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## Education

The University of Texas at Austin, 8/95 - 11/01

Ph.D. in Physics

Areas of specialization: experimental atom optics and quantum chaos

GPA: 4.00

University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, 8/91 - 5/95

B.S. in Physics and Mathematics (dual major)

GPA: 4.00, Summa Cum Laude

## Awards and Honors

19. [National Science Foundation CAREER award](#), 3/06-present

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18. American Physical Society Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics ([DAMOP](#)) [Thesis Award](#), 5/03
17. [Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Doctoral Thesis Prize](#), 3/03
16. 2002 Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International [Distinguished Dissertation Award](#) in the field of Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering, 12/02
15. [Outstanding Dissertation Award](#), Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin, 5/02
14. Outstanding Dissertation Award, Department of Physics, The University of Texas at Austin, 5/02
13. Director-Funded Postdoctoral Fellowship, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 11/01-9/04
12. [David Bruton, Jr. Fellowship](#) (The University of Texas at Austin), 9/98 - 8/99
11. [Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship](#), 8/98 - 6/01
10. [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#), 8/95 - 8/98
9. Award of Excellence to a Senior Majoring in Physics (University of Dayton), 5/95
8. Faculty Award for Excellence in Mathematics (University of Dayton), 5/95
7. National Science Foundation [Research Experience for Undergraduates \(REU\)](#) Fellowship, 6/94 - 8/94
6. [Council on Undergraduate Research \(CUR\)](#) Academic-Industrial Undergraduate Research Partnership (AIURP) Fellowship, 5/93 - 8/93
5. [Society of Physics Students Scholarship](#), 8/93
4. Caesar Castro Award (to an outstanding sophomore physics student at the University of Dayton), 4/93
3. Pi Mu Epsilon Award (to an outstanding sophomore mathematics student at the University of Dayton), 4/93
2. Full tuition scholarship, the University of Dayton, 8/91 - 5/95
1. [National Merit Scholarship](#), 8/91 - 5/95

## Research Experience

**Current Research.** University of Oregon, Department of Physics and Oregon Center for Optics, 9/04 - present.

- My group has constructed an apparatus to laser cool and trap neutral rubidium atoms in optical dipole potentials. Our experiments thus far have realized and characterized a one-way barrier for cold atoms using laser light. This system is interesting not only as a new method for controlling the motion of atoms, but also as a literal realization of Maxwell's Demon. In the next set of experiments, we will trap single atoms in optical potentials to study quantum measurements, particularly the interplay of dynamical evolution with the measurement process, the quantum-classical transition, and quantum transport phenomena.
- We are beginning the construction of a second laser cooling and trapping apparatus for neutral strontium atoms. Using this apparatus we will apply technology developed for next-generation, optical atomic clocks to studying the quantum-vacuum potentials between atoms and surfaces (van der Waals and Casimir-Polder potentials) in novel regimes.

**Postdoctoral Research.** Los Alamos National Laboratory, Theoretical Division, 11/01 - 9/04.  
Research advisor: Dr. Salman Habib.

- Theoretical and computational investigations of continuous quantum measurement and feedback control of atomic motion in cavity QED. Includes the development of algorithms for estimating and cooling atoms in an optical microcavity; parallel, Monte-Carlo simulations to test the cooling performance of the algorithms; development of an analytic theory to describe the steady-state temperatures; detailed analysis of timing and efficiency issues in an experimental implementation, including methods for improving the speed of the algorithm and methods to compensate for limitations of current computational hardware; and direct testing of the adiabatic approximation via full simulations of the coupled atom-cavity dynamics.
- Theoretical and computational investigations of Casimir-type effects, including the development of a parallel, high-performance code to compute vacuum energies and energy densities for fields constrained by boundaries of arbitrary shape.
- Computational investigations of Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC) dynamics, including the collapse of BECs with attractive self-interactions and the nature of nonlinear BEC motion. Includes the development of parallel, high-performance codes for the BEC simulations.
- Experience setting up and managing two Beowulf-class Linux clusters.

**Doctoral Research.** The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Physics, 8/95 - 11/01.  
Research advisor: Prof. Mark G. Raizen.

