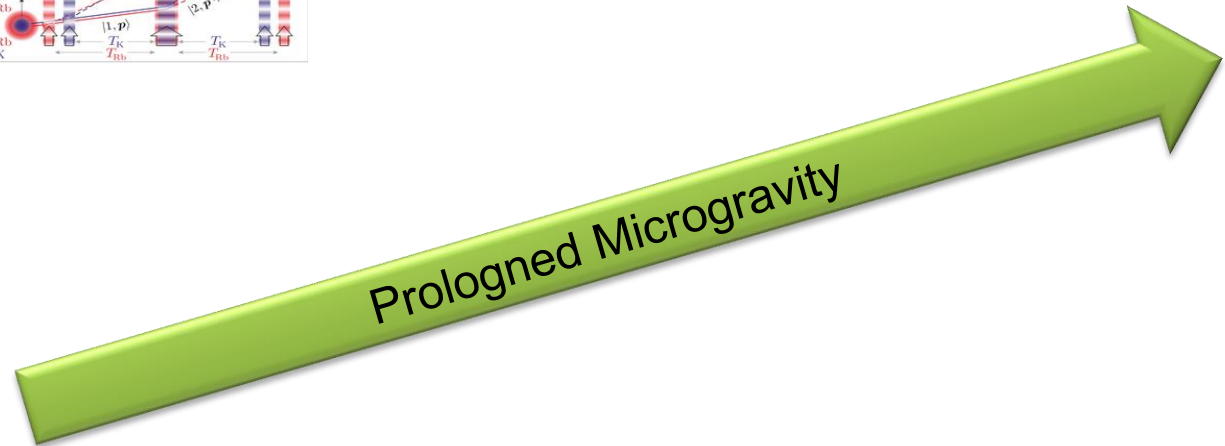


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Lasersystem

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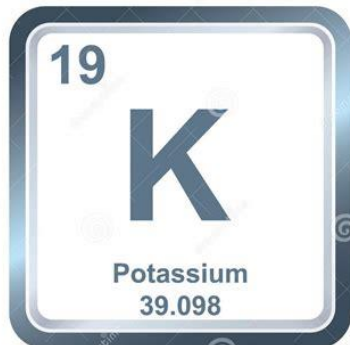


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