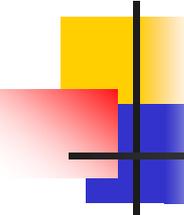


# Field Measurement Methods

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CAS on Magnets

Novotel Brugge Centrum, Bruges, Belgium  
16 - 25 June, 2009



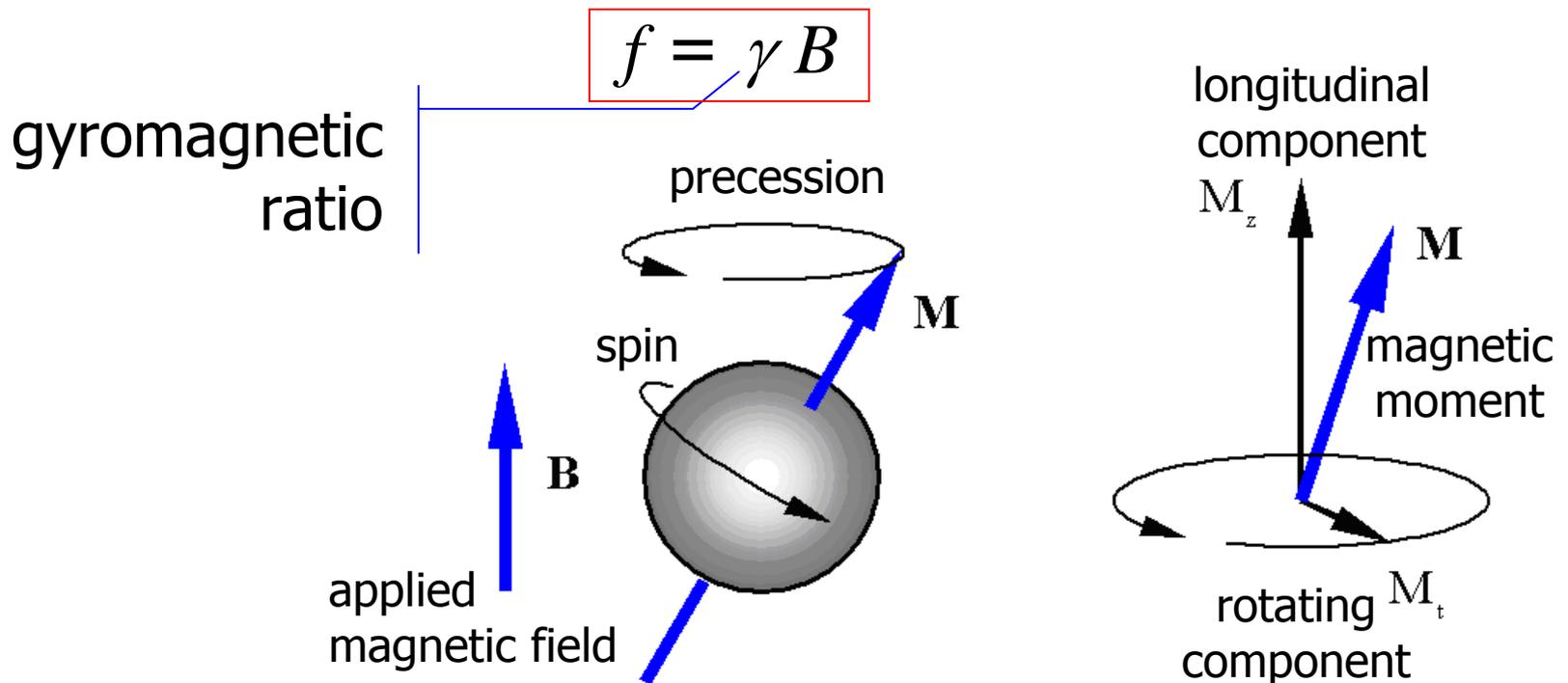
# Overview

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- NMR/EPR, *the golden standard*
- Fluxmeters, *the workhorse for accelerators*
  - *fixed, moving, flipping, rotating* coils and wires
- Hall generators and magneto-resistors, *cheap*
- Other *fun* methods
  - Fluxgate magnetometers, *sensitive*
  - SQUIDS, *quantum sensitive*
  - Atomic and SERF magnetometers, *yet more sensitive*
  - Faraday rotation, *fast*
- Concluding remarks, *and a design graph*

# NMR/EPR principle

- a particle with a spin and magnetic moment in an applied field precesses at a (Larmor) frequency  $f$ :



# Gyromagnetic ratio

Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR),  
Electron Spin Resonance (ESR)

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

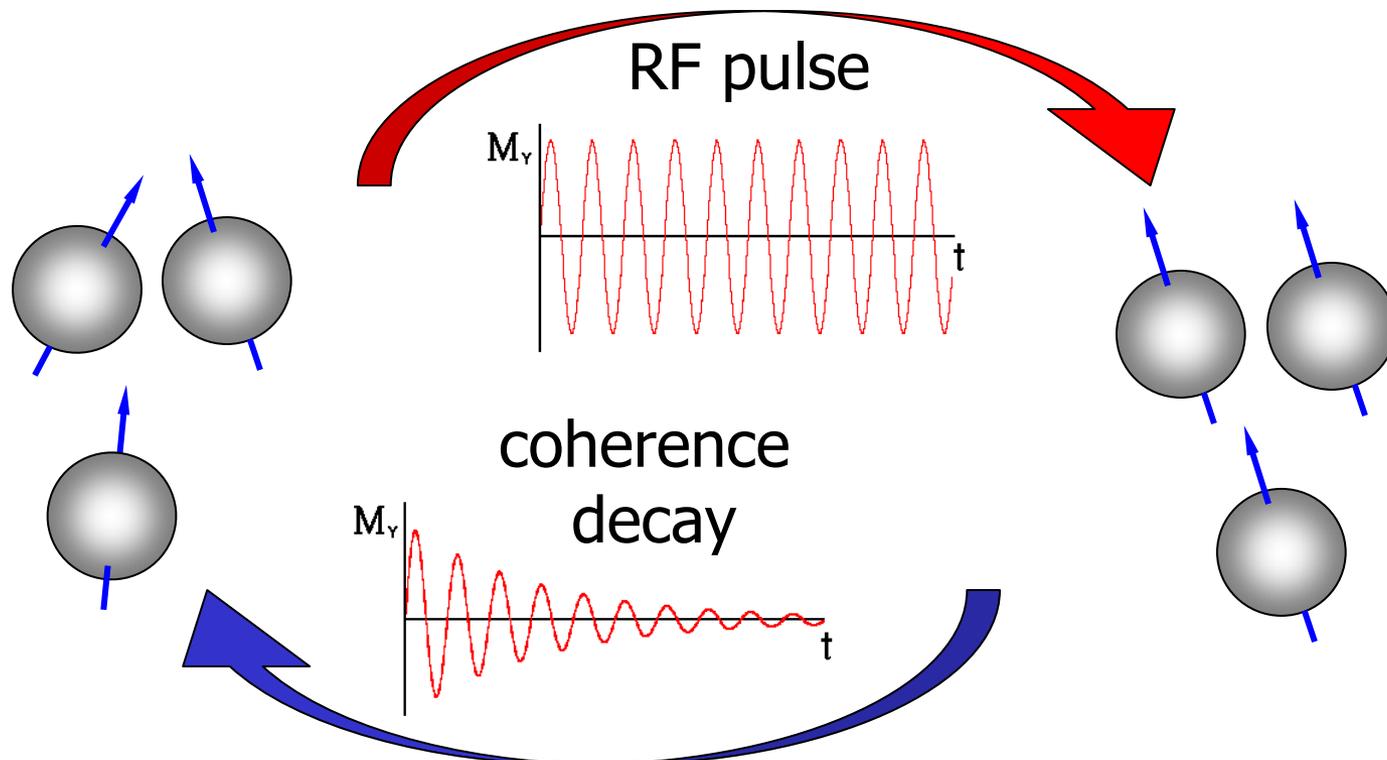
particle	$\gamma$ (MHz/T)
$e^-$	$28.025 \times 10^3$
$^1\text{H}$	42.576396(3)
$^2\text{H}$	6.535
$^2\text{He}$	32.4326
$^{13}\text{C}$	10.71
$^{14}\text{N}$	3.08
$^{19}\text{F}$	40.08
$^{23}\text{Na}$	11.27
$^{27}\text{Al}$	11.093
$^{31}\text{P}$	17.25

1 GHz NMR magnet  
↓  
23.5 T

cryogenic probes

# Resonance and coherence

- a transverse RF pulse of frequency  $f$  induces resonance in the precession and coherence in  $M_t$



## Nuclear Induction

F. BLOCH, W. W. HANSEN, AND MARTIN PACKARD  
*Stanford University, Stanford University, California*  
January 29, 1946



Rabi, 1938 Bloch, Purcell, 1946

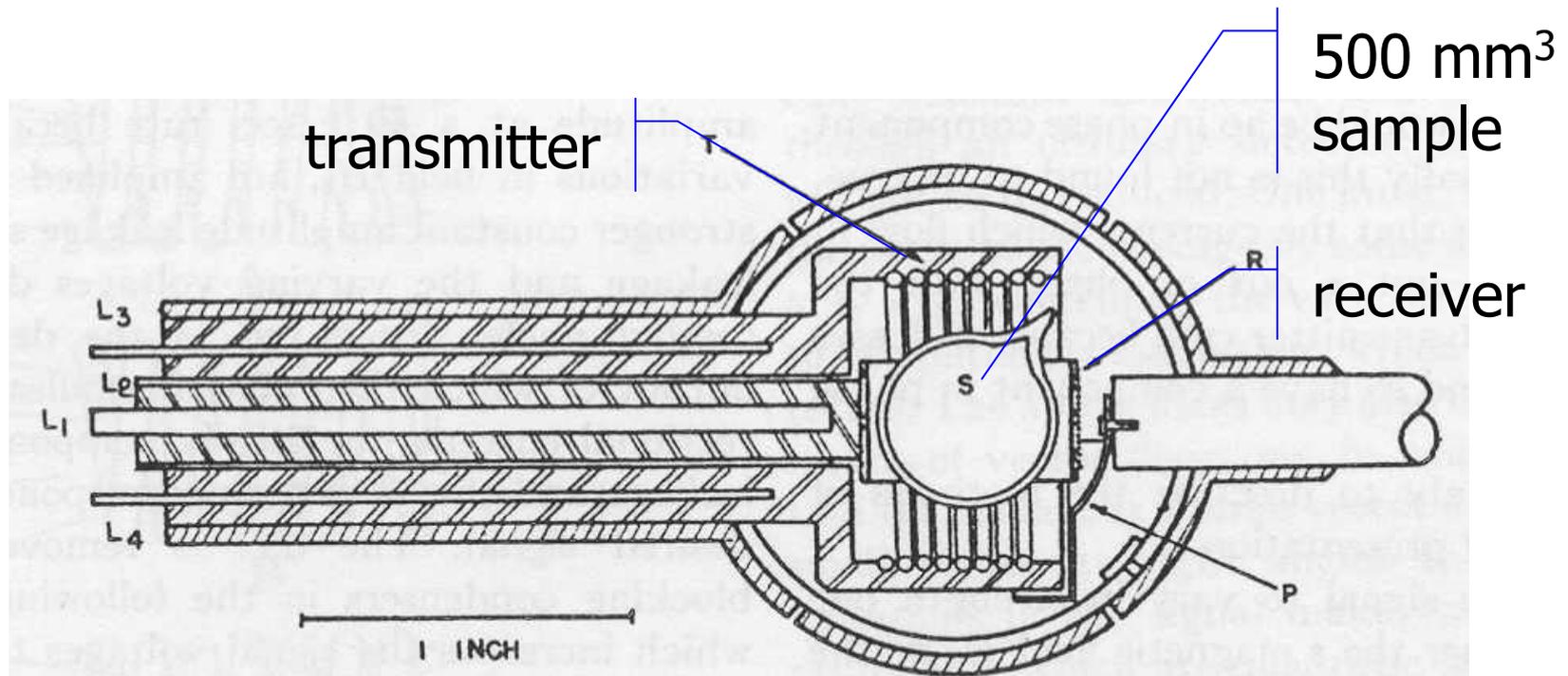
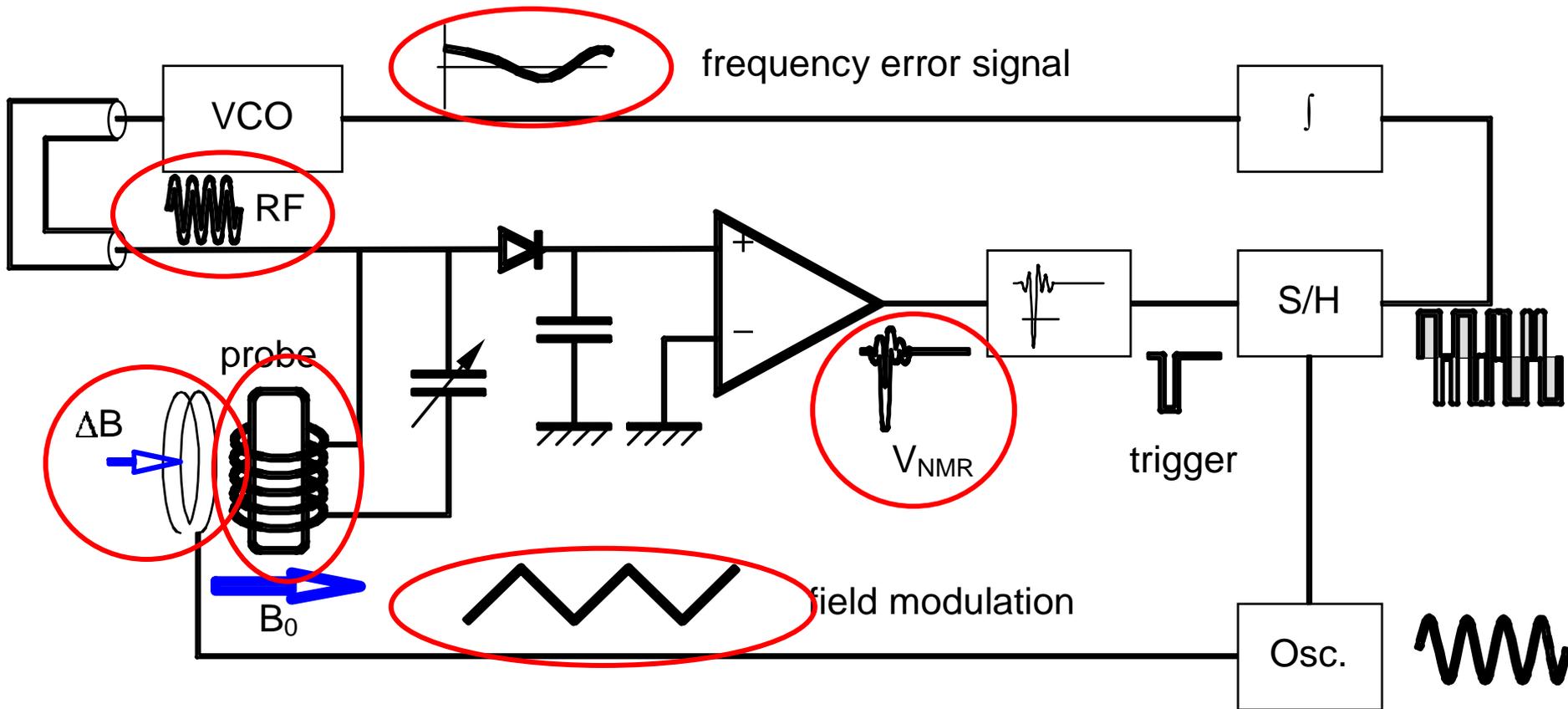


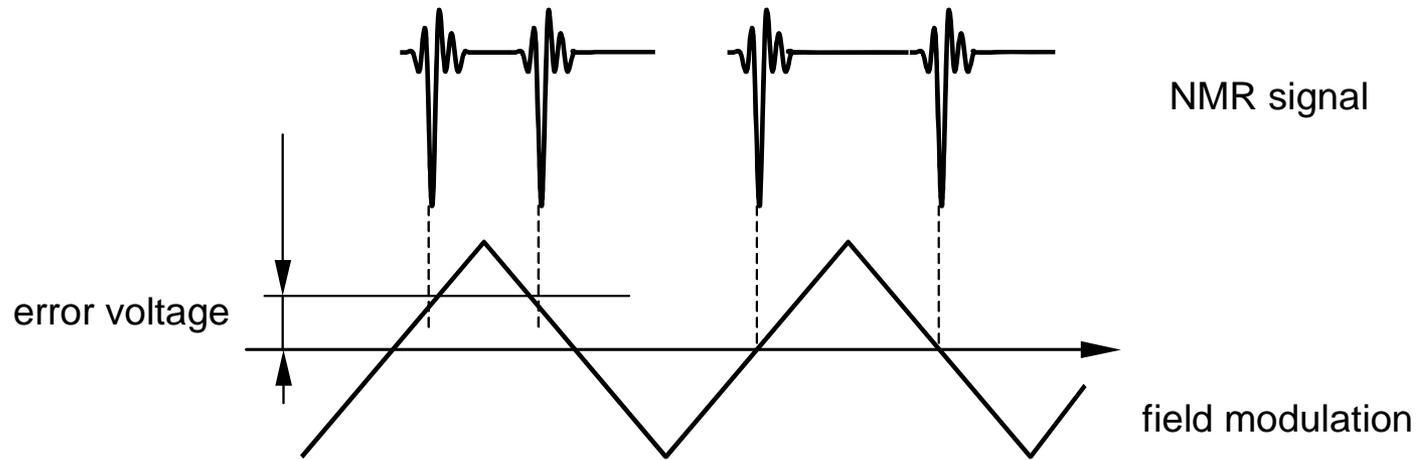
FIG. 4. Scale drawing of an *xy* section of the r-f head. The spherical sample *S* is surrounded by a receiver coil *R*, which is in turn surrounded by a transmitter coil *T*, the whole being encased in a shield. A rotably mounted paddle *P* is used to steer the transmitter flux. Leads to the receiver coil are the coaxial leads *L*<sub>1</sub>*L*<sub>2</sub> while the transmitter leads are *L*<sub>3</sub> and *L*<sub>4</sub>. The outer shield is split to avoid 60-cycle eddy currents.

# A *DIY* NMR magnetometer



0.1 ppm absolute accuracy achievable (0.1 Hz)

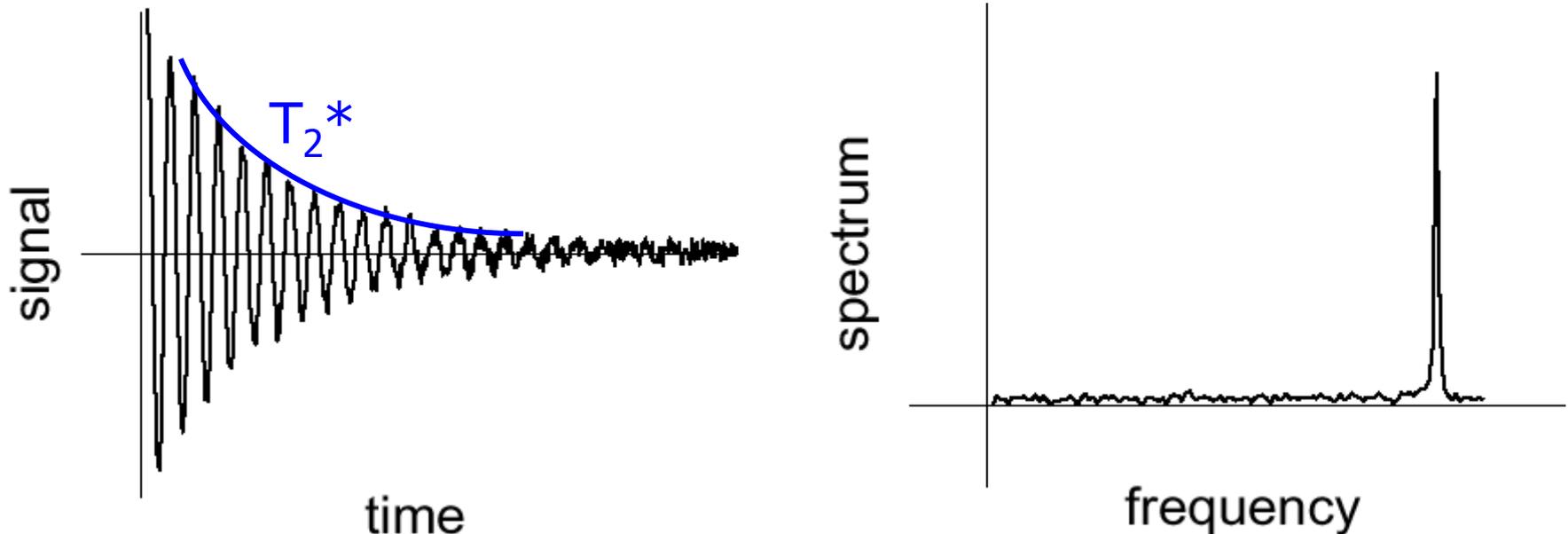
# Field tracking



- tracking is slow (Hz): maximum field variation tolerated for latching  $\delta B/B < 1 \% s^{-1}$
- field gradients *blur* signal: field homogeneity  $\nabla B/B < 10 \dots 100 \text{ ppm/mm}$ 
  - gradient coils to measure inhomogeneous fields !

