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Matter Waves

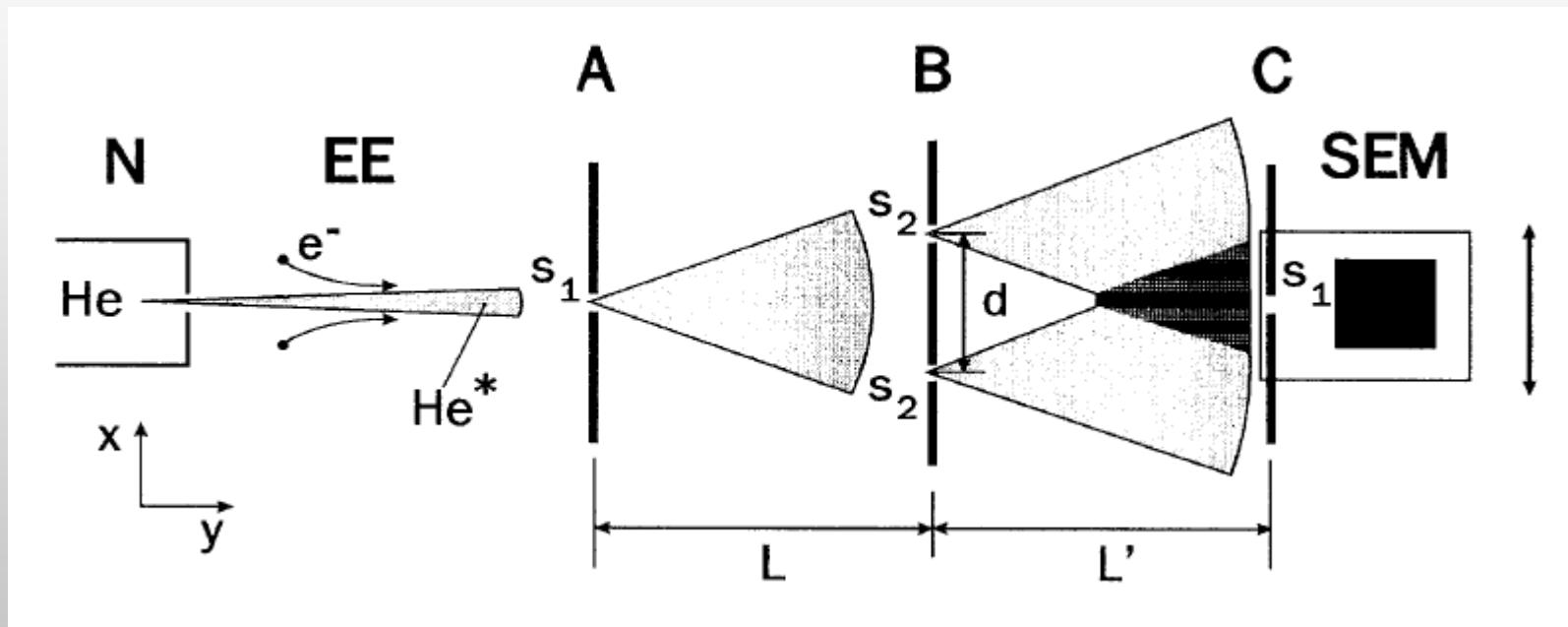
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

“When I conceived the first basic ideas of wave mechanics in 1923–24, I was guided by the aim to perform a real physical synthesis, valid for all particles, of the coexistence of the wave and of the corpuscular aspects that Einstein had introduced for photons in his theory of light quanta in 1905.”

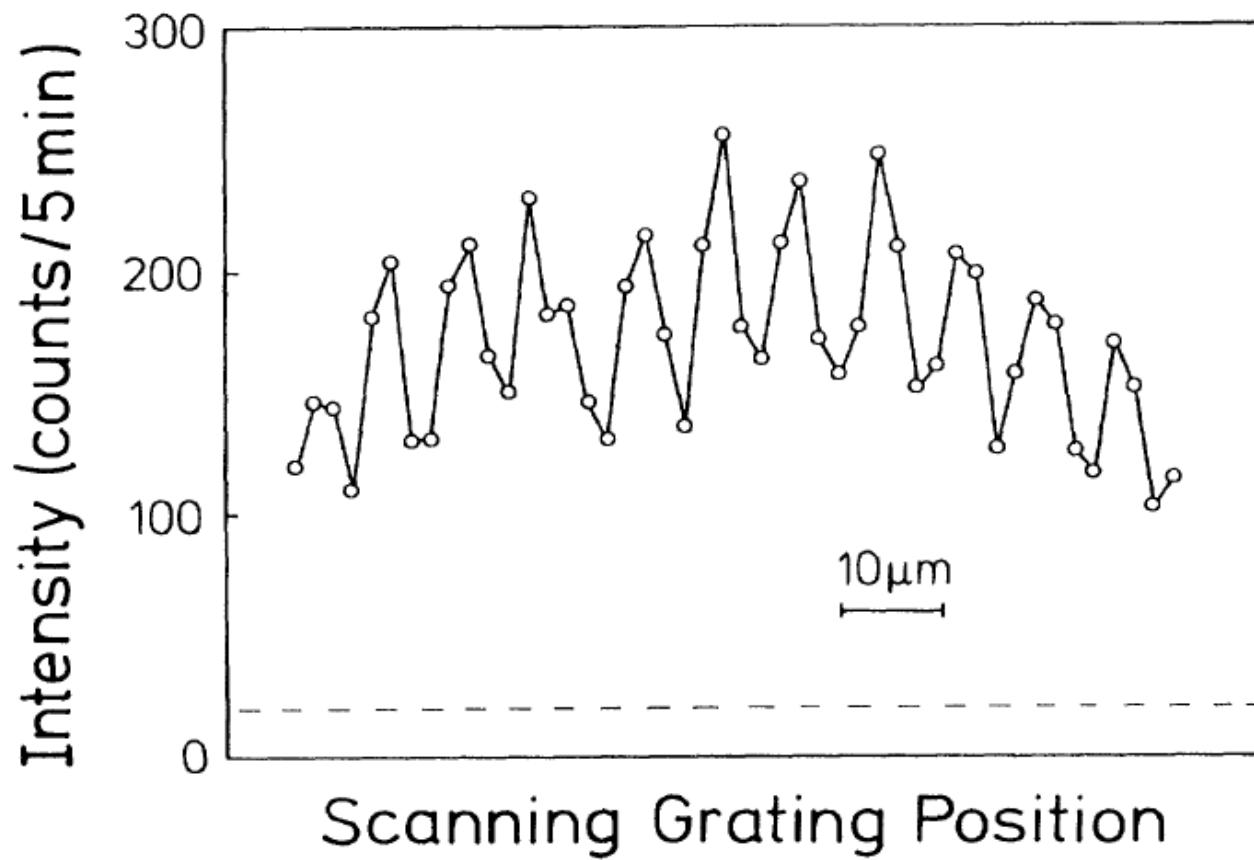
-de Broglie



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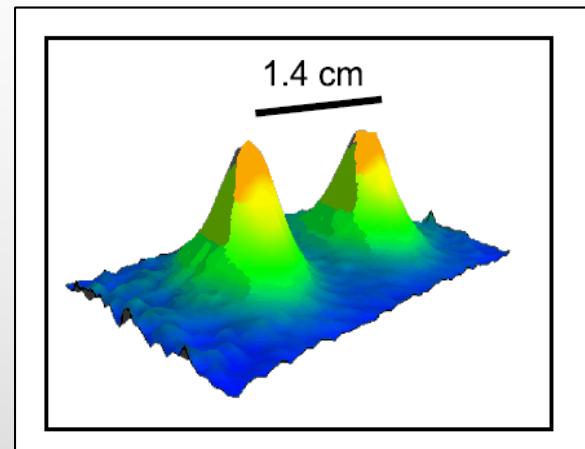
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Atom Interferometer Sensors

- Optical interferometer length measurement resolution increases with decreasing wavelength
- Typical cold atom experiment temperatures $\sim 1\mu\text{K}-10\text{mK}$ producing de Broglie wavelengths of 1-100s nm
 - 100s times smaller than visible light
- Atoms' inertial properties allow for precision measurements including:
 - Local gravimetry
 - Gradiometry
 - Rotation rates
 - Seismology



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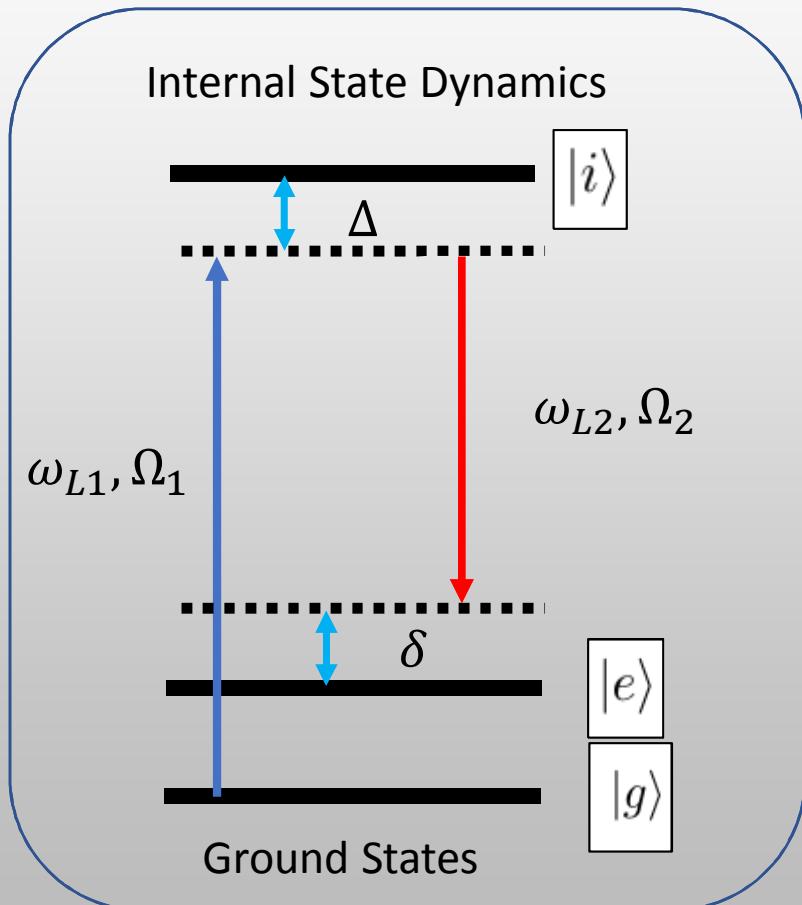
Sensitivity of measurements

