

# Ultracold molecule assembly

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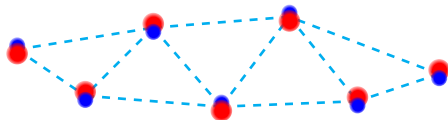
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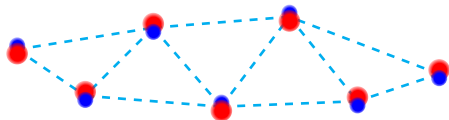
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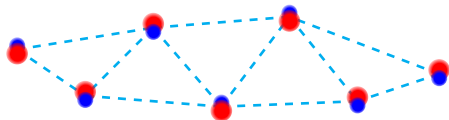
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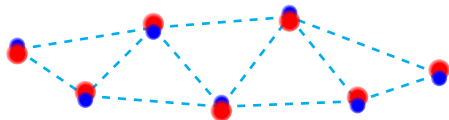
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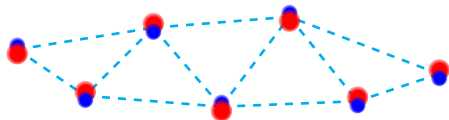
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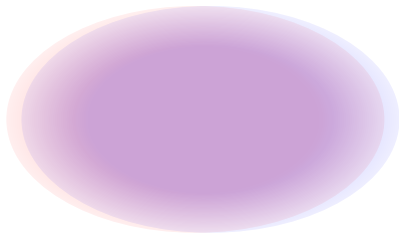


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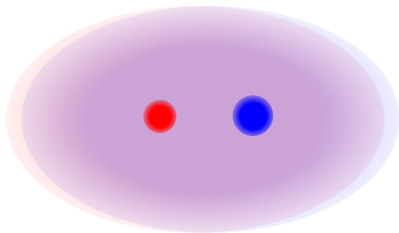
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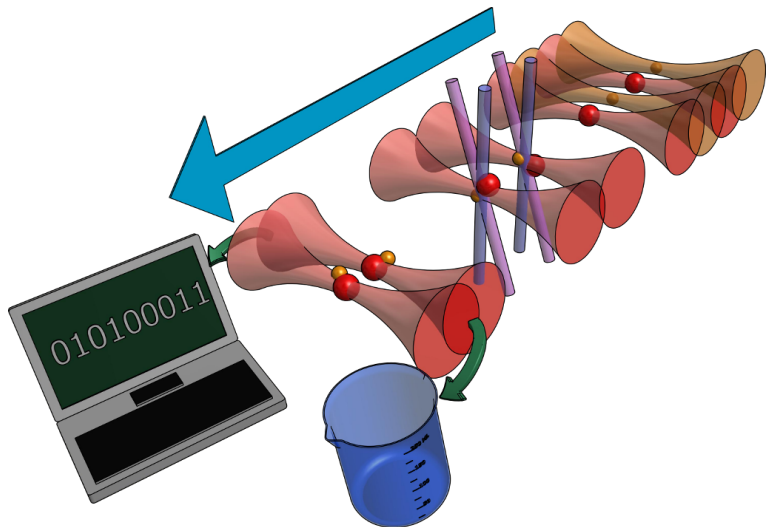
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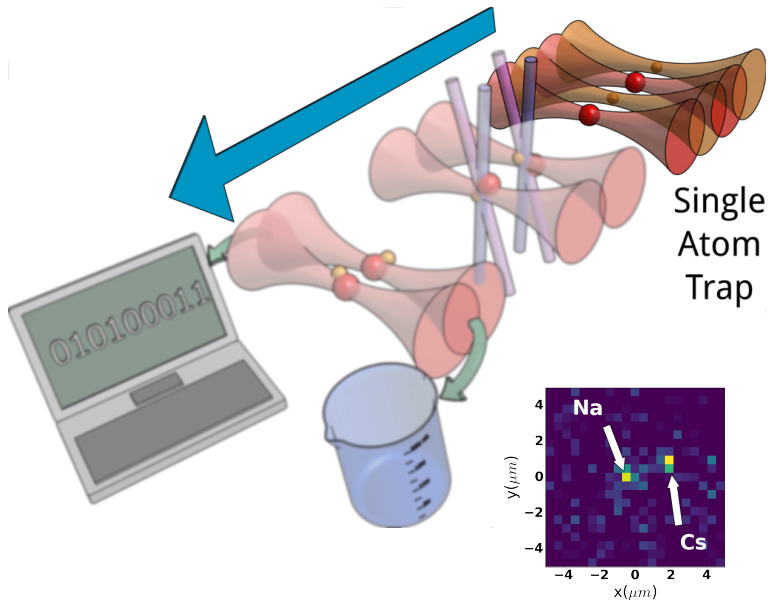
# Atom loading and cooling



