

# Measuring the fine-structure constant to refine the Standard Model predictions

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$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c} \sim \frac{1}{137}$$

- Sommerfeld-Bohr model: Naive model to explain the splitting of Balmer lines in hydrogen spectrum

A. Sommerfeld, Annalen der Physik 51, 1-94, 125-167 (1916)

## 1928, Dirac equation

- Energy levels of hydrogen atom:  $E(n, j) \simeq m_e c^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2n^2} - \frac{\alpha^4}{2n^4} \left( \frac{n}{j + \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{4} \right) + \dots \right]$
- Electron magnetic moment:  $\vec{\mu}_e = -g_e \frac{e}{2m_e} \vec{S}, \quad g_e = 2$

$$\downarrow hcR_\infty = \frac{1}{2} m_e \alpha^2 c^2$$

# Test of Quantum electrodynamics and Standard model

$\alpha$  : coupling constant of electromagnetic interaction



## Transition frequencies measurement

Muonium ground-state hyperfine splitting

$$\Delta\nu_{\text{Mu(th)}} = \Delta\nu_F \times \mathcal{F}(\alpha, m_e/m_\mu)$$

$$\Delta\nu_F = \frac{16}{3} c R_\infty Z^3 \alpha^2 \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \left(1 + \frac{m_e}{m_\mu}\right)^{-3}$$

## Anomalous Magnetic Moment of the Electron

$$a_e(\text{theo}) \equiv a_e(\text{exp})$$

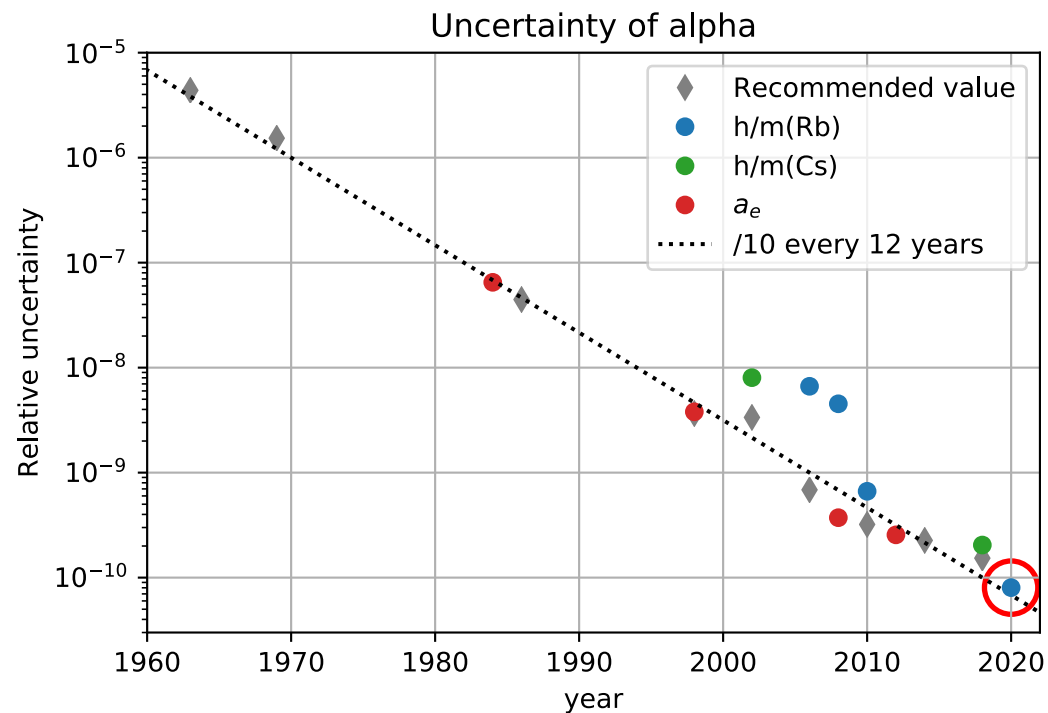
## Quantum Hall effect

$$R_K = \frac{h}{e^2} = \frac{\mu_0 c}{2\alpha}$$

## Recoil measurement

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{2R_\infty m_{\text{At}}}{c m_e} \frac{h}{m_{\text{At}}}$$

Paris, Berkeley



Physics beyond Standard Model ?

$$a_e(\text{theo}) - a_e(\text{exp}) \stackrel{?}{=} \delta a_e(\text{BSM})$$

$$a_e = \frac{g_e - 2}{2}$$

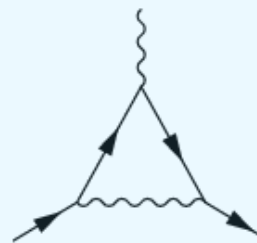
- Measurement of  $g$ -factors of Ga, In and Na:  $\implies g_e = 2.00229 \pm 0.00008$

P. Kush and H. M. Foley, Phys. Rev. 72, 1256 (1947)

- Vacuum fluctuations and polarization modify the interaction of the electron with the magnetic field,

$$a_e = \frac{g_e - 2}{2} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha}{\pi}$$

Schwinger, Phys. Rev. 73, 416 (1948); Phys. Rev. 75, 898 (1949)



Feynman diagram for the one photon-loop correction for the free electron

→ Birth of quantum electrodynamics



- Higher order corrections:  
perturbative series of  $\alpha = 1/137.036 \approx 0.007$

J. Schwinger, R. Feynman, E. Stueckelberg, S. Tomonaga....

$$a_e(\text{QED}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_e^{(2n)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{\mu,\tau}^{(2n)} \left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}, \frac{m_e}{m_\tau}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^n$$

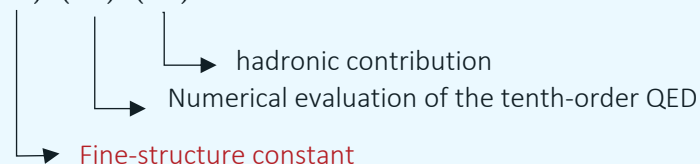
$$a_e(\text{theo}) = a_e(\text{QED}) + a_e(\text{Hadron}) + a_e(\text{Weak})$$

- Each coefficient is calculated by the Feynman diagrams technique

Coefficient $A_i^{(2n)}$	Value (Error)	References
$A_1^{(2)}$	0.5	Schwinger 1948
$A_1^{(4)}$	$-0.328\,478\,965\,579\,193 \dots$	Petermann 1957, Sommerfield 1958
$A_2^{(4)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	$0.519\,738\,676\,(24) \times 10^{-6}$	Elend 1966
$A_2^{(4)}(m_e/m_\tau)$	$0.183\,790\,(25) \times 10^{-8}$	Elend 1966
$A_1^{(6)}$	$1.181\,241\,456\,587 \dots$	Laporta-Remiddi 1996, Kinoshita 1995
$A_2^{(6)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	$-0.737\,394\,164\,(24) \times 10^{-5}$	Samuel-Li, Laporta-Remiddi, Laporta
$A_2^{(6)}(m_e/m_\tau)$	$-0.658\,273\,(79) \times 10^{-7}$	Samuel-Li, Laporta-Remiddi, Laporta
$A_3^{(6)}(m_e/m_\mu, m_e/m_\tau)$	$0.1909\,(1) \times 10^{-12}$	Passera 2007 <b>72 diagrams</b>
$A_1^{(8)}$	$-1.912\,245\,764 \dots$	Laporta 2017, AHKN 2015
$A_2^{(8)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	$0.916\,197\,070\,(37) \times 10^{-3}$	Kurz et al 2014, AHKN 2012
$A_2^{(8)}(m_e/m_\tau)$	$0.742\,92\,(12) \times 10^{-5}$	Kurz et al 2014, AHKN 2012 <b>891 diagrams</b>
$A_3^{(8)}(m_e/m_\mu, m_e/m_\tau)$	$0.746\,87\,(28) \times 10^{-6}$	Kurz et al 2014, AHKN 2012
$A_1^{(10)}$	$6.737\,(159)$	AKN 2018,2019
$A_2^{(10)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	$-0.003\,82\,(39)$	AHKN 2012,2015 <b>12671 diagrams</b>
$A_2^{(10)}(m_e/m_\tau)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	
$A_3^{(10)}(m_e/m_\mu, m_e/m_\tau)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	

$$a_e(\text{theory} : \alpha(\text{Rb})) = 1159652182.037 \text{ (720) (11) (12) } \times 10^{-12}$$

$$a_e(\text{theory} : \alpha(\text{Cs})) = 1159652181.606 \text{ (229) (11) (12) } \times 10^{-12}$$

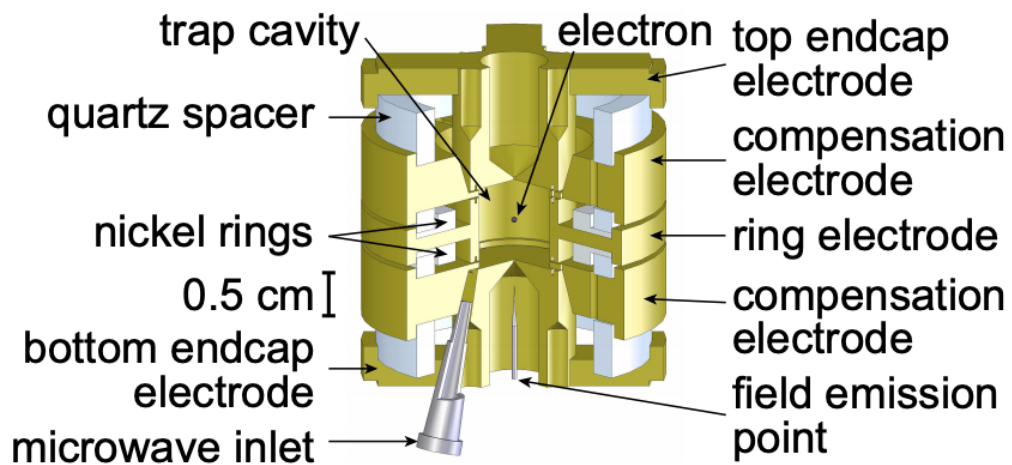


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Hanneke, D.; Fogwell, S.; Gabrielse, G. Phys. Rev. Lett. 2008, 100, 120801.

