

# *A Laser-Compass Magnet Probe for Field Measurements in Solenoids*

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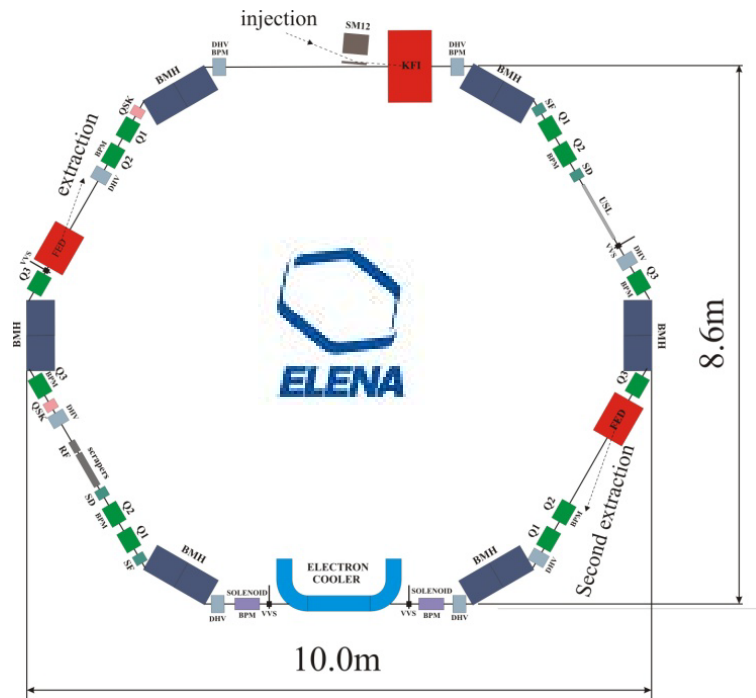
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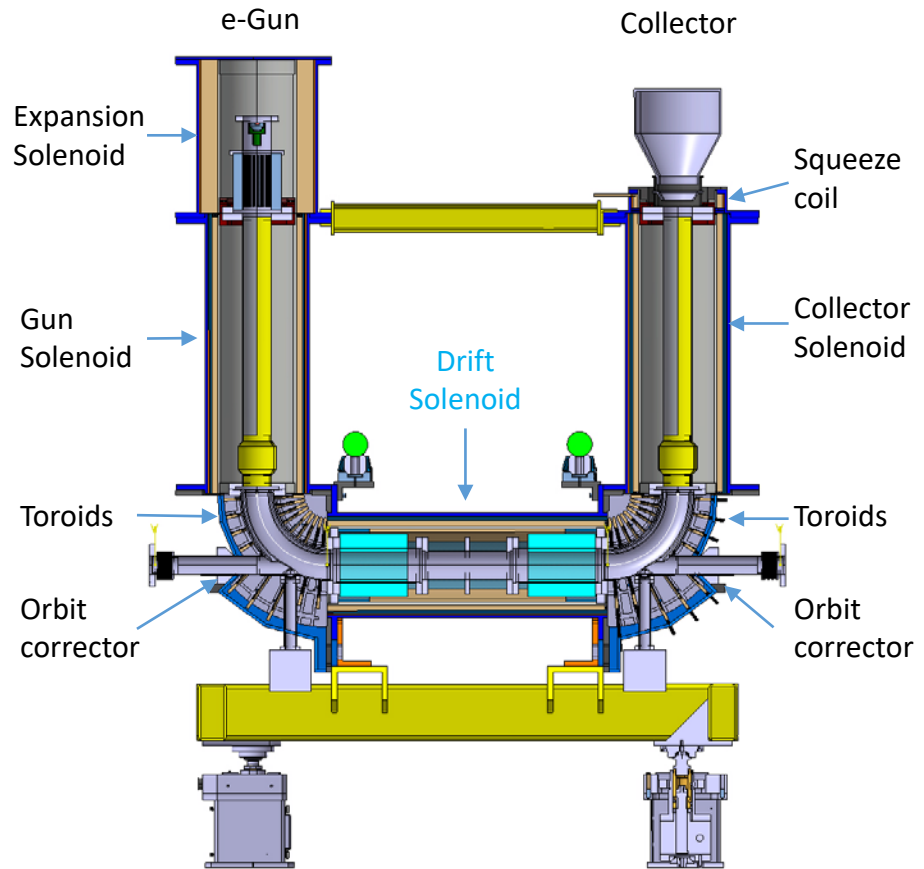


# Motivation

**ELENA** (Extra Low Energy Antiprotons) is a 30 m circumference ring for cooling and deceleration of 5.3 MeV antiprotons delivered by the CERN Antiproton Decelerator (AD) down to 100 keV, where the physics programme consists of trapping antiprotons to create anti-hydrogen atoms after recombination with positrons.



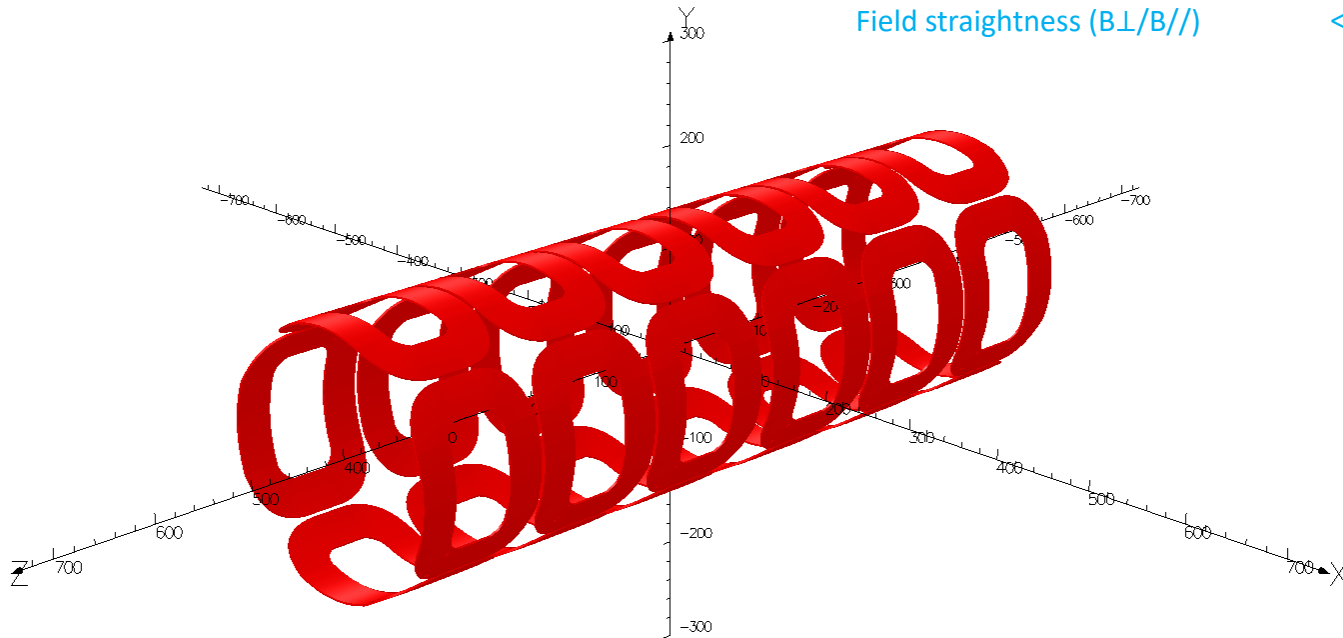
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**Electron cooling** is essential in order to obtain the small emittance beams needed for deceleration and extraction to the experiments.

The **transverse component** of the magnetic field in the drift solenoid must be kept **small** to ensure a minimal perturbation to the electron beam transverse temperature.

