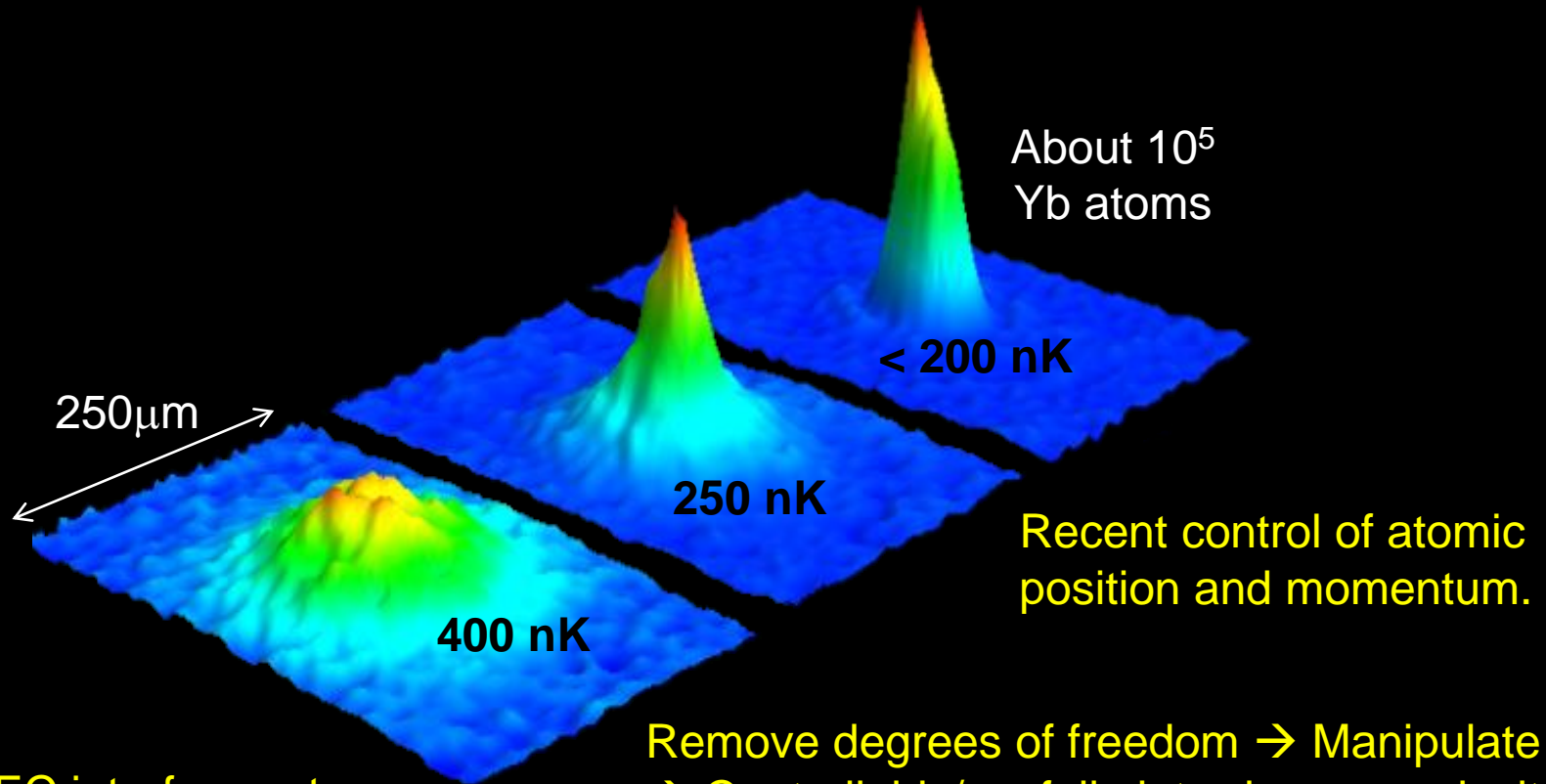


# Ultracold Atoms and Quantum Gases



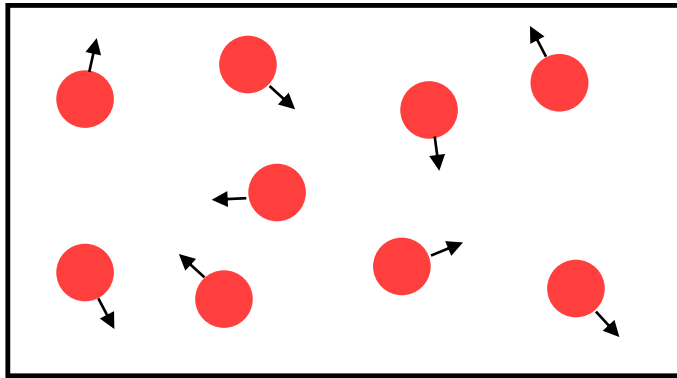
Today:  
Precision BEC interferometry  
Bose-Fermi superfluids

Remove degrees of freedom → Manipulate  
→ Controllably/usefully introduce complexity  
→ Address Q's in AMO, CM, nuclear, particle

Subhadeep Gupta  
UW NSF-INT Phys REU, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

# Quantum Degeneracy in a gas of atoms

1 atom per quantum state



$N$  atoms  
 $V$  volume  
 $T$  temperature

$$(\Delta x)^3 \sim V$$

$$(\Delta p)^3 \sim (m k_B T)^{3/2}$$

$$\text{Number of atoms} = \frac{(\text{available position space}) (\text{available momentum space})}{h^3}$$

Quantum Phase  
Space Density

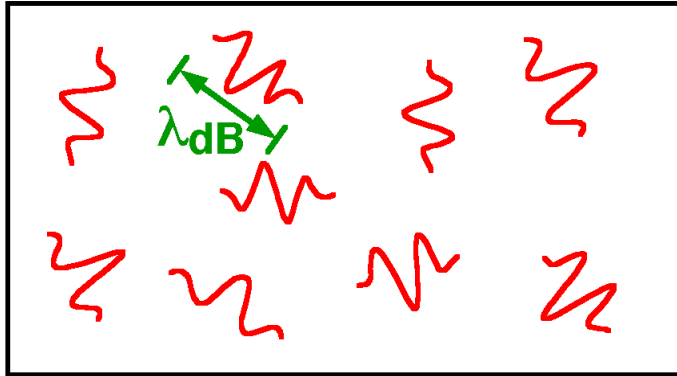
$$\frac{n h^3}{(m k_B T)^{3/2}} \sim 1 \quad (n=N/V)$$

Air  $n \sim 10^{19}/\text{cm}^3$ ,  $T_c \sim 1\text{mK}$   
 Stuff  $n \sim 10^{22}/\text{cm}^3$ ,  $T_c \sim 0.1\text{K}$   
 Everything (except He) is solid

Dilute metastable gases  $n \sim 10^{14}/\text{cm}^3$   
 $T_c \sim 1\mu\text{K}$  !! **Ultracold** !!

and ~ non-interacting

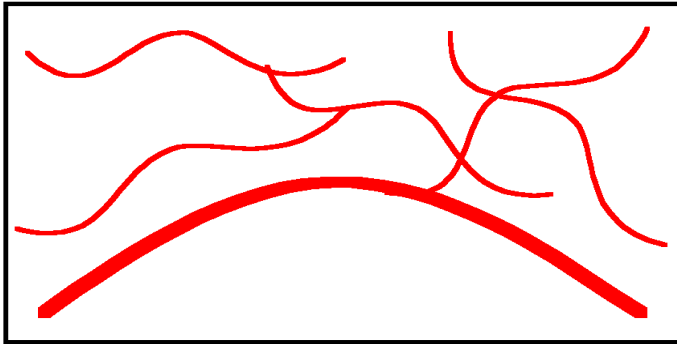
# Bose-Einstein Condensation (BEC)



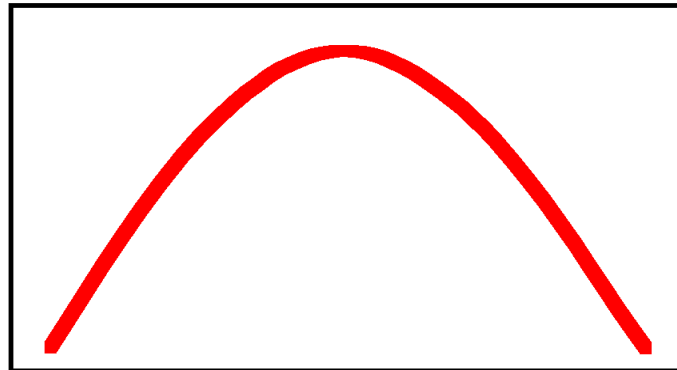
$$\lambda_{dB} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}} \quad n = \frac{N}{V}$$

$$n\lambda_{dB}^3 \ll 1$$

Quantum Phase  
Space Density

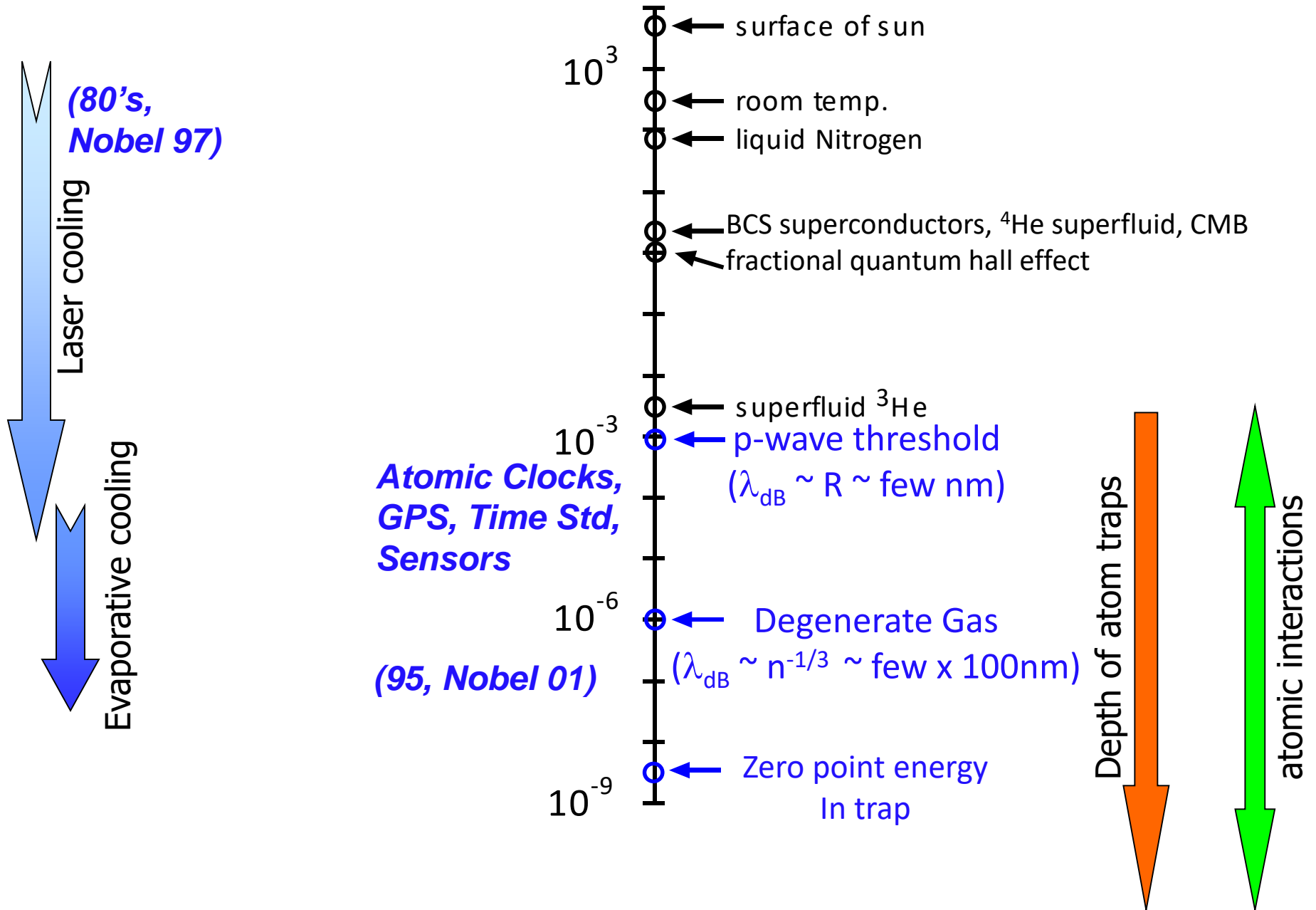


$$n\lambda_{dB}^3 \sim 1$$



$$n\lambda_{dB}^3 \gg 1$$

# Relevant Ultracold Temperatures on the Log Kelvin Scale



**1997  
NOBEL**

**LASER  
COOLING**



Steven Chu



Claude Cohen-Tannoudji



William D. Phillips

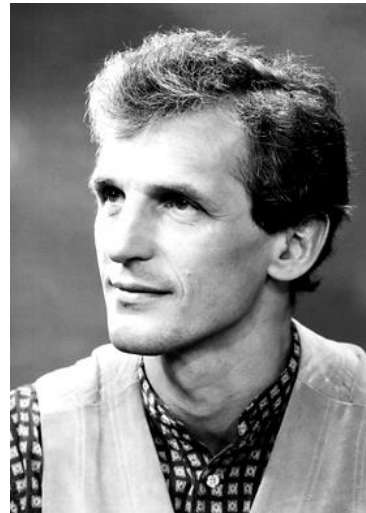
*"for development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light"*

