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# Squeezed Light Spin Noise Spectroscopy

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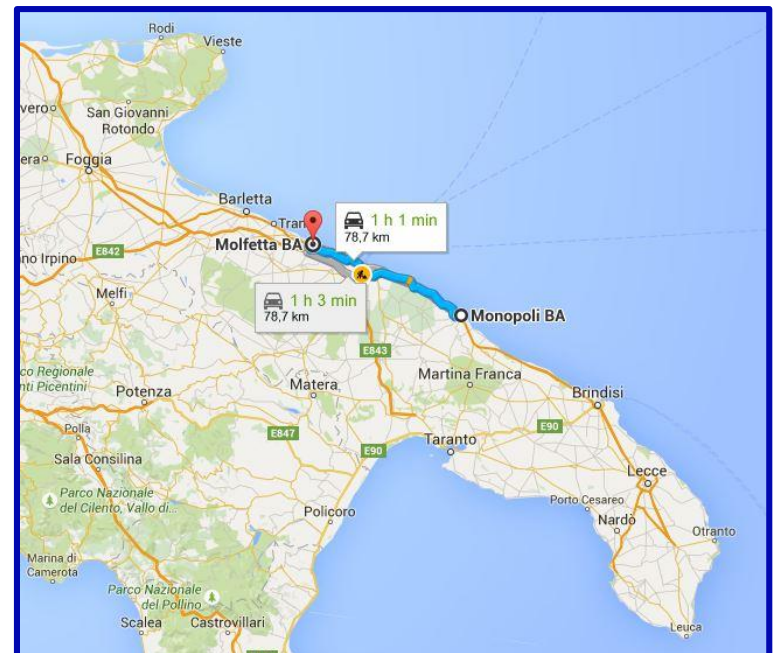


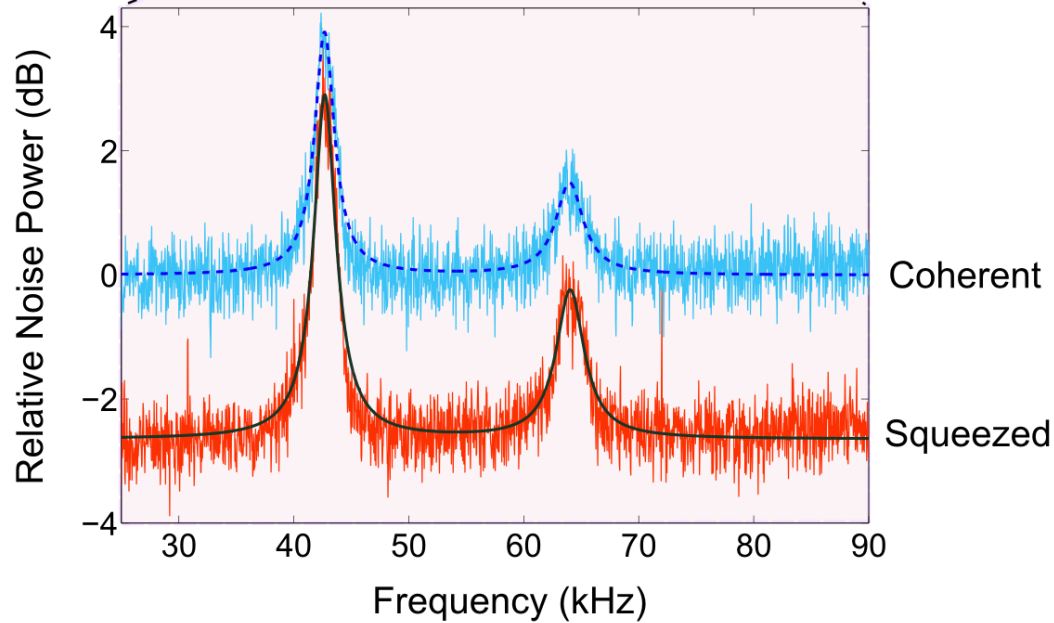
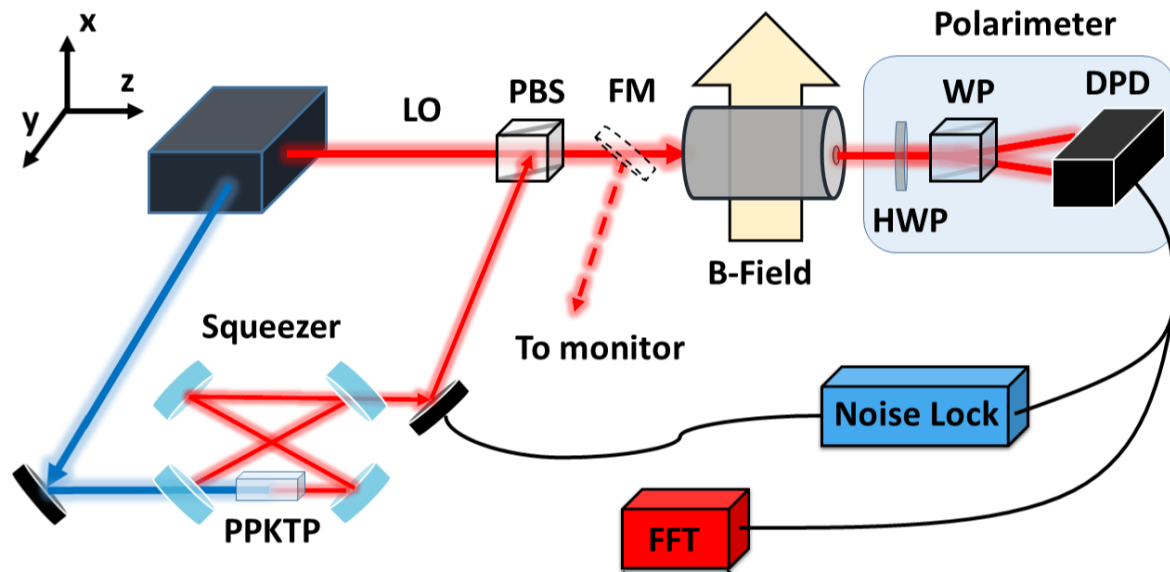


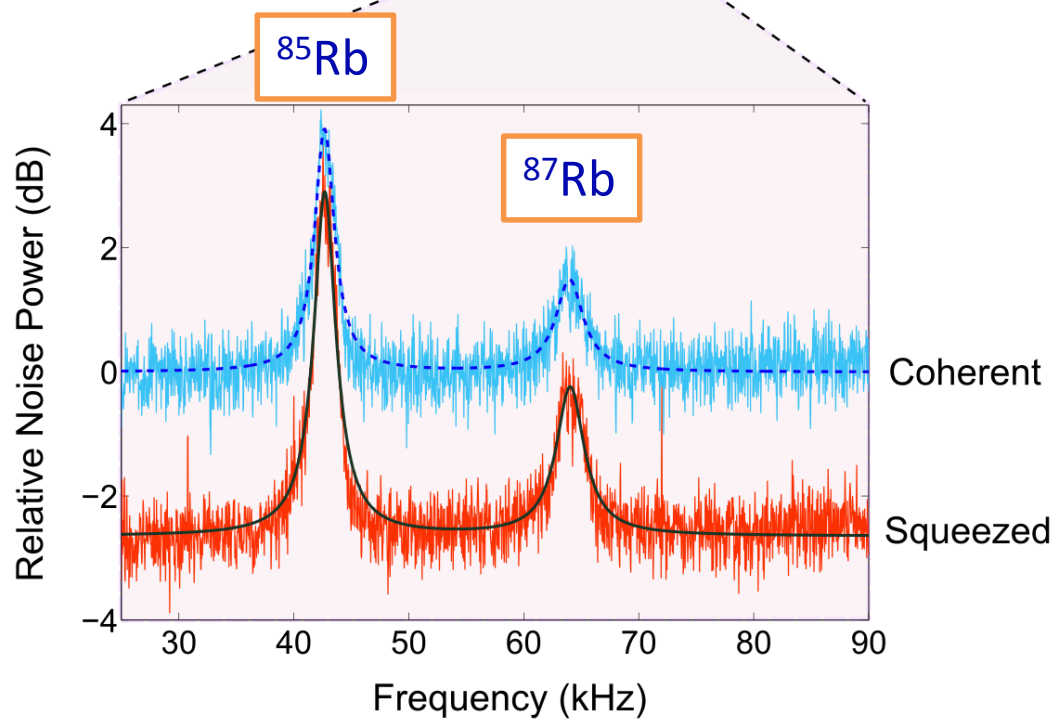
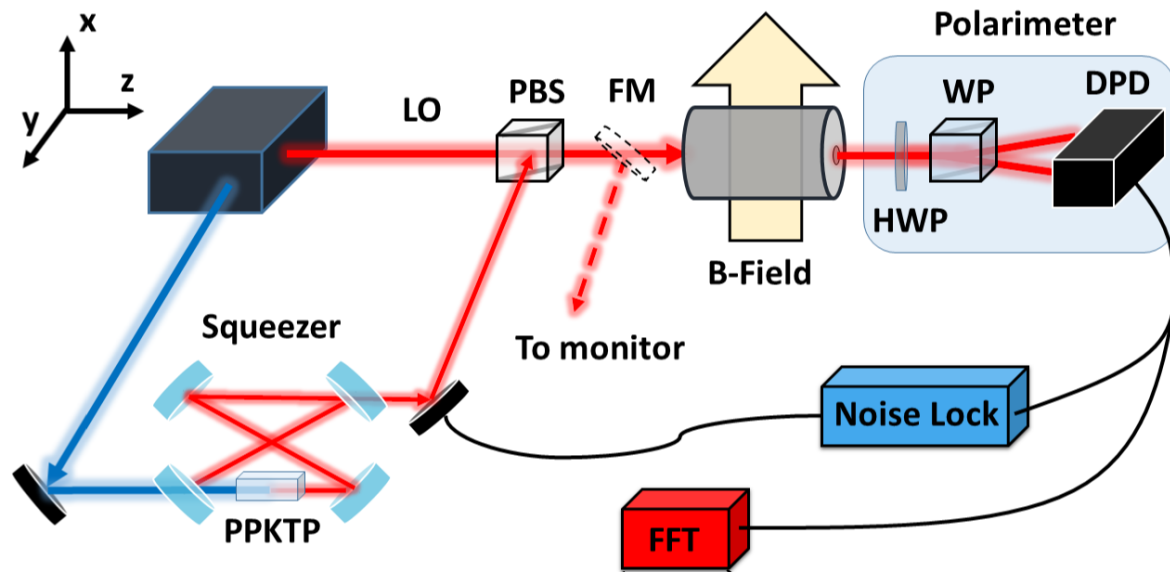
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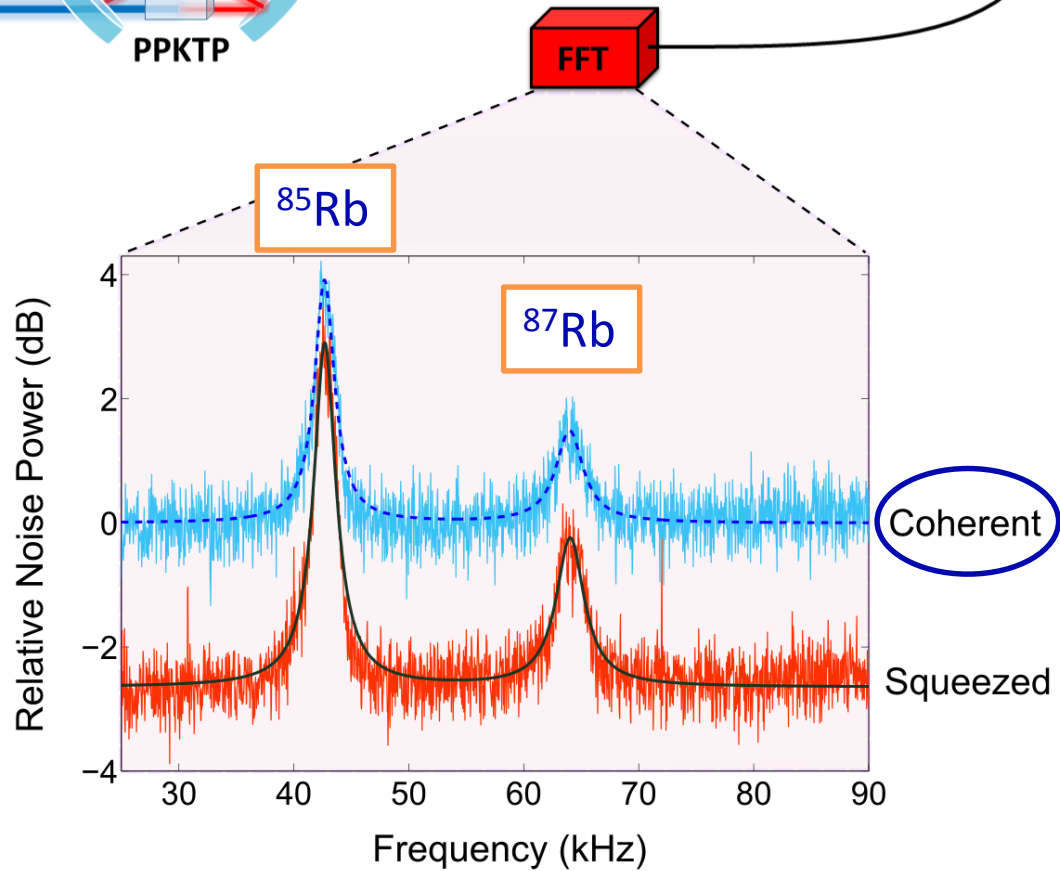
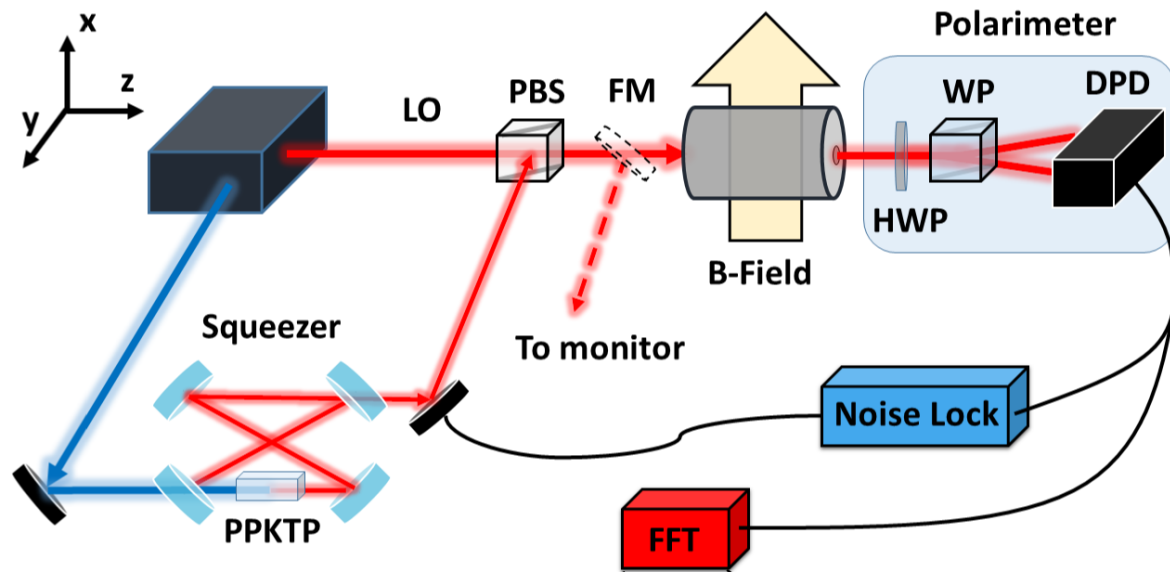
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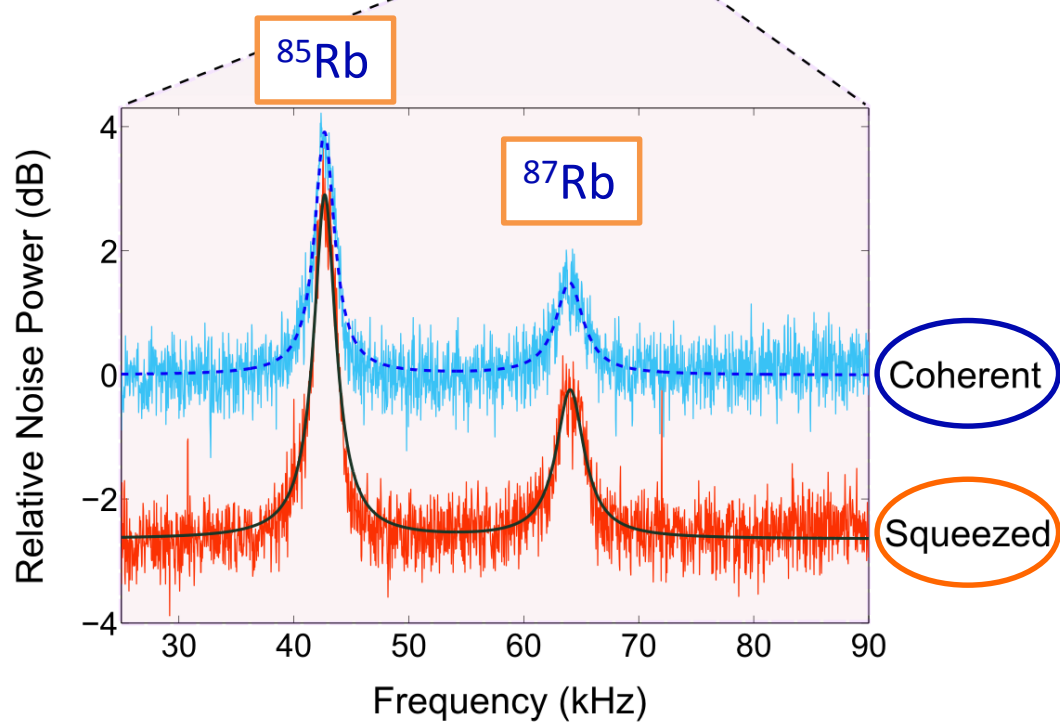
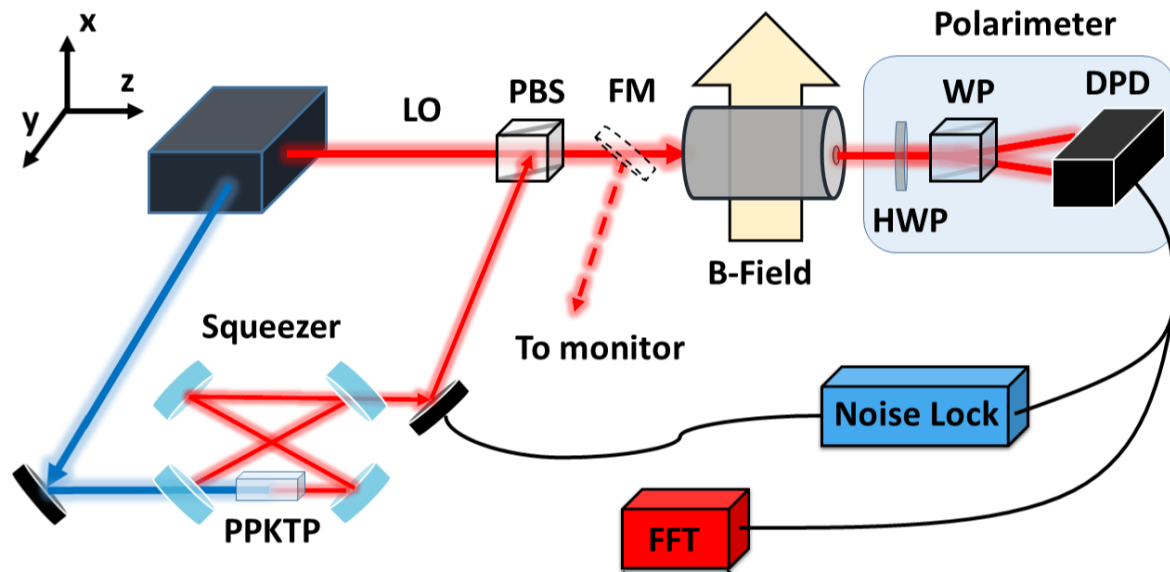






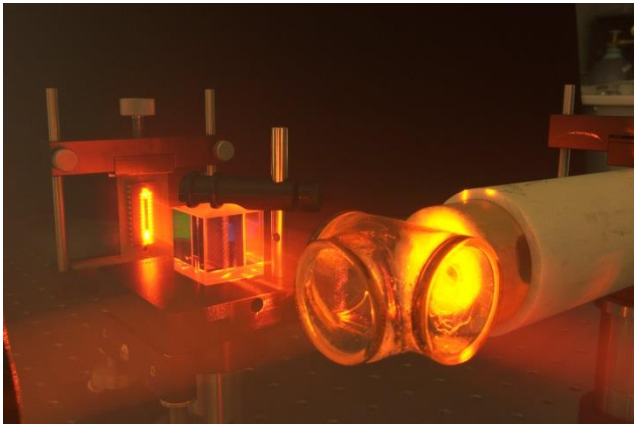




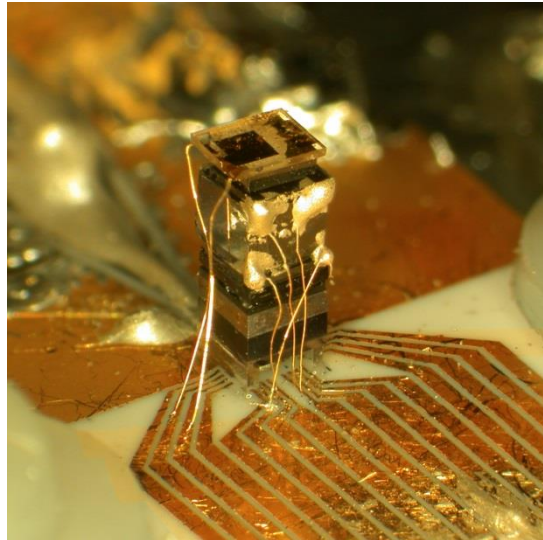


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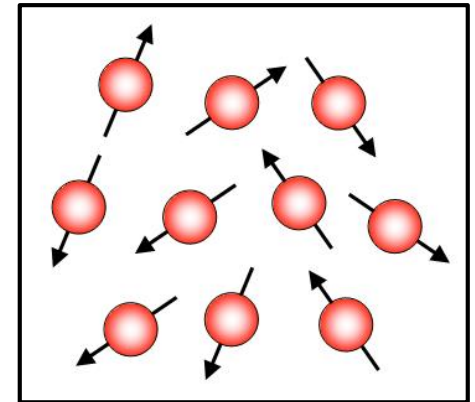
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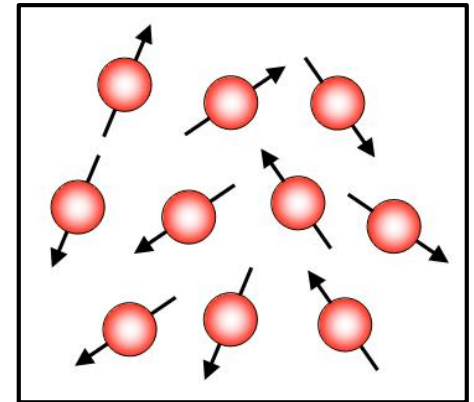
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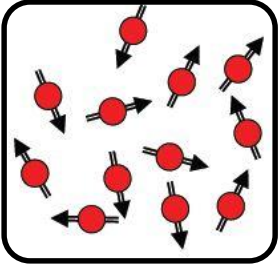
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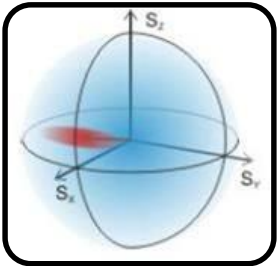
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# Outline



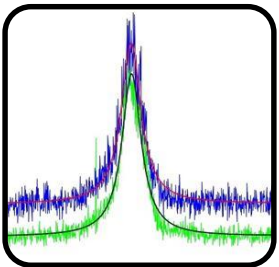
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- Faraday rotation based SNS



