

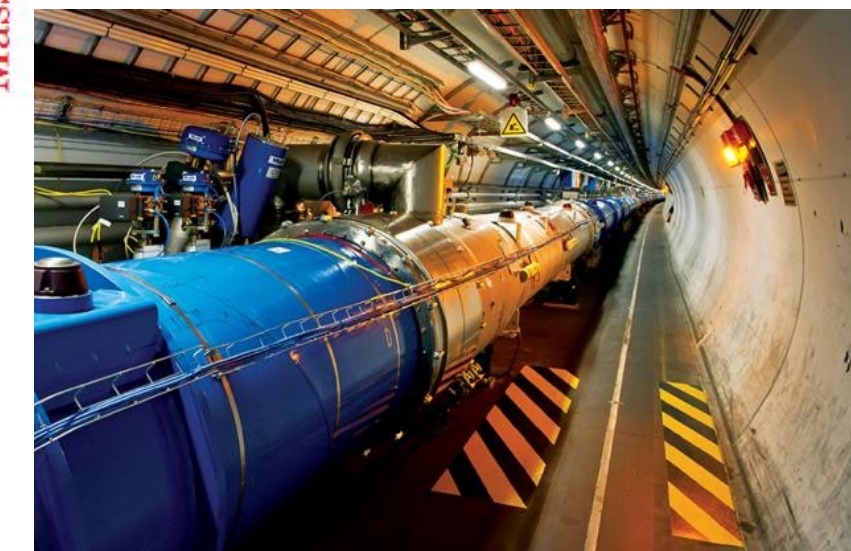
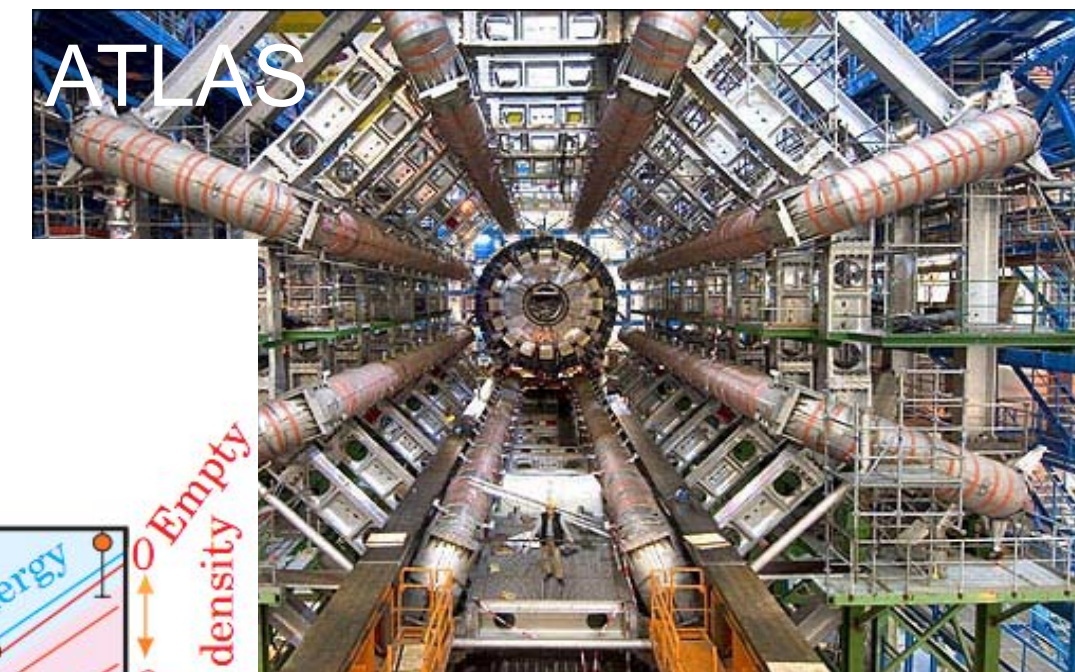
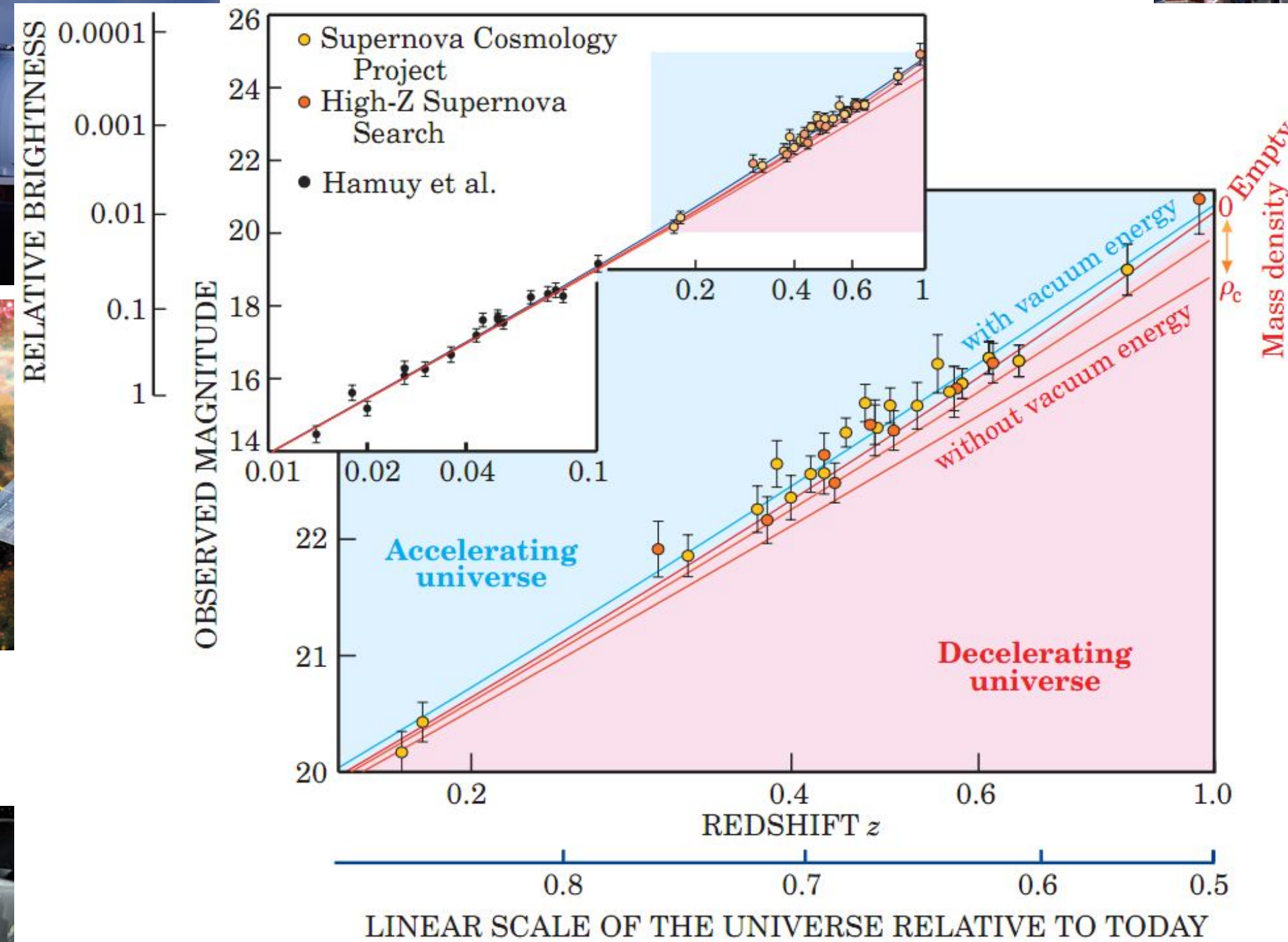
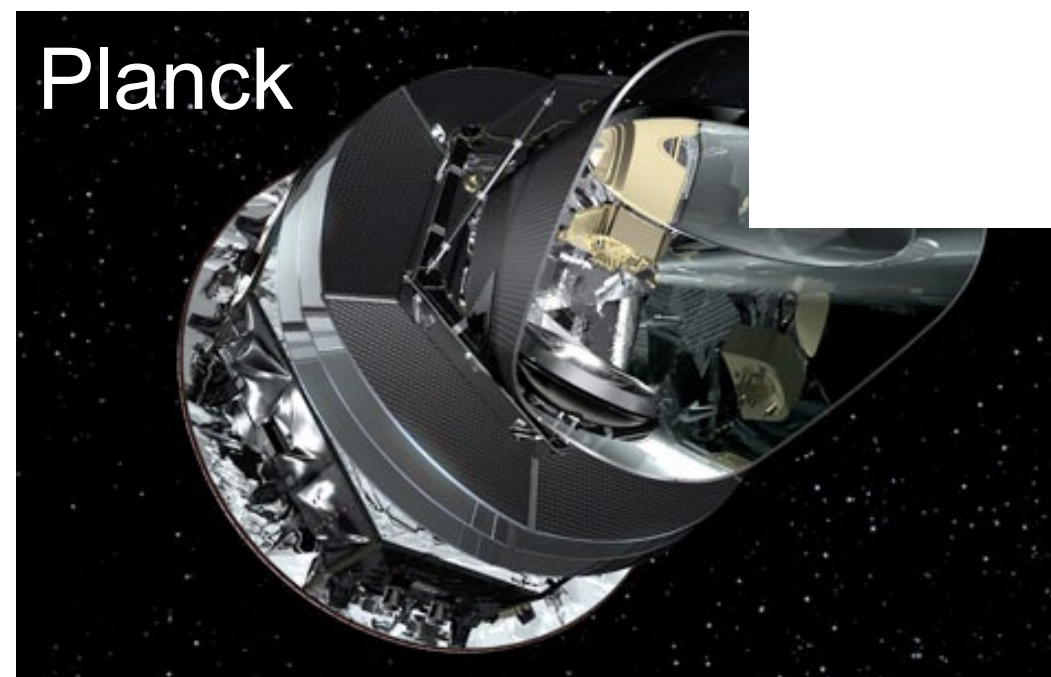
# Atom interferometry in fundamental physics

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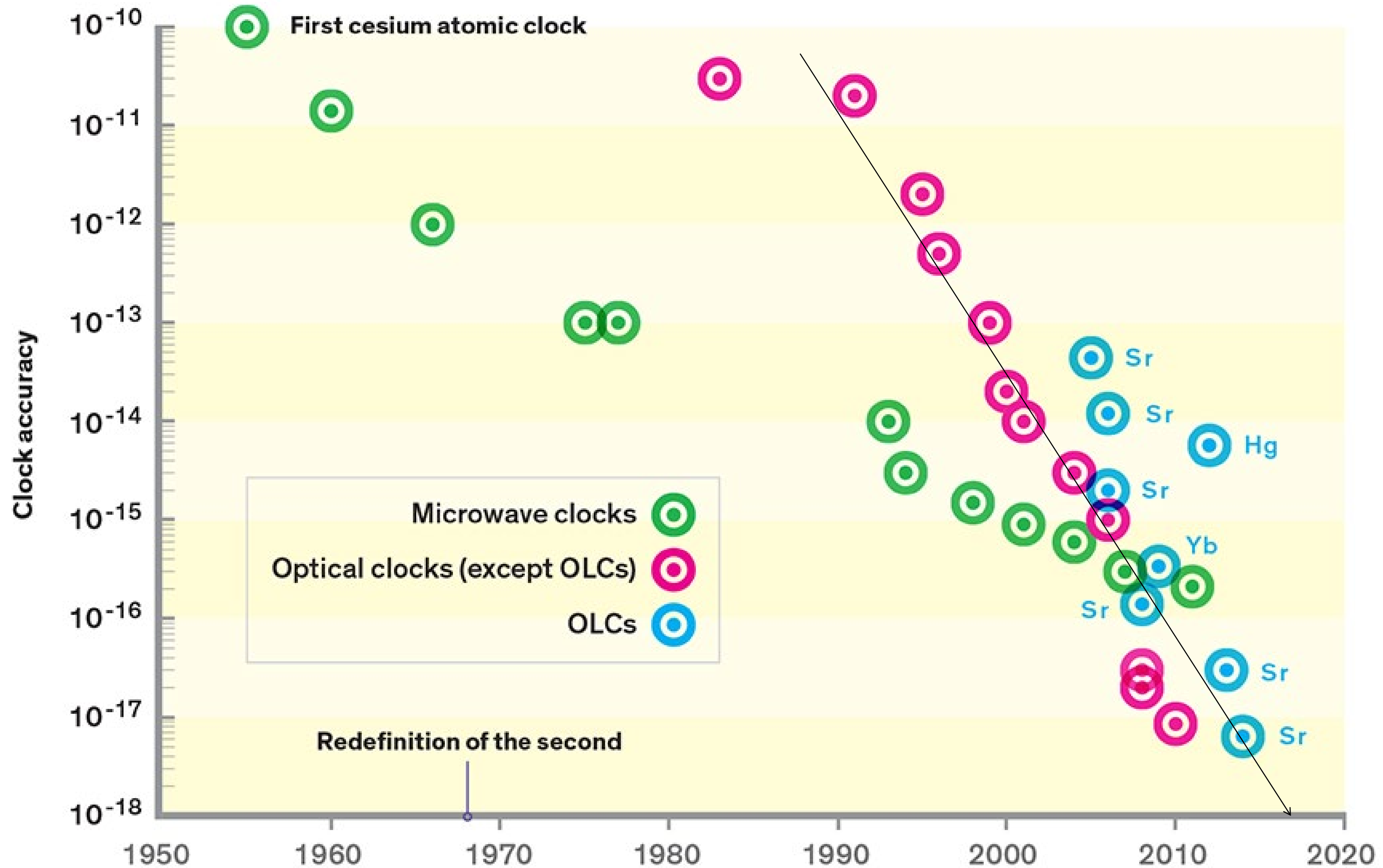
# The Era of precision uncertainty

Loud and clear signals from the skies....

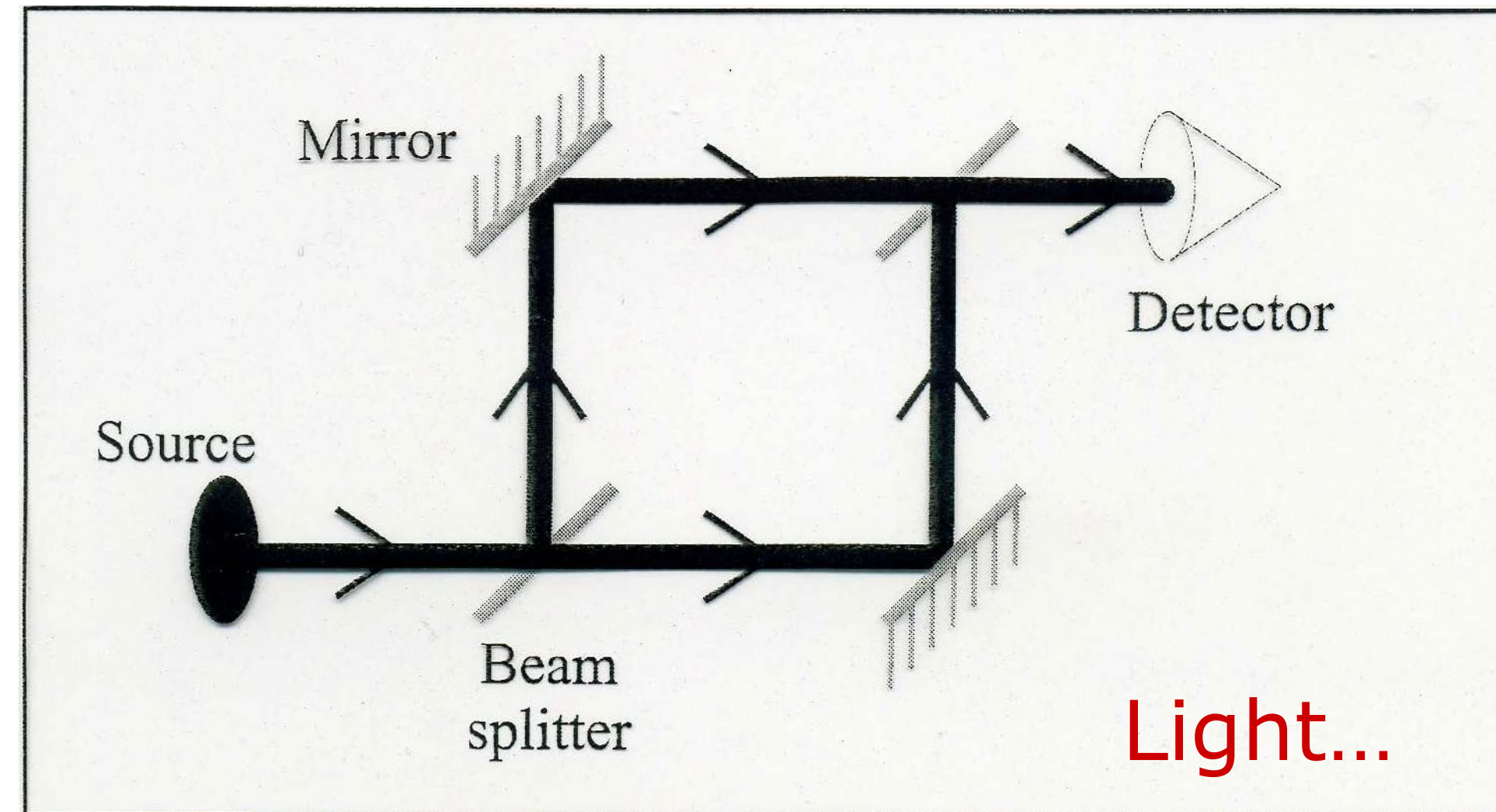
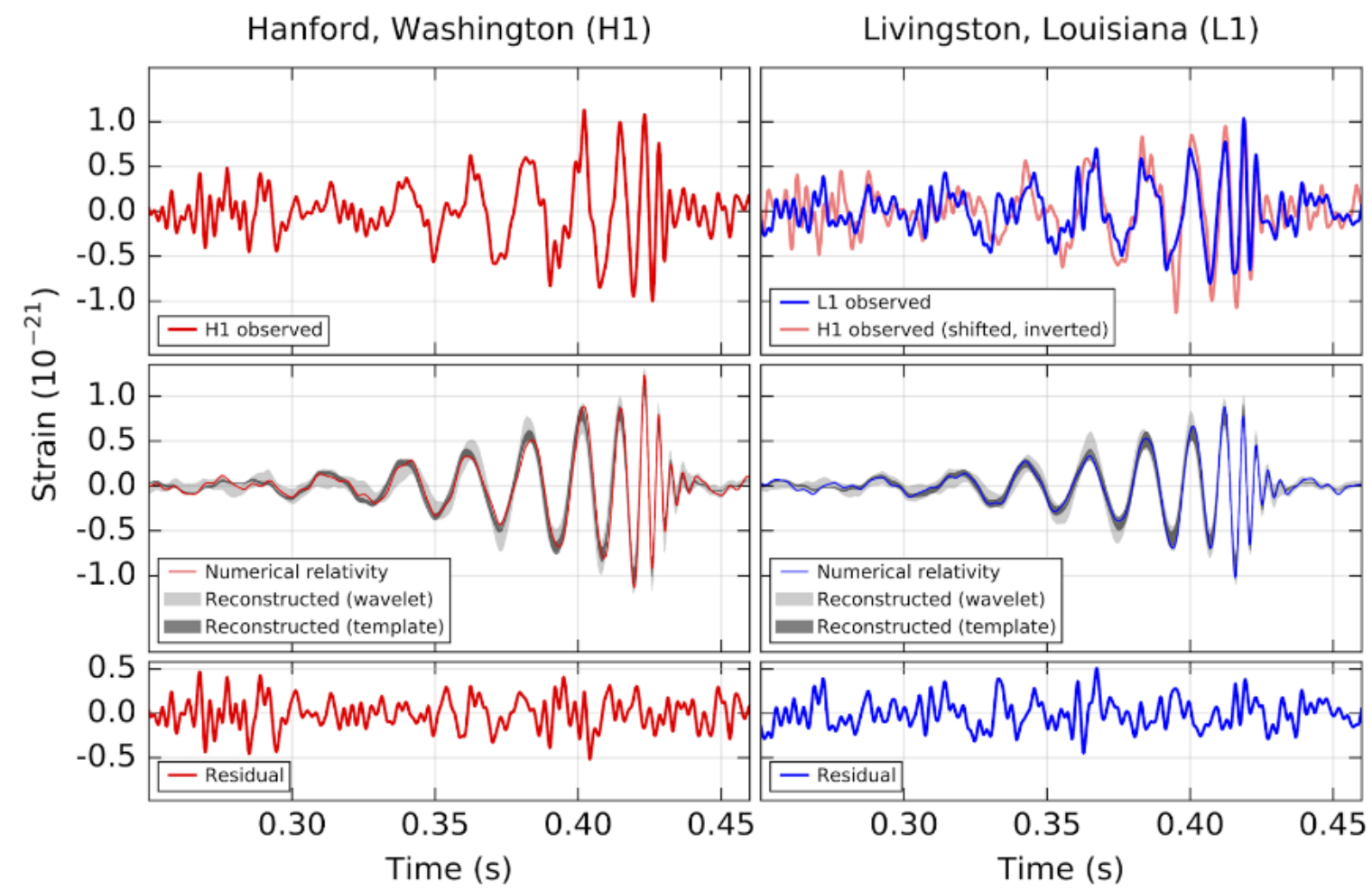
...but silence in our detectors



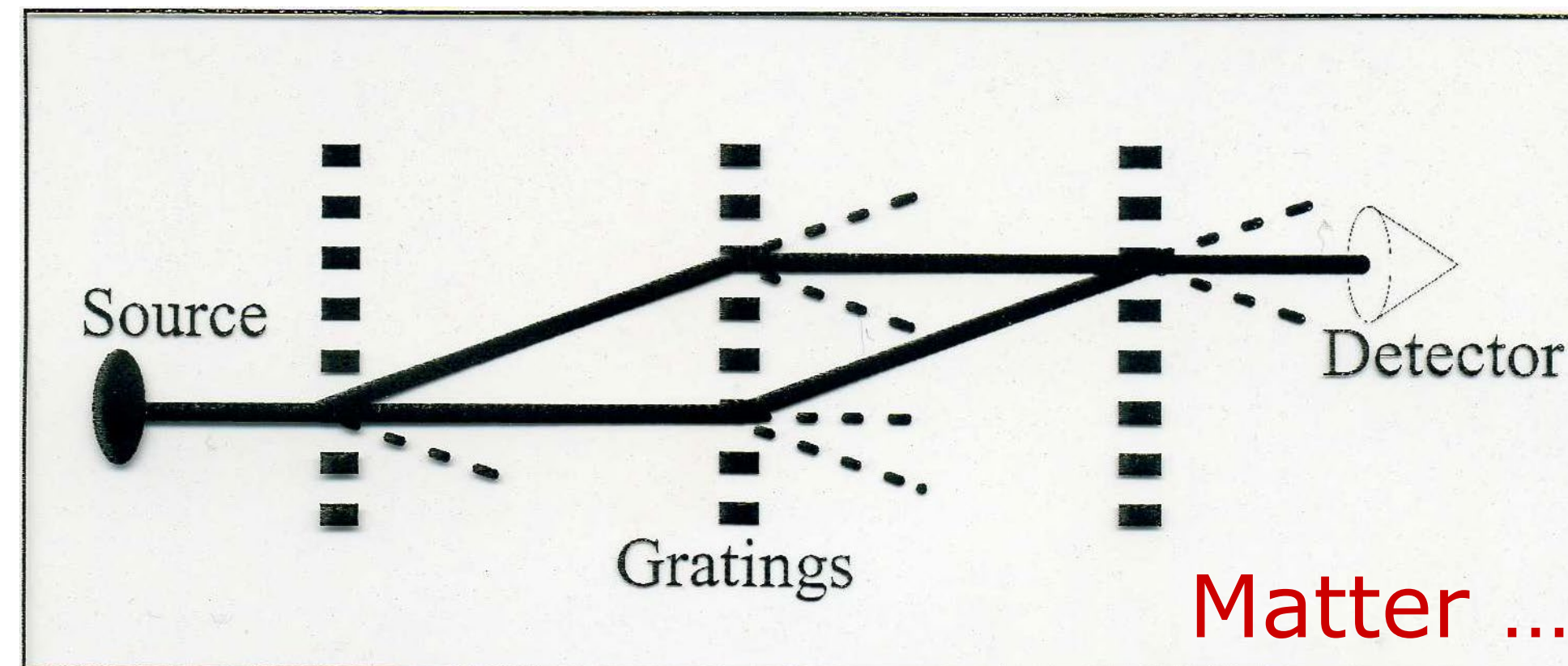
# Moore's law in atomic physics



# Interferometry...



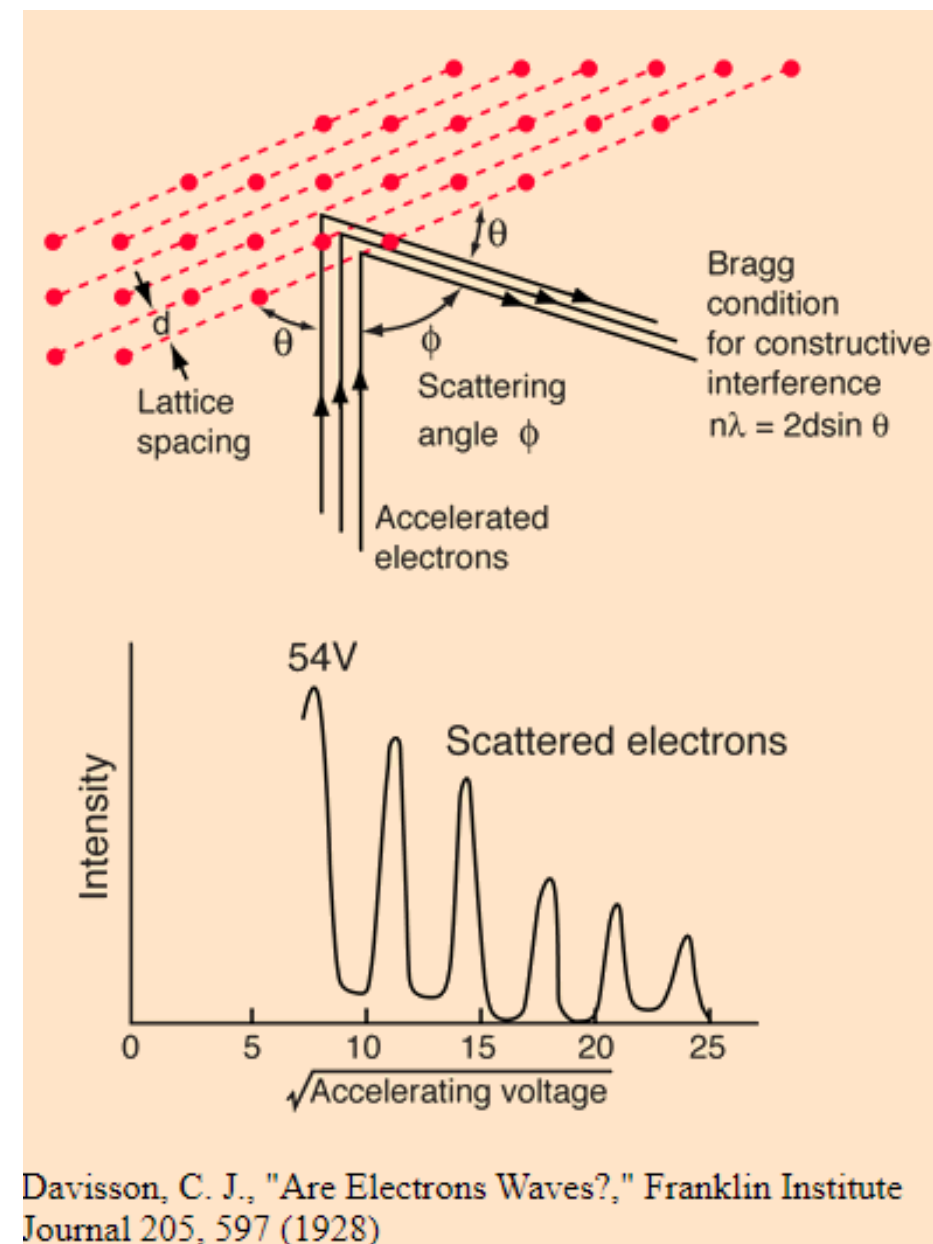
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$$



# Timeline



**De Broglie, 1924:**  
Matter waves



**Davisson and Germer, 1928:** electron interference

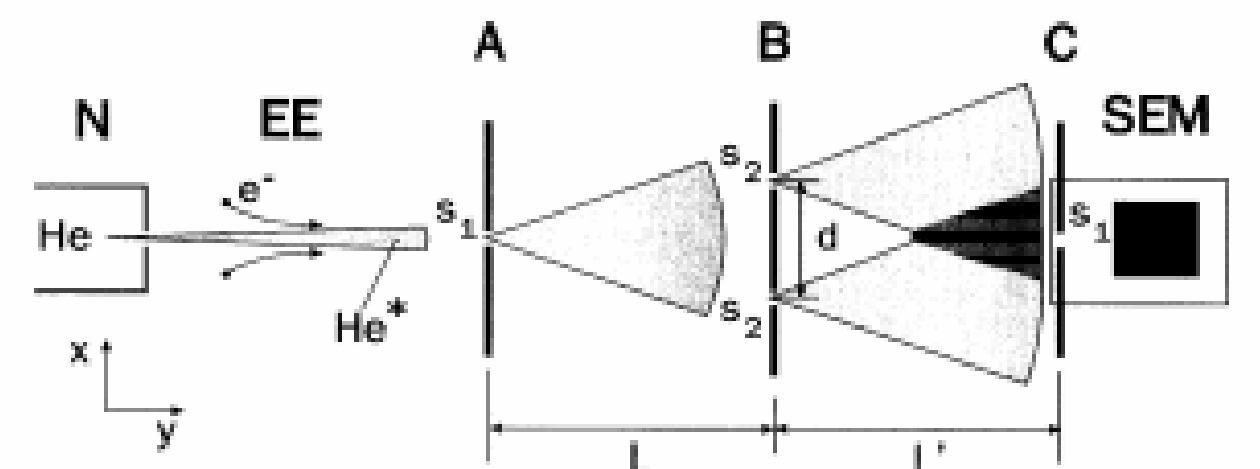
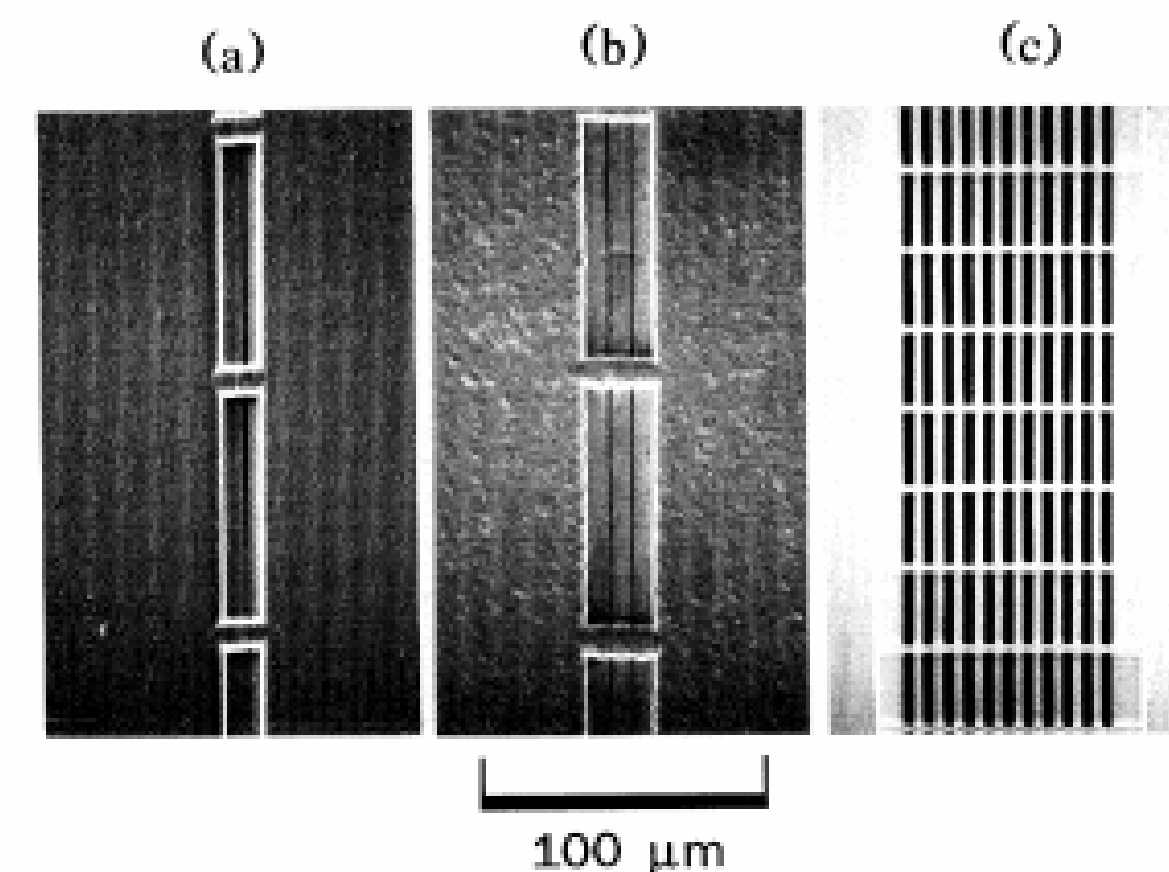


FIG. 2. Schematic representation of the experimental setup: nozzle system and gas reservoir N; electron impact excitation EE; entrance slit A, double slit B, and detector screen C; secondary electron multiplier SEM (mounted together with C on a translation stage). Dimensions:  $d = 8 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $L = L' = 64 \text{ cm}$ ; slit widths:  $s_1 = 2 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $s_2 = 1 \mu\text{m}$ .



