

Lecture 2: Adiabatic potentials

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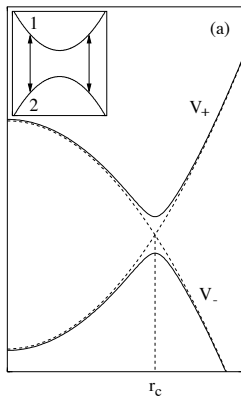
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References for the lecture

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Topical Review in *J. Phys. B* **49**, 172001 (2016).

Principle of adiabatic potentials

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[Zobay & Garraway (PRL 2001)]

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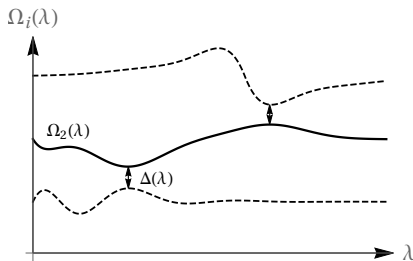
General idea:

- Eigenstates $|\psi(\lambda)\rangle$ and eigenenergies $\hbar\Omega(\lambda)$ and splitting $\hbar\Delta(\lambda)$ depend from an external parameter λ (here: **magnetic field and rf field**)
- Variations of this parameter λ with position or time
- For **slow enough** variations, the atomic states follows **adiabatically** the local eigenstate $|\psi(\lambda)\rangle$

Condition:

$$\dot{\lambda} \langle \psi | \frac{\partial |\psi\rangle}{\partial \lambda} \rangle \ll \Delta(\lambda)$$

$$\text{or } \dot{x} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial x} \langle \psi | \frac{\partial |\psi\rangle}{\partial \lambda} \rangle \ll \Delta(\lambda)$$



Here: $|\psi\rangle$ is a magnetic state **dressed by radiofrequency photons**

Interaction between an atom and a magnetic field

Reminder on spin operators

Eigenstates of the **total angular momentum operator** $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$:

Given an axis z , $\hat{\mathbf{F}}^2$ and $\hat{F}_z = \hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_z$ can be diagonalized in the same basis $\{|m\rangle_z\}$, with eigenvalues:

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}^2|m\rangle_z = F(F+1)\hbar^2|m\rangle_z \quad \hat{F}_z|m\rangle_z = m\hbar|m\rangle_z$$

The whole basis is built using the $\hat{F}_\pm = \hat{F}_x \pm i\hat{F}_y$ operators:

$$\hat{F}_\pm|m\rangle_z = \hbar\sqrt{F(F+1) - m(m\pm 1)}|m\pm 1\rangle_z$$

Remark: $\hat{F}_x = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{F}_+ + \hat{F}_-)$.

Interaction between an atom and a magnetic field

Interaction hamiltonian

Zeeman effect: The interaction between an atom with total angular momentum $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$ and a magnetic field $\mathbf{B}_0 = B_0 \mathbf{u}$ writes

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0 = \frac{g_F \mu_B}{\hbar} B_0 \hat{F}_u = \omega_0 \hat{F}_u,$$

where $\gamma = -\frac{g_F \mu_B}{\hbar}$ is the gyromagnetic ratio, g_F is the Landé factor and μ_B is the Bohr magneton. ω_0 is the **Larmor frequency**.

The eigenstates of \hat{H} are the states $|m\rangle_{\mathbf{u}}$, eigenstates of $\hat{F}_u = \hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{u}$. If the z axis is chosen along \mathbf{u} , these states are $|m\rangle_z$. The corresponding eigenenergies are

$$E_m = m g_F \mu_B B_0 = m \hbar \omega_0.$$

Magnetic trapping

Position dependent magnetic field

Now \mathbf{B}_0 depends on position, in modulus B_0 and direction \mathbf{u} :
 $\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{r}) = B_0(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r})$.

If the atomic motion is slow enough, the atoms follow **adiabatically** the *local* magnetic eigenstate $|m\rangle_{\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r})}$.

The local energy $E_m(\mathbf{r})$ acts as a **trapping potential**:

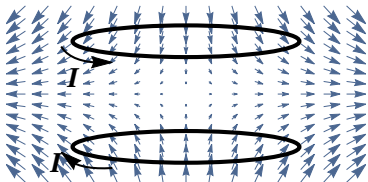
$$V_m(\mathbf{r}) = g_F \mu_B B_0(\mathbf{r})$$

Low field-seekers are trapped at a magnetic field minimum.

Example of magnetic traps

Quadrupole trap

Two coils with opposite currents: a **quadrupole trap**.



Field produced: $\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{r}) = b'(x\mathbf{e}_x + y\mathbf{e}_y - 2z\mathbf{e}_z)$

Potential: we define $\alpha = g_F\mu_B b'/\hbar$

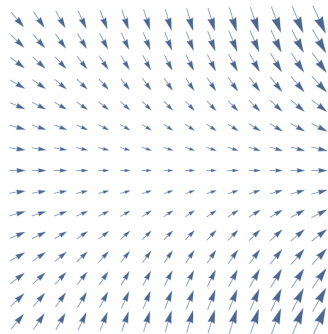
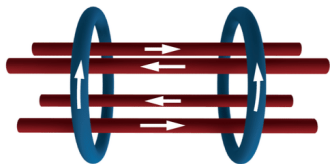
$$B_0(\mathbf{r}) = b'\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 4z^2} \Rightarrow V_m(\mathbf{r}) = \hbar\alpha\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 4z^2}$$

Minimum with **zero field** at the center $(0, 0, 0)$

Example of magnetic traps

Ioffe-Pritchard trap

4 bars: 2D quadrupole + 2 pinch coils with the same current: a **Ioffe-Pritchard trap**.



