Squeezing vacuum with Rb atoms: quantum enhanced magnetometry and competition of spatial modes.

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Transition from classical to quantum field

Classical analog

- Field amplitude a
- Field real part $\color{blue}{X_1} = (a^* + a)/2$
- Field imaginary part $\color{magenta}{X_2} = i(a^* - a)/2$

Quantum approach

- Field operator $\hat{a}$
- Amplitude quadrature $\color{blue}{\hat{X}_1} = (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})/2$
- Phase quadrature $\color{magenta}{\hat{X}_2} = i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})/2$

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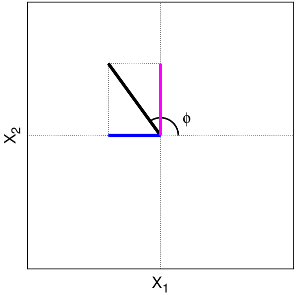

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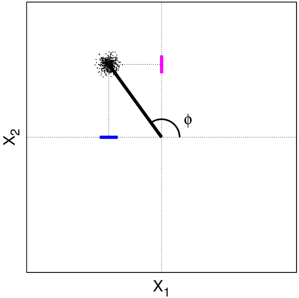
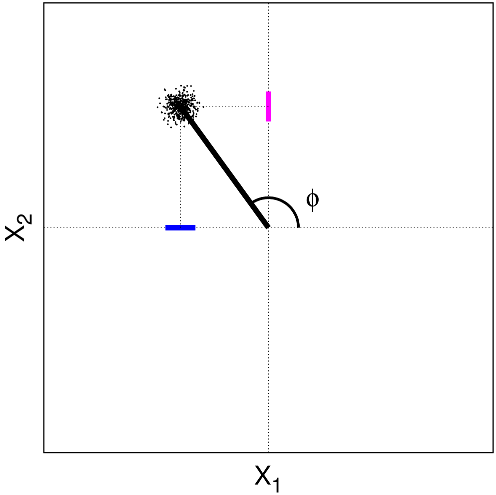


Quantum optics summary



Light consist of photons

- $\hat{N} = a^\dagger a$

Commutator relationship

- $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$
- $[X_1, X_2] = i/2$

Detectors measure

- number of photons $\hat{N}$
- Quadratures $\hat{X}_1$ and $\hat{X}_2$

Uncertainty relationship

- $\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 \geq 1/4$

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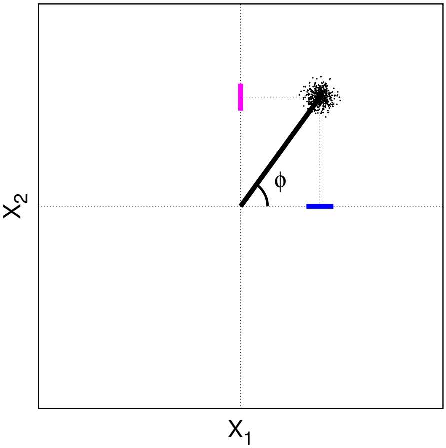

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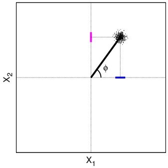

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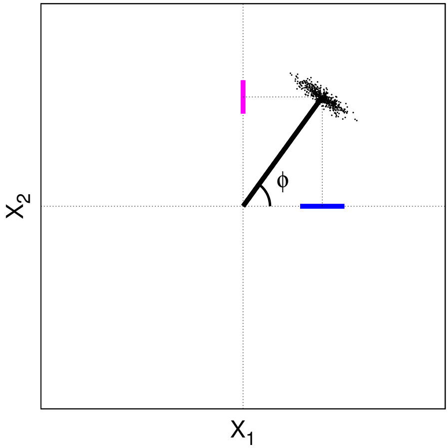

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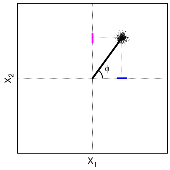

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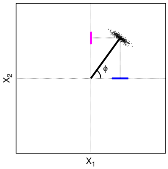

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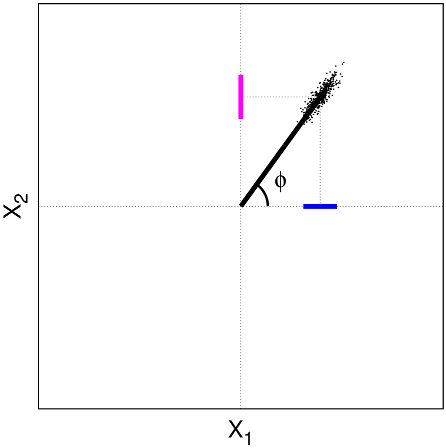

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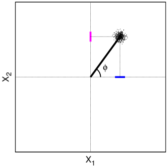

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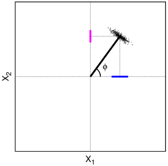

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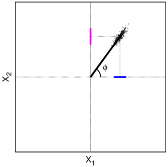

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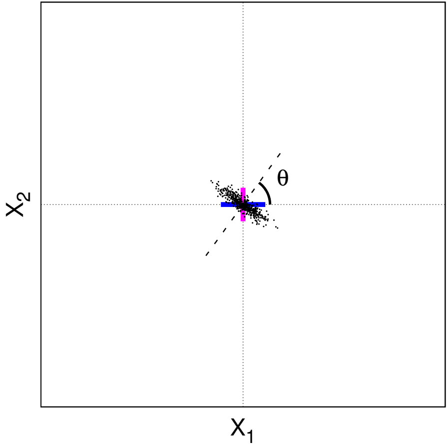

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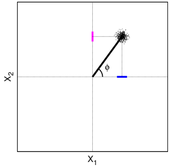

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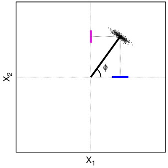

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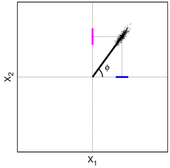
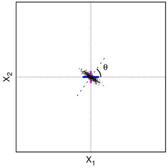


Vacuum squeezed



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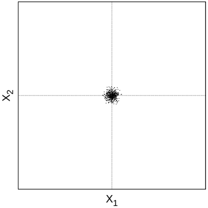

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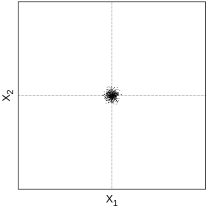

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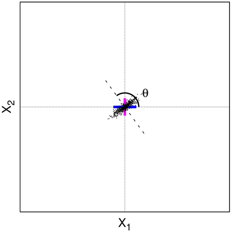

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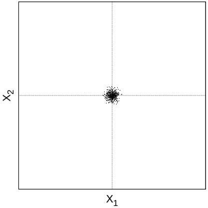

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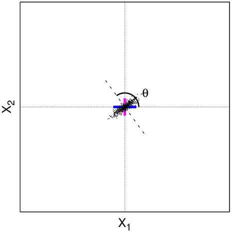

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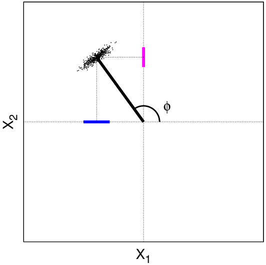

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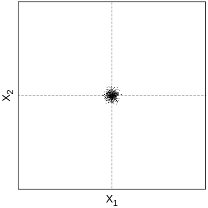

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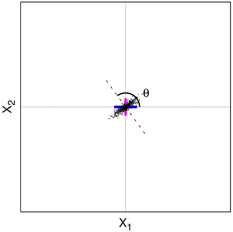

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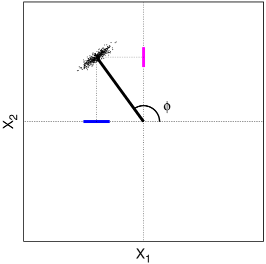

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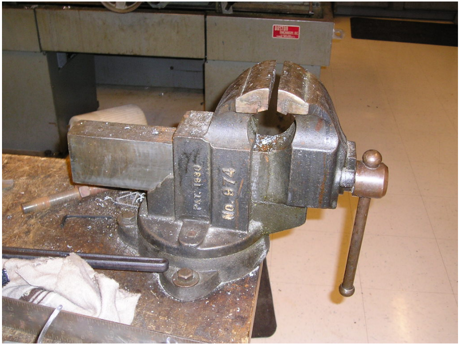

