

# Atom Interferometry 101

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# Atomic physics (for the lay person) NAV AIR



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# History

# deBroglie proposal 1924

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1929 was awarded to Louis de Broglie "for his discovery of the wave nature of electrons".

# Electron diffraction 1930

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1937 was awarded jointly to Clinton Joseph Davisson and George Paget Thomson "for their experimental discovery of the diffraction of electrons by crystals"

- Electron interferometry 1950s
- Neutron interferometry 1960s

Atom interferometers 1990s





Internal structure!!!





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 The "ruler" for precision measurements

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# •deBroglie proposal 1924

 $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} \longrightarrow$ 

Electron diffraction 1930

Electron interferometry 1950s

#### More history









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#### Quantum-noise limits to matter-wave interferometry

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TABLE I. Compared and contrasted are different properties of matter-wave and optical gyroscopes in terms of their sensitivity to phase differences—or equivalently—rotation rates. We see that the high mass of atoms initially contributes an increase of sensitivity of  $10^{10}$ , but that the low atomic beam intensity, compared to photon beams, removes some of this advantage, as does the reduced number of round trips possible in an atom interferometer. Nevertheless, a typical factor of a  $10^4$  increase in rotation sensitivity can still be expected using atoms rather than photons.

	Matter	Laser	Matter-to-light sensitivity factor
Mass factor	$\sim 10^4 \text{ MeV}$	~1 eV	~ 10 <sup>10</sup>
Flux	$\rho v A \sim 10^{10} \times 10^4 \times 10^{-2}$	$\frac{P}{\hbar\nu} \sim \frac{10^{-3}}{10^{-19}}$	
	$=10^{12} \frac{\text{particles}}{\text{sec}}$	$=10^{16} \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{sec}}$	~ 10 -
Round			
trips	~1	$\sim 10^4$	~10 <sup>-4</sup>



# Outline



- Interaction of two level atom with single mode field
  - •Schrodinger Eq.
  - •Density Matrix
- Rabi flopping
- Ramsey interference
- •Spin echo
- Two time correlation functions





# Hamiltonian











$$\Omega = \frac{2\mu_{12}\mathcal{E}}{\hbar}$$

• As we'll see, this is the rate the atom oscillates between ground and excited states





# **The Schrodinger Equation**



$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi=H\psi$$

$$\begin{split} |\psi(t)\rangle &= c_1(t)|1\rangle + c_2(t)|2\rangle \\ \mathcal{H}|\psi(t)\rangle &= \left[\hbar\omega_o|2\rangle\langle 2| -\frac{i}{2}\hbar\Omega^* e^{i\omega_L t}|1\rangle\langle 2| -\frac{i}{2}\hbar\Omega e^{-i\omega_L t}|2\rangle\langle 1\right] \\ &\times [c_1(t)|1\rangle + c_2(t)|2\rangle] \\ &= \hbar\omega_0 c_2(t)|2\rangle - \frac{i}{2}\hbar\Omega^* e^{i\omega_L t}c_2(t)|1\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\hbar\Omega e^{-i\omega_L t}c_1(t)|1\rangle \\ i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\psi(t)\rangle &= i\hbar\dot{c}_1(t)|1\rangle + i\hbar\dot{c}_2(t)|2\rangle \end{split}$$







$$i\hbar\dot{c}_{1}(t)|1>+i\hbar\dot{c}_{2}(t)|2> = \hbar\omega_{0}c_{2}(t)|2>-\frac{i}{2}\hbar\Omega^{*}e^{i\omega_{L}t}c_{2}(t)|1> -\frac{1}{2}\hbar\Omega e^{-i\omega_{L}t}c_{1}(t)|2>$$

