

A fridge made out of light

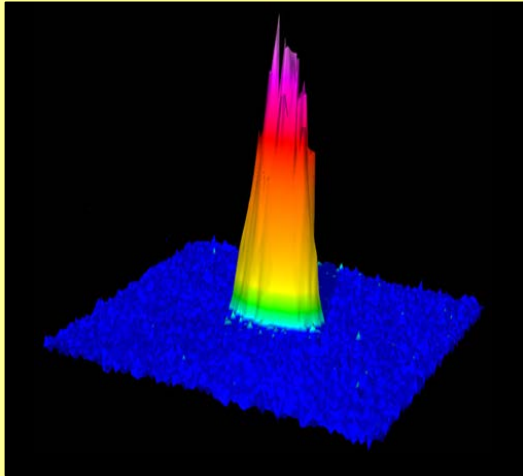
Ultracold quantum gas



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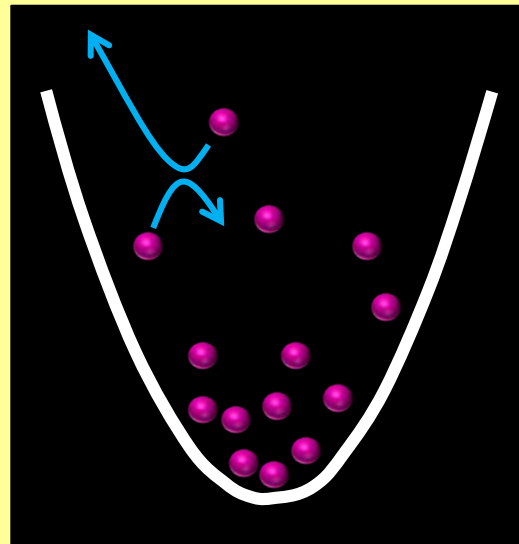
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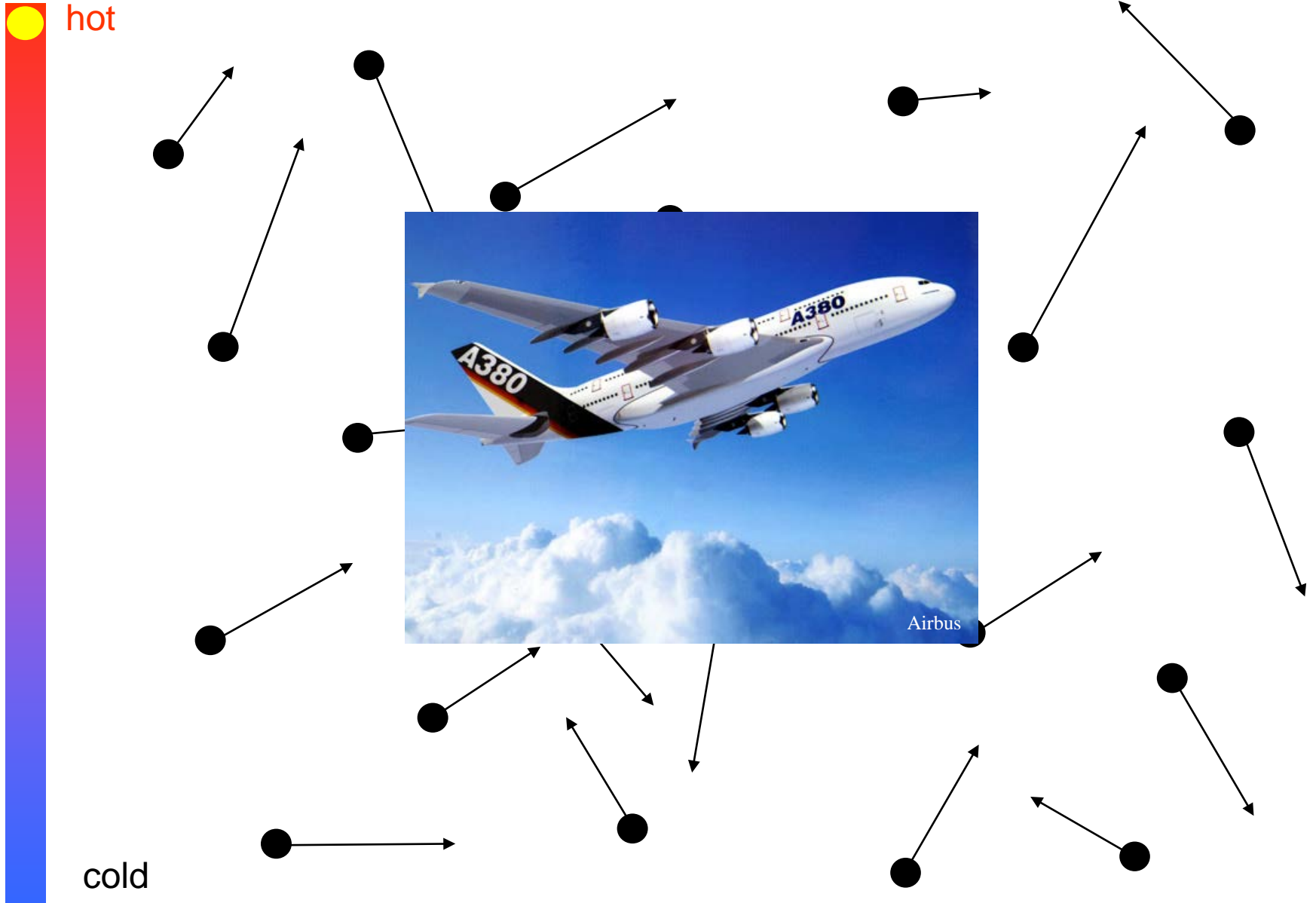
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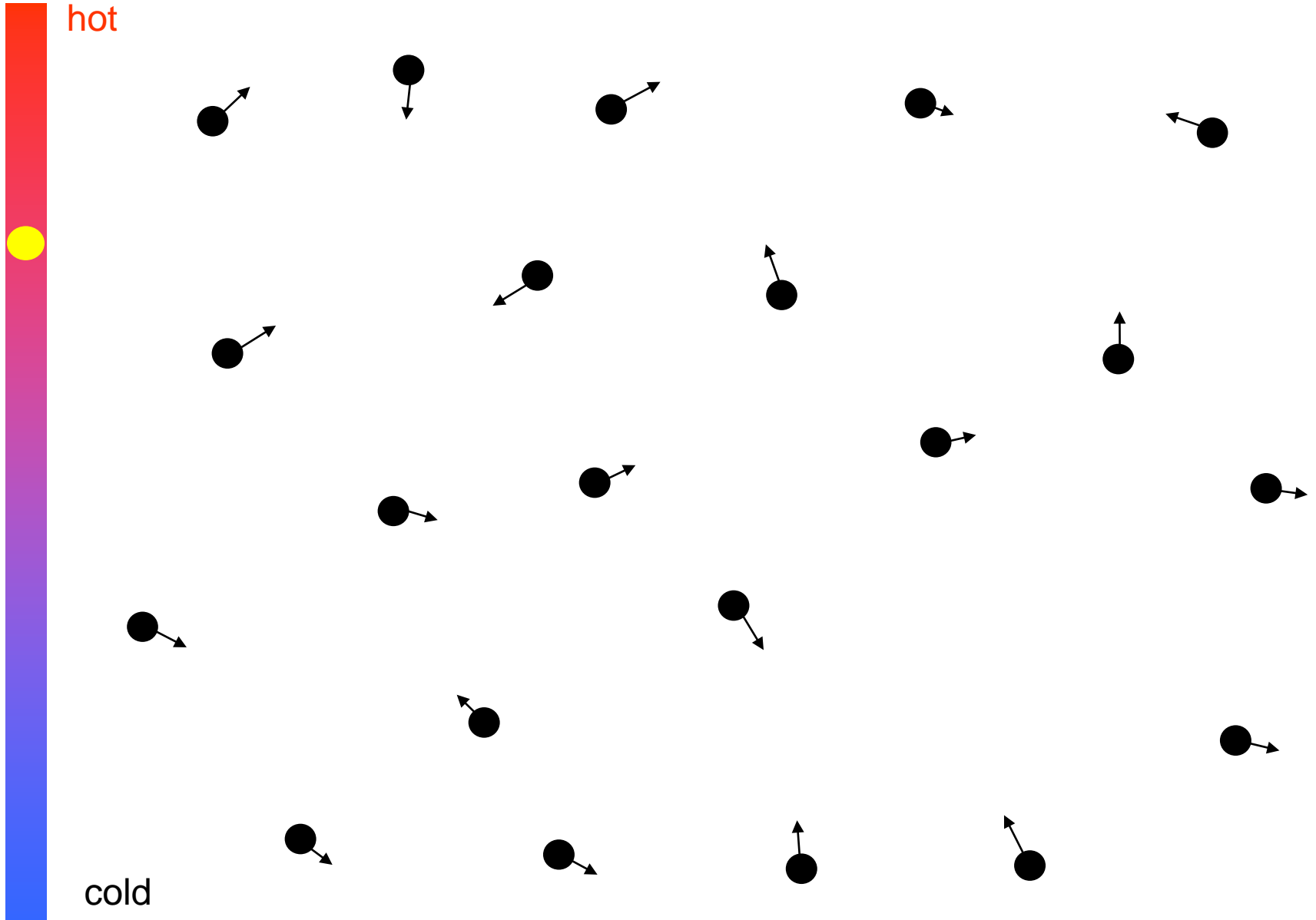
How?



Cooling a gas of atoms



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Entering the quantum world



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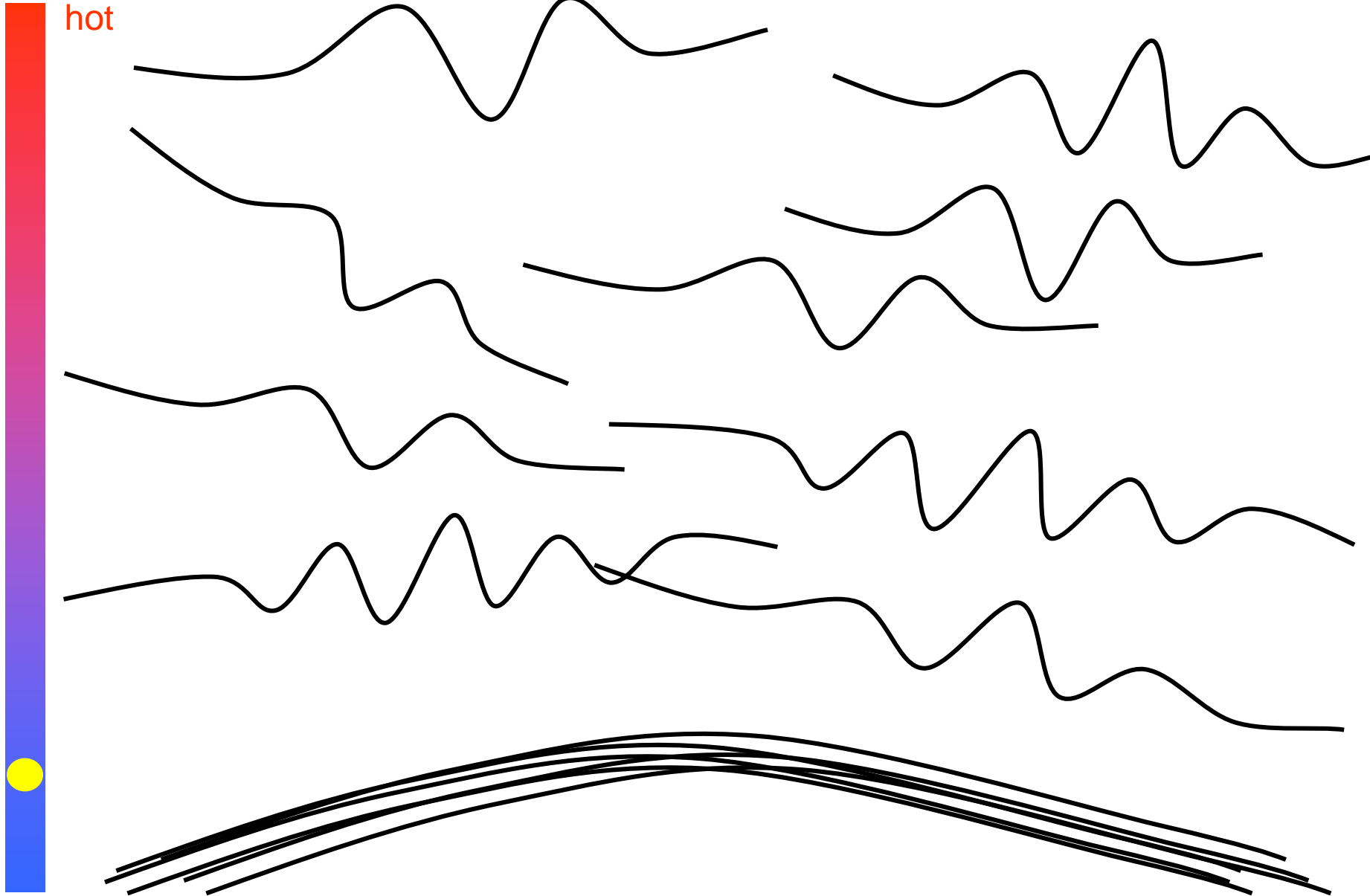
hot



