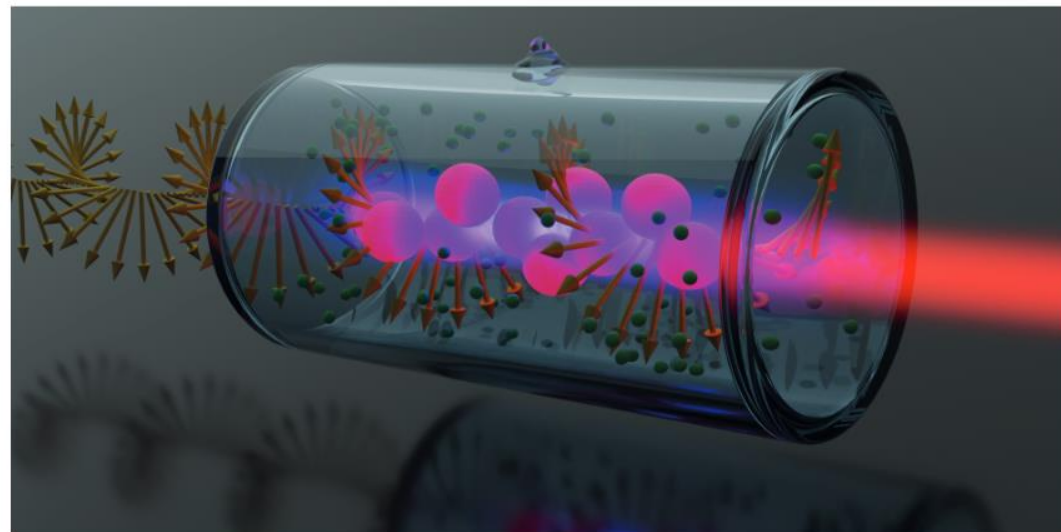


QUANTUM MEMORIES AND SENSORS BASED ON NEUTRAL ATOMS



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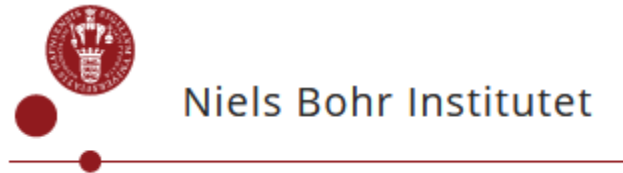
Personal introduction

2012-2018



Cold atoms (MOT),
Quantum memories,
Quantum information

2018-2021



Cavity quantum
optomechanics,
hot atoms

2021-



Rydberg atoms (hot/cold),
analog optical quantum
signal processors (e.g. for
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spectroscopy)

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Multifunctional quantum memories

Photon spin-wave storage

Photon generation

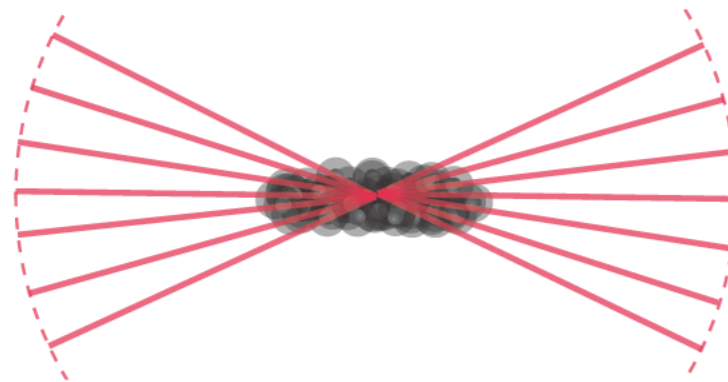
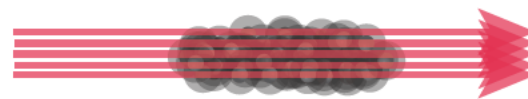
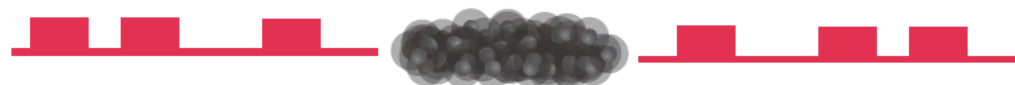
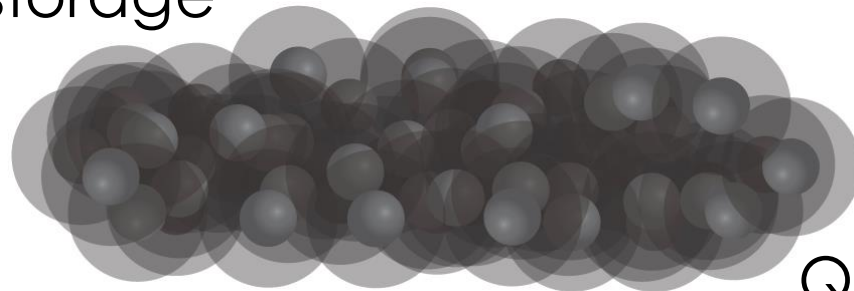
Spin-wave interference

Qudit storage: spatial, temporal

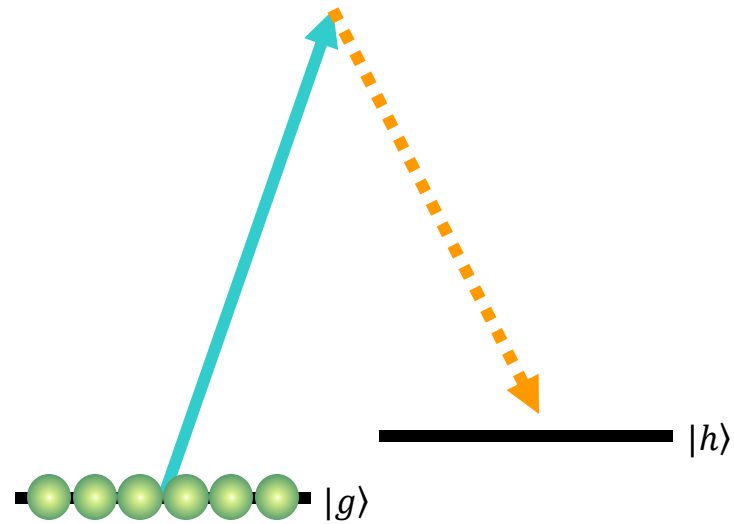
Quantum repeater

Error correction

Quantum gates: linear, nonlinear

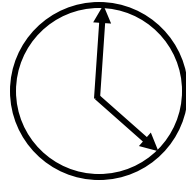


Raman interface

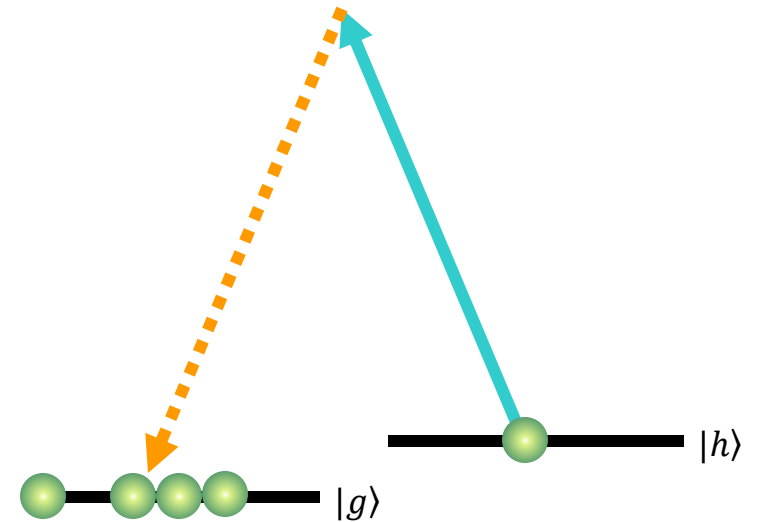
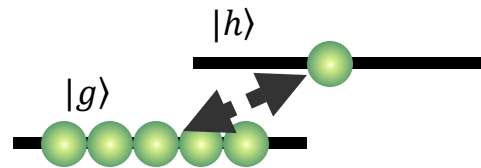


two-mode squeezed state
creation via off-resonant
Raman scattering

quantum
memory



spin-wave



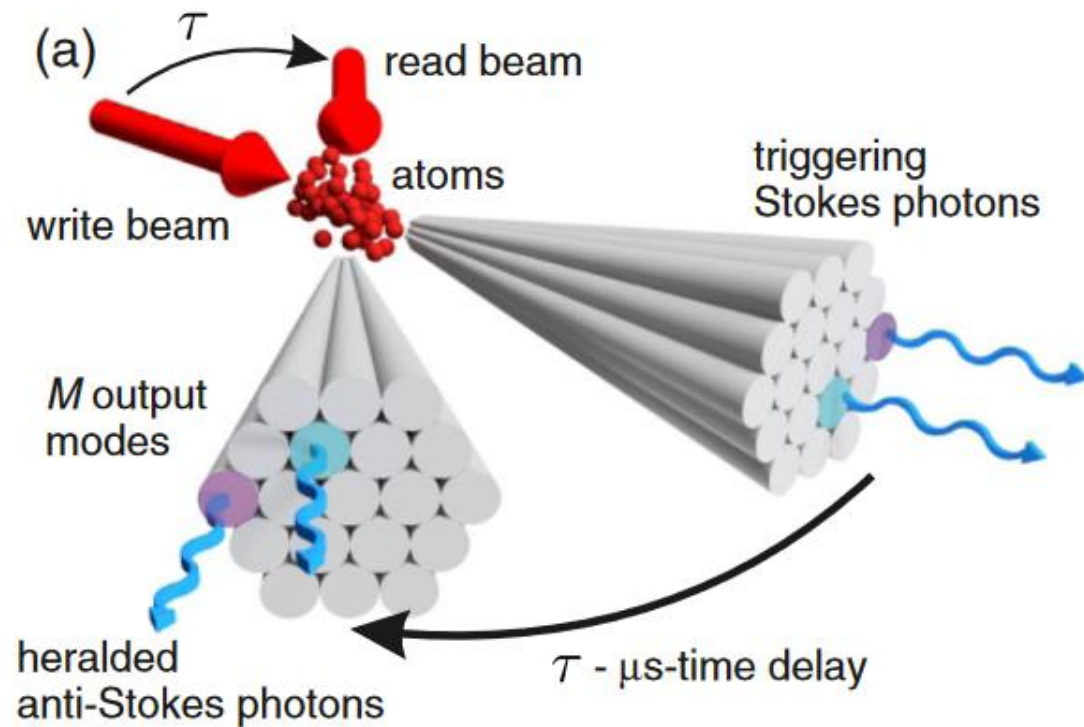
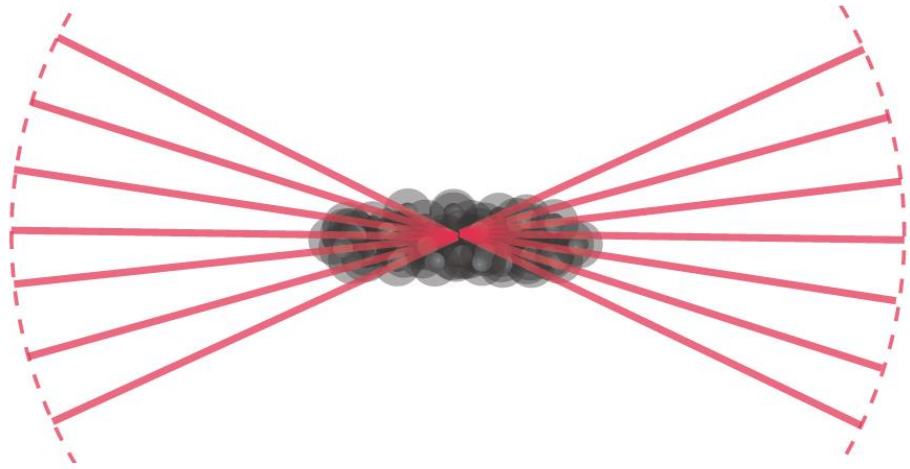
readout stage after storage time
results in **annihilation of spin-wave**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left(e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}_1} \left| \begin{array}{c} \star \\ \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \end{array} \right\rangle + e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}_2} \left| \begin{array}{c} \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \\ \star \end{array} \right\rangle + e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}_3} \left| \begin{array}{c} \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \star \end{array} \right\rangle + \dots \right)$$

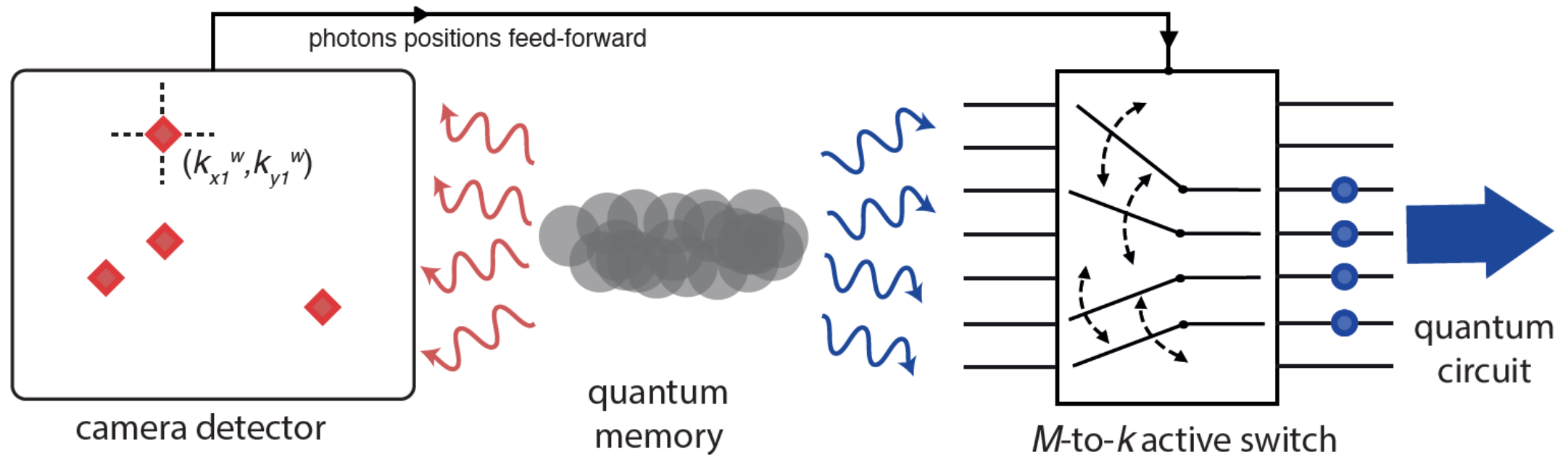
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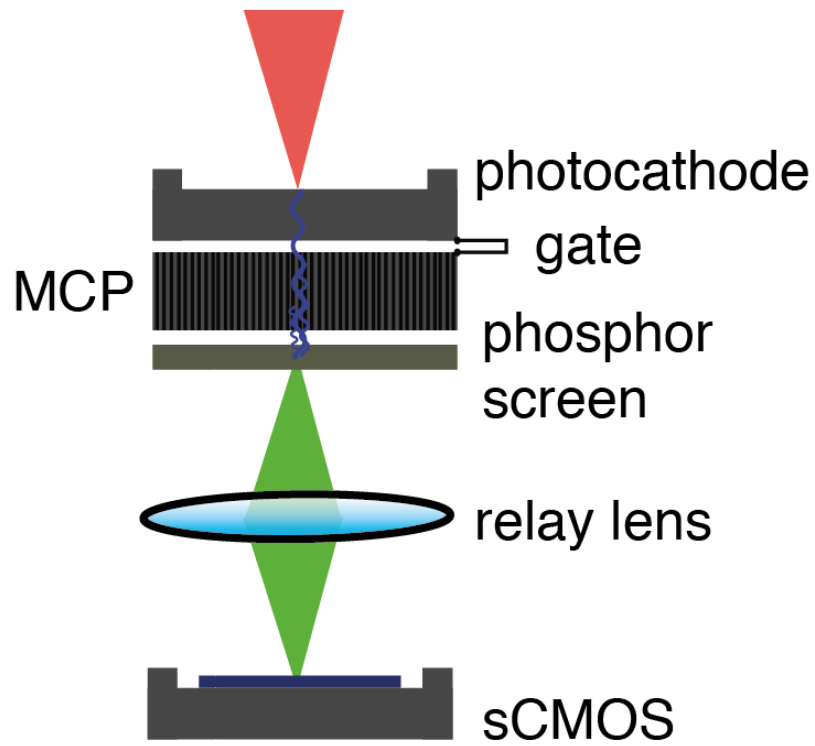
Wavevector Multiplexing



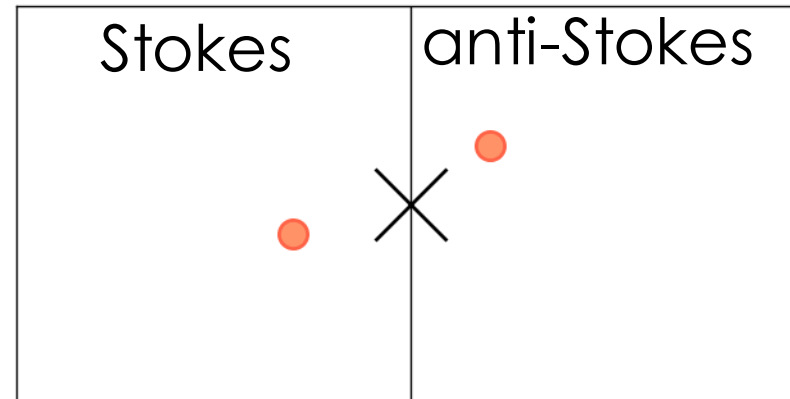
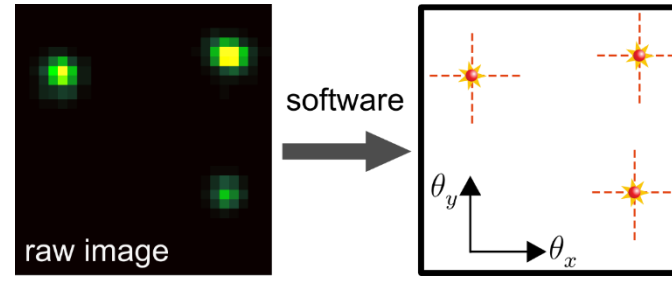
Deterministic single and multi-photons



I-sCMOS camera



real-time image processing

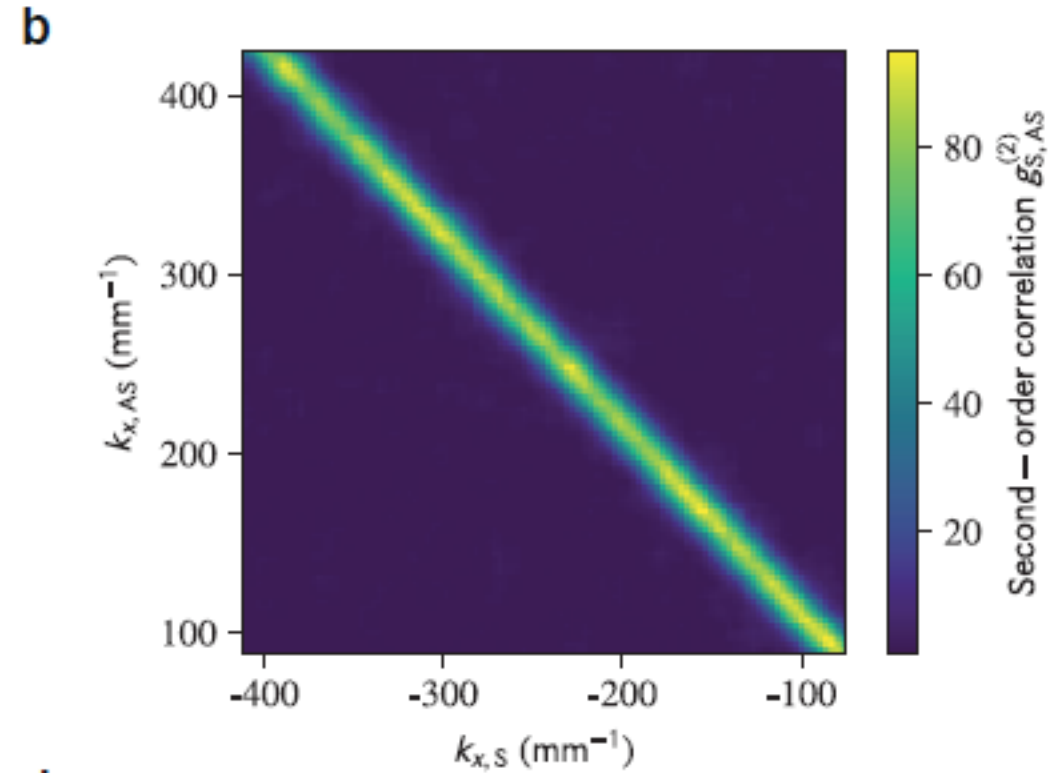
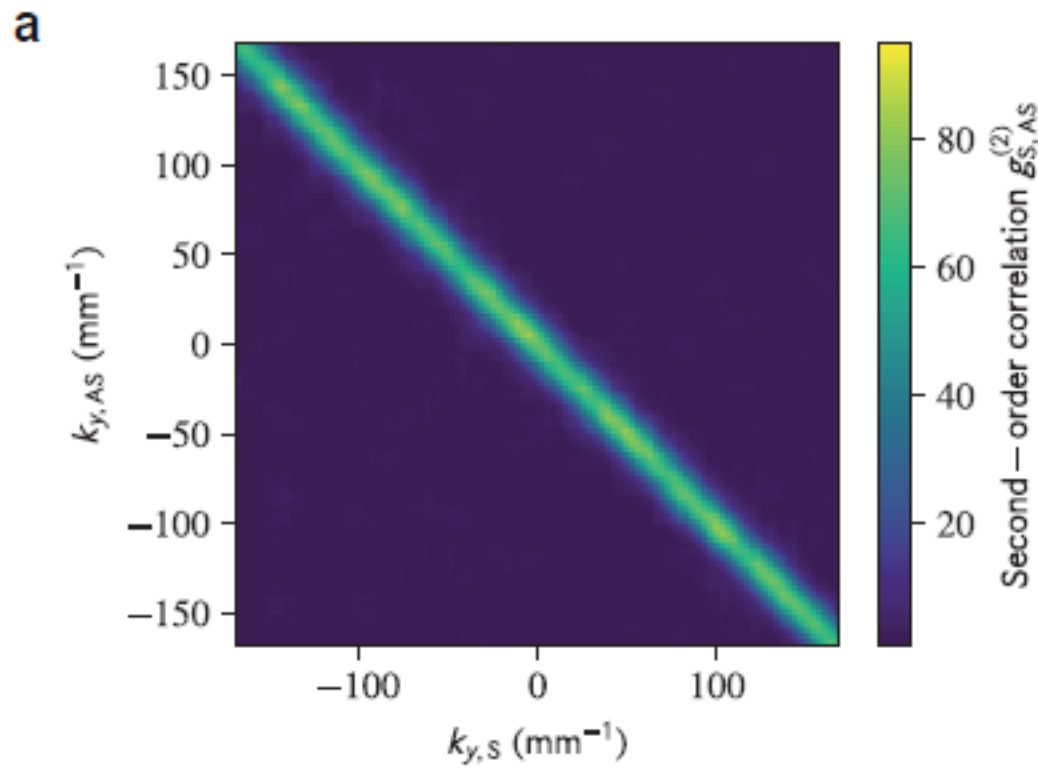


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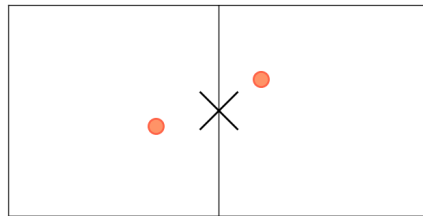
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Photon number correlations



non-classical correlations

$$g^{(2)} = \frac{\langle n_S n_{AS} \rangle}{\langle n_S \rangle \langle n_{AS} \rangle} = 72 \pm 5 \gg 2$$



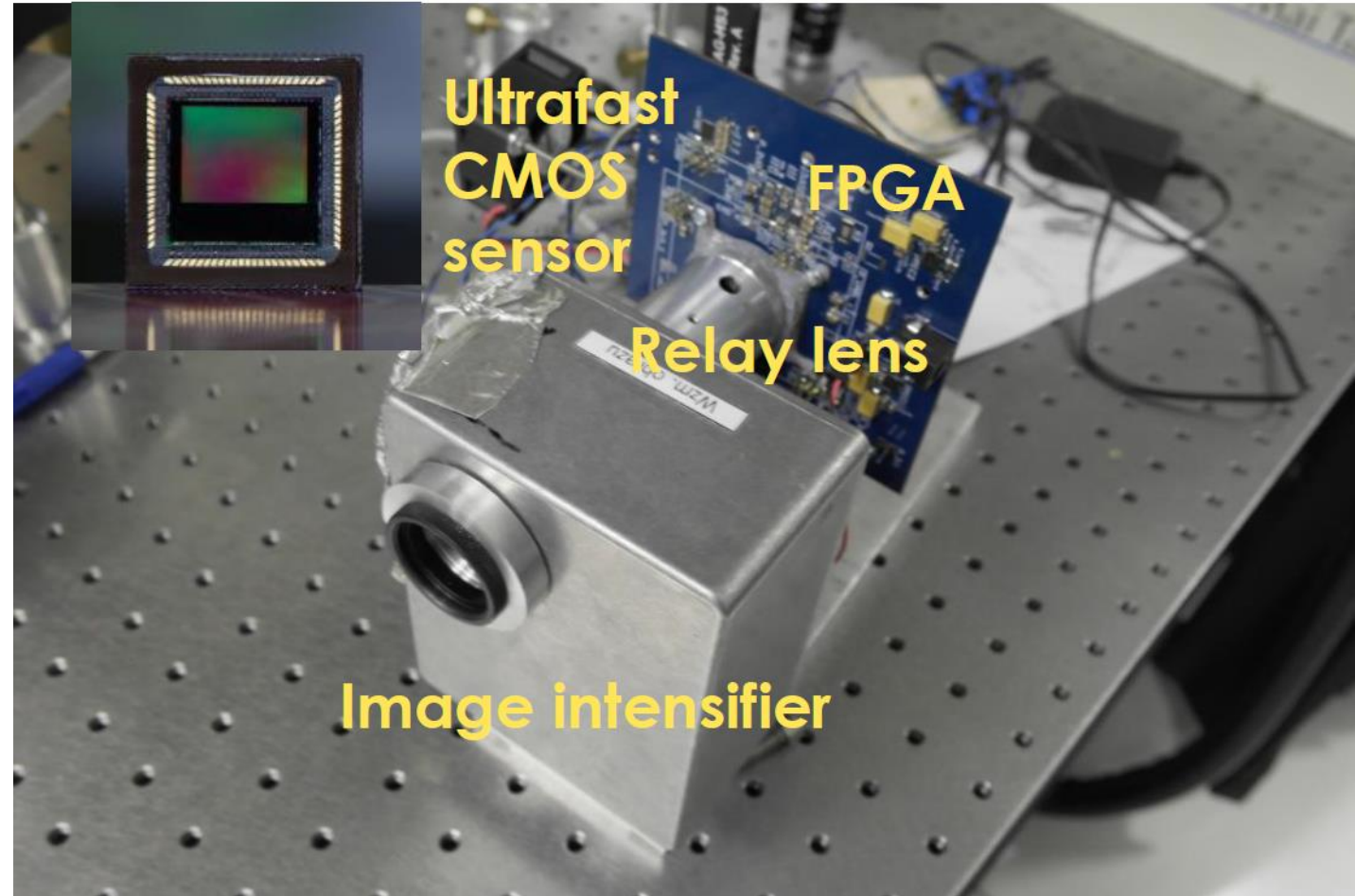
- **>500 modes**
- **>50 μs storage**

New system

Custom FPGA data processing

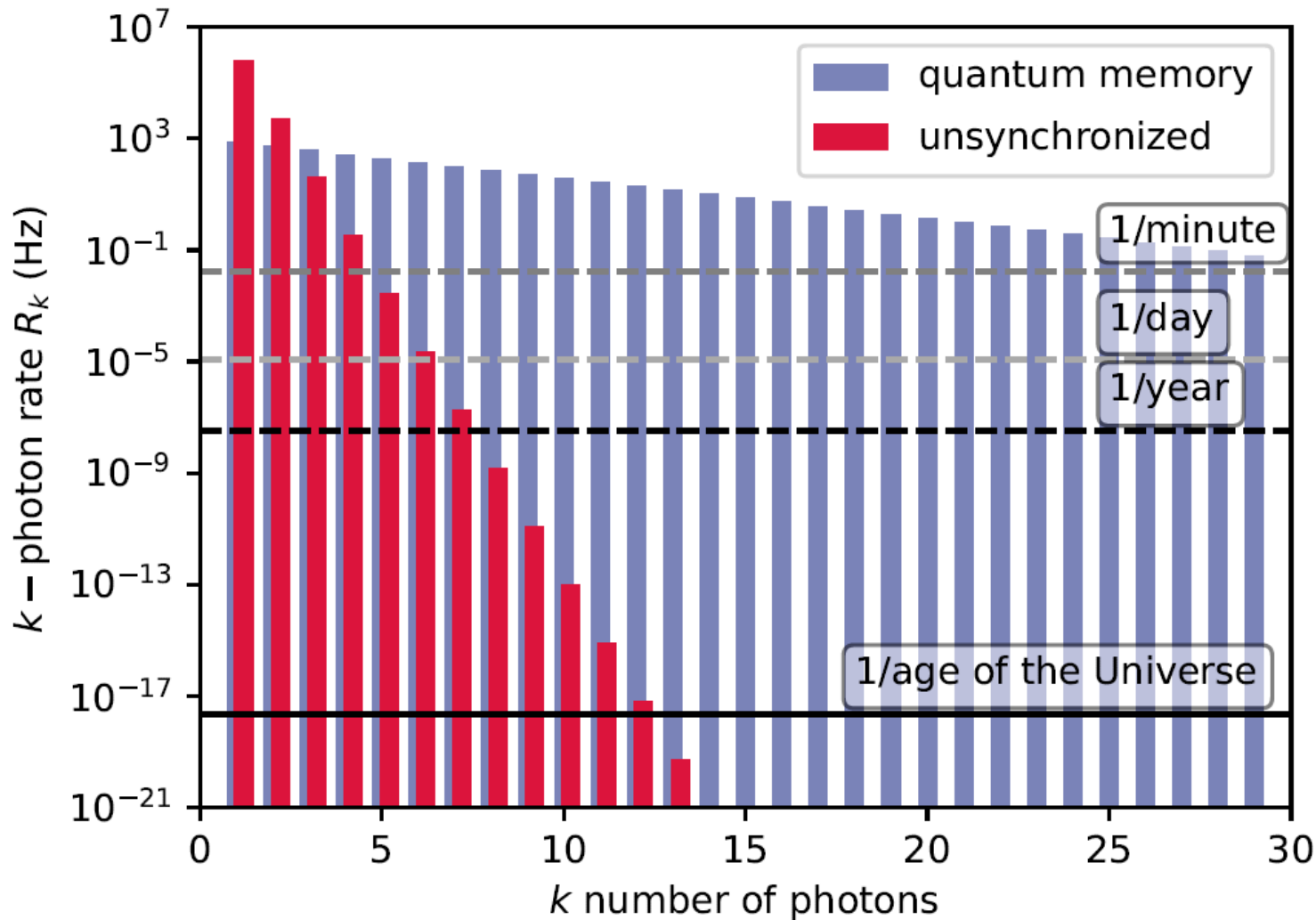
New custom high-voltage gating module

Now 100.000 frames per second, **~10 microseconds from detection to information**



