

# Hundred Young Academic Leaders Program of Nankai University

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# Basic personal information

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Place of birth: Athens, Greece

Date of birth: 27.09.1978

## Education

1996 – 2003	NTUA, Greece	Diploma of Electrical Engineering
2004 – 2010	CREOL, USA	PhD in Optics

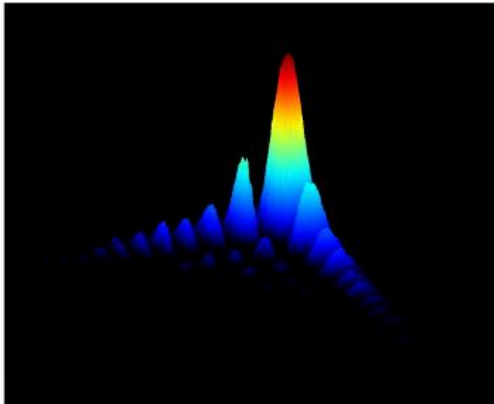
## Research

2010 – 2014	MIT, USA	Postdoc and Research Scientist
2014 – 2018	UvA, Holland	Postdoc and Marie Curie Fellow

# Main research accomplishments

7 papers in the top 1% in the field of Physics (ISI Web of Science)  Highly Cited Paper

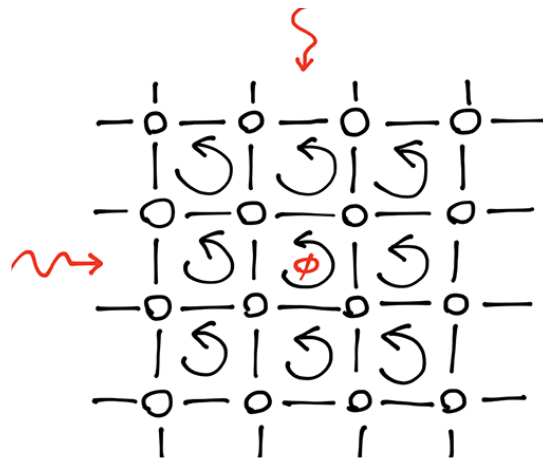
Self-bending Airy beams (>2000 citations)



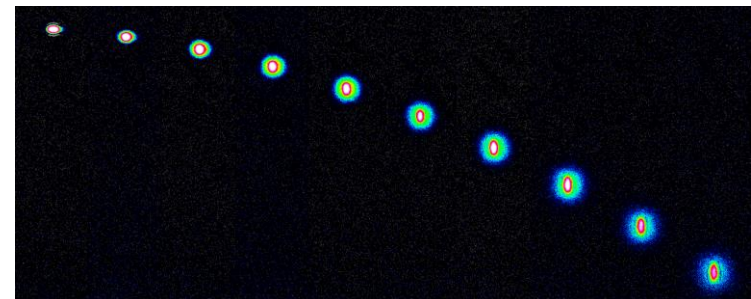
$\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry (1005 citations)




Hofstadter Hamiltonian (citations 449)



Quantum gases of strontium



# Publication summary

- 18 + 1 (in preparation) peer-reviewed articles
- Among them 6 Phys. Rev. Lett. and 1 Science
- 4 publications in Optics and Photonics News (published by OSA)
- 1 invited book chapter
- Total citations > 4250
- 7 papers in the top 1% of physics  Highly Cited Paper
- 224 citations per paper





# Publication list

1. J. Schachenmayer, D. M. Weld, H. Miyake, **G. A. Siviloglou**, W. Ketterle, and A. J. Daley,  
*"Adiabatic cooling of bosons in lattices to magnetically ordered quantum states"*  
**Physical Review A** 92, 041602(R) (2015). (ISI citations 5)
2. H. Miyake, **G. A. Siviloglou**, C. J. Kennedy, W. C. Burton, and W. Ketterle,  
*"Realizing the Harper Hamiltonian with Laser-Assisted Tunneling in Optical Lattices"*  
**Physical Review Letters** 111, 185302 (2013). (ISI citations 431)
3. C. J. Kennedy, **G. A. Siviloglou**, H. Miyake, W. C. Burton, and W. Ketterle,  
*"Spin-Orbit Coupling and Spin Hall Effect for Neutral Atoms without Spin Flips"*  
**Physical Review Letters** 111, 225301 (2013). (ISI citations 75)
4. H. Miyake, **G. A. Siviloglou**, G. Puentes, D. E. Pritchard, W. Ketterle, and D. M. Weld.  
*"Bragg scattering as a probe of atomic wave functions and quantum phase transitions in optical lattices"*  
**Physical Review Letters** 107, 175302 (2011). (ISI citations 37)
5. **G. A. Siviloglou**, J. Broky, A. Dogariu, and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Observation of Accelerating Airy Beams"*  
**Physical Review Letters** 99, 213901 (2007). (ISI citations 845)
6. P. Polynkin, M. Kolesik, J. V. Moloney, **G. A. Siviloglou**, D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Curved Plasma Channel Generation Using Ultraintense Airy Beams"*  
**Science** 324, 229-232 (2009). (ISI citations 396)
7. A. Guo, G. J. Salamo, D. Duchesne, R. Morandotti, M. Volatier-Ravat, V. Aimez, **G. A. Siviloglou**, and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Observation of PT-Symmetry Breaking in Complex Optical Potentials"*  
**Physical Review Letters** 103, 093902 (2009). (ISI citations 948)
8. J. Shu, J. Lee, J. W. Fleischer, **G. A. Siviloglou**, and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Diffusion-trapped Airy beams in photorefractive media"*  
**Physical Review Letters** 104, 253904 (2010). (ISI citations 59)

