

Copenhagen Center for Biomedical Quantum Sensing

Phase 1: 2024 - 2030

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Center composition and major thrusts

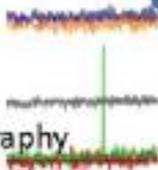
NBI KU

Center leader, PI – Eugene Polzik

Entanglement assisted sensing for bio-medical applications

Atomic bio-magnetometry
 Quantum magnetic induction tomography
 Entangled light for life science diagnostics
 Optimal quantum sensing
 Light quantum conversion and memory for sensing

Atomic sensors for enhanced MRI imaging



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PI – Mark Raizen

Atomic Medical Diagnostics and Cures

Detection of metabolic changes by isotope ratios
 Prevention of malnutrition and toxicity by isotopic tracers
 Quantum limited acoustic detection

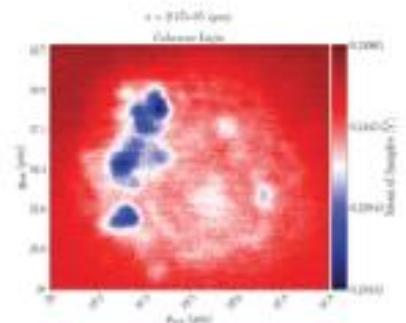
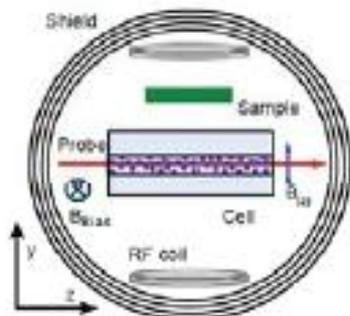
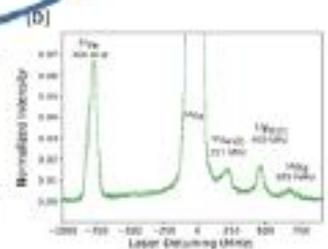


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PI – Ulrik Andersen

Quantum-enhanced sensing and imaging

Diamond-based quantum sensing and imaging of cells and molecules
 Squeezed-light enhanced light control, spectroscopy and microscopy





- High level scientific goals for the Center for Biomedical Quantum Sensing include**
- approaching and **surpassing standard quantum limits** in magnetometry, spectroscopy, microscopy and isotope separation
 - discovering novel **efficient methods for generation of entangled states of radiation and matter** allowing for surpassing those limits
 - using quantum enabled technology to **advance medical diagnostics** and healthcare

Our vision is to bring advances in quantum technologies into medical diagnostics and healthcare.

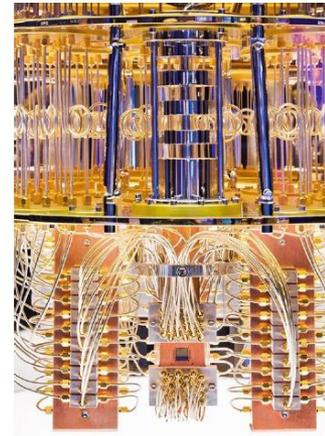
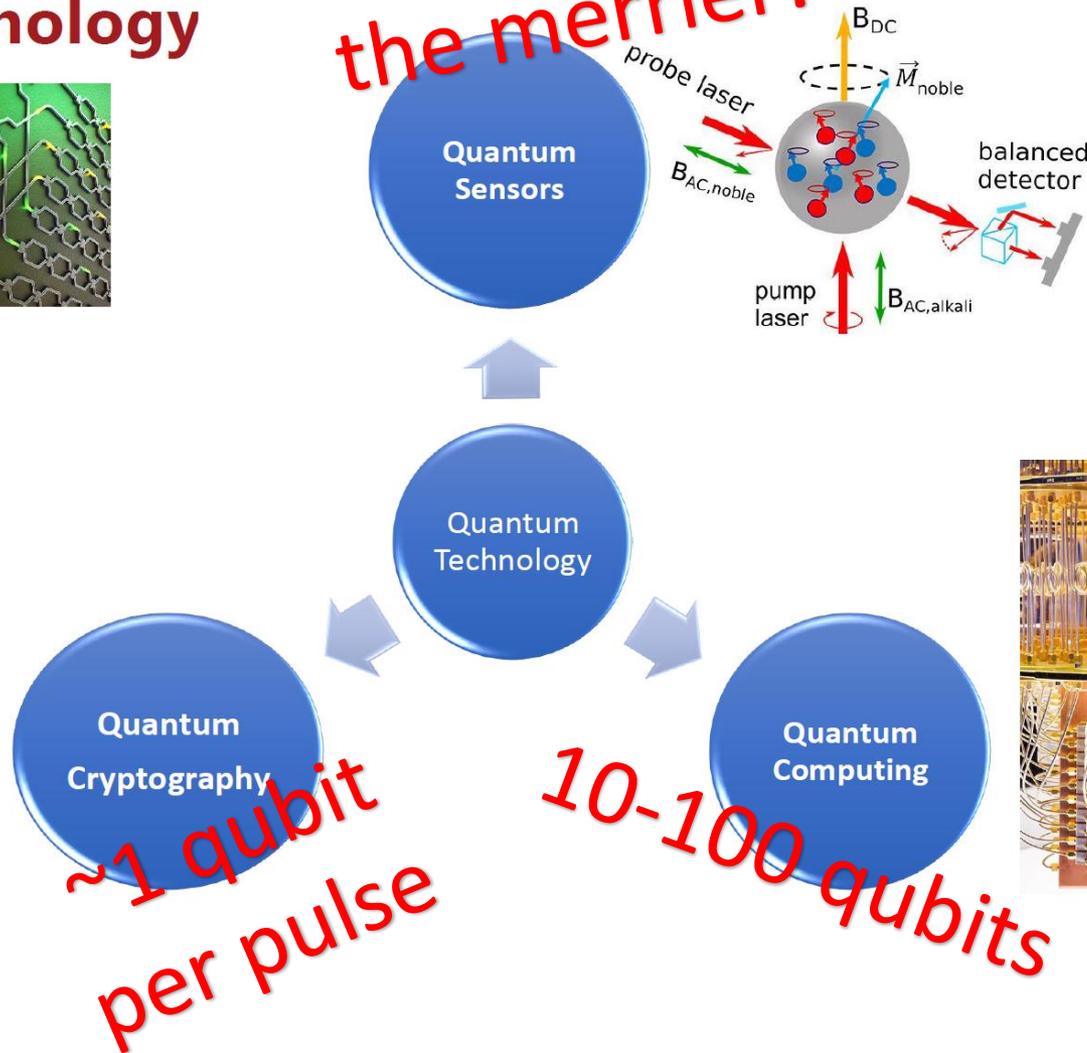
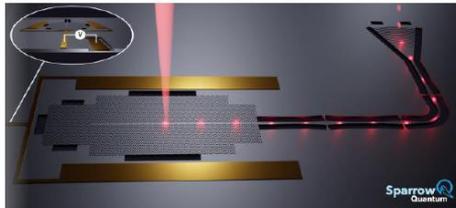
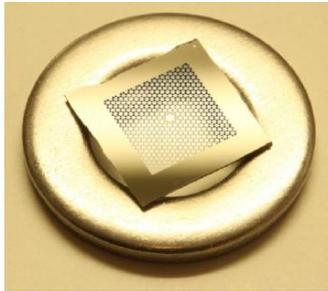
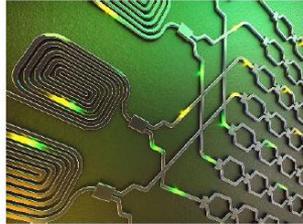
We will collaborate with:

