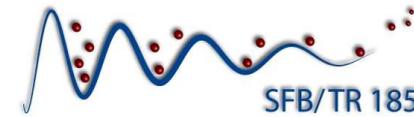


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# 1.1 Identical Quantum Particles

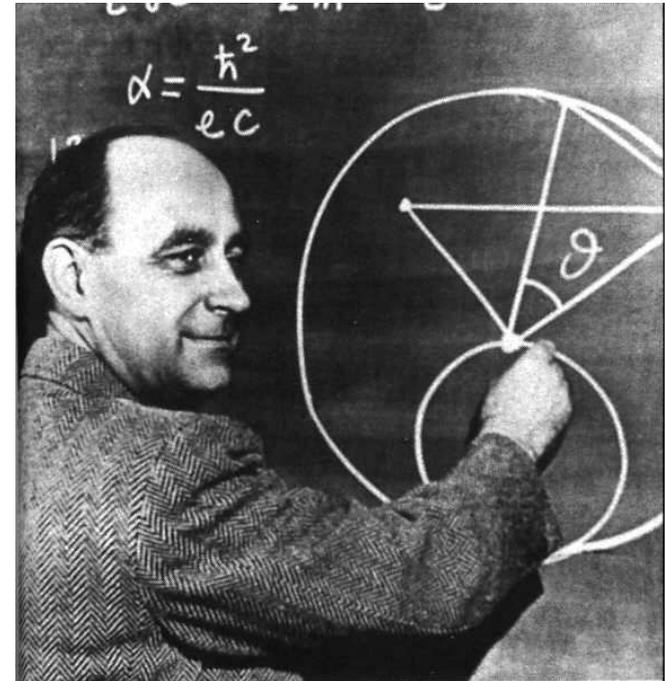
## Bosons:

- Symmetric wave function
- Integer spin

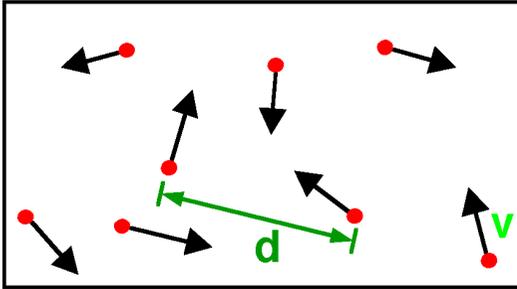


## Fermions:

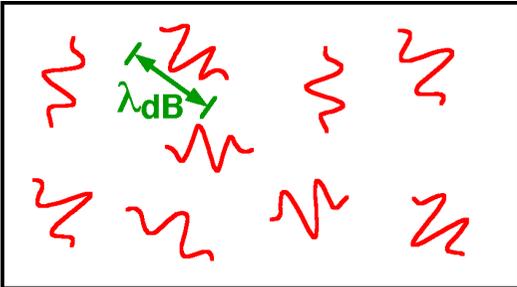
- Anti-symmetric wave function
- Half-integer spin



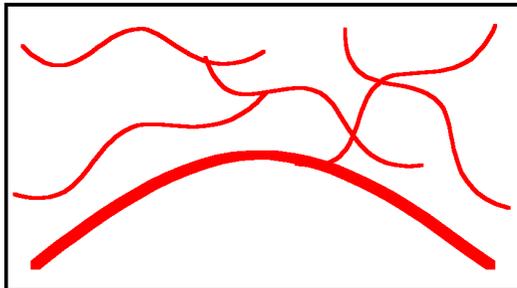
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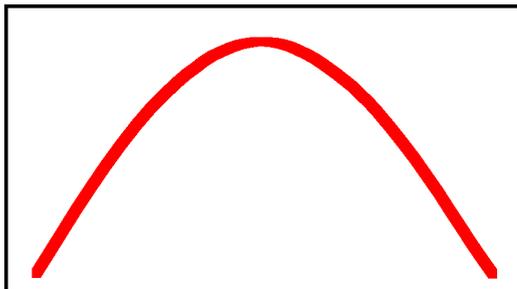
High Temperature T:  
 thermal velocity  $v$   
 density  $d^{-3}$   
 "Billiard balls"



Low Temperature T:  
 De Broglie wavelength  
 $\lambda_{dB} = h/mv \propto T^{-1/2}$   
 "Wave packets"



$T = T_{crit}$ :  
 Bose-Einstein Condensation  
 $\lambda_{dB} \approx d$   
 "Matter wave overlap"



$T=0$ :  
 Pure Bose condensate  
 "Giant matter wave"

