

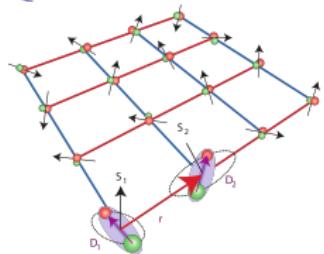
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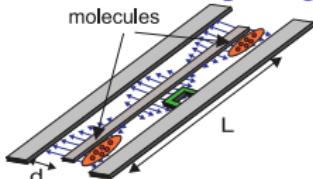
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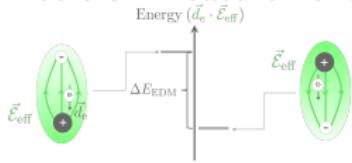
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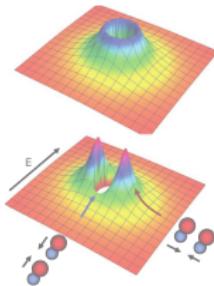
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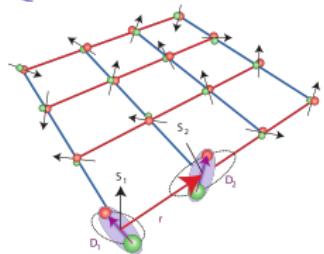
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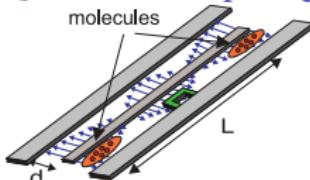
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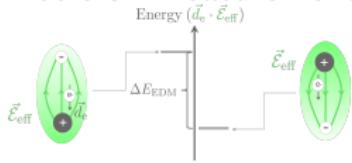
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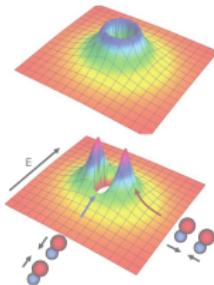
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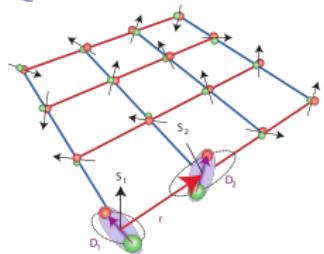
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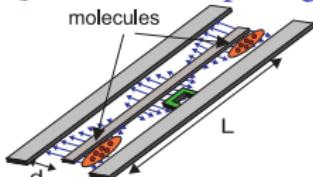
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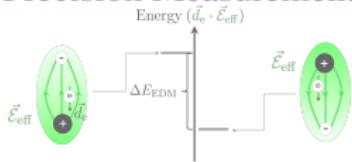
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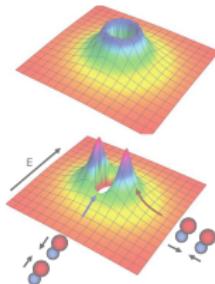
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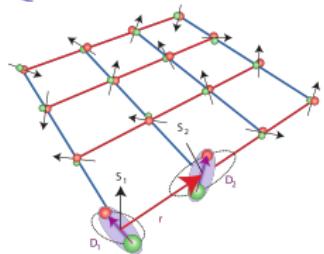
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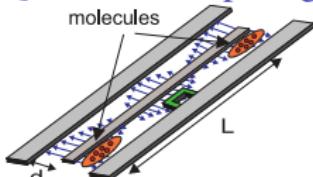
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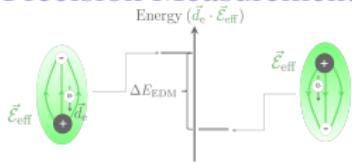
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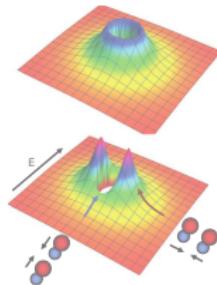
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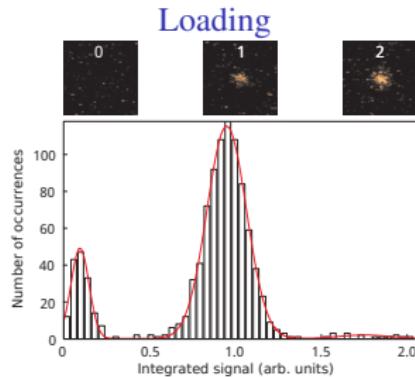
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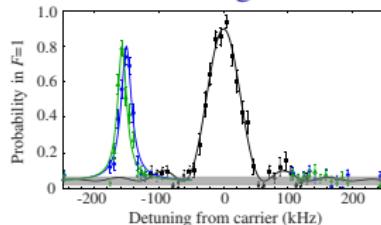
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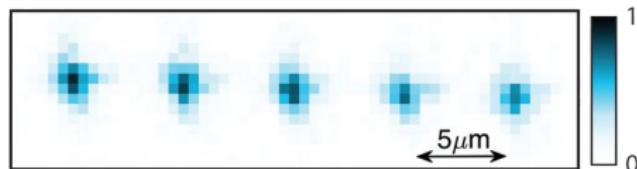
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Rearranging



