

Dipol trap

The potential of a dipole trap is

$$U_{\text{dip}} = \frac{2\pi}{c} \alpha_s I_0 = -\frac{1}{2\varepsilon_0 c} \text{Re}(\alpha) I, \quad \alpha = 6\pi\varepsilon_0 c^3 \frac{\Gamma/\omega_0^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i(\omega^3/\omega_0^2)\Gamma}, \quad (1)$$

with $\alpha_s = 24.3 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$ static polarizability of ^6Li at $F = 1/2$, I_0 – intensity at the beam focusing point.

Assuming the power of the laser at the center of the ODT is 100W, the beam waist is $55 \mu\text{m}$, and assuming the beam has to cross through a single window of the glass cell and allowing for the maximum angle between each beam and normal (11.6 deg), the potential at the trap would be 2.53 mK.

$$U(x, y, z) = \frac{2\pi}{c} \alpha_s I(x, y, z) = U_0 \left(\frac{x^2}{\rho_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{\rho_y^2} + \frac{z^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{z_{Dx}^2} + \frac{1}{z_{Dy}^2} \right) \right) = \frac{m}{2} \omega_x^2 x^2 + \frac{m}{2} \omega_y^2 y^2 + \frac{m}{2} \omega_z^2 z^2$$

with trap frequencies

$$\omega_x = \sqrt{\frac{2U_0}{m\rho_x^2}}, \quad \omega_y = \sqrt{\frac{2U_0}{m\rho_y^2}}, \quad \omega_z = \sqrt{\frac{U_0}{m} \left(\frac{1}{z_{Dx}^2} + \frac{1}{z_{Dy}^2} \right)}$$

The potential depth and trap frequency are related by

$$U_0 = \frac{m(\omega_x^4 + \omega_y^4)}{4k^2\omega_z^2}.$$