- Electron in Penning trap + magnetic field

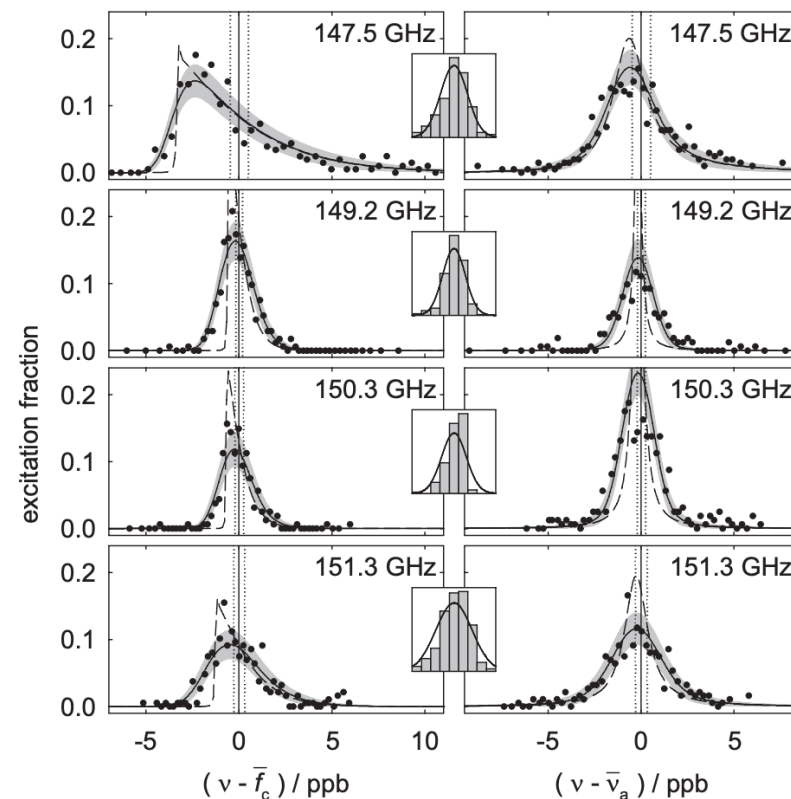


$$a_e(\text{exp}) = \frac{g_e - 2}{2} = 0.00115965218073 \text{ (28) [0.28 ppt]}$$

- 10 times improved accuracy is expected

- New experimental setup (better control of the electron motion, reduction of magnetic field gradient)
- The spin and cyclotron transition frequencies measured nearly simultaneously

## Quantum-jump spectroscopy



- The Rydberg constant  $R_\infty$

$$hcR_\infty = \frac{1}{2}m_e\alpha^2c^2 \implies \alpha^2 = \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{h}{m_e} \implies \alpha^2 = \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{A_r(\text{Rb})}{A_r(\text{e})} \frac{h}{m_{\text{Rb}}}$$

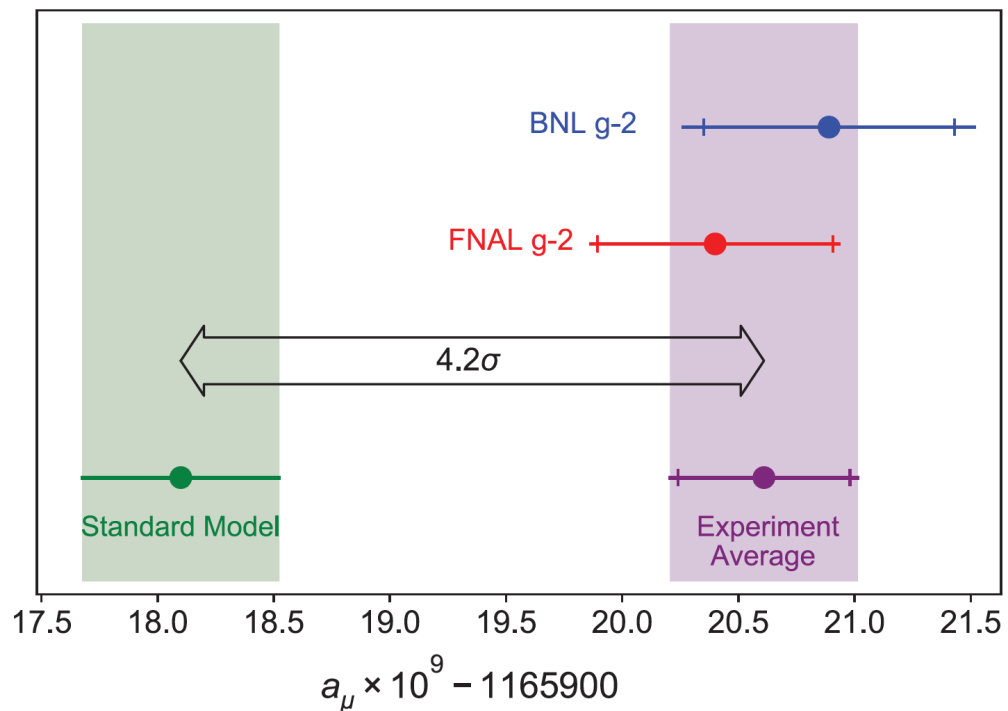
- Hydrogen spectroscopy  $\implies$  determination of  $R_\infty$  with a relative uncertainty of  $2 \times 10^{-12}$
- Determination of relative atomic masses :  $A_r(X) = \frac{m_X}{m_u}$ 
  - Cyclotron frequencies  $A_r(\text{Rb})$  at  $7.0 \times 10^{-11}$
  - Magnetic moment of a single electron bound to a carbon nucleus  $A_r(\text{e})$  at  $2.9 \times 10^{-11}$

- The limiting factor is the ratio  $\frac{h}{m_{\text{Rb}}}$

- G. Audi et al., 2014 Nuclear Data Sheets 120, 1-5 (2014)
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# Motivation: Testing the muon $a_\mu$ discrepancy in the electron sector

- T. Aoyama et al., Physics Reports 887, 1-66 (2020)
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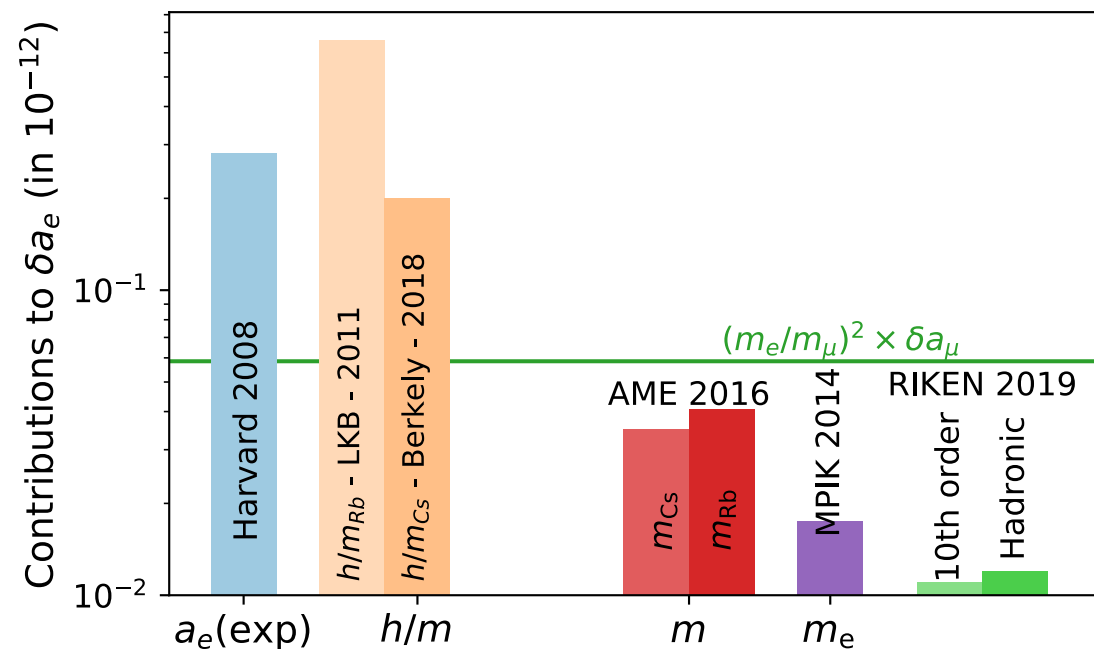
$$\delta a_\mu = a_\mu(\text{Exp}) - a_\mu(\text{SM}) = (251 \pm 59) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\delta a_\mu \stackrel{?}{=} a_\mu(\text{NP})$$

■ Naive scaling  $\left| \frac{\delta a_e}{\delta a_\mu} \right| = \left( \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \right)^2 \simeq 2.3 \times 10^{-5}$

F. Terranova and G. M. Tino, PRA 89, 052118 (2014)

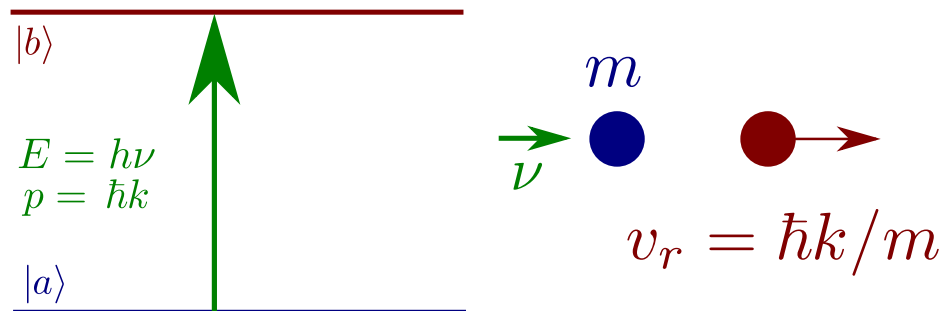
$$\sigma_e = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \times \left( \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \right)^2 \simeq 5.8 \times 10^{-14}$$



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# Recoil velocity

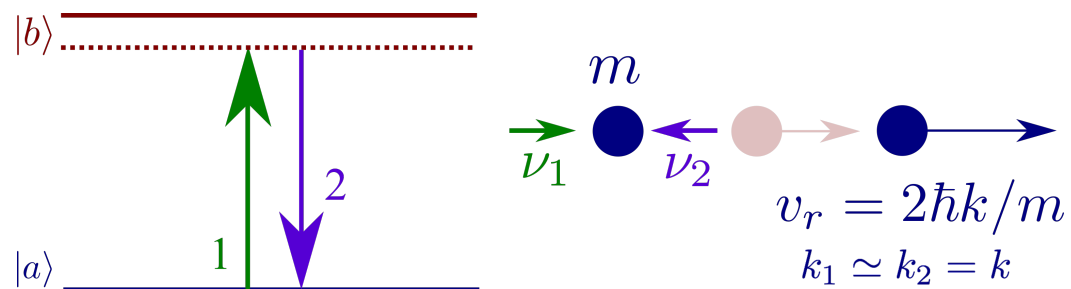


- $v_r = 6 \text{ mm/s}$  for Rb atom ( for  $\lambda = 780 \text{ nm}$ )
- Plane wave

$$v_r = \frac{h}{m} \frac{1}{\lambda}$$



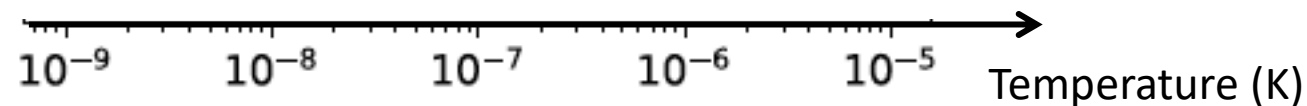
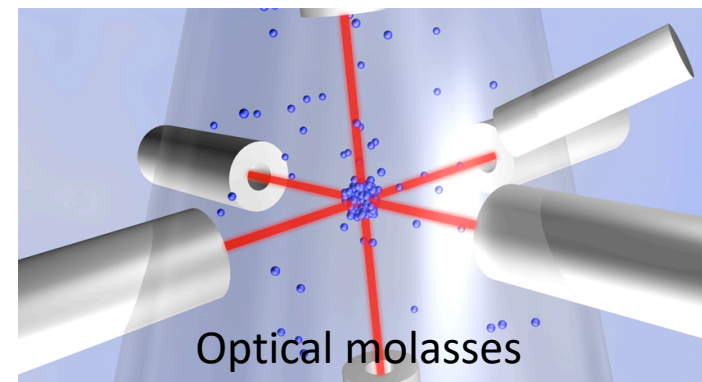
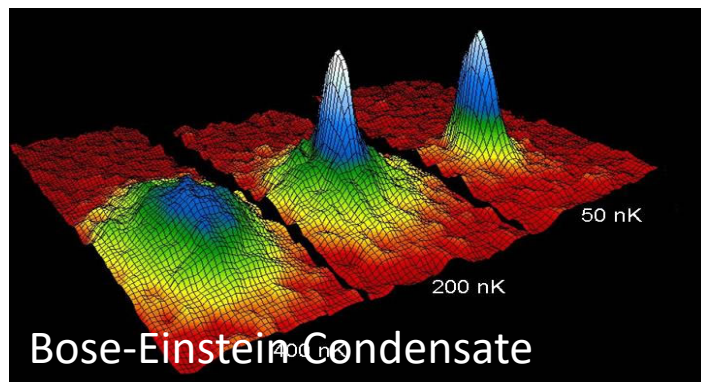
## Measurement of the recoil velocity



