

# Spatial Profile of the Squeezed Quantum Noise Generated and Modified by Resonant Atomic Ensembles

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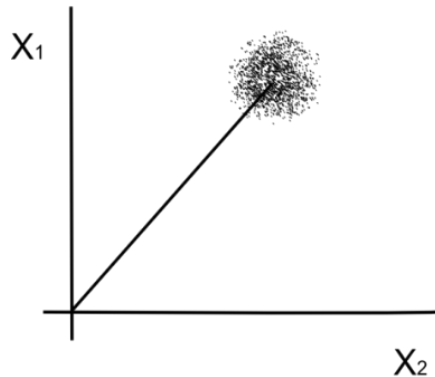
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# Squeezed State

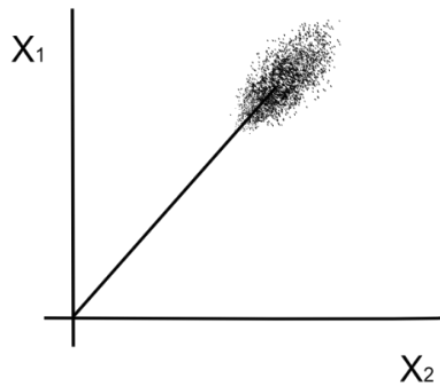
## Quantum Fluctuations in Light field:

$$E(\phi) = |a|e^{-i\phi} = |a|\sin(\phi) + i|a|\cos(\phi) = X_1 + iX_2$$



Coherent State  
Standard Quantum Limit

$$\delta X_1 = \delta X_2$$
$$\delta X_1 \delta X_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

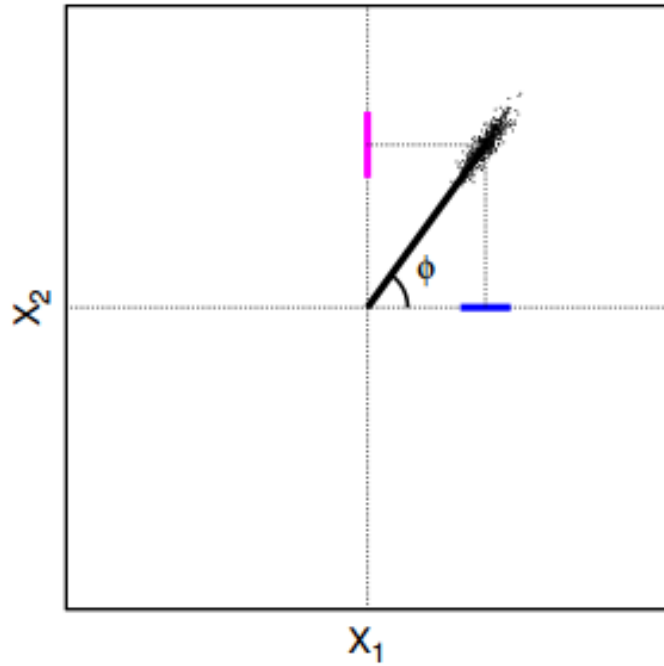


Squeezed State  
Squeezed Quantum Noise

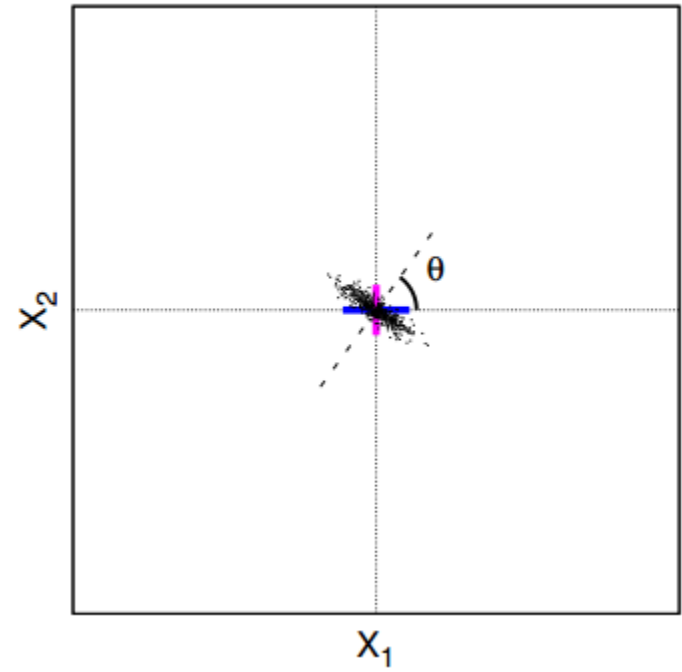
$$\delta X_1 \neq \delta X_2$$
$$\delta X_1 \delta X_2 \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

# Squeezed Vacuum State

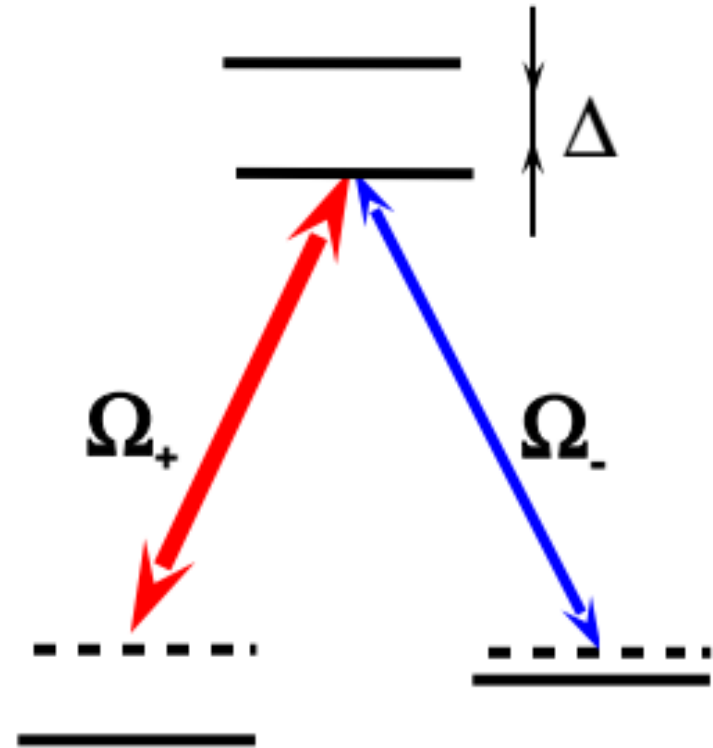
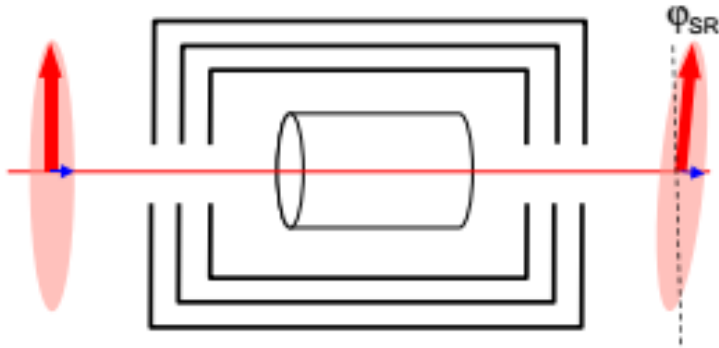
Squeezed State