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9. **G. A. Siviloglou** and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Accelerating finite energy Airy beams"*  
**Optics Letters** 32, 979-981 (2007). (ISI citations 692)
10. **G. A. Siviloglou**, J. Broky, A. Dogariu, and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Ballistic dynamics of Airy beams"*  
**Optics Letters** 33, 207-209 (2008). (ISI citations 213)
11. **G. A. Siviloglou**, K. G. Makris, R. Iwanow, R. Schiek, D. N. Christodoulides, G. I. Stegeman, Y. Min, and W. Sohler,  
*"Observation of discrete quadratic surface solitons"*  
**Optics Express** 14, 5508-5516 (2006). (ISI citations 67)
12. **G. A. Siviloglou**, S. Suntsov, R. El-Ganainy, R. Iwanow, G. I. Stegeman, D. N. Christodoulides, R. Morandotti, D. Modotto, A. Locatelli, C. De Angelis, F. Pozzi, C. R. Stanley, and M. Sorel,  
*"Enhanced third-order nonlinear effects in optical AlGaAs nanowires"*  
**Optics Express** 14, 9377-9384 (2006). (ISI citations 42)
13. J. Broky, **G. A. Siviloglou**, A. Dogariu, and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Self-healing properties of optical Airy beams"*  
**Optics Express** 16, 12880-12891 (2008). (ISI citations 378)
14. S. Suntsov, K. G. Makris, **G. A. Siviloglou**, R. Iwanow, R. Schiek, D. N. Christodoulides, G. I. Stegeman, R. Morandotti, H. Yang, G. Salamo, M. Volatier, V. Aimez, R. Ares, M. Sorel, Y. Min, W. Sohler, X. S. Wang, A. Bezryadina, Z. G. Chen,  
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**Journal of Nonlin. Opt. Phys. & Mat.** 16, 401-426 (2007). (Invited Paper) (ISI citations 33)
15. N. K. Efremidis, **G. A. Siviloglou**, and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Exact X-wave solutions of the hyperbolic nonlinear Schrödinger equation with a supporting potential"*  
**Physics Letters A** 373, 4073 (2009). (ISI citations 5)
16. T. J. Eichelkraut, **G. A. Siviloglou**, I. M. Besieris, and D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Oblique Airy wave packets in bidispersive optical media"*  
**Optics Letters** 35, 3655 (2010). (ISI citations 18)

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17. N. Barbieri, M. Weidman, G. Katona, M. Baudelet, Z. Roth, E. Johnson, **G. A. Siviloglou**, D. N. Christodoulides, and M. Richardson,  
*"Double helical laser beams based on interfering first-order Bessel beams"*  
**J. Opt. Soc. Am. A** 28, 1462 (2011). (ISI citations 11)
18. M. S. Mills, **G. A. Siviloglou**, N. Efremidis, T. Graf, E. M. Wright, J. V. Moloney, D. N. Christodoulides,  
*"Localized Waves with Spherical Harmonic Symmetries"*  
**Physical Review A** 86.6 (2012). (ISI citations 4)

# Other publications

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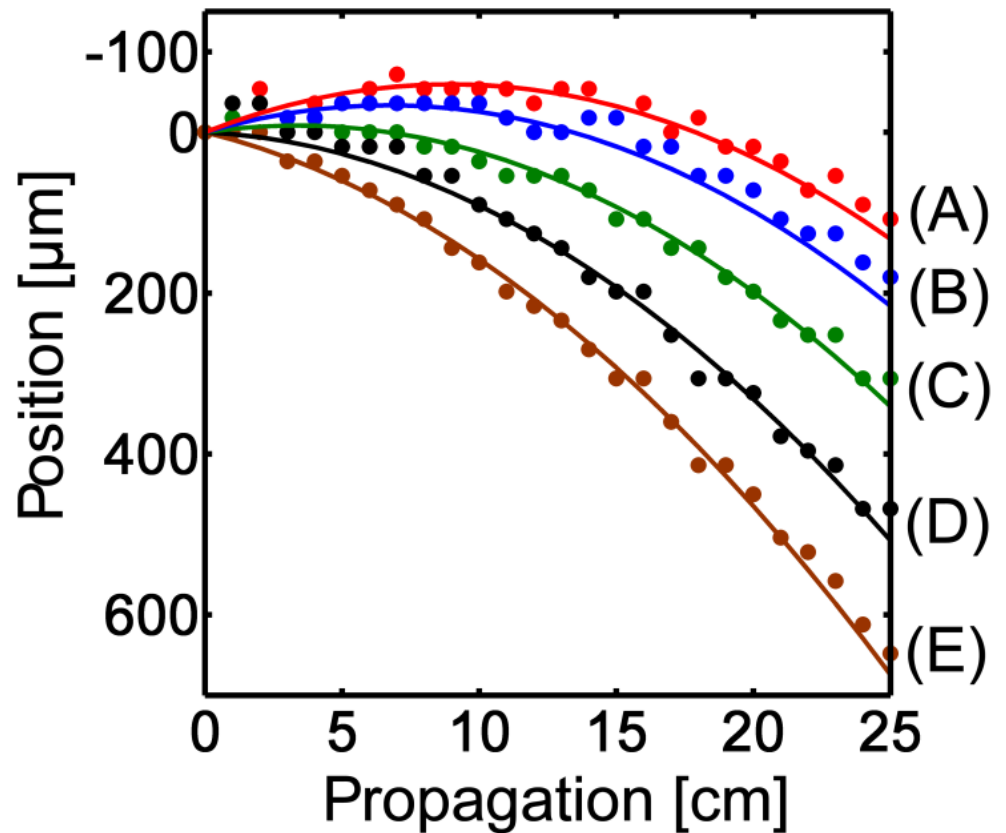
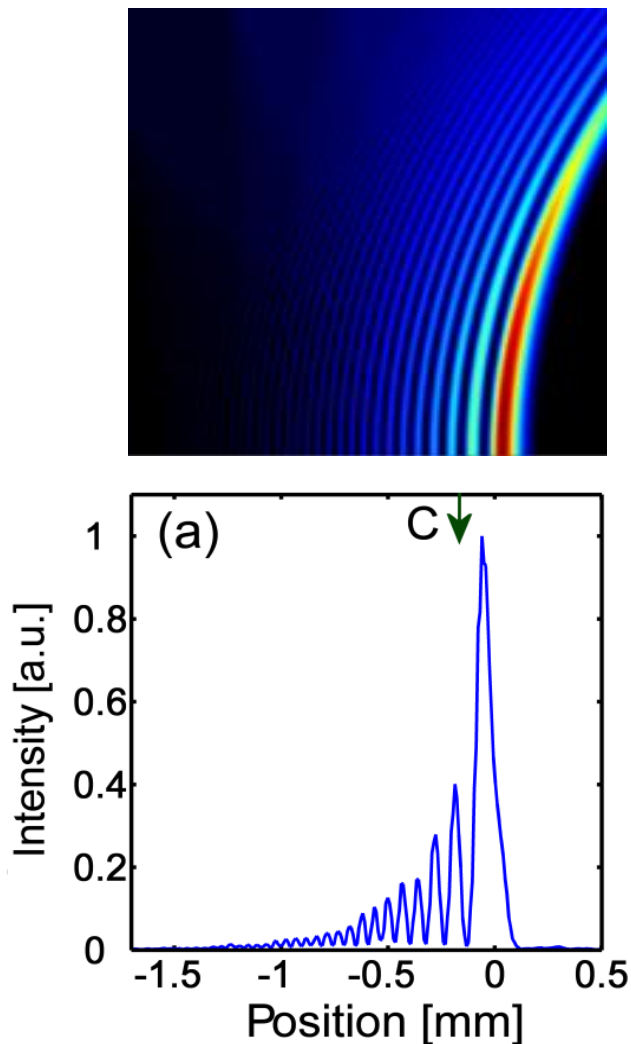
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*“Extreme Nonlinear Optics with Ultra-Intense Self-Bending Airy Beams”*  
Optics and Photonics News, September 2010 (Invited publication)
2. P. Polynkin, M. Kolesik, J. Moloney, **G. A. Siviloglou**, and D. Christodoulides,  
*“Curved Plasma Channel Generation in Air Using Ultra-Intense Self-Bending Airy Beams”*  
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*“Airy Beams: A New Class of Optical Waves”*  
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*“Enhanced Third-Order Nonlinear Effects in Ultra-Compact AlGaAs Nanowires”*  
Optics and Photonics News, Optics in 2006, December 2006

