

# 尋找電子電偶極 Search for electron's EDM

Using slow atomic beam of thallium

And

Dipolar molecule

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A man called S. Weinberg  
ever said, at XXVIIth ICHEP, Dallas :

.....it may be that the next exciting  
thing to come along will be the  
discovery of a neutron or atomic  
or **electron electric dipole moment**.

These electric dipole  
moments ....seem to me offer one  
of **the most exciting possibility for**  
**progress in particle physics.**

# The **Grail** of AMO physics

-----EDM-----



- Does it exist?-----Is there an EDM?
- How does it look like? How large will it be?

# 基本粒子電偶極與物理定律的對稱守恆

C: 電荷 ( $q \rightarrow -q$ ) P: 宇稱( $r \rightarrow -r$ ) T: 時間( $t \rightarrow -t$ )

**P 不守恆:** 李、楊、吳 →

CP守恆

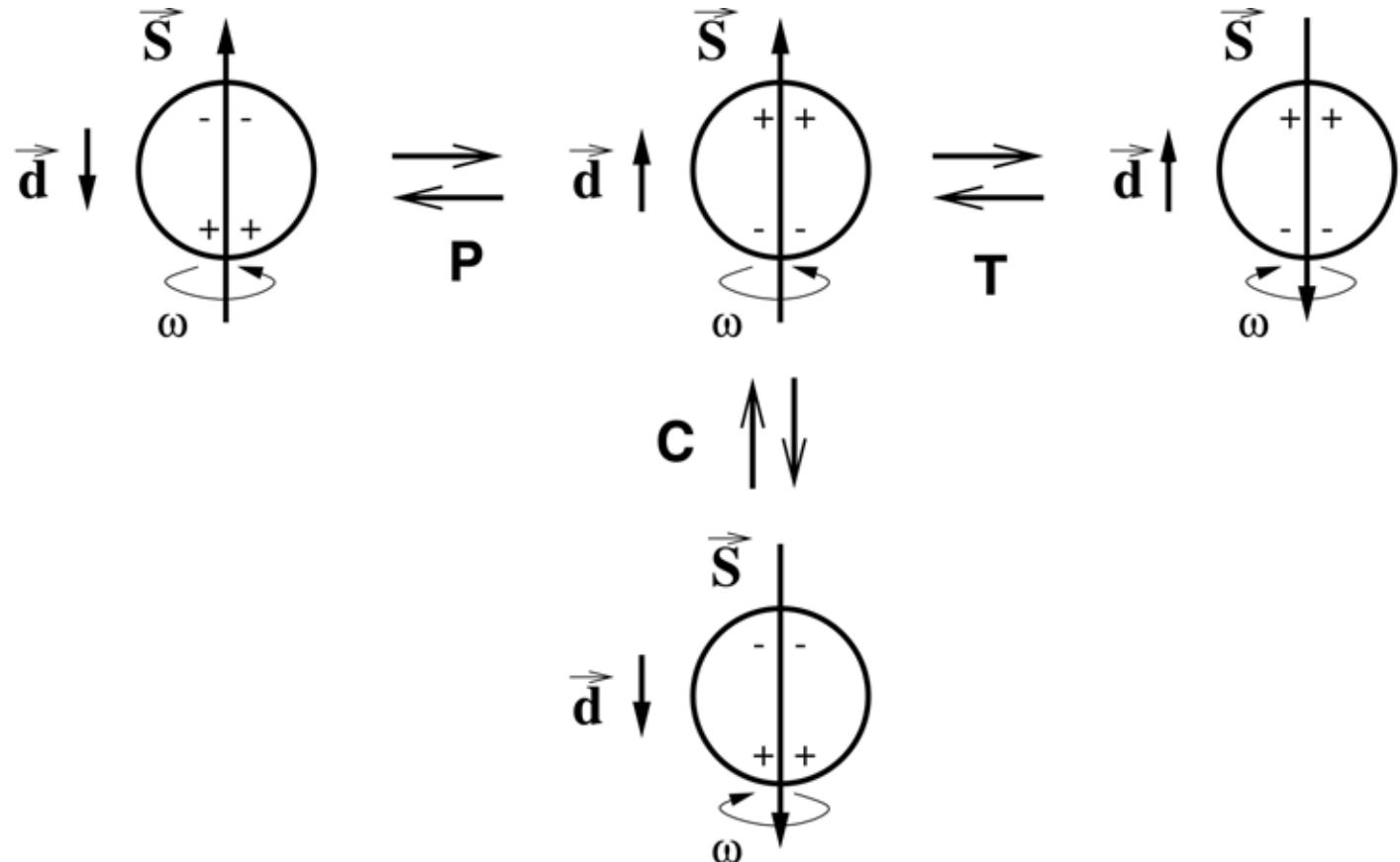
$K^0_L \rightarrow 2\pi$  → CP 不守恆

目前確實觀察到的CP violation 的  
物理現象

B

35 year later.....The new one,  
from B factory(Belle, BABAR)

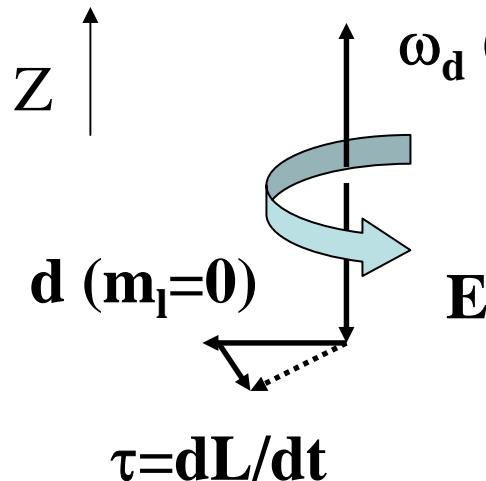
根據CPT theorem , 等同於 T violation



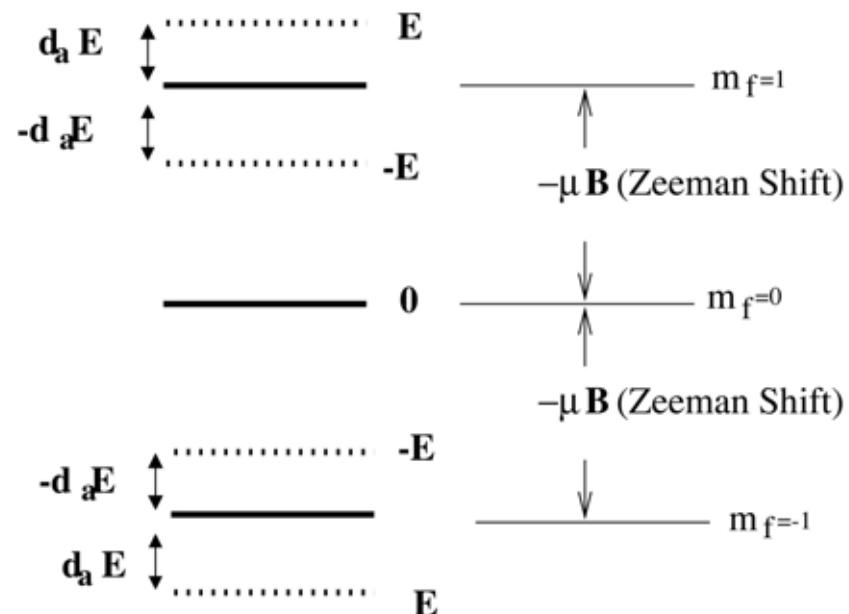
若是基本粒子具有永久電偶極 $\rightarrow$ **P-odd, T-odd**

或是 具有內部結構 $\rightarrow$ 基本的粒子?

# EDM 的基本量測方法



同時外加一個平行與反平行的磁場 可使極微小的 $\omega$  較易量到     $\omega = \omega_z \pm \omega_d$



$$\Delta v_{rf} = 2d_a E / h$$

Linear stark effect

# Who is good for EDM?

- Neutron-----by Ramesy 50's
- Proton?
- Electron?

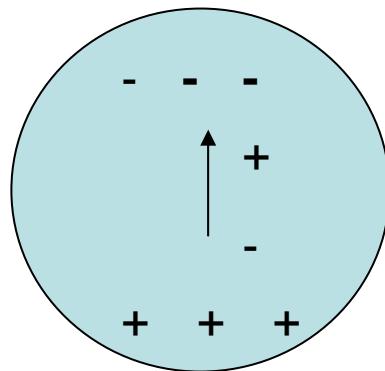
Charged particles will go out of apparatus by applied electric field!!!

→neutral system: atom? Molecule?

(lately, the ion storage ring can also solve the problem-----muon)

# Schiff's argument

- From a classical picture, at equilibrium , charge distribution will be re-arranged to  $E=0$ , therefore,  $E \cdot d=0$ .



Atom just like a metal shielding!!!

# The story is not the end

- There are spin dependent contributions
- There are relativistic correction
- The particle spin direction is correlated to the electric field

(Schiff 1963 & Sandars 1965)

→ EDM could be **enhanced** within atomic or molecular system

# Enhance factor

In a paramagnetic system, unpaired electron.

