

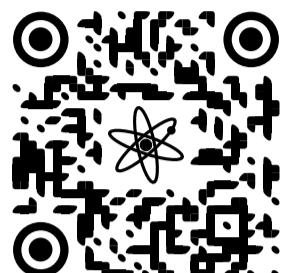
Towards fibre-integrated optical switching



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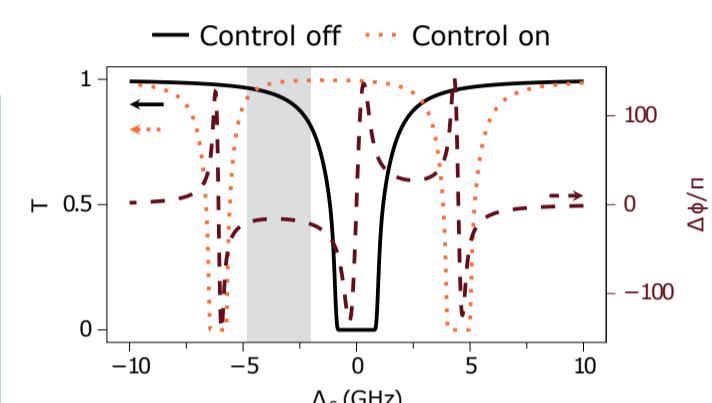
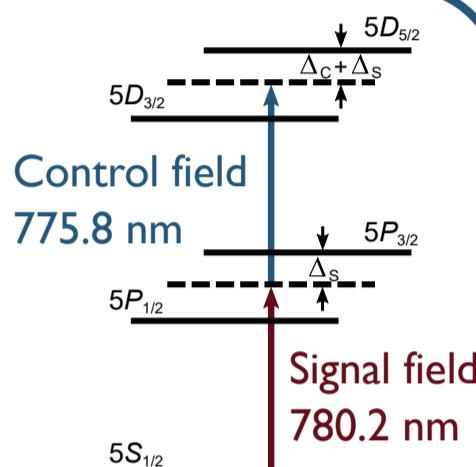
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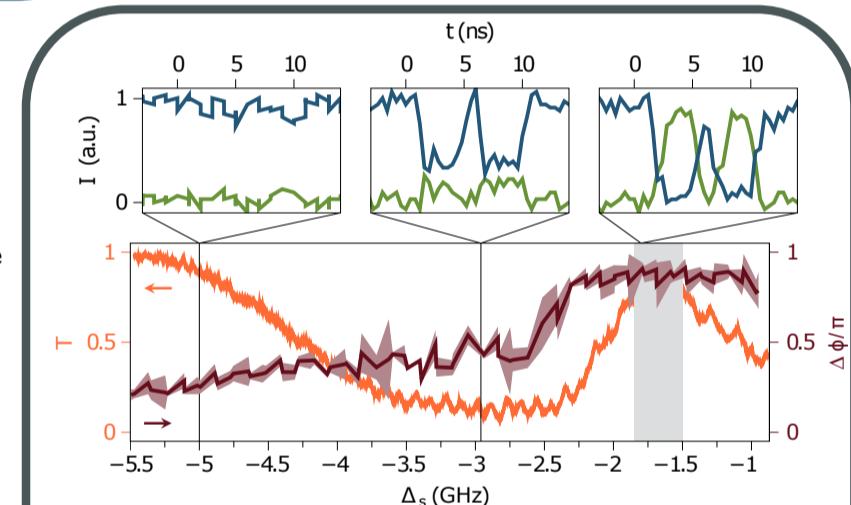
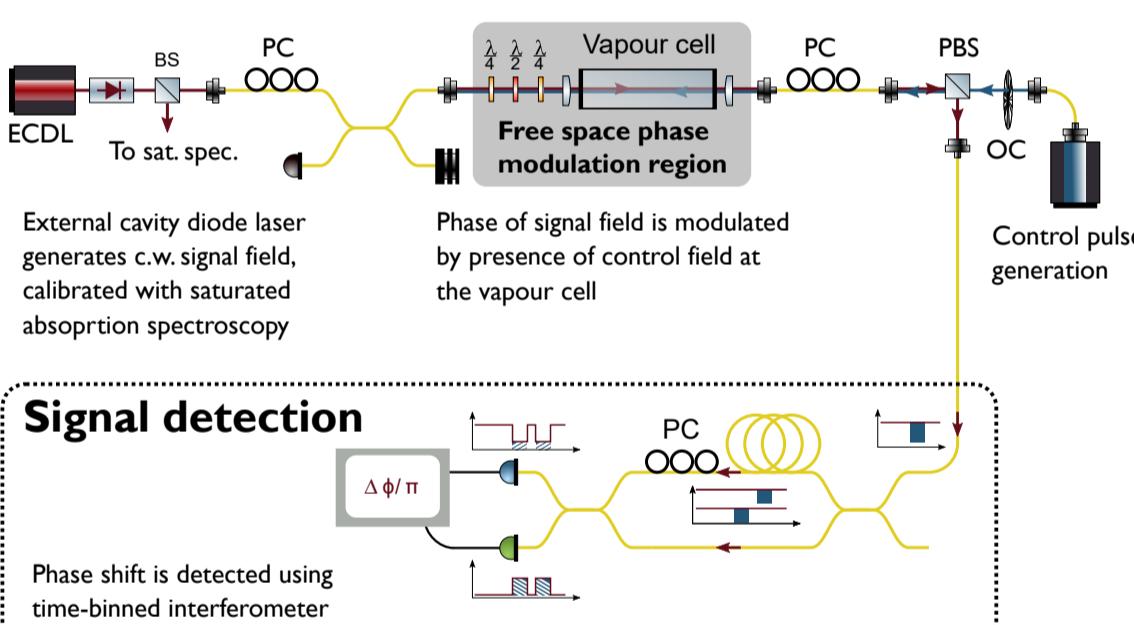
We demonstrate fast, low-loss and all optical phase shifting mediated by a two-photon transition in warm atomic vapour. We present a route towards integration with optical fibre systems.