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Photon rate gains

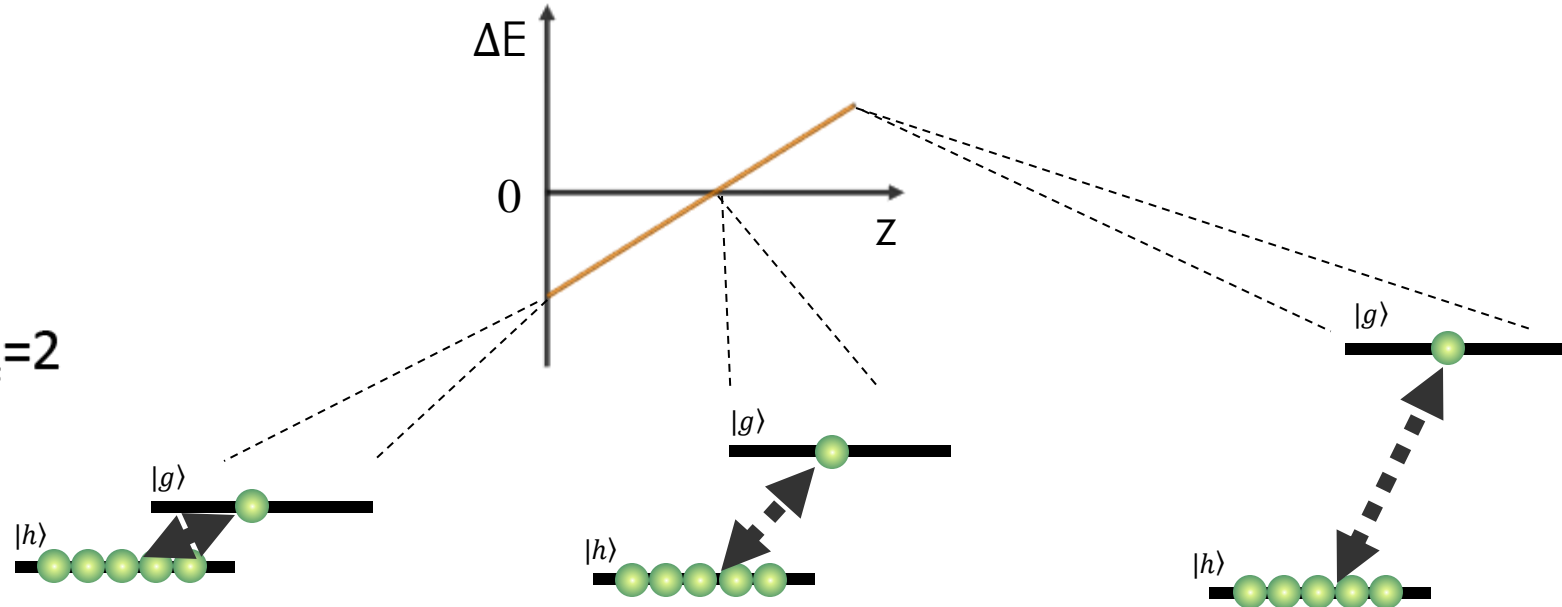
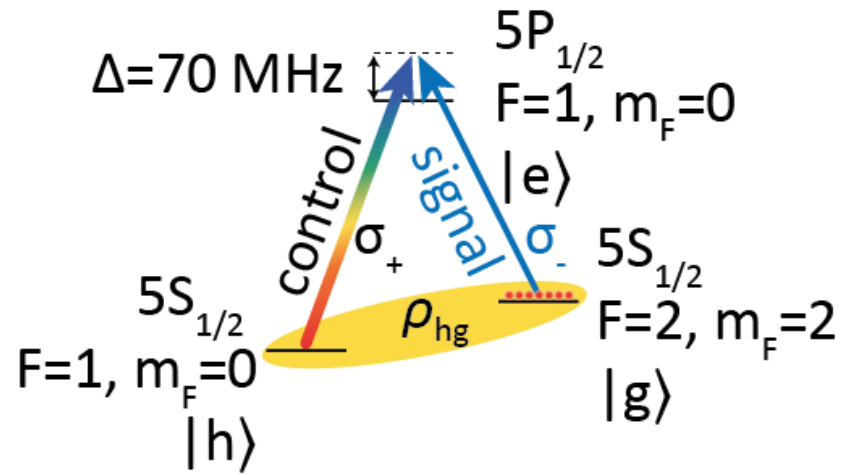


**1 kHz rep. rate
quantum memory
vs
80 MHz rep. rate SPDC**

Temporal multiplexing

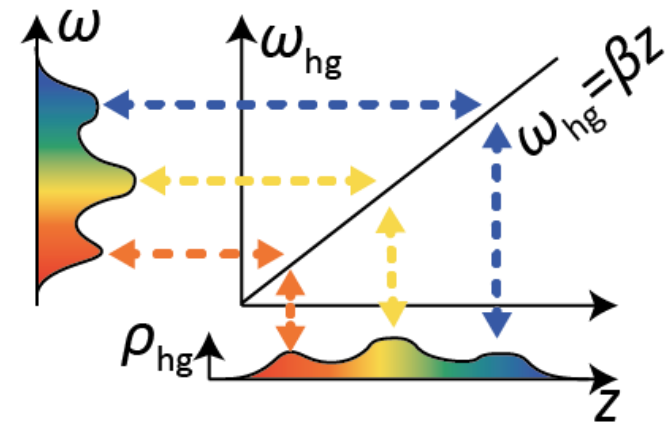


Gradient echo memory (GEM)

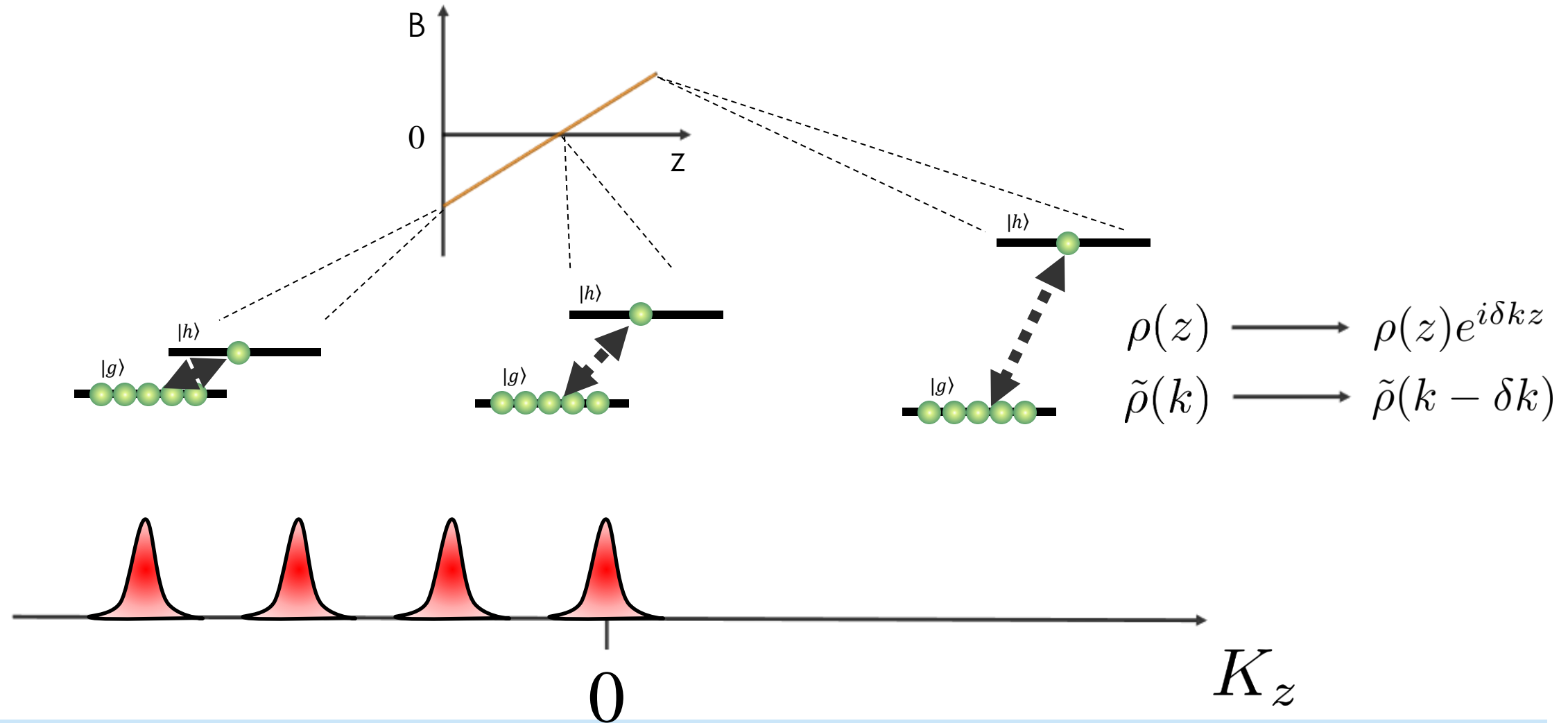


$$\frac{\partial \check{\rho}_{hg}(z, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \frac{\Omega^*(t) d A(z, t)}{4\Delta - 2i\Gamma} - \frac{1}{2\tau} \check{\rho}_{hg}(z, t) + \boxed{i\delta_{\text{tot}}(z, t)} \check{\rho}_{hg}(z, t),$$

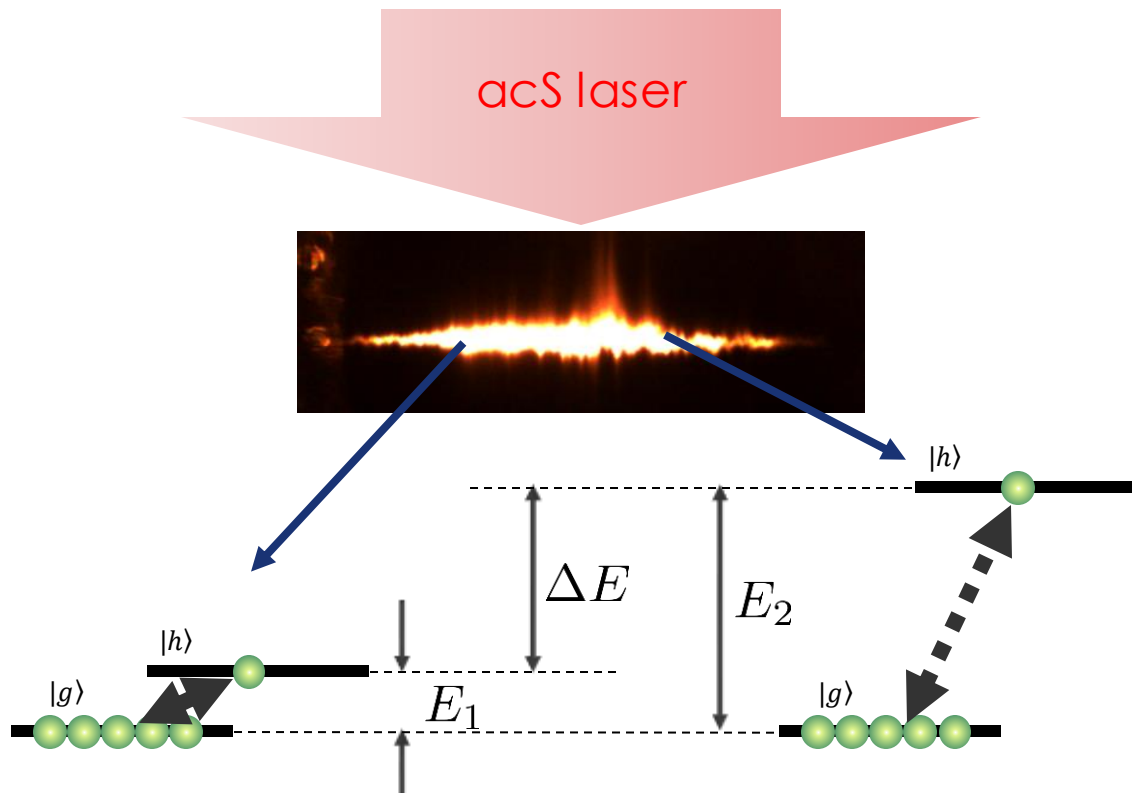
$$\frac{\partial A(z, t)}{\partial z} = -i \frac{\hbar \Omega(t) \check{\rho}_{hg}(z, t) / d + A(z, t) \Gamma}{2\Delta + i\Gamma} \frac{\Gamma}{2} g n(z),$$



Spin-wave phase modulation (GEM)

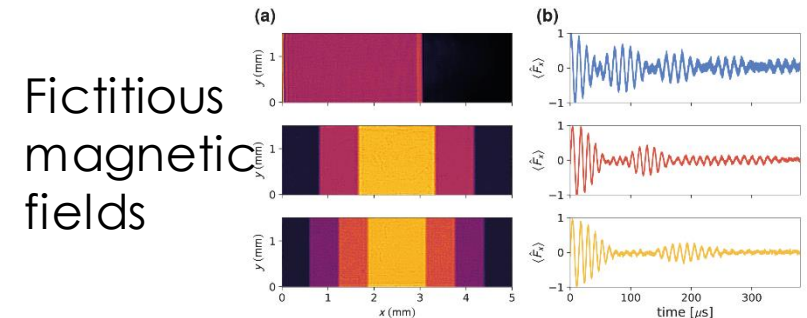


ac-Stark spin-wave phase modulation



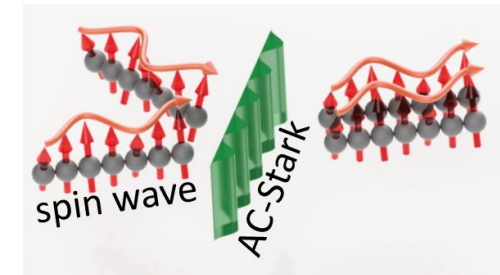
$$\Delta\varphi(y, z) = \Delta E(y, z)T/\hbar$$

Differential phase accumulated during free evolution



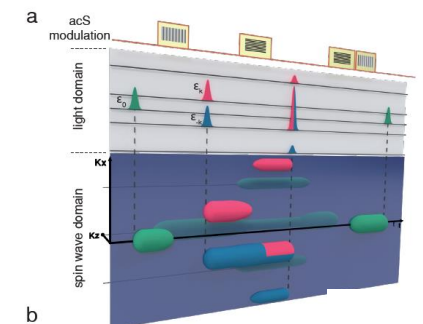
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Spin-wave Hong-Ou-Mandel interference



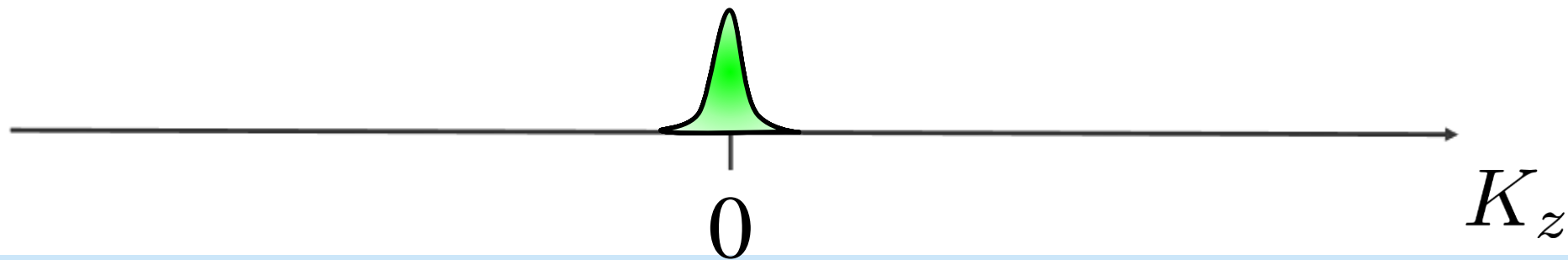
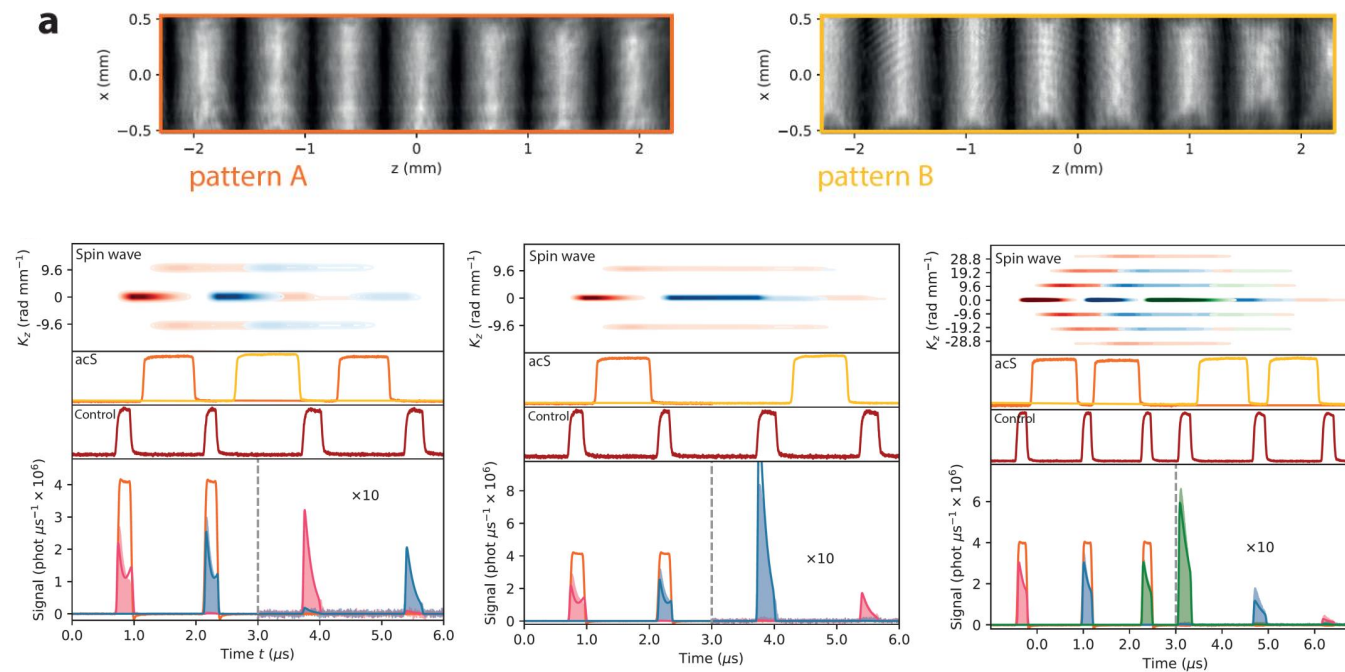
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Spin-wave processor of stored optical pulses

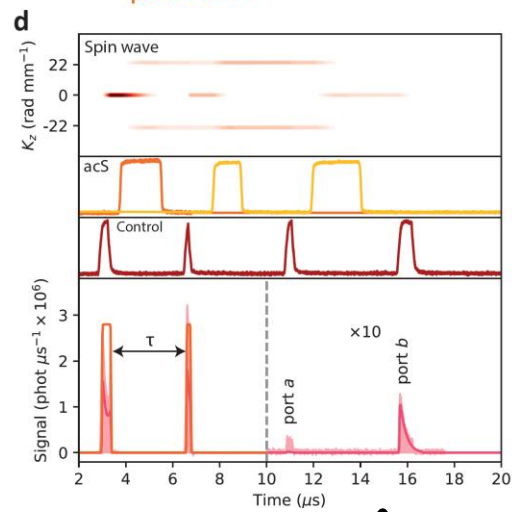
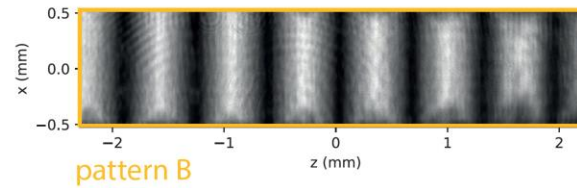
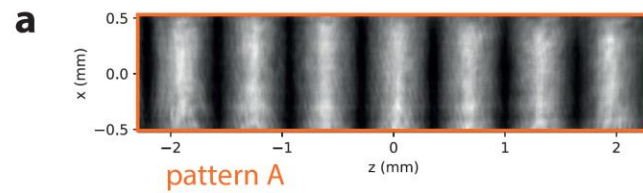


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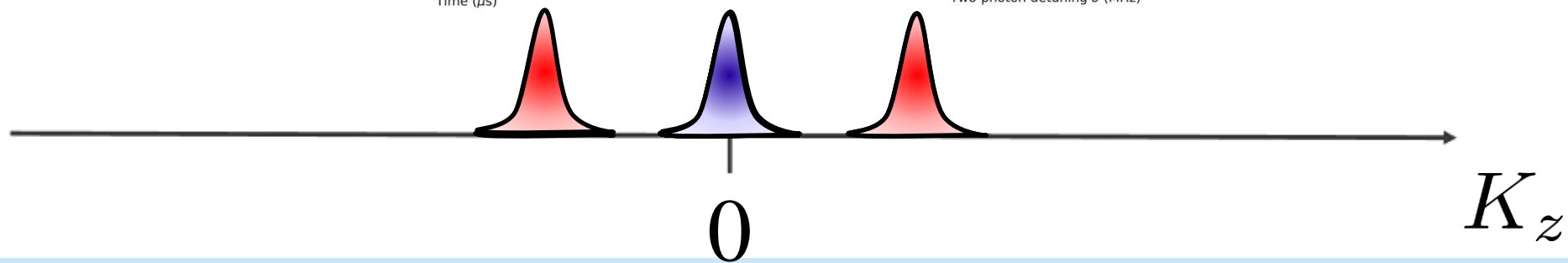
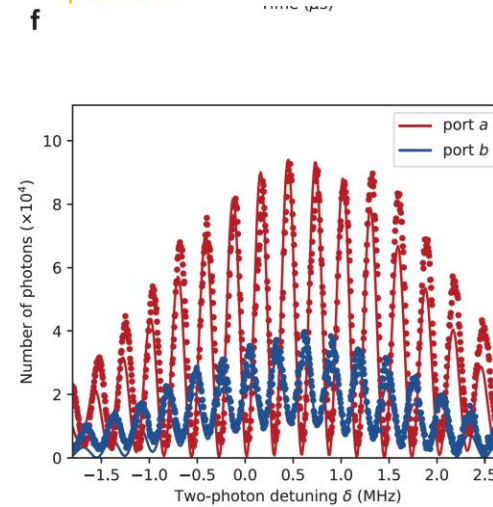
ac-Stark GEM



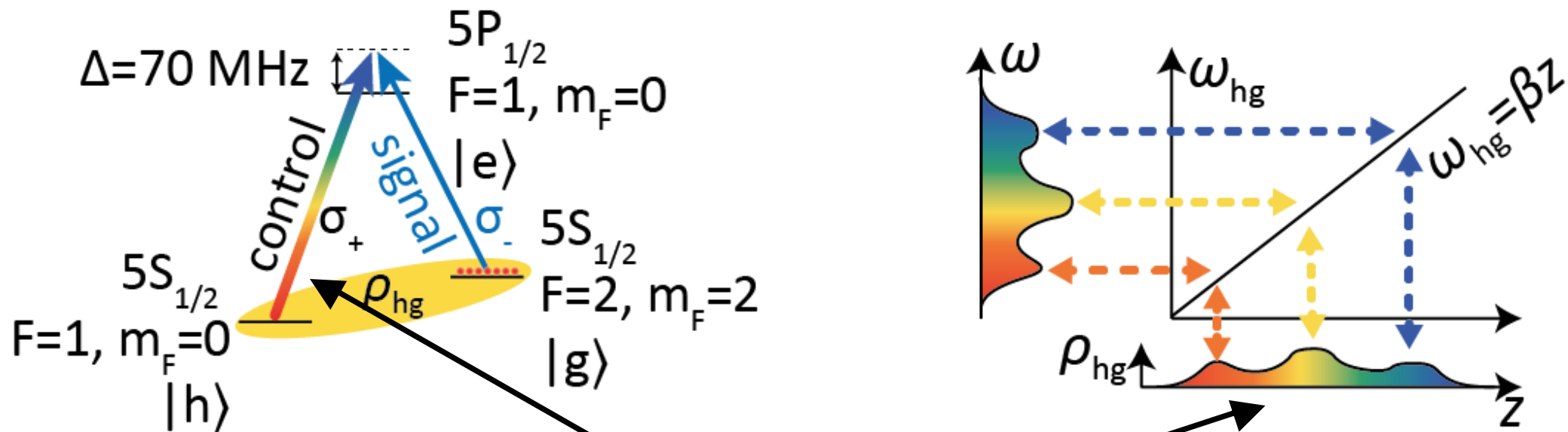
Spin-wave splitter



$$R = B$$



Time-lens and spectro-spatial mapping

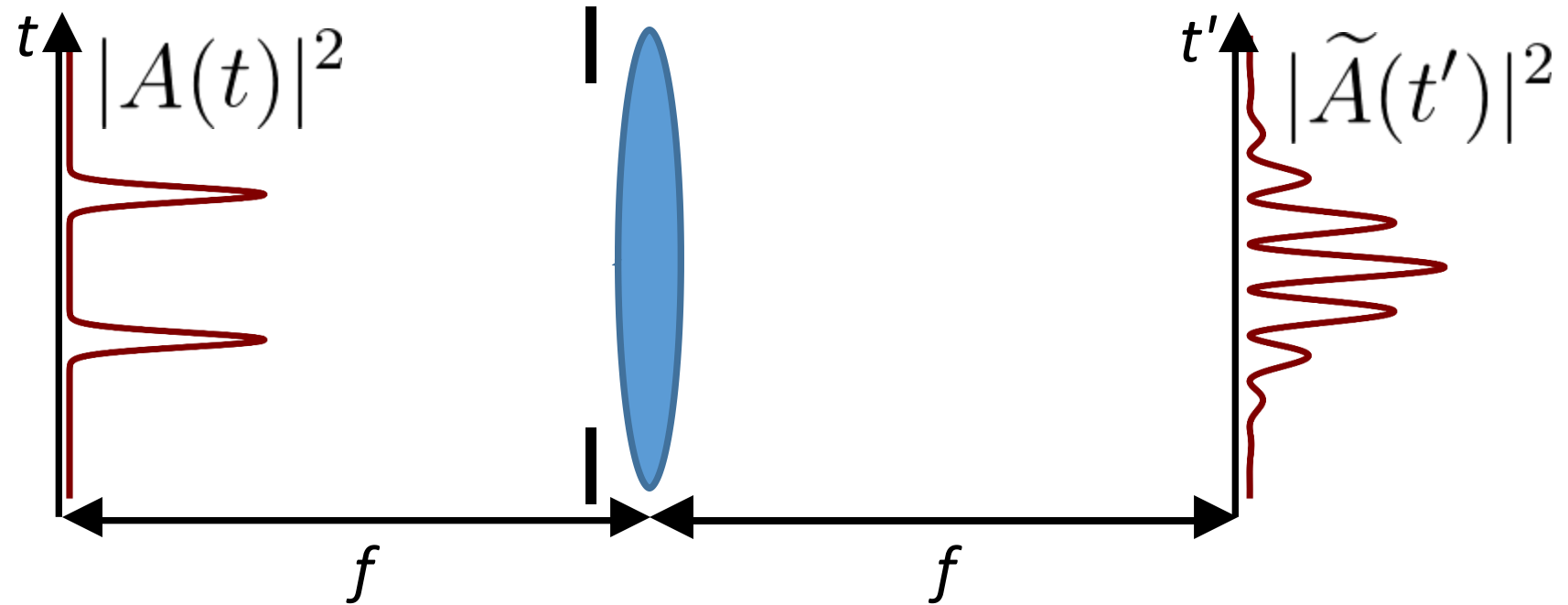


$$\rho_{hg}(z) \propto \tilde{A}(\beta z)$$

Time-lens realized
by chirped control field
 $\delta\omega(t) = \alpha t$

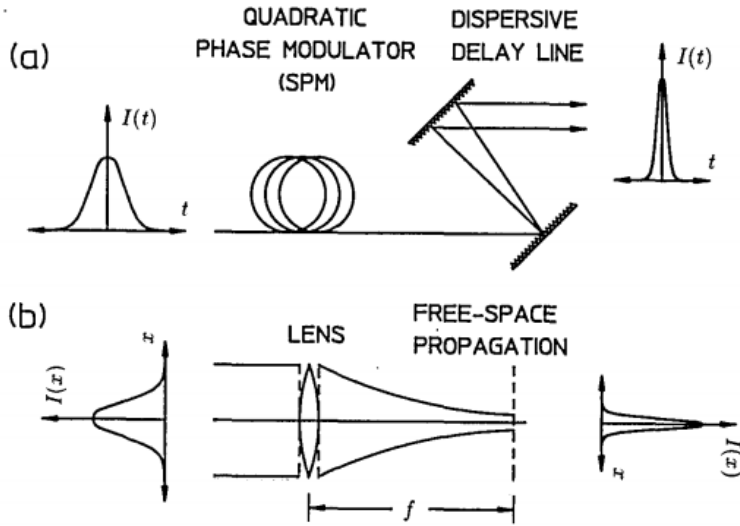
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_t} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Far-field temporal imaging



$$|\tilde{A}(t')|^2 = |\mathcal{F}_t[A(t)](t')|^2$$

Temporal imaging

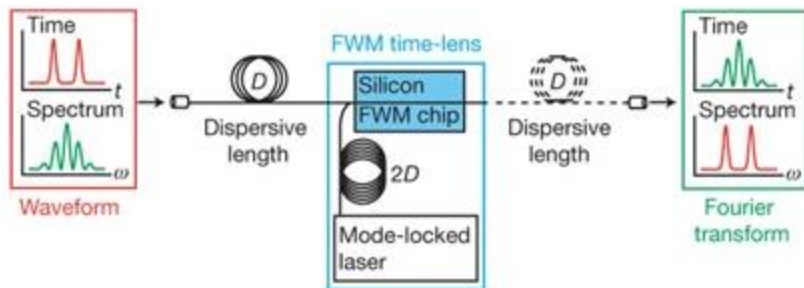


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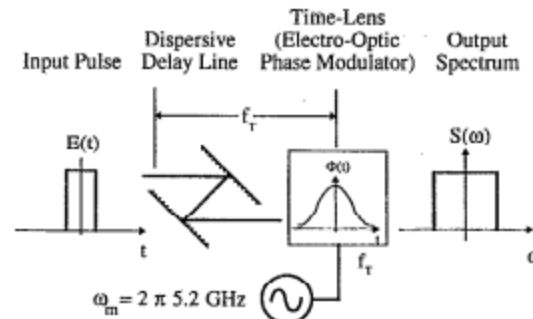
- Spectral conversion
- Bandwidth manipulation
- Temporal ghost imaging
- Characterization of the time-frequency entanglement
- Manipulation of field-orthogonal temporal modes

