

# New Searches for Subgravitational Forces

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# New Era in Fundamental Physics

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LHC

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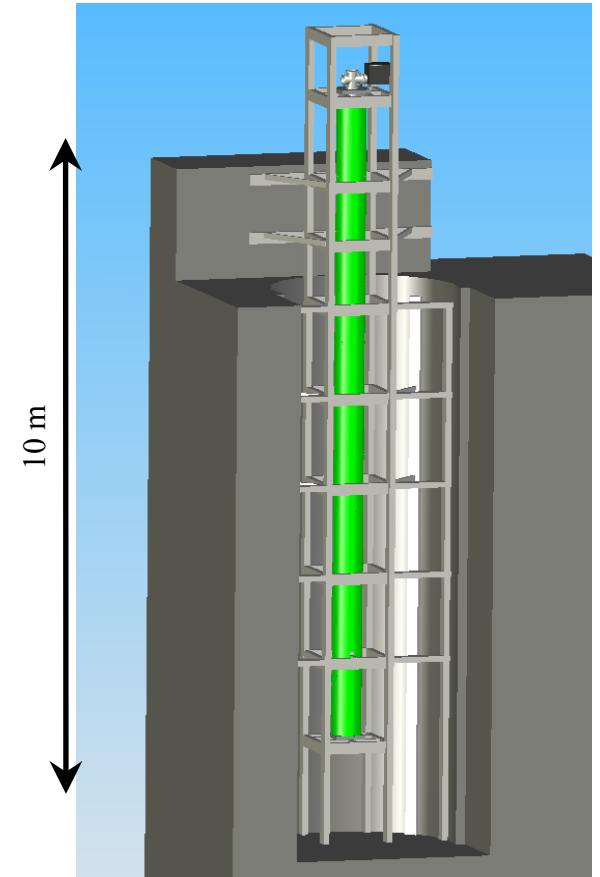
## Precision Frontier

### Atom Interferometry

Strong CP Solution, Nature of CC/DM  
(Axions, Naturalness, New Forces, Violations of GR)

Rapidly advancing - Gaining 10 in sensitivity per year

# Atomic Interferometer



10 m atom drop tower.

currently under  
construction  
at Stanford

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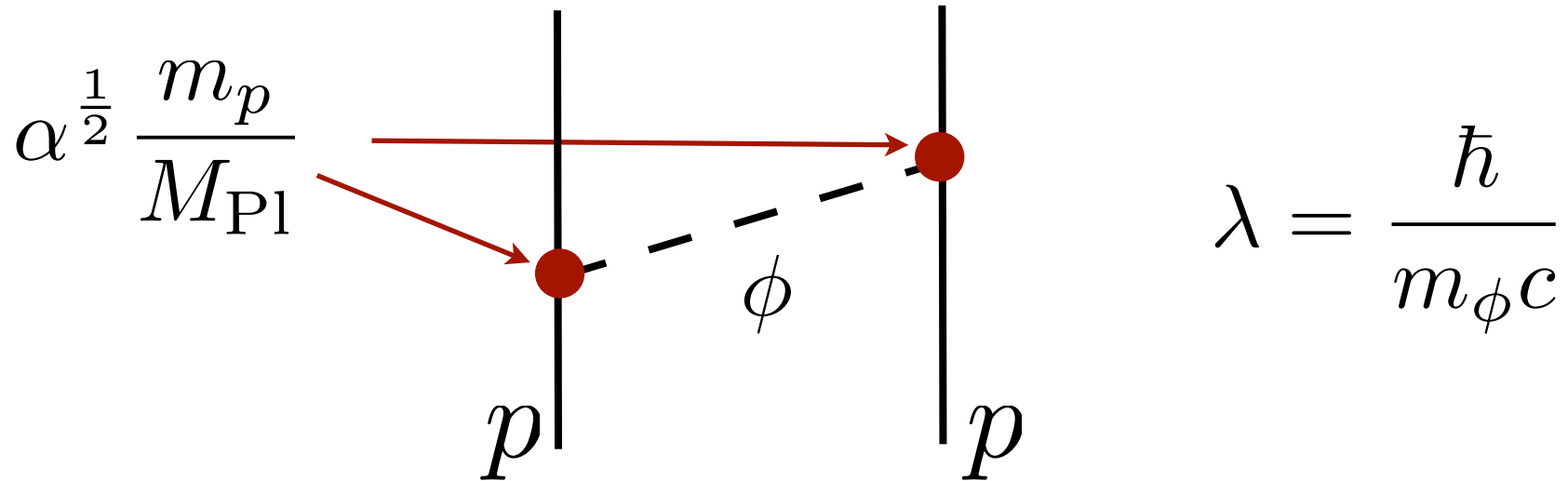
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# One Precision Frontier: Short Distance Gravity

Many suggestions for fifth forces



Parameterization of new force

$$\delta V(r) = \alpha \frac{G_N M m}{r} \exp(-r/\lambda) \quad G_N \simeq \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

$\alpha$  Strength relative to gravity

$\lambda$  Range (i.e. Compton wavelength)

# Moduli Mediated Forces

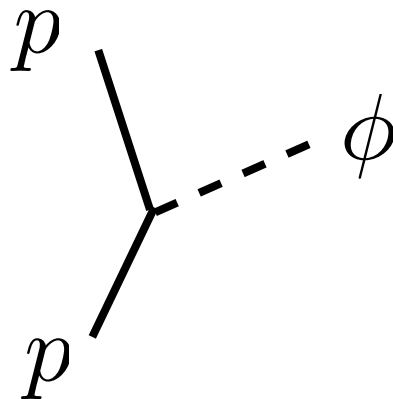
In Supersymmetry some particles only get mass from supersymmetry breaking

$$m_\phi \sim \frac{m_{\text{susy}}^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}}$$

$$\text{If } m_{\text{susy}} \sim 1 \text{ TeV} \implies \lambda = \frac{\hbar}{m_\phi c} \sim 1 \text{ mm}$$

Generically have gravitational size couplings to matter

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \alpha^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{m_p}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \phi \bar{p} p$$



# Large Extra Dimensions

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EM+ QCD

Strength

Gravity

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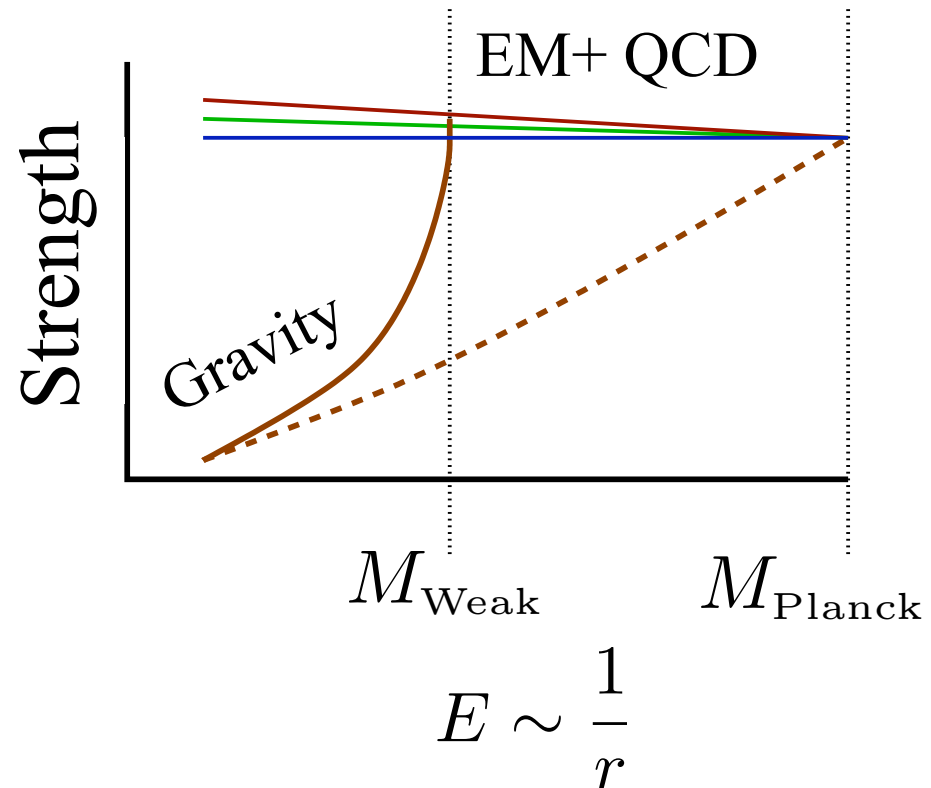
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$$E \sim \frac{1}{r}$$



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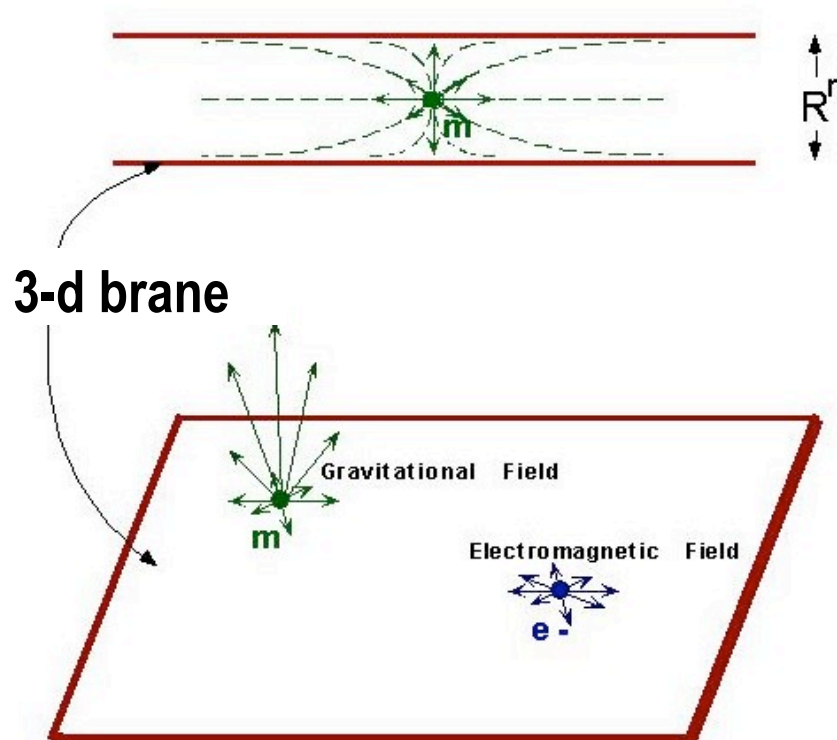
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# Basic Idea

