

Transit Time Broadening and Laser-Dressed State Interference Effects in Spectral Profiles of Atoms Interacting with Coherent Light

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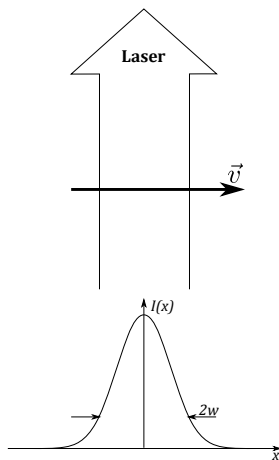
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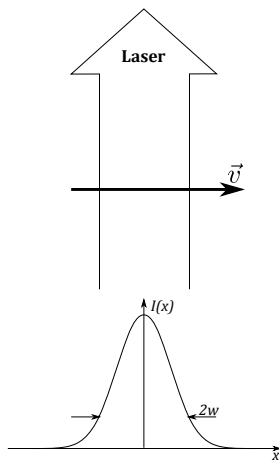
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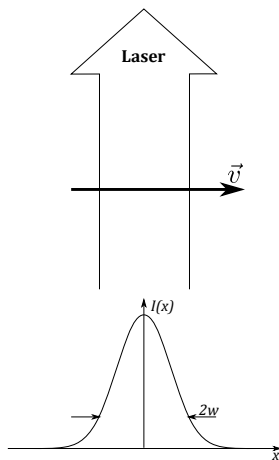
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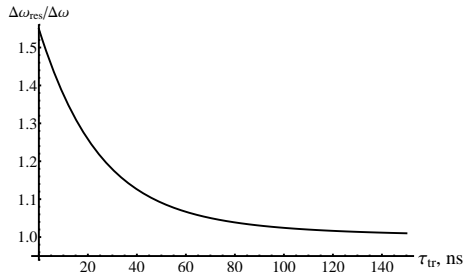
Important correction for small transit times

Classical line width

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1.0692}{2\tau_{\text{sp}}} + \sqrt{\frac{0.8676}{4\tau_{\text{sp}}^2} + \frac{8\text{Ln}(2)}{\tau_{\text{tran}}^2}} \right)$$

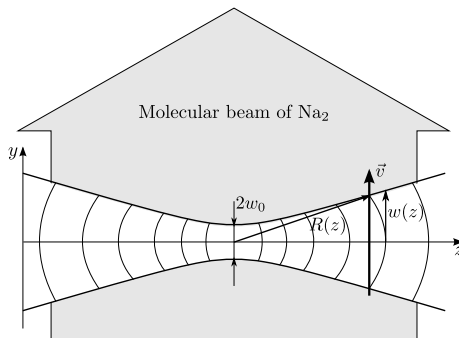
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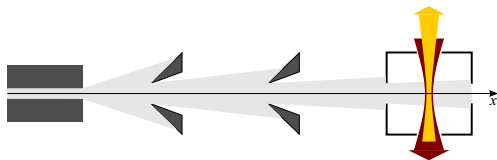
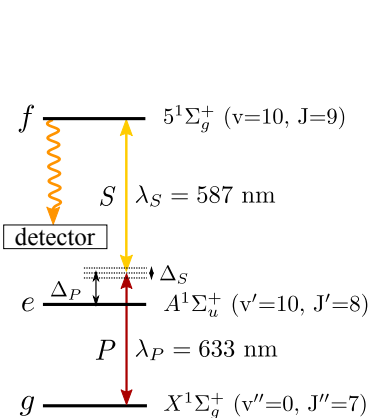
Relation between line widths arising from classical and density matrix approach as a function of the transit time. Calculation for the spontaneous life time of the excited level $\tau = 17$ ns. .

Curved wavefronts introduce additional broadening



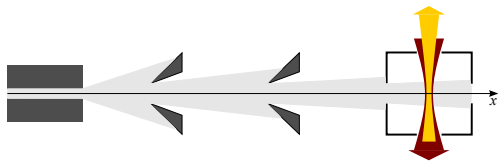
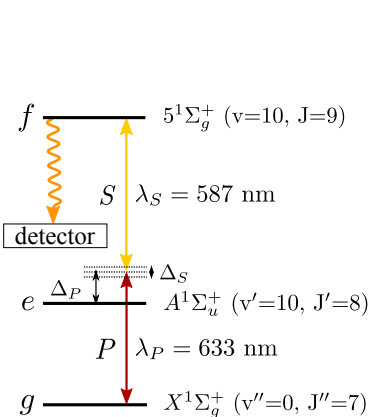
Broadened line width: $\Delta\omega_{\text{vf}} = \Delta\omega\sqrt{1 + \Delta\phi^2}$

