

Résonateur micro-onde quasi sphérique: de la détermination de la constante de Boltzmann à la mesure primaire de la pression.

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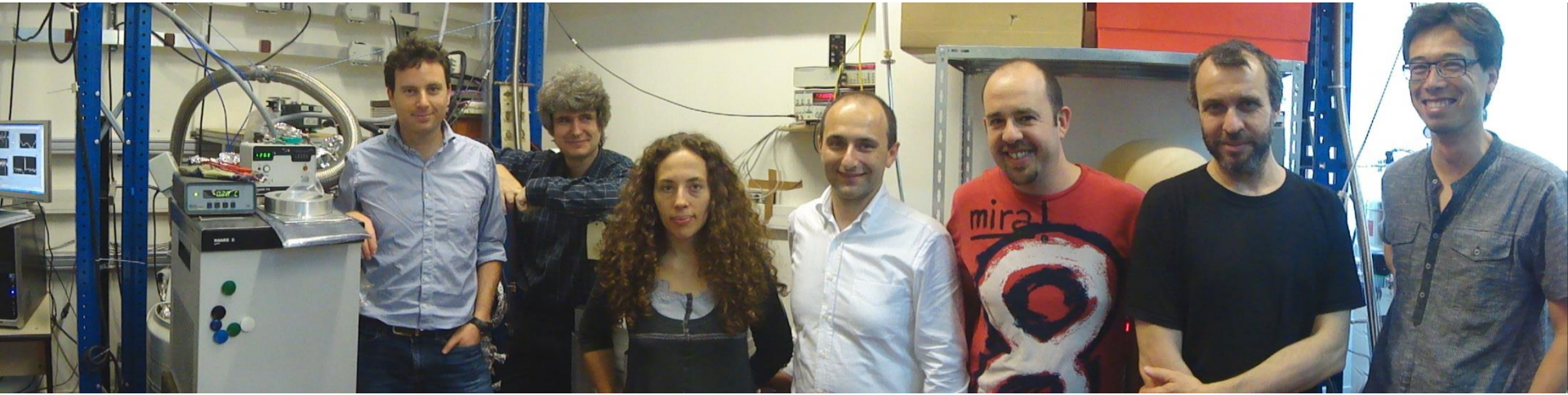


Creation du CNAM 1794
Dépôt des étalons du système métrique 1848

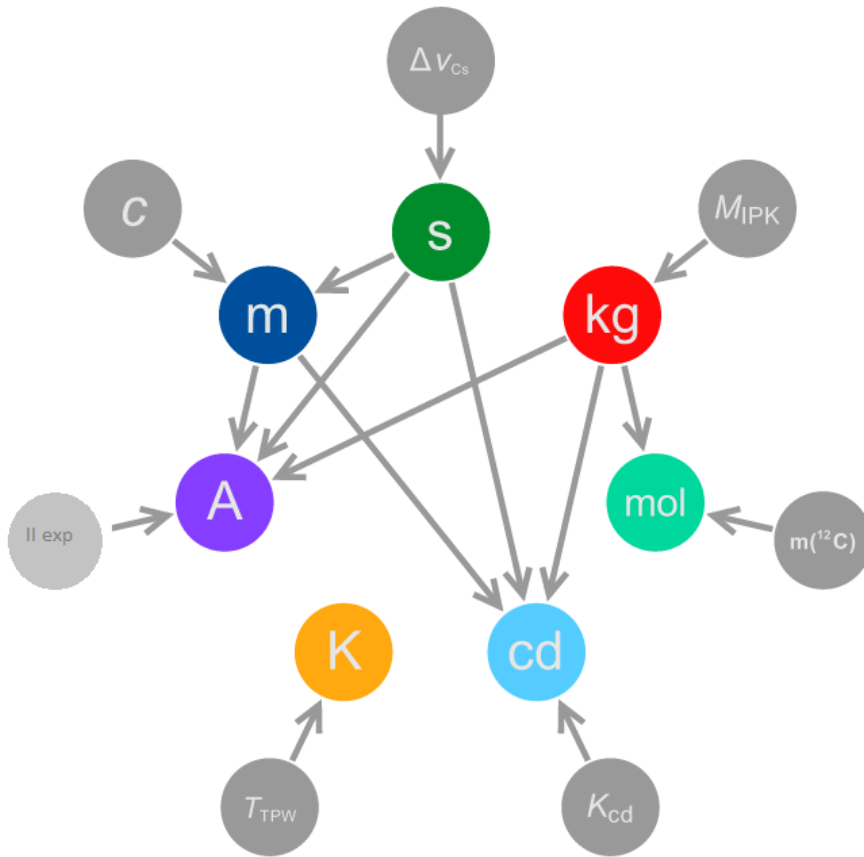
Creation du LNE 1901



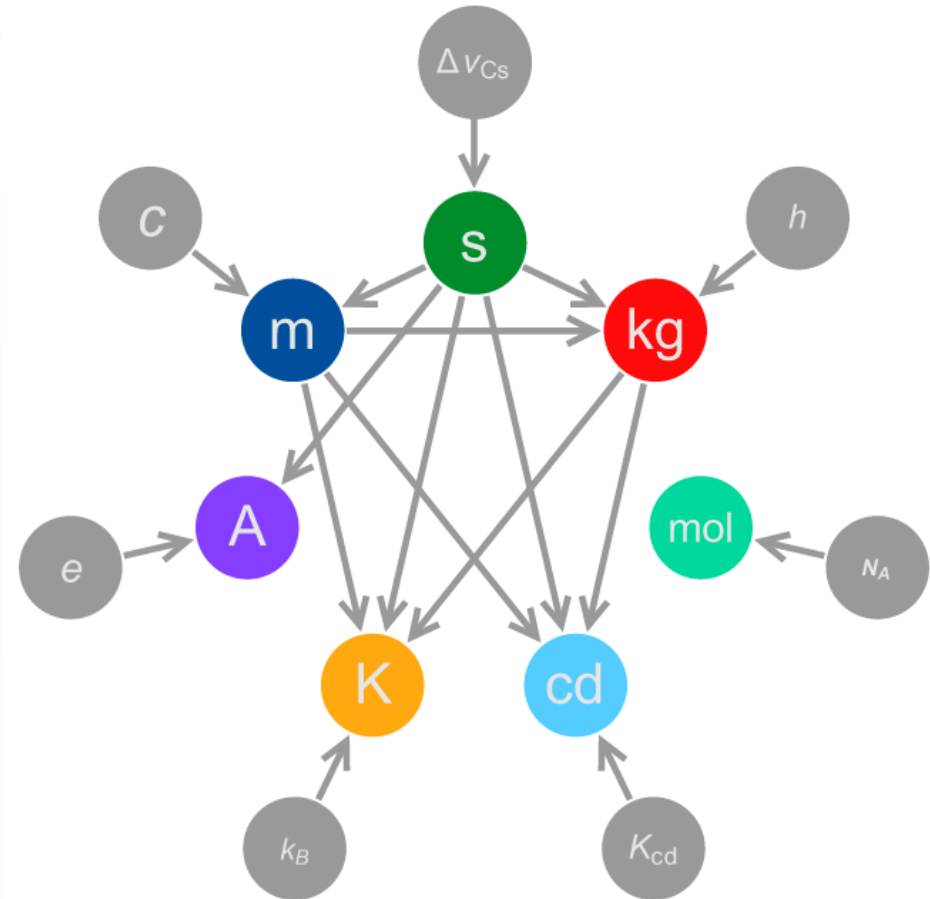
Une Equipe



Old SI

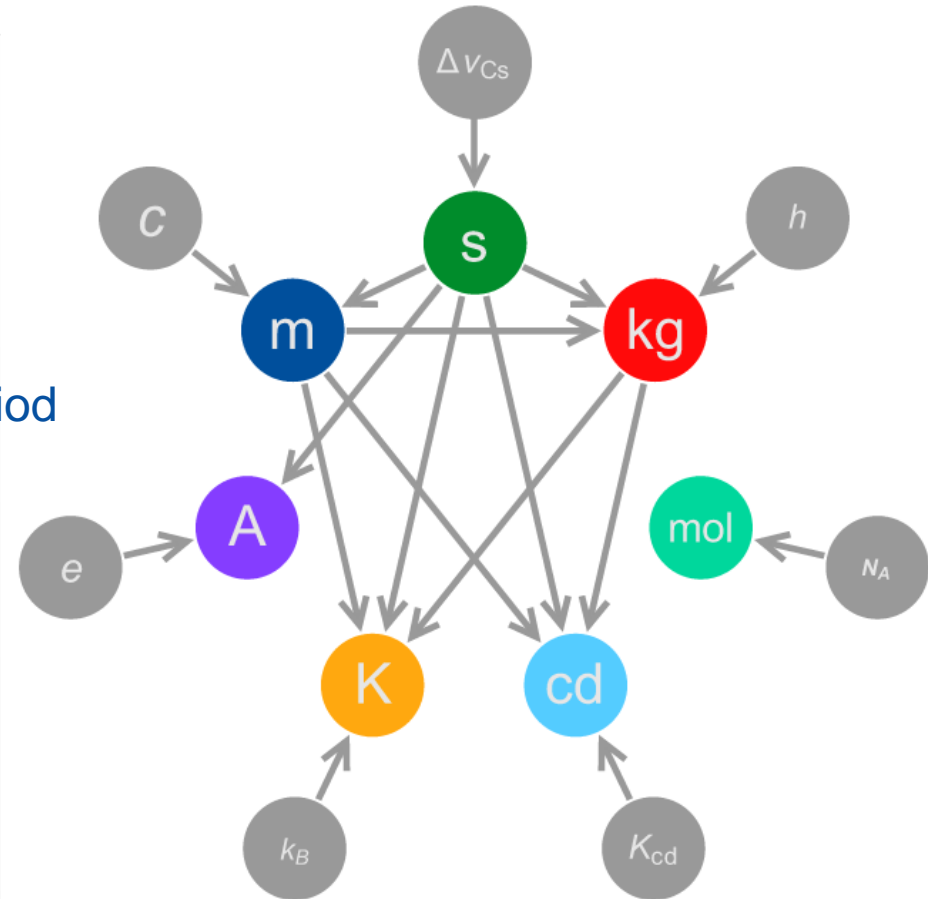


New SI



Link to fundamental constant
Measurement traceable over very long period
Will be official the 20th may 2019

New SI



Les déterminations de la Constant de Boltzmann au CODATA 2014

LNE09 Helium gas, 0.5 liters resonator, hand polished inner

$$k = (1.3806495 + 0.0000037) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

LNE13 Argon gas, 0.5 liters resonator, surface diamond turned

$$k = (1.3806477 + 0.0000017) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