$$\sigma_a \sim 1/T^2$$

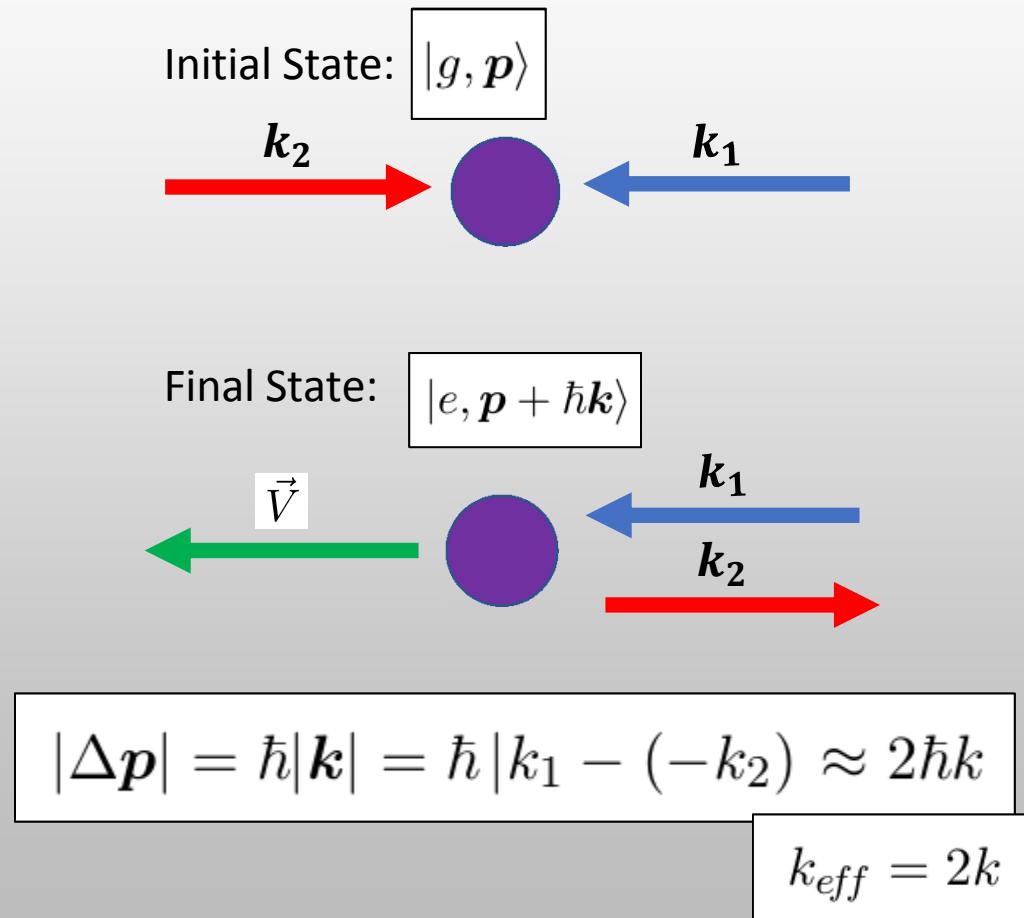
where T is the effective time of flight

Light Pulse Atom Interferometry

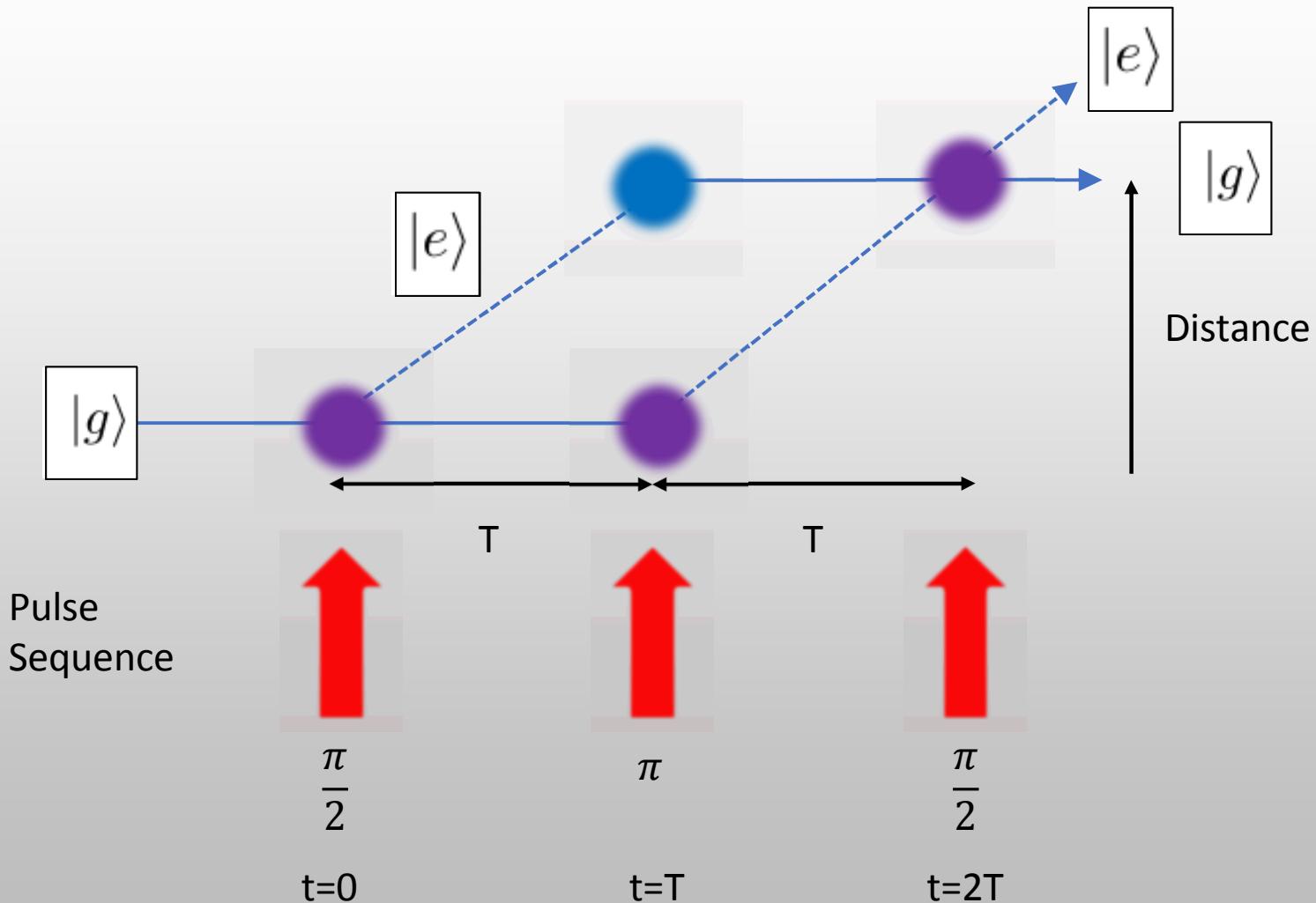
Stimulated Raman Transition



Light Pulse Momentum Recoil



Light Pulse Atom Interferometry



Phase Difference Along Paths

Three contribution to total phase shift

$$\Delta\phi_{total} = \Delta\phi_{prop} + \Delta\phi_{laser} + \Delta\phi_{sep}$$

Light-Interaction

$$\Delta\phi_{laser} = (\phi_1^A - \phi_2^A) - (\phi_2^B - \phi_3^A)$$

$$\phi_i = \mathbf{k}_{eff} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \omega_{eff} t$$

Propagation

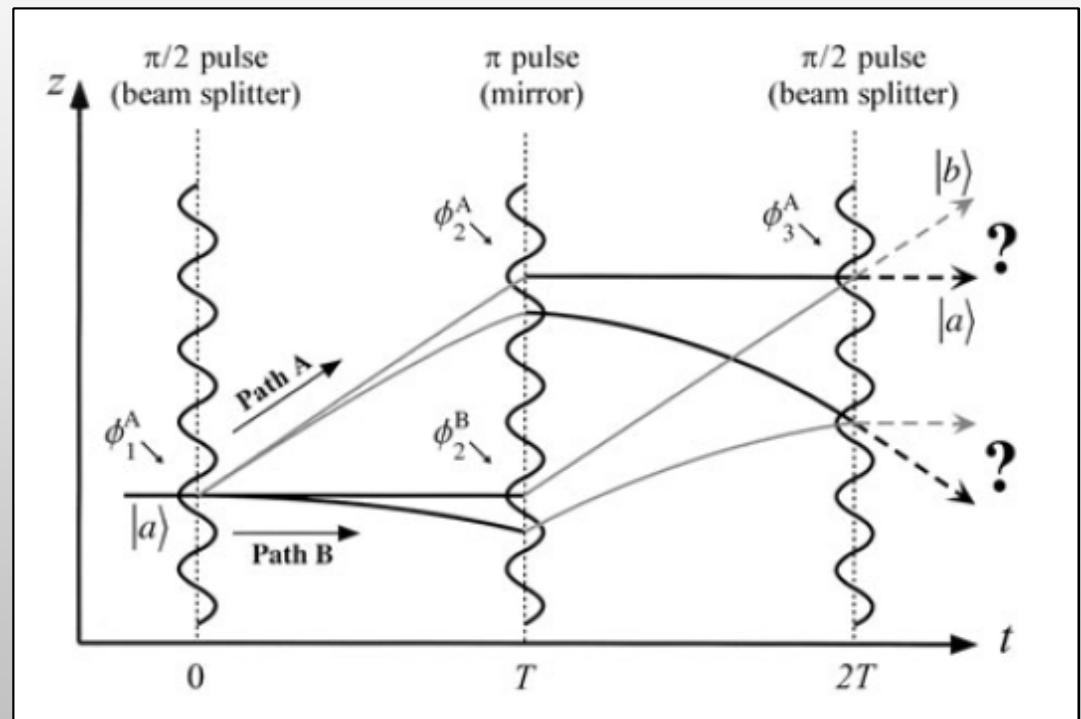
$$\Delta\phi_{prop} = \frac{S_{cl}^B - S_{cl}^A}{\hbar} \rightarrow \text{small}$$

