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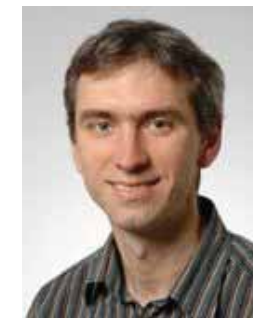
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# Quantum Information Processing with Individual Neutral Atoms in Optical Tweezers.

Lecture 1 : trapping and moving single atoms

Lecture 2 : using single atoms  
as controlled single-photon sources

Lecture 3 : encoding qubits on single atoms,  
and entangling them using Rydberg blockade.

# Lecture 1 : trapping and moving single atoms

1. Basics of neutral atoms cooling and trapping
2. Manipulating single atoms in optical tweezers

# Laser manipulation of atoms

## A. Radiative forces

Momentum exchanges between  
atoms and photons  
Atomic polarisability  
Two types of force

## B. Resonant radiation pressure

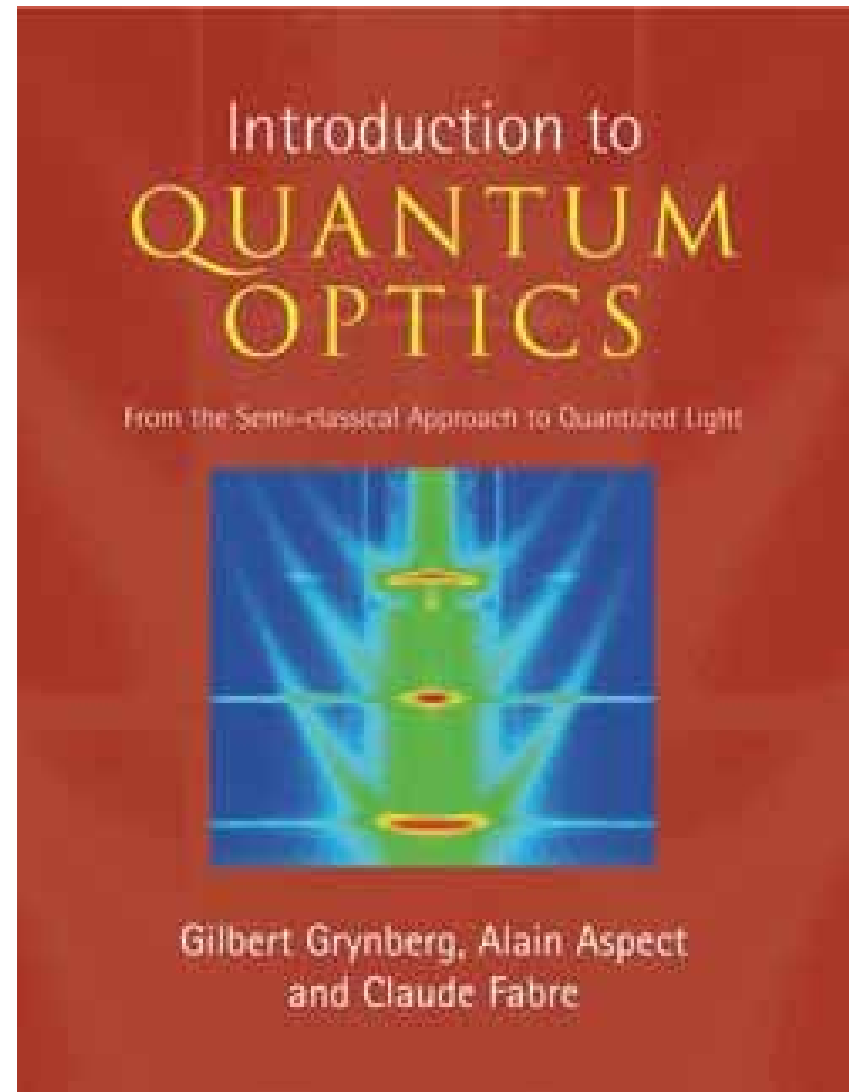
Properties  
Stopping atoms with light

## C. Dipole force

Properties  
Optical tweezers and lattices...

## D. Cooling: optical molasses

Doppler cooling  
Limit temperature  
Below the Doppler limit





# Laser manipulation of atoms.

A remarkable illustration of laser-atom interaction

From the early 1980's, from basic research (Nobel Prize 1997 for laser cooling) to applications (atom interferometers sensitive to inertial and gravitational effects; ultra-cold atom clocks)

A case study showing the interest of diversified theoretical treatments:

- Semi-classical approach: only the atom is quantized
- Fully quantum approach: light also is quantized

Lead to the emergence, in 1995, of a new research field : Bose-Einstein condensation of atomic gases (Nobel Prize 2001)...

... including atom lasers: concepts similar to the ones developed in the case of photon lasers!

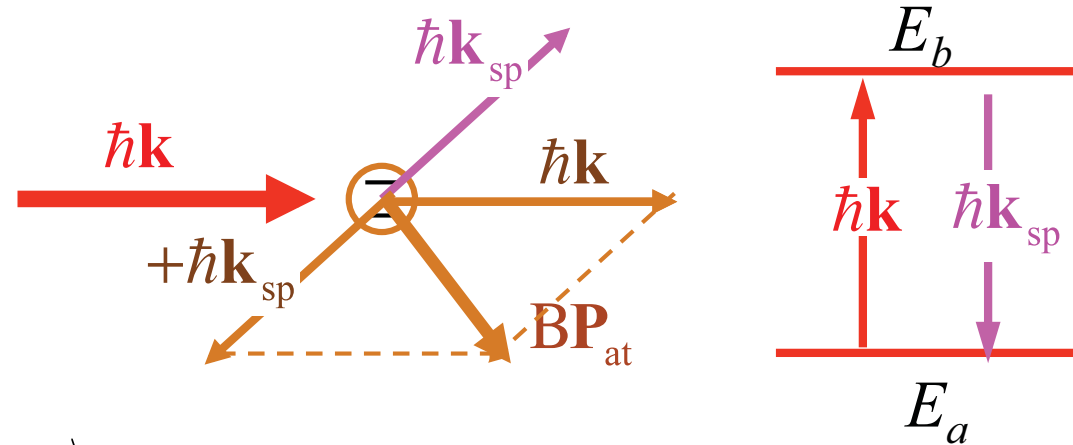
# Radiation pressure and linear momentum exchange between photons and atoms

Linear momentum balance sheet in a fluorescence cycle

Photon in a running wave with  $\mathbf{k}$ -vector :  $\mathbf{p} = \hbar\mathbf{k}$

Absorption-Reemission

$$\Delta\mathbf{P}_{\text{at}} = \hbar\mathbf{k} - \hbar\mathbf{k}_{\text{sp}}$$



Average over many cycles  $\langle \mathbf{k}_{\text{sp}} \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle \Delta\mathbf{P}_{\text{at}} \rangle_{1 \text{ cycle}} = \hbar\mathbf{k}$

Average force :

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \mathcal{N} \langle \Delta\mathbf{P}_{\text{at}} \rangle_{1 \text{ cycle}} = \mathcal{N} \hbar\mathbf{k} = \hbar\mathbf{k} \frac{\Gamma}{2} \frac{s}{1+s} \quad s = \frac{\Omega_1^2 / 2}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \Gamma^2 / 4}$$

Orders of magnitude

$$\text{Rb} \begin{cases} \Gamma / 2\pi = 6 \text{ MHz} \\ I_{\text{sat}} = 1.6 \text{ mW} / \text{cm}^2 \end{cases} \quad \frac{F_{\text{max}}^{\text{max}}}{M} = \frac{\hbar k \Gamma}{M 2} \approx 10^5 \text{ m} / \text{s}^{-2} \approx 10^4 \text{ g}$$



# Application: stopping an atomic beam with a laser

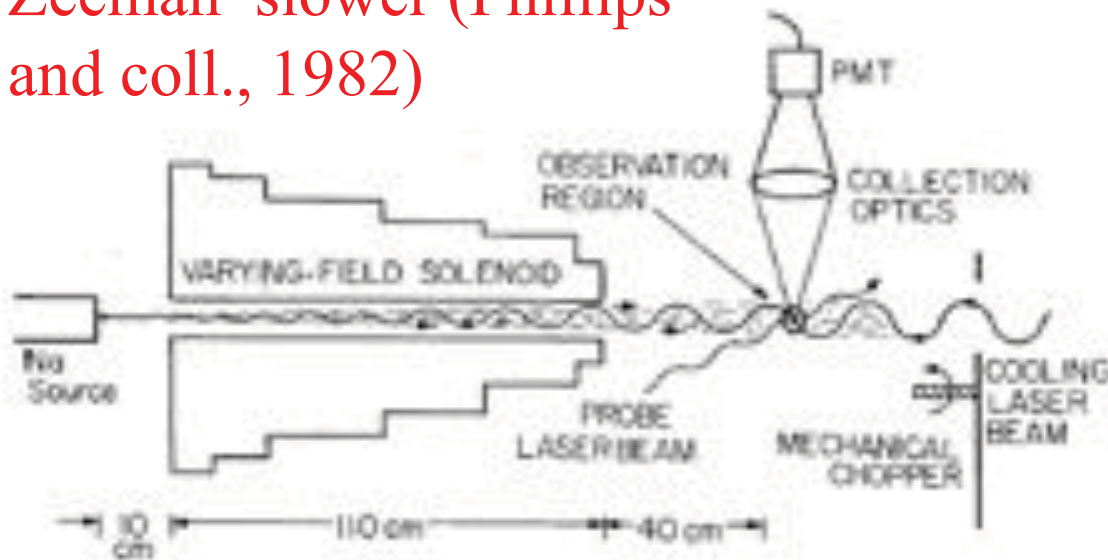
Sodium atomic beam

$$V \approx \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{M}} \approx 600 \text{ m/s}$$

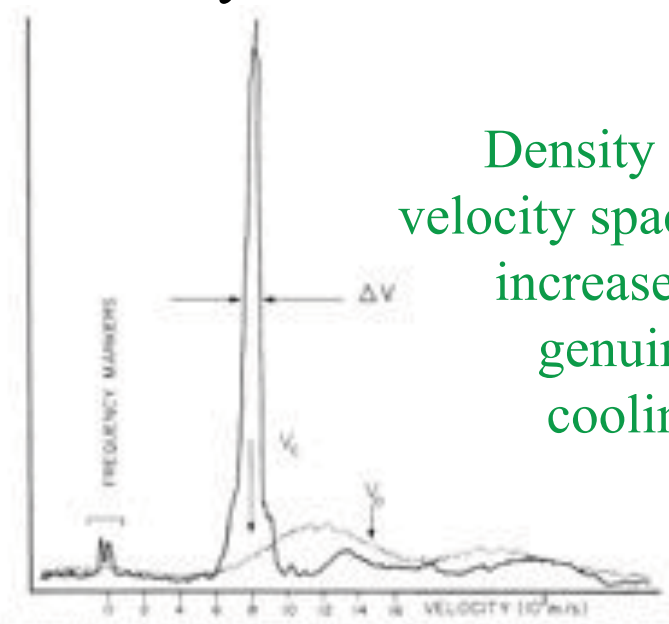
$$\text{stopping distance} = \frac{V^2}{2\gamma} \approx \frac{36 \times 10^4}{2 \times 10^5} = 1.8 \text{ m}$$

