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# Machine optimization of optical nanofiber evanescent field trap for Rb atoms

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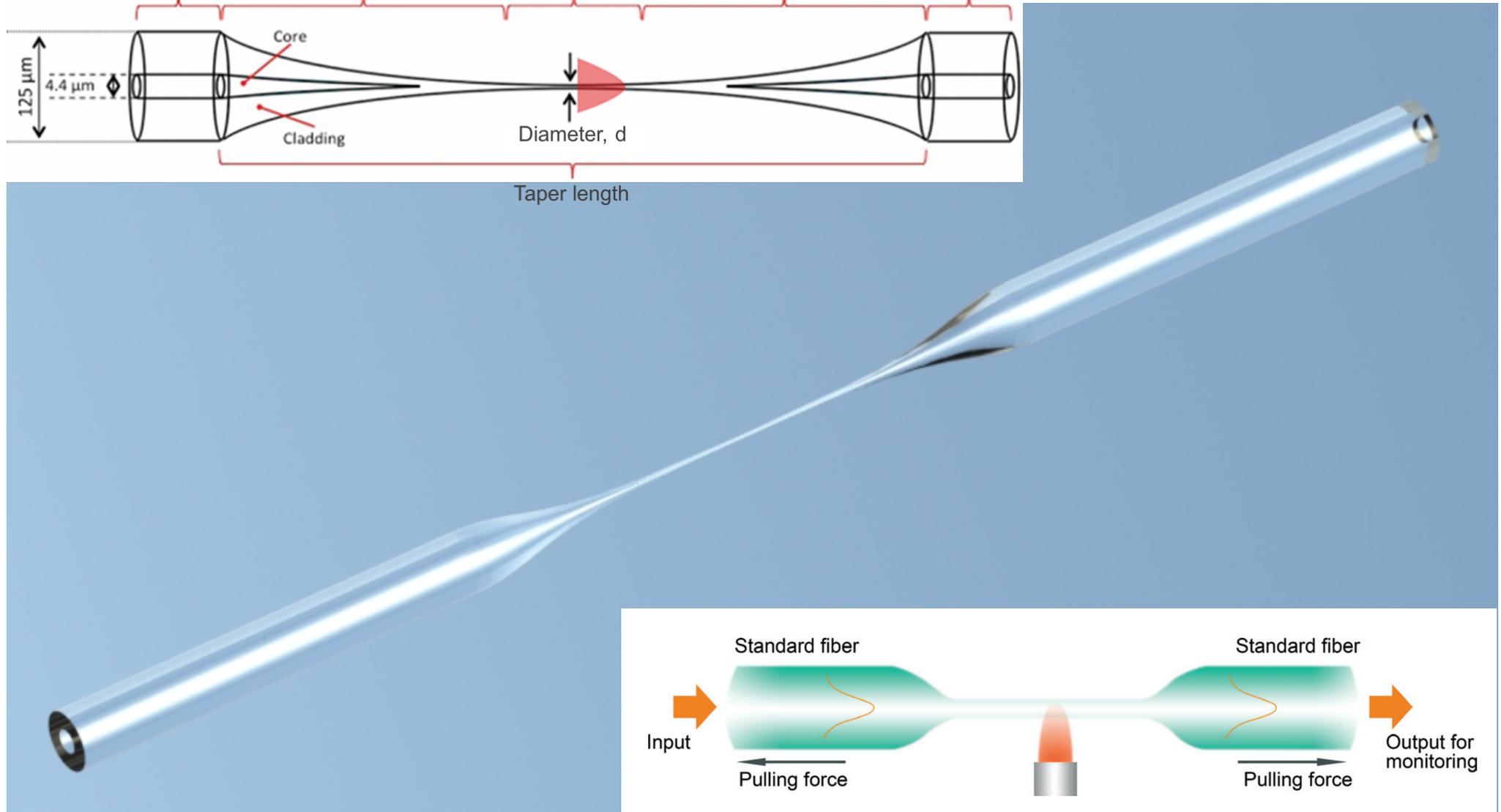
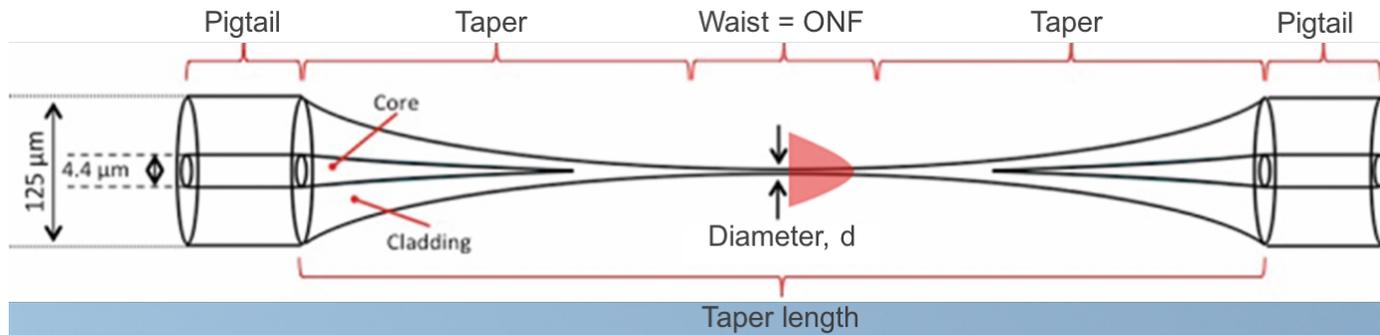
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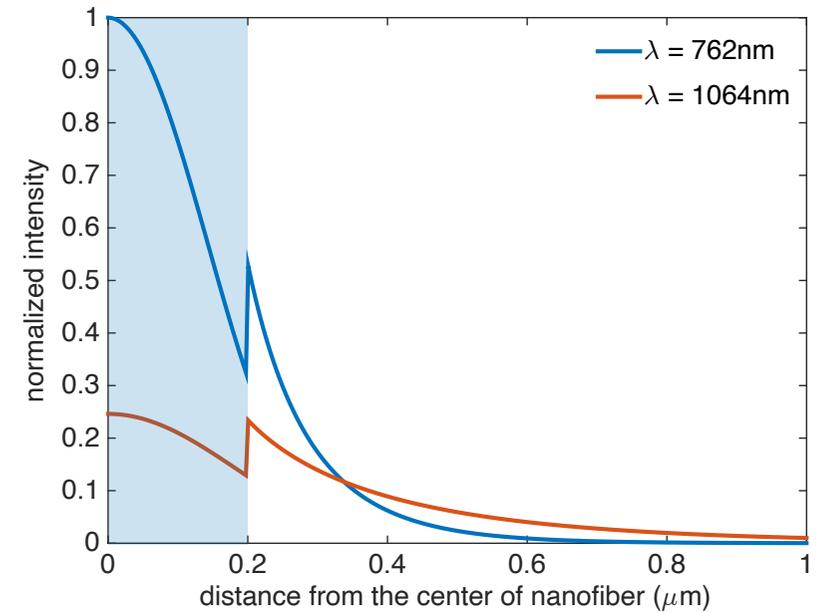
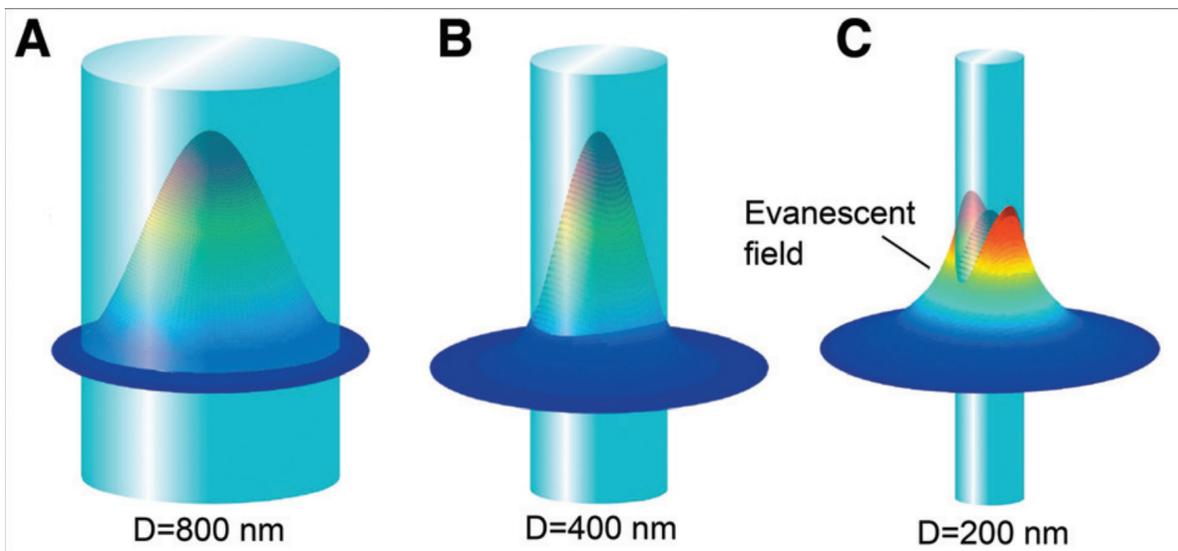
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# Optical nanofiber (ONF)