- Experimental investigations of quantum chaos, quantum transport, and decoherence in atom optics, addressing fundamental questions at the border between classical and quantum mechanics.
- Major experimental achievements include the direct observation of chaos-assisted tunneling, the observation of noise effects on quantum dynamical localization in the kicked rotor (a textbook system

in the study of classical and quantum chaos), and a quantitative study of the quantum–classical transition due to applied noise in the kicked rotor.

- Worked closely with other group members to construct and operate new, custom experimental apparatus, which prepared ultracold cesium atoms using a magneto-optic trap, further cooling in a 3-D optical lattice, and velocity-selective stimulated Raman transitions. Involved in all aspects of the experiment, including the design, construction, and operation of stabilized diode laser systems and a Ti:sapphire ring laser; the ultra-high vacuum system; analog, digital, and RF circuit design and fabrication; precision electronic timing and control; and mechanical design and precision machining.
- Construction of a detailed classical model of the experimental apparatus for direct quantitative comparison of simulations with experimental data. Also, extensive quantum simulations of the experiment to assist in analysis and interpretation of data.

## Research Interests

- Measurement and control of quantum systems.
- Quantum nonlinear dynamical systems, including dynamics of Bose-Einstein condensates.
- Quantum chaos and the quantum–classical transition.
- QED effects, including cavity QED and Casimir-type forces.
- Physics of cold atoms, including atom cooling and trapping methods.
- Mathematical modeling of biological systems, particularly human ecological behavior.

## Teaching Experience

*University of Oregon.* Assistant Professor of Physics, 2004-present.

- **AY 2009-10:** Physics of Sound and Music (PHYS 152, Fall 2009); Quantum Optics II (PHYS 685, Winter 2010); Numerical Quantum Optics (PHYS 686, Spring 2010). Course notes available online at <http://steck.us/teaching>.
- **AY 2008-9:** Physics of Sound and Music (PHYS 152, Fall 2008); The Physics Behind the Internet (PHYS 155, Winter 2009); Recent Developments in Quantum Optics and Quantum Information (PHYS 610, Spring 2009). Course notes available online at <http://steck.us/teaching>.
- **AY 2007-8:** Quantum Optics (PHYS 684, Fall 2007); Quantum Optics II (PHYS 685, Winter 2008); Numerical Quantum Optics (PHYS 686, Spring 2008). Course notes available online at <http://steck.us/teaching>.
- **AY 2006-7:** Quantum Optics (PHYS 684, Fall 2006); Quantum Optics II (PHYS 685, Winter 2007); Numerical Quantum Optics (PHYS 686, Spring 2007). Course notes available online at <http://steck.us/teaching>.
- **AY 2005-6:** Classical and Modern Optics (PHYS 424/524, Winter 2006); Photonics (PHYS 425/525, Spring 2006). Course notes available online at <http://steck.us/teaching>.
- **AY 2004-5:** Classical and Modern Optics (PHYS 424/524, Winter 2005); Modern Optics Laboratory (PHYS 425/525, Spring 2005).

- **Students supervised (Ph.D.):**

1. Eryn Cook (6/08-present)
2. Jonathan Mackrory (12/08-present)
3. Paul Martin (6/08-present)
4. Rick Montgomery (temporary, 6/08-9/08)
5. Yupeng Kong (temporary, 6/05-9/05)
6. Tao Li (9/04-7/08), thesis available online at <http://atmoptics.uoregon.edu/publications.html>.
7. Elizabeth Schoene (9/04-present)
8. Jeremy Thorn (9/04-present)

- **Students supervised (Master's):**

1. Matthias Fuchs (6/05-6/06), thesis available online at <http://atmoptics.uoregon.edu/publications.html>.

- **Students supervised (undergraduate):**

1. Sequoia Alba (6/06-6/08)
2. Jeremy Copperman (9/04-6/05)
3. Jamey Davis (UCORE program, 6/08-8/08)
4. Eli Dickison (UCORE program, 6/09-8/09)
5. Noah Fitch (NSF REU, 6/05-8/05)
6. Jason Goff (6/07-present)
7. Ian Kelly–Morgan (6/07-9/08)
8. Corey Richter (UCORE program, 6/09-8/09)
9. Yonatan Schultz (6/06-12/06)
10. Alice Tasker (6/08-present)
11. Aaron Webster (6/05-5/07)

- **Students supervised (other):**

1. Peter Gaskell (postbaccalaureate, 9/04-8/07)

**Los Alamos Summer School.** Los Alamos National Laboratory, summers 2002-04.

- Lecturer and research mentor as part of 10-week [summer school program](#) for advanced undergraduates. Students supervised: Cody Leary (2002), Josh Kaufman (2003, co-mentored with Diego Dalvit).