Atoms must be kept in resonance during slowing (Doppler effect compensation): position depending Zeeman shifts

Zeeman slower (Phillips and coll., 1982)



Velocity distribution



Density in velocity space increases: genuine cooling

# Zeeman slowing of metastable Hélium



# Radiative forces : general approach

Forced oscillation of the atomic dipole, under the effect of the field

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \cos(\omega t - \varphi(\mathbf{r})) = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{E_0(\mathbf{r})}{2} \exp\{i\varphi(\mathbf{r})\} \exp\{-i\omega t\}$$

$$\langle \hat{D}_\varepsilon \rangle = \varepsilon_0 \alpha \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \varepsilon_0 \alpha^* \mathcal{E}^*(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad \text{after transient damping}$$

Complex polarisability  $\alpha = \alpha' + i\alpha''$  (cf. next slide)

Force due to the interaction between the field and the induced atomic dipole

$$\mathbf{F} = \langle \hat{D}_\varepsilon \rangle \left[ \vec{\nabla} \{ E(\mathbf{r}, t) \} \right]_{\mathbf{r}_{\text{at}}} = \varepsilon_0 (\alpha \mathcal{E} + \alpha^* \mathcal{E}^*) \vec{\nabla} \{ \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}^* \}$$

Keeping only the non oscillating terms (time average)

$$\mathbf{F} = \varepsilon_0 \alpha \mathcal{E} \left[ \vec{\nabla} \mathcal{E}^* \right]_{\mathbf{r}_{\text{at}}} + \text{c.c.}$$

# Radiation pressure and dipole force

$$\mathbf{F} = \varepsilon_0 \alpha \mathcal{E} \left[ \vec{\nabla} \mathcal{E}^* \right]_{\mathbf{r}_{\text{at}}} + \text{c.c.} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{E_0(\mathbf{r})}{2} \exp\{i\varphi(\mathbf{r})\} \exp\{-i\omega t\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \frac{\varepsilon_0 \alpha}{4} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \left( \vec{\nabla} [E_0(\mathbf{r})] - i \vec{\nabla} [\varphi(\mathbf{r})] E_0(\mathbf{r}) \right) + \text{c.c.} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon_0 \alpha'}{2} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\nabla} [E_0(\mathbf{r})] + \frac{\varepsilon_0 \alpha''}{2} (E_0(\mathbf{r}))^2 \vec{\nabla} [\varphi(\mathbf{r})] \end{aligned}$$

the expression is evaluated at  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_{\text{at}}$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \frac{\varepsilon_0 \alpha''}{2} (E_0(\mathbf{r}))^2 \vec{\nabla} [\varphi(\mathbf{r})]$$

Resonant  
radiation  
pressure

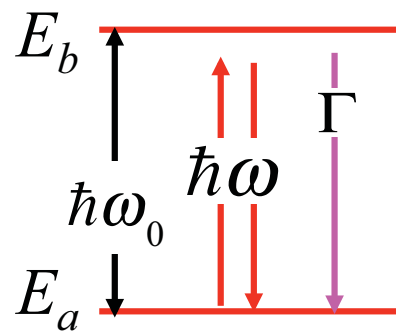
- Dissipative part (imaginary) of polarisability
- Phase gradient

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dip}} = \frac{\varepsilon_0 \alpha'}{2} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\nabla} [E_0(\mathbf{r})]$$

Dipole force

- Reactive part (real) of polarisability
- Amplitude gradient

# Atomic polarisability for a resonance transition



Resonance line: a = ground state

- $\Gamma_a = 0$
- Line width  $\Gamma = \Gamma_b$
- Closed transition

Forced dipole oscillation, by  $\mathbf{E} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} E_0 \cos(\omega t - \varphi) = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} (\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}^*)$

Density matrix formalism and Optical Bloch equations (dissipation...)

$\Rightarrow$  complex polarizability  $\alpha$

$$\langle \mathbf{D} \rangle = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \langle \hat{D}_\varepsilon \rangle$$

$$\hat{D}_\varepsilon = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d \\ d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle \hat{D}_\varepsilon \rangle = \varepsilon_0 \alpha \mathcal{E} + \varepsilon_0 \alpha^* \mathcal{E}^*(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{d^2}{\varepsilon_0 \hbar} \frac{1}{(\omega_0 - \omega) - i \frac{\Gamma}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + s}$$

$$\hbar \Omega_1 = -d E_0$$

$$s = \frac{\Omega_1^2 / 2}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \Gamma^2 / 4}$$

linear response

saturation

# Radiative forces for a two level atom submitted to a quasi-resonnant laser

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{E_0(\mathbf{r})}{2} \exp\{i\varphi(\mathbf{r})\} \exp\{-i\omega t\} \quad \alpha = \frac{d^2}{\epsilon_0 \hbar} \frac{1}{(\omega_0 - \omega) - i\Gamma/2} \frac{1}{1+s} = \alpha' + i\alpha''$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha'}{2} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\nabla} [E_0(\mathbf{r})] + \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha''}{2} (E_0(\mathbf{r}))^2 \vec{\nabla} [\varphi(\mathbf{r})] \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_{\text{at}}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dip}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha'}{2} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\nabla} [E_0(\mathbf{r})]$$

Dipole force

- Reactive part (real) of polarisability
- Amplitude gradient

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha''}{2} (E_0(\mathbf{r}))^2 \vec{\nabla} [\varphi(\mathbf{r})]$$

Resonant radiation pressure

- Dissipative part (imaginary) of polarisability
- Phase gradient

Substituting  $\alpha'$  et  $\alpha''$  by their expressions, we will find properties (and applications) very different for these two forces.



# Resonant radiation pressure

Running wave  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{E_0}{2} \exp\{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}\} \exp\{-i\omega t\}$

constant amplitude  $E_0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\text{dip}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha'}{2} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\nabla}[E_0(\mathbf{r})] = 0$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha''}{2} (E_0(\mathbf{r}))^2 \vec{\nabla}[\varphi(\mathbf{r})] = \mathbf{k} \frac{d^2 E_0^2}{2\hbar} \frac{\Gamma/2}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \Gamma^2/4} \frac{1}{1+s}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \hbar \mathbf{k} \frac{\Omega_1^2}{2} \frac{\Gamma/2}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \Gamma^2/4} \frac{1}{1+s} = \hbar \mathbf{k} \frac{\Gamma}{2} \frac{s}{1+s}$$

$$s = \frac{\Omega_1^2/2}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \Gamma^2/4} = \frac{I}{I_{\text{sat}}} \frac{1}{1 + 4(\omega_0 - \omega)^2/\Gamma^2} \quad \text{saturation parameter}$$

# Dipole force

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dip}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha'}{2} E_0(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\nabla} [E_0(\mathbf{r})] \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{E_0(\mathbf{r})}{2} \exp\{i\varphi(\mathbf{r})\} \exp\{-i\omega t\}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dip}} \neq 0 \quad \text{for an inhomogeneous wave:} \quad \vec{\nabla} E_0 \neq 0$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dip}} = \frac{d^2}{\hbar} \frac{\omega_0 - \omega}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \frac{\Gamma^2}{4}} \frac{\vec{\nabla} [E_0(\mathbf{r})]^2}{1 + s(\mathbf{r})} = \frac{\hbar(\omega_0 - \omega)}{2} \frac{\vec{\nabla} [s(\mathbf{r})]}{1 + s(\mathbf{r})}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{dip}} = -\vec{\nabla} [U(\mathbf{r})] \quad \text{avec} \quad U(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\hbar(\omega - \omega_0)}{2} \log[1 + s(\mathbf{r})]$$

Derives from a potential (reactive part of polarisability) varying as intensity

$$s(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{I(\mathbf{r})}{I_{\text{sat}}} \frac{1}{1 + 4(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 / \Gamma^2}$$

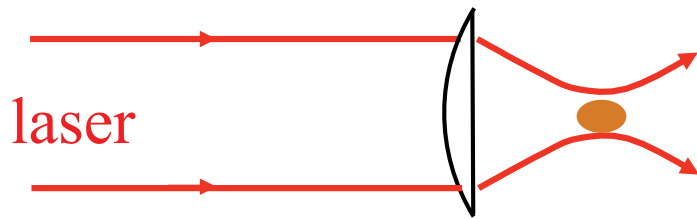
Applications

atom  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{attracted towards high intensity if } \omega < \omega_0 \\ \text{repelled from high intensity if } \omega > \omega_0 \end{array} \right.$

# Dipole trap and optical tweezer

$$U_{\text{dip}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\hbar(\omega - \omega_0)}{2} \log[1 + s(\mathbf{r})] \quad \text{with } s(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{I(\mathbf{r})}{I_{\text{sat}}} \frac{1}{1 + 4(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 / \Gamma^2}$$

Trapping at the focus of a “red detuned” laser beam ( $\omega < \omega_0$ ):  
optical tweezer



Shallow trap: demands ultra-cold atoms ( $T < 1 \text{ mK}$ )

Manipulation of atom clouds, individual atoms, Bose-Einstein atomic condensates, but also of biological objects

# Dipole force: a very useful tool

Derives from a potential “proportionnal”  
to the light intensity (saturation)

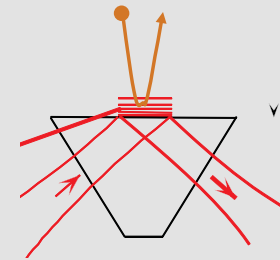
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A remarkable tool to manipulate ultra-cold atoms

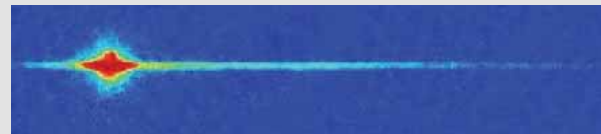
- Optical tweezer



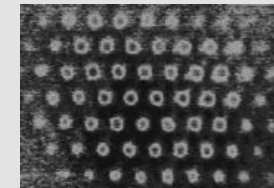
- Atomic mirror



- Atomic wave guide



- Optical lattice (~ electrons in a crystal)

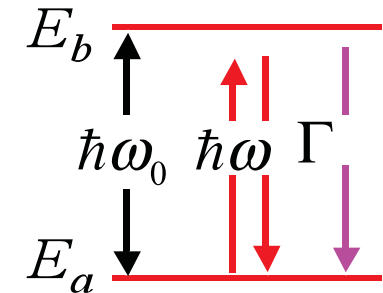
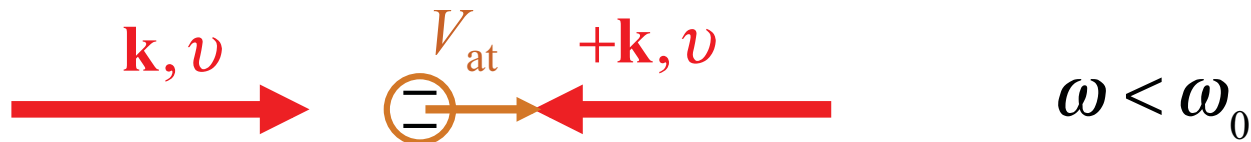