**2001  
NOBEL**

**BEC**



Eric A. Cornell



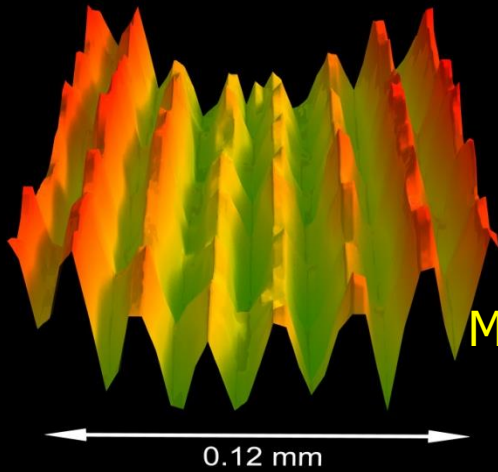
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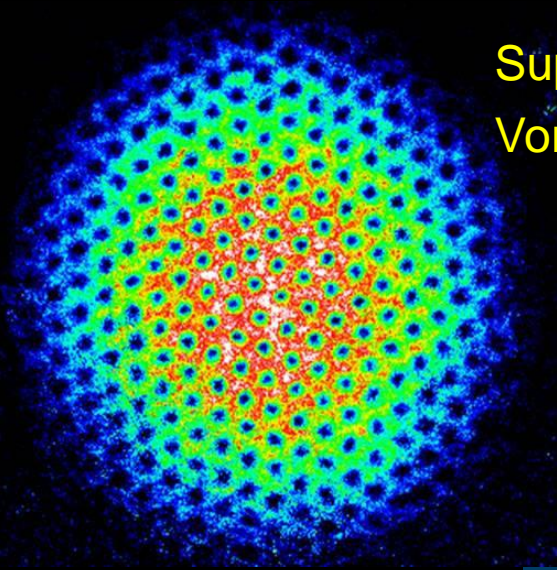
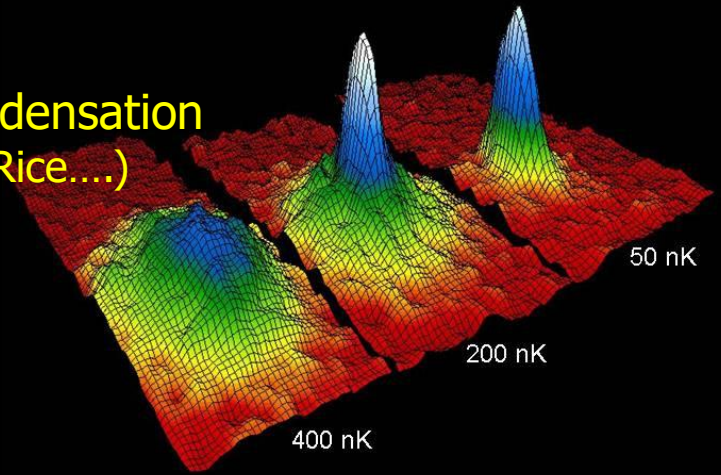
*"for the achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases of alkali atoms, and for early fundamental studies of the properties of the condensates".*

# Some major achievements in ultracold atomic physics



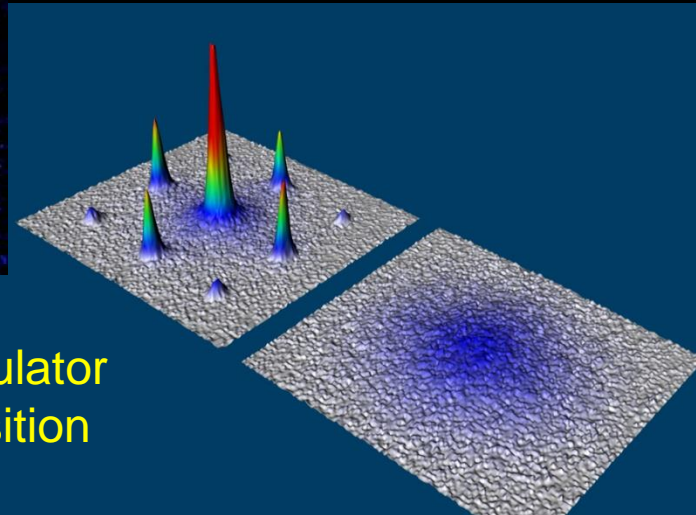
Macroscopic coherence  
(97: MIT,...)

Bose-Einstein condensation  
(95: JILA, MIT, Rice....)



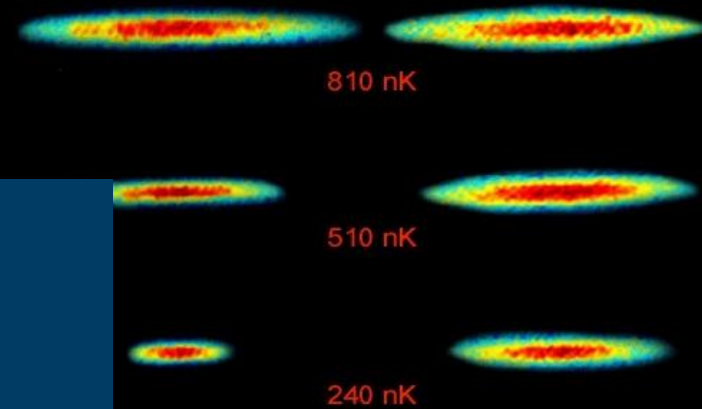
Superfluidity,  
Vortex lattice

Superfluid to Mott-insulator  
quantum phase transition  
(02: Munich,.....)



Bosons

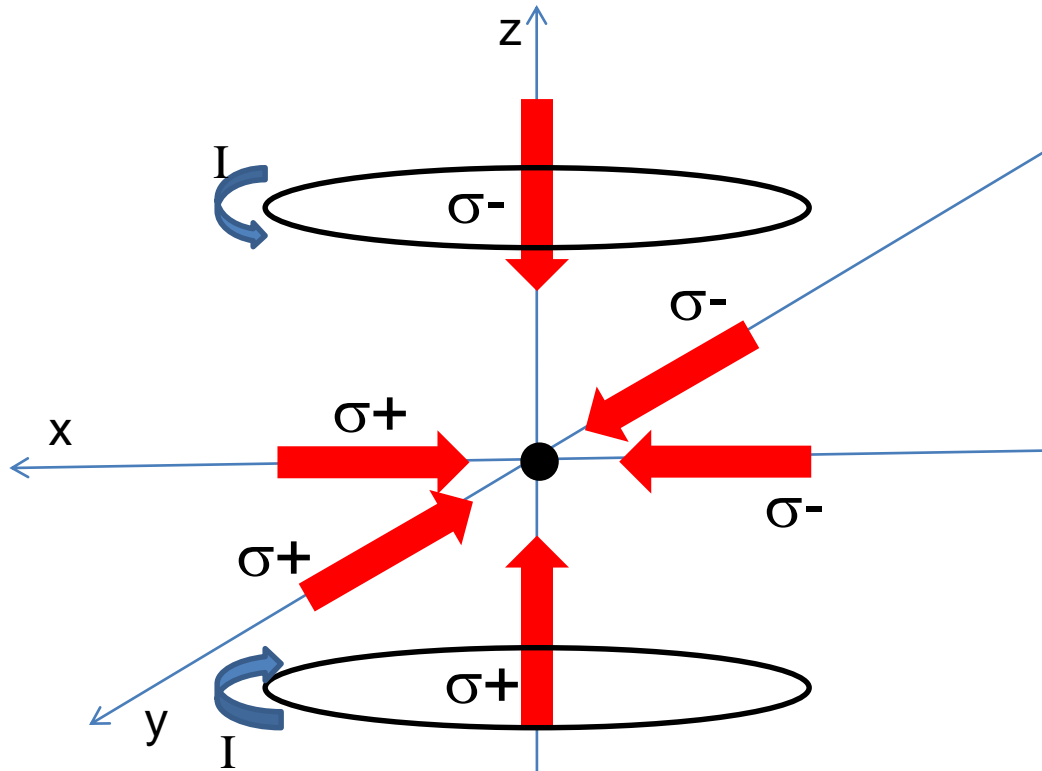
Fermions



Degenerate Fermi gas  
(99: JILA, Rice, ENS,  
Duke, MIT, Innsbruck, ....)

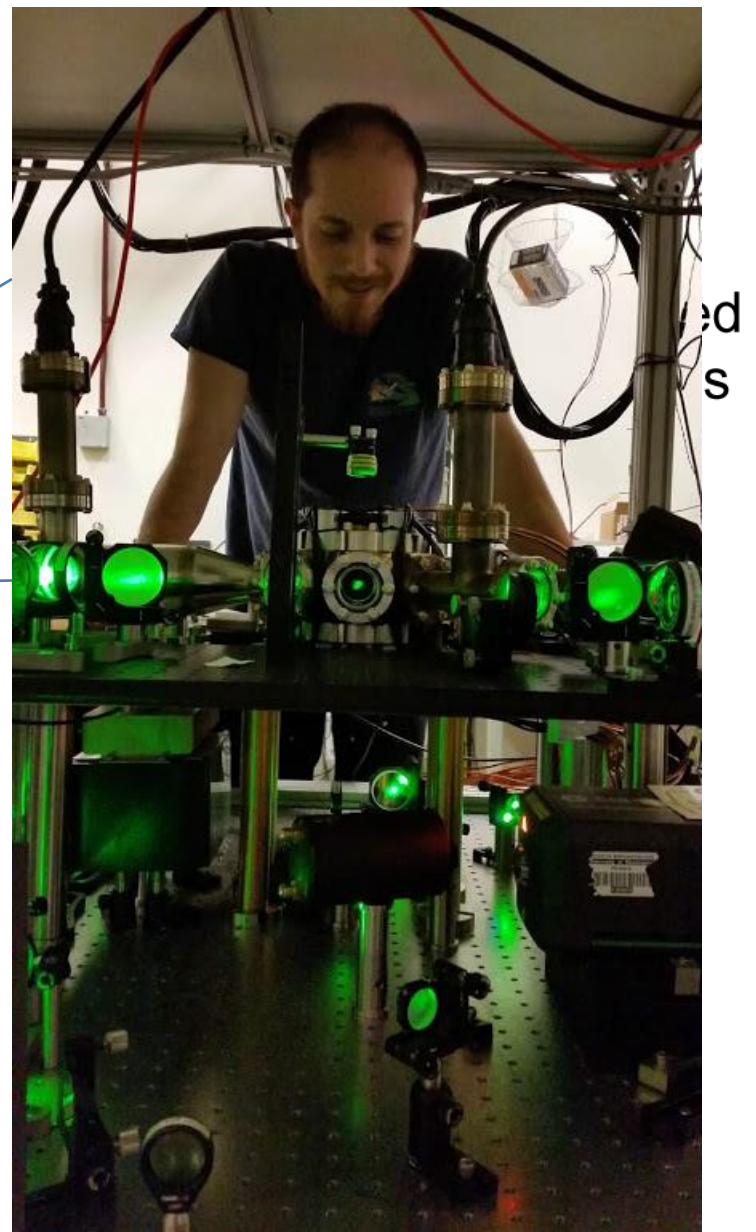
# Laser Cooling???

# Laser Cooling



**Magneto-Optical Trap (MOT)**  
“Workhorse” of laser cooling

Atom Source ~ 600 K; UHV environment

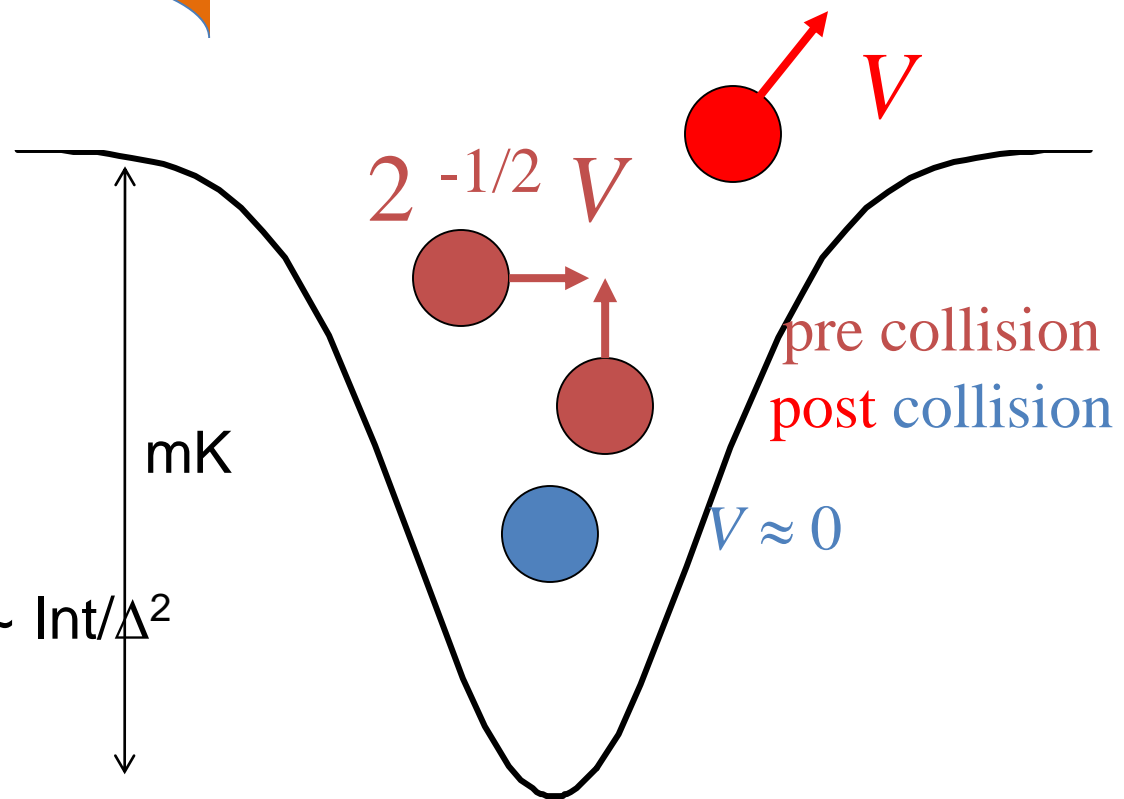
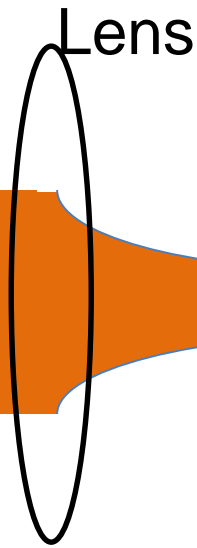


=> COOLING !