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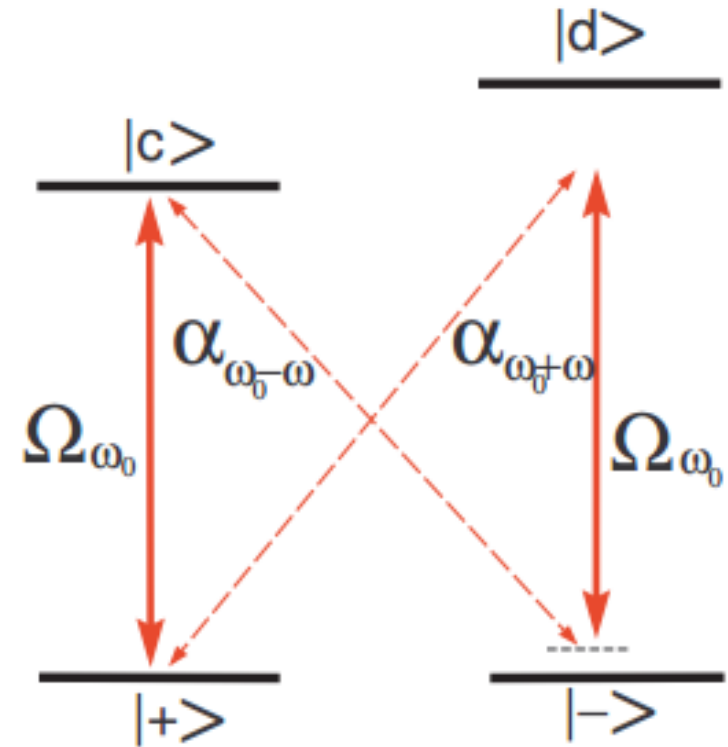
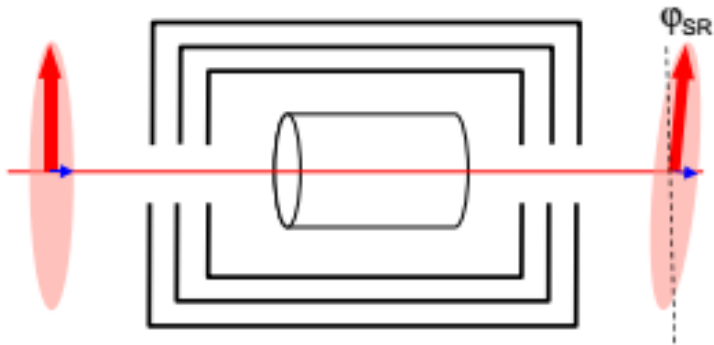
# Polarization Self-Rotation



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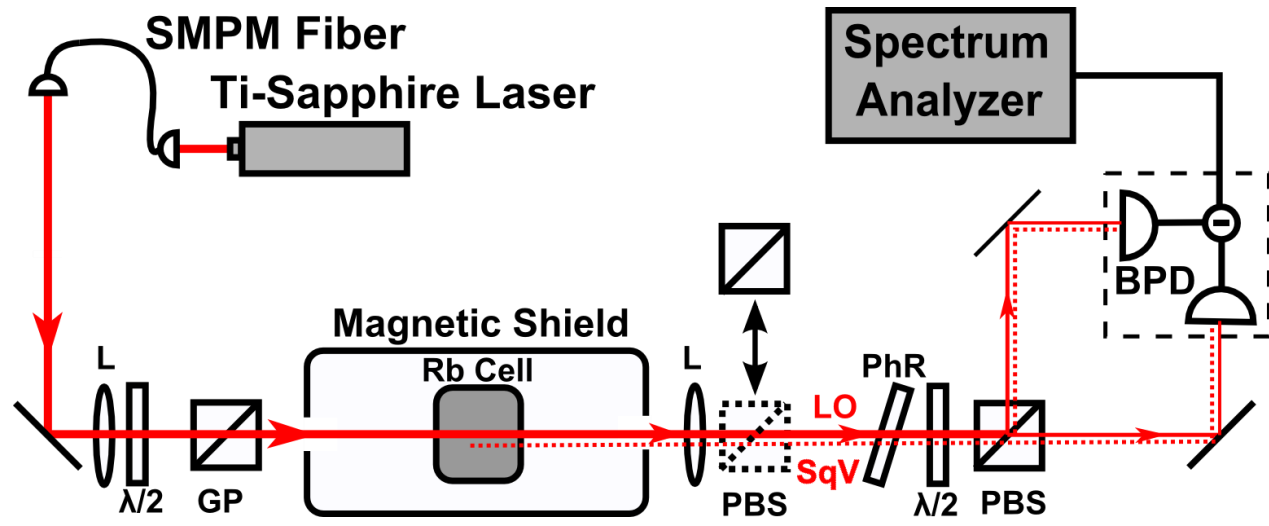
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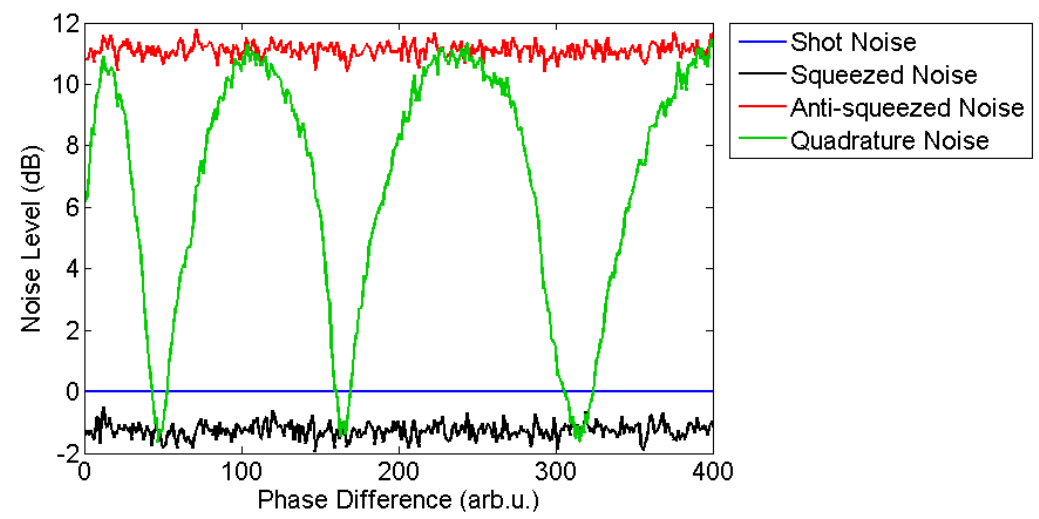
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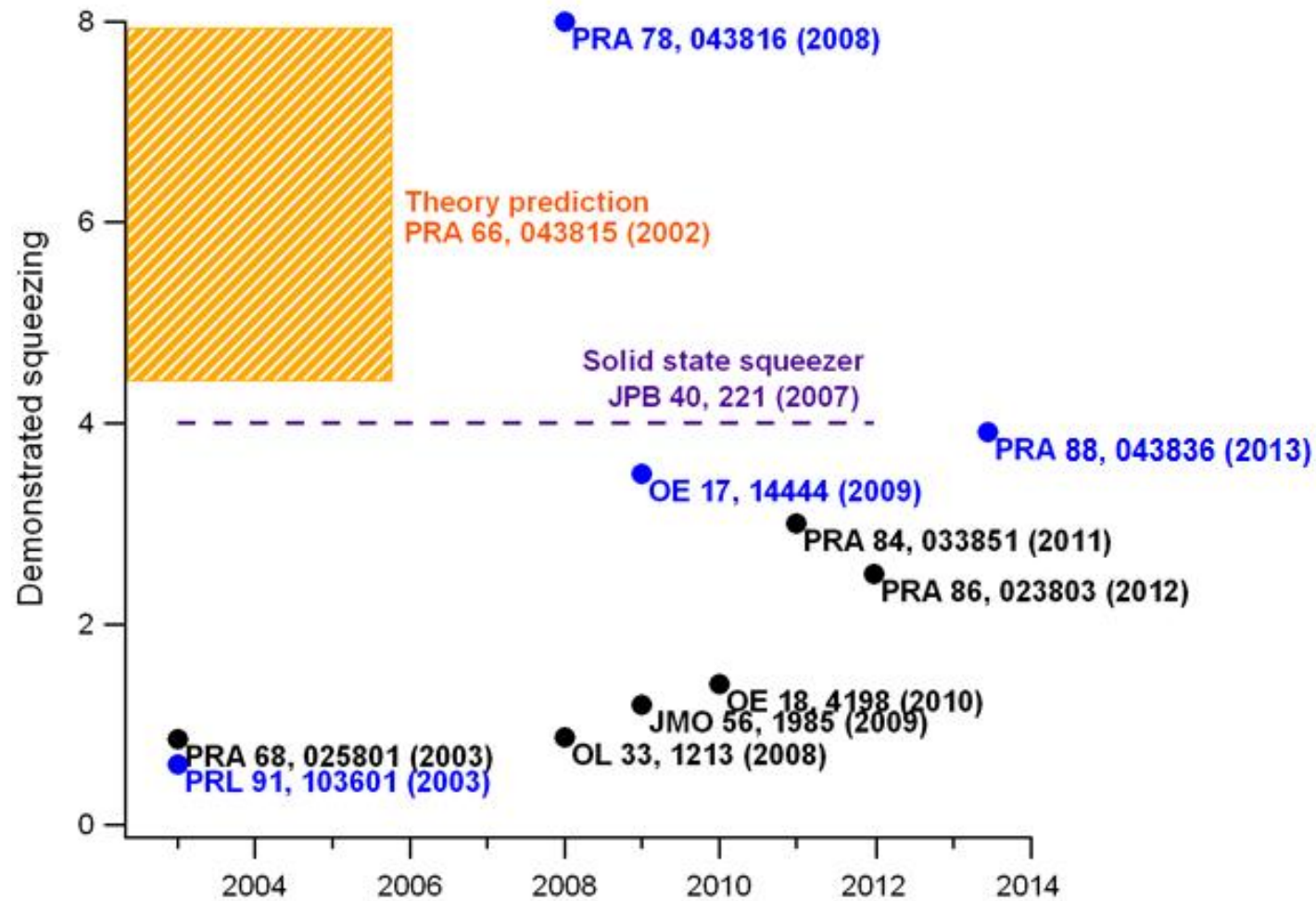
# Setup



