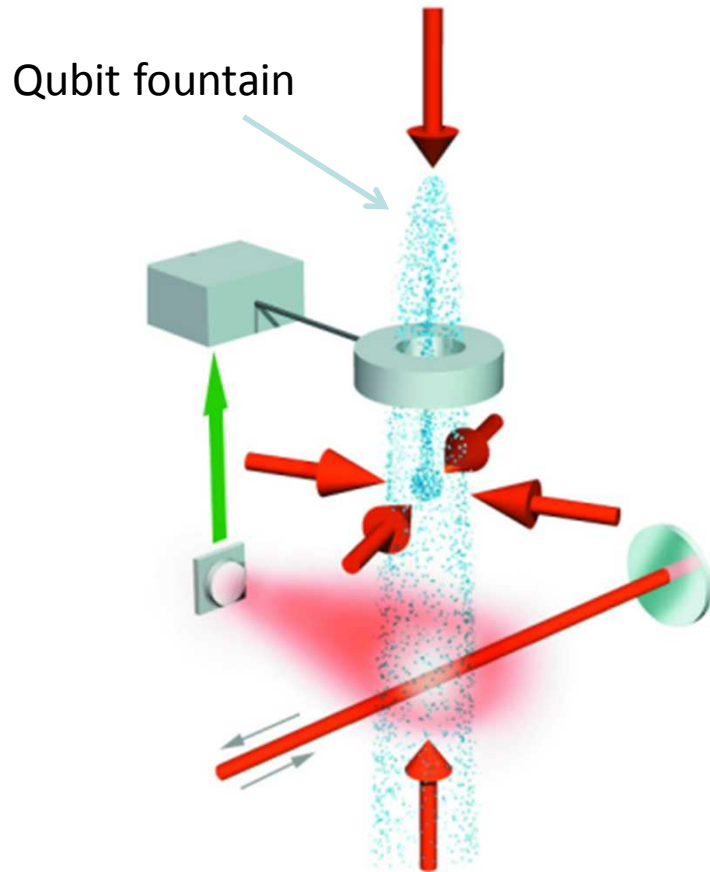


# Rydberg-dressed spin-flip blockade

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# Quantum-Coherence



Qubit fountain

Atomic fountain principle

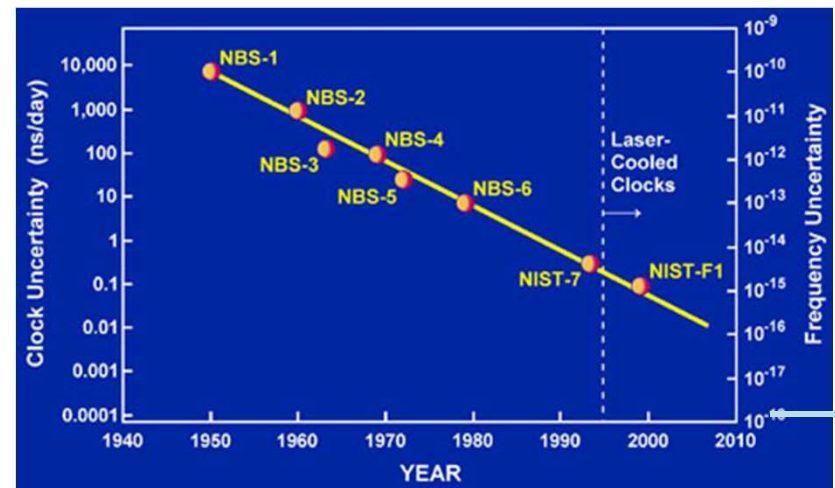
[http://smc.cnes.fr/PHARAO/GP\\_instrument.htm](http://smc.cnes.fr/PHARAO/GP_instrument.htm)

Outstanding quantum coherence in neutral atoms enables precision metrology and quantum information

- Example: atomic clocks

$$\left|6^2S_{1/2}; F=3, M_F=0\right\rangle \leftrightarrow \left|6^2S_{1/2}; F=4, M_F=0\right\rangle$$

$$\left|0\right\rangle \leftrightarrow \left|1\right\rangle$$

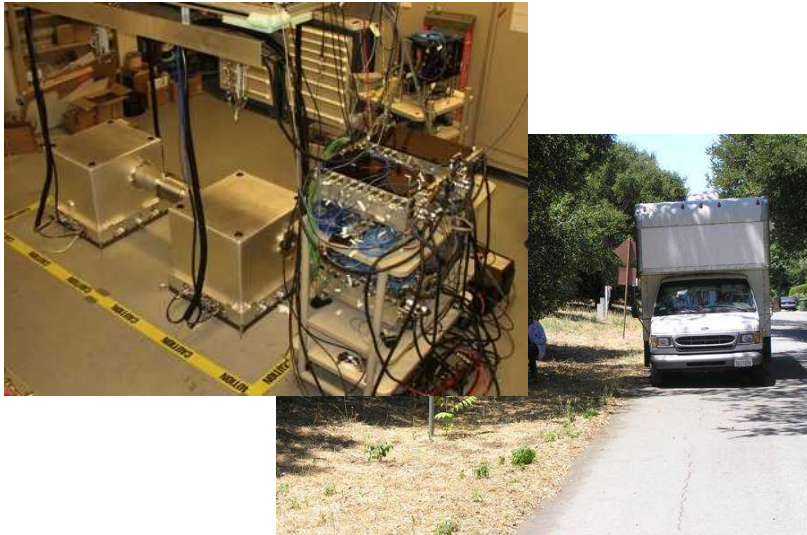


Optical  
clocks

<http://www.nist.gov>

# Atom interferometer inertial sensors

Stanford gravity gradiometer



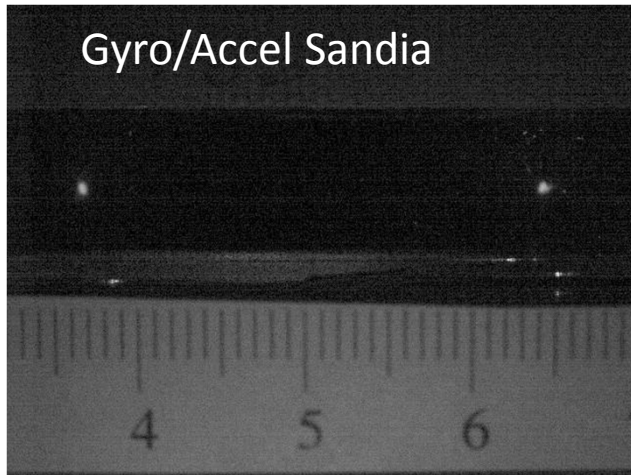
100 m drop tower, Bremen



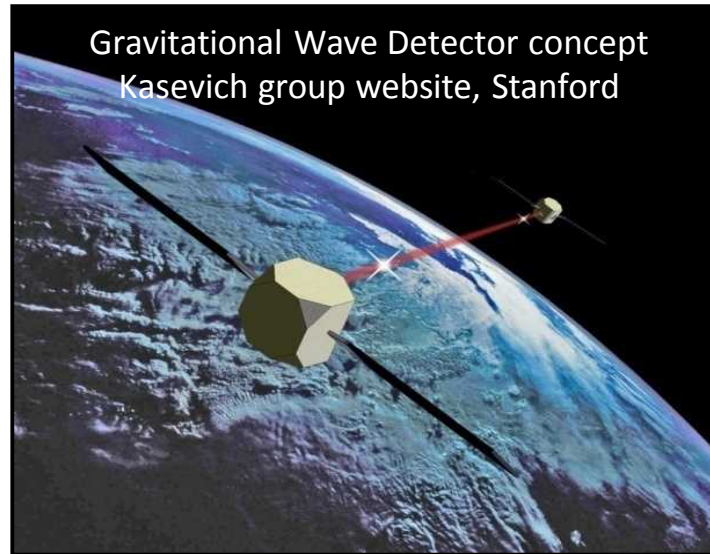
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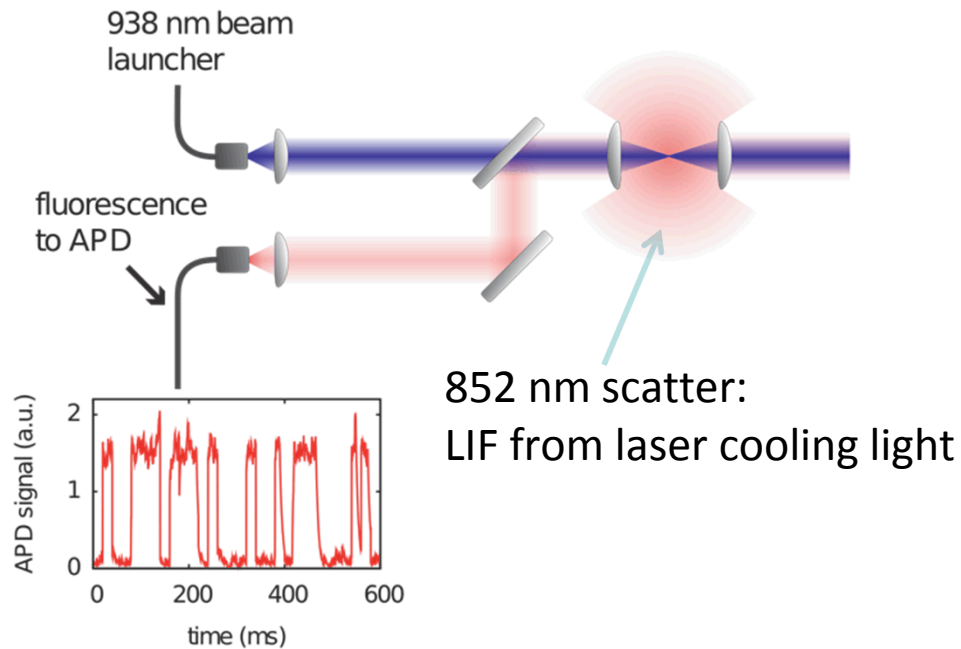
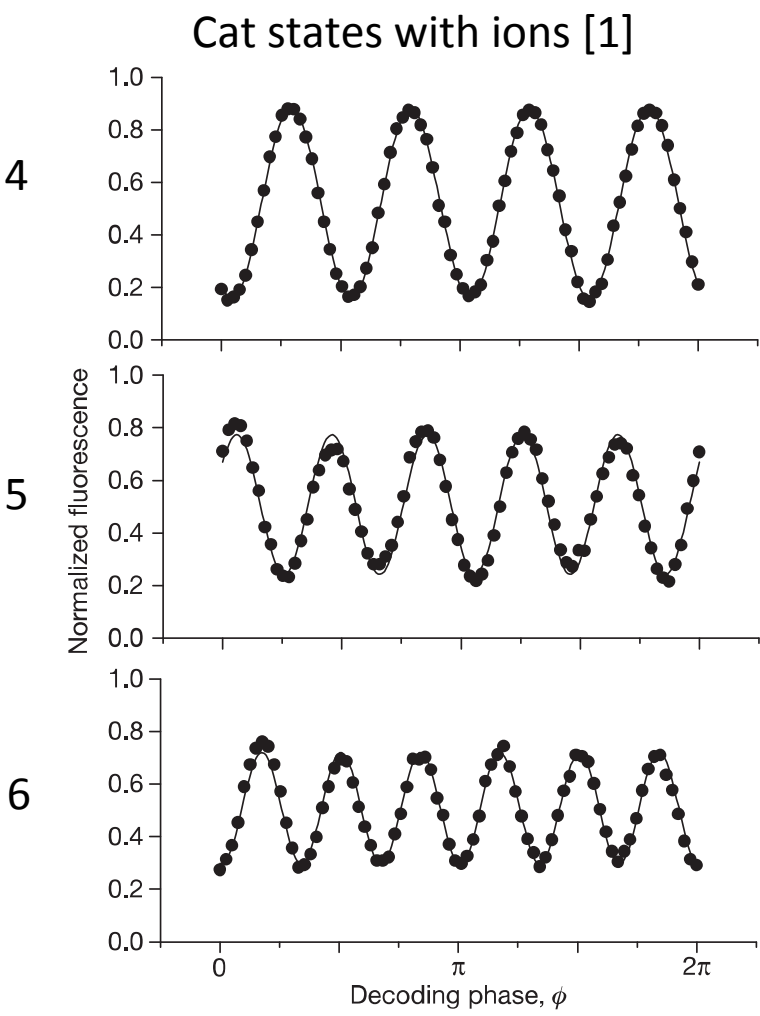
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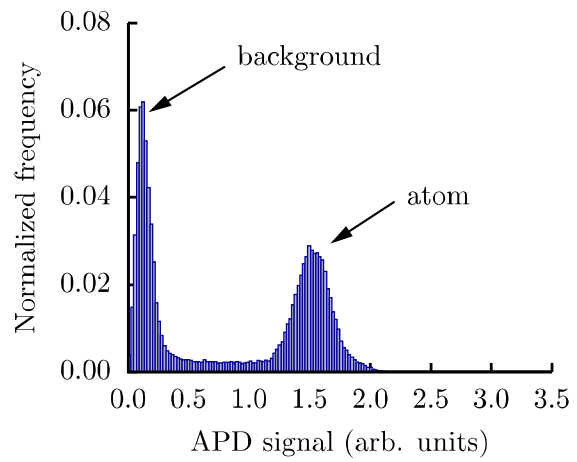
Gravitational Wave Detector concept  
Kasevich group website, Stanford