All forces start out equal at weak scale

EM & QCD live in 4 dimensions,  
gravity lives in more and dilutes

High scale physics is just a mirage



Gravity is different at  
a new scale: mm to fm

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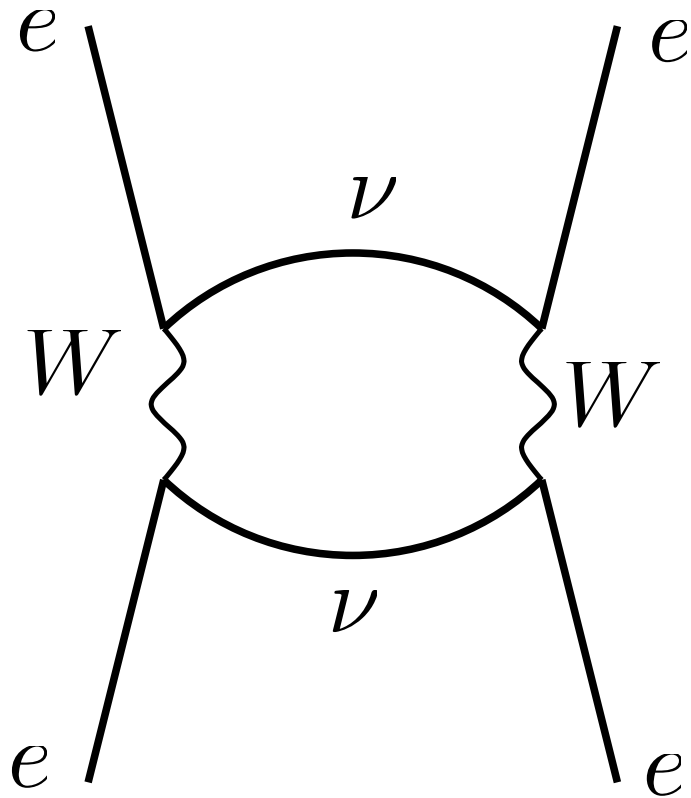
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*No known theory does this*

Motivates looking at short distance gravity

# Neutrinos in the Standard Model

mediate a very tiny, unscreenable force



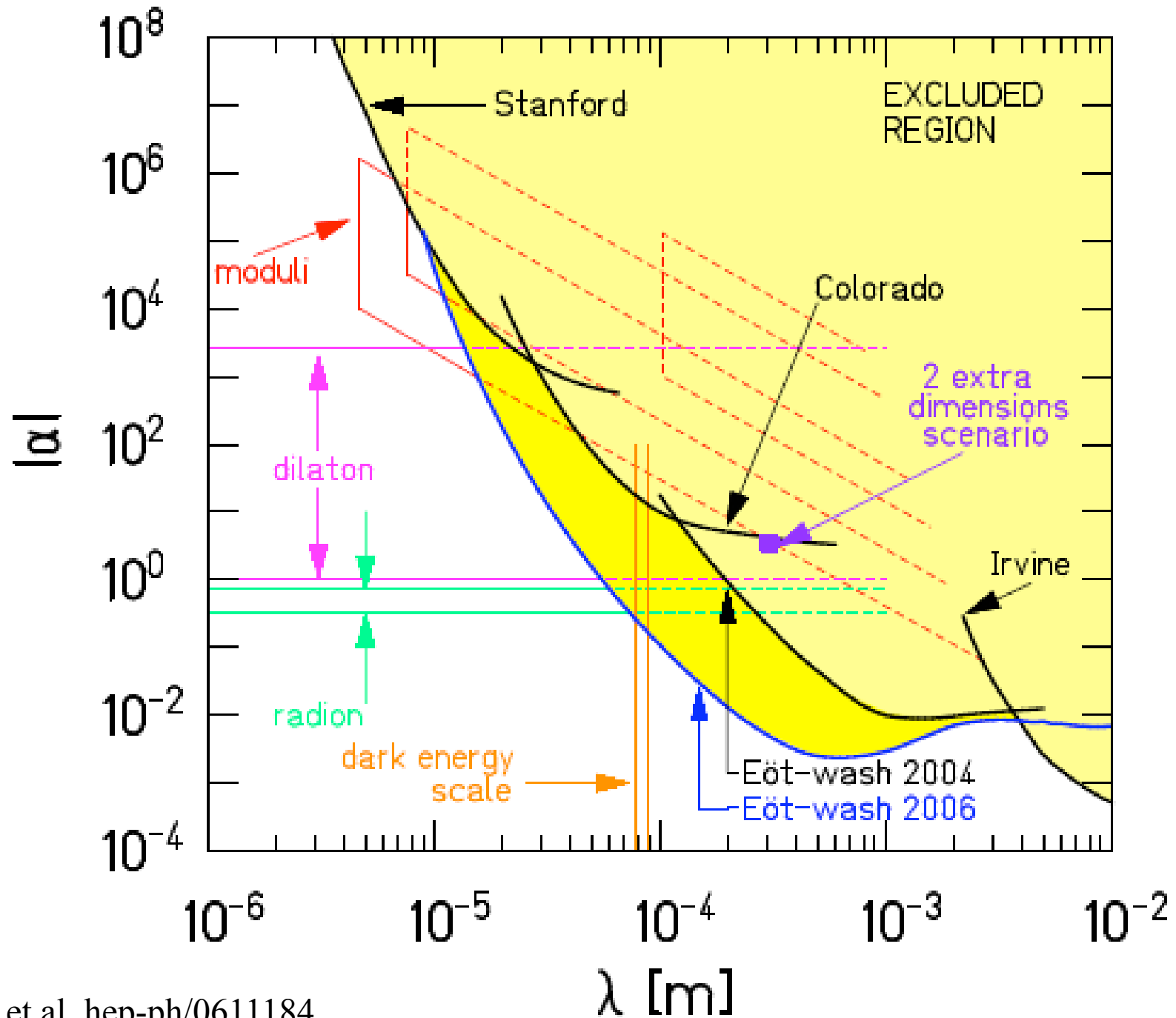
$$V_\nu \simeq \frac{G_F^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{e^{-m_\nu c r / \hbar}}{r^5}$$

$$\frac{\hbar}{m_\nu c} \sim 1 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sim 10^{-15} V_N(r \sim 100 \mu\text{m})$$

Still futuristic, but something to aim for!

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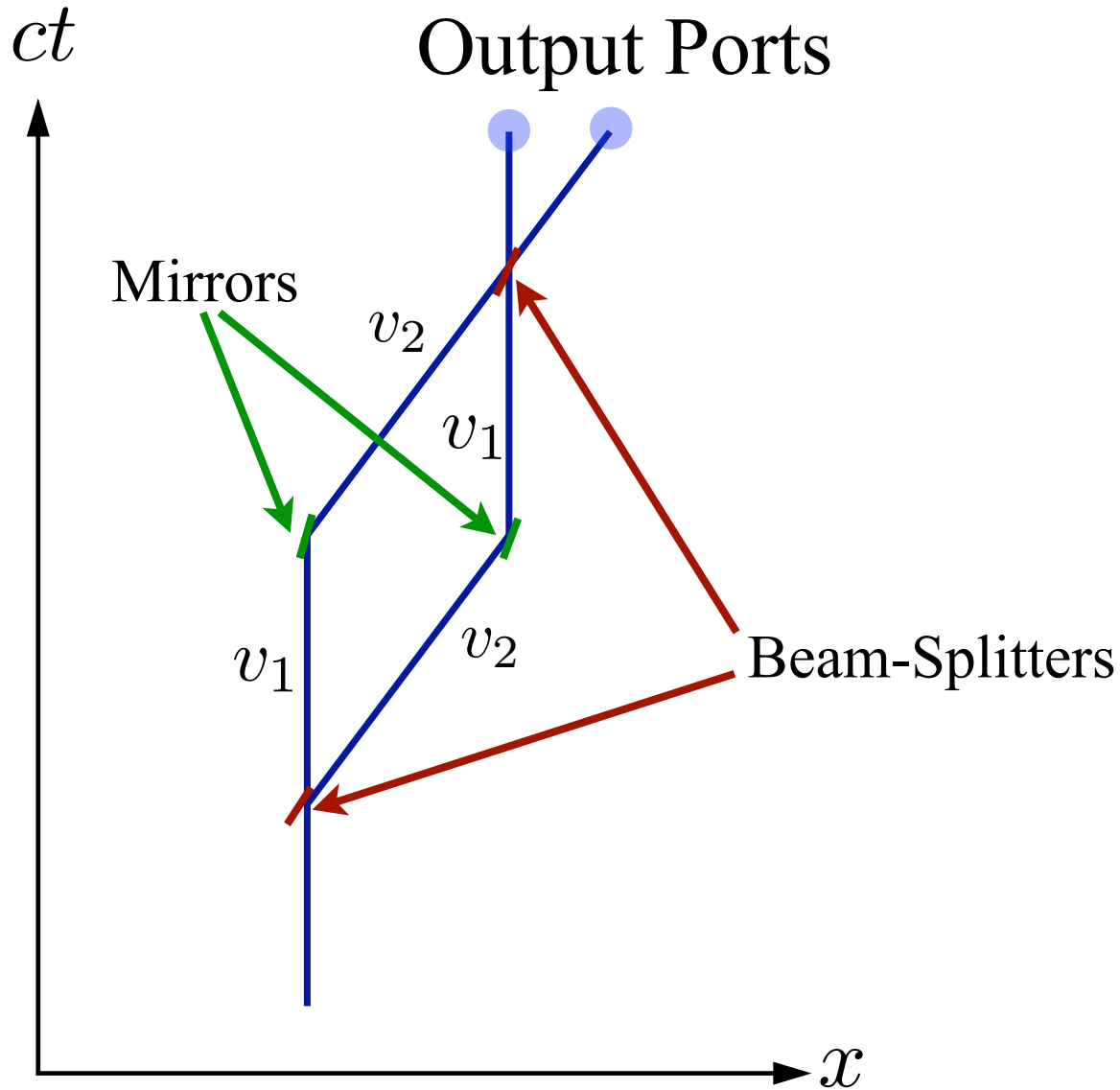
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# Space-time Interferometry

## Mach-Zehnder Interferometer



10m Stanford Interferometer

Kasevich & Hogan

$$\Delta x \sim 1 \text{ m}$$

$$c\tau = 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$A_{\text{AI}} \sim 10^8 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_{\text{Ligo}} \sim 10^7 \text{ m}^2$$