cold



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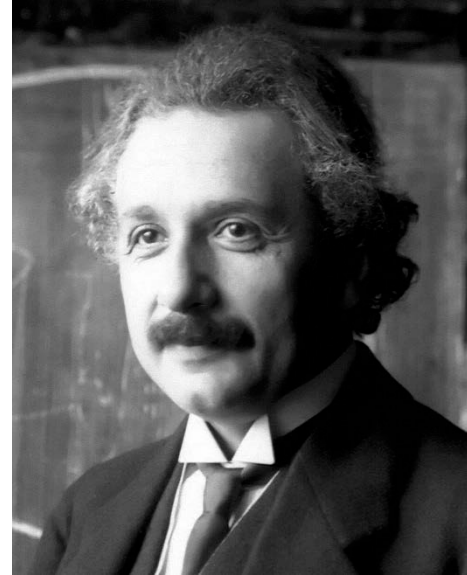


Bose-Einstein condensation

hot

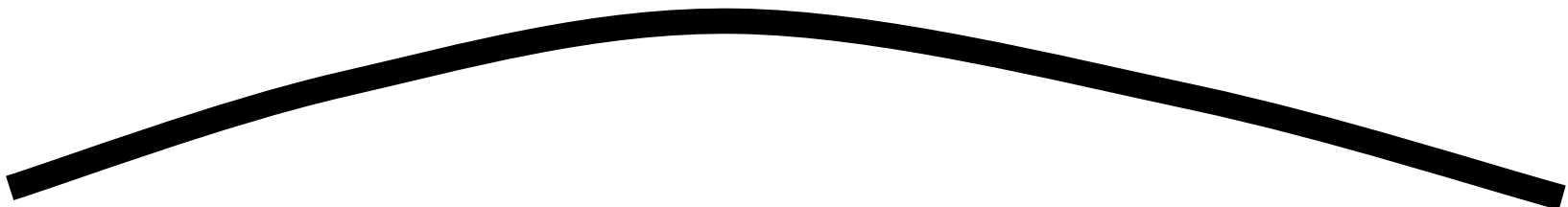


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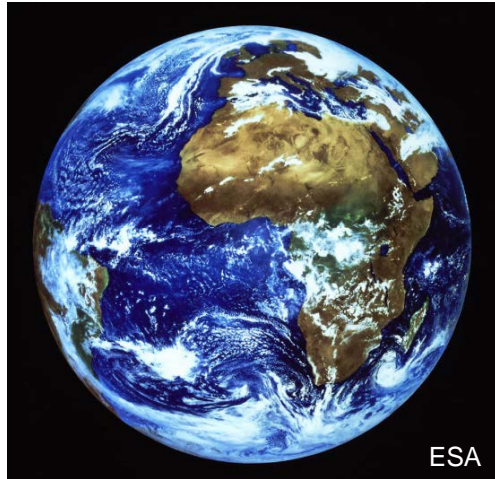


Albert Einstein

All atoms described by the same quantum wave



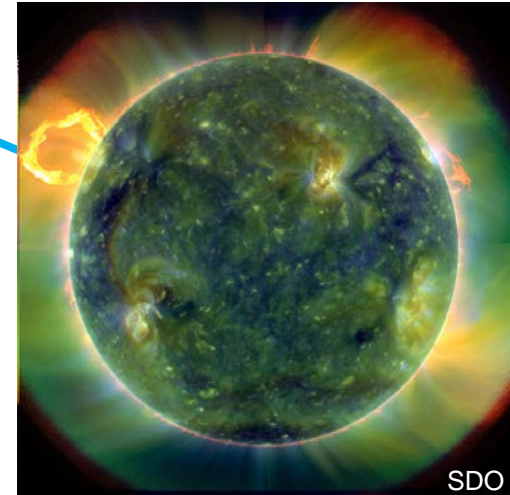
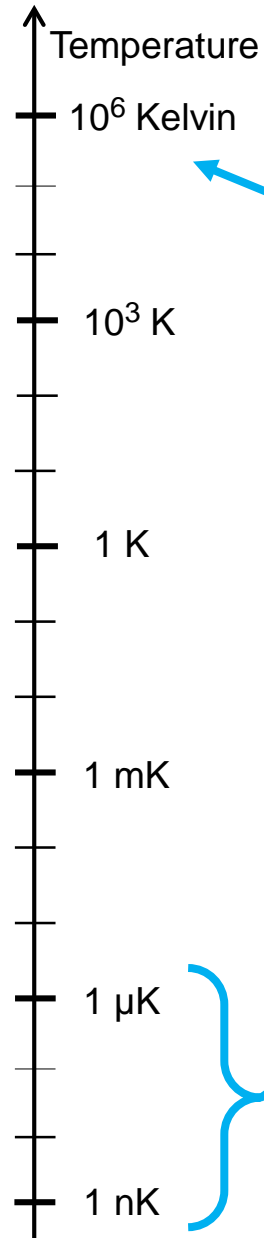
How cold is ultracold?



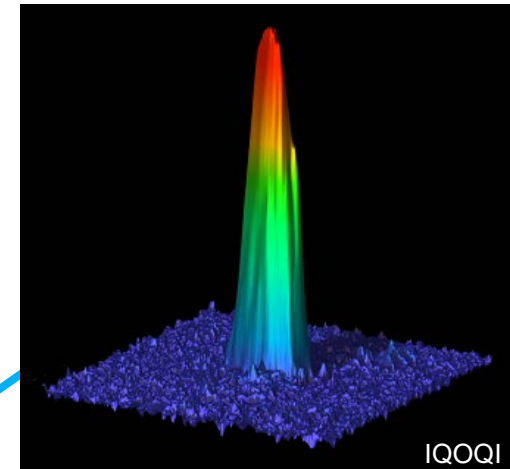
Earth



Outer space



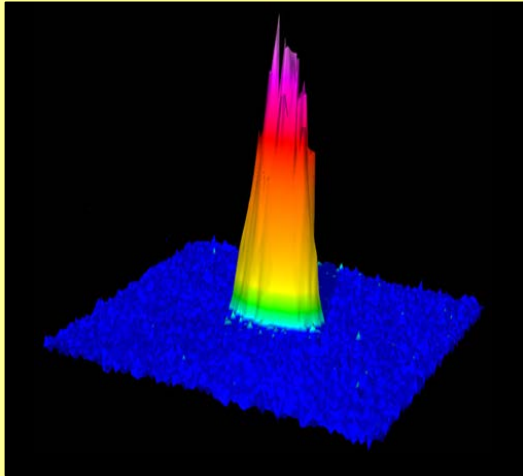
Center of sun



Ultracold atoms

Ultracold quantum gases

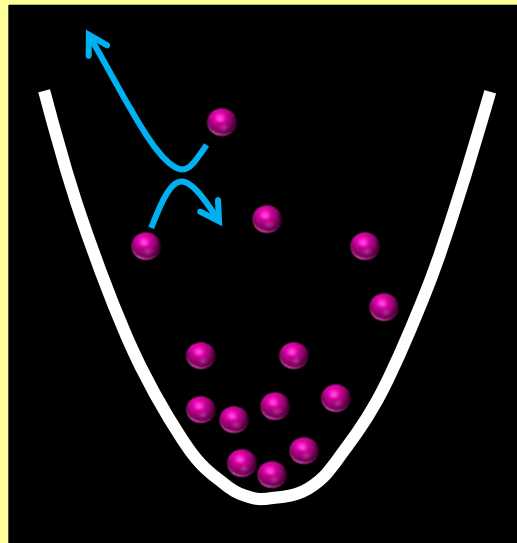
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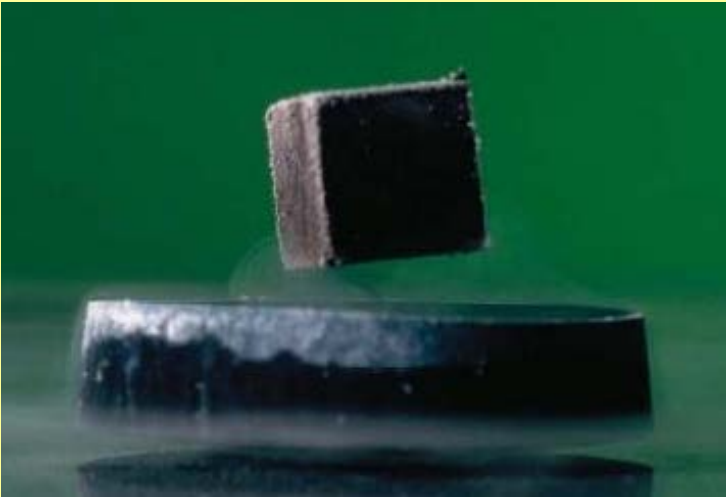


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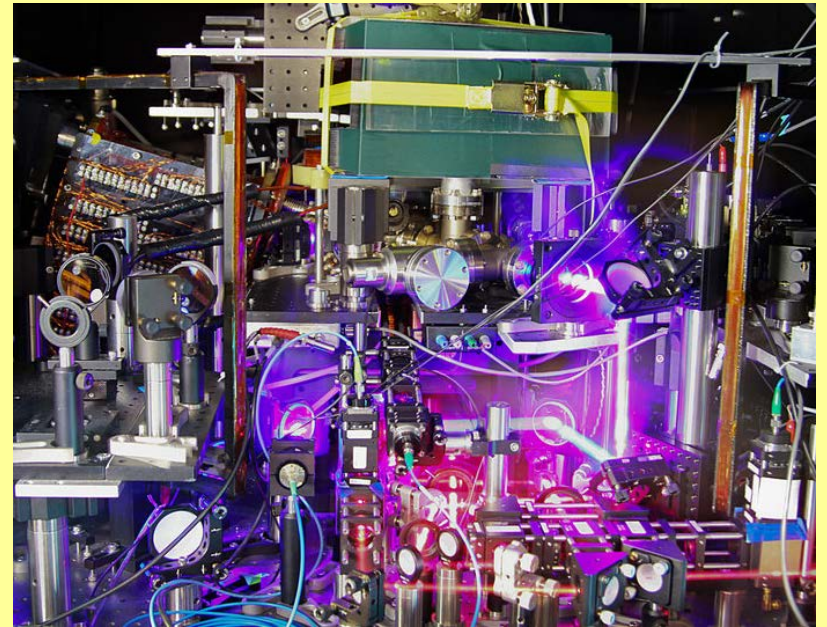
Goals