Existing solutions are compatible with solid-state emission (high bandwidth, low spectral resolution)

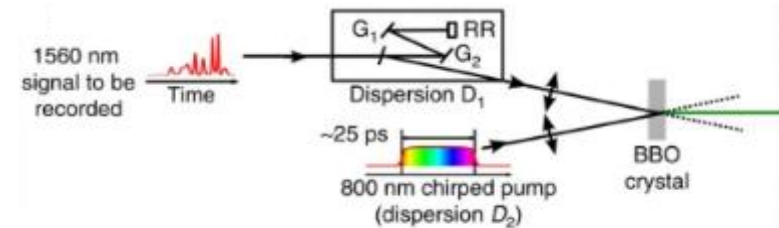
No solution for narrowband atomic emission



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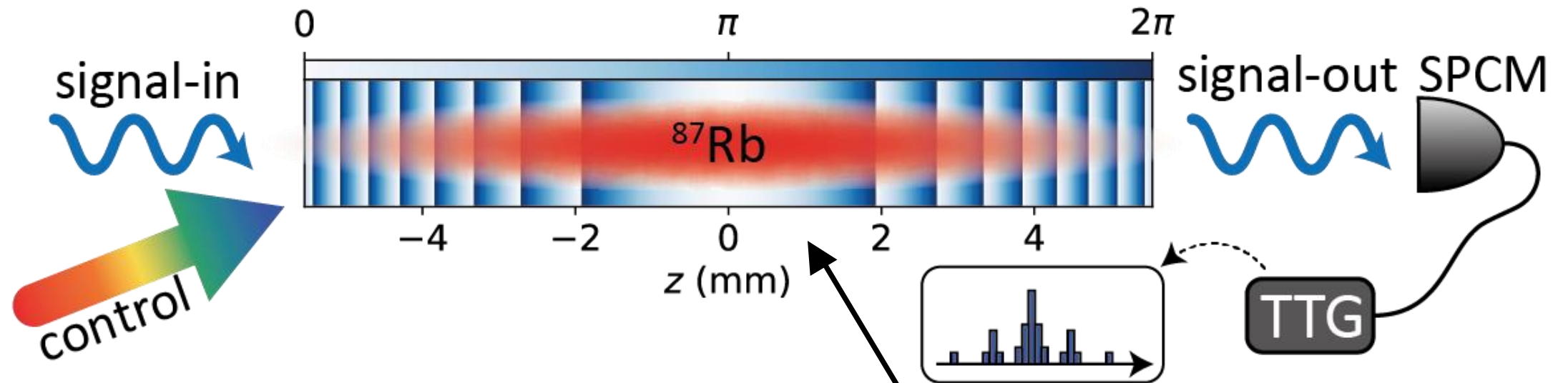


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Temporal propagation



Temporal „free-space” propagation
 – a quadratic phase in frequency

$$\tilde{A}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}_t[A(t)](\omega)$$

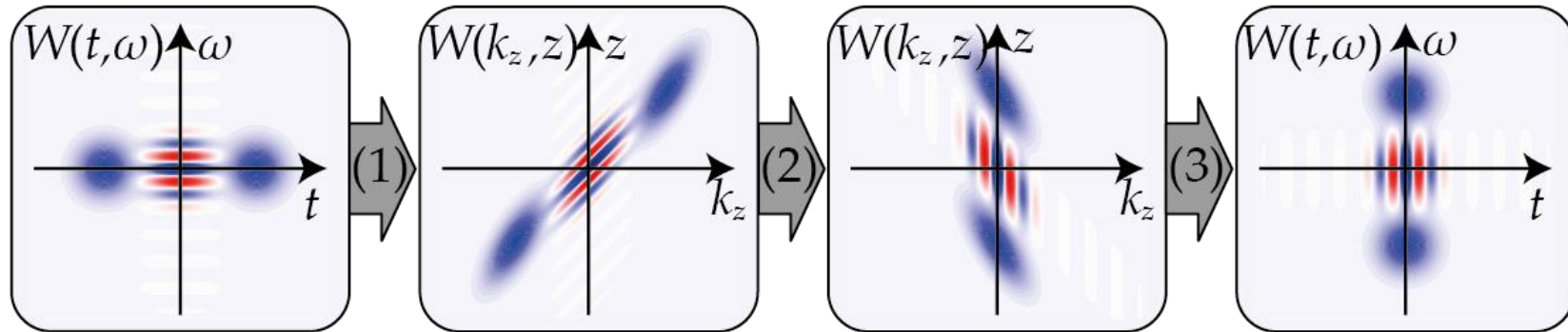
$$\tilde{A}(\omega) \rightarrow \tilde{A}(\omega) \exp[-i(f_t/\omega_0)\omega^2]$$

Thanks to spectro-spatial mapping the temporal propagation is realized by imposing a quadratic phase (Fresnel) profile onto the atomic coherence ρ_{hg}

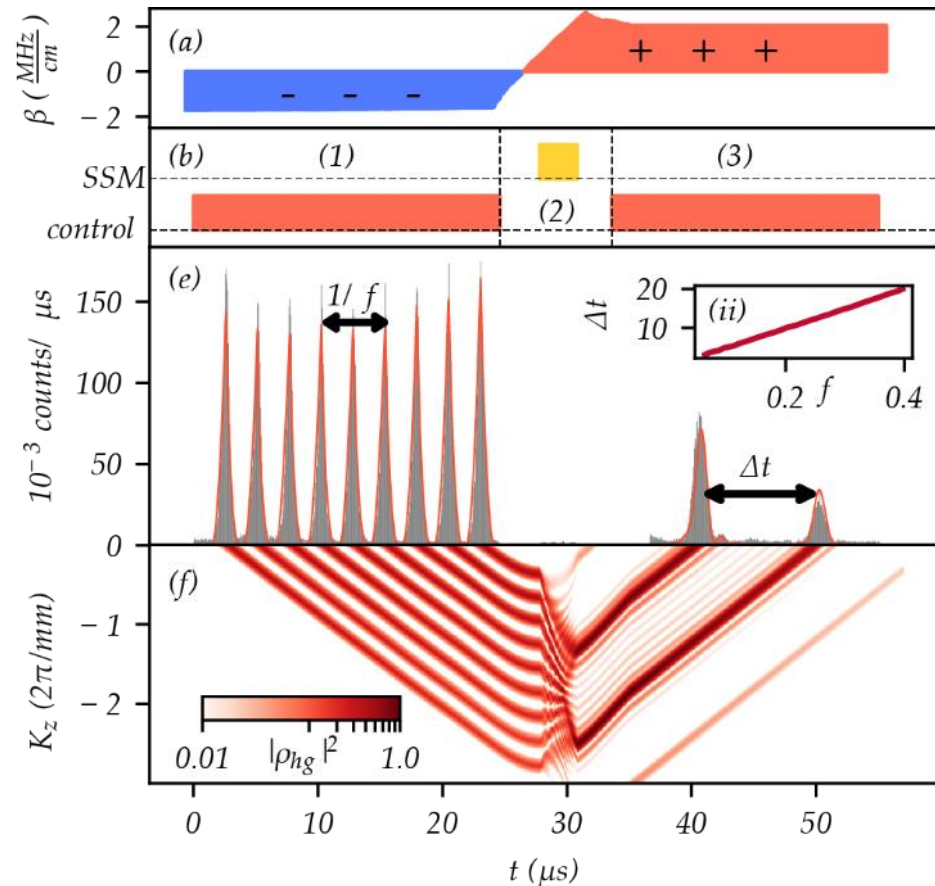
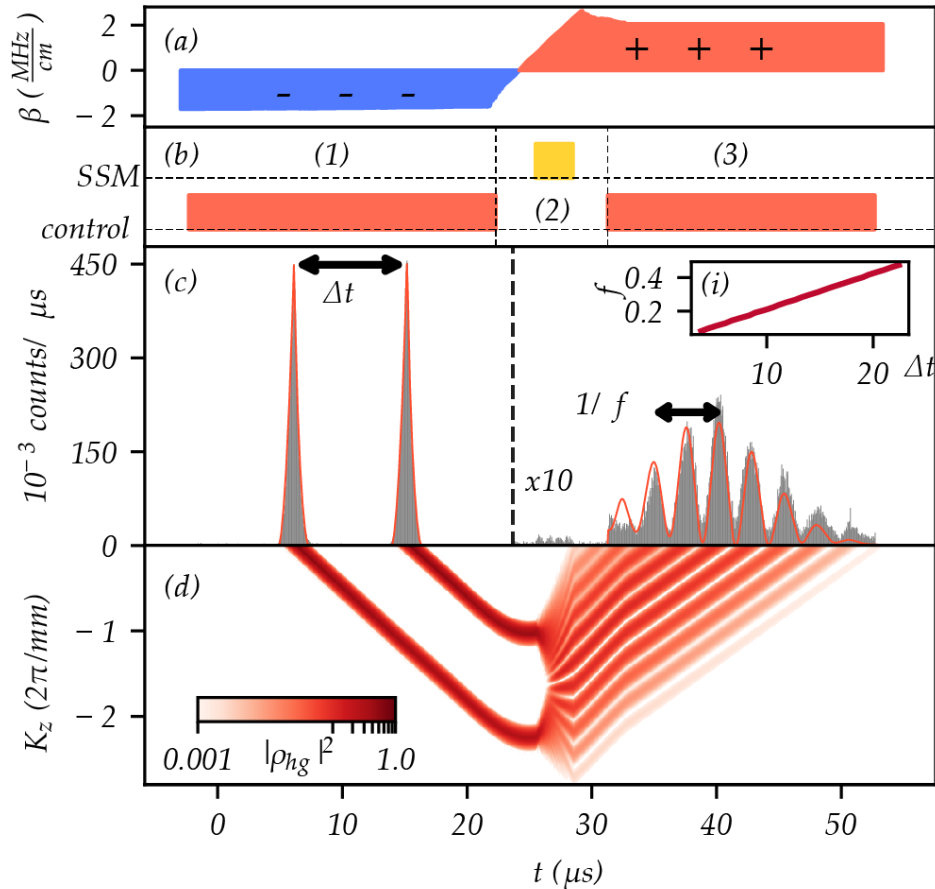
FF-TI (QMTI) - Rotating Wigner function

$$W(t, \omega) = 1/\sqrt{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t + \xi/2) A^*(t - \xi/2) \exp(-i\omega\xi) d\xi$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} t' \\ \frac{\omega'}{\omega_0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_t} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & f_t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_t} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f_t \\ -\frac{1}{f_t} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \end{bmatrix}$$

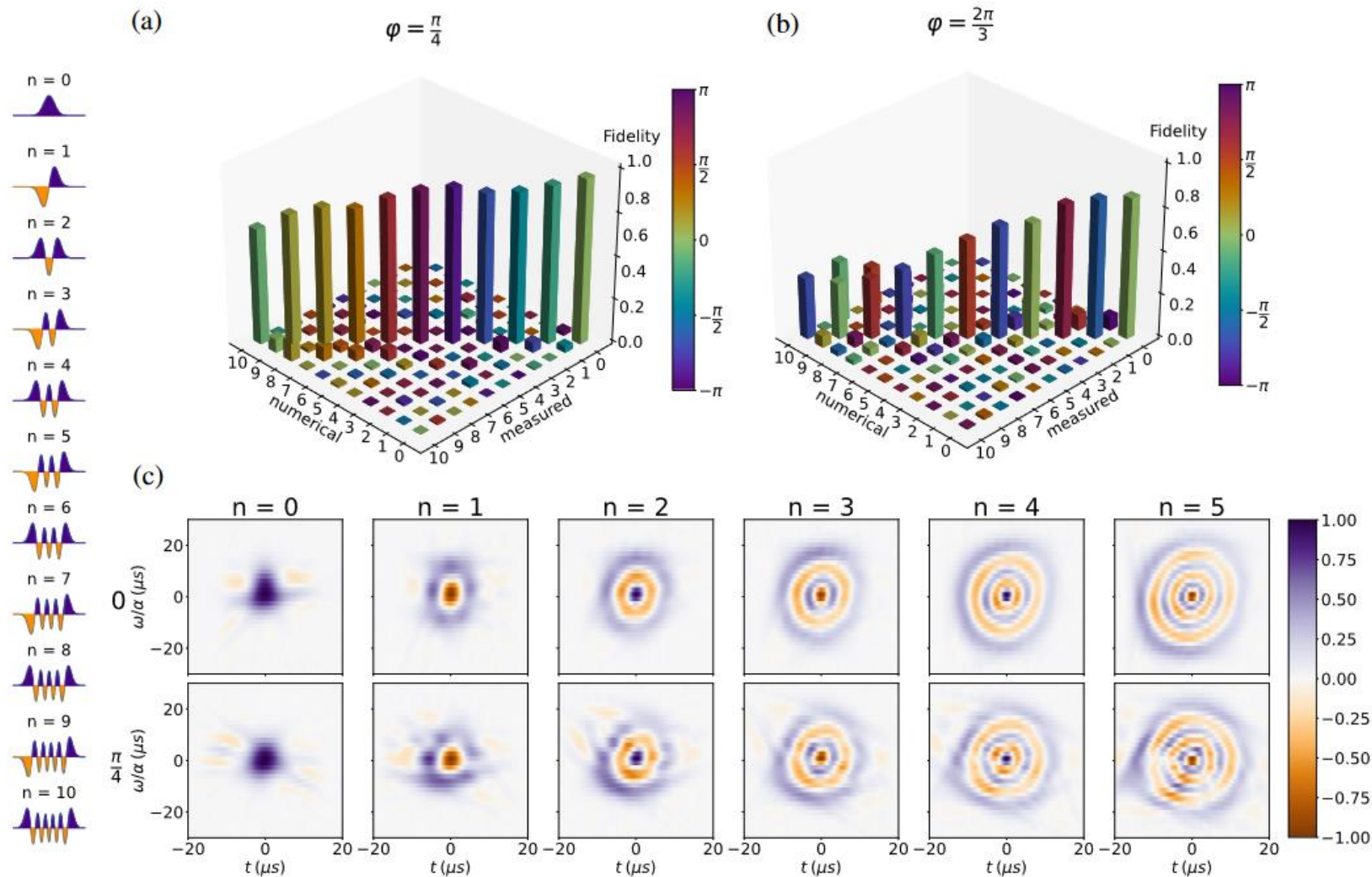


Example input/output

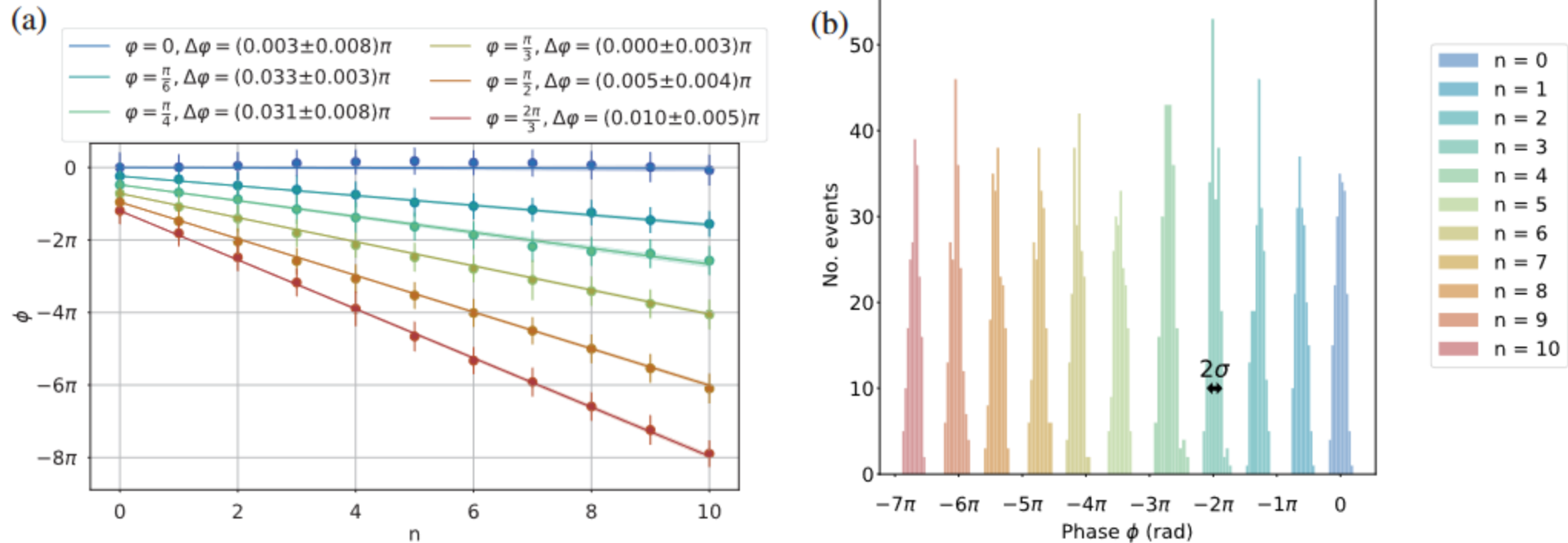


$$\left(\left(\tilde{A}(\alpha t) \exp(-i(\alpha/2)t^2) \right) * \zeta(\beta t) * \zeta(\beta t) \right) \exp(i(\alpha/2)t^2)$$

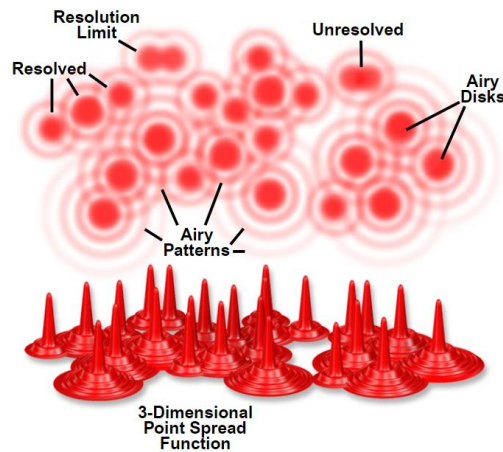
Rotation by arbitrary angle = the FrFT



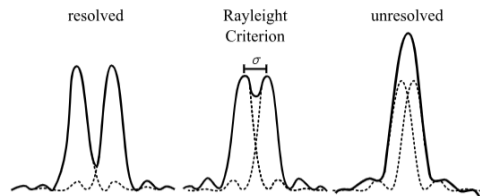
Rotation by arbitrary angle = the FrFT



Imaging resolution - Rayleigh Criterion



$$\theta = 1.2197 \frac{\lambda}{2R}$$



$$\sigma = \frac{0.61\lambda}{\mu \sin \gamma} = \frac{0.61\lambda}{NA}$$



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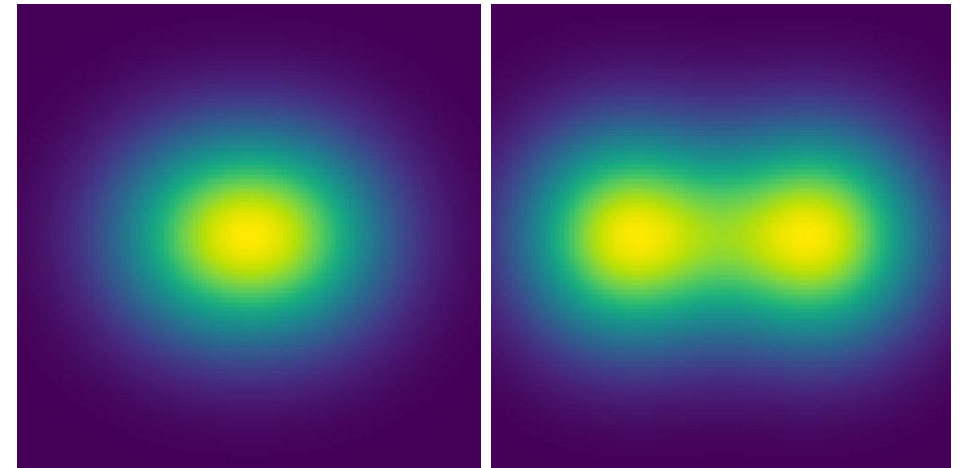
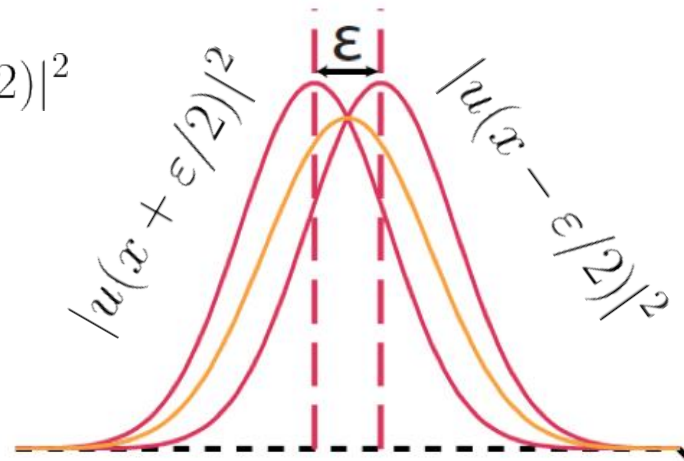
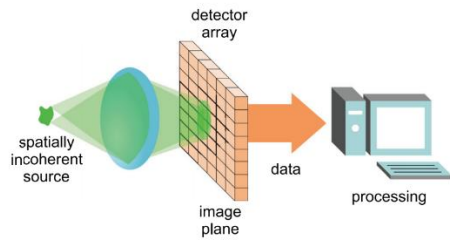
[Plate VII.]