If  $d_e \neq 0$ , atomic system will be induced a

$$d_a = \text{enhance} \times d_e$$

Enhance factor:考慮相對論效應在電偶極與外加電場間的交互作用後產生的. 與原子的 **Z<sup>3</sup>** 約成正比.(60s, P. Sandars)

(700 for thallium, 200 for cesium → larger is better!!!!)

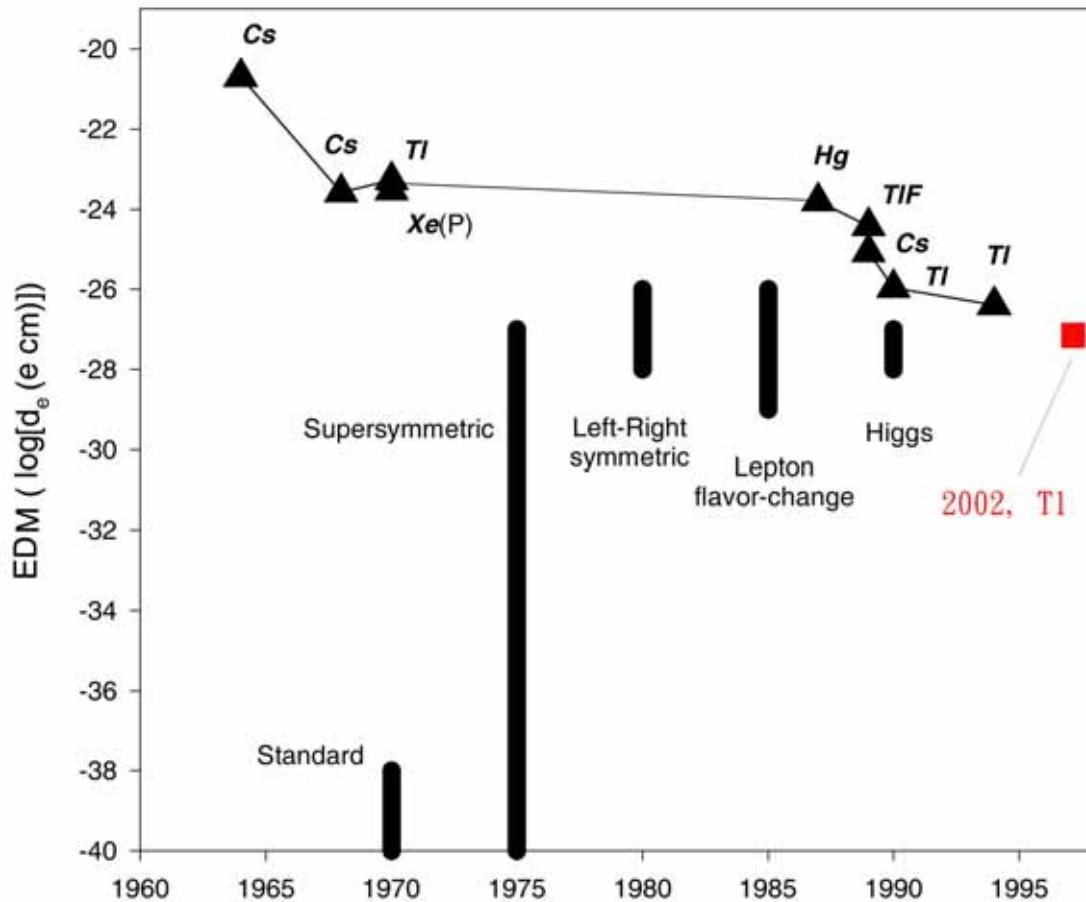
# Line them up!!!

- Atoms must be aligned (prepared in  $m=0$ ), and with **a long relaxation time**

Old method: A Stern-Gerlach magnet to select atoms with a proper polarization ( $m=0$ ) → Very poor efficiency.

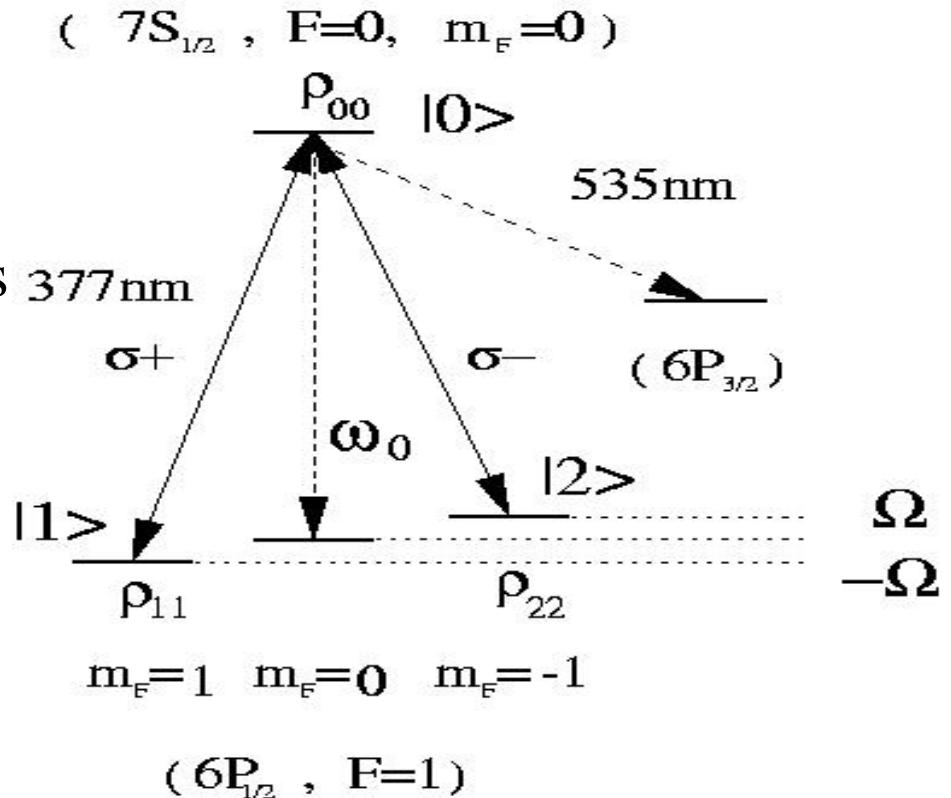
New method: using **optical pumping** to prepare atom in a proper Zeeman sublevel.

# 電子EDM的理論預測與實驗進展

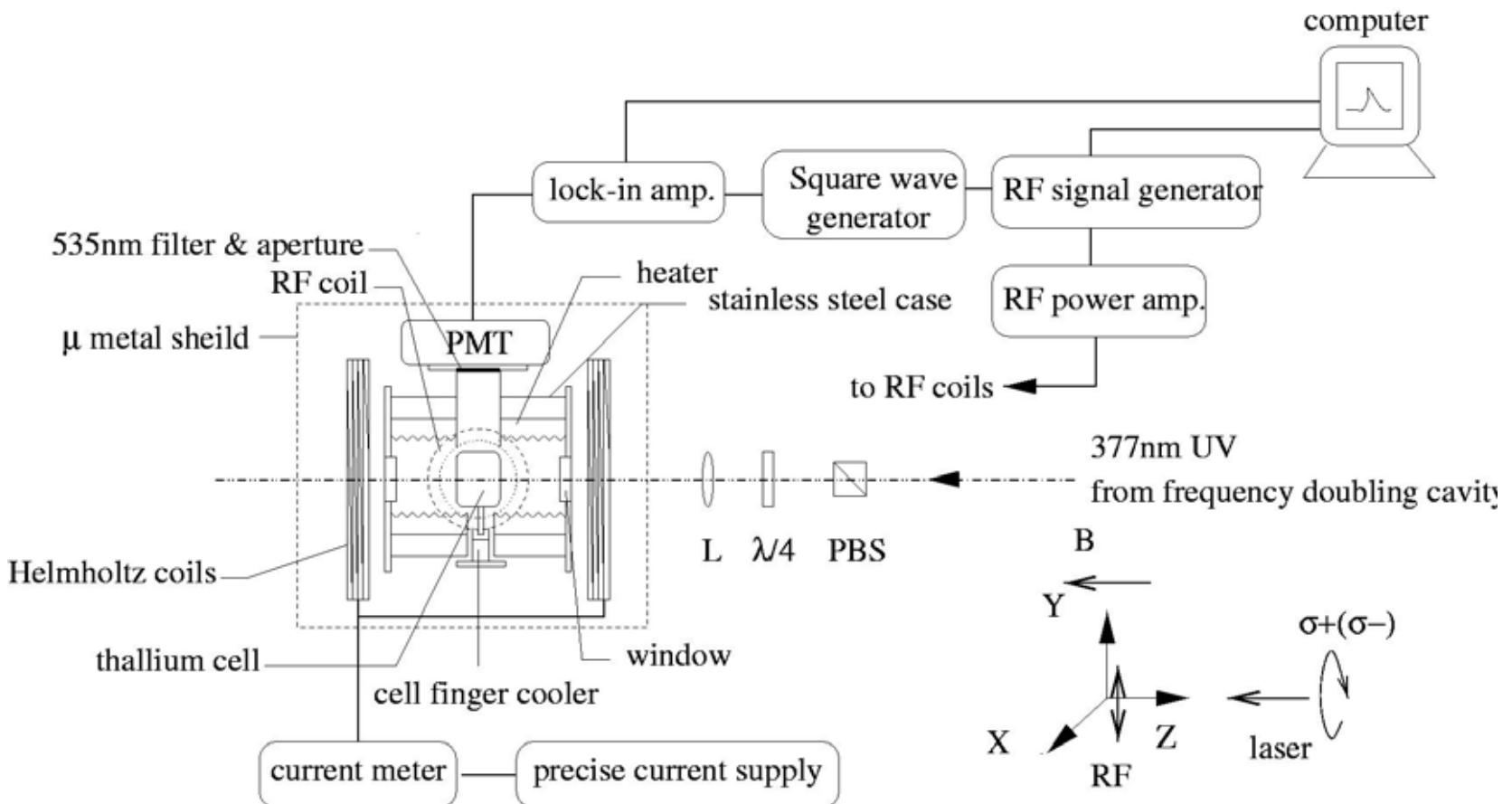


# Thallium: enhance factor=700

- Prepare Tl in  $m_f=0$  state using optical pumping
- Drive Zeeman sub-levels with RF radiation.
- For EDM experiment, RF resonance must narrow → long relaxation time