$$S_{cl} = \int_{\Gamma} \mathcal{L}(z(t), \dot{z}(t)) dt$$

Wavepacket overlap

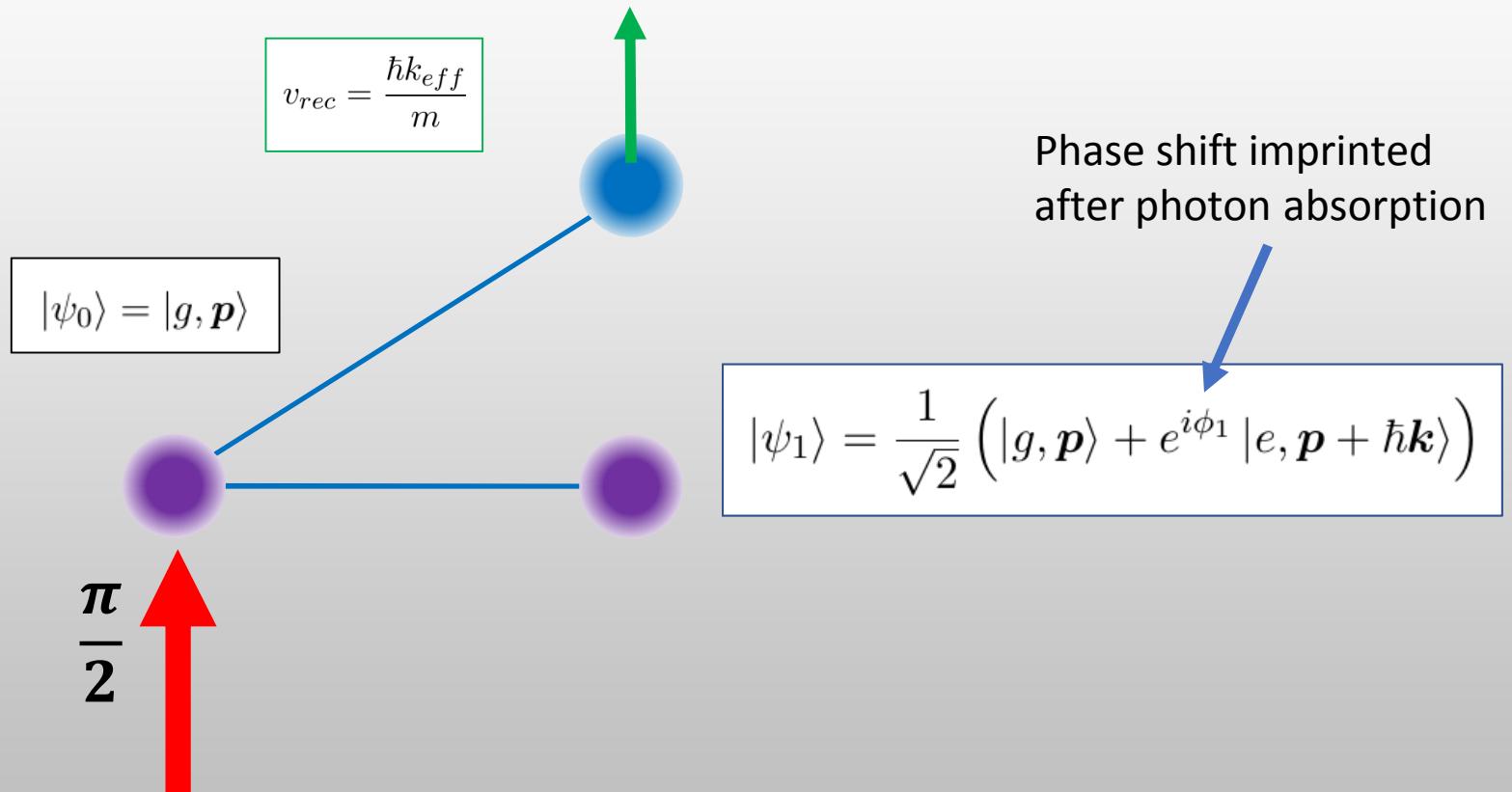
$$\Delta\phi_{sep} = \mathbf{p} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r} / \hbar$$

\rightarrow small

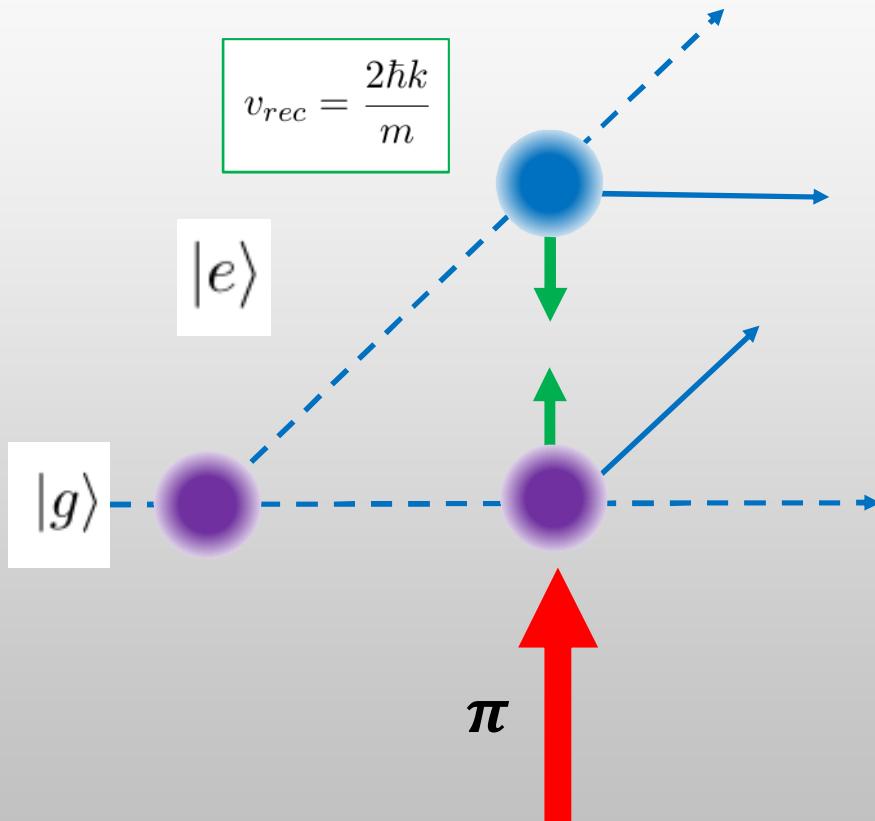


A. Peters et. al., Metrologia, 2001

1st Pulse Splits Wavepackets



2nd Pulse Redirects Wavepackets

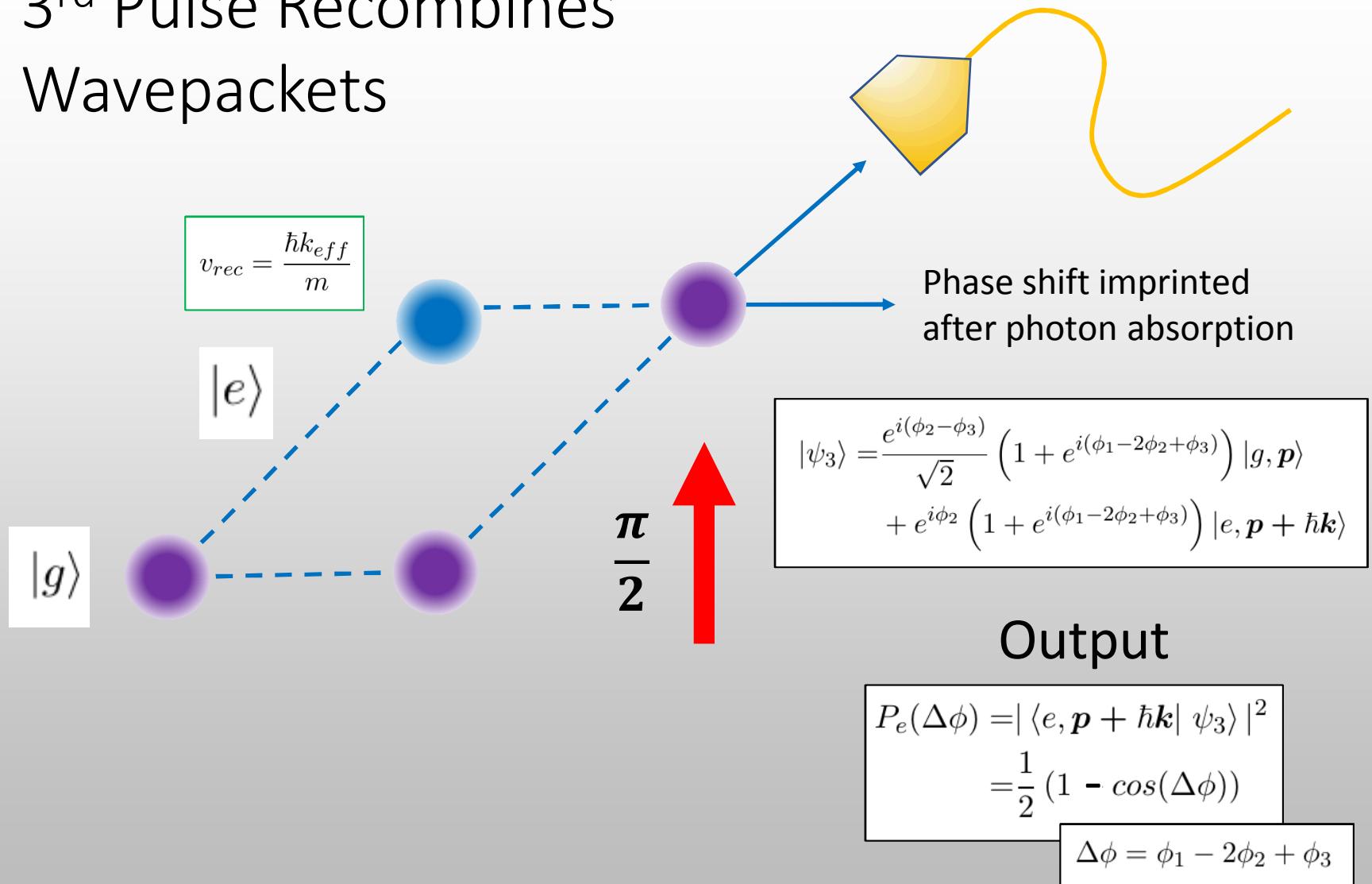


$$v_{rec} = \frac{2\hbar k}{m}$$

Phase shift imprinted
after photon absorption
and emission

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(e^{i\phi_2} |e, \mathbf{p} + \hbar\mathbf{k}_{eff}\rangle + e^{i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} |g, \mathbf{p}\rangle \right)$$

3rd Pulse Recombines Wavepackets

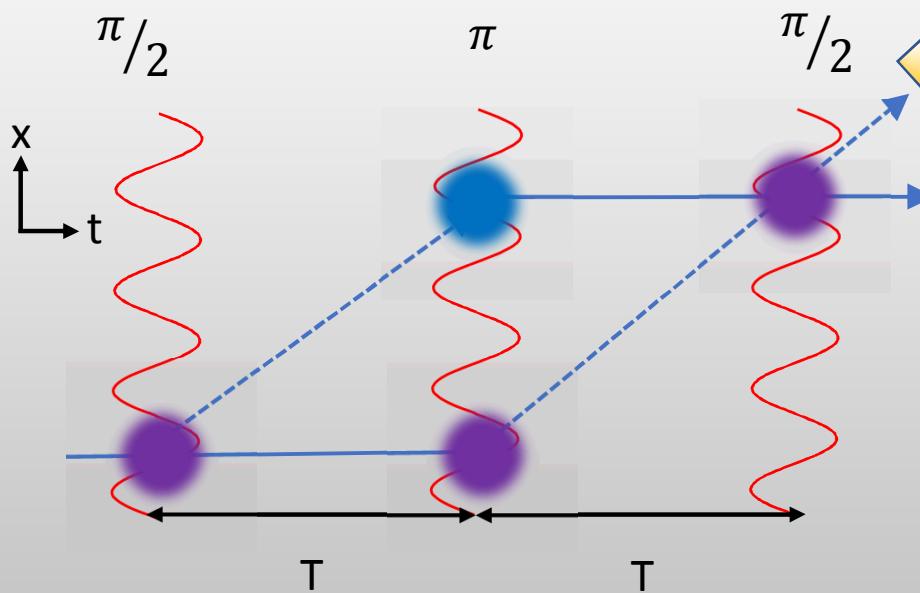


Relative Phase and Finite Difference Formula

After $\frac{\pi}{2} - \pi - \frac{\pi}{2}$ pulse sequence

$$P_e(\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos(\Delta\phi))$$

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_1 - 2\phi_2 + \phi_3$$



Finite Difference formula

$$a = \frac{x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3}{T^2}$$

$$\Delta\phi = \mathbf{k}_{eff} \cdot \mathbf{a}T^2$$

Relation to atom position

$$\Delta\phi = \mathbf{k}_{eff} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_1 - 2\mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_3)$$

Relevant Phase Shift Table

TABLE I: Gravimeter phase shifts.