## Book chapter

Y. Hu, **G. A. Siviloglou**, P. Zhang, N. K. Efremidis, D. N. Christodoulides, and Z. Chen.  
*Self-accelerating Airy beams: generation, control, and applications.*  
*In Nonlinear Photonics and Novel Optical Phenomena*, pp. 1-46. Springer New York, 2012.



# Optical Airy beams



G. A. Siviloglou and D. N. Christodoulides, **Opt. Lett.** 32, 979 (2007). (cited 878)

G. A. Siviloglou, J. Broky, A. Dogariu, and D. N. Christodoulides, **Phys. Rev. Lett.** 99, 213901 (2007) (cited 718)

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# Optical Airy beams



News & Views

## Optics: Against the spread of the light

Kishan Dholakia



## Focus: Light Beam with a Curve

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## High-Intensity Lasers Throw Scientists a Curve

Researchers defy the laws of physics by making a laser beam bend



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## Laser Beams Take a Curve

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G. A. Siviloglou, J. Broky, A. Dogariu, and D. N. Christodoulides, **Phys. Rev. Lett.** 99, 213901 (2007)

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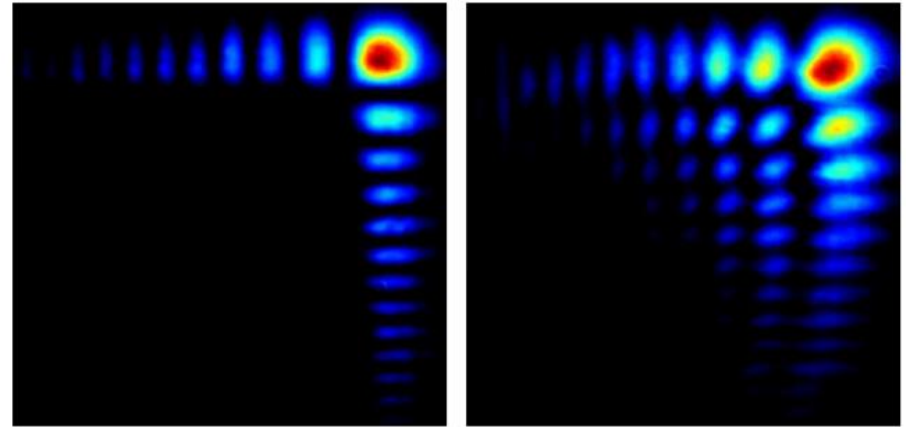
# Why non-diffracting, self-bending Airy beams are important?

## Commercial Airy microscopy



*500x faster than confocal microscopy*

## Self-healing

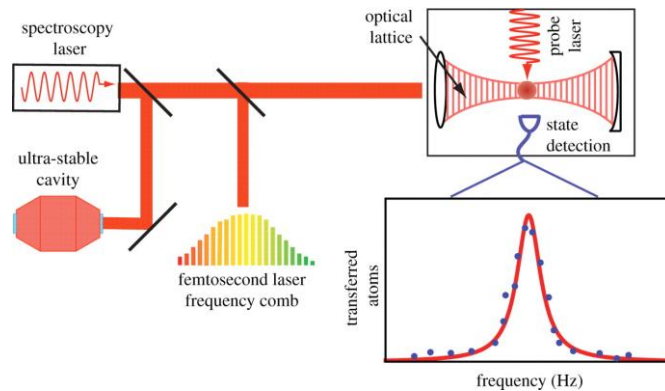


*Robust even in biological tissue*

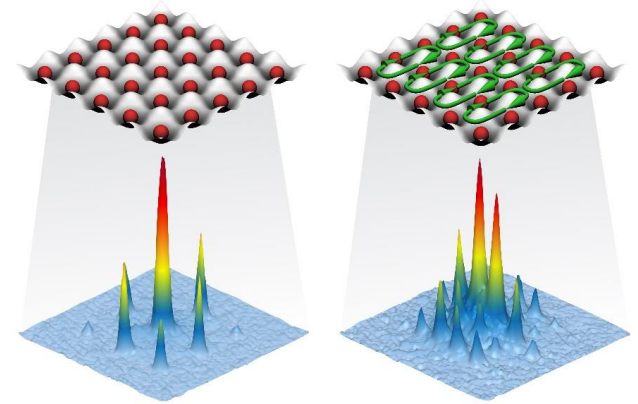
# **From optics to ultracold quantum gases**

# Applications and quantum simulation with ultracold atoms

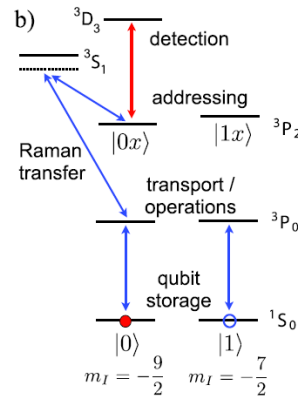
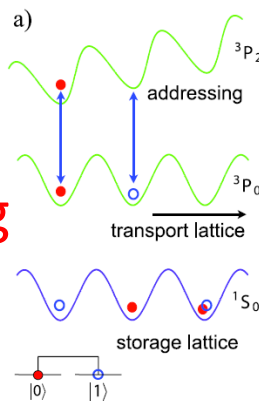
Lattice  
clocks



