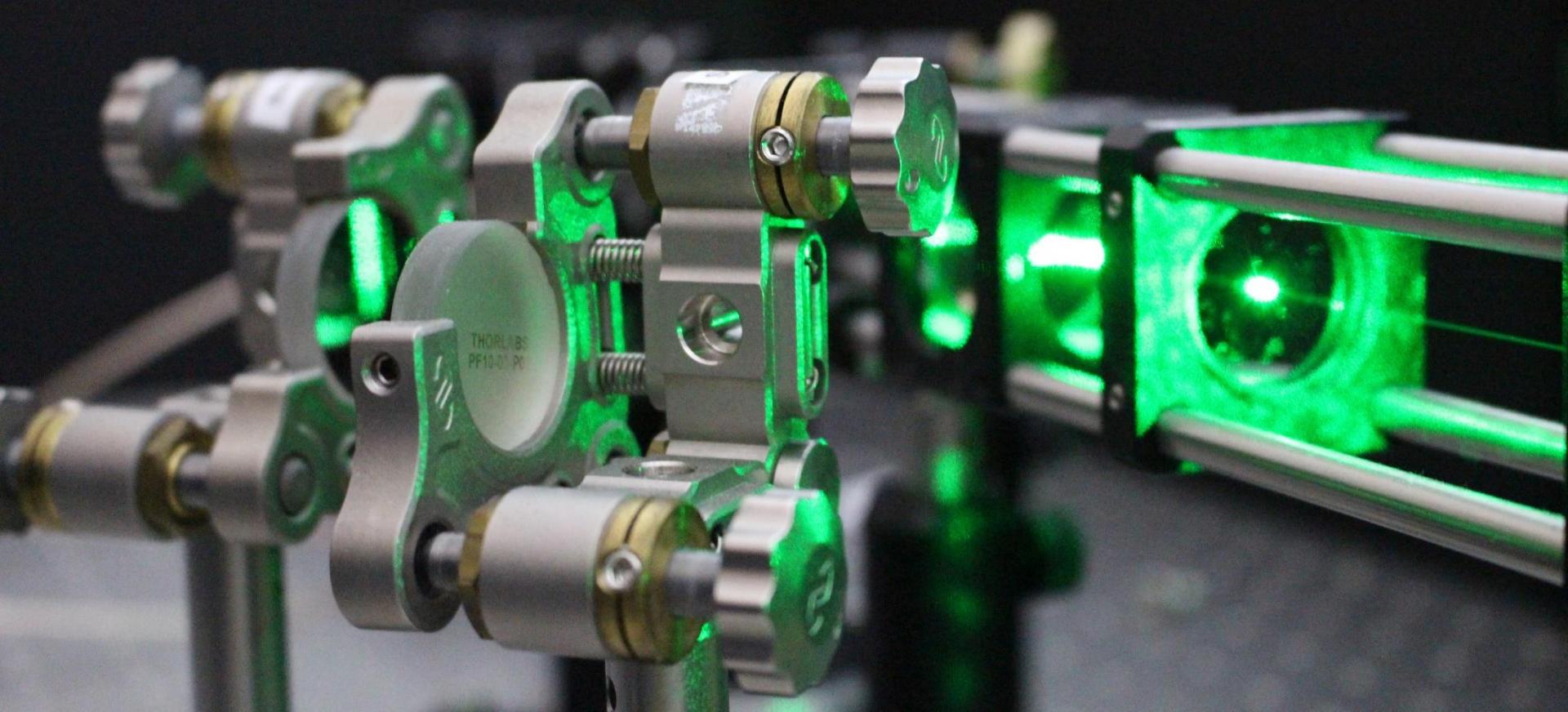


# Matter and spin superposition in vacuum experiment (MASSIVE)

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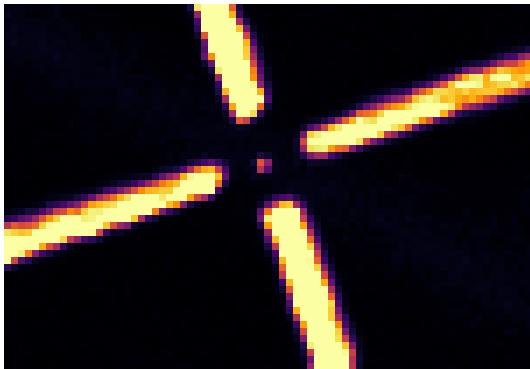
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# My background in diamond qubits and sensors



Single spin qubits: CJ Stephen, BL Green, YND Lekhai, L Weng, P Hill, S Johnson, AC Frangeskou, PL Diggle, MJ Strain, E Gu, ME Newton, JM Smith, PS Salter & GW Morley, arXiv 1807.03643 (2018)

Ensemble magnetometer: MW Dale & GW Morley,  
Medical applications of diamond magnetometry:  
commercial viability, arXiv:1705.01994 (2017)





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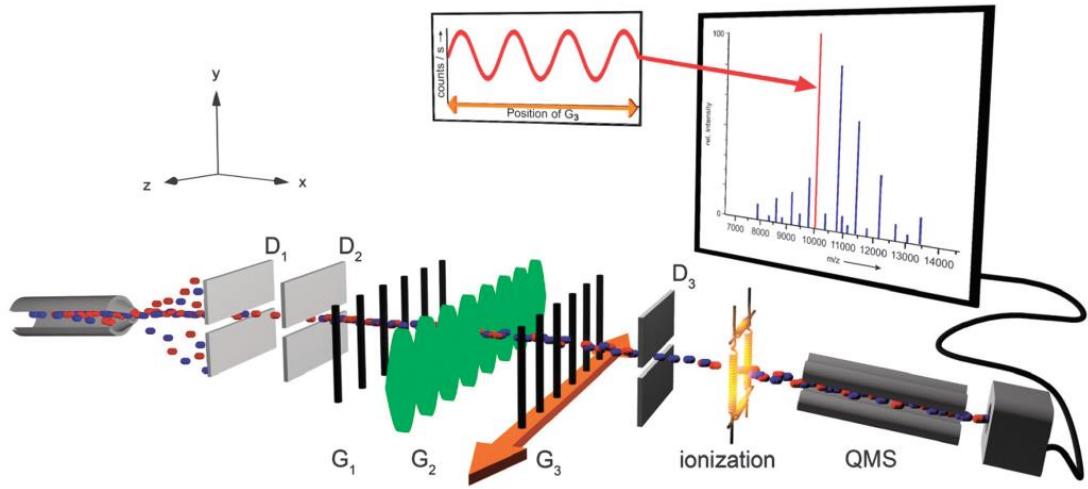
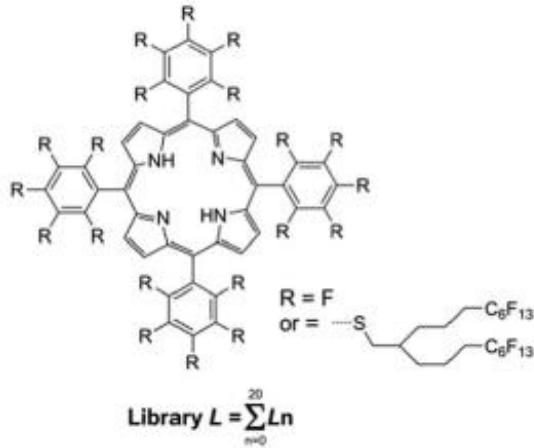
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What is the most macroscopic object  
that can be in a spatial superposition?



# Most macroscopic object to date in a spatial superposition



S Gerlich *et al*, Nature Comms **2**, 263 (2011)

T Juffmann *et al*, Nature Nano **7**, 297 (2012)

