

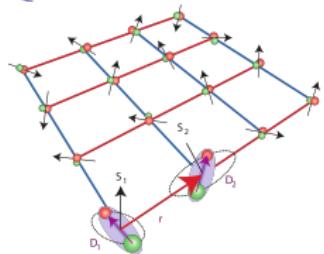
# Building Single Molecules from Single Atoms

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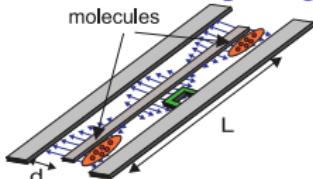
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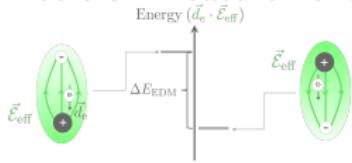
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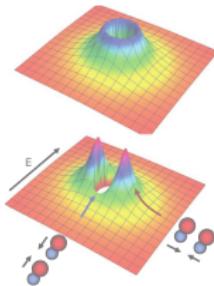
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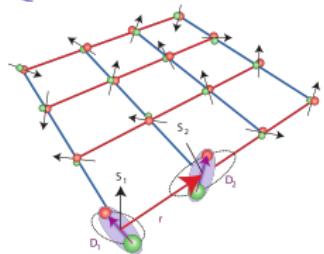
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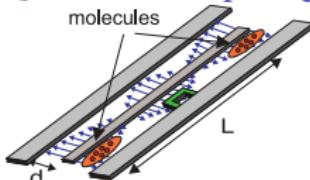
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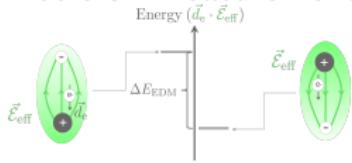
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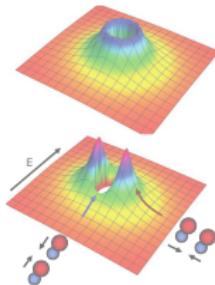
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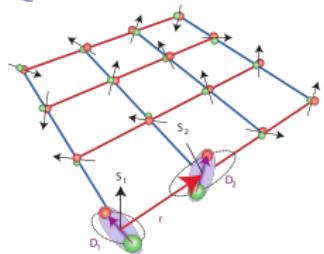
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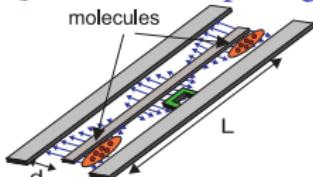
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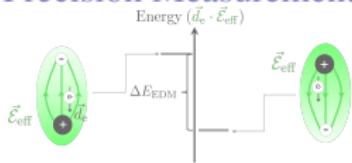
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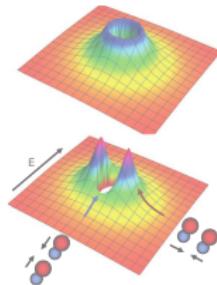
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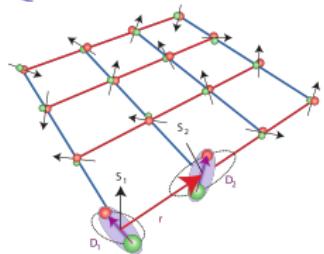
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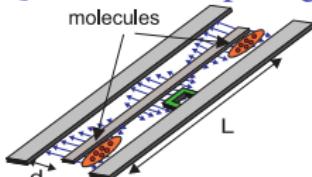
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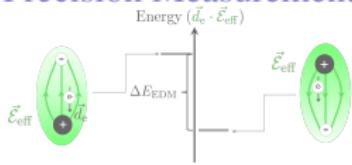
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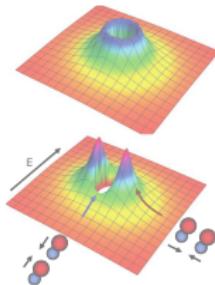
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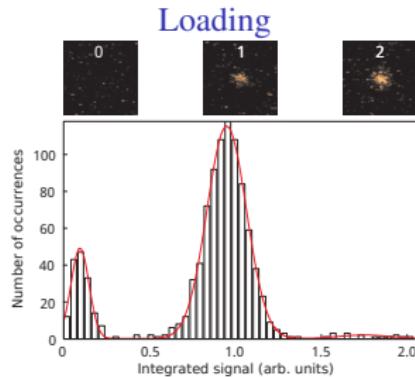
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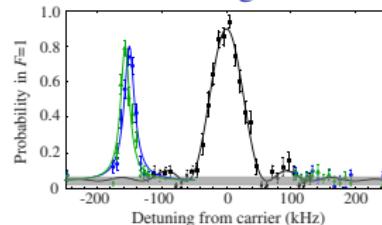
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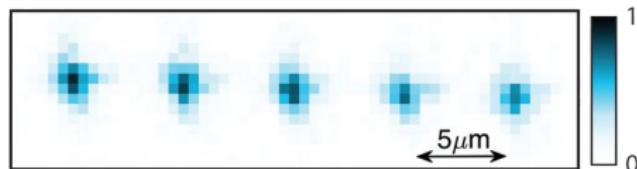
### Rearranging



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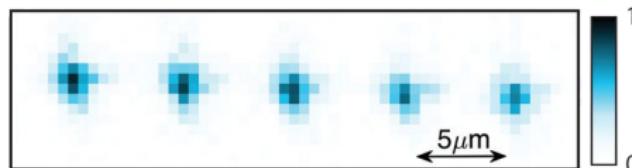
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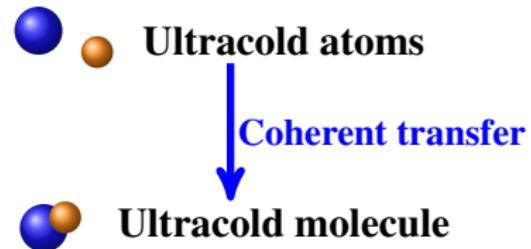
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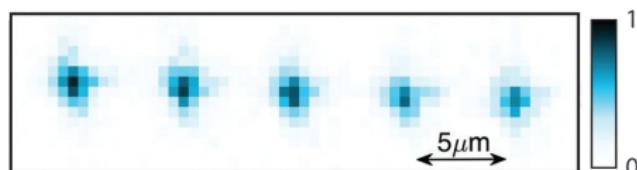
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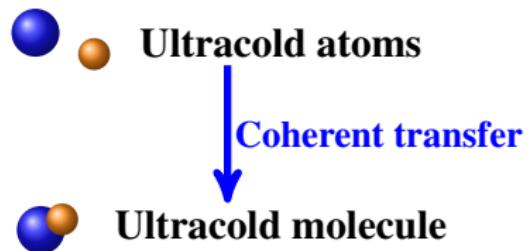
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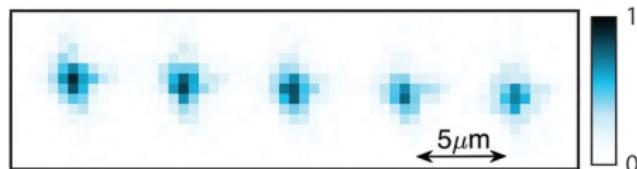


