

FIG. 2 Example of wave functions from coupled-channels calculations. **(a)** Bound “ac” dimer state. **(b)** Entrance channel “ab” state. There is a 2 kHz harmonic trap added, and this is the lowest-energy state of two atoms interacting at unitarity in the trap.

TABLE I Properties of *ab*-channel wave functions given by Paul. ω is the external trapping potential, n_{rel} is the oscillator number, f_{cl} is the closed-channel fraction, C_{Np} is the contact estimated by Eq. (30), R_* is the characteristic length scale of the closed-channel coupling and calculated using $2\pi f_{\text{cl}}/(C_{\text{Np}}/N)$ – see Eq. (31), I_d is the dimer overlap, and ℓ_d is the characteristic length scale for the dimer weight, Eq. (34).

$\omega/2\pi$ (kHz)	n_{rel}	f_{cl} (%)	C_{Np}/N $\times 10^3$, ($1/a_0$)	R_* (a_0)	C_{Np}/N $\times 10^3$, ($1/a_0$)	I_d	ℓ_d (a_0)
2 kHz	0	0.38%	0.73	33	0.72	0.030	41.7
4 kHz	0	0.55%	1.04	33	1.03	0.043	41.7
8 kHz	0	0.78%	1.47	33	1.47	0.061	41.7
16 kHz	0	1.11%	2.09	33	2.09	0.087	41.6

IV. COUPLED-CHANNELS CALCULATIONS

Paul Julienne has provided wave functions found from coupled-channels calculations at the 202 G Fesbach resonance. These spatial wave functions come decomposed into spin channels; for example *ac*, *aq*, and *br* for the “ac” channel. Data for each spin channel is $u_\alpha(r) = \sqrt{4\pi}r\Psi(r)$, normalized such that $\sum_\alpha \int dr |u_\alpha(r)|^2 = 1$. Table I gives some characteristics of the *ab*-channel data provided. Here, f_{cl} is probability weight in the $\alpha = ar$ channel.

In order to test the hypothesis that the dimer-feature weight is proportional to the contact, we need to find the contact for each of the *ab* wave functions provided. One estimate of the contact is (Werner and Castin, 2012), Eq. (31)

$$N_{\text{pair}} \sim \frac{C}{4\pi}r \quad (\text{for small } r) \quad (27)$$

where N_{pair} is the expectation value for the number of pairs, C is the extensive contact, and r is the inter-particle separation. For the 2-atom case, N_{pair} can only go up to 1. We can find the number of pairs from the open-channel wave function:

$$N_{\text{pair}}(r) = \int_0^r dr' |u_\alpha(r')|^2 \quad (28)$$

where α is the open-channel spin component, here *ab*. Figure 3(a) shows that we do see this linear behaviour in the wave functions, although with a non-zero intercept. Using the fundamental theorem of calculus, the slope of N_{pair} (and thus the contact) is then

$$C = 4\pi \frac{d}{dr} \int_0^r dr' |u_\alpha(r')|^2 = 4\pi |u_\alpha(r)|^2 \quad (29)$$

A comparison of these is shown in Fig. 3(b). We see that the small- r limit seems only satisfied over a small range. In

