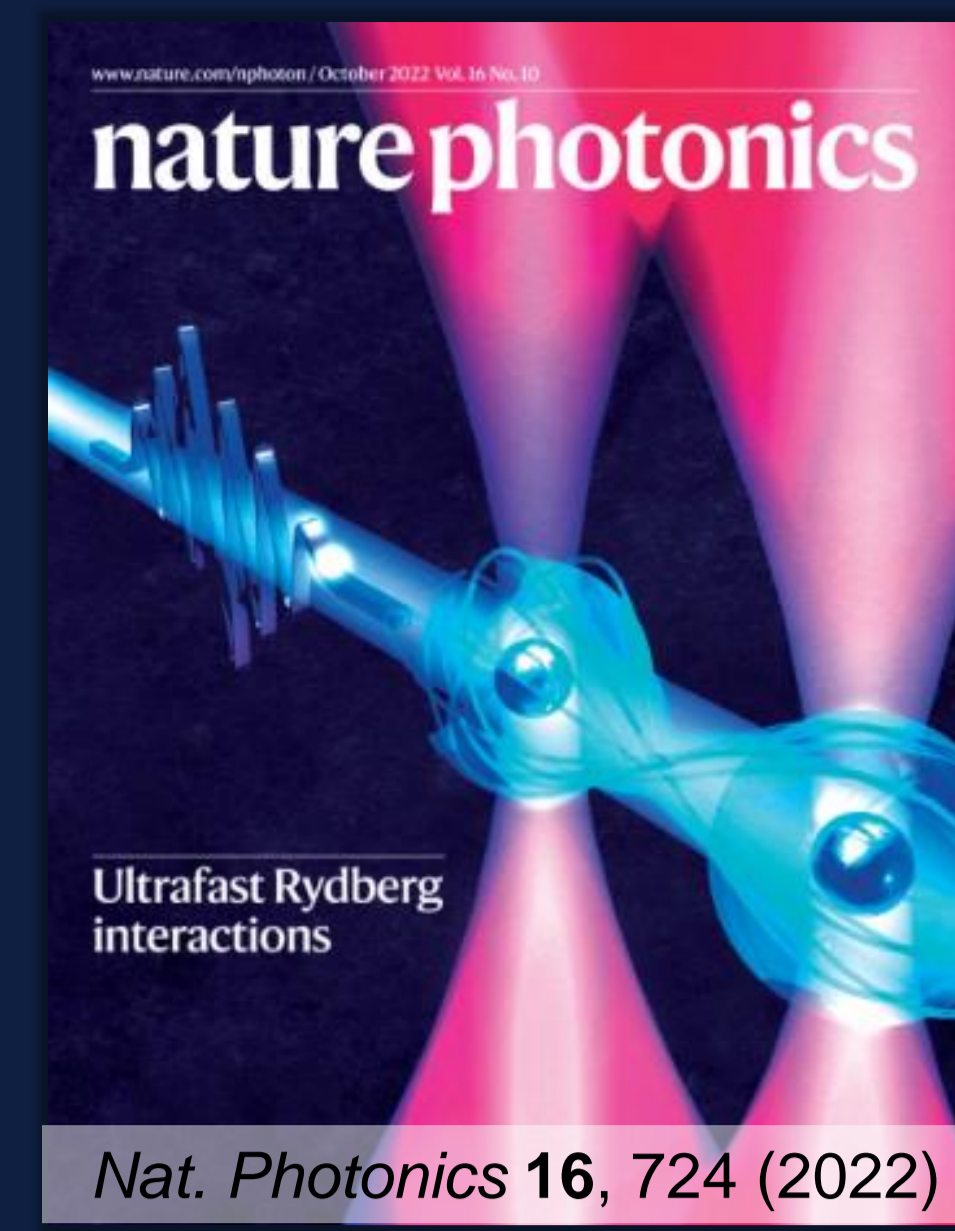


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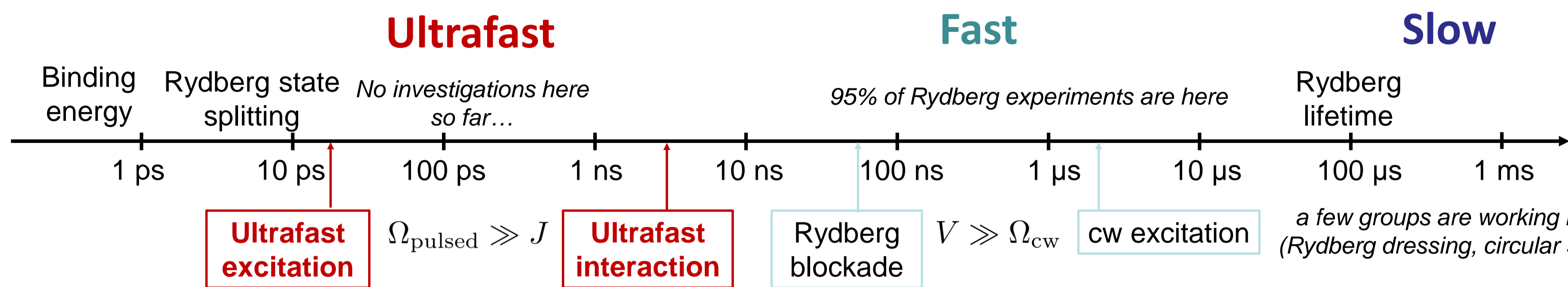