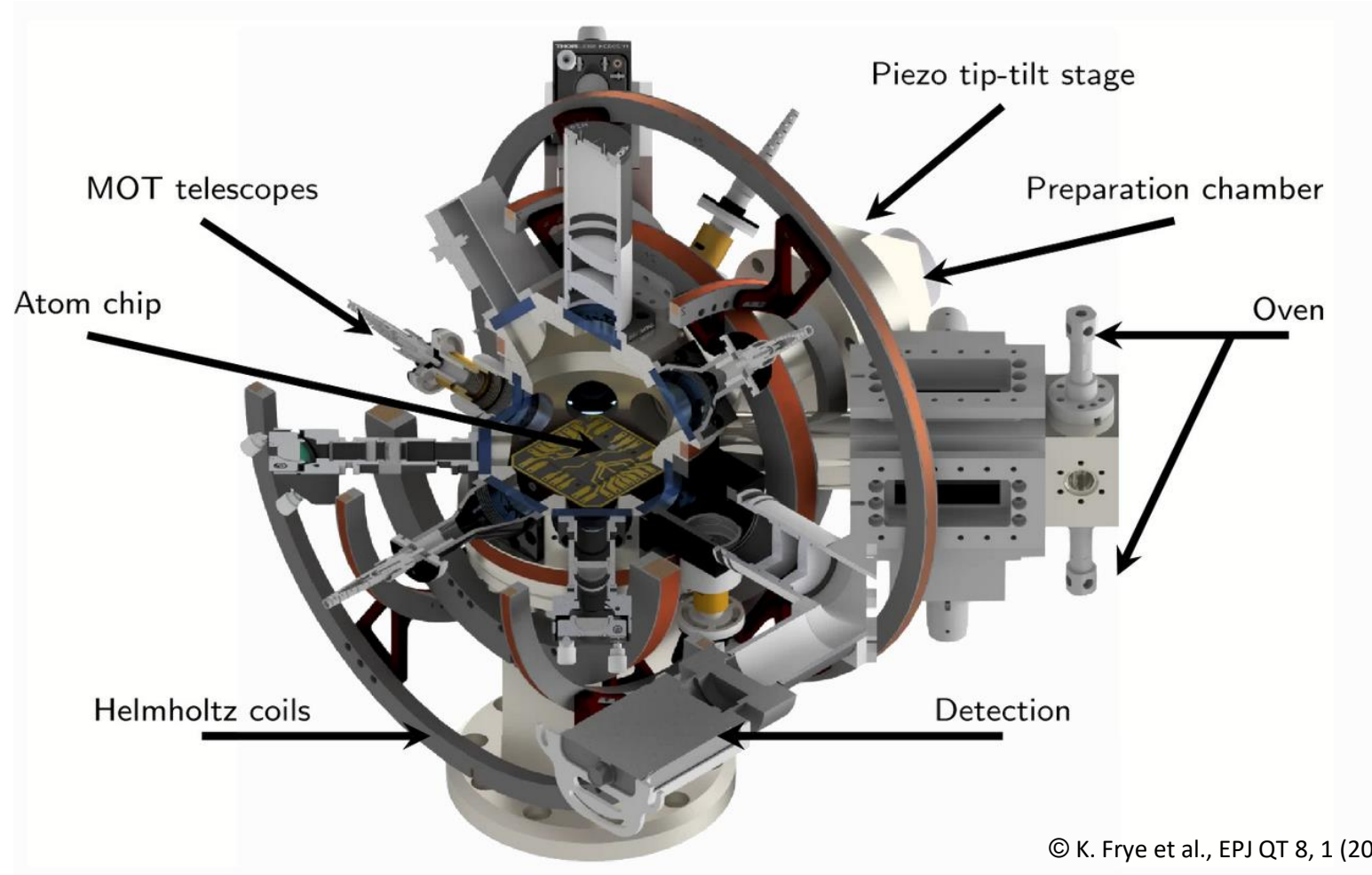
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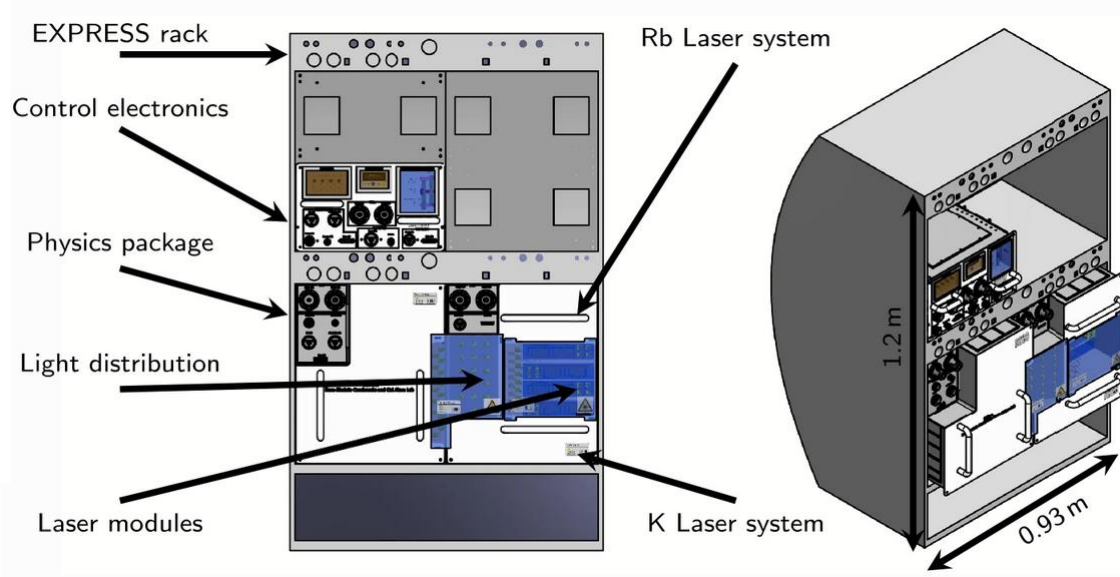
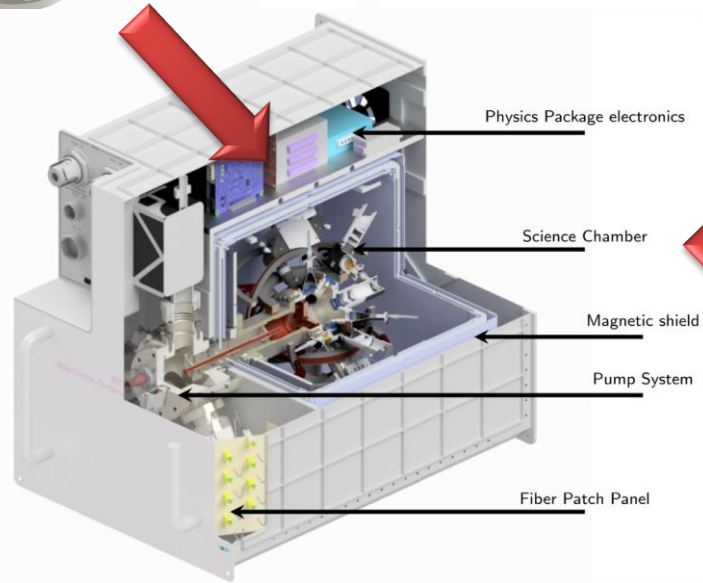
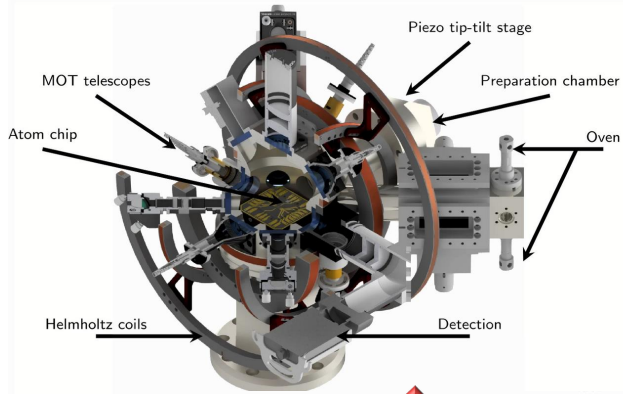


