# **Chilling Tales about Quantum Gases**



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## Quantum Degeneracy in a gas of atoms



and ~ non-interacting

### **Bose-Einstein Condensation (BEC)**







 $= \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_{\rm B} T}} \quad n = \frac{N}{V}$  $n\lambda_{\rm dB}^3 << 1$  $\lambda_{
m dB}$  .

Quantum Phase Space Density

 $n\lambda_{\rm dB}^3 \sim 1$ 



### **Relevant Ultracold Temperatures on the Log Kelvin Scale**



1997 NOBEL

LASER COOLING







Steven Chu Claude Cohen-Tannoudji William D. Phillips "for development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light"

2001 NOBEL BEC



Eric A. Cornell







Carl E. Wieman

"for the achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases of alkali atoms, and for early fundamental studies of the properties of the condensates".



# Laser Cooling???



# "Workhorse" of laser cooling

Atom Source ~ 600 K; UHV environment

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### => COOLING !

(Need a 2 level system)

# **Evaporative Cooling in a Conservative Trap**

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Depth ~ Int/ $\Delta$ ; Heating Rate ~ Int/ $\Delta^2$ 

# Making a Quantum Gas

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# "Knobs" for Quantum Engineering

In ultracold, dilute gases, using e-m fields, can control (relatively) easily

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Temperature & density Dimensionality Magnetization Magnitude & sign of the "charge" Optical crystals (tunnel/on-site), CM models, new systems Chemical structure – form molecules

# **Different Quantum Matters**

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## Quantum degenerate Fermi & Bose Gases

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### Contrast Interferometer with Yb BEC

![](_page_16_Picture_1.jpeg)

–85µm–

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![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

A. Jamison et al. PRA 84, 043643 (2011)

### Photon Recoil for the Fine Structure Constant, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

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Photon Recoil Measurement using Atomic Interferometry (currently x10 worse)

# Precision Measurements of the fine structure constant, $\alpha$

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g/2:  $\alpha$  from measurement of electron  $\mu$  and *complex* QED theory Rb, Cs: Atomic Physics route to  $\alpha$ . (Also 2011 meas. in Rb at 0.7ppb)  $\alpha$  in CM: quantum Hall conductance, Josephson junction frequency  $\alpha$  comparison test of QED, sensitive to hadronic contribs, new physics

> Our Yb BEC route to α: Targeted at < 0.1 ppb. (High source coherence, high symmetry of interferometer)

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# Acceleration by Bloch Oscillation

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### 12 photon recoils

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#### 200 photon recoils observed

## **Bose-Fermi Mixtures**

<sup>4</sup>He-<sup>3</sup>He mixtures. Strong B-F repulsion. B-F superfluid not yet realized

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Several degenerate B-F ultracold gas mixtures: {<sup>7</sup>Li,<sup>23</sup>Na,<sup>85,87</sup>Rb,<sup>41</sup>K,<sup>133</sup>Cs,<sup>174</sup>Yb}-<sup>6</sup>Li {<sup>23</sup>Na,<sup>87</sup>Rb,<sup>41</sup>K}-<sup>40</sup>K 2-isotope Yb, Sr, Dy,Cr; <sup>87</sup>Rb-<sup>173</sup>Yb

Very recently B-F superfluids in atomic systems in <sup>7</sup>Li-<sup>6</sup>Li, <sup>174</sup>Yb-<sup>6</sup>Li, <sup>41</sup>K-<sup>6</sup>Li NEW QUANTUM SYSTEM!

## Strong Interactions in the <sup>6</sup>Li Fermi system

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fermi gas physics; High Tc Fermi superfluid; BEC/BCS crossover across wide Feshbach resonance; Unitary Fermi Gas. Universal Physics

### Li<sub>2</sub> Fermionic Superfluidity

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### <sup>174</sup>Yb-<sup>6</sup>Li Bose-Fermi Dual-Superfluid

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### Characteristics at Unitarity (832G)

$$\begin{split} &\mathsf{N}_{\text{Li}} = 8 x 10^4 \ \text{N}_{\text{Yb}} = 1.1 x 10^5 \\ &\mathsf{T/Tc} < 0.5 \text{ for bosons and fermions} \\ &\mathsf{Dual-superfluid lifetime} \sim 1 \text{ sec} \\ &\text{``Pancake'': } \omega_{\text{Yb}} / 2 \pi = &(26,388,59); \ \omega_{\text{Li}} = 8 \omega_{\text{Yb}} \\ &\mathsf{R}_{\text{Li}} / \mathsf{R}_{\text{Yb}} = 3 \\ &\mathsf{n}_{\text{Li}} = 1.4 x 10^{13} / \text{cm}^3 \text{ , } \mathsf{n}_{\text{Yb}} = 3 x 10^{14} / \text{cm}^3 \\ &\mathsf{Interspecies MF} \sim 0.1 \text{ of } \mu_{\text{B}}, \ \mu_{\text{F}} \end{split}$$

R.J. Roy et al. arXiv:1607.03221 (2016)

### Yb BEC oscillating in Harmonic Trap

BEC of  $5x10^4$  atoms Trap v = (26,388,59) Hz z-Radius = 1µm Chemical potential (µ) = 60nK Speed of sound (vs) = 2.4 mm/s

Dipole (c.m.) oscillation: frequency = 388 Hz, amplitude = 0.5  $\mu$ m, max velocity = 1.3 mm/s << v<sub>crit,BF</sub>

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## Yb BEC oscillating in Li Fermi SF + Harmonic Trap

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 $\omega/2\pi = 381.3(4)$  Hz  $\omega/2\pi = 387.7(3)$  Hz

δω/ω = -1.7(2)%

Mean Field Coupling ~ g  $n_F a_{BF}$ Sign of  $a_{BF}$  is positive Magnitude agrees with MF prediction

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![](_page_28_Figure_5.jpeg)

### Summary & Prospects with Yb-Li

Yb-Li B-F superfluid, Dipole and Scissors Osc. Elastic coupling, angular momentum exchange

Further collective modes, damping, sound, exotic states

Mixed SF Phase Diagram in Optical Lattice

Impurity Probe and Thermometry (ω<sub>Li</sub>/ω<sub>Yb</sub> ~ 8)

Controllable Interspecies Overlap YbLi molecules in a 3D optical lattice

### **UW Ultracold Atoms Lab I**

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2-species Magneto-Optical Trap (Ytterbium and Lithium)

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### **UW Ultracold Atoms Group (summer 2015)**

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Ben Plotkin-Swing Ricky Roy Katie McAlpine Alaina Green Dan Gochnauer Ryan Bowler Arron Potter DG

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