- $n = \frac{1}{d^3}$

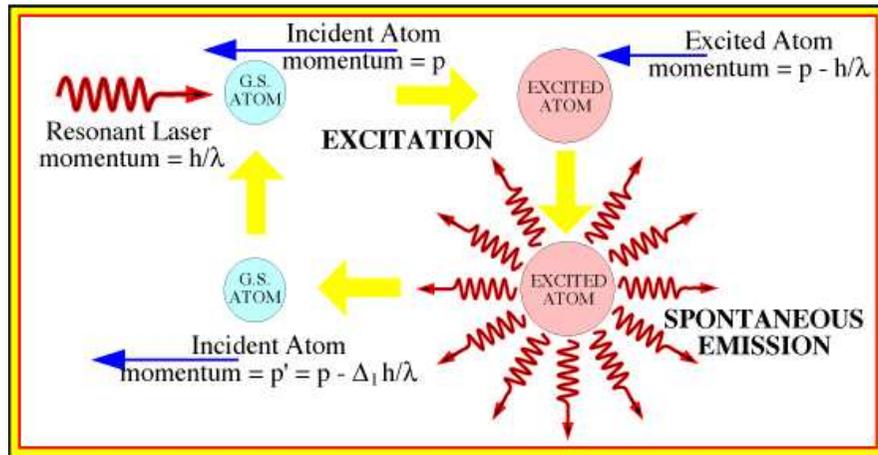
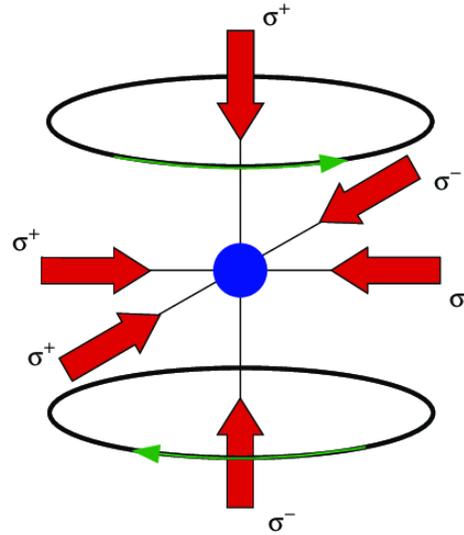
- $\lambda_{dB} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2Mk_B T}}$