§ 1. *Resolving, or Separating, Power of Optical Instruments.*

Rayleigh Limit

Two point sources:

$$|u(x + \varepsilon/2)|^2 + |u(x - \varepsilon/2)|^2$$



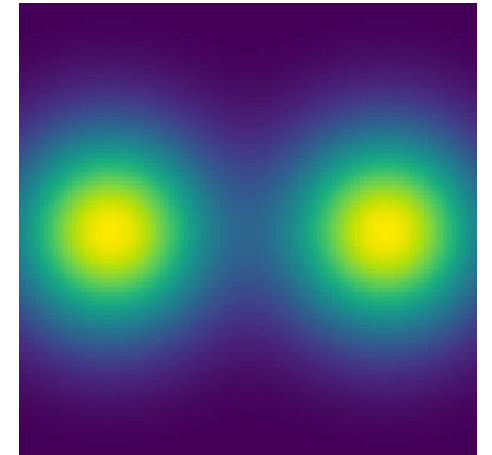
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{DI}} \approx \varepsilon^2/8$$

Cramér–Rao bound (CRB)

$$\Delta^2 \hat{\varepsilon} \geq \frac{1}{\mathcal{F}}, \quad \mathcal{F} = \int \frac{1}{p_\varepsilon(x)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} p_\varepsilon(x) \right)^2 dx$$

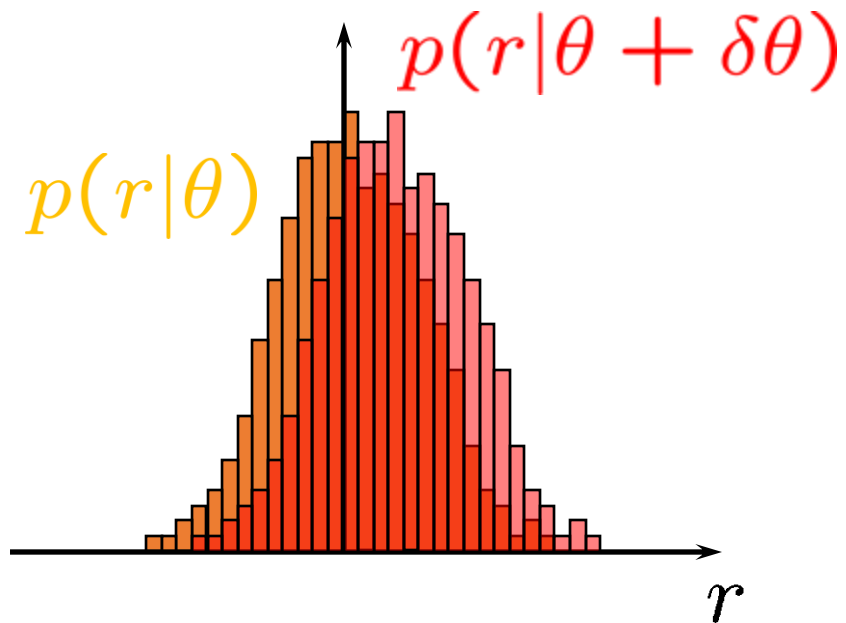
Precision (per photon)

$$(\Delta^2 \varepsilon)_{\text{DI}}^{-1} = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{8},$$



Fisher information

$$F(\theta) = \sum_r p(r|\theta) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p(r|\theta) \right)^2$$

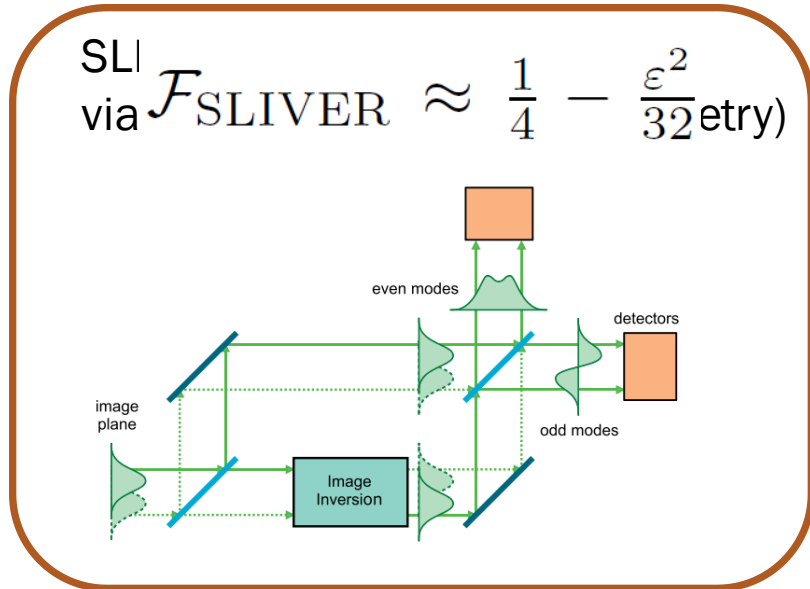
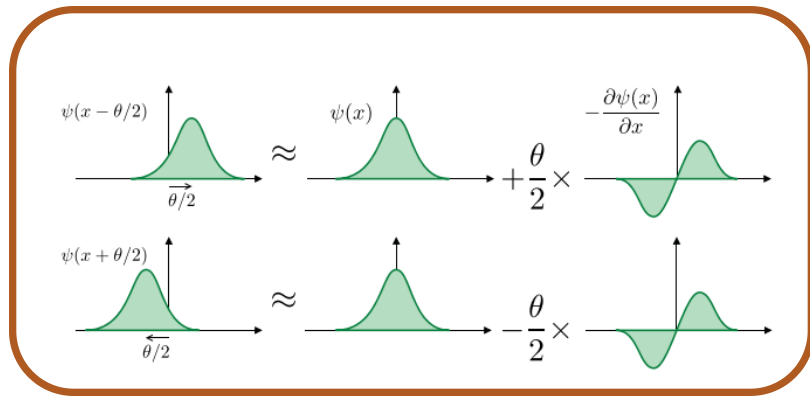


Cramér-Rao bound:
for unbiased estimators

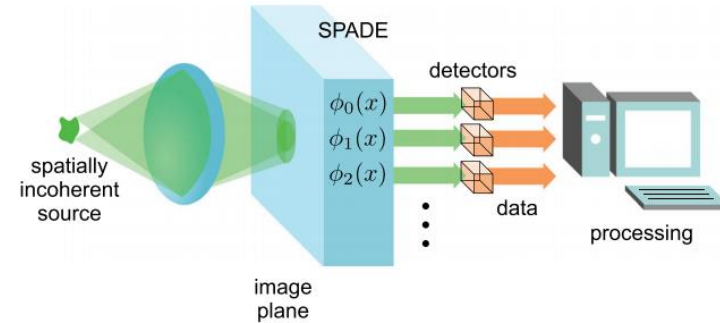
$$\Delta\theta \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{NF(\theta)}}$$

$$(\Delta^2\theta)^{-1} \leq F(\theta)N$$

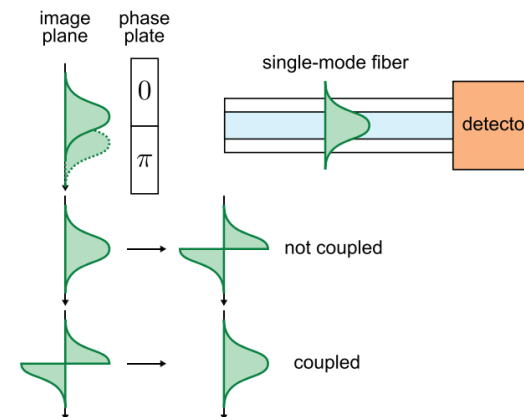
Beating the Rayleigh Limit more conventionally



SPADE (spatial-mode demultiplexing)



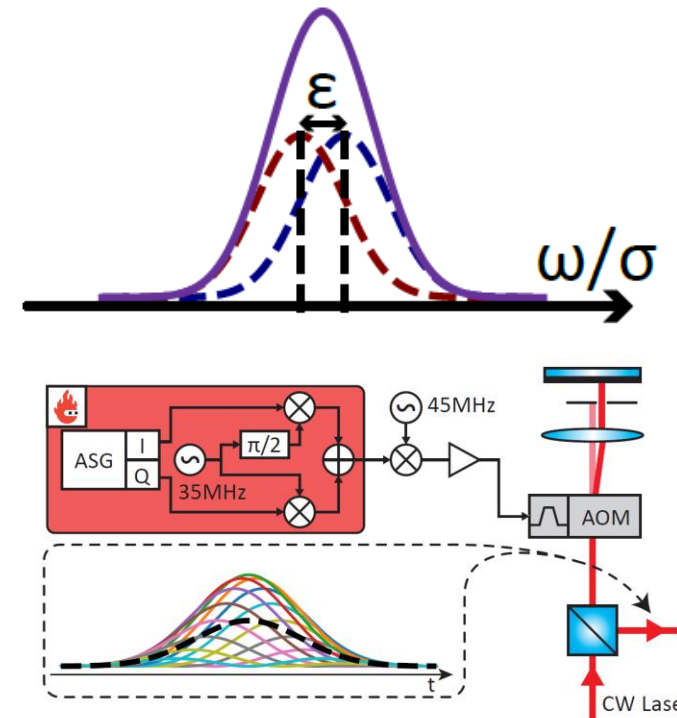
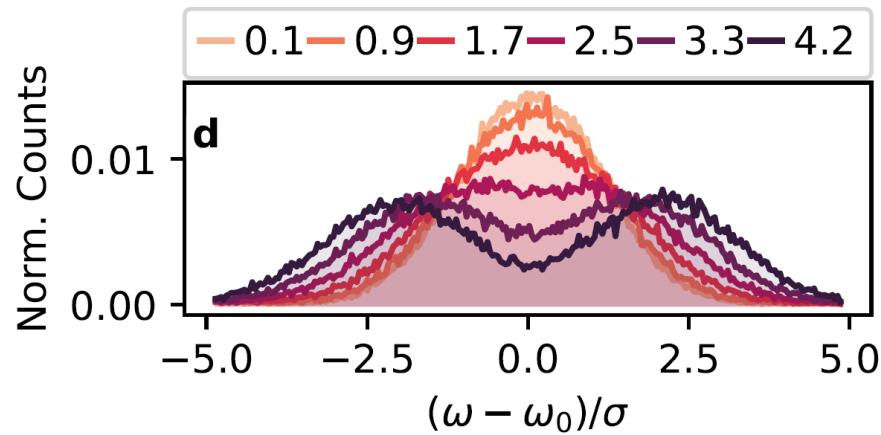
SPLICE (super-resolved position localization by inversion of coherence along an edge)



Two incoherent sources

$$\tilde{I}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \left(|\tilde{\psi}(\omega - \delta\omega/2)|^2 + |\tilde{\psi}_-(\omega + \delta\omega/2)|^2 \right)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}(\omega) = \tilde{\psi}_\blacktriangle(\omega) = \left(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma \right)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\omega^2}{4\sigma^2}\right)$$

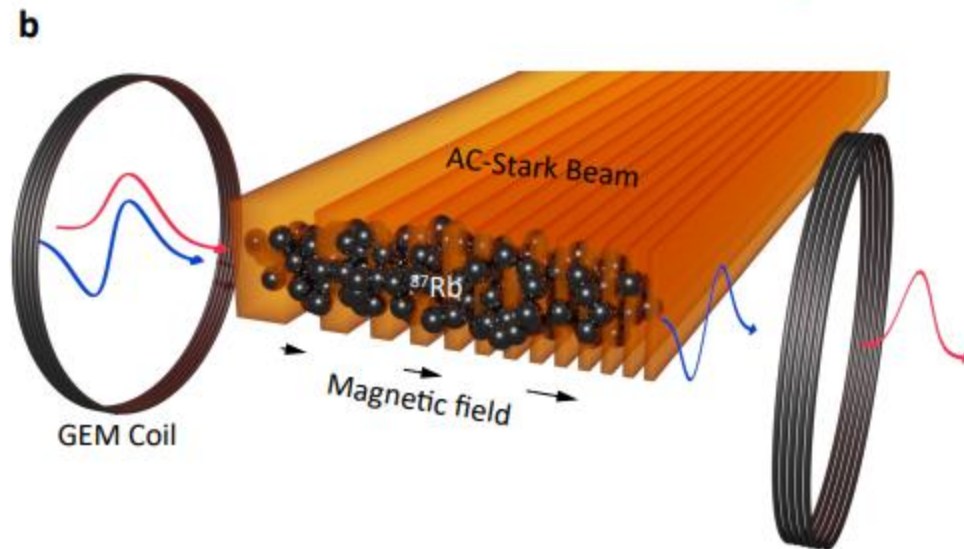
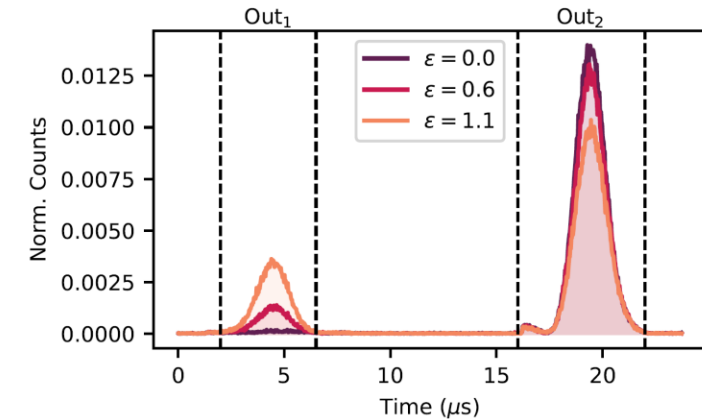
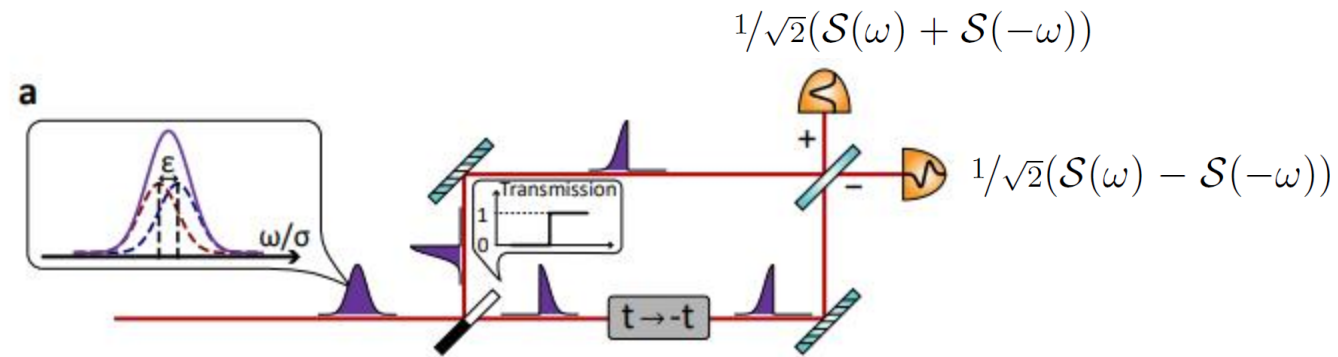


$$\mathcal{S}_\varphi(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\tilde{\psi}_\blacktriangle(\omega - \sigma\varepsilon/2) + e^{i\varphi} \tilde{\psi}_\blacktriangle(\omega + \sigma\varepsilon/2) \right)$$

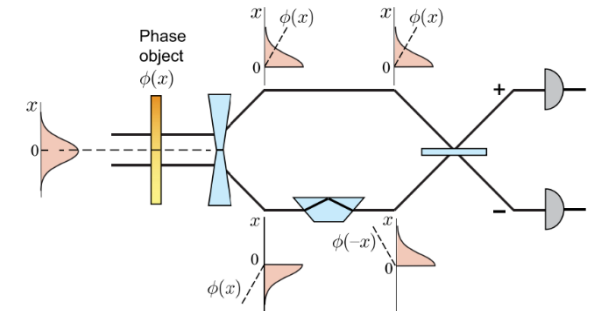
$$\mathcal{W}_S(t, \omega) = \psi_\blacktriangle^2(t) \left(\tilde{\psi}_\blacktriangle^2(\omega - \sigma\varepsilon/2) + \tilde{\psi}_\blacktriangle^2(\omega + \sigma\varepsilon/2) \right)$$

PuDTAI

Pulse-division time-axis-inversion interferometer

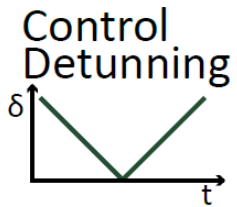
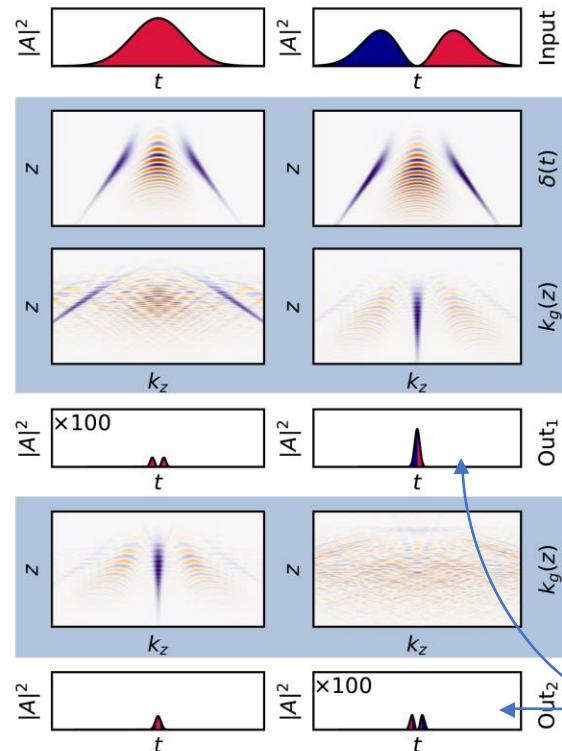


For real space imaging:
Wavefront-division
image-inversion
interferometer

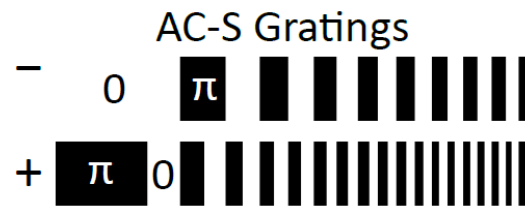


PuDTAI in phase space

$$W(z, k_z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \varrho_{hg}(z+\xi/2) \varrho_{hg}^*(z-\xi/2) \exp(-ik_z \xi) d\xi$$



$$\delta(t) = \alpha|t|$$



$$k_g = \zeta z \quad k_g = 2\zeta z$$

For the first half of the pulse:

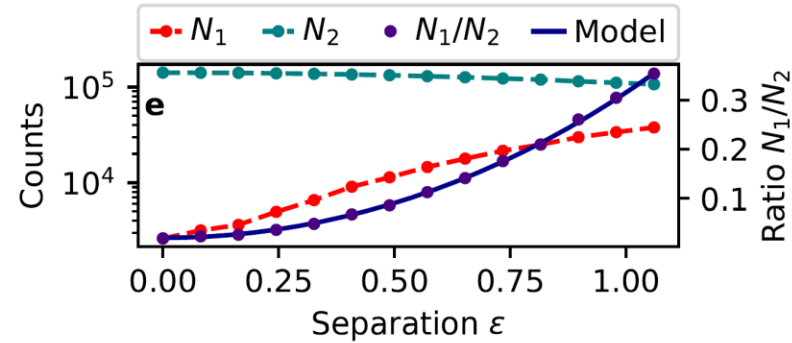
$$A_-(t) = \begin{cases} A(t) & t < 0 \\ 0 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$k_z \rightarrow k'_z = \zeta z$$

$$z \rightarrow z' = z - \frac{1}{\zeta} k_z$$

The interference happens in the Fourier domain

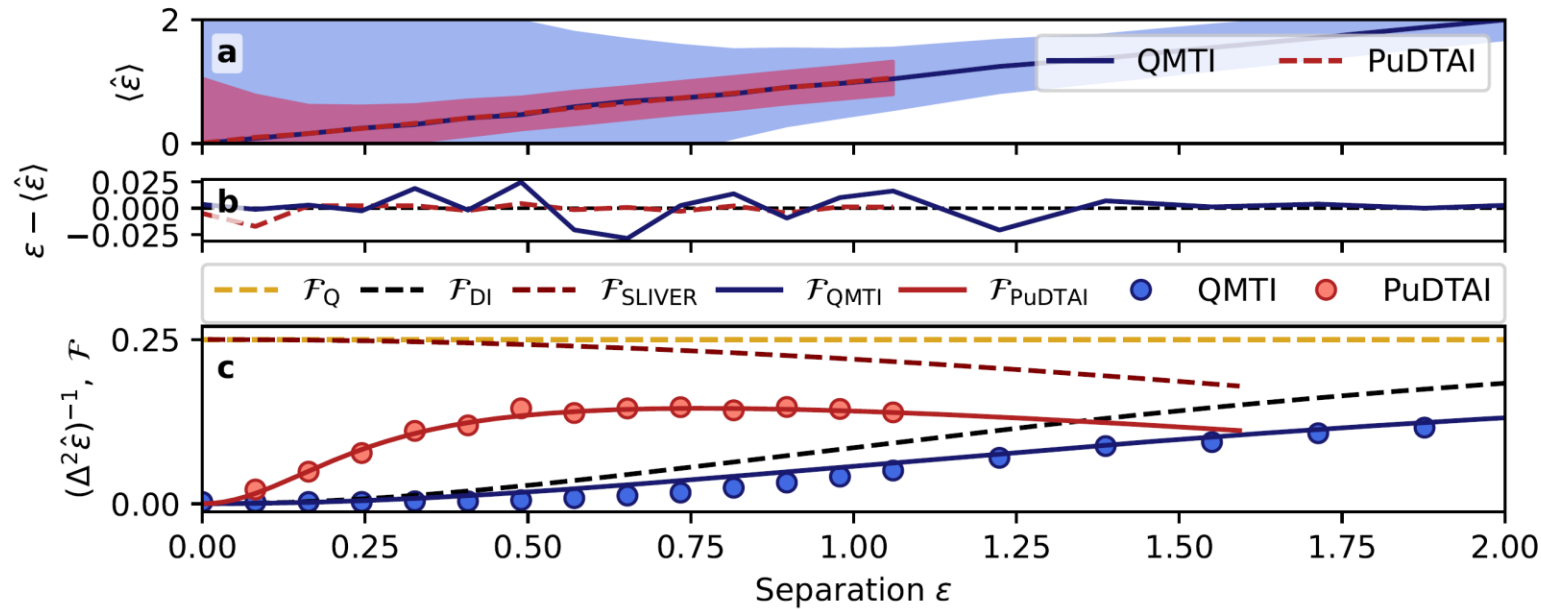
Separation estimation



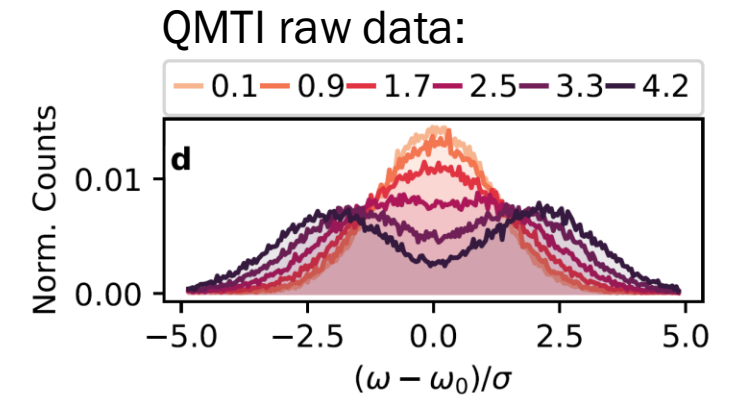
$$p_1 = \eta_1 \eta_1^{\text{th}} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \nu_1 e^{-\frac{\epsilon^2}{8}} \right) \rightarrow N_1$$

$$p_2 = \eta_2 \eta_2^{\text{th}} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \nu_2 e^{-\frac{\epsilon^2}{8}} \right) \rightarrow N_2$$

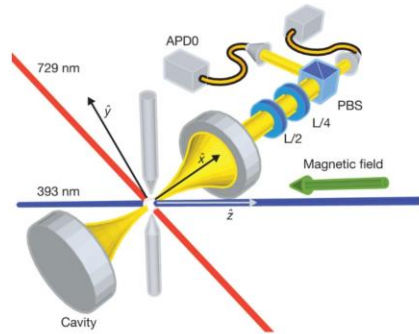
$\hat{\epsilon}(N_1/N_2)$



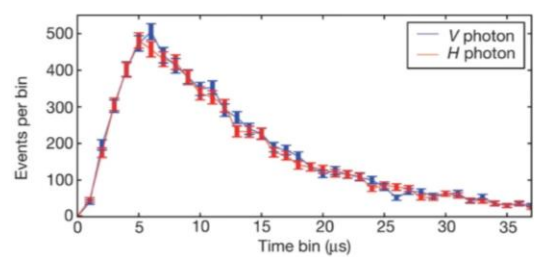
Maximum likelihood estimation in both cases



Ultranarrowband optical spectroscopy

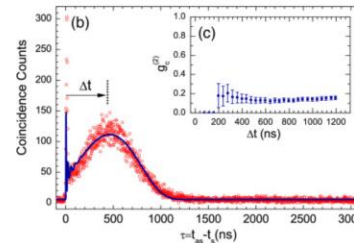
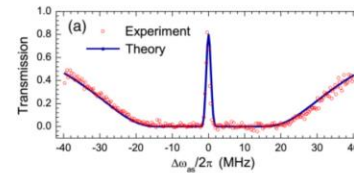
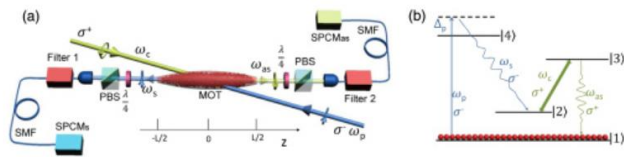


Single ions <100kHz



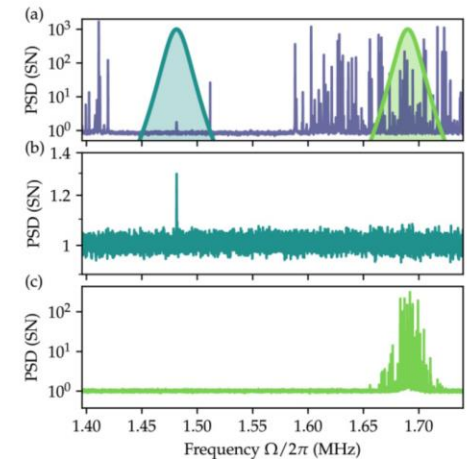
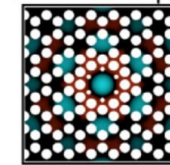
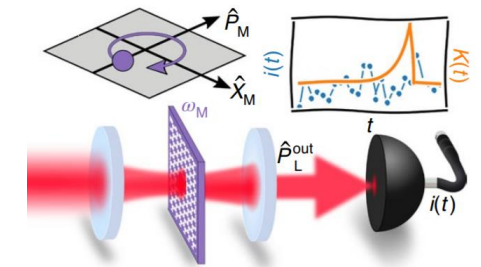
Nature 485, 482–485(2012)

Hot and cold atoms MHz-kHz



Optica 1, pp. 84-88 (2014)

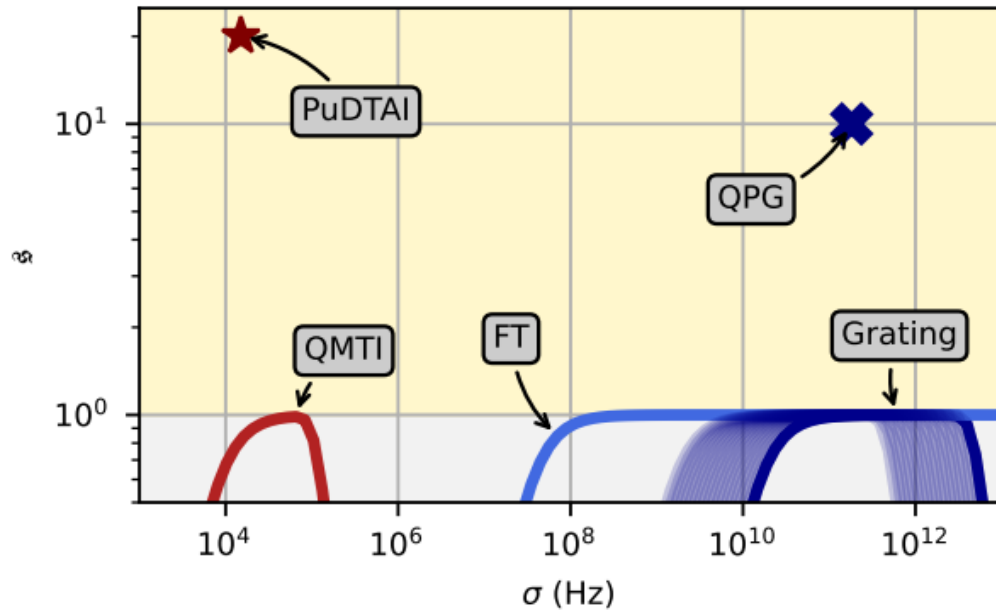
Optomechanical systems
~10kHz



Optica 7, 718-725 (2020)

Comparison

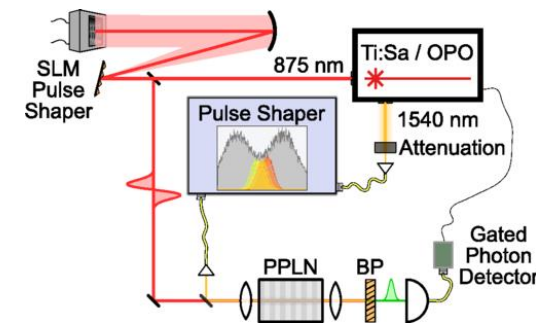
Our approach: PuDTAI



Superresolution parameter:

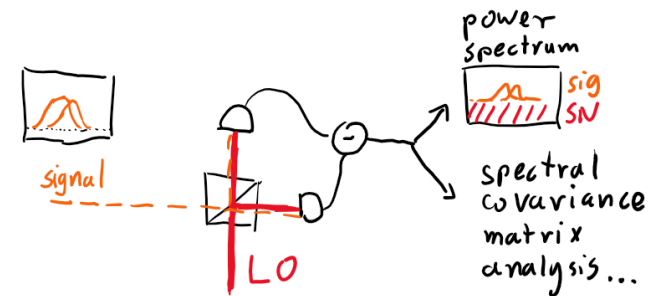
$$s = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (\mathcal{F} / \mathcal{F}_{DI})$$

Quantum Pulse Gate (QPG) - SPADE



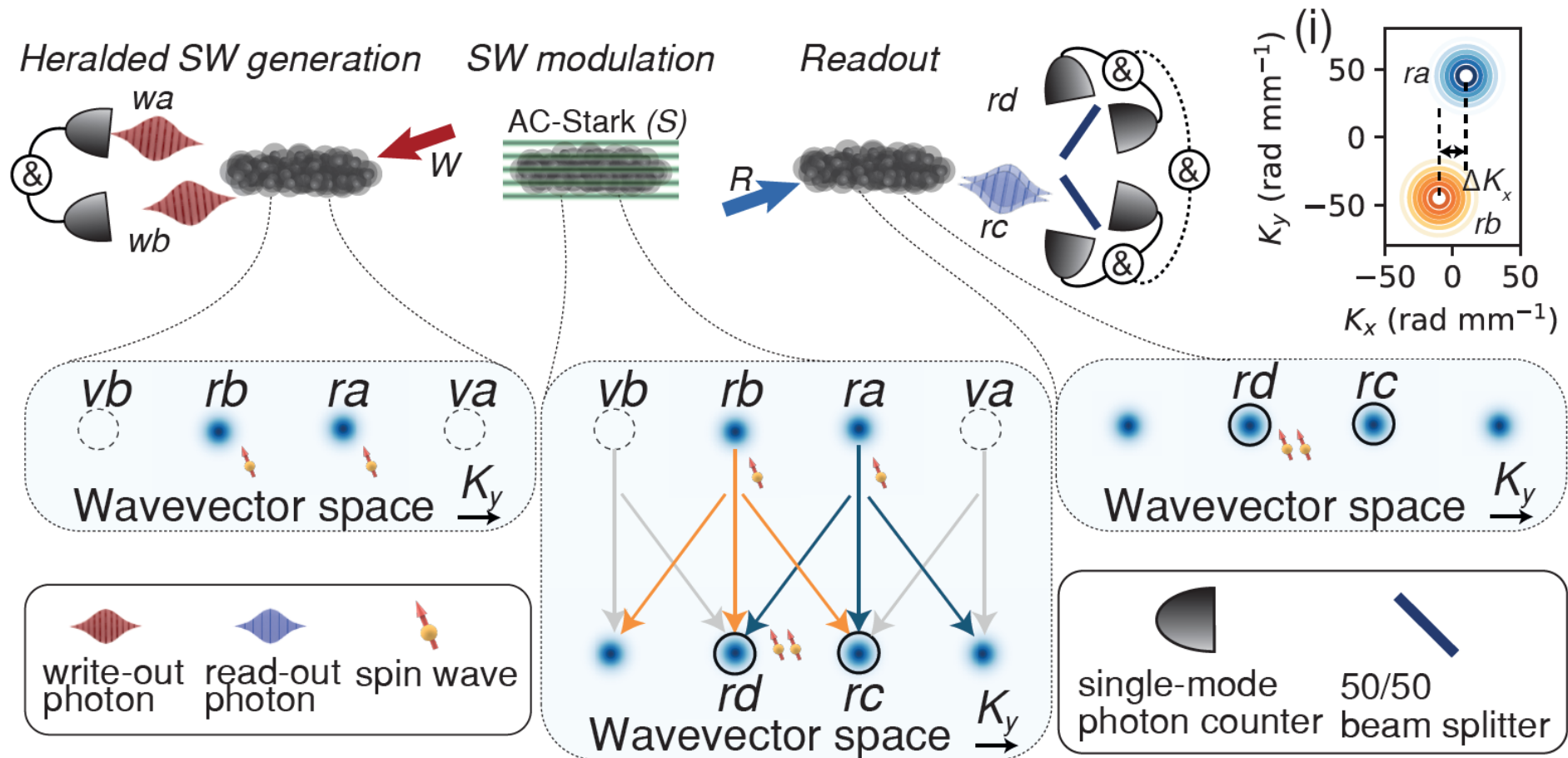
Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 090501 (2018)

