

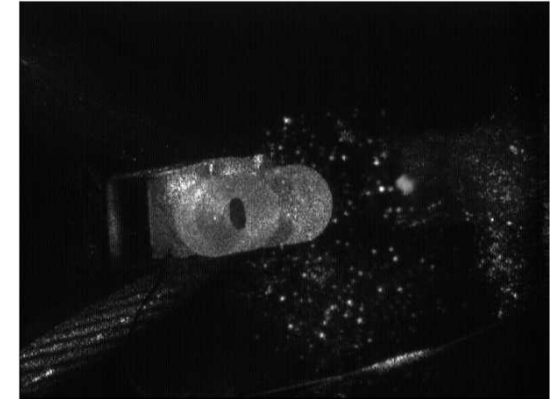
Engineered Systems for Quantum Applications Using Cold Atoms

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First Transistor
Bell Labs, 1947



Cloud of 1 million laser cooled atoms 8 mm from a high finesse cavity

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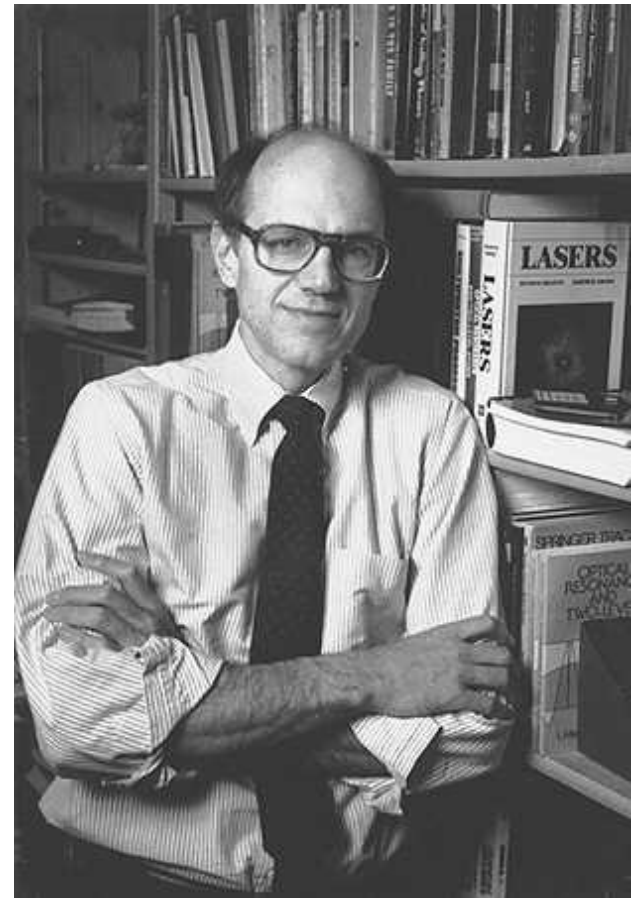


“The interaction of a single dipole with a monochromatic radiation field presents an important theoretical problem in electrodynamics. It is an **unrealistic** problem in the sense that experiments are not done with **single atoms or single-mode fields**.”

L. Allen and J. H. Eberly, *Optical Resonance and Two-Level Atoms*, (Dover, New York, 1987).

Originally published 1975

We attempt and experiment with the Unrealistic



J. H. Eberly

2007 president of the Optical Society of America

Background

- Cavity QED based Quantum Computer
- Strong Coupling in Cavity QED

Experimental Results

- Single Atom Trapping
- MOT production
- Observation of cavity-assisted cooling

Engineered Solution for Quantum Cavity QED

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Why Build a Quantum Computer?

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Factoring Large Numbers



Shor's Algorithm
RSA Encryption

Quantum Simulators



Unordered Search



Grover Algorithm

Classical: $O(N)$
Quantum: $O(N^{1/2})$

DiVincenzo Criteria

QC Approach	The DiVincenzo Criteria							
	Quantum Computation						QC Networkability	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5		#6	#7
NMR								
Trapped Ion								
Neutral Atom								
Cavity QED								
Optical								
Solid State								
Superconducting								
Unique Qubits	This field is so diverse that it is not feasible to label the criteria with “Promise” symbols.							

Legend: = a potentially viable approach has achieved sufficient proof of principle
 = a potentially viable approach has been proposed, but there has not been sufficient proof of principle
 = no viable approach is known

- The column numbers correspond to the following QC criteria:
- #1. A scalable physical system with well-characterized qubits.
 - #2. The ability to initialize the state of the qubits to a simple fiducial state.
 - #3. Long (relative) decoherence times, much longer than the gate-operation time.
 - #4. A universal set of quantum gates.
 - #5. A qubit-specific measurement capability.
 - #6. The ability to interconvert stationary and flying qubits.
 - #7. The ability to faithfully transmit flying qubits between specified locations.

<http://qist.lanl.gov>

A Cavity QED based quantum computer

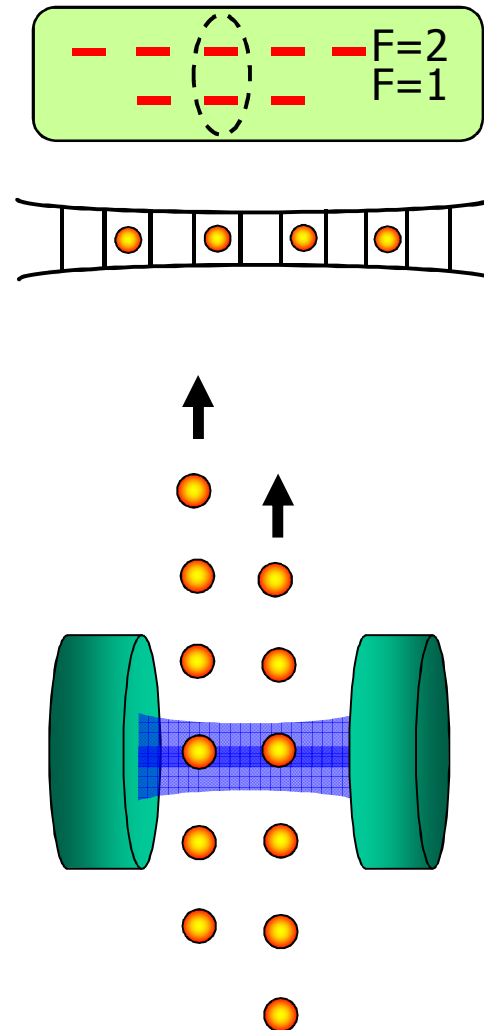
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- **Qubits**
 - hyperfine states of neutral Rb
- **Qubit storage**
 - optical dipole lattice trap
- **Qubit interactions**
 - 2 trapped atoms inside optical microcavity
- **Detection**
 - single atom inside cavity



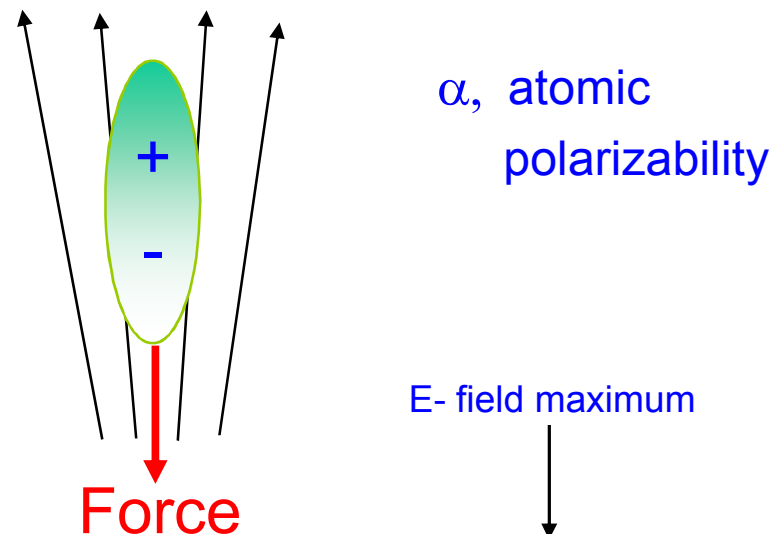
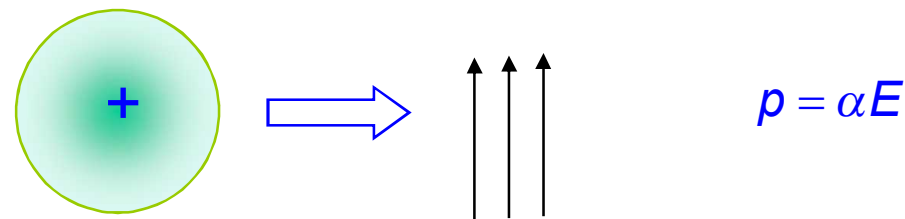
- **Trapping with electric fields**

- Neutral atoms
 - E- field induces electric dipole
- Induced electric dipole attracted to regions of high field for red detuned traps
 - Use focused laser beams

$$U = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha \langle E^2 \rangle = -\frac{\alpha}{2c\epsilon_0} I$$

- Spontaneous photon scattering causes heating
 - Use laser wavelength far from atomic resonance

$$\lambda_{\text{Yb Fiber laser}} = 1064 \text{ nm}$$



Focused laser beam

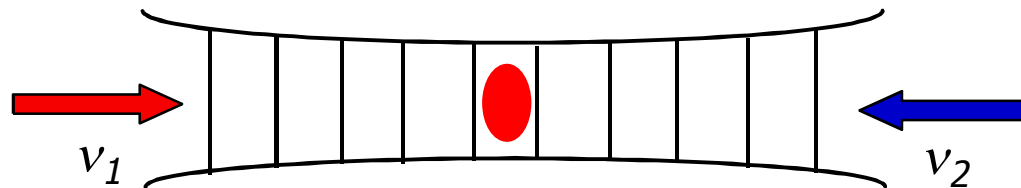
Optical Trapping II: One dimensional optical lattice

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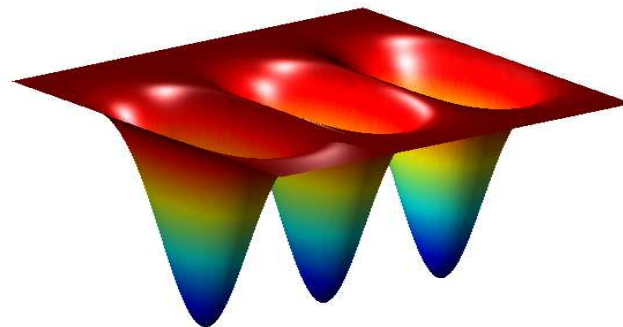
Trapping Potential

$$U_{dip} = 4 \frac{3\pi c^2}{2\omega_0^3} \left(\frac{\Gamma}{\Delta} \right) I(r, z)$$

$\approx 1 \text{ mK}$

$$I(r, z, \delta) = \frac{2P}{\pi w^2(z)} \exp\left(-\frac{2r^2}{w^2(z)}\right) \cos^2\left(kz - \frac{\delta}{2}t\right)$$

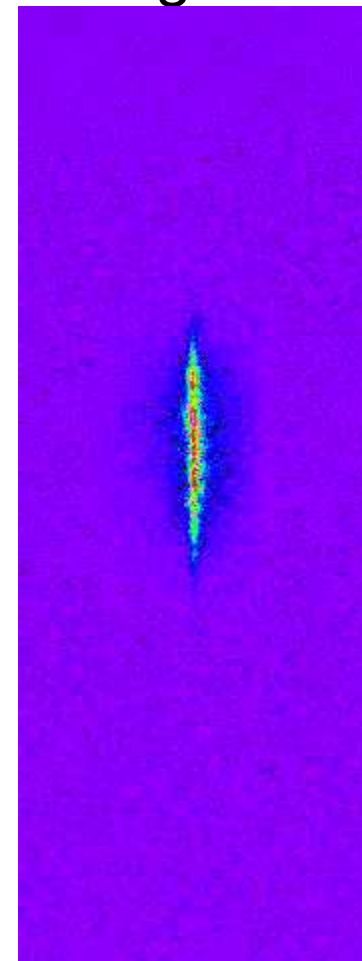
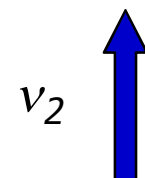
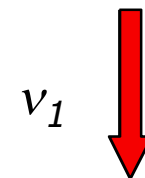
$$I_0 \approx 8 \times 10^8 \text{ mW/cm}^2$$



Velocity of Walking Wave

$$v = \frac{\lambda \delta}{4\pi} \square 0 - 30 \text{ cm/s}$$

“walking wave”



Atomic Conveyor Belt
D. Meschede, *Science* (2001).