$$\dot{c}_1(t) = \frac{i}{2}\Omega^* e^{i\omega_L t} c_2(t)$$
  
$$\dot{c}_2(t) = -i\omega_0 c_2(t) + \frac{i}{2}\Omega e^{-i\omega_L t} c_1(t)$$

In principle, numerically integrable



# Change to rotating frame



Some change into frame rotating at a rate  $\omega_o$ 

We will change into frame rotating at a rate  $\omega_L$ 

$$c_1(t) = \tilde{c}_1(t)$$
  

$$c_2(t) = \tilde{c}_2(t)e^{-\imath\omega_L t}$$



# Final set of equations



$$\begin{cases} i\dot{\tilde{c}}_{1}(t) = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega^{*}\tilde{c}_{2}(t) \\ i\dot{\tilde{c}}_{2}(t) = (\omega_{0} - \omega_{L})\tilde{c}_{2}(t) - \frac{1}{2}\Omega\tilde{c}_{1}(t) \\ \delta = \omega_{L} - \omega_{o} \end{cases}$$

Laser detuning from atomic resonance

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{c}}_1(t) = 0\tilde{c}_1(t) + \frac{i}{2}\Omega^*\tilde{c}_2(t) \\ \dot{\tilde{c}}_2(t) = \frac{i}{2}\Omega\tilde{c}_1(t) + i\delta\tilde{c}_2(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{split} \dot{\psi}(t) &= L\psi(t) \\ \text{where} \qquad L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +\frac{i}{2}\Omega^* \\ \frac{i}{2}\Omega & i\delta \end{pmatrix} \qquad \psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1(t) \\ c_2(t) \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$



# Solving the equations



Solving this system by eigenvalue method

$$\begin{split} \left| \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & +\frac{i}{2}\Omega^* \\ \frac{i}{2}\Omega & i\delta - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right| &= 0 & \Omega' = \sqrt{\Omega^2 + \delta^2} \\ \lambda &= \frac{i\delta \pm \sqrt{(-i\delta)^2 - (4)(1)(|\Omega|^2)}}{2} = \frac{i\delta \pm i\sqrt{|\Omega|^2 + \delta^2}}{2} & \text{Generalized Rabi} \\ \end{split}$$

$$\lambda_+, \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Omega^*/(\Omega'+\delta) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\psi_+}$$

$$\lambda_{-}, \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -\Omega^*/(\Omega'-\delta) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\psi_{-}}$$



# **General solution**



$$\psi(t) = Ae^{\lambda_+ t}\psi_+ + Be^{\lambda_- t}\psi_-$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1(t) \\ c_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = Ae^{i(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega^+/(\Omega'+\delta) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + Be^{-i(\Omega'-\delta)t/2} \begin{pmatrix} -\Omega^*/(\Omega'-\delta) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \left(\frac{\Omega' - \delta}{2\Omega'}\right) c_2(0) - \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'} c_1(0)$$

$$A = \frac{\Omega' + \delta}{2\Omega'} c_2(0) + \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'} c_1(0)$$



# Most general form



$$c_1(t) = \left[\frac{|\Omega|^2}{2\Omega'(\Omega'+\delta)}c_1(0) + \frac{\Omega^*}{2\Omega'}c_2(0)\right]e^{i(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} \\ + \left[\frac{|\Omega|^2}{2\Omega'(\Omega'-\delta)}c_1(0) - \frac{\Omega^*}{2\Omega'}c_2(0)\right]e^{-i(\Omega'\delta)t/2}$$

$$c_{2}(t) = \left[\frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'}c_{1}(0) + \frac{\Omega' + \delta}{2\Omega'}c_{2}(0)\right]e^{i(\Omega' + \delta)t/2} \\ - \left[\frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'}c_{1}(0) - \frac{\Omega' - \delta}{2\Omega'}c_{2}(0)\right]e^{-i(\Omega'\delta)t/2}$$