Field produced: $\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \left(B_0 + \frac{b''}{2} x^2 \right) \mathbf{e}_x + b' (y\mathbf{e}_y - z\mathbf{e}_z)$

Potential: $V_m(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \hbar\Omega_0 + \frac{1}{2}\omega_x^2 x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\omega_\perp^2 (y^2 + z^2)$

Minimum with **non-zero field** B_0 at the center $(0, 0, 0)$

Rf coupling between magnetic states

Static + oscillating magnetic fields

Two fields: static $\mathbf{B}_0 = B_0 \mathbf{e}_z$ and oscillating $\mathbf{B}_1 = B_1 \cos(\omega t) \mathbf{e}_x$.
Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot (\mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{B}_1(t)) = \omega_0 \hat{F}_z + \Omega_1 \cos(\omega t) \hat{F}_x,$$

where Ω_1 is the **Rabi frequency** of the rf field. Using \hat{F}_{\pm} :

$$\hat{H} = \omega_0 \hat{F}_z + \left\{ \frac{\Omega_+}{2} e^{-i\omega t} \hat{F}_+ + \text{h.c.} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{\Omega_-}{2} e^{-i\omega t} \hat{F}_- + \text{h.c.} \right\},$$

with $\Omega_+ = \Omega_1/2$ weight on the σ^+ **polarization** ($\Omega_- = \Omega_1/2$ weight on the σ^-). Hamiltonian in the rotating frame (rotating at ω around \mathbf{B}_0) within rotating wave approximation (RWA):

$$\hat{H}' = -\delta \hat{F}_z + \Omega_+ \hat{F}_x$$

with $\delta = \omega - \omega_0$, detuning from magnetic resonance.

Adiabatic potential

Eigenstates and energies

$$\hat{H}' = -\delta \hat{F}_z + \Omega_+ \hat{F}_x = \sqrt{\delta^2 + \Omega_+^2} \hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_\theta$$

with $\mathbf{u}_\theta = \cos \theta \mathbf{e}_z + \sin \theta \mathbf{e}_x$ and

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-\delta}{\sqrt{\delta^2 + \Omega_+^2}}, \quad \sin \theta = \frac{\Omega_+}{\sqrt{\delta^2 + \Omega_+^2}}.$$

Eigenstates: $|m\rangle_\theta \equiv |m\rangle_{\mathbf{u}_\theta}$. Eigenenergies: $m\hbar\sqrt{\delta^2 + \Omega_+^2}$.

For position dependent B_0 and/or B_1 , i.e. $\omega_0(\mathbf{r})$ and/or $\Omega_+(\mathbf{r})$,
rf-dressed adiabatic potentials:

$$V_m(\mathbf{r}) = m\hbar\sqrt{\delta^2(\mathbf{r}) + \Omega_+^2(\mathbf{r})}.$$

Adiabatic potential for a linear magnetic field

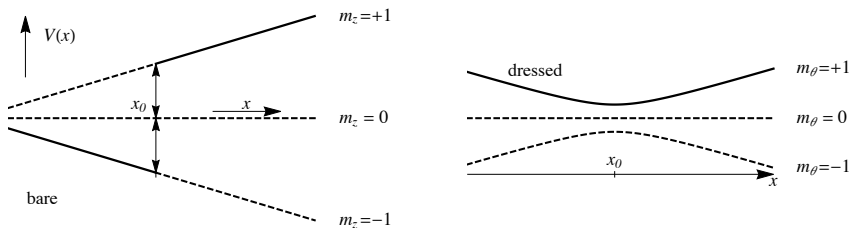
Eigenstates and energies

For a linear static magnetic field: $B_0(x) = b'x$, with uniform Ω_+

$$V_m(x) = m\hbar\sqrt{\alpha^2(x - x_0)^2 + \Omega_+^2}$$

where $\alpha = g_F\mu_B b'/\hbar$ and $x_0 = \omega/\alpha$.

Ex: $F = 1$, **blue basis** vs **dressed basis**

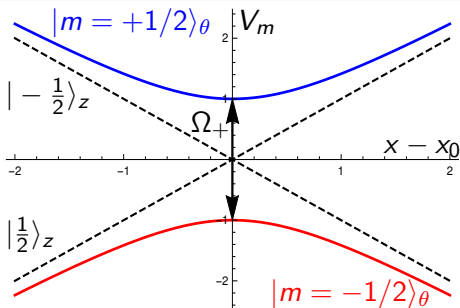


[Figure from Perrin & Garraway, Adv. At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 2017]

Adiabatic potential for a linear magnetic field

Oscillation frequency

Ex: $F = 1/2$: **avoided crossing** between **dressed states**



Close to the trap minimum at $x = x_0$:

$$V_m(x) = m\hbar\sqrt{\alpha^2(x - x_0)^2 + \Omega_+^2} \underset{x \sim x_0}{\approx} m\hbar\Omega_+ + \frac{1}{2}M\omega_{\text{trap}}^2x^2$$

where
$$\omega_{\text{trap}} = \alpha\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar}{M\Omega_+}} \propto \frac{b'}{\sqrt{\Omega_+}}$$

high trap frequency for **large magnetic gradients** and **low rf coupling**.

Typical shape for adiabatic traps

Trapping surface

Adiabatic potential:

$$V_m(\mathbf{r}) = m\hbar\sqrt{\delta^2(\mathbf{r}) + \Omega_+^2(\mathbf{r})}$$

- The detuning $\delta(\mathbf{r}) = \omega - \omega_0(\mathbf{r})$ varies **quickly** (like the magnetic potential)
- The rf coupling $\Omega_+(\mathbf{r})$ varies **slowly**, especially if Ω_1 is uniform \Rightarrow variations due to the respective orientations of \mathbf{B}_0 and \mathbf{B}_1 .
- To a good approximation: the trap minimum lies within the **isomagnetic surface** $\delta(\mathbf{r}) = 0$ (resonant surface $\omega_0(\mathbf{r}) = \omega$)
- Within this surface, $V_m(\mathbf{r}) = m\hbar\Omega_+(\mathbf{r})$ and the minimum occurs where Ω_+ is minimum or at the bottom where **gravity** attracts the atoms.