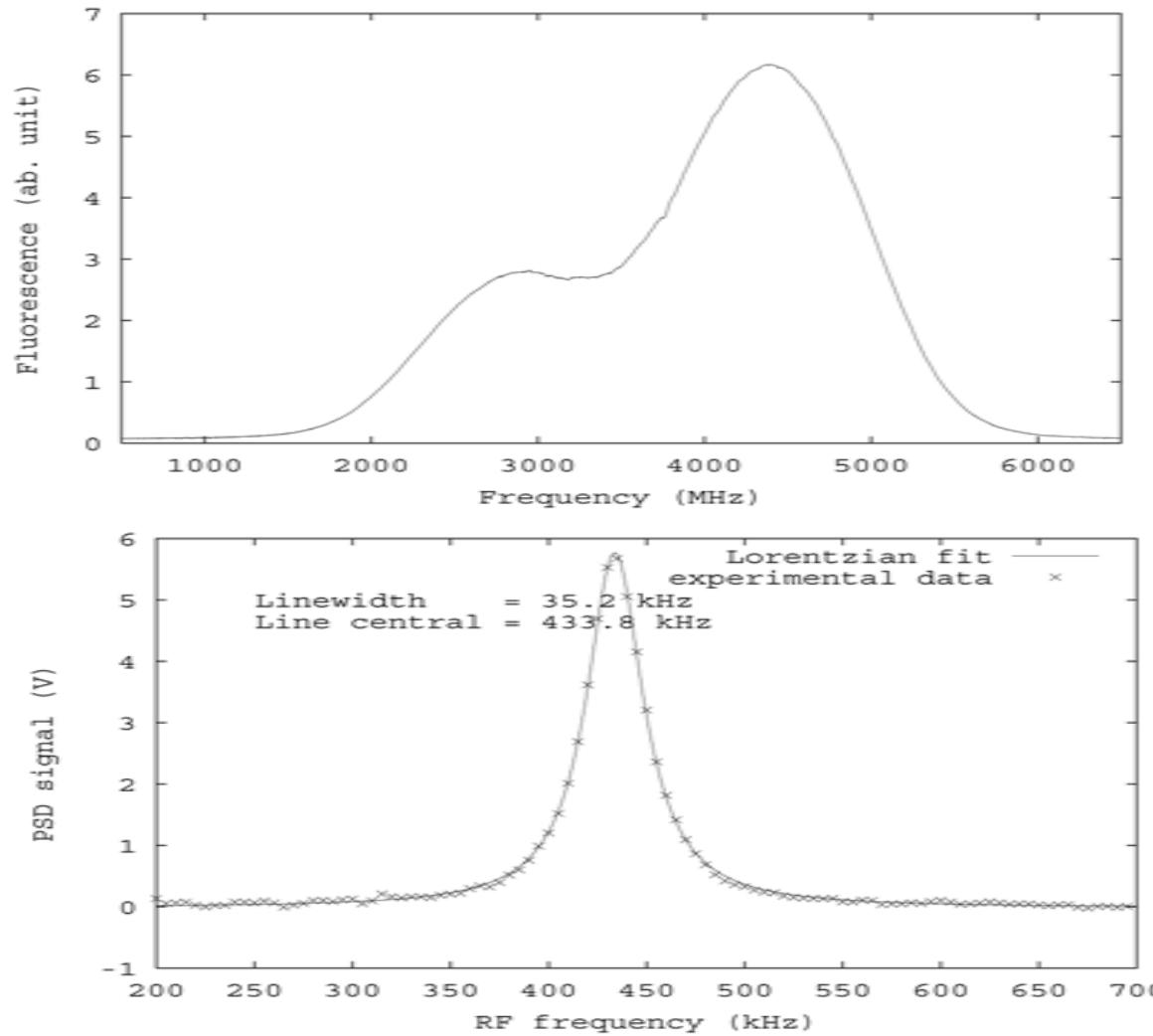


# Optical pumping atomic thallium in a sealed cell



# Result

Doppler  
broadened  
spectrum



RF  
resonance

# Comparison of cell- and beam- type experiment

## beam

- ☹ 原子在電場中飛行，產生額外的  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}$
- ☺ 原子碰撞機率小，**relaxation time**長
- ☹ 原子數目少，信號微弱

## cell

- ☺ 原子沒有固定的飛行方向，無  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}$  效應
- ☹ 原子相互碰撞，產生 **collision relaxation (large RF resonance width)**
- ☺ 原子密度高，信號大

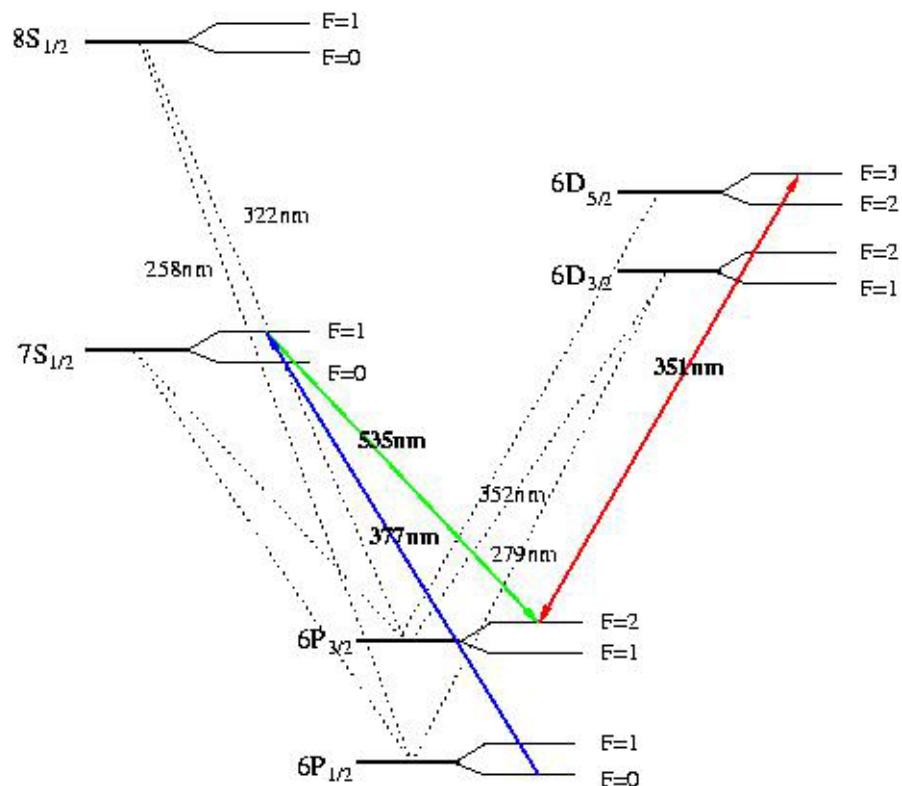


The way out :