Homodyne/Heterodyne (under development)



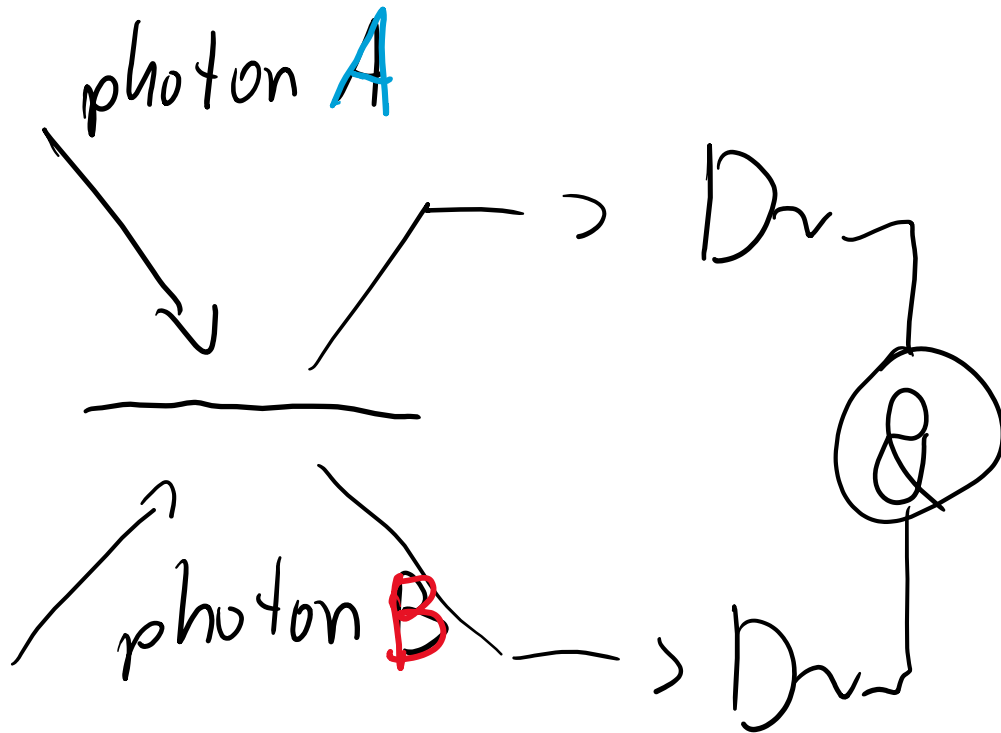
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The three-way splitter

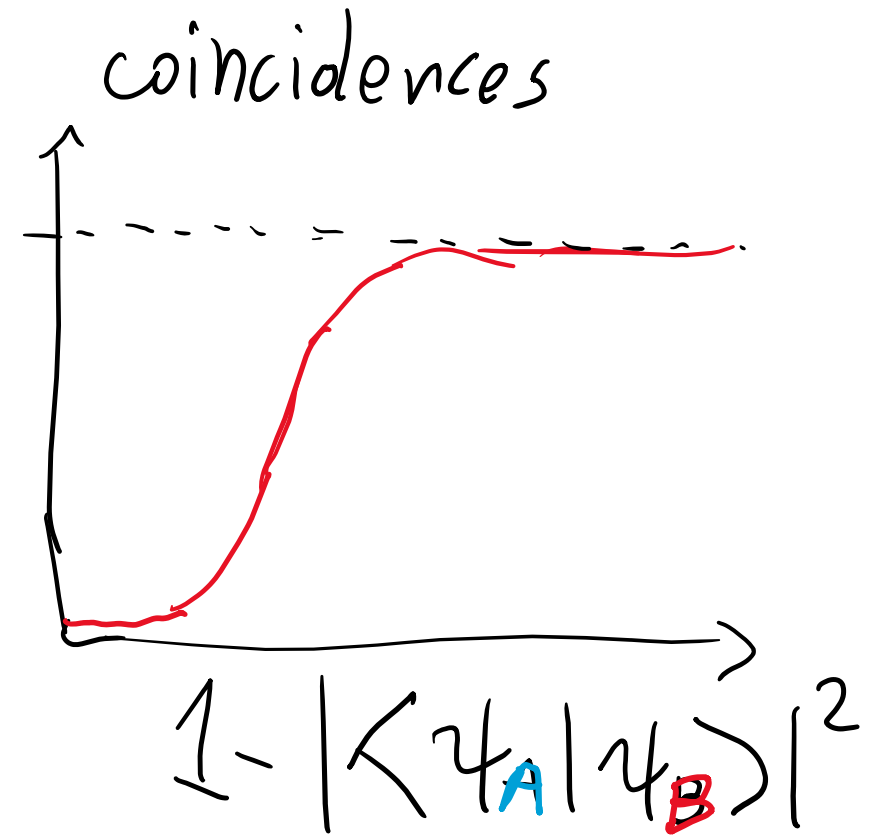


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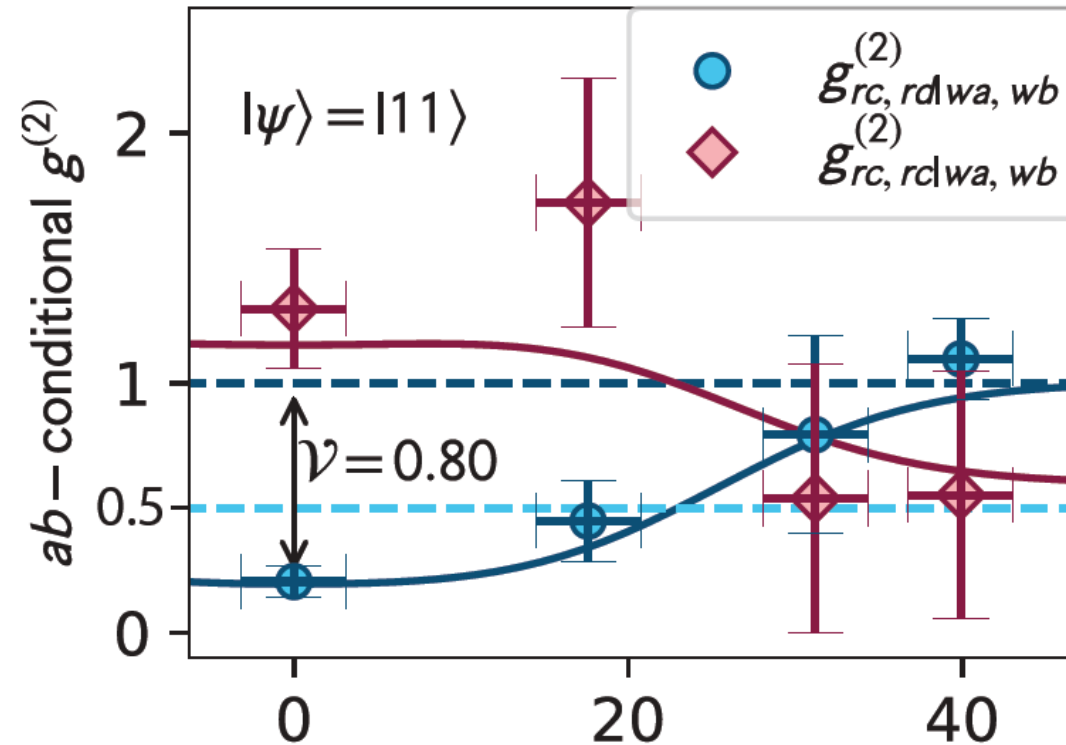
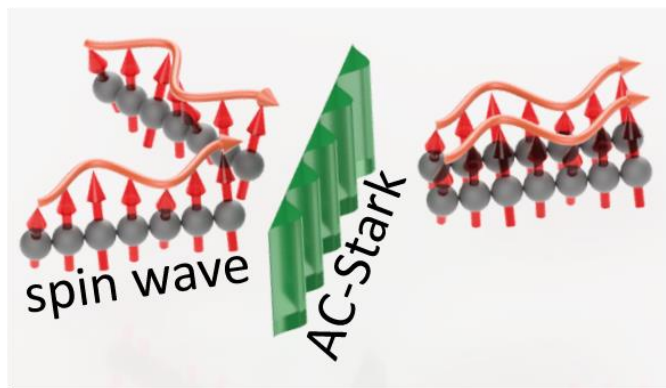
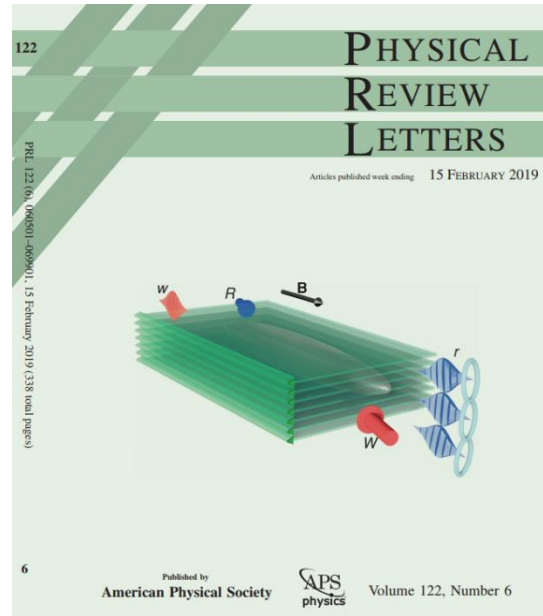
Hong-Ou-Mandel effect



$$\text{BS matrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Hong-Ou-Mandel interference

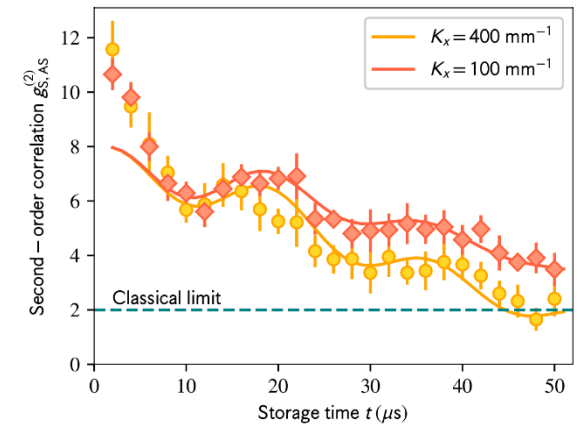
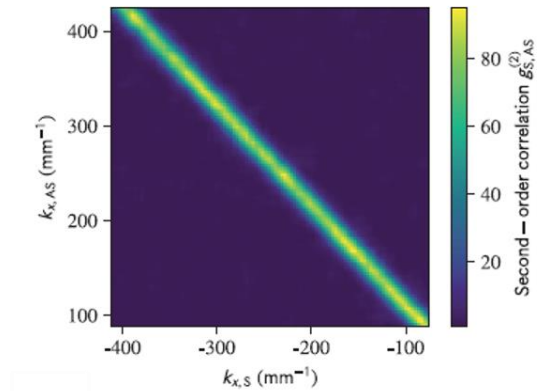
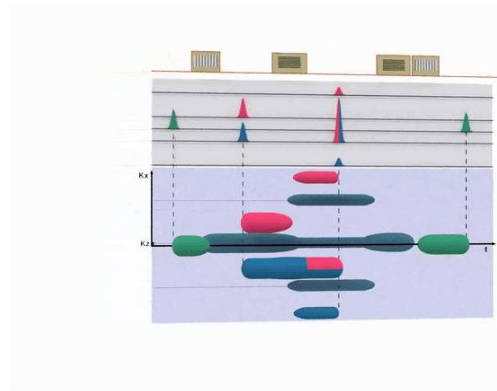
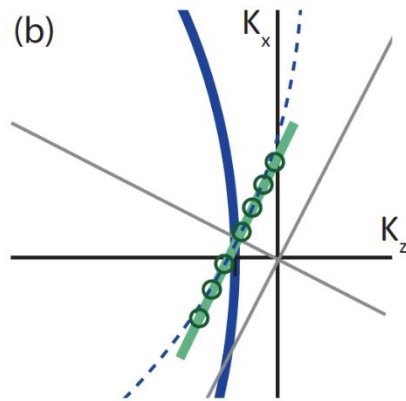
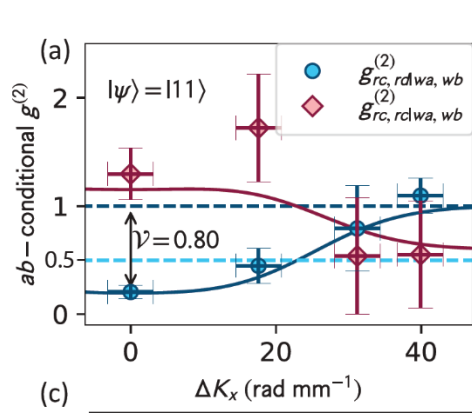


80% visibility at the moment limited by photon purity: with weak coherent states we observed interferometric visibility of >95%

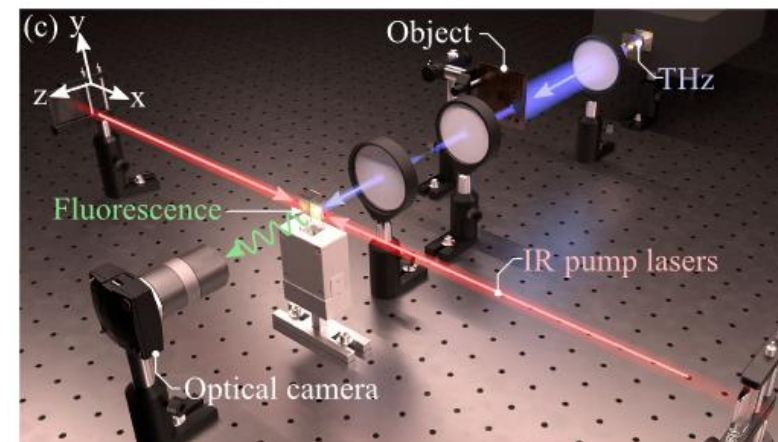
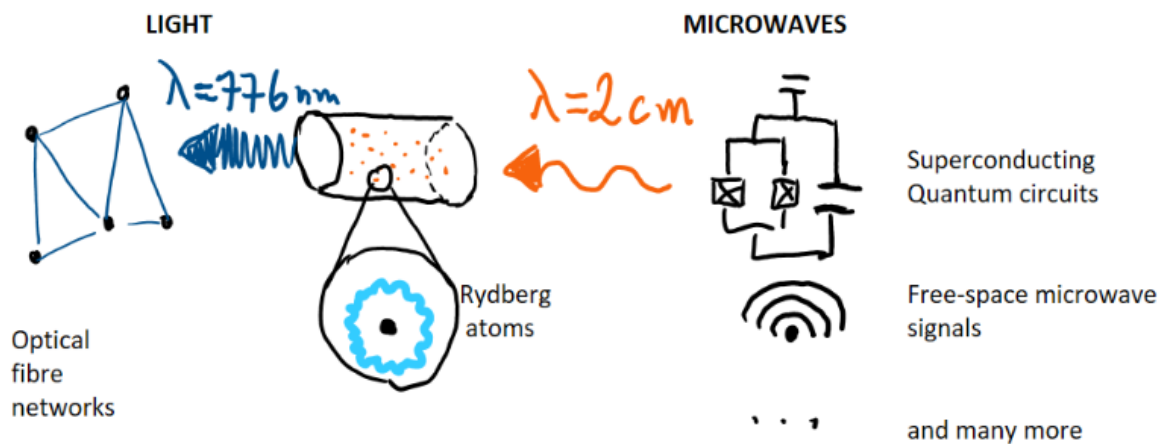
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Atom-embedded photonic (co)processor

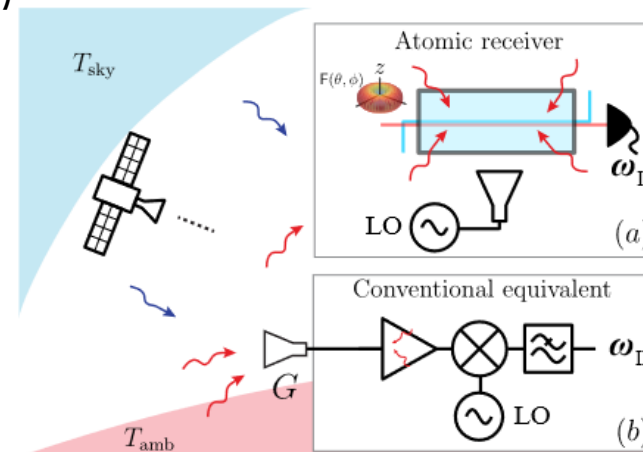
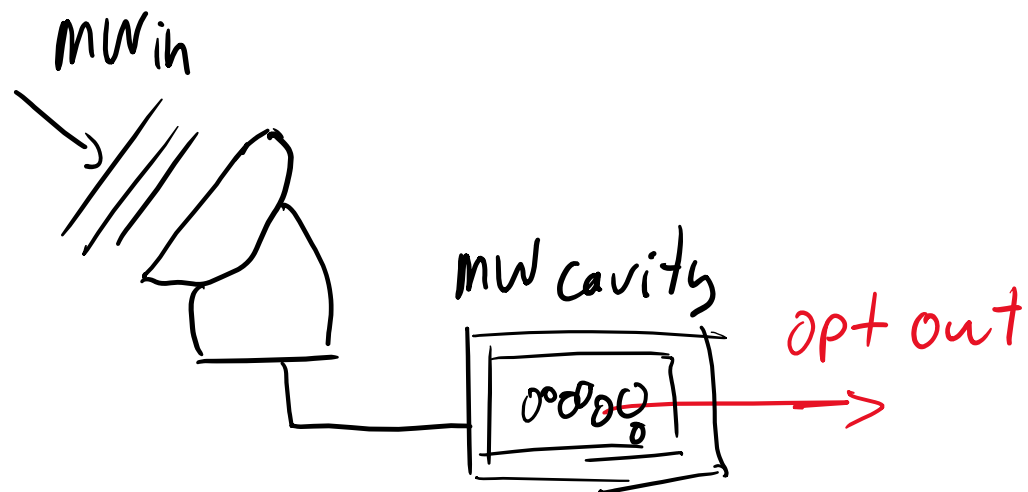
- Wavevector-multiplexed quantum memory
- Spin-wave-based interferometric processor for stored light
- Multiplexed quantum repeaters



Applications of quantum transduction



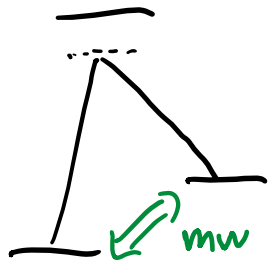
L. A. Downes et al., Phys Rev X 10, 011027 (2020)
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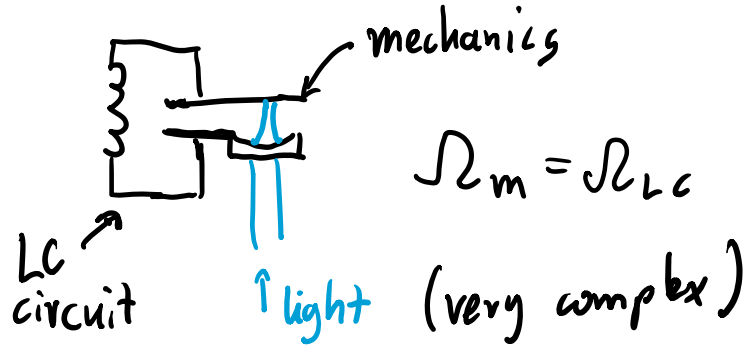
Other approaches - examples

Λ system



(very low dipole moment)

opto-electro-mechanics



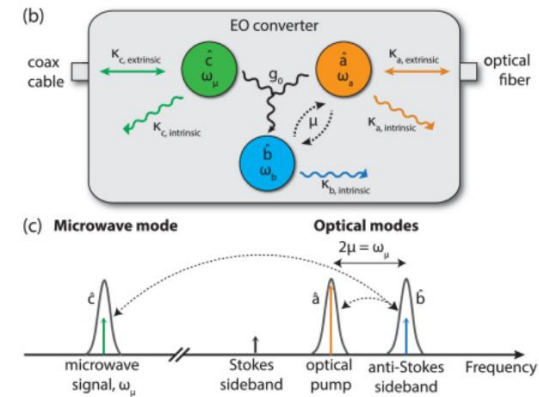
Si or SiN resonators, ...

Nature Phys. **16**, 69–74 (2020)
(Delft)

Nature Phys. **10**, 321–326 (2014)
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(Yale)

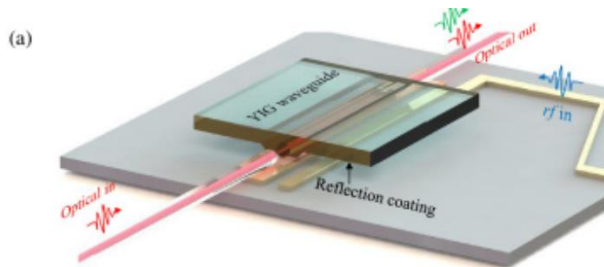
Electro-optics



LN resonator, ...

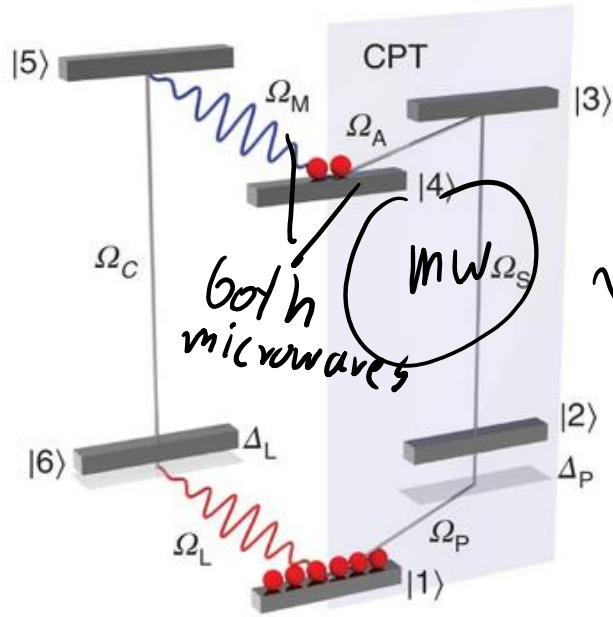
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Opto-magnonics

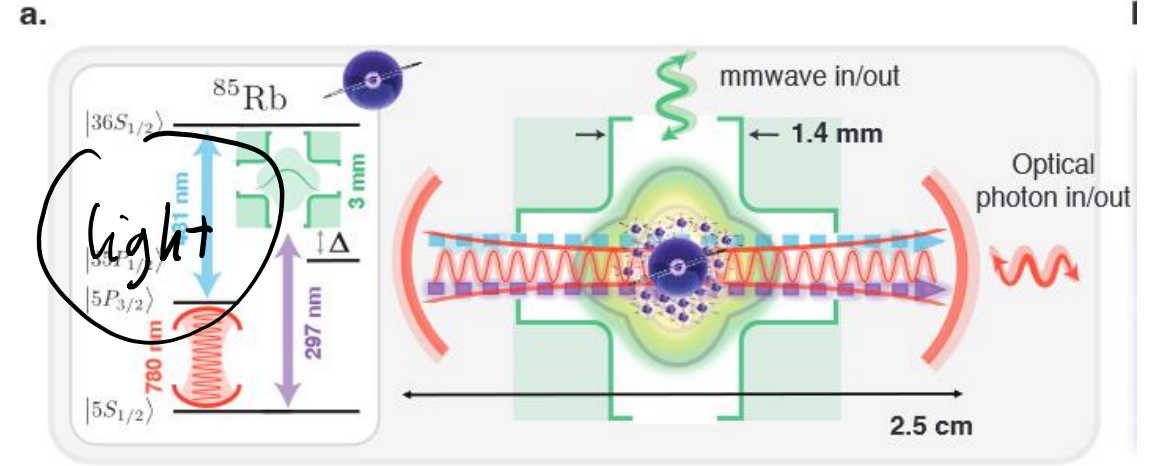


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Other approaches – Rydberg atoms



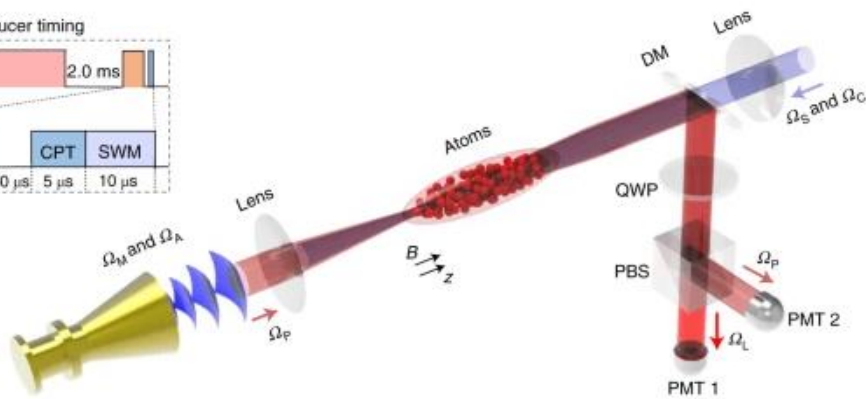
both microwaves \sim atoms \sim light



A. Kumar et al., Nature **615**, 614 (2023)
(Stanford/Chicago)

Transducer timing

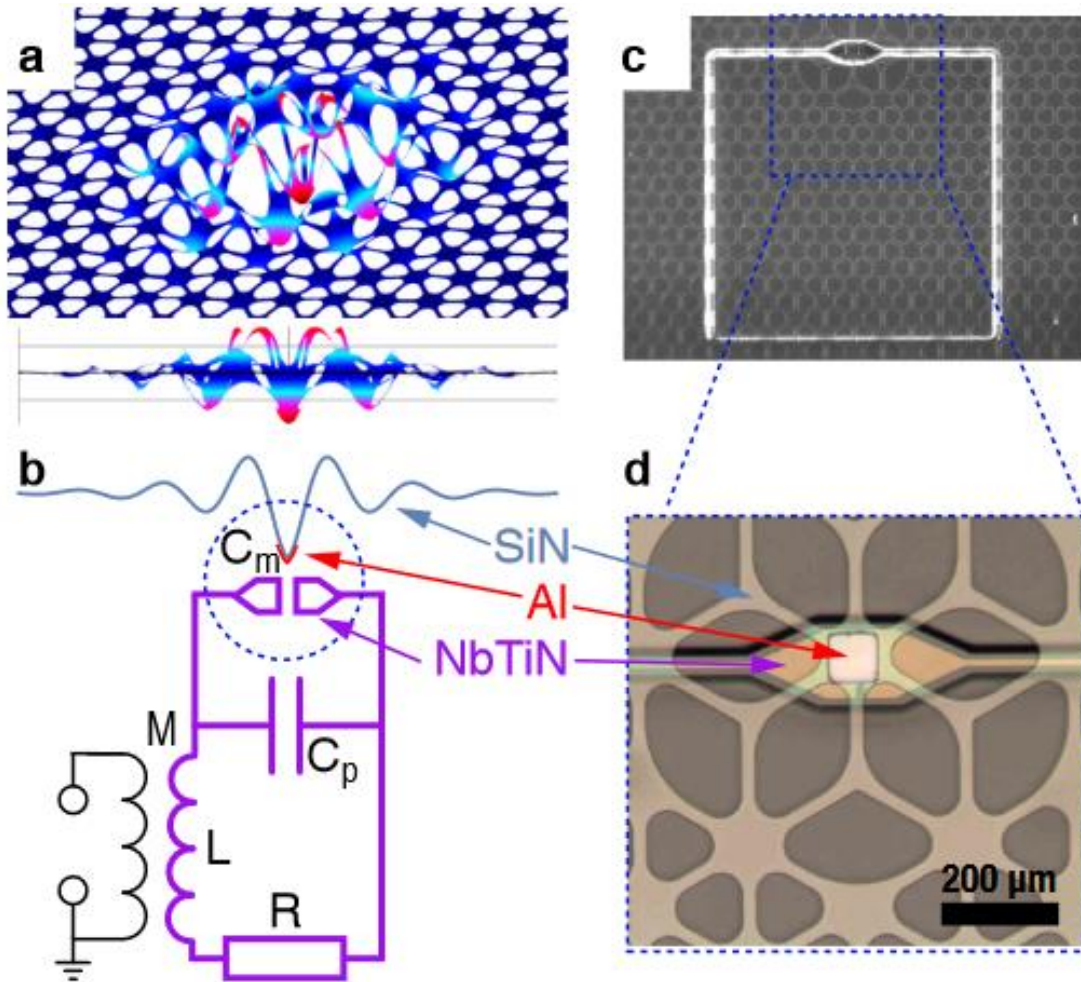
MOT	2.0 ms
OP	160 μs
CPT	50 μs
SWM	5 μs
	10 μs