Term	Phase (rad)	Relative phase
$\frac{7}{12}k_z T^4 g_z T_{zz}$	-6.32	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$-3k_z T^3 v_z \Omega_y^2$	$-3.11 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$
$-\frac{7}{4}k_z T^4 g_z \Omega_y^2$	$1.81 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7.8 \cdot 10^{-10}$
$\frac{7}{12}k_z T^4 T_{zz} \Omega_y^2 R$	$1.21 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$
$\frac{\hbar}{2m} k_z^2 T^3 T_{zz}$	$9.71 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$
$-\frac{7}{4}k_z T^4 \Omega_y^4 R$	$-3.47 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-12}$
$-\frac{3\hbar}{2m} k_z^2 T^3 \Omega_y^2$	$-2.79 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-12}$
$-\frac{7}{4}k_z T^4 \Omega_y^2 \Omega_z^2 R$	$-2.62 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-12}$

- Gravitational field
- Earth rotation
- Gravity gradient

Stanford 10 m Tall Atom Drop Tower



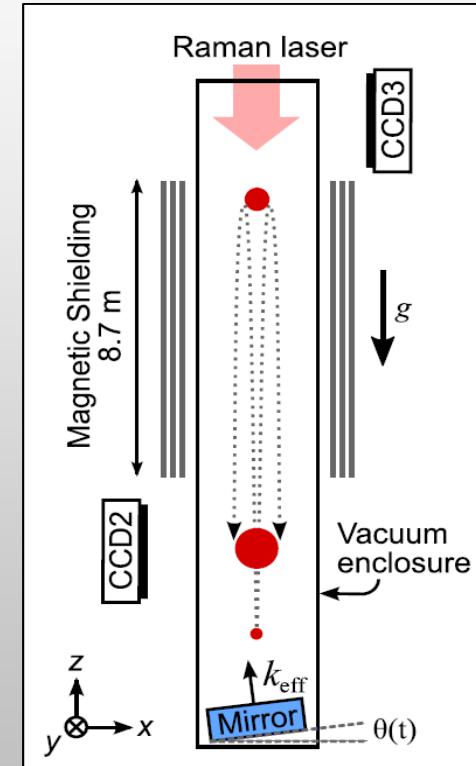
Sensitivity of measurements

$$\sigma_g \sim 1/T^2$$

Total time of 2T
= 2.3 s produces
maximum
sensitivity for
gravimetry
 $\sim 10^{-12} g$



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The Bremen Drop Tower

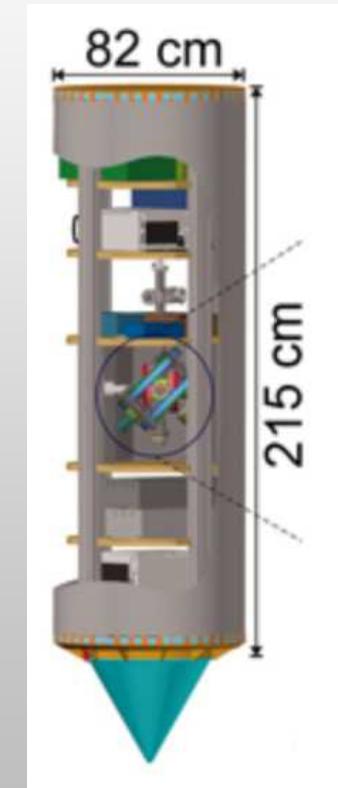


$2T = 4.7$ s (drop)
with max sensitivity
of $\sim 10^{-10}$ g

$2T = 9.4$ s (catapult)
with max sensitivity
of $\sim 10^{-11}$ g



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Ensemble Exchange Atom Interferometer

- Compact and fits in a 2x2x2 ft. cube
- Two ensembles
 - Launched (~ 2.5 m/s) in opposite directions
 - Recaptured on opposite side
- $2T = 10$ ms
- Atom interferometry is performed during flight
- Sensitivity of measurements
 - $\sim 10^{-6}g$ in 1s for acceleration
 - $\sim 10^{-5}$ rad/s in 1s for rotation

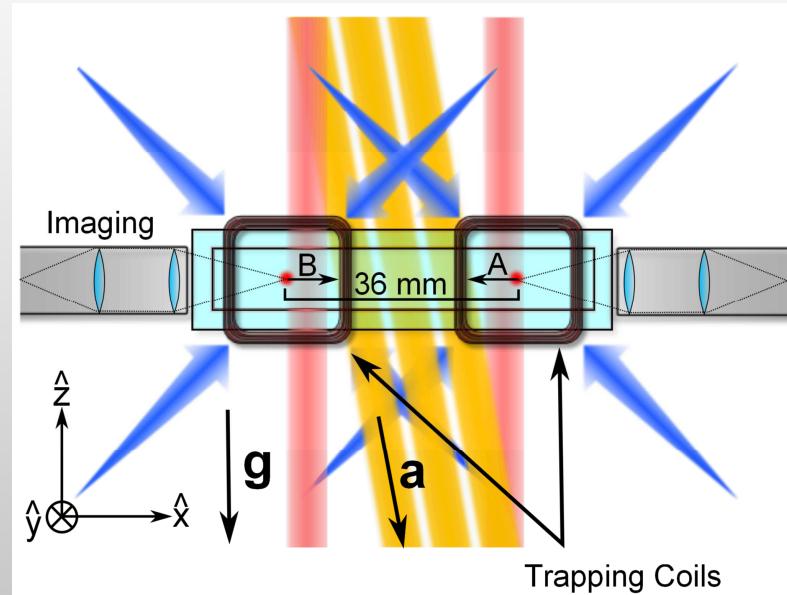
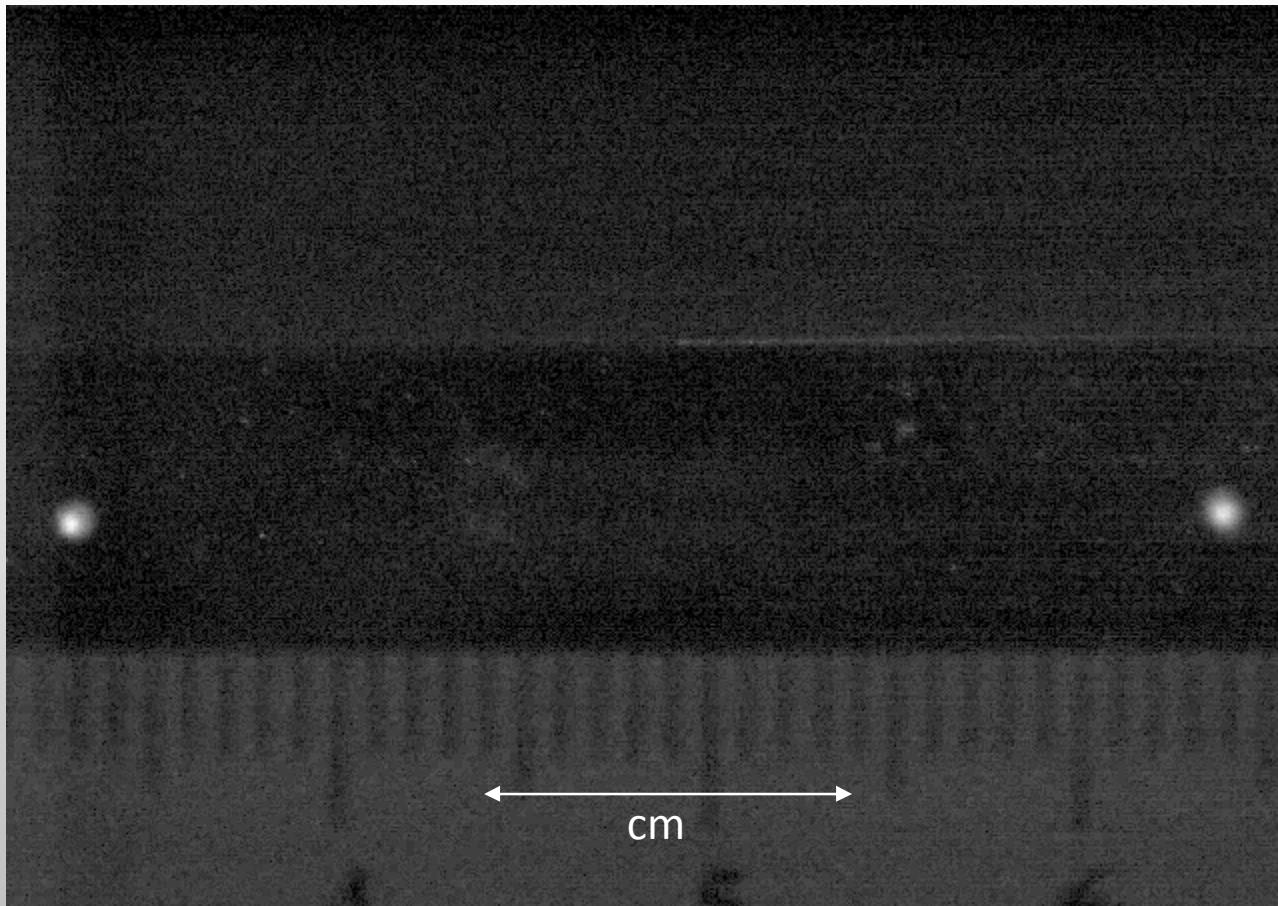


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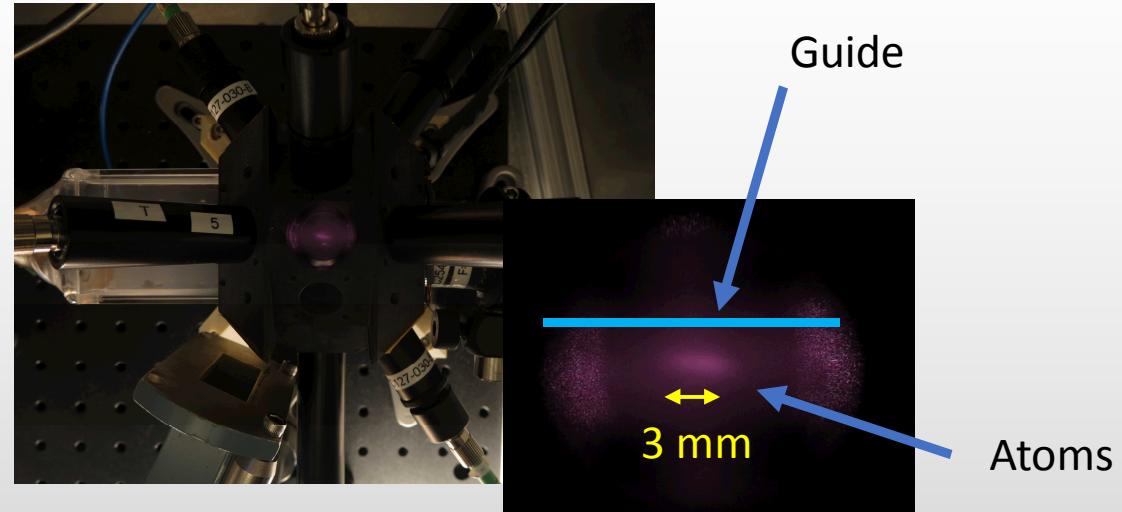


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Requirements for Fieldable Sensors

