



# Controlling many-body Förster resonances between cold Rydberg atoms by a time-varying electric field

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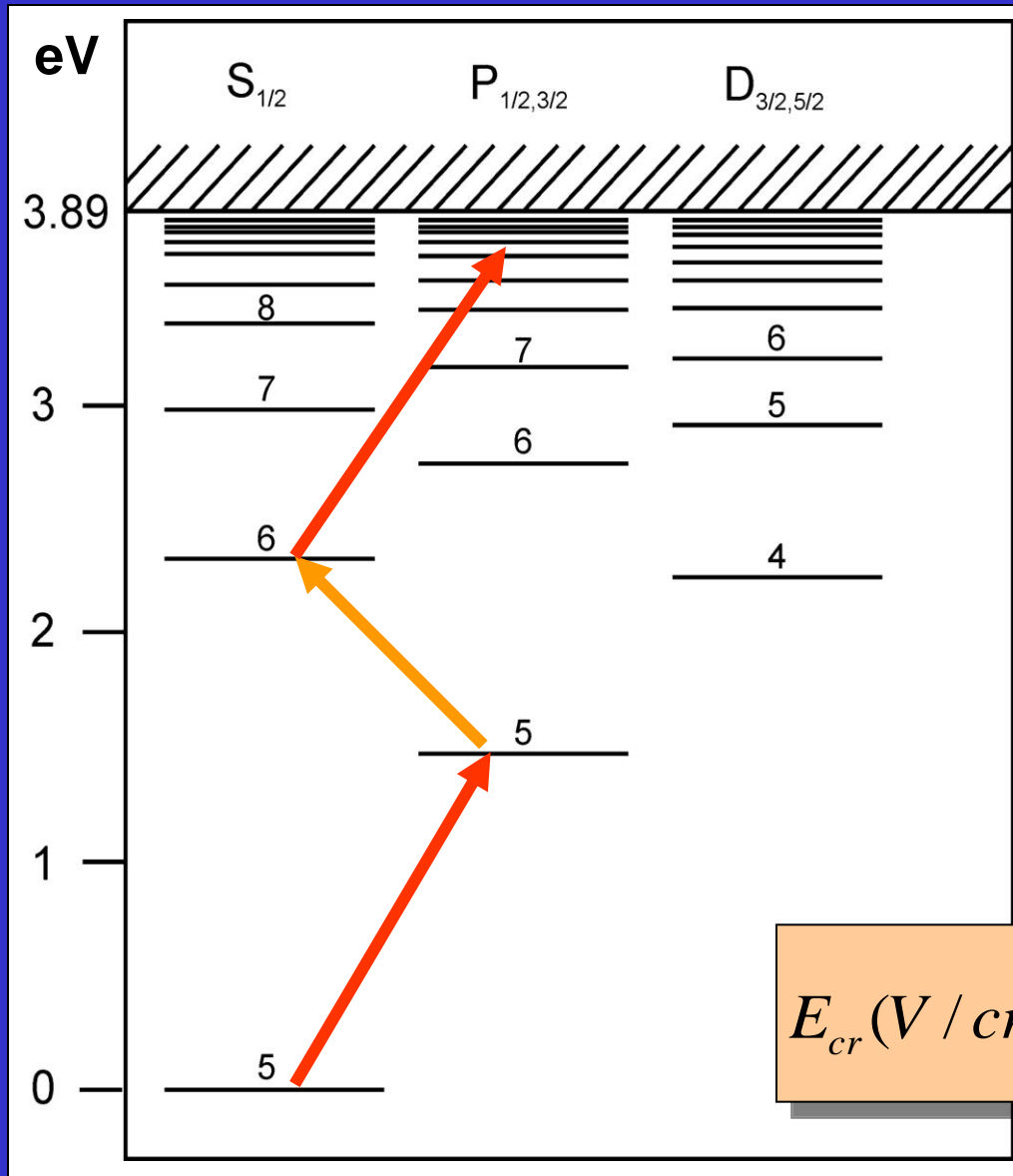
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# Rydberg atoms

Energy levels in Rb atoms



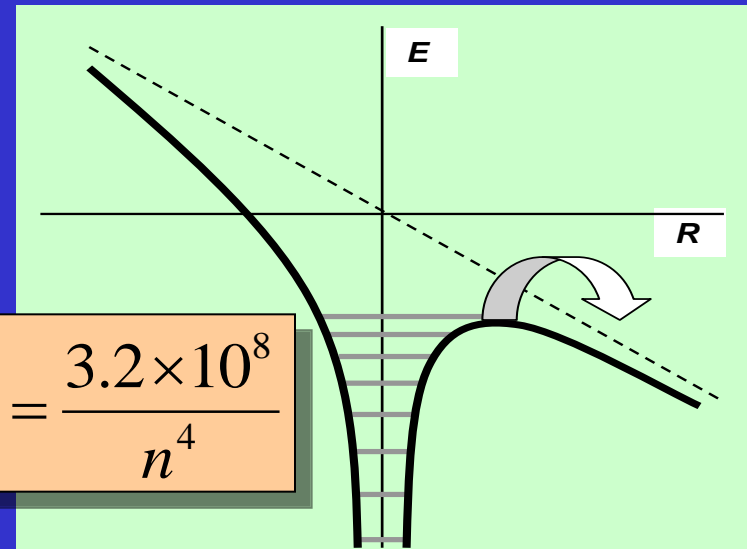
$$E_n = -\frac{Ry}{(n - \delta_L)^2}$$

$$r_n \sim n^2$$

$$\tau_n \sim n^3 - n^5$$

$$\alpha_n \sim n^7$$

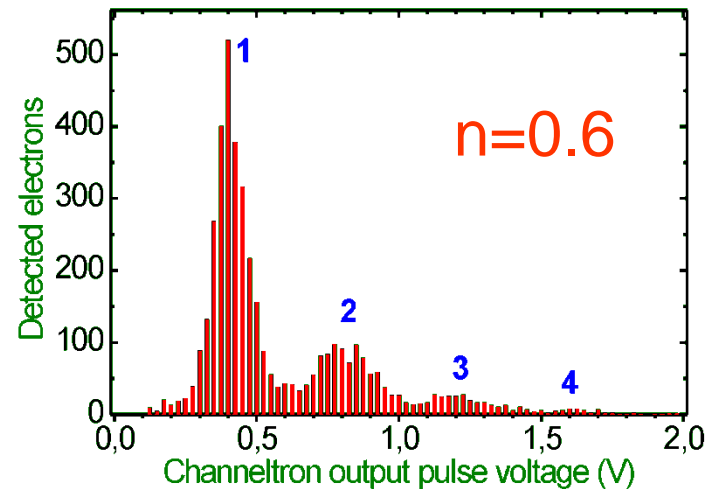
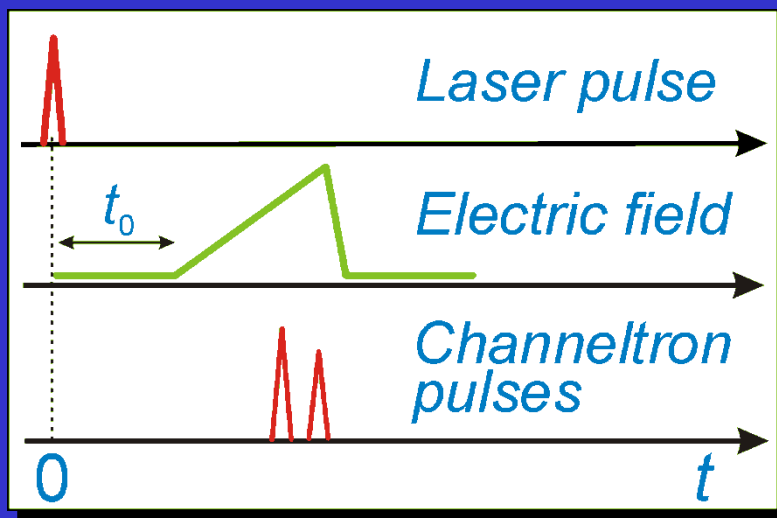
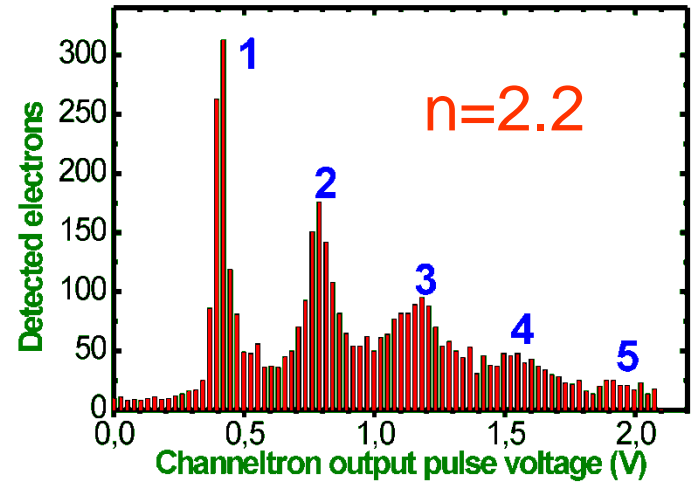
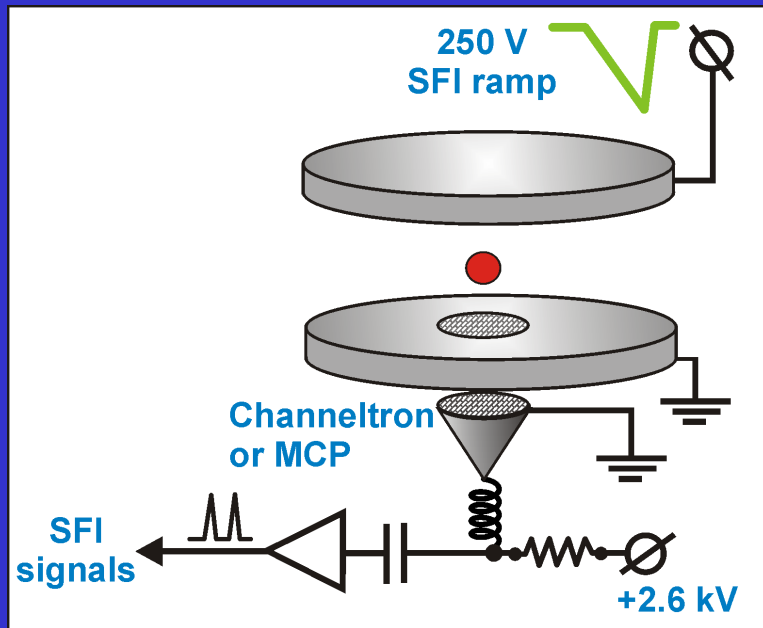
$$E_{cr} (V/cm) = \frac{3.2 \times 10^8}{n^4}$$



