# Laser Refrigeration using Exciplex Resonances in Gas filled Hollow-Core Fibres

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 Optomechanics: Cooling resonator and membrane modes to the ground state

 Laser cooling: Anti-Stokes fluorescence cooling for macroscopic solid state cooling



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Laser cooling by collisional redistribution (Weitz group @ Bonn, Germany)



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# Cooling Process for Rubidium-Argon Collisions

Potential curves for the collision modified Rubidium D1 line:



A red detuned laser beam  $\omega_{\rm L}$  pumps population from the ground state to the excited state at the collision event

After the collision event the Rubidium atom decays back to the ground state with  $\omega_0$  blue shifted from the laser frequency

$$\Omega = \omega_0 - \omega_{
m L}$$

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### **Excited State Population**

Theoretical model (Every collision event resembles an excitation pulse):



 $\tilde{\chi}_R(z) = -\tilde{d}_{eg} \mathcal{E}(z)/\hbar$ 

Rotating frame with  $\omega_{
m L}$ 

#### **Excited State Population**



We derive Diffusion equation on the Blochsphere

$$\partial_t u = \frac{\mathcal{D}(z)}{\sin(\theta)} \left\{ \partial_\theta \left[ \sin(\theta) \partial_\theta \right] u + \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} \partial_{\varphi \varphi} u \right\} -\gamma u + \frac{\gamma}{\pi} \delta(\cos(\theta) - 1),$$

Solution starting from the groundstate

$$u = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{(\xi_n(z) - \gamma)e^{-\xi_n(z)t} + \gamma}{\xi_n(z)} \right] P_n(\cos\theta)$$

**Diffusion constant** 

 $\mathcal{D}(z) = \tilde{\chi}_R^2(z) \kappa \tau^2 / \pi \propto \mathcal{P}(z)$ 

$$\xi_n(z) = \mathcal{D}(z)n(n+1) + \gamma$$

#### **Excited State Population**



Excited state population

$$\rho_{ee}(z,t) = \left(1 - \int_{-1}^{1} d(\cos\theta) u(\theta, z, t) \cos\theta\right)/2$$

$$\rho_{ee}(t,z) = \frac{\mathcal{D}(z)}{2\mathcal{D}(z) + \gamma} \left(1 - e^{-(2\mathcal{D}(z) + \gamma)t}\right)$$

#### Power Absorption

Absorption HC-PCF hollow-core photonic crystal fiber



Power change due to absorption over the fiber extension:

$$d\mathcal{P}(z) = -\gamma \hbar \omega_{\rm L} \pi r^2 n_{\rm M} \rho_{ee}(z) dz$$

 $\rho_{ee}(t,z) = \frac{\mathcal{D}(z)}{2\mathcal{D}(z) + \gamma}$ 

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#### **Power Absorption**

The absorbed power is the inverse function of:

$$z(\mathcal{P}) = \frac{(\mathcal{P}_{in} - \mathcal{P})}{\mathcal{A}} - \frac{1}{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}} \ln\left(\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\mathcal{P}_{in}}\right)$$

 $\mathcal{P} \in \{0, \mathcal{P}_{in}\}$ 

 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{BP}_{in} \gg 1 & (\text{linear regime}) \\ \mathcal{P}(z) = \mathcal{P}_{in} - \mathcal{A}z & \text{Strong light} \\ \text{confinement in a fibre} \\ \mathcal{BP}_{in} \ll 1 & (\text{exponential regime}) \\ \mathcal{P}(z) = \mathcal{P}_{in}e^{-\mathcal{AB}z} & \text{Beer-Lambert law}_{(\text{Weitz experiment})} \end{aligned}$ 

 $\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_{\mathrm{L}} \gamma \pi r^{2} n_{\mathrm{M}},$   $\mathcal{B} = \frac{2 \tilde{d}_{eg}^{2} \sigma_{\mathrm{cool}} \sqrt{3k_{\mathrm{B}}}}{\hbar^{2} \pi^{2} \epsilon_{0} \sqrt{\mu} \gamma c} \frac{\sqrt{T} n_{\mathrm{X}} \tau^{2}}{r^{2}}$   $\stackrel{1.0}{\sim} \prod_{A = 1bar}^{1.0} \prod_{A = 5bar}^{0.8} \prod_{A = 5bar}^$ 