# Free Induction Decay

- $M_t$  decay after RF pulse (FID)
  - high accuracy for long measurement times
  - main tool for **spectroscopy**
    - analysis of chemicals, molecules
    - structure determination (COSY, NOSY, ...)

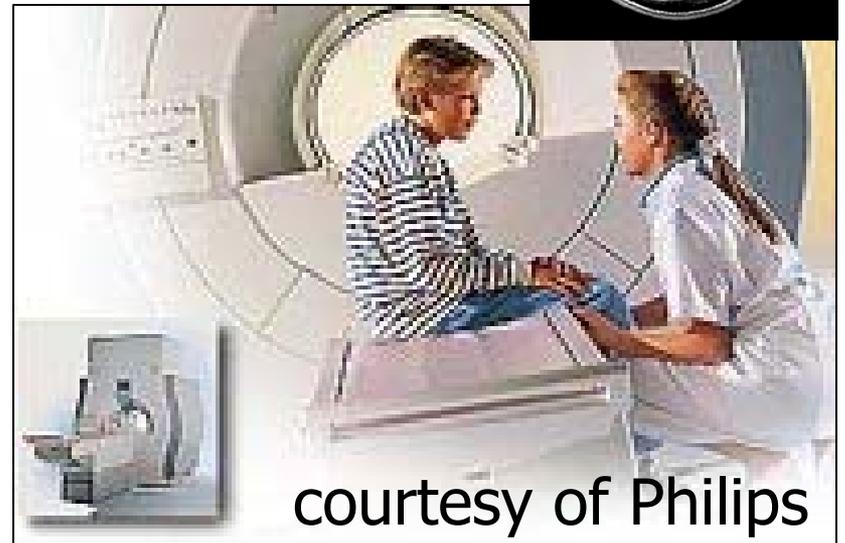
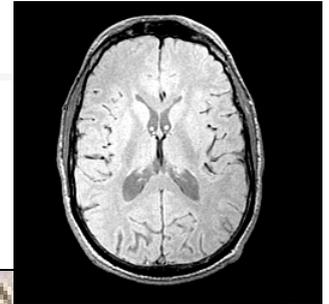
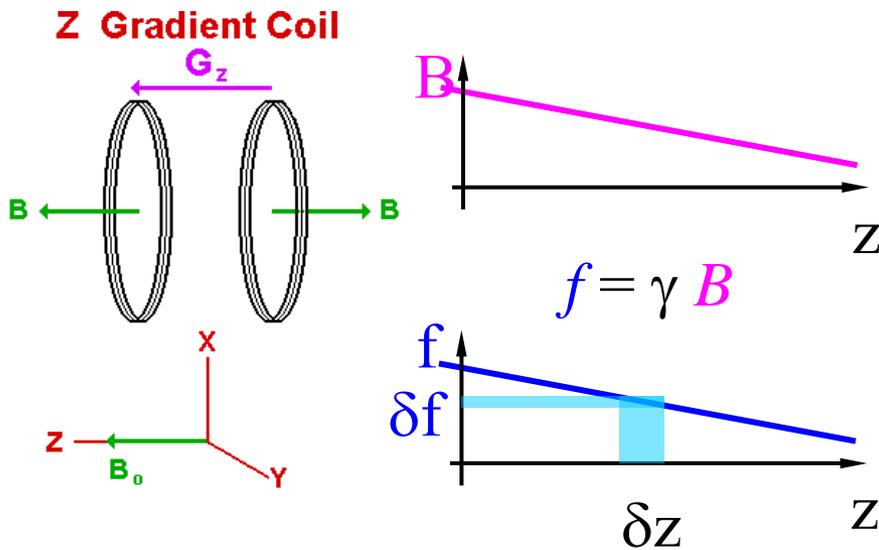


# Imaging

P. Lauterbur, 1973



## ■ Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)



2000 Ig Nobel Prize winner, [Annals of Improbable Research](#)

I.W. Schultz, P. van Andel, I. Sabelis, E. Mooyaart

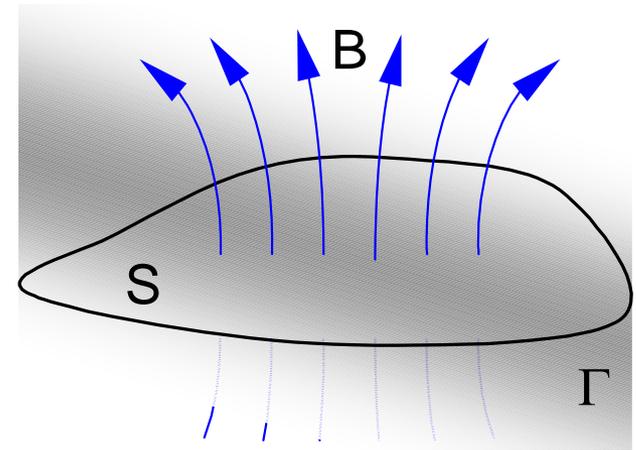
*Magnetic resonance imaging of male and female genitals during coitus and female sexual arousal*

British Medical Journal, **319**, 1596-1600, 1999.

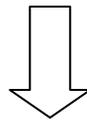


# Fluxmeter

- Magnetic flux:  $\varphi = \int_S \mathbf{B} d\mathbf{S}$
- Induction law:  $V = -\frac{d\varphi}{dt}$



$$\varphi_{end} - \varphi_{start} = - \int_{t_{start}}^{t_{end}} V dt$$



$$B_{end} - B_{start} = \frac{\varphi_{end} - \varphi_{start}}{K}$$

needs an *integrator*...

... and coil *calibration*

II. Ueber die Anwendung der magnetischen Induction auf Messung der Inclination mit dem Magnetometer; von Wilh. Weber.

(Mitgetheilt vom Hrn. Verf. im Auszuge aus d. Abhandl. d. K. Gesellsch. d. Wiss. zu Göttingen Bd. V.)



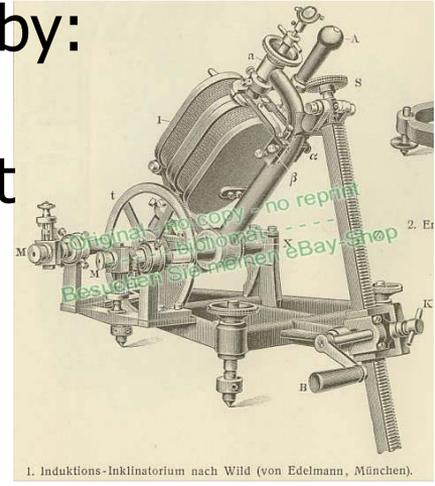
*Inductions-Inclinatorium*

	Beobachtet.	Berechnet.	Unterschied.
1805 Dec.	69° 29'	69° 36' 43"	- 7' 43"
1826 Sept.	68 29 26"	68 23 17	+ 6' 9"
1837 Juli 1	67 47 0	67 52 41	- 5' 41"
" "	67 53 30	67 52 41	+ 0' 49"
1841 Oct. 8	67 42 43	67 42 0	+ 0' 43"
1842 Juni 21	67 39 39	67 40 18	- 0' 39"
1850 Aug. 7	67 18 38	67 18 34	+ 0' 4"

... daß die durch Vermittlung der Induction mit dem Magnetometer an Präcision auch den durch die sorgfältigsten Beobachtungen mit den besten bisherigen Inclinatoren gewonnenen Resultaten nicht nachstehen;

magnetic inclination in Göttingen, also measured by:

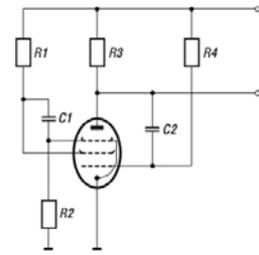
- Gauss
- Humboldt
- Forbes



few arcmin change observed over 50 years

... that the determination of the inclination through the evaluation of the induction with the magnetometer are not worse than the results obtained so far with the best inclinometers;

# Analog integrator (Miller)

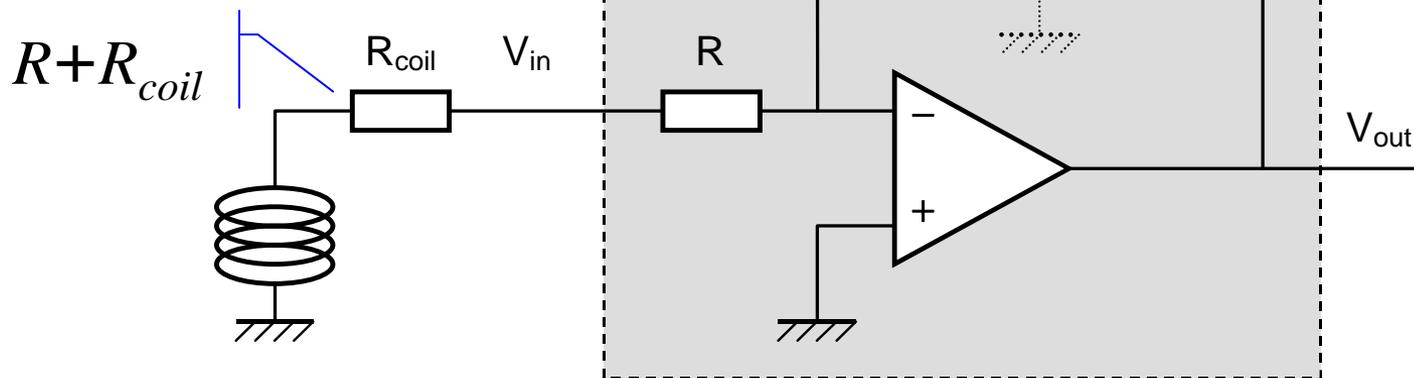


$$V_{out} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_{-\infty}^t V_{in} dt$$

triggering

shielding and control:

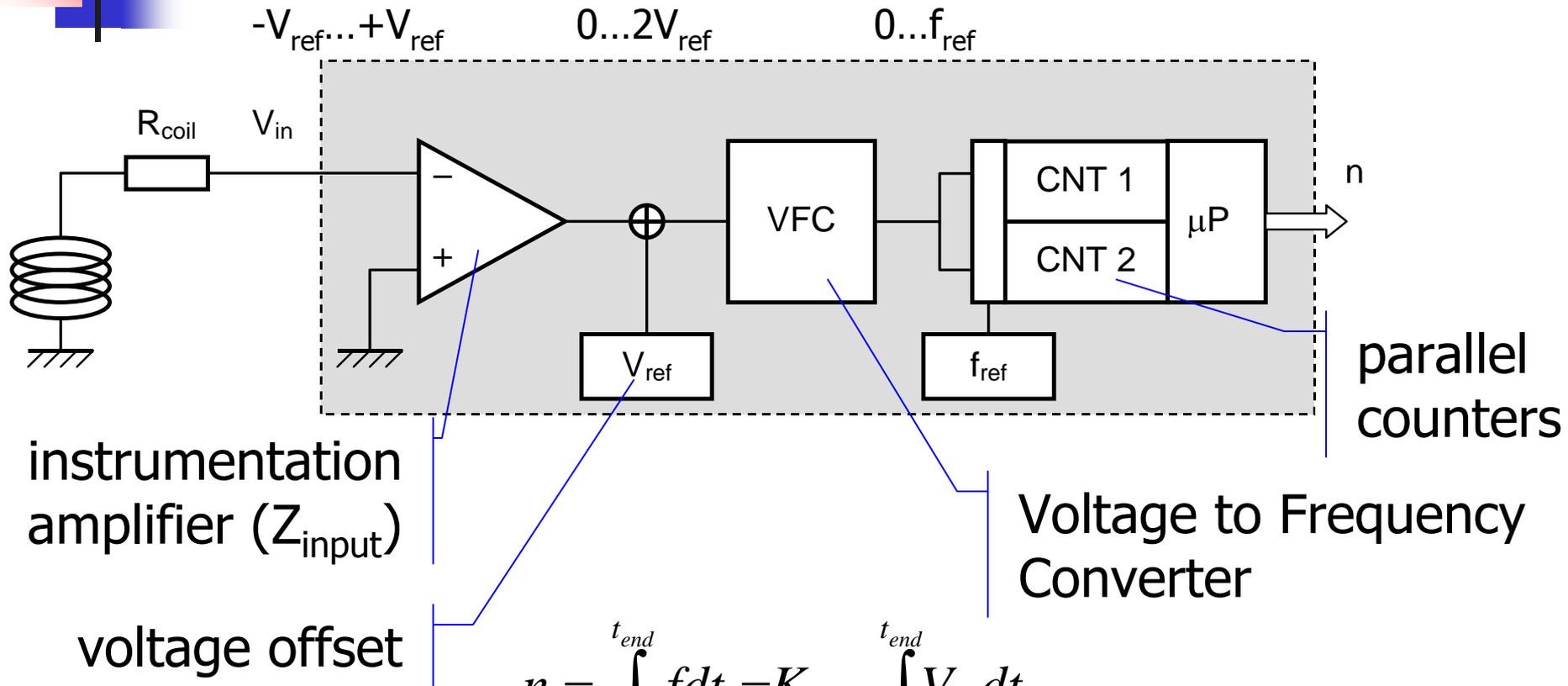
- leakage current
- ground current
- temperature coefficient
- dielectric absorption



simple, inexpensive, effective

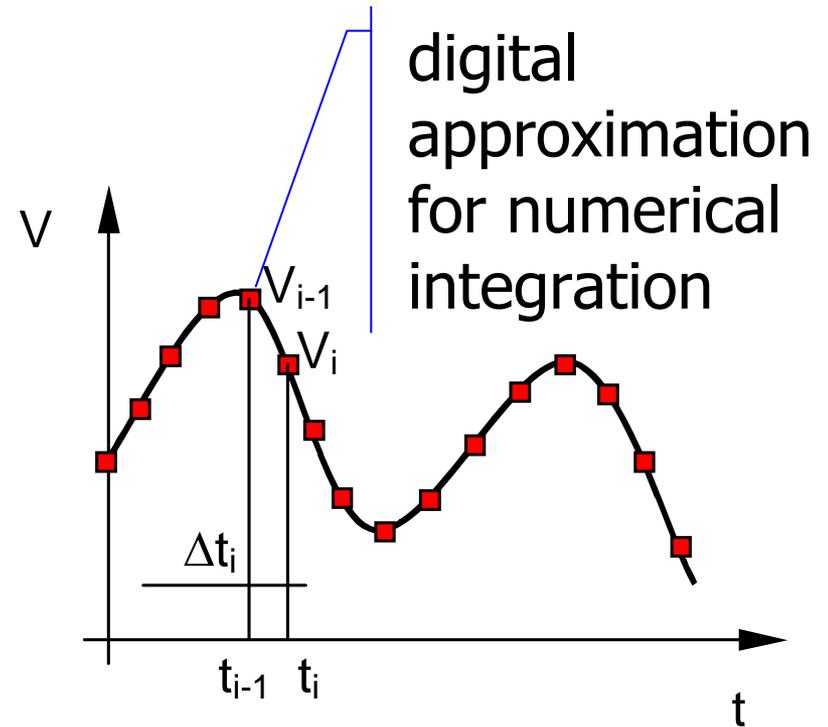
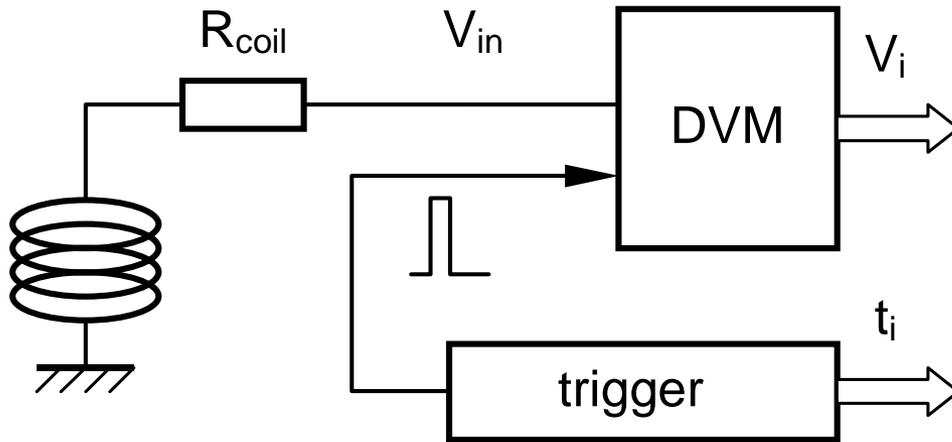
accuracy limited by analog electronics

# Digital integrator



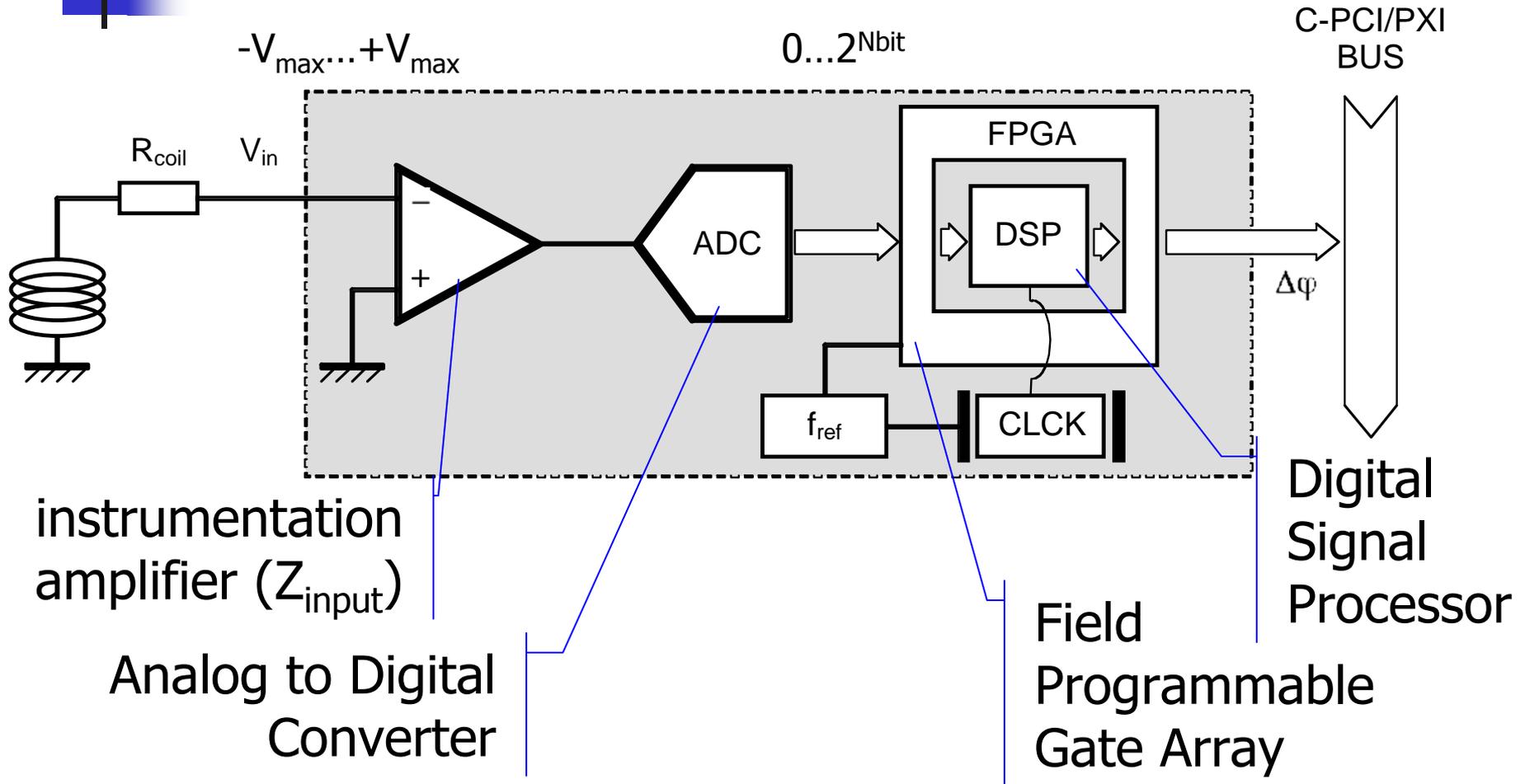
digital output, no cumulative error, 10...100 ppm accuracy !  
 VFC linearity and stability, counter resolution ( $\Delta t / (4 f_{ref})$  ppm)