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Markus Arndt's group



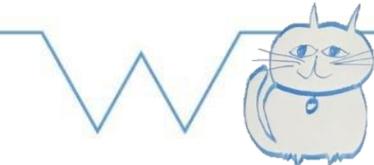
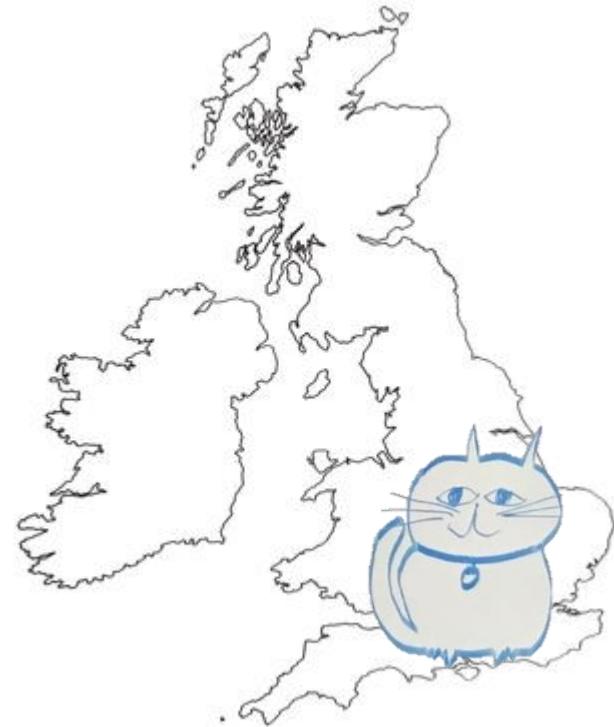
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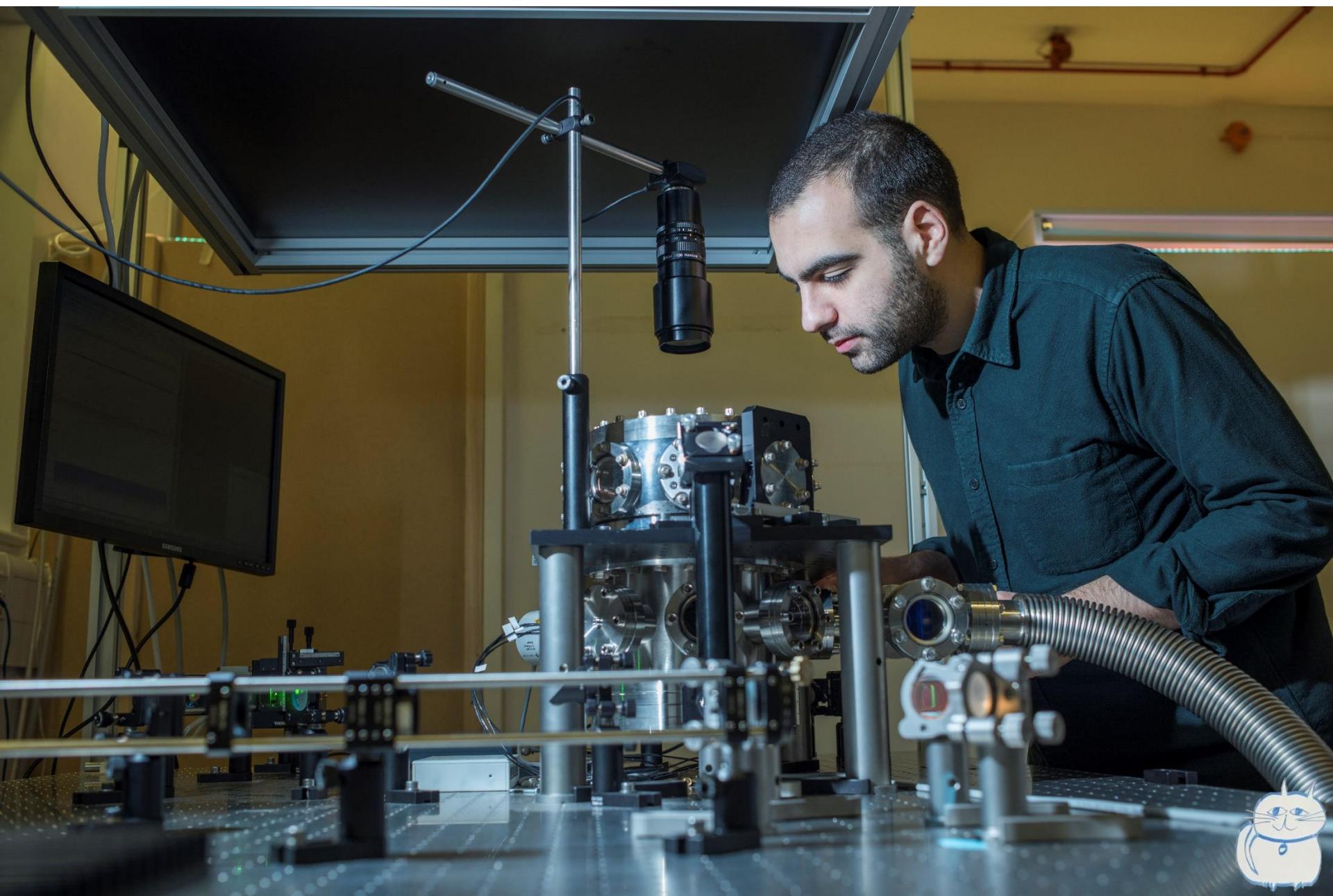
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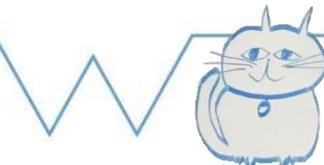
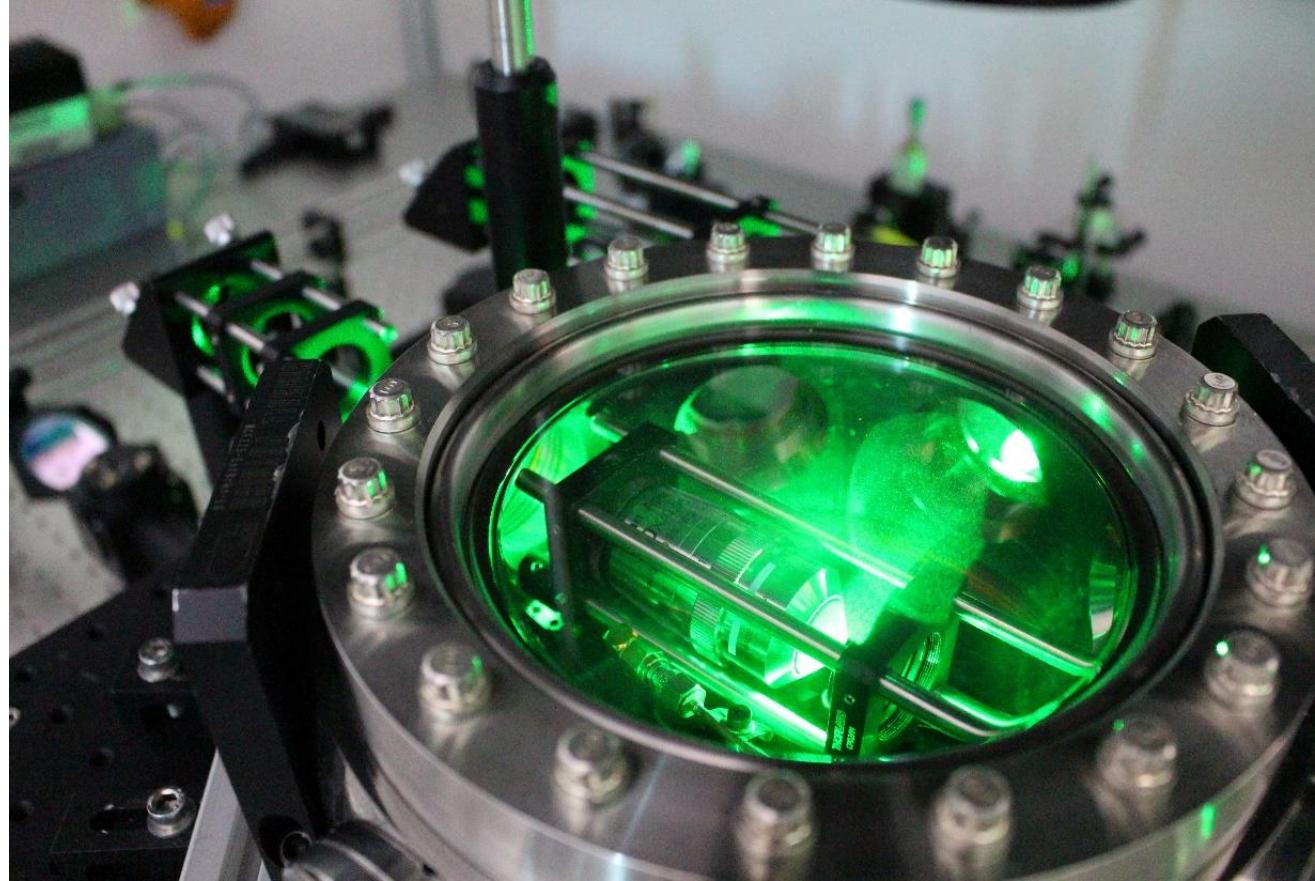
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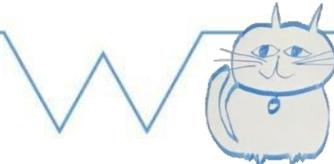
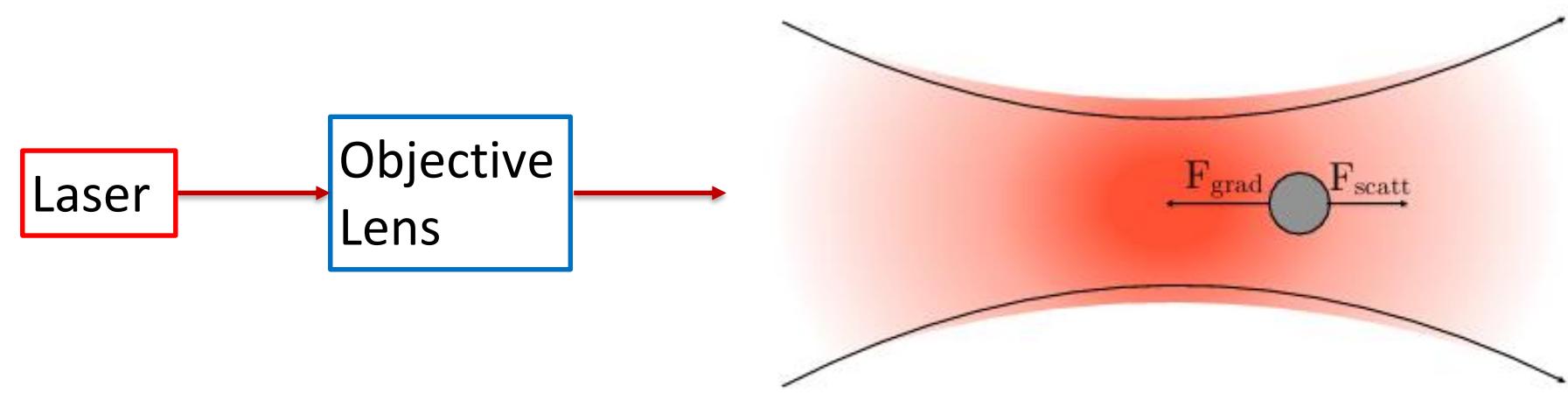
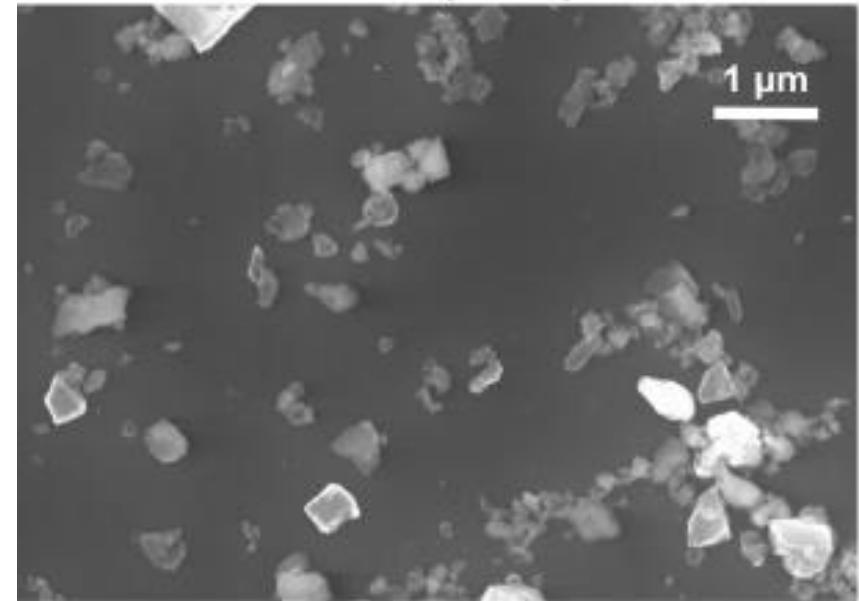
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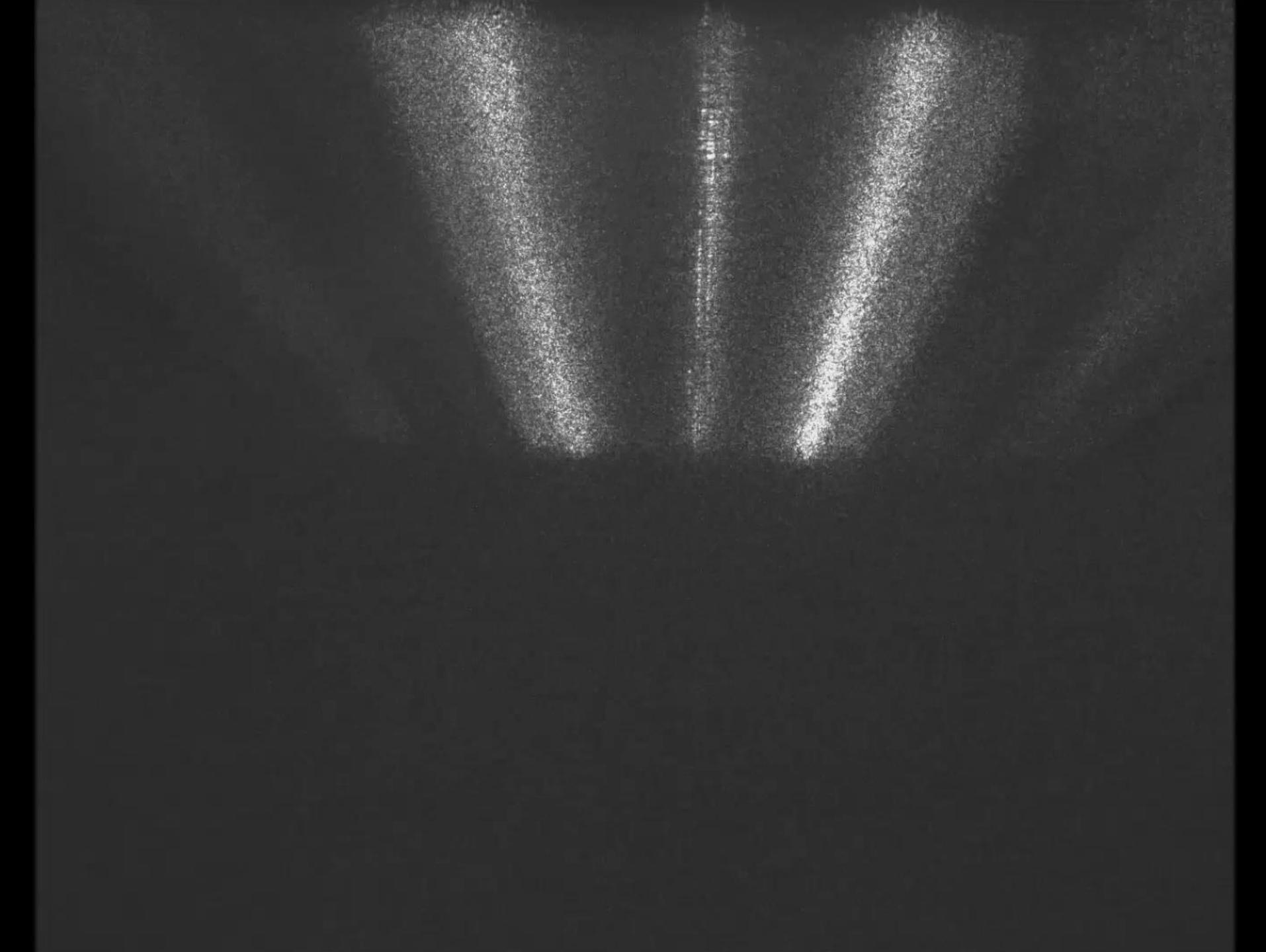


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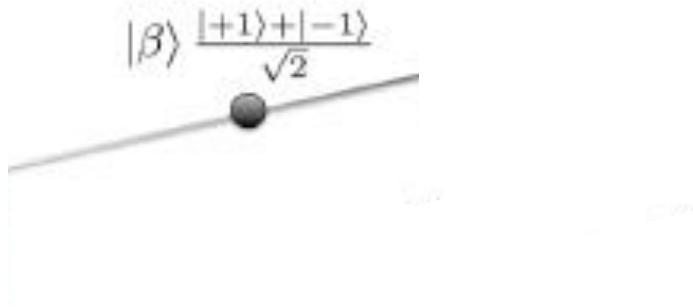