- NNF Quantum Computing program
- Quantum Innovation Hub in Copenhagen
- Quantum Foundry

Quantum Sensing

The more qubits,
the merrier!

Quantum Technology



Entangled state of 10^9 spins

Only very special types of such states survive

High symmetry helps

- single mode squeezed states

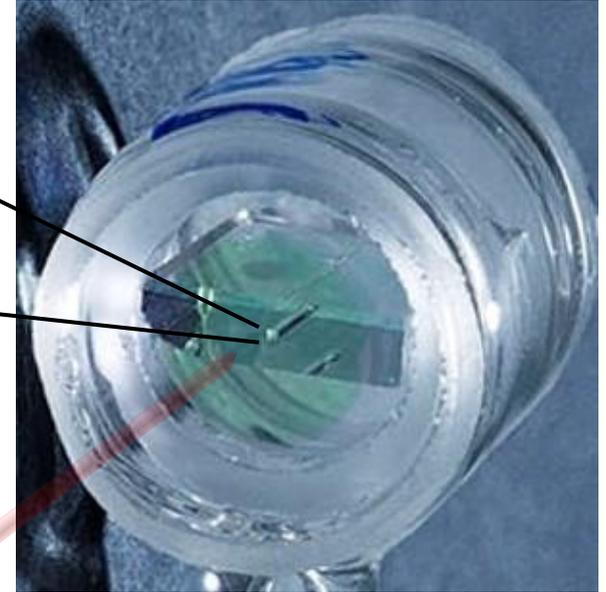
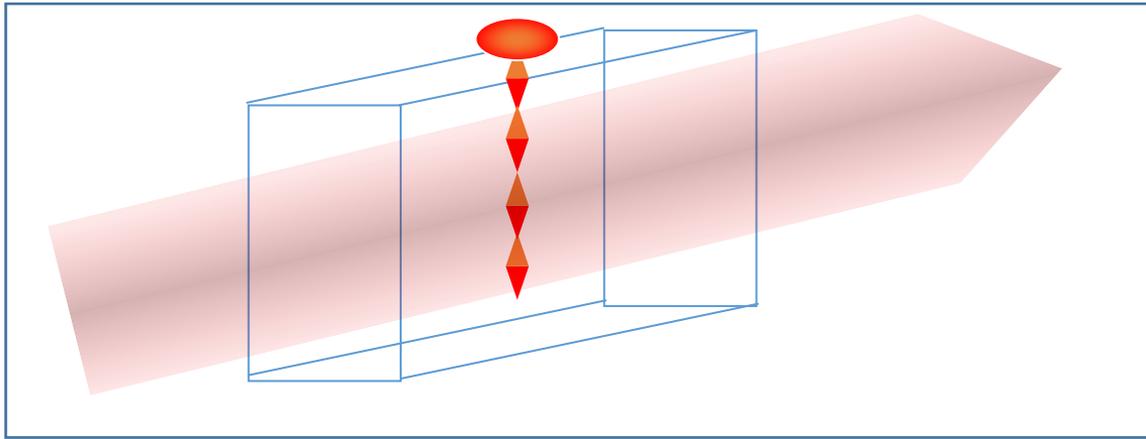
- two mode squeezed states = EPR entangled