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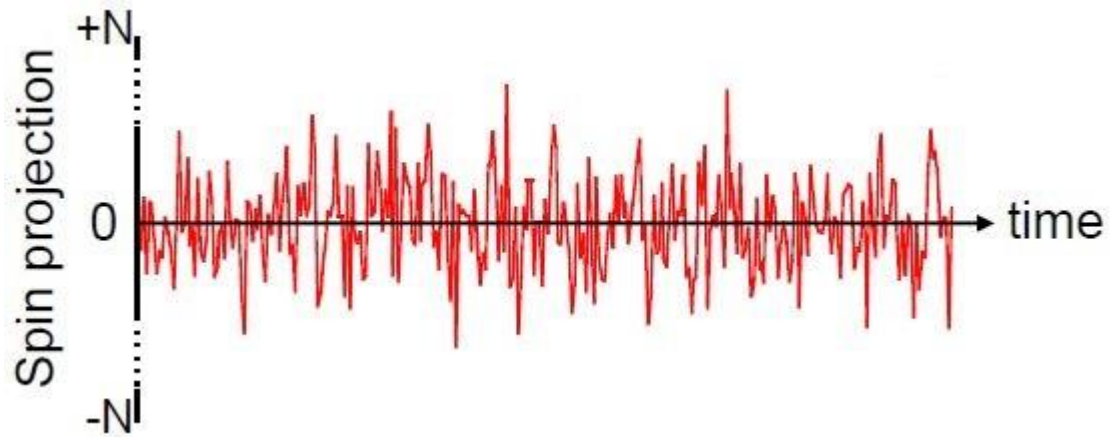
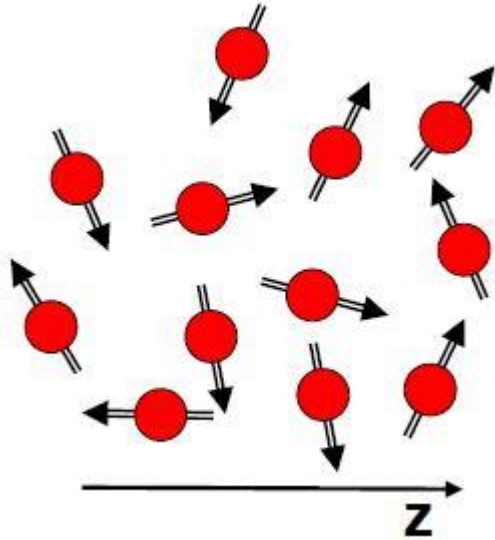
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## Squeezed Light SNS

- Experimental setup and results

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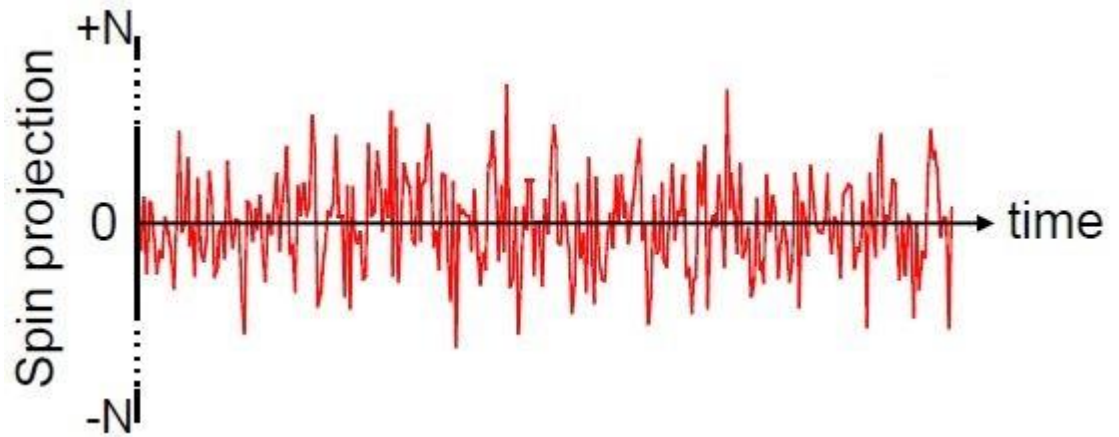
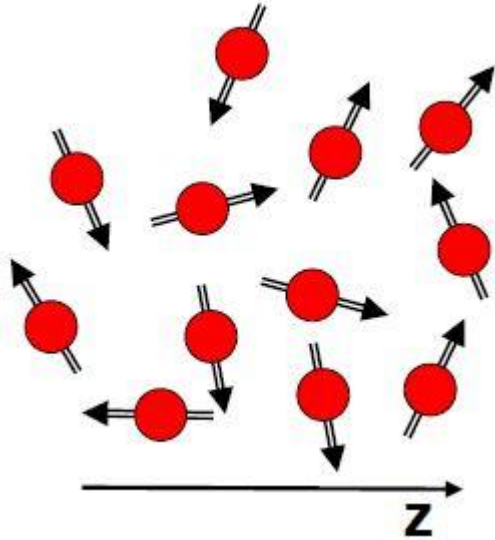
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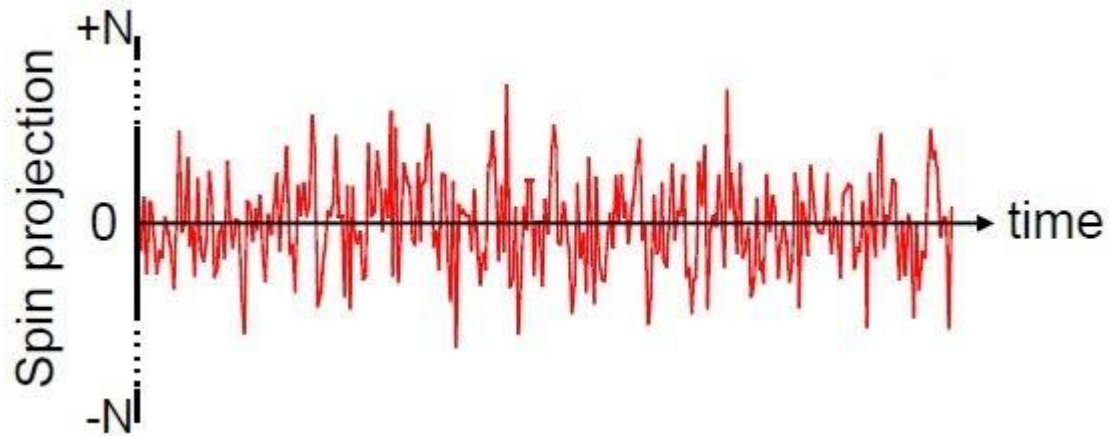
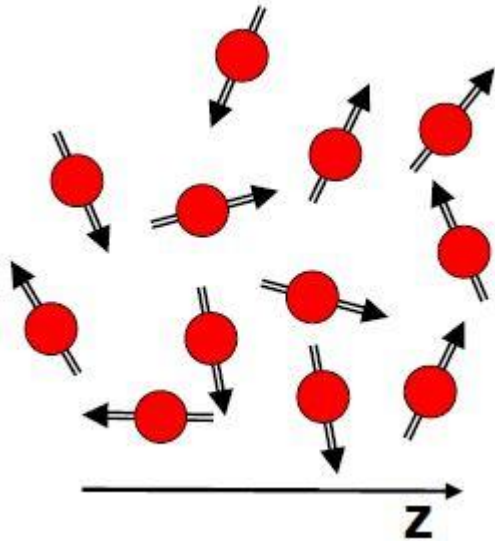
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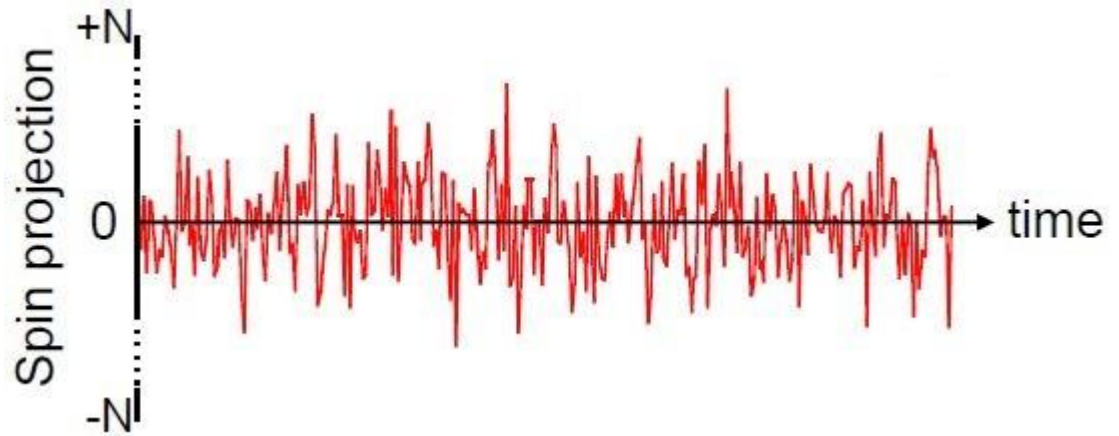
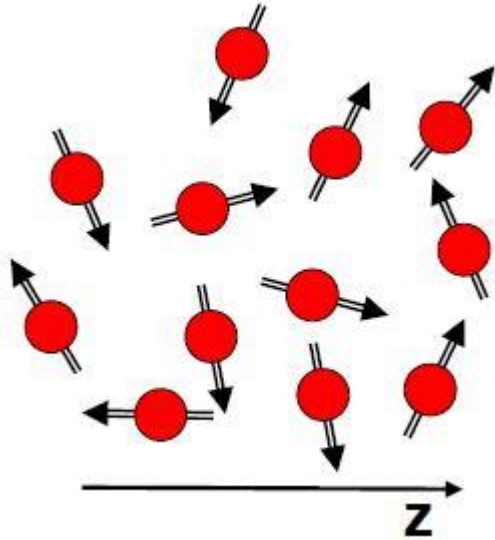
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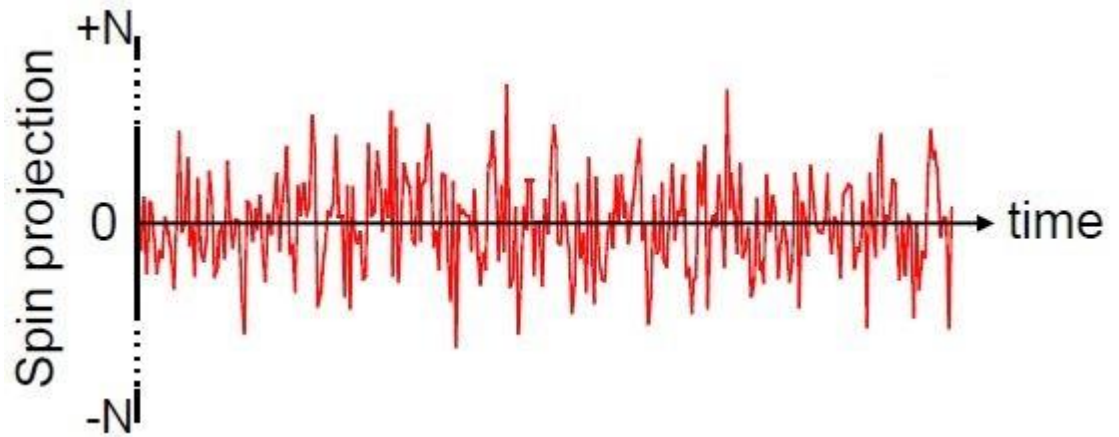
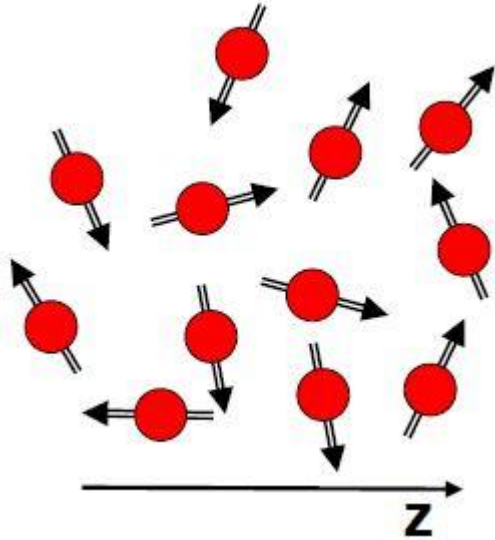
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## IN PRINCIPLE:

Spin Noise Spectroscopy completely describes the spin system dynamics

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## Nuclear-Spin Noise

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The spectral density of Nyquist noise current in a tuned circuit coupled to a sample of nuclear spins has been measured at  $^4\text{He}$  temperatures with a dc SQUID used as a rf amplifier. When the sample is in thermal equilibrium, a dip is observed in the spectral density at the Larmor frequency. For zero spin polarization, on the other hand, a bump in the spectral density is observed. This bump is due to temperature-independent fluctuations in the transverse component of magnetization, and represents spontaneous emission from the spins into the circuit.

First Approach:  
Nuclear Magnetic  
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techniques

## Spectroscopy of spontaneous spin noise as a probe of spin dynamics and magnetic resonance

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In the last decade:  
Optical Faraday Rotation techniques

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## Spin Noise Spectroscopy in GaAs

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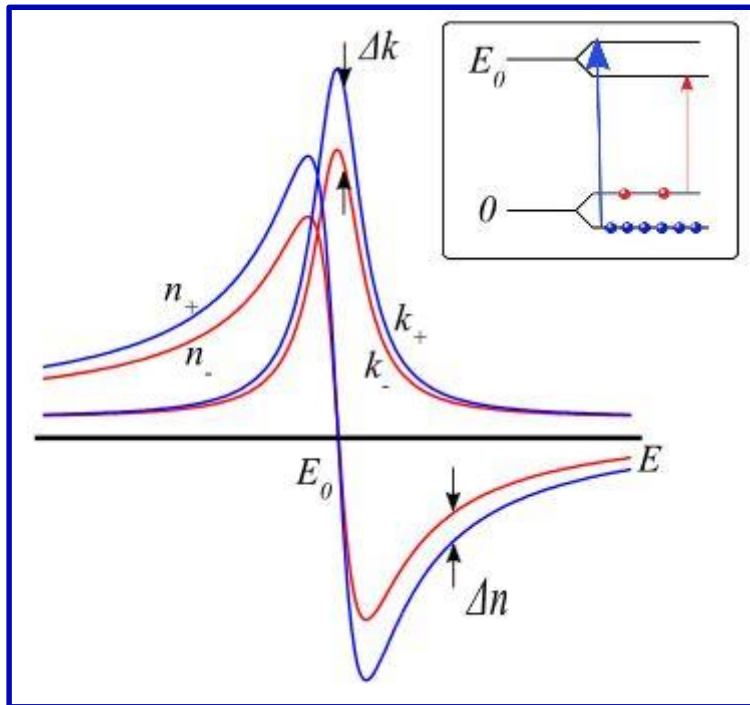
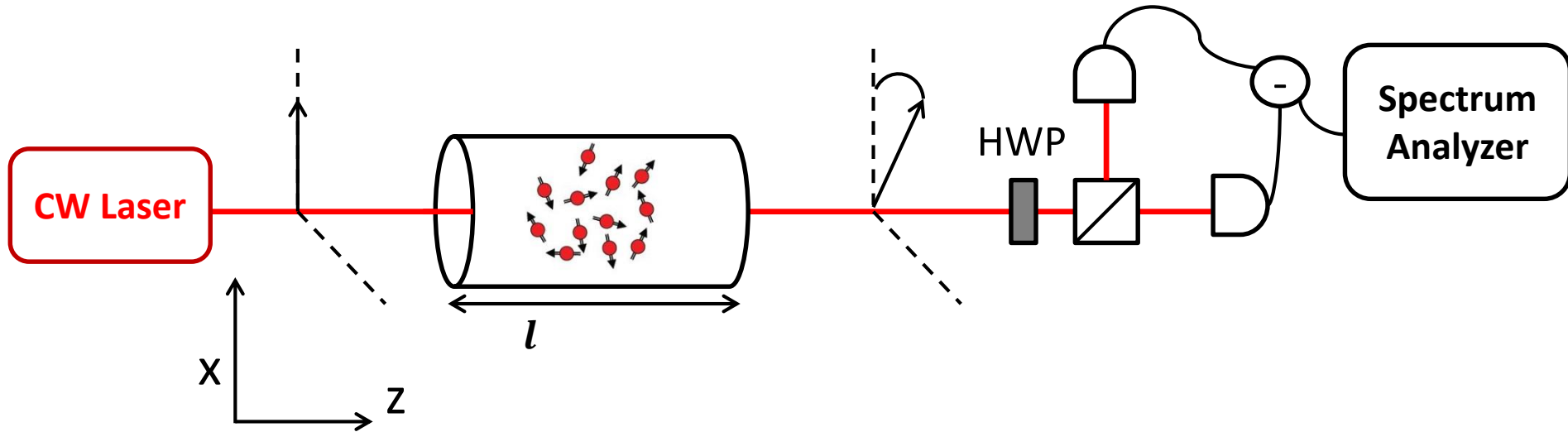
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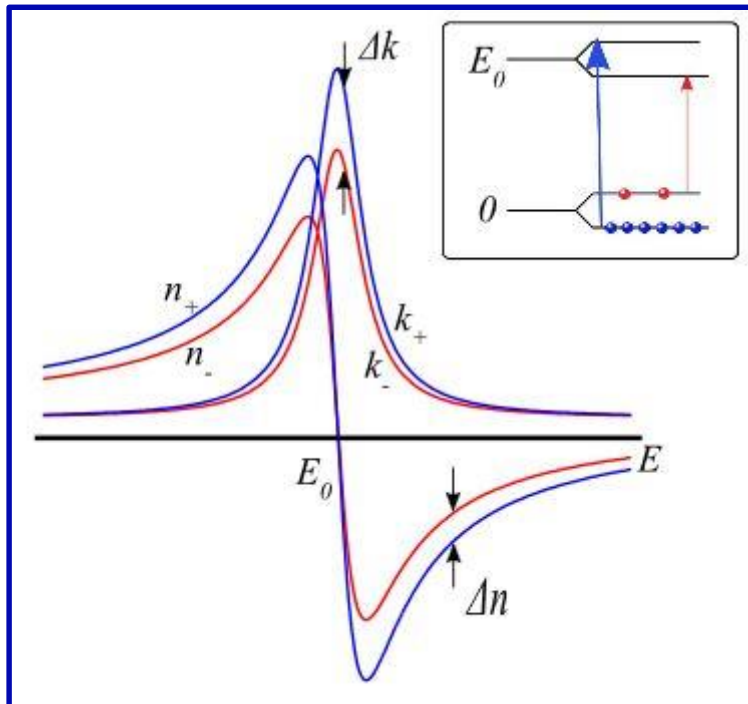
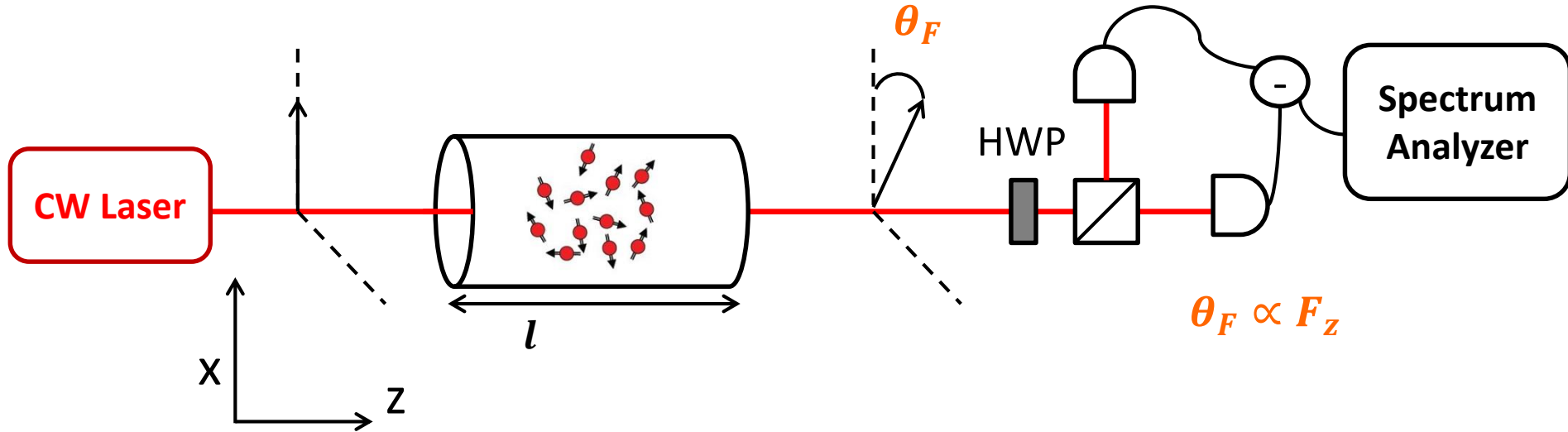
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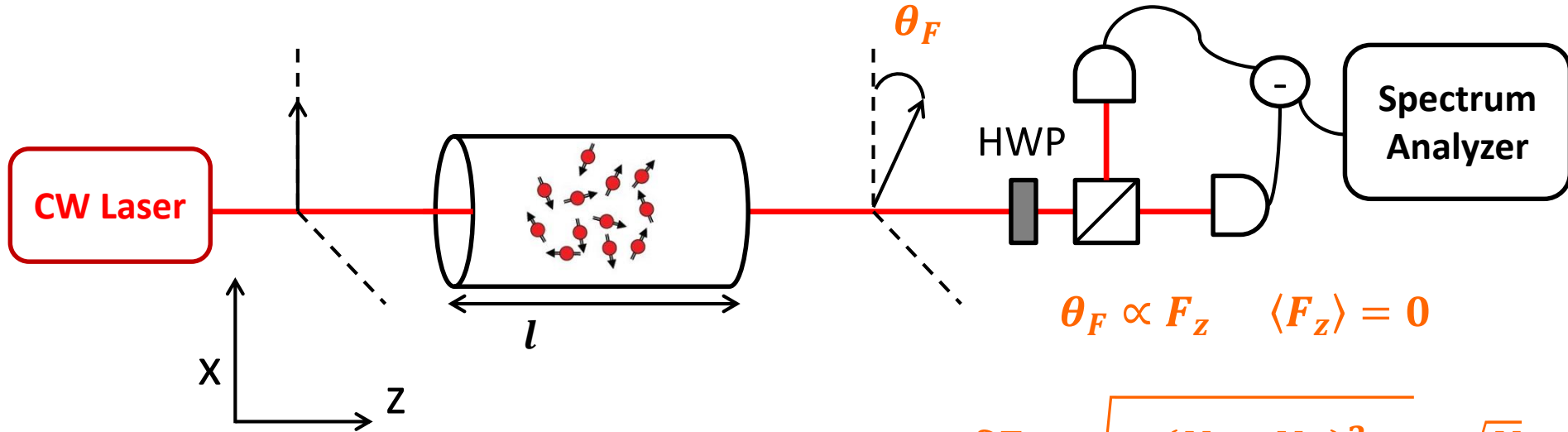


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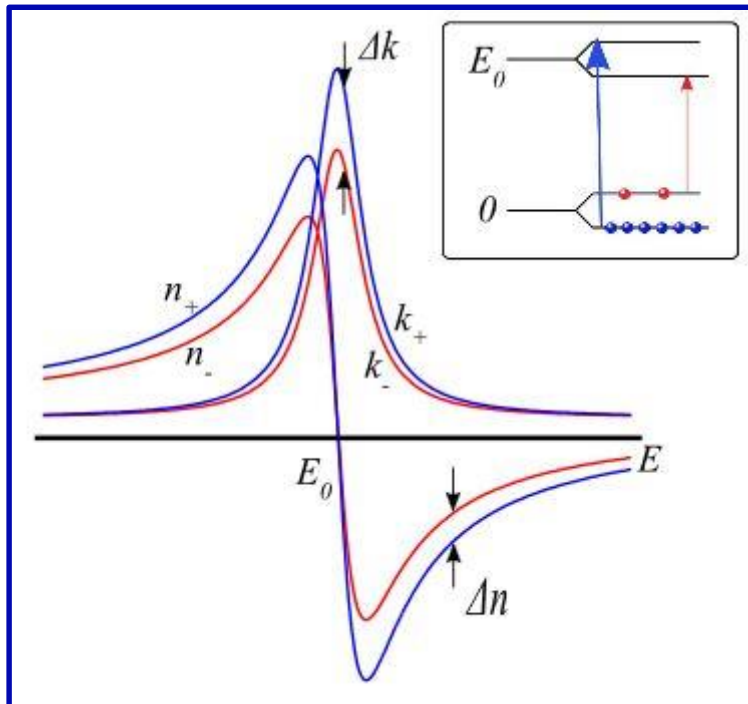


