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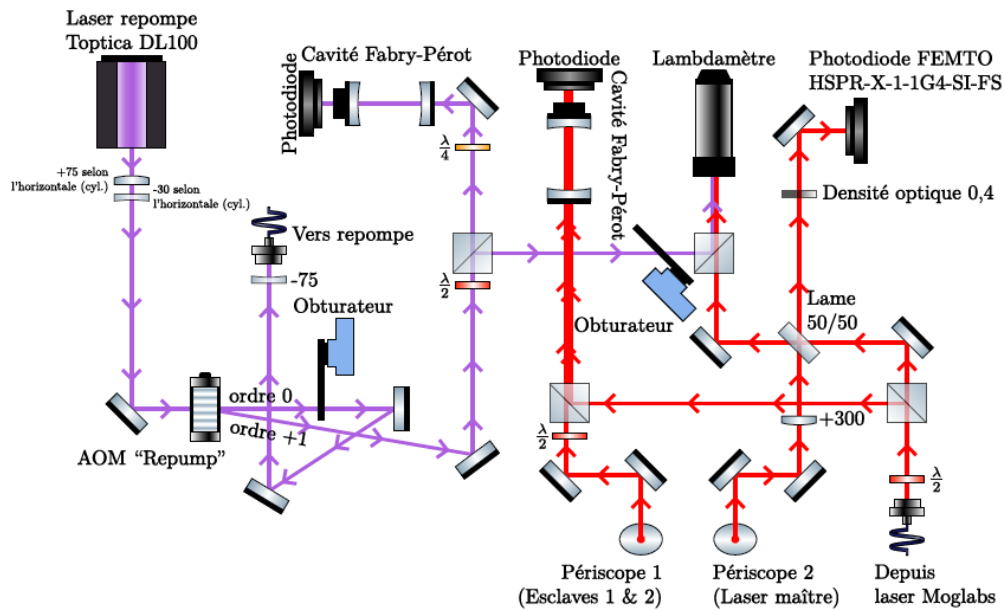