Julsgaard et al *Nature* 2001; Sherson et al *Nature* 2006; Thomas et al *Nature Physics* 2021

- symmetric collective single excitations (Fock states)

Dideriksen et al *Nature Comm* 2021

Sensor Type I: spin of $10^9 - 10^{12}$ Room T Atoms



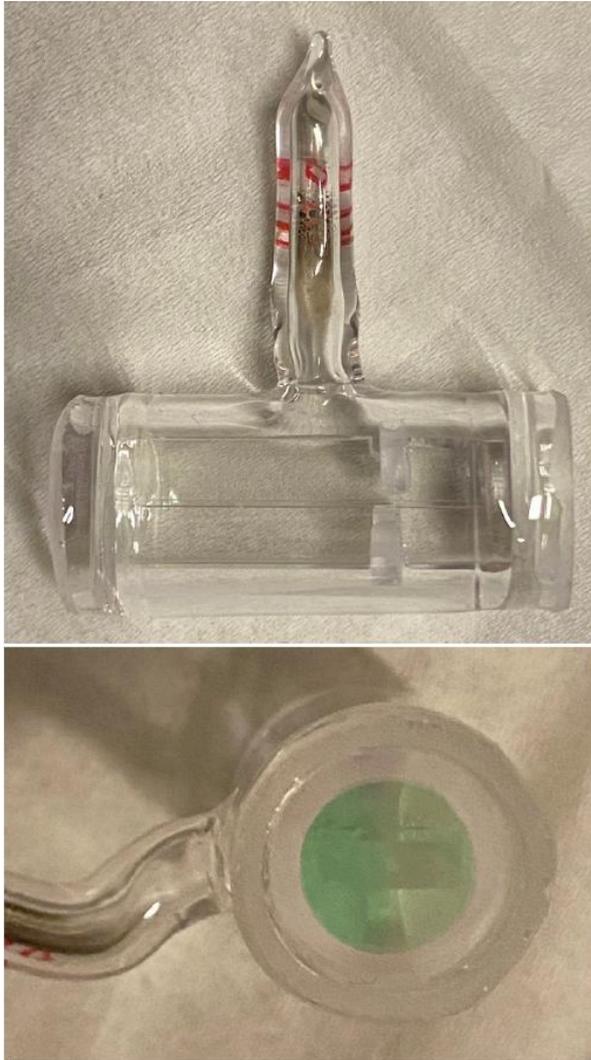
To generate a long-lived collective spin wave:

- Light-spin interaction without "which atom" information
- Spin protecting coating of cell walls prevents collisional decoherence