- Velocity sensor  
⇒ Atom interferometer based on Raman transitions with a sensitivity:  $\sigma_v$
- Transfer to atoms a large number  $N$  of photon momenta  
⇒ Bloch oscillations technique

$$\sigma_{v_r} = \frac{\sigma_v}{N}$$

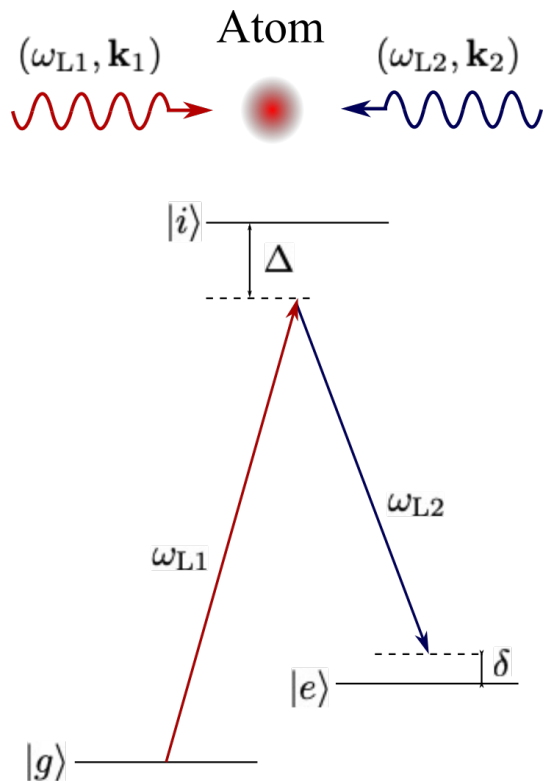
## Basic concepts of atom interferometry



Coherence length:  $\xi \sim \frac{\hbar}{\Delta p}$

Thermal De Broglie wavelength:  $\lambda_T = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}}$

- For rubidium atomic cloud at  $4 \mu\text{K} \rightarrow \lambda_T \approx 1000 \text{ \AA}$
- To implement atomic interferometers for high-precision measurements, the challenge was to implement a technique for manipulating the matter waves in a coherent way



Momentum conservation

$$\mathbf{p}_f = \mathbf{p}_0 + \hbar(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) = \mathbf{p}_0 + \hbar\mathbf{k}_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\Delta \gg \delta \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta \gg \Gamma$$

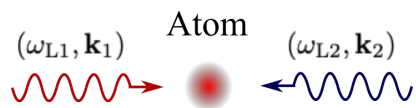
at resonance

$$\Psi(0) = |g, \mathbf{p}_0\rangle$$

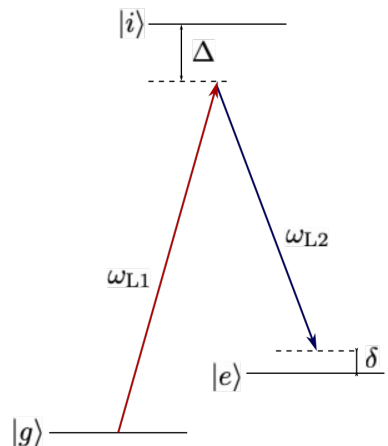
$$\Psi(t) = e^{-i\omega_1 t} \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) |g, \mathbf{p}_0\rangle + e^{i\Delta\phi_L} e^{-i\omega_2 t} \sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) |e, \mathbf{p}_0 + \hbar\mathbf{k}_{\text{eff}}\rangle$$

$\Omega$  : Rabi frequency

The internal degrees of freedom are labelled by the external degrees

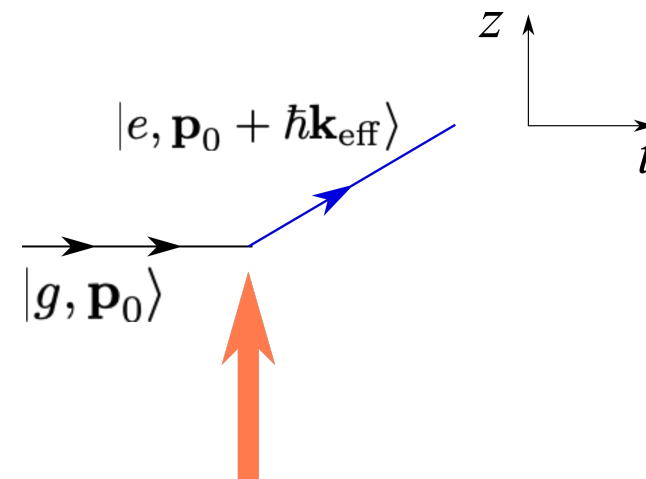


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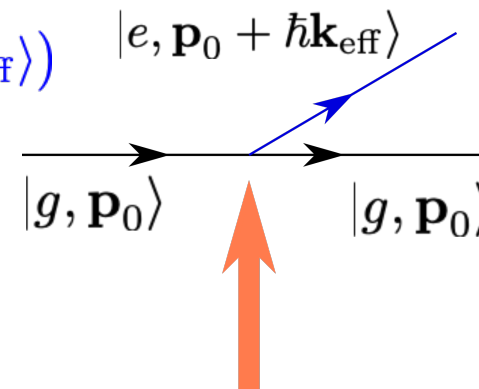
$\pi$  - pulse :  $\Omega\tau = \pi$

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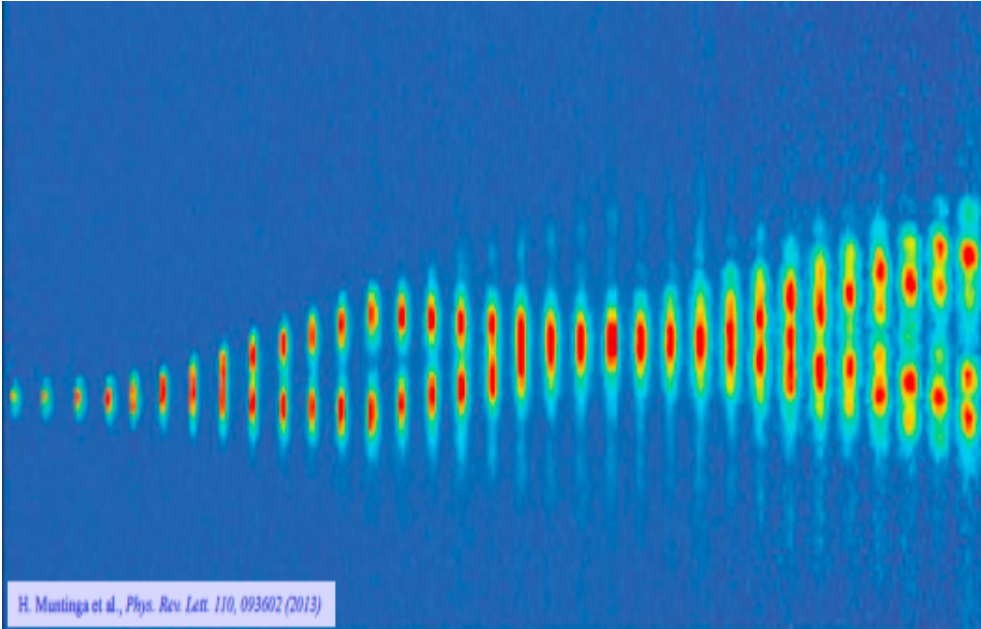


$\frac{\pi}{2}$  - pulse :  $\Omega\tau = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Psi(\tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( e^{-i\omega_1 \tau} |g, \mathbf{p}_0\rangle + e^{i\Delta\phi_L} e^{-i\omega_2 \tau} |e, \mathbf{p}_0 + \hbar\mathbf{k}_{\text{eff}}\rangle \right)$$



# Phase shift of the atomic wave-packet along the propagating path



$$\phi_{\text{tot}} = \phi_{\text{evol}} + \phi_{\text{int}} + \phi_{\text{sep}}$$

Free evolution of wave-packets  
between light pulses

Phase shift due to no overlap  
of the two arms at the last pulse

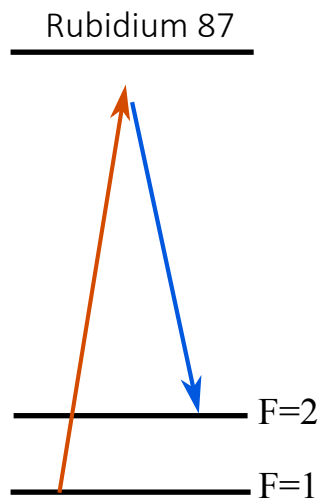
Phase due to atom-light interaction

Luis De Broglie  $\rightarrow$  phase of matter-wave  $\psi = \exp -i \frac{mc^2}{\hbar} \tau$

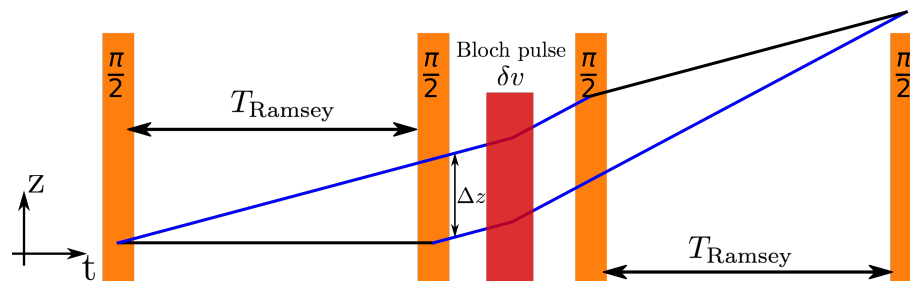
Weak gravitational fields and velocities  $\ll c$   $d\tau \simeq dt - \frac{1}{mc^2} \mathcal{L} dt$

$$\psi(t) \simeq \exp \left[ -i \frac{mc^2}{\hbar} t \right] \exp \left[ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int \mathcal{L} dt \right]$$

$$\phi_{\text{evol}} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int \mathcal{L}(z, t) dt$$



Free propagation:  $e^{-i\omega_{1,2}t}$ ,  $\omega_{1,2}$ , depend on the kinetic energy



Probability to find an atom in  $|2\rangle$

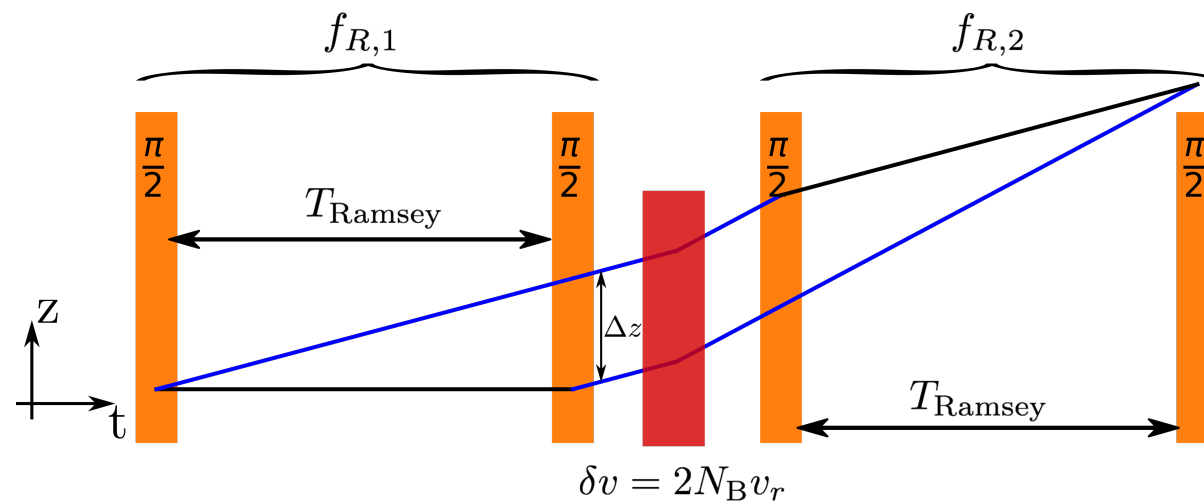
$$P_2 = \frac{1 + \cos(\Phi_{\text{at}} + \Phi_{\text{Las}})}{2}$$