**Carnal and Mlynek, 1991:** Atom interferometer with material gratings

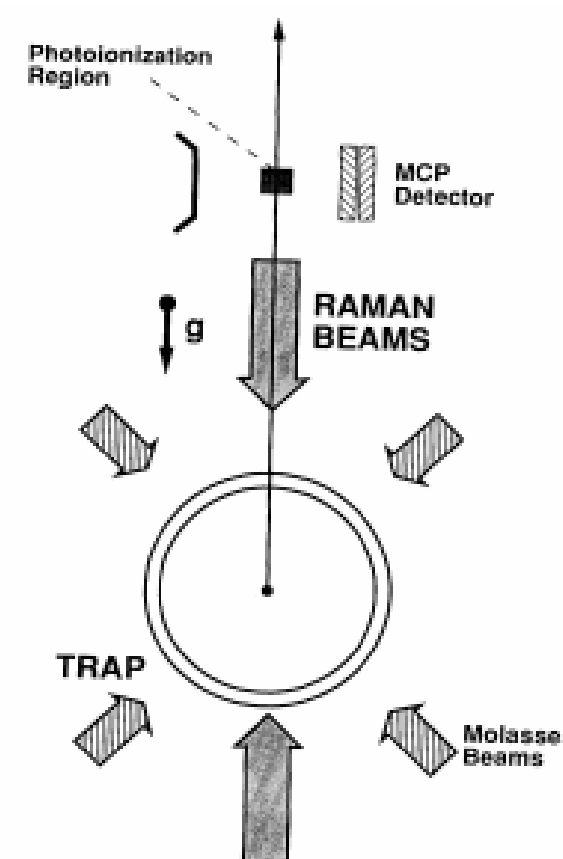


FIG. 2. A schematic of the apparatus used to demonstrate the interferometer illustrated in Fig. 1(b). Atoms were loaded into an optomagnetic trap, cooled, launched, and then optically pumped into the  $F=1$  hyperfine state. Approximately 50 msec following their launch, the set of Raman beams is pulsed on three times to drive  $\pi/2-\pi-\pi/2$  pulse sequence. After 135 msec, atoms in the  $F=2$  state were detected by resonant photoionization. The repetition rate of the experiment was 1 Hz. Not shown are the other set of molasses beams and the atomic beam used to load the trap.

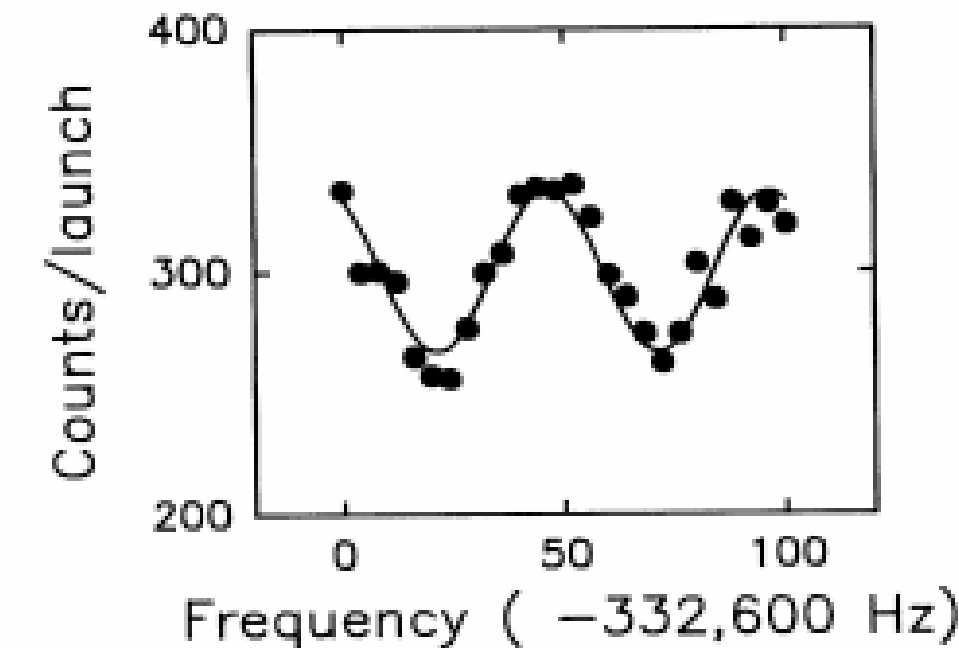
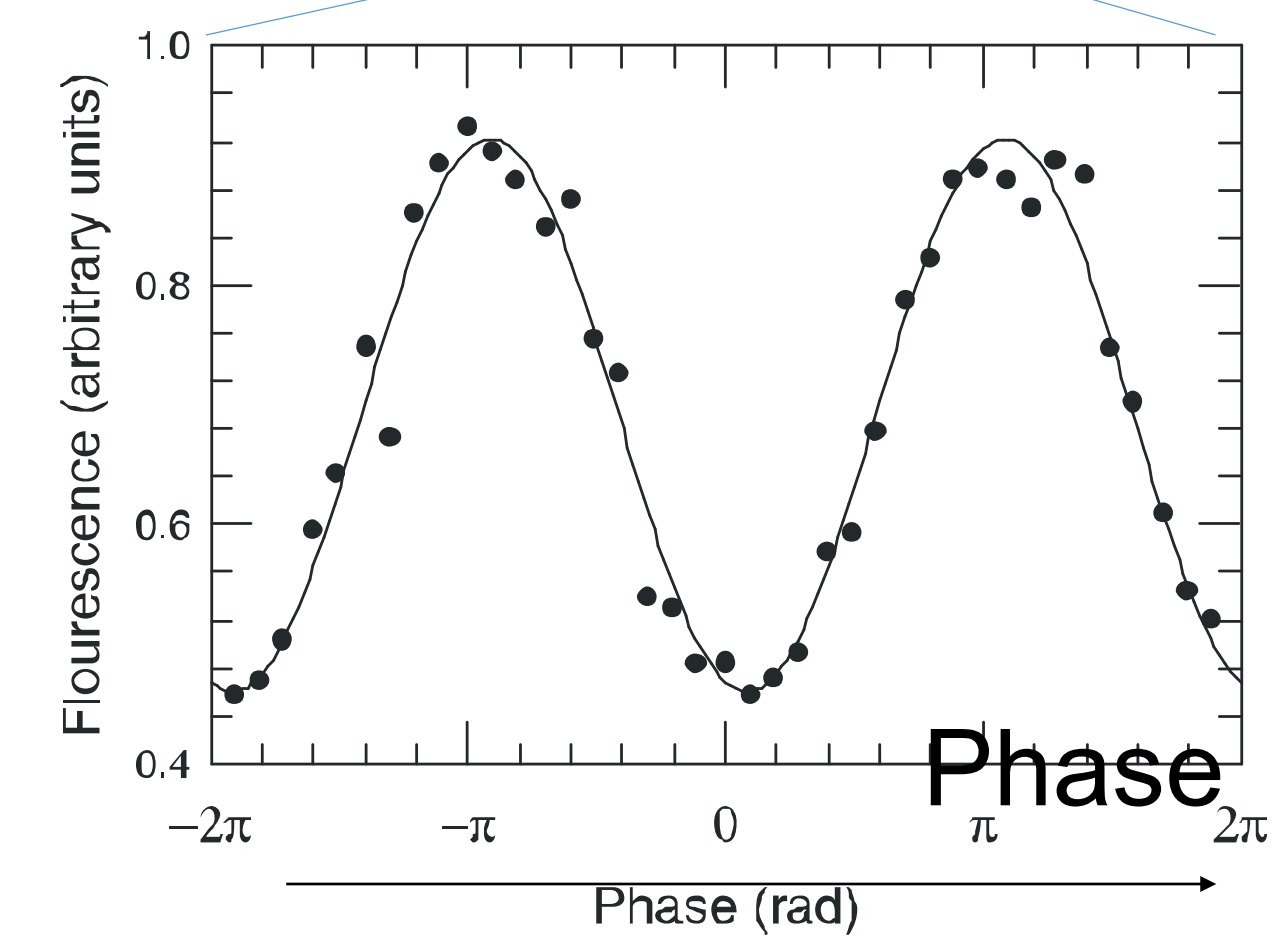
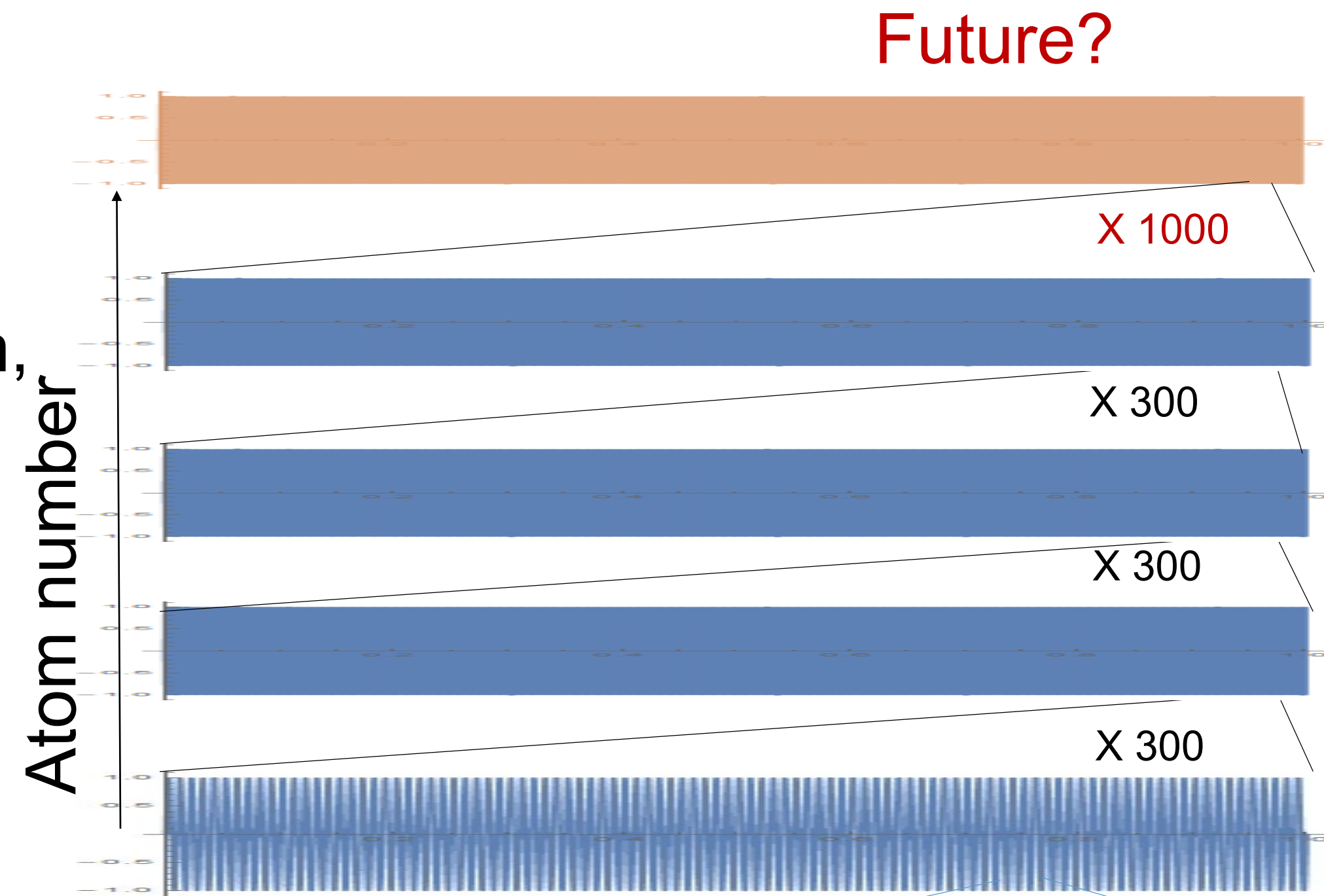
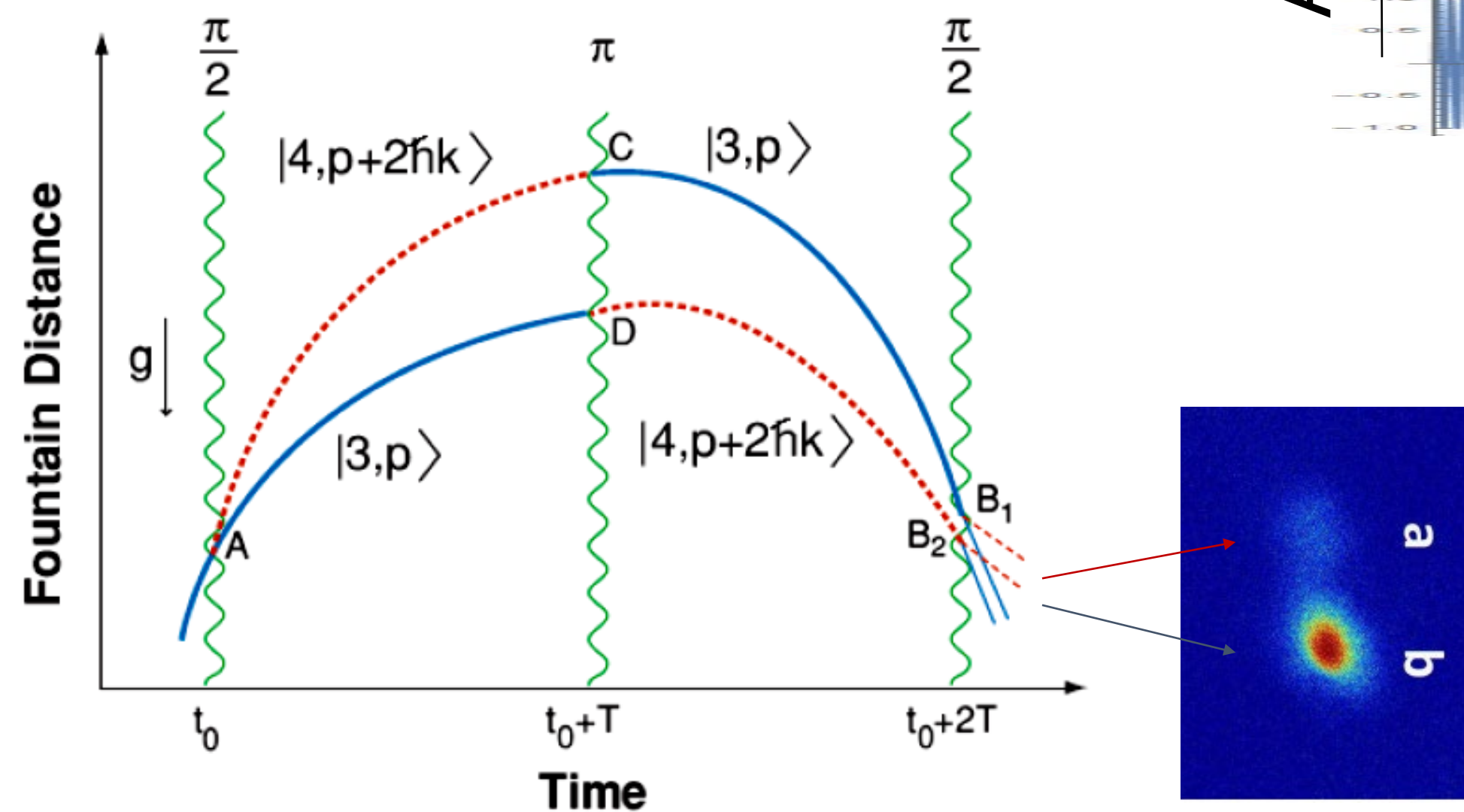


FIG. 3. Interferometer fringes from a frequency scan of the Raman laser beams when the time between pulses is 10 msec. The solid line is a nonlinear least-squares fit to the data. The linewidth of the resonance is determined by the time between the  $\pi/2$  and  $\pi$  pulses, and is not a free parameter.

**Kasevich and Chu as well as Riehle et al, 1991:** Light-pulse atom interferometry

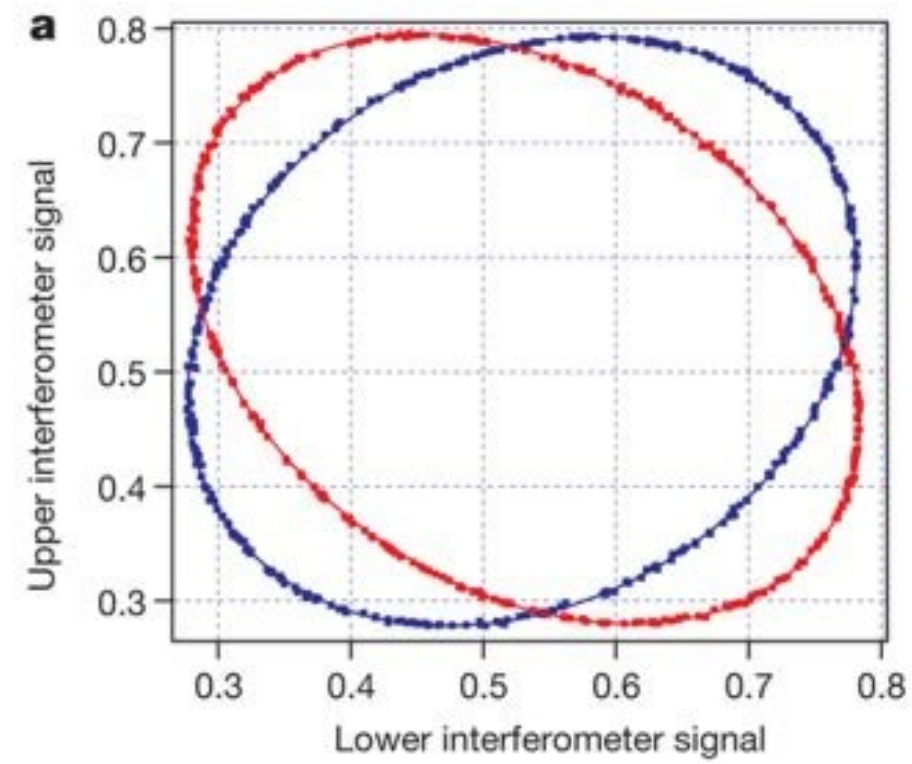
# Light pulse atom interferometer

- Particles / waves
- Phase determined by Lagrangian,  $L = E_{\text{kin}} - E_{\text{pot}}$
- Laser wavelength as a ruler

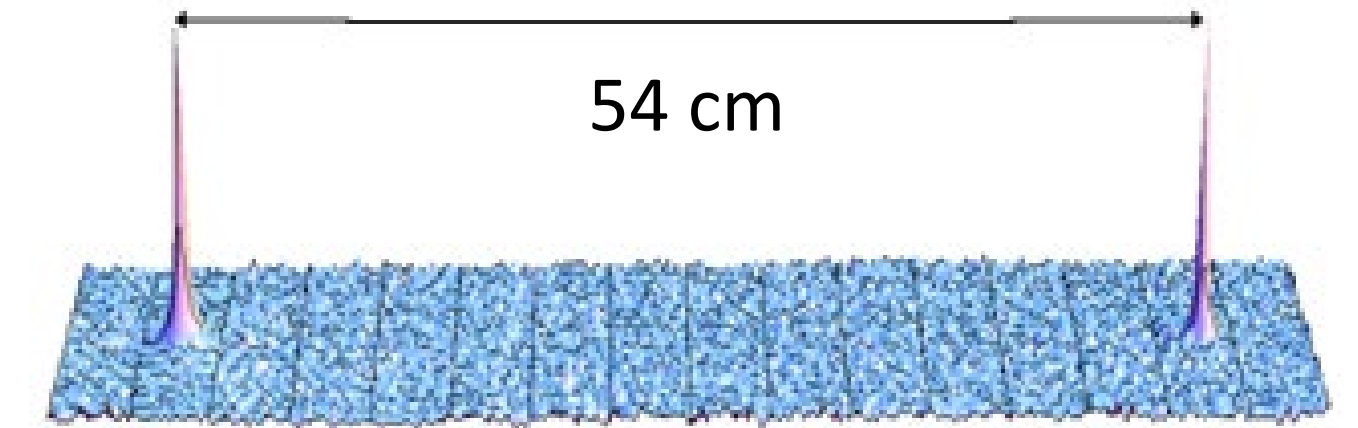
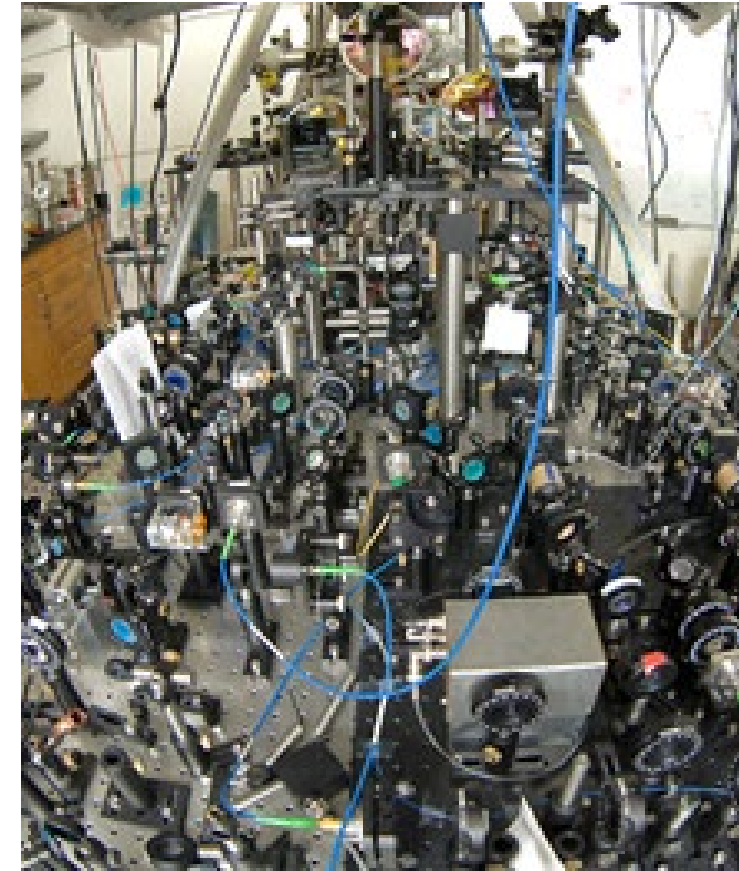


Future?

# Precision interferometry



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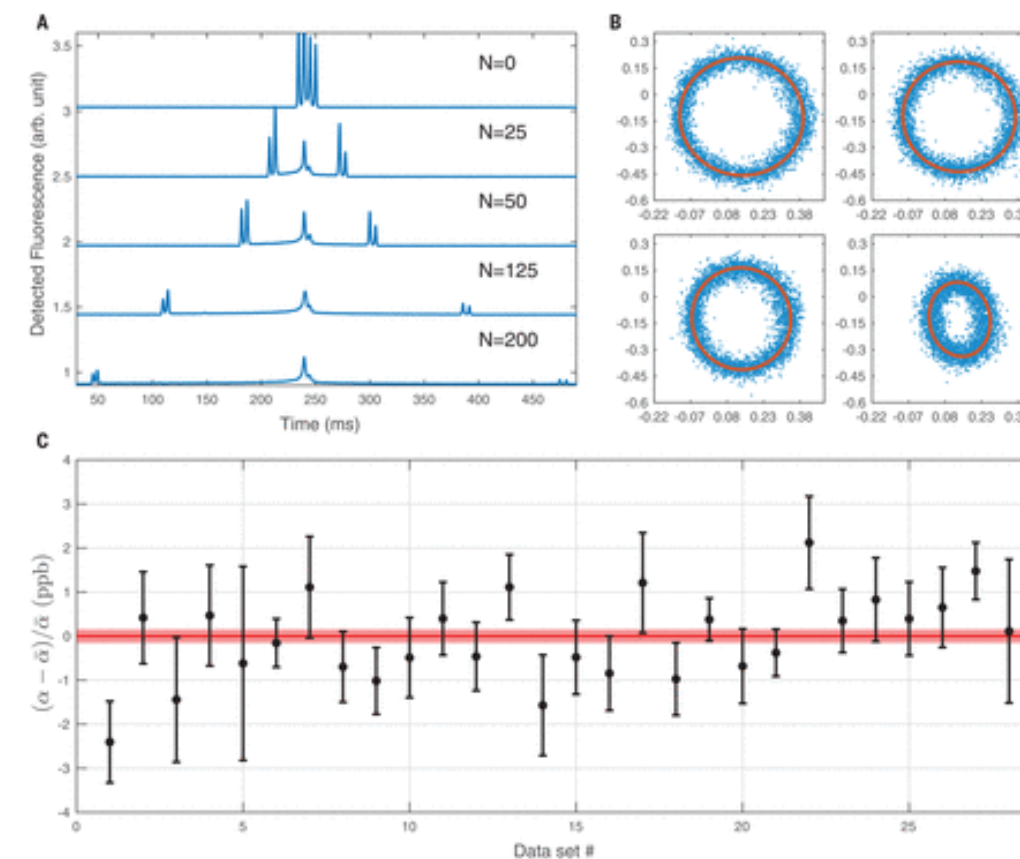


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Measurement of Newton's gravitational constant  $G$

Measuring the fine structure constant  $\alpha$  at Berkeley

Tests of GR and QM  
Stanford 10m atomic fountain



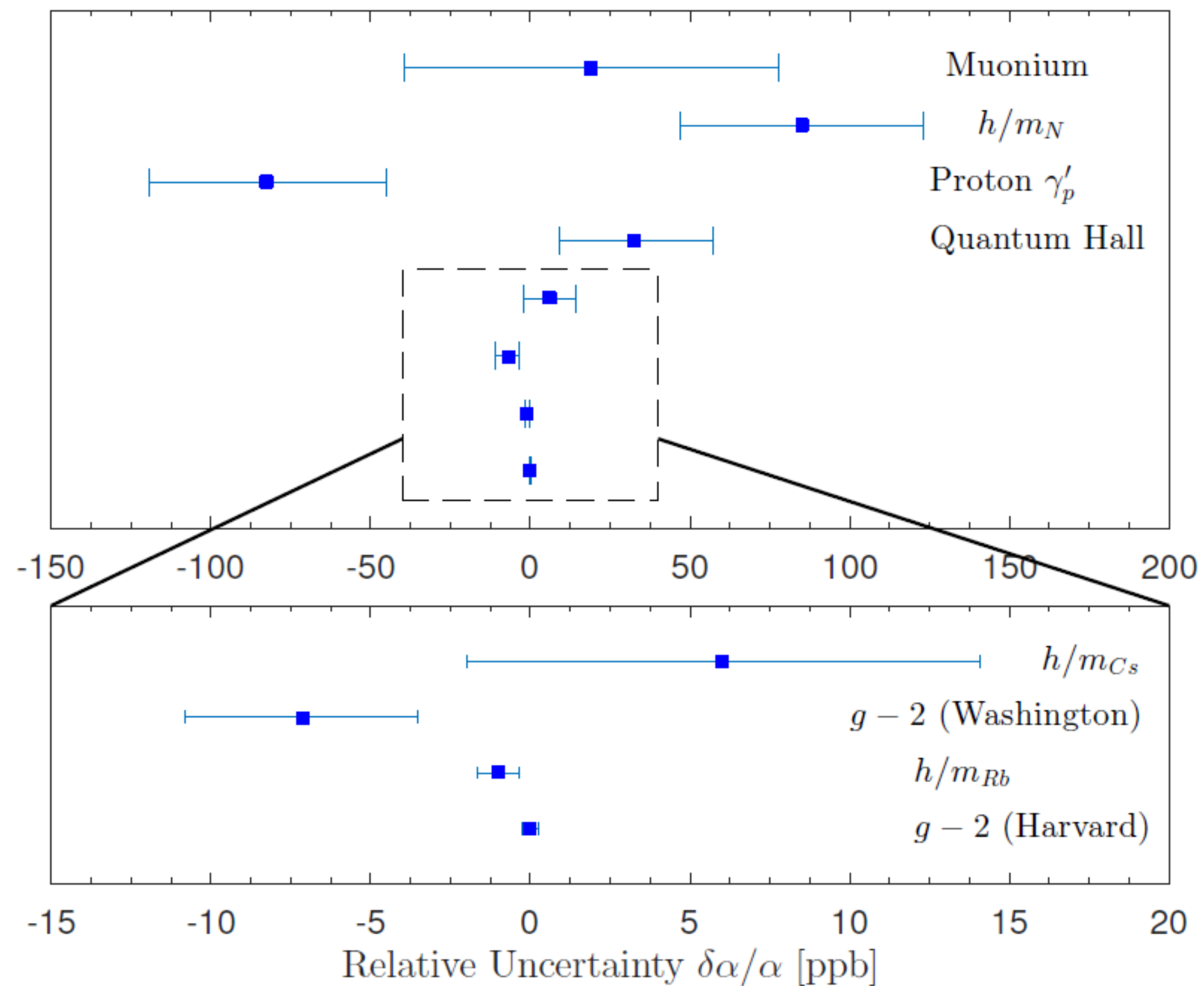
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# The Fine Structure Constant

Measures the strength of the electromagnetic interaction

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} = \frac{1}{137.035999139(31)} \quad (0.23\text{ppb}) \quad 2014 \text{ CODATA}$$





# The Fine Structure Constant

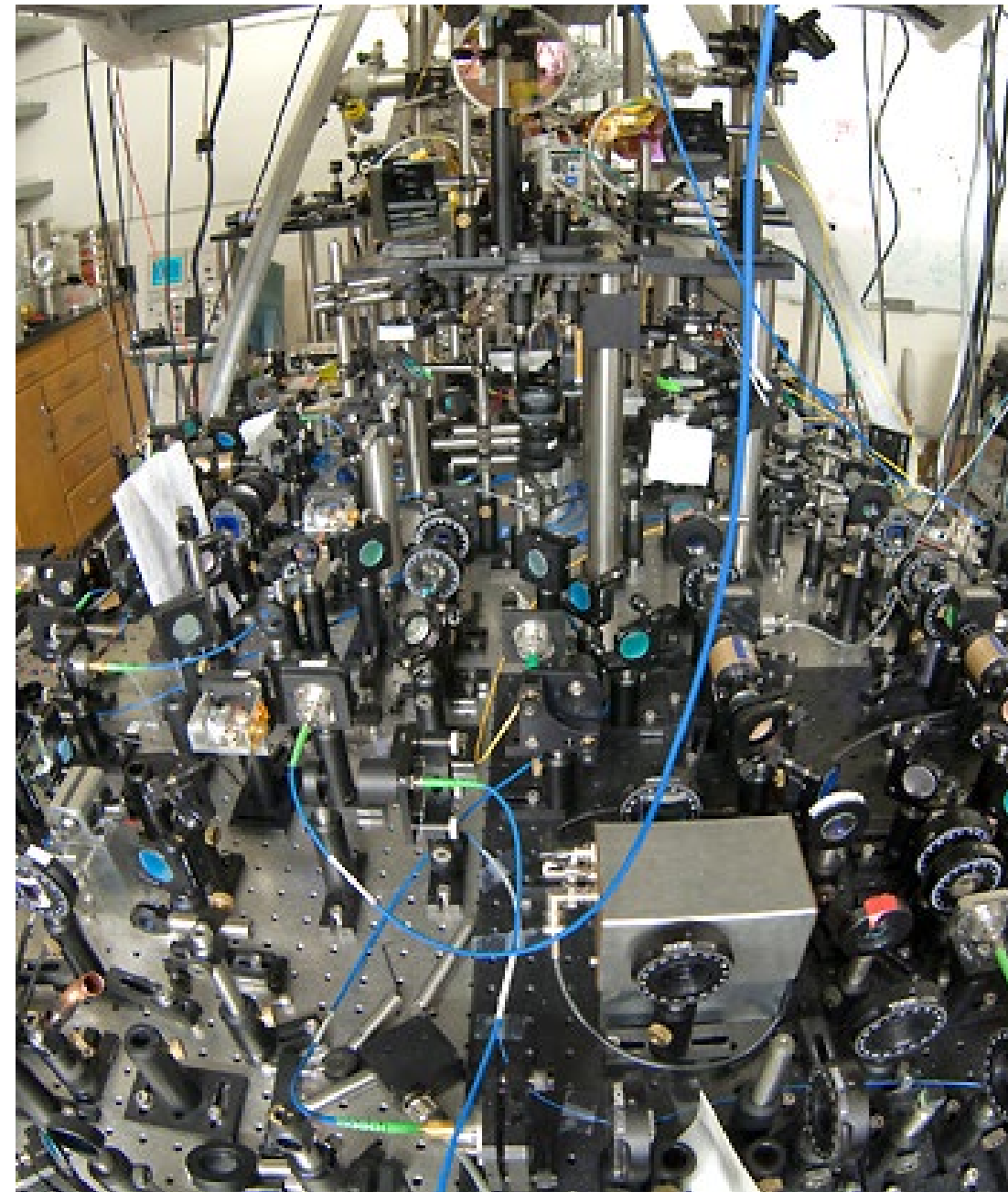
137 is...(<https://primes.utm.edu/curios/page.php/137.html>)

- The numerical value of “Kaballah” (קַבָּלָה)
- Genesis 25:17: “And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an **hundred and thirty and seven** years. ...”  
It is also the age of Moses father and Levi
- The day before his inauguration, President Obama made a 137-mile train trip from Philadelphia to Washington, DC.
- There are 137 Hawaiian islands, islets, and shoals
- W. Pauli died in room 137 of Rotkreuz Hospital, Zurich.
- WMAP’s age of the universe is 13.7 billion years
- 33<sup>rd</sup> prime number
- The largest prime factor of 123456787654321
- Karpov and Kasparov played 137 draws in chess
- Chlorophyll ( $C_{55}H_{72}MgN_4O_5$ ) consists of 137 atoms