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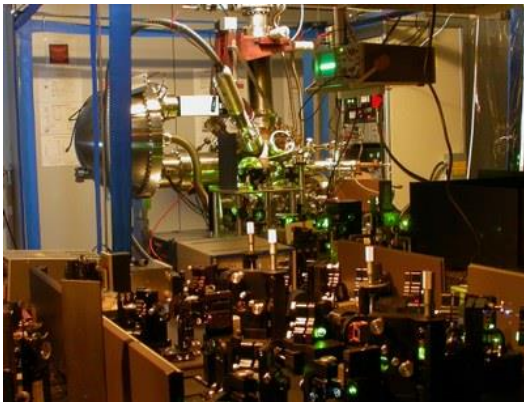
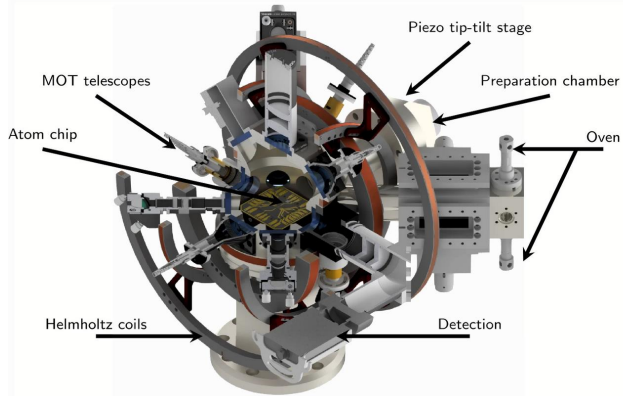


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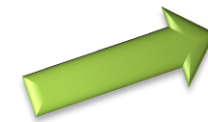
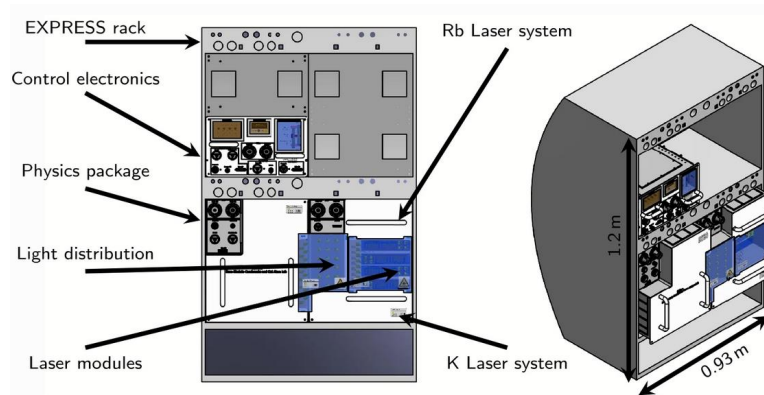