- $\frac{\lambda_{dB}}{d} \approx 1$

- $T_c \approx \frac{\hbar^2 n^{3/2}}{2Mk_B}$

# 1.3 Cooling Techniques

Magneto-optical trap

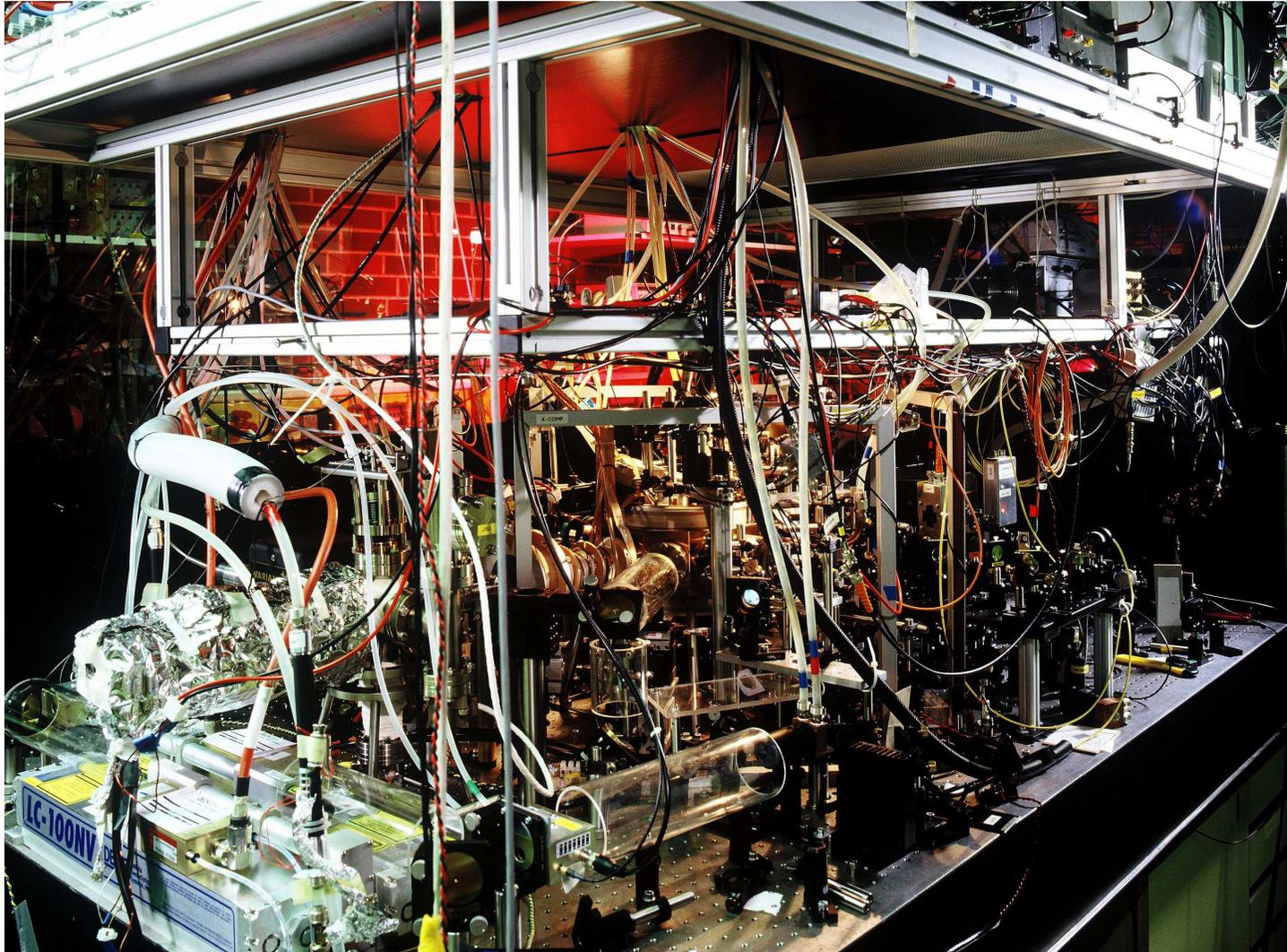


Laser cooling



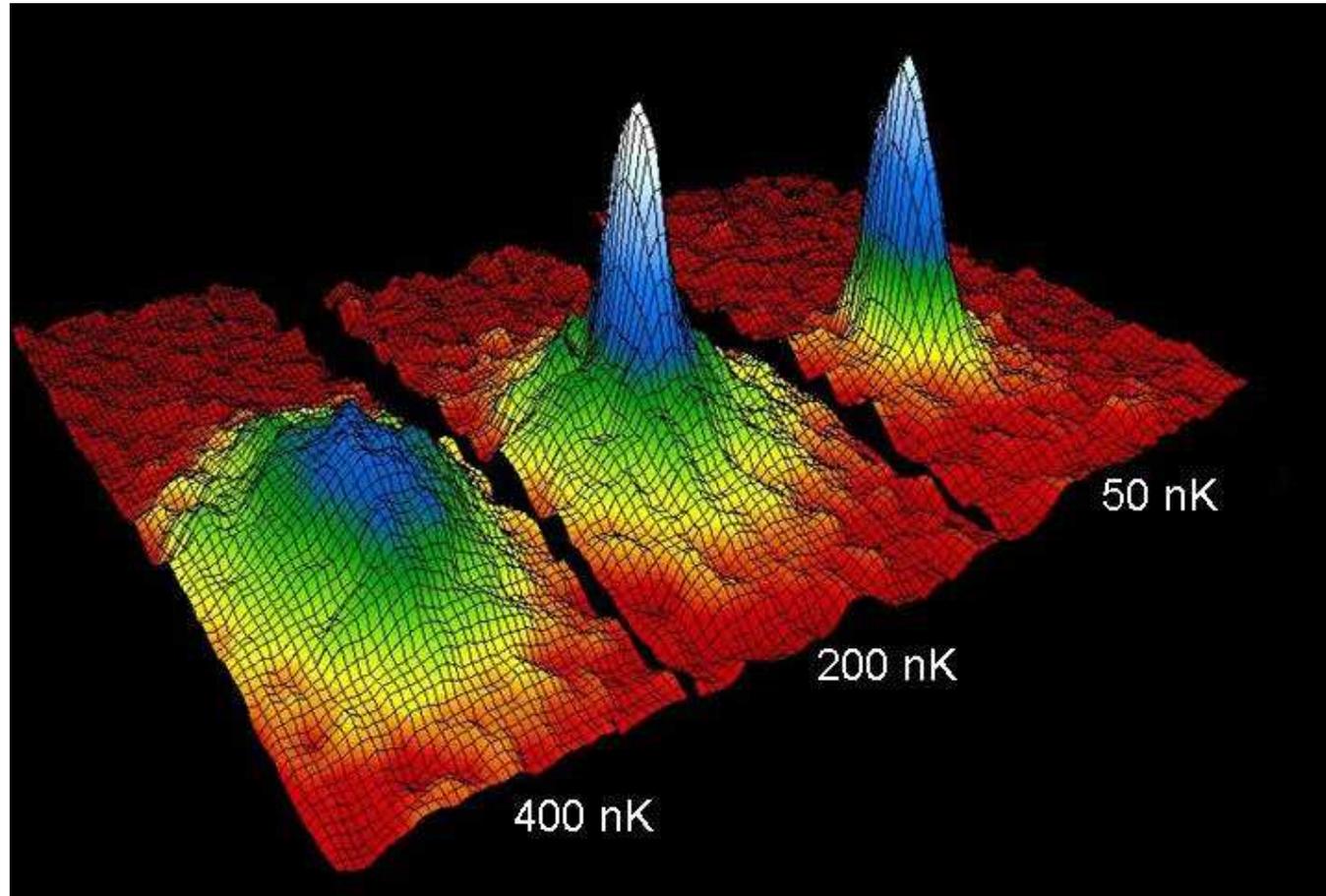
Evaporative cooling

## 1.4 Experimental Apparatus



**Costs about 1.000.000 EUR**

## 1.5 Time-of-Flight Absorption Pictures



JILA (1995):  $^{87}_{37}\text{Rb}$ ,  $N=20\,000$ ,  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_3/\sqrt{8} = 2\pi \times 120$  Hz