Time is a big lever-arm in area

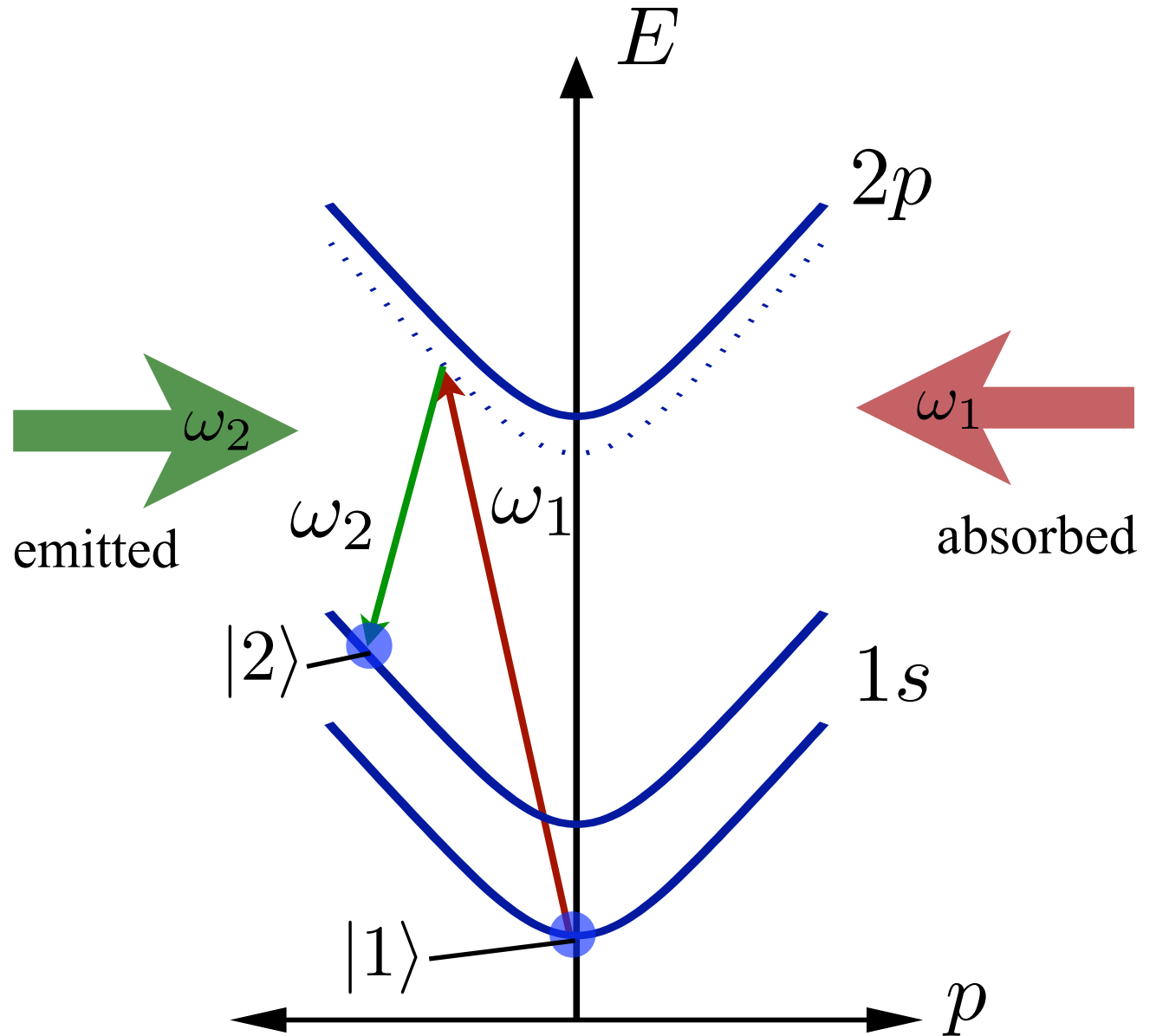
# Raman Transitions

Two photon transition

Fine Split  
1 eV

Hyperfine Split  
 $10^{-5}$  eV

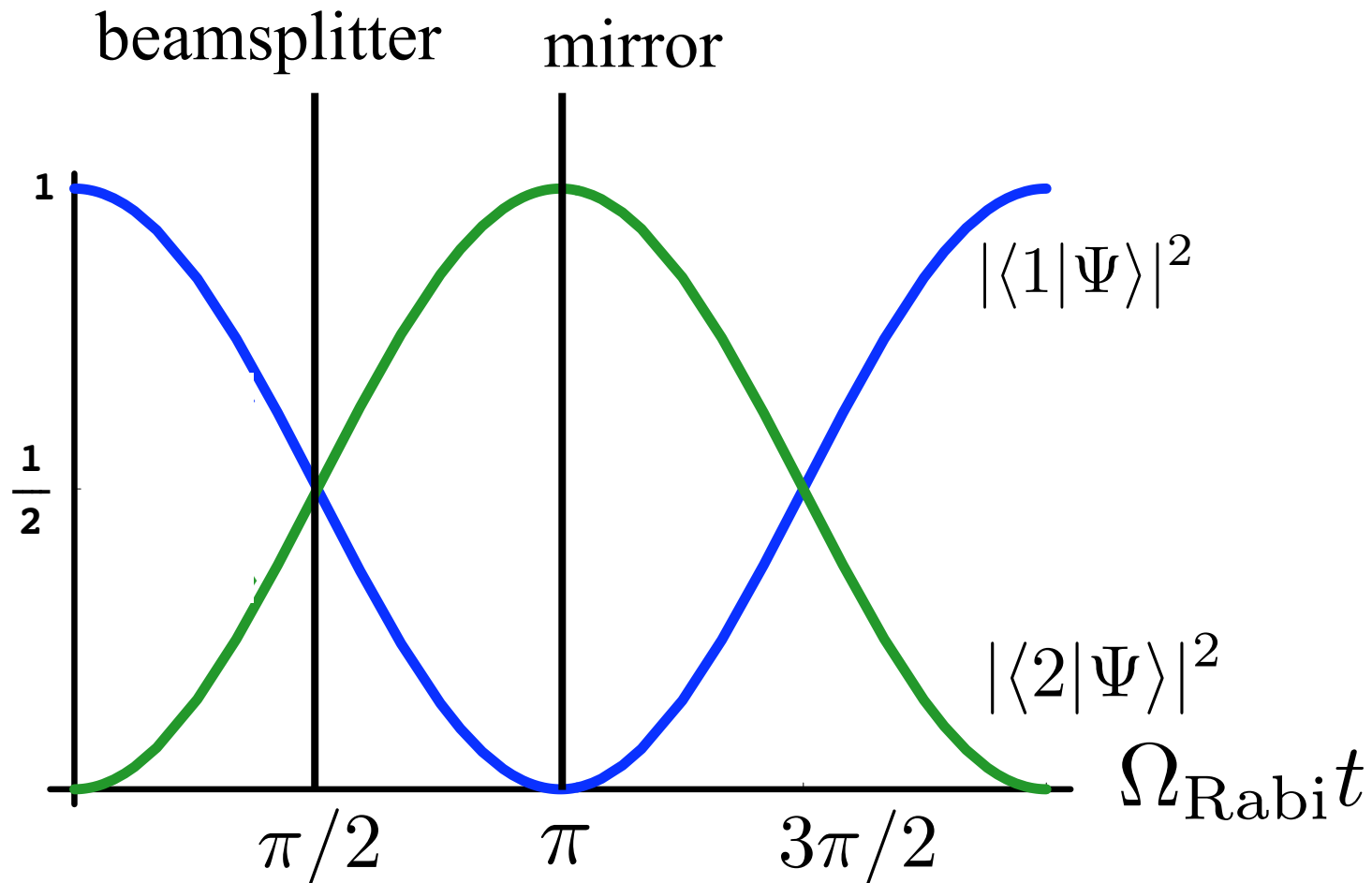
$\Delta p \sim 1$  eV  
 $\Delta E \sim 0$



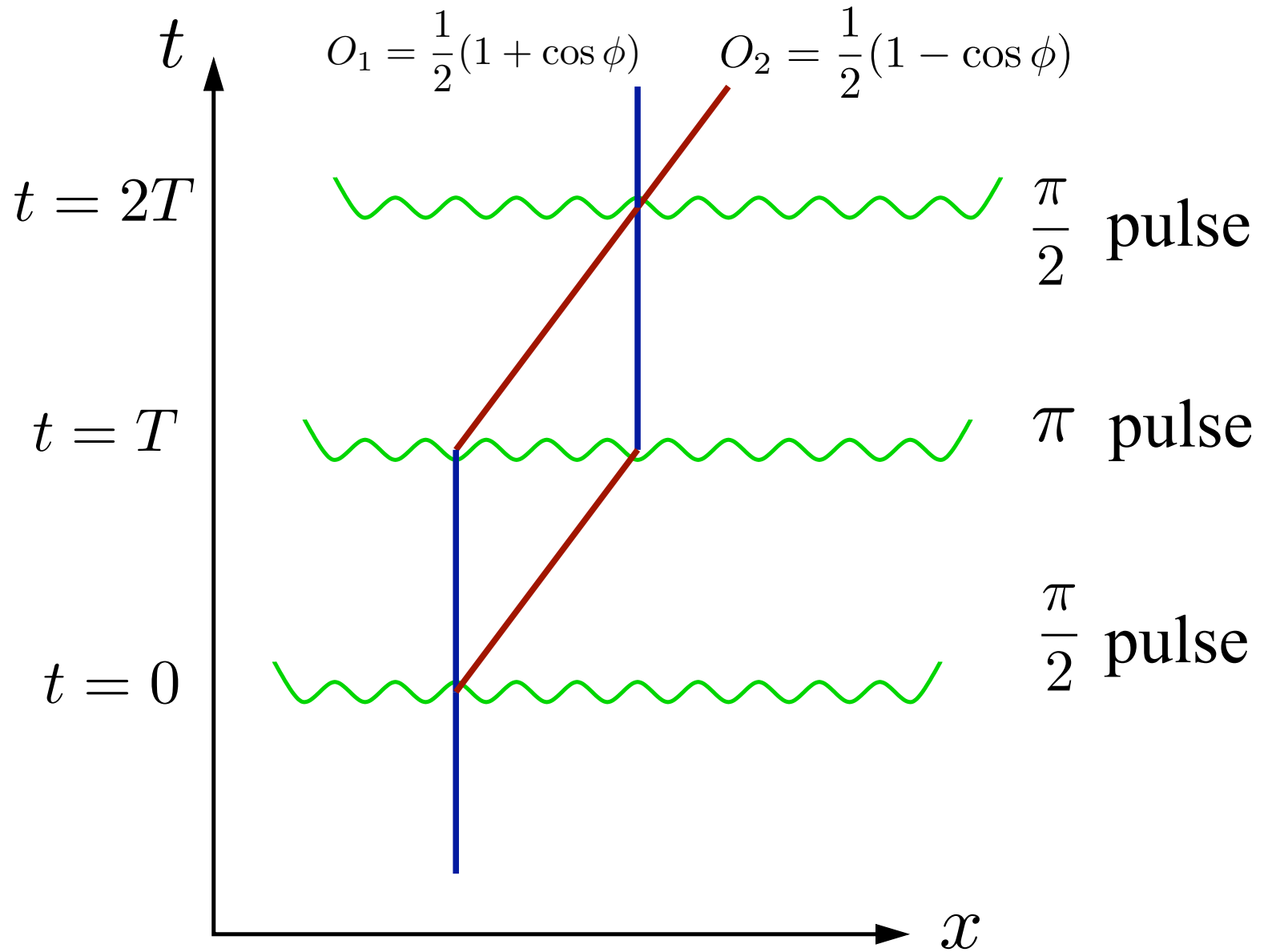
# Rabi Oscillations

Effectively 2 state oscillations

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} |1\rangle \\ |2\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_{\text{Rabi}}/2 \\ \Omega_{\text{Rabi}}/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |1\rangle \\ |2\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$



