



Tecnologie Fotoniche per la Metrologia Primaria di Tempo e Frequenza

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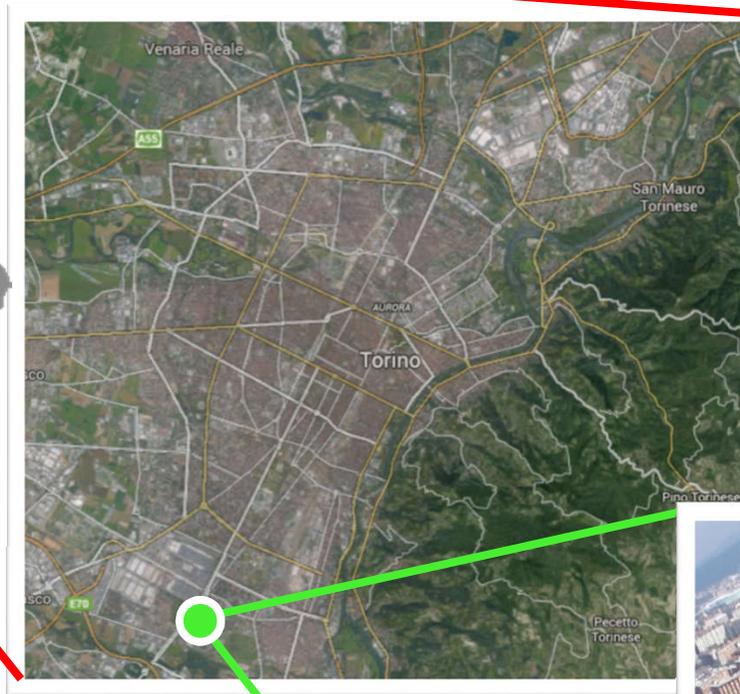
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- Realizza e Diffonde le unità campione
- 4° Istituto Metrologico in Europa
- 5° Ente Pubblico di Ricerca in Italia
- Forte Legame con Università e industria

Time and Frequency Metrology: Cui prodest?and what about Photonics?



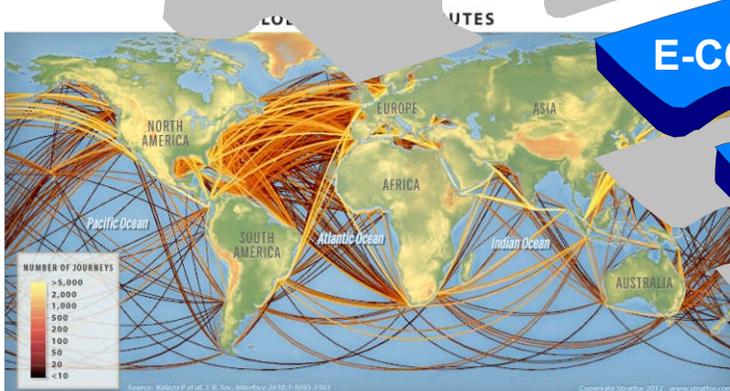
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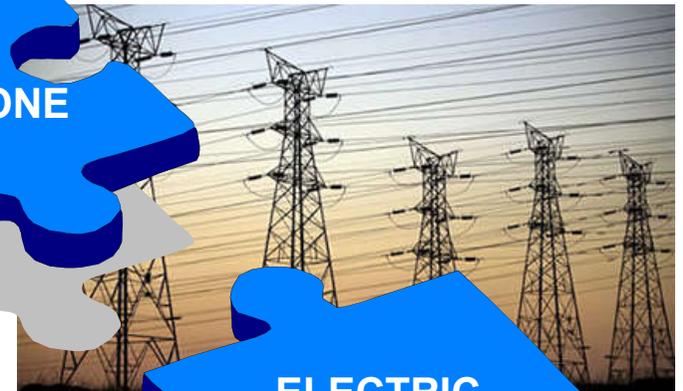
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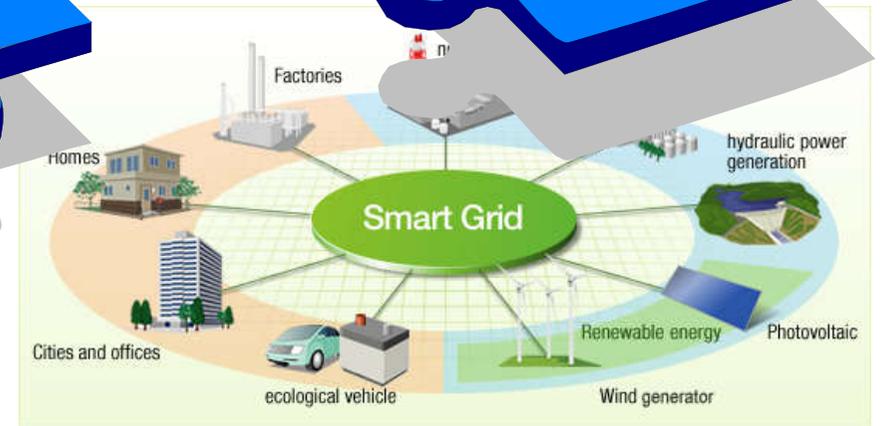


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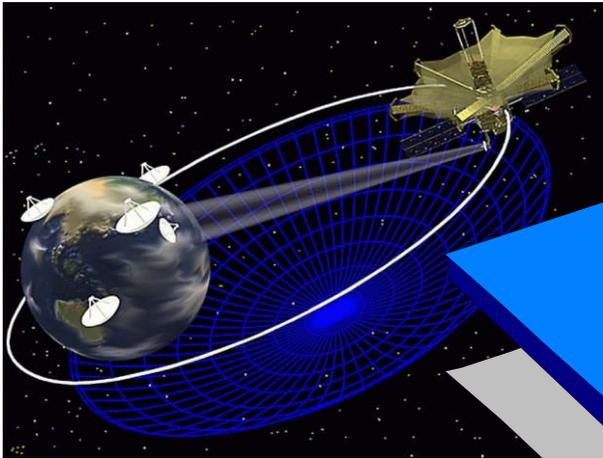


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ELECTRIC POWER



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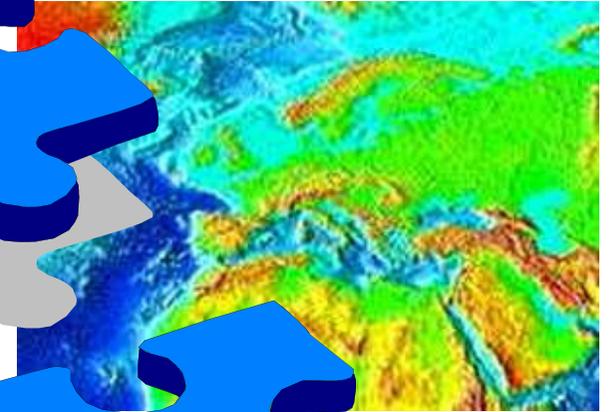
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STRUMENTI