(Need a 2 level system)



# Evaporative Cooling in a Conservative Trap

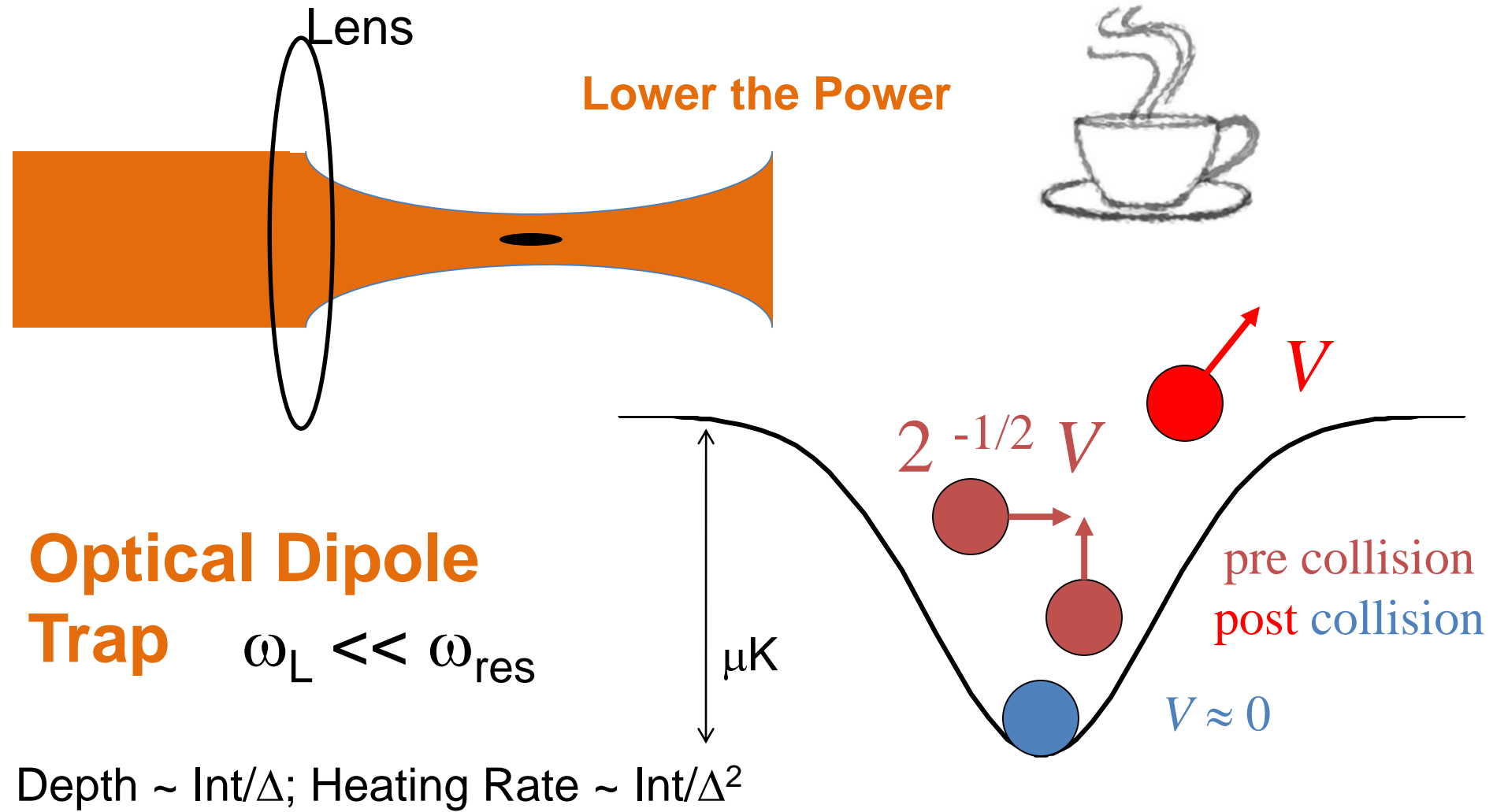


**Optical Dipole Trap**

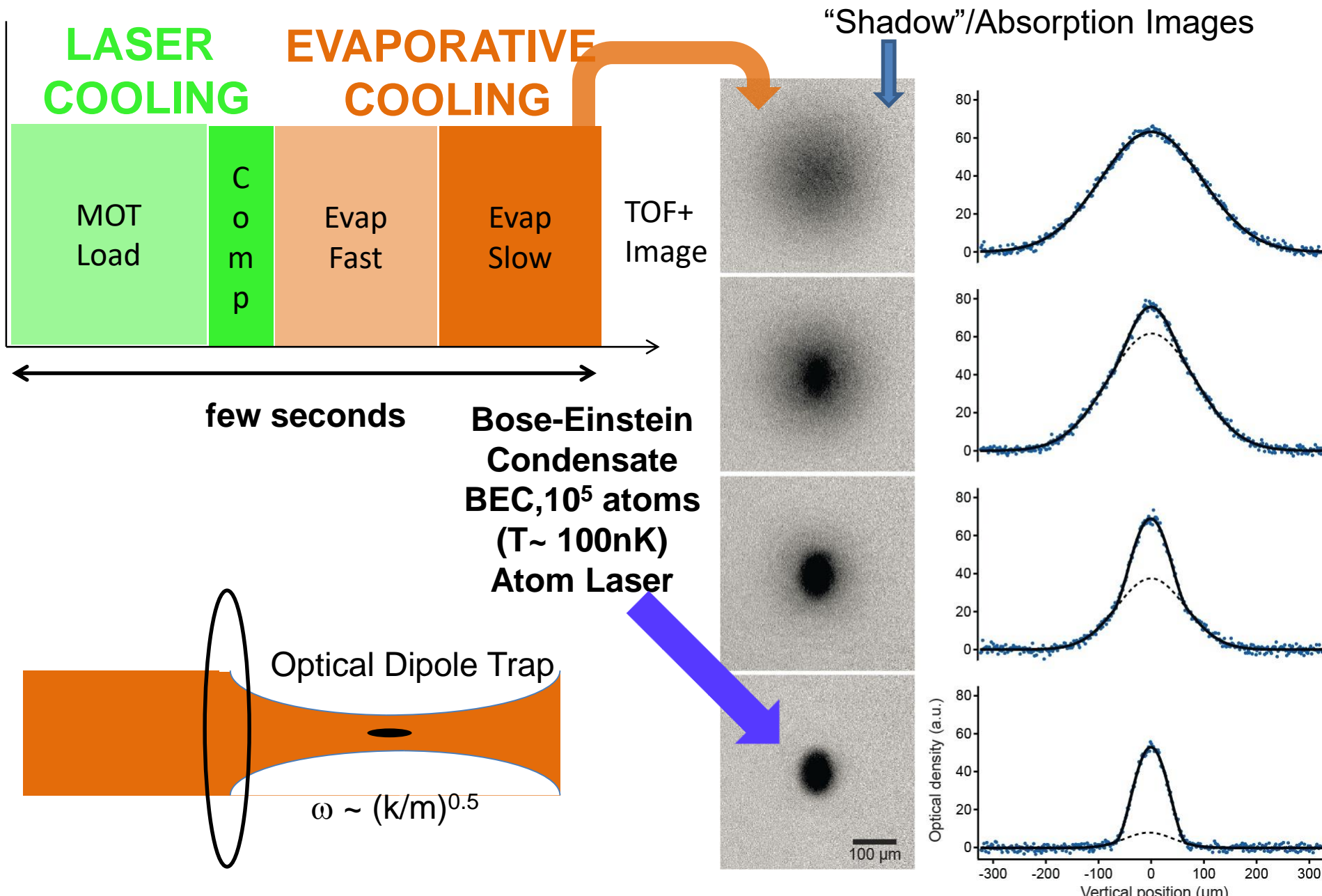
$$\omega_L \ll \omega_{\text{res}}$$

Depth  $\sim \text{Int}/\Delta$ ; Heating Rate  $\sim \text{Int}/\Delta^2$

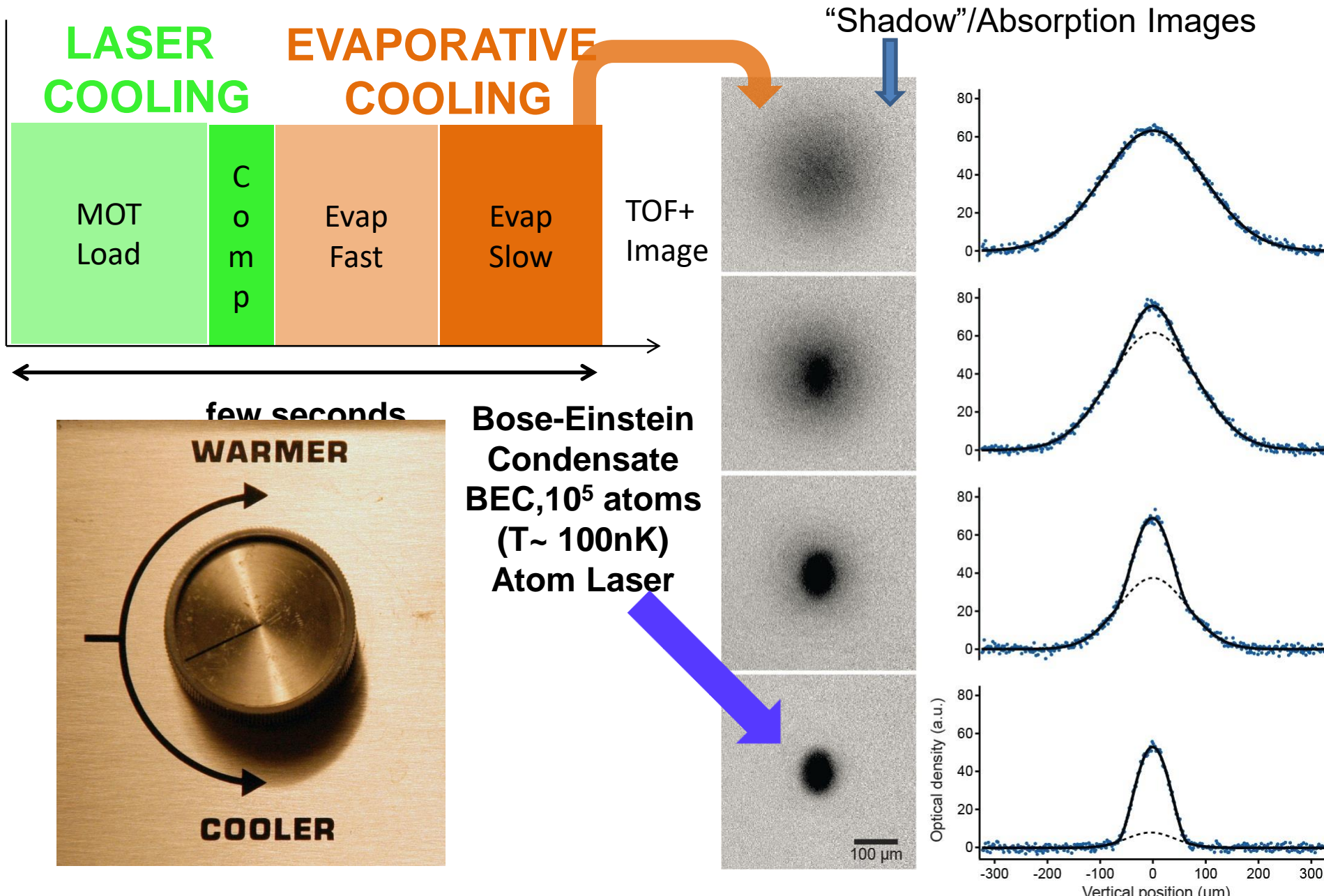
# Evaporative Cooling in a Conservative Trap



# Making a Quantum Gas



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# “Knobs” for Quantum Engineering

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

Temperature & density

Dimensionality

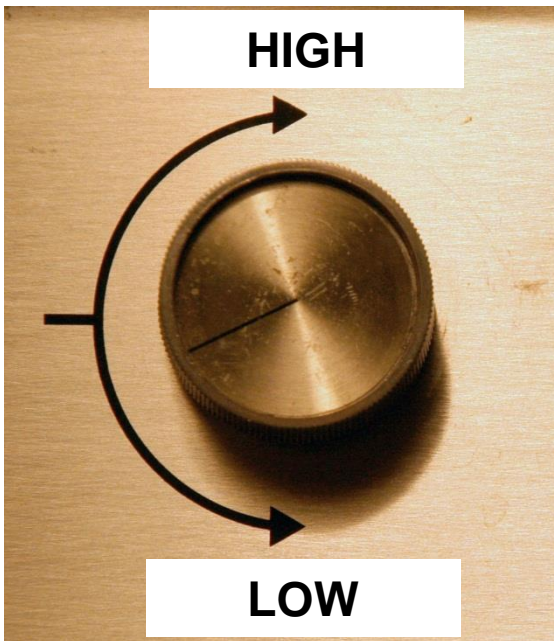
Magnetization

Magnitude & sign of the “charge”