# Numerical integrator



digital output, powerful numerical integration possible  
precise time required, *dead*-times, may need 2 DVM's

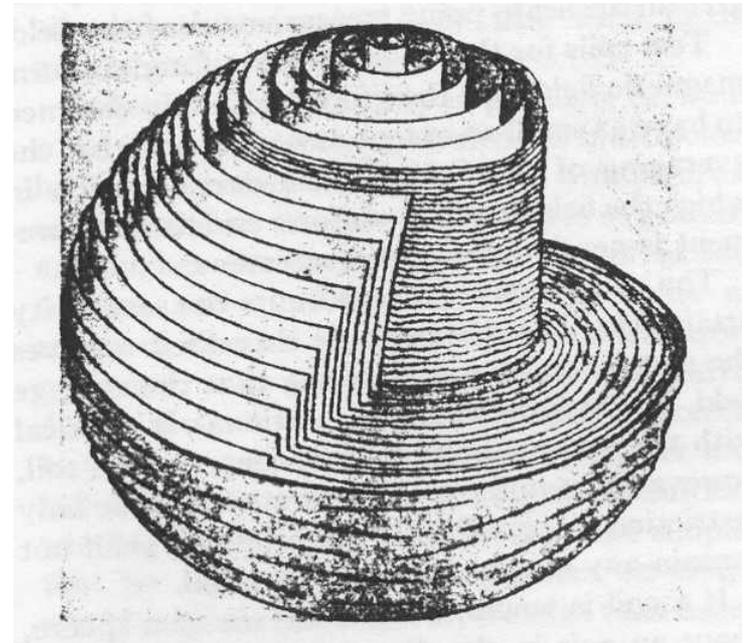
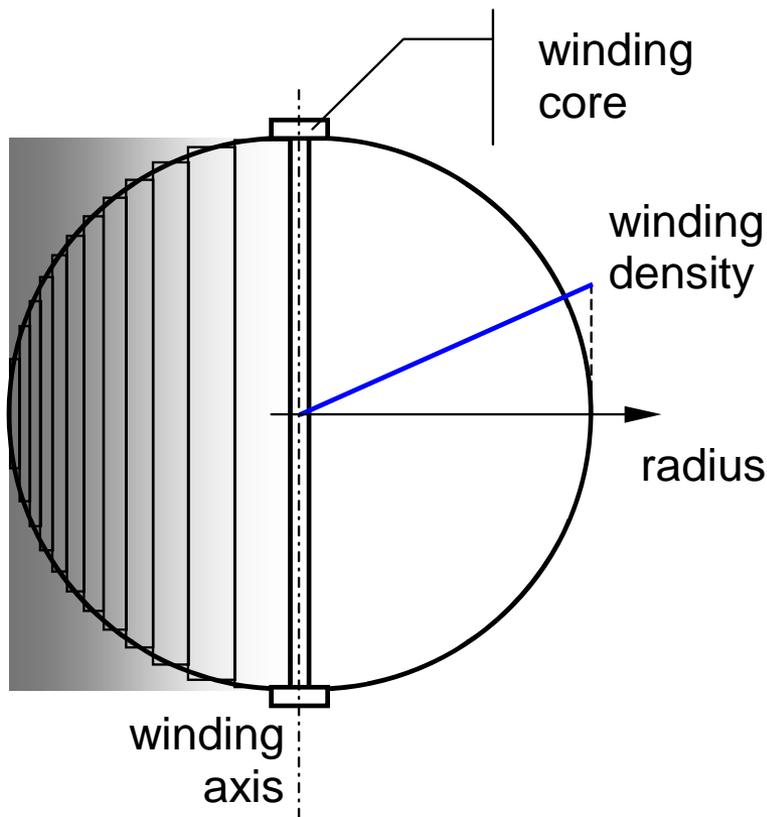
# Fast Digital Integrator



faster integrals (100 kHz), improved resolution (1 ppm)

# Point coils – the Fluxball

W.F. Brown, J.H. Sweer,  
Rev. Sci. Instr., 16, 276, **1945**



measure average field in a small volume (point-like)  
can be approximated by co-axial solenoids of proper  $R/H$

# Line and area coils

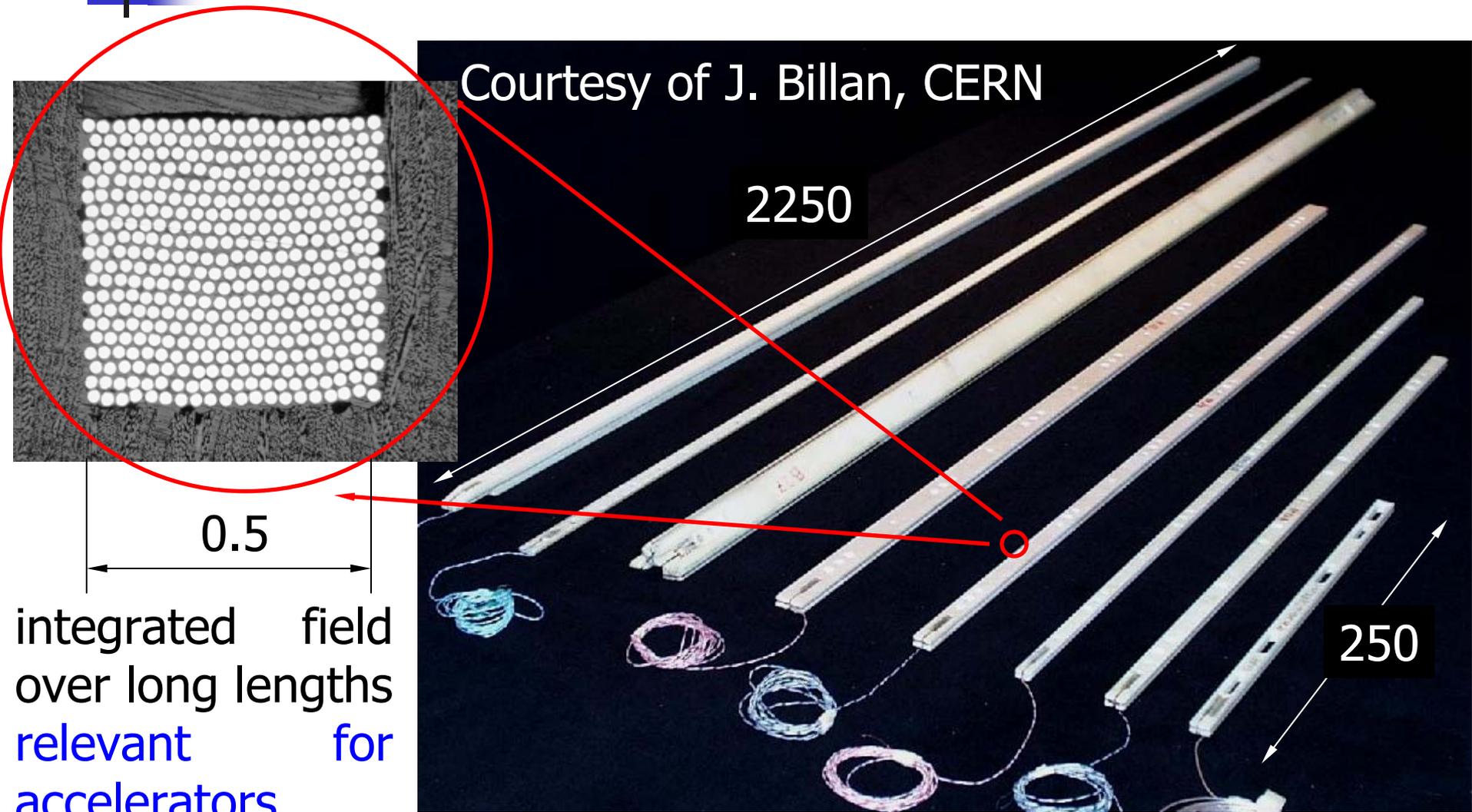
Courtesy of J. Billan, CERN

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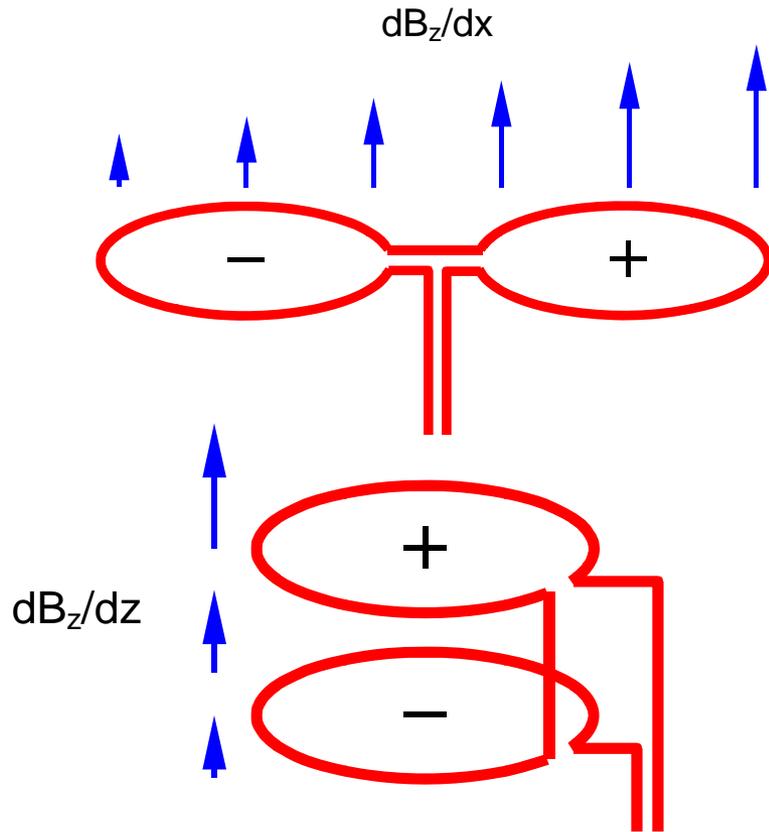
0.5

integrated field  
over long lengths  
relevant for  
accelerators

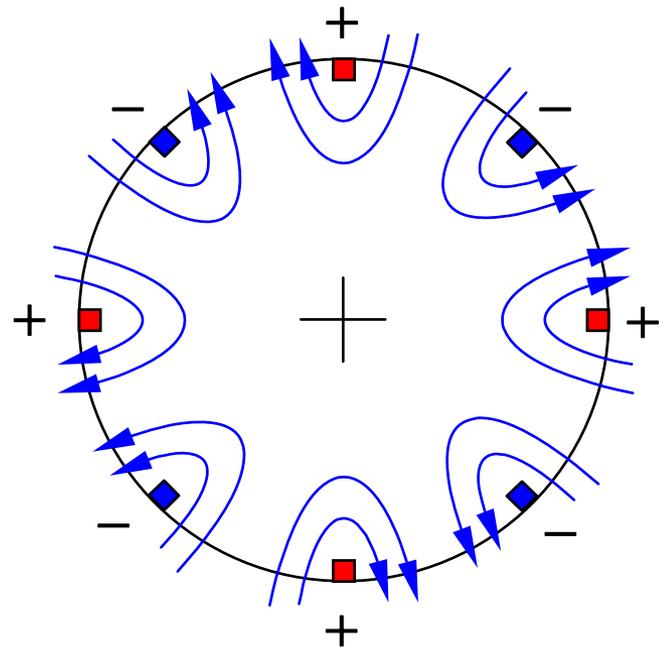


# Harmonic coils

Gradient coils



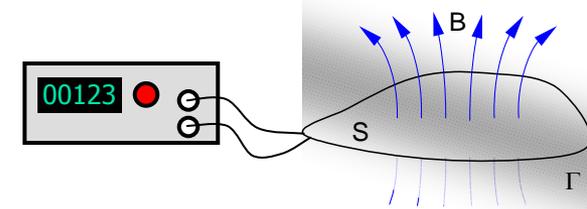
Morgan coil ( $B_4$ )



G.M. Morgan, Proc. MT-4, 787-790, **1972**

measure field gradients or higher order terms (bucking)  
high resolution through compensation of background field signal

$$V = -\frac{d\phi}{dt} \quad \phi = \int_S \mathbf{B} d\mathbf{S}$$



# Fluxmeter zoo

## ■ Fixed coil measurements

- Static coils ( $d\mathbf{S}/dt=0$ ), the field change ( $d\mathbf{B}/dt$ ) induces the voltage
- Provides only a relative measurement ( $B_{\text{end}} - B_{\text{start}}$ )
- The voltage offsets cannot be distinguished from physical signal

## ■ Moving coil measurements

- Steady field ( $d\mathbf{B}/dt=0$ ), the coil movement ( $d\mathbf{S}/dt$ ) induces the voltage
- Requires well controlled mechanics, simple movements
- Provides an absolute measurement if:
  - initial  $B_{\text{start}}=0$  moving from *far away* into the magnet (zero-gauss chamber): moving coil
  - using symmetries  $B_{\text{end}} = -B_{\text{start}}$ : flip coil, rotating coil
- A voltage offset can be distinguished from physical signal

**Most flexible method in all its many variants, although...**

“...This type of magnetometer is obsolete.”

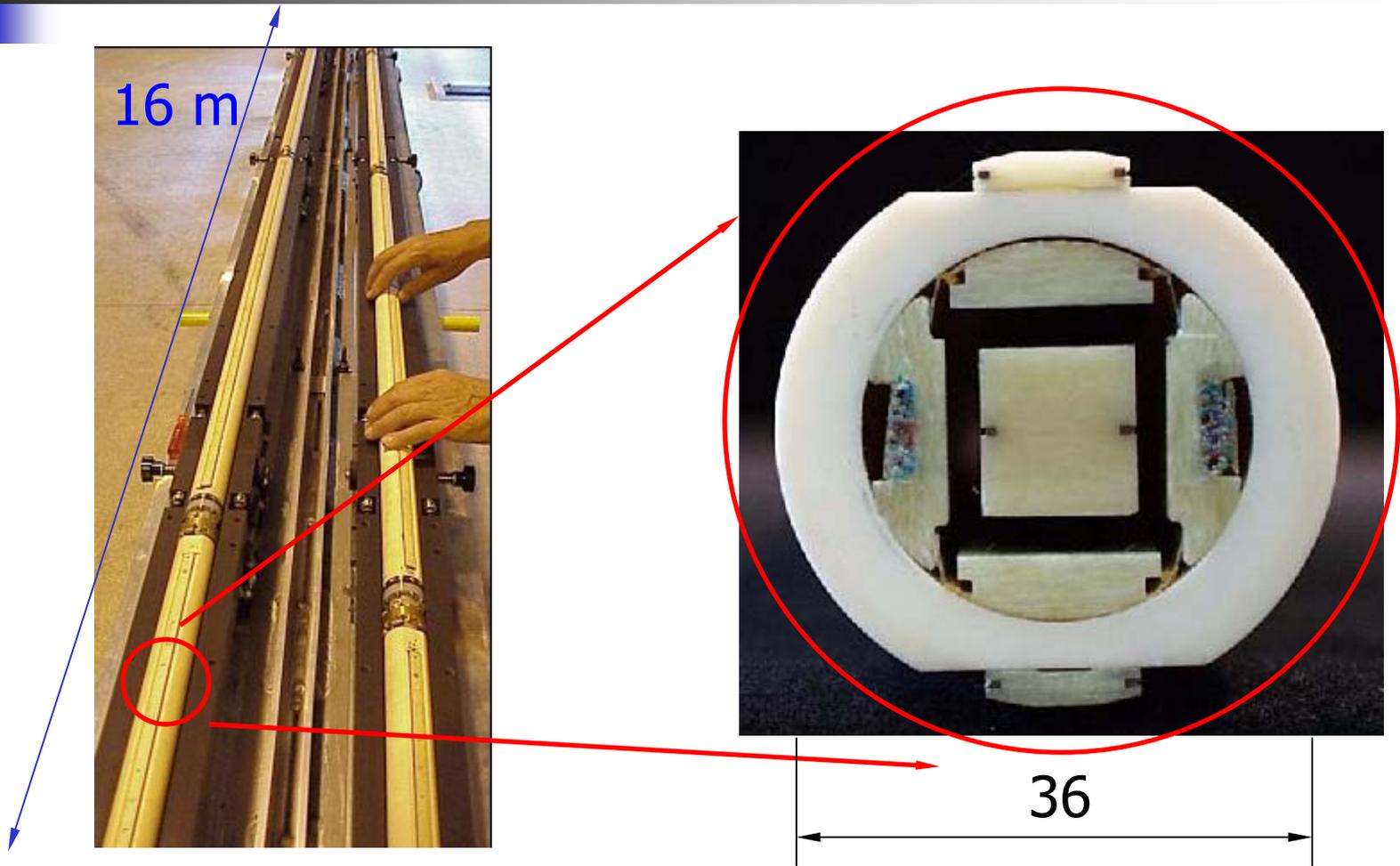
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnetometer>

# A rotating coil ???

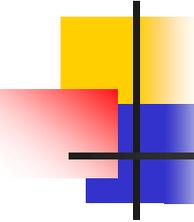


... no, actually this is a *fixed coil* with 800 turns and  $\approx 250 \text{ m}^2$  surface that has been used to verify e.m. coupling of LEP and SPS

# Rotating *snakes* @ CERN



0.1  $\mu$ T, 0.05 mrad resolution, 100 ppm accuracy



# Complex formalism

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- SC magnets for accelerators
  - 2-D field (slender magnet), with components only in  $x$  and  $y$  and no component along  $z$
  - Ignore  $z$  and define the complex plane  $s = x + iy$
- Complex field function:

$$\mathbf{B} = B_y + iB_x$$

- $\mathbf{B}$  is analytic in  $s$  and can be expanded in Taylor series (the series converges) inside a current-free disk:

$$B_y + iB_x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}_n \left( \frac{s}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1} \quad \mathbf{C}_n = B_n + iA_n$$

# Multipoles

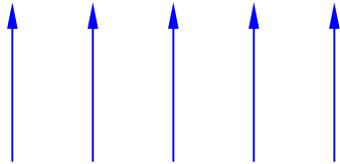
$$B_y + iB_x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}_n \left( \frac{\mathbf{s}}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1}$$

- complex multipole coefficients:

$$\mathbf{C}_n = B_n + iA_n$$

n=1

$B_1 \neq 0$ , normal dipole

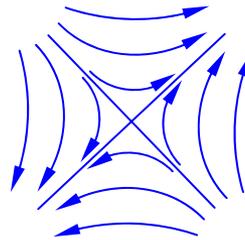


$A_1 \neq 0$ , skew dipole

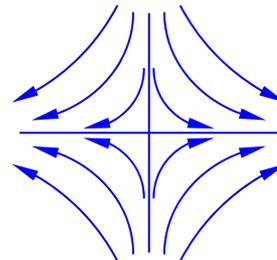


n=2

$B_2 \neq 0$ , normal quadrupole

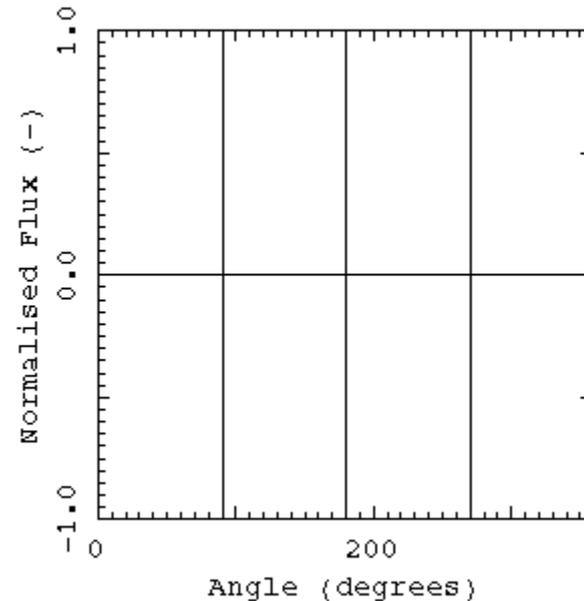
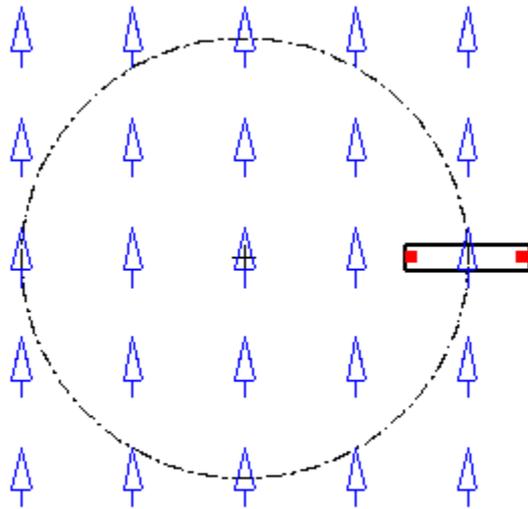