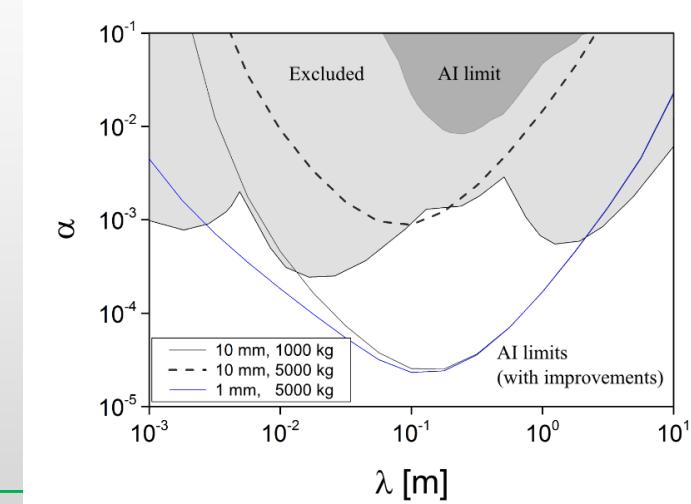
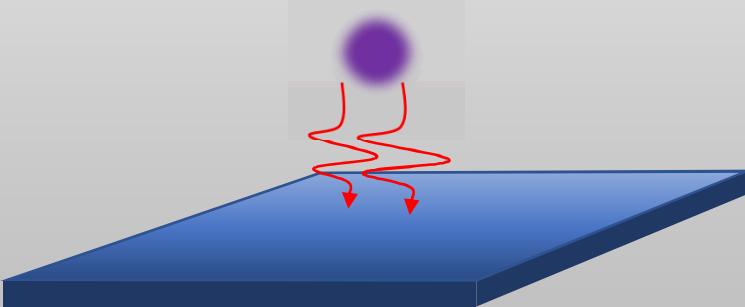
- Transportability
 - Compact
 - Robust
 - Light-weight
 - Low power



- Dynamic environments
 - inherently require ensemble to be spatially localized
 - Perform interferometry in short (\sim ms) time scales
 - **Atomic guides**
 - reduce power needed for Raman transitions
 - increase interrogation time
 - Reduce MOT expansion and size
 - Reduce Raman beam size lowering required laser power
 - Micron-scale confinement – platform to probe new physics

Surface Interaction Research

- Casimir-polder force* measurements
 - Atom interferometer sensitivity achieved: $3.2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ N}^{**}$
- Gravitational constant measurements
 - Source mass used in LPAI to measure $\delta G/G = 3 \times 10^{-4}^{***}$
 - Current CODATA[◊]: $\delta G/G = 4.5 \times 10^{-5}$
- Inverse Square Law Violations



$$F = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \left(1 + \alpha e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda}} \right)$$

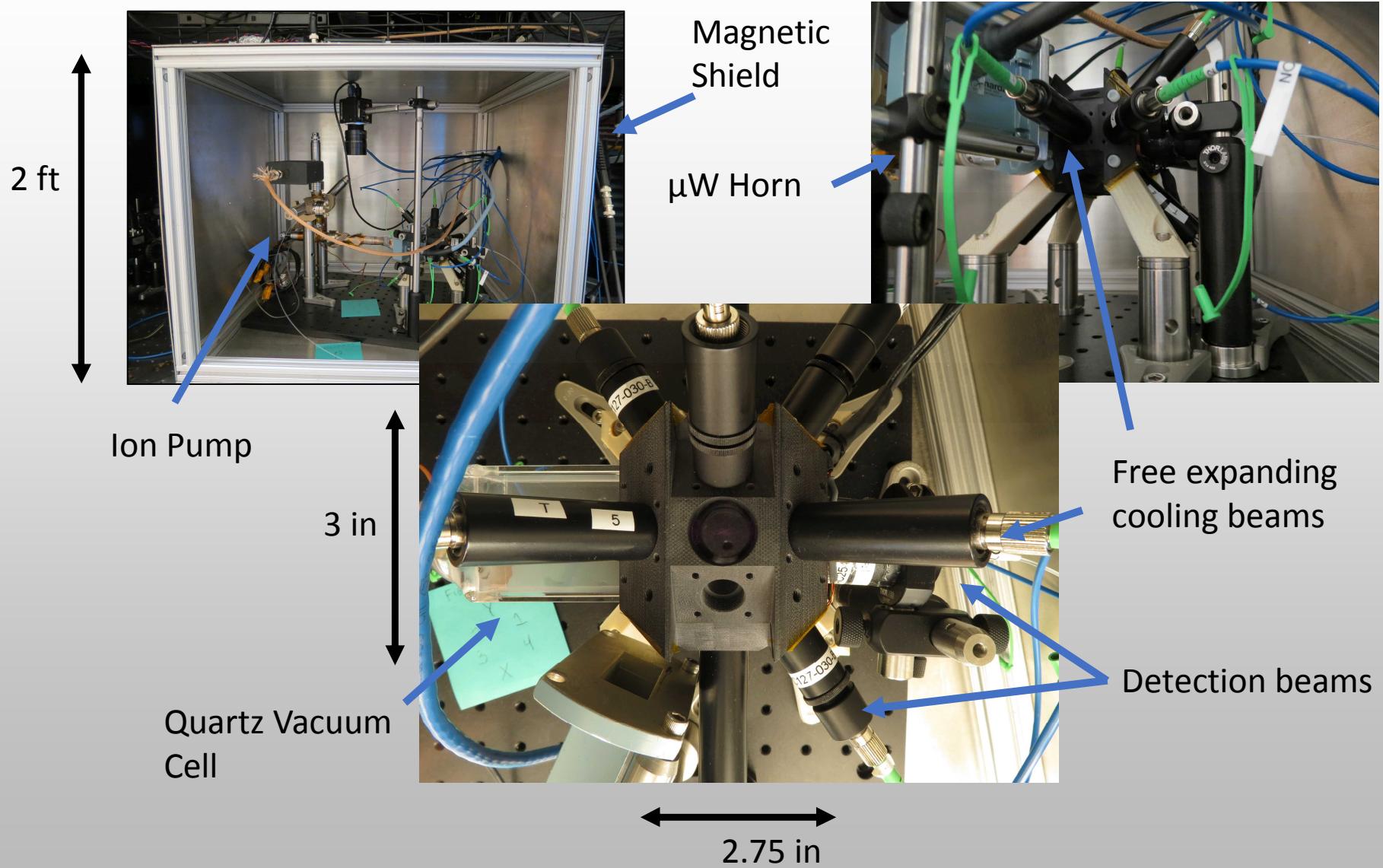
*Casimir et. al. Phys. Rev. 73, 360 (1948)

**L. P. Parazzoli et. al. PRL 109, 230401 (2012)

***G. W. Biedermann et. al. PRA 91, 033629 (2015)

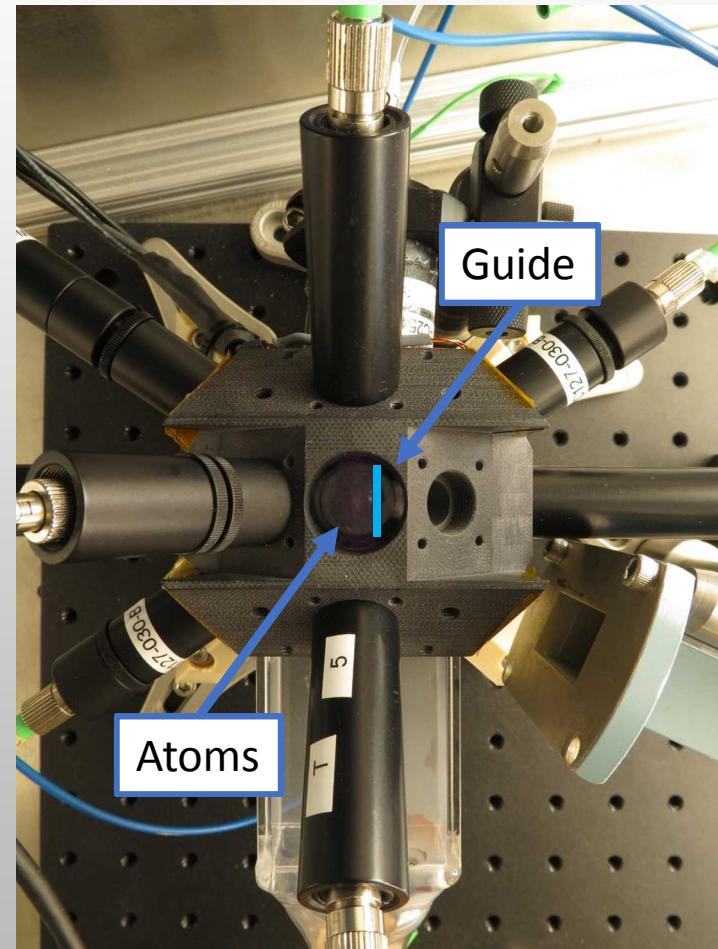
◊ P. J. Mohr et. al. Rev. Mod. Phys. 88, 035009 (2016)

Experiment Underway



Experimental Design Highlights

- All laser beams are pre-aligned by design
- Trapping and cooling beams freely expand
 - Approximately 10^8 atoms captured in MOT
 - Capturing larger atomic ensemble increases signal-to-noise ratio
- MOT and bias coils located inside apparatus

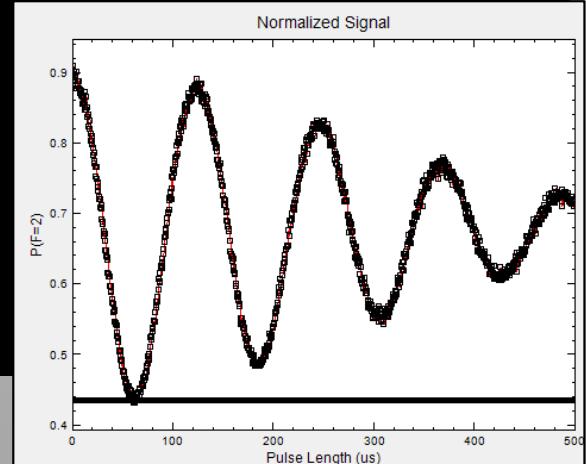
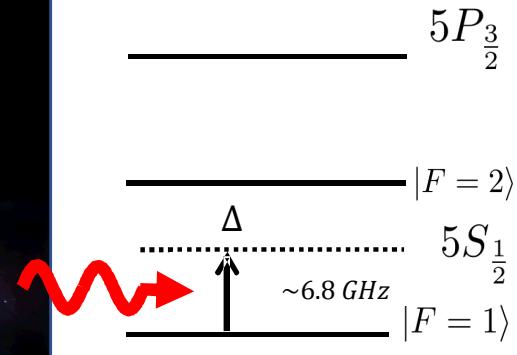


Microwave Interrogation Demonstration

- MOT \rightarrow trap atoms
 - Reduces temperature $\sim 200 \mu\text{K}$
- Turn off coils
- Polarization gradient cooling ensemble further $\sim \mu\text{K}$ [1ms]
- Optically pump into clock state [0.1ms]
- Perform microwave interrogation [$\sim \text{ms}$]
- Detection [0.200ms]
- Recapture [$\sim 2\text{ms}$]
- Total sequence performed in $\sim 20\text{ms}$