# Single beam optical trap





# Our proposal: drop a nanodiamond containing a spin



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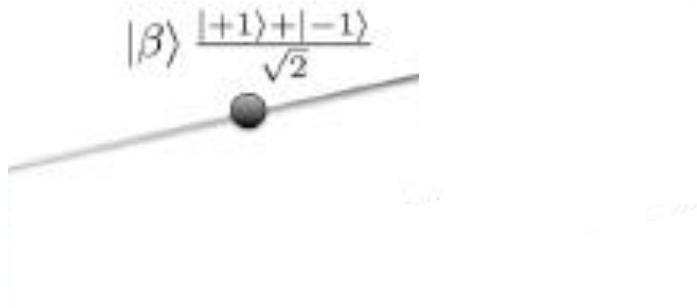
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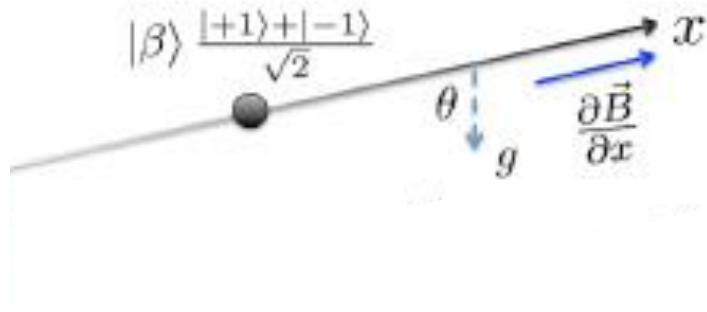
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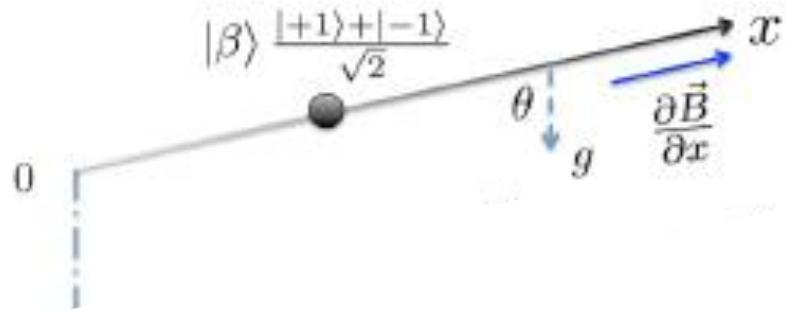
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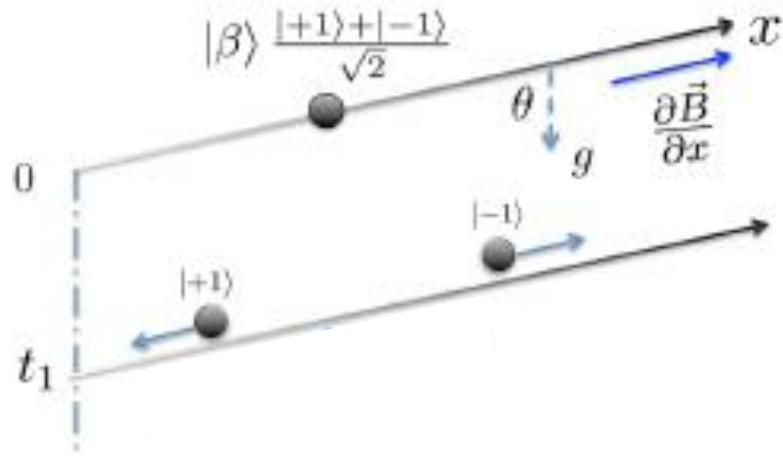
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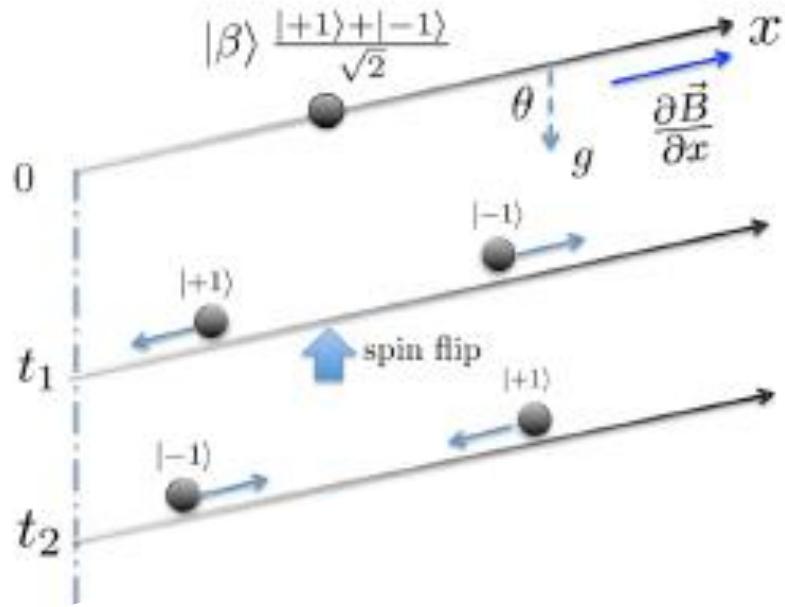
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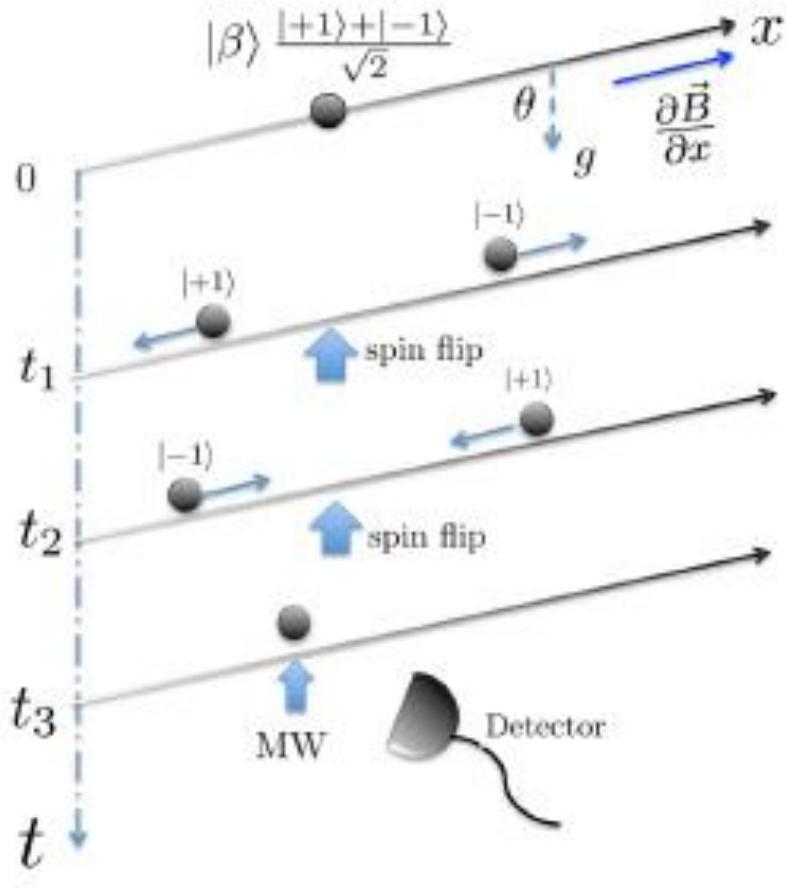
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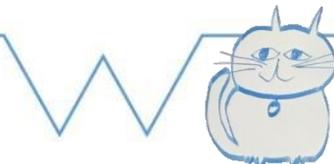
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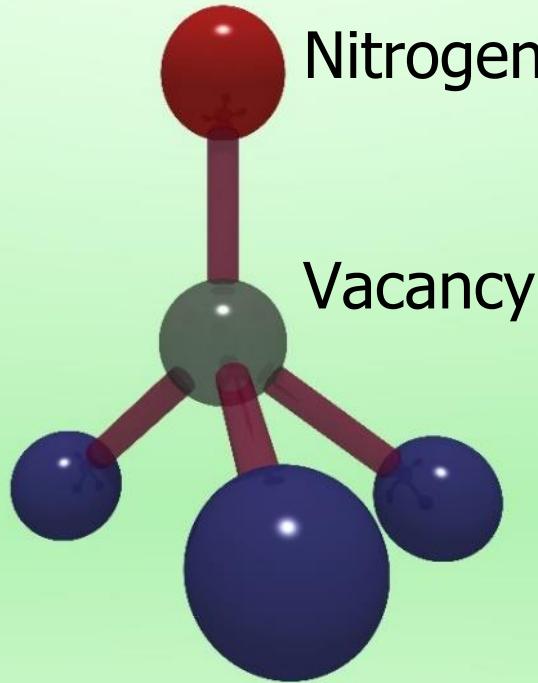
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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+1\rangle + e^{-i\phi_g} |-1\rangle)$$

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# Optically-levitated nanodiamond

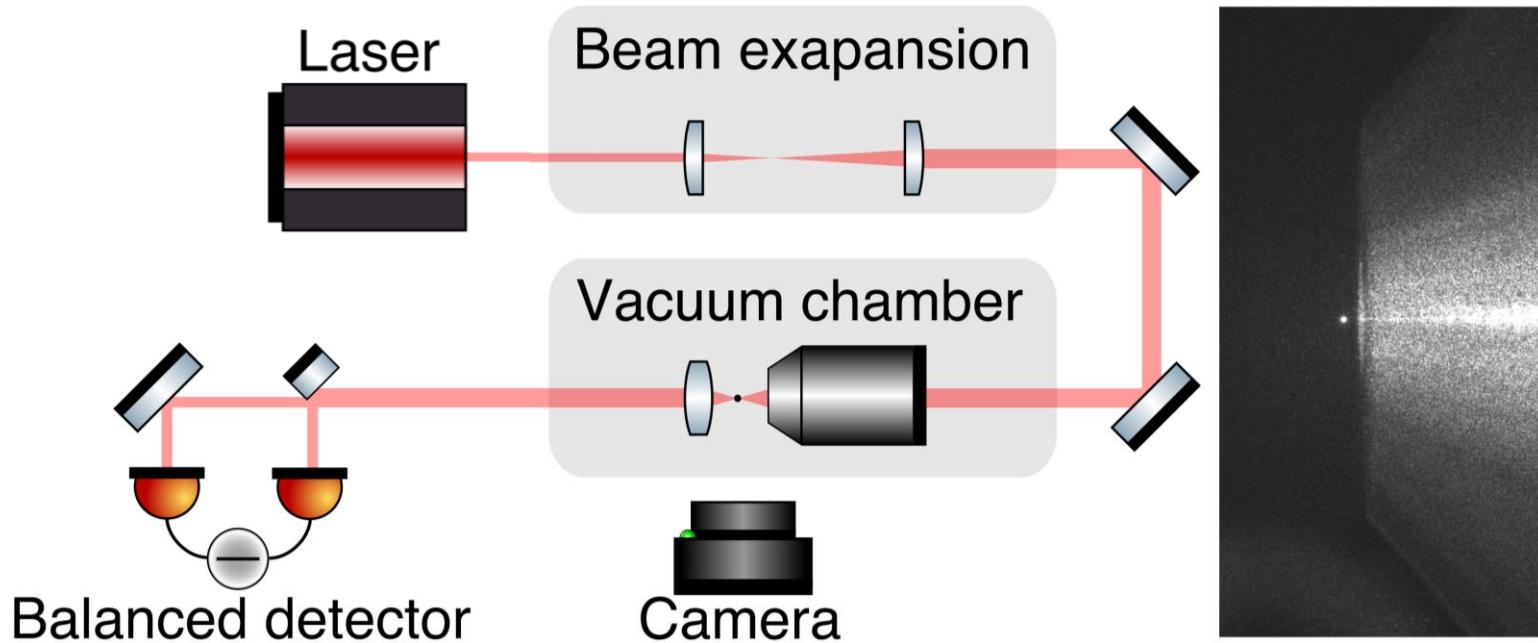


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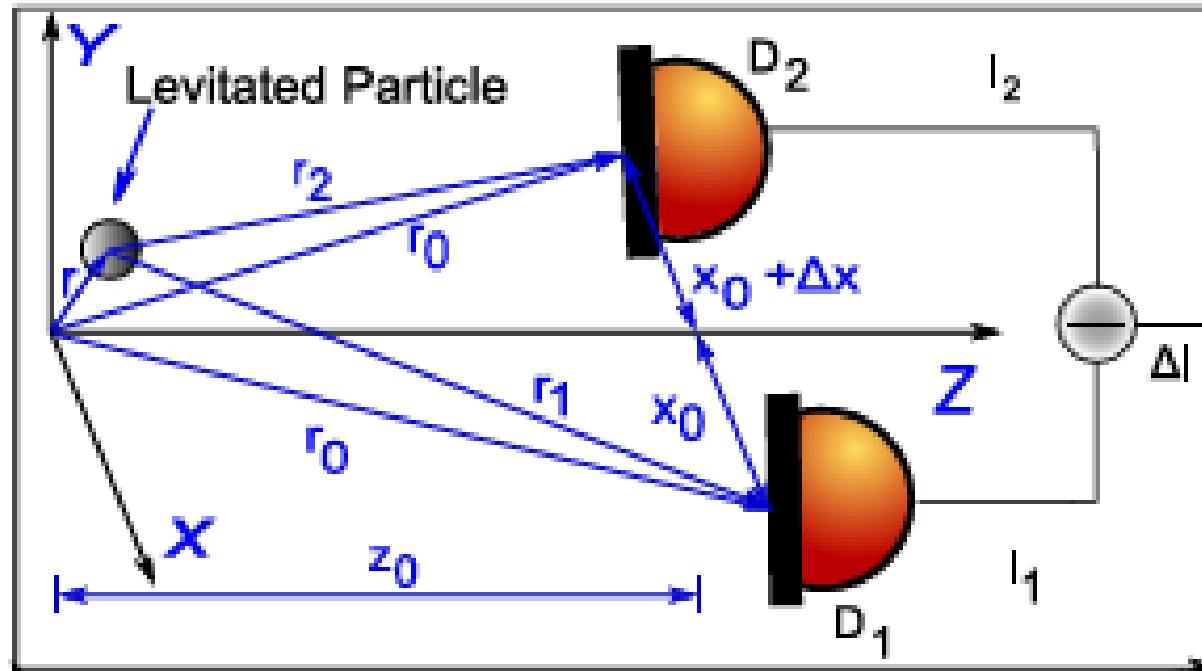
- Commercial nanodiamonds overheat
- Our pure nanodiamonds don't



# Our levitating nanodiamonds



# Interferometric balanced detection

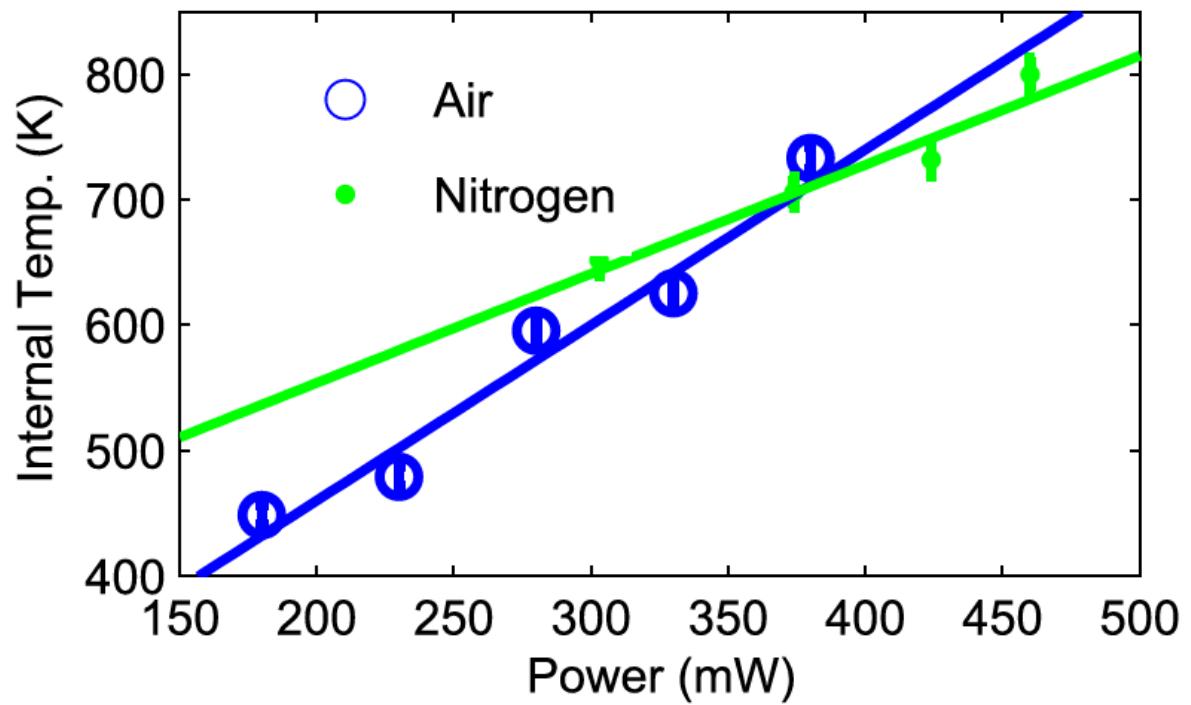


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# Levitating nanodiamonds overheating

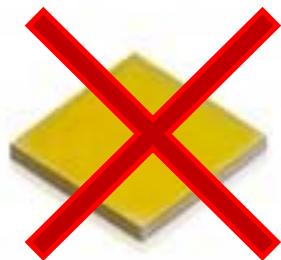
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# A solution: more pure diamonds