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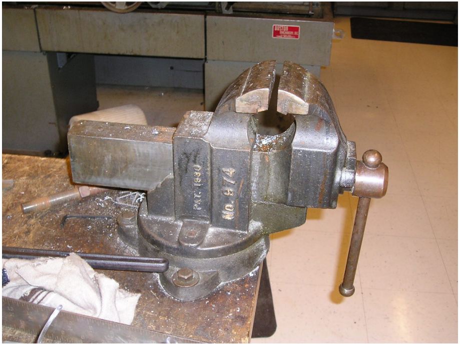
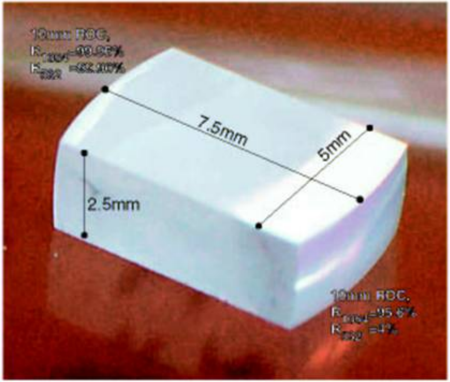
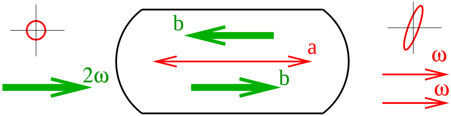
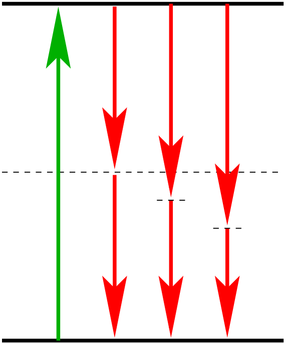






Two photon squeezing picture



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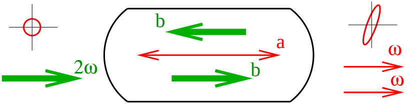
Parametric down-conversion in crystal

$$\hat{H} = i\hbar\chi^{(2)}(a^2 b^\dagger - a^{\dagger 2} b)$$



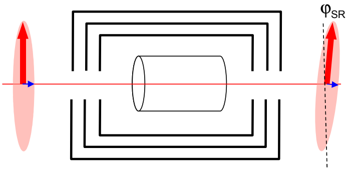
Squeezing

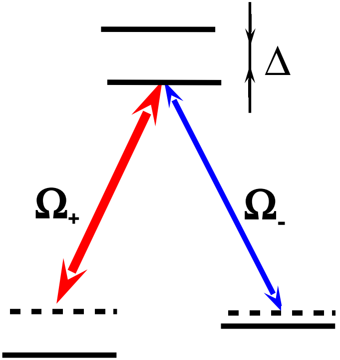
maximum squeezing value detected 15 dB at 1064 nm
Henning Vahlbruch, Moritz Mehmet, Karsten Danzmann, and Roman Schnabel Phys. Rev. Lett **117**, 110801 (2016)

Possible squeezing applications

- shot noise limited optical sensors enhancements
- noiseless signal amplification
- photon pair generation, entanglement, true single photon sources
- interferometers sensitivity boost (for example gravitational wave antennas)
- light free measurements
- quantum memory probe and information carrier

Self-rotation of elliptical polarization in atomic medium





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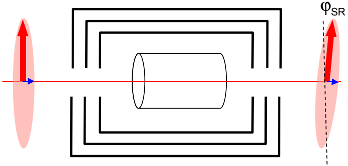

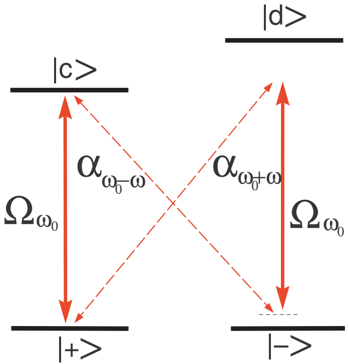

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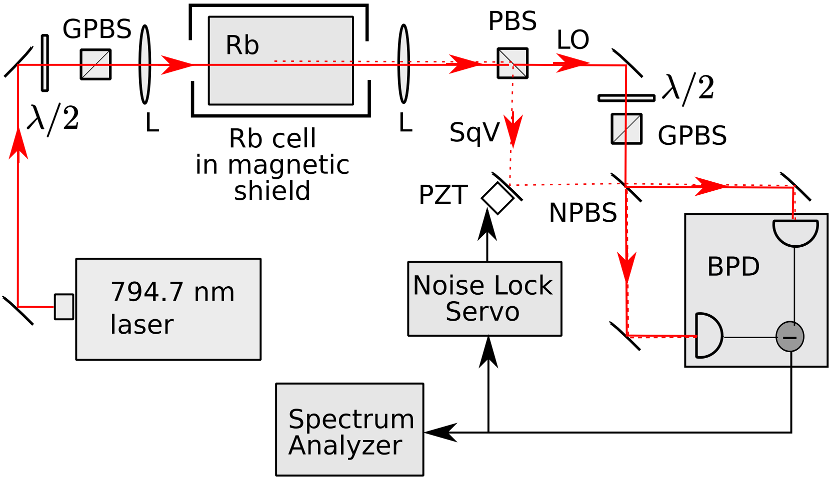
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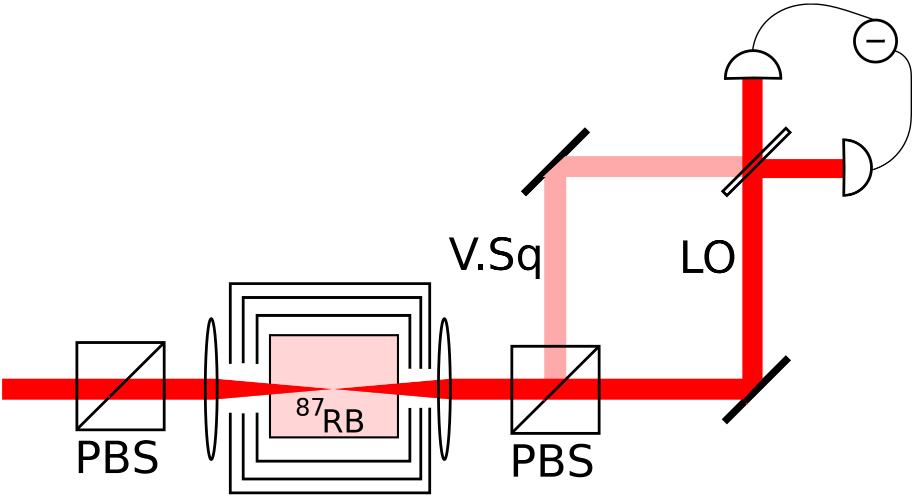

Noise contrast vs detuning in hot ^{87}Rb vacuum cell

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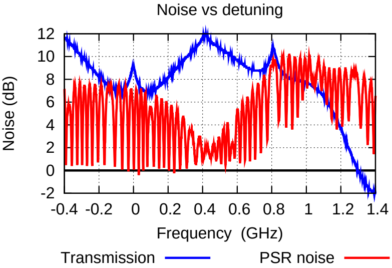

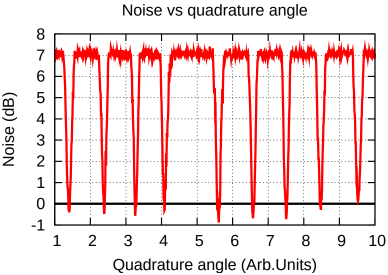

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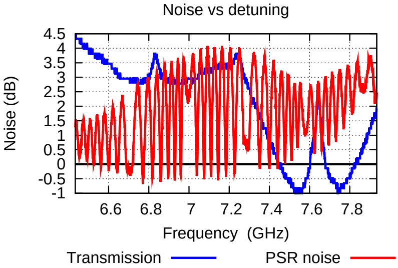