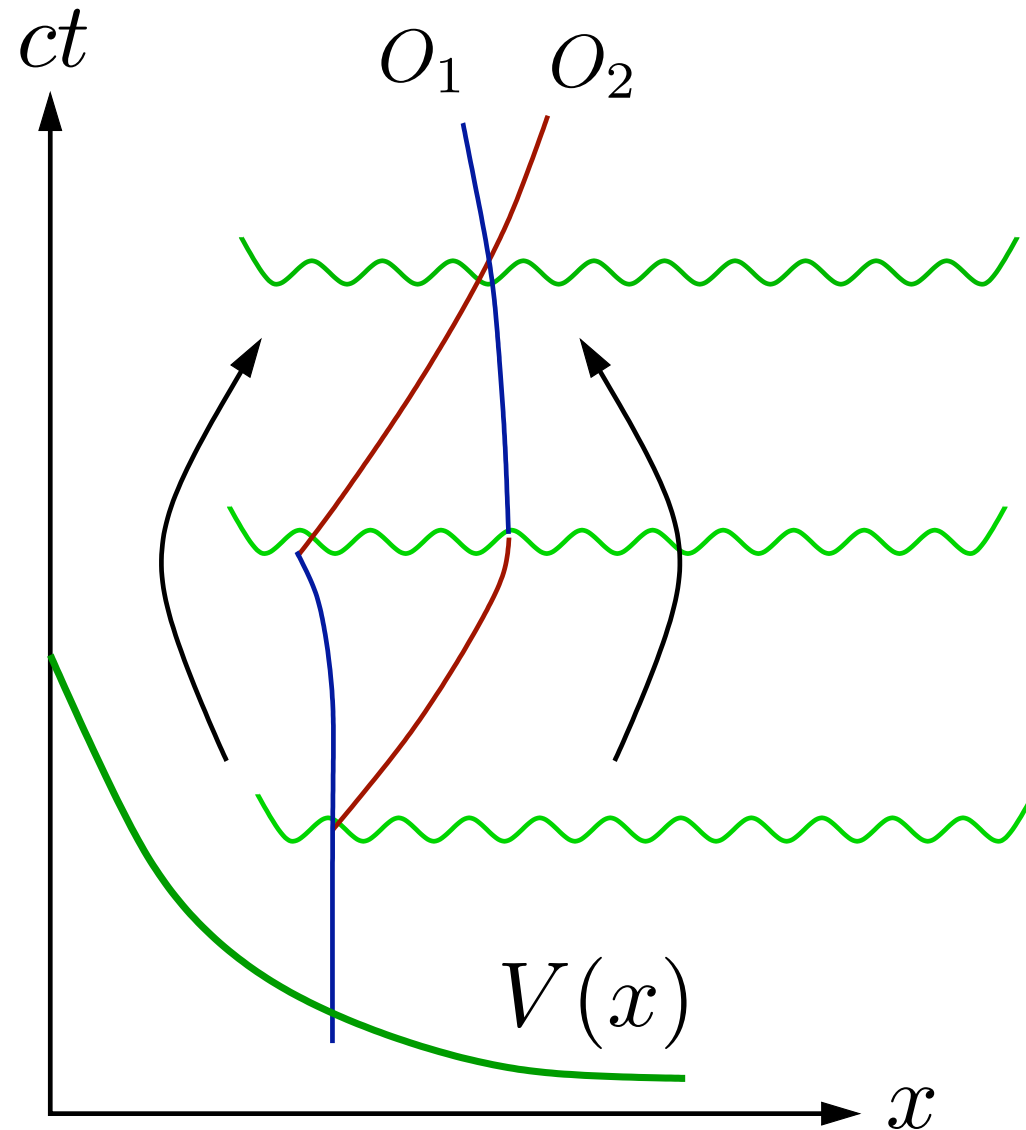
# Atom Interferometry



mirrors and beamsplitters are lasers

# Difference of Phases

$$\hbar\Phi = [V(0) - V(v_r T)] \Delta T$$



# Slowly changing potentials

For optical transitions and Rb

$$\Delta x = v_r T \sim 1 \text{ mm}$$

$$V(x) = V_0 + V' x(t) + V'' x^2(t)$$

$$\phi = \Delta V T$$

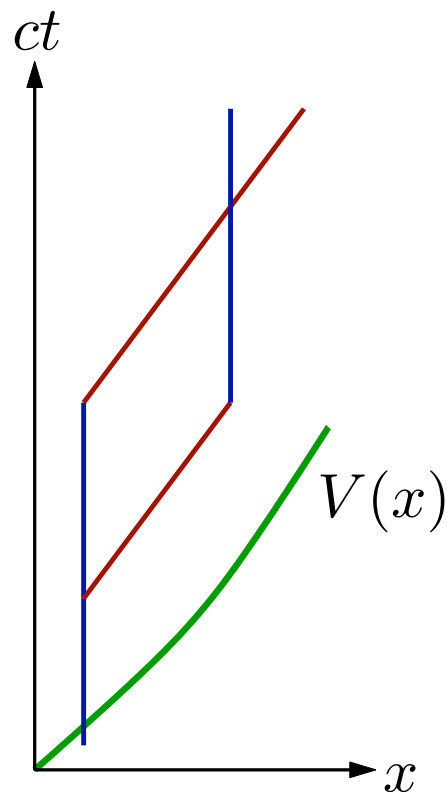
$$\Delta V \sim V' \Delta x$$

$$\phi \sim F v_r T T$$

$$\sim \text{Force} \cdot \text{Area}$$

Interferometers are accelerometers

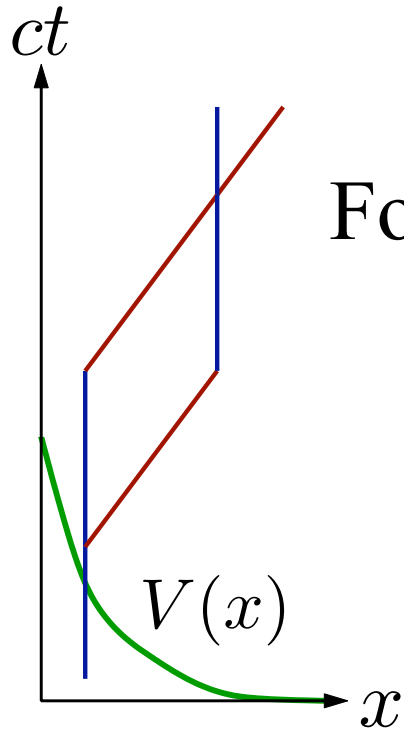
$$\text{for } V'' \Delta x / V' \ll 1$$



# Quickly changing potentials

Consider Yukawa potential

$$V(x) = V_0 \exp(-x/\lambda)$$



For  $\Delta x \gg \lambda$  measures potential differences

$$\Delta\Phi \sim V_0 T \quad V_0 \sim m a \lambda$$

Insensitive to momentum imparted



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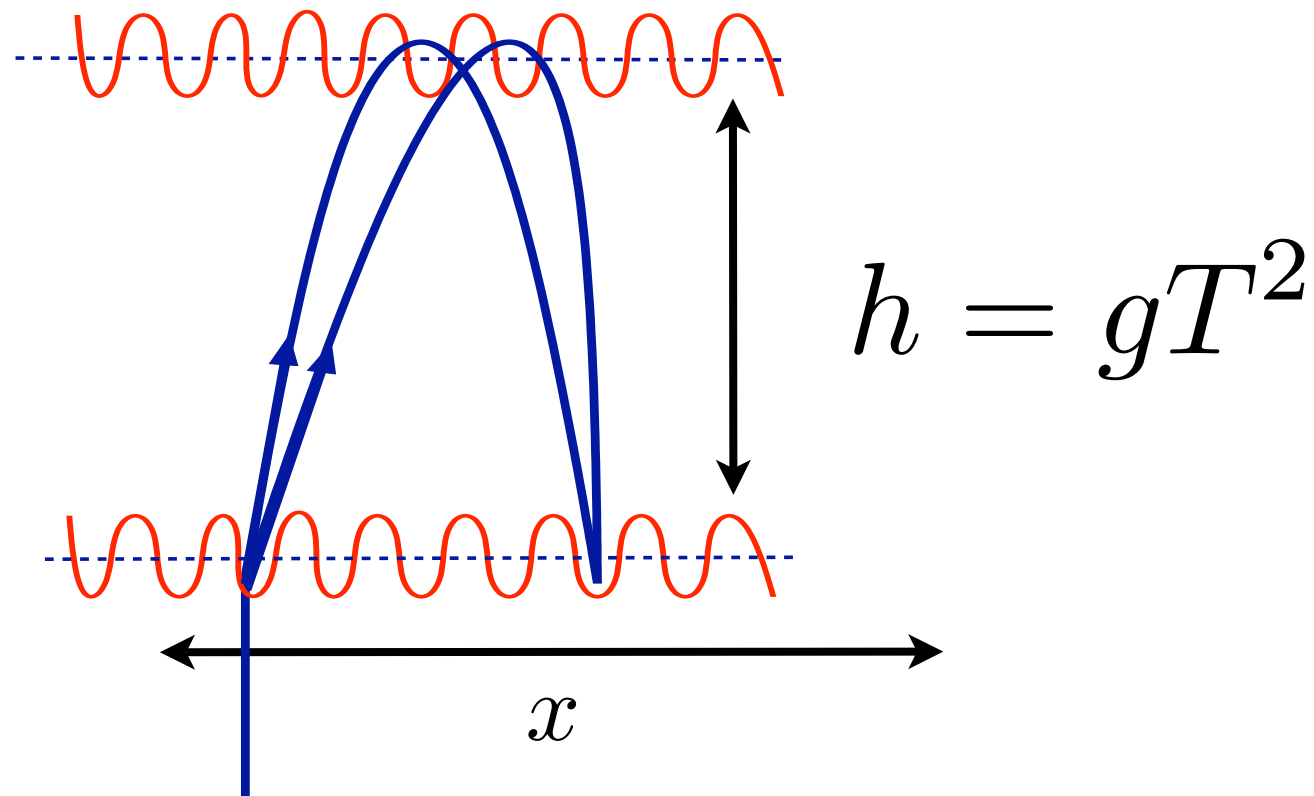
# The “Gyroscope” Configuration

Launch vertically but shine lasers horizontally

Measures the force in laser’s direction

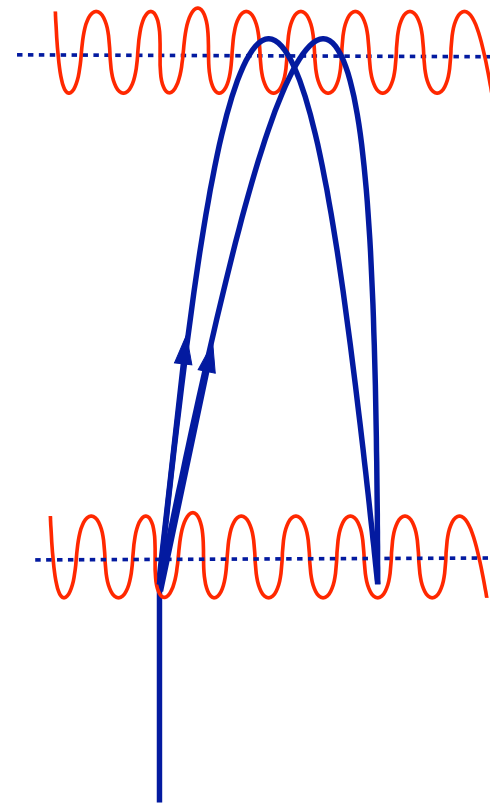
Free motion in horizontal direction

Ballistic motion - time and height the same



# Experimental Set-up

First measure “null”

