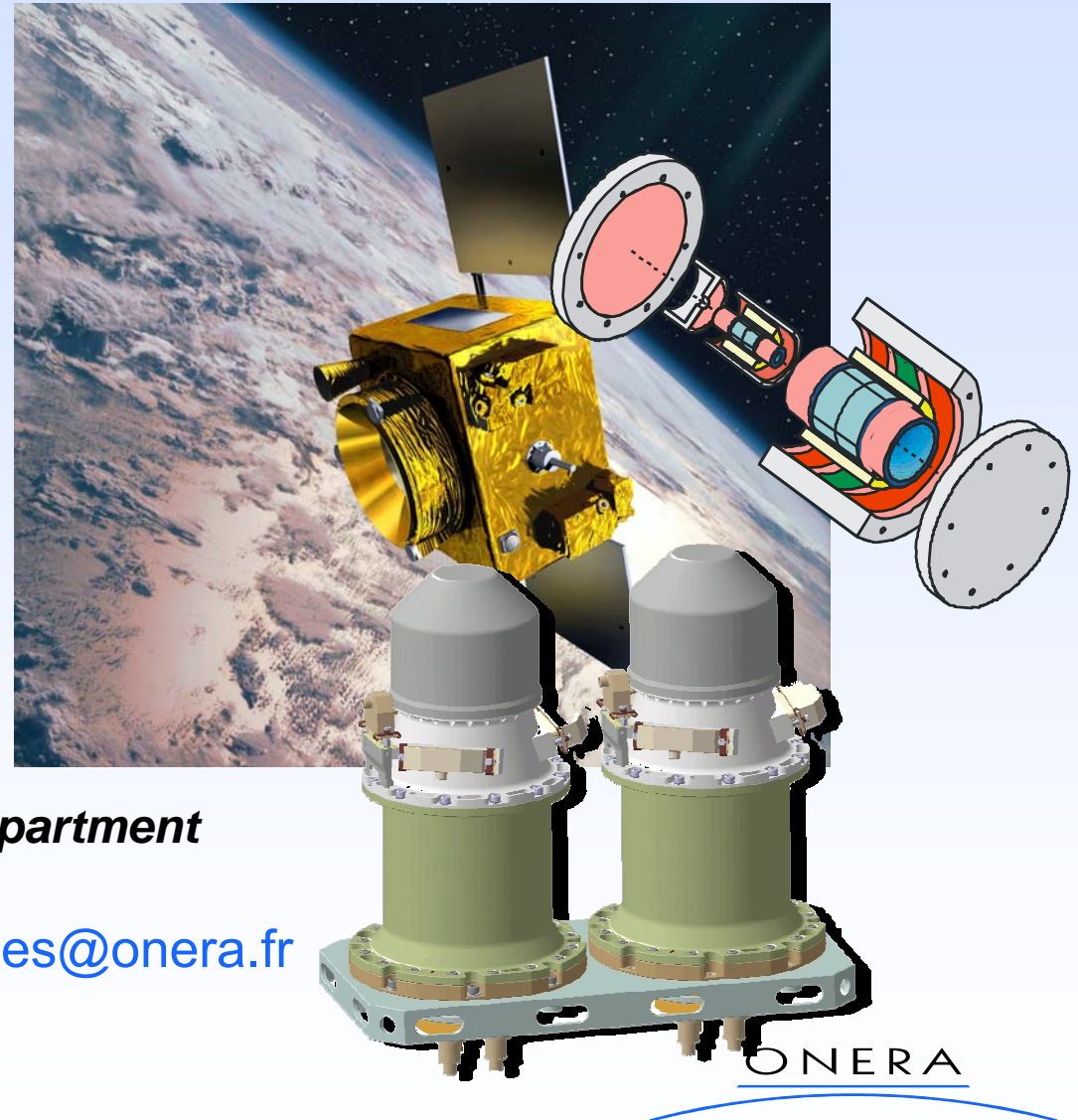


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**MICROSCOPE
MISSION &
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Testing the EP on ground

From Eötvös Experiment To:

● In laboratory:

- Baessler S., Heckel B., Alderberger E., Gundlach J.,...
- Eotwash project : Torsion pendulum
- *Washington State University*

$$\left\langle \left[\frac{M_G}{M_I} \right]_E - \left[\frac{M_G}{M_I} \right]_M \right\rangle_{\text{wep}} = (0.1 \pm 4.4) \times 10^{-13}$$

$$[a_{\text{Earth}} + a_{\text{Moon}}] / 2 = 5.93 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ (toward the Sun)}$$

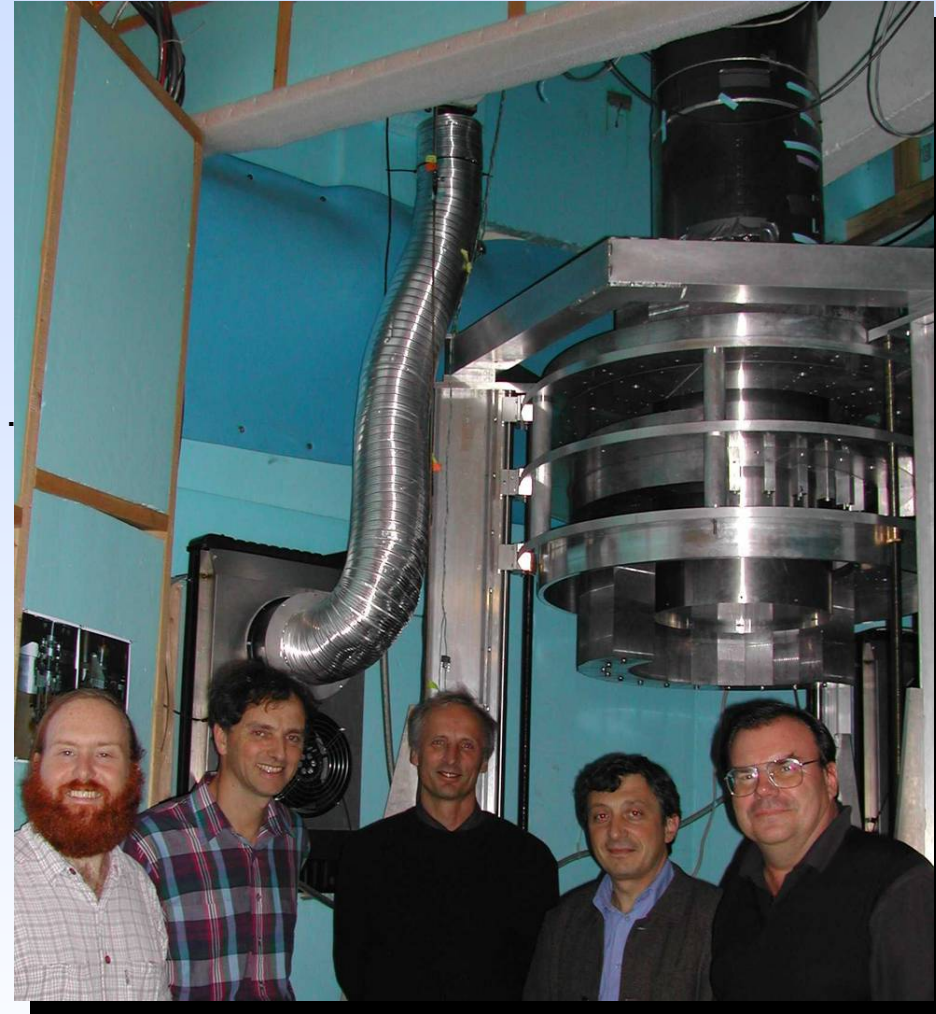
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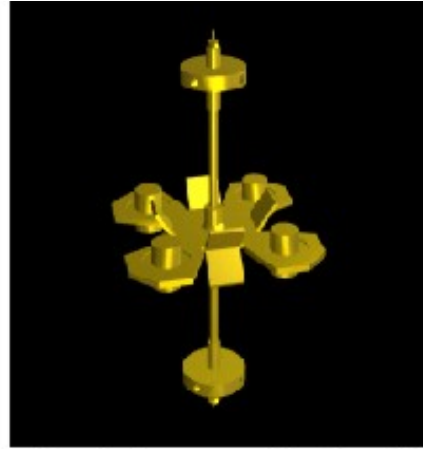
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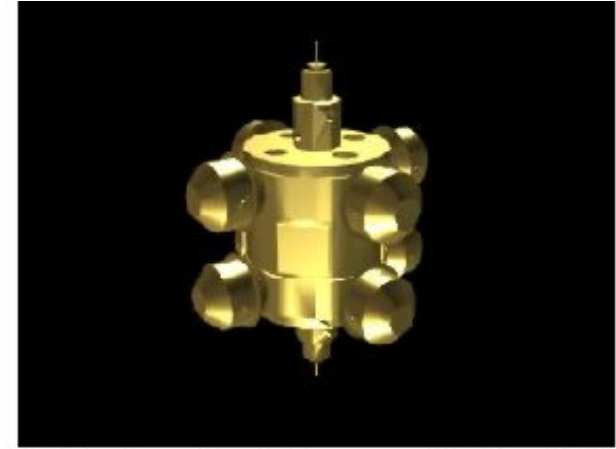


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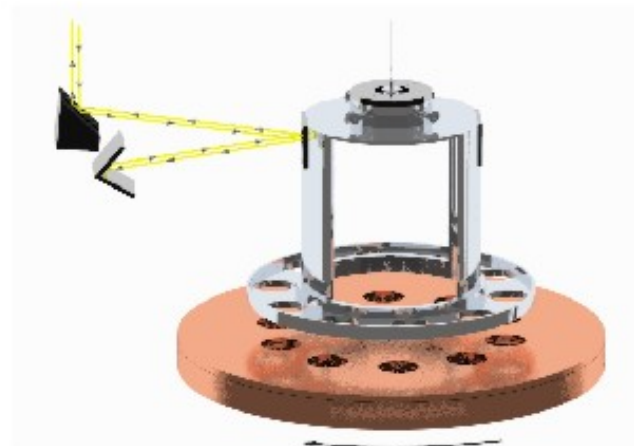
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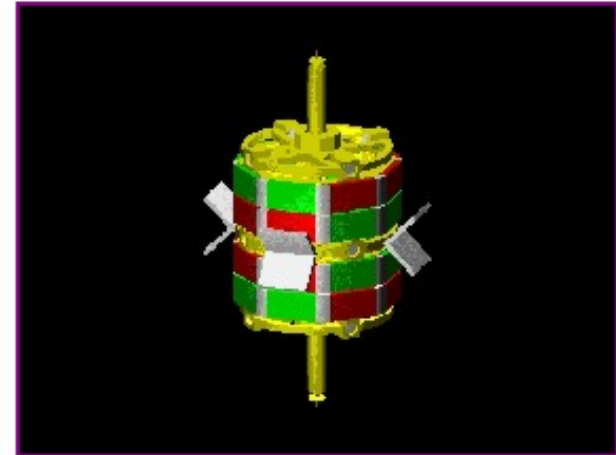
Torsion Pendulum used in the Rot-Wash Instrument



