

# Simulation of spin effects with ultracold gases in optical traps

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# Outline

- Quantum simulations: why cold atoms ?
- Solid state physics: modeling matter phase-transitions
- Simulations with degenerate quantum gases
- Dipole confinement-induced resonances in traps
- Outlook, goals and opportunities

# Quantum simulations: why cold atoms ?

R.Feynman's vision: a quantum simulator  
to study the quantum dynamics of another system

R. Feynman, Int. J. Theor. Phys. 21, 467 (1982)

Y. Manin, Computable and Uncomputable (Sovetskoye Radio Press, Moscow)  
(in Russian) 1980.

development of physics of ultracold atoms has opened unique  
possibility for realisation of R. Feynman's idea:

to use simple quantum systems with desired properties  
(amenable quantitative description and modeling)  
to describe more complex systems and phenomena

# Quantum simulations: why cold atoms ?

Quantum simulation with fully controlled systems

**control over: particle number**

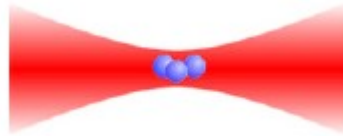
**quantum state**

**interaction**

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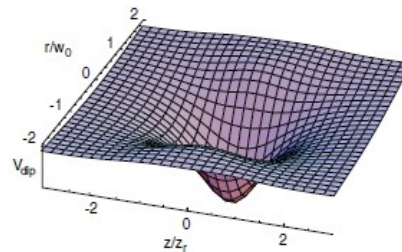
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the focus of a laser beam

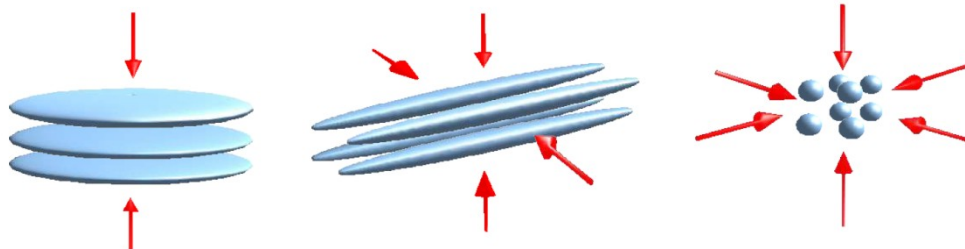


$$d = \alpha(\omega)E.$$

Optical dipole trap



$$V_{dip} = -\frac{1}{2}\langle dE \rangle = -\frac{1}{2\epsilon_0 c}\text{Re}(\alpha)I$$

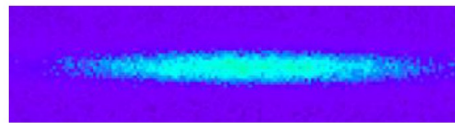


Lattices formed by applying orthogonal standing waves in one, two, and three directions.

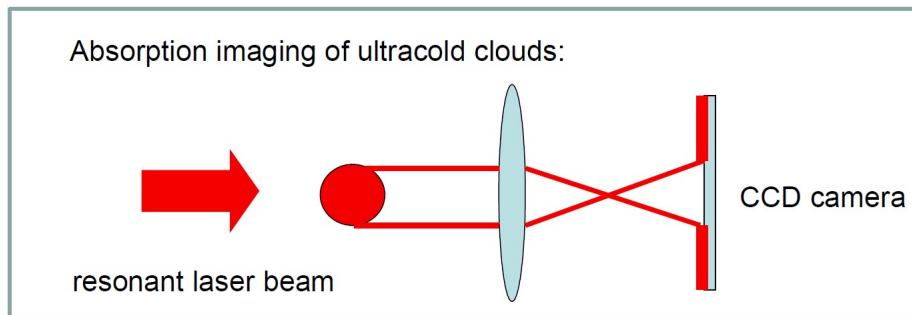
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About 50000 atoms @ 250nK,  $T_F \sim 1\mu\text{K}$

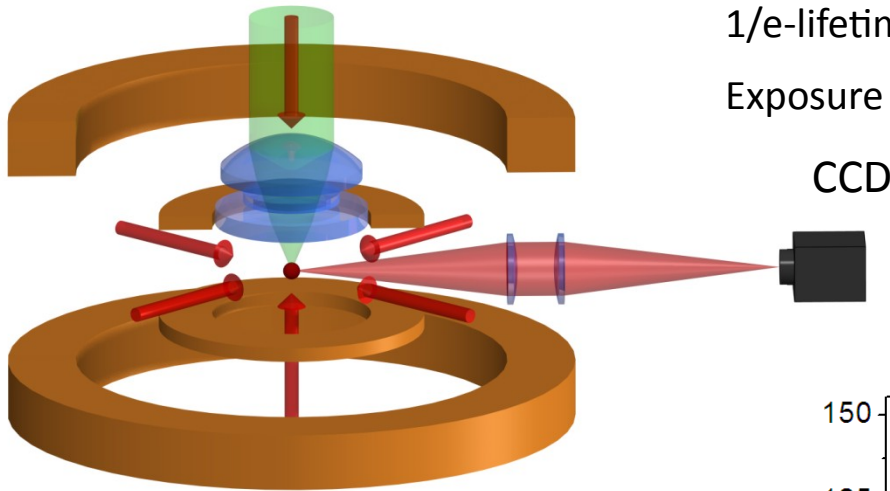


~100 $\mu\text{m}$



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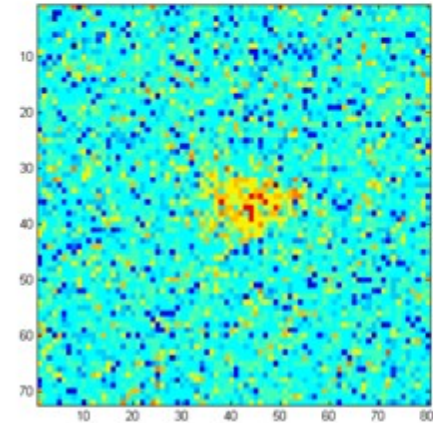
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1/e-lifetime: 250s

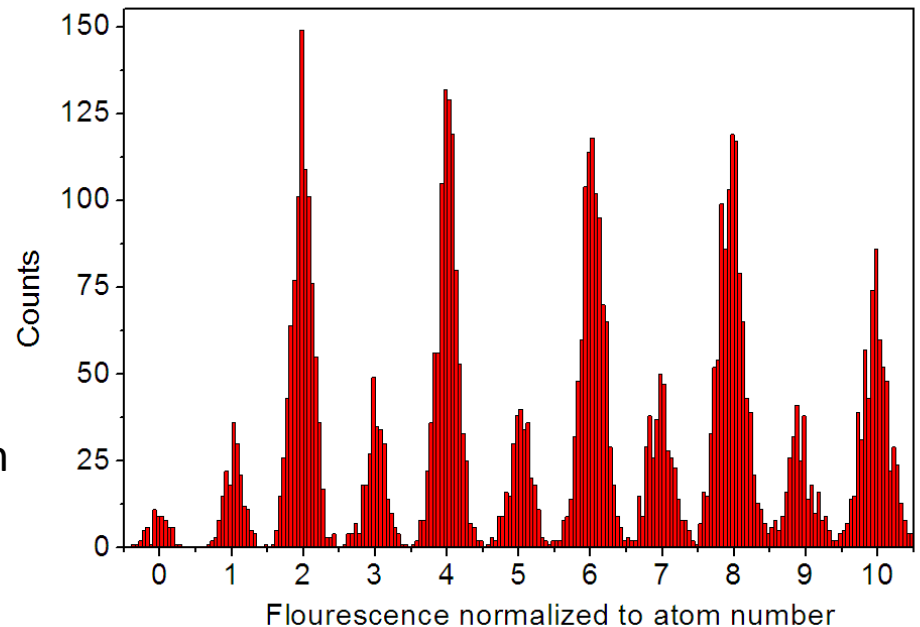
Exposure time 0.5s

CCD



distance between 2 neighbouring atom peaks:  $\sim 6\sigma$

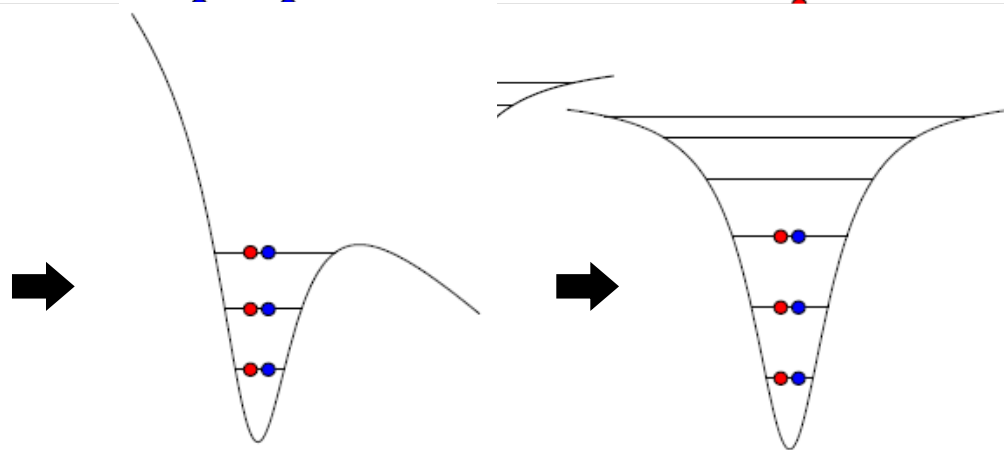
1-10 atoms can be distinguished with high fidelity > 99%



