

# Micro-Optics for AQUARIUS

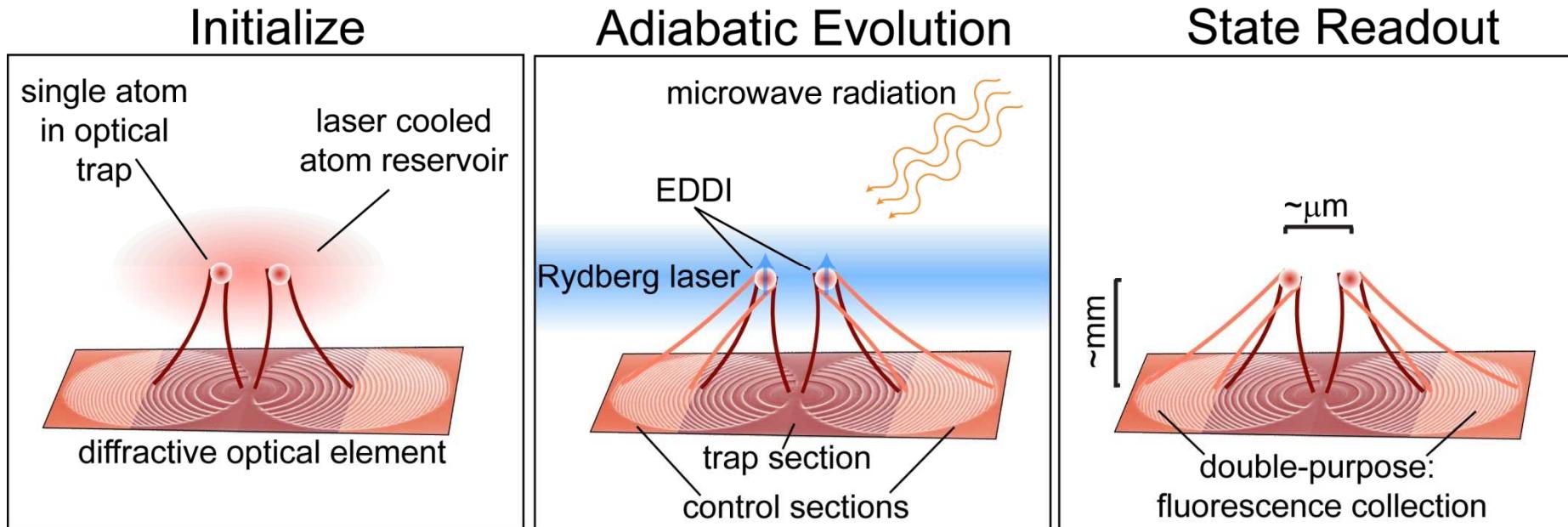
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# Outline

- **How to scale – micro-optics near the atoms**
- **Quantifying scaling issues that impact packaging and performance**
  - **Dielectric and metal proximity effects**
  - **Grayscale development for reduced scatter from surfaces**
  - **High NA diffractive optical elements (DOEs)**
  - **Optical tasks and priorities for an optimized optical layout**
- **Fabricated and delivered bottle beam trap DOE to Saffman lab**
  - **Utilized in experiment and paper submitted soon**
- **Designed 4X4 DOE bottle beam array**
- **Notables**

# Scaling: a near surface approach

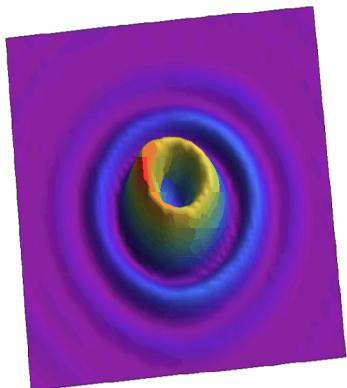
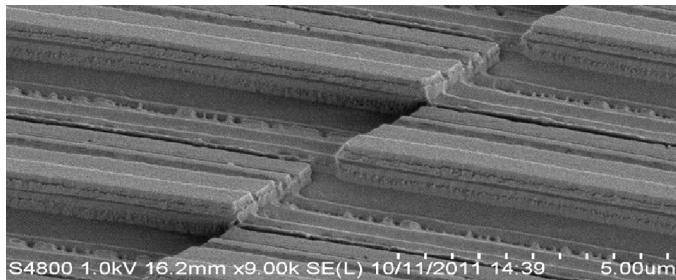


## Microfabricated diffractive optical elements

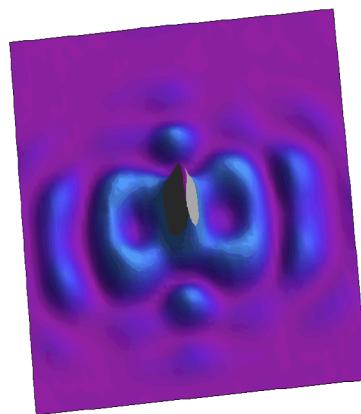
- Multiple functions juxtaposed
- Advantageous for near surface imaging
- Reduces Numerical Aperture requirements for external optics
- Multiple wavelengths juxtaposed

