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Ultracold heteronuclear Fermi-Fermi molecules

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Polar Molecules

Cold polar molecules:

$^{133}\text{Cs} - ^7\text{Li}$ Bose-Bose mixture:

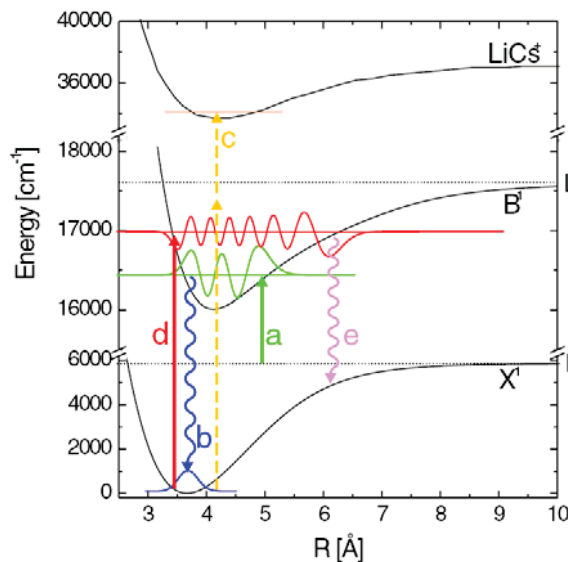
Single step of photoassociation process

 *J. Deiglmayr et al., PRL 101, 133004 (2008)*

$^{87}\text{Rb} - ^{40}\text{K}$ Bose-Fermi mixture:


Single step of stimulated Raman transfer

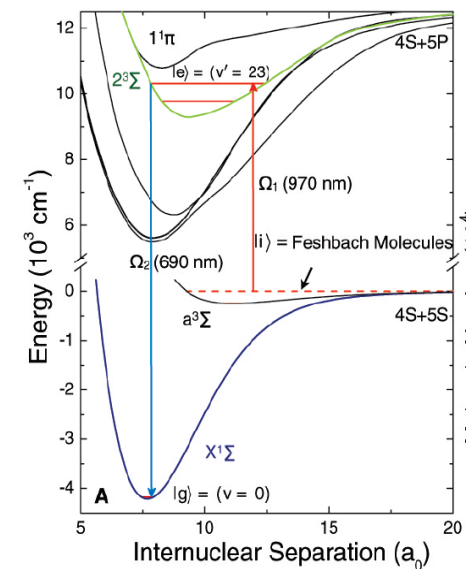
 *K.-K. Ni et al., Science 322, 231 (2008)*



$^6\text{Li} - ^{40}\text{K}$ Fermi-Fermi mixture:

- **Long lifetime** of Feshbach molecules facilitate STIRAP
- **High dipole moment**
Absolute ground state LiK 3.6 Debye
- **Bosonic** molecules

 *M. Aymar and O. Dulieu, J. Chem. Phys., 122, 204302 (2005)*



Perspective: longlived BEC of ground state molecules with anisotropic, long-range interaction

Dipole Moments of Ground State Molecules

Dipole moments of vibrational ground state: $\nu=0$

Mixture	[Debye]
Li-Na	0.56
Li-K	3.6
Li-Rb	4.2
Li-Cs	5.5
Na-K	2.8
Na-Rb	3.3
Na-Cs	4.6
K-Rb	0.6
K-Cs	1.9
Rb-Cs	1.2

 *M. Aymar and O. Dulieu, J. Chem. Phys., 122, 204302 (2005)*

3.6 Debye $\hat{=}$ 13kHz interaction energy for lattice spacing of 532 nm.

Strongly Interacting Mixture

Strongly interacting Fermi gases:

- Imbalanced Fermi gases

 *Y. Shin et. al, PRL 97, 030401 (2006)*

 *G. B. Partridge, Science 311, 503 (2006)*

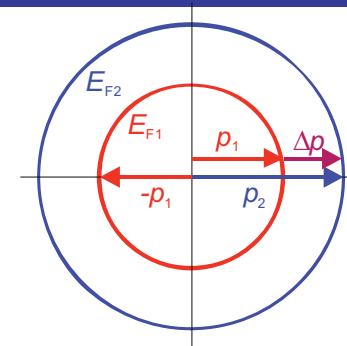
Fulde-Ferrell-Larkin-Ovchinnikov states (FFLO)
in 1D traps or 1D optical lattices


- crystalline phase, BEC-BCS crossover,
resonant pairing, ...

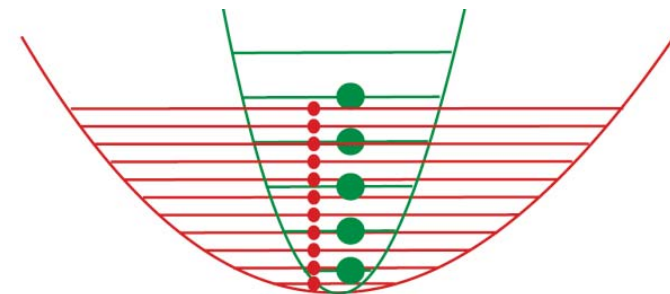
Experimental possibilities of heteronuclear system: ...

Independent control of optical potentials, i.e. densities

- Selective evaporative cooling, adiabatic expansion
- tuning of effective mass
- “Magic” wavelength



-  *Theoretical calculations on FFLO in 1D:*
A.E. Feiguin, F. Heidrich-Meisner, PRA. 220508 (2007)
G. Orso, PRL 98, 070402 (2008)
G. G. Batrouni, PRL 100, 116405 (2008)
M. Tezuka et al., PRL 100, 110403 (2008)
M. Rizzi et al., PRB 77, 245105 (2008)
A. Lüscher et al., PRA 78, 013637 (2008)
X.-J. Liu, PRA 78, 023601 (2008)

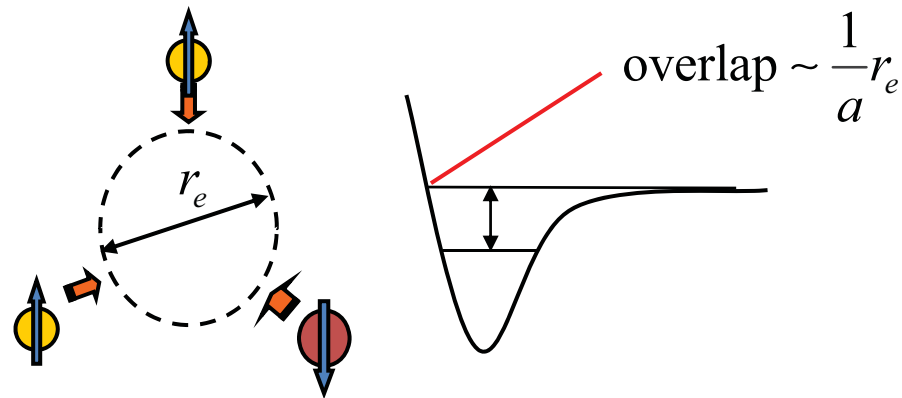


Long Lifetime of Fermions at FBR

$${}^6\text{Li}, |\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle @ 834 \text{ G FBR} : \tau \approx 1 \text{ s}$$

Vibrational relaxation suppressed due to Pauli exclusion principle

 D.S.Petrov et al., 2003 onwards



D. Petrov's talk on Thursday 11:45

Triple Degenerate Mixture

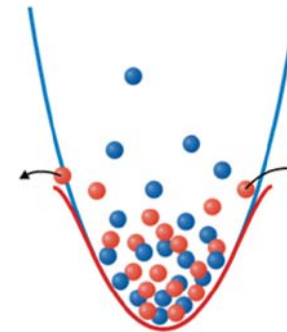
Why three species?

- **Fermions in identical states do not interact**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array} \leftarrow \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array} - \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array} \leftarrow \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array} \right) = 0$$

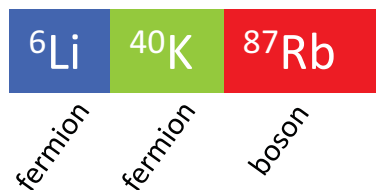
► Use of mixtures for sympathetic cooling

Amsterdam, Innsbruck: Li: $|1\rangle$ & $|2\rangle$ & K $|9/2; -9/2\rangle$



- **Fermi-Fermi-Bose mixture**

Munich:



sympathetic cooling with large and stable ${}^{87}\text{Rb}$ reservoir

Advantages:

- No doubled Pauli blocking when cooling into quantum degeneracy
- Fermions are not evaporated: lower initial fermion atom numbers are sufficient
- Flexibility: to study Fermi-Fermi and Fermi-Bose mixtures

Laser Systems

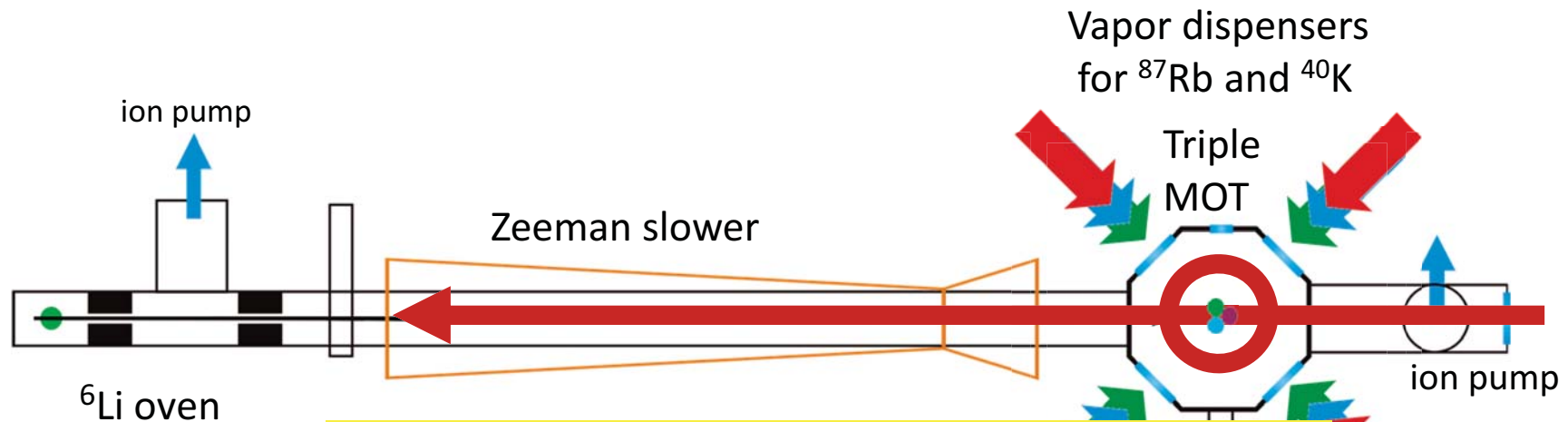
4 laser systems
(17 lasers, 8 laser locks, 14 optical fibers)

lithium

potassium

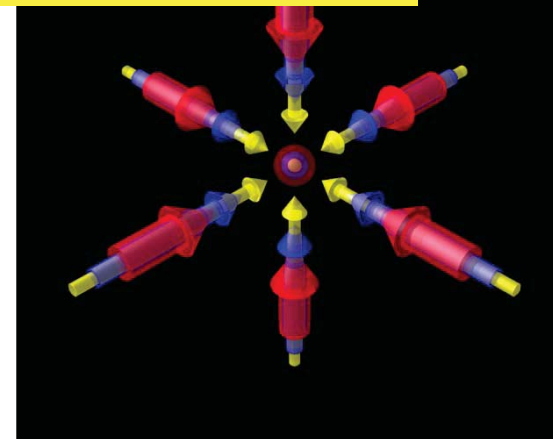
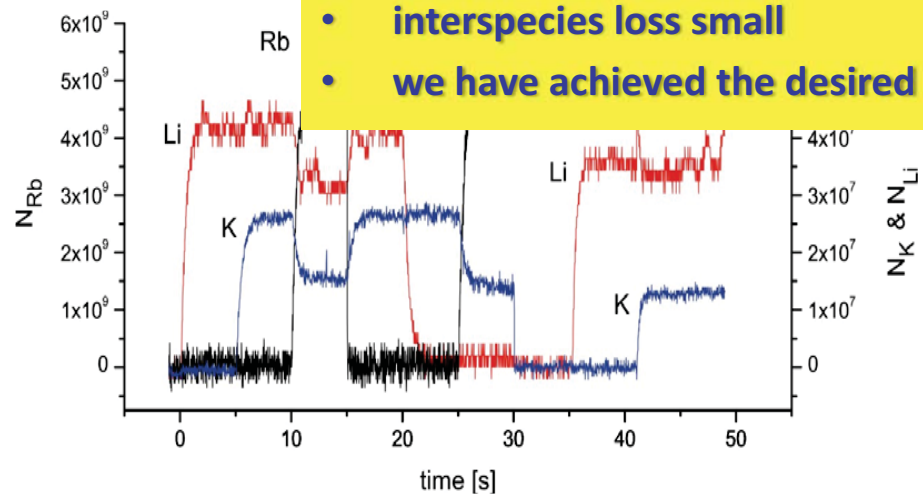
rubidium