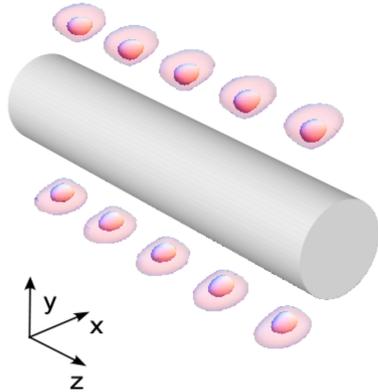
# Evanescent field around ONF



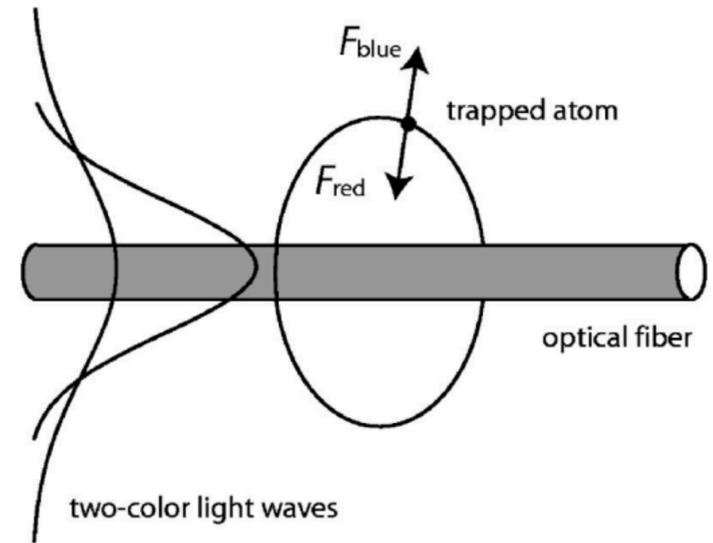
Wu et al., Nanophotonics 2, 407 (2013)



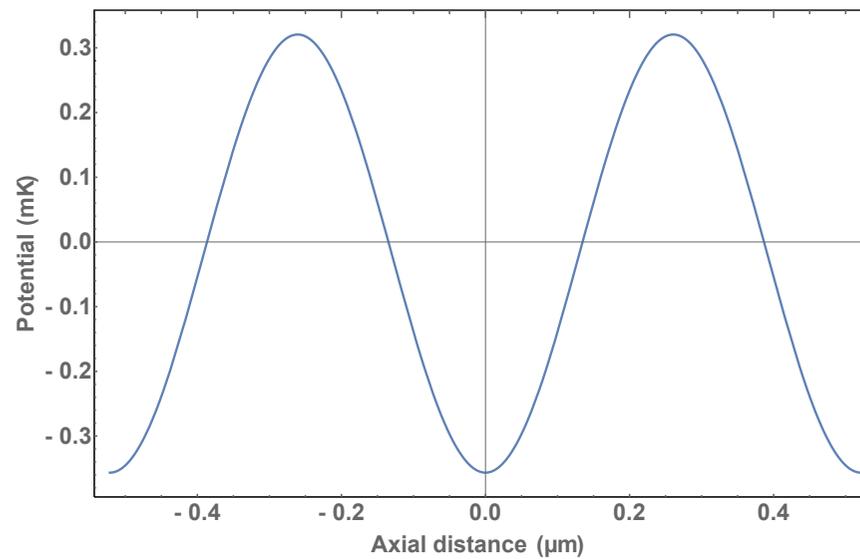
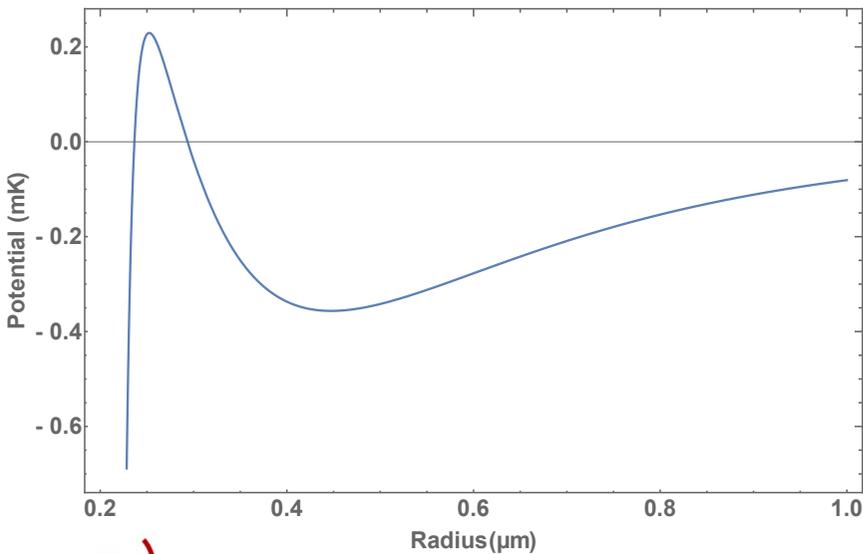
# Two-color evanescent field trap