8-Body Torsion Pendulum used in the Eöt-Wash III Instrument



Torsion pendulum and attractor used in the short-range experiments



Pendulum, containing about a mole of polarized electrons, used to search for spin-coupled forces

EP Test by Moon Laser Telemetry

From Mercury perihelion advance to :

Parameters of the experiment

- Laser pulse 100ps
- 1 photon back out of 10^{20} emitted
- 1 photon back every 100 pulses

Results

Post-Newtonian parameters:

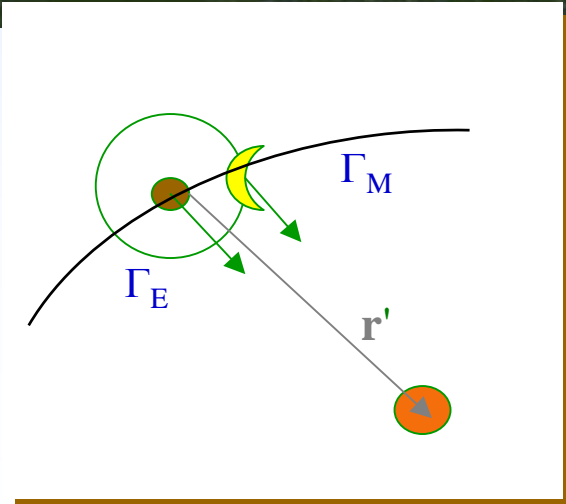
$$\beta - 1 = -0.001 \pm 0.004$$

$$\gamma - 1 = 0.002 \pm 0.004$$

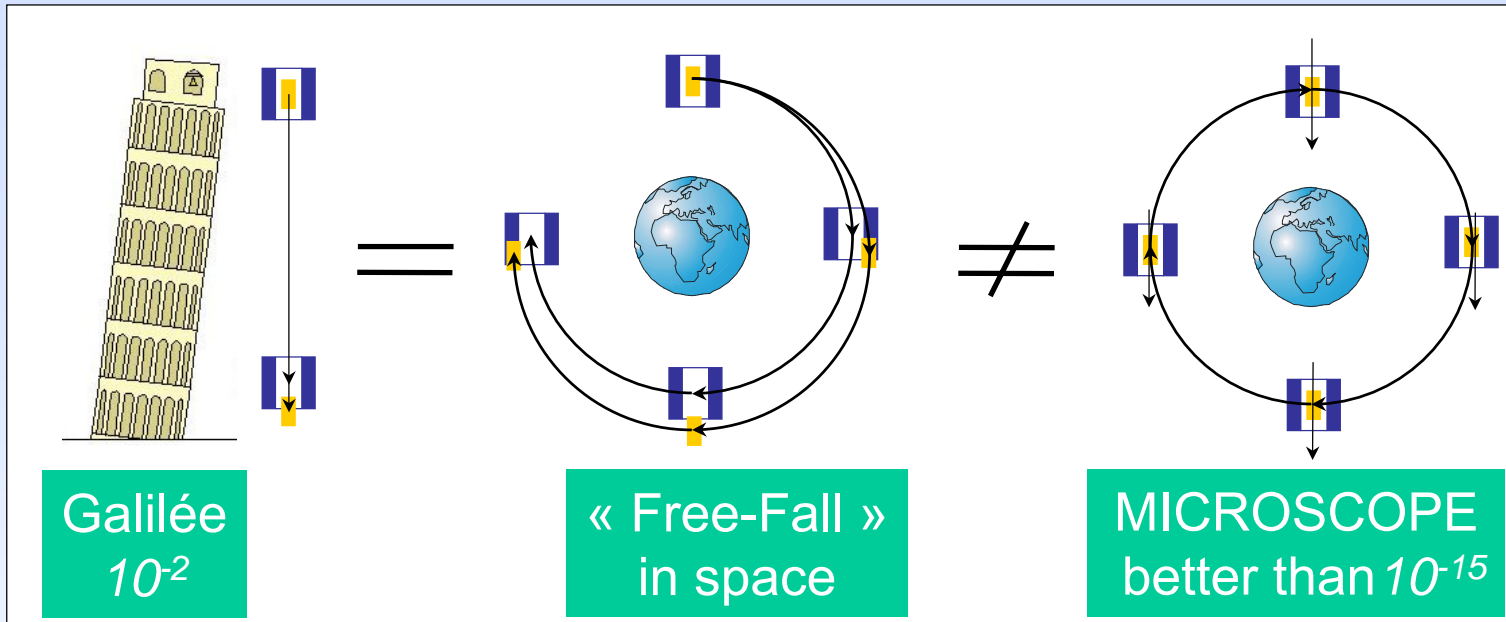
▪ EP test from 20 years measurements:

$$\delta = \left[\frac{M_G}{M_I} \right]_{Earth} - \left[\frac{M_G}{M_I} \right]_{Moon} = (-1 \pm 2) \times 10^{-13}$$

▪ Expected accuracy in 2010: $5 \cdot 10^{-14}$



Testing EP in space



Space Laboratory = S/C in orbital motion, “quite” in free fall

- Drag free system and fine attitude control demanded
- S/C : to protect from radiation pressures and residual drag the masses & to carry the measuring device and facilities

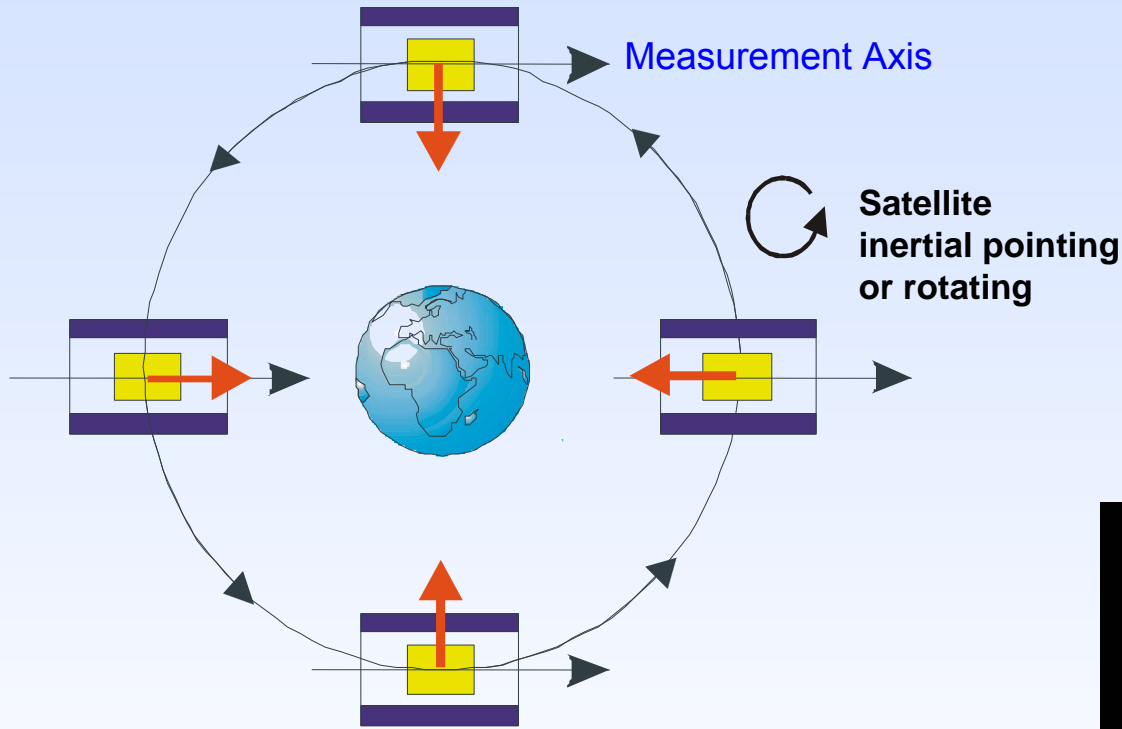
Difference of orbital trajectory :

- Measured by ultrasensitive detectors (SQUIDS, capacitive, optical ...)
- Necessary « weak » springs to S/C (electrostatic, magnetic, mechanic)
- Non steady configuration

Difference of necessary force to equalize the trajectories

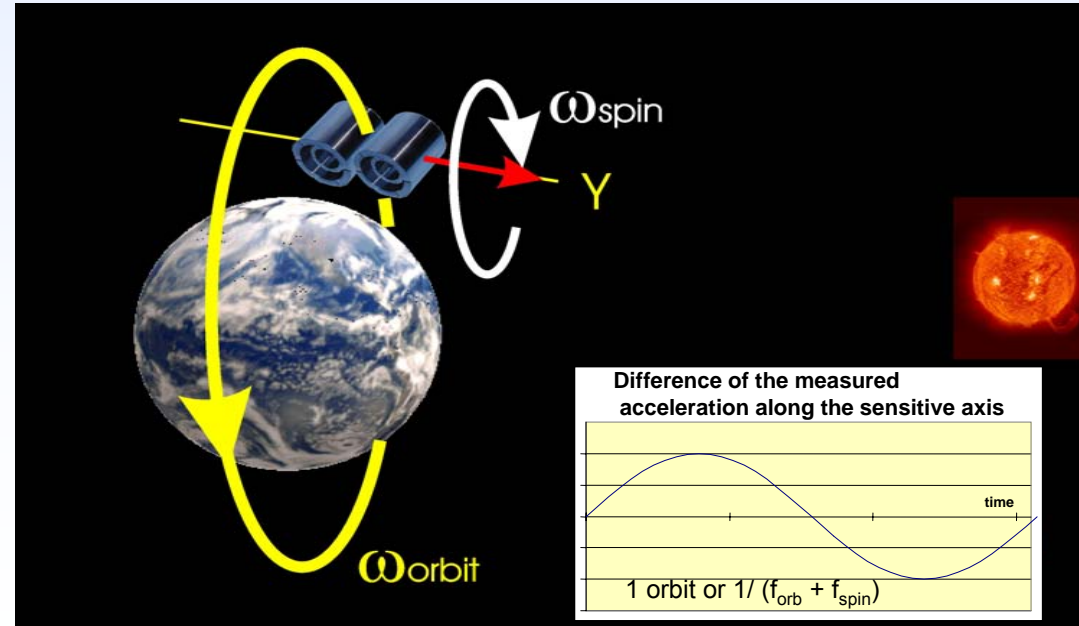
- Electrostatic servo-controlled system to maintain motionless the masses
- Stable and symmetric configuration => defect of symmetry = EP violation

Equivalence Principle Test in Space



- Material 1 (Pt)
- Material 2 (Ti)

- Gravitational Source : The Earth
- Inertiel Acceleration : Orbital Motion
- Control of the 2 masses on the same orbit with electrostatic pressure ($< 10^{-11}\text{m}$)
- Test duration : not limited by free-fall duration ($> n$ times 20 orbits $\sim 1.2 \cdot 10^5\text{s}$)
- Spatial environment : reduced or controled disturbances, drag free satellite
- Signal to be detected : well known phase and frequency signal





MICROSCOPE APPROACH

- Opportunity of Micro satellite (100- 200 kg) mission
- Necessity of limited development & cost

