

# Cosmic Vision

## Fundamental Physics in Space

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*Science Vision:*  
What are the issues, challenges, goals?

*Roadmap:*  
Possible missions, based on input from community.

Mission ideas presented will require technological development. Some will be modest, some expensive. All are well-motivated and can only be viable if done in space.

# Fundamental Physics: Moving into Space

- Existing projects (LISA, GP-B, STEP) conceived and designed 10-20 years ago.
- Recent revolution in cosmology: Universe requires explaining (dark matter, dark energy), needs fundamental physics.
- Big HEP labs taking an interest in cosmology and novel experiments: CERN, SLAC, ...
- Fundamental physics has reached the point where it needs to go into space (think of astronomy in the '60's and '70's):
  - Ground-based quantum physics community has made huge strides in precision, resolution.
  - Space gives access to higher energies, longer ranges, quieter environments.
- Very active European community: 45-50 submissions. Often a strong synergy with astronomy, and many opportunities for cooperative missions with solar system exploration.



# Reach of Fundamental Experiments: Lense-Thirring

- GP-B now measuring spin-spin gravitational coupling (aspect of *gravitomagnetic* field), more accurate measurements may be possible in future using cold atom technology.
- What do such experiments really measure? Isn't GR sound?
- GR value of L-T precession requires:
  1. Newtonian gravity
  2. Special relativity
  3. Post-Newtonian source of gravity:
 

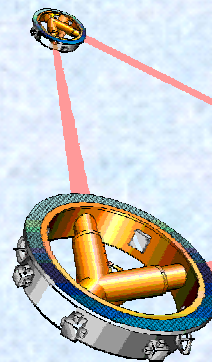
**active gravitational mass =  $\rho + 3 p/c^2$**
- The source is key to inflation: the negative pressure  $p$  of dark energy makes  $\rho + 3 p/c^2$  negative, which drives the expansion.
- A failure of Lense-Thirring would undermine the foundations of inflation theory.

# in Fundamental

Equivalence principle ,  
Pioneer anomaly,  
weak-field tests of GR.  
looking for the Planck scale:  
fluctuations & decoherence



Beyond GR/Towards  
Quantum Gravity



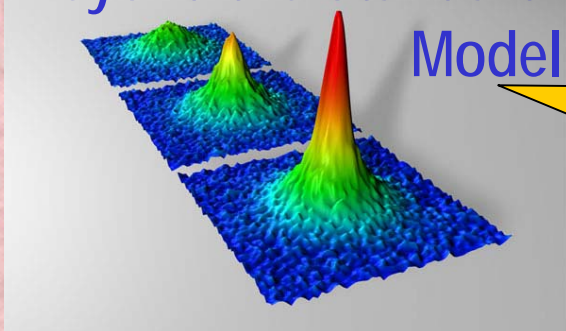
The Gravitational Wave  
Universe

Observing the Big  
Bang, probing the  
high red shift  
Universe, exploring  
the dark Universe

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Beyond the Standard  
Model



Symmetry violations  
(CPT, Lorentz, isotropy),  
variation of fundamental  
constants, short range  
forces, quantum physics  
including measurement  
theory and Bose-  
Einstein condensates,  
cosmic rays