- Disordered medium (~ electrons in an amorphous medium)



# Doppler cooling

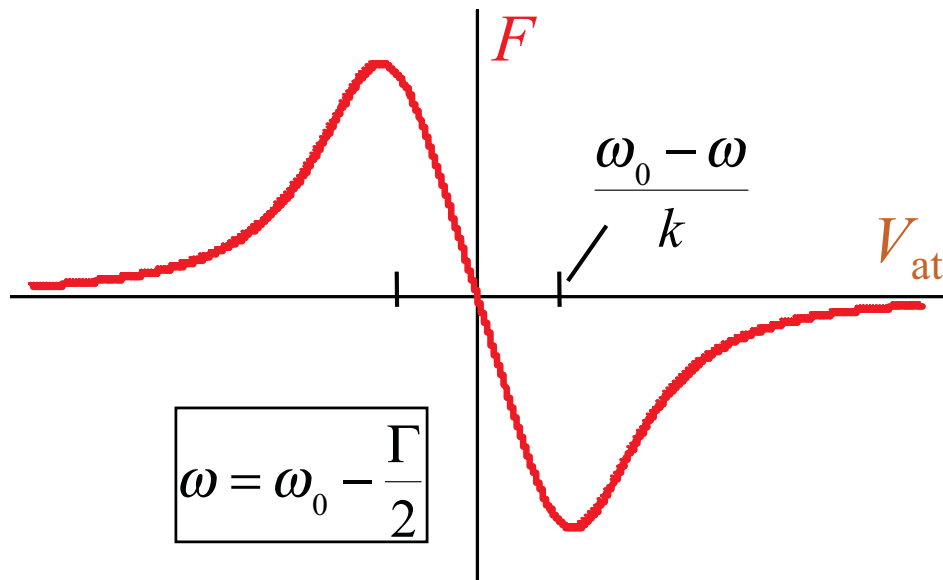
Resonant radiation pressure from two opposite running waves



Non saturating lasers, detuned below resonance

Atomic velocity: different Doppler effect for each wave

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \mathbf{F}_0 \left\{ \frac{\Gamma^2 / 4}{(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{\text{at}} - \omega_0)^2 + \Gamma^2 / 4} - \frac{\Gamma^2 / 4}{(\omega + \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{\text{at}} - \omega_0)^2 + \Gamma^2 / 4} \right\}$$



$$\omega = \omega_0 - \frac{\Gamma}{2}$$

Force opposite to velocity:  
friction  $\Rightarrow$  cooling

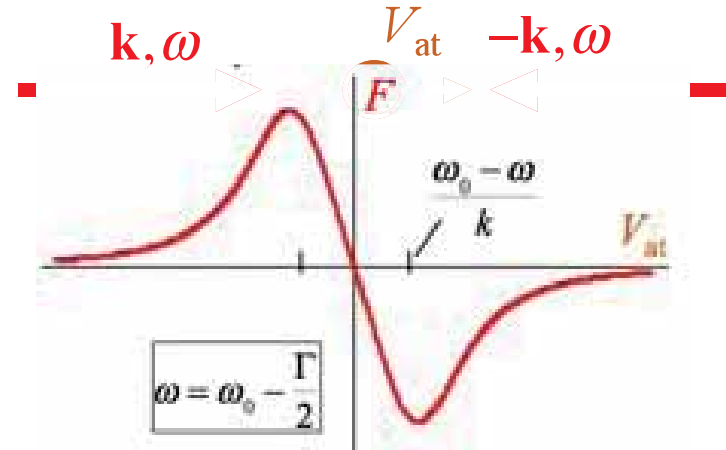
Generalization to 3-D (6 waves)

# Doppler molasses

Near  $V = 0$  : viscous friction

$$F = -\kappa M V \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = -\kappa V$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\hbar k^2}{M} s_0 \quad \text{for} \quad \omega = \omega_0 - \frac{\Gamma}{2}$$



Order of magnitude (rubidium,  $s_0 = 0.5$ )

$$\kappa \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{Damping time: } 40 \mu\text{s} !$$

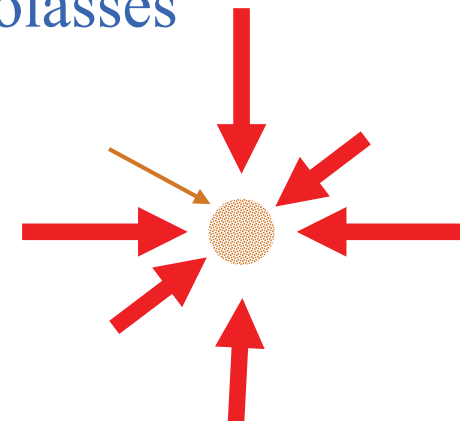
Highly viscous medium: “optical molasses”

Exponential cooling!

atoms stuck

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle V^2 \rangle = -2\kappa \langle V^2 \rangle$$

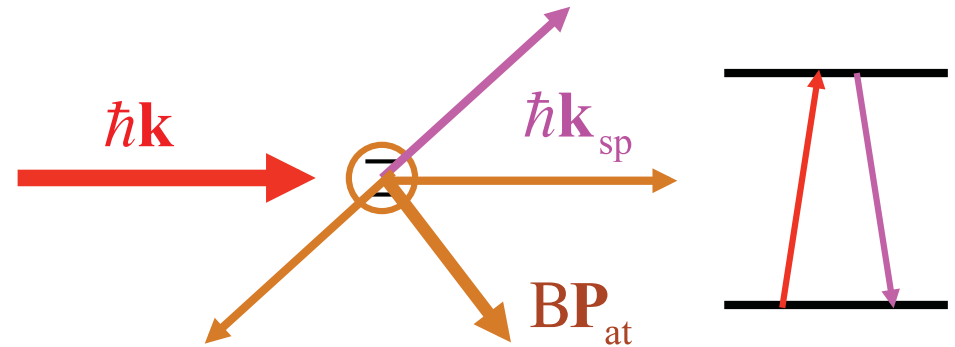
Temperature decreases: where to? Under 1 mK!





# Fluctuations of the resonant radiation pressure

Fluctuations of linear momentum  $\mathbf{P}$  due to **spontaneous emission** role in resonant radiation pressure.



Random jump in  $\mathbf{P}$ , with magnitude  $\hbar k$  and random direction, at each fluorescence cycle.

$$2D_{\mathbf{P}} = (\hbar k)^2 \mathcal{N}_{\text{fluo}}$$

coeff. de diffusion (Einstein)

On top of the mean force effect, one has a random walk in the  $\mathbf{P}$  space:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{P}^2 \rangle = 2D \quad \text{Heating}$$

# Limits of Doppler cooling

Cooling

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{P}^2 \rangle = -2\kappa \langle \mathbf{P}^2 \rangle$$

Heating

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{P}^2 \rangle = 2D$$

Steady state

$$\langle \mathbf{P}_{\text{at}}^2 \rangle = \frac{D}{\kappa}$$

Einstein relation

Analogous to the evolution of the amplitude of a laser: random walk with elastic force towards equilibrium

Langevin equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{P}_{\text{at}} = -\kappa \mathbf{P}_{\text{at}} + \vec{\mathcal{F}}_{\text{heat}}$$

Equilibrium temperature

$$\frac{3}{2} k_{\text{B}} T = \frac{\langle \mathbf{P}_{\text{at}}^2 \rangle}{2M} = \frac{3}{4} \hbar \Gamma$$

Order of magnitude: 100  $\mu\text{K}$

Experimentally observed  
in 1985 (S. Chu)

# Below the Doppler limit temperature

Lowest predicted Doppler temperature: 100  $\mu\text{K}$  range (observed in 1985)

Sisyphus cooling :

- observation (1988) of temperatures in the 10  $\mu\text{K}$  range
- Interpretation: “Sisyphus” effect. Takes into account the internal atomic structure (several ground state sublevels) and light polarization.

Sub-recoil cooling :

- 1988: method allowing one to reach residual velocities below the “one photon recoil velocity”

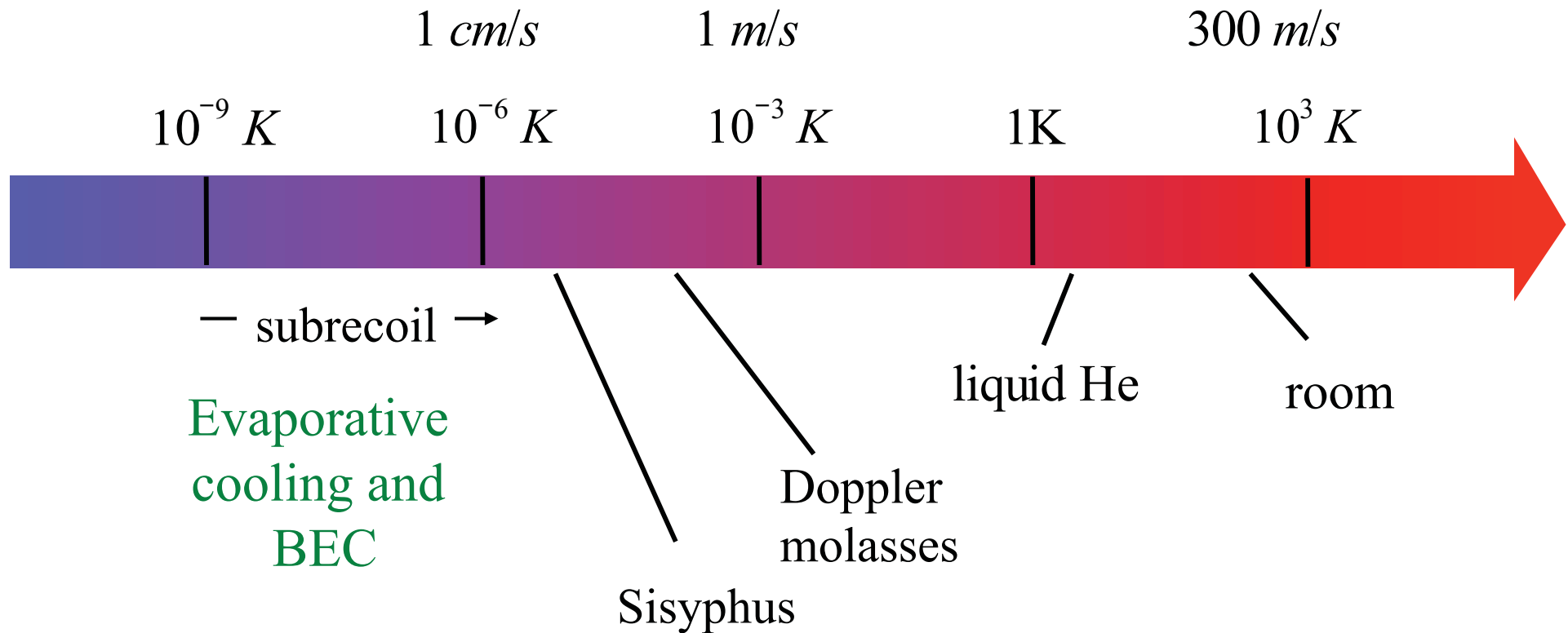
$$V_R = \frac{\hbar k}{M}$$

- On reaches the nK range ( $< 1 \mu\text{K}$ ) :  $\lambda_{\text{de Broglie}} > \lambda_{\text{laser}}$   
quantum description  $\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$  of the atomic motion

Forced evaporative cooling :

In a non-dissipative trap (magnetic or dipole), eliminate the atoms with energy  $> \eta k_B T$  (typically  $\eta \approx 6$ ) then rethermalize by elastic collisions  
The density in phase space increases  $\Rightarrow$  Bose-Einstein condensation !

