

Stern–Gerlach Experiment

$$v_x = 250 \text{ m/s}; \quad L_1 = 3.5 \text{ cm}; \quad L_2 = 1 \text{ m}; \quad B'_z = 1 \text{ T/cm}$$

- a) Silver Atoms are electrically neutral and therefore don't experience the Lorentz force. Electrons however have spin, which cancels out for paired electrons. If the atom has an unpaired (valence) electron in its outer shell, it creates a magnetic moment and therefore the atom interacts with magnetic fields.

$$\text{b) } \Delta t_1 = \frac{L_1}{v_x}; \quad \Delta t_2 = \frac{L_2}{v_x}; \quad a_z = \frac{F_z}{m_{\text{Ag}}} = \frac{\mu_B B'_z}{m}; \quad v_z = a_z \Delta t_2$$

$$d = v_z \Delta t_2 = \frac{L_1 L_2 \mu_B B'_z}{m_{\text{Ag}} v_x^2} = \underline{\underline{2.88 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}}$$

- c) Since the first magnet has already separated the atoms by spin, the second one should only deflect them even more, without splitting the atoms. We should therefore see a single dot on the detector.

- d) The beam will be separated again in the y-direction

Übersicht: Energieniveaus im Wasserstoffatom