# Diffractive optics

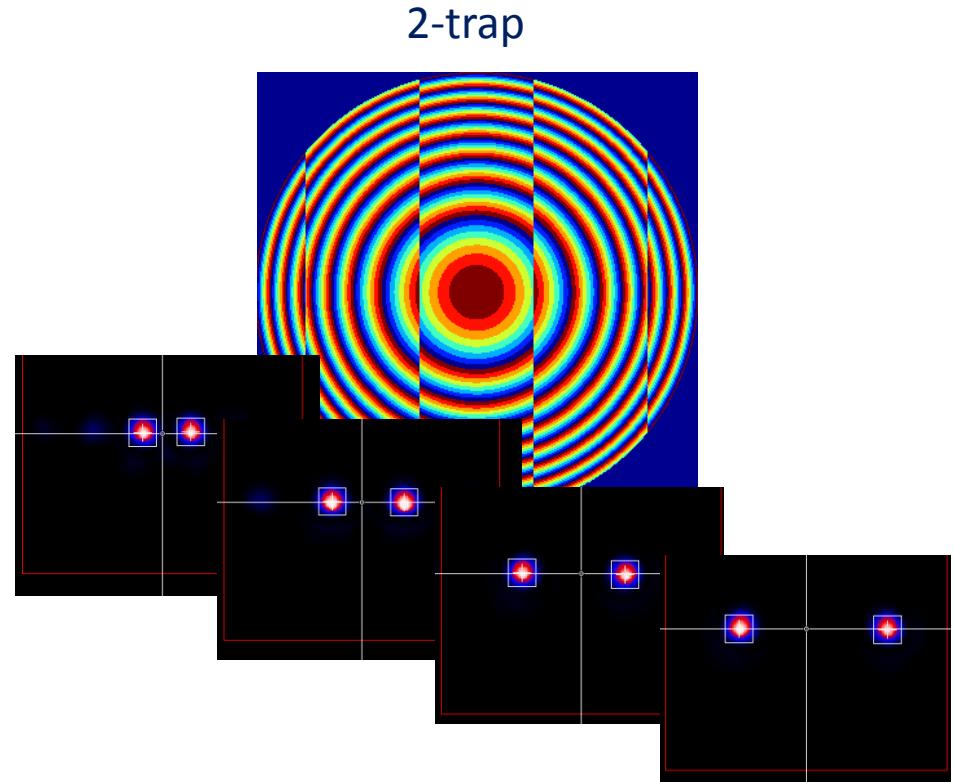
SEM tilt view of lens



Single  
trap

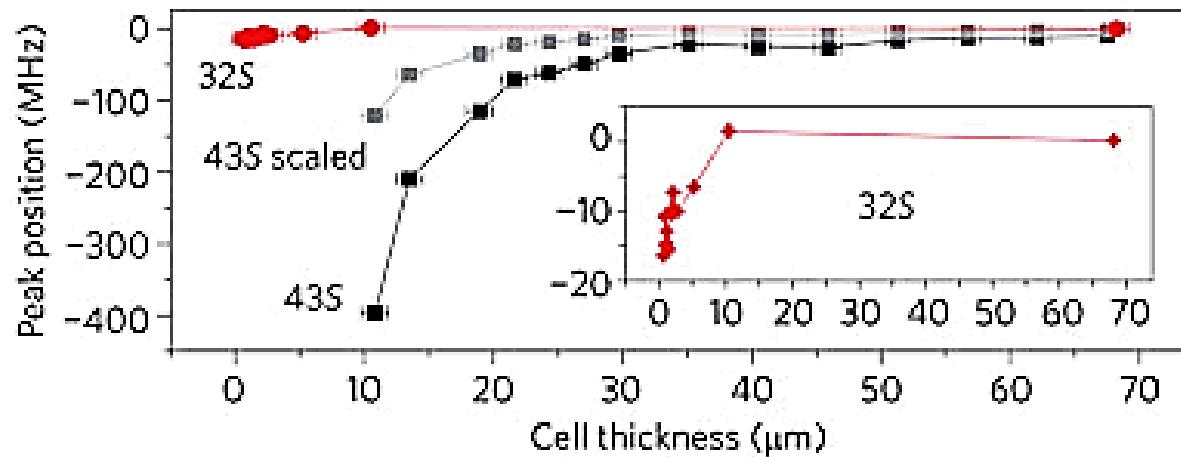


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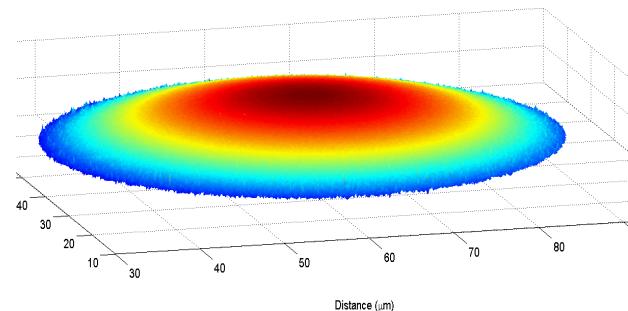
# Dielectric Proximity Effect

- Rydberg atoms likely to interact with dielectric material of DOE
  - May cause shift in peak position, peak width, both critical to atom-atom interactions
- Current choice of 2.5 mm from lens is large and eliminates the possibility of an interaction effect, decreasing this distance is important from a scaling perspective
- Characterizing this now with EIT experiment

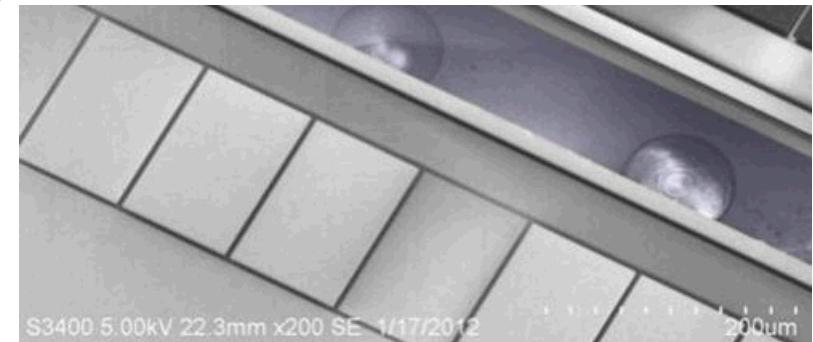
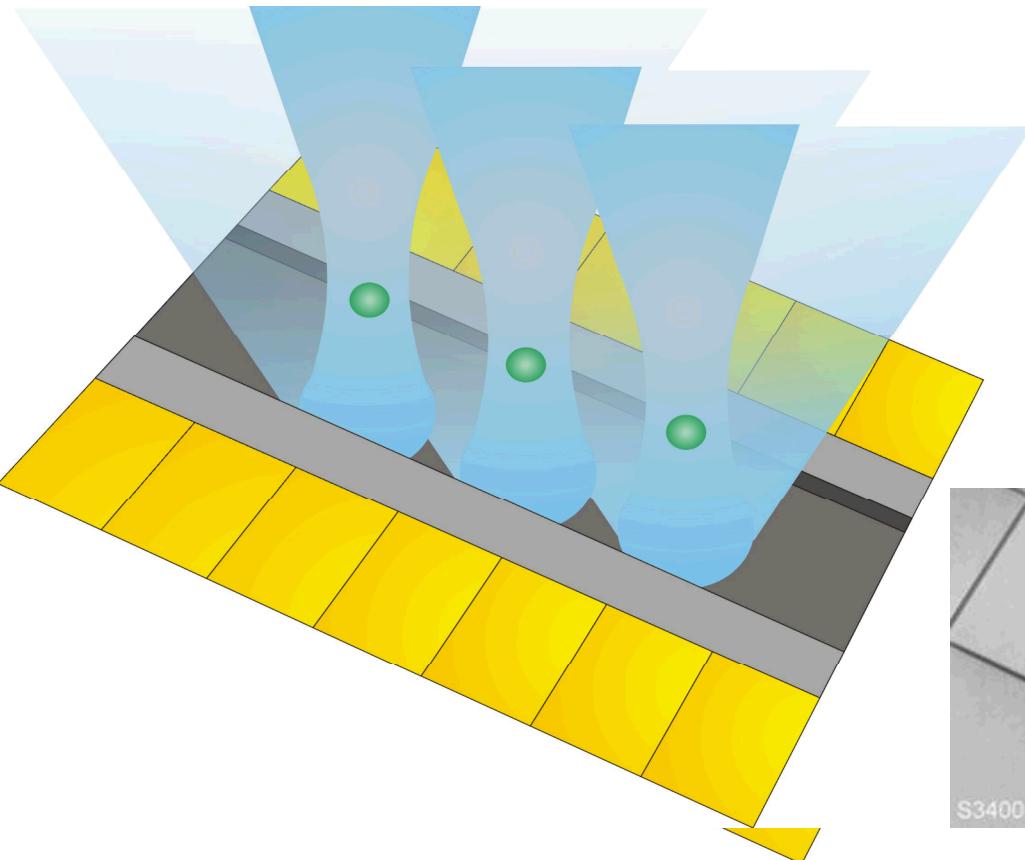


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# Grayscale for reduced scatter



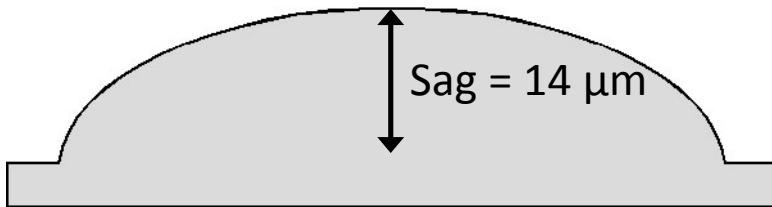
# Concern that diffractive excitation optic would detrimentally scatter light



- Atoms sensitive to scattered light/field
- Impacts how close interfaces can be
- Should we develop grayscale to reduce diffracted-order “scatter”

# Refractive grayscale optics offer higher efficiency & lower scatter

Grayscale Transmissive Lens



Cross Section, bulk patterning

Diffractive Lens

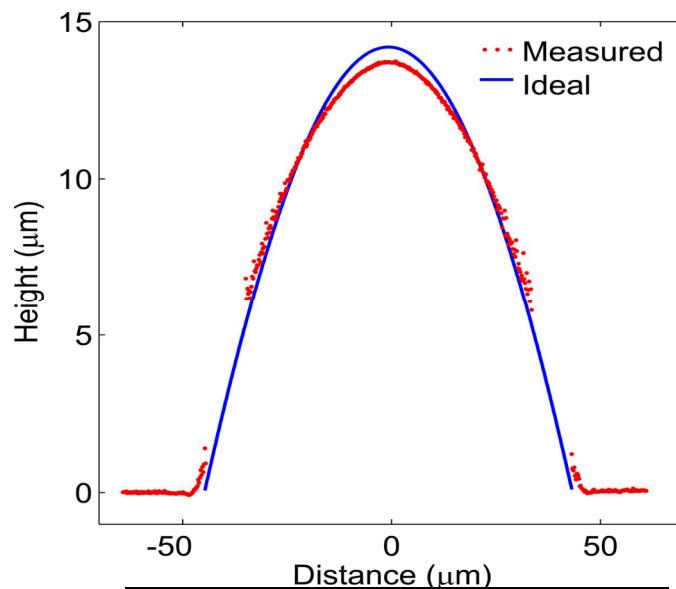
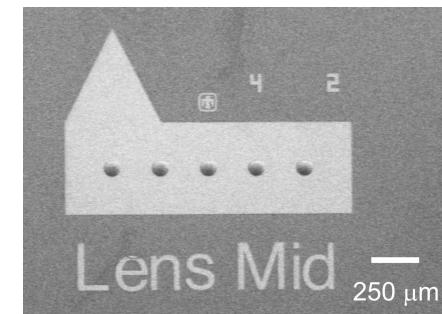
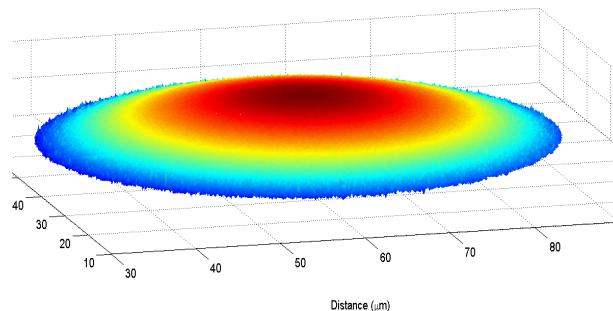
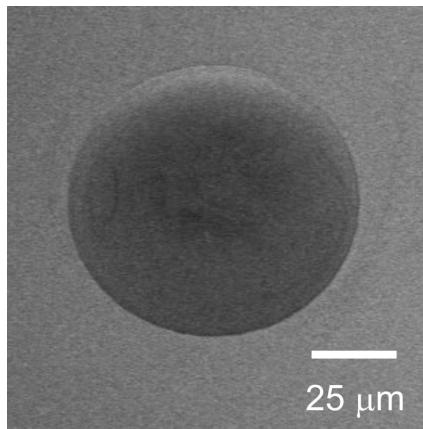