# Entangled states for metrology

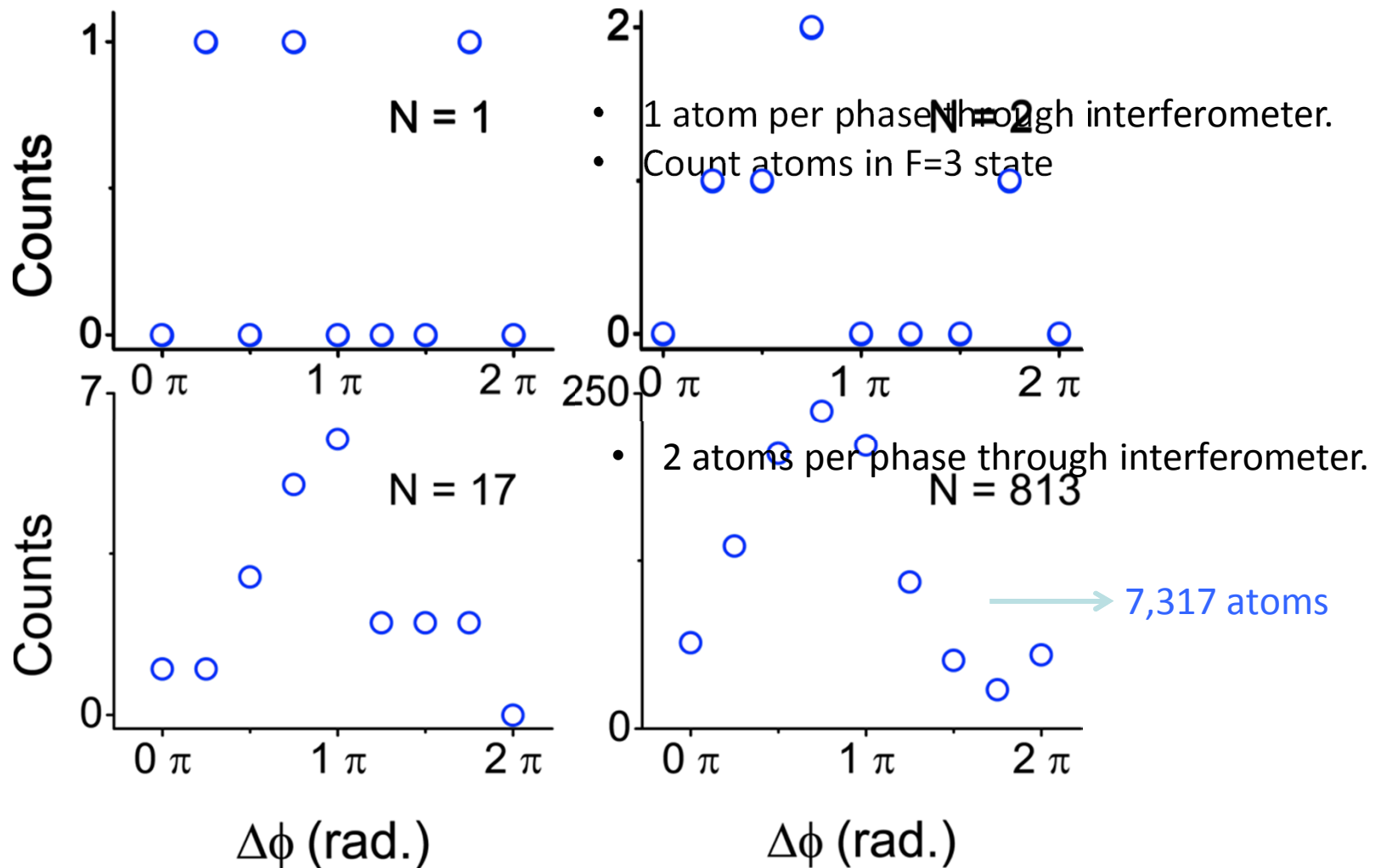


*Micron-scale:  
inherently low  
power*



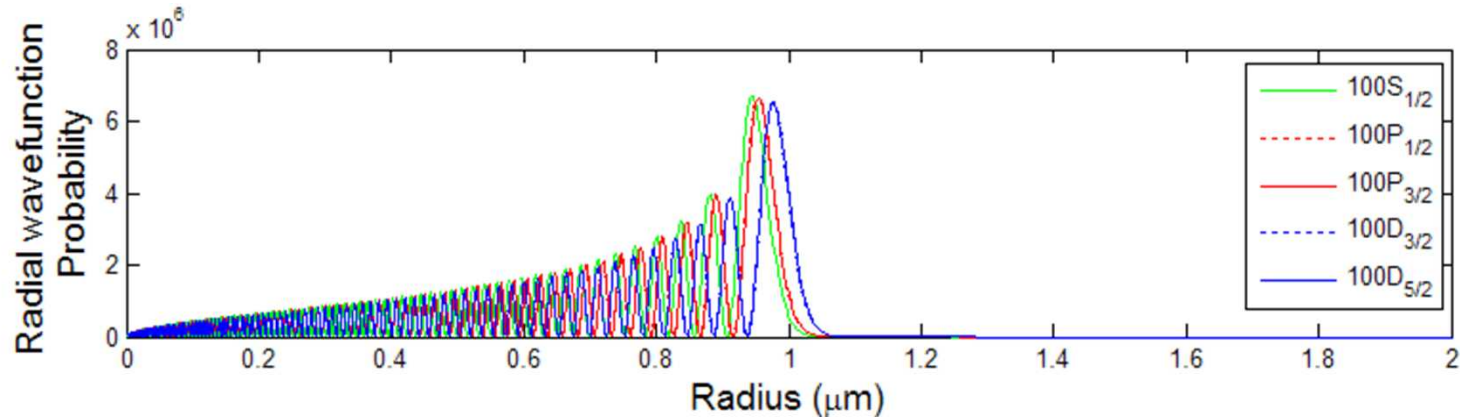
[1] Leibfried, et al., "Creation of a six-atom 'Schrödinger cat' state", *Nature* **438**, 639 (2005)

# Building a fringe, one atom at a time

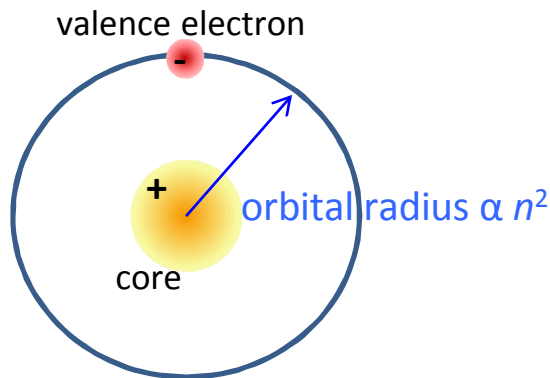


# Rydberg state mediated interaction

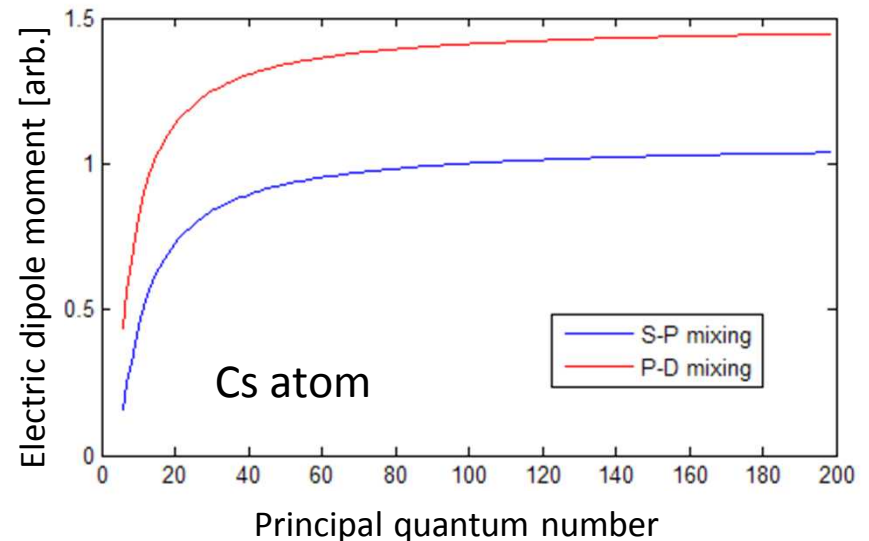
An example of the radial wavefunctions of a Cs atom at  $n = 100$ :



A Rydberg atom can have a strong electric dipole moment.