Ultracold molecule in tweezers

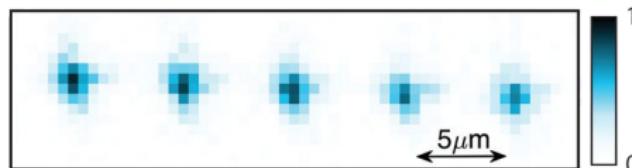
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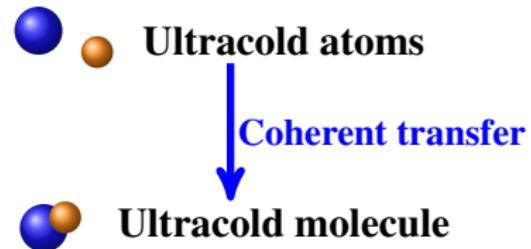
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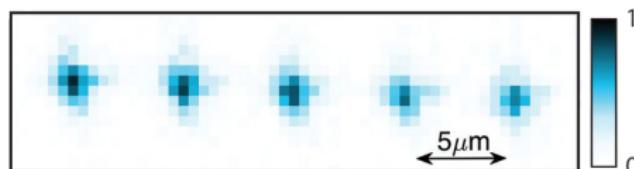
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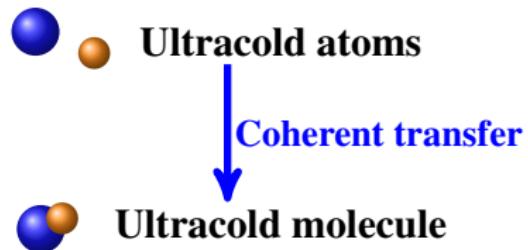
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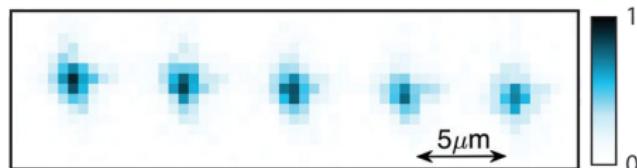


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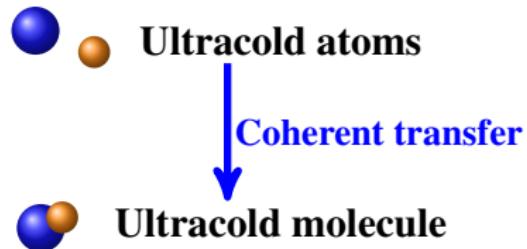
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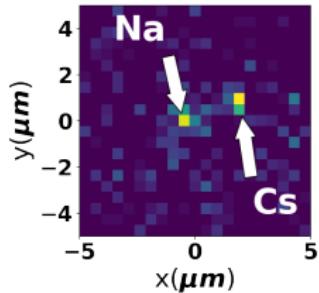
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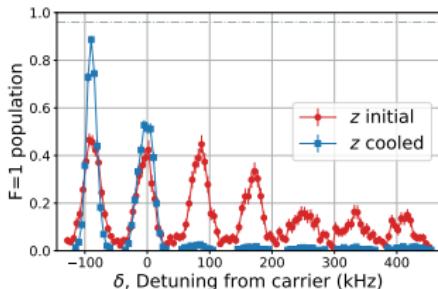