Fundamental insights



Understand quantum materials

Quantum devices



Atomic clocks

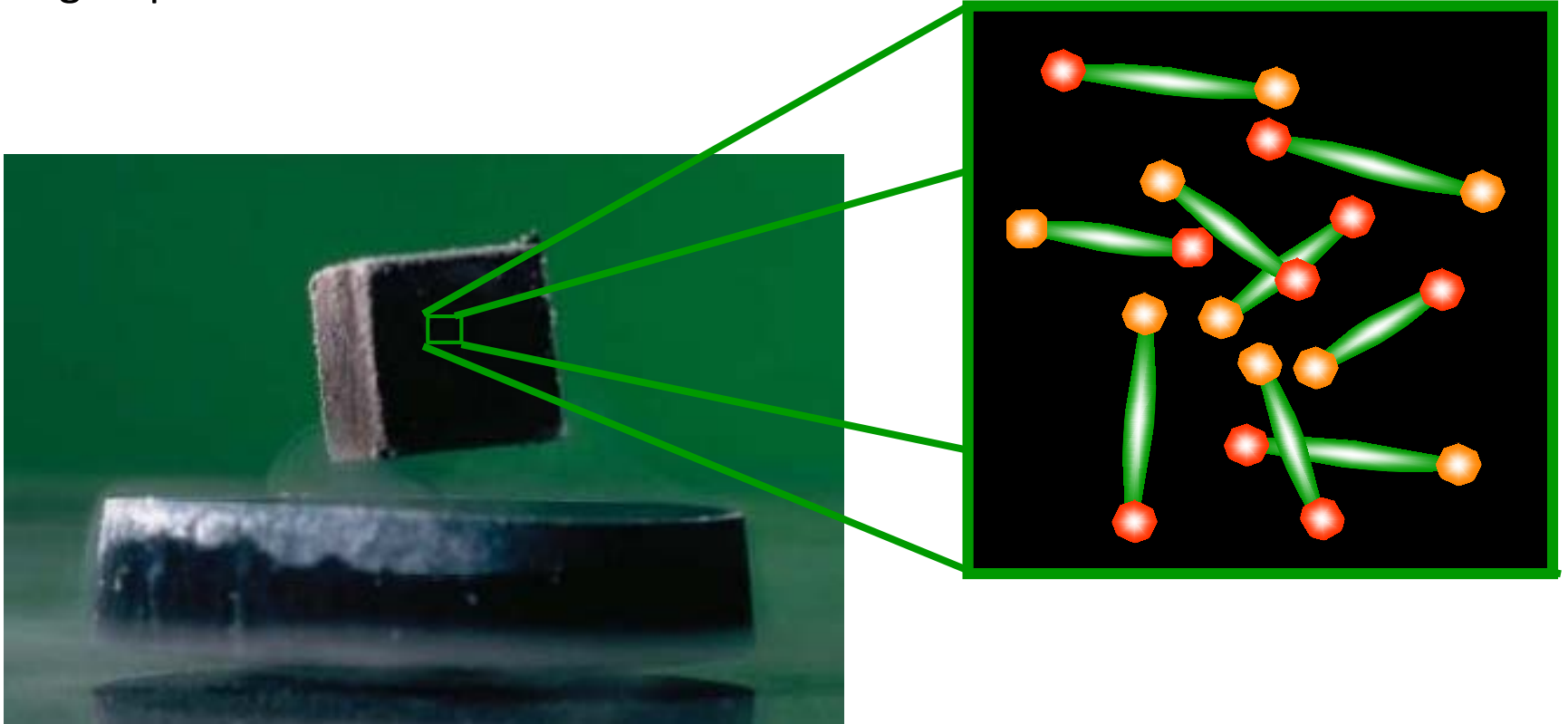
Many-body systems

e.g. swarming birds



Quantum many-body physics

e.g. superconductors



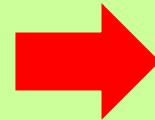
Intricate quantum motion of electrons gives rise to amazing macroscopic behavior

Understanding quantum systems

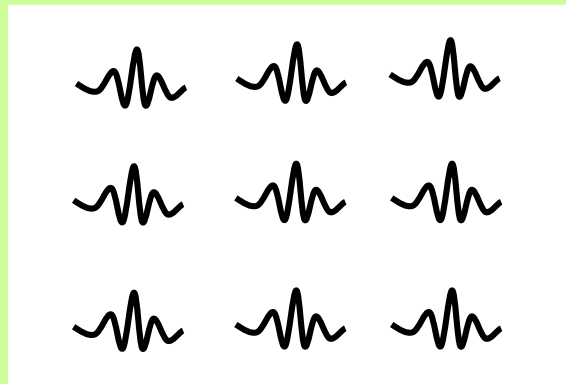
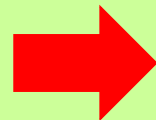
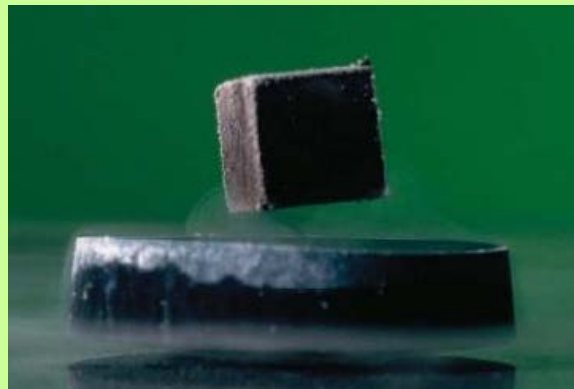
Problem: These quantum systems are extremely hard to understand, even using the best supercomputers.

Solution: **Quantum simulation!**

Use well controlled quantum system to simulate and study difficult to access quantum system of interest



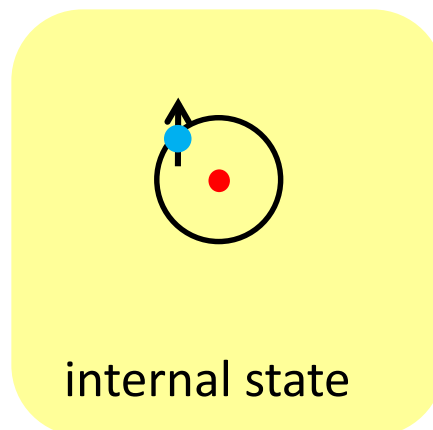
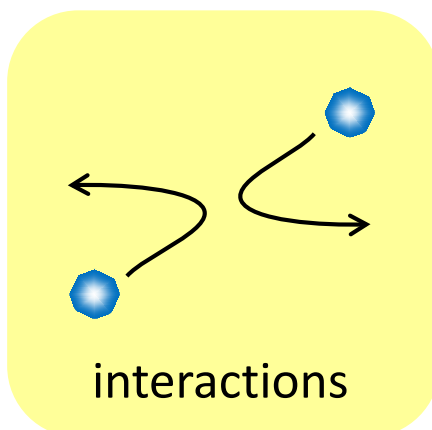
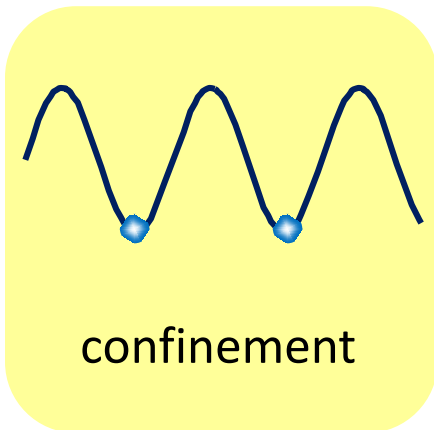
Quantum LEGO



Difficult to control electrons in material

Well-controlled ultracold atoms

Design quantum simulation by controlling...

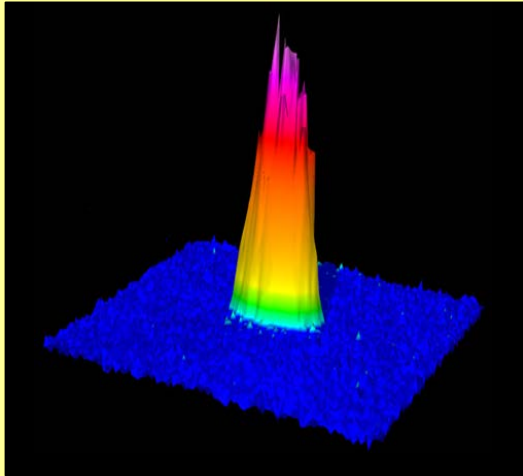


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All of that requires first that we control **temperature!**