$$\Delta E_v = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha \mathcal{E}^2$$



Le Kien et al. Phys. Rev. A **70**, 063403 (2004)



$$\lambda_{red} = 1064 \text{ nm}$$

$$\lambda_{blue} = 762 \text{ nm}$$





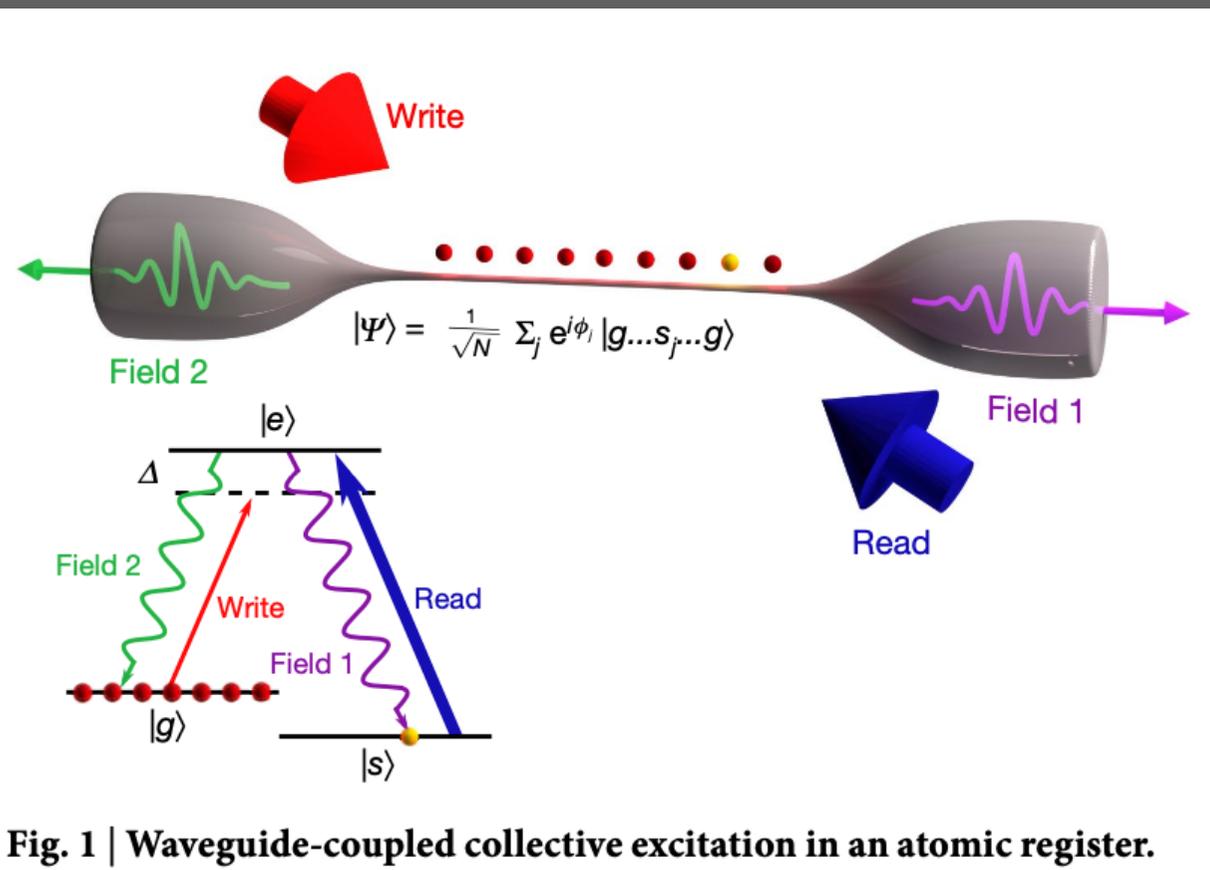
# LETTER

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-0902-3>

## Waveguide-coupled single collective excitation of atomic arrays

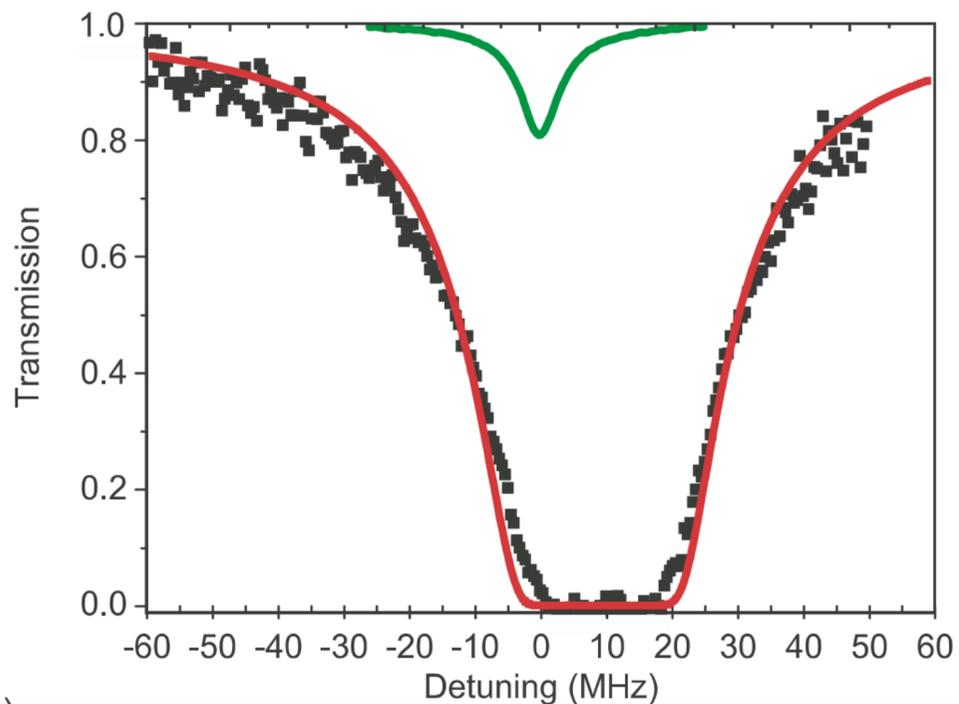
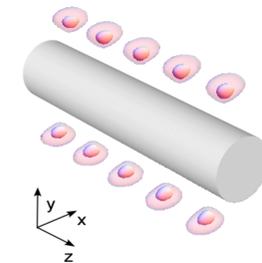
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We observe collective excitation in an atomic register coupled to a waveguide interface. Strings of atoms are prepared in a coherent state, and a measurement of one atom is coupled to