Triple MOT



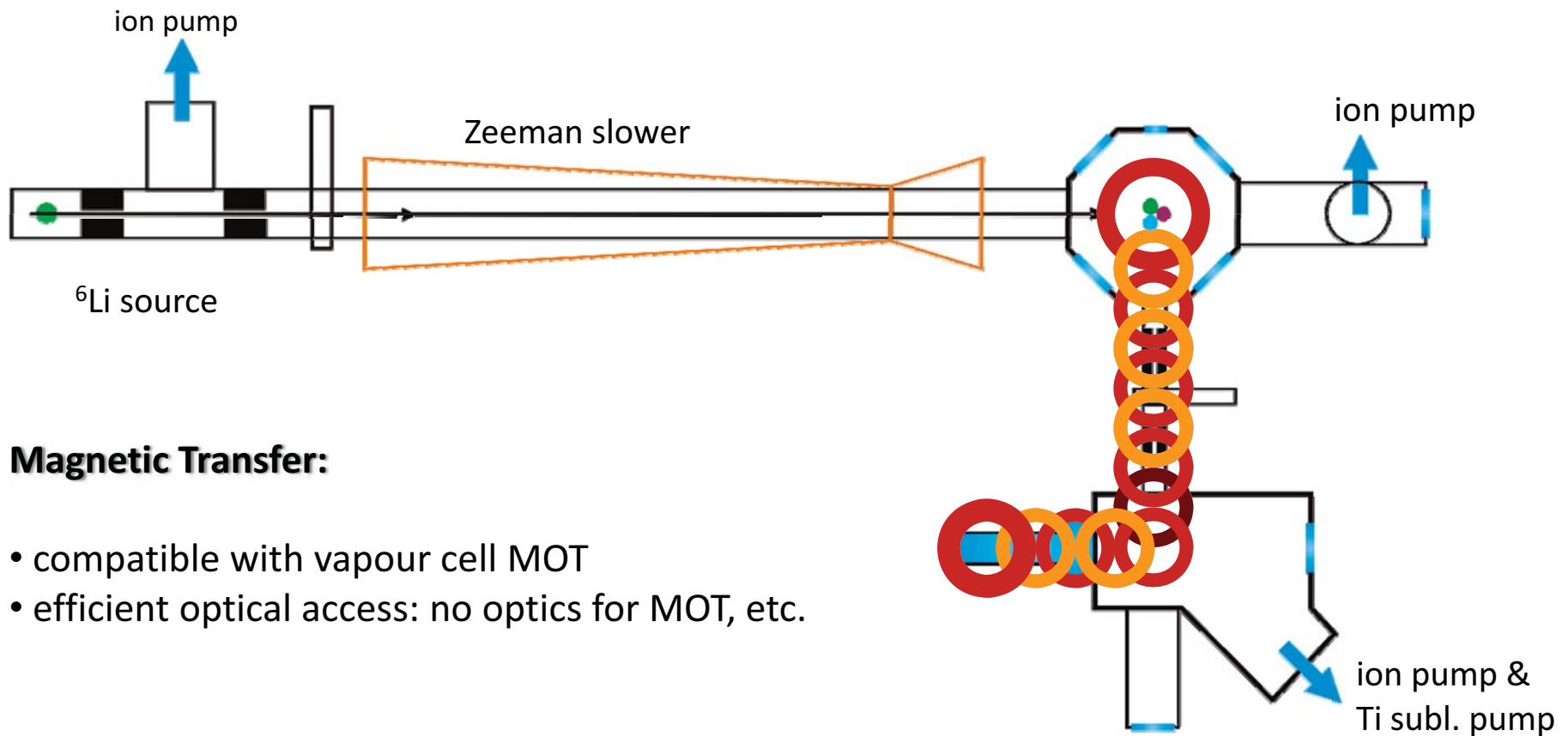
Good news:

- interspecies loss small
- we have achieved the desired atom numbers




i M. Taglieber, A.-C. Voigt, F. Henkel, S. Fray, T. W. Hänsch, and K. Dieckmann *Phys. Rev. A* 73, 011402 (R) (2006).

Concept of the Machine

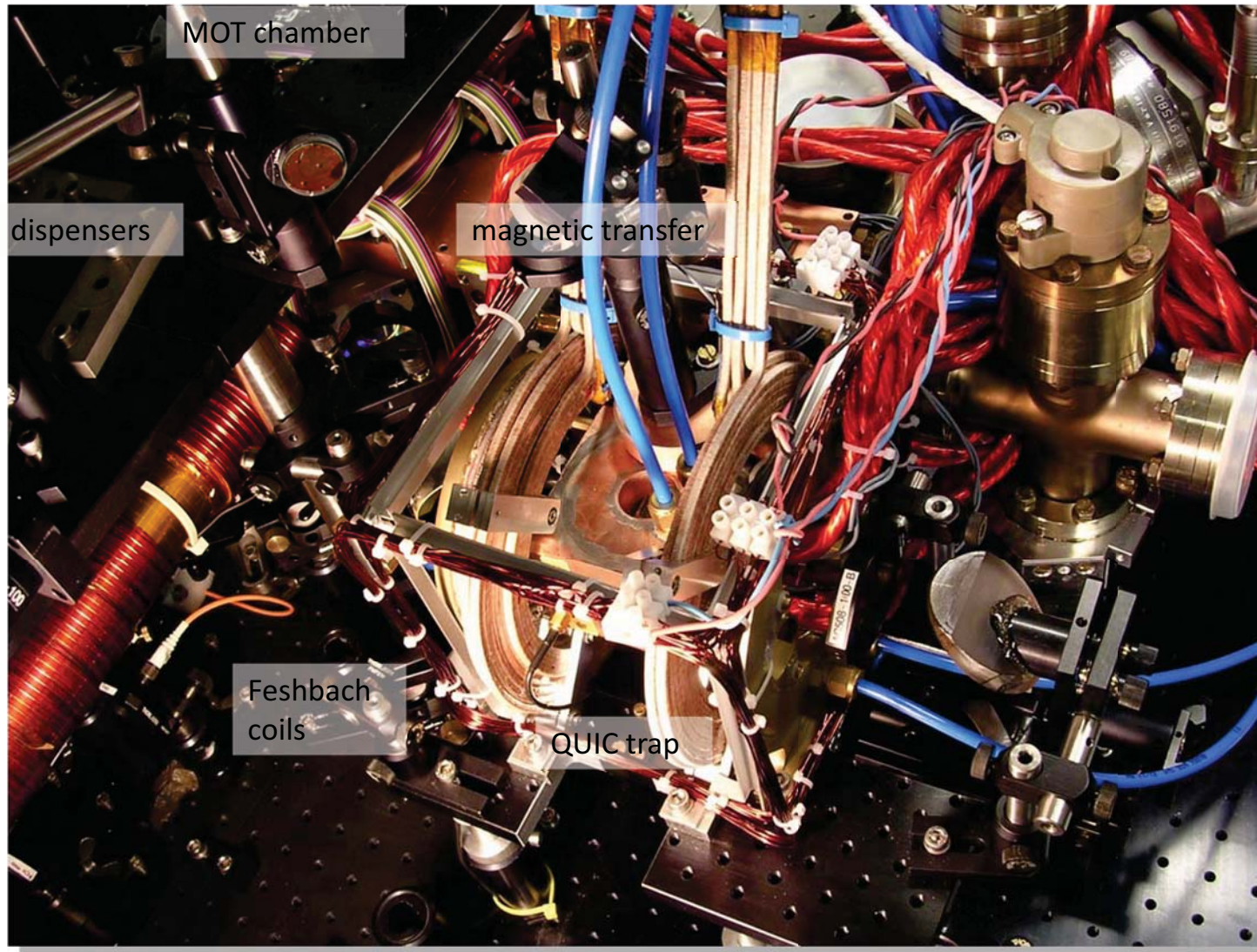


Magnetic Transfer:

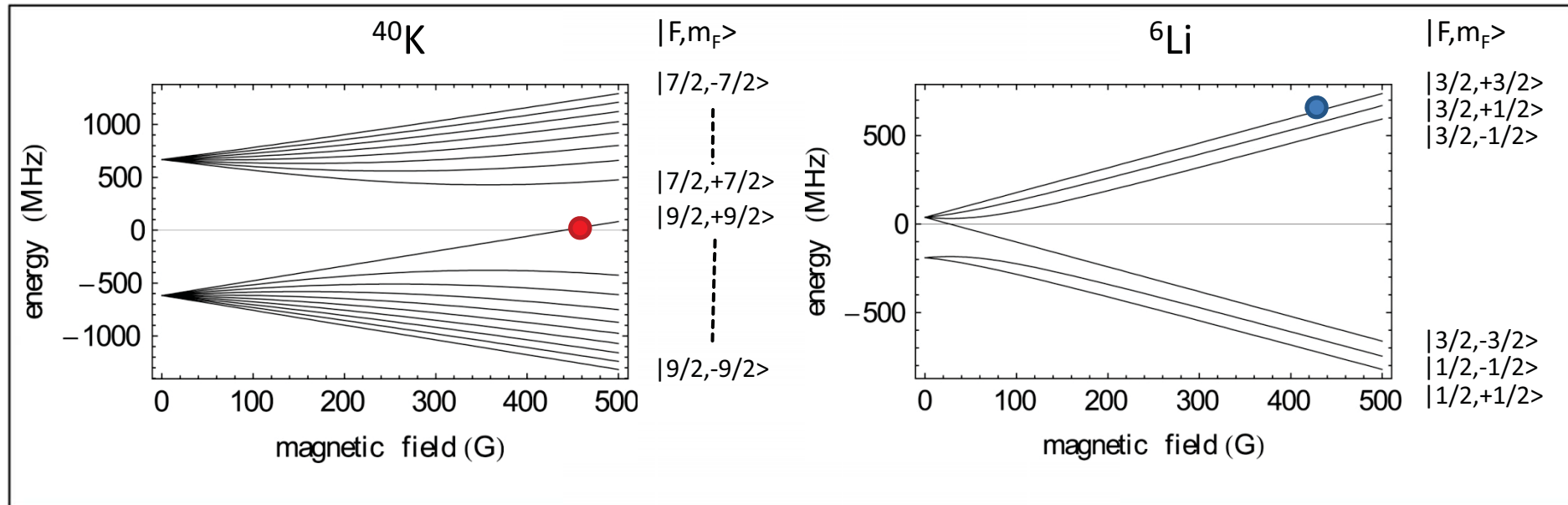
- compatible with vapour cell MOT
- efficient optical access: no optics for MOT, etc.