# **Compact notation**



Amplitudes as if the atom was initially in the ground or excited state





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Amplitudes as if the atom was initially in the ground or excited state

$$\tilde{c}_{1}^{g}(t) = \frac{|\Omega|^{2}}{2\Omega'(\Omega'+\delta)}e^{i(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} + \frac{|\Omega|^{2}}{2\Omega'(\Omega'-\delta)}e^{-i(\Omega'-\delta)t/2},$$

$$\tilde{c}_{2}^{g}(t) = \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'}e^{i(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} - \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'}e^{i(\Omega'-\delta)t/2},$$
Amplitude of excited state as if atom started in the ground state



# **Compact notation**



Amplitudes as if the atom was initially in the ground or excited state

$$\begin{split} \tilde{c}_1^g(t) &= \frac{|\Omega|^2}{2\Omega'(\Omega'+\delta)} e^{i(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} + \frac{|\Omega|^2}{2\Omega'(\Omega'-\delta)} e^{-i(\Omega'-\delta)t/2}, \\ \tilde{c}_2^g(t) &= \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'} e^{i(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} - \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'} e^{i(\Omega'-\delta)t/2}, \end{split}$$

• Similarly

$$\begin{split} \tilde{c}_1^e(t) &= \frac{\Omega^*}{2\Omega'} e^{\imath(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} - \frac{\Omega^*}{2\Omega'} e^{-\imath(\Omega'+\delta)t/2}, \\ \tilde{c}_2^e(t) &= \frac{\Omega'+\delta}{2\Omega'} e^{\imath(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} + \frac{\Omega'-\delta}{2\Omega'} e^{-\imath(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} \end{split}$$



# Finally....



 Basically, we now have the probability amplitudes to find the atom in the excited or ground states as a function of time

$$\tilde{c}_1(t) = \tilde{c}_1^g(t) \ \tilde{c}_1(0) + \tilde{c}_1^e(t) \ \tilde{c}_2(0),$$

$$\tilde{c}_2(t) = \tilde{c}_2^g(t) \tilde{c}_1(0) + \tilde{c}_2^e(t) \tilde{c}_2(0).$$

# Now....on to some physics



### What does this look like?





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# Simple solution



• For atom initially in the ground state

$$\tilde{c}_2^g(t) = \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'} e^{i(\Omega'+\delta)t/2} - \frac{\Omega}{2\Omega'} e^{-i(\Omega'-\delta)t/2}$$

$$=\frac{\imath\Omega}{\Omega'}\sin\left(\Omega't/2\right)e^{\imath\delta t/2}$$

• Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{c}_{2}^{g}(t)|^{2} &= \left|\frac{\Omega}{\Omega'}\right|^{2} \sin^{2}(\Omega' t/2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left|\frac{\Omega}{\Omega'}\right|^{2} (1 - \cos\Omega' t) \end{aligned}$$
 Oscillates at exactly  $\Omega'$ 



# Steady state...



As constructed, there is no "steady state"
 – System continues to oscillate forever

# We have ignored spontaneous emission!

# Inclusion of spontaneous emission NAV MAIR

- Put in "by hand"
  - We'll take the excited state decay rate to be  $2\beta$
  - We'll take the coherence decay rate to be  $\beta$
- Really requires a density matrix approach which we will not cover in this lecture.

But here we'll skip to the end...



# **Dynamics**



- No "nice" analytic solution exists
- Analytic solutions exist if...
  - Spontaneous emission is ignored (as shown before)
  - Detuning is taken to be zero









$$|c_2(t)|^2 = \frac{\frac{1}{4}\frac{\Omega^2}{\beta^2}}{\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Omega^2}{\beta^2} + 1 + \frac{\delta^2}{\beta^2}} \to \frac{1}{2} as \ \Omega \to \infty$$