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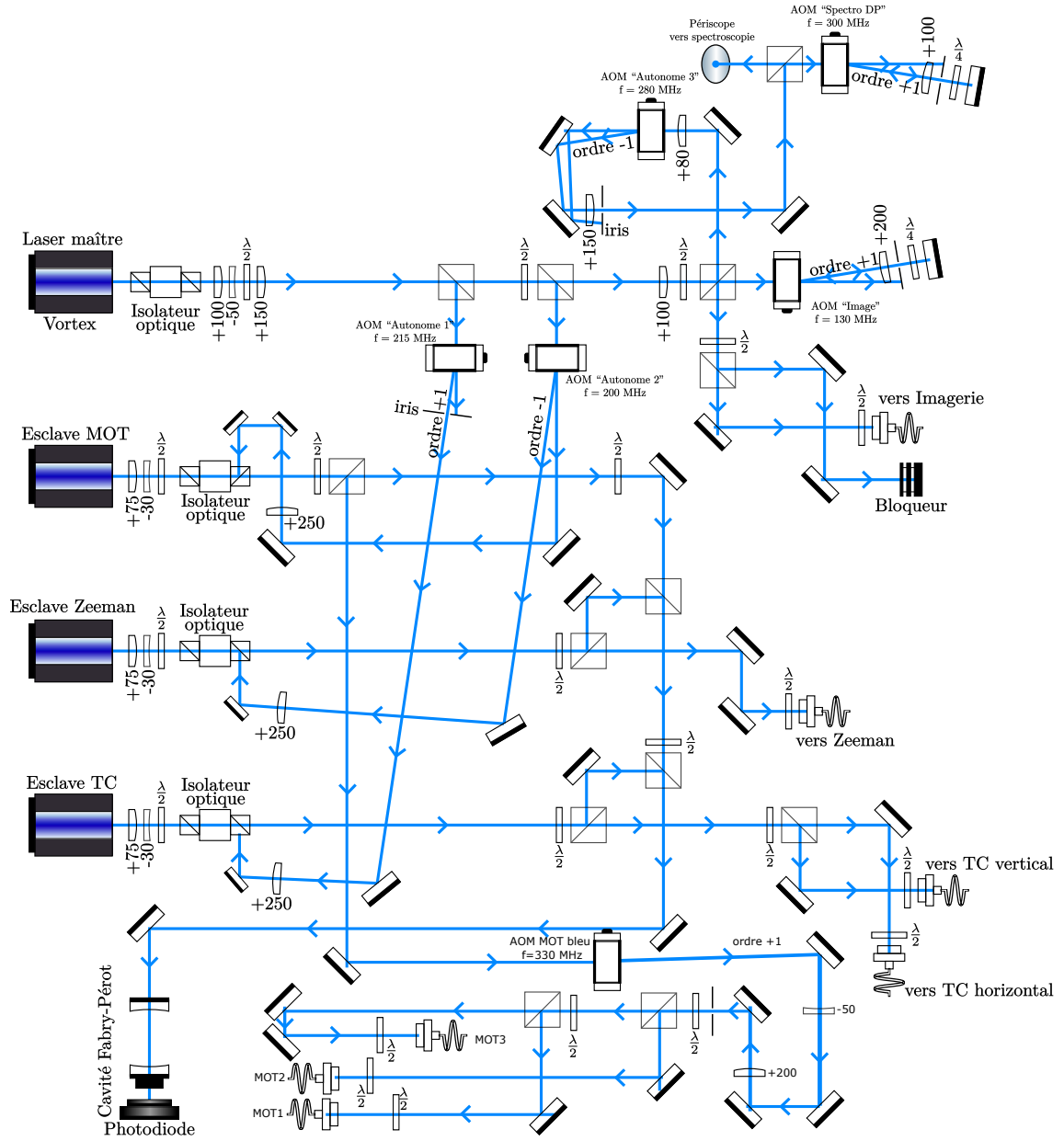


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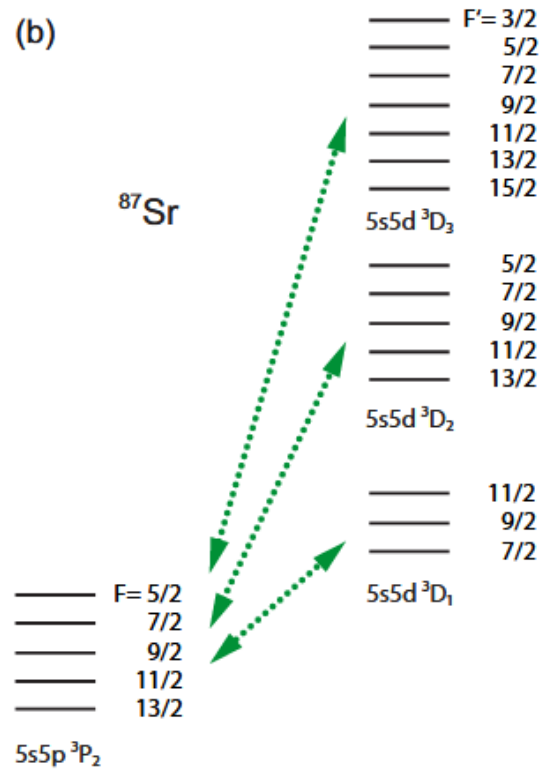


