

Conversion Efficiencies of Heteronuclear Feshbach Molecules

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Molecular Conversion Efficiencies and SPSS model

Hodby et al. PRL, 94, 120402 (2005)

Trapped Atomic Gas : ^{85}Rb (bosonic)

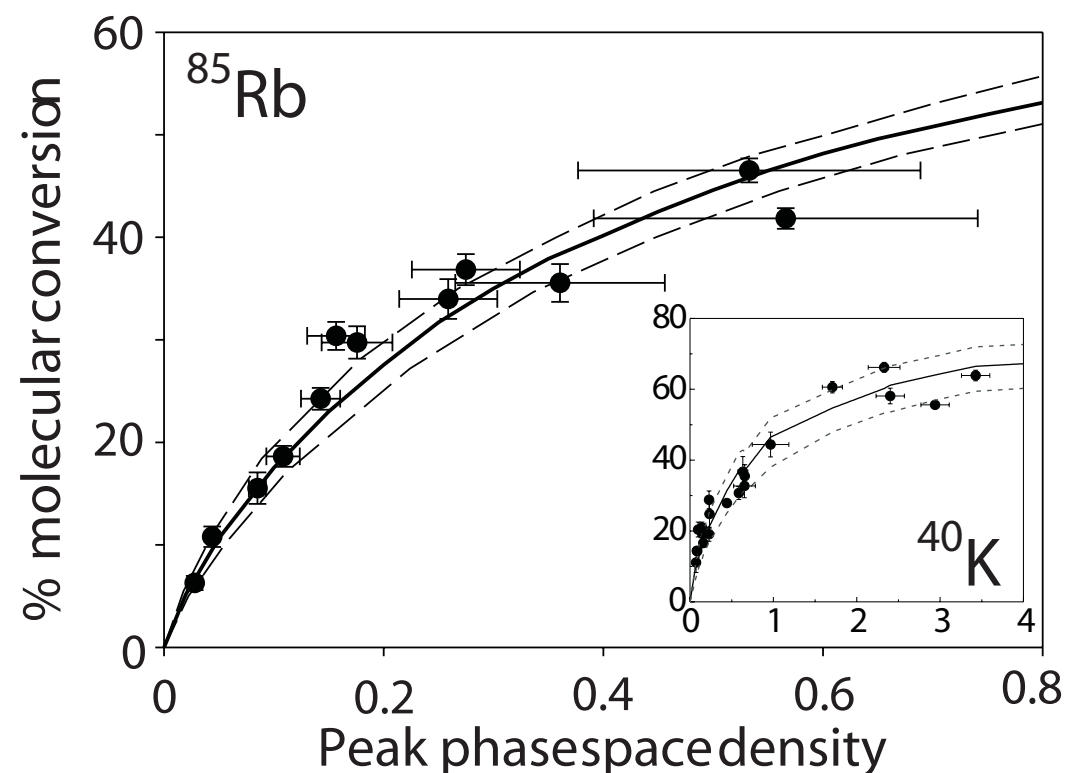
Trapped Atomic Gas : ^{40}K (fermionic)

Stochastic Phase Space Sampling (SPSS) model

A pair of atoms close enough in phase space forms a molecule.

Single fitting parameter is needed.

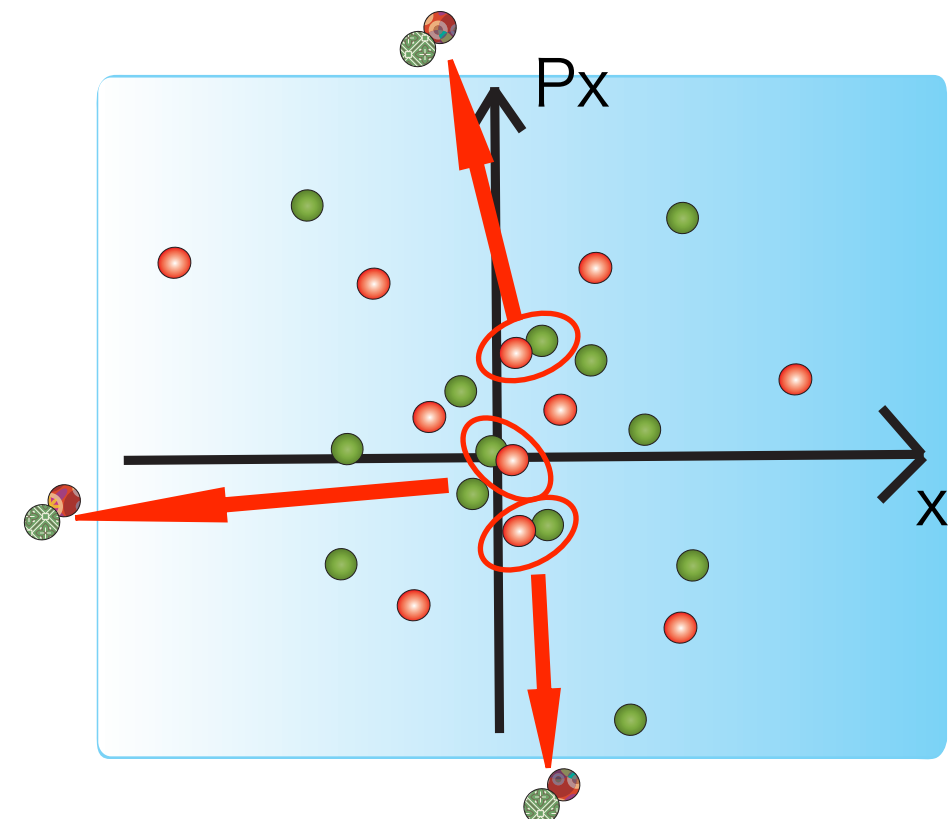
Conversion efficiencies v.s. peak phase space density