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- 2-component mixture in reservoir  $T=250\text{nK}$
- superimpose microtrap
- switch off reservoir

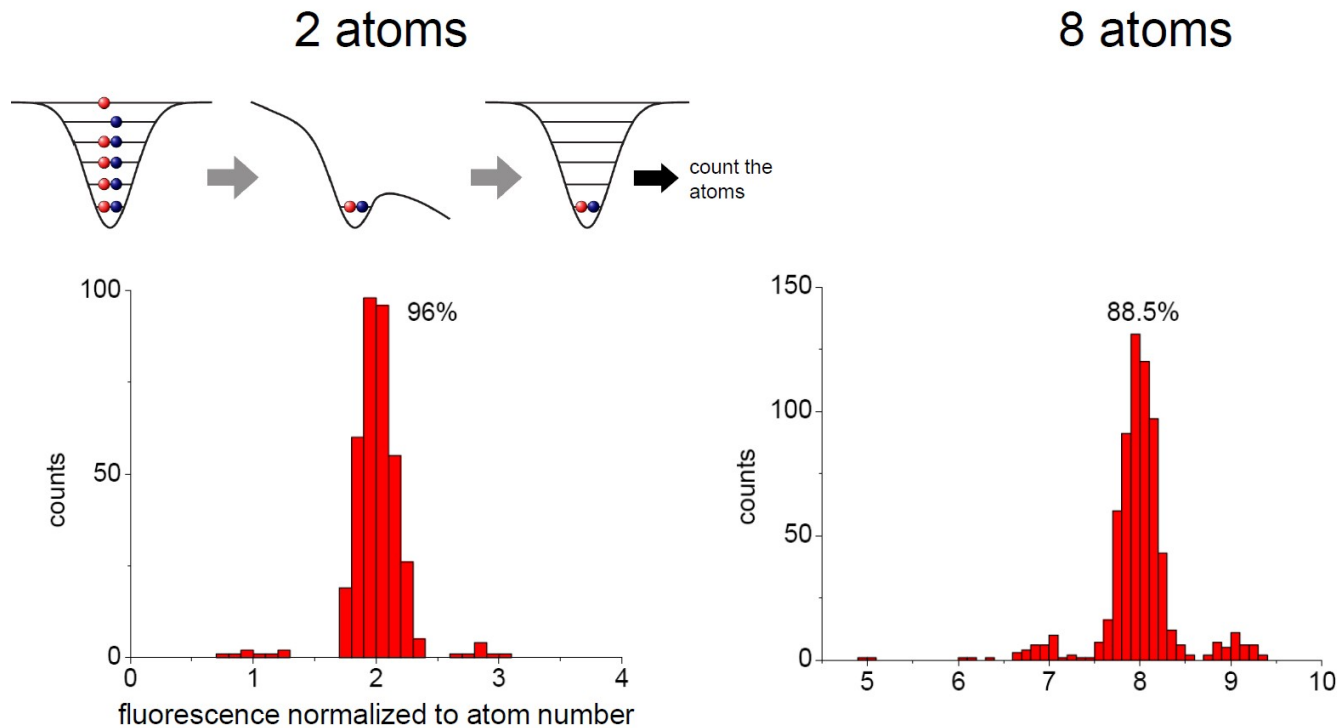


+ magnetic field gradient in  
axial direction



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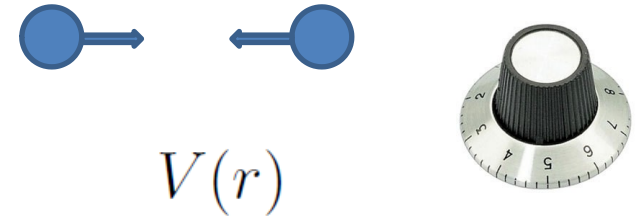
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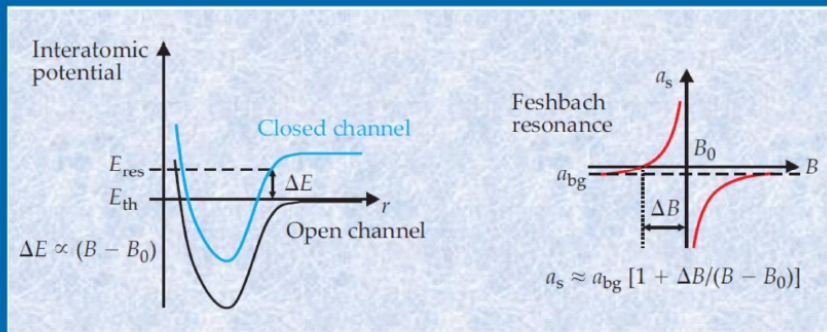
lifetime in ground state ~ 60s

# Quantum simulations: why cold atoms ?

control over: interaction



## Feshbach Resonances



Contact  
interaction

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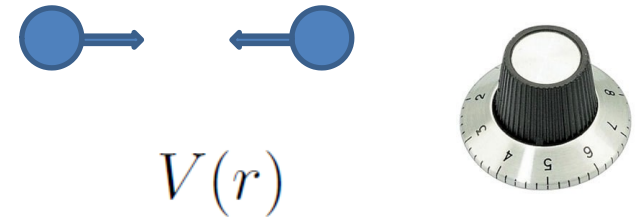
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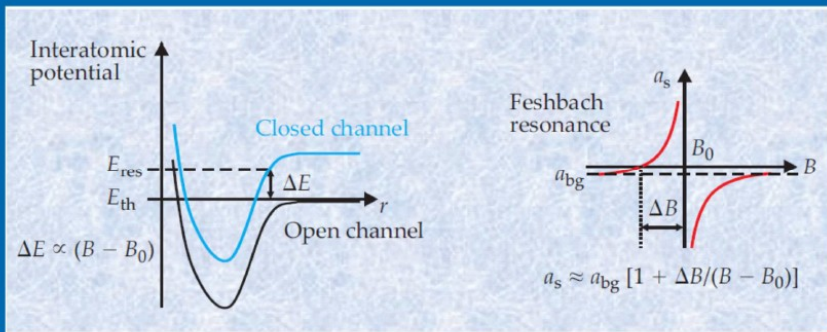
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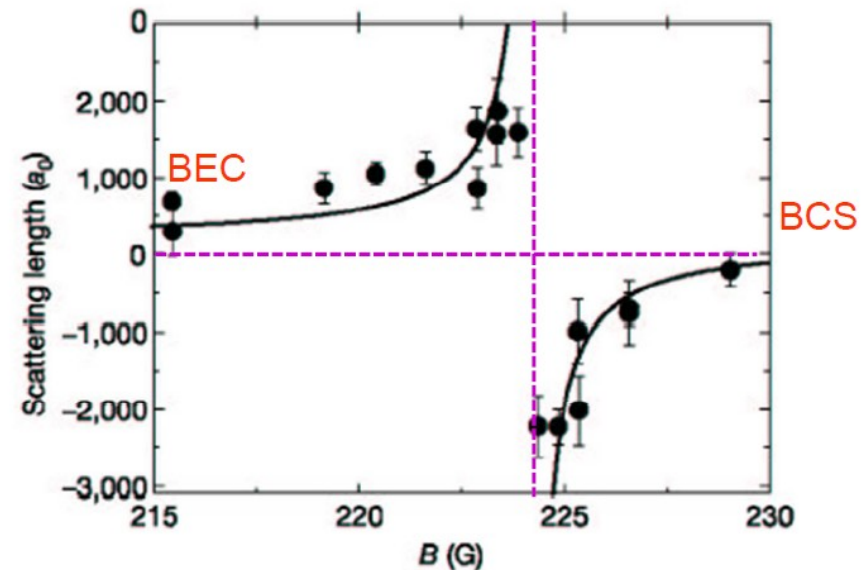
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## S-wave scattering length ( $^{40}\text{K}$ )