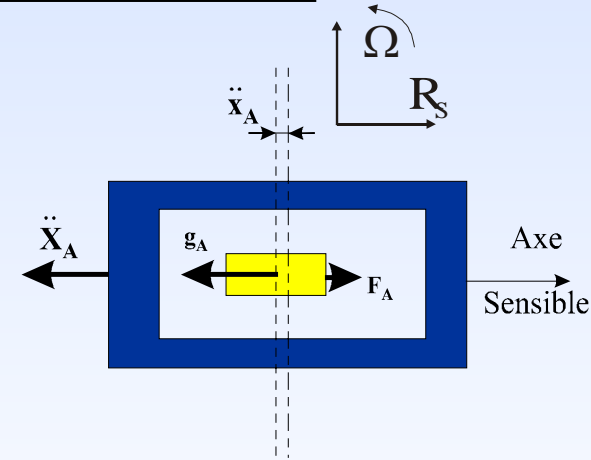
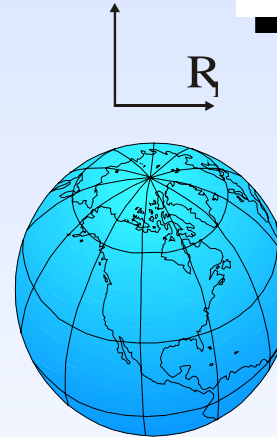
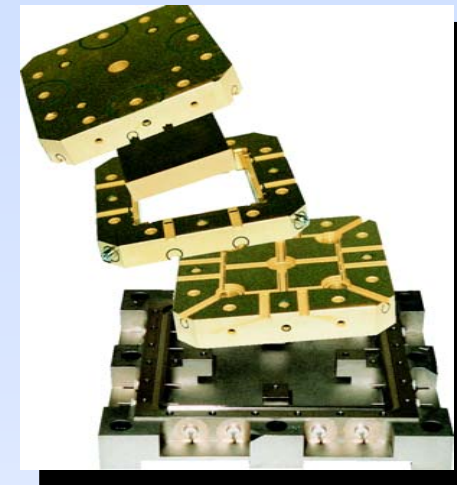


Payload case : < 40 kg, 40 W
Room temperature operation



Take advantage of existing space
electrostatic accelerometers :
configuration to be optimized

EP Test-mass = Cylindric Proof-mass of
electrostatic inertial sensor



One Differential accelerometer = 2 inertial sensors with 2 concentric test-masses

When the 2 masses have different composition = EP Test

When the 2 masses have same composition = Test accuracy verification



EP Test Mission Principle

Accelerometer A Output:

$$\frac{\hat{F}_A}{m_{I_A}} = (I + K_A)F_A + E(F_A) + E_{n_A}$$

Difference of 2 inertial sensor measurements:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hat{F}_A}{m_{I_A}} - \frac{\hat{F}_B}{m_{I_B}} &\approx (K_A - K_B) \frac{\ddot{X}_A + \ddot{X}_B}{2} \\ &+ \left(\overset{\circ\circ}{\ddot{X}}_A + \overset{\circ\circ}{\dot{X}}_A - \overset{\circ\circ}{\ddot{X}}_B - \overset{\circ\circ}{\dot{X}}_B \right) + 2\Omega \left(\overset{\circ}{\dot{X}}_A + \overset{\circ}{\dot{X}}_A - \overset{\circ}{\dot{X}}_B - \overset{\circ}{\dot{X}}_B \right) \\ &+ (\Omega \times \Omega + \dot{\Omega}) (X_A + X_A - X_B - X_B) \\ &- \left(\frac{m g_A}{m_{I_A}} + \frac{m g_B}{m_{I_B}} \right) \left(\frac{g_A - g_B}{2} \right) \left(1 + \frac{K_A + K_B}{2} \right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{F_{pA}}{m_{I_A}} - \frac{F_{pB}}{m_{I_B}} \right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{m g_A}{m_{I_A}} - \frac{m g_B}{m_{I_B}} \right) \left(\frac{g_A + g_B}{2} \right) \left(1 + \frac{K_A + K_B}{2} \right) \\ &+ E(F_A) - E(F_B) + E_{n_A} - E_{n_B} \end{aligned}$$

- **(1) Common mode acceleration**

Scale factor matching $\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$, Satellite drag-free control $3 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$
Instrument structure stability (silica), Thermal control

- **(2) Proof-mass relative motion**

structure stability & electrostatic control
Servo-loop control : electronics performance,
Structural & Thermal Stability, Attitude Control

- **(3) Satellite attitude motion**

Attitude control / proof-mass positioning $20 \mu\text{m} \Rightarrow 0.1 \mu\text{m}$

- **(4) Difference of Gravity field effects**

S/C stiffness and thermo-elastic behavior, Earth gravity gradient filtered out

- **(5) Non gravitational acceleration**

Mass motion disturbances & forces on the mass,
Actuator noise & sensing back-action

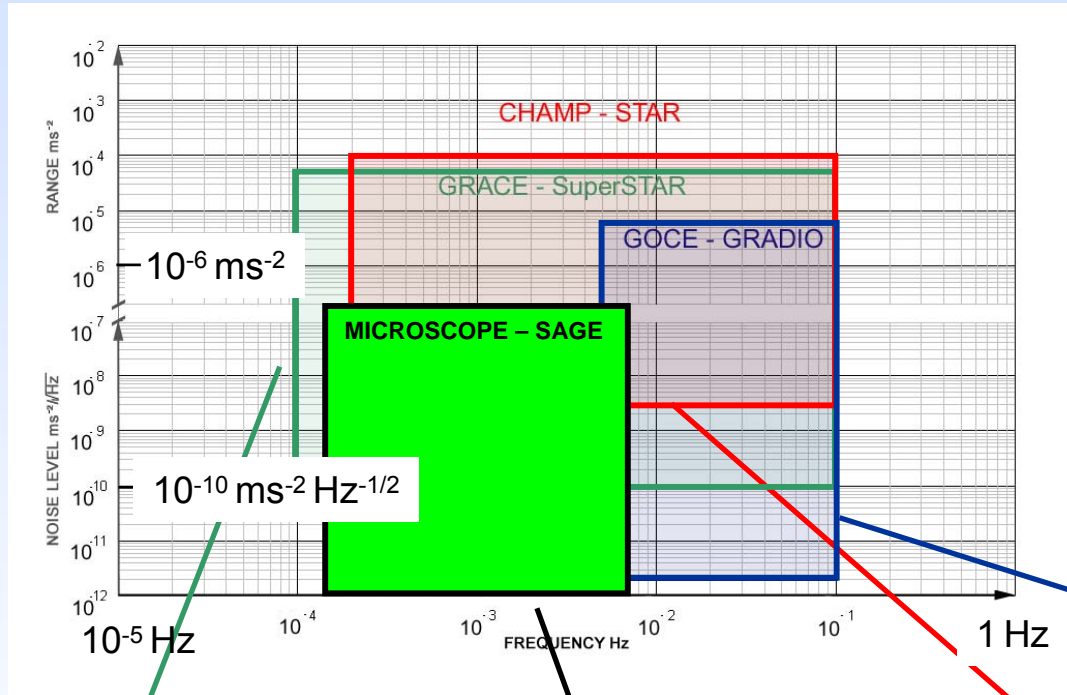
- **Signal representative of EP violation**

- **(6) Instrument (non-linearity & noise)**

Non linearity & Measurement electronics noise



Differences between Accelerometers from STAR, SuperSTAR, GRADIO to SAGE



SAGE Space Accelerometer for Gravitation Experience

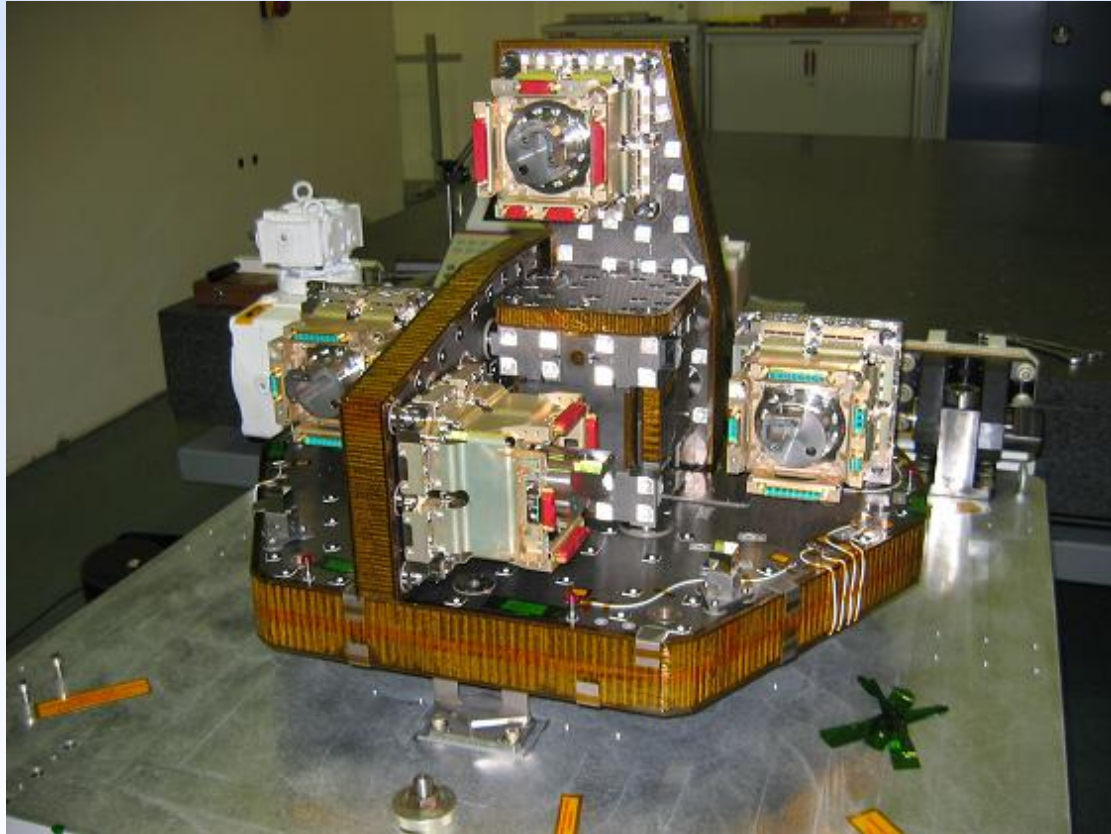
- Same concept & technology but
- Optimised core design
 - Digital control loop
 - Better control of the environment
 - Frequency bandwidth

- Γ_n : $3 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ ms}^{-2} / \text{Hz}^{1/2}$
- Γ_{\max} : 10^{-4} ms^{-2}
- $[2 \cdot 10^{-4}; 10^{-1}] \text{ Hz}$

- Γ_n : $10^{-12} \text{ ms}^{-2} / \text{Hz}^{1/2}$
- Γ_{\max} : $2.5 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ ms}^{-2}$
- $[10^{-4}; 5 \cdot 10^{-3}] \text{ Hz}$

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- Γ_{\max} : $6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ ms}^{-2}$
- $[5 \cdot 10^{-3}; 10^{-1}] \text{ Hz}$