How to get an atom in micro-cavity

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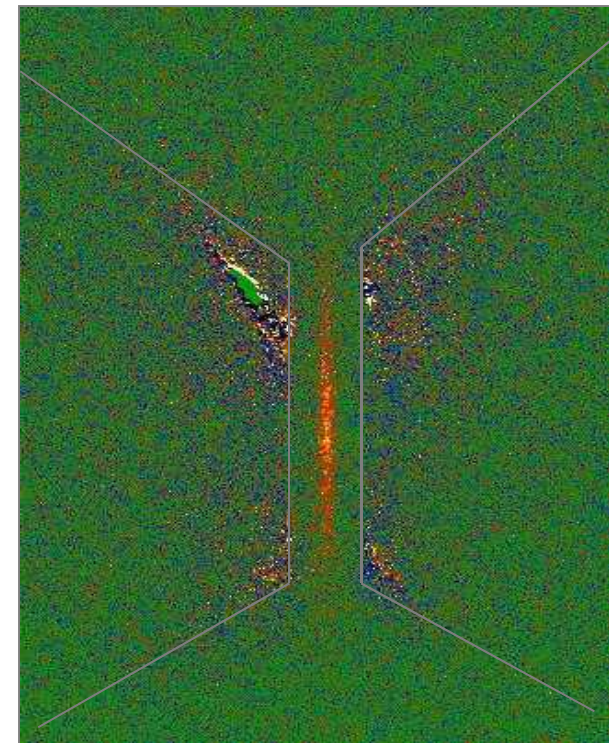
Probabilistic Loading

- Atomic beams
- Falling cold atoms
- Catching the falling atoms with cavity modes

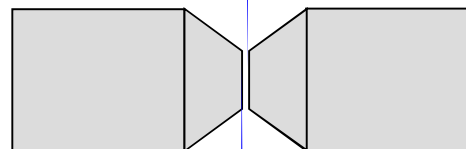
Deterministic Loading

- Trapping the atoms and transferring them into the cavity (GaTech, Bonn (Meschede))

Caltech
MPQ (Rempe)



Mirror Separation = $225\mu\text{m}$



The Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

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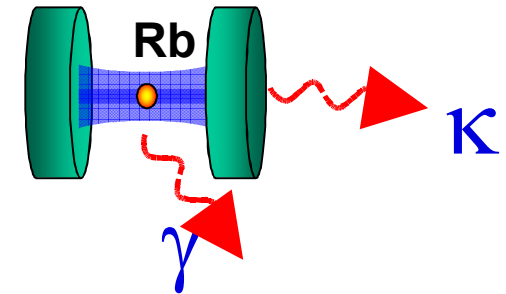
Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_A\hat{\sigma}_Z + \hbar\omega_C\left(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \hbar g(\vec{r})(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{\sigma} + \hat{a}\hat{\sigma}^\dagger)$$

Atom

Field

Interaction



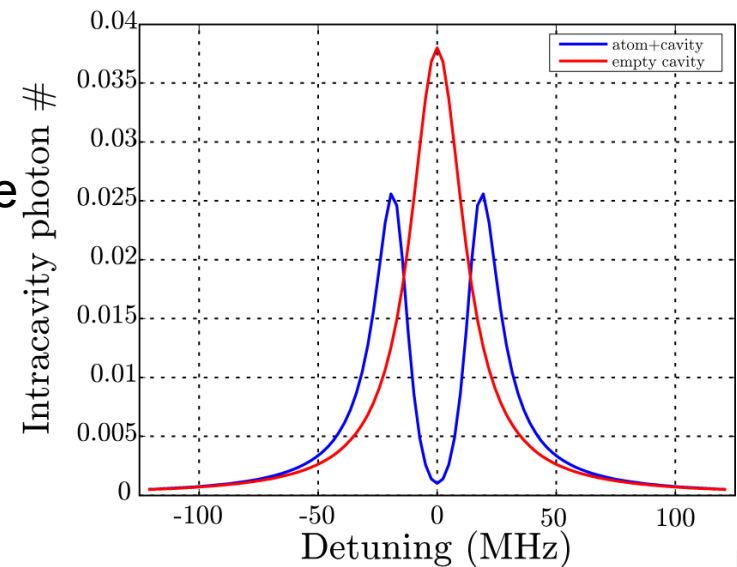
Strong Coupling requires that controlled quantum dynamics occur **faster** than dissipations

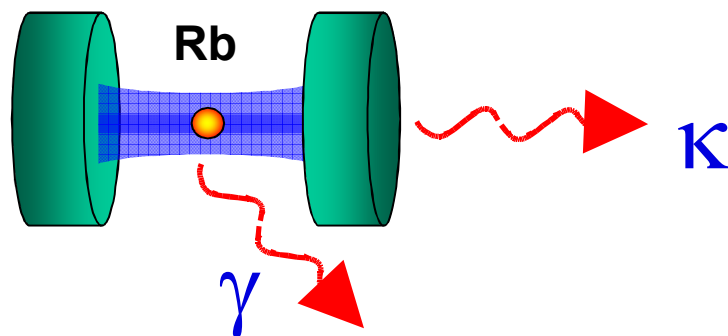
$$g_0 \gg (\kappa, \gamma)$$

κ -- Decay into the one privileged cavity mode

γ -- Decay into all other modes

g_0 -- coherent coupling rate





Coherence

$$g_0 = \left(\frac{\mu^2 \omega_c}{2\hbar \epsilon_0 V_M} \right)^{1/2}$$

For g_0 to be large, the mode volume must be small.

Implies short cavities,
length $\ll 1$ mm

Decoherences:

Spontaneous Decay(γ)

$$\gamma = 6 \text{ MHz}$$

Given by Nature for ^{87}Rb

Cavity's Decay(κ)

2κ = Cavity's FWHM

$$2\kappa = \frac{FSR}{\mathfrak{I}} \quad \mathfrak{I} = \frac{2\pi}{\text{losses}} \quad FSR = \frac{c}{2L}$$

To make κ small requires
low loss mirrors.

Typically $T < 100$ ppm

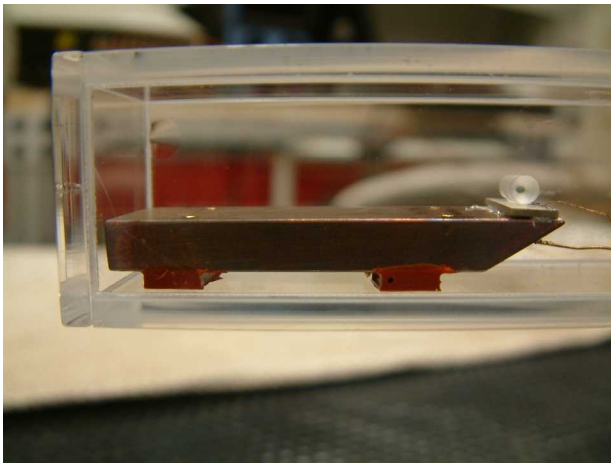
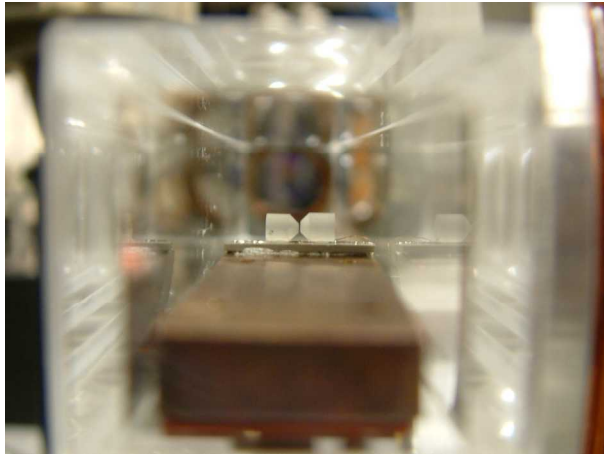
Science Cavity Chamber

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CAVITY
 $l = 221.5 \mu m$

$R = 2.5 cm$

$\frac{\kappa}{2\pi} = 6.85 MHz$

$\frac{g_0}{2\pi} = 17.11 MHz$

$\mathfrak{S} = 24,400$

FORT Parameters

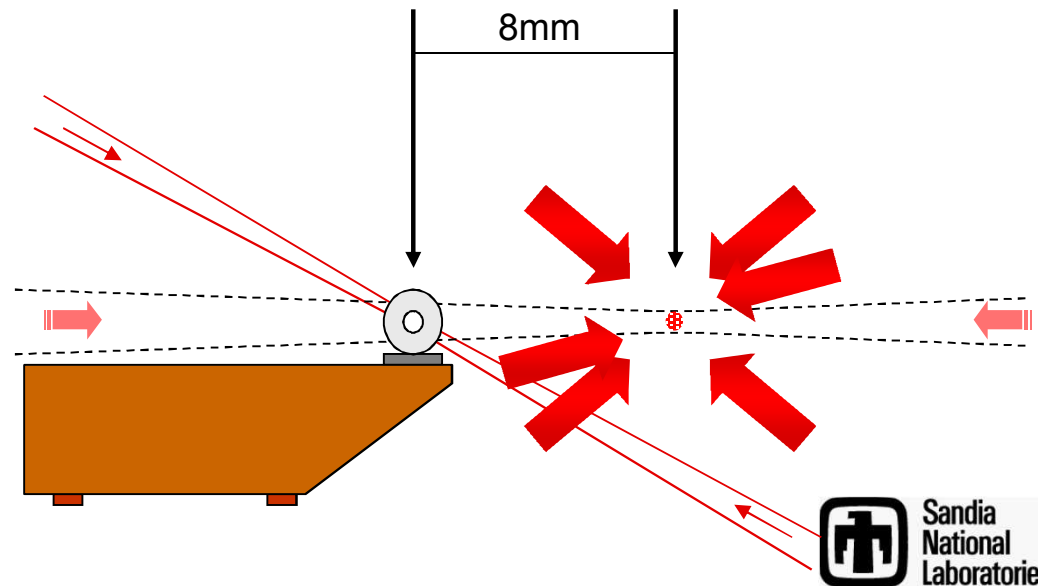
$\lambda = 1064 nm$

$P = 4 W$ per beam

$U \sim 1 mK$ at cavity

$U \sim 100 \mu K$ at MOT

$\sim 16,000$ lattice sites
between MOT and cavity



Technical challenges – Single Atom MOT

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Detection:

High NA Lens

Limit Scatter Noise

MOT beams $\sim 1\text{-}2\text{ mm}$

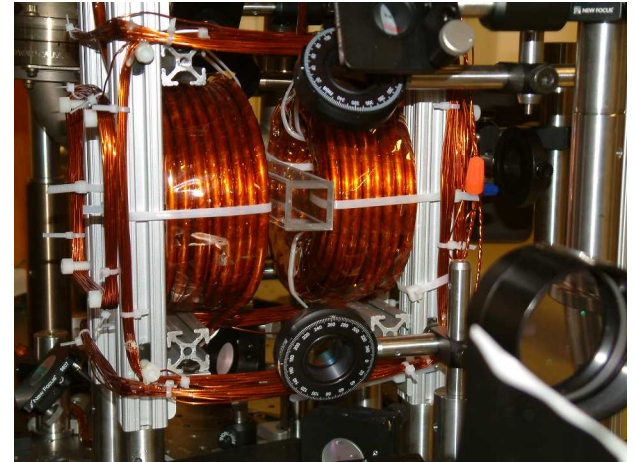
Magnetic Gradient Generation:

To generate $\sim 300\text{ G/cm}$ field

Large current supply $\sim 400\text{-}500\text{ A}$

Water cooling to dissipate heat

Single atom chamber



New Direction – Single Atom MOT

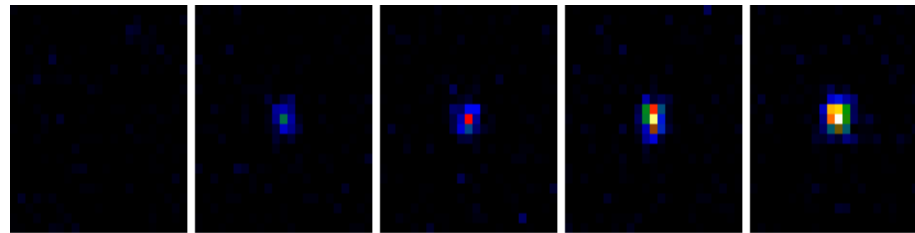
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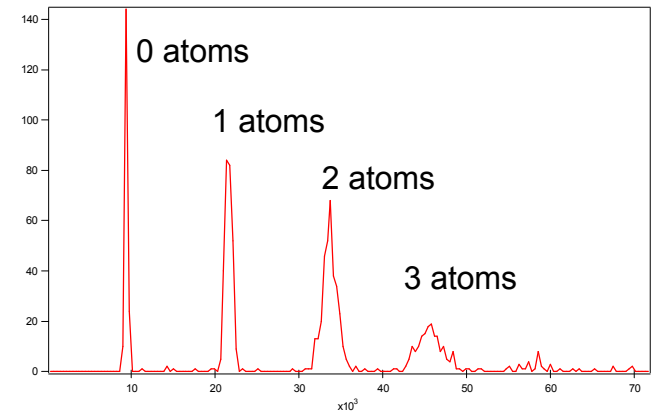
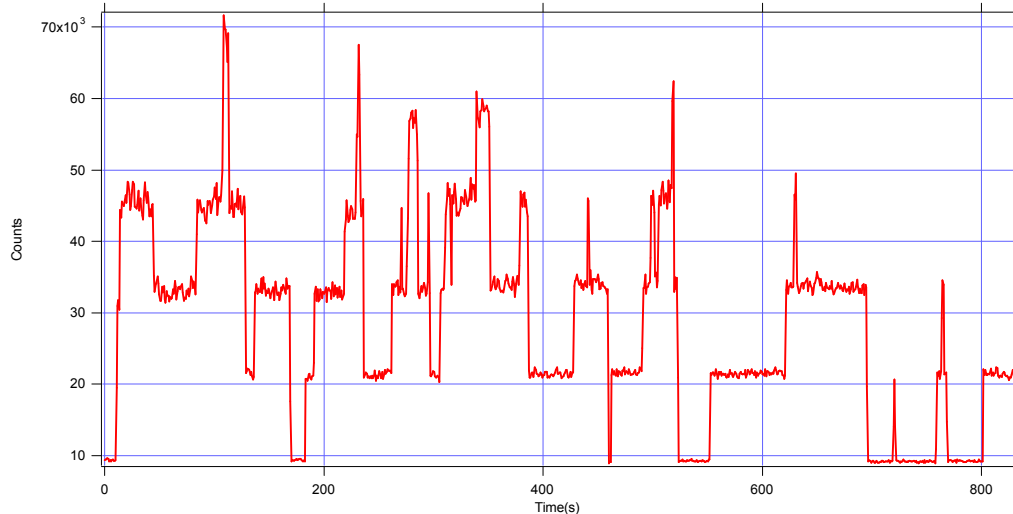
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Using a high-gradient MOT, ~ 300 G/cm we are able to image single atoms using a EMCCD camera.