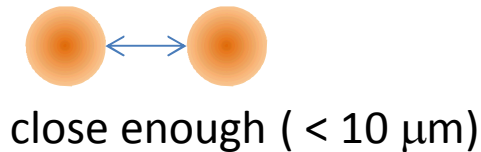


A classical picture of an atom

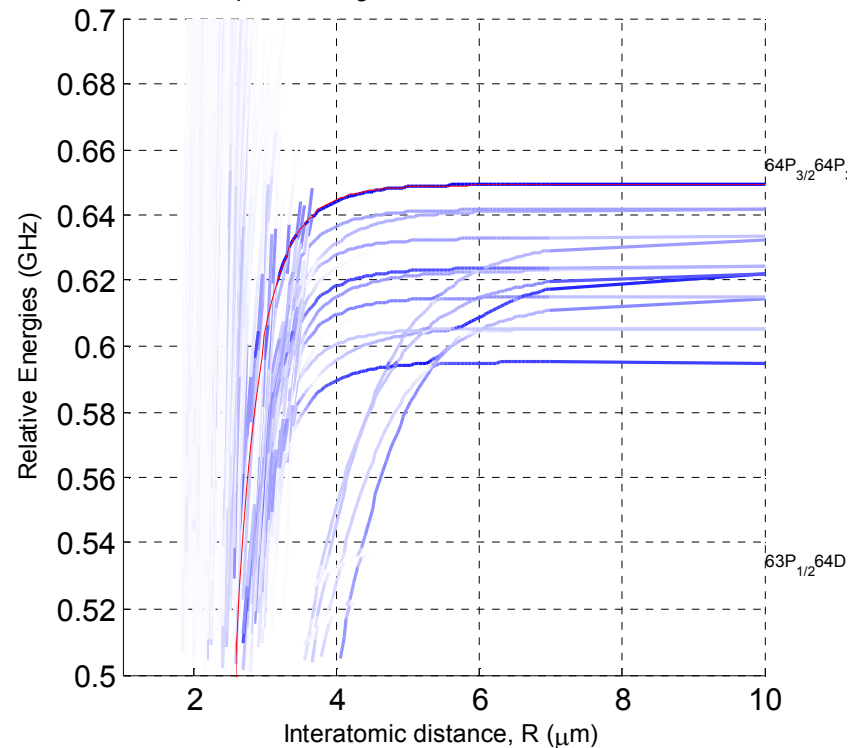


# Electric dipole-dipole interaction

$$H_{\text{atoms}} = \sum_i H_0^{(i)} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} \sum_{i \neq j} (\mathbf{D}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{D}^{(j)} - 3\mathbf{D}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{D}^{(j)})$$

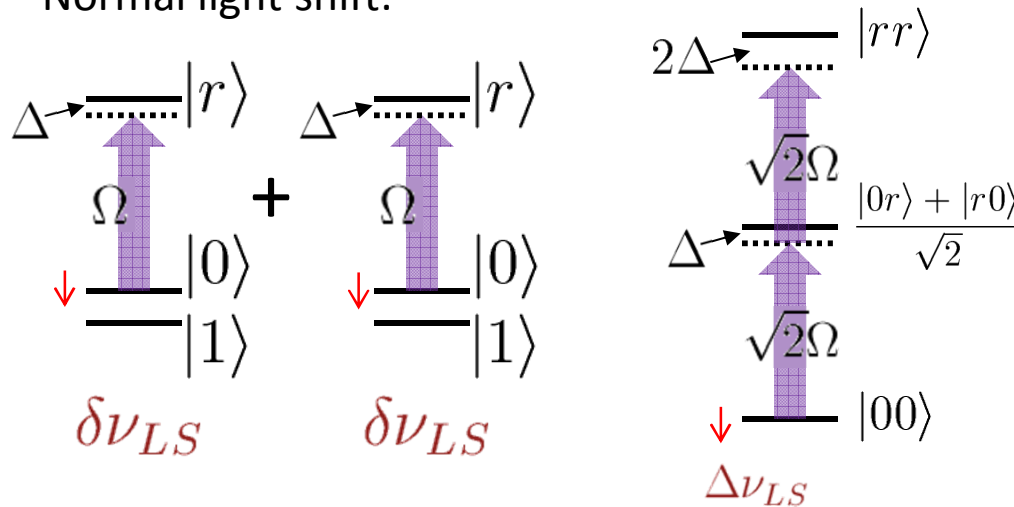


Weighted Rydberg Energy levels: Excitation from ground-state to  $64P_{3/2}$   
x-polarized light;  $B = 4.8$  G;  $E = 6.4$  V/m;

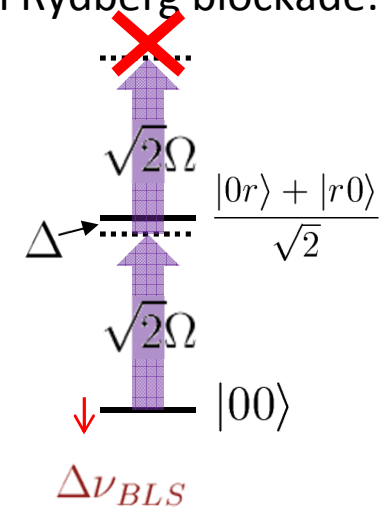


# Interaction between two Rydberg-dressed atoms

Normal light shift:



With Rydberg blockade:



$$H_{BLS} = H_{LS} + H_{int} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\delta\nu_{LS} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta\nu_{LS} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta\nu_{LS} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} J & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } \begin{bmatrix} |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle \\ |11\rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

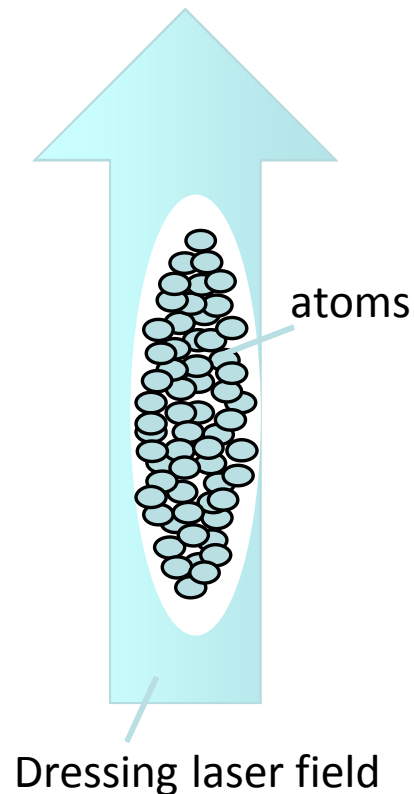
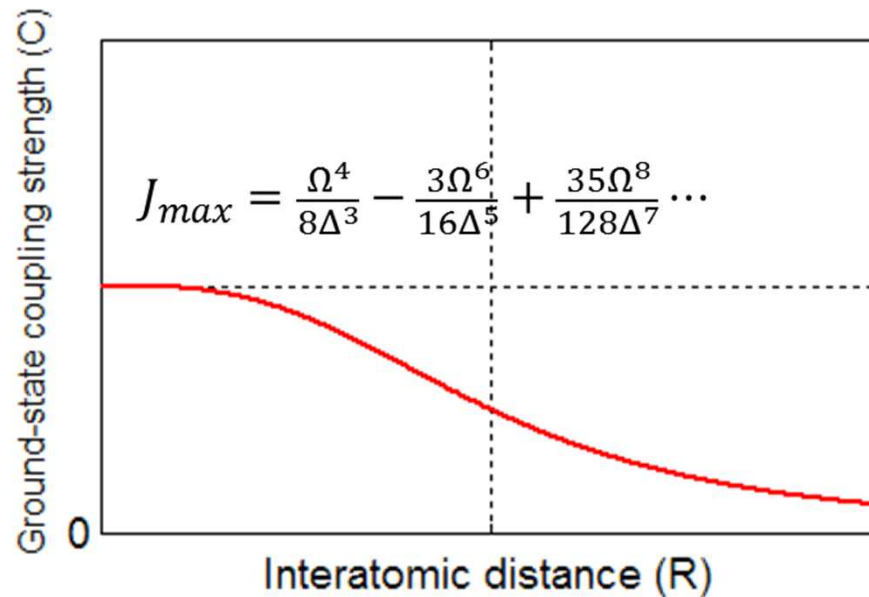
$$J = \Delta\nu_{BLS} - \Delta\nu_{LS} = \frac{\Omega^4}{8\Delta^3} - \frac{3\Omega^6}{16\Delta^5} + \frac{35\Omega^8}{128\Delta^7} - \dots$$