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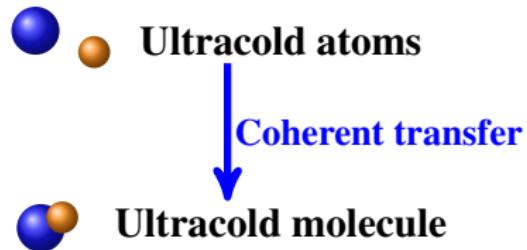
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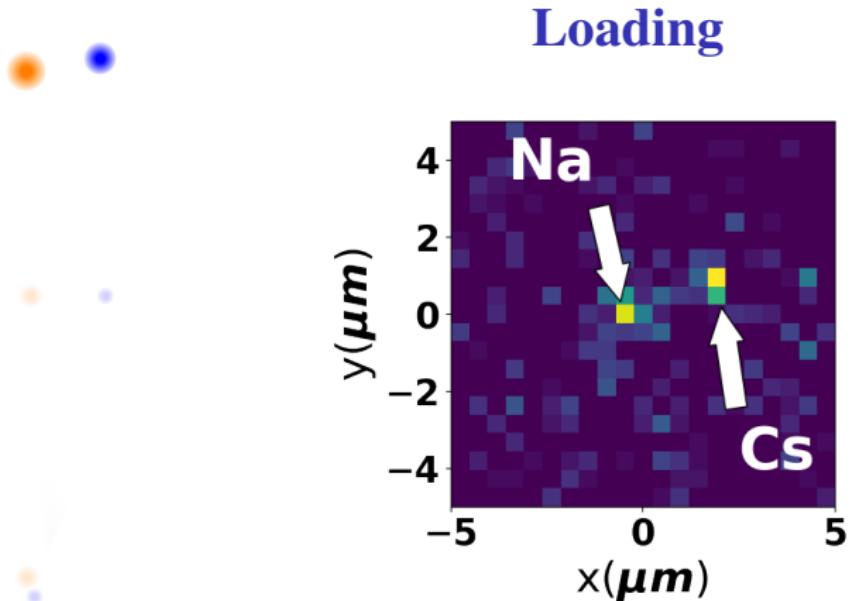
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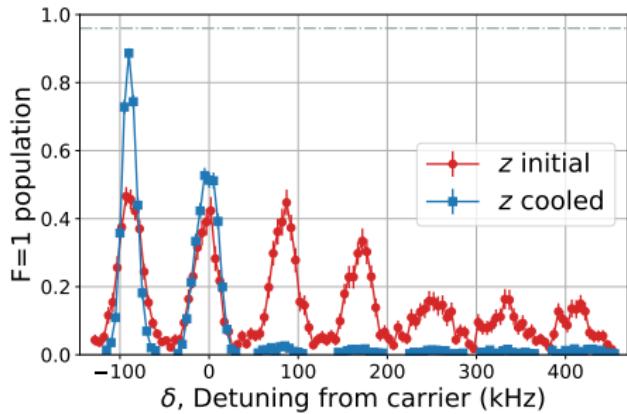


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Post select on initial and final state.