**Physics Laboratory Instructor.** University of Dayton, Department of Physics, 8/92 - 4/93.

- Taught laboratory sections for students with non-science majors.

## Professional Service

**Program committee.** 2010 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Section of the American Physical Society, Walla Walla, WA, 1–2 October 2010.

**Program committee.** [2010 CLEO/QELS](#) (Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics/Quantum Electronics and Laser Science Conference), Baltimore, MD, 16–21 May 2010 (subcommittee on Quantum Optics of Atoms, Molecules, and Solids).

**Site-Visit Review Panelist.** National Science Foundation, Harvard/MIT Center for Ultracold Atoms, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2009.

**Session Chair.** Southwest Quantum Information and Technology (SQuInT) Network [Eleventh Annual Meeting](#), Seattle, WA, 19–22 February 2009, Quantum Measurement session.

**Local organizer.** [PRACSYS 2008](#) (The Principles and Applications of Control in Quantum Systems), Eugene, OR, 25–27 August 2008.

**Program committee.** [2007 CLEO/QELS](#) (Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics/Quantum Electronics and Laser Science Conference), Baltimore, MD, 6–11 May 2007 (subcommittee on Quantum Optics and Quantum Information).

**Session Chair.** [2007 CLEO/QELS](#) (Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics/Quantum Electronics and Laser Science Conference), Baltimore, MD, 6–11 May 2007, Session QThJ.

**Retreat co-organizer.** [Oregon Center for Optics](#) 2006 Annual Retreat, Eugene, OR, 14–15 February 2006.

**Program committee.** [2005 Annual Meeting](#) of the Northwest Section of the American Physical Society, Victoria, BC, Canada, 13–14 May 2005 (atomic, molecular, optical, and chemical physics subgroup).

**Conference co-organizer.** Southwest Quantum Information and Technology (SQuInT) Network [Fifth Annual Meeting](#), Santa Fe, NM, 7–9 February 2003.

**Workshop co-organizer.** Quantum Enabled Science and Technology (QUEST) [2002-2004 Annual Summer Workshops](#), Santa Fe, NM.

**Referee for:**

- *American Journal of Physics*
- American Physical Society (*Physical Review Letters, A, B, and E; Reviews of Modern Physics*)
- *The European Physical Journal D – Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics*
- *Journal of Optics B: Quantum and Semiclassical Optics*
- *Quantum Information & Computation*
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
- National Science Foundation, Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics and Condensed Matter Physics programs
- Research Corporation
- *Science*

**Outreach.** Participant in the AIP’s 2005 “Adopt a Scientist” program.

## Professional Affiliations

*American Physical Society.* 7/99–present.

*American Association of Physics Teachers.* 9/95–present.

*Optical Society of America.* 8/04–present.

## Grants

6. “Ultracold Atoms as a Probe of Novel Atom–Surface Interactions,” National Science Foundation, beginning 8/09. Total award: \$410,000 over three years.
  5. “Frontiers of Photonics: Advanced Laboratory Training in Nonlinear, Quantum, and Integrated Optics,” 2006 Intel Faculty Fellowship Awards. With Steve Gregory and Hailin Wang, \$50,000 for new modules in the University of Oregon Optics Teaching Laboratory.
  4. National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) annual supplementary awards, for summers 2006-2009. Total from four awards: \$40,000.
  3. “Continuous Measurements of Quantum Dynamical Systems,” National Science Foundation CAREER award, beginning 3/06. Total award: \$570,576 over five years.
  2. “Acquisition of Instrumentation for Multidisciplinary Experimental and Theoretical Research in Quantum Information and Quantum Control,” National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation program, beginning 7/05. One of 10 named participants and lead co-PI for the portion of \$211,000 for a Beowulf-class workstation cluster.
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1. “Bose-Einstein condensate physics: dynamics and applications,” Los Alamos National Laboratory LDRD DR program, beginning 10/03. One of 10 named participants, for a total of \$4.3M over three years.