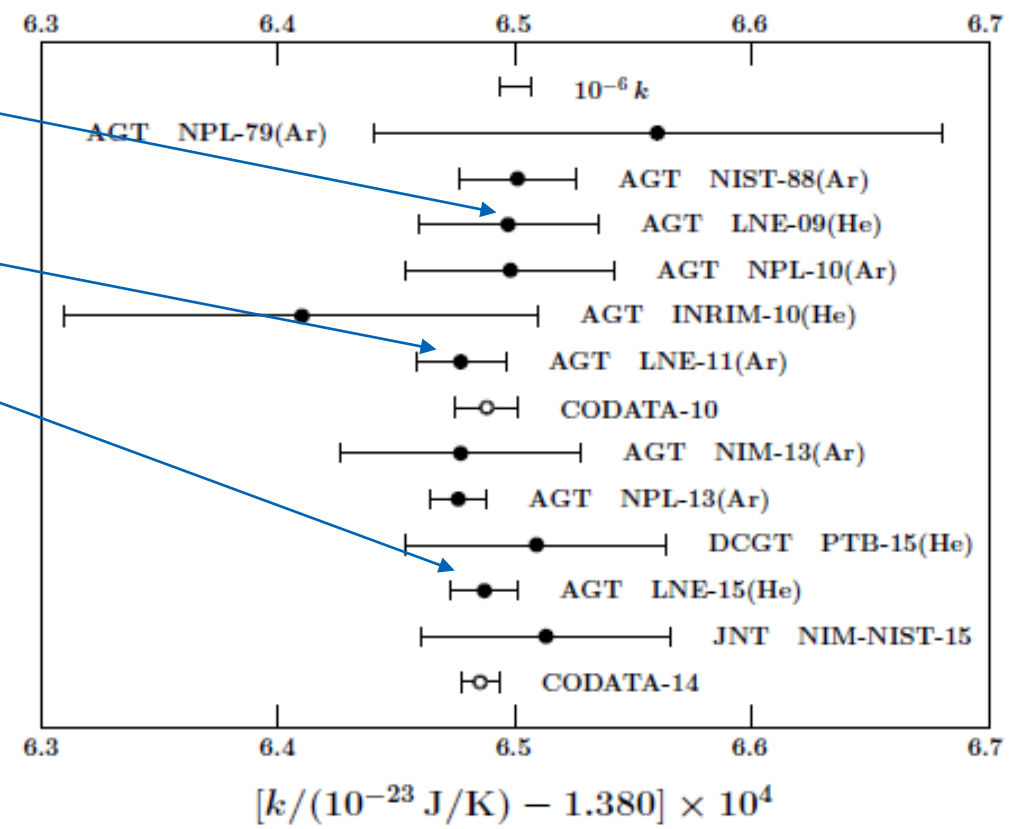
LNE15 Helium gas, 0.5 liters resonator, surface diamond turned

$$k = (1.3806485 + 0.0000014) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

CODATA 2014

$$k = 1.380\,648\,52(79) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

Le LNE a, en moyenne pondéré, la détermination de k avec la plus petite incertitude au monde, donnée prise en compte par le CODATA 2014



From CODATA Recommended Values of the Fundamental Physical Constants:2014 page 52

En cour d'analyse

LNE17 Helium gas, 3 liters resonator, surface diamond turned

$$k = (1.38064XX + 0.0000009) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$



- La détermination de la constante de Boltzmann au LNE-CNAM
- mesure primaire de la pression à l'aide de résonateur supraconducteur

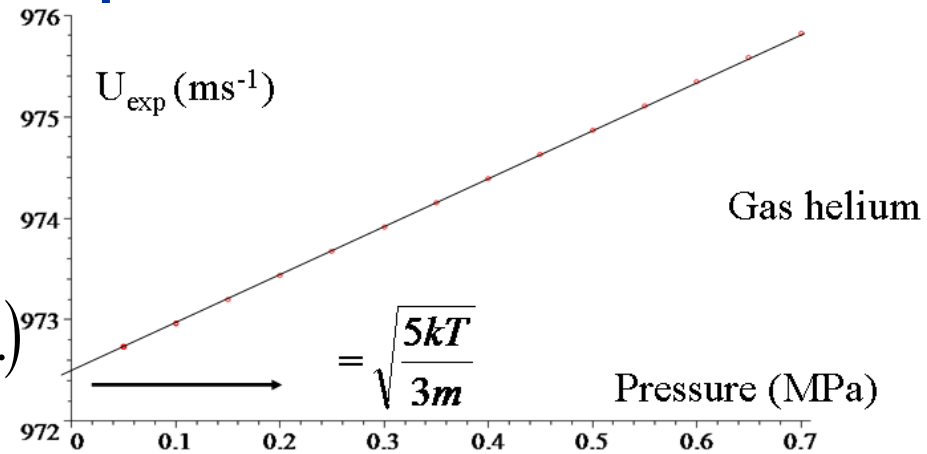


Principle of the experiment

For real gas:

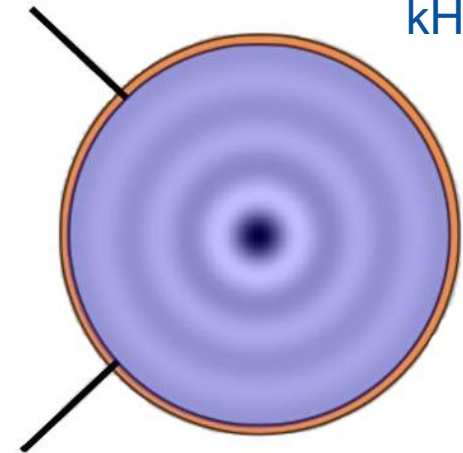
$$u_A^2 = \gamma_{pg} \frac{RT}{M_{4\text{He}}} \left(1 + \beta_a(T)\rho + \gamma_a(T)\rho^2 \dots \right)$$

universal gas constant \rightarrow RT
 zero pressure limit of specific heats ratio \rightarrow γ_{pg}
 $M_{4\text{He}}$ \leftarrow $M_{4\text{He}}$ \leftarrow $M_{4\text{He}}$ molar mass
 $\beta_a(T)$ \leftarrow $\beta_a(T)$ \leftarrow $\beta_a(T)$ acoustic virial coefficients from *ab initio* calculations
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Flow Tube in

kHz



Flow Tube out

- Acoustic resonances measurement
Boltzmann constant but linked to a volume
- Microwave resonances measurement
Volume measurement

Simultaneous acoustic (u) and microwave (c) resonances in a cavity



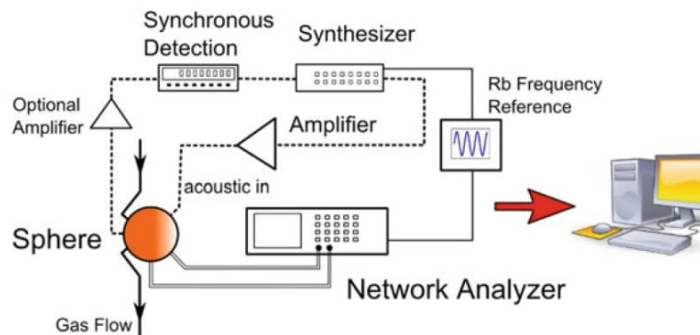
Relationship between the Boltzmann constant and acoustic/microwave measurements

$$k = \left\langle \frac{3}{5} \frac{mc_0^2}{T_{tp,water}} \left(\frac{Z_{nl}^{EM}}{Z_{nl}^A} \right)^2 \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\langle f_{nl}^A + \Delta f_{nl}^A \rangle}{\langle f_{nl}^{EM} + \Delta f_{nl}^{EM} \rangle} \right)^2 \right\rangle$$

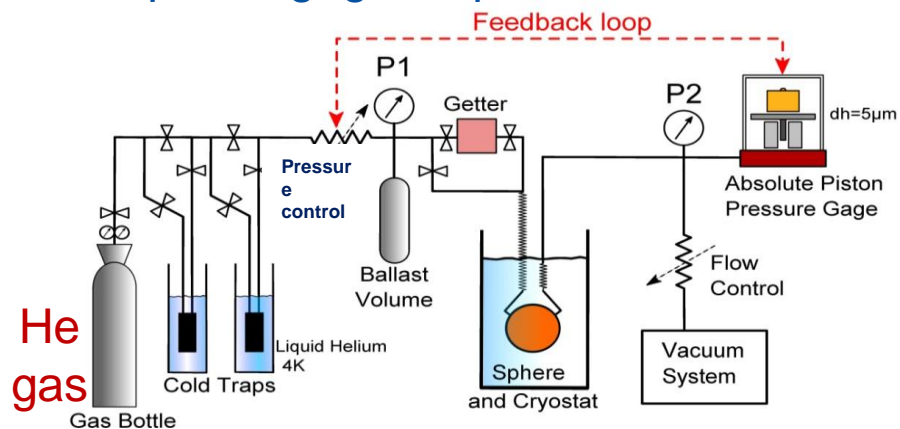
Gas atomic mass $\rightarrow mc_0^2$
 Speed of light in vacuum (exact) $\rightarrow c_0^2$
 Measured resonance frequency $\rightarrow f_{nl}^A, f_{nl}^{EM}$
 Correction (theory) $\rightarrow \Delta f_{nl}^A, \Delta f_{nl}^{EM}$
 Quasi-sphere's eigenvalues $\rightarrow Z_{nl}^{EM}, Z_{nl}^A$
 Polynomial extrapolation to Zero pressure limit $\rightarrow \lim_{p \rightarrow 0}$
 Average over measured acoustic and electromagnetic modes $\rightarrow \langle \dots \rangle$
 Ratio: removes artefact effects at the first order $\rightarrow \frac{\langle f_{nl}^A + \Delta f_{nl}^A \rangle}{\langle f_{nl}^{EM} + \Delta f_{nl}^{EM} \rangle}$



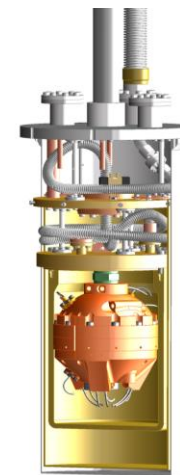
20 Instruments used at the state of the art



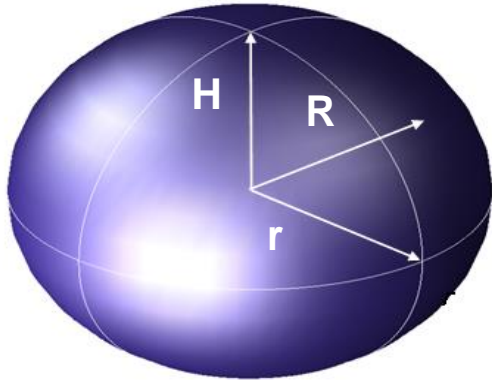
Ultra clean gas handling systems
With a piston gage as pressure measurement



Adiabatic Cryostat
(weak link to the thermal bath)



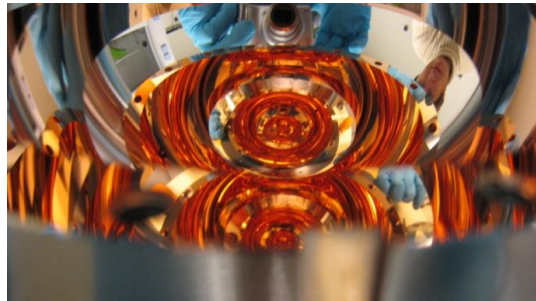
- The use of a slightly deformed spherical geometry, a triaxial ellipsoid, removes the degeneracy of resonator modes



$$\frac{x^2}{(49.950)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(49.975)^2} + \frac{z^2}{(50.000)^2} = 1$$

Inner shape: the difference between r , R and H is 0.025 mm:

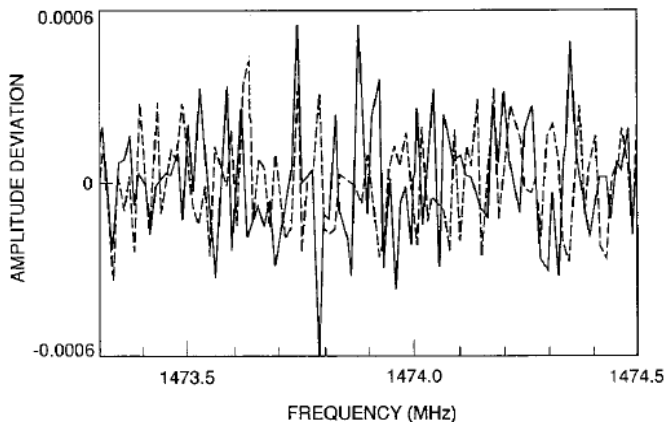
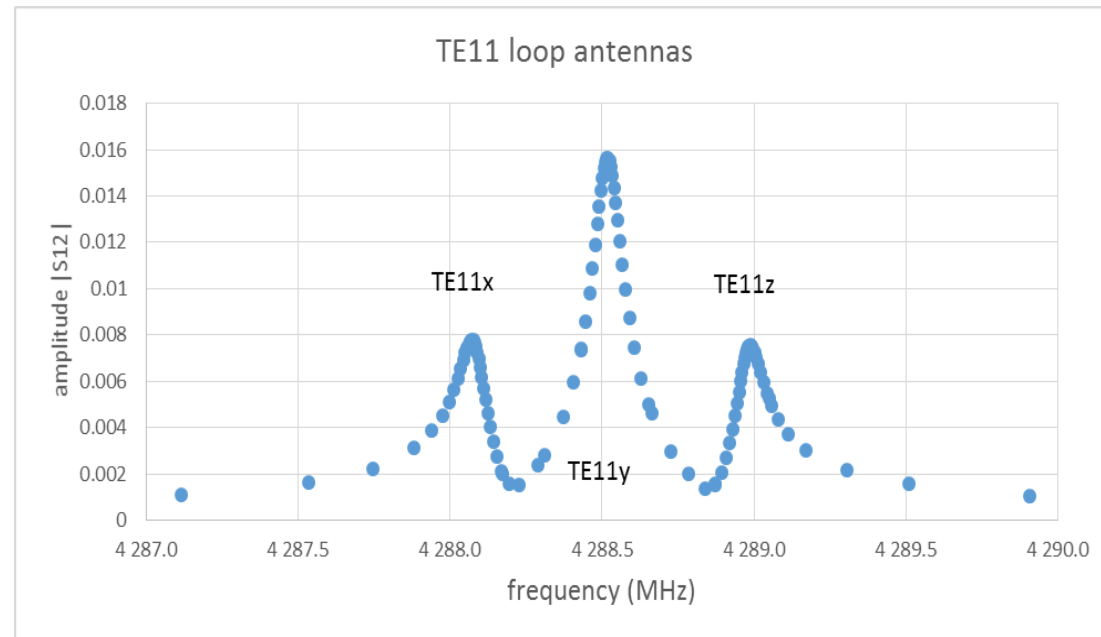
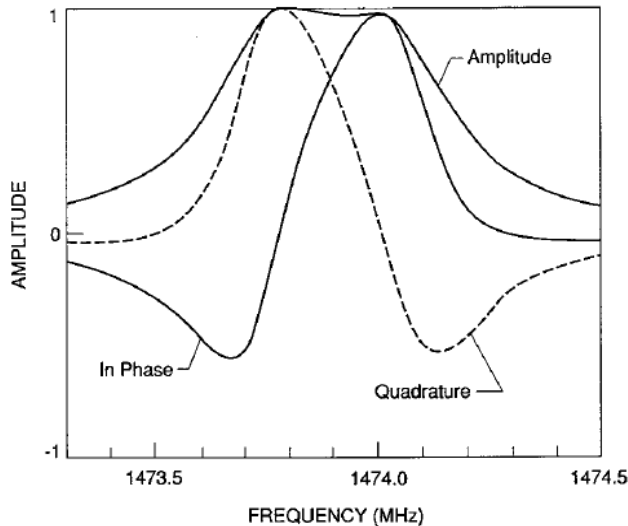
$H = 50.000$ mm
 $R = 49.975$ mm
 $r = 49.950$ mm



0.5 L diamond turned resonator

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3 over 3 resonances observed
in a quasi sphere

Only 2 over 3 resonances
observed in a "perfect" sphere

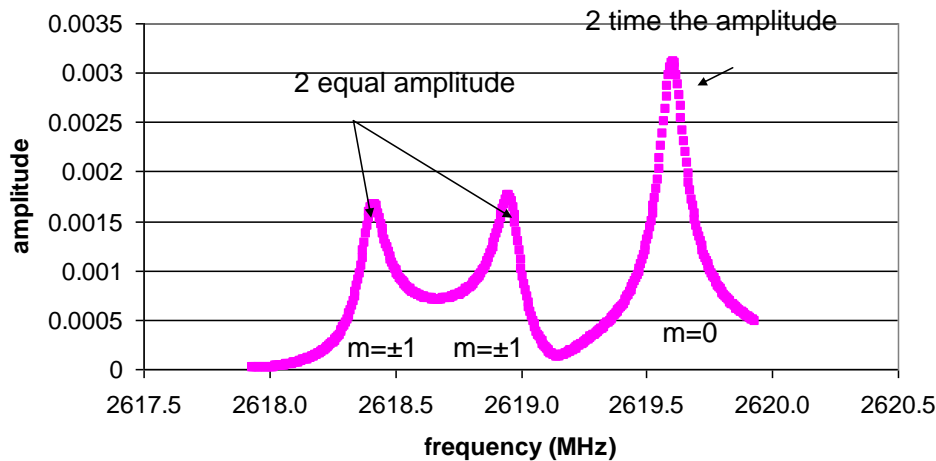
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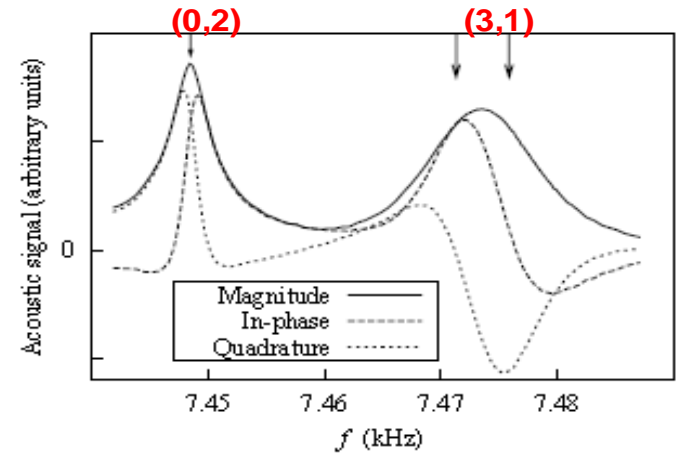
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Electromagnetic measurements in very good agreement with the theoretical model

TM11 BCU3



Acoustic measurements in a good agreement with the theoretical model



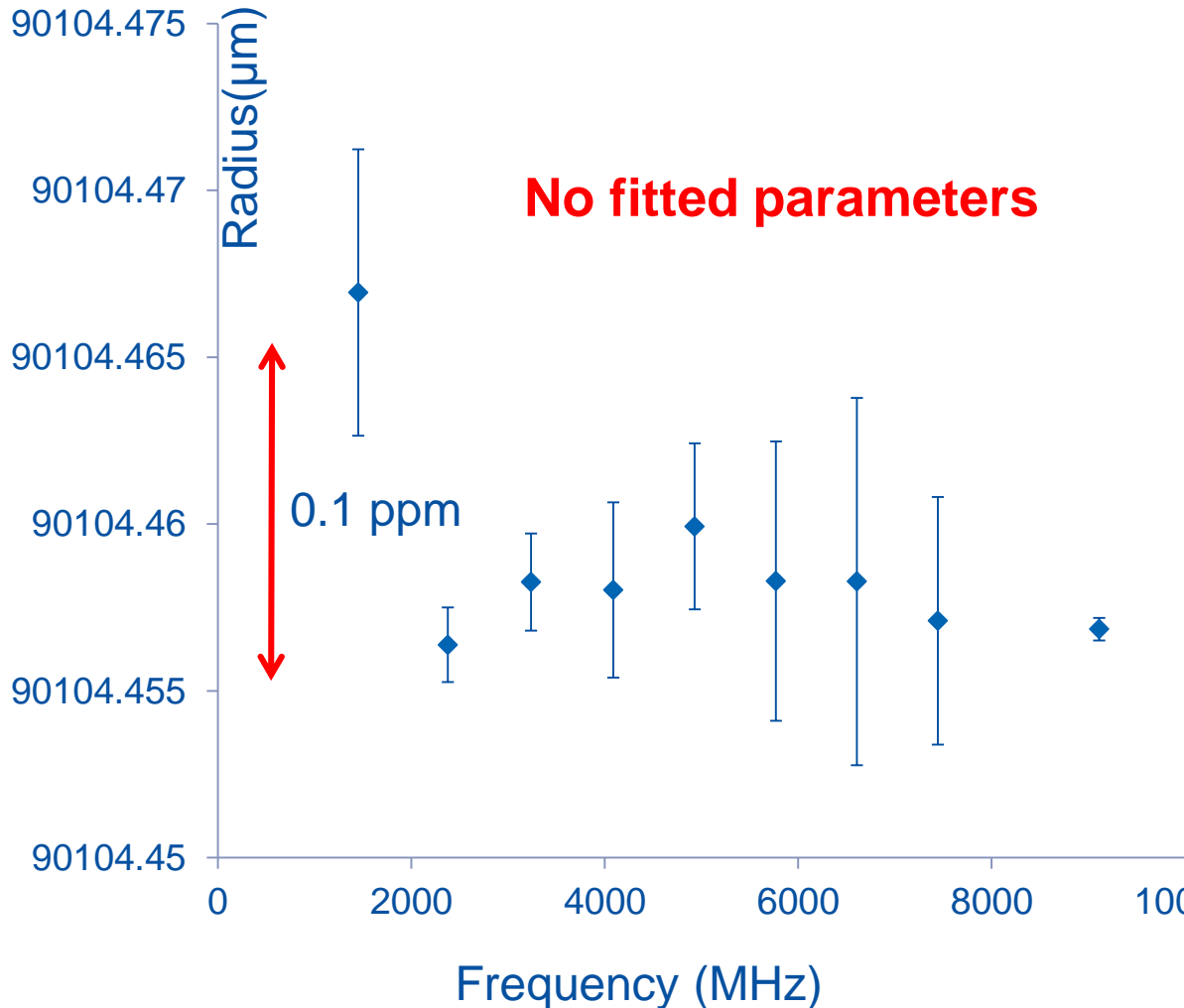
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$$Radius = \frac{\text{Eigenvalue } Z_{nl}^{EM} c \text{ Speed of light}}{2\pi \langle f_{nl}^{EM} + \Delta f_{nl}^{EM} \rangle \text{ Resonance frequency}}$$

