Important Dates
(undergraduates)

1. Oral presentations on April 21 & 23.

2. Outline + Figures due on Wednesday & Friday next week.

3. First draft of paper due on the day of your oral presentation.

4. Final version of paper due on April 30.
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RF Evaporation

In a harmonic trap:

\[ E_{RF} = \hbar \omega \]

- **RF frequency** determines energy at which spin flip occurs.
- Sweep RF between 1 MHz and 30 MHz.
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