life time of
a spin state $\sim 0.01 - 1$ sec at room temperature

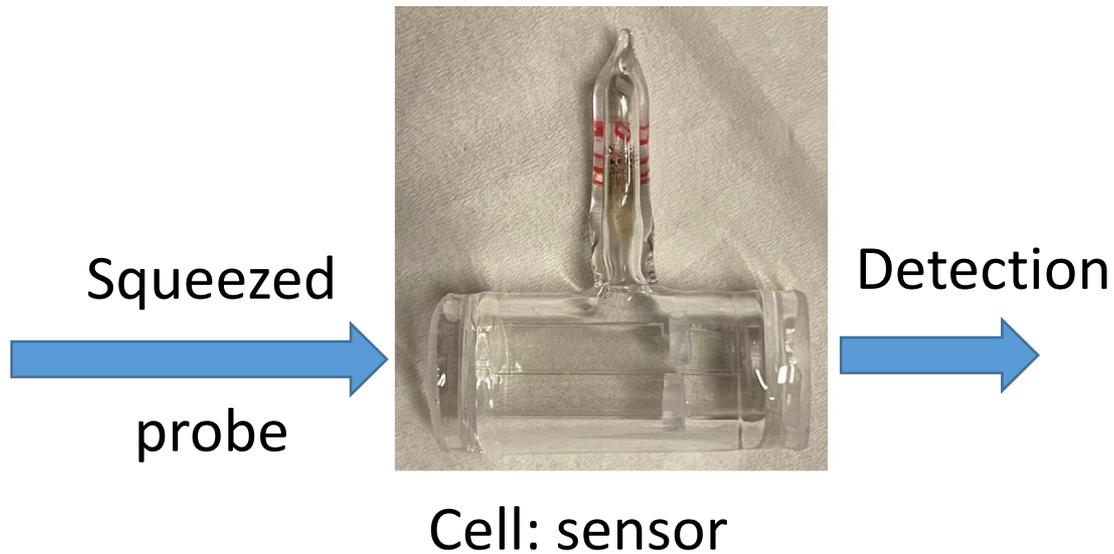


Sensor: vapor of room temperature atoms in spin protected environment



Design and fabrication credit: Mikhail Balabas

Quantum noise limits of sensing



$$P_{L1,out} = -\cancel{P_{L1,in}} + signal + \Gamma \chi X_{L1,in}$$

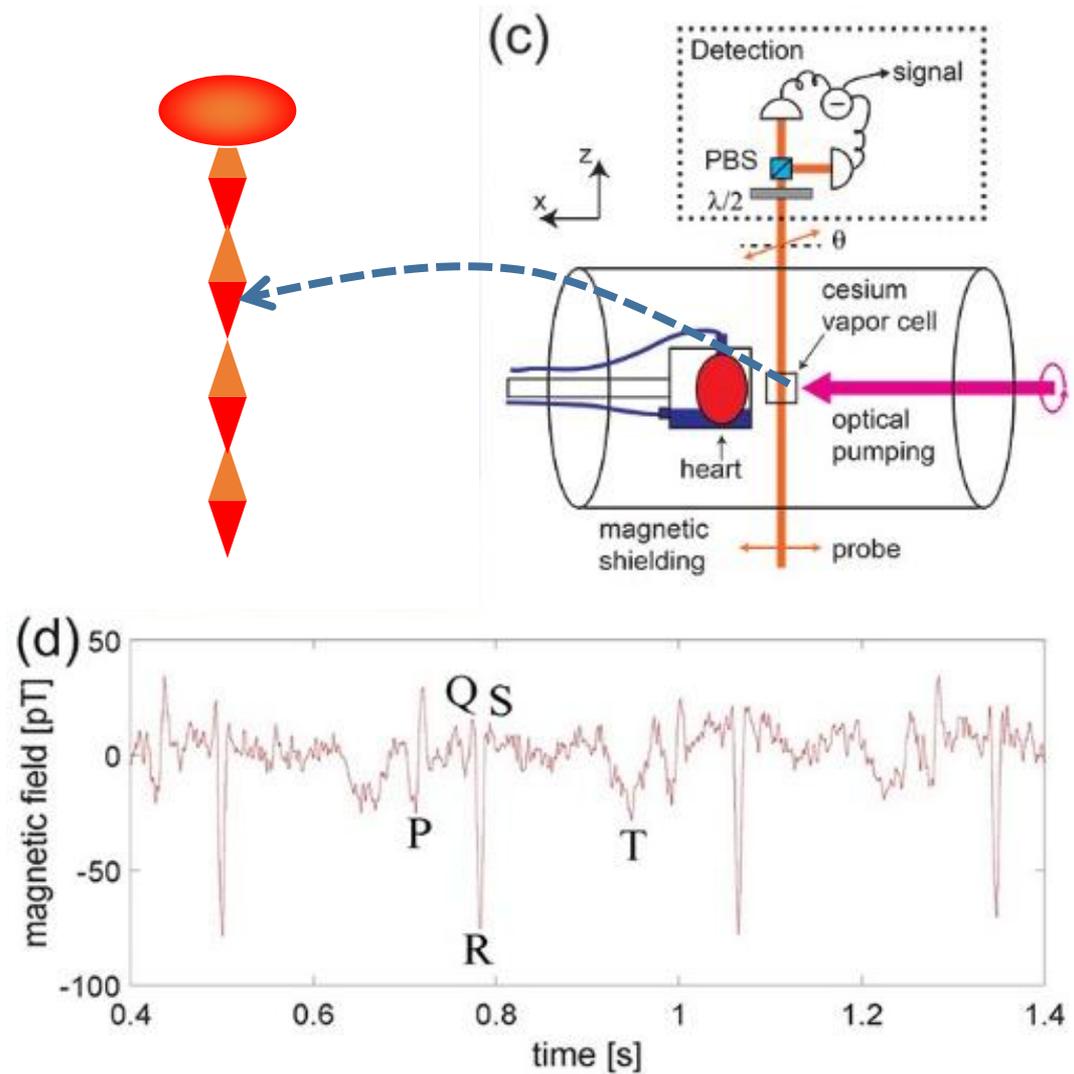
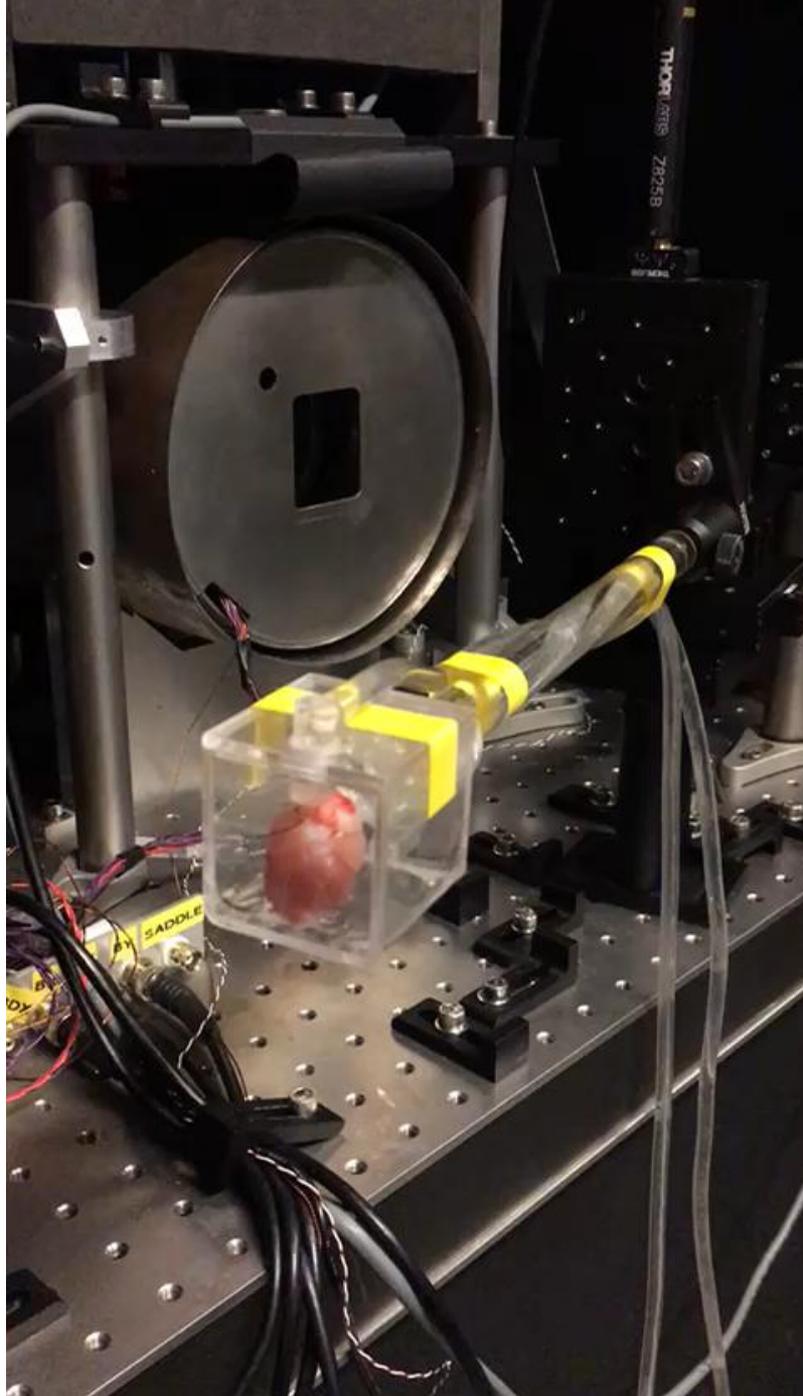
Shot noise of light