 *M. Greiner et al., PRA 63, 031401 (2001)*

Science Chamber



Magnetic Trapping

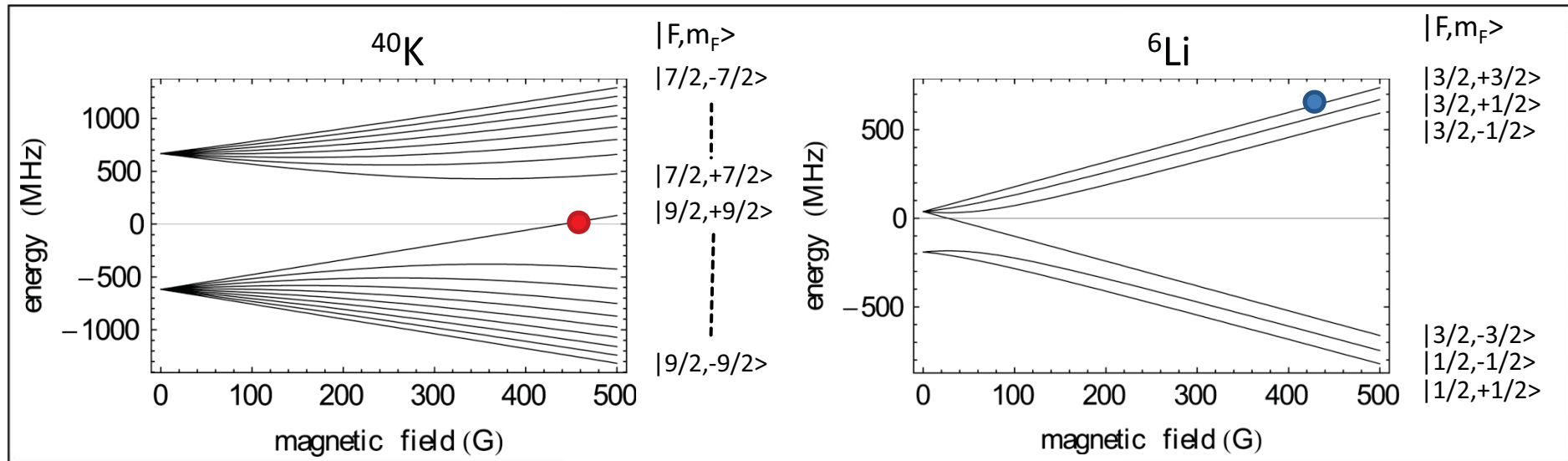


Magnetically trappable states:

- ^6Li : $|3/2; 3/2\rangle$, $|3/2; 1/2\rangle$
for $B < 27\text{G}$ additionally $|1/2; -1/2\rangle$
- ^{40}K : $|9/2; 9/2\rangle$, $|9/2; 7/2\rangle$, $|9/2; 5/2\rangle$, $|9/2; 3/2\rangle$, $|9/2; 1/2\rangle$
 $|7/2; -7/2\rangle$, $|7/2; -5/2\rangle$, $|7/2; -3/2\rangle$, $|7/2; -1/2\rangle$
- ^{87}Rb : $|1; -1\rangle$, $|2; 2\rangle$, $|2; 1\rangle$
at high B fields additionally $|2; 0\rangle$

Not absolute ground states !

Magnetic Trapping



Stable mixtures:

Selection rule for spin exchange collisions: $\Delta F_z = \Delta(m_F^{\text{Li}} + m_F^{\text{K}} + m_F^{\text{Rb}}) = 0$

- Stable mixture (doubly polarized states):

$$\text{Li } \left| \frac{3}{2}; \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \& \text{ K } \left| \frac{9}{2}; \frac{9}{2} \right\rangle \& \text{ Rb } |2; 2\rangle$$

- Additional stable mixture for Li-Rb experiments (maximally stretched states):

$$\text{Li } \left| \frac{1}{2}; -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \& \text{ Rb } |1; -1\rangle$$

But unstable for K-Rb and in Li-K-Rb mixture (inverted HFS of ^{40}K).

- All states trappable in optical dipole trap. Interesting stable examples:

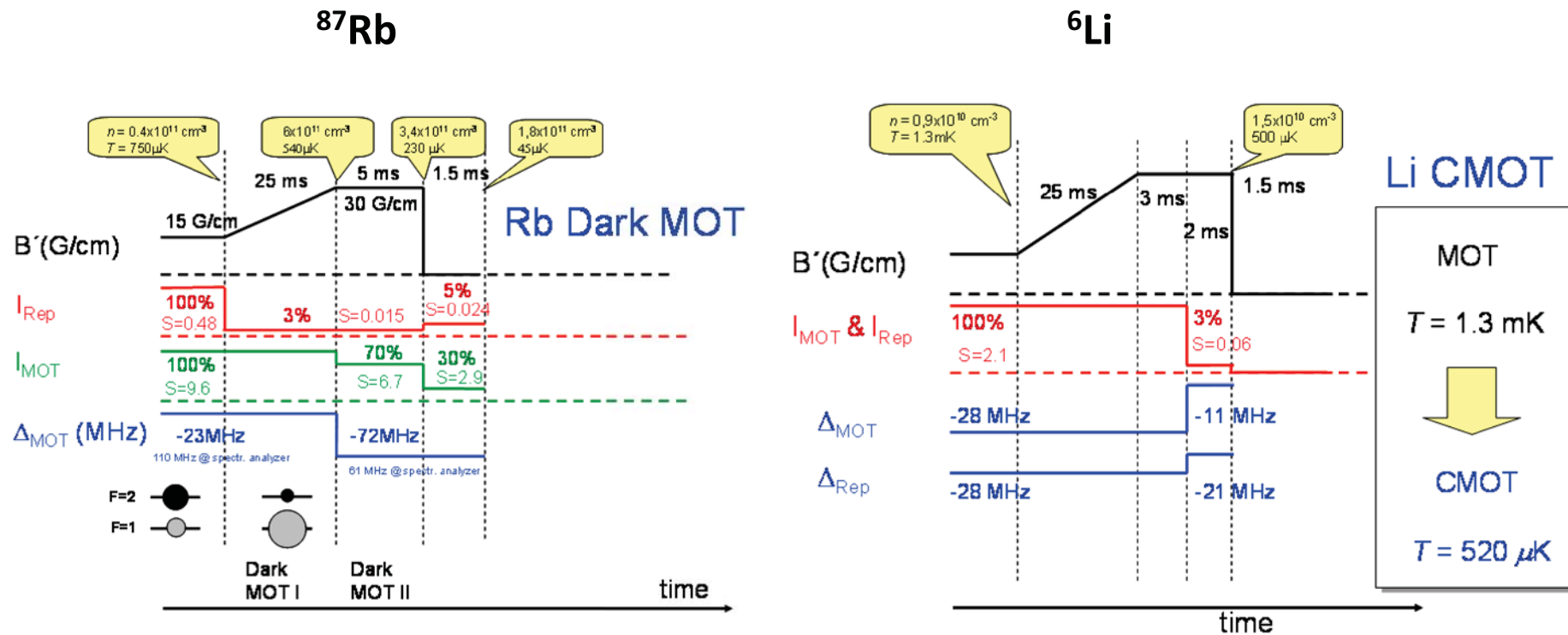
$$\text{Li } \left| \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \& \text{ K } \left| \frac{9}{2}; m_F \right\rangle \quad \text{Li } \left| \frac{1}{2}; m_F \right\rangle \& \text{ K } \left| \frac{9}{2}; -\frac{9}{2} \right\rangle$$

Challenges & Measures

- Li: low mass and high MOT temperature
 - Large diameter differential pumping hole
 - Special QUIC loading mechanism
 - Li: Compressed MOT, Rb: D-MOT


Li C-MOT & Rb D-MOT

Additional compression and cooling sequences before magnetic capture:

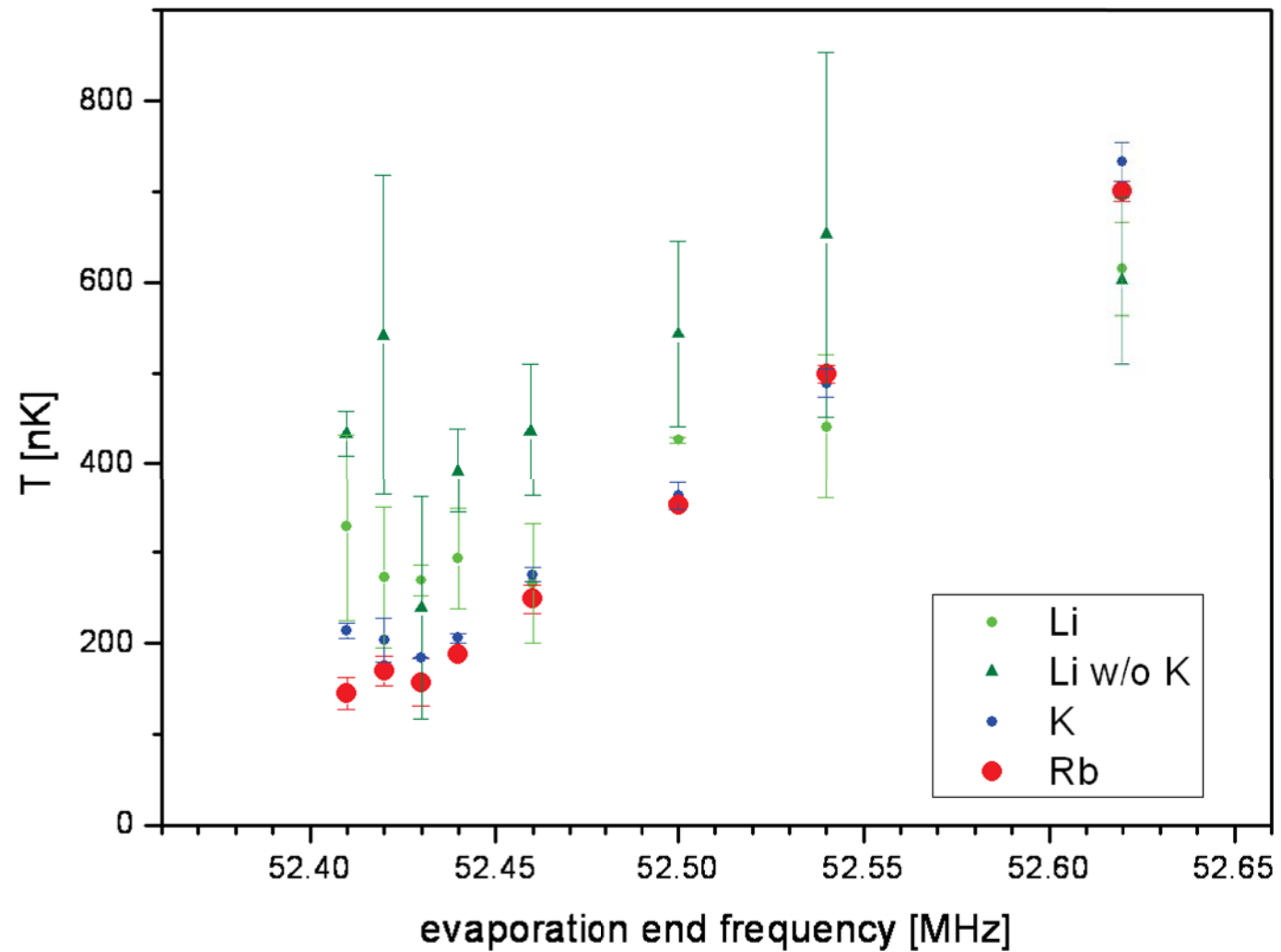


Rb: density increase: x3

Challenges & Measures

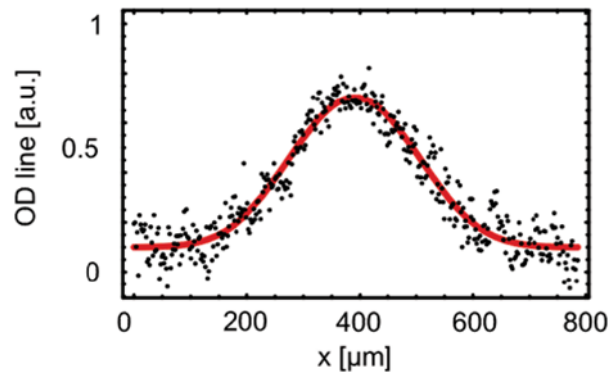
- Li: low mass and high MOT temperature
 - Large diameter differential pumping hole
 - Special QUIC loading mechanism
 - Li: Compressed MOT, Rb: D-MOT
- Small fermion atom numbers compared to Rb
 - Continuous state cleaning of Rb
- Small s-wave scattering wavelength: $|a_T(Li, Rb)| = 20_{-6}^{+9} a_0$
 - Rb dark MOT  C.Silber et al., PRL 95, 170408 (2005)
 - 63 s evaporation
 - Continuous removal of high energy Li from trap
 - Catalytic cooling of Li by K