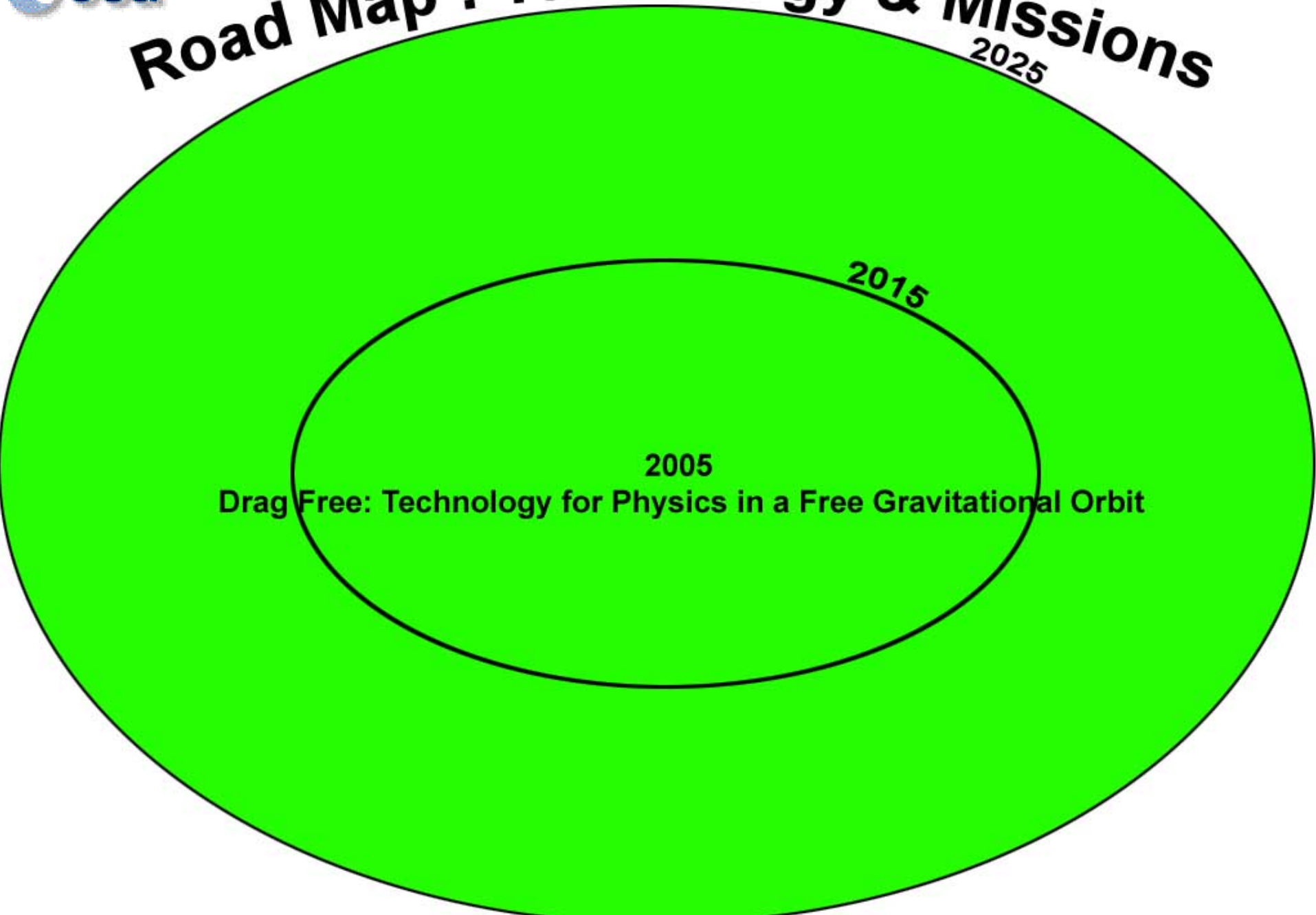
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2025