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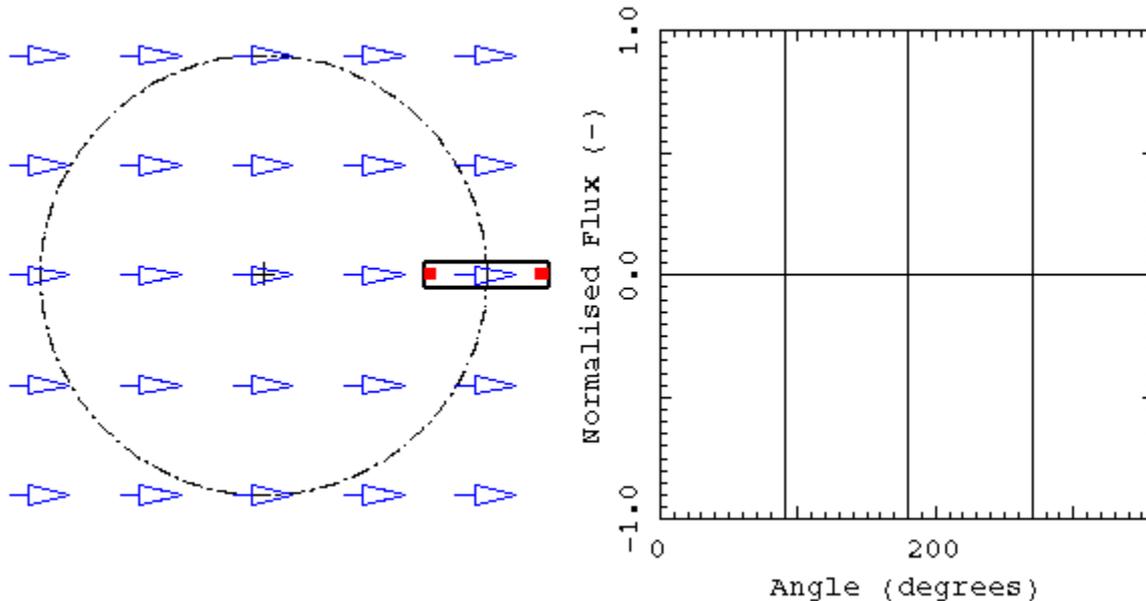
n=3

# Rotating coil in normal dipole



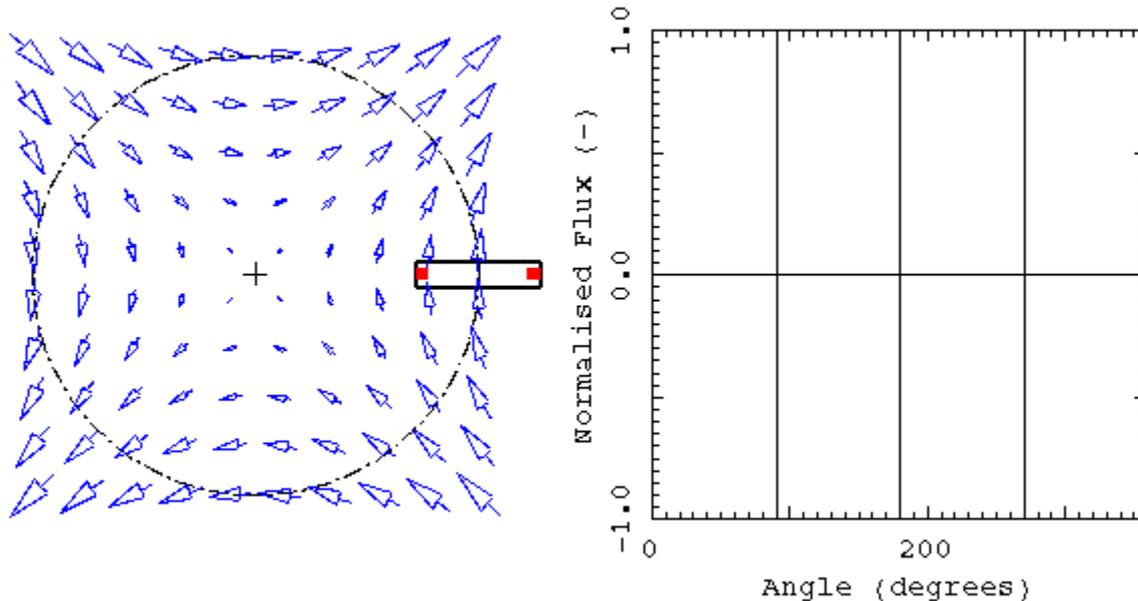
maxima and minima located at 0 and  $\pi$   
 $\cos(\theta)$  waveform

# Rotating coil in skew dipole



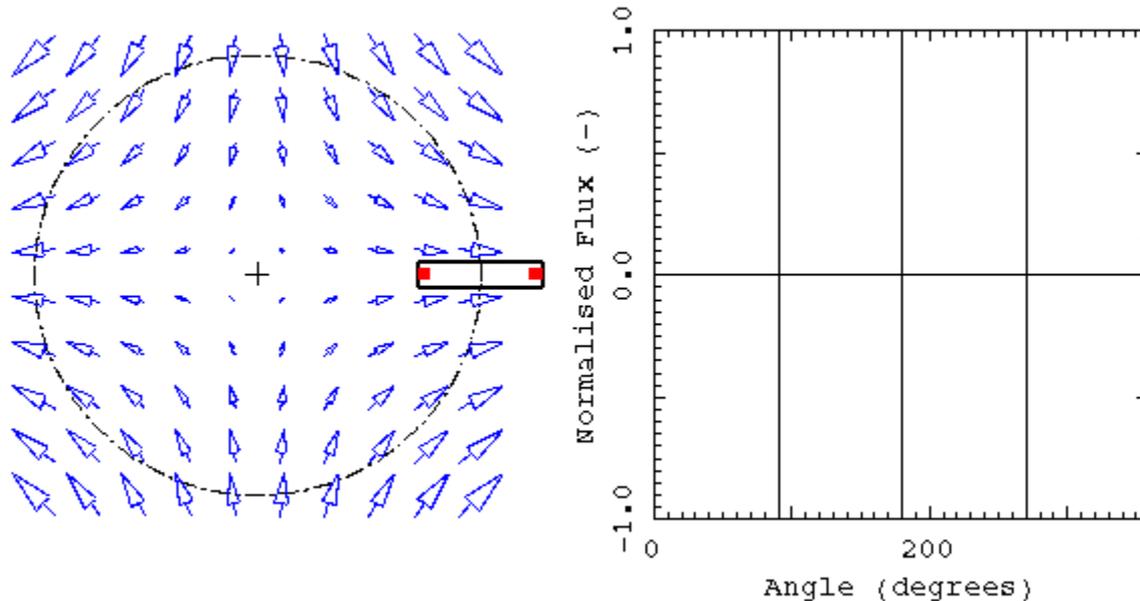
maxima and minima located at  $\pi/2$  and  $3/2 \pi$   
flux **de-phased by  $-\pi/2$**  with respect to normal dipole  
 **$\sin(\theta)$**  waveform

# Rotating in normal quadrupole



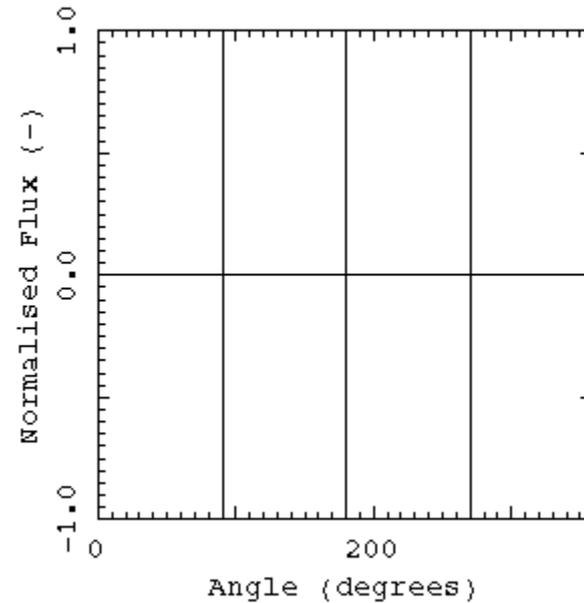
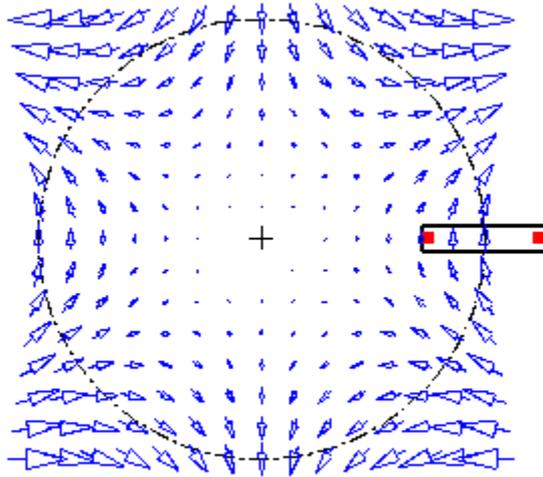
maxima and minima located at  $0, \pi/2, \pi$  and  $3/2 \pi$   
flux variation twice faster than in a dipole  
 $\cos(2 \theta)$  waveform

# Rotating in skew quadrupole



maxima and minima located at  $1/4 \pi$ ,  $3/4 \pi$ ,  $5/4 \pi$  and  $7/4 \pi$   
flux **de-phased by  $-\pi/4$**  with respect to normal quadrupole  
 **$\sin(2 \theta)$**  waveform

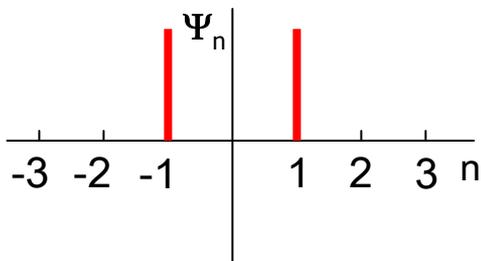
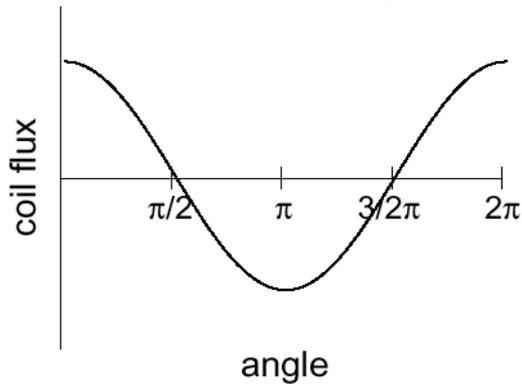
# Rotating in normal sextupole



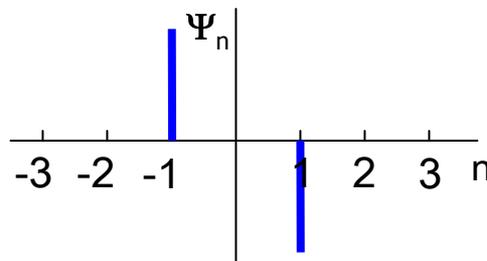
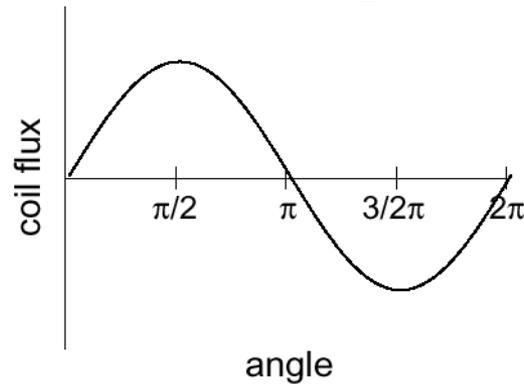
$\cos(3\theta)$  waveform ...

# Fourier analysis

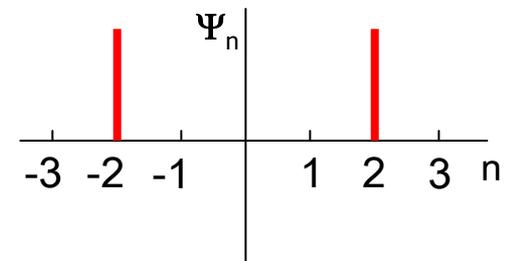
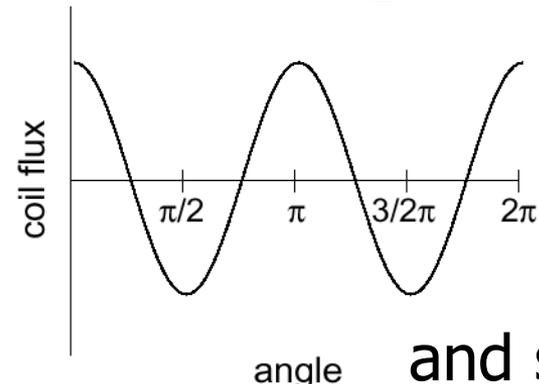
$n=1, B_1 \neq 0$



$n=1, A_1 \neq 0$



$n=2, B_2 \neq 0$



and so on...

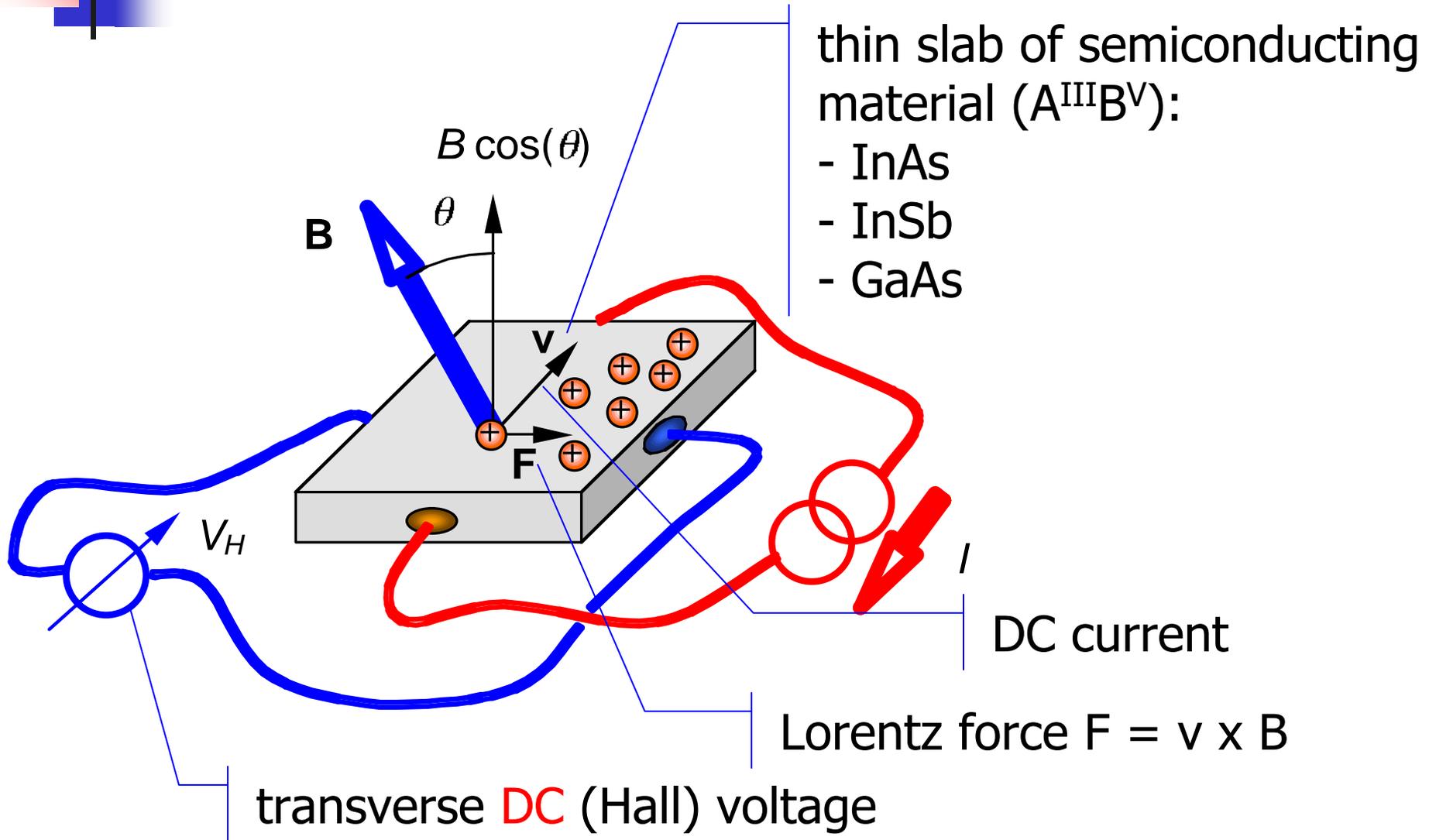
...by induction:

$$C_n = \frac{\tilde{\Phi}_n}{K_n}$$

Fourier transformed flux

coil calibration

# Hall generator principle



*On a New Action of the Magnet on Electric Currents.*

By E. H. HALL, *Fellow of the Johns Hopkins University.*

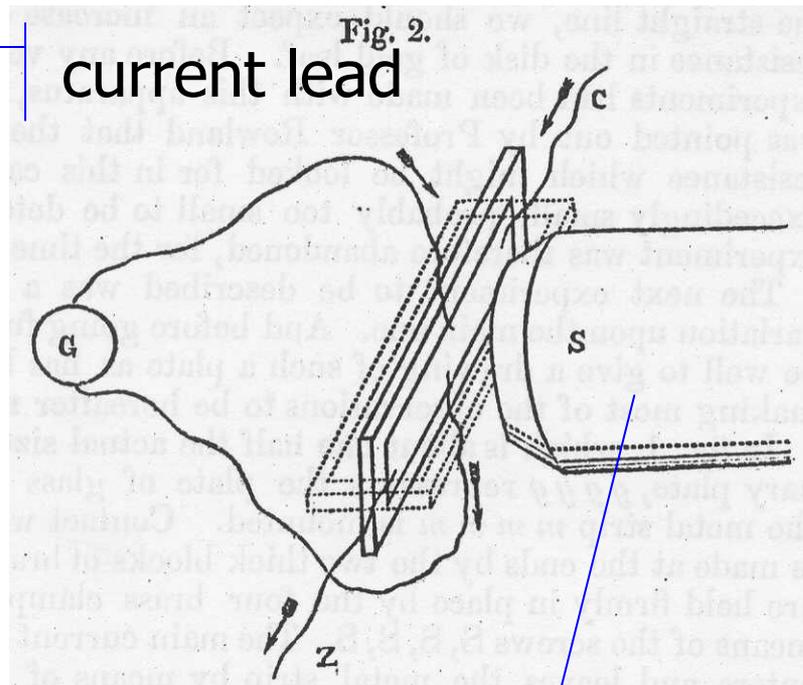
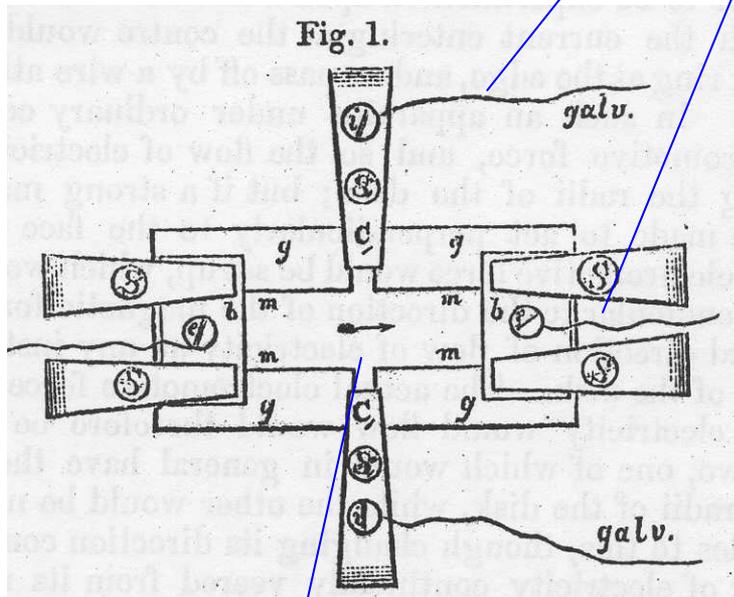
SOMETIME during the last University year, while I was reading Maxwell's Electricity and Magnetism in connection with Professor Rowland's



