

## **lecture 18.11.2010**

we had two weeks ago:

- selected examples with supersonic beams
- atom beam diffraction

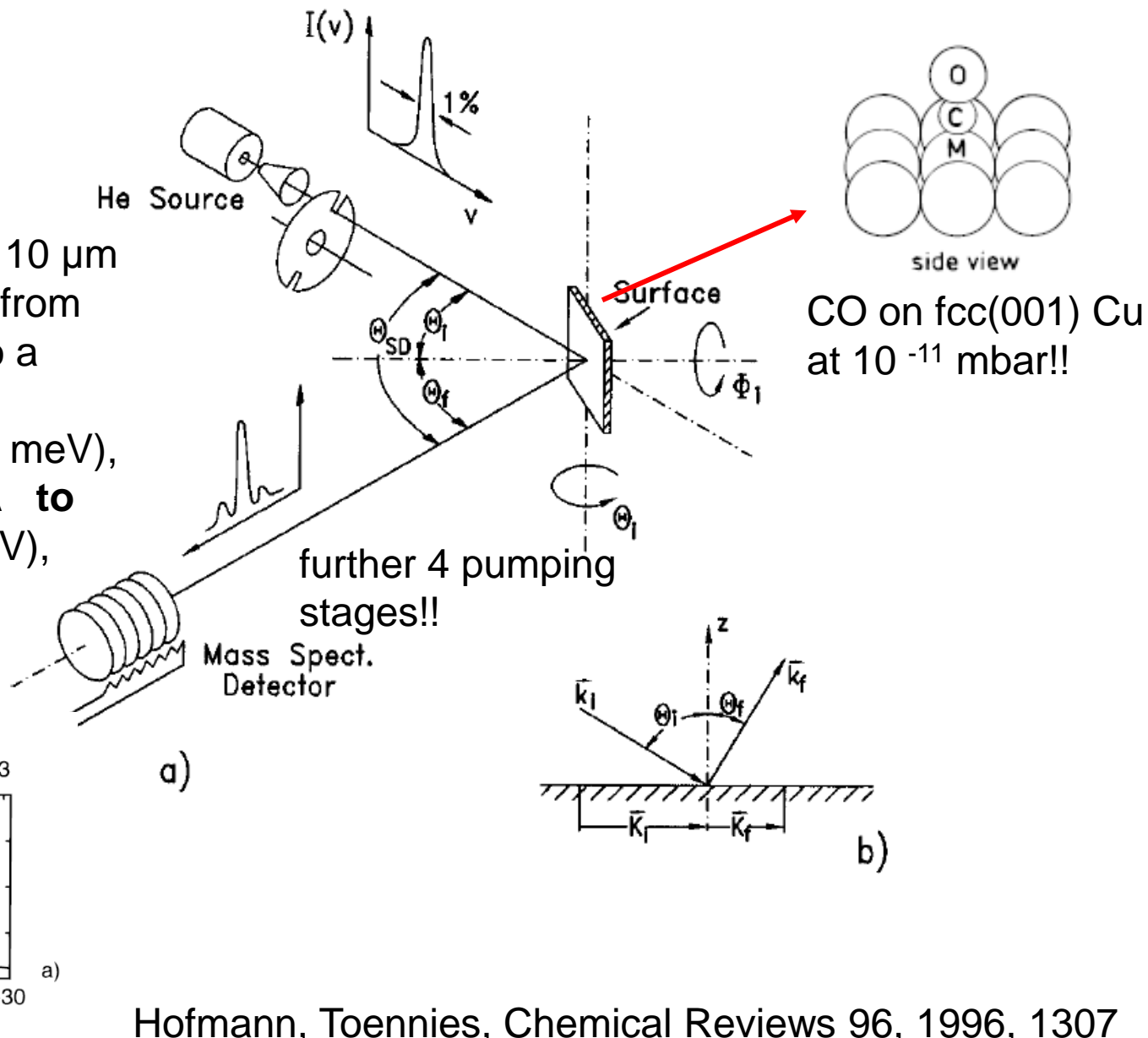
today:

- some more atom diffraction
- radiation pressure as means to cool atom ensembles
- cooling schemes
- optical molasses
- Bose Einstein condensation

# Helium atom scattering

30 to 200 bar Helium, 10  $\mu\text{m}$   
temperature variation from  
300 K to 40 K leads to a  
variation **from**

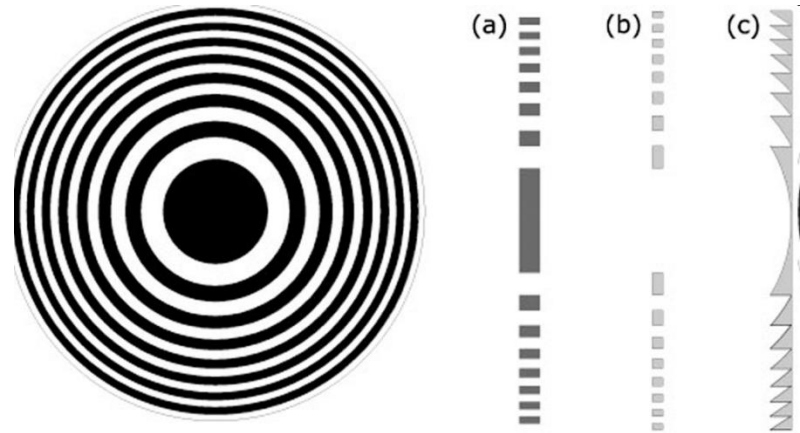
$v_{\text{mean}} = 3000 \text{ m/s}$  (120 meV),  
 $k_i = 16 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{dB}} = 0.3 \text{ \AA}$  **to**  
 $v_{\text{mean}} = 700 \text{ m/s}$  (8 meV),  
 $k_i = 4 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{dB}} = 1.5 \text{ \AA}$



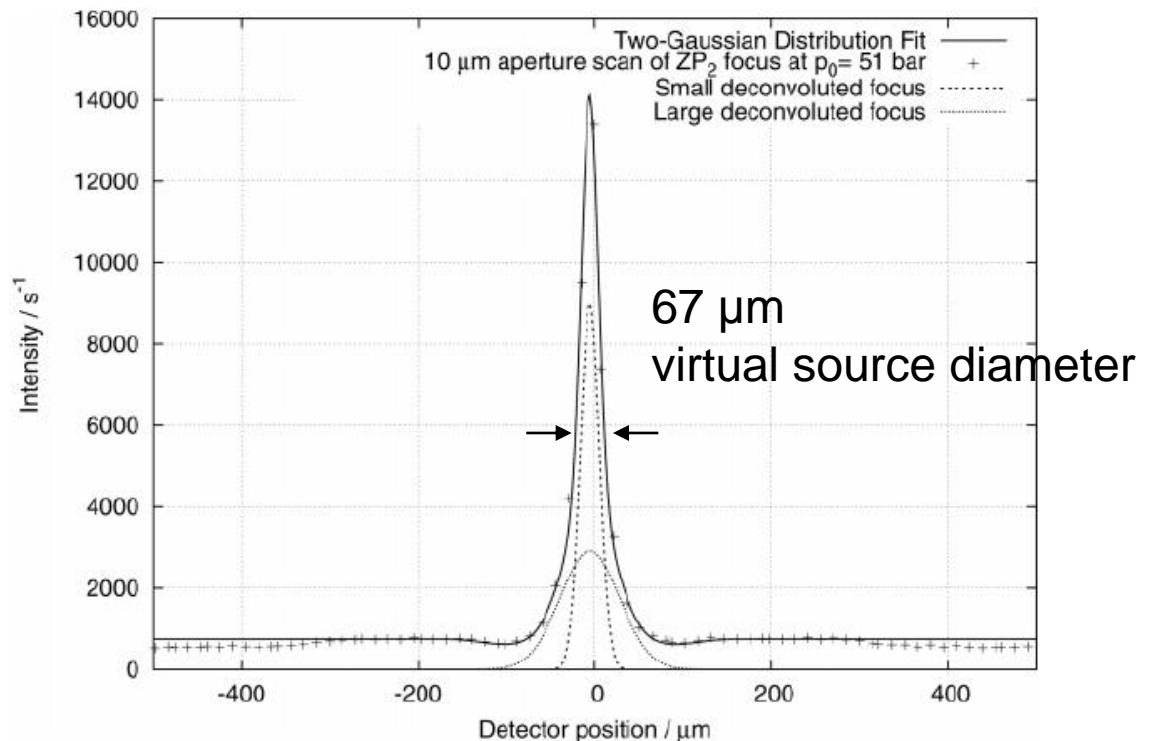
# focussing of a neutral He beam by diffraction

## Fresnel zone plate

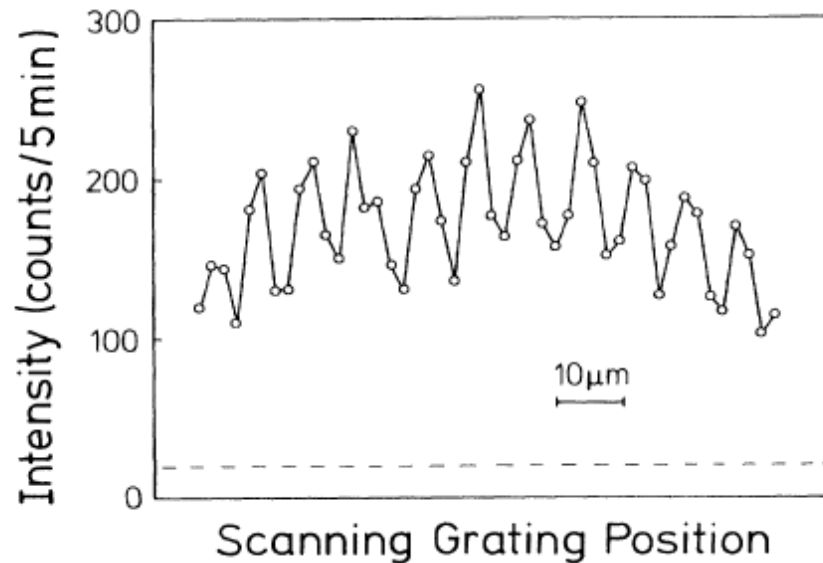
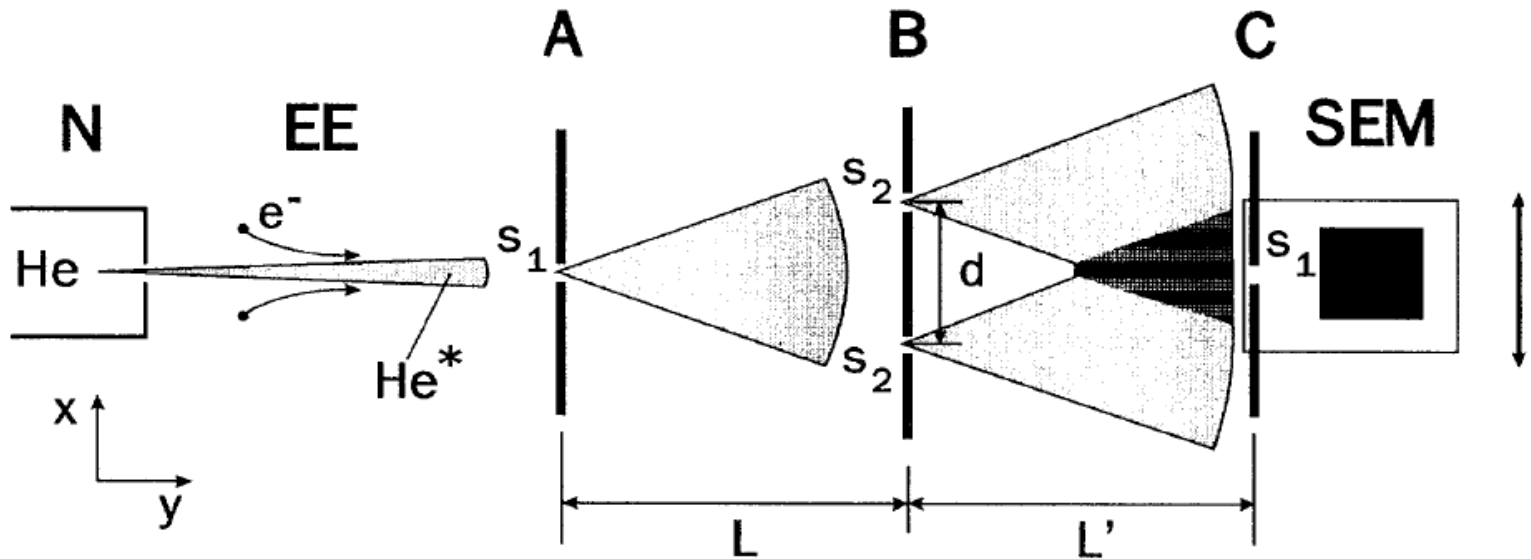
Nickel zone plate  
540  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter  
2700 free standing zones  
center blocked to suppress 0<sup>th</sup> order



Reisinger et al.,  
J. Phys. Chem. A 111,  
2007, 12620



# Young double-slit experiment with Helium atoms



$\lambda_{dB} = 1.03 \text{ \AA}$  tuned by oven temperature set to 83 K

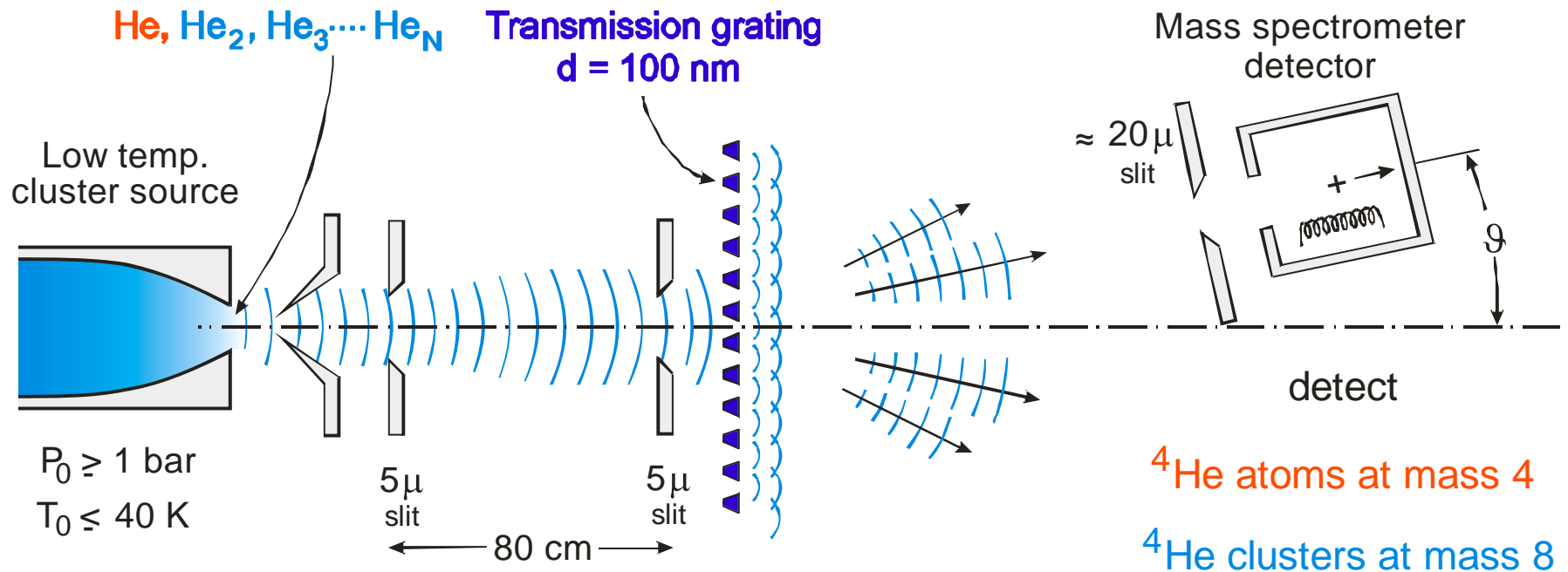
thermal de Broglie wavelength

$$\lambda_{dB} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}}$$

Carnal and Mlynek, Phys. Rev. Lett. 21, 2689 (1991)

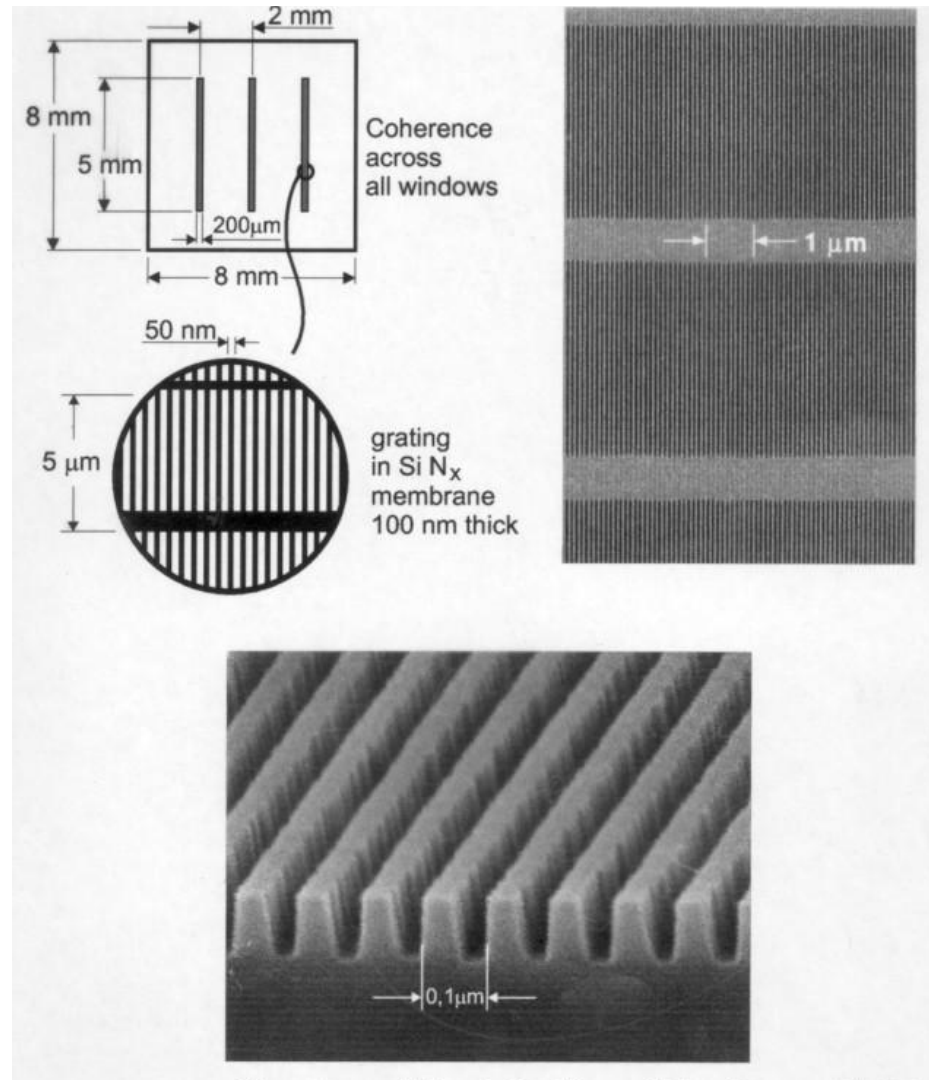
# Non - destructive Diffraction Grating “Mass Spectrometer”