Parameter	Value	Unit
Nominal field $B_z$	100	Gauss
Aperture diameter	260	mm
Solenoid length	1000	mm
GFR diameter	60	mm
GFR length	650	mm
Field straightness ( $B_{\perp}/B_{//}$ )	$<5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	



Requires precise magnetic measurements of the field straightness to **characterize** the solenoid and to define a **correction scheme!**

**Measurement challenge:** measuring very low levels of transverse field (0.05 Gauss) in the presence of a very strong axial field (100 Gauss) and the earth magnetic field ( $\sim 0.5$  Gauss)

“Classical” measurement techniques:

### Hall probe (mapping):

Main sources of systematic errors:

- Transverse hall effect: can be cancelled out by taking measurements with both field directions
- Hall plate misalignment: can be reduced through calibration procedure; see:

A. Wolf, L. Hütten, H. Poth, *Magnetic Field Measurements in the Electron Cooling Device for LEAR*, CERN Int. Report 84-01, CERN, 1984

### Vibrating wire:

Limited experience; see:

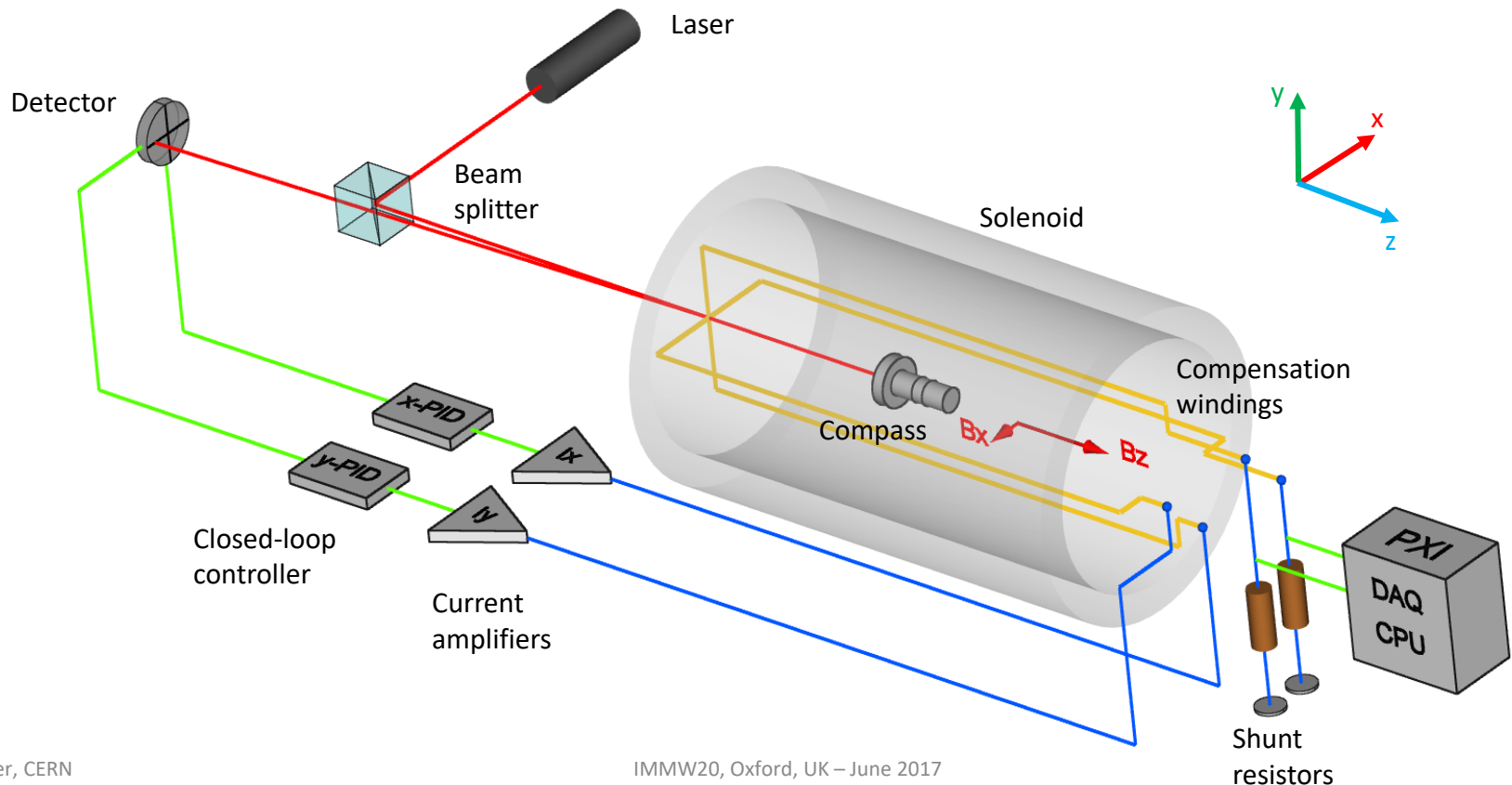
A. Jain, *Plans for Measurement of Field Straightness in the Solenoids for the Electron Lens System for RHIC*, IMMW17, Barcelona, Spain, 2011

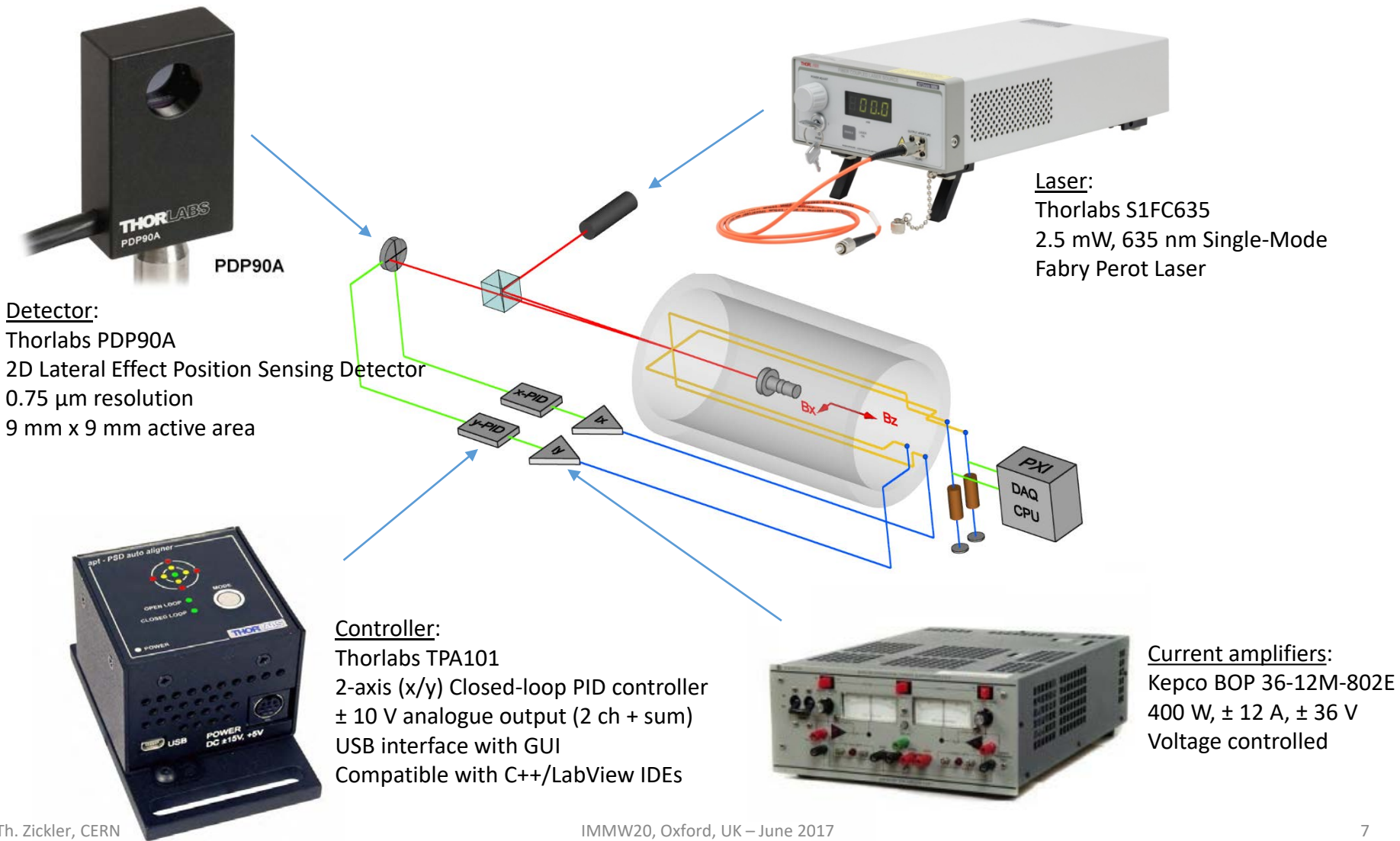
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***CERN needs to develop a new dedicated measurement bench for Solenoids...***

