

Taming the dragon Chromium

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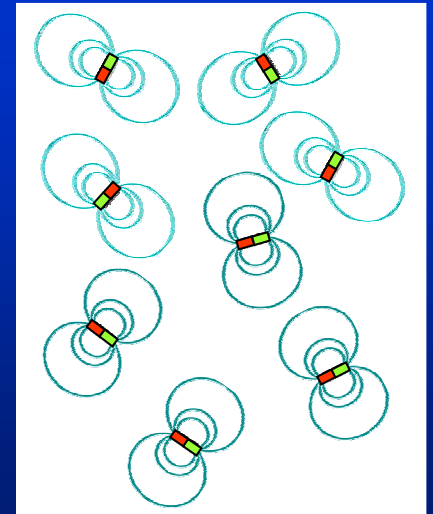
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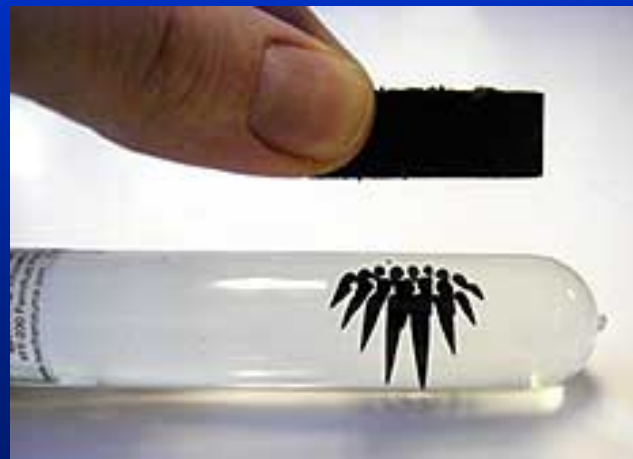
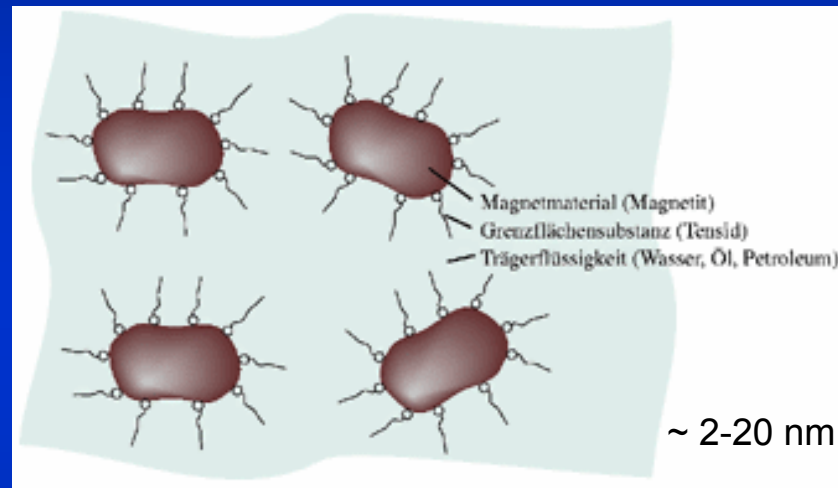


Why bother?



Dipolar coupling in fluids

Ferrofluids



Application:
rotary seals in disk drives
dampers for audio speakers

Dipolar coupling in gases?

$$k_B T_c \approx V_{DD} \sim \frac{1}{r^3} \sim n$$

solid $n \sim 10^{23}/\text{cm}^3$ $T_c \sim 1\text{K}$ ($T_c^{\text{ex}} \sim 100\text{-}1000\text{K}$)

air $n \sim 10^{19}/\text{cm}^3$ $T_c \sim 0.1\text{ mK}$

ultracold gas $n \sim 10^{14}/\text{cm}^3$ $T_c \sim 1\text{ nK}$



Weak interaction:

$$n \ll \left(\frac{12\pi\hbar^2}{\mu_0\mu^2 M} \right)^3$$

magnetic dipoles
 $n \ll 10^{21}/\text{cm}^3$

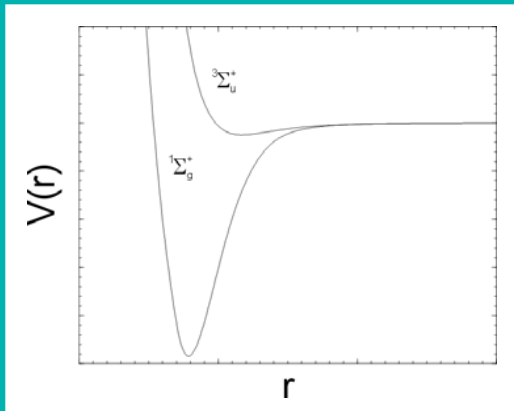
electric dipoles
 $n \ll 10^9/\text{cm}^3$

Contact and Long Range Interaction

Contact interaction

$$U_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{m} \delta(r)$$

- isotropic
- short range

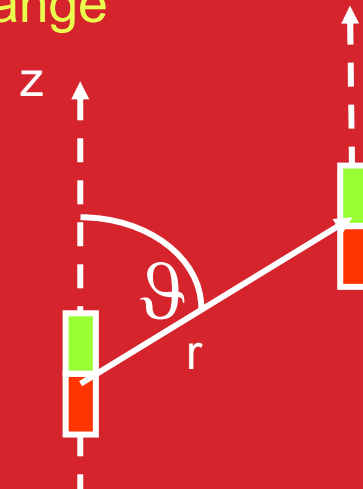


nonlinear matter wave optics
strong correlations: Bose
Hubbard...

Dipolar interaction

$$U_{dd}(\vartheta, r) = -\frac{\mu_0 \mu^2}{4\pi} \frac{(3 \cos^2 \vartheta - 1)}{r^3}$$

- anisotropic
- long range



stability and ground state of BEC
magnetism: Heisenberg, Ising,
frustrated lattices...

How strong is the dipolar interaction?

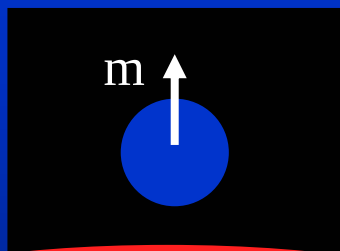
compare to
contact interaction:

$$\varepsilon_{dd} = \frac{\mu_0 \mu^2 M}{12\pi \hbar^2 a}$$

dipole strength (tunable)

scattering length (tunable)

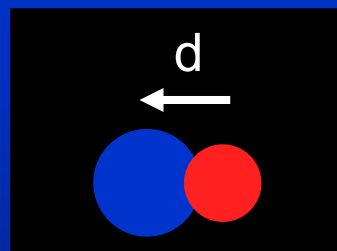
atoms



Cr $\varepsilon_{dd}=0.1..0.3$
Rb $\varepsilon_{dd}=0.007$
Na $\varepsilon_{dd}=0.003$

magnetic dipoles

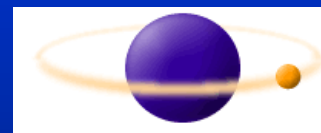
heteronuclear molecules



e.g.: CaH, NH₃, CrRb
 $\varepsilon_{dd} \sim 100$

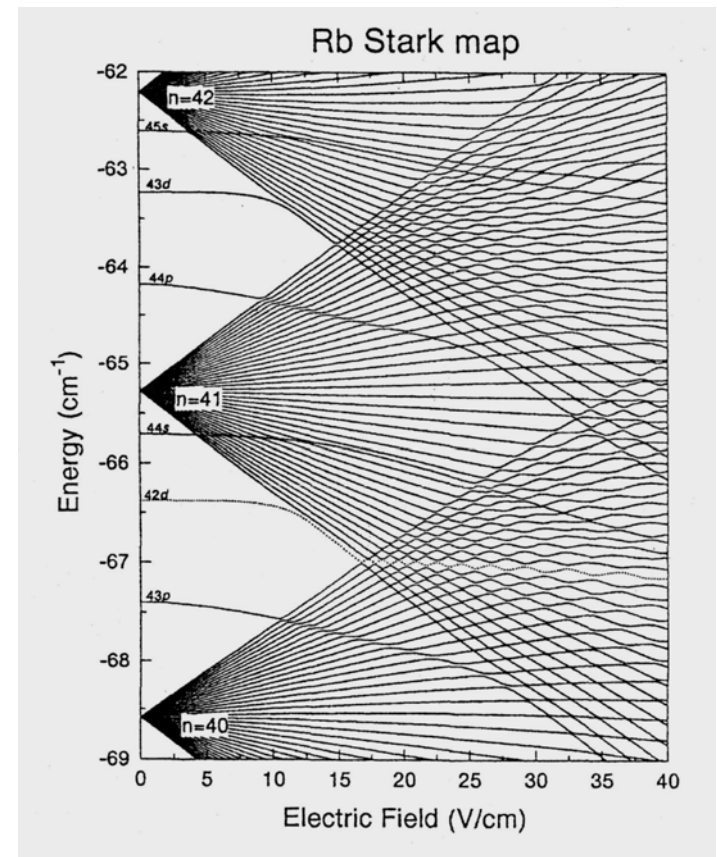
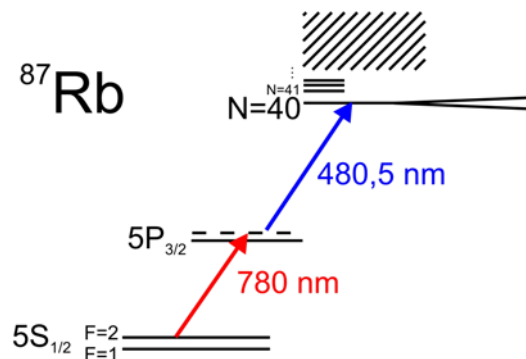
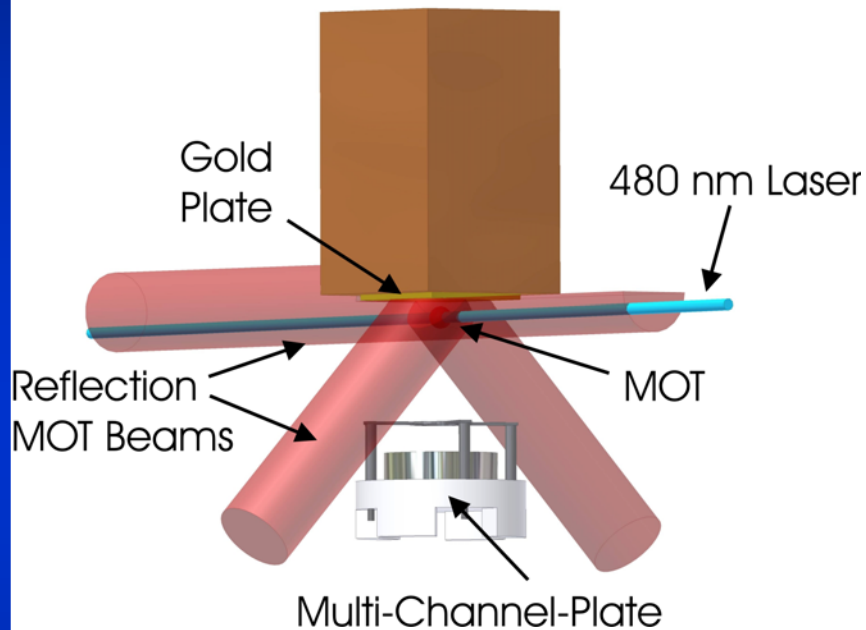
electric dipoles