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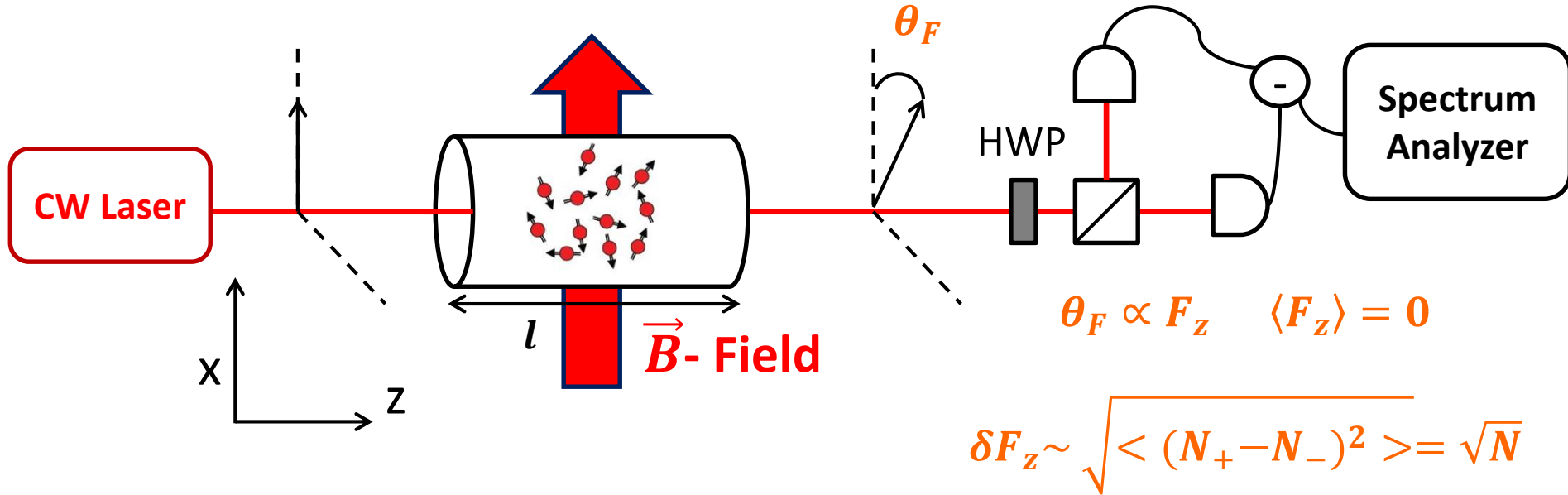


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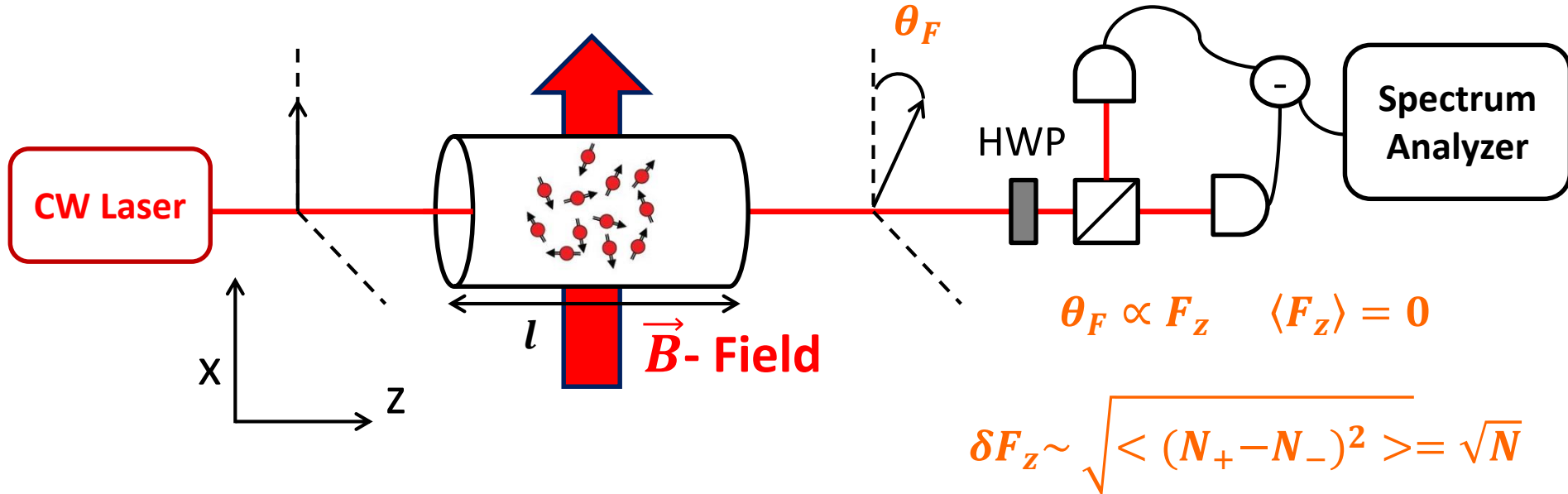
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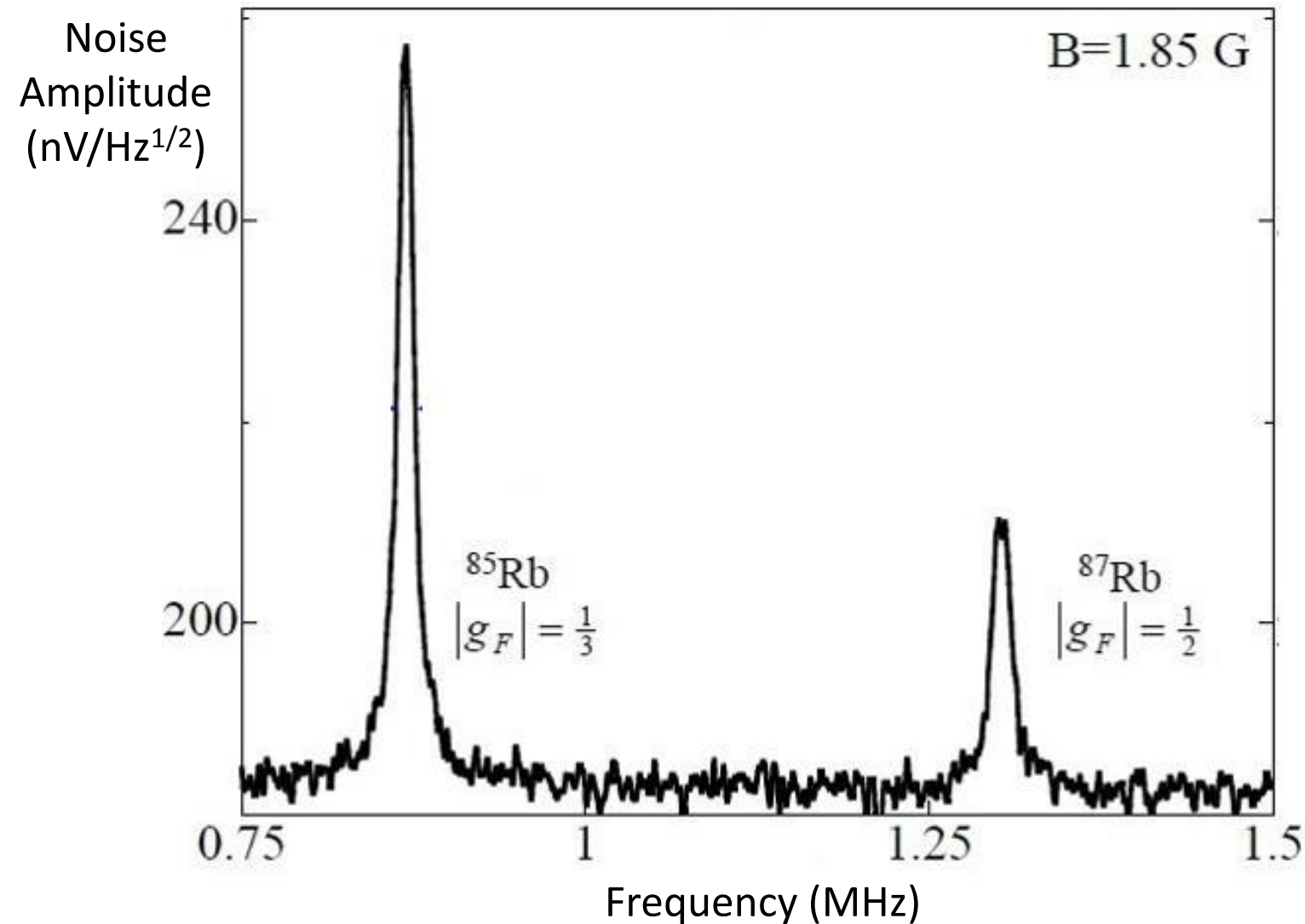
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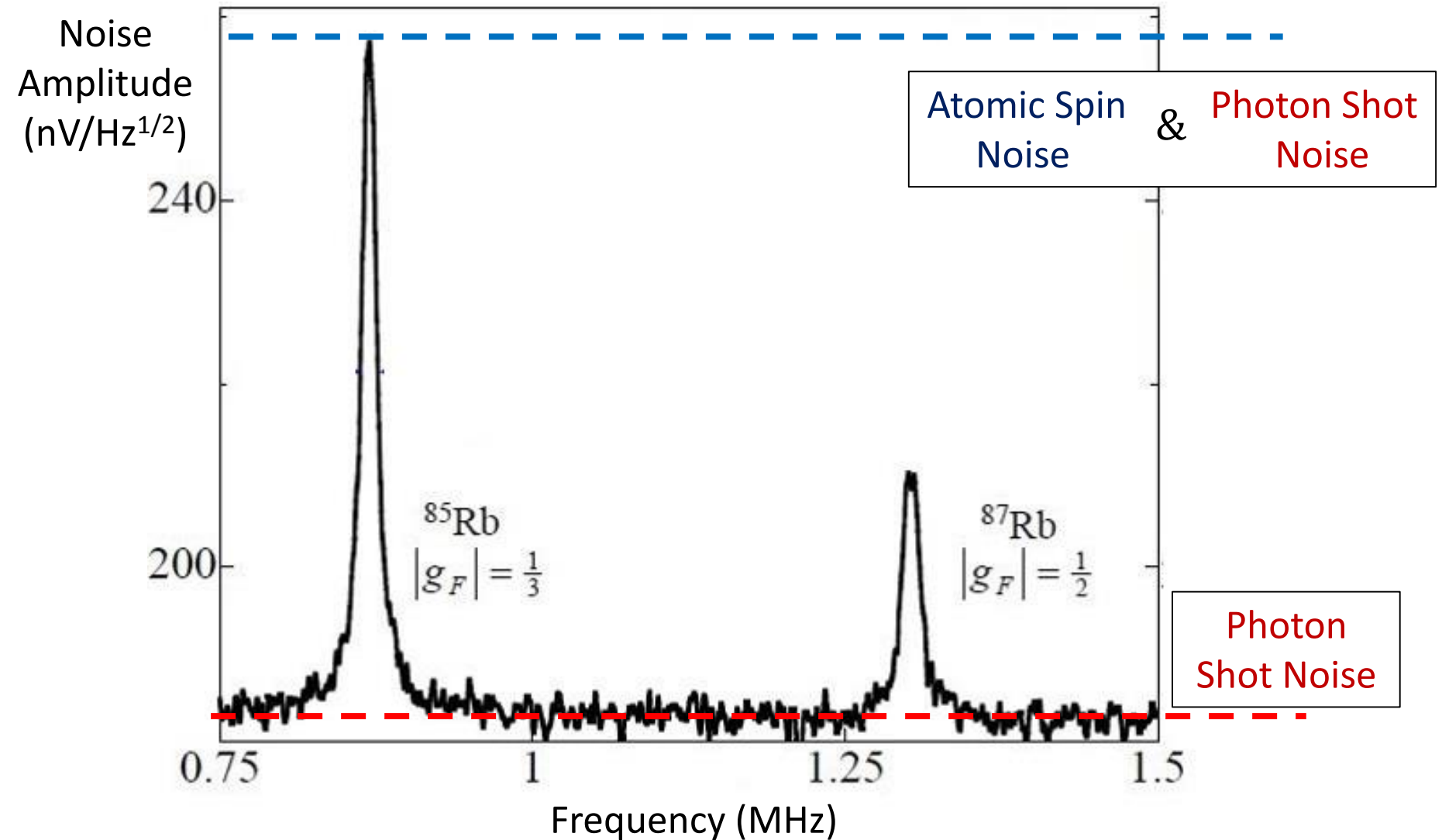
**Spin noise peak** at the Larmor frequency in the power spectrum



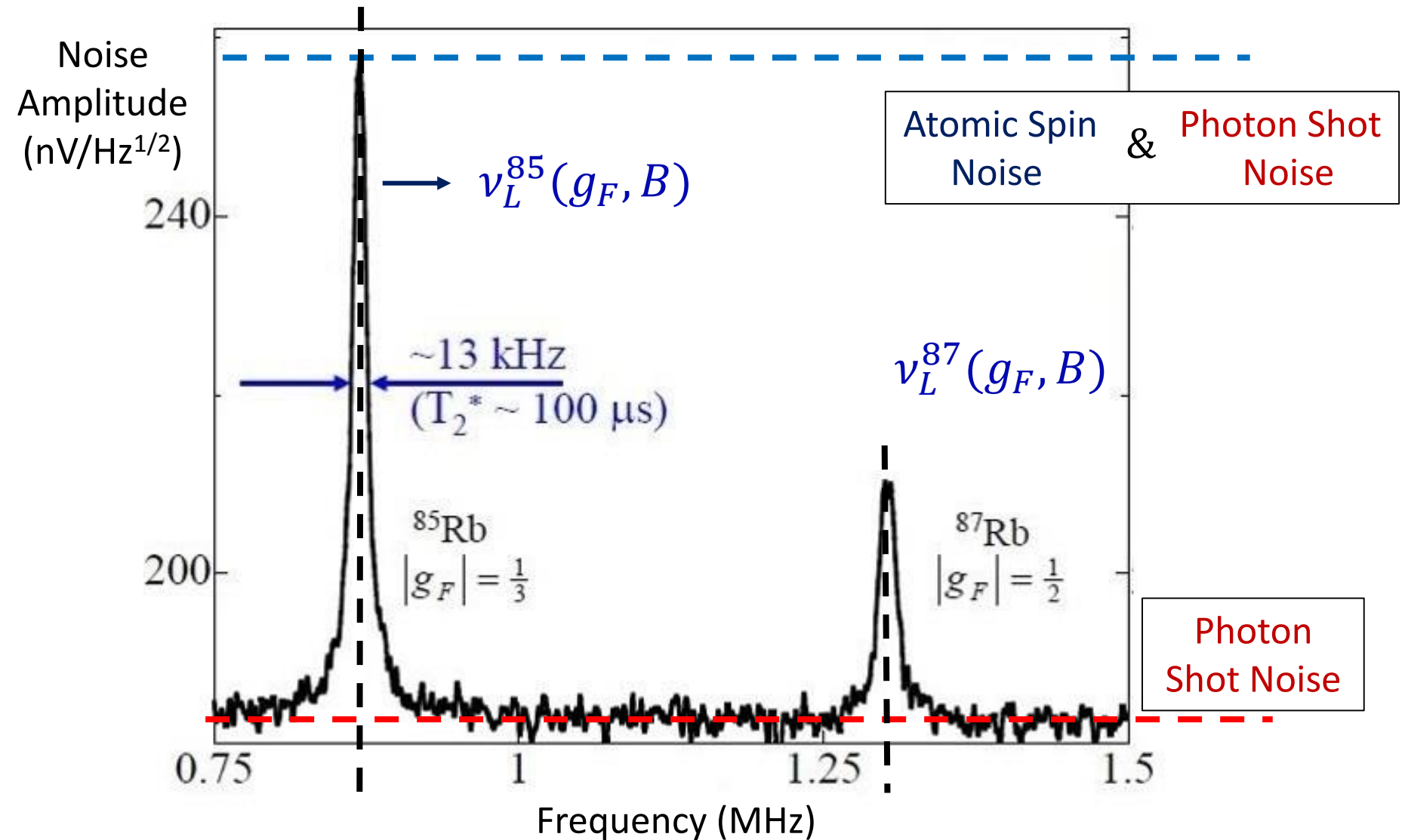
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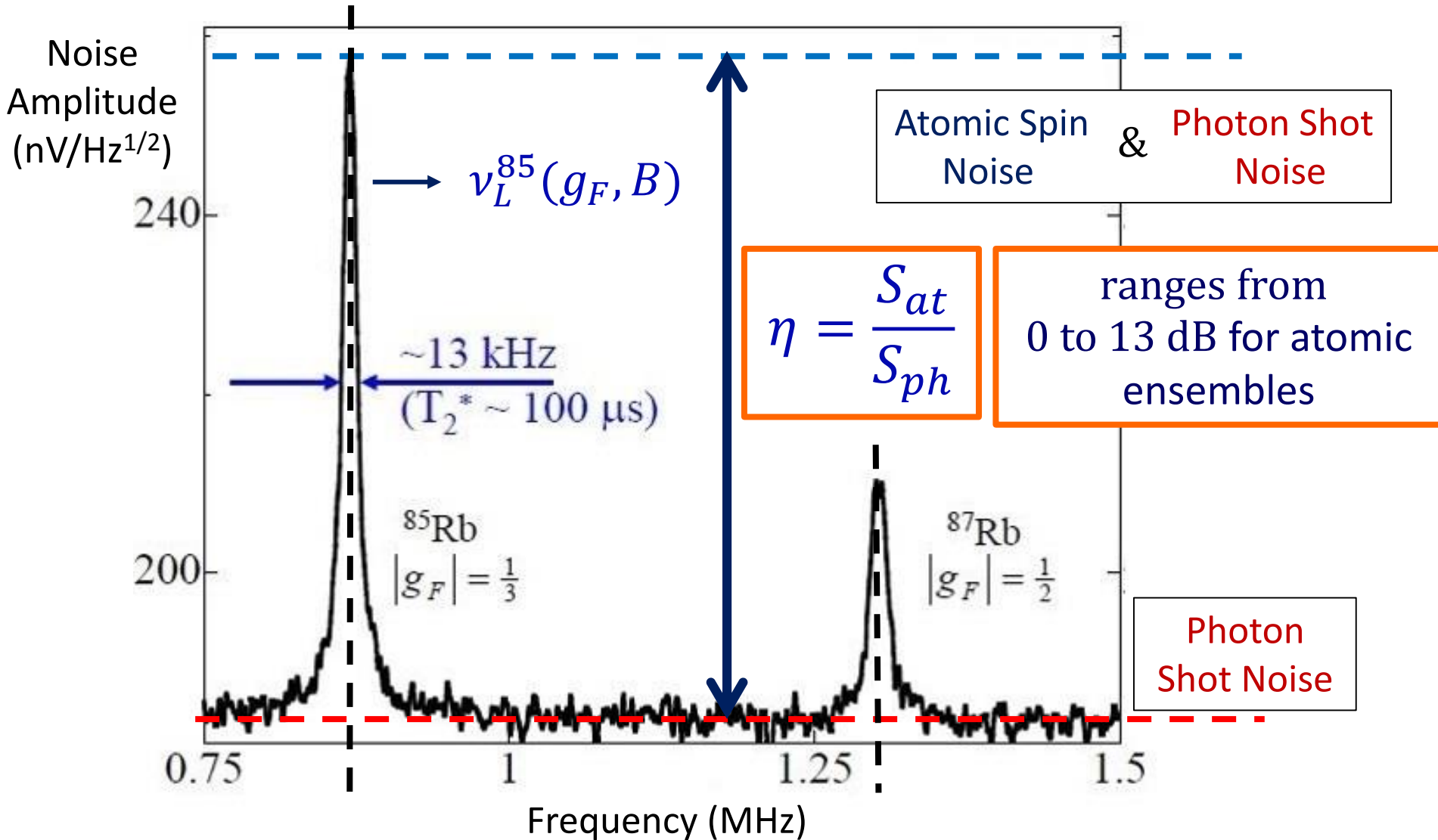
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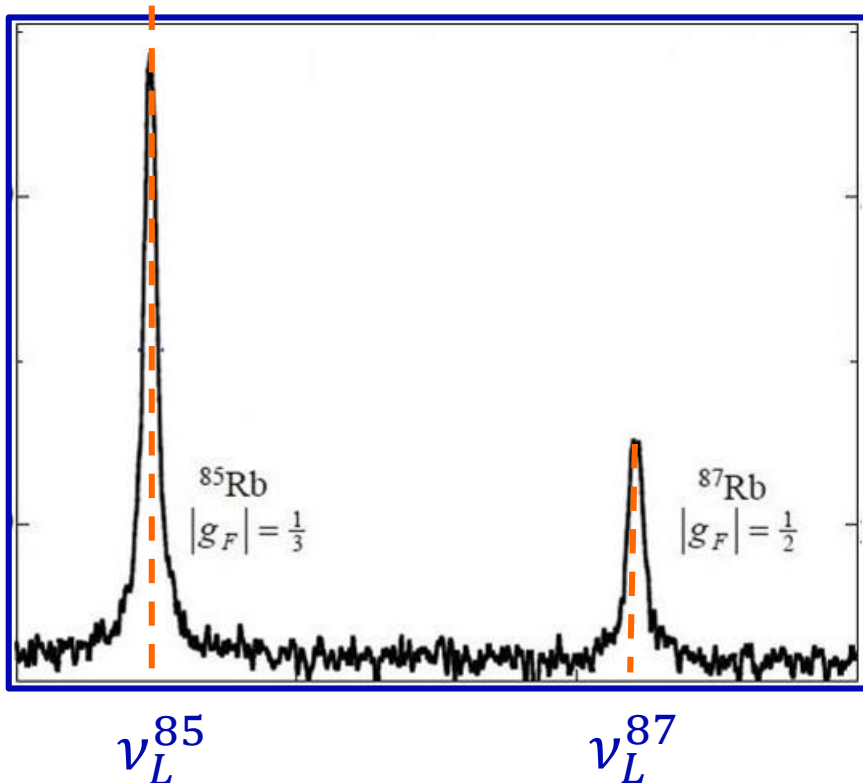
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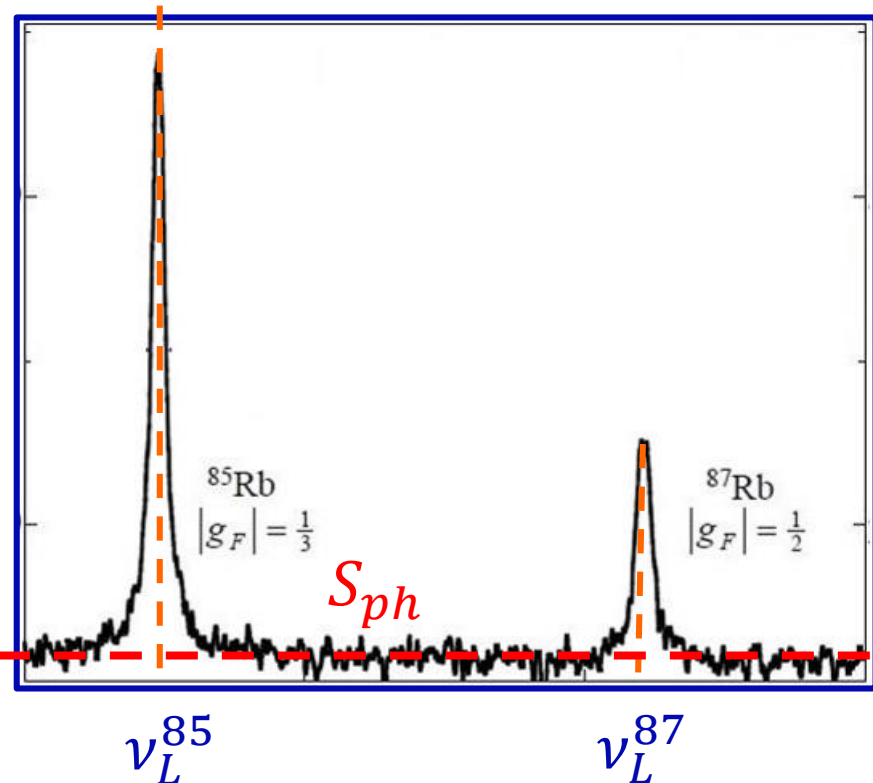
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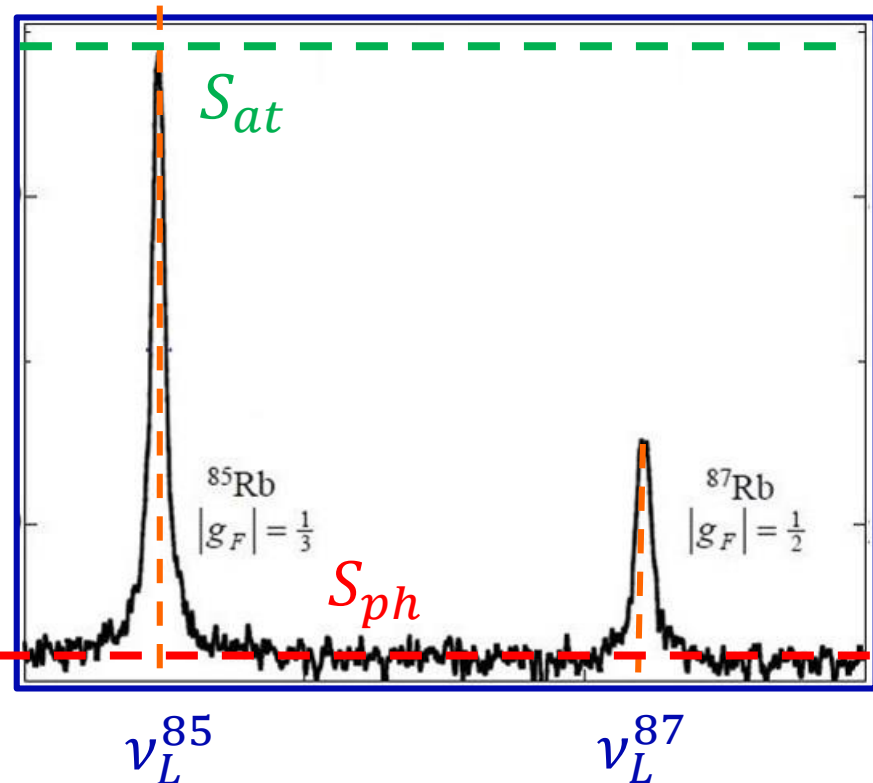
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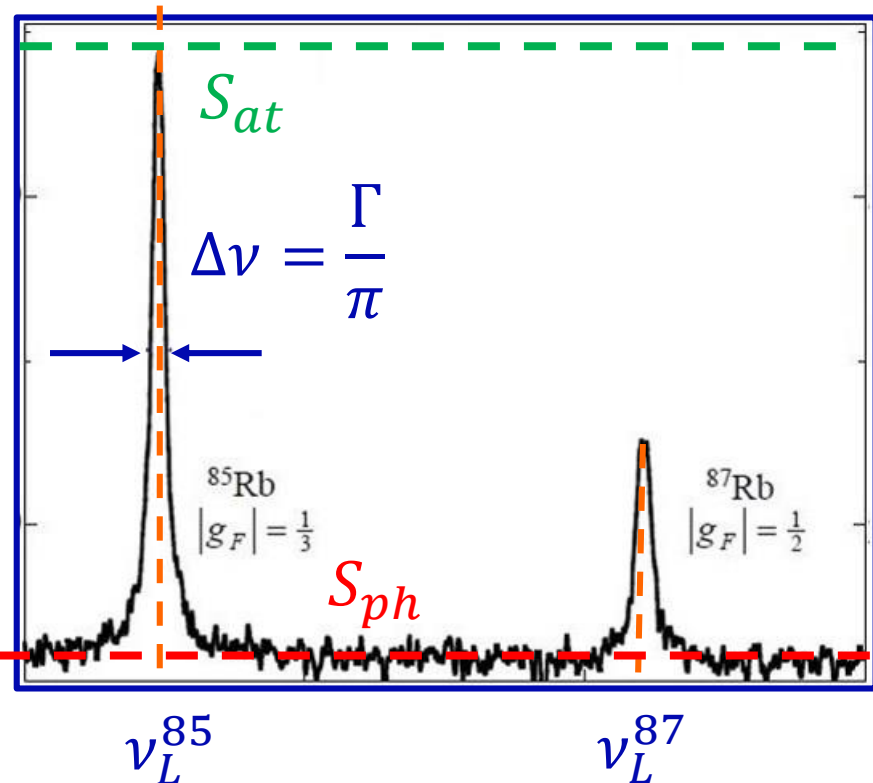