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Relevant Energy Levels

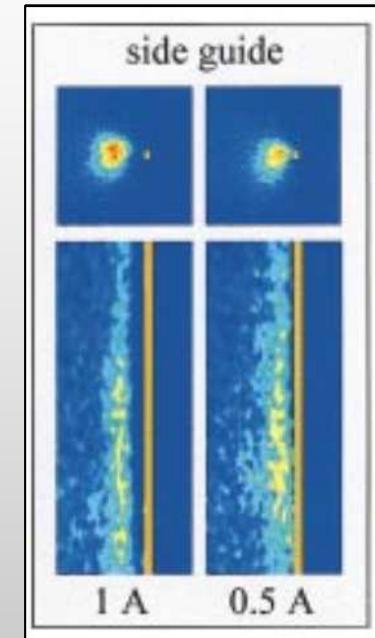
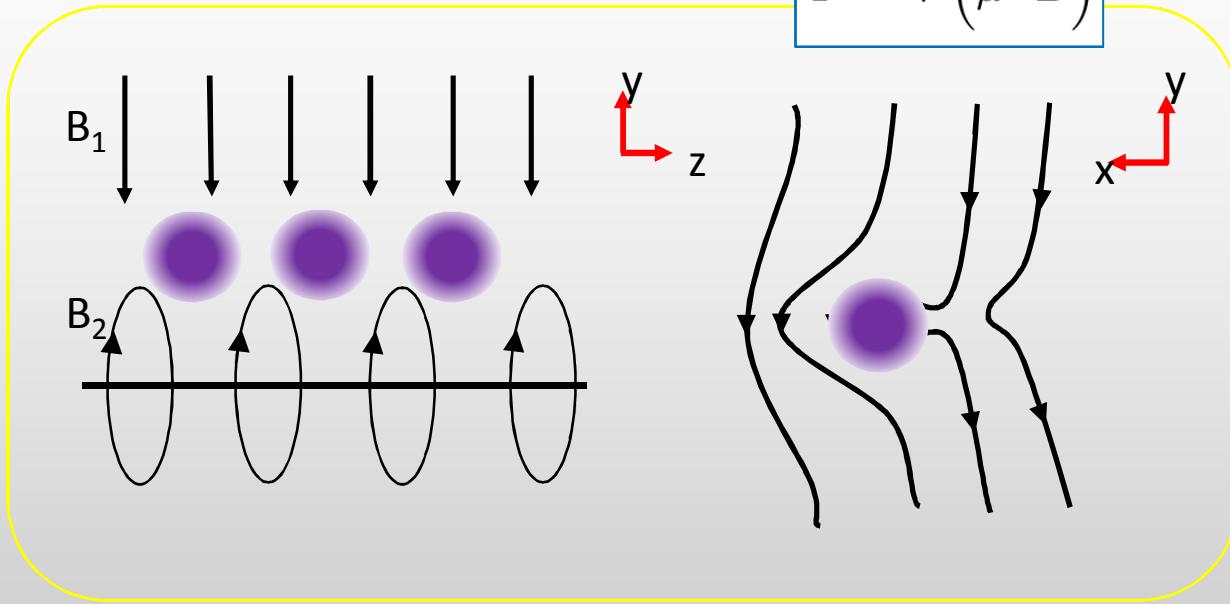


Atom Guiding

- Magnetic Guides
 - Trap atoms using static magnetic fields
 - Straight wires and coils produce trapping potentials
 - The Zeeman potential and magnetic field gradient confine atoms to a specific trajectories
- Optical Guides
 - Red-detuned light → attractive potential
 - Blue-detuned light → repulsive potential
 - Neutral atoms trapped using focused laser beams
 - Nanofibers traps use evanescent fields

Magnetic Guiding

$$\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} (\hat{\mu} \cdot \vec{B})$$

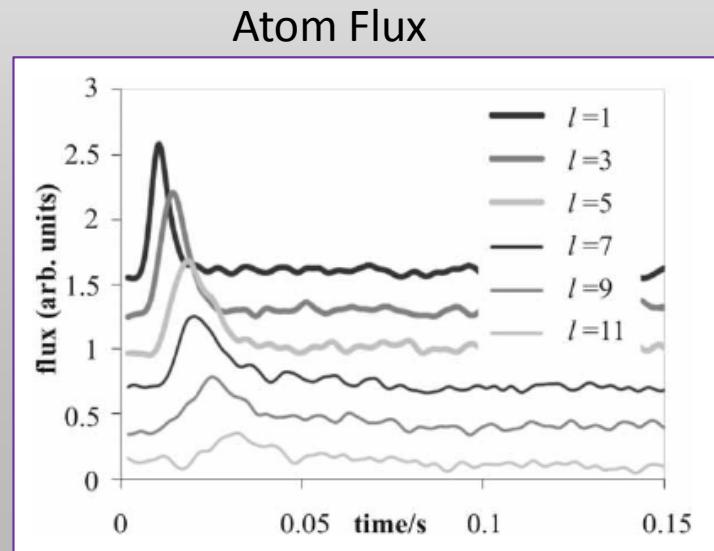
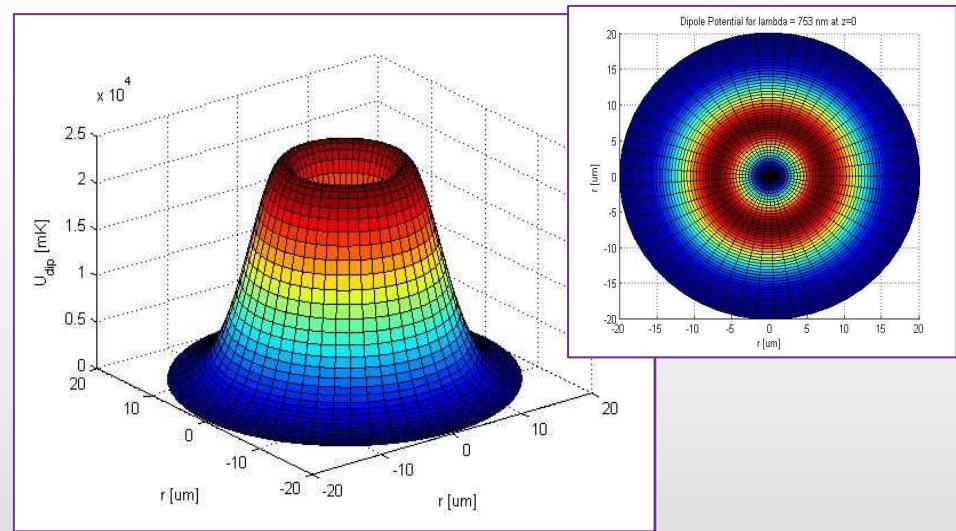
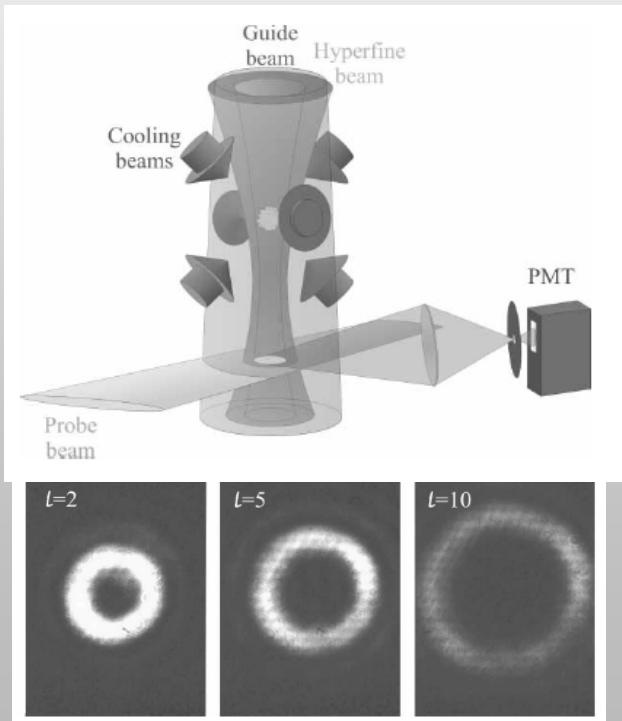


- Joffe-Pritchard trap exploits Zeeman potential to trap neutral atoms
- Current noise and wire vibrations must be controlled for pristine guide

J. Denschlag et. al. PRL 82, 1998

Optical Guides: Doughnut Mode

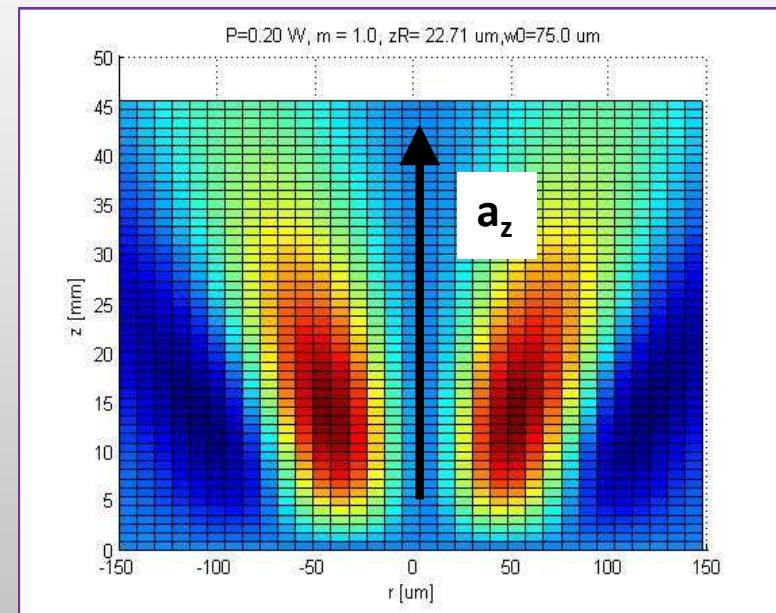
- Utilize dipole force proportion to intensity gradient
- Blue detuned light repels atoms
- Axial accelerations exist
- Parameter space was explored to reduce axial acceleration



Application to atom interferometry

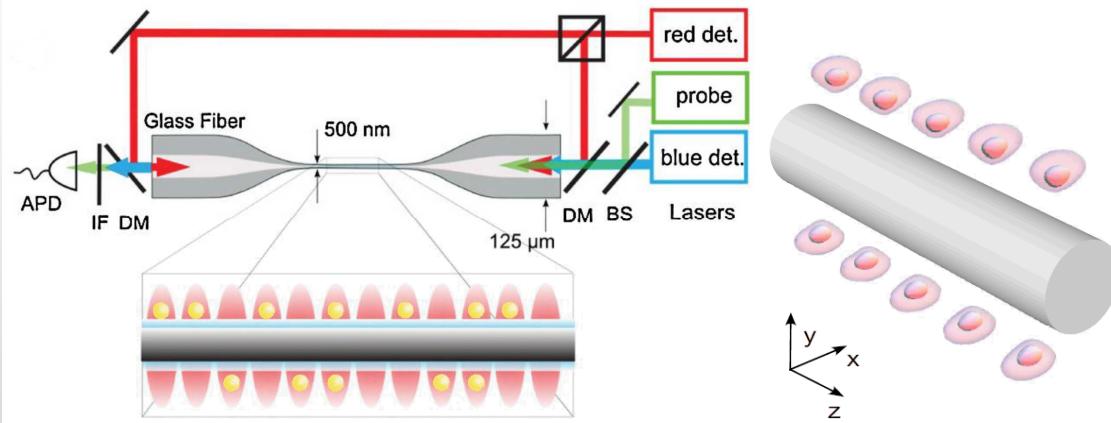
Axial acceleration reduces sensitivity

ω_0 (Beam waist) [um]	m (charge)	P_0 (Power) [mW]	a_z [g]	a_r [g]	Trap Depth [mK]
10	8	100	7.7e-3	500	1
20	7	200	6.7e-3	154	0.7
20	8	400	1.9e-3	254	1
25	7	400	5.5e-3	160	0.8
25	7	500	6.9e-3	197	1
25	8	400	7.9e-4	130	0.8
30	7	500	3.3e-3	110	0.7