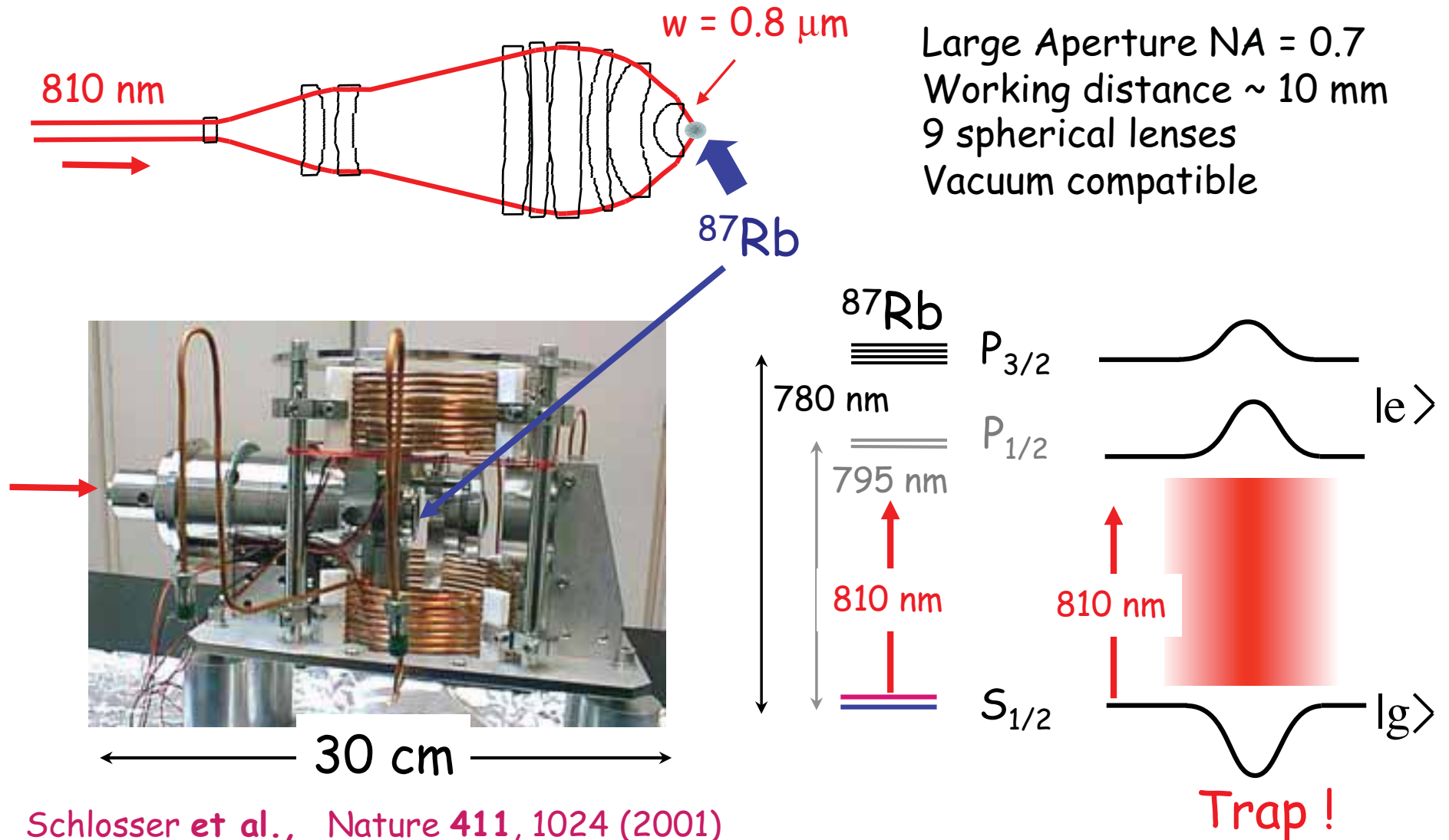
# Steps of atom cooling



The logarithmic scale emphasizes the magnitude of cooling, characterized by the ratio of the initial to the final temperature, not by the difference.

# Optical tweezer with large numerical aperture lenses

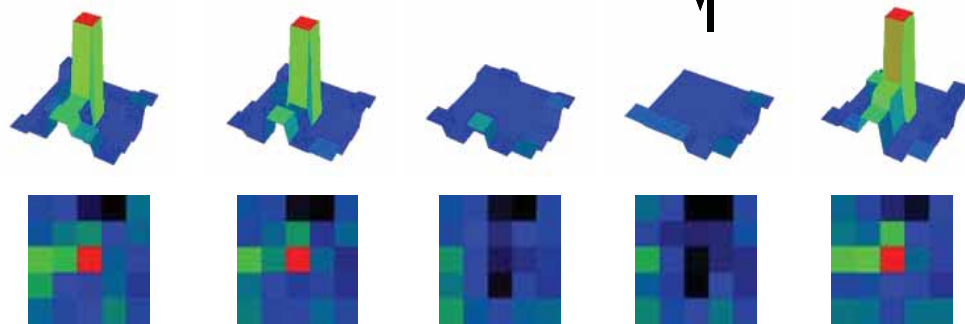
Very tightly confined optical dipole trap



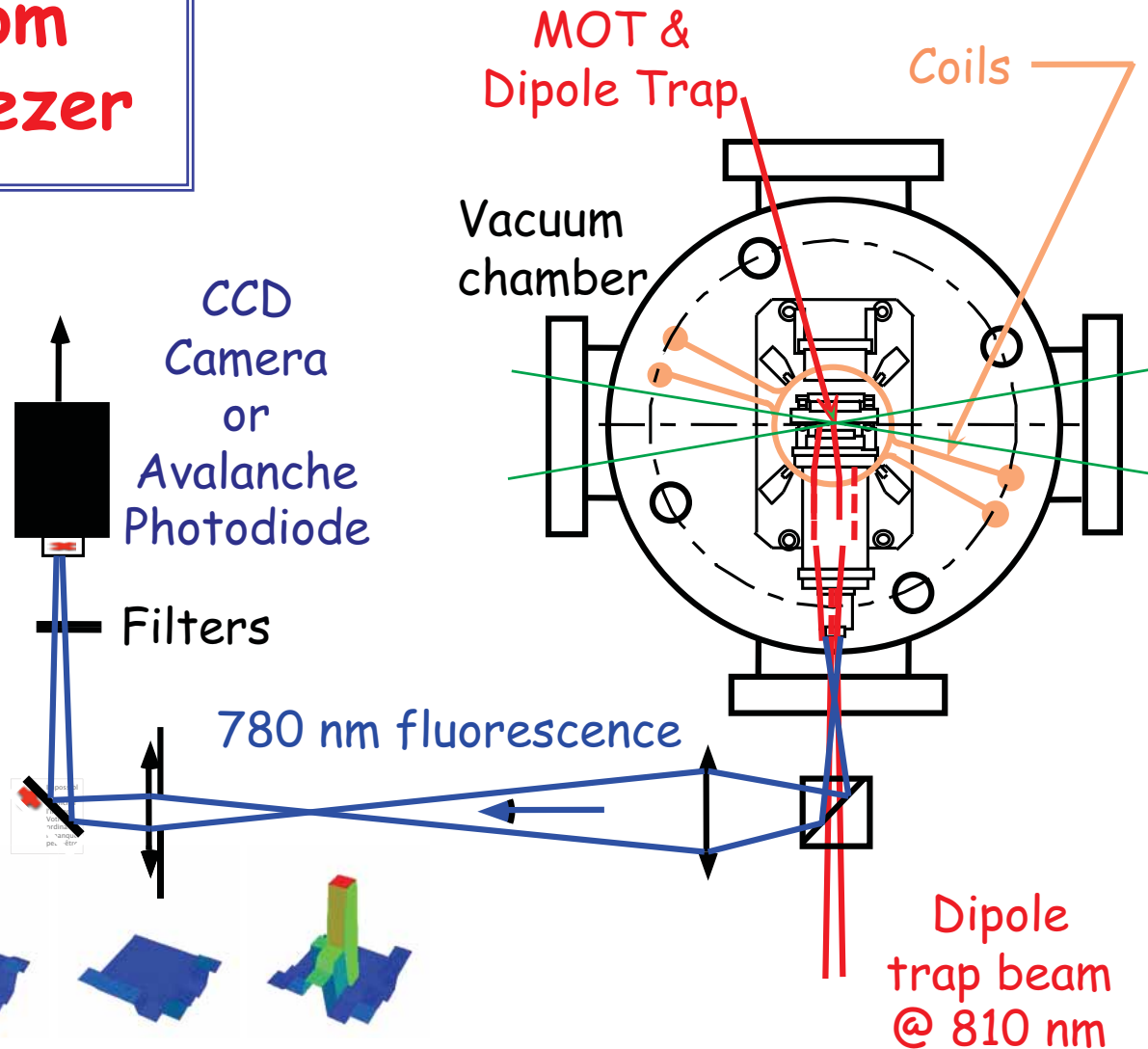
# Single atom optical tweezer

Microscopic dipole trap :  
Spot size  $< 1 \mu\text{m}$   
Power  $< 10 \text{ mW}$   
Trapping time  $> 1 \text{ s}$

Imaging :  $1 \mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$



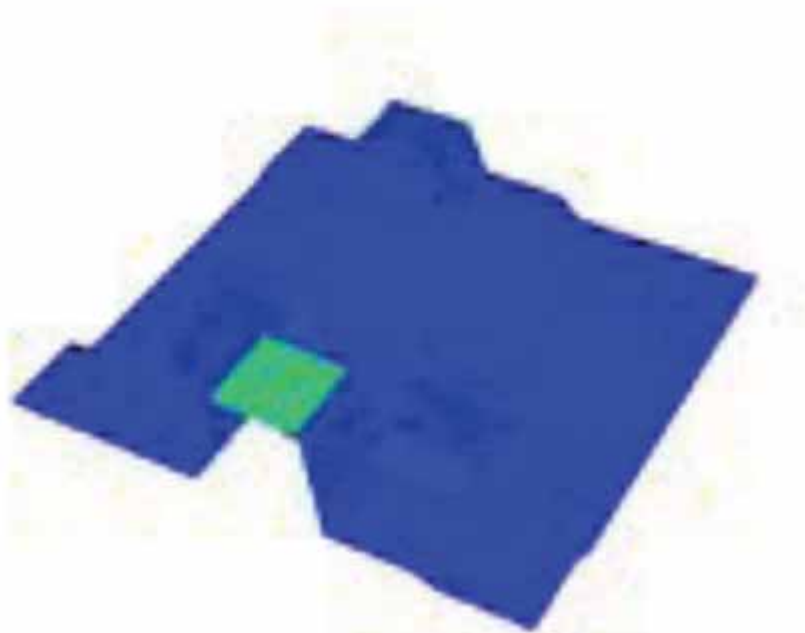
Individual atoms « jumping » in the trap  
« Collisional blockade » : only one atom !