Catalytic Cooling I



Catalytic Cooling II

no K present



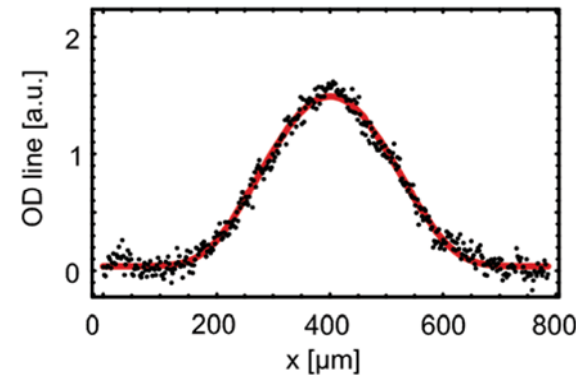
$$N = 0.8 \times 10^5$$

$$T = 450 \text{ nK} = 0.4 T_F$$



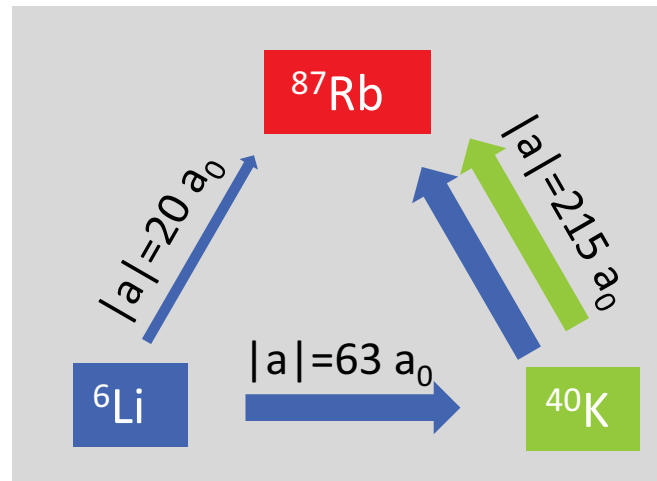
presence of K improves cooling of Li

K present




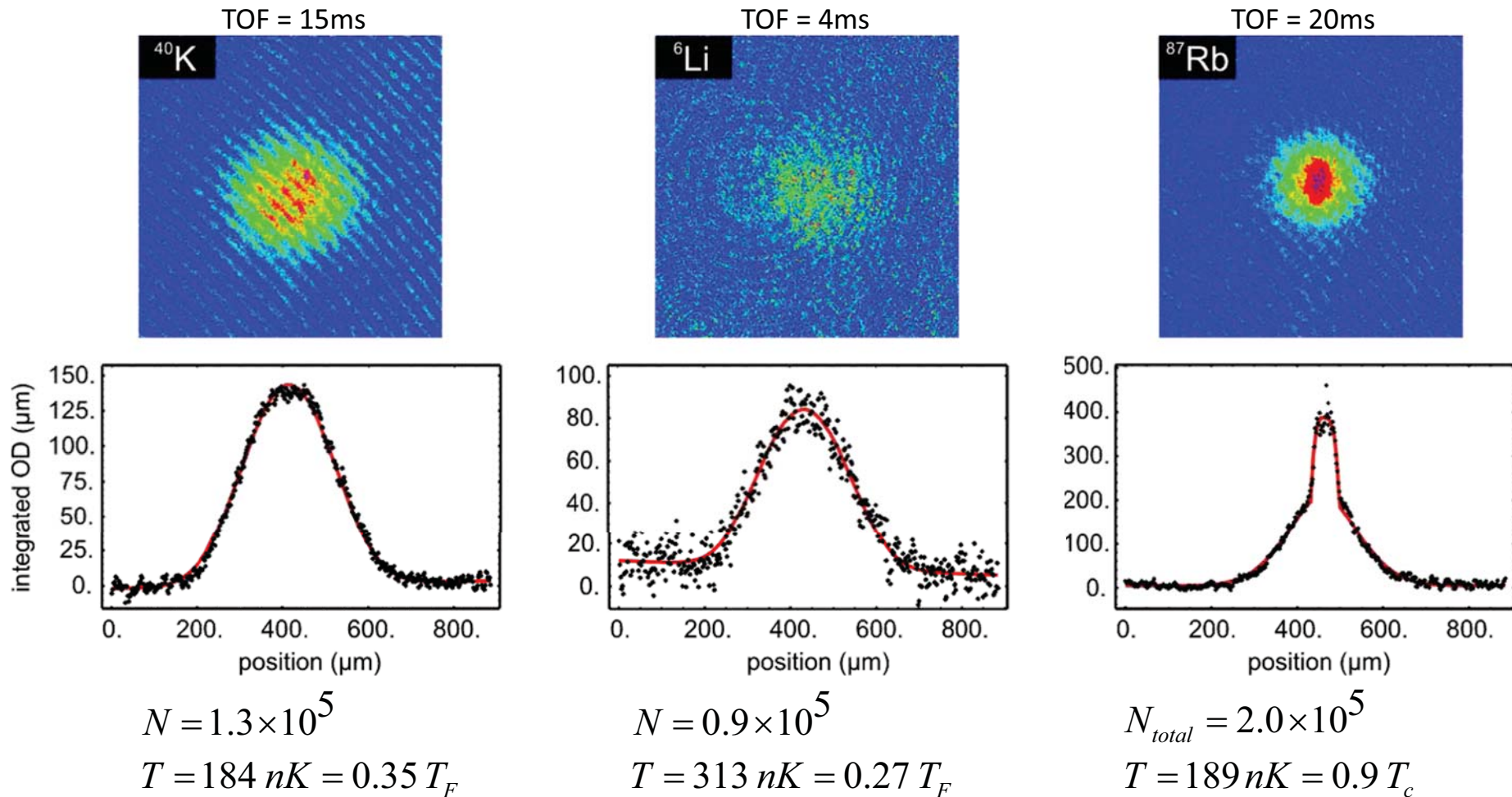
$$N = 1.8 \times 10^5$$

$$T = 265 \text{ nK} = 0.2 T_F$$



Triple Degeneracy


 M.Taglieber, A.-C. Voigt, T. Aoki, T.W. Hänsch, and K. Dieckmann, PRL 100, 010401 (2008)



 First quantum degenerate mixture of 3 different atomic species

${}^6\text{Li}-{}^{40}\text{K}$ Molecules

Li-K Feshbach Resonances in Innsbruck

Loss measurement in non-degenerate mixture:  *E. Wille et al., PRL 100, 053201 (2008)*

i, j	M_F	Experiment		ABM	Coupled channels		type
		B_0 (mT)	ΔB (mT)	B_0 (mT)	B_0 (mT)	ΔB_s (mT)	
2, 1	-5	21.56 ^a	0.17	21.67	21.56	0.025	<i>s</i>
1, 1	-4	15.76	0.17	15.84	15.82	0.015	<i>s</i>
1, 1	-4	16.82	0.12	16.92	16.82	0.010	<i>s</i>
1, 1	-4	24.91	1.07	24.43	24.95	-	<i>p</i>
1, 2	-3	1.61	0.38	1.39	1.05	-	<i>p</i>
1, 2	-3	14.92	0.12	14.97	15.02	0.028	<i>s</i>
1, 2	-3	15.95 ^a	0.17	15.95	15.96	0.045	<i>s</i>
1, 2	-3	16.59	0.06	16.68	16.59	0.0001	<i>s</i>
1, 2	-3	26.28	1.07	26.07	26.20	-	<i>p</i>
1, 3	-2	not observed		1.75	1.35	-	<i>p</i>
1, 3	-2	14.17	0.14	14.25	14.30	0.036	<i>s</i>
1, 3	-2	15.49	0.20	15.46	15.51	0.081	<i>s</i>
1, 3	-2	16.27	0.17	16.33	16.29	0.060	<i>s</i>
1, 3	-2	27.09	1.38	27.40	27.15	-	<i>p</i>

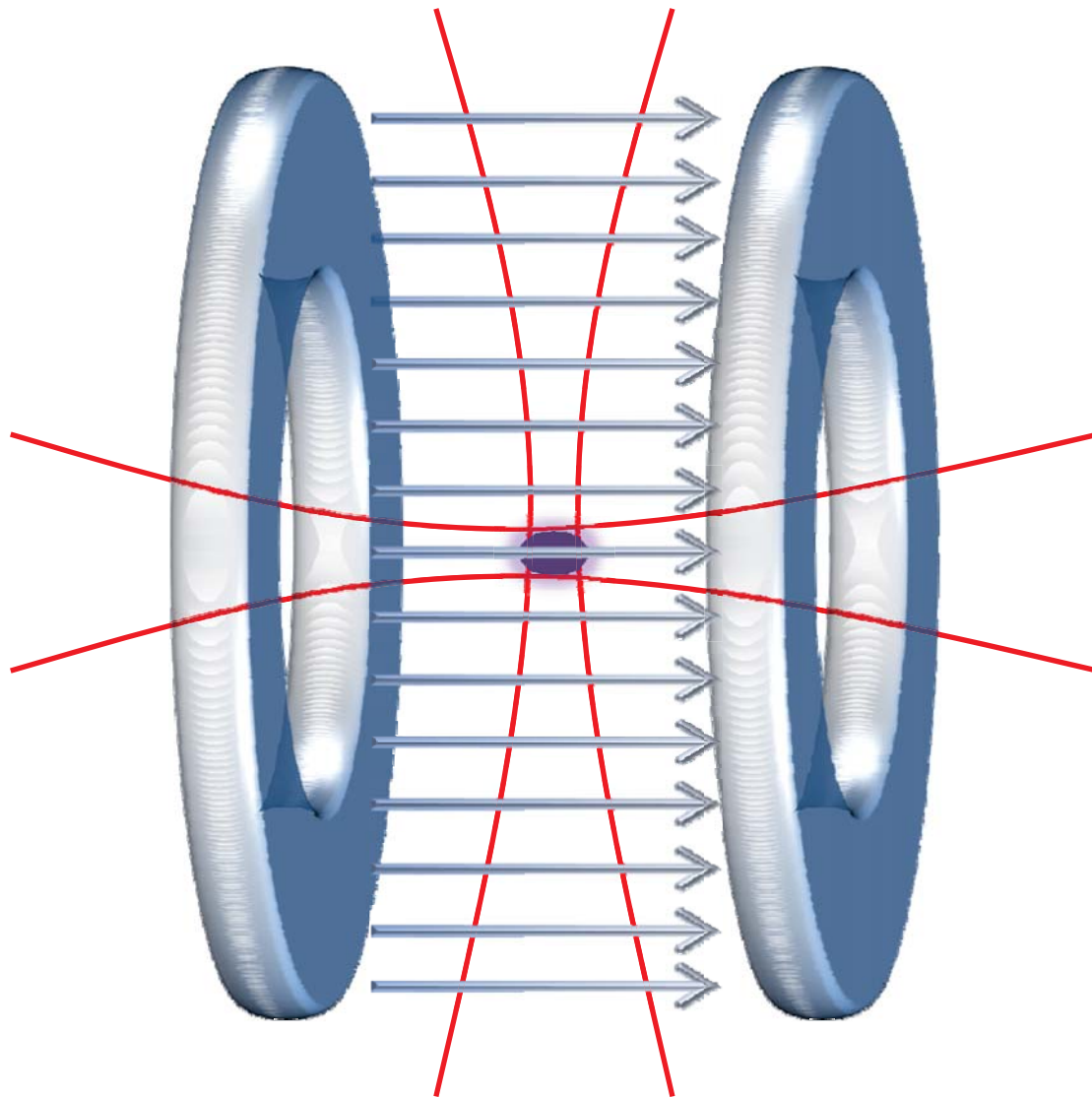
Molecules in Munich

Tiemann:
Not predicted in
Revised theory

Molecules Munich

s-wave resonances expected to be narrow , close channel dominated

Optical Trap and Magn. Coils



Crossed optical dipole trap:

- 1064 nm
- waists: 50 μm , 55 μm
- Trap frequencies:
Li: 725 Hz
K: 1245 Hz

Feshbach coils:

- almost Helmholtz configuration
- hollow, water-cooled wire

Parameters (for $I=500\text{A}$):

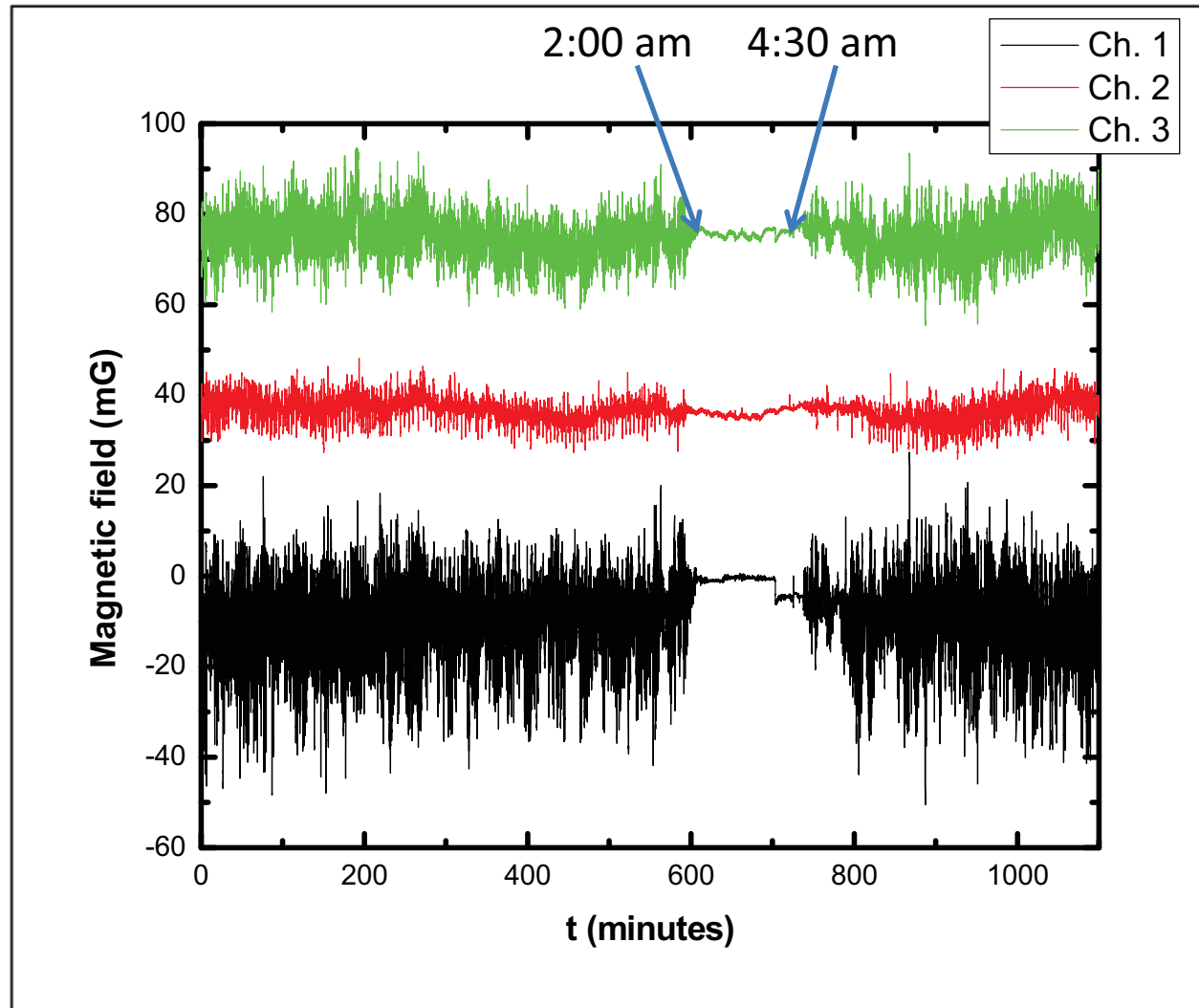
$$B = 930 \text{ G}$$

$$B'' = 7 \text{ G/cm}^2$$

$$P = 6.6 \text{ kW}$$

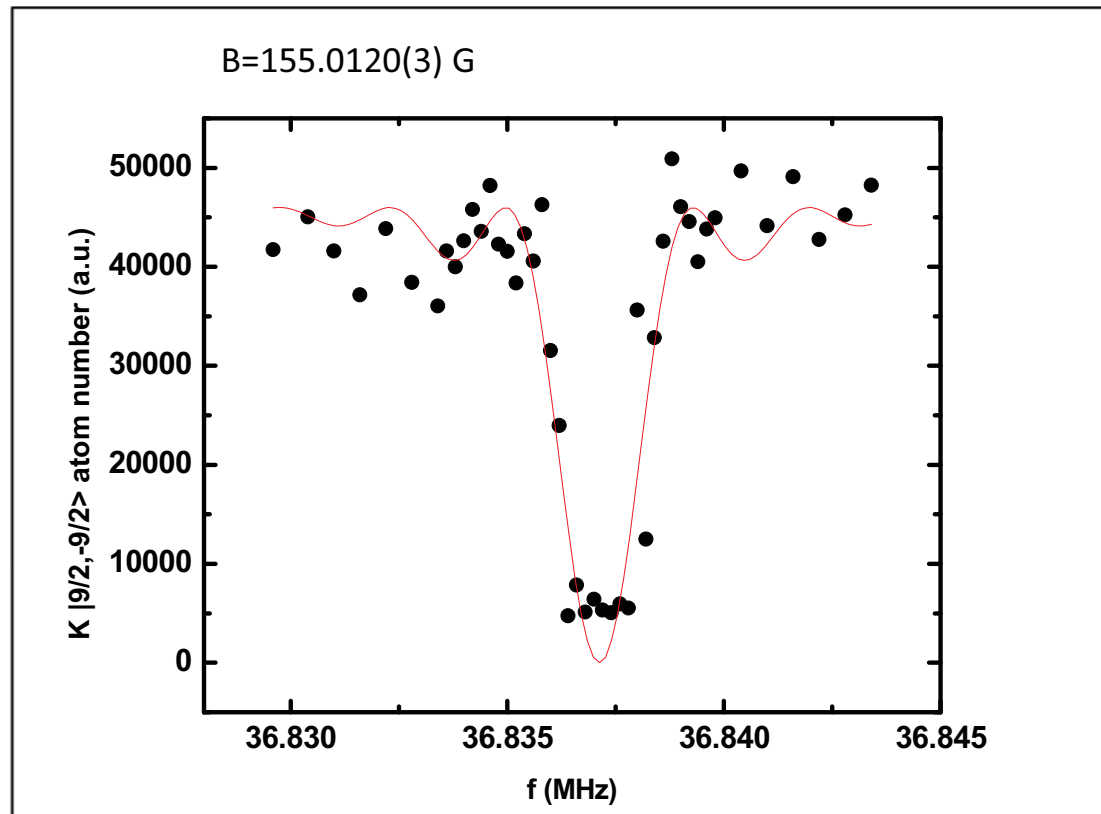
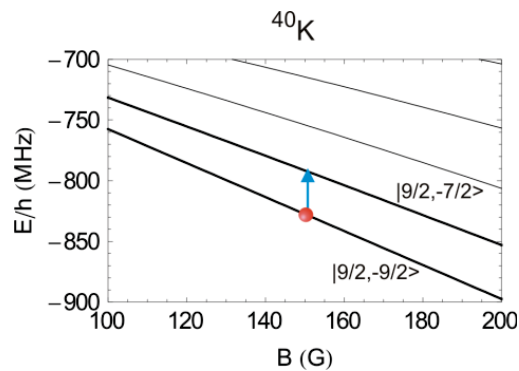
Maximum B-field inhomogeneity
at FBR : $< \pm 5 \text{ mG}$

Ambient Magnetic Field



Magnetic Field Calibration

K $|9/2, 9/2\rangle \rightarrow |9/2, 7/2\rangle$ rf transition, field sensitivity 180.3 kHz/G

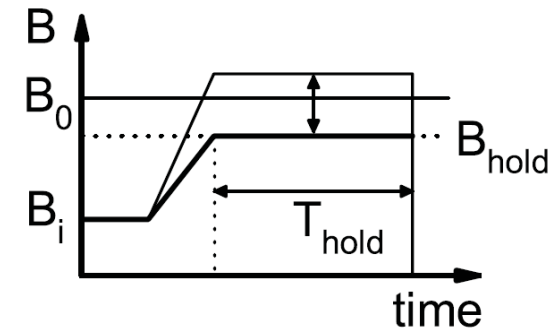
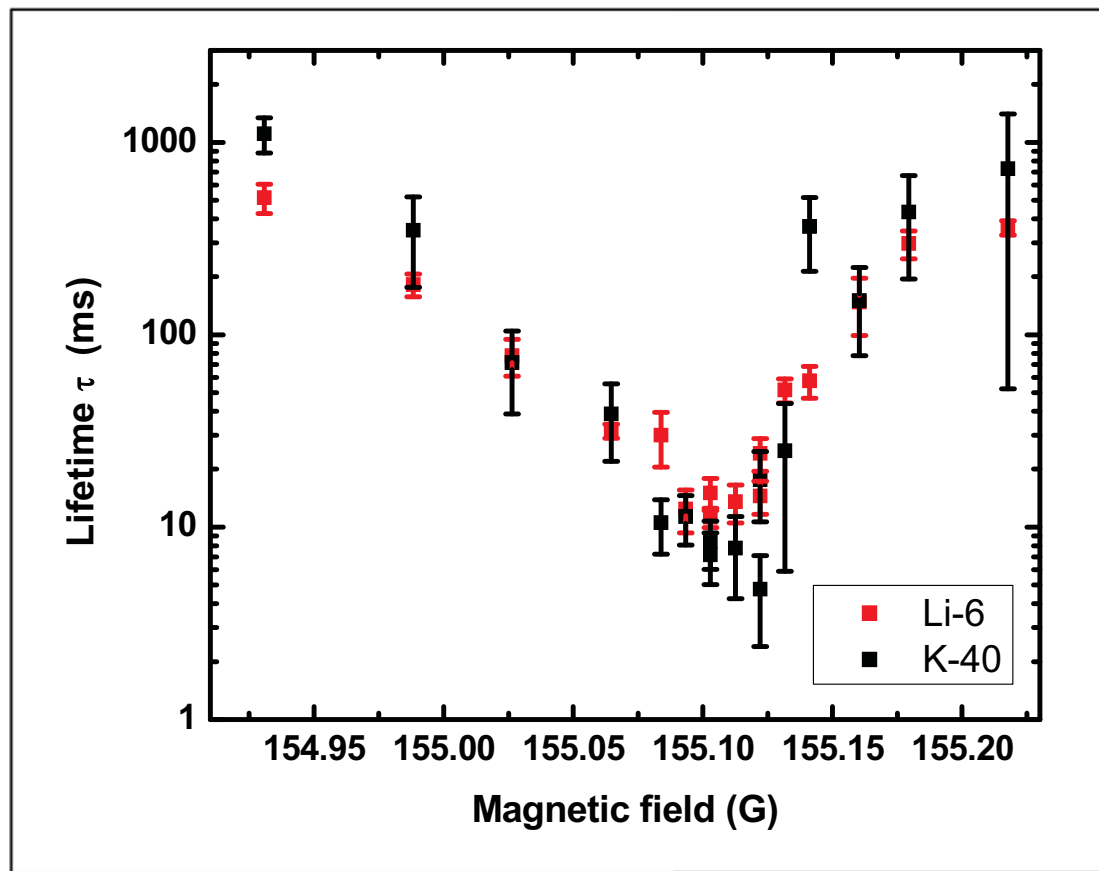