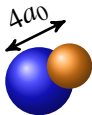
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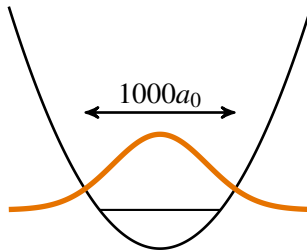
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## Wave function size mismatch



**Molecule**



**Atom**

### Goal of cooling

- Single initial state
- Shrink wavefunction size

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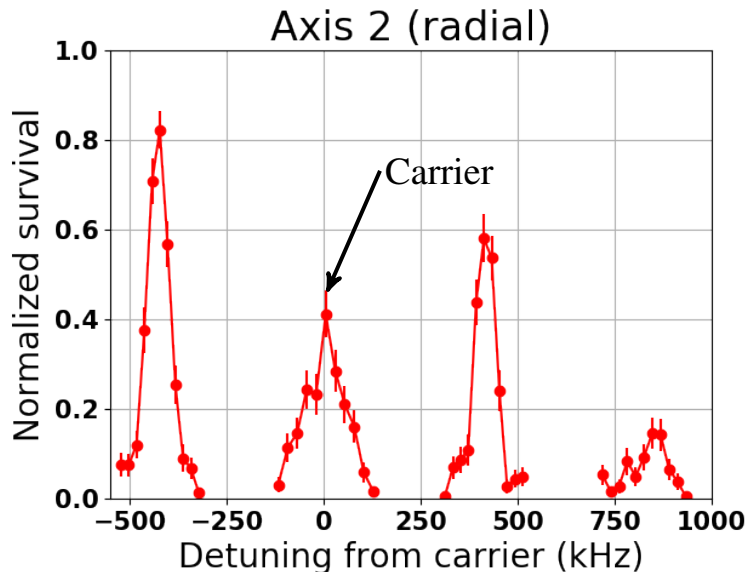
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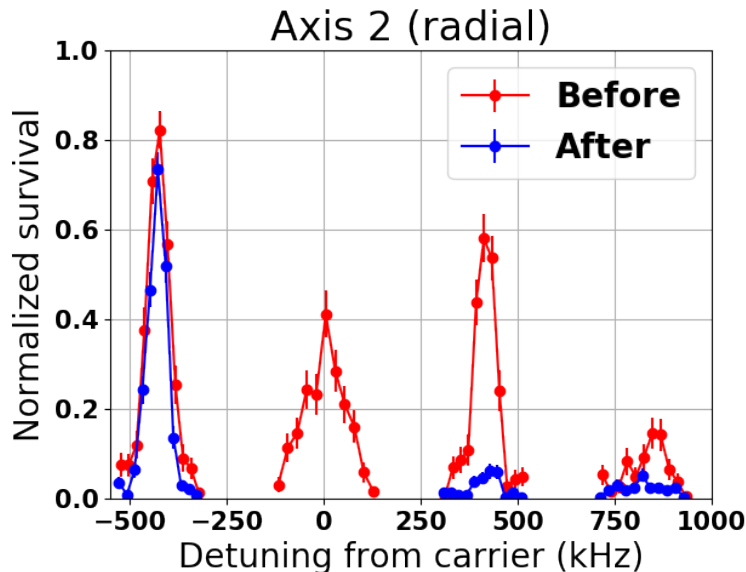
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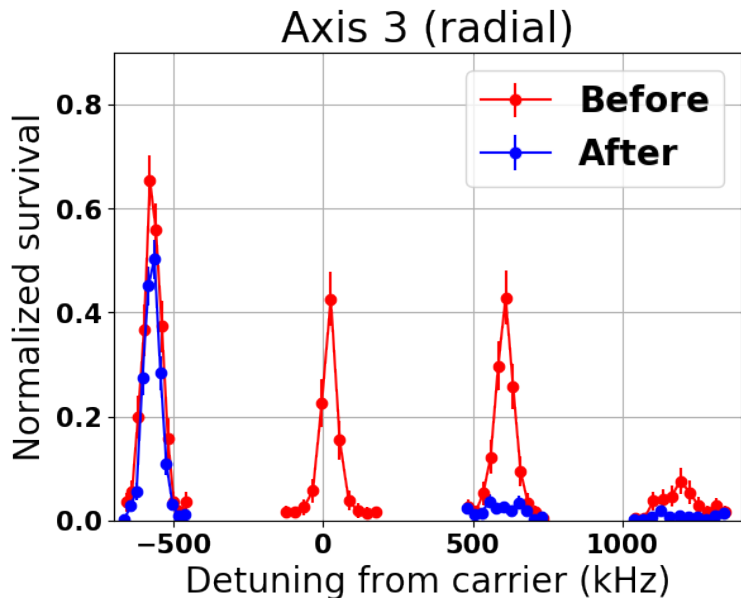
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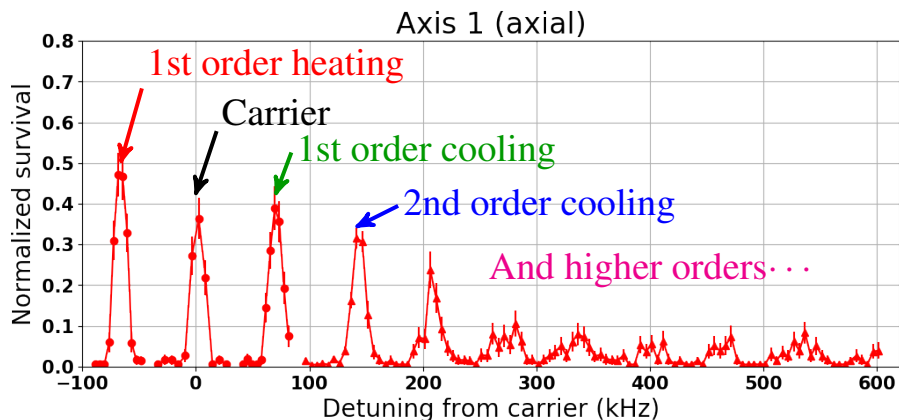