Previous: Na atoms, Pritchard et al (1988); He\*, Mlynek et al (1991)



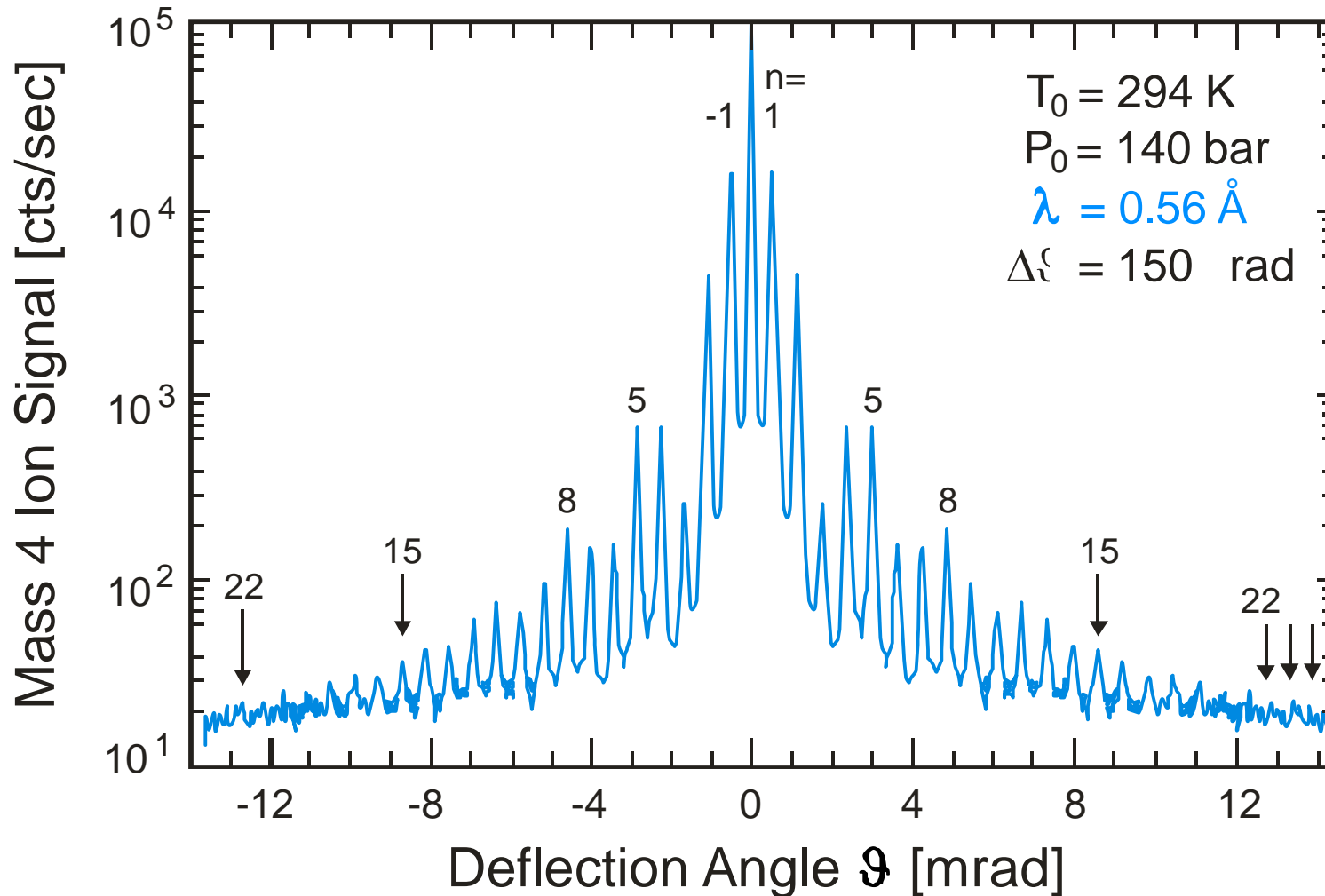
Can discriminate against atoms with mass spectrometer set at mass 8 and larger

# electron microscope pictures of $\text{SiN}_x$ transmission gratings



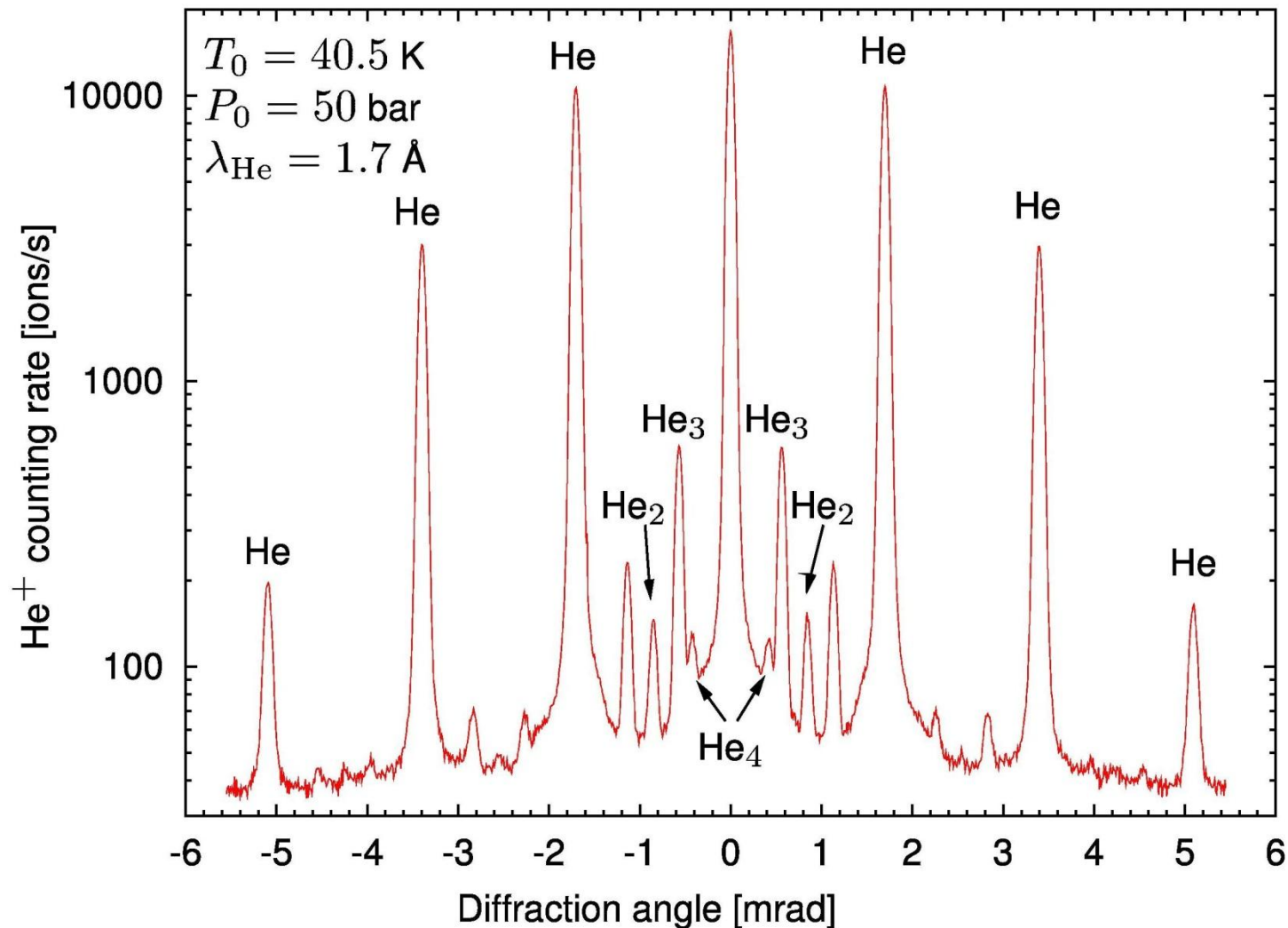
Courtesy of Prof. H. Smith and Dr. Tim Savas, M. I. T.

# He Atom Diffraction Pattern for 300 K Beam



$$\text{Bragg: } \vartheta \simeq \frac{n\lambda}{d} = \frac{0.56 \text{ \AA}}{1000 \text{ \AA}} (n=1) = 0.56 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ rad.}$$

at low source temperatures new diffraction peaks appear

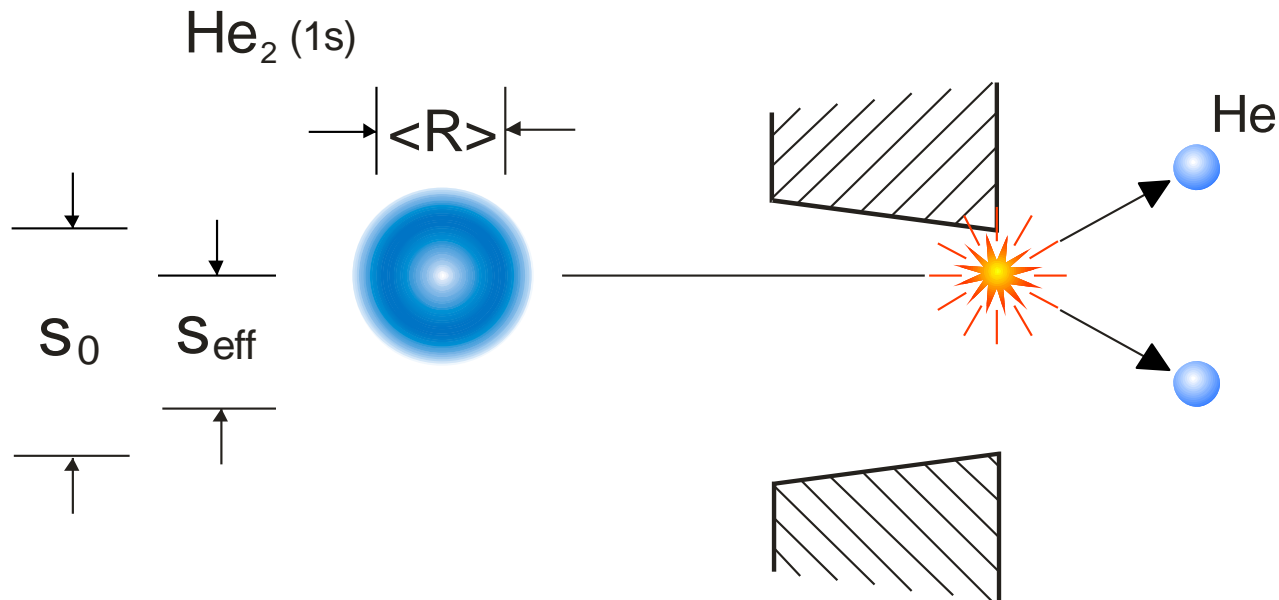


The first unambiguous detection of  $^4\text{He}$  dimer ( $E_b = 1.3 \text{ mK}$ )

W. Schöllkopf and J. P. Toennies, Science **266**, 1345 (1994)



# Measure Size of Dimer from Cross Section on Scattering from Grating Bars



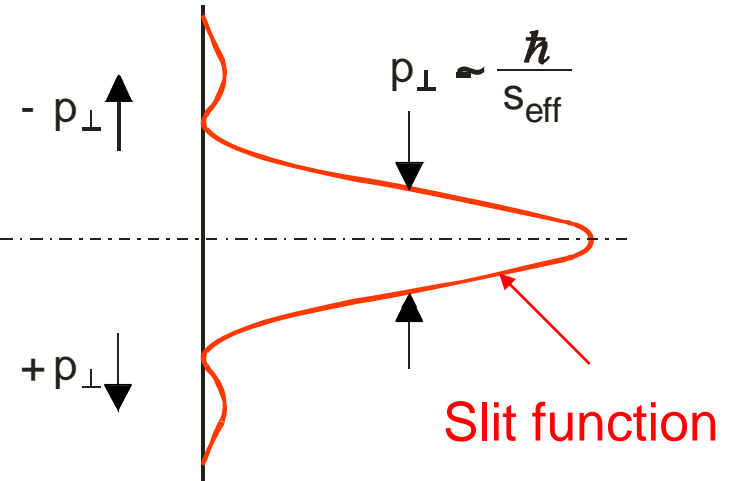
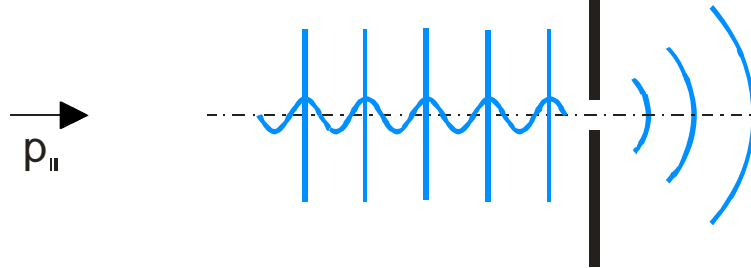
Break-up reduces effective slit width

$$S_0 - S_{\text{eff}} \simeq \frac{\langle R \rangle}{2} :$$

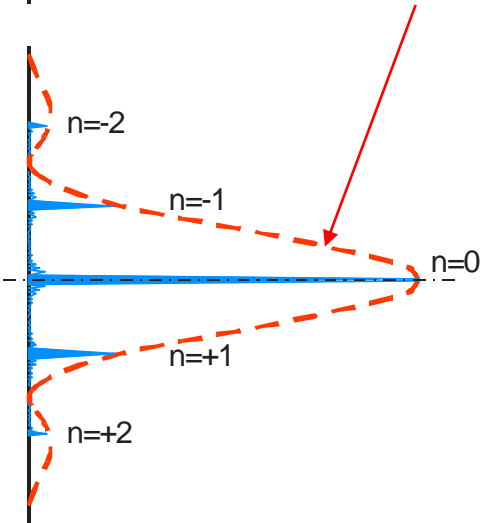
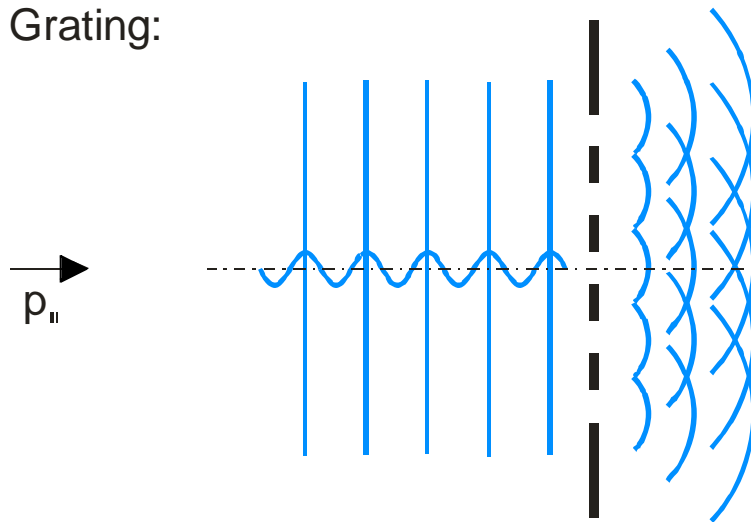
Hegerfeldt and Köhler, PRL 84 (2000)

# Single Slit Diffraction is Envelope of Grating Diffraction

Single slit:

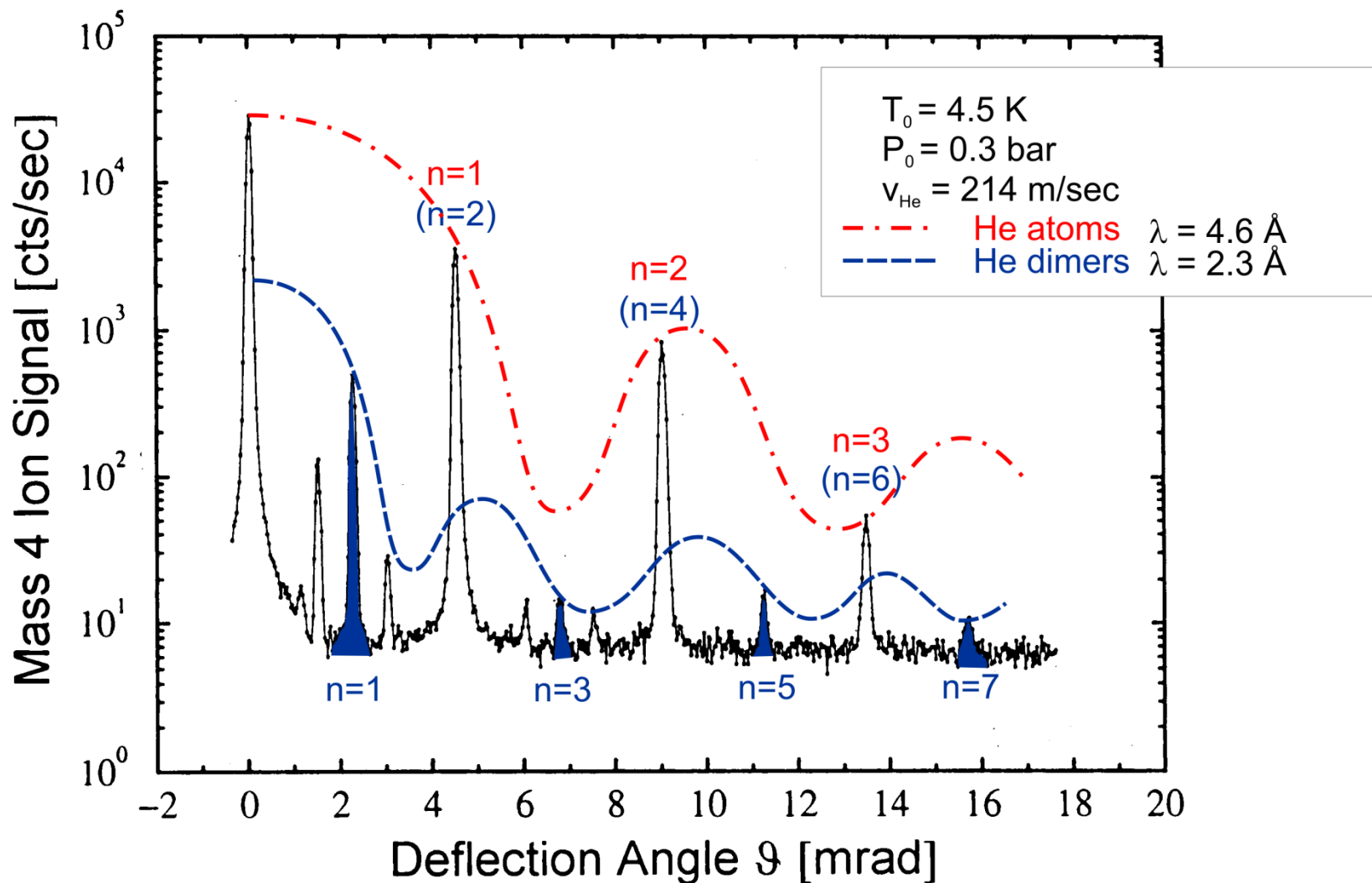


Grating:

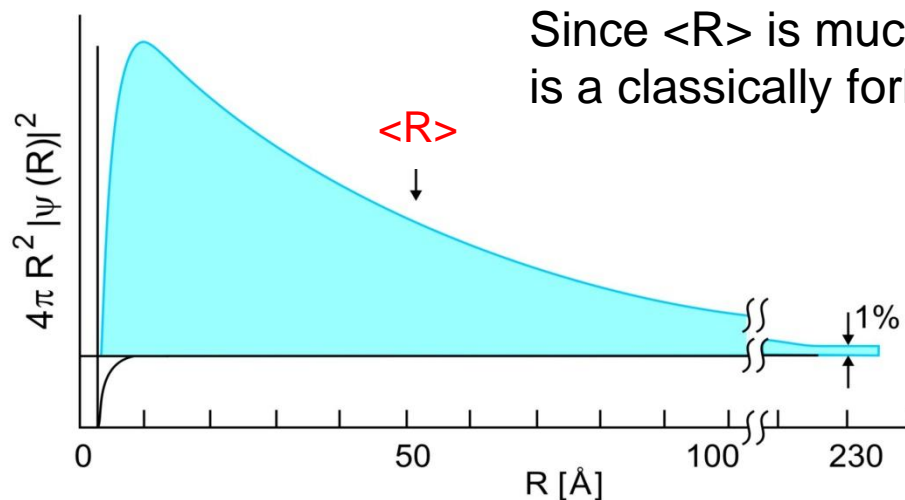
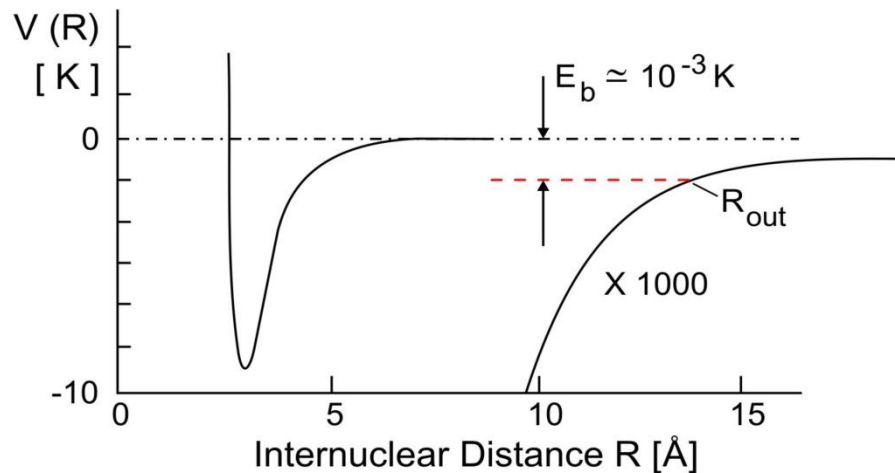


Matter Waves: Feynmann: Lecture Notes in Physics

# The He Dimer Diffraction Pattern and Slit Function



# the $^4\text{He}$ dimer: the world's weakest bound and largest ground state molecule



Since  $\langle R \rangle$  is much greater than  $R_{\text{out}}$  the dimer is a classically forbidden molecule

*A frail  
GIANT!*

Scattering length:  $a \approx 2 \langle R \rangle \approx 100 \text{ \AA}$

Cross section:  $\sigma (T \rightarrow 0) = 8 \pi a^2 = 259,000 \text{ \AA}^2$

**radiation pressure  
useful for atom cooling**

Komet Hale-Bopp

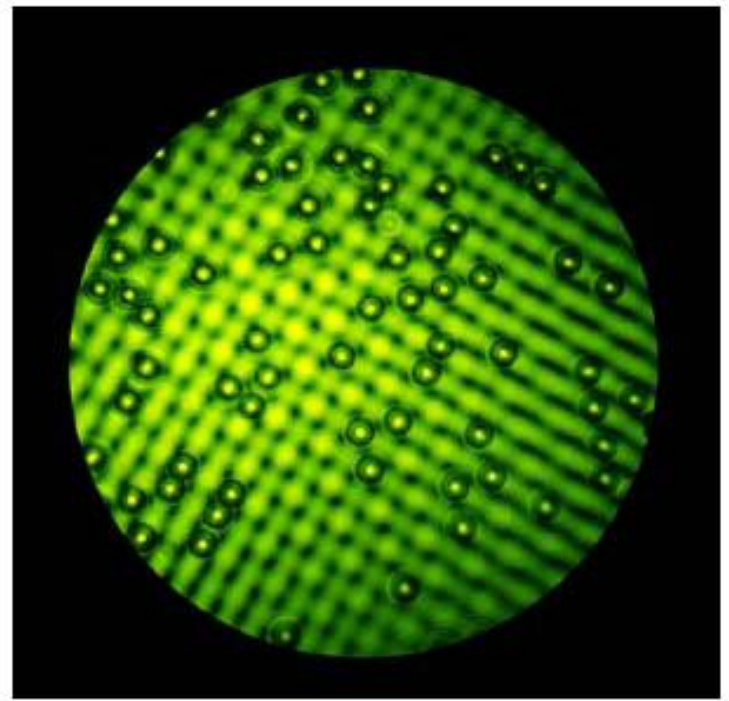
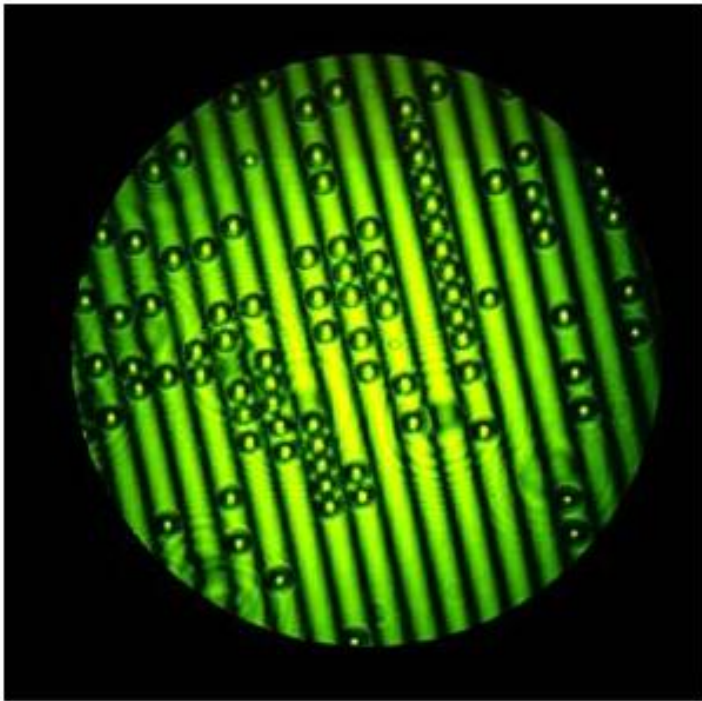
*Strahlungsdruck*





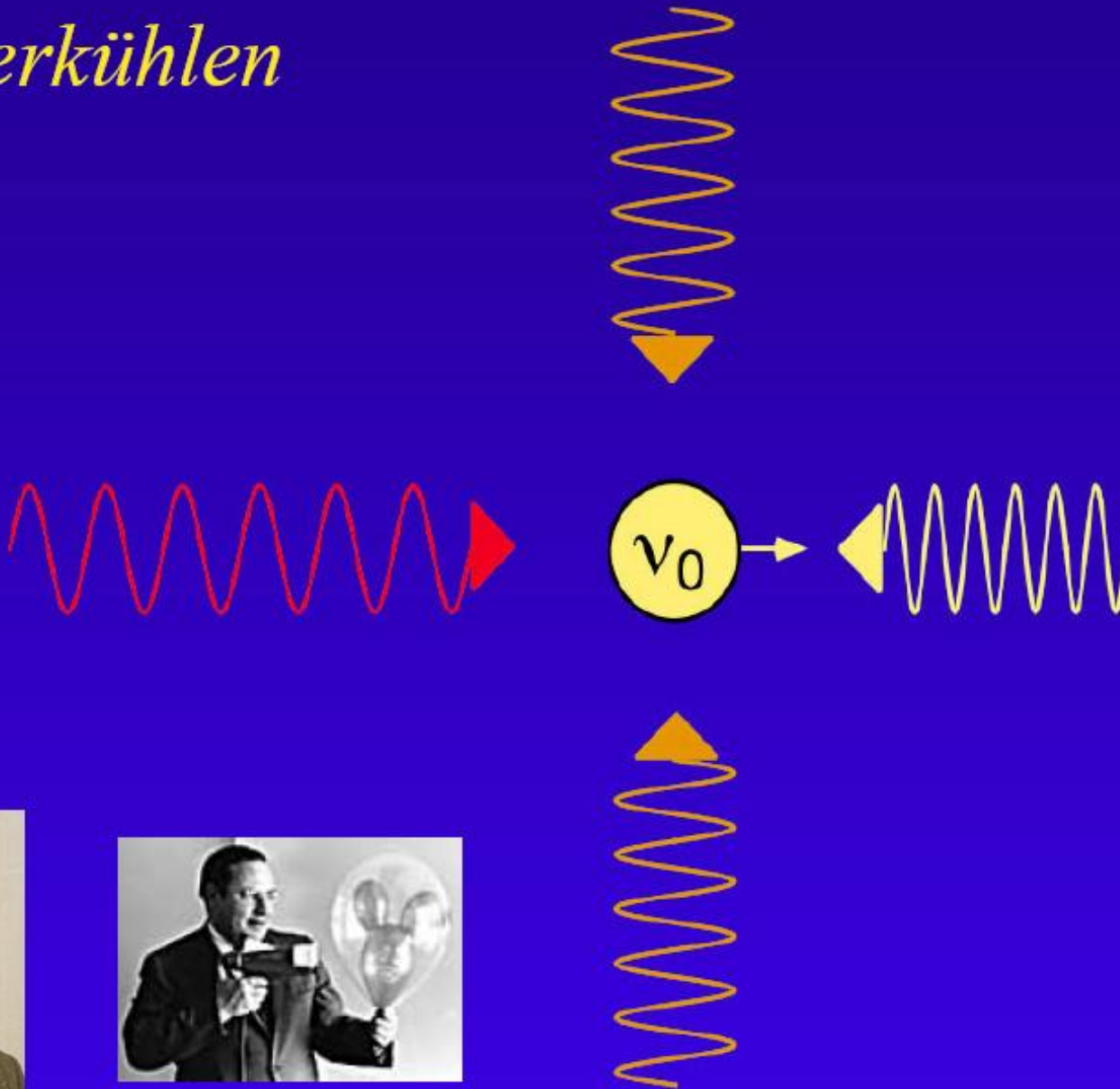
# optical gratings generated by interfering laser beams

4  $\mu\text{m}$  polystyrene spheres soluted in water

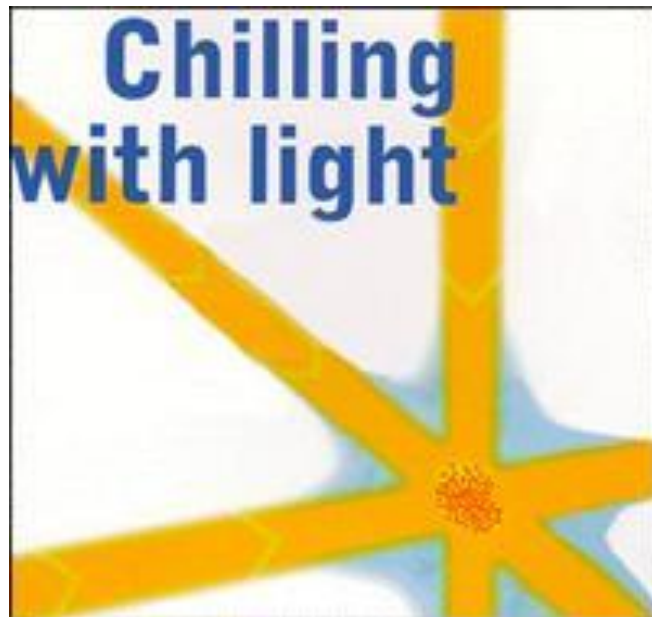
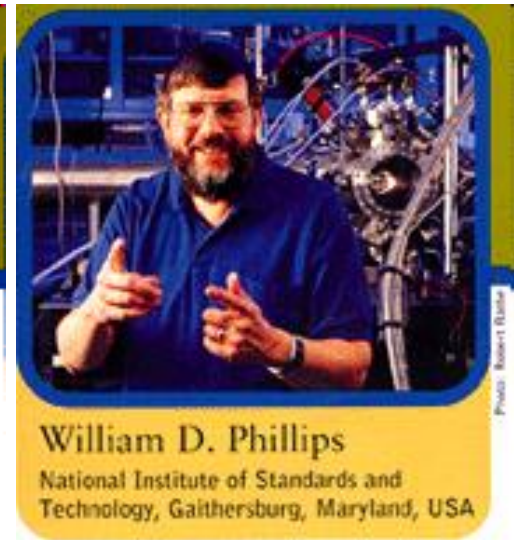
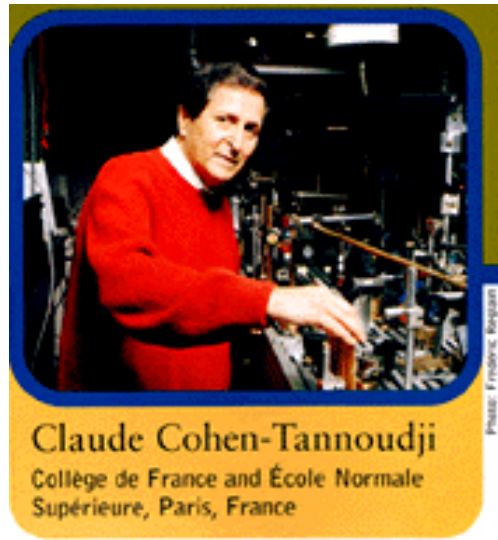
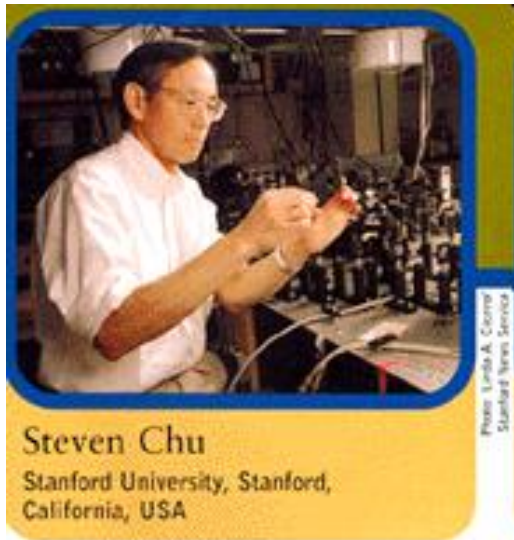


optical forces confine the particles

# *Laserkühlen*



# Nobel price in physics 1997



This year's Nobel laureates in physics have developed methods of cooling and trapping atoms by using laser light. Their research is helping us to study fundamental phenomena and measure important physical quantities with unprecedented precision.

from the Nobel homepage



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(Untersuchungen zur Molekularstrahlmethode aus dem Institut für physikalische Chemie der Hamburgischen Universität. Nr. 30.)

# Experimenteller Nachweis des Einsteinschen Strahlungsrückstoßes.

Von R. Frisch in Hamburg.

Mit 6 Abbildungen. (Eingegangen am 22. August 1933.)

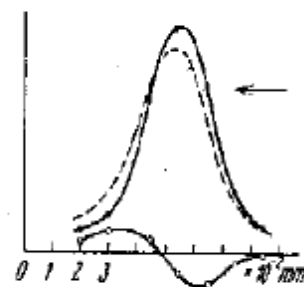
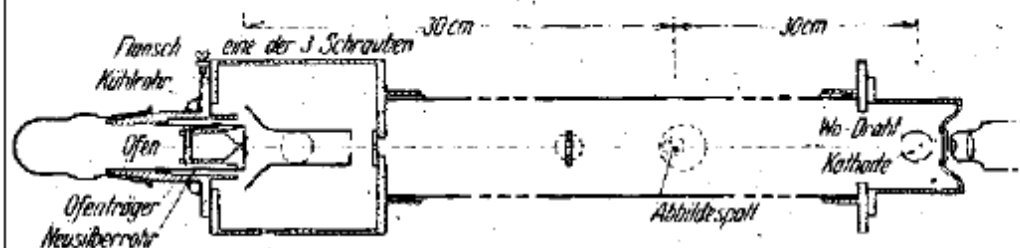


Fig. 5. Versuch mit seitlicher Beleuchtung.

Abszisse: Stellung des Auffängers.

Ordinate: Elektrometerauschlag.

- Intensität ohne Beleuchtung.
- - - Wirkung der Beleuchtung.
- ..... Summe dieser beiden, also Intensität mit Beleuchtung.

Der Pfeil deutet die Richtung des Lichteinfalls an.