# 1.6 Periodic Table of Chemical Elements

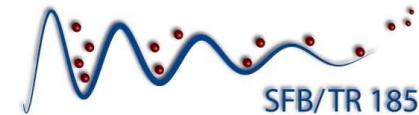
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11 Na Natrium (Ne)3s <sup>1</sup> 0.97 1	12 Mg Magnesium (Ne)3s <sup>2</sup> 1.74 2																
19 K Kalium (Ar)4s <sup>1</sup> 0.86 1	20 Ca Calcium (Ar)4s <sup>2</sup> 1.05 2	21 Sc Scandium (Ar)3d <sup>1</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 2.99 3	22 Ti Titan (Ar)3d <sup>2</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 3.45 2,3,4	23 V Vanadium (Ar)3d <sup>3</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 6.11 2,3,4,5	24 Cr Chrom (Ar)3d <sup>5</sup> 4s <sup>1</sup> 7.14 2,3,6	25 Mn Mangan (Ar)3d <sup>5</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 7.43 1,2,3,4,6,7	26 Fe Eisen (Ar)3d <sup>6</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 7.87 2,3,4,6	27 Co Kobalt (Ar)3d <sup>7</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 8.90 2,3	28 Ni Nickel (Ar)3d <sup>8</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 8.91 2,3	29 Cu Kupfer (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>1</sup> 8.92 1,2	30 Zn Zink (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 7.14 2	31 Ga Gallium (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>1</sup> 4p <sup>1</sup> 5.90 3	32 Ge Germanium (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 4p <sup>2</sup> 5.32 -4,4	33 As Arsen (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 4p <sup>3</sup> 5.72 -3,3,4,5	34 Se Selen (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 4p <sup>4</sup> 4.82 -2,4,6	35 Br Brom (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 4p <sup>5</sup> 3.12 -1,1,3,5,7	36 Kr Krypton (Ar)3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 4p <sup>6</sup> 3.75* 0
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Quantum degenerate **bosons** and **fermions**

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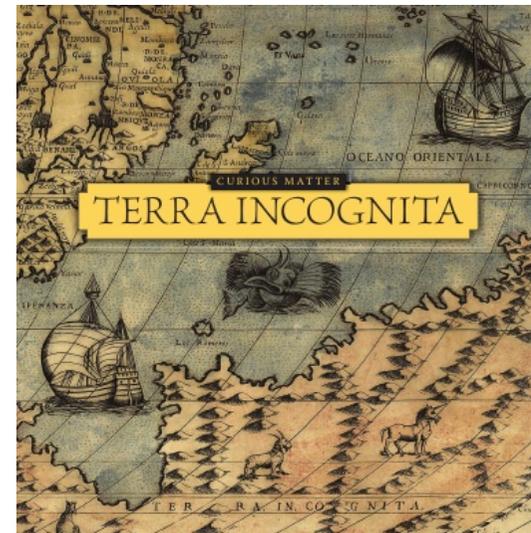
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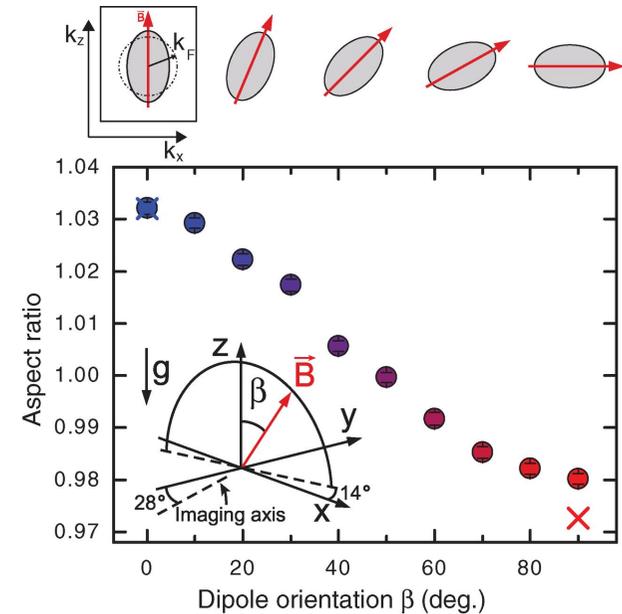
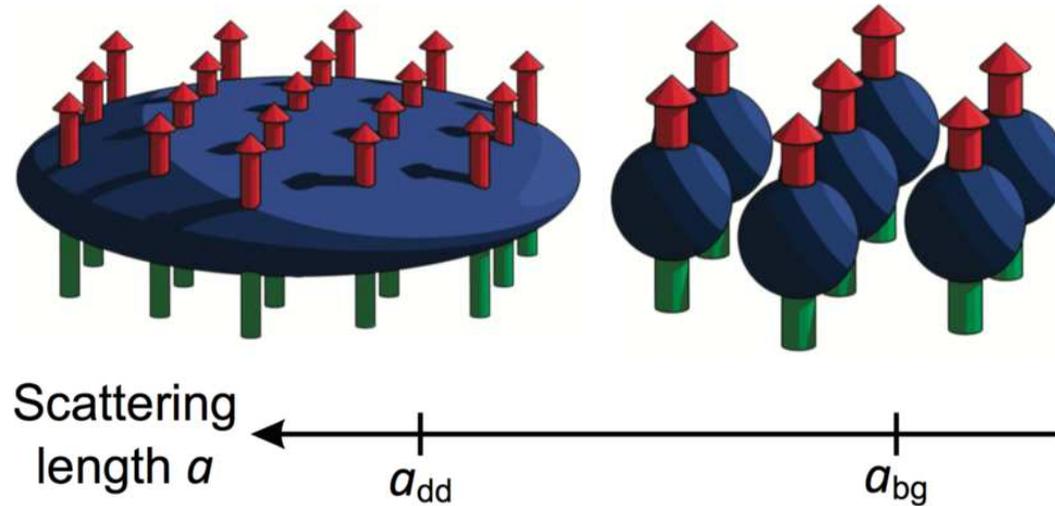
# 2.1 Strong Dipolar Quantum Gases