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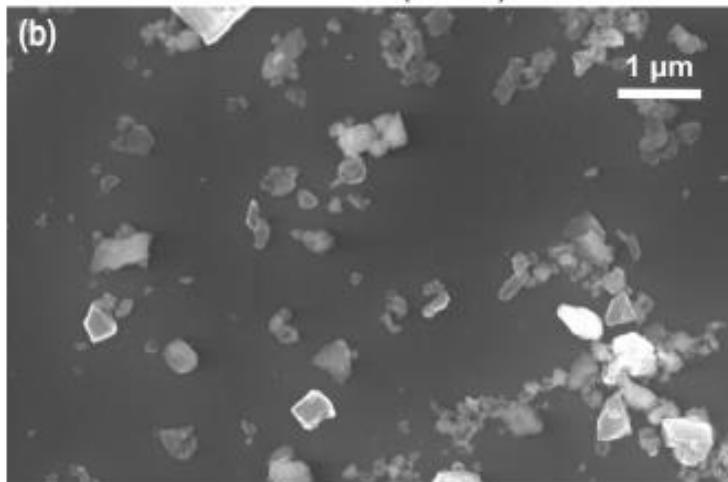


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Milling by  
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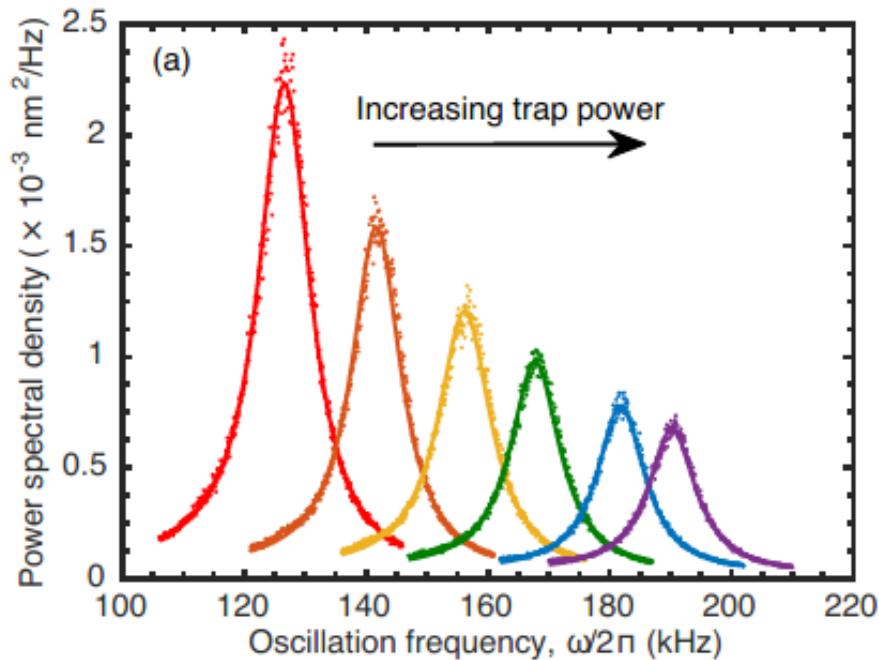


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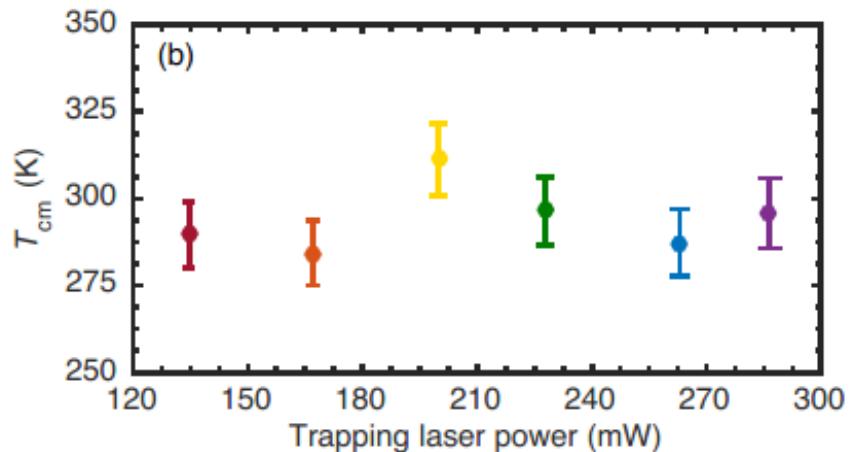


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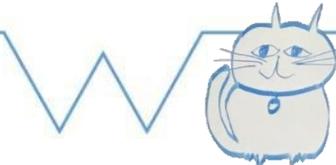
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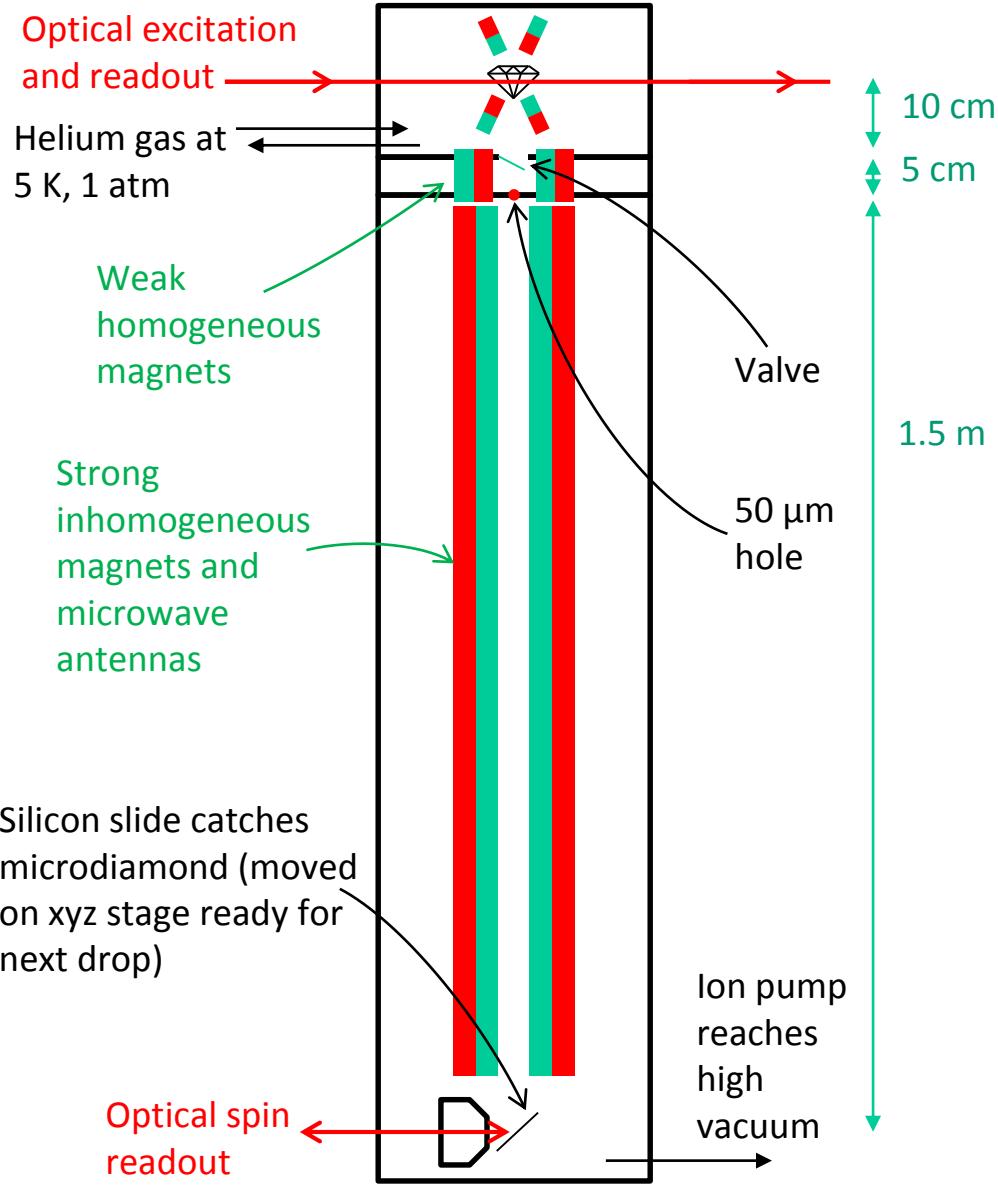


$$S_x(\omega) = \frac{2k_B T_{cm}}{m} \frac{\Gamma_0}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + \omega^2 \Gamma_0^2}.$$



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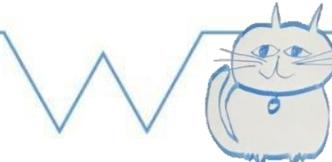




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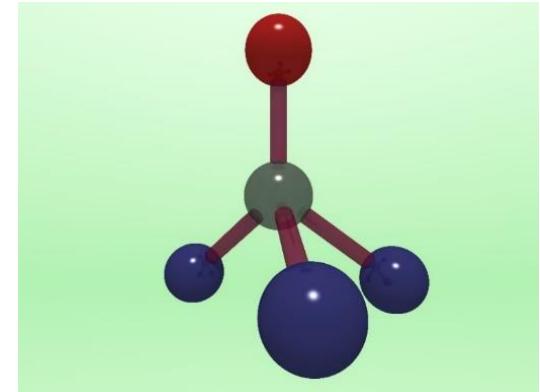
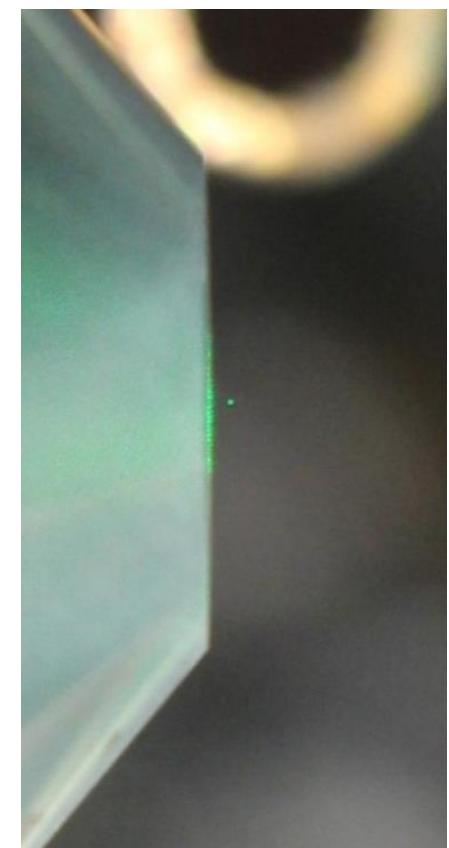
5 K  
 1  $\mu\text{m}$  diamond ( $10^{-15}$  kg,  $10^{12}$  amu)  
 1  $\mu\text{m}$  superposition  
 $10^4$  T/m  
 0.4 s drop  
 $10^{-15}$  mbar  
 Single-shot readout

Sougato Bose and Gavin W Morley,  
 arXiv:1810.07045 October 2018



# Conclusion

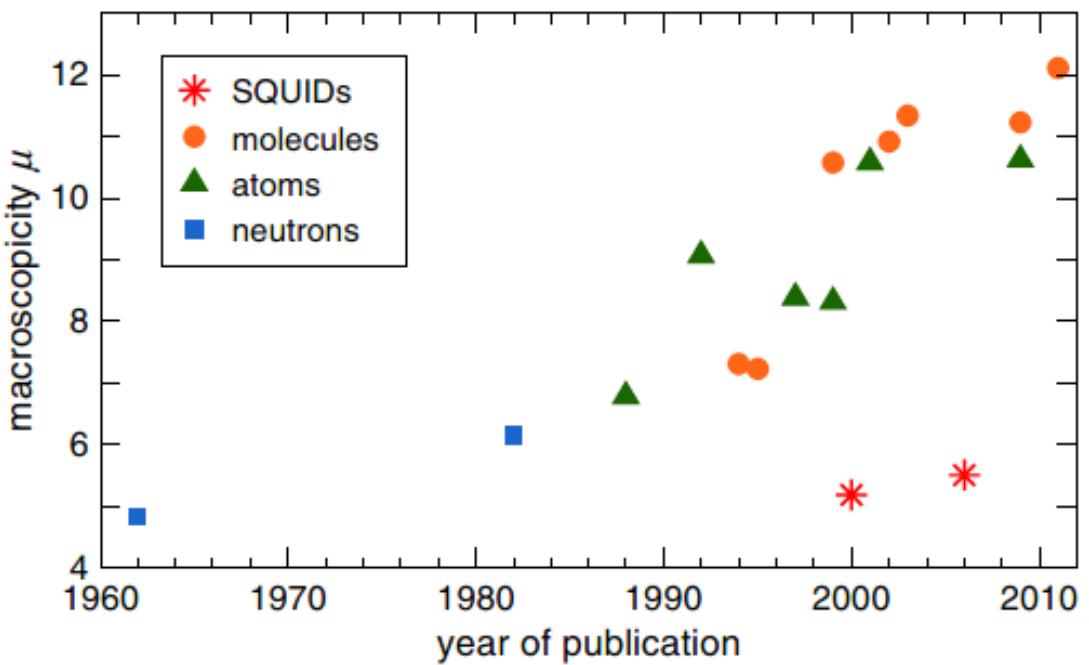
**We propose a new experiment  
to search for a  $1 \mu\text{m}$  spatial  
superposition of a  $1 \mu\text{m}$   
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μ ~ 28

# Macroscopicity

$$\mu \approx \log_{10} \left[ \left( \frac{M}{m_e} \right)^2 \frac{t}{1 \text{ s}} \right]$$