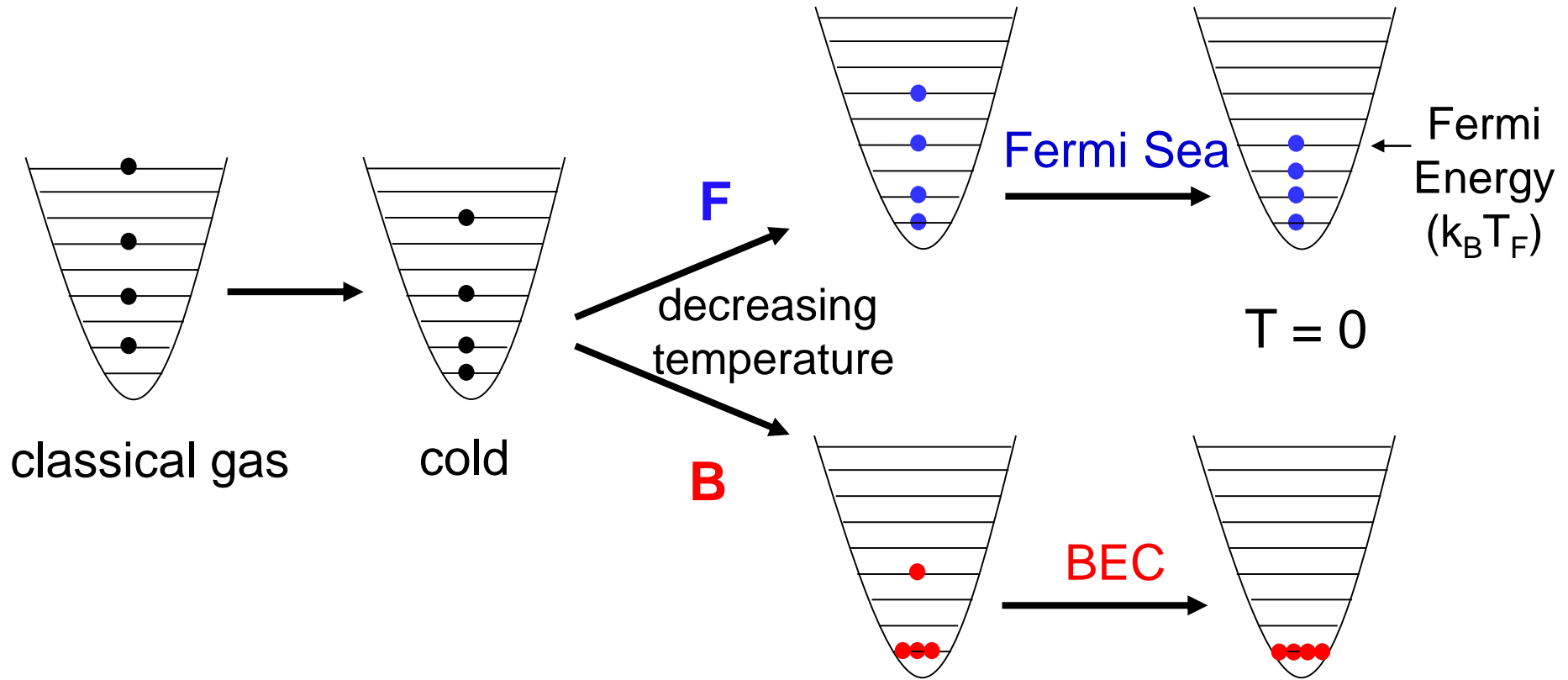
Optical crystals (tunnel/on-site),

CM models, new systems

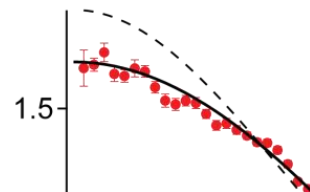
Chemical structure – form molecules



# Different Quantum Matters



# Quantum degenerate Fermi & Bose Gases

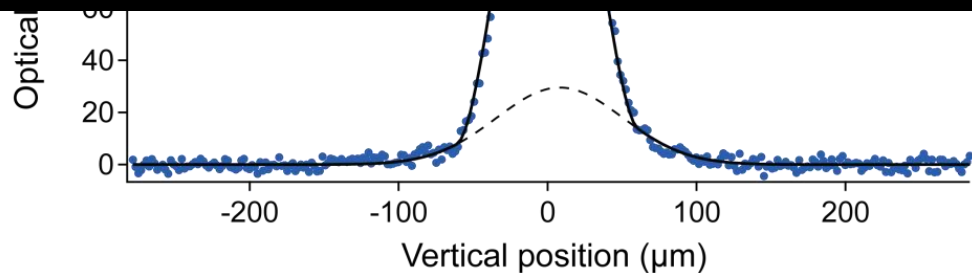
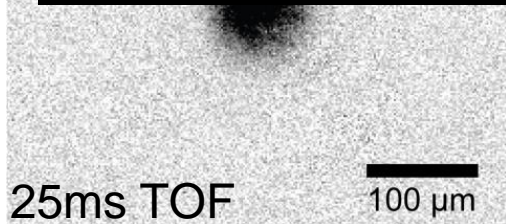


$3 \times 10^5$   ${}^6\text{Li}$  fermions  
at  $T/T_F = 0.07$

Ultracold Atoms Group @ UW

1 Theme I: Ultracold Mixtures and Molecules  
Quantum Simulation

Theme II: BEC (Atom Laser) Interferometry  
Fundamental Tests



# Optical Standing Wave Diffraction of BEC





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$-6 \hbar k$

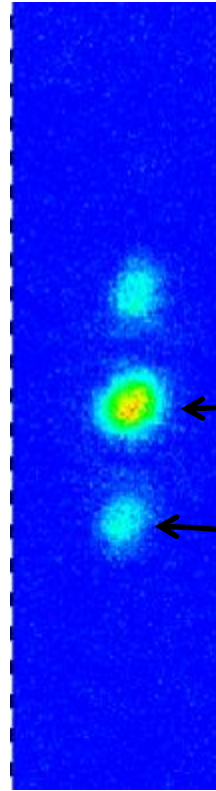
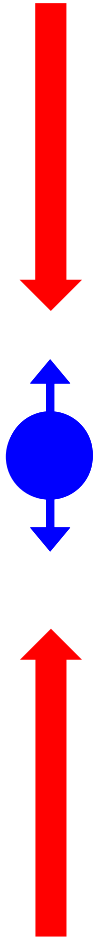
$-4 \hbar k$

$-2 \hbar k$

$+2 \hbar k$

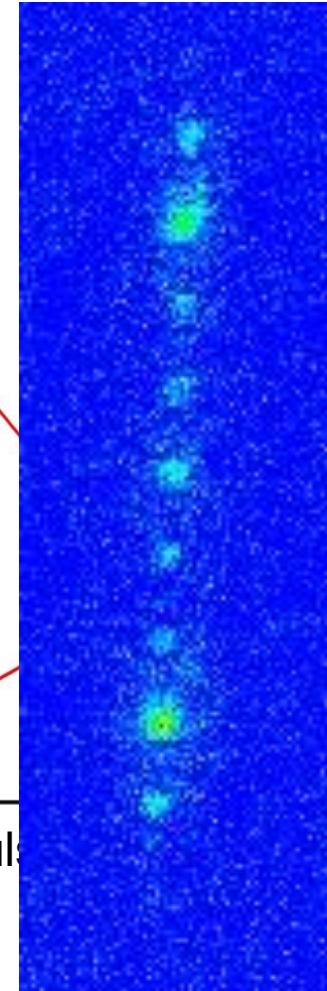
$+4 \hbar k$

$+6 \hbar k$



Population Fraction

Pulse



Lots more light

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

0.008 ppb: hydrogen spectroscopy  
(Udem et al., 1997; Schwob et al., 1999)

~ 0.1 ppb: penning trap mass spec.  
(Bradley et al., 1999, Ed Myers 2012)

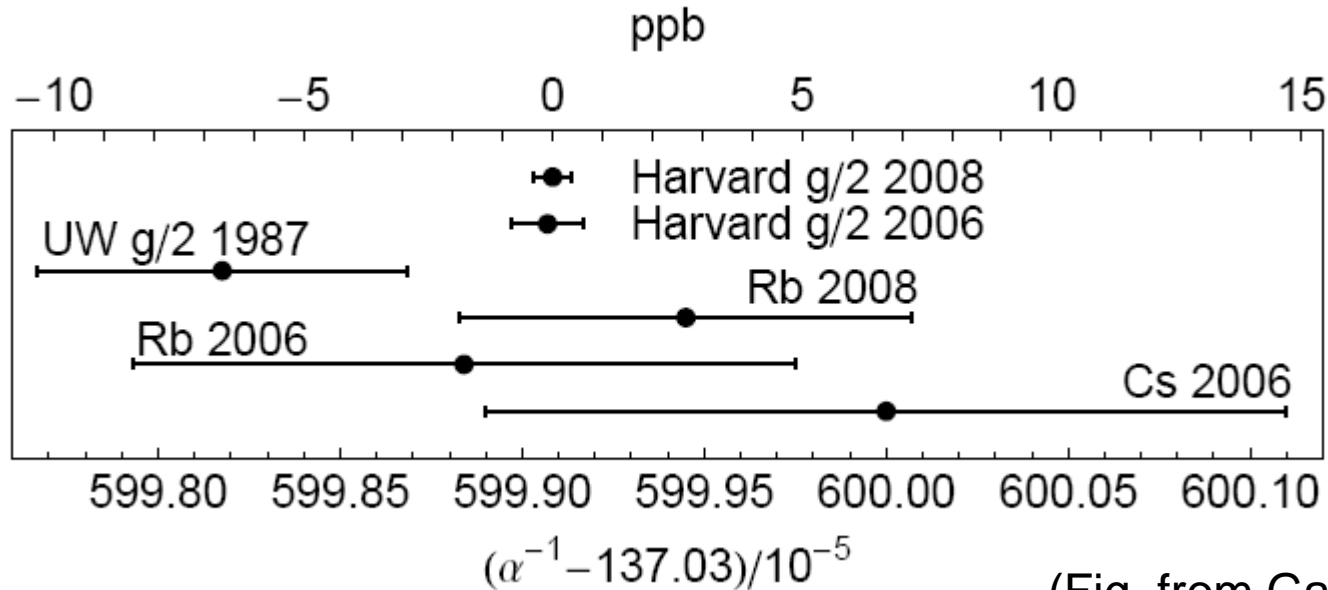
$$\alpha^2 = \left( \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \right)^2 = \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{h}{m_e} = \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{M}{M_e} \frac{h}{m}$$

0.03 ppb: penning trap mass spec.  
(Sturm et al., 2014)

$$\omega_{\text{rec}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{m} k^2$$

Photon Recoil Measurement  
using Atomic Interferometry  
(currently x10 worse)

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



(Fig. from Gabrielse, 2009)

$g/2$ :  $\alpha$  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

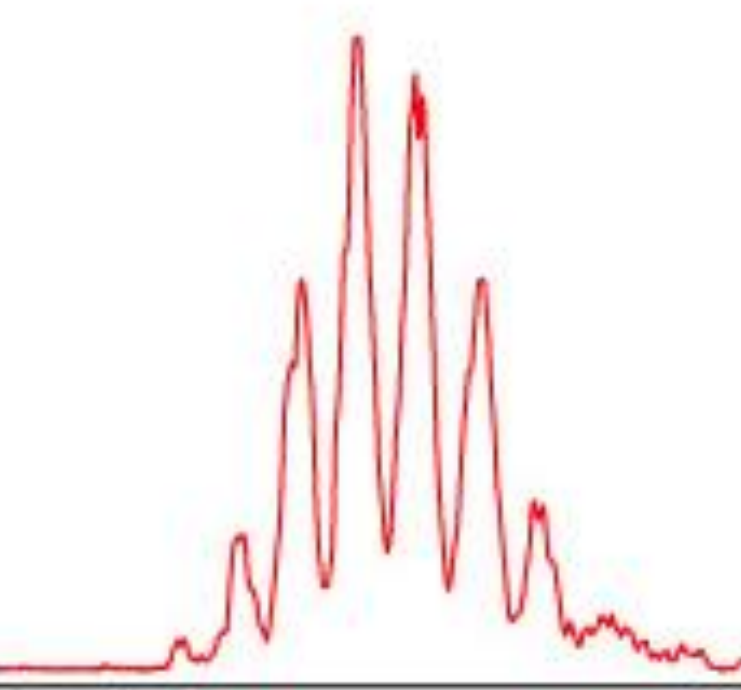
$\alpha$  comparison test of QED, sensitive to hadronic contriibs, new physics

**Our Yb BEC route to  $\alpha$ : Targeted at < 0.1 ppb.**

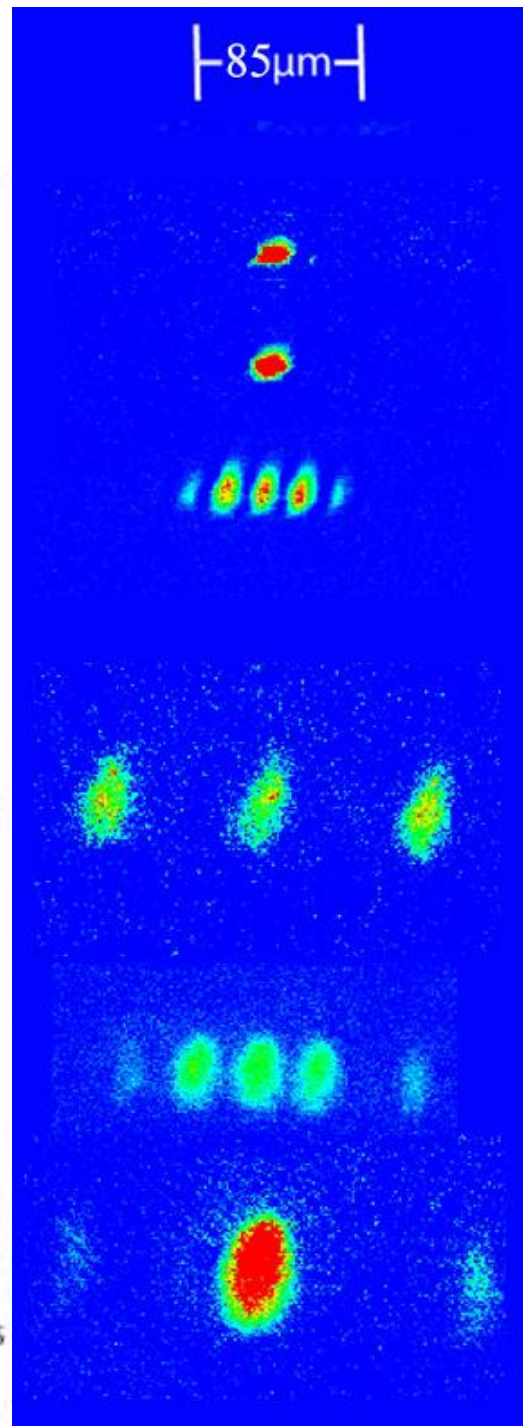
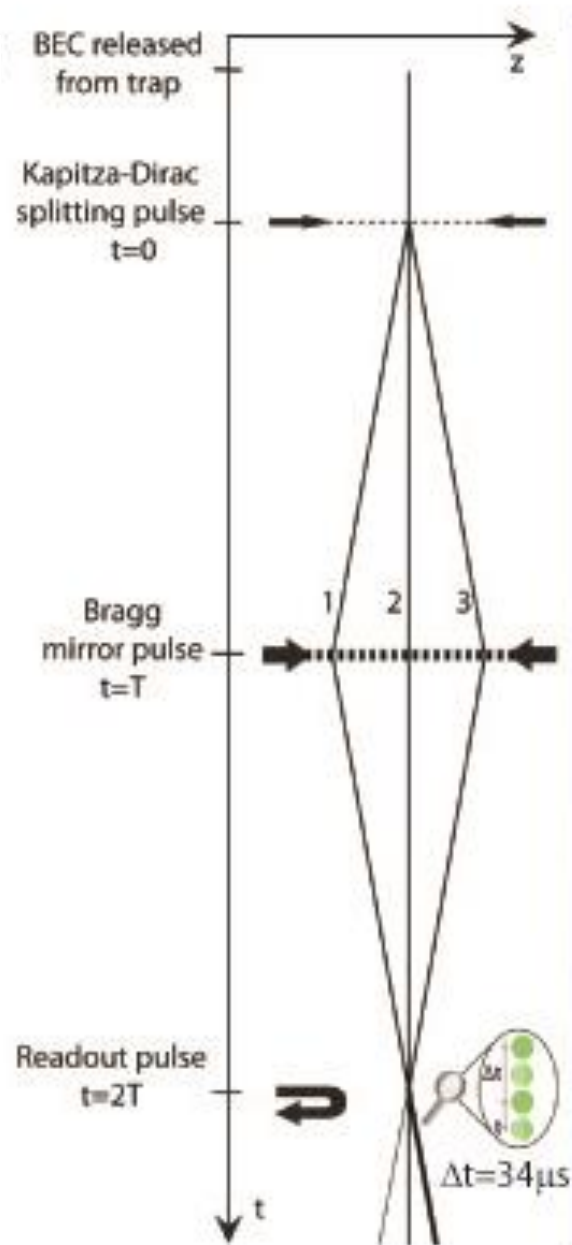
(High source coherence, high symmetry of interferometer)