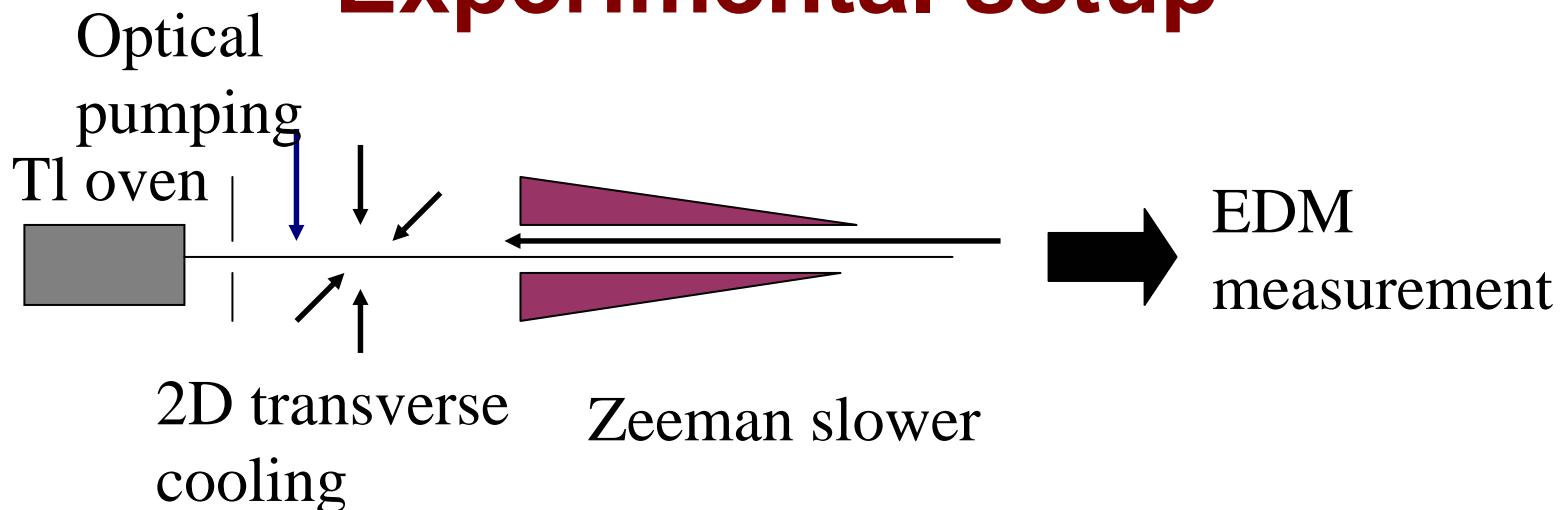
slow atomic beam!!!!

# How is cooling thallium possible ?

- Find a closed cooling cycle:  
 $6P_{3/2}(F=2) \rightarrow 6D_{5/2}(F=3)$
- Proper laser sources: 351nm, 377nm  
Al (AIII group) was cooled successfully by U. Colorado

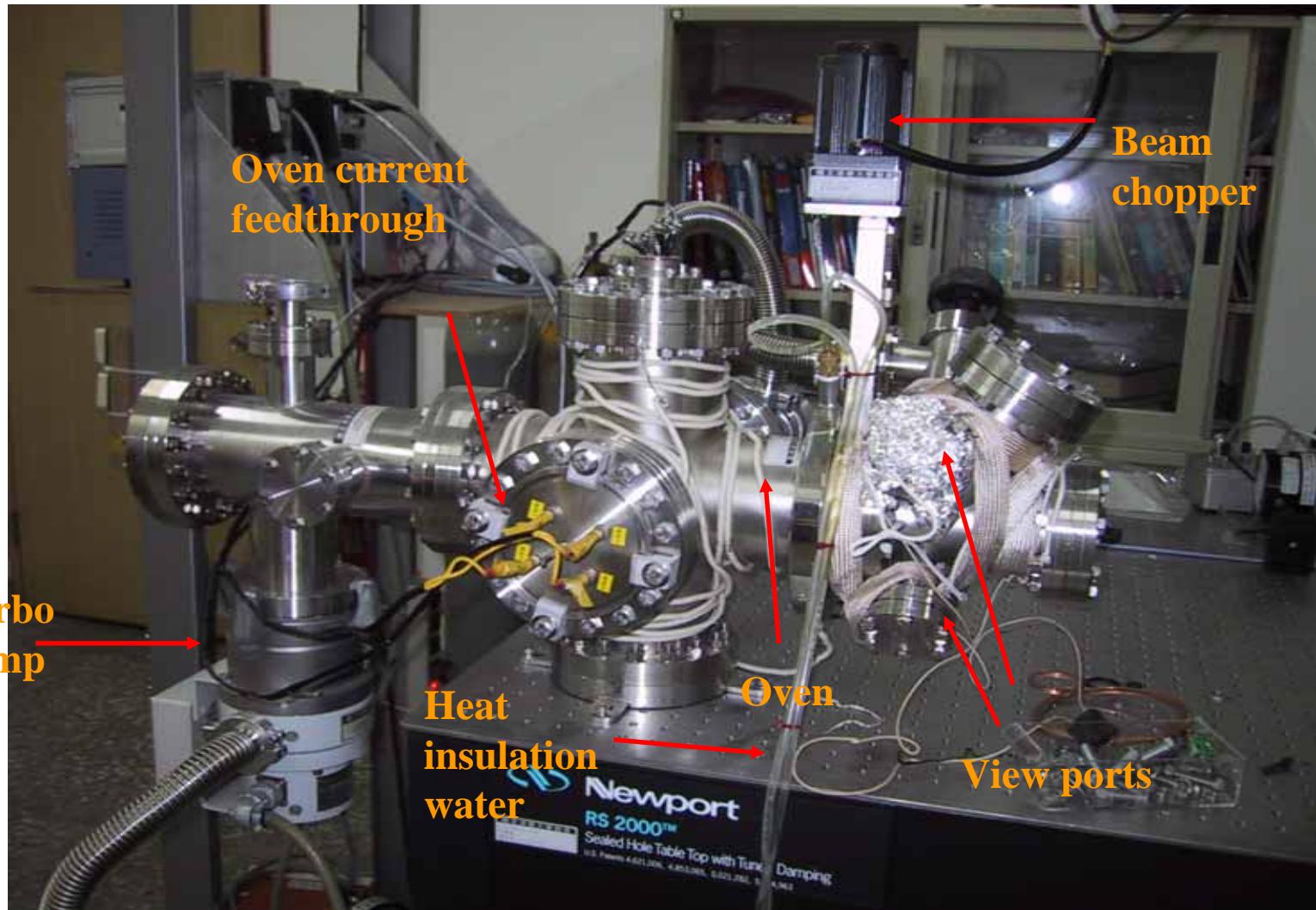


# Experimental setup

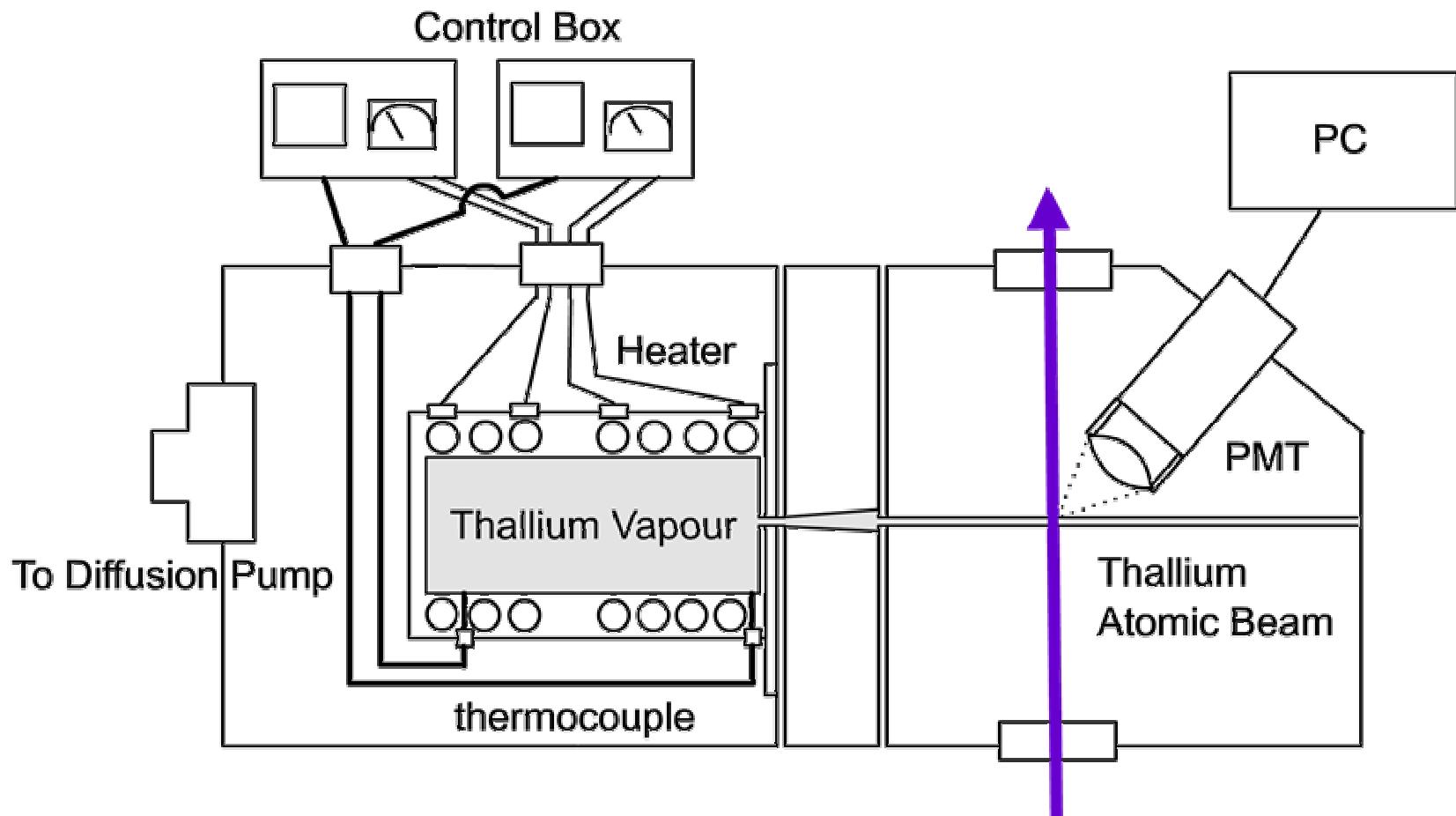


- Hot atomic beam source ( $700^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Laser source:
  - 377nm: frequency-doubled diode laser(760nm)
  - 351nm: frequency-doubled Ti:Sapphire laser