## **Re-arranging**







# Justification for ignoring spontaneous emission



# Three level system









$$\begin{split} |\psi(t) &= c_1(t) |1\rangle + c_2(t) |2\rangle + c_3(t) |3\rangle \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{\tilde{c}}_1(t) &= \frac{i}{2} \Omega_1^* \tilde{c}_3(t) \\ \dot{\tilde{c}}_2(t) &= -i \left(\delta_2 - \delta_1\right) + \frac{i}{2} \Omega_2^* \tilde{c}_3(t) \\ \dot{\tilde{c}}_3(t) &= i \delta_1 \tilde{c}_3(t) + \frac{i}{2} \Omega_1 \tilde{c}_1(t) + \frac{i}{2} \Omega_2 \tilde{c}_2(t) \end{split}$$



# Adiabatically eliminate the 3<sup>rd</sup> level NAV MAIR

Take 
$$\dot{\tilde{c}}_3(t) = 0$$
 and solve for  $\tilde{c}_3(t)$ 

$$\tilde{c}_3(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_1}{\delta_1} \tilde{c}_1(t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_2}{\delta_1} \tilde{c}_2(t)$$

Substitute back into equations for  $c_1(t)$  and  $c_2(t)$ 

$$\dot{\tilde{c}}_{1}(t) = -\frac{i}{4} \frac{|\Omega_{1}|^{2}}{\delta_{1}} \tilde{c}_{1}(t) - i \frac{\Omega_{1}^{*}\Omega_{2}}{\delta_{1}} \tilde{c}_{2}(t)$$
$$\dot{\tilde{c}}_{2}(t) = i \left(\delta_{2} - \delta_{1}\right) \tilde{c}_{2}(t) - \frac{i}{4} \frac{\Omega_{1}\Omega_{2}^{*}}{\delta_{1}} \tilde{c}_{1}(t) - \frac{i}{4} \frac{|\Omega_{2}|^{2}}{\delta_{2}} \tilde{c}_{2}(t)$$

These are close to the final solution,

Let's do one more transformation to drive the point home





$$\tilde{c}_1(t) = \tilde{c}_1(t)e^{-\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t}$$
  $\tilde{c}_2(t) = \tilde{d}_2(t)e^{-\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t}$ 

Adiabatically eliminated three level equations

$$\dot{\tilde{d}}_{1}(t) = \underbrace{\imath \frac{\Omega_{1}^{*} \Omega_{2}}{4\delta_{1}}}_{\tilde{d}_{2}} \tilde{d}_{2} \qquad \dot{\tilde{d}}_{2}(t) = \imath \left[ (\delta_{1} - \delta_{2}) + \left( \frac{|\Omega_{1}|^{2}}{4\delta_{1}} - \frac{|\Omega_{2}|^{2}}{4\delta_{2}} \right) \right] \tilde{d}_{2} - \frac{\imath}{4} \frac{\Omega_{1} \Omega_{2}}{\delta_{1}} \tilde{d}_{1}$$
Original two level equations
$$\dot{\tilde{c}}_{1}(t) = \underbrace{\frac{\imath}{2} \Omega^{*} \tilde{c}_{2}(t)}_{\tilde{c}_{2}}(t) \qquad \dot{\tilde{c}}_{2}(t) = \imath \delta \tilde{c}_{2}(t) + \frac{\imath}{2} \Omega \tilde{c}_{1}(t)$$

## Functionally, the same form!





$$\tilde{d}_1(t) = \tilde{c}_1(t)e^{\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t} \qquad \qquad \tilde{d}_2(t) = \tilde{c}_2(t)e^{\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t}$$