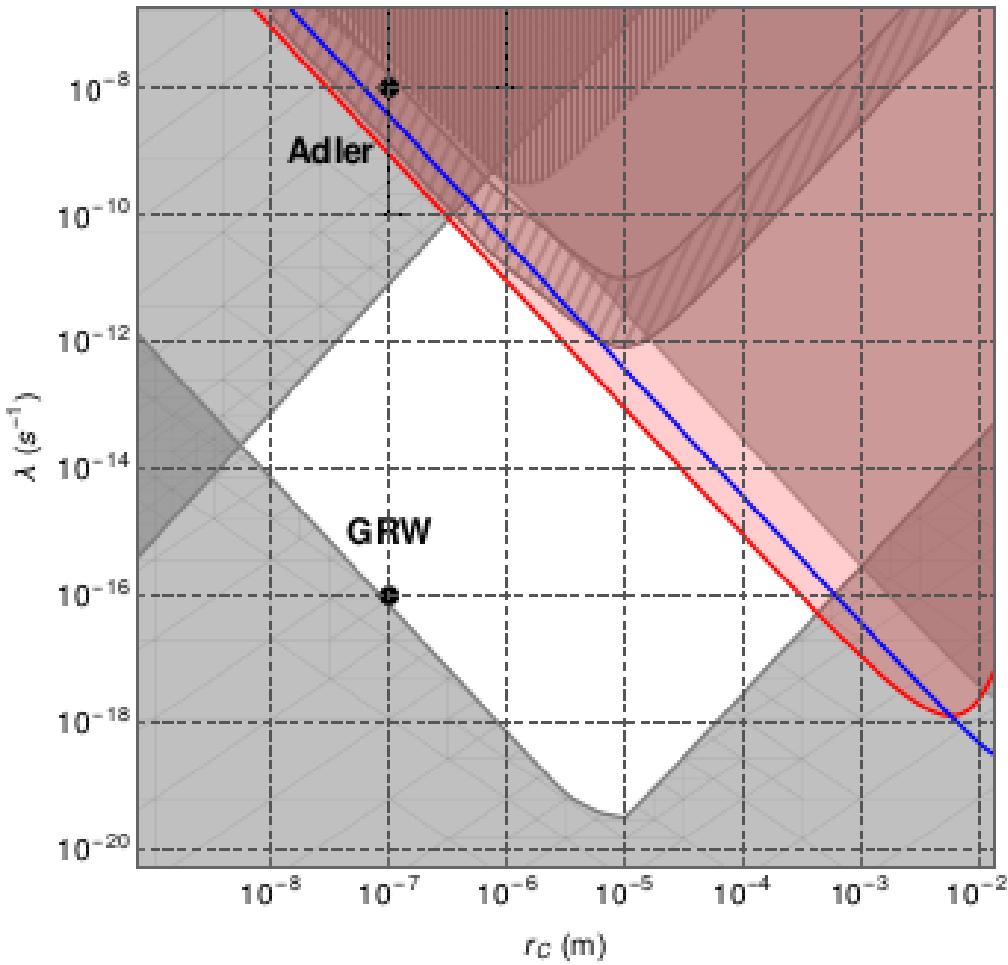


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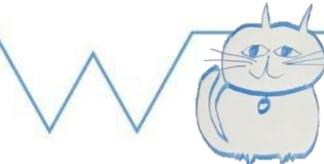
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# Exclusion plot: continuous simultaneous localization

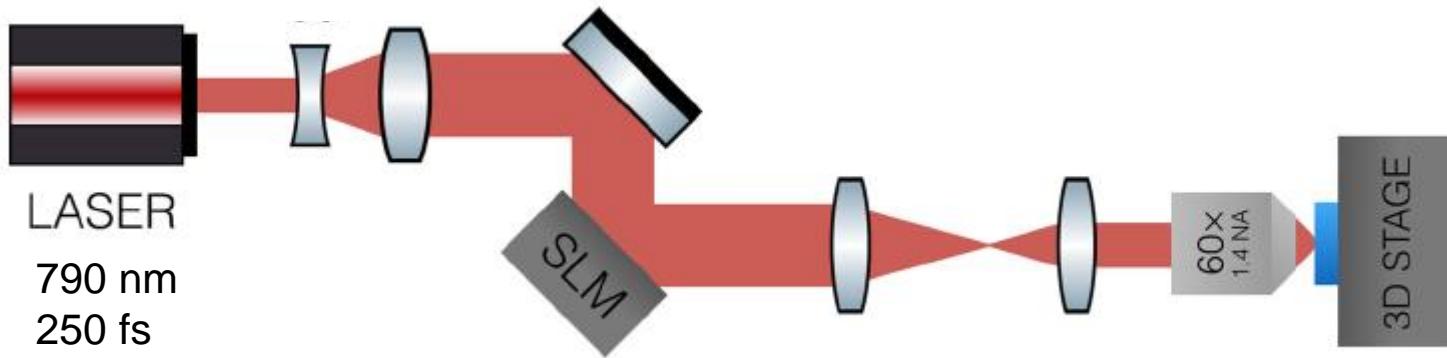


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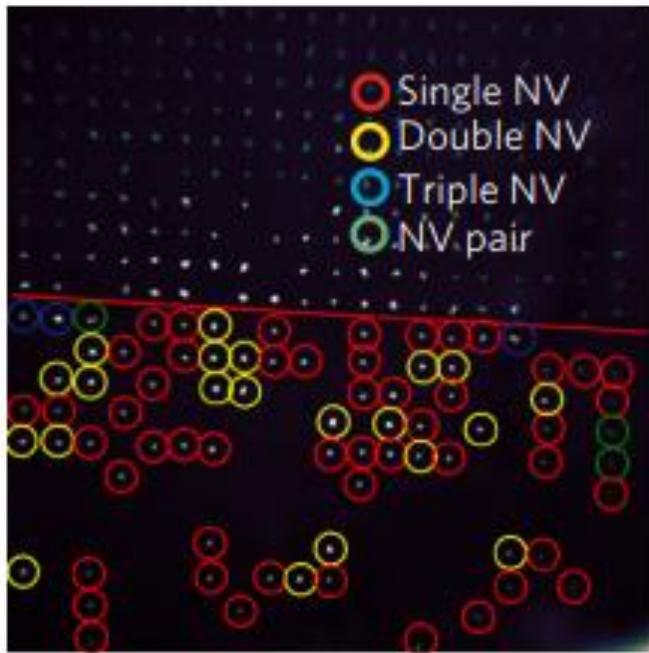




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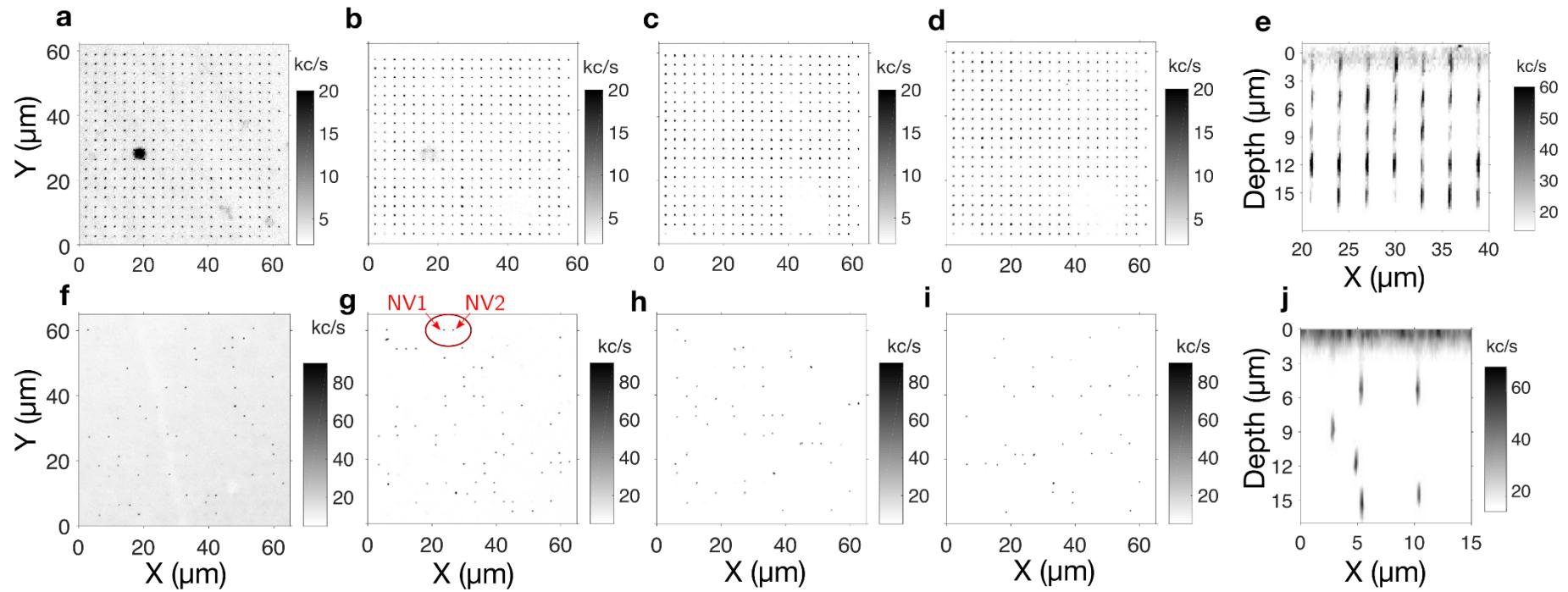
# Our previous NV<sup>-</sup> laser-writing



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# Laser-writing deep nitrogen vacancy centres in diamond