Principle of rf-induced adiabatic potentials

Trapping to an isomagnetic surface

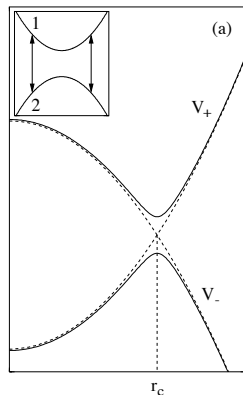
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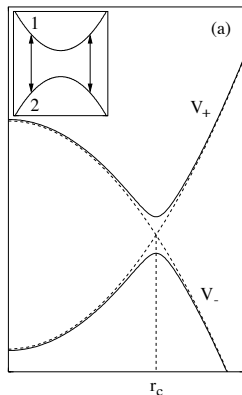
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atoms trapped at the **isomagnetic surface** of an inhomogeneous magnetic field set by ω :

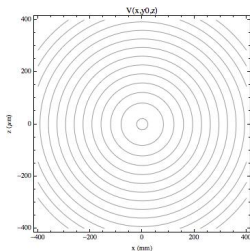
$$\text{surface } B_0(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\hbar}{|g_F|\mu_B} \omega.$$



Trapping to an isomagnetic surface

Bubbles and double wells

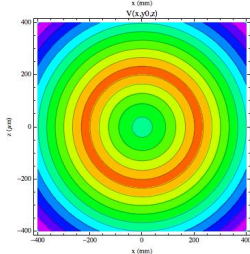
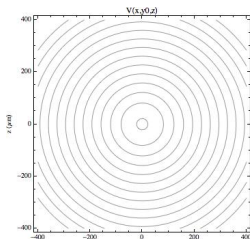
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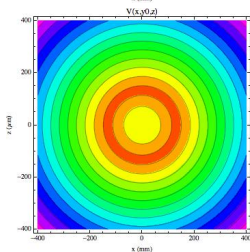
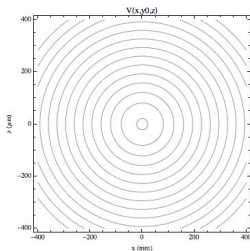


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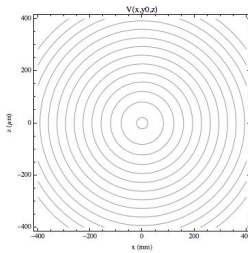


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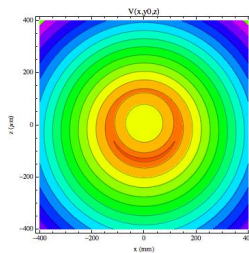
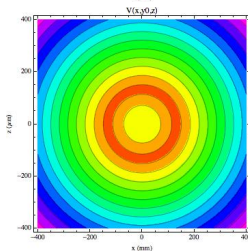
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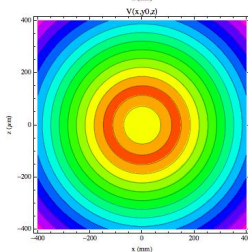
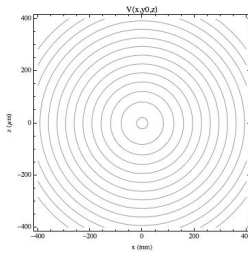


gravity on:
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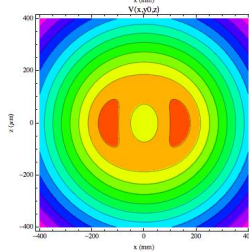
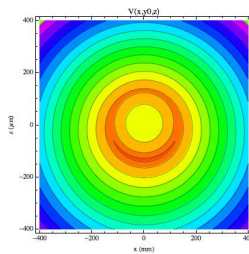
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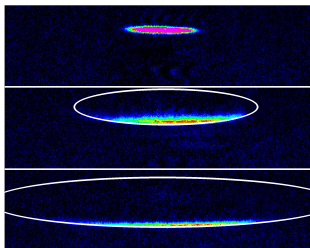
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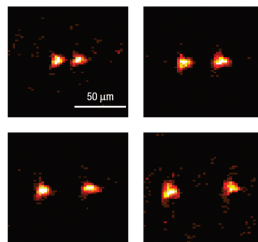
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Examples of adiabatic potentials

Nice examples of adiabatic potentials



[Colombe et al. (2004)]



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Early history of adiabatic potentials

Trapping with a microwave

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Demonstration of Neutral Atom Trapping with Microwaves

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We demonstrate trapping of neutral Cs atoms by the magnetic dipole force due to a microwave field. The trap is formed in a spherical microwave cavity tuned near the ground state hyperfine transition (9.193 GHz). With a microwave power of 83 W, the trap is ≈ 0.1 mK deep. It is loaded with Cs atoms laser cooled to ≈ 4 μ K. We observe oscillatory motion of atoms in the trap at frequencies of 1-3 Hz. This type of trap has certain advantages for achieving the conditions for Bose-Einstein condensation in hydrogen or the alkalis, because it can confine atoms predominantly in the lowest energy spin state.

Trapping with an inhomogeneous microwave field in a static magnetic field.

