Doubly Magic Optical Trapping for Cs Atom Hyperfine Clock Transitions

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We analyze doubly magic trapping of Cs hyperfine transitions including previously neglected contributions from the ground state hyperpolarizability and the interaction of the laser light and a static magnetic field. Extensive numerical searches do not reveal any doubly magic trapping conditions for any pair of hyperfine states. However, including the hyperpolarizability reveals light intensity insensitive traps for a wide range of wavelengths at specific intensities. We then investigate the use of bichromatic trapping light fields. Deploying a bichromatic scheme, we demonstrate doubly magic red and blue detuned traps for pairs of states separated by one or two single photon transitions.

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The international primary standard for time is the Cs atom ground state hyperfine clock transition $|3,0\rangle \leftrightarrow |4,0\rangle$ which is defined to have a frequency of 9 192 631 770 Hz. Coherent control of alkali atom clock states is of great interest for precision measurements [\[1\]](#page-4-0) and for encoding neutral atom qubits for quantum computation experiments [\[2\]](#page-4-1). Although the clock states have excellent coherence properties in a field free environment, fluctuations of optical and magnetic trapping and bias fields lead to differential shifts of the clock state energies causing decoherence.

Much recent work has been devoted to finding magic trapping conditions for which variations of external fields do not lead to a differential shift δE of the clock state energies. For alkali atom hyperfine transitions there are magic conditions for hyperfine Zeeman states with $M_F \neq 0$ [\[3](#page-4-2)–6] which eliminate sensitivity to trapping light intensity noise but are still sensitive to magnetic noise $(\partial \delta E/\partial \Omega^2=0, \ \partial \delta E/\partial B\neq 0$ with Ω^2 proportional to the light intensity and B the magnetic field). There are also magic conditions for states with $M_F = 0$ which are insensitive to light fluctuations at the cost of increased sensitivity to magnetic noise($\partial \delta E/\partial \Omega^2 = 0$, $\partial \delta E/\partial B \gg 0$) due to the requirement of a relatively large magnetic bias field of several Gauss [\[7](#page-4-3)–9]. In [\[10,11\]](#page-4-4) doubly magic traps were proposed which use $M_F \neq 0$ states with elliptically polarized light to cancel the sensitivity to both light intensity and magnetic field noise $(\partial \delta E/\partial \Omega^2 = 0$ and $\partial \delta E/\partial B = 0$). We assume, as is normally done, that there are no fluctuations of the light polarization state. These doubly magic conditions were restricted to certain wavelength ranges and required very precise preparation of the field polarization state. Doubly magic conditions have also been found for magnetically trapped atoms with microwave frequency dressing fields [\[12,13\]](#page-4-5).

In this Letter we study magic trapping conditions in optical traps while consistently accounting for the hyperpolarizability, which is fourth-order in the electric field amplitude, as well as the interaction of the vector polarizability with the static magnetic field. As we illustrate in Fig. [1](#page-0-0) and explain below these terms are important for accurate calculations of the differential shift δE at typical experimental trap depths. Including these effects, which were not fully accounted for in previous calculations, and after an extensive parameter search we find no parameters for doubly magic trapping in a monochromatic trapping light field. This suggests that previously reported doubly magic solutions [\[10\]](#page-4-4) are not doubly magic. However, we demonstrate insensitivity to differential light shifts with only one frequency and pure circular polarization at specific intensities Ω_0^2 for a wide range of wavelengths $(\partial \delta E/\partial \Omega^2|_{\Omega=\Omega_0}=0).$

Although we have not found doubly magic conditions with monochromatic trapping light, a bichromatic approach, following the proposal in [\[14\],](#page-4-6) does allow for doubly magic trapping for red or blue detuned optical traps. Our results significantly extend the range of configurations which can be used for doubly magic trapping. In particular,

FIG. 1. Differential shift δE as a function of trapping light intensity (which is proportional to trap depth) and magnetic field. (a) δE at $B = 0$ using second-order perturbation theory (red) and fourth-order (blue) for the Cs clock states $|3,0\rangle, |4,0\rangle$ at $\lambda =$ 780 nm with σ_{+} polarized light. Notice the minimum in δE as a function of the light intensity (trap depth) which constitutes a magic operating point. (b) δE as a function of the magnetic field with (blue) and without (red) the third-order cross term for $\lambda = 780$ nm, $\Omega/2\pi = 100$ GHz, σ_{+} polarization, and the states $|4, 1\rangle$, $|3, -1\rangle$.