Cross Section, Surface patterning

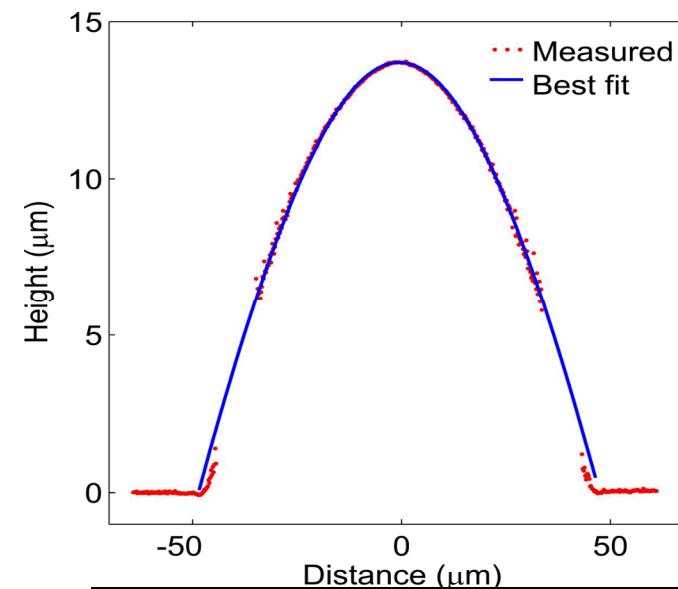
Grayscale also offers (unlike reflow):

- Aspherical and off-axis capabilities
- 100% fill factor
- Concave shapes (divots)

# Successful lens transfer into silica

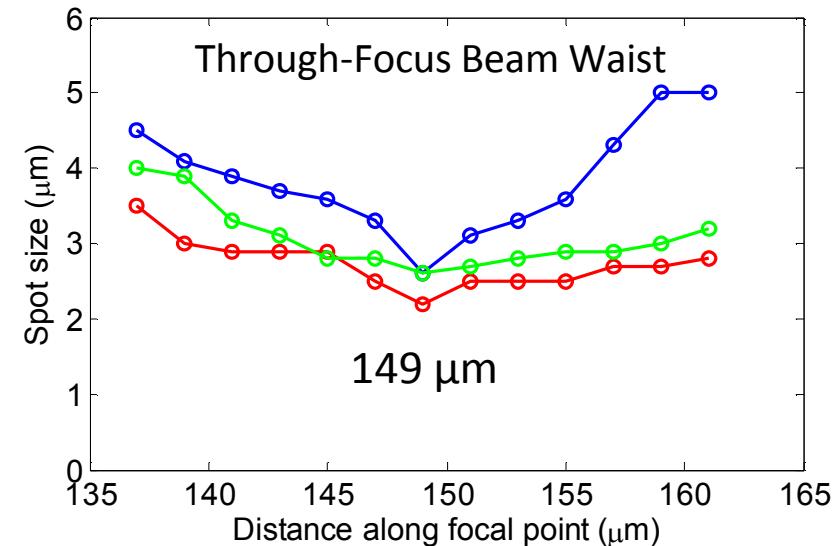
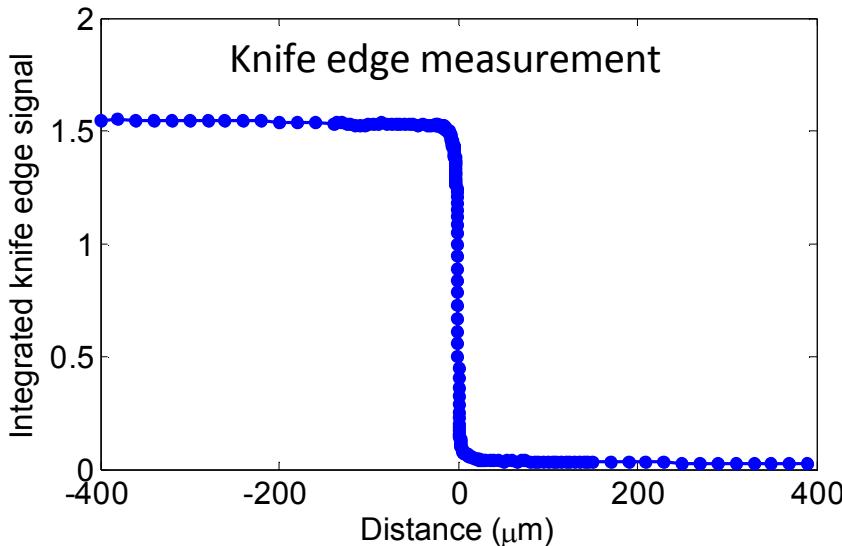


Radius of curvature	62.3 $\mu\text{m}$
Conic constant	-1.851



Radius of curvature	69.8 $\mu\text{m}$
Conic constant	-3.082

# Grayscale lens performance was exactly as designed



- Knife-edge measurements of spot size through focus => 2.6 microns diameter
- At-spec focus position => 149 microns
- Theoretical grayscale lens efficiency is 92%
- Knife-edge measurement of efficiency => 79% (86% of theoretical, loss due to some rms roughness?)

Scaling Means High NA Optics Close to Atoms,  
DOEs are a Packaging Answer for Scaling