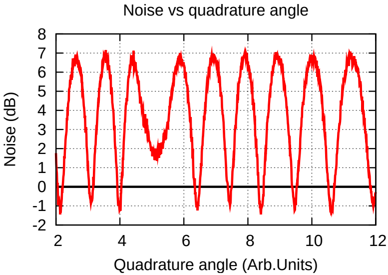

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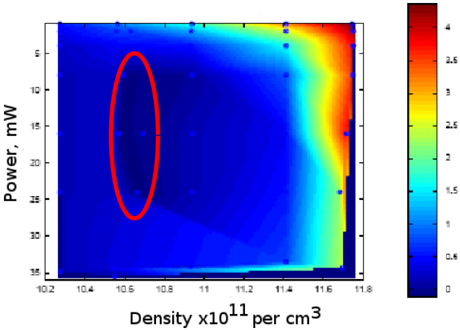

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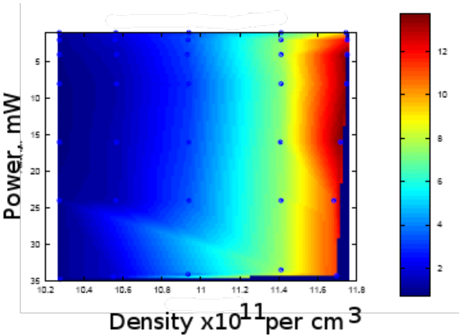
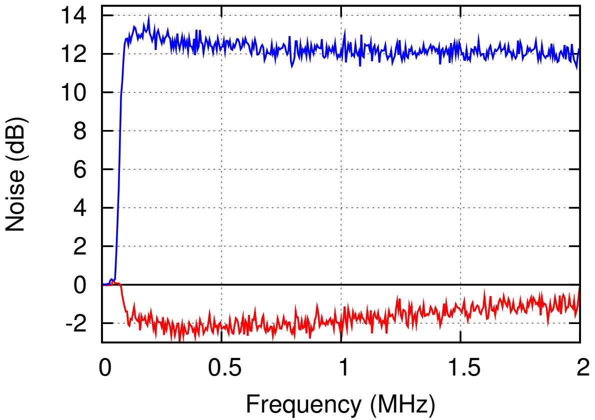


Observation of reduction of quantum noise below the shot noise limit is corrupted by the excess noise due to atomic interaction with atoms.

Maximally squeezed spectrum with ^{87}Rb

W&M team. ^{87}Rb $F_g = 2 \to F_e = 2$, laser power 7 mW, T=65° C



Lezama et.al report 3 dB squeezing in similar setup
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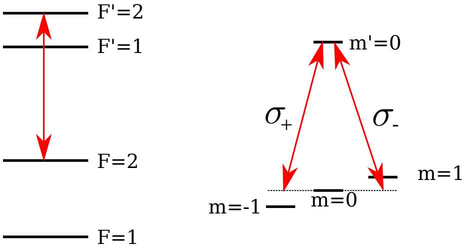

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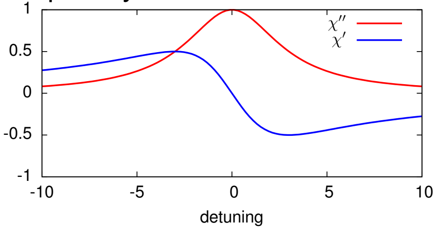

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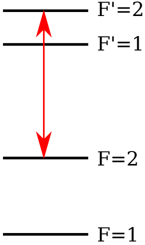

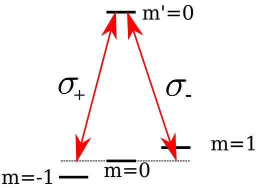

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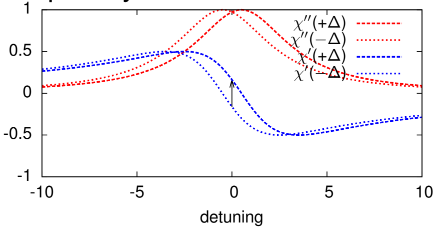

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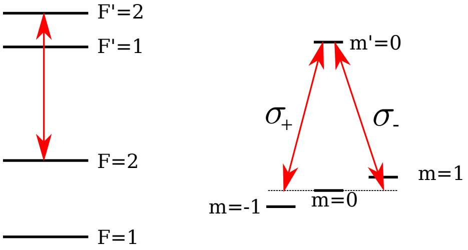

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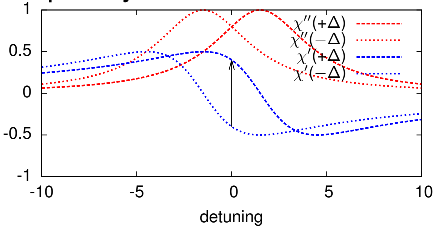

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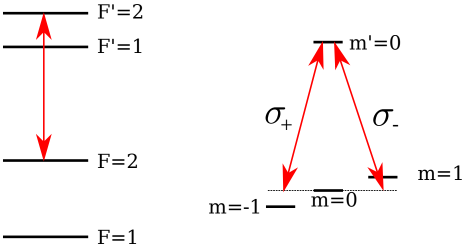

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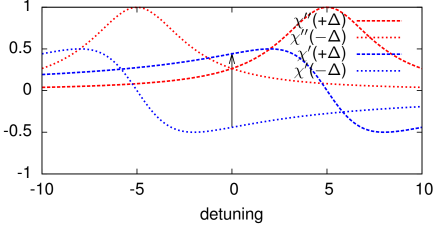

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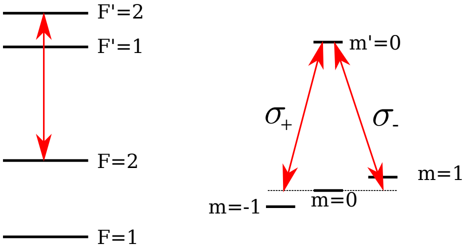

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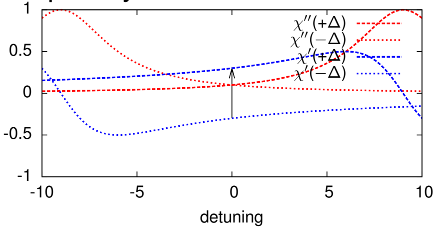

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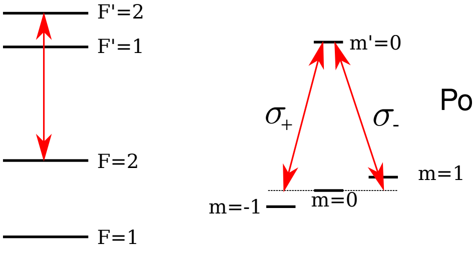

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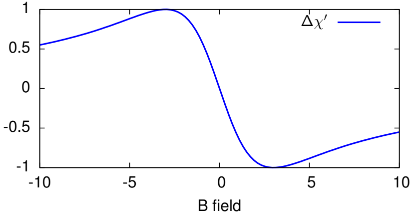

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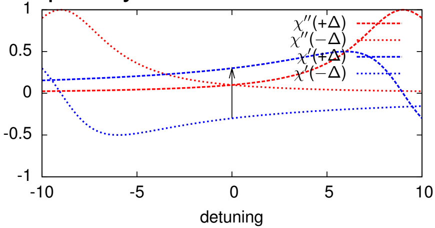
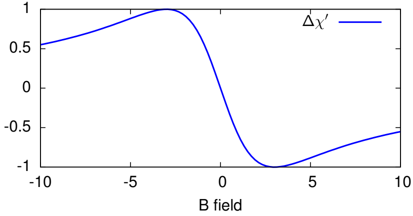
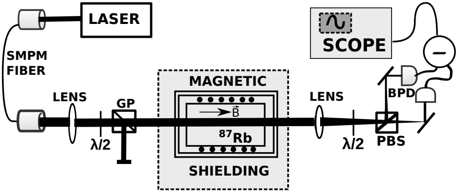


Optical magnetometer and non linear Faraday effect

Naive model of rotation





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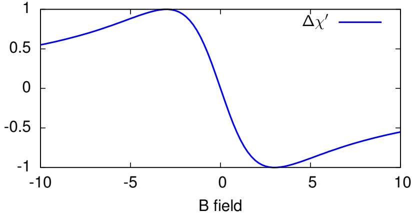