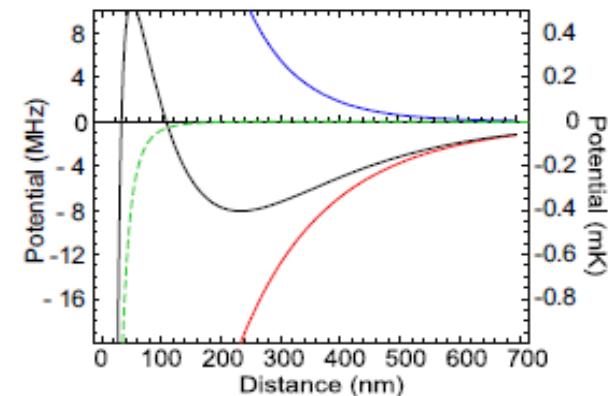


Nanofiber Optical Atom Trap

Atoms Trapped Around Fiber

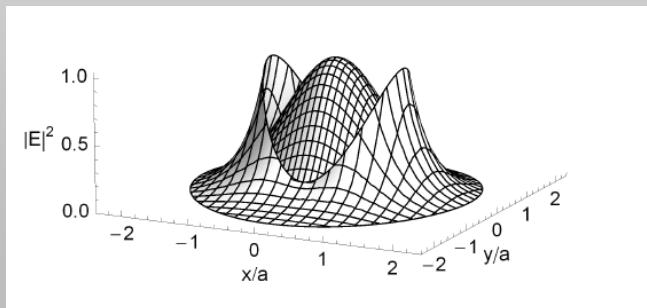


Van der Waals

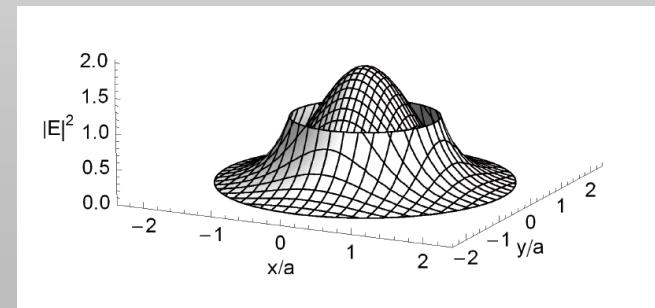


HE_{11} Intensity

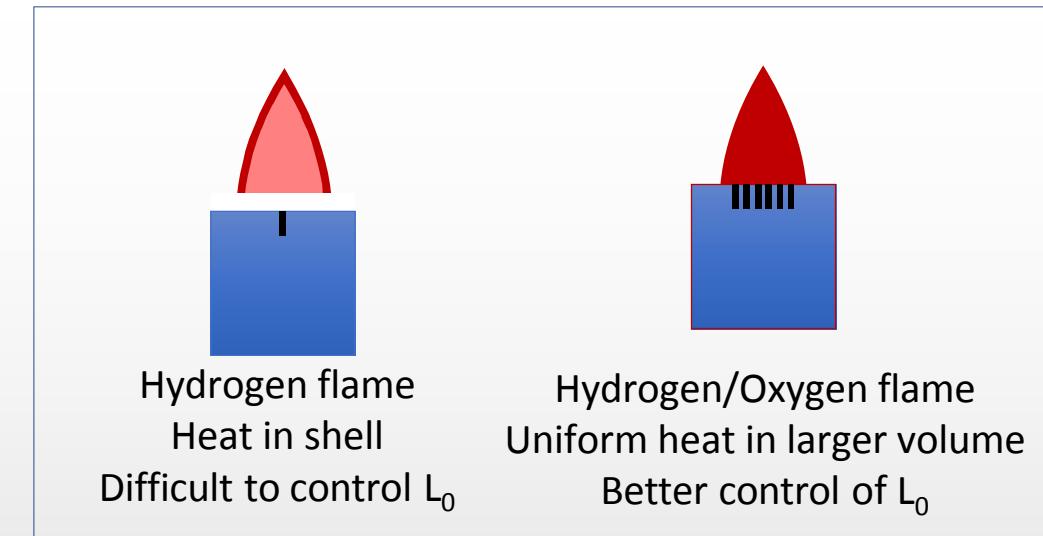
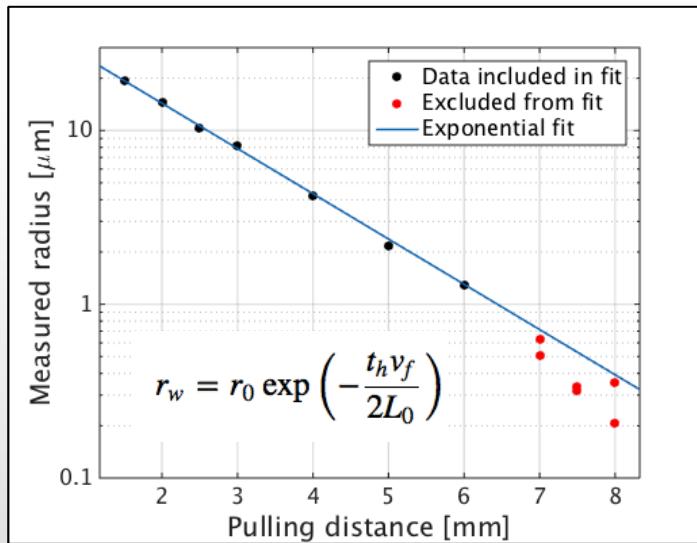
Linearly Polarized Input



Circularly Polarized Input

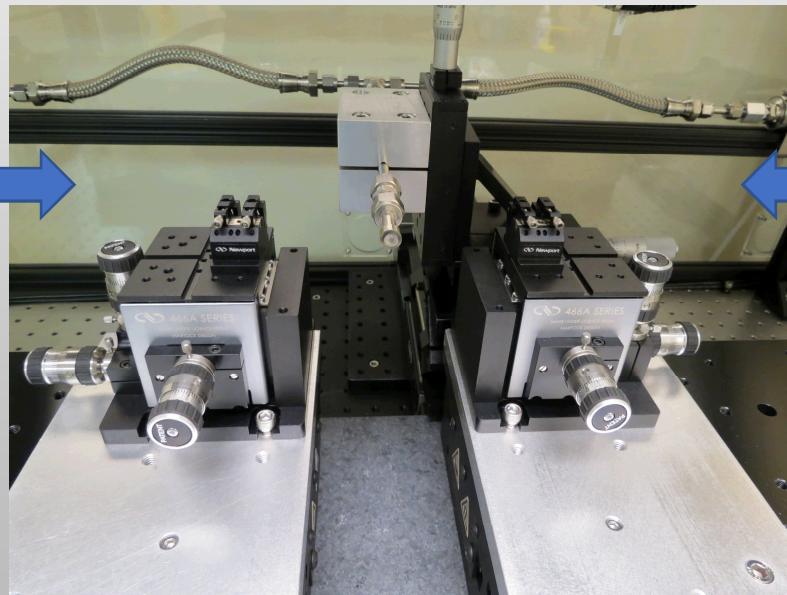


Fiber Pulling



- Hydrogen Torch
Unreliably produced fiber below $1\mu\text{m}$
- OxyHydrogen Torch
 - Uniform width and heat
 - Unconstrained fiber to flame distance

H_2

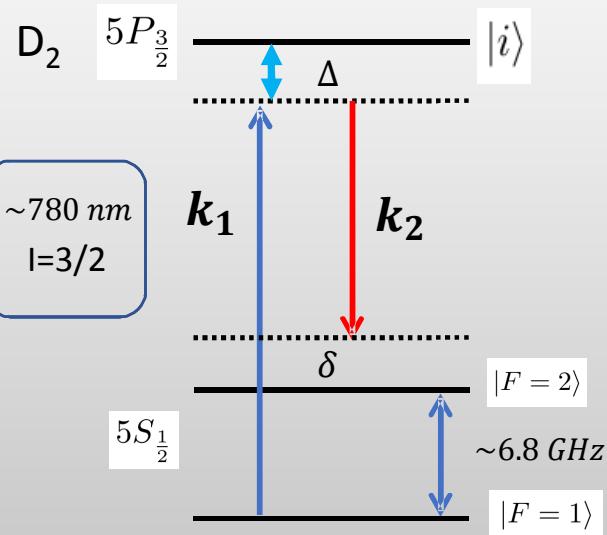


O_2

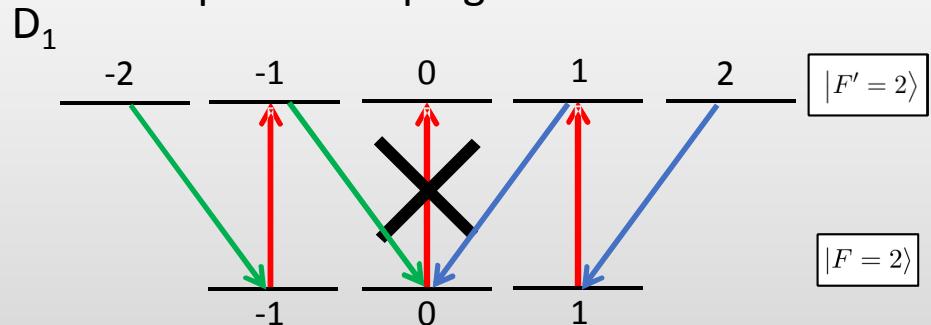
Apparatus

Atomic Source: Rubidium 87

Relevant Energy Levels

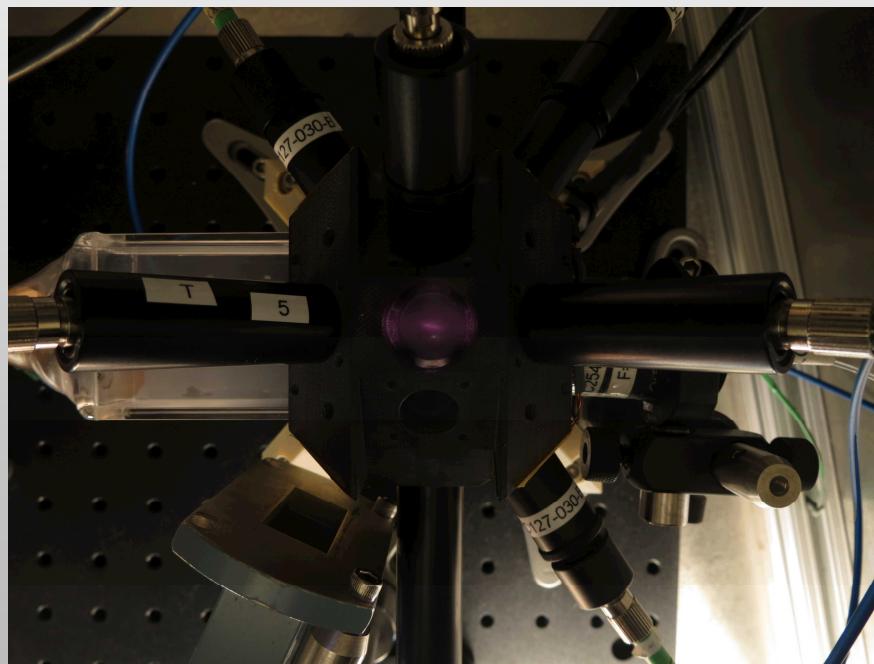
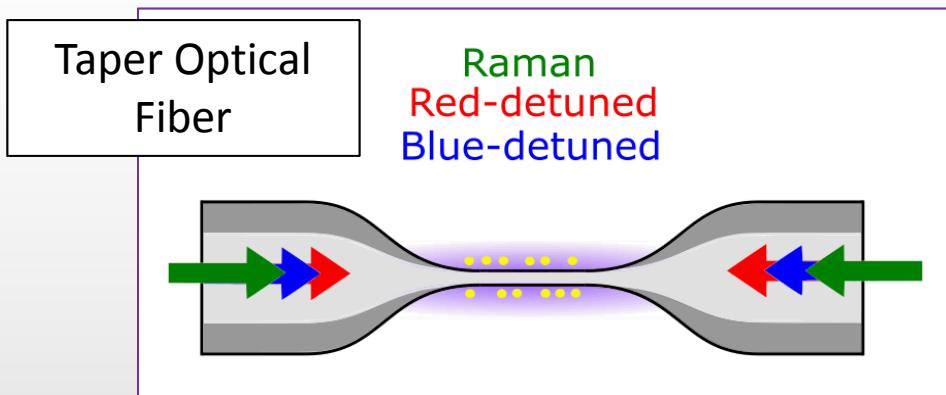