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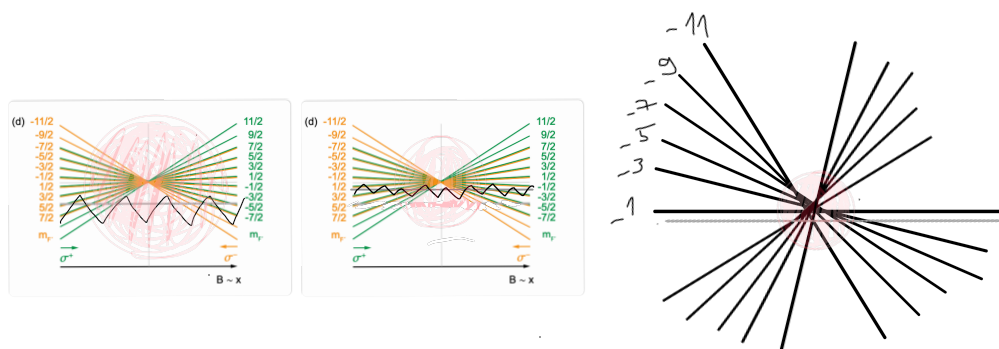


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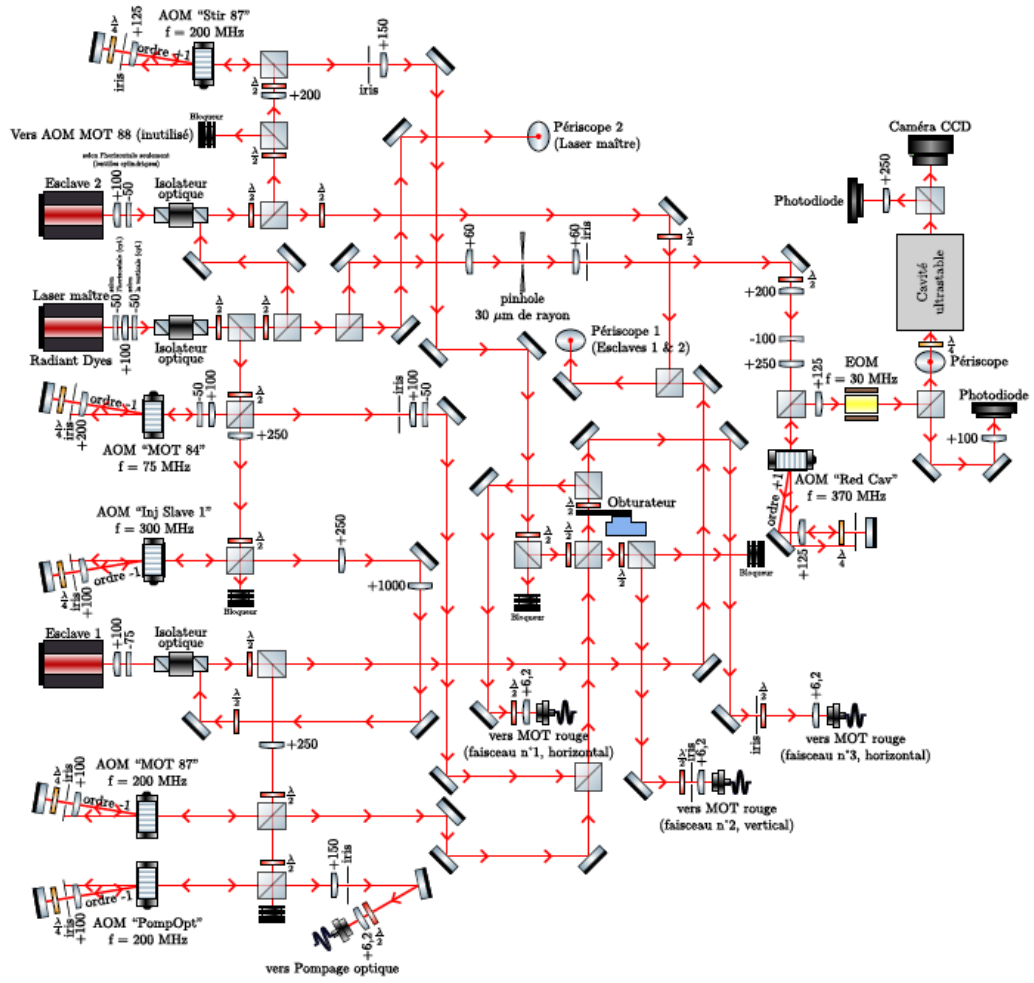