N. Schlosser et al,  
Nature 411, 1024 (2001)  
PRL 89, 023005 (2002)



# Looking at single atoms



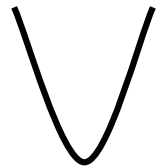
« Real-time blinking » of individual atoms  
going in and out of the microscopic dipole trap

Fluorescence rate : 8000 cnts/at/s

Trapping time : a few seconds

# « Collisional blockade »

N. Schlosser et al, PRL 89, 023005 (2002)



Main effect : light - assisted collision loss (due to the MOT light) is huge as soon as there are two atoms in the trap

When an atom enters the trap with one atom inside,  
both atoms escape : either zero or one atom only !

Some measured trapped atom parameters :

Trap frequencies ( $P_{\text{trap}} = 2 \text{ mW}$ ) :  $\omega_{\text{radial}} / 2\pi = 130 \text{ kHz}$   
 $\omega_{\text{axial}} / 2\pi = 30 \text{ kHz}$

Trap depth (lightshift) :  $1 \text{ mK} / \text{mW}$

Trap beam waist ( $P_{\text{trap}} = 2 \text{ mW}$ ) :  $w_0 = 0.9 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Temperature :  $< 100 \text{ }\mu\text{K}$

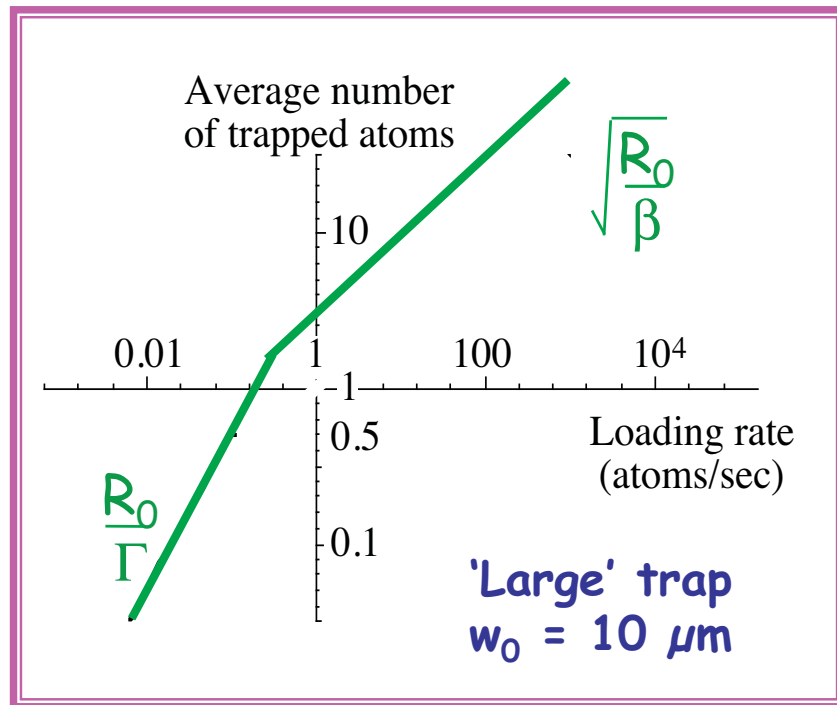
# Collisional Blockade and Beyond

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Behaviour of the number  $N$  of trapped atoms :

$$dN/dt = R_0 - \Gamma N - \beta N(N-1)$$

$R_0$  : loading rate,     $\Gamma$  : one-atom loss ( $0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ),     $\beta$  : two-atom loss



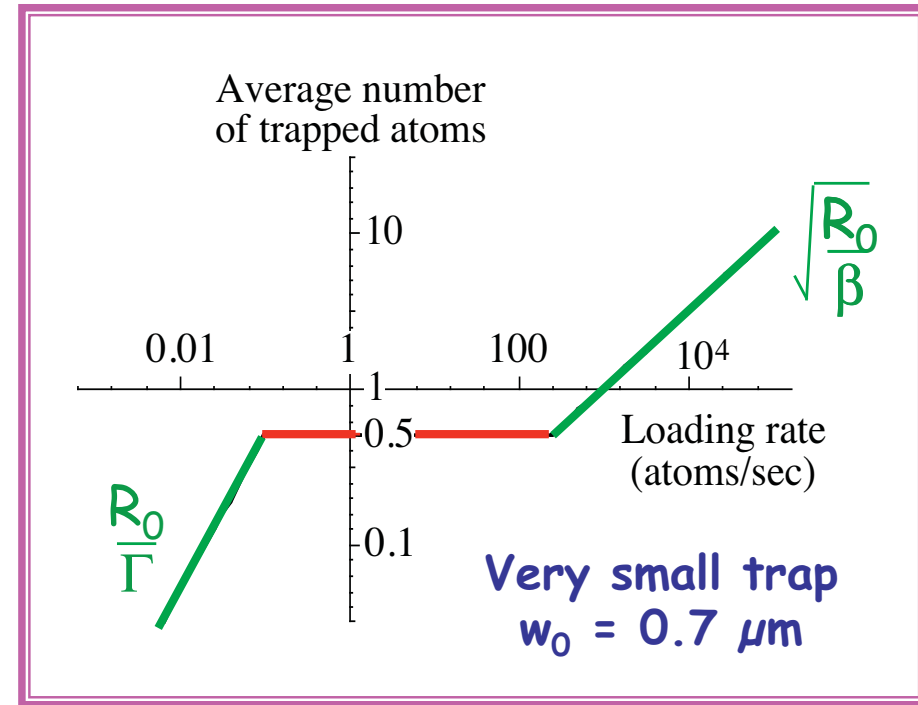
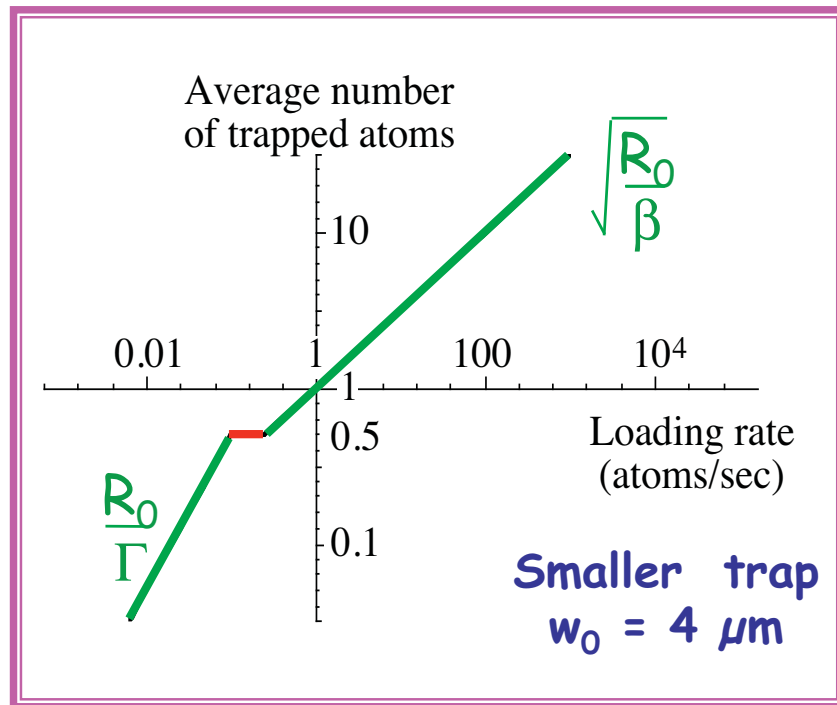
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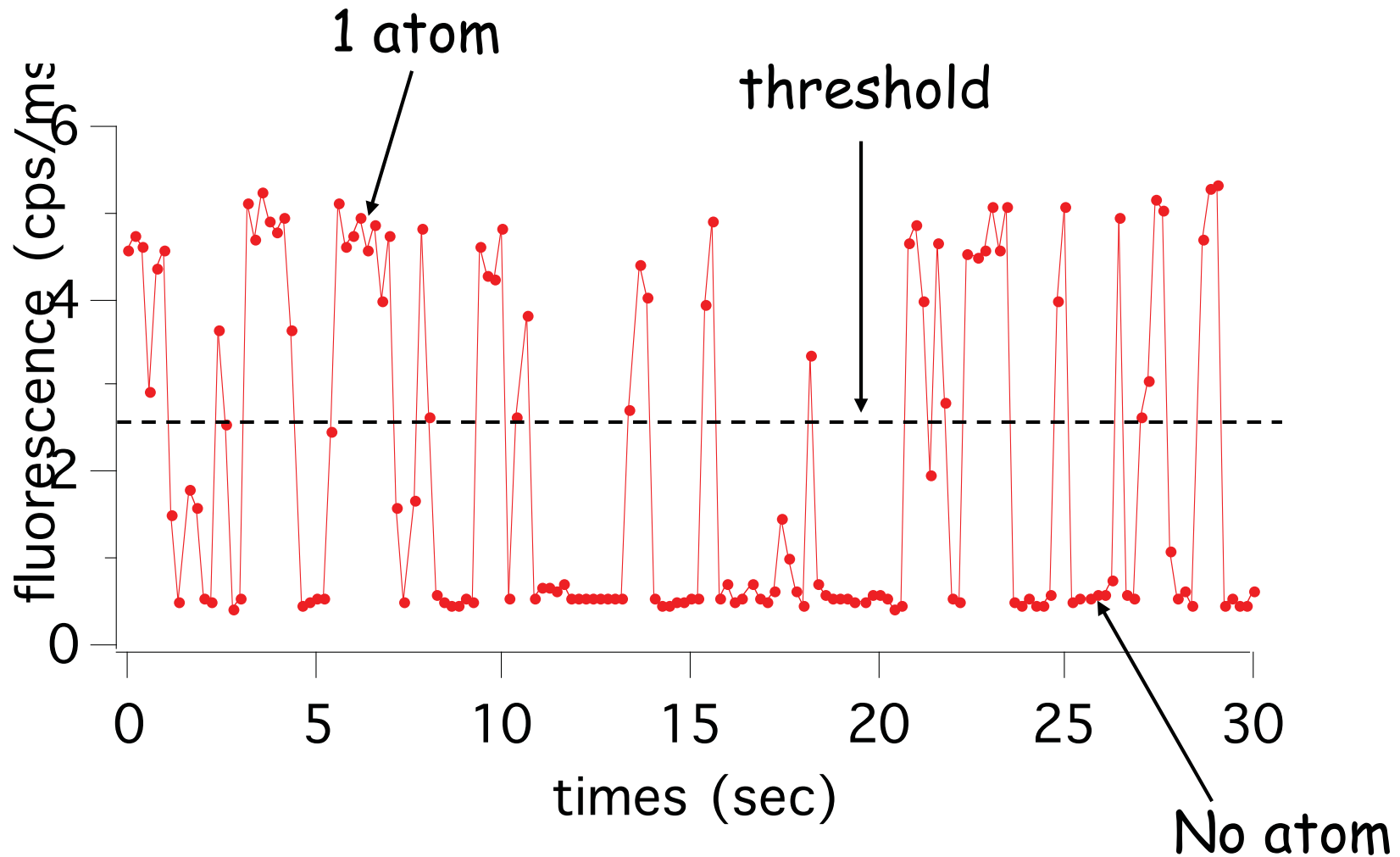
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Collisional blockade : specific behaviour of small ( $< 4 \mu\text{m}$ ) dipole trap !