# Contrast Interferometer with Yb BEC

**Contrast Signal**  
 **$T=11\text{ms}$**   
 **$34\mu\text{s}$  period**

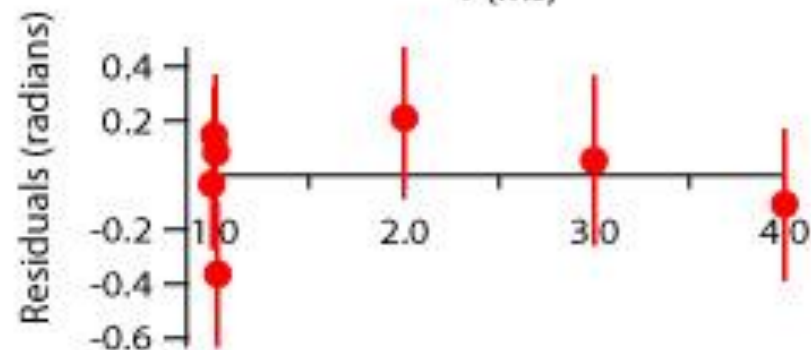
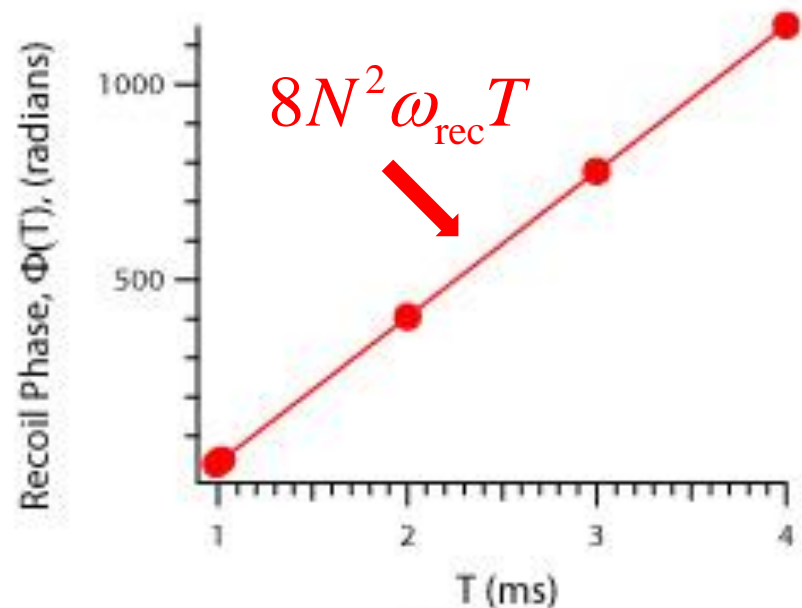
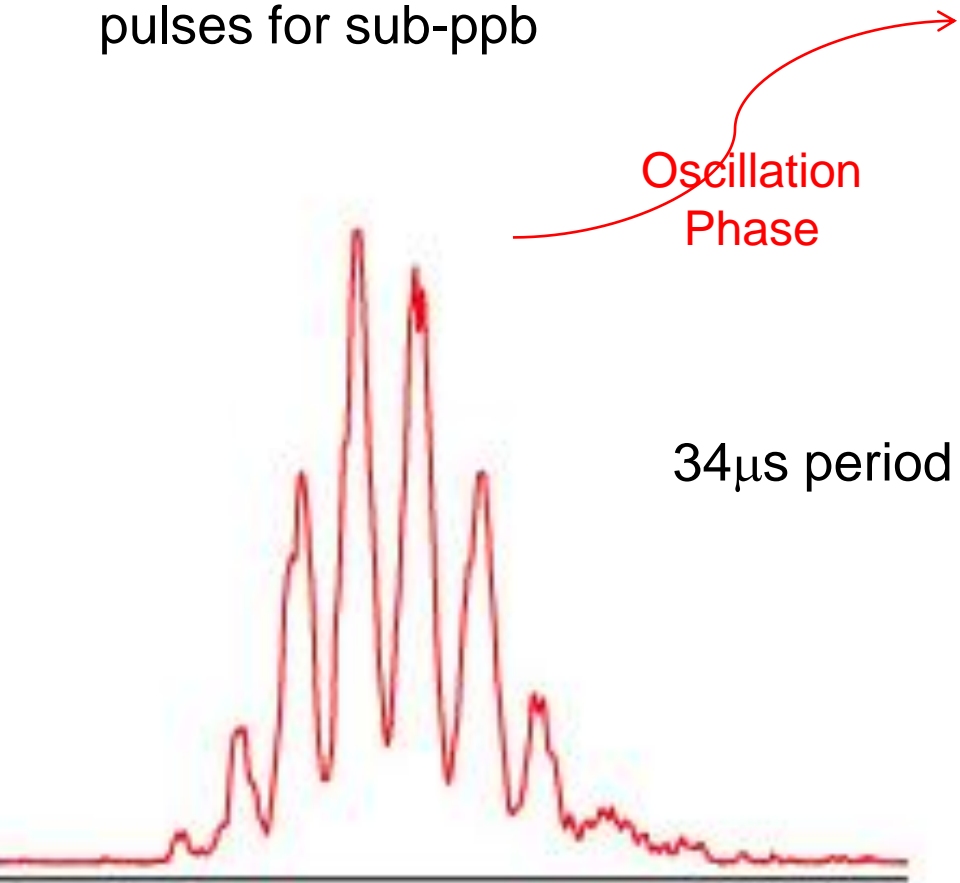


Time



# Contrast Interferometer with Yb BEC

“Acceleration”  
pulses for sub-ppb

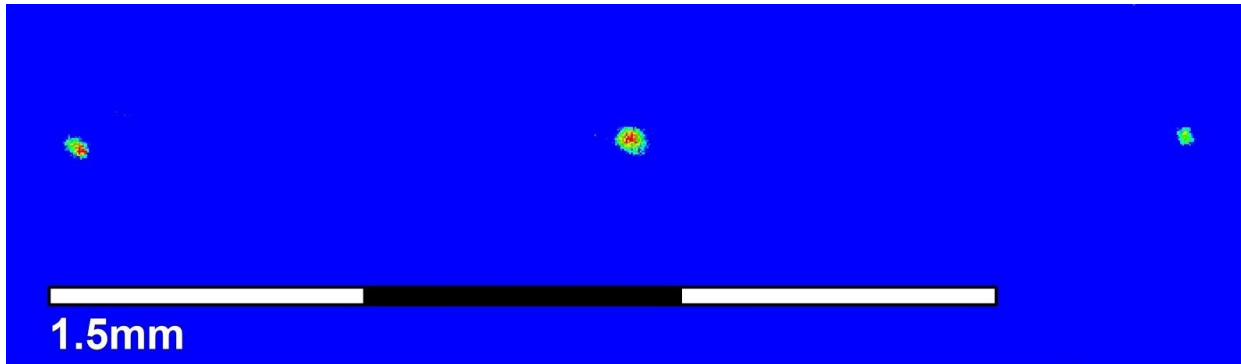


A. Jamison et al. PRA **90**, 063606 (2014)

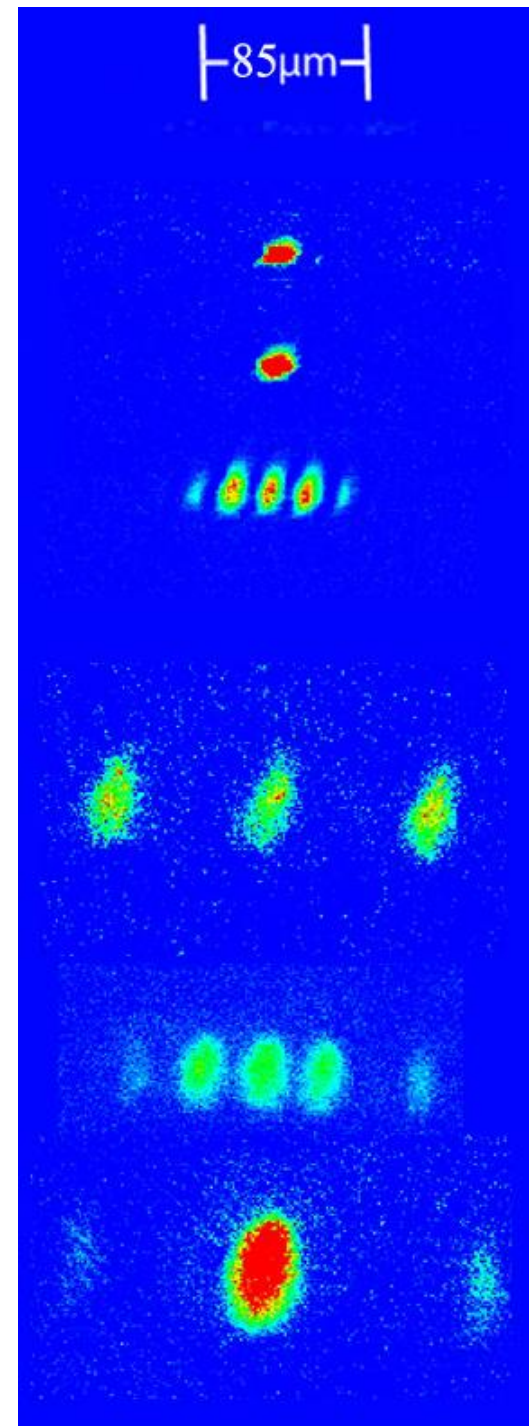
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# “Large Area” Contrast Interferometry

$N = 19$

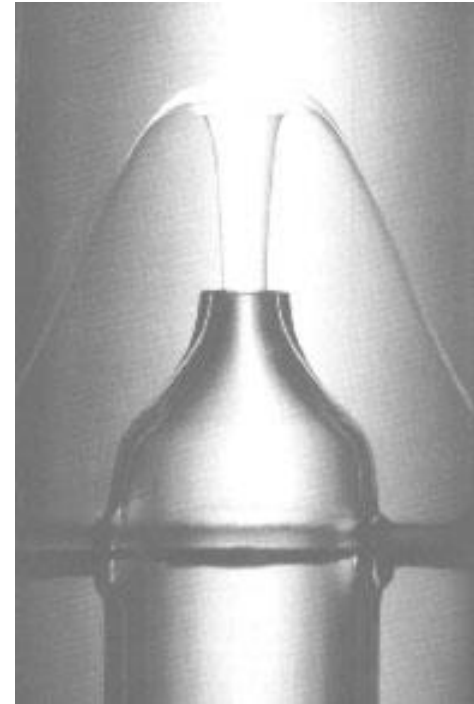
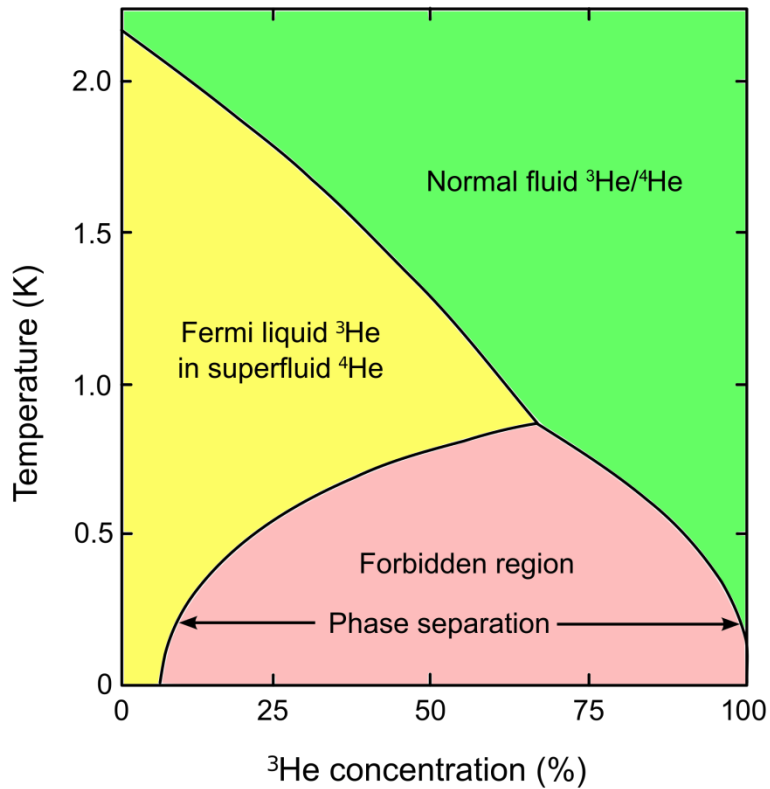


$N = 1$



# Bose-Fermi Mixtures

$^4\text{He}$ - $^3\text{He}$  mixtures.  
Strong B-F repulsion.  
B-F superfluid not yet realized

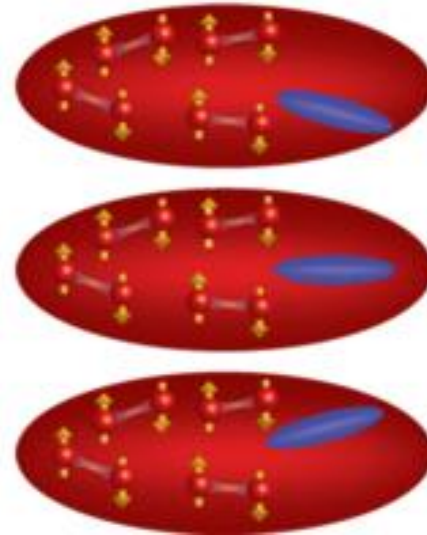
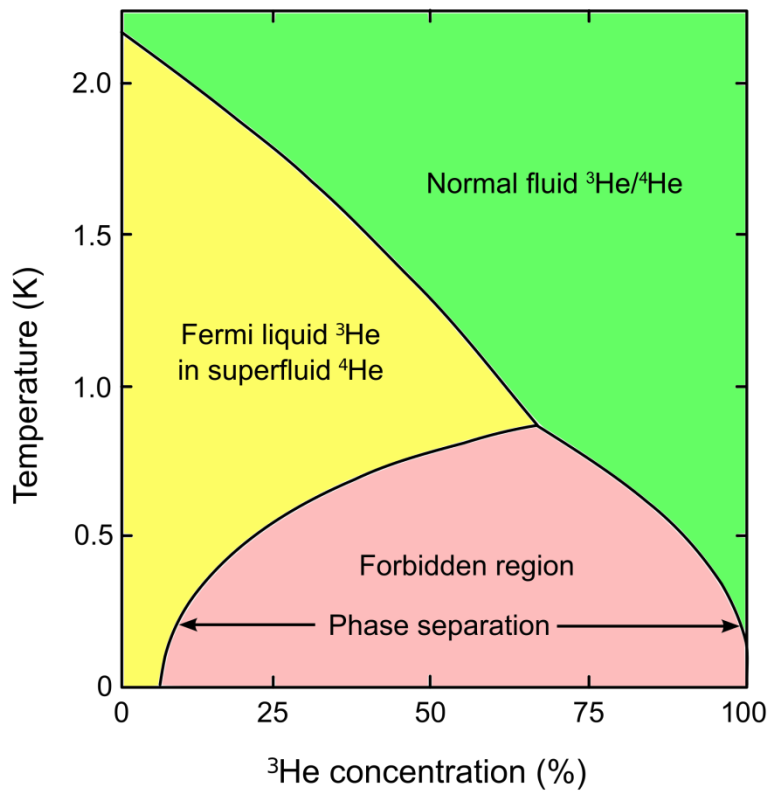