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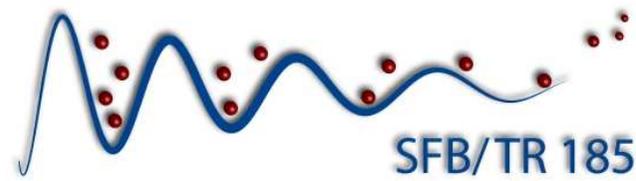


**Dipolar Bose gases:**  
**Quantum droplets**

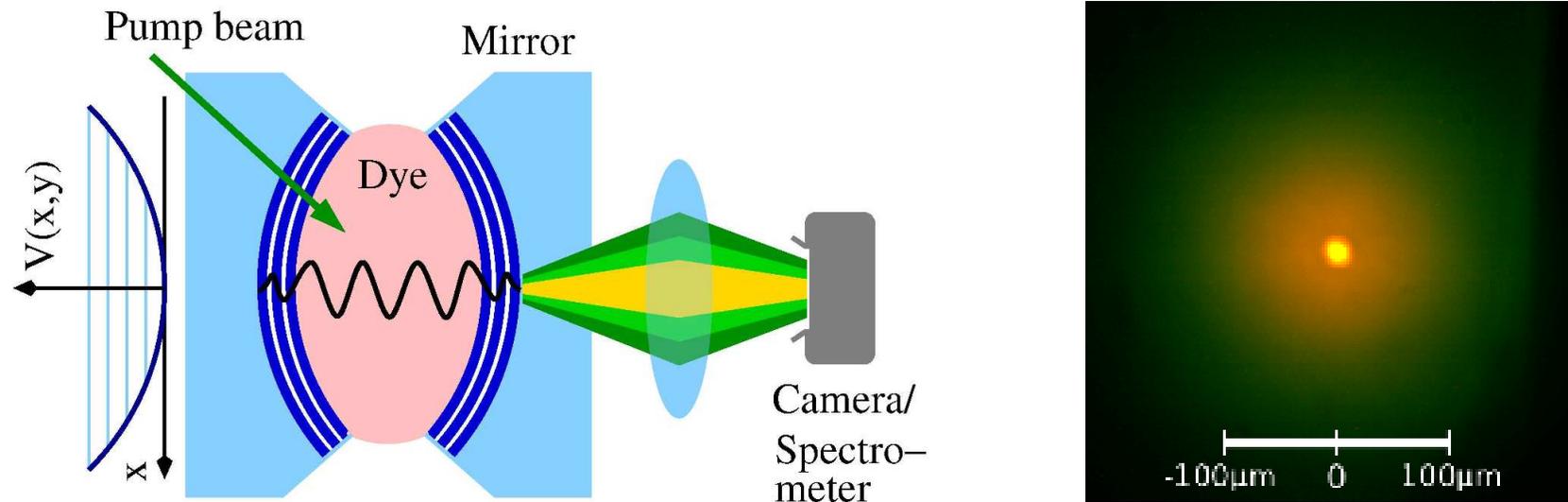
**Dipolar Fermi gases:**  
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## 2.2 Dimensional Crossover in Trapped Photon Gases



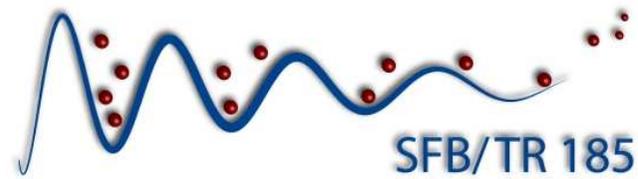
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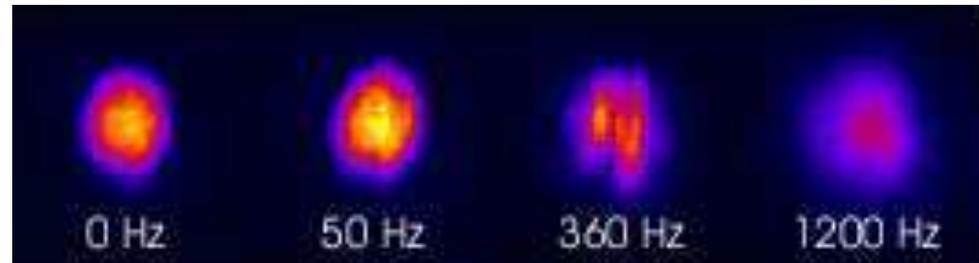
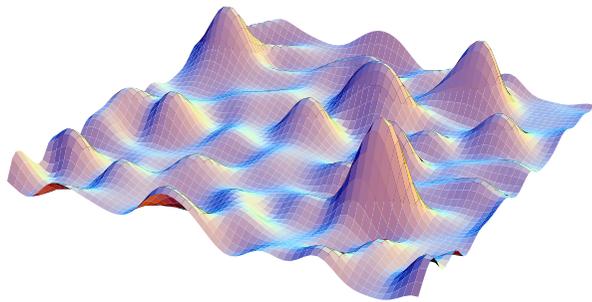
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**Theory support for new photon BEC set up  
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## 2.3 Random Potentials