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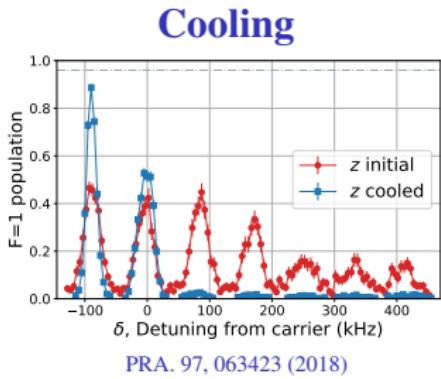
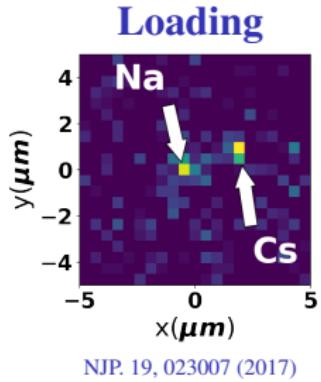


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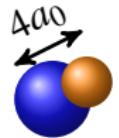
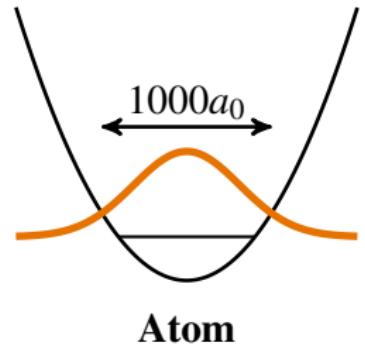


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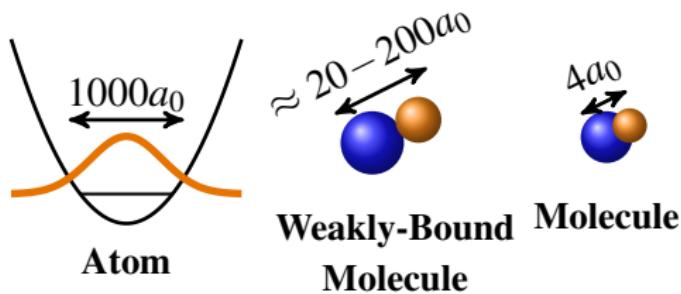
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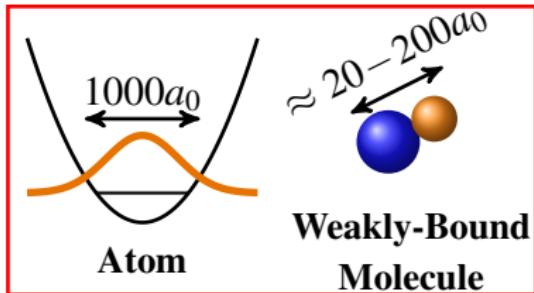


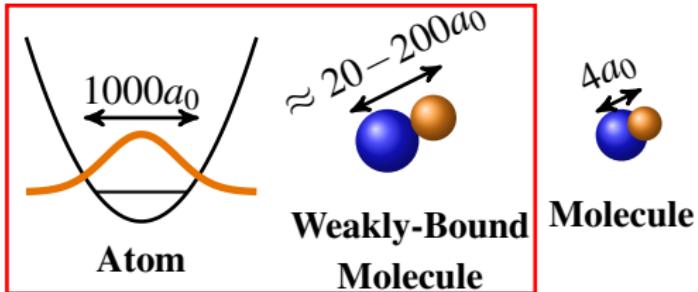
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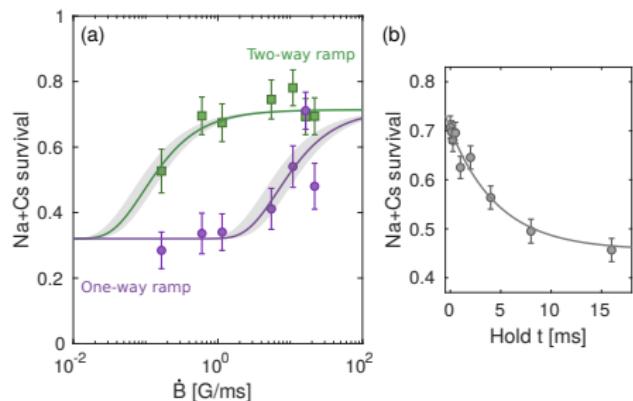
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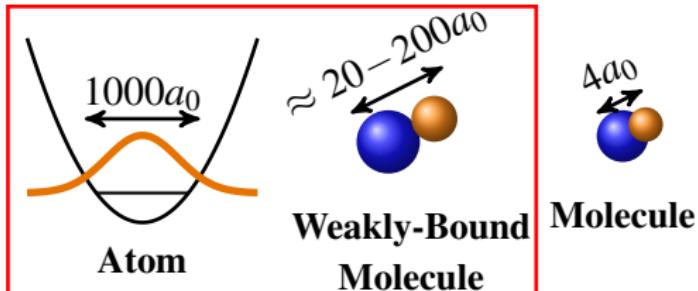