Dots : experimental data

Solid line : SPSS model

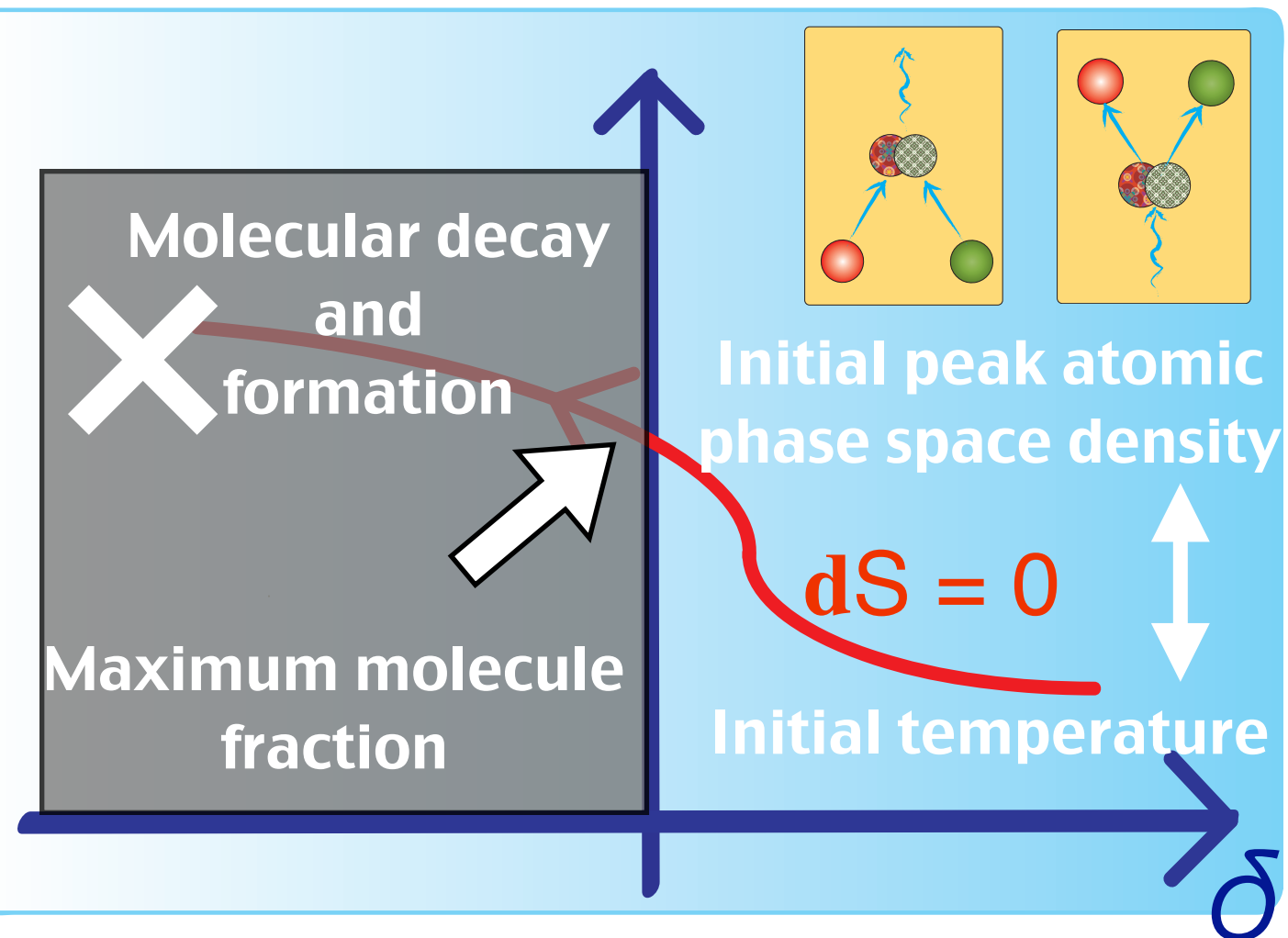
Dashed line : uncertainty of the SPSS model



Saturation Mechanism of Molecular Formation

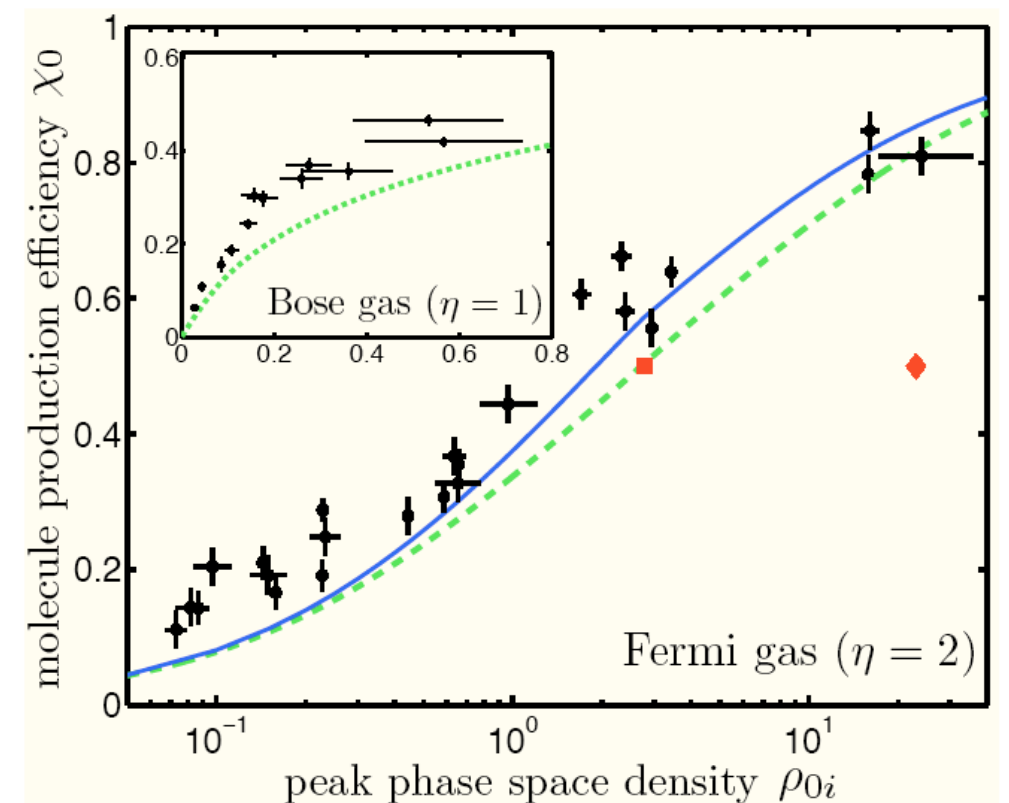
Williams et al., New J. Phys., 8, 150 (2006)

Conservation laws of momentum and energy
via the atom-molecule conversion
cannot be satisfied
for negative detunings.