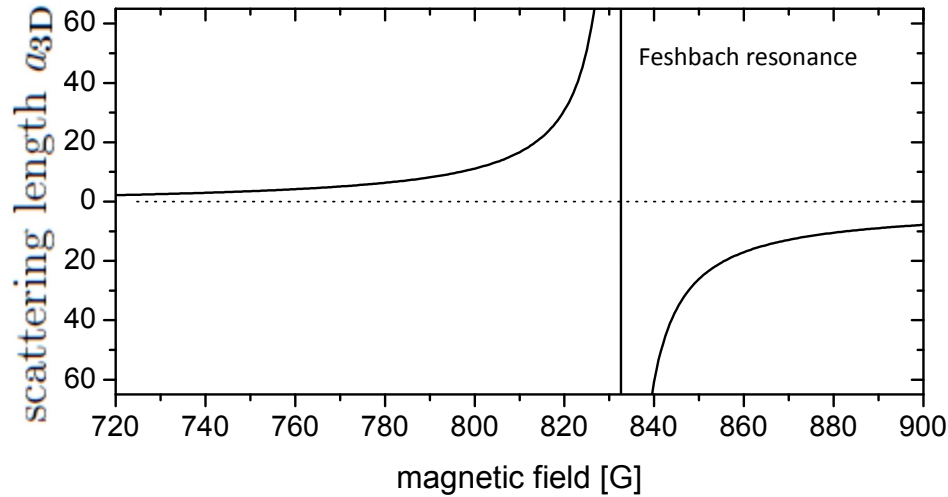


Regal et. al., PRL 90, 230404 (2003)

# Quantum simulations: why cold atoms ?

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3D



single-channel pseudopotential

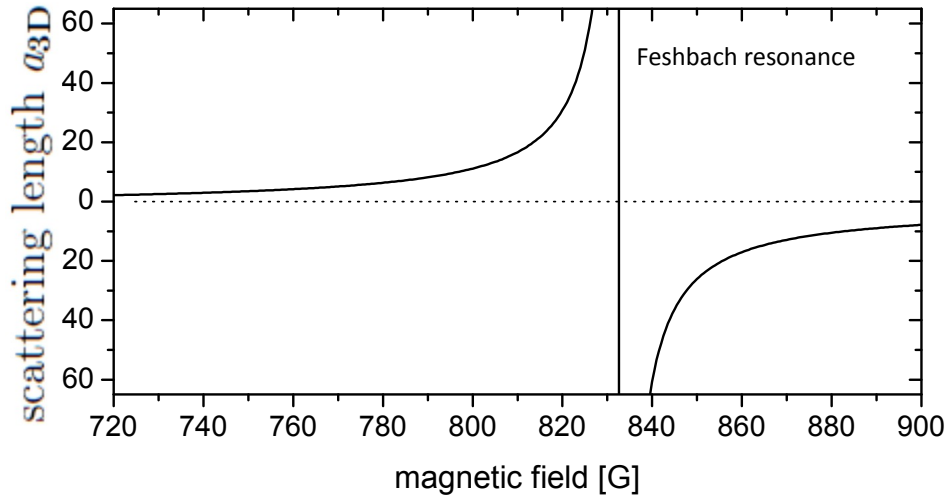
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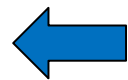
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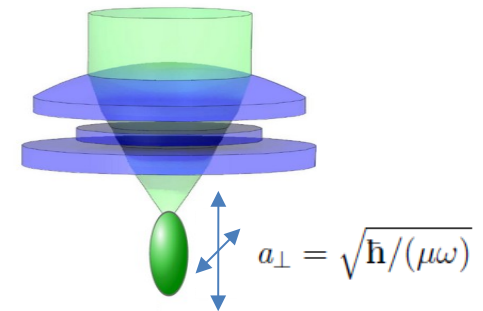
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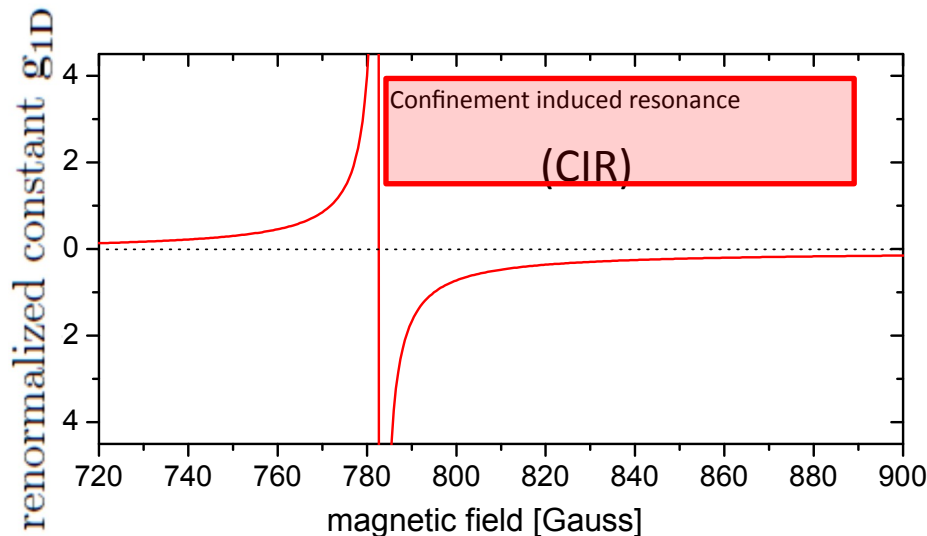
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strong confinement



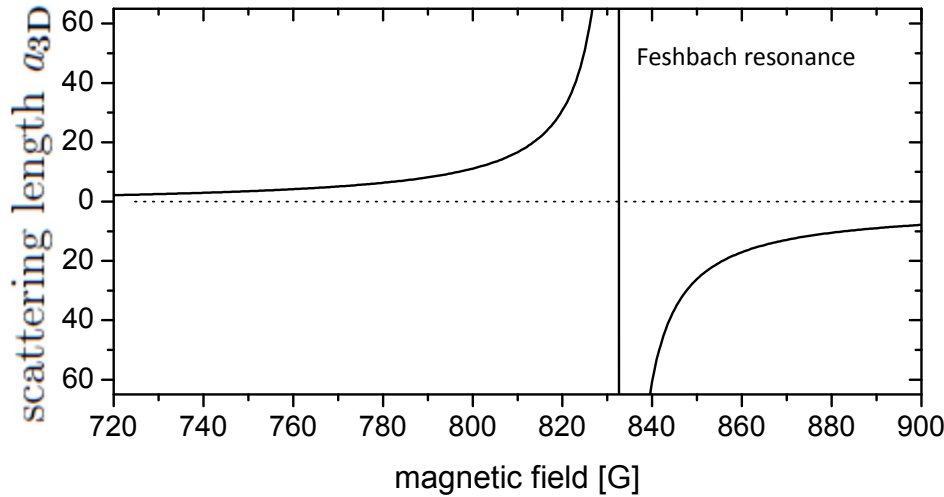
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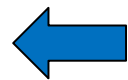
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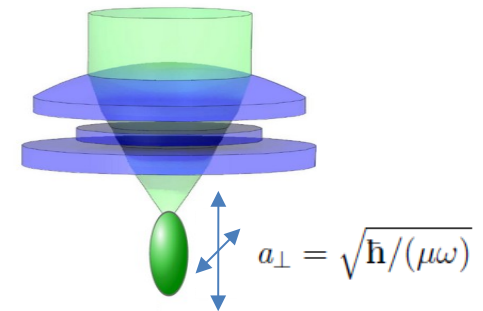
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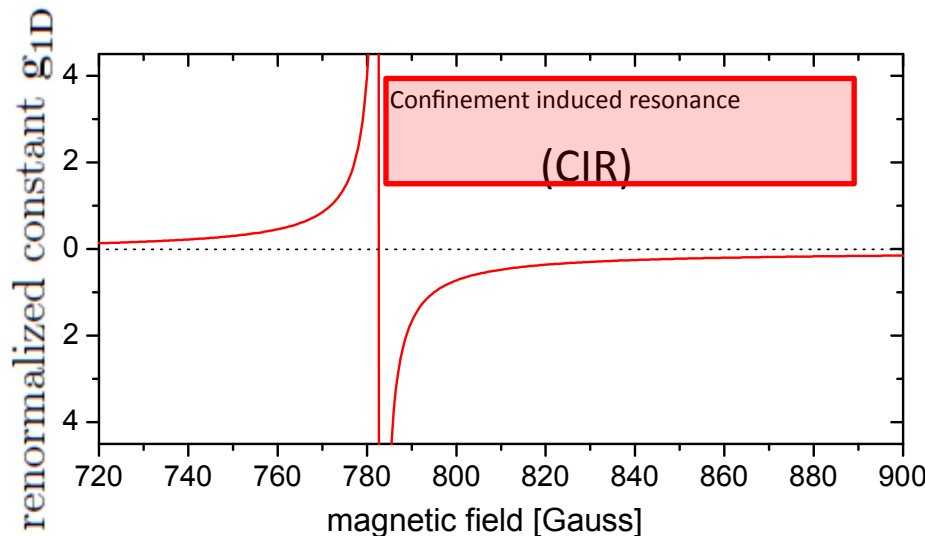


single-channel pseudopotential with renormalized interaction constant

$$g_{1D} = \frac{2\hbar^2 a_{3D}(B)}{\mu a_{\perp}} \frac{1}{(a_{\perp} - C a_{3D}(B))}$$