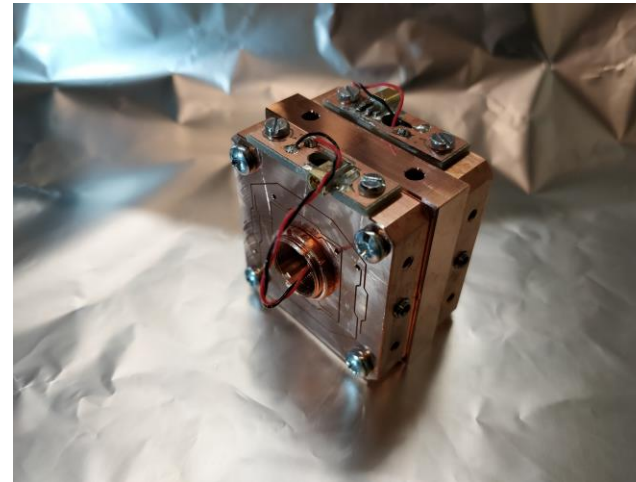
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Other approaches

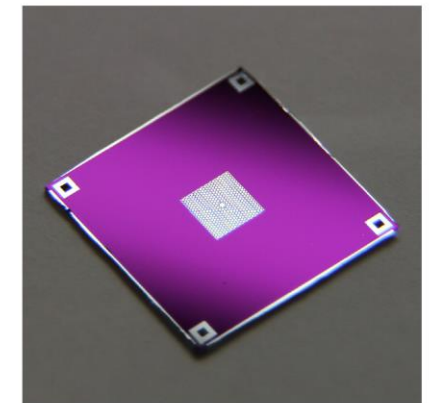
MW + mechanics



Optomechanics



assembly



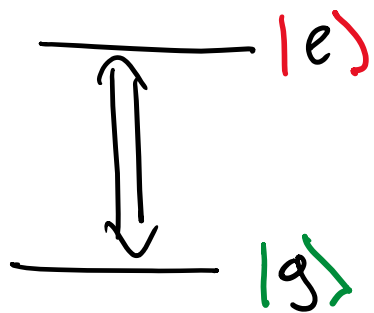
membrane

I. Galinskiy, Y. Tsaturyan, MP, E. S. Polzik, *Optica* 7, 718 (2020)

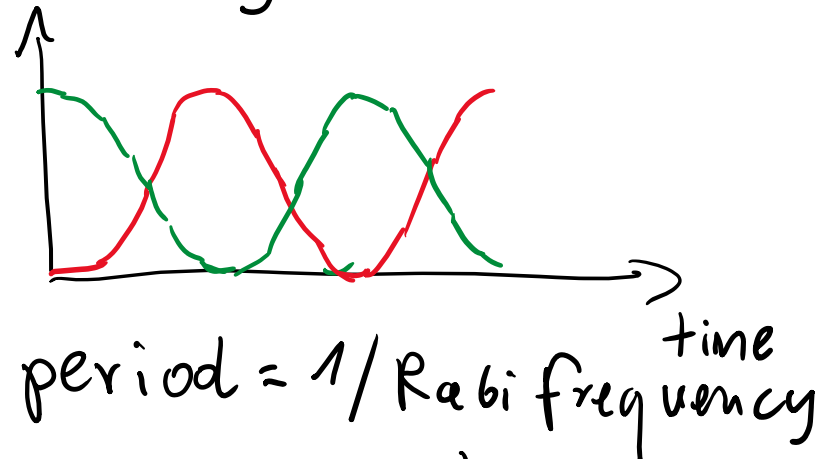
Nat Commun 13, 1507 (2022) (NBI Copenhagen)

R.A Thomas, MP, et al., *Nature Physics* 17, 228–233 (2021)

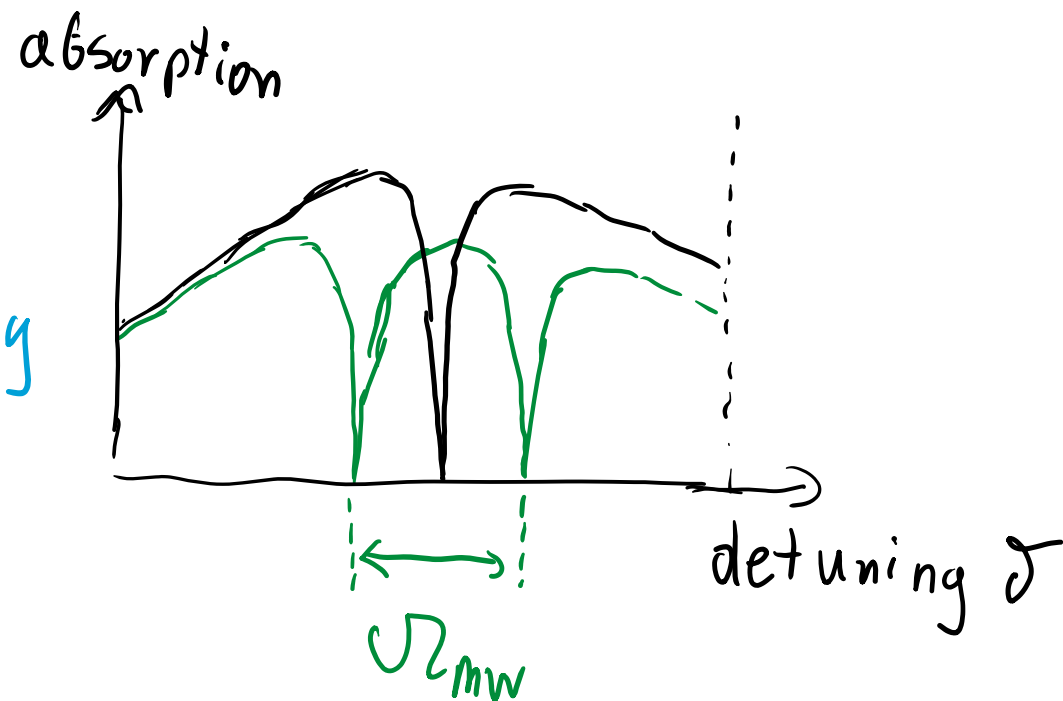
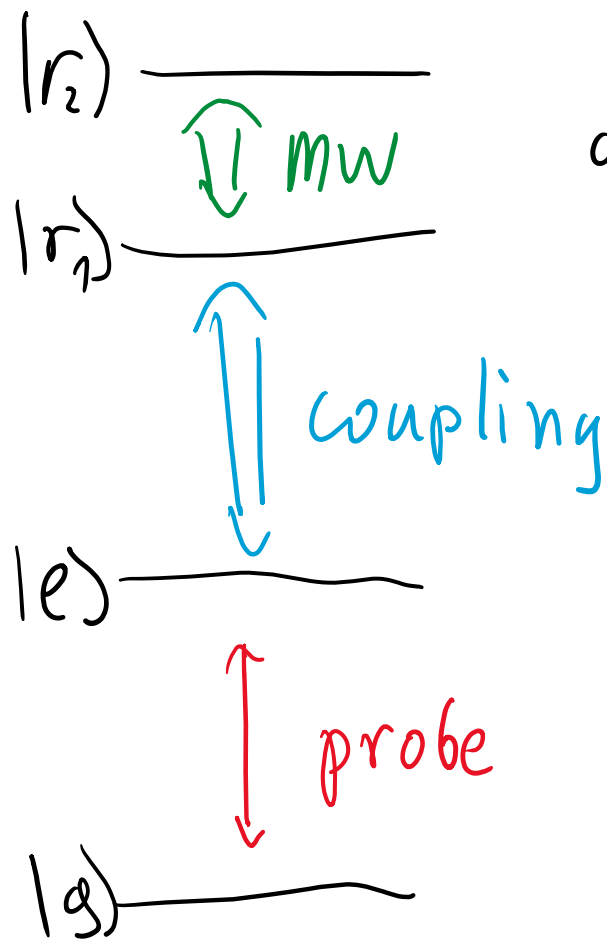
Rabi frequency and EIT sensing



occupancy



$$\Omega_R = \frac{E \cdot d}{\hbar}$$

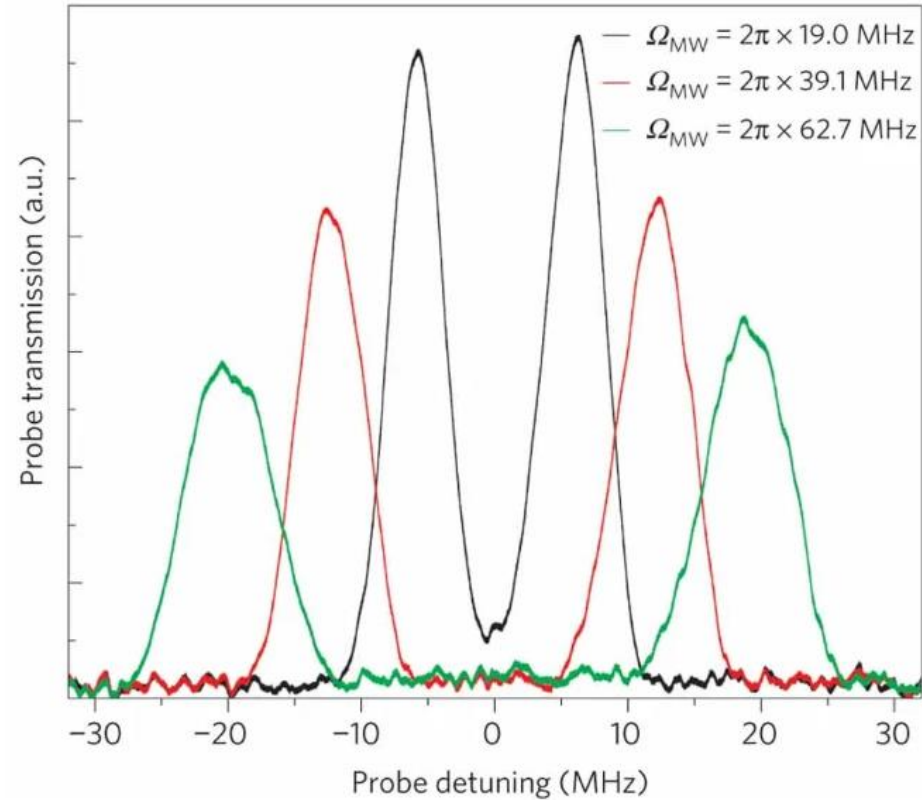
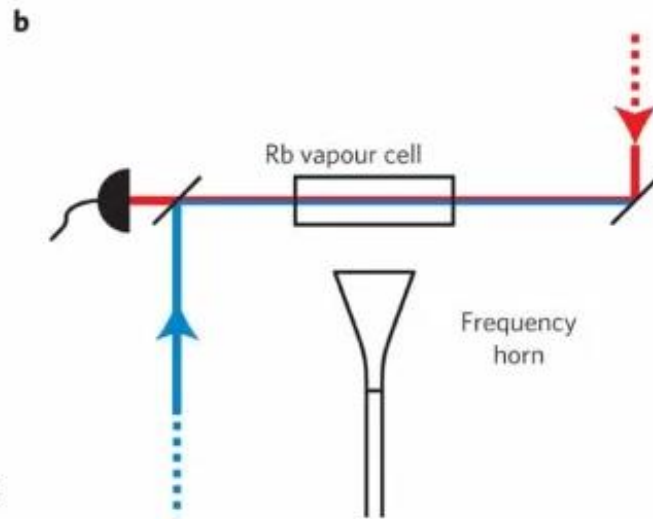
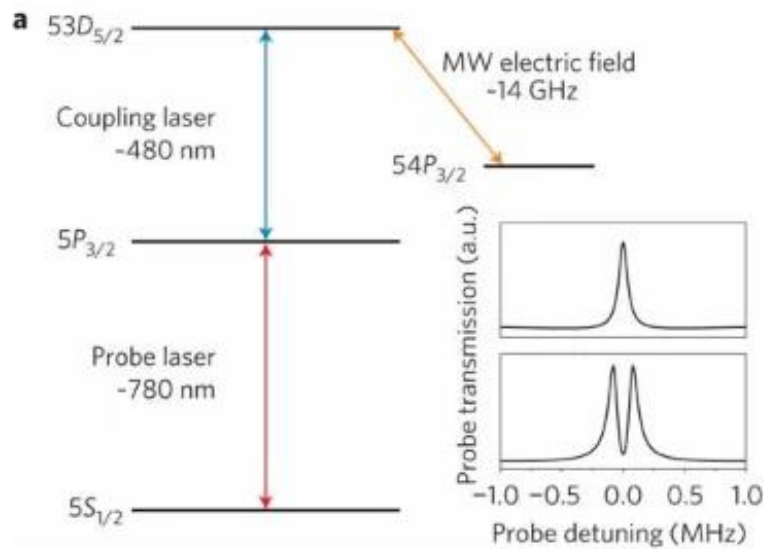


Rydberg electrometry

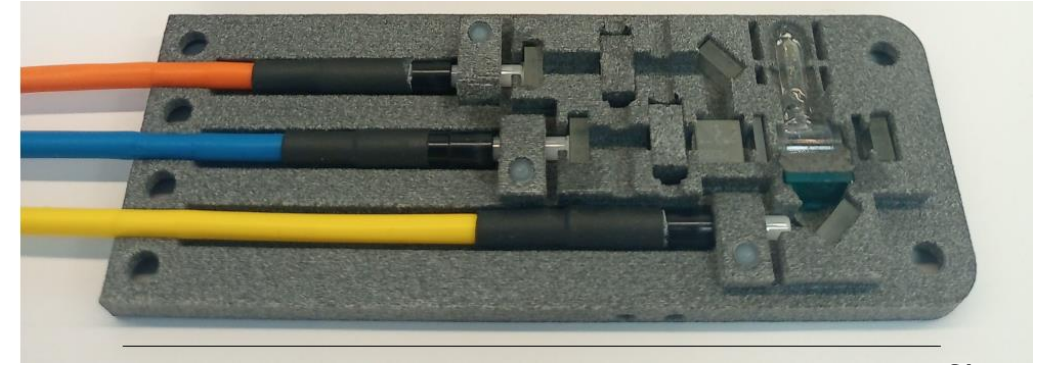
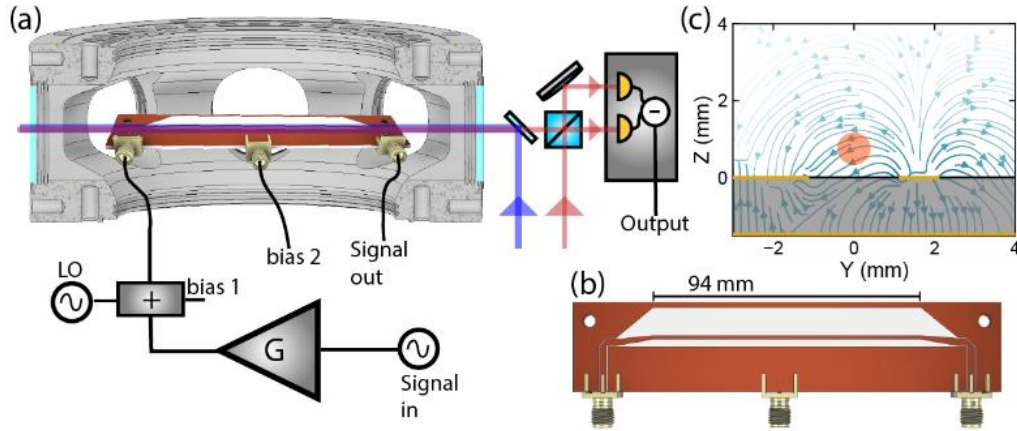
Frequency splitting
 - Rabi frequency -
**measured with respect to a
 frequency reference**

$$\Omega = \frac{d_x E_0}{\hbar}$$

Electric field amplitude **E**
 Dipole moment **d**



Practical electrometers



Future: all-fiber laser system?

D. Meyer et al., PR Applied **15**, 014053 (2020) (ARL Maryland)



Soon: smaller cel

Potential: all-glass/fiber/plastic microwave receiver, insensitive to EMI

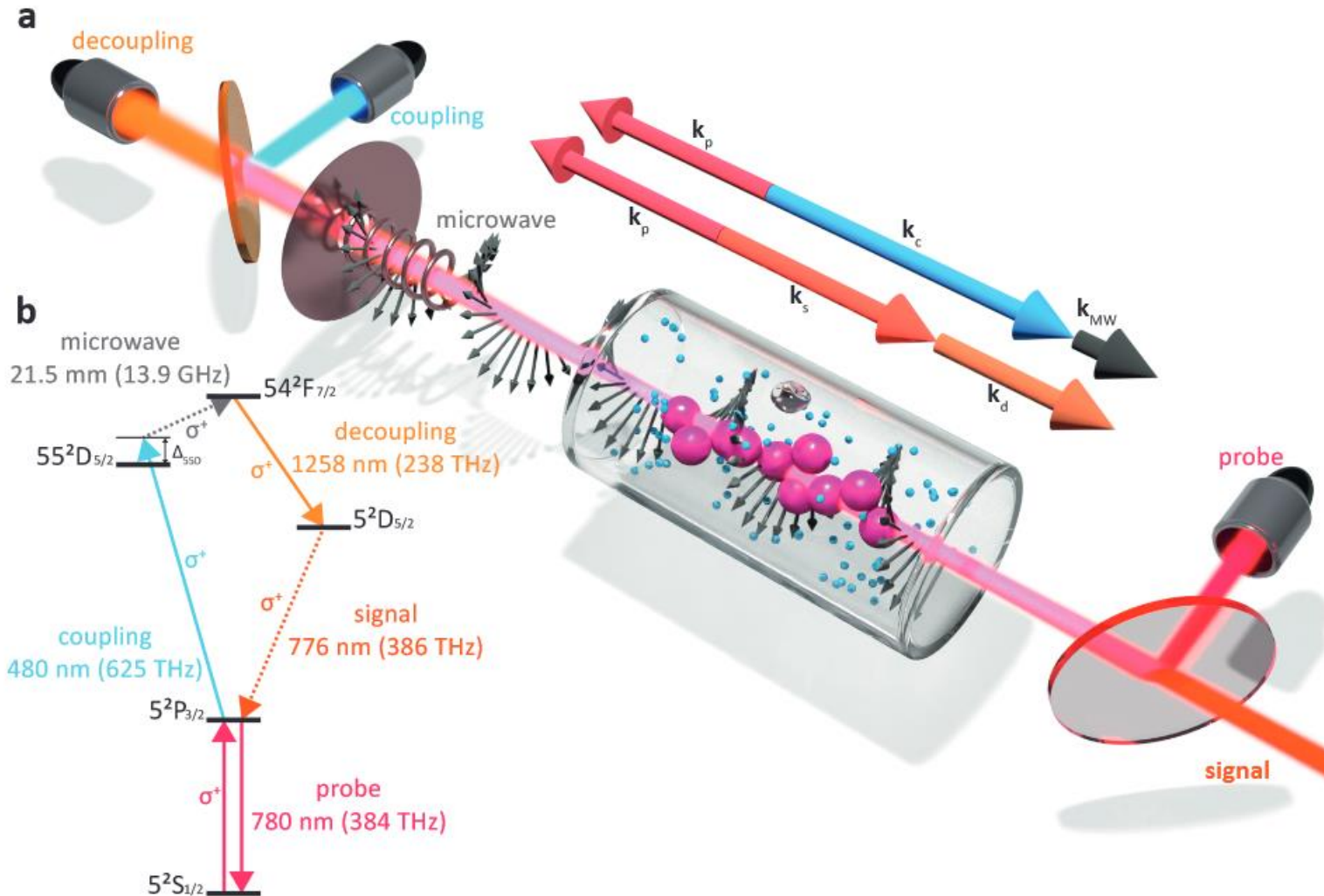
Example atomic magnetometer by our collaborators from University of Copenhagen

H. Staerkind et al., arXiv:2208.00077 (2022)

Future:
miniaturized
assembly

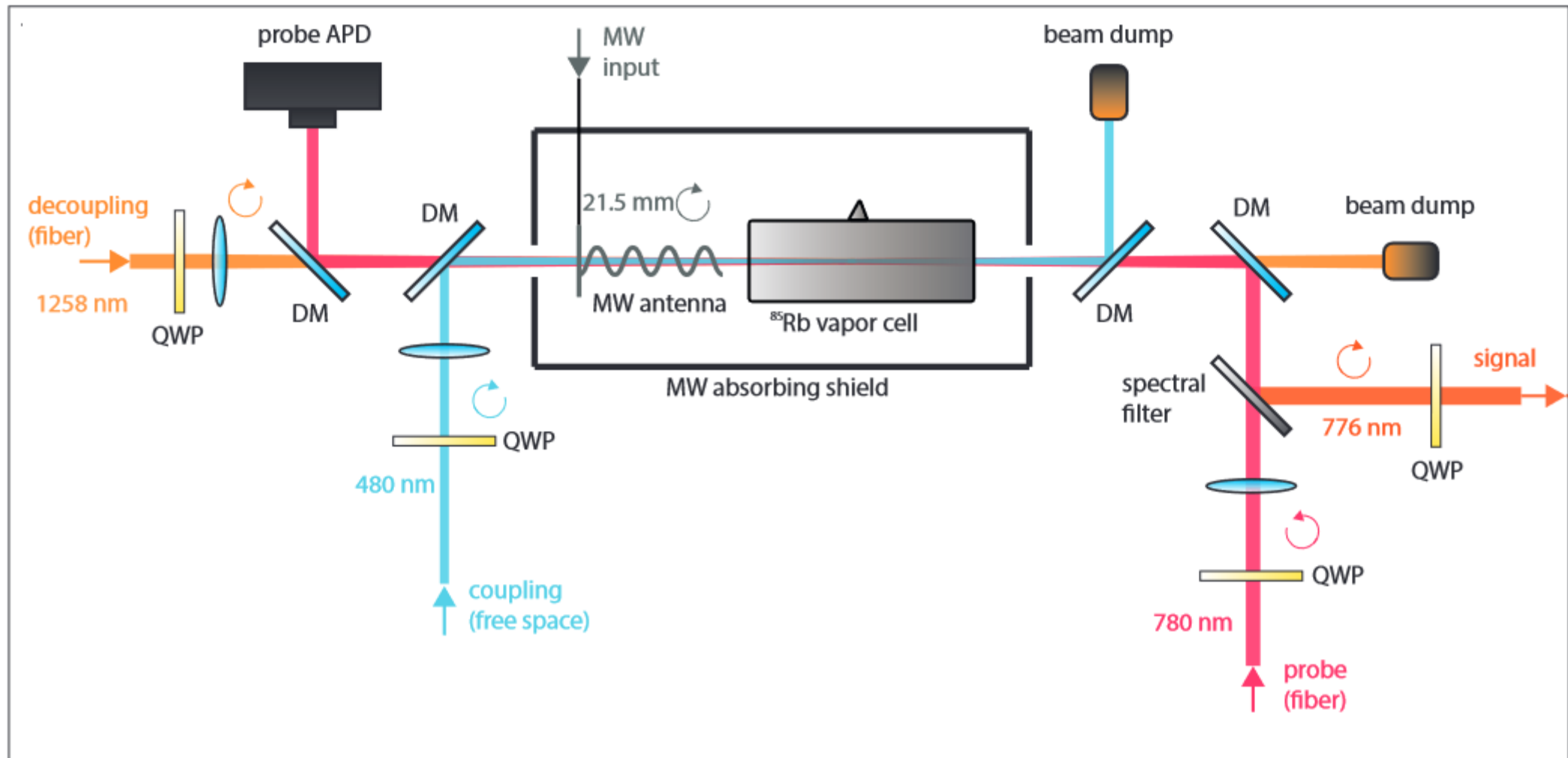
Microwave-to-optical conversion

S. Borówka,
U. Pylypenko, M. Mazelanik, **MP**,
arXiv:2302.08380



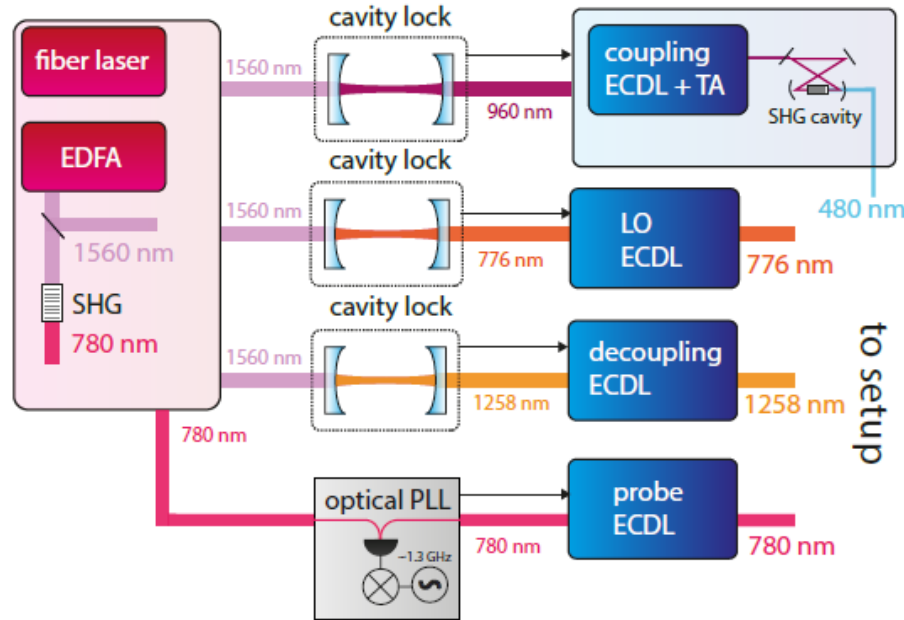
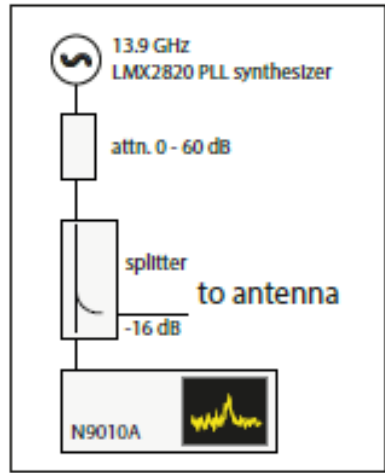
Experimental setup

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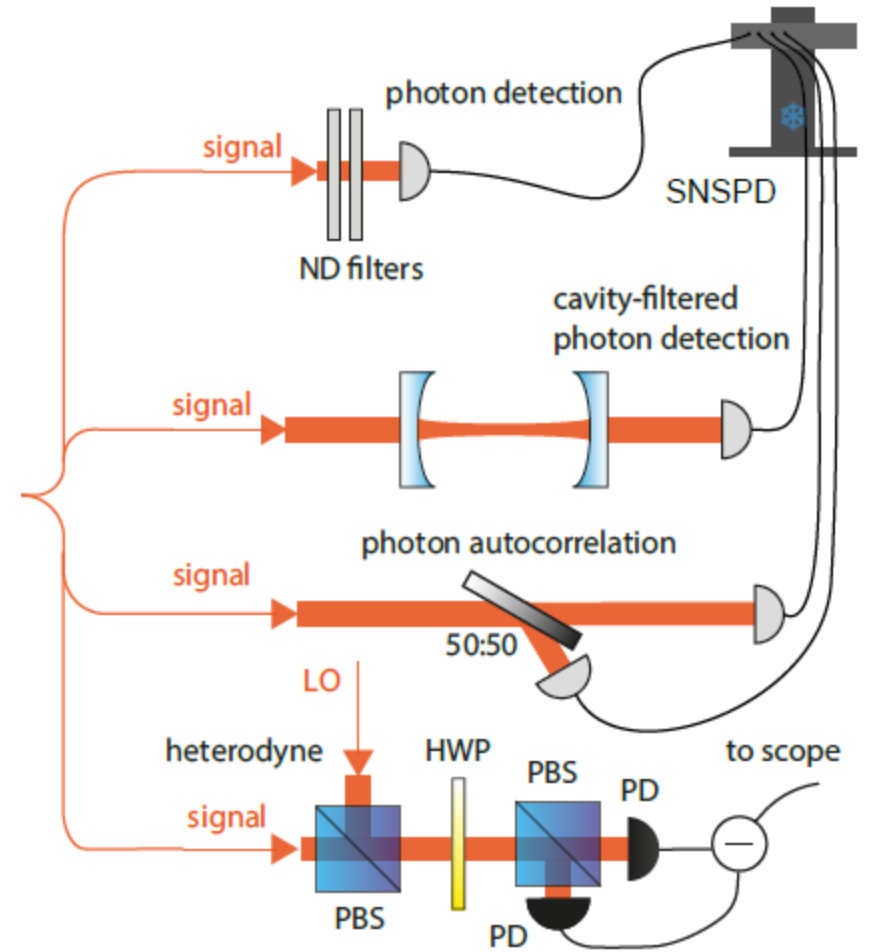


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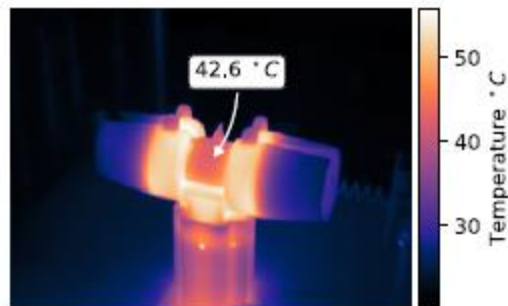
Laser system - cavity transfer locks