## Refereed Publications

20. Kurt Jacobs and Daniel A. Steck, “Engineering Quantum States, Nonlinear Measurements, and Anomalous Diffusion by Imaging,” (submitted to *Physical Review Letters*).
19. Peter E. Gaskell, Jeremy J. Thorn, Sequoia Alba, and Daniel A. Steck, “An open-source, extensible system for laboratory timing and control,” *Reviews of Scientific Instruments* **80**, 115103 [10 pages] (2009). DOI: [10.1063/1.3250825](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.3250825).
18. Jeremy J. Thorn, Elizabeth A. Schoene, Tao Li, and Daniel A. Steck, “Dynamics of cold atoms crossing a one-way barrier,” *Physical Review A* **79**, 063402 [19 pages] (2009). Also available as arXiv preprint [0903.3635](https://arxiv.org/abs/0903.3635). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevA.79.063402](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevA.79.063402).
17. Jeremy J. Thorn, Elizabeth A. Schoene, Tao Li, and Daniel A. Steck, “Experimental Realization of an Optical One-Way Barrier for Neutral Atoms,” *Physical Review Letters* **100**, 240407 [4 pages] (2008). Also available as arXiv preprint [0802.1585](https://arxiv.org/abs/0802.1585). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.100.240407](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.100.240407). (14 citations)

Media coverage of this paper:

- (a) *PRL* “Editor’s Suggestion.”
- (b) Kate Mcalpine, “Physicist’s atom-sorting ‘demon’ created with lasers,” *New Scientist* **198** No. 2661, 14 (21 June 2008).
- (c) Davide Castelvecchi, “One-way gate mimics ‘demon’ to trap atoms,” *Science News* **174** No. 2, 7 (19 July 2008) (Web version, “Left in the Cold,” 20 June, 2008, at [http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/33454/title/Left\\_in\\_the\\_cold\\_](http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/33454/title/Left_in_the_cold_)).
- (d) David Voss, “Cold atoms on a one-way ticket,” *Physics* (14 July 2008), <http://physics.aps.org/synopsis-for/10.1103/PhysRevLett.100.240407>.