Skin depth
Holes and
Antennas effect

3.1 liters
Copper diamond turn quasi spherical resonator

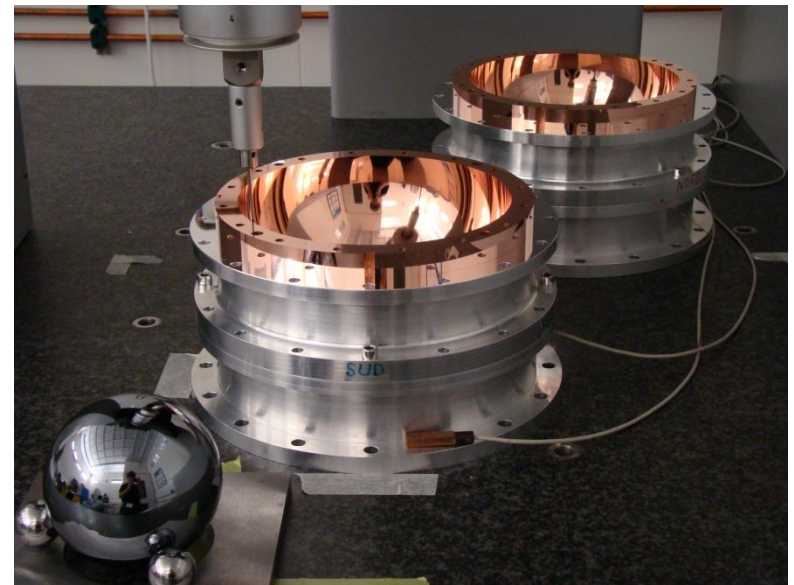
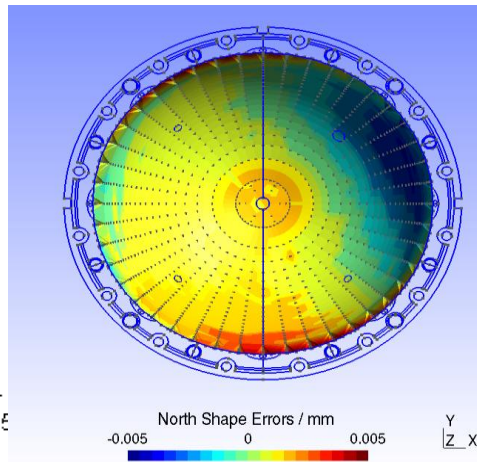
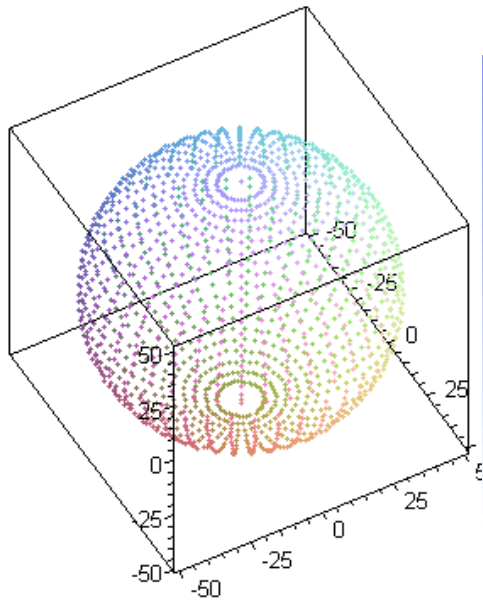


Mehl J B 2009 Second-order electromagnetic eigenfrequencies of a triaxial ellipsoid *Metrologia* **46** 554–9

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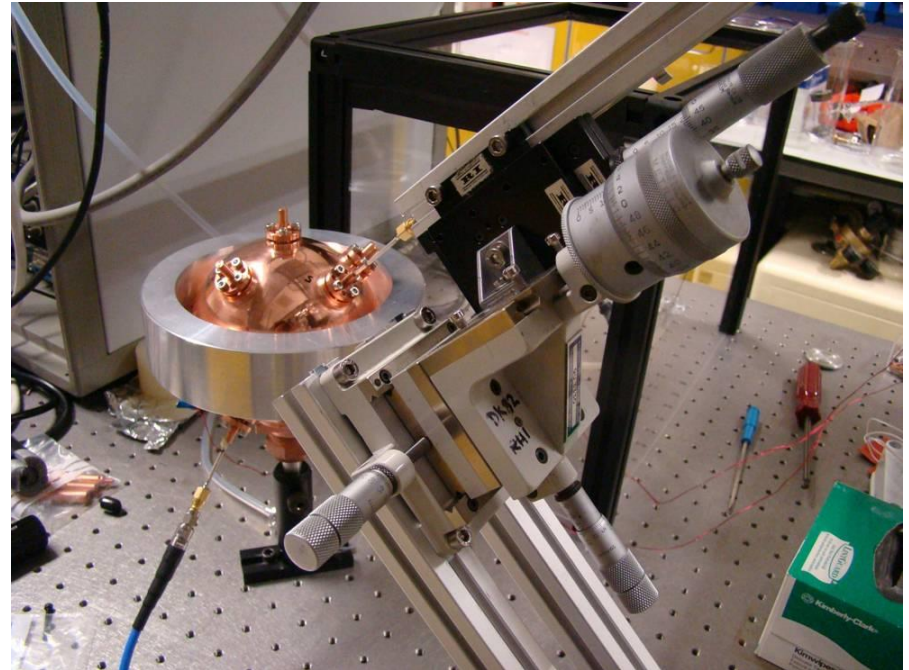
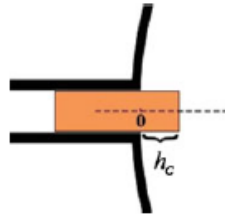
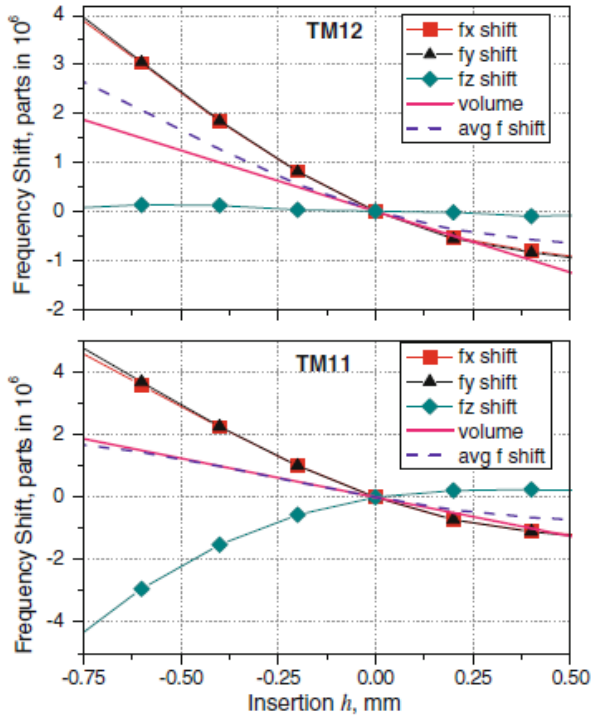
- Comparison of the microwave technique to CMM measurements
- Use of a CMM as a comparator
- Cooperation between LNE-CNAM, NPL, INRiM, UWA, Jim Mehl



M. de Podesta, E. F. May, J. B. Mehl, L. Pitre, R. M. Gavioso, G. Benedetto, P. A. Giuliano Albo, D. Truong and D. Flack. Metrologia, 47, 588-604, (2010)

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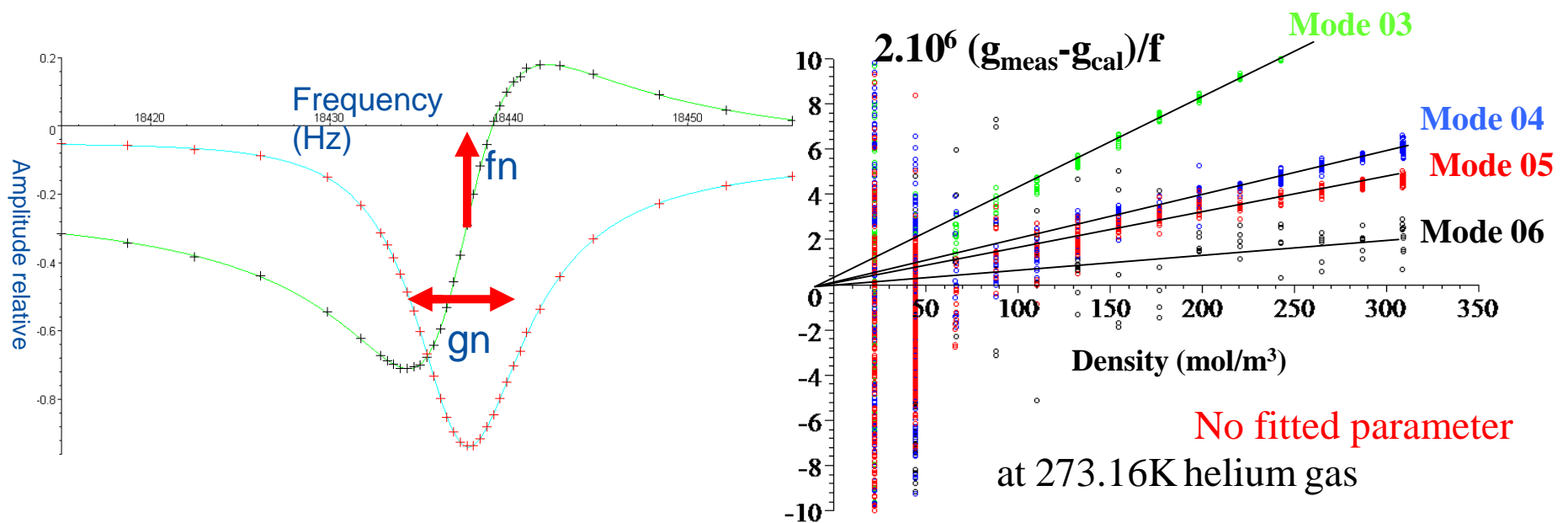


Underwood R J, Mehl J B, Pitre L, Edwards G, Sutton G and de Podesta M 2010 Waveguide effects on quasispherical microwave cavity resonators *Meas. Sci. Technol.* **21** 075103

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Comparison between measured half-width and calculated from thermal physical propriety of helium gas and acoustic model



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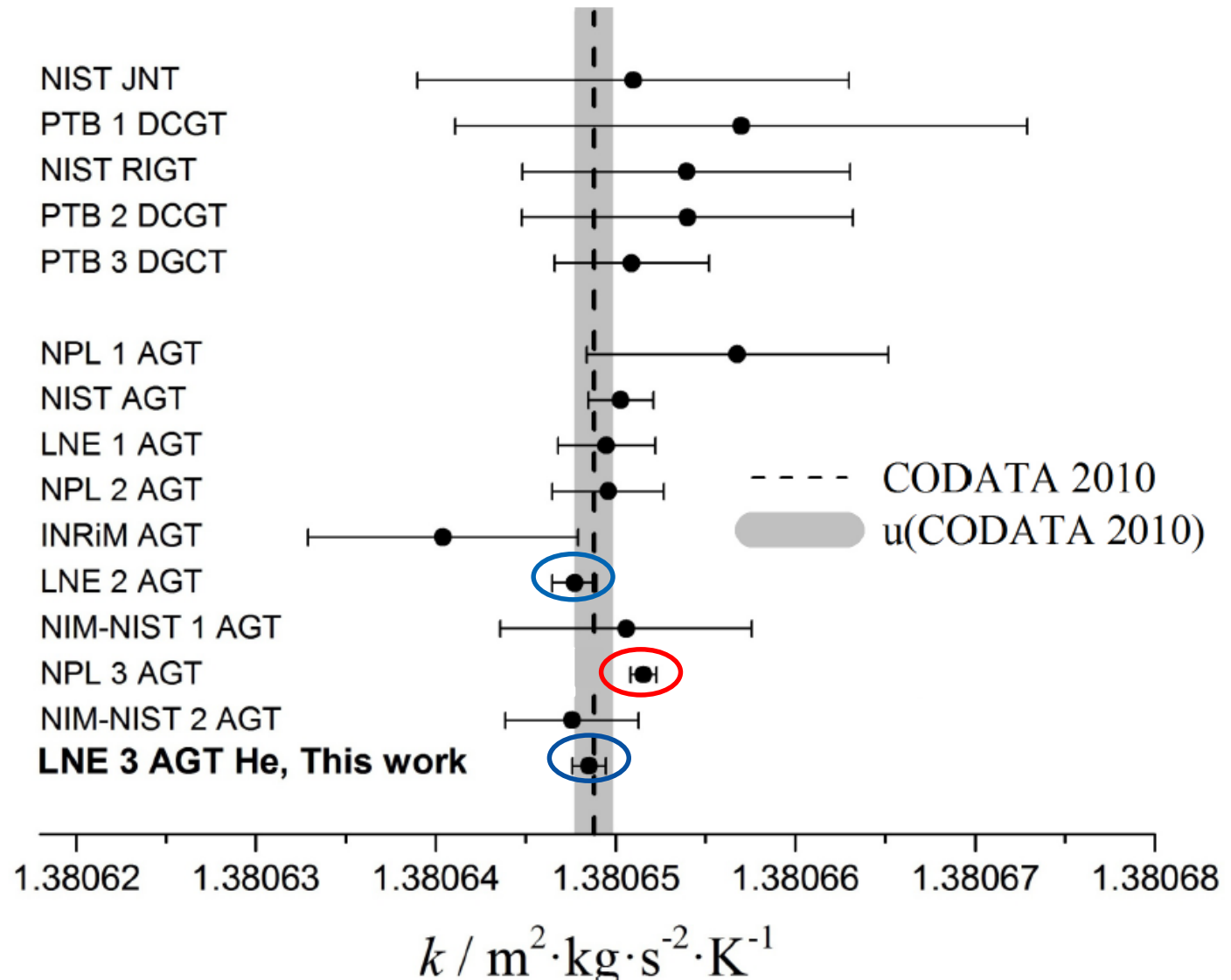