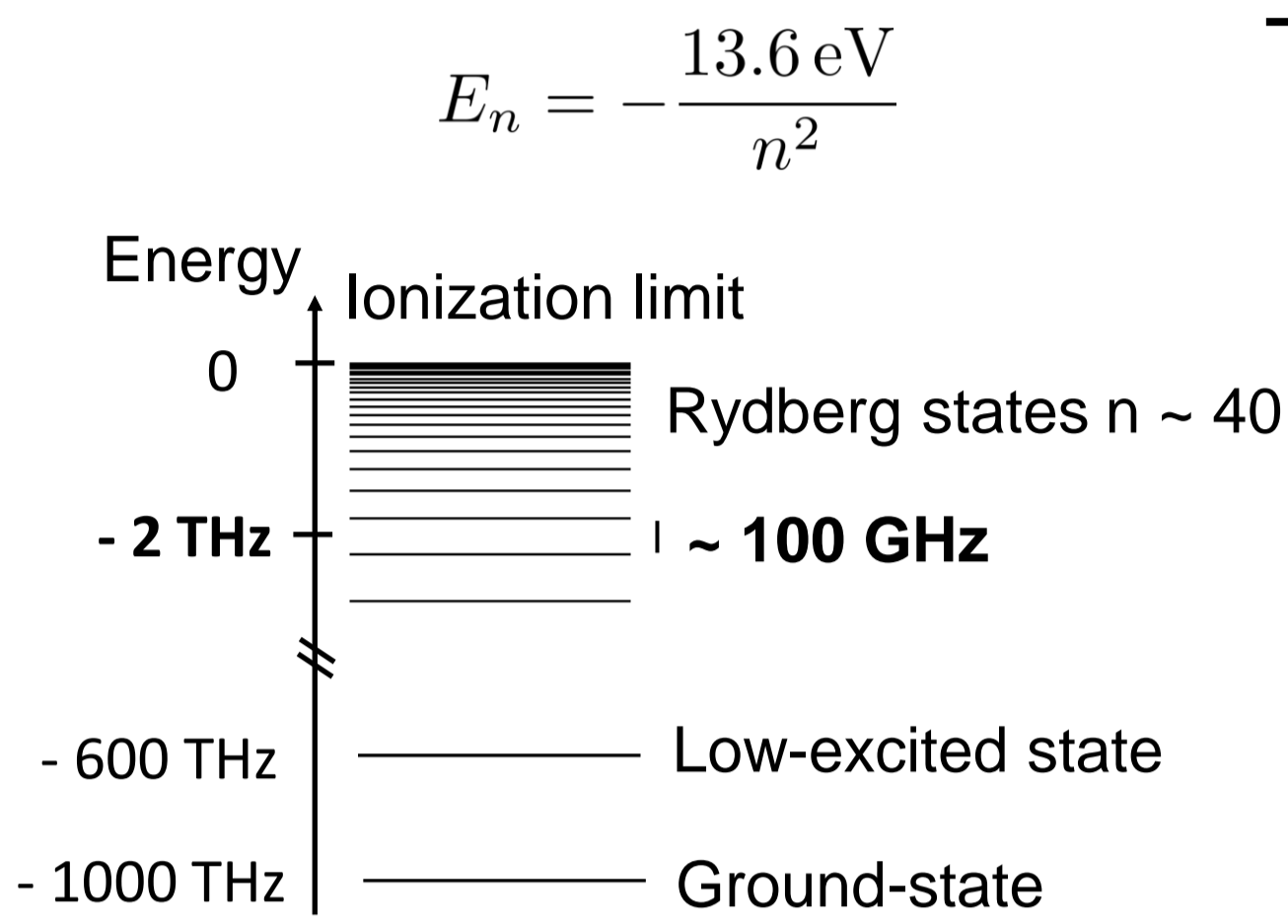
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Rydberg timescale