Early history of adiabatic potentials

Trapping with a microwave

[Spreeuw 1994]

The potential for the atoms in the trapping state, due to static magnetic, microwave, and gravitational fields, is

$$U(\mathbf{r}) = -\bar{\mu}B(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{1}{2} \hbar \Omega(\mathbf{r}) + mgz ,$$

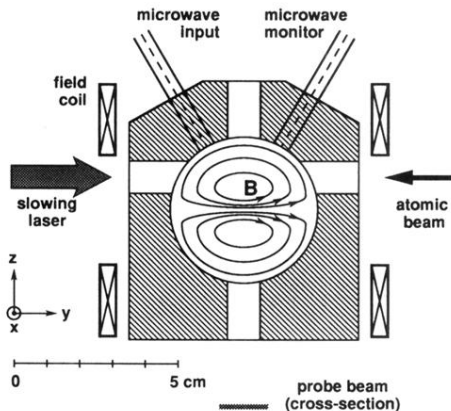
where mgz is the gravitational energy, $\Omega = (\omega_R^2 + \delta^2)^{1/2}$, with the Rabi frequency $\omega_R(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_{\perp} b_{\perp}(\mathbf{r})/\hbar$ and the detuning $\delta(\mathbf{r}) = 2\mu_z [B_{\text{res}} - B(\mathbf{r})]/\hbar$, both functions of position; b_{\perp} is the amplitude of the rf field transverse to the

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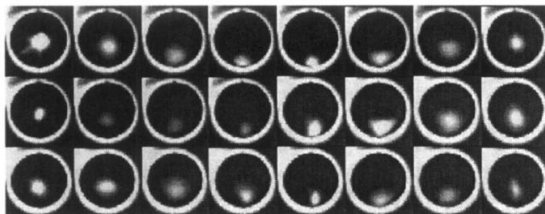


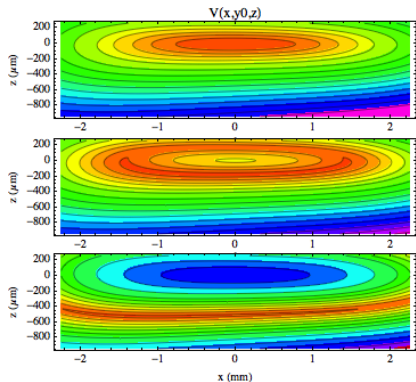
FIG. 3. Sequence of images with 67 ms successive increase in trapping time. The bright ring is a 1 cm diameter observation hole in the side of the cavity. For this sequence the microwave power level was 42 W.

Cs atoms oscillating in the microwave + magnetic field trap

Example 1: The dressed Ioffe-Pritchard trap

First experimental realization

A “bubble trap” in the presence of gravity

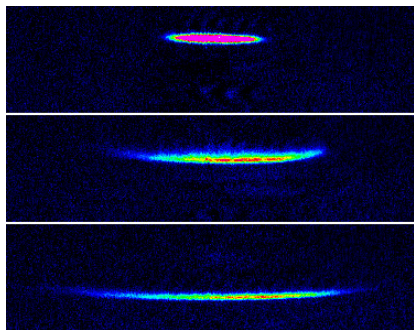


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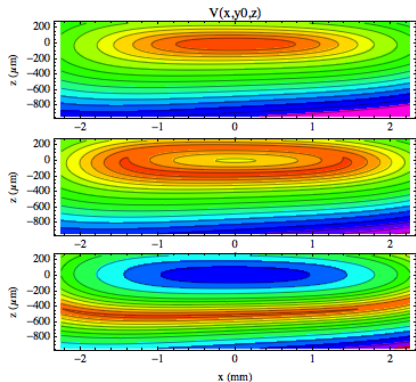


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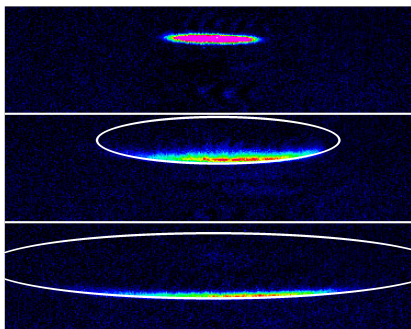


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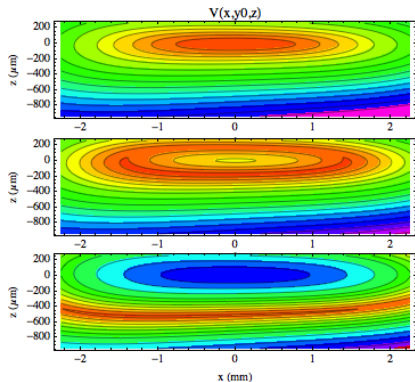


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Seeing the bubble structure



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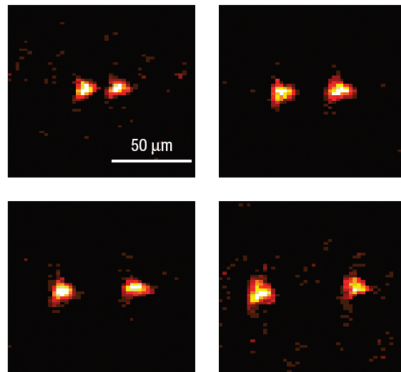
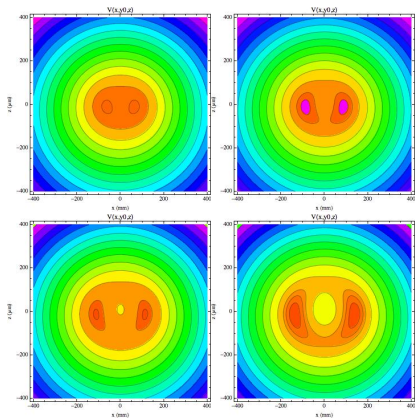
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A double well potential on an atom chip

Playing with rf gradients

With an **inhomogeneous rf coupling**: double well potential



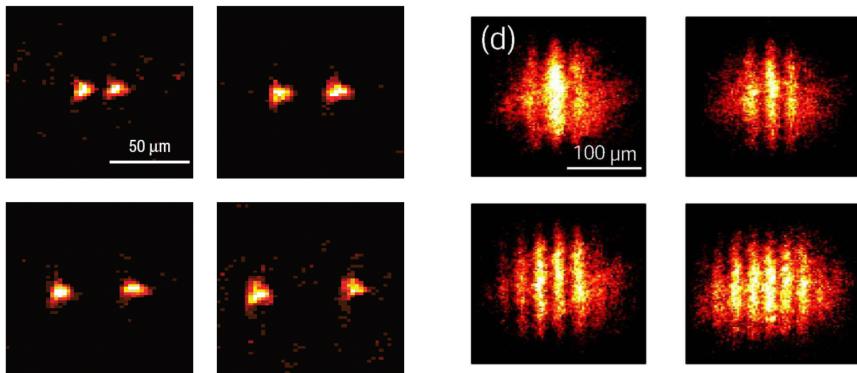
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Well separation adjusted with the rf frequency.

