Managing Bloch Oscillation Phases for Large-Momentum-Transfer Atom Interferometry





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Bloch Oscillations highly efficient LMT tool

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Rahman et al, arXiv:2308.04134 (2023) To appear in Phys Rev Research

Large Momentum Transfer for precision AI



Measurement Precision scales as $\delta \Phi / \Phi \sim \delta \Phi$ / (space-time area)

LMT photon recoils eg. $\Phi_1 - \Phi_2 \sim mgX^*T \sim g(n)k^*T^2$

~ space-time area

Can increase T with fountain, drop tower, terrestrial VLBAI, rockets, in space

Can increase n with Bragg Pulses Bloch oscillations Other techniques (eg Floquet)

Three-Path Atom Interferometry with Large Momentum Separation Phase Stability, High Visibility for > 100 photon recoils



n = # recoils betw 1 and 3 increased by sequences of 3rd order Bragg pulses

Stability acquired from:

- Interferometer symmetry
- Atom-optics pulse control

Related large LMT works: Hannover, Stanford, Berkeley, Toulouse, others

Ben Plotkin-Swing et al. PRL **121**, 133201 (2018)

High *n* performance limited by efficiency and photon shot noise



Visibility = 100% x (Max-Min)/(Max+Min)

Amp ~ (Eff)^{recoils} Eff ~ 98.4%/recoil

Suppressing Diffraction (lattice-induced) Phases



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Bloch-band picture of Bragg Diffraction



Identify Ω_R as Rabi frequency and Ω_D with an average energy shift during diffraction

Bragg Diffraction and Bloch Oscillations



$$P_{LZ} = \exp\left(-\pi \frac{\Omega_{BG}^2}{4bka}\right)$$
 where $a = \dot{\delta}/2k$

Highly efficient large momentum transfer: ~99.9%/recoil in b = 0

Bloch Oscillation Atom Optics Tool



With Yb BECs:

- Bragg (N_B=3) efficiency: 98.5% per $\hbar k$
- Band 0 BO efficiency: 99.9% per $\hbar k$
- Band 2 BO efficiency: >99.4% per $\hbar k$

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Ground- and Excited-Band BO



Ground-band BO

Band 2 BO

"Magic" Depths in Excited-Band BOs



Phase and phase noise during transport process as intensity (U_0) inevitably fluctuates

Excited-Band Atom Optics in a Mach-Zender AI







Katie McAlpine et al, PRA 101, 023614 (2020)

Large Momentum Transfer with excited-band BOs

Peak eff. 99.4% /recoil



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 $\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + U_0 \cos^2\left(\pi \frac{\hat{y}}{d}\right) - \frac{h}{T_{\rm BO}}\frac{\hat{y}}{d}$







LMT of 100 *ħk*



 $U_0/E_r = 25.5$ LMT of 200 *ħk*

For 1000 $\hbar k$, 100mrad requires intensity stability of < 3 x 10⁻⁵

Also see:

F. Fitzek et al (Hannover), arXiv:2306.09399 (2023)

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Potential applications of ground and excited-band BOs in VLBAI

Magic Trapped AI: Gravimetry and equivalence principle test



BO Phases with multi-path Stuckelberg AI

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