0 atoms 1 atom 2 atoms 3 atoms 4 atoms



First single atom MOT construct Aug 2005

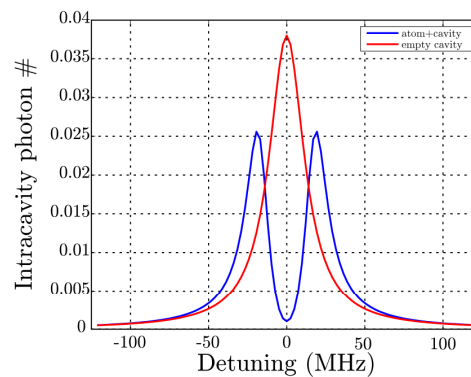
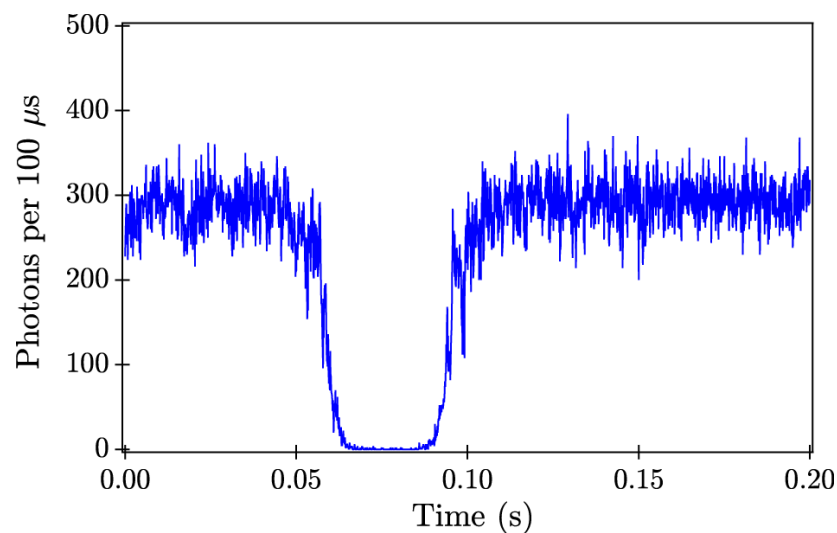
Intra-cavity photon absorption

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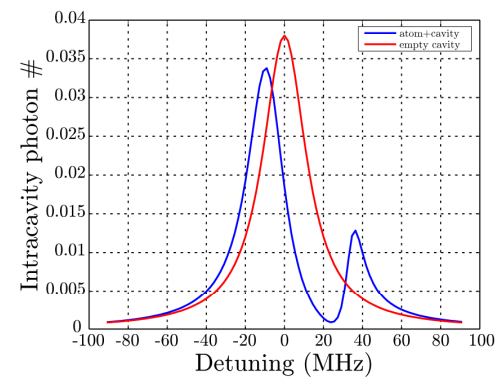
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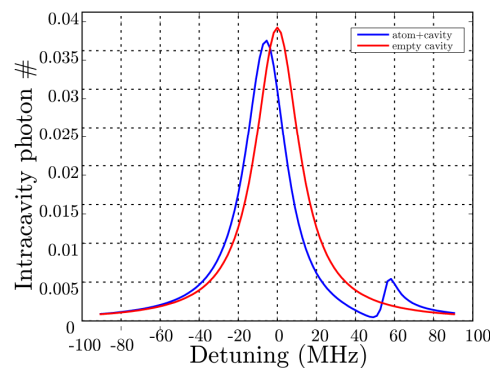
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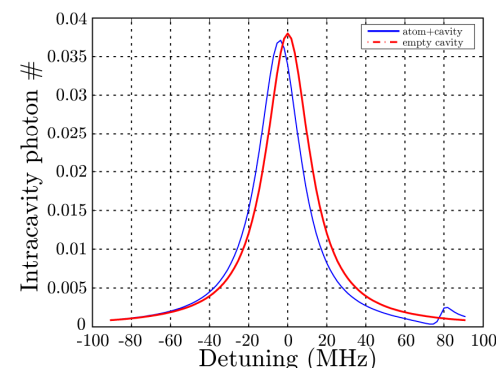
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Numerical solutions for one atom's master equation incorporating AC Stark shift of the optical trap

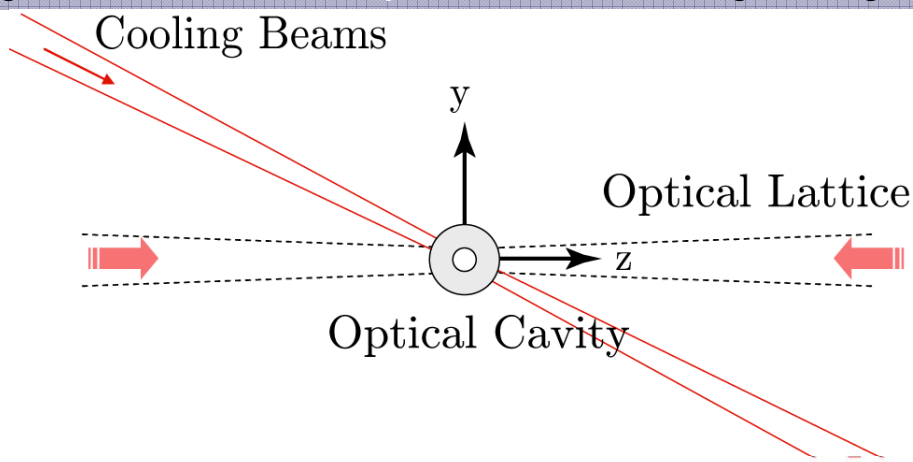
Cavity Assisted Cooling

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1 set of cooling beams provide cooling in 3-D

Detune cavity-probe so that emissions that remove energy are favored

$$F_{\text{Trap}} = 4\hbar \nabla \Delta_a (\nabla \Delta_a \cdot \mathbf{v}) \frac{\kappa \Delta_c}{(\Delta_c^2 + \kappa^2)^2} \frac{g^2 P_e}{\Delta_a^2 + \gamma^2}$$

$$F_{\text{pump}} = 4\hbar \mathbf{k}_L (\mathbf{k}_L \cdot \mathbf{v}) \frac{\kappa \Delta_c}{(\Delta_c^2 + \kappa^2)^2} g^2 P_e$$

$$F_{\text{cavity}} = 4\hbar \nabla g (\nabla g \cdot \mathbf{v}) \frac{\kappa \Delta_c}{(\Delta_c^2 + \kappa^2)^2} P_e .$$

$$\Delta_c < 0$$

$$\Delta_c = \omega_p - \omega_c$$

$$\Delta_a = \omega_p - (\omega_0 + \Delta_s)$$

Nußmann *et al.*, Nat. Phys (2005)

Murr *et al.*, PRA (2006)

Long Storage Times

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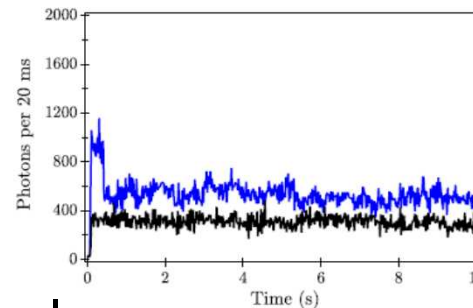
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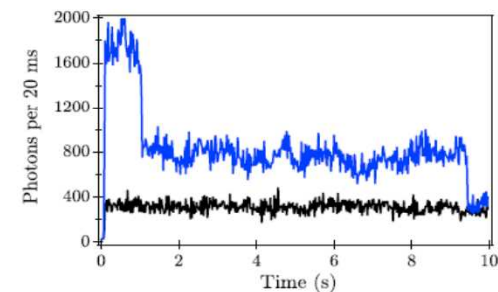
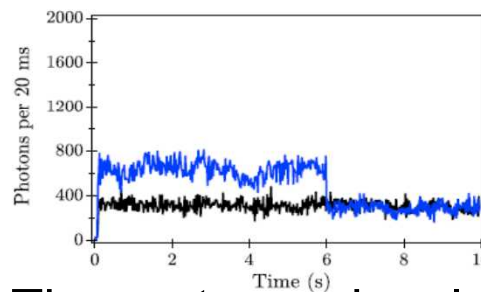
Storage of an atom is approximately 10 seconds

One atom signal



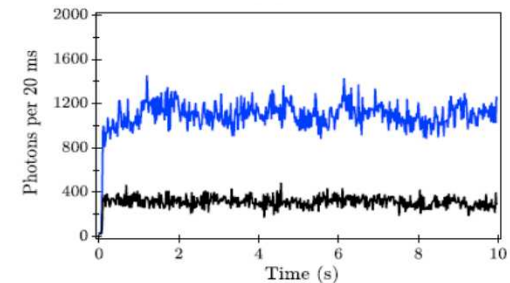
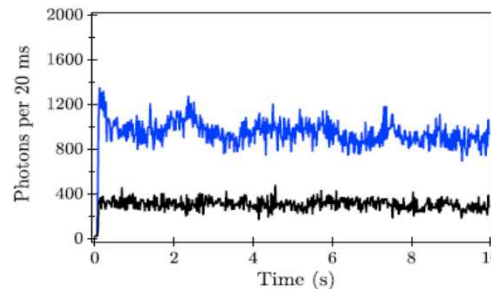
Two atoms signals

Probed with a cavity field an atom survives $t_{\text{storage}} < 1$ ms



Three atoms signals

Cooling increase storage time by a factor 10,000!!



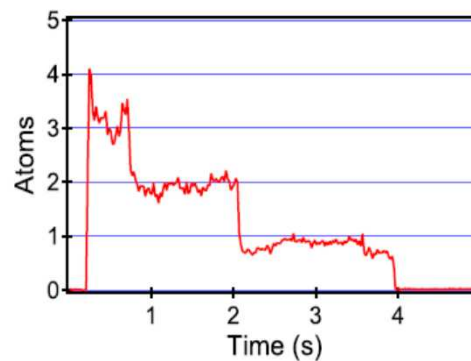
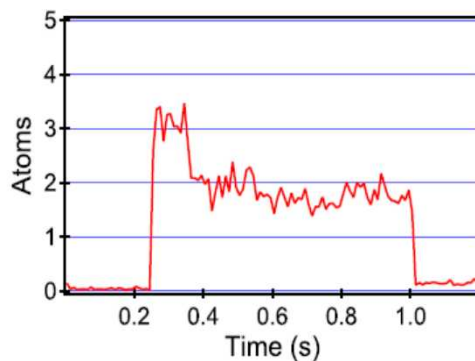
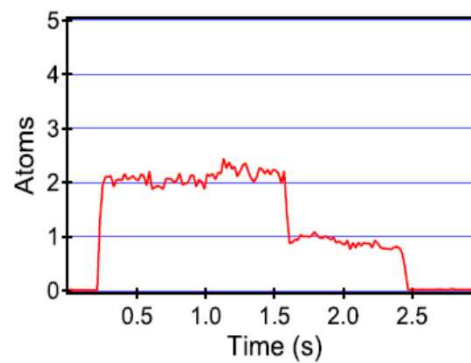
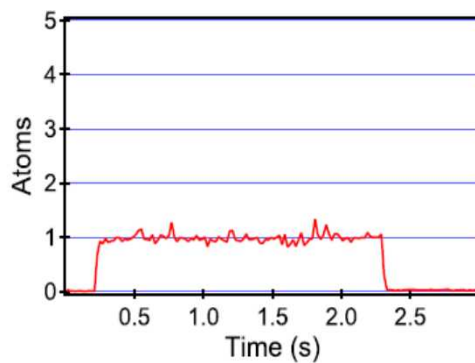
Cavity Cooling of single atoms

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Beginning with MOT $N=1, 2, 3, 4$ we detect $N=1, 2, 3, 4$ in cavity