Rydberg atoms



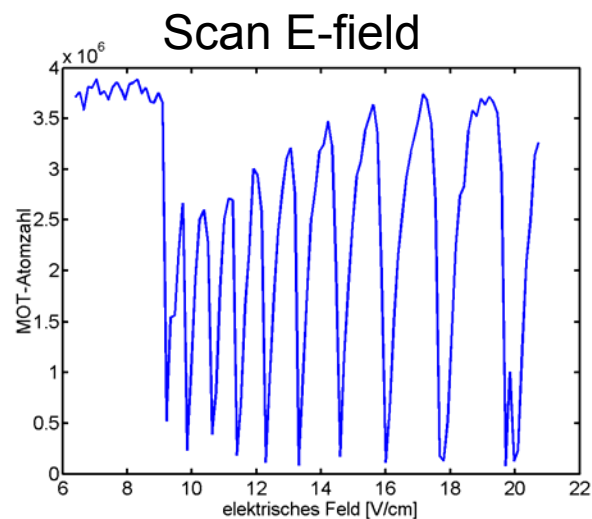
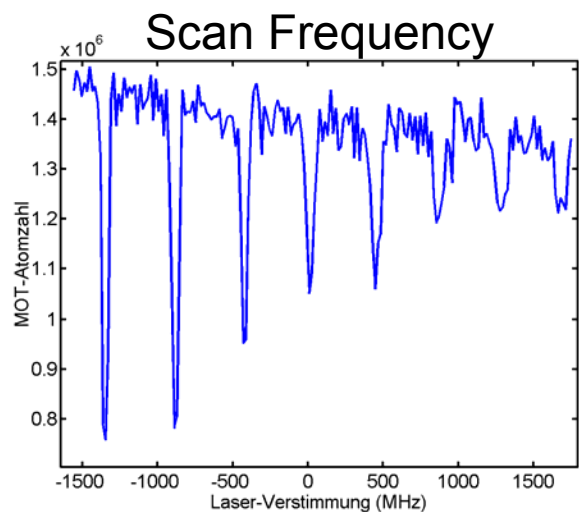
e.g.: Rb (n=40)
 $\varepsilon_{dd} \sim 10^8$

Rydberg Excitation of Rubidium Atoms

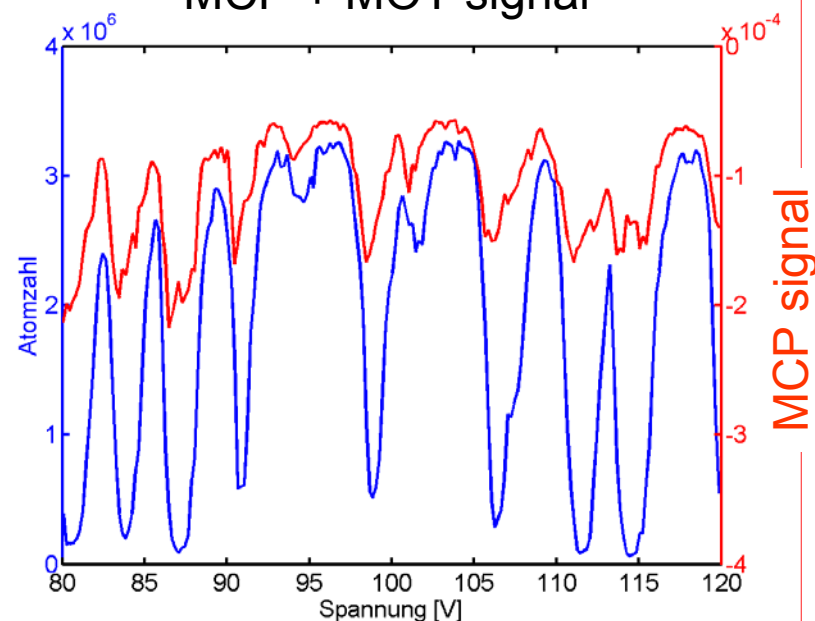


Rydberg excitation of cold atoms

MOT fluorescence

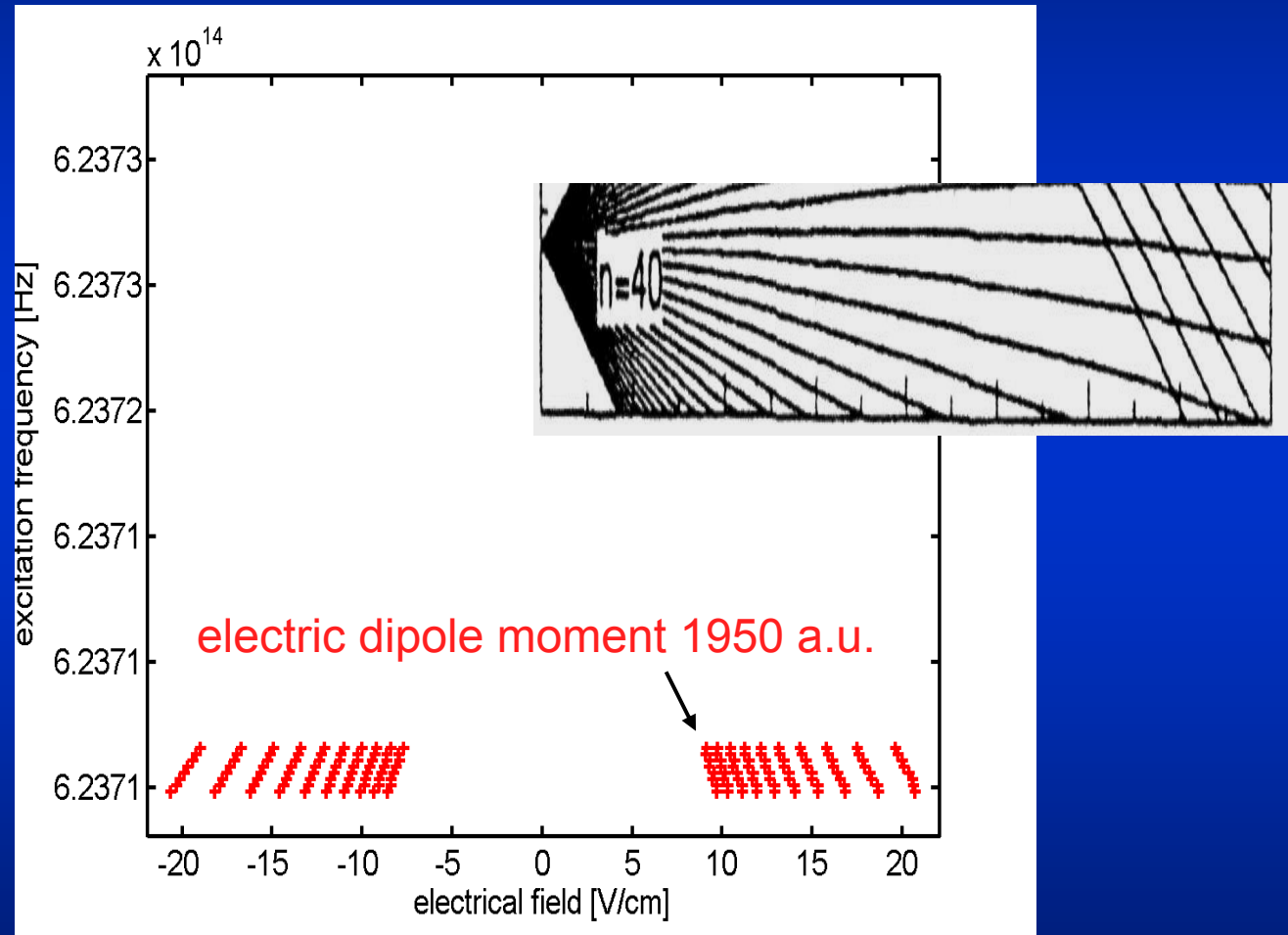


MCP + MOT signal



Results: Stark maps

E-field Scan

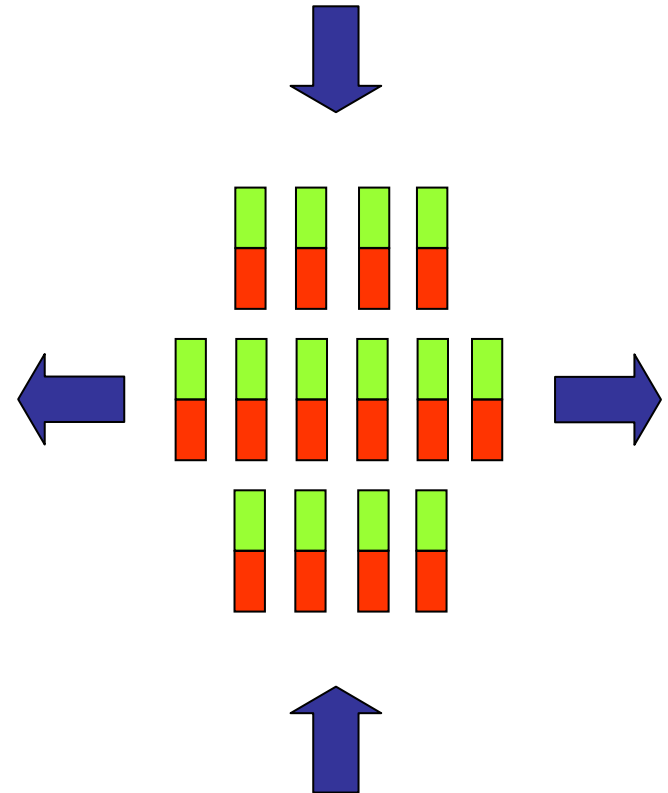
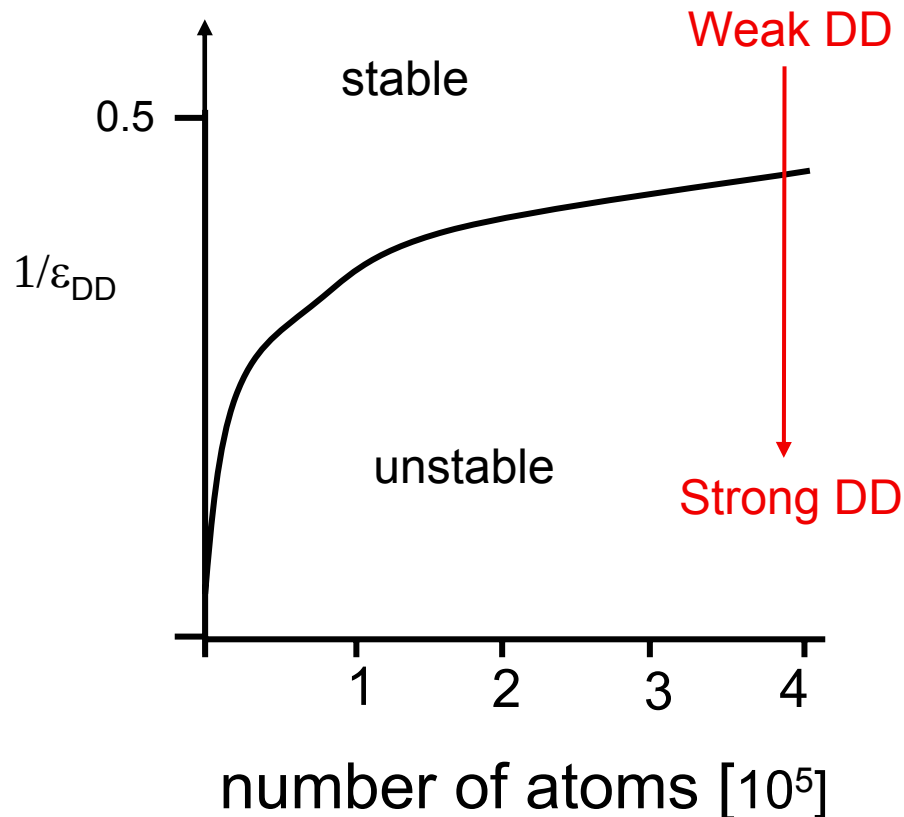