Long term stability: $<7\text{mG}$, (compare calibrations after six weeks)

Mapping the Resonance via Lifetime

Typical initial conditions: ${}^6\text{Li}$: $|1/2, +1/2\rangle$ $n_{\text{Li}} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $T / T_F^{\text{Li}} = 0.6$

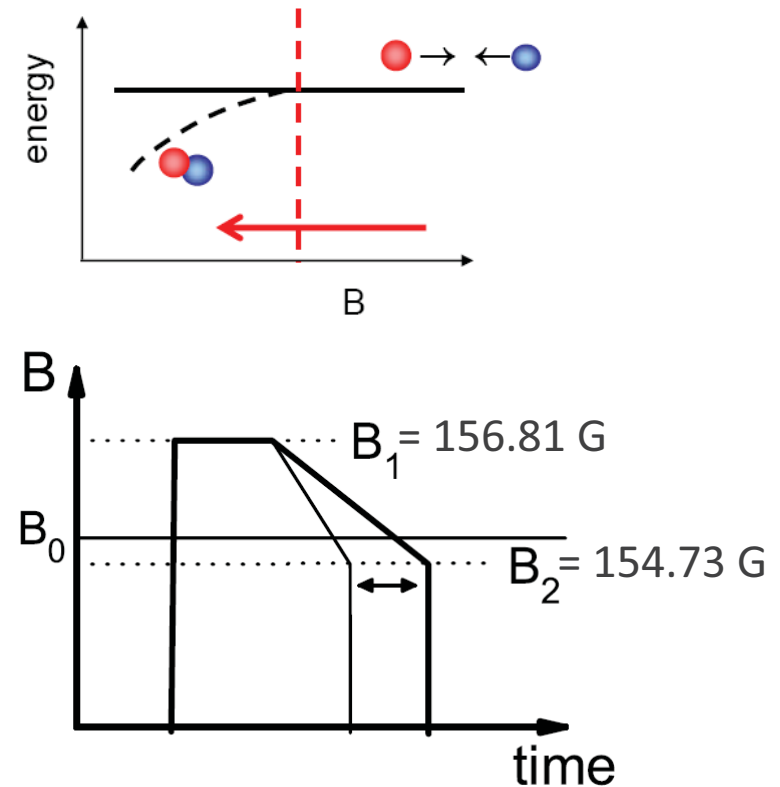
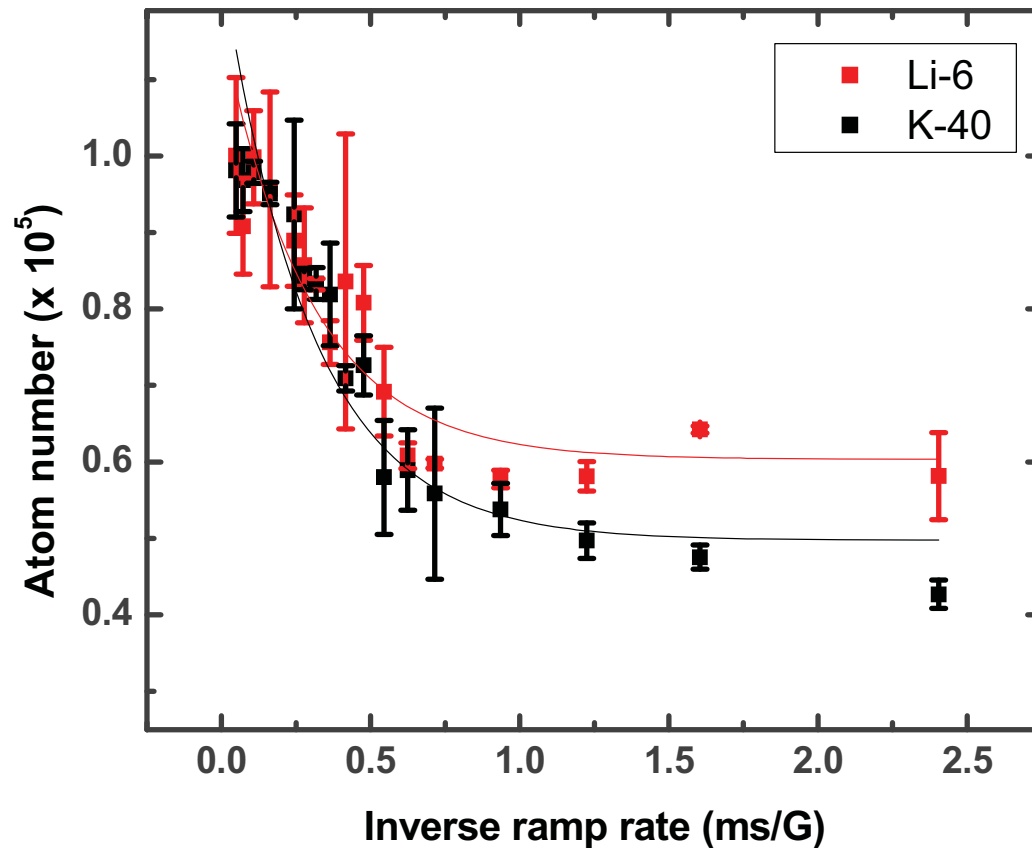
${}^{40}\text{K}$: $|9/2, -5/2\rangle$ $n_{\text{K}} \approx 1 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $T / T_F^{\text{Li}} = 0.4$



$$B_0 = 155.10(5) \text{ G}$$

$$\Delta B_{3\text{dB}} = 50 \text{ mG} \quad (\text{Innsbruck: } 2 \text{ G})$$

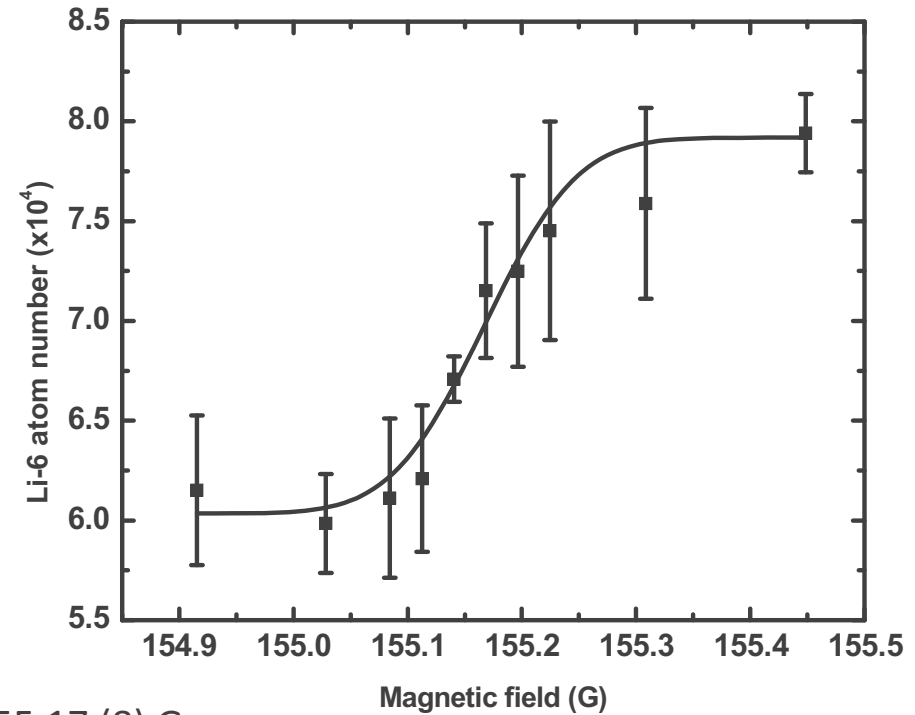
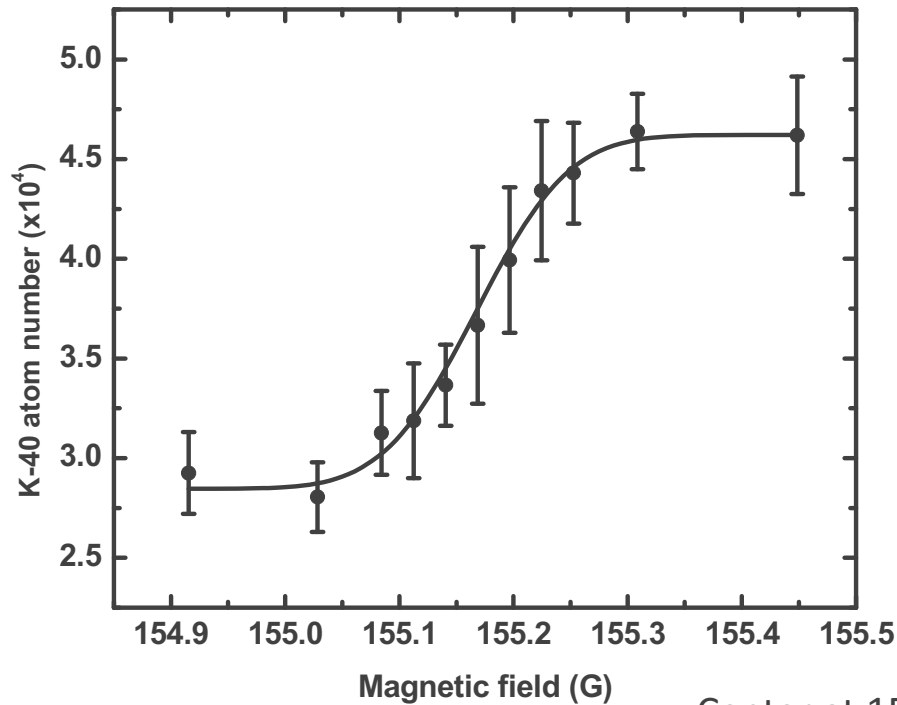
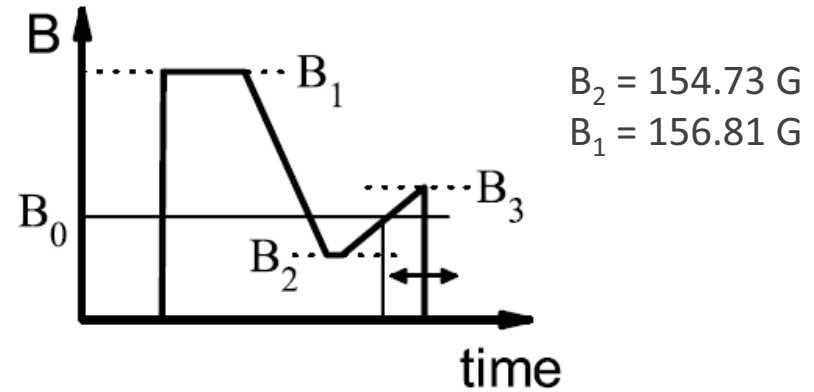
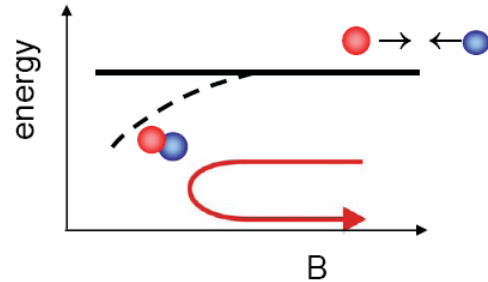
Feshbach Association Ramp Speed