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Atom interferometry

Interference fringes from atoms released from the double well potential

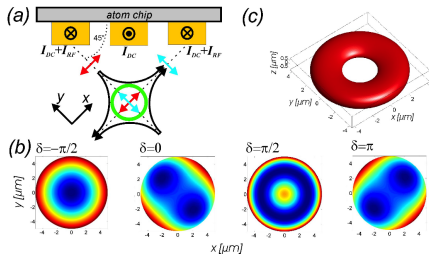


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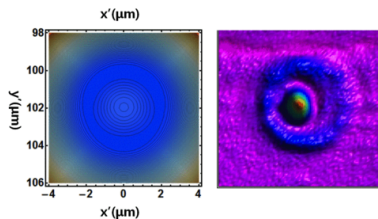
A ring trap

Playing with rf polarization

With a **circular rf polarization**: annular potential



Proposal: [Lesanovsky et al., PRA 2006]



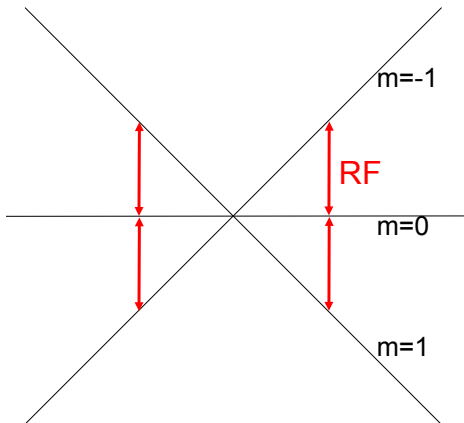
Experiment: [Kim et al., PRA 2016]

Example 2: The dressed quadrupole trap

Dressing the spin states

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Spin states in a quadrupole field coupled through a rf field...

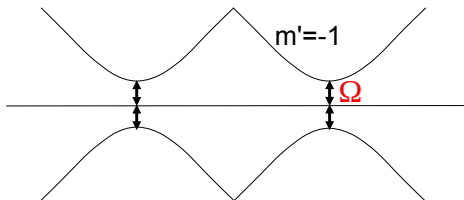


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Dressing the spin states

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...trap minima at the resonant points = isomagnetic surface.



isomagnetic surfaces: ellipsoids with $r_0 \propto \frac{\omega}{b'}$

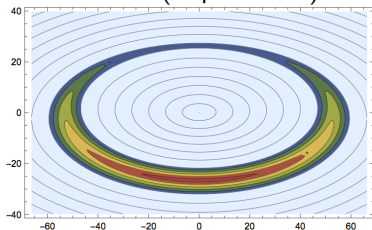
Example 2: The dressed quadrupole trap

From the bubble to the ring

$$\omega_z \propto \frac{b'}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \sim 1\text{-}2 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\omega_x, \omega_y \propto \sqrt{\frac{g}{r_0}} \sim 20\text{-}50 \text{ Hz}$$

side view (isopotentials):



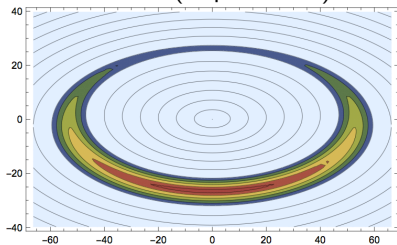
- very flat $\omega_z \gg \omega_{x,y}$
- $\eta = \frac{\omega_x}{\omega_y}$ controlled through rf polarization:
- **rotationally invariant** ($\eta = 1$) for a σ^+ polarization along z
- **anisotropic** ($\eta \neq 1$) for **linear** horizontal polarization
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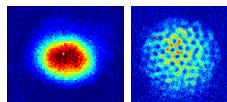
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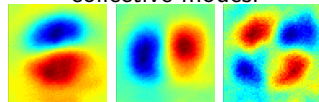


top-view:

a [2D] quantum gas



collective modes:



Ring trap from the dressed quadrupole

Ring trap for dressed atoms

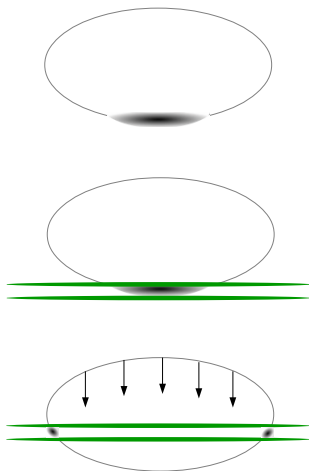
bubble trap (dressed quadrupole)
+ dipole trap (standing wave or
double light sheet)

Morizot et al., PRA **74** 023617, 2006

Heathcote et al., New J. Phys. **10**
043012 (2008)

De Goër et al. (2018)

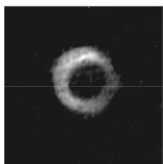
trap loading with a bias field



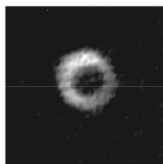
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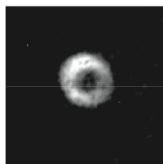
Atoms in a ring (Oxford group)