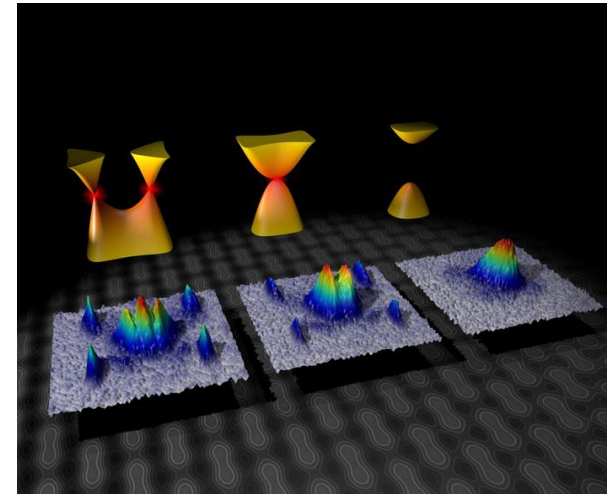
Strong  
magnetic  
fields



Quantum  
computing



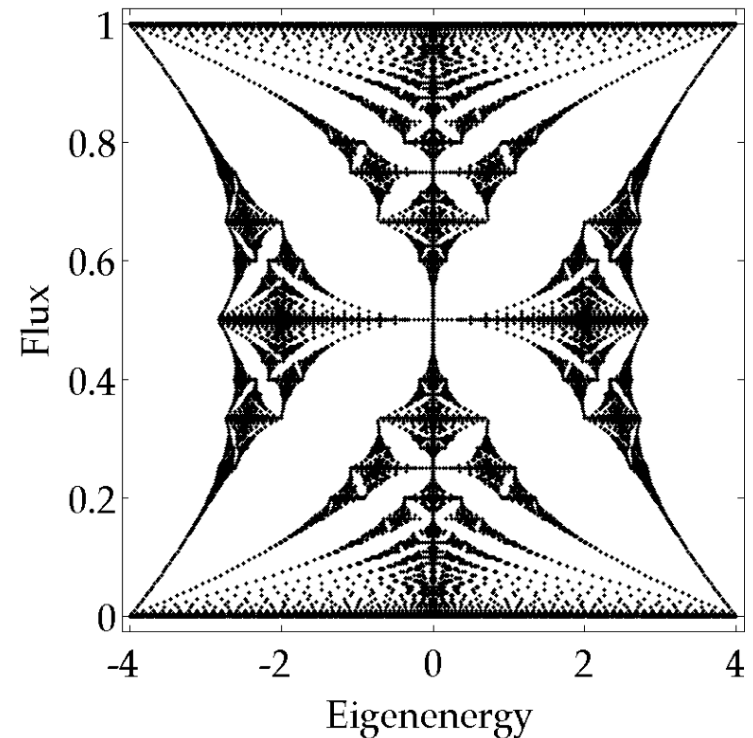
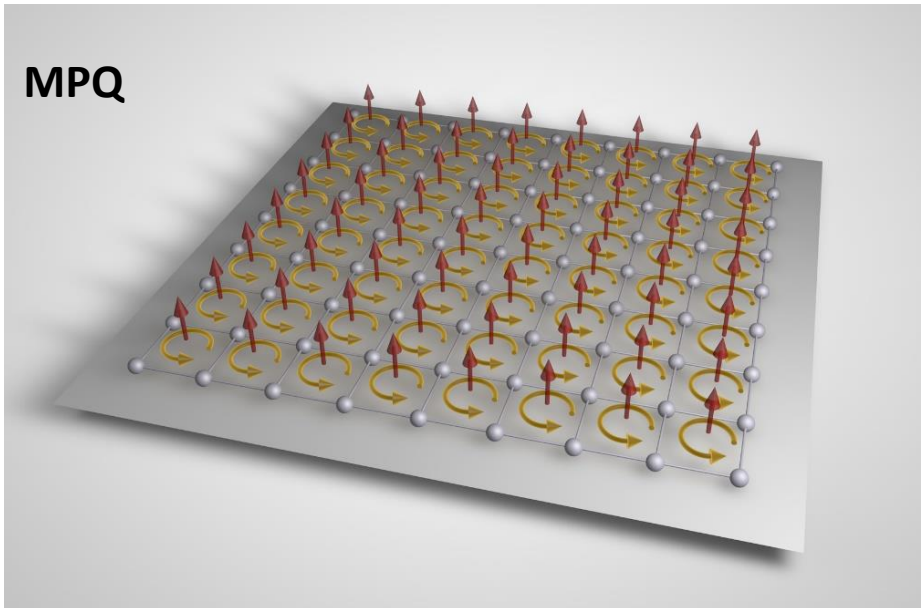
Graphene  
physics



# The Hofstadter-Harper Hamiltonian

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Created for the first time the Hofstadter Hamiltonian in an atomic system