the collective excitation of the array. For the detection noise, the function of nonclassical fluctuations relevant to motion. This work shows body interactions in



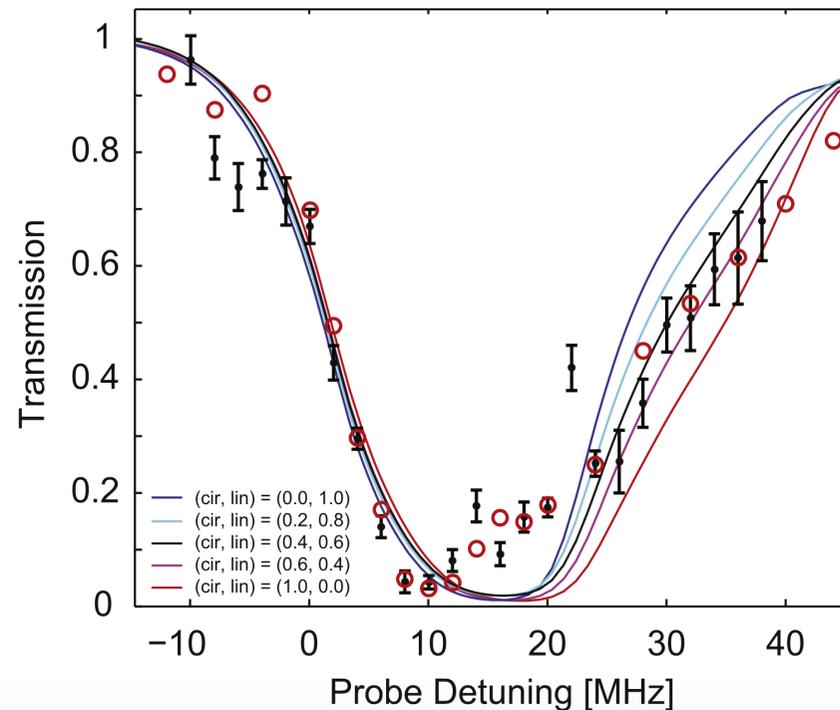
**Fig. 1 | Waveguide-coupled collective excitation in an atomic register.**

# Atoms trapped in ONF evanescent field 1-d lattice



2000 trapped Cs atoms

Vetsch et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **104**, 203603 (2010)



302 trapped Rb atoms

Lee et al., J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **48**, 165004 (2015)



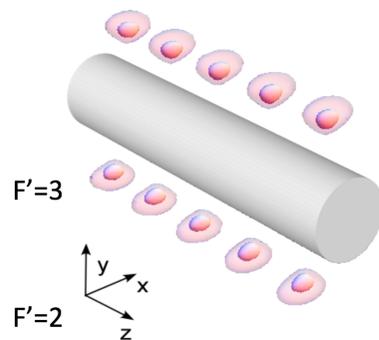
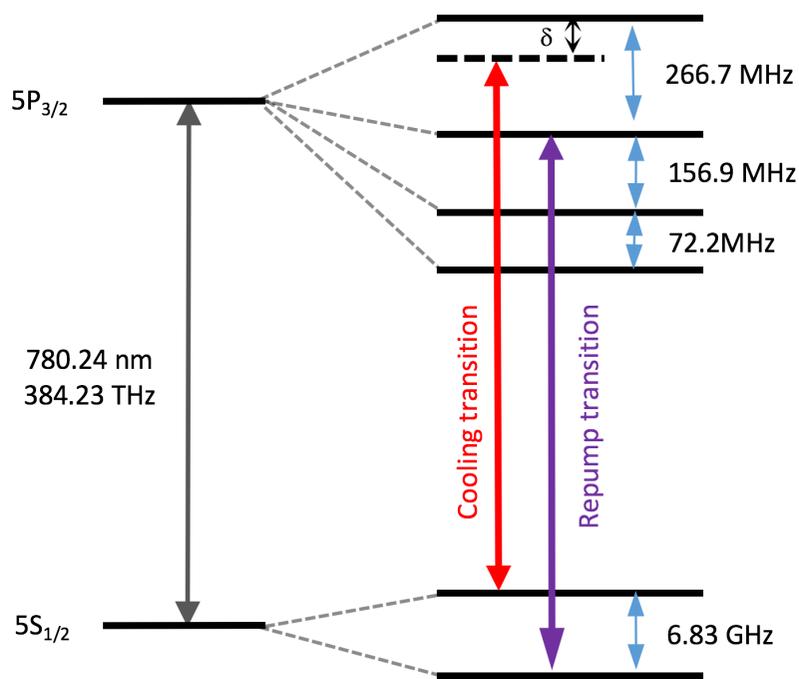
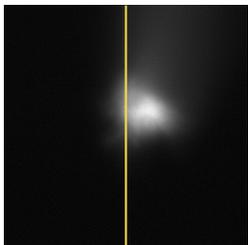
# Experimental sequence

MOT (~1.6s)