A. Grabowski
R. Heidemann
J. Bauer
J. Stuhler



Stability of dipolar condensates

Here: Cr atoms; $\omega_0 = 2\pi \cdot 150$ Hz



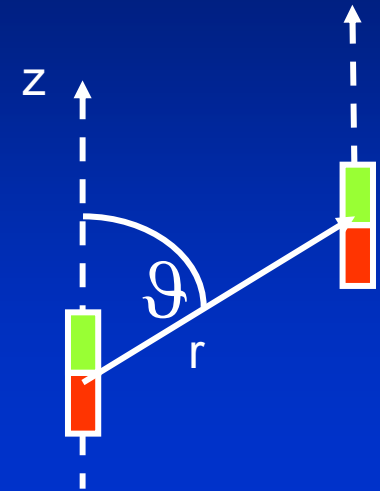
Stabilization?

polarized sample

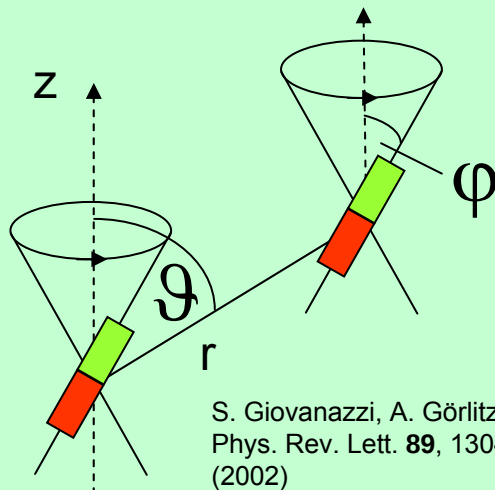
$$V_{\text{dd}}(r) \propto \frac{m^2}{r^3} (1 - 3\cos^2\vartheta)$$

anisotropic

tunable interaction

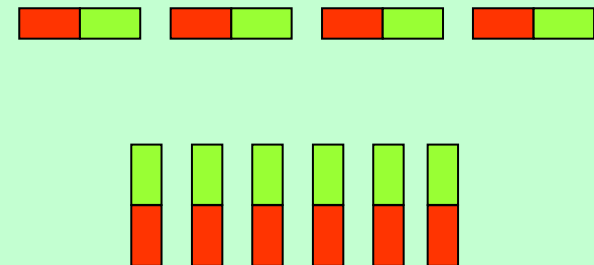


spinning polarization



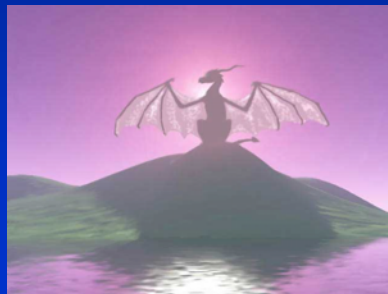
S. Giovanazzi, A. Görlitz, T.P.
Phys. Rev. Lett. **89**, 130401
(2002)

trap shape



K. Góral, K. Rzazewski, T.P.;
PRA, **61**, 051601 (R) (2000)
L. Santos, et al.; PRL **85**, 1791(2000)

How to tame Chromium



4 stable isotopes:

Bosons

Fermion

^{52}Cr

^{50}Cr

^{54}Cr

^{53}Cr

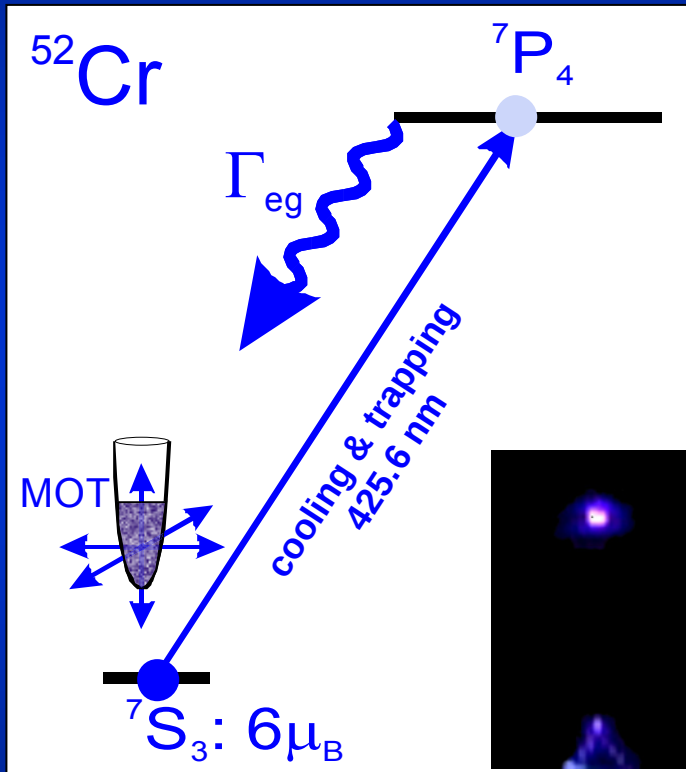
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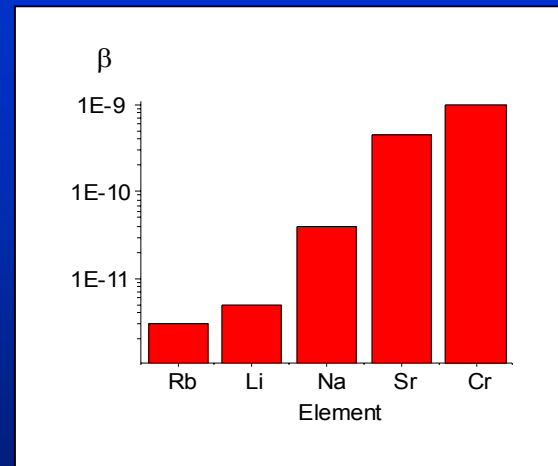
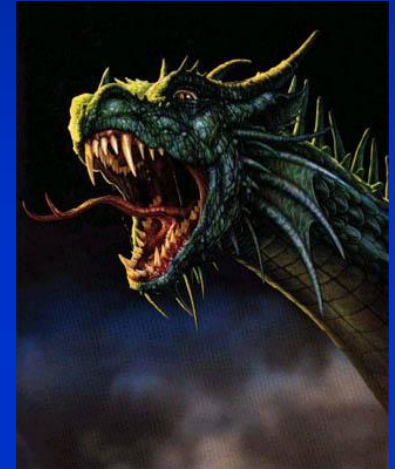
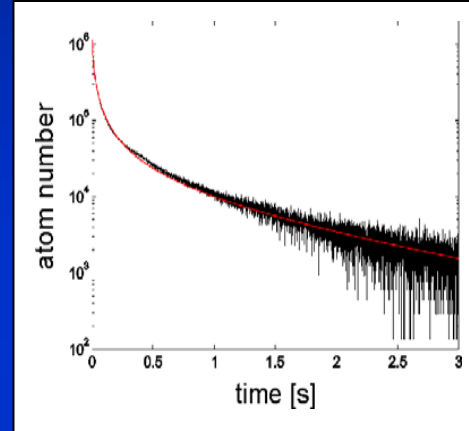
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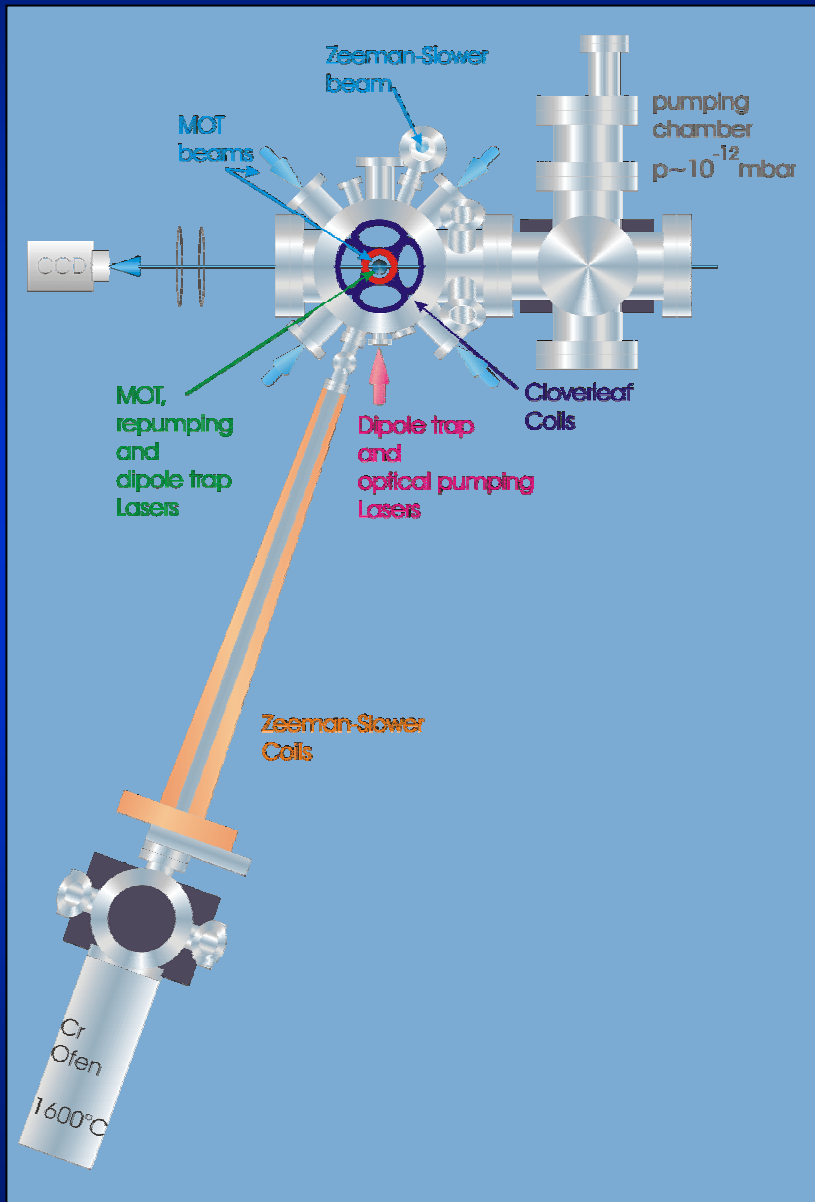
Magneto-optical Trap



$N \sim 10^6$ atoms
 $T = 70 \mu\text{K}$



Preparation of an ultracold Cr sample:



- Continuously loaded Ioffe Pritchard trap (CLIP-trap)