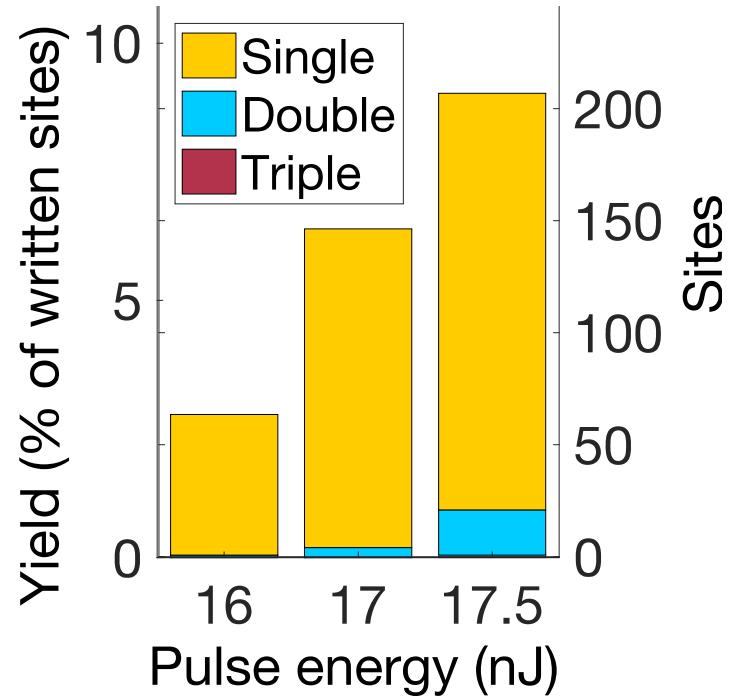
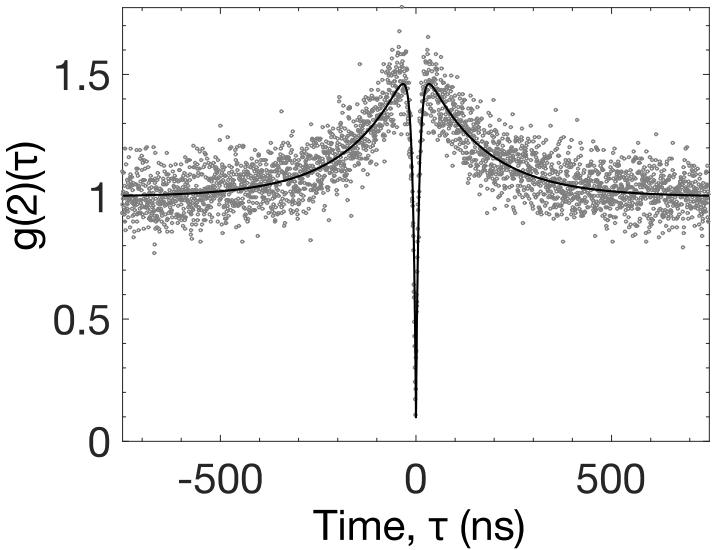
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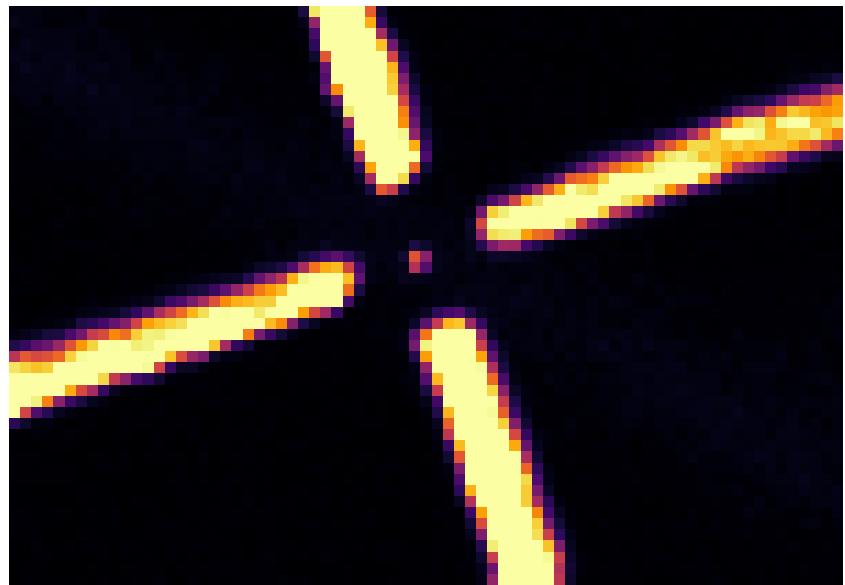
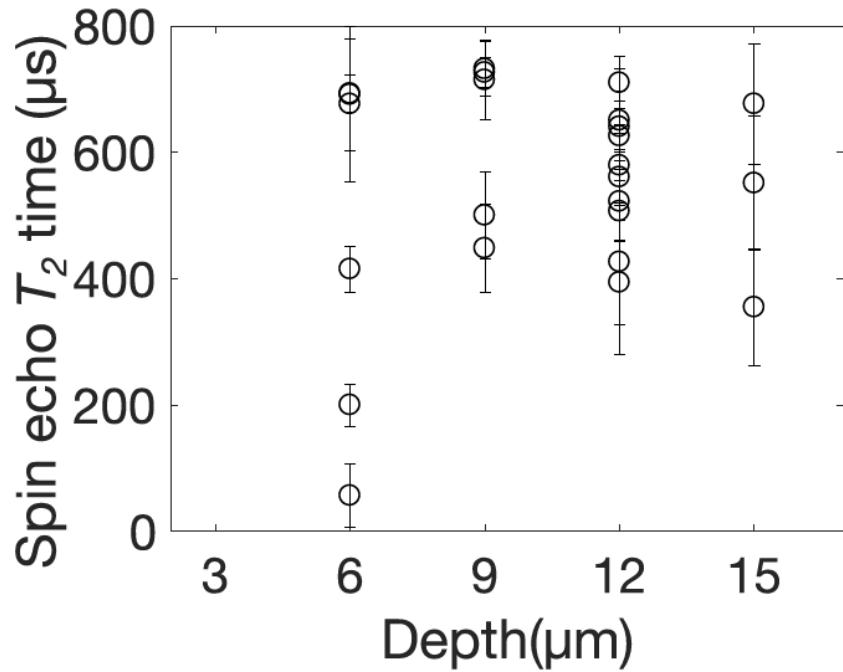
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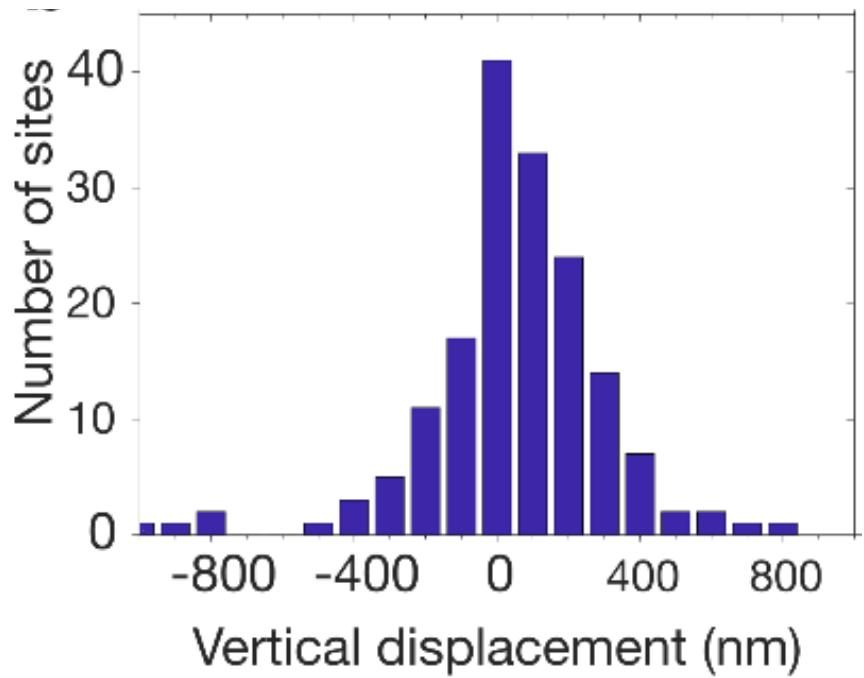
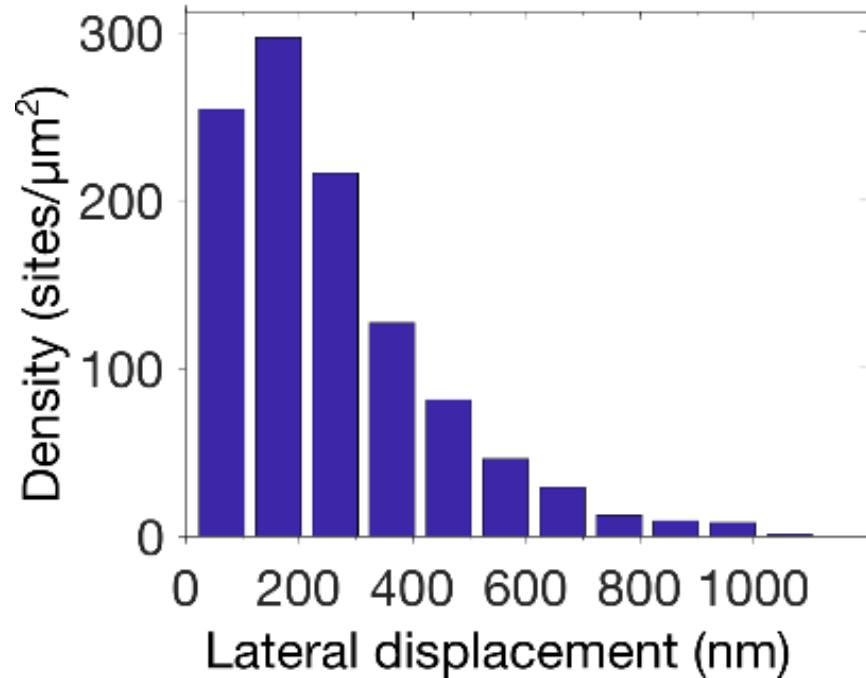
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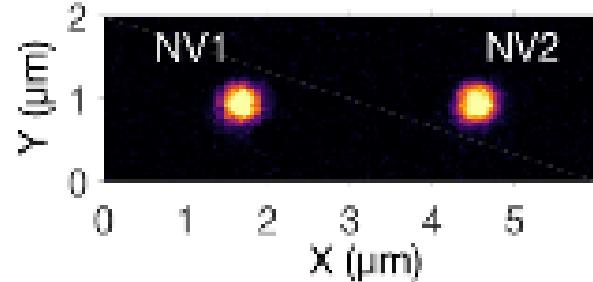
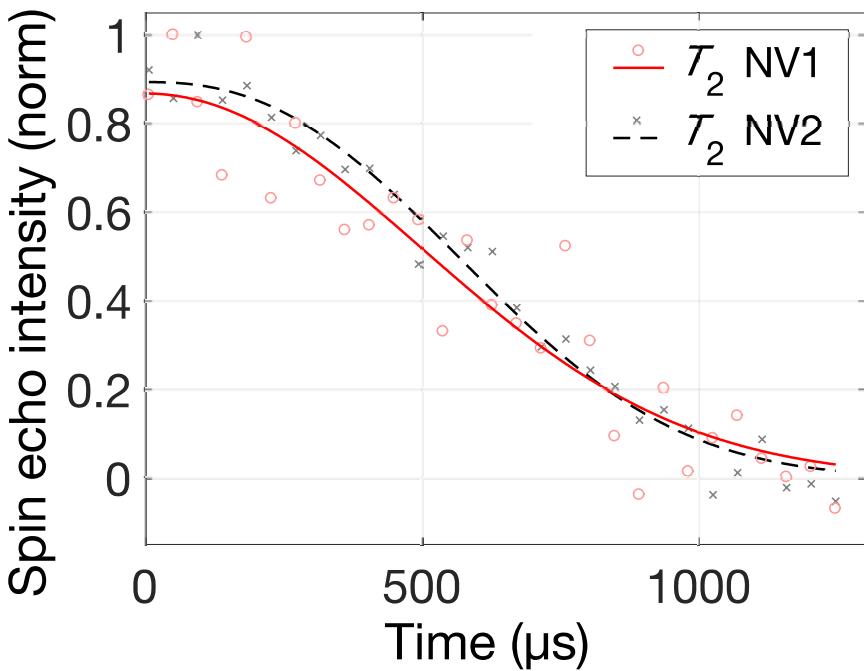
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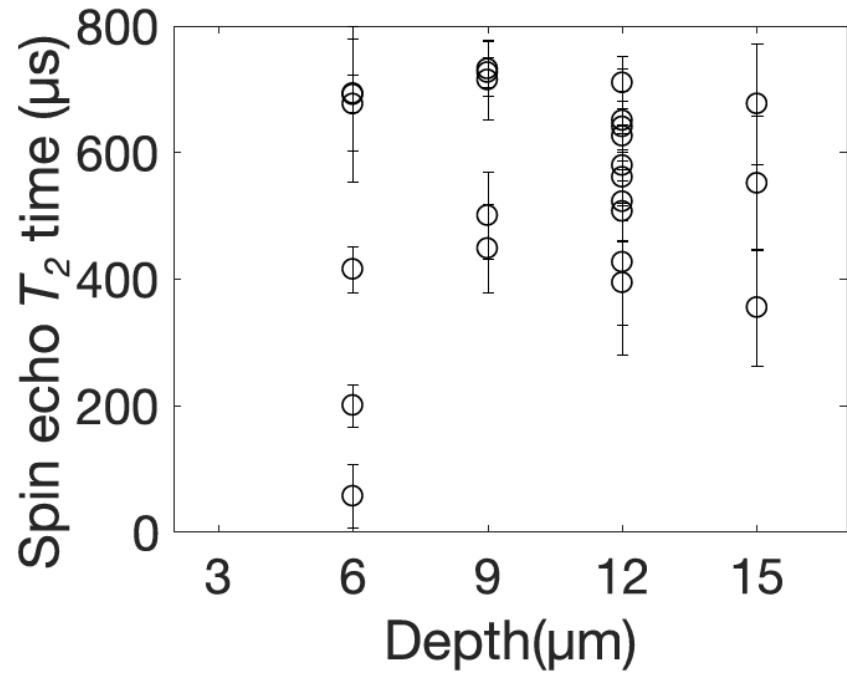
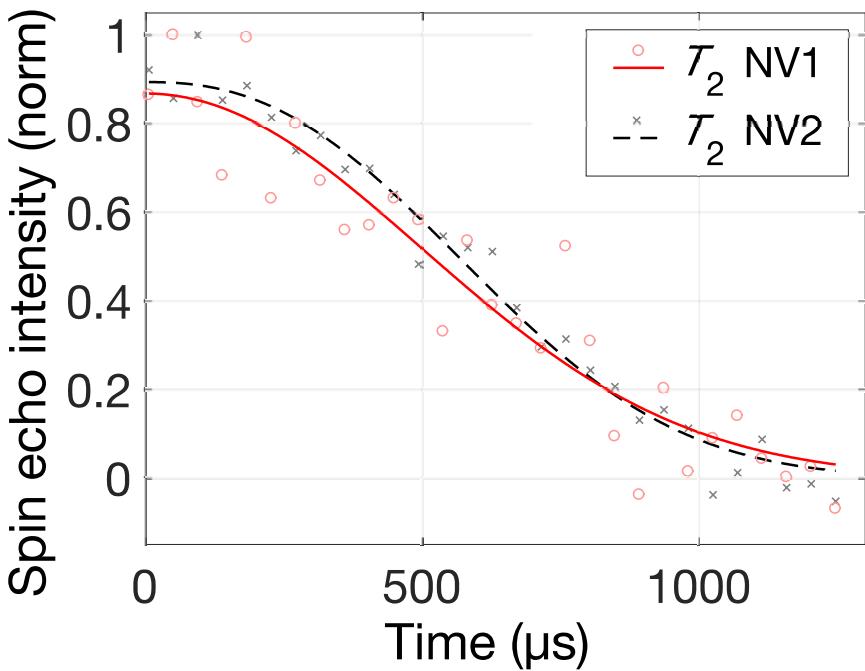
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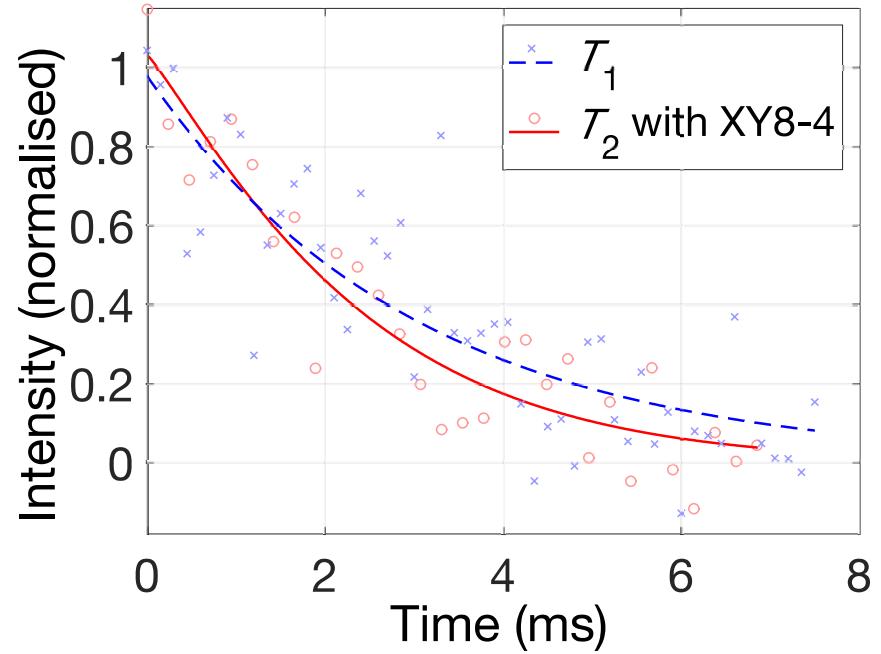
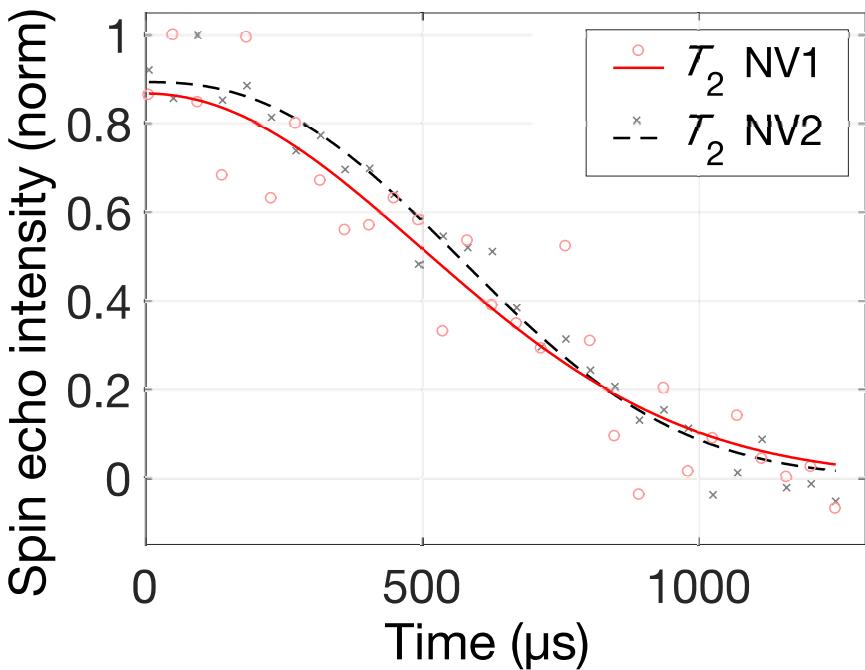
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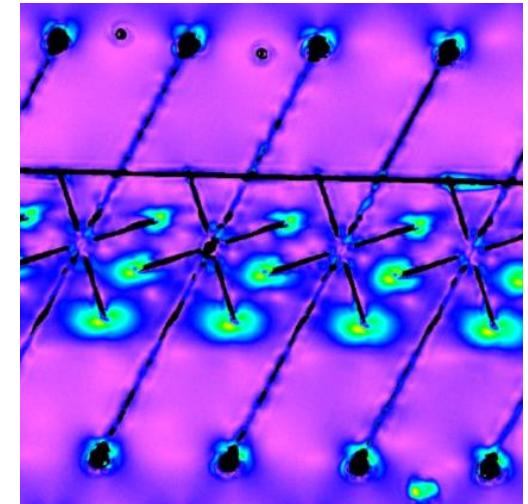
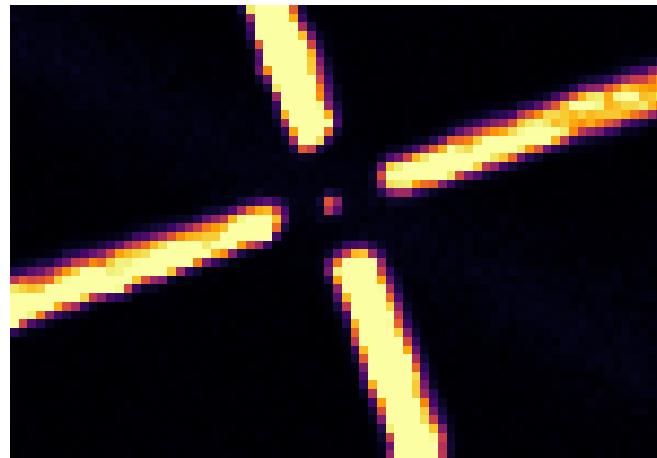
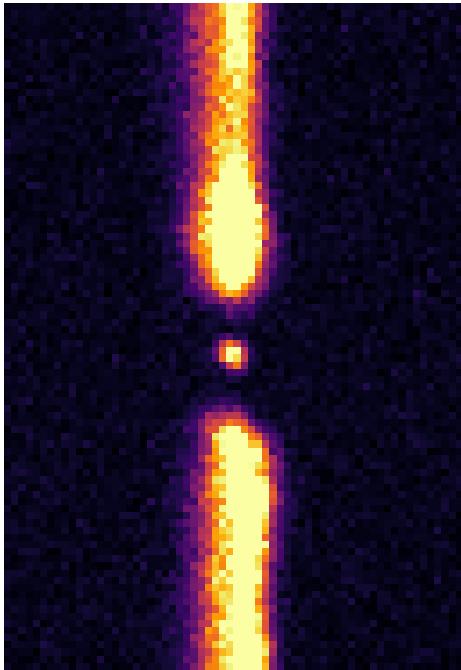
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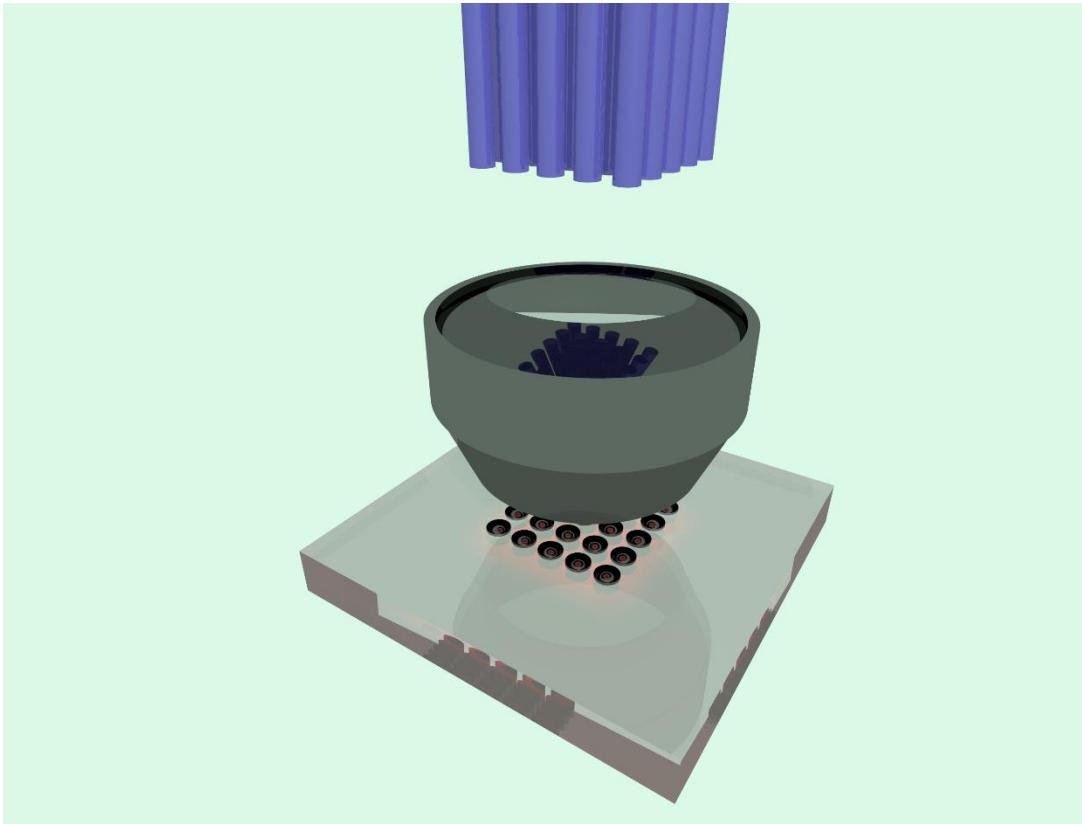