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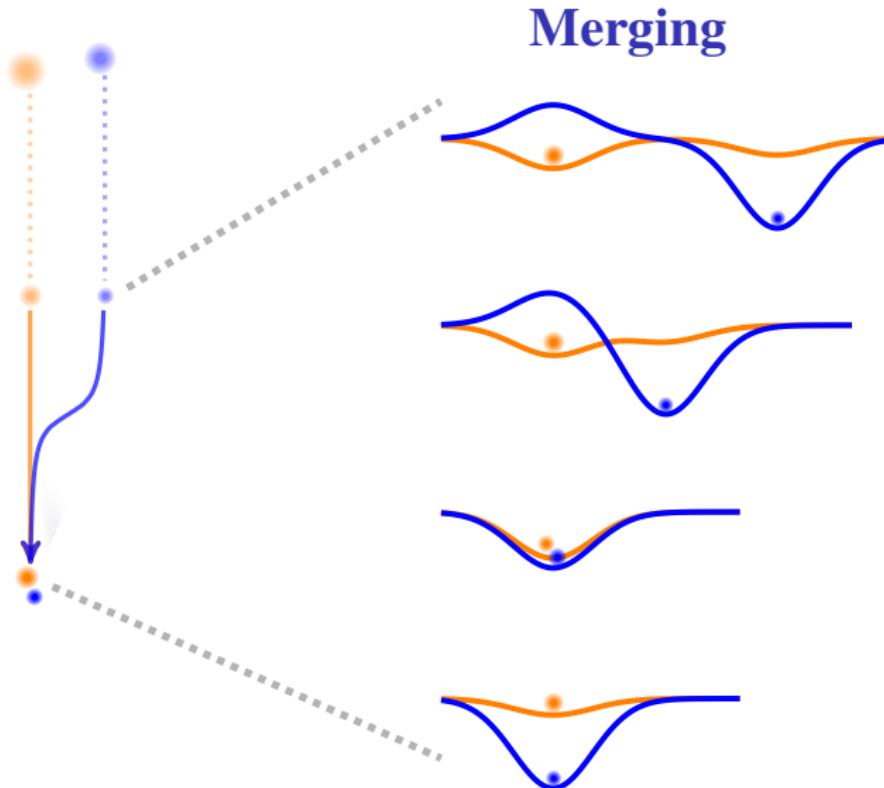
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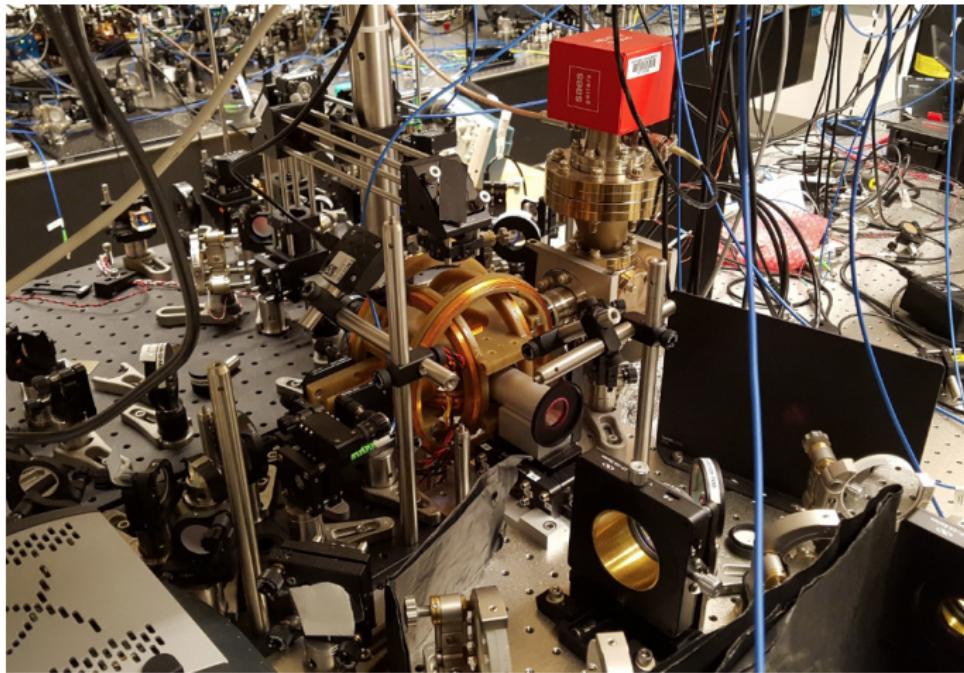
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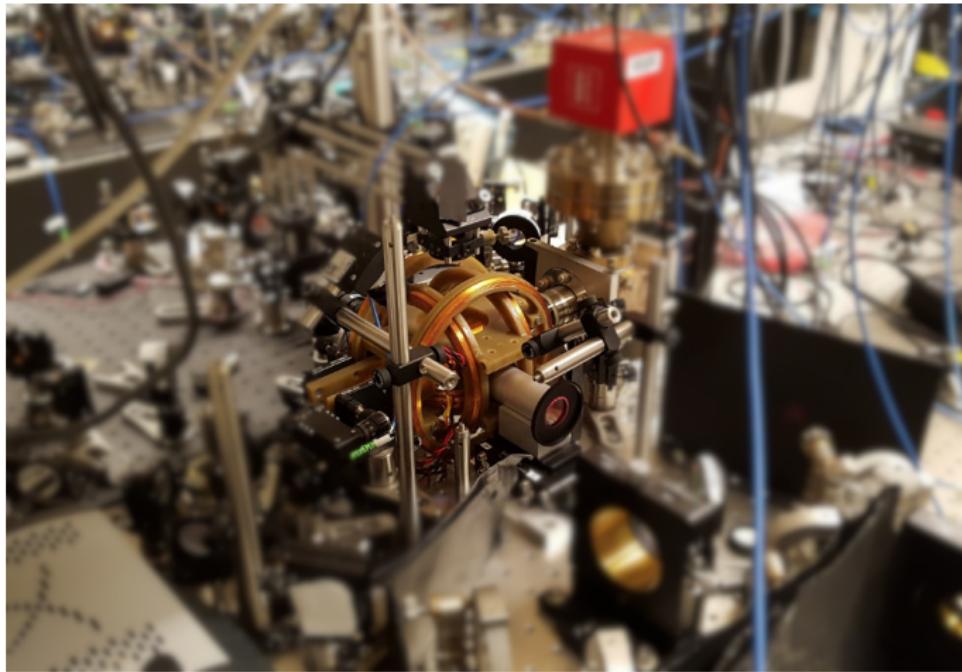
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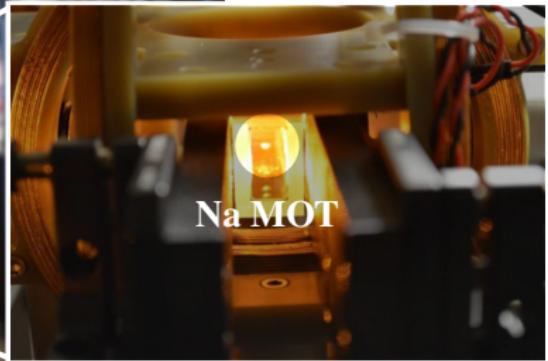
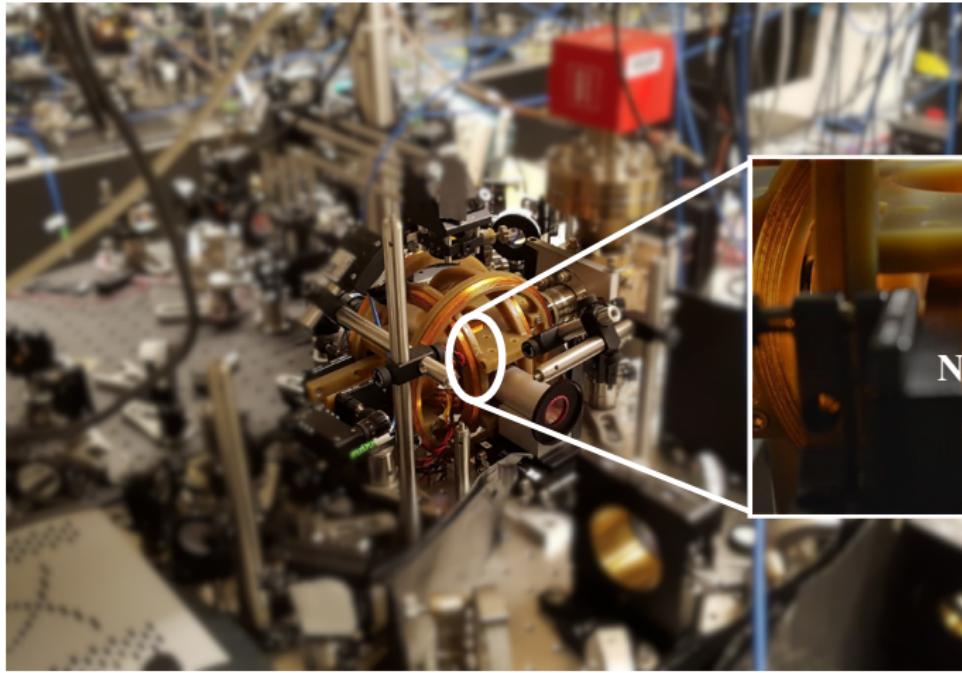
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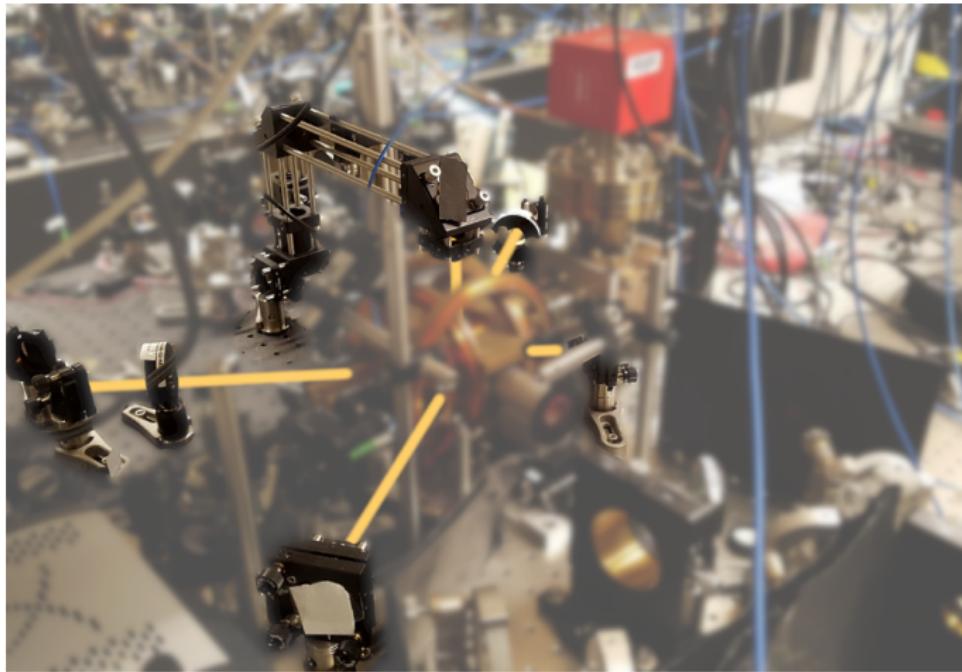