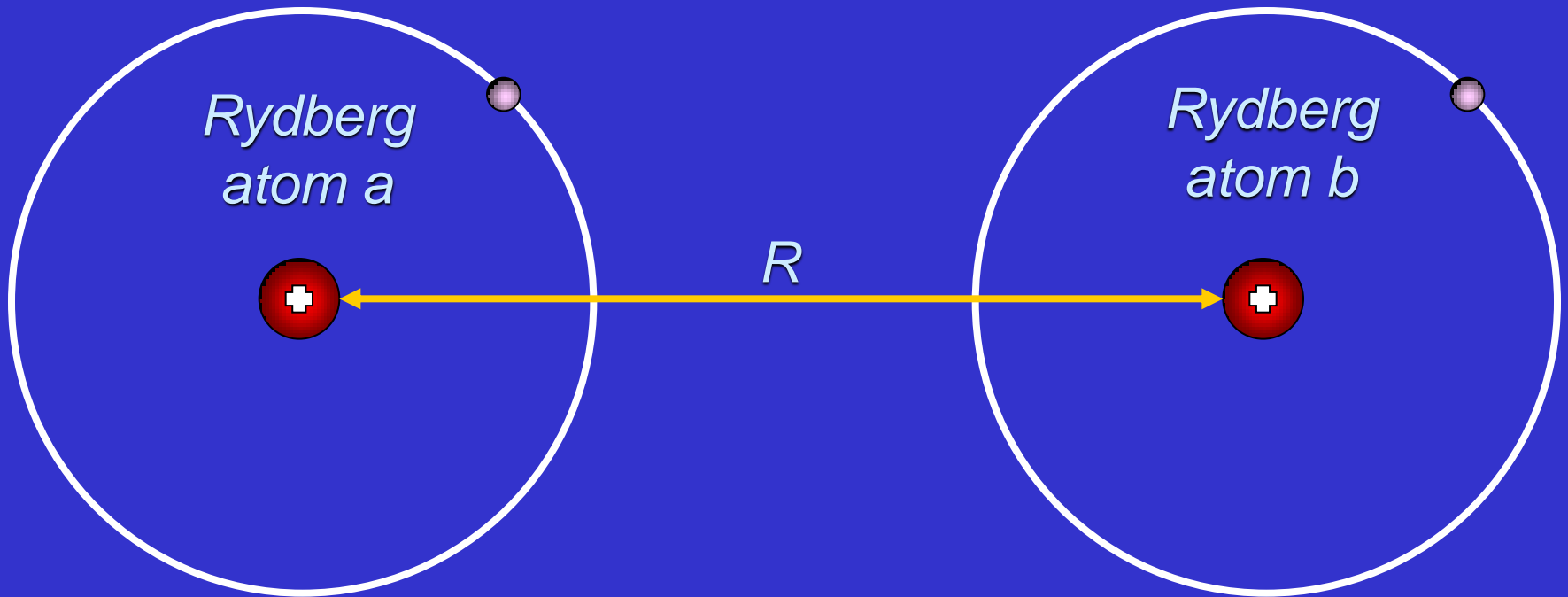
# Selective Field Ionization detector

# Atom counting with CEM

Ryabtsev et al., *PRA* 76 (2007) 012722



# Long-range interactions of Rydberg atoms



*Dipole moments*

$$d \sim e a_0 n^2$$

*Energy of dipole-dipole interaction*

$$V_{ab} \sim \frac{d_a d_b}{R_{ab}^3} \sim n^4$$

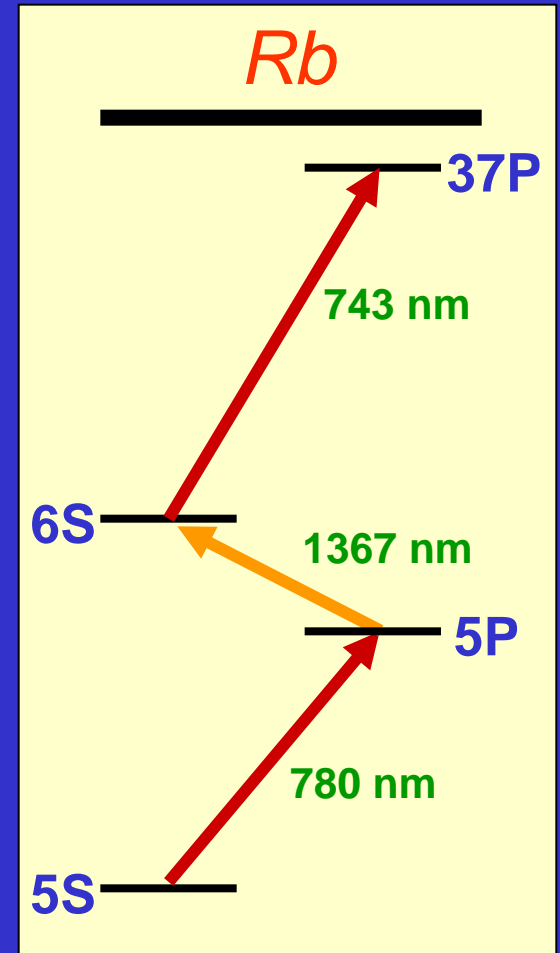
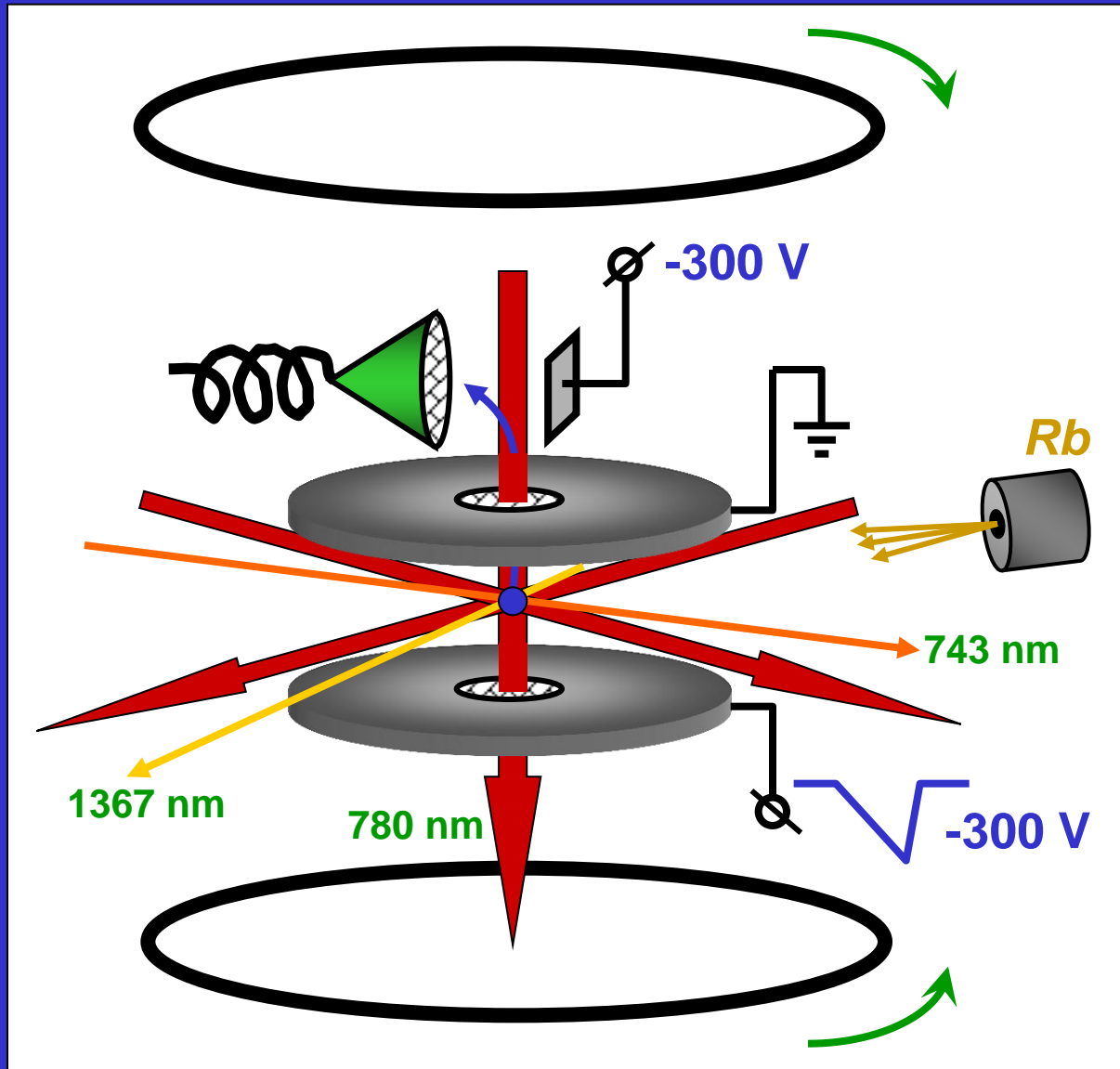