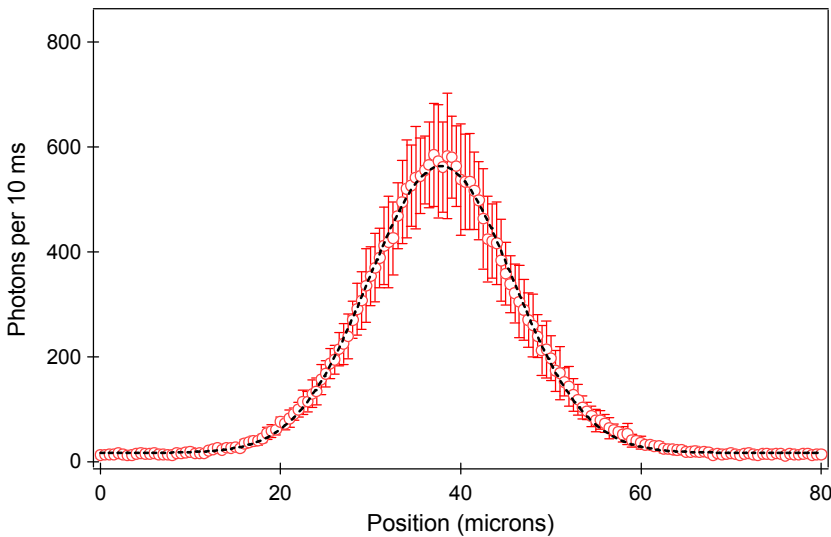
Single atom scatter rate

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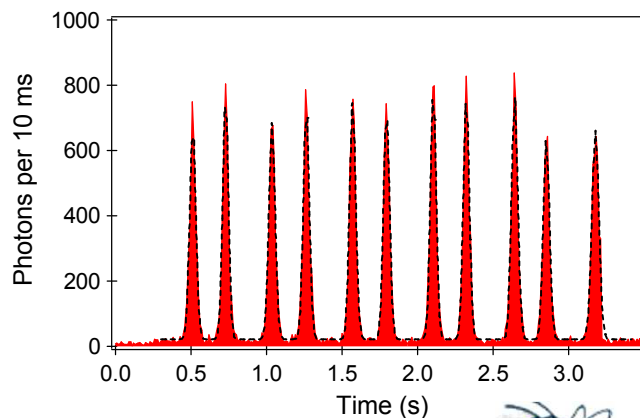
Slowly sweeping 1 atom over the cavity mode

Atoms moved in z dir at $v = 50 \mu\text{m/s}$

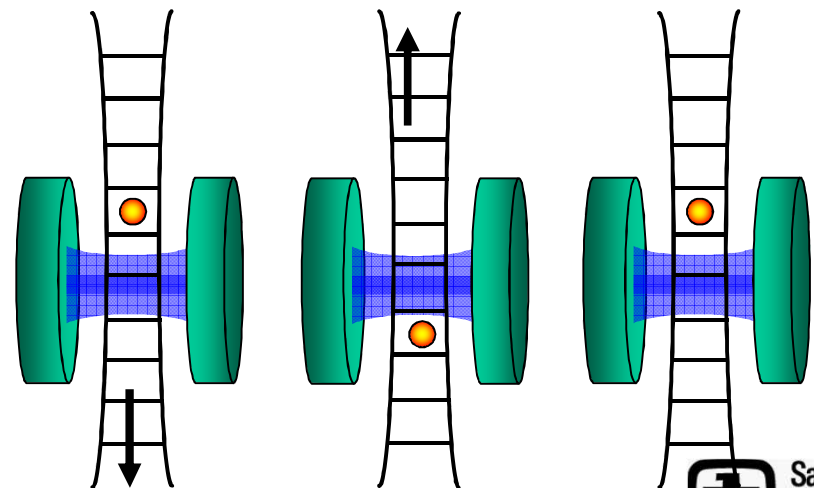
$$R \approx 2\kappa \frac{g^2}{\Delta_c^2 + \kappa^2} \frac{\Omega^2}{\Delta_a^2 + 4\gamma^2}$$

$$g = g_0 \cos(kx) \exp[-((y^2 + z^2) / w^2)]$$

Single atom passes mode 11 times



Atoms moved in z dir at $v = 440 \mu\text{m/s}$



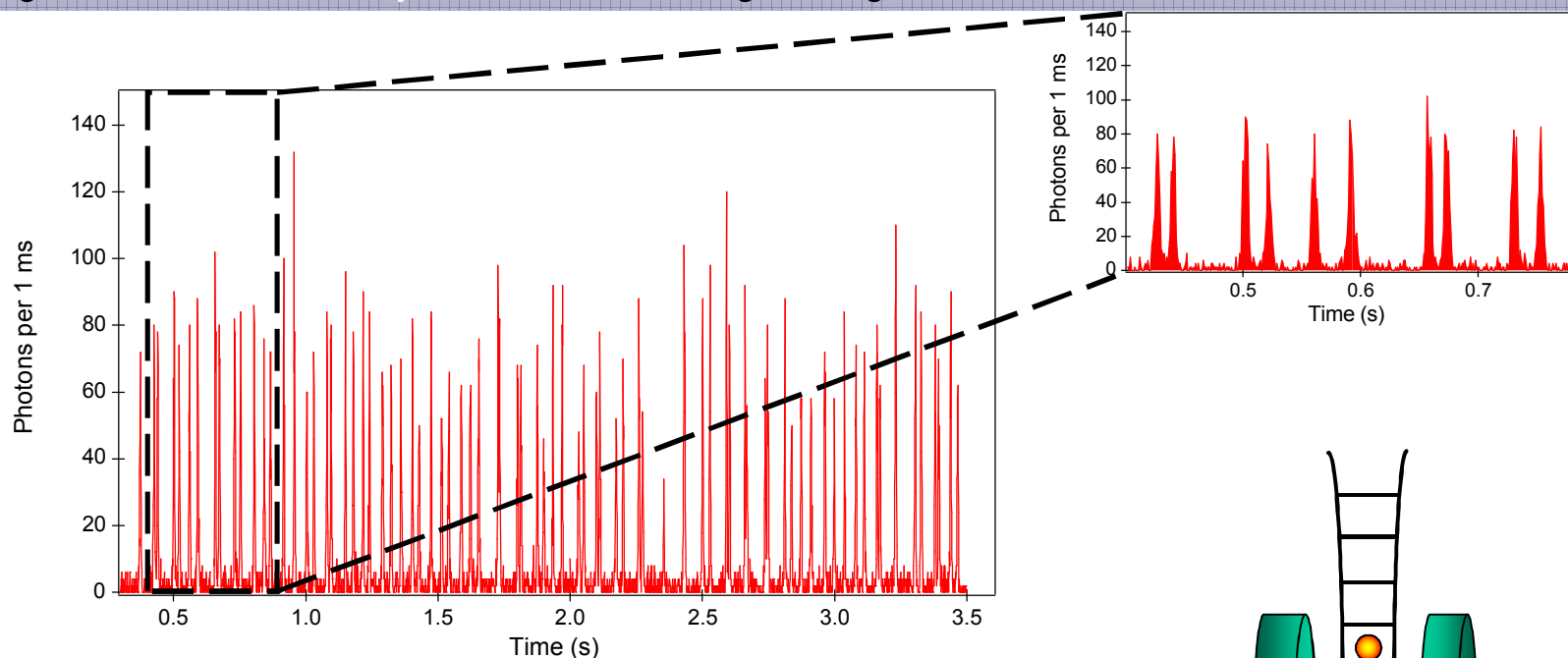
Ramping a Single atom through the Mode 70 times

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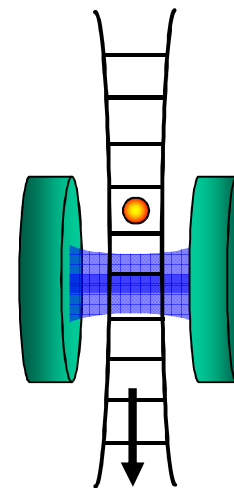
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Atoms moved in z dir at $v = 4.40$ mm/s

K. M. Fortier, et. al, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **98**, 233601 (2007).



Invited talk at CLEO/QELS 2008

QELS 01: Quantum Optics of Atoms, Molecules and Solids

QTuB1, **Deterministic Cavity QED with Single Atoms**, Soo Y. Kim, Michael J. Gibbons, **Kevin M. Fortier**, Peyman Ahmadi, Michael S. Chapman; Georgia Tech, USA.

What was hard and what can we do about it?

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What was demonstrated

Loading 1 single atom in cavity
Long storage times

Moving a single atom in/out of
cavity

What's left to show a qubit

Initialize -> Optical Pump
Single Qubit gates -> microwaves

What was hard

Cavity Construction

- Each cavity unique
- Very difficult to get 1 working

Optical Transport

- Introduces Gaussian problems
- AC Stark shift problems

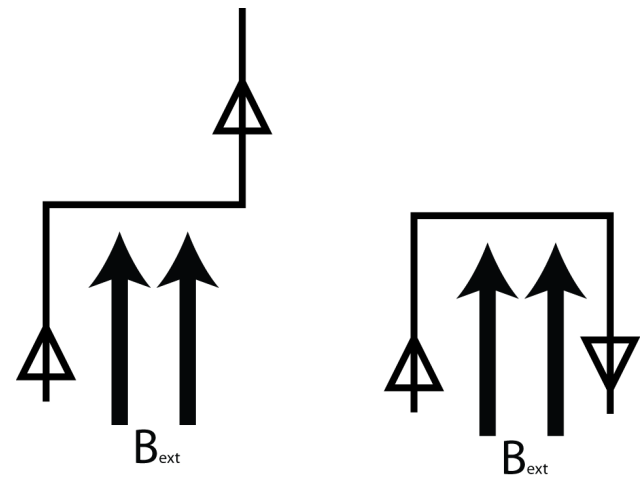
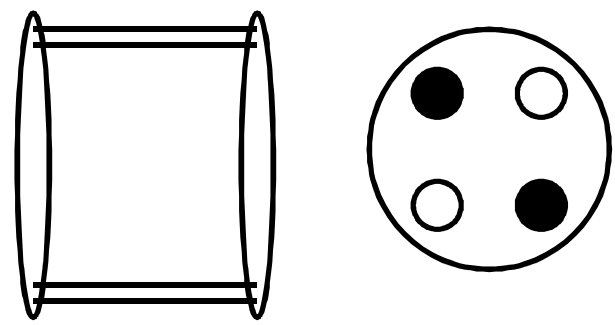
Number of lasers

- 6 diode lasers all locked to Rb

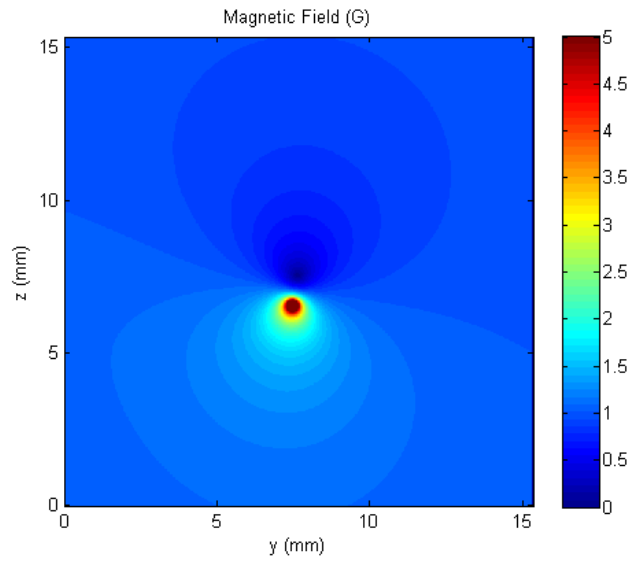
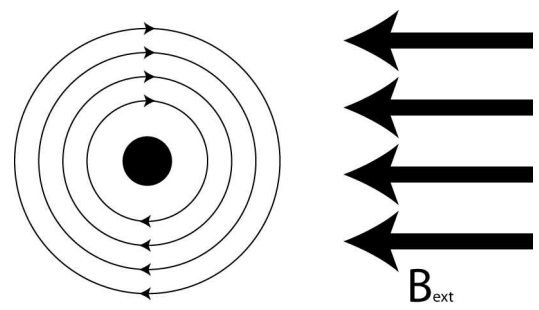
Magnetic trapping possibilities

Macroscopic coils:

Anti-Helmholtz Coils, Ioffe Pritchard



Chip solutions: currents + bias

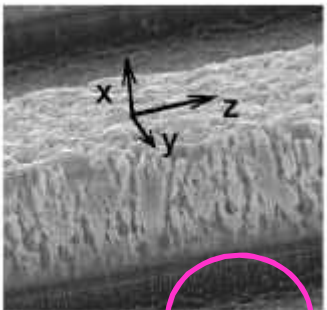


I = 25 A, Bias = 10G

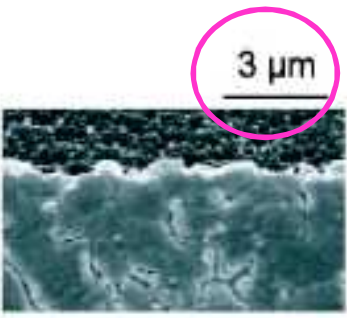
Sandia/Stanford/CalTech Atom Chip

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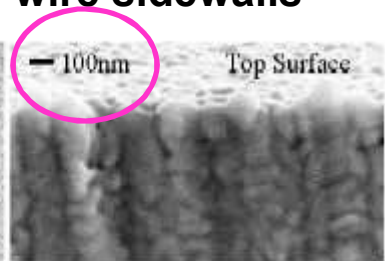
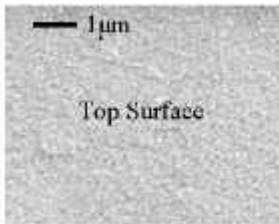
Electroplated Au wire sidewalls