# Thermal atomic thallium beam source



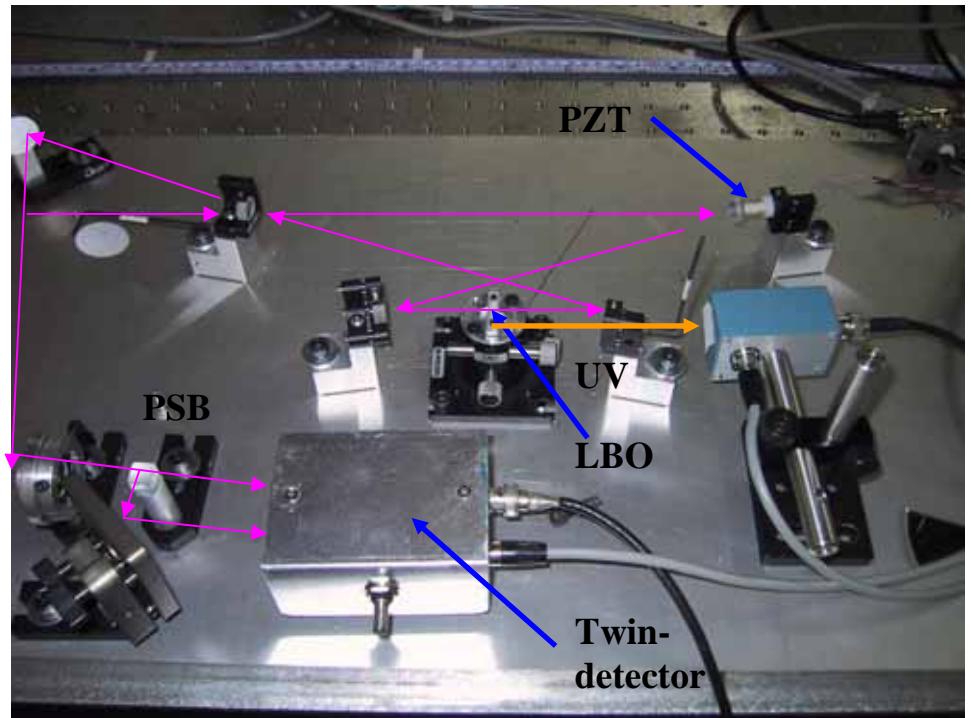
# Green fluorescence



External Cavity  
Diode Laser @ 377nm  
& Ti:sapphire Laser  
@ 351nm

# Frequency doubling of mid-power diode laser

- LBO, ring cavity enhanced with 97% input coupler
- Cavity locked using polarization error signal
- UV light observed
- Cavity ready to be locked



# The number of energy state

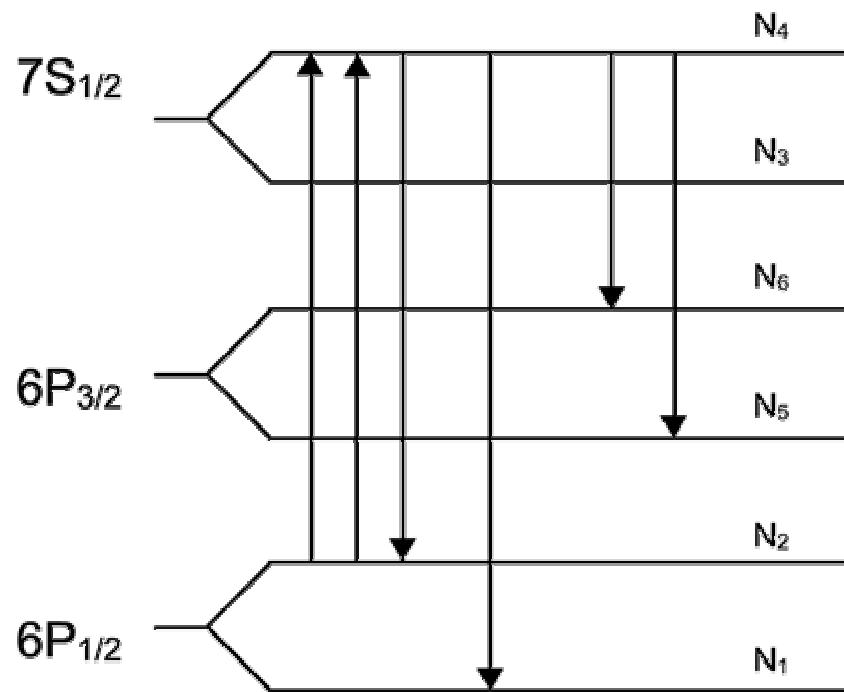
$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = -B_{24}N_2I + B_{42}N_4I + A_{42}N_4$$

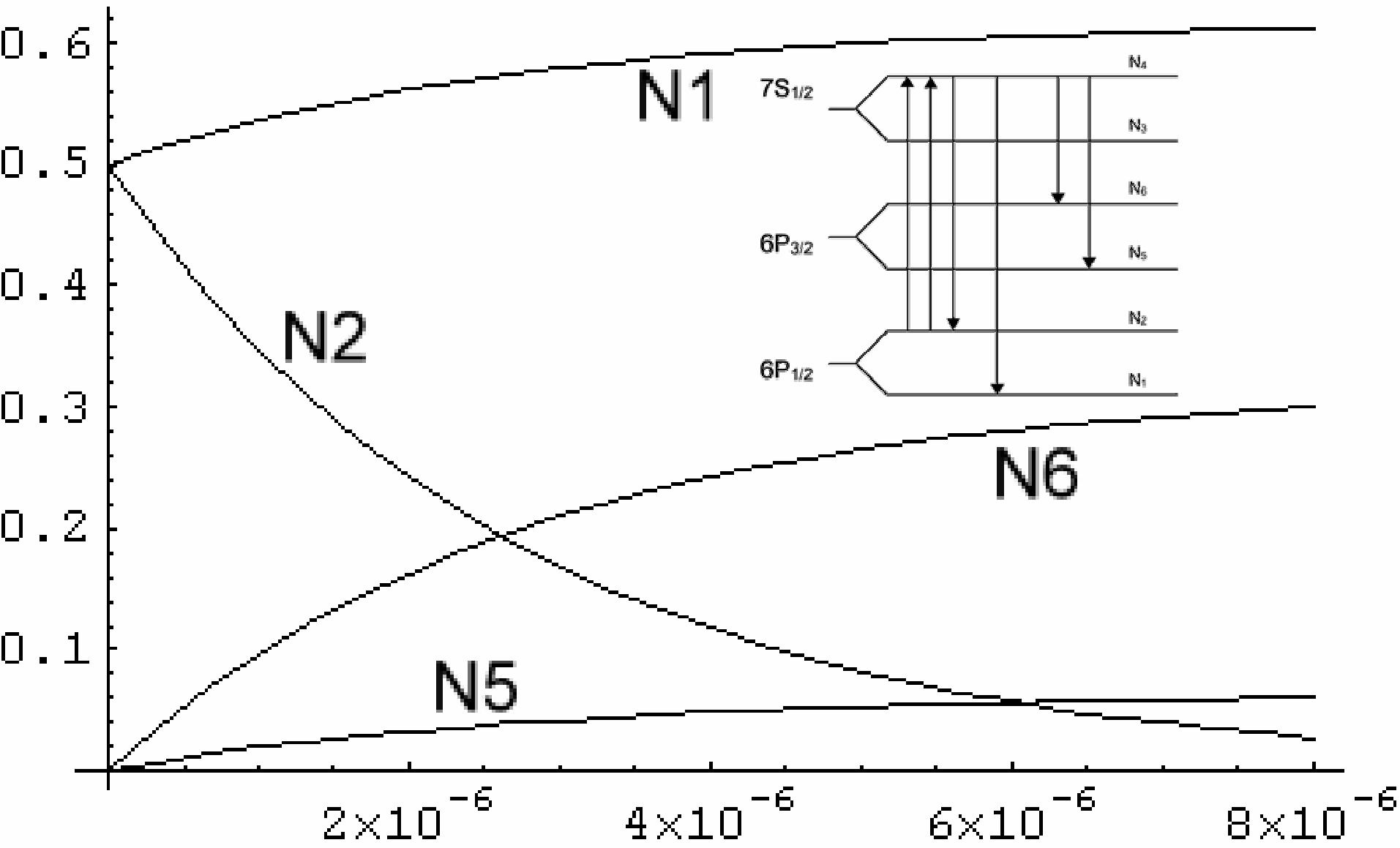
$$\frac{dN_4}{dt} = B_{24}N_2I - B_{42}N_4I - A_{42}N_4 - A_{46}N_4 - A_{45}N_4 - A_{41}N_4$$