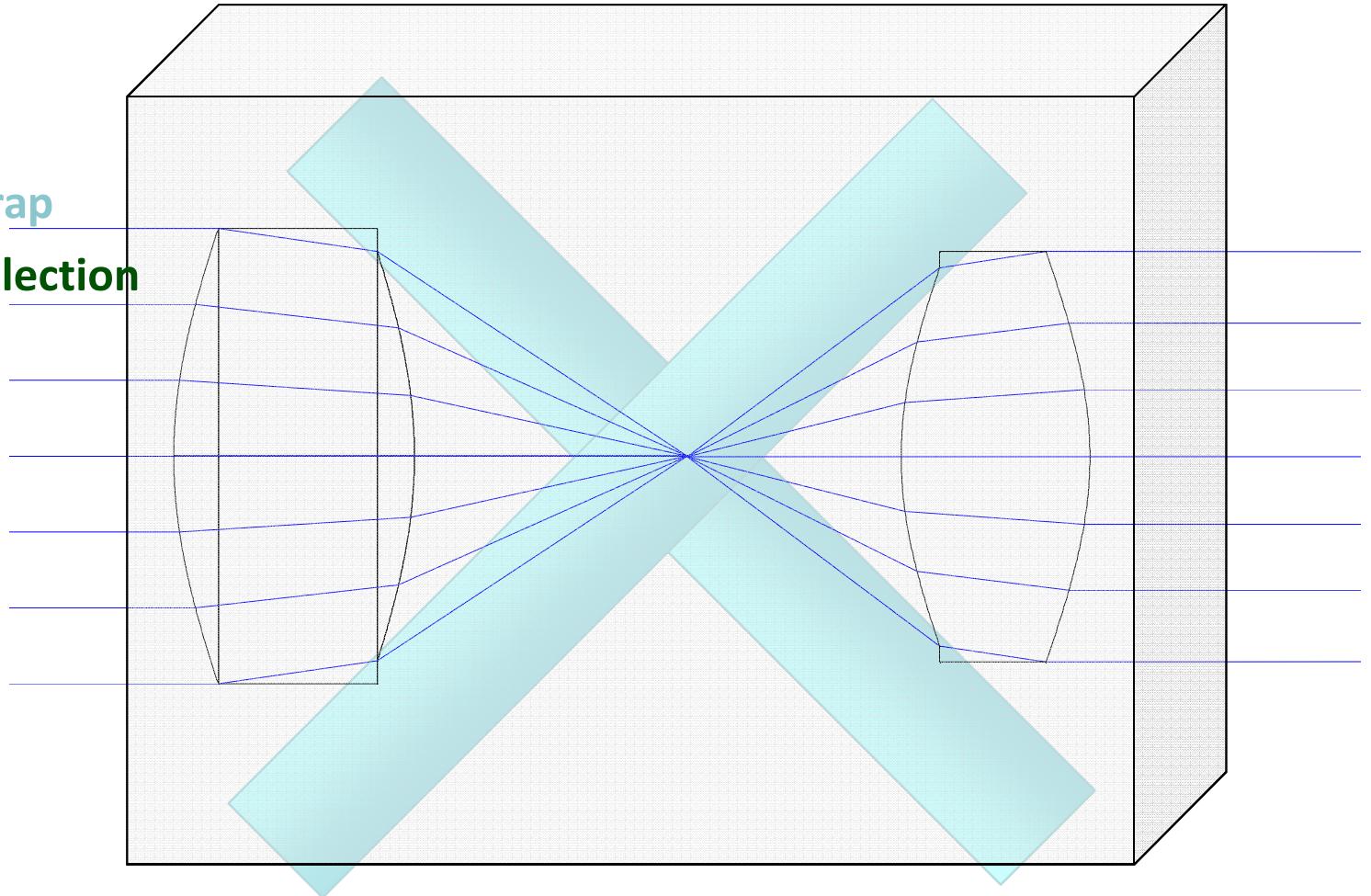
# Limited Optical Access

**MOT beams**

**Optical Dipole Trap**

**Fluorescence collection**

**Vacuum cell**



- Small space, in vacuum
- Multiple laser lines spread over broad spectral range
- Maximize fluorescence collection

# Small-Refractive Lenses are still Bulky

Lens diameter = 4.5 mm

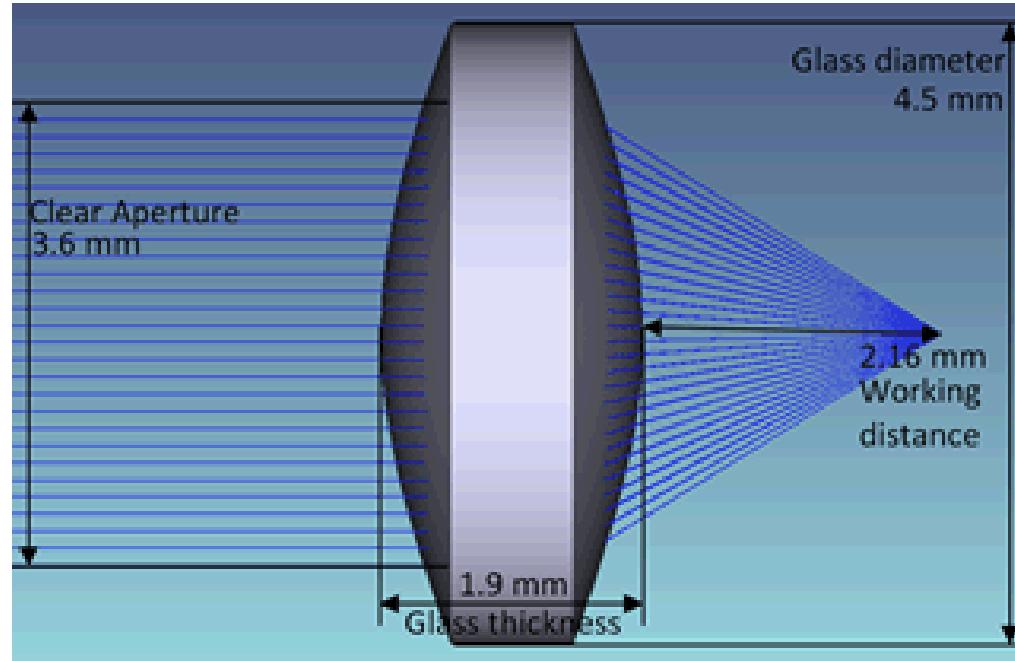
Clear aperture = 3.6 mm

Lens thickness = 1.9 mm

Focal length = 2.75 mm

Working distance = 2.15 mm

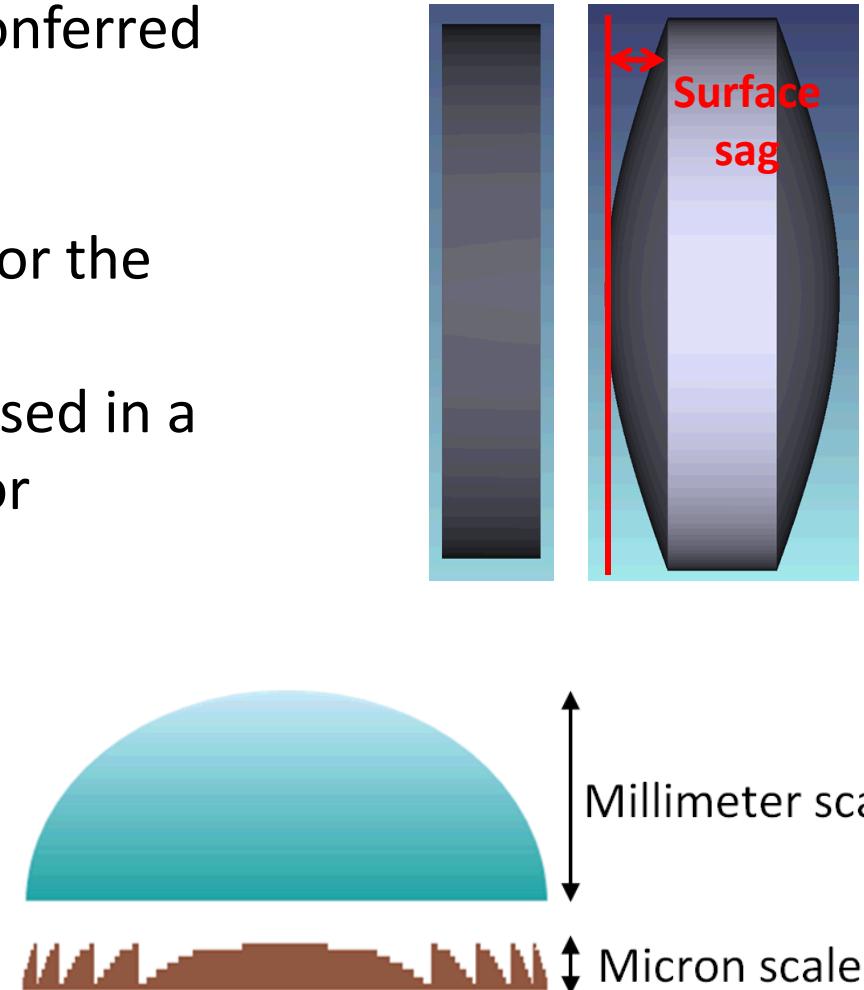
Numerical aperture = 0.55



- Large numerical aperture refractive lenses have significant surface sag
- The working distance of the lens is substantially shorter than the focal length

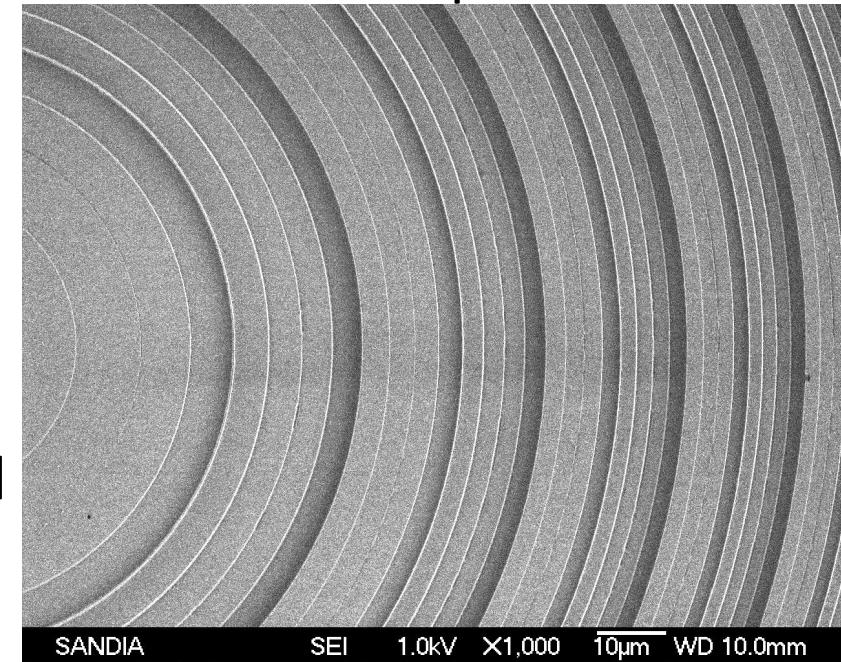
# DOEs Occupy a Small Volume and are Best Suited for Use in Vacuum

