

Supplemental Materials:

Observation of Quantum Interference and Coherent Control in a Photo-Chemical Reaction

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For the dressed atoms scattering in the $|F = 0, m_F = 0\rangle$ channel, the stimulated transition rate to the excited molecular state is

$$\Gamma_{sup} \propto |\langle \phi_m(\vec{r}_{ab}) | \langle F = 0, m_F = 0 | \psi_{scat} \rangle|^2 \quad (1)$$

where $|\psi_{scat}\rangle$ denotes two body scattering wavefunction of the colliding atoms, including both the spin and relative spatial portions. The operator $\langle F = 0, m_F = 0 |$ selects the spatial portion of the scattering wavefunction with total spin $|F = 0, m_F = 0\rangle$ (the only total spin channel contributing to the PA transition we chose). The spatial wavefunctions for molecule and the bare scattering state in the $|F = 0, m_F = 0\rangle$ channel are denoted as $\varphi_m(\vec{r}_{ab})$ and $\varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab})$ respectively, both with relative coordinate

$$\vec{r}_{ab} = \vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b, \quad (2)$$

where \vec{r}_a and \vec{r}_b denote the spatial coordinates of the two atoms. Since the BECs in the experiment are always loaded to the single particle ground state with quasimomentum $\vec{q} = (0, q_{min}, 0)$, the total wavefunction of one particle (denoted with a subscript) is

$$C_0 e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_a} |1, 0\rangle_a + C_1 e^{i(\vec{q}+\vec{k}_r)\cdot\vec{r}_a} |1, 1\rangle_a + C_{-1} e^{i(\vec{q}-\vec{k}_r)\cdot\vec{r}_a} |1, -1\rangle_a, \quad (3)$$

where $\vec{k}_r = (0, -2k_r, 0)$. The product state of two such particles, denoted a and b respectively, is written as

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}_a+\vec{r}_b)} (C_0^2 |1, 0\rangle_a |1, 0\rangle_b + C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot(\vec{r}_a-\vec{r}_b)} |1, 1\rangle_a |1, -1\rangle_b + C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot(\vec{r}_b-\vec{r}_a)} |1, -1\rangle_a |1, 1\rangle_b + \dots) \\ &= e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}_a+\vec{r}_b)} [C_0^2 (\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |2, 0\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0, 0\rangle) \\ &+ C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot(\vec{r}_a-\vec{r}_b)} (\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} |2, 0\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} |1, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0, 0\rangle) \\ &+ C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot(\vec{r}_b-\vec{r}_a)} (\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} |2, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} |1, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0, 0\rangle) + \dots] \\ &= e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}_a+\vec{r}_b)} [-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_0^2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot(\vec{r}_b-\vec{r}_a)} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot(\vec{r}_a-\vec{r}_b)}] |0, 0\rangle + \dots \\ &= e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}_a+\vec{r}_b)} [-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_0^2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{-i\vec{k}_r\cdot\vec{r}_{ab}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot\vec{r}_{ab}}] |0, 0\rangle + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where kets with subscripts, a or b , denote the spin states of the two single atoms respectively, and the ones without subscripts correspond to the total spins of two particles. In our model, $|\psi_{scat}\rangle$ then is

$$[-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_0^2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{-i\vec{k}_r\cdot\vec{r}_{ab}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r\cdot\vec{r}_{ab}}] \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) |0, 0\rangle + \dots \quad (5)$$

where we have multiplied the corresponding terms in the product state by $\varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab})$, the relevant spatial wavefunction for the $F = 0$ channel, and, we have also suppressed the center of mass term $e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}_a+\vec{r}_b)}$ as it is an overall phase. The

... denotes projections of the scattering state that does not contribute to the PA transition we chose. To describe our experiment, we project $|\psi_{\text{scat}}\rangle$ to include only the portion with $|F = 0, m_F = 0\rangle$:

$$\langle F = 0, m_F = 0 | \psi_{\text{scat}} \rangle = \left[-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_0^2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{-i\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r}_{ab}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} C_1 C_{-1} e^{i\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r}_{ab}} \right] \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) \quad (6)$$

Therefore according to Eq. (1) we have

$$\Gamma_{sup} \propto \left| -\frac{C_0^2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) \right) + \frac{C_1 C_{-1}}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) e^{i\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r}_{ab}} + \int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) e^{-i\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r}_{ab}} \right) \right|^2, \quad (7)$$

where inside the integrals representing the Franck-Condon overlap, we have used $\varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab})$, the bare spatial wavefunction for scattering along $F = 0$, and the additional phases associated with the Raman beams weighted by the appropriate superposition coefficients. This is justifiable since the size of our molecule is $\sim 10^{-3} \lambda_R$ (recall that $\lambda_R = 2\pi/k_r \approx 15000 a_0$), so $\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r}_{ab}$ is negligibly small. Since the Franck-Condon overlap integrals are determined only by the short-range behavior (relative to the λ_R scale), then $\int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) e^{i\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r}_{ab}} \approx \int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) e^{-i\vec{k}_r \cdot \vec{r}_{ab}} \approx \int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab})$, therefore,

$$\Gamma_{sup} \propto \frac{1}{3} \left| \int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) \right|^2 - C_0^2 + 2C_1 C_{-1} \Big|^2. \quad (8)$$

If we let the stimulated rate for two particles with atomic spin state $|f = 0, m_f = 0\rangle$ (like when $C_0 = 1$, and $C_{\pm 1} = 0$) be denoted by $\Gamma_{0,0}$ and note that they have a projection along $|F = 0, m_F = 0\rangle$ with CG coefficient $1/\sqrt{3}$, then:

$$\Gamma_{0,0} \propto \frac{1}{3} \left| \int d\vec{r}_{ab} \varphi_m^*(\vec{r}_{ab}) \varphi_{F=0}(\vec{r}_{ab}) \right|^2. \quad (9)$$

Therefore, $\Gamma_{sup}/\Gamma_{0,0} = | -C_0^2 + 2C_1 C_{-1} |^2$. Recalling that $k_{sup} \propto \Gamma_{sup}$ (with a proportional factor here, as well as that in Eq. (1), that do not depend on the spin states of the colliding atoms [1]), we may then obtain Eq. 3 in the main text

$$k_{sup}/k_{0,0} = |C_0^2|^2 + 4|C_{-1} C_{+1}|^2 - 4\text{Re}[C_0^2 C_{-1}^* C_{+1}]. \quad (10)$$

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