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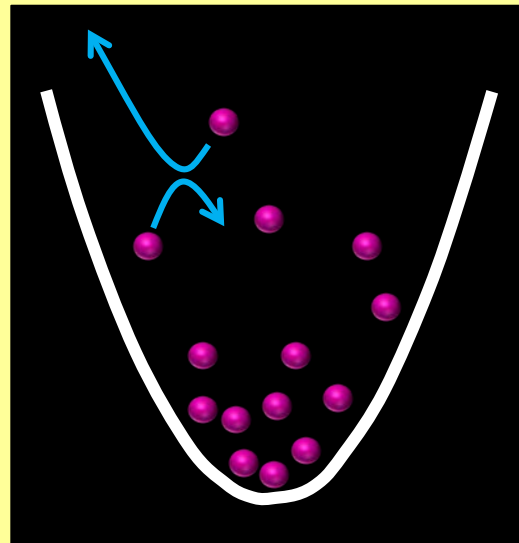
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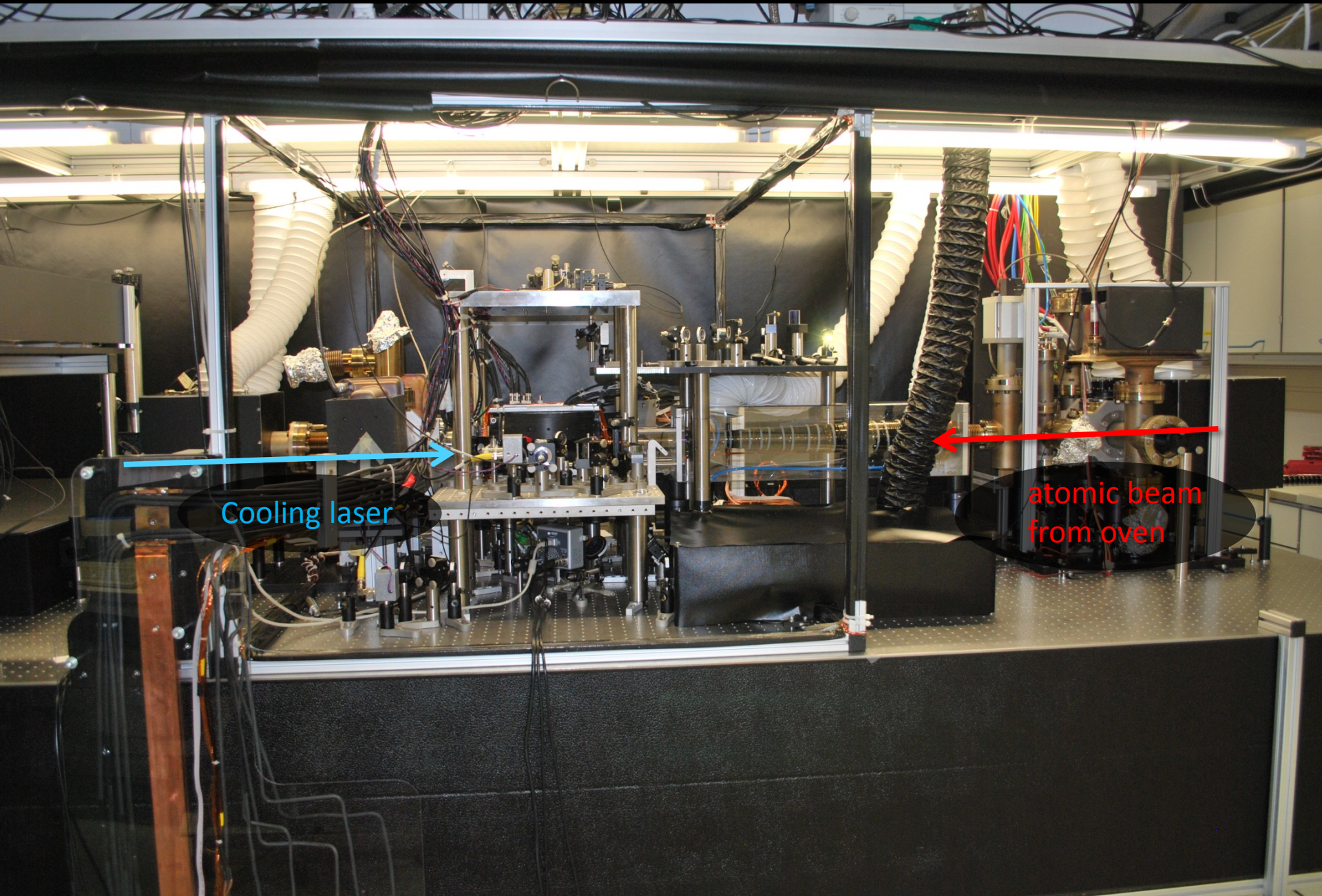
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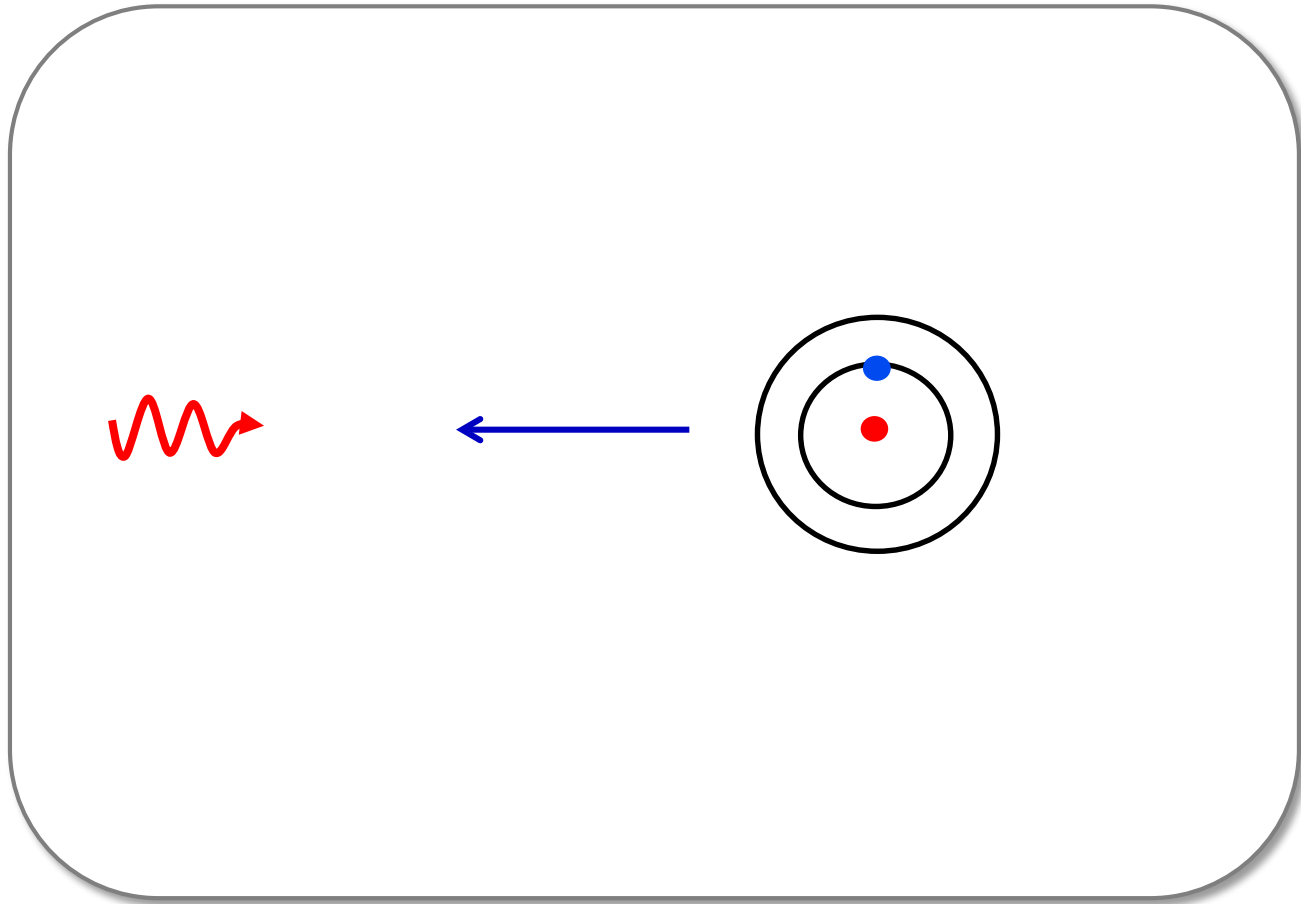
Our fridge