- A **significant size advantage** is conferred by the incorporation of DOEs
- DOE does not have surface sag
  - Occupies a smaller volume for the same NA
  - A smaller thickness can be used in a DOE, limited only by need for structural rigidity
- 100% fill-factor
- Ideal for small spaces, vacuum and working at a single wavelength



# Diffractive Optics Enable Scaling

- Diffractive Optics are an enabling technology in the scalability to large numbers of qubits in neutral atom based quantum computing
- Vacuum compatible
- Small physical profiles
  - High optical access
  - Enables shorter distance to atoms
- Specifically tailored to the optical field
- High collection efficiency
  - An NA of 0.55 represents photon collection from 8.2% of the sphere whereas at an NA of 0.8, photons from **20.3%** of the **atom's radiating sphere** are **collected**



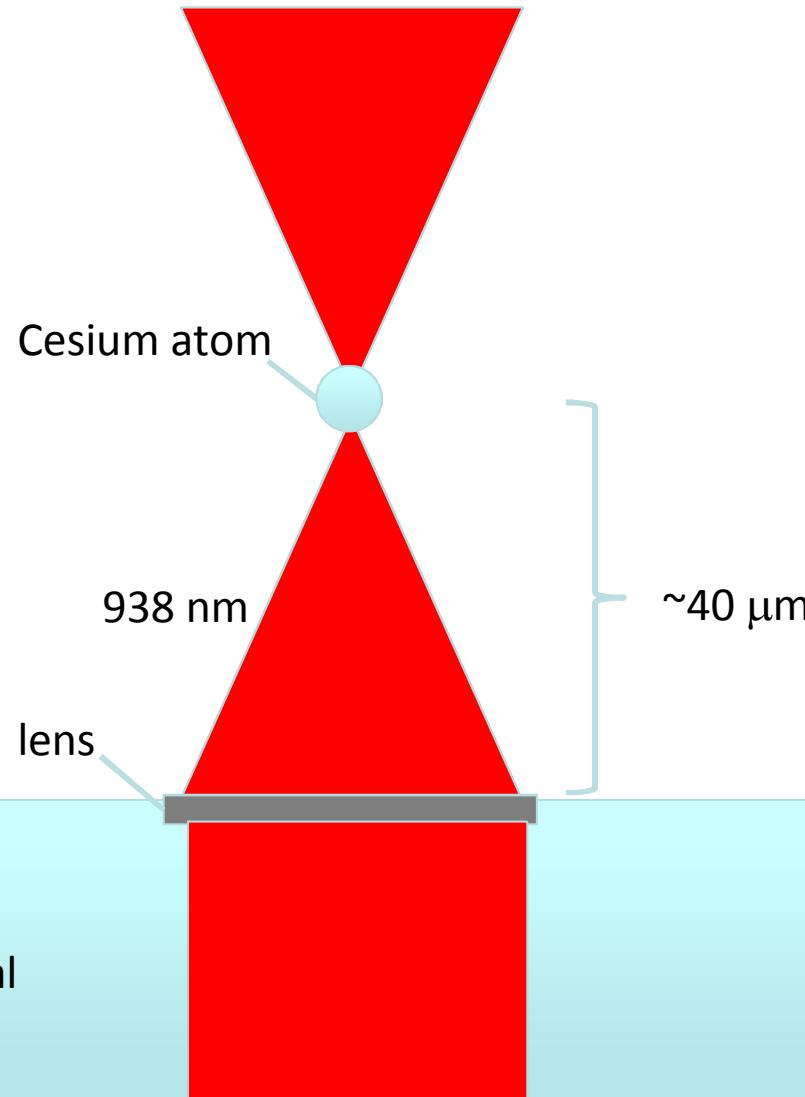
# Path Forward

- Realization of quantum computers: must be able to scale up to many-qubits
- DOEs allow custom design of the optical fields and efficient packaging
- Arrays of DOEs can create optical traps, collect fluorescence, ...
  - Larger NA
  - Smaller package
  - Better uniformity than refractive optics
- Wafer level fabrication facilitates ease of optical alignment and integration

# What does a useful qubit require?

A handle

We must hold the atom in space without perturbing the coherence

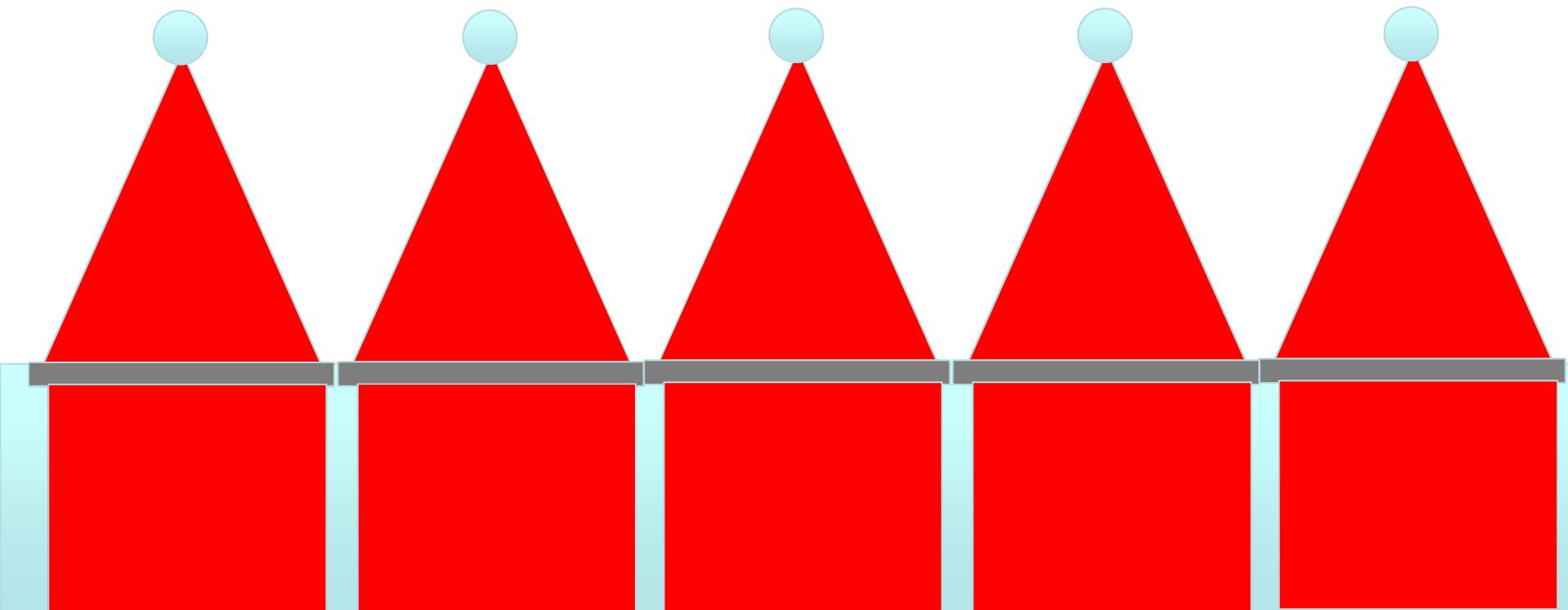


# What does a useful qubit require?



Lots of them

Need a large number  
to make a useful  
computer



# How can we do this?

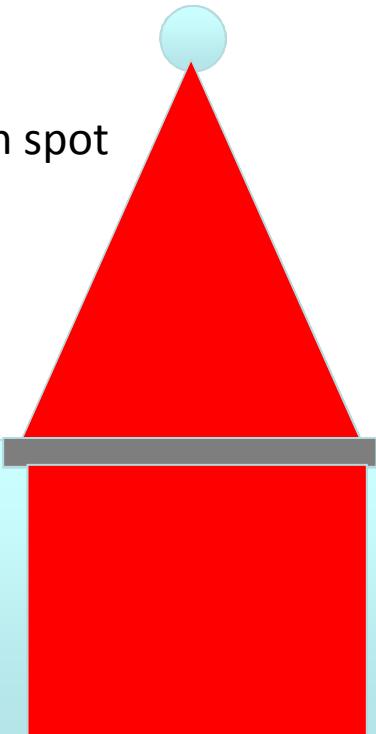
The sequence for  
each atom

Trap an atom:

Can hold for 15 s

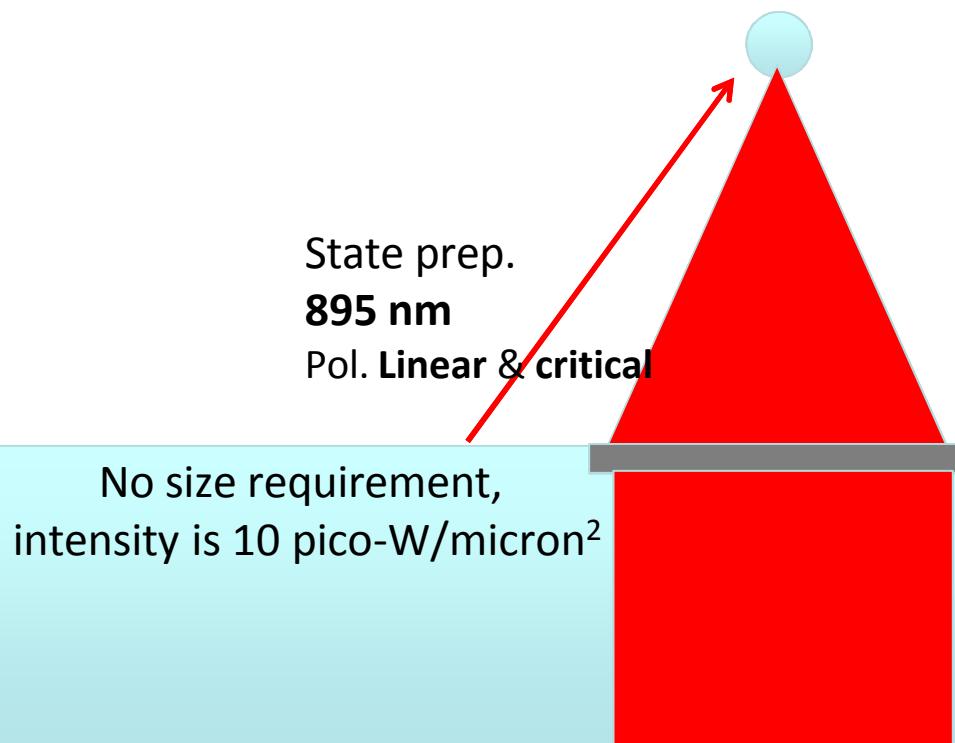
**938 nm; pol. Linear**

5 milli-W, 1.0 to 2.0  $r_{1/e^2}$ , micron spot



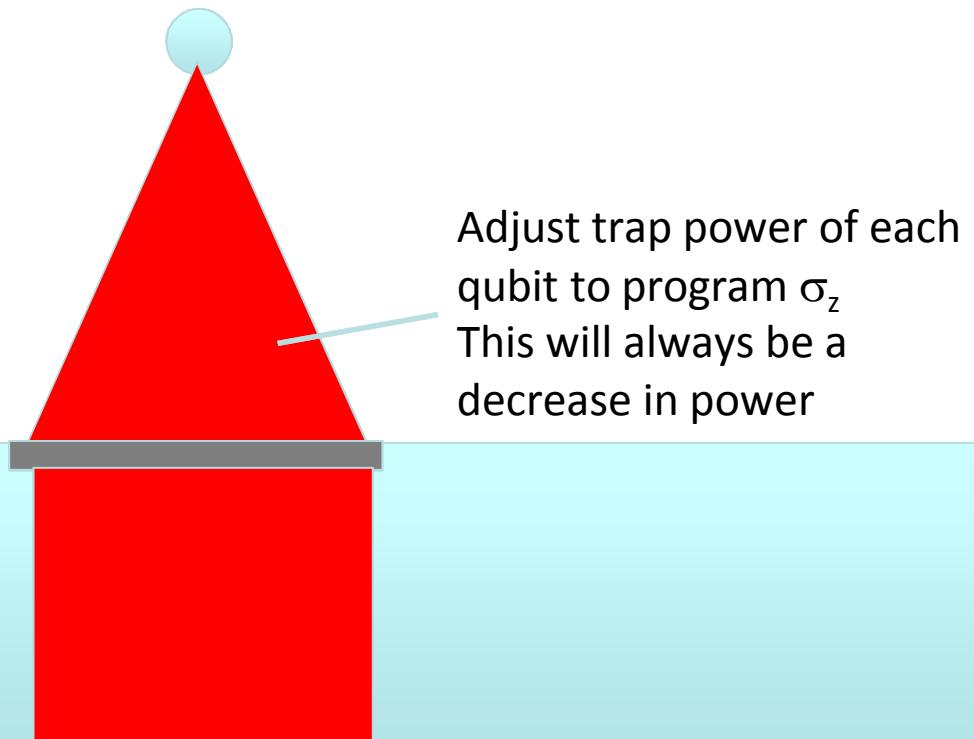
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J (Rydberg interaction): **shared**

**318 nm**

Pol. **Linear**

Size not critical. Propagation direction  
must be the same at each atom.

Intensity is 1.0 milli-W/micron<sup>2</sup>



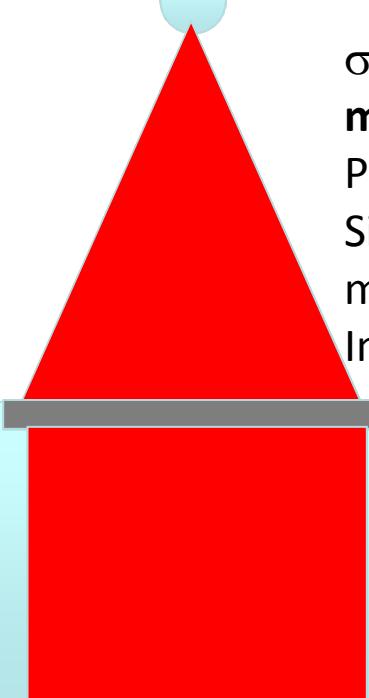
$\sigma_x$ : **Shared** among atoms,

**many choices**: 852 nm, 895 nm, 459 nm

Pol. **Circular**

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must be the same at each atom.

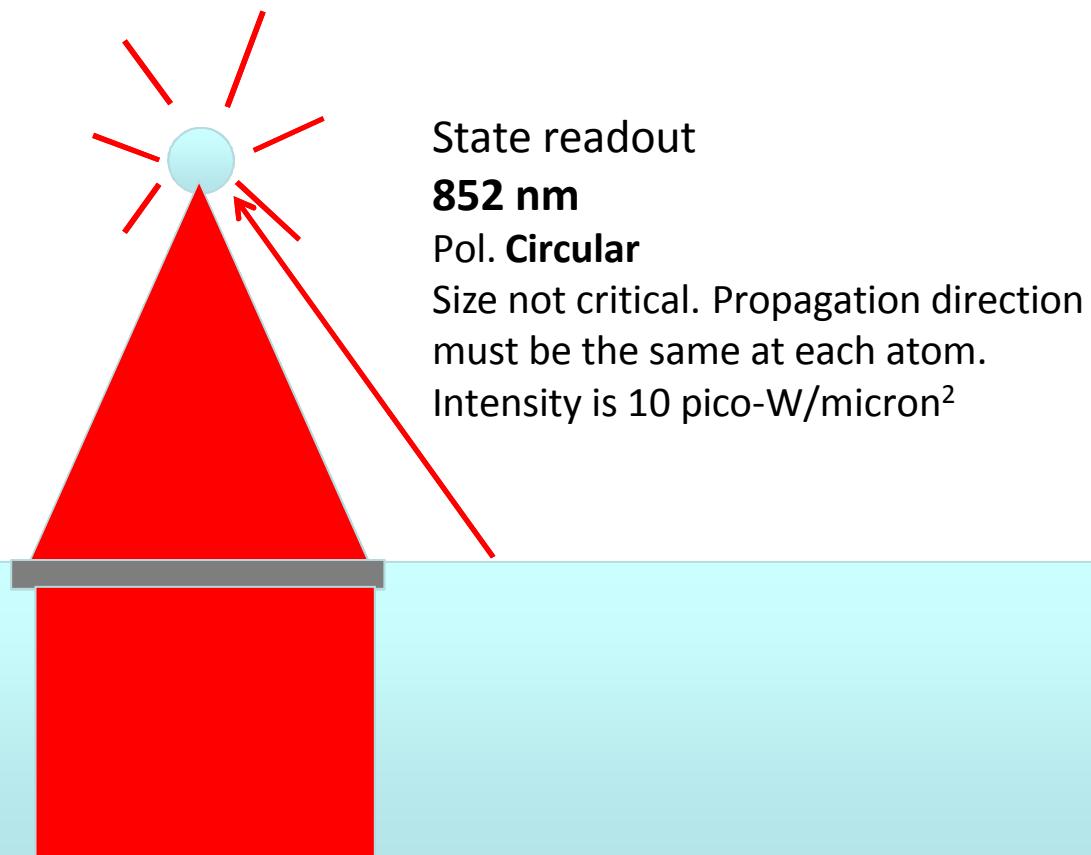
Intensity is 0.1 micro-W/micron<sup>2</sup>