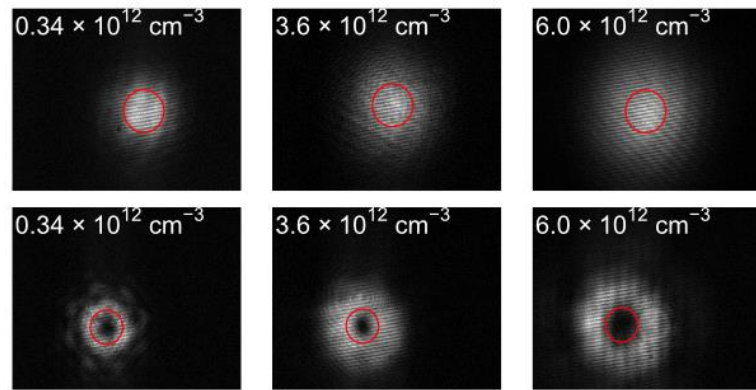
SMPM fiber - single-mode polarization-maintaining fiber  
 $\lambda/2$  - half-wave plate  
GP - Glan-laser polarizer  
PBS - polarizing beam splitter  
PhR - phase-retarding wave plate  
BPD - balanced photodetector



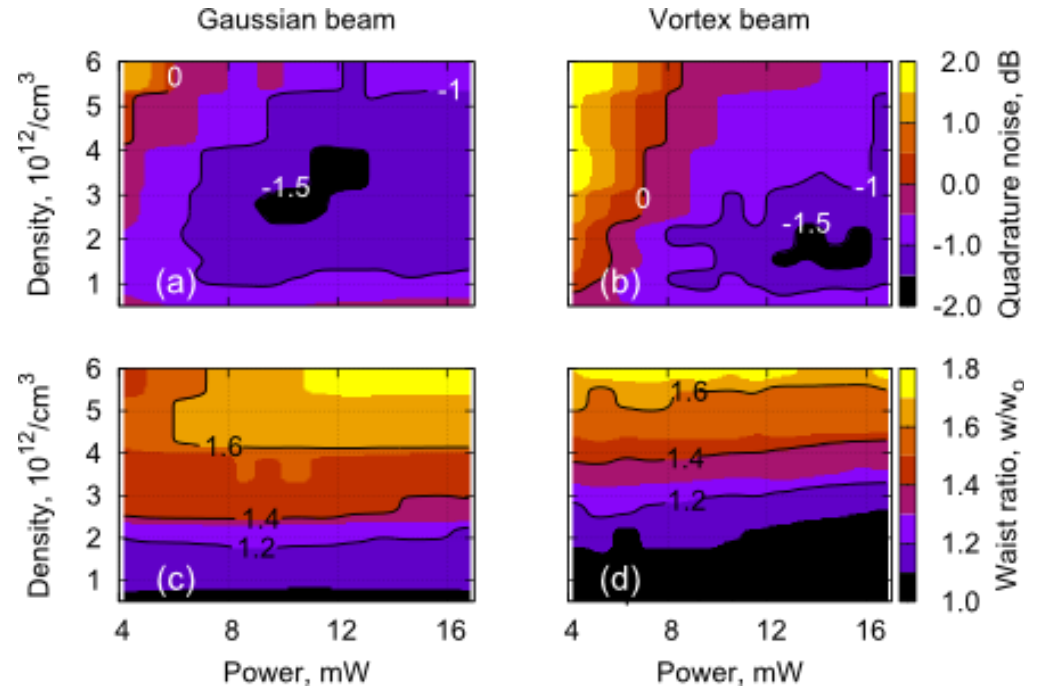
# Development of Squeezing in atomic vapors