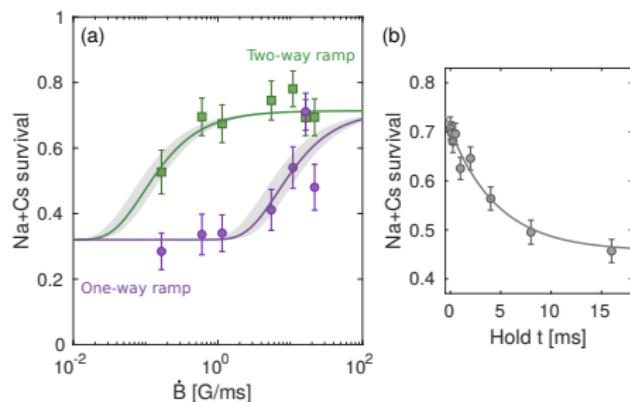
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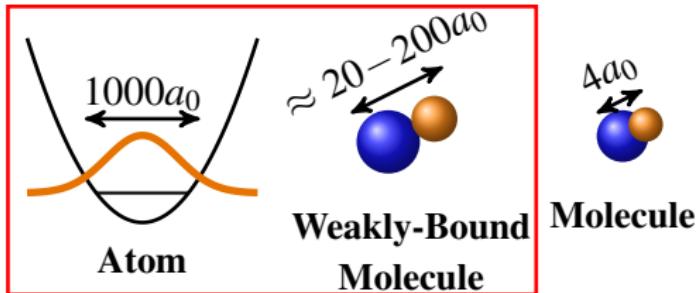


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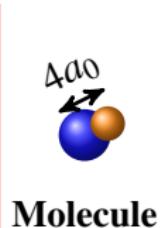
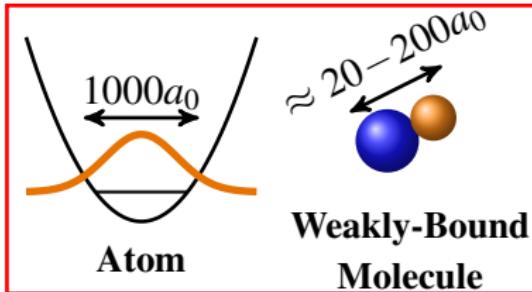
- Requires Feshbach resonance
- Usually large magnetic field

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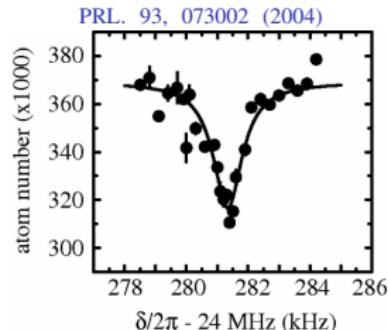