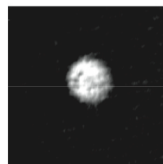
(a) $B_0^{\text{DC}} = 1.0 \text{ G}$



(b) $B_0^{\text{DC}} = 1.1 \text{ G}$



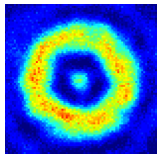
(c) $B_0^{\text{DC}} = 1.2 \text{ G}$



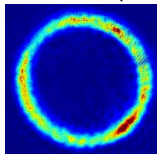
(d) $B_0^{\text{DC}} = 1.3 \text{ G}$

Heathcote et al., New J. Phys. **10** 043012 (2008)

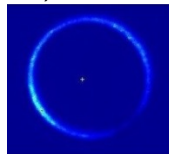
Atoms in a ring (LPL group)



$r_0 = 20 \mu\text{m}$



$100 \mu\text{m}$

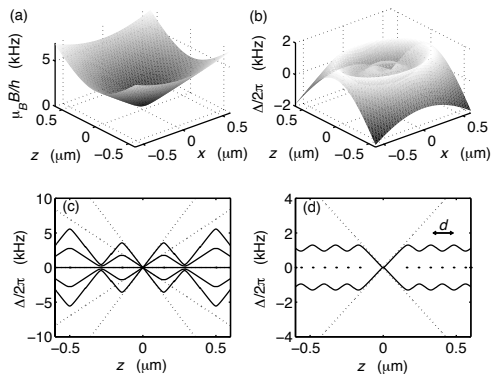


$125 \mu\text{m}$

Example 3: Multiple rf frequencies

A rf lattice

Select several iso-B surfaces with **multiple rf frequencies**

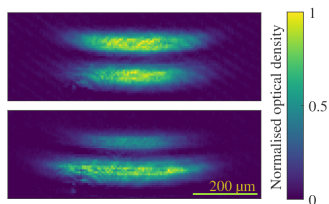


Proposal: [Courteille et al., J. Phys. B 2006]

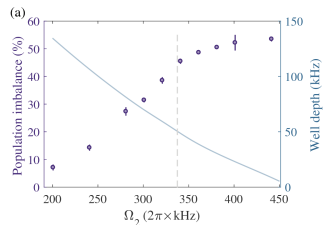
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Realization with 3 frequencies and gravity: double-well

3 frequencies and gravity in the dressed quadrupole trap



double well with 3 rf



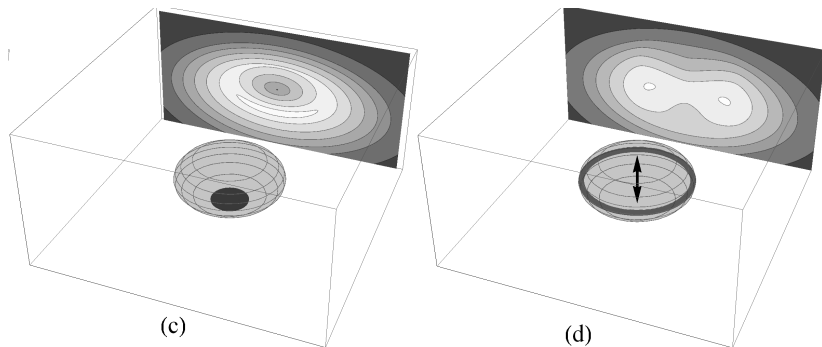
population imbalance vs Ω_2

Harte et al., Phys. Rev. A **97**, 013616 (2018)

Multiple frequencies: Time-average adiabatic potential

TAAP ring

Starting from a dressed quadrupole trap:



Add a vertical homogeneous magnetic field, modulated in time.

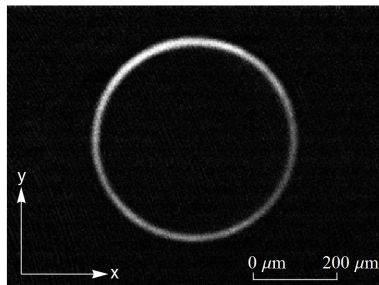
$$\omega_{\text{osc}} \ll \omega_{\text{mod}} \ll \Omega_{+} \ll \omega$$

$$100 \text{ Hz} < 7 \text{ kHz} < 50 \text{ kHz} < 1.4 \text{ MHz}$$

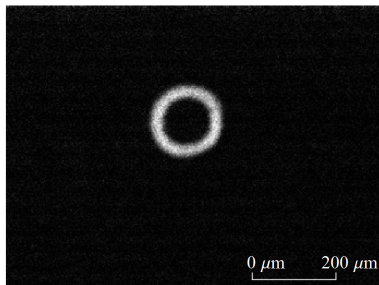
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Time-average adiabatic potential

Results



a)



b)

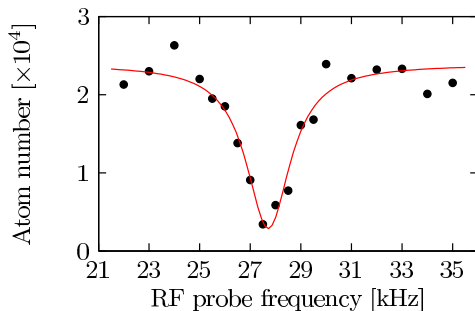
Proposal: Lesanovsky and von Klitzing, PRL 2007.