## Based on systems used at FNAL, BINP & BNL:

- C. Crawford et al., *Magnetic Field Alignment in the Beam-Beam Compensation Device*, Proc. PAC'99, p. 3221-3223
- V. V. Parkhomchuk et al., *Precision Measurement and Compensation for the Transverse Components of the Solenoids' Magnetic Field*, Instruments and Experimental Techniques, Vol. 48, No. 6, 2005, p.772-779
- A. Jain, *Field Straightness Measurements in Electron Lens Solenoids for RHIC*, IMMW19, Hsinchu, Taiwan, 2015





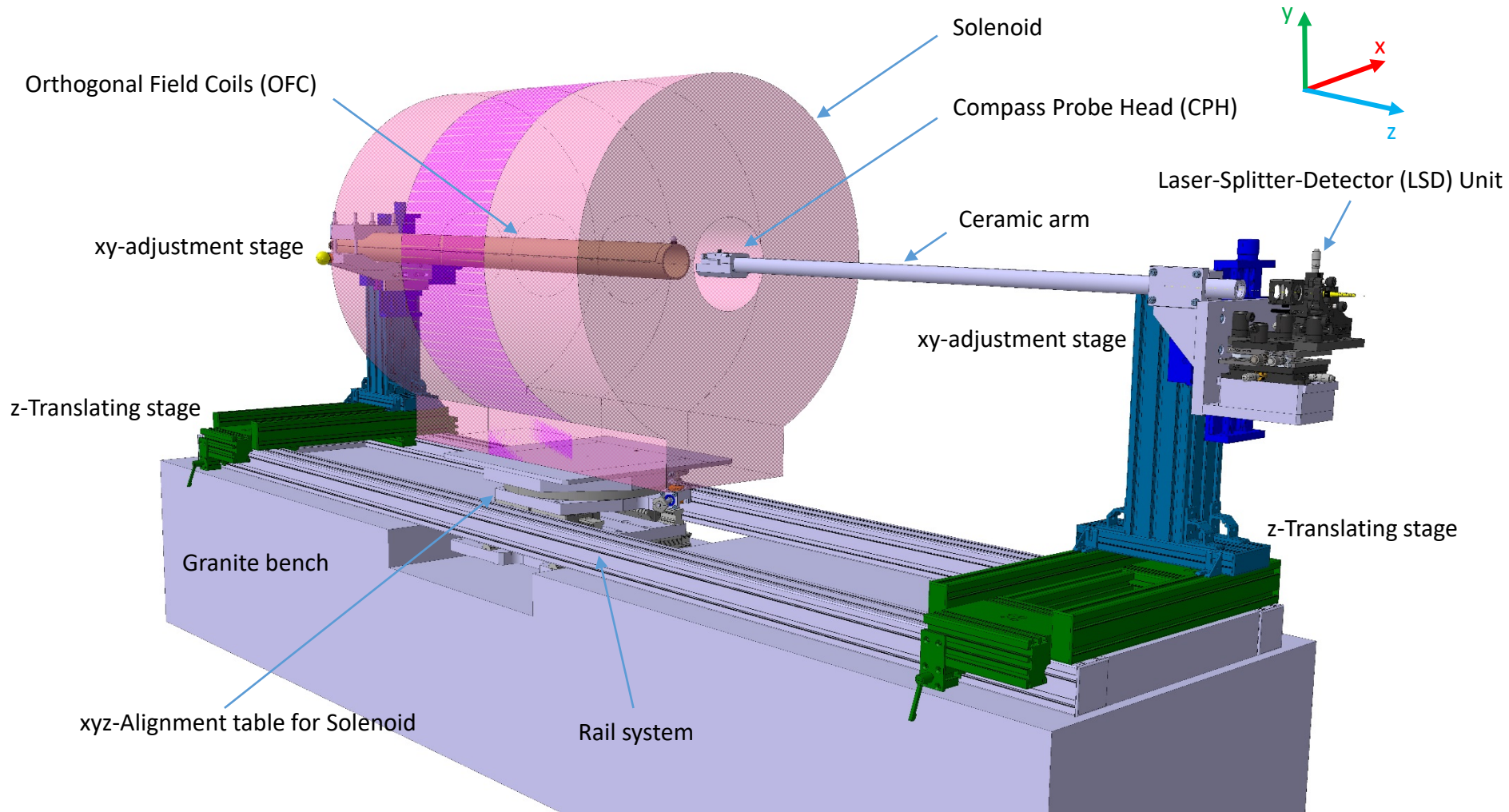
**Laser:**  
Thorlabs S1FC635  
2.5 mW, 635 nm Single-Mode  
Fabry Perot Laser

**Detector:**  
Thorlabs PDP90A  
2D Lateral Effect Position Sensing Detector  
0.75  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution  
9 mm x 9 mm active area

**Controller:**  
Thorlabs TPA101  
2-axis (x/y) Closed-loop PID controller  
 $\pm 10$  V analogue output (2 ch + sum)  
USB interface with GUI  
Compatible with C++/LabView IDEs