$$V \sim 10 \text{ MHz} \quad \text{at} \quad n = 50, R \approx 5 \mu\text{m}$$



# MOTIVATION

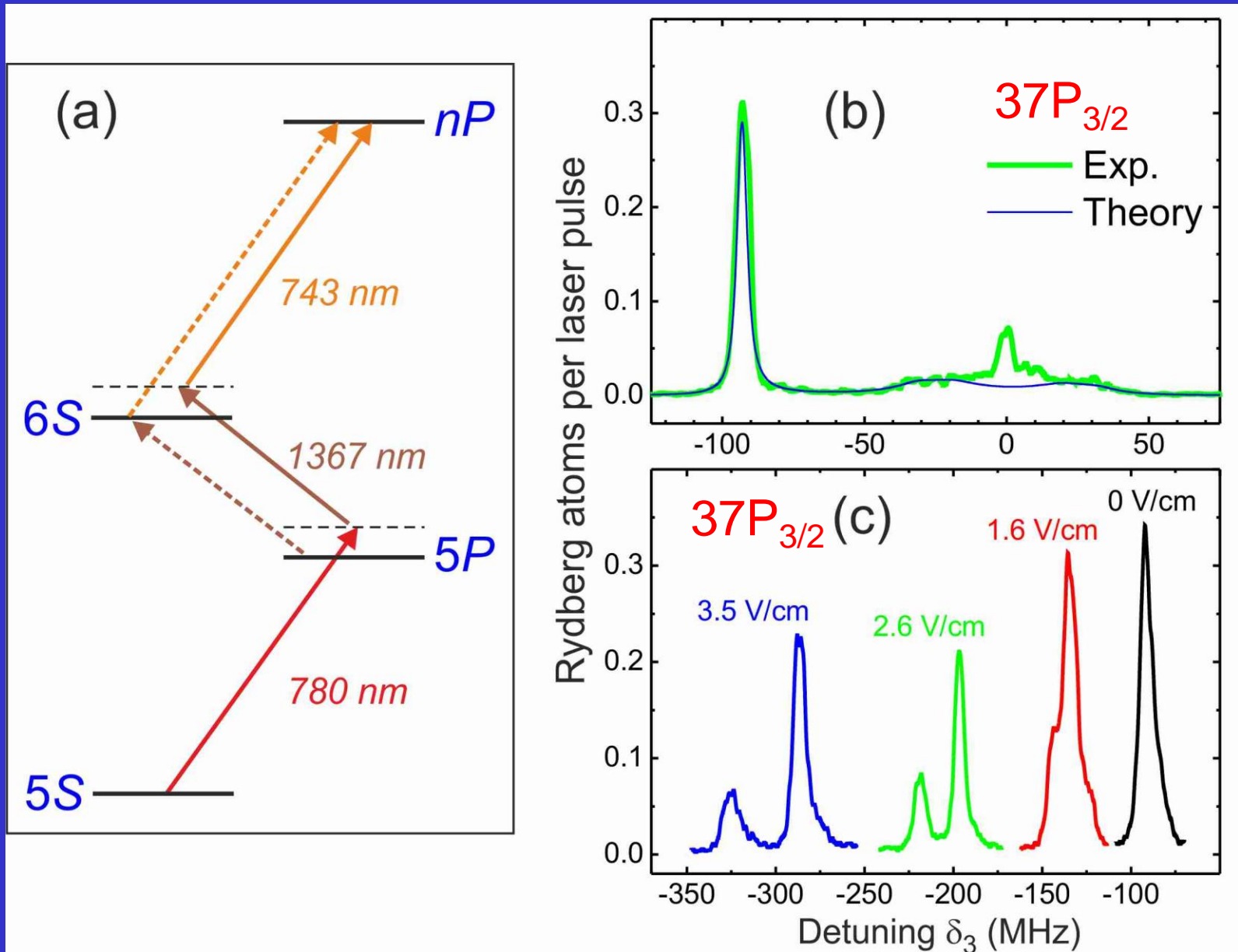
- Many-body phenomena
- Phase transitions in a cold gas
- Dipole blockade at laser excitation
- Neutral atom quantum computing
- Single-photon gates

# Rb magneto-optical trap with detection system for Rydberg atoms

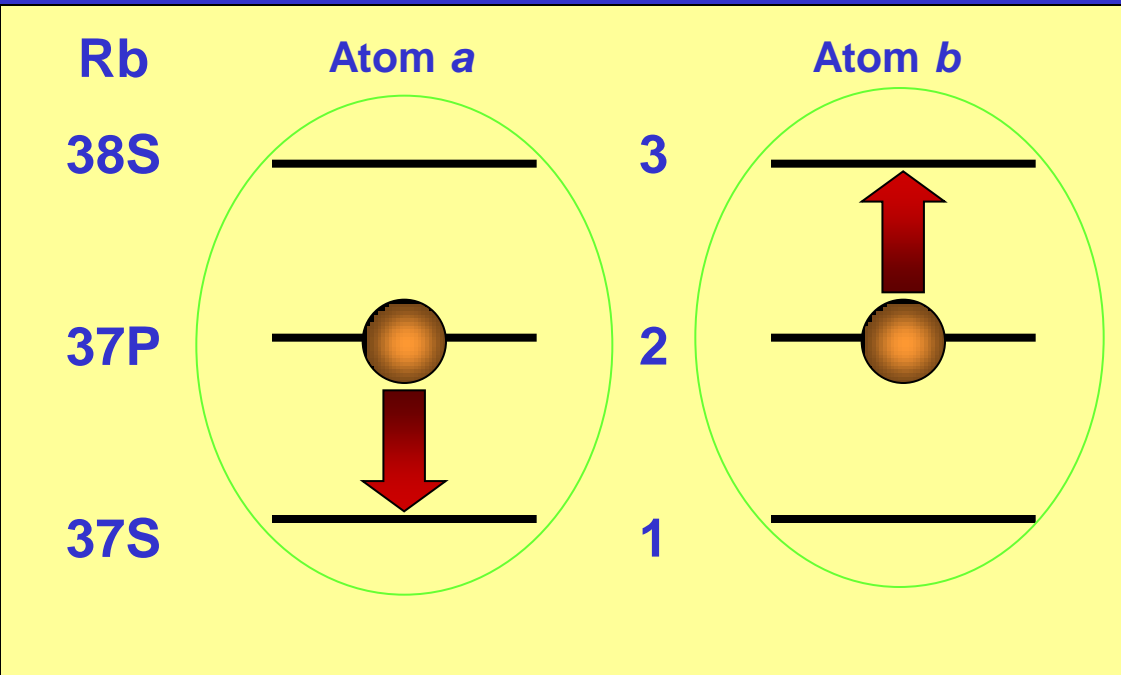


V.M. Entin et al.,  
JETP 116, 721 (2013)