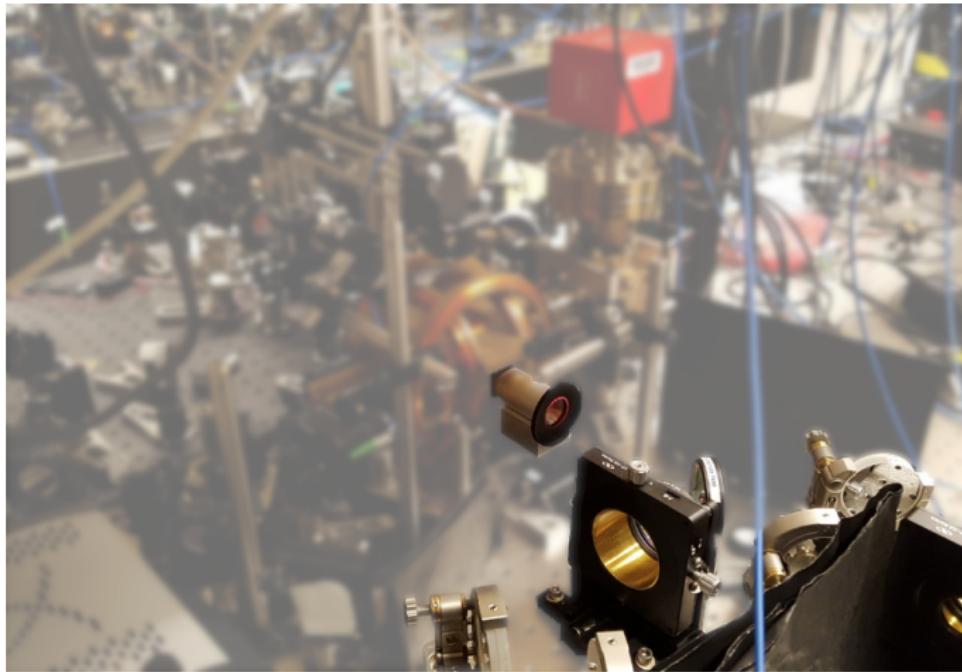




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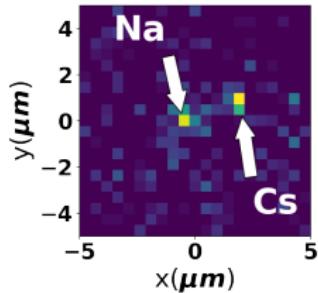
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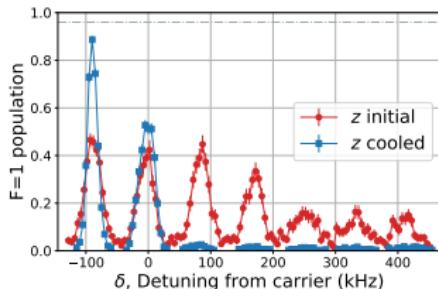


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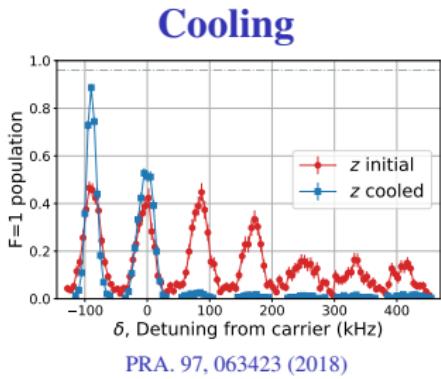
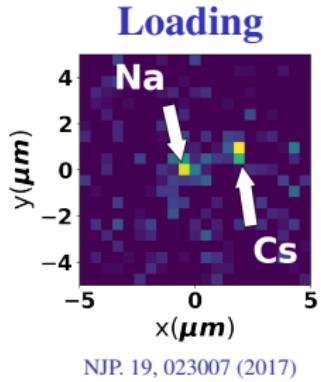


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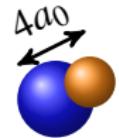
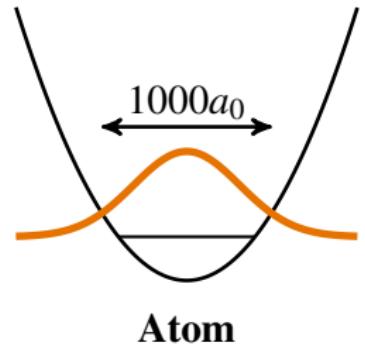


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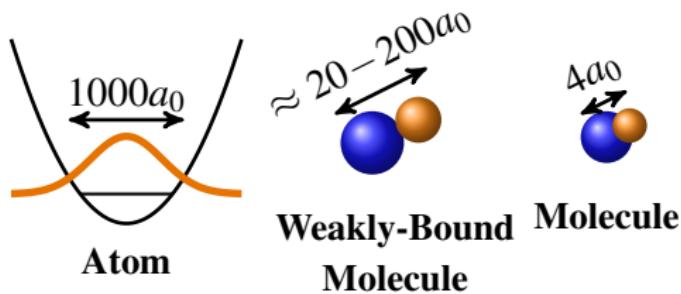
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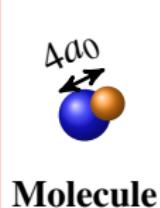
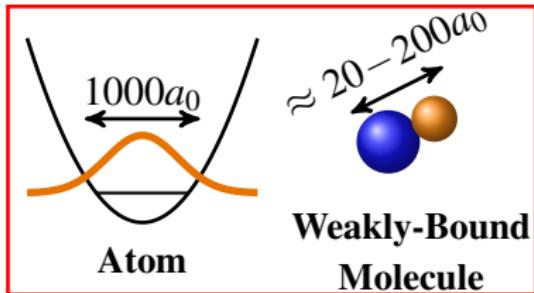


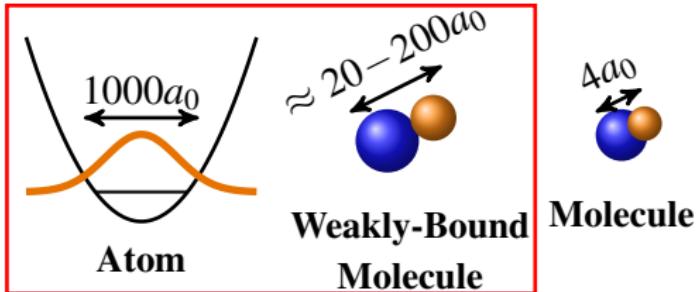
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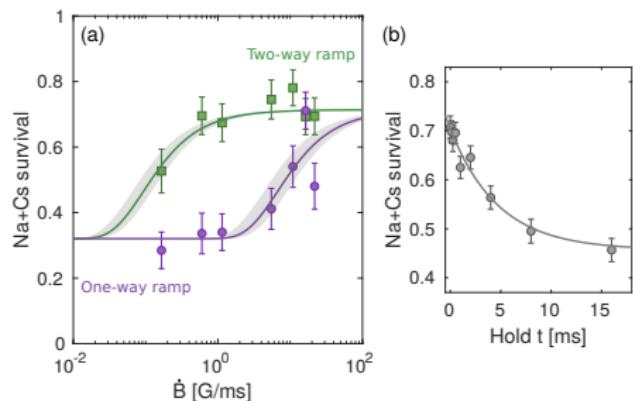
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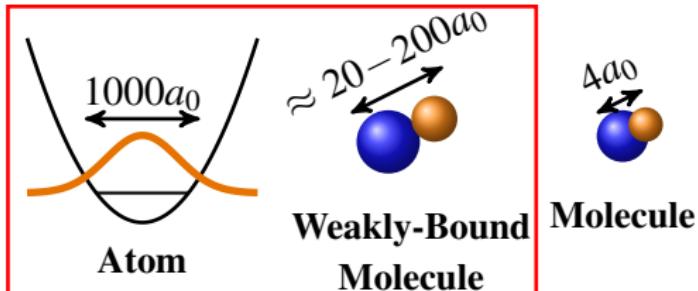




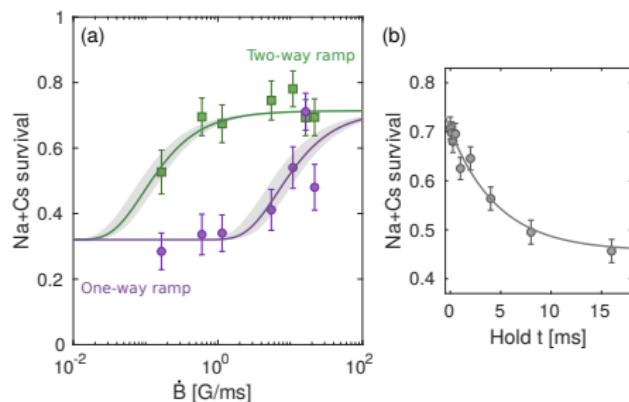
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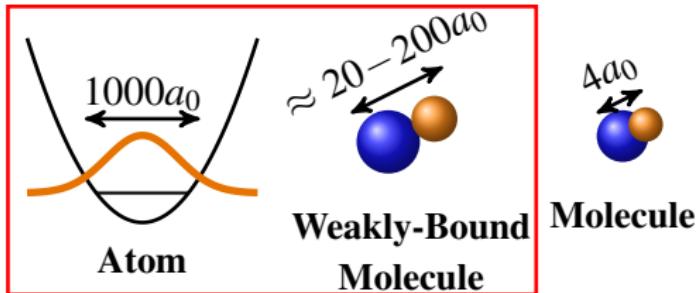