Rydberg states



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- ✓ Entered the ultrafast regime
- ✓ Controlled excitation in 10 ps
- ✓ Controlled interaction in <10 ns

Dipole-dipole interaction

$$\hat{H}_{\text{dip}} \sim \frac{\hat{d}_1 \hat{d}_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3}$$

$$J = \frac{C_3}{R^3} \gg V = \frac{C_6}{R^6}$$

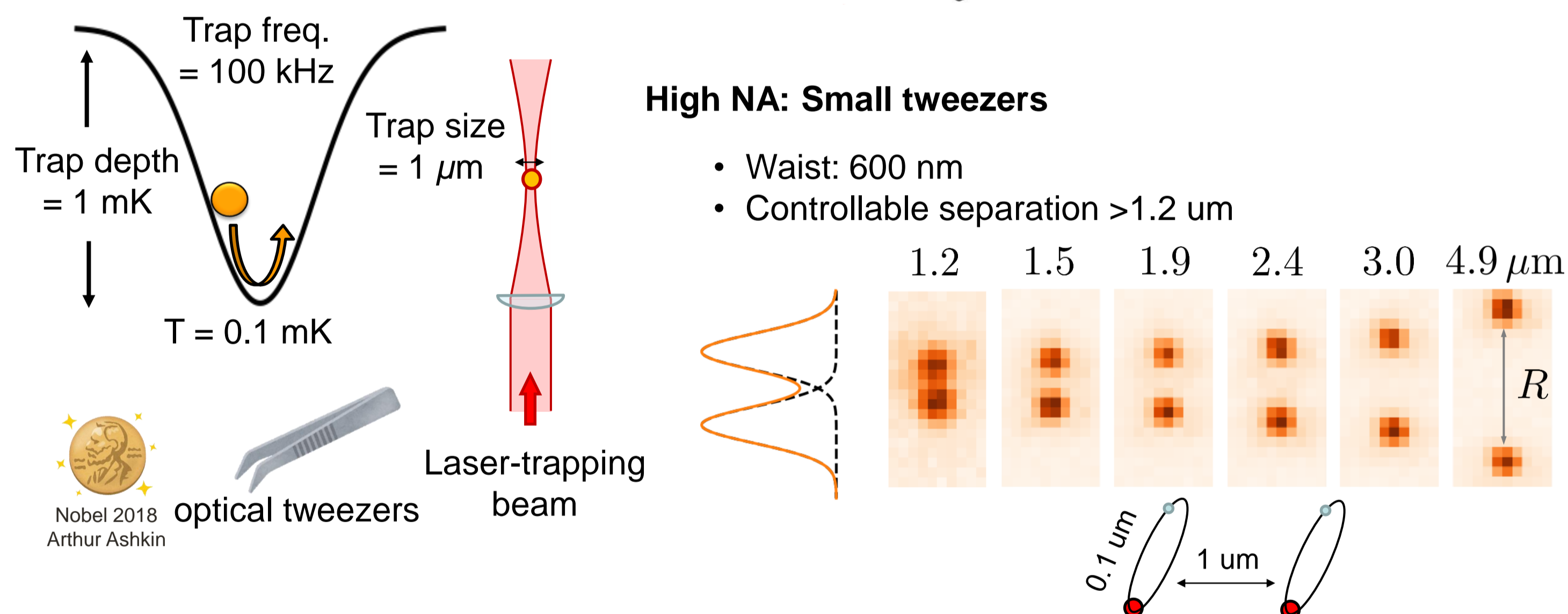
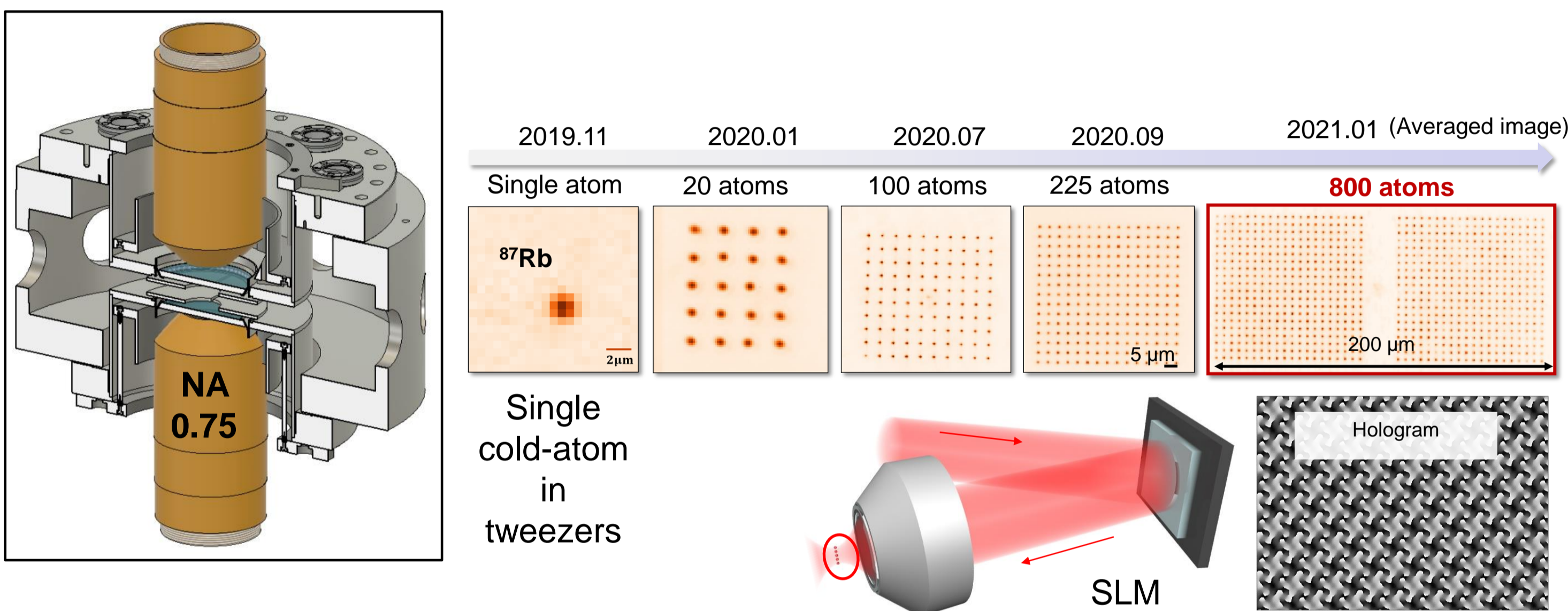
First-order (resonant dip-dip) Second-order (van der Waals)