Velocity transfer  $\delta v$

$$\Phi_{\text{at}} = T_{\text{Ramsey}} k_R \delta v = \frac{\Delta z \times m \delta v}{\hbar}$$

Sensitivity:  $\delta z = 250 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow 3 \mu\text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{rad}^{-1}$

# Interferometer for the recoil measurement

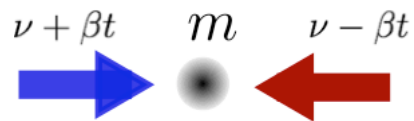


$$\Phi = T_{\text{Ramsey}} (2N_B k_R v_r - 2\pi \delta f_R)$$

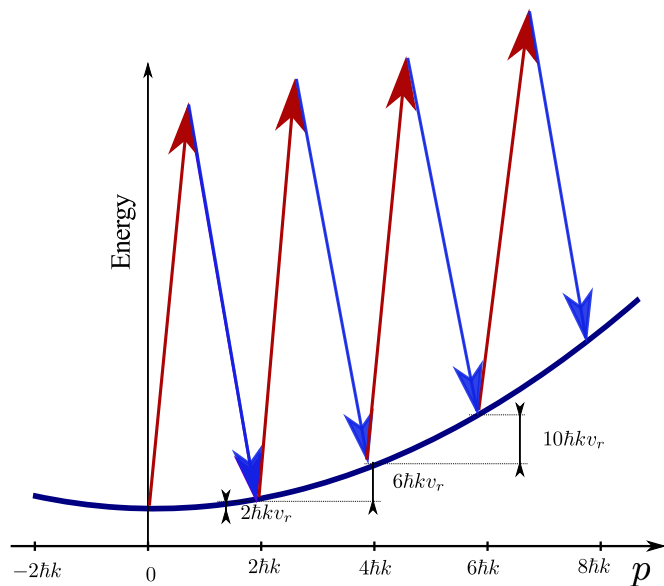
$$\delta f_R = f_{R,2} - f_{R,1}$$



# Coherent acceleration in optical lattice



Succession of stimulated Raman transitions in the same internal level

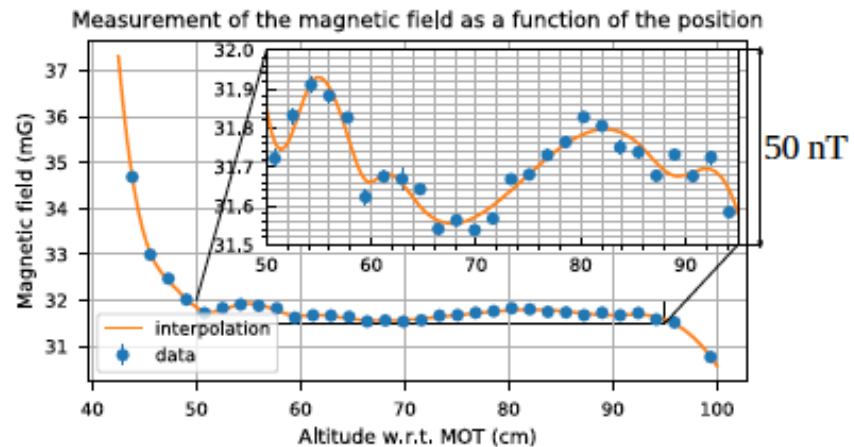
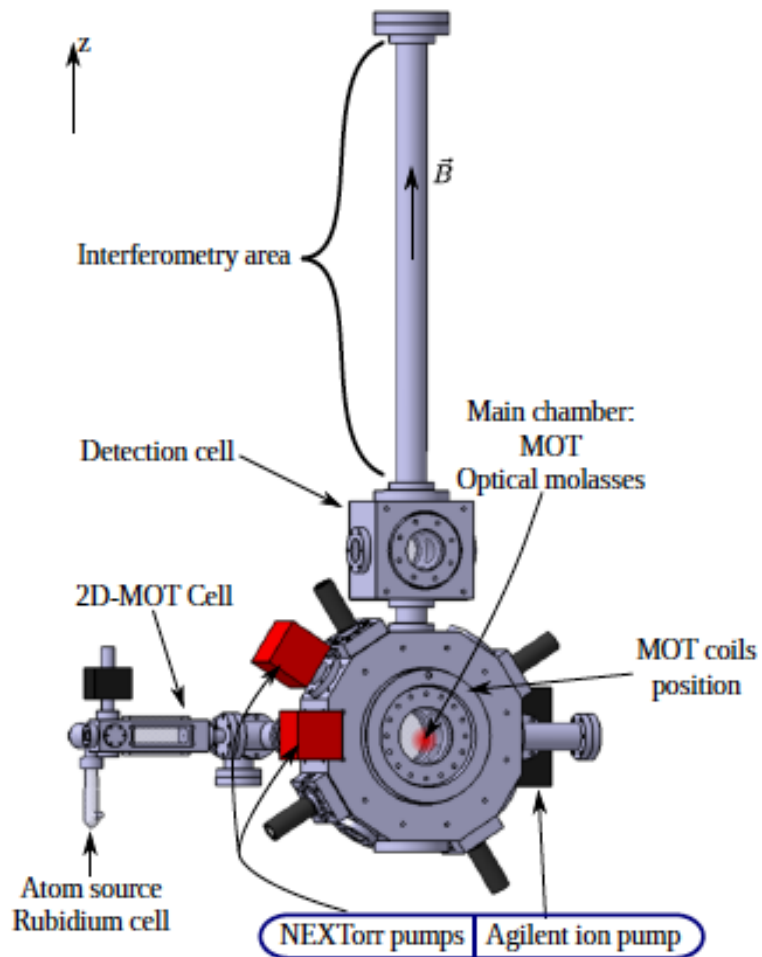


$$p_{\text{in}} \rightarrow p_{\text{in}} + 2N\hbar k$$

1000 photon momenta in 6 ms

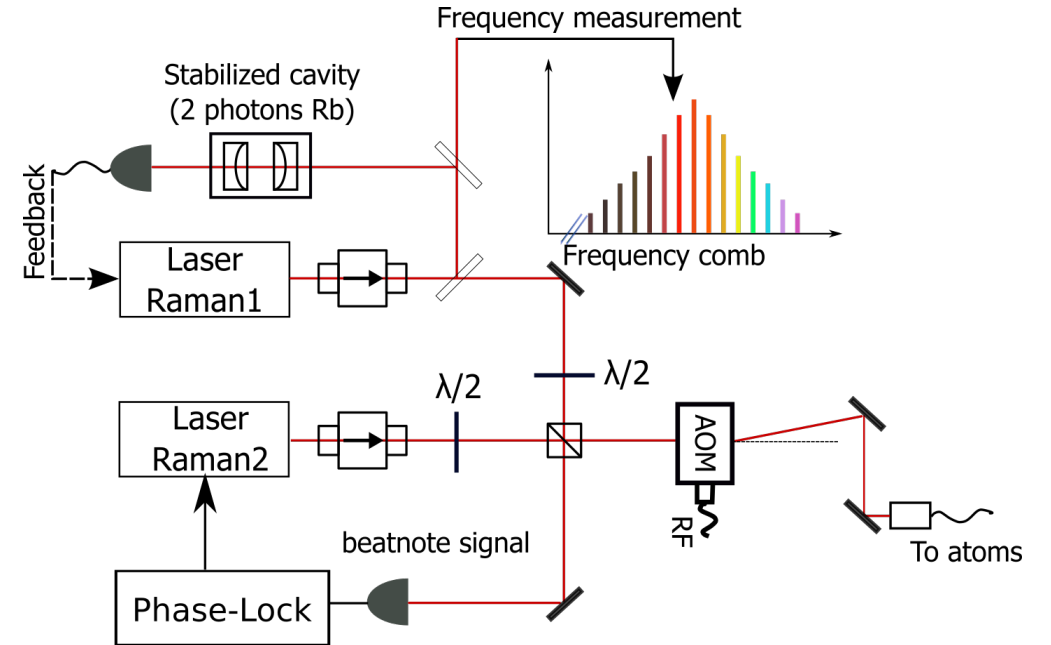
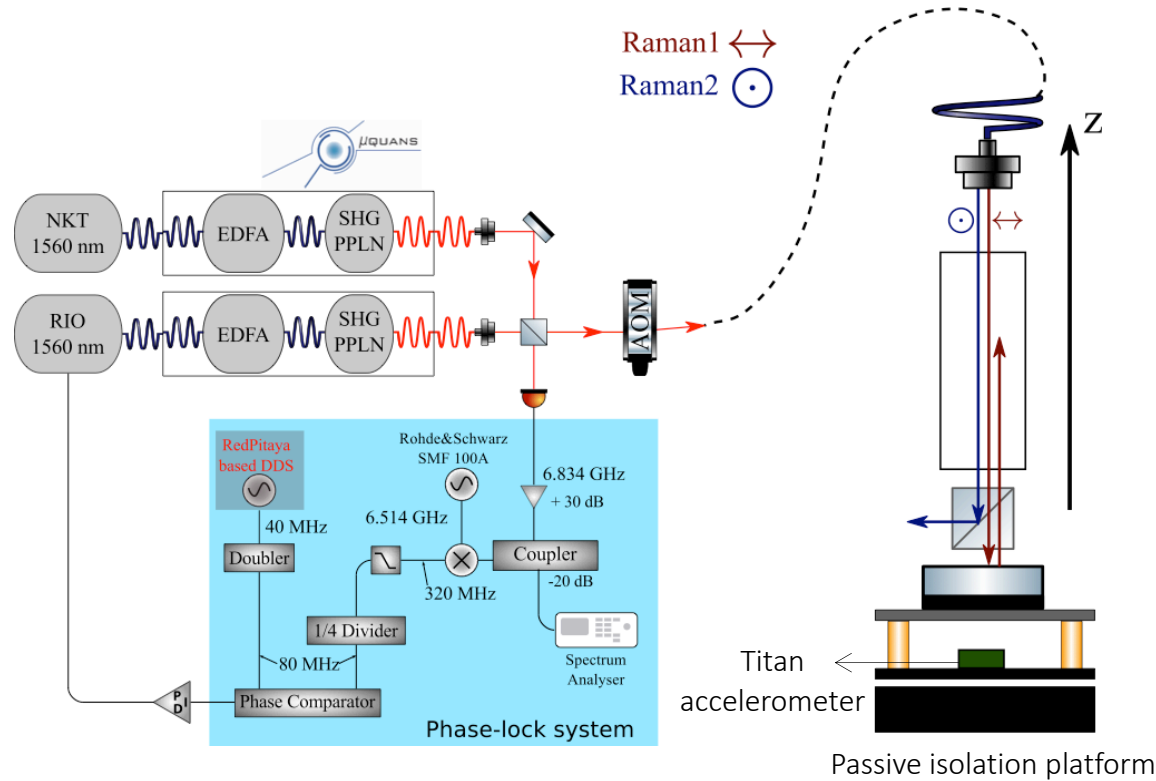
- High momentum transfer efficiency: 99.95% per recoil
- Precise control of the velocity and the position of the atoms