Conversion efficiency is determined by
molecular population at $\delta = 0$

Conversion efficiencies V.S.
initial peak phase space density



Dots : experimental data (Hodby et al.)

Green : classical gas

$$2\chi_0 + \ln \left(\frac{\eta}{2} \frac{\chi_0}{1 - \chi_0} \right) = \ln \rho_{0i}$$

Blue : quantum statistics

No fitting parameters!

Experimental Study on Conversion Efficiencies of Heteronuclear Feshbach Molecules

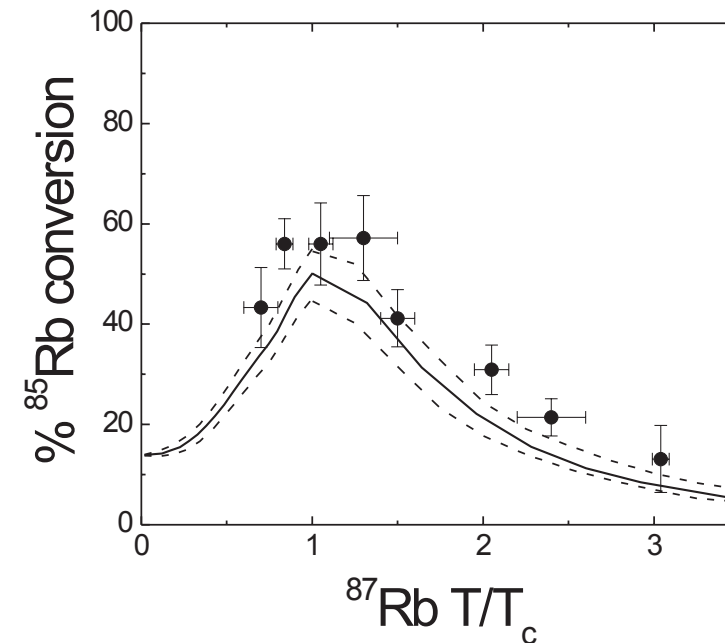
Papp and Wieman, PRL, 97, 180404 (2006)

Adiabatic conversion efficiency

^{87}Rb : majority

^{85}Rb : minority

Feshbach resonance is observed
between ^{87}Rb and ^{85}Rb .



Dots : experimental data

Solid line : SPSS model (^{85}Rb : classical)

Dashed line : uncertainty of the SPSS model

We apply the theory by Williams et al.
to heteronuclear Feshbach molecules,
and compare with the experimental results.

Conversion Efficiencies of Heteronuclear Feshbach Molecules

Ideal gas mixture

2 constraints

① Total number of atoms

$$N_{\text{tot}} = N_{87} + N_{85} + 2N_m$$

② Initial number ratio

$$\frac{N_{85} + N_m}{N_{87} + N_m} = \frac{N_{85,ini}}{N_{87,ini}} \equiv \alpha$$

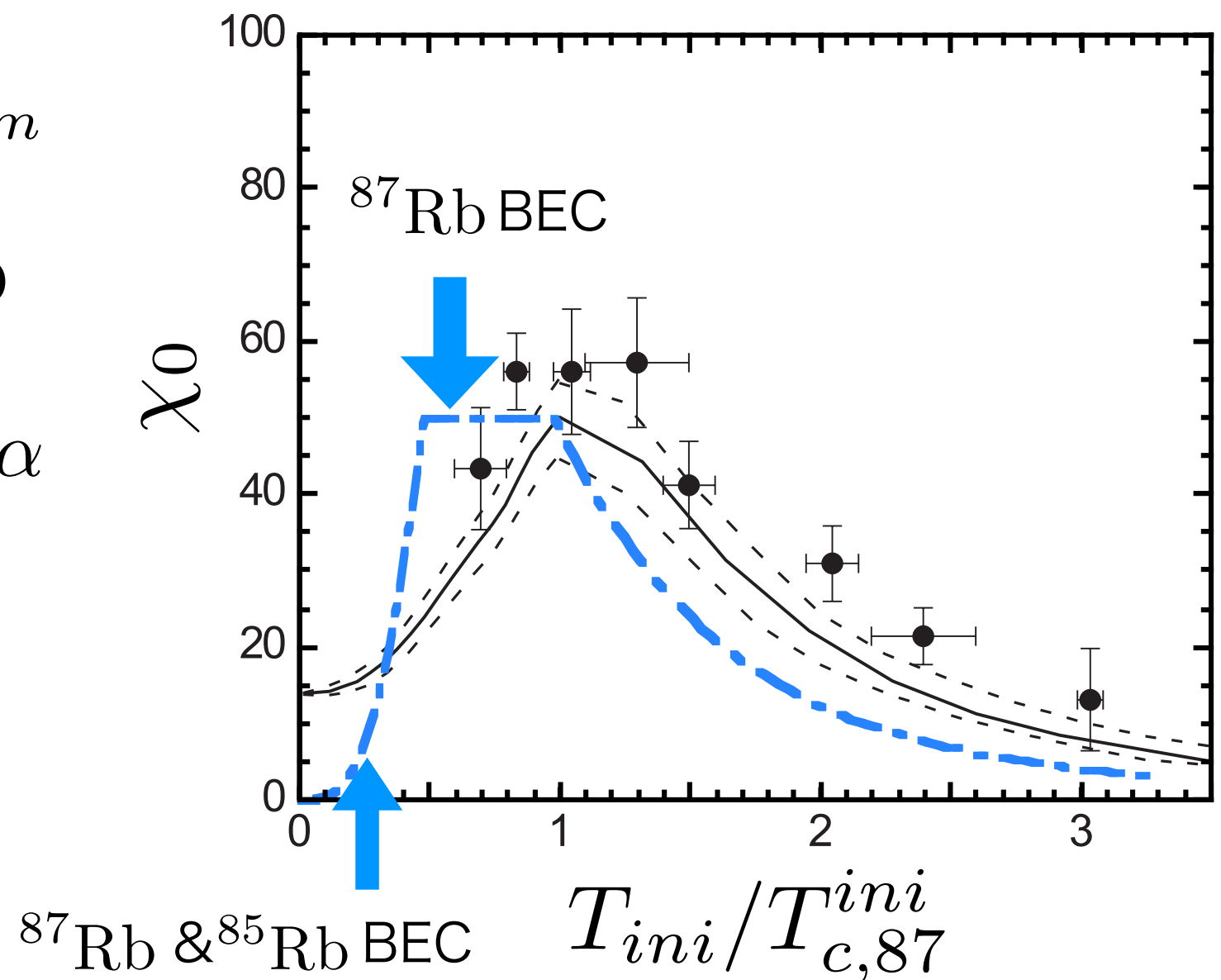
We set numbers.