SOMETIME during the last University year...

voltage tap

current lead

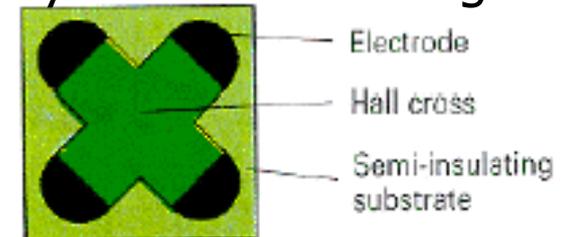


iron foil

magnet

# Hall coefficient

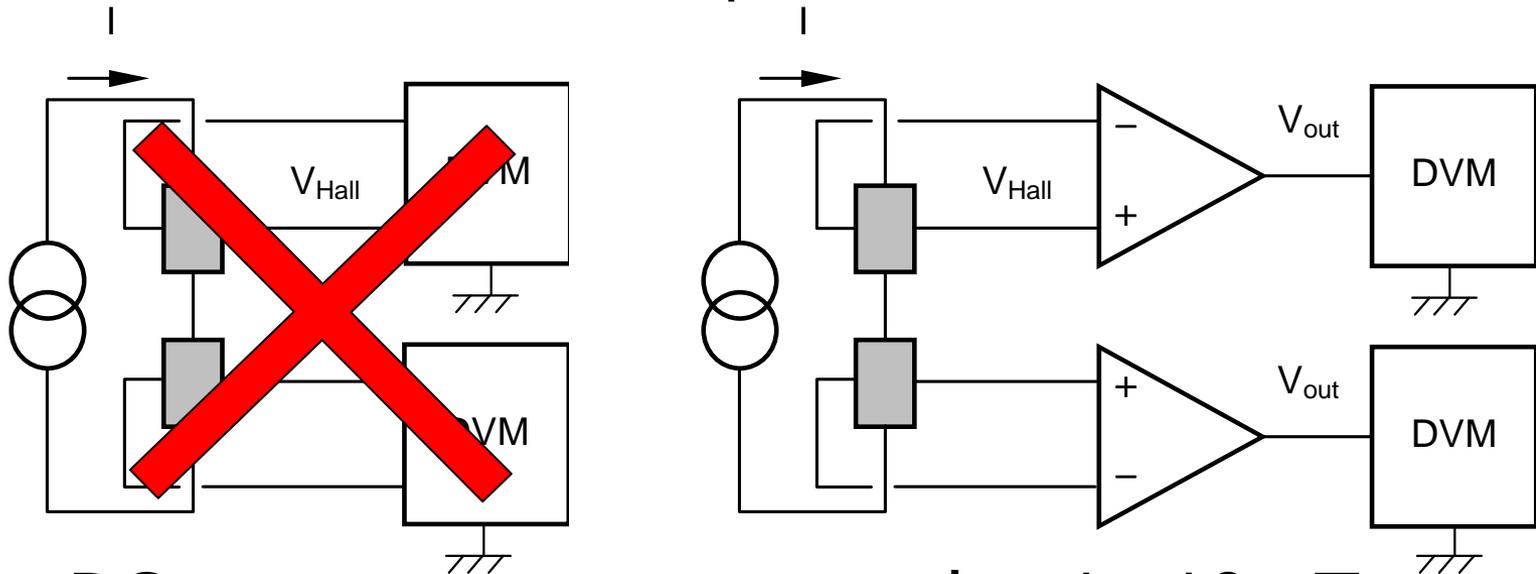
- Hall voltage:  $V_H = GR_H IB \cos(\theta)$ 
  - $R_H(B)$ : material dependent Hall coefficient
    - high mobility, low conductivity to have high  $R_H$ 
      - ~~metals~~ (low mobility)
      - ~~alloys~~ (high resistivity causes heating)
      - compromise choice: semiconductors
    - temperature dependence 100 to 1000 ppm/°C
  - $G(B)$ : geometry factor
    - equipotential lines deform under  $v \times B$
  - Optimal design to compensate  $R_H$  vs  $G$ 
    - Cruciform design achieves 1 % linearity over wide  $B$  range
    - better definition of magnetic center



100 ppm accuracy feasible

# Hall magnetometer

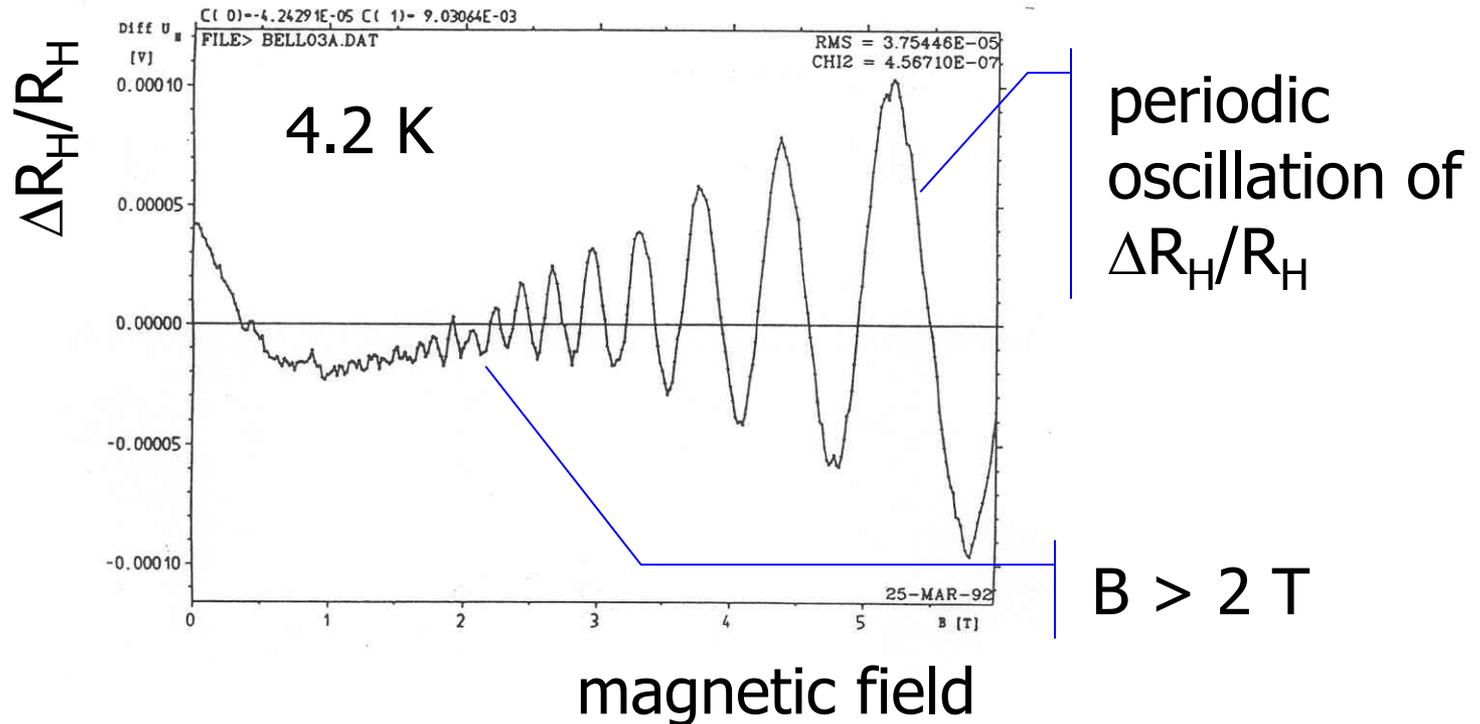
- a Hall sensor is a 4-terminals device
  - do NOT connect outputs in series !!!



- DC measurement can resolve 1...10  $\mu\text{T}$
- AC (lock-in) can resolve 0.1  $\mu\text{T}$ 
  - $I = I_0 \sin(2\pi ft)$ ,  $f = 10 \text{ Hz} \dots 1 \text{ kHz}$

# Quantum Hall effect

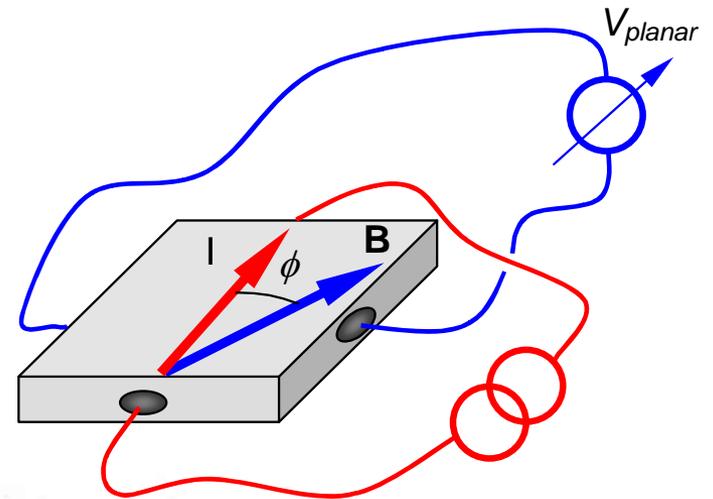
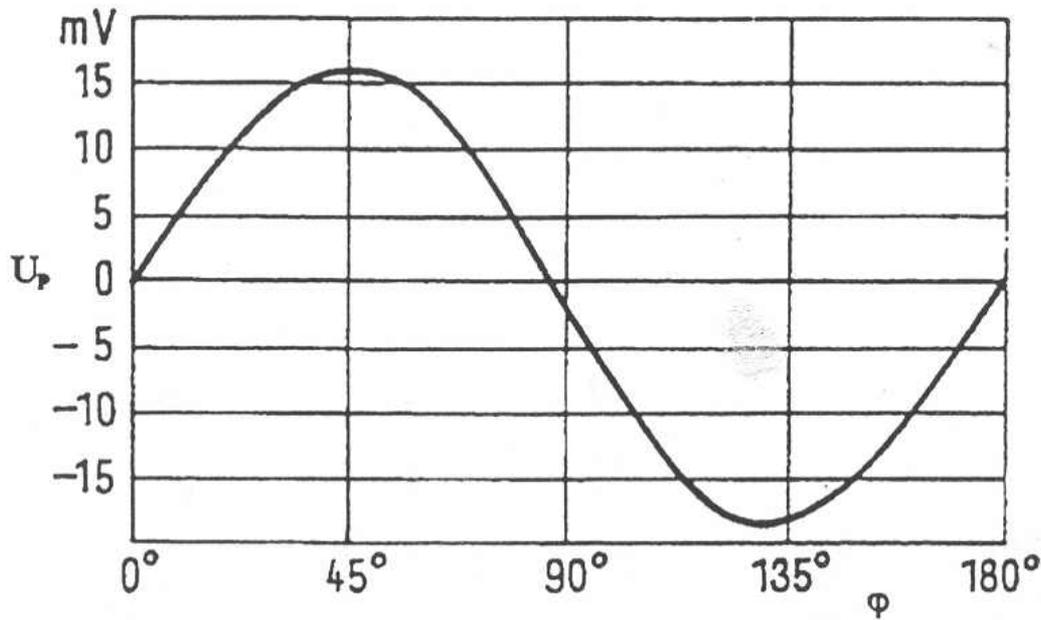
- Shubnikov-de Haas effect
  - oscillation in  $R_H$  periodic function of  $1/B$



effect as much as 1 % on calibration coefficient

# Planar Hall effect

$$V_{planar} = V_{HP} B^2 \cos(2\phi)$$



$V_{planar}$  is important when mapping 3-D fields

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By Professor WILLIAM THOMSON, M.A., F.R.S.

Received February 28,—Read February 28, 1856.

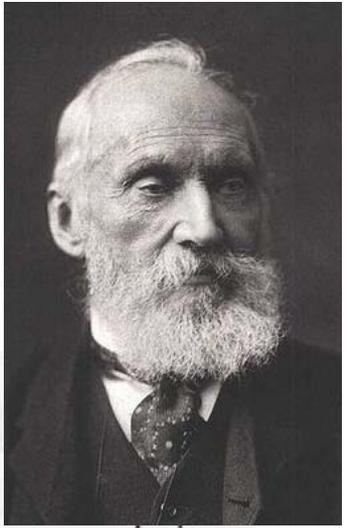
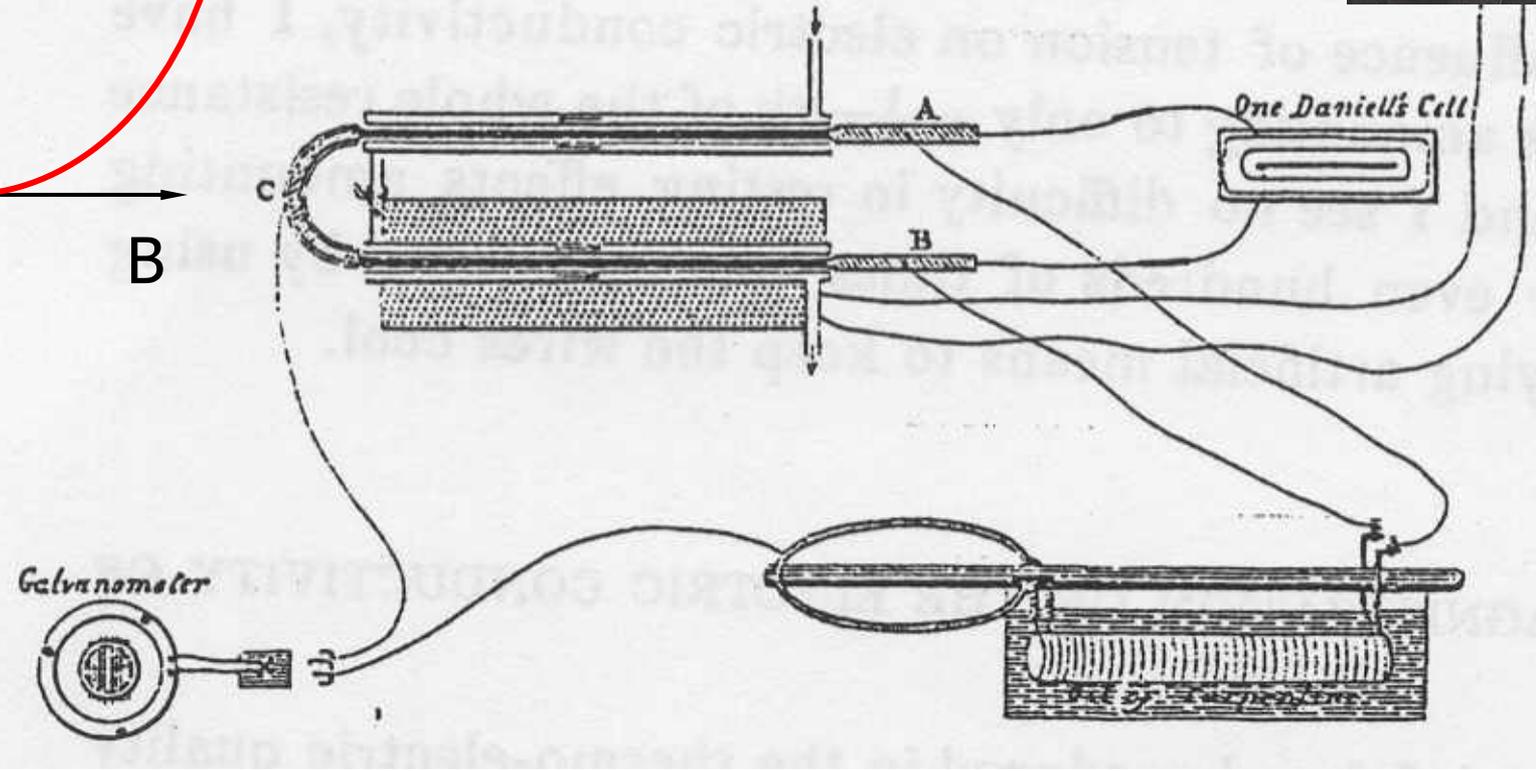
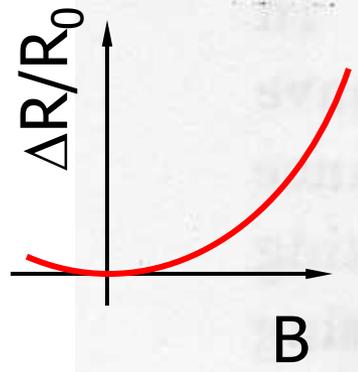
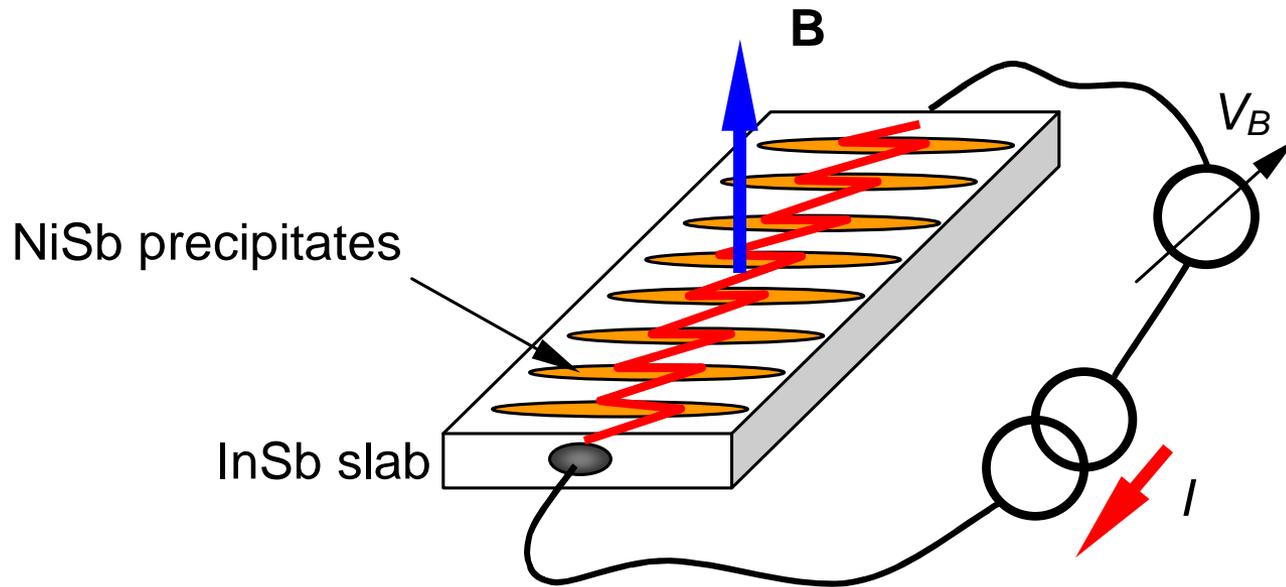


Fig. 41.