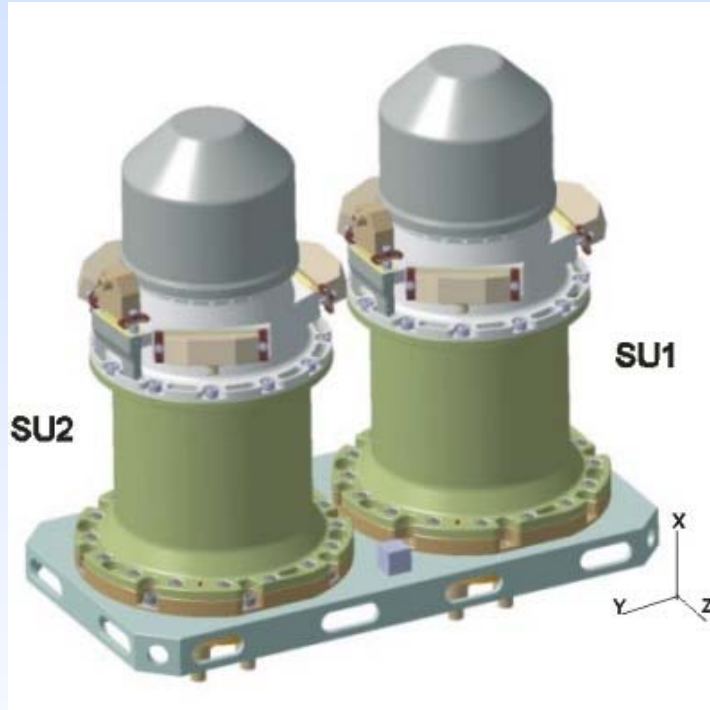


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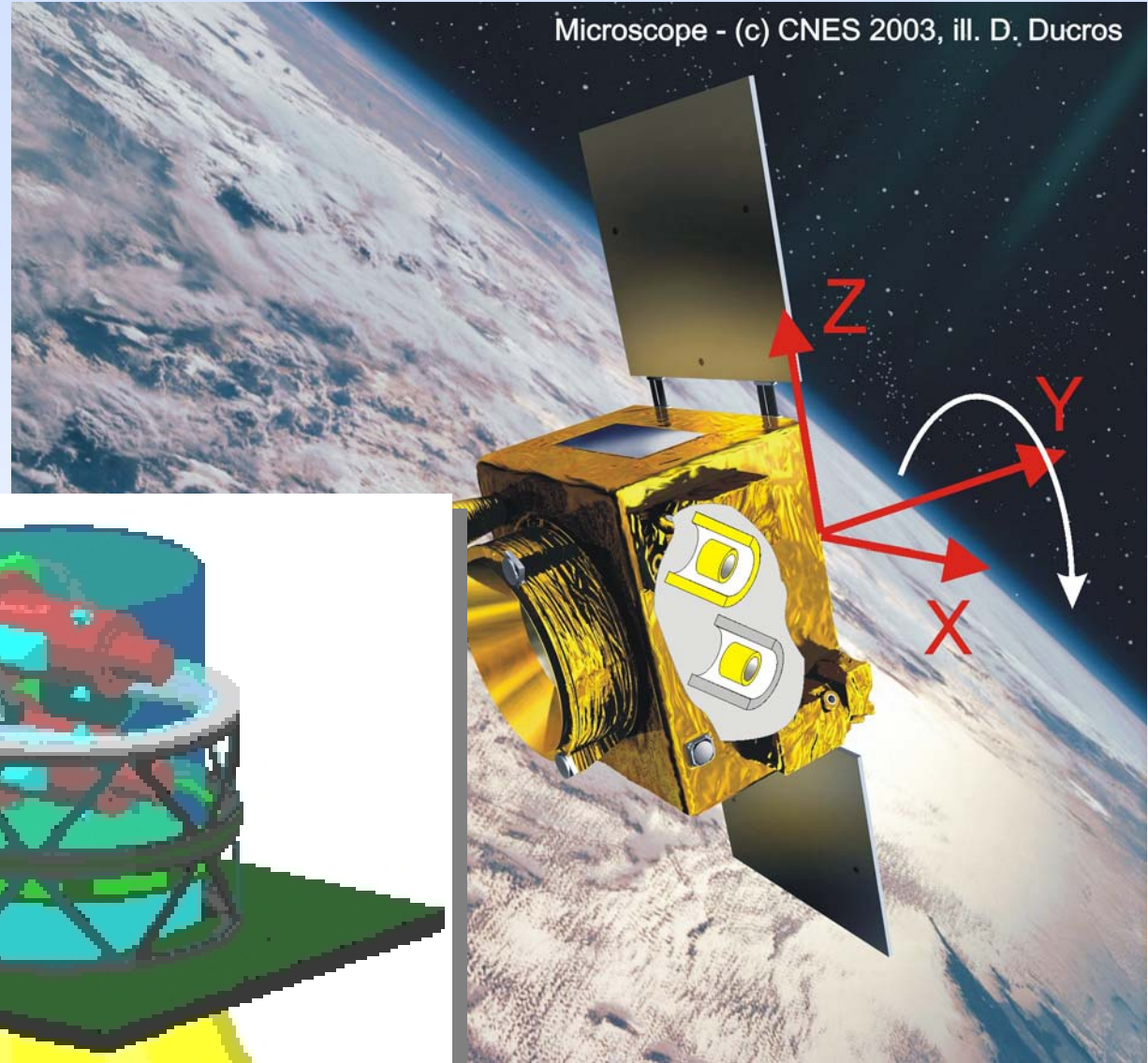
MICROSCOPE PAYLOAD



2 similar differential accelerometers



With Cnes courtesy



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THERMAL Environment to be provided by the S/C

Thermal specifications :

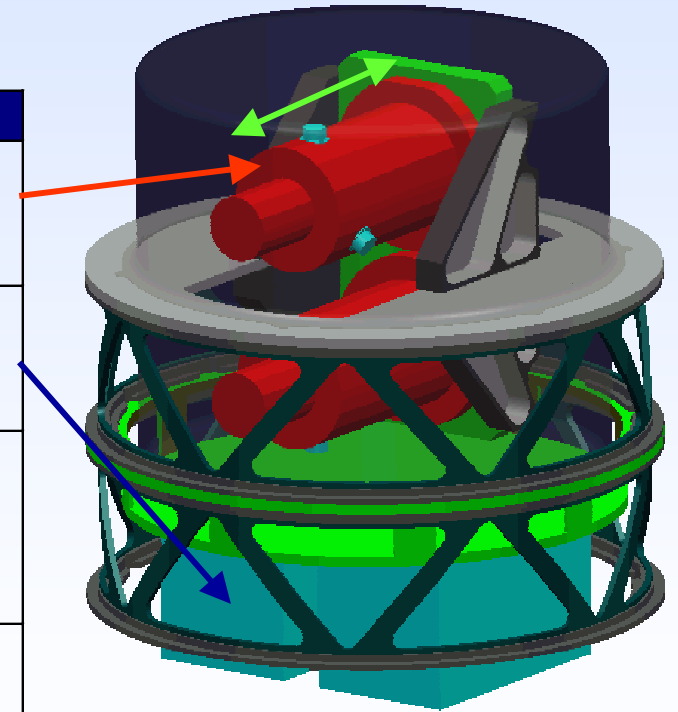
Sensor (SU) Core thermal behavior

Parasitic forces (Radiometer effect, Radiation pressure, bias fluctuation)

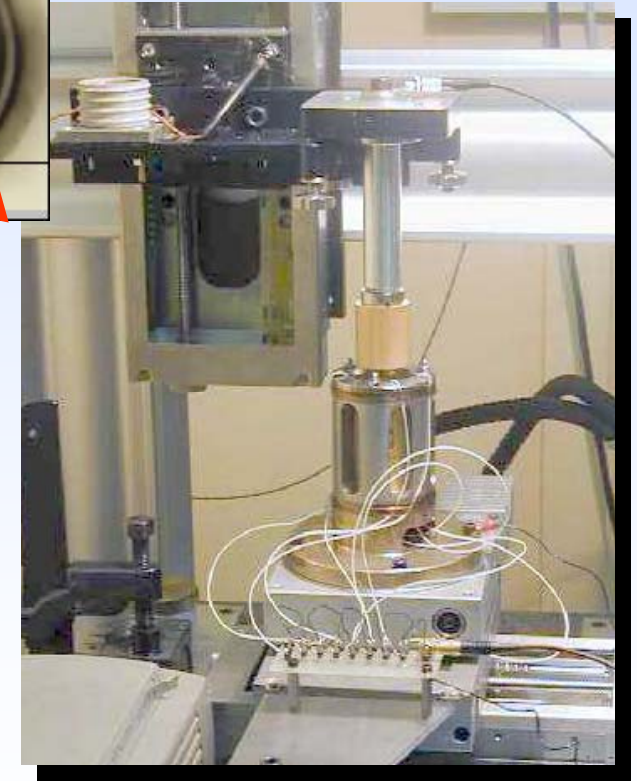
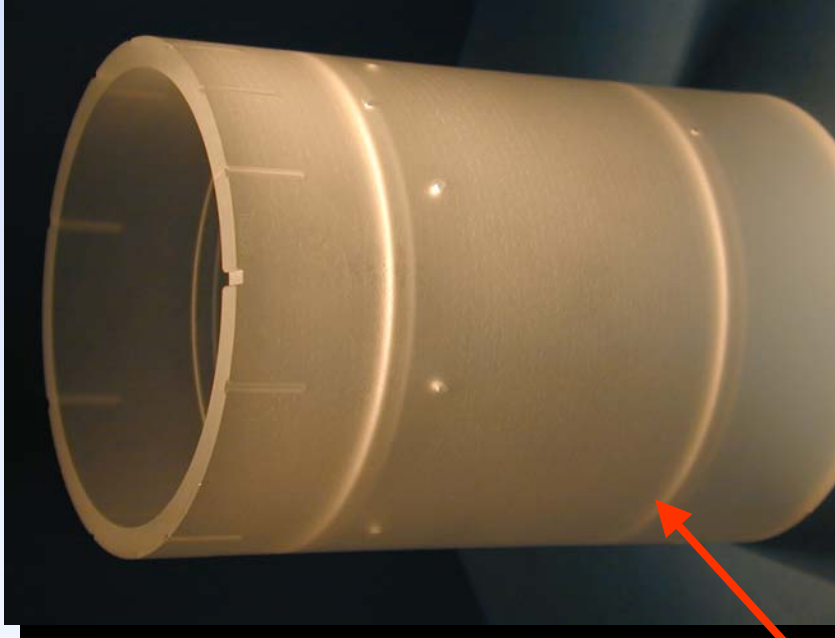
Sensor Electronics (FEEU) sensitivity