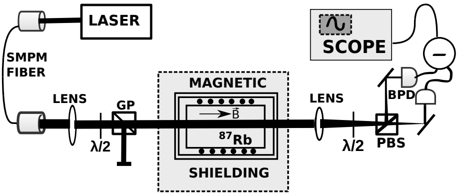

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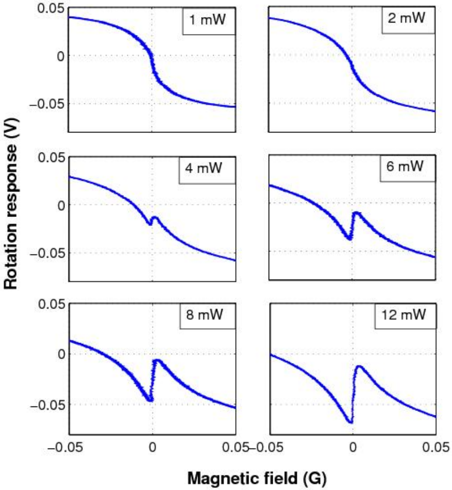
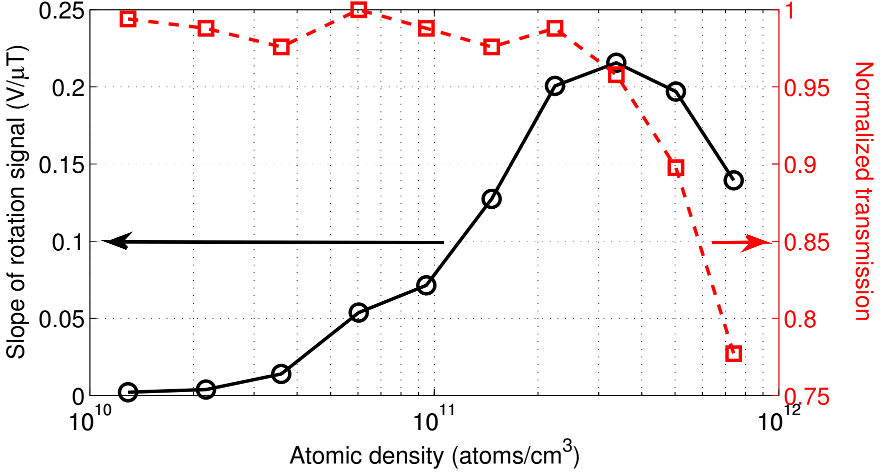
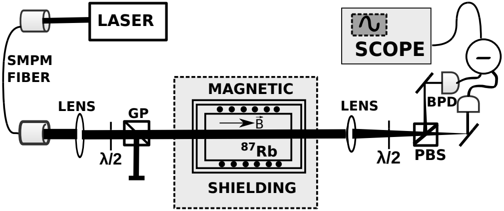
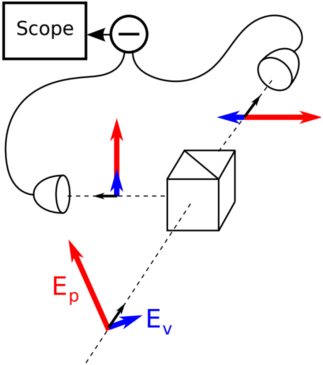


Magnetometer response vs atomic density



Shot noise limit of the magnetometer



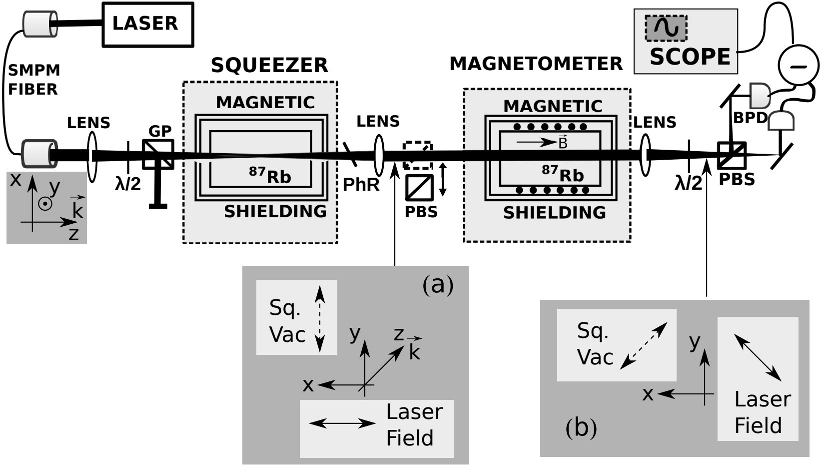


$$S = |E_p + E_v|^2 - |E_p - E_v|^2$$

$$S = 4E_pE_v$$

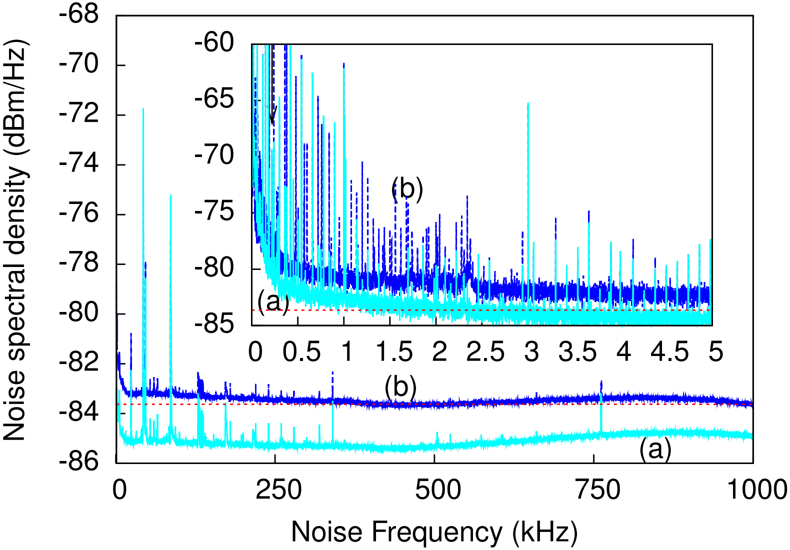
$$< \Delta S > \sim E_p < \Delta E_v >$$

Squeezed enhanced magnetometer setup



Note: Squeezed enhanced magnetometer was first demonstrated by Wolfgramm *et. al* Phys. Rev. Lett, **105**, 053601, 2010.

Magnetometer noise floor improvements



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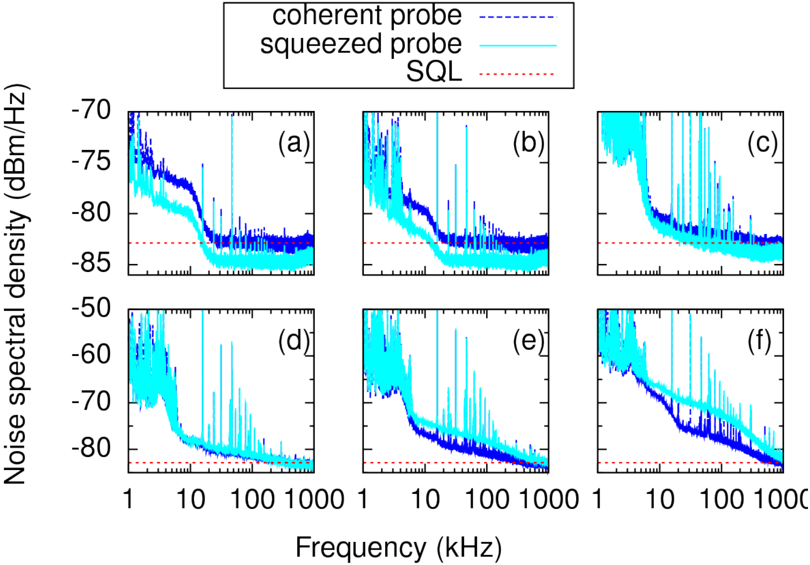
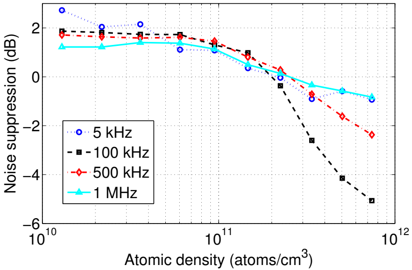