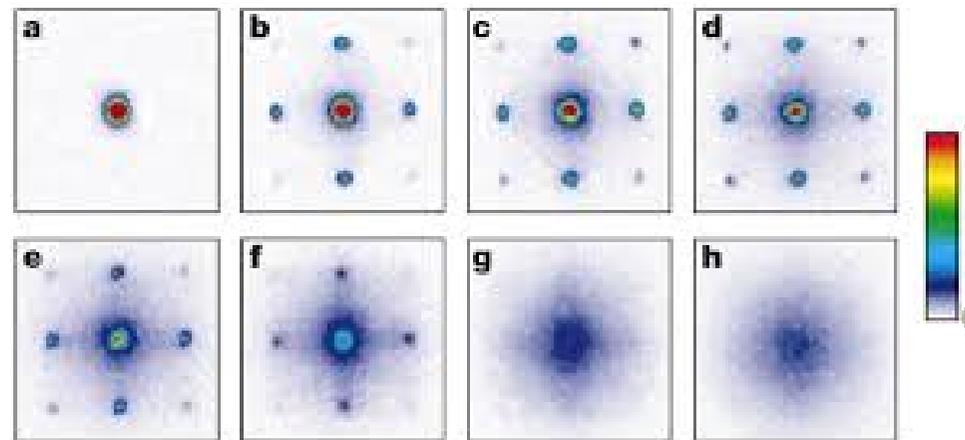
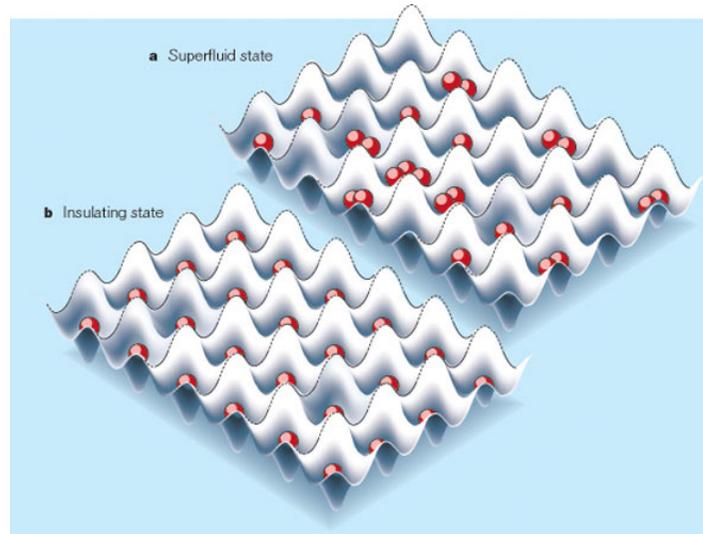


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## 2.4 Bosons in Optical Lattices



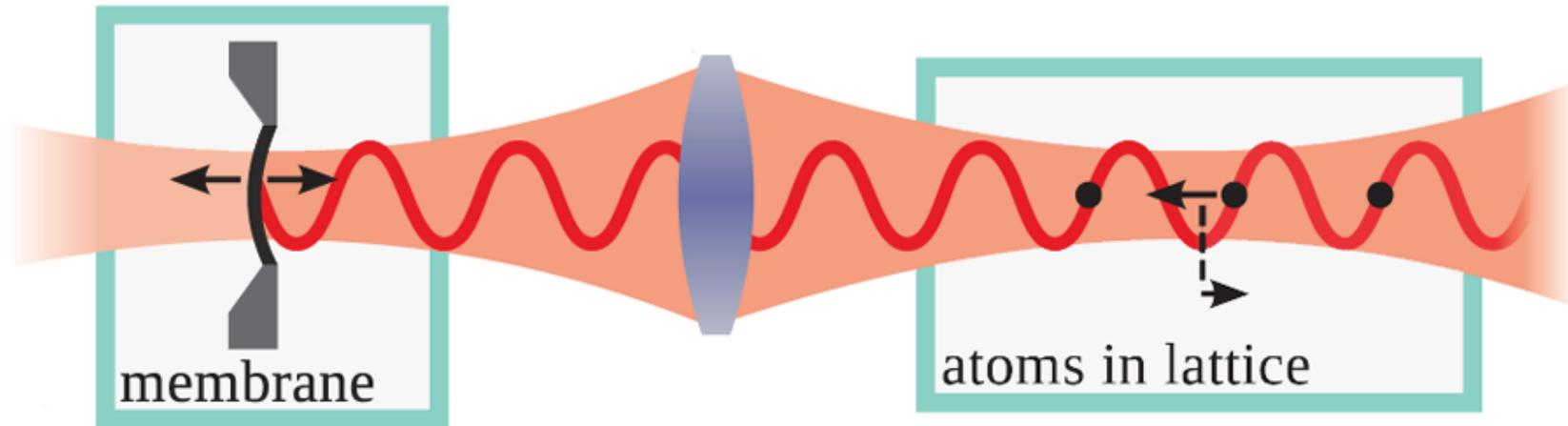
Superfluid-Mott quantum phase transition