Sensor interface electronics (ICU) sensitivity

Location	Value
On SU skin	- $0.3K Hz^{-1/2}$ between 0.1mHz and 0.1Hz - 1 mK @ fep - 10 mK @ 2 fep et 4 fep
On FEEU skin	- $3K Hz^{-1/2}$ between 0.1mHz and 0.1Hz - 10 mK @ fep - 100 mK @ 2 fep et 4fep
Thermal gradients on SU (axial)	- 1K/m at DC - $3 K/m Hz^{-1/2}$ between 0.1mHz and 0.1Hz - 10 mK/m @ fep - 100 mK/m @ 2 fep et 4 fep
At ICU interface	- $10 K Hz^{-1/2}$ between 0.1mHz and 0.1Hz - 2.5 K @ fep



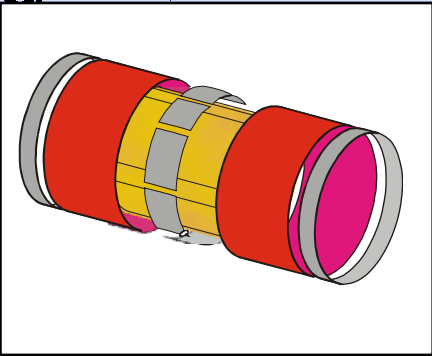
Sensor Core



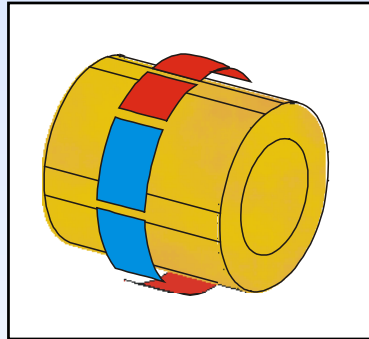
- Low CTE material : Silica
- Ultrasonic machining
- Gold coating (sputtering)
- Accurate metrology
- Clean room integration
- ➔ micromys, arcsecond



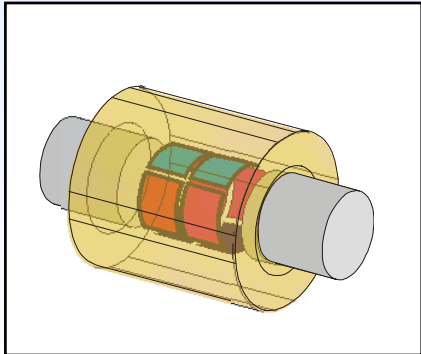
Electrostatic Inertial Sensor Configuration



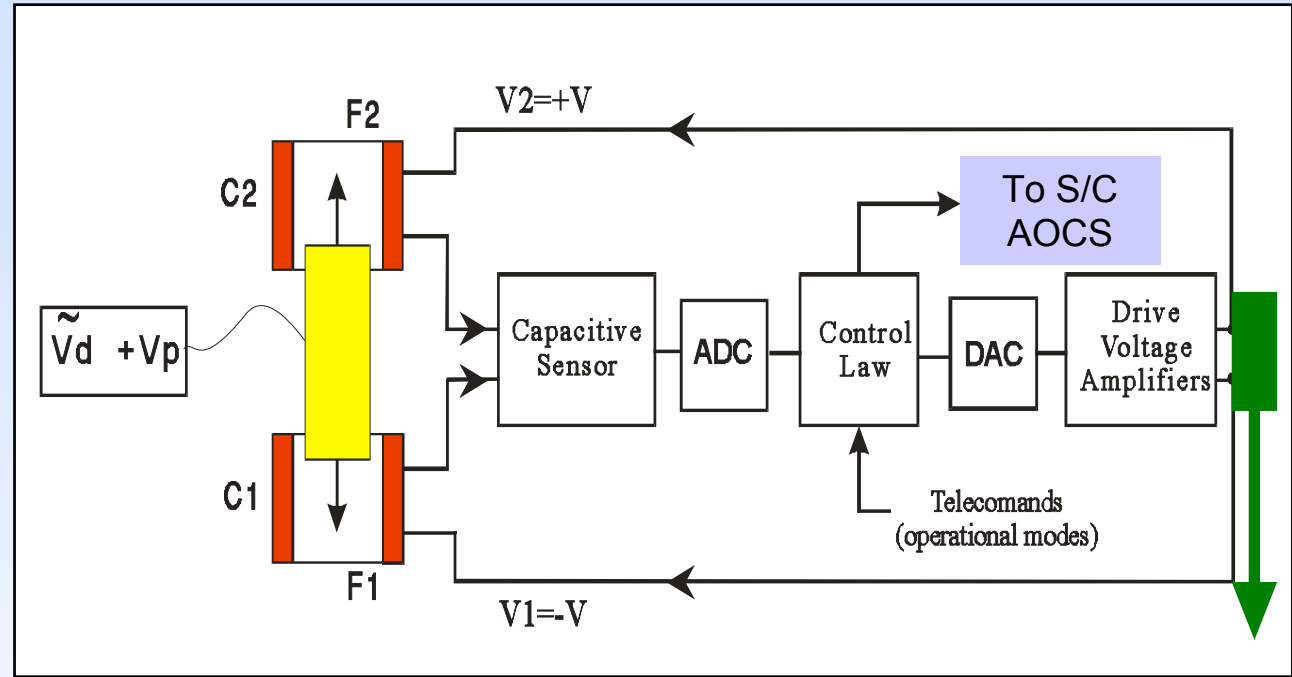
Axial electrodes



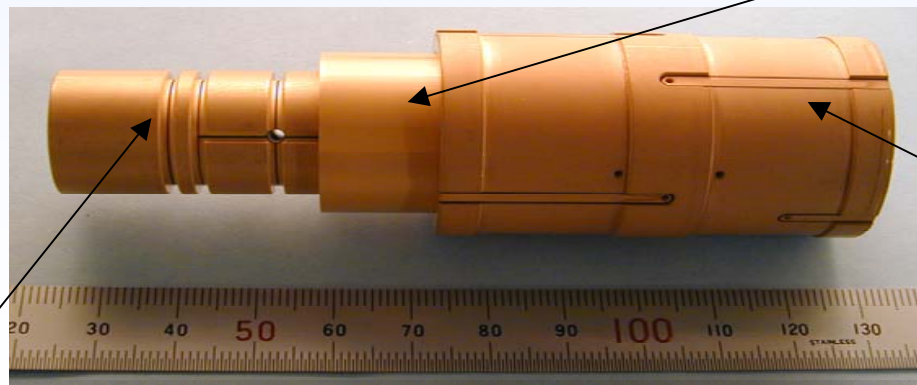
Spin electrodes



Radial electrodes



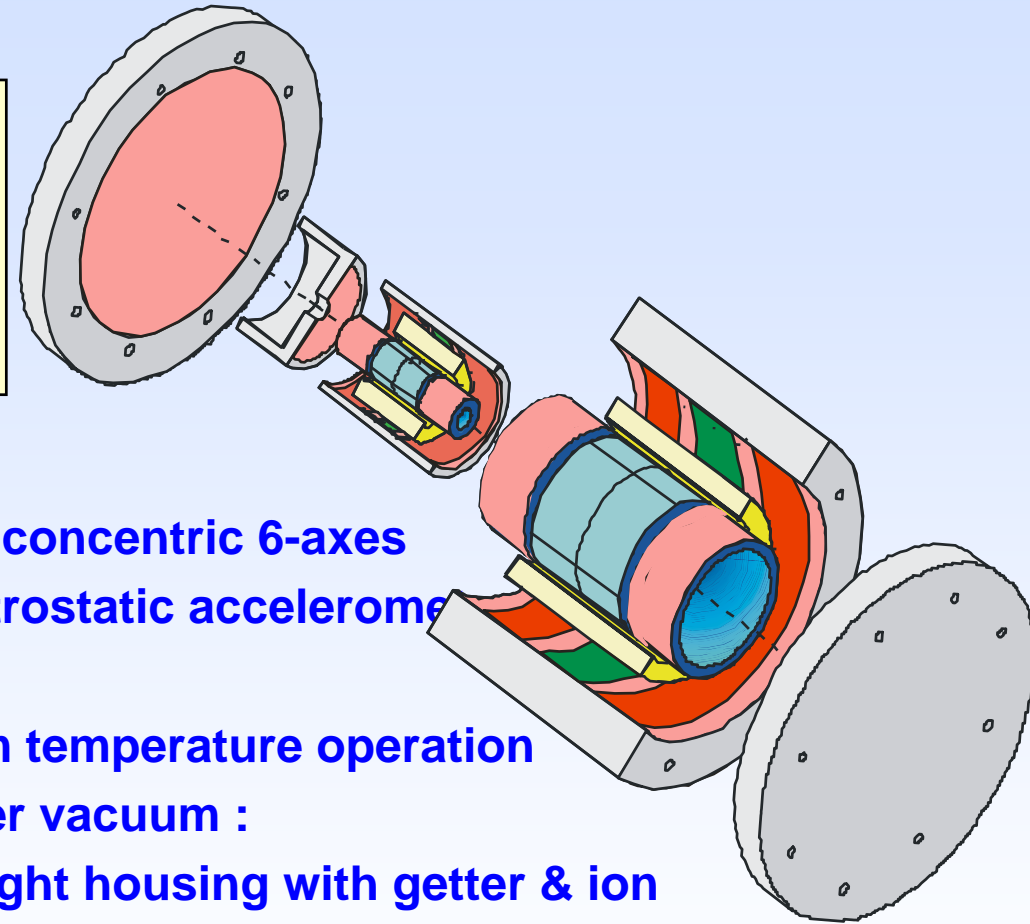
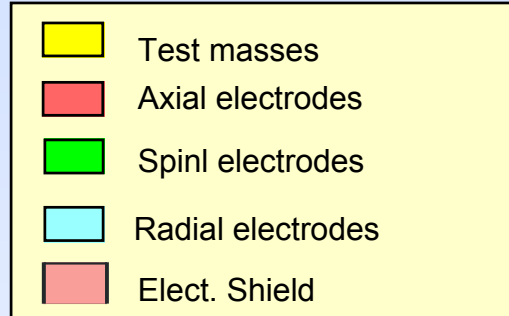
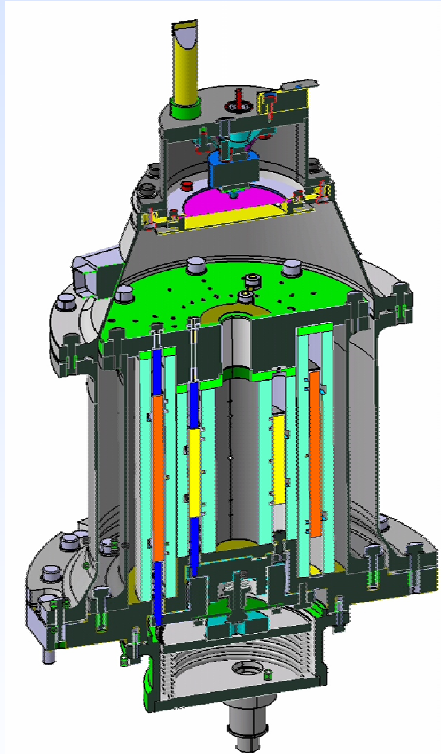
EP
Test data



Internal electrode cylinder

External electrode cylinder

SAGE instrument : Differential Accelerometer Core Configuration



- Two concentric 6-axes electrostatic accelerometers
- room temperature operation
- under vacuum :
 - --> tight housing with getter & ion blocking mechanism for launch
 - specific alignment and positioning rods