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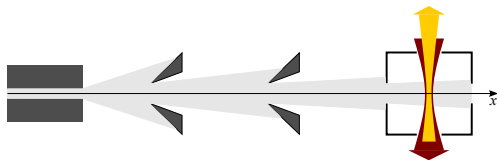
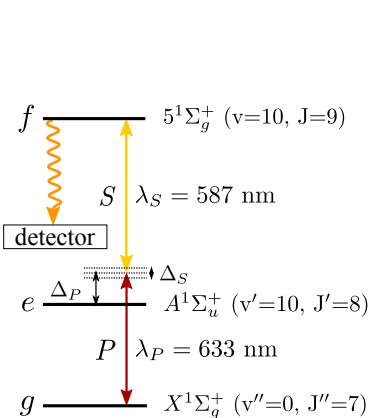
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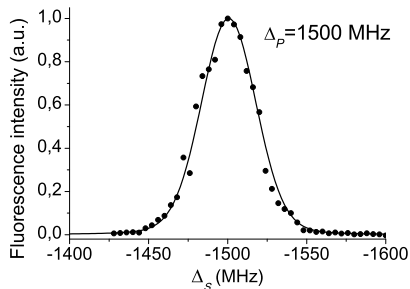
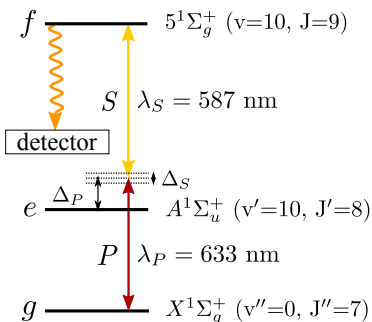
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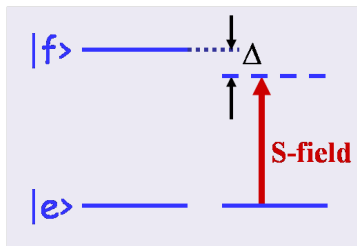
30% increase over the line width predicted by classical theory



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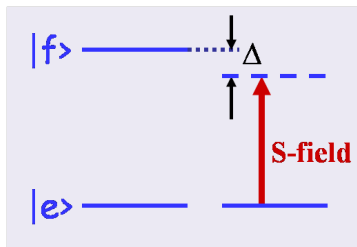
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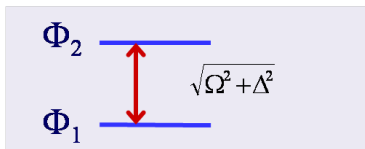
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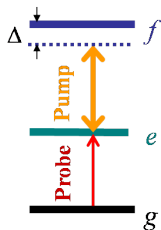


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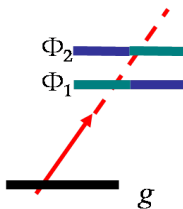
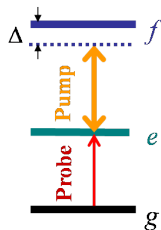
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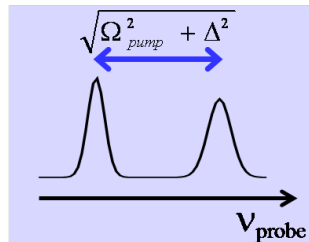
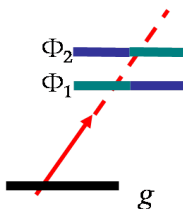
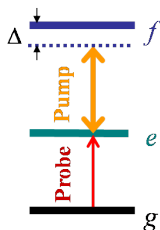
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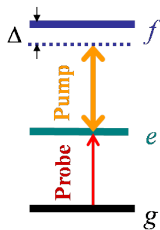
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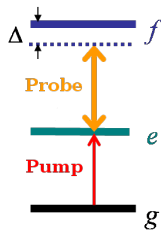
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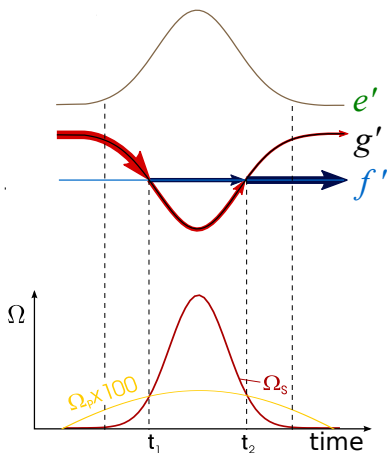
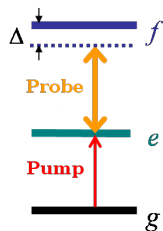
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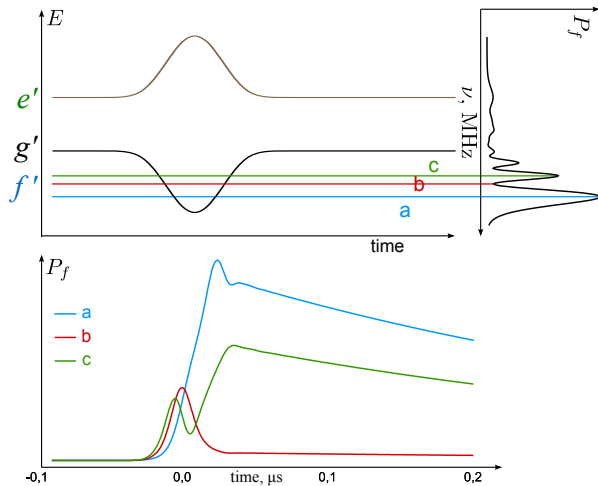
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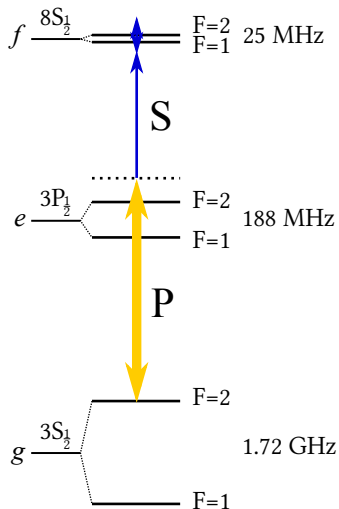
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Population control of long lived atomic states



First experimental results in Na atoms



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