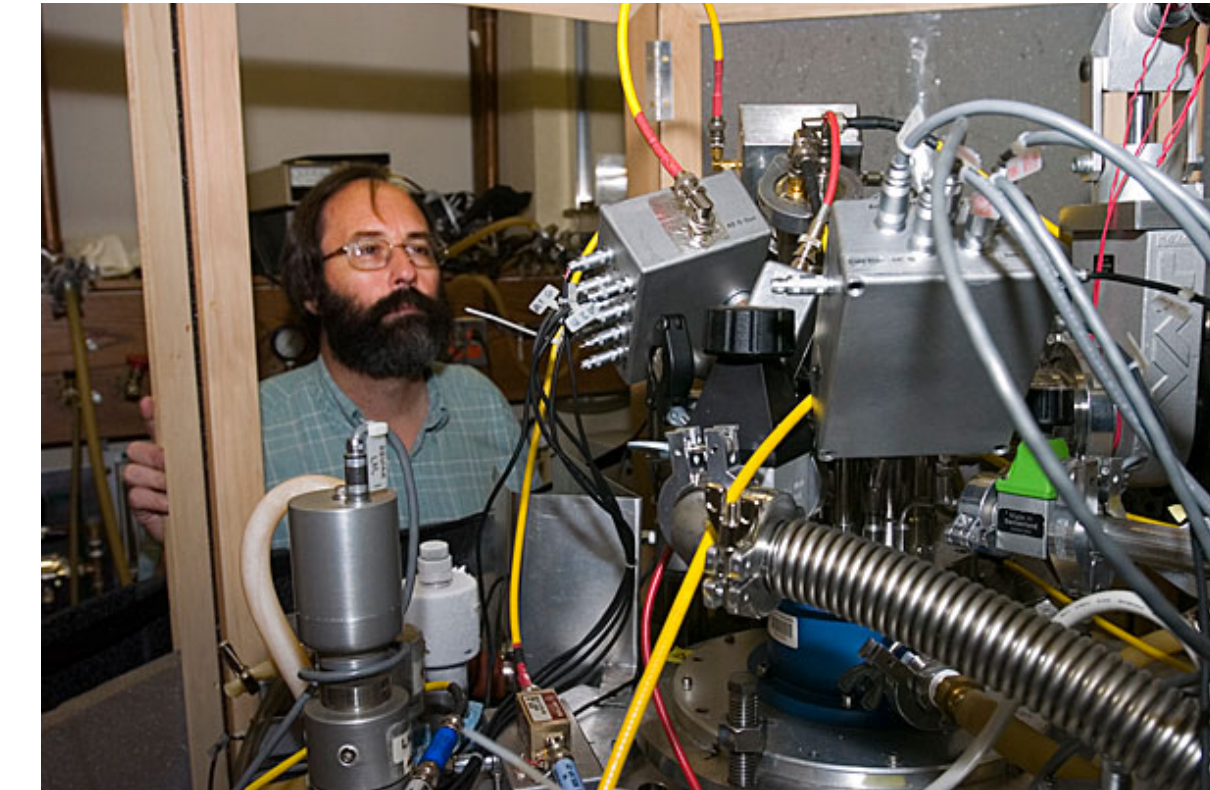
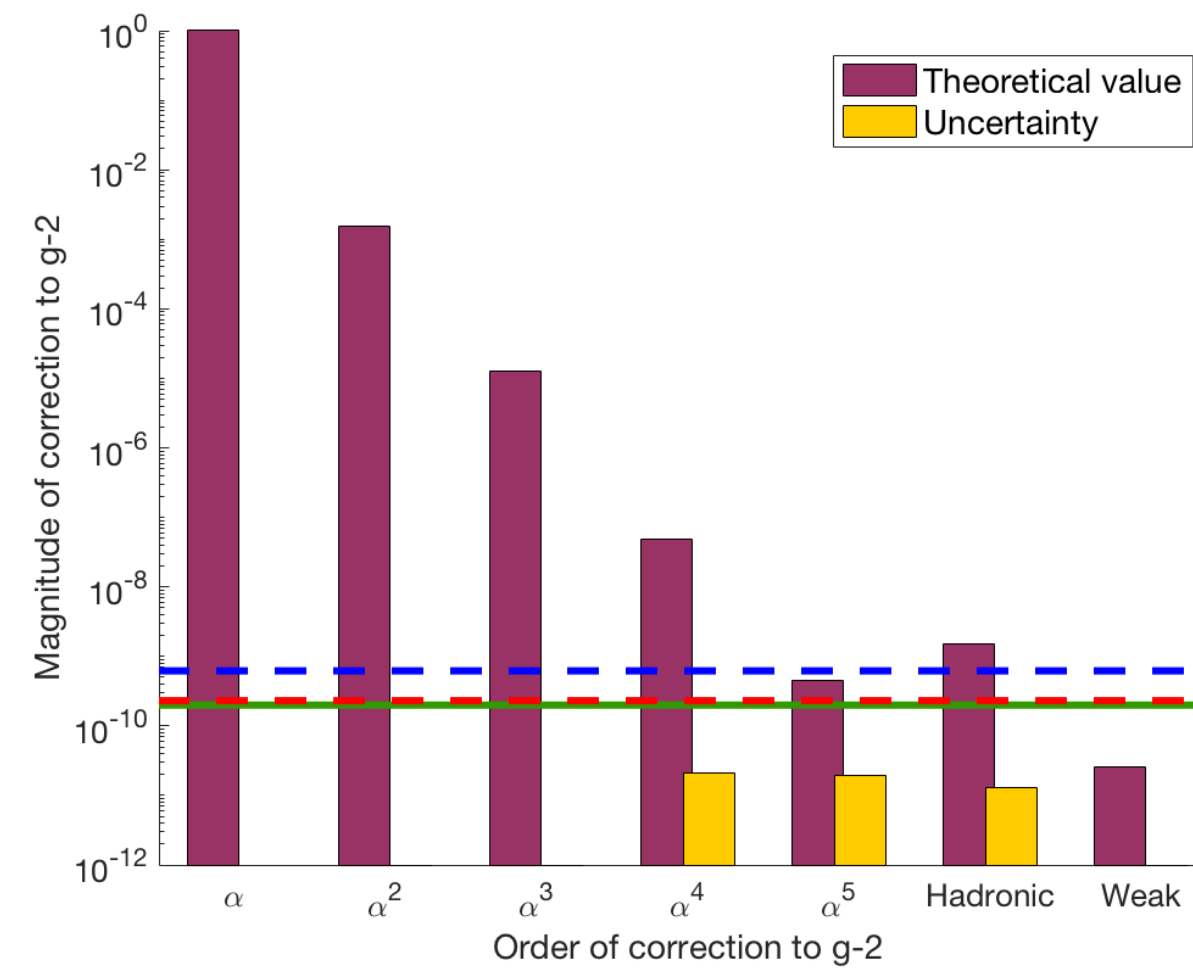


# The most precise theory/experiment comparison in science

Fine structure constant



Electron magnetic moment



Unknown particles may shift magnetic moment

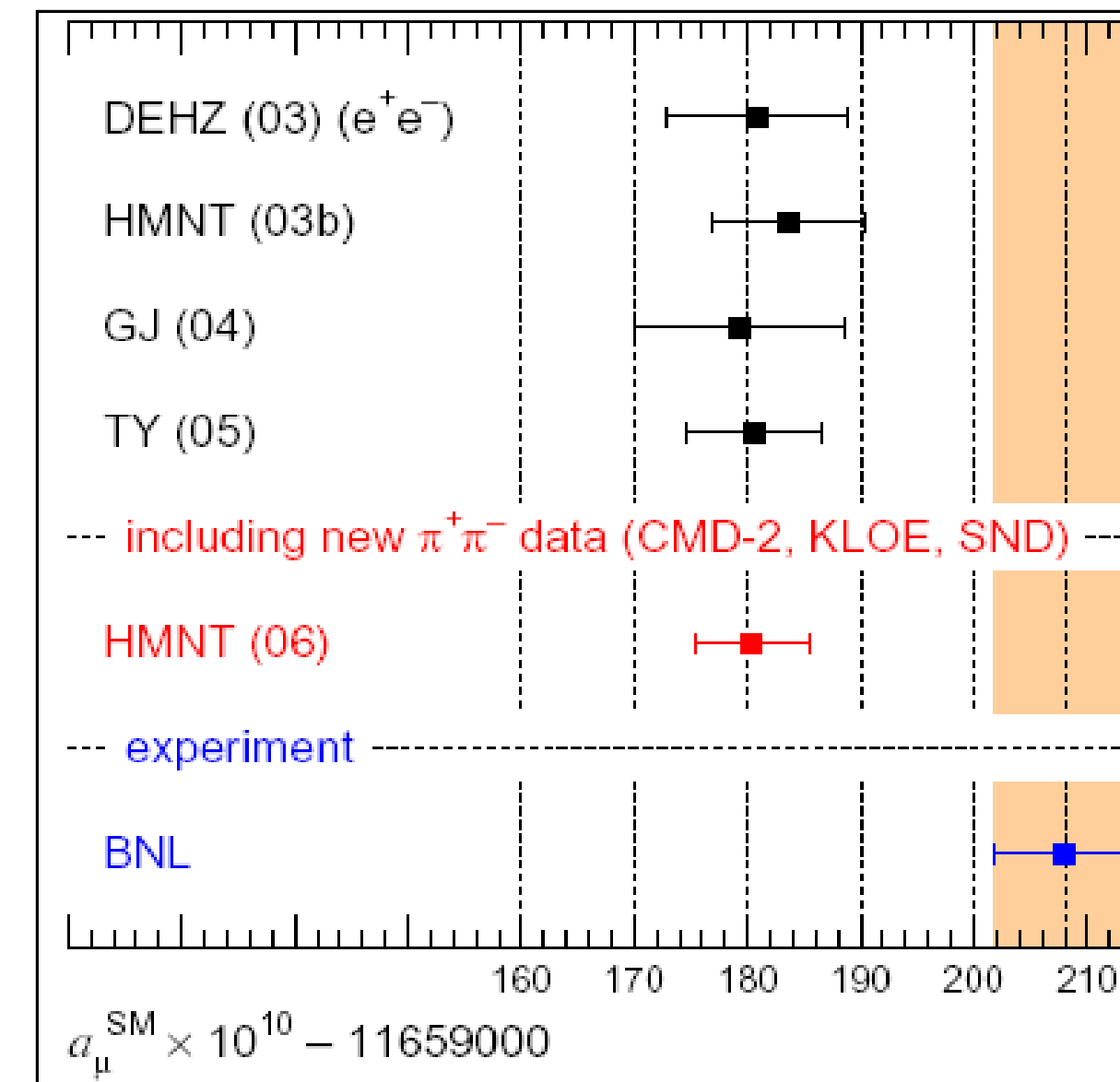
# Muon g-2 mystery

Whatever the dark sector is made of, only three interactions are allowed by standard model symmetries

- **Vector portal** “massive photon”
- Higgs portal
- Neutrino portal

## Hints

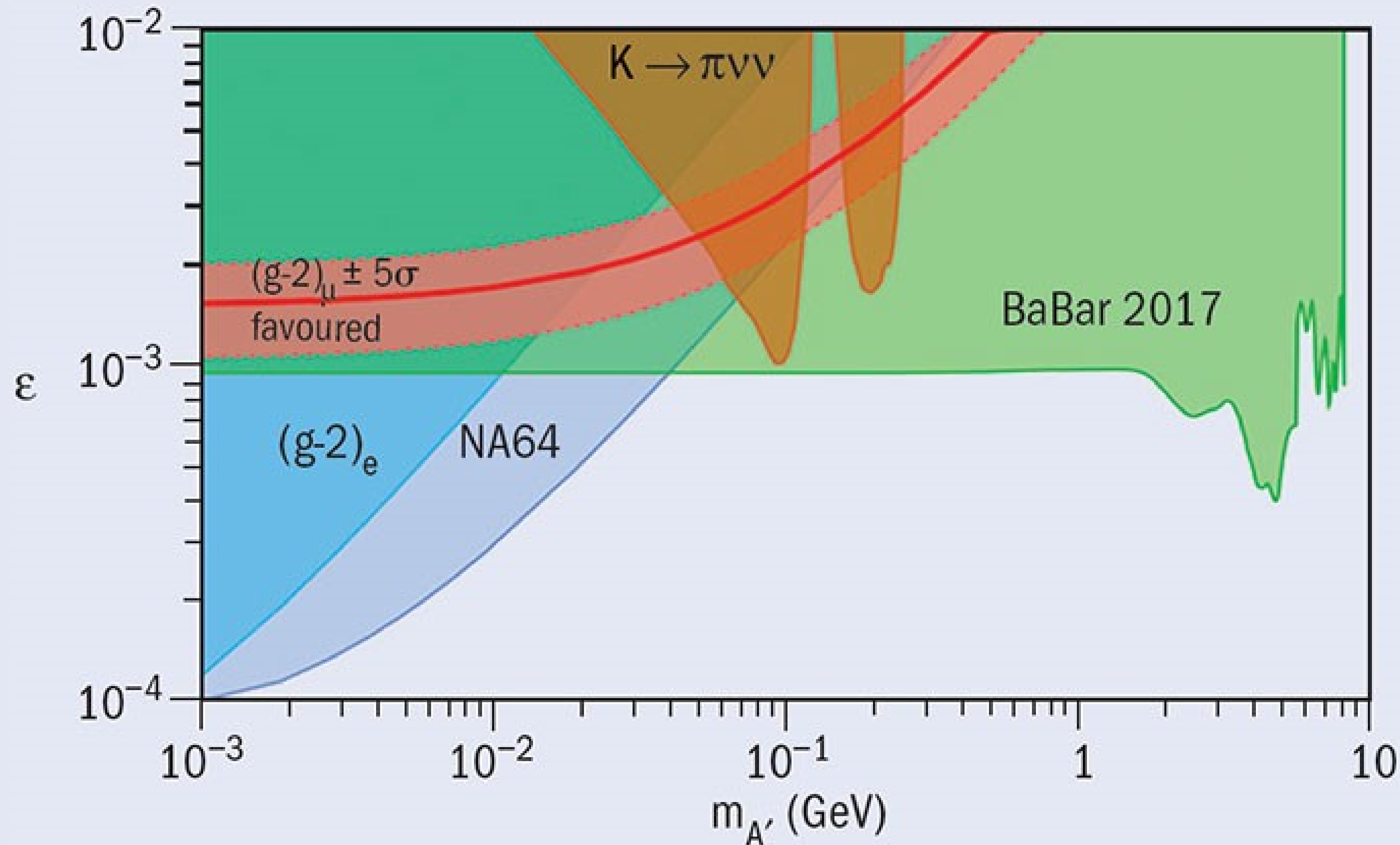
- Muon g-2
- Proton radius puzzle?
- $^8\text{Be}$  decay
- Astrophysical hints?
  - 511 keV line
  - keV gamma-ray excess
  - Galactic center excess



“Arguably, the strongest experimental evidence for physics beyond the standard model”  
(David Hertzog)

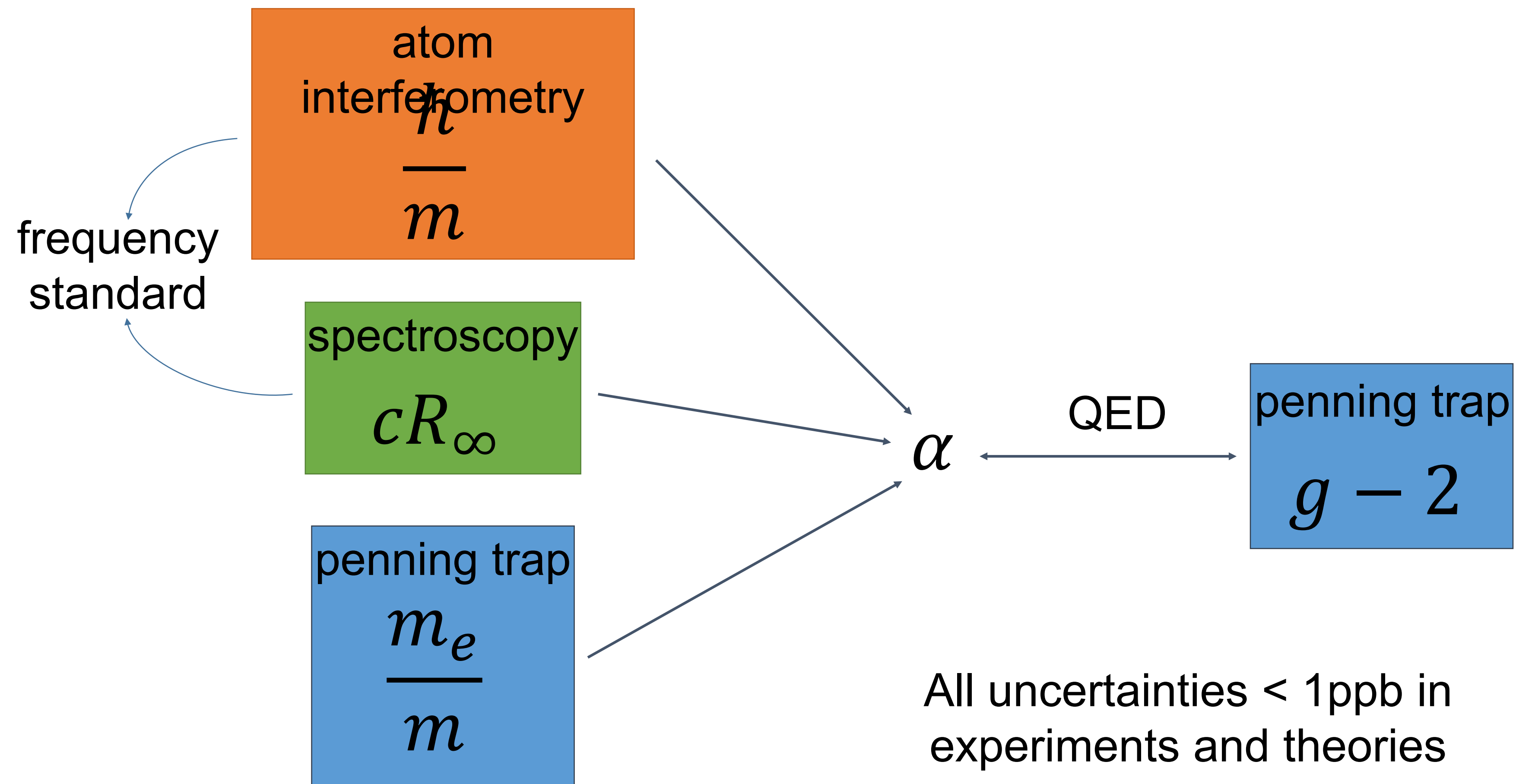
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# Ongoing dark photon searches

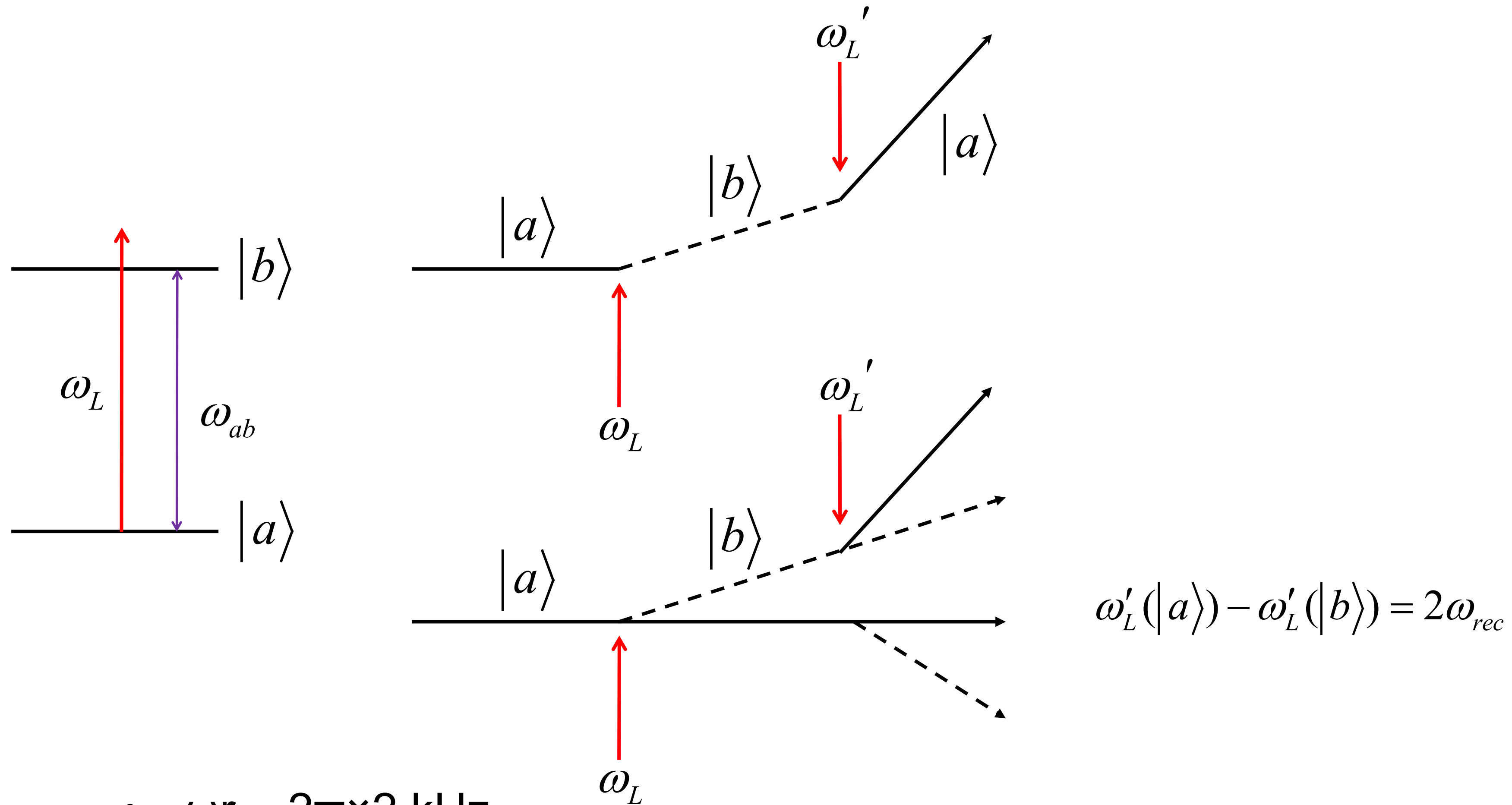


# $\alpha$ from $\hbar/m$

$$hcR_\infty = \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 m_e c^2 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 \left( \frac{m_e}{m} \right) mc^2$$



# Photon Recoil Measurement



- $\omega r \sim 2\pi \times 2$  kHz,
- Accuracy  $10^{-10}$
- Need to pinpoint resonance to 0.2  $\mu$ Hz or  $6 \times 10^{-22}$
- 10,000 times better accuracy than precision of best clocks

Finishing my postdoc

2004-2018

# 2003: “We can write 3 PRLs in the first year”



## The plan

- PRL 1: Multiphoton Bragg diffraction
- PRL 2: Simultaneous interferometers
- PRL 3: Fine structure constant

## Reality

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# “Will you ever leave Stanford?”

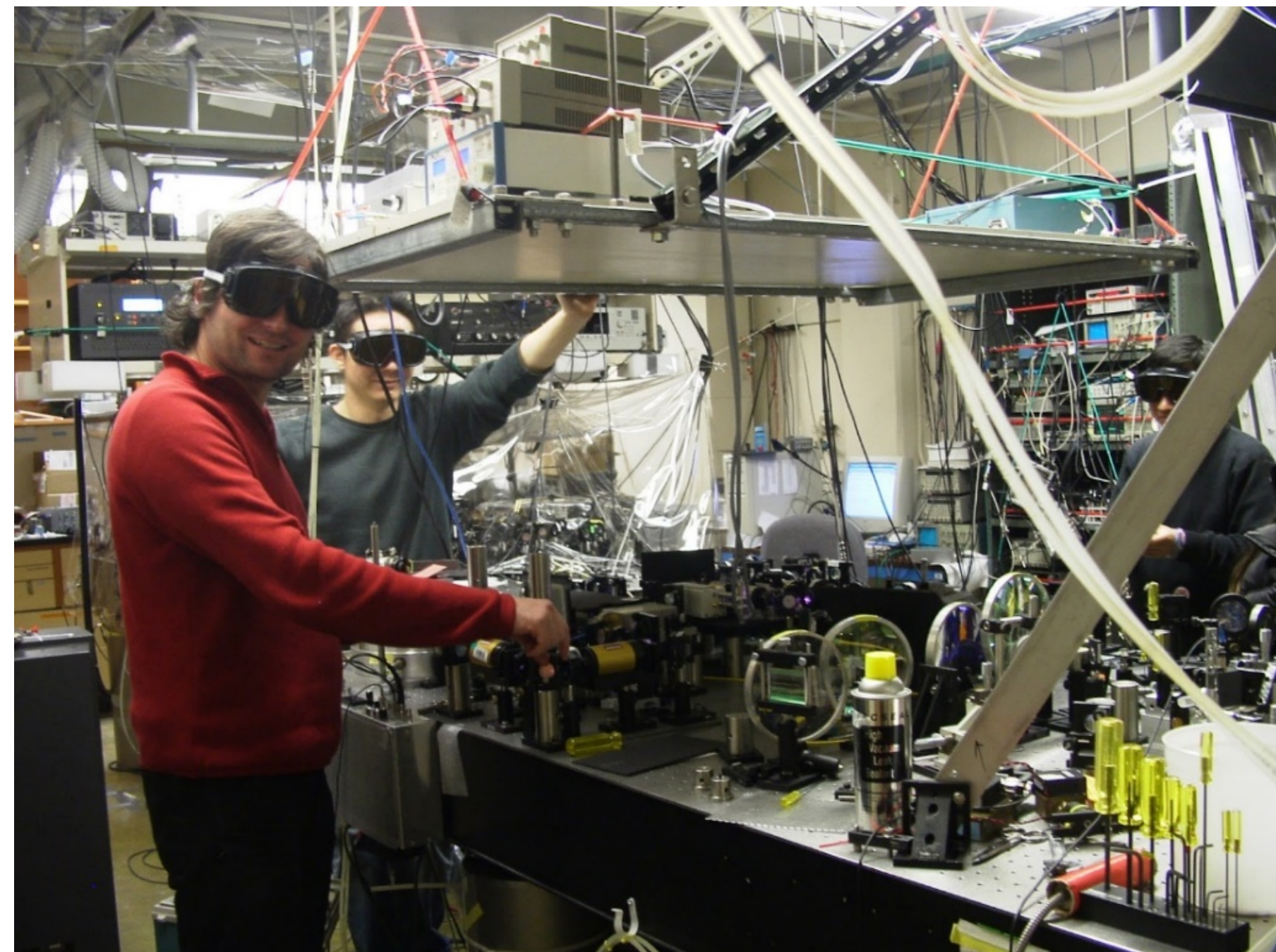
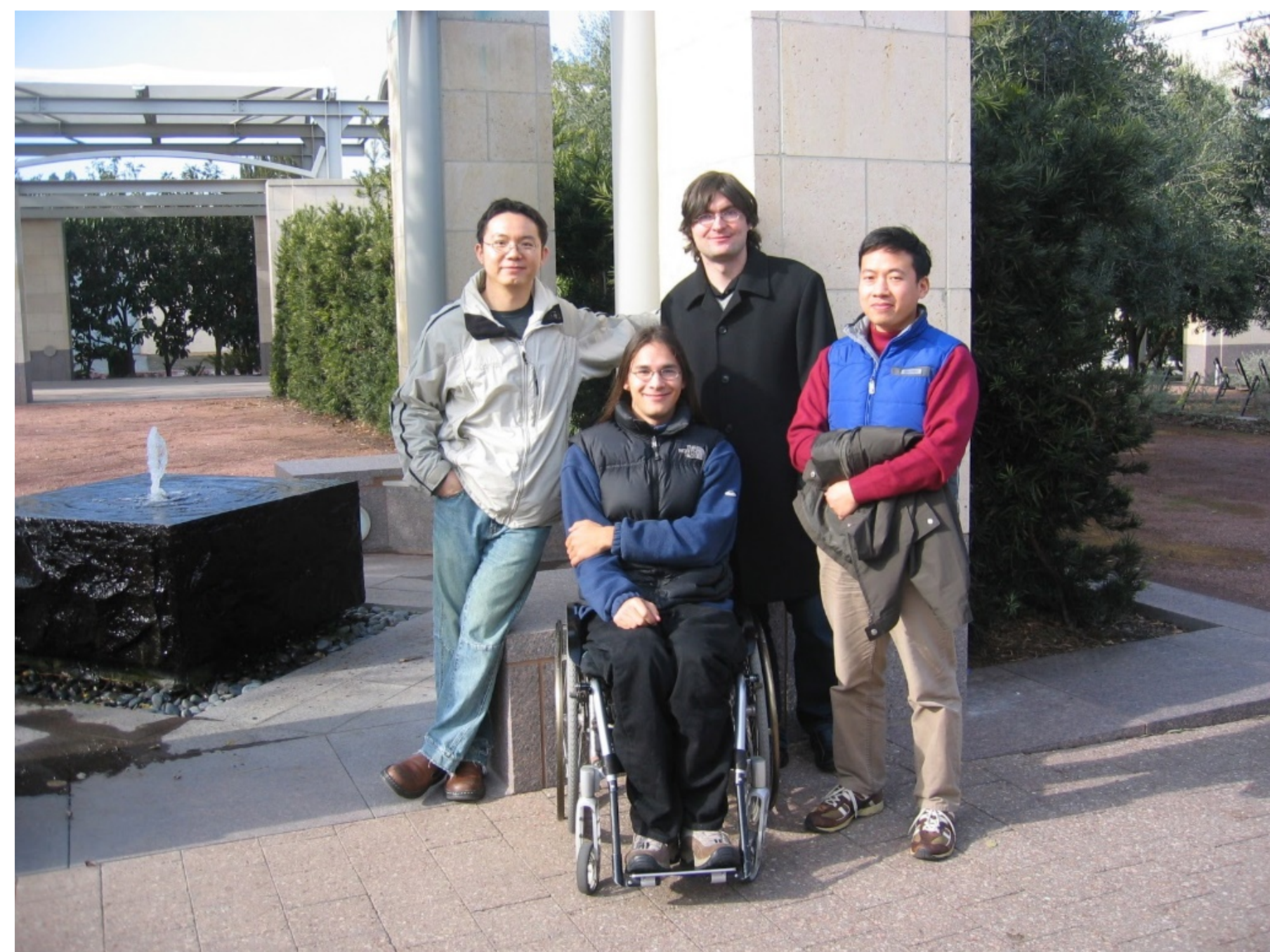
## The plan