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### 3.1 Introduction on photoassociation

#### 3.1.1 What is photoassociation

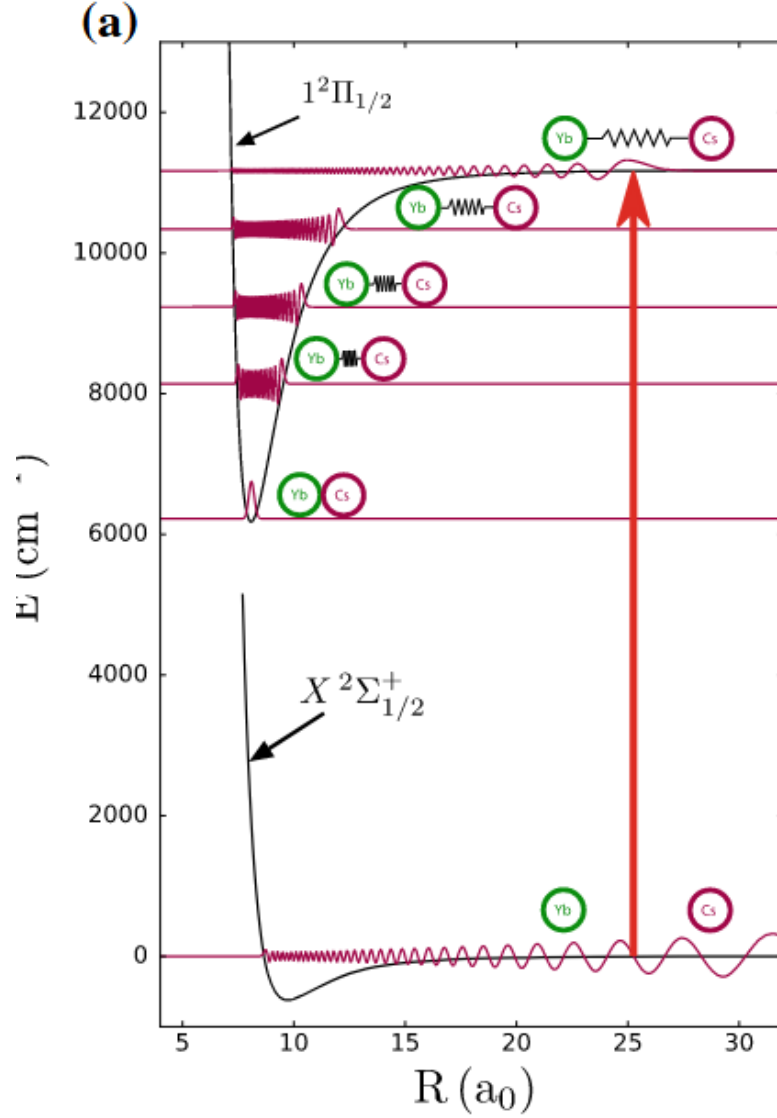


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Photoassociating two atoms consists in bounding two colliding atoms with light that occurs mostly with two-body and three body losses.

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 87Sr. 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 Feshbach 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

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

$n$  the volumic density of the cloud,  $\mu$  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 inter-nuclear distance. 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 in a classical approach 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  $f_1 + f_2$ ,  $J = j_1 + j_2$  is the angular momentum of the molecule that describes the spin-orbit coupling, and  $R$  the rotational angular momentum of the molecule.

We define the projection of the different angular momentum on the inter-nuclear axis as

$$\Omega = \Lambda + \Sigma \quad (3.4)$$

with  $\Lambda$  the projection of the orbital momentum of the molecule on the internuclear axis and  $\Sigma$  the projection of the momentum spin.

$M_T$  is the projection of the total angular momentum  $T$  onto a defined quantization axis, sometimes being the internuclear axis depending on the Hund's case.