- (e) Adela Marian and Bretislav Friedrich, “News & Views: Maxwell’s demon opens new doors,” *Nature Photonics* **2**, 463 (2008) DOI: [10.1038/nphoton.2008.145](https://doi.org/10.1038/nphoton.2008.145).
- (f) John Wallace, “Asymmetric optical potential barrier becomes Maxwell’s demon,” *Laser Focus World*, **44** (November 2008), available online at [http://www.laserfocusworld.com/display\\_article/343857/12/none/none/NBrea/Asymmetric-optical-potential-barrier-becomes-Maxwells-demo](http://www.laserfocusworld.com/display_article/343857/12/none/none/NBrea/Asymmetric-optical-potential-barrier-becomes-Maxwells-demo).
- (g) P.-M. Binder, “Science Perspectives: Reflections on a Wall of Light,” *Science* **322**, 1334 (2008) DOI: [10.1126/science.1166681](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1166681).
16. Kevin A. Mitchell and Daniel A. Steck, “Fractal templates in the escape dynamics of trapped ultracold atoms,” *Physical Review A* **76**, 031403(R) [4 pages] (2007). Also available on arXiv as [physics/0612052](https://arxiv.org/abs/physics/0612052). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevA.76.031403](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevA.76.031403). (3 citations)
15. Kurt Jacobs and Daniel A. Steck, “A Straightforward Introduction to Continuous Quantum Measurement,” *Contemporary Physics* **47**, 279-303 (2007). Also available as arXiv preprint [quant-ph/0611067](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0611067). DOI: [10.1080/00107510601101934](https://doi.org/10.1080/00107510601101934). (28 citations)
14. Daniel A. Steck, Kurt Jacobs, Hideo Mabuchi, Salman Habib, and Tanmoy Bhattacharya, “Feedback cooling of atomic motion in cavity QED,” *Physical Review A* **74**, 012322 [21 pages] (2006). Also available as arXiv preprint [quant-ph/0509039](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0509039) and LANL Release LA-UR-04-4687. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevA.74.012322](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevA.74.012322). (12 citations)
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13. Daniel A. Steck, Kurt Jacobs, Hideo Mabuchi, Tanmoy Bhattacharya, and Salman Habib, “Quantum Feedback Control of Atomic Motion in an Optical Cavity,” *Physical Review Letters* **92**, 223004 [4 pages] (2004). Includes auxiliary material and data animations in the [EPAPS repository](https://arxiv.org/abs/EPAPS). Also available as arXiv preprint [quant-ph/0310153](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0310153) and LANL Release LA-UR-03-6826. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.92.223004](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.92.223004). (36 citations)
12. Windell H. Oskay, Daniel A. Steck, and Mark G. Raizen, “Observation of Cumulative Spatial Focusing of Atoms,” *Physical Review Letters* **89**, 283001 [4 pages] (2002). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.89.283001](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.89.283001). (8 citations)
- Media coverage of this paper:
- (a) Phillip Espinasse, “Atom focusing gets its kicks,” *OE Magazine*, March 2003, p. 10.
11. Windell H. Oskay, Daniel A. Steck, and Mark G. Raizen, “Timing Noise Effects on Dynamical Localization,” *Chaos, Solitons and Fractals* **16**, 409-16 (2003). DOI: [10.1016/S0960-0779\(02\)00302-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0960-0779(02)00302-8). (15 citations)
10. Daniel A. Steck, Windell H. Oskay, and Mark G. Raizen, “Fluctuations and Decoherence in Chaos-Assisted Tunneling,” *Physical Review Letters* **88**, 120406 [4 pages] (2002). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.88.120406](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.88.120406). (35 citations)
9. Daniel A. Steck, Windell H. Oskay, and Mark G. Raizen, “Observation of Chaos-Assisted Tunneling between Islands of Stability,” *Science* **293**, 274-8 (2001); published online 5 July 2001 ([10.1126/science.1061569](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1061569)). Supplementary material is available at <http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/1061569/DC1>. DOI: [10.1126/science.1061569](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1061569). (138 citations)
- Media coverage of this paper:
- (a) Salman Habib, “Science Perspectives: No Mere Anarchy,” *Science* **293**, 221 (2001); published online 5 July 2001 ([10.1126/science.1062985](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1062985)).