### **Cooling Power**

Total cooling power up to the fibre length l

$$\mathcal{P}_{cool} = \frac{\Omega}{\omega_{\rm L}} \int_{\mathcal{P}_{in}}^{\mathcal{P}(\ell)} d\mathcal{P}(z) = \frac{\Omega}{\omega_{\rm L}} (\mathcal{P}_{out} - \mathcal{P}_{in})$$

Heating power over the fibre length l

$$\mathcal{P}_{heat} = 2\pi k_g \frac{T_e - T}{\ln r_e/r} \ell$$

 $\begin{aligned} & \text{Gas-Glass interface temperature} \\ & \mathcal{P}_{cool} + \mathcal{P}_{heat} = 0 \\ & (\delta T)_{max} = \gamma n_{\text{M}} \frac{\hbar\Omega}{4k_g} r^2 \ln\left(\frac{r_e}{r}\right) \end{aligned}$ 



## Cooling Rate

Cooling rate:

 $\beta_{cool}(T) = -\mathcal{P}_{cool}/E_{kin}(T)$ 

(linear regime)  $\beta_{cool}^{lin}(T) \approx \frac{\hbar\Omega}{k_{\rm B}T} \frac{n_{\rm M}}{n_{\rm M} + n_{\rm X}} \gamma$ 

(exponential regime (Weitz experiment))

 $\beta_{cool}^{exp}(T) \approx \mathcal{BP}_{in}\beta_{cool}^{lin}(T) \quad \mathcal{BP}_{in} \ll 1$ 



## Fibre Stack

Fibrestacks where the **outside** insulates the **inner fibre** allowing to reach **lower temperatures** in the center

(simulation results: heat equation)



## Comparison with experimental results





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Simulations using parameters from Nature 461, 70 (2009)



## Conclusion

Strong fibre cooling in room temperature environment (no vacuum and temperature shielding required)

Up to 10 - 100 K can be extracted from the gas mixture and possibly from the close environment.



## Thanks for your Attention!









$$\dot{\boldsymbol{R}} = \boldsymbol{\chi}_R \times \boldsymbol{R} \qquad (\theta, \varphi) \in [0, \pi) \times [0, 2\pi)$$

 $d\theta = -\tilde{\chi}_R \sin(\varphi) dt$ 

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{n+1}(m) &= p_{+} \Phi_{n}(m+1) + p_{0} \Phi_{n}(m) + p_{-} \Phi_{n}(m-1) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{\Delta\theta}{2\pi} \cot(m\Delta\theta)\right) \Phi_{n}(m+1) \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}\right) \Phi_{n}(m) \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{\Delta\theta}{2\pi} \cot(m\Delta\theta)\right) \Phi_{n}(m-1) \qquad \Delta\theta = \tilde{\chi}_{R}\tau \end{split}$$

$$\Phi_{n+1}(m) - \Phi_n(m) = \frac{1}{\pi} \Big( \Phi_n(m+1) + \Phi_n(m-1) \\ -2\Phi_n(m) + \frac{\Delta\theta}{2} \cot(m\Delta\theta) \\ \times \left( \Phi_n(m+1) - \Phi_n(m-1) \right) \Big)$$

$$\tau_{\kappa}\partial_{t}\Phi \cong \frac{\Delta\theta^{2}}{\pi} \left(\partial_{\theta\theta}\Phi + \cot(\theta)\partial_{\theta}\Phi\right)$$
$$p_{0} = 1 - 2/\pi - p_{\gamma} \qquad p_{\gamma} = \gamma\tau_{\kappa} \qquad \gamma\tau_{\kappa}\delta_{0m}$$
$$\partial_{t}u = \mathcal{D}\left\{\frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}\partial_{\theta}(\sin(\theta)\partial_{\theta}u) + \frac{1}{\sin^{2}(\theta)}\partial_{\varphi\varphi}u\right\}$$
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