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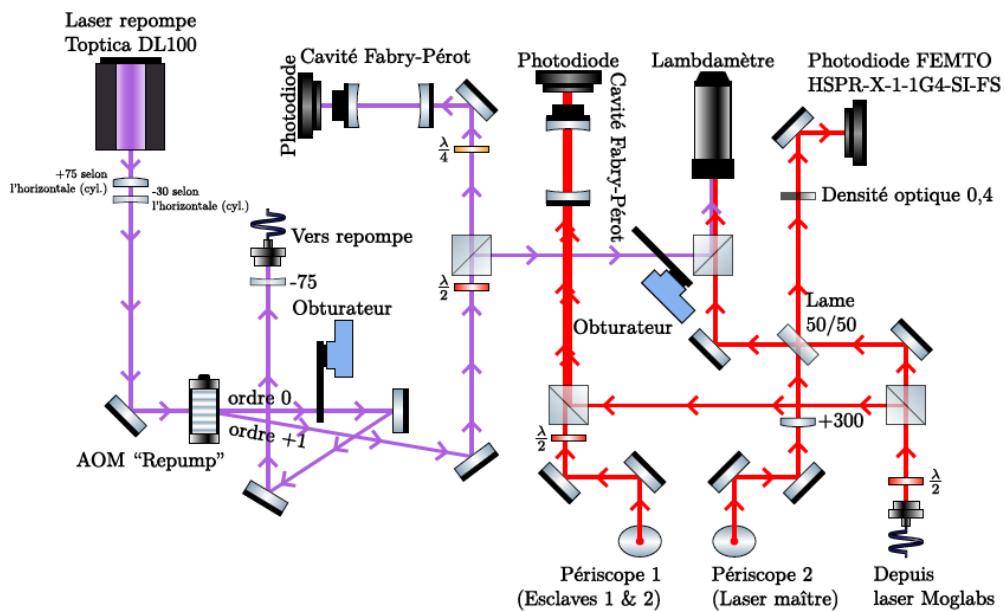


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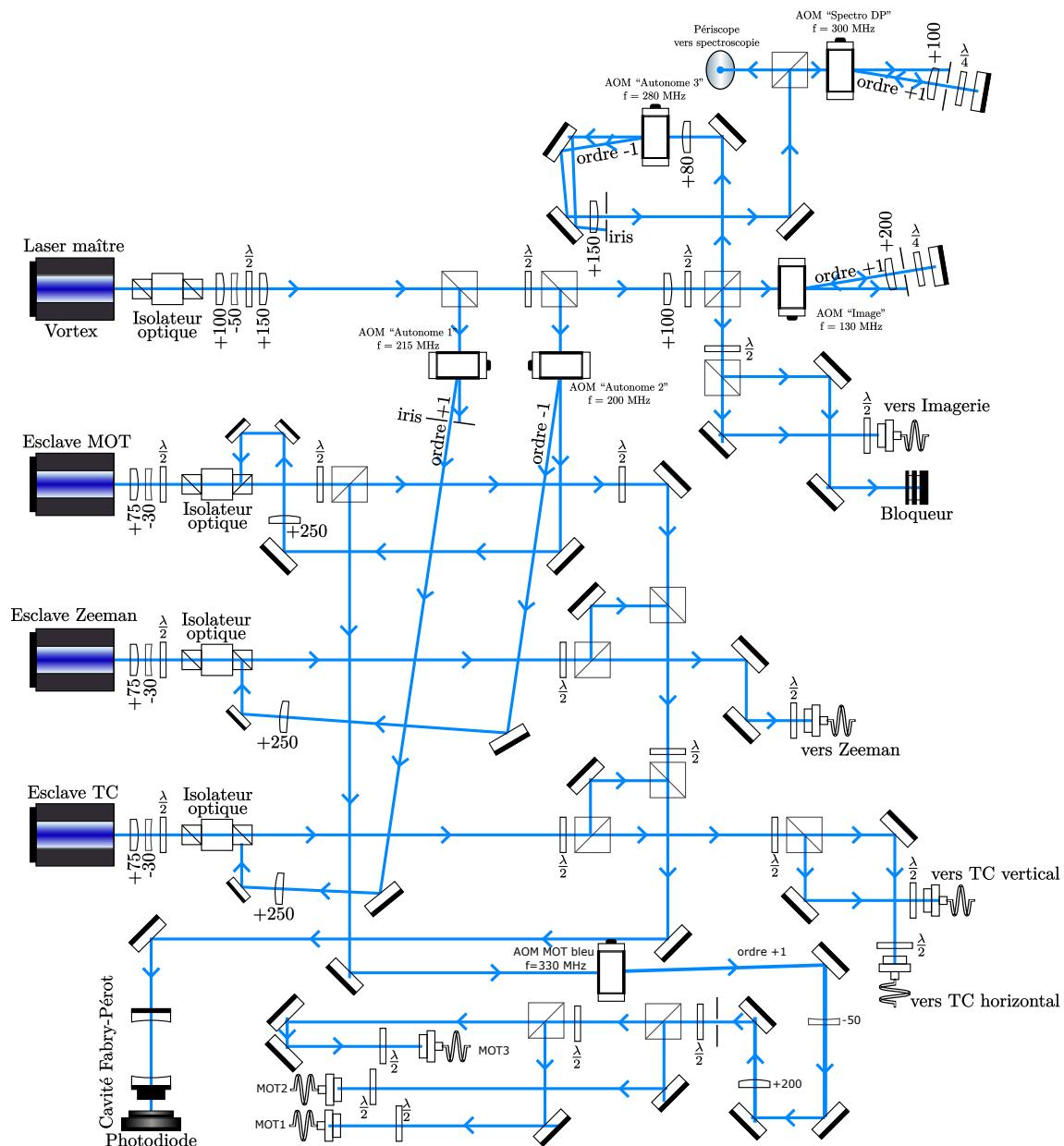