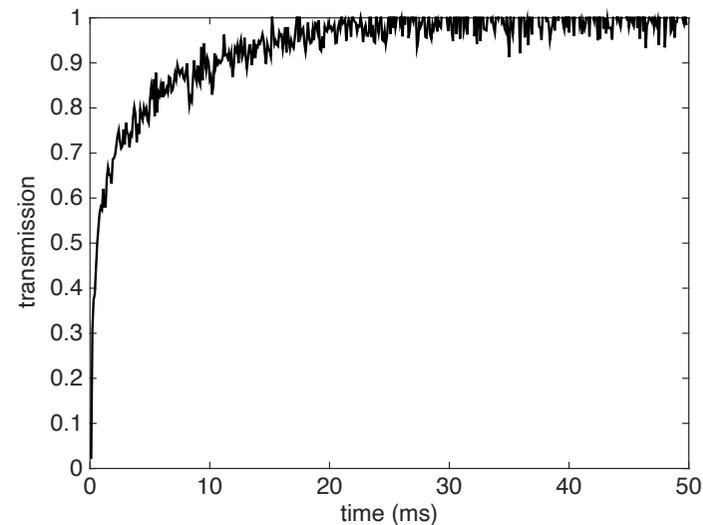
**Molasses**  
 $t_1 \sim 2.5\text{ms}$     $t_2 \sim 2.5\text{ms}$

**Measurement window**  
 (~75ms)

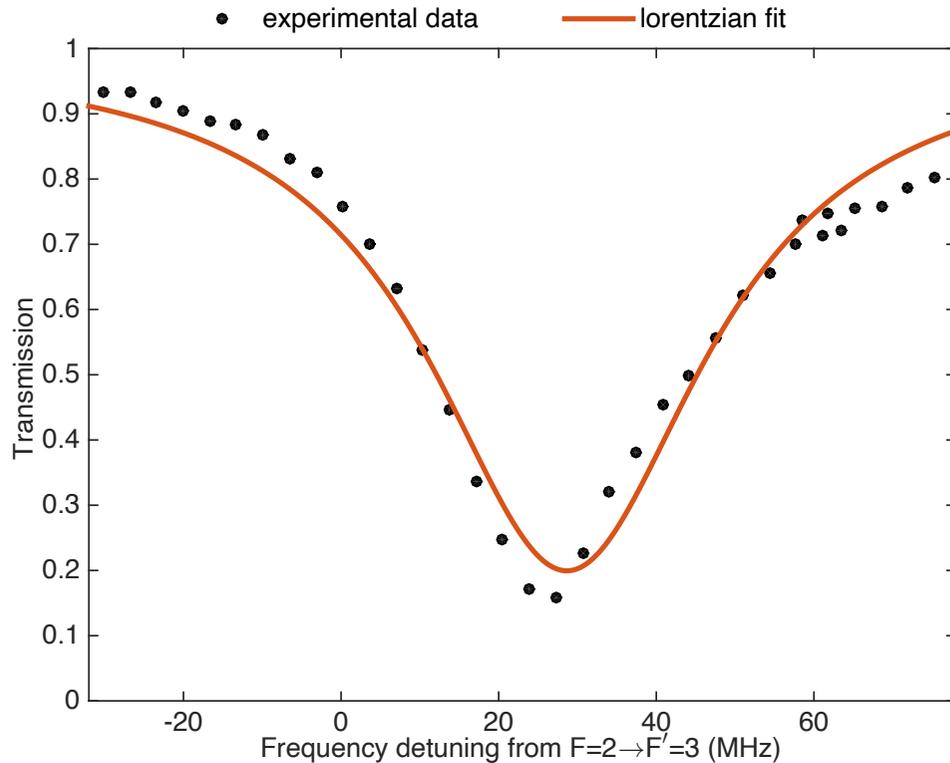
**Rest**  
 (~120ms)



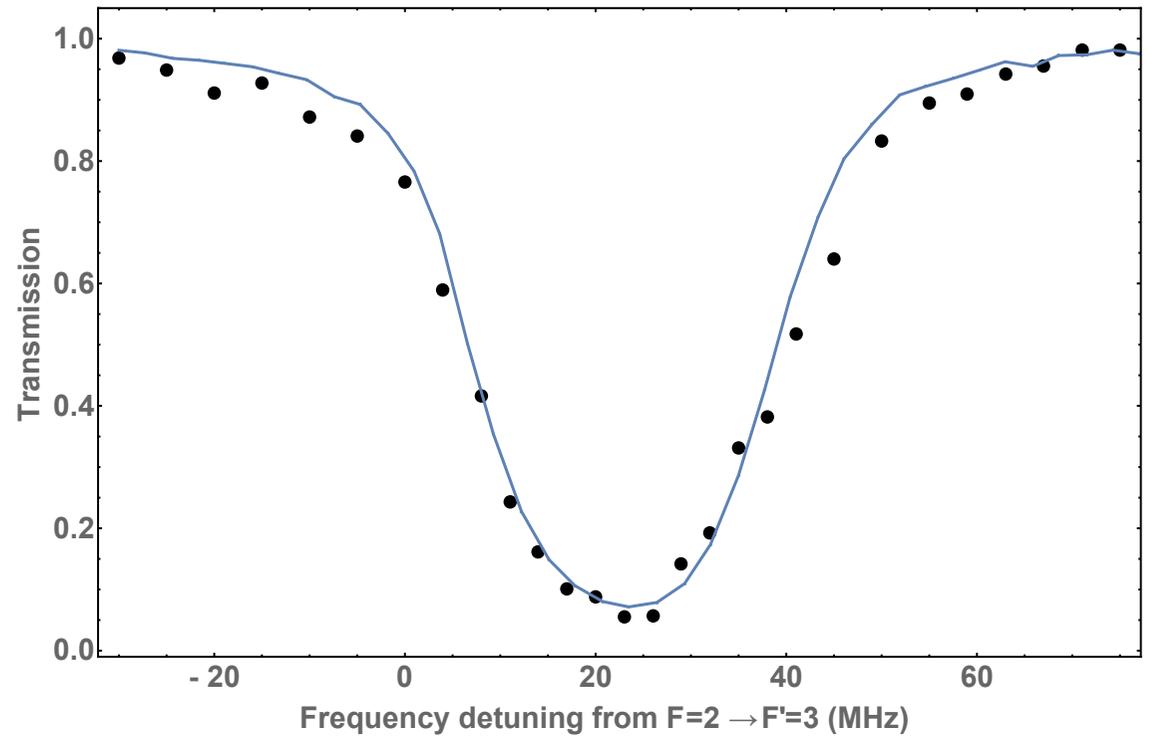
F'=3  
 F'=2  
 F'=1  
 F'=0  
 F=2  
 F=1



