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Rabi Oscillations in Two-Component Bose-Einstein Condensates with a Coupling Drive LI Wei-Dong, <sup>1,2,3</sup> FAN Wen-Bing, <sup>2</sup> ZHOU Xiao-Ji, <sup>3,4</sup> WANG Yi-Qiu, <sup>3,4</sup> and LIANG Jiu-Qing<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Department of Physics and Institute of Theoretical Physics, Shanxi University, Taiyuan 030006, China <sup>2</sup> State Key Lab of Magnetism, Institute of Physics, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100080, China <sup>3</sup> Key Laboratory for Quantum Information and Measurements, Ministry of Education of China <sup>4</sup> Department of Electronics, Peking University, Beijing 100871, China (Received: 2002-3-22; Revised: ) Abstract: The Rabi oscillations in two-component Bose-Einstein condensates with a coupling

drive are studied by means of a pair of bosonic operators. The coupling drive and initial phase difference will affect the amplitude and the period of the Rabi oscillations. The Rabi oscillations will vanish in the evolution of the condensate density for some special initial phase differences ( $\varphi$ =0 or  $\pi$ ). Our theory provides not only an analytical framework for quantitative predictions for two-component condensates, but also gives an intuitive understanding of some mysterious features observed in experiments and numerical simulations.

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