$$N_{87,ini} = 300,000$$

$$N_{85,ini} = 40,000$$

Conversion efficiency is defined by

$$\chi_0 \equiv \frac{N_m}{N_{85,ini}} .$$



Conversion Efficiencies of Heteronuclear Feshbach Molecules

Majority	Minority	Molecule
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✓ boson	+ fermion	$\leftrightarrow$ boson
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boson	+ fermion	$\leftrightarrow$ fermion
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fermion	+ boson	$\leftrightarrow$ fermion
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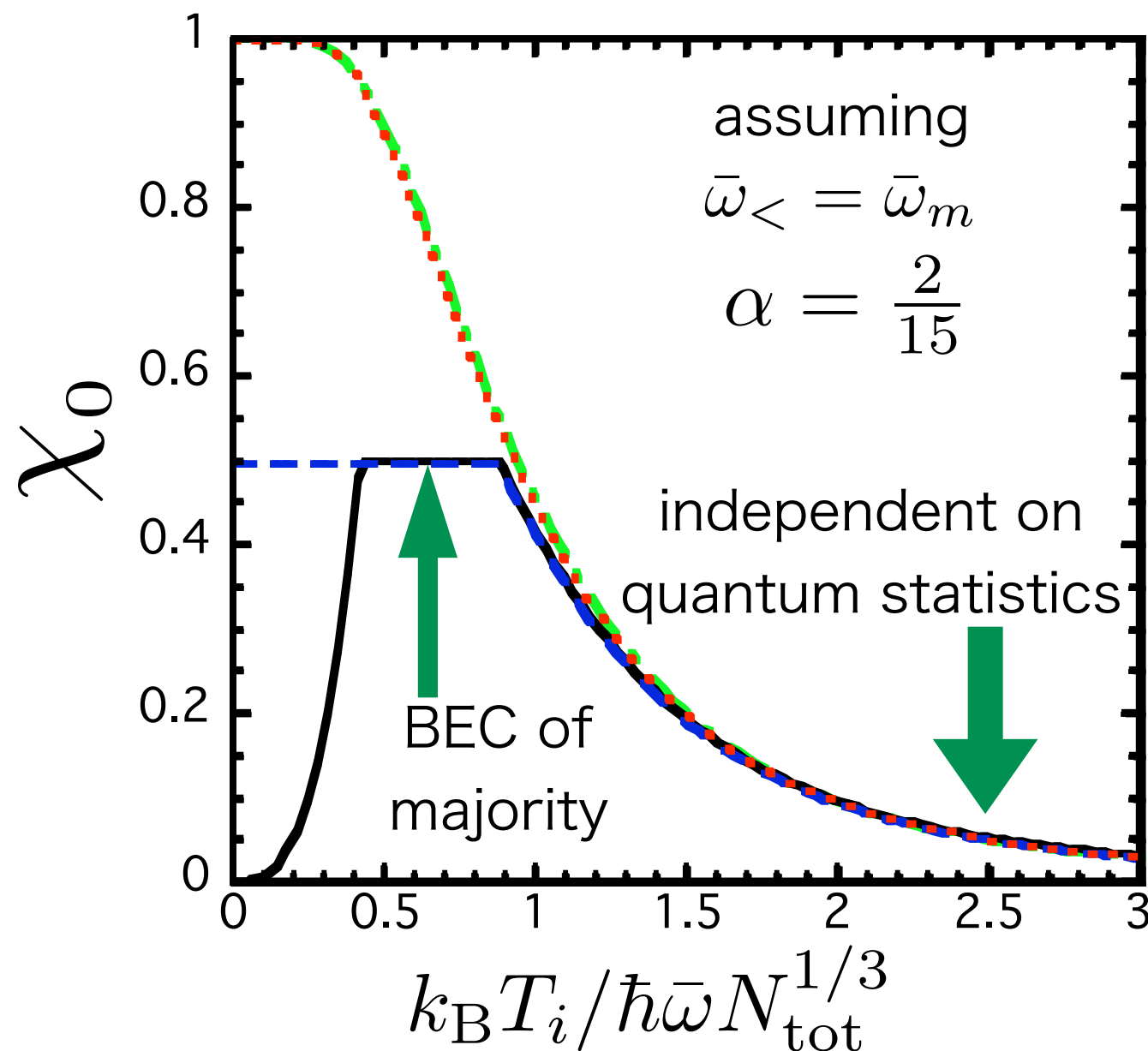
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Observation of heteronuclear Feshbach resonance
(except bosonic ^{87}Rb & bosonic ^{85}Rb)

bosonic ^{23}Na & fermionic ^6Li Stan et al., P.R.L., (2004)

bosonic ^{87}Rb & fermionic ^{40}K Inouye et al., P.R.L., (2004)

Molecular Conversion Efficiency as a Function of Initial Temperature



Majority : boson

black : $b(>) + b(<) \leftrightarrow b(m)$,

blue : $b(>) + f(<) \leftrightarrow f(m)$,

$$z_{>} z_{<} = z_m$$



BEC of majority

This makes a plateau.