The experiment presented in the following section is photoassociation in the  $F = 11/2$  hyperfine state. We will focus on this section in this state to simplify the discussion.

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  $2$ . It gives possible values of total atomic angular momentum  $F$ :

$$\text{For } J = 0, \quad F = \frac{9}{2} \quad (3.5)$$

$$\text{For } J = 1, \quad F = \frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, \frac{11}{2} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\text{For } J = 2, \quad F = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, \frac{11}{2}, \frac{13}{2} \quad (3.7)$$

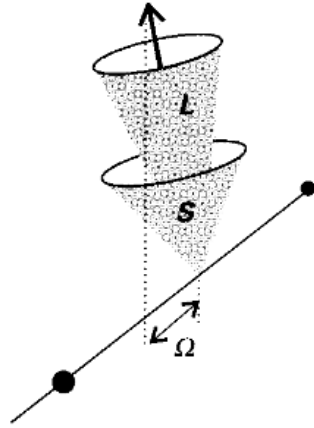
We have one atom with  $f_1 = 9/2$  from the  $^1S_0$  state and one in the  $^3P_1$  state with  $f_2 = 11/2$ . The possible values of total angular momentum of the molecule are  $F = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$  or  $10$ .

For the rotationnal quantum number there is a parity of the total wavefunction that needs to be fulfilled. In addition there are only s-wave collisions in cold gases then the part of the wavefunction should be odd the spin one antisymmetric

$$|\Psi\rangle = (|\phi_e\rangle_A |\phi_g\rangle_B + (-1)^R |\phi_e\rangle_B |\phi_g\rangle_A) \otimes |\chi\rangle \quad (3.8)$$

$|\phi_e\rangle$  and  $|\phi_g\rangle$  are the electronic wavefunctions of the two atoms A and B, and  $|\chi\rangle$  is the spin wavefunction. It gives accessible values  $R = 0, 2$  or  $4...$

For  $^1S_0$ - $^3P_1$  molecular state there is a strong spin-orbit coupling that couples its related momentum to the internuclear axis, quantified by  $\Omega$  and described as Hund's case (c)



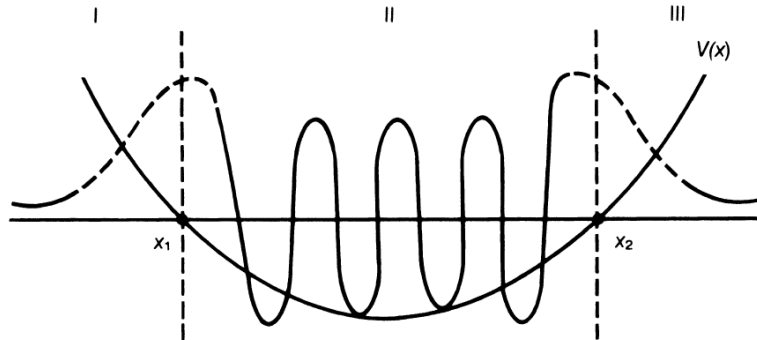
**Fig. 11.4** A vector diagram for Hund's case (c), in which the spin-orbit coupling is very strong.

Figure 3.2: Caption

### 3.1.3 External energy states

To describe two-body losses of a photoassociation process, we need to change our basis depending on the distance between the two atoms by approximating dominant couplings over others. (Hund's cases)

#### 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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### 3.1.3.2

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## 3.2 About photoassociation on other species