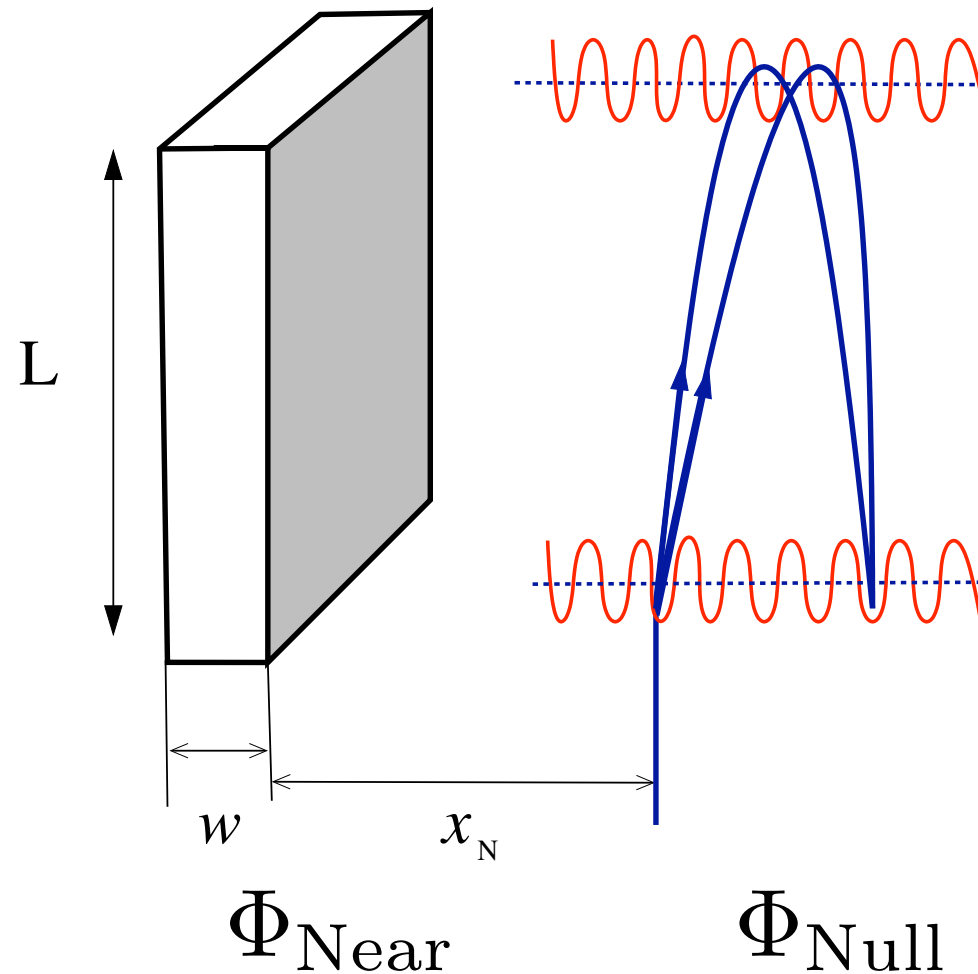


$\Phi_{\text{Null}}$

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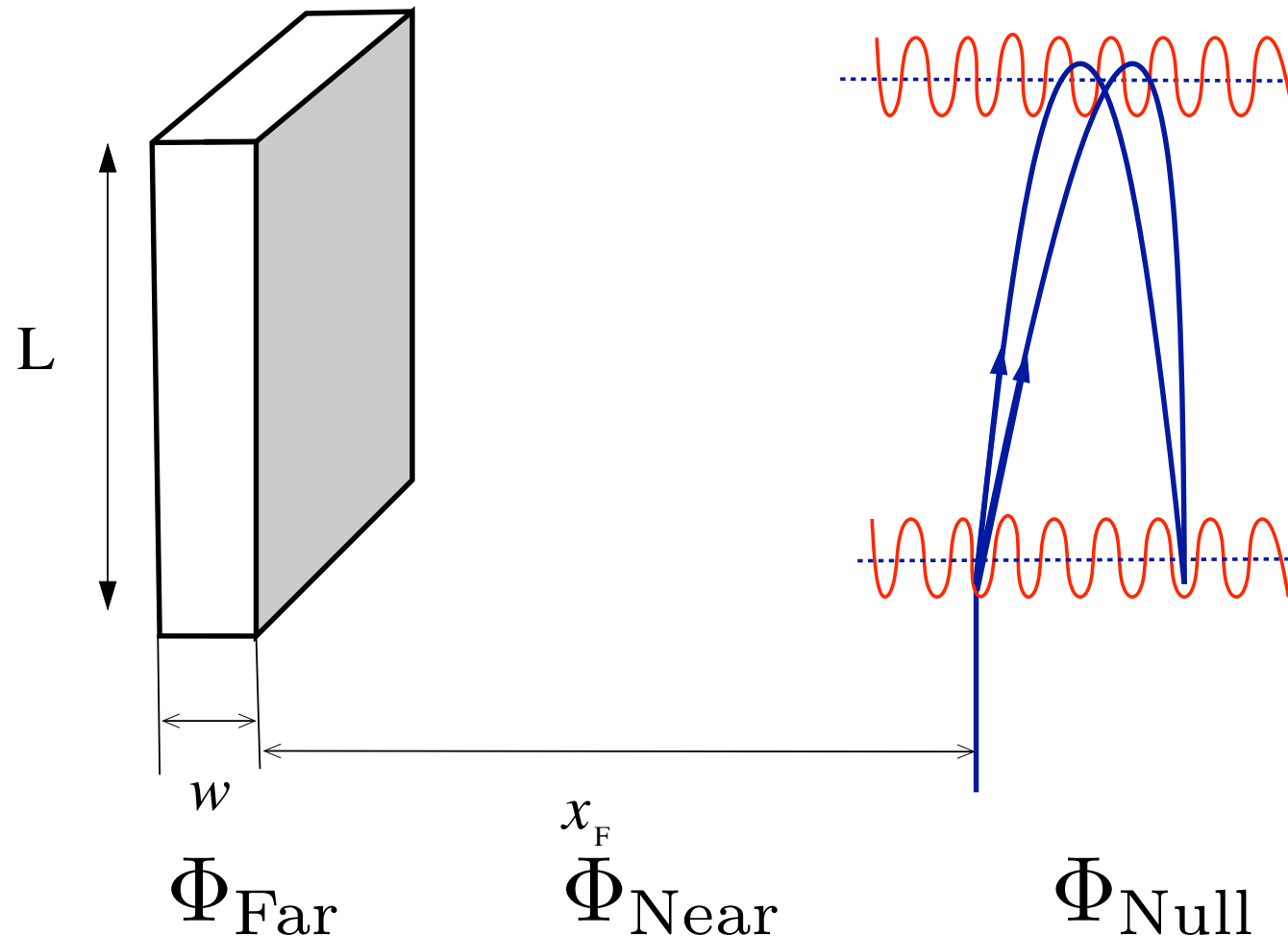
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$$N_{\text{bunches}} \sim 10^6$$

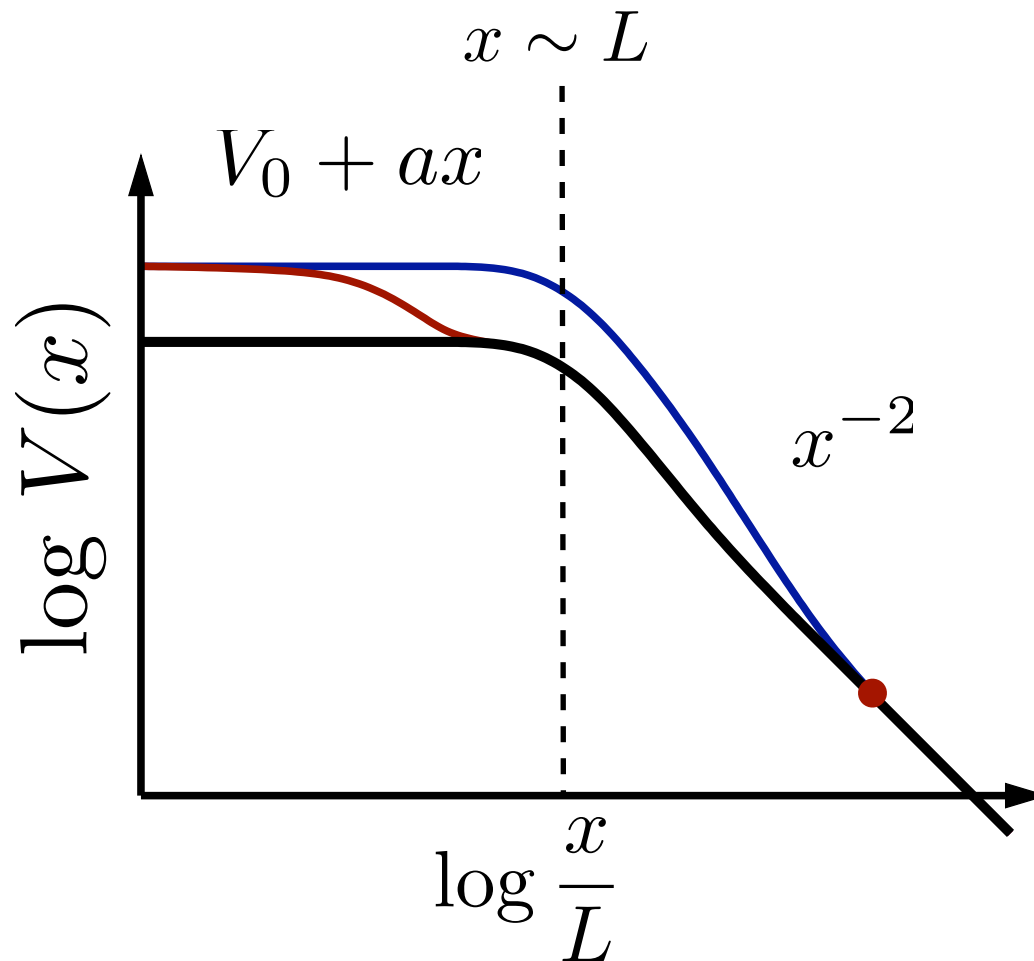
Ultimate Resolution

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_b N_a}} \frac{\delta\Phi}{\Phi} \sim 10^{-5}$$