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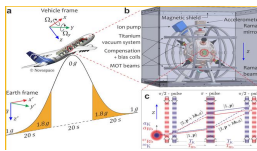
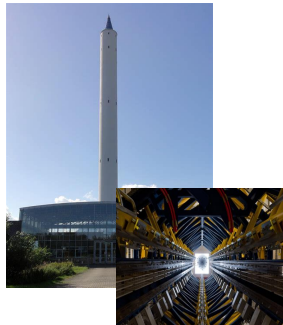
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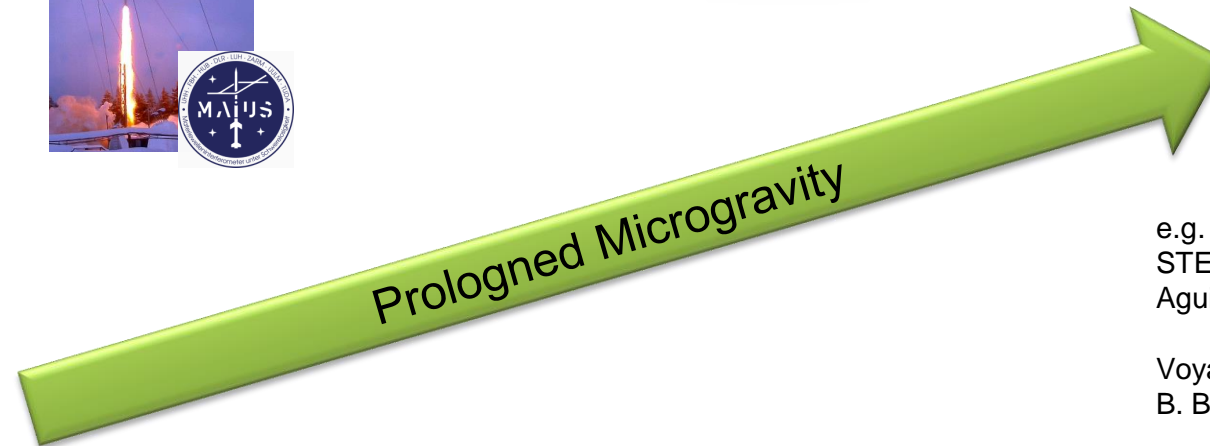
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