

## Baseline optimization for large-scale detectors

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## Collaborations:



# Signals in atom interferometers

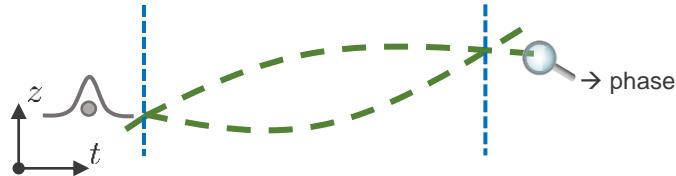
# Light-pulse atom interferometers

- propagate massive particle through spacetime
  - manipulation by light pulses
  - inertial sensing and metrology

→ gravimeter, gradiometer, gyroscopes

→ dark-matter and gravitational-wave detection,  
equivalence-principle violations, fundamental tests

→ however noise: small signals hard to isolate in single interferometer phase



# Differential gravitational-wave and dark-matter detection

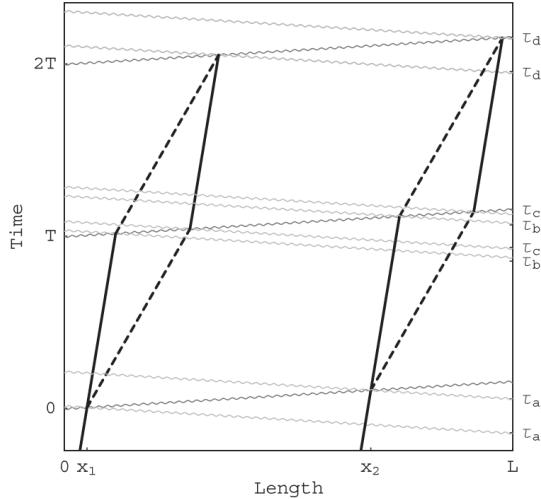
- use two spatially separated atom interferometers
- differential measurements
- probing at different points in spacetime

→ ultralight dark matter

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→ gravitational-wave detection

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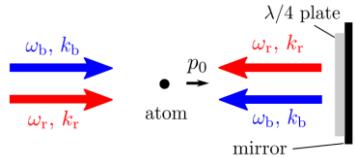
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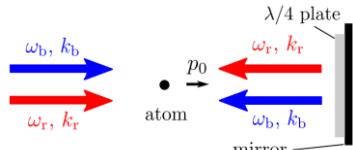
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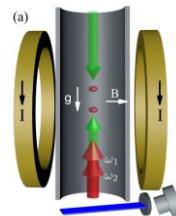
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## Single-photon transitions (one direction)

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- challenging laser requirements

Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 083604

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- but laser-phase noise suppression

Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 171102

- “clock” contribution accessible

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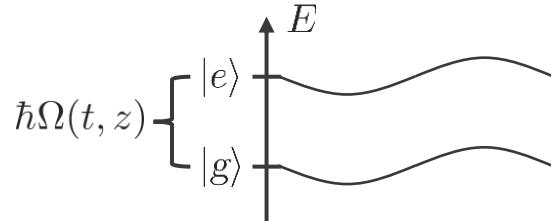
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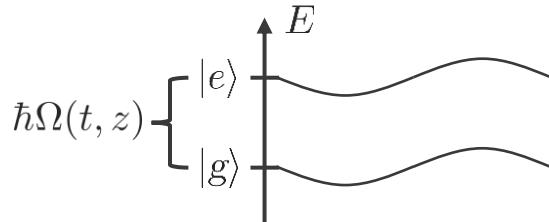
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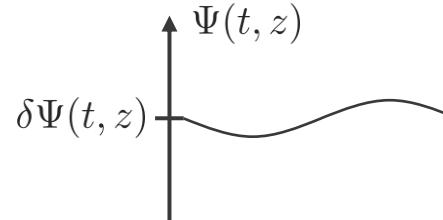
## Gravitational waves

- no effect on atomic motion on Newtonian level

- signature on phase of electromagnetic field

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→ strain induces oscillating laser phase



→ imprinted on atom during light pulse

# Mach-Zehnder phase

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## Gravitational waves

- gravitational-wave coupling through light's phase

*Class. Quantum Gravity* **38**, 14

light wave vector  $\vec{k}_\ell h$  strain

$$\delta\Psi(t, z) = -\frac{k_\ell h}{4k} [\sin(\omega t - kz + \phi) - \sin(\omega t_0 + \phi)]$$

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$$\varphi(t_0, z_0) = - \int_{t_0}^{t_0+2T} dt \delta\Psi(t, z_0) \times [\delta(t - t_0) - 2\delta(t - T - t_0) + \delta(t - 2T - t_0)]$$