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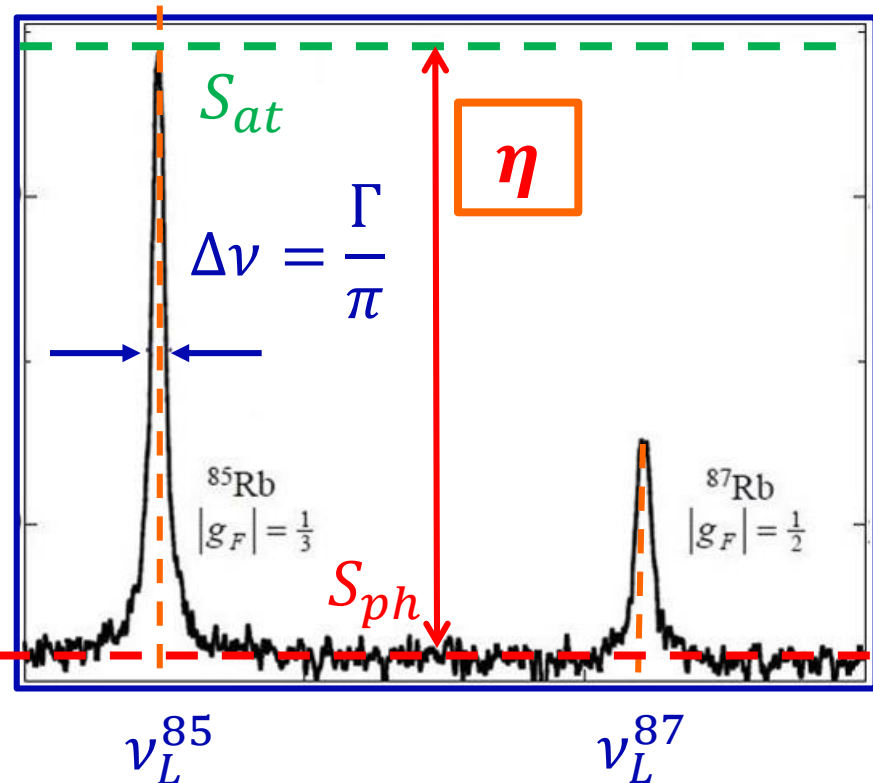
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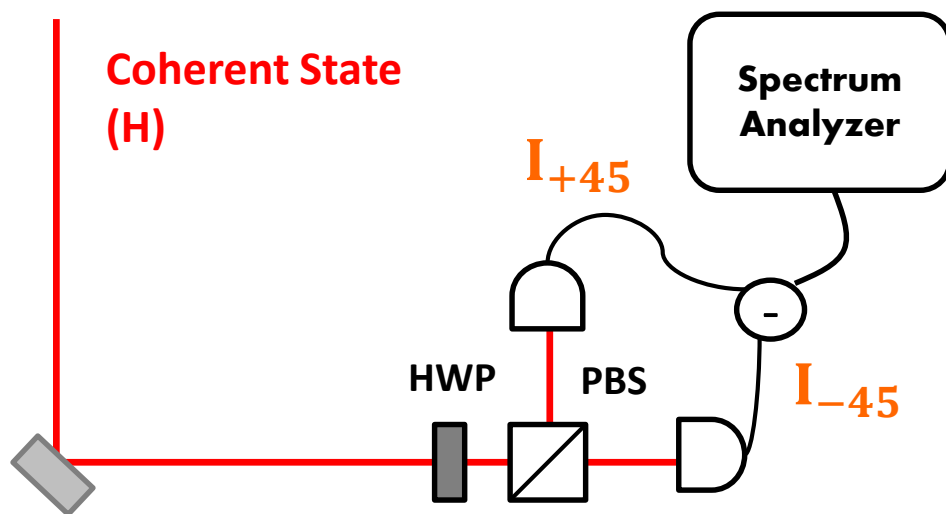


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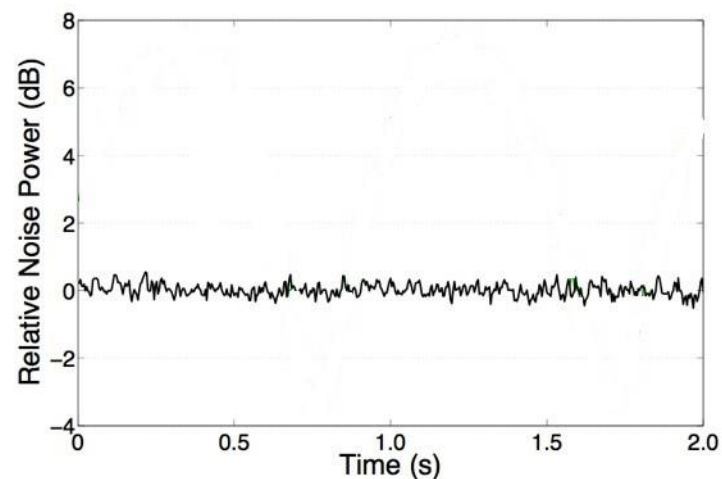
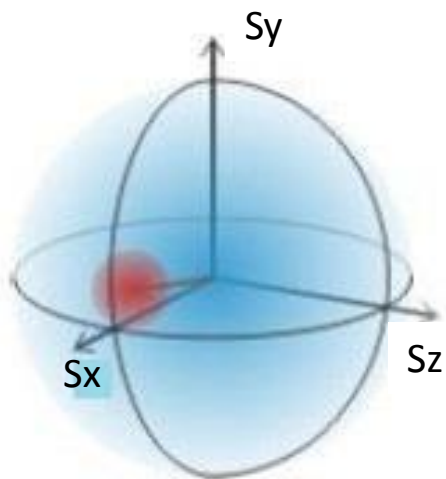
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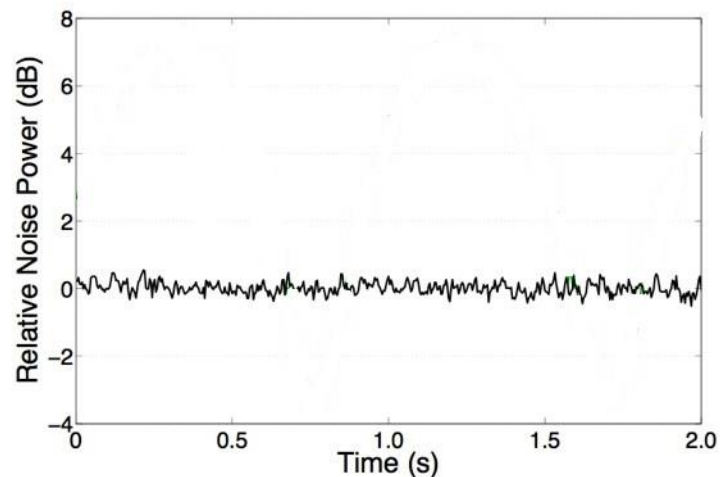
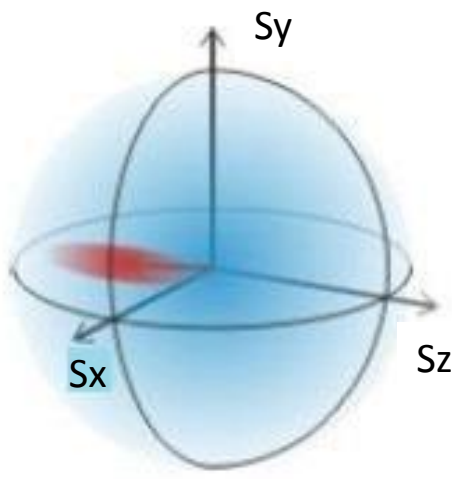
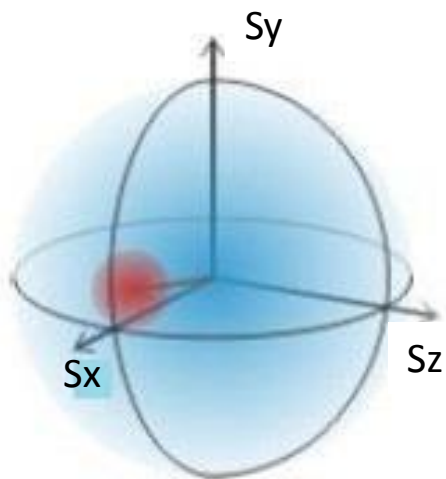
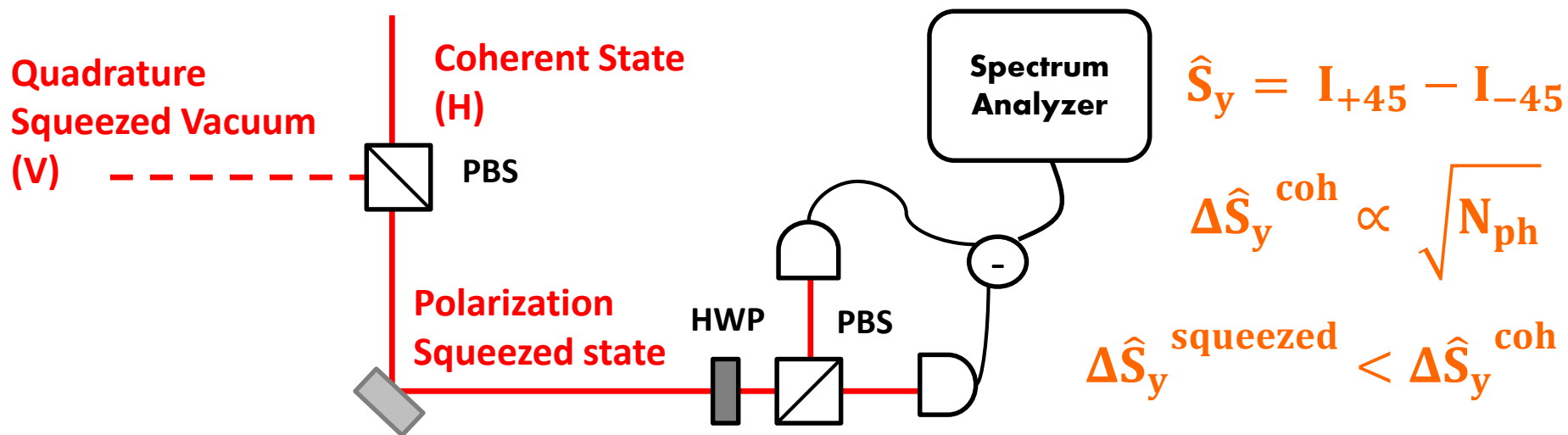
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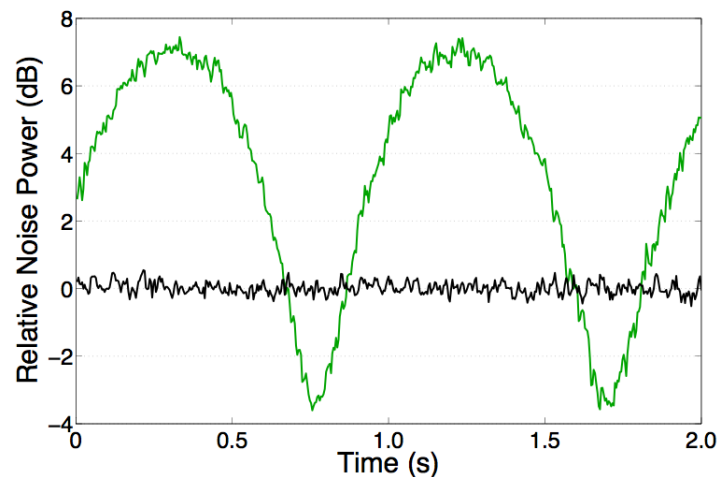
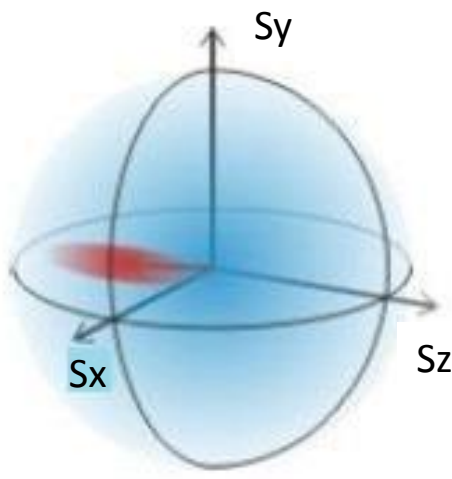
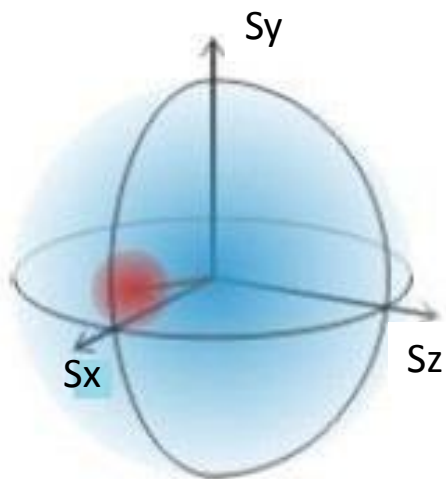
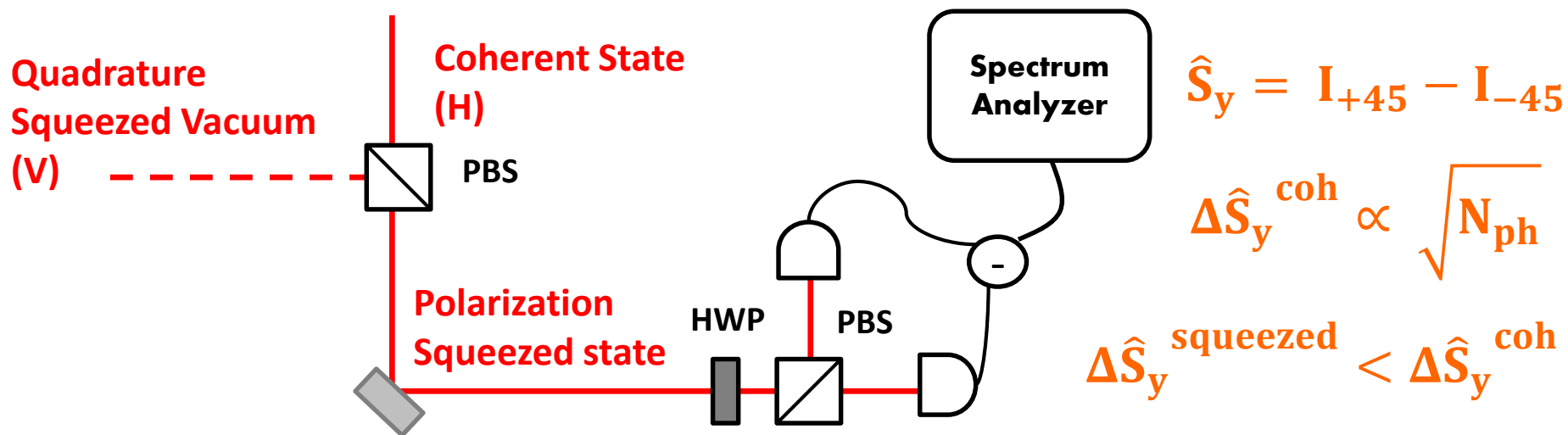
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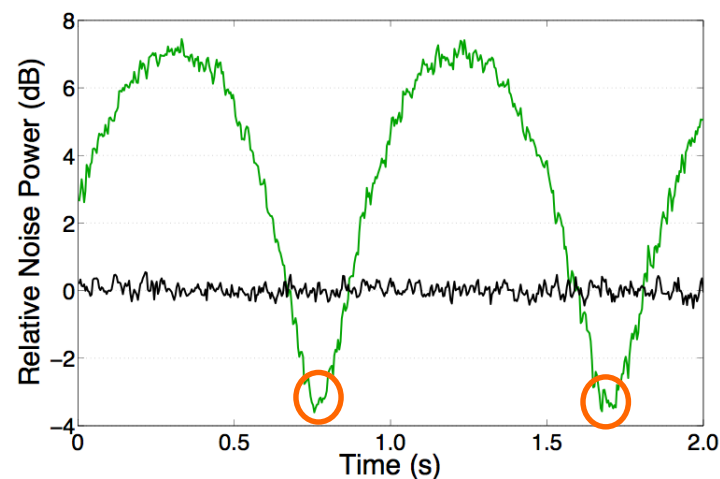
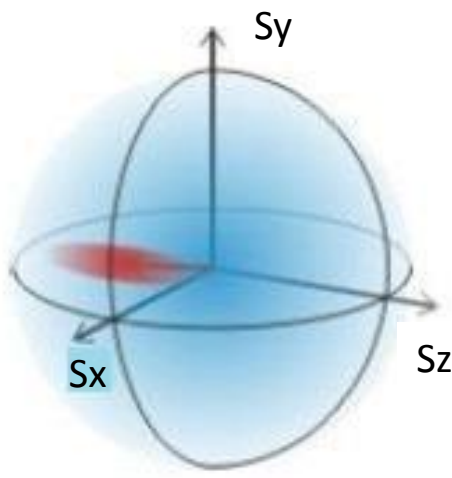
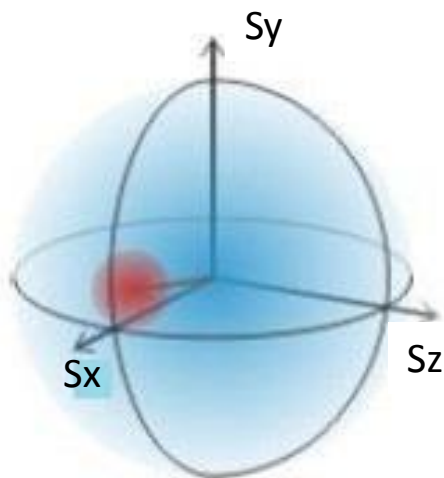
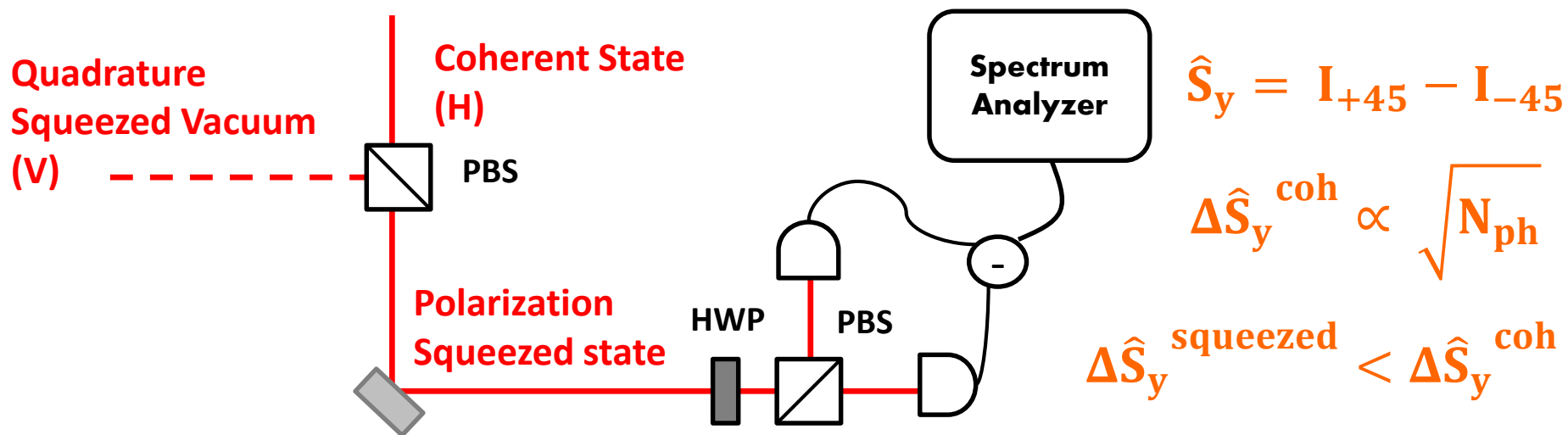
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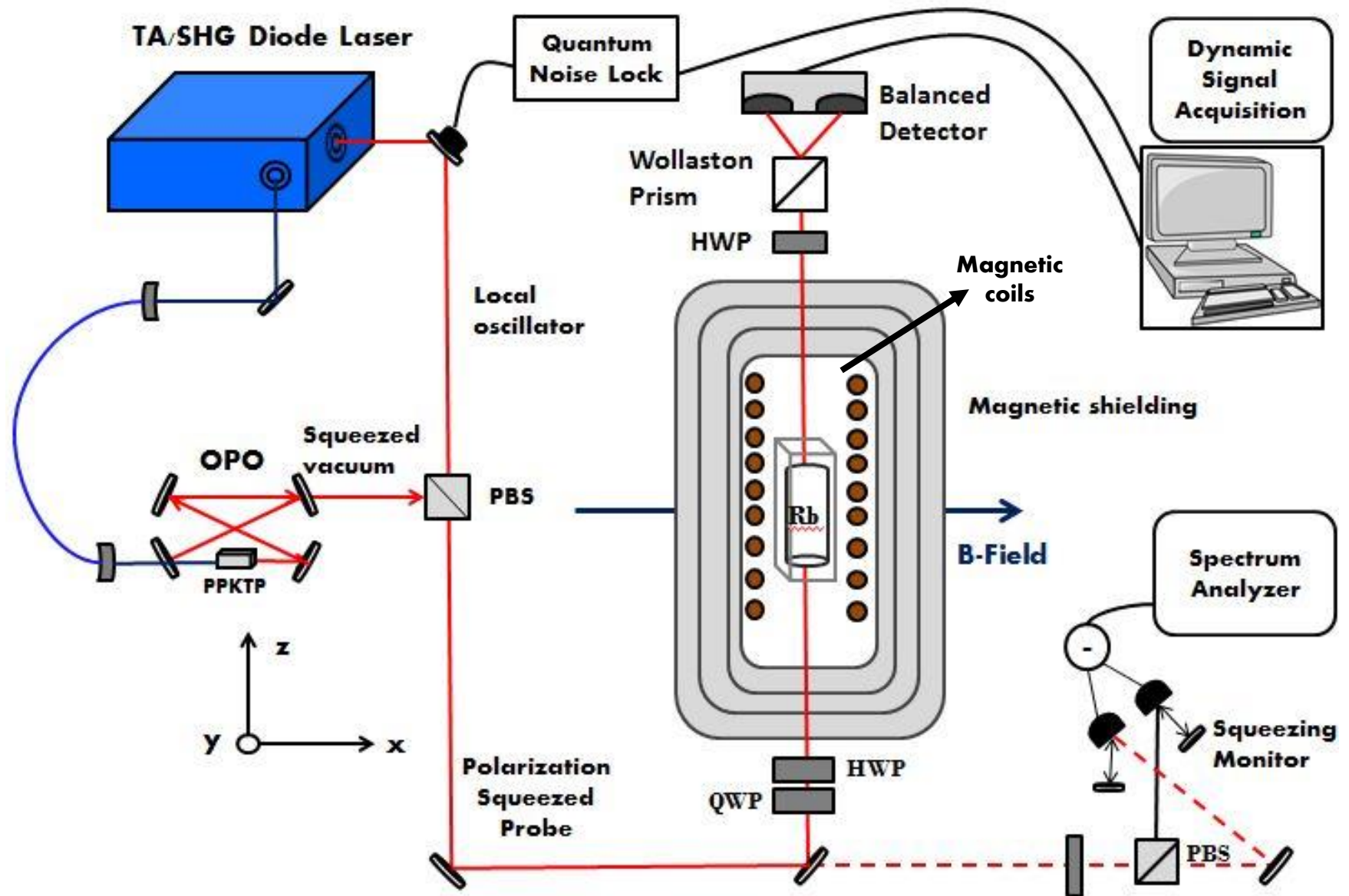