**RICERCA
FONDAMENTALE**

GEODESIA

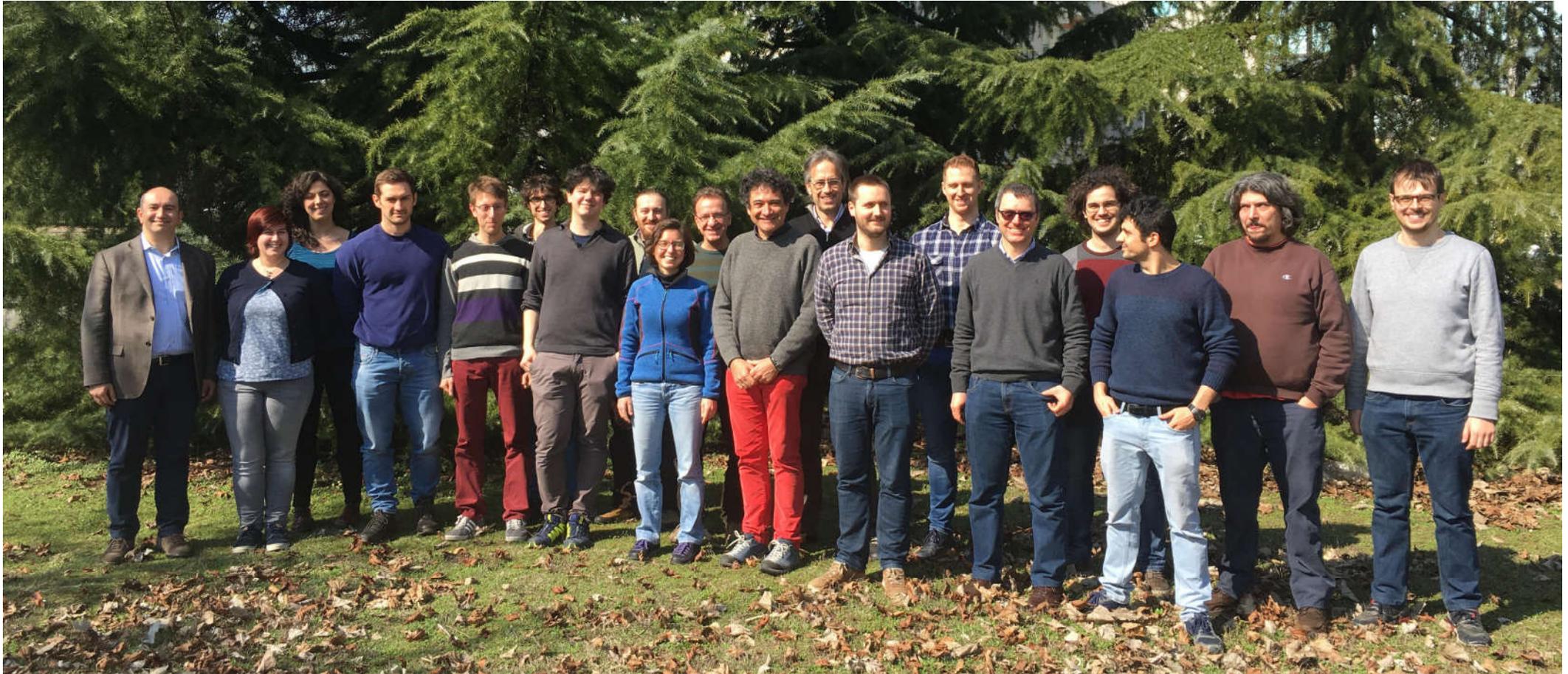


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DIFESA

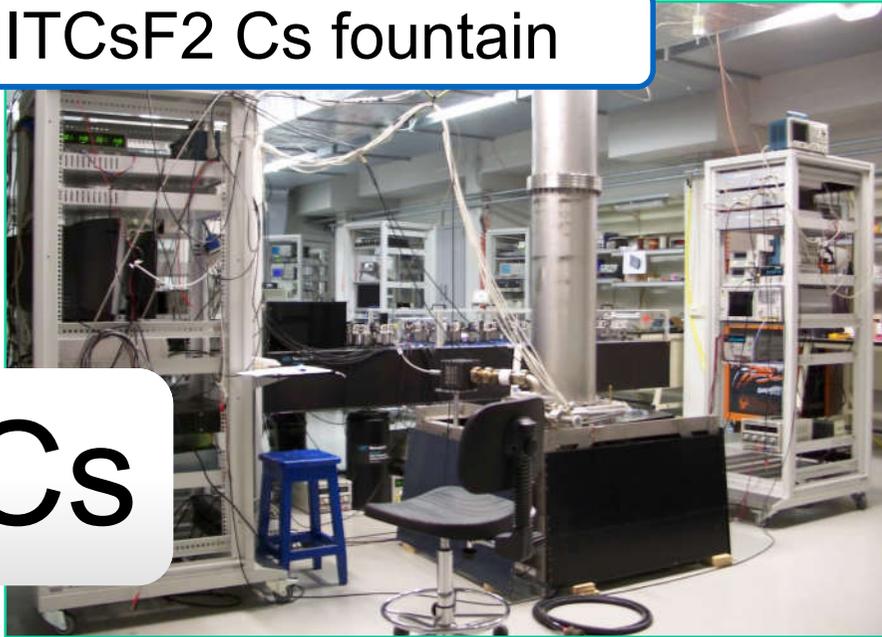


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ITCsF2 Cs fountain

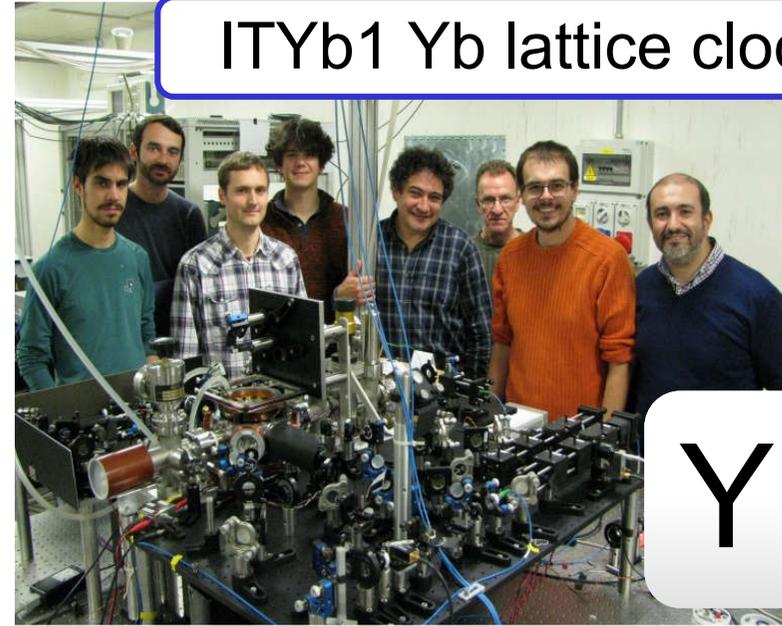


Cs

F. Levi, et al., Metrologia, 51, 270 (2014);

Accuracy: $2e-16$

ITYb1 Yb lattice clock



Yb

M. Pizzocaro, et al., Metrologia, 54, 102 (2017);

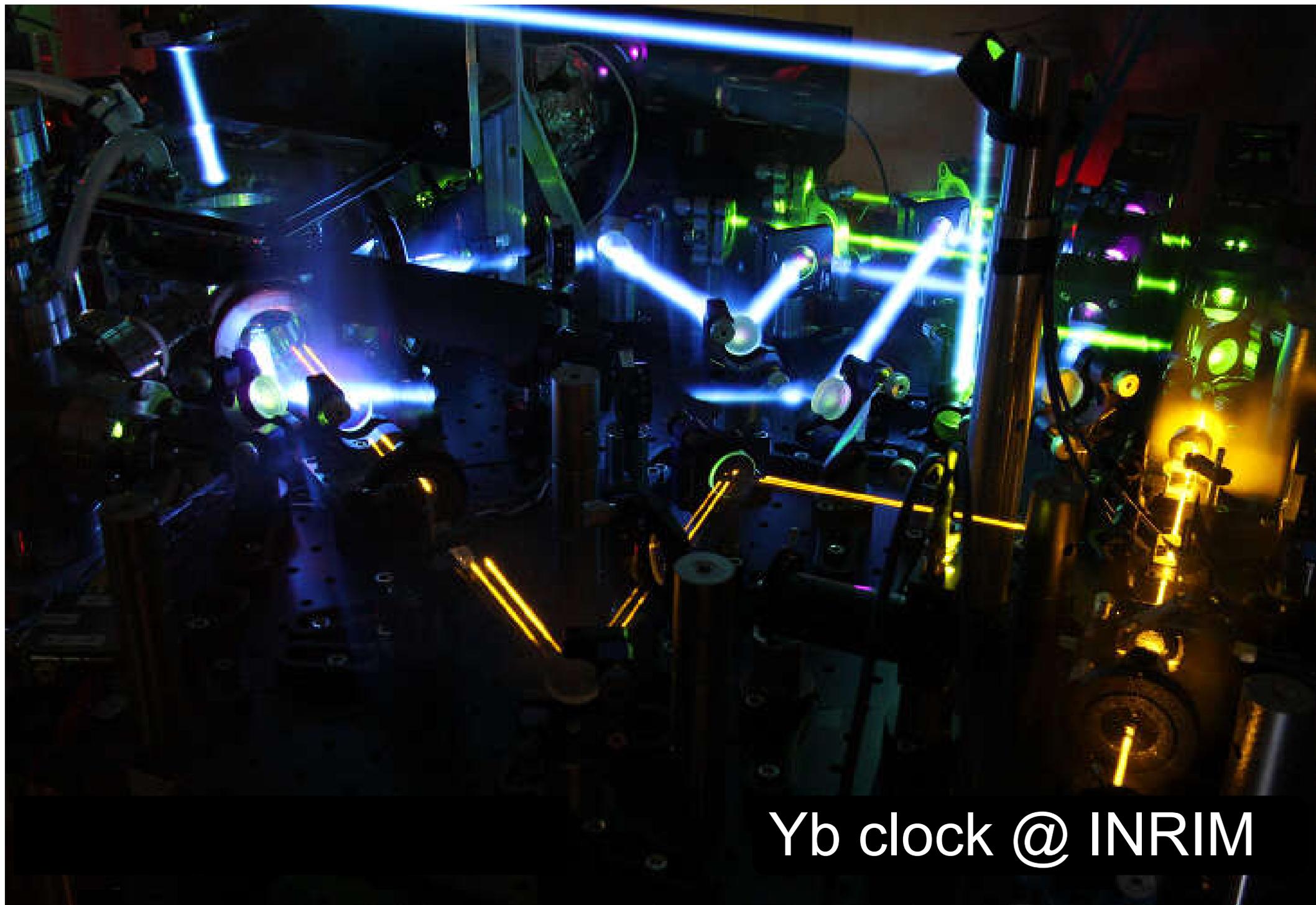
Accuracy: $4e-17$

Realization of the SI second in Italy.

UTC(IT) timescale.

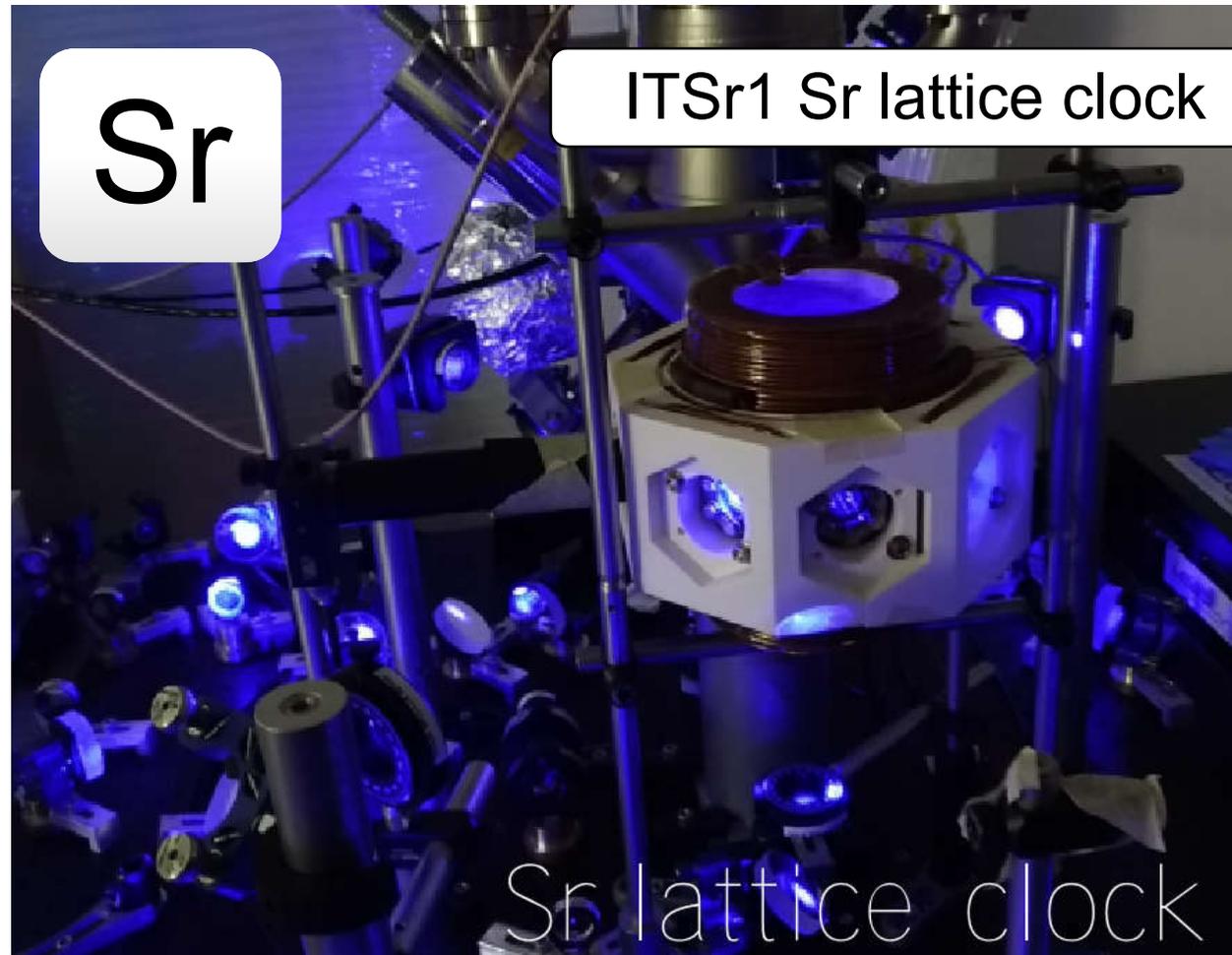
Towards redefinition of the second by optical clocks





Yb clock @ INRIM

INRIM 2018 : Atomic Frequency Standards

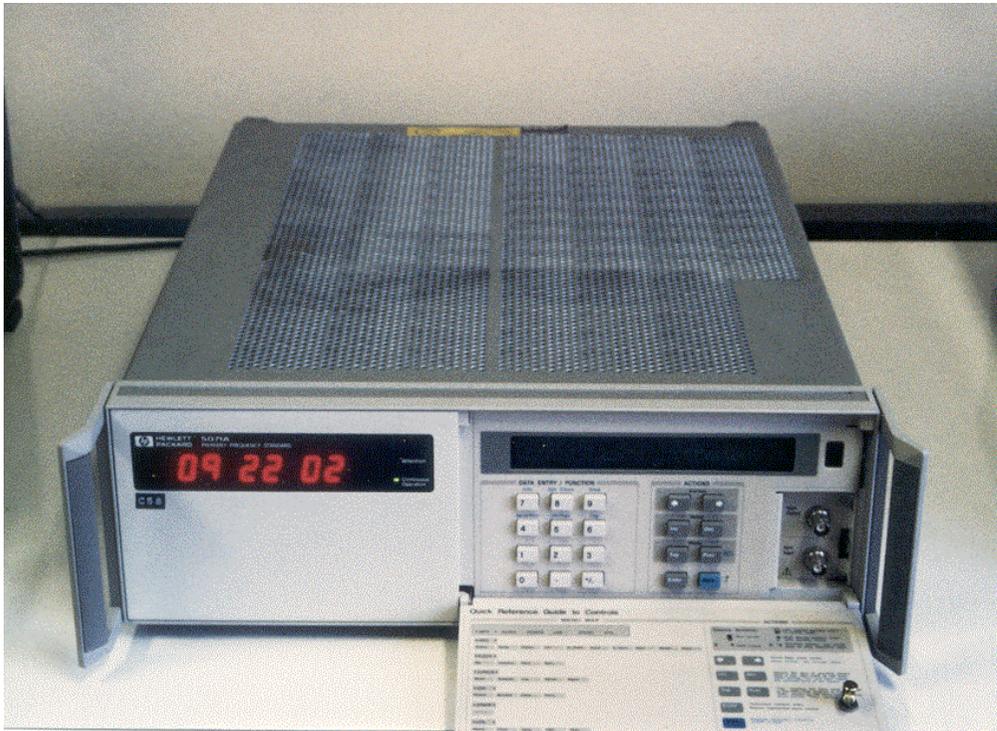


In progress:

- possible redefinition of the second
- Quantum Technologies (Optical Clock enhanced by Quantum Squeezing)

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6 orologi commerciali al Cesio



≈ 40 cm

Orologio al Cesio commerciale

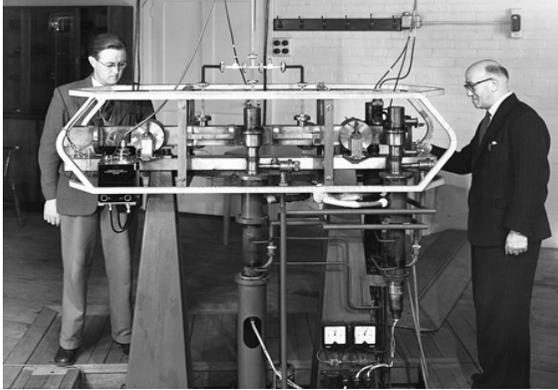
4 orologi commerciali all'Idrogeno



≈ 1 m

Maser all'Idrogeno
commerciale

Atomic clocks relative accuracy

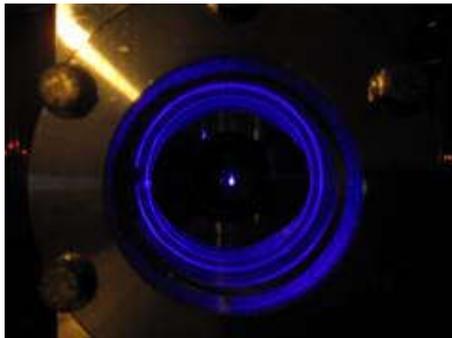


First Cs beam clock
(1955)

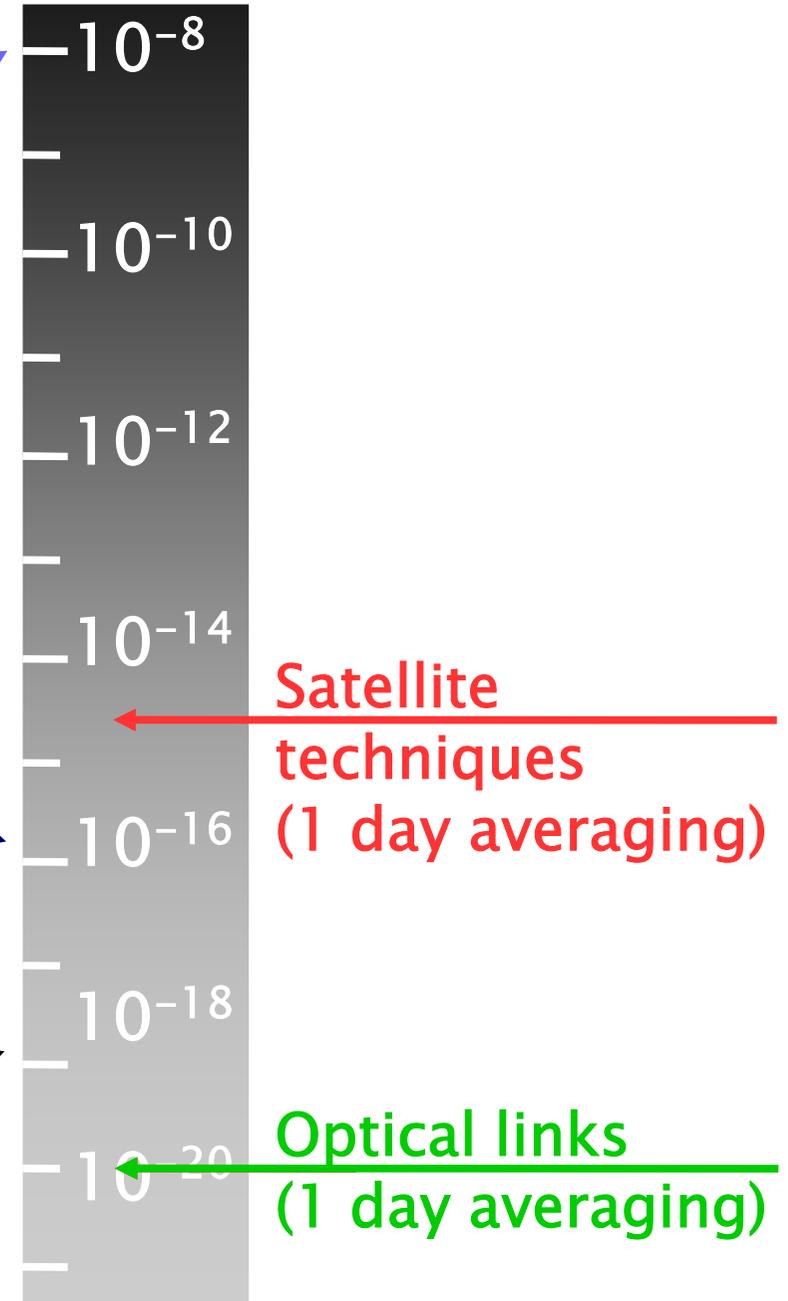
First Cs fountain
(1996)