Material selection

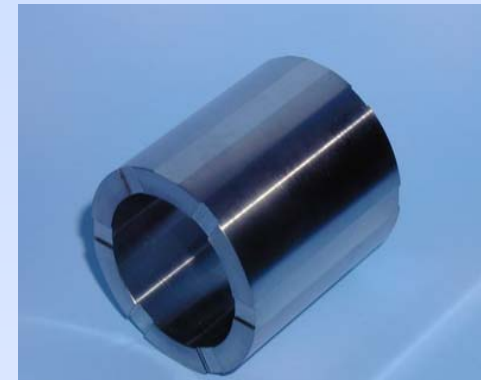
On the basis of an eventual violation dependency on:

- E/M T. Damour et al. (2002)
- With $E = Z(Z-1)/(N+Z)^{1/3}$ & $M = m/u$
- (atomic mass m and $u = 931.49432$ MeV)

Mat i	Mat j	(E/M) _i – (E/M) _j
Pt	Ti	2.67
Pt	Cu	2.11
Pt	Pt	0 (whatever the mass)

Pt/Ti larger signal but lower instrument resolution

	B mean	Z	M mean	ρ (kg m ⁻³)	χ (CGS)10 ⁻⁶	CTE (K ⁻¹)	λ (W/m/K)
Pt	195.11626	78	193.56593	21.45	1.1	9.1 10 ⁻⁶	71.6
Ti	47.93050	22	47.50717	4.5	3.43	8.5 10 ⁻⁶	21.6
Cu	62.61652	29	63.05216	8.96	-0.086	16.4 10 ⁻⁶	401



PTB (Braunschweig)
machining of titanium alloy mass

Ra = 0.2 μm

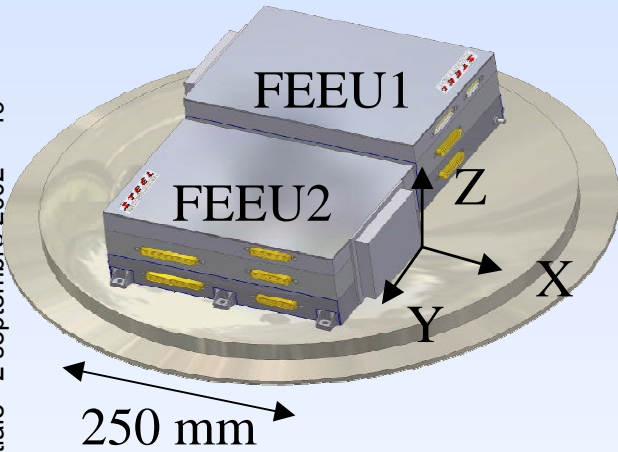
Flat areas C, D, E, F

- Planeity < 0.5μm
- Perpendicularity 2 by 2 < 4 arc sec
- Parallelism / dG < 4 arc sec
- Parallelism 2 by 2 < 4 arc sec



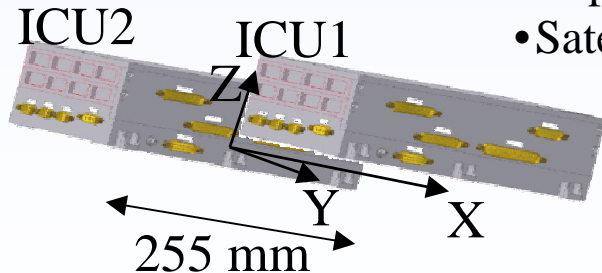
Instrument Components

Front End Electronics Unit

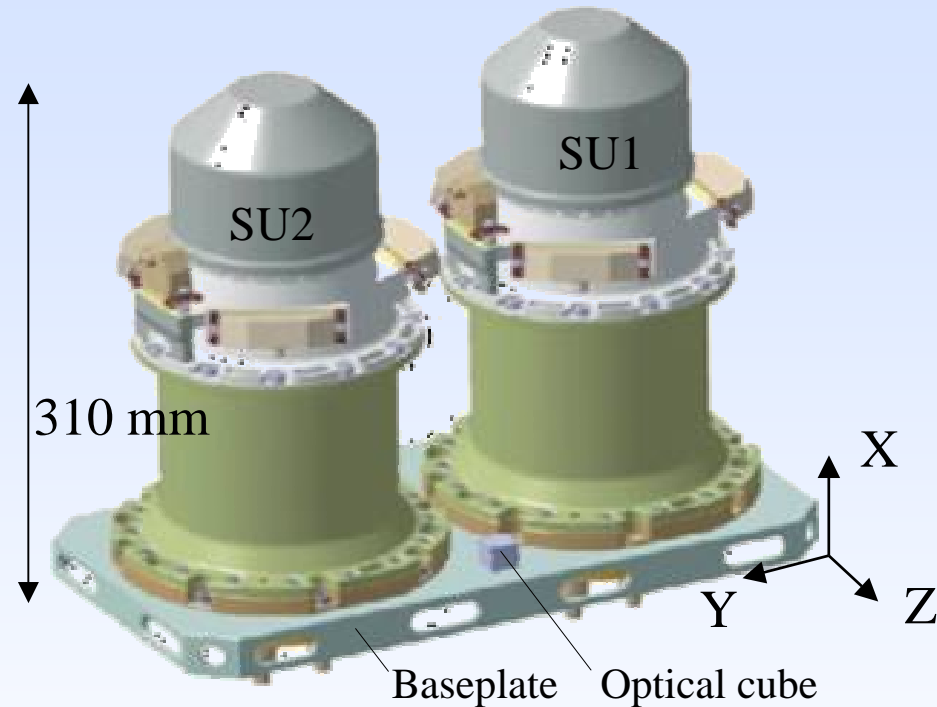


- Low noise electronics
 - Capacitive detectors
 - DACs/ADCs
- Requires temperature stability

Interface Control Unit



- SU operation
- Experiment control
- Satellite interface



Sensor Unit

- Low power operation
- Requires precise alignment with star camera

Instrument resolution

Test-mass motion disturbances

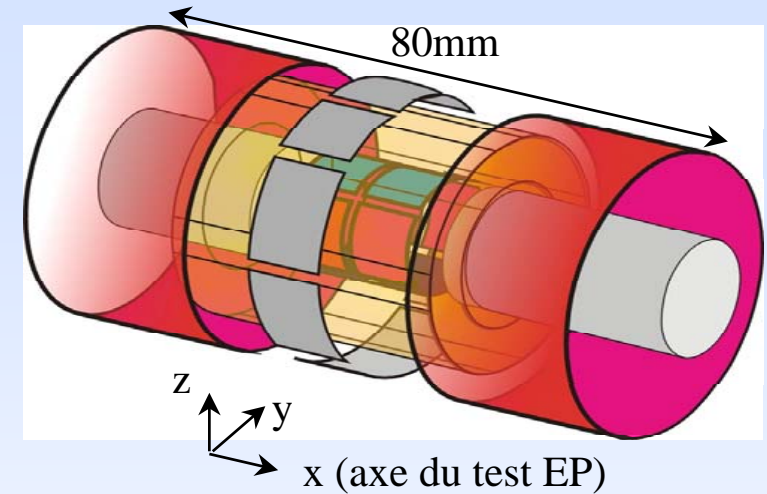
- Stiffnesses
- Damping
- Bias force fluctuations:
 - electrical & magnetic
 - residual gas
 - radiation pressure
 - gravitational

Electrostatic loop Noise

- Capacitive position sensing
- Electrostatic actuators
- Pick-up measurement
- ⇒ Back Actions

Thermal sensitivities

Alignments & scale factor matching



amplitude	X	Y/Z
Biais (K_0) (m/s^2)	$0,54 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$8,0 \cdot 10^{-7}$
Fact d'échelle (K_1)	1 ± 10^{-2}	$1 \pm 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$
Alignements (α, β, γ)	$\pm 10^{-2}$	$\pm 10^{-3}$
Couplages (ε, η, μ)	$\pm 10^{-4}$	$\pm 10^{-4}$
Résolution (Γ_n) ($m/s^2/\sqrt{Hz}$)	10^{-12}	$8 \cdot 10^{-11}$

Analog Electronics test results

Obtained with Electronics realised for LISA Pathfinder inertial sensor

- Capacitive position sensor noise

$10^{-19} \text{ F/Hz}^{1/2}$ (Sensitivity $\sim 20 \text{ V/pF}$)

corresponding to :