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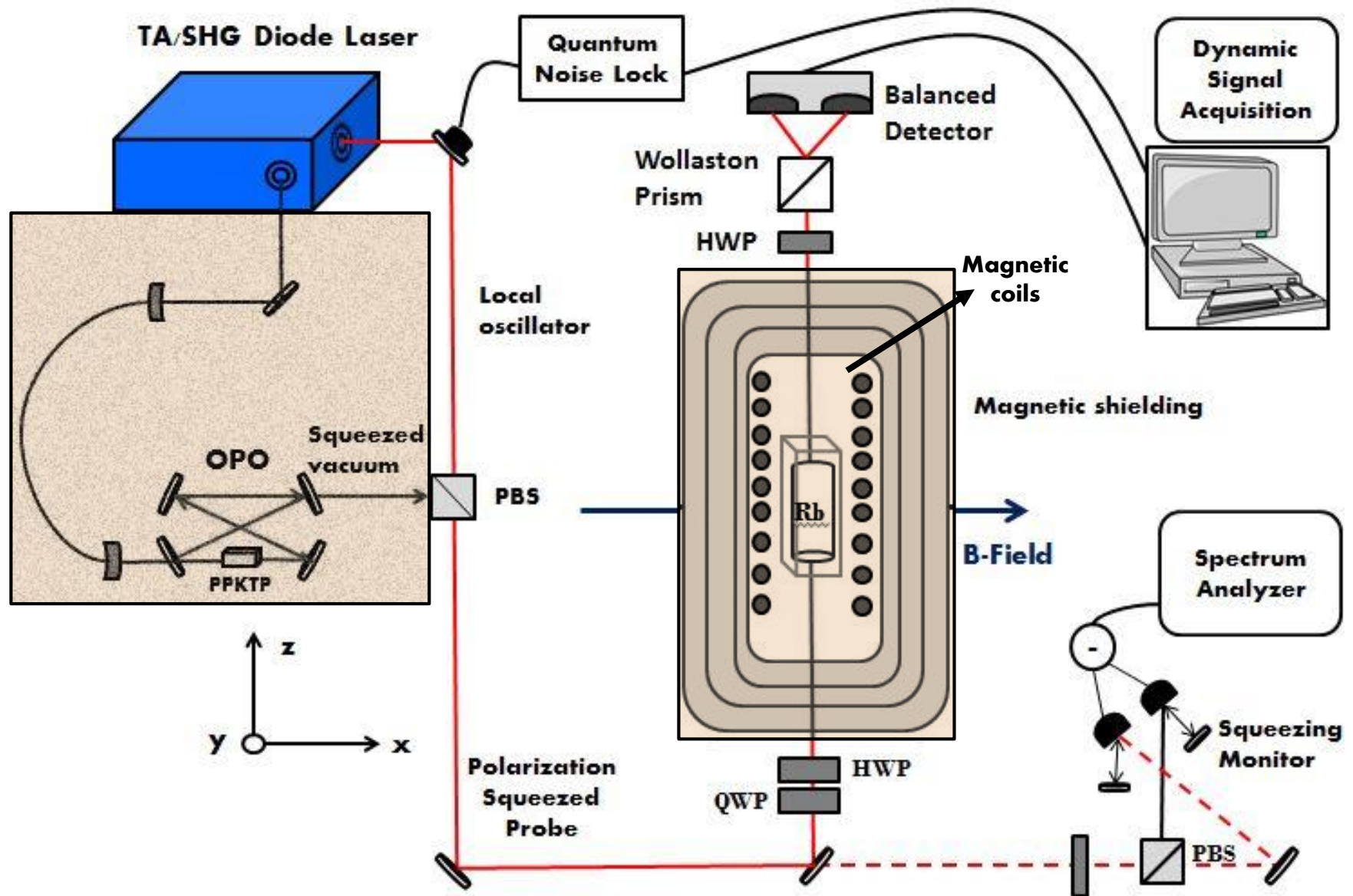
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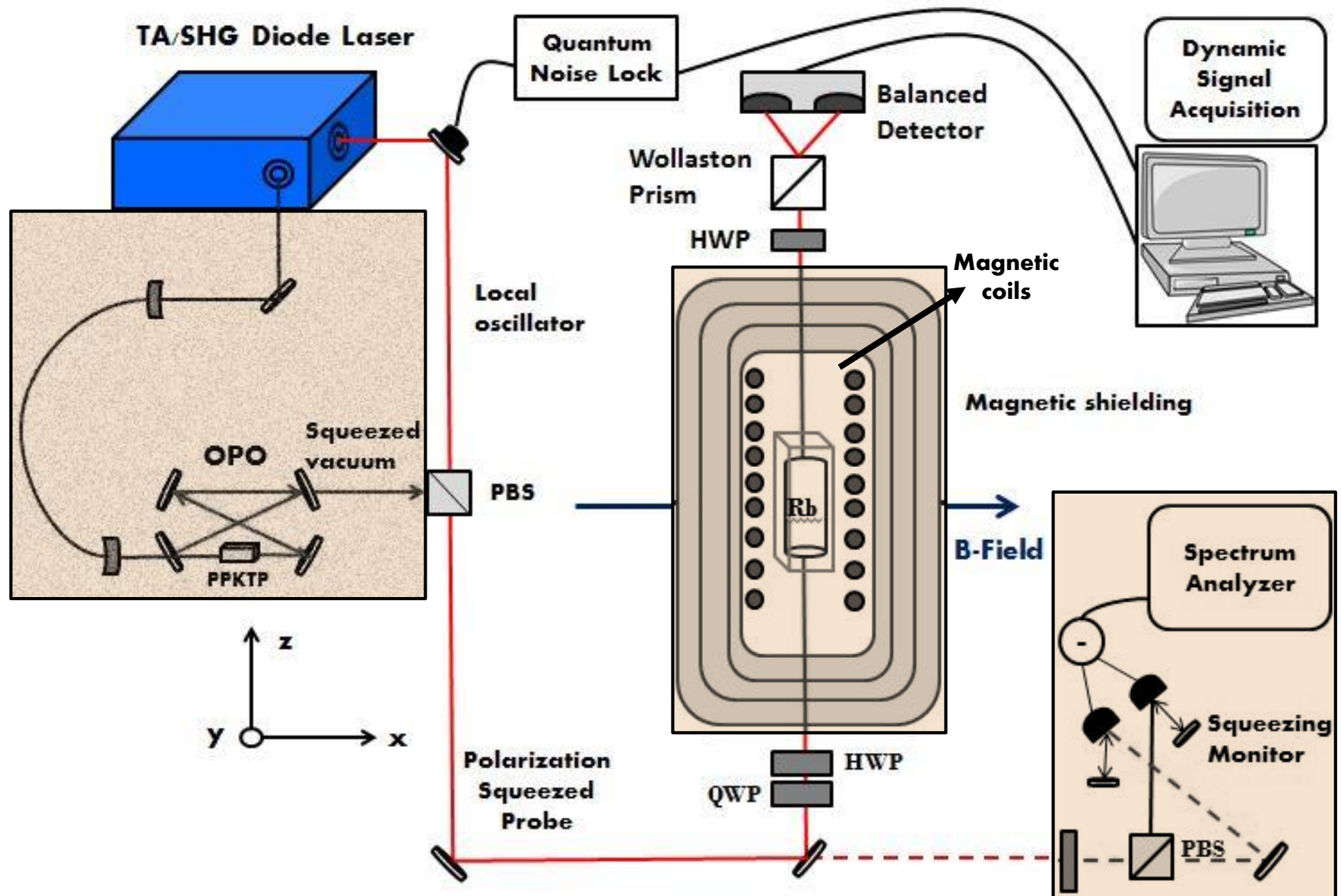
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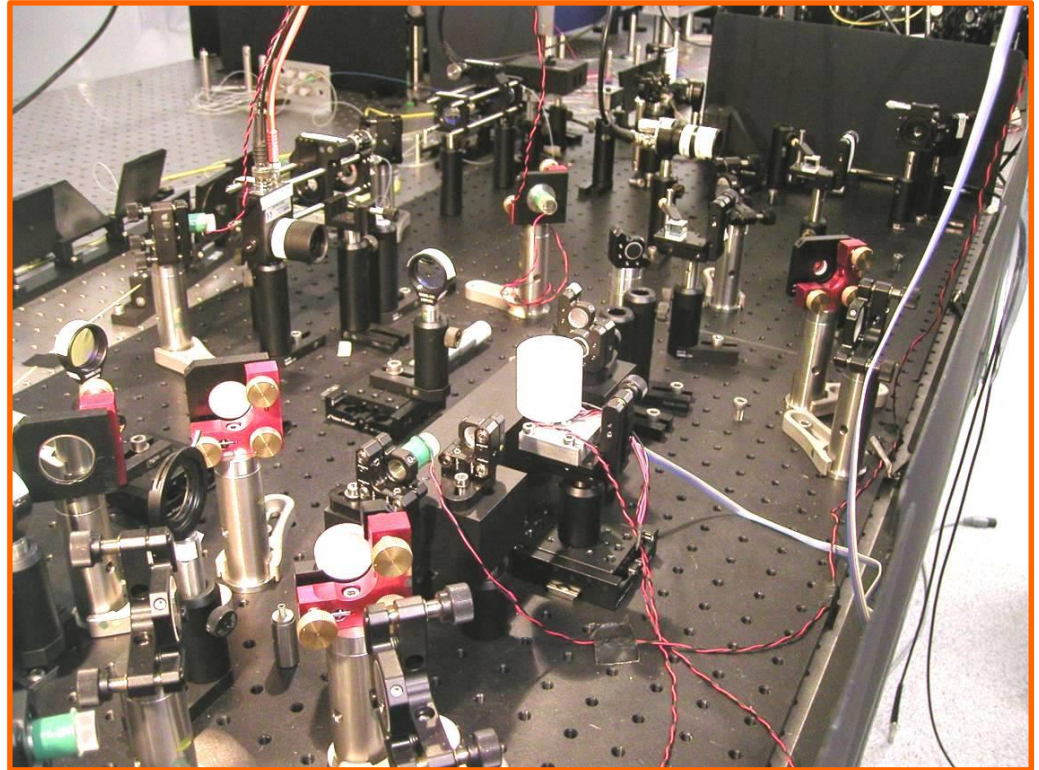
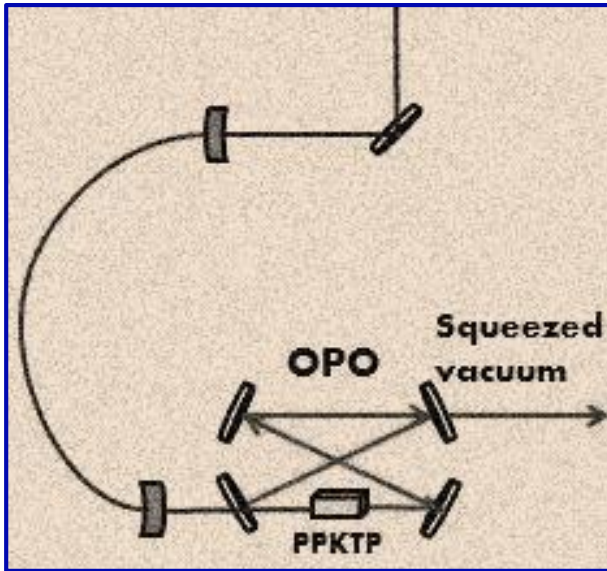


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# Squeezing Source



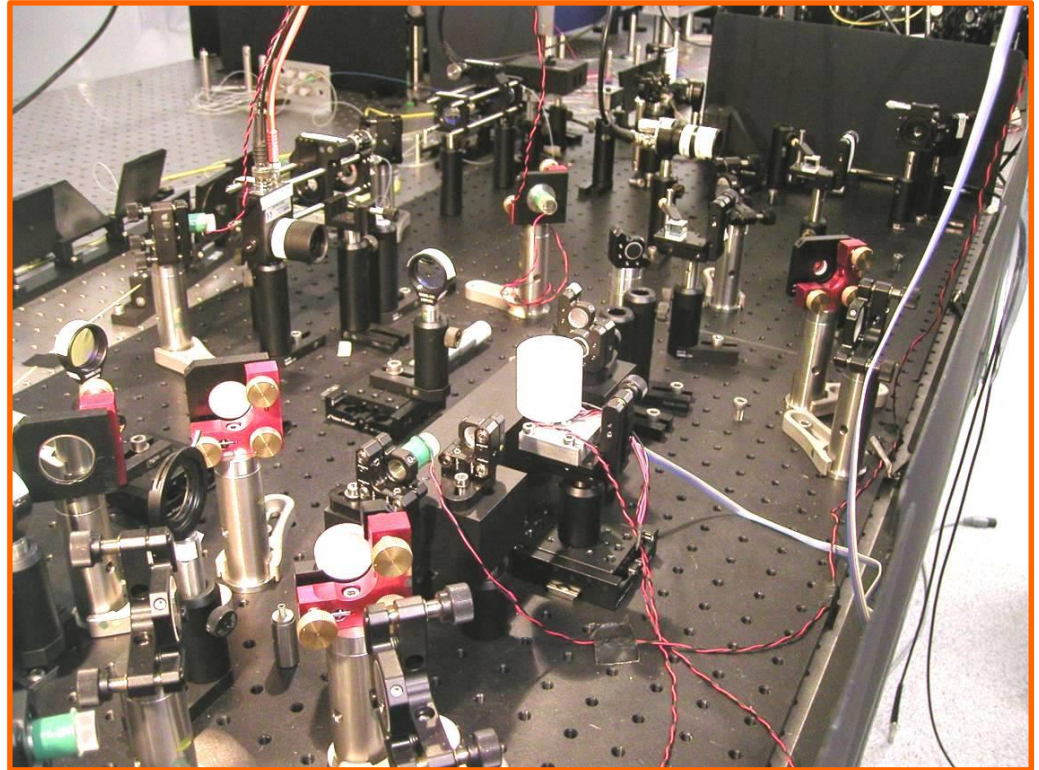
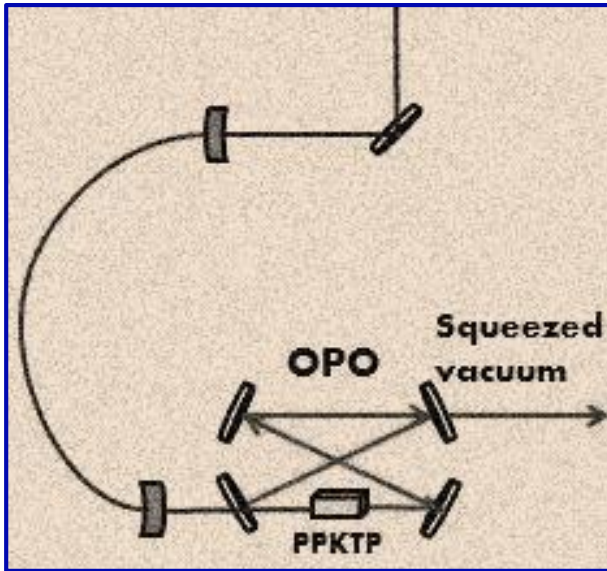
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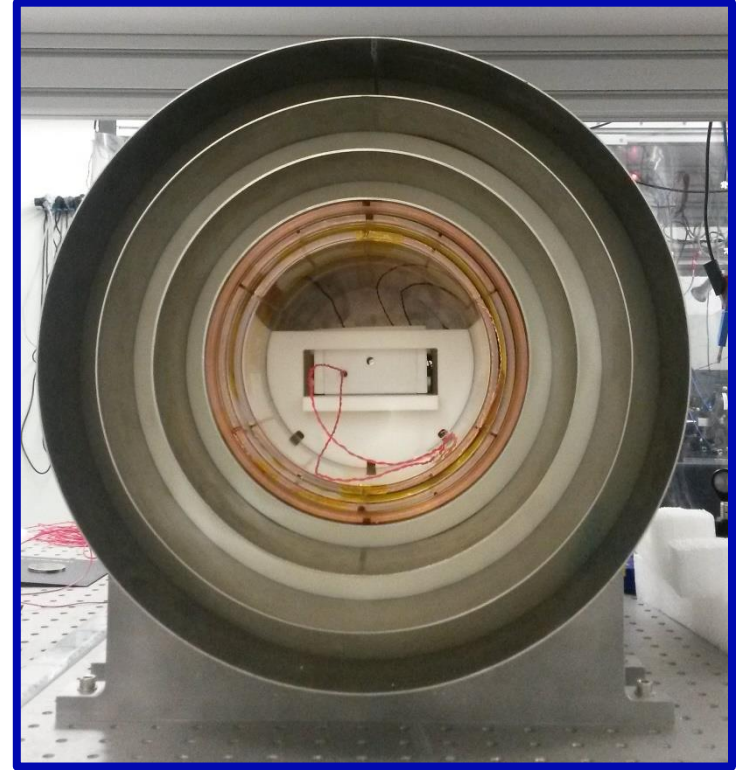
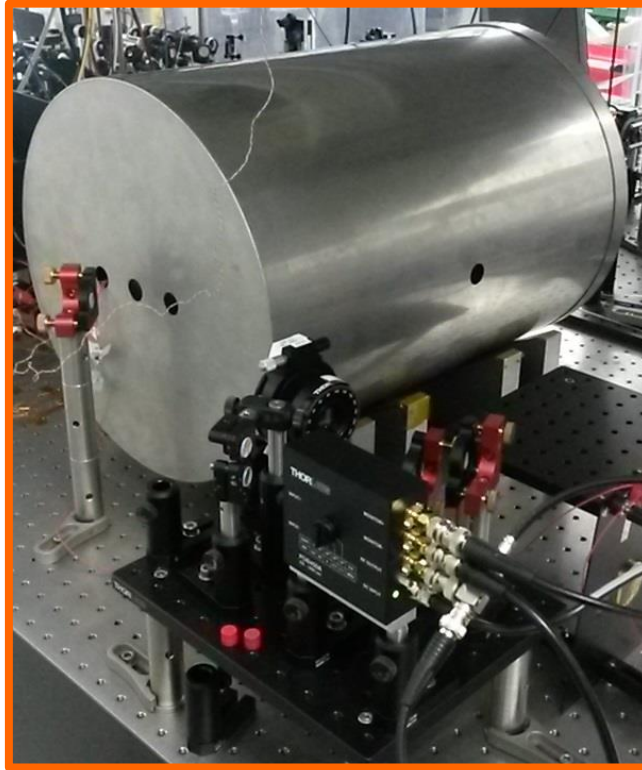
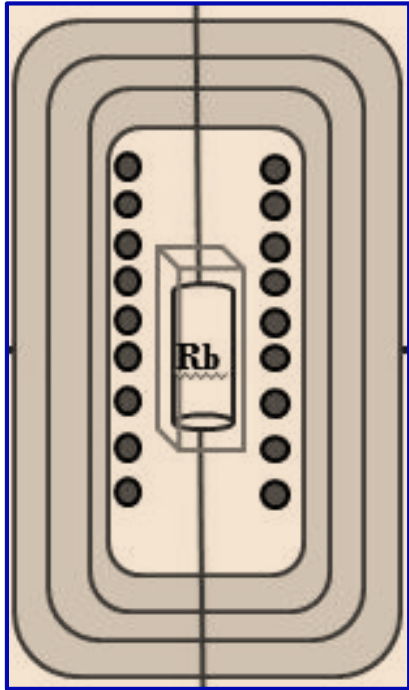