# Experimental set-up



$10^8$  atoms  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  :  $T=4 \mu\text{K}$  ; radius =  $600 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $10^8$  atoms

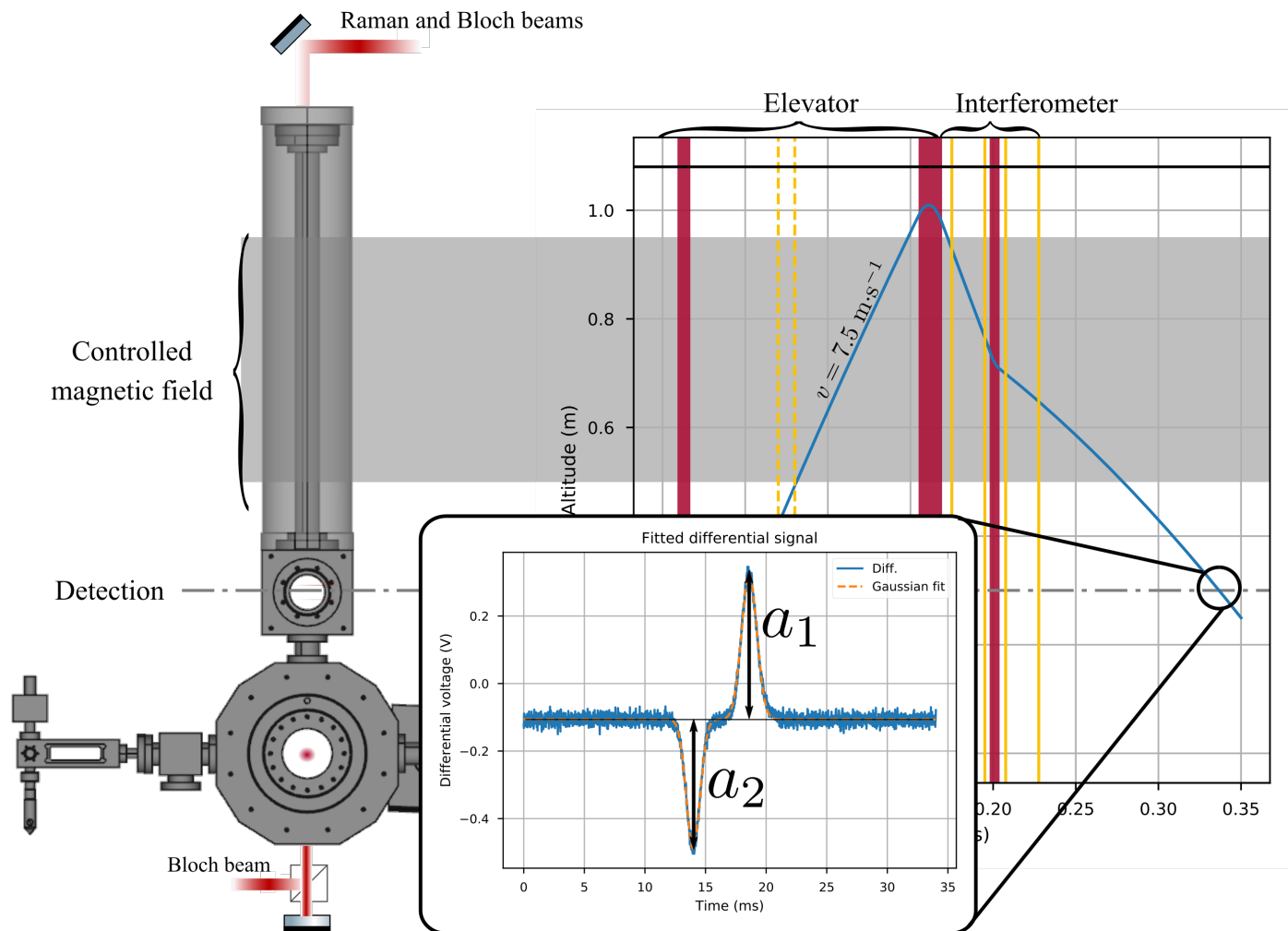
# Phase and frequency control of Raman lasers



## Frequency chain:

- Phase-lock of the two Raman lasers
- Frequency scanning during the second pair of  $\pi/2$  pulses
- Frequency ramp to compensate for the Doppler shift during the free fall of atoms

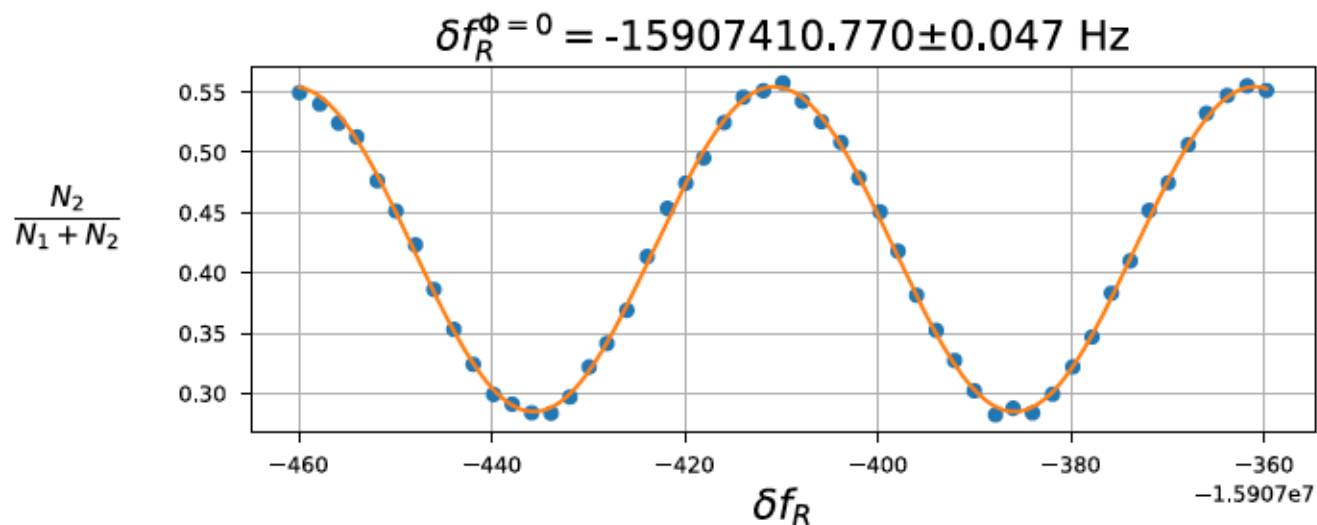
# Experiment principle



$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &\propto N_1 \\ a_2 &\propto N_2 \end{aligned} \longrightarrow P_2 = \frac{N_2}{N_1 + N_2}$$

# Typical atomic fringes

- $T_{\text{ramsey}} = 20$  ms, Number of Bloch oscillations  $N_B=500$  ( $1000 v_r$ )
- 50 points per spectra in  $\sim 1$  min



$$\Phi = T_{\text{Ramsey}} \left( k_R \left( 2N_B \frac{\hbar}{m} k_B - gT \right) - 2\pi \delta f_R \right) + \Phi^{LS}$$

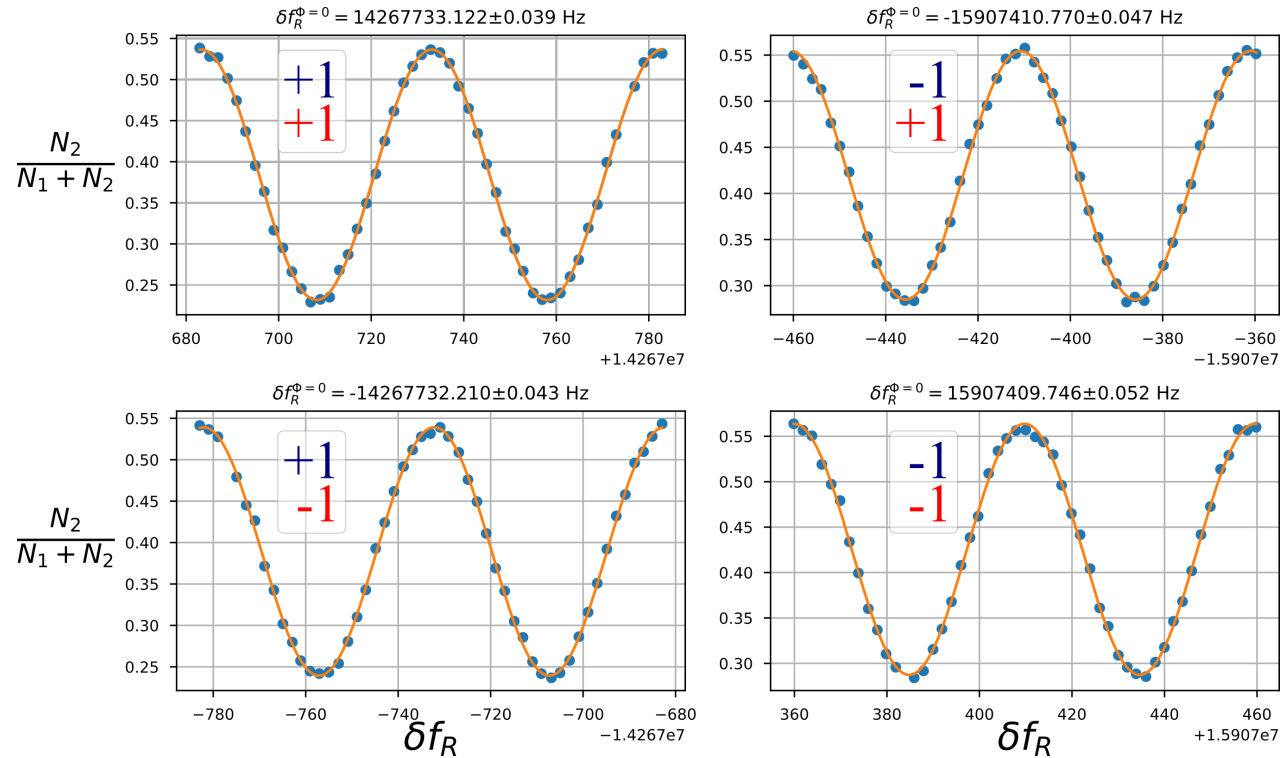
- Recoil velocity (one photon momentum)  $\sim 15$  kHz  $\rightarrow 1000 v_r \sim 15$  MHz
- $\sigma_v = 0.047$  Hz  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-6} v_r \sim 20$  nm s $^{-1} \rightarrow 3 \times 10^{-9}$  on  $\hbar/m$