J. Stuhler, et al., Phys. Rev. A **64**, 031405 (2001)

P. O. Schmidt, et al., J. Opt. B **5**, S170 (2003)

- Compress IP-trap

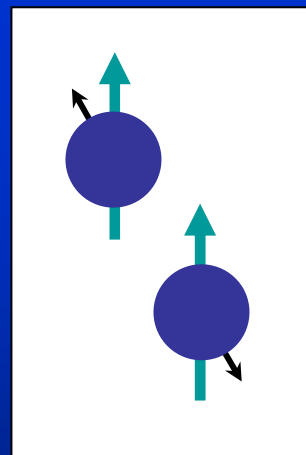
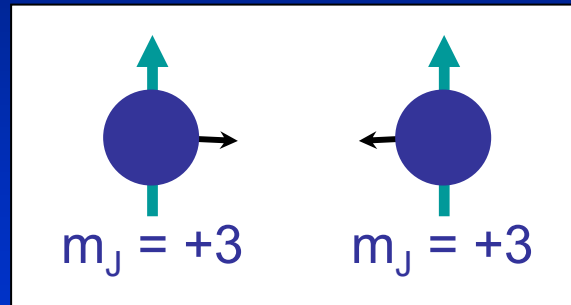
- Doppler cooling in the IP-trap at high offset field

P. O. Schmidt, et al., J. Opt. Soc. Am. B **20**, 5 (2003)

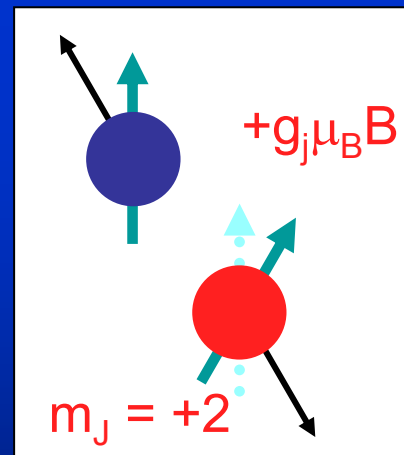
2×10^8 atoms in the ground state
phase space density $\rho \sim 10^{-7}$

- Temperature is adjusted by evaporation

Collisions



elastic
Collision
GOOD



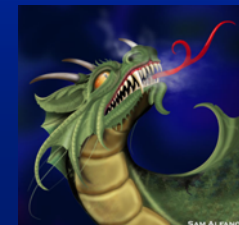
dipolar
Relaxation
BAD

Short range

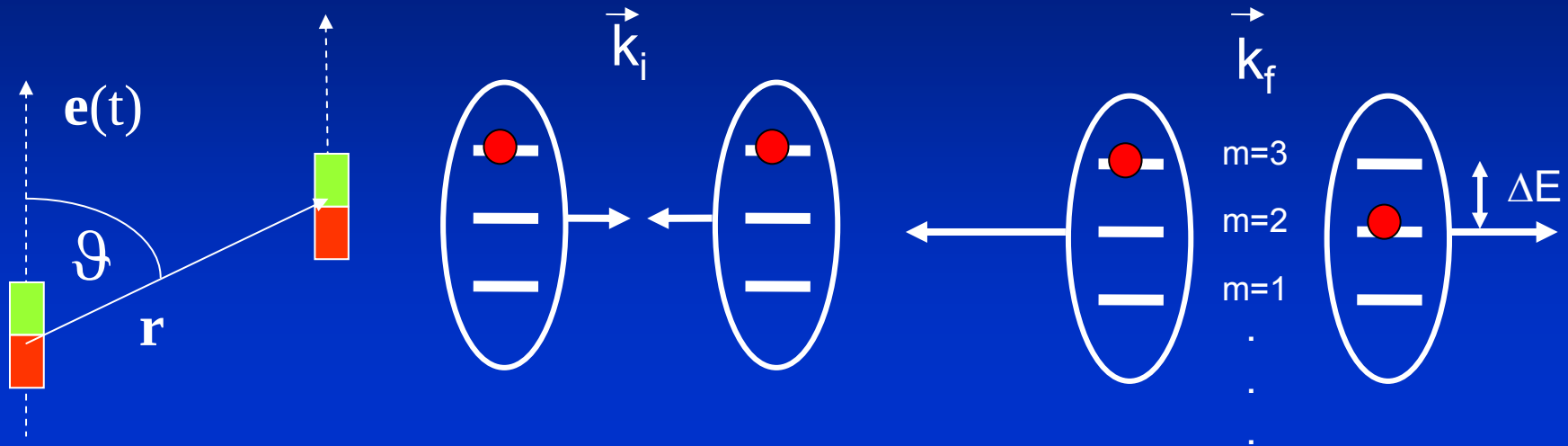
Long range

P. O. Schmidt, S. Hensler,
J. Werner, A. Grimm, A. Görlitz,
T. Köhl, and A. Schlegel,
PRL

New:
14 Feshbach
resonances
observed



Dipole-dipole scattering in magnetic fields



no spin flip
(elastic):

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{16\pi}{45} S^4 \left(\frac{\mu_0 (g_S \mu_B)^2 m}{4\pi \hbar^2} \right)^2 (1 + h(1))$$

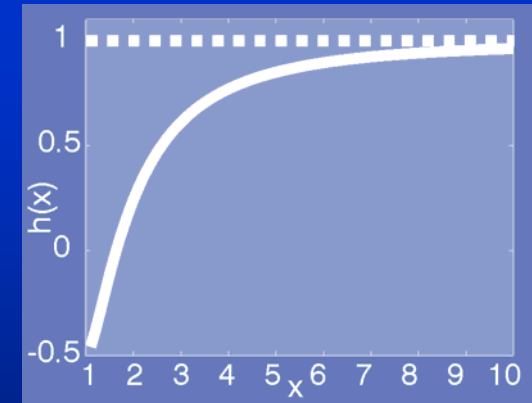
Cr: $S=3$

single spin flip:

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{8\pi}{15} S^3 \left(\frac{\mu_0 (g_S \mu_B)^2 m}{4\pi \hbar^2} \right)^2 \left(1 + h(k_f/k_i) \right)^{k_f/k_i}$$

double spin flip:

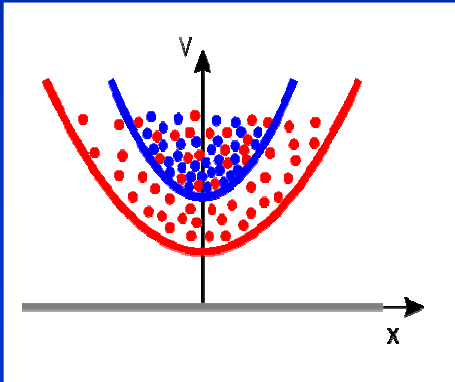
$$\sigma_2 = \frac{8\pi}{15} S^2 \left(\frac{\mu_0 (g_S \mu_B)^2 m}{4\pi \hbar^2} \right)^2 \left(1 + h(k_f/k_i) \right)^{k_f/k_i}$$



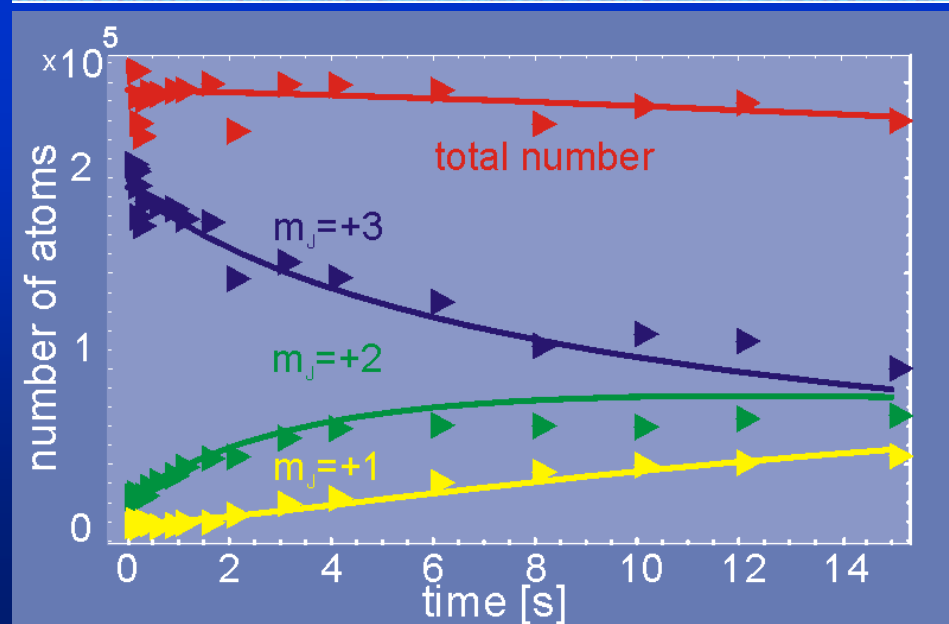
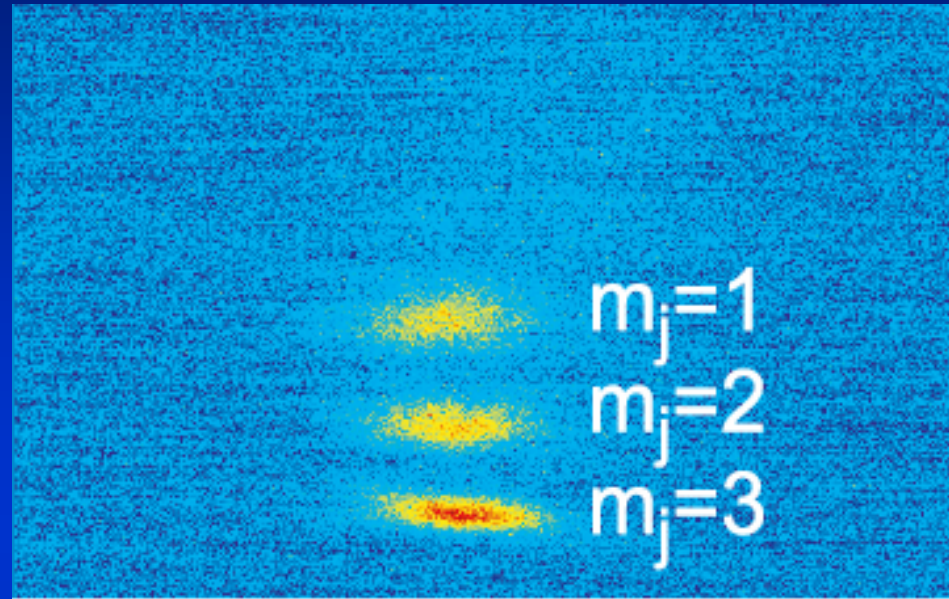
Measuring the cross sections

Experiment 1:

Stern-Gerlach experiment:



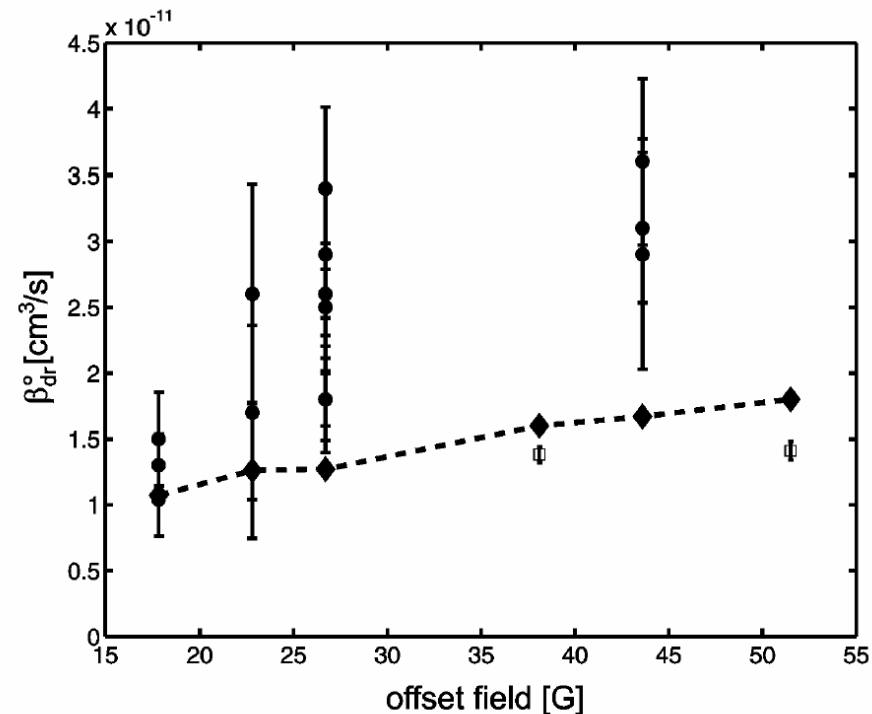
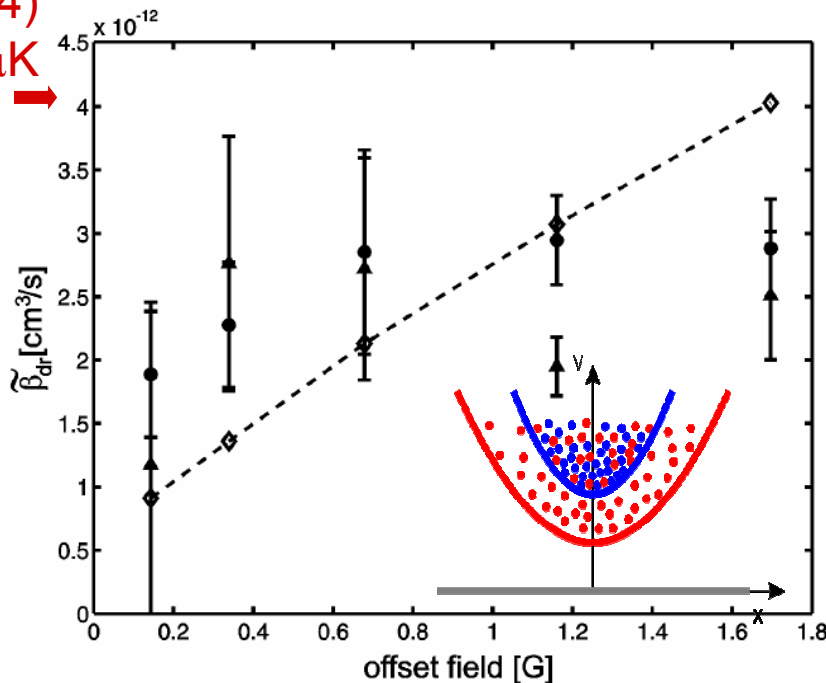
- Very good agreement between theory and experiment



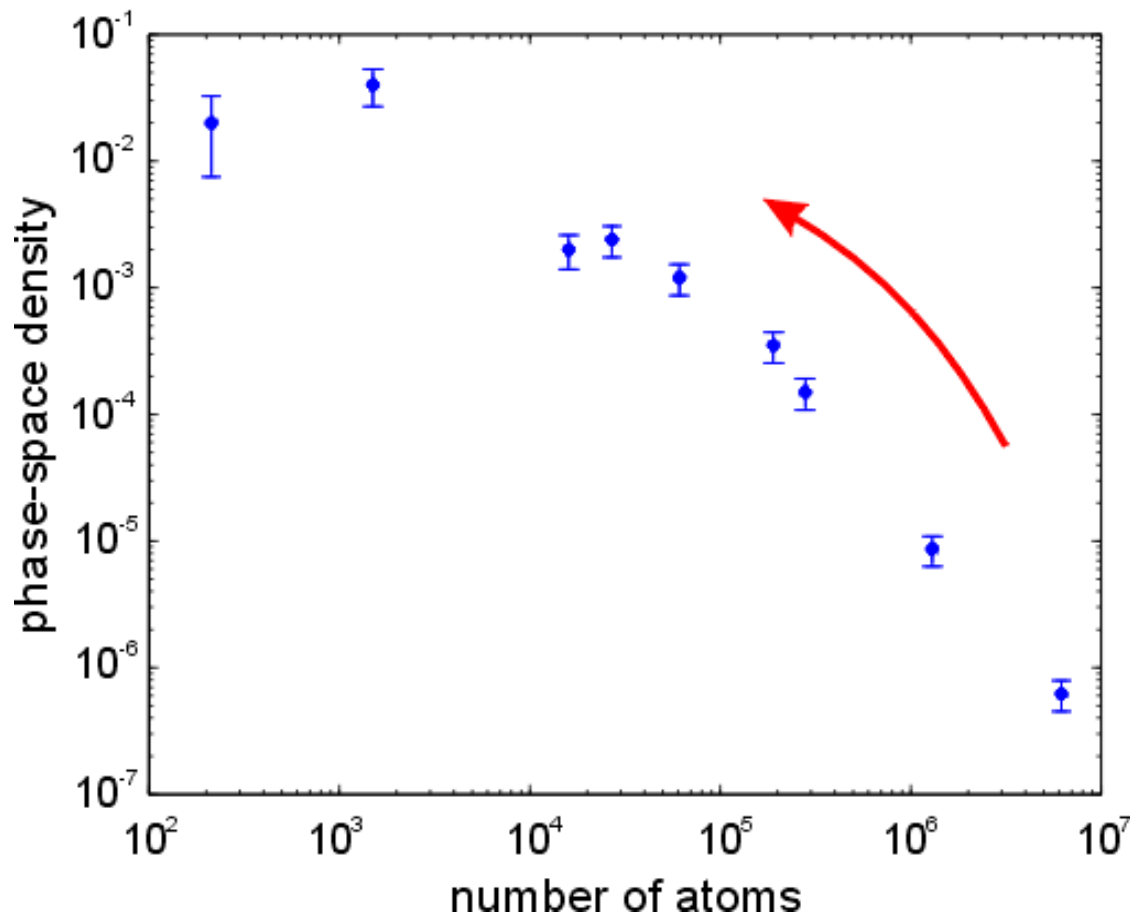
Dipolar relaxation: theory vs exp.

$$\sigma_{inel} = \frac{k_{final}}{k_{initial}} \sigma_0 \sim \mu^3 \sqrt{\tilde{c} \cdot B_0/T + 1}, \quad \mu(\text{Cr}) = 6\mu_B$$

Cs(F=4)
@ 8 μK



Optimization of Rf-Ramp



$$B_0 \approx 150 \text{ mG}$$

$$\varrho_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$n_0 = 6.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

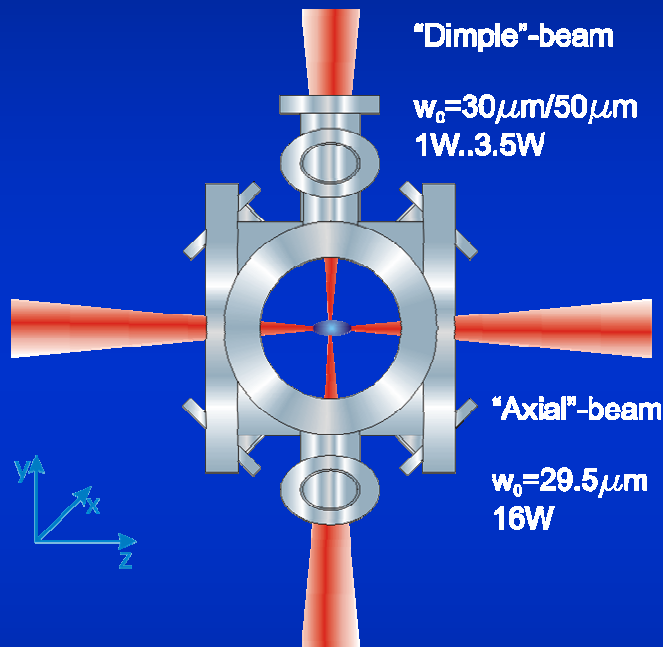
$$T = 370 \text{ nK}$$



Taming Part II:

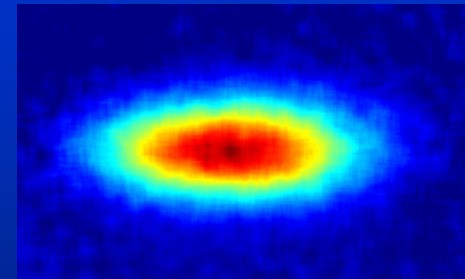
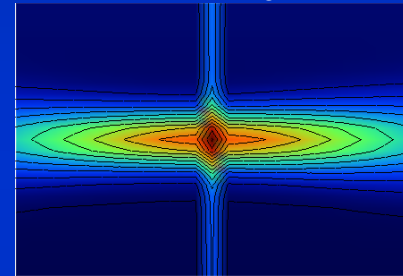
Transfer atoms into an optical trap