M. Olshanii, PRL 81, 938 (1998).

1D



## Confinement-Induced Resonances in Low-Dimensional Quantum Systems

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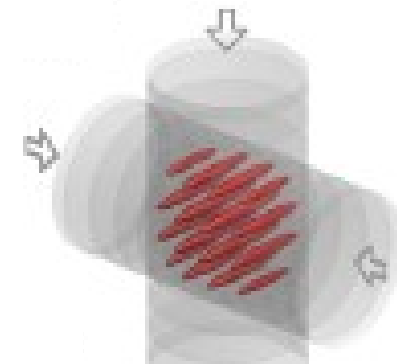
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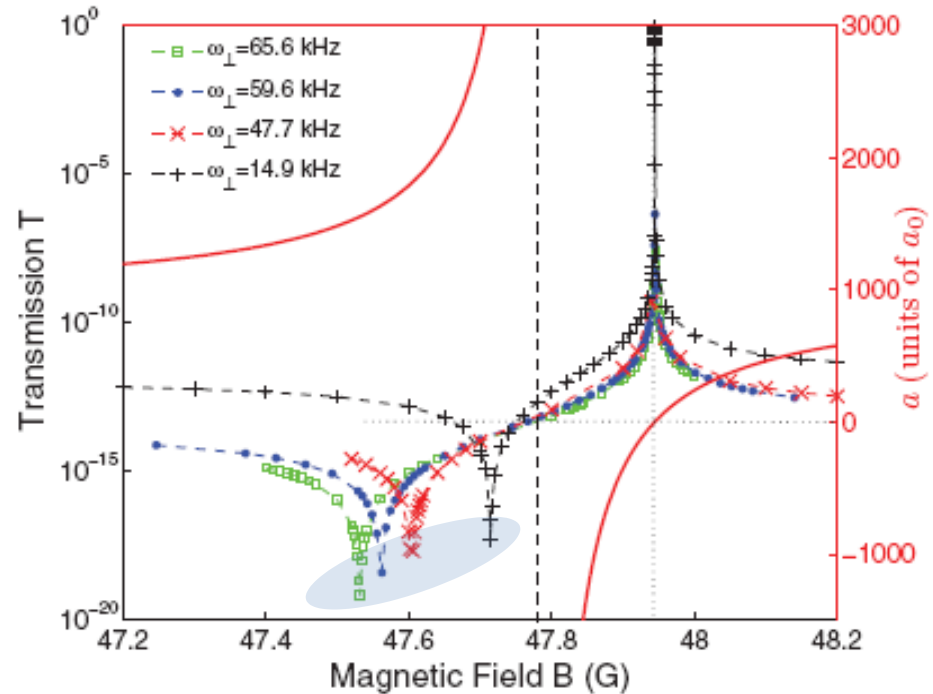
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Sh.Saeidian, V.S. Melezhik ,and P.Schmelcher, Phys.Rev. A86, 062713 (2012)

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d-wave FR at 47.8G develops in waveguide as depending on  $\omega_{\perp}$  minimums and stable maximum of transmission coefficient T

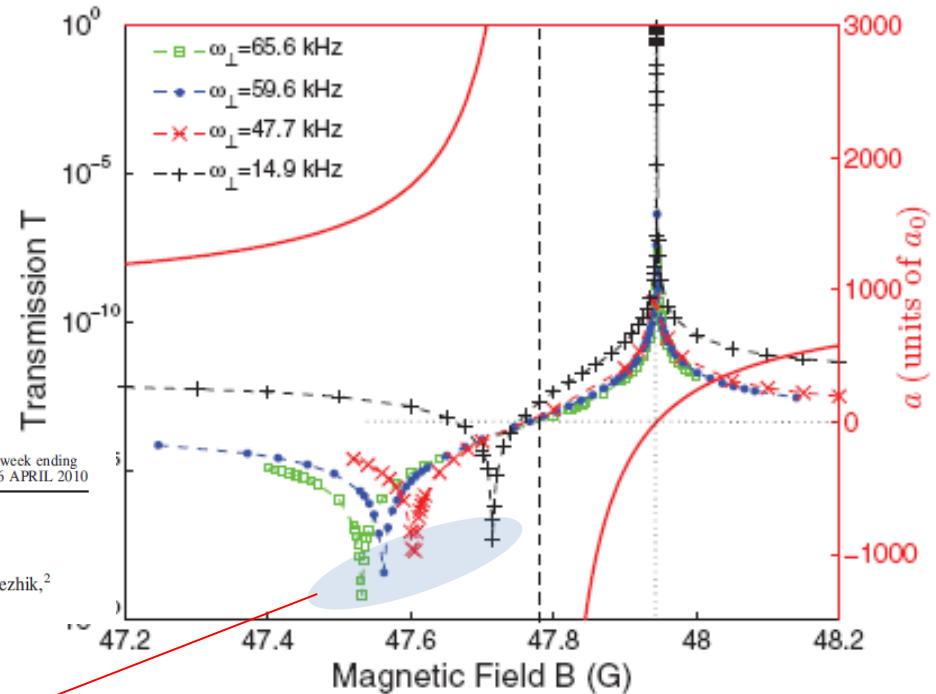




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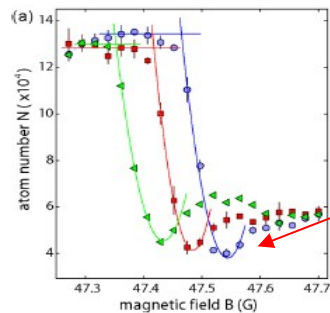
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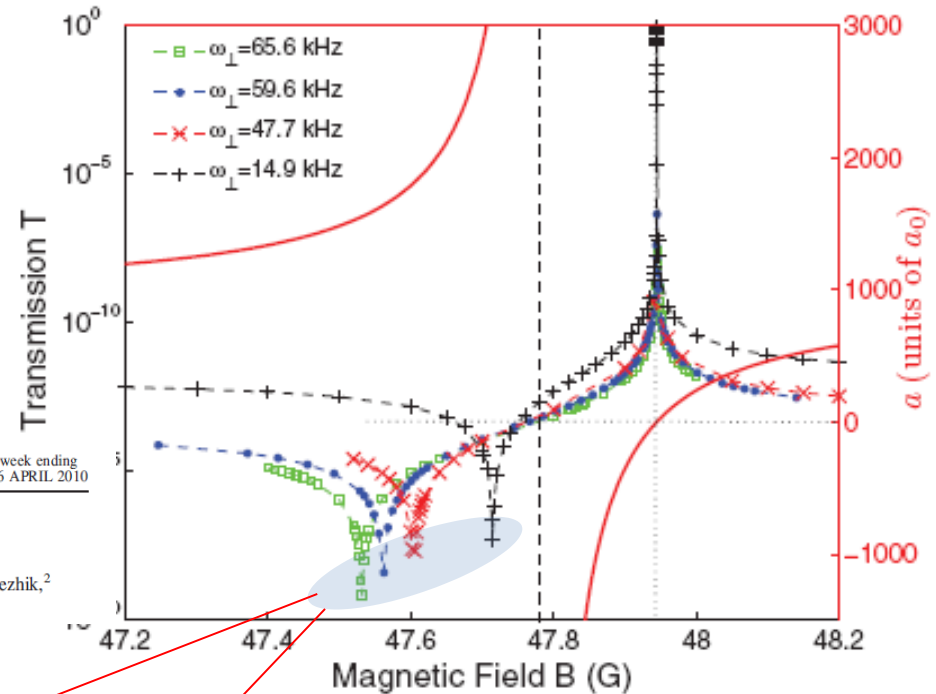
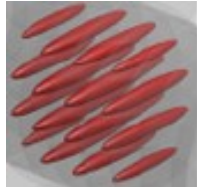