The maximum conversion efficiency is

$$\chi_{0,max} = \frac{\bar{\omega}_{<}^3}{\bar{\omega}_{<}^3 + \bar{\omega}_m^3}$$

Majority : fermion

red : $f(>) + b(<) \leftrightarrow f(m)$,

green : $f(>) + f(<) \leftrightarrow b(m)$,

The maximum conversion efficiency is

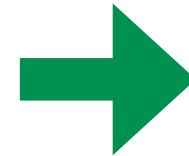
$$\chi_{0,max} = 100\%$$

Molecular Conversion Efficiency as a Function of Initial Temperature

fermion(majority)+boson(minority) $\leftrightarrow$ fermion(molecule)

Transition temperature at $\delta = 0$ is

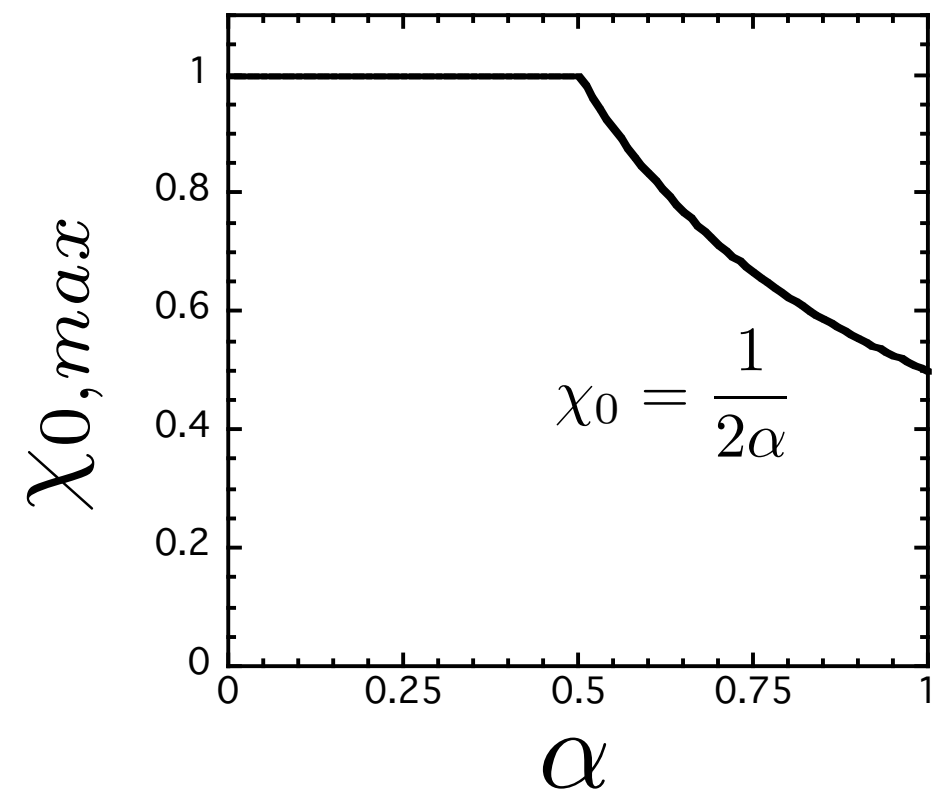
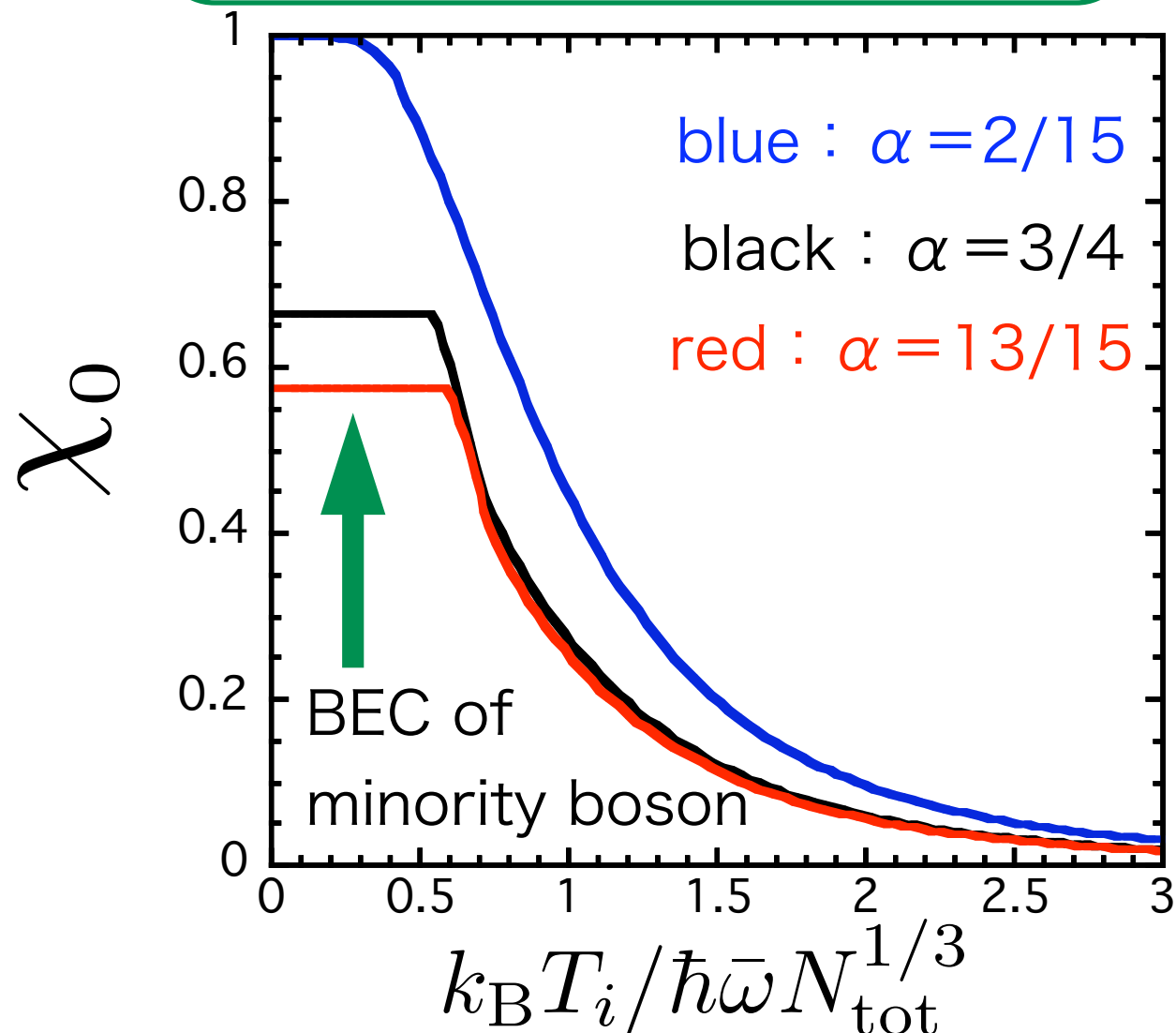
$$k_B T_c = \hbar \bar{\omega}_< \left[\left(\alpha - \frac{\bar{\omega}_>^3}{\bar{\omega}_m^3 + \bar{\omega}_>^3} \right) \frac{N_{\text{tot}}}{(1 + \alpha)\zeta(3)} \right]^{1/3}$$