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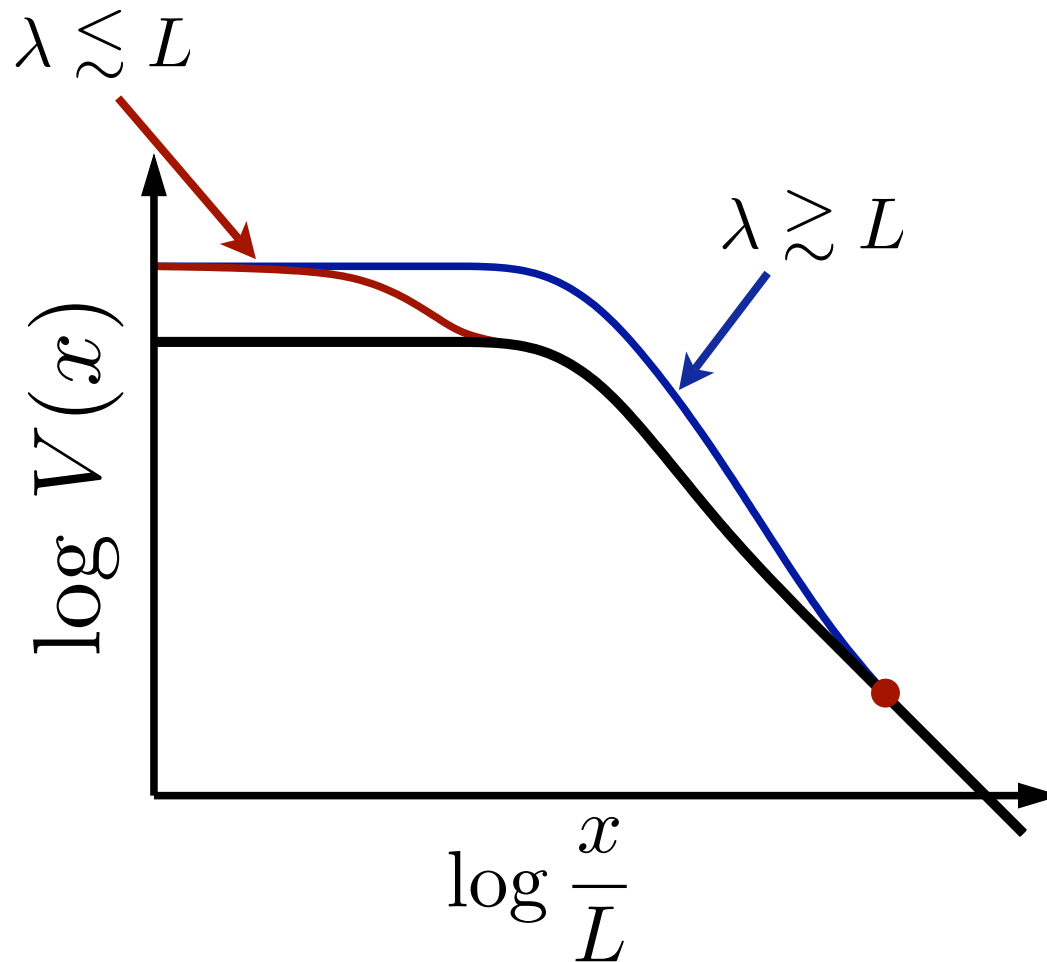




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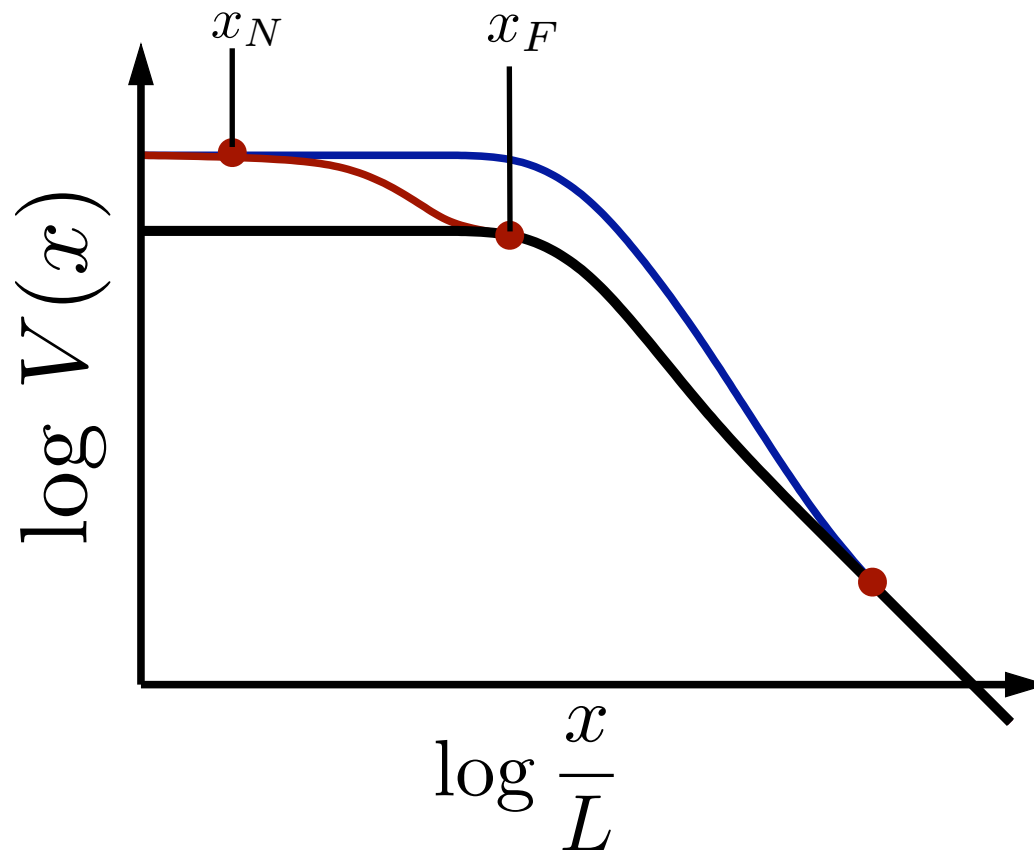
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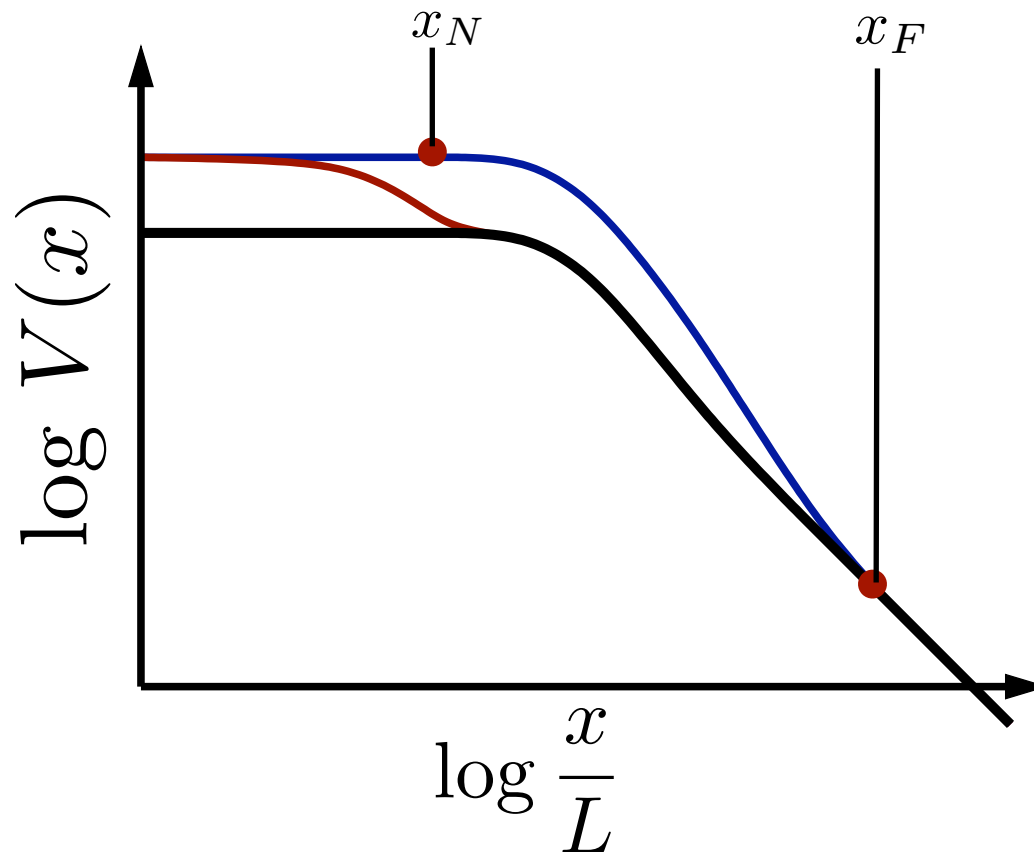
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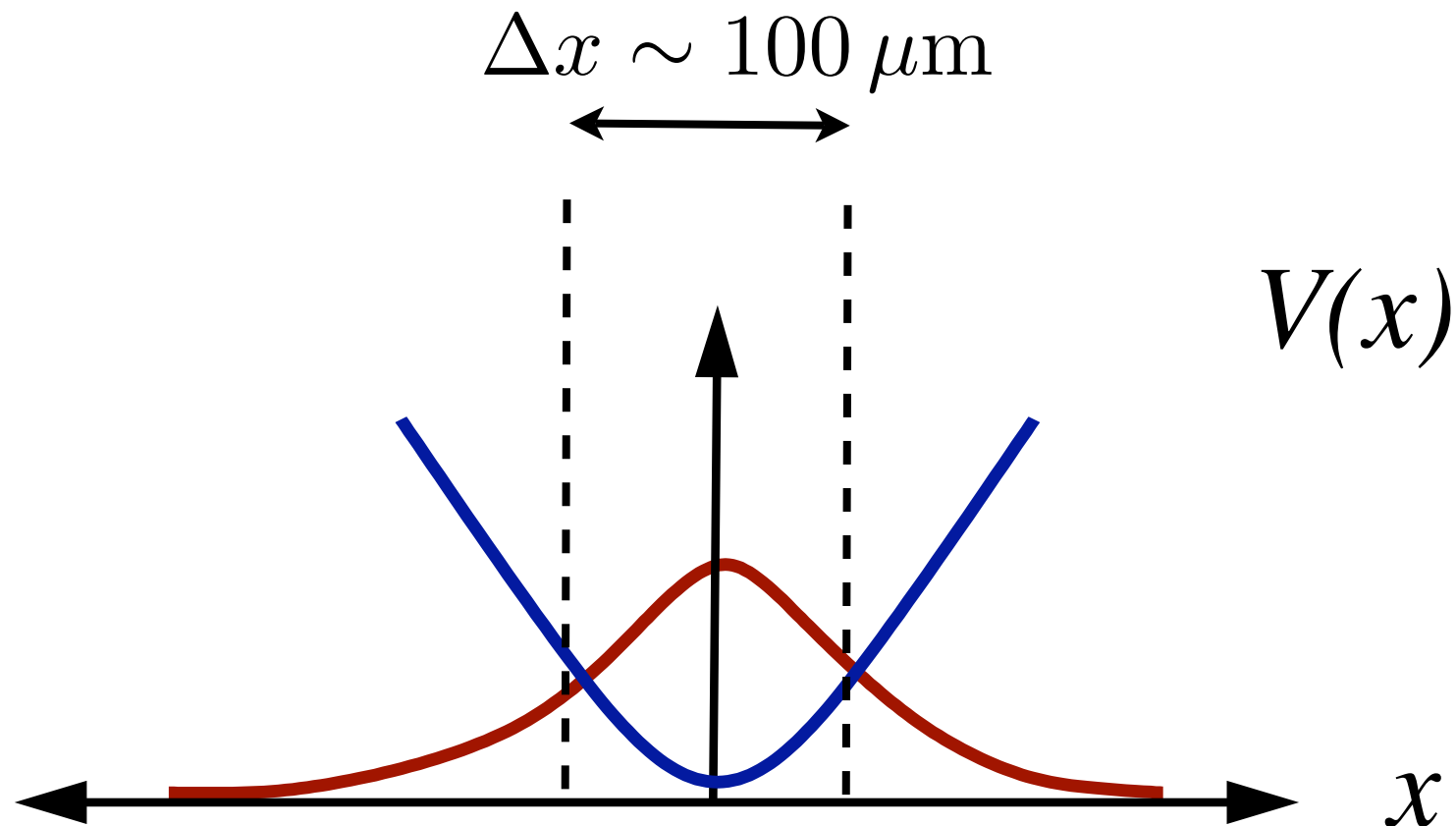