**Current amplifiers:**  
Kepco BOP 36-12M-802E  
400 W,  $\pm 12$  A,  $\pm 36$  V  
Voltage controlled

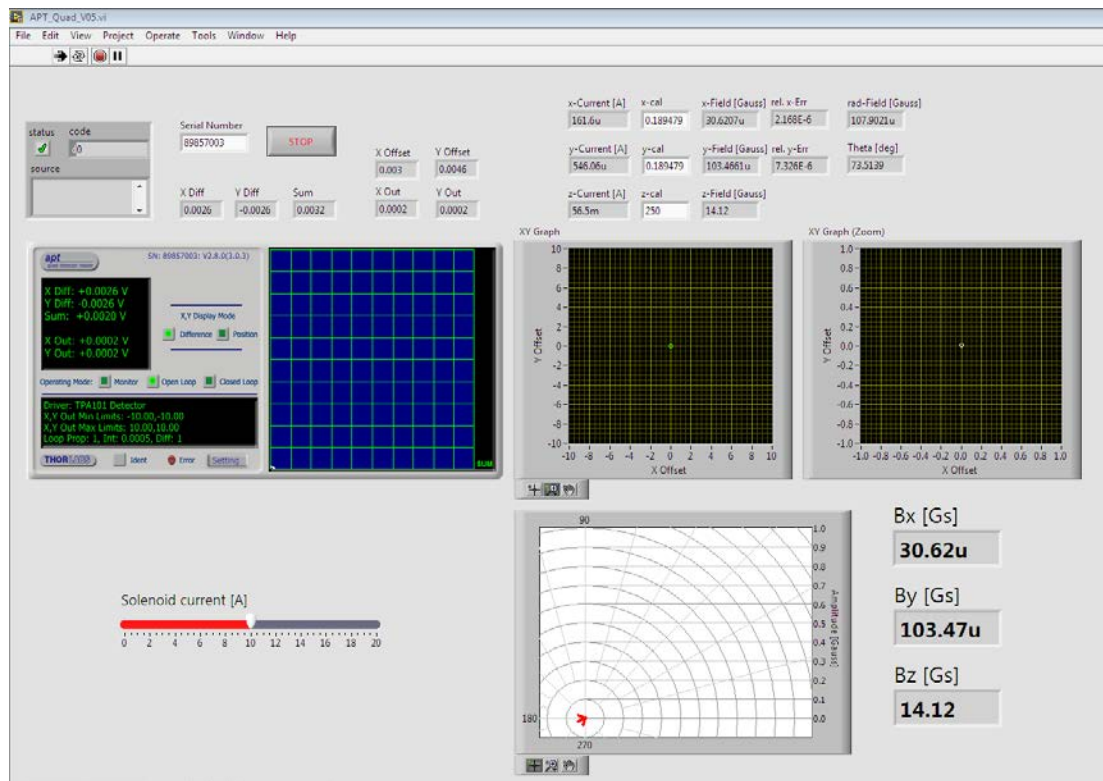
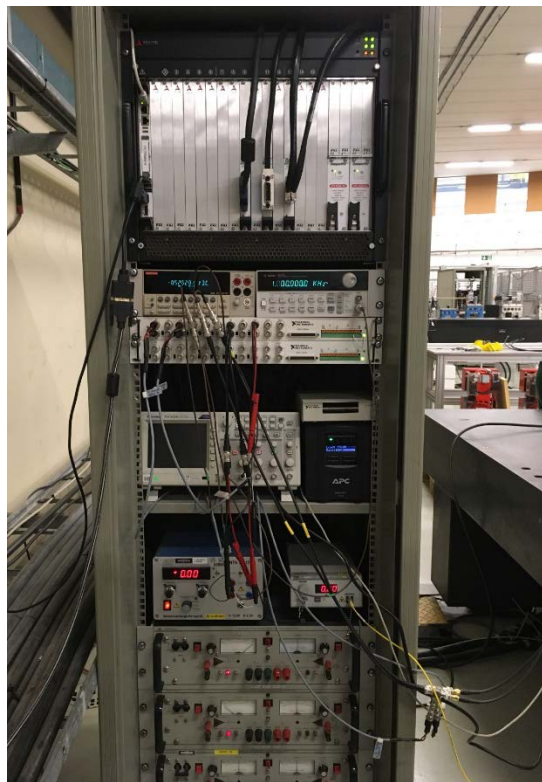




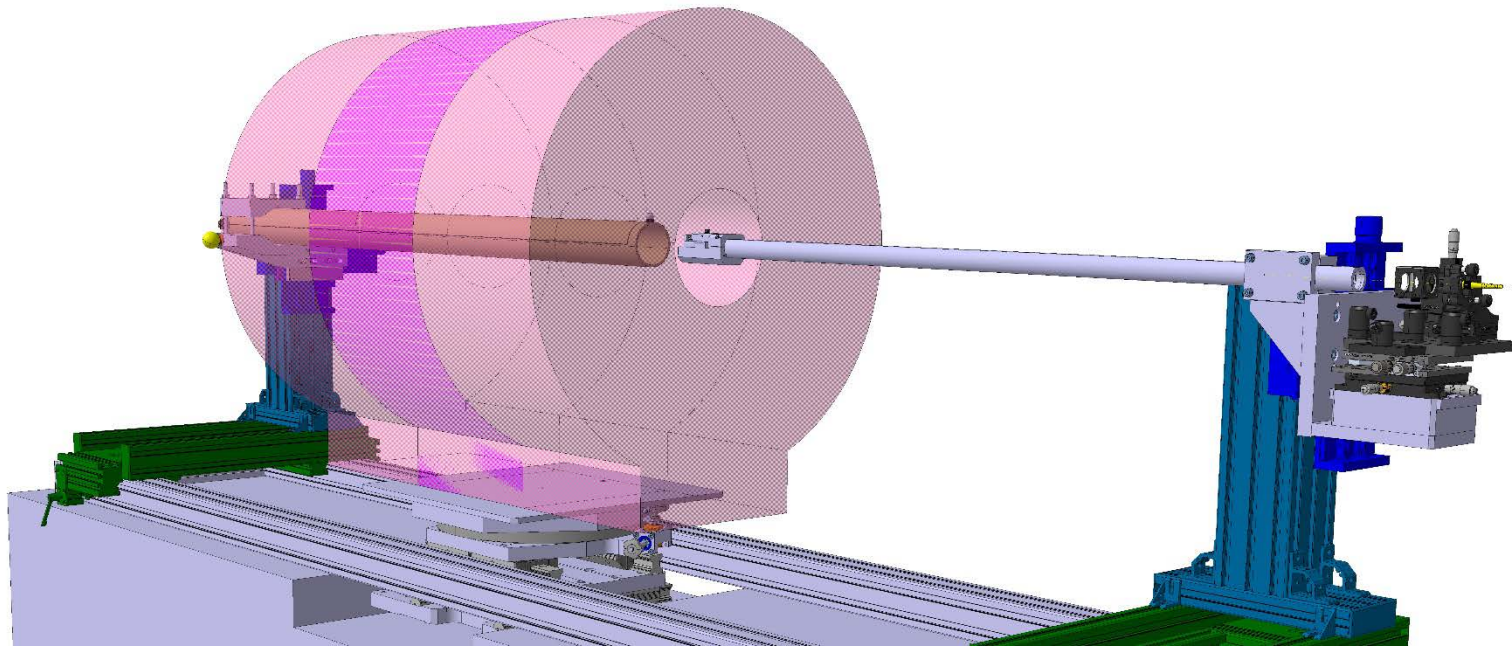


## Device control, data acquisition and analysis:

- ✓ PXI with NI-DAQ
- ✓ LabView® software (integration into CERN's FFMM for final version)

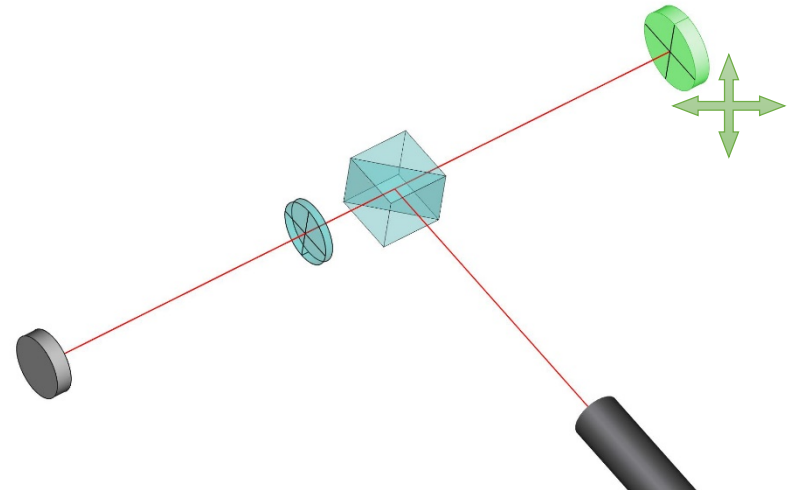
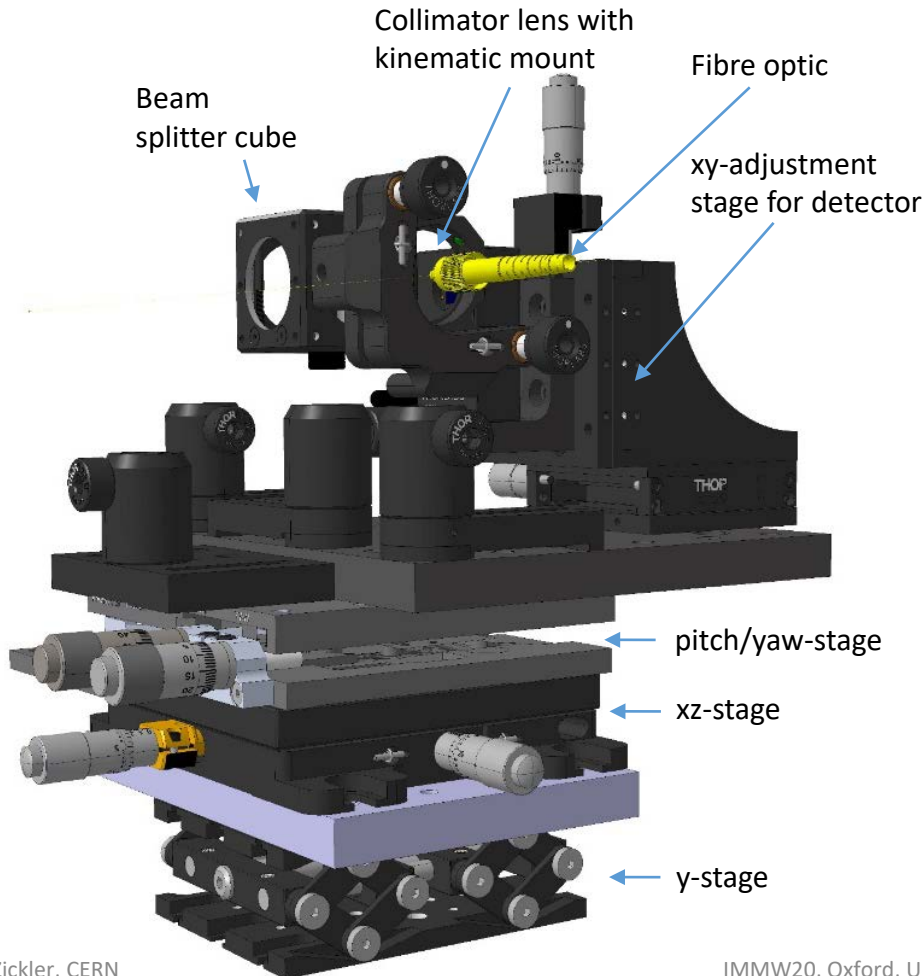