➤ Contributions of  $g$  and the light shift  $\Phi_{LS}$

# Measurement protocol

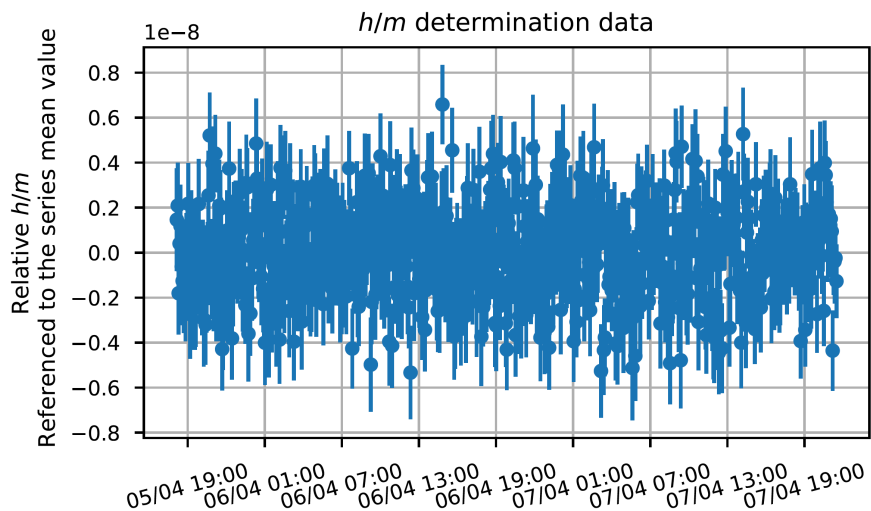
Four spectra in 4 minutes (200 points set arbitrary)

$$\Phi = T_{\text{Ramsey}} (\epsilon_R k_R (\epsilon_B 2N_B \frac{\hbar}{m} k_B - gT) - 2\pi\delta f_R) + \Phi^{LS}, \text{ for } \epsilon_B = \pm 1, \epsilon_R = \pm 1$$

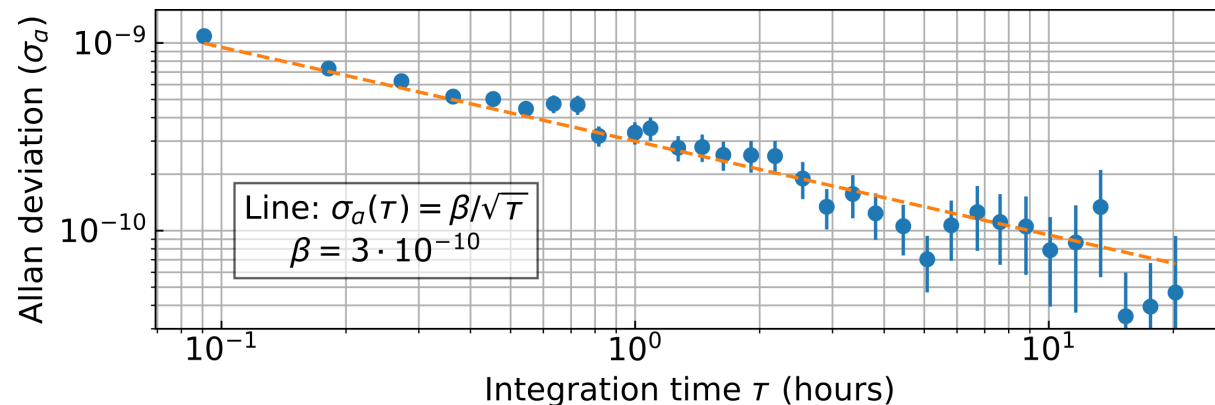


$$\frac{h}{m_{\text{Rb}}} = \frac{2\pi^2}{N_B k_R k_B} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{4 \text{ spectra}} \epsilon_R \epsilon_B \delta f_R^{\Phi=0}(\epsilon_R, \epsilon_B)$$

Stable and reliable set-up: Long measurement period

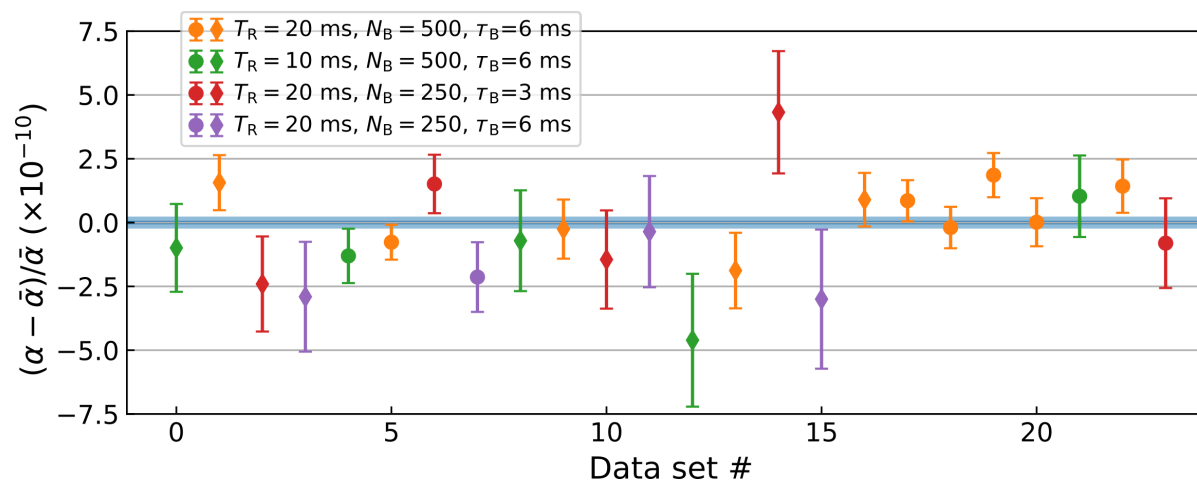


From Friday to ..... Sunday



48 h integration:  $8.5 \times 10^{-11}$  on  $h/m$   $\rightarrow$   $4.3 \times 10^{-11}$  on  $\alpha$

Final data set (Jan. 2020)



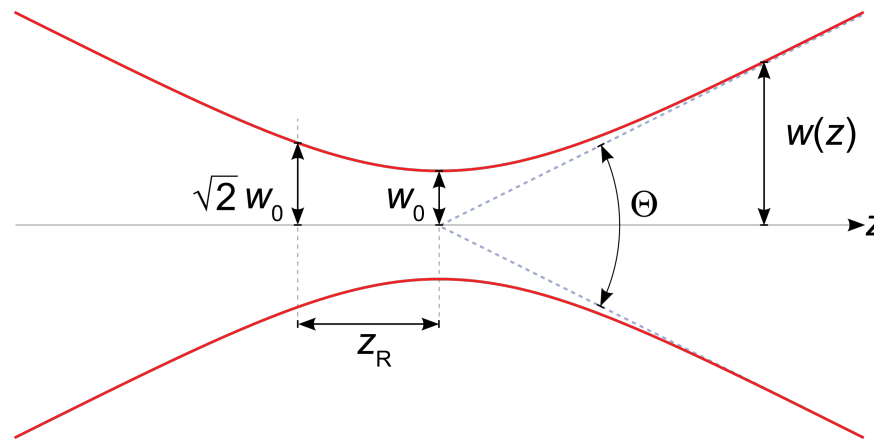
## Error budget

Source	Correction [ $10^{-11}$ ]	Relative uncertainty [ $10^{-11}$ ]
Gravity gradient	-0.6	0.1
Alignment of the beams	0.5	0.5
Coriolis acceleration		1.2
Frequencies of the lasers		0.3
Wave front curvature	0.6	0.3
Wave front distortion	3.9	1.9
Gouy phase	108.2	5.4
Residual Raman phase shift	2.3	2.3
Index of refraction	0	< 0.1
Internal interaction	0	< 0.1
Light shift (two-photon transition)	-11.0	2.3
Second order Zeeman effect		0.1
Phase shifts in Raman phase lock loop	-39.8	0.6
Global systematic effects	64.2	6.8
Statistical uncertainty		2.4
Relative mass of $^{87}\text{Rb}^{16}$ : 86.909 180 531 0(60)		3.5
Relative mass of the electron $^{14}$ : 5.485 799 090 65(16) $\cdot 10^{-4}$		1.5
Rydberg constant $^{14}$ : 10 973 731.568 160(21) $\text{m}^{-1}$		0.1
Total: $\alpha^{-1} = 137.035 999 206(11)$		8.1



## Atom recoil in a gaussian beam

- Electric field:  $E(\vec{r}, t) = A(\vec{r}, t) e^{i\phi(\vec{r})} \longrightarrow \vec{k}_{\text{eff}} = \vec{\nabla}\phi(\vec{r})$
- Plane wave model:  $k = \frac{\nu}{c}$
- Gaussian laser beam correction:  $k_{\text{eff},z} = k + \delta k$



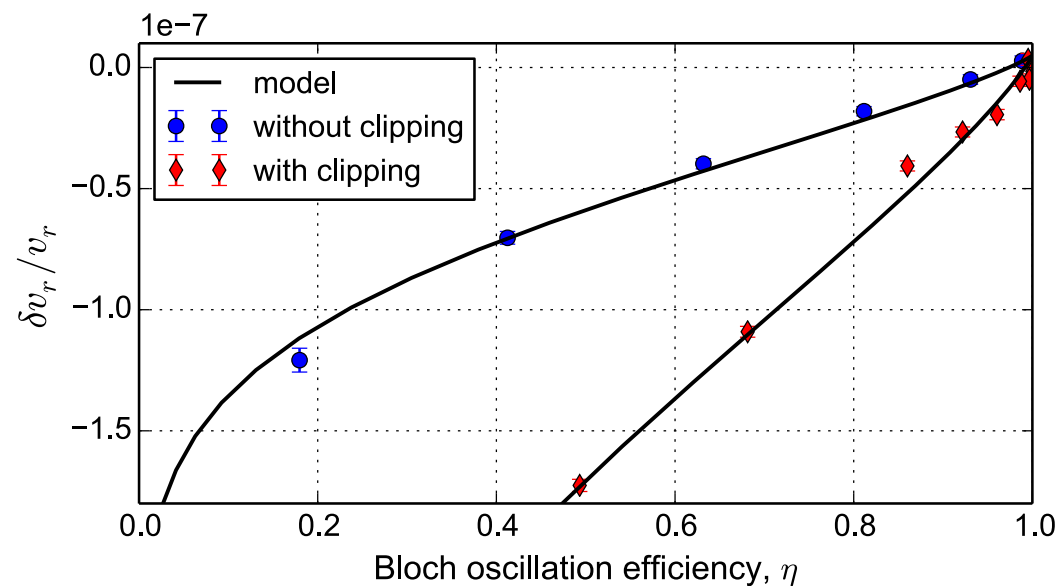
$$\frac{\delta k}{k} = -\frac{2}{k^2 w^2(z)} \left( 1 - \frac{\langle r^2 \rangle}{w^2(z)} \right) - \frac{\langle r^2 \rangle}{2R^2(z)}$$

↗ Size of the atomic cloud  
↘ Curvature of the wavefront

- Related to the dispersion of wavevectors  $\sim \frac{\Theta^2}{2}$

Effect on  $\alpha$ :  $(108.2 \pm 5.4) \times 10^{-11}$

- A systematic effect that depends on the efficiency of the Bloch oscillation (coherent acceleration)