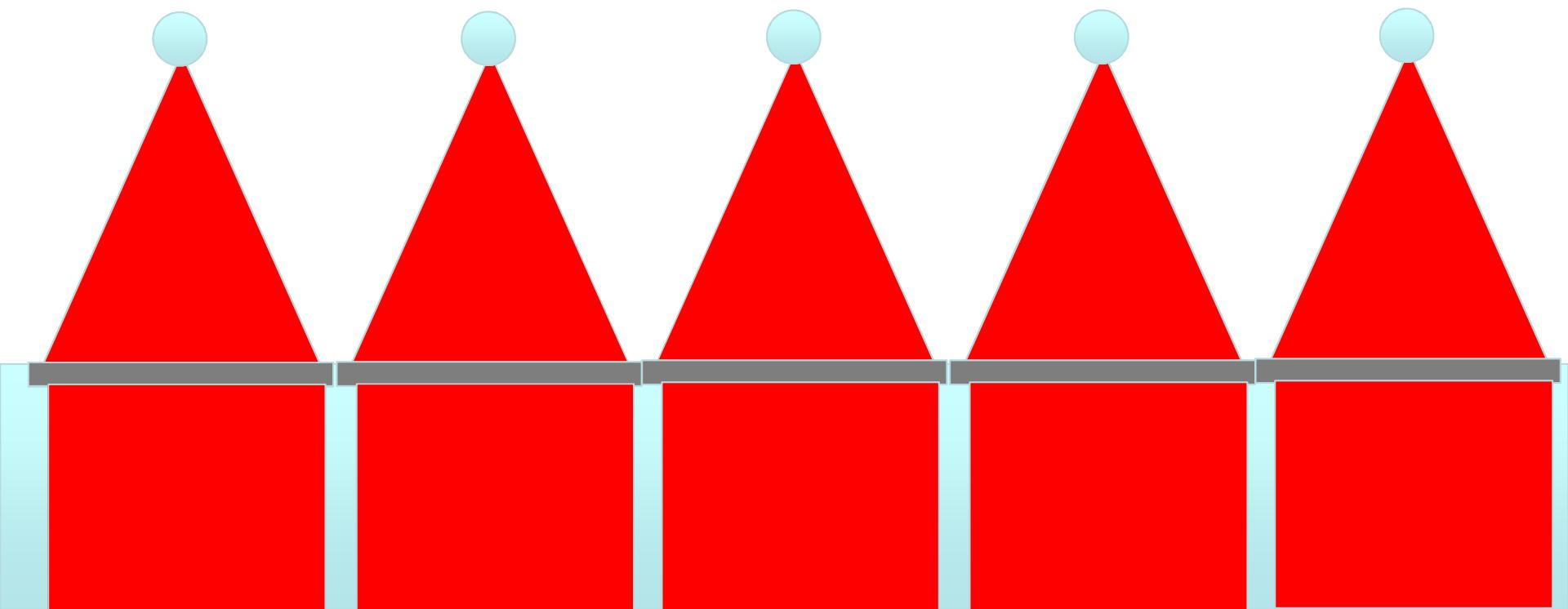
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The sequence for  
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Collect  $\sim 3$  photons



# Just remember we have a bunch



# Optical Tasks

A DOE is an encoded phase plate for each point in x and y for an on-axis lens:

Priority	Task	Impact	Wavelength (nm)	Polarization	Power (nW)	Spot Size (microns)	Irradiance (nW/micron^2)
1	Trap	holds for ~15sec, posn important	938	linear	5000	2-4	300 - 1300
6	State Prep	no size rqmt => flood, orientation important	895	linear			0.01
1'	$\sigma_z$	Adjust (decrease) trap power to set	938	linear			
2	J	Rydberg, $\mathbf{k}$ same direction for all atoms	318	linear		30	1000
4	$\sigma_x$	$\mathbf{k}$ same direction for all atoms	852 or 895 or 459	circular			100
5	Readout		852	circular			0.01
3	Collection	efficiency impacts speed => <b>hi NA</b>	852				

# Controlling Spot Size and Spacing for Traps

## Atomic layout necessary

1. spot size ~ 2-4 microns
2. ~ 10 micron +/- 1 micron

Individual trapping lens speed ( $F^{\#}$ ) determined by required spot size:

$$D_{trap\ spot\ diameter} \sim 2.44 \lambda F^{\#} = 2.44 \lambda \left( \frac{f}{D_{lens}} \right)$$

⇒ For trap size of 2-4 microns at  $\lambda = 938\text{nm}$ , then  $F^{\#} = 0.9\text{-}1.7$

For periodic atomic spacing of  $D_{lens} = 10$  microns =>

**9 ≤ f ≤ 17 microns** (close proximity to dielectric DOE substrate)

# Annular Coaxial Trap with Inner Rydberg

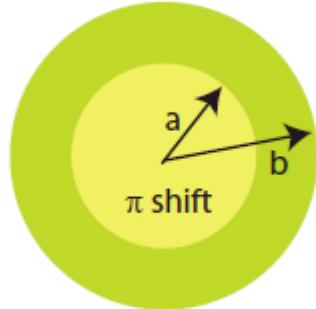
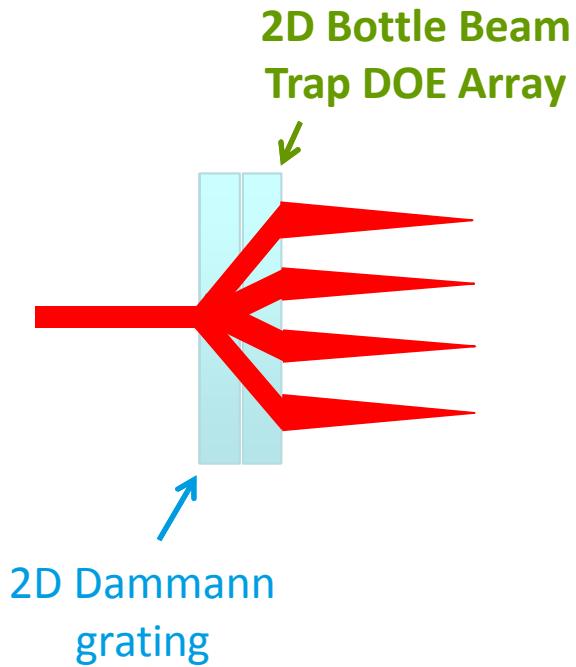


**Setting priorities based upon irradiance, spot size, and efficiency:**

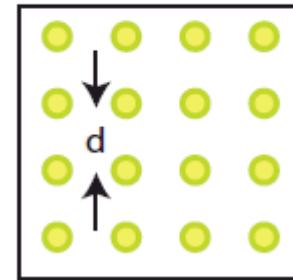
1. Annular, coaxial trap for power (area) and small spot size
2. Inner Rydberg/Collection for efficiency (larger DOE features)

# Saffman 4X4 DOE Array

# Saffman 4X4 DOE Design



16 BBL with center  
to center spacing  $d$



# How to design the DOEs in the 4X4?

A DOE is an encoded phase plate for each point in x and y for an on-axis lens:

$$\varphi(x, y) = m(a_1 r^2 + a_2 r^4 + a_3 r^6 + a_4 r^8 \dots)$$

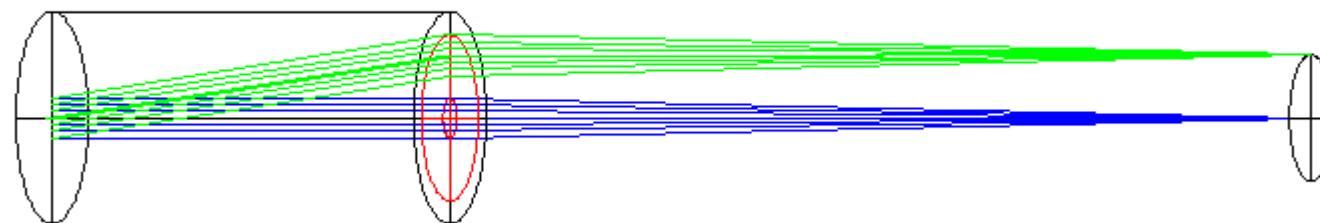
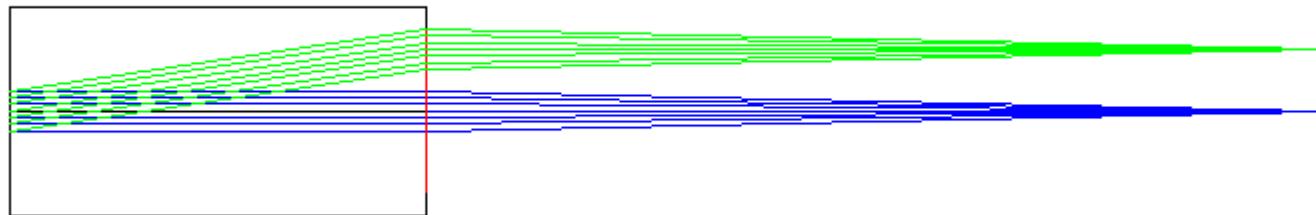
For the off-axis lens, we add a linear phase term (like a wedge):