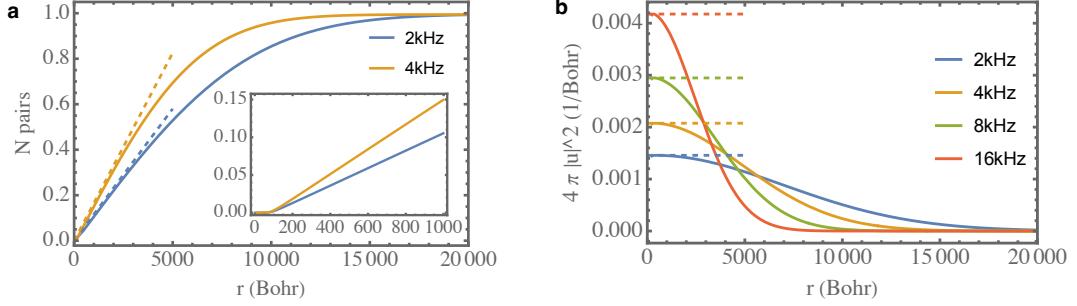


FIG. 3 Finding contact from pair wave functions. (a) The expectation value of the number of pairs, found from Eq. (28), versus separation. Dashed lines show the contact, as determined by Eq. (30). Inset: at very short range, the linear increase in probability only begins after some offset. (b) $4\pi|u_\alpha(s)|^2$ Dashed lines show the contact, as determined by Eq. (30).

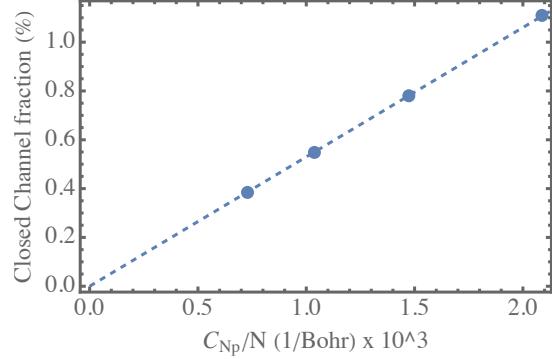


FIG. 4 Closed-channel fraction of pairs at the Feshbach resonance. The closed-channel fraction f_{cl} is plotted versus the contact C_{Np}/N . The dashed line gives the expected slope from Eq. (31), i.e., that $R_* = 33 a_0$.

practice, we then define the first measure of the contact as

$$C_{Np} \equiv 4\pi \max\{|u_{ab}(r)|^2\} \quad (30)$$

Since this is a two-atom state, we include $C_{Np}/N = C_{Np}/2$ in Table I.

A relation found by Werner, Taurell, and Castin (Werner *et al.*, 2009) is that the closed-channel fraction is proportional to the contact, times a factor that depends on the magnetic moment of the dimer channel. At unitarity, their relation predicts that

$$f_{cl} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{C}{N} R_* \quad \text{with} \quad R_* \equiv \frac{\hbar^2}{ma_{bg}\mu_b \Delta B} \quad (31)$$

For the 202 G resonance, $a_{bg} = 167a_0$, $\mu_b \approx 1.68\mu_B$ (Chin *et al.*, 2010), μ_B is the Bohr magneton, and $\Delta B = 6.9$ G. From these, we find $R_* = 33.3 a_0$, which explains very well the slope in Fig. 4. Without assuming anything about R_* , we can calculate it from each contact we have found. Alternatively, we can assume R_* is correctly as given, and use the closed-channel fraction to find the contact for each wave function:

$$\frac{C_{R_*}}{N} \equiv 2\pi \frac{f_{cl}}{R_*} \quad (32)$$

These are tabulated in Tab. II.

Finally, we come to the dimer feature. The spectral weight of the dimer feature, with a $|b\rangle \rightarrow |c\rangle$ spin-flip, is the overlap between the ab initial state and the ac final state:

$$I_d = \left| \int dr u_{ac}^*(r) u_{ab}(r) \right|^2 \quad (33)$$

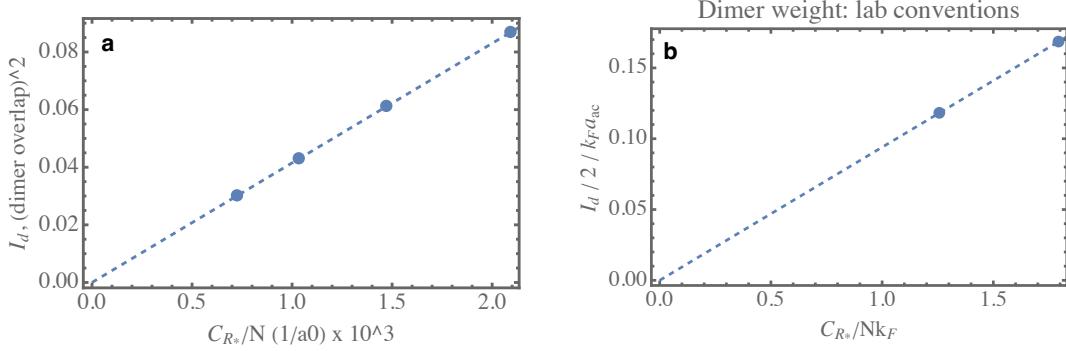


FIG. 5 Dimer feature weight versus contact. (a) The dimer wave function overlap, Eq. (33), is plotted versus contact C/N , determined from the closed-channel fraction of the *ac* wave function and Eq. (32). The dashed line is Eq. (34) with the best-fit slope, giving a characteristic length $\ell_d = 41(1) a_0$. (b) shows this same plot, but in lab units. The value of k_F here corresponds to $E_F/h = 15$ kHz, but the slope of this plot is $\ell_d/a_{ac}/2 \approx 0.094$, is independent of k_F . Note the factor of two in the vertical axis, because lab conventions use the sum-rule of 0.5, instead of unity.

These weights are compared to the contact in Fig. 5(a). A clear linear behaviour is shown, with a slope that can be described by a length scale (akin to R_* , but I've taken out the 2π):

$$I_d = \ell_d \frac{C}{N} \quad (34)$$

with $\ell_d \approx 42 a_0$.

Converting these results to lab conventions, where the rf spectral sum rule is 0.5 instead of unity, we should consider $I_d/2$. Furthermore, we often plot $I_d/2k_F a_{ac}$ versus C/Nk_F . The factors of k_F cancel out of the slope, which is then $\ell_d/(2a_{ac}) \approx 0.094$. See Fig. 5(b).

We can compare the ℓ_d found from this data to the prediction from simple models.

- For a shallow bound state,

$$\ell_d = \frac{1}{\pi} a_{ac} \quad (\text{shallow dimer state}) \quad (35)$$

which would give $\sim 71 a_0$ for $a_{ac} = 222 a_0$.²

- On dimensional grounds, several generalizations might be

$$\ell_d = \frac{1}{\pi} \kappa^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad \ell_d = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\kappa^2 a_{ac}} \quad (\text{dimensionally correct}) \quad (36)$$

which give $\sim 48 a_0$ and $\sim 33 a_0$, respectively. Note that $\kappa^{-1} \approx 151 a_0$, such that $\kappa a_{ac} \approx 1.5$.

- Including an effective range using a square-well model, and typically assuming $r_e \ll a_{ac}$, one finds

$$\ell_d = \frac{1}{\pi \kappa} \frac{1}{1 + r_e/a_{ac}} \quad \text{or} \quad \ell_d = \frac{1}{\pi \kappa} \frac{1}{1 + r_e \kappa} \quad (\text{square-well model}) \quad (37)$$

which give $\sim 32 a_0$ and $\sim 28 a_0$, respectively, using the closed-channel $r_e = 107 a_0$. These seem to over-correct for a finite range, but then our experimental scenario, in which $r_e/a_{ac} \approx 0.5$, may exceed the range of validity of the model. Also, note that the open-channel (r_e)_{ab} $\sim 124 a_0$, and the models typically use the same effective range for both initial and final channels.

In sum, analytic estimates for ℓ_d range from $28 a_0$ to $74 a_0$, bracketing the $42 a_0$ value found through coupled-channels calculations. A comment on all of the analytical models is that they are for open-channel initial and final states, so we would expect to reduce its prediction for I_d by ~ 0.93 , the open-channel fraction of the *ac* channel.

² Note that the parameterization of the *ac* scattering length used here ($a_{bg} = 167.3 a_0$, $\Delta = 7.2$ G, and $B_0 = 224.2$ G) has unknown accuracy.