$$C_3 \sim 1 \text{ GHz} \cdot \mu\text{m}^3$$

1 μm → nanosecond timescale !

Ultracold atoms in tweezers

Arrays of holographic optical tweezers

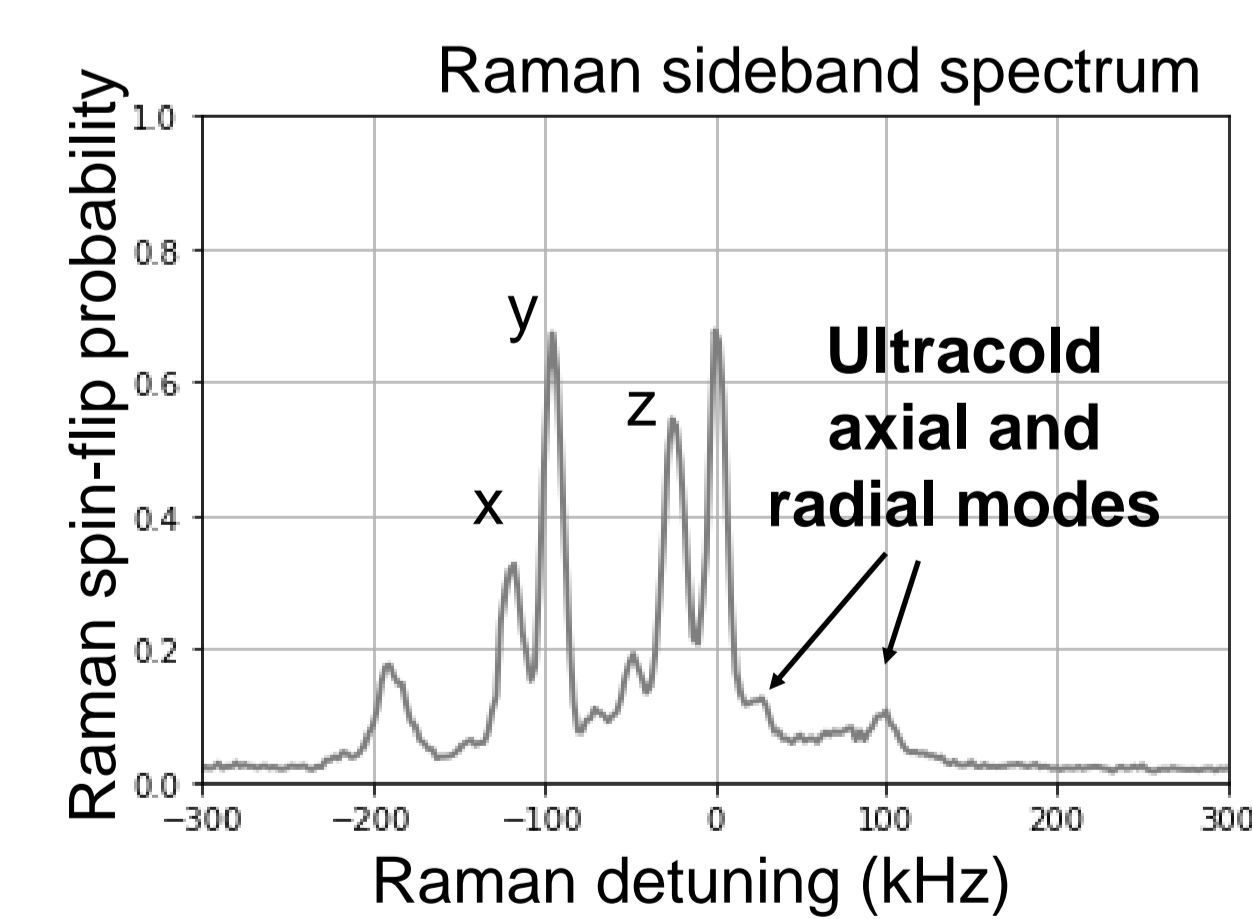
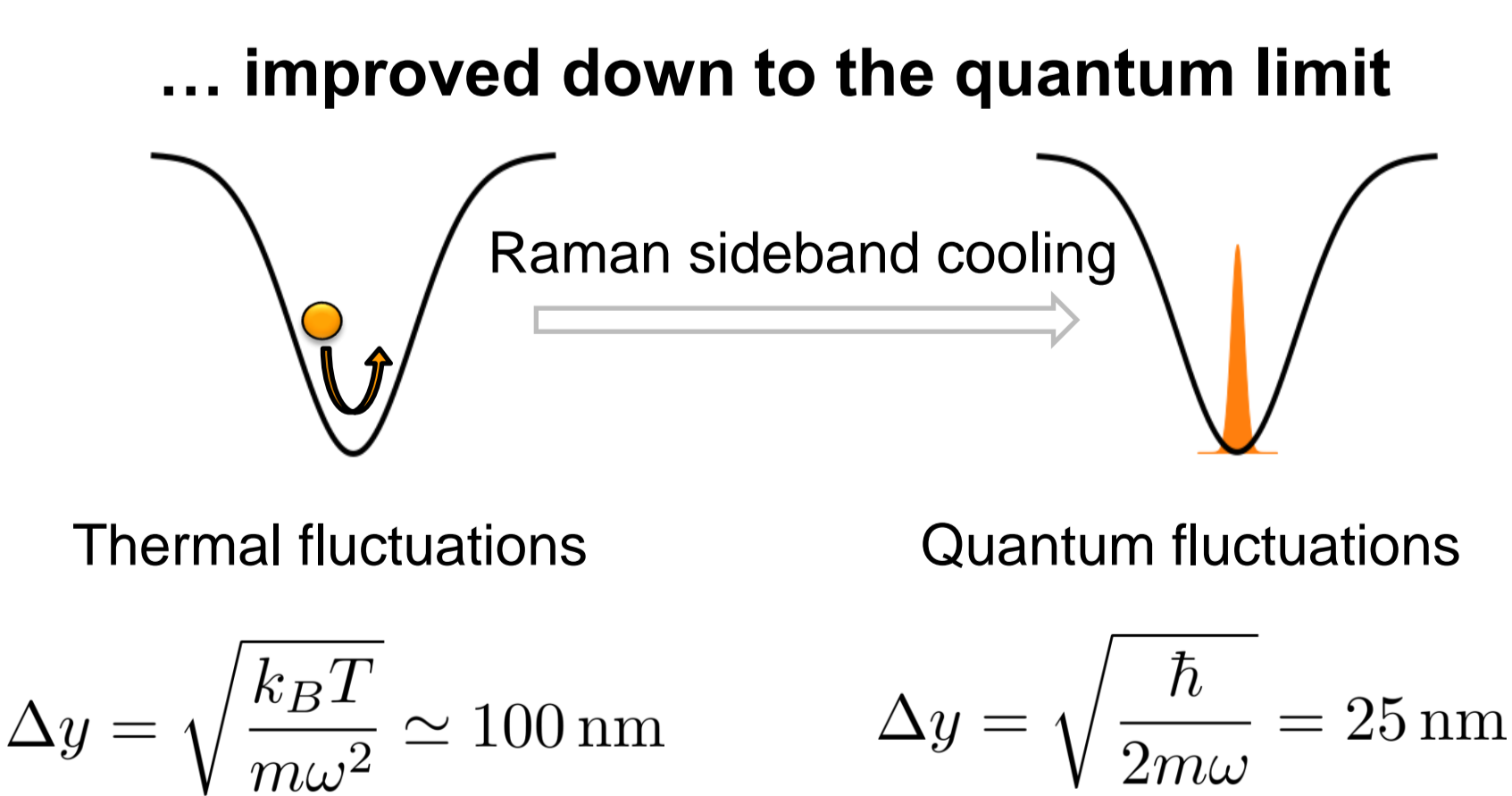