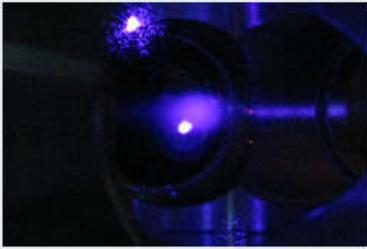
Cs fountain clocks
(today)



Best optical clocks
(today)

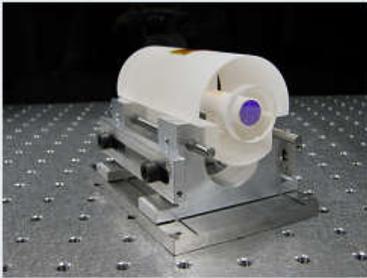


Critical technologies for Optical Clocks

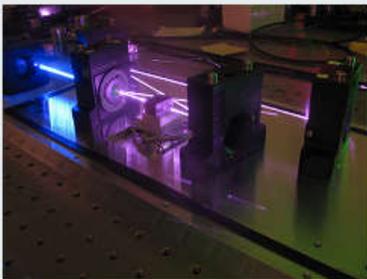


Laser cooling & trapping of neutral atoms and single ions

- ▶ Long interaction time
- ▶ Suppression of Doppler shifts



Stabilization of laser frequency on high-finesse Fabry-Pérot cavities and **hertz-wide lasers**, needed for high-resolution spectroscopy.



Non-linear optics exploited to generate the laser wavelengths for cooling and probing.



The introduction of the **optical frequency comb** made possible to directly and reliably scale a frequency measurement from the optical to the microwave domain.

Pettine Ottico di Frequenza: Uno strumento da Nobel



Ted Haensch
Premio Nobel in Fisica 2005

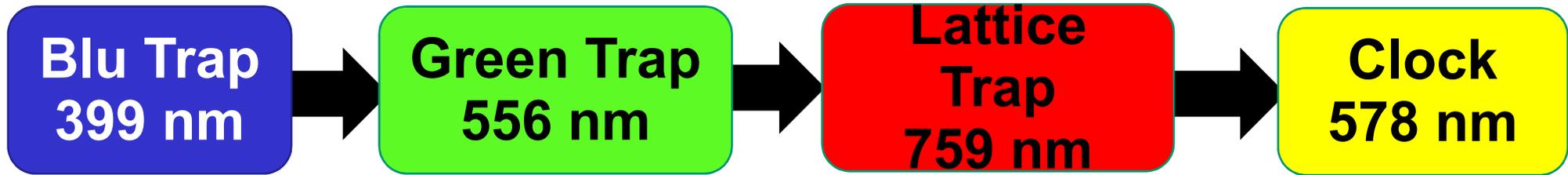


The headquarters of Menlo Systems in Martinsried outside Munich.

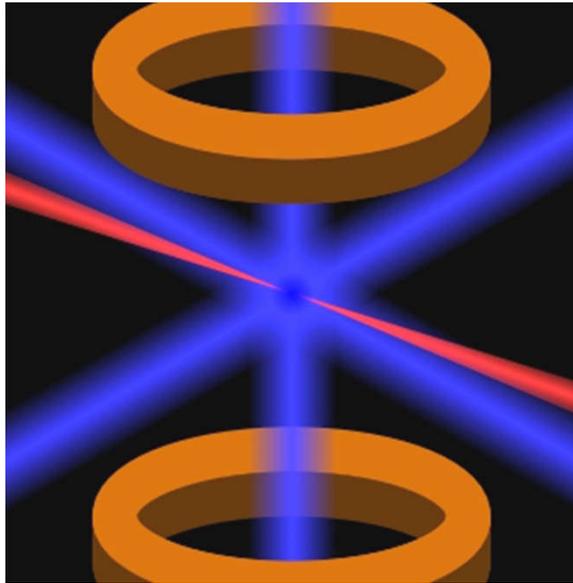
Nel 2001, fonda l'azienda
che produce i Pettini Ottici
Oggi impiega 80 ricercatori
Con un fatturato >4 Meuro



Yb optical clock: operation cycle



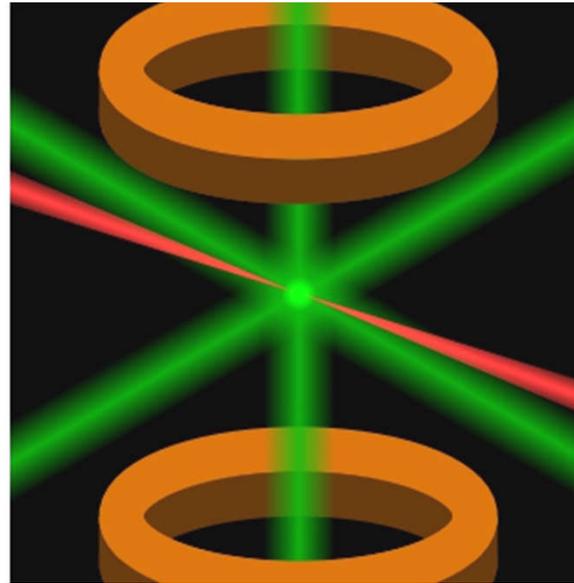
Yb @ 1 mK (20 cm/s)



- **Blue MOT**

Up to 1×10^7 Yb171 Atoms
150 ms loading time
Oven temperature 400 °C

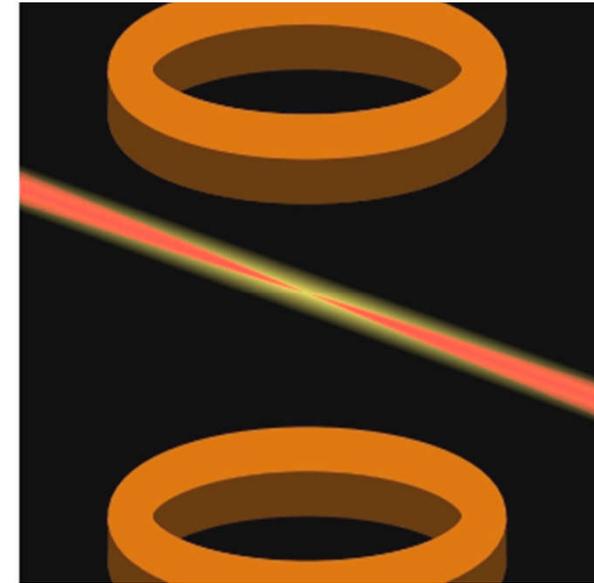
Yb @ 10 μ K (1 cm/s)



- **Green MOT**

70% transfer efficiency
3 frequency stages
Atoms temperature 10 μ K

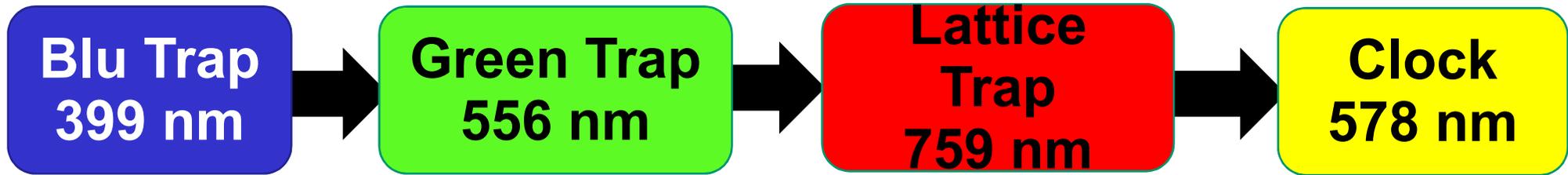
Yb localized @ 5 μ K



- **Lattice and Clock**

Up to 4×10^4 atoms
Usually 1×10^4 atoms
3 s lifetime in the trap

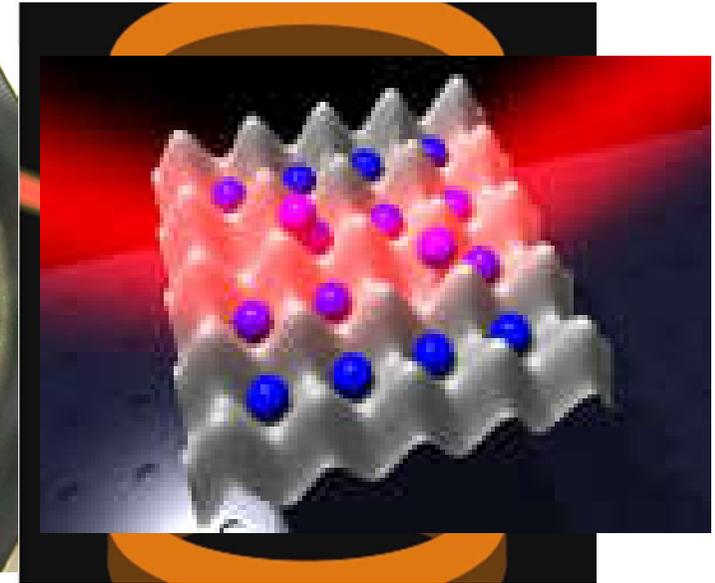
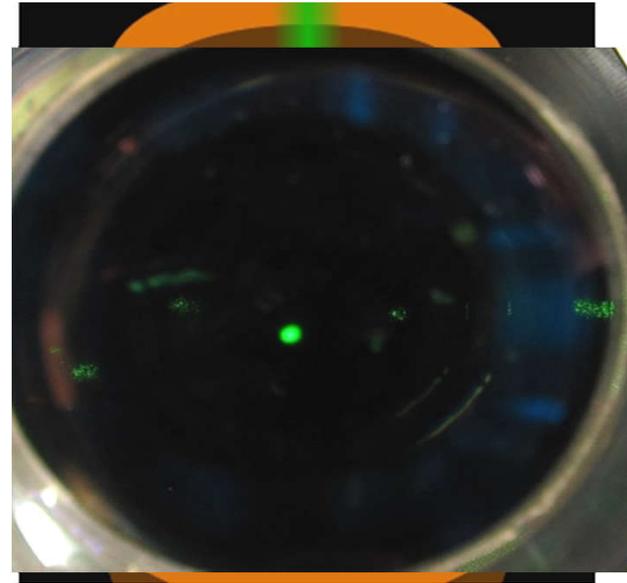
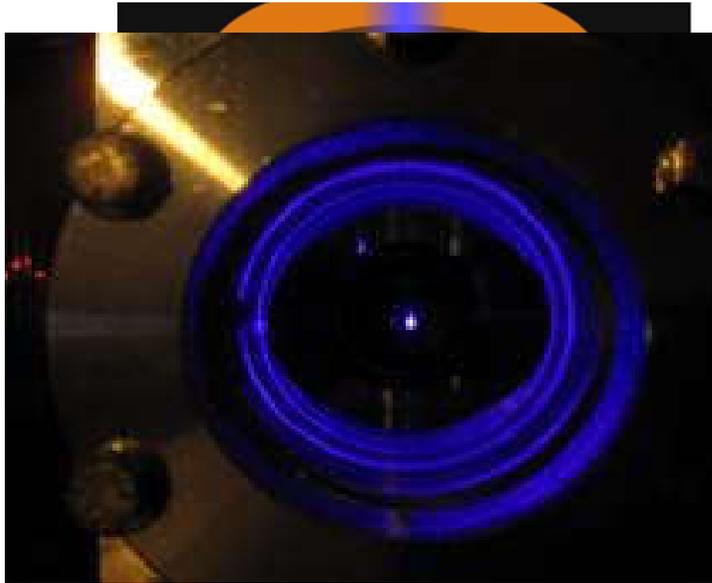
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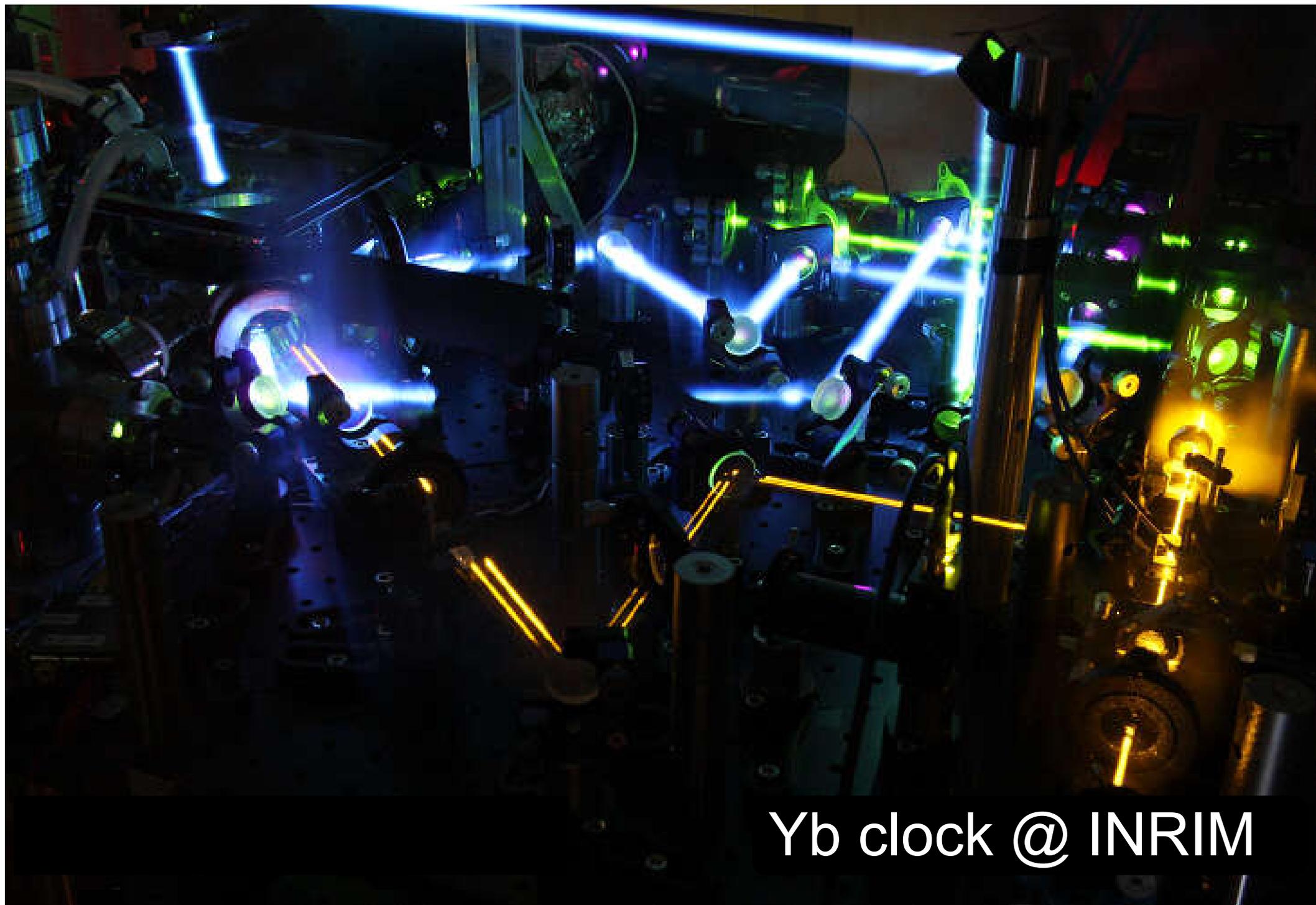
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Yb clock @ INRIM