Experiments: Sherlock et al., PRA 2011 (Oxford group)

Navez et al., NJP 2016 (von Klitzing group)

Probing adiabatic potentials

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[Merloti et al. (NJP 2013)]

Dressed picture

Description with a quantized rf field

Write the Hamiltonian using a **quantum rf field**:

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}}_1 = (b_+ \mathbf{e}_+ + b_- \mathbf{e}_-) a + h.c.$$

Spin + field Hamiltonian in the limit of large photon number N :

$$\hat{H} = \omega_0 \hat{F}_z + \hbar \omega a^\dagger a + \left[\frac{\Omega_+}{2\sqrt{\langle N \rangle}} (a \hat{F}_+ + a^\dagger \hat{F}_-) + \frac{\Omega_-}{2\sqrt{\langle N \rangle}} (a \hat{F}_- + a^\dagger \hat{F}_+) \right]$$

Uncoupled states:

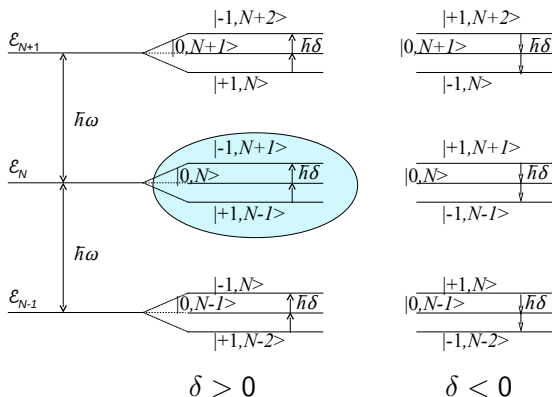
$$|m, N\rangle \quad \text{with energy} \quad E_{m,N} = m\hbar\omega_0 + N\hbar\omega = -m\hbar\delta + (N+m)\hbar\omega.$$

Dressed manifolds

Energy of uncoupled states

Uncoupled states: $E_{m,N} = -m\hbar\delta + (N+m)\hbar\omega$

Within RWA: $|\delta| \ll \omega \Rightarrow$ well separated **manifolds** (here $F = 1$)



Dressed manifolds

Coupling between states

Coupling: 2 terms

- **inside** a given manifold: $\frac{\Omega_+}{2\sqrt{\langle N \rangle}} \left(a \hat{F}_+ + a^\dagger \hat{F}_- \right)$

- **between** manifolds separated by $2\hbar\omega$: $\frac{\Omega_-}{2\sqrt{\langle N \rangle}} \left(a \hat{F}_- + a^\dagger \hat{F}_+ \right)$

\Rightarrow only keep the first term within RWA

$$\langle m \mp 1, N \pm 1 | \hat{V}_c | m, N \rangle \simeq \frac{\Omega_\pm}{2}$$

Dressed manifolds

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Uncoupled states:

$$E_{m,N} = -m\hbar\delta + (N+m)\hbar\omega$$

Coupling amplitude:

inside a given manifold:

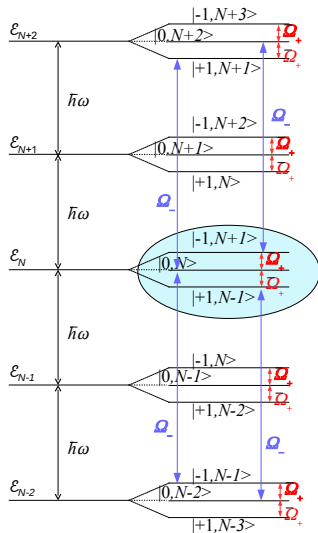
$$\frac{\Omega_+}{2\sqrt{\langle N \rangle}} \left(a \hat{F}_+ + a^\dagger \hat{F}_- \right)$$

between manifolds split by $2\hbar\omega$:

$$\frac{\Omega_-}{2\sqrt{\langle N \rangle}} \left(a \hat{F}_- + a^\dagger \hat{F}_+ \right)$$

\Rightarrow only keep the first (resonant) term within RWA

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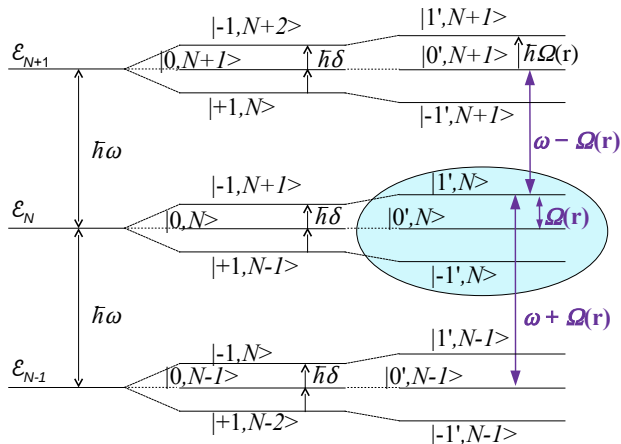


Rf spectroscopy

Coupling between dressed states with a weak rf probe

We define the local splitting by $\Omega(\mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\delta^2(\mathbf{r}) + \Omega_+^2(\mathbf{r})}$.

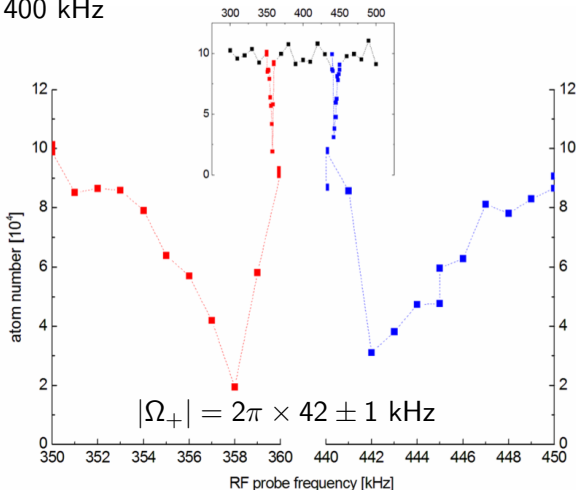
Dressed energies: $m\hbar\Omega(\mathbf{r}) + N\hbar\omega \Rightarrow$ transitions at $\Omega, \omega \pm \Omega$