$$H_{int} = \frac{J}{4} (\sigma_z^{(1)} + 1)(\sigma_z^{(2)} + 1)$$

# Rydberg-dressed interactions

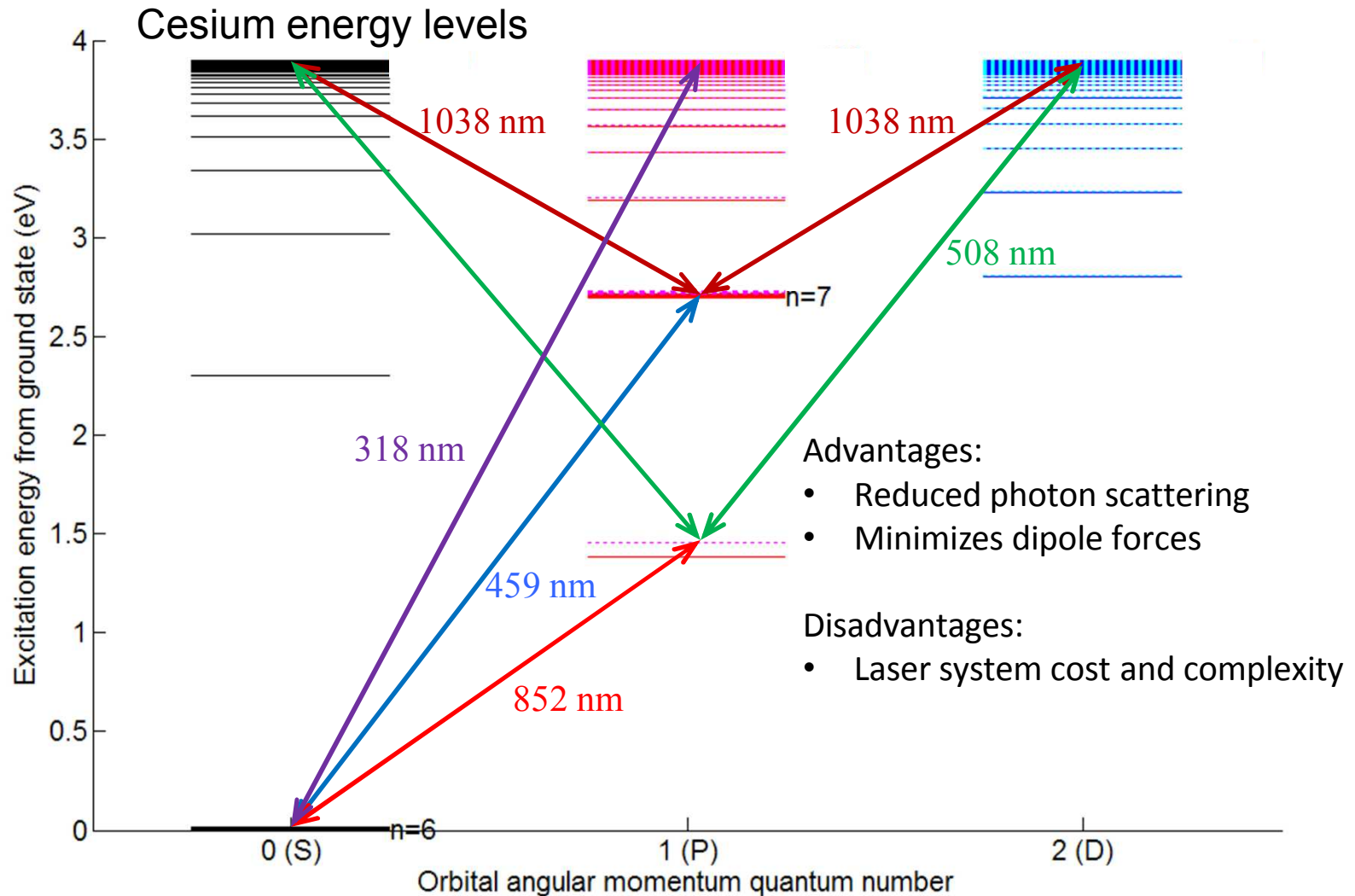
Tunable interaction strength ( $J$ ), low sensitivity to atom motion, and effectively strong ground-state interactions.

$$H_{int} = \sum_{ij} \frac{J_{ij}}{4} (\sigma_z^{(i)} + 1)(\sigma_z^{(j)} + 1)$$

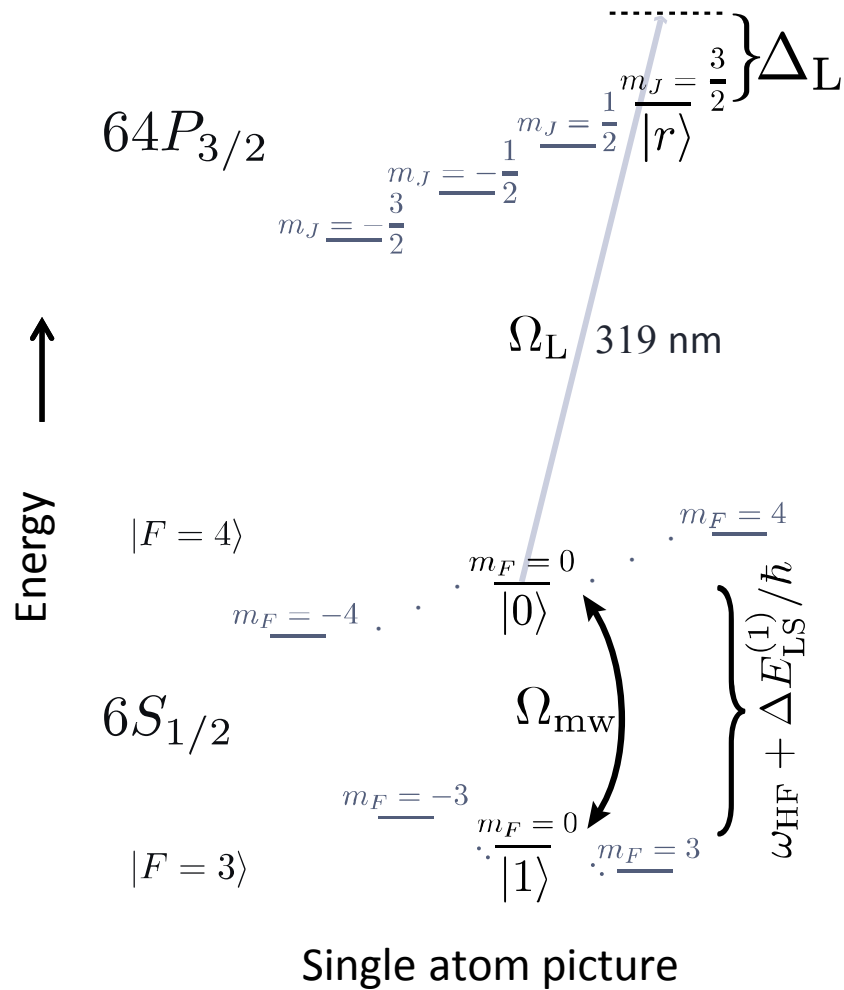


- I. Bouchoule, K. Mølmer, Phys. Rev. A 65, 041803 (2002).  
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# Optimizing for long-term relationships