Noise suppression and response vs atomic density

Noise suppression



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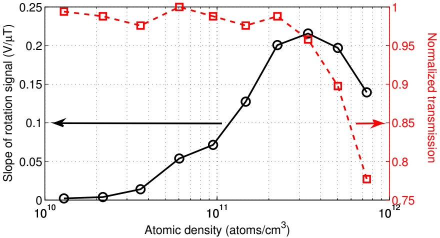

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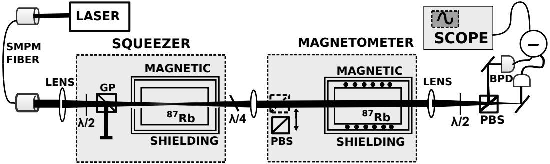

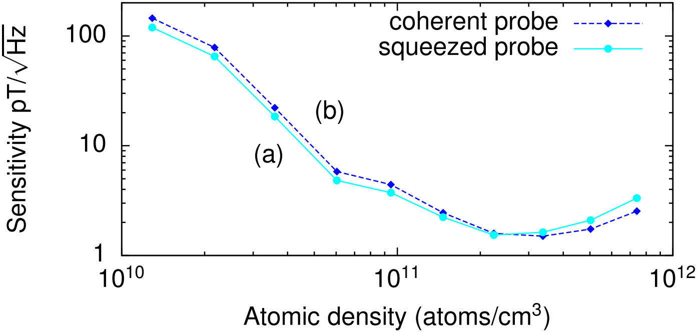

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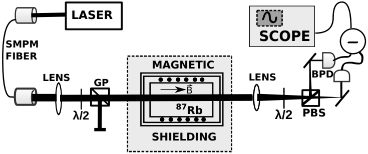

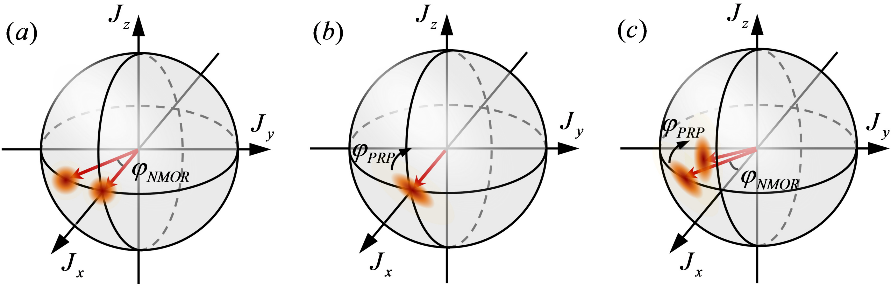

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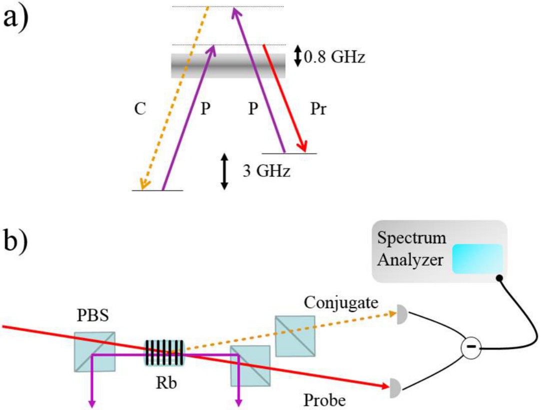

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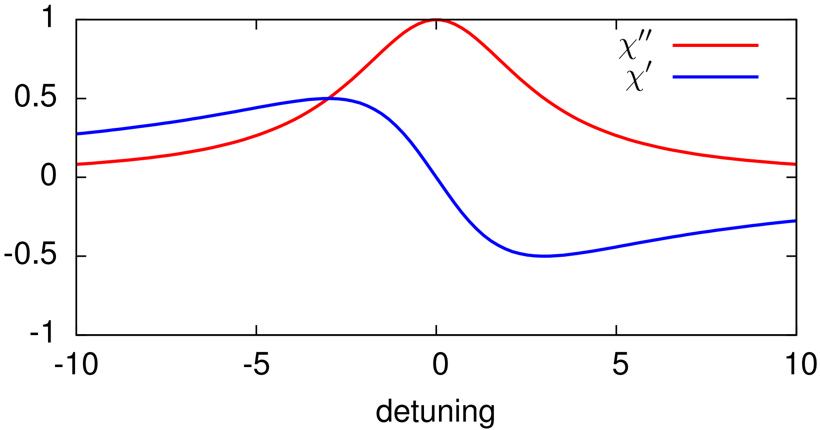

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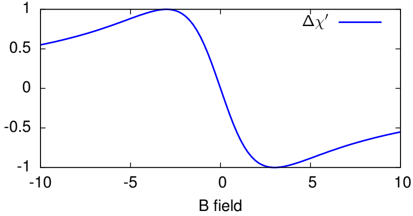

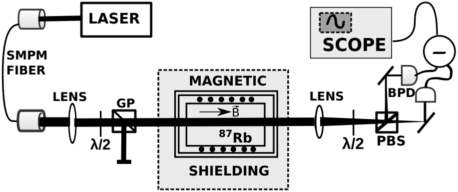

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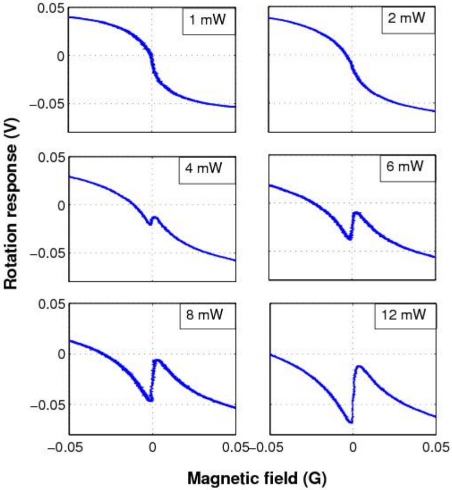

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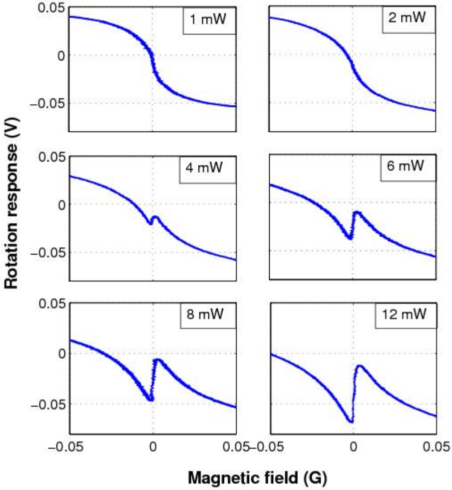

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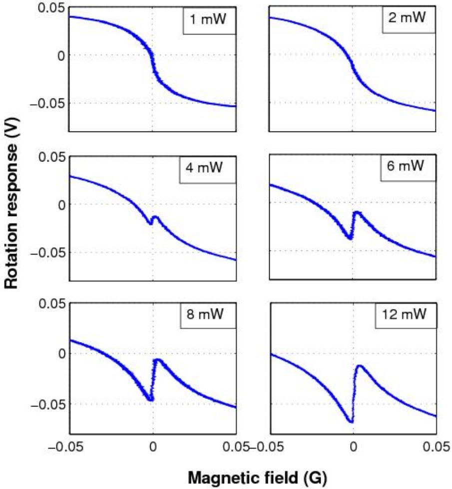
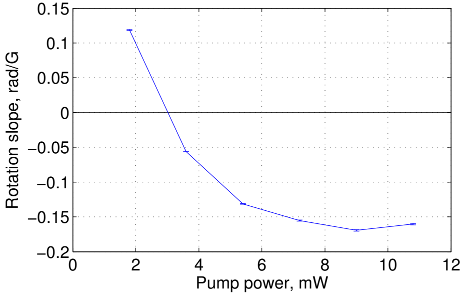
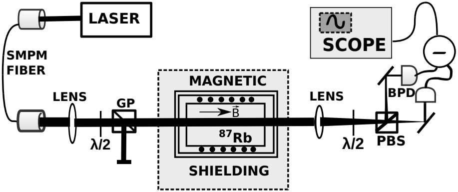
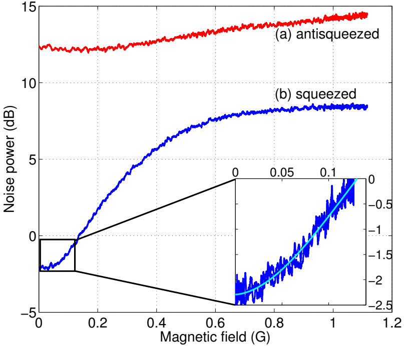