$$\frac{dN_6}{dt} = A_{46}N_4$$

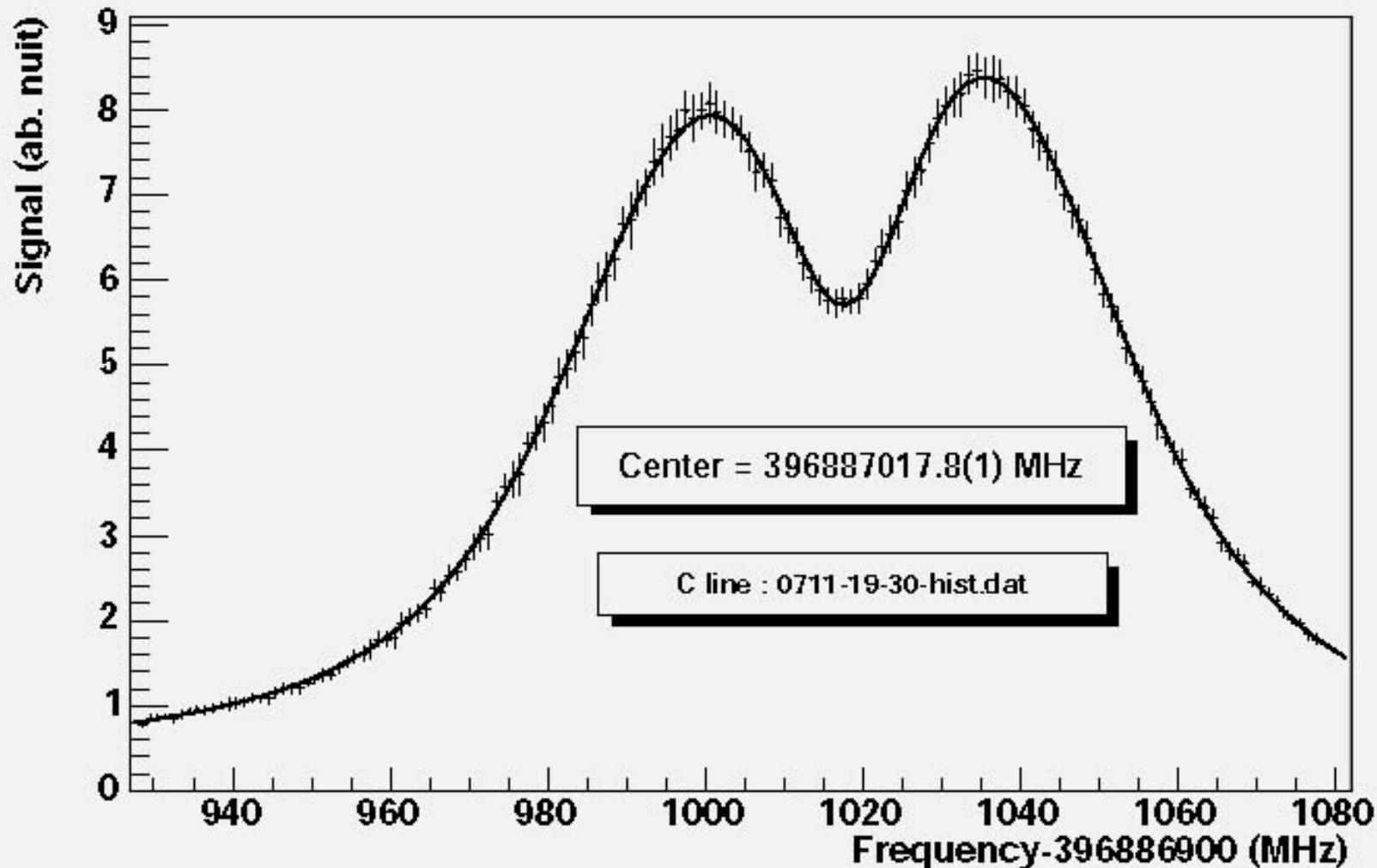
$$\frac{dN_5}{dt} = A_{45}N_4$$

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = A_{41}N_4$$



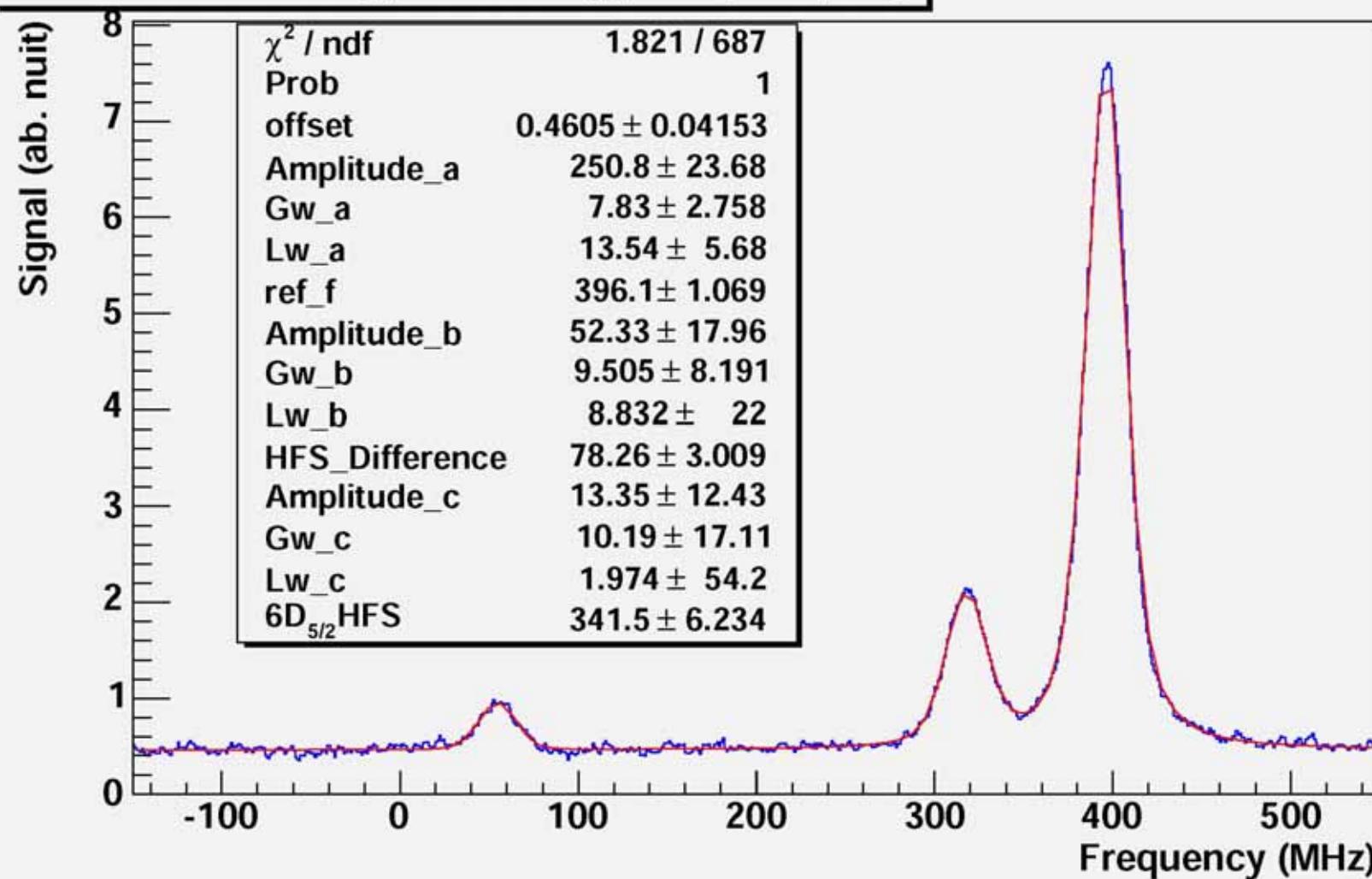


# Atomic thallium $6P(1/2) \rightarrow 7S(1/2)$



# 6P(3/2)-6D(5/2)

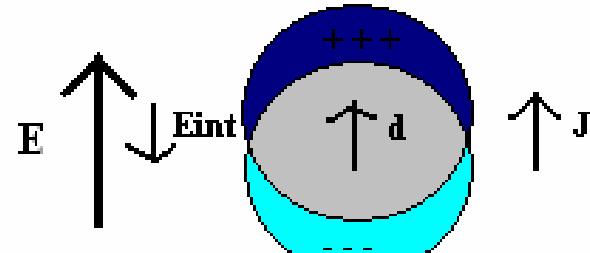
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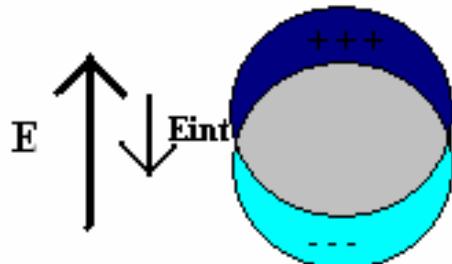
# Atomic and Molecular system