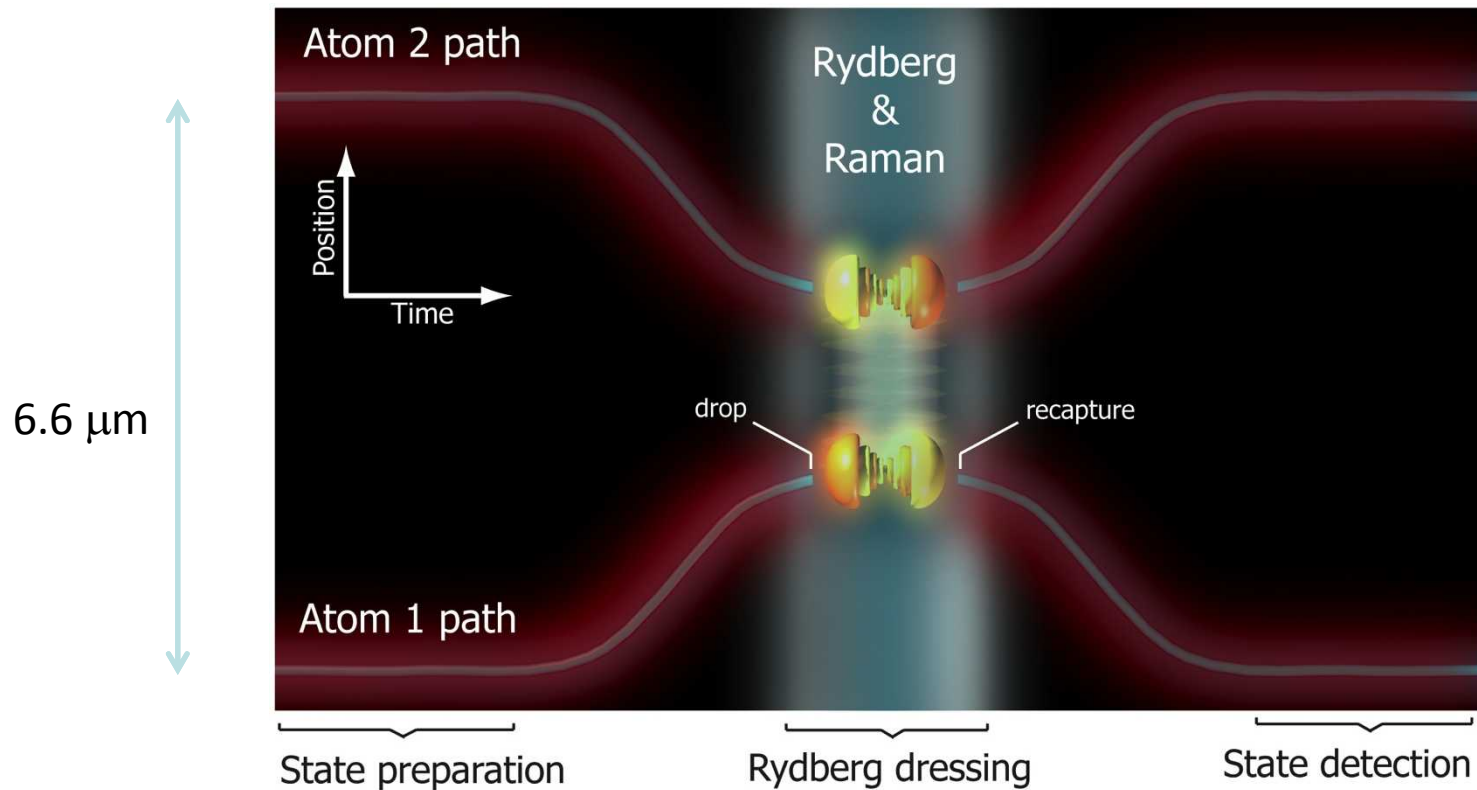


# Rydberg-dressed ground state interaction

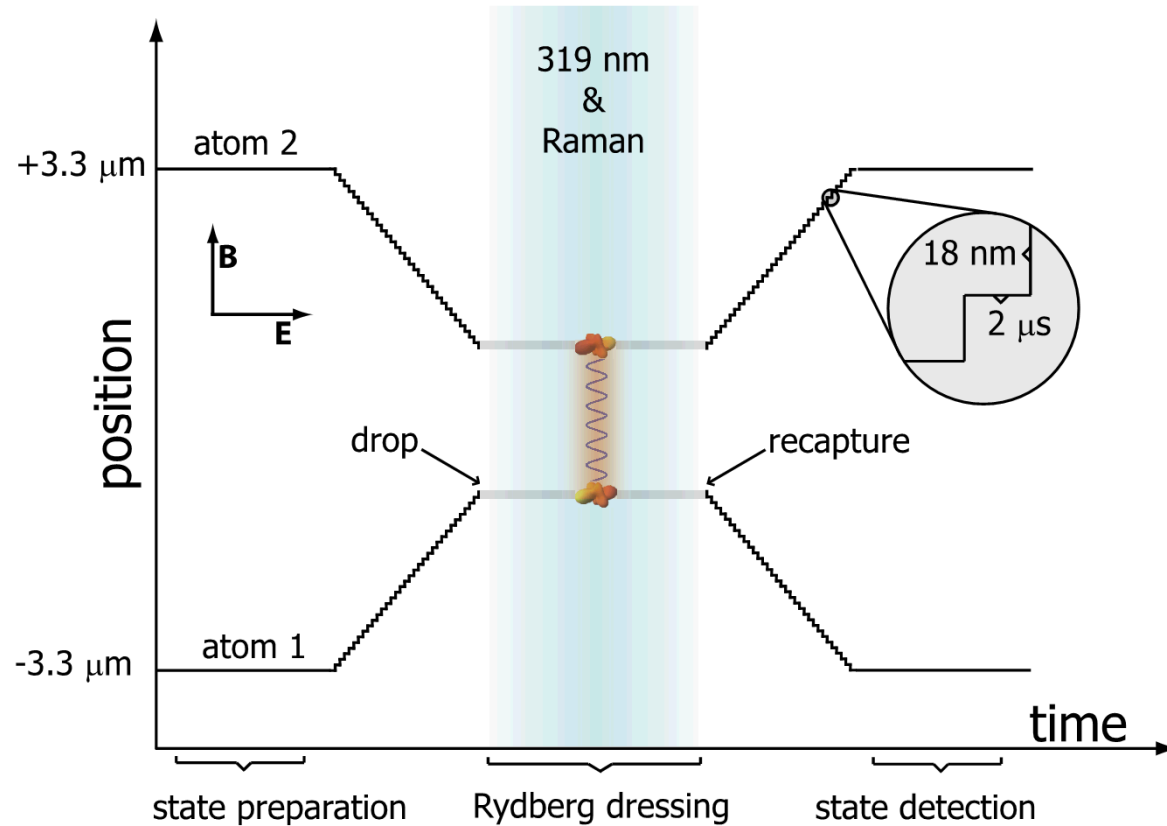


- Interaction range **increases** as principal quantum number  $n$  increases
- However, oscillator strength **decreases** as  $n$  increases—making  $\Omega_L$  smaller and thus  $J$
- Target smallest  $n$  that your optical resolution can accommodate
- Solution—*dynamic postioning*

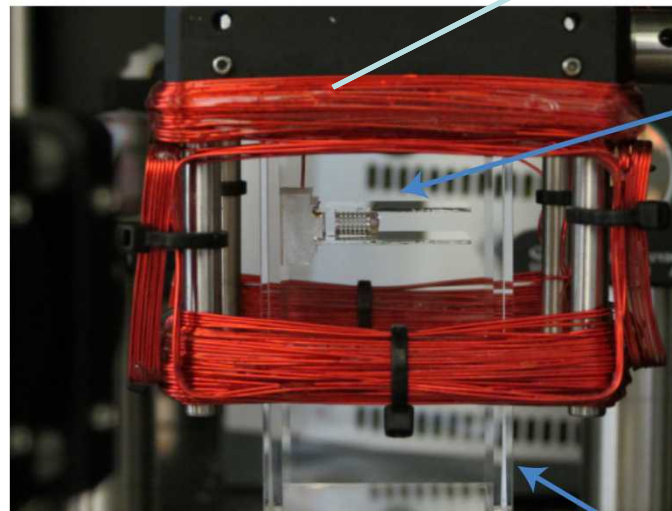
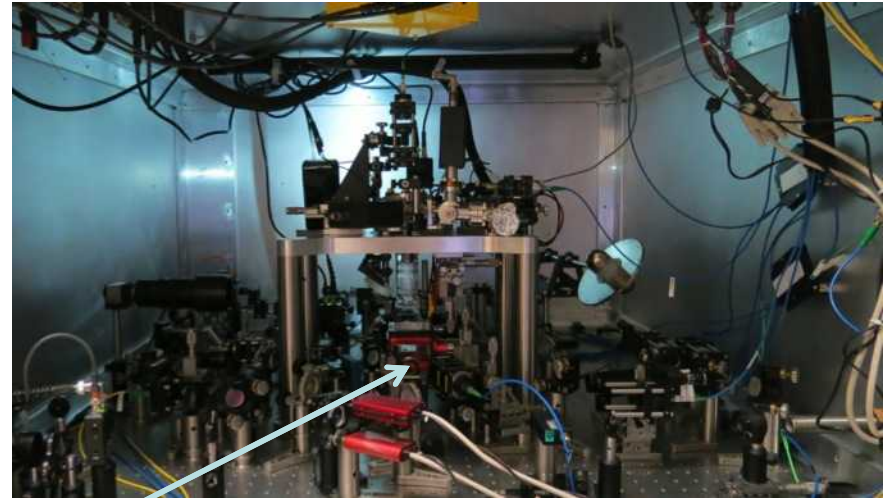
# Dynamic atom positioning



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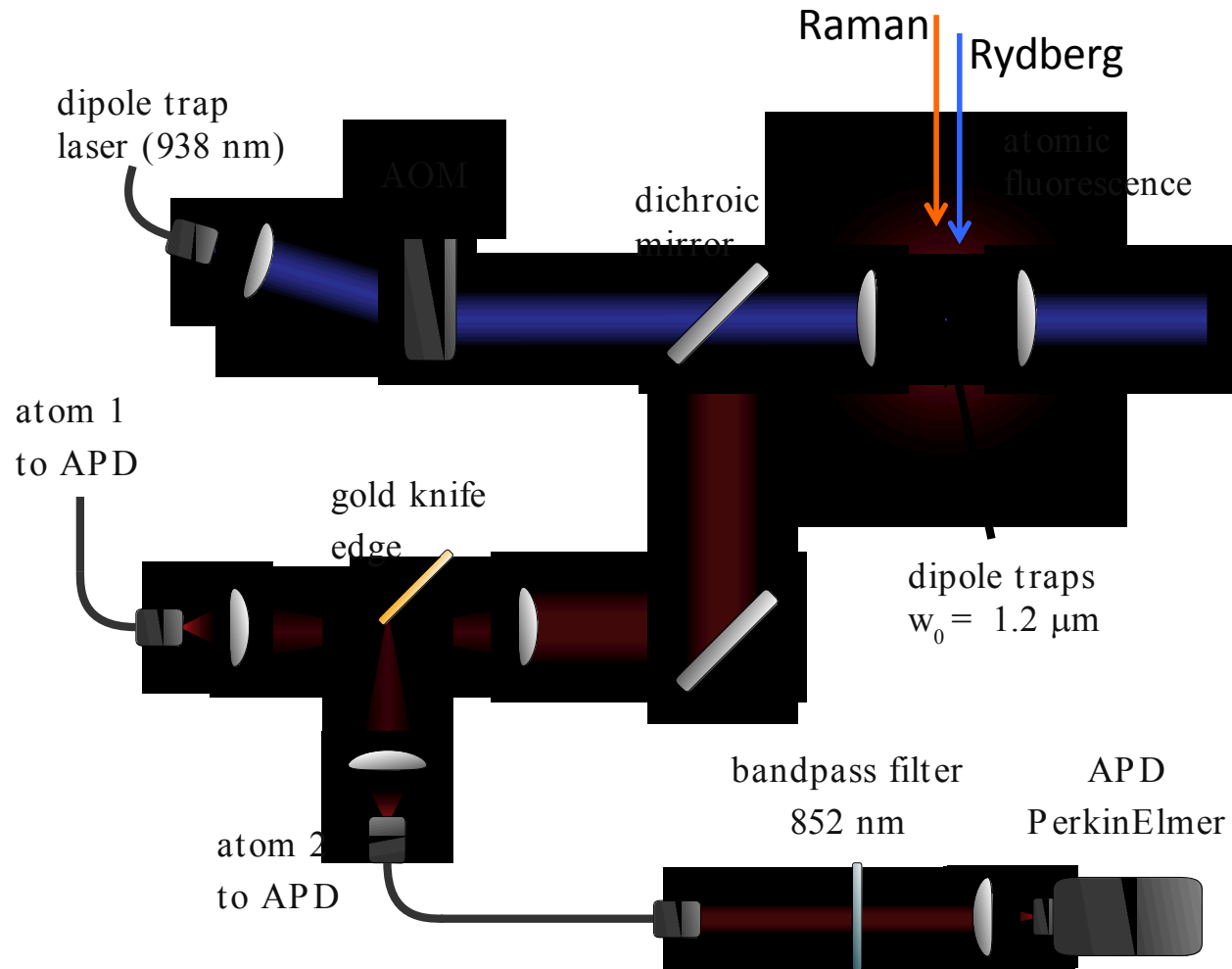
# Apparatus