# Self-(de)focusing

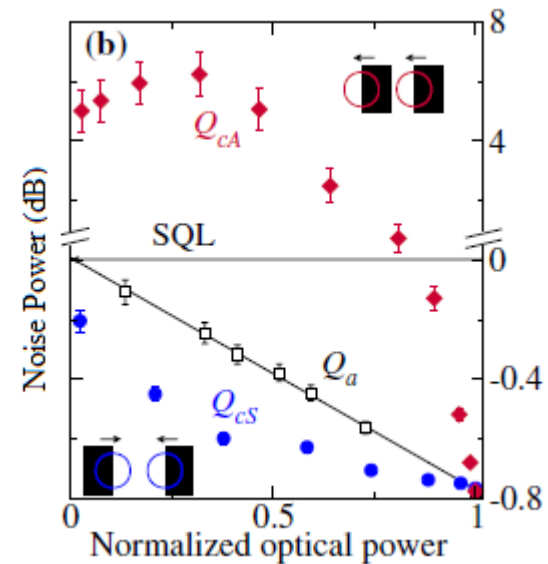
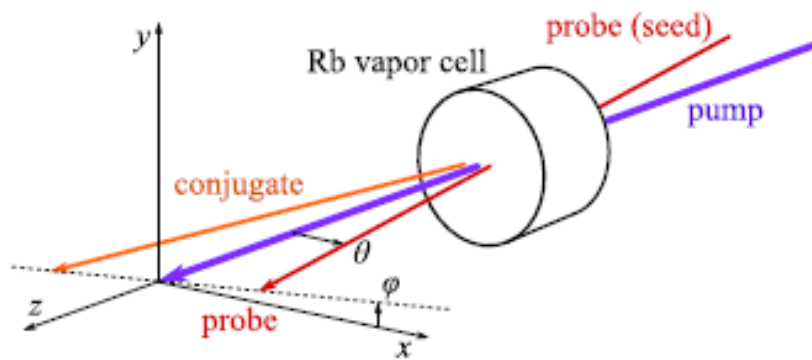
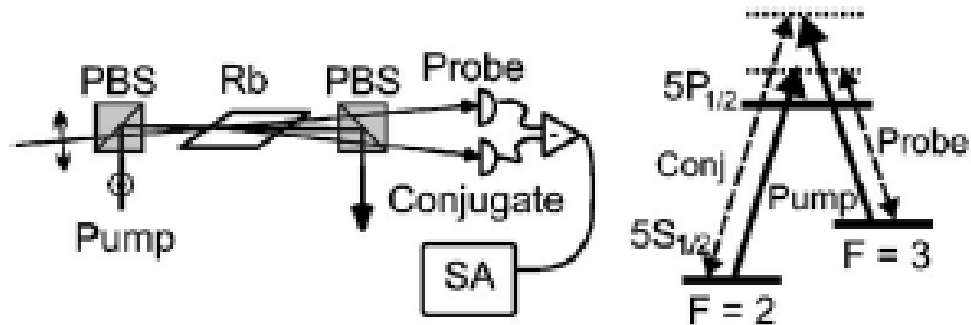


Expansion caused by Self-defocusing is irrelevant to squeezing amount.





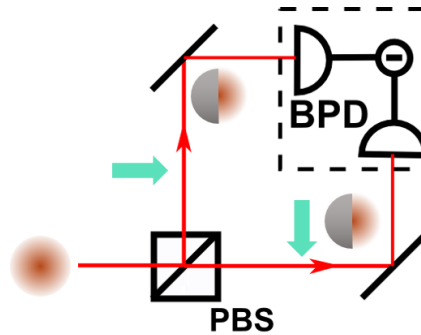
# Spatial structure of beam after interaction



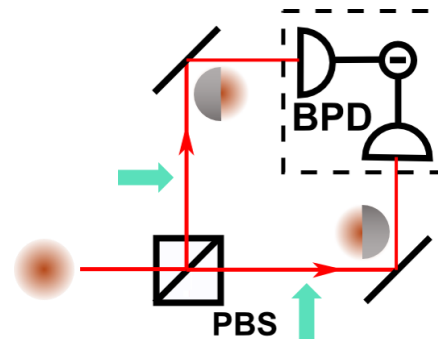
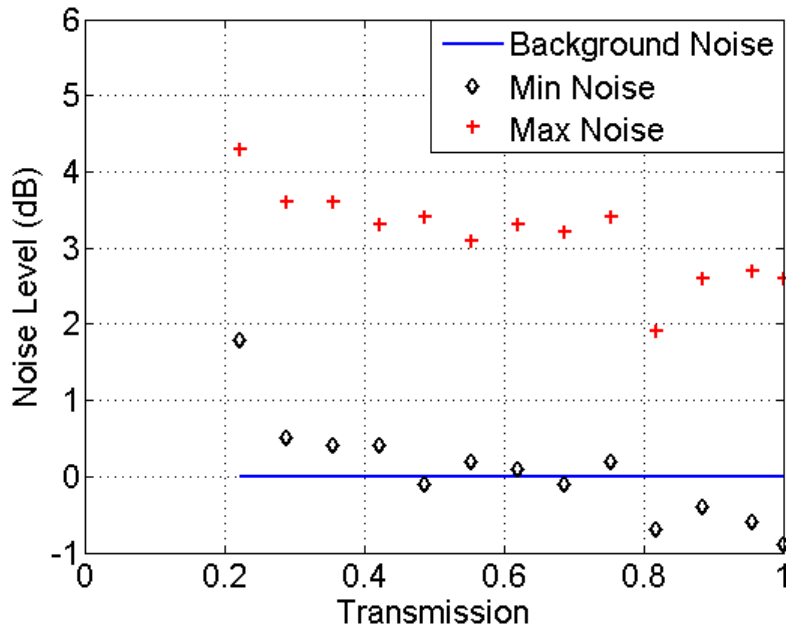
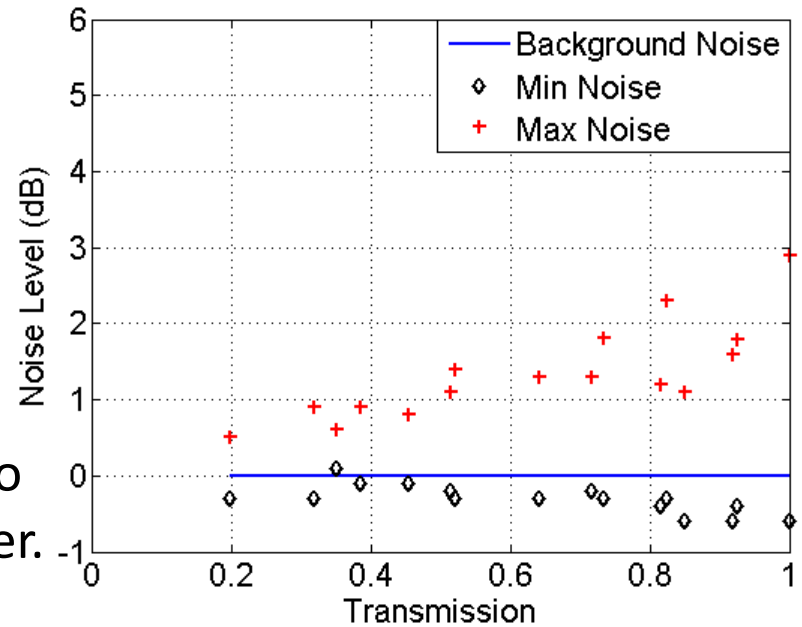
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# Spatial Mask – Sharp Edge

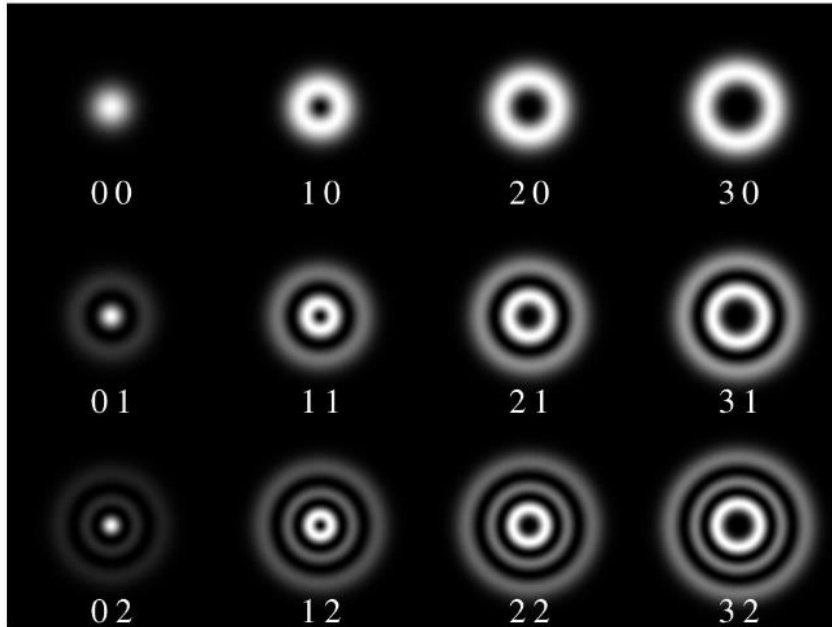


Blocking beams from the same sides is equivalent to modification before splitter.

