## Atomic-optical compass with pT precision

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# Magnetic fields and magnetometers capabilities



### Magnetic field

- Human brain:
  0.1 1 pT
- Human heart: 100 pT

### Magnetometers

- SQUID: 1 fT
- SERF: 1 fT

#### Goal

We are looking for compact (less 1 cm<sup>3</sup>) **vector** magnetometer with pT precision capable to work at Earth magnetic field (50  $\mu$ T)

# Electromagnetically Induced Transparency (EIT)



# Simple EIT magnetometer



## Conceptual design









# EIT signals vs two-photon detuning. B= $50\mu$ T, $f_{center} = 6'834'687.6$ kHz



 $\Delta m = -2,$  $f_{center} - 700$ kHz

 $\Delta m = 0$ , fcenter

 $\Delta m = 2,$  $f_{center} + 700$ kHz





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# Signal to noise optimization



# Optimization for different cells

10 Torr Ne



15 Torr Ne



### Shorter cell with less buffer is better







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## Linear polarization: angular dependence on $\theta$ and $\phi$



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### $\phi$ angle tracking sensitivity



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## Principal component analysis: get components



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# Principal component analysis: use components space









### Compass summary



- pT sensitivity
- measures B-field vector
- operates at the Earth magnetic field



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