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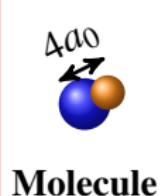
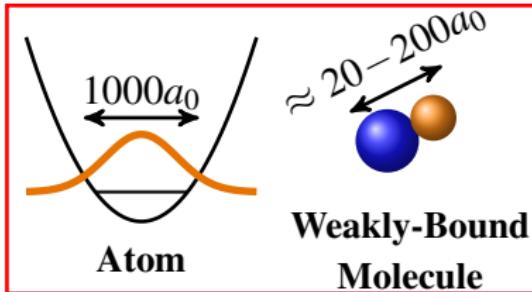
- Requires Feshbach resonance
- Usually large magnetic field

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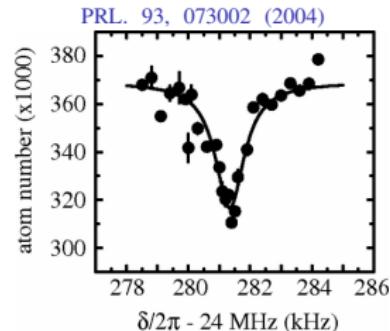


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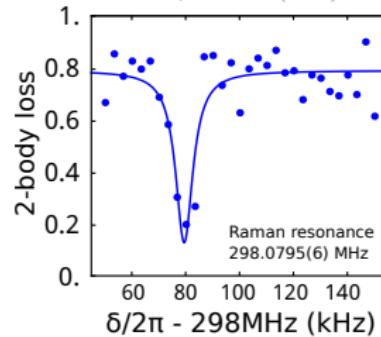
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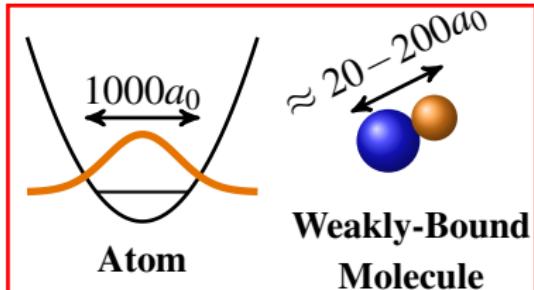
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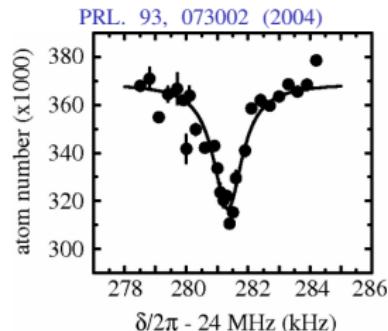
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## Limitations so far

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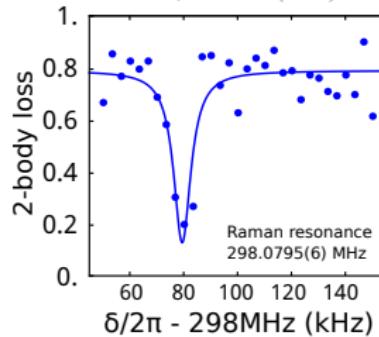
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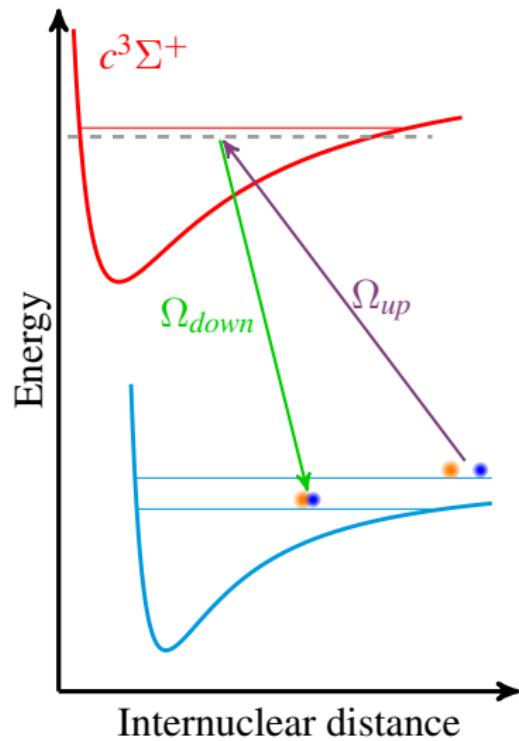


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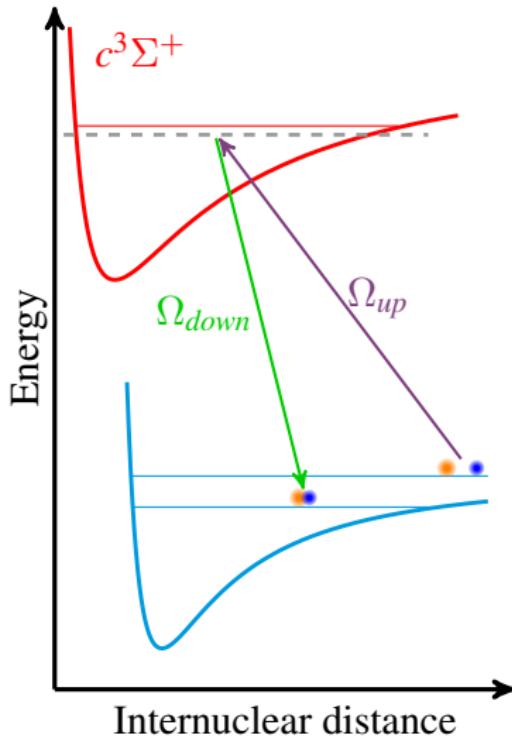
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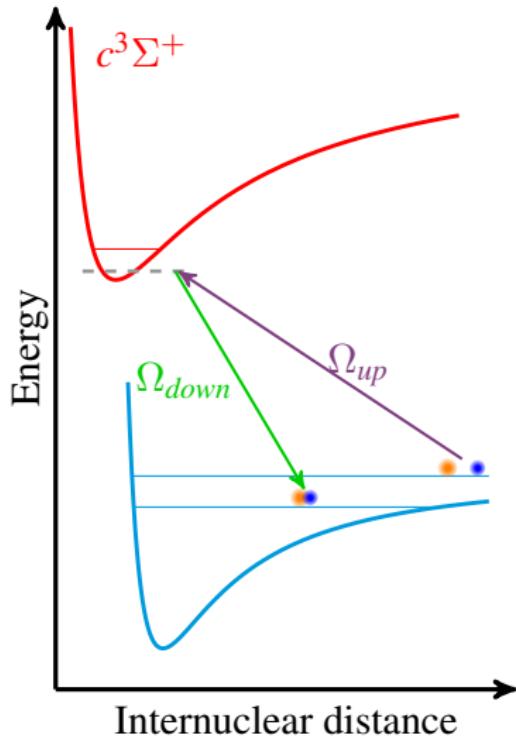
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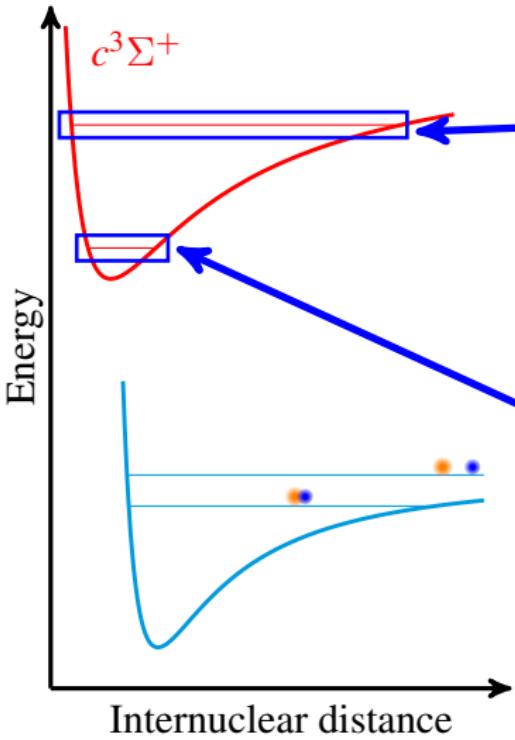
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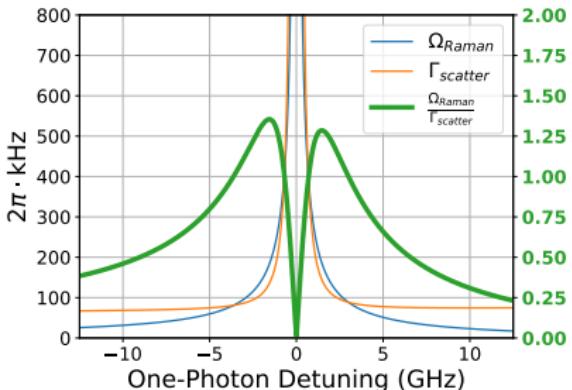
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arXiv:1701.03121(2017)