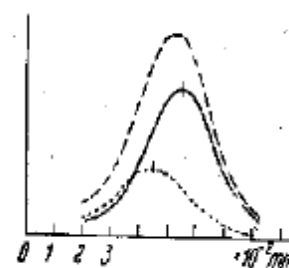
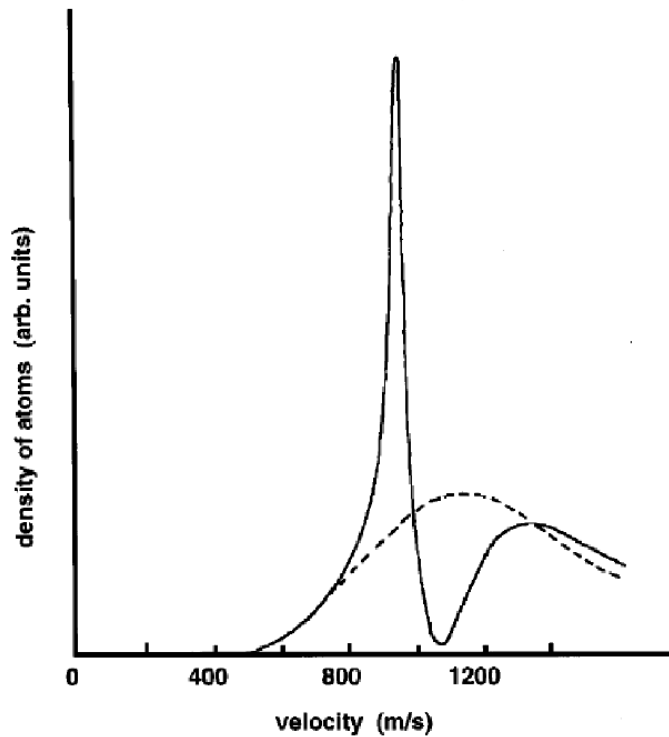


Fig. 6.

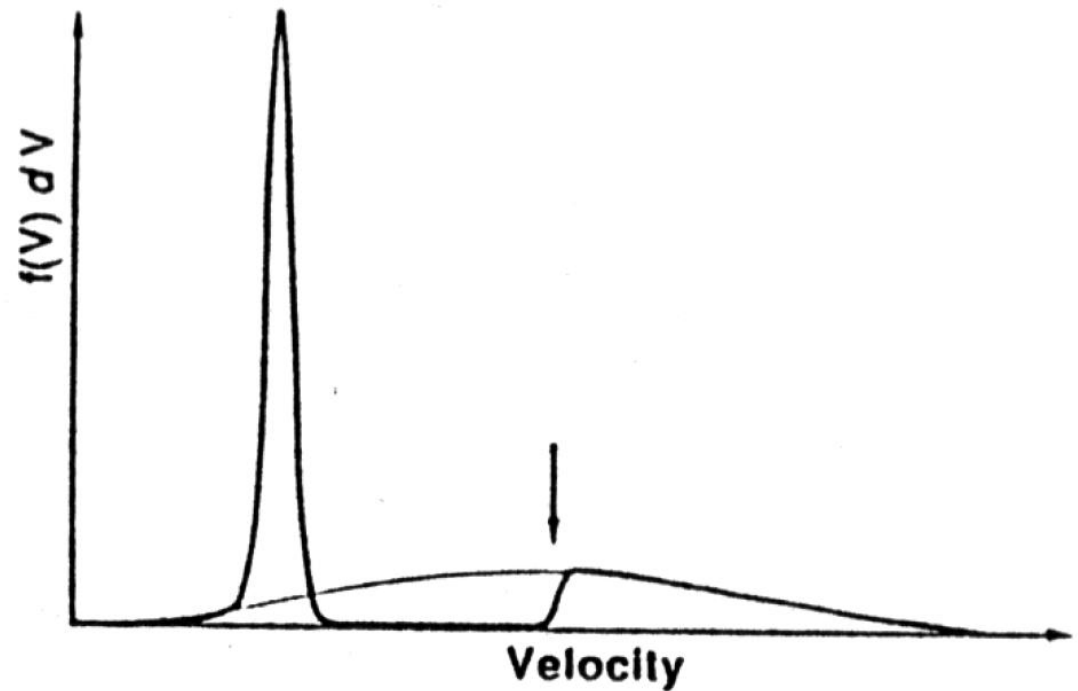
- Strahl mit Beleuchtung.
- $\frac{2}{3}$  vom Strahl ohne Beleuchtung.
- ..... Differenz dieser beiden, also Verteilung der abgelenkten Atome.

# velocity distribution after irradiation with frequency

fixed



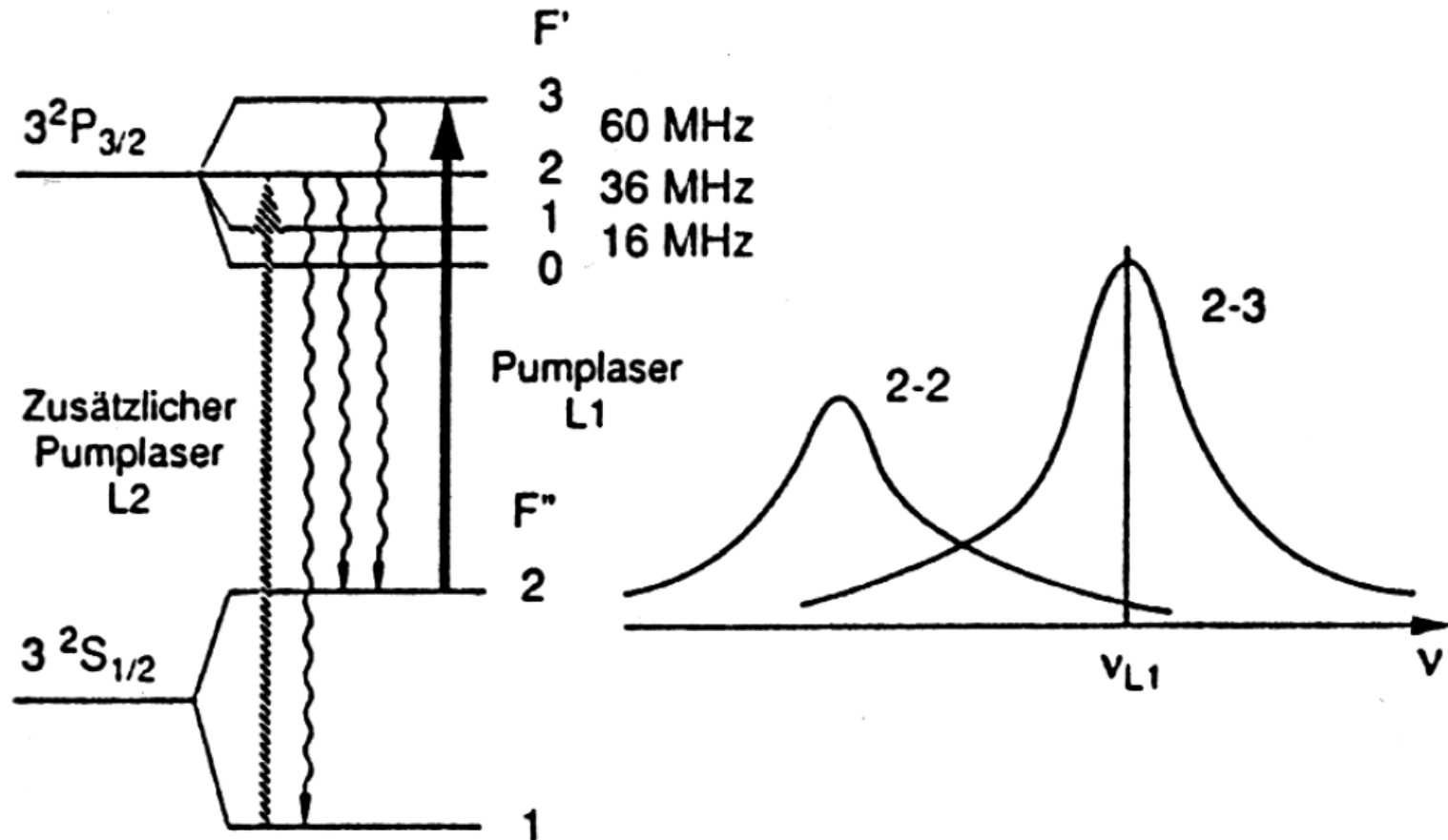
chirped



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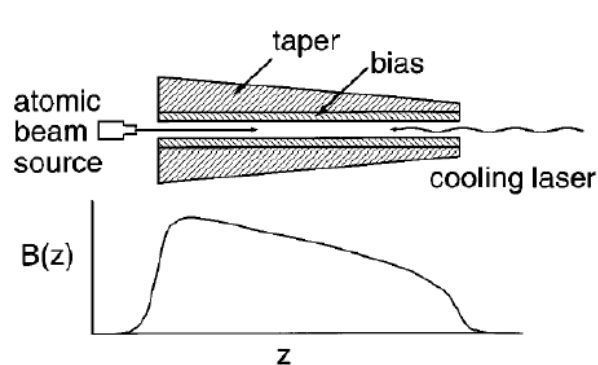
so far: idealized two-level system

in reality: HFS levels involved, e.g. Na  $3^2S_{1/2} - 3^2S_{3/2}$

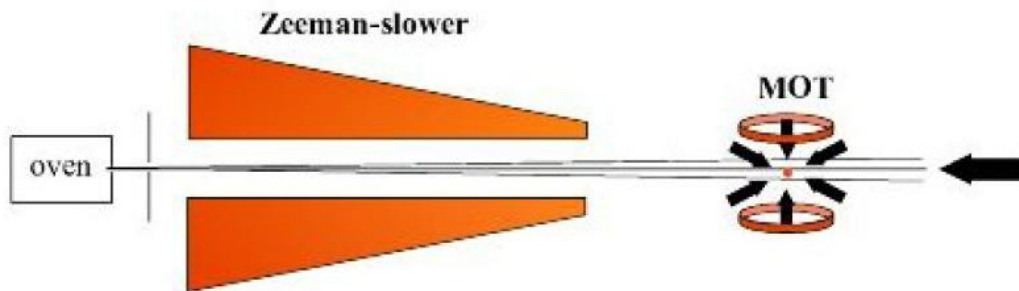
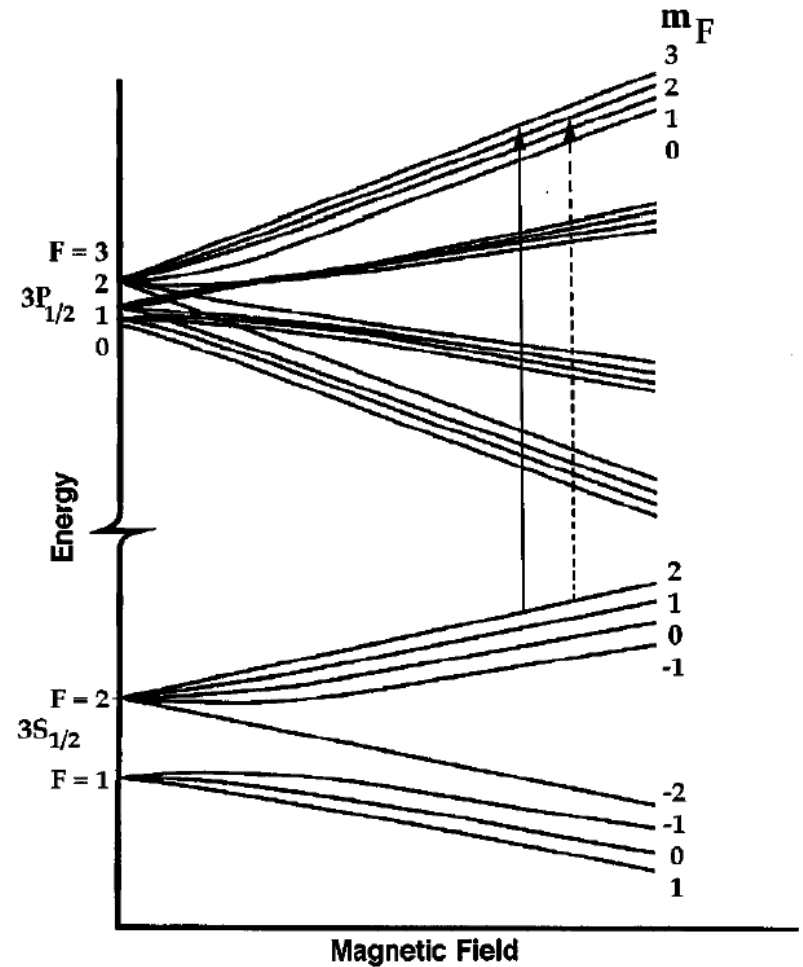


magnetic field helps to separate the levels

# Zeeman cooler

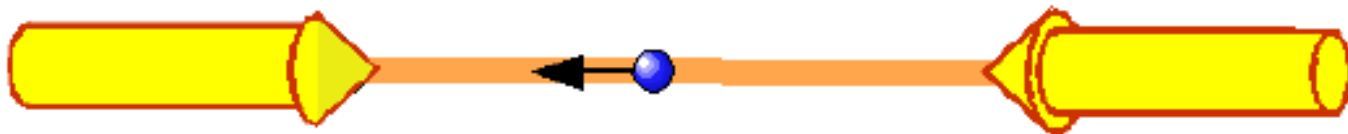
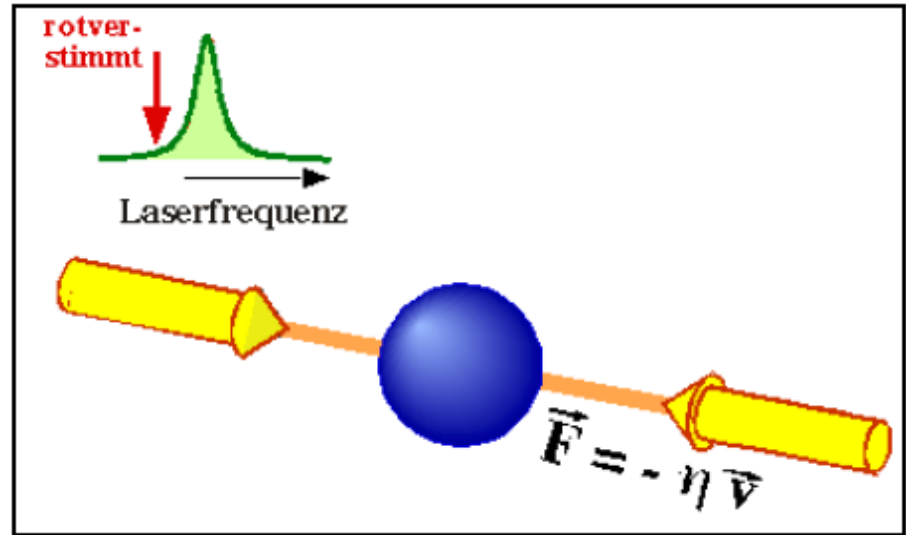
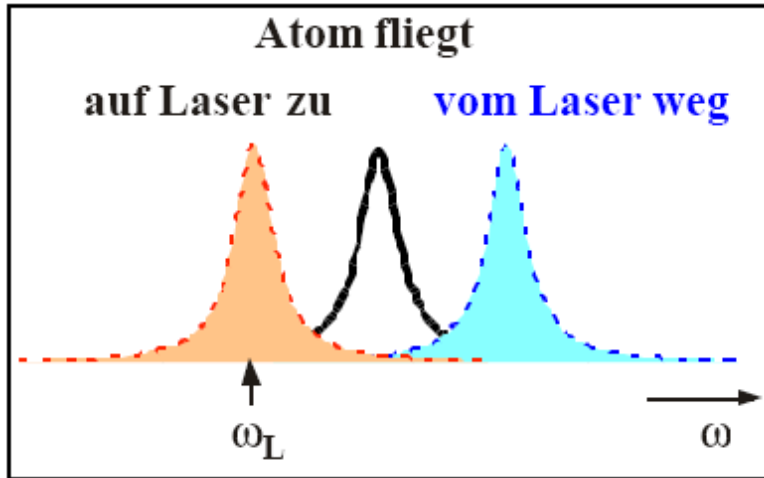


- ▶ Zirkular polarisiertes Licht  $\sigma^+$
- ▶ Übergang:  
 $3S_{1/2}(m_F = 2) \leftrightarrow 3P_{3/2}(m_F = 3)$
- ▶ Wahrscheinlichkeit für falschen Übergang extrem gering