Squeezing vs magnetic field

Spectrum analyzer settings: Central frequency = 1 MHz, VBW = 3 MHz, RBW = 100 kHz





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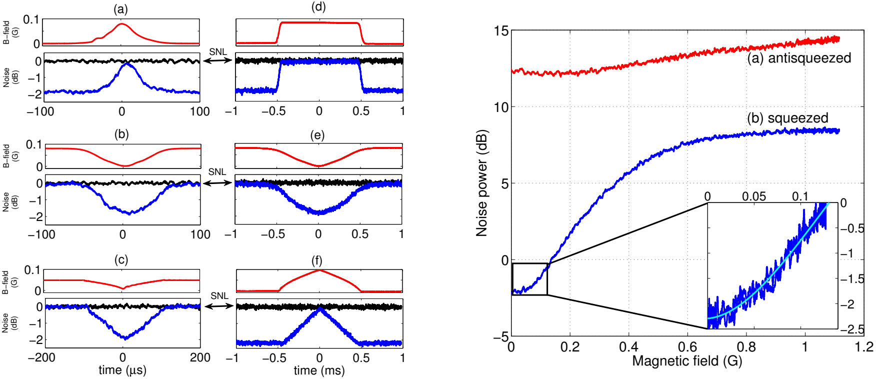

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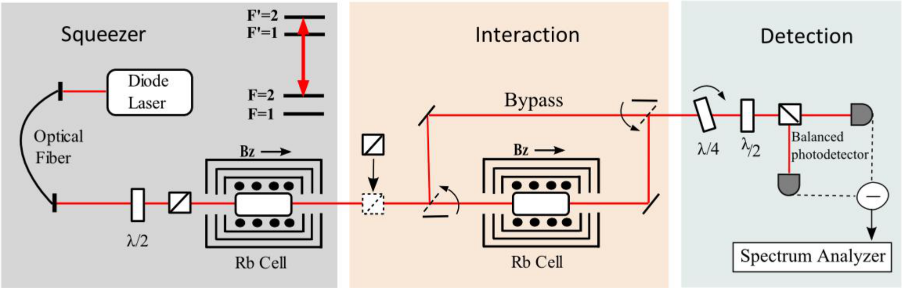

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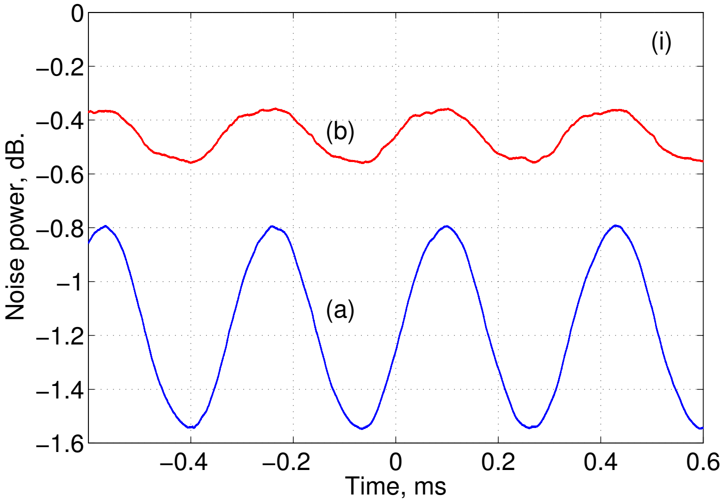

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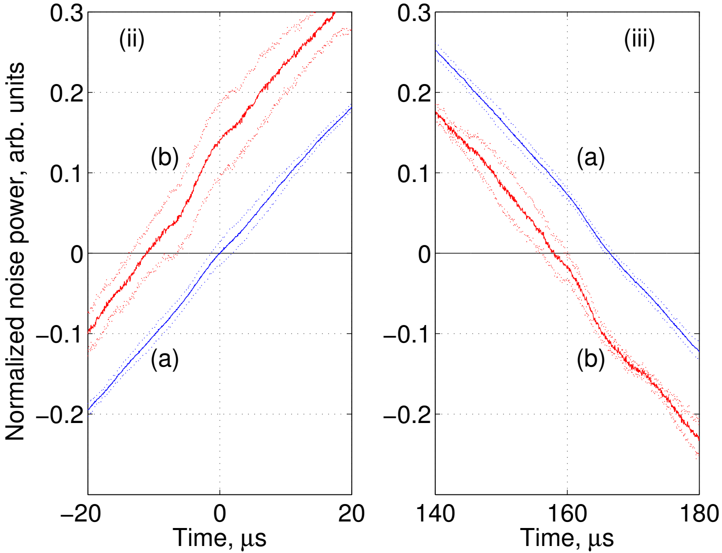

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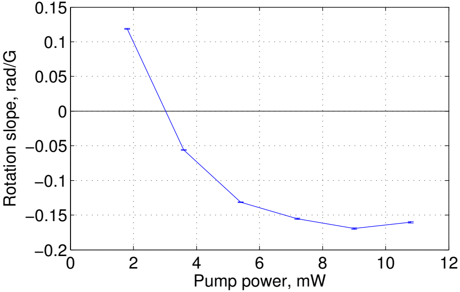

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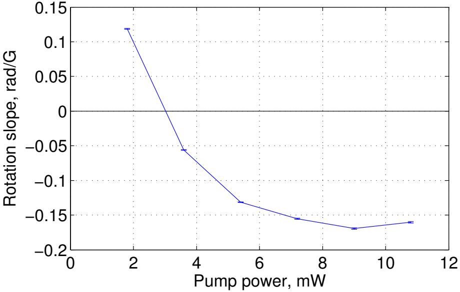
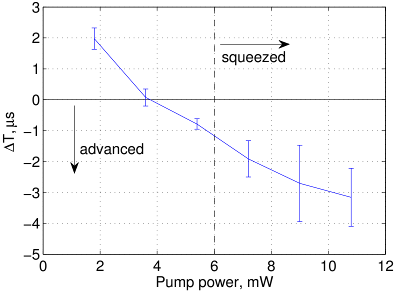
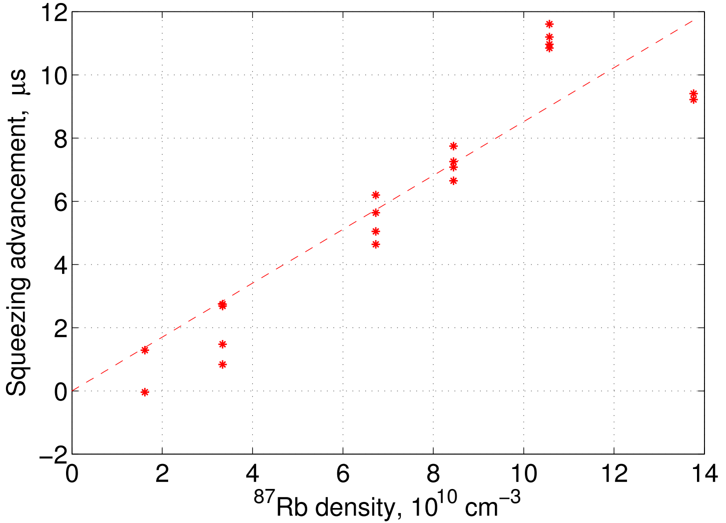




Squeezing advancement vs atomic density



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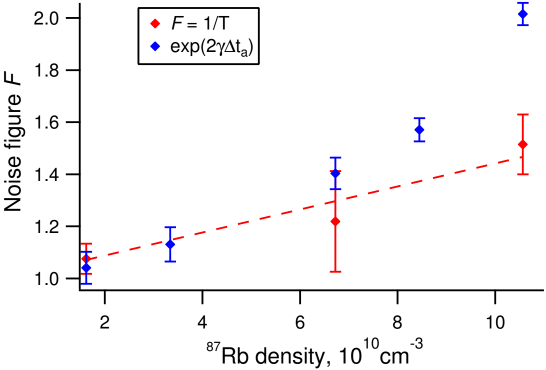
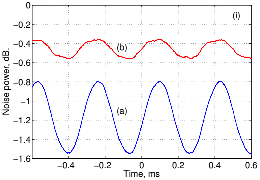
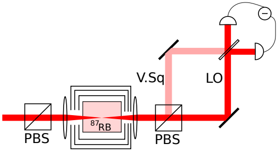
$$F = \frac{SNR_{in}}{SNR_{out}} = 1/T = e^{2\gamma\Delta t_a}$$