we can make the $M_F = 0$ clock transition $|4, 0\rangle \leftrightarrow |3, 0\rangle$ and the two photon transition $|4, 1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3, -1\rangle$ doubly magic. While we provide a viable and flexible approach for achieving extended coherence with trapped alkali atoms we emphasize that our solutions only give $\partial \delta E/\partial \Omega^2|_{\Omega=\Omega_0}=0$ and $\partial \delta E/\partial B|_{\Omega=\Omega_0}=0$ at a specific trapping intensity Ω_0^2 . Contrary to previous work that did not include the hyperpolarizability [\[9,10\]](#page-4-7) there is still a nonzero light induced differential shift of the clock states at the magic intensity. A consequence of this shift is that trapped atoms in a thermal motional state which samples different optical intensities will still experience small time dependent differential shifts. Furthermore in the context of high accuracy microwave clocks the clock frequency will depend on the intensity. Although it is possible to choose an intensity for which the differential shift vanishes [where the blue curve in Fig. [1\(a\)](#page-0-0) crosses zero] the derivative of the shift with respect to intensity will be nonzero. Our inclusion of hyperpolarizability effects suggests that conditions for which $\delta E|_{\Omega=\Omega_0}=0$ and simultaneously $\partial \delta E/\partial \Omega^2|_{\Omega=\Omega_0}=0$ do not exist.

The calculational approach we follow is to use fine structure energies at zeroth order and treat the hyperfine and Zeeman interactions as perturbations. We use exact diagonalization to consistently include the fourth-order hyperpolarizability, third-order hyperfine-mediated polarizability, and third-order cross term between the polarizability and the Zeeman interaction. An example of a Hamiltonian between Cs $6s_{1/2}$ $|F, M_F\rangle$ hyperfine states $|0\rangle = |3,1\rangle$ and $|1\rangle = |4,1\rangle$ is given in Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0). Though these states are not ideal for magic conditions, for the case of light that is circularly polarized in the plane perpendicular to the magnetic field which defines the quantization axis, their analysis reduces to a simple 2×2 matrix which serves to elucidate our procedure for searching for doubly magic traps. Our model Hamiltonian for these states is

$$
\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{\text{hf},0} + V_{00} + \beta_{00} + Z_{00} & V_{01} + \beta_{01} + Z_{01} \\ V_{01} + \beta_{01} + Z_{01} & V_{\text{hf},1} + V_{11} + \beta_{11} + Z_{11} \end{pmatrix}.
$$
\n(1)

Here $V_{\text{hf},i}$ is the diagonal hyperfine interaction, V_{ii} , V_{ii} arise from the quadratic polarizability due to the trapping light, β_{ii} , β_{ii} are from the third-order diagonal and offdiagonal hyperfine-mediated polarizability, Z_{ii} are the firstorder diagonal Zeeman shifts, and Z_{ij} is the magnetic dipole coupling due to the external magnetic field. For all calculations we include the $6p_{1/2}$, $6p_{3/2}$, $7p_{1/2}$, $7p_{3/2}$ levels, excited $ns_{1/2}$ states up to $14s_{1/2}$, and the counterrotating terms. For states with different M_F values or elliptically polarized light the Hamiltonian may have larger dimension and is constructed using the methods detailed in the Supplemental Material [\[15\]](#page-4-8) with analysis based on numerical diagonalization.

The eigenvalues of [\(1\),](#page-1-0) replacing the diagonals by ΔE_0 , ΔE_1 , are

$$
\delta E_{1,0} = \frac{\Delta E_0 + \Delta E_1 \pm \sqrt{4(V_{01} + Z_{01})^2 + (\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_0)^2}}{2}
$$

where we ignore β_{01} for the moment since $V_{01} \gg \beta_{01}$. In the limit where the hyperfine interaction dominates other perturbations, i.e. $(\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_0)^2 \gg (V_{01} + Z_{01})^2$, the differential shift relative to the hyperfine splitting $V_{\text{hf},1} - V_{\text{hf},0}$ is

$$
\delta E = \beta_{11} - \beta_{00} + Z_{11} - Z_{00} + 2\frac{Z_{01}^2 + 2V_{01}Z_{01} + V_{01}^2}{\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_0}.
$$
\n(2)

 $V_{00} = V_{11}$ since the electric dipole operator only couples to the electronic quantum numbers which are the same for both states and thus cancel out of the differential shift. From here we can make the connection to nondegenerate perturbation theory. The final term on the right includes the second-order Zeeman shift (Z_{01}^2) , the third-order cross term $(2V_{01}Z_{01})$, and finally a fourth-order hyperpolarizability term (V_{01}^2) (V_{01}^2) (V_{01}^2) . Figure 2 depicts the physical origin of the higher-order terms.