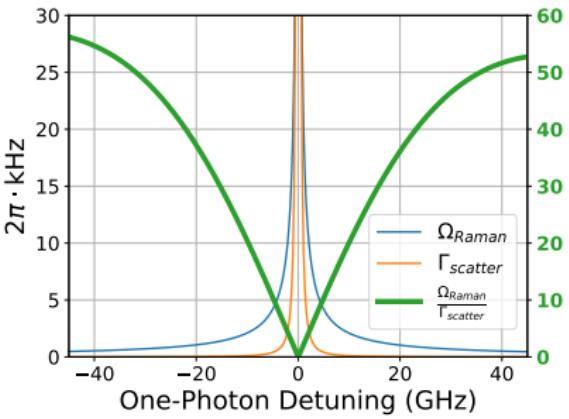
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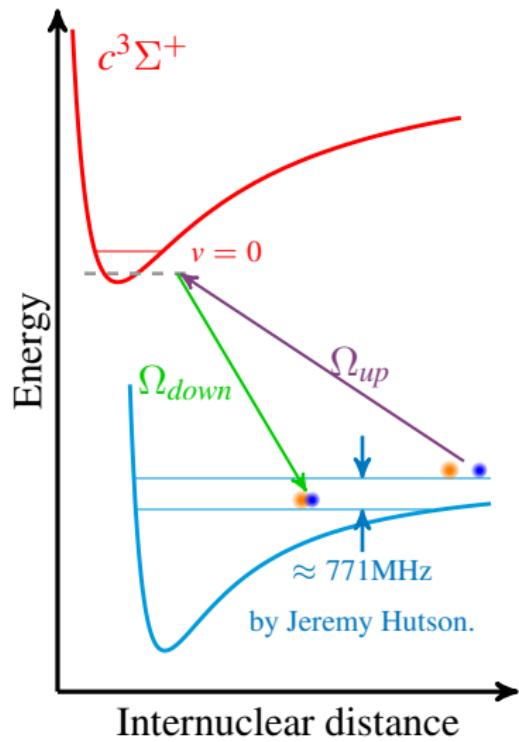
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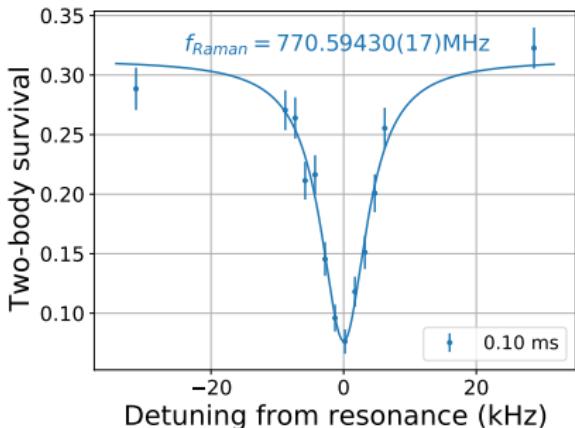
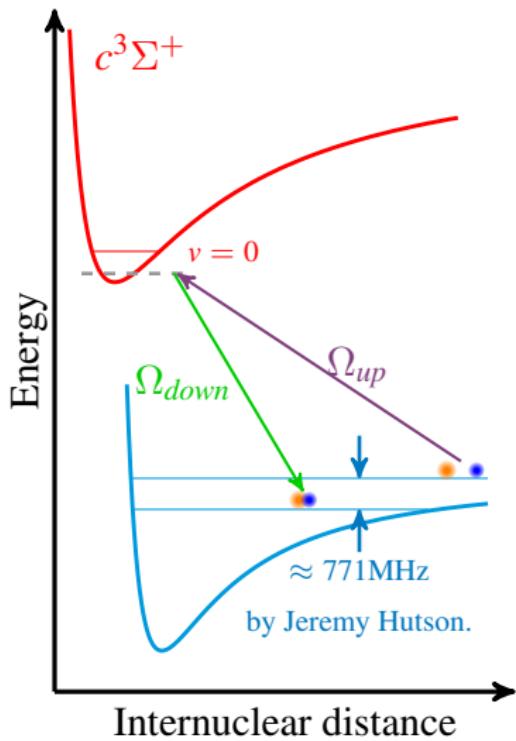
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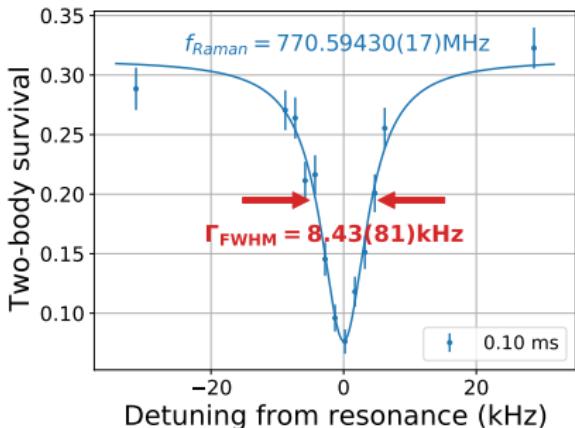