## 2.5 Quantum Gases on Manifolds



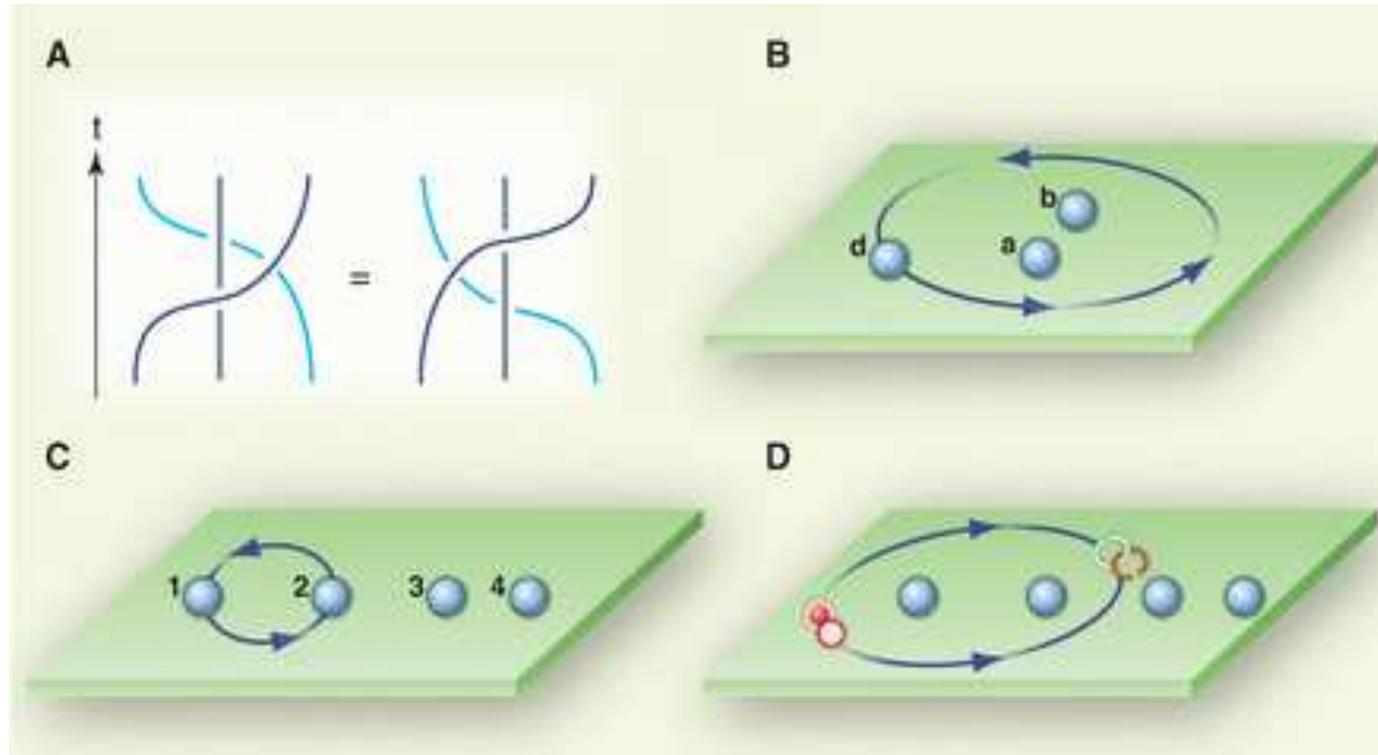
**Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless (BKT) phase transition:  
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## 2.6 Hybrid Atom-Optomechanical Systems



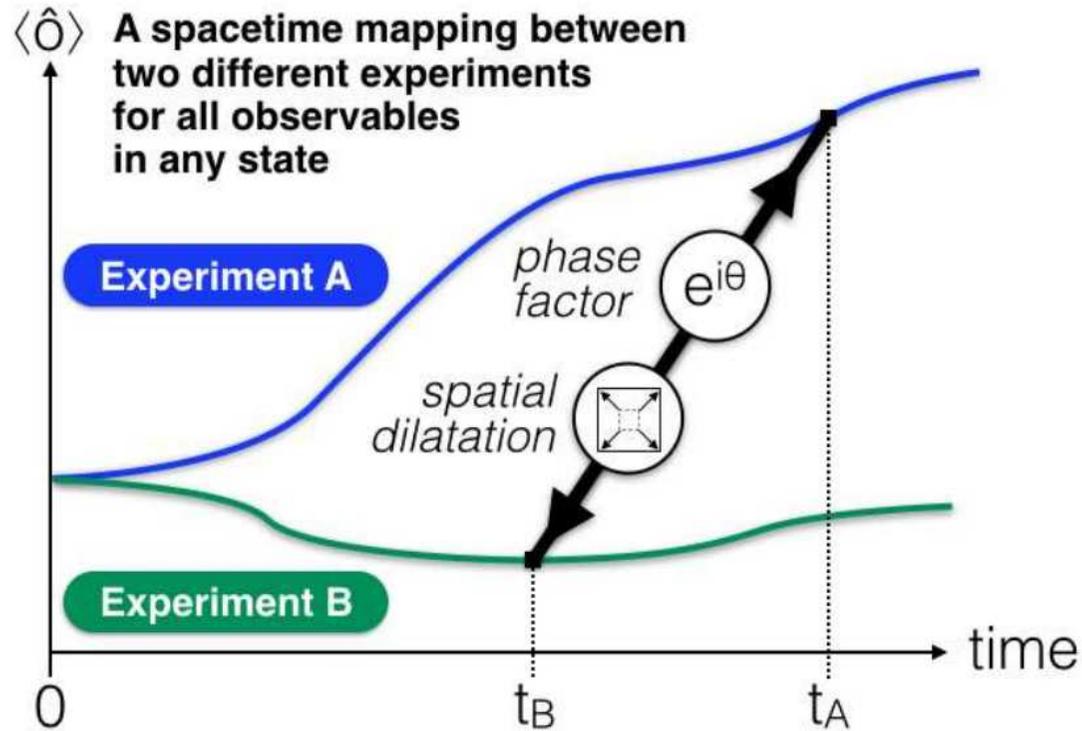
- **Cooling of nanomembrane**
- **Long-range interactions in atom gas mediated by cavity field**
- **Non-equilibrium phase transitions**