# Three-photon laser excitation with cw lasers



# Two-body Förster resonance in Rb Rydberg atoms



$$\hat{V}_{ab} \sim \frac{\hat{d}_a \hat{d}_b}{R^3}$$

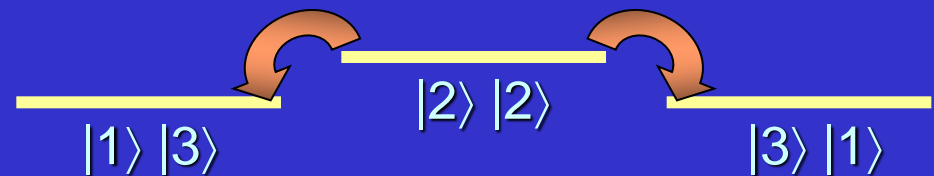
$$n = 37, R \approx 10 \mu\text{m}$$

$$V_{dd}/h \sim 400 \text{ kHz}$$

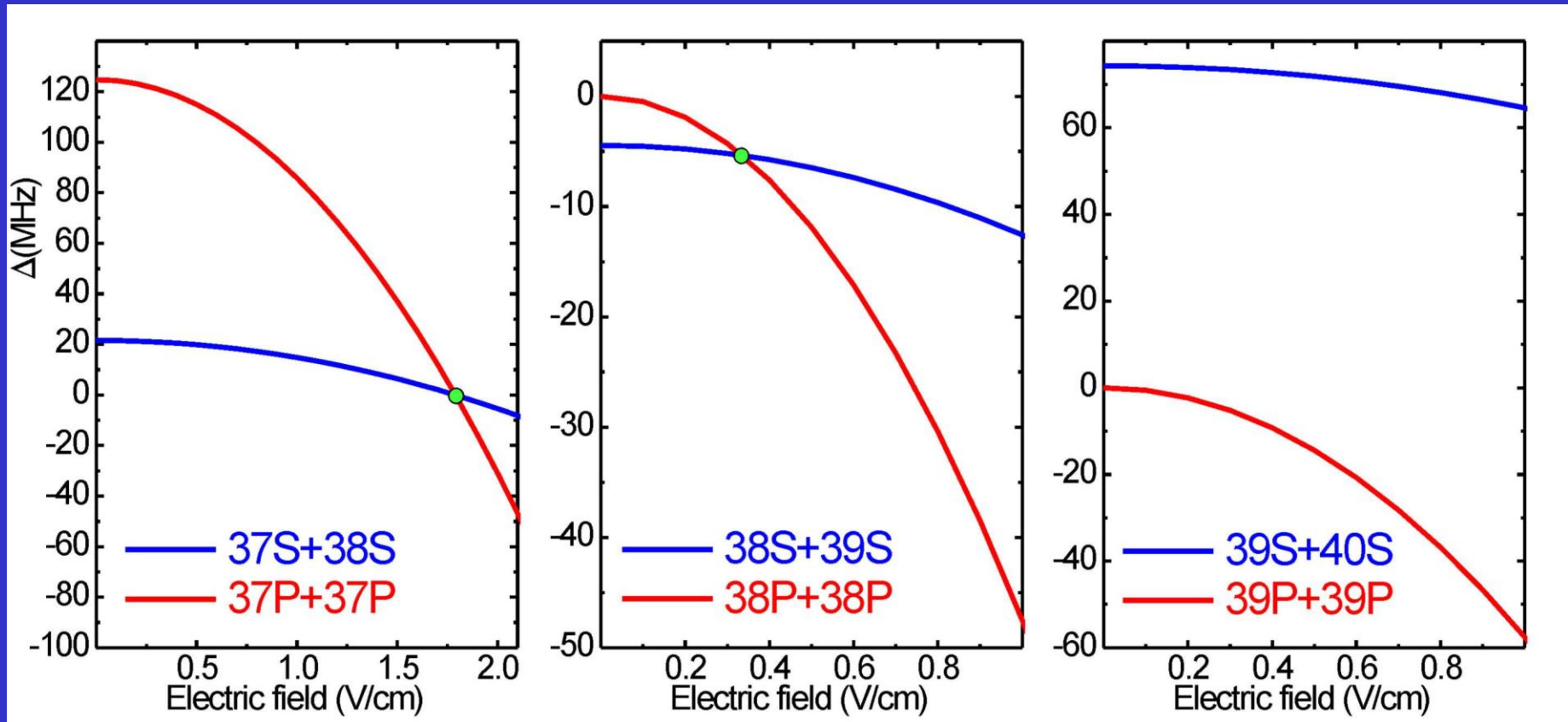
Collective states:

$$\Psi = A |2 2\rangle + a_{13} |1 3\rangle + a_{31} |3 1\rangle$$

Example of two atoms:



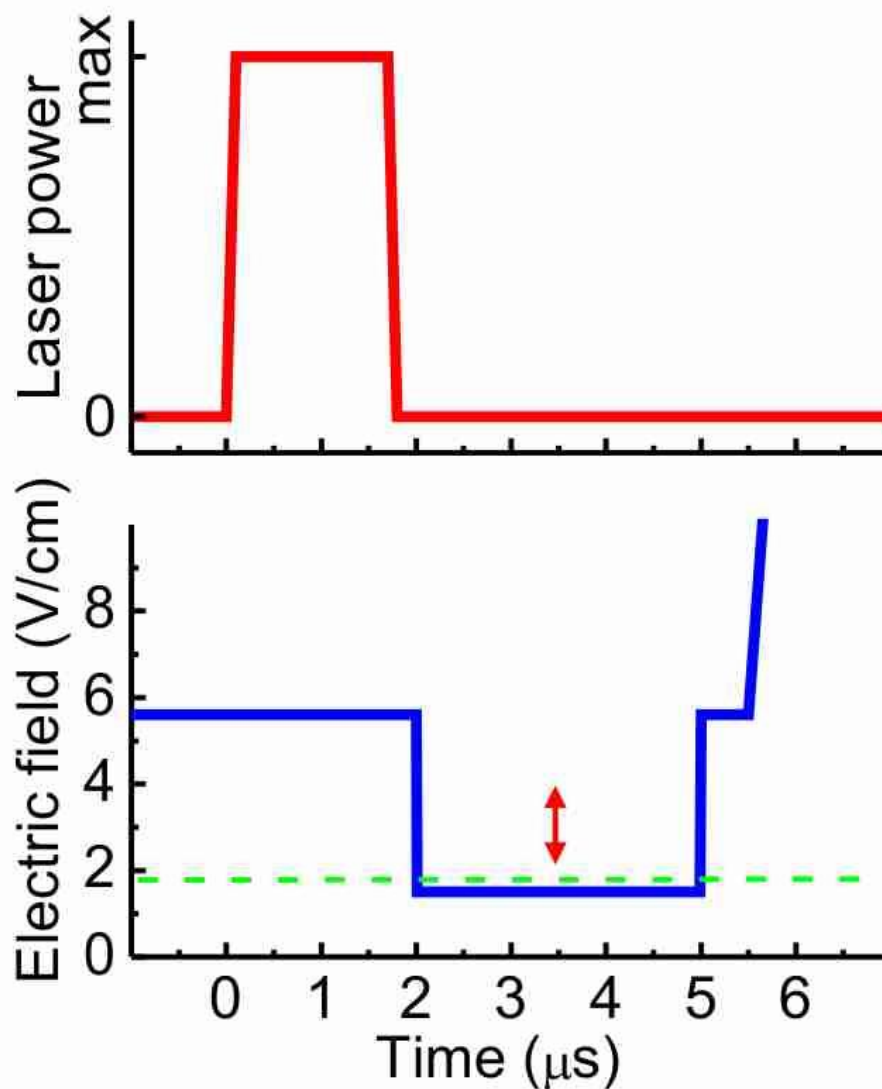
# Two-body Förster resonances

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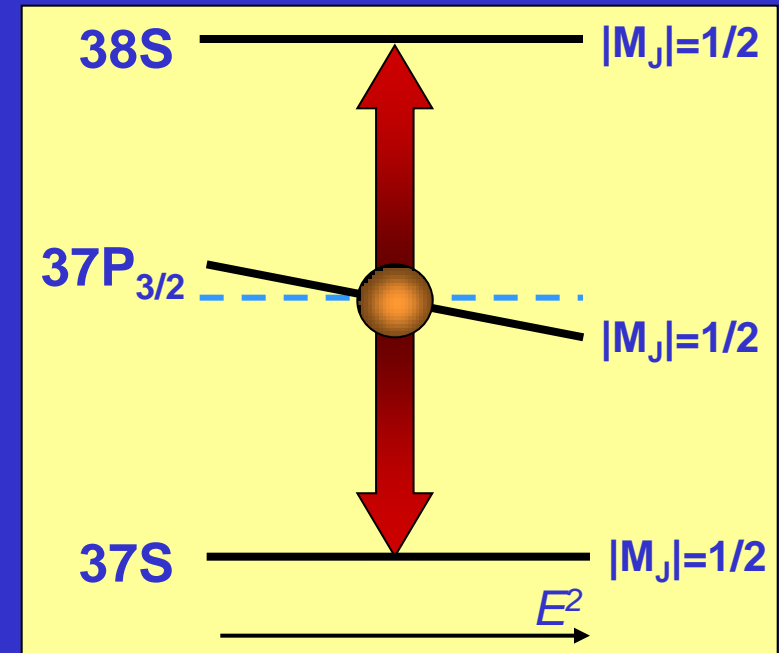
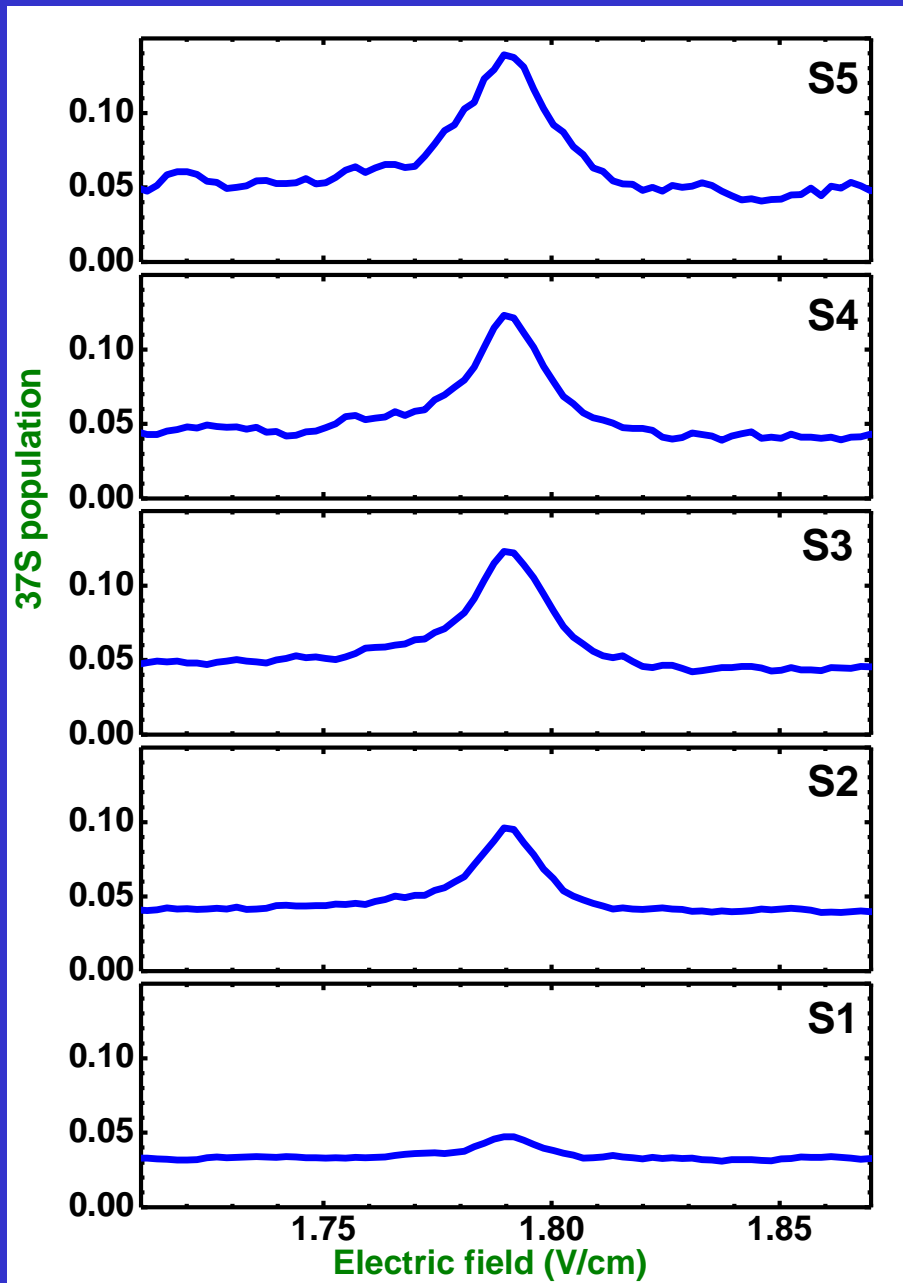
*D.B. Tretyakov et al., Phys. Rev. A 90, 041403(R) (2014)*

# Stark-switching technique to control Rydberg excitation and interactions

*E.A. Yakshina et al.,  
Phys. Rev. A **94**,  
043417 (2016)*



# Two-body Förster resonance in a 18 $\mu\text{m}$ excitation volume

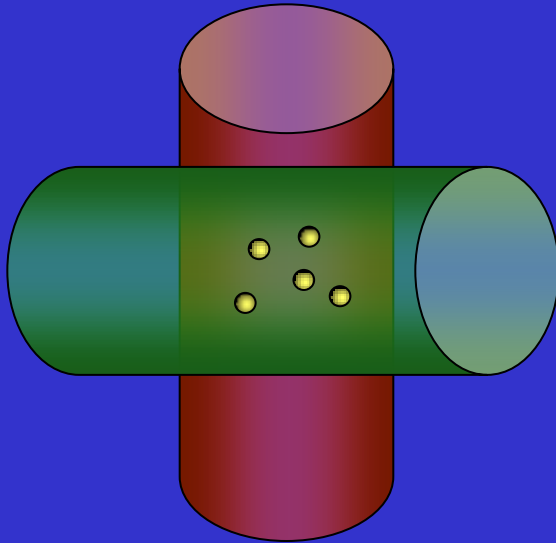


$$S_N = \frac{n_N(37S)}{n_N(37P) + n_N(37S) + n_N(38S)}$$

*I.I. Ryabtsev et al., Phys. Rev. Lett.*  
**104**, 073003 (2010)

# Monte-Carlo simulations for randomly positioned atoms

*I.I.Ryabtsev et al., Phys. Rev. A, 2010, v.82, p.053409*



*Hamiltonian*

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_0} \hat{H}_k + \sum_{n \neq m} \hat{V}_{nm}$$