- (b) Eric J. Heller, “Air juggling and other tricks,” *Nature* **412**, 33 (2001).
  - (c) Barbara Goss Levi, “Atoms Hop between Islands of Regular Motion in a Sea of Chaos,” *Physics Today*, August 2001, p. 15.
  - (d) Amaury Mouchet and Denis Ullmo, “Chaos gives quantum tunnelling a hand,” *Physics World*, September 2001, p. 24.
  - (e) Mark Sincell, “Atoms Island-Hop,” *ScienceNOW – 2001* (706): 1.
  - (f) Katie Pennicott, “Atoms perform a quantum flip,” *PhysicsWeb News*, 5 July 2001.
  - (g) Nicole Stricker, “Quantum wizardry: New research turns a bright light on atoms’ tunneling phenomenon,” *The Dallas Morning News*, 30 July 2001, p. 3C.
8. Jianxin Zhong, R. B. Diener, Daniel A. Steck, Windell H. Oskay, Mark G. Raizen, Zhenyu Zhang, E. Ward Plummer, and Qian Niu, “The Shape of the Quantum Diffusion Front,” *Physical Review Letters* **86**, 2485 [4 pages] (2001). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.86.2485](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.86.2485). (14 citations)
  7. Daniel A. Steck, Valery Milner, Windell H. Oskay, and Mark G. Raizen, “Quantitative study of amplitude noise effects on dynamical localization,” *Physical Review E* **62**, 3461-75 (2000). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevE.62.3461](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.62.3461). (39 citations)
  6. V. Milner, D. A. Steck, W. H. Oskay, and M. G. Raizen, “Recovery of classically chaotic behavior in a noise-driven quantum system,” *Physical Review E* **61**, 7223-6 (2000). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevE.61.7223](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.61.7223). (24 citations)
  5. W. H. Oskay, D. A. Steck, V. Milner, B. G. Klappauf, and M. G. Raizen, “Ballistic peaks at quantum resonance,” *Optics Communications* **179**, 137-48 (2000). DOI: [10.1016/S0030-4018\(00\)00453-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0030-4018(00)00453-3). (42 citations)
  4. B. G. Klappauf, W. H. Oskay, D. A. Steck, and M. G. Raizen, “Quantum chaos with cesium atoms: pushing the boundaries,” *Physica D* **131**, 78-89 (1999). DOI: [10.1016/S0167-2789\(98\)00221-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0167-2789(98)00221-8). (30 citations)
  3. W. H. Oskay, D. A. Steck, B. G. Klappauf, and M. G. Raizen, “Quantum Chaos with Cold Cesium Atoms,” *Laser Physics* **9**, 265-9 (1999). (4 citations)
  2. B. G. Klappauf, W. H. Oskay, D. A. Steck, and M. G. Raizen, “Experimental Study of Quantum Dynamics in a Regime of Classical Anomalous Diffusion,” *Physical Review Letters* **81**, 4044-7 (1998). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.81.4044](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.81.4044). (56 citations)
  1. B. G. Klappauf, W. H. Oskay, D. A. Steck, and M. G. Raizen, “Observation of Noise and Dissipation Effects on Dynamical Localization,” *Physical Review Letters* **81**, 1203-6 (1998); Erratum, *Physical Review Letters* **82**, 241 (1999). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.81.1203](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.81.1203). (96 citations)

Media coverage of this paper:

- (a) Graham P. Collins, “The World of Quantum Chaos,” *Physical Review Focus* **2**, story 8 (10 August 1998).
- (b) Meher Antia, “Action at the Classical-Quantum Border,” *InSight* (27 August 1998).

## Popular-Science Articles

2. Daniel A. Steck, “Passage through chaos,” *Nature* **461**, 736 (2009). DOI: [10.1038/461736a](https://doi.org/10.1038/461736a).
1. Daniel A. Steck, “Paralysed by disorder,” *Nature* **453**, 866 (2008). DOI: [10.1038/453866a](https://doi.org/10.1038/453866a).

## Book Chapters

3. (in progress:) Daniel A. Steck and Mark G. Raizen, “Chaos-Assisted Dynamical Tunneling of Ultracold Atoms,” in *Dynamical Tunneling—Theory and Experiment*, Srihari Keshavamurthy and Peter Schlagheck, Eds. (invited book chapter, to be published by Taylor & Francis/CRC Press in 2010).
2. (in progress:) Daniel A. Steck, “Quantum Measurement and Feedback Control of Atomic Motion,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Quantum Control: A Contemporary Perspective*, Daniel Lidar and Gerard Milburn, Eds. (invited book chapter, to be published by Oxford University Press in 2009).

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1. M. G. Raizen, V. Milner, W. H. Oskay, and D. A. Steck, “[Experimental Study of Quantum Chaos with Cold Atoms](#),” in *Proceedings of the International School of Physics “Enrico Fermi,” Course CXLIII (20-30 July 1999): New Directions in Quantum Chaos*, G. Casati, I. Guarneri, and U. Smilansky, Eds. (IOS Press, Amsterdam, 2000).

## Other Publications

2. Salman Habib, Tanmoy Bhattacharya, Andrew Doherty, Benjamin Greenbaum, Asa Hopkins, Kurt Jacobs, Hideo Mabuchi, Keith Schwab, Kosuke Shizume, Daniel Steck, and Bala Sundaram, “Nonlinear Quantum Dynamics,” arXiv preprint [quant-ph/0505046](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0505046).

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1. Daniel Adam Steck, “Quantum Chaos, Transport, and Decoherence in Atom Optics,” Ph.D. dissertation, The University of Texas at Austin (2001). Available online at <http://steck.us/dissertation>.