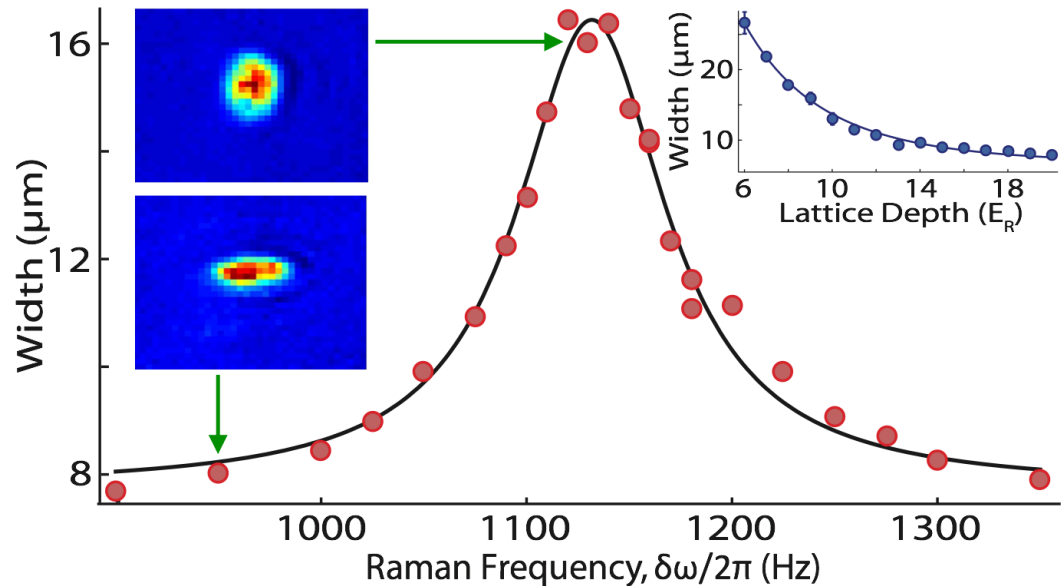
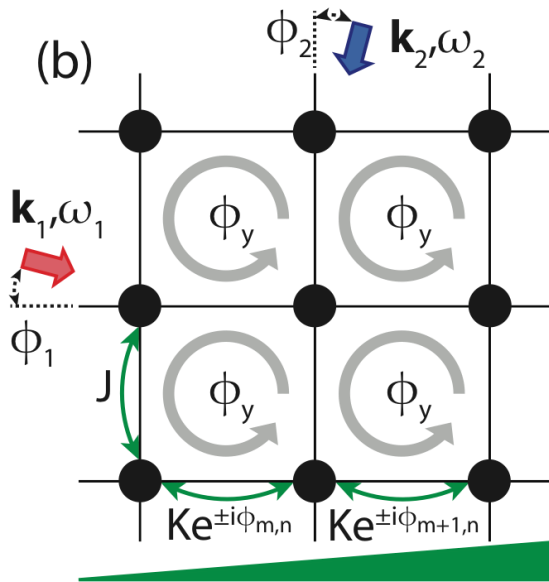




# Strong synthetic fields for neutral atoms

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$$\alpha = \phi_y / 2\pi$$



When  $\omega_2 - \omega_1 = \Delta$  resonant tunneling is established

# Artificial magnetic fields in an optical lattice



## Viewpoint: Looking for Hofstadter's Butterfly in Cold Atoms

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**Erich J. Mueller**, Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, USA

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ULTRACOLD MATTER | RESEARCH UPDATE

## Ultracold atoms set the stage for Hofstadter's butterfly

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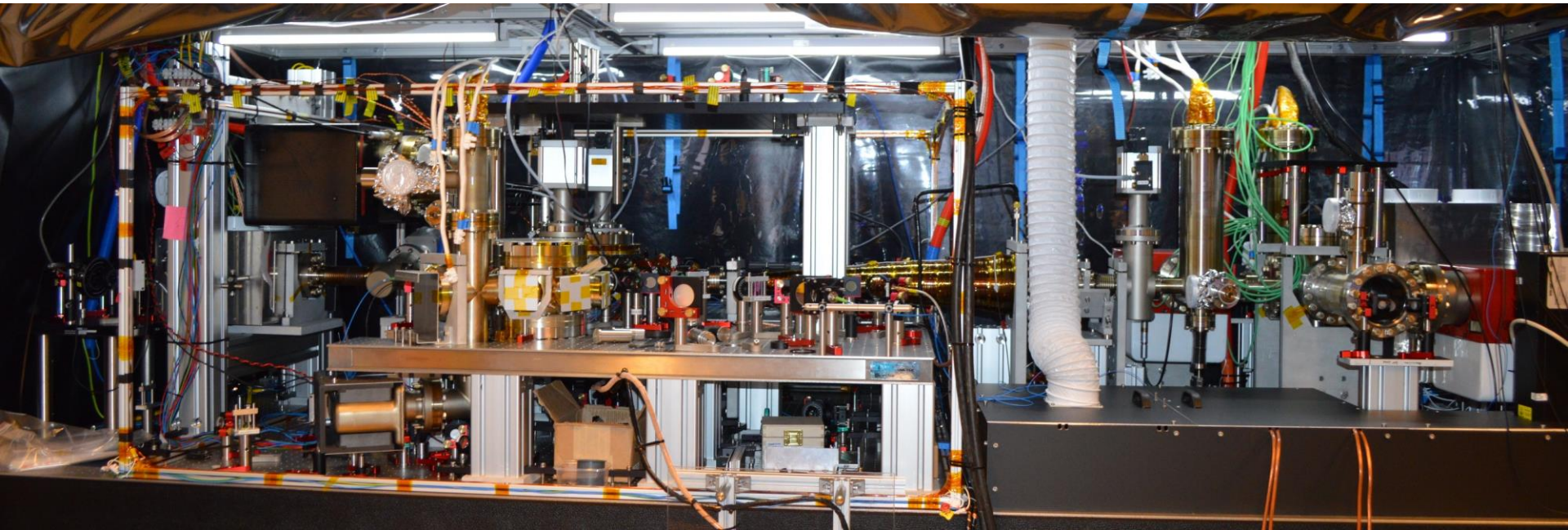
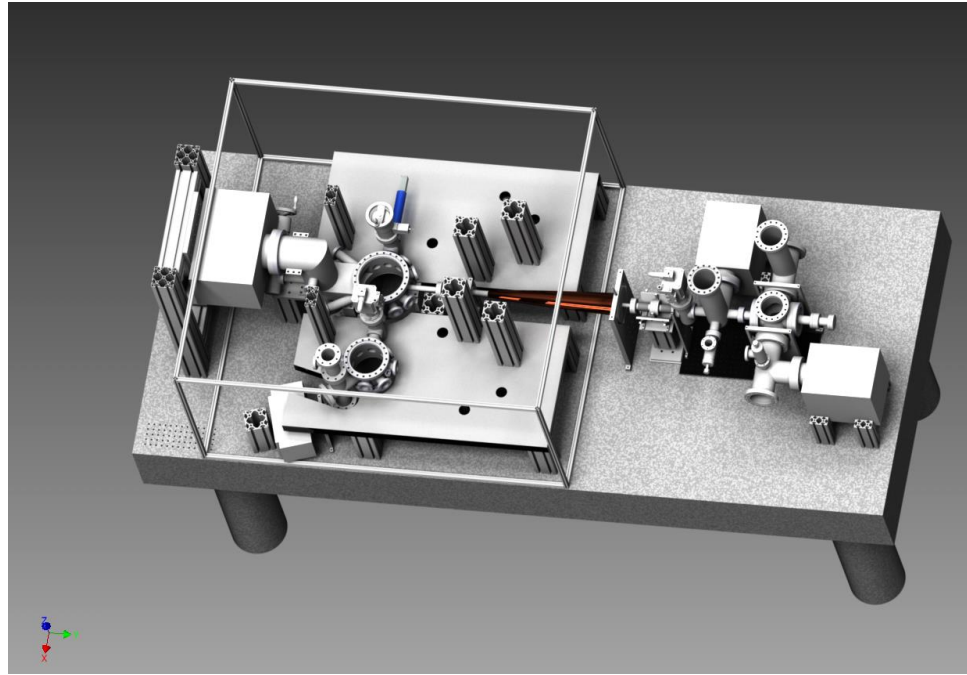
## Physicists net fractal butterfly