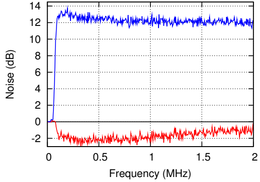


Polarization self-rotation (PSR) squeezing

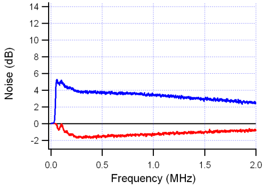
Setup



Vacuum cell



Coated cell



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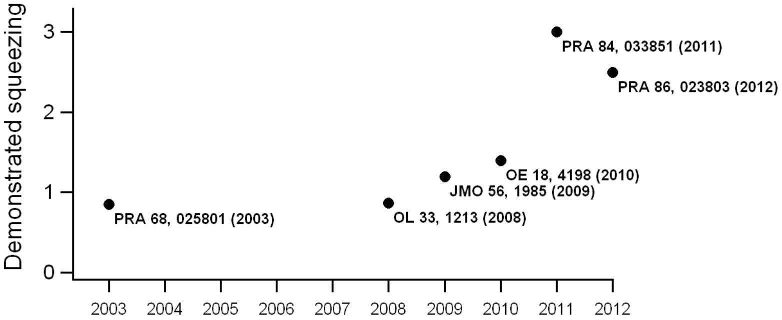
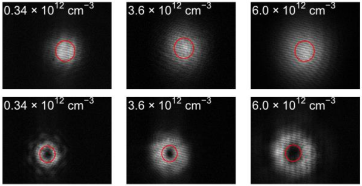
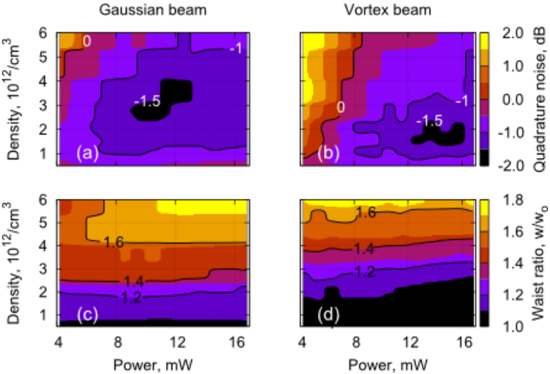


Output beam shapes





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Beer-Lambert law

$$dI = -NI\alpha dz$$

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Will we get equivalent result for the following cases?

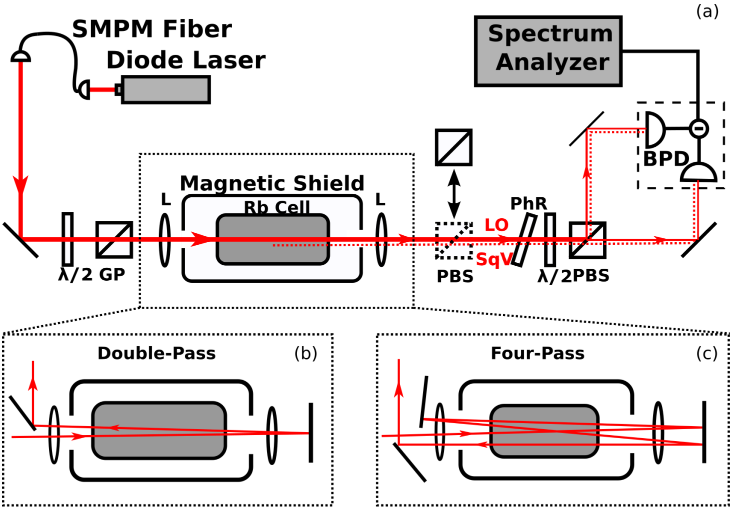
double the medium length

$$\tau = \alpha N(2L)$$

double the medium density

$$\tau = \alpha(2N)L$$

Multipass setup



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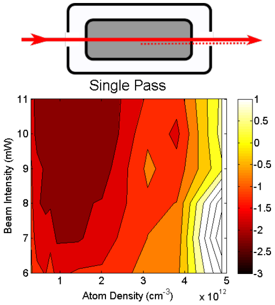

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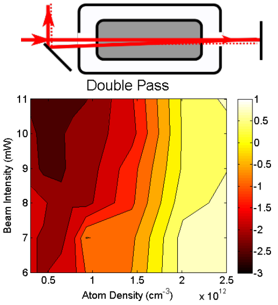
$N = 9.3 \times 10^{11}$ cm^{-3}
Squeezing = -2.0 dB



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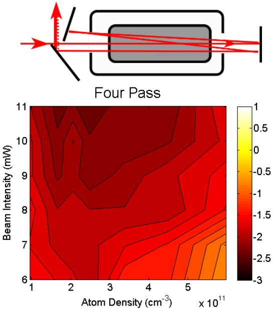

$P = 11$ mW
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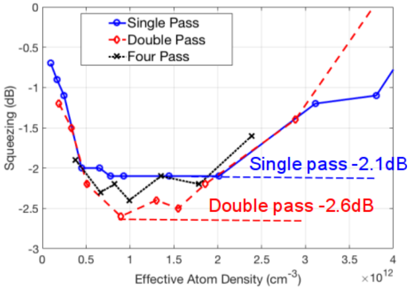
Squeezing vs effective optical depth

Long cell



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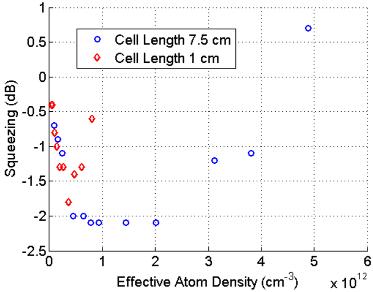

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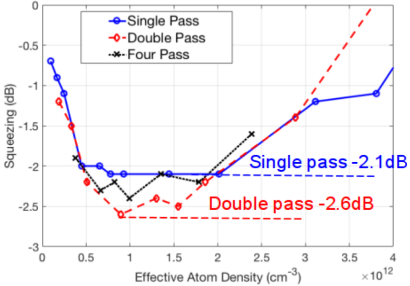

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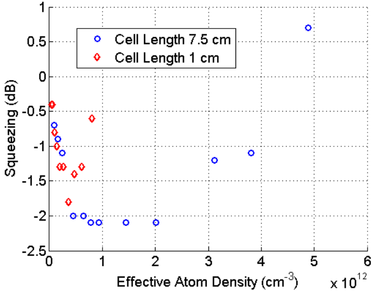

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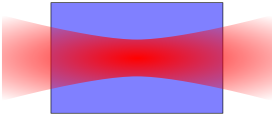

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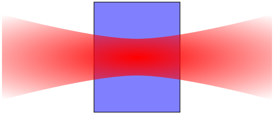

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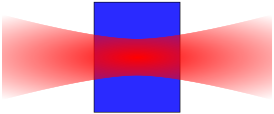
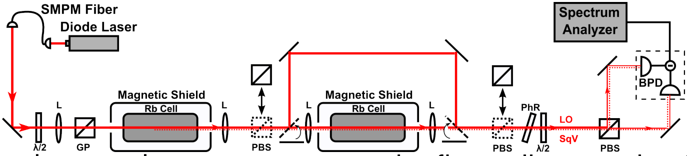


Double cell setup: atomic density optimization



+: combined squeezing

o: the first cell squeezing filtered

1st cell atomic density

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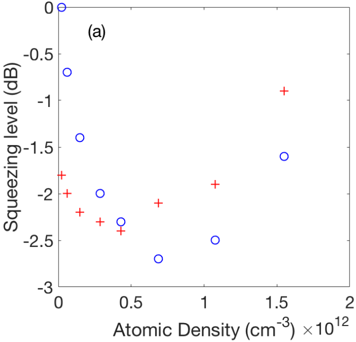