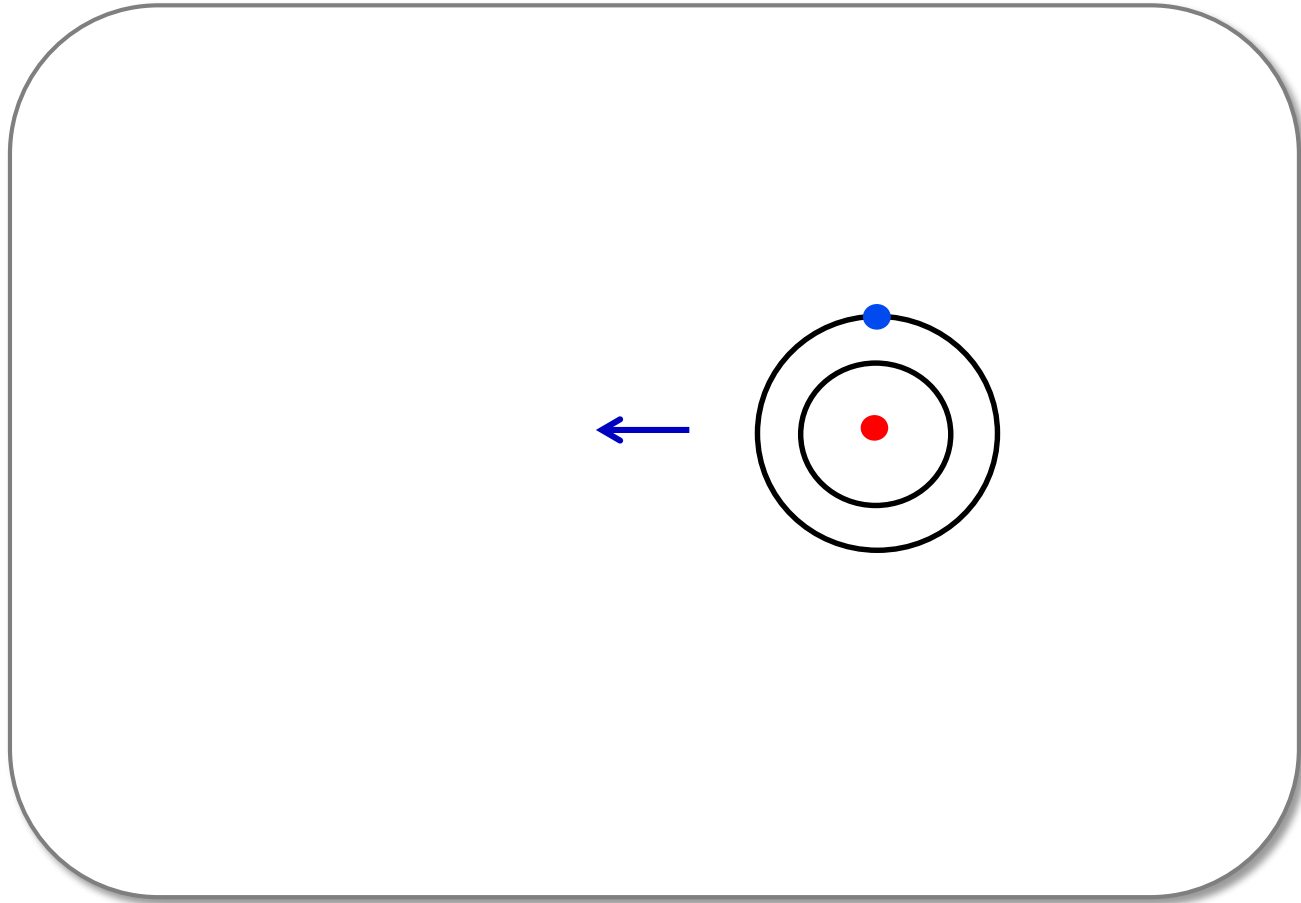
Cooling laser

atomic beam
from oven

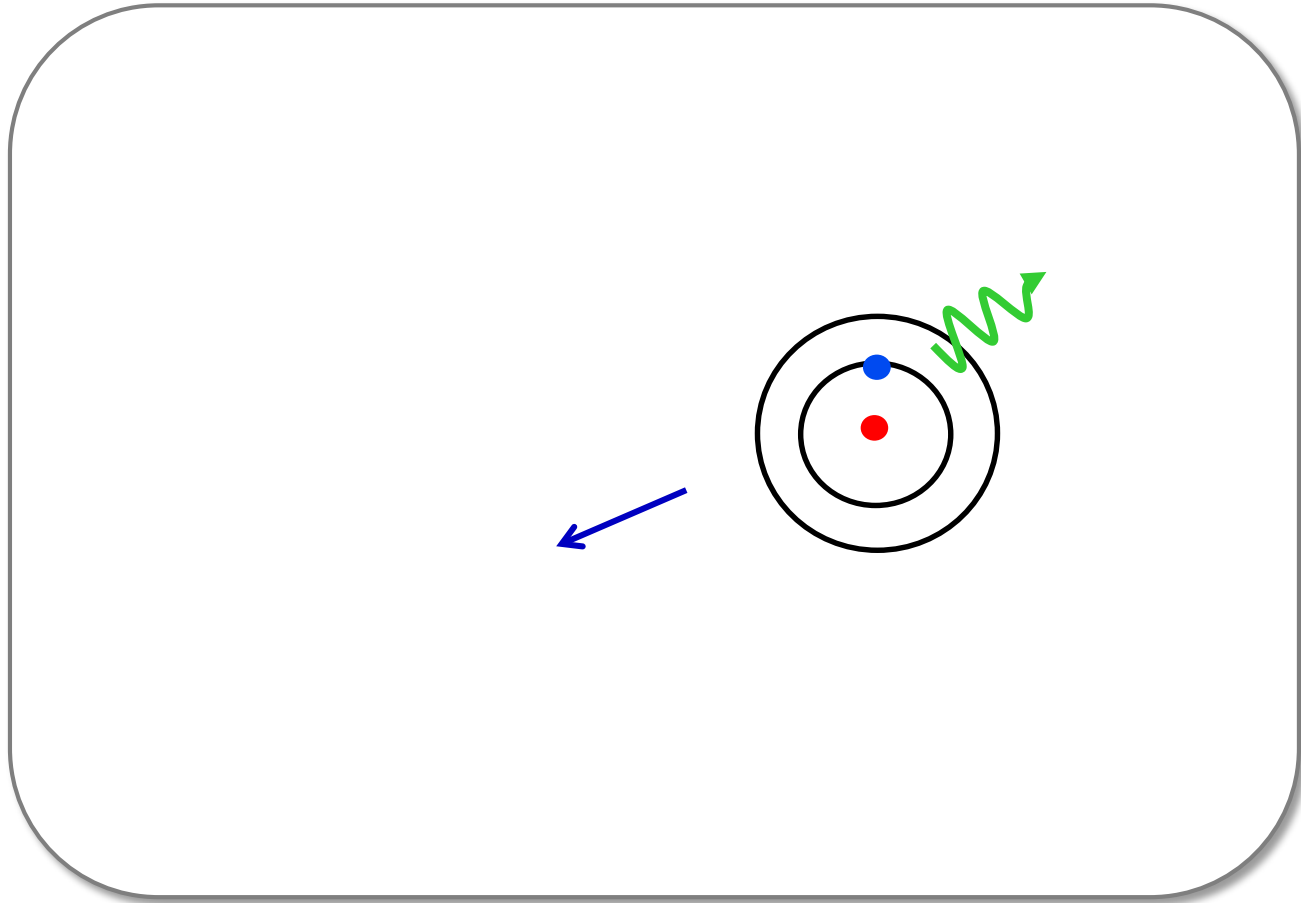
Laser cooling



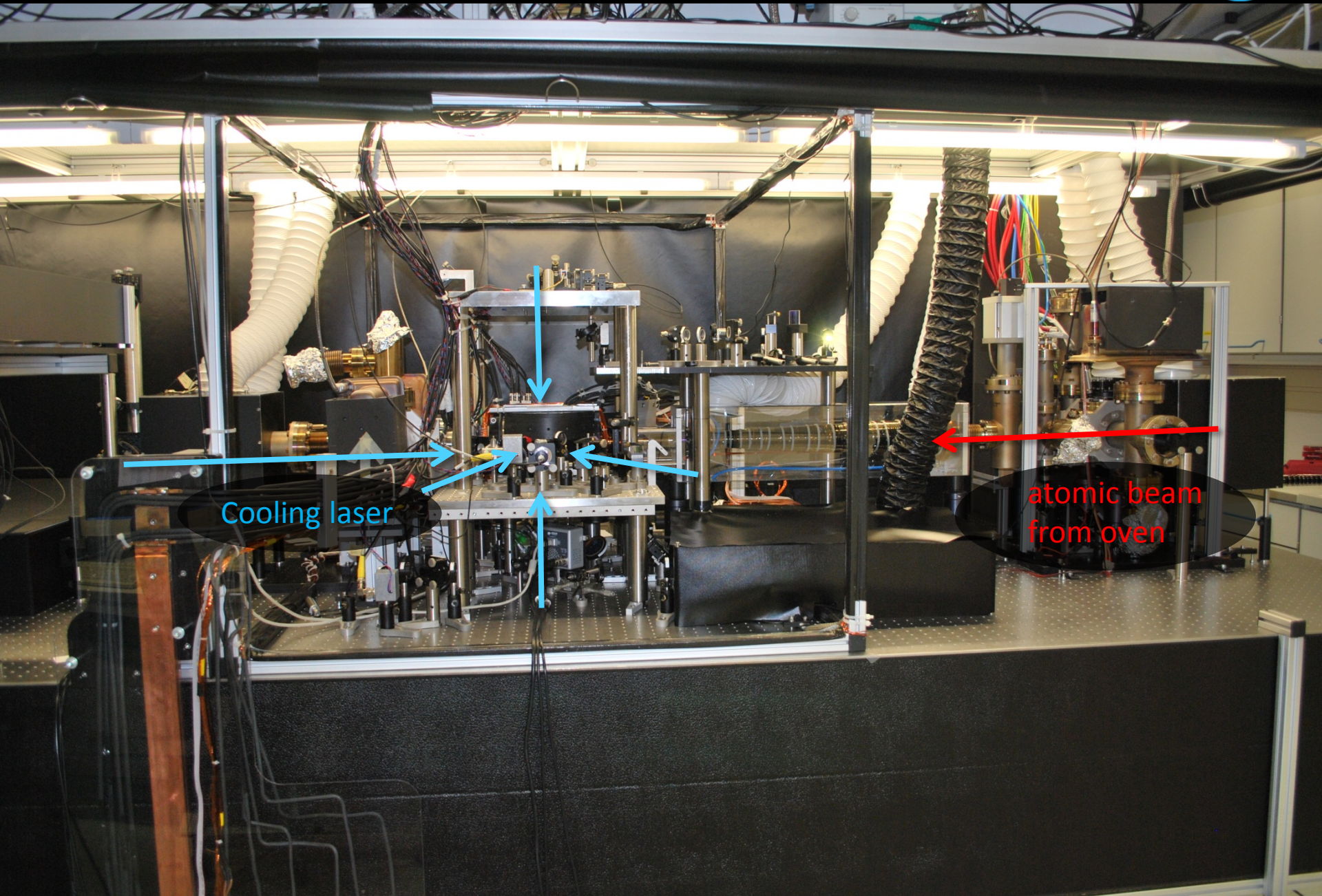
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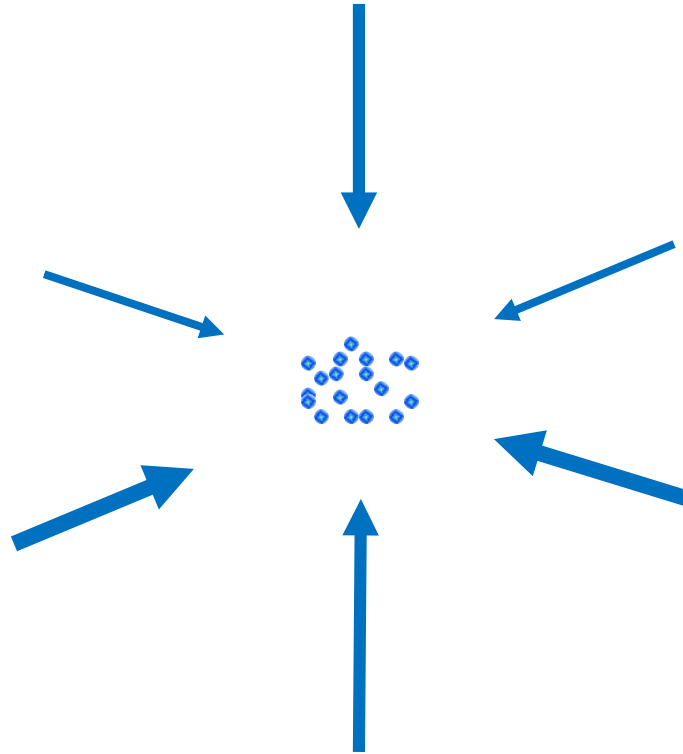
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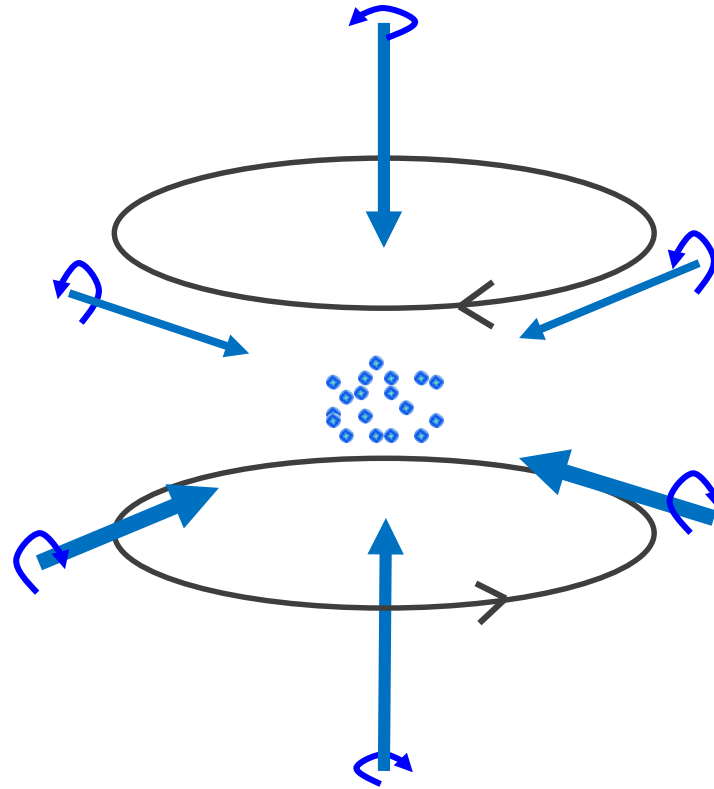
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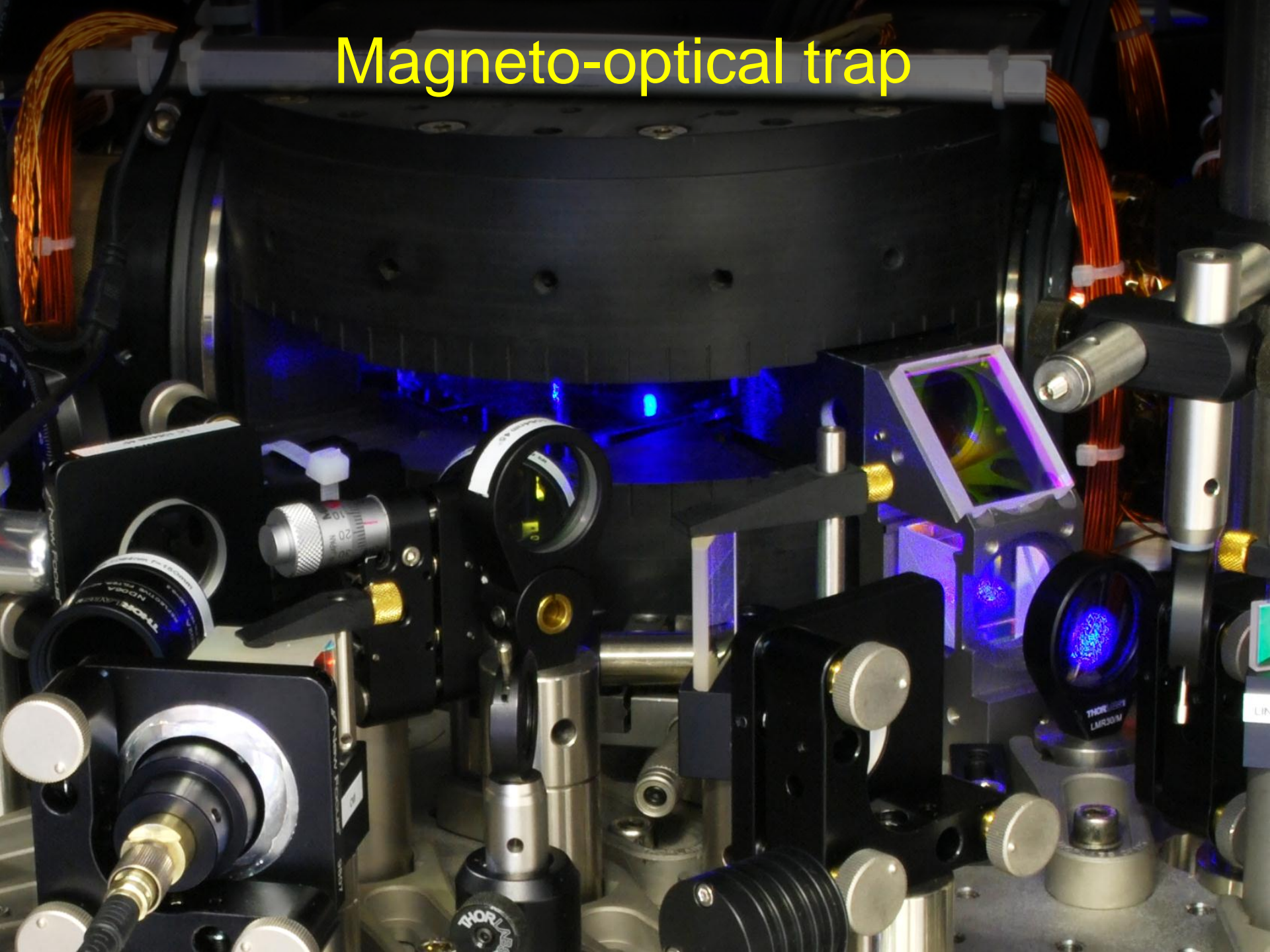
Cooling in all directions