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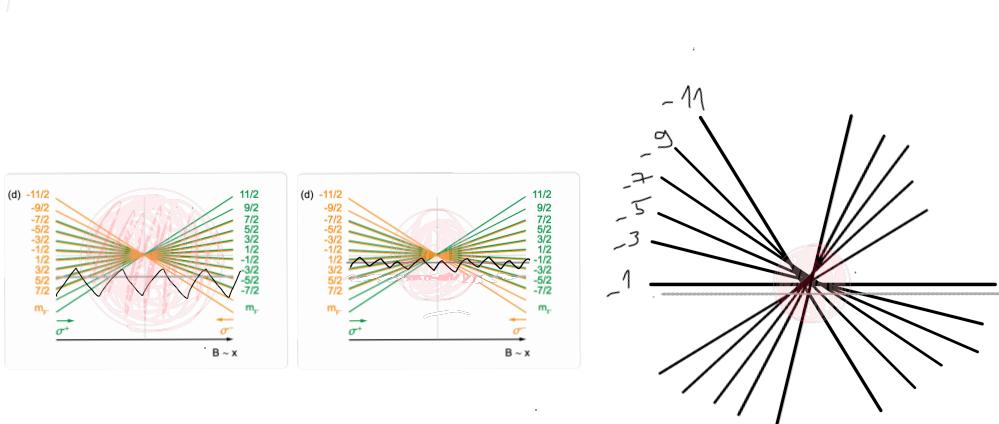


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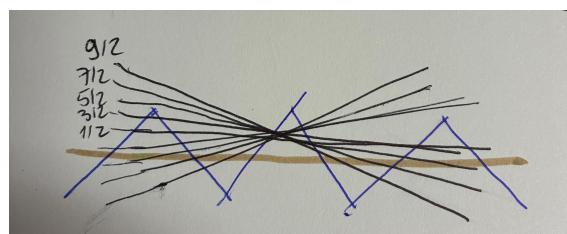