Condition for BEC

$$\alpha - \frac{\bar{\omega}_>^3}{\bar{\omega}_m + \bar{\omega}_>} > 0$$

assuming $\bar{\omega}_> = \bar{\omega}_< = \bar{\omega}_m$



maximum conversion efficiency

50%~100%

Molecular Conversion Efficiency as a Function of Initial Peak Phase Space Density

Connecting the entropy, we have the explicit formula for conversion efficiency,

$$S(\delta = 0) = S_i$$

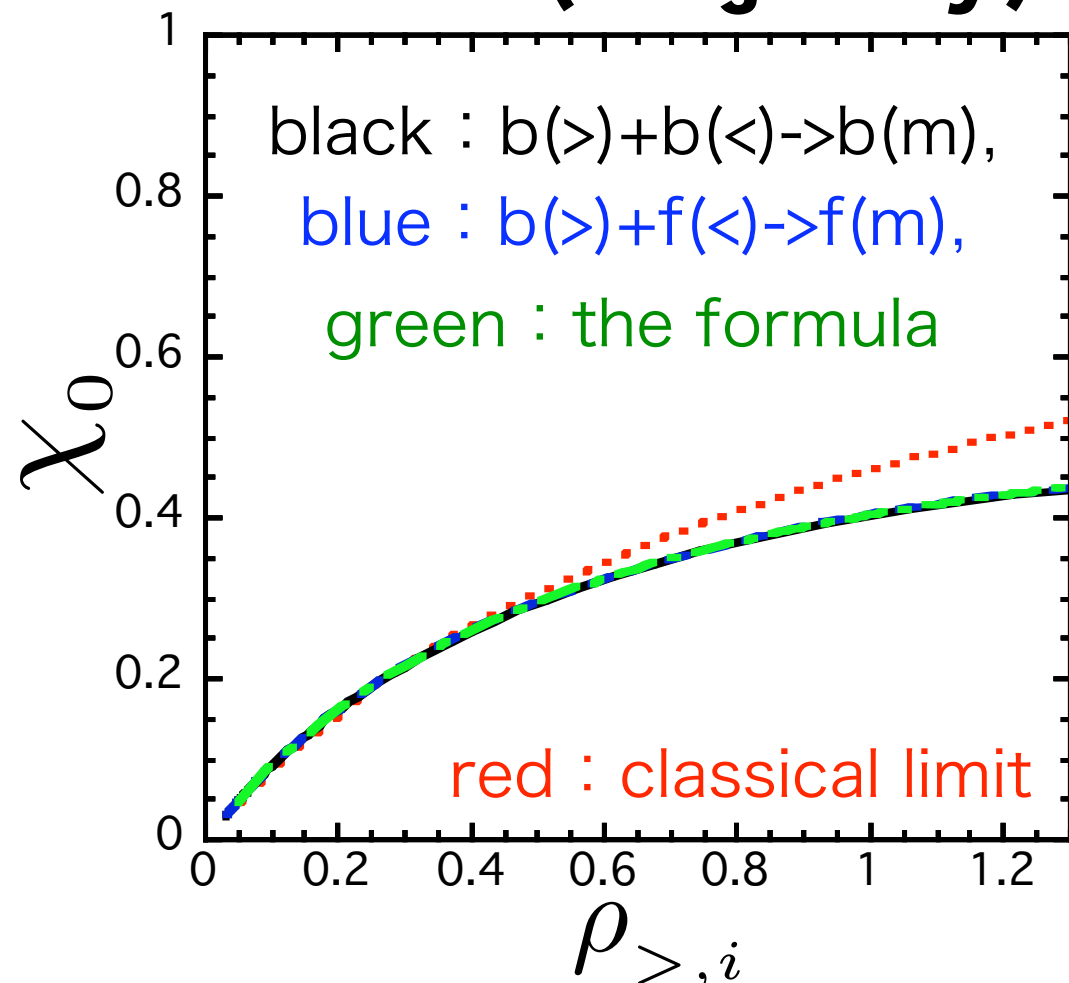
assuming

majority : Bose(Fermi) distribution

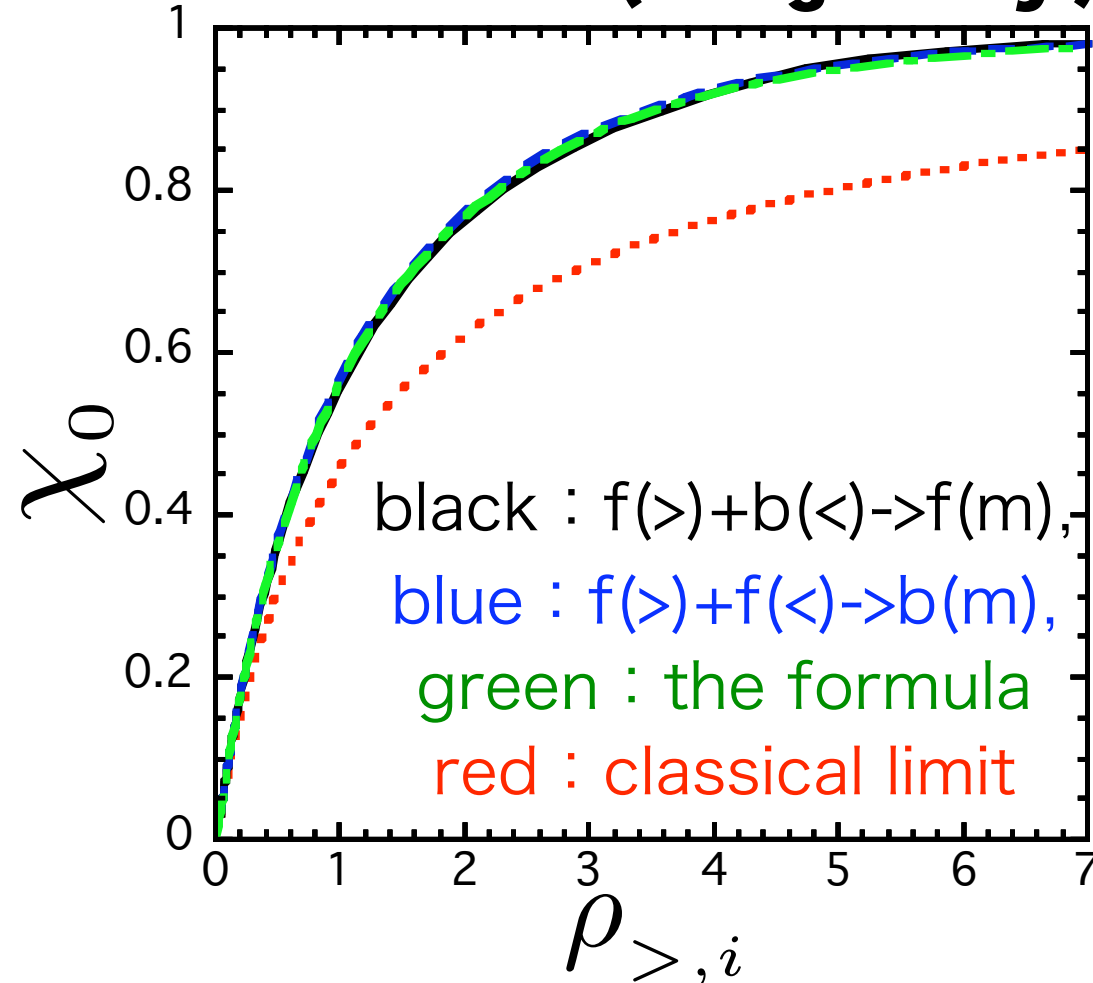
minority and molecule : Boltzmann distribution