Collecting atoms at one location



Magneto-optical trap



Magneto-optical trap



Nobel Prize 1997



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Stanford University, Stanford,
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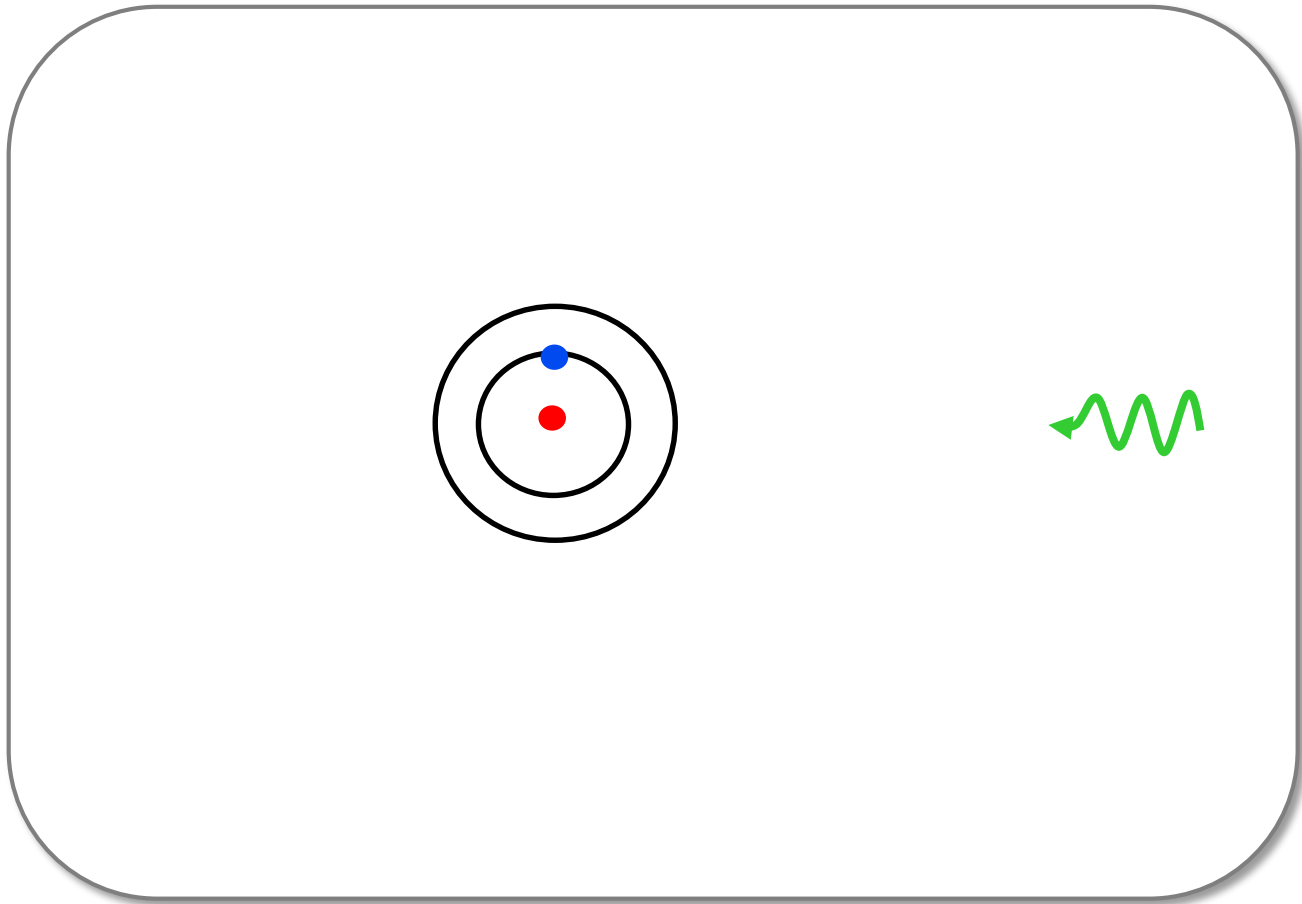
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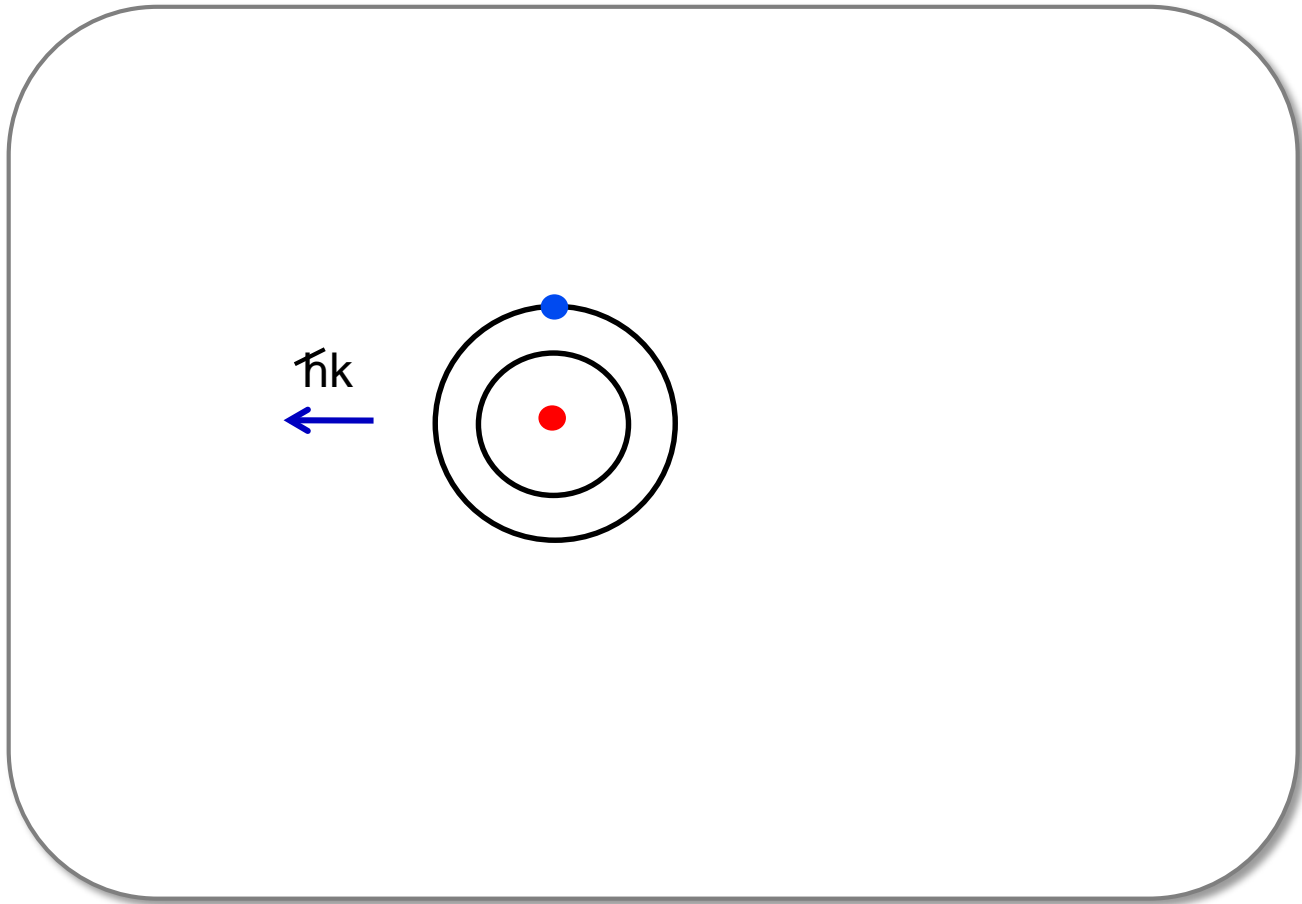
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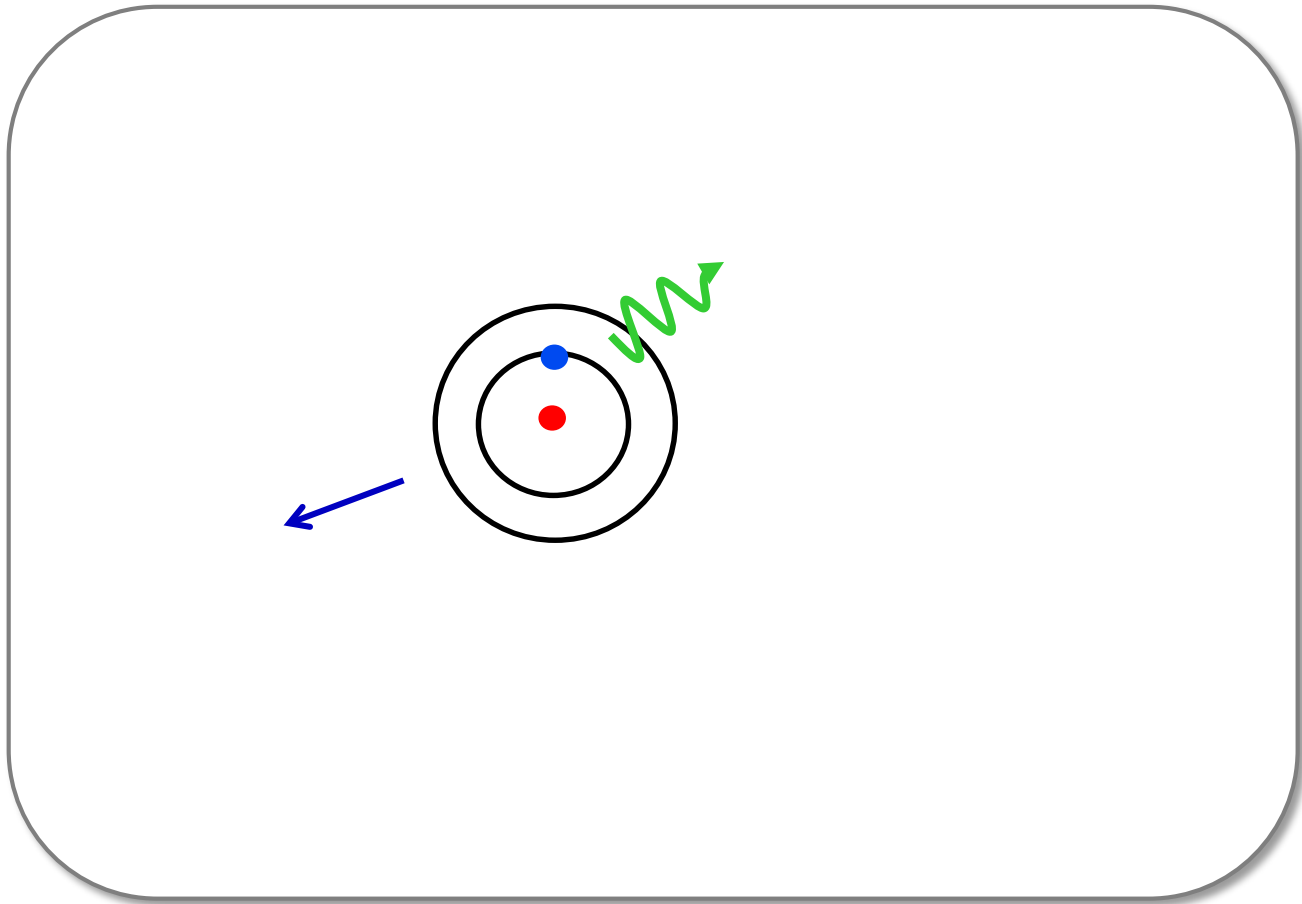
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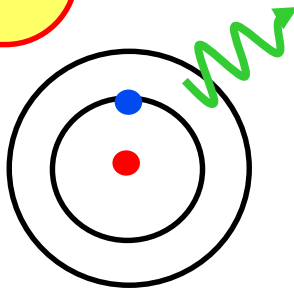