# Detecting and "heralding" a single trapped atom

Fluorescence induced by the cooling lasers (780 nm)



Trapping time in the dark  $\sim 1 - 3$  s

## A more compact optical setup : aspherical lens

Molded aspherical lenses for laser diode objective



Working distance 6 mm,

$$\text{N.A.} = 0.5$$

$$700 \text{ nm} < \lambda < 900 \text{ nm}$$

Typical trap parameters for 850 nm, 5 mW :

$$\text{Depth} = 2 \text{ mK}$$

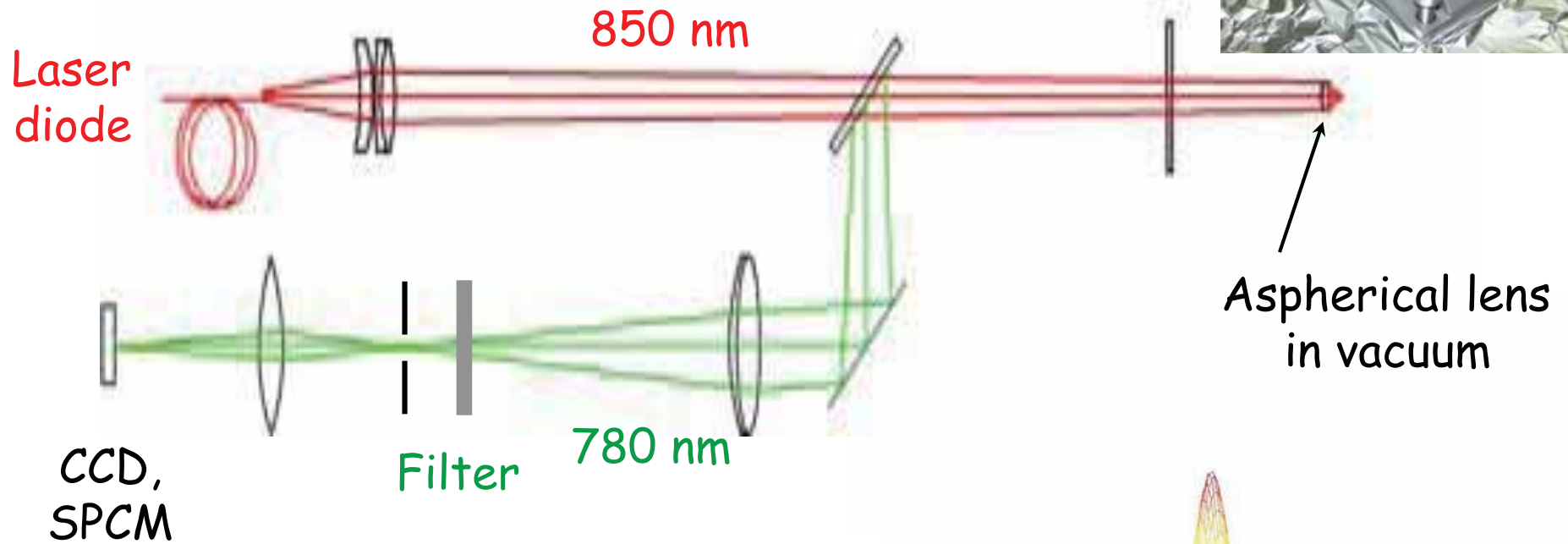
$$\text{Transverse oscillation frequency} = 135 \text{ kHz}$$



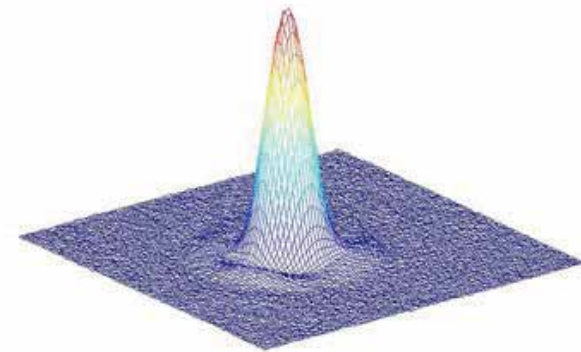
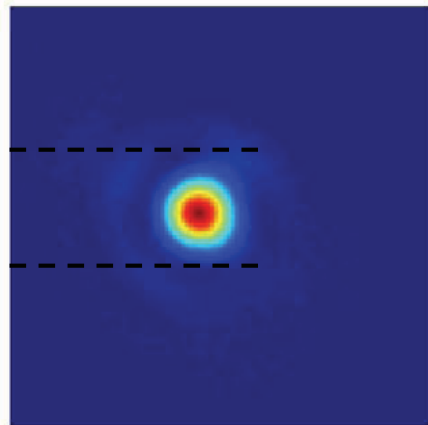
# Optical tweezer setup



Melles Griot Triplet



2.15  $\mu\text{m}$   
(Airy function diameter  
@ 850 nm, theory = 2.09  $\mu\text{m}$ )

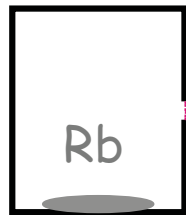
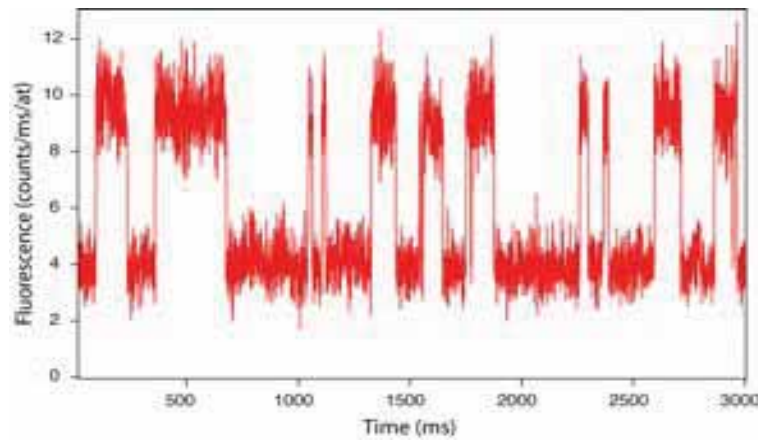


Transverse field =  
 $\pm 30 \mu\text{m}$

# Catching single atoms from an slow atomic beam

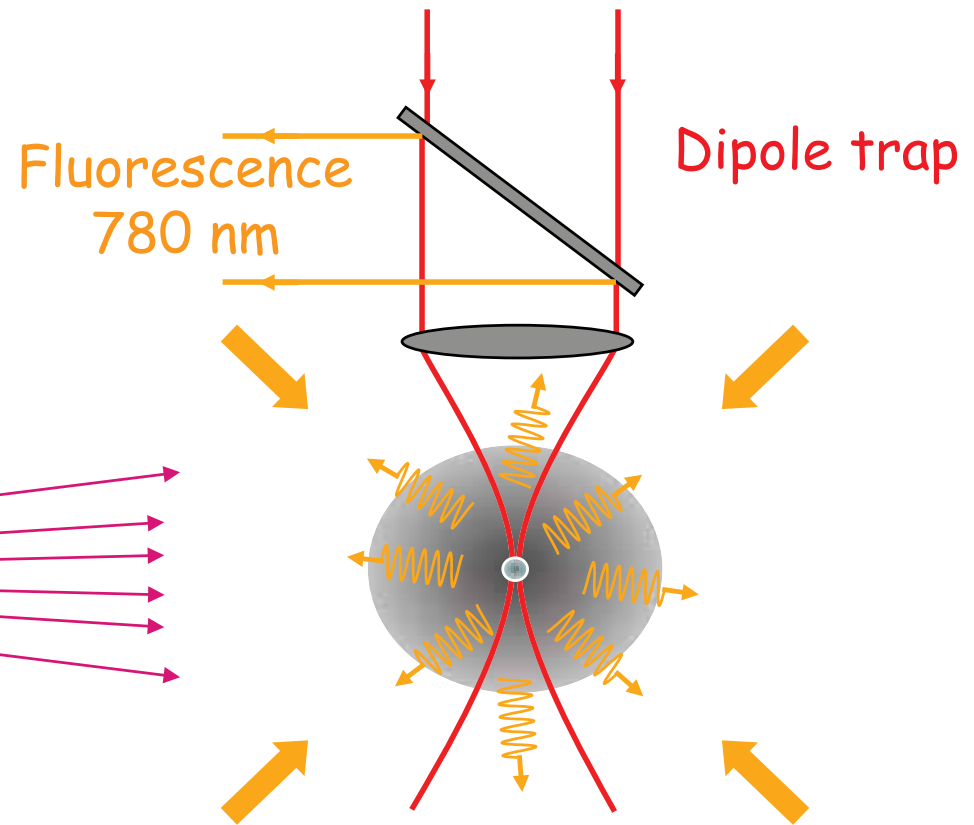
Sortais et al., PRA 75, 013406 (2007)

$\approx 10000$  counts/sec/atom on the APD  
Trapping time in the dark  $\sim 10$  s



Oven  
200 m/s

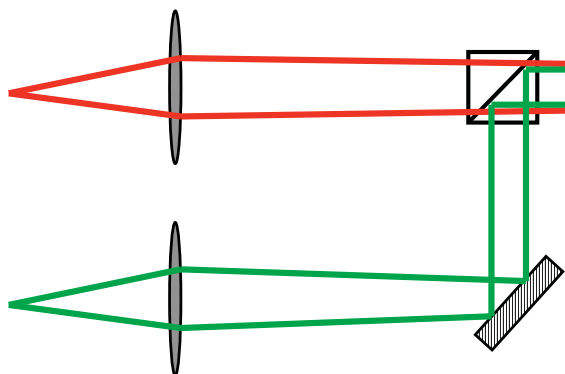
Slowing  
200 m / s  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 1$  m / s



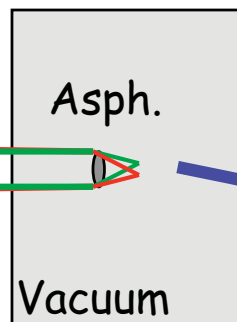
Dilute atomic cloud  
 $T \sim 100 \mu\text{K} - 10 \mu\text{K}$