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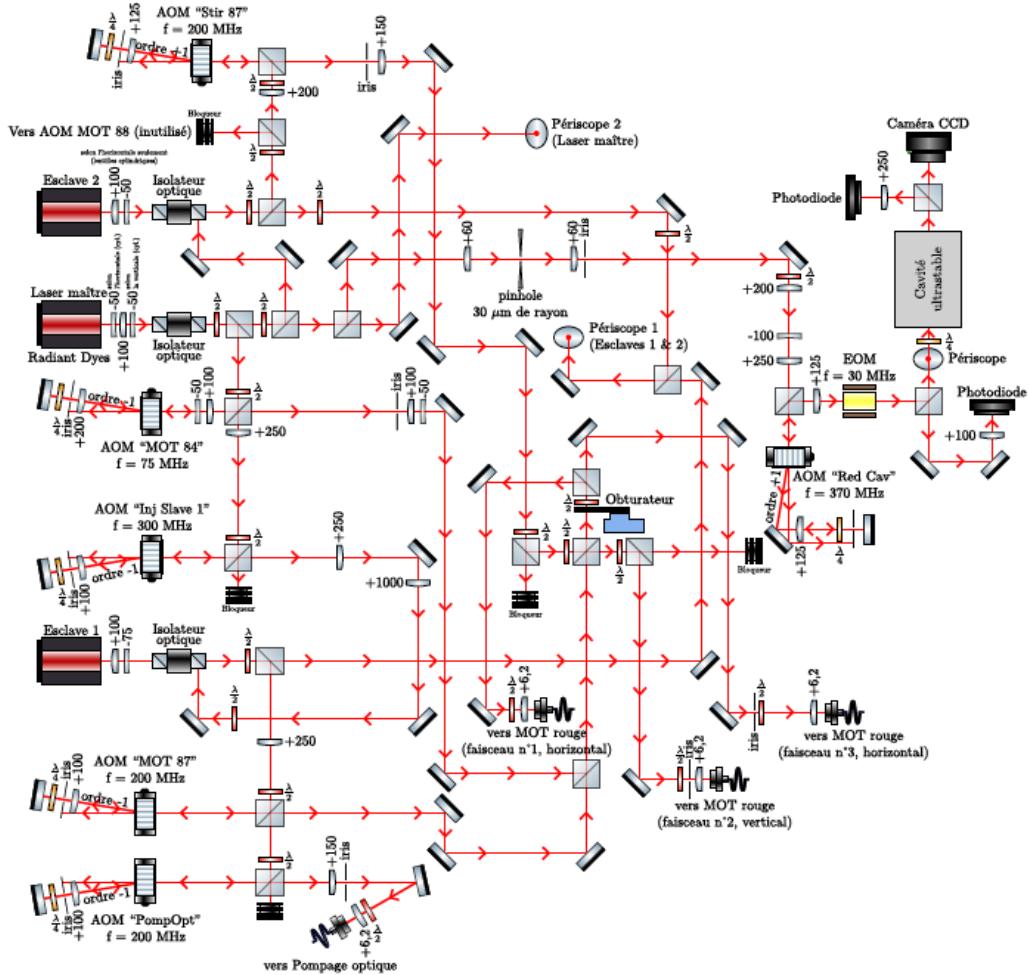


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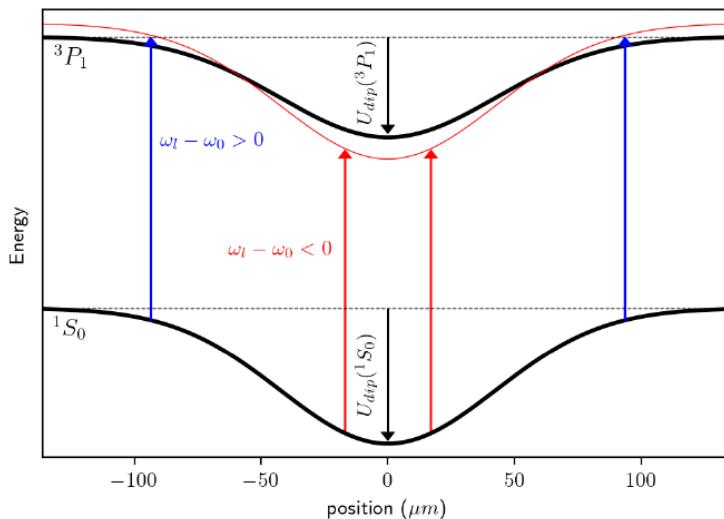