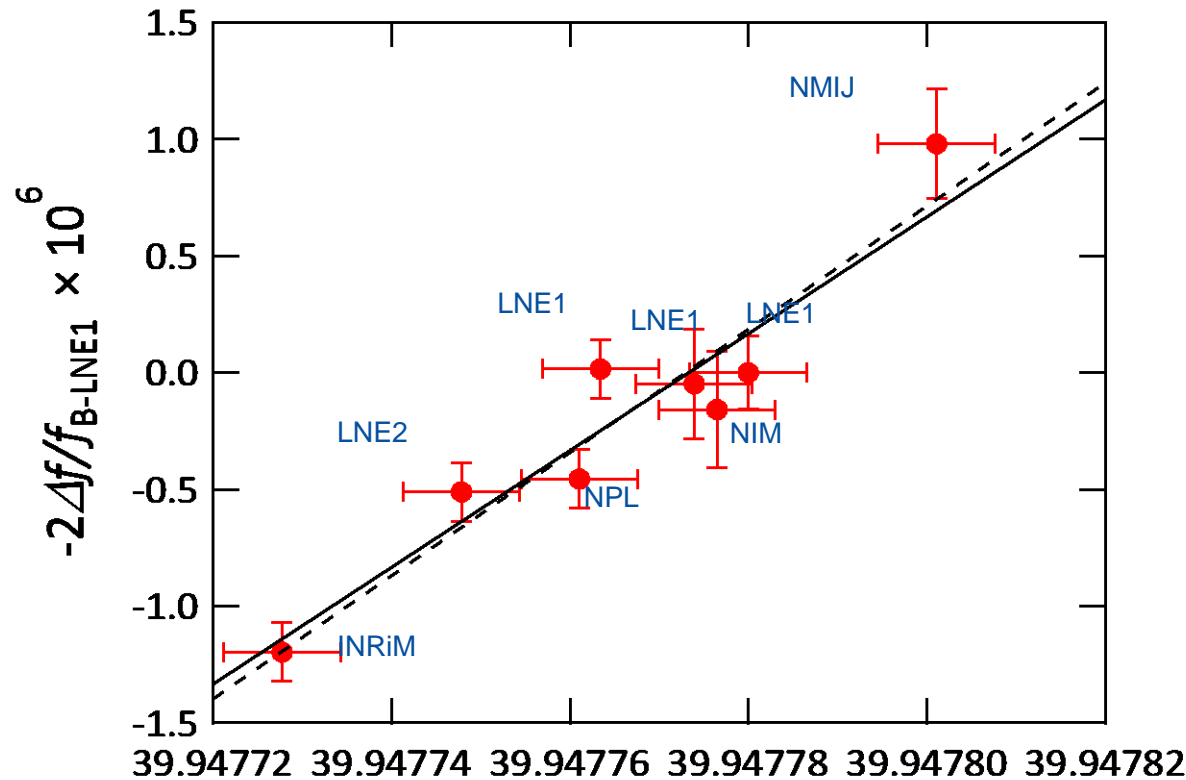
Uncertainty on k

	ppm of k	March 2017
Volume	0.19	<u>Holes and antenna effect</u> , Dispersion over mode-shape, Conductivity, Uncertainty in frequency measurements
Temperature	0.3	<u>Calibration</u> , Dispersion over thermometers, Uncertainty in resistance measurements
Molecular weight	0.3	Isotopic ratio, Cold trap experiment, Getter experiment, <u>Impurity</u> , Uncertainty in measurements
Zero-pressure limit of $(f_n + \Delta f_n)^2$	0.51	Thermophysical properties of argon, <u>Scatter among modes</u> , Accommodation coefficient dispersion, Flow, Tubing acoustic impedance, Shell
Repeatability	0.05	Two isotherms
Root of Sum of Squares	0.69	



Uncertainty budget on the Boltzmann constant





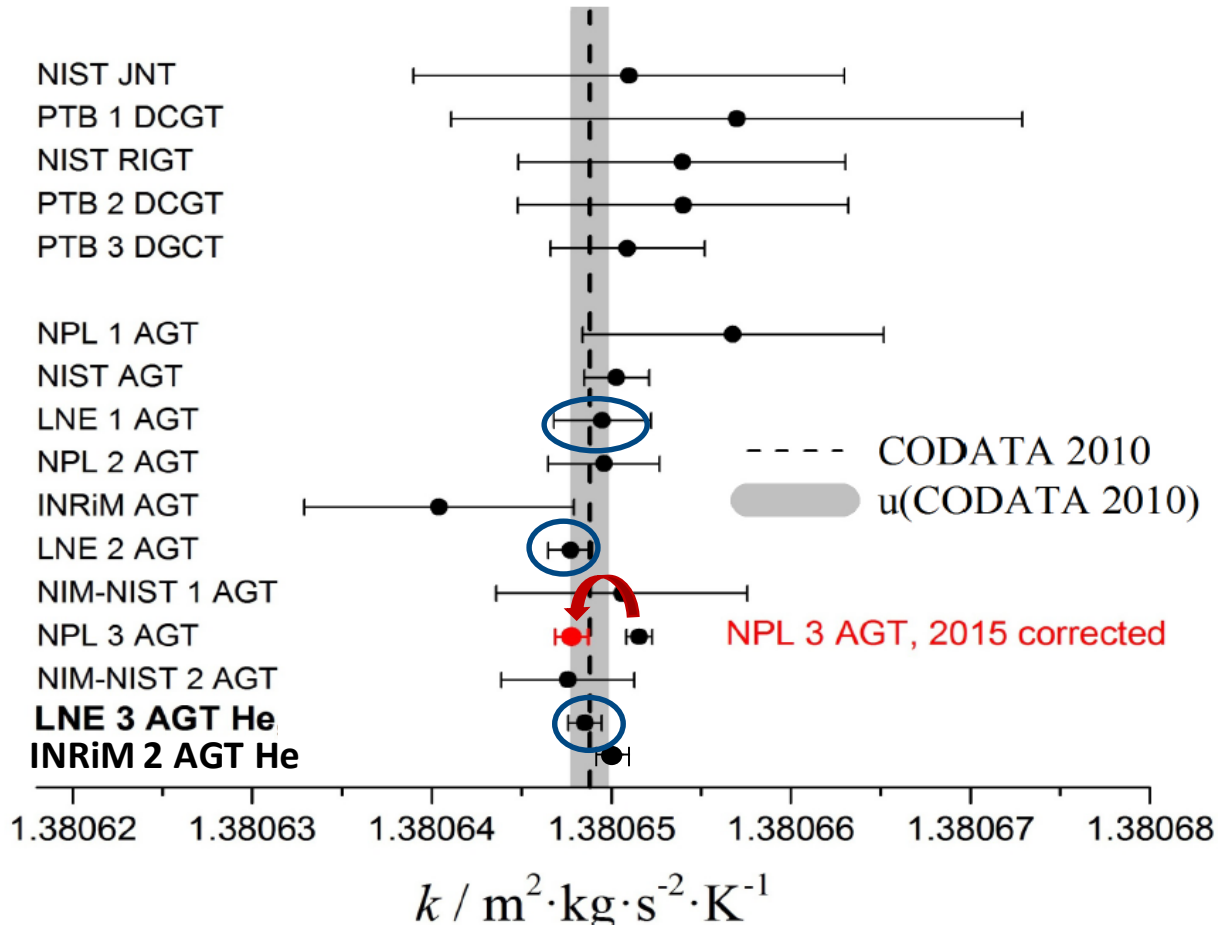
Blind measurement

$M(\text{Ar})$ by isotope analysis

$$k = \left\langle \frac{3 \cancel{mc^2}}{5 T_{tp,water}} \left(\frac{Z_{nl}^{EM}}{Z_{nl}^A} \right)^2 \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\langle f_{nl}^A + \Delta f_{nl}^A \rangle}{\langle f_{nl}^{EM} + \Delta f_{nl}^{EM} \rangle} \right)^2 \right\rangle$$



Avoir confiance dans son incertitude



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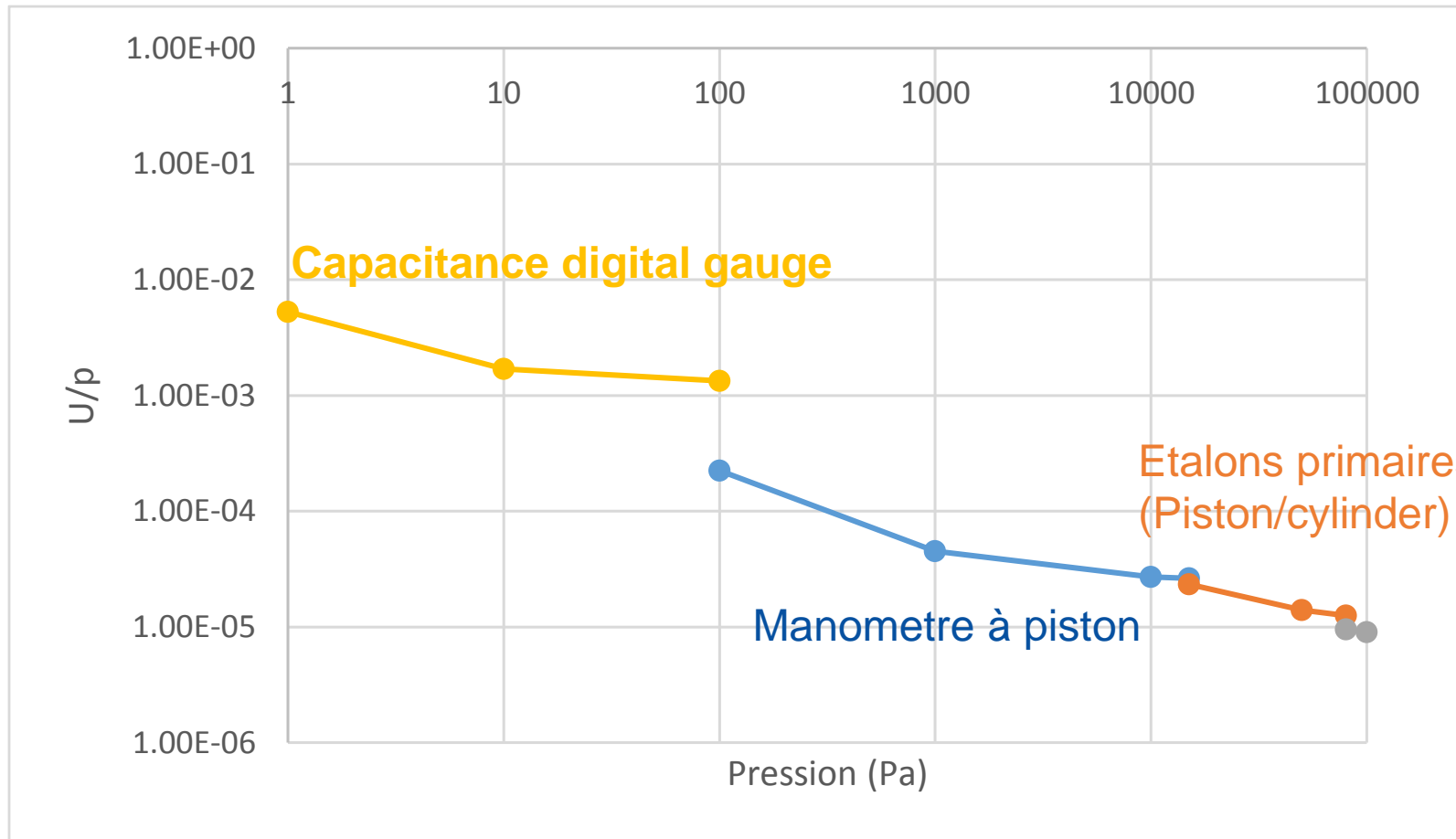