Quantum-limited control of position

Uncertainty of distance is a problem ...

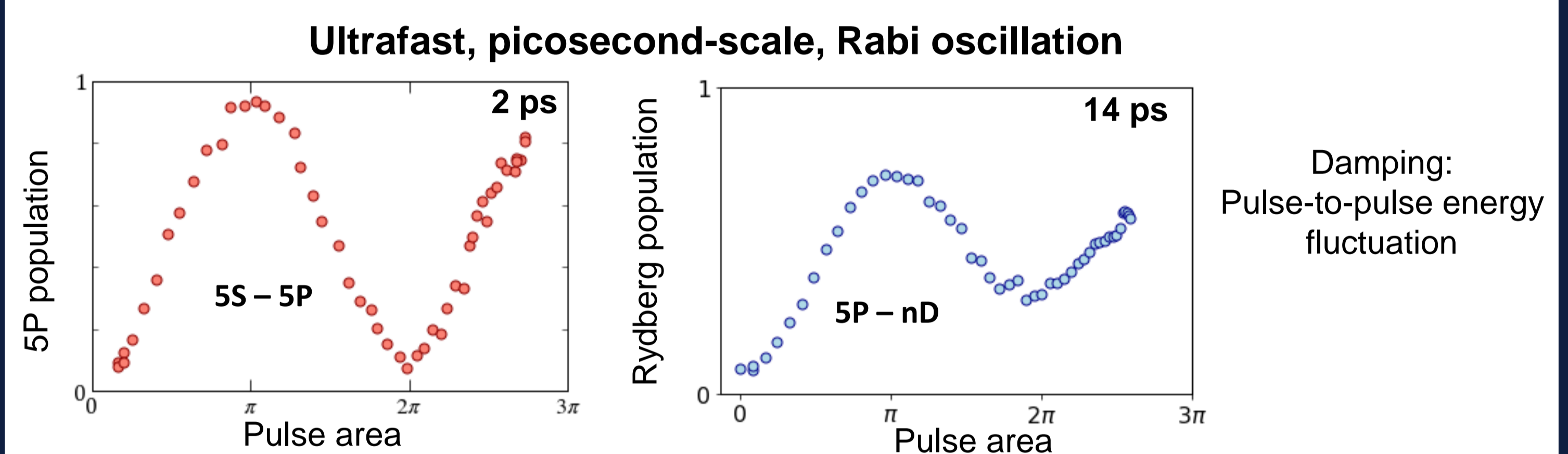
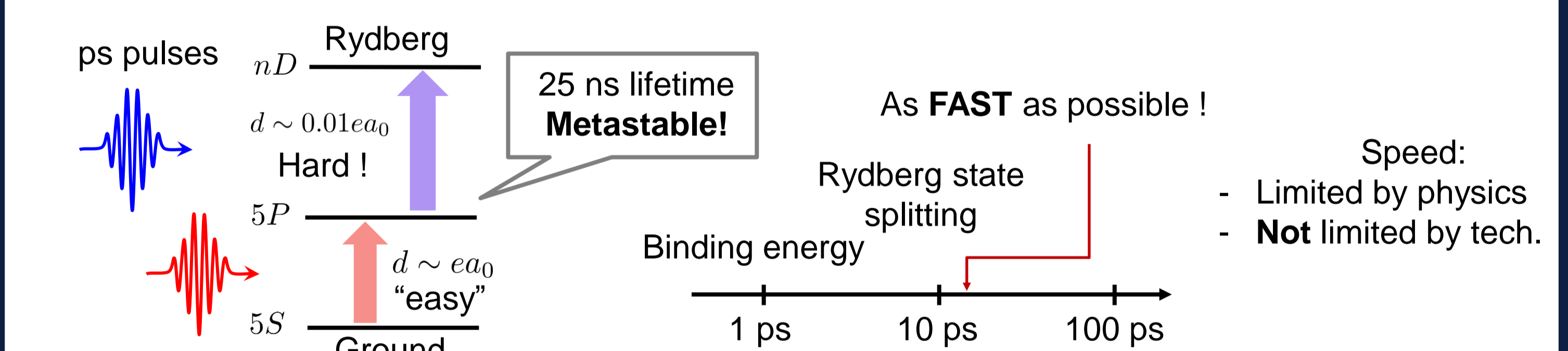
$$J = \frac{C_3}{R^3}$$