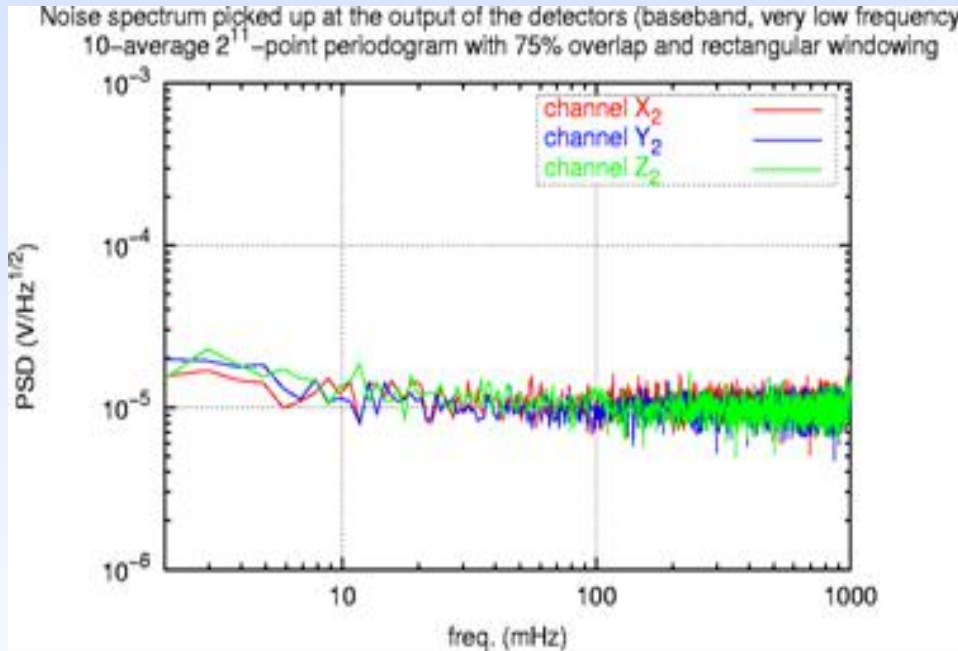
- $10^{-9} \text{ m /Hz}^{1/2}$ @ 4 mm

LTP configuration with large gaps

- $10^{-10} \text{ m /Hz}^{1/2}$ @ 400 μm

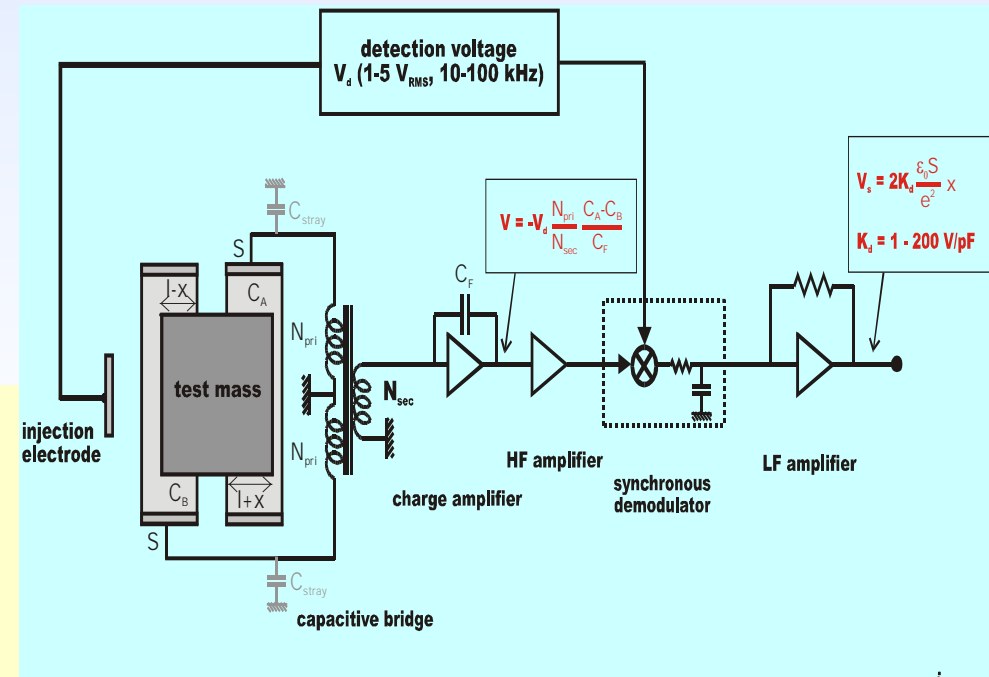
MICROSCOPE configuration

leading to at least $3 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m}$ @ f_{EP}

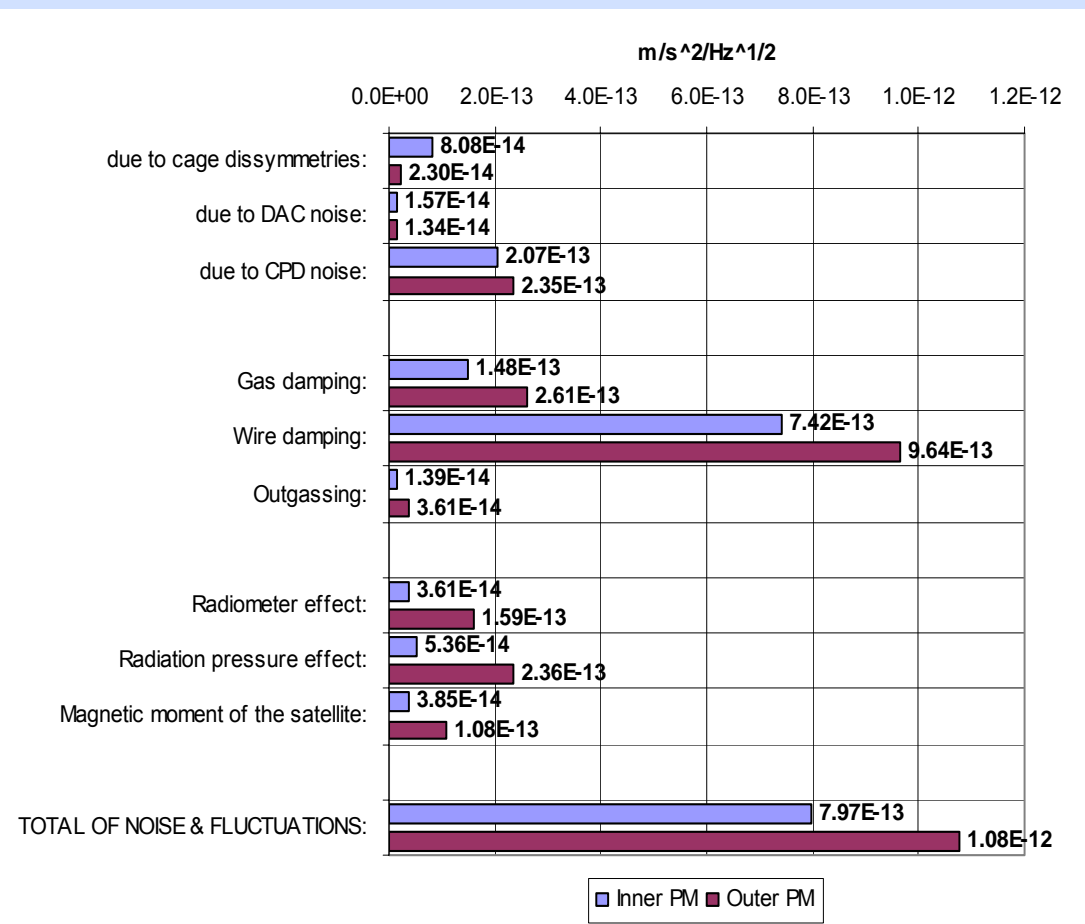
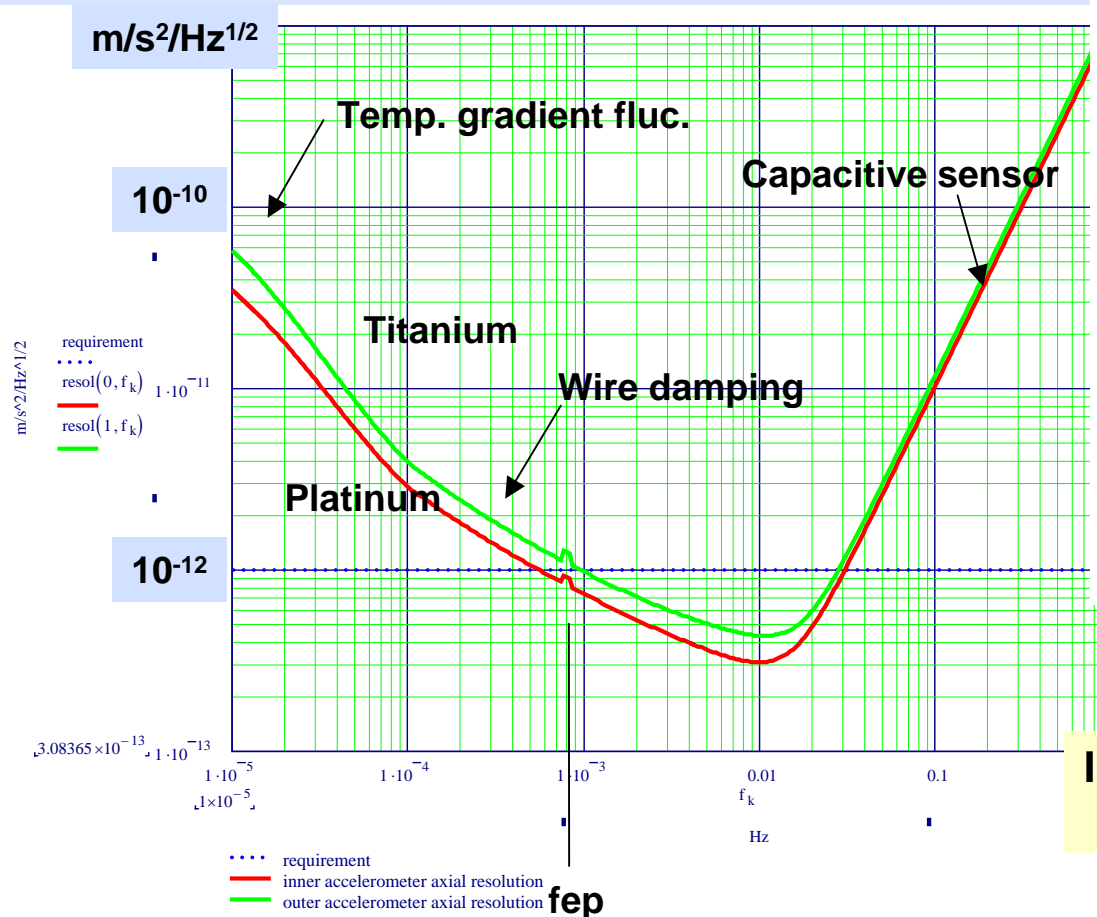


Electrostatic actuator noise :

- Drive Voltage Amplifier noise : $100 \text{ nV/Hz}^{1/2}$
(input noise with Amp. gain 16)
- Corresponding to : $10^{-10} \text{ N/Hz}^{1/2}$ to $10^{-13} \text{ N/Hz}^{1/2}$
according to accelerometer conf. and axis

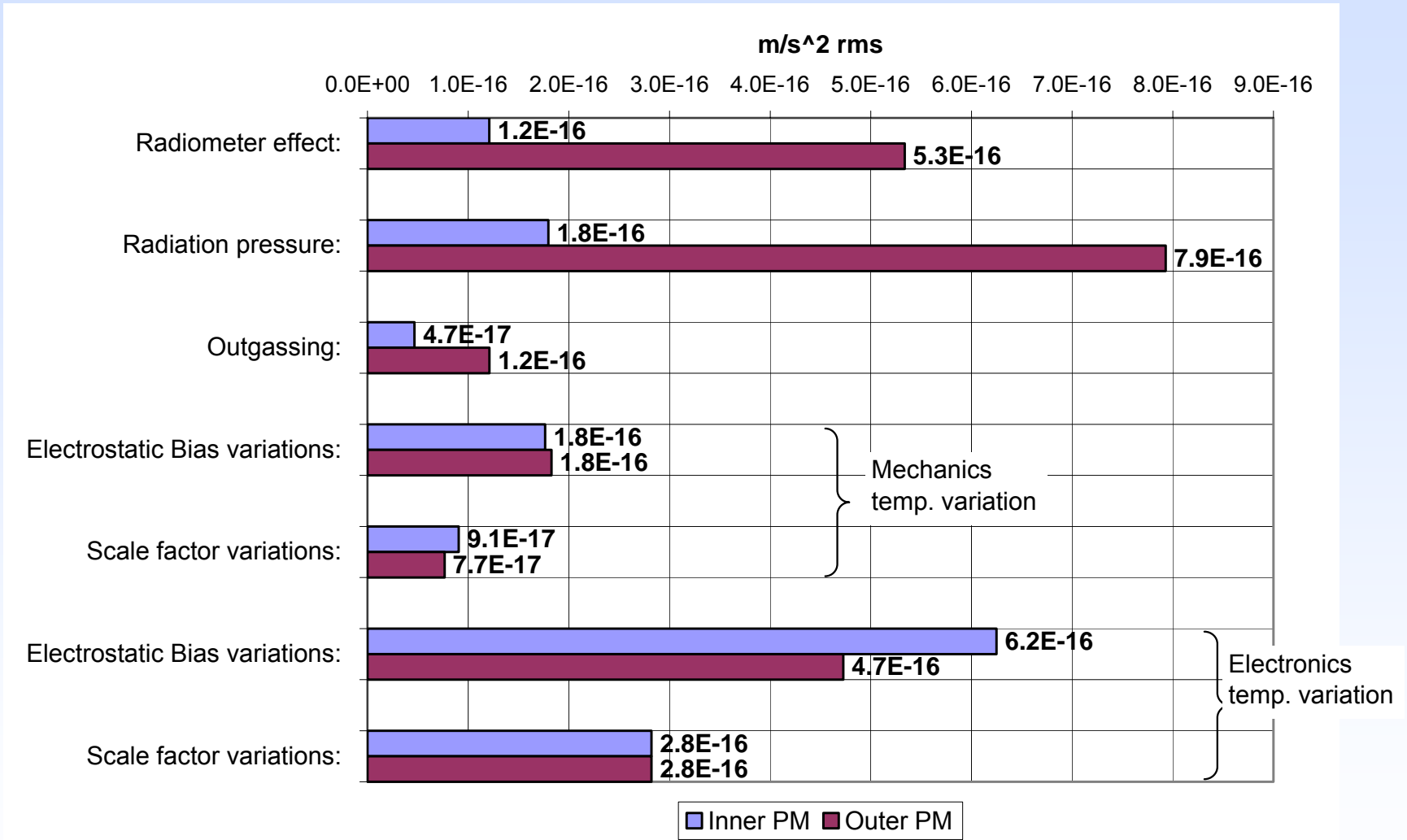


Random noise



In agreement with 10⁻¹⁵ EP test accuracy (20 orbits integration period)