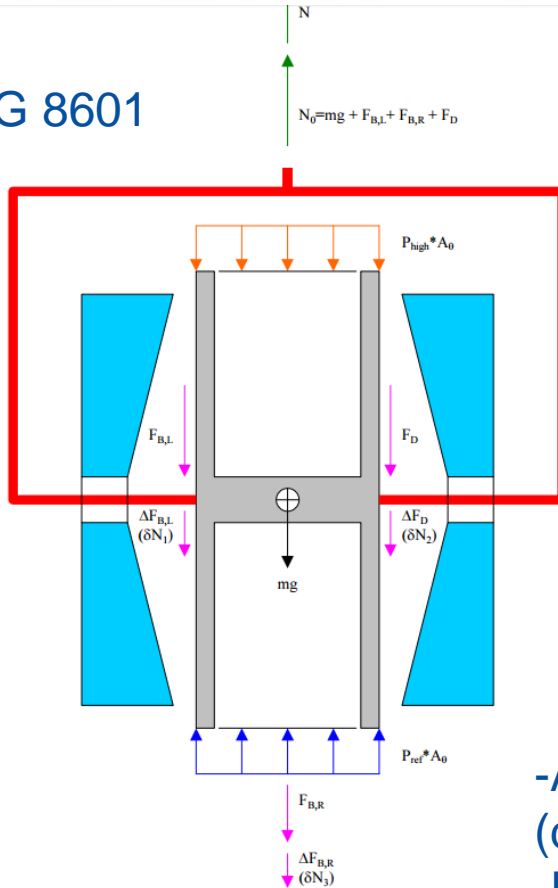
En collaboration avec Roberto Gavioso (INRiM Italie)



Incertitude des références de pression au LNE sur le gamme 1 Pa 100000 Pa



FPG 8601



manomètre à piston basse pression
200 Pa à 20kPa
(U(P) LNE $2.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot P + 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$)

- Artefact, la surface effective du piston doit être déterminé (dimensionnel ou par comparaison).
- Pression pseudo-statique.
- Gaz dans deux régimes: visqueux et moléculaire.



Cette nouvelle méthode va tirer parti de quatre avancées :

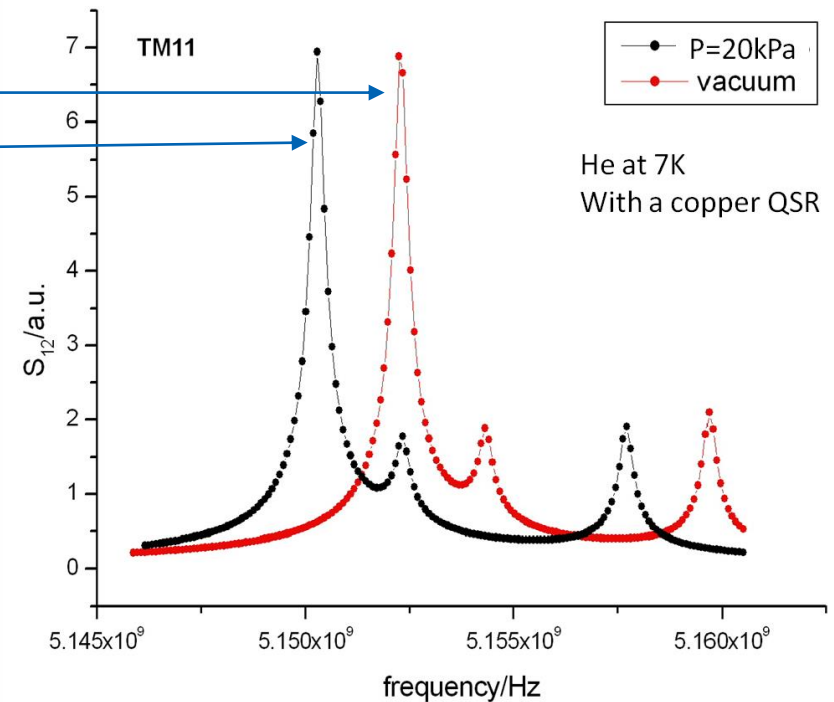
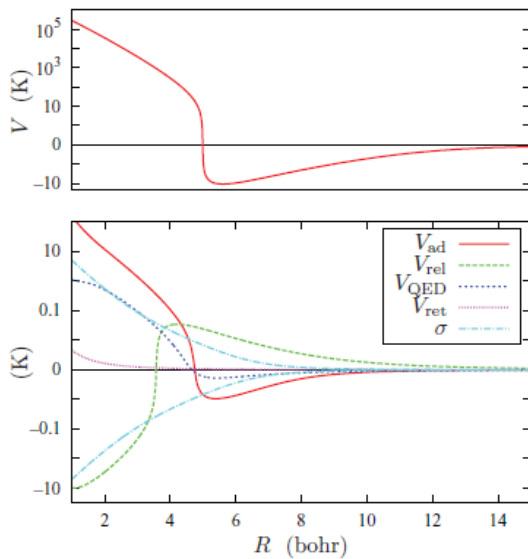
- La possibilité de réaliser des cavités micro-onde supraconductrices avec des très hautes performances à 7 K
- La possibilité de baser la mesure sur les propriétés de l'hélium, connues à ces températures par des calculs *ab initio*.
- La possibilité de réaliser de manière simple des systèmes fonctionnant à 7 K, grâce au développement des cryogénérateurs.
- Le changement du SI, qui permet de manière plus simple de réduire l'incertitude sur la détermination de la température absolue.



$$n = c_0/v$$

$$\varepsilon_{rHe}(T, p)\mu_{rHe}(T, p) = \left(\frac{\langle f_{ln}^{em} vacuum + \Delta f_{ln}^{em} \rangle (1 + \kappa_t p/3)}{\langle f_{ln}^{em} + \Delta f_{ln}^{em} \rangle} \right)^2$$

Bien établies par les calculs *ab initio*
D'où le mot quantique

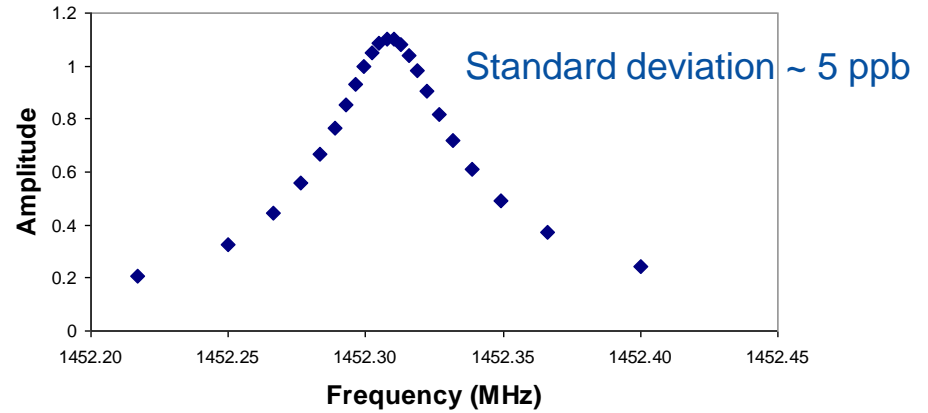


Si la cavité est sphérique et que le gaz soit de part et autres du résonateur, effet de la compressibilité simple a modélisé.

FIG. 5. Potential components at short and intermediate distances R . The ordinate scale is proportional to $\arcsin(5V/K)$, which is approximately linear for small V and proportional to $\ln|5V/K|$ for large $|V|$. Top panel: the potential V of Eq. (2). The potential V^{+ret} would be optically indistinguishable. Bottom panel: the post-BO components of V and the residual retardation correction V_{ret} . The analytic fit of the uncertainty σ of the potential V is also shown.

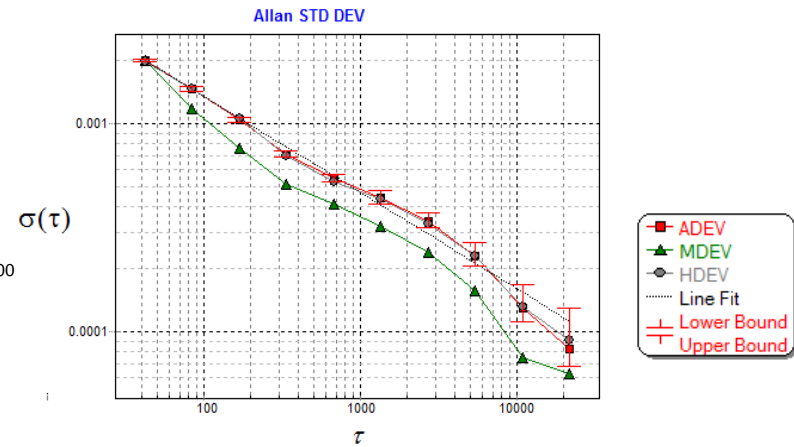
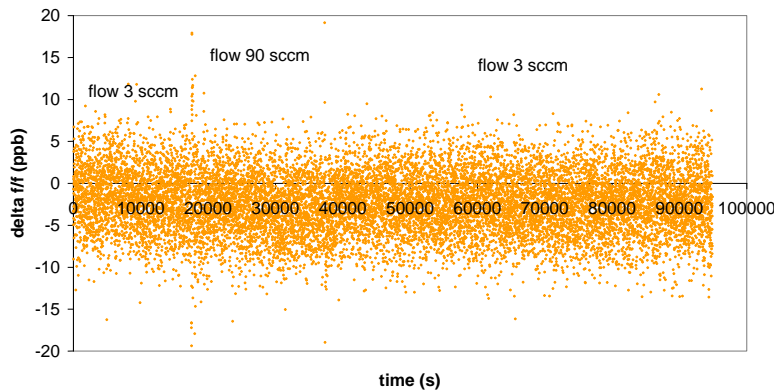
Mesurer une résonance

$$\frac{\Delta f_n}{f_n} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{S} \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{t}}$$



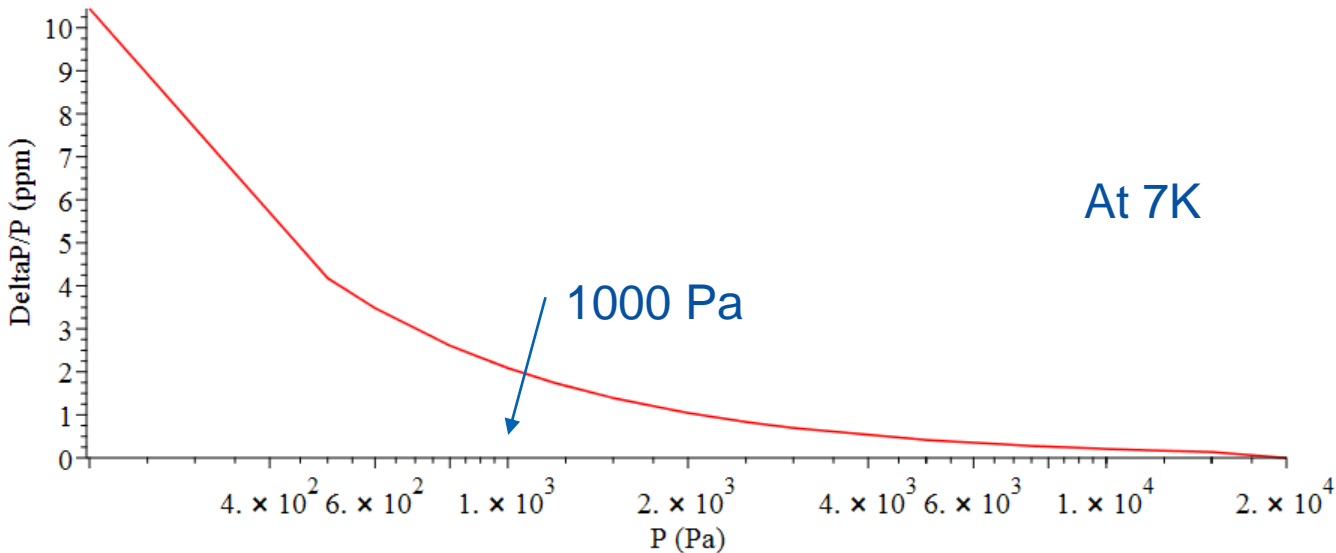
Pure He flow @ 6.5 bar at 300K

Microwave change



Why we shall work at 7K

Uncertainty in Primary Pressure measurement due to an uncertainty of $0.05 \cdot 10^{-9}$ in a frequency measurement
This uncertainty is 10 times better than could be obtained using a copper QSR.