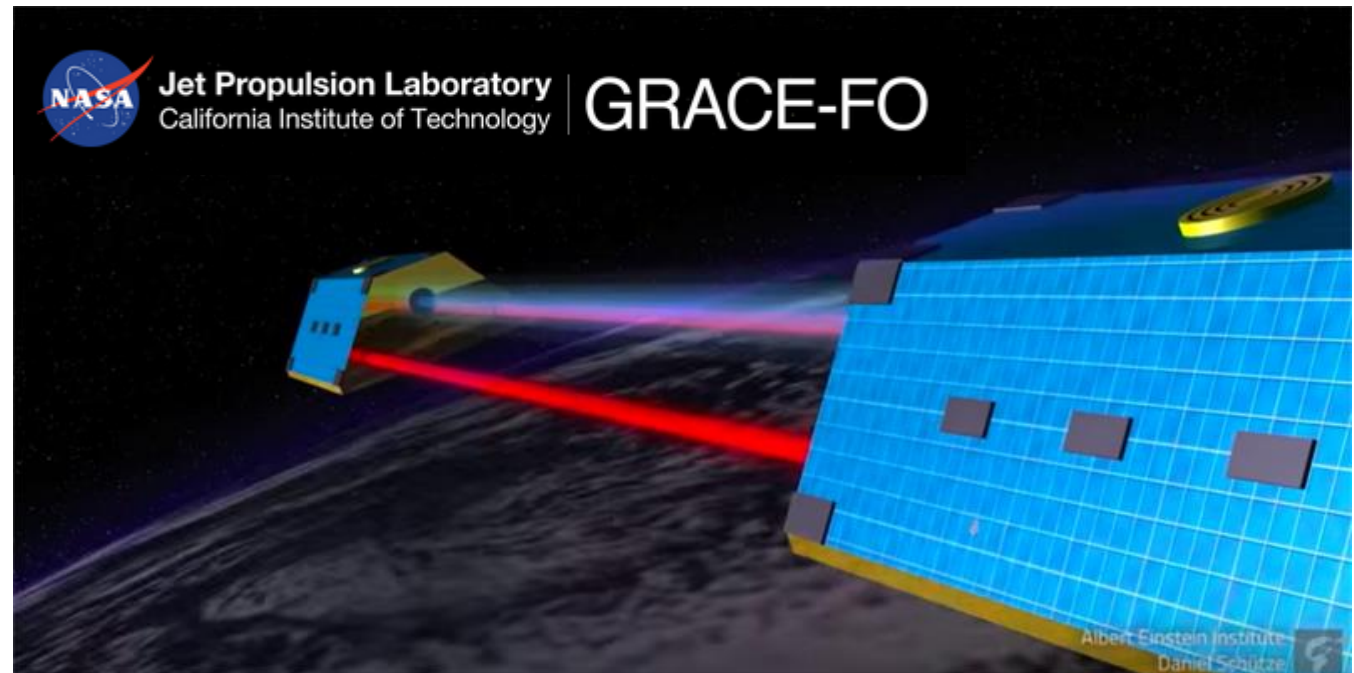
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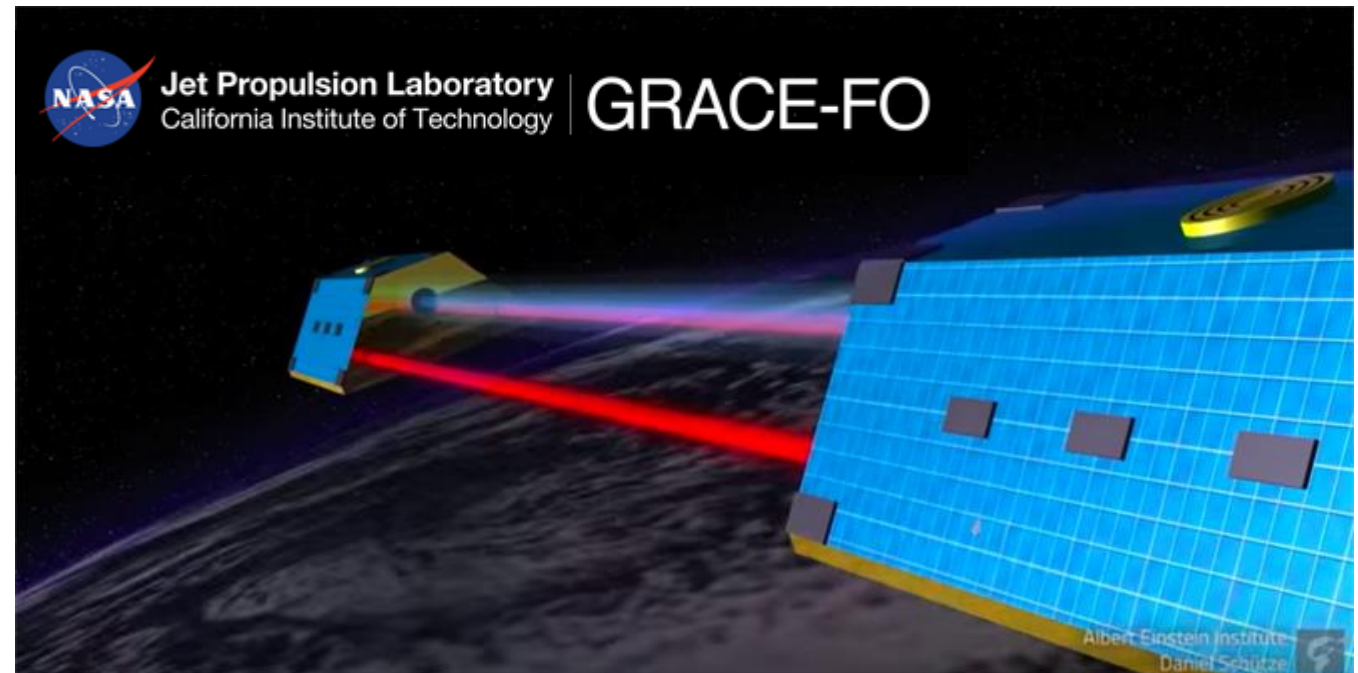
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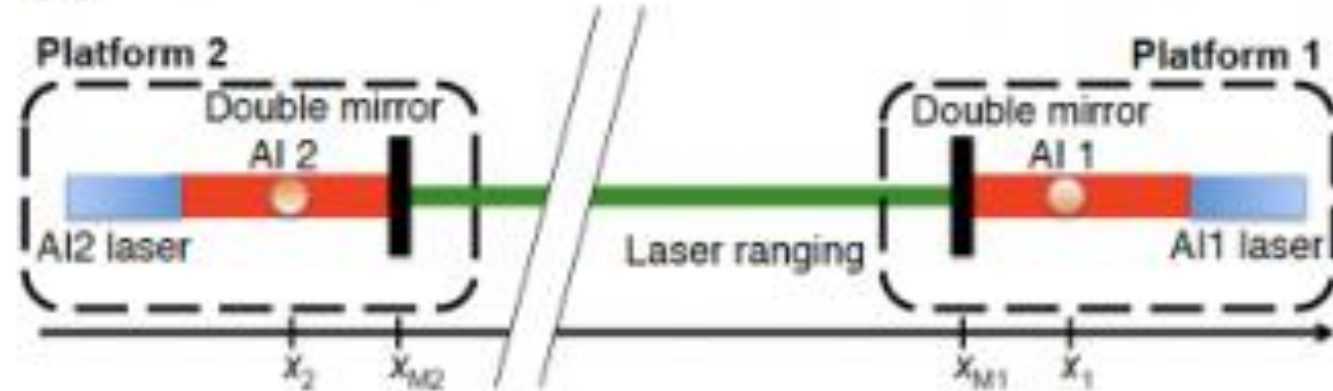