# Multidiamond atom interferometer

- generalization to  $Q$  subsequent Mach-Zehnder schemes

→ sensitivity enhancement

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- butterfly-like geometry

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→ role of arms for subsequent diamonds

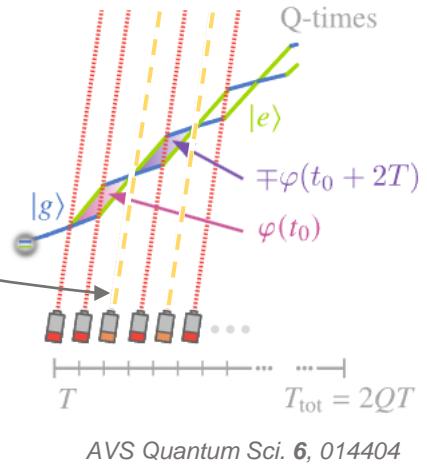
$$\Phi(t_0, z_0) = \sum_{q=1}^Q (\mp 1)^{q-1} \varphi(t_0 + 2(q-1)T, z_{2(q-1)T})$$

interchanging  
↑  
retaining

→ interchange: leading-order gravitational phase

$$\sum_{q=1}^Q (-1)^q kgT^2 = 0 \text{ cancels for even diamonds}$$

interchange can be omitted with yellow pulses  
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# Differential multidiamond sensor

- spatially separated atom interferometers

→ differential phase  $\delta\Phi = \Phi(t_0 + \tau_L, L + z_0) - \Phi(t_0, z_0)$

$$\tau_L = L/c$$

- initial phase  $\phi$  unknown

→ measure signal amplitude

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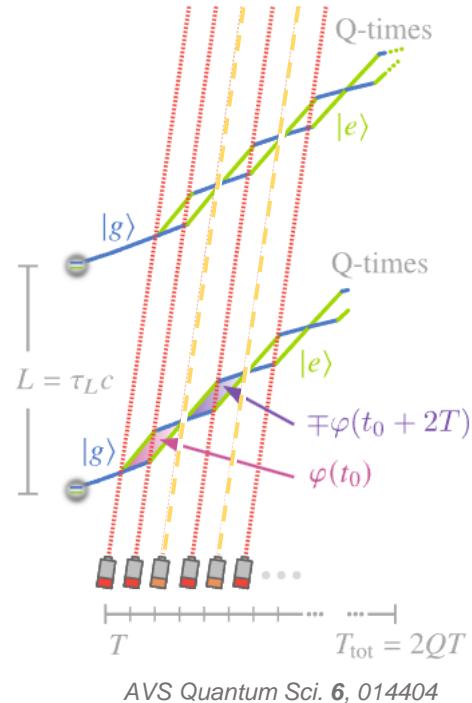
$$\Phi_S = \left[ 2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \delta\Phi^2 / (2\pi) \right]^{1/2}$$

- for  $\omega\tau_L \ll 1$  and neglecting recoil in trajectory

$$\Phi_{DM} = \bar{\varepsilon} 4 \delta \Omega \tau_L N |Q_{\mp}(\omega T, Q)|$$

↑ generalization to LMT  
↑ interroga<sup>n</sup>tion-mode function

$$\Phi_{GW} = h 2 k_\ell L N |Q_{\mp}(\omega T, Q)|$$



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# Resonant-mode detection

- retaining roles of arms

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$$\mathcal{Q}_+(\omega T, Q) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(Q\omega T) \tan \frac{\omega T}{2}$$

→ resonant mode for  $\omega T = \pi$

$$|\mathcal{Q}_+(\pi, Q)| = Q$$

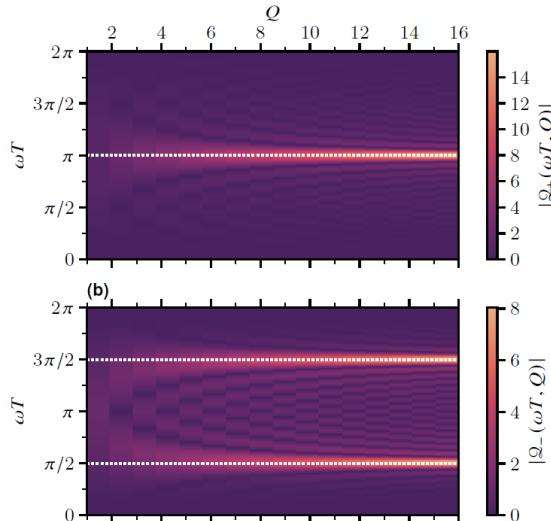
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$$\mathcal{Q}_-(\omega T, Q) = \begin{cases} \sin^2 \frac{\omega T}{2} \cos(Q\omega T) / \cos \omega T & \text{for } Q \text{ odd} \\ \sin^2 \frac{\omega T}{2} \sin(Q\omega T) / \cos \omega T & \text{for } Q \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