2015

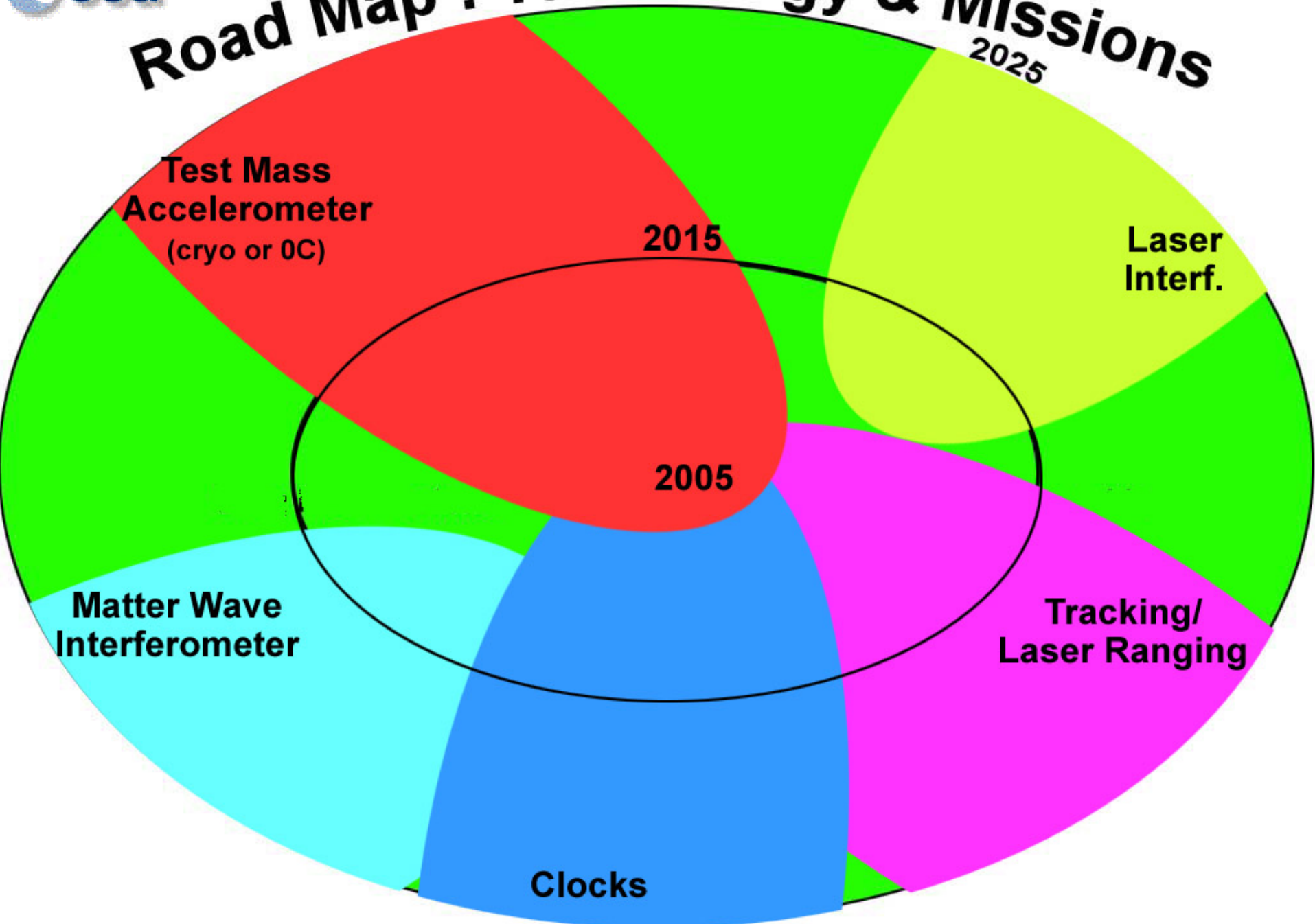
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Drag Free: Technology for Physics in a Free Gravitational Orbit





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Test Mass  
Accelerometer  
(cryogenic)

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Laser Interf.

Matter Wave  
Interferometer

Tracking/  
Laser Ranging

Clocks

# Road Map for Technology & Missions

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STEP 2

VISION 1

Pioneer Anomaly

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COLD ATOM Missions

LISA Medium Freq

Big Bang Observer





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Probing the limits of classical GR  
EP , Pioneer Anomaly

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Fundamental Constants

Exploring the dark Universe

Short Range Forces

Quantum Physics of BECs

Cosmic Rays

*Cosmic Vision Workshop: Fundamental Physics*



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