Standard telecommunication optical fibre

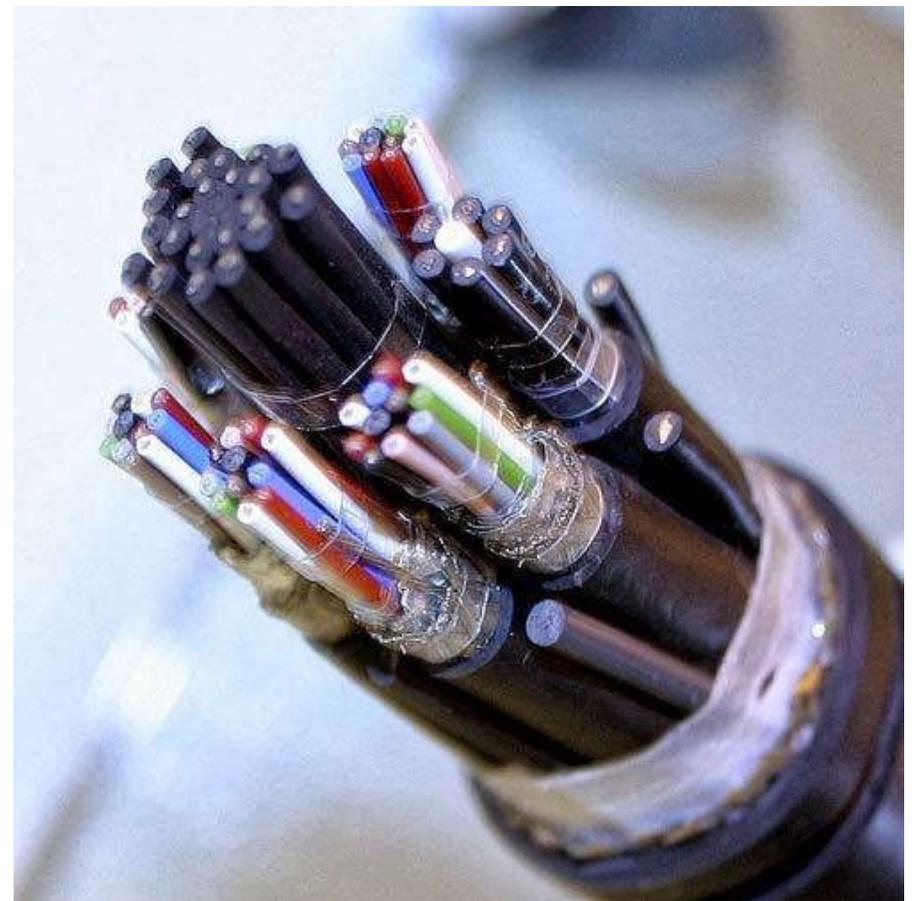
- Coherent Technique
- “Protocol based” Techniques

- Single fibre
- Fibre pair

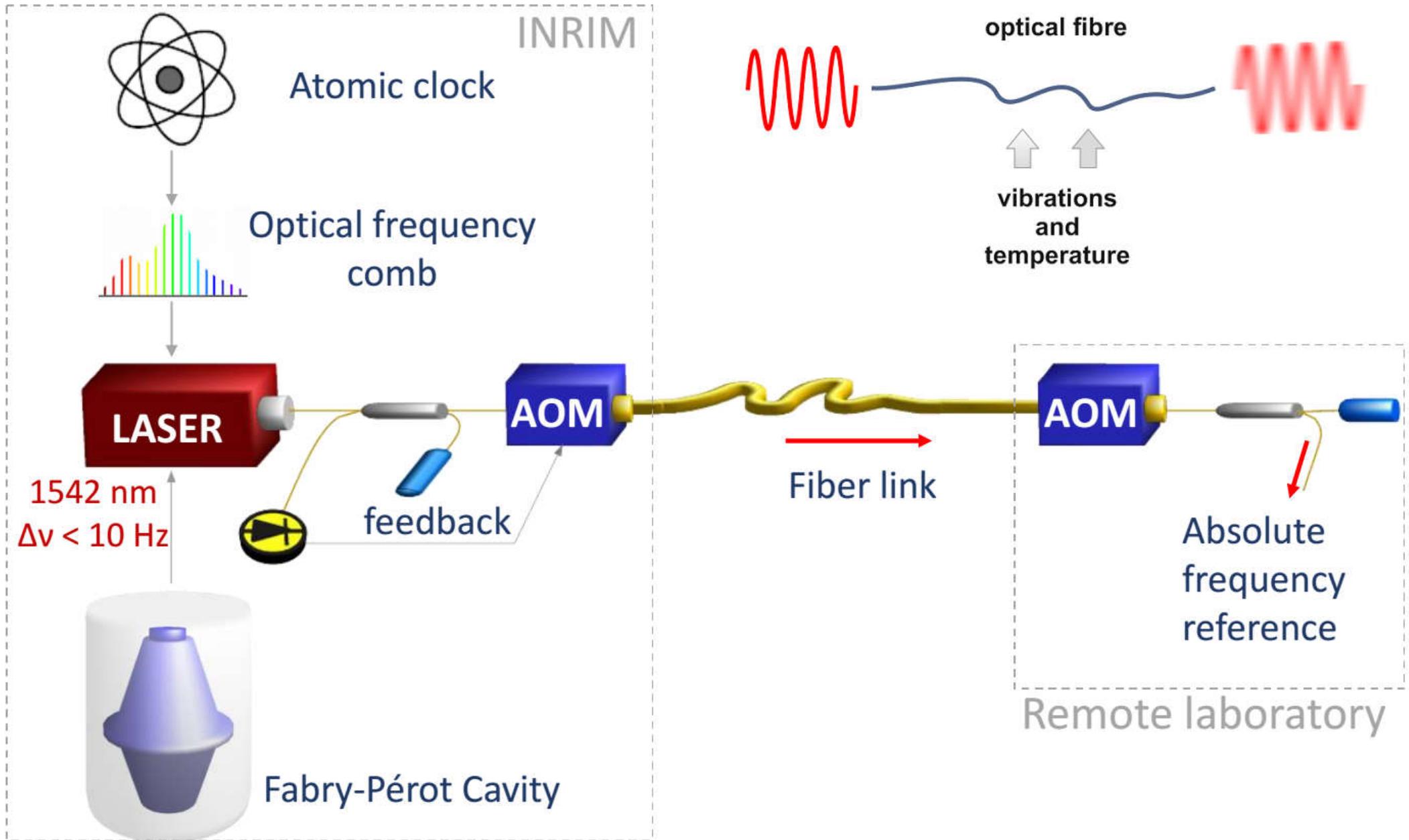
Architectures:

- Dark Fibre (dedicated)
- Coarse Division Wavelength Multiplexing (CWDM): spectrum divided into channels (16 nm each)
- Dense Division Wavelength Multiplexing (DWDM): spectrum divided into channels (100 GHz each, but also 12.5 - 50 GHz)
ITU grid: “channel ITUxx”

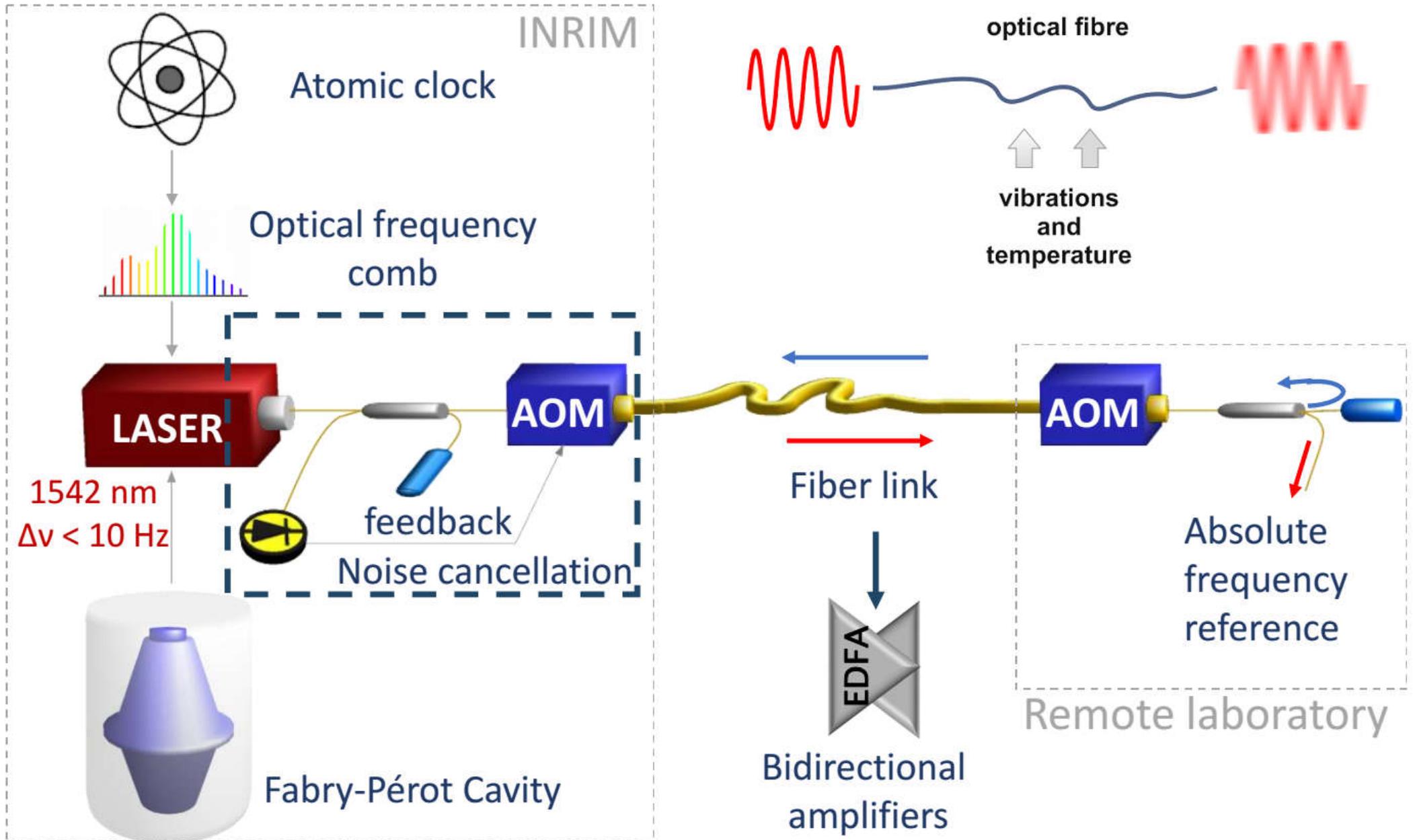
In Europe, hystorically, we use ITU44 with a central wavelength at 1542.14 nm



Optical fiber links (Coherent)



Optical fiber links



ITALIAN QUANTUM BACKBONE, 1800 km



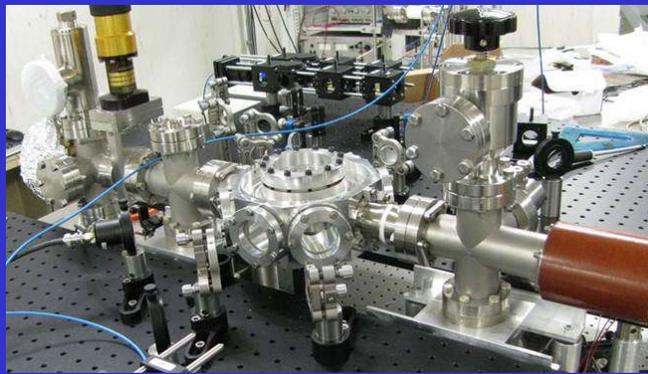
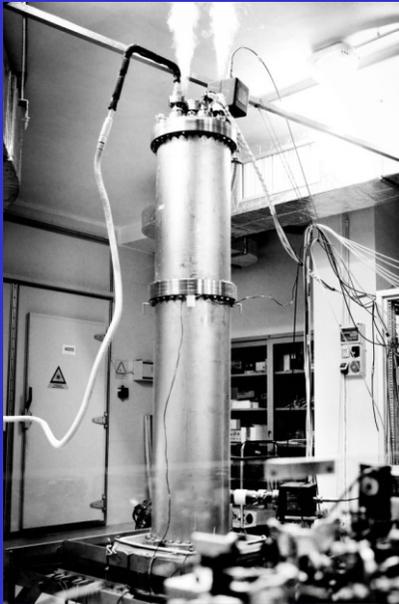
- Quantum Technologies
- Radioastronomy
- Ultracold atoms Physics
- Space - Galileo
- Finance

7 Research Institutes linked:
CNR – National Research Council
ASI – Italian Space Agency
INAF – Italian Astrophysics Institute

3 Industrial Users
Thales Alenia Space Italy
Telespazio;
Consortium Top-IX

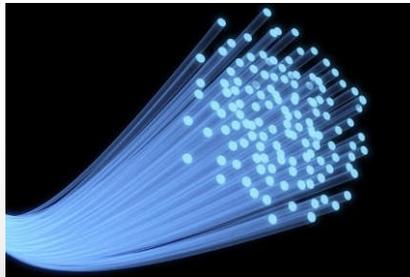
Coherent Technique (now)
To be added: WR-PTP

Accurate Time for all: How to?