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# Doppler cooling



**resonant for laser**

→ **strong absorption**

→ **strong force**

**not resonant for laser**

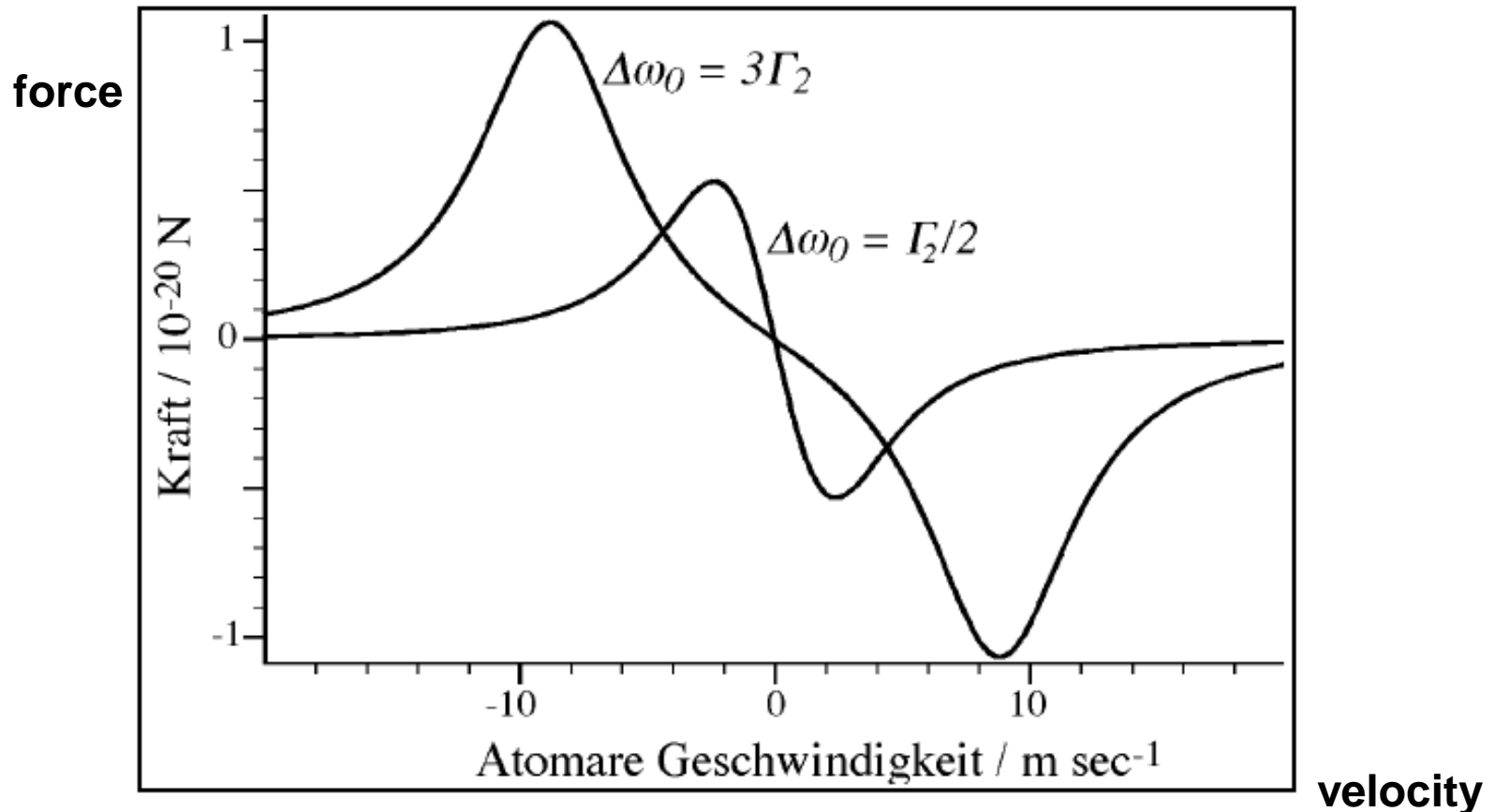
→ **weak absorption**

→ **weak force**

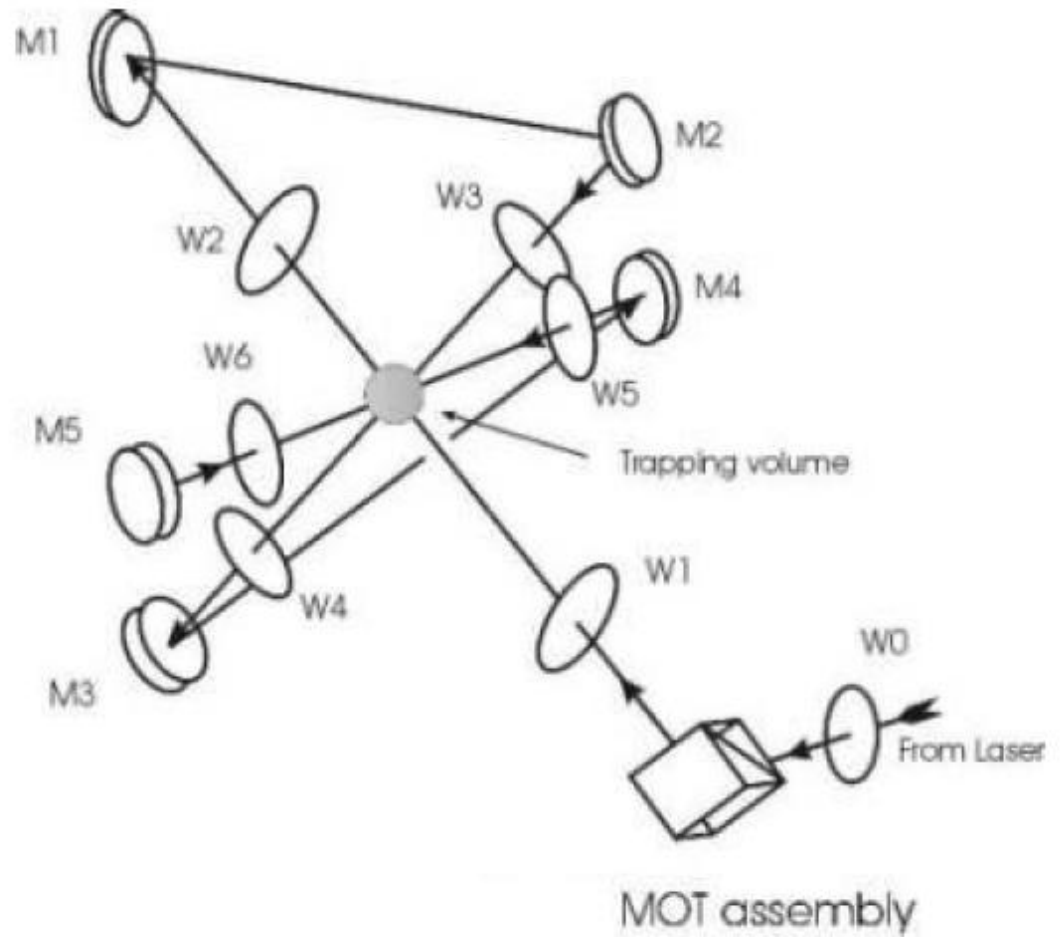
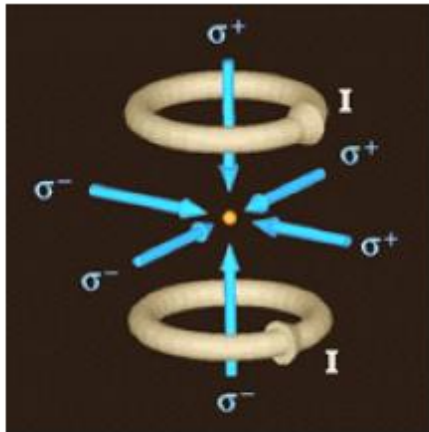
# force on the optical melasse

$$F_{\text{om}} = \hbar k \Gamma_1 \omega_x^2 \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_1^2 + 4(\Delta\omega_0 + kv)^2} - \frac{1}{\Gamma_1^2 + 4(\Delta\omega_0 - kv)^2} \right)$$

with:  $\Gamma$  the inverse radiation life time,  $\omega_x^2$  proportional to laser intensity,  $\Delta\omega$  difference between laser and atomic resonance frequency

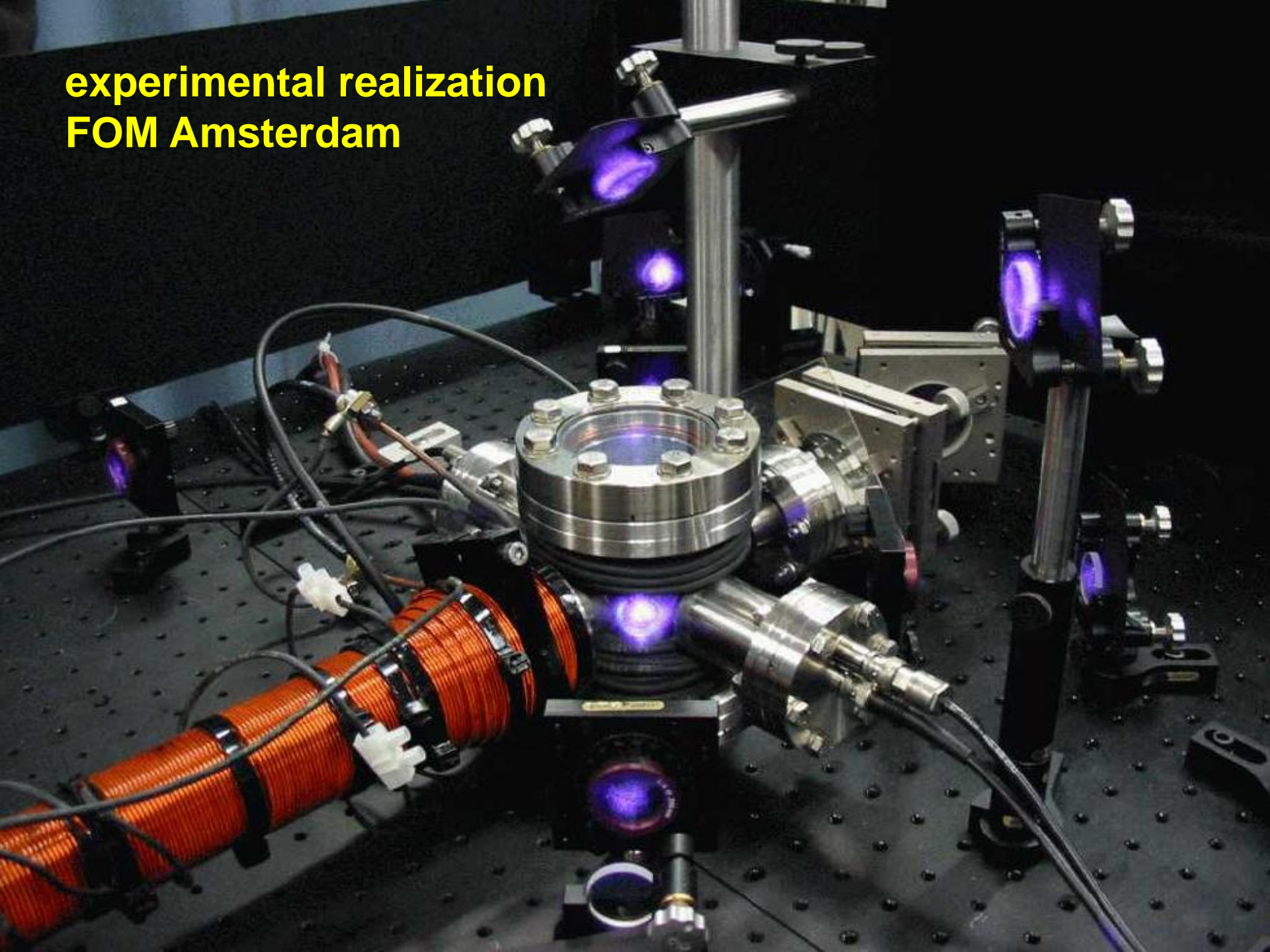


# generating a molasses

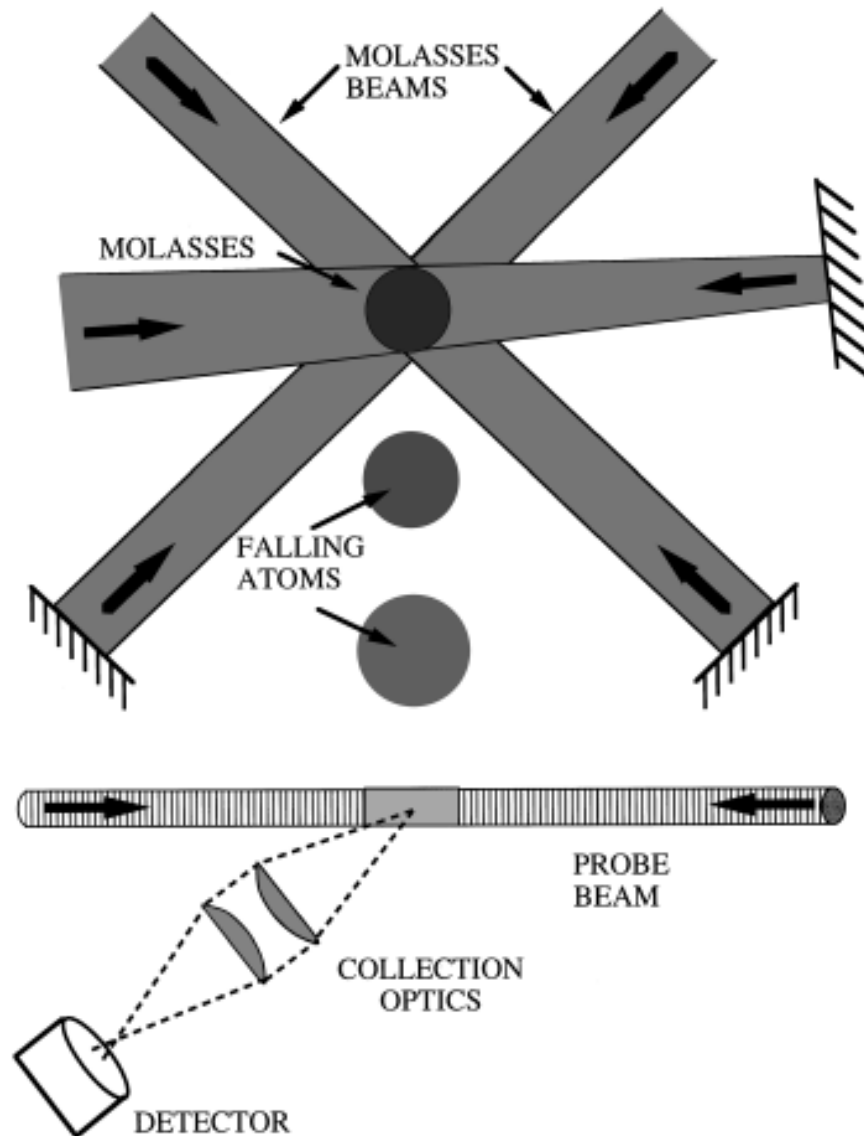




**experimental realization**  
**FOM Amsterdam**



# how to measure the temperature



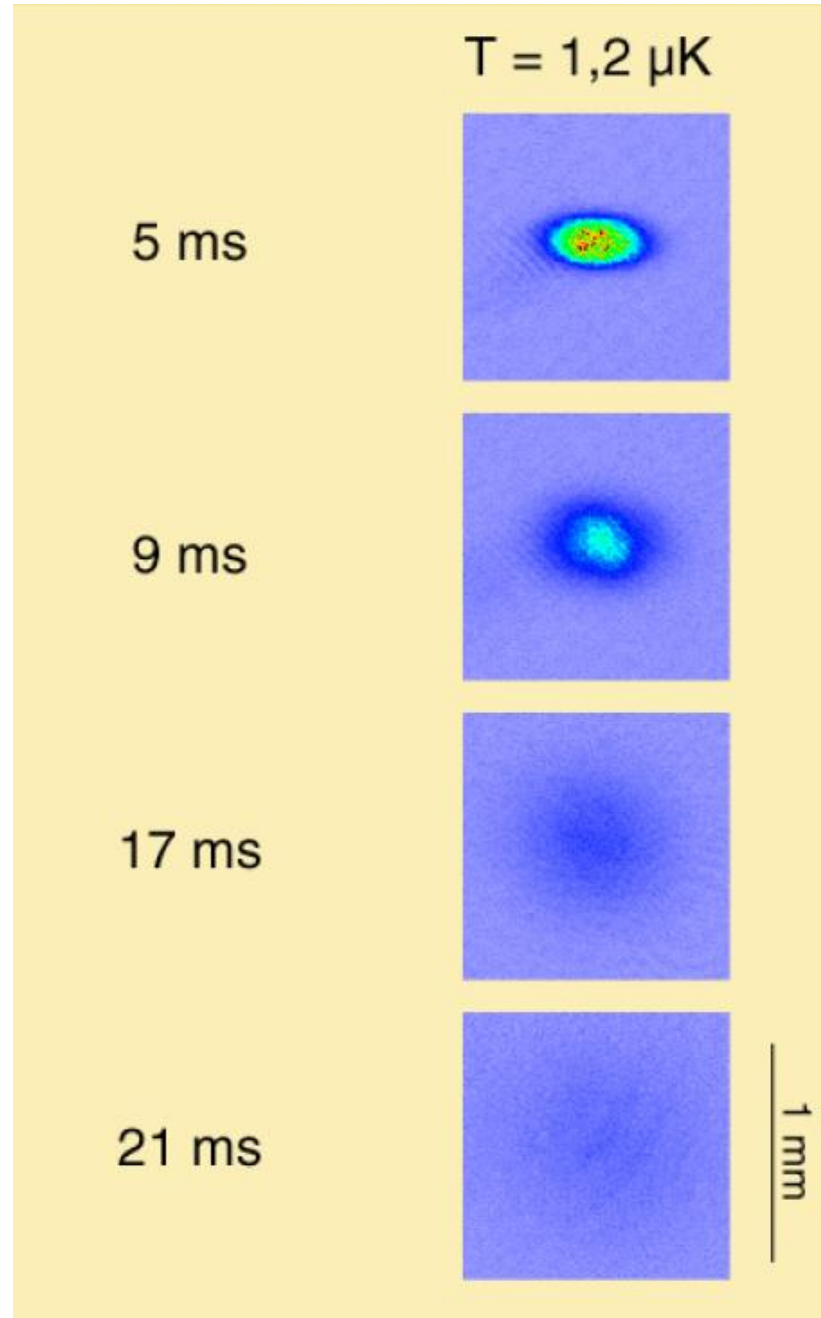
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# how to measure temperatures in the $\mu\text{K}$ - range?

switching off the trap potential

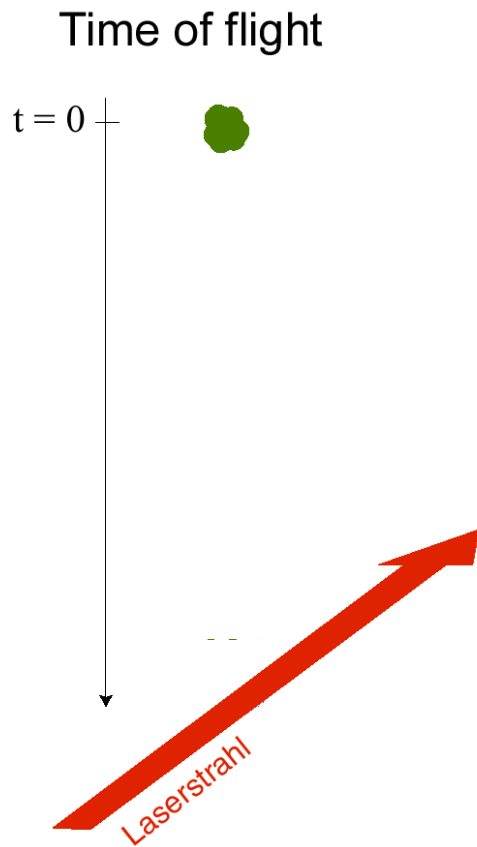
free expansion of the ultracold gas

expansion velocity depends on temperature



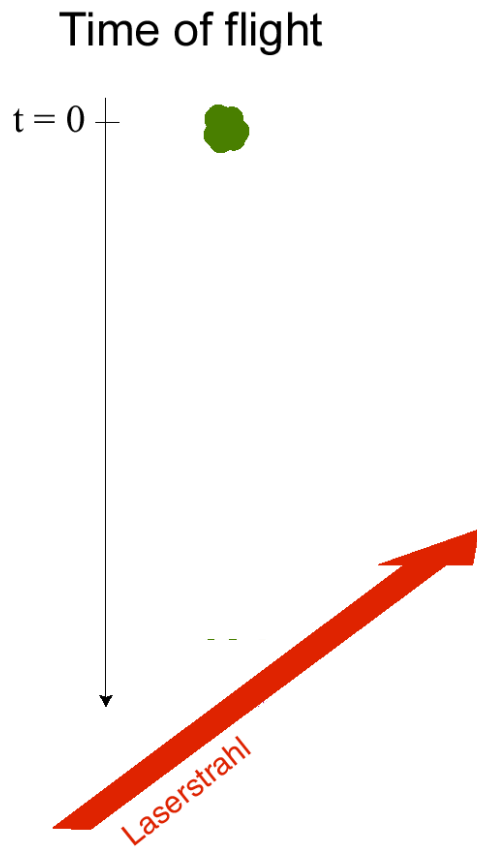
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## or by a time-of-flight measurement