$^4\text{He}$ - $^3\text{He}$  double-SF challenging.  
Experimental pursuit continues.  
Theoretical work since 70's:  
Dissipation-free drag (Andreev '75)  
Higher sound modes  
Exotic States (Stringari '16)

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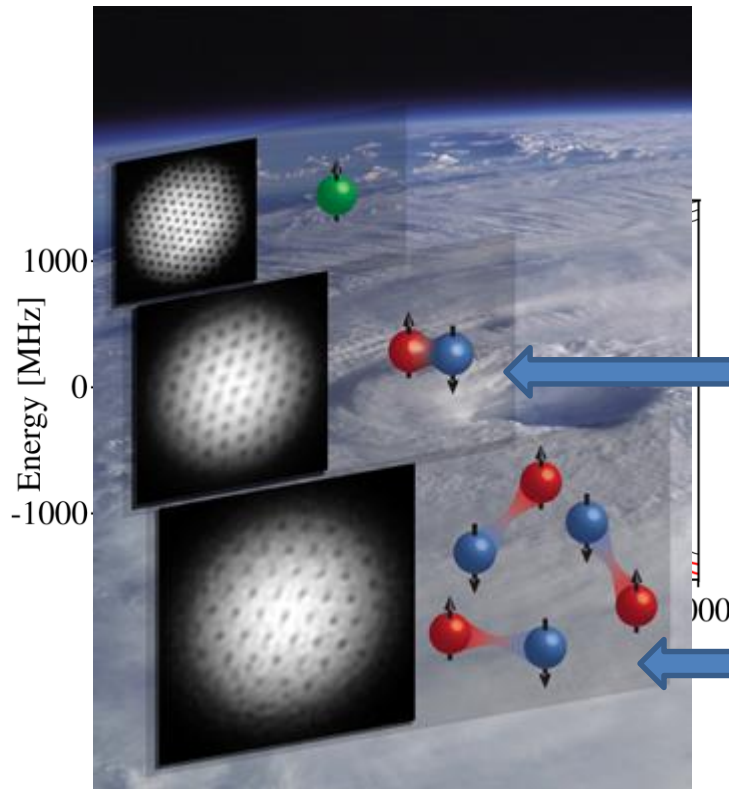
Very recently B-F superfluids in atomic systems in  $^7\text{Li}$ - $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^{174}\text{Yb}$ - $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^{41}\text{K}$ - $^6\text{Li}$   
**NEW QUANTUM SYSTEM!**



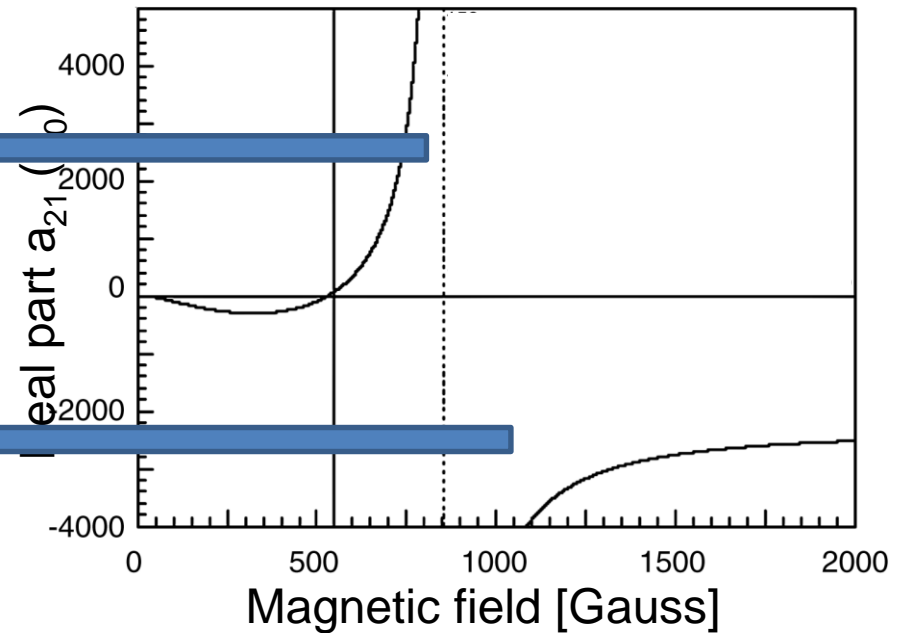
R.J. Roy et al. Phys Rev Lett **118**, 055301 (2017)



# Strong Interactions in the ${}^6\text{Li}$ Fermi system

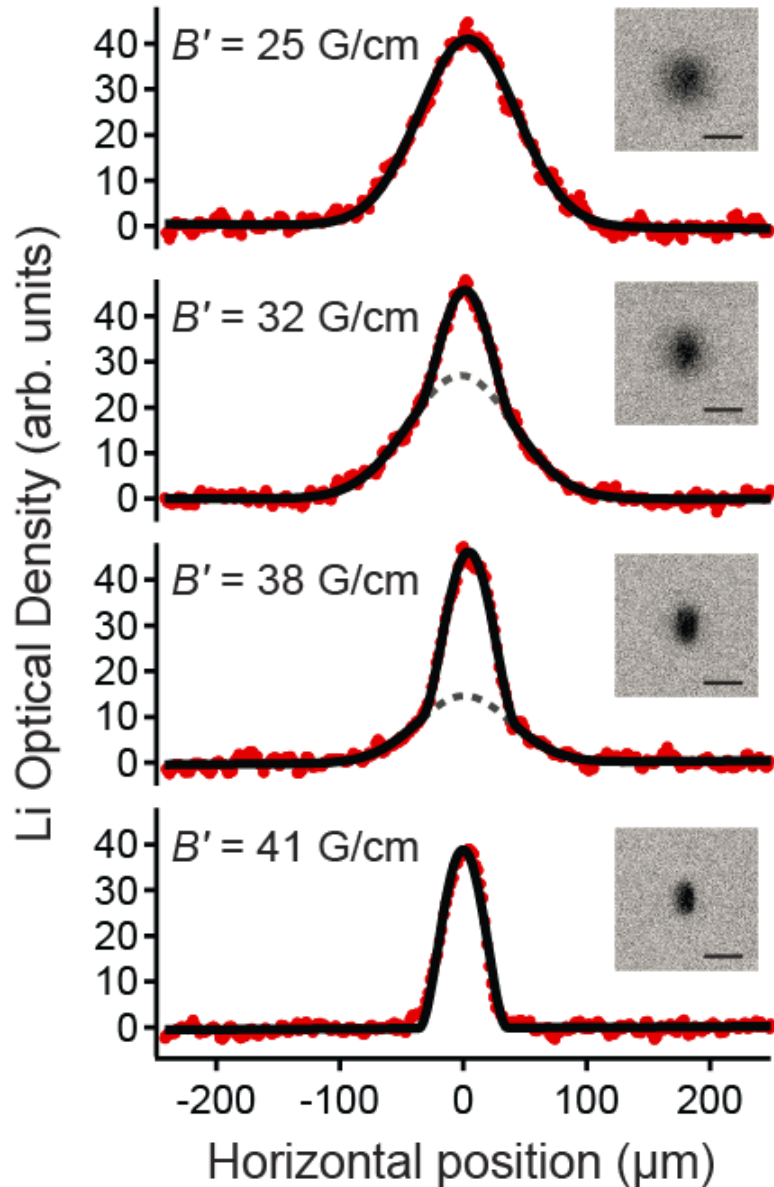


## Magnetic Feshbach Resonance (MFR)

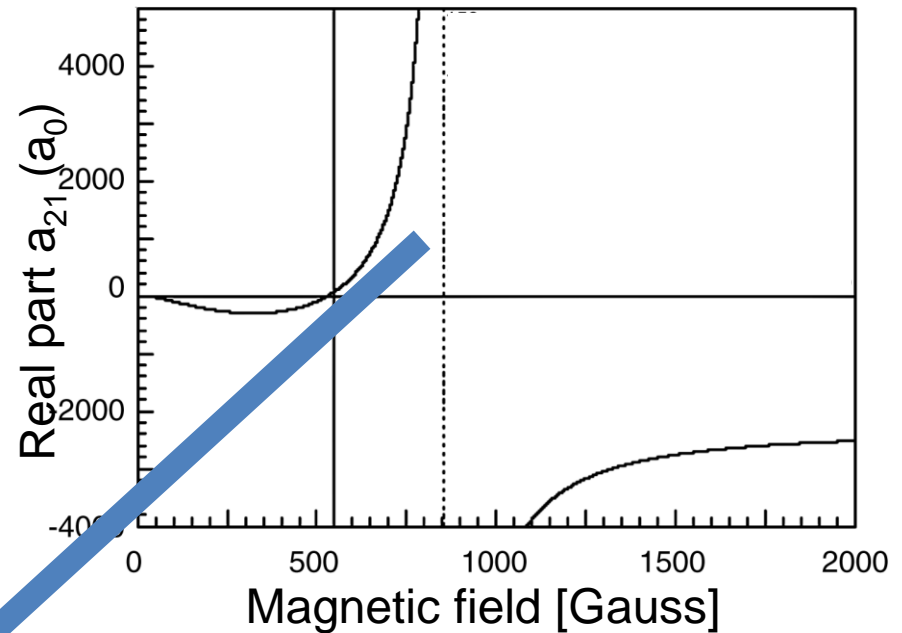


**Fermi gas physics; High  $T_c$  Fermi superfluid;  
BEC/BCS crossover across wide Feshbach resonance;  
Unitary Fermi Gas. Universal Physics**

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

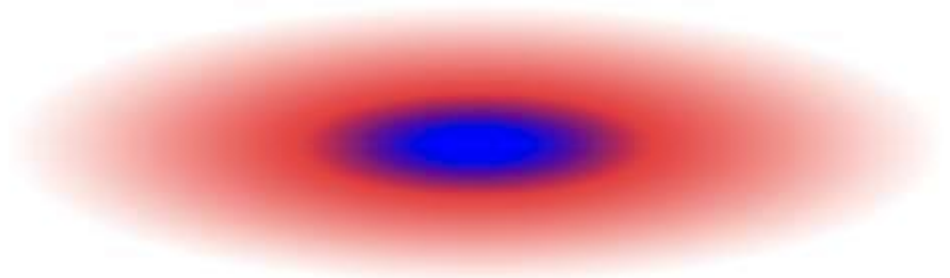
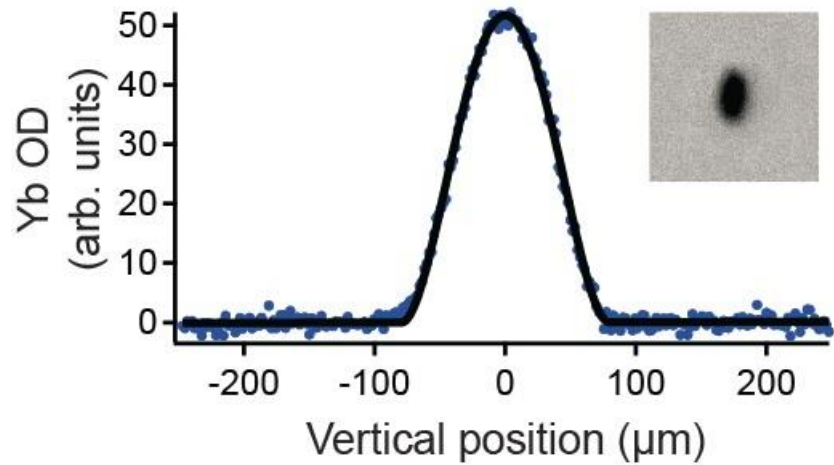
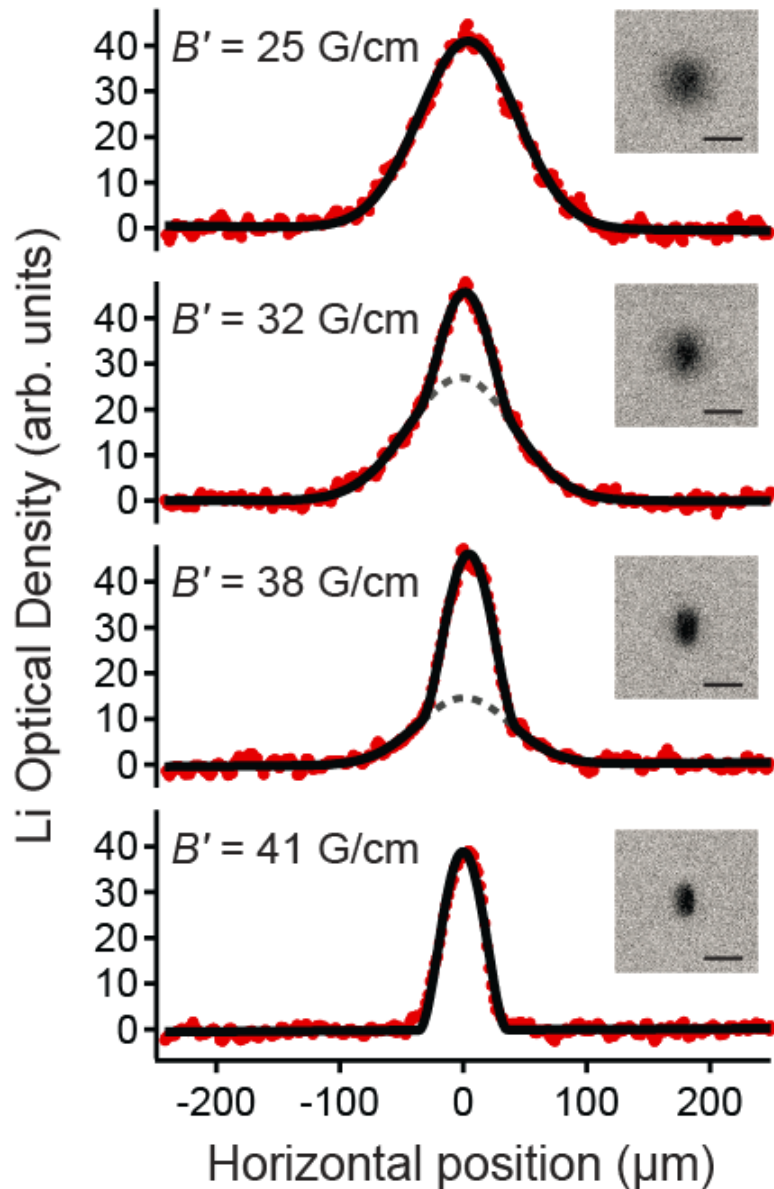