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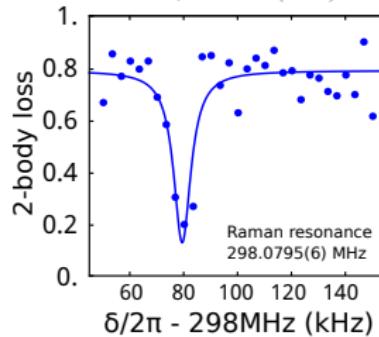
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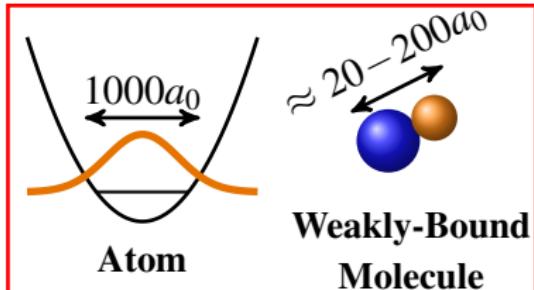
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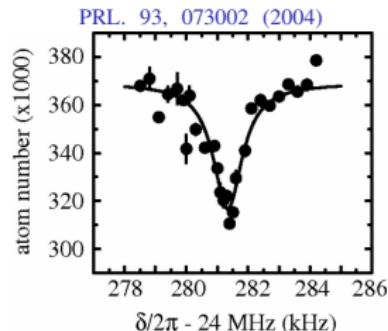
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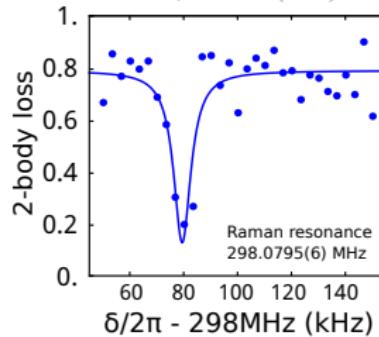
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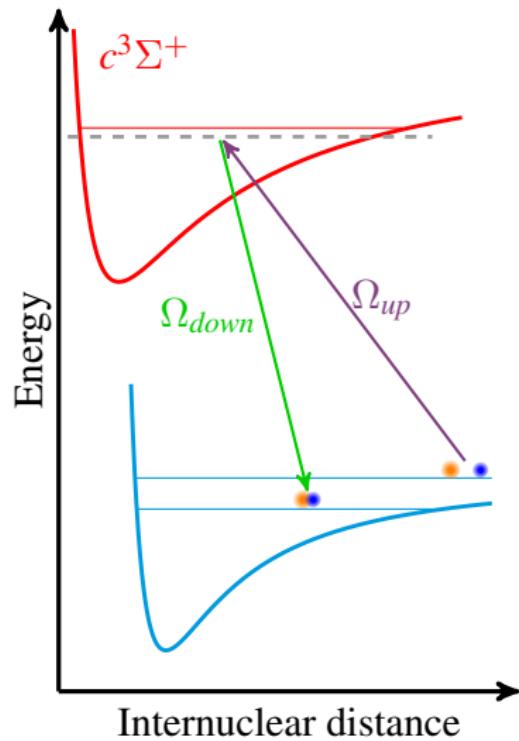