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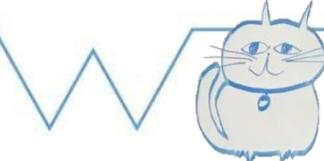


# Our new 3D NV<sup>-</sup> laser-writing: future plans



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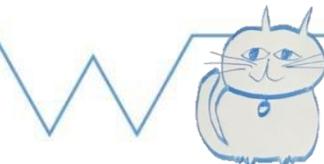
# Our nitrogen-vacancy ( $\text{NV}^-$ ) experiments - Ensemble magnetometry

MW Dale & GW Morley, Medical applications of diamond magnetometry:  
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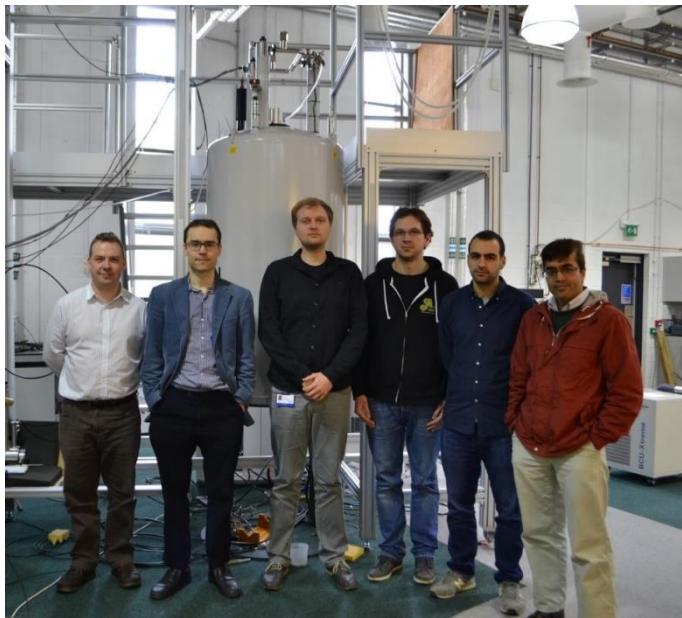
Collaboration  
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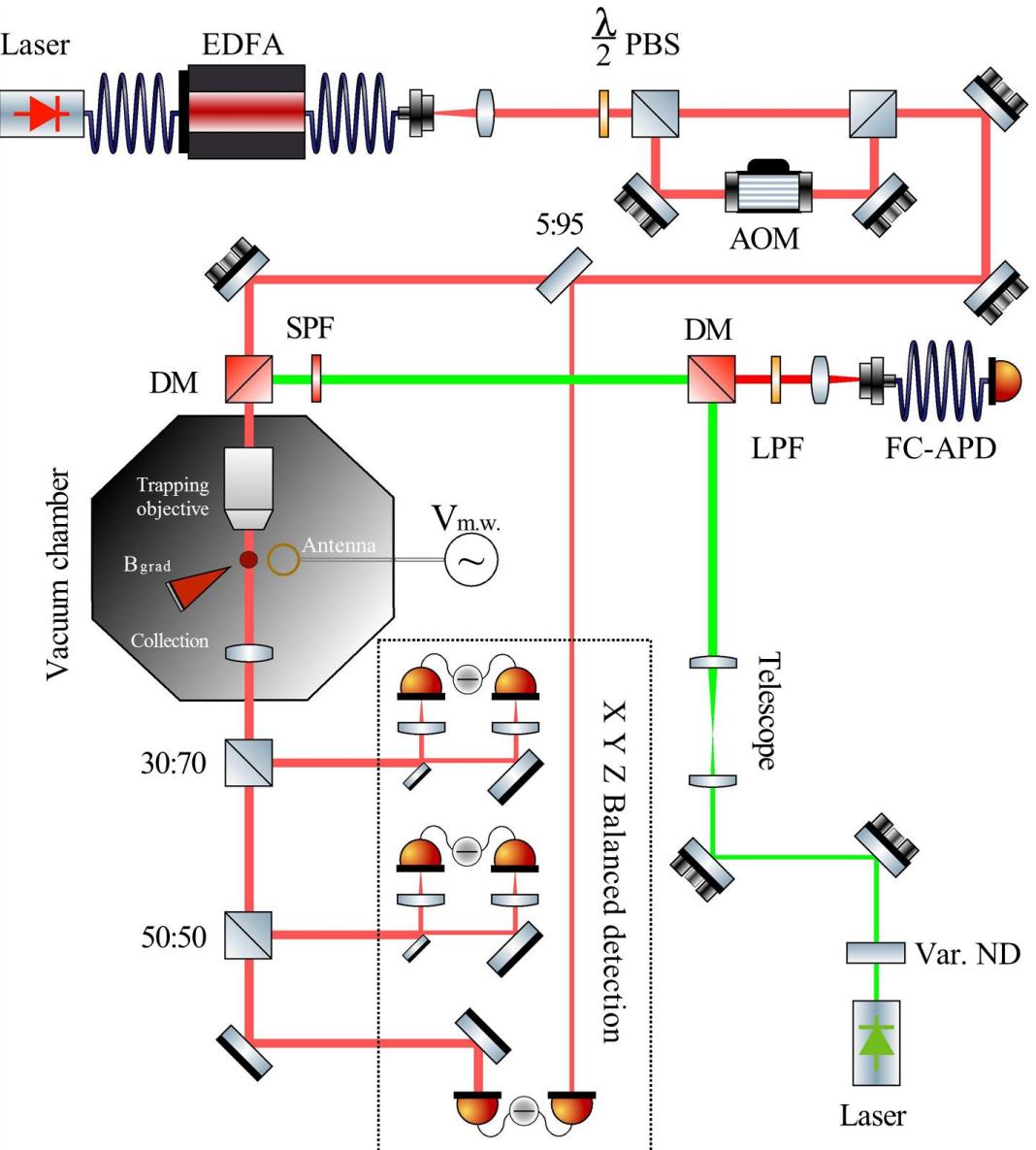
# 400 GHz EPR and 600 MHz NMR at 14.1 T



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# Optical setup



# Quantum gravity

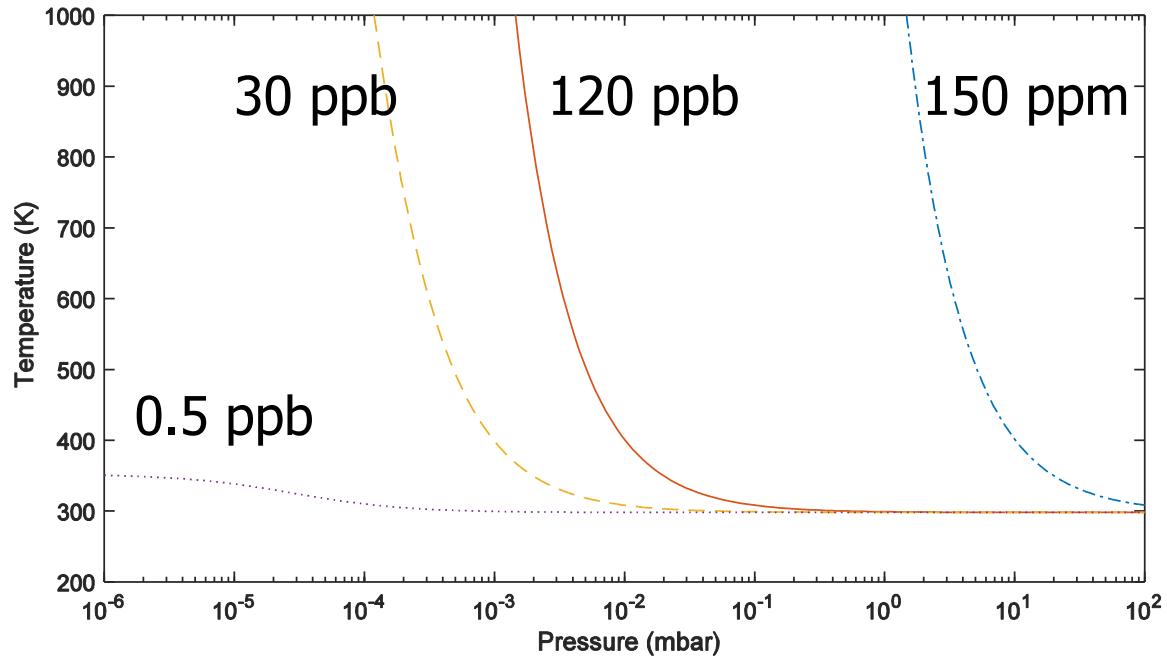
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# Simulations of more pure nanodiamonds