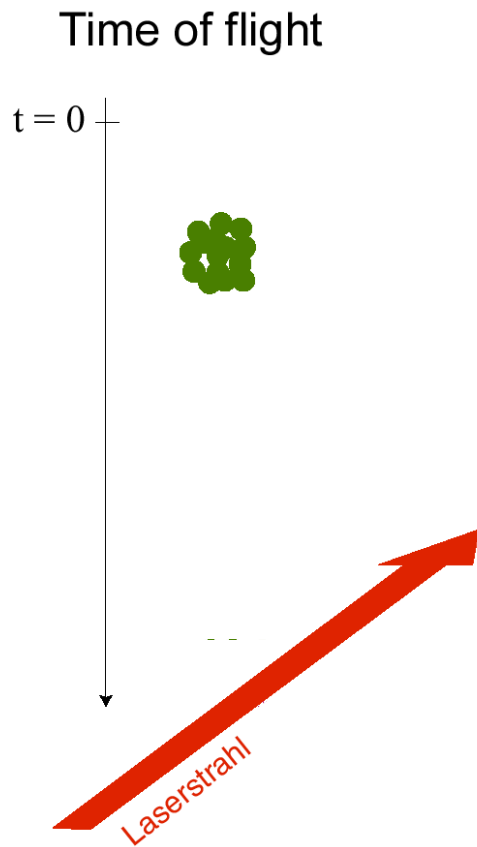
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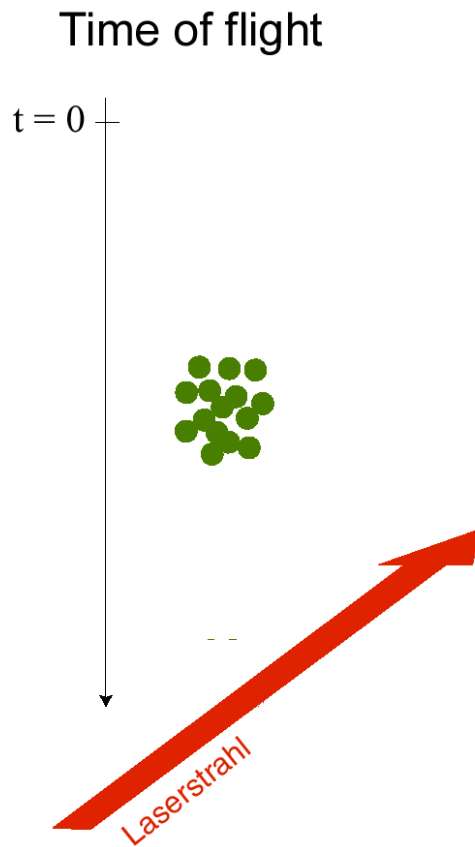
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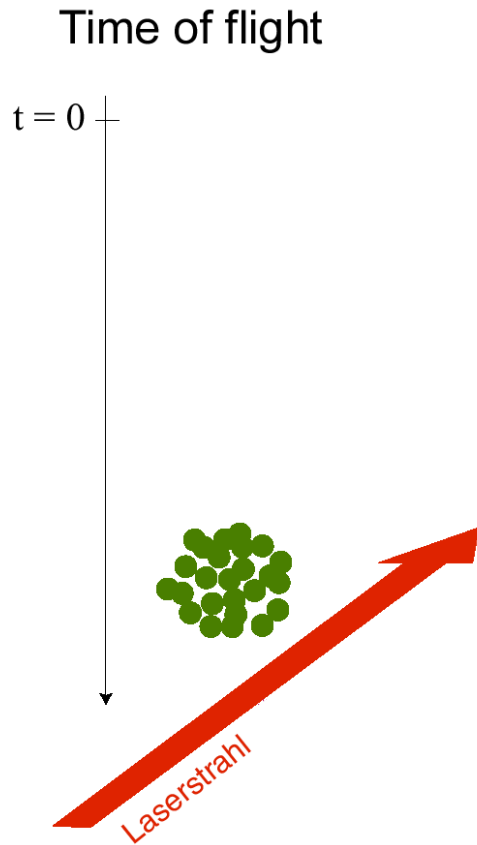
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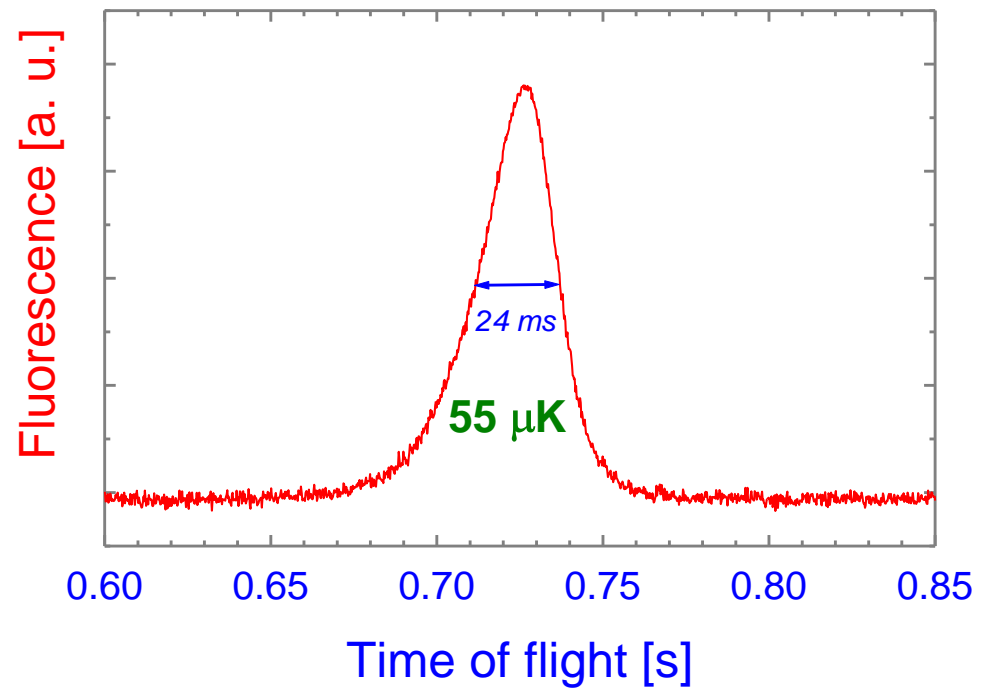
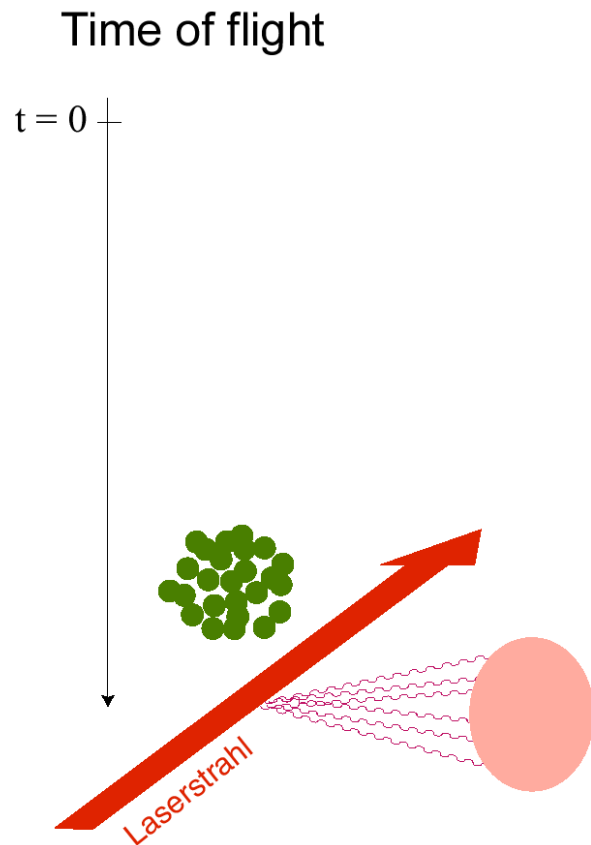
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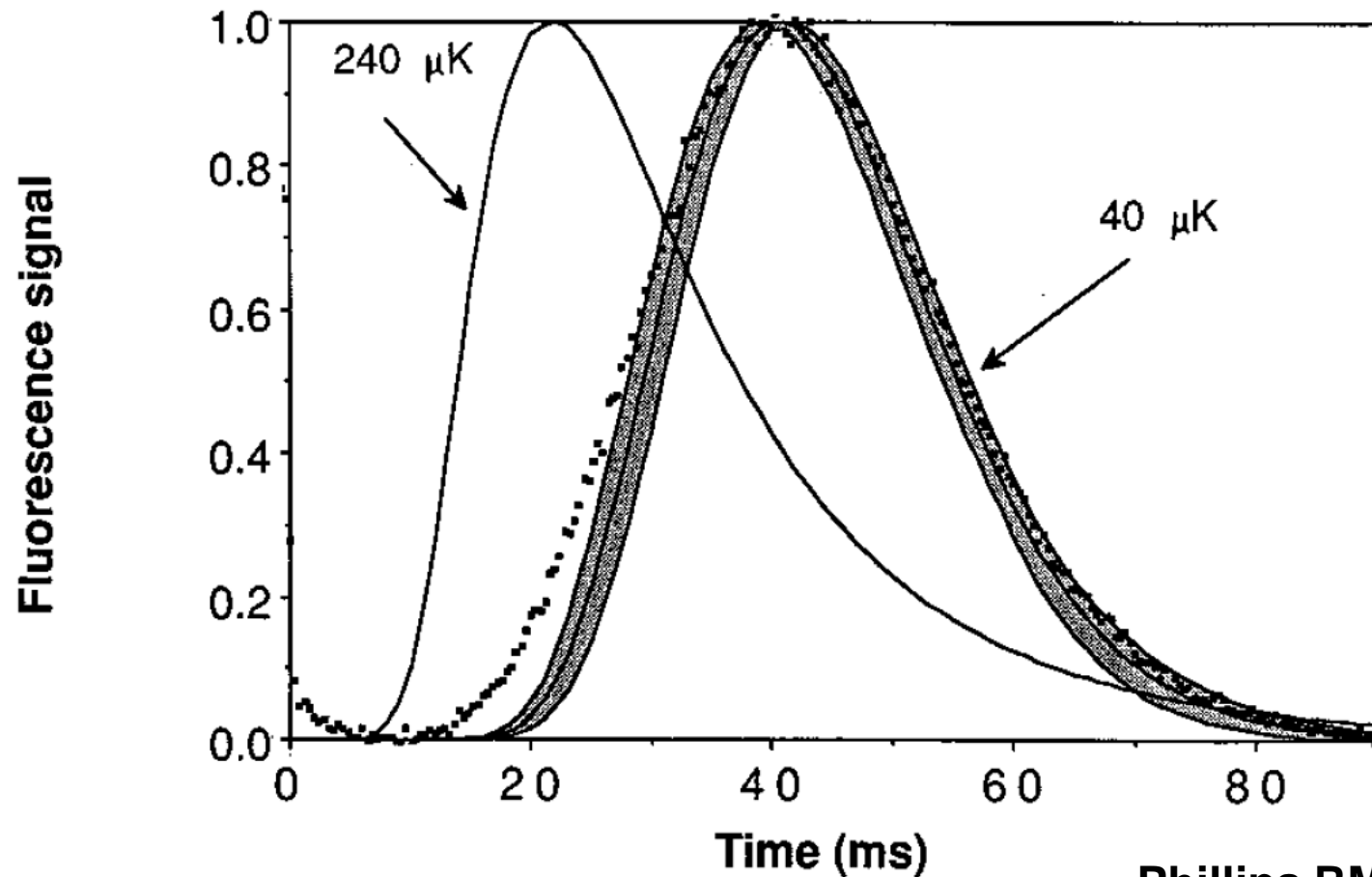
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# temperature distribution from time-of-flight measurement

exp.: points, curves: theory.

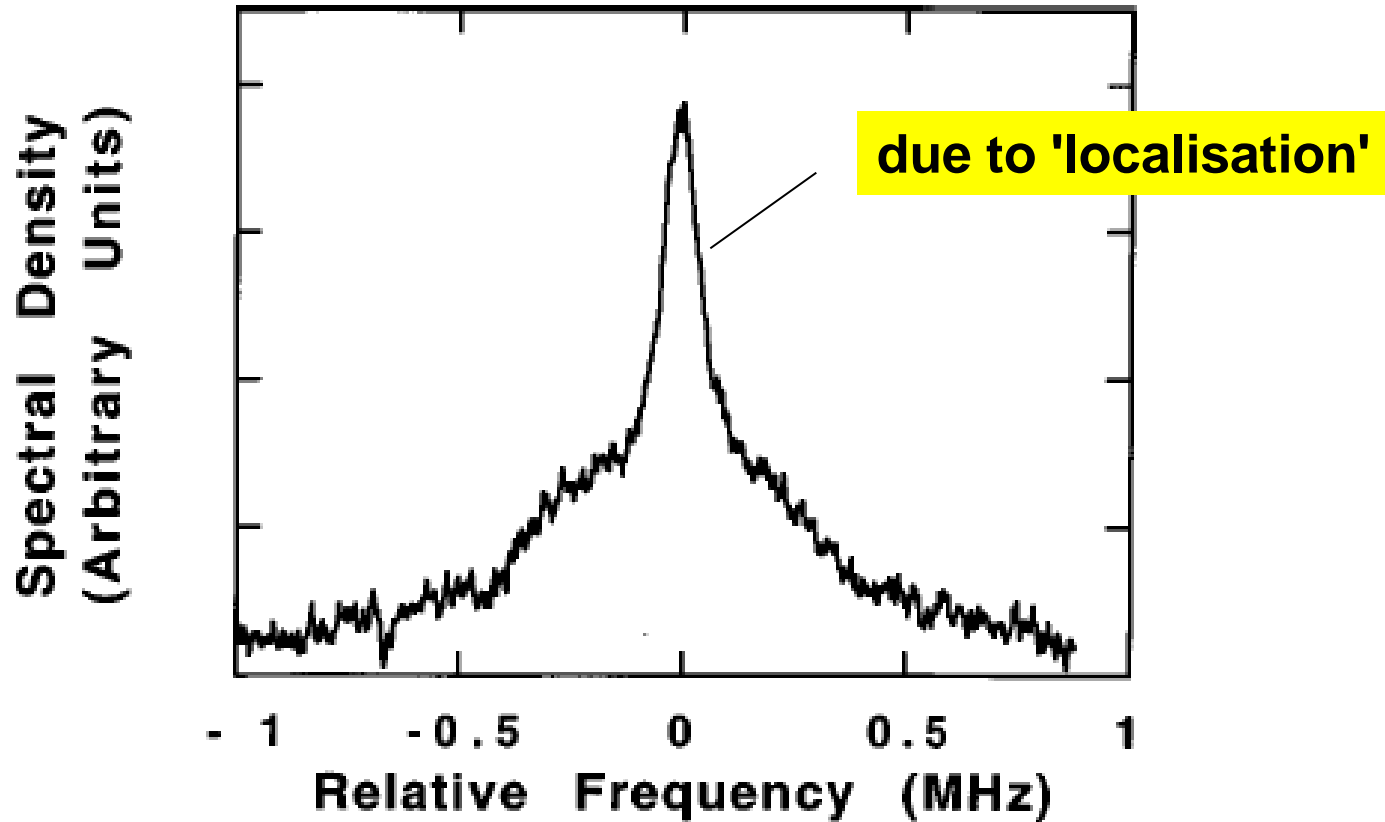
40  $\mu\text{K}$  curve: theoretical limit of Doppler cooling



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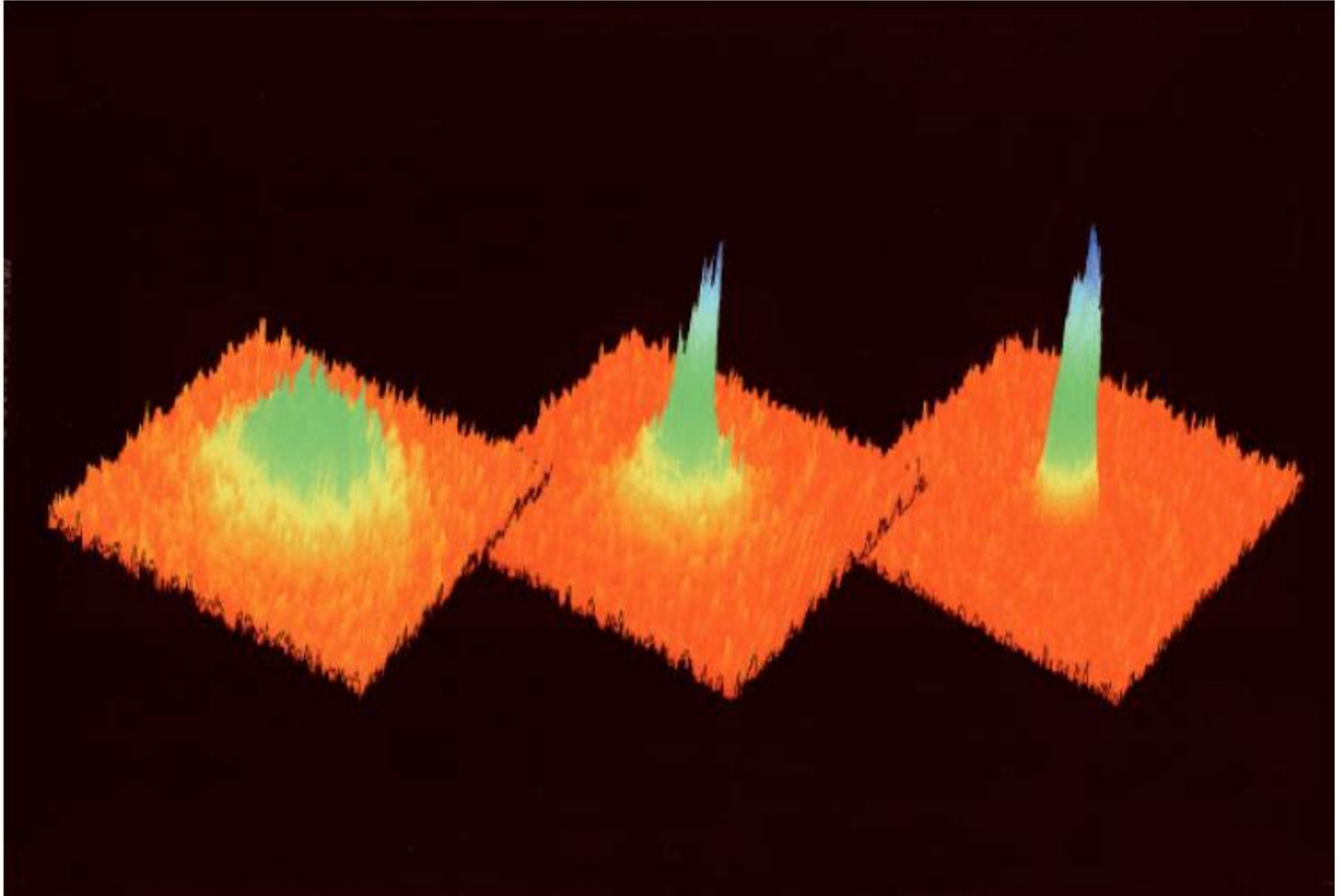
# sub-Doppler cooling by evaporation

broad component: 84  $\mu\text{K}$  thermal contribution



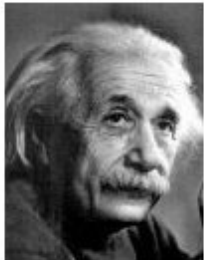
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# 2D velocity distribution of Na atoms at different stages of evaporative cooling



# a short history of Bose-Einstein condensation

Predicted 1924...