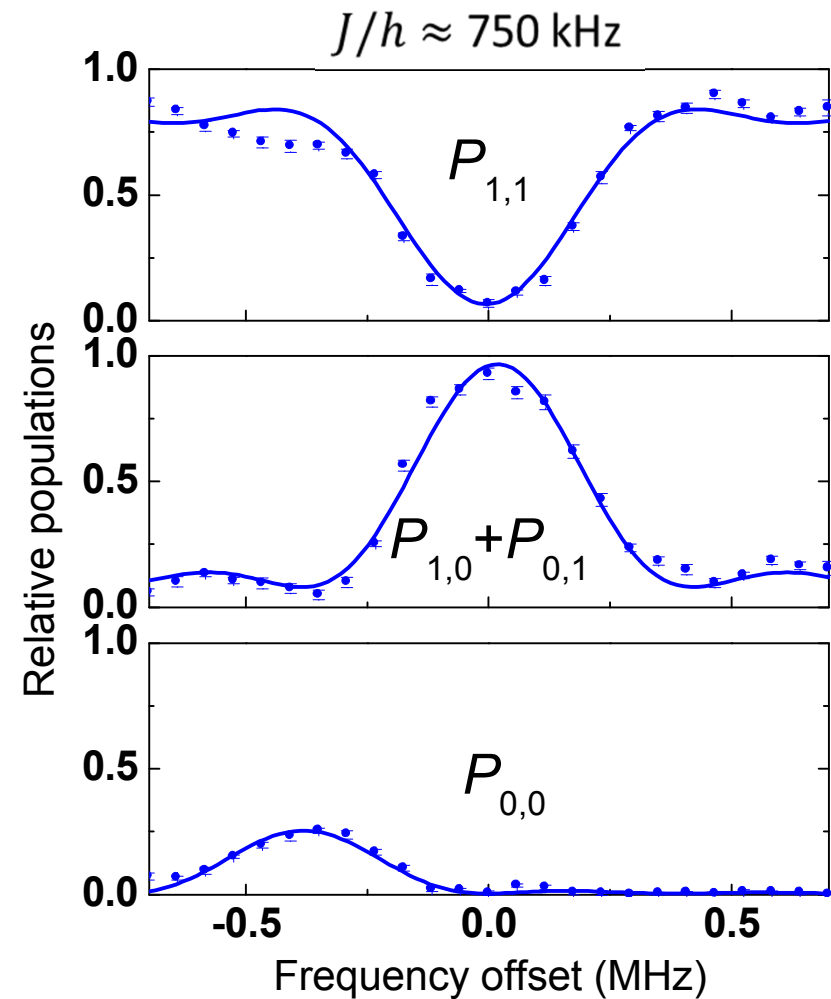
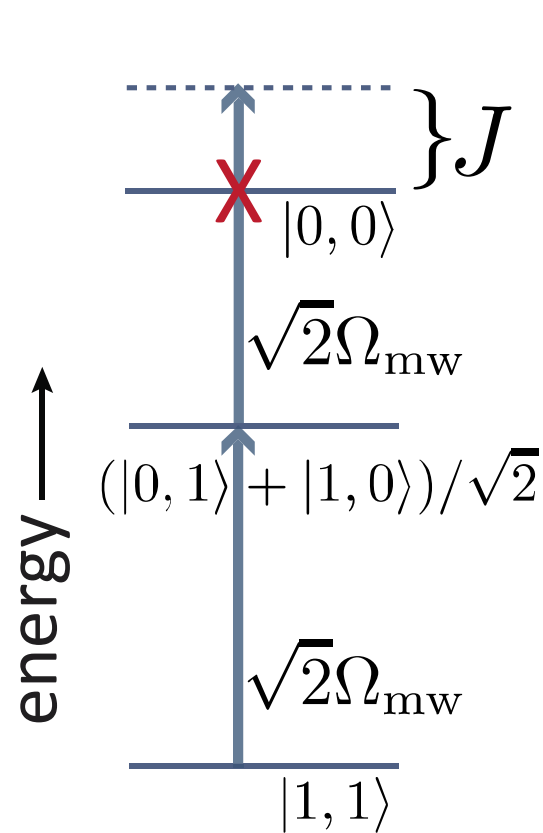
dipole-trap  
lens assembly

vacuum  
cell

# Experiment schematic

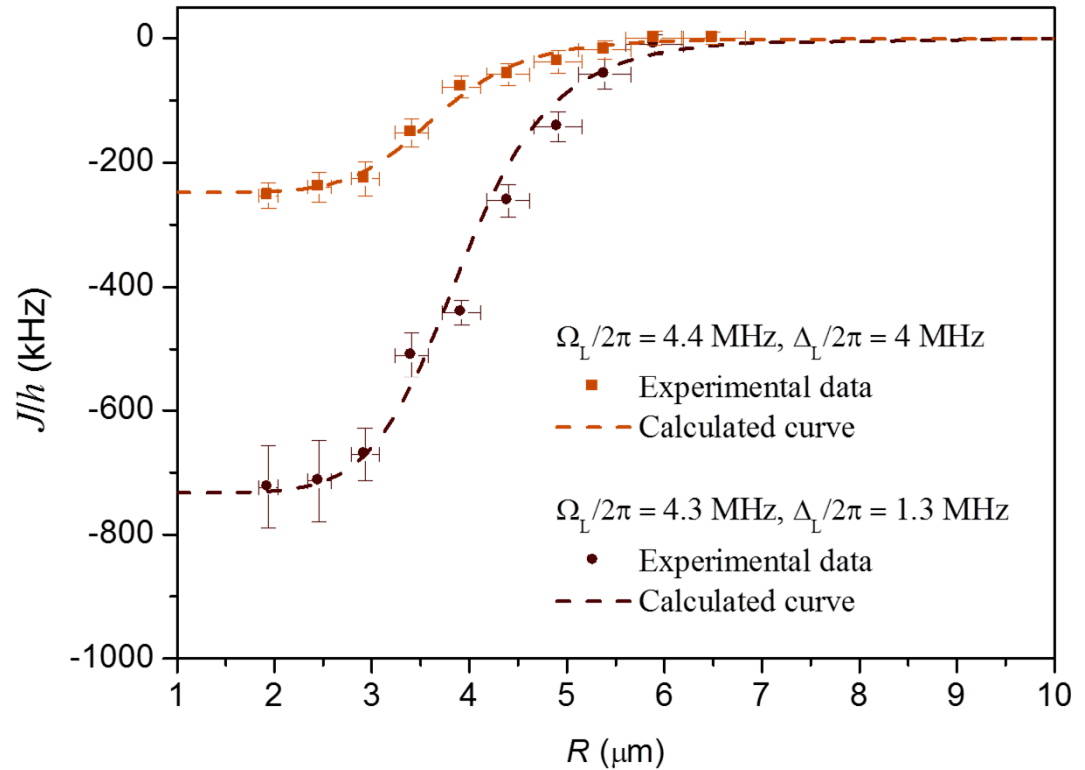
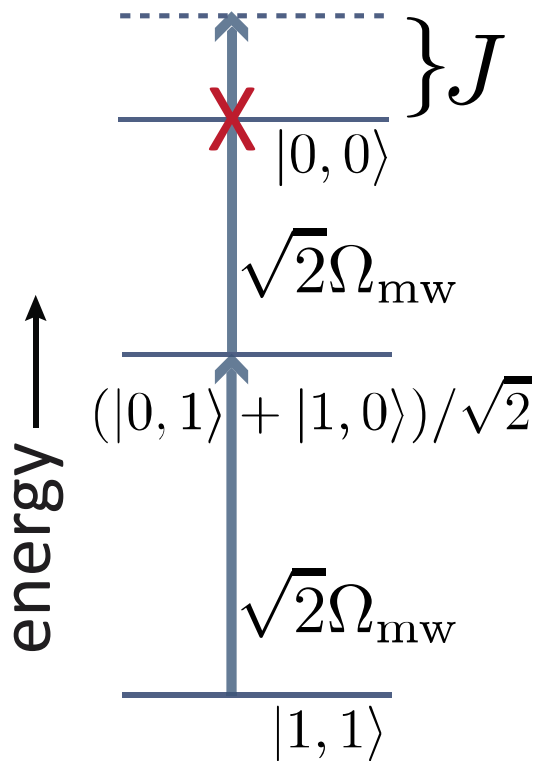


# Two-qubit microwave resonances



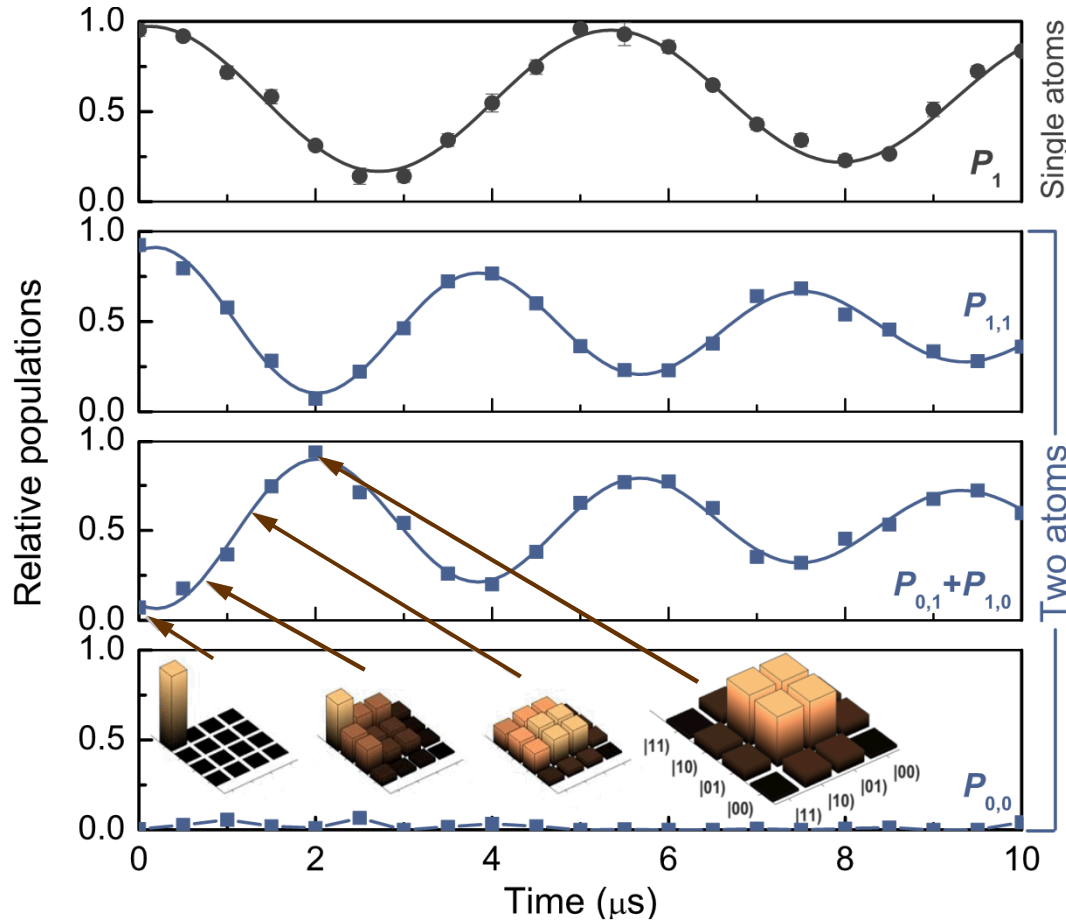
# $J$ vs. $R$

Direct measurement of two-qubit interaction strength  $J$  as a function of two-atom separation with two conditions.