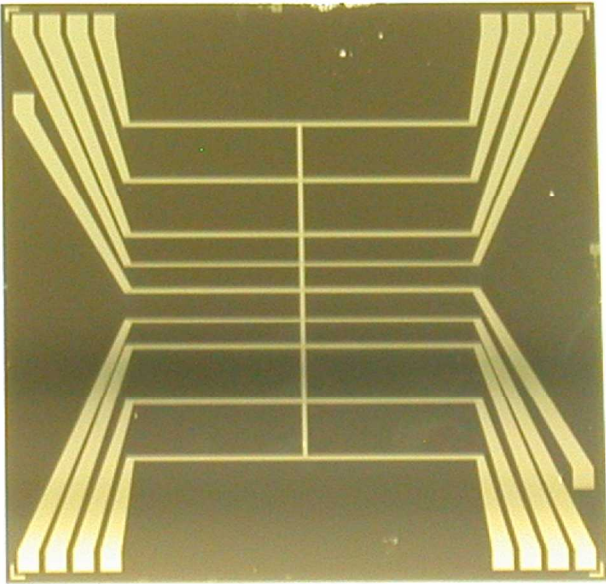
(a) Aspect group, Orsay
PRA 70, 043629 (2004)



Lift-off Au wire sidewalls

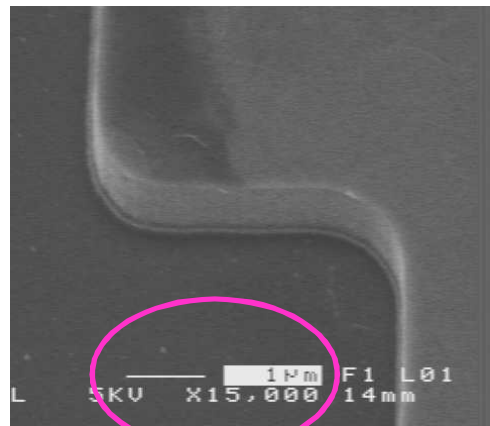


arXiv:cond-mat/0504686v1 [cond-mat.other] 26 Apr 2005
Schiedmayer group, U. Heidelberg



Potential disorders
current fluctuations
wire edge roughness

Etched Al wire sidewalls



Blain, Stevens, Nakakura, SNL

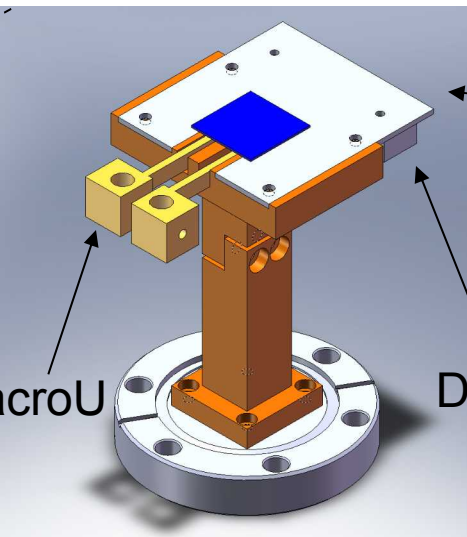
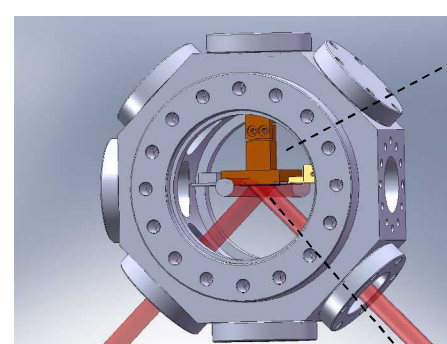
Sandia's Atom Chip testing apparatus.

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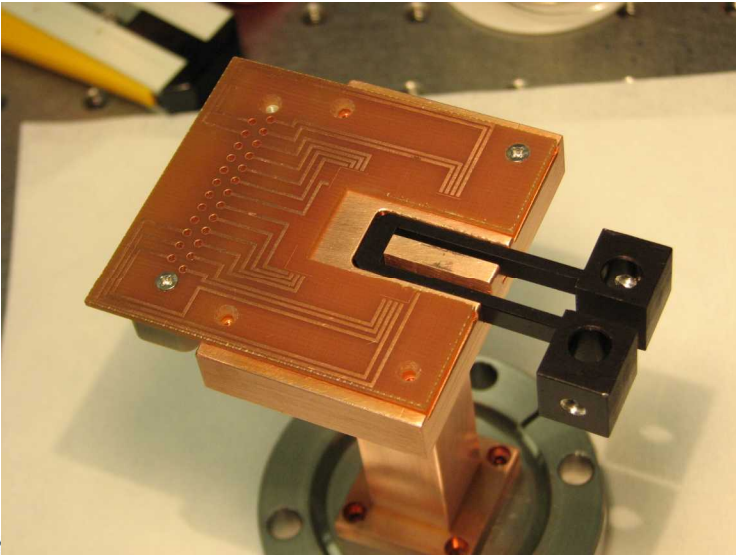
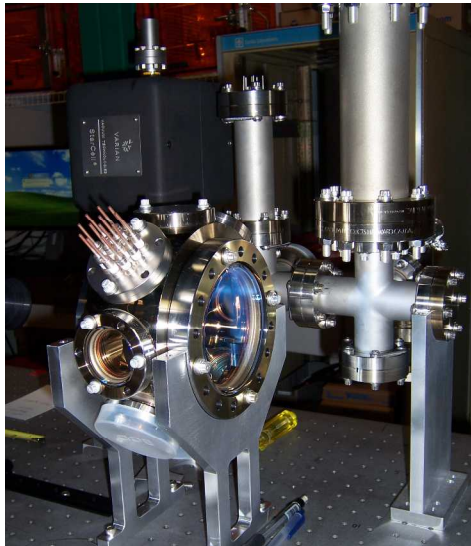
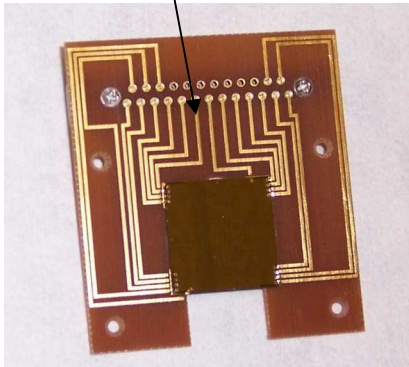
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Atom Chip

MacroU

D-sub



First Atom Chip shipped to Mabuchi on 26 Mar 08

Loading of the Atom Chip

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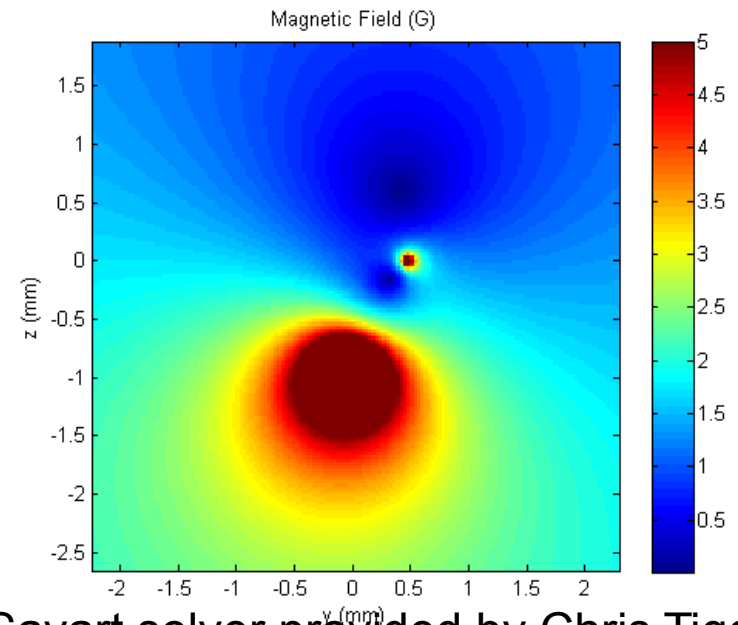
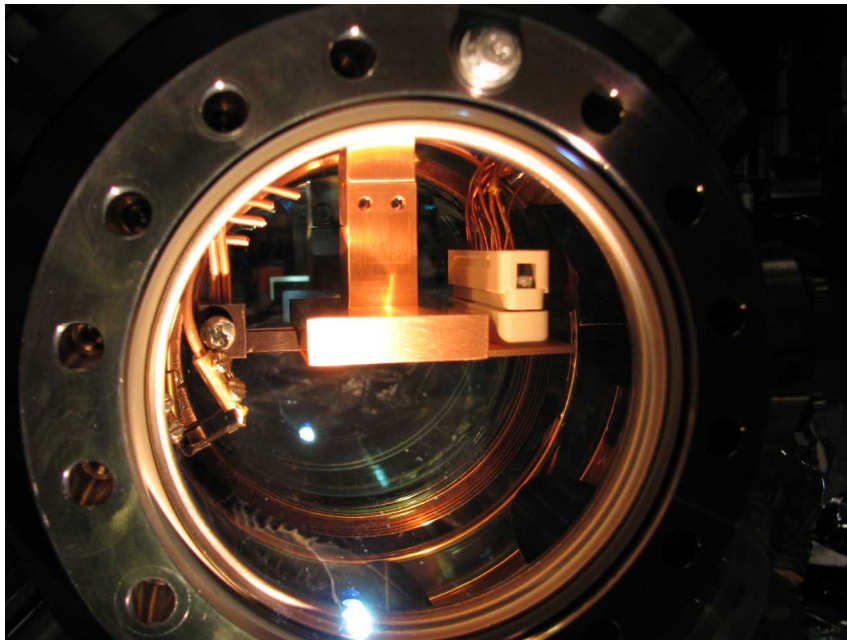
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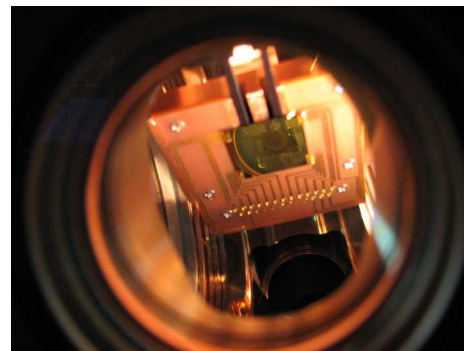
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Loading Procedure

- Produce a Mirror MOT using Macro U and bias field
- Turn off lasers and store atoms in Macro U magnetic trap
- Transfer atoms from Macro U to atom chip

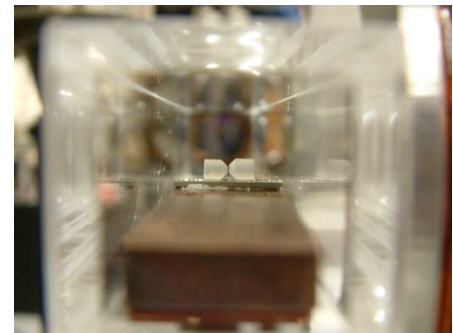


Biot-Savart solver provided by Chris Tiggis

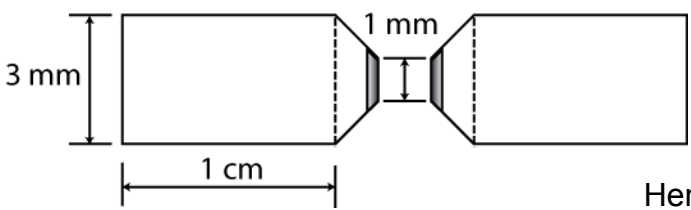


Microfabrication allows one to design engineered high finesse cavities.