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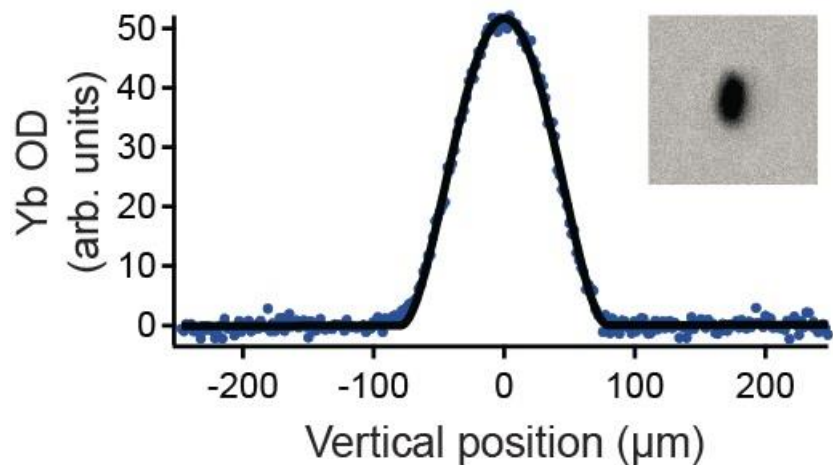
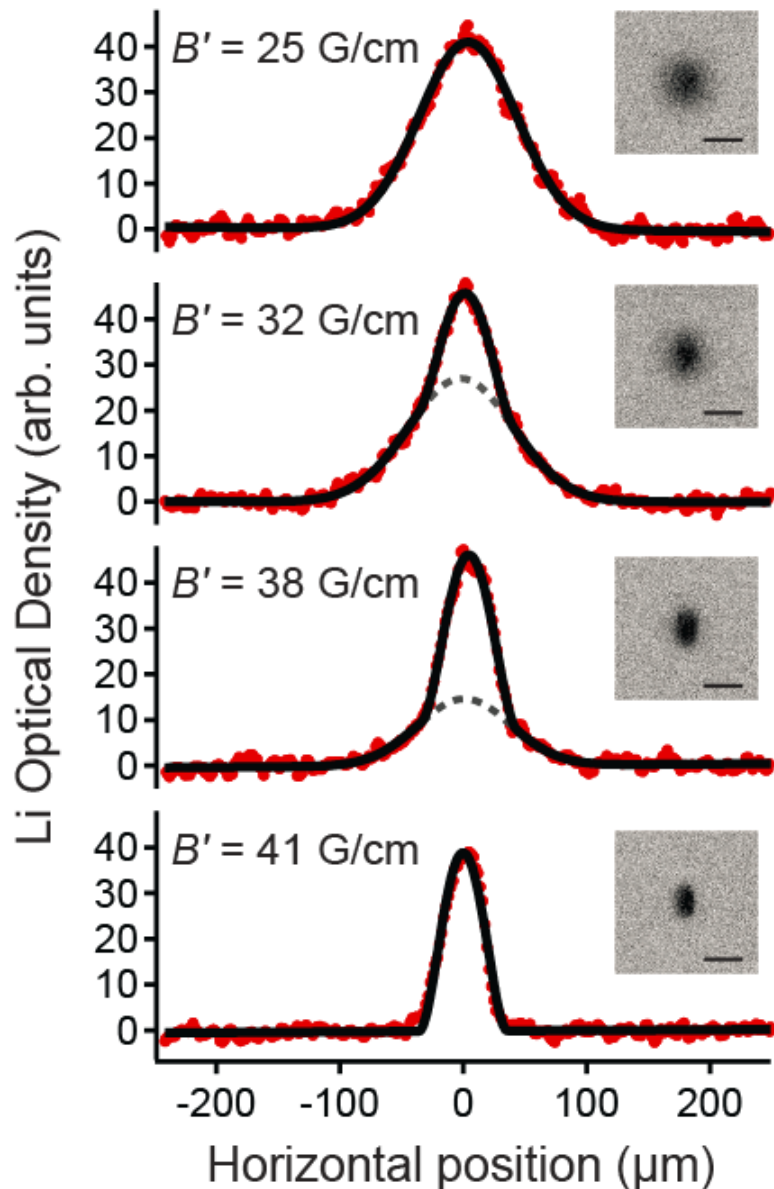


Formation of molecular BEC  
(Fermionic SF  $T_c \sim 0.18T_F$ )

# $^{174}\text{Yb}$ - $^6\text{Li}$ Bose-Fermi Dual-Superfluid



# $^{174}\text{Yb}$ - $^6\text{Li}$ Bose-Fermi Dual-Superfluid



## Characteristics at Unitarity (832G)

$$N_{\text{Li}}=8 \times 10^4 \quad N_{\text{Yb}}=1.1 \times 10^5$$

$T/T_c < 0.5$  for bosons and fermions

Dual-superfluid lifetime  $\sim 1$  sec

“Pancake”:  $\omega_{\text{Yb}}/2\pi = (26,388,59)$ ;  $\omega_{\text{Li}}=8\omega_{\text{Yb}}$

$$R_{\text{Li}}/R_{\text{Yb}} = 3$$

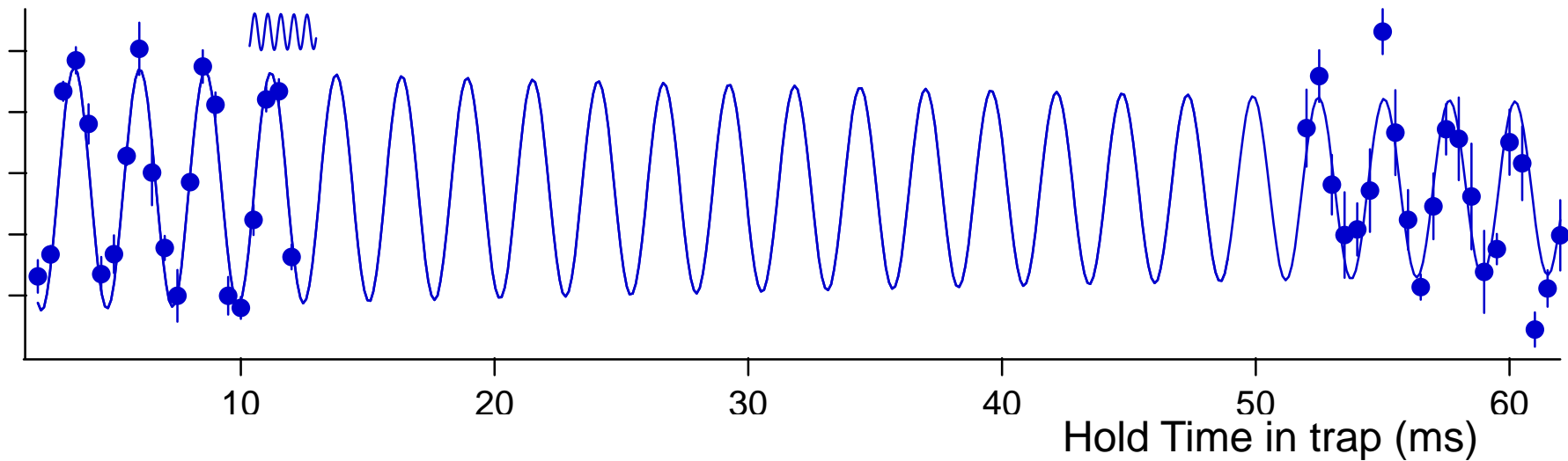
$$n_{\text{Li}} = 1.4 \times 10^{13}/\text{cm}^3, \quad n_{\text{Yb}} = 3 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^3$$

Interspecies MF  $\sim 0.1$  of  $\mu_B, \mu_F$

# Yb BEC oscillating in Harmonic Trap

BEC of  $5 \times 10^4$  atoms  
Trap  $\nu = (26,388,59)$  Hz  
z-Radius =  $1 \mu\text{m}$   
Chemical potential ( $\mu$ ) =  $60 \text{ nK}$   
Speed of sound ( $v_s$ ) =  $2.4 \text{ mm/s}$

Dipole (c.m.) oscillation:  
frequency =  $388 \text{ Hz}$ ,  
amplitude =  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
max velocity =  $1.3 \text{ mm/s} \ll v_{\text{crit,BF}}$