# Magnetoresistors

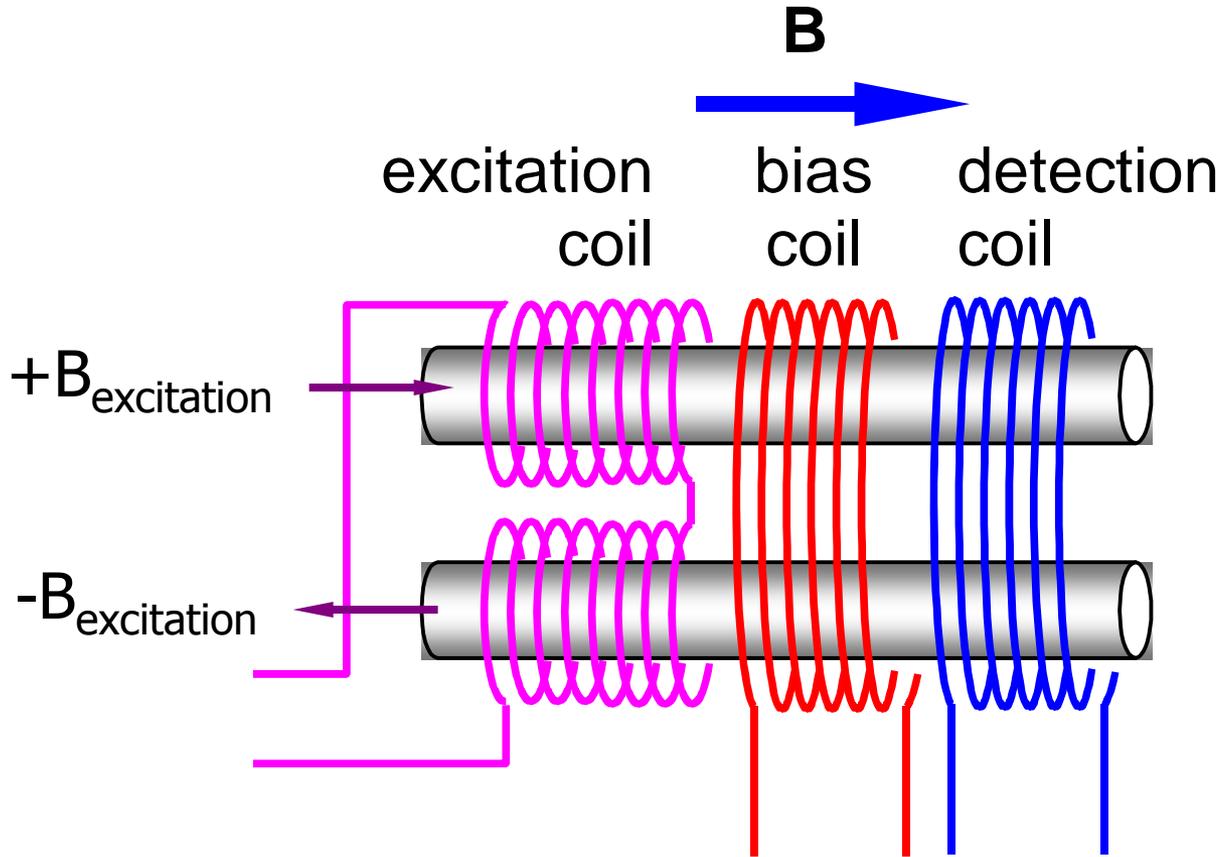


two-terminal device, simple, inexpensive

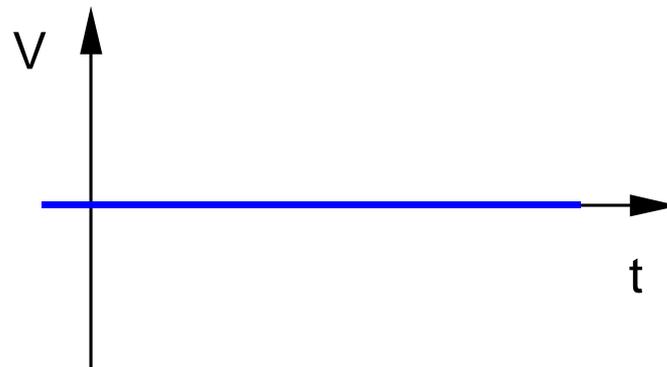
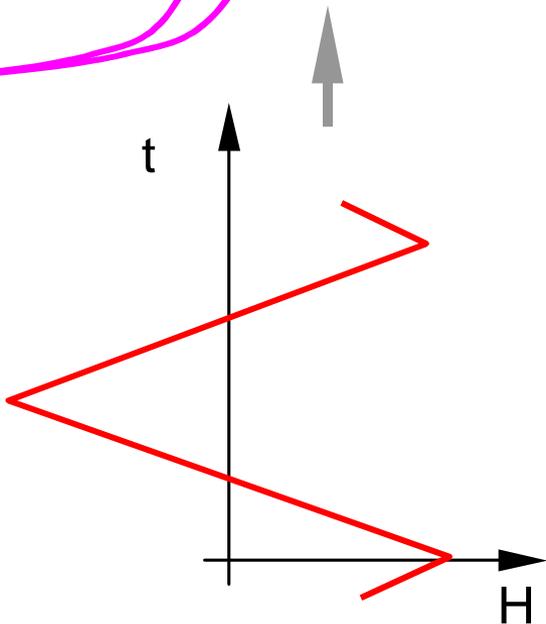
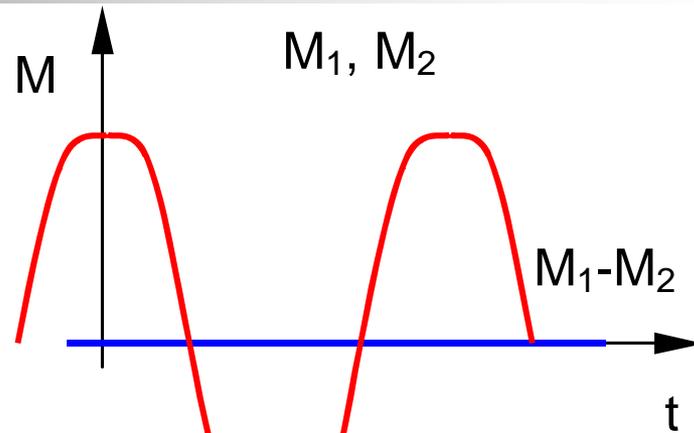
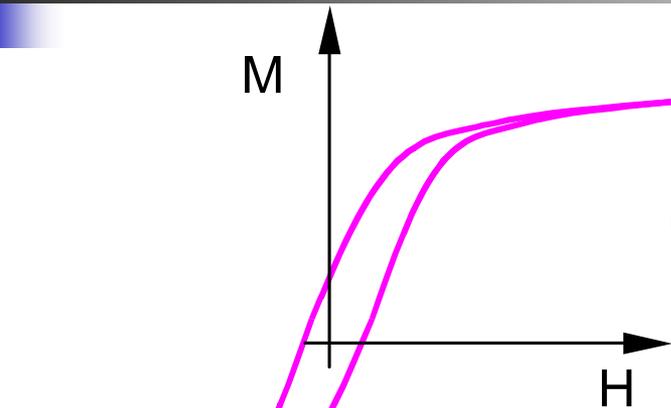
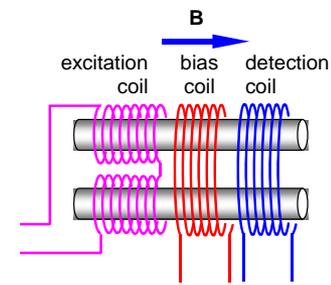
modest sensitivity, non-linear, T effects (2500 ppm/°C)

bias field, compensated bridges, giant-magnetoresistance

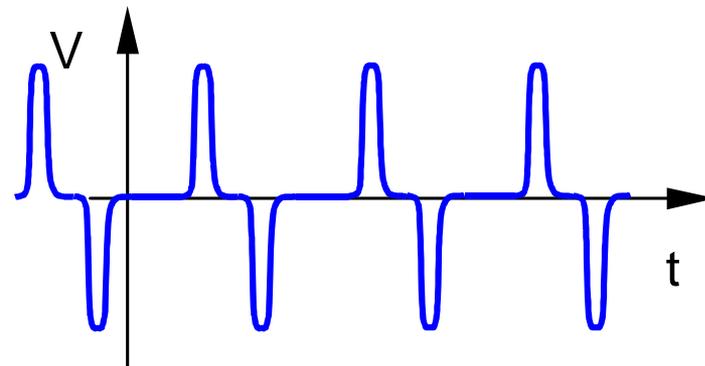
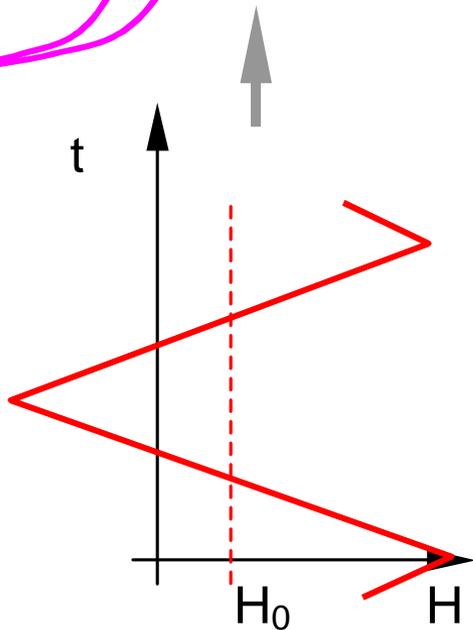
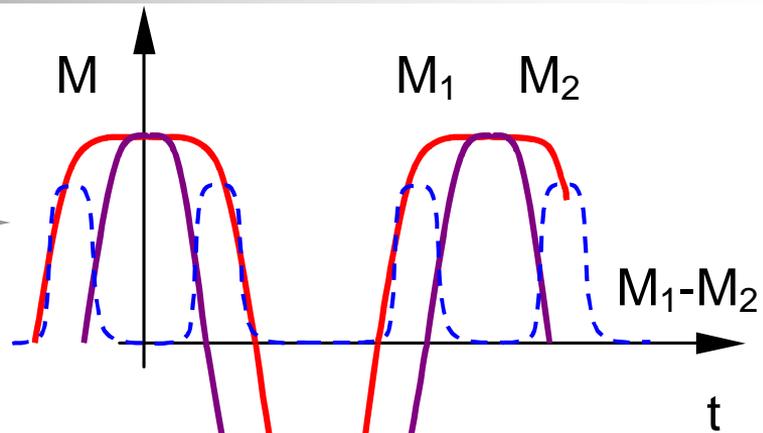
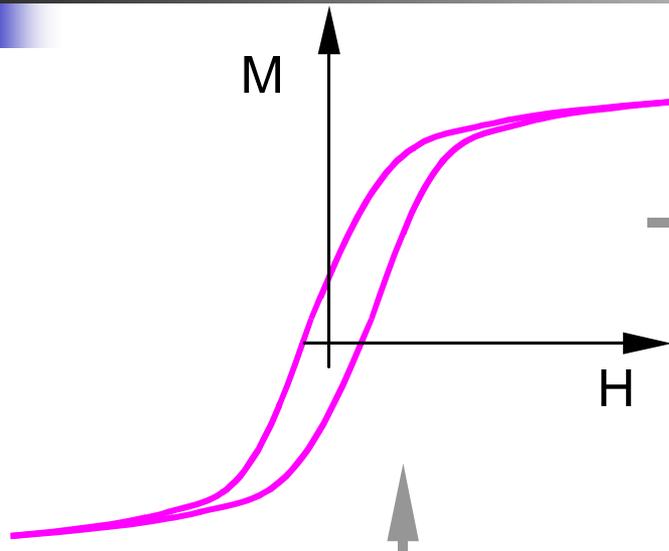
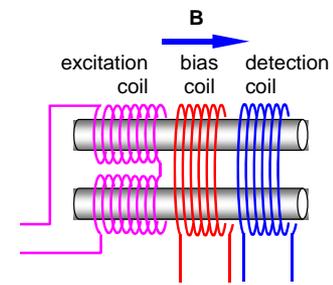
# Fluxgate (*Peaking Strip*)



# Fluxgate principle - 1

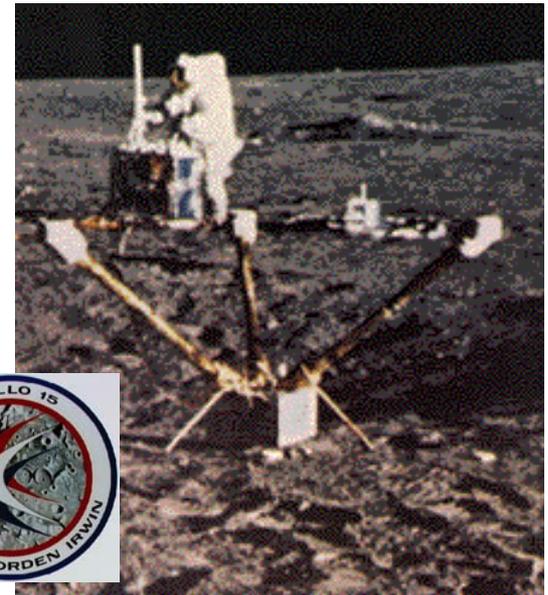


# Fluxgate principle - 2

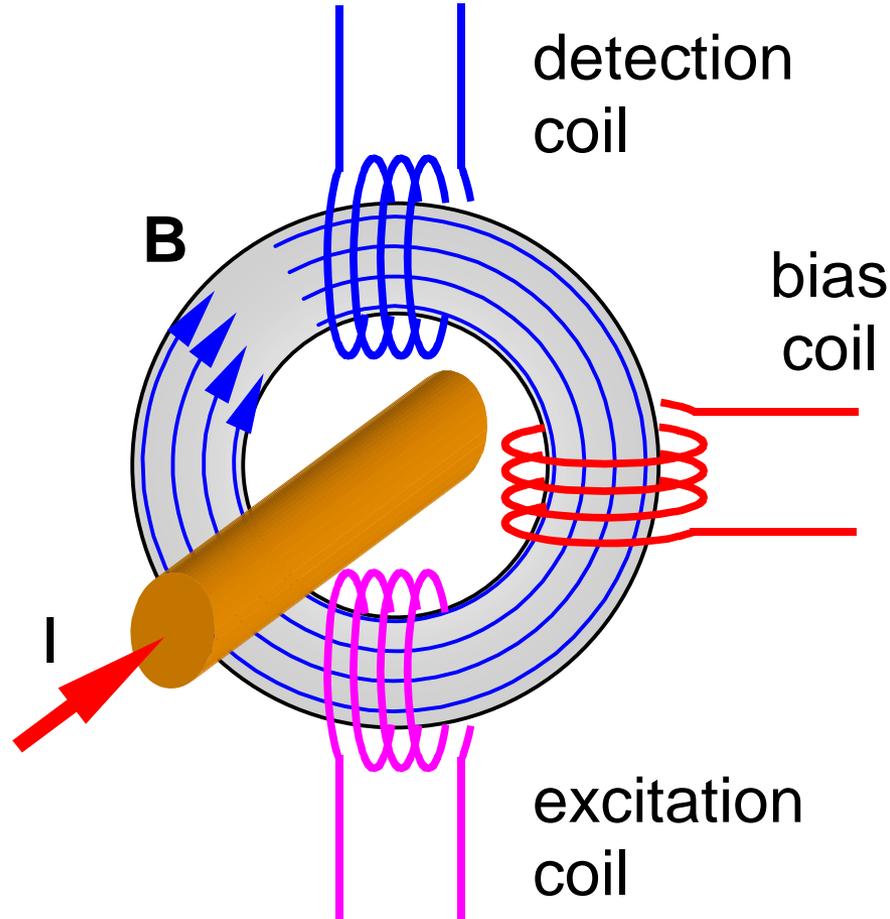


# Fluxgate applications

- simple and inexpensive, lightweight device
- highly directional
- high sensitivity (tens of pT !)
- **modest accuracy (1000 ppm)**
- typical applications
  - navigation
  - geology, ores, oil fields
  - hunting submarines
  - finding mines
  - mapping of interplanetary magnetic field



# A special fluxgate: the DCCT

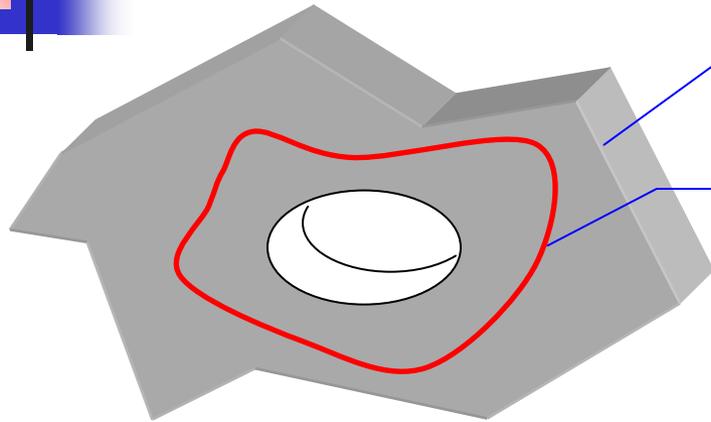


best known device for high current (relevant for SC magnets)  
1 ppm possible at 10 kA (10 mA)

# SQUID principles – 1



A. Abrikosov



superconductor

path  $\Gamma$  around a normal  
conducting region

- change  $\delta$  of phase of wave-function for paired electrons along  $\Gamma$  depends on magnetic flux  $\varphi$ :

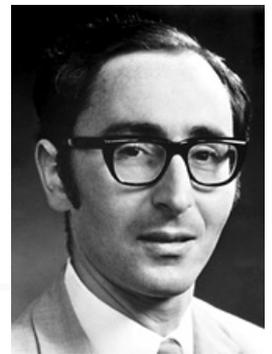
$$\delta = 2\pi \frac{\varphi}{\varphi_0}$$

quantum fluxoid  
( $2 \times 10^{-15}$  Wb)

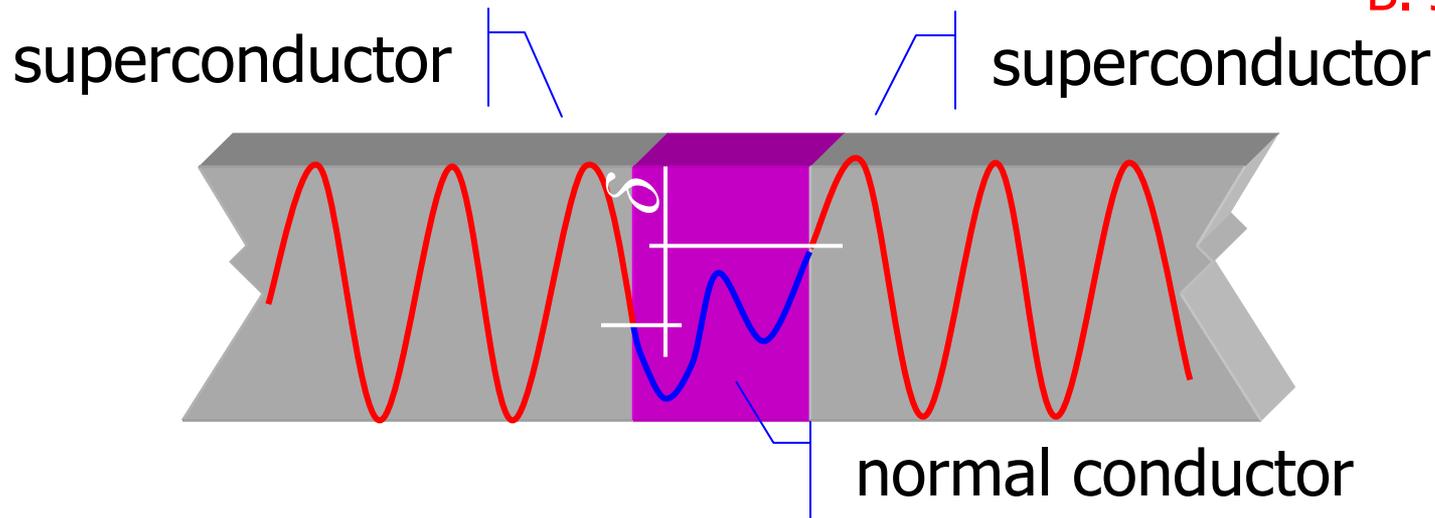
- flux quantization:  $\delta = 2\pi n$

$$\varphi = n\varphi_0$$

# SQUID principles – 2



B. Josephson



- the wave-function can tunnel through a normal-conducting (Josephson) junction
- the maximum supercurrent depends on  $\delta$ :

$$I = I_c \sin(\delta)$$

# The SQUID

- maximum supercurrent:

$$I = I_c [\sin(\delta_1) + \sin(\delta_2)]$$

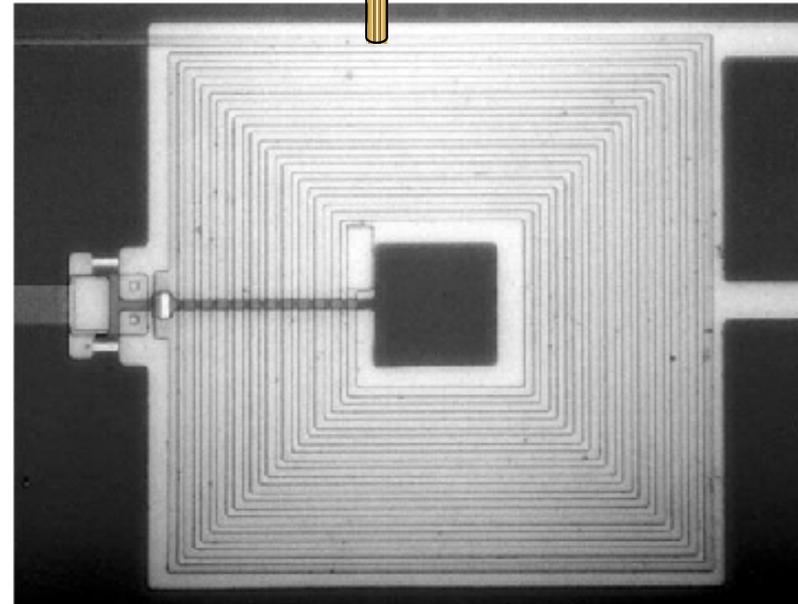
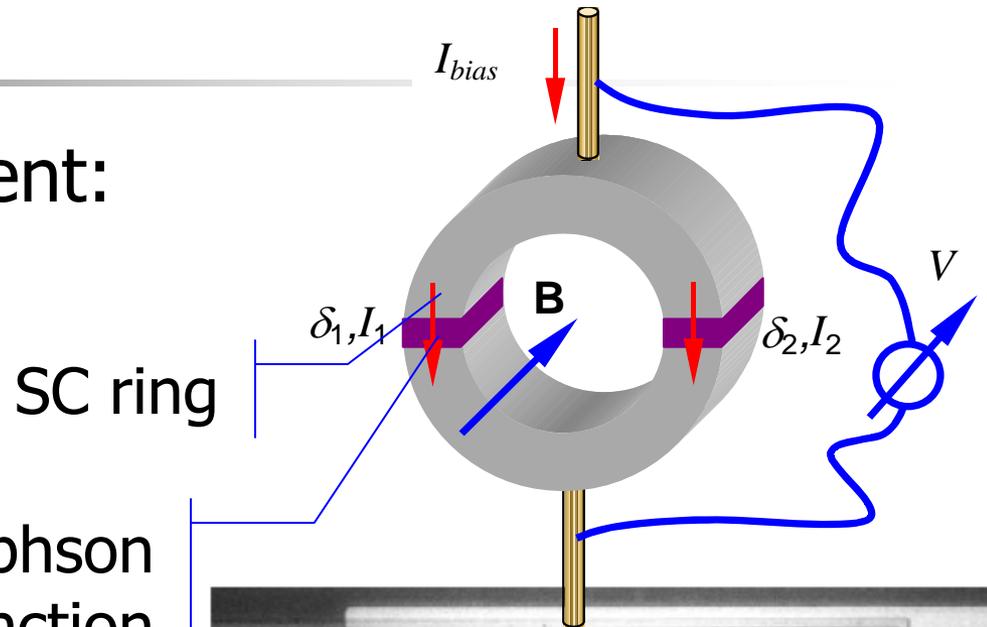
- phase relation:

$$\delta + \delta_1 - \delta_2 = 2\pi \frac{\varphi}{\varphi_0}$$

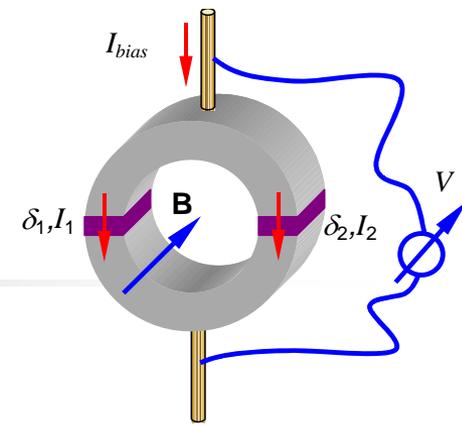
Josephson junction

- SQUID critical current

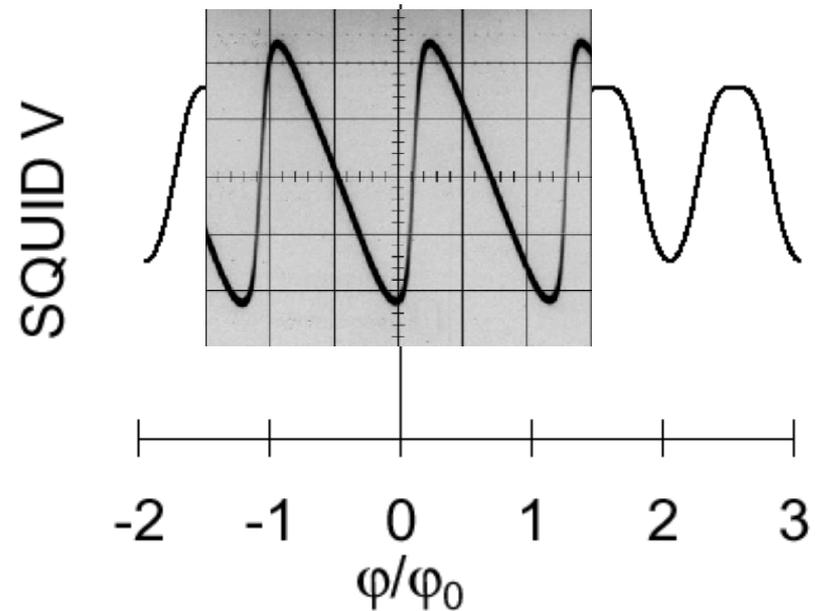
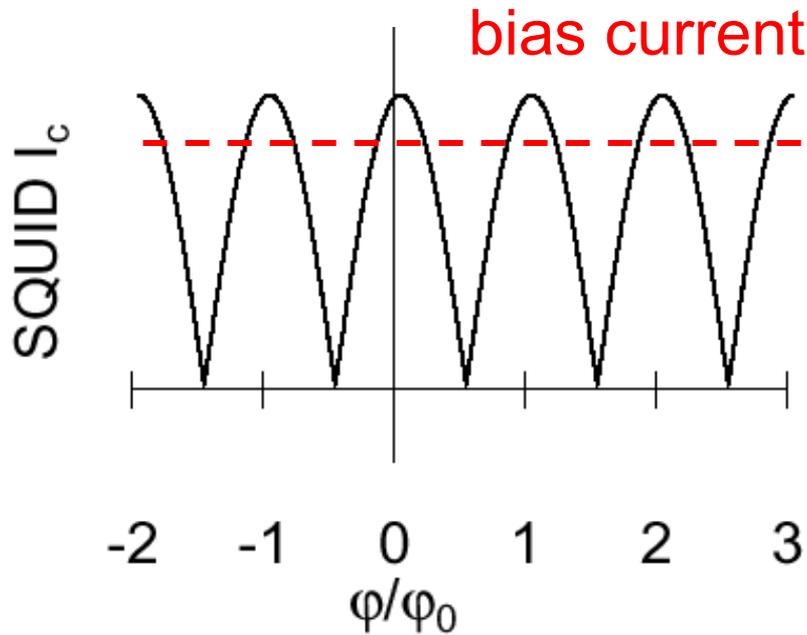
$$I = 2I_c \left| \cos \left( \pi \frac{\varphi}{\varphi_0} \right) \right|$$



# SQUID operation

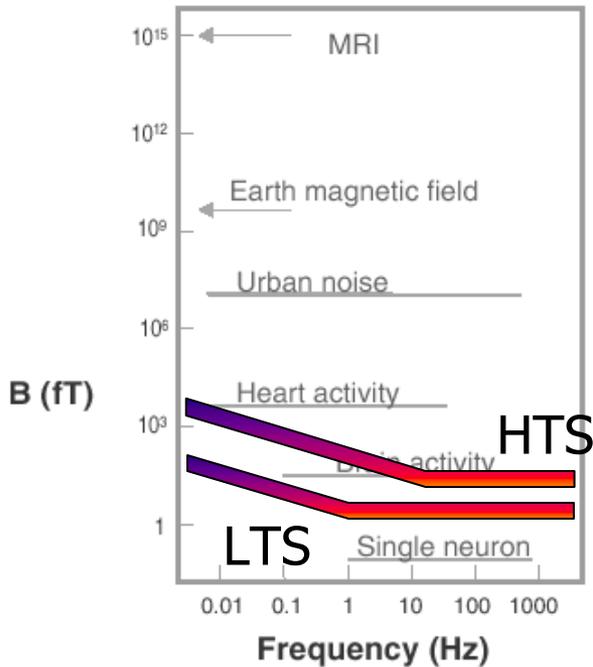


- SQUID voltage periodic in  $\varphi_0$
- flux change  $\Delta\varphi$  from  $\Delta V$ , compute  $\Delta B$  using  $\kappa$

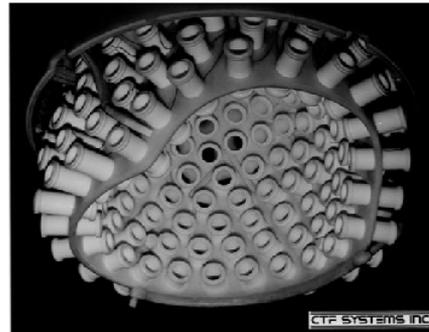


sensitivity few pT for bare SQUID, 1 fT with input transformer  
range limited by FB, accuracy limited by calibration of surface

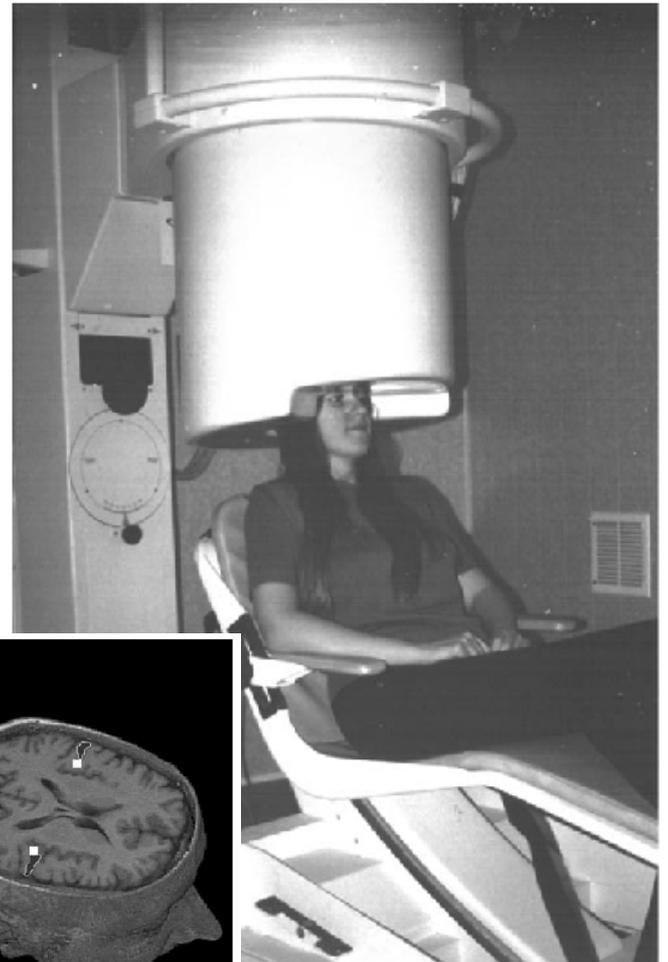
# SQUID Magnetometry



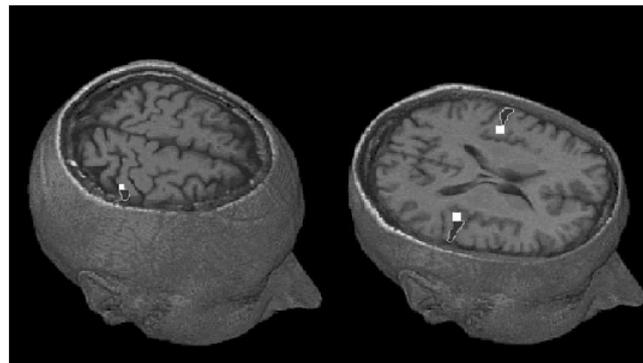
151 SQUID channels helmet



magnetoencefalogram

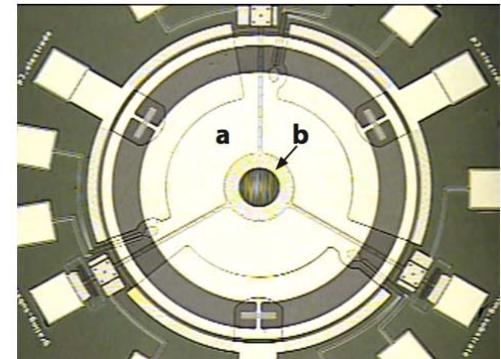
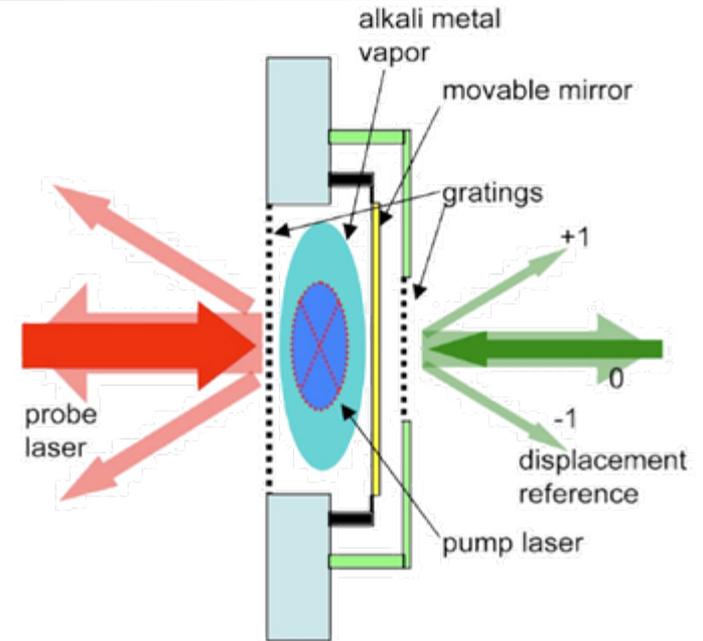


cortical activation of the primary and secondary somatosensory cortex during left median nerve simulation measured by MEG and fMRI...



# The frontier of magnetometry

- Alkali atoms (Rb, Cs) have unpaired electrons whose spin precesses with magnetic field (as protons)
- The interaction with field can be detected as follows:
  - An alkali metal vapor is prepared in a cell
  - A first laser (the pump) aligns the spins to create coherence (as the RF pulse in NMR techniques)
  - A second laser (the probe) detects resonance, which can be seen, e.g., as a shift in an interference pattern
- Excellent device for miniaturization



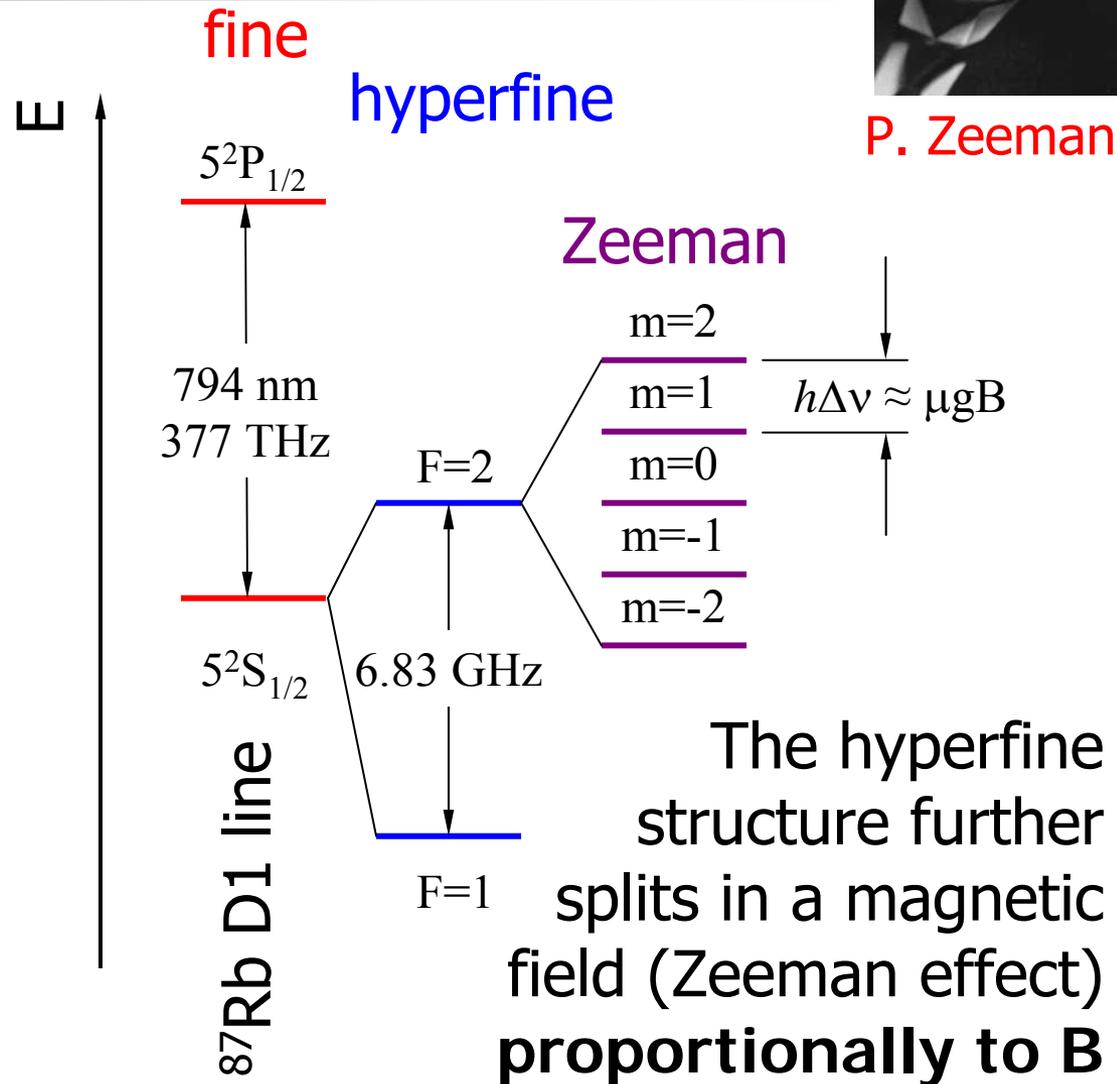
# A digression on spectra



P. Zeeman

- The *gross* structure of the spectral line of atoms (energy level), are split in:

- A *fine* structure (due to interaction of magnetic moment of electron spin and orbital angular momentum)
  - A *hyperfine* structure, due to interaction of nucleus magnetic moment with internal magnetic/electric fields in the atom



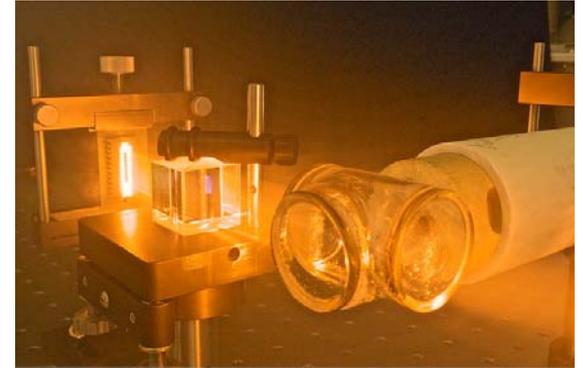
# Atomic magnetometer DIY

- Set a laser on a given absorption line (e.g. D1 of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ , 794 nm)
- AM the laser with a VCO to create two sidebands corresponding to the hyperfine structure (central  $f = 3.42$  GHz)
- Modulate the VCO (by  $\pm 3$  MHz) to detect the resonances from the split hyperfine levels
- Compute the difference of frequency between two resonances, which is proportional to the magnetic field:

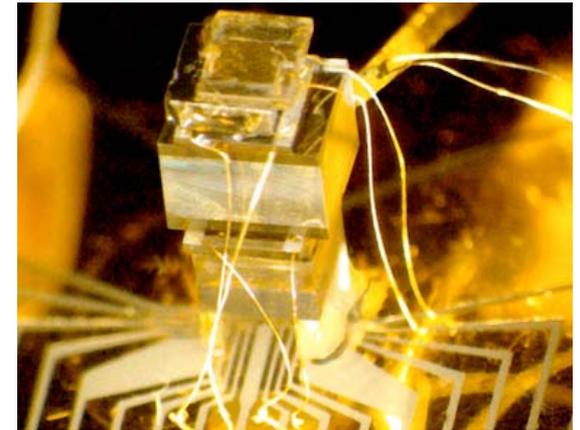
$$h\Delta\nu \approx \mu g B$$

sensitivity in the range of tens of fT

range limited to 1 mT at most, accuracy not established so far



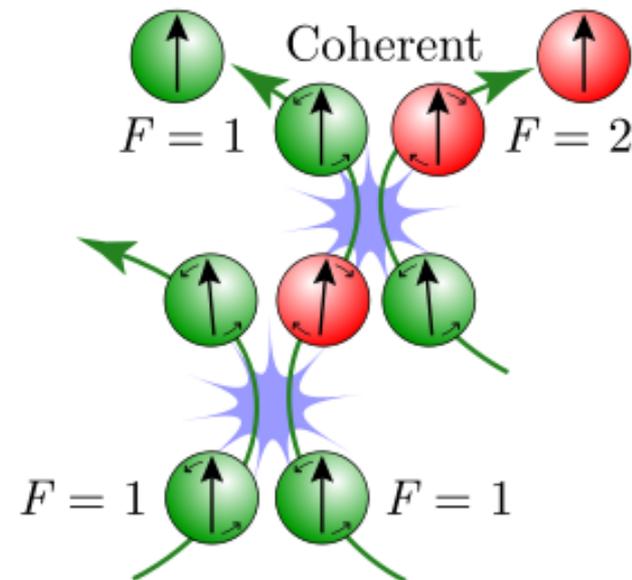
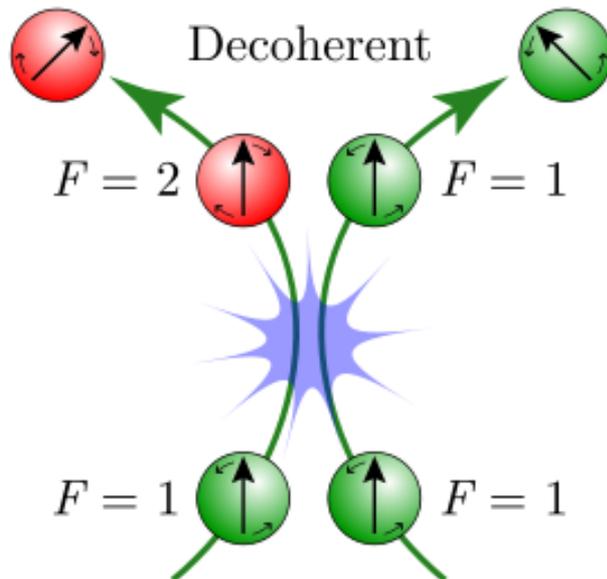
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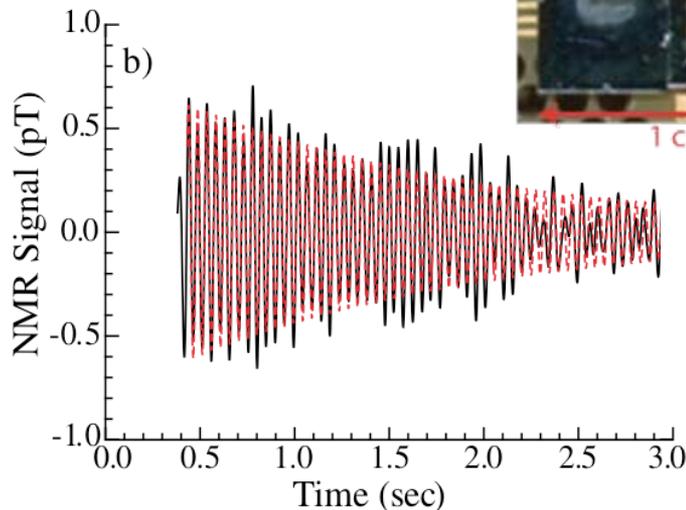
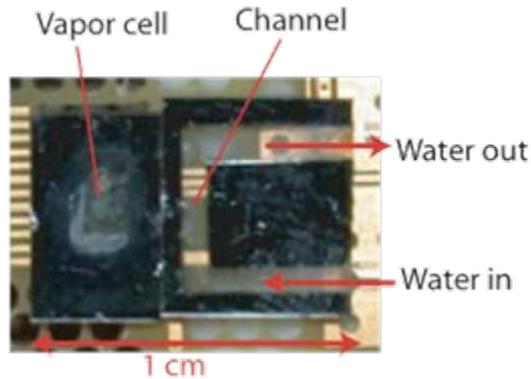
# SERF atomic magnetometers

- Spin Exchange collisions preserve total momentum but cause single spins to change, scrambling the hyperfine structure
- The precession of atoms in the vapor loses quickly coherence, the resolution of the resonance is limited
- At low B and high gas density, collisions happen quicker than the precession time of the atoms. On average the hyperfine states are stable, the **Spin Exchange is Relaxation Free**
- The resonance is measured with improved resolution !



# Premium sensitivity !

- Best quoted sensitivity is 200 aT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  !
  - $0.2 \times 10^{-15}$  T at 1 Hz



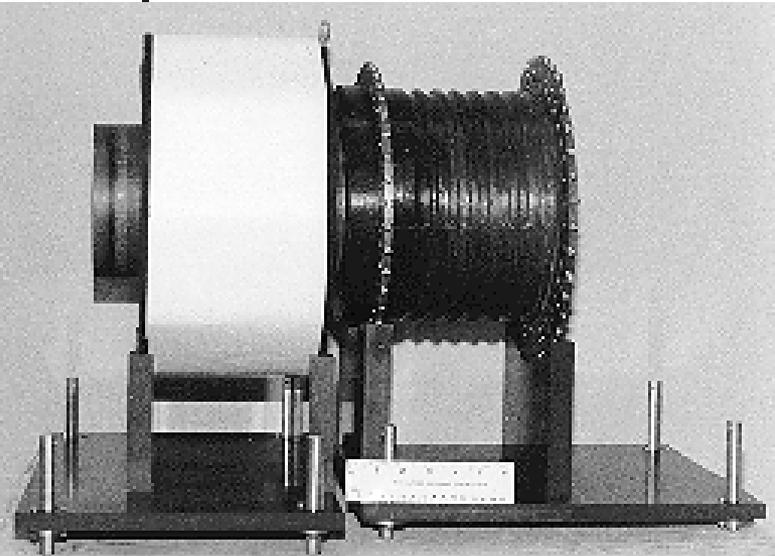
Example: NMR signal from water on chip

- A new world of possibilities
  - Magnetoenceelography,
  - Magnetocardiography of in fetal hearts,
  - Earth field NMR ...

## a Tricorder ?!?

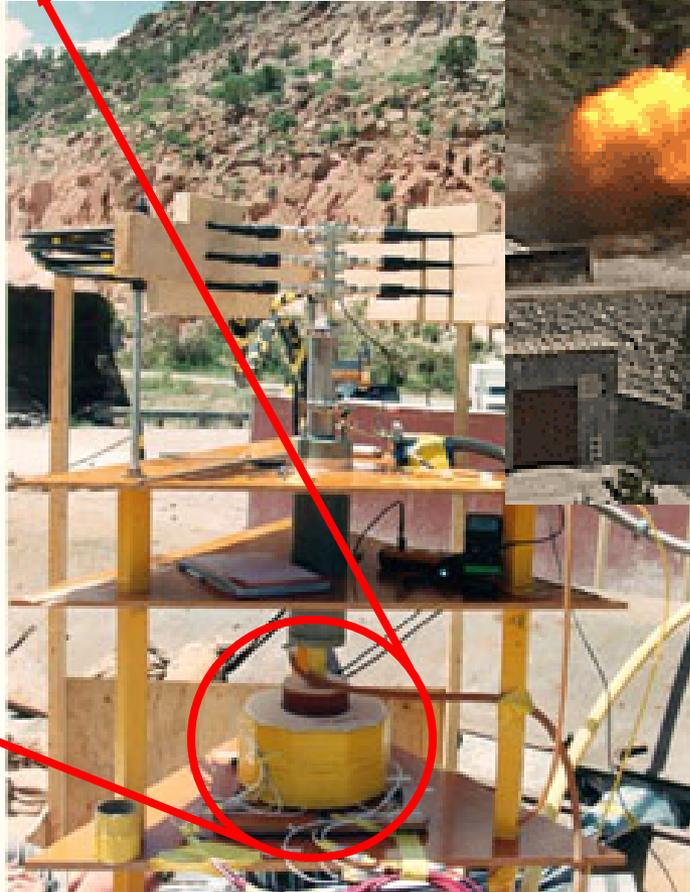


# 850 T pulsed field at LANL



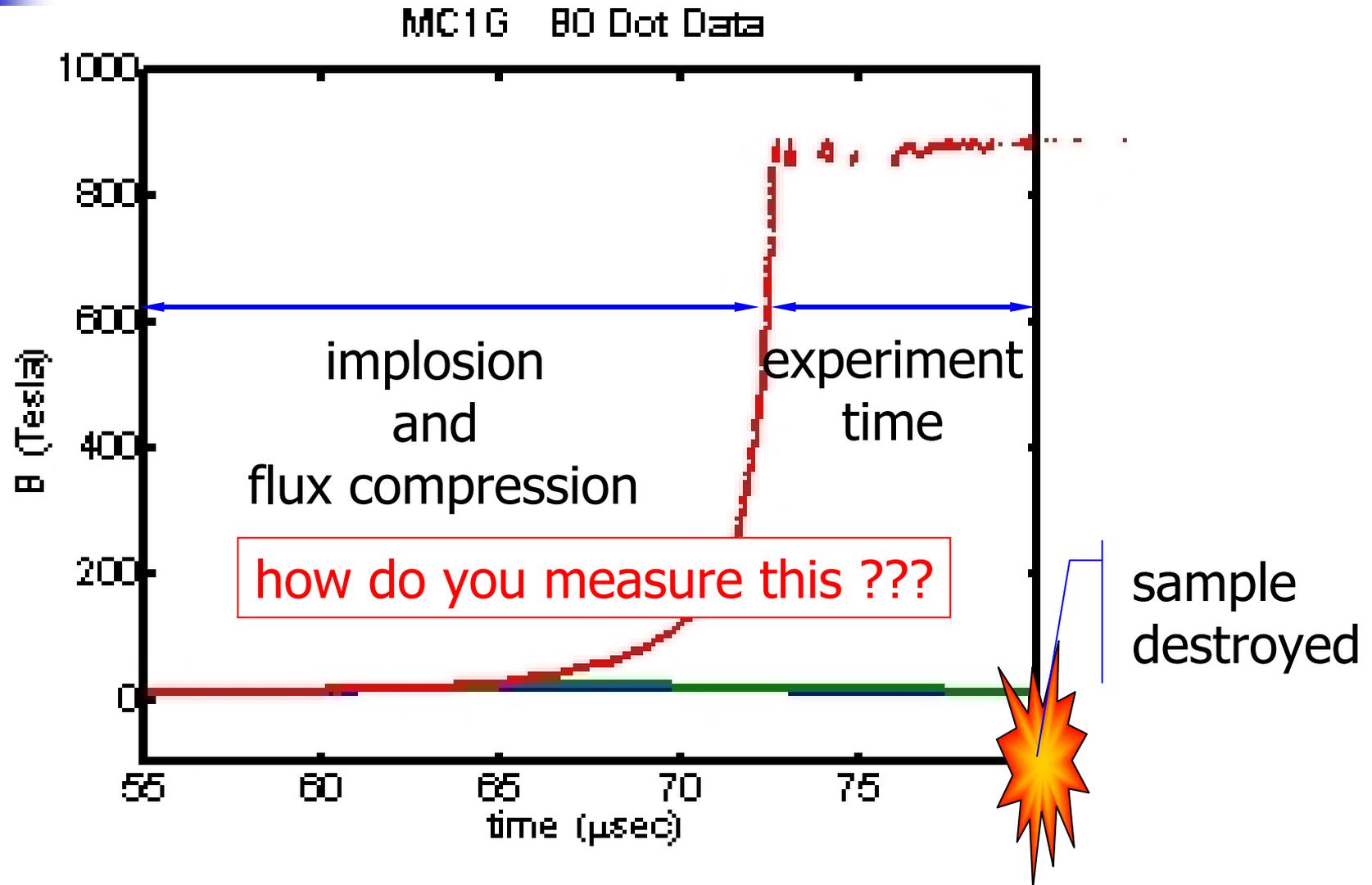
imploding flux compression generator (VNIIEF design)

material properties  
at high magnetic  
fields (8 to 10 MG)



a shot ...

# 850 T shot at LANL



# Faraday effect

- rotation of light polarization in a media in a magnetic field

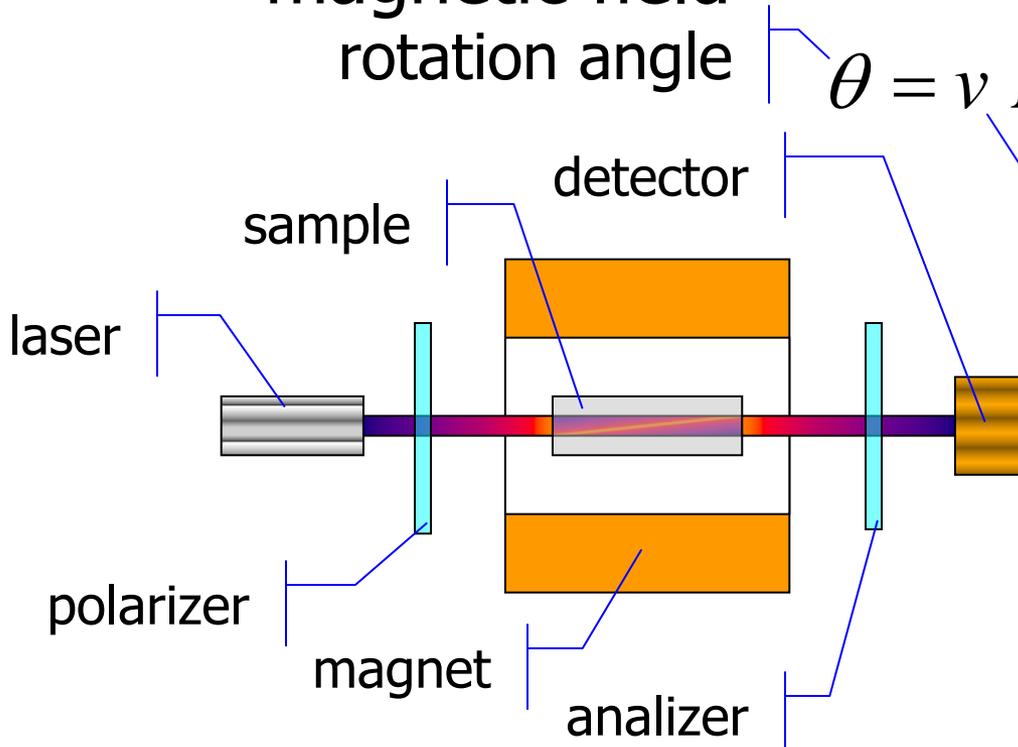
rotation angle

$$\theta = \nu B L$$

length

field strength

*Verdet* constant



material	$\nu$ (rad / T m)
fused quartz	4
flint glass	110
benzene	9

fast, e.m. compatible at high electric fields

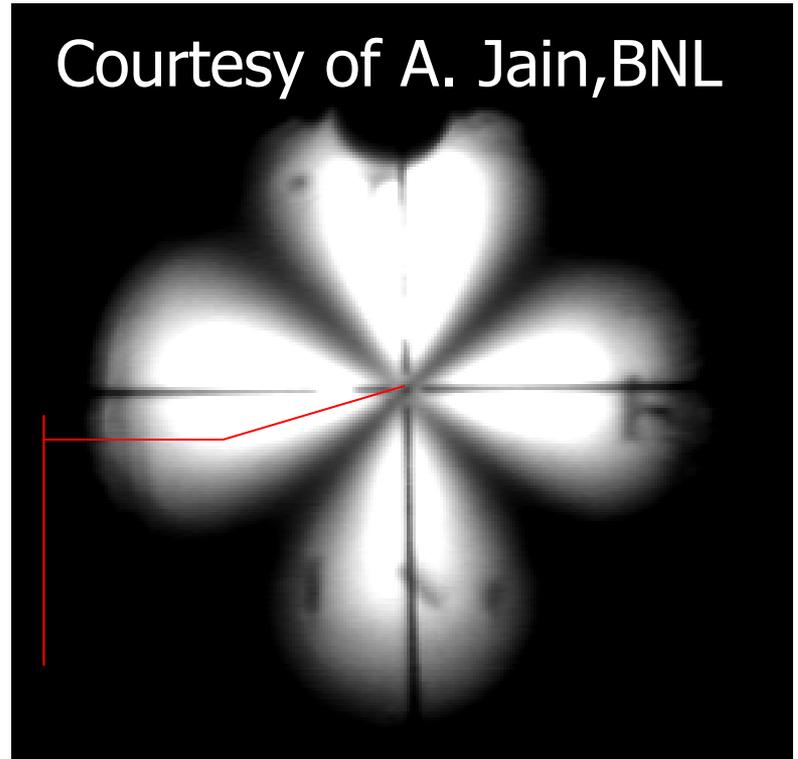
modest accuracy (1 %)

# Field imaging

- light polarization can be used to image the field:
  - Faraday rotation
  - ferrofluid cell

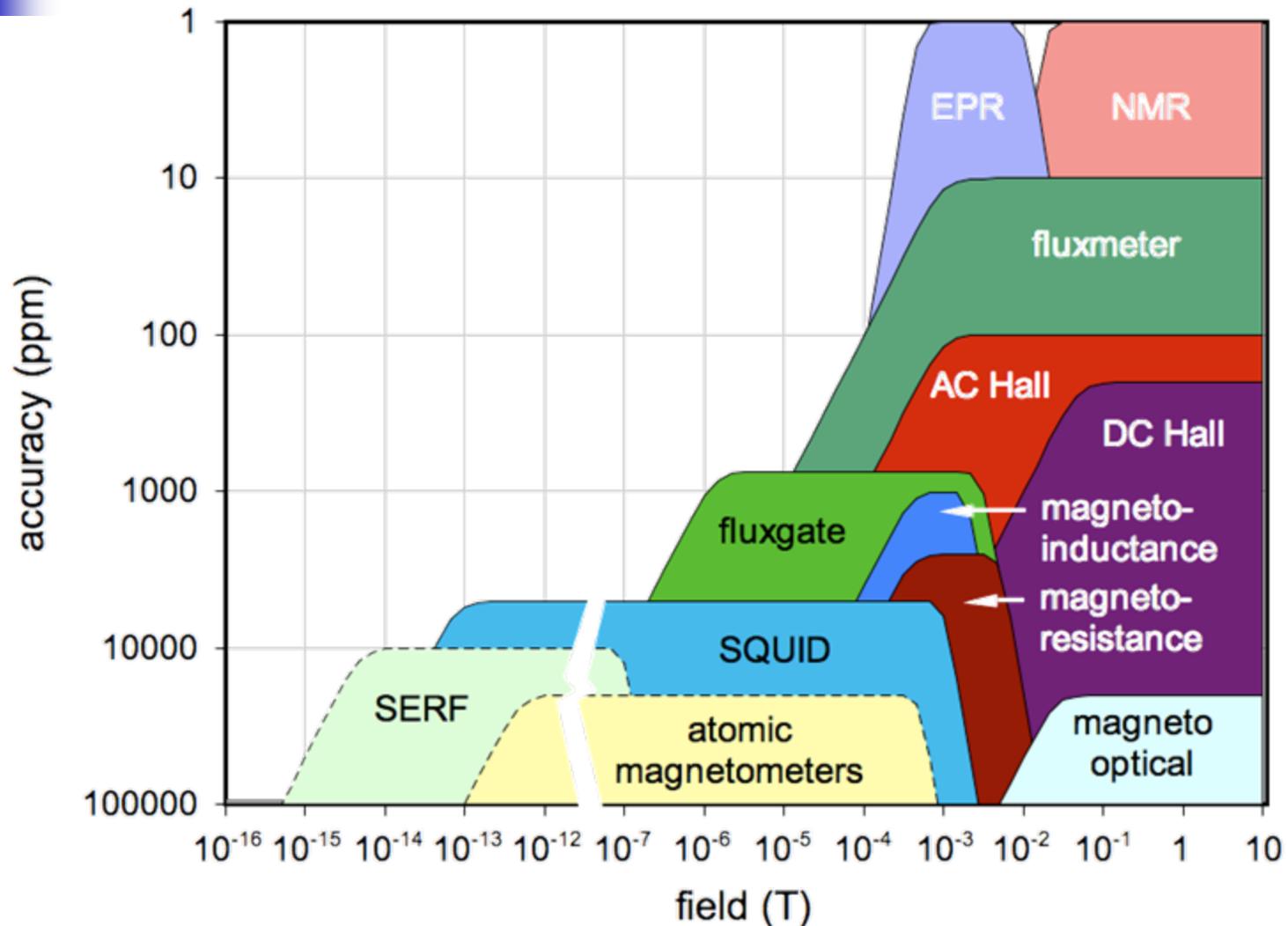
center of a RHIC quadrupole  
at 75 T/m gradient during cold  
testing

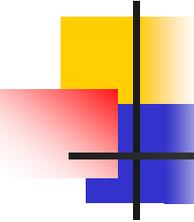
Courtesy of A. Jain, BNL



direct magnetic center measurement (image treatment)  
needs higher field than e.m. methods, limited accuracy

# Performance summary





# Conclusions

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- the *art* of magnetic measurements *cannot* be made into a science
  - at least I have given up...
- methods and instruments exist, don't try to make them yourself, use them if you can
  - as for *italian cuisine* let Mom do it...
  - ...or buy a good cooking book before you start
- where can I find out more ?
  - CAS on MM, MT, PAC, EPAC
  - (NIM) uNclear Instruments and Methods