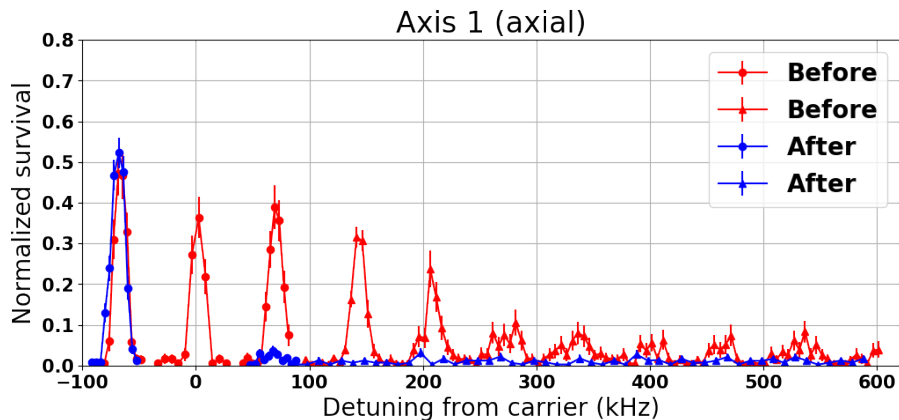




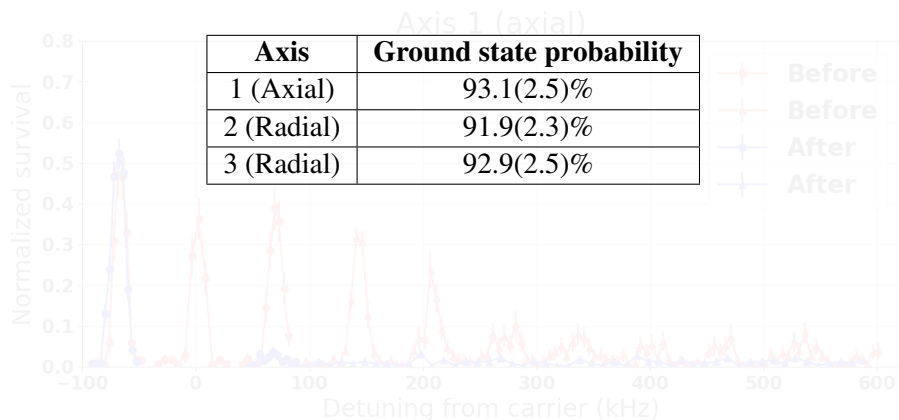
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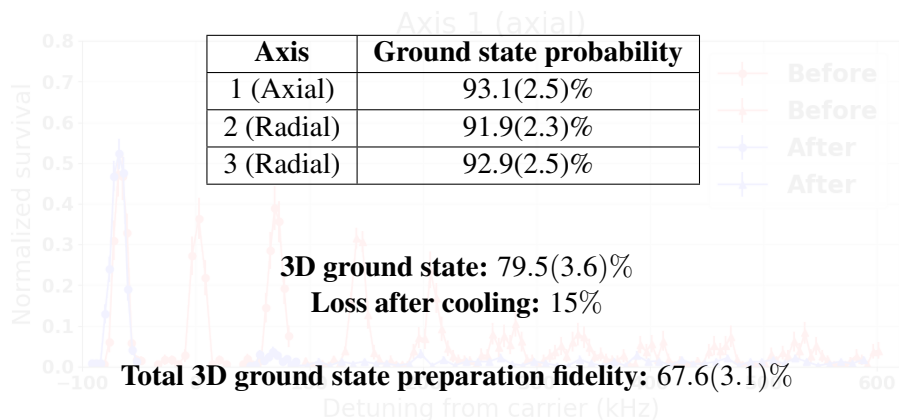
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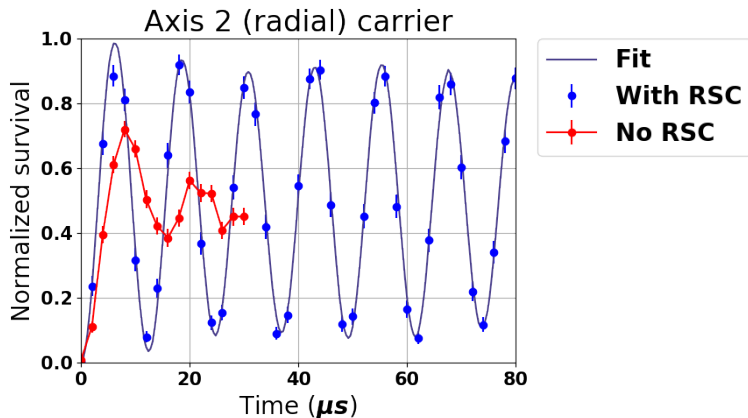
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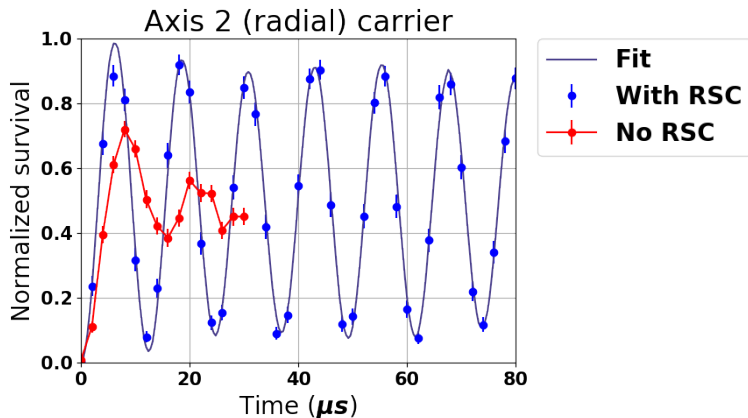
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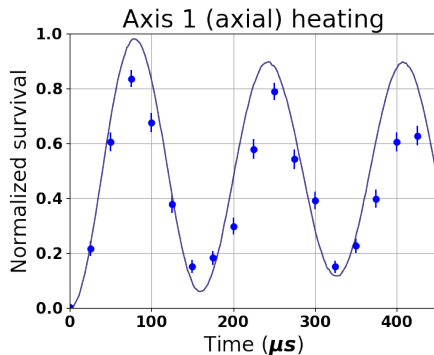
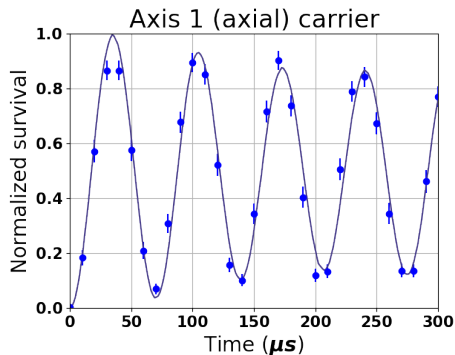