*Dipole-dipole interaction*

$$\hat{V}_{nm} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\hat{\mathbf{d}}_n \hat{\mathbf{d}}_m}{R_{nm}^3} - \frac{3(\hat{\mathbf{d}}_n \mathbf{R}_{nm})(\hat{\mathbf{d}}_m \mathbf{R}_{nm})}{R_{nm}^5} \right]$$

$$\Delta = (2E_{37P} - E_{37S} - E_{38S}) / \hbar$$

$$V_{nm} : 37P + 37P \leftrightarrow 37S + 38S$$

$$V'_{nj} : 37P + 37S \leftrightarrow 37S + 37P$$

$$V''_{jm} : 37P + 38S \leftrightarrow 38S + 37P$$

*Detuning*

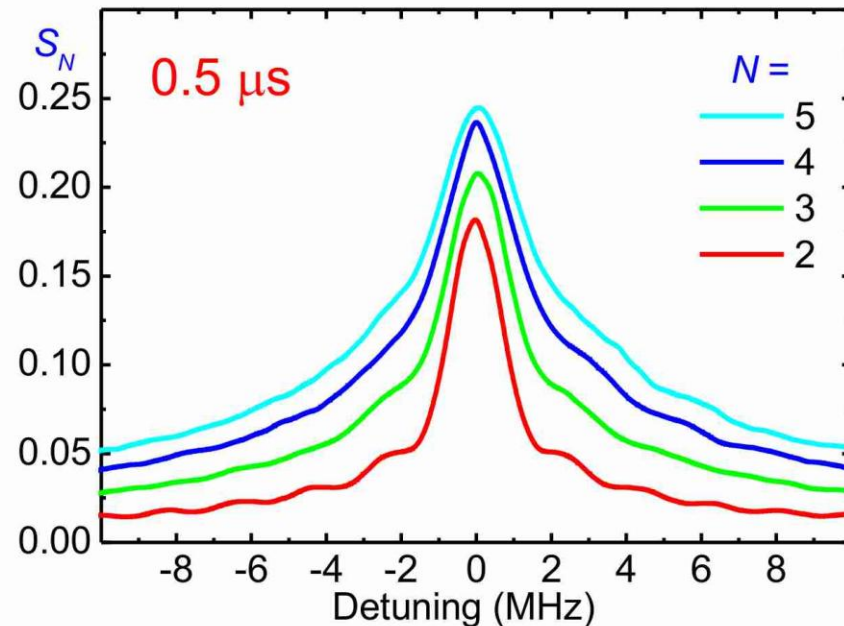
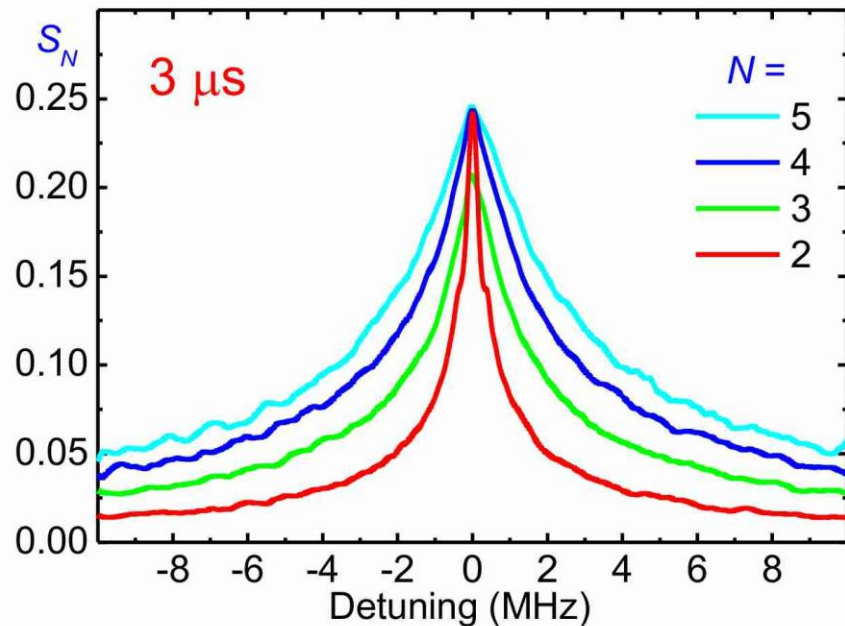
*Resonant interaction*

*Always resonant interaction 1*

*Always resonant interaction 2*



# Theoretical spectra of the Förster resonance calculated with the Schrödinger's equation



$$V = 18 \times 18 \times 18 \mu\text{m}^3$$

$$t_0 = 3 \mu\text{s}$$

$$S_2: \Delta\nu \approx 0.9 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\Delta\nu_{\text{Exp}} \approx 1.95 \text{ MHz}$$

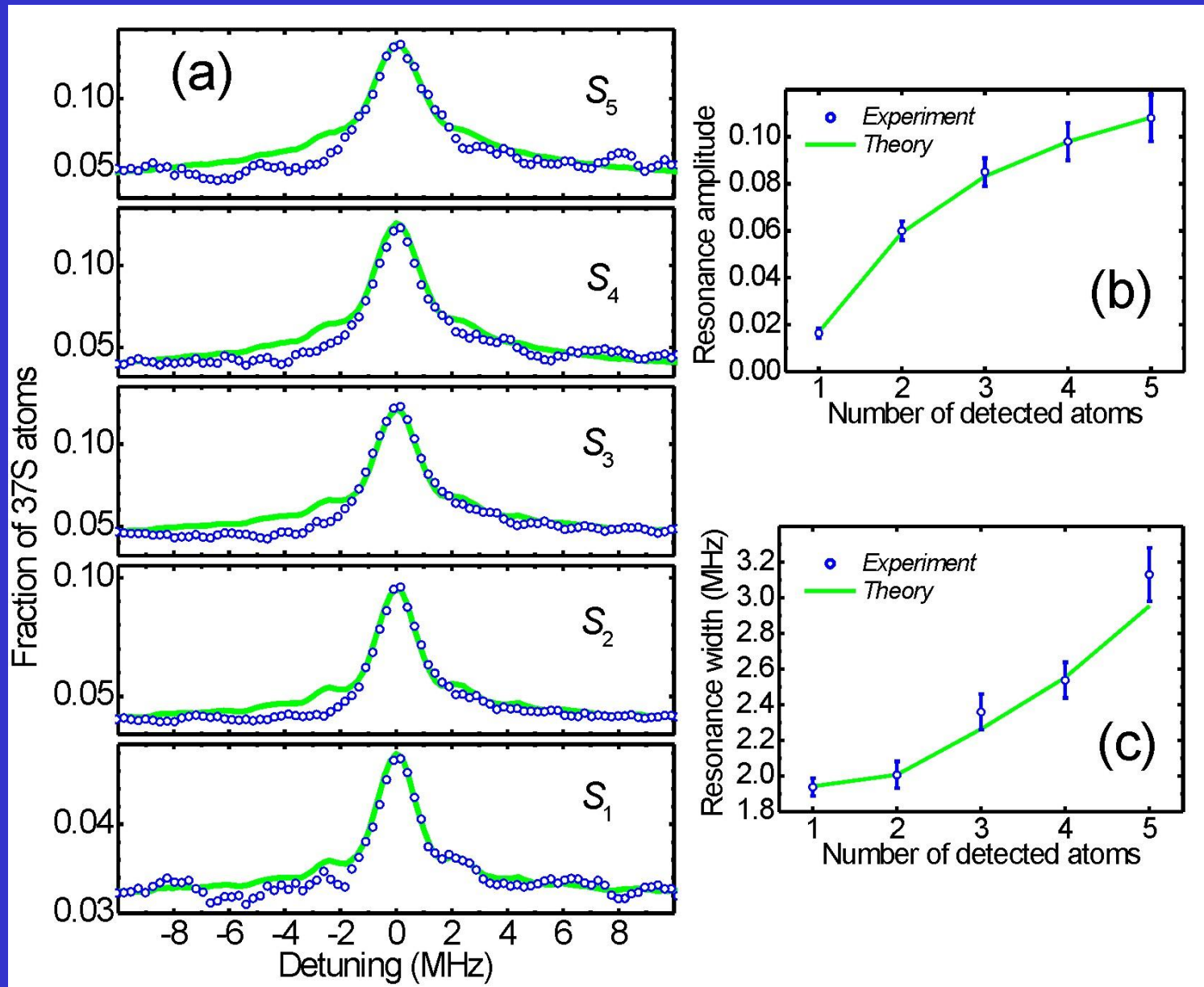
$$V = 18 \times 18 \times 18 \mu\text{m}^3$$

$$t_0 = 0.515 \mu\text{s}$$

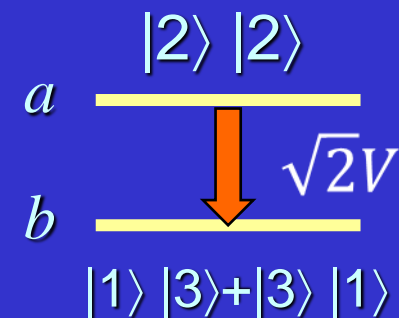
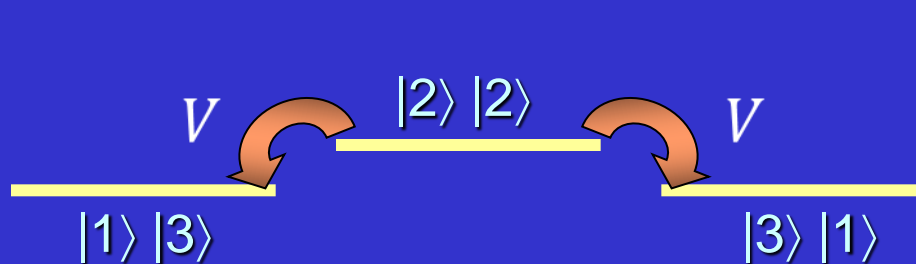
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# Comparison between theory and experiment