National Metrological Institutes
(Atomic Clocks)

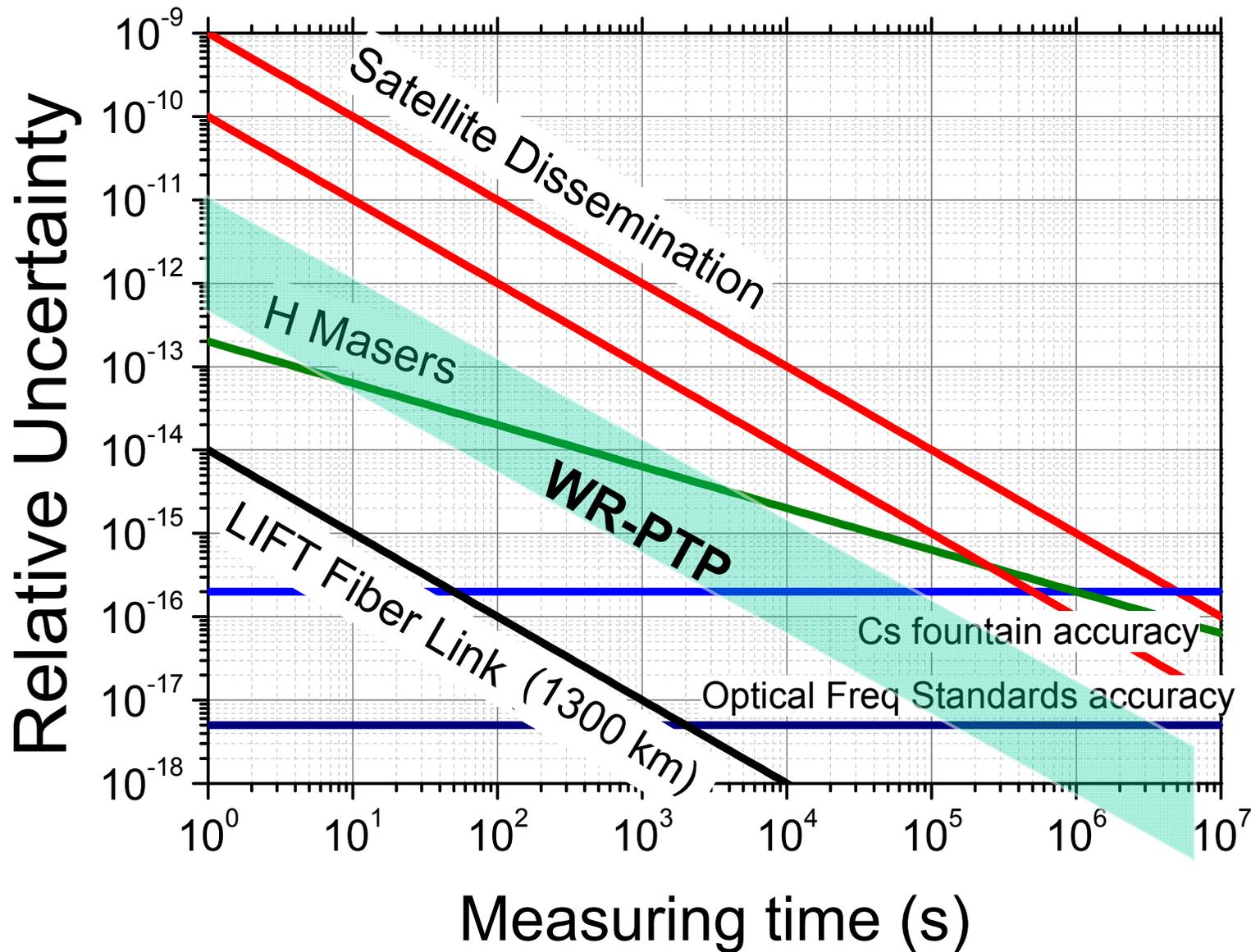
Optical Fiber
Techniques



Satellite
Techniques

USERS

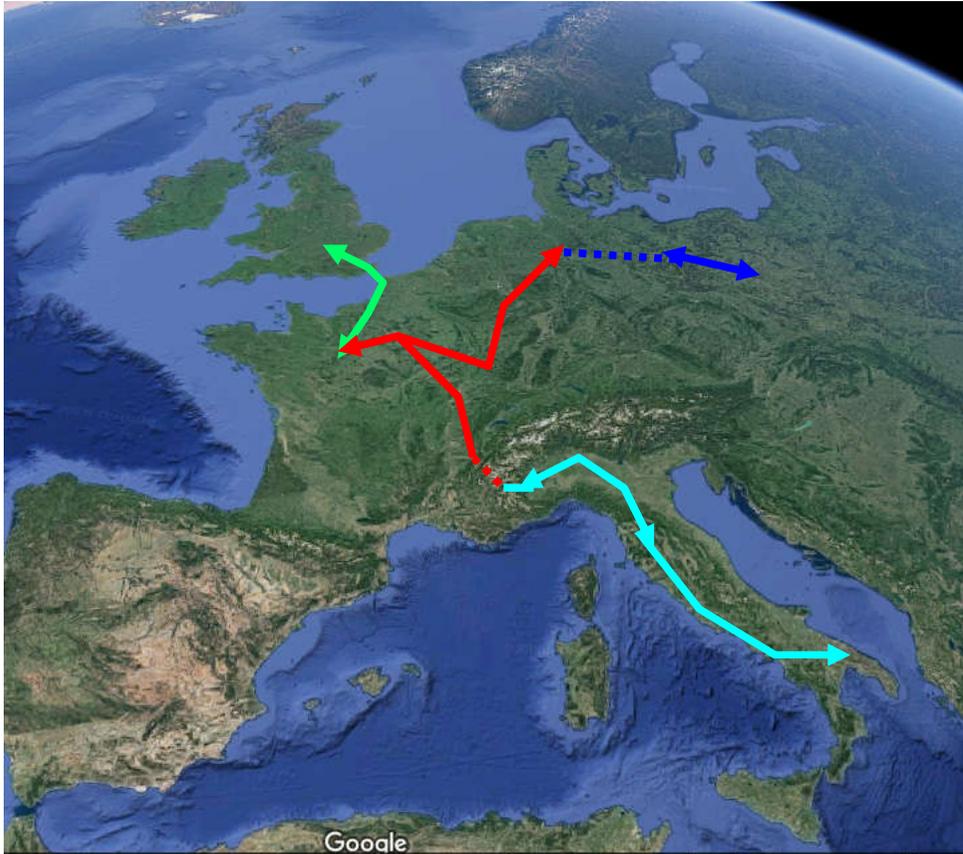
Atomic clocks: comparison and dissemination



When the redefinition of the second?

Towards a European T/F fiber network

- First developed to compare remote atomic clocks
- Since 2008: operational fiber-based frequency dissemination in the world



Metrology

- Fiber-based atomic clocks comparisons
[Ch. Lisdat et al., Nat. Comm. 7, 12443 (2016)]
[J. Guéna et al., Metrologia 54, 348 (2017)]
[P. Delva et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 221102 (2017)]

Fundamental Science

- Special relativity tests
[P. Delva et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 221102 (2017)]
- Relativistic geodesy (chronometric levelling)
[T. Takano et al., Nat. Photon. 10, 662 (2016)]
[J. Grotti et al., Nature Physics (2018)]

Experimental physics

- Very Long Baseline Interferometry
[C. Clivati et al., Sci. Rep. 7, 40992 (2017)]
[P. Krehlik et al., Astron. Astrophys. 603, A48 (2017)]
- High-resolution spectroscopy
[B. Argence et al., Nature Photon. 9, 456 (2015)]
[C. Clivati et al., Opt. Express 24, 11865 (2016)]
- Seismology
[G. Marra et al., Science 361 (2018)]

Towards a European Network of fibre links

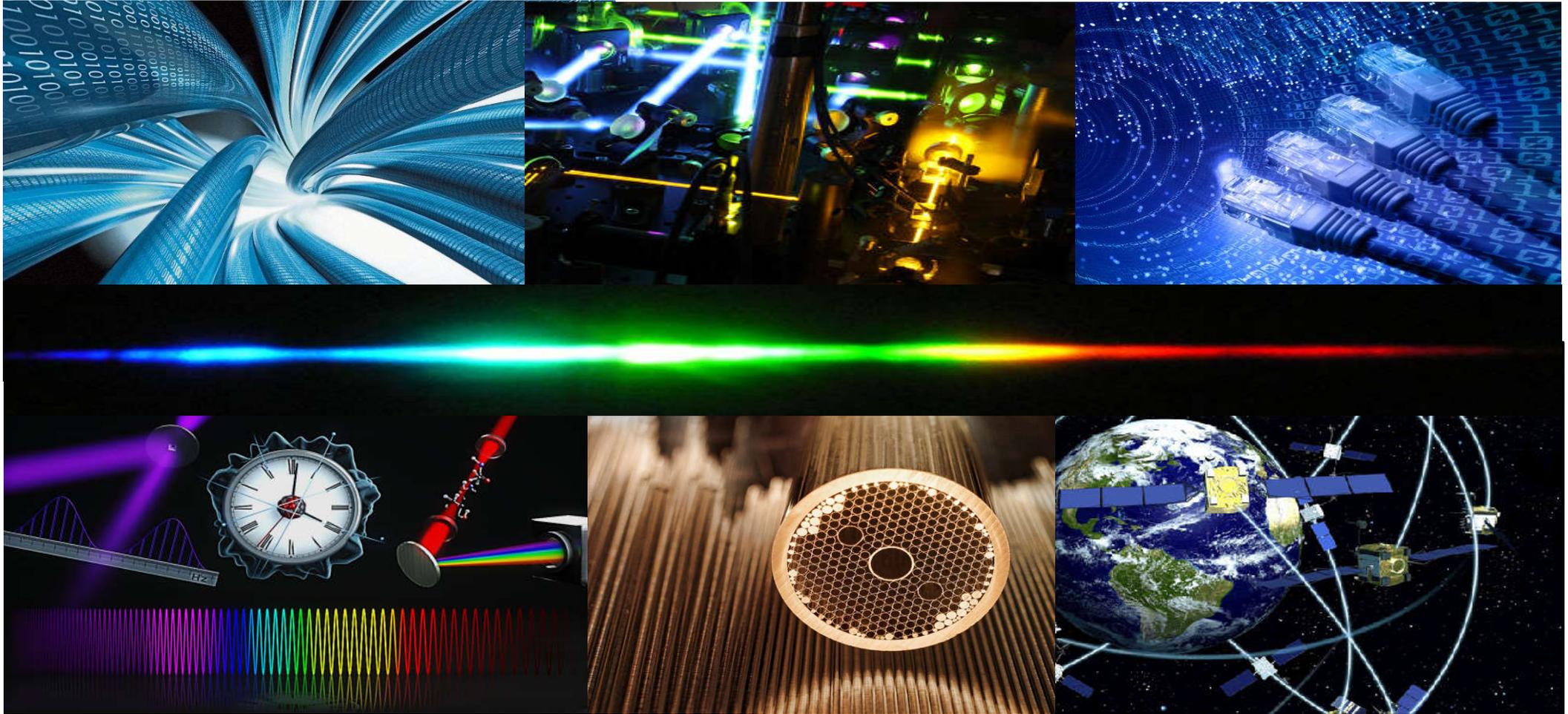
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Strategy and innovation for clock services over optical-fibre networks
16 partners, Coordination: OP



2nd level Specializing Master's Programme in PHOTONICS FOR DATA NETWORKS AND METROLOGY



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COURSES

- 1 Digital Communication
- 2 Optical Transmission
- 3 Photonic Devices
- 4 Time and frequency metrology
- 5 Ultrabroadband access network
- 6 Long-haul optical transport
- 7 Photonic Networks
- 8 Quantum Communications
- 9 Photonics applications in metrology
- 10 Time and frequency laboratory
- 11 Security for ICT
- 12 Communications laboratory
- 13 **INTERNSHIP**



Deadline: Oct 29th 2018 (11:59 a.m.)
Participation fee: € 4.000
Campus: Politecnico – Lingotto, Turin
Format: full time
Language: English,
ECTS: 69
Internship: at companies and/or research institutes in the photonic technologies field
Number of participants: 10 – 25

<https://didattica.polito.it/master/photronics/2019/apply>

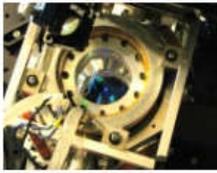
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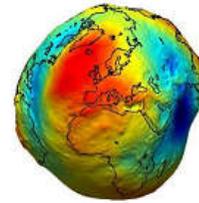
TELECOM INFRA PROJECT