Decades-old search closes in on recursive pattern that describes electron behaviour.

# I designed and built a strontium quantum gas experiment



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# Free fall expansion of a $^{84}\text{Sr}$ BEC

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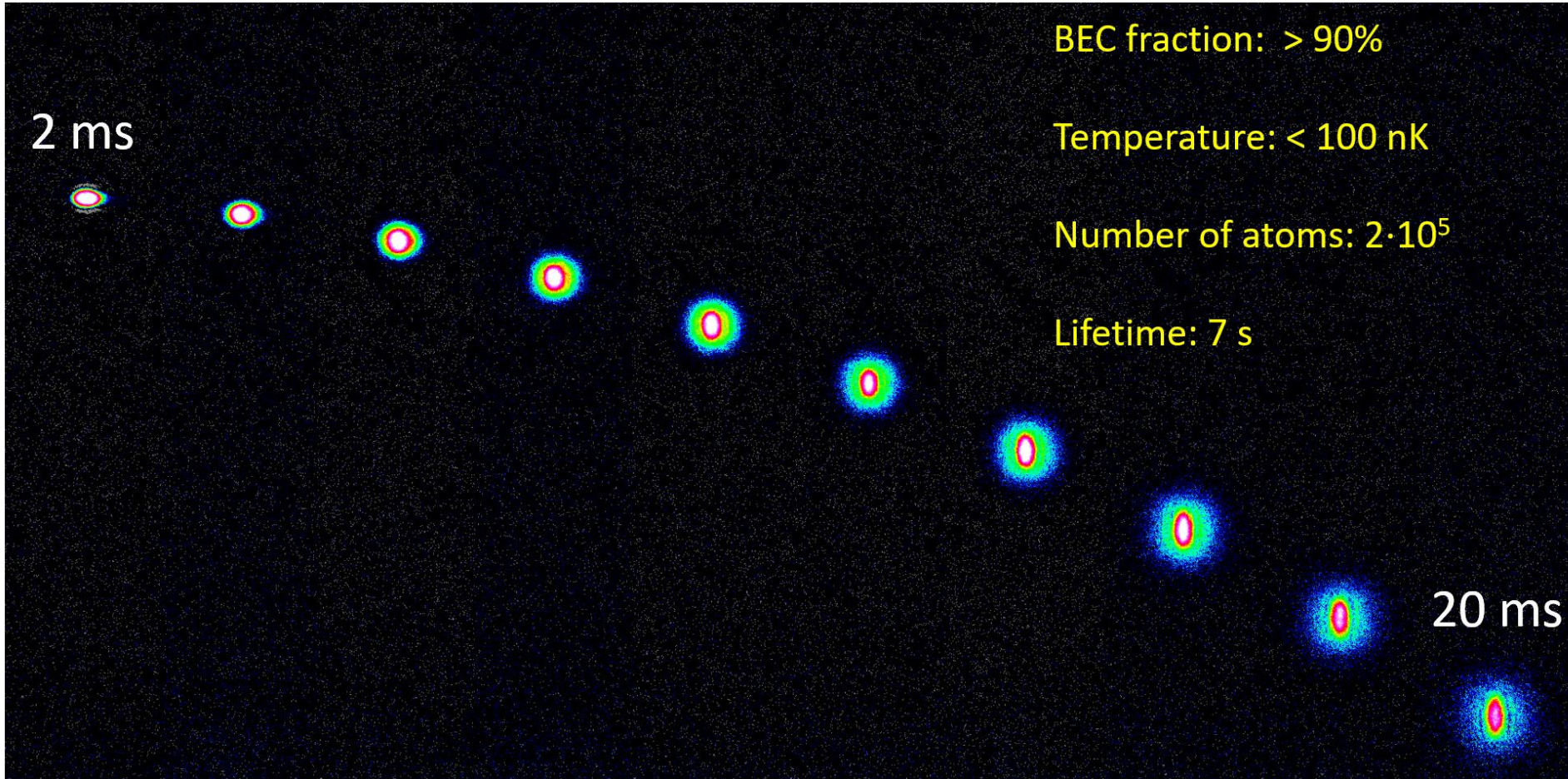
BEC fraction:  $> 90\%$