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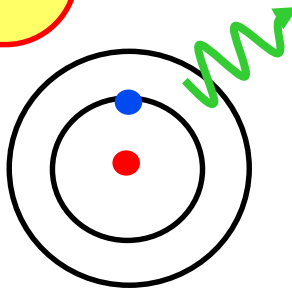
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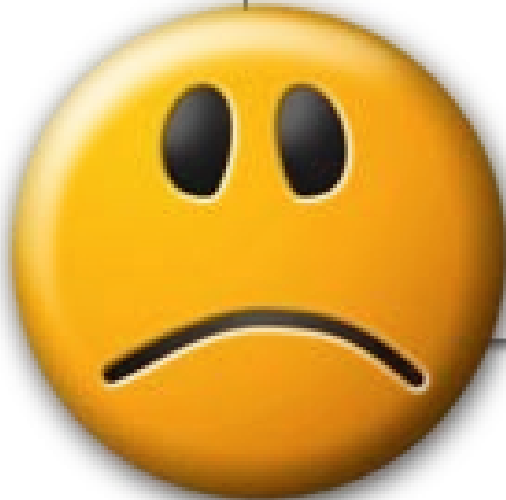


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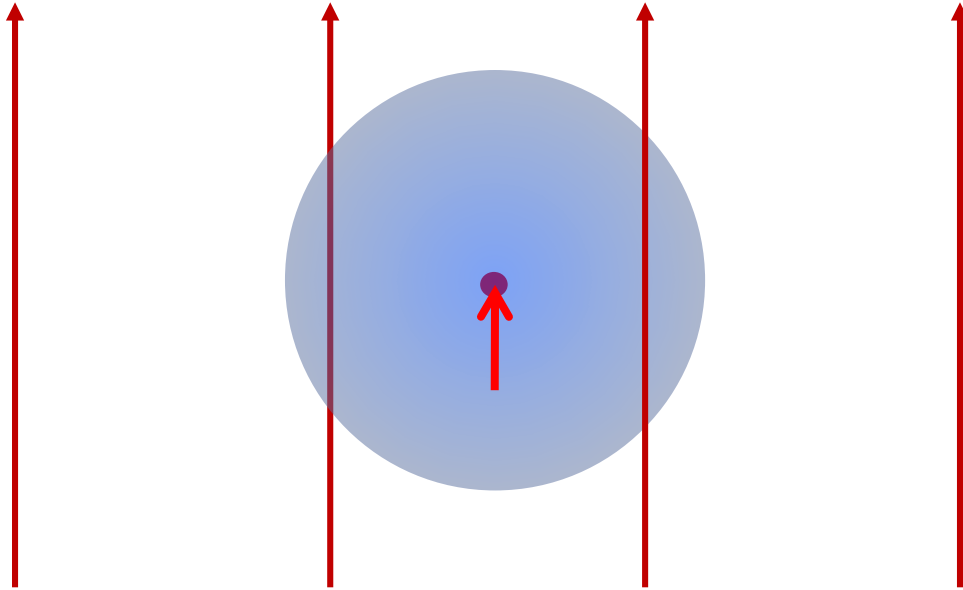


Let's **trap** and **cool** atoms without near-resonant light!



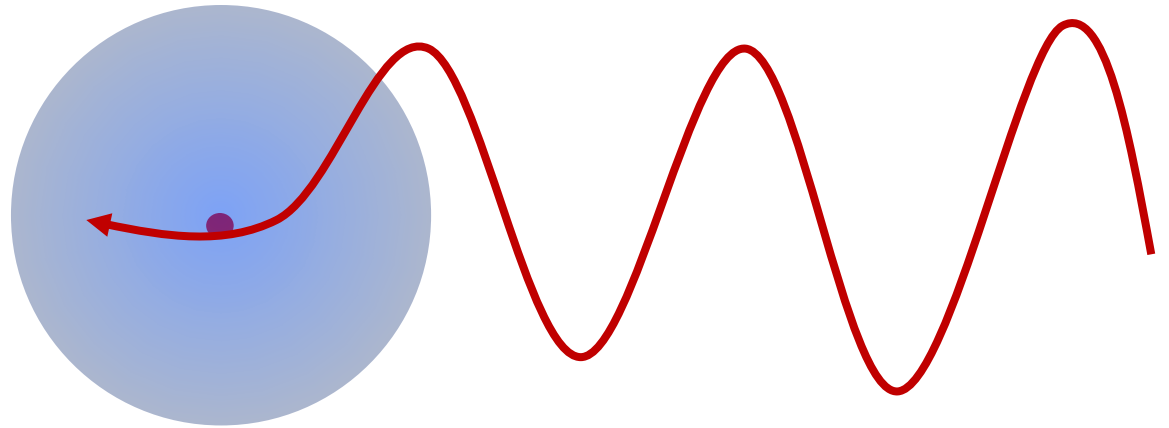
Optical dipole trap

electric field



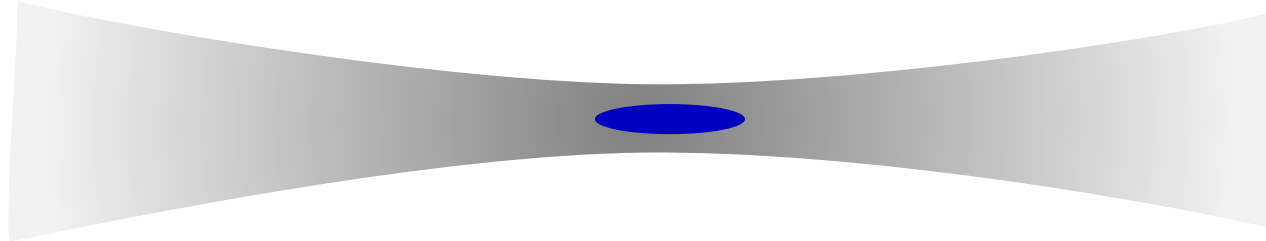
induced electric dipole

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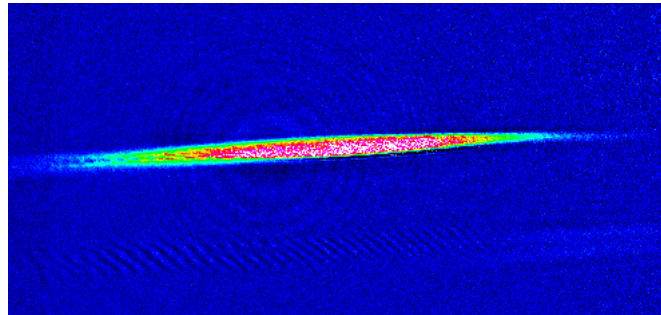