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3D printed plastic heater with air-channels

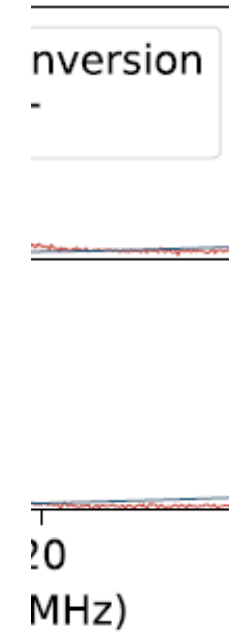
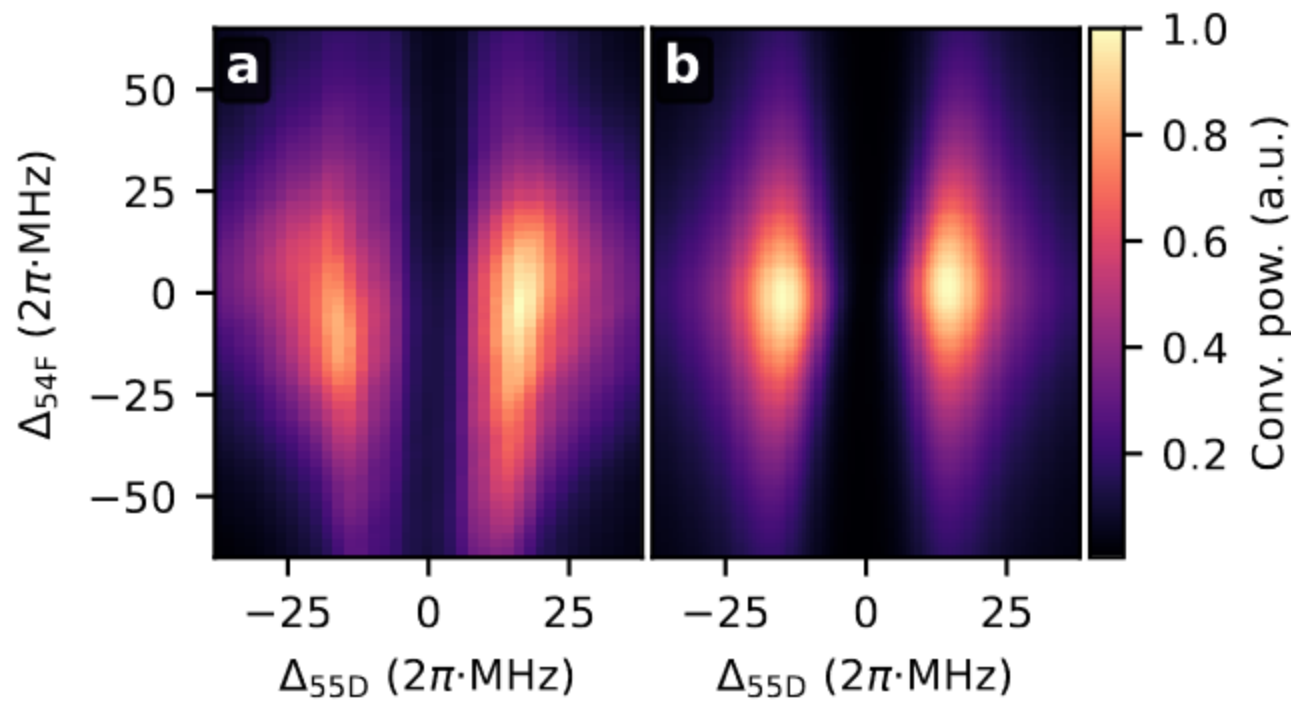
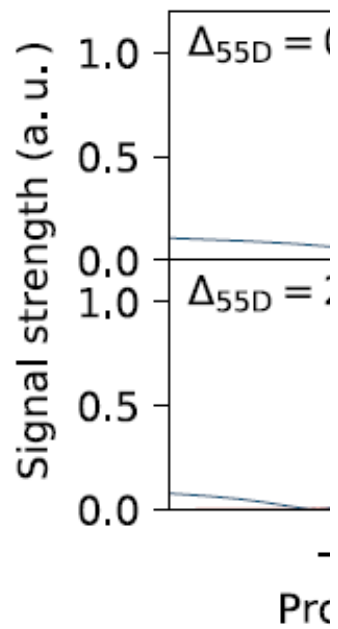


EIT & conversion

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Simulation

Experiment

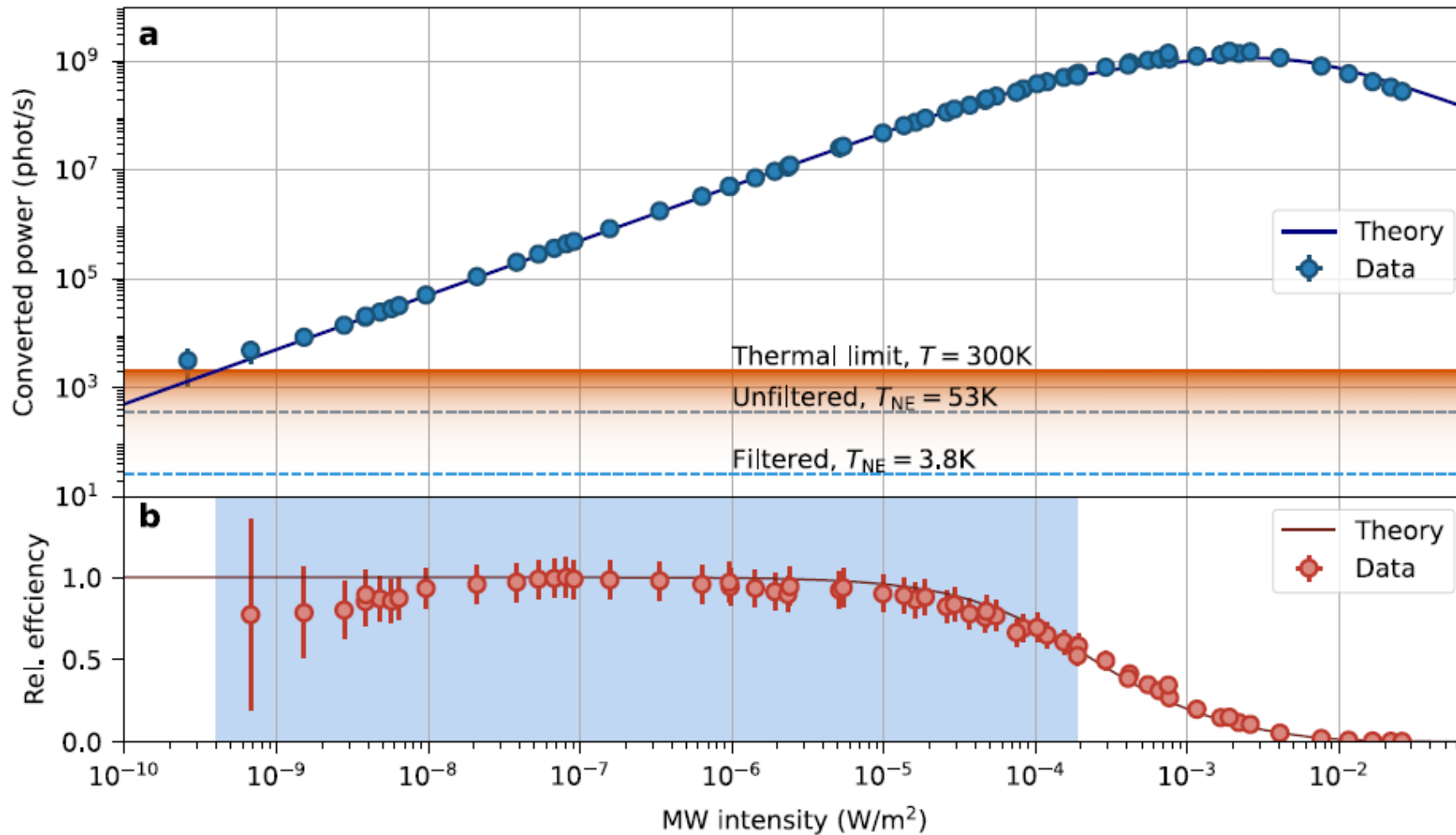


on resonance

off-resonant

Photon counting and efficiency

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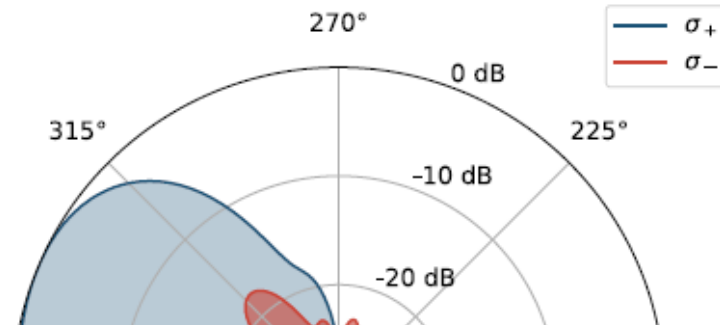
Thermal noise

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$$\langle E_{\text{eff}}^2 \rangle = \frac{\omega^2 \langle \mathcal{E} \rangle}{\pi^2 c^3 \varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin(\theta) |\eta(\theta)|^2$$

$$\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1},$$

Antenna profile of the converter (gain $G=6.22$)

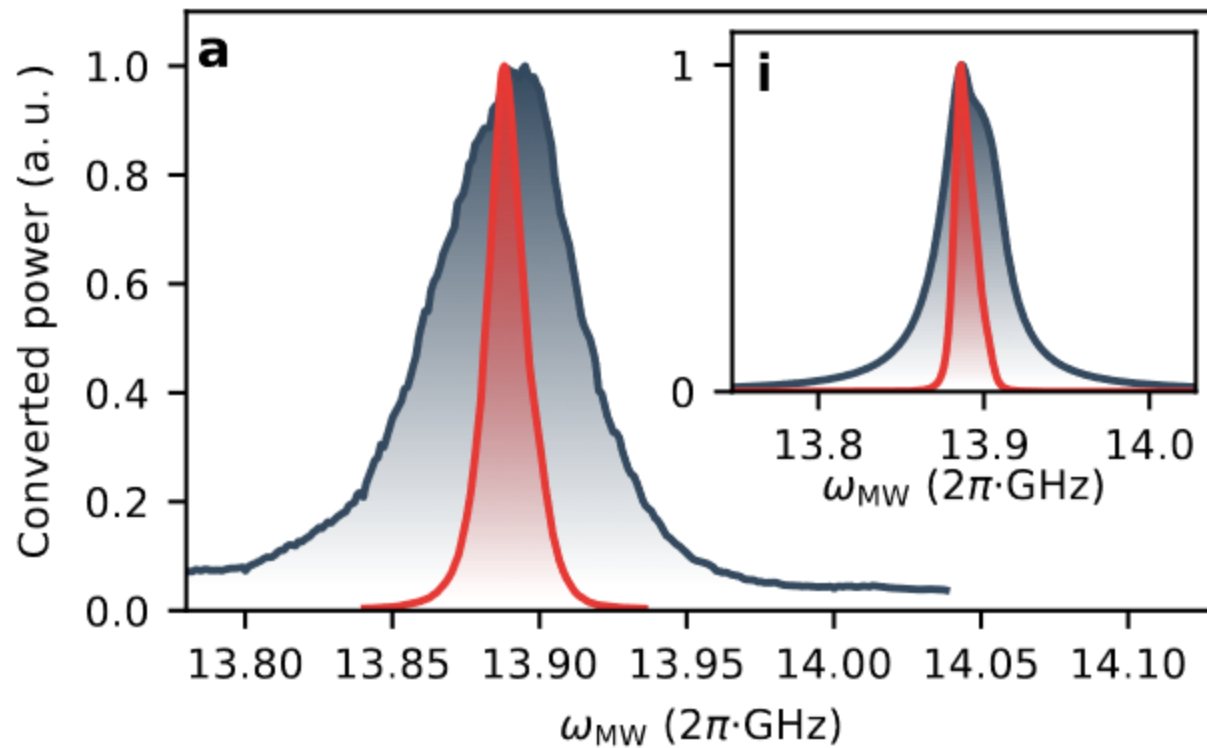


Bandwidth

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Tunable bandwidth (single laser)

Instantaneous bandwidth

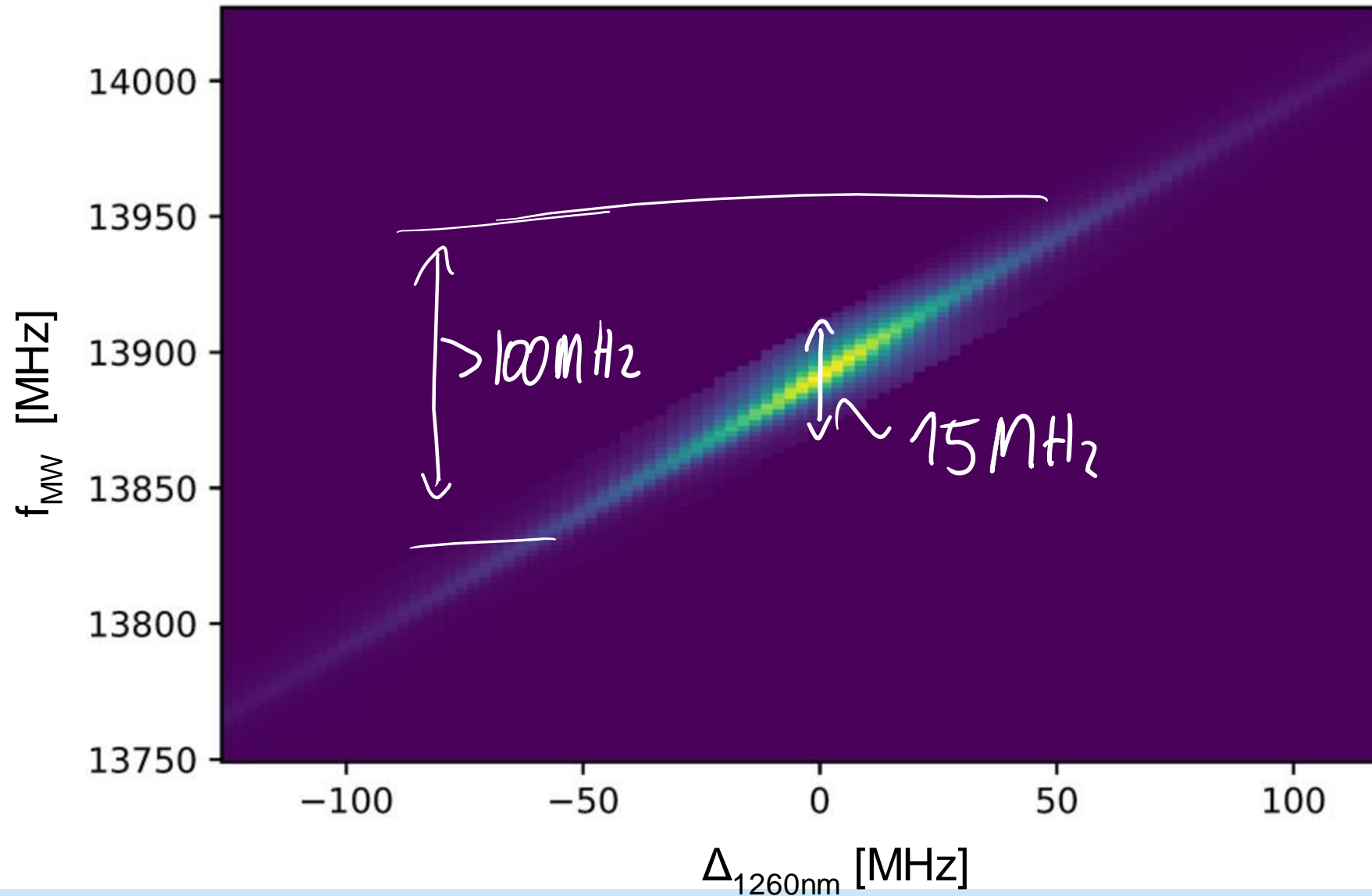


Wiener-Khinchin theorem!

$$g_{\text{th}}^{(1)}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |S(\omega)|^2 e^{-i\omega\tau} d\omega,$$

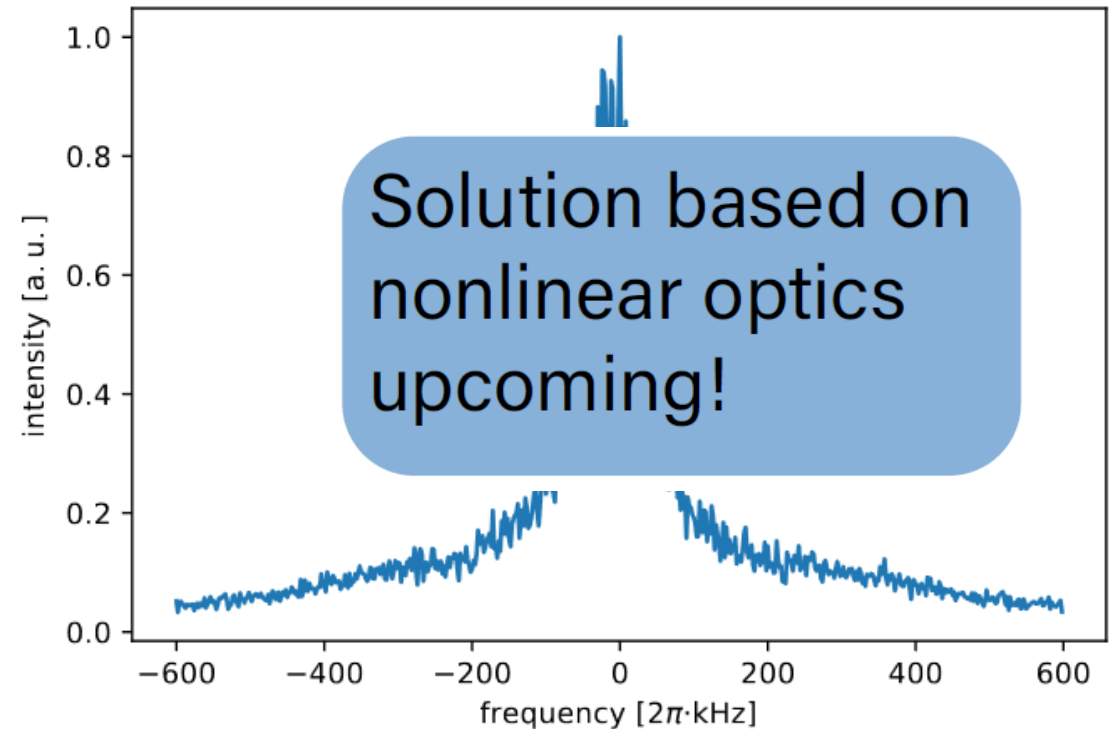
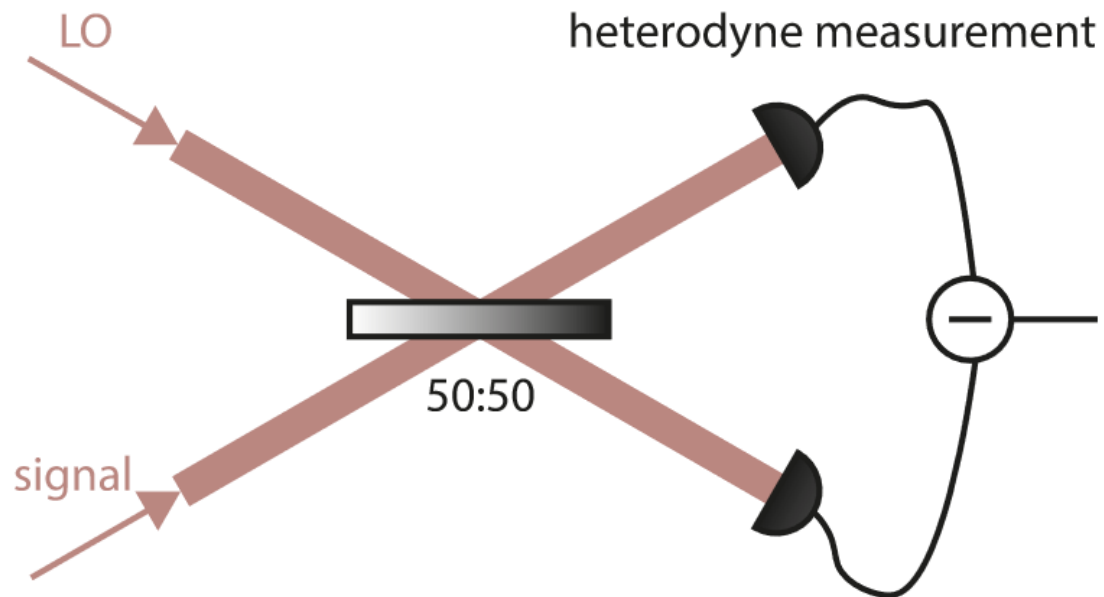
$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = 1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\left| g_{\text{th}}^{(1)}(\tau) + e^{-i\omega\tau} \right|^2 - 1 \right),$$

Tunability



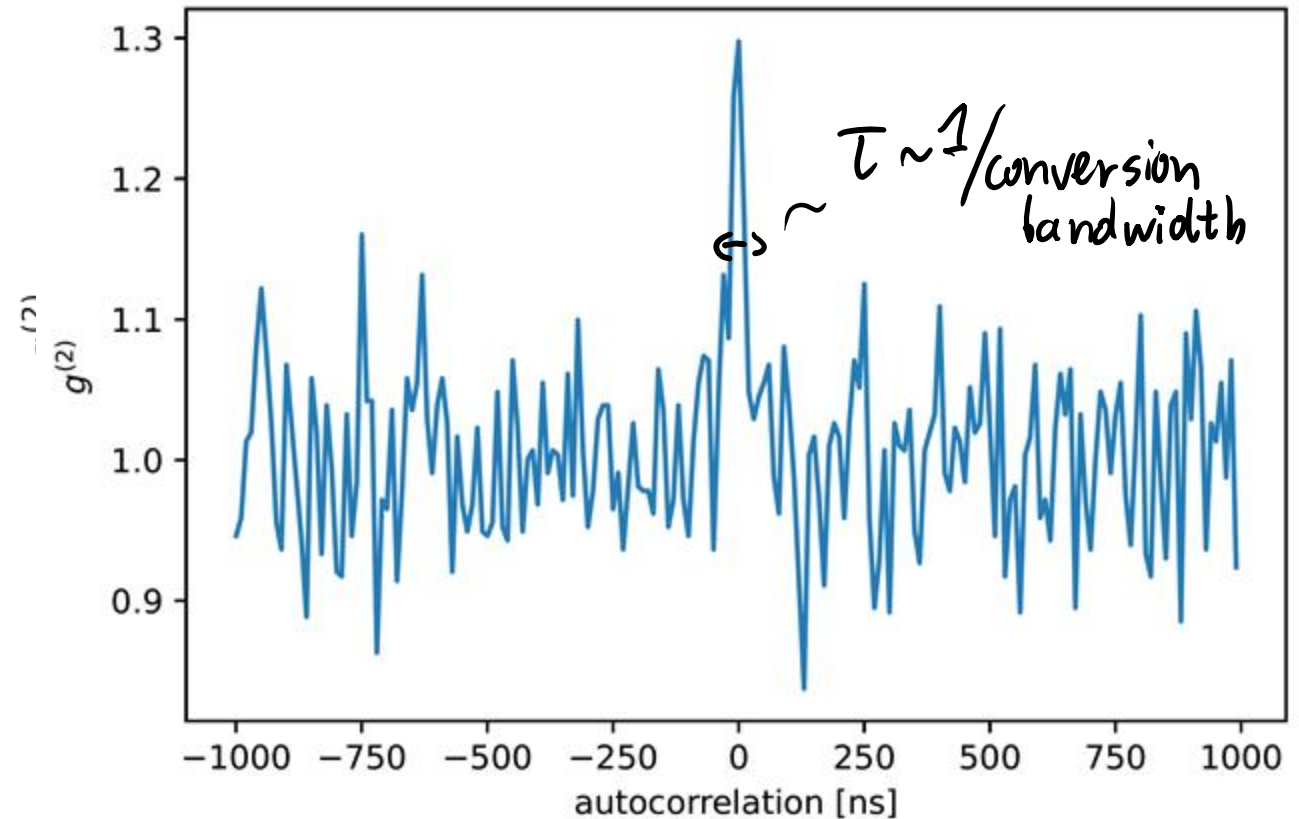
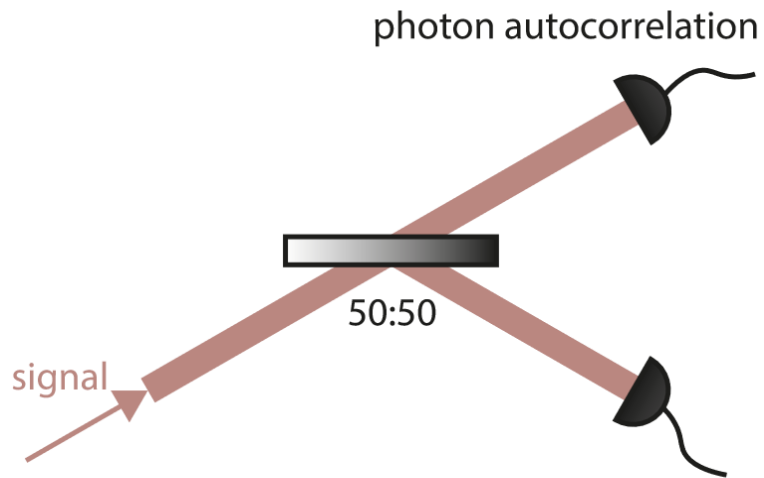
Detection with local oscillator

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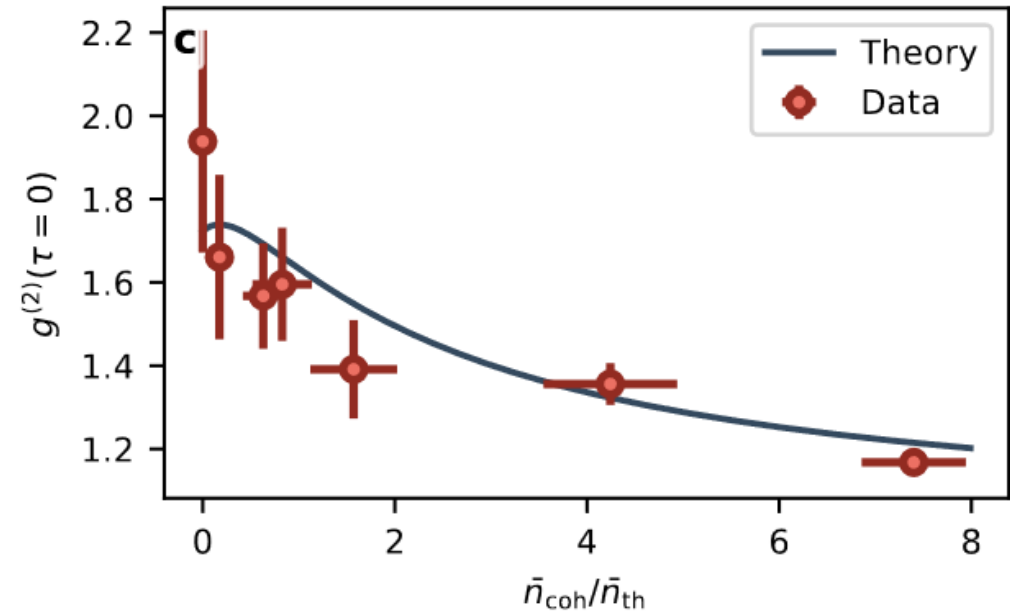
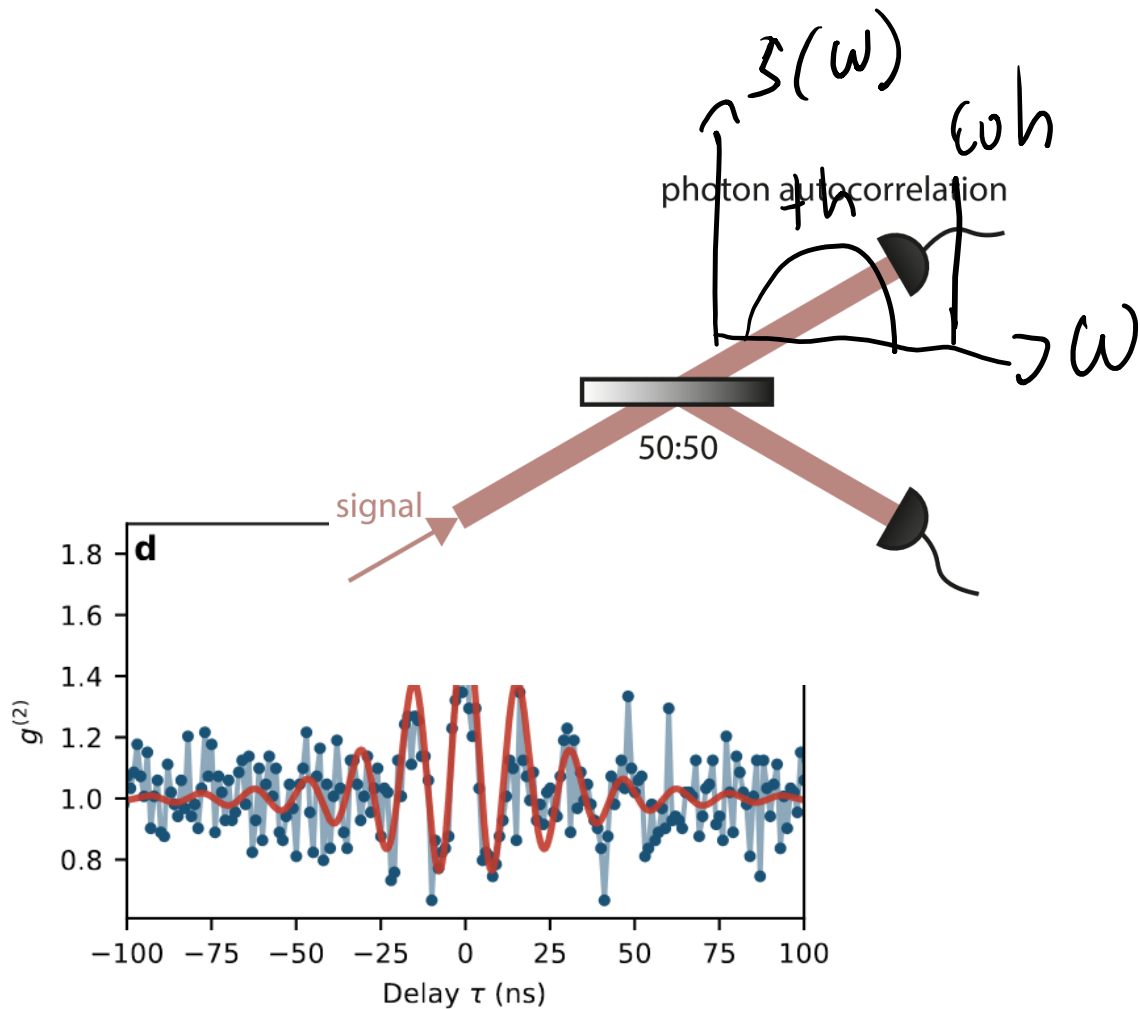
Second-order correlation