- Misalignment between LSD components
- OFC geometry
- Magnetic moment of compass deviates from z-axis
- Compass assembly errors
- Misalignment between solenoid axis, LSD and OFC
- Shunt precision?
- Others, not yet identified...



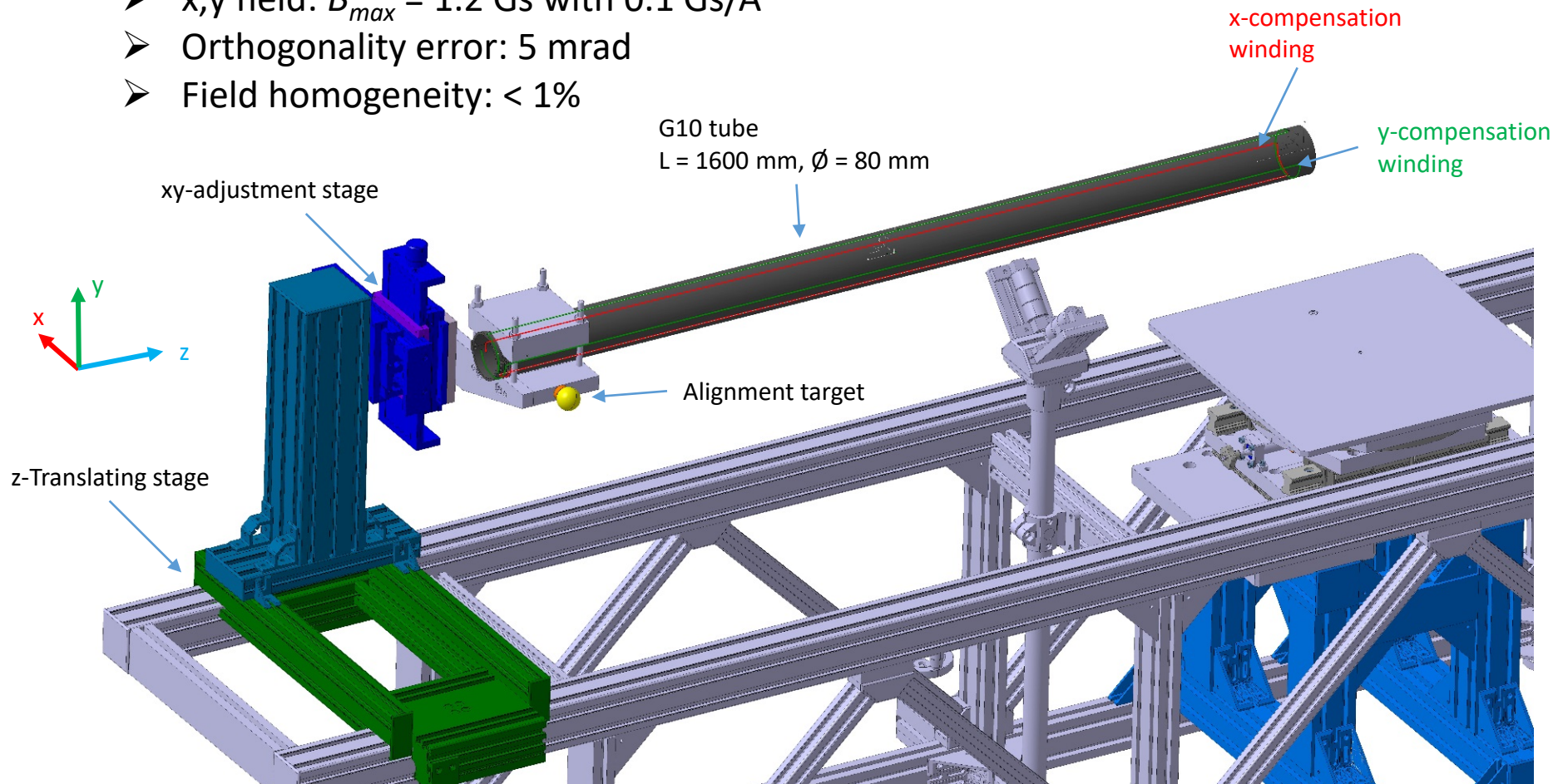
LSD unit:

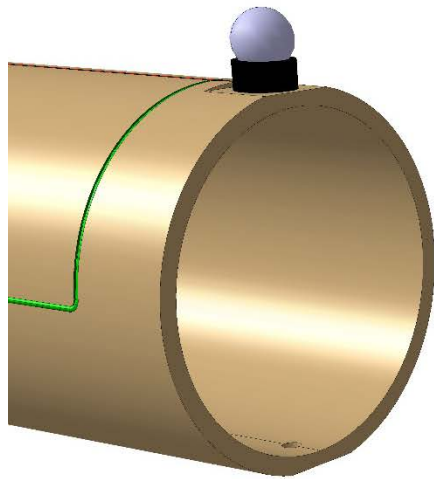
- Alignment of laser, splitter and detector with mirror and recticles



## OFC geometry:

- Characterization with rotating coil system
- x,y field:  $B_{max} = 1.2$  Gs with 0.1 Gs/A
- Orthogonality error: 5 mrad
- Field homogeneity: < 1%