# Modeling the Förster resonance with density matrix equations



*Density matrix equations*

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\rho}_{aa} &= i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{ab} - \rho_{ba}) \\ \dot{\rho}_{bb} &= i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{ba} - \rho_{ab}) \\ \dot{\rho}_{ab} &= -i\Delta\rho_{ab} + i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{aa} - \rho_{bb}) \\ \dot{\rho}_{ba} &= i\Delta\rho_{ba} + i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{bb} - \rho_{aa})\end{aligned}$$

*Phase diffusion model to account for the parasitic broadenings  $\Gamma$*

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\rho}_{aa} &= i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{ab} - \rho_{ba}) \\ \dot{\rho}_{bb} &= i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{ba} - \rho_{ab}) \\ \dot{\rho}_{ab} &= -(i\Delta + \Gamma/2)\rho_{ab} + i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{aa} - \rho_{bb}) \\ \dot{\rho}_{ba} &= (i\Delta - \Gamma/2)\rho_{ba} + i\sqrt{2}V(\rho_{bb} - \rho_{aa})\end{aligned}$$

*E.A. Yakshina et al., Phys. Rev. A **94**, 043417 (2016)*

*I.I. Ryabtsev et al., J. Phys.: Conf. Series, 793, 012024 (2017)*

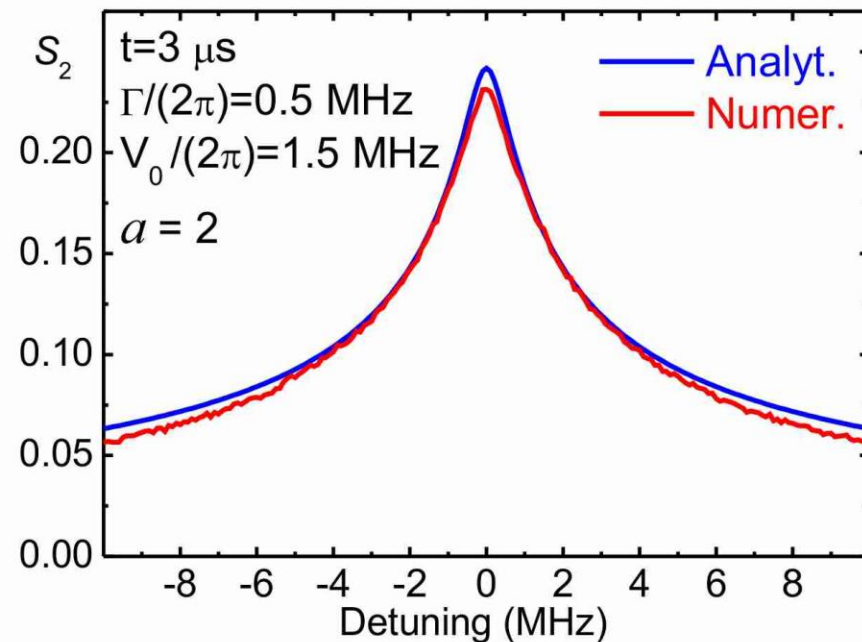
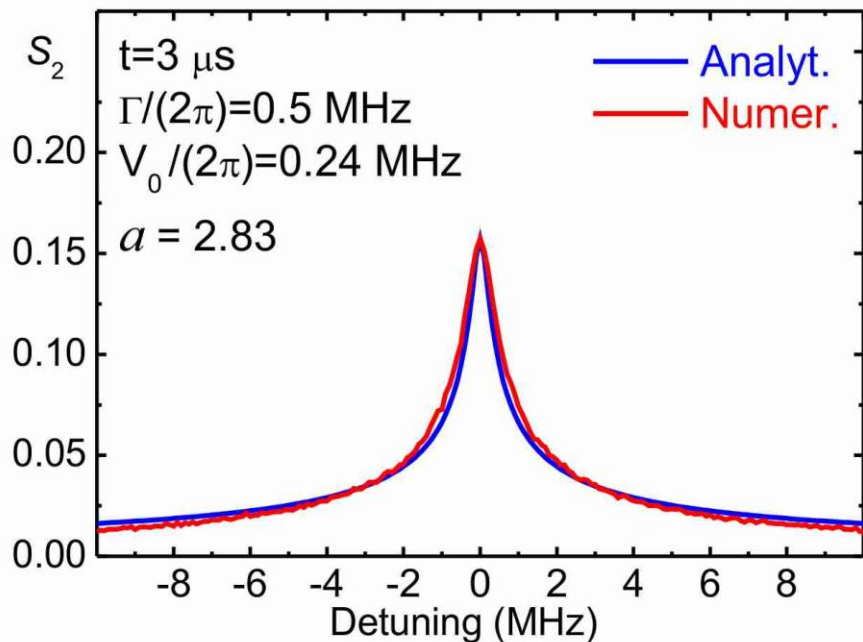
# Analytical calculations with density matrix

*Förster resonance line shape for two disordered Rydberg atoms*

$$\langle S_2^{strong} \rangle \approx \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 - \exp \left( - \left\{ \frac{0.44 V_0^2 \Gamma t}{a^2 \Delta^2 + \Gamma^2} \right\}^{1/3} \right) \right]$$