Adiabatically eliminated three level equations

$$\dot{\tilde{d}}_{1}(t) = \underbrace{\imath \frac{\Omega_{1}^{*} \Omega_{2}}{4\delta_{1}}}_{\tilde{d}_{2}} \tilde{d}_{2} \qquad \dot{\tilde{d}}_{2}(t) = \imath \left[ (\delta_{1} - \delta_{2}) + \left( \frac{|\Omega_{1}|^{2}}{4\delta_{1}} - \frac{|\Omega_{2}|^{2}}{4\delta_{2}} \right) \right] \tilde{d}_{2} - \frac{\imath}{4} \frac{\Omega_{1} \Omega_{2}}{\delta_{1}} \tilde{d}_{1}$$
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$$\dot{\tilde{c}}_{1}(t) = \underbrace{\frac{\imath}{2} \Omega^{*} \tilde{c}_{2}(t)}_{\tilde{c}_{2}} \dot{\tilde{c}}_{2}(t) \qquad \dot{\tilde{c}}_{2}(t) = \imath \delta \tilde{c}_{2}(t) + \frac{\imath}{2} \Omega \tilde{\tilde{c}}_{2}(t)$$

$$\Omega = -\frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_2^*}{2\delta_1} \to \text{Raman Rabi frequency}$$





$$\tilde{d}_1(t) = \tilde{c}_1(t)e^{\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t} \qquad \qquad \tilde{d}_2(t) = \tilde{c}_2(t)e^{\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t}$$

Adiabatically eliminated three level equations

 $\dot{\tilde{d}}_1(t) = -i\frac{\Omega_1^*\Omega_2}{4\delta_1}\tilde{d}_2 \qquad \dot{\tilde{d}}_2(t) = \left[\left(\delta_1 - \delta_2\right) + \left(\frac{|\Omega_1|^2}{4\delta_1} - \frac{|\Omega_2|^2}{4\delta_2}\right)\right]\tilde{d}_2 - \frac{i}{4}\frac{\Omega_1\Omega_2^*}{\delta_1}\tilde{d}_1$ Original two level equations  $\dot{\tilde{c}}_1(t) = \frac{i}{2}\Omega^*\tilde{c}_2(t) \qquad \dot{\tilde{c}}_2(t) = i\delta\tilde{c}_2(t) + \frac{i}{2}\Omega\tilde{c}_1(t)$ 

Two photon detuning  $\delta_2 - \delta_1$  plays the role of detuning





$$\tilde{d}_1(t) = \tilde{c}_1(t)e^{\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t} \qquad \qquad \tilde{d}_2(t) = \tilde{c}_2(t)e^{\frac{i}{4}\frac{|\Omega|^2}{\delta_1}t}$$

Adiabatically eliminated three level equations

$$\dot{\tilde{d}}_1(t) = -\imath \frac{\Omega_1^* \Omega_2}{4\delta_1} \tilde{d}_2 \qquad \qquad \dot{\tilde{d}}_2(t) = \imath \left[ (\delta_1 - \delta_2) + \left( \frac{|\Omega_1|^2}{4\delta_1} - \frac{|\Omega_2|^2}{4\delta_2} \right) \right] \tilde{d}_2 - \frac{\imath}{4} \frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_2^*}{\delta_1} \tilde{d}_1$$
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AC Stark shift



# Going back...





Now states  $|1\rangle$  and  $|2\rangle$  are ground states! This justifies ignoring spontaneous emission



# Definition of $\pi$ pulse





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# Definition of $\pi/2$ pulse







# Single pulse experiments

- NAVSAIR
- Consider an atom initially in the ground state  $|\psi(0)\rangle = |1\rangle$
- Apply a pulse that is "nominally" a  $\pi/2$  pulse
  - Denote that time by  $T_{\pi/2}$
  - $|\psi(t > T_{\pi/2})\rangle = \tilde{c}_1^g(T_{\pi/2})|1\rangle + \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2})|2\rangle$

 $=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\left|1\right\rangle+\left|2\right\rangle\right)$  (for perfect  $\pi/2$  pulses)

$$P_2(t > T_{\pi/2}) = |\langle 2|\psi(t)|^2 = |\tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2})|^2$$









#### NAV Double pulse sequence-"Ramsey" IR

As before, but

- Again, apply  $|\psi(t>T_{\pi/2})|$
- Now, allow at (taking  $|1\rangle$ )