Optical Fibre Links: a broad range of applications



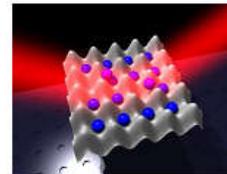
Remote clocks comparisons



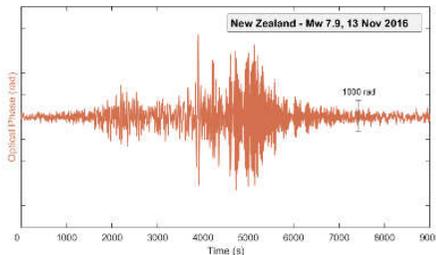
Relativistic Geodesy



VLBI radioastronomy and geodesy



High-precision spectroscopy

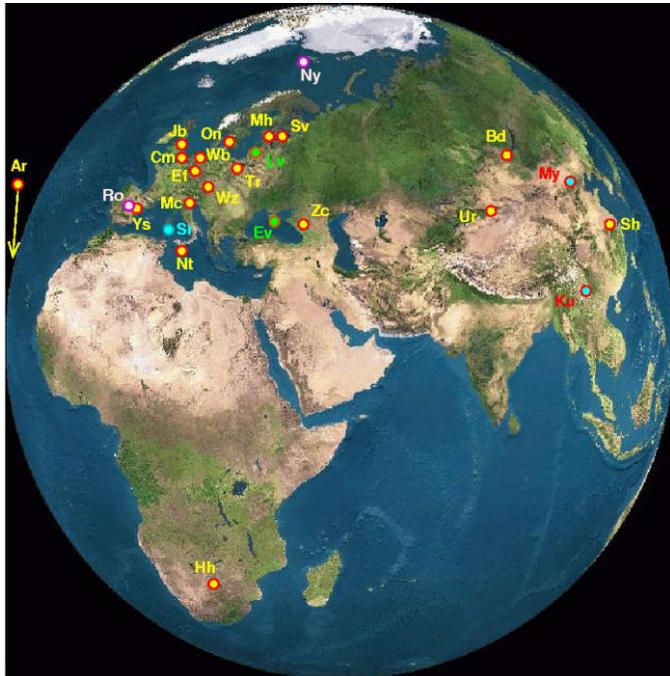
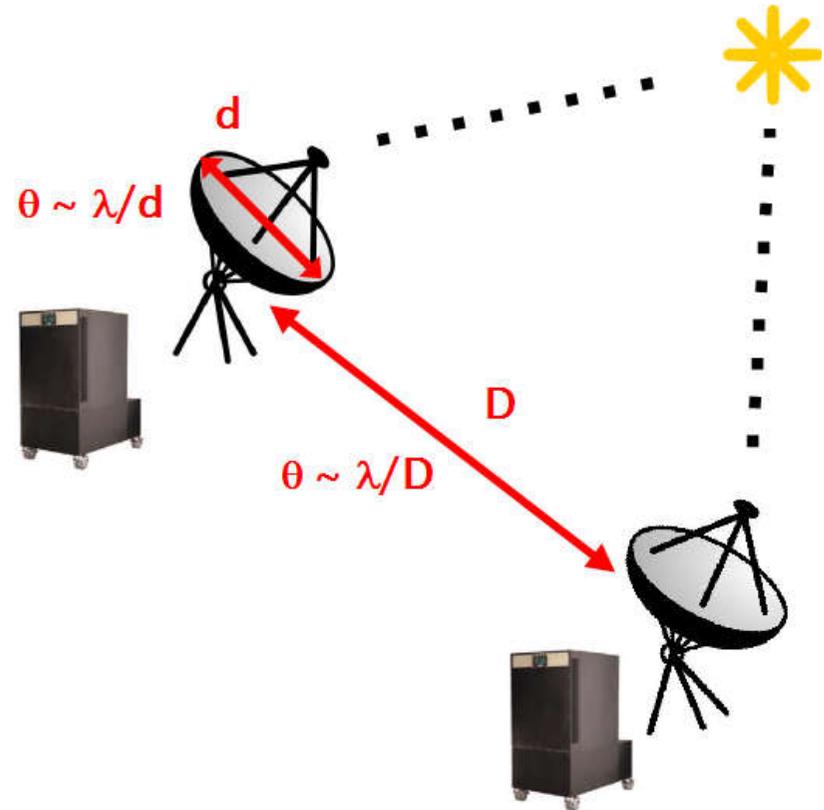


Seismology



Quantum
Key Distribution

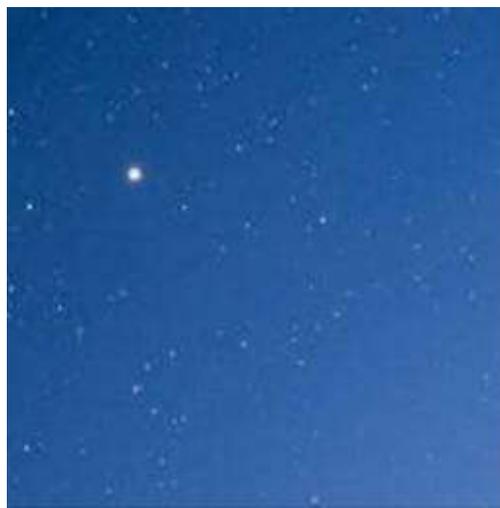
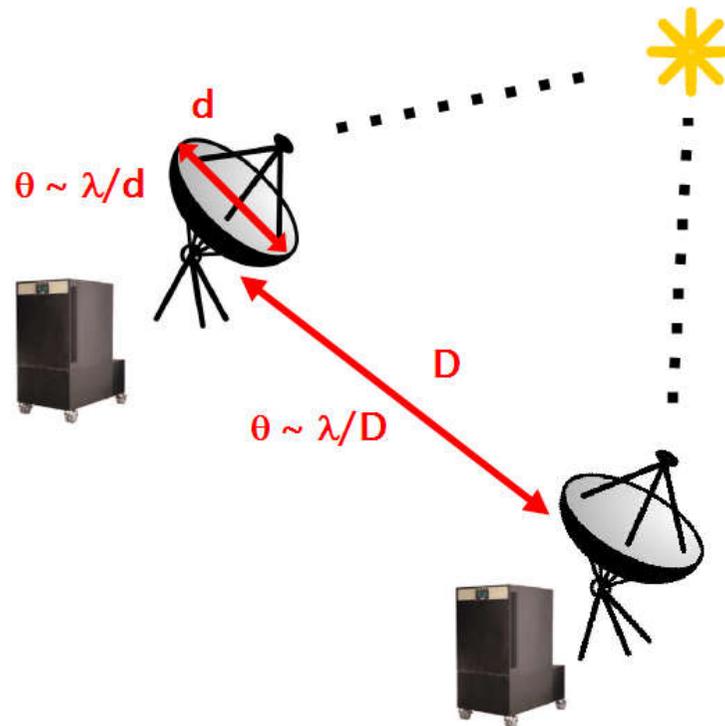
VLBI e orologi atomici



La sincronizzazione necessaria solo se si usano orologi atomici ultrastabili come i **Maser all'Idrogeno**



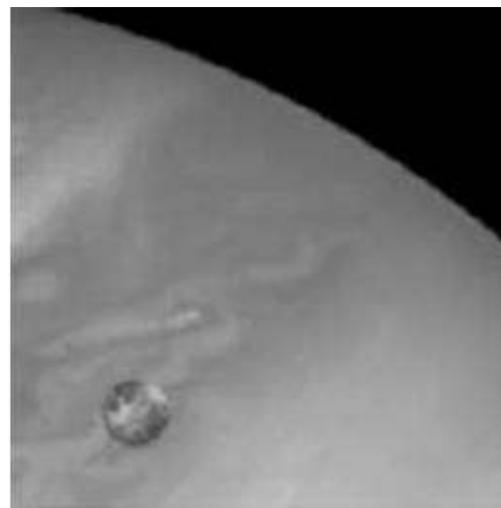
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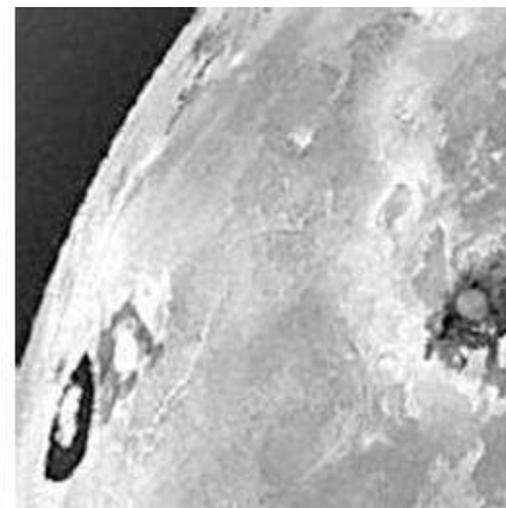
1' (minuto d'arco)
Radiotelescopio 140 m



1'' (secondo d'arco)
Array 8 km



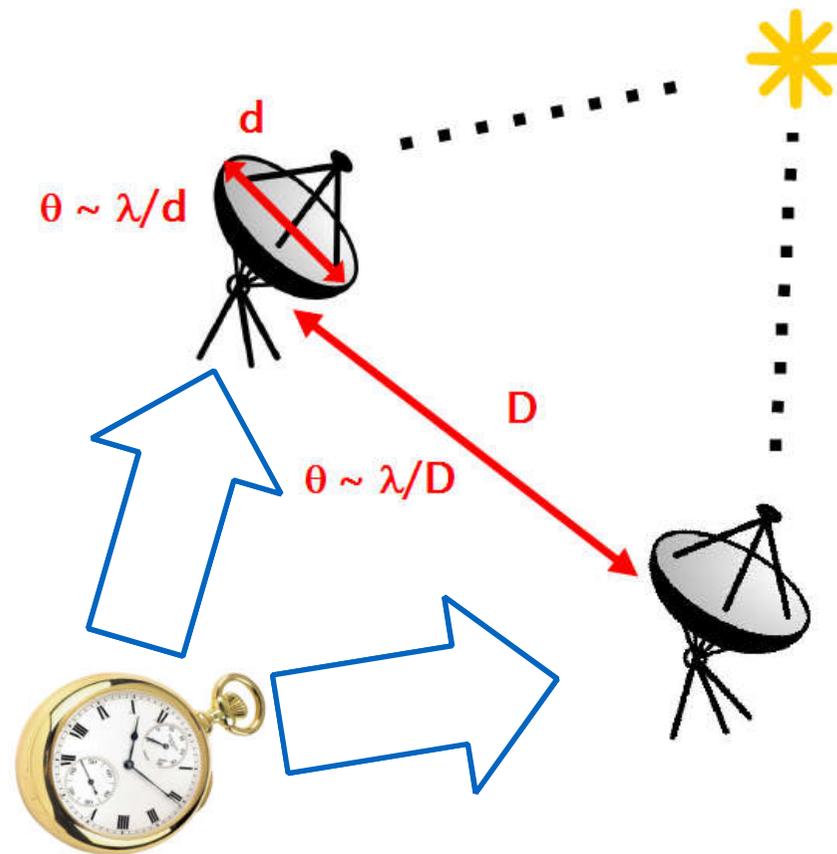
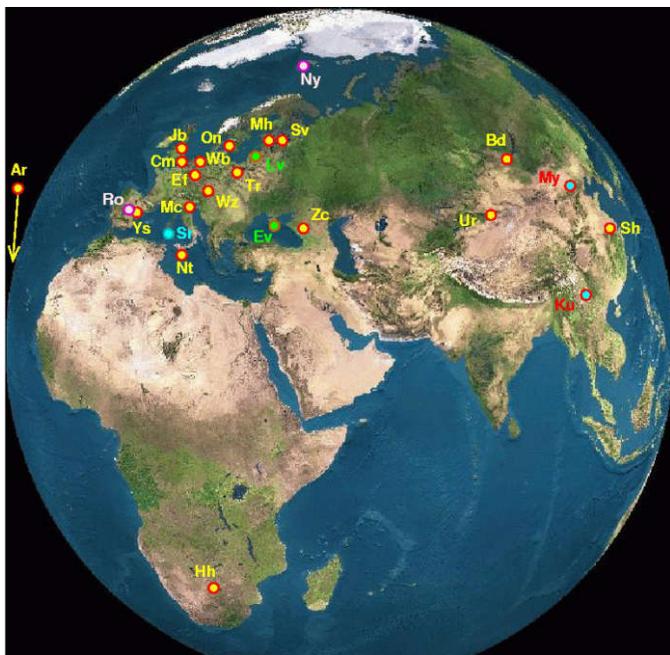
0,05''
Large Array 160 km