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3.1.1 What is photoassociation

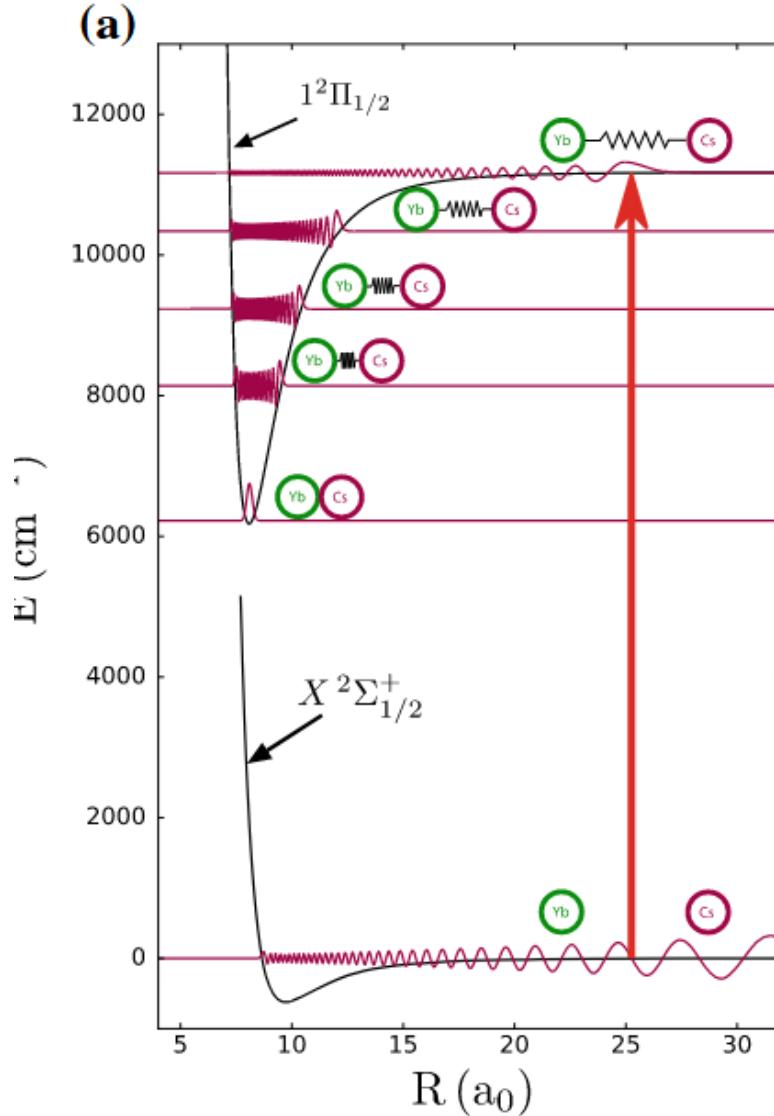


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Photoassociating two atoms consists in bounding two colliding atoms with light that occurs mostly with two-body and three body losses.

The first necessity for photoassociating atoms is collisions. Each species has a specific cross section for which particles can collide with another, which is defined as

$$\sigma = 4\pi a^2 \quad (3.1)$$

with a the scattering length we will describe in the next section.

In ultracold gases, only s-wave atoms can collide because they do not have enough kinetic energy to pass the potential barrier of higher angular momentum states. It

imposes that for fermions -by parity of the total wavefunction being antisymmetric- only atoms with even angular momentum can collide meaning their spin is in a singlet state as in the case of ^{87}Sr . For bosons it is the contrary : from an even orbital wavefunction, the spin wavefunction should be antisymmetric to collide.