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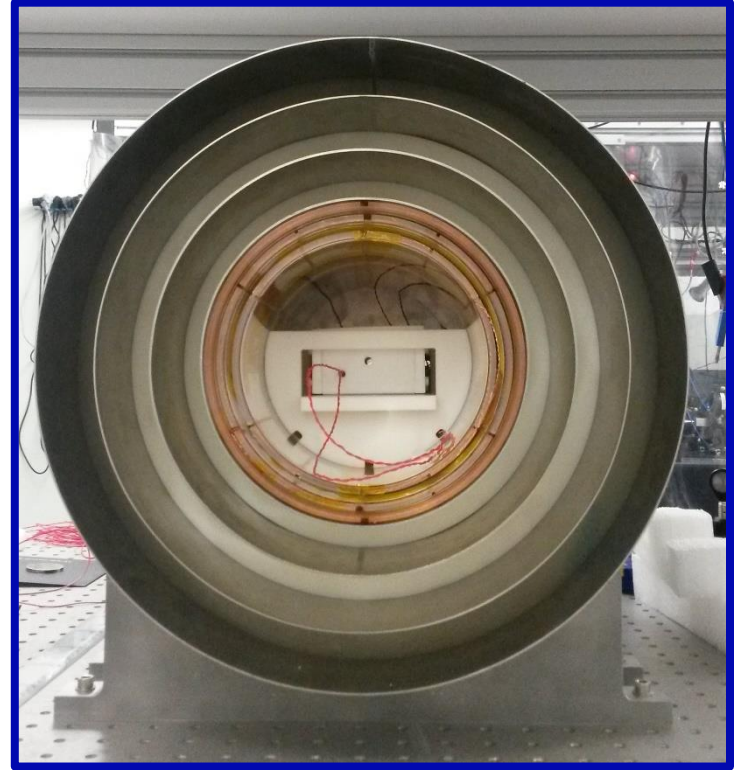
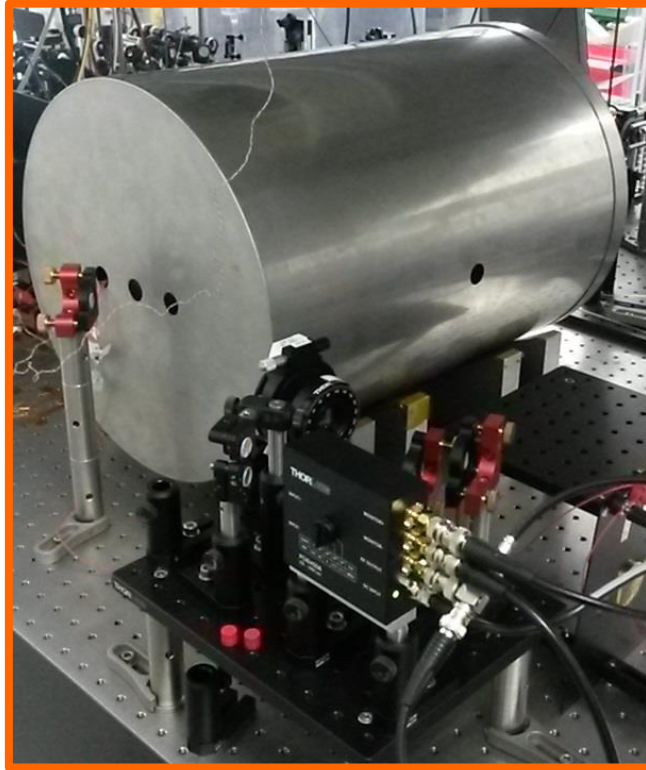
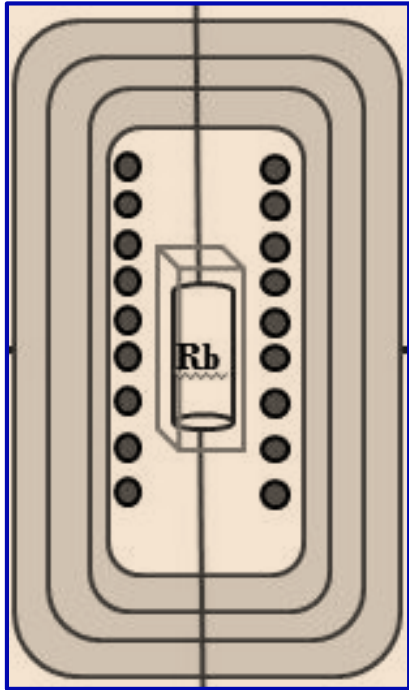
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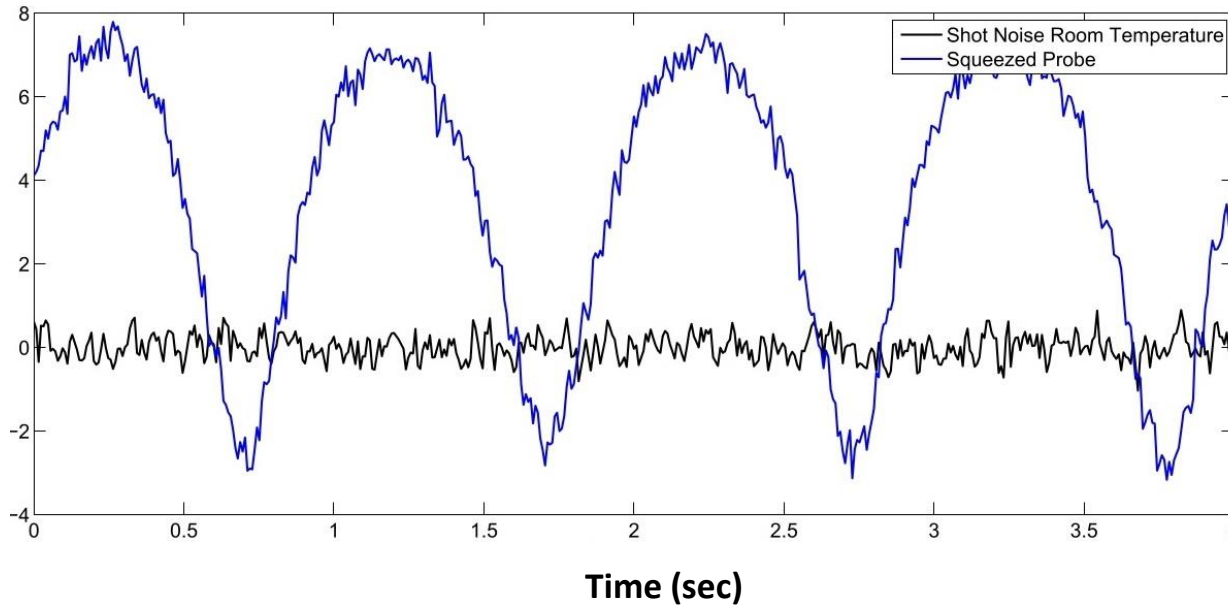
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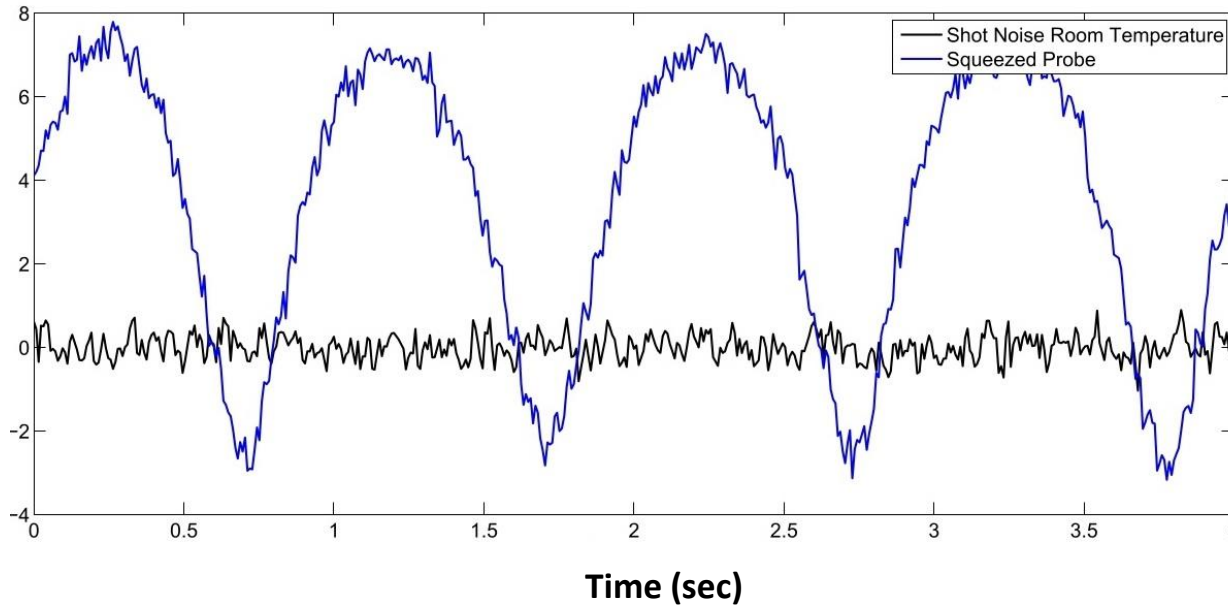
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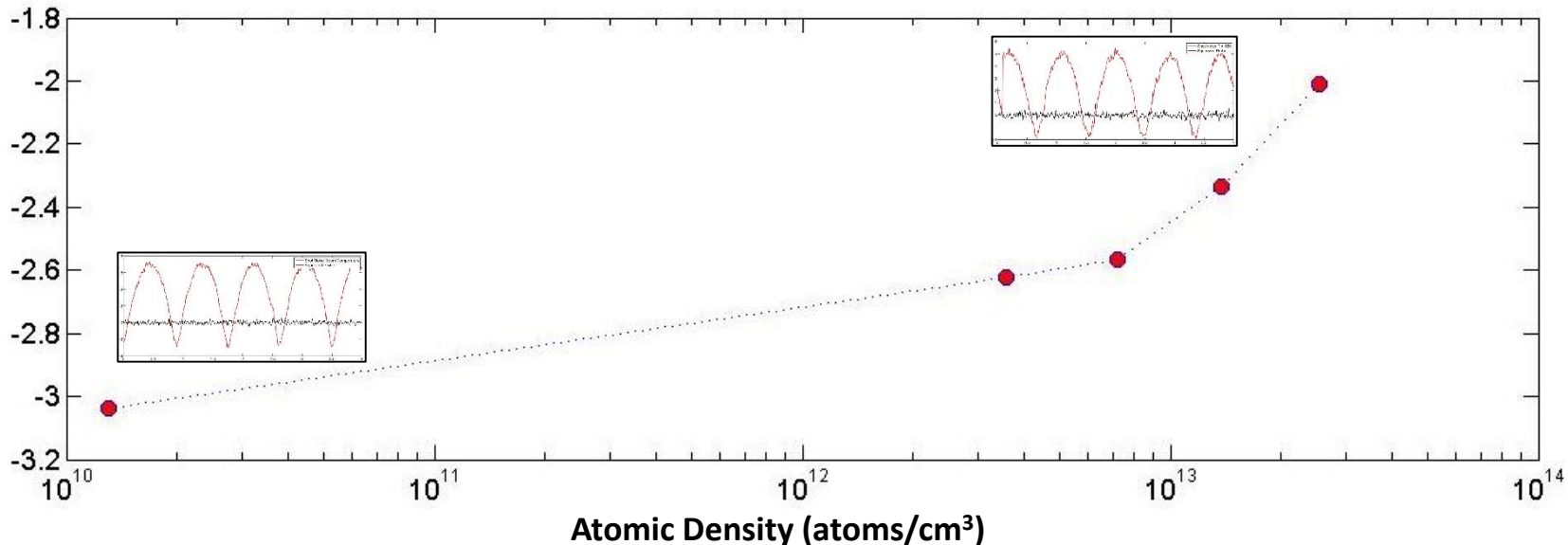
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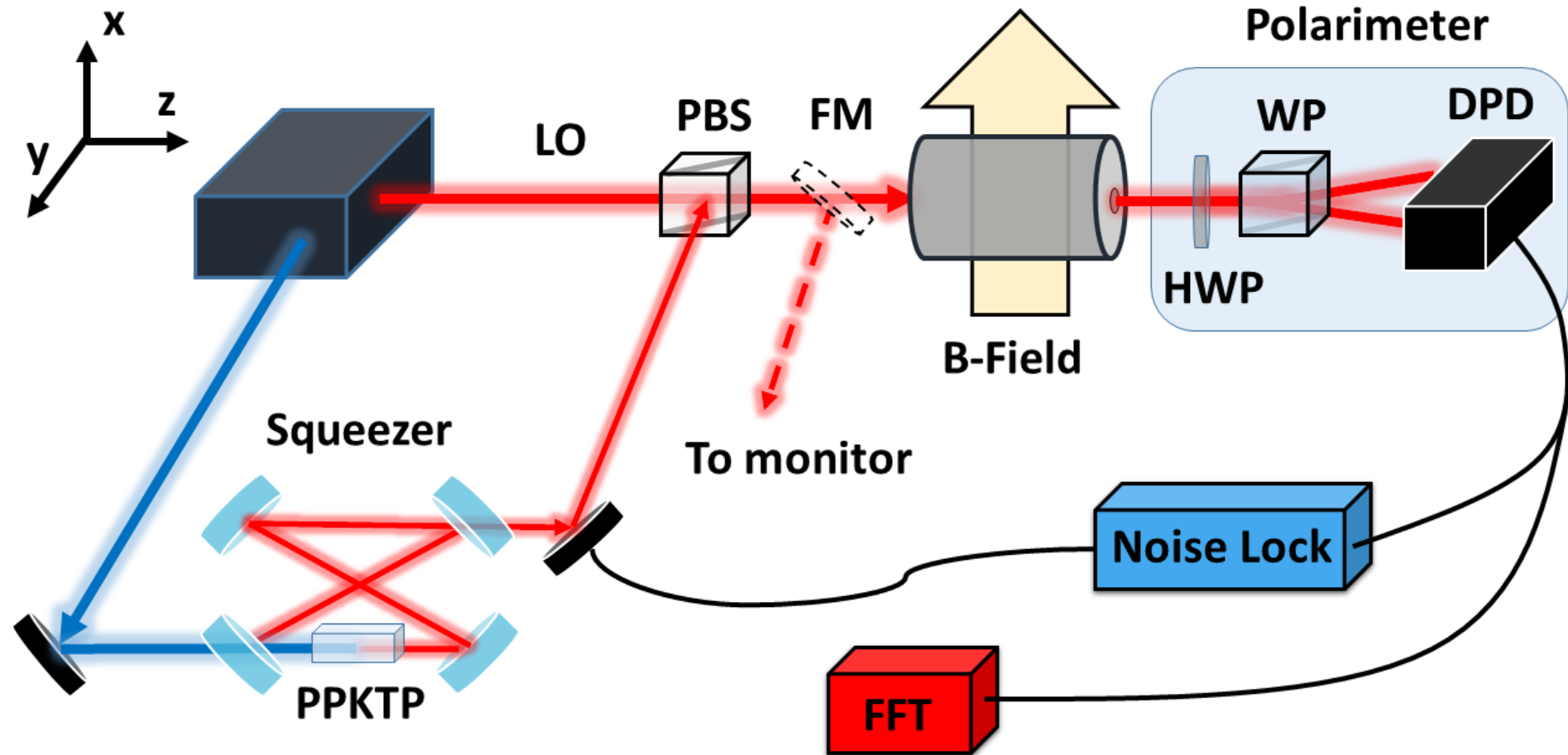


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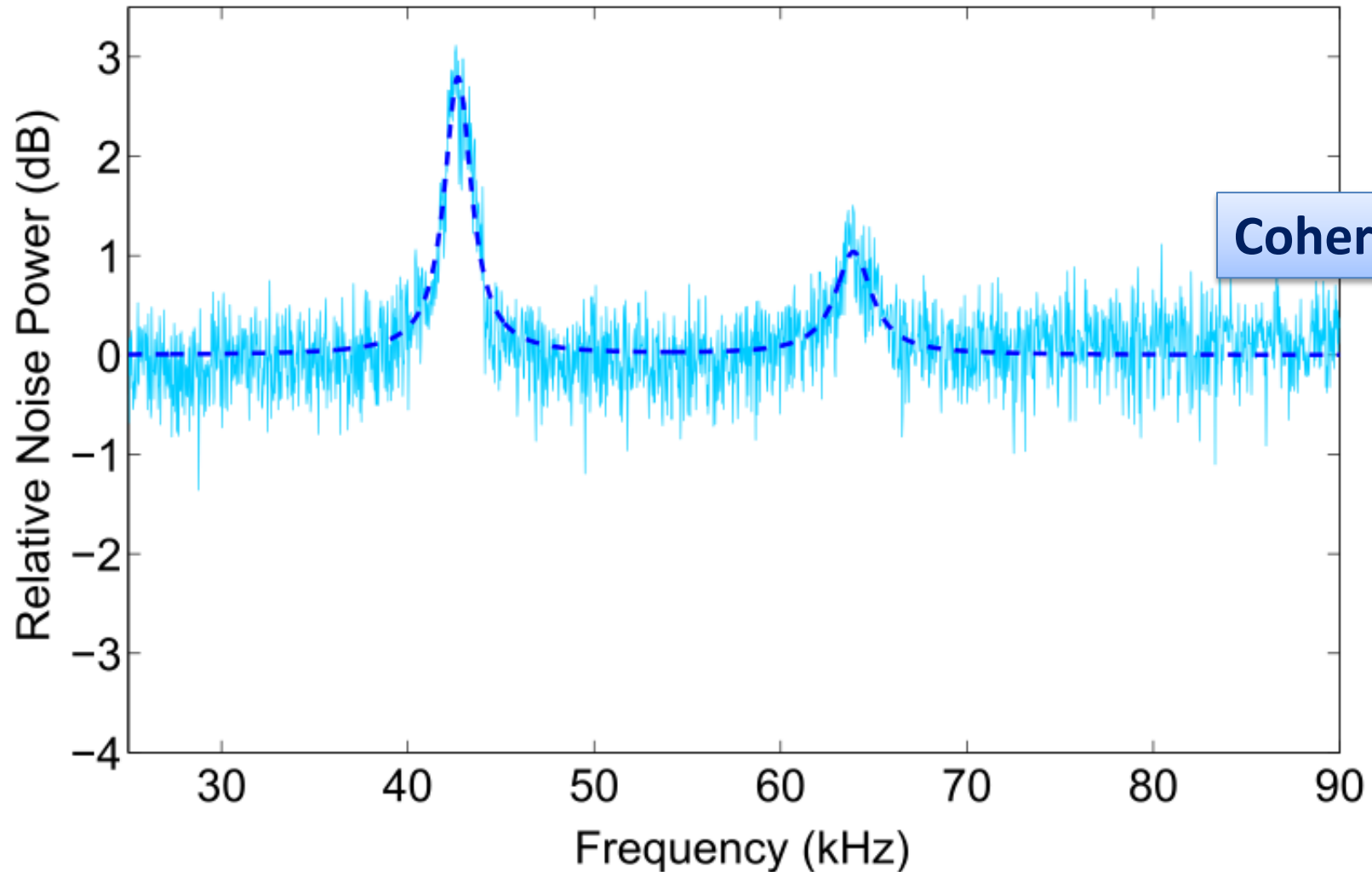


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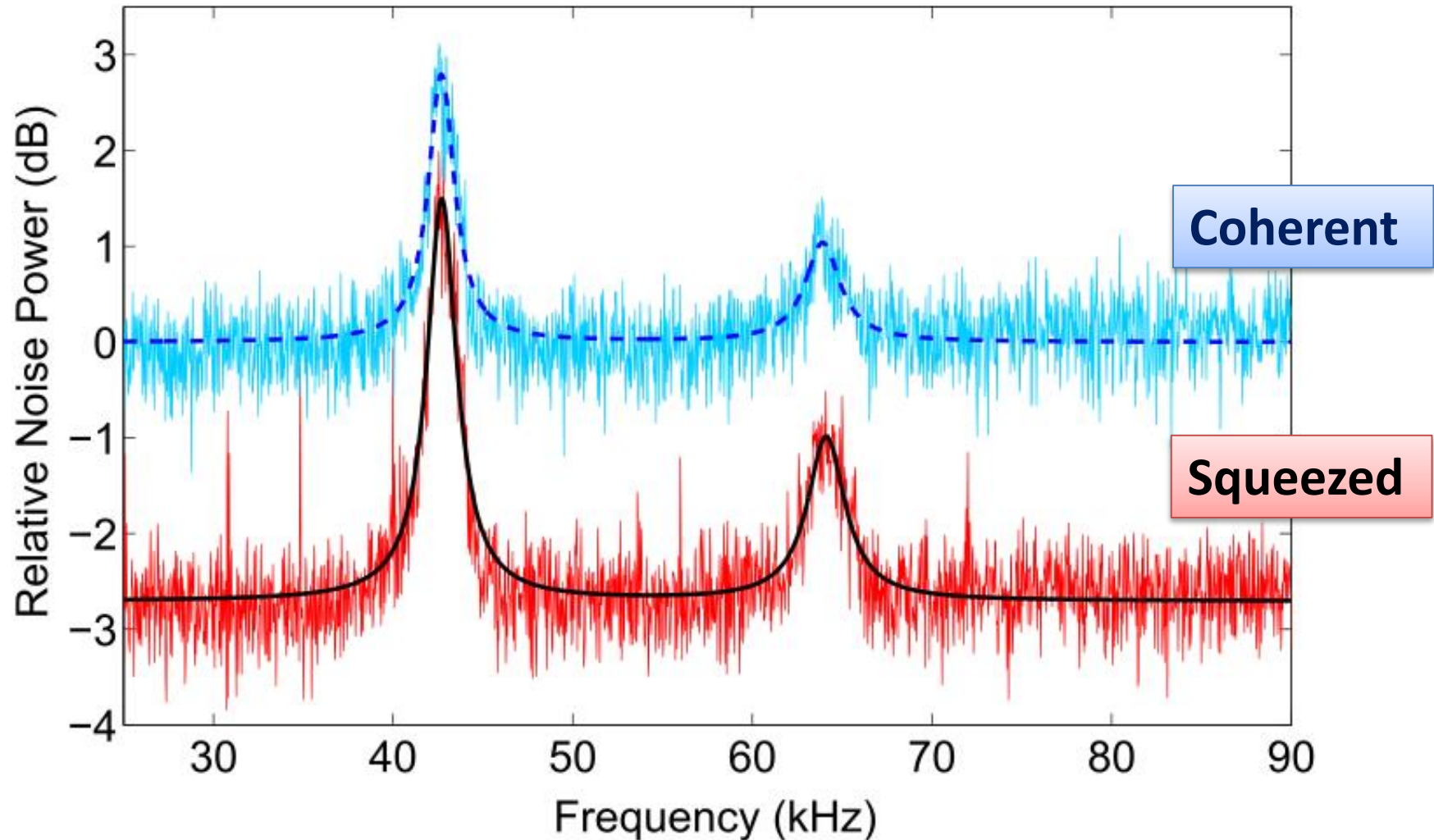
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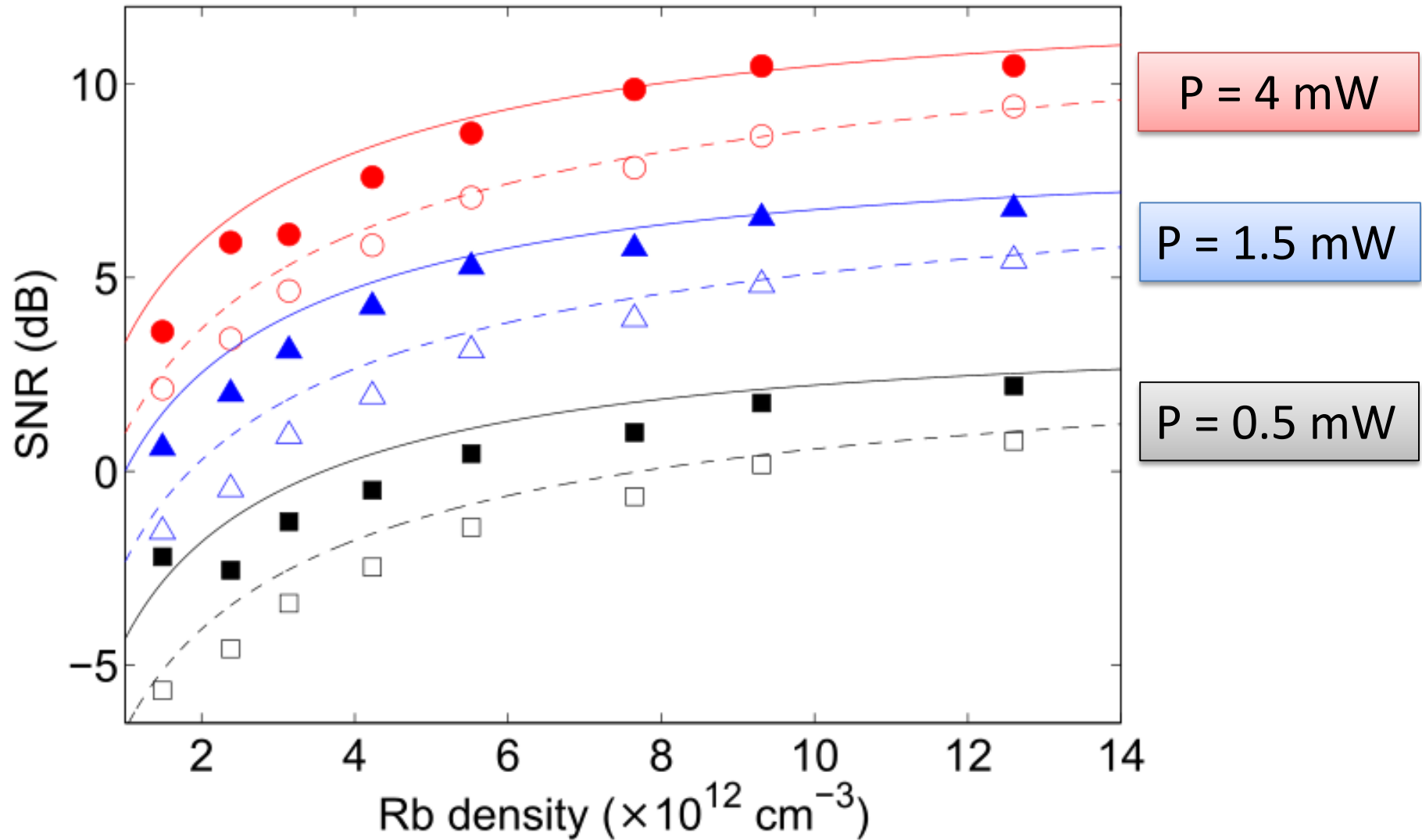