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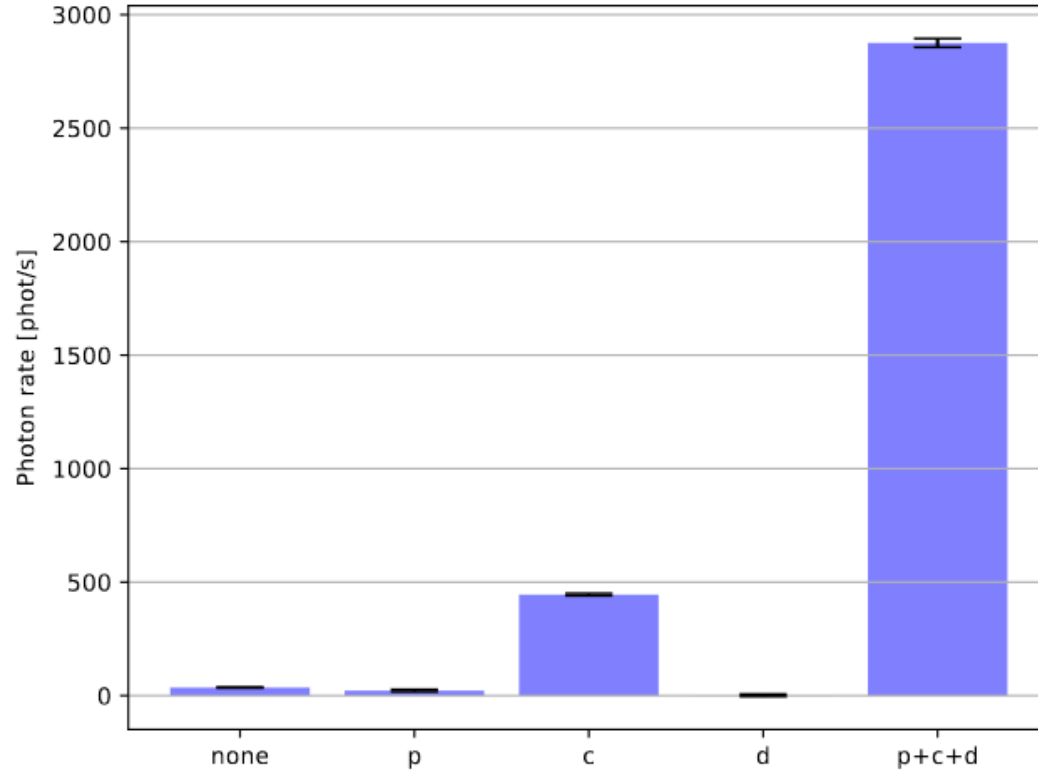
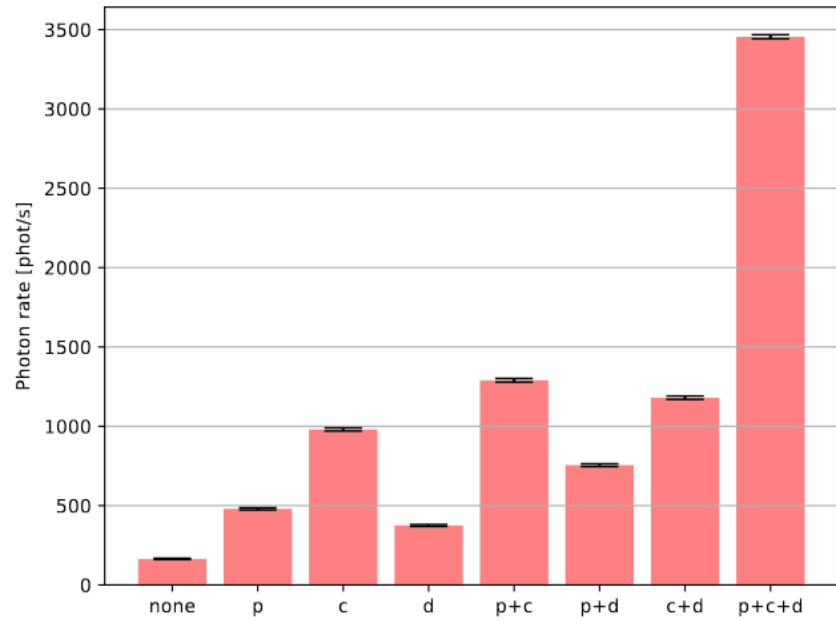
$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = 1 + A \exp(-2|\tau|/\tau_C) = 1 + A \exp(-\Gamma_{\text{opt}}|\tau|)$$

Second-order correlation



$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = 1 + \frac{\left| \bar{n}_{\text{th}} g_{\text{th}}^{(1)}(\tau) + \bar{n}_{\text{coh}} e^{-i\omega\tau} \right|^2 - \bar{n}_{\text{coh}}^2}{(\bar{n}_{\text{th}} + \bar{n}_{\text{coh}} + \bar{n}_{\text{noise}})^2}$$

Residual noise



Counting of microwave photons

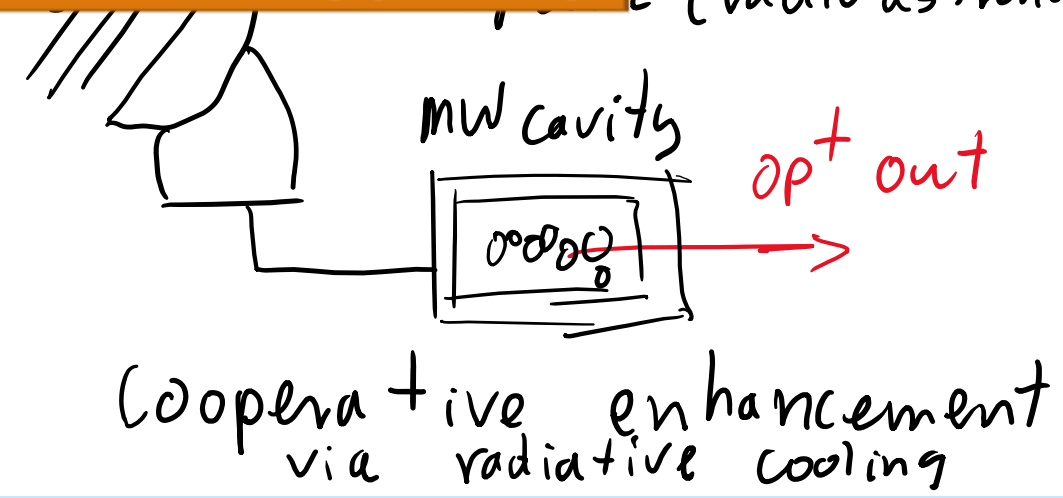
current setup:

free space "atomic antenna"

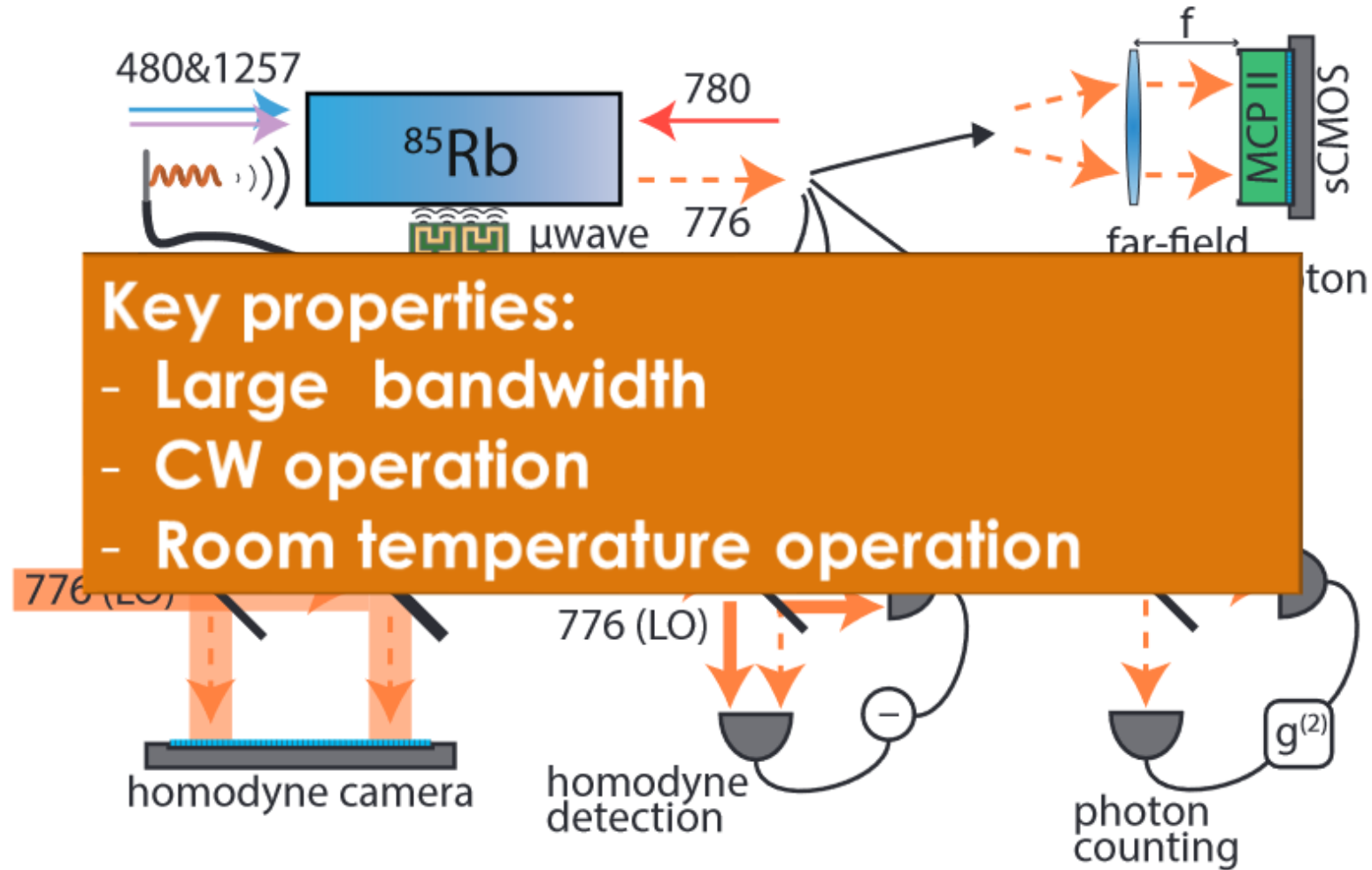
future
atomic receiver,
but large antenna

Current equivalent noise – due to dark noise – around 4K
Best MW amplifiers at room temperature – 50 K
With cavity, noise can be removed via cooling (readout)

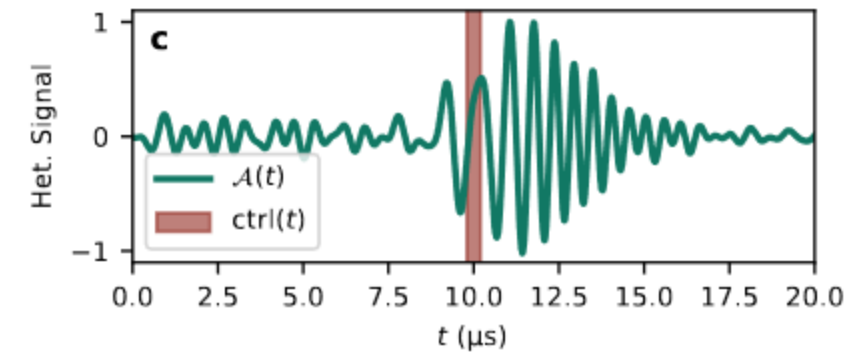
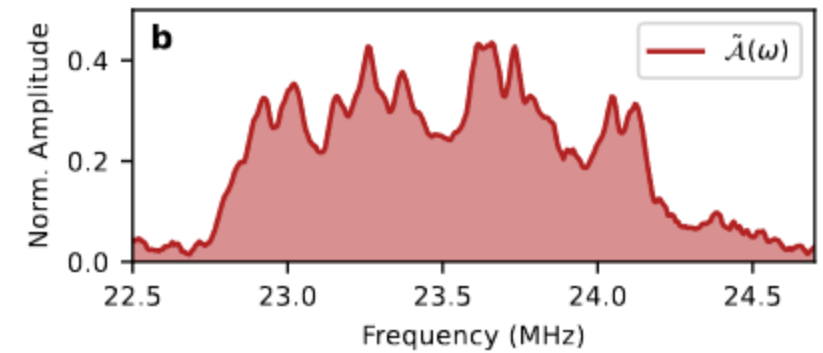
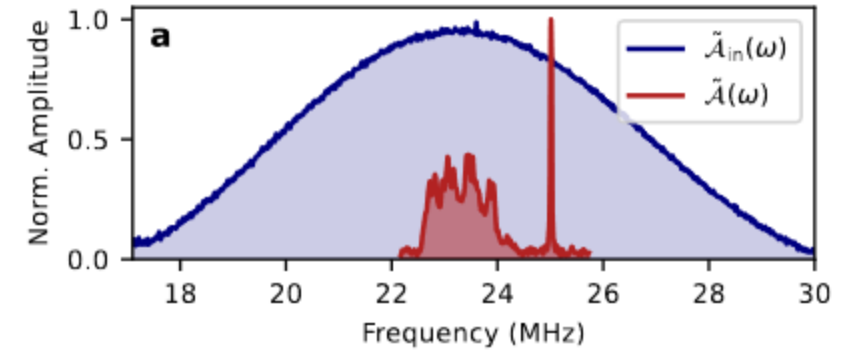
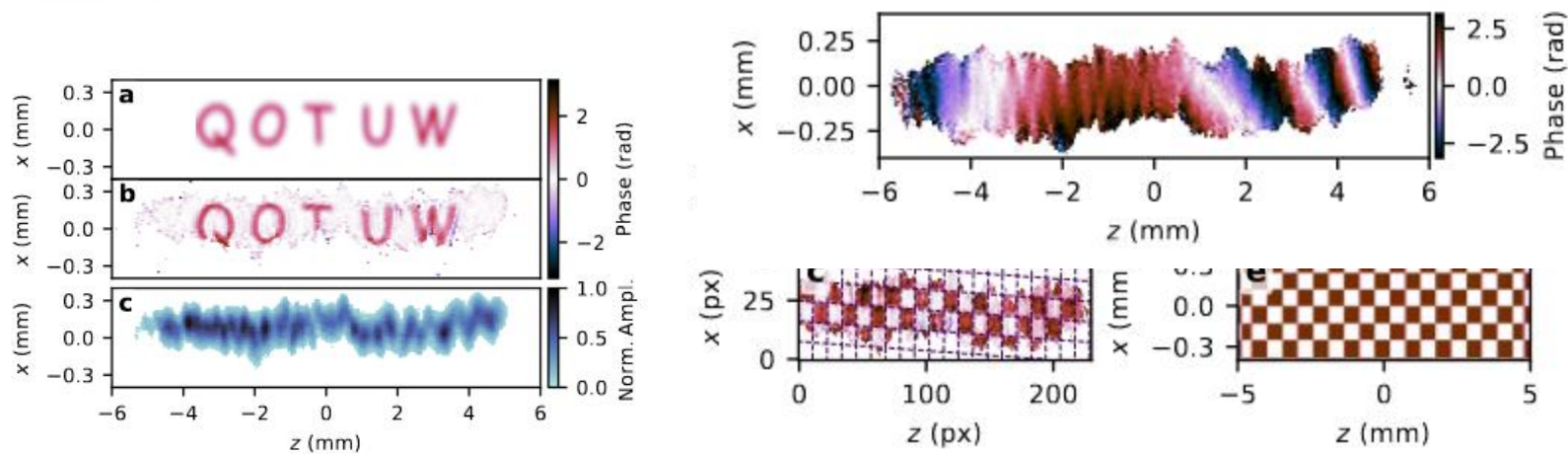
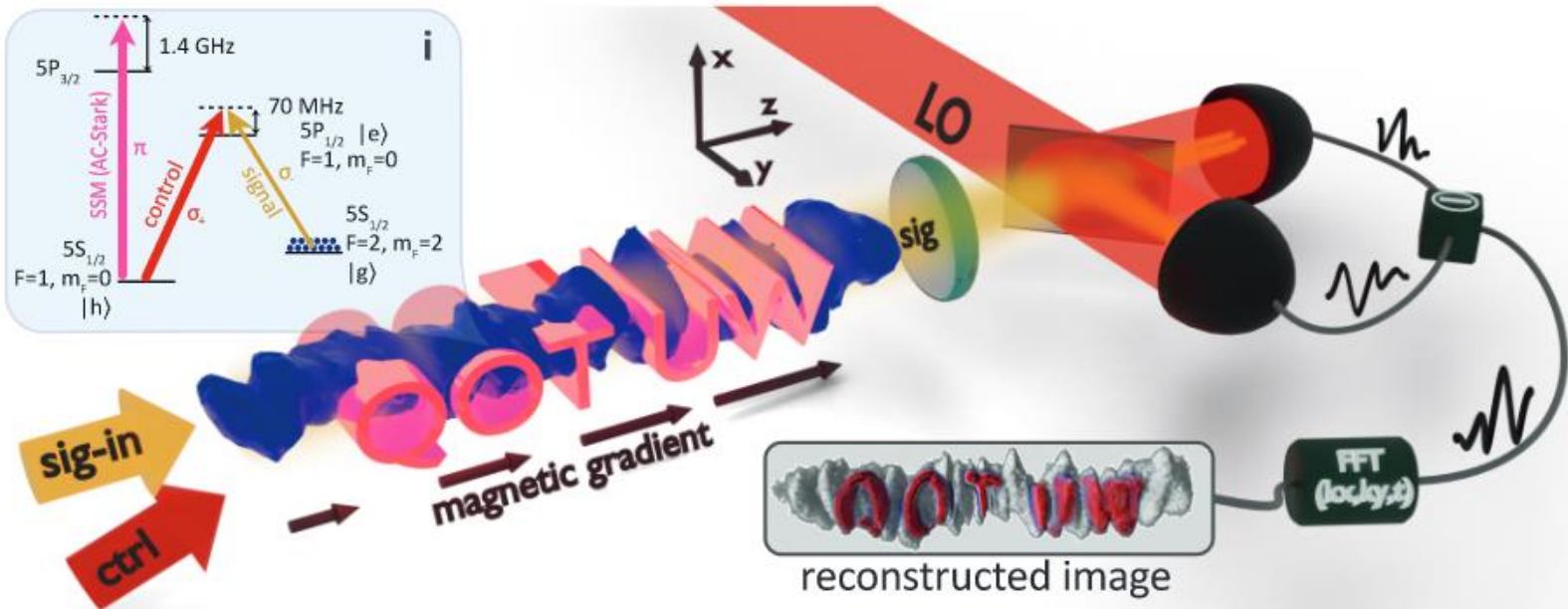
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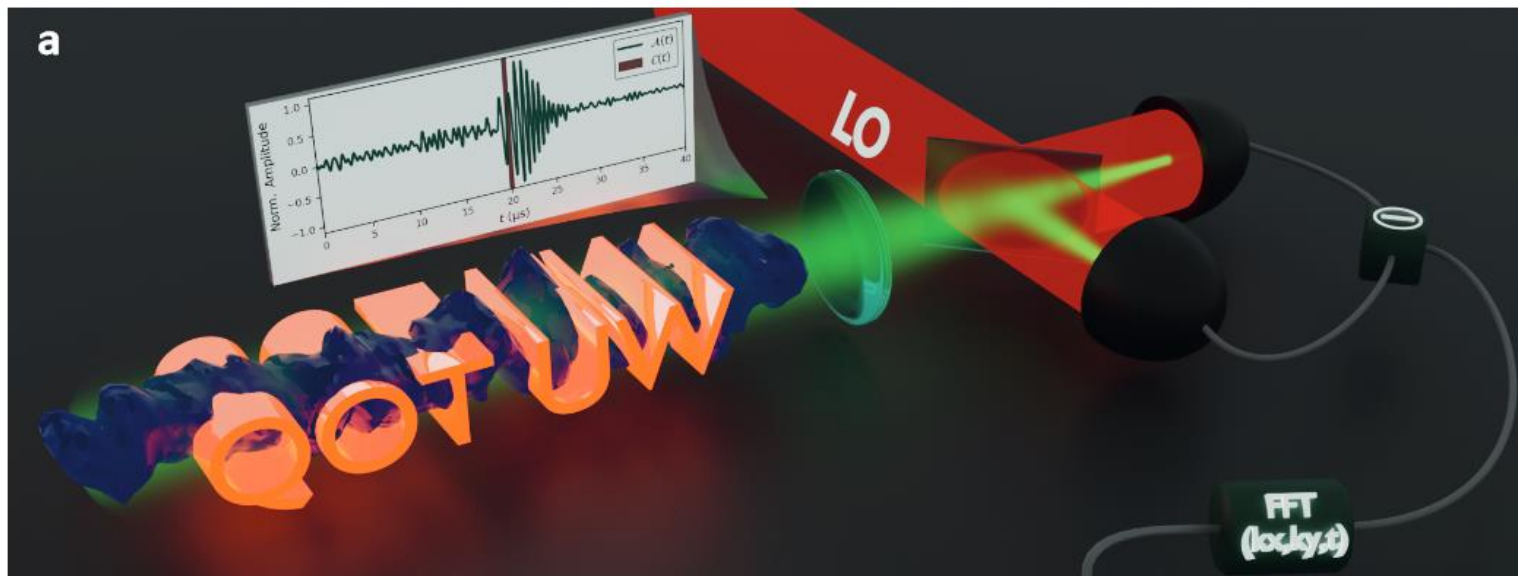
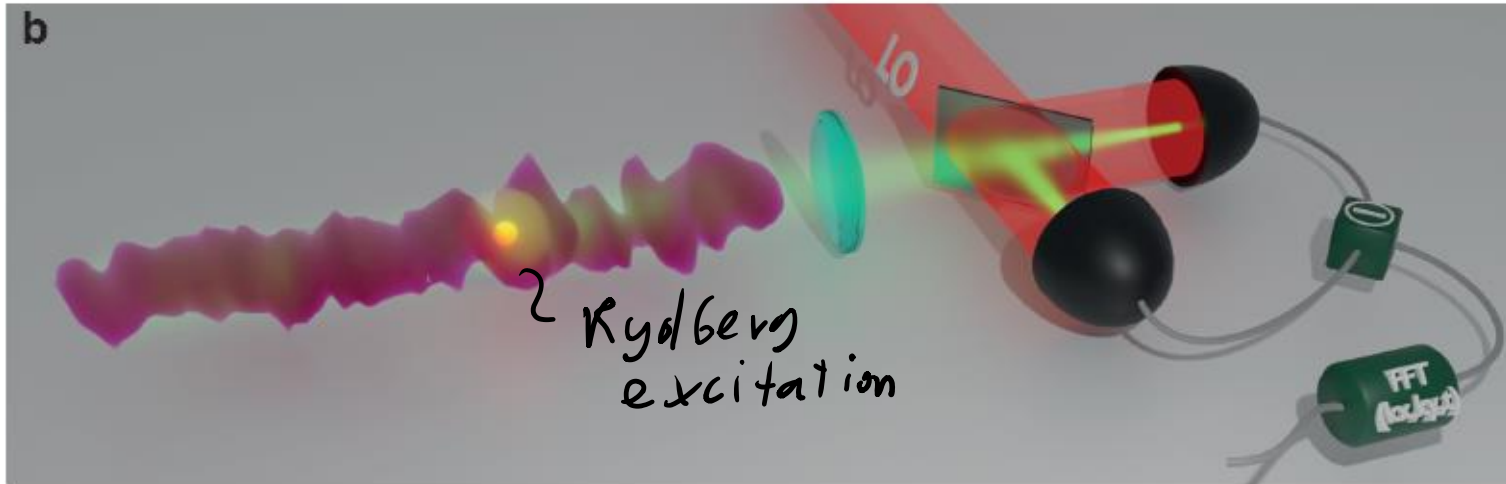
Applications of Rydberg-atom transducer



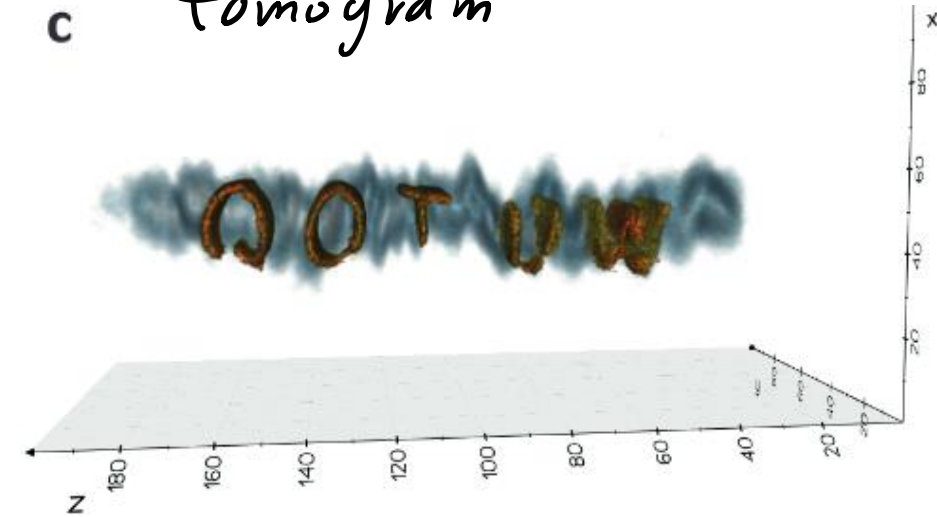
Tomography



Rydberg blockade tomography



c phase tomogram



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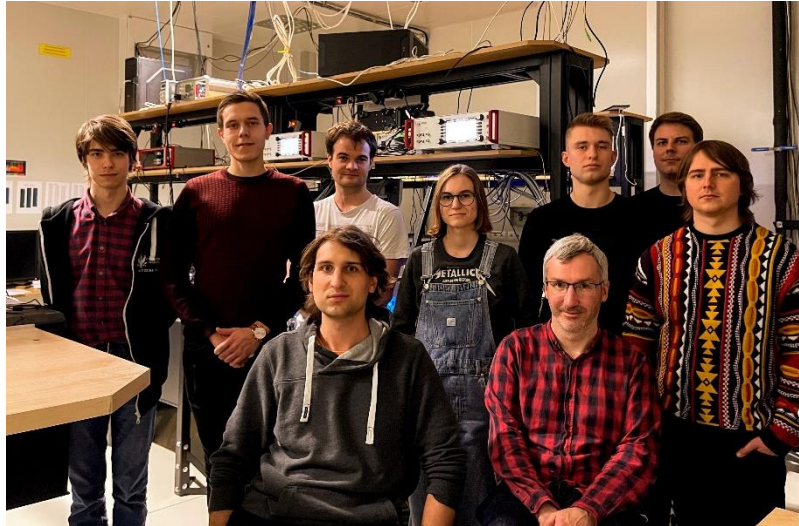
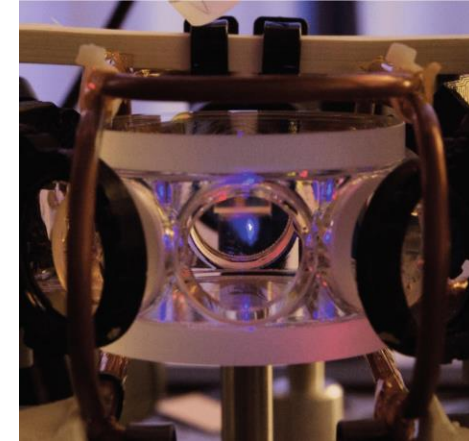
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