# Producing Bell-state entanglement

Initial state is  $|1\rangle$  or  $|11\rangle$ , then apply 318-nm and Raman lasers  
Experimental data with  $J/h \approx 750$  kHz



Single-atom Rabi oscillation:  $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |0\rangle$

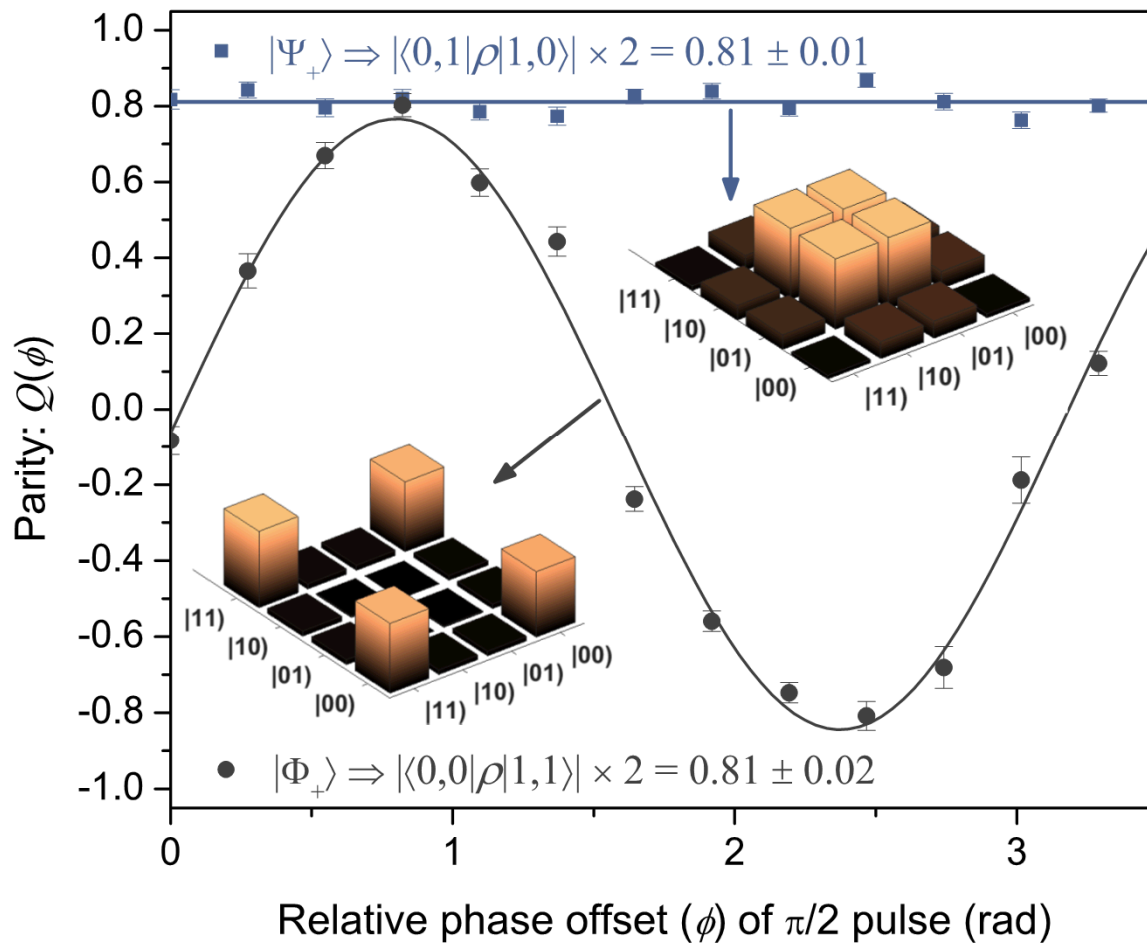
Two-atom Rabi oscillation:  $|11\rangle \leftrightarrow (|10\rangle + |01\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

- $\sqrt{2}$  times faster
- No significant population being transferred to  $|00\rangle$
- Bell state  $|\Psi_+\rangle$  is produced at  $t = \pi/\sqrt{2}\Omega_{mw}$

Process occurs entirely and directly in the ground state

# Entanglement Fidelity $\geq 81\%$

Verify the entanglement via parity measurements



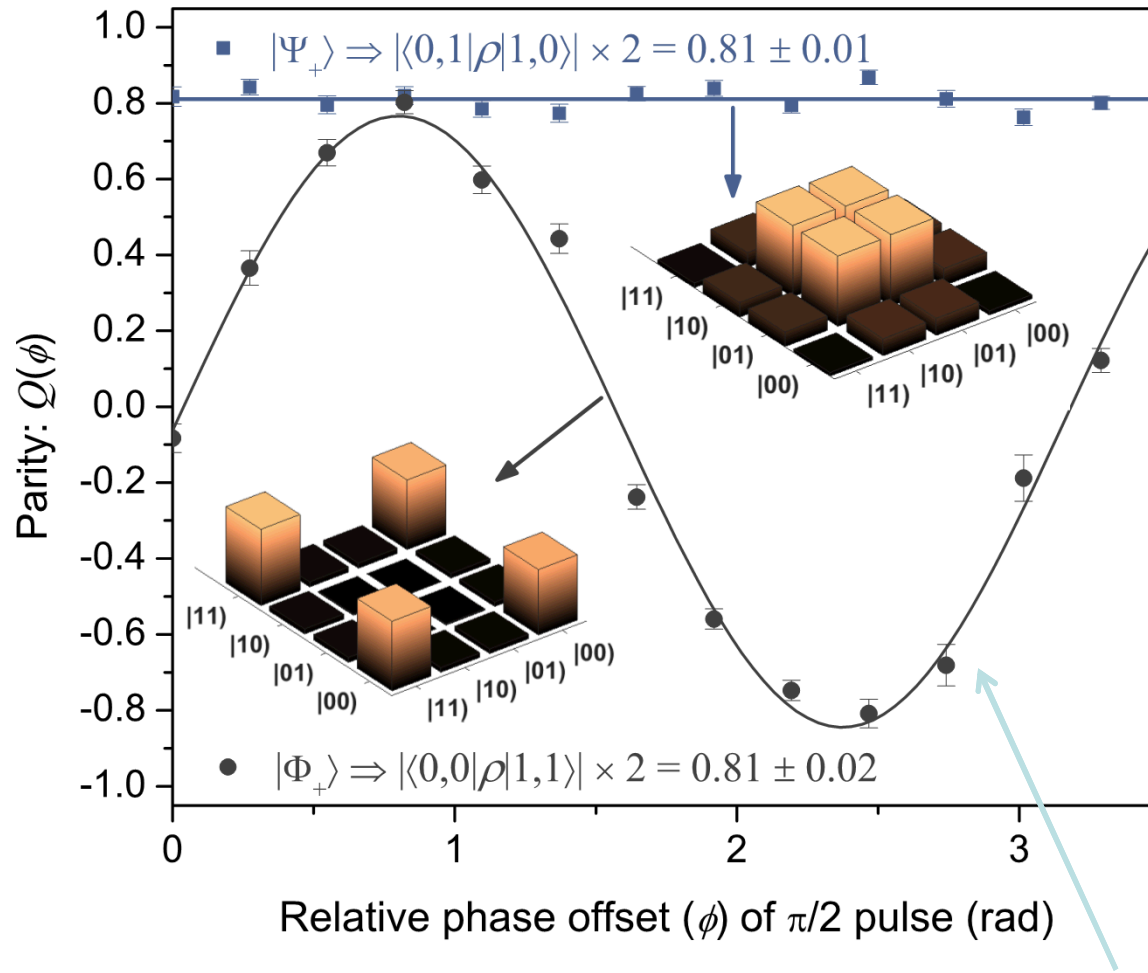
Prepare two Cs atoms in Bell state  $|\Psi_+\rangle$  or  $|\Phi_+\rangle$

Apply a global  $\pi/2$  rotation with a given phase

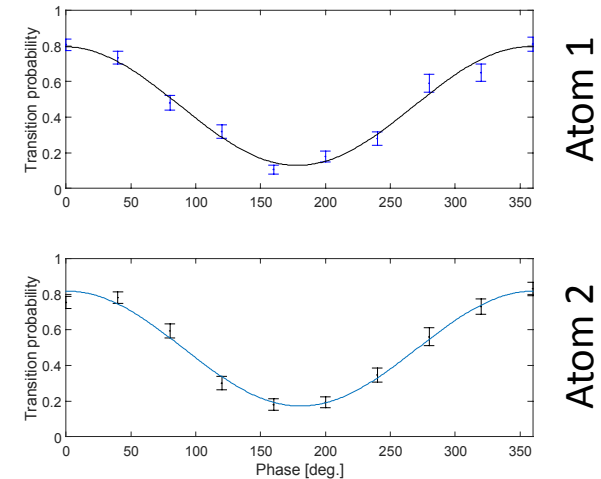
Perform parity measurement  
 $Q = P_{11} + P_{00} - (P_{01} + P_{10})$

Obtain the two-qubit entanglement fidelity  $F$ , where  $Q \leq F \leq 1$ .