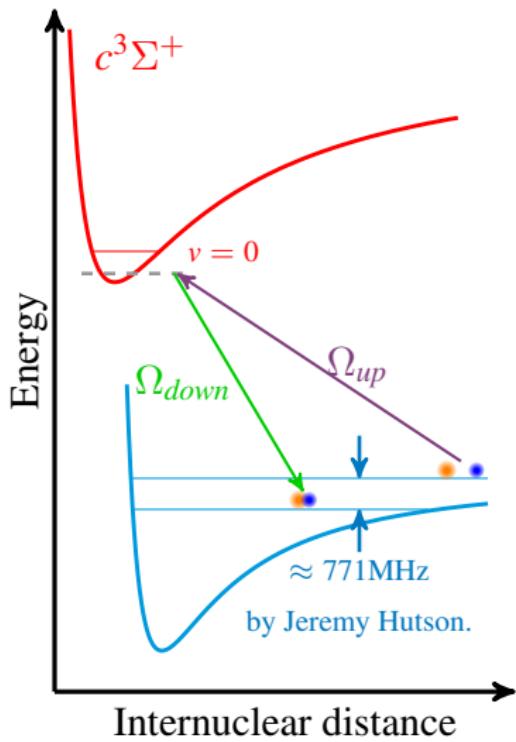
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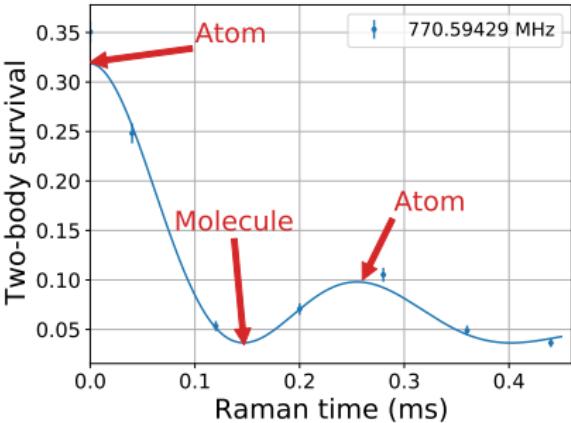
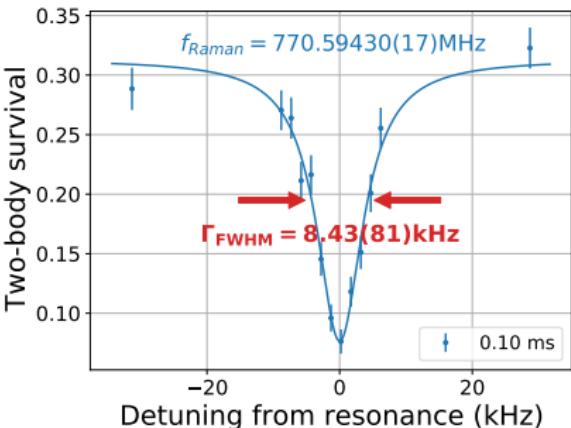
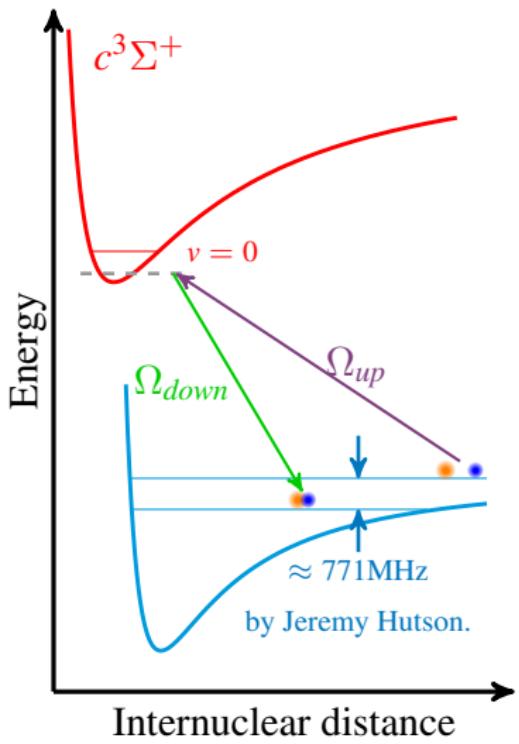
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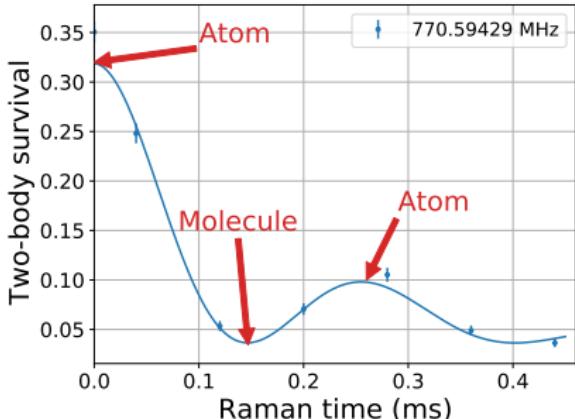
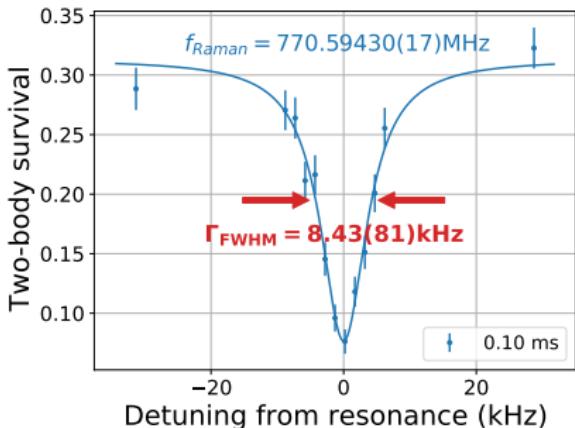
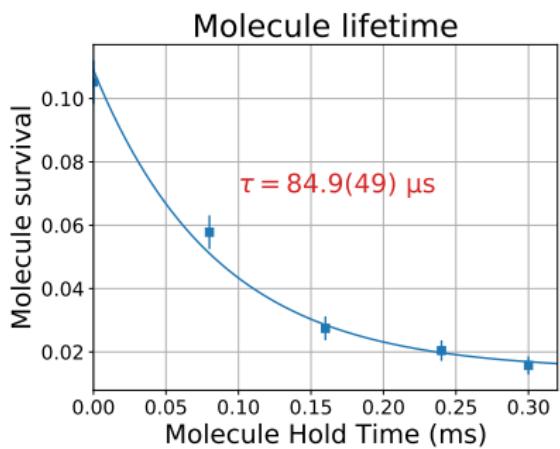