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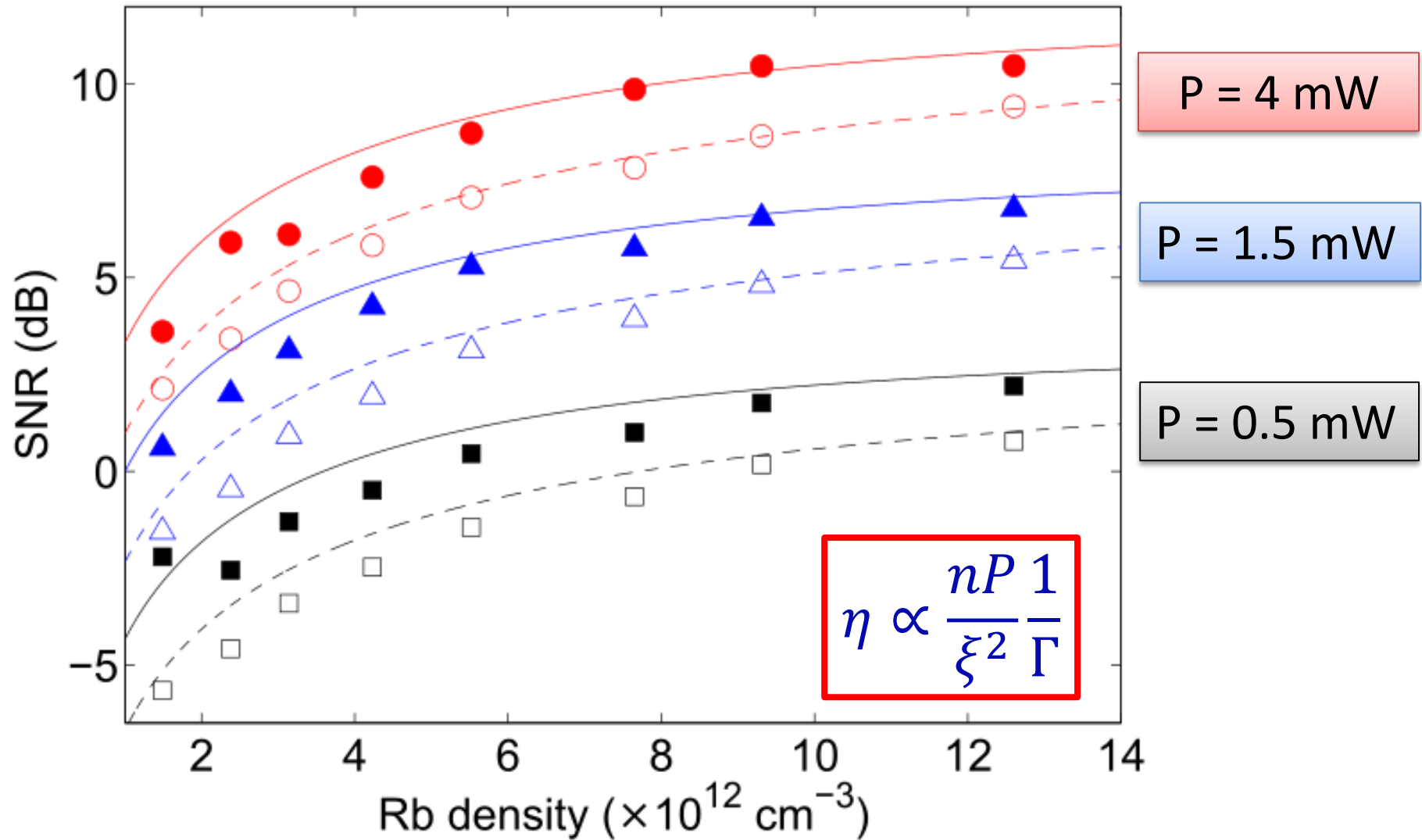
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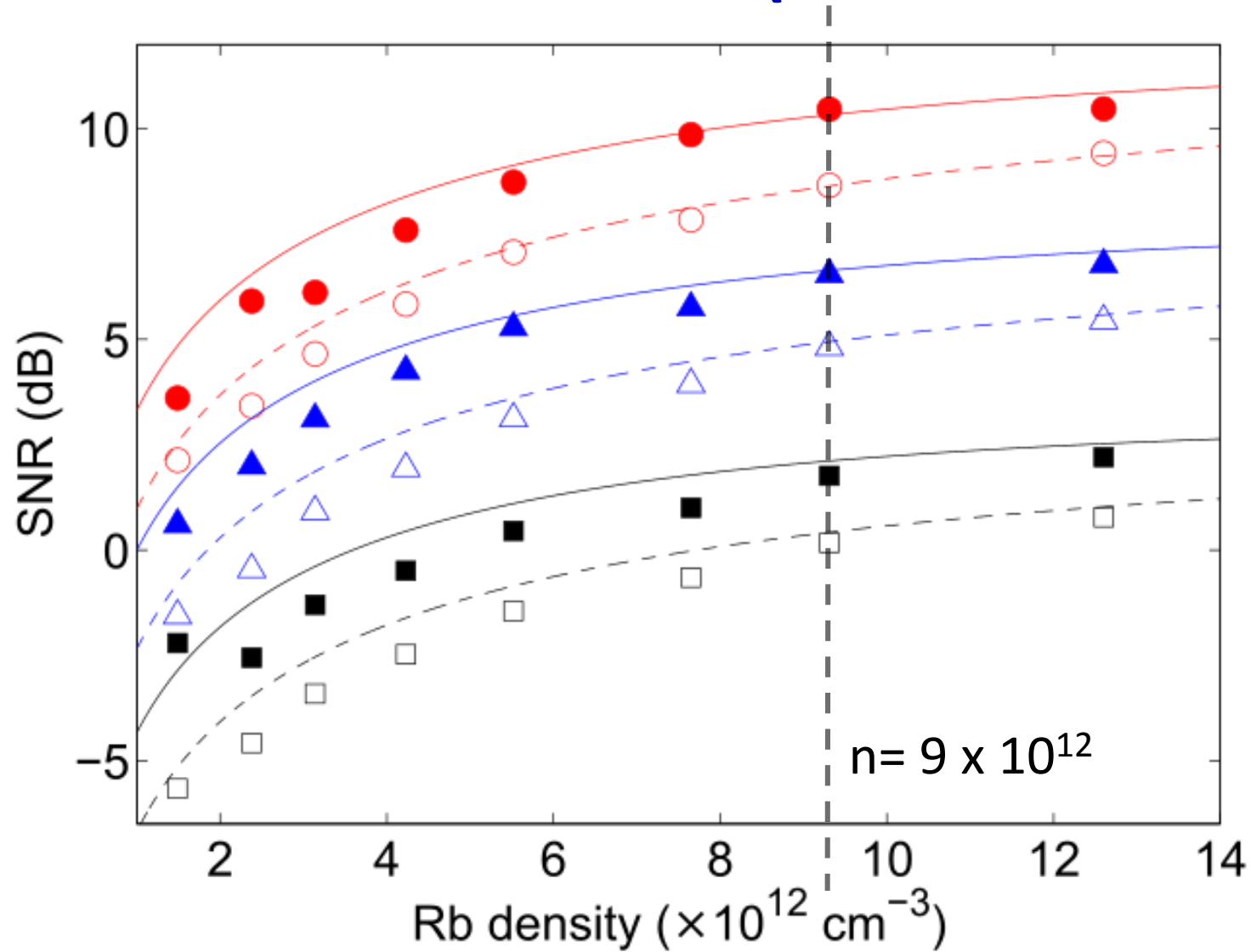
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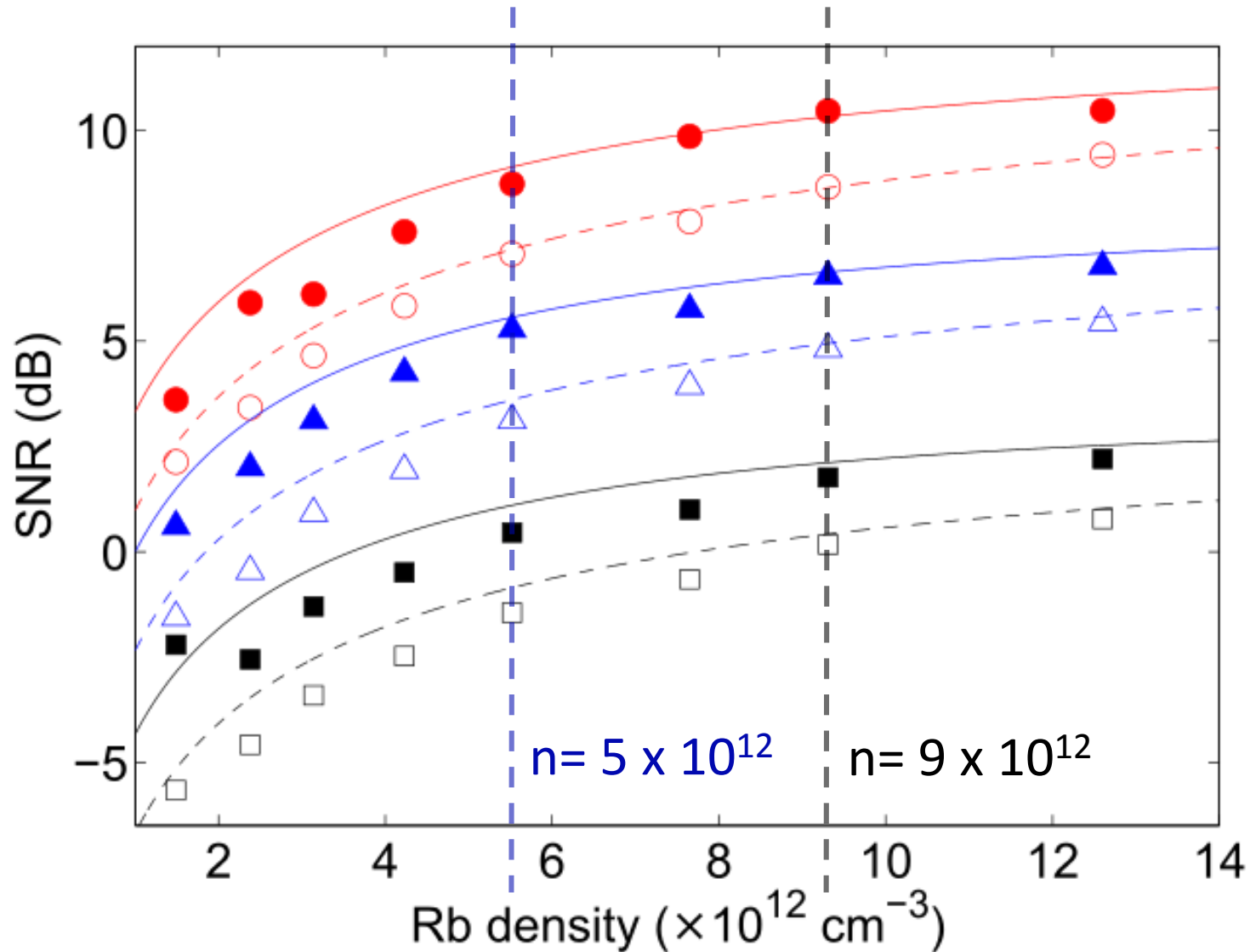
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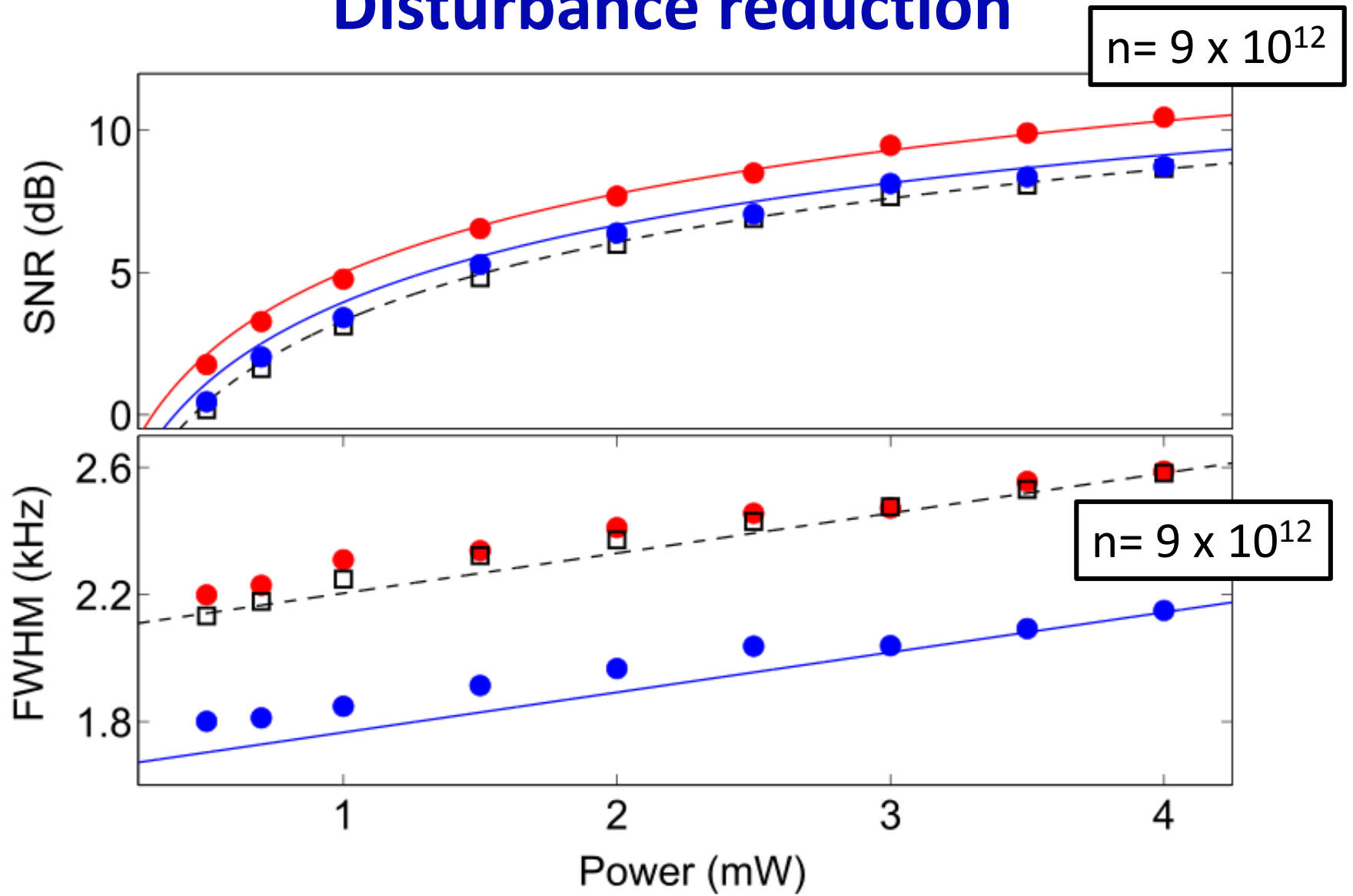
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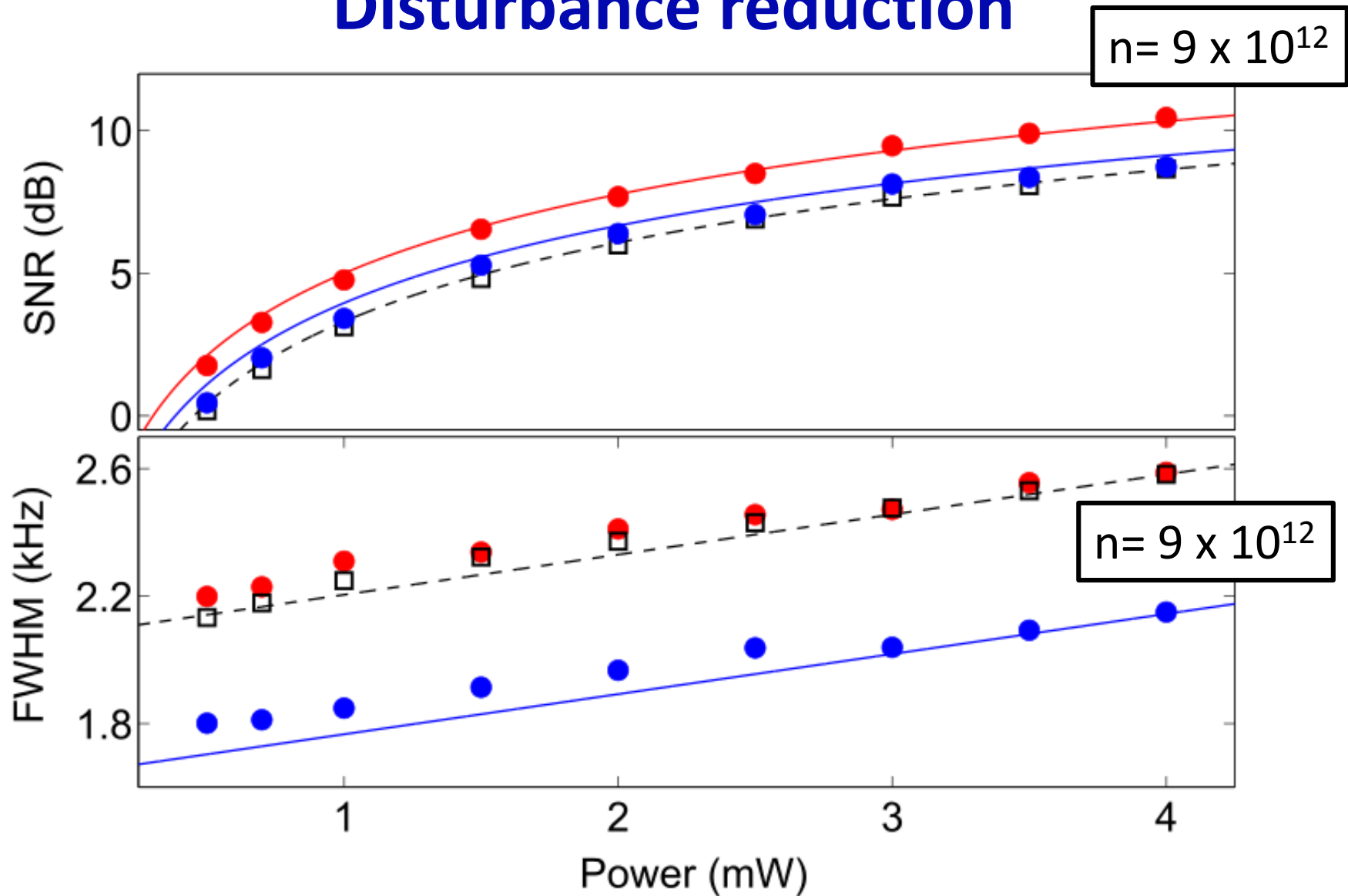
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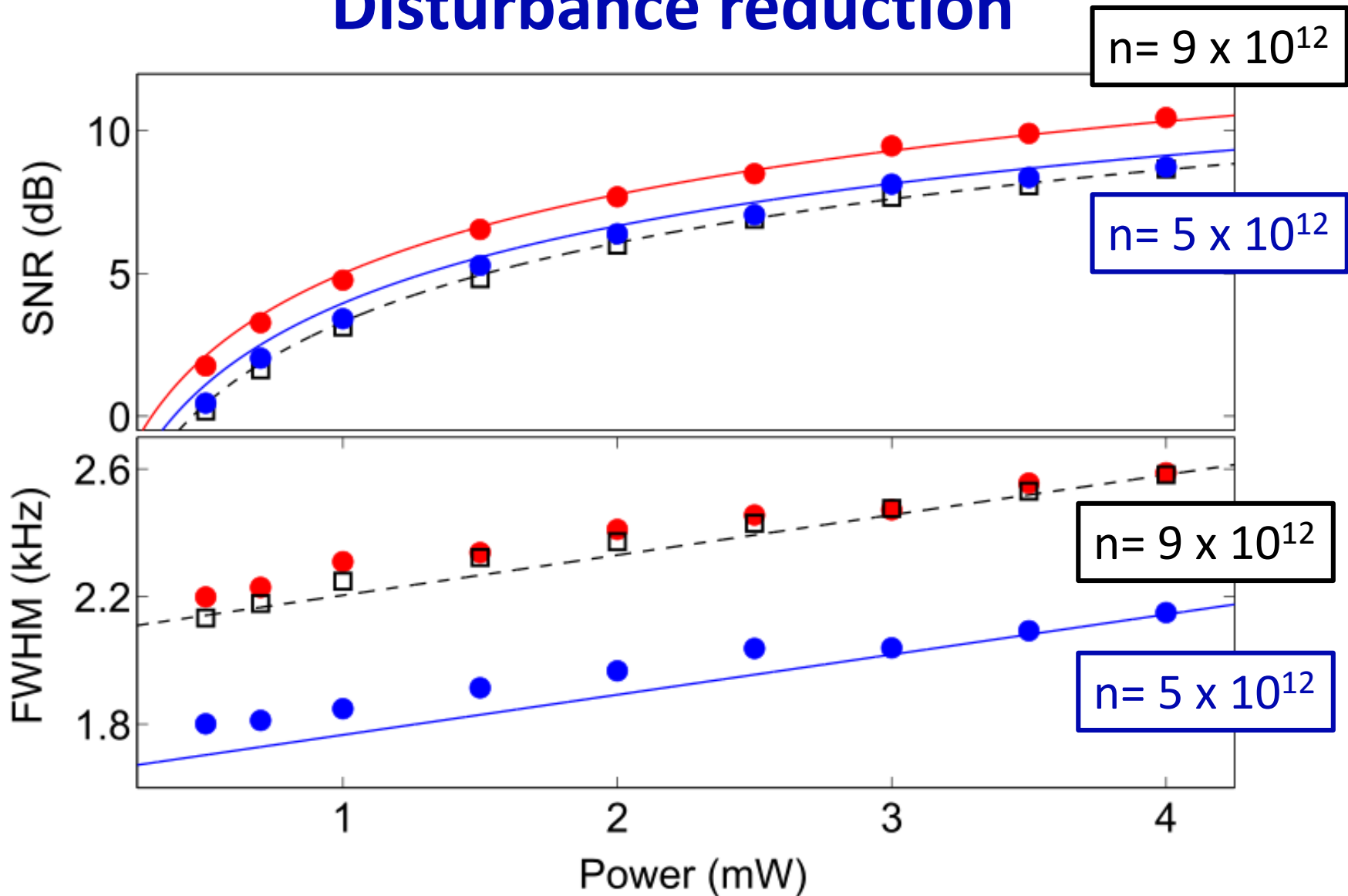