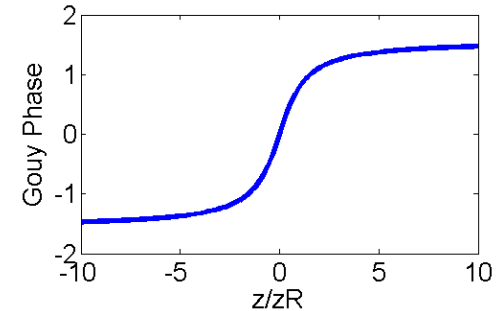


Beams blocked from opposite sides.

# Laguerre Gaussian modes



Guoy Phase  $\zeta(z) = \arctan\left(\frac{z}{z_R}\right)$ ,  
has a  $\pi$  shift across the focus

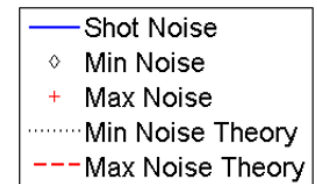
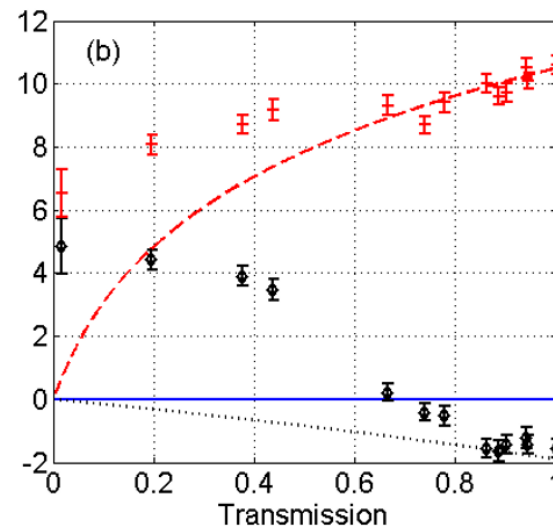
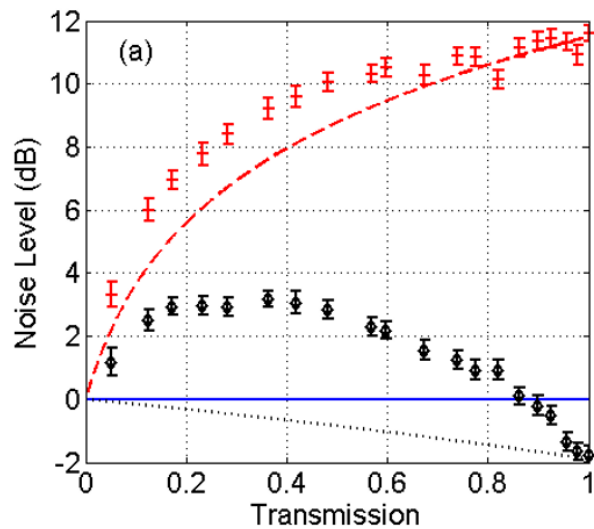
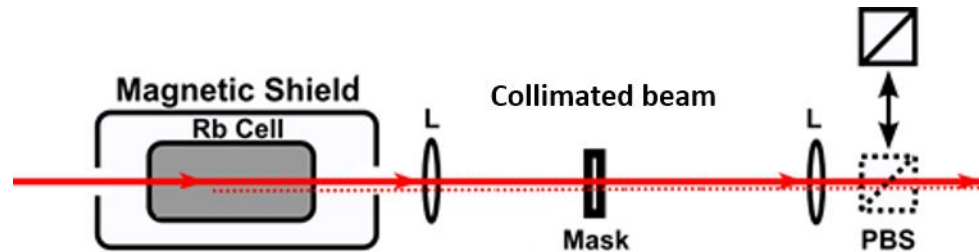


$$u_{pl}^{LG} = \frac{C_{pl}^{LG}}{w(z)} \left( \frac{r\sqrt{2}}{w(z)} \right)^{|l|} \exp\left[-\frac{r^2}{w^2(z)}\right] L_p^{|l|} \exp\left[-\frac{ikr^2z}{2(z^2 + z_R^2)}\right] (-il\phi) \exp\left[i(2p + |l| + 1)\tan^{-1}\frac{z}{z_R}\right]$$

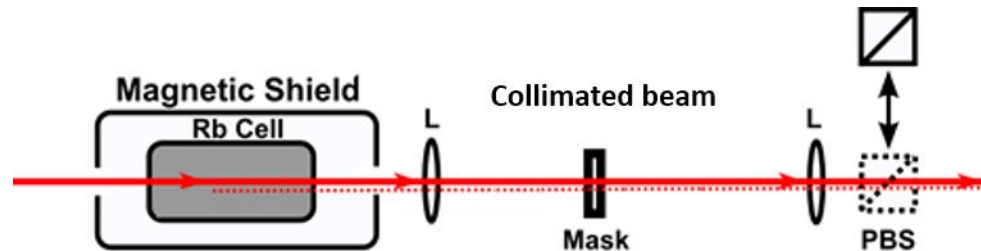
$l$  : azimuthal index

$p$  : radial index

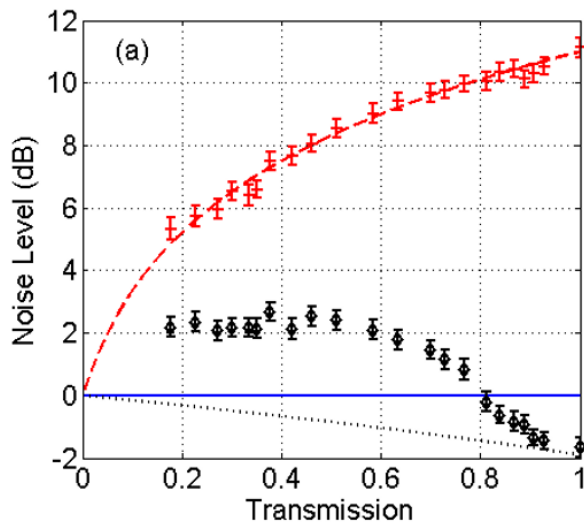
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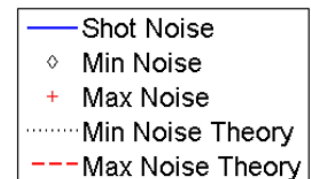
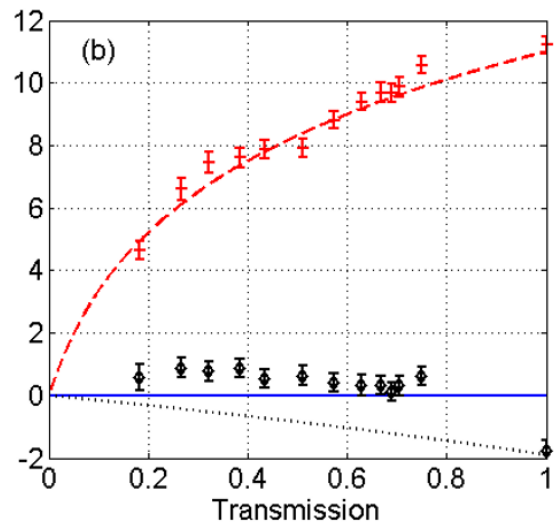
# Spatial Mask – Circular Mask



Center block = 8% total power



Center block = 25% total power



# Possible composition of beam

Instead of sending in higher LG modes, we might be generating them.