## Rabi flopping (radial)



Good agreement in ground state probability between spectrum and Rabi flopping data.

# Rabi flopping (axial)





## Conclusion

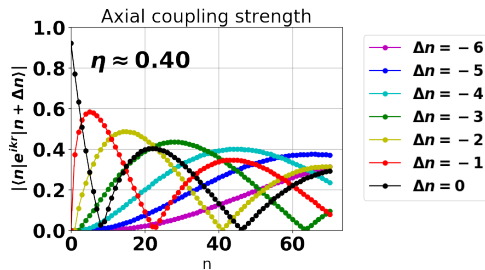
67.6(3.1)% ground state preparation fidelity (79.5(3.6)% without loss)

## Improvements

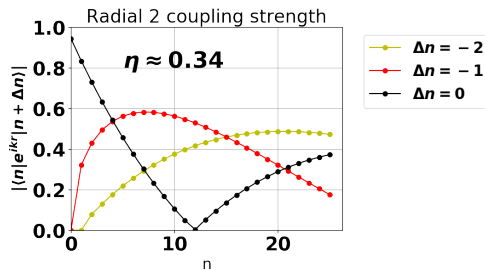
- Reduce off-resonance scattering from Raman beams
- Reduce magnetic field fluctuation
- Reduce loss during cooling



# Axial matrix element



## Radial 2 matrix element



# Radial 3 matrix element