0,001''
VLBI 8000 km



VLBI e orologi atomici



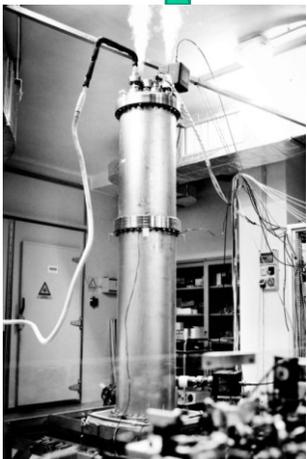
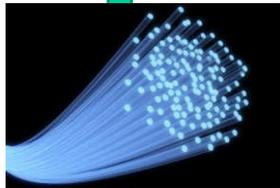
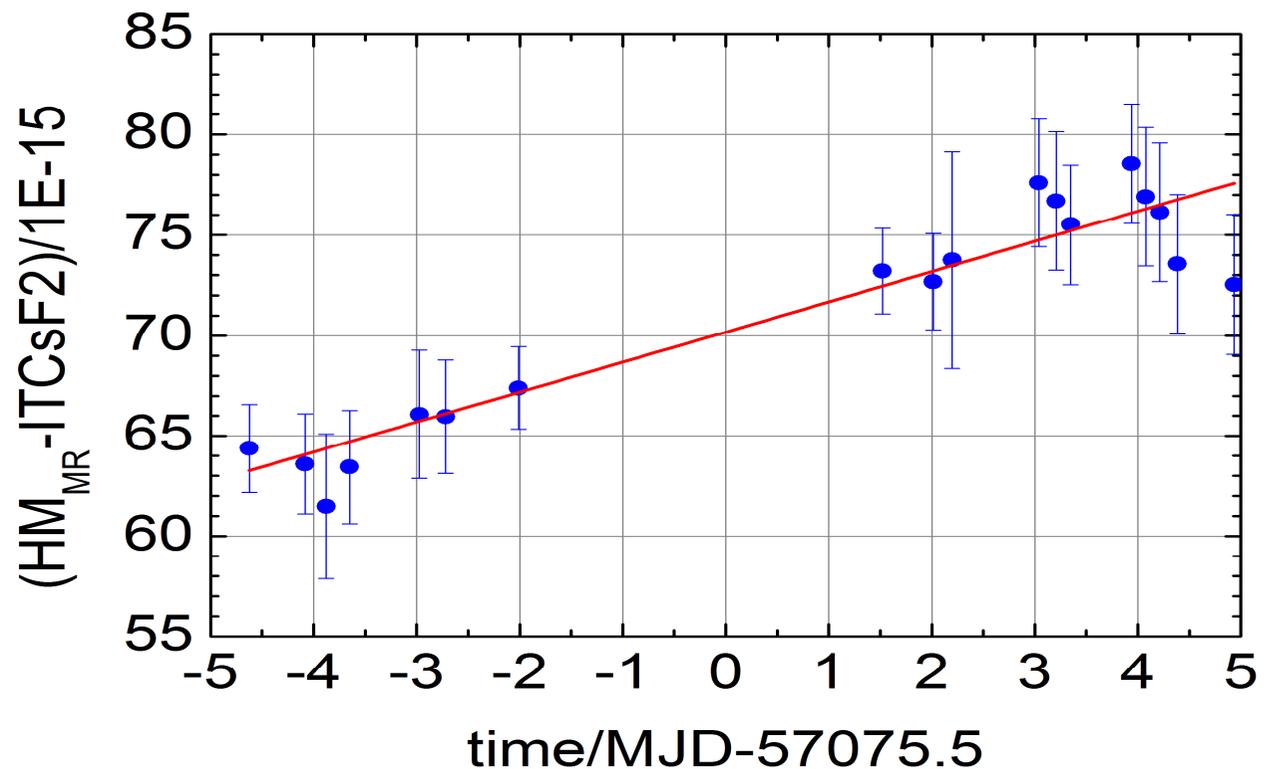
Perché non usare
un common clock?



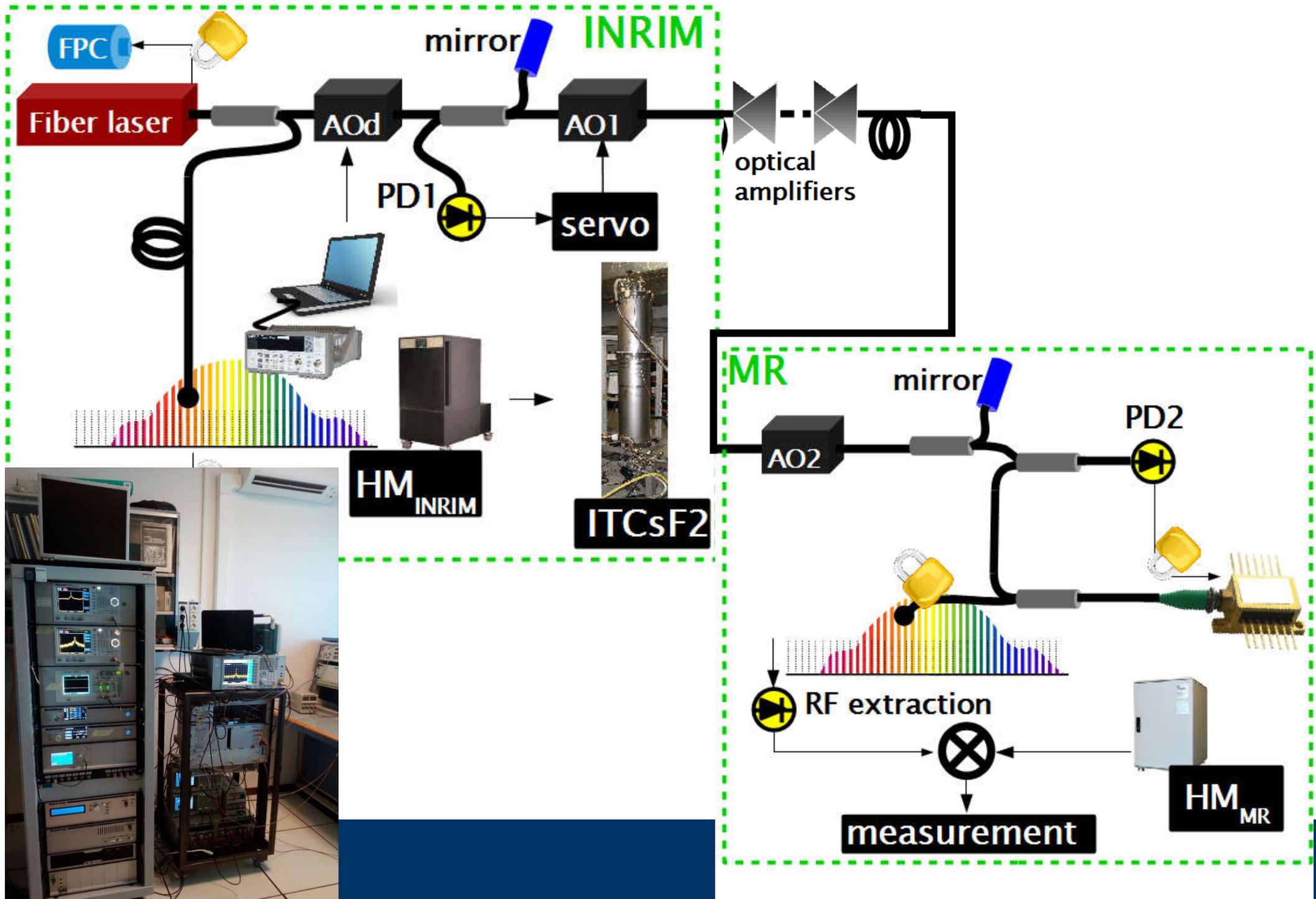
INRIM-Medicina (550 km) fibre link for radioastronomy

- HM frequency = $(70.2 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-15}$
- HM drift = $(1.5 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-15}/\text{day}$

- $4 \cdot 10^{-16}$ Uncertainty, dominated by HMs
- Accuracy and resolution otherwise impossible



Fiber Link from INRIM to Medicina: set-up



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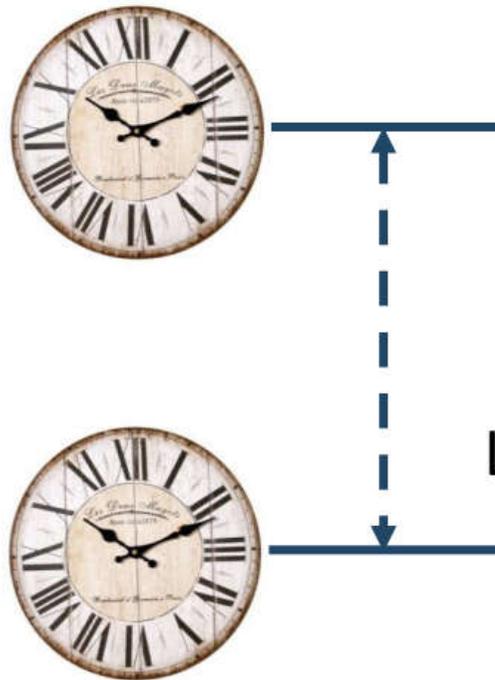
Next Steps:

- Optical clock to the Radioantenna (better clock)
- Same clock to 2 radioantennas (Medicina and Matera) (common clock)

Infrastructure completed (dedicated fibre, bidirectional coherent link)

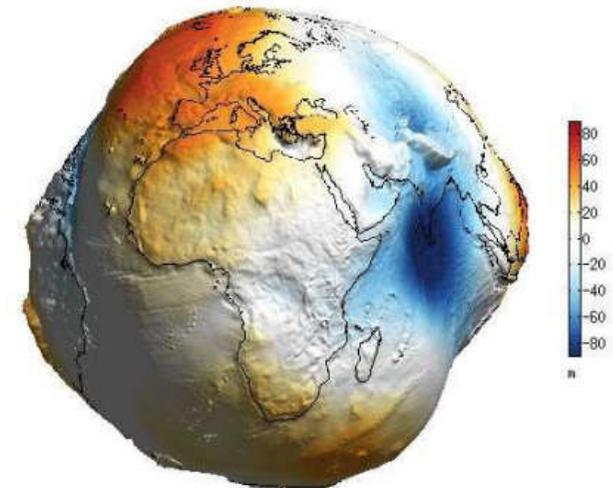
Chronometric levelling (Relativistic Geodesy)

Because of General Relativity...



$$\frac{\Delta U}{c^2} = \frac{\Delta \nu}{\nu} \approx 10^{-16} / m$$

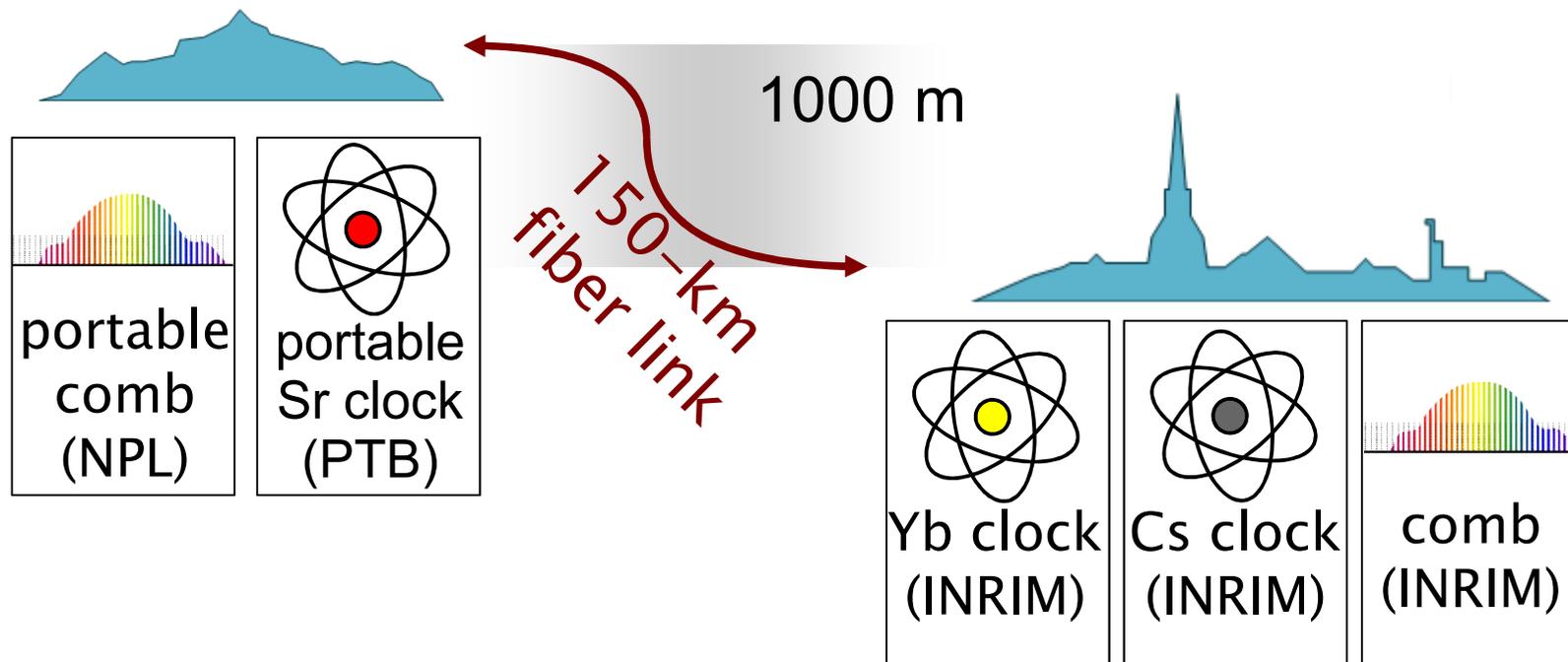
Lower clocks run slower



Atomic clocks can be used as sensors of the gravitational potential for chronometric levelling.

Chronometric levelling

- How to translate this into a “real instrument”?
→ A proof-of-principle geodesy experiment between INRIM and the French Alps (Frejus Tunnel)



J. Grotti et al., Nature Phys. **14**, 2018

Earthquake detection with coherent optical fibers

A coherent optical fiber link is a giant Michelson interferometer
→ Able to detect fiber length changes as small as $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$
→ Detection of seismic signals is feasible (...Earthquakes!)

Science

REPORTS

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10.1126/science.aat4458 (2018).