- Optical Dipole trap: 20W fibre Laser @ $\lambda=1064$ nm



1st beam: - $U_{\text{max}} \sim 210\mu\text{K}$

2nd beam: - $U_{\text{max}} \sim 7.5..16\mu\text{K}$



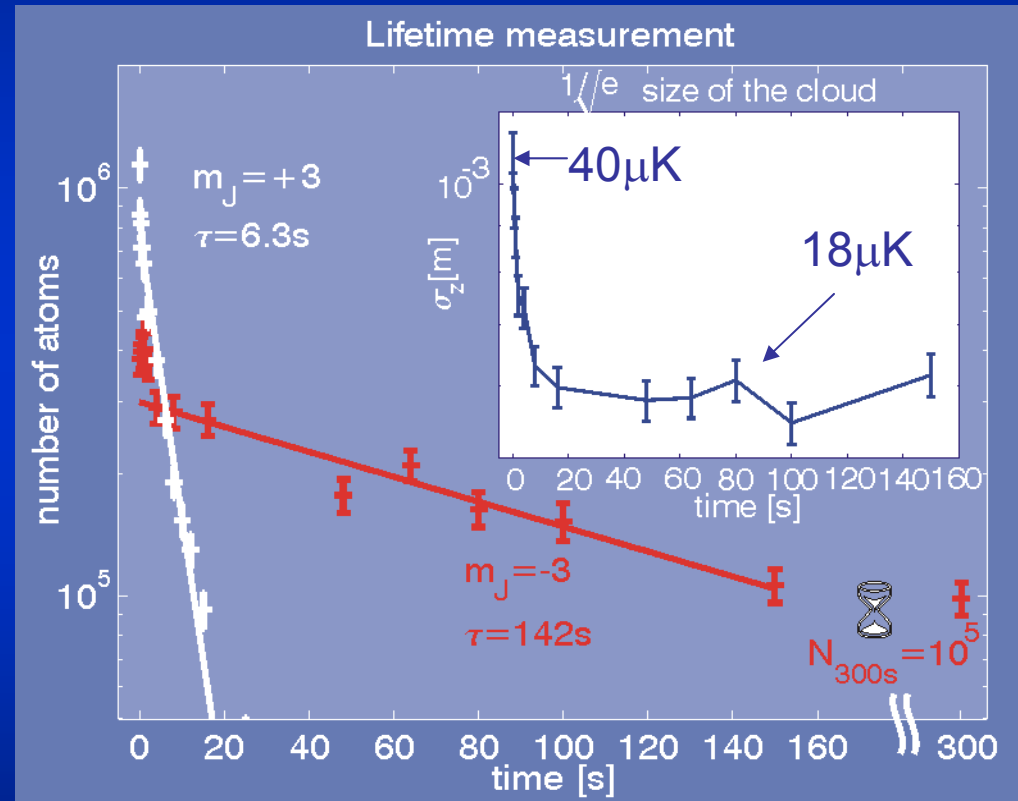
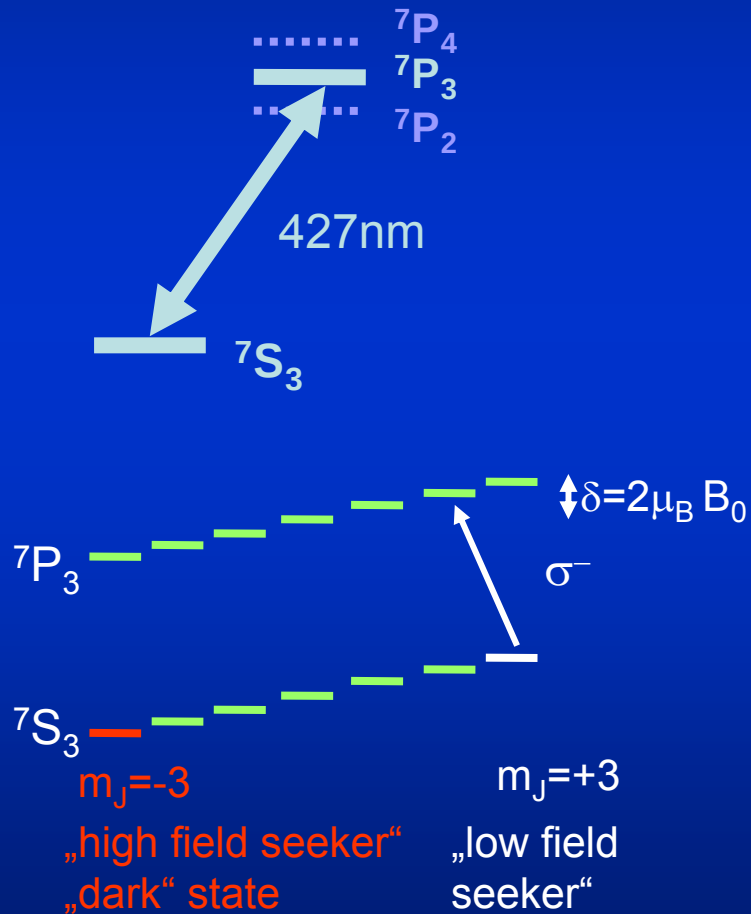
Advantage:

- all magnetic substates trapable
- use „dimple trick“

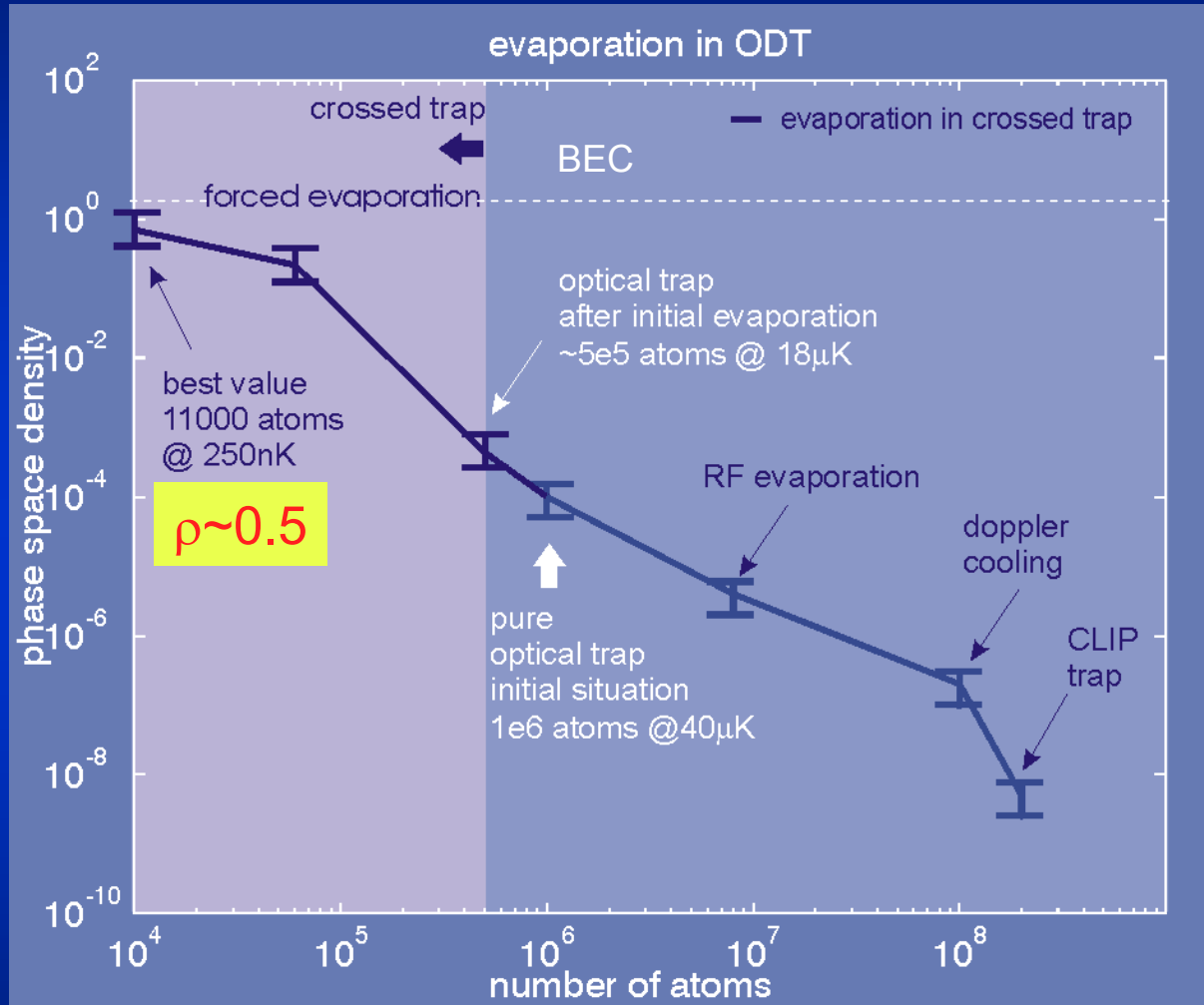
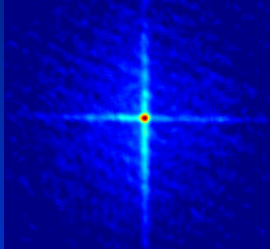
- Problem : Sample still mainly polarized in $m_j=+3$

Polarize by optical pumping

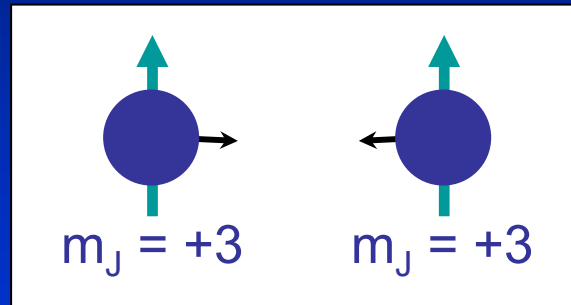
- Optically pump atoms to magnetic ground state:



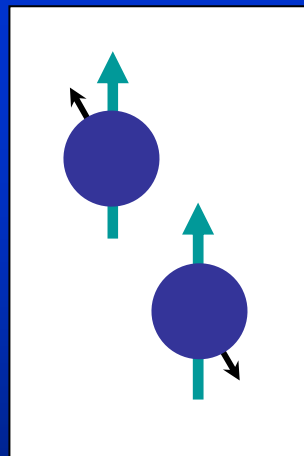
Evaporation in crossed trap



Collisions

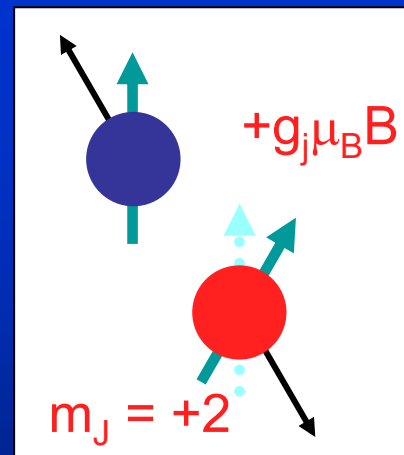


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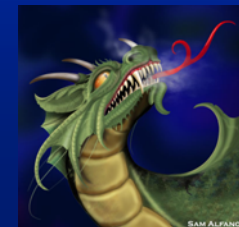
elastic
Collision
GOOD

Long range



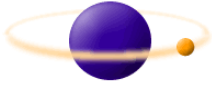
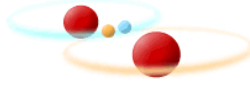
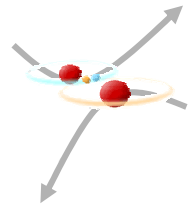
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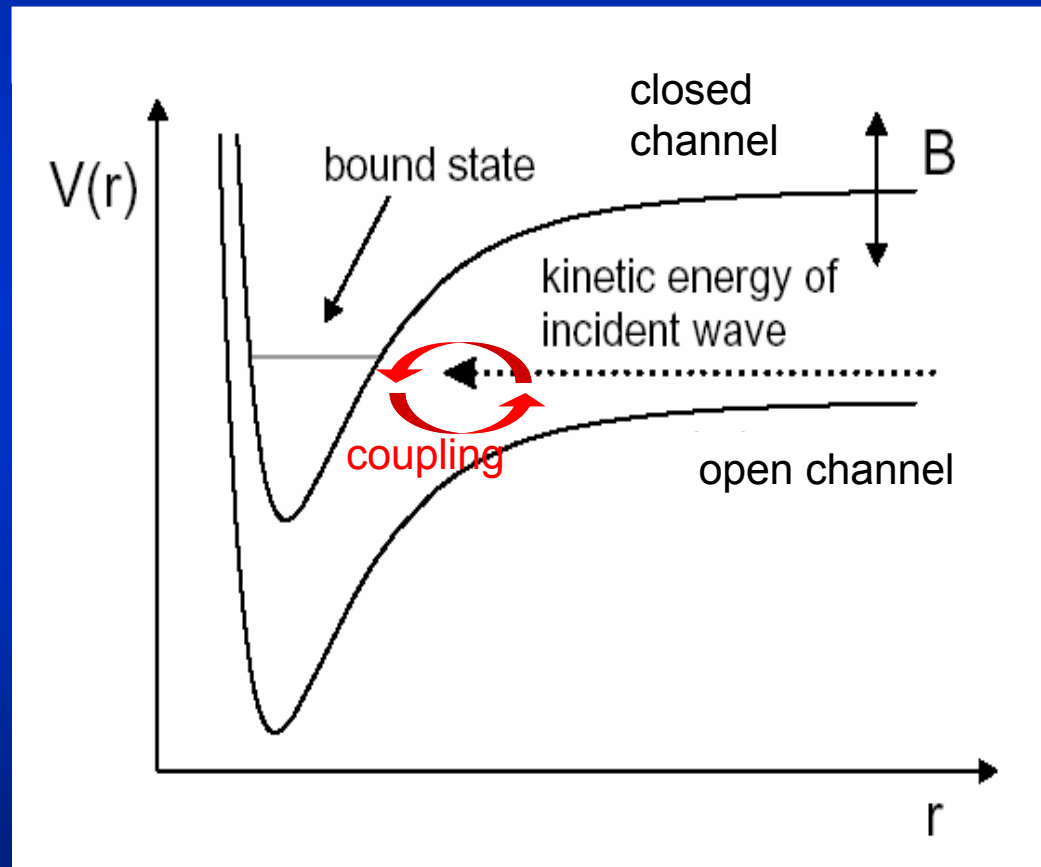
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observed