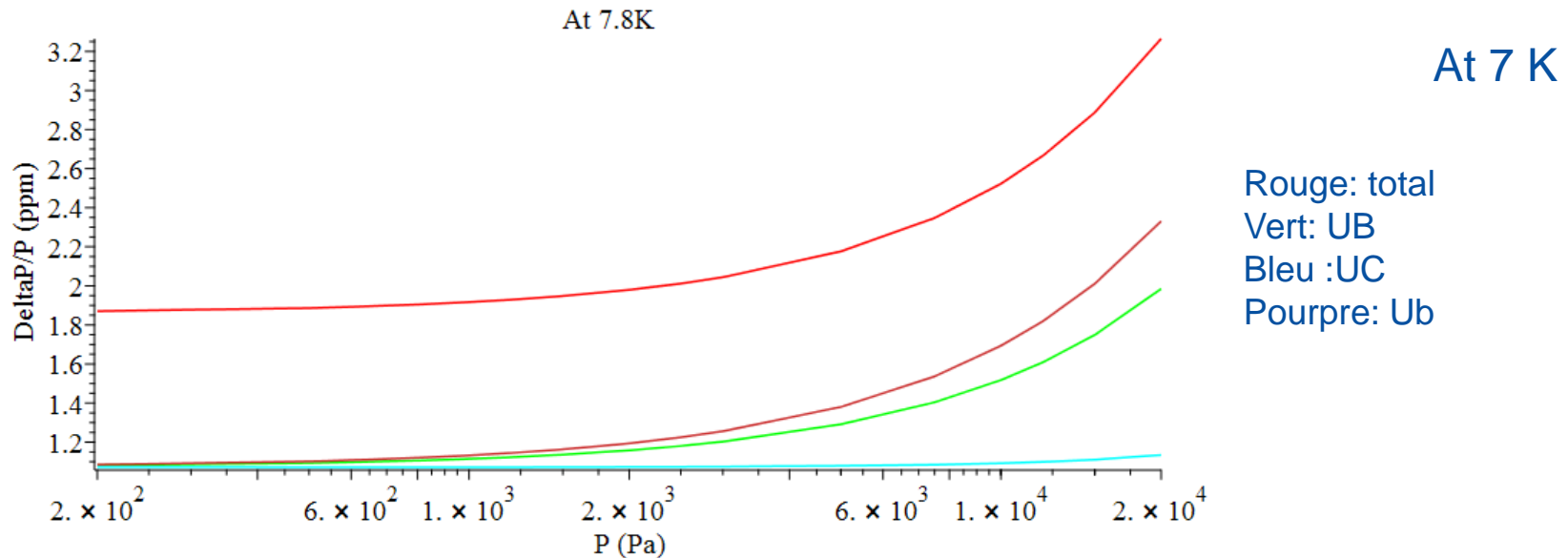


This element is negligible except at low pressure. This is due to the low uncertainty of the measurement. If have 5ppb of uncertainty on the measurement of the frequency resonance This uncertainty is multiply by 100. this graphic show the needs of superconductor cavity



How the uncertainty of the virial coefficient propagates and also turns out to be negligible

Uncertainty in Primary Pressure measurement due to an uncertainty of B,C and b from the *ab initio* calculation



Uncertainty for B and C taken from

Shaul *et al.* J. Chem. Phys. 2012

Uncertainty for b_c taken from

Rizzo *et al.* J. Chem. Phys. 2002

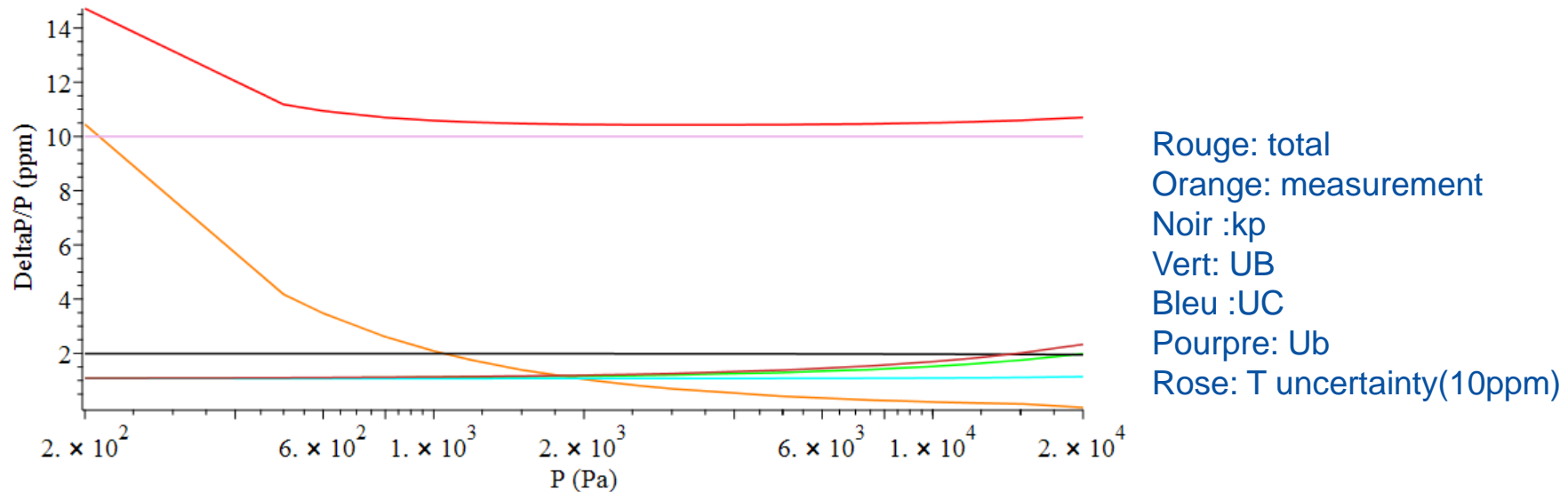
All the parameters used to get the pressure from the index have an uncertainty propagated to P much smaller than 1 ppm



Expected uncertainty due to the model

Uncertainty propagation over the range 200 Pa to 20k Pa

at 7.8K



It is clear from this calculation that the main uncertainty comes from the determination of the thermodynamic temperature (10 ppm)

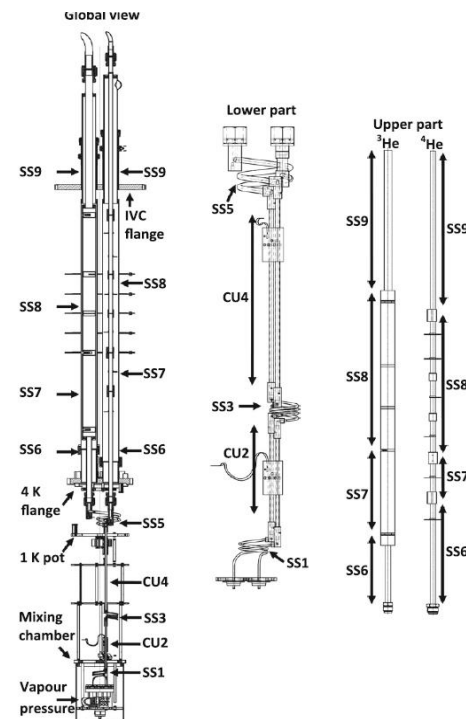
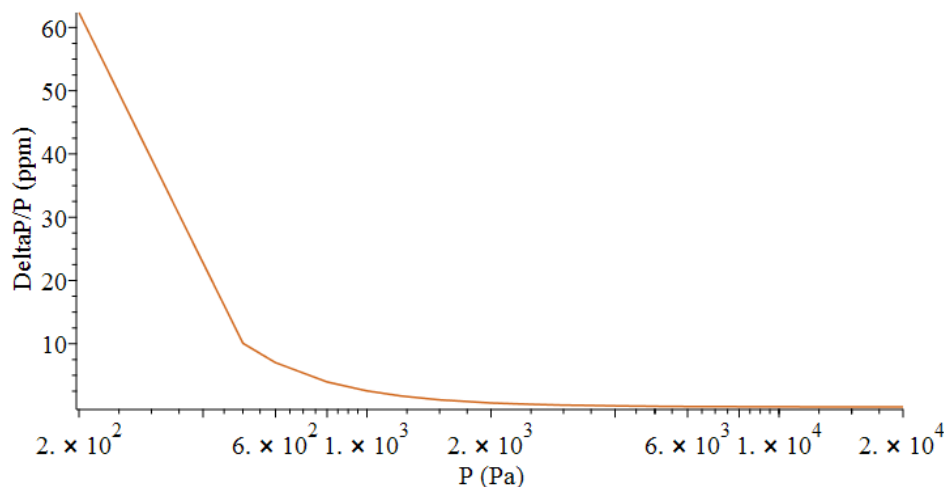


Thermomolecular and hydrostatic pressure corrections

$$(p_H - p_L)/p_L = (2 \times 10^{-9}) (R p_L / (\text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}))^{-1.99} ((T_H/\text{K})^{2.27} - (T_L/\text{K})^{2.27})$$