## Selected Unpublished Works

3. Daniel A. Steck, *Quantum and Atom Optics*, available online at <http://steck.us/teaching>; course text suitable for a three-quarter sequence in quantum optics atom optics, and atomic physics (with additional material still being added), from classical and semiclassical atom-field interactions to field quantization, quantum-measurement theory, and numerical methods. Many exercises and figures, 730 pages total (828 pages in the version with solutions to exercises).
2. Daniel A. Steck, *Classical and Modern Optics*, available online at <http://steck.us/teaching>; course text suitable for a two-quarter sequence in modern optics, from geometrical optics through Fourier optics, laser oscillation, and atom optics. Many exercises and figures, 276 pages total (358 pages in the version with solutions to exercises).
1. Daniel A. Steck, “Cesium D Line Data,” available online at <http://steck.us/alkalidata>; extensive, periodically updated compilation of atomic data relevant to quantum optics and atom optics experiments involving cesium, along with a thorough and consistent theoretical framework for the tabulated quantities. Also available as “Sodium D Line Data,” “Rubidium 87 D Line Data,” and “Rubidium 85 D Line Data.” (These documents together average 19.7 downloads per day.)

## Invited Talks

42. “Atomic One-Way Barriers and Quantum Measurements,” Quantum Information and AMO Seminar, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, 28 April 2010.
41. “Atomic One-Way Barriers and Quantum Measurements,” Quantum Optics and AMO Seminar, University of Toronto, 25 January 2010.
40. “Atomic One-Way Barriers and Quantum Measurements,” Atomic Physics Seminar, University of Washington, 20 October 2009.
39. “Atomic One-Way Barriers and Quantum Measurements,” Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Seminar, University of British Columbia, 24 September 2009.
38. “Controlling the Motion of Ultracold Atoms” and “One-Way Optical Barriers for Atoms: an In-Depth Look,” Workshop on “Demons in Physics: Quantum Valves & One-Way Barriers,” Universidad del País Vasco, Bilbao, Spain, 24–25 June 2009.
37. “Controlling the Motion of Ultracold Atoms,” 11th Annual Meeting of the American Physical Society Northwest Section, Vancouver, British Columbia, 15–16 May 2009.
36. “All-Optical One-Way Barrier for Alkali Atoms,” Solid State Physics and Optics Seminar, Oregon State University, 11 February 2009.
35. “Controlling the Motion of Ultracold Atoms,” Physics Department Seminar, Reed College, 28 January 2009.
34. “All-Optical One-Way Barrier for Alkali Atoms,” 39th Winter Colloquium on The Physics of Quantum Electronics, Snowbird, Utah, 4–9 January 2009.
33. “Controlling the Center-of-Mass Motion of Ultracold Atoms,” Natural Sciences Seminar, University of California, Merced, 7 November 2008.
32. “Controlling the Motion of Ultracold Atoms,” Joint Fall 2008 Meeting of the New England Sections of the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers, Boston, Massachusetts, 10–11 October 2008.
31. “Controlling the Center-of-Mass Motion of Ultracold Atoms,” Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics Seminar, University of Connecticut, 9 October 2008.
30. “Controlling the Center-of-Mass Motion of Ultracold Atoms,” Physics Department Colloquium, University of Nevada, Reno, 26 September 2008.
29. “Controlling the Center-of-Mass Motion of Ultracold Atoms,” 2008 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) [Cold Atoms workshop](#), Banff, Alberta, Canada, 17–20 April 2008 (keynote speaker).
28. “Measurement and Control of Ultracold Atoms,” Physics Department Colloquium, Linfield College, 3 April 2008.
27. “Measurement and Control of Atomic Motion,” Quantum Lunch seminar, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 27 March 2008.
26. “Continuous Measurement of Atomic Motion,” 2007 Quantum Control Gordon Research Conference, Newport, Rhode Island, 12–17 August 2007.

25. "Continuous Measurement of Atomic Motion," Coherent Control of Ultracold Molecular Processes Workshop, Vancouver, British Columbia, 1–4 August 2007.
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  10. “Experimental Approaches for Studying the Casimir–Polder Effect,” Oregon Center for Optics 2007 Annual Fall Retreat, Eugene, Oregon, 13–14 September 2007.
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