# Absorption spectrum



No dipole trap



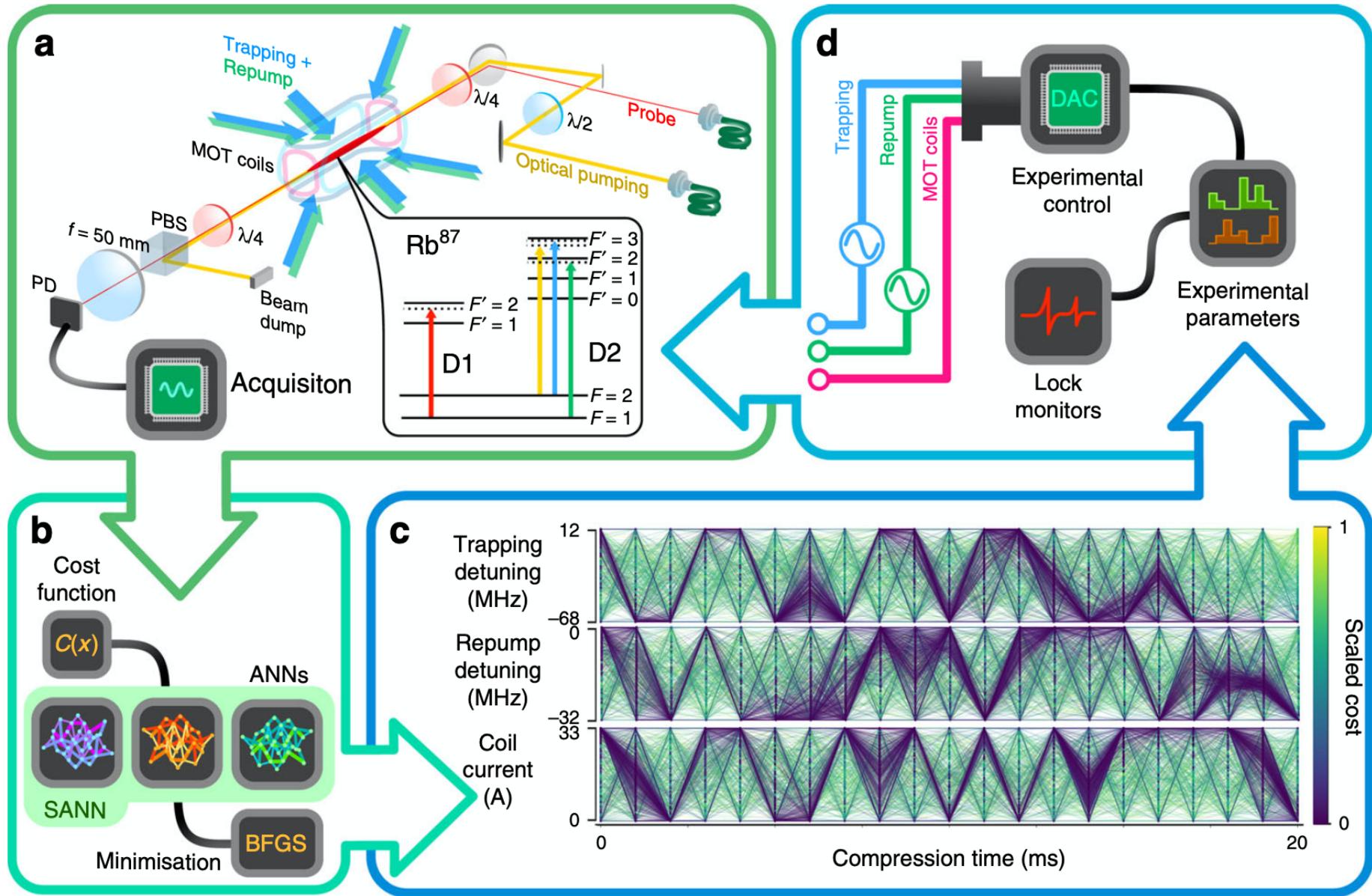
Atoms trapped in evanescent  
field dipole trap

**450 atoms**



# Machine Learning (ML) scheme

Tranter et al., Nat. Commun. 9, 4360 (2018)



# Cost function and the experimental controls

MOT (~1.6s)

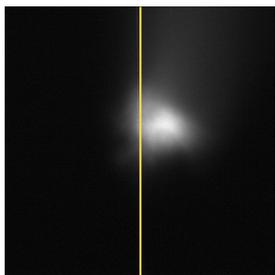
Molasses

t1~2.5ms t2~2.5ms

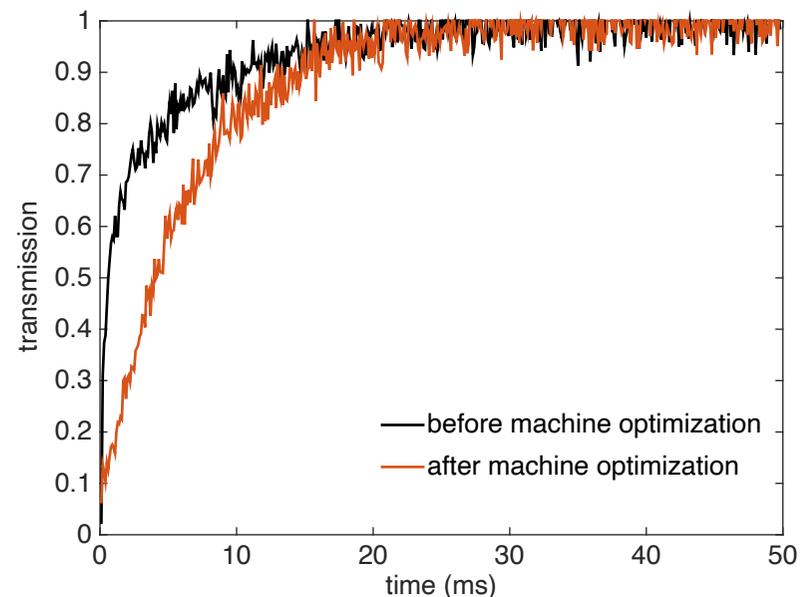
Measurement window  
(~75ms)

Rest  
(~120ms)