→ resonant mode for  $\omega T = \pi/2$

$$|\mathcal{Q}_+(\pi/2, Q)| = Q/2$$



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# Sensitivity to gravitational waves and dark matter

- parameter uncertainty

$$\Delta\bar{\varepsilon} = \frac{\Delta\Phi_{\text{DM}}}{4\delta\Omega\tau_L N|\mathcal{Q}_{\mp}|} \text{ related to } \bar{\varepsilon} = \Delta\bar{\varepsilon}\sqrt{\text{SNR}}$$

$$\Delta h = \frac{\Delta\Phi_{\text{GW}}}{2k_{\ell}LN|\mathcal{Q}_{\mp}|} \text{ related to } h = \Delta\bar{h}\sqrt{\text{SNR}}$$

- assume weak time dependence

$$|Q d\Delta\Phi_S/dT|_{\omega T=\text{res}} \ll 1$$

→ resonant modes  $|\mathcal{Q}_+| = Q$  and  $|\mathcal{Q}_-| = Q/2$

→ with  $T_{\text{tot}} = 2QT$  find

$$\Delta\bar{\varepsilon} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\Delta\Phi_{\text{DM}}}{N\delta\Omega\omega\tau_L T_{\text{tot}}} \quad \Delta h = \pi \frac{\Delta\Phi_{\text{GW}}}{Nk_{\ell}\omega L T_{\text{tot}}}$$

# Optimal baselines

- parabola flight

$$T_{\text{tot}} \cong \sqrt{8h/g} - 2v_r/(gQ)$$

↑ suppressed by diamonds

- shot noise  $\Delta\Phi_S = \sqrt{2/(\nu n_{\text{at}})}$  with  $T_{\text{int}} = \nu T_{\text{tot}}$

↑ repetitions      ↑ integration time

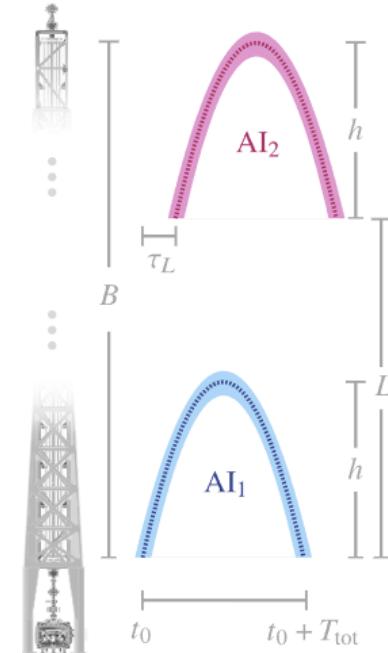
- for  $\tau_L = (B - h)/c$  and for DM  $\delta\Omega = \bar{\varrho}\Omega/\omega$

- uncertainty  $\Delta\bar{\varepsilon} = \frac{\pi c}{\sqrt{2n_{\text{at}}} N \Omega \bar{\varrho} (B-h) \sqrt{T_{\text{tot}} T_{\text{int}}}} \quad \Delta h \sim 1/\omega$

$$(B - h) h^{1/2} \quad \quad \quad (B - h) h^{1/4}$$

optimization

$h = B/3 \quad \quad \quad h = B/5$



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# Outlook & improvements



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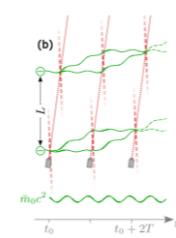
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- Recoil and gravity effects in Hamiltonian
- gravitational waves: direct (relativistic) atomic coupling



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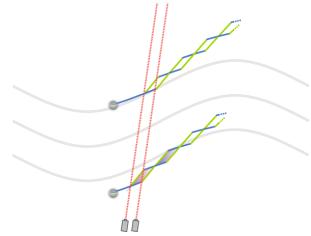
- recoil effects in (interrupted) parabola flight
- loops and LMT pulses connected



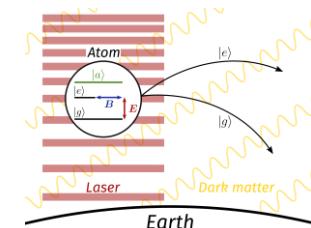
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