### 3.2.1 Mass scaling (88Sr)

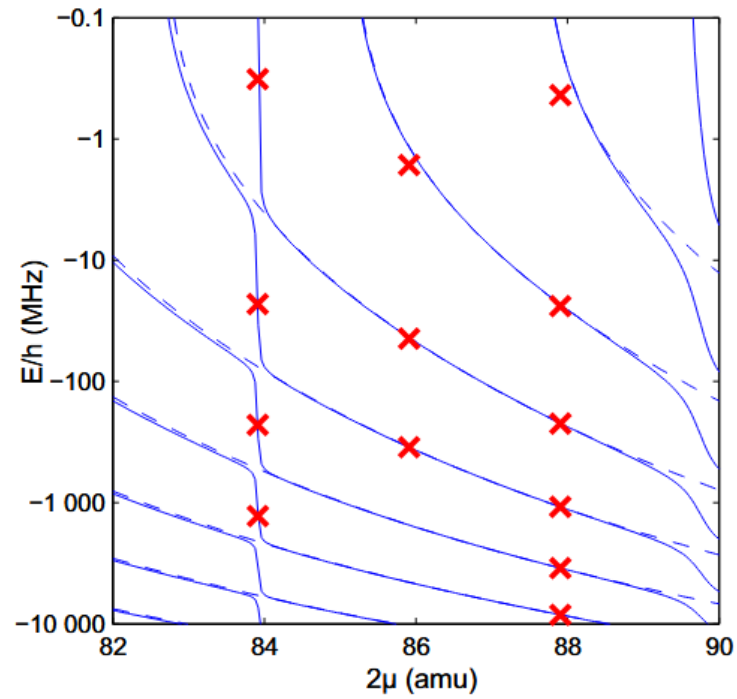


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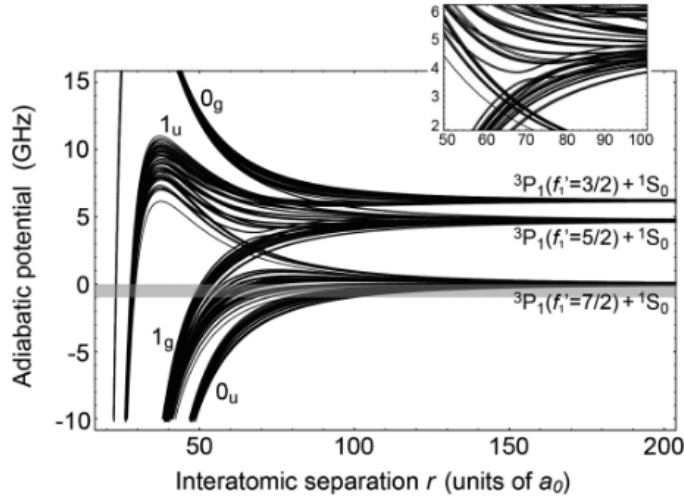


FIG. 2. Adiabatic molecular potentials for a  $^{173}\text{Yb}_2$  dimer in the  $^1S_0 + ^3P_1$  channel as functions of the interatomic separation  $r$ . The molecular potentials for 205 different  $(T, F, R)$  configurations are displayed, which are accessible via PA from the initial  $s$ -wave colliding atoms in the  $^1S_0 + ^1S_0$  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 $^{88}\text{Sr}$ Results

Lopt, power broadening, thermal broadening...

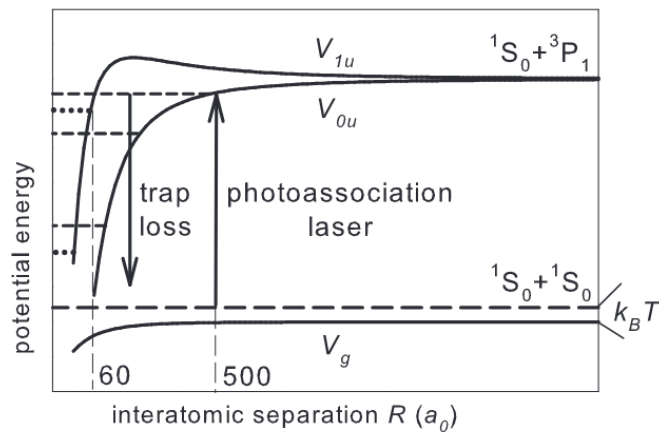


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Lopt questions sur nb quantique / choix de pompage optique

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