Enhance=q P  
=atomic structure x polarizability

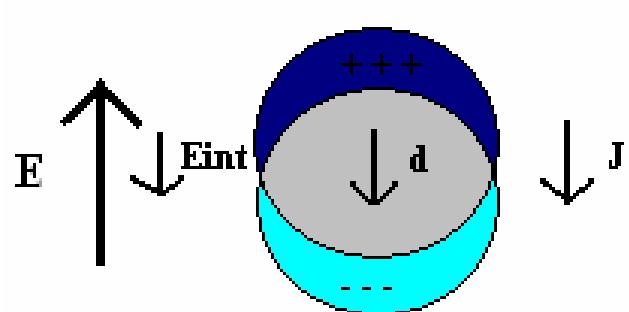


In **atomic** system, the polarizability is **small**, because of the large energy gap between fine structure

$$U = E_{\text{int}} \cdot d$$



Atom is polarized due to external E  
→ Stark mixing (S + P)  
→ Internal effective Eint

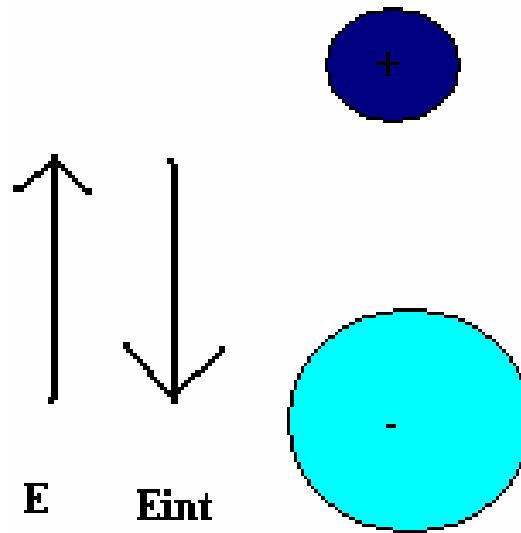


$$U = -E_{\text{int}} \cdot d$$

# Dipolar molecule

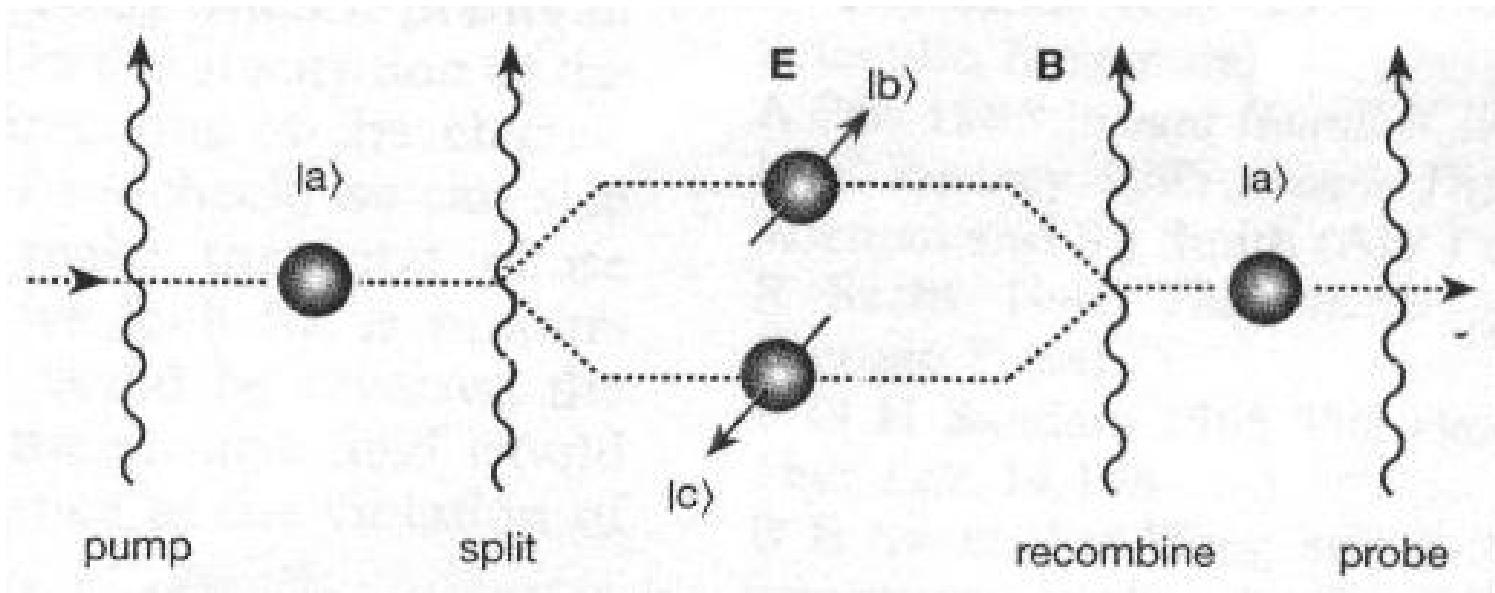
- High polarizability  
→ very high enhance factor R
- No need magnetic field  
to align system, only E field

YbF: E=30 GV/cm



$$\Delta d_e = \frac{\Delta d_{atom}}{\mathfrak{R}} = \frac{\hbar \Delta \omega}{E \mathfrak{R}} = \frac{\hbar}{E \mathfrak{R}} \frac{1}{\tau \sqrt{N}}$$

# Typical molecular EDM experiment



$$|m=0\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(|+1\rangle + |-1\rangle)$$

$$A|0\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(|+1\rangle e^{i\phi} + |-1\rangle e^{-i\phi})$$

$$\phi = \frac{(E \cdot d_a) \Delta t}{\hbar}$$

# Early and recent EDM experiment with molecular system

- First molecule EDM experiment TIF  
→ No unpaired electron. Nuclear EDM  
(Sandars 1980, Ramsey 1984, Hinds 1987)
- **YbF ---Sussex, electron**  $4 \times 10^{-25} e \cdot cm$
- **PbO ---Yale, electron, aim to**  $5 \times 10^{-32} e \cdot cm$
- **current limit by atomic thallium**  $4 \times 10^{-27} e \cdot cm$

# The difficulties in conventional scheme

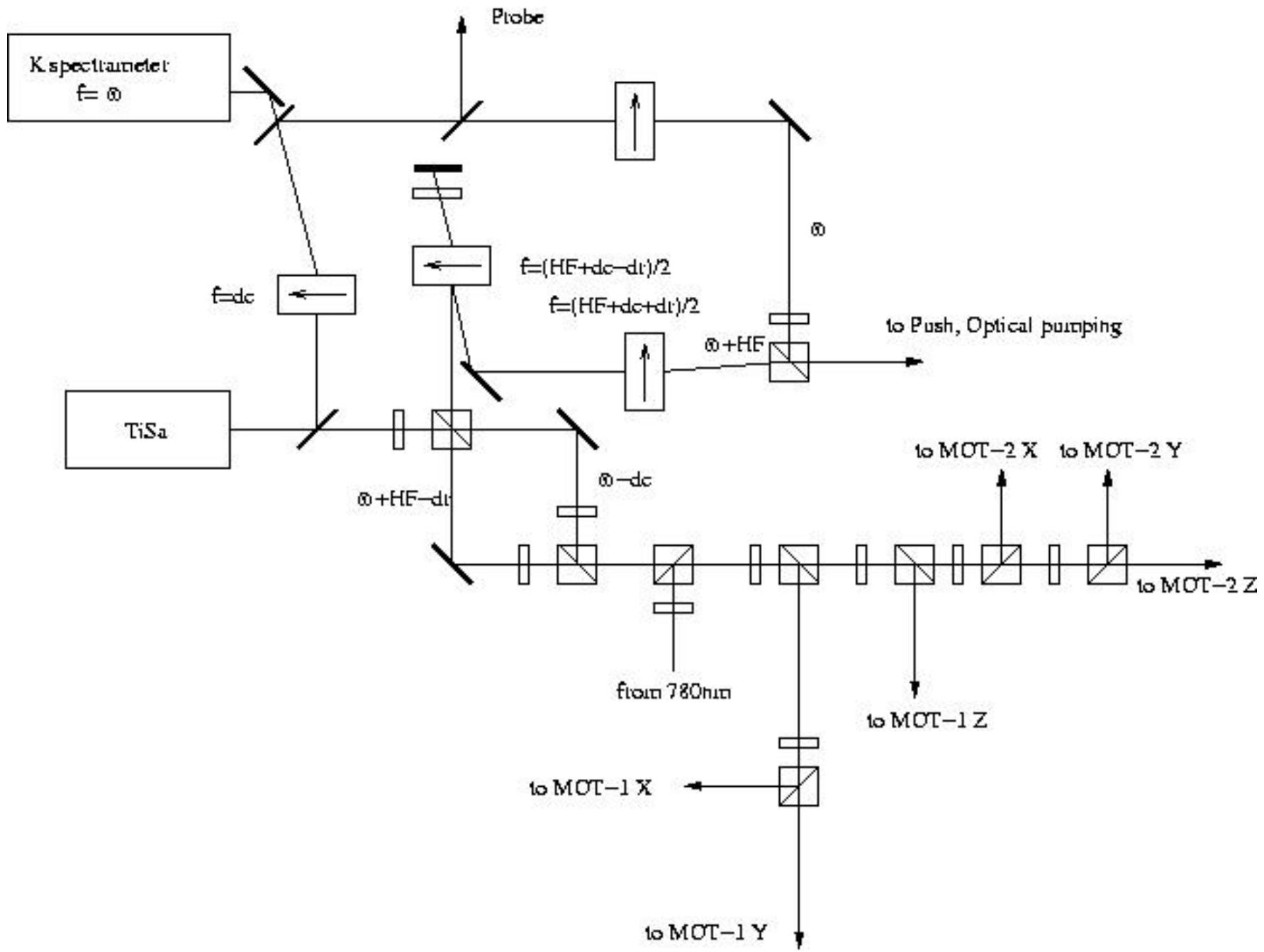
- Low number density, low distribution in suitable J level
- Paramagnetic dipolar molecule is aggressive ----The chemistry.....
- Collision and interaction time still the problem