To check our results we calculated δE per unit of intensity for clock states $M_F = 0$ and light linearly polarized perpendicular to the quantization axis as in the experiment of Ref. [\[5\].](#page-4-9) In this case the only nonzero off-diagonal term in [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is Z_{01} . For 780(532) nm light they

FIG. 2. Schematic representation of four of the terms that contribute to the differential shift. From left to right we have the cross term of two electric dipole couplings and a magnetic dipole coupling. This can also happen in reverse order thus the extra factor of two in Eq. [\(2\)](#page-1-2). Next is the fourth-order term with four electric dipole couplings. This is also the crucial term in the bichromatic scheme except that it then couples to the other ground state that is dressed by a sideband energy very close to the clock frequency. Third, is the hyperfine-mediated polarizability term that is diagonal in the ground state hyperfine interaction (HFI). Last is the hyperfine-mediated polarizability term involving HFI-induced mixing of the ground $6s_{1/2}$ state and excited *ns* states.

measured $-2.27(40) \times 10^{-2} (-3.51(70) \times 10^{-4})$ Hz/W/cm² compared to our values of $-2.02 \times 10^{-2}(-4.08 \times$ 10^{-4}) Hz/W/cm². In both cases we are within experimental error bars and differ by no more than 15%.

We proceed to write down a system of approximate equations that guide the search for doubly magic conditions. To isolate the dependence on the amplitude of the optical trapping field $\mathcal E$ and the magnetic field B we make the replacements: $\Omega = \mathcal{E}/\hbar \langle 6p_{1/2}||er||6s_{1/2}\rangle$, $\beta_{11} - \beta_{00} \rightarrow$ $\beta^{(1)}\Omega^2$, $Z_{11} - Z_{00} \rightarrow \mu^{(1)}B$, $2(Z_{01}^2/\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_0) \rightarrow \mu^{(2)}B^2$, $4(V_{01}Z_{01}/\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_0) \rightarrow \beta^{(2)}\Omega^2 B$, $2(V_{01}^2/\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_0) \rightarrow$ $\beta^{(4)}\Omega^4$. Then the differential shift is

$$
\delta E = \mu^{(1)}B + \mu^{(2)}B^2 + \beta^{(1)}\Omega^2 + \beta^{(4)}\Omega^4 + \beta^{(2)}\Omega^2B \quad (3)
$$

and after taking the appropriate derivatives

$$
\frac{d\delta E}{dB} = \mu^{(1)} + 2\mu^{(2)}B + \beta^{(2)}\Omega^2,\tag{4}
$$

$$
\frac{d\delta E}{d\Omega^2} = \beta^{(1)} + \beta^{(2)}B + 2\beta^{(4)}\Omega^2.
$$
 (5)

Doubly magic trapping occurs when both derivatives simultaneously vanish for a set of parameters (Ω, B) , thus eliminating the first-order sensitivity to both electric and magnetic fields. We emphasize that solving the above equations only yields approximate results since we have suppressed additional small terms arising from the higherorder dependence of the coefficients on Ω and B. The accurate results reported in the tables are found from diagonalizing the ground state Hamiltonian [\(1\)](#page-1-0) and looking for local minima (or maxima) in the differential shift corresponding to a doubly magic operating point.

It is the implications of the cross term with coefficient β ⁽²⁾, and β ⁽⁴⁾ the hyperpolarizability, that drive the novel results in this paper. The cross term has been partially included before in [\[10\]](#page-4-4) where doubly magic wavelengths were calculated by determining the magic magnetic field with no light interacting with the atoms, *i.e.*, ignoring the last term in Eq. [\(4\).](#page-2-0) However, this neglects the fact that through this term the light intensity also affects the magic magnetic field value, that is, we have a coupled system of equations. In addition the effects of the fourth-order term at the end of Eq. [\(5\)](#page-2-1) have not previously been accounted for. As we will show, this term cannot be neglected and the implication is that there exist not magic wavelengths but magic intensities for most wavelengths.