Systematic Errors



Quadratic sum ~ 1.5 E-15 (non correlated source and distributed phase)

without considering rejection in the difference



Instrument Calibration : sensitivity matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{mes,x} \\ \Gamma_{mes,y} \\ \Gamma_{mes,z} \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} K_{0,x} \\ K_{0,y} \\ K_{0,z} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} K_{1x} & \varepsilon + \theta_z & \eta - \theta_y \\ \varepsilon - \theta_z & K_{1y} & \mu + \theta_x \\ \eta + \theta_y & \mu - \theta_x & K_{1z} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{réel,x} \\ \Gamma_{réel,y} \\ \Gamma_{réel,z} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{n,x} \\ \Gamma_{n,y} \\ \Gamma_{n,z} \end{pmatrix}$$

**One Inertial Sensor
Linear Model**

Measure Bias Sensitivity Matrix Actual Mass Acc. Noise

$$\Gamma_{mes,1} = K_{0,1} + M_1 \cdot \Gamma_{réel,1} + \Gamma_{n,1}$$

$$\Gamma_{mes,2} = K_{0,2} + M_2 \cdot \Gamma_{réel,2} + \Gamma_{n,2}$$

**Instrument data
ouputs from 2 Sensors**

Differential mode

$$\Gamma_{mes,diff} = \frac{\Gamma_{mes,1} - \Gamma_{mes,2}}{2}$$



$$\Gamma_{mes,diff} = K_{0,diff} + M_{com} \cdot \Gamma_{réel,diff} + M_{diff} \cdot \Gamma_{réel,com} + \Gamma_{n,diff}$$

Common mode

$$\Gamma_{mes,com} = \frac{\Gamma_{mes,1} + \Gamma_{mes,2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{réel,1} - \Gamma_{réel,2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \delta g + \left([T] - [I] \right) \cdot \frac{\Delta}{2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{réel,1} + \Gamma_{réel,2}}{2} \approx \Gamma_{surface}$$

$$\delta = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{m_{g1}}{m_{i1}} - \frac{m_{g2}}{m_{i2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Delta : 2 \text{ mass offcentring } (< 20\mu\text{m})$$

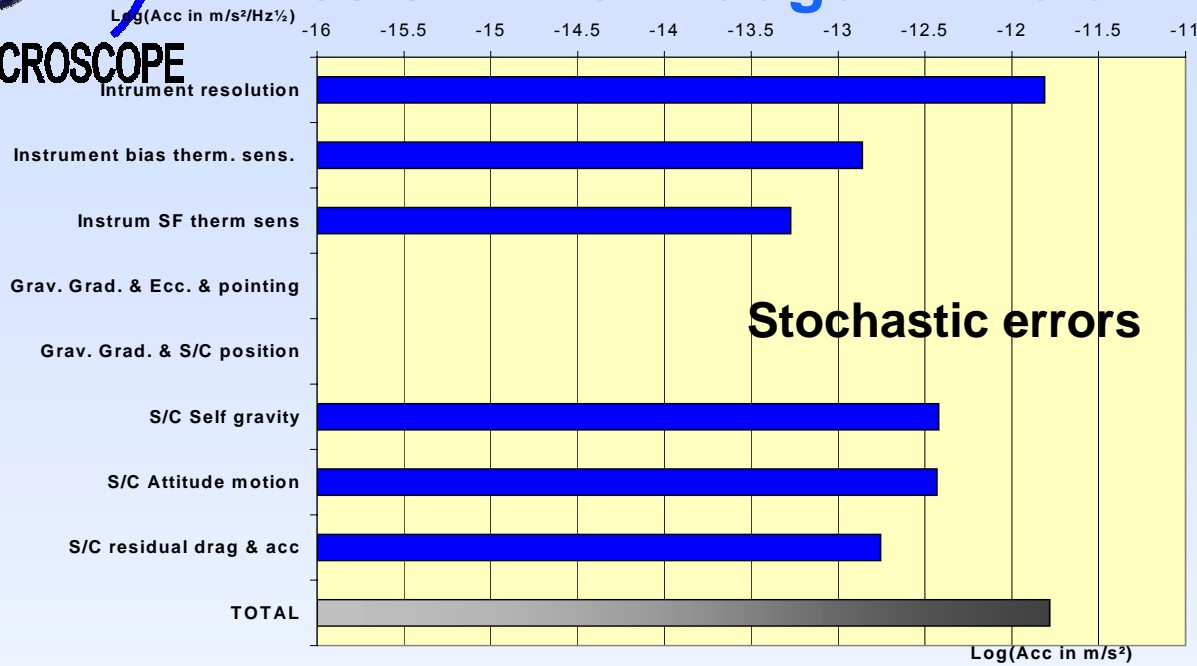
Calibration: calibrated parameters (summary)

Parameters	Maximum value by construction	Impact before calibration	Spec for $e=5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	Impact after calibration
θ_{cy} and θ_{cz} for $\Delta \leq 20 \mu\text{m}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ rad	$3.4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	10^{-3} rad	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
$K_{cx} \cdot \Delta_x$ and $K_{cx} \cdot \Delta_z$ ($K_{cx} \leq 10^{-2}$ rad)	20,2 μm	$8 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	0,1 μm	$10^{-17} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
Δ_y	20 μm	$3.4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	0,4 μm	$7 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
K_{dx}	10^{-2}	$6 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	$1,5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
θ_{dy} and θ_{dz}	10^{-3} rad	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ rad	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$

e: orbit excentricity in MICROSCOPE nominal configuration



Mission Error Budget: in rotating mode



Stochastic errors

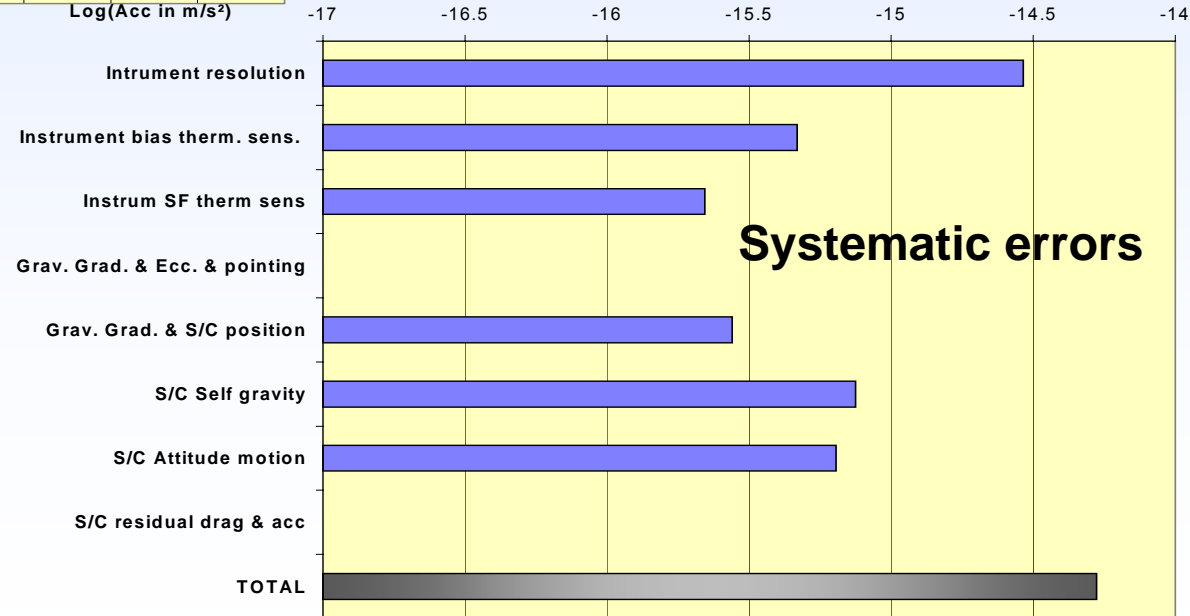
EP test @ $7.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$ Hz

Sensor limits :

$-1.7 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$

-- $4.7 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ ms}^{-2}$ when direct sum of any source tone disturbance
 ($1.5 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ ms}^{-2}$ when quadratic sum, rejection in the difference : ?)

Mission minimum performance : $6.9 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ ms}^{-2}$



Systematic errors

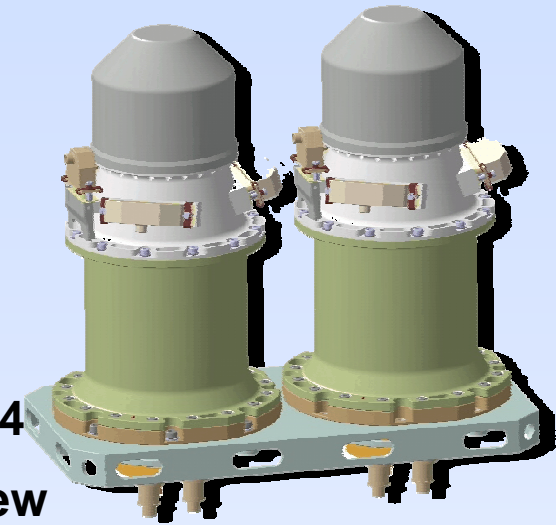
EP TEST $0.9 \cdot 10^{-15}$





MICROSCOPE : PLANNING

- nov. 03: Phase A Review : Mission & Satellite
- jan. 04 - juin 04 : Phase B1, Review successful on 17/06/04
- juin 04 - avr. 05 : Phase B2, --> Preliminar Definition Review
- mai 05 - juin 06 : Phase C, --> Critical Definition Review
- mars 06 - mars 07: Phase D Instrument, --> Test & Acceptance Review for integ.
- juil. 07 - déc.07 : Satellite Intégration, --> Flight Acceptance Review



Launch in March 08