Rf spectroscopy

Spectroscopy of an ultracold gas in a dressed quadrupole trap

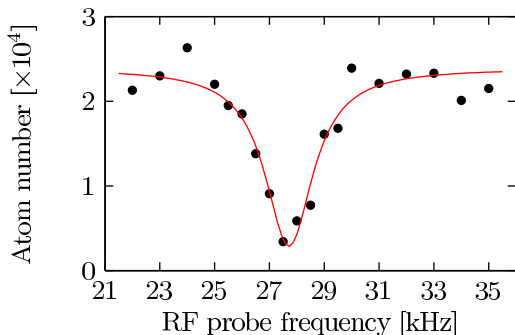
At the trap bottom ($\delta = 0$), two peaks at $\omega_{\text{probe}} = \omega \pm |\Omega_+|$
 $\omega = 2\pi \times 400 \text{ kHz}$



Rf spectroscopy

Spectroscopy of a BEC in a dressed quadrupole trap

Single peak at $\omega_{\text{probe}} = |\Omega_+| \Rightarrow |\Omega_+| = 2\pi \times 27.1 \pm 0.1$ kHz

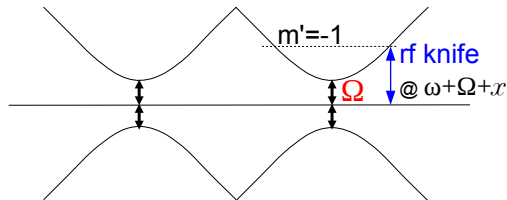


Merloti et al., NJP **15**, 033007 (2013)

Application to rf evaporative cooling

Back to the dressed quadrupole trap

Reminder: isomagnetic surfaces: ellipsoids with $r_0 \propto \frac{\omega_{\text{rf}}}{b'}$



temperature T controlled with a rf knife (weak second rf field) at $\Omega + \nu_{\text{cut}}$ or $\omega + \Omega + \nu_{\text{cut}}$

Beyond RWA

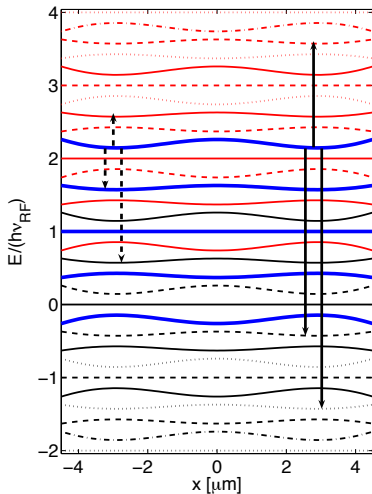
Dressed levels at large coupling

Dressed levels at large Ω_{\pm} :

$$\omega = 2\pi \times 600 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\Omega_{\pm} = 0 \text{ up to above } \omega/2$$

Hofferberth et al., PRA **76**,
013401 (2007) [Vienna]

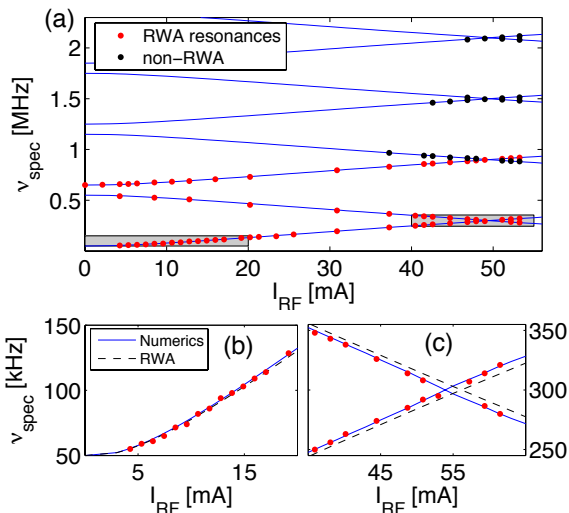


Beyond RWA

Spectroscopy in an atom chip adiabatic potential

Hofferberth et al., PRA
76, 013401 (2007)
 [Vienna]

Shift from RWA
 predictions.

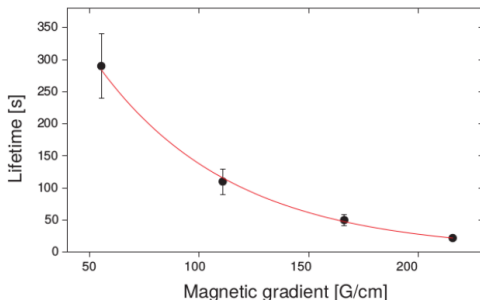


Landau-Zener losses

Criterion for adiabaticity

Landau-Zener theory: atoms will leave the adiabatic state if the state variations are faster than Ω : for large b' /low Ω

- quiet DDS source is necessary
- avoid rf phase noise, frequency noise, amplitude noise
- lifetime depends exponentially on b' , Ω and velocity

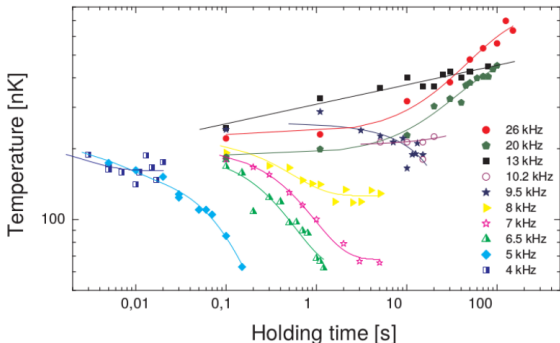


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- **evaporation** induced by energy-dependent LZ losses



Summary

Adiabatic potentials: A new tool for manipulating ultracold atoms or quantum gases

- Double-wells,...
- ... 2D gases,...
- ... ring traps,...
- ... and more!