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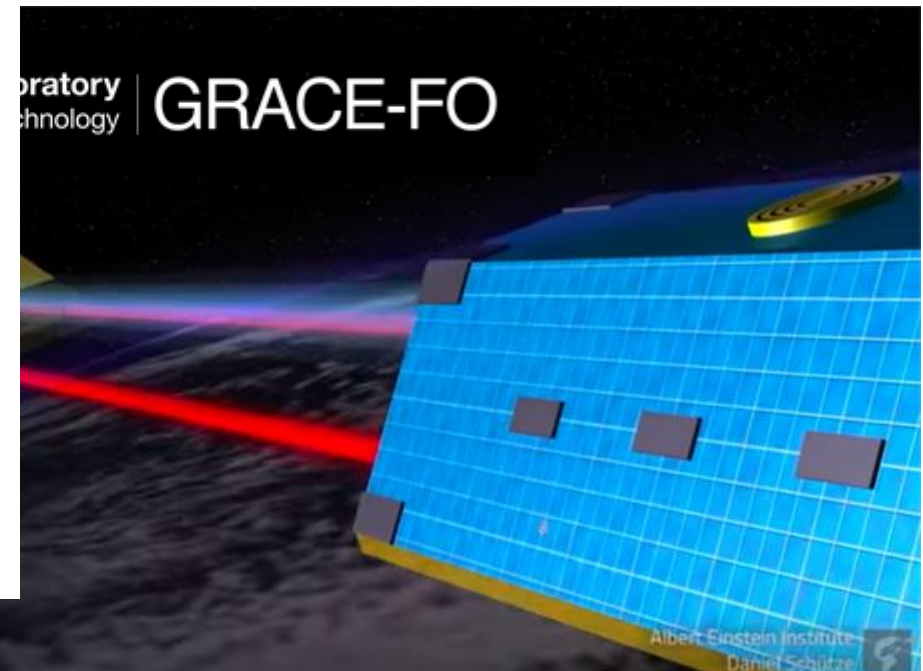
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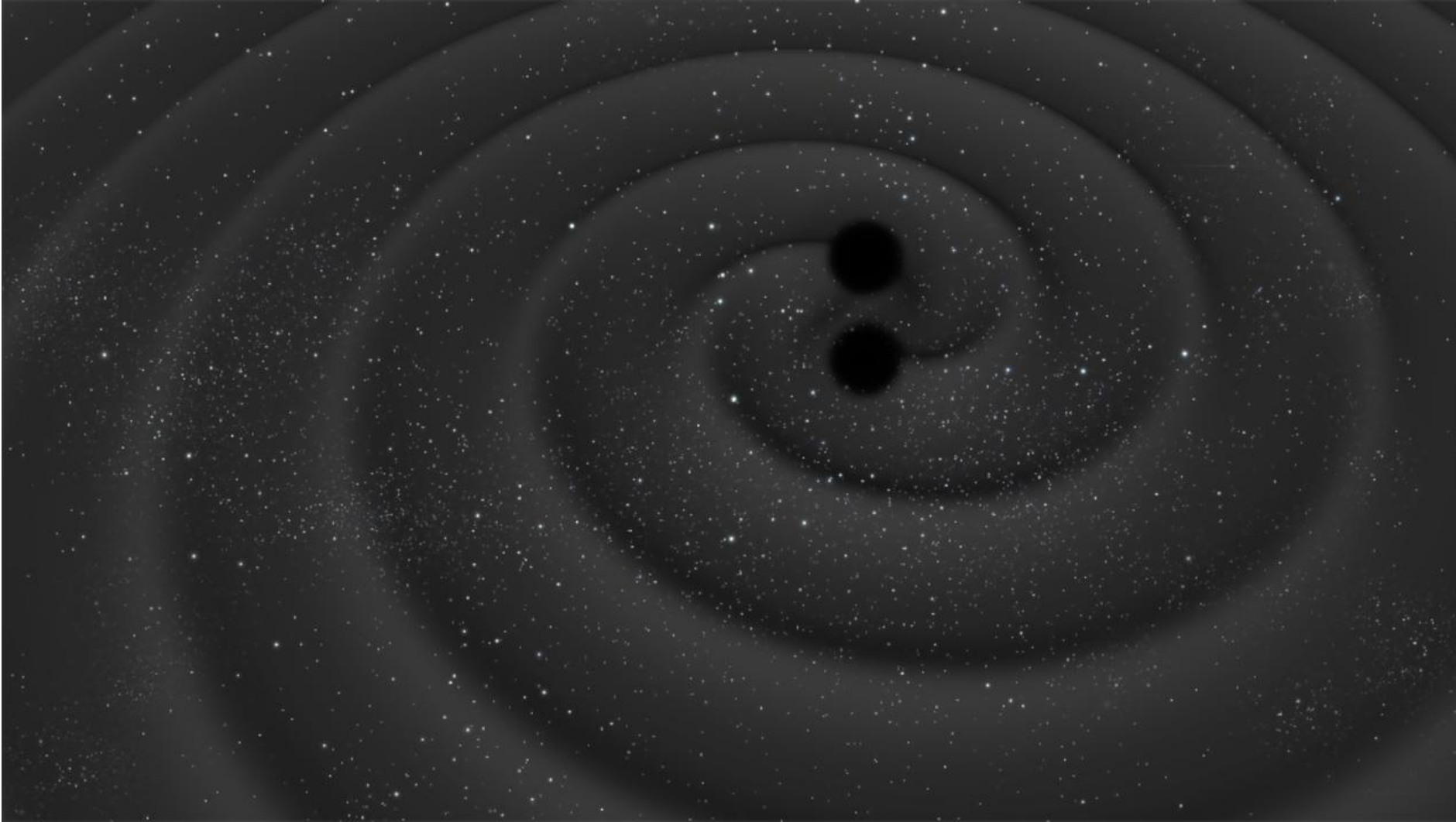
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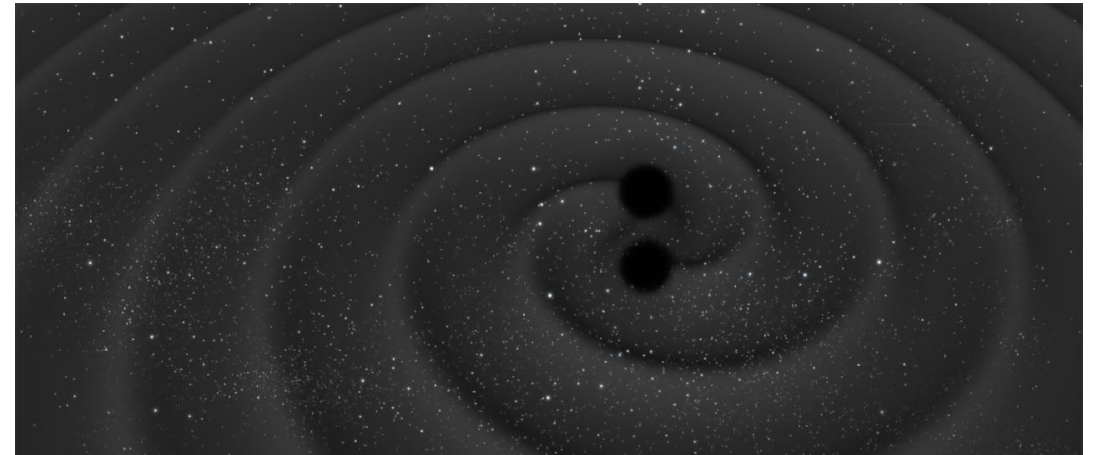