Measurement rate

Back action of light

Squeezed Light probe

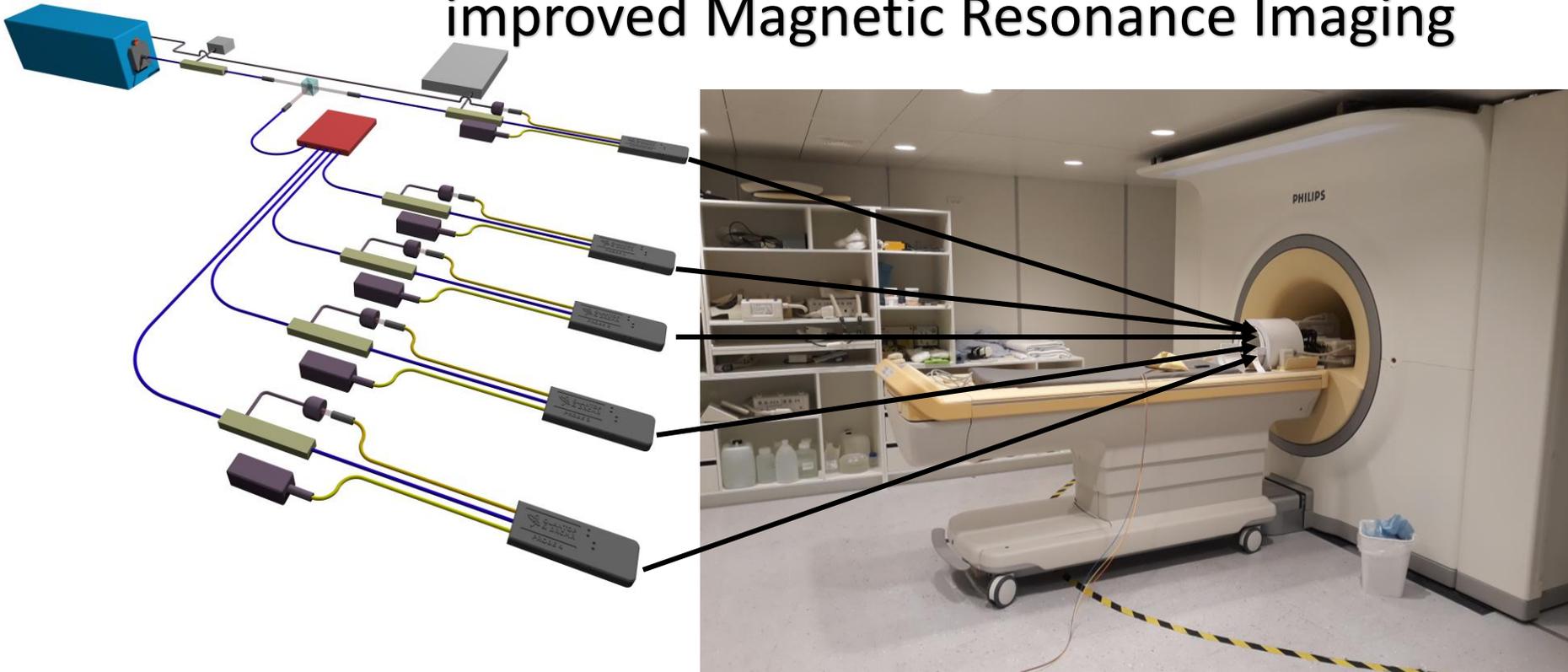
Atomic Spin magnetometry for Noninvasive cardiac diagnostics