Feshbach resonances I

Quantum numbers - notation

atomic electrons	s, l	
molecular electrons	S, L	
molecular nuclei	ℓ	



Feshbach resonances II

Possible couplings:

2nd order

Spin - Orbit

$$\propto \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} \propto Y_{2q}$$

Spin - Spin

$$\propto \vec{s} \cdot \vec{s} \propto Y_{2q}$$

Selection rules:

first order

$$\Delta S = 0, \pm 2$$

$$\Delta \ell = 0, \pm 2; \Delta m_\ell = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$$

second order

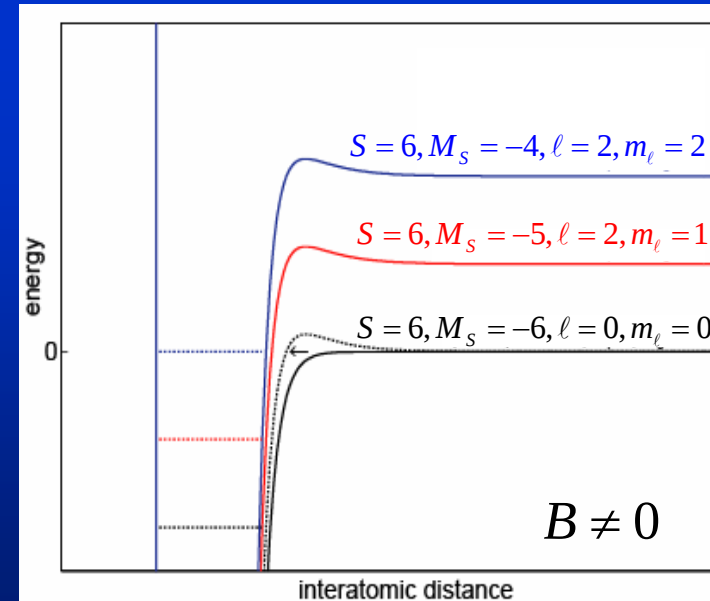
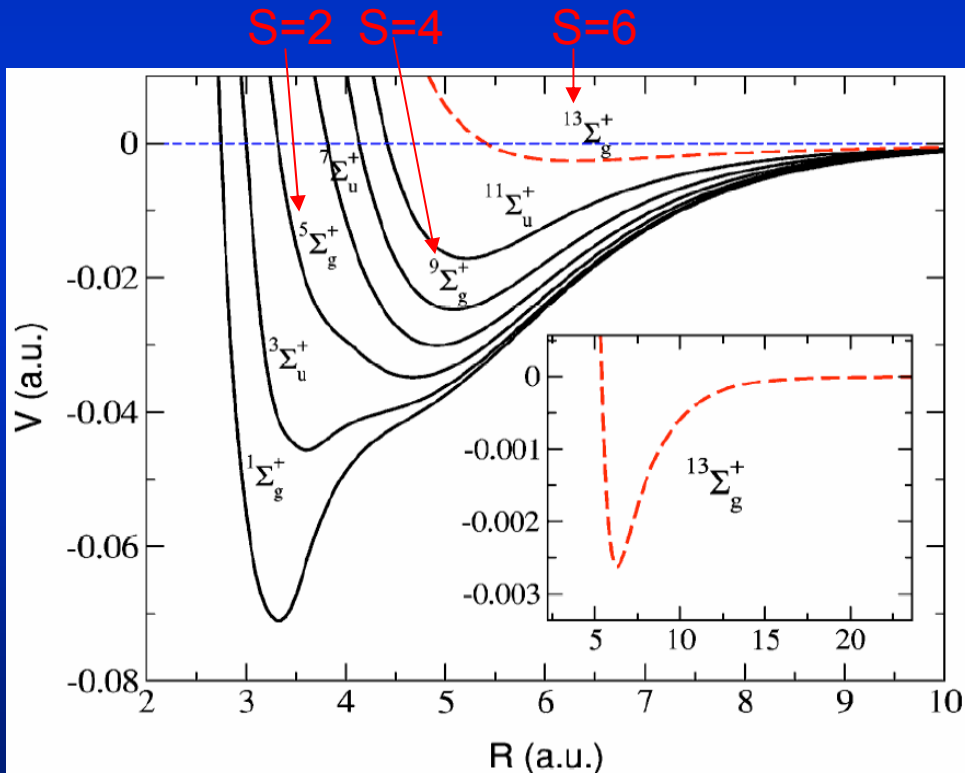
$$\Delta S = 0, \pm 2, \pm 4$$

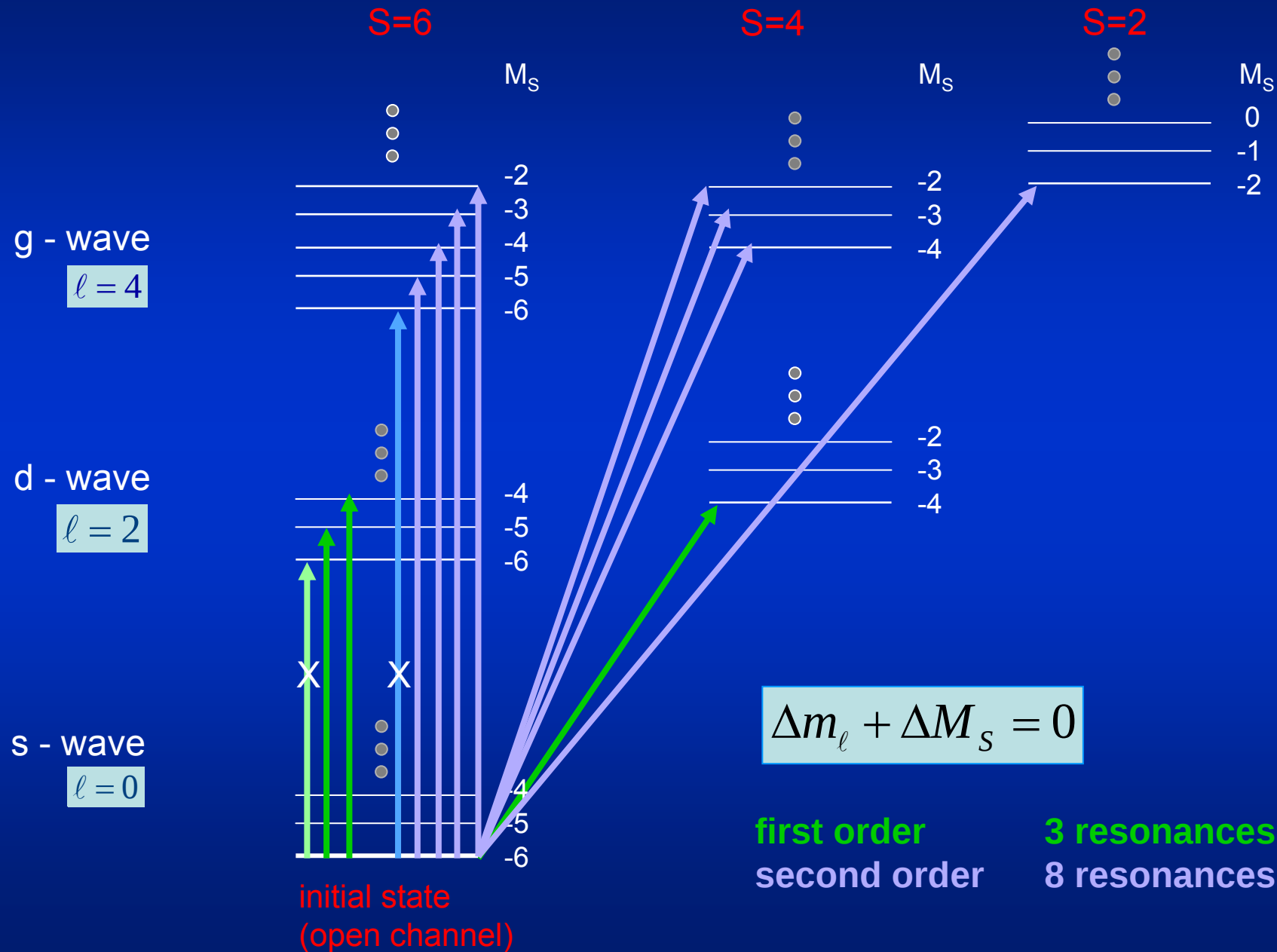
$$\Delta \ell = 0, \pm 2, \pm 4; \Delta m_\ell = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4$$

Momentum conservation:

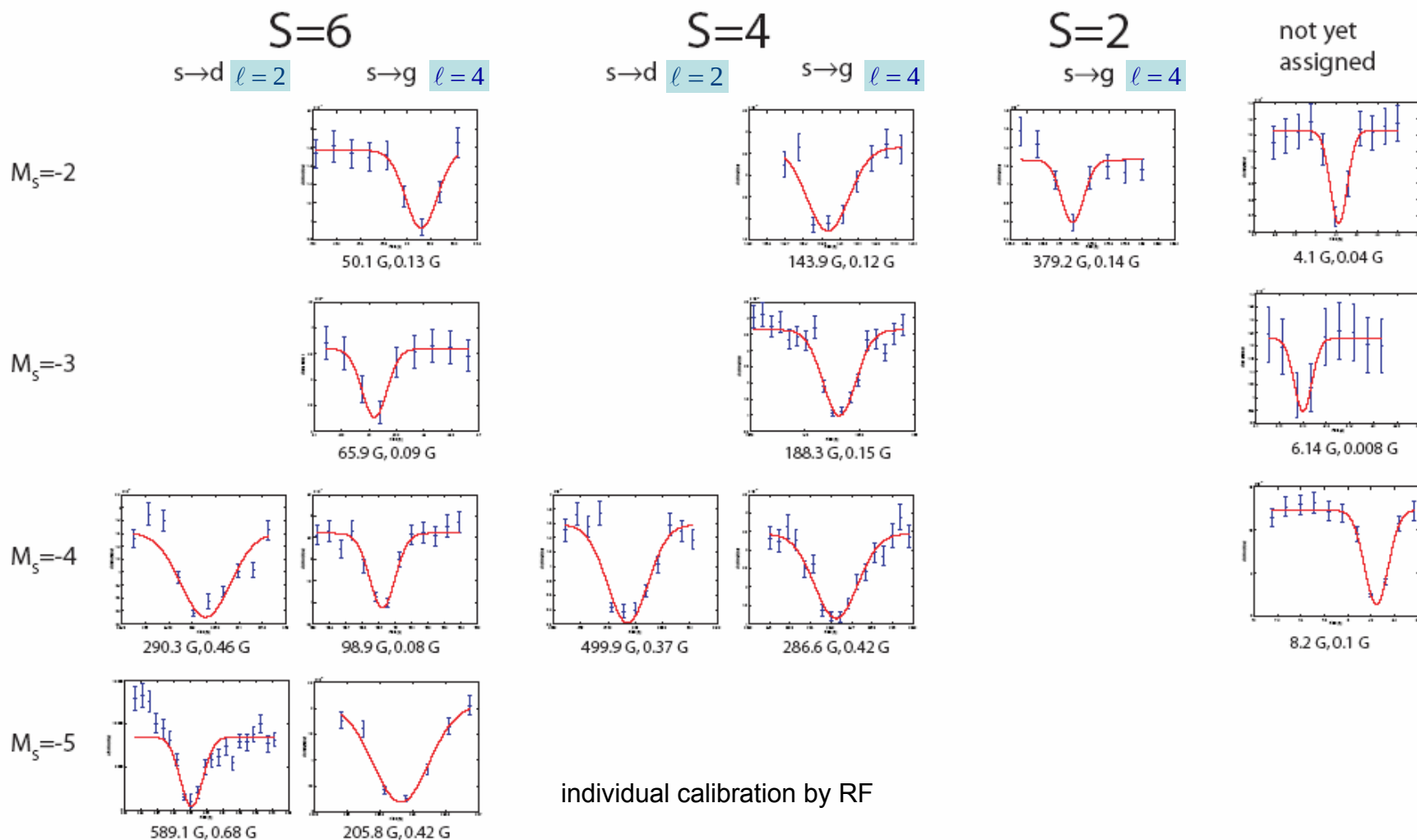
$$\Delta m_\ell + \Delta M_S = 0$$

e.g.





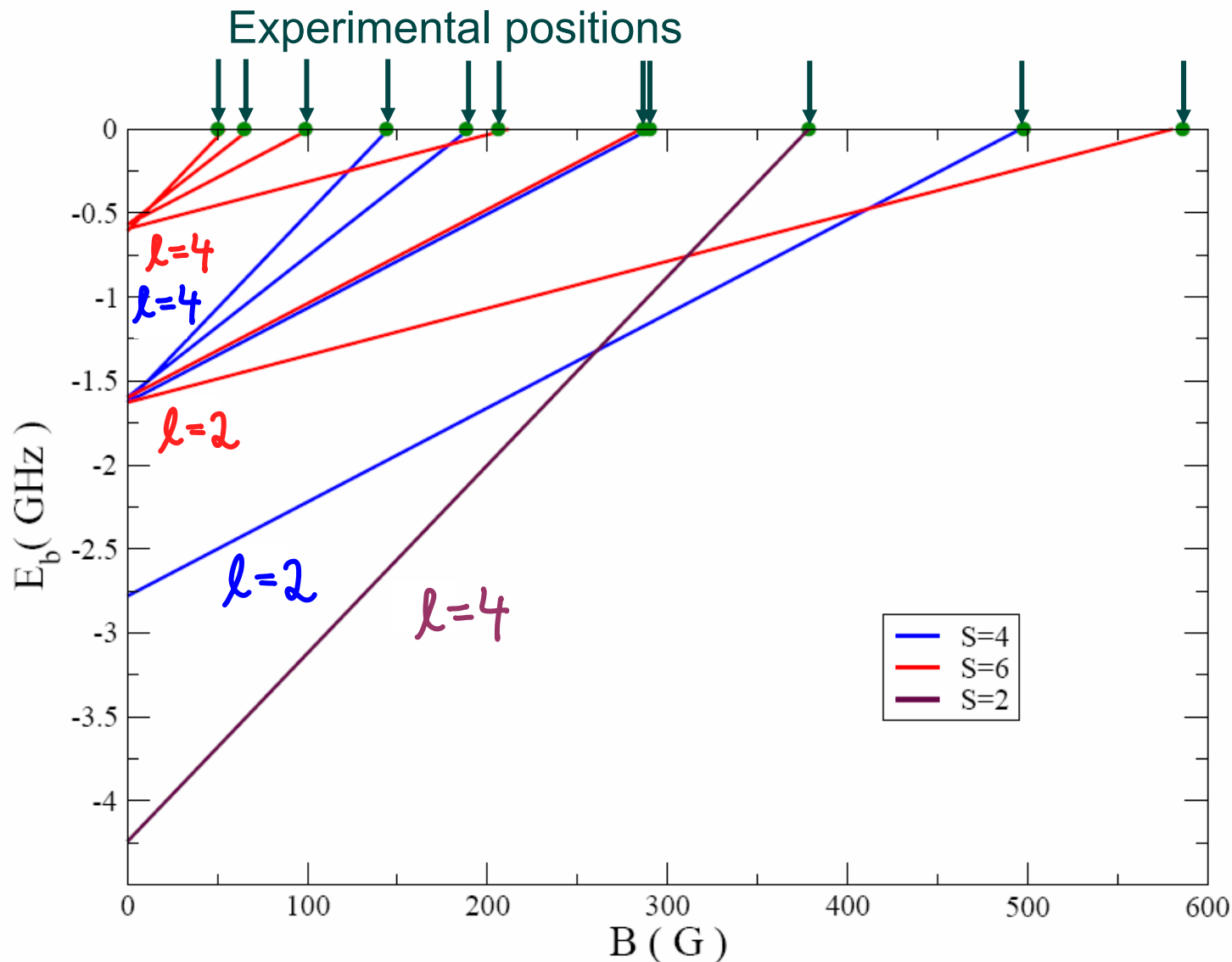
Our 14 resonances



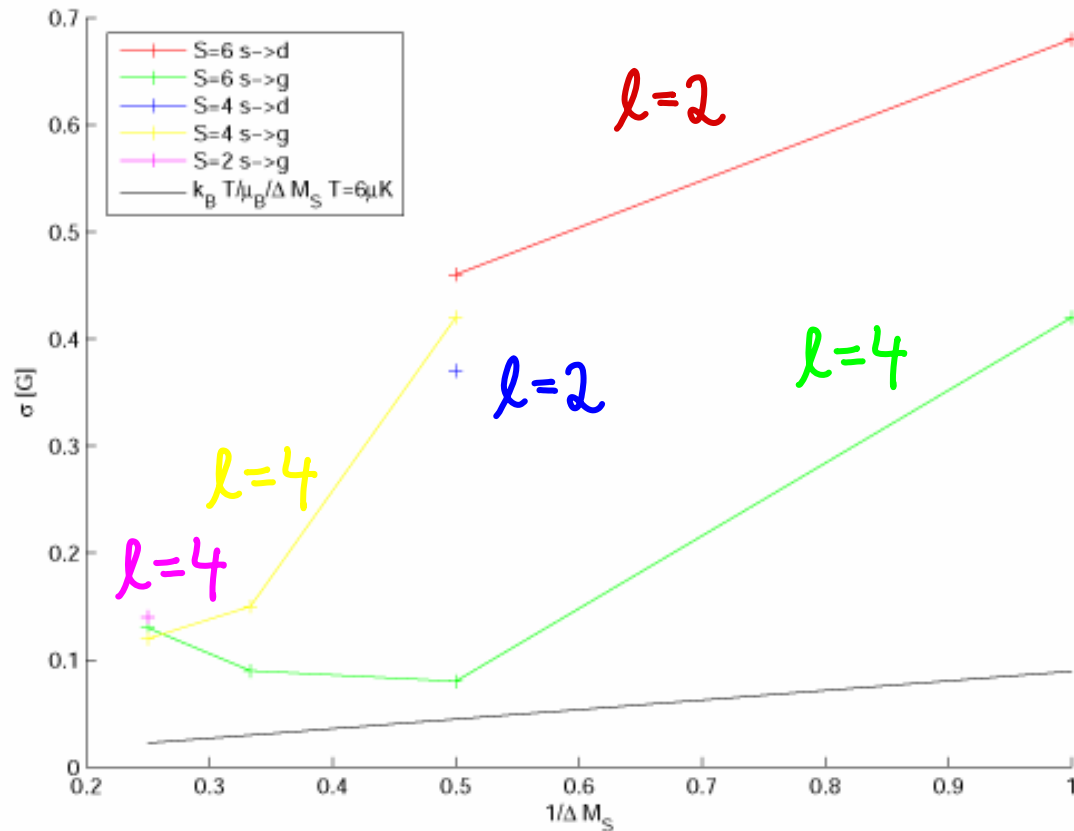
Comparison exp vs. theory (preliminary)

Theory:
A. Simoni
E. Tiesinga
NIST

$a_6 = +105(4) a_0$
 $a_4 = +54(3) a_0$
 $a_2 = -21(9) a_0$
 $C_6 = 798(25) \text{ a.u.}$
 $C_8 < 6 \cdot 10^5 \text{ a.u.}$

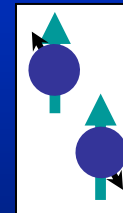
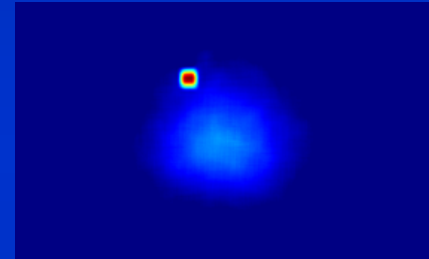
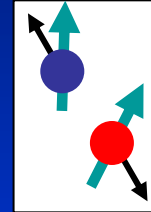


Width vs $1/\Delta M_S$



Status of taming

- dipolar relaxation (pure long range)
- transfer into an ODT
- Optical pumping & evaporation to $\rho \sim 0.5$ @ 250 nK & 10^4 atoms
- 14 Feshbach resonances



Outlook

BEC at last

Tune contact interaction using Feshbach resonances
Tune dipole-dipole interaction using NMR-techniques

(✓)

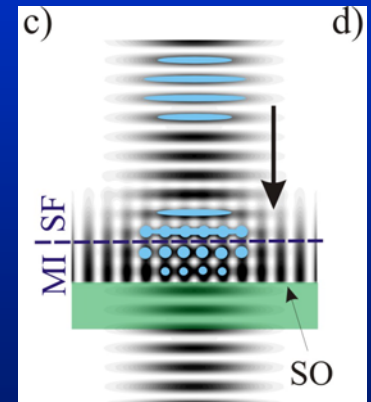
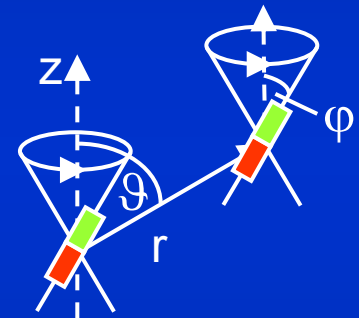
Play the dipolar game (stability, optical lattices, roton, ...)

Cr₂ molecules ($12 \mu_B$)

Continuous loading of magnetic wave guide

Trap fermion

Lithography: controlled single atom deposition



The Dragontamers



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