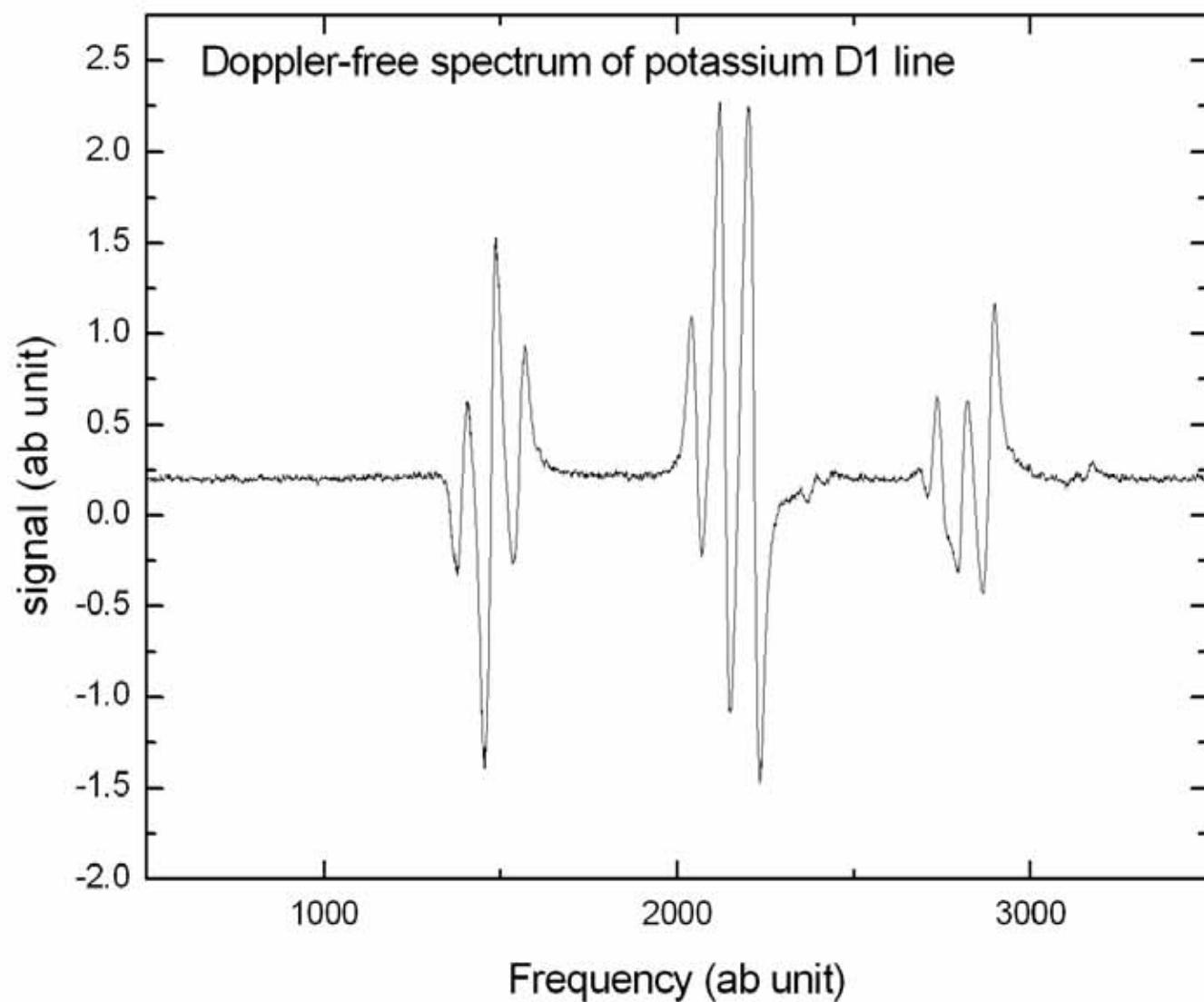
# Toward the realization of KRb dipolar molecule

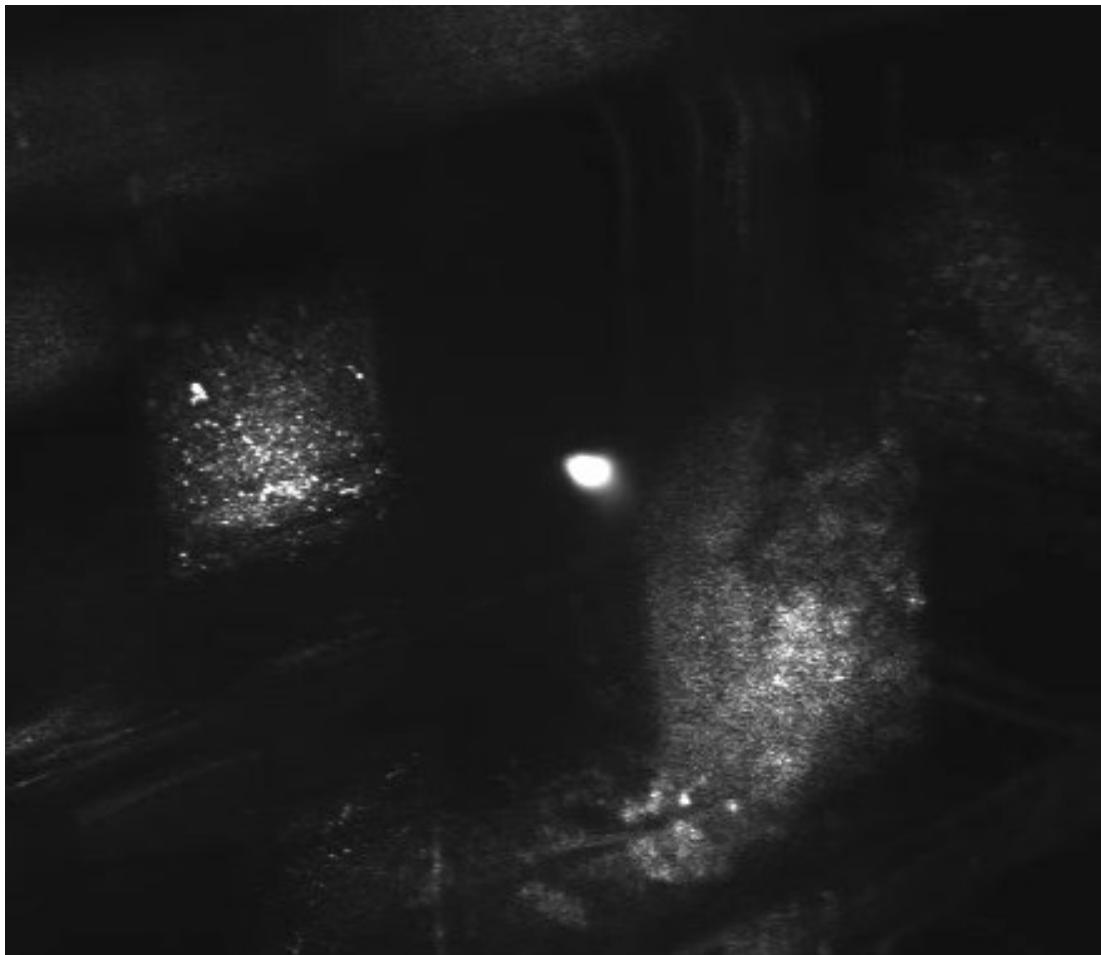
- Laser cooled Rb + Laser cooled K  
→ cold KRb mixture  
→ photo-association or Feshbach resonance  
→ Cold polar molecule
- Yes, very naïve. But it works!!

KRb: Brazil, Connecticut, LENS

RbCs: Yale







# Conclusions

- Current EDM upper bond set by experimental results has been very close to some theory.
- The simple and clean atomic thallium system may still the best candidate for EDM experiment.
- Laser cooled dipolar molecule could bring the EDM experiment to a new era.

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