NBI collaboration with
Rigshospital, Copenhagen

Sensor type II:

improved Magnetic Resonance Imaging



7 Tesla magnetic field measured with 10^{-7} (1 part in 10 million) accuracy

Hans Stærkind; Collaboration NBI – Hvidovre Hospital, Copenhagen



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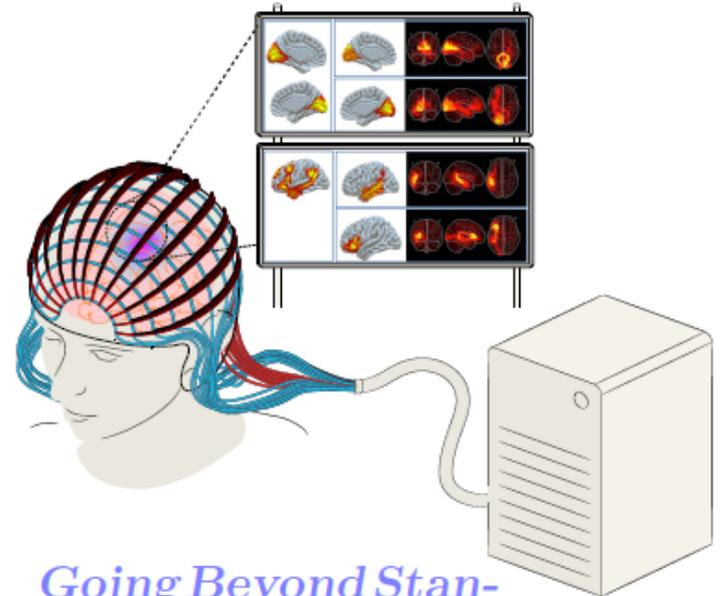
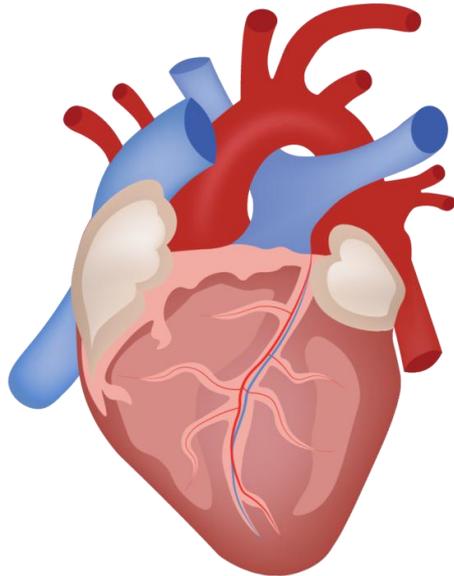
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Sensor Type III:

Atomic Magnetic Induction Tomography

*Distant noninvasive detection
of weakly conducting objects*

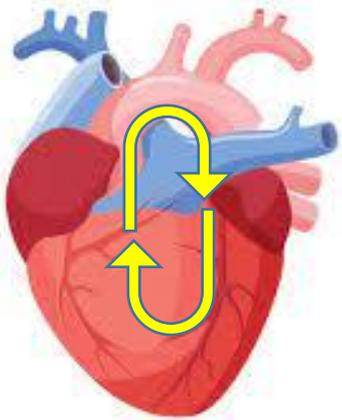


Going Beyond Standard Neuroimaging

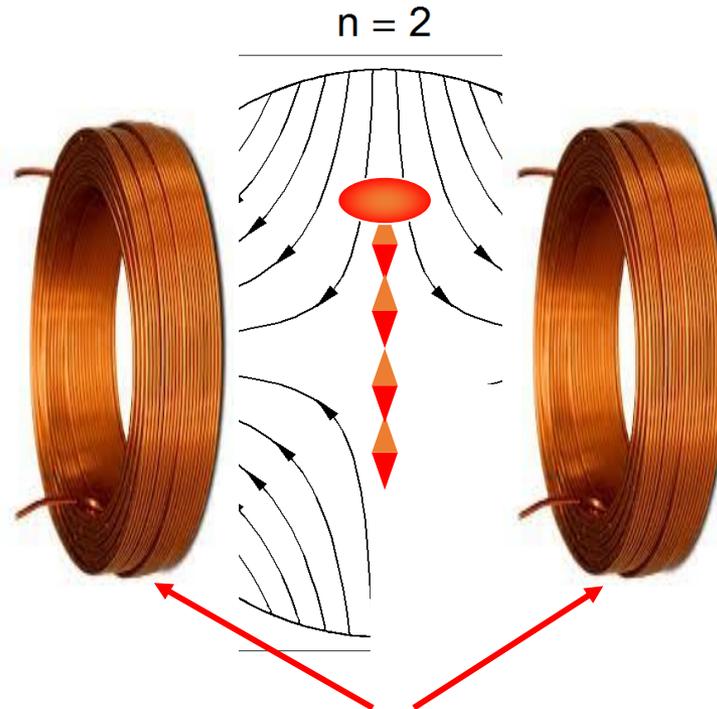
Sensor Type III:

Atomic Magnetic Induction Tomography (Atomic MIT)

Distant noninvasive detection of weakly conducting objects



Induced currents

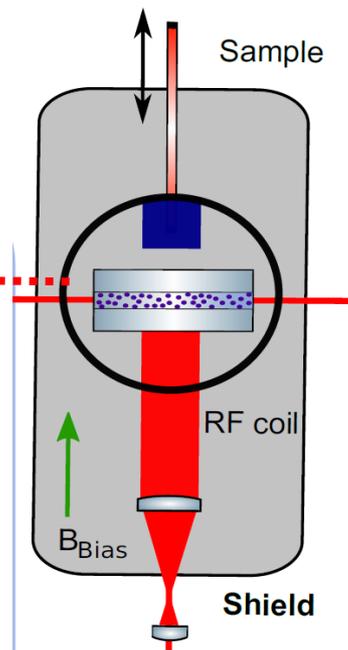
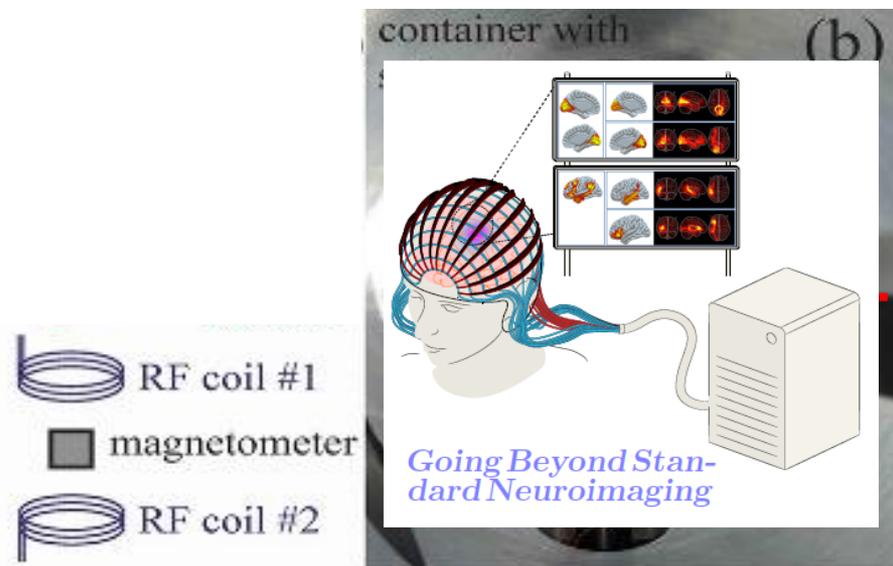


Anti-Helmholtz coils

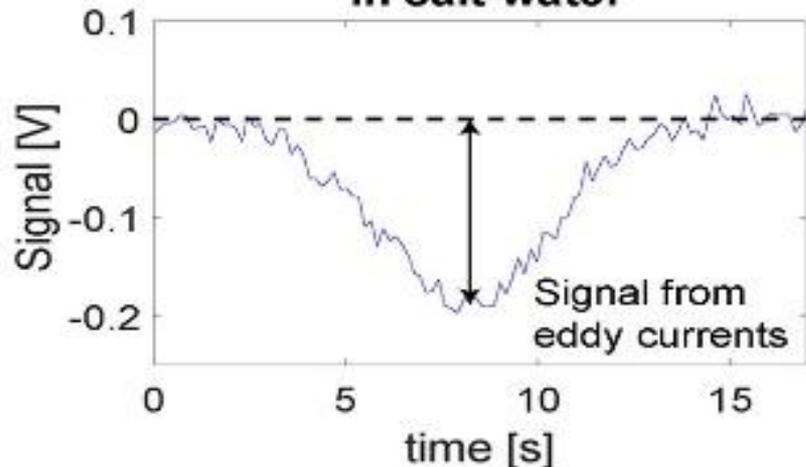


Atomic Magnetic Induction Tomography (Atomic MIT)