# Limits on Resolution

## Newtonian Prediction

Atoms initially held in laser trap

Wide wave packet



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Limits on source mass geometry

$$V \sim m a x (1 + \mathcal{O}(x/L)) \quad \text{Planar Geometry}$$

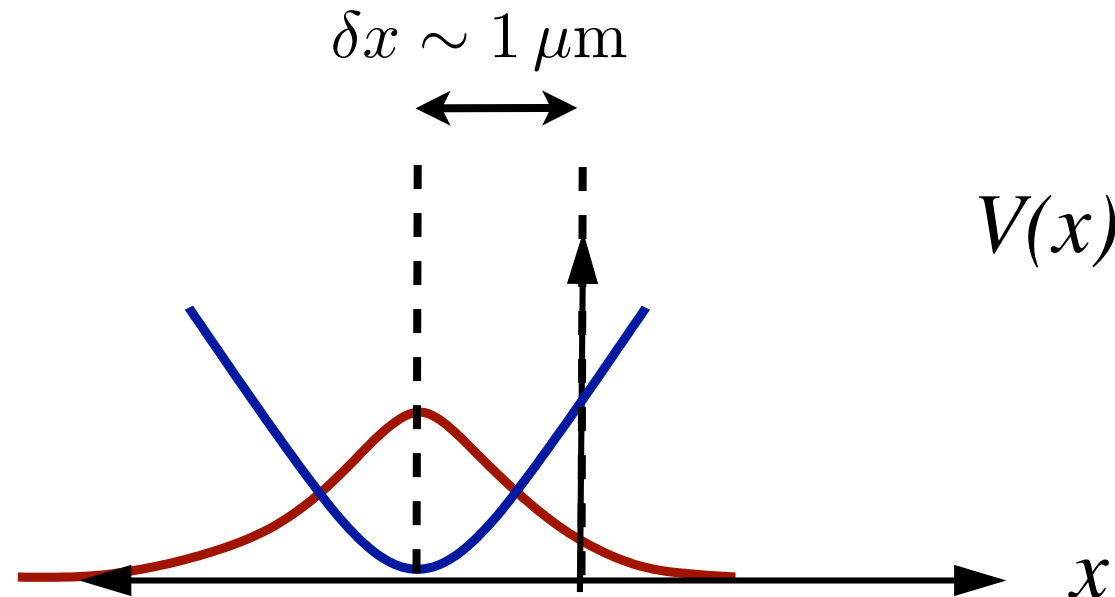
Uncertainty in the position looks like new force

Systematic

$$\delta V/V \sim 10^{-6}$$

Stochastic

$$\frac{\delta V}{\sqrt{N_b} V} \sim 10^{-9}$$

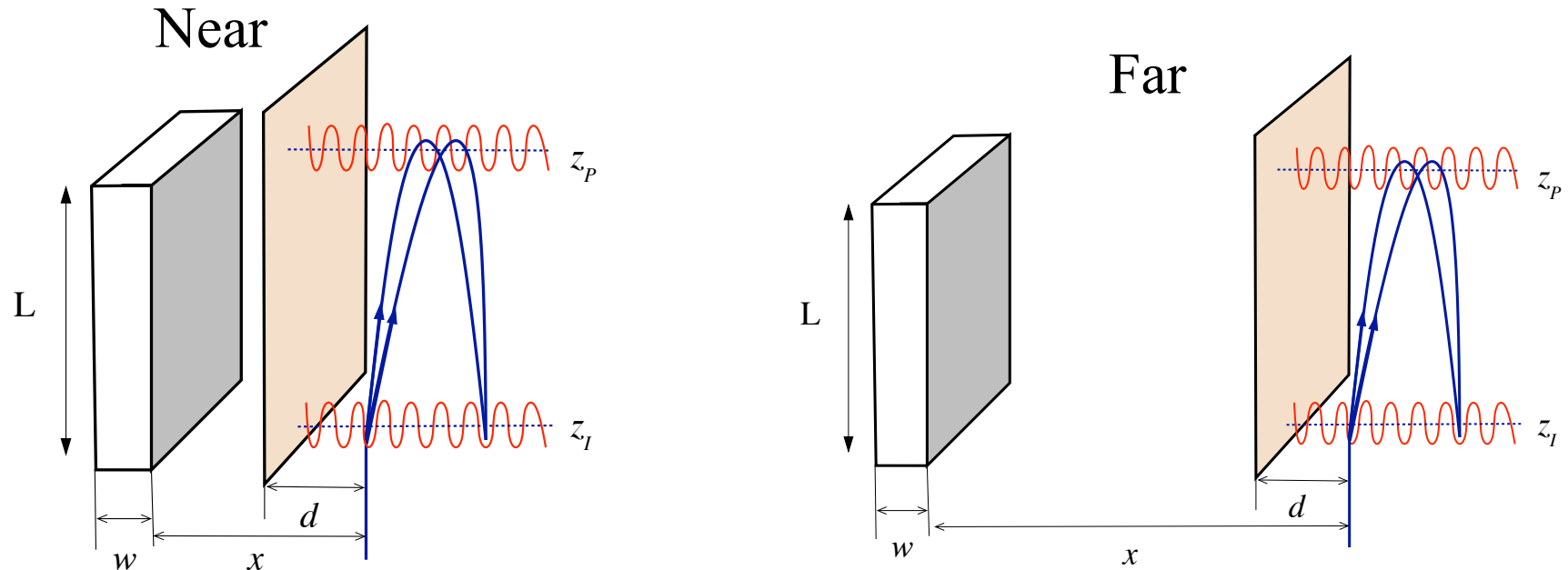


# Casimir / van der Waal's Force

$$V(r) = \frac{\alpha_0}{r^4} \quad \alpha_0 \text{ polarizability} \sim 20 \text{ \AA}^3$$

Put in shield to keep environment constant

$30 \mu\text{m}$  shield bends by  $1 \text{ nm}$



# Coriolis Force

$$\phi_{\text{Cor}} = m \omega v_l v_r T^2 \sim 10^3$$

Methods of actively reducing it by  $10^{-5}$

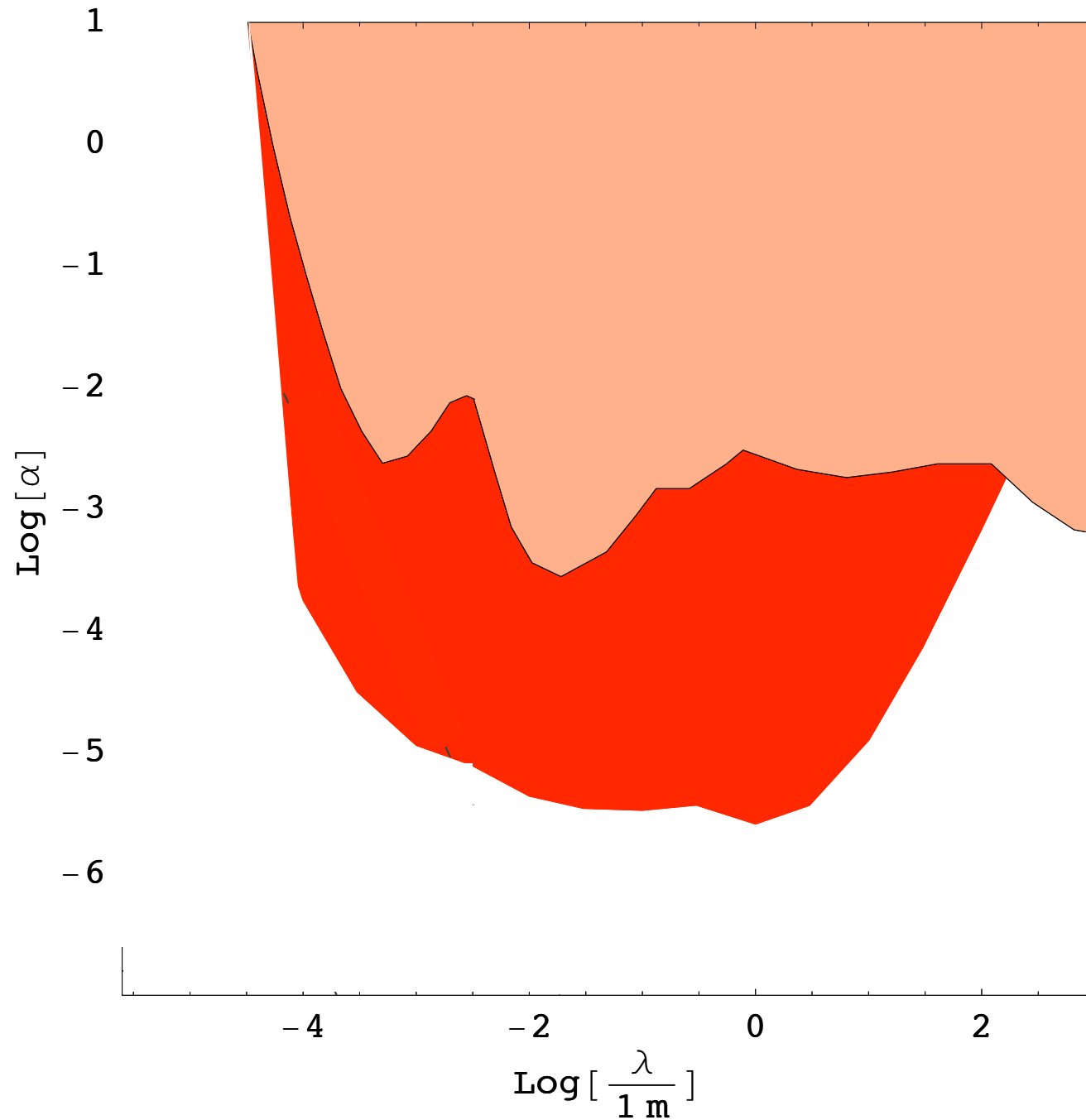
Is common mode noise - up to jitter and vibrations