- Conversion efficiency up to 50%, up to 4×10^4 molecules
- $1/e$ inverse ramp speed 0.3 ms/G
- use in experiment 1 ms/G

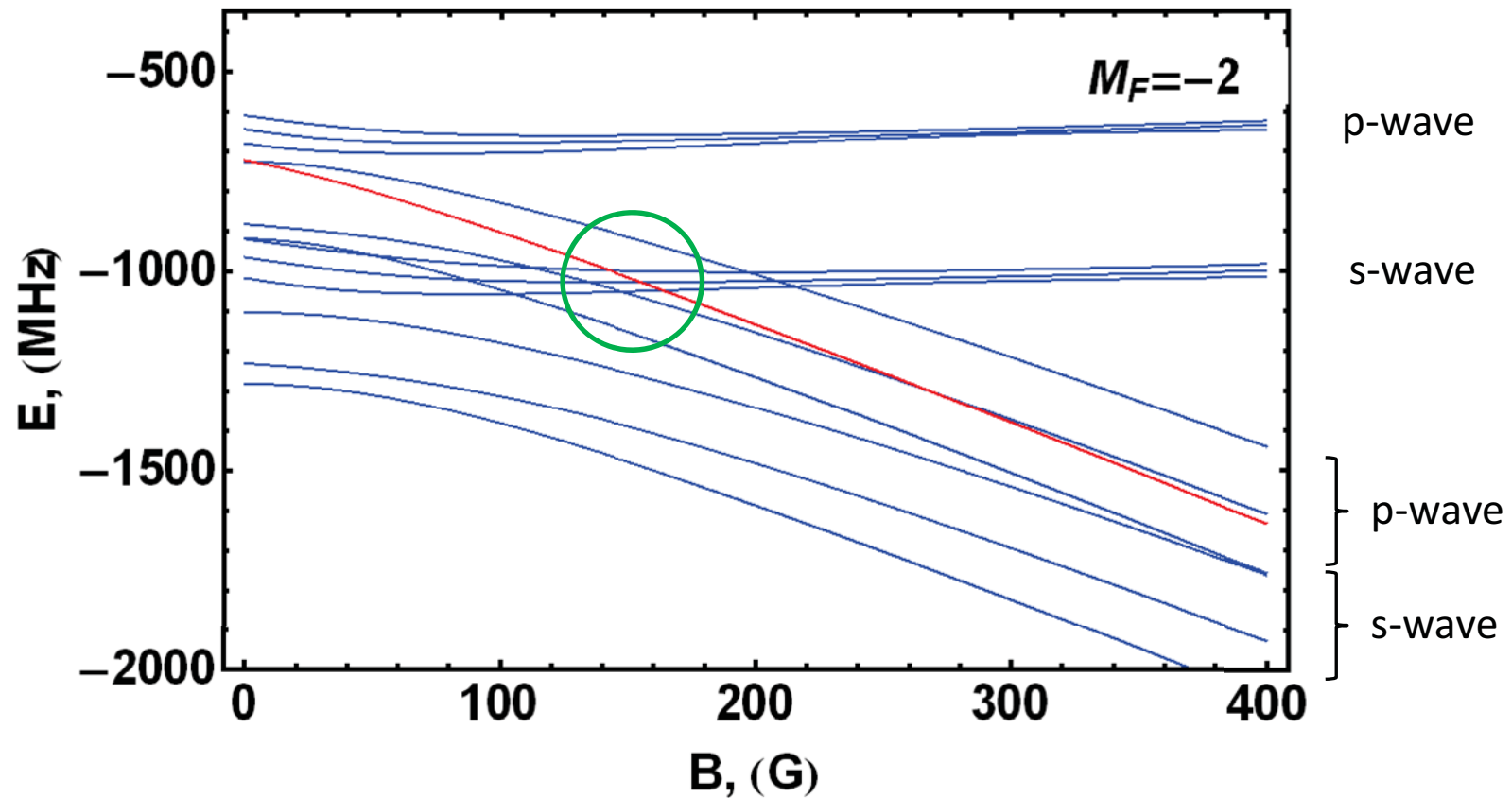
Feshbach Association / Dissociation

Reversed sweep:



Center at 155.17 (8) G

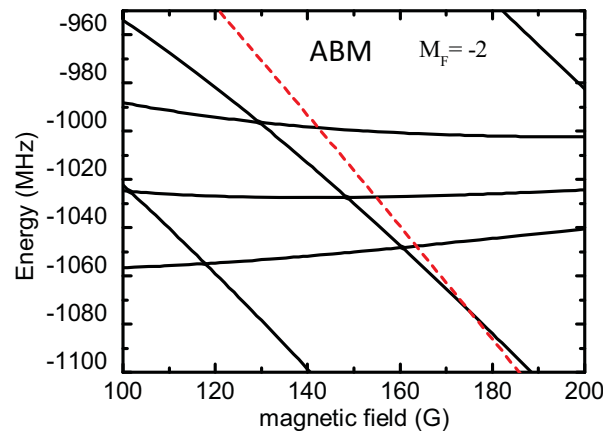
ABM Model $M = -2$



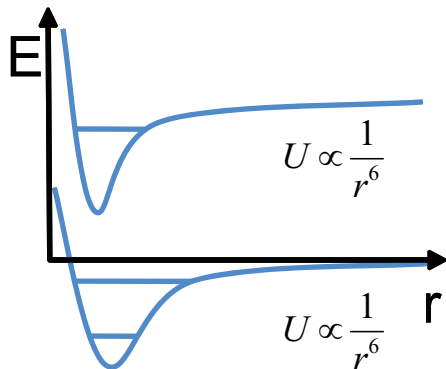
- Magnetic moment of molecular state near zero

Direct Imaging of Heteronuclear Molecules

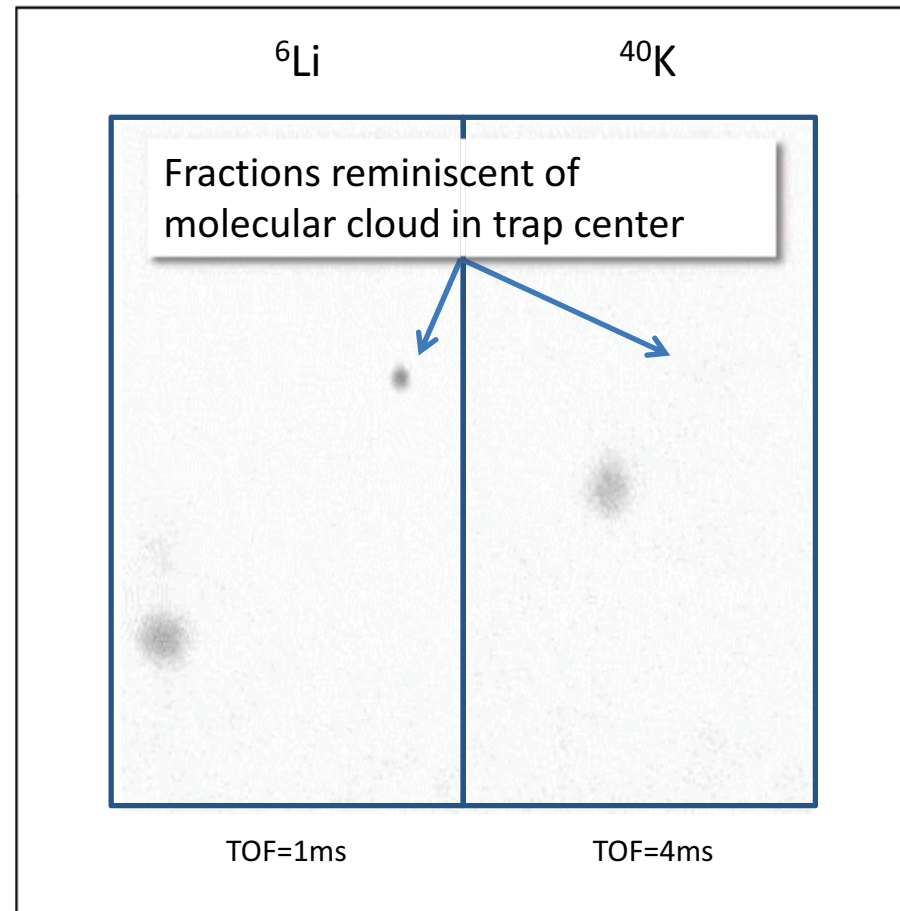
- Stern-Gerlach pulse:
 $\sim 570\mu\text{s}$ at 157 G/cm



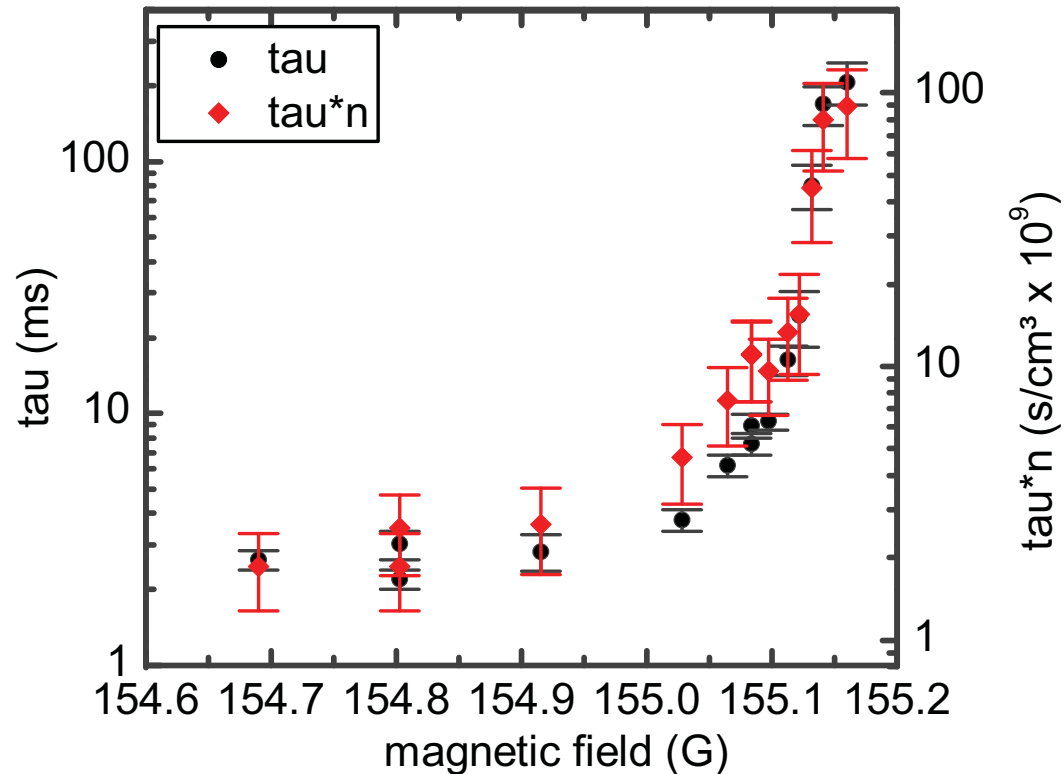
- Simultaneous high field imaging of atoms and molecules



 J. J. Zirbel et al., *PRL*, 100, 143201 (2008).



Lifetimes



- study strongly interacting regime (width ≈ 40 mG)
- creation of dipolar molecules

- Suppression of losses close to resonance observed

- Proposed decay mechanisms:

- Spontaneous molecular spin relaxation

T. Köhler et al., PRL **94**, 020402 (2005)

J.L. Roberts et al., PRL **85**, 728 (2000)

- Vibrational relaxation

D. Petrov et al., J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **38** 645 (2005)


- Size of closed channel?


