## EXPERIMENTAL MAPPING OF THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF THE ELECTRONIC TRANSITION DIPOLE MOMENT FUNCTION $\mu_e(R)$ OF THE <sup>7</sup>Li<sub>2</sub> $A^1\Sigma_u^+ - X^1\Sigma_q^+$ SYSTEM

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Continuous wave (CW) triple resonance laser spectroscopy<sup>*a*</sup> was used to map the absolute value of the electronic transition dipole moment function  $\mu_e(R)$  of the <sup>7</sup>Li<sub>2</sub> A-X system. In this work, the transition dipole moment matrix elements of specific rovibronic molecular transitions were first determined by fitting the observed Autler-Townes splitting spectra. Then by employing the R-centroid approximation, or a multi-variable fit involving higher moments of R,  $\mu_e(R)$  has been determined within a relatively large range of internuclear distance R. Finally, this electronic transition dipole moment function is compared with the ab initio calculations with very good agreement.

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