A. Einstein



S. Bose

- **1924** Bose schickt Einstein seine Arbeit über die Statistik von Photonen. Einstein übersetzt diese Arbeit.

- **1924** Nur acht Tage später hat Einstein seine „Quantentheorie der einatomigen idealen Gase“ fertiggestellt.

- **1925** Einstein setzt seine Arbeit über das ideale Gas mit Bose-Statistik fort und entdeckt zum ersten Mal das Phänomen der „Bose-Einstein-Kondensation“

- **1995** Bose-Einstein-Kondensation in einem verdünnten Gas von  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  Atomen wird zum ersten Mal von Eric Cornell und Carl Wieman (JILA) erzielt und wenige Monate später in  $^{23}\text{Na}$  von Wolfgang Ketterle (MIT)



University of Colorado at Boulder



University of Colorado at Boulder



EPN/MPRE



Nobelpreis  
2001 !

Eric Cornell has been in Rostock on the occasion of the DPG spring meeting 1996

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SITZUNGSBERICHTE  
DER PREUSSISCHEN  
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Sitzung der physikalisch-mathematischen Klasse vom 8. Januar.

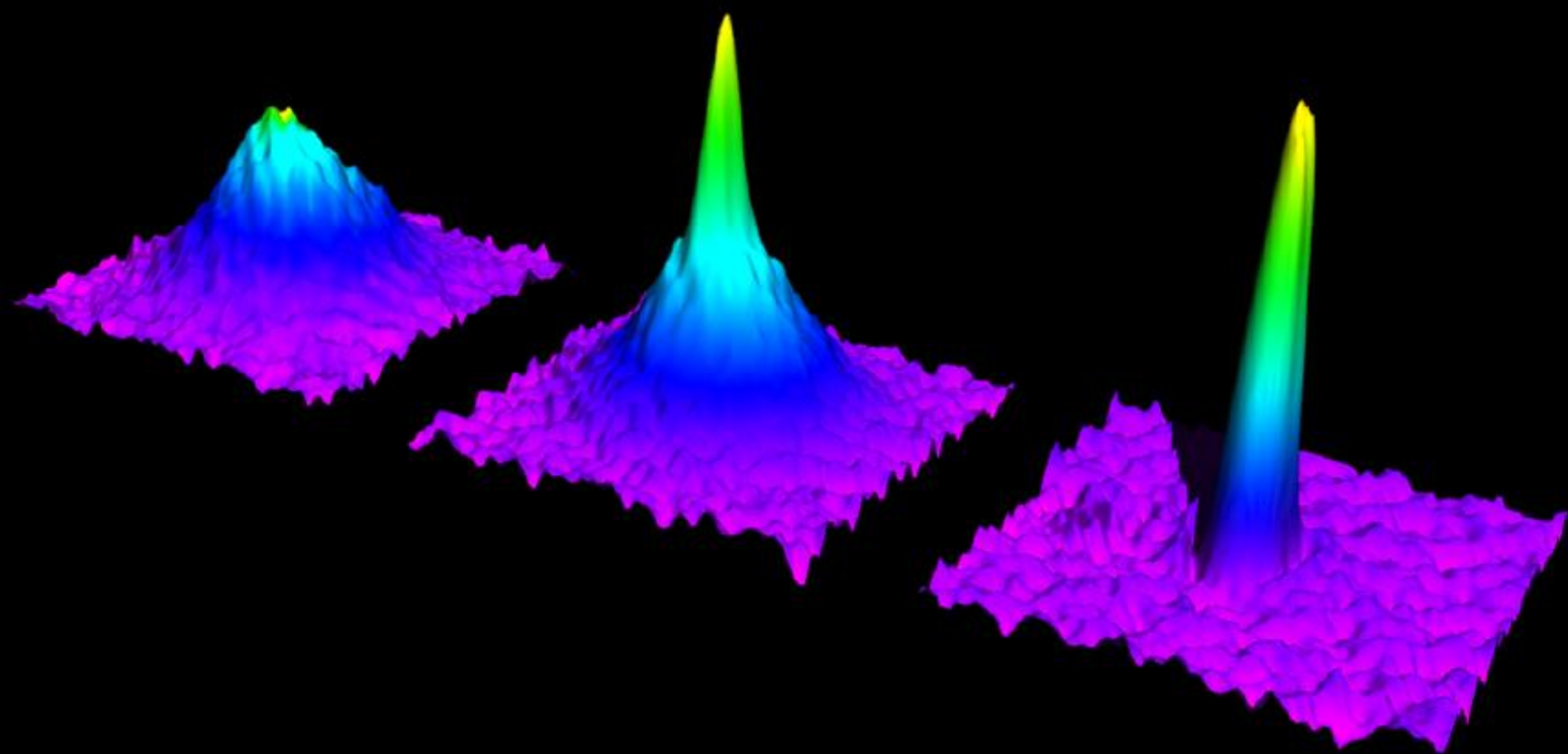
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Quantentheorie des einatomigen idealen Gases.

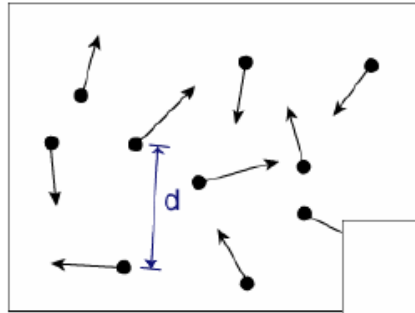
Zweite Abhandlung.

Von A. EINSTEIN.

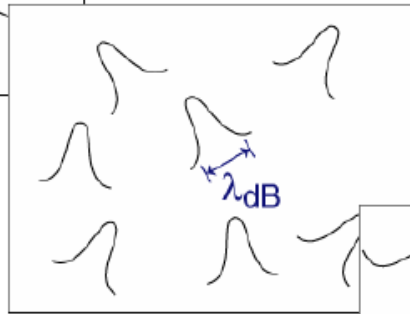
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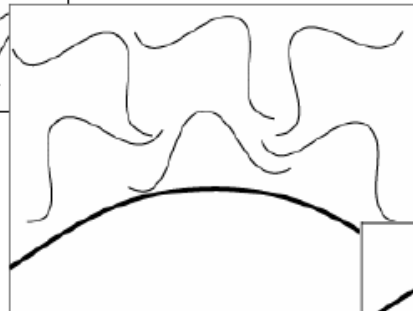
# from a classical gas to a Bose-Einstein condensate



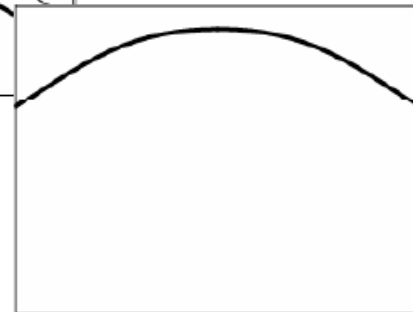
$T \gg T_c$   
Klassisches Gas



$T > T_c$   
 $\lambda_{dB} = h/mv \propto T^{-1/2}$



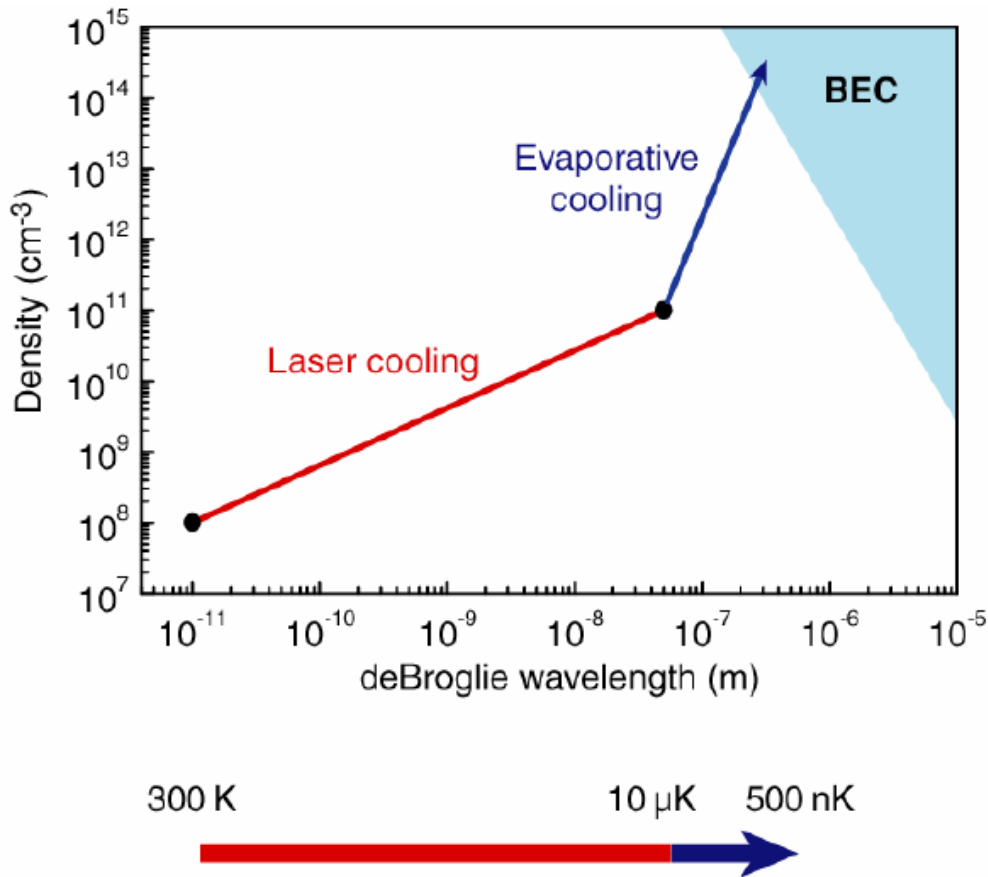
$T < T_c$   
 $\lambda_{dB} \approx d$



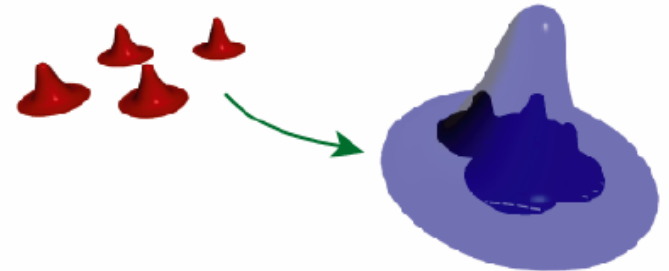
$T = 0$   
Kohärente  
Materiewelle



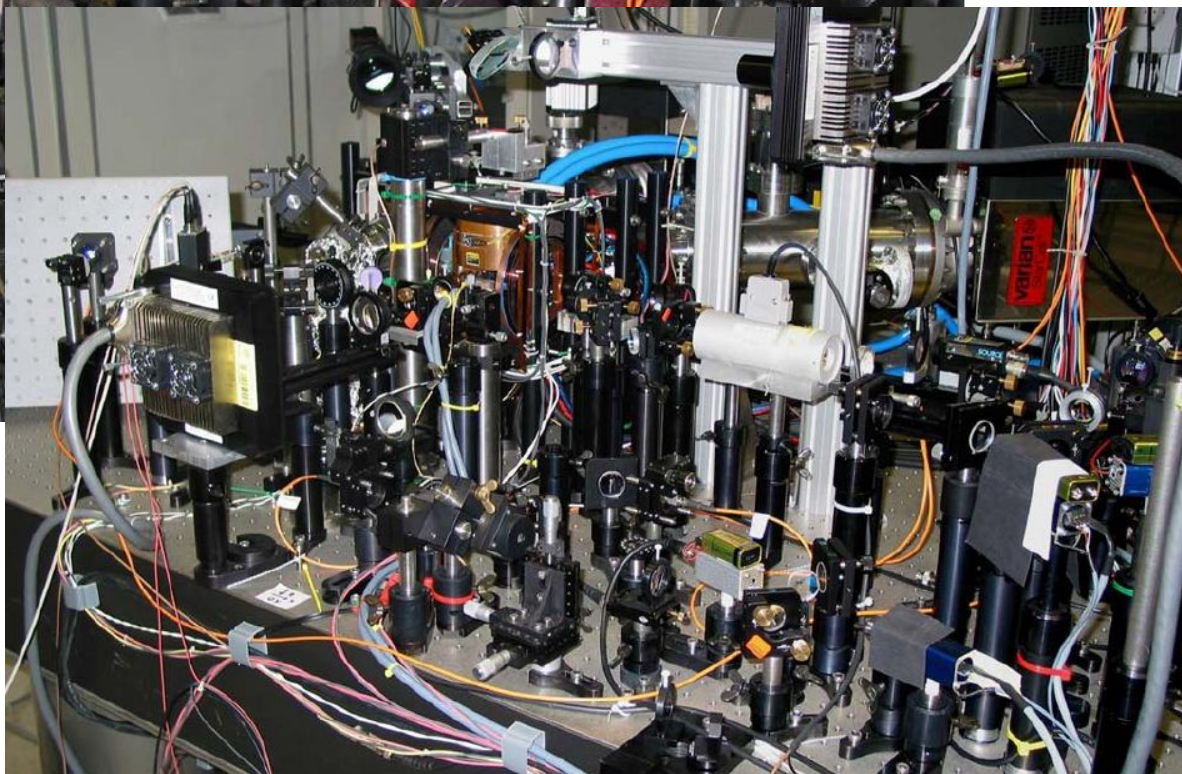
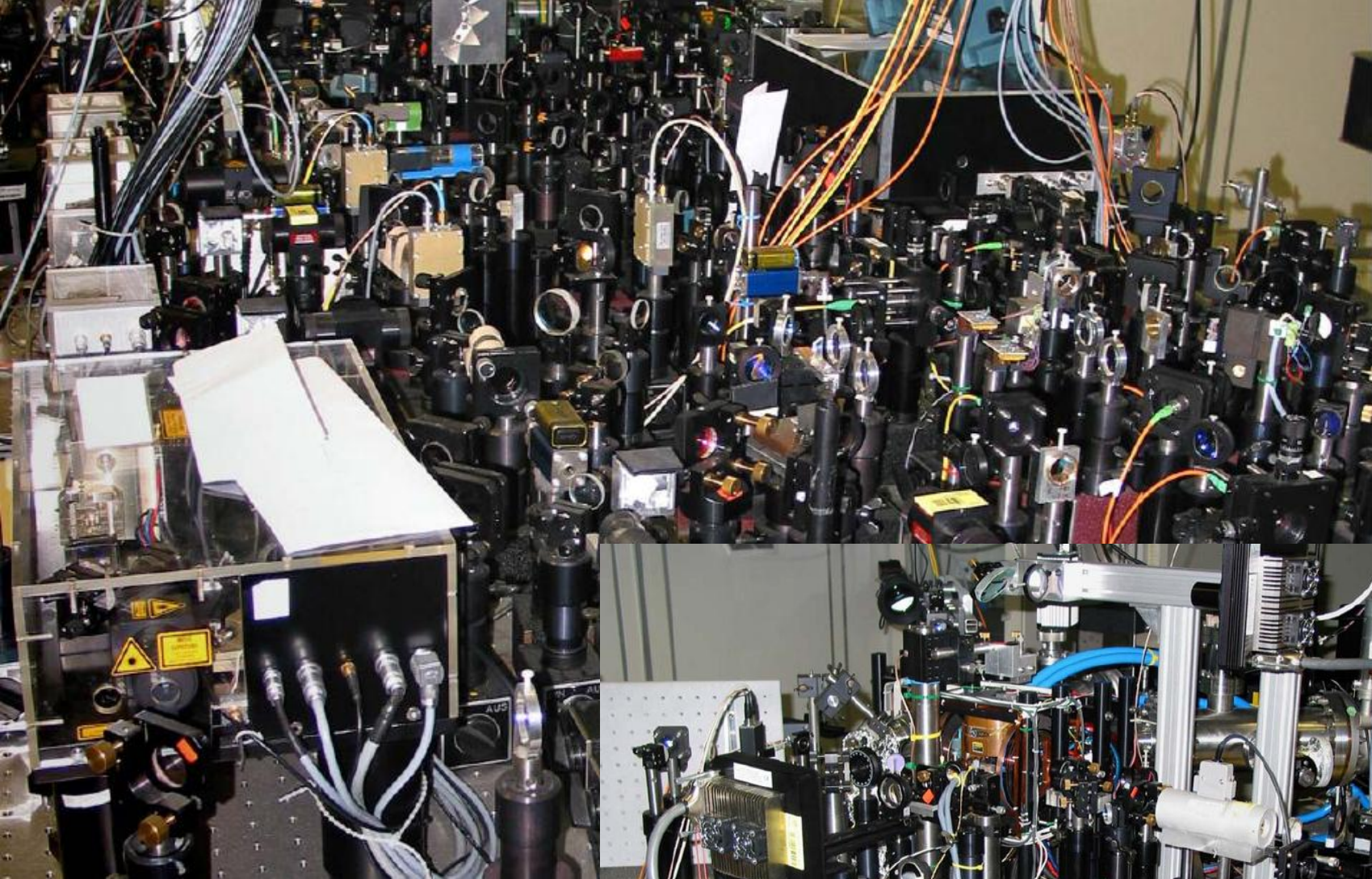
# the long experimental way to BEC



$$n \cdot \lambda^3 \approx 1$$



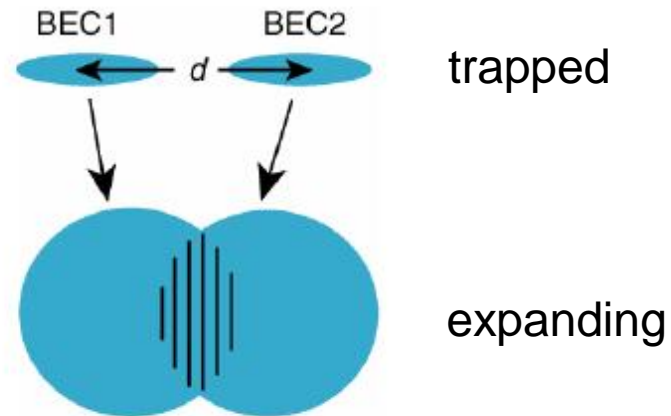
**all the tools of atom cooling have to be used!**