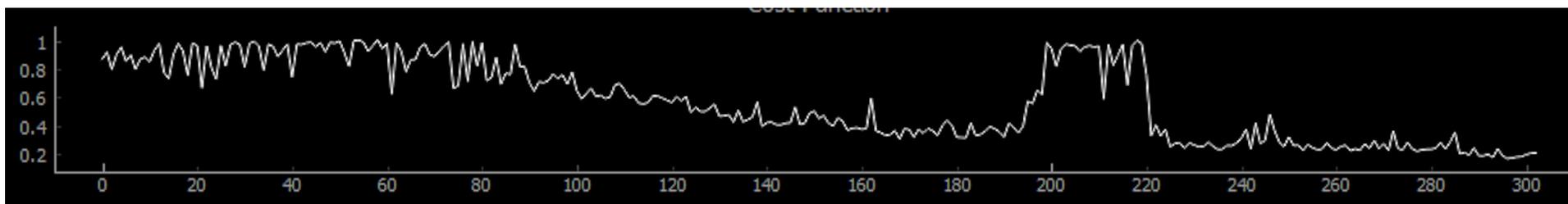
Magnetic fields



Cooling beam detuning  
Cooling beam power  
Repump beam power  
Molasses times  
Trapping power



Cost function = Average transmission



# Atom cloud after ML optimization

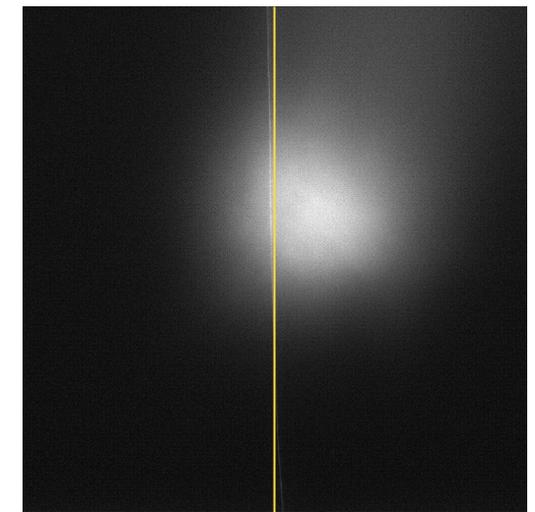
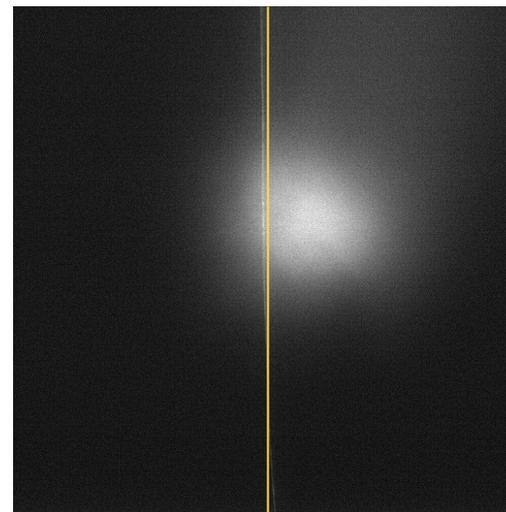
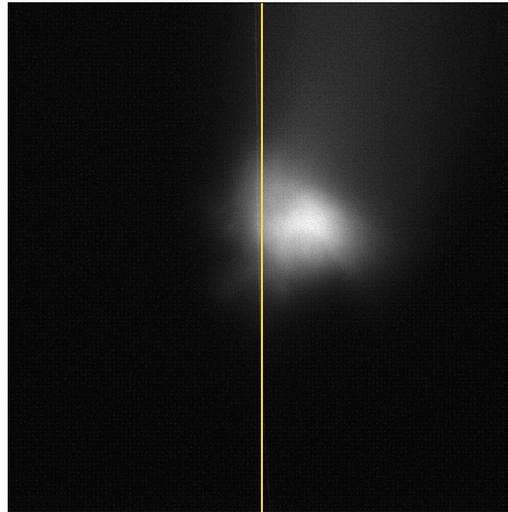
Time delays

$200\mu s$

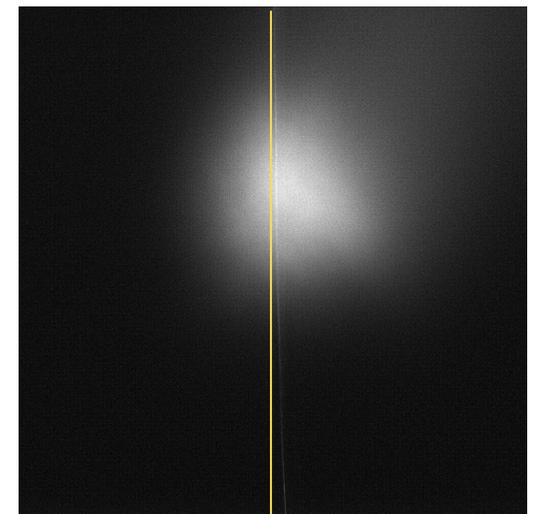
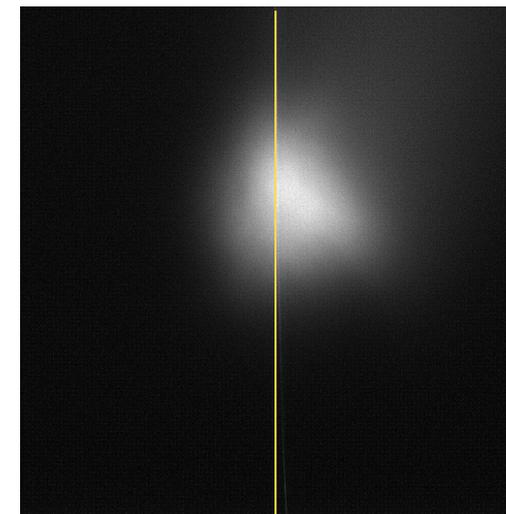
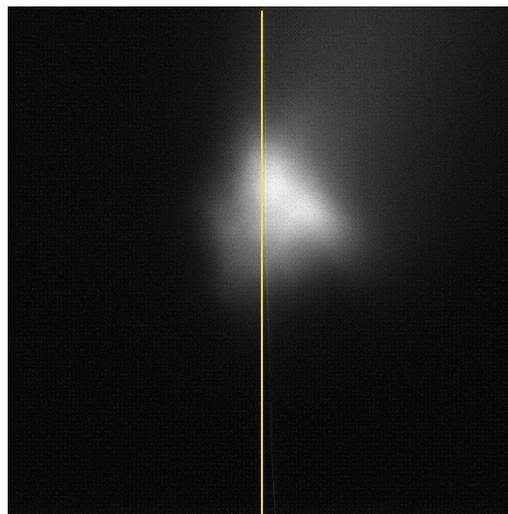
$4200\mu s$