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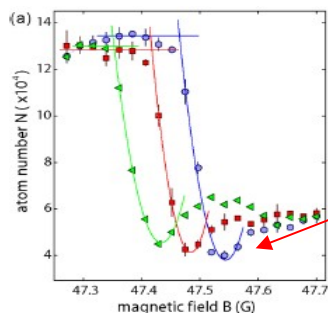
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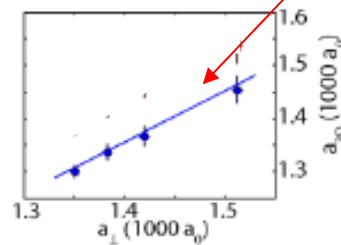
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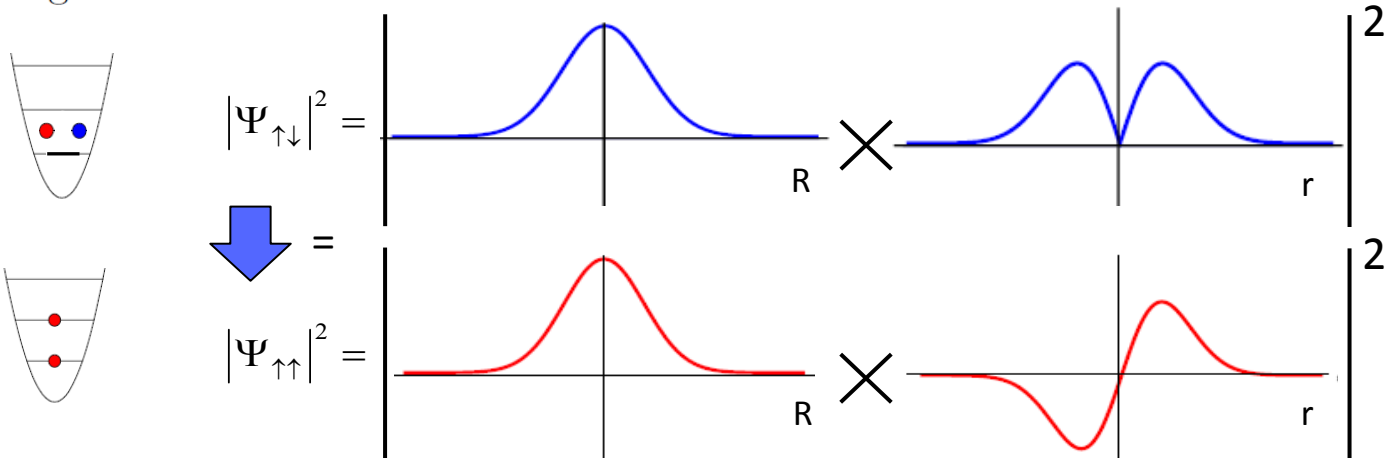
Olshanii formula works for s,d,and g FRs

$$a = 0.68a_{\perp}$$

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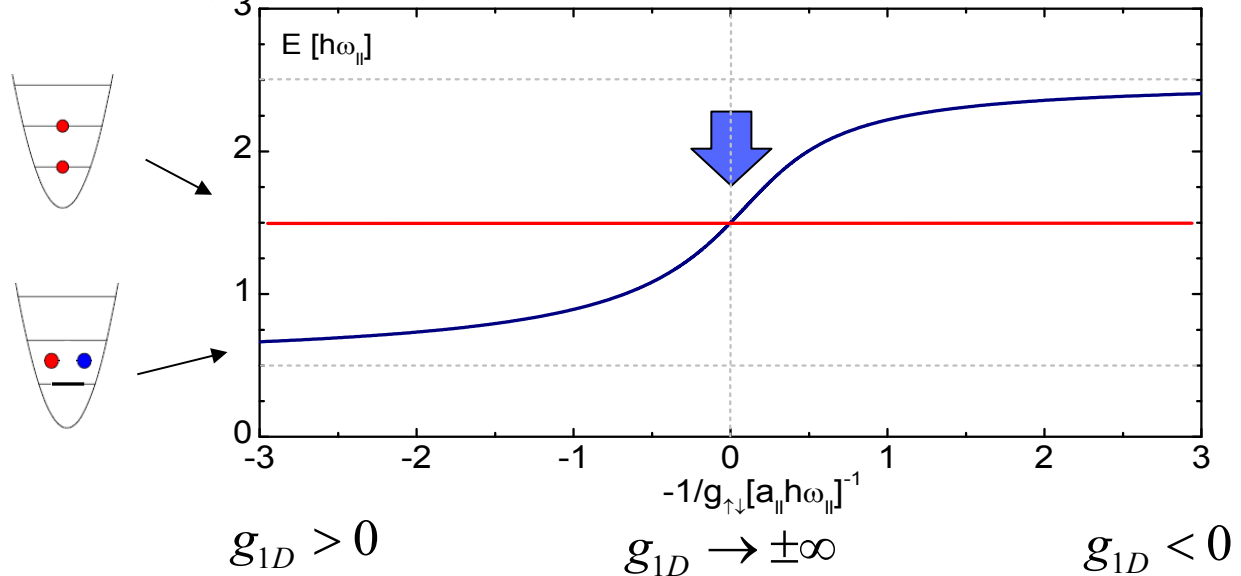
## control over: quantum state

distinguishable fermions behave as identical ones at  $g_{1D} \rightarrow \pm\infty$



M.D. Girardeau, PRA  
82, 011607(R) (2010)

in 1D:  $|\Psi|^2$  same energy

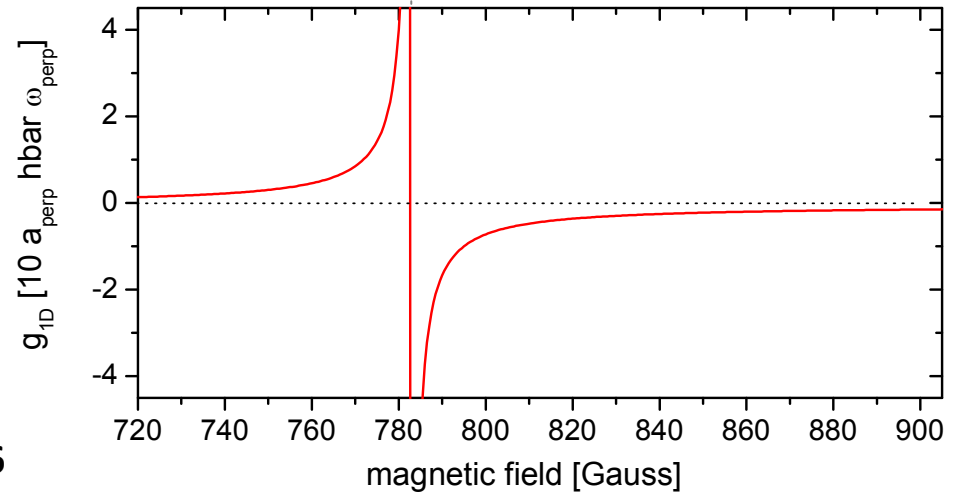
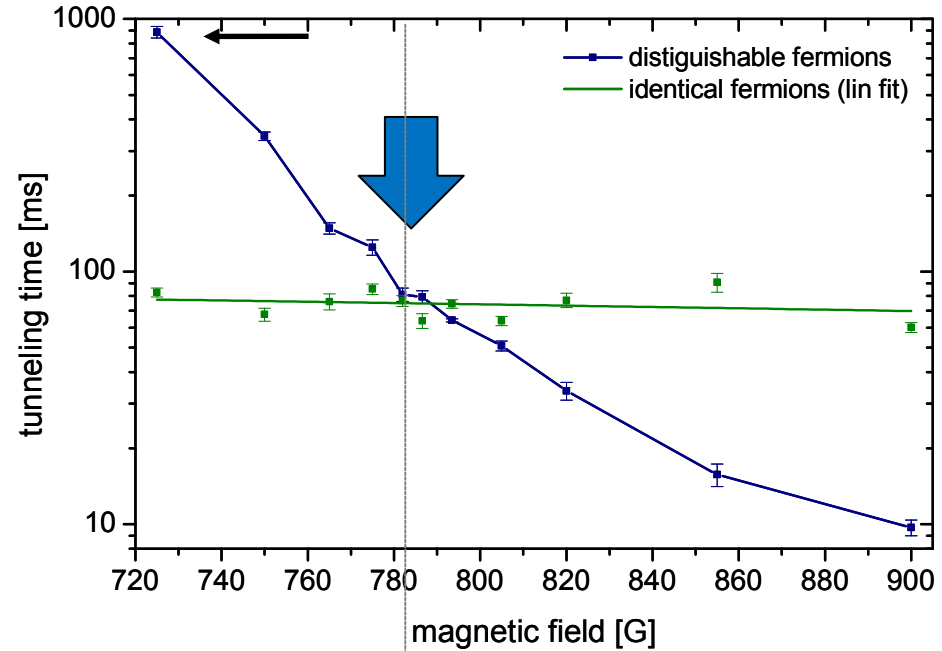
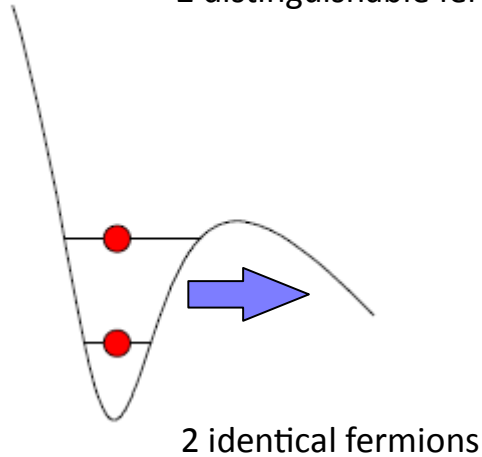
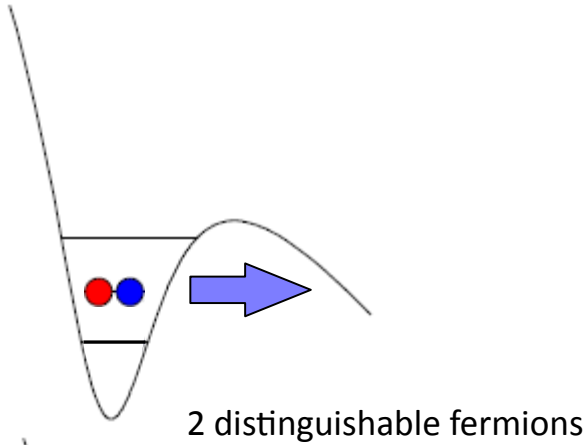


analytic solution for energy:

T. Busch et al., Found Phys  
Vol.28, No.4 549-559 (1998)

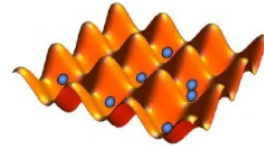
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# Solid state physics: modeling phase-transitions

## The ultra-cold atom simulator



Atoms  $\leftrightarrow$  Electrons

Optical lattice  $\leftrightarrow$  Ionic Crystal



### Optical Lattices

- Fully controllable, no defects, no vibrations
- Lattice spacing micrometers
- Trapped atom mass  $\sim$  10-100 amu
- Temperature :  
 $T \sim 1$  nK

### Solid state crystals

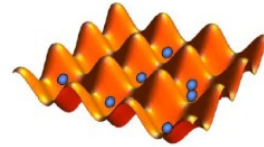
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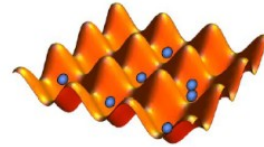
## Tunnelmatrix element/Hopping element

$$J = - \int d^3x w(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta + V_{lat}(\mathbf{x}) \right) w(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_j)$$

## Onsite interaction matrix element

$$U = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{m} \int d^3x |w(\mathbf{x})|^4$$

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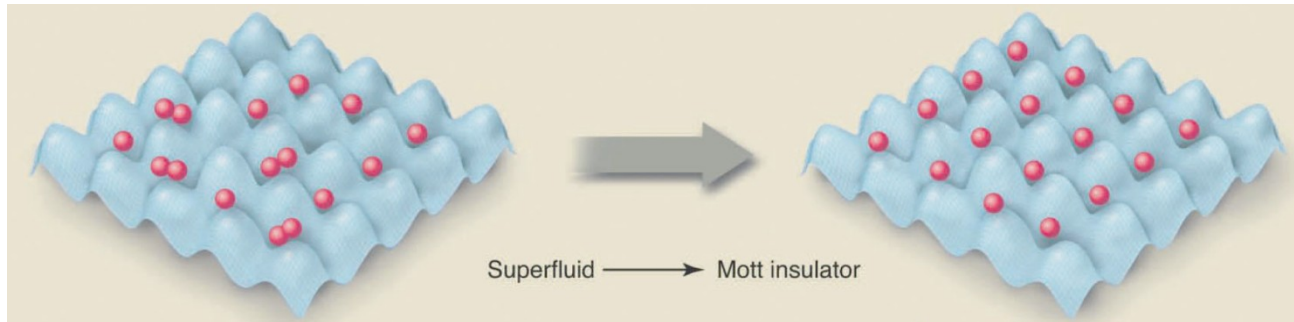
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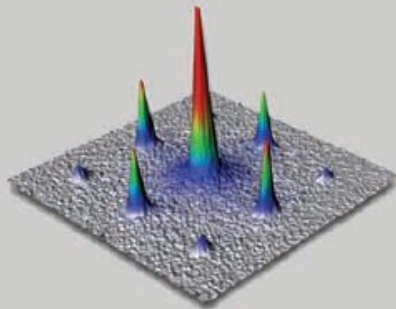
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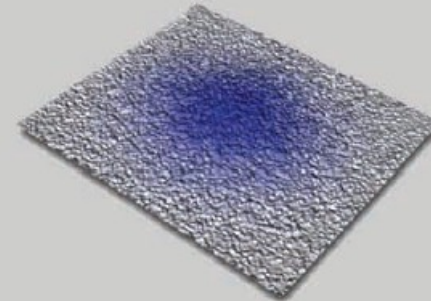
$$U/J \ll 1$$



**Phase coherence**

**Localized particles**

$$U/J \gg 1$$

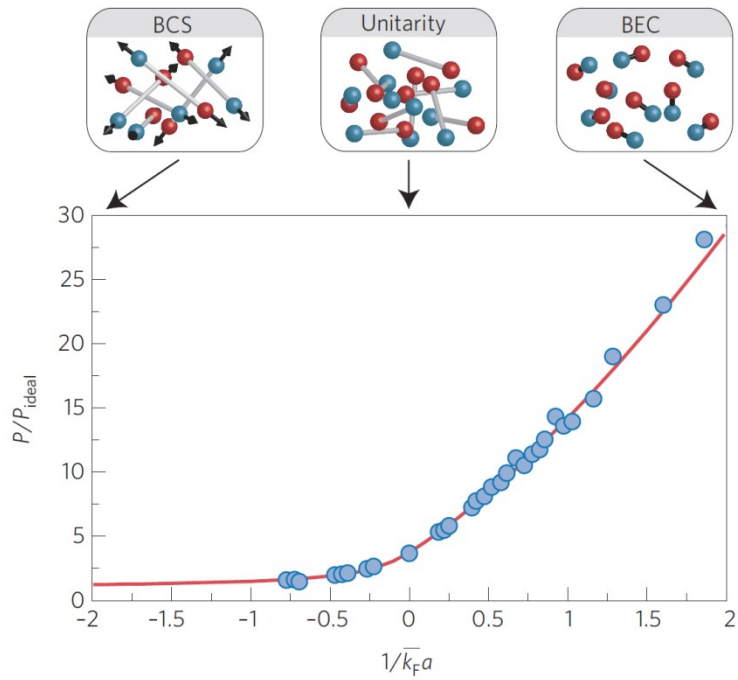


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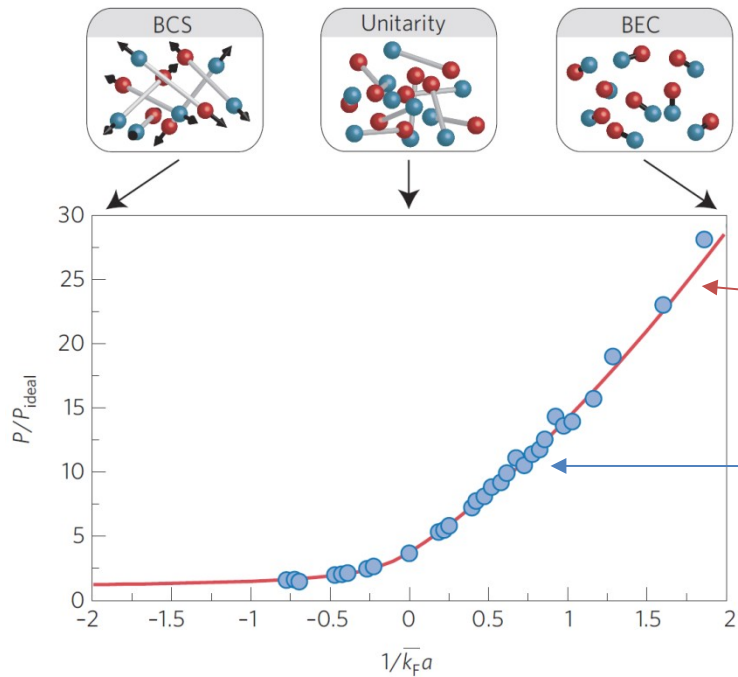
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# BCS-BEC crossover in ultracold Fermi gas