$$g_0 \approx E_F \approx k_B \cdot 1 \mu\text{K}$$

Comparison of Heteronuclear Molecules

	Bose + Fermi	Bose + Bose		Fermi + Fermi
species	$^{40}\text{K} + ^{87}\text{Rb}$	$^{85}\text{Rb} + ^{87}\text{Rb}$	$^{41}\text{K} + ^{87}\text{Rb}$	$^6\text{Li} + ^{40}\text{K}$
lifetime	100 ms	< 1 ms	60 μs	>100 ms
# of molecules	15000	25000	12000	40000
Density (cm^{-3})	1×10^{12}	1×10^{14}	5×10^{11}	5×10^{12}
Dipole moment (Debye)	0.6	-	0.6	3.6


 J.J. Zirbel et al., PRL 100, 143201 (2008)

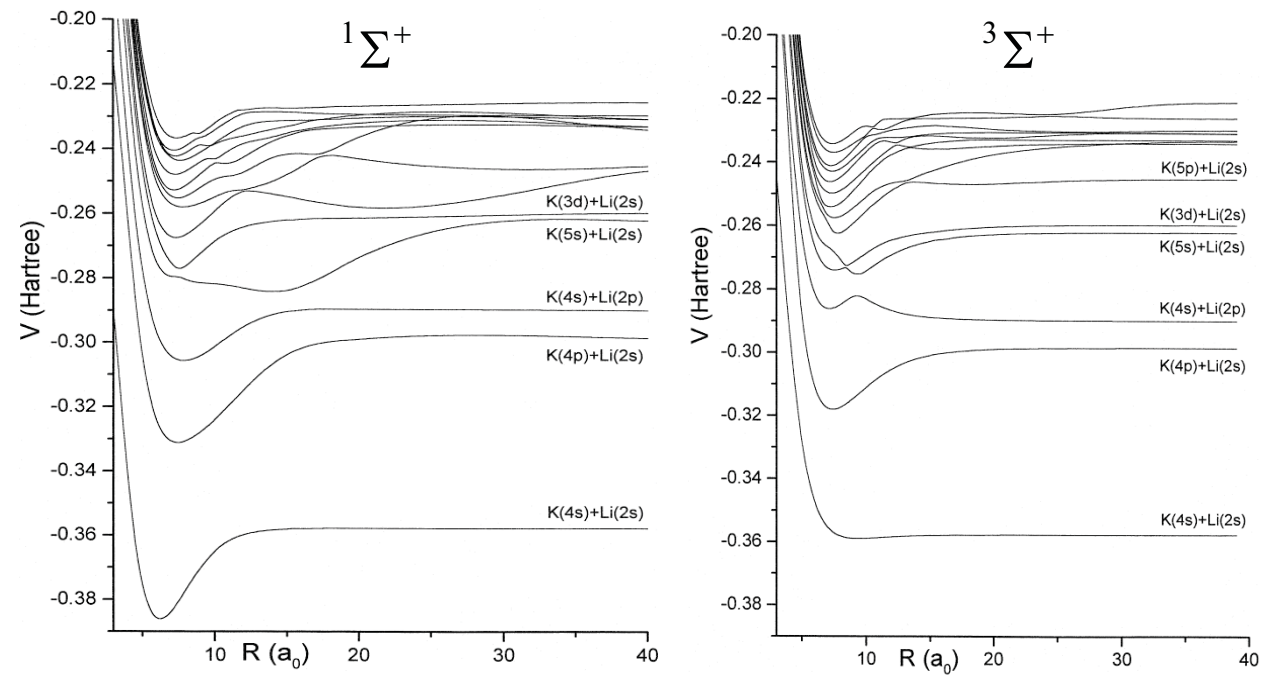
 S.B. Papp and C.E. Wieman, PRL 97, 180404 (2006)

 C. Weber et al., arXiv:0808.4077v1 (29 Aug 2008)

LiK Excited Molecular Potentials

Excited state potentials from spectroscopic data available:

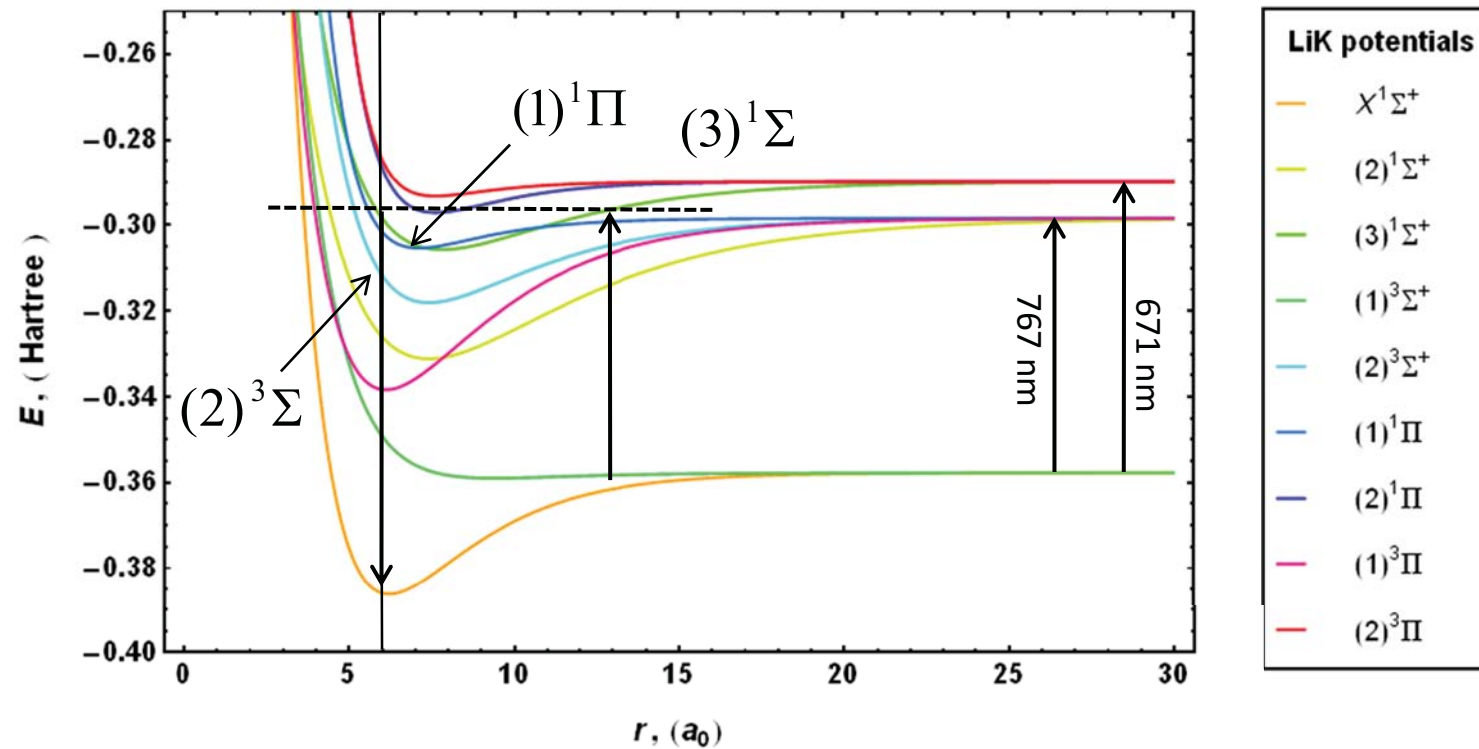
 S. Russeau, et al., *J. Chem. Phys.*, **247**, 193, (1999)



Also available: $1\Pi^+$, $3\Pi^+$, $1\Delta^+$, $3\Delta^+$

Transfer to Ground State

Morse potentials without perturbation:



- KRb: mixing of $(2)^3\Sigma$ and $(1)^1\Pi$ states
- LiK: mixed singlet triplet character of initial state
- Repulsive C_6 for potentials connecting to Li asymptote

Summary & Outlook

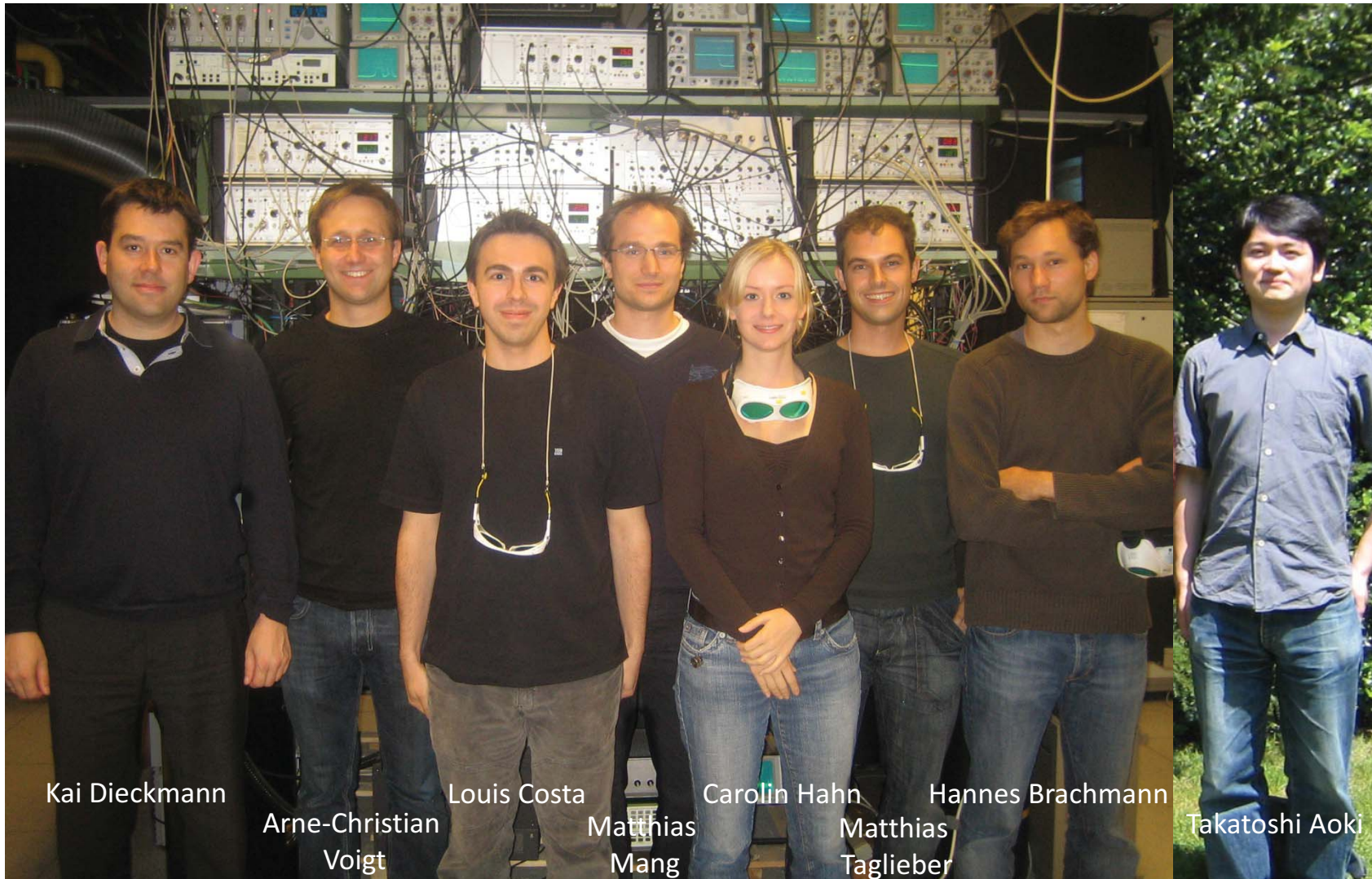
Summary:

- Triple degenerate mixture, catalytic cooling
- Feshbach resonances of degenerate Fermi-Fermi mixture
- LiK Molecules
- Pauli suppression close to resonance observed

Outlook:

- Measure scattering length to locate resonance
- Heteronuclear molecules
 - BEC of heteronuclear molecules
 - Dipolar ground state molecules
- Fermi-Fermi mixture in the strongly interacting regime
 - Narrow resonance – closed channel dominated
 - Long lifetime on resonance

The Team 2008



Thank you...