- No



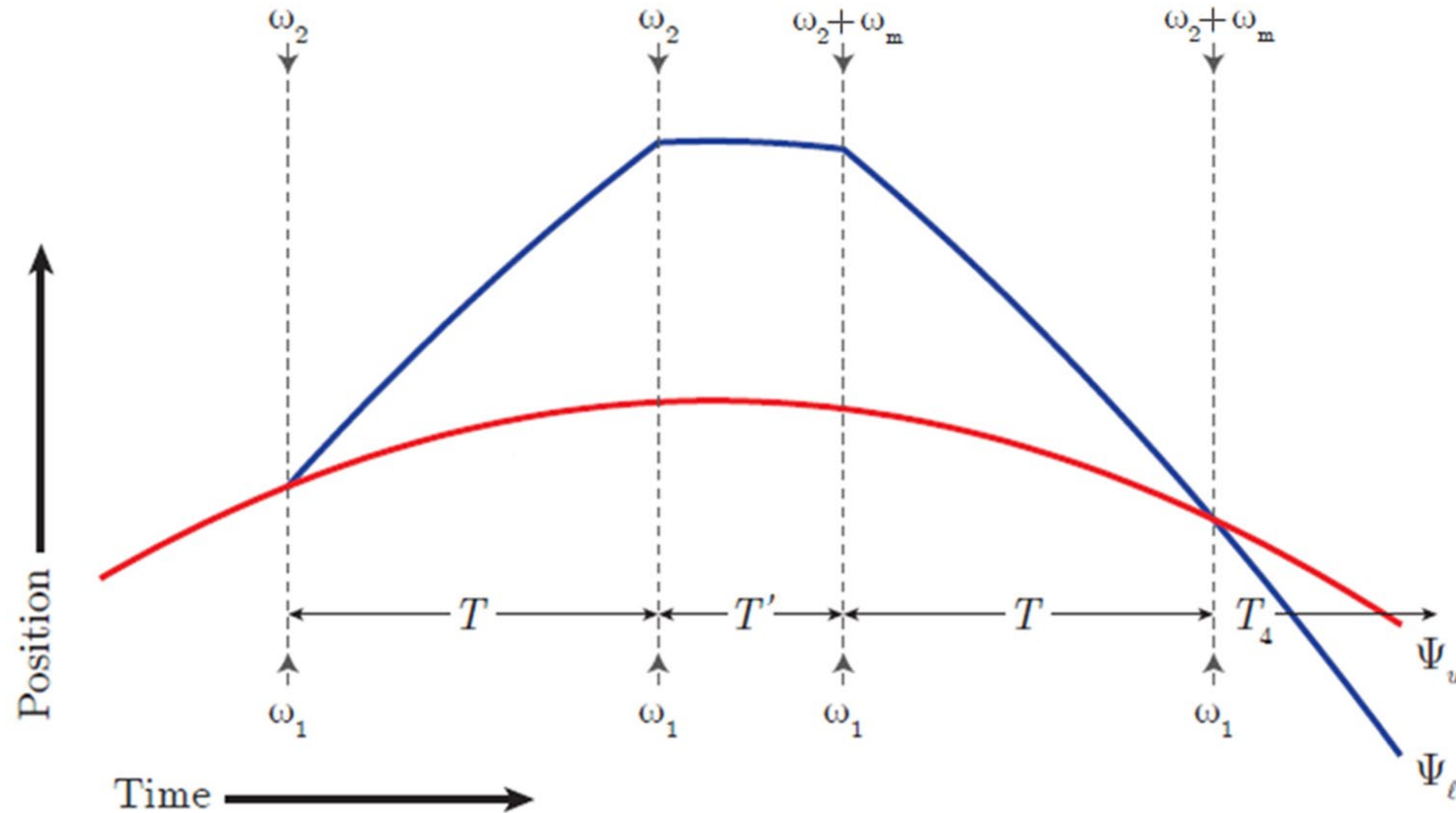
## Reality





# Atom-interferometer measurement of $\alpha$

## Ramsey-Bordé Interferometer



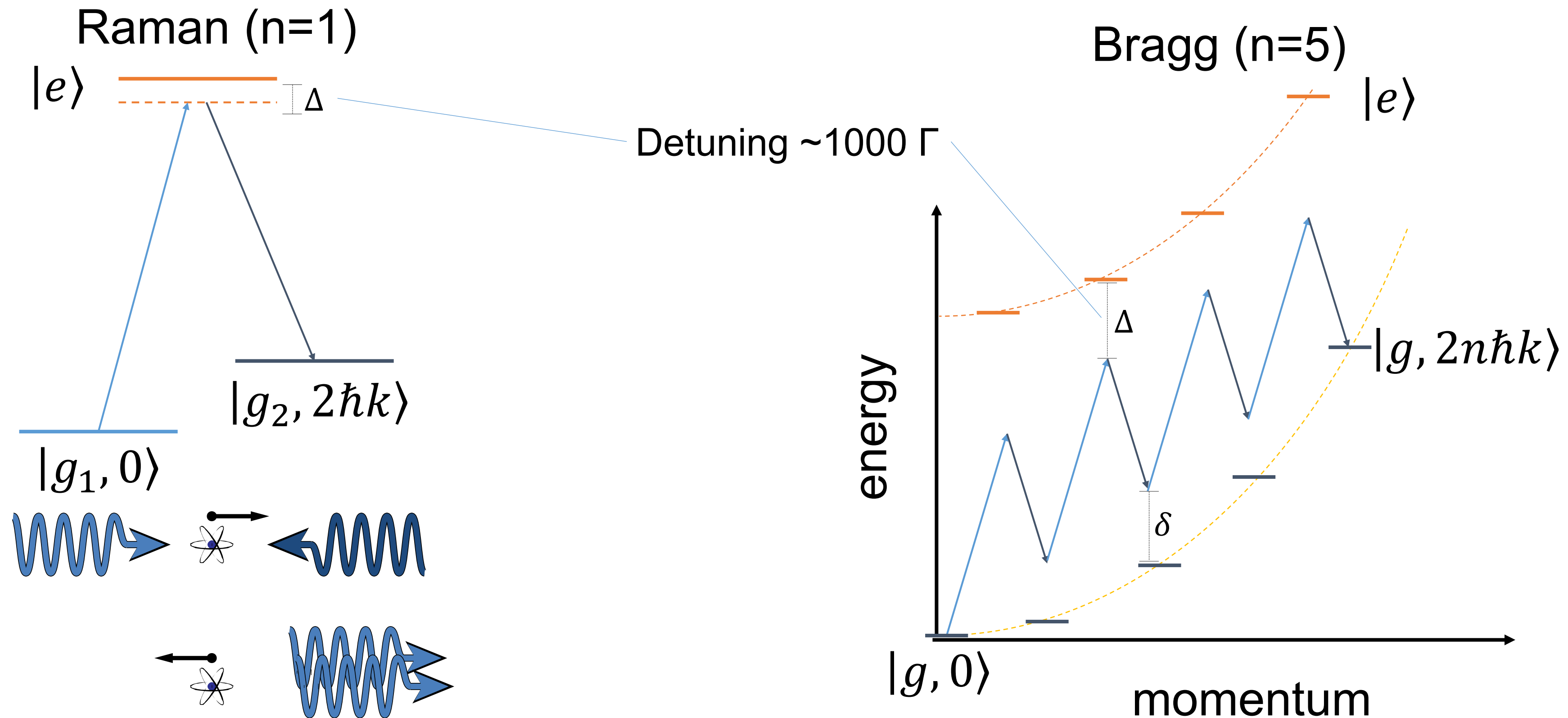
$$\Phi_{RB} = 8n^2 \omega_r T - 2nkg(T + T')T - n\omega_m T$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_r^2 = \hbar \left( \frac{\hbar k^2}{2m} \right) = \hbar \omega_r$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\omega_r} \\ \hline k \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \hbar/m \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \alpha$$

# Multi-Photon Bragg Diffraction

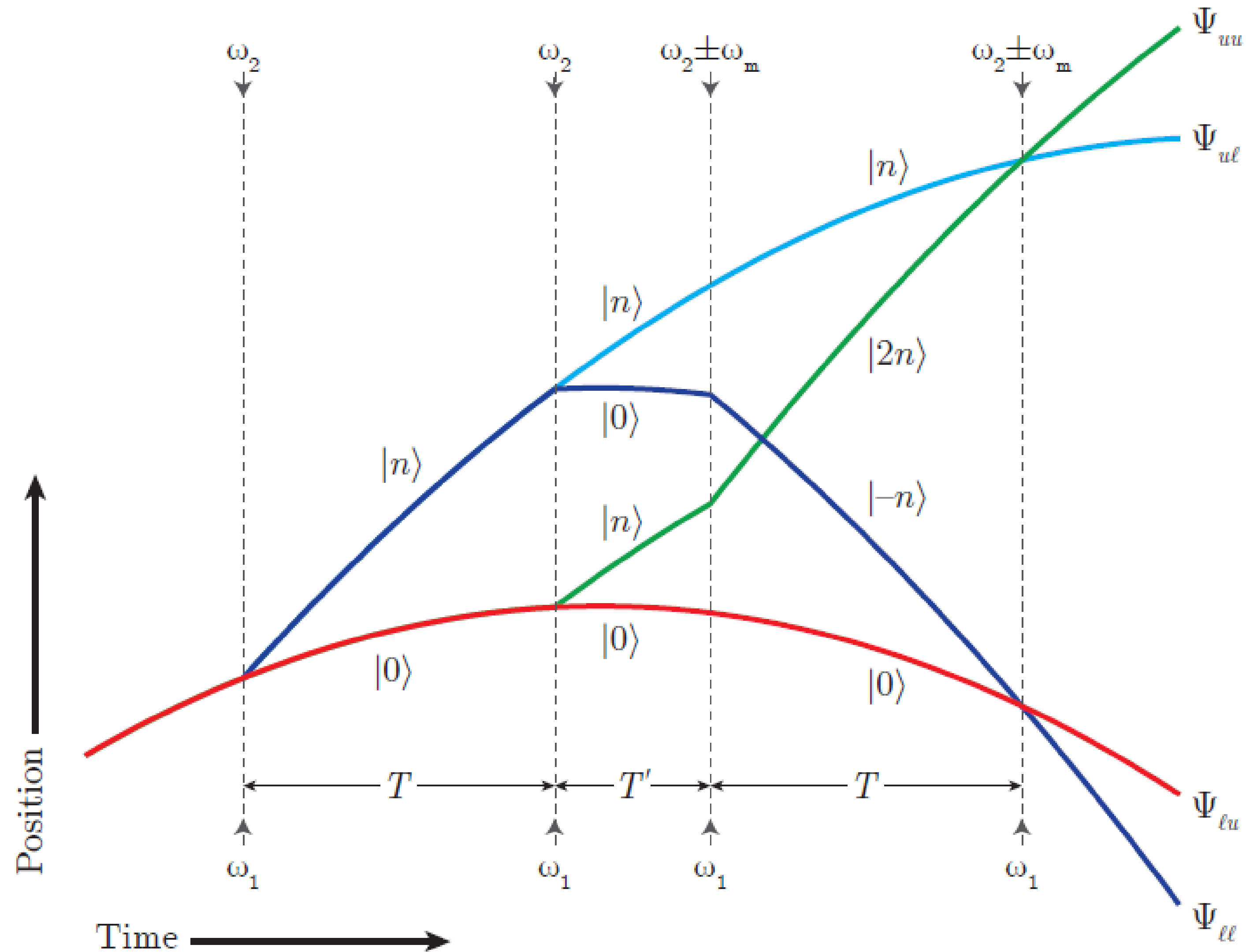
$$\Phi_{RB,Diff} = 16n^2\omega_r T - 2n\omega_m T$$



## Bragg gives you:

- More photons transferred per pulse (higher sensitivity)
- Atoms stay in same internal state (Zeeman, AC Stark systematics suppressed)

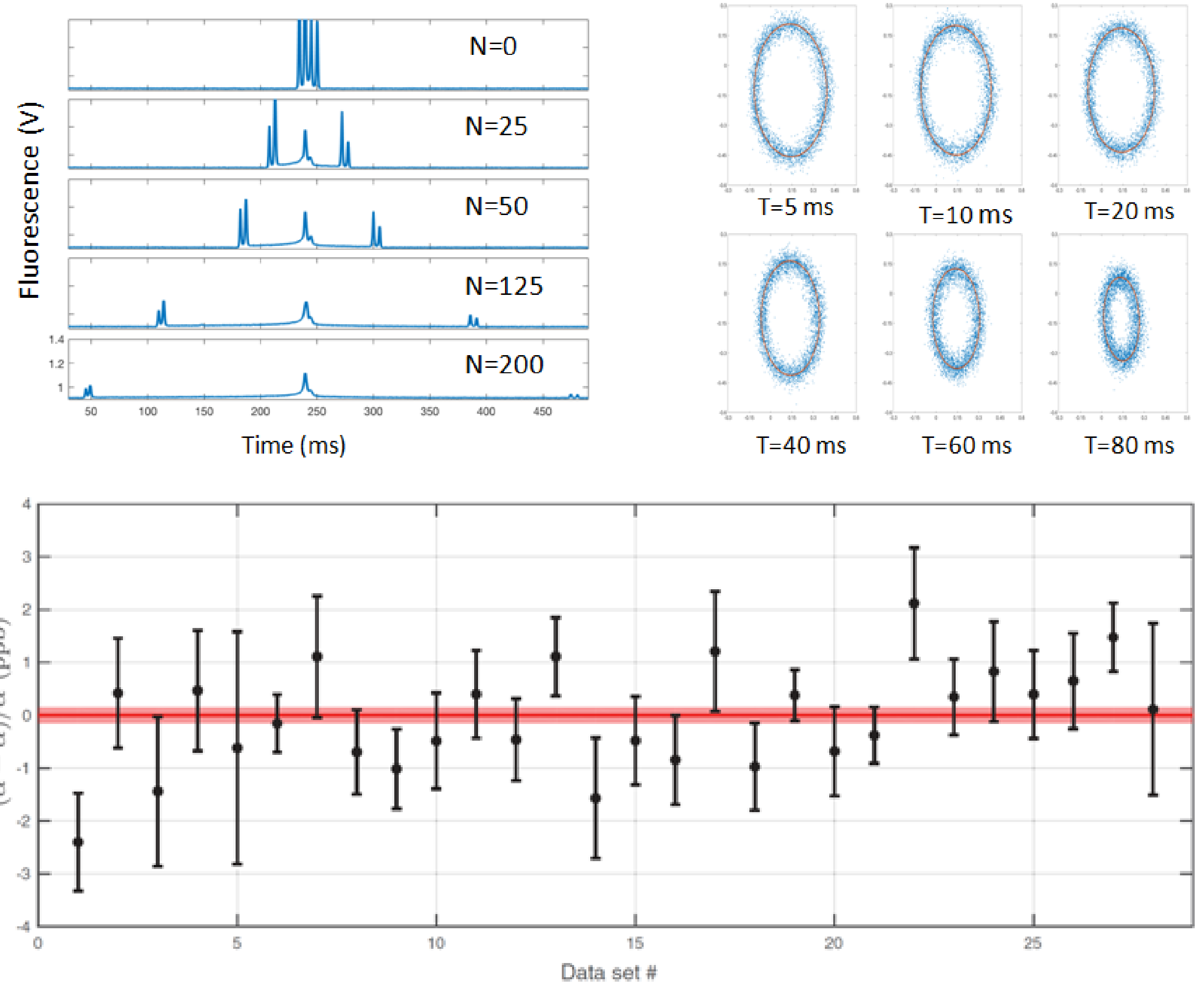
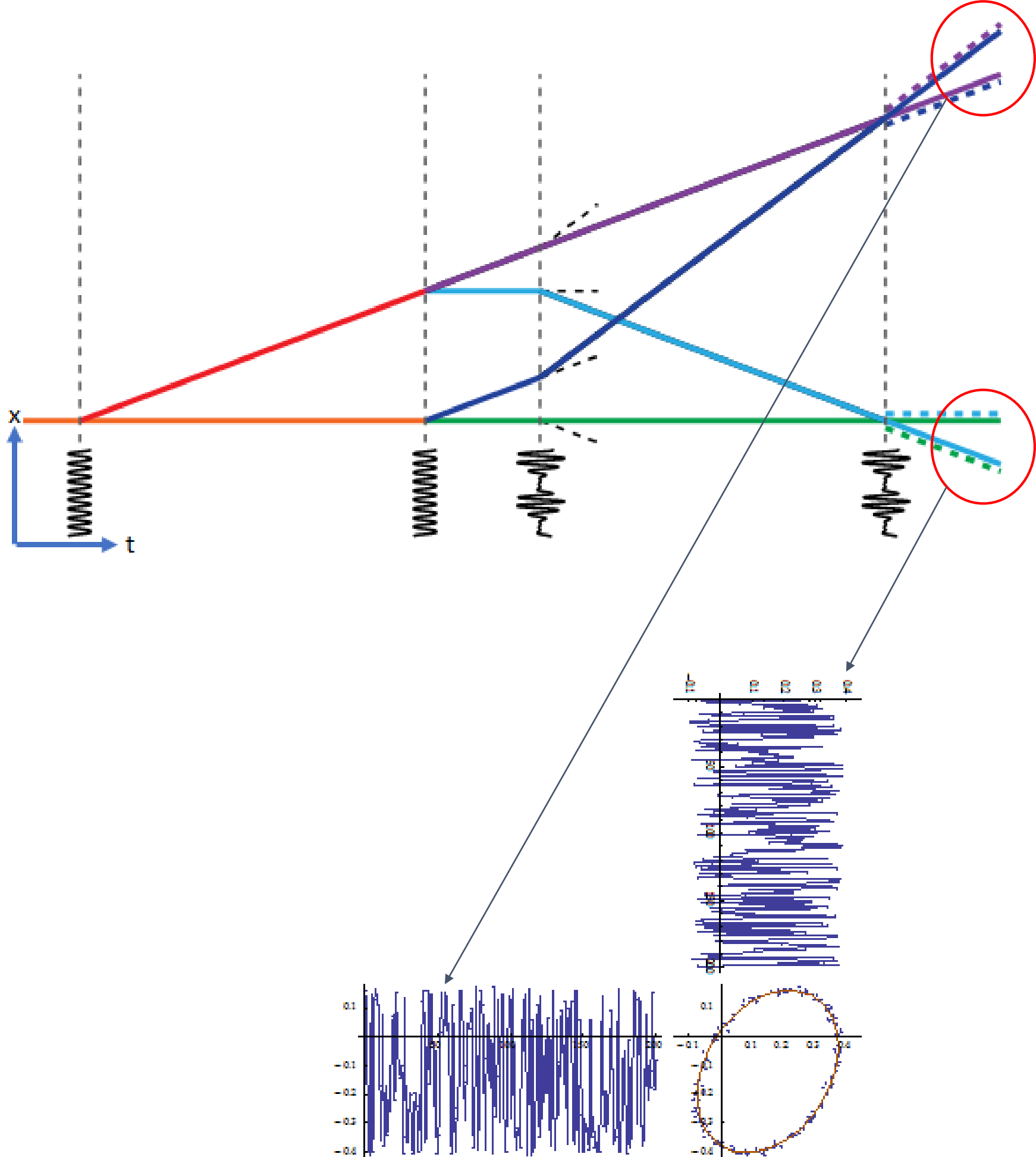
# Simultaneous Conjugate Interferometers



$$\Phi_{RB} = \pm 8n^2 \omega_r T \pm n \omega_m T + 2nkg(T + T')T$$

$$\Phi_{RB,Diff} = 16n^2 \omega_r T - 2n \omega_m T$$

# Extracting signal



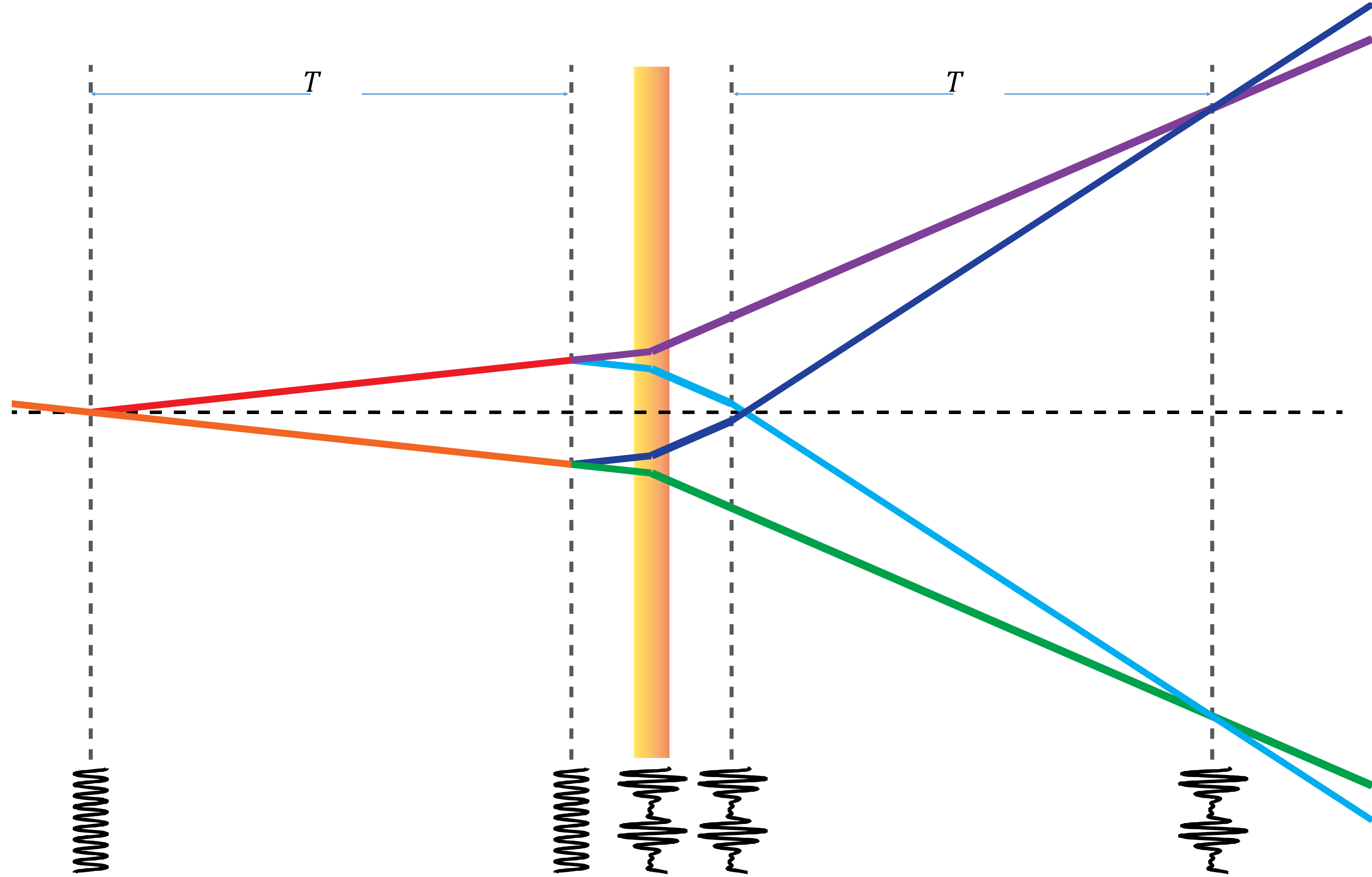
Now it's my turn to leave Stanford



Berkeley  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



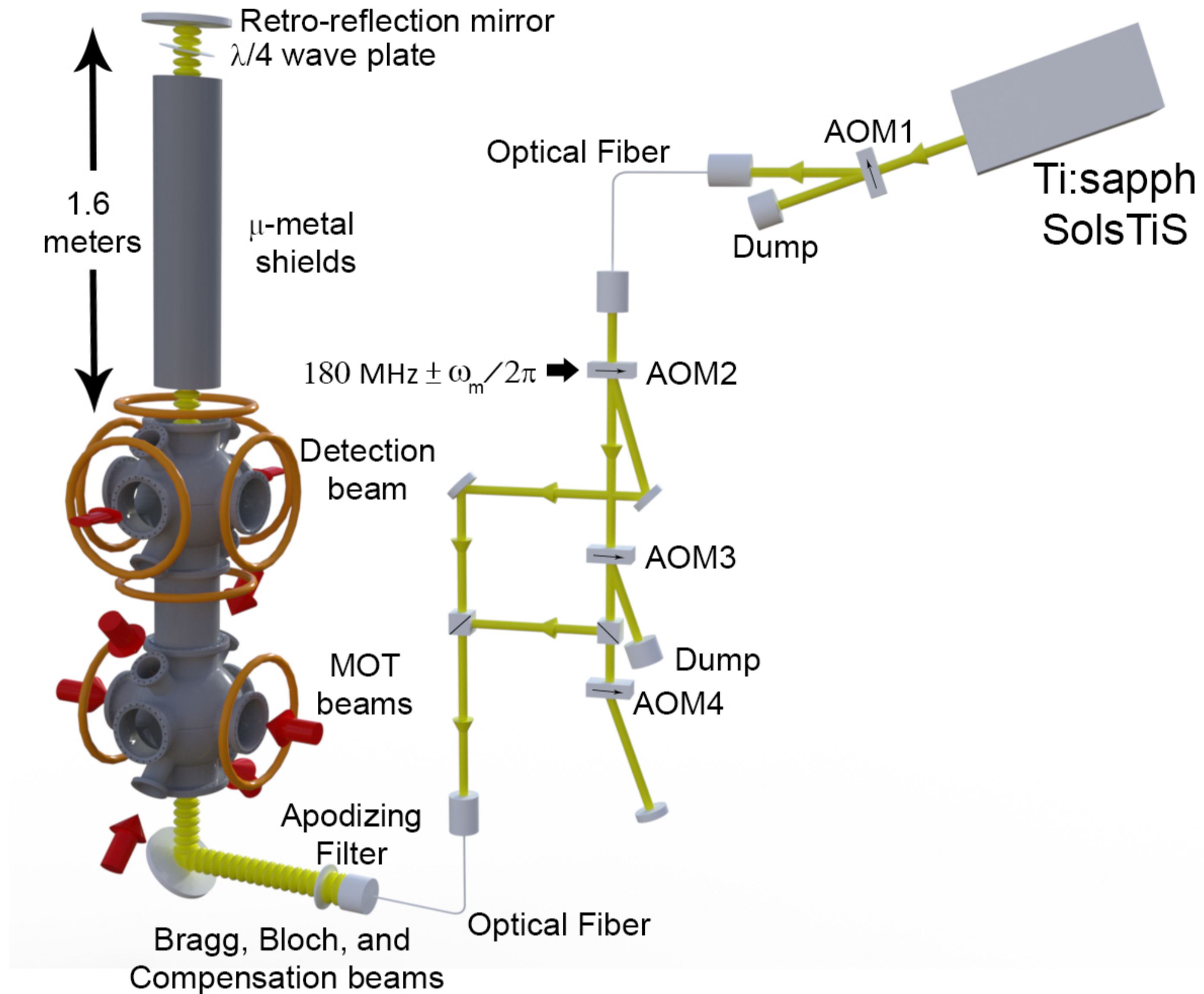
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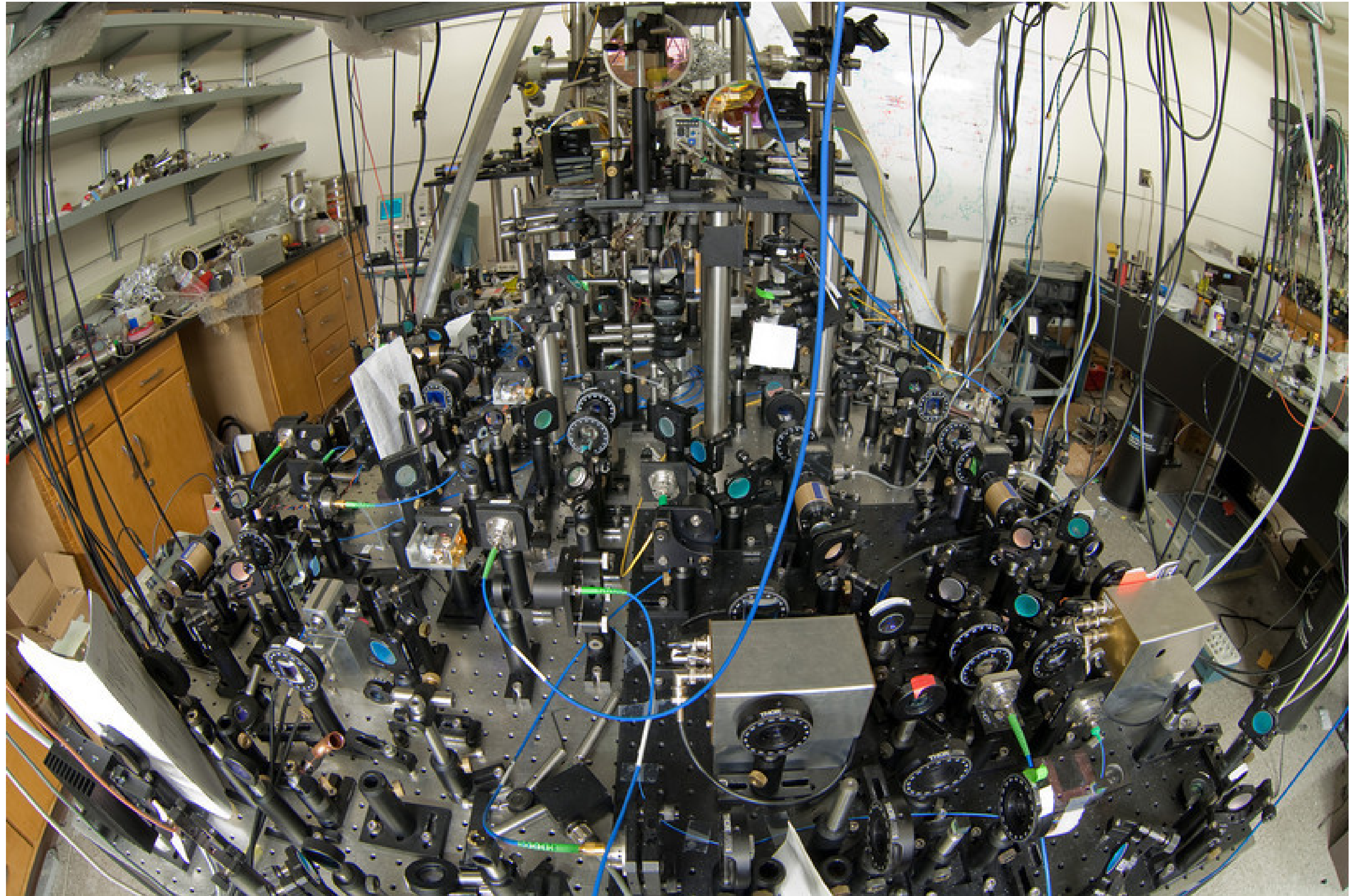


$$\Delta\Phi_{RB+Bloch} = 16n(n + N)\omega_r T - 2n\omega_m T$$

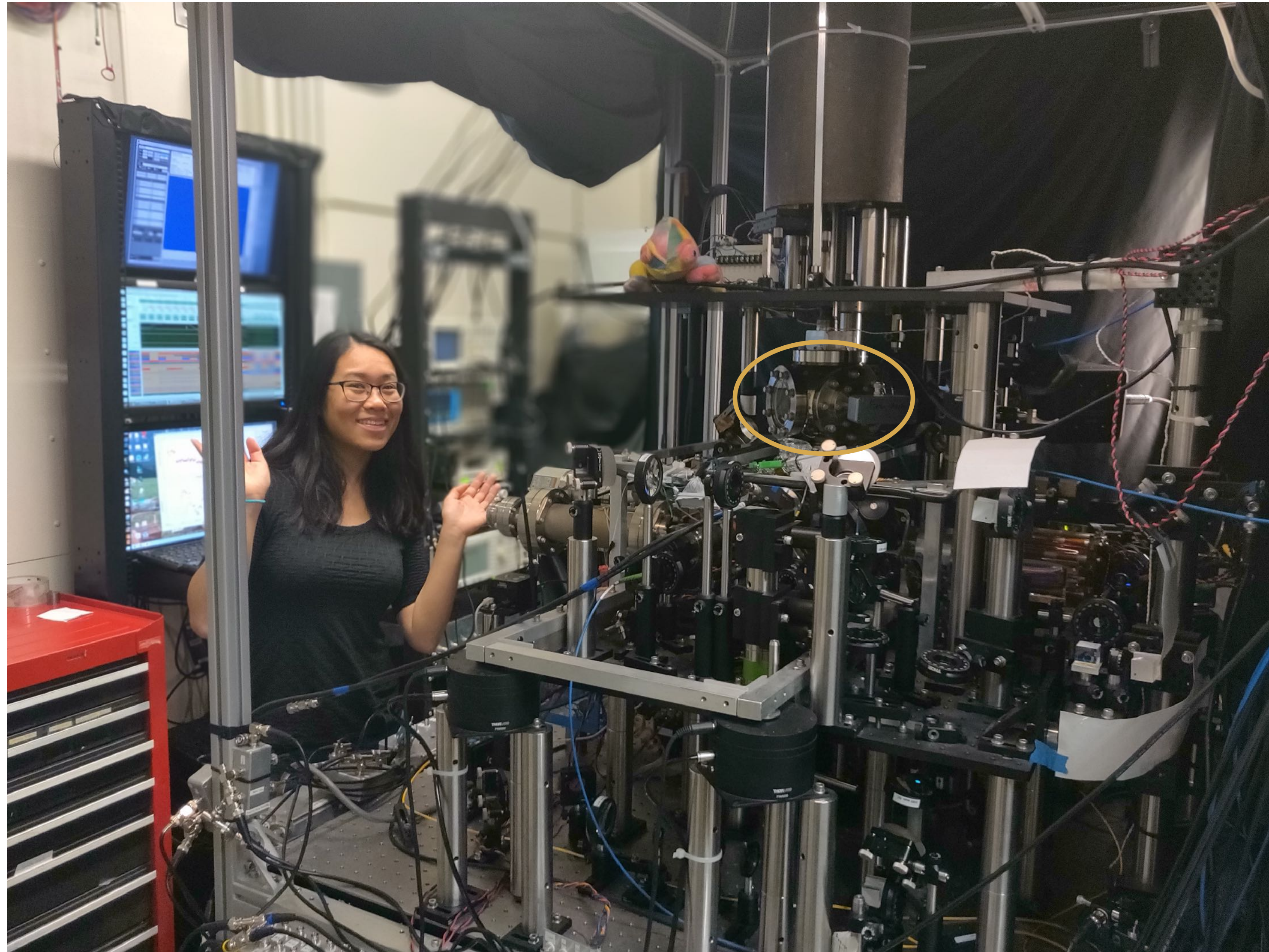


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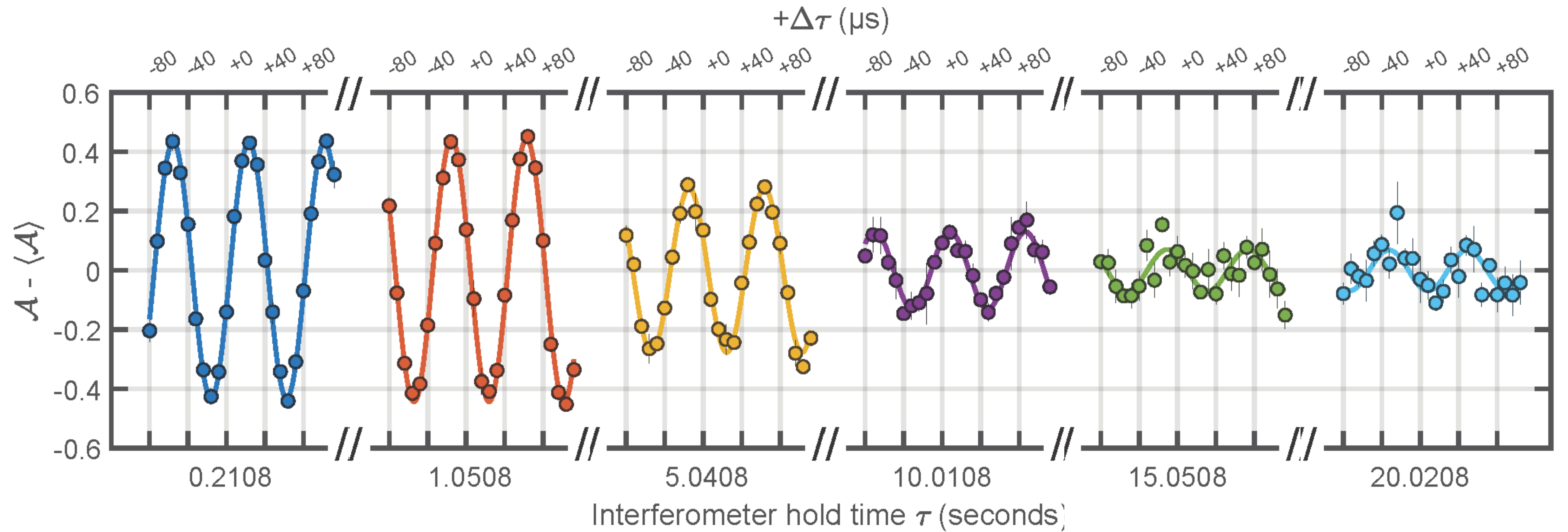


# Experimental setup



- Cesium atoms
- In-vacuum cavity  
length  $\sim 10^6$  m  
waist  $\sim 40$  cm  
finesse  $\sim 720$   $\mu$ m  
 $Z_R$   $\sim 130$   
 $\sim 1.90$  m

# Long holds



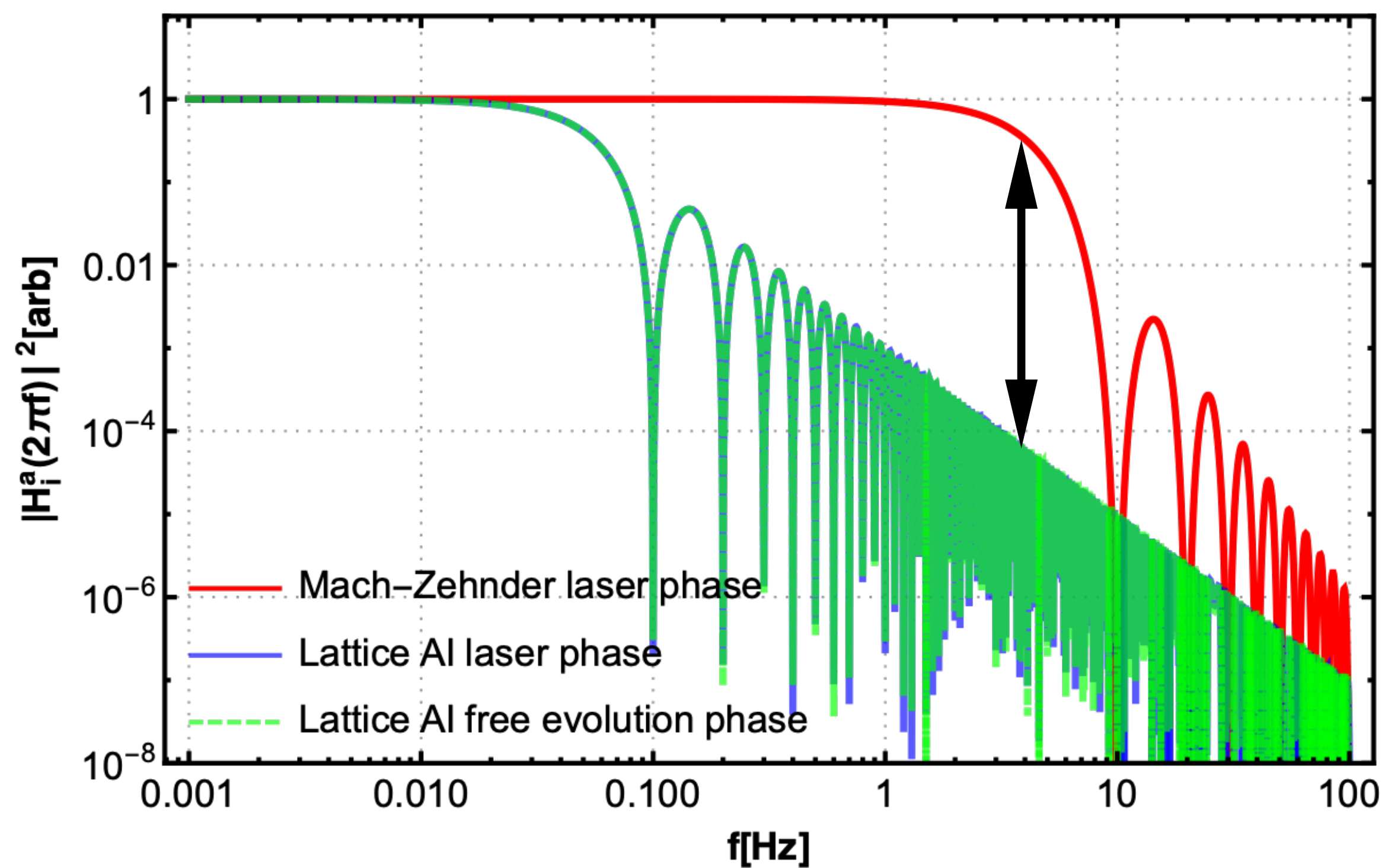
# Vibration noise sensitivity

$T = 1\text{ ms}, \tau = 10\text{ s}$   
lattice interferometer  
( $z_{\text{fall}} = 5\mu\text{m}$ )

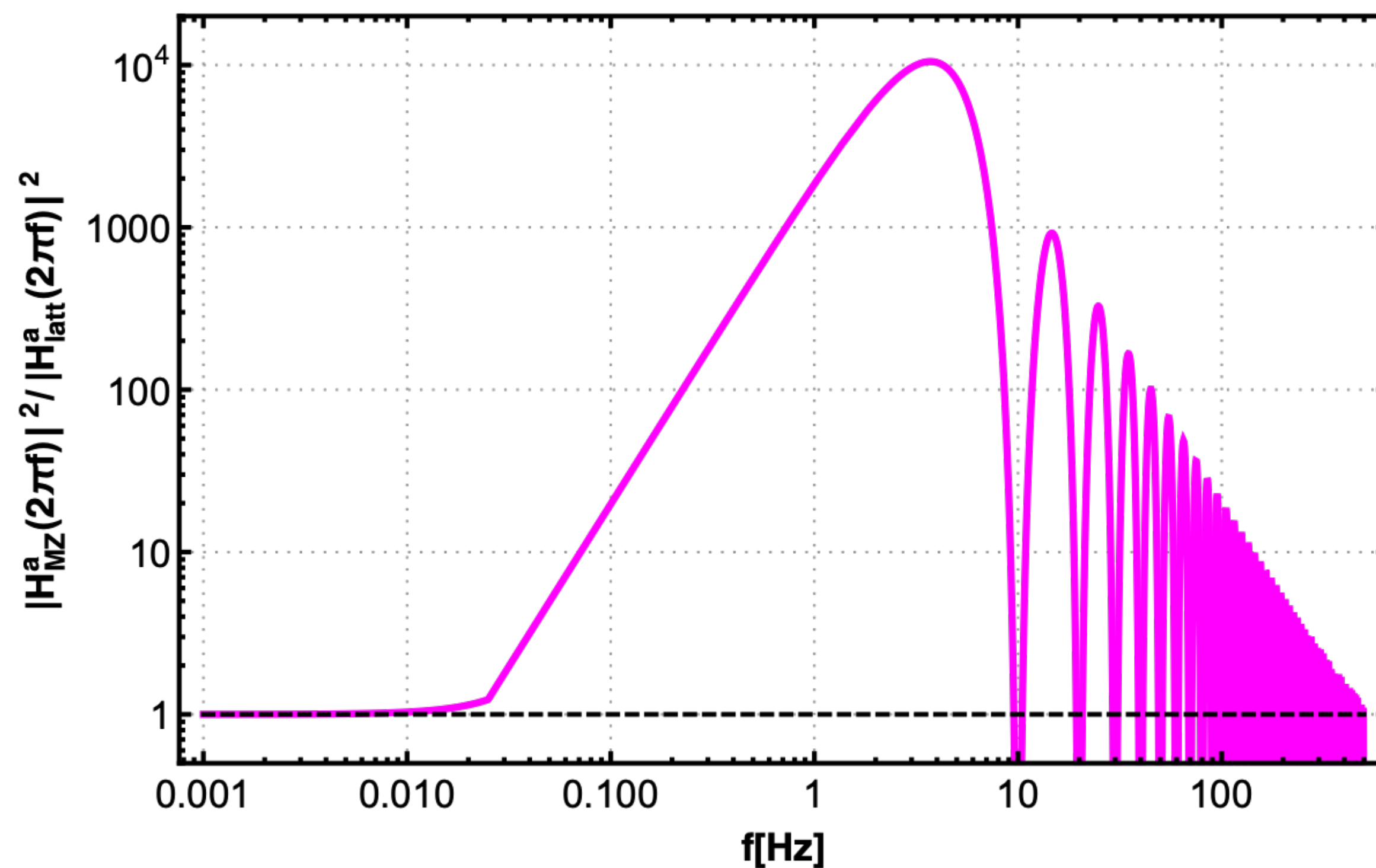
$\approx$

$T = 100\text{ ms}$   
Mach-Zehnder  
( $z_{\text{fall}} = 5\text{cm}$ )

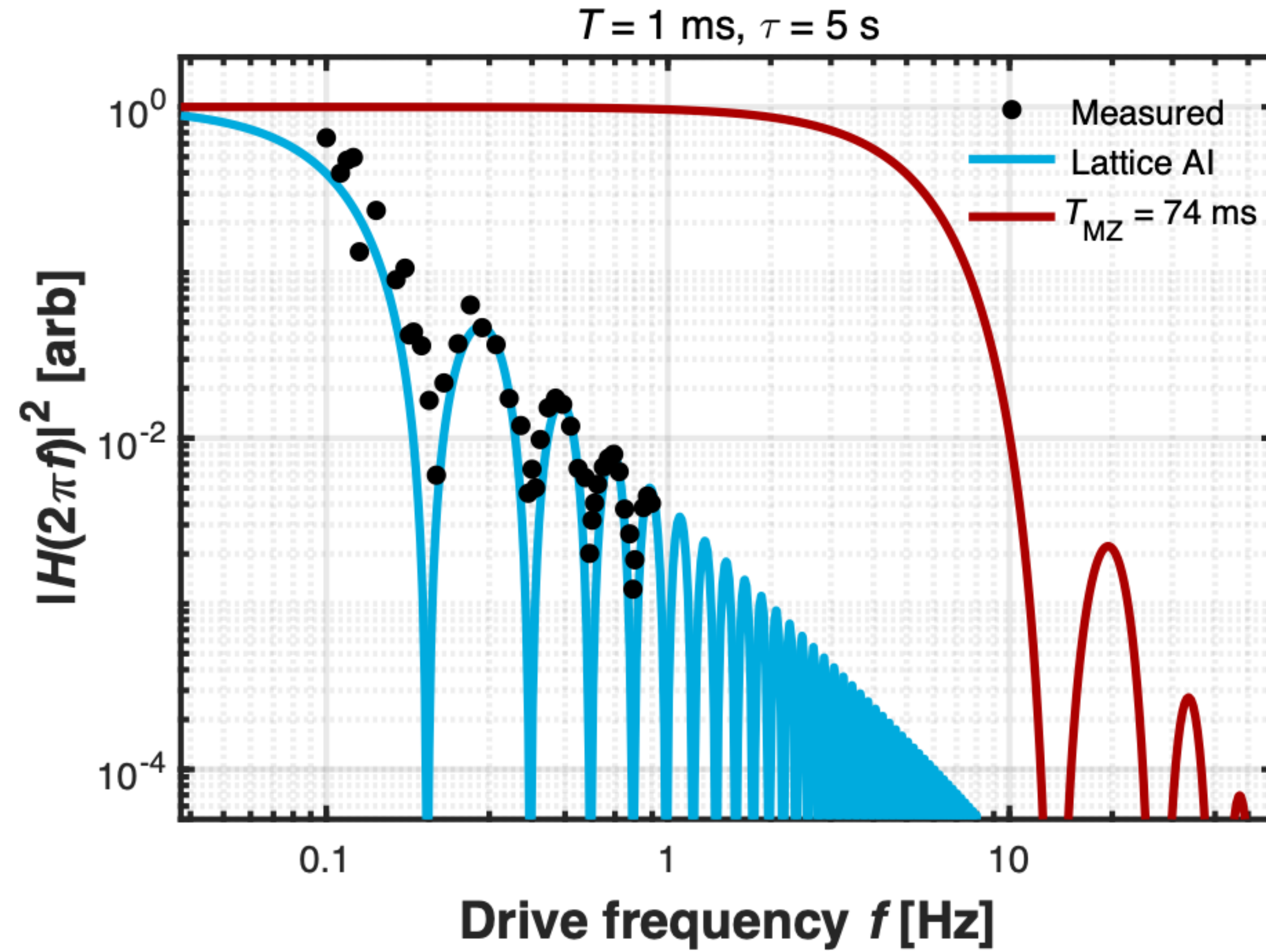
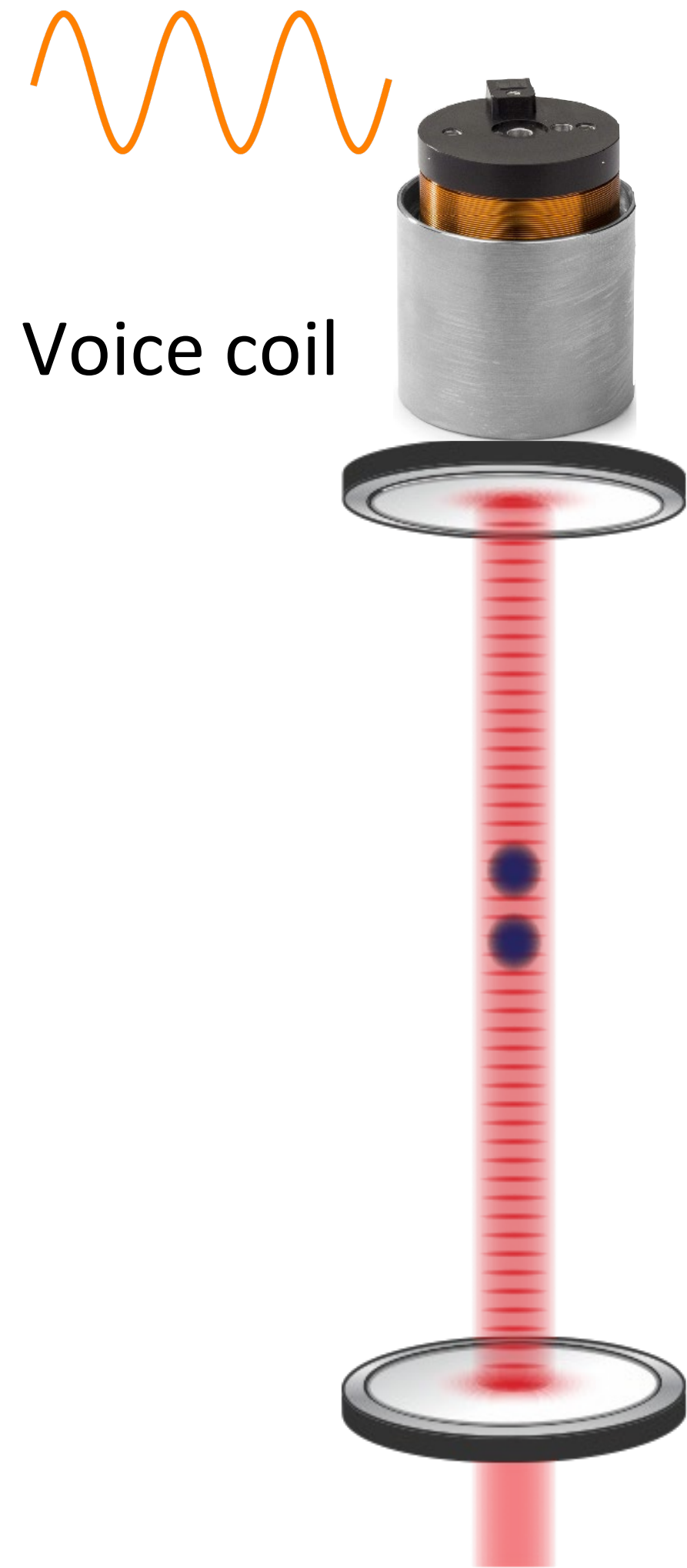
Transfer functions



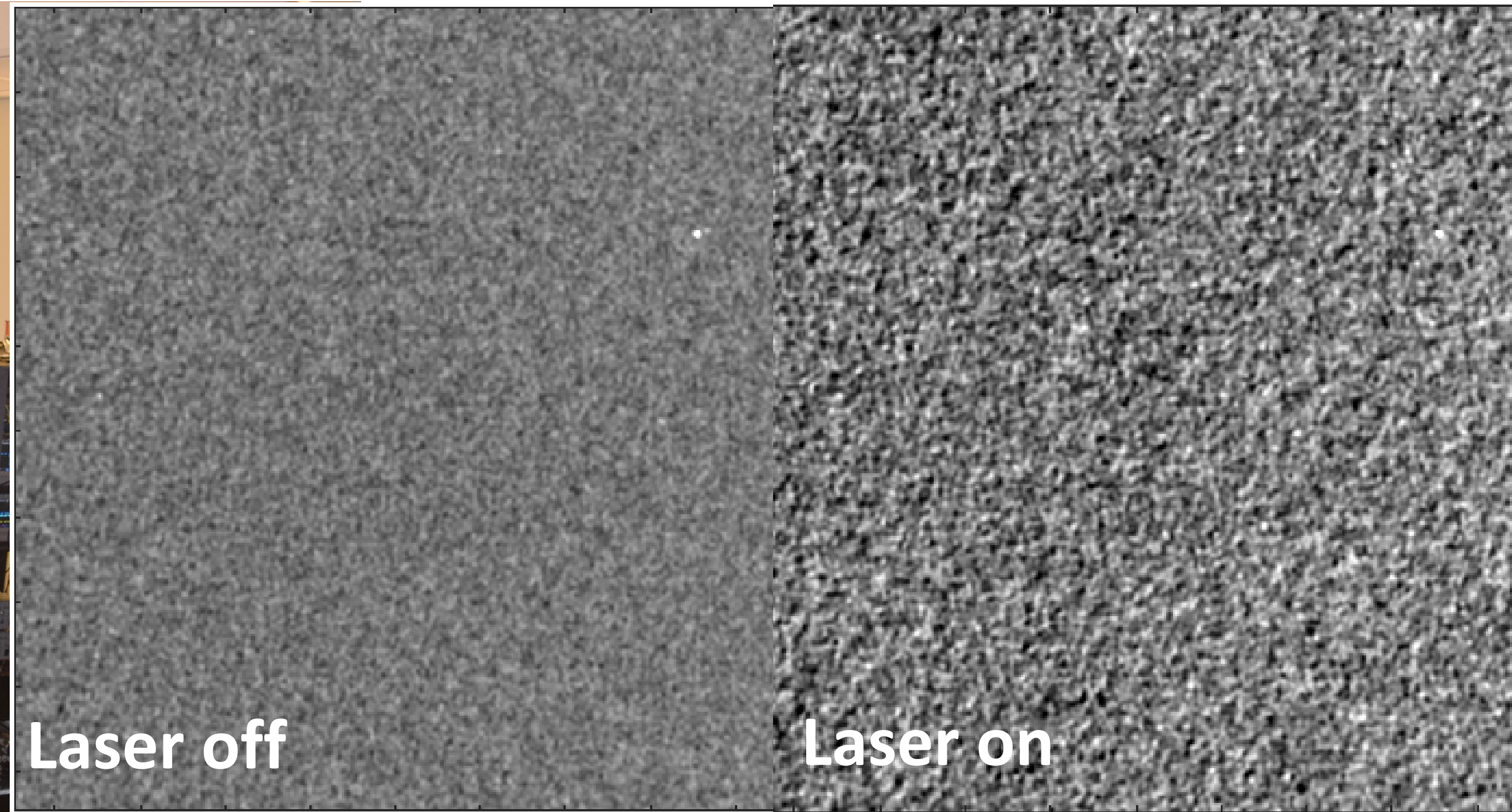
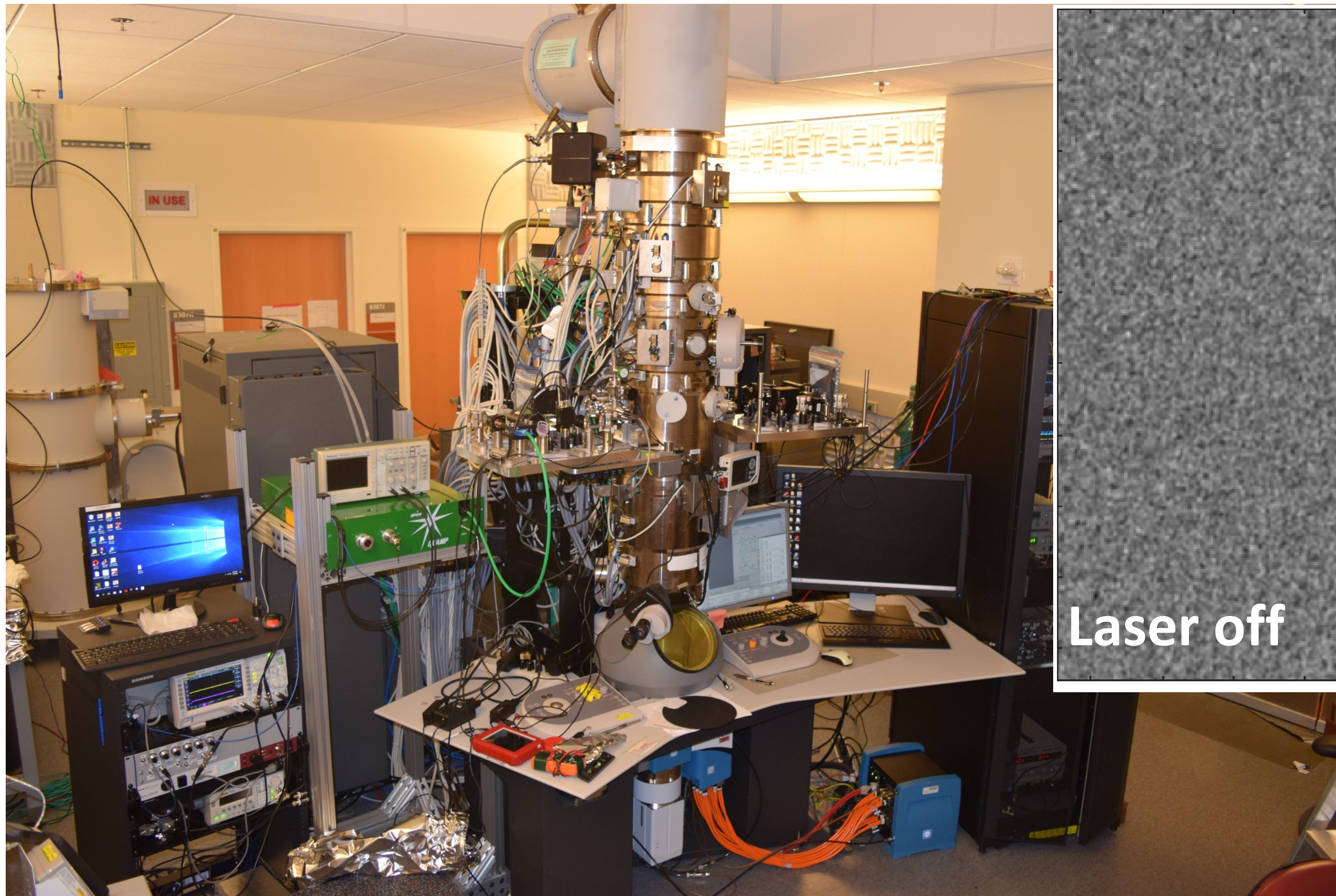
Suppression factor



# Measuring the transfer function

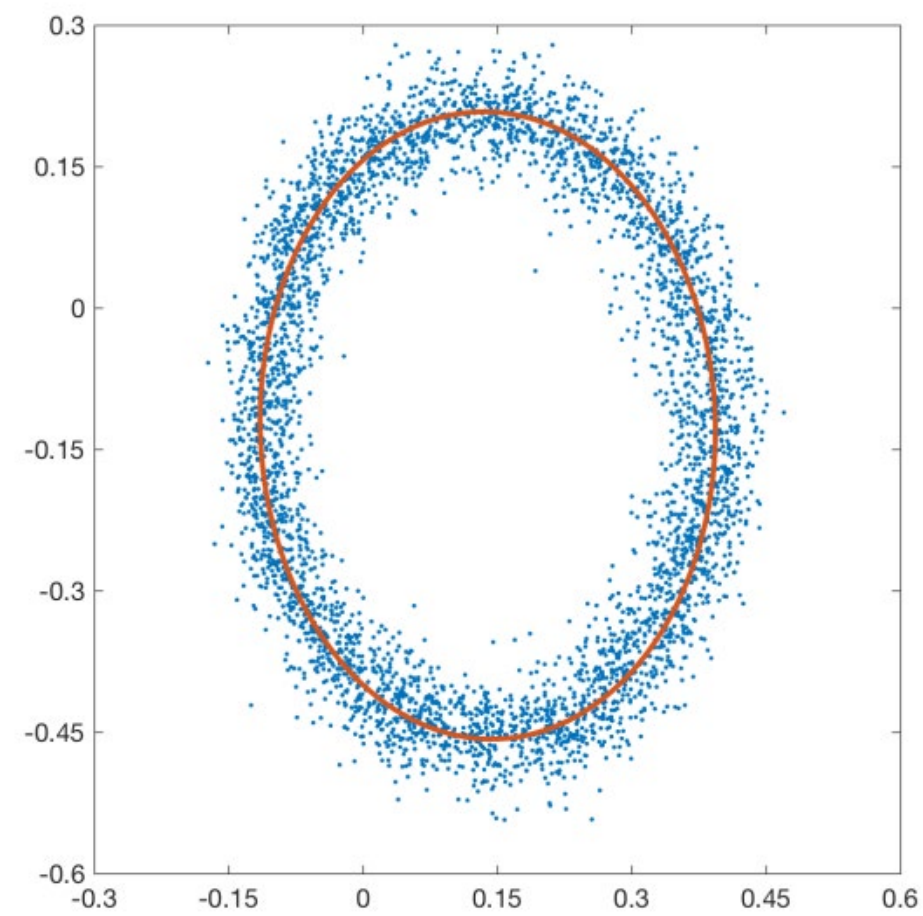


# Laser-based phase contrast in TEM

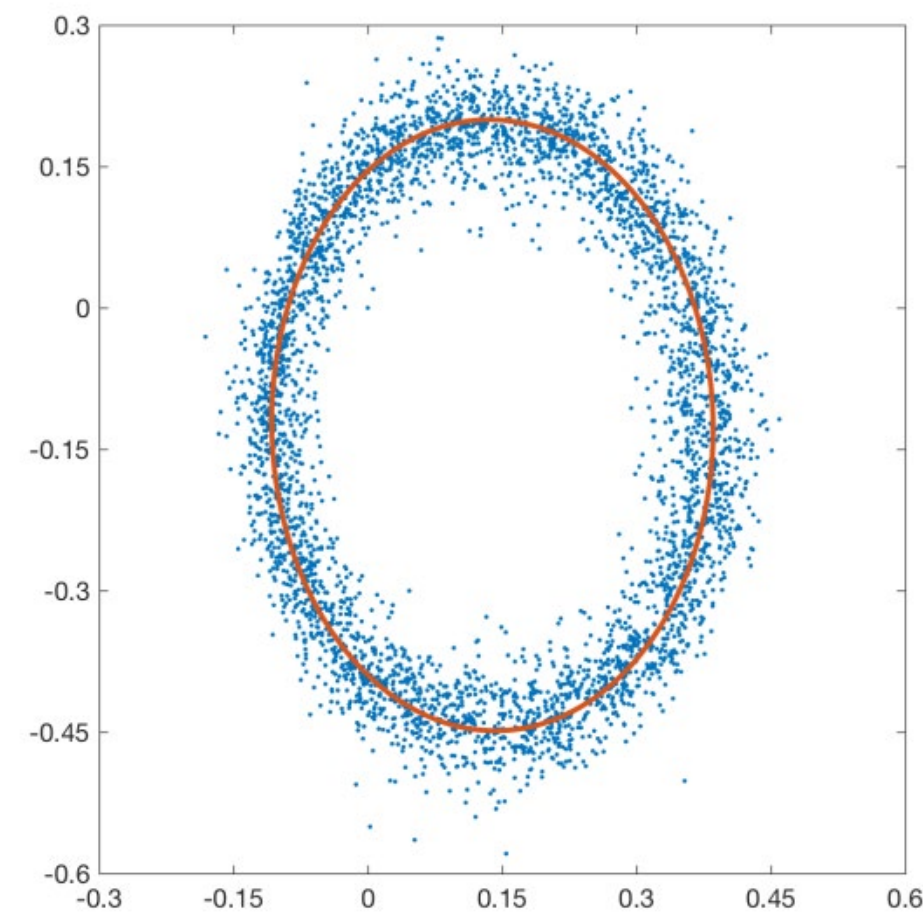


Images of a 2-nm thick carbon film

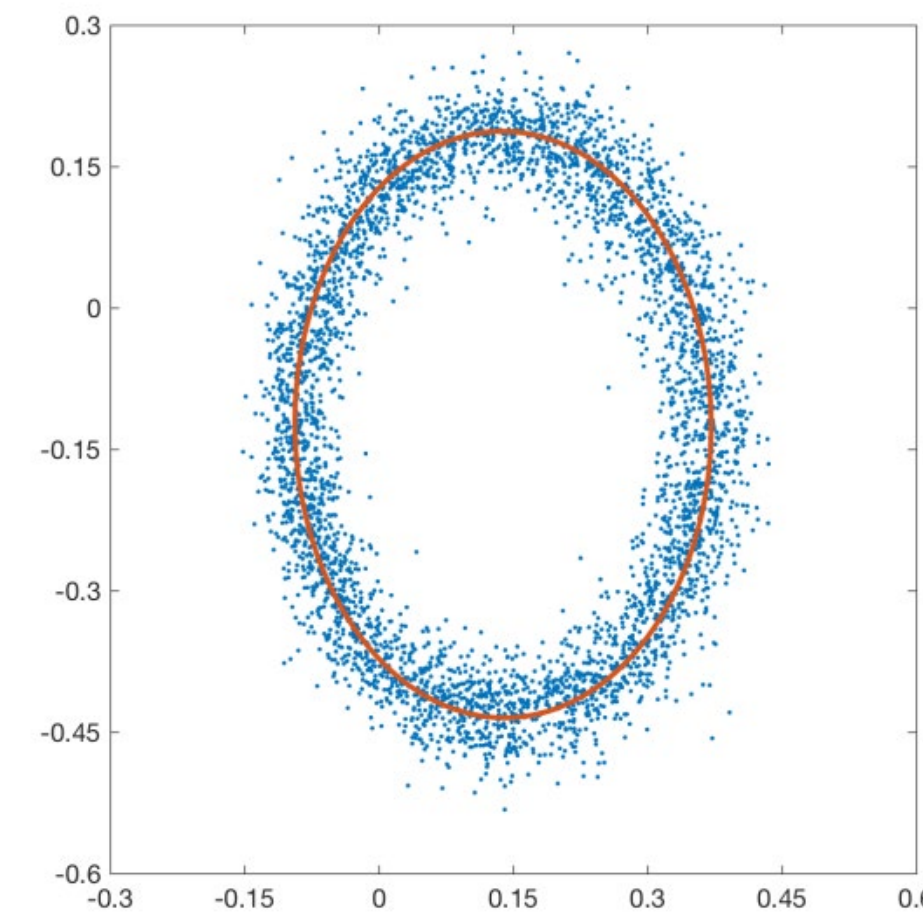
# $n=5, N=125$ Ellipses



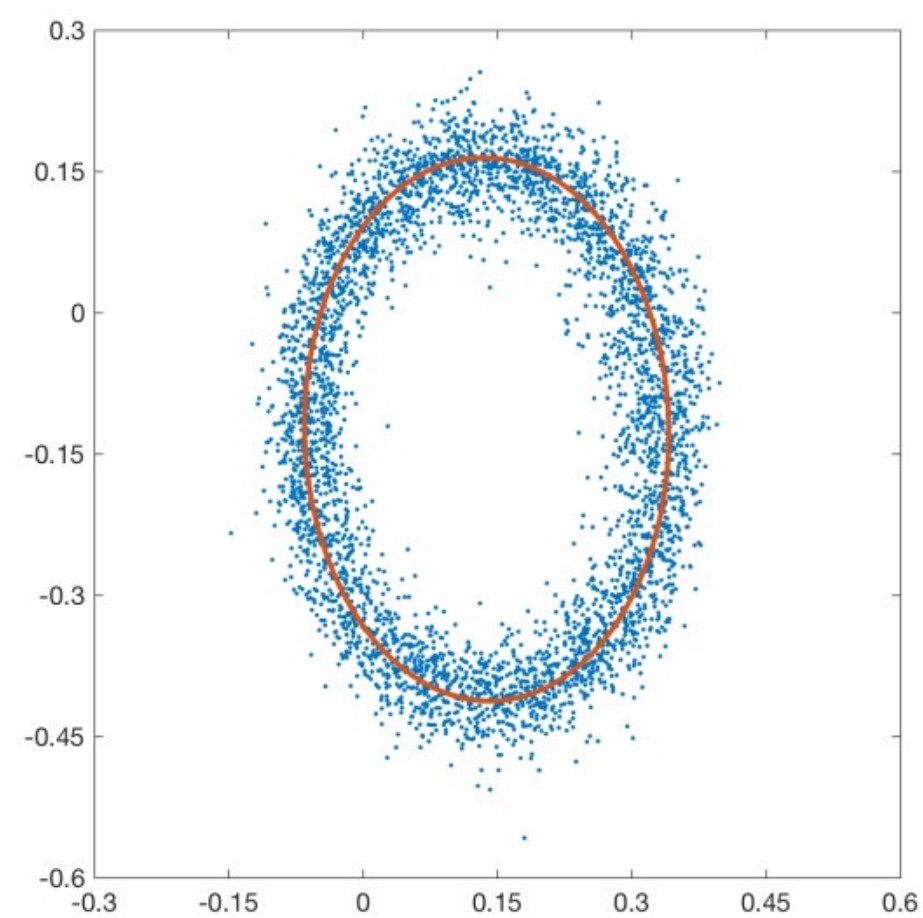
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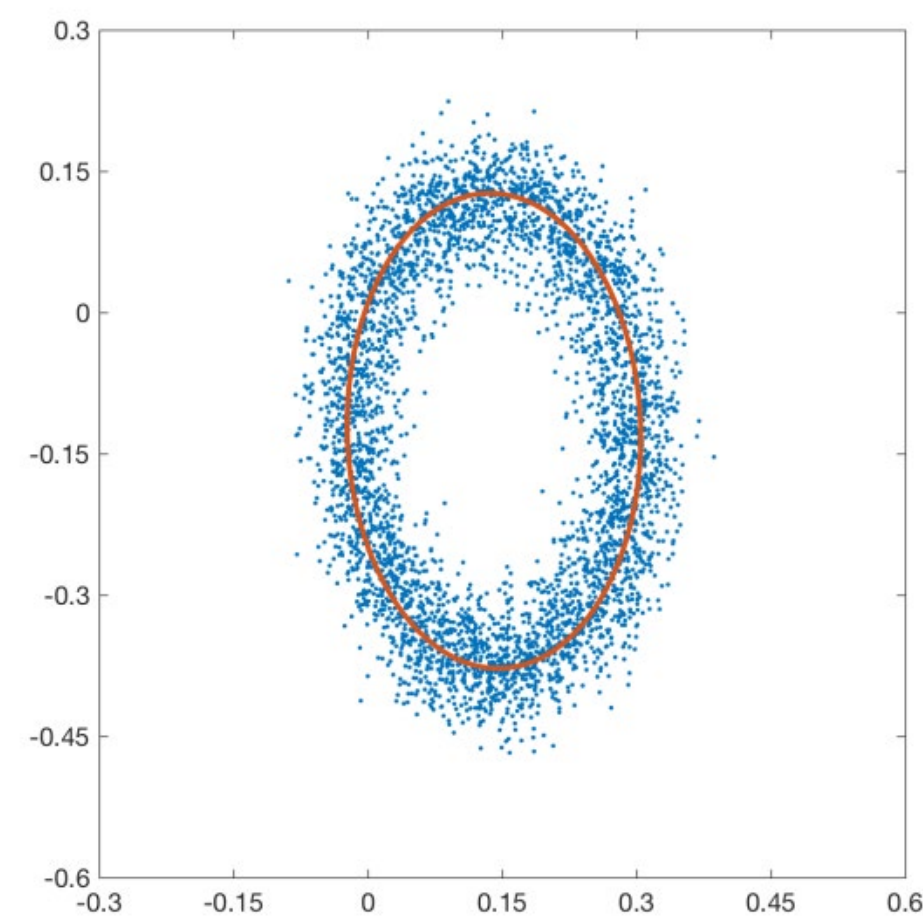
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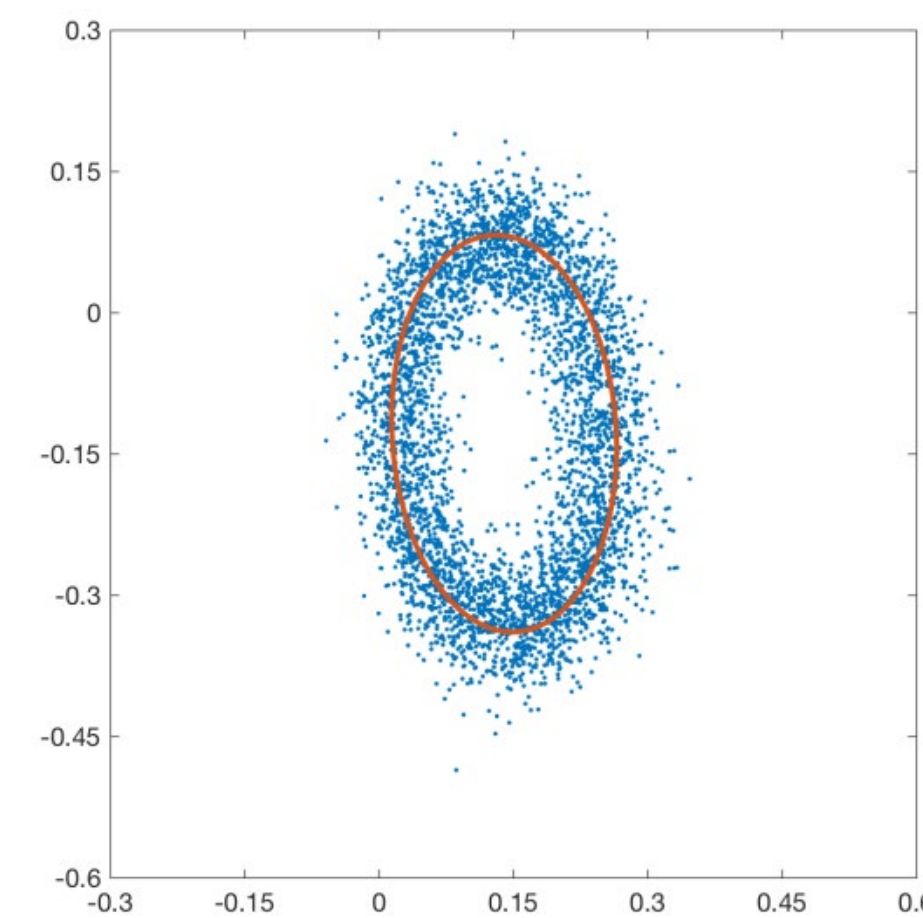
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T=40 ms



T=60 ms



T=80 ms



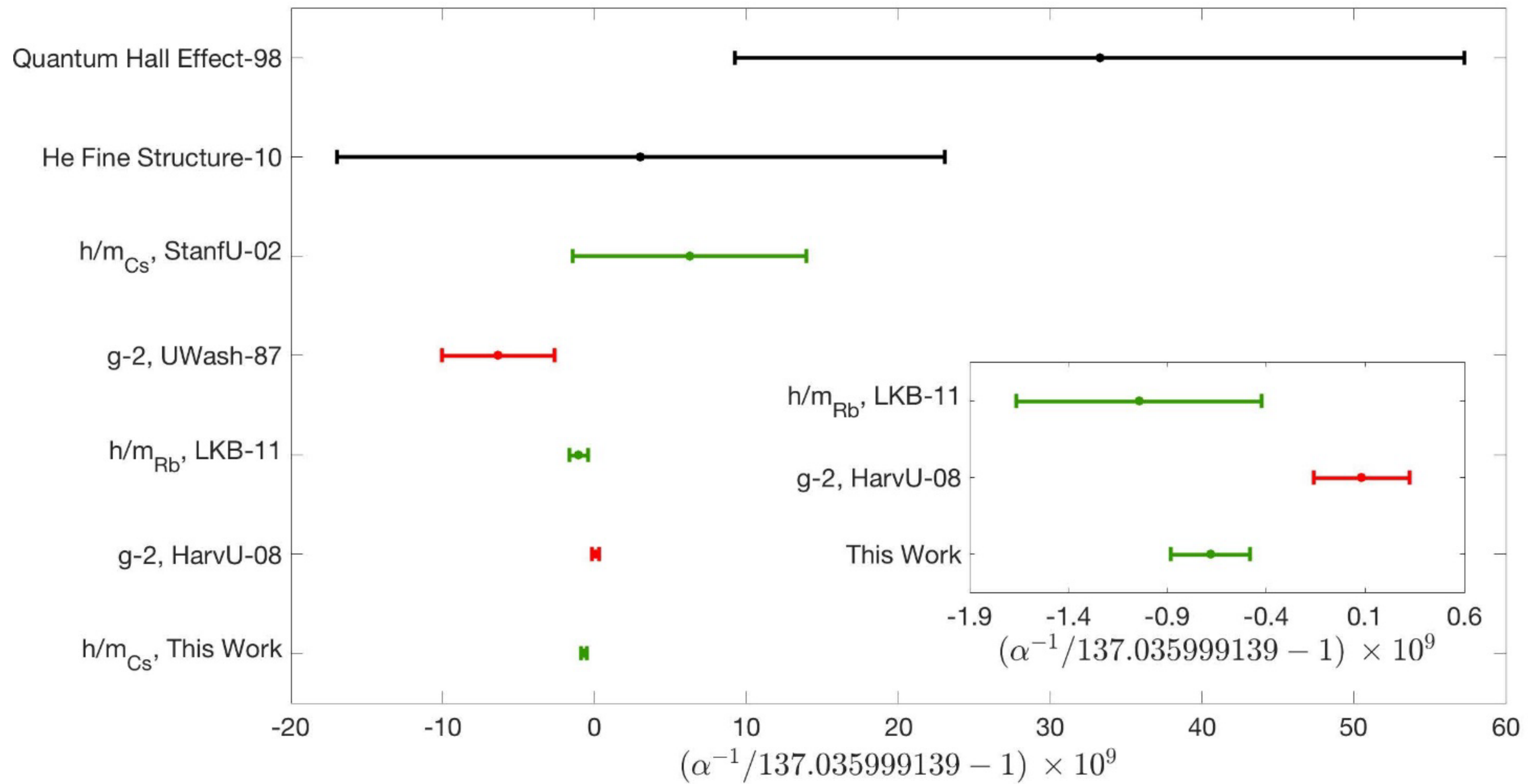
# Systematic Checks

## Variations of alpha w.r.t.:

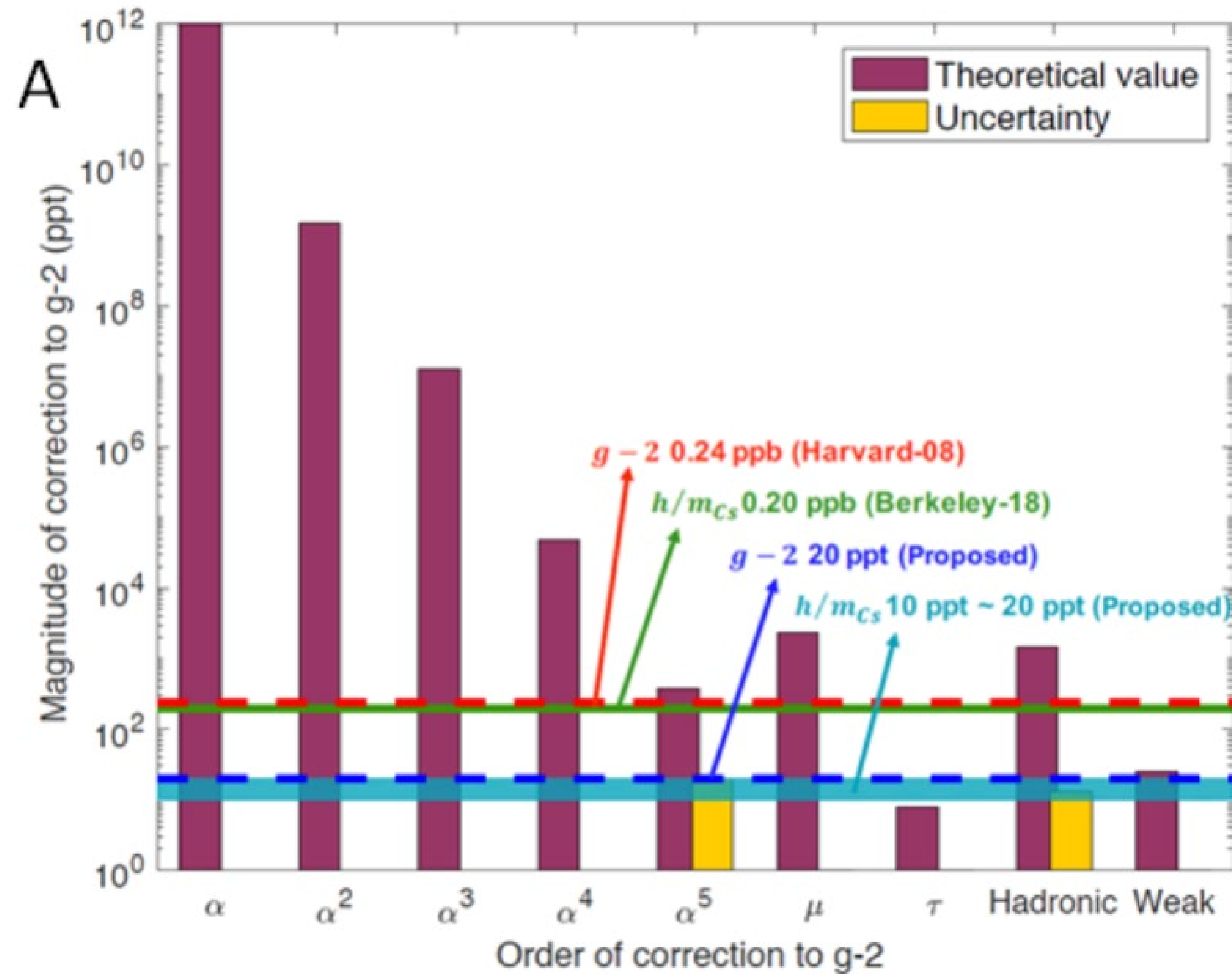
- Bloch order
- Bloch power
- Contrast
- Detection region
- Pulse intensity: overall and pulse/pulse ratio
- Speckle phase
- $\omega_m$  mixing (RF)
- $\omega_m$  mixing (optics)
- Delay of interferometer sequence
- Bias B-field
- Single-photon detuning
- Data Analysis parameters (cuts, fitting, etc.)
- Fountain alignment (launch direction, no spatial filtering)

# Results

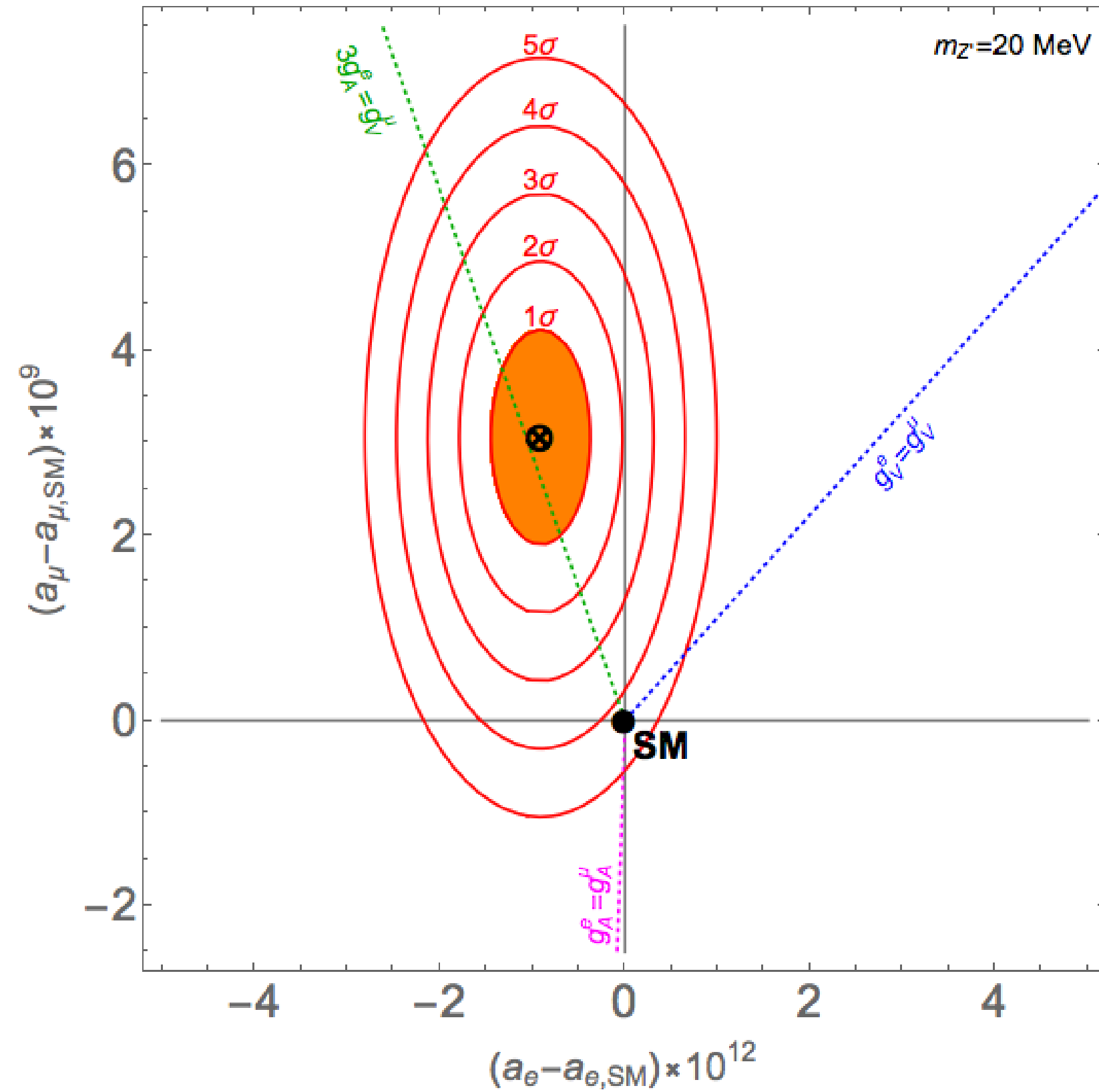
# Results



# Testing Standard Model



# Two $g-2$ anomalies



## A Tale of Two Anomalies

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The most recent determination of the fine structure constant  $\alpha$  seems to point to a  $\sim 2.4\sigma$  negative deviation in the measured electron anomalous magnetic moment  $g_e - 2$ . The corresponding experimental value for the muon,  $g_\mu - 2$ , has long had a  $\sim 3.7\sigma$  deviation, in the positive direction. In this short letter, we point out that one real scalar, with a mass of  $\sim 250 - 1000$  MeV, could explain the deviations in  $g_\mu - 2$  and  $g_e - 2$ , through one- and two-loop processes, respectively. We briefly discuss potential implications of this simple scenario for low and high energy phenomena.

and muon anomalous magnetic moments see Ref. [19], where the authors discuss the relative contributions of one- and two-loop diagrams, but focus on the case of a pseudoscalar boson. Here, we focus on the effect of a light scalar where the Barr-Zee contribution represents an extension of earlier work in Ref. [10]. Work on the contribution of Barr-Zee type diagrams to  $g_\mu - 2$  in the context of two Higgs doublet models and supersymmetry can be found in Ref. [20].

Let us consider the following Lagrangian for the real scalar  $\phi$  of mass  $m_\phi$

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = -\frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 - \sum_f \lambda_f \phi \bar{f}f - \frac{\kappa_\gamma}{4} \phi F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}, \quad (4)$$

where we only include an explicit coupling to a fermion  $f$  with strength  $\lambda_f$  and have omitted various kinetic terms and fermion masses. In this work, we allow  $f$  to correspond to known quarks and leptons, as well as other potential more massive charged fermions. The  $\lambda_f$  are constrained by phenomenology, as will be discussed later. We assume that the coupling to photons, through the

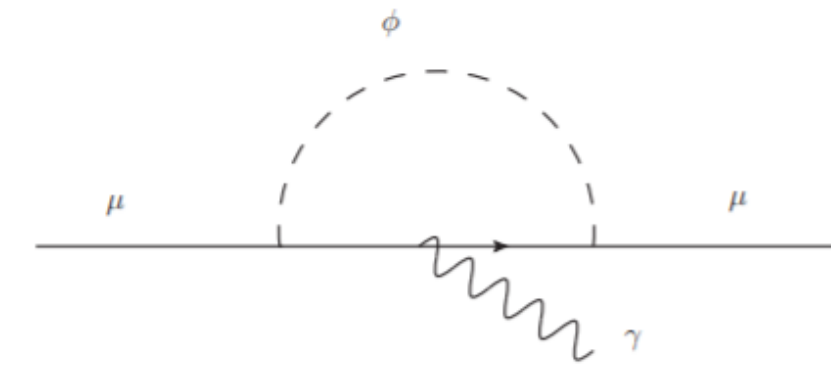


FIG. 1: One-loop  $\phi$  contribution to  $g_\mu - 2$ .

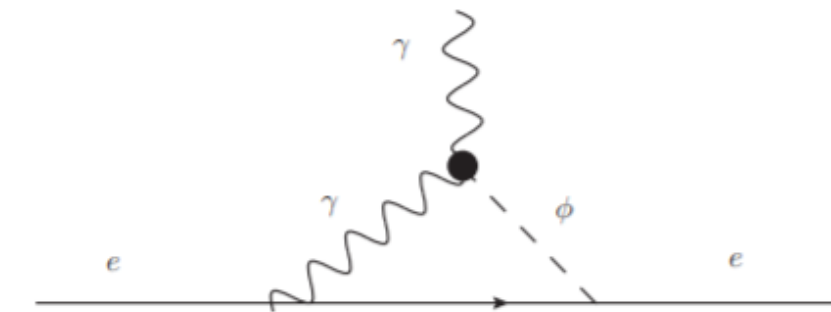
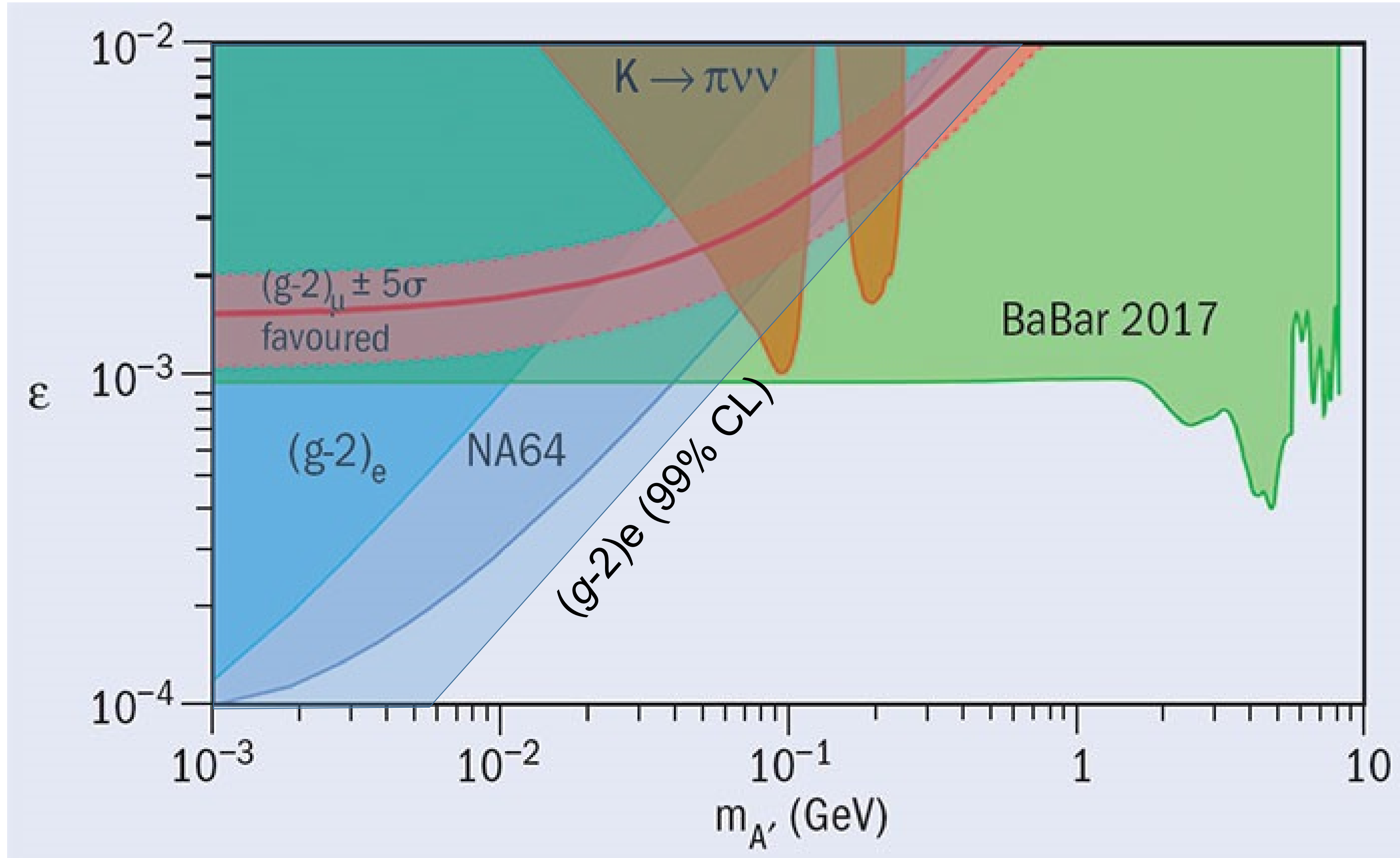


FIG. 2: Effective two-loop Barr-Zee diagram contribution to  $g_e - 2$ , with heavy fermion loops integrated out.

<http://resonaances.blogspot.com/2018/06/alpha-and-g-minus-two.html>

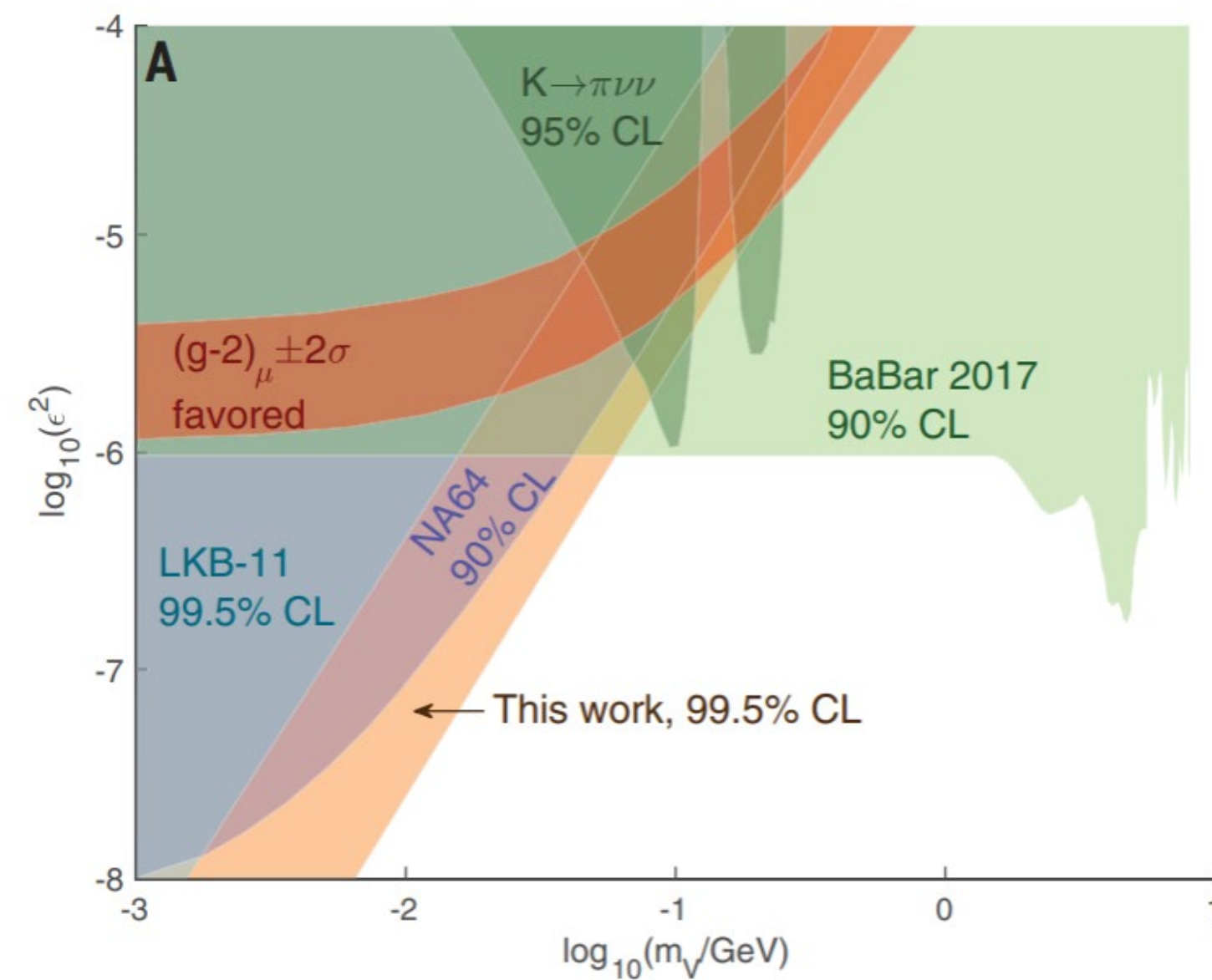
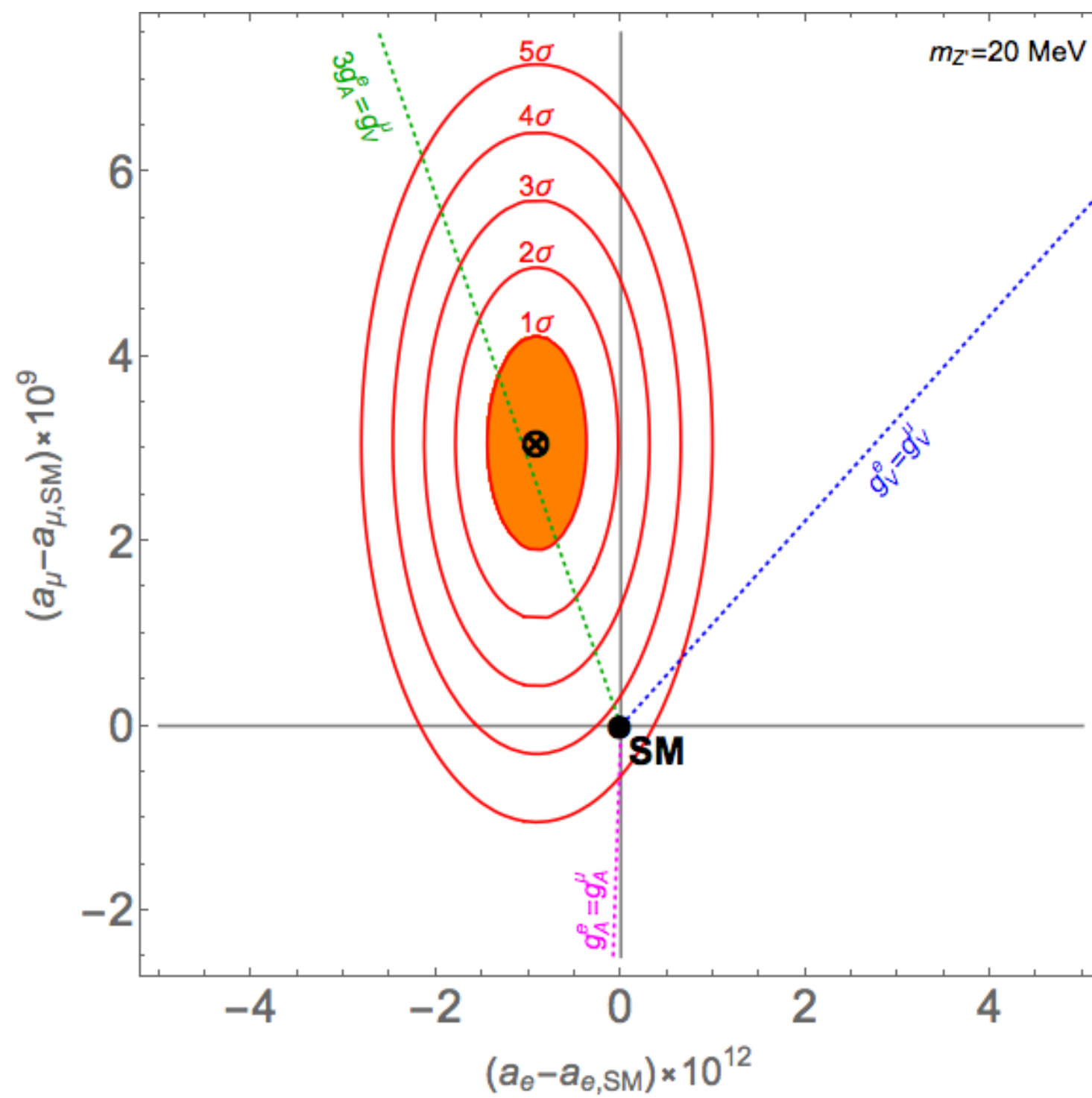
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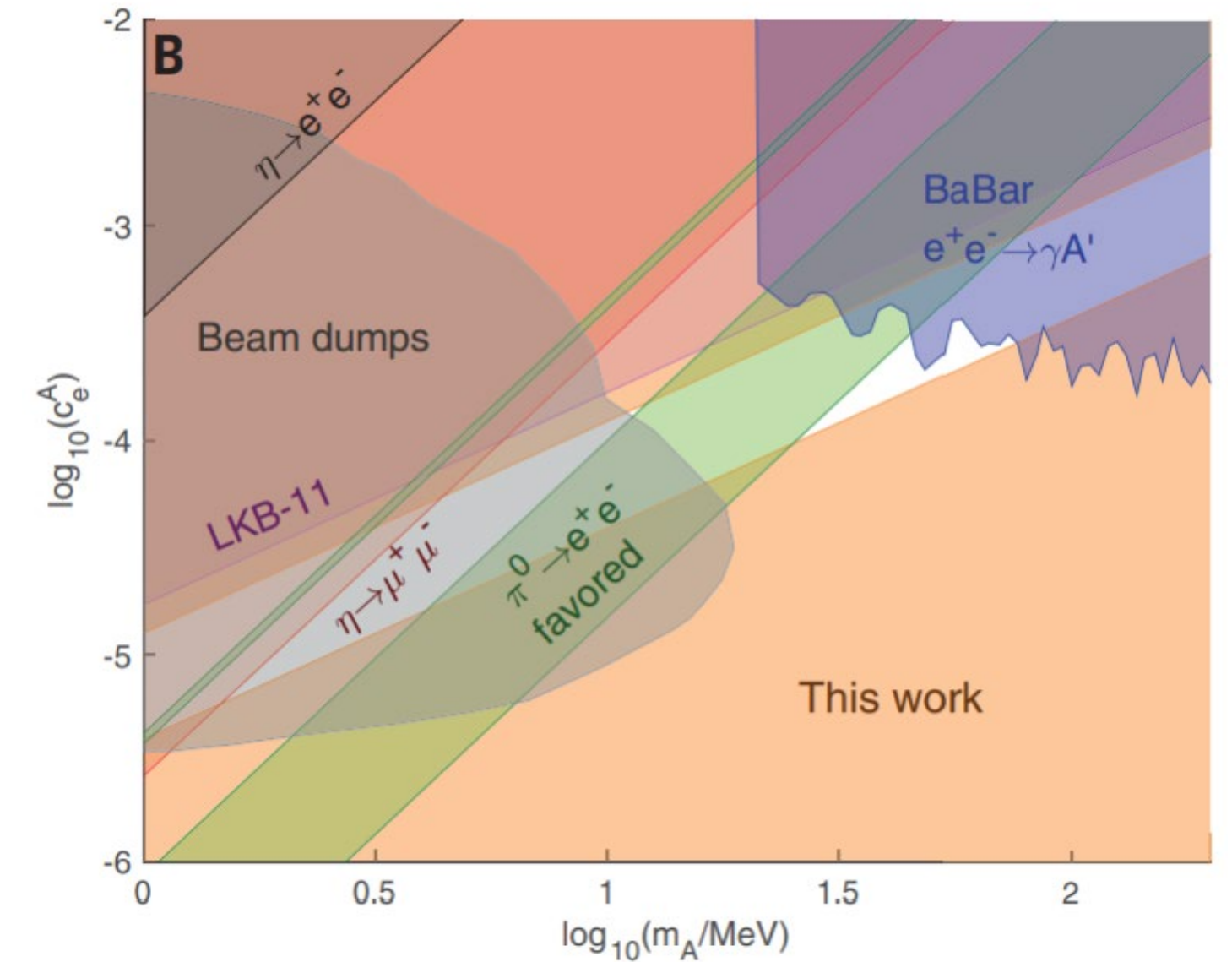


# Constraining BSM Physics

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## A Tale of Two Anomalies

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A recent improved determination of the fine structure constant,  $\alpha = 1/137.035999046(27)$ , leads to a  $\sim 2.4\sigma$  negative discrepancy between the measured electron anomalous magnetic moment and the Standard Model prediction. That situation is to be compared with the muon anomalous magnetic moment where a positive  $\sim 3.7\sigma$  discrepancy has existed for some time. A single scalar solution to both anomalies is shown to be possible if the two-loop electron Barr-Zee diagrams dominate the scalar one-loop electron anomaly effect and the scalar couplings to the electron and two photons are relatively large. We also briefly discuss the implications of that scenario.

## A light complex scalar for the electron and muon anomalous magnetic moments

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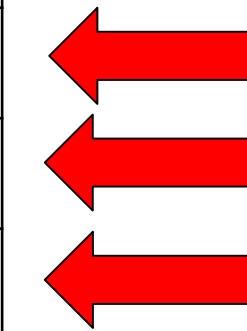
### Abstract

The anomalous magnetic moments of the electron and the muon are interesting observables, since they can be measured with great precision and their values can be computed with excellent accuracy within the Standard Model (SM). The current experimental measurement of these quantities show

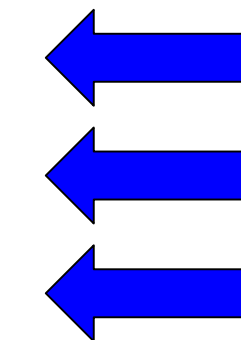


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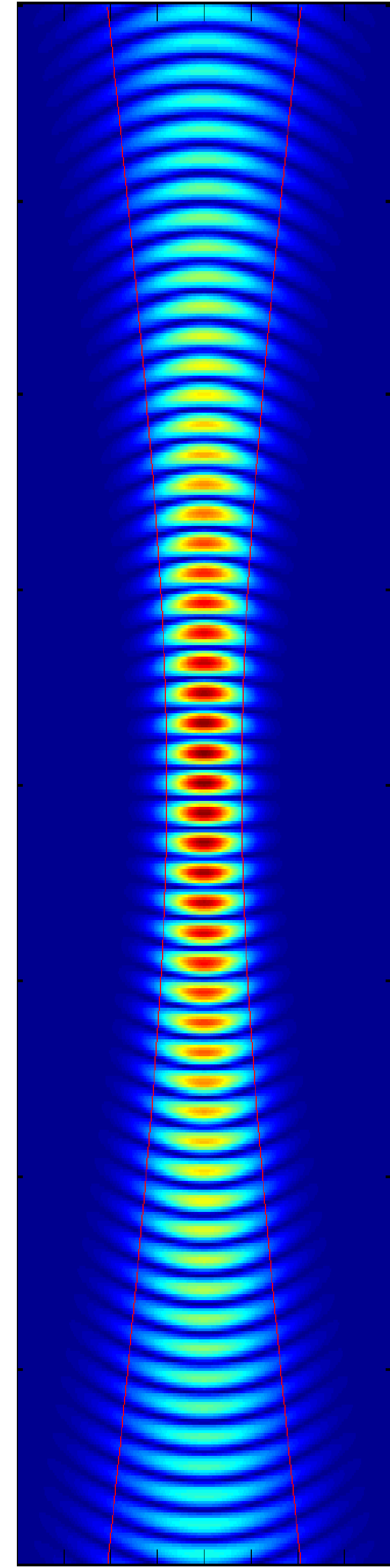
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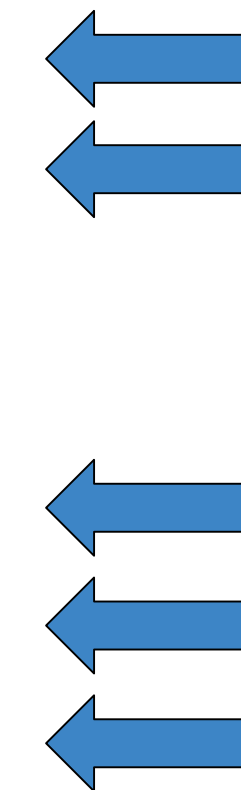


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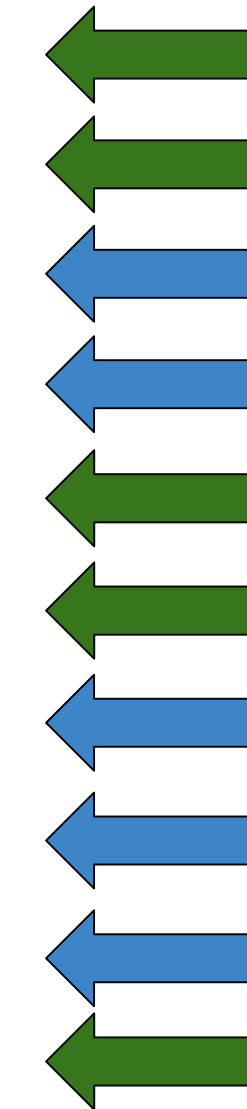
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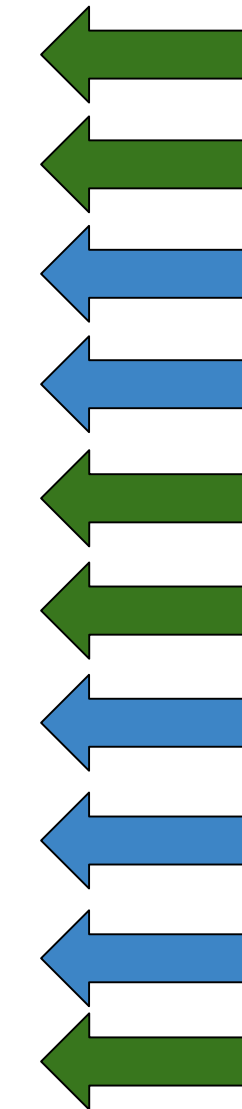


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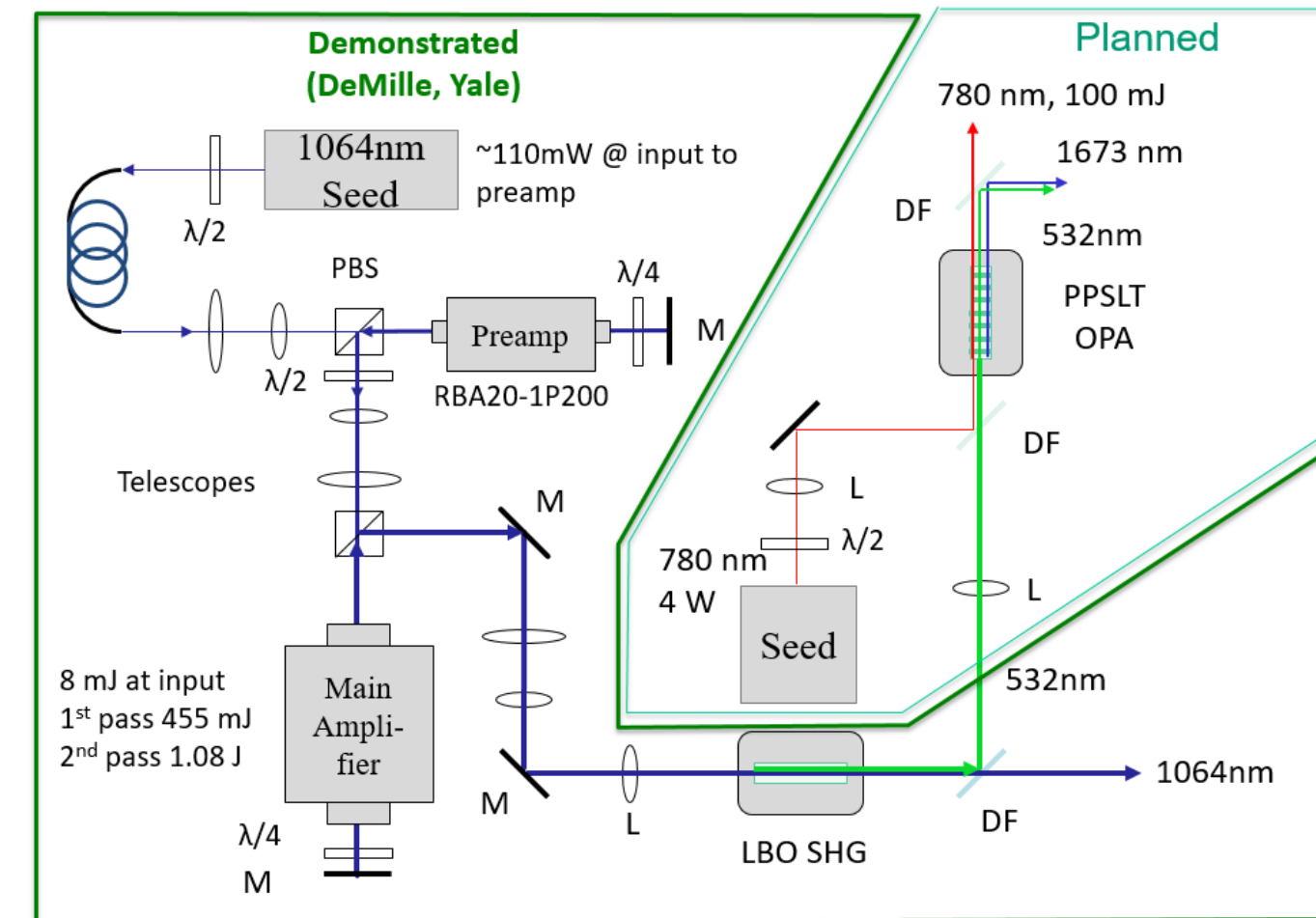
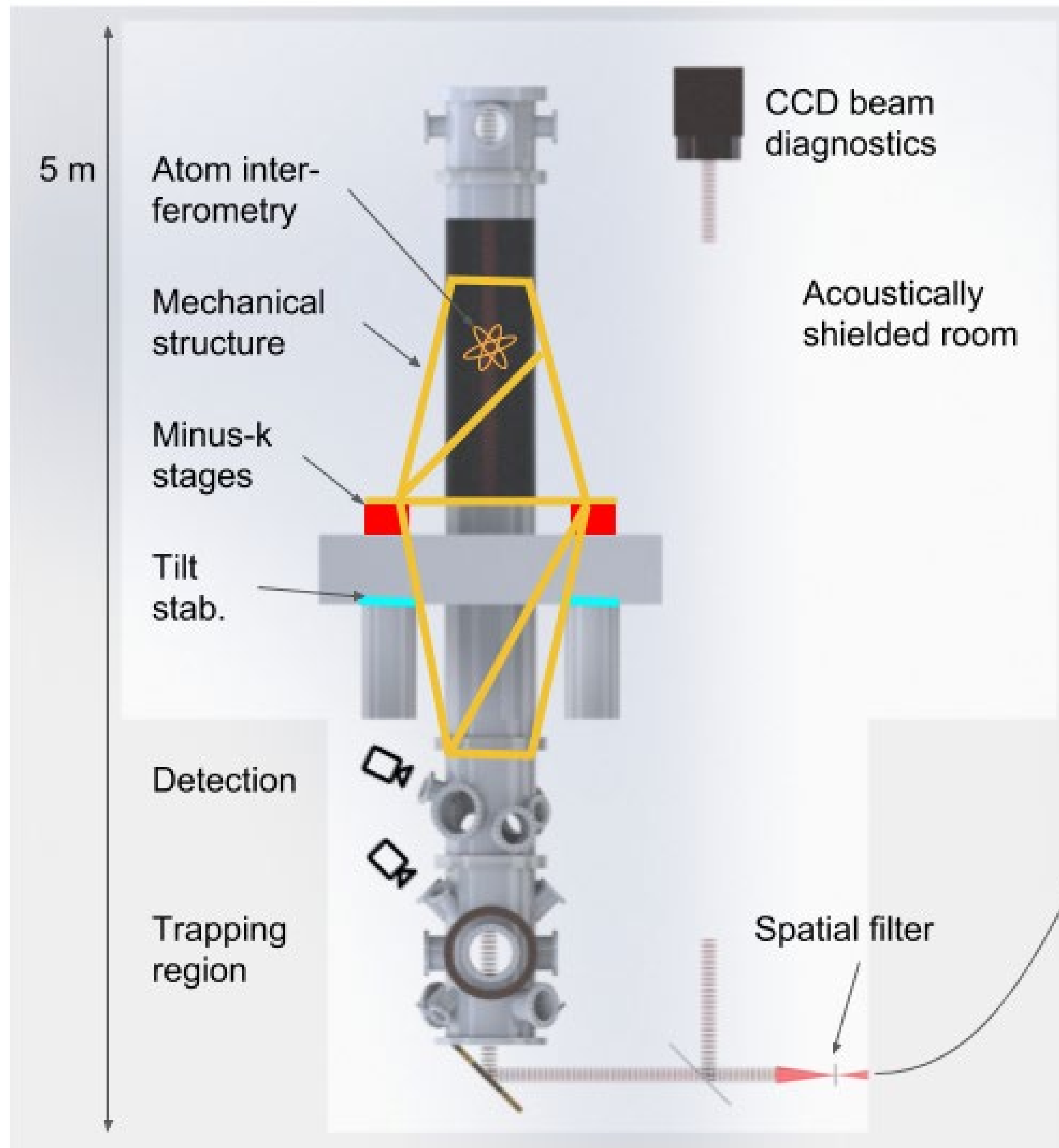
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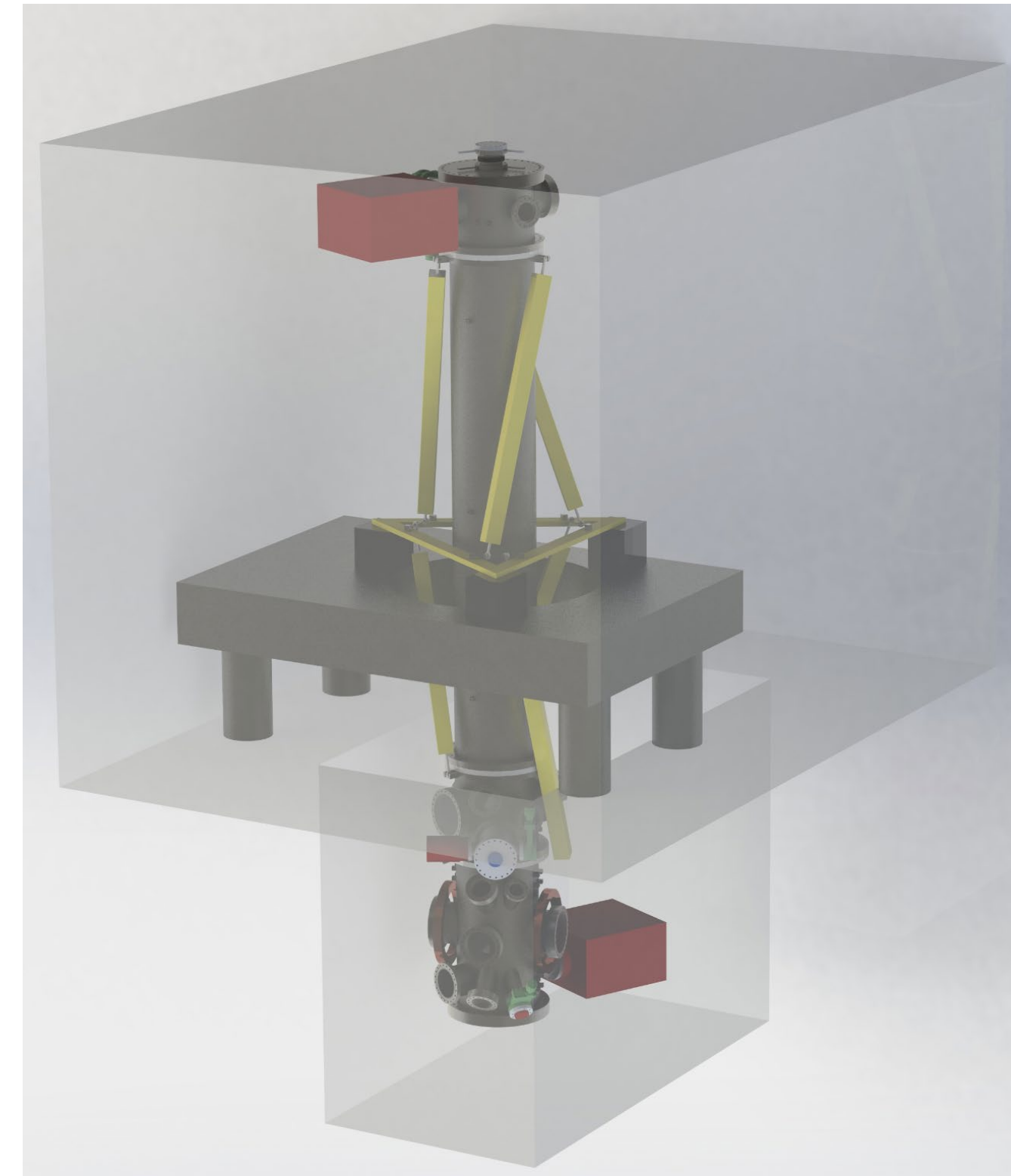


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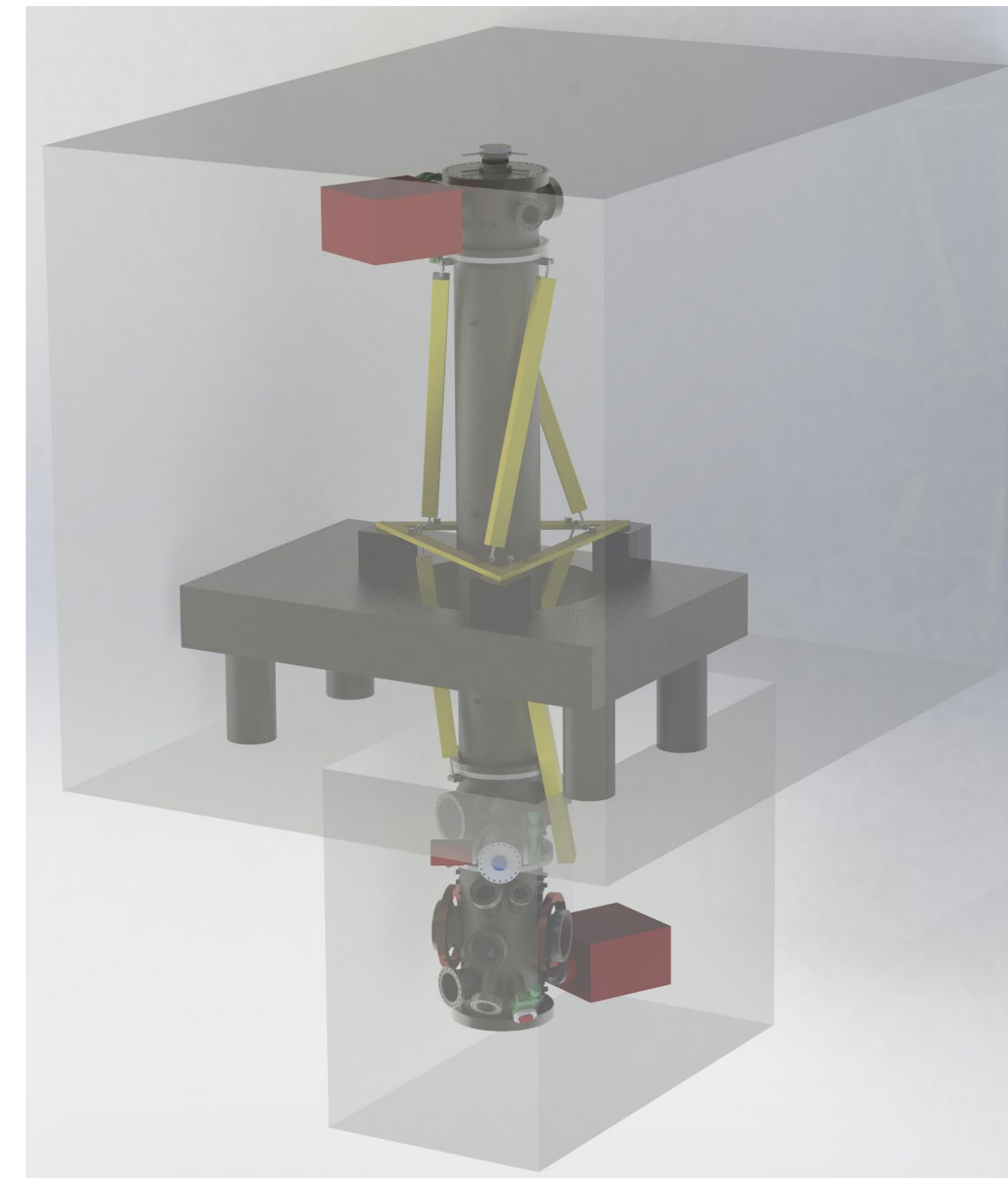
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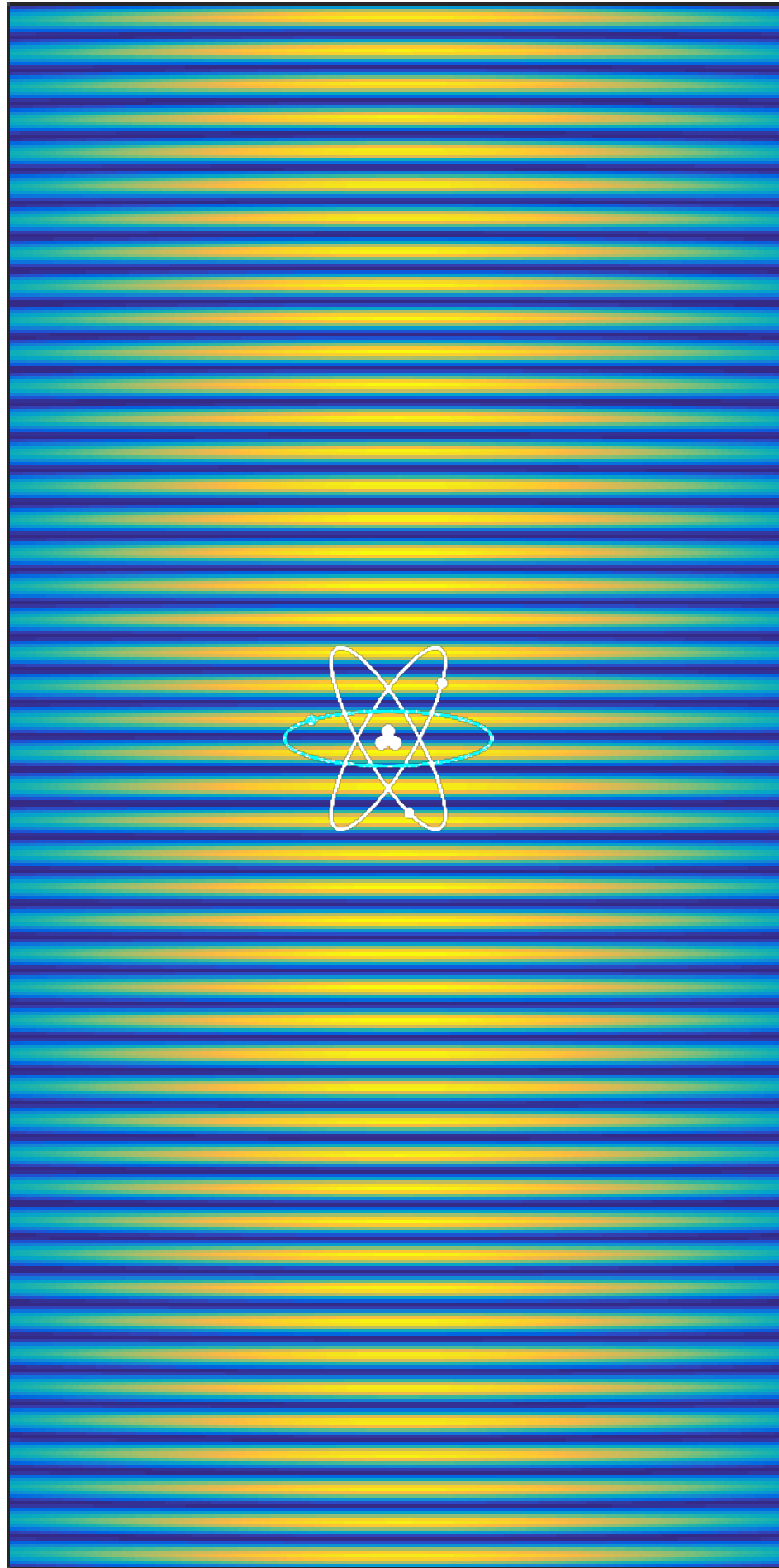


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- **Collaborating with Lawrence Berkeley National Lab**
  - **High power fiber experts**
  - **High-quality CCD imaging**
  - **Improved Monte Carlo simulations**
  - **Mechanical engineering**



# A more nearly perfect laser beam

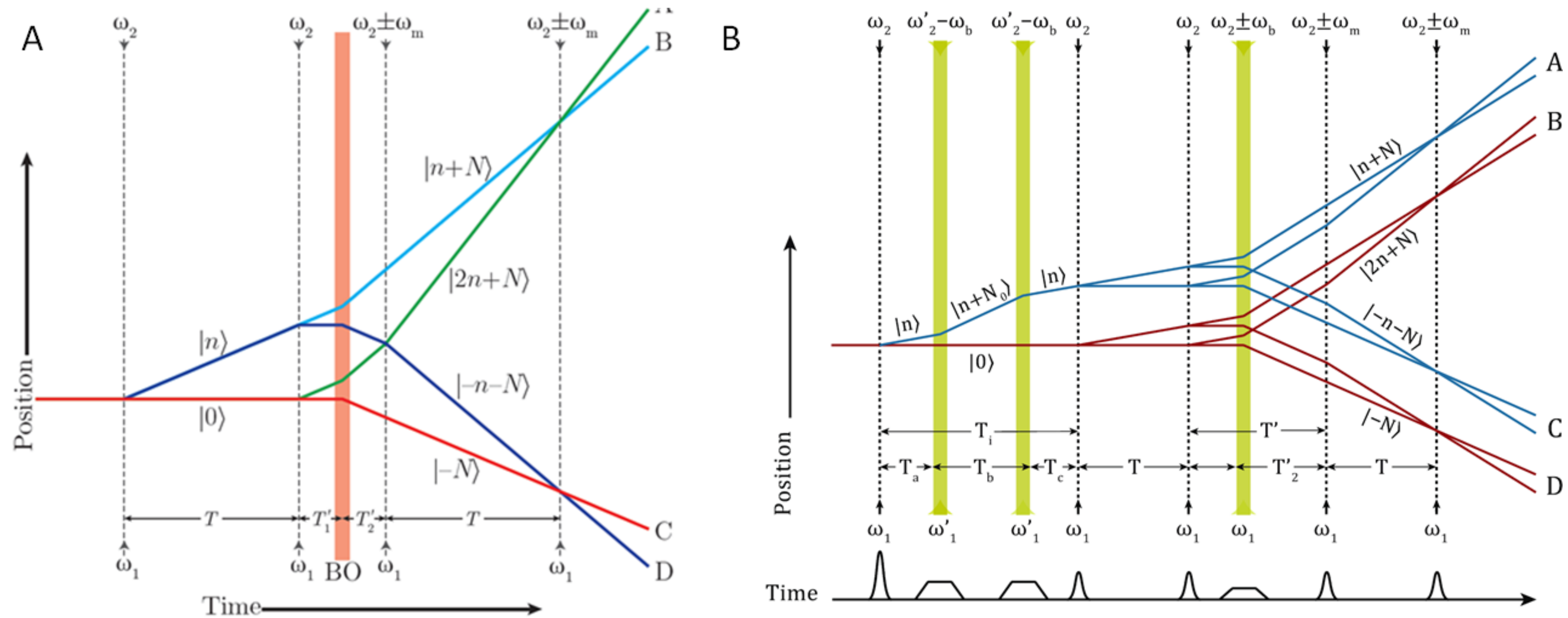


- This project  $\sim 6$  cm radius
- Wavelength errors  $\sim(\lambda/\text{radius})^2$
- 400-fold higher accuracy
- Beam splitter losses  $\sim(\lambda/\text{radius})^4$
- higher momentum transfer, and thus sensitivity

Thick beam will unleash the potential of atom interferometry



# New interferometer geometries

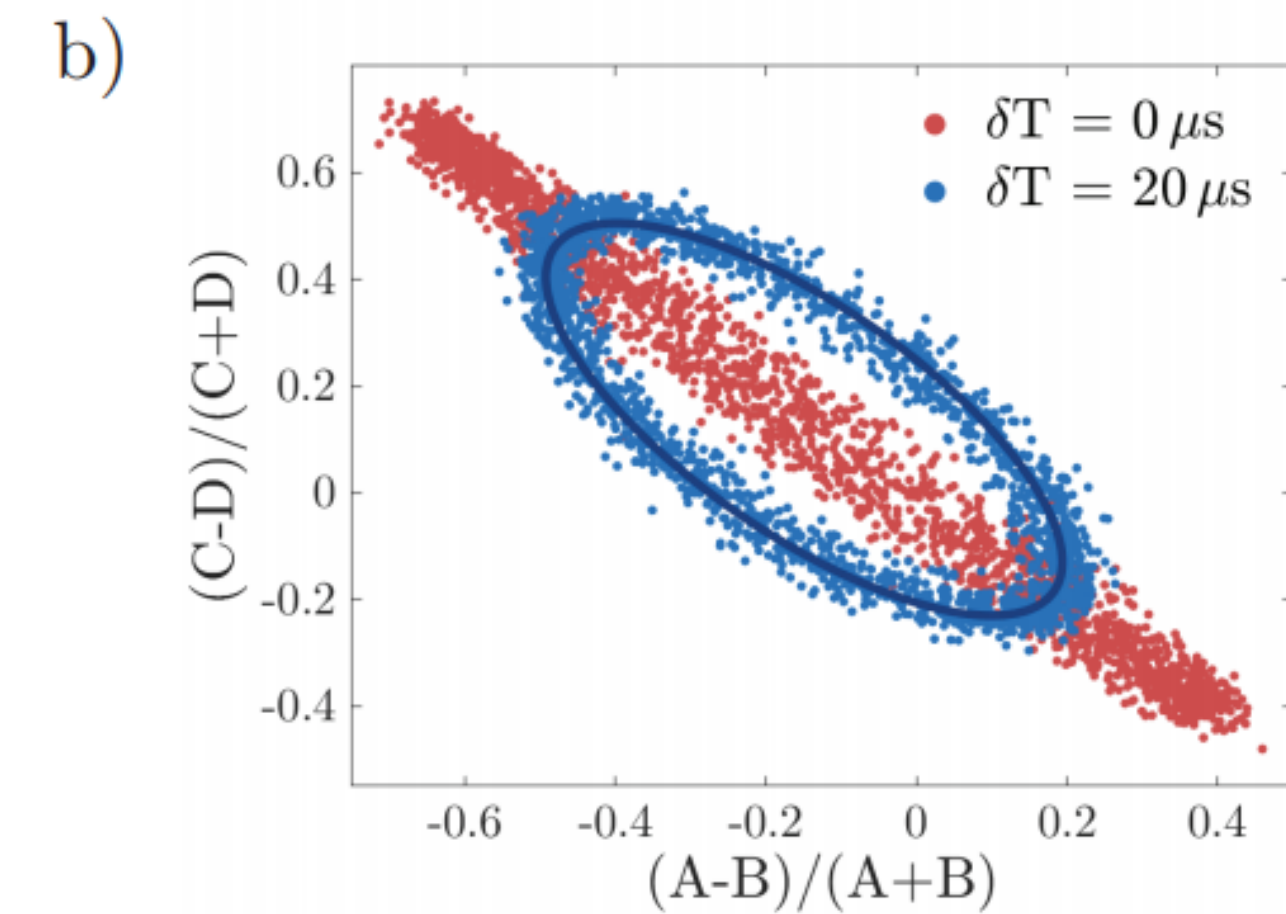
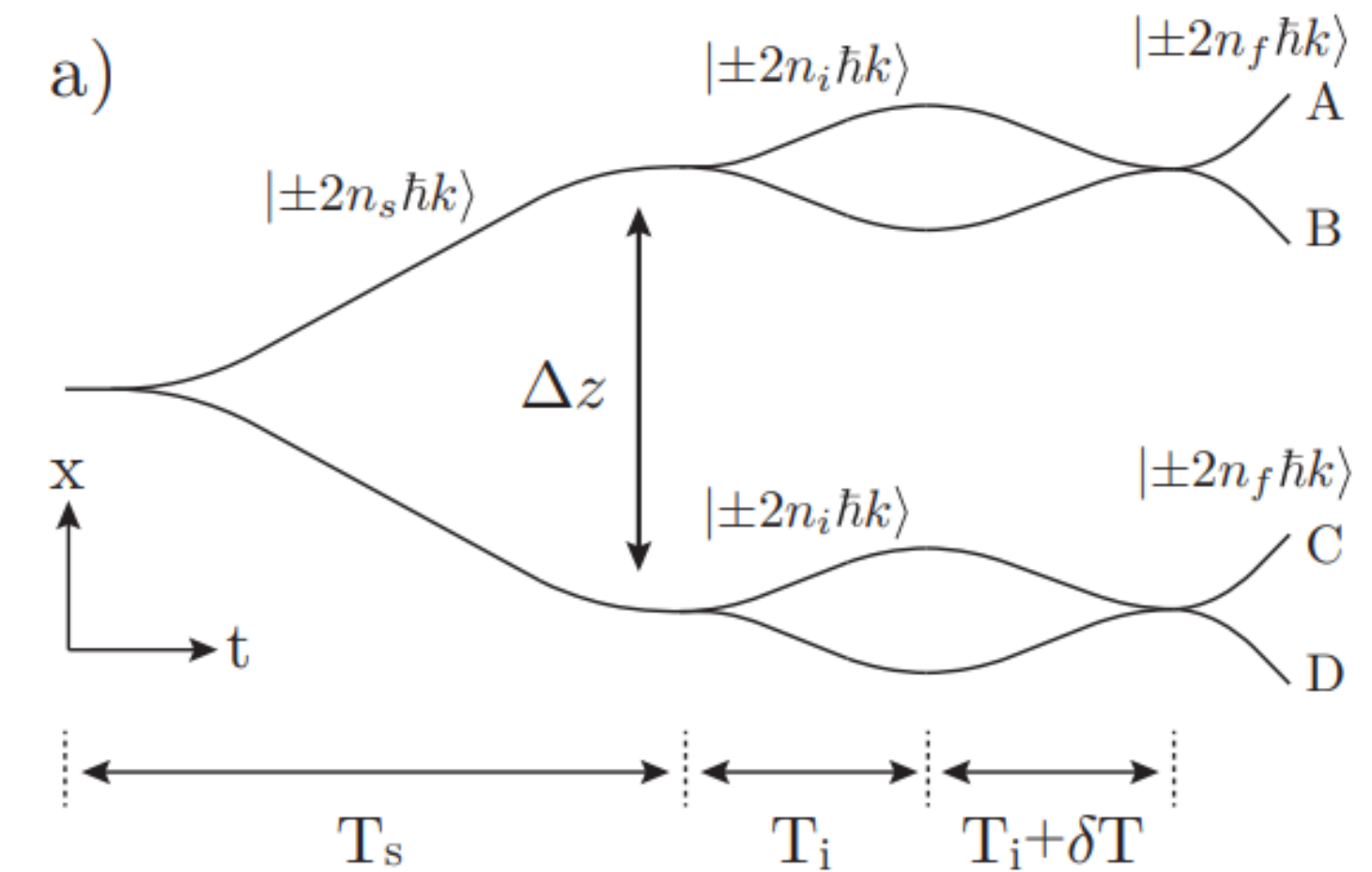
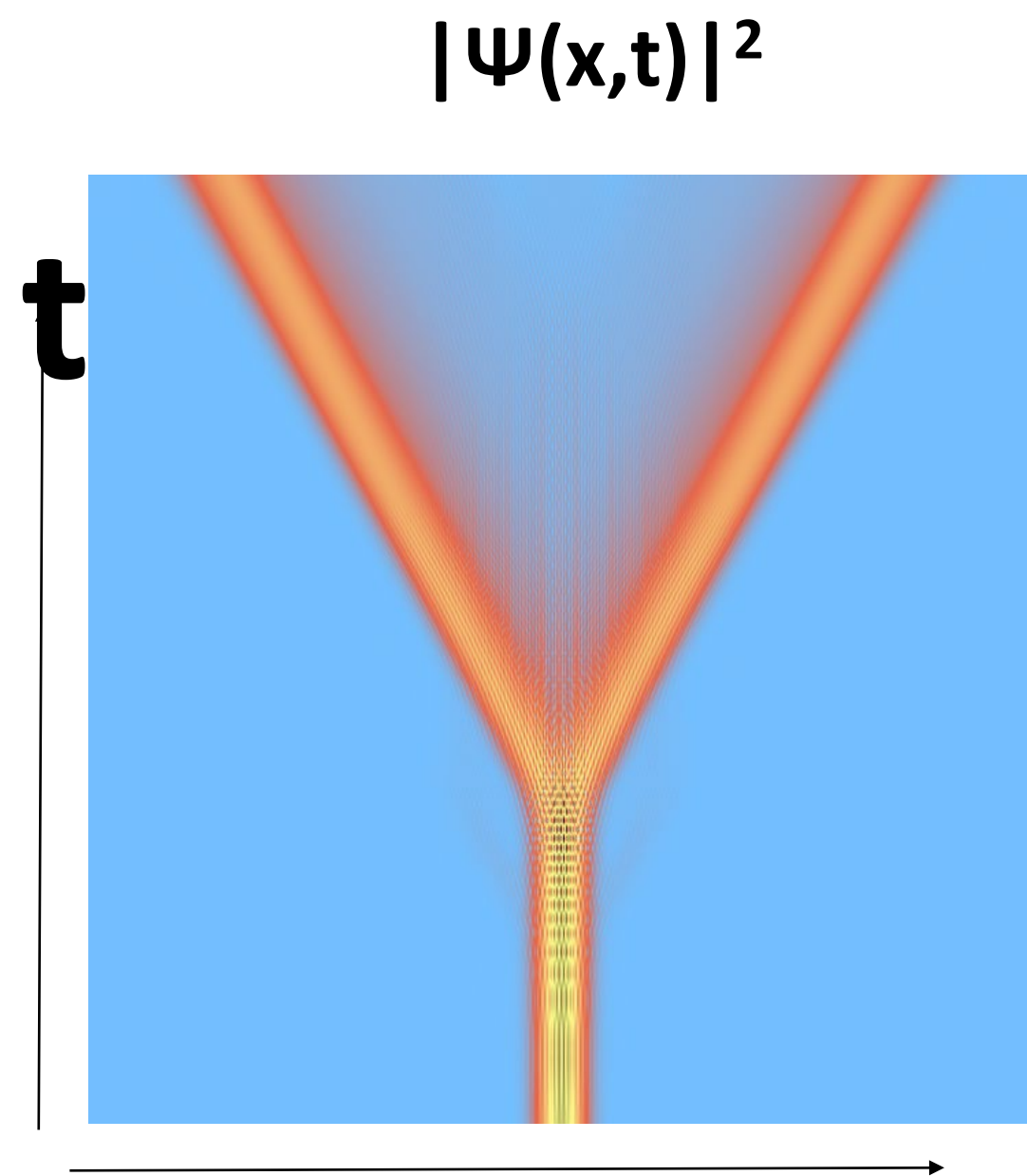


- Eliminates gravity gradient
- Moderate cost in integration rate
- Shown to work in arXiv:1901.03487

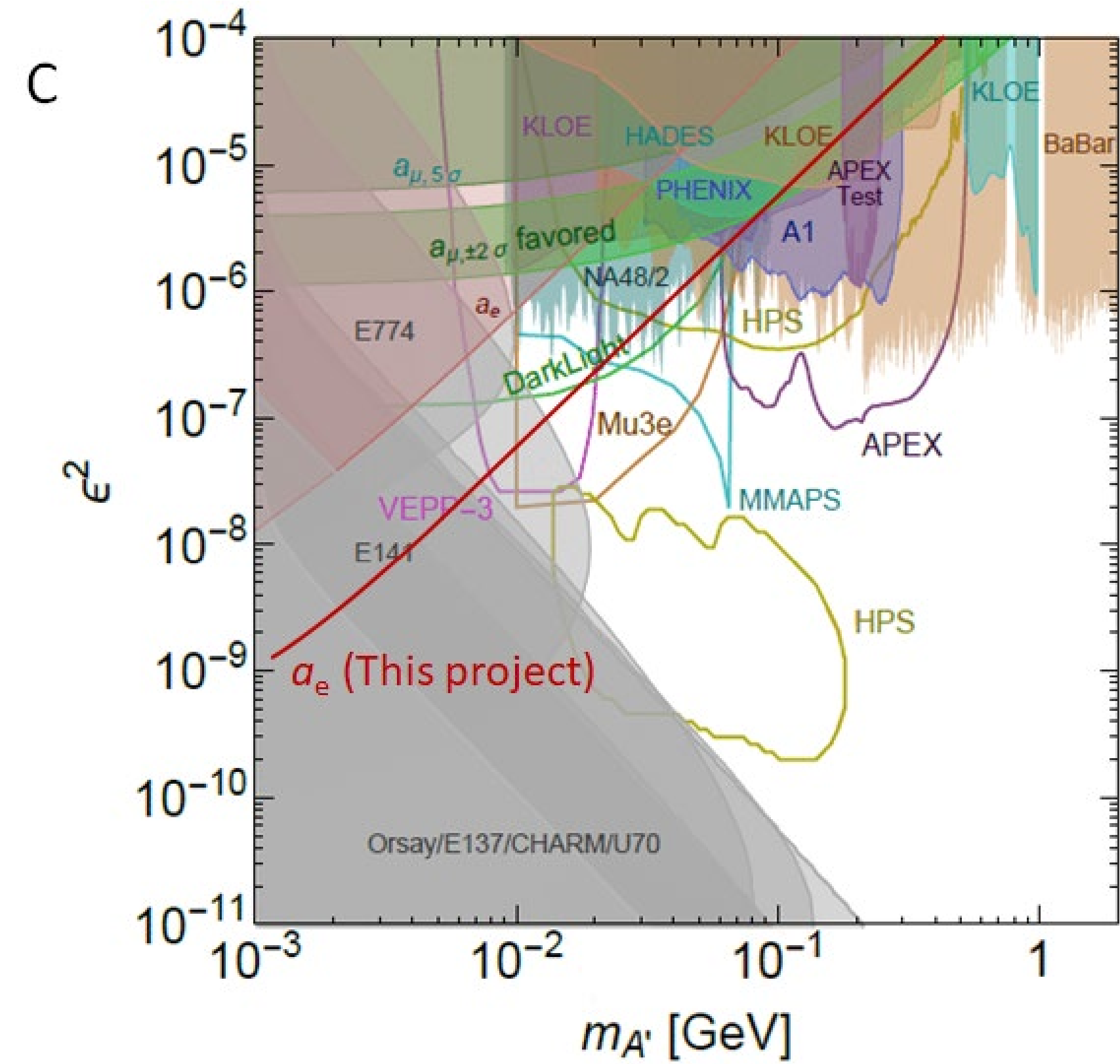
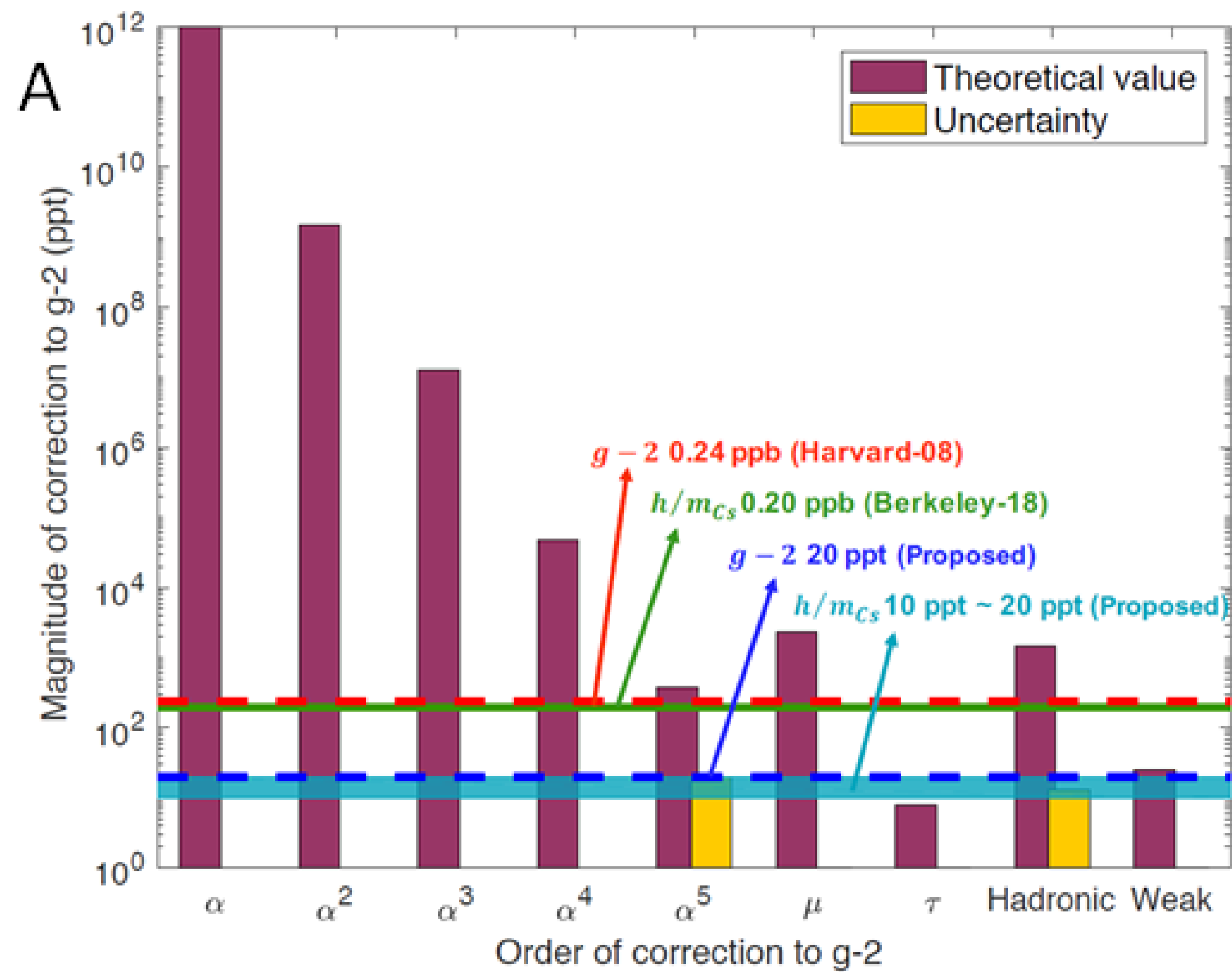
# New ideas

## Symmetric “Bloch beamsplitter” [4]

- Eliminates diffraction phase
- Demonstrated  $240\hbar k$  momentum transfer

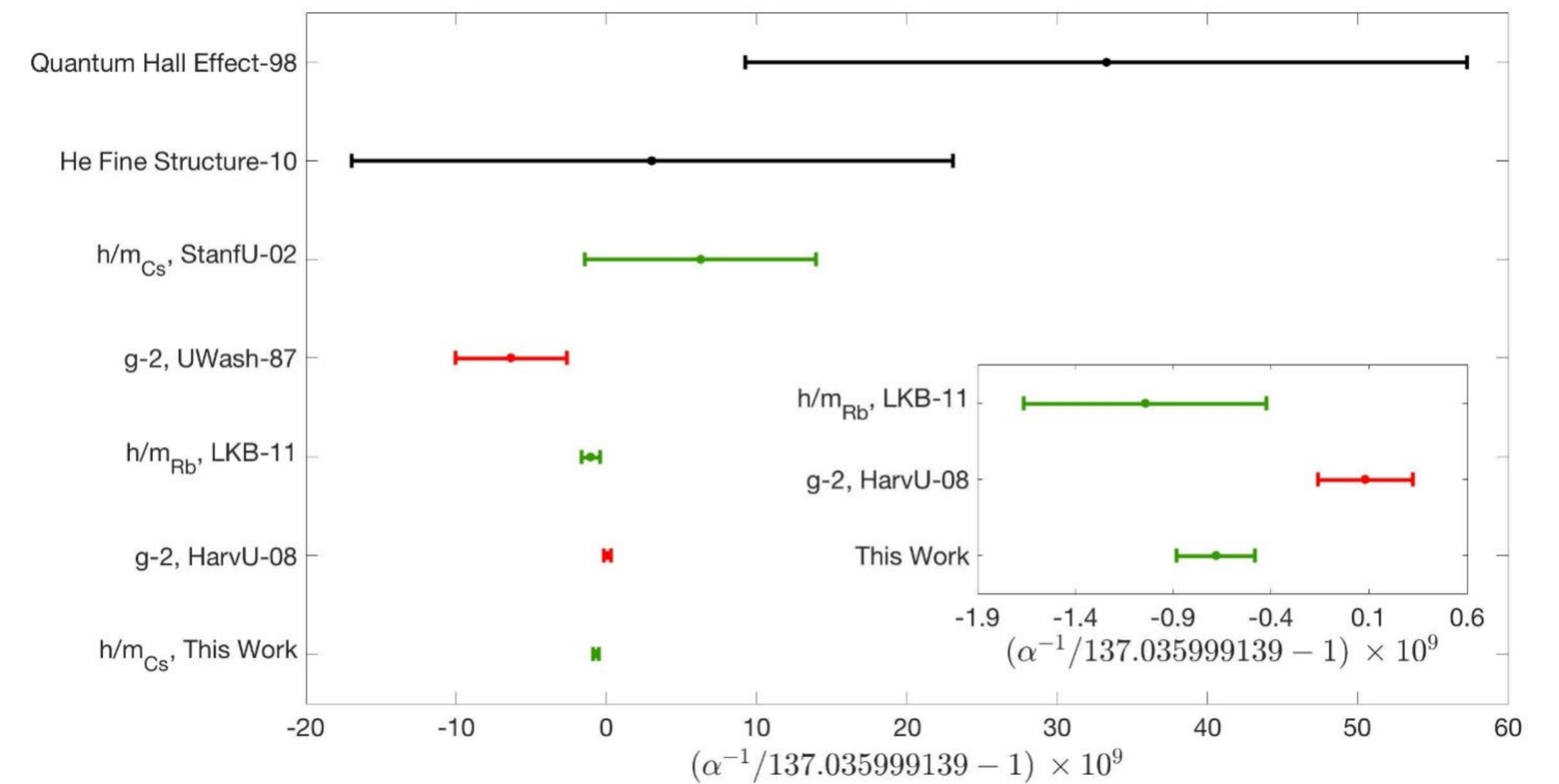


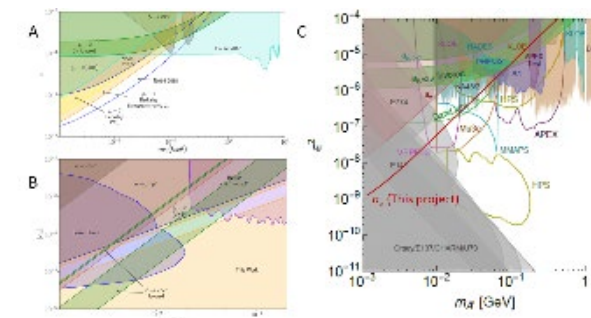
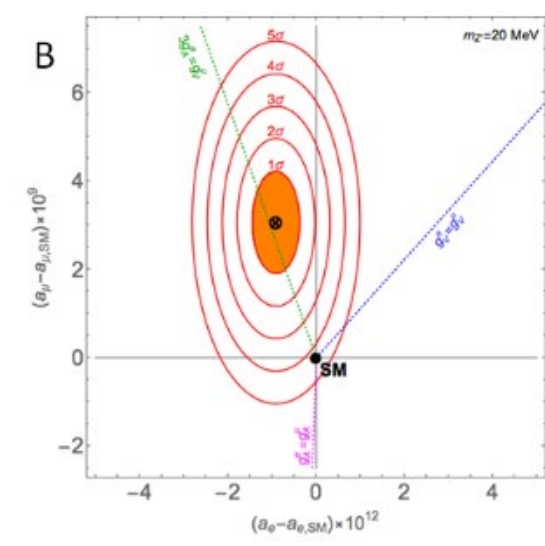
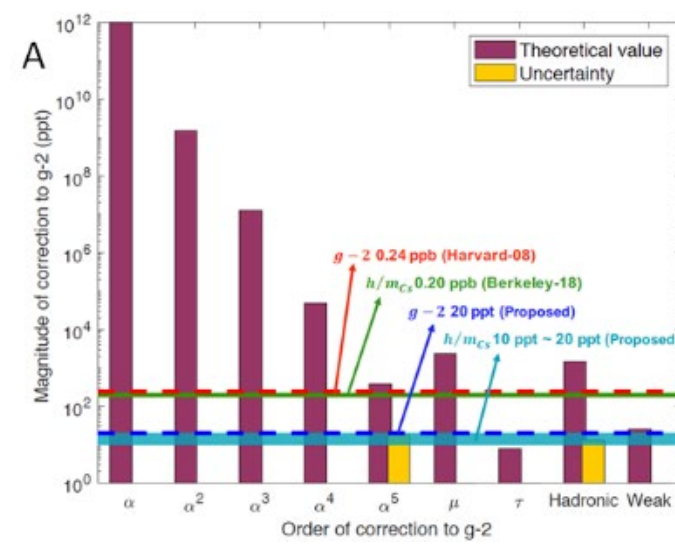
# New physics reach



# Conclusions

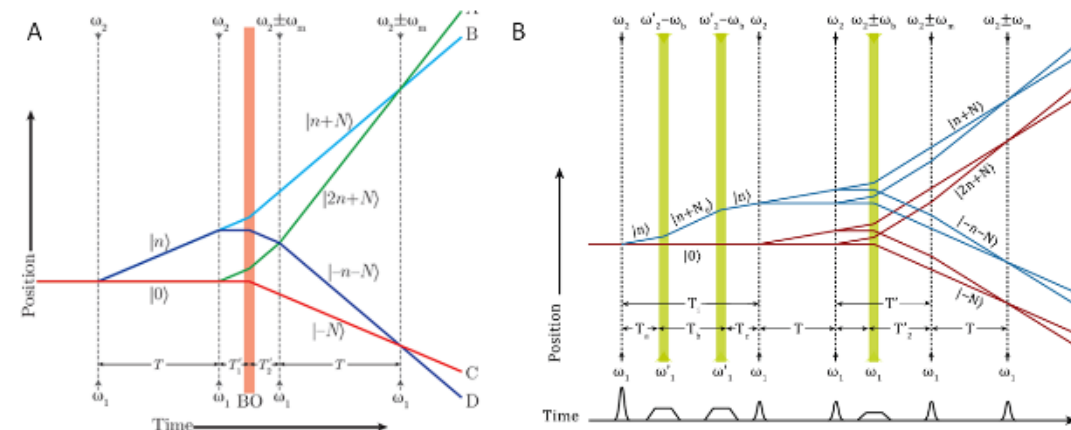
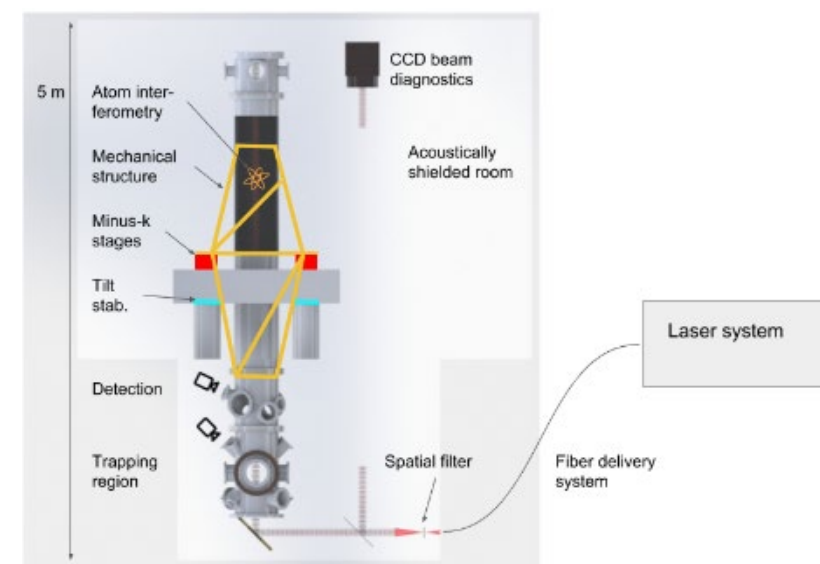
- 2018 measurement at 0.2 ppb level
- Moving forward with next generation measurement
  - “We’re not reinventing the wheel”
  - Improved laser beam quality
  - Higher power pulsed laser
  - Simplified fountain alignment
  - Collaboration with LBNL
- New ideas for cancelling gravity gradient, improving sensitivity





# Future Upgrades to 10ppt!

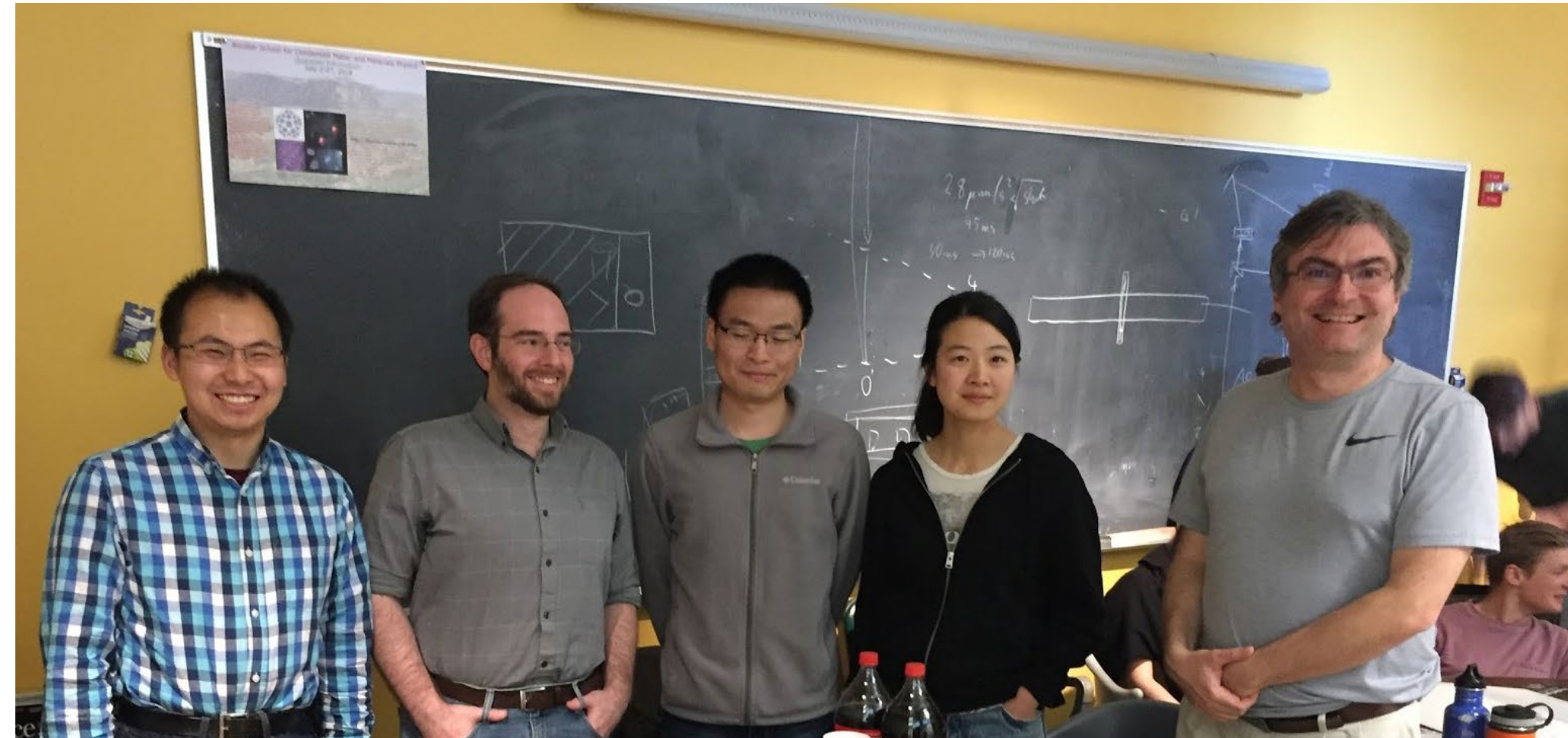
- Broad beam
  - x20 waist  $\rightarrow$  1/400 beam-related systematics
- Acoustic Shielded Room
  - Controls gravity anomalies
- Improved  $g_e - 2$  (G. Gabrielse, Northwestern)
- Improved  $m_{Cs}/m_e$  (Klaus Blaum, Heidelberg)



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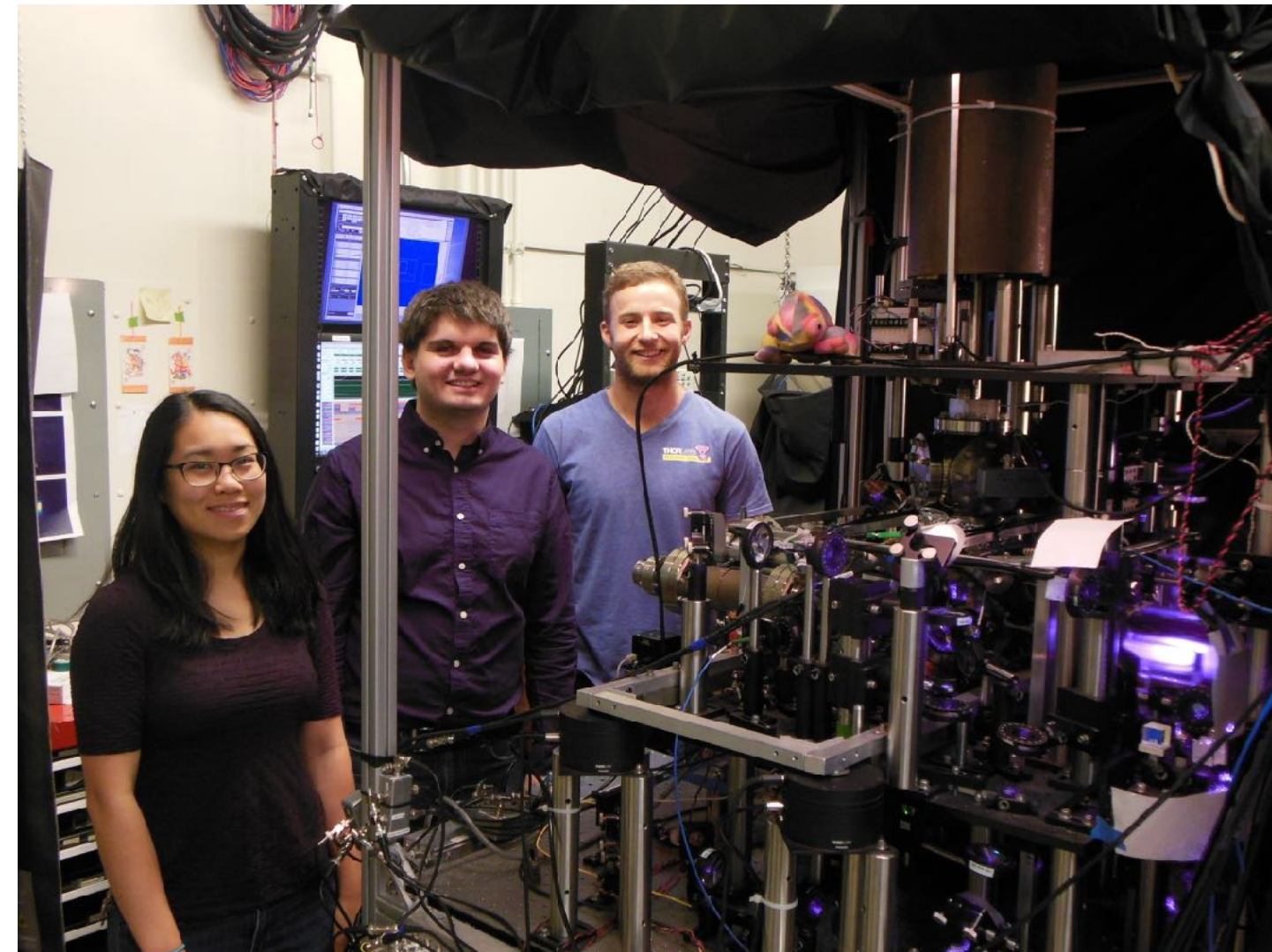
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