The influence of the hyperpolarizability on magic trapping conditions is known to be important for optical atomic clocks [\[26\]](#page-4-10) but has been neglected in previous analyses of microwave clocks. As an example an optical dipole trap for Cs atoms based on a modest power of 20 mW at $\lambda = 1.06 \ \mu \text{m}$ focused to a waist $(1/e^2$ intensity radius) of $w = 2 \mu m$ gives a field strength $> 10^6$ V/m and a trap depth of 15.5 MHz. At this field strength the effect of the hyperpolarizability on alkali atom ground states cannot be neglected [\[27\]](#page-5-0). For detunings large compared to the excited state hyperfine structure we can estimate the magic intensity $|\Omega_0|^2$ by equating the contributions to the differential shift from the fourth-order hyperpolarizability and the hyperfine-mediated polarizability. We have $\beta^{(1)} \sim$ $-\omega_q\Omega^2/\Delta^2$ and $\beta^{(4)} \sim \Omega^4/(\omega_q\Delta^2)$, with ω_q the hyperfine splitting of the two states and Δ the detuning from the excited state. Thus the magic intensity scales as $I_0 \sim \Omega_0^2 \simeq \omega_q^2$. The implication is that the hyperpolarizability becomes important at lower intensities in atoms with smaller ground state hyperfine splitting, e.g., Rubidium compared to Cesium. Figure [1](#page-0-0) illustrates the importance of the fourth-order and cross terms.

The primary lesson to be drawn from these two terms is that it is inappropriate to talk about magic wavelengths. Even if searching purely for magic conditions in one field the operating laser intensity and magnetic fields are interdependent and the system is now nonlinear in the intensity. Adjusting the laser intensity then tunes the relative strength of these terms and allows for magic conditions at a more diverse set of wavelengths.

Unfortunately we were unable to find doubly magic conditions for monochromatic trapping light of any wavelength and polarization for any pair of states. It is possible that some elliptical polarization we did not check or just a more precise calculation could turn up something useful. What we can say is that for most wavelengths, magnetic field strengths, pairs of states, and polarizations there is a magic intensity where first-order sensitivity to the light intensity is zero. Table [I](#page-3-0) provides examples of magic intensities for various atomic and field parameters, as well as the residual field sensitivities. As one can see, despite not being truly doubly magic, the sensitivity to the magnetic field can be quite small for some magic intensity conditions, in particular at 945 nm with the unorthodox $|4, -1\rangle$ and $|3, 1\rangle$ states. If one can stabilize the magnetic field to 100 μ G then the above states can have differential shifts of about 0.1 Hz.

It is worth pointing out some of the trends in Table [I](#page-3-0). Increasing the bias magnetic field increases the trap depth of the magic intensity for the states 0,0. Similarly, increasing the detuning increases the trap depth and decreases the residual sensitivity to the trapping light. We chose 1.4 G for the magnetic field since it is very close to the magic magnetic field for the $M_F = 0$ states with no trapping light and thus elucidates how important a proper accounting of the aforementioned cross term is for accurately assessing magic conditions.

In order to achieve true doubly magic traps we adopt the idea of Radnaev et al. [\[14\]](#page-4-6). They envisioned applying another laser that would couple the two ground 6s hyperfine levels via a two-photon transition where the photon fields differ in frequency by very near the hyperfine splitting of the two ground states. Practically, this could

TABLE I. Intensity magic trap conditions for various wavelengths, light polarizations, pairs of states, and magnetic fields. Also reported are the first-order sensitivities to the magnetic field, and the second-order sensitivities to the reduced Rabi frequency. The polarization is either σ_+ or σ_- and the states column lists $M_{F=4}$, $M_{F=3}$. Finally, trap depth for blue detuned traps refers to the light shift the atom experiences at the bottom of the trap (see [\[28\]](#page-5-1) for an example of blue traps with nonzero intensity minimum) rather than the actual depth of the trap. The ground state scalar polarizability is negative for the 780 and 820 nm cases so the trap depths are positive, i.e., repulsive potentials.

λ (nm)	σ	States	B(G)	$\Omega/2\pi$ (GHz)	Trap depth (MHz)	$\partial \delta E / \partial B$ (Hz/G)	$\partial^2 \delta E / \partial \Omega^2$ (10 ⁻¹⁸ Hz ⁻¹)
1038		0.0	1.4	158.0	-60.0	-2440	2.50
1038	$^{+}$	0, 0	1.0	150.0	-54.3	-2440	2.26
1038		0.0	Ω	129.0	-40.3	-2440	1.60
1038		$1, -1$	1.4	164	-66.5	-3680	2.53
945		$-1, 1$	1.4	70.8	-23.3	-1000	10.4
820		0.0	1.4	70.4	35.5	-3680	22.4
780		0.0	1.4	124	49.2	-2720	4.68
780		$1, -1$	1.4	85.6	24.3	1760	2.10

be accomplished by a high frequency phase modulator that adds a frequency shifted sideband at approximately the hyperfine ground splitting, e.g., $\omega_s \sim \omega_q = 9.192$ GHz in Cesium. Thus, we obviate the need for another laser and automatically match the intensity profile of the second light frequency to that of the primary trapping light.