Optical Pumping Scheme

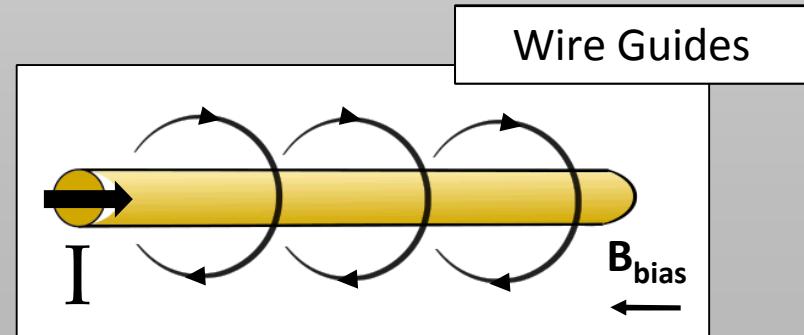
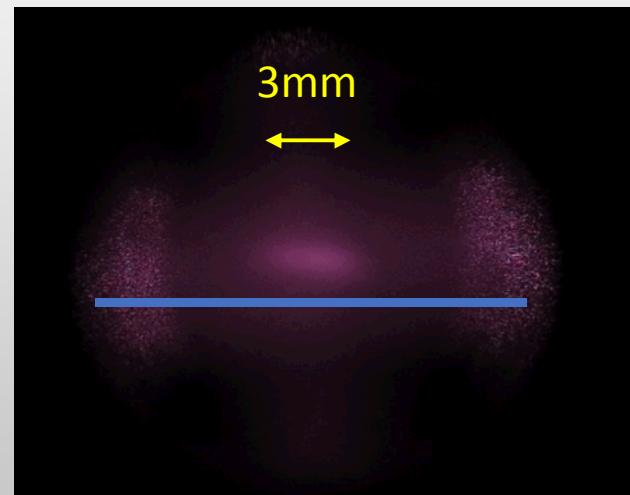


- π polarized beam prepares atoms in $m_{F=2} = 0$
- $m_{F=2} = 0 \rightarrow m_{F'=2} = 0$ Clebsch-Gordon coefficient is 0

Cylindrically Shaped Atom Cloud



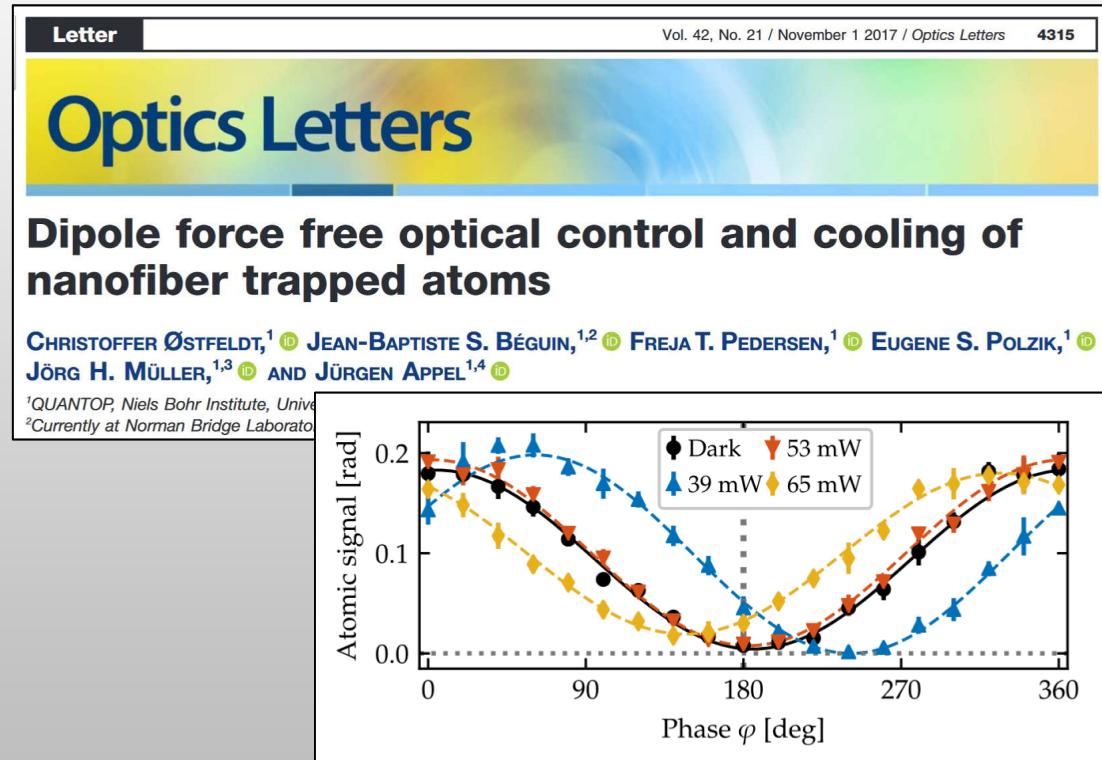
- Quadrupole coil aspect ratio is 5:1
- Cylindrically shaped ensemble could be used to efficiently load guide



Coherent Raman transitions in tapered nanofiber

Coherent Raman transitions using co-propagating beams

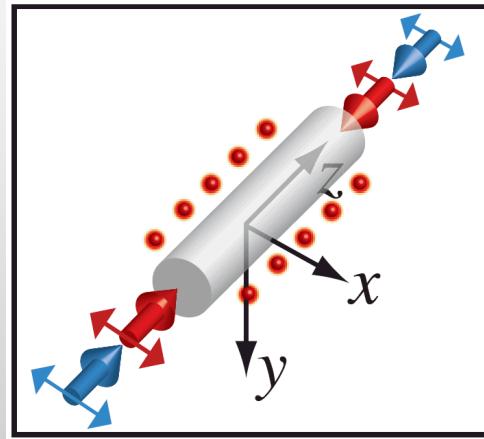
- Evanescent mode intensity gradients leads to time-dependent coupling
- Stark shift canceled using phase modulated laser beam
- Coherent transfer of Cs hyperfine levels using Raman transition



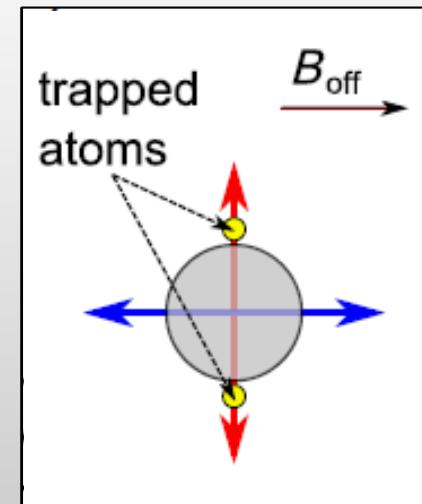
Vector Light Shifts In Taper Optical Nanofibers

Vector Light Shift:

- Canceled using blue-detuned counter-propagating beams
- Canceled by applying a homogeneous magnetic field parallel to blue-detuned beam polarization



A. Goban et. al. PRL 109, 2012

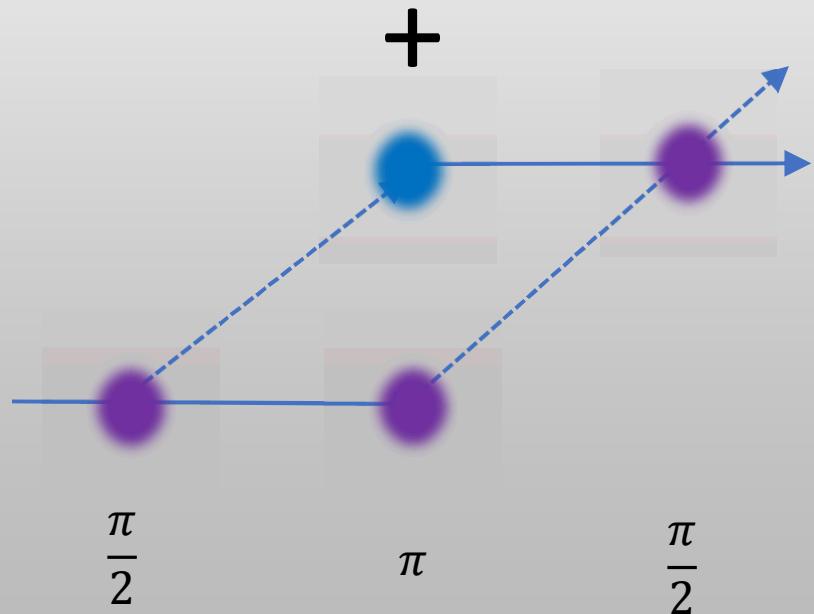
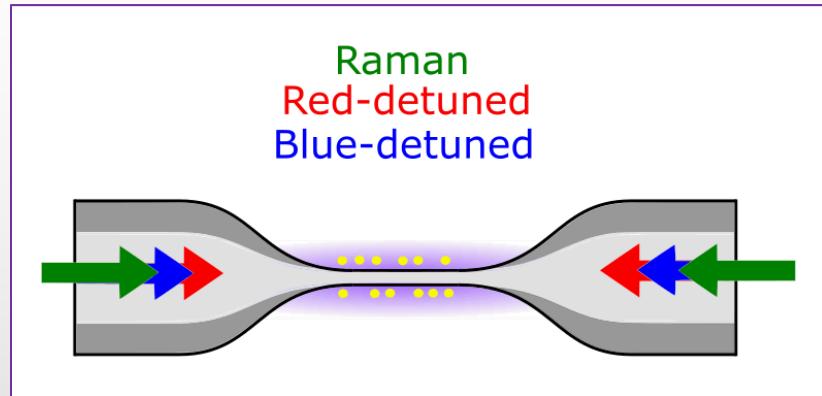


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Current Research Project

Questions:

- Can we:
- drive coherent Raman transitions with counter-propagating beams?
- construct a free axis for interferometry?
- can we cancel vector light shifts associated with the ellipticity of the electric field?
- control radial phonon excitations induced by Raman transitions?
- minimize state dependent differential light-shifts in trap?
- tolerate spatial inhomogeneities associated with evanescent Raman field?



Thank you!