$$\chi_0 = \chi_0(\rho_{>,i}, \alpha, \bar{\omega}_m / \bar{\omega}_<)$$

boson(majority)



fermion(majority)



assuming

$$\alpha = \frac{2}{15}$$

&

$$\bar{\omega}_m = \bar{\omega}_<$$

Molecular Conversion Efficiency as a Function of Initial Peak Phase Space Density

Again,
fermion(majority)+boson(minority) $\leftrightarrow$ fermion(molecule)

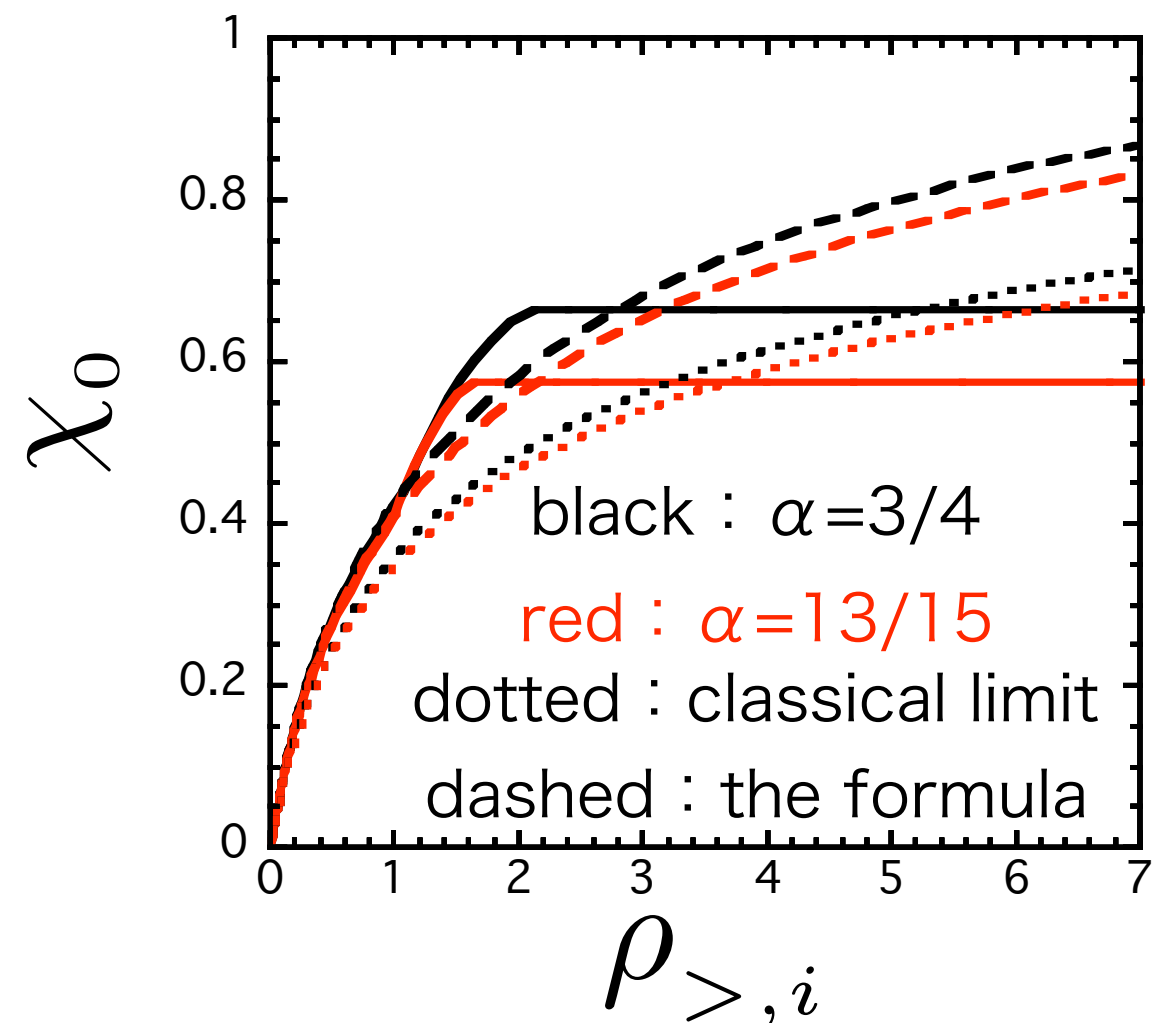
If the number ratio satisfies the condition

$$\alpha > \frac{\bar{\omega}_{>}^3}{\bar{\omega}_m^3 + \bar{\omega}_{>}^3},$$

we have the BEC of minority bosons.