Optical dipole trap

Infrared laser beam



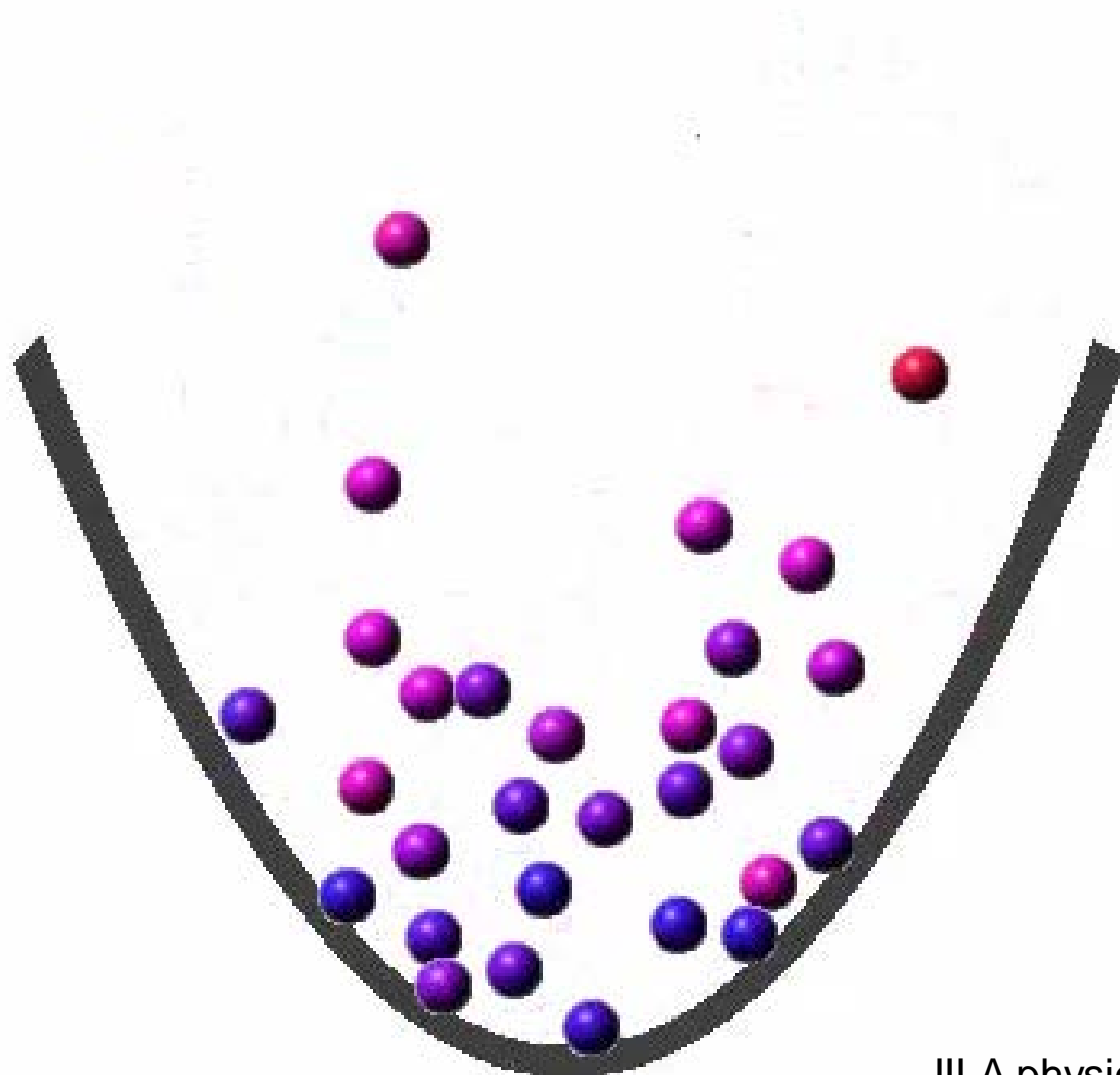
Trapped atomic cloud



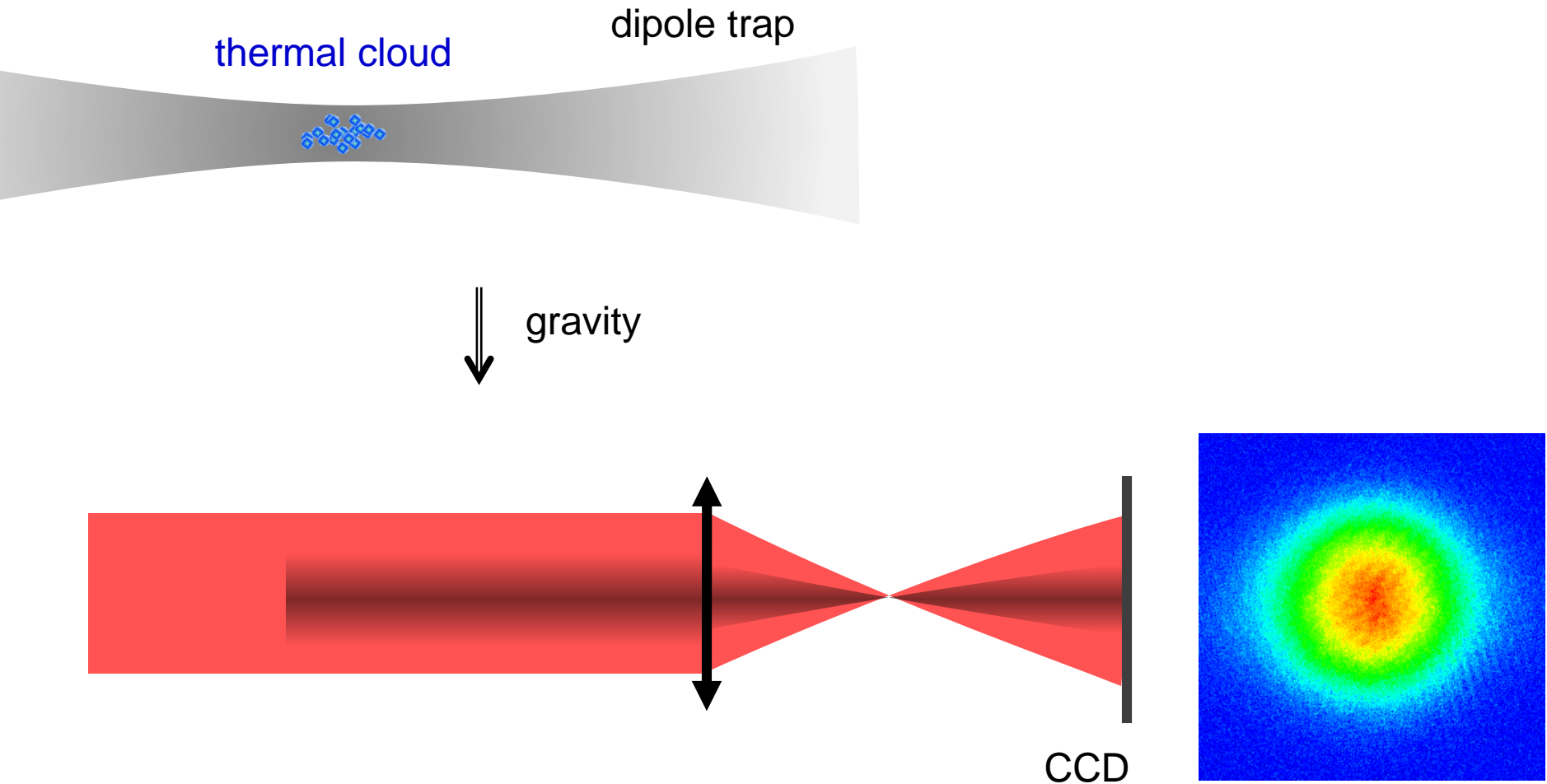
Evaporative cooling



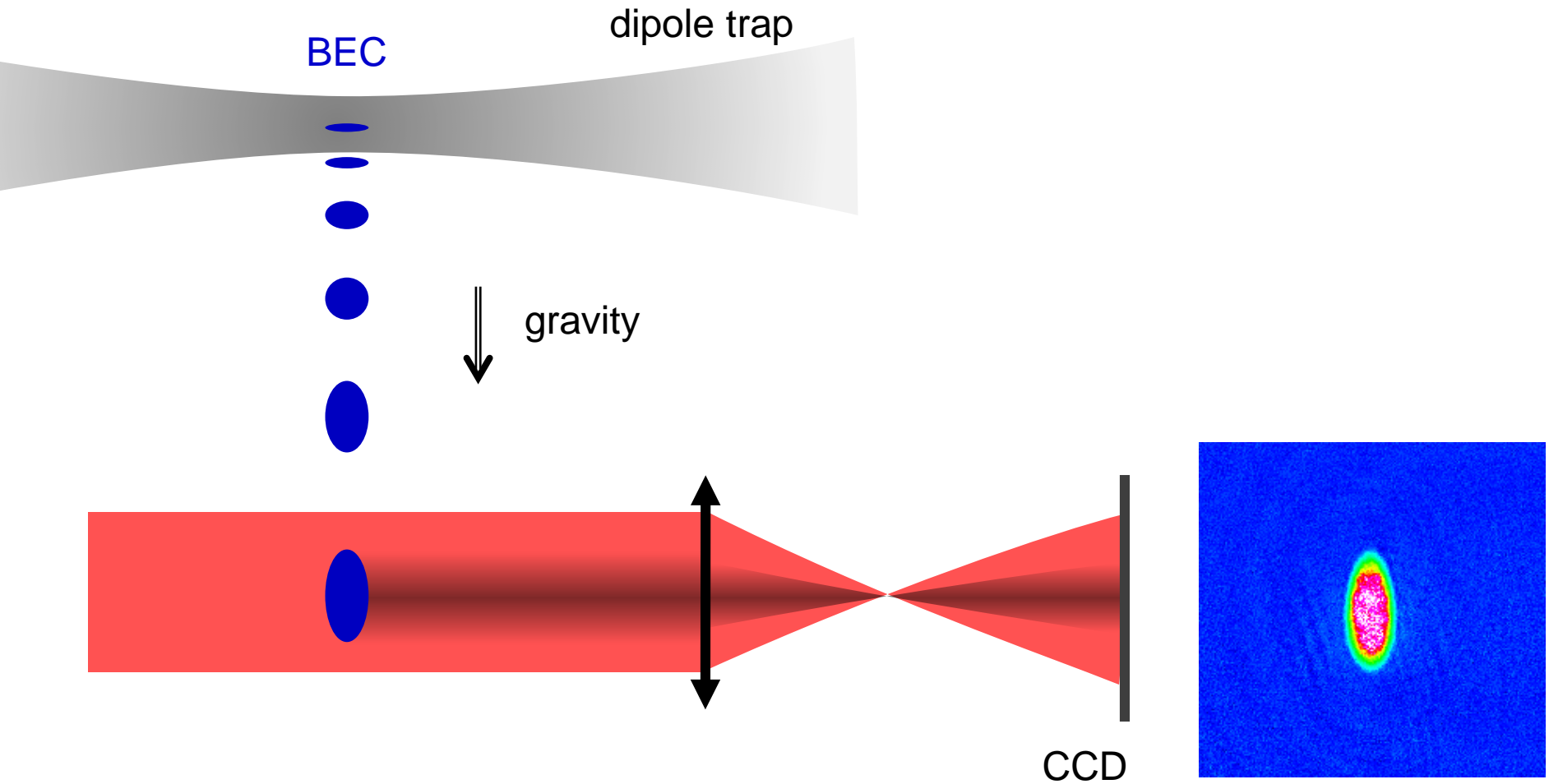
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BEC in Boulder, Juni 1995
(Rubidium)



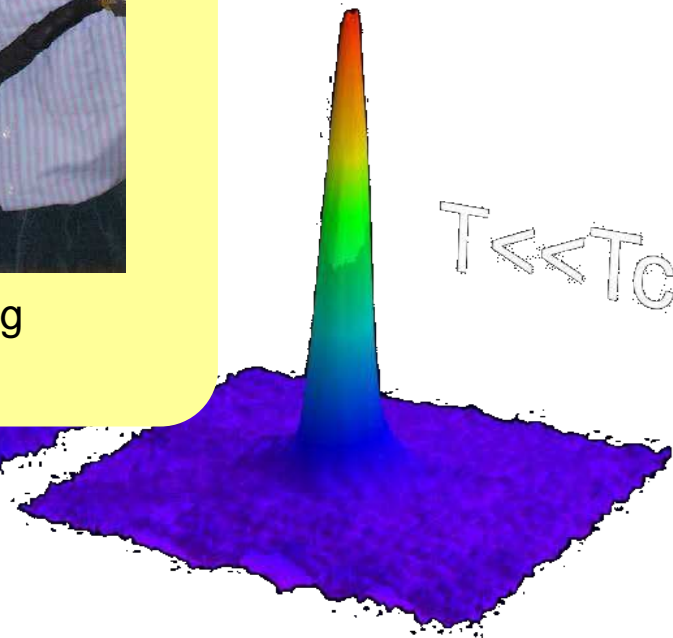
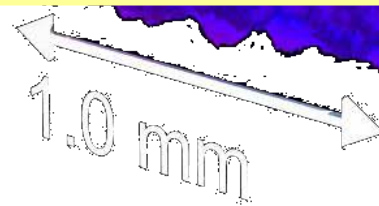
Nobel Prize 2001



Carl Wieman,
Eric Cornell



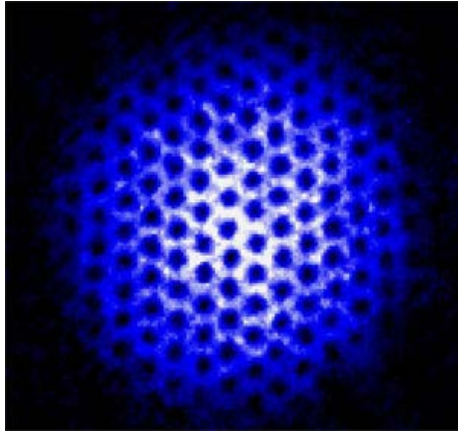
Wolfgang
Ketterle



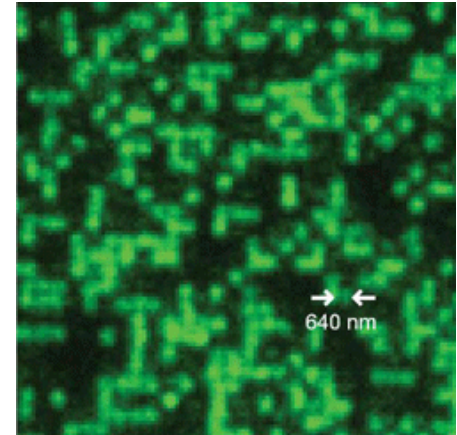
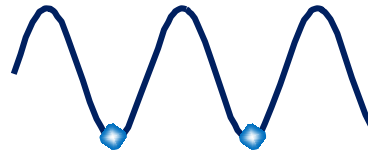
BEC am MIT, Nov. 1995 (Natrium)

Outlook

Rotating quantum gas



Quantum gas in lattice



Quantum simulation



Precision measurement