$$FWHM^{weak} \approx 5.3 \Gamma / a$$

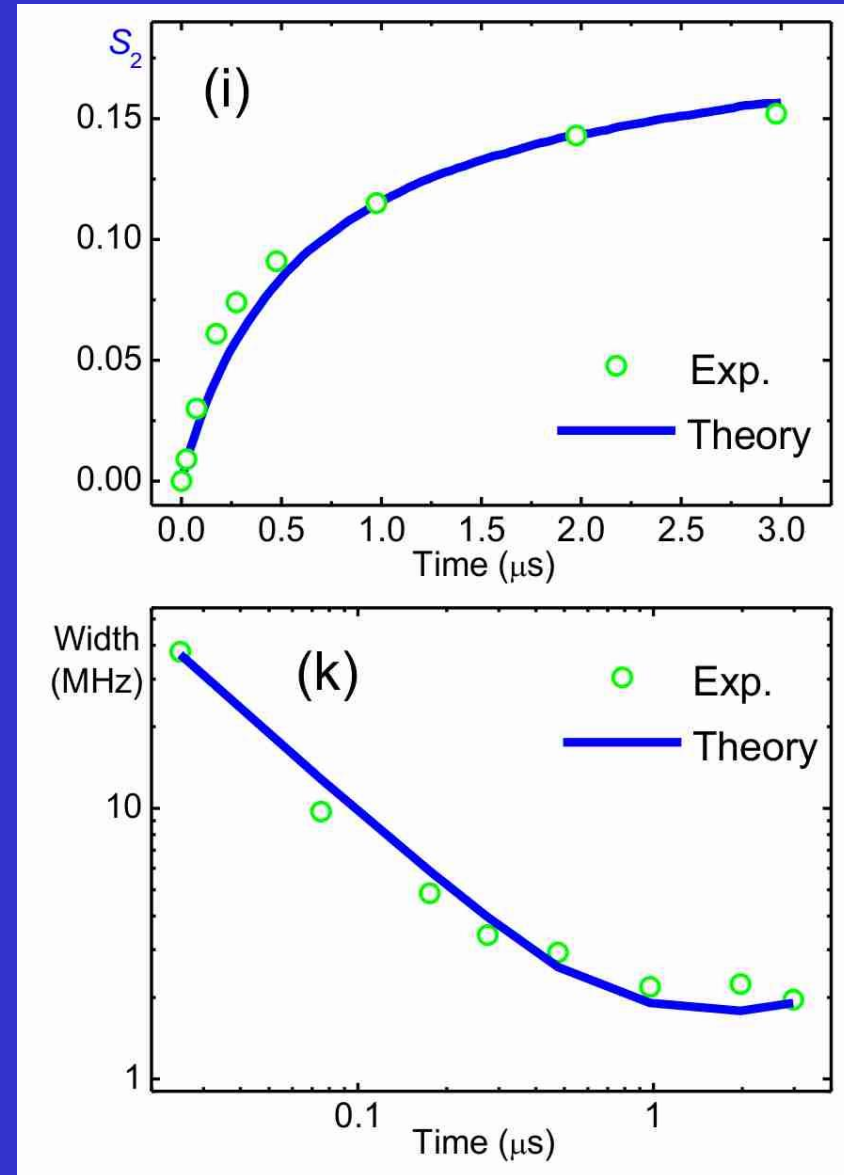
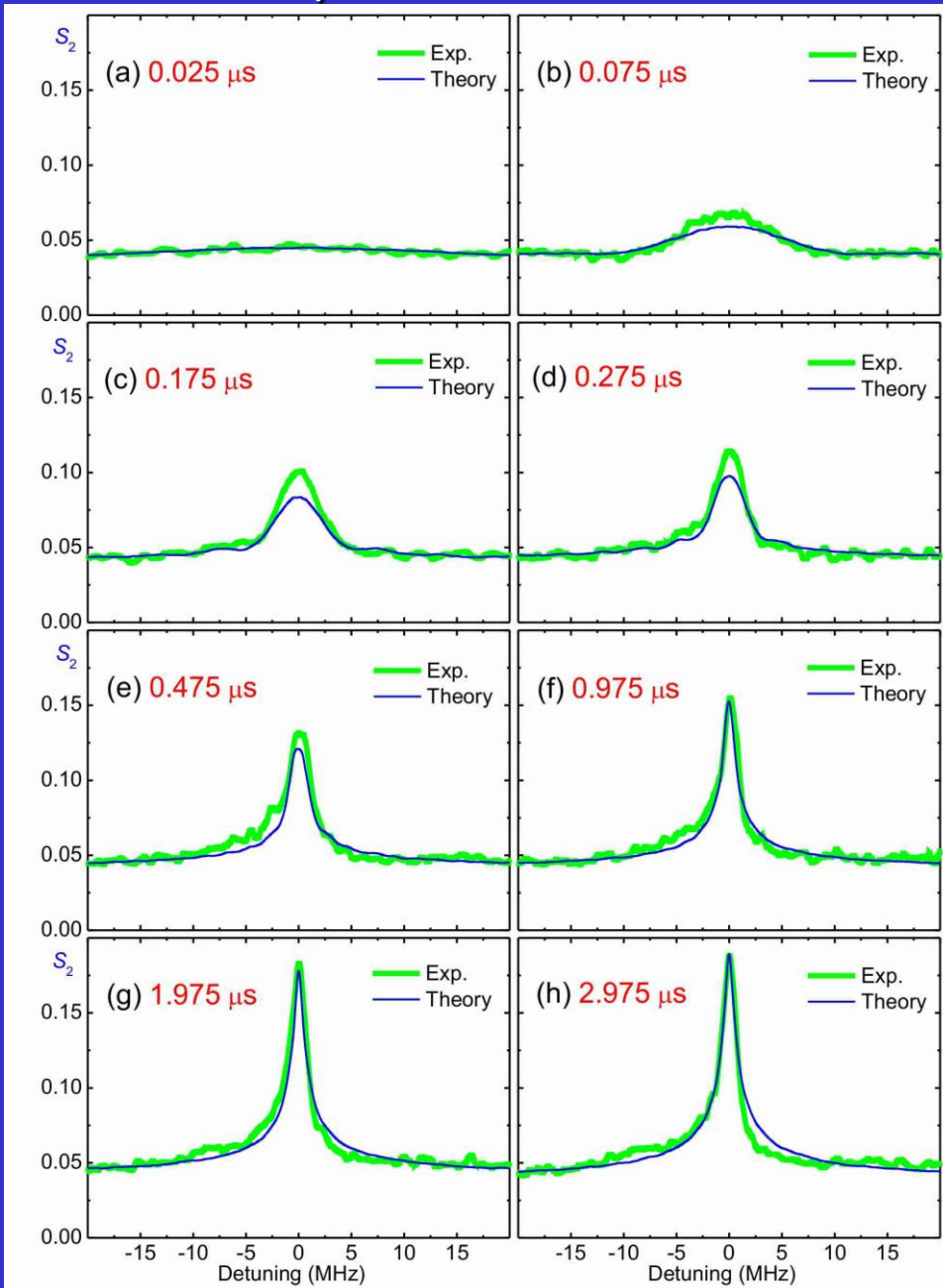
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# Two-body Förster resonance at various interaction times

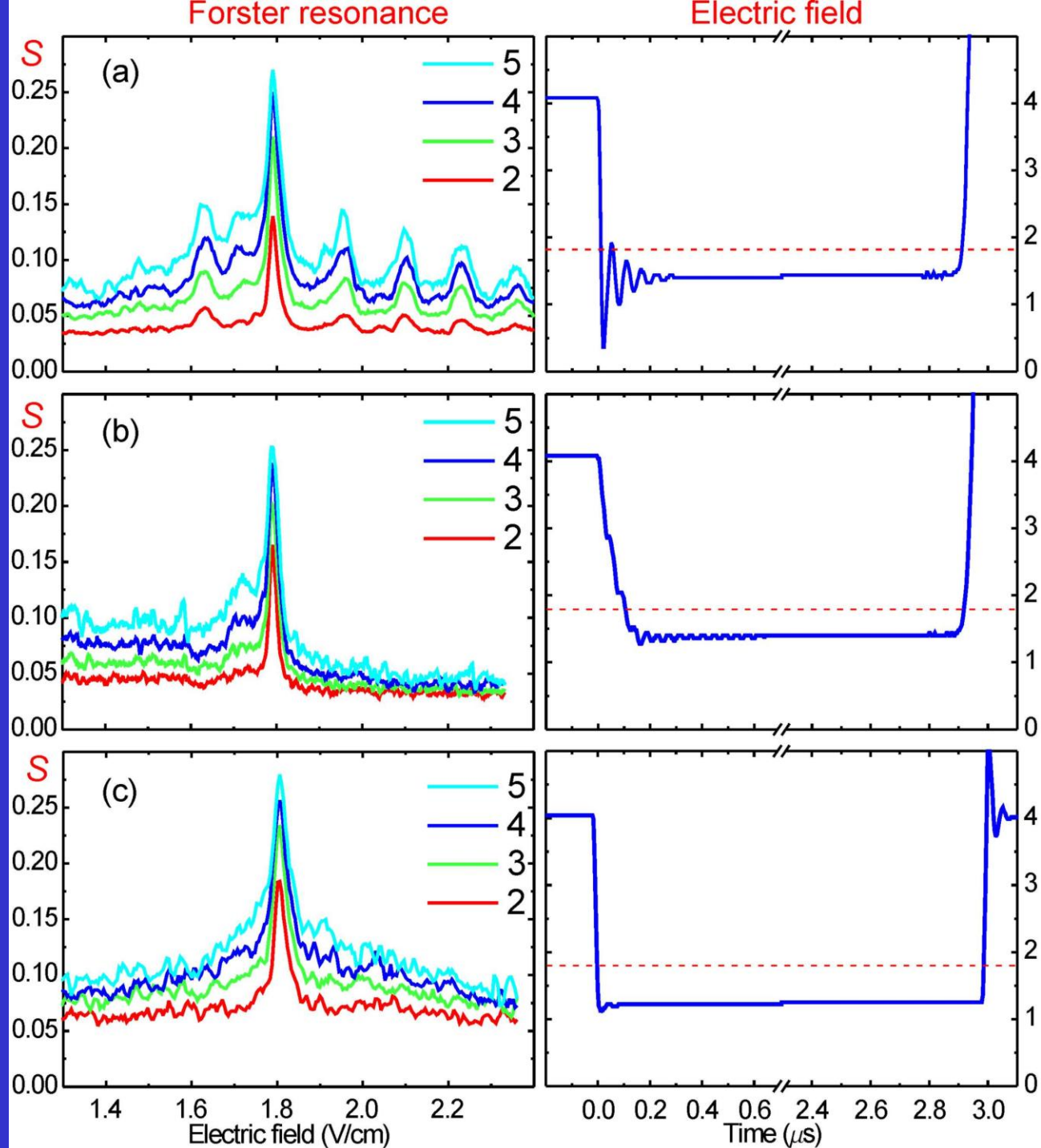


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