# Trapping 2 single atoms

Dipole trap 1

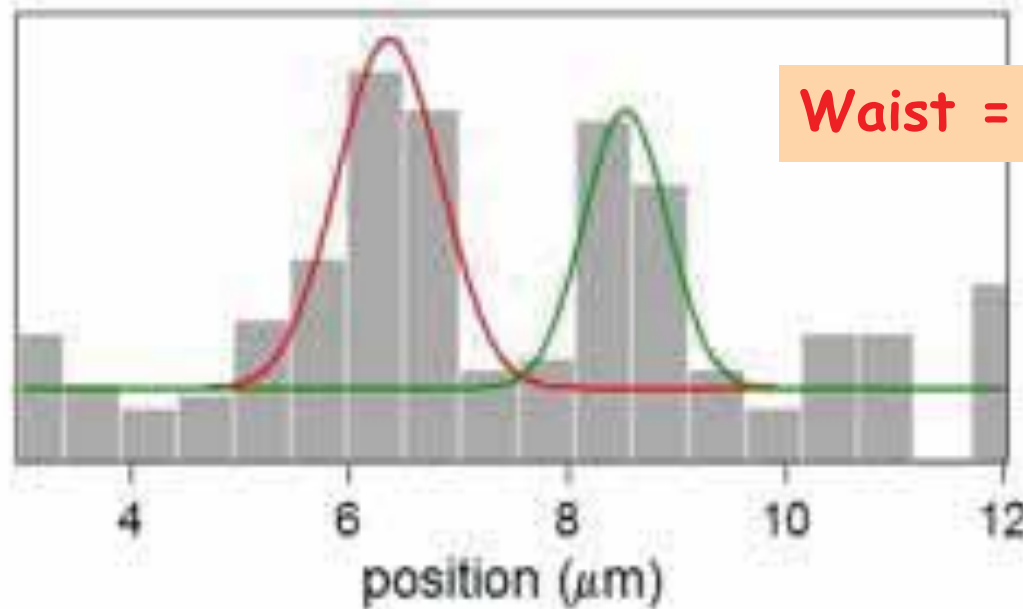


Dipole trap 2



Cross-section  
on the  
CCD camera

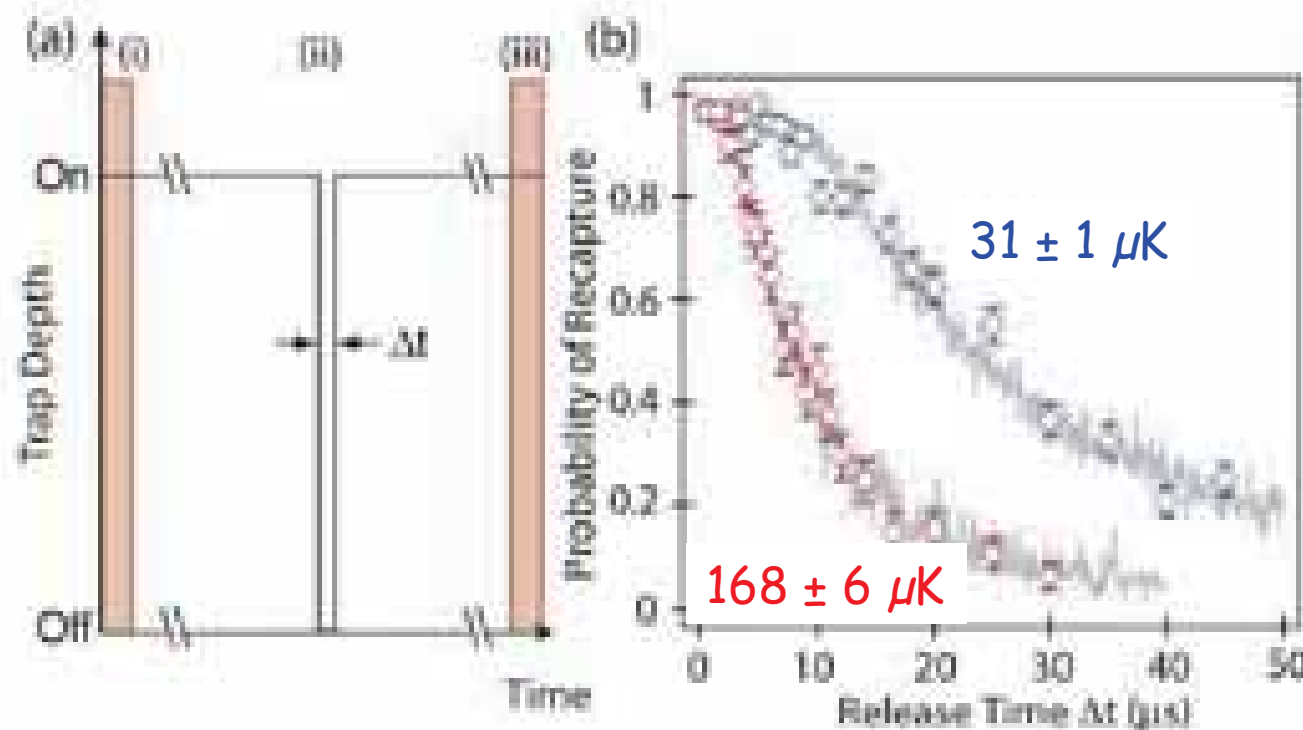
$2\mu\text{m}$



# Single atom temperature measurements

C. Tuchendler et al, Phys. Rev. A 78, 033425 (2008)

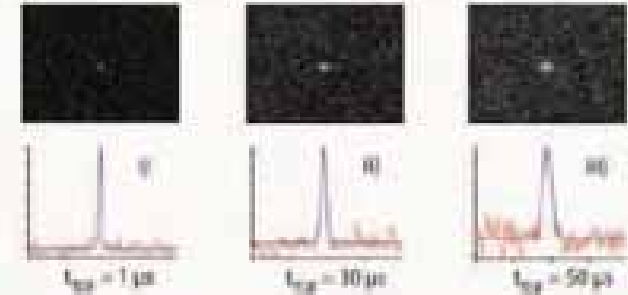
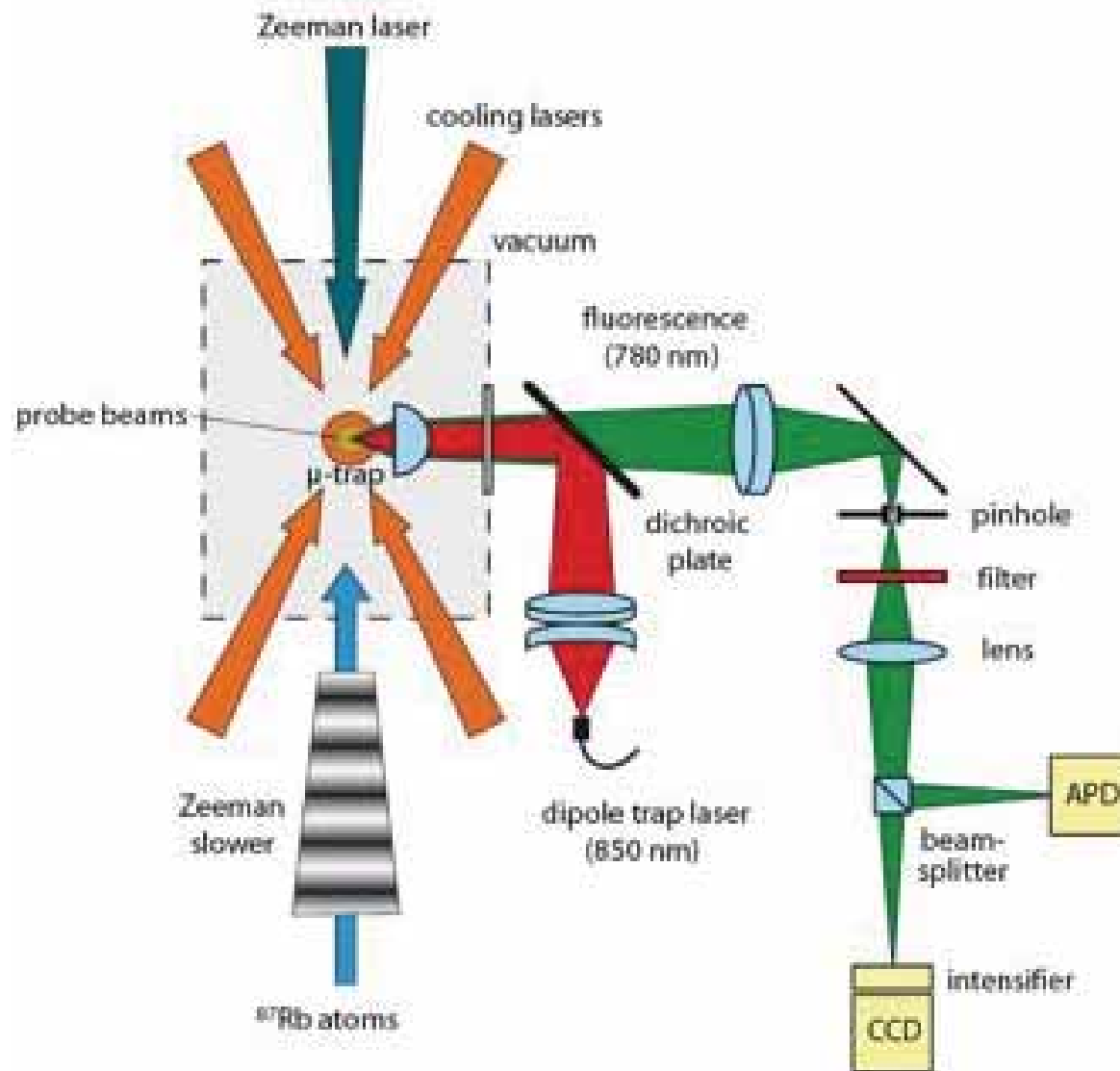
- \* Turn off the trap for a short time  $\Delta t$ , then measure the probability to recapture the atom (average on 100 shots)
- \* Fit with a Monte-Carlo calculation for a given temperature  $T$  and trap depth (2.5 mK), assuming a thermal distribution.



Two examples with and without molasse cooling : excellent fit !