The second element for PA is a resonant laser. As visible in 3.1 : from a free state of a two-atoms system we couple them via a laser with a molecular vibrationnal state. In the case of spectroscopy we usually start with the least bounded state to have the atomic state reference. From that we sweep the atom frequency to adress the molecular states red detuned from the atomic line.

PA is mostly used in Feschbach resonance field because determining the exact position of the vibrational states enables by changing the magnetic field to tune the scattering length of the atoms and thus the interactions in the system.

3.1.2 Molecular formalism/vocabulary (condon radius, optical length...)

Optical length is defined as the imaginary part of the scattering length and describes the strength of the photoassociation rate

$$K_2 = \frac{4\pi\hbar}{\mu} nl_{opt} \quad (3.2)$$

n the volumic density of the cloud, μ the reduced mass of the two atoms. This rate represents the ratio of the atoms that are lossed by 2-body losses.

The Franck Condon factor is the probability to transition from an initial vibrational i state to a final vibrational f state

$$F_{FC} = \left| \int_0^\infty \psi_i(R) \psi_f(R) dR \right|^2 \quad (3.3)$$

R the distance inter-nuclear. It depends directly with the overlap of the wavefunctions of the initial and final states. The Condon radius is the distance between the atoms for which this factor is maximum which also means that the atoms spend the most time at this position.

The good quantum numbers :

We write the total angular momentum of the molecule $T = R + F = R + I + J$, F being the total spin of the two atoms $f_1 + f_2$, and R the rotational angular momentum of the molecule. The $R = 0$ in our case because we have only s-wave collisions.

M_T is the projection of T on the quantization axis being the internuclear axis.

$J = j_1 + j_2$ is the angular moment of the electronic state of the molecule.

Ω is the projection of J on the internuclear axis.

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Say we have one atome in the 1S_0 state and one in the 3P_1 state: we can have a total spin of $J = 0, 1$ or 2 . The nuclear spin being $I = 9/2$ for each atom, we can have a total nuclear spin of $I = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8$ or 9 . So we have final possibles values of

We have one atom with $f_1 = 9/2$ from the 1S_0 state and one in the 3P_1 state with possible values $f_2 = 11/2$. The final values of total angular momentum of the molecule are $F = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$ or 10 .

3.1.3 Internal energy states

3.1.3.1 WKB approximation

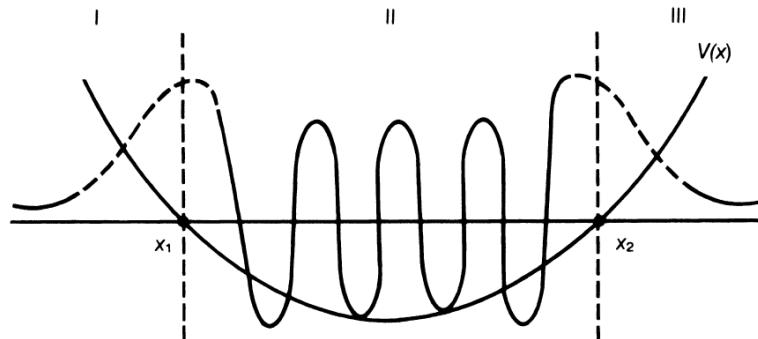


FIGURE 2.1. Schematic diagram for behavior of wave function $u_E(x)$ in potential well $V(x)$ with turning points x_1 and x_2 .

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3.1.4 External energy states

