

MAGNETO-OPTICAL TRAP THEORY

We use a one dimensional magneto-optical force derived in [1]:

$$f_{MOT}(z, v_z) = L \cdot (\beta z + kv_z)$$

$$L = \hbar k \Gamma \Delta \frac{\Omega^2/2}{(\Delta^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2 + \Omega^2/2)^2} \quad (1)$$

Where $\Delta = \omega - \omega_0$, $\Omega = d\epsilon_0/\hbar$ is the Rabi frequency, Γ is the decay rate, βz is the zeeman term and kv is the doppler term. From this we consider an atom shifted off of the z axis. The laser follows a Gaussian beam profile, so we can tack on a normalized Gaussian to the force to account for the beam intensity:

$$F_{MOT}(z) = f(z) \cdot G(x, y) \quad (2)$$

$$G(x, y) = \frac{e^{-(x^2/\sigma_x^2 + y^2/\sigma_y^2)}}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_x\sigma_y}} \quad (3)$$

In 3 dimensions, the total force is given by:

$$F_{MOT}(x, y, z) = f(x) \cdot G(y, z) + f(y) \cdot G(x, z) + f(z) \cdot G(x, y) \quad (4)$$

The potential for an atom moving along a path in the x direction is given by:

$$U(x) = - \int F_{MOT} \cdot dx$$

$$= -L(\beta \int x \cdot dx + k \int v_x \cdot dx) = -L(\beta \cdot x^2 + k \int v_x \cdot dx) \quad (5)$$

[1] <http://www.iqst.ca/media/pdf/publications/PantitaPalittapongarnpim.pdf>