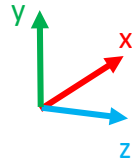




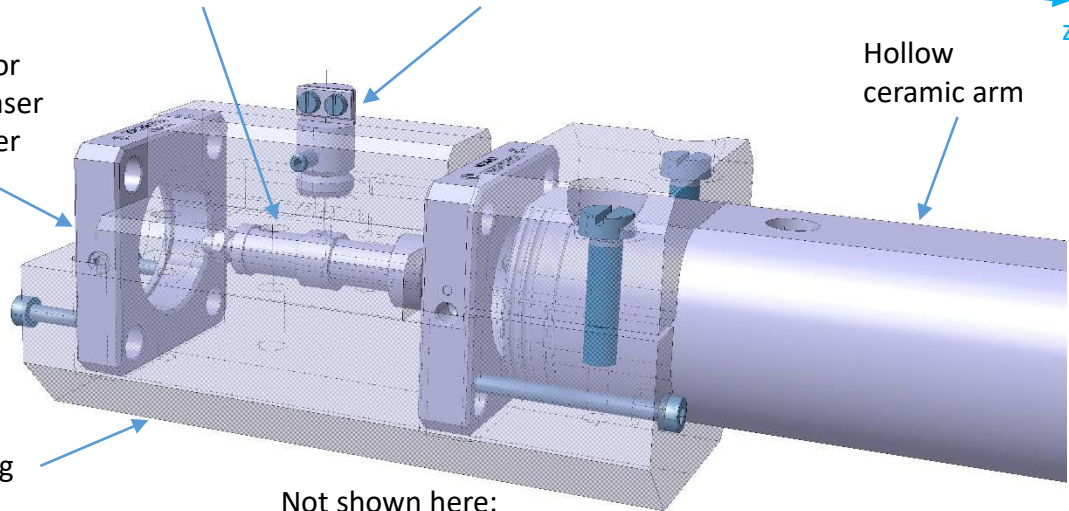
Retro-reflector support for laser interferometer

Magnetic needle

Needle suspension



Hollow ceramic arm



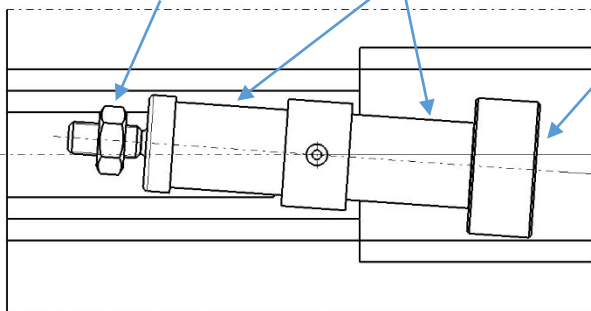
Compass housing

Not shown here:  
alignment targets

Adjustable counter-balance weight

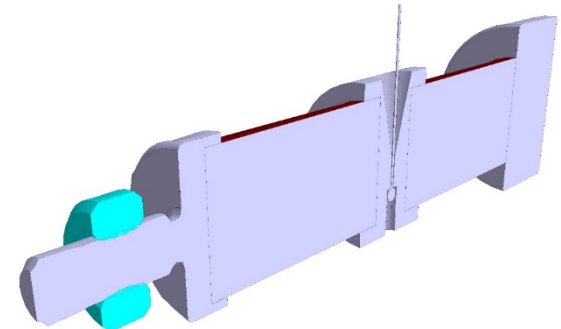
NdFeB magnets

Broadband dielectric mirror



(4°)

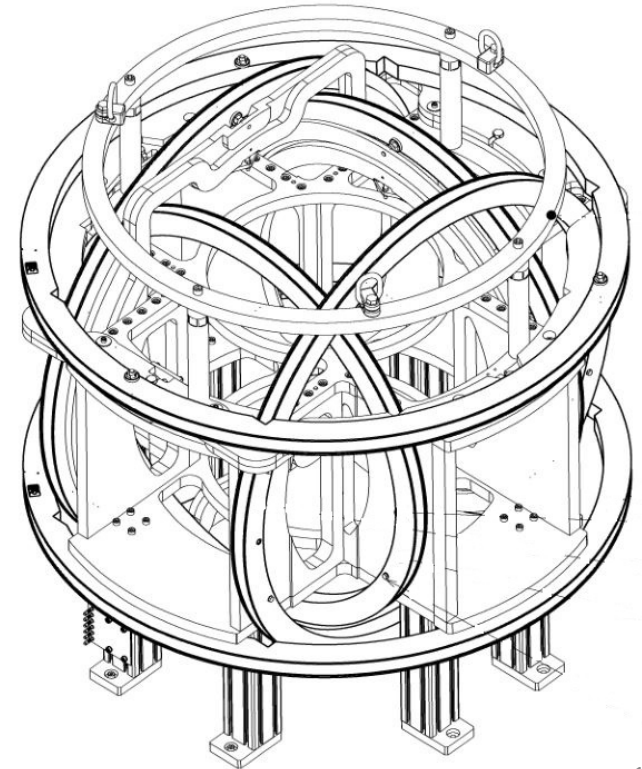
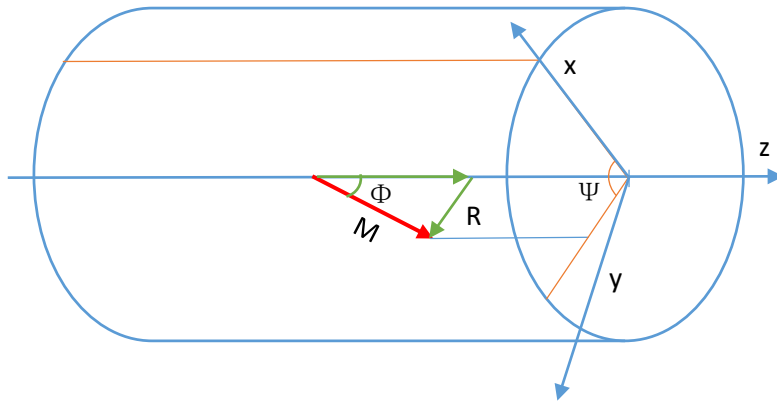
Low-friction suspension:  
Nylon wire  $\varnothing$  0.1 mm



Commercial  
 $\varnothing$  8 x 8 mm NdFeB magnet  
(other dimensions available)

## Deviation of magnetic moment $M$ from z-axis of NdFeB-magnets

- Characterization in Helmholtz System (see presentation O. Dunkel, IMMW20)
- Measurement of > 25 samples: up to 40 mrad angular error  $\Phi$  and 2% std.dev of  $|M|$
- Sorting: find corresponding magnet pairs with similar angular error  $\Phi$
- Alignment: orient magnets that errors cancel out

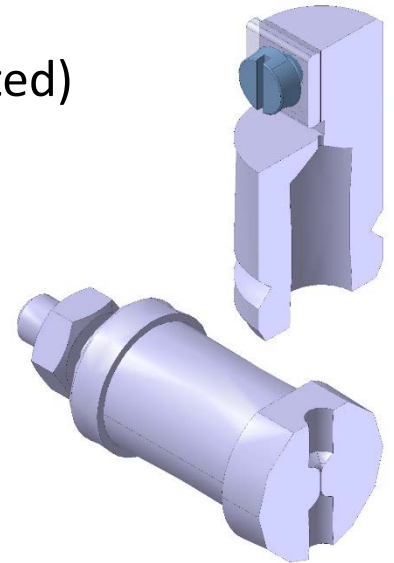


Unbalanced compass:

- ✓ Torque  $\tau_x$  (centre-of-mass off-centre) or torque  $\tau_y$  (twist in nylon wire)
- ✓ Measurement error:  $\varepsilon_{x,y} \propto \frac{1}{B_z}$
- ✓ Calibration in zero-field volume (earth field compensated)

Compass assembly errors:

- ✓ Mirror plane not perpendicular to compass axis
- ✓ Measurement error:  $\varepsilon_{x,y} = \text{const.}$
- ✓ Calibration in adjustable reference field  $B$

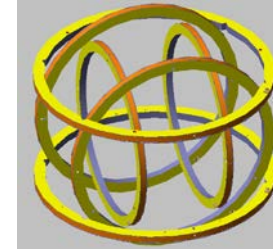


→ requires device to provide reference field with independently adjustable field components  $B_x, B_y, B_z$