Our assumption breaks down
in this case.

The Bose statistics plays a crucial role
where the results deviate
from the approximation formula.



Difference between SPSS model and Theory by Williams et. al.

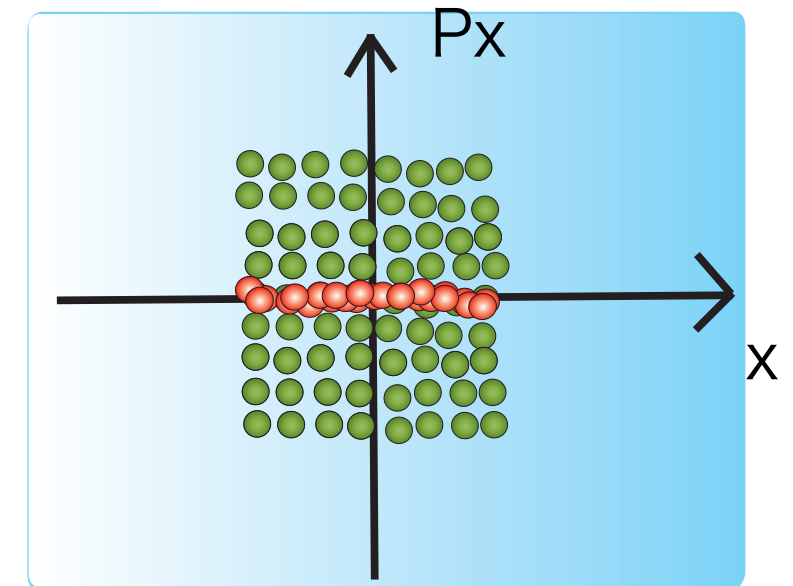
boson + fermion $\Leftrightarrow$ fermion

SPSS model

As temperature **decreases**,
conversion efficiency **decreases**.

Theory by Williams et al.

As temperature **decreases**,
conversion efficiency has a **plateau** or **increases**.



boson + boson $\Leftrightarrow$ boson

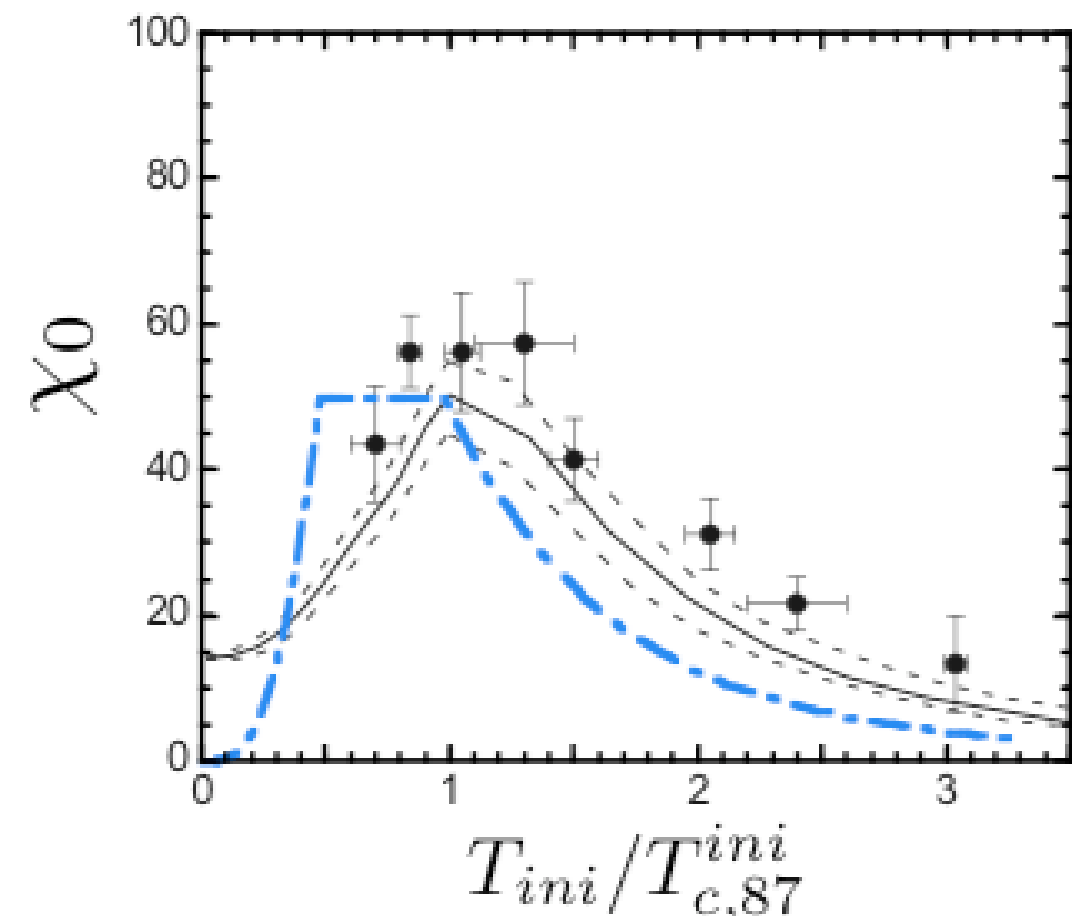
at low-temperature region

SPSS model

If minor component were BEC,
conversion efficiency quickly reaches **100%**.

Theory by Williams et al.

Conversion efficiency drops to **0%**.



Summary

- Theory by Williams et al. reproduces the peak behavior of conversion efficiency of heteronuclear molecule of ^{87}Rb and ^{85}Rb .
- Quantum statistics plays a crucial role in conversion efficiency at low-temperature region.
- Conversion efficiency does not reach 100%, but has a plateau, if atoms condense at $\delta=0$.
- SPSS model and theory by Williams et al. lead to qualitatively different results, when applying to heteronuclear Feshbach molecules.