 $|\psi(t>T_{\pi/2})|$ 

th  $T_{\pi/2}$  $[\pi/2)|2\rangle$ r a time  $T_1$ energy)  $\tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2})|2\rangle$ 





# Double pulse sequence-"Ramsey" NAV VAIR

• Now apply second pulse (assumed identical to the first one)

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(T_{\pi/2} + T_1 + T_{\pi/2})\rangle &= \\ & \left[ \tilde{c}_1^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ \tilde{c}_1^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ + e^{i\delta T_1} \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ \tilde{c}_1^e(T_{\pi/2}) \ \right] |1\rangle \\ & + \left[ \tilde{c}_1^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ + e^{i\delta T_1} \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ \tilde{c}_2^e(T_{\pi/2}) \ \right] |2\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$P_2(t) = \left| \langle 2 | \psi(T_{\pi/2} + T_1 + T_{\pi/2}) \rangle \right|^2$$
  
=  $\left| \tilde{c}_1^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ + e^{i\delta T_1} \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \ \tilde{c}_2^e(T_{\pi/2}) \right|^2.$ 





$$P_2(t) = \left| \tilde{c}_1^g(T_{\pi/2}) \; \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \; + e^{i\delta T_1} \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \; \tilde{c}_2^e(T_{\pi/2}) \; \right|^2.$$

$$= \left| \tilde{c}_{2}^{g}(T_{\pi/2}) \right|^{2} \left| \tilde{c}_{1}^{g}(T_{\pi/2}) + e^{i\delta T_{1}} \tilde{c}_{2}^{e}(T_{\pi/2}) \right|^{2}$$

• By physics  $\tilde{c}_{2}^{e}(T_{\pi/2}) = (\tilde{c}_{1}^{g}(T_{\pi/2}))^{*}$   $P_{2}(t) = (\tilde{c}_{2}^{g}(T_{\pi/2}))^{2} |\tilde{c}_{1}^{g}(T_{\pi/2})|^{2} |1 + e^{i\phi}e^{i\delta T_{1}}|^{2}$ Same function as before





$$P_2(t) = \left| \tilde{c}_1^g(T_{\pi/2}) \; \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \; + e^{i\delta T_1} \tilde{c}_2^g(T_{\pi/2}) \; \tilde{c}_2^e(T_{\pi/2}) \; \right|^2.$$

$$= \left| \tilde{c}_{2}^{g}(T_{\pi/2}) \right|^{2} \left| \tilde{c}_{1}^{g}(T_{\pi/2}) + e^{i\delta T_{1}} \tilde{c}_{2}^{e}(T_{\pi/2}) \right|^{2}$$

• By physics  $\tilde{c}_{2}^{e}(T_{\pi/2}) = (\tilde{c}_{1}^{g}(T_{\pi/2}))^{*}$   $P_{2}(t) = |\tilde{c}_{2}^{g}(T_{\pi/2})|^{2} |\tilde{c}_{1}^{g}(T_{\pi/2})|^{2} |1 + e^{i\phi}e^{i\delta T_{1}}|^{2}$ Interference!!!









## Recall



Assume atom initially in the ground state  $\psi(0) = |1\rangle$ 

After  $\pi/2$  pulse:  $|\psi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle + |2\rangle)$  A "beam splitter"

After a  $\pi$  pulse:  $|1\rangle \rightarrow |2\rangle$  $|2\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$  A "mirror"









# ...and just for fun

# Make T1 as long as possible



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# Even more fun....









#### Resonance width $\Delta \nu \sim 10^3$ Hz Optical frequencies $\nu \sim 10^{15}$ Hz Precision of $\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} \sim 10^{-12}$ **Good enough for government** work! 3.5 3 2.5 $\sum_{i=1}^{2} \rho_{ii}^{2}$ 0.5 -100 -20 40 60 80 100 -80 -60 20 July 25, 2013 Two-photon detuning (kHz)



# **Questions?**

