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Towards Photoassociation in 87RB BEC with raman lightinduced synthetic gauge fields DAVID BLASING, YONG CHEN, Purdue University — We present our experimental studies of photoassociation in 87Rb Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC) both without and with the presence of Raman lightinduced gauge fields. These gauge fields couple the three bare $m_{\rm f}$ spins in the F=1 manifold of 87Rb, with the new eigenstates being superpositions of the bare $m_{\rm f}$ states. Some photoassociation channels are allowed or forbidden depending the $m_{\rm f}$ spin of the colliding atoms. We will report the progress in our measurements, with the goal of investigating the role of synthetic gauge fields on the photoassociation process.

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