Temperature:  $< 100$  nK

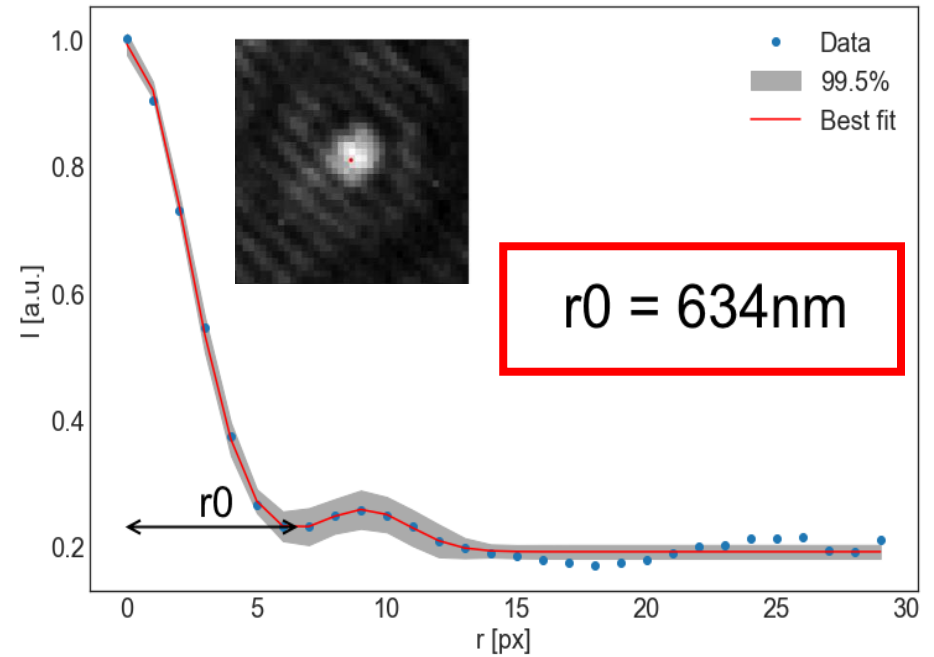
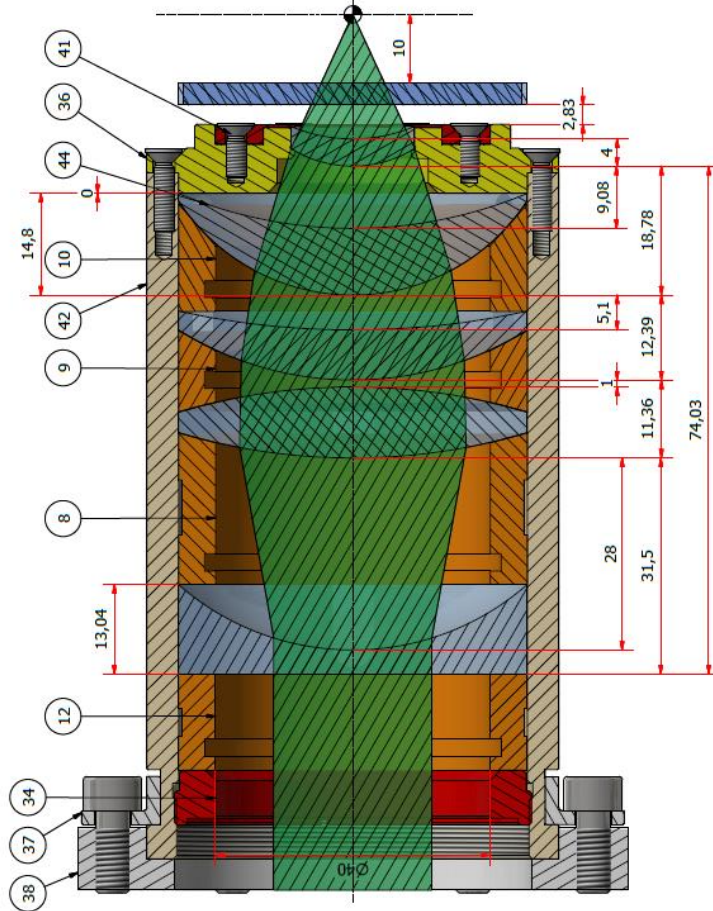
Number of atoms:  $2 \cdot 10^5$

Lifetime: 7 s

20 ms

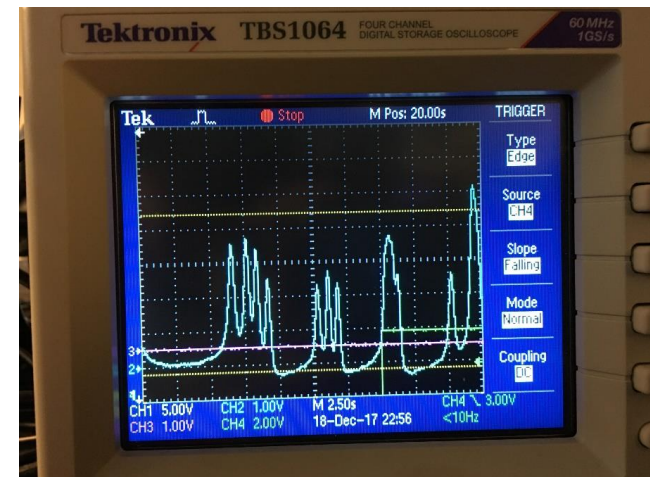
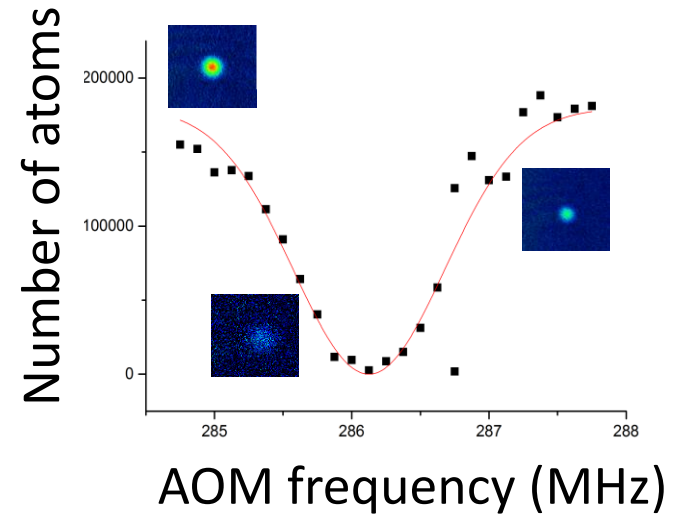
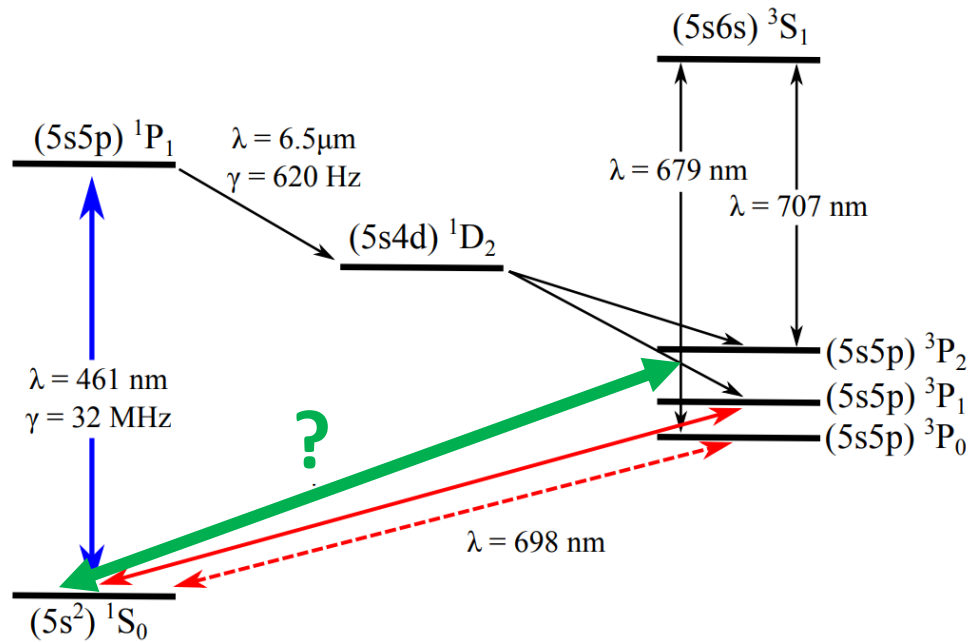