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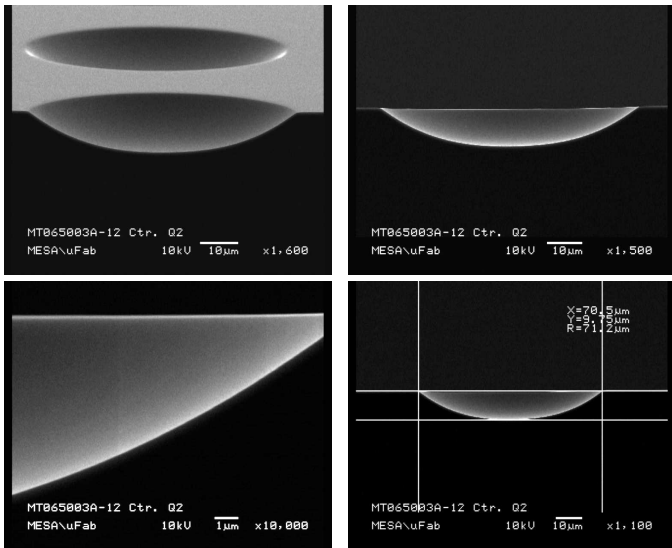
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Un-scalable Cavity QED system

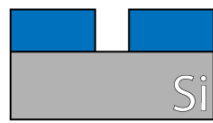
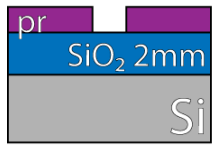
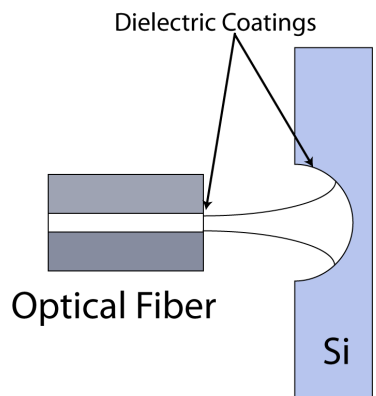
Engineering Design Goals

- Open access Fabry-Perot cavity
- Finesse > 10,000
- Low mode volume
- Process compatible with Atom Chip fabrication

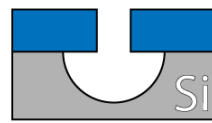
Hemisphere R = 68.6 μ m



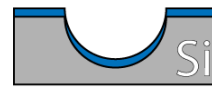
Scalable Cavity QED system



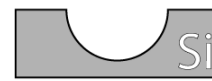
Plasma etch
SiO₂



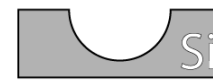
Chemical etch
with fluorine
radicals



Strip SiO₂ with HF
Smoothing etch
with SF₆ and Ar
plasma



Thermal oxidation
smoothing



Strip SiO₂ with HF



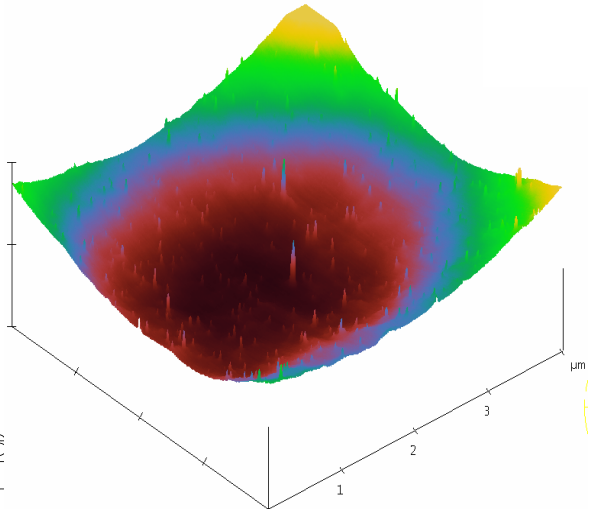
Surface Roughness of microfabricated cavity mirrors

AFM measurements at bottom of mirror

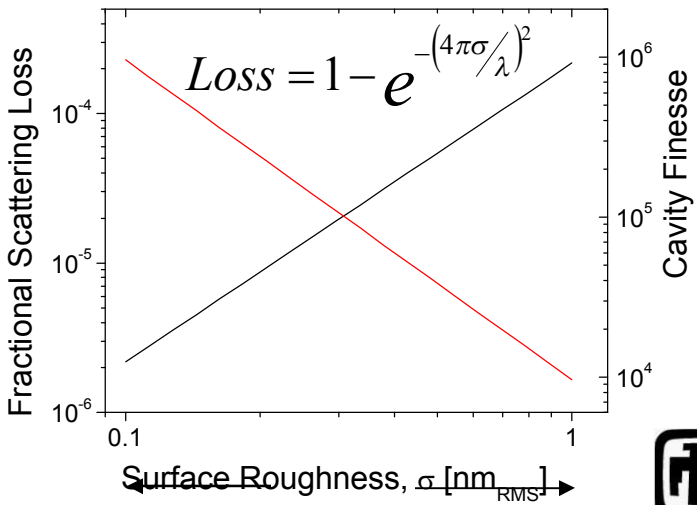
Units: nm_{rms}; 1 μm SiO₂ aperture

Wafer	1 st plasma etch	2 nd plasma etch	Oxidation	Anneal	Wet etch
1	1.13	0.67	-	-	0.30 cavity 0.30 field
2	0.98	0.62	0.55	0.48 well 0.66 field	0.46 cavity 0.58 field
3	0.94	0.85	0.48	Yes	0.216 cavity 0.218 field

Post 1st plasma etch
AFM scan, Wafer 1



Scattering loss versus
surface roughness



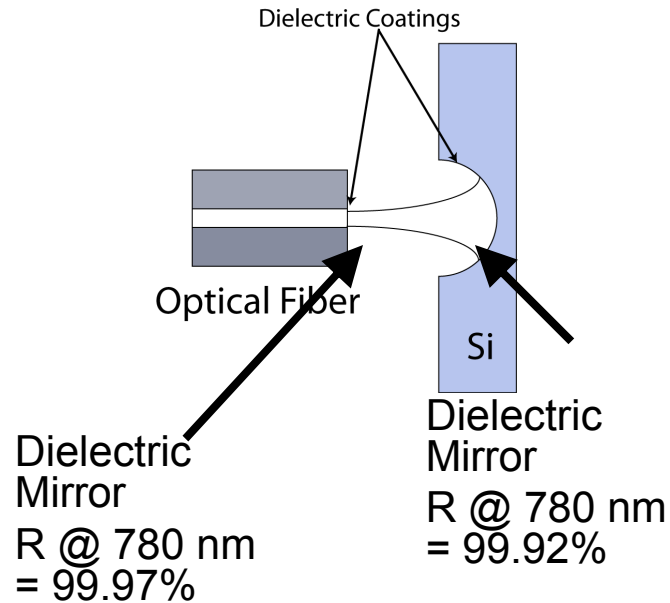
Microfabricated cavity resonance

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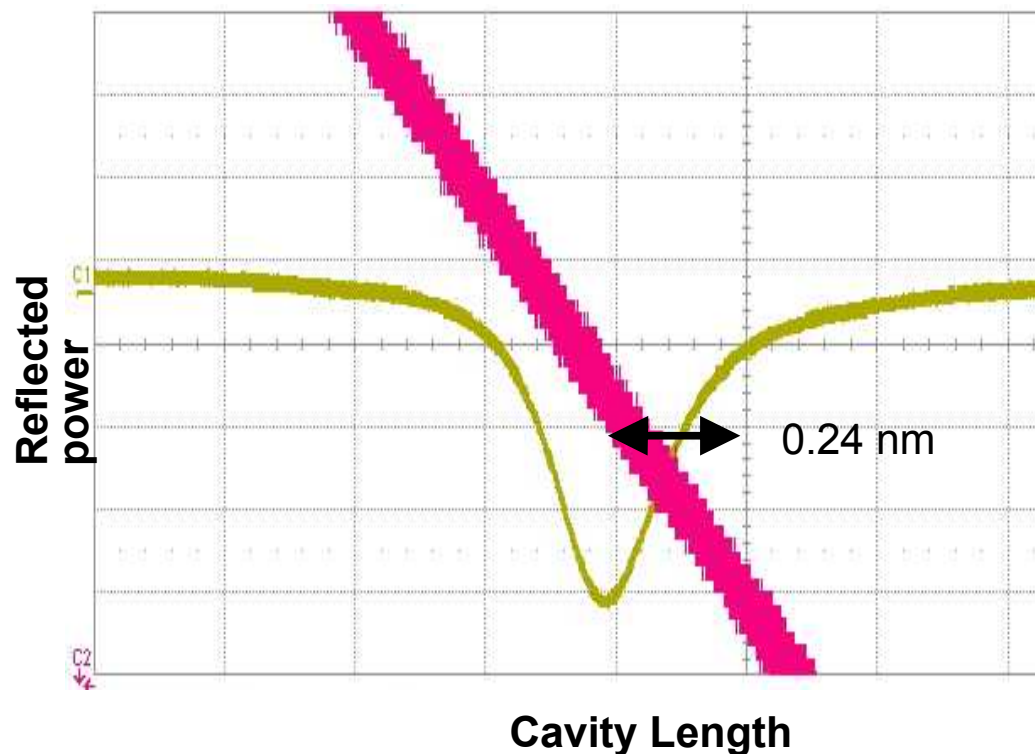
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Measured at 852 nm:
Finesse = 1750
Expected Finesse = 2400
Cavity Length = $15 \mu\text{m}$
 $Q = 60,000$



$$g_0 / 2\pi = 525 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\kappa / 2\pi = 1100 \text{ MHz}$$

$$g_0^2 / \kappa\gamma = 36$$

In the strong coupling regime

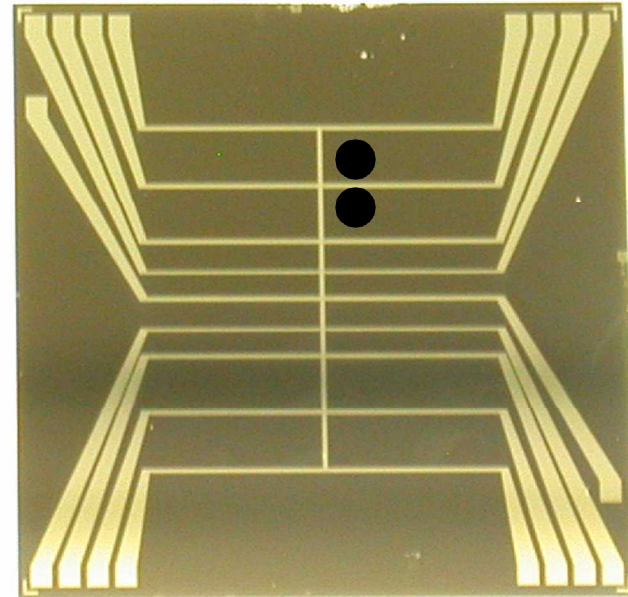
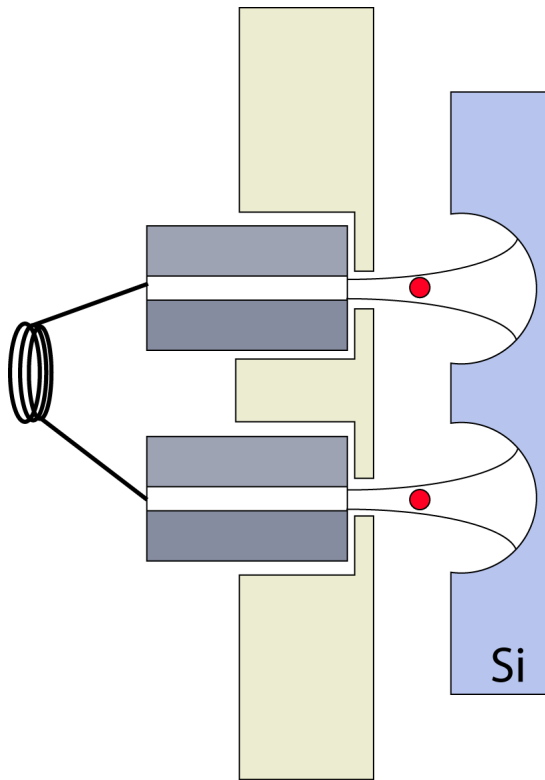
Integrated Atom-optical Chip with magnetic transport

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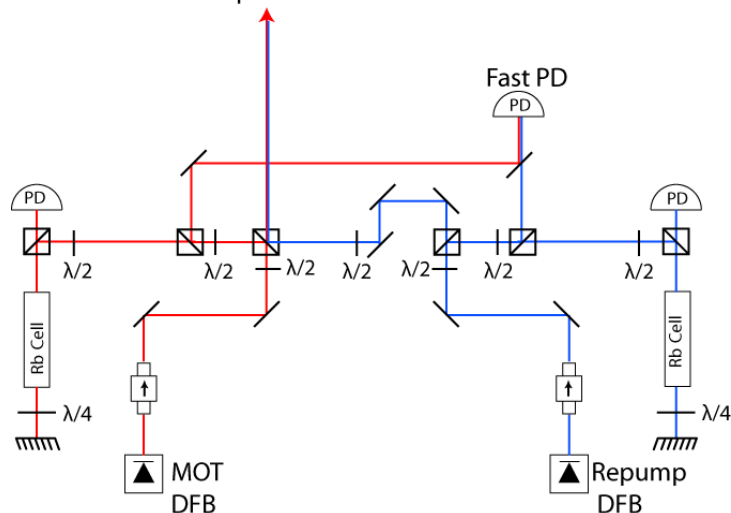
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Modeling Currently being done by Michael Pack as part of late start FY08 LDRD #08-1359 internal funding.