Interaction noise $\frac{\Delta J}{J} = 3 \frac{\Delta R}{R}$ Position noise

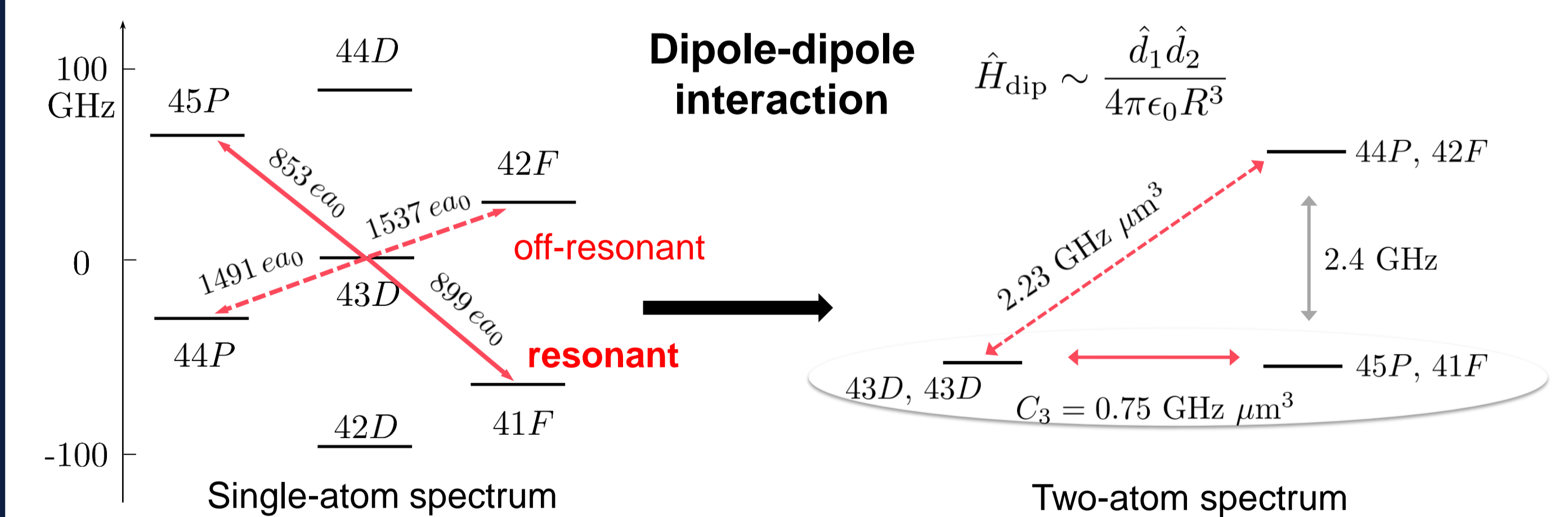


Ultrafast Rydberg

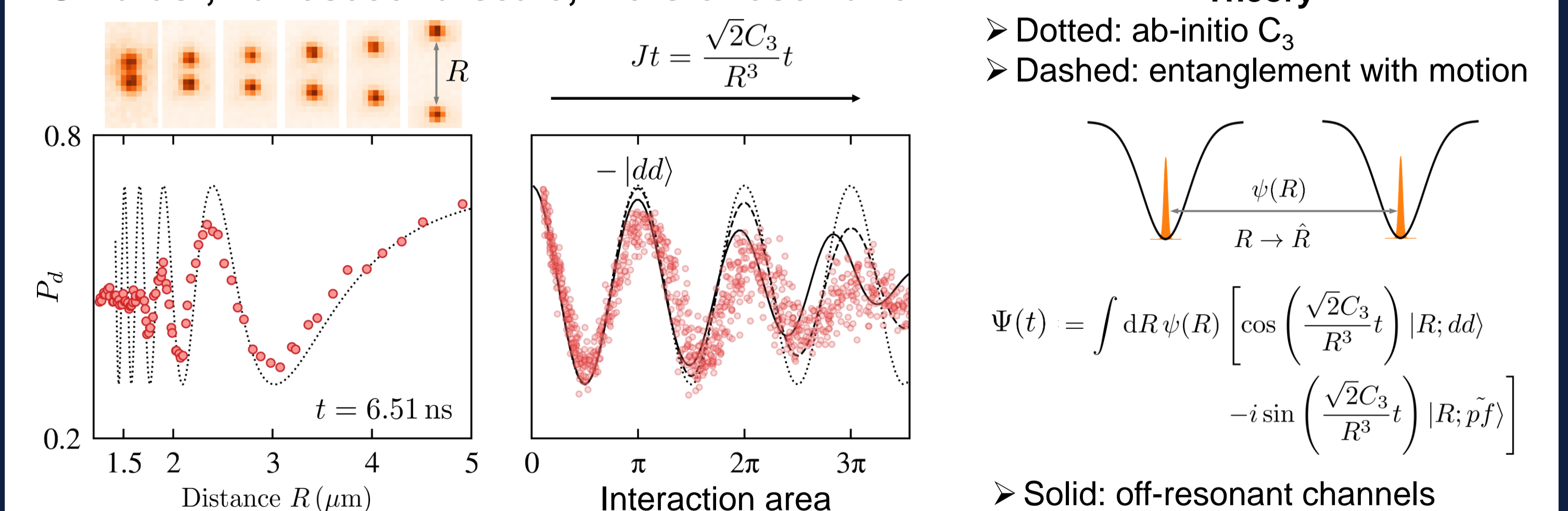
Ultrafast Rydberg excitation (picosecond)



Ultrafast Rydberg interaction (nanosecond)



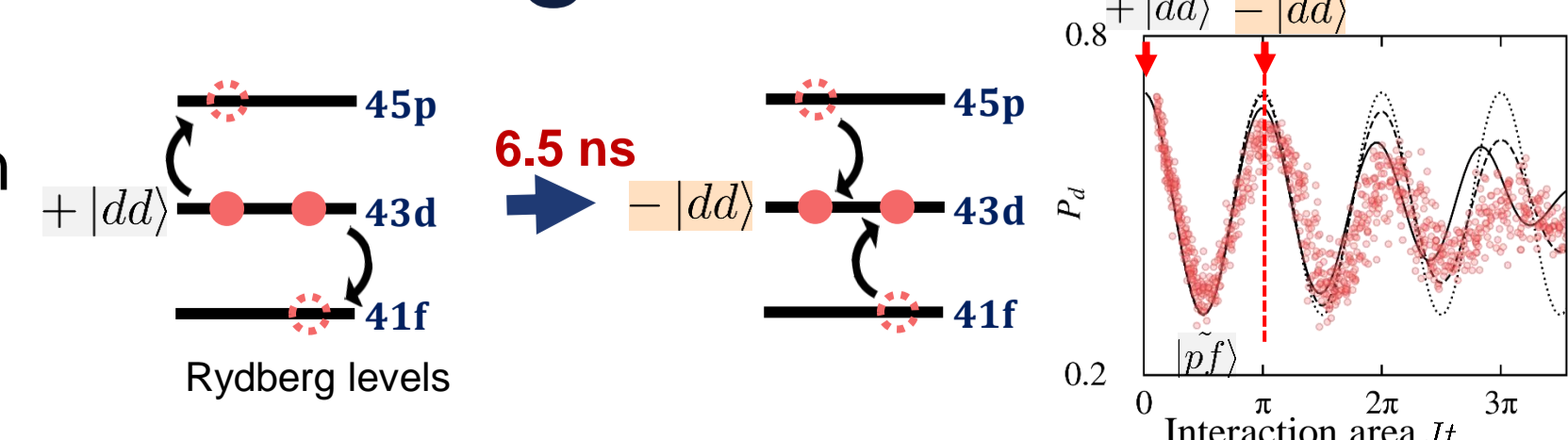
Ultrafast, nanosecond-scale, Förster oscillation



Outlooks

Interaction-driven ultrafast CZ gate

- Use an orbital resonance between atoms to quickly imprint a conditional π -phase shift
- Advantage: resilient to noise (E-field, finite lifetime, scattering, Doppler, ...)
- Challenge: need to control interaction (many interaction channels, coupling to motion...)



Entanglement to motion

- Mechanical force on the atoms: let's measure the momentum kick!
- Use squeezed state of motion to amplify or suppress the kick
- The kick entangles the motion of the two atoms: let's explore this!