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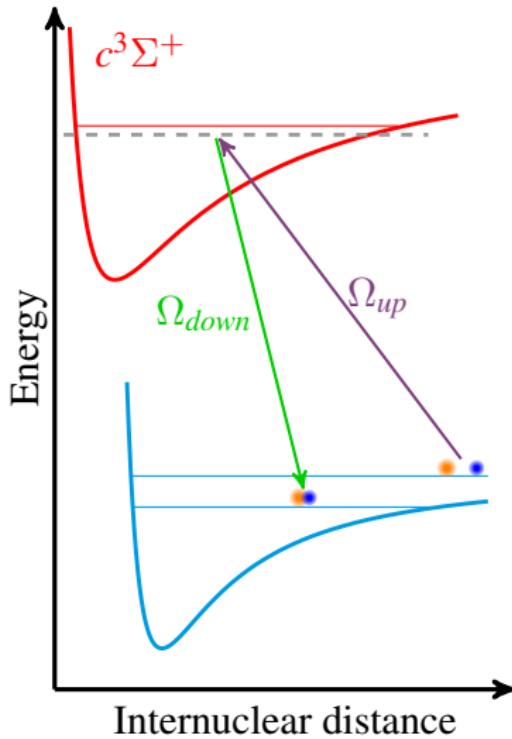
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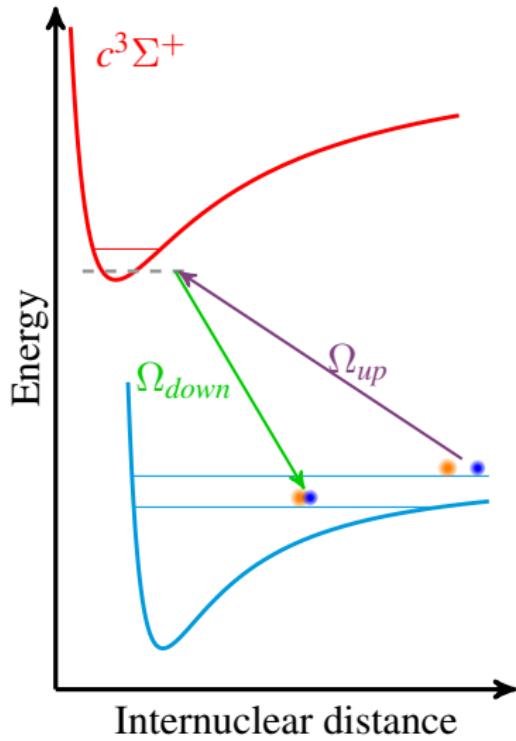
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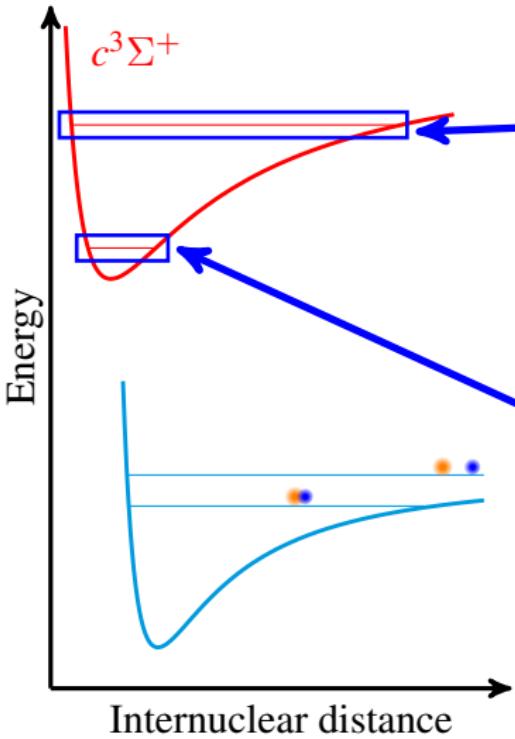
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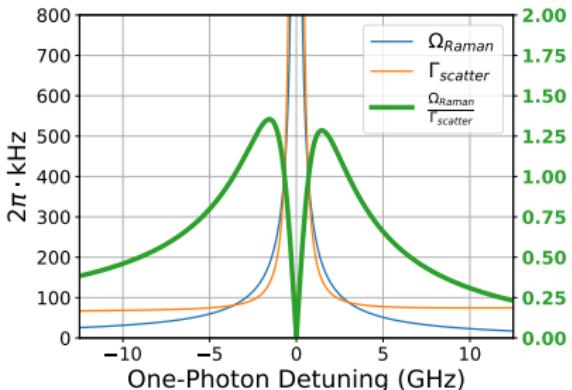
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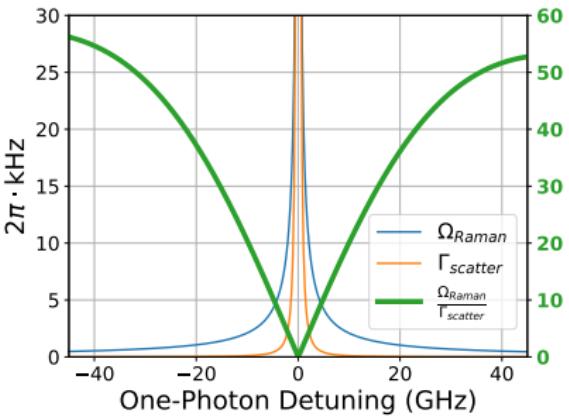
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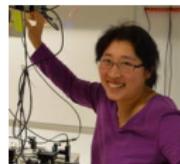
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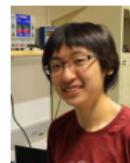
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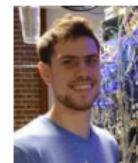
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