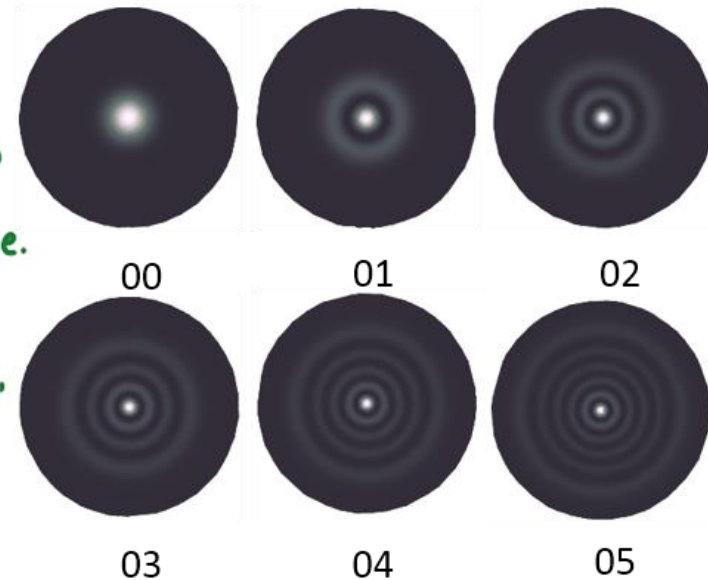
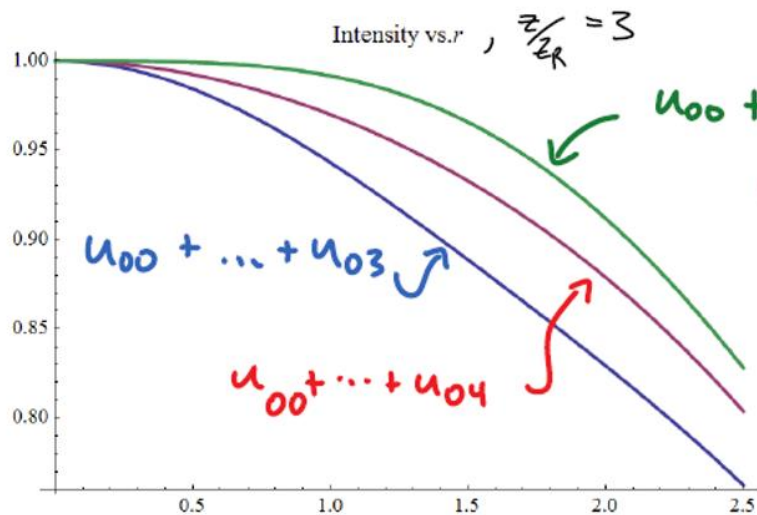
Propagation function:  $\hat{L}\Omega_x = -i \left(\frac{\kappa}{\Delta}\right) (u^*u)^2 \Omega_x$

Solution:  $\Omega_x = \Omega_{x0} + \sum_p u_{0p} \int dz' c_p(z'), \quad c_p(z') = \int r' dr' u_{0p}^*(r', z') \rho_x(r', z')$

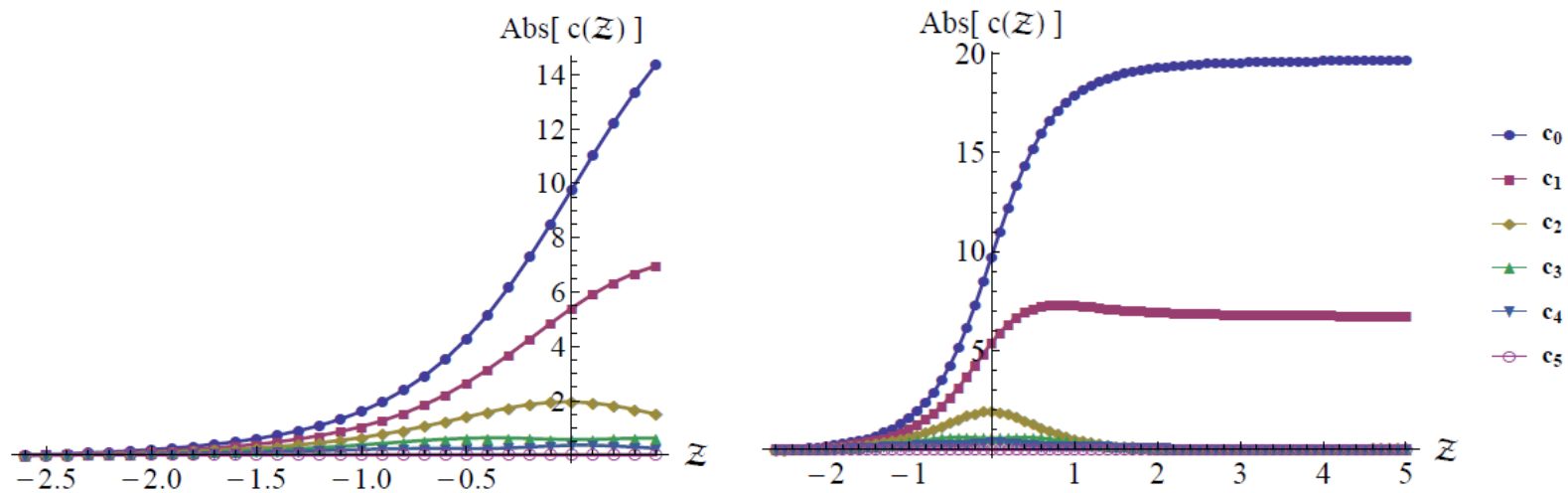
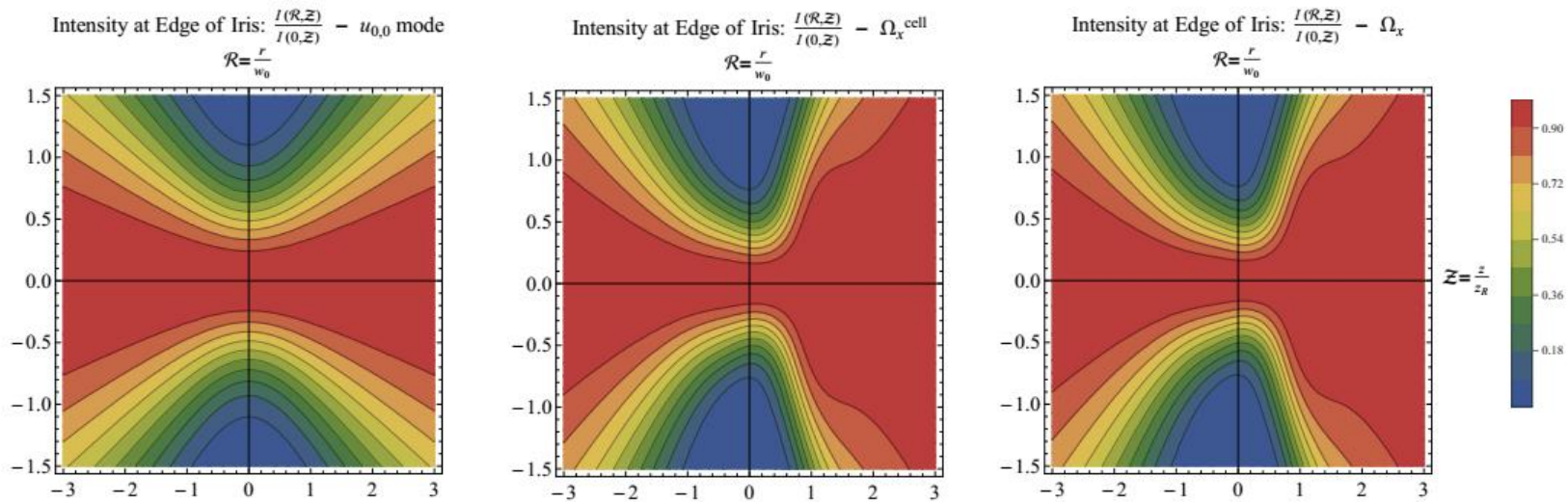
Q : How Many Modes Should We Add?