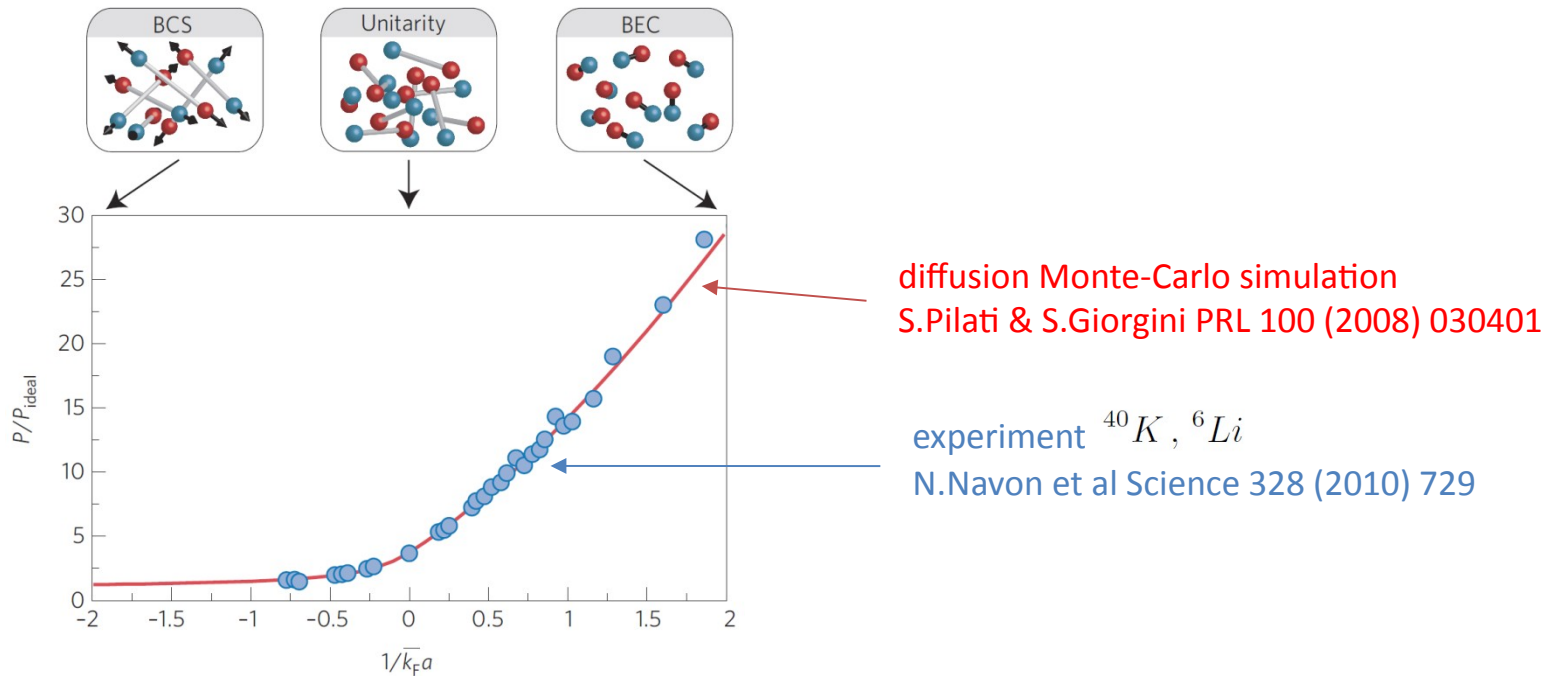
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diffusion Monte-Carlo simulation  
S.Pilati & S.Giorgini PRL 100 (2008) 030401

experiment  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$   
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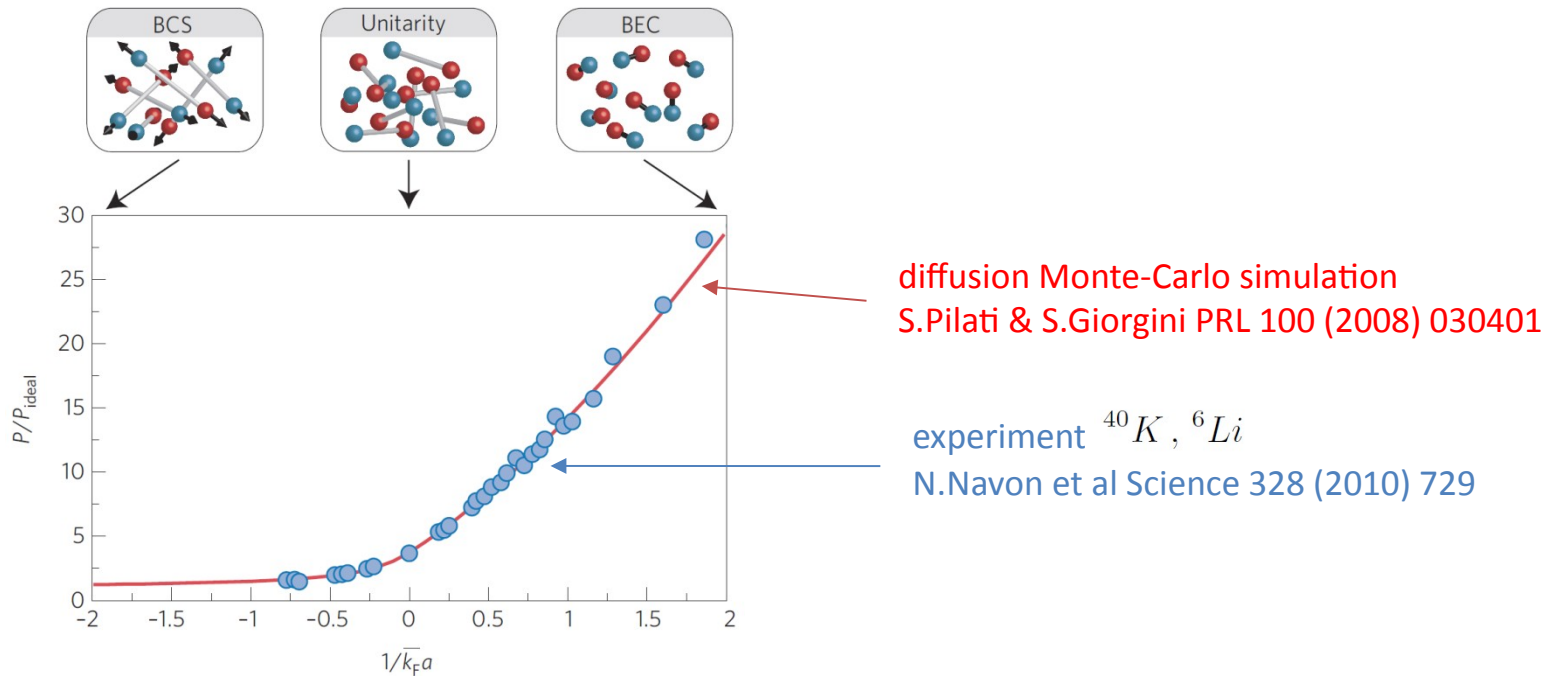
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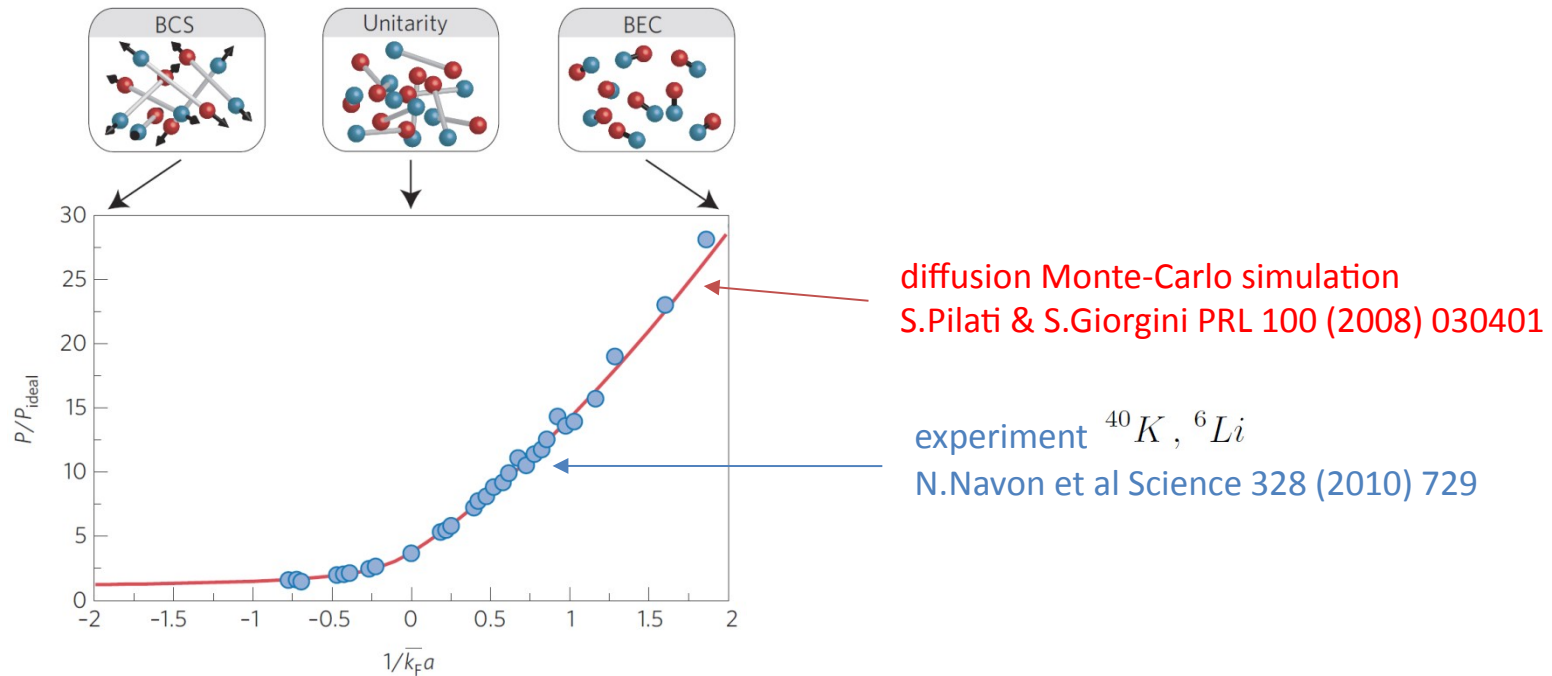