Stochastic with bunches  $10^{-3}$

still need  $\delta v_{\text{vib}} \lesssim 10^{-4}$  m/s

good vibration isolation

# *Preliminary Reach*





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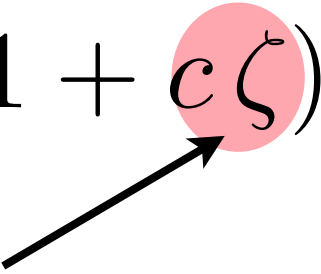
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Introduce  $\zeta \equiv Z/A$  Proton fraction of nucleus

$$a = \frac{F}{m} \sim a_0 (1 + c\zeta)$$


Composition dependent force

# Multiple Isotopic Species

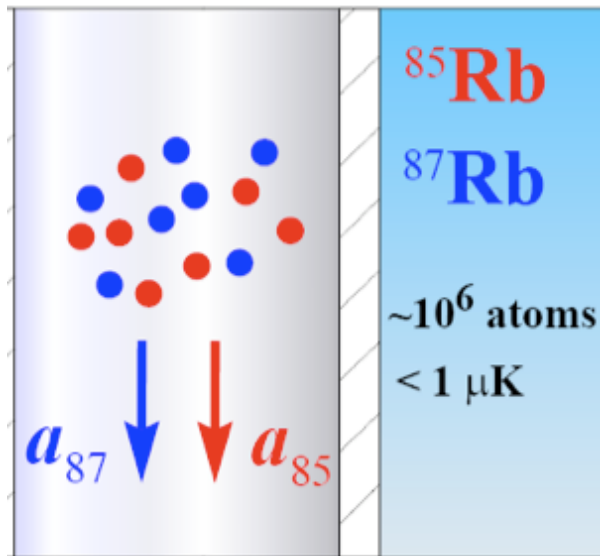
Use composition dependent force

Perform differential measurements

$$\Delta\Phi = \Phi_1 - \Phi_2$$

Different isotopes at *same* time

$$\Delta\Phi \propto a_1 - a_2 \sim a_0 c(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)$$



Want to maximize isotopic differences

$$\delta\zeta_{\text{Rb}} \sim 1\% \quad \delta\zeta_{\text{Li}} \sim 7\%$$

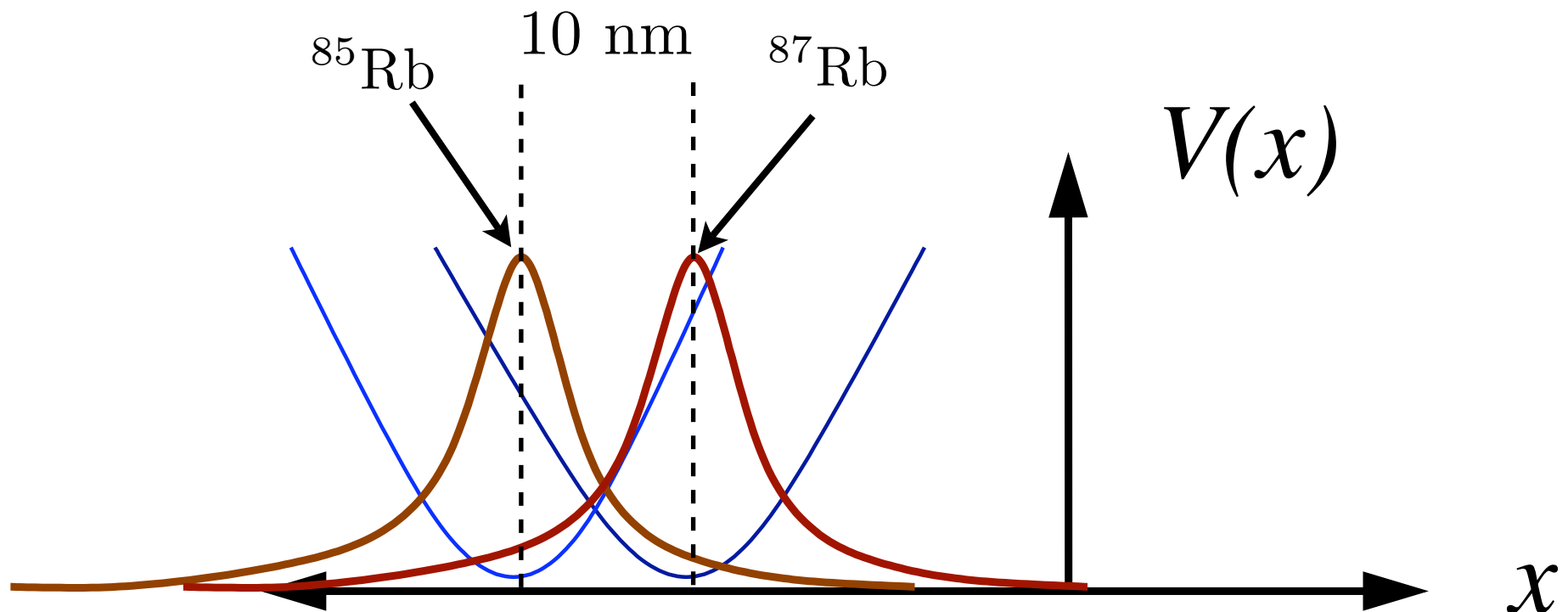
$$\delta\zeta_{\text{He}} \sim 25\% \quad \delta\zeta_{\text{H}} \sim 50\%$$

# Co-Location

Electronically identical

Nuclear moments differ, atoms see slightly different potential

Changes to a null experiment



# Backgrounds

Coriolis is greatly reduced

Uncontrolled gravitational sources  
are not a problem  
easier environment to find

Casimir is important at 0.1 mm  
Double differential measurement as before

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# Improvements

Consider the phase

$$\frac{\Phi}{\Delta\Phi_{\text{res}}} \sim p a T^2 N_{\text{atom}}^{1/2} N_{\text{bunch}}^{1/2}$$

Can't make signal bigger

Big cost to make taller drop towers

Number of bunches  
sets length of experiment



# Large Momentum Transfer

$$\Phi \sim p a T^2 N_{\text{atom}}^{\frac{1}{2}} N_{\text{bunch}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

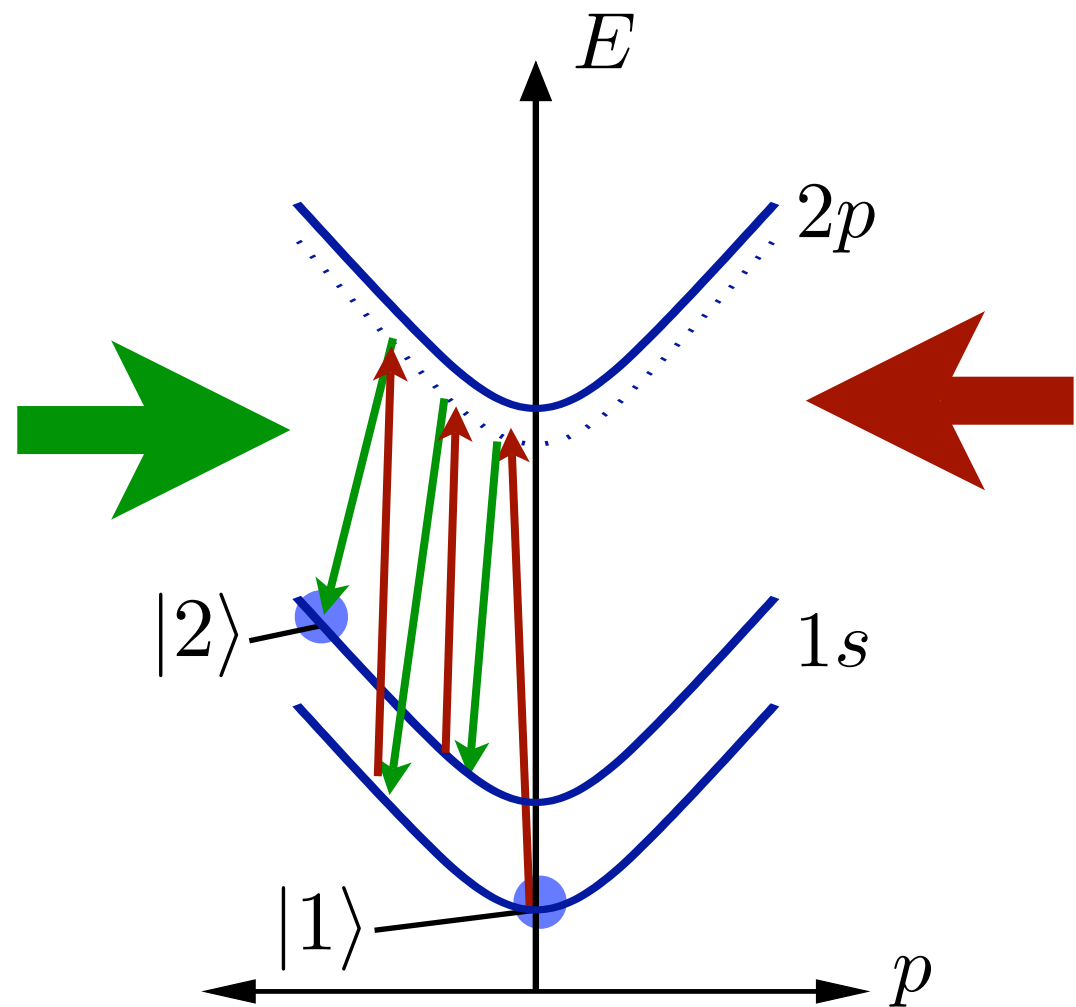
changing the frequency to walk up momentum

$$\Delta p \sim 10^2 \text{ eV}$$

2 orders of magnitude  
improvement  
on long ranged forces

no gain on  
short ranged forces

$$\Delta x \sim 10 \text{ cm}$$



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Resolution goes as  $N_{\text{Atom}}^{-1}$

known as Heisenberg Statistics

$10^3$  Gain!

# Other experiments

## Equivalence Principle

Hogan, Kasevich

## Precision GR

Dimopoulos, Graham, Hogan, Kasevich  
gr-qc/0610047

## Gravity Waves

Dimopoulos, Graham, Hogan, Kasevich, Rajendran

## Electric Neutrality of Atoms

Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Geraci, Hogan, Kasevich

# Atom Interferometry

New method for searching for  
beyond the SM physics

Many possibilities for  
future improvements

Need creativity for new  
methods of searching