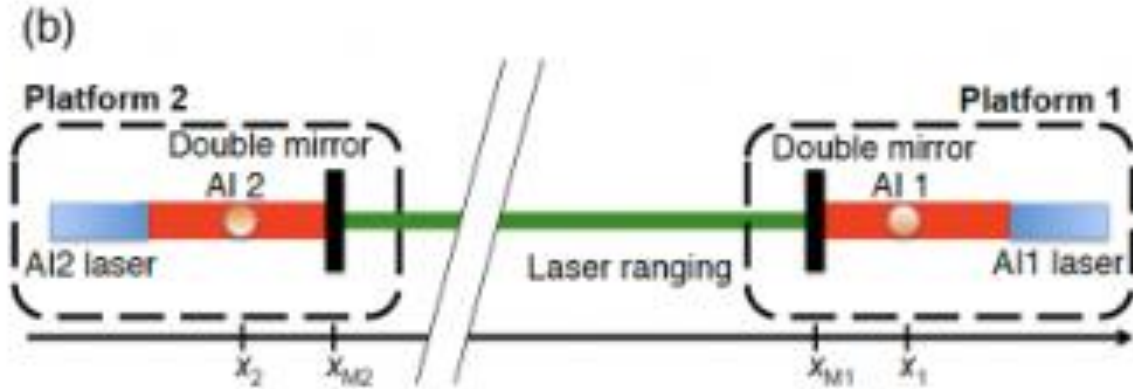


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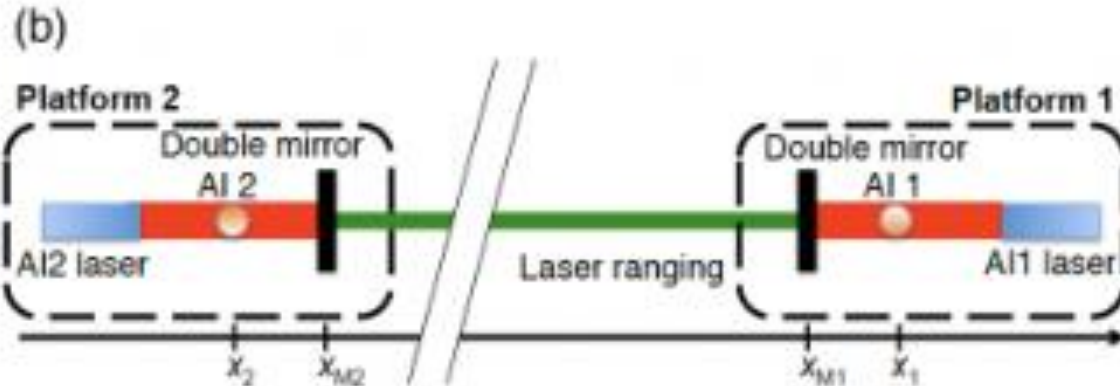
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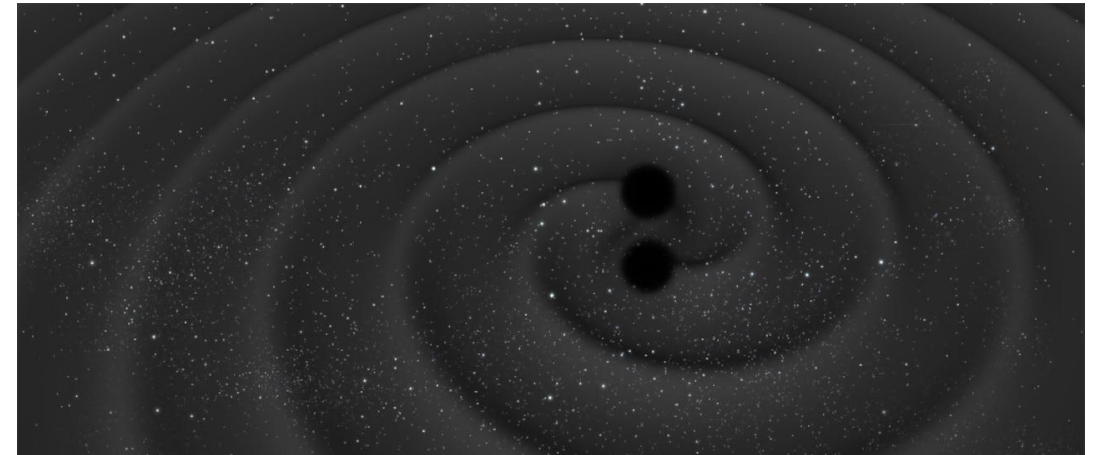
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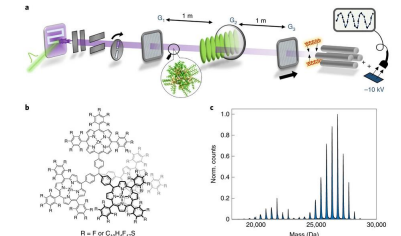
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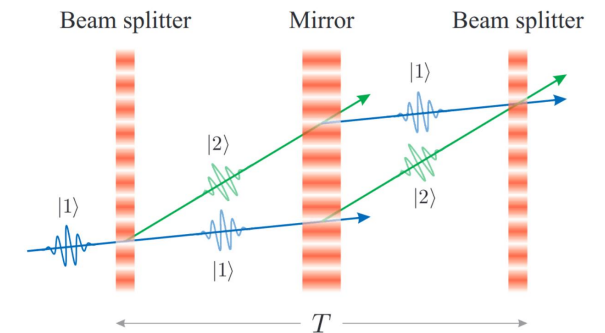
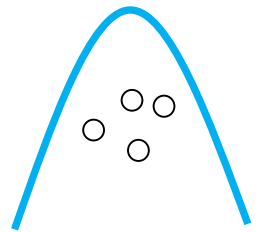


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