# Another method : Single Atom Time Of Flight

A. Fuhrmanek et al, New Journal of Physics 12, 053028 (2010)



\* Imaging the released atom on an intensified CCD (2 stages MCP + fluo)

\* Free flight then probe pulse  $2 \mu\text{s}$ , probability to detect the atom : 4.4 %

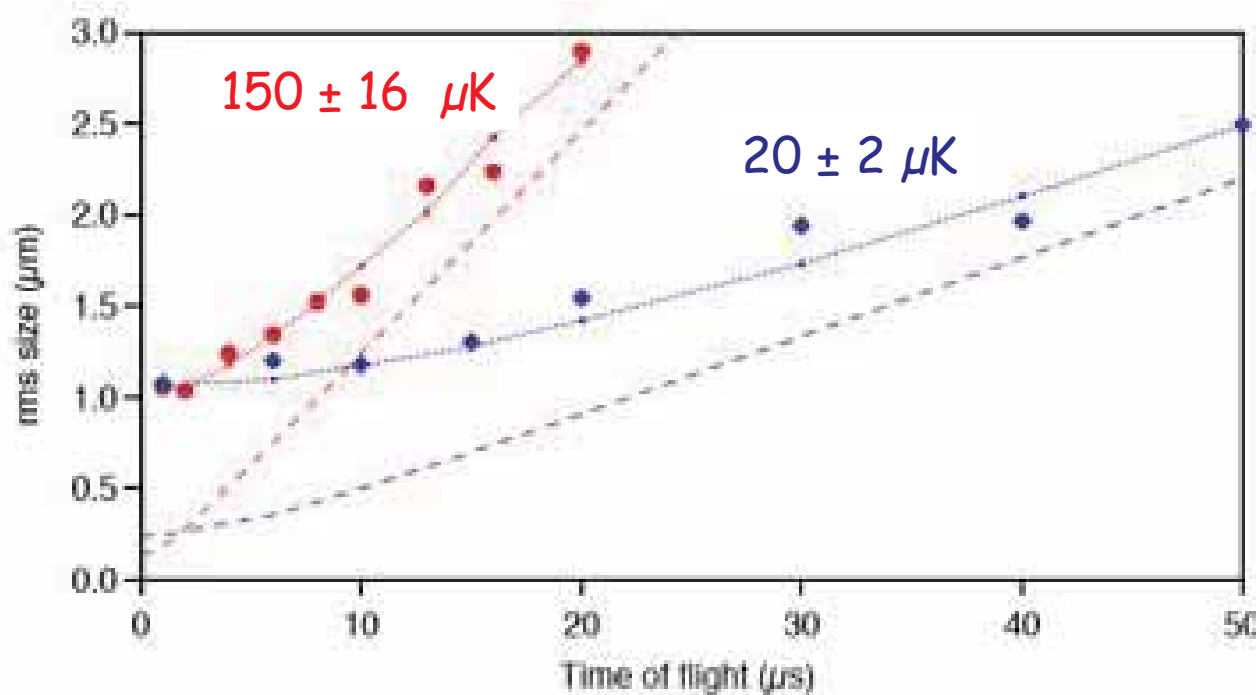
\* Averaging !

1  $\mu\text{s}$  TOF : 3400 shots,  
150 photons

50  $\mu\text{s}$  TOF : 12000 shots,  
520 photons

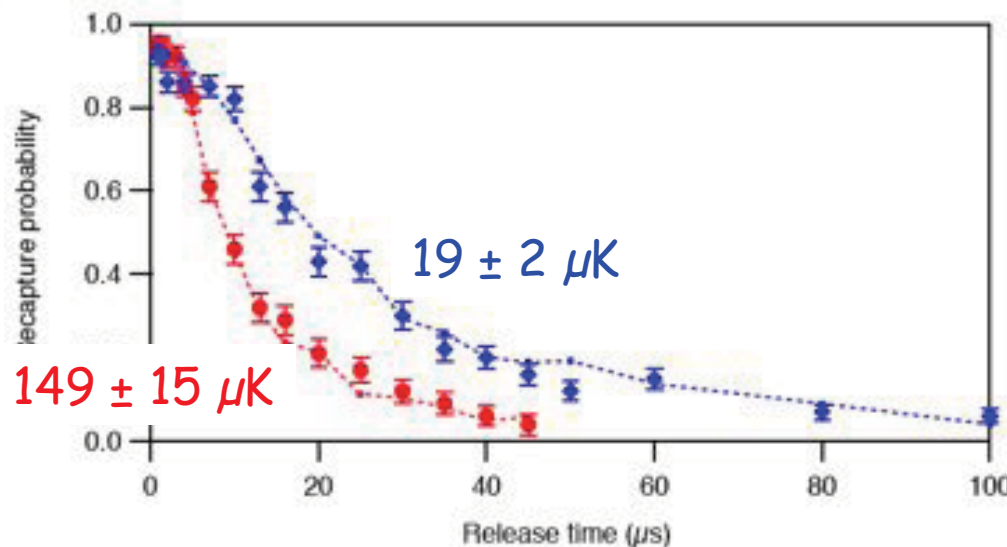
# Single Atom Time Of Flight : results

A. Fuhrmanek et al, New Journal of Physics 12, 053028 (2010)



Full line : simulation including instrumental resolution (1  $\mu\text{m}$ )

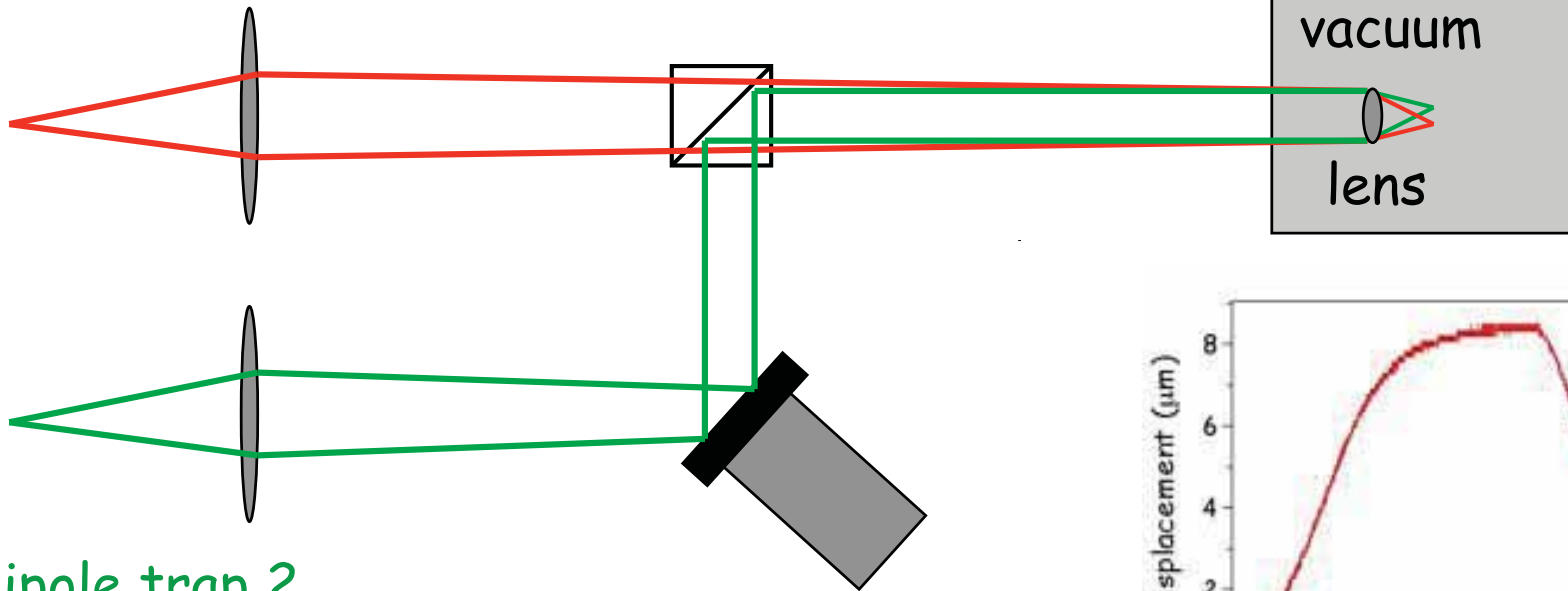
Dashed line : calculated size of the atom cloud



Comparison with the release and recapture method : excellent agreement !

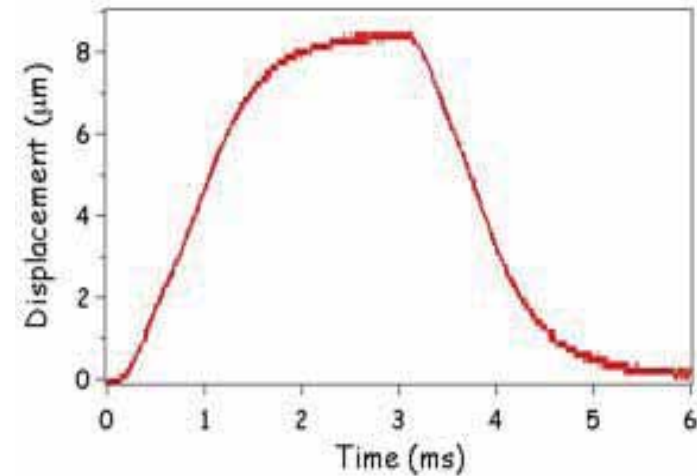
# Moving the atom

Dipole trap 1



Dipole trap 2

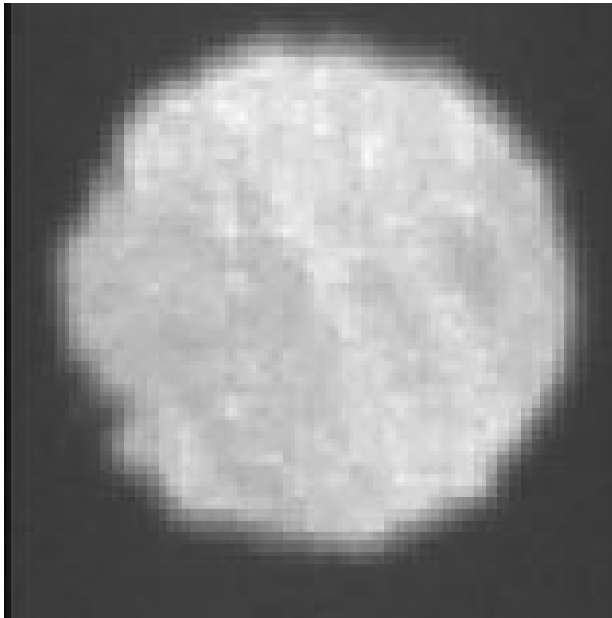
Tip-tilt platform (x-y)



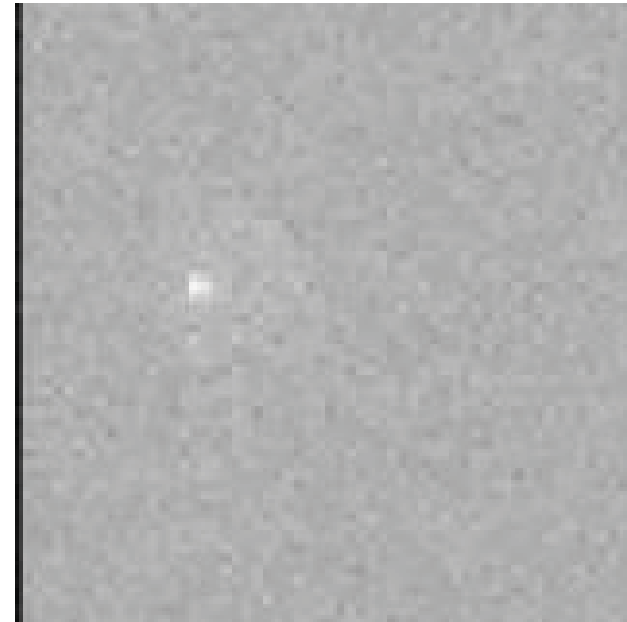
- Scale of the motion :  
a few  $\mu\text{m}$  in a few ms
- OK for a quantum register  
(coherence time : tens of ms)

## Motion of a tweezer

(background light subtracted)



Motion length  $\approx 40 \mu\text{m}$



Motion radius  $\approx 40 \mu\text{m}$

Movie is 100 stills of 100 ms integration. Atoms are being laser cooled while being trapped & moved



Thank you for your attention...

( and see you soon ! )