$$\varphi(x, y) = m(c_1 y + a_1 r^2 + a_2 r^4 + a_3 r^6 + a_4 r^8 \dots)$$

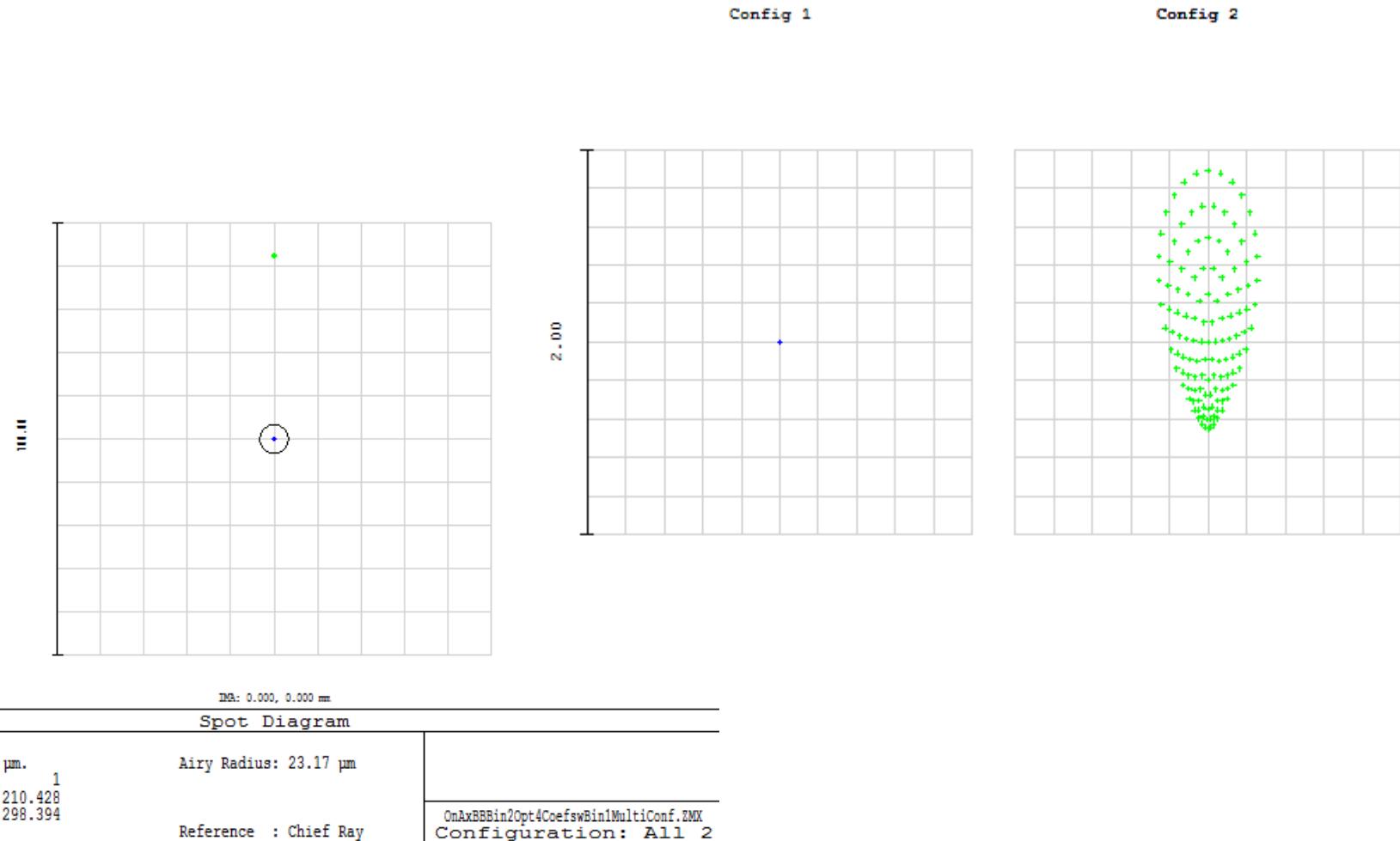
Note: there are three different lens designs in the 4X4 array, with various rotations

- 1) Identify the optimal coefficients for the phase terms
- 2) Map these phase contours to depth contours for a etch process in fused silica
- 3) Impart the pi phase shift aperture for the desired bottle beam intensity pattern
- 4) Place these DOEs on the substrate so that they match positions for the Dammann grating incident beams

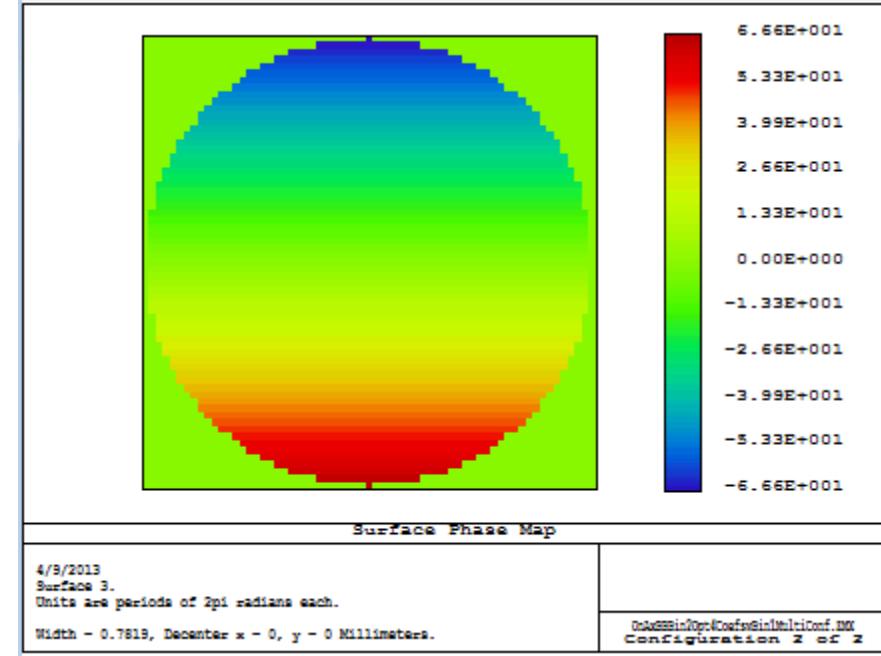
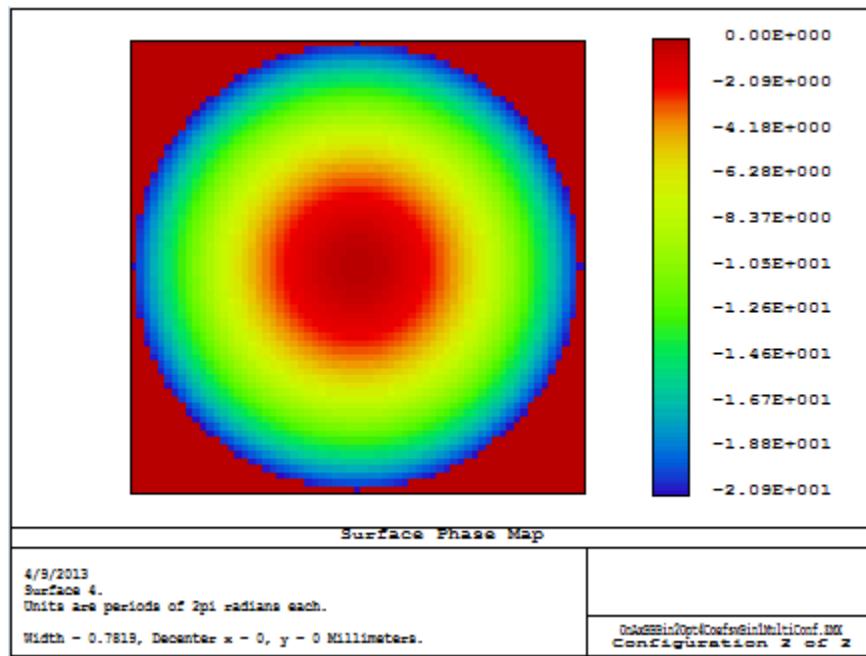
# On-axis DOE and Off-axis DOE Performance



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# Separate Phase Plots for an Off-Axis DOE



# Notables

- **Fabricated and delivered bottle beam trap DOE to Saffman lab**
- **Utilized in experiment and paper submitted soon:**

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- **Fabricated large NA collection DOE (in addition to trapping DOEs)**
- **Quantified scaling issues that impact packaging and performance**
- **Designed 4X4 DOE bottle beam array**
- **Presented and published for SPIE Photonics West:**

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