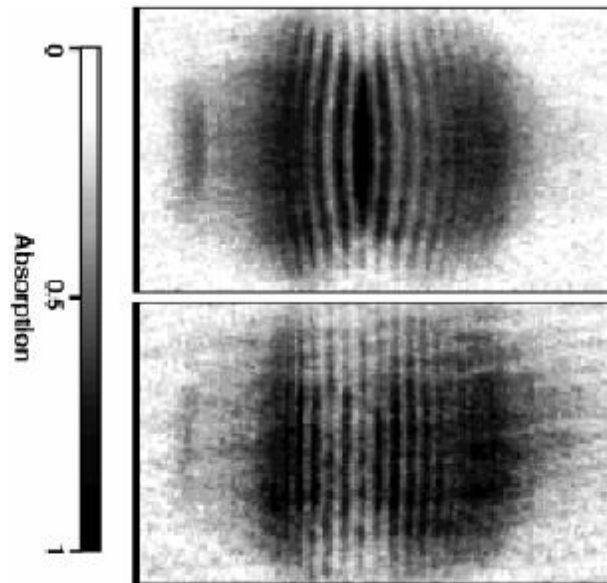


# further studies of the BEC

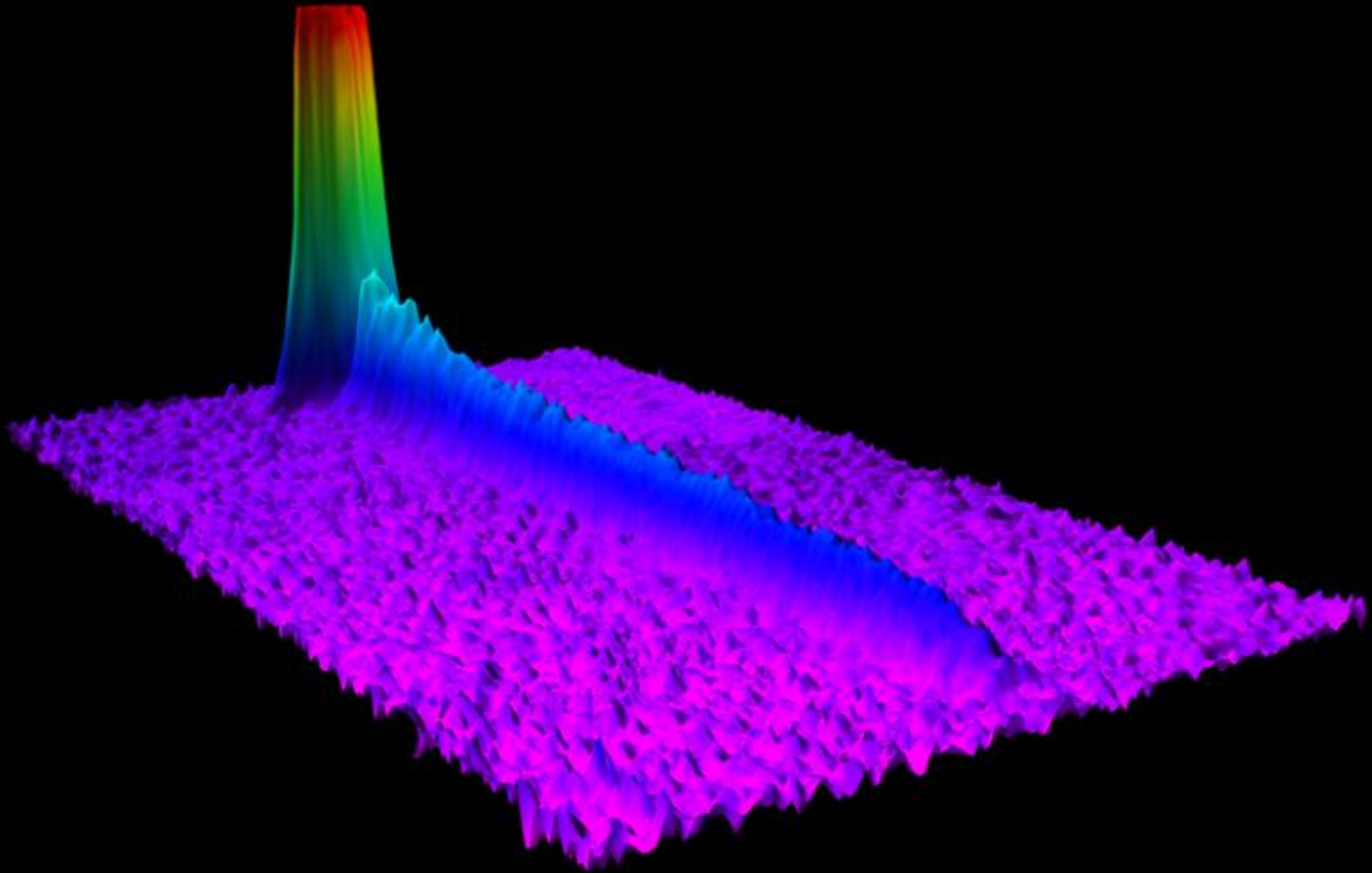
BEC can show interference



Andrews et al.,  
Science 275, 637 (1997)



**towards an atom laser**



atom lasers

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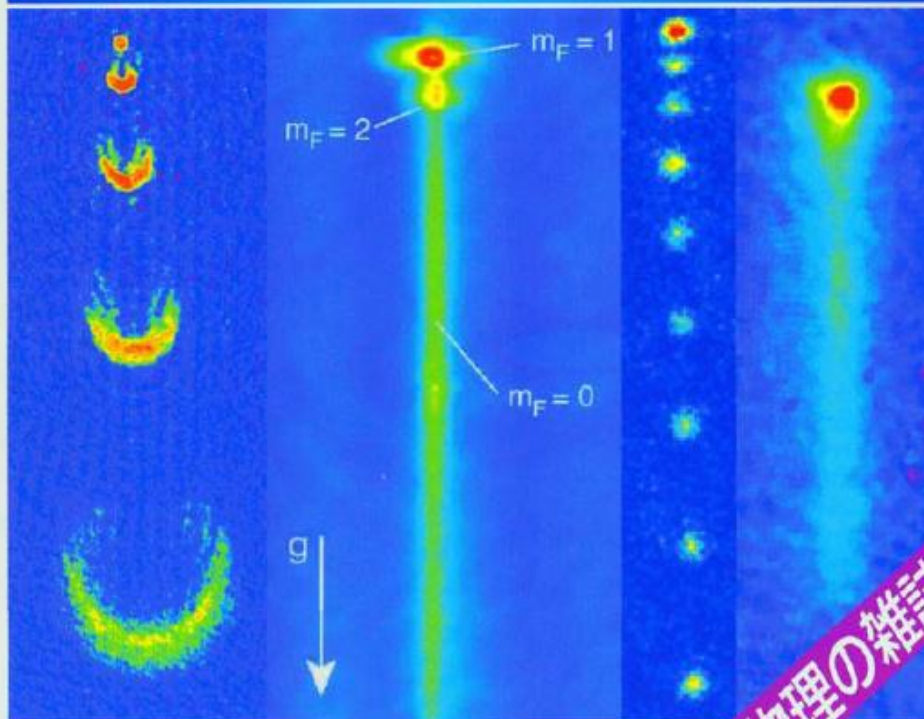
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原子波レーザー | スピン自由度とBEC | 水素原子の陰と陽 | ボース凝縮体のコヒーレンス

## 特集: 打ち寄せる原子のさざ波

——レーザー冷却とボース-アインシュタイン凝縮——



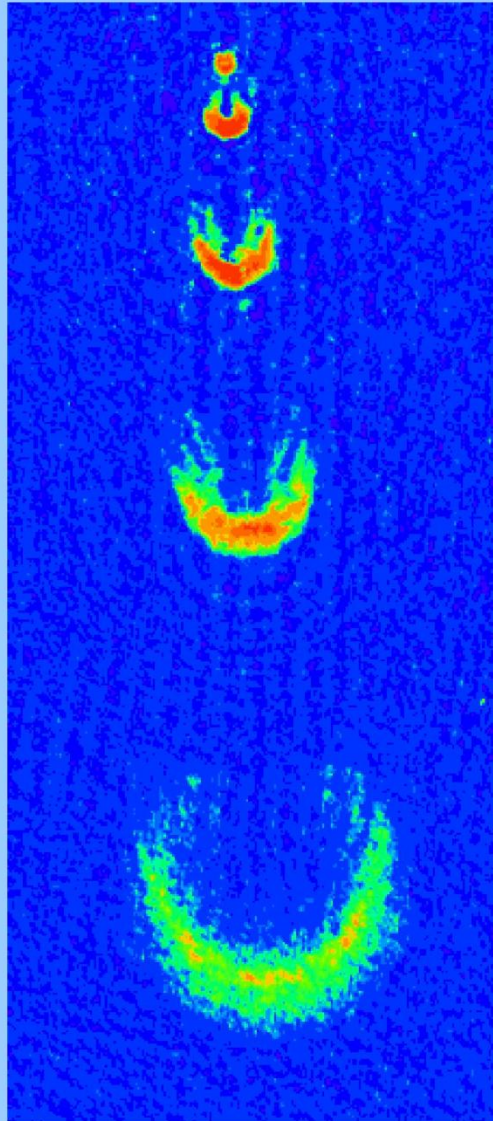
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物理の雑誌

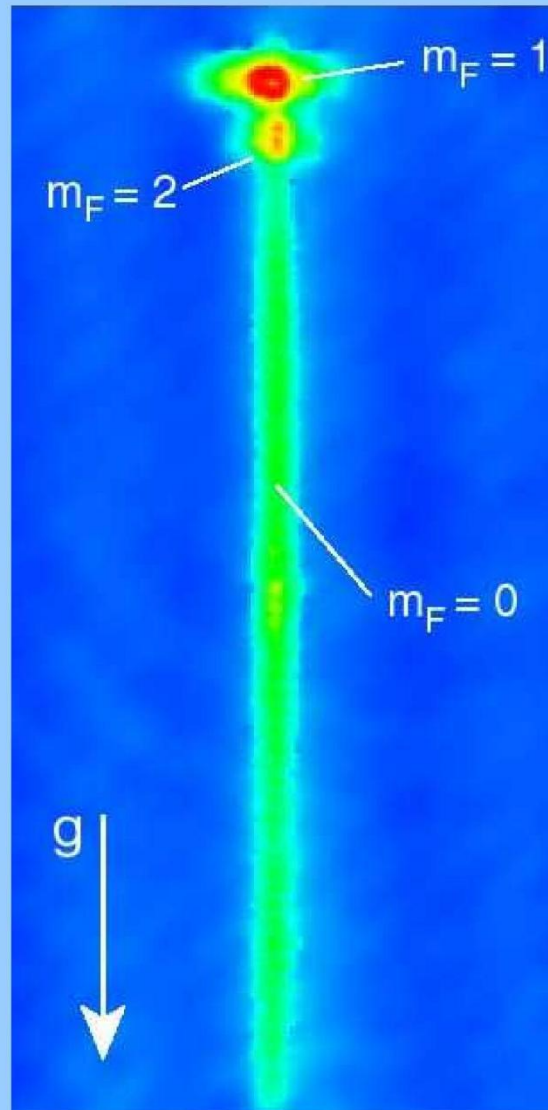


# Atom laser gallery

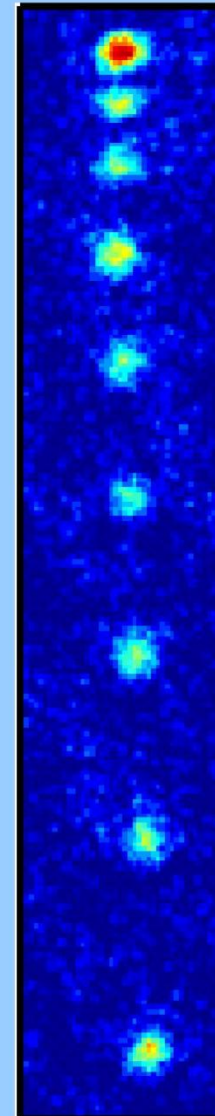
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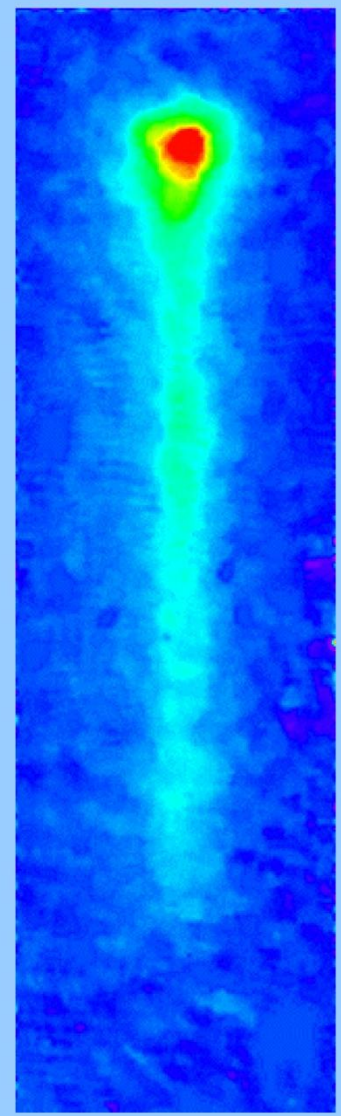
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Munich '99

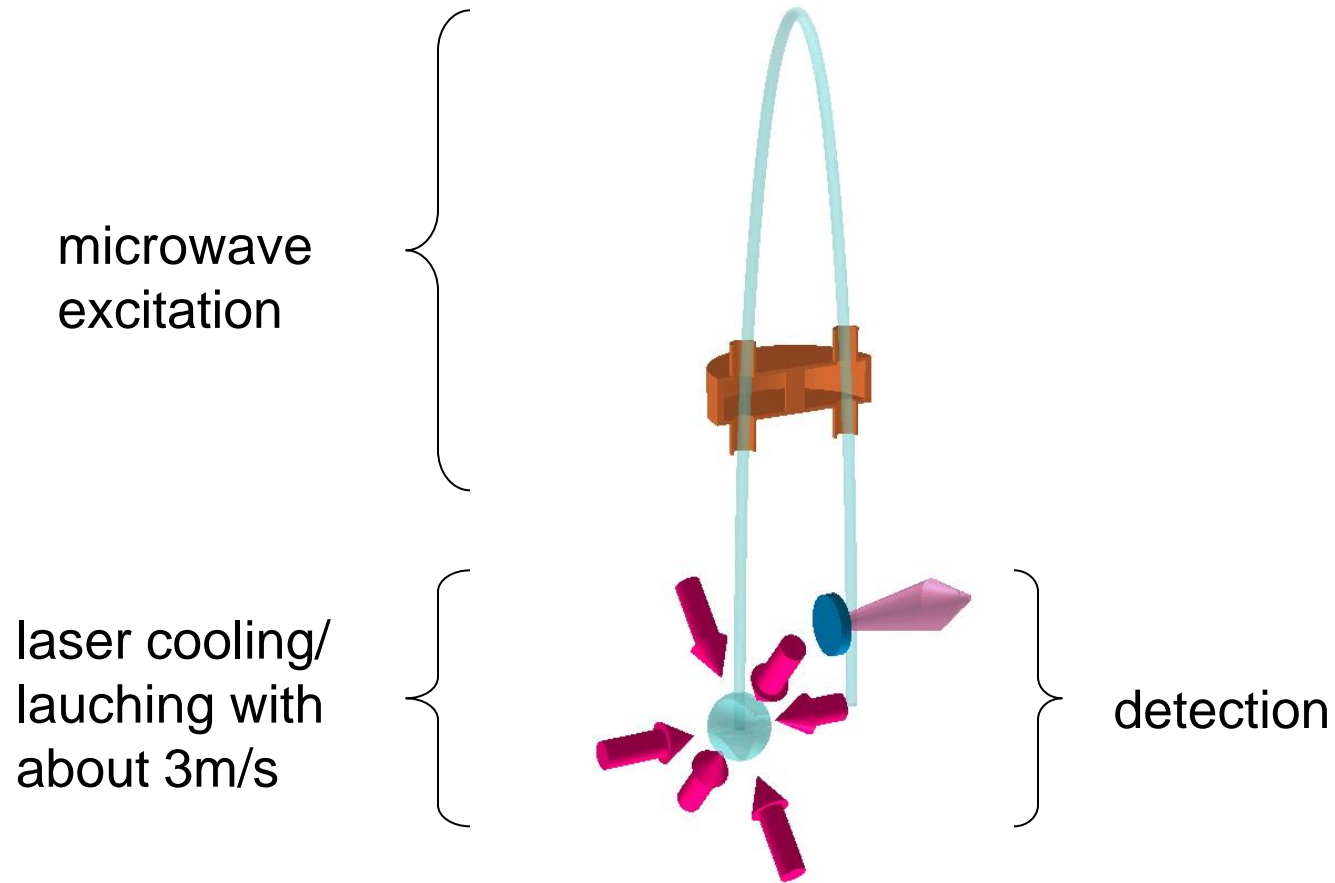


Yale '98



NIST '99

**one application: ultra-precise experiments  
with an atomic fountain  
e.g., for frequency standards**



# atom fountain: realization