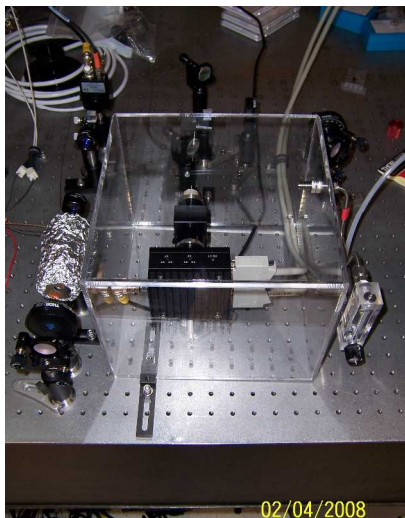
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To Experiment



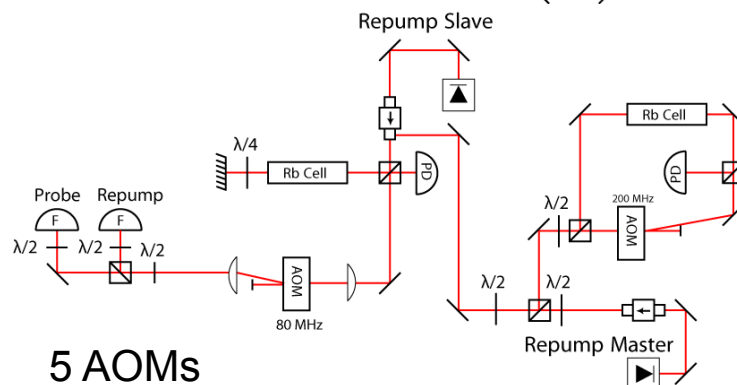
Frequency offset locking -> stabilize beatnote between two lasers

4' x 2' optical footprint



Tech Setup

The diagram illustrates the experimental setup for a quantum optics experiment. The setup includes a 110 MHz laser source, an AOM, a beam splitter, a waveguide (GW), a MOT Master, a MOT Slave, a probe beam, and various optical components like lenses, mirrors, and waveplates. The diagram shows the paths of the laser beams and the interaction with the atoms.



4' x 5' optical footprint

Potential Ways Sandia could impact cold atom research

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The Sandia Atom Chip Foundry Model:

Utilize Sandia's \$465M MESA facility for atomic physics research

Success in past as part of DTO/IARPA Ion trap foundry

We want to form collaborations with top experimental groups

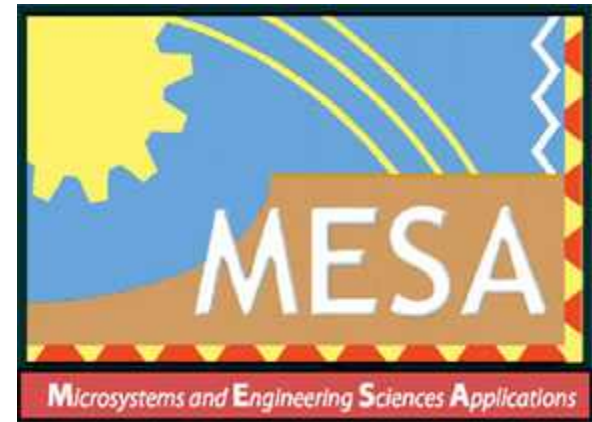
Sandia has capabilities in:

Modeling

Fabrication

UHV packaging

In house testing via atom trapping



Benefit to research groups: **we will provide a chip that traps atoms**

First Neutral atomic Qubit in a cavity

Single atom stored in cavity

Optical pumping

Single Qubit Rotations -> Microwaves

Perform 100-1000 experiment on one atom

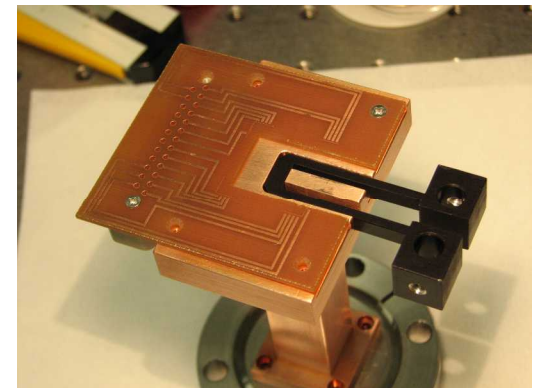
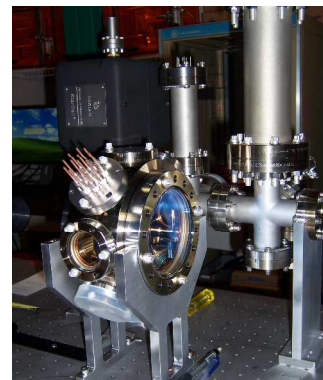
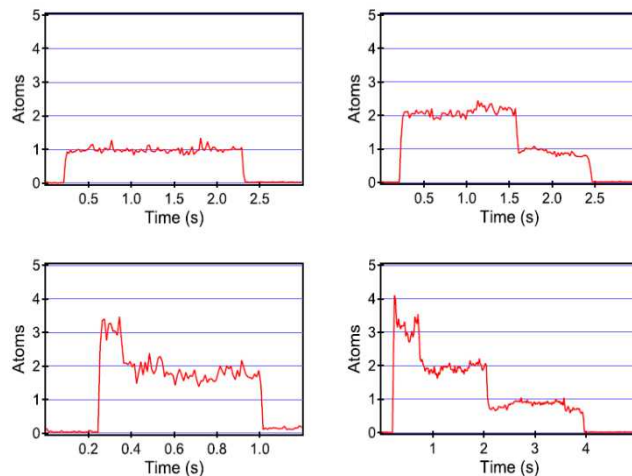
Sandia's Neutral atom experiment

System will be baked out by mid May 2008

Laser construction completed June 2008

First laser cooled atoms August 2008

2nd Generation chip in design to incorporate cavities



Classical vs Quantum Memory

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Classical Memory

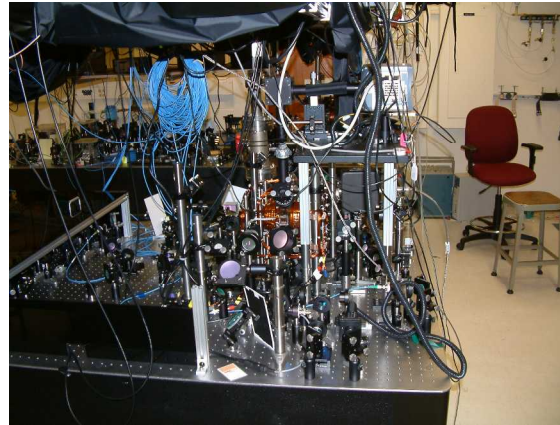
Storage: 1GB

Cost: \$17.99



First Transistor

Bell Labs, 1947



Quantum Memory alpha: GaTech

Storage: ~1 qubit

2 Optical tables, 1 UHV System

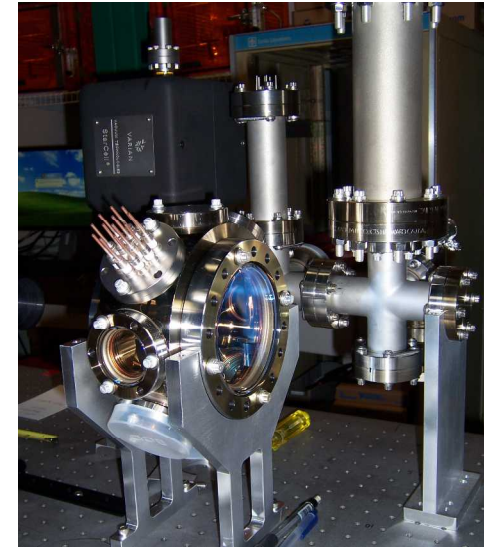
6 Diode lasers

1 Cavities

1 Yb Doped Fiber laser

3 Grad Students

Cost: >> \$17.99



Quantum Memory beta : Sandia

Storage: ~1 qubit

1 Optical tables, 1 UHV System

2 Diode lasers

1->n Cavities

Cost: >> \$17.99

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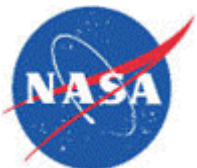
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Appendix

Improved Neutral Atom Storage Ring/Sagnac Interferometer

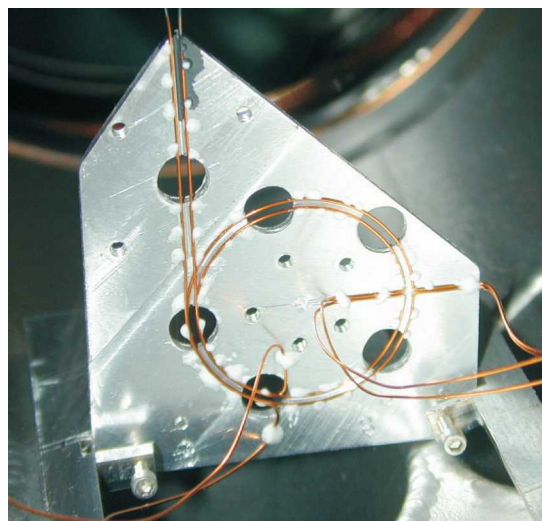
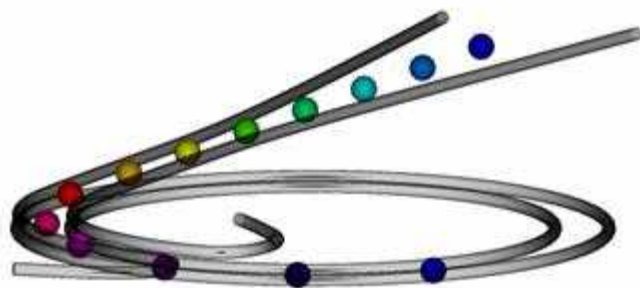
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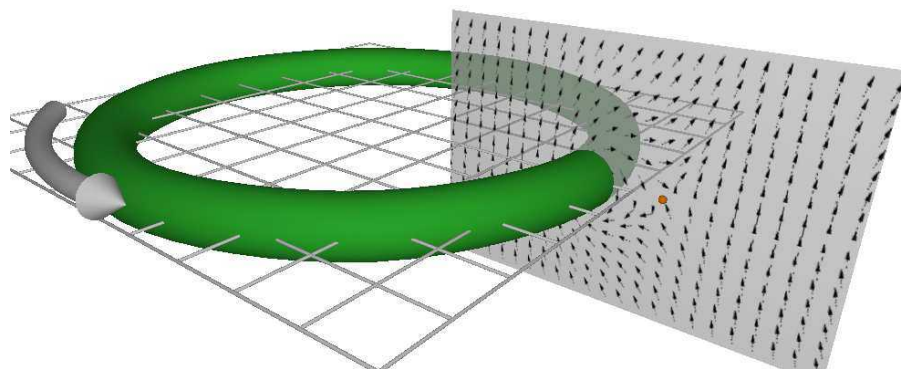
Atom Interferometry

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Potential bumps limited atoms to only 7 revolutions of the Nevatron

J.A. Sauer, M.D. Barrett, and M.S. Chapman, *Phys. Rev. Lett*, **87**, 270401 (2001).



Using an induced current from a microfabricated pickup coil one can make a very smooth magnetic potential

P. F. Griffin, A. S. Arnold, and E. Riis, *arXiv:0803.0940v1* (2008).

Atom Interferometry offer amazing sensitivity

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$$10^{11} = 100,000,000,000$$

Building block of Quantum Information: *Qubits*

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Quantum bit (qubits)

- Photon polarization
- Atomic electronic states

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

Classical Analog: 0, 1

Single qubit gates

- Rotations on Bloch sphere
- Unitary 2x2 Matrices

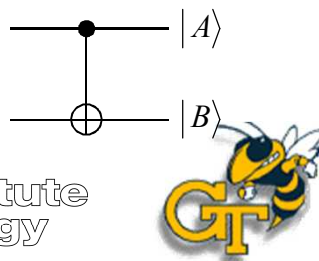
$$\text{---} \boxed{\text{H}} \text{---} \quad \hat{H} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hadamard Gate

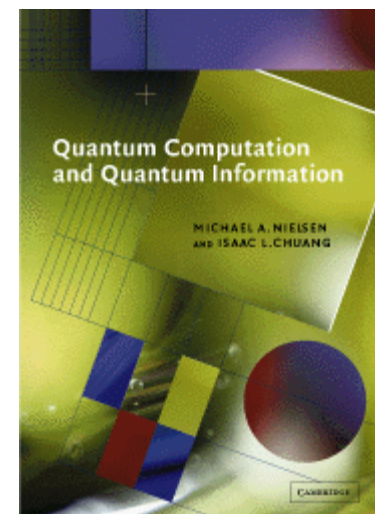
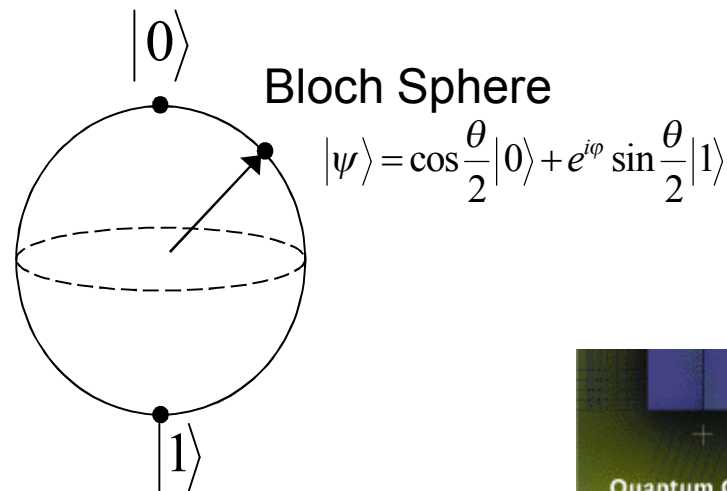
Two qubit gates:

- harder

CNOT



$$\hat{U}_{CN} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Toolbox

Optical Molasses – Laser Cooling

Magneto-Optical Trap (MOT)

Optical Trapping

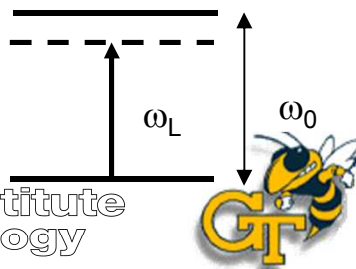
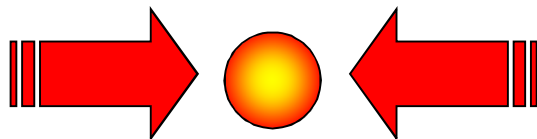
Magnetic Trapping

Laser cooling (1975)

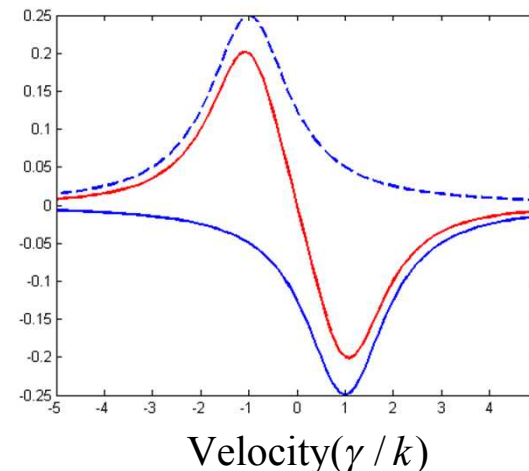
Hänsch & Schallow

Wineland & Demhelt

1-D optical Molasses



Force($\hbar k \gamma$)



$$\vec{F}_{\pm} = \frac{\hbar \vec{k} \gamma}{2} \frac{s_0}{1 + s_0 + (2(\delta \mp |\omega_D|)/\gamma)^2}$$

Expanded about $v=0$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_+ + \vec{F}_- \approx \frac{8\hbar k^2 \delta s_0 \vec{v}}{\gamma(1 + s_0 + (2\delta/\gamma)^2)^2} = -\alpha \vec{v}$$

For $\delta < 0$, viscous damping force that opposes the velocity of the atom

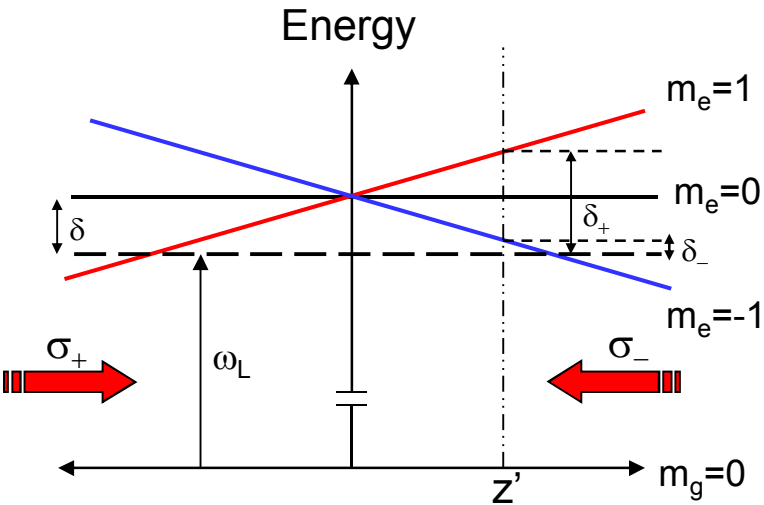
Magneto-Optical Trap: The workhorse of cold atom research.

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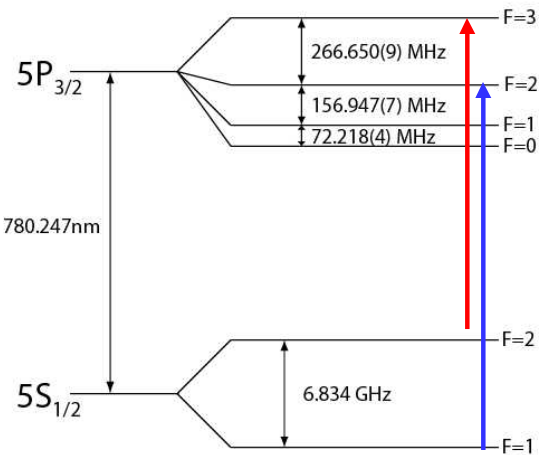
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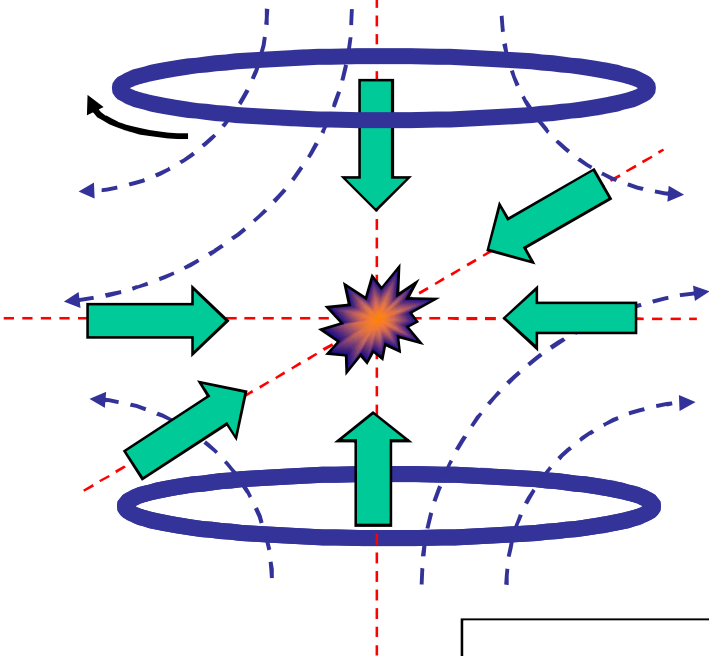


⁸⁷Rb D₂ Transition



— MOT (Cycling) Transition
— Repump Transition

MOT-Cold Atom Source



Typical MOT
⁸⁷Rb
 $N=1-10^6$
 $T=20\ \mu\text{K}$

Before we attempt the Unrealistic a review of where we've been

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How Cold is Cold?



300K – Room Temp

77K – Liquid N₂

3K – Big Bang Cosmic Background

300 mK – He Cryostat

30 mK – Dilution refrigerator

3 mK – Optical Cooling

140 μK – Doppler Cooling (Rb)

20 μK – Sub-Doppler Cooling

500 nK – Average BEC

100 pK – Coldest BECs

3 Nobel Prizes in 10 years!!

1997 – Chu, Phillips, Cohen-Tannoudji – Cooling Atoms with laser light

2001 – Wieman, Cornell, Ketterle – BEC (Predicted in 1927 produced 1995)

2005 – Glauber, Hall, Hänsch – Quantum Optics Theory, Frequency Comb

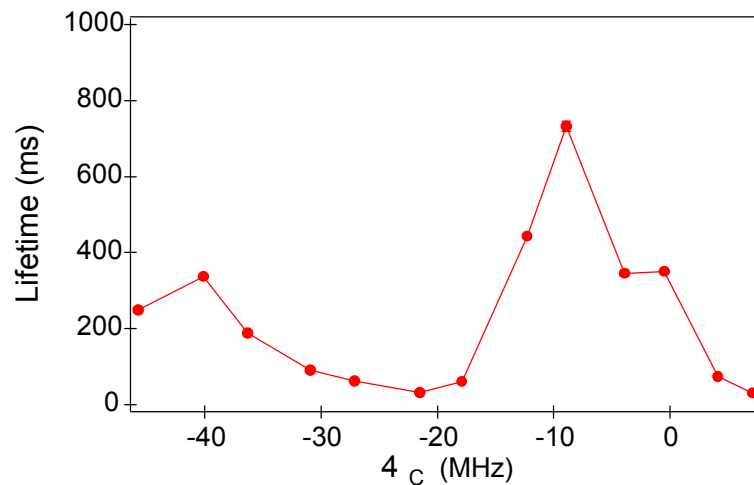
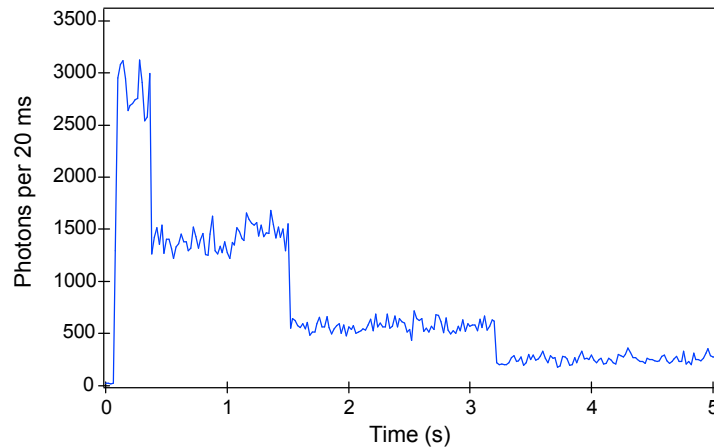
Cavity Cooling of Many atoms

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Atomic Steps in cavity emission

$$\Delta_c = -8.9 \text{ MHz}$$

Individual atoms are stored for seconds

- MOT of 40 atoms
- Cool in Cavity
- Vary frequency of cavity

Max observed lifetime

$$\Delta_c = -8.9 \text{ MHz}$$

Theoretical Max Cooling

$$\Delta_c = -\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{3}} = -7.99 \text{ MHz}$$

Magnetic Trapping

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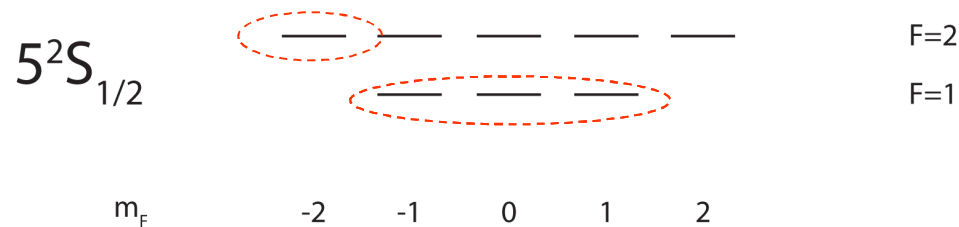
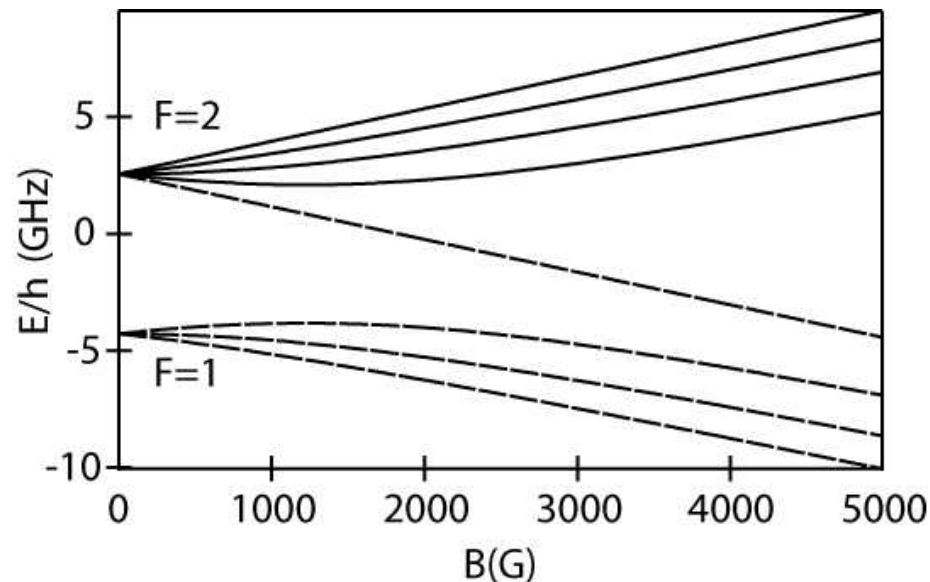
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Use magnetic fields to trap atoms

$$E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} = -g_F \mu_B m_F B$$

$$\vec{F} = \nabla(\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}) = g_F \mu_B m_F \nabla B$$

Trap weak field seeking states
in magnetic potential
minimums



Rubidium-87 ground state

$$|F, m_F\rangle = |1, -1\rangle, |1, 0\rangle, |1, 1\rangle, |1, -2\rangle$$