# Yb BEC oscillating in Li Fermi SF + Harmonic Trap

$$\omega/2\pi = 381.3(4) \text{ Hz}$$

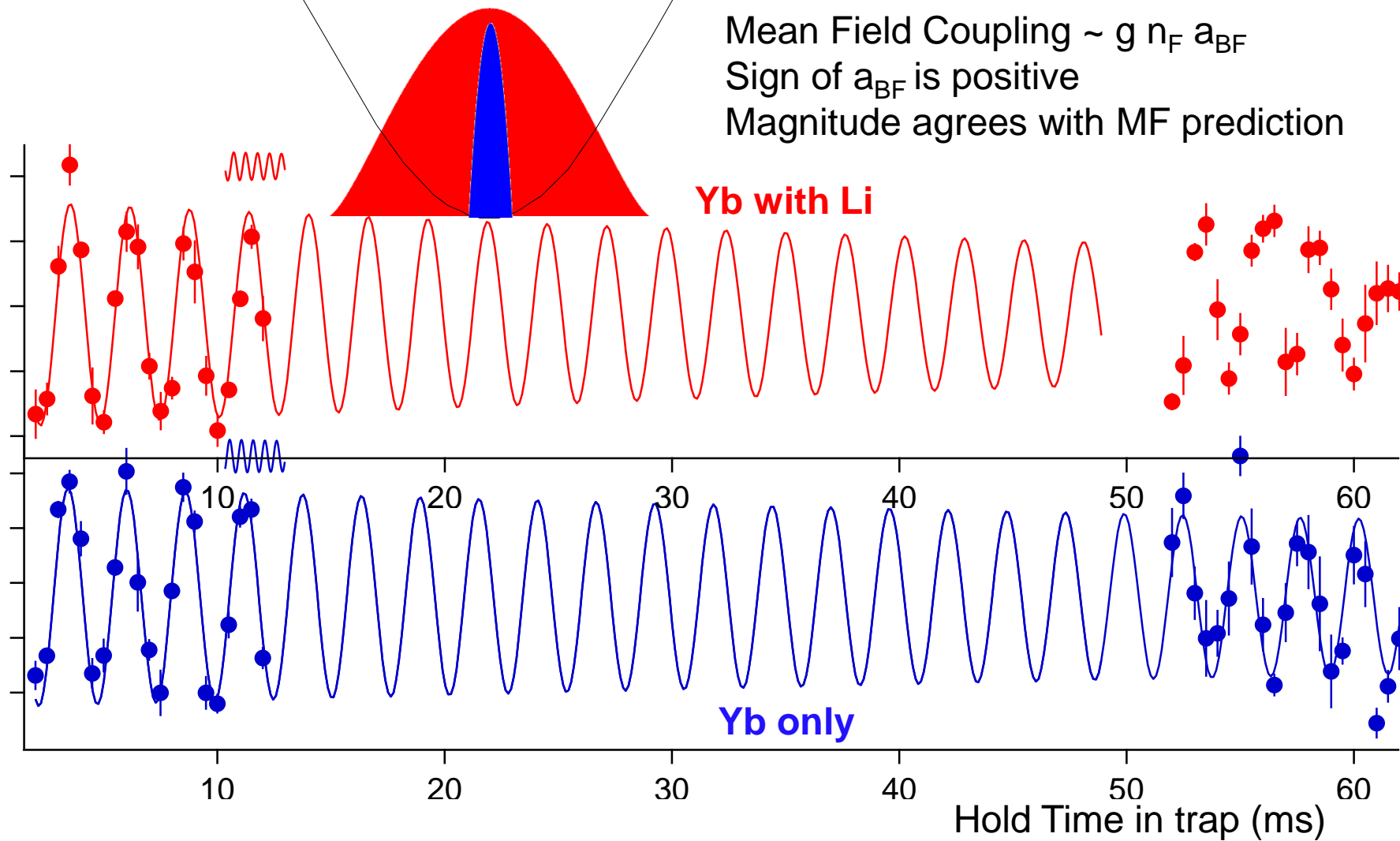
$$\omega/2\pi = 387.7(3) \text{ Hz}$$

$$\delta\omega/\omega = -1.7(2)\%$$

Mean Field Coupling  $\sim g n_F a_{BF}$

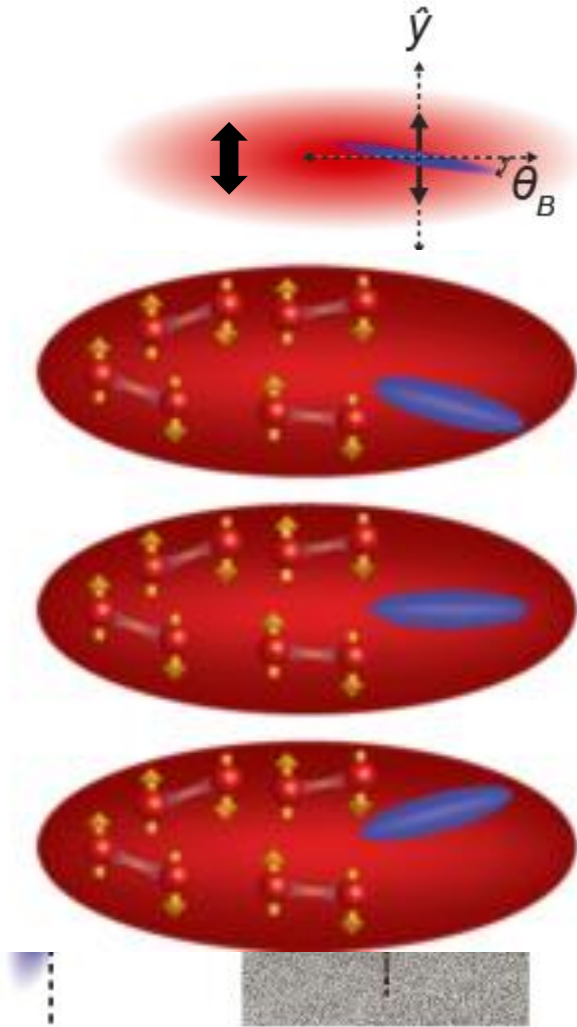
Sign of  $a_{BF}$  is positive

Magnitude agrees with MF prediction

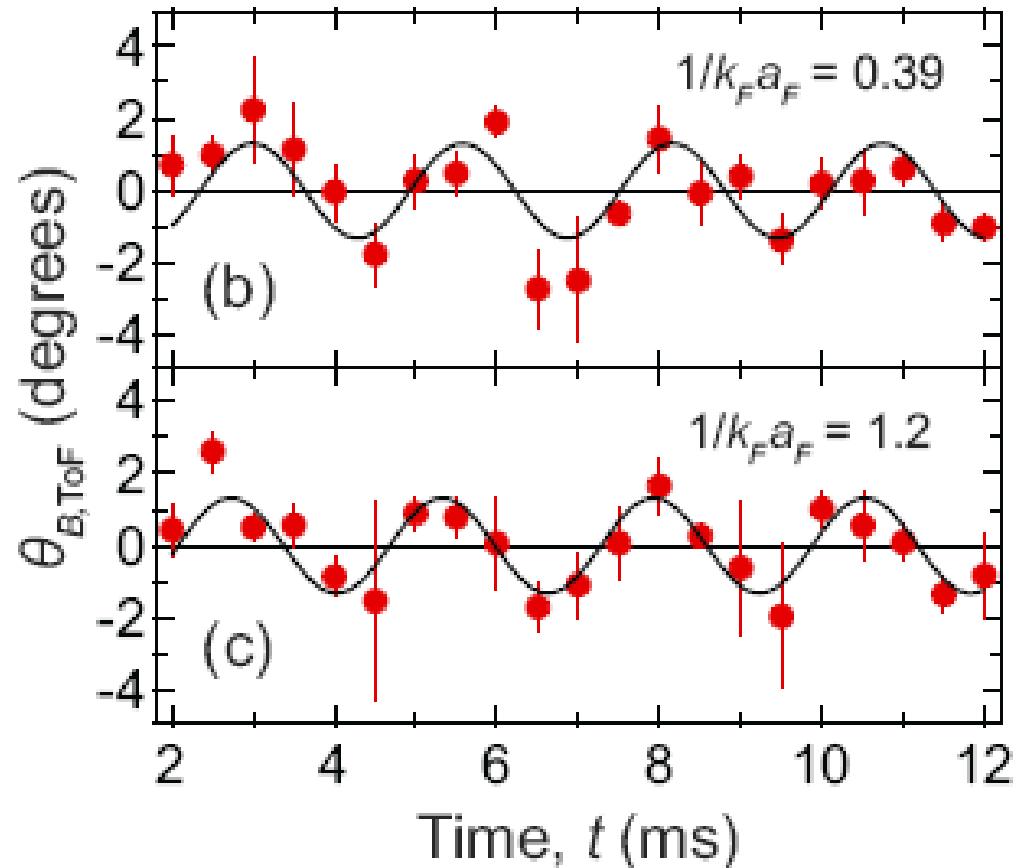


# Angular Momentum Exchange between superfluids

## Scissors mode of BEC driven by Fermi Superfluid



$$\omega_s \sim \omega_{\text{vert}} \quad \omega_{\theta}/\omega_{\text{dip}} = 1.02(3)$$



# 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

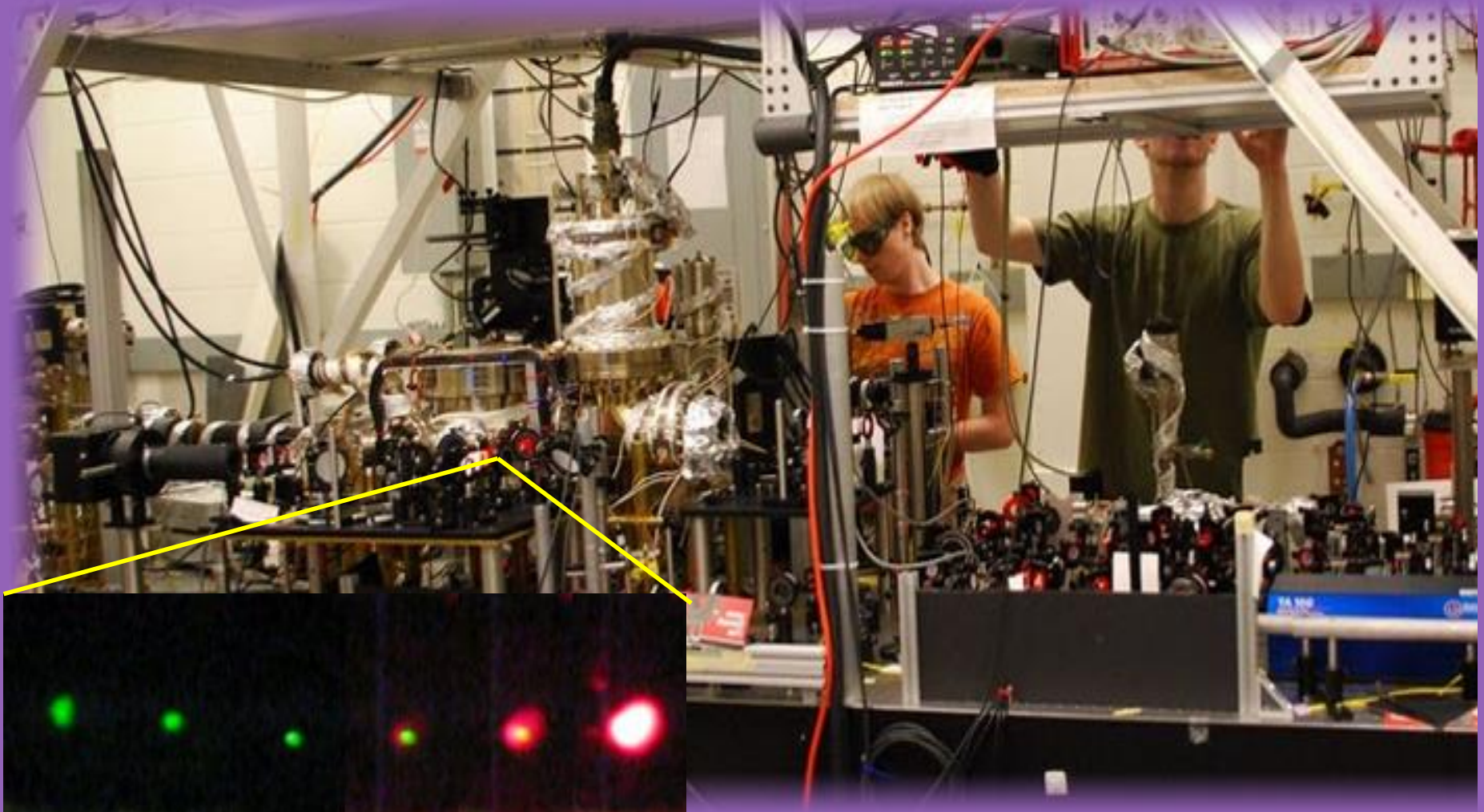
Impurity Probe and Thermometry ( $\omega_{\text{Li}}/\omega_{\text{Yb}} \sim 8$ )

Controllable Interspecies Overlap

YbLi molecules in a 3D optical lattice

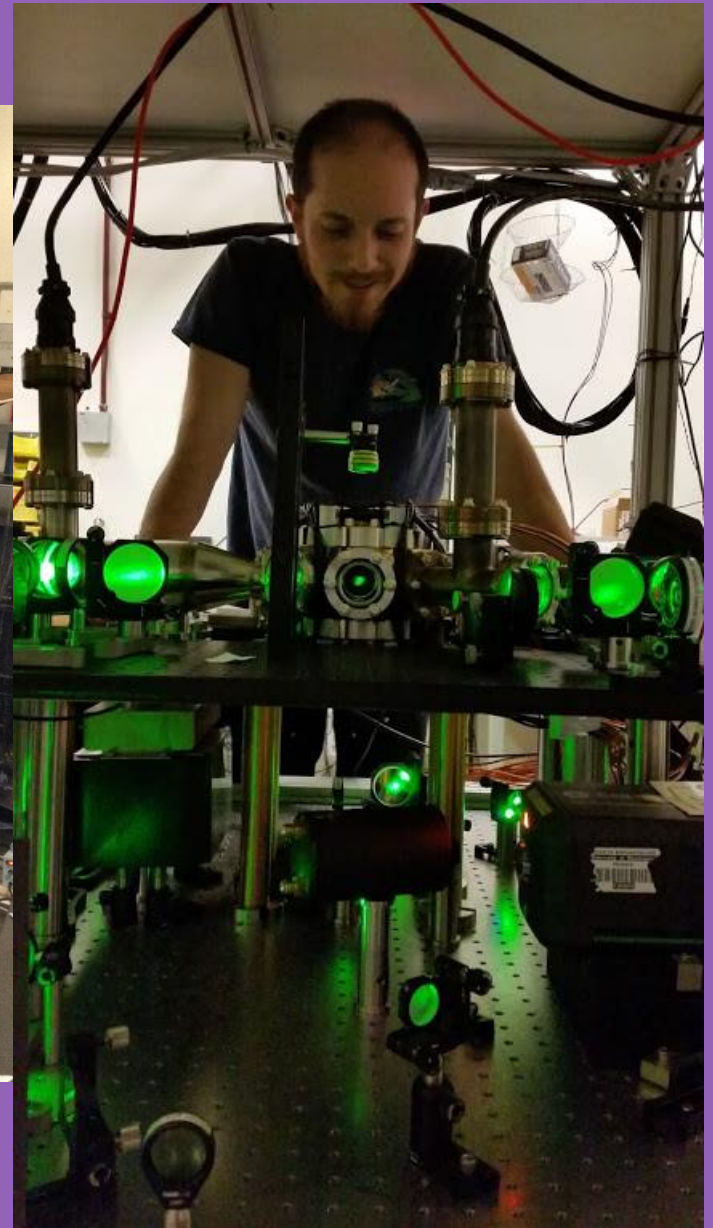
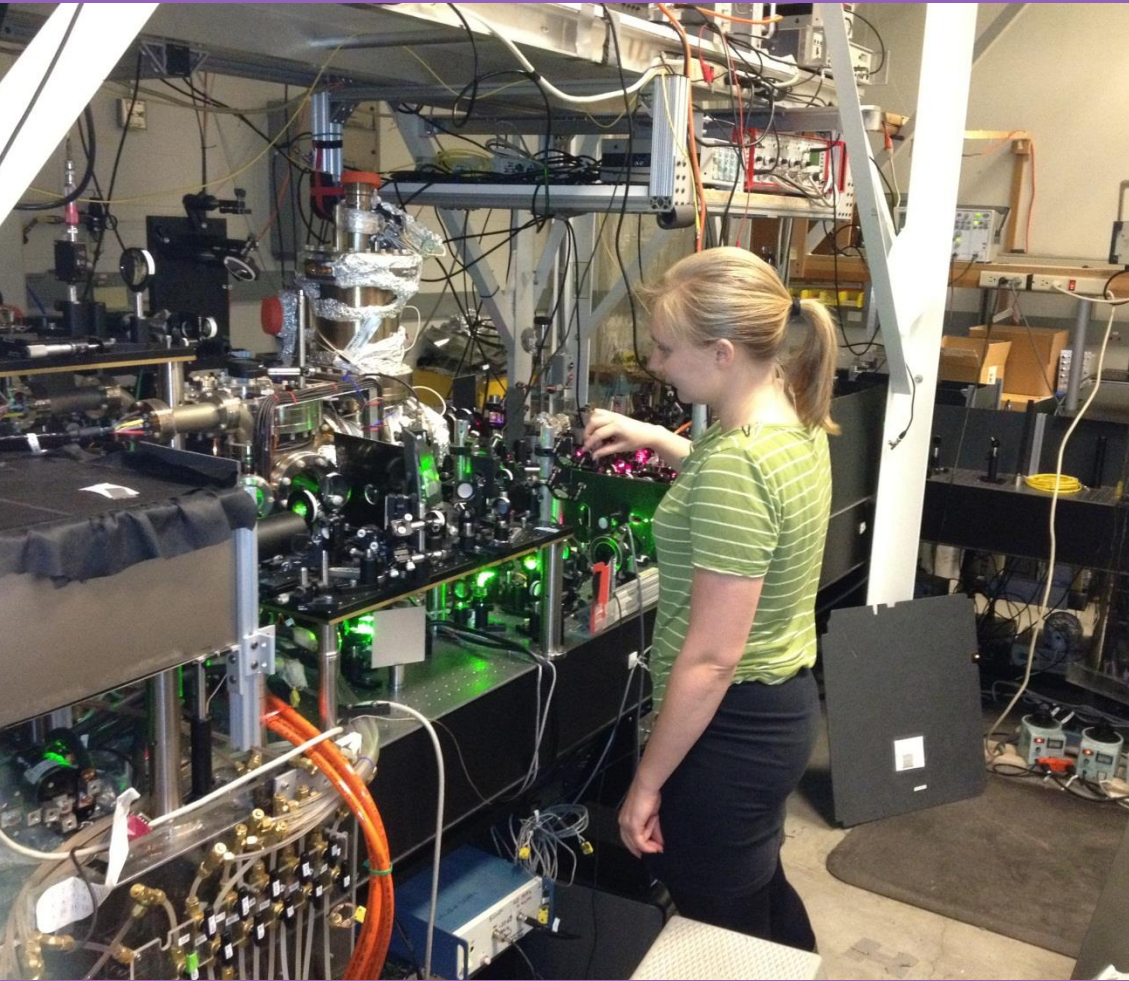


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2-species Magneto-Optical Trap  
(**Ytterbium** and **Lithium**)

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