Ultrastable laser interferometry for earthquake detection with terrestrial and submarine cables

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Submarine Earthquakes detection



Two testbeds available in the Mediterranean Sea, Sicily to Malta:

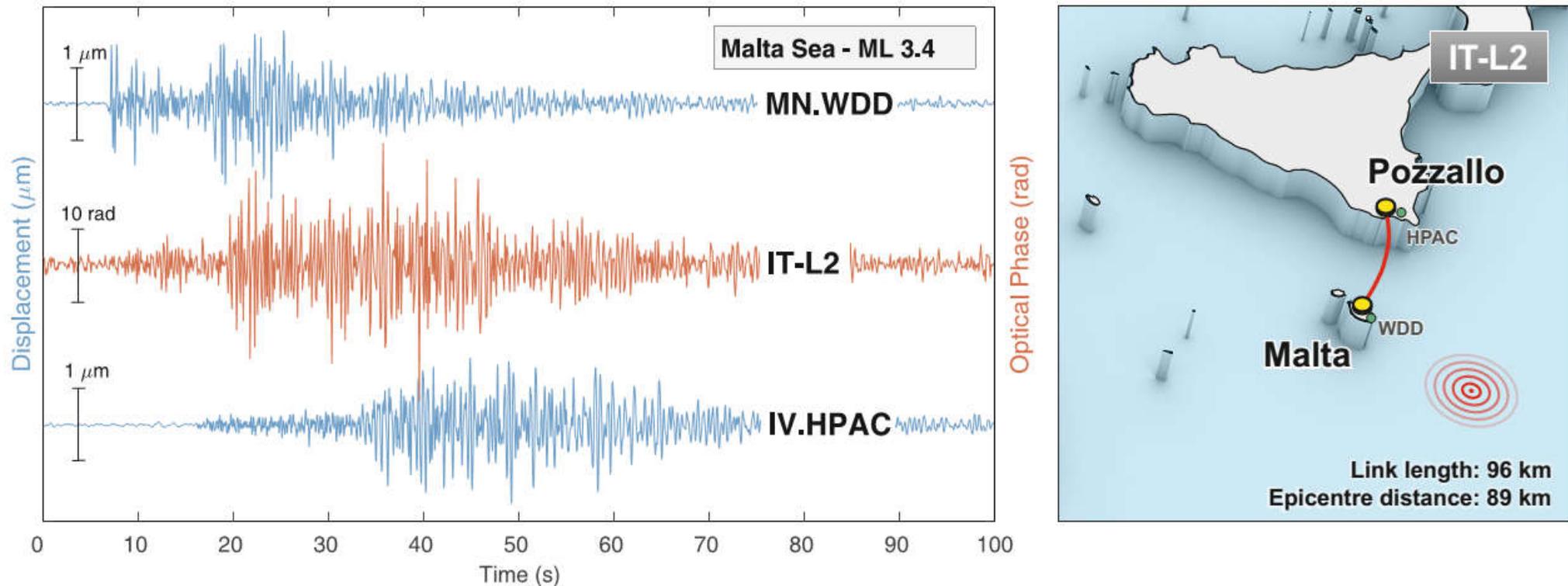
- A 96.4 km telecom cable (fiber only, buried 1 m below sand)
- A 117 km cable along electrical interconnection (fiber + HV power, 1 m below sand)



C. Clivati et al., *Optica* **14** (2018)
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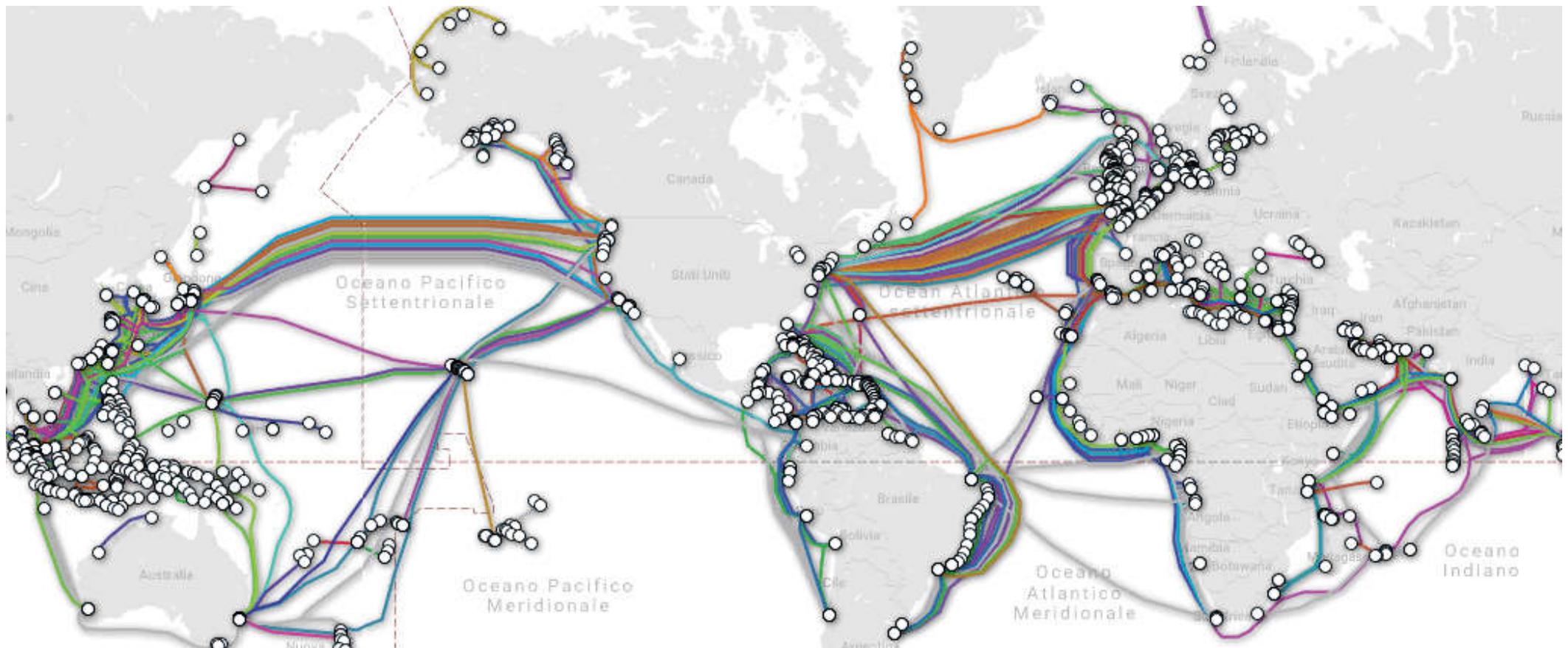
- Two seismic events (ML = 3.4 and Mw = 5.1) detected on submarine fiber



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

Submarine Earthquakes detection

- Almost 70% of Earth covered by waters
- Ocean Bottom Seismometers: few, costly, difficult to operate
→ most of submarine Earthquakes undetected
- ...Optical fibers can be used as a deployed seismic sensors



Time over Fibre for the Financial Market

- 160 km Fibre link dedicated to financial users
- Now available as a service (Certified, Resilient Traceability to UTC)
- White Rabbit / IEEE1588 Time dissemination
- Collaboration with Consortium TOP-IX (telco company), on an infrastructure used for data traffic (DWDM architecture)

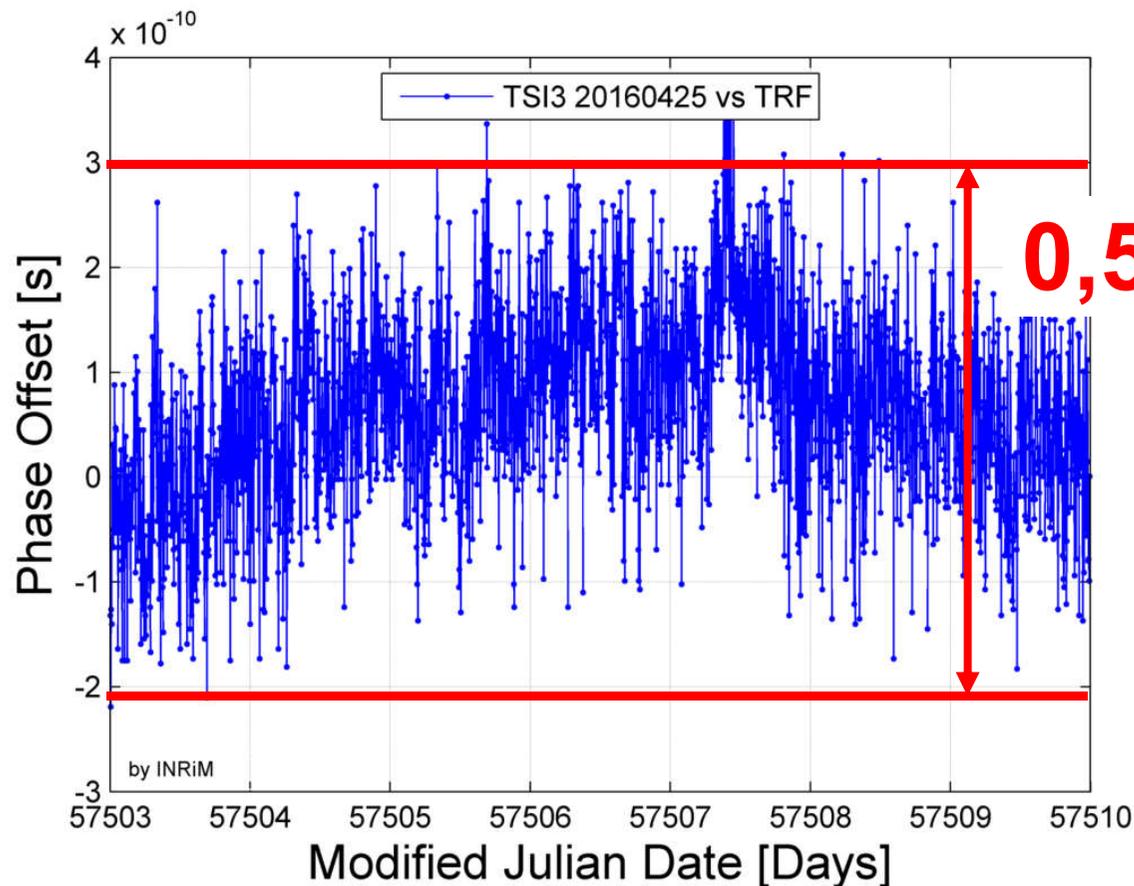


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Colocation Italian Stock Exchange in Milano

Time over Fibre for Finance: performances



Up to 400 km real link with WR-PTP

The technique is the closest to optical communications world (protocol based, Sync-E)

Validation:

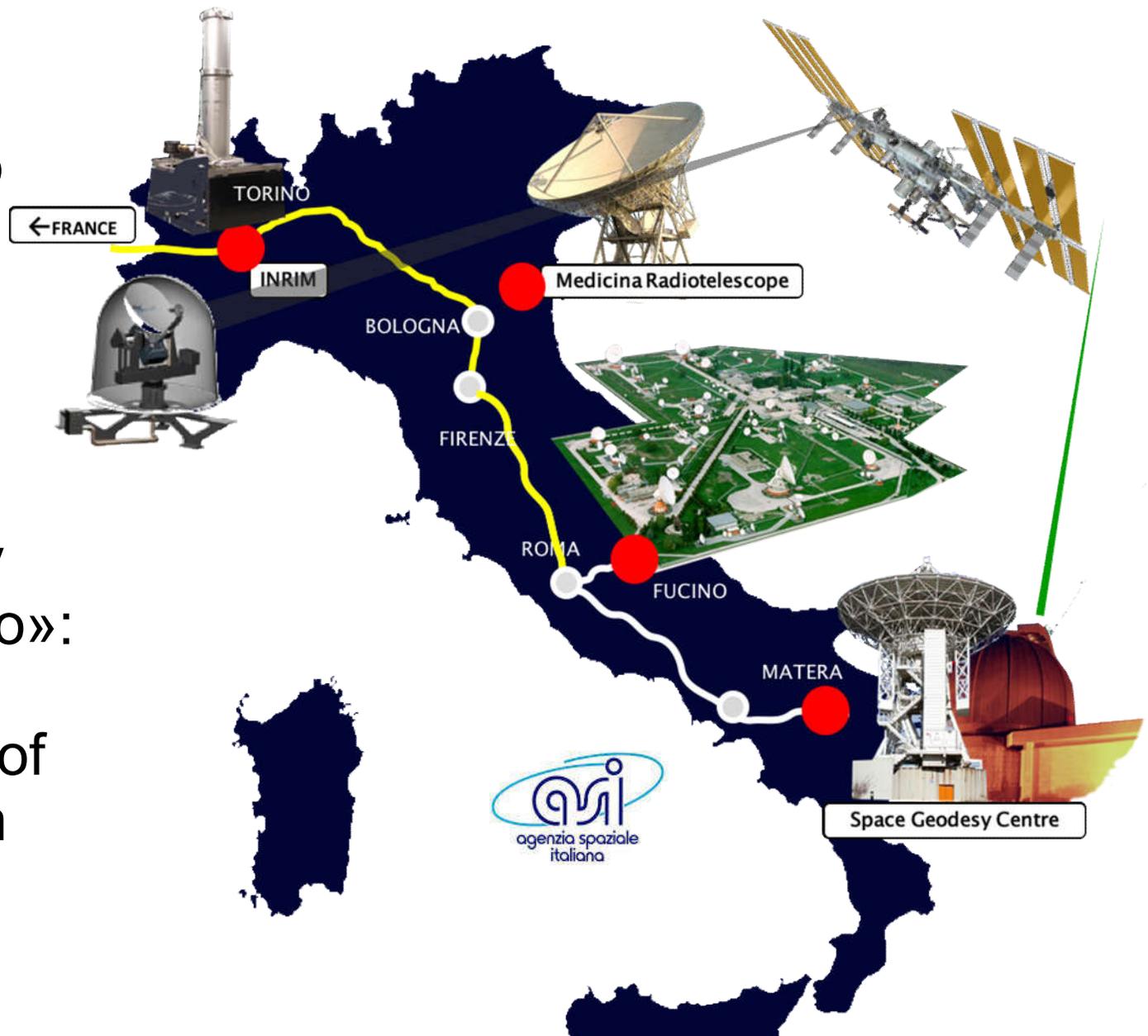
- First in closed loop (equivalent haul, start/end at INRiM, no offset at <1 ns level .
- Then, comparison vs independent GPS-PPP, accuracy <5 ns (GPS limited)

Time over Fibre for Space Industry

Time dissemination to Telespazio premises in Fucino (1000 km fibre haul)

Project ASI-INRIM «Time and Frequency over fiber DTM-Galileo»:

- Space applications
- Support for Timing of the Galileo System





White Rabbit Industrial Timing Enhancement (2018- 2021)



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Improving WR-PTP for primary metrology and industry
(Scalable Calibration Techniques; Resilience and Redundancy;
Improving Performances; In-field industrial installation and validation)

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Conclusions

Just one single take-home-message:

Photonics is a pillar of modern time and frequency metrology

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