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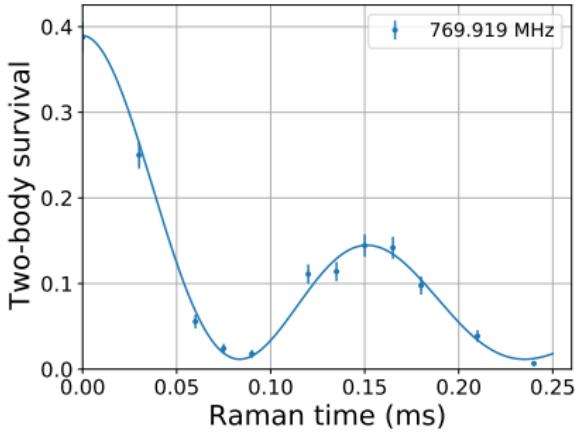
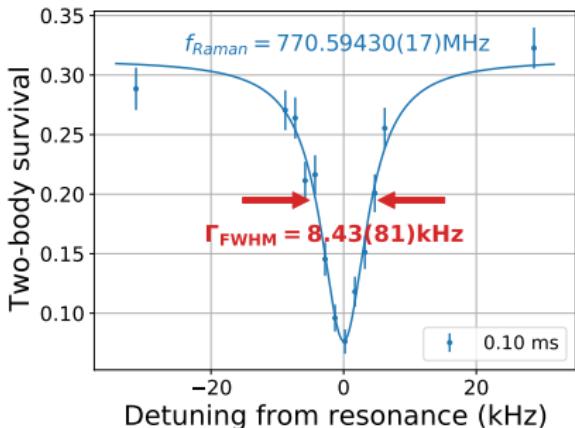
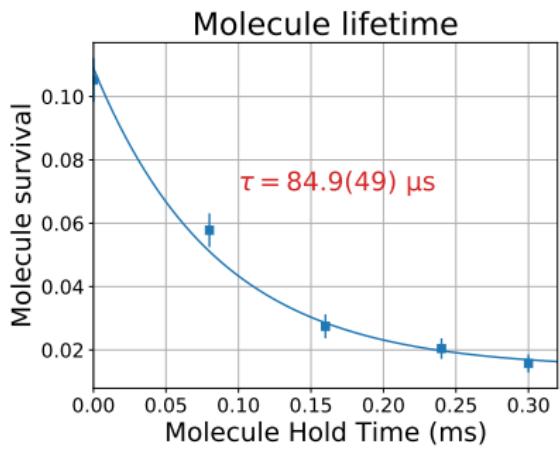
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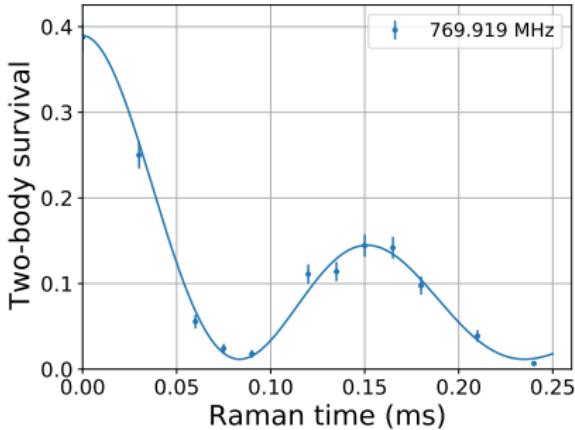
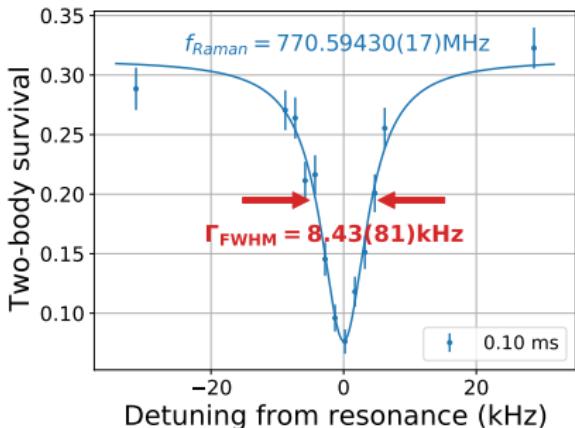
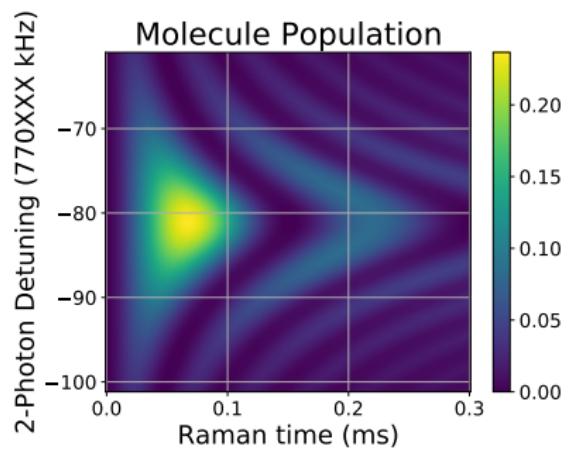
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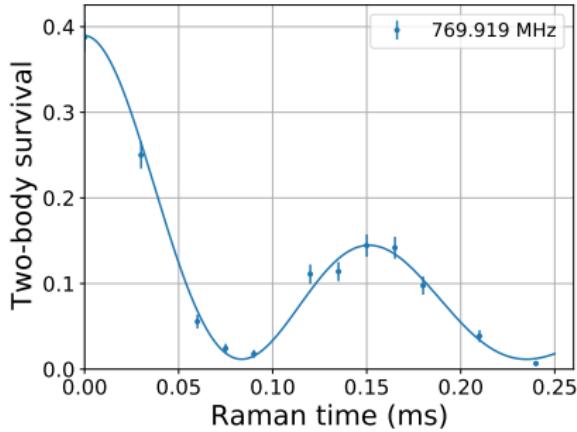
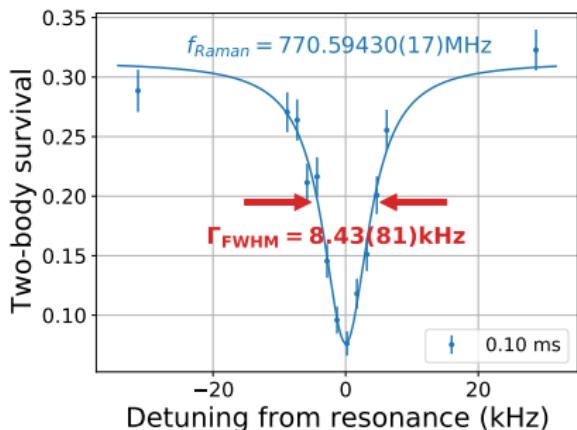
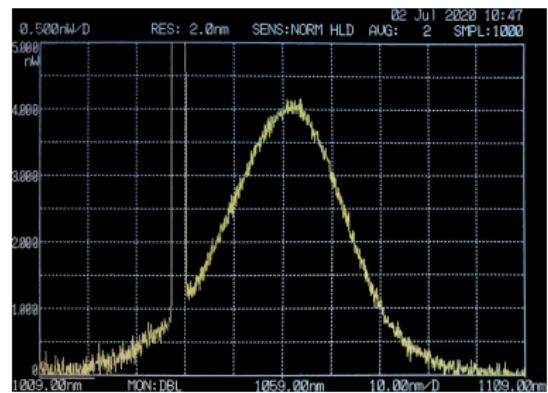
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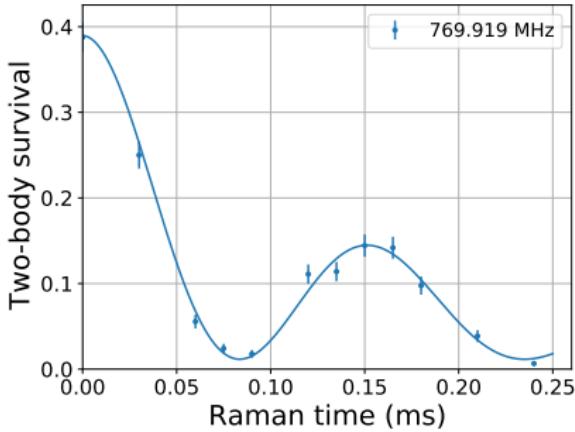
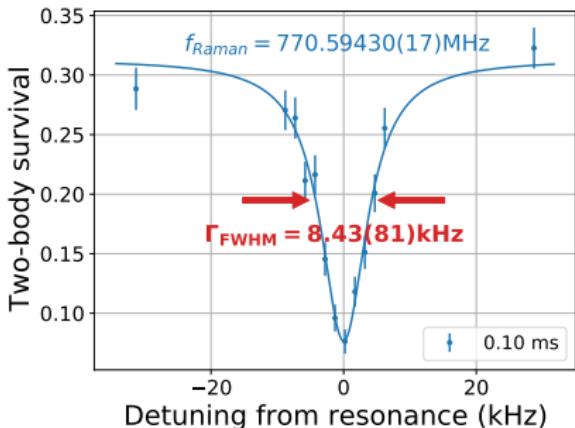
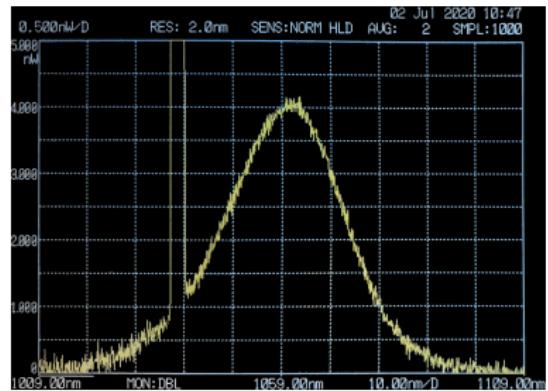
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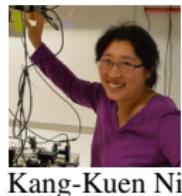
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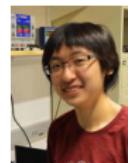


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