We modify our computational apparatus to incorporate dressed ground states that differ by plus or minus a sideband frequency. Essentially, the Hamiltonian matrix grows threefold as for each ground state we add two levels with identical quantum numbers to the original except that the diagonal element has $\pm \omega_s$, the difference between the carrier and sideband frequencies. The matrix is then populated as before. We include an explicit example in [\[15\]](#page-4-8). A fourth-order term that is roughly $V_{ij}^s V_{ij}^s/(\omega_q - \omega_s)$ arises, where V_{ii}^{s} uses the field amplitude of the sideband and the carrier, i.e., $\Omega^2 \to \Omega \Omega_s$ with Ω_s the reduced Rabi frequency of the sideband. This term is much like the fourth-order term introduced for a single frequency in that it couples a ground state to the other ground state and back, but in this case that other state is a dressed state nearly resonant with the initial state due to the sideband. The denominator depends on the difference of the sideband frequency ω_s and the clock frequency ω_q . This then gives us two levers with which to adjust this fourth-order term's magnitude and sign: the intensity of the sideband and its frequency. We assume pure σ_+ polarization for all results regarding the bichromatic scheme.

Table [II](#page-3-1) presents doubly magic conditions for red and blue detuned traps with physically feasible parameters. Bringing the sideband frequency closer to the clock frequency lowers the magic magnetic field, the trap depth, and the residual sensitivity to the trapping light. Reducing the sideband intensity reduces the residual light sensitivity for a given magic trap depth and magnetic field. Lastly, the residual magnetic field sensitivity is entirely determined by the pairs of states chosen and even then is approximately the same for all pairs at the doubly magic point. Thus, bichromatic trapping light allows for doubly magic traps with tunable parameters by adjusting the sideband strength and frequency.

We conclude by reiterating our results for doubly magic trapping conditions. Our analysis established that the fourth-order Stark shift term is vital to differential Stark shift calculations at typical operating conditions and further explored the implications of the interaction of the laser and

TABLE II. Doubly magic conditions for red and blue detuned traps for different wavelengths, pairs of states, sideband strengths (ratio of sideband field amplitude to carrier field amplitude), sideband frequency, and the residual sensitivities to field fluctuations.

λ (nm)	States	SB strength	$\omega_{\rm s}/2\pi$ (GHz)	B(G)	$\Omega/2\pi$ (GHz)	Trap depth (MHz)	$\partial^2 \delta E / \partial B^2$ (Hz/G^2)	$\partial^2 \delta E / \partial \Omega^2$ $(10^{-18} \text{ Hz}^{-1})$
1038	0, 0	0.1	9.15	1.35	88.3	-19	854	2.49
1038	0, 0		8	1.39	63.6	-19.5	854	4.97
1038	$1, -1$		8	3.63	80.7	-32.2	801	7.5
1038	$-1, 1$	0.1	9	1.78	135	-43.5	801	2.59
920	0, 0	0.1	9.185	0.364	17.7	2.26	854	18.5
920	0, 0	0.1	9.15	1.54	27.2	-5.89	854	34.6
780	0, 0	0.1	9.185	0.27	29.9	2.89	854	3.56
780	0, 0	0.1	9.17	0.798	51.4	8.56	854	4.1

magnetic fields. Recent experiments have measured the fourth-order Stark shift contribution to the differential light shift with Rb atoms and demonstrated the importance of this effect [\[29\]](#page-5-2). With these tools we demonstrate light insensitive traps for a wide array of wavelengths, pairs of states, and bias magnetic fields. We then extended our analysis to a bichromatic trap with two optical frequencies separated by an amount similar to the splitting of the hyperfine ground states in Cesium. In doing so, we discovered doubly magic conditions in red and blue detuned traps for states separated by only one or two photons. These results provide a method for obtaining insensitivity to trapping lasers and magnetic field noise that could potentially improve atomic clock and quantum information experiments. Furthermore, we have relaxed many of the stringent requirements on wavelength, polarization, and states previously reported in the literature, making magic trapping more accessible to future experiments. We anticipate that similar results will be found for other alkali atom species.

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