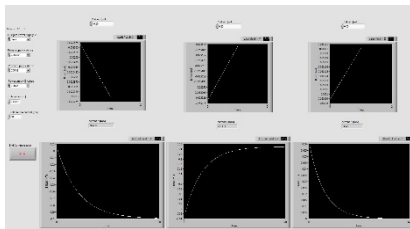
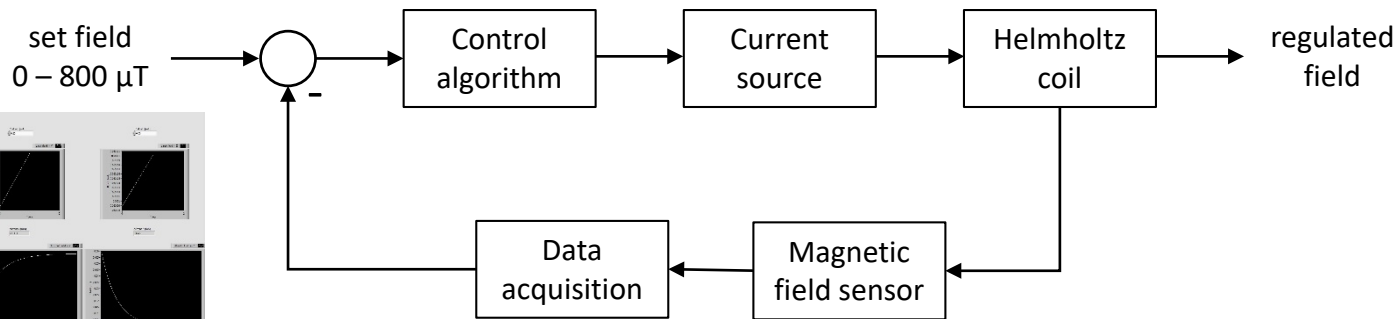
## Control system for Helmholtz coils in active mode:



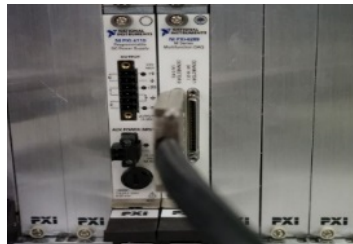
Current source:  
FUG MCP 140-6500  
0-1000 V, 0-200 mA  
Setting range: 0.1% - 100%  
with 20 bit resolution



Helmholtz coil:  
Diameter: 436 – 563 mm  
Windings: 1955 – 2522  
Inductance: 8.3 – 17.8 H  
Useful volume:  $r = 75$  mm  
Field uniformity:  $< 0.05$  dB



Control software in LabVIEW/C++



Data acquisition:  
NI PXI 6281  
8-ch, 18 Bit, 500 kS/s



Field sensor:  
Bartington Mag-03MS1000  
3-axis Flux Gate  
Measuring range:  $\pm 1$  mT  
Analogue output: 0 to  $\pm 10$  V  
Orthogonality error:  $0.05^\circ$   
Linearity error:  $< 0.0015\%$

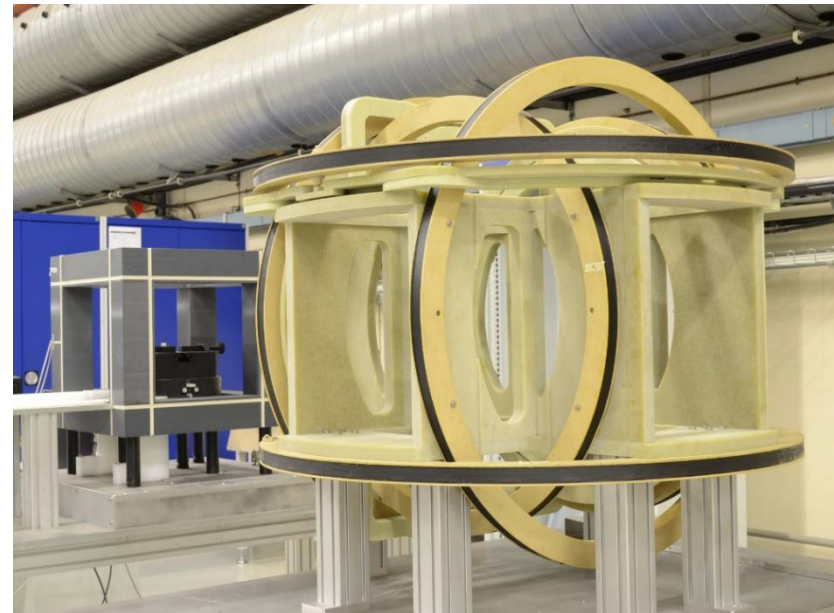


## Helmholtz coil system

- ✓ passive mode: characterization of permanent magnets
- ✓ active mode: create zero-field or any arbitrary field vector  $B$

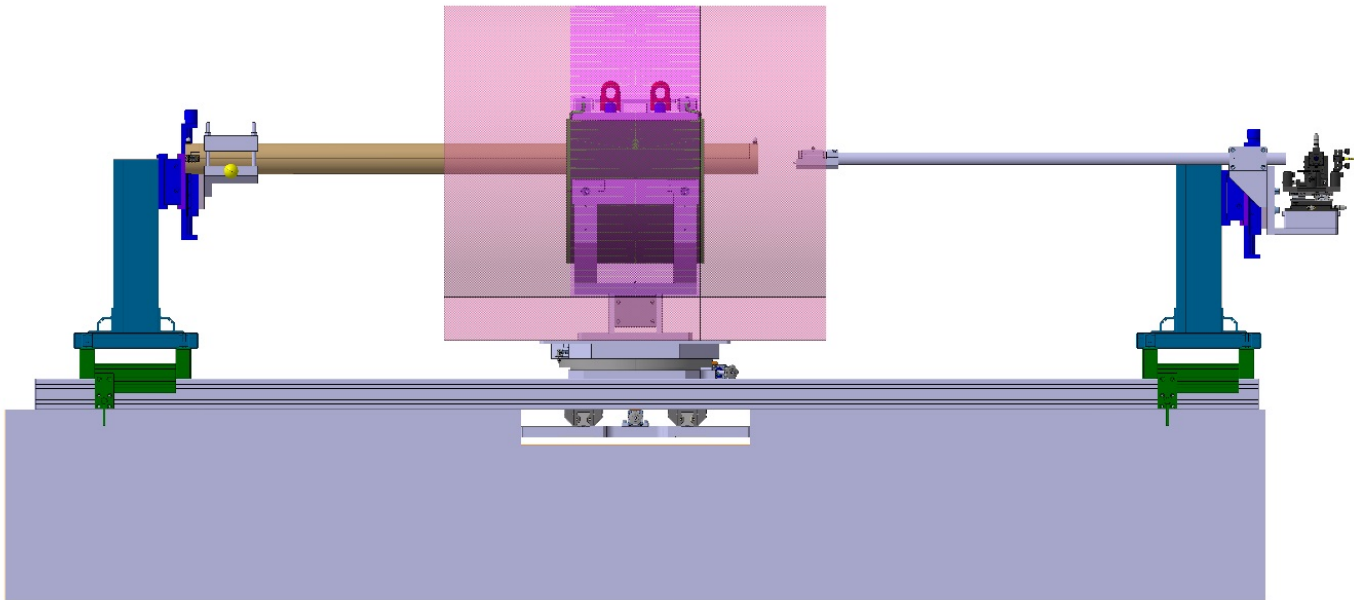
## Technical characteristics:

- Automatic earth-field compensation
- Max. zero-field offset:  $\pm 51$  nT
- Independently adjustable field components  $B_x, B_y, B_z$  between 0-800  $\mu$ T
- 1 nT resolution
- Pos. and neg. polarity for each axis (switch)
- Automatic compensation for alignment errors between sensor axis and Helmholtz coil axis



## Bench:

- Alignment of LSD unit wrt Solenoid with laser and recticles
- Alignment of OFC wrt Solenoid with cc-retro-reflectors and laser-tracker
- Setup is not sensitive to angular errors of the CPH and transversal (x,y) displacement error can be kept small





**Note:** in the latest version, LSD and compass head are mounted on separate stages in order to decouple the compass head motion from the LSD

## Laser-Splitter-Detector (LSD) Unit:

- 
➤ alignment between laser source, splitter and detector
→ Mirror / recticles



## Orthogonal Field Coils (OFC):

- 
➤ orthogonality between x- and y-coils
  - 
➤ coil geometry
- } → Rotating coil