I. Phase modulation

- * A weak **signal** field counter-propagates with a strong **control** pulse through a rubidium vapour cell.
- * The presence of the control pulse induces a change in susceptibility, resulting in a change to the phase of the signal [1].

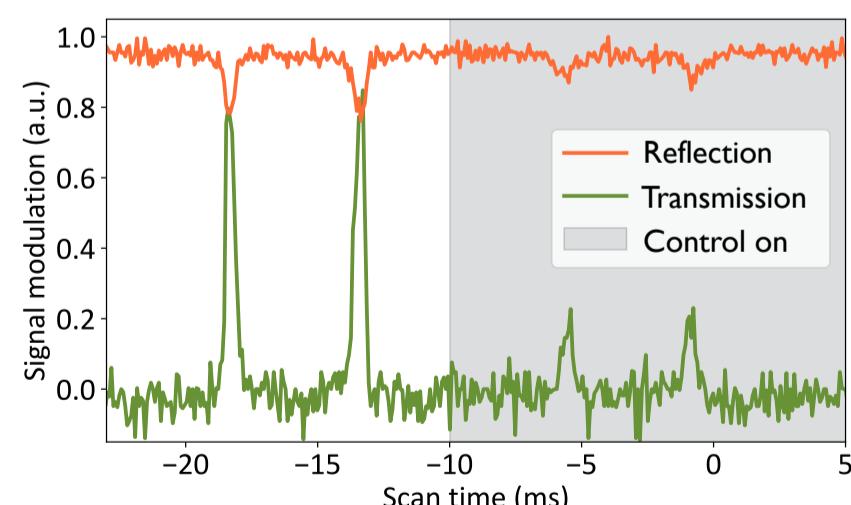
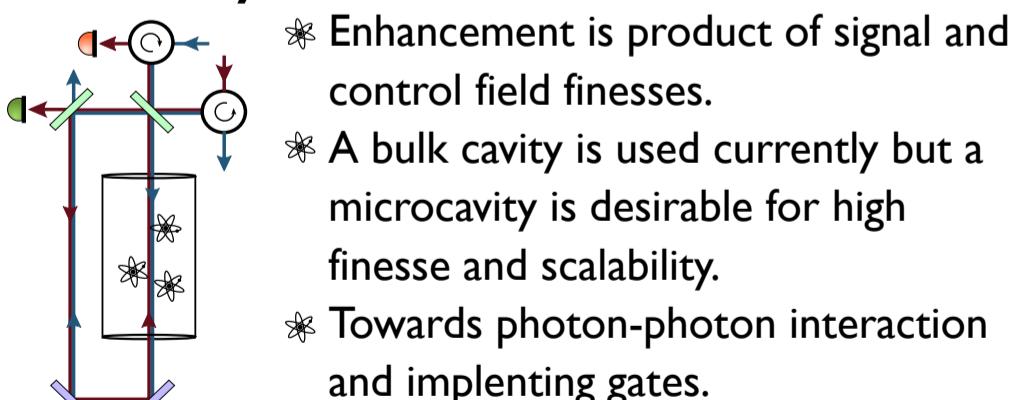


We model phase shift by solving the Maxwell-Bloch equations of motion [2].



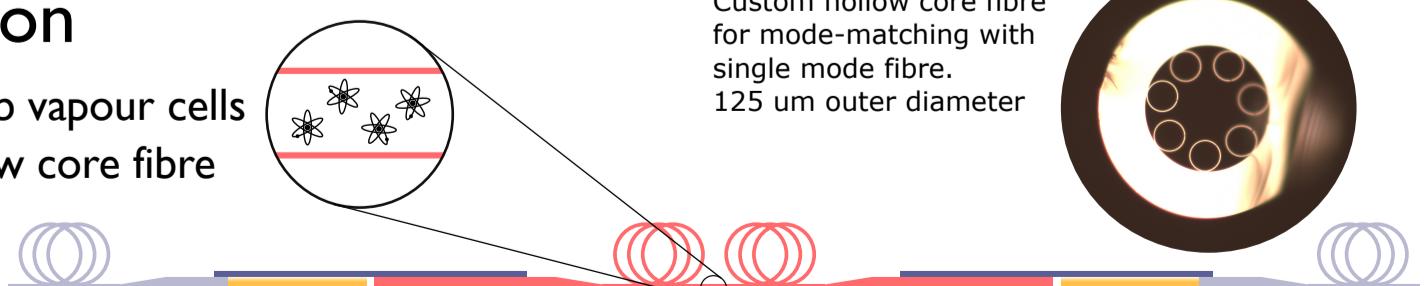
High phase shift with low loss:
 $\Delta\phi/\pi = 0.90 \pm 0.05$; $T = 74 \pm 2\%$

2. Cavity enhancement



3. Fibre integration

To realise fibre-integrated Rb vapour cells we are connectorising hollow core fibre to single mode fibre [3] and filling the core.



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