3.2 About photoassociation on other species

3.2.1 Mass scaling (^{88}Sr)

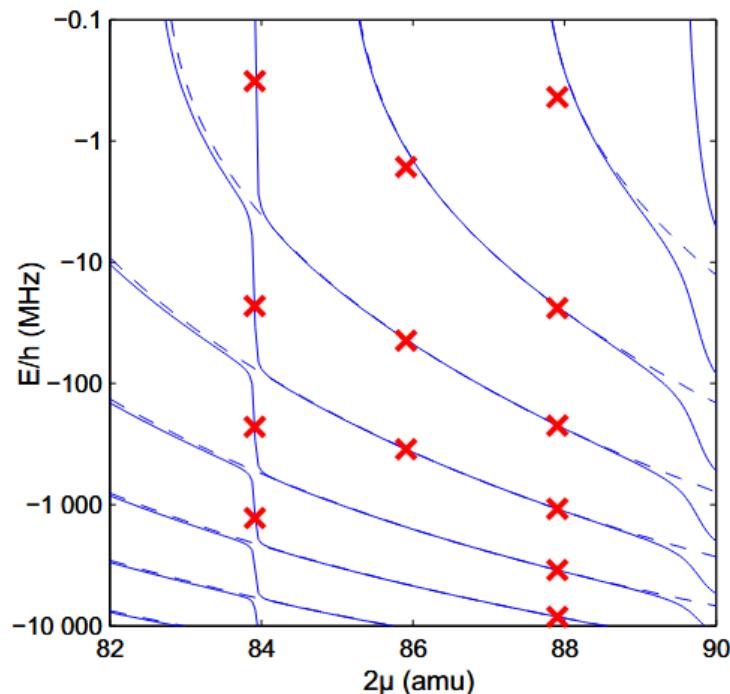


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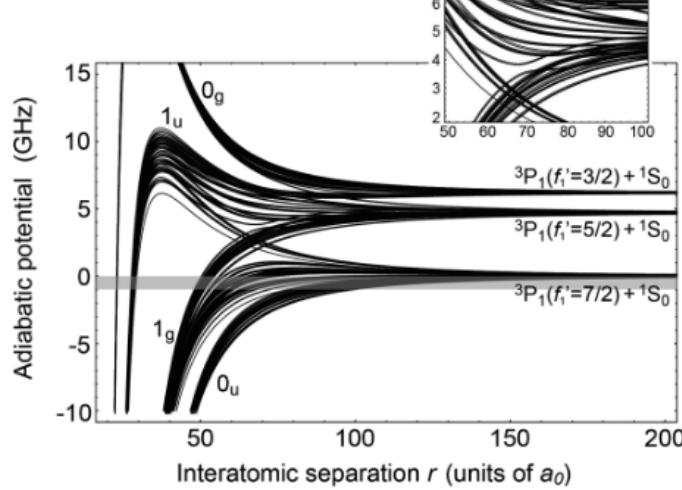


FIG. 2. Adiabatic molecular potentials for a $^{173}\text{Yb}_2$ dimer in the $^1\text{S}_0 + ^3\text{P}_1$ channel as functions of the interatomic separation r . The molecular potentials for 205 different (T, F, R) configurations are displayed, which are accessible via PA from the initial s -wave colliding atoms in the $^1\text{S}_0 + ^1\text{S}_0$ channel. At large r , the potentials converge to three asymptotic branches which correspond to excited atomic states with hyperfine numbers of $f'_1 = 3/2, 5/2$, and $7/2$. Some of the potentials have a local minimum (inset), possibly hosting purely long-range bound states [14]. The energy offset is adjusted to the $f'_1 = 7/2$ asymptote. The shaded region indicates the spectral range of our measurements.

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3.3 Experimental setup

3.4 88Sr Results

Lopt, power broadening, thermal broadening...

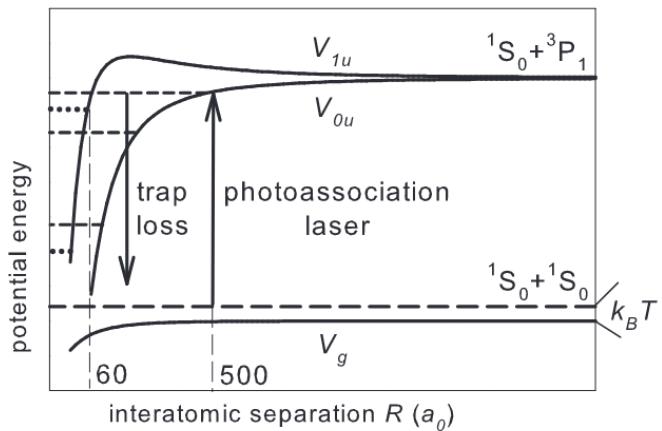


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