# Microscope objective to resolve individual atoms in a lattice





# Spectroscopy for the ultranarrow transition $^1S_0 \rightarrow ^3P_2$ of $^{87}\text{Sr}$



Iodine spectroscopy

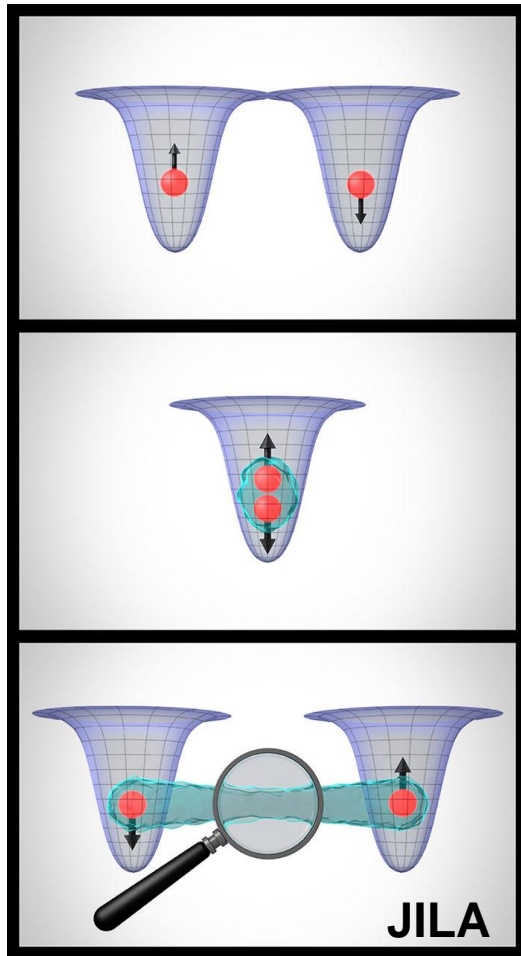
Observation of the ultranarrow doubly-forbidden transition in a Fermi gas of strontium (**in preparation**)



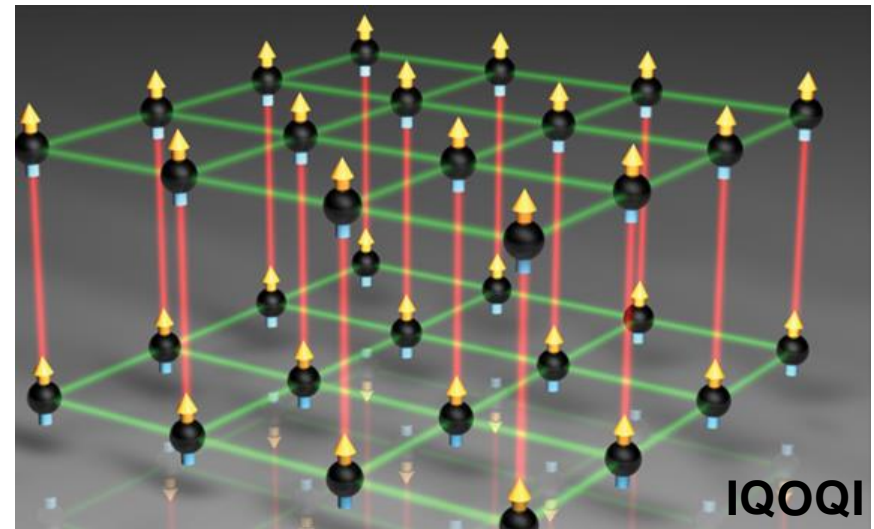
What I want to achieve next

# My plan for a quantum physics and quantum engineering lab

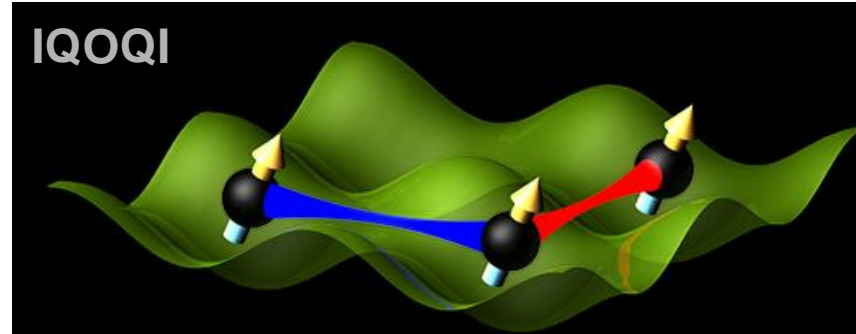
## A few-atom quantum assembler



## A quantum gas experiment



# Why erbium?



- Only **3 experiments in the world** have BEC of erbium (Innsbruck, Bonn, Paris)
- It has several stable **fermionic** and **bosonic** isotopes with **high abundancy** (>25%)
- It is **highly magnetic**  $\mu = 7\mu_B$  and thus **strongly dipolar**
- A transition at 401 nm can lead to **submicrometer** resolution

# How can I achieve that at Nankai University

- Form a team with strong physics and engineering skills (4-5 team members)
- Collaborate with the Nankai teams and former international colleagues
- Standard optics lab space (100-200 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Apply actively for (university, national, local) start-up funding (5-10 million RMB)

**Thank you!**