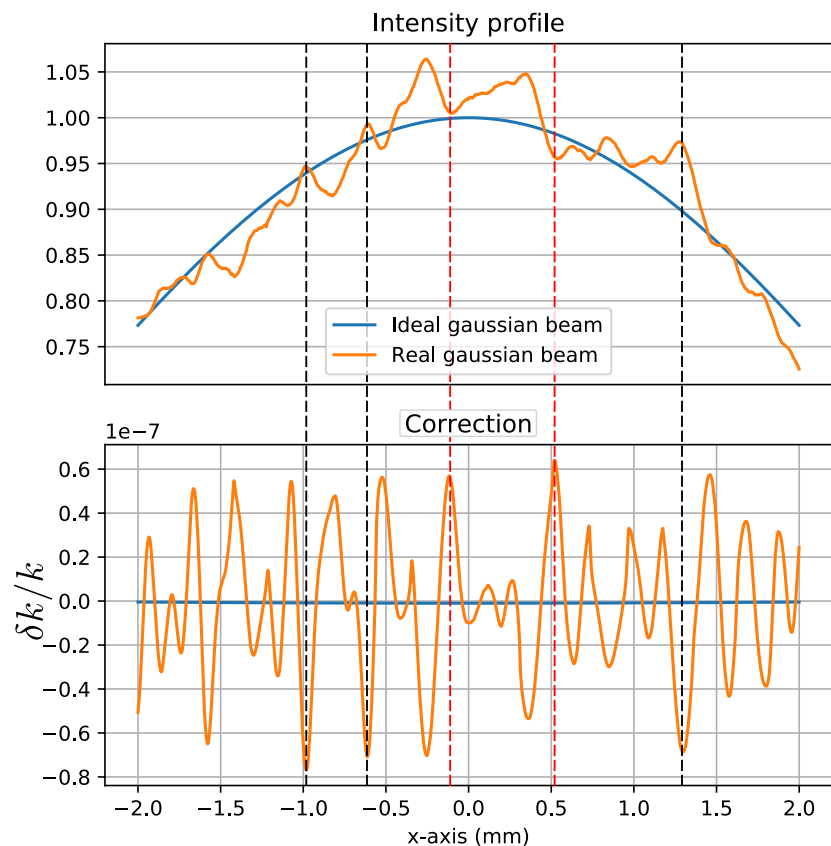


- During the Bloch Oscillation pulse, the survival probability is governed by Landau-Zener Losses, it depends on laser intensity

- Electric field:  $E(\vec{r}, t) = A(\vec{r}, t) e^{i\phi(\vec{r})}$

$$k_{\text{eff},z} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = k + \delta k$$

Random spatial fluctuations of laser intensity with typical correlation length 100  $\mu\text{m}$



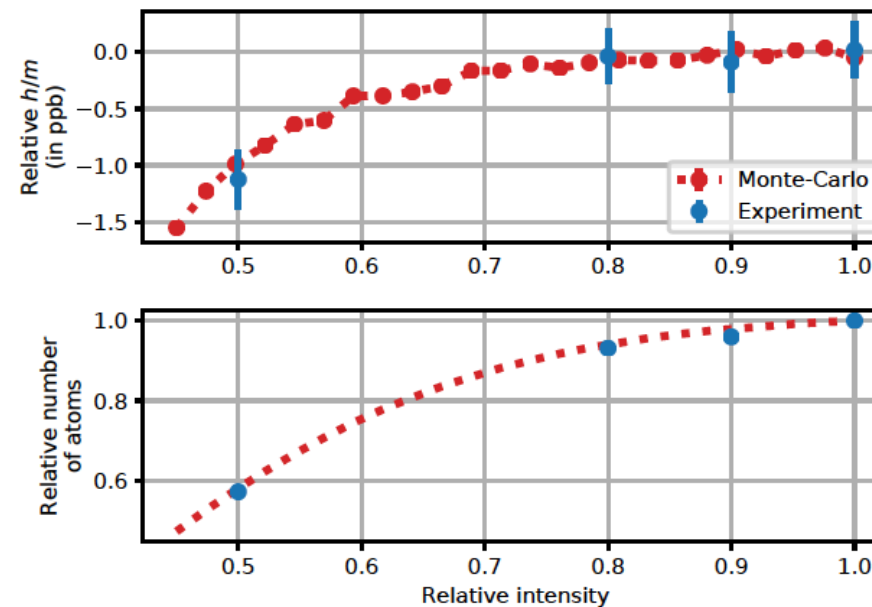
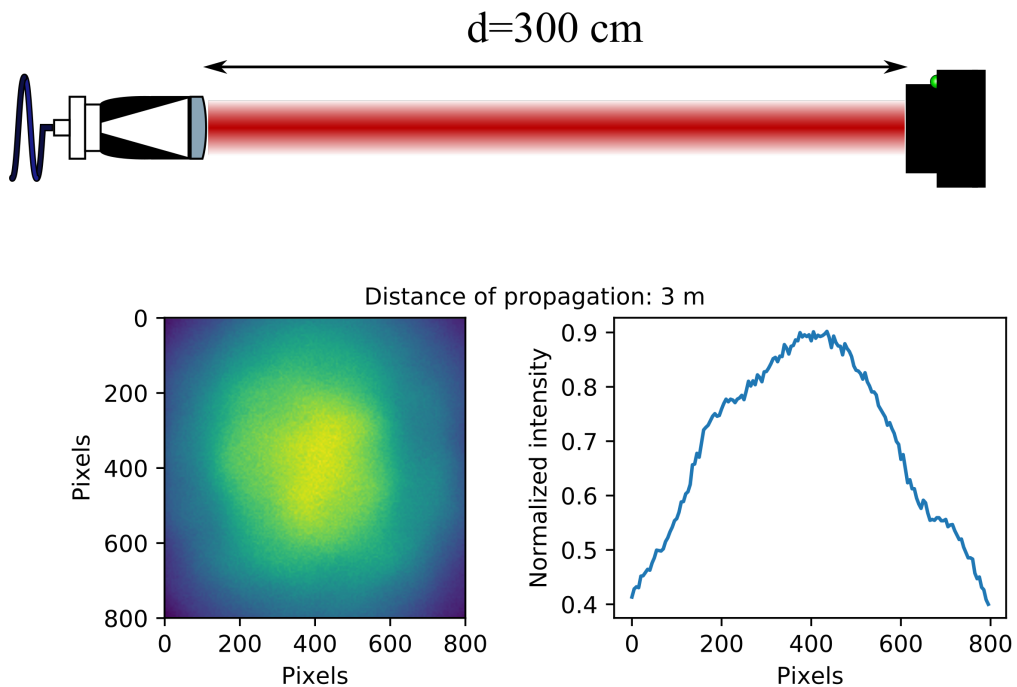
Local amplitude fluctuations induces momentum correction (in paraxial approximation)

$$\frac{\delta k}{k} = -\frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{\vec{\nabla}_{\perp} \phi}{k} \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{2k^2} \frac{\Delta_{\perp} A}{A}$$

Correlation between the wave vector correction and the survival probability  $P(I)$  during Bloch oscillations,

$$\langle \delta k \rangle = \frac{\langle \delta k P(I) \rangle}{\langle P(I) \rangle}$$

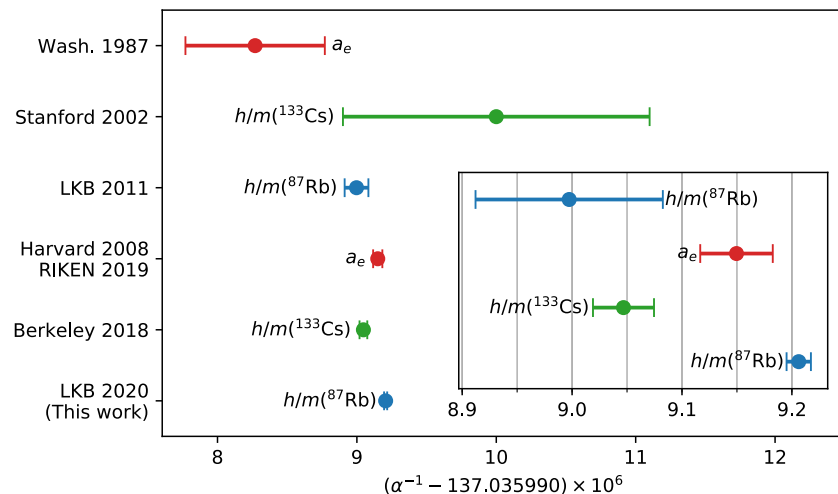
# Recoil velocity of atom in a distorted wave front



Effect on  $\alpha$ :  $(3.9 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-11}$

- Measurement of the ratio  $h/M$
- Impact of the new determination of the fine-structure constant

L. Morel et al., Nature 588, 61-68 (2020)



$$a_e(\text{exp}) - a_e(\alpha_{\text{LKB2020}}) = (4.8 \pm 3.0) \times 10^{-13} \quad (+1.6\sigma)$$

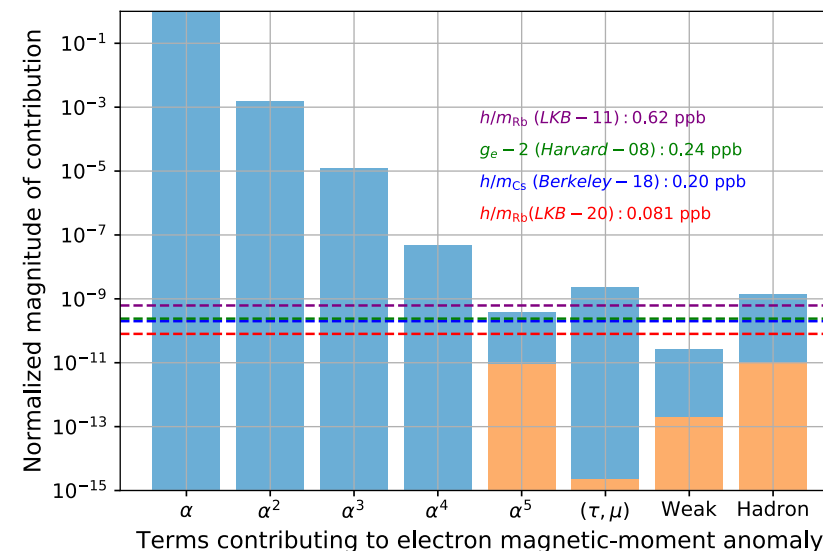
$$a_e(\text{exp}) - a_e(\alpha_{\text{Berkeley}}) = (-8.8 \pm 3.6) \times 10^{-13} \quad (-2.6\sigma)$$

- The uncertainty on  $\delta a_e$  is now dominated by  $a_e(\text{exp})$

$$\alpha^{-1} = 137.035999206(11)$$

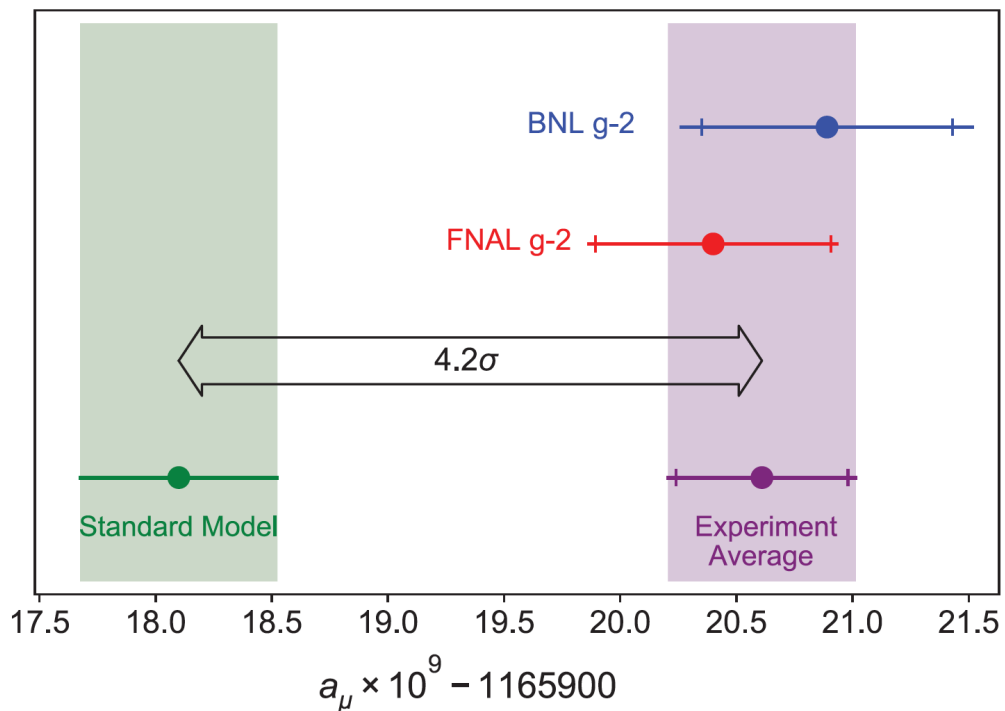
- Statistical uncertainty of  $4.3 \times 10^{-11}$  on 48h integration time
- New systematic effects were considered
- $5.4 \sigma$  discrepancy with caesium recoil measurement

R. H. Parker et al., Science 360, 191-195 (2018)



# Testing the muon $a_\mu$ discrepancy in the electron sector

- T. Aoyama et al., Physics Reports 887, 1-66 (2020)
- B. Abi et al. (Muon g-2 Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 141801 (2021).