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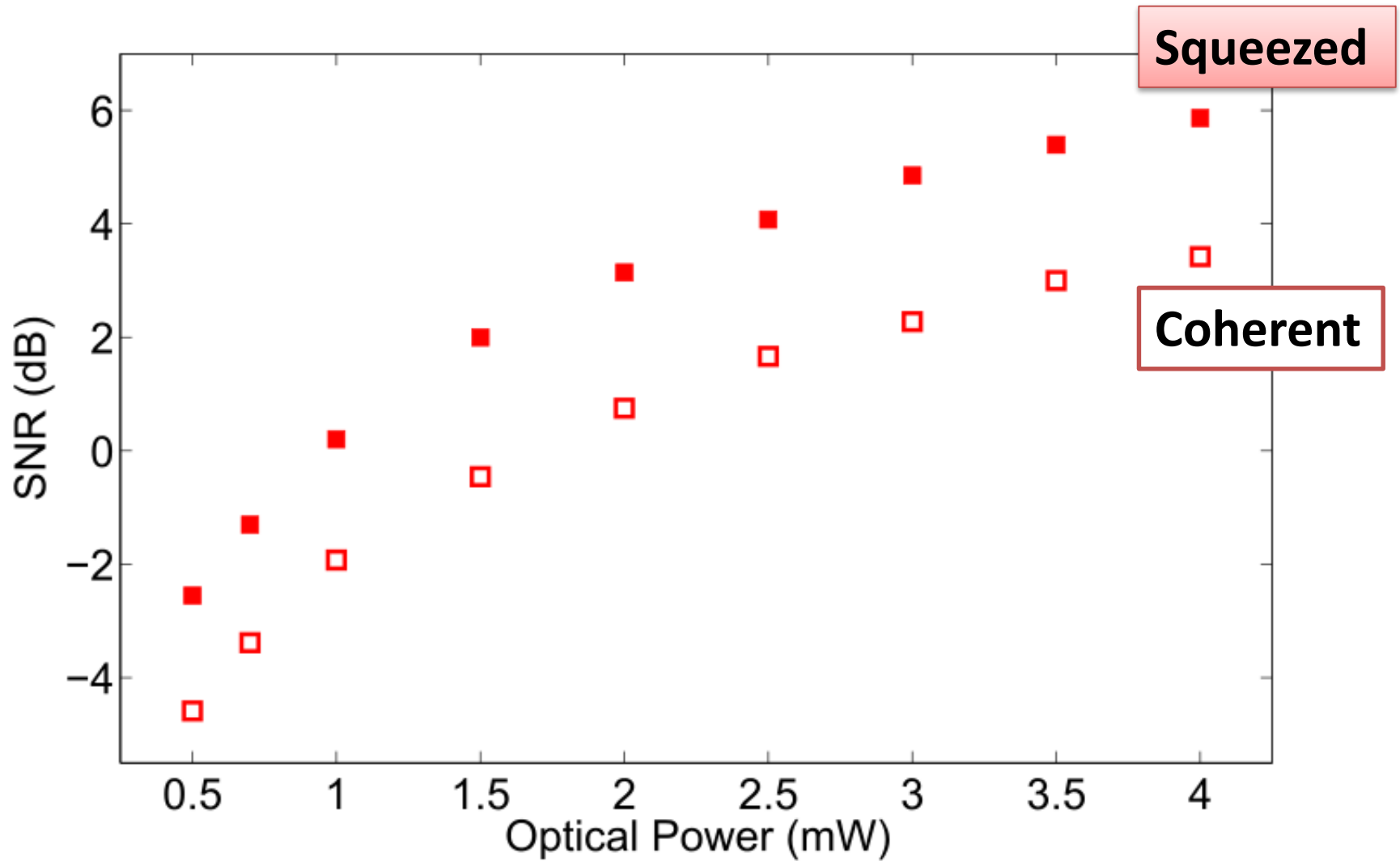
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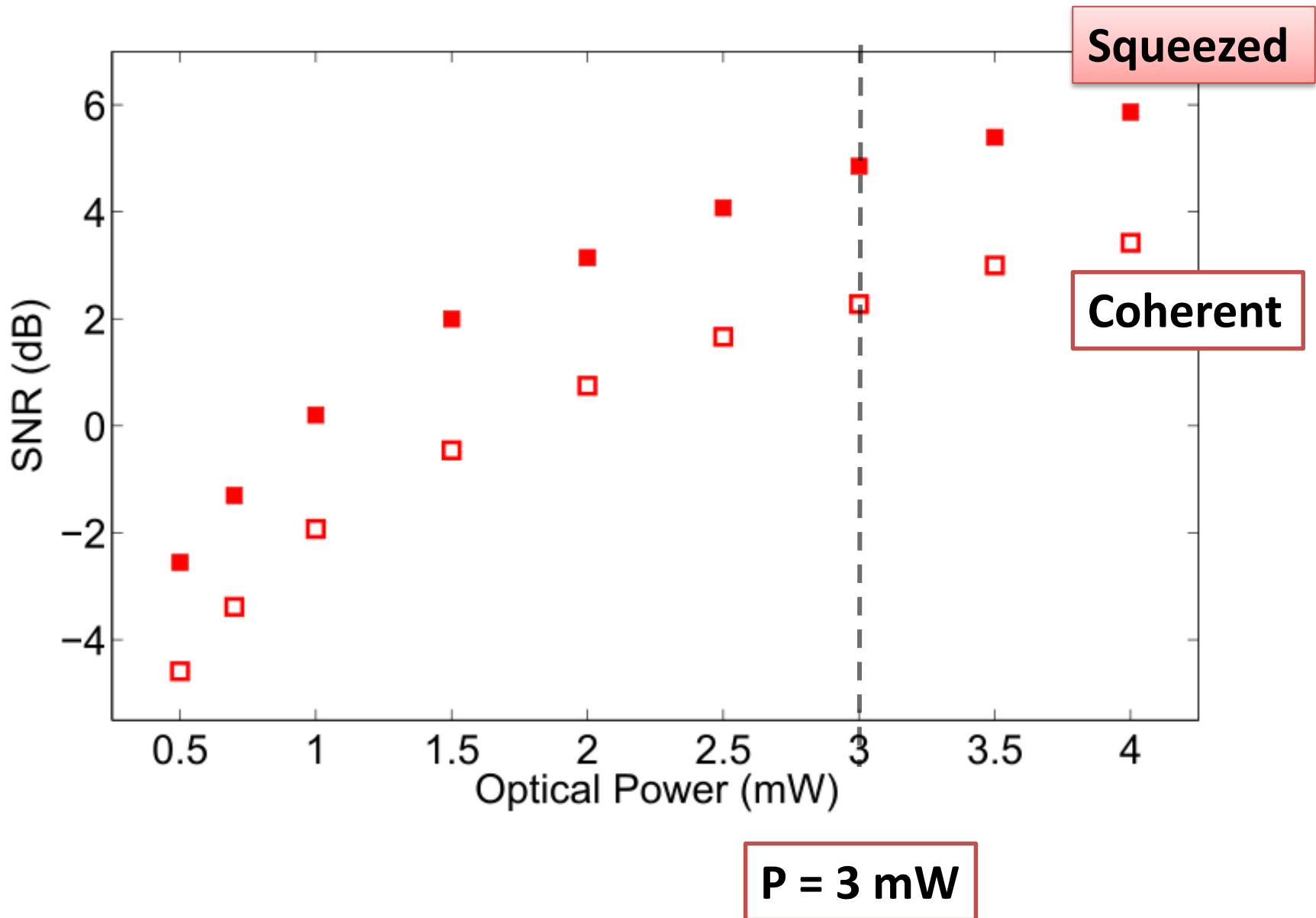


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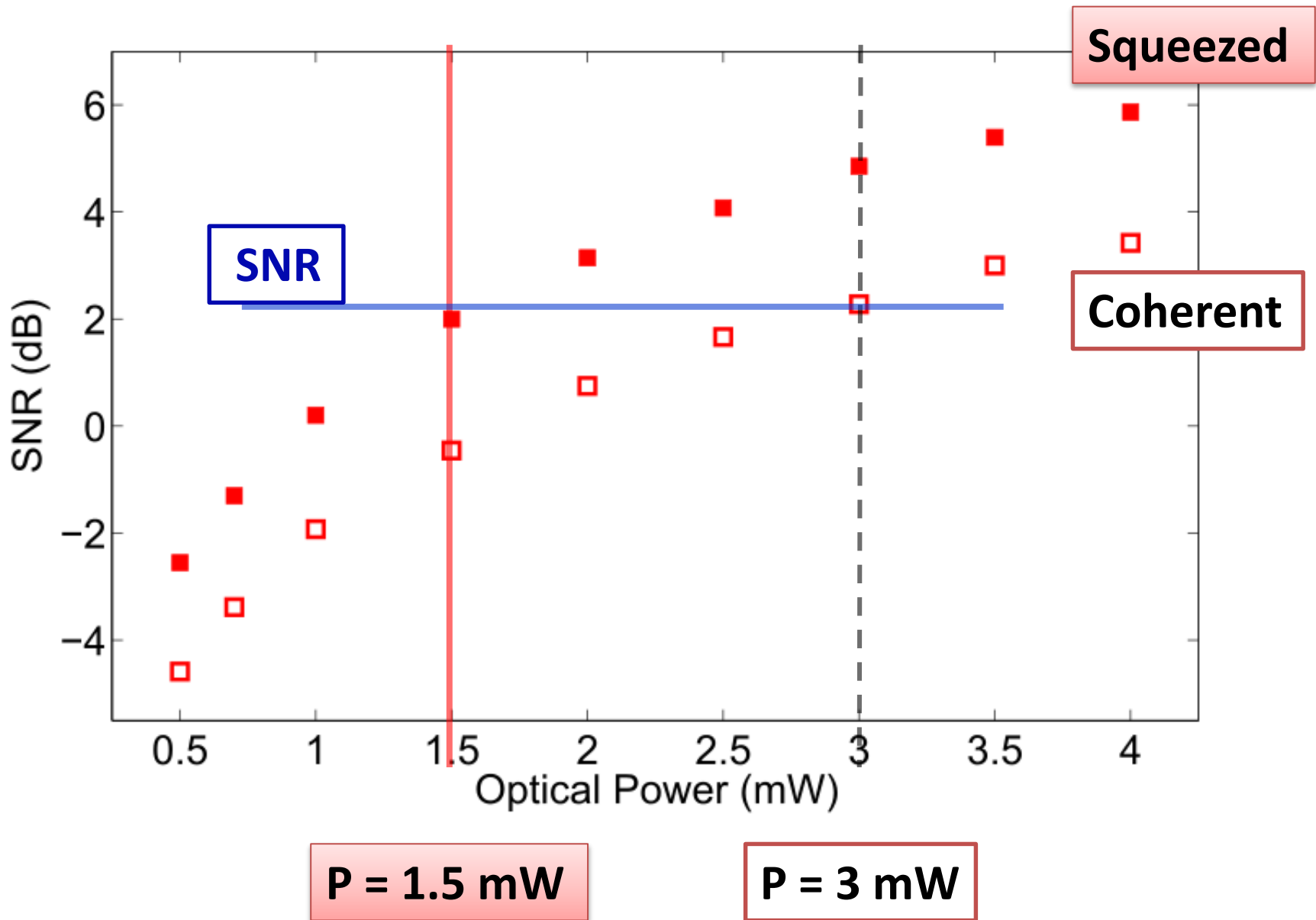
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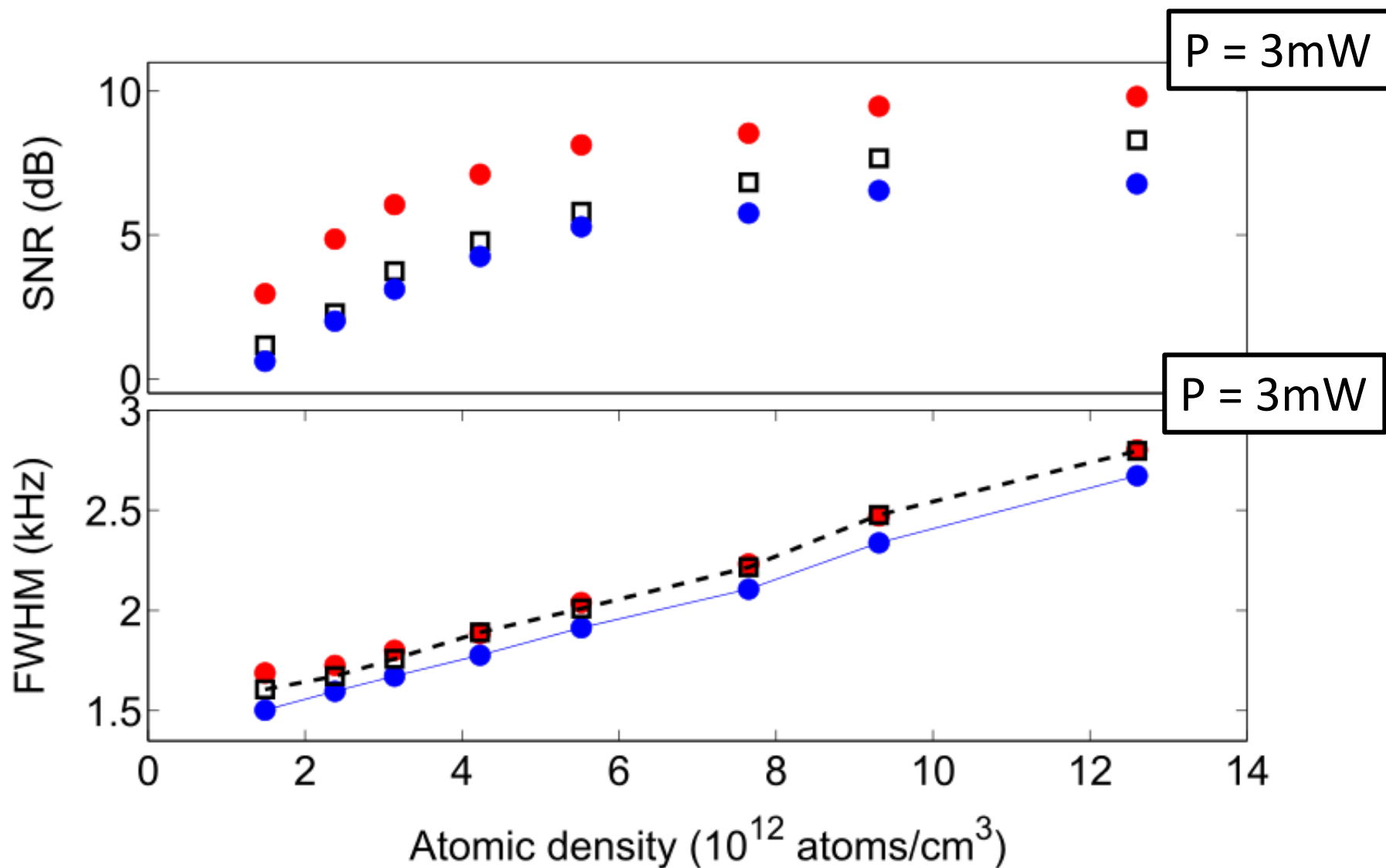


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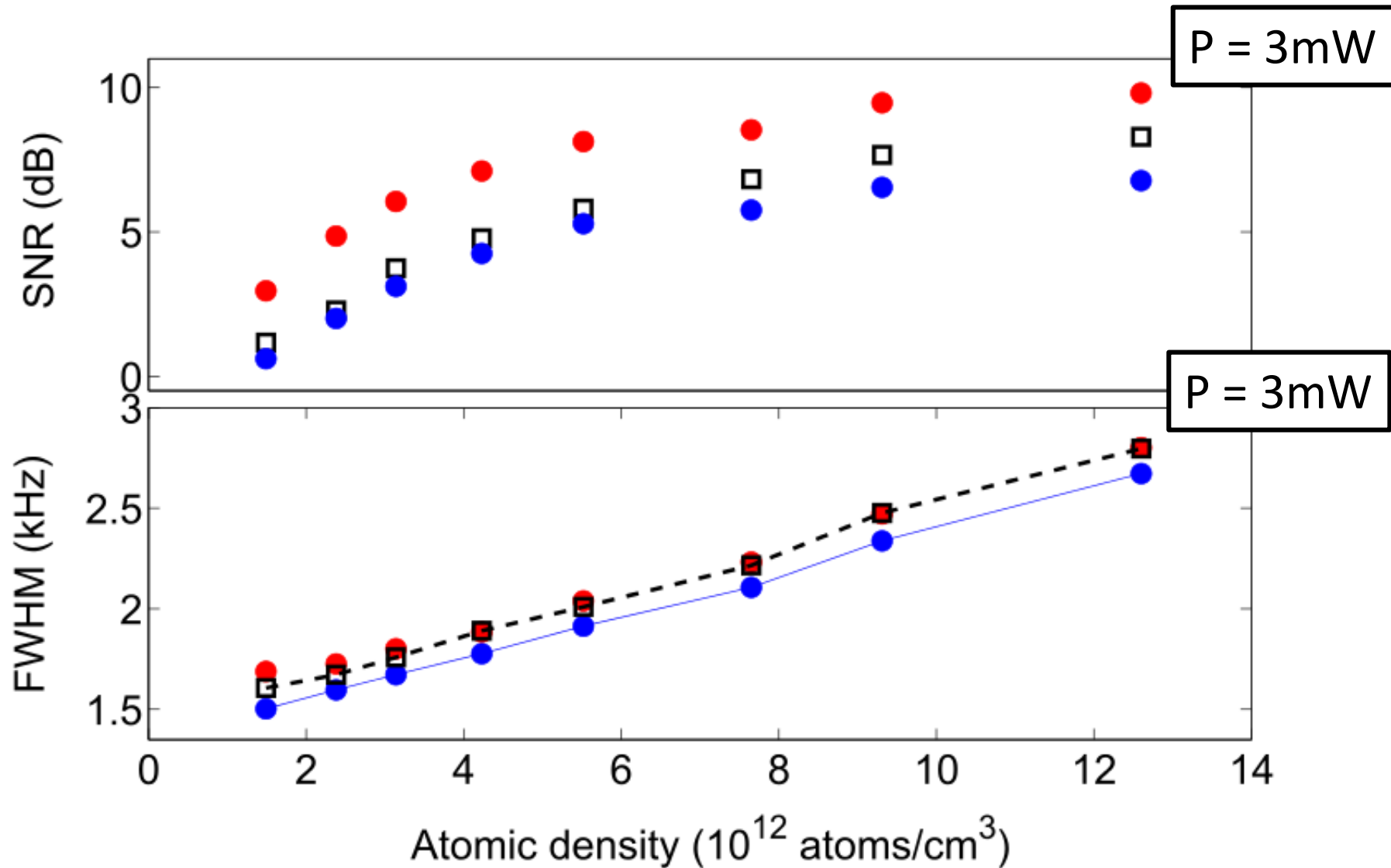




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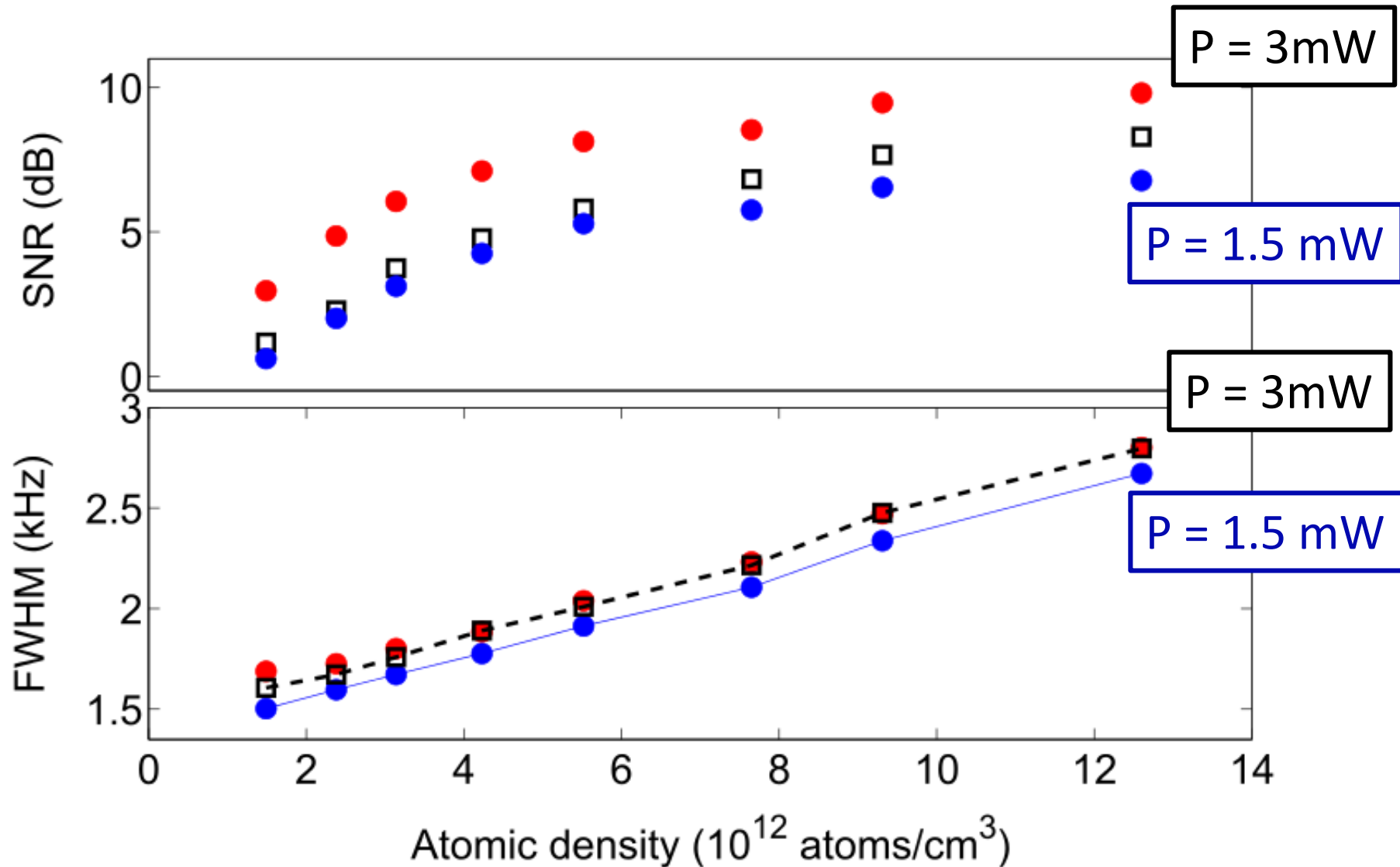


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