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simple mean-field theories, variational Monte Carlo methods

# Dipolar confinement-induced resonances in waveguides

P.Giannakeas, V. Melezhik & P.Schmelcher, PRL,111(2013)

$\xrightarrow{d}$   $\xrightarrow{d}$

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\nabla^2 + \underbrace{\frac{C_{12}}{r^{12}} - \frac{C_6}{r^6}}_{V_{sr}} + \underbrace{\frac{d^2}{r^3}[1 - 3(\hat{z} \cdot \hat{r})]}_{V_{dd}}$$

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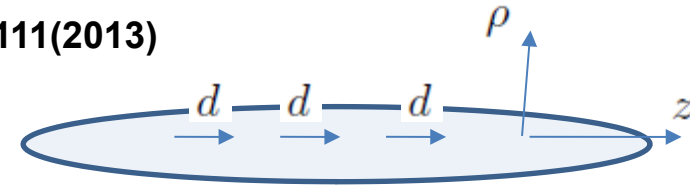
$$\underline{K}^{3D} = \begin{pmatrix} K_{ss} & K_{sd} & 0 \\ K_{ds} & K_{dd} & K_{dg} \\ 0 & K_{gd} & K_{gg} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_{ll'} = -\frac{K_{ll'}}{k}$$

$$l_d = \frac{\mu d^2}{\hbar^2}$$

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$$a_{\perp} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{\mu\omega_{\perp}}}$$

$$\tilde{\underline{K}}_{oo}^{1D} = \underline{K}_{oo}^{1D} + i\underbrace{\underline{K}_{oc}^{1D}}_{\text{blue arrow}} (\mathcal{I} - i\underbrace{\underline{K}_{cc}^{1D}}_{\text{blue arrow}})^{-1} \underline{K}_{co}^{1D}$$

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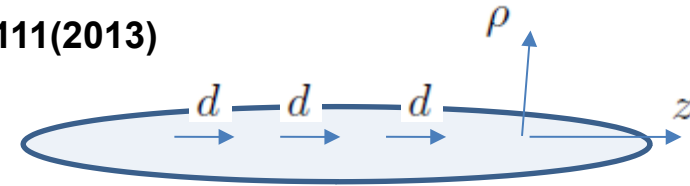
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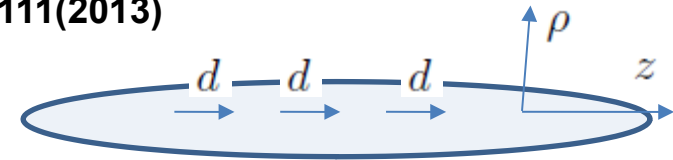
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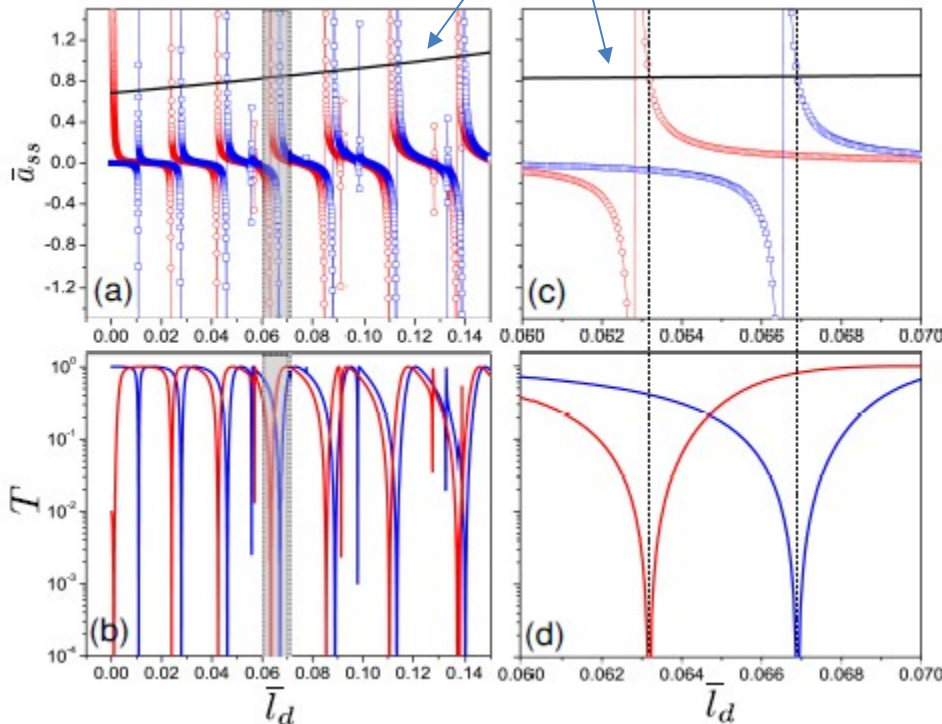
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 predict position of **dipolar confinement-induced resonances**

**Fermions in Lattices**  
(Hubbard Model,  
Superconductivity)

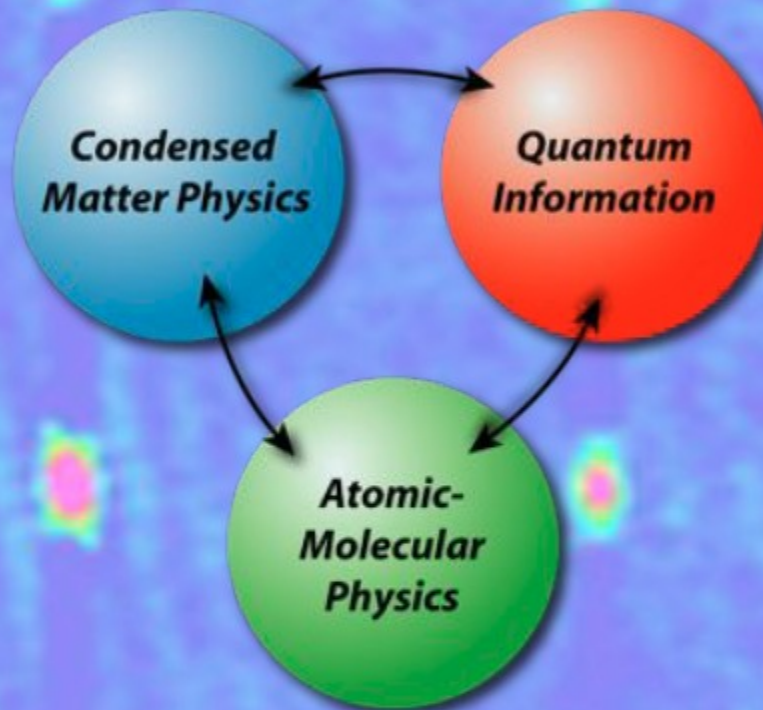
**Bose-Fermi mixtures**

**Disordered Systems**

**Quantum Magnets**  
(in spin mixtures,  
Ising, XY model,  
Heisenberg model)

**Nonequilibrium  
Dynamics**

**Spin-Liquid Systems  
& Topological  
Quantum Phases**



**Towards  
(One Way)  
Quantum  
Computing**

**Large Scale  
Entanglement,  
Nonclassical Field  
States**

**Decoherence**

**Single Site  
Addressing**

**Spin Squeezing**

**Quantum  
Metrology**

**High precision spectroscopy, Search for EDM**  
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Formation of **heteronuclear molecules** with dipole moments  
**Control interaction properties**  
(mag. & opt. Feshbach resonances)

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~ few tens experimental groups worldwide

Rb,Cs,K,Sr,Li ... Rb<sub>2</sub>, Cs<sub>2</sub>, RbK ...

1D, 2D, 3D

recently -> hybrid “atom-ion” systems      Li-Yb<sup>+</sup>, Rb-Ba<sup>+</sup> ...

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in proposed quantum simulators improved controllability and scalability are required.