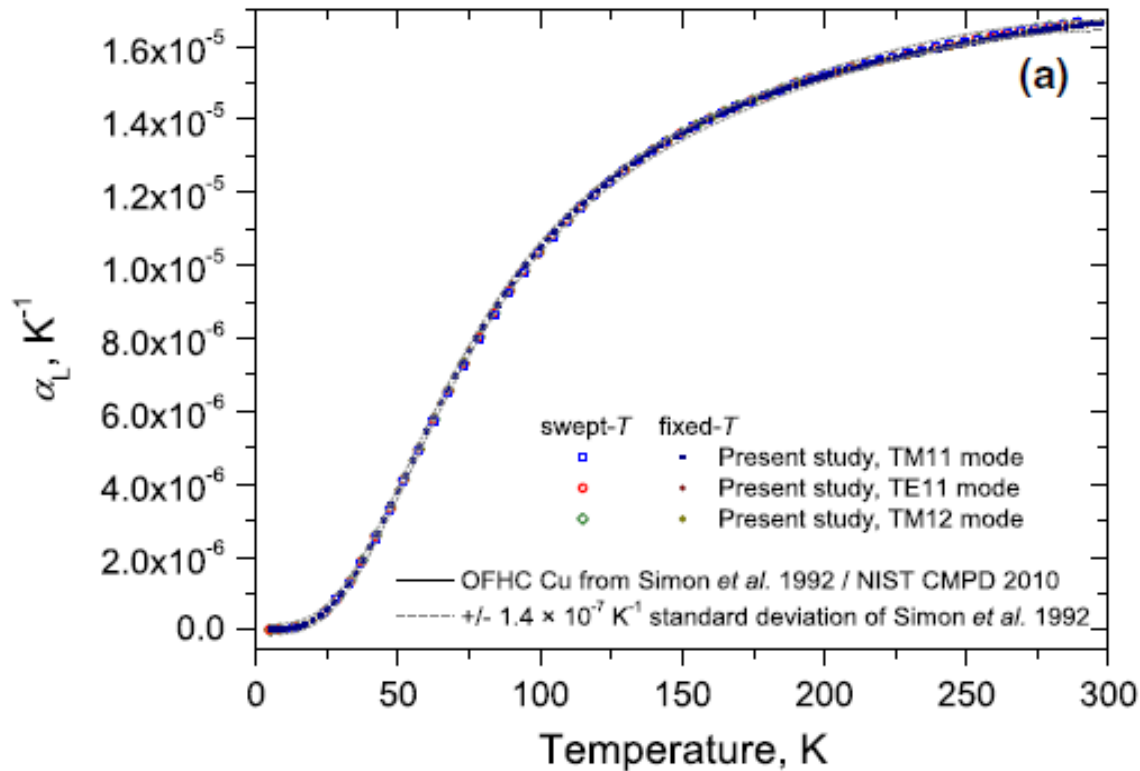
This relation comes from :Guide to the Realization of the ITS-90 Interpolating Constant-Volume Gas from CCT WG1 Steur, Fellmuth and Tamura

By taking a tube of radius 1.8 cm and a design from F. Sparasci, L. Pitre, D. Truong, L. Risegari and Y. Hermier Realization of a ^3He – ^4He Vapor-Pressure Thermometer for Temperatures between 0.65 K and 5 K at LNE-CNAM *Int. J. Thermophys* (2011) **32**,139–152.



Thermal expansion of the QSR at very low temperature

At 7.8 K the thermal expansion coefficient is very small $< 0.0178 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ or 950 times lower than at room temperature. This very small number will allow us to have a much (100 times) faster measurement. Because the needs to wait for the QSR to come back to the same temperature is reduced compared with room temperature.



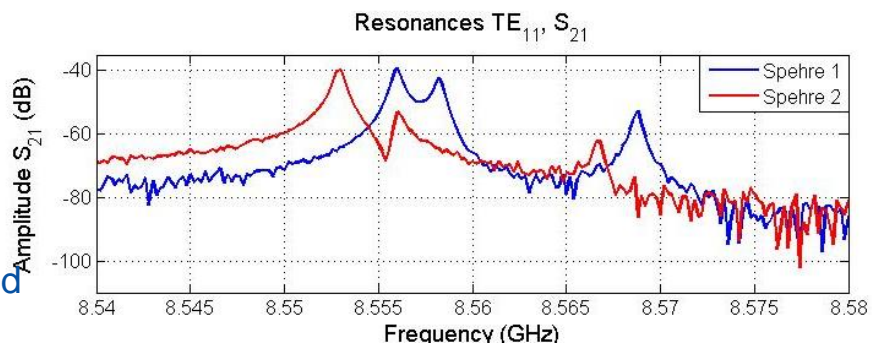
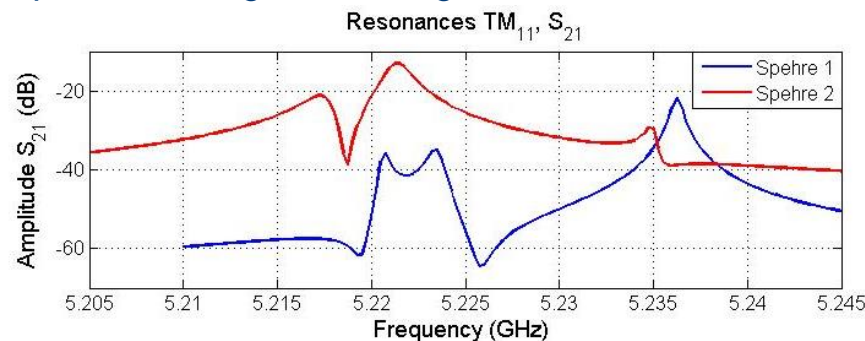
Possible design for QSR with radius of 2.5 cm

- New design
- QSR with 2.5 cm radius With a possibility to install a microwave antenna with cone.
- this QSR had a Gold layer 10 μm thick
- the skin depth was in good agreement compared to the gold metal, $\delta_n \sim 200$ kHz



Frequency range:

- TM_{11} : 5.22 GHz
- TE_{11} , 8.56 GHz



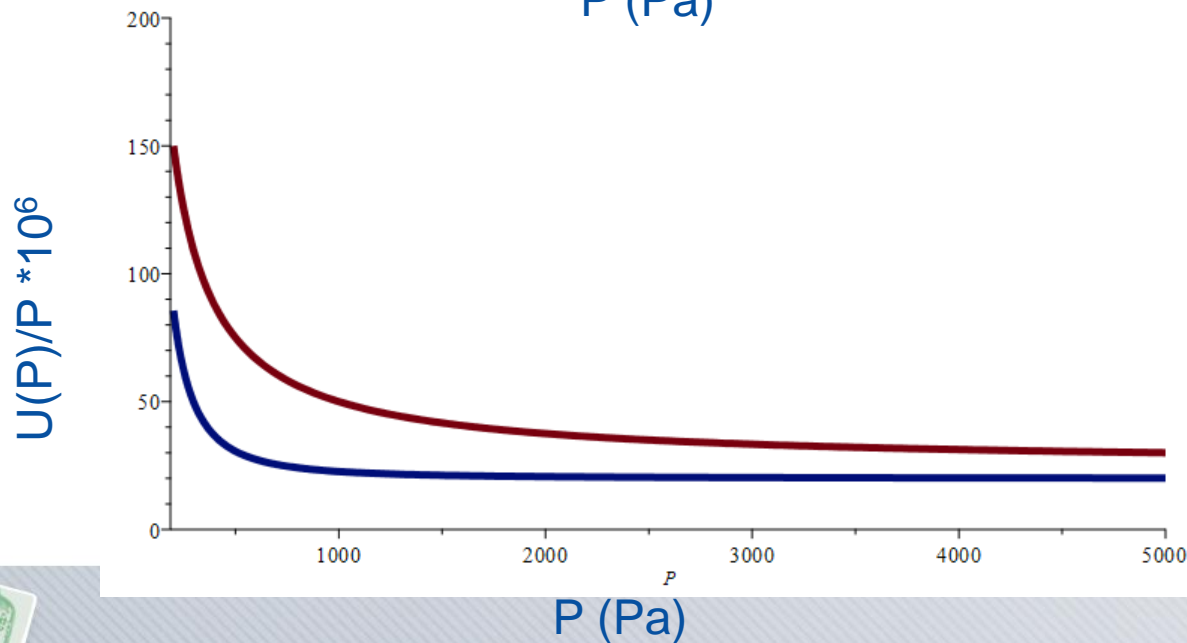
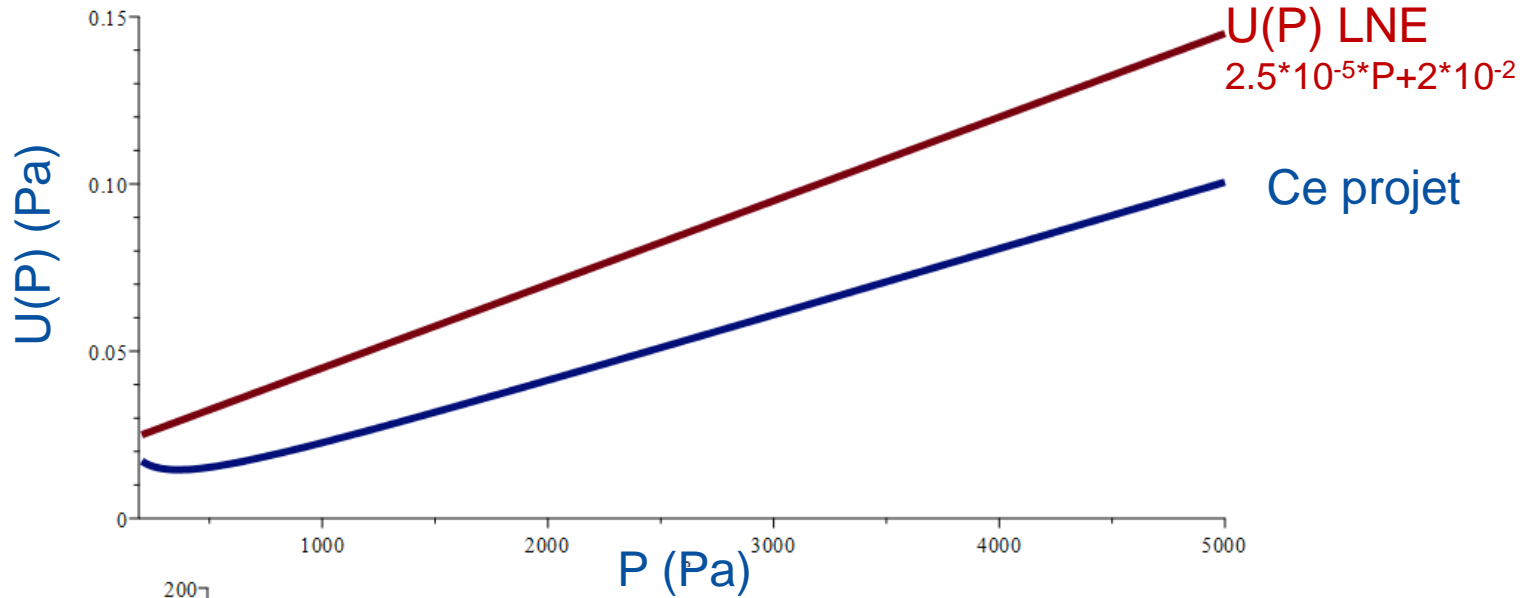
Good Signal under noise ratio with this QSR for the TM and TE

At room temperature we have a Q of 26000 and A resolution of 5ppb

To get 0.05ppb with a R=2.5. we will need a Q Of $2.6 \cdot 10^6$ or an increase of 33 in Q due to the superconductor



Comparaison des incertitudes en k=2



Principaux avantages :

Aucun effet de la pollution (à 7 K) : c'est l'avantage le plus important.

Atténuation du bruit en pression car une partie du gaz se trouve à 7 K, ce qui lui confère une grande masse volumique.

Aucun besoin d'une bonne connaissance de la compressibilité mécanique de la cavité, 1.5% est suffisant. Calculs *ab initio* pour toutes les propriétés thermo physiques de l'hélium déjà réalisé avec une exactitude suffisante.

Les tubes peuvent être conçus de manière à réduire les effets thermomoléculaires de pression hydrostatique, de façon à les rendre faibles et calculables.

La mesure est rapide.

La gamme de mesure des microondes est facilement atteignable (moins de 10 GHz).

Possibilité de mesure différentielle rapide et précise.

Les difficultés à surmonter :

Le Nb a une température de transition supraconductrice T_c d'environ 9 K.

La température thermodynamique doit être connue avec une incertitude relative de 10^{-5} à 7 K.

Les thermomètres de type capsule doivent être stables au cours des cycles thermiques à mieux que 0,1 mK.

Le gaz et les thermomètres doivent être à la même température, même avec le flux de chaleur venant des micro-ondes (effet de peau).