Towards brain/heart diagnostics via conductivity measurement



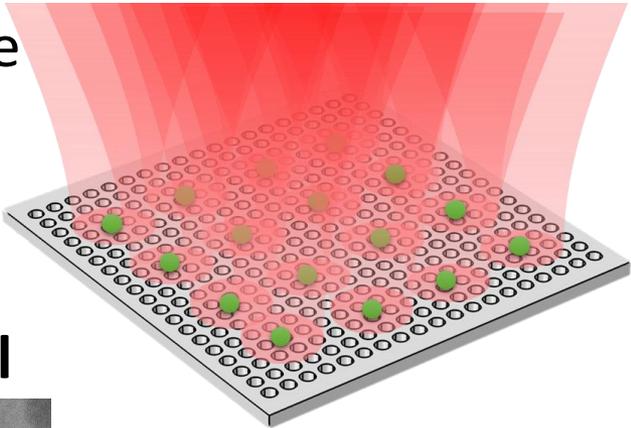
Detection of eddy currents in salt-water (c)



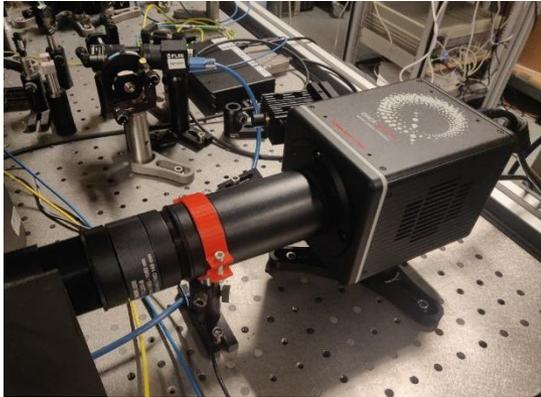
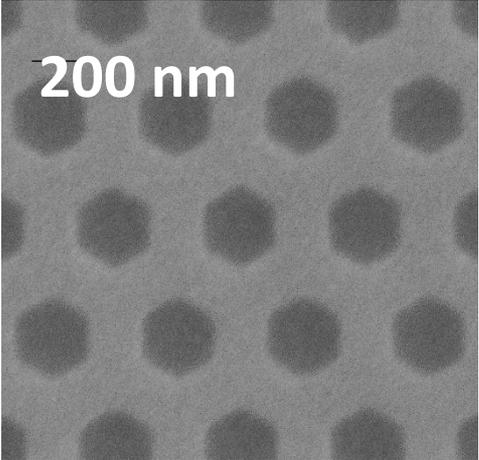
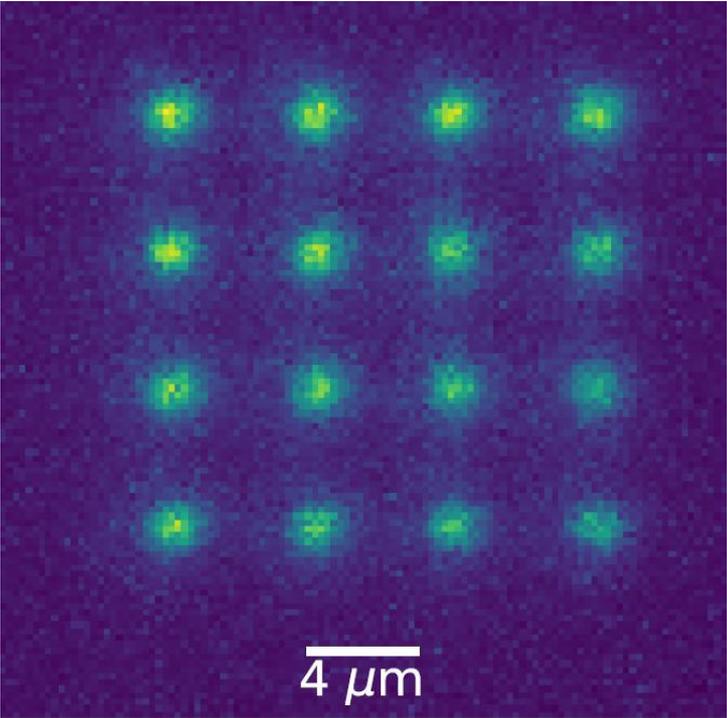
Goals:
Detection of brain, heart anomalies by noninvasive conductivity measurements

Perspective: sensing with ultracold atomic lattice

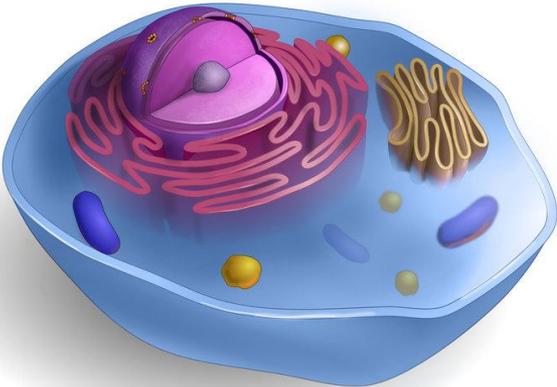
Caesium atoms trapped and cooled to near ground state of motion



SiN 2D
Photonic crystal



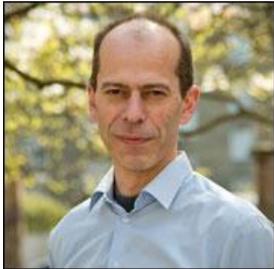
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(to scale)



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Quantum Limits of Sensing and beyond

**Take home message:
there are no limits
for sensitivity to e.-m. fields
and forces**

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Work packages and collaboration links