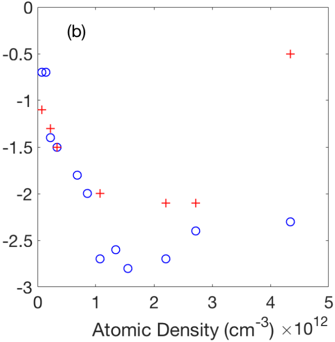

Double cell setup: position optimization

atomic densities:
$N_1 = 4.3 \times 10^{11}$ cm^{-3}
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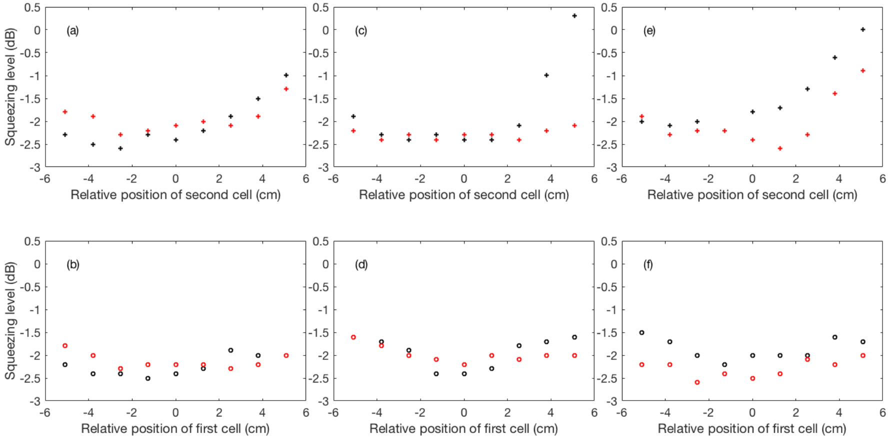

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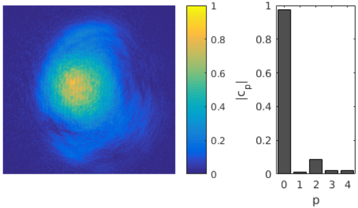

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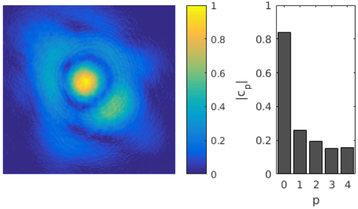

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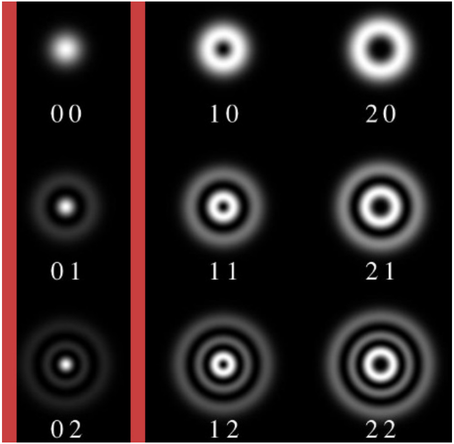

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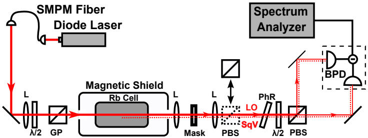

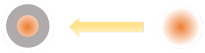

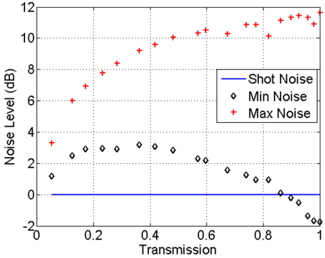

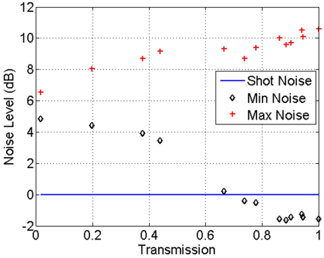

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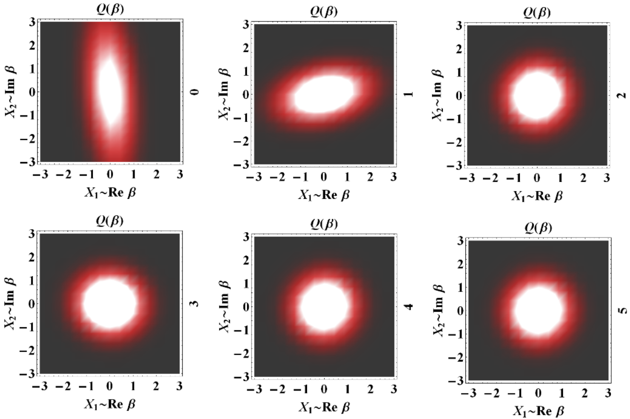

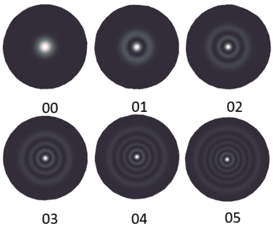

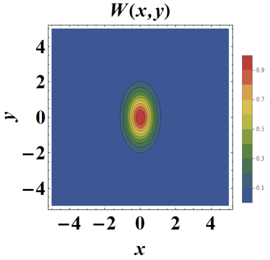

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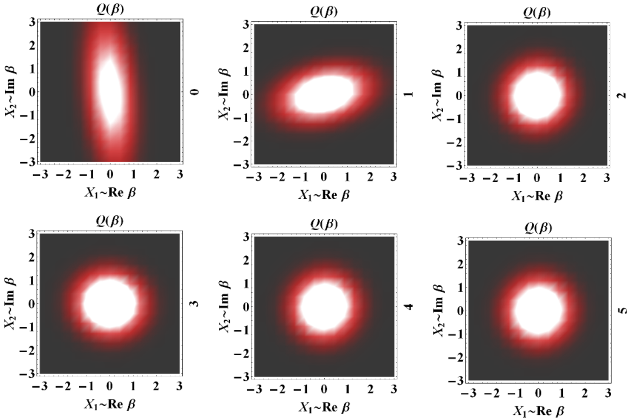

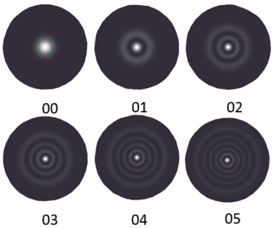

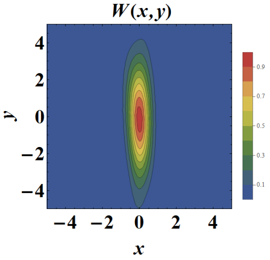

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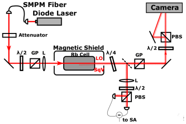
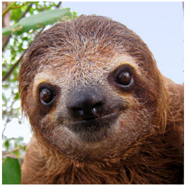
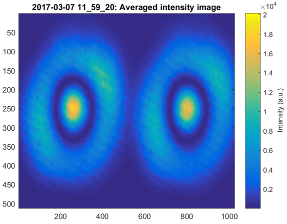
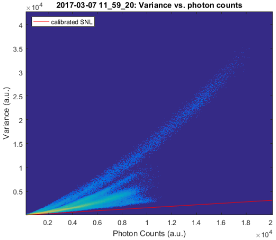
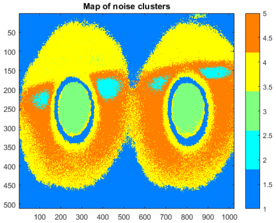
Quantum imaging effort: from owl to sloth

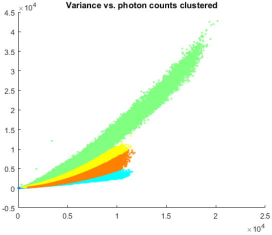












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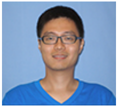

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Summary

- fully atomic squeezed enhanced magnetometer
  with sensitivity as low as 1 pT/$\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- superluminal squeezing propagation
  with $v_g \approx -7'000$ m/s $\approx -c/43'000$ or time advancement of 11 μS
- We were able to improve squeezing by multipass configuration
- Our squeezed state is a set of competing multimodes
- We are working on quantum modes extraction and imaging

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