## 2.7 Anyonic Statistics



How to interpolate between Bose-Einstein and Fermi-Dirac statistics?

## 2.8 Quantum Gas Mappings

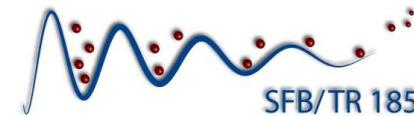


**New solution strategy:**  
**Map one quantum gas experiment to another**

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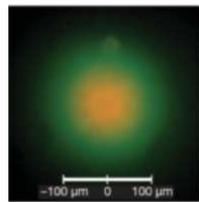
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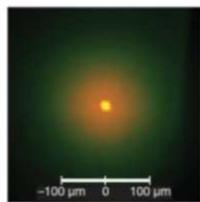
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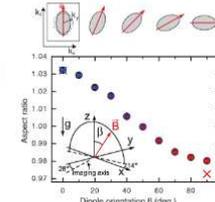
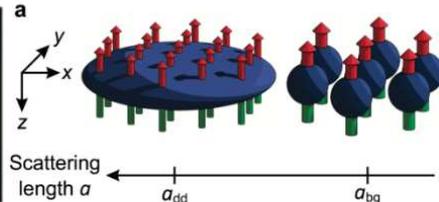
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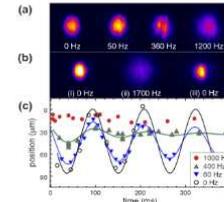
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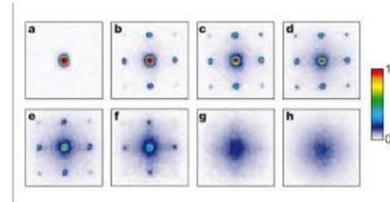
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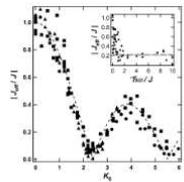
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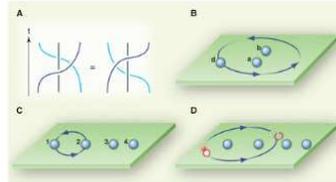
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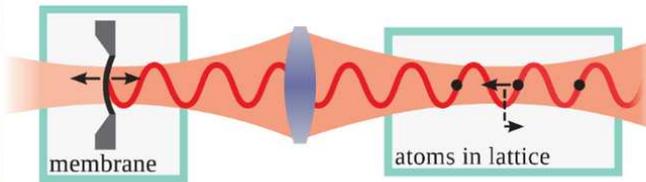
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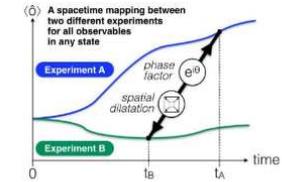
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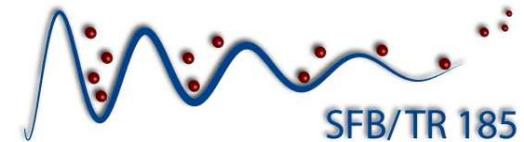
Quantum Gas Mappings

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## 3.2 Conferences and Schools

- **813. WEH Seminar**  
**Advances in Quantum Simulation**  
**and Sensing with Ultracold Gases:**  
**Bad Honnef, June 24 – 28, 2024**
- **OSCAR iWeek**  
**Phase Transitions:**  
**Kaiserslautern, August 19 – 23, 2024**
- **Brazilian-German WEH Seminar**  
**Superconductivity and Superfluidity –**  
**From Condensed Matter**  
**to Ultracold Quantum Gases**  
**Natal, October 14 – 18, 2024**

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## 3.3 Summer Term 2024: General Relativity

- **Special Relativity**
- **Equivalence principle**
- **Geodesic equation**
- **Riemann differential geometry**
- **Einstein field equations**
- **Schwarzschild metric**
- **Perihel precession**
- **Geodesic precession**
- **Thirring-Lense effect**
- **Gravitational waves**