## Compass Probe Head (CPH):

- 
➤ sorting of NdFeB-magnets
→ Helmholtz coil
  - 
➤ balance compass
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➤ correct compass assembly errors
- } → Helmholtz coil

## Bench:

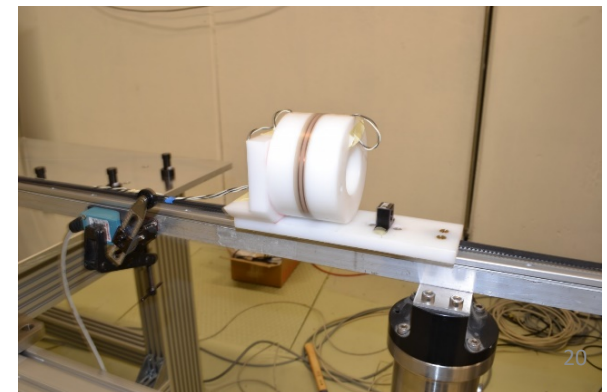
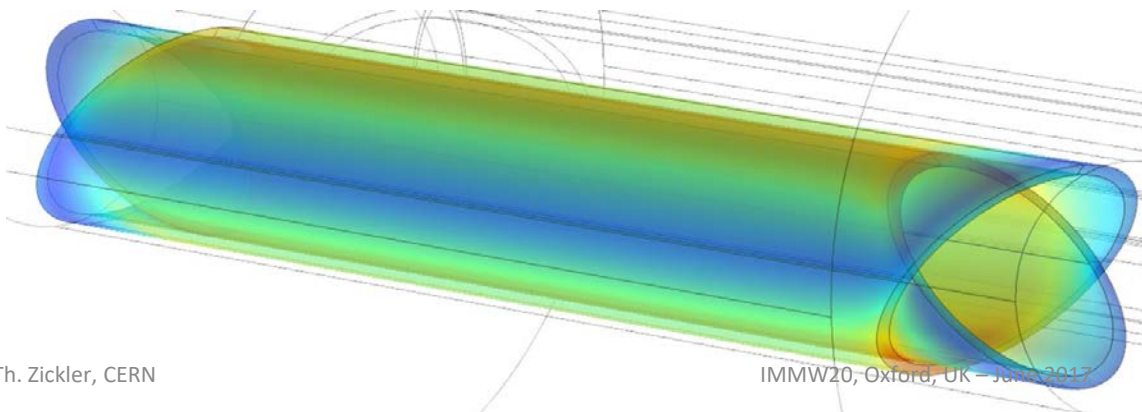
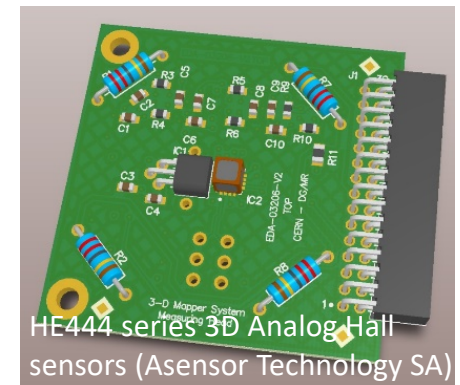
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➤ alignment between solenoid axis and LSD
→ Recticles
- 
➤ alignment between solenoid axis and OFC (roll angle)
→ Laser Tracker





## Next steps:

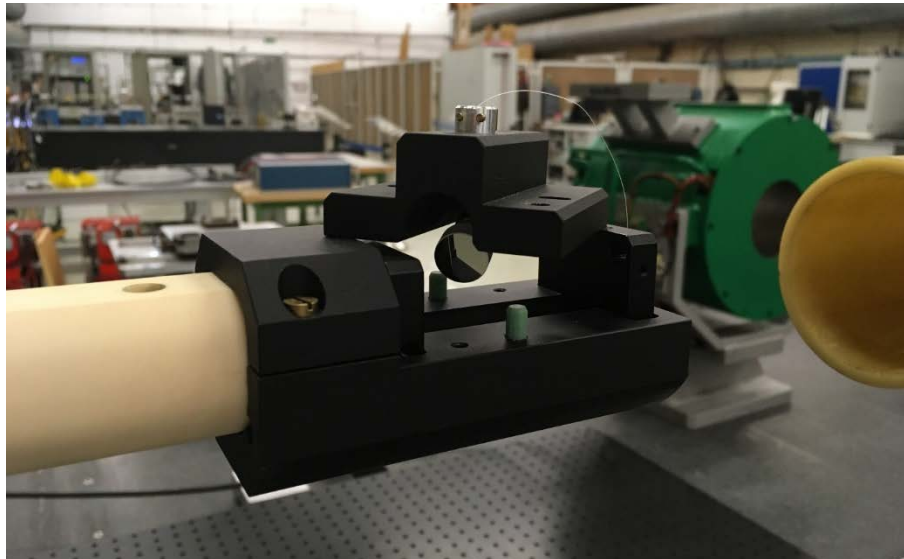
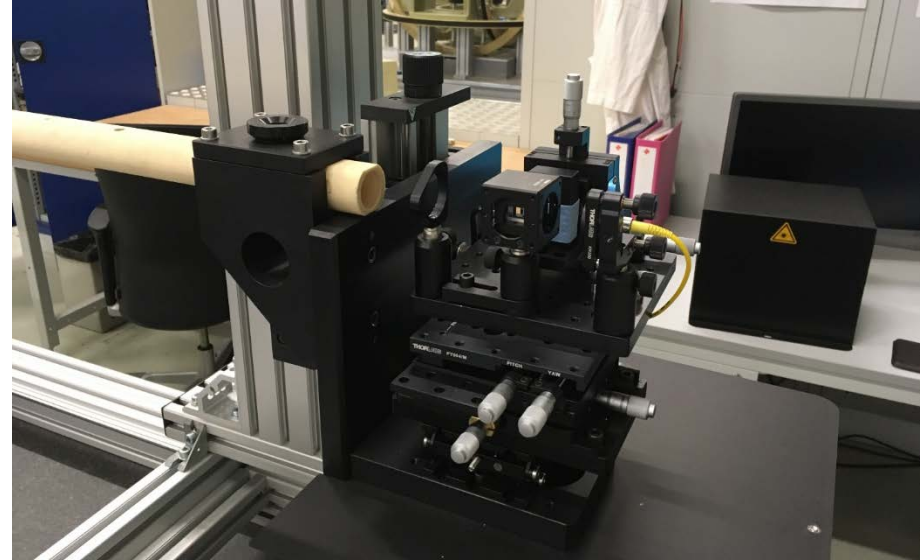
- ✓ Motorized motion unit with linear encoder and controller for CPH displacement
- ✓ Laser interferometer for precise z-position measurement of CPH
- ✓ Air cushion system to move Solenoid instead of CPH

## Future extensions towards a multi-purpose solenoid bench:

- ✓ 3-axis hall probe complementary to laser-compass
- ✓ Translating coil magnetometer for axial field profile
- ✓ Adapt CPH to measure small axial components in a strong vertical field of a Canted Cos Theta (CCT) magnet



- ✓ System built mostly from recuperated or commercial standard components
- ✓ Detailed calibration & alignment procedure allows reaching required measurement accuracy
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  - ✓ **Closed-loop feedback** system solves common problems like:
    - limited acceptance range of detector
    - beam excursion depending on distance between mirror and detector
    - dependency on the axial field component
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  - ✓ First tests confirm that  $B_{\perp}/B_{\parallel}$  of a few  $10^{-5}$  can be detected and we are confident to approach the  $10^{-6}$  range
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  - ✓ Main challenge: stable movement of CPH (or Solenoid)
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  - ✓ Limitation: transversal field components larger than  $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$  cannot be detected (out of range) → requires other technique (hall probes)



*Questions...?*