$5200\mu s$

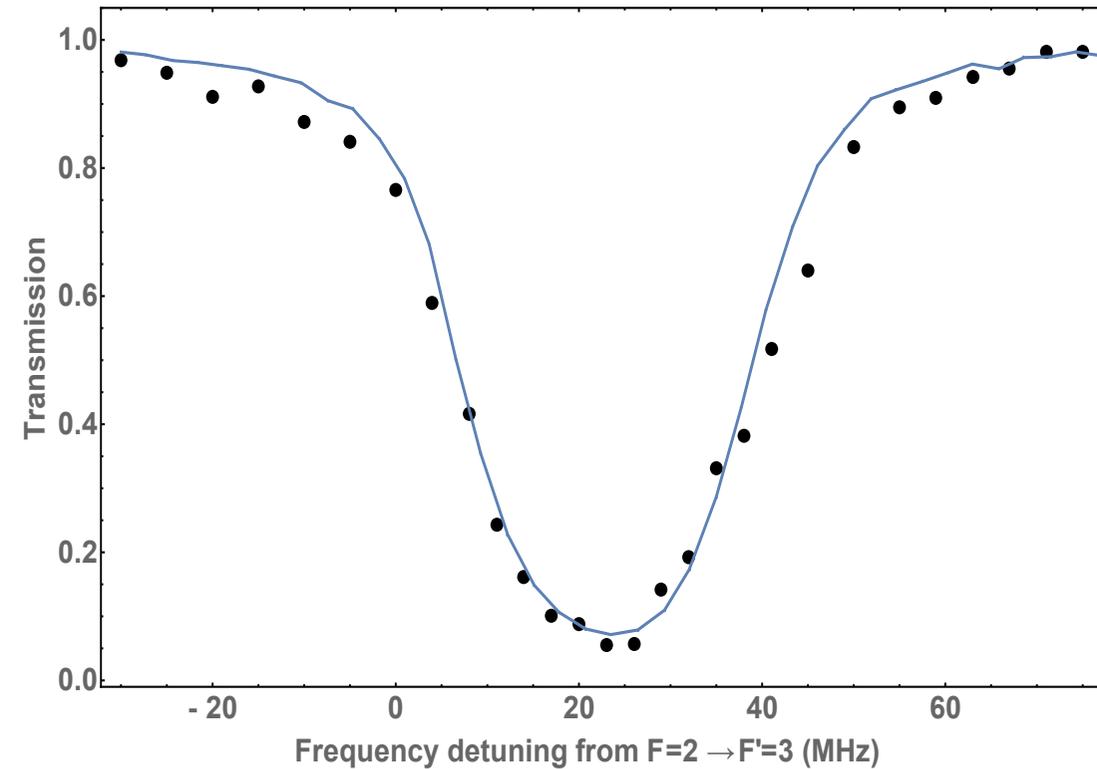
Before  
optimization



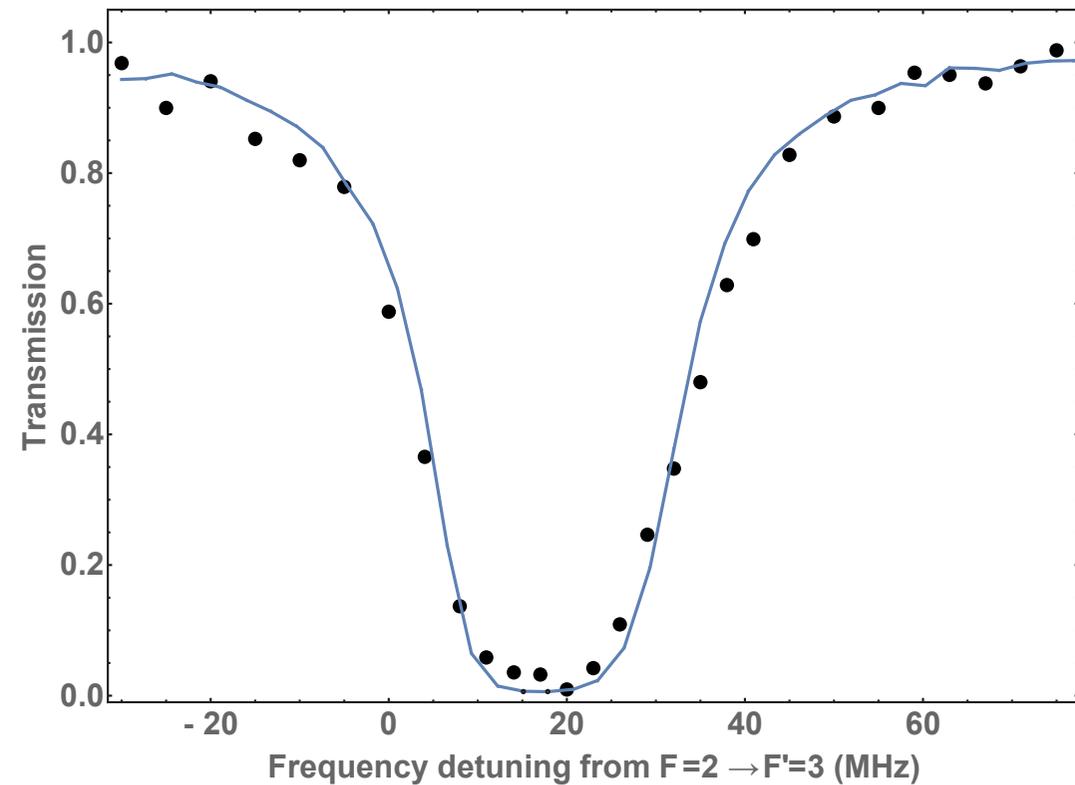
ML-optimized



# Nearly two-fold increase in number of trapped atoms with ML



**450 atoms**



**800 atoms**



# Summary

- ONFs offer huge advantage for applications in quantum technologies
  - Easy integration of strongly interacting ensemble of atoms into the fiber network
- Atoms can be trapped in the evanescent field around the ONF with an appropriate combination of red- and blue-detuned light fields propagating through the ONF.
- Machine optimization can be used to improve the number of trapped atoms near the ONF. In our case, we observed an increase by 70%.



# Thank you for your attention!