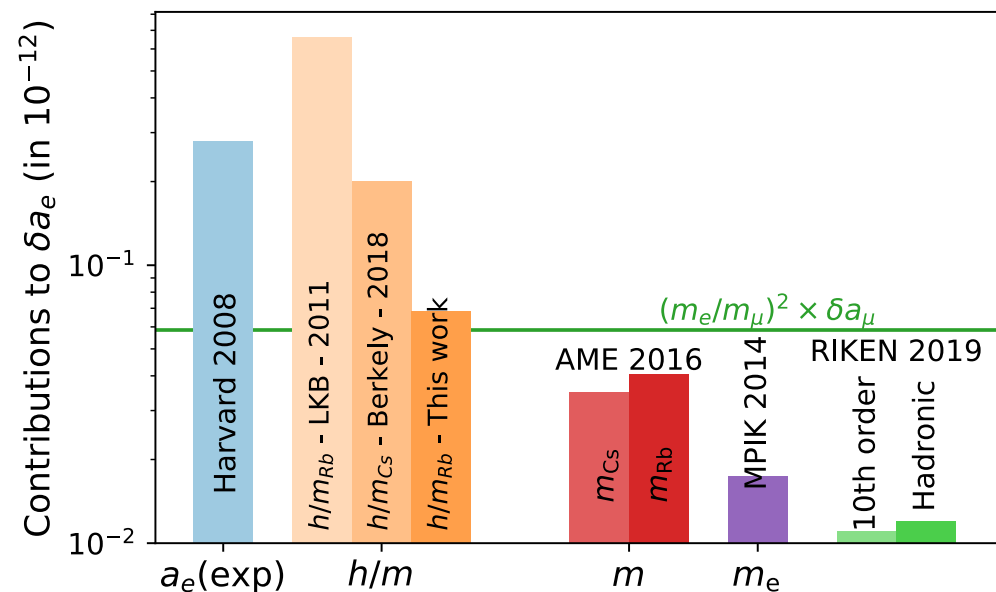
$$\delta a_\mu = a_\mu(\text{Exp}) - a_\mu(\text{SM}) = (251 \pm 59) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\delta a_\mu \stackrel{?}{=} a_\mu(\text{NP})$$

■ Naive scaling  $\left| \frac{\delta a_e}{\delta a_\mu} \right| = \left( \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \right)^2 \simeq 2.3 \times 10^{-5}$

F. Terranova and G. M. Tino, PRA 89, 052118 (2014)

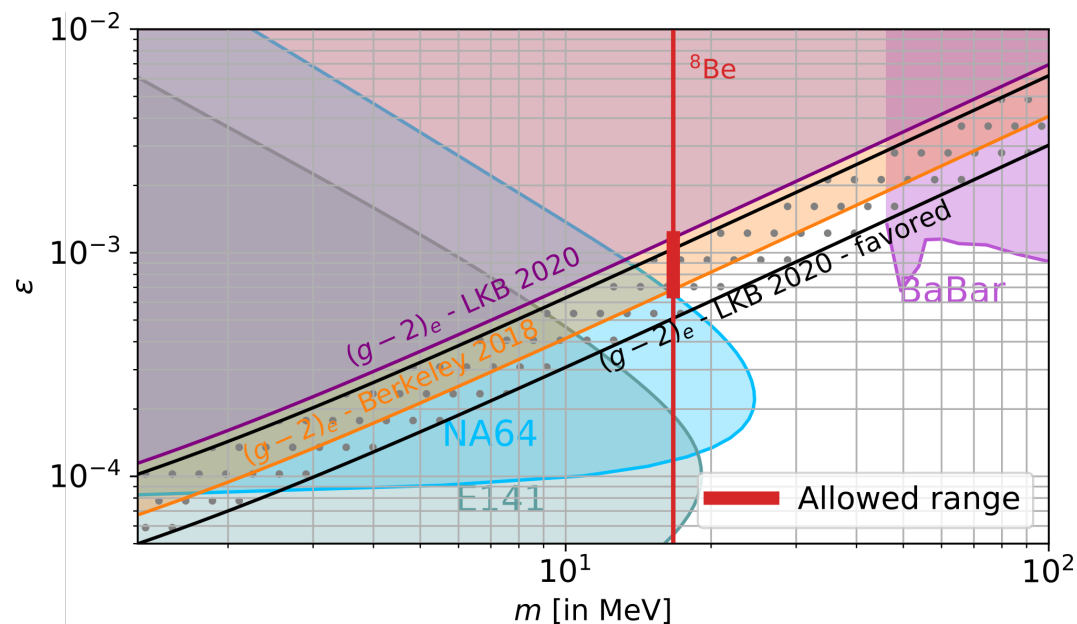
$$\sigma_e = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \times \left( \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \right)^2 \simeq 5.8 \times 10^{-14}$$



« Hypothetical particles » of mass  $m_V$  and coupling  $\epsilon$  with electrons will induce

$$\delta a_e = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \times \epsilon^2 \int_0^1 dz \frac{2m_e^2 z(1-z)^2}{m_e^2(1-z)^2 + m_V^2 z} \simeq \frac{\alpha \epsilon^2}{3\pi} \frac{m_e^2}{m_V^2} \quad \text{For } m_V \gg m_e$$

Our results rejects with 95% confidence level  $\delta a_e > 9.8 \times 10^{-13}$  and  $\delta a_e < -3.4 \times 10^{-13}$



D. Banerjee et al. (The NA64 Collaboration) Phys. Rev. D 101, 071101(R) (2020)

- Favoured the hypothetical X(16.7 MeV) boson that could explain the anomalous excess of  $e^+e^-$  pairs observed in the decays of the excited  $^8\text{Be}^*$  nuclei (“Beryllium or X17 anomaly”)

A. J. Krasznahorkay et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 042501 (2016)



- The new SI (since 20 may 2019)  
Based on fundamental constants  $\Delta\nu_{\text{Cs}}, c, h, e, N_A, K_{\text{cd}}$

- Our experiment allow the *Mise en pratique* of the new kilogramme at the atomic scale

$$m(^{87}\text{Rb}) = 1.44316089776 (21) \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg}$$



- The Avogadro constant  $N_A$  is also fixed for new definition of the mole, molar mass of carbon-12 will no longer be exactly defined

$$M(^{12}\text{C}) = N_A \times m(^{12}\text{C}) = \frac{12N_A h}{h/m_u} = 12.0000000173(19) \text{ g/mol} \quad \text{where} \quad m_u = \frac{m_X}{A_r(\text{X})}$$

- The fine-structure constant plays an important role in the adjustment of fundamental physical constants: in the new SI the numerical values of  $\epsilon_0$  et  $\mu_0$  will depend on  $\alpha$ .

$$\mu_0 = \frac{2\alpha h}{e^2 c} = 0.999999999648(80) \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \cdot \text{A}^{-2}$$

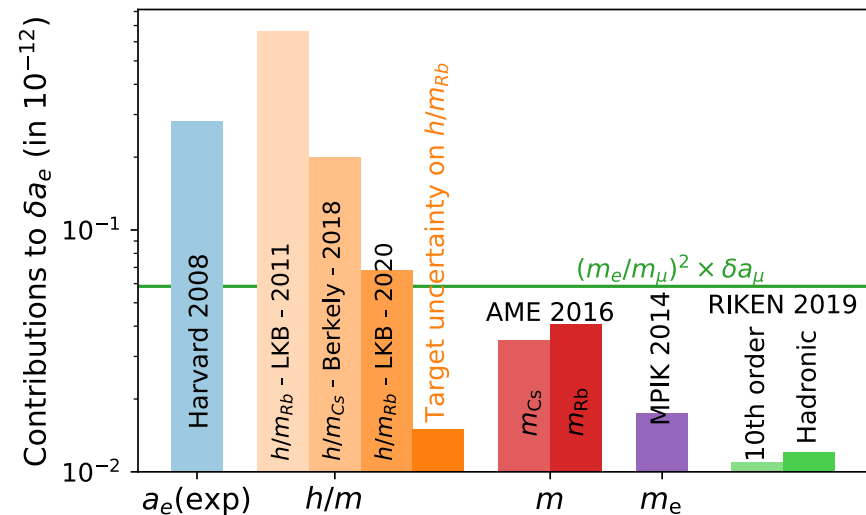
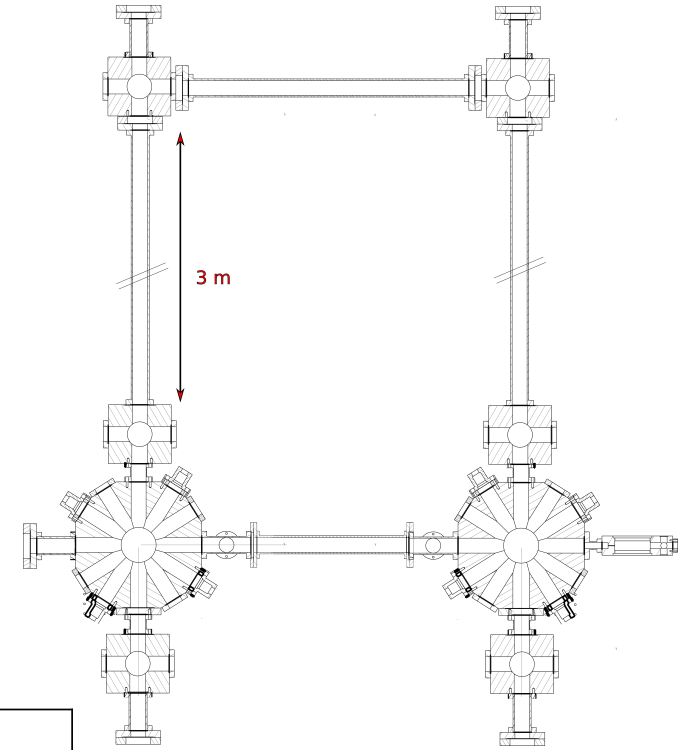
90 of the 354 constants listed by NIST (<https://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Constants/>) will have their uncertainties reduced.

# Conclusion and prospects

- New determination of the fine-structure constant with a relative uncertainty of  $8.1 \times 10^{-11}$
- The sensitivity of the experimental set-up allowed the experimental investigation of several systematic effects,
- Three new systematic effects were identified
- The large discrepancy ( $5.4 \sigma$ ) with the caesium recoil measurement needs to be clarified

## Prospects:

- New measurement using ultra-cold atoms is in progress
- Measurement of recoil velocity with  $^{85}\text{Rb}$
- New experimental setup : uncertainty on  $\alpha$  of  $10^{-11}$





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