60 GW/m<sup>2</sup>,  
Radius = 25 nm

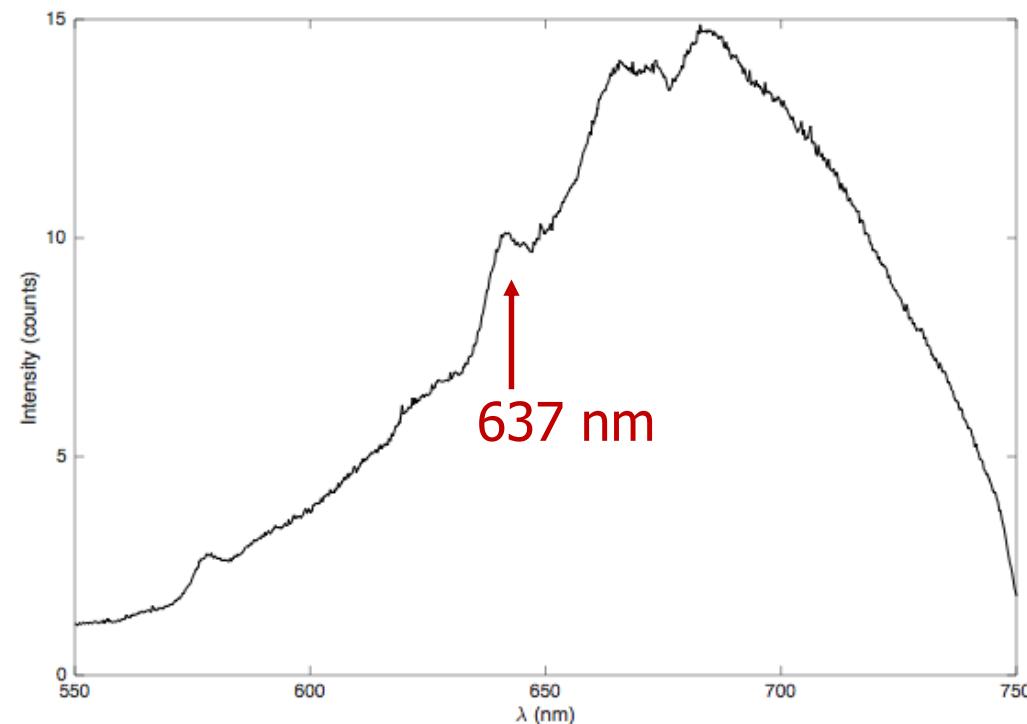
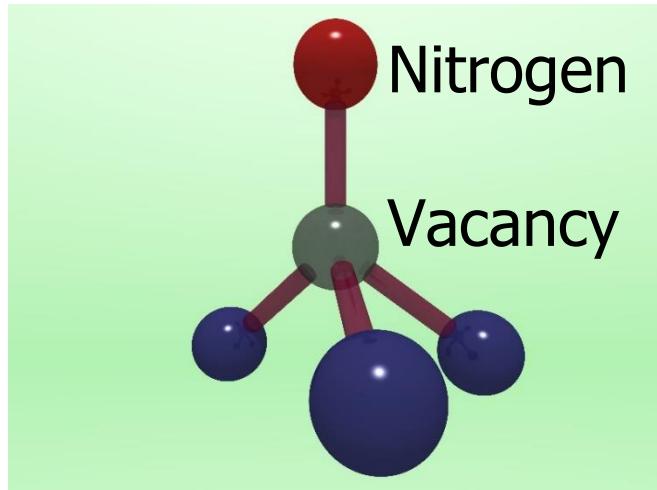
$$C_V V(T - T_0) = \underbrace{3IkV \left( \text{Im} \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 2} \right)}_{\text{Absorption}} - \underbrace{6\alpha_g \pi r^2 \bar{v} N_0 \frac{p}{p_0} k_B (T - T_0)}_{\text{Gas}} - \underbrace{\frac{72\zeta(5)V}{\pi^2 c^3 \hbar^4} \left( \text{Im} \frac{\epsilon_{bb} - 1}{\epsilon_{bb} + 2} \right) k_B^5 T^5}_{\text{Black-body}},$$



AC Frangiskou *et al.*, arXiv:1608.04724 (2016)



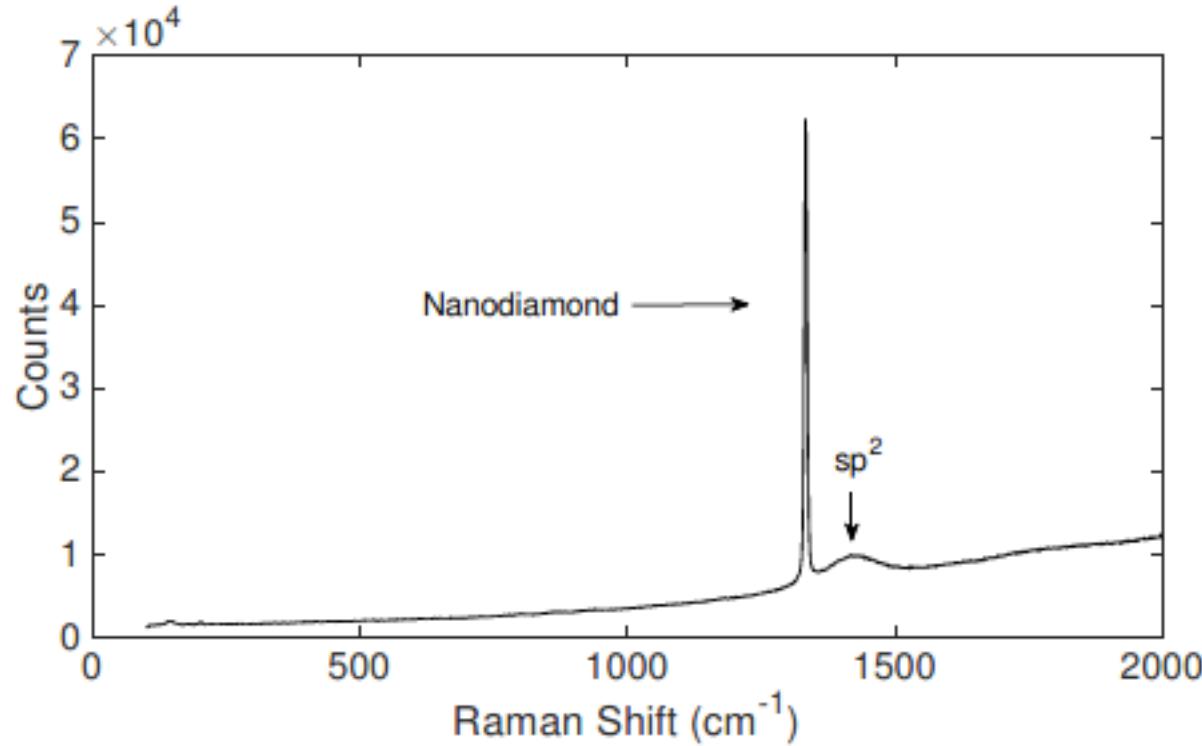
# Nitrogen vacancy ( $\text{NV}^-$ ) centres in diamond



Review: MW Doherty et al, Phys Rep 528, 1 (2013)



# Raman measurements



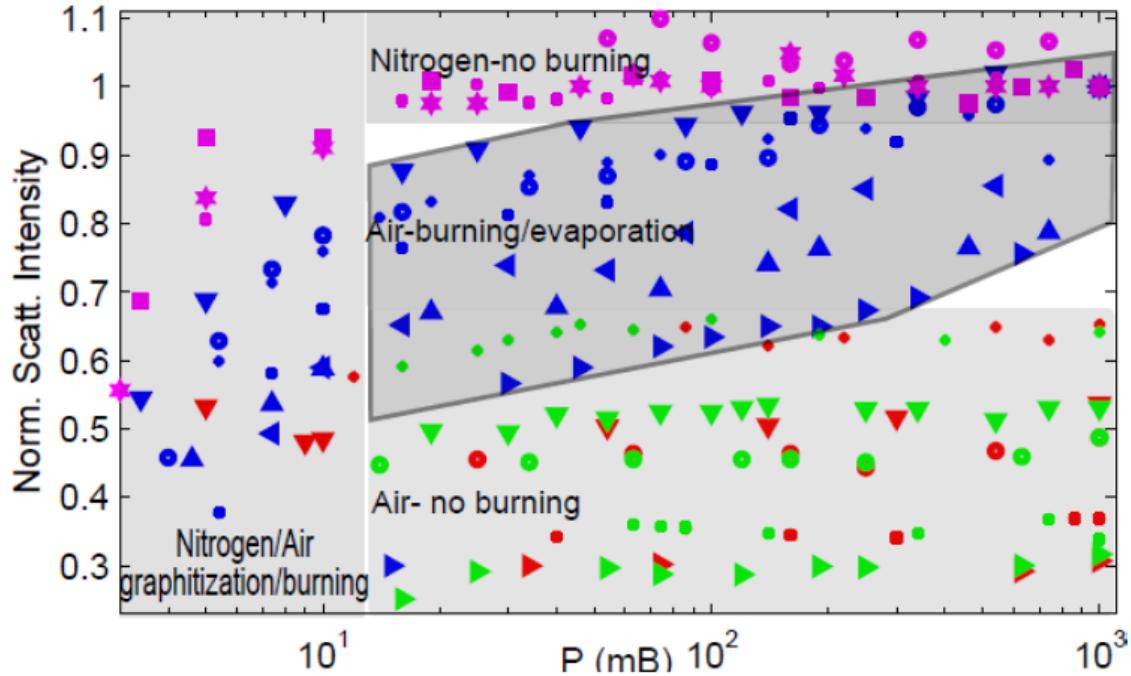
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# Levitating nanodiamonds can graphitize

300 mW  
trap  
power

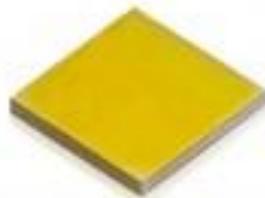


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# A solution: more pure diamonds

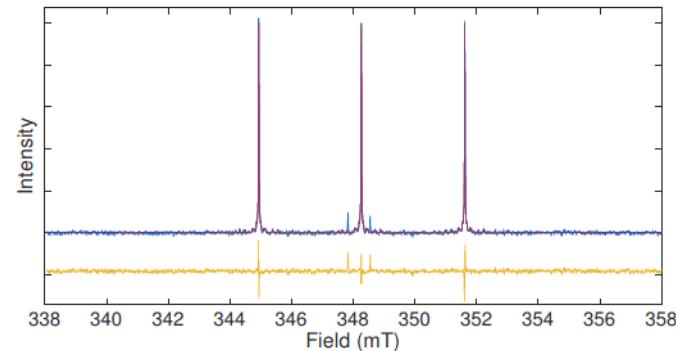


150 ppm nitrogen  
impurities



120 ppb nitrogen  
impurities

Electron paramagnetic resonance:

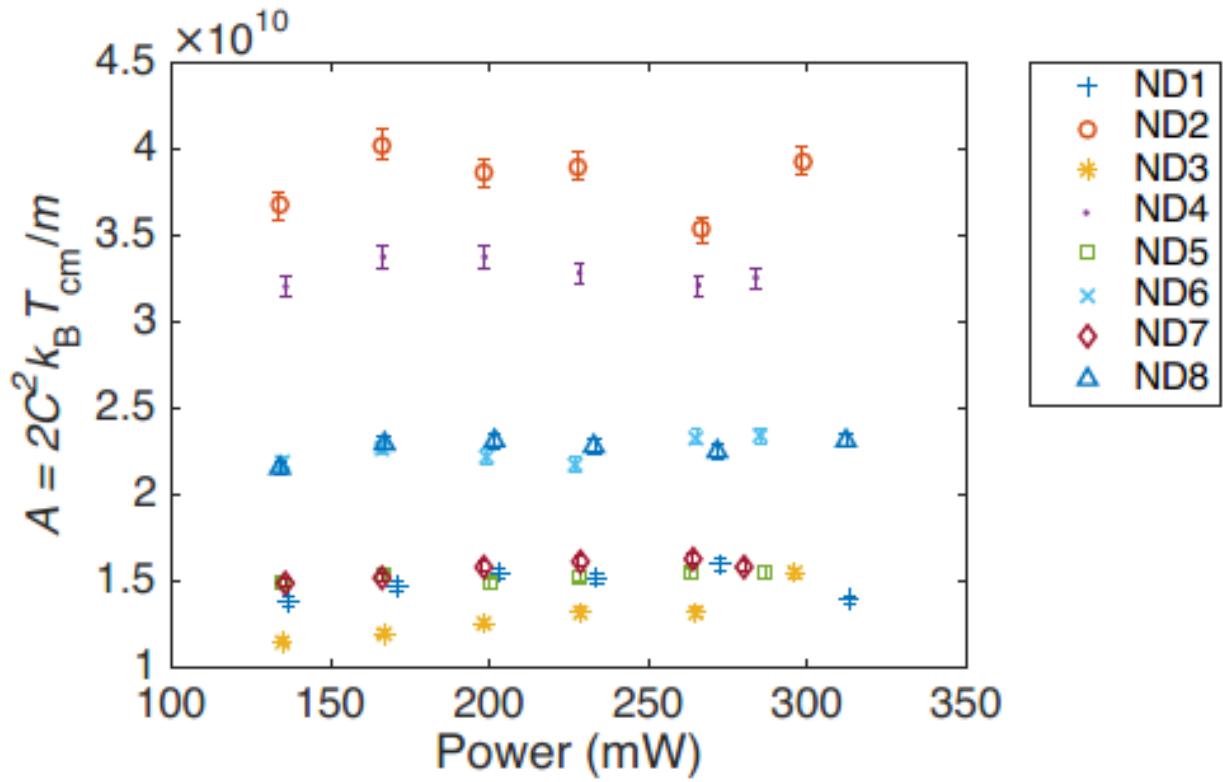


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4 mbar



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