# Application to metrology

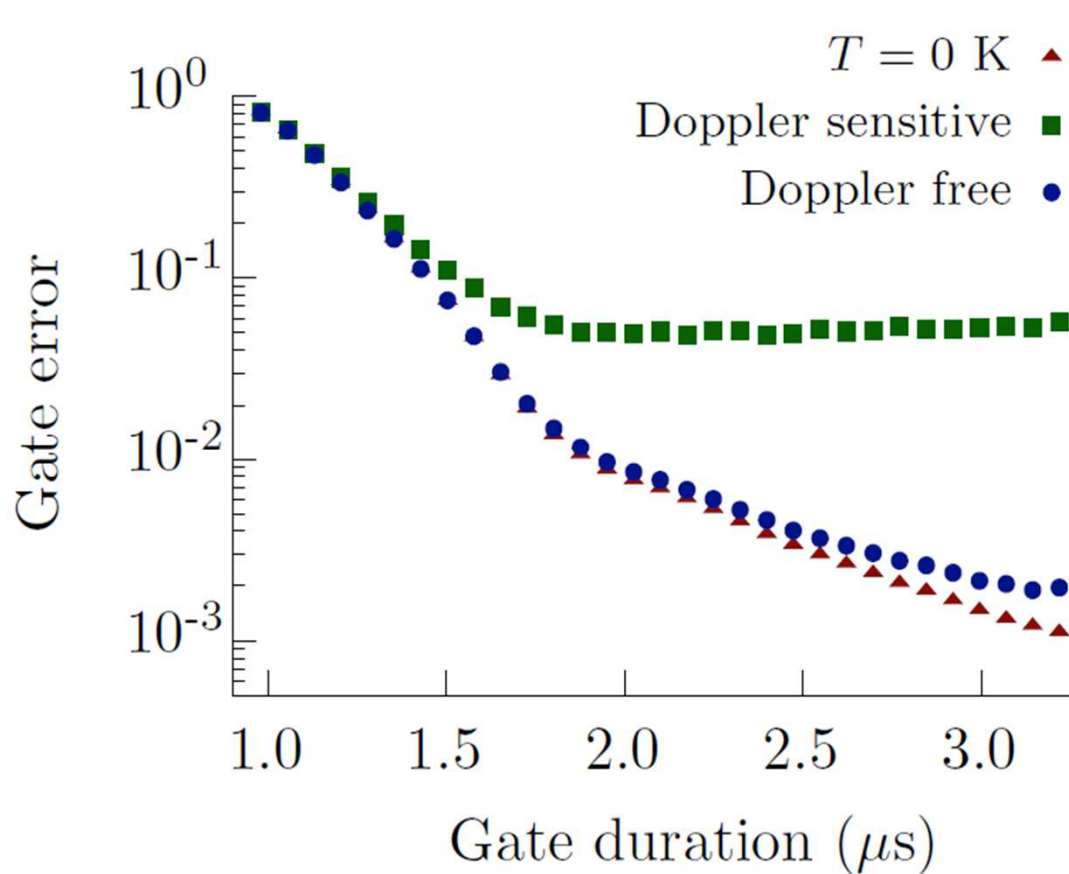


## 2-atom interferometer



Cat state 2x response to phase

# Simulated CPHASE gate fidelities



$\Omega = 0 \rightarrow 3 \text{ MHz}$   
 $\Delta/2\pi = 6 \rightarrow 0 \text{ MHz}$   
 $\Gamma = 3.7 \text{ kHz}$   
 $T = 16 \mu\text{K}$

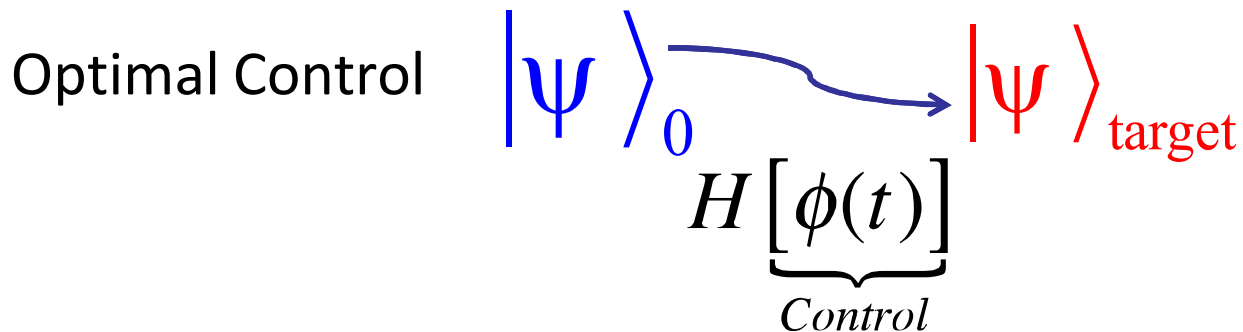
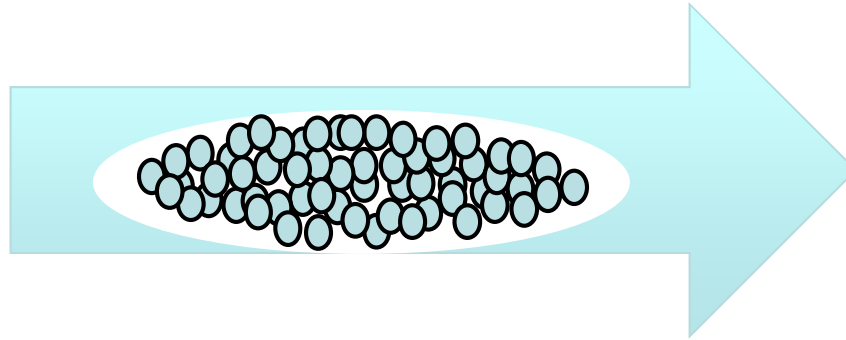
- Motional errors set a high floor on error for the original scheme.
- The Doppler-free scheme is limited by the much smaller photon scattering rate.
- Entanglement fidelity expected to be even larger

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# Quantum Control of Ensembles

Symmetrically couple ensemble of atoms  
localized with Rydberg blockade radius

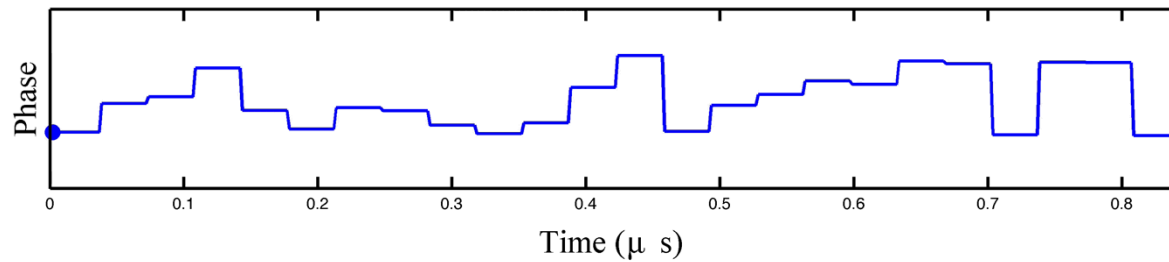


For  $n$  atoms

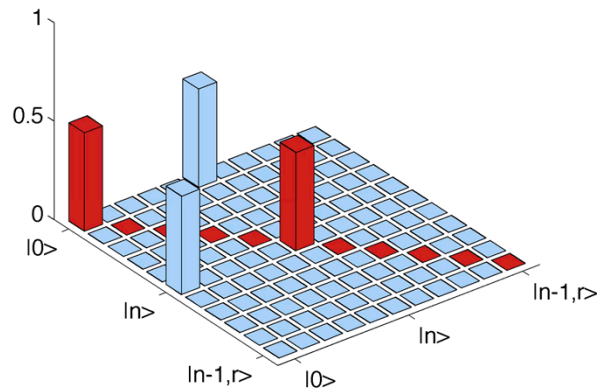
$$H = \sum_n \left[ \frac{\Omega_{\mu w}}{2} \left( e^{i\phi(t)} |0\rangle\langle 1| + e^{-i\phi(t)} |1\rangle\langle 0| \right)^{(n)} + \frac{\Omega_R}{2} (|1\rangle\langle r| + |r\rangle\langle 1|)^{(n)} + \Delta |r\rangle\langle r|^{(n)} \right] \\ + V_{dd} \sum_{n \neq m} |r\rangle\langle r|^{(n)} |r\rangle\langle r|^{(m)}$$



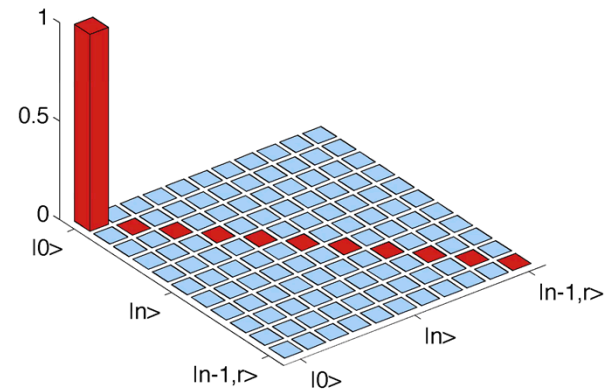
# Example: A 5-atom “Cat State”



$\rho$  target



$\rho$  evolved



$$|\psi_{cat}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle + |1\rangle|1\rangle|1\rangle|1\rangle|1\rangle)$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle$$

- We have demonstrated an effective ground-state interaction of  $J/h \sim 1$  MHz via the Rydberg dressing technique
- Possible uses include many-body physics, quantum simulation/computation, and metrology.
- We experimentally show neutral atom entanglement with a fidelity of  $\geq 81 \pm 2\%$
- With two-atom survival probability is about 74 % and about  $10 \text{ s}^{-1}$  data rate, we produce 6 entangled pairs per second
- Multi-atom entanglement can be achieved based on a similar approach
- Universal quantum gate control can be realized with individual addressing of the trap atoms
- The parity quantity is immediately useful for enhanced metrology
- We are investigating atom interferometry with cat states and  $N > 2$

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