A : 5.

An analysis reveals we must keep up to p=5 in our superposition.

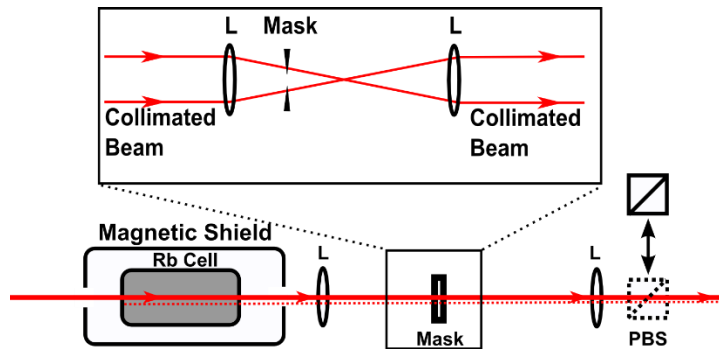


# Evolution of multimode beam



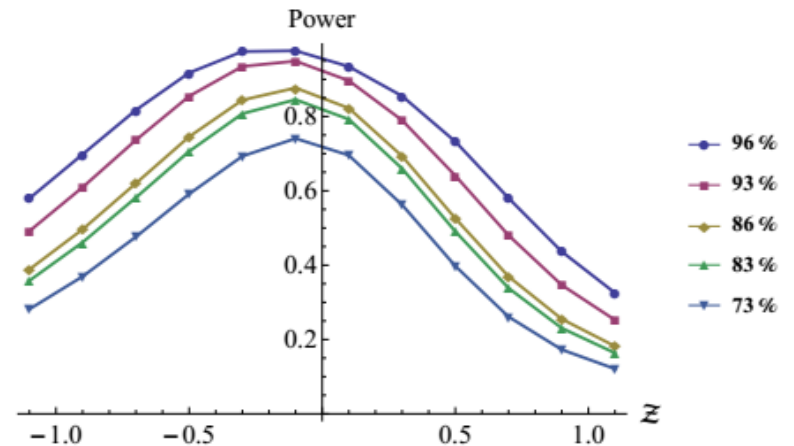
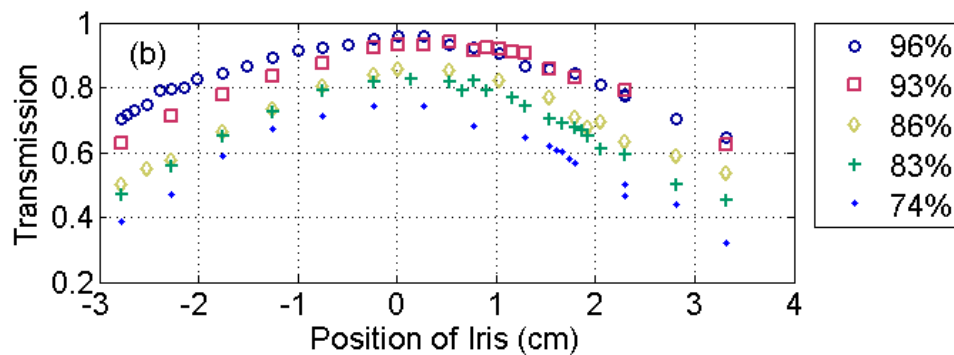
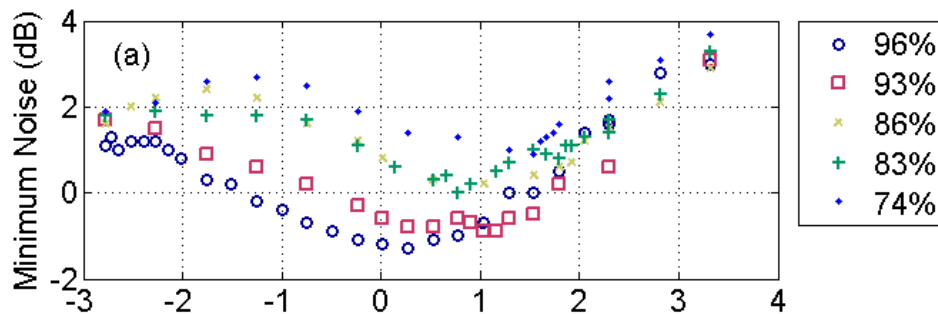
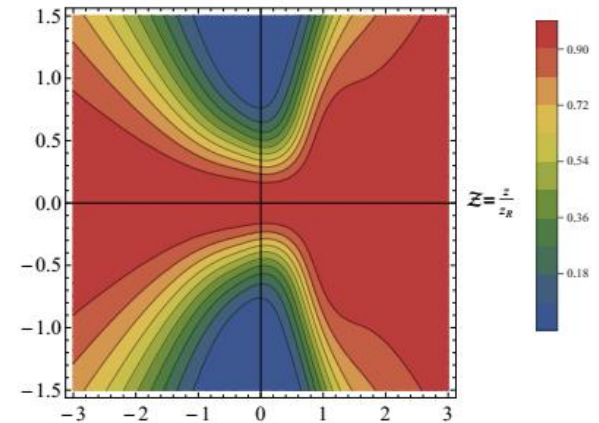
Longer cell?

# Fixed Iris Size



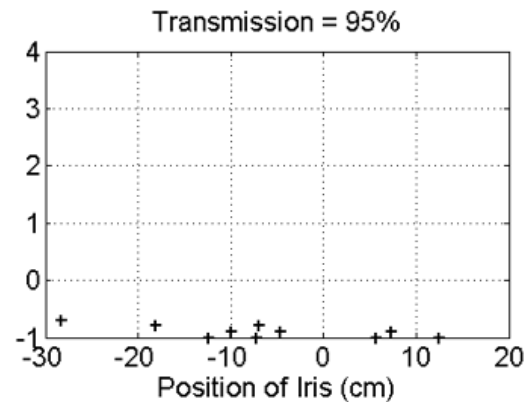
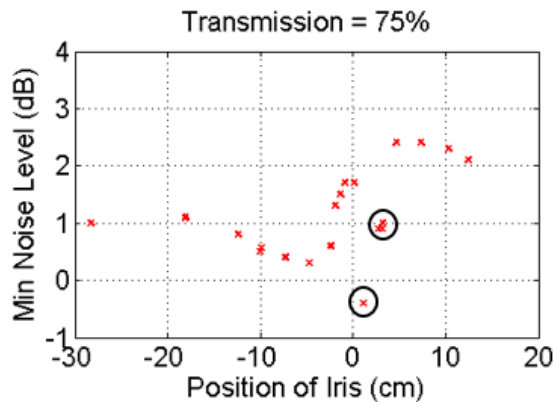
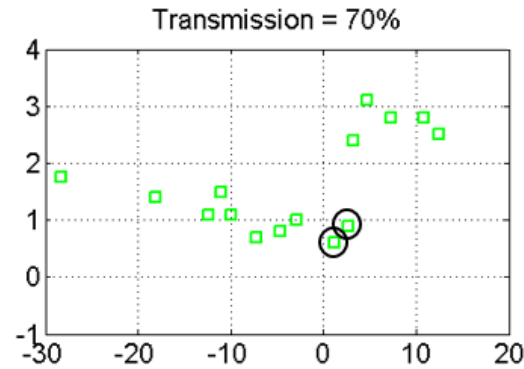
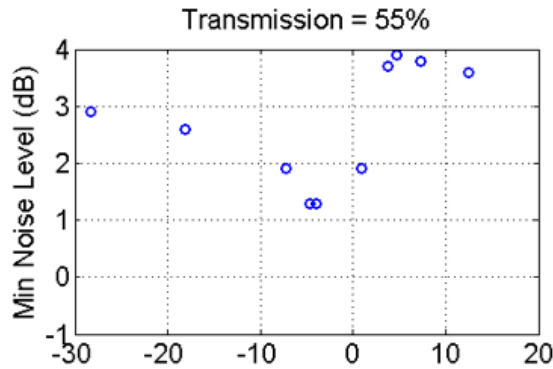
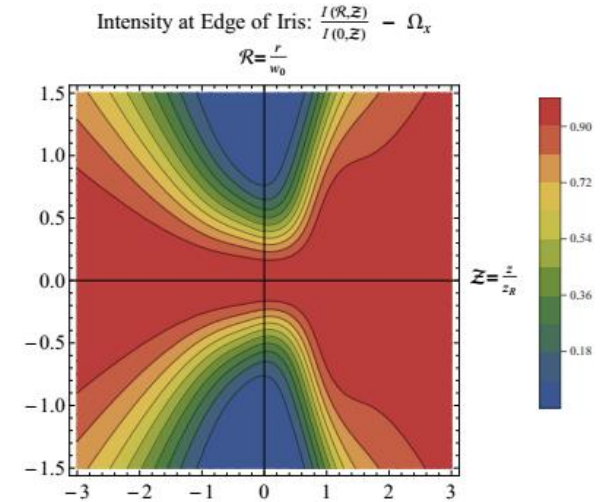
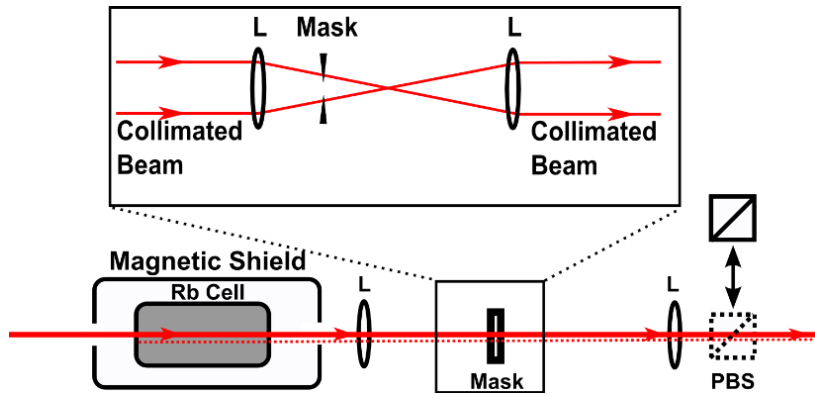
Intensity at Edge of Iris:  $\frac{I(R,Z)}{I(0,Z)} - \Omega_x$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{r}{w_0}$$

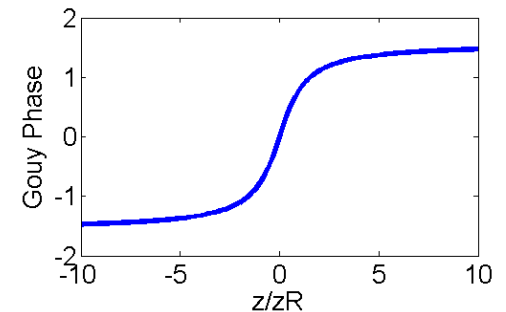




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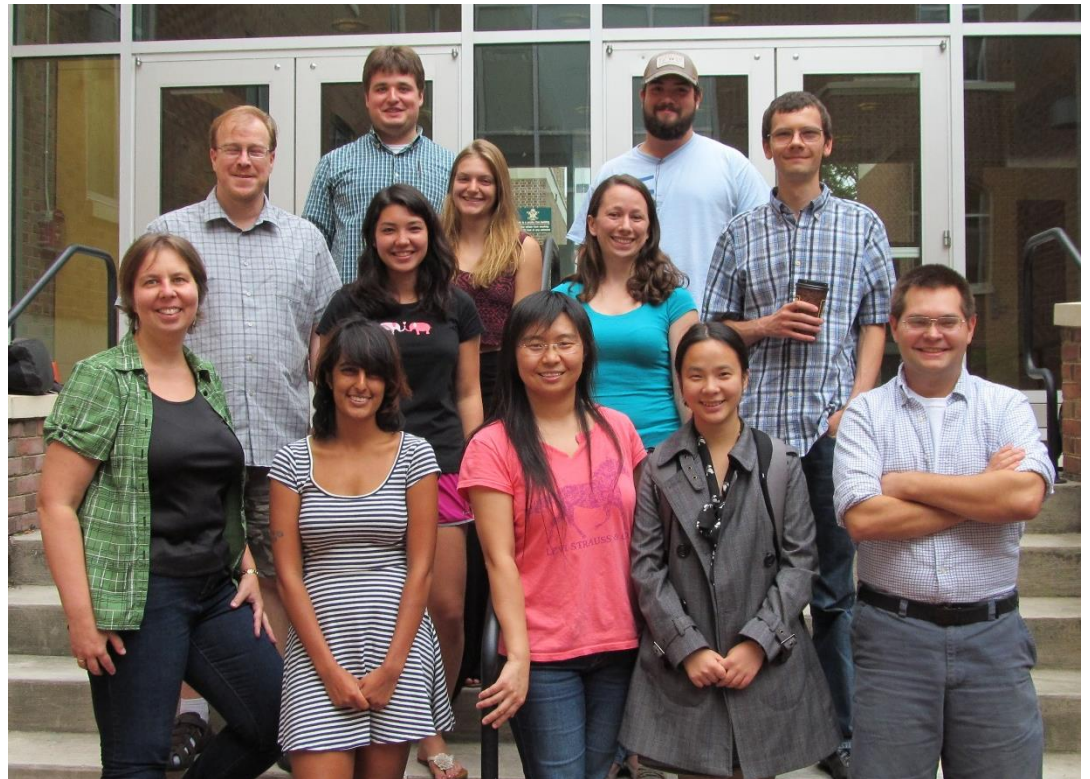


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# Conclusion

- We generated a squeezed vacuum state from polarization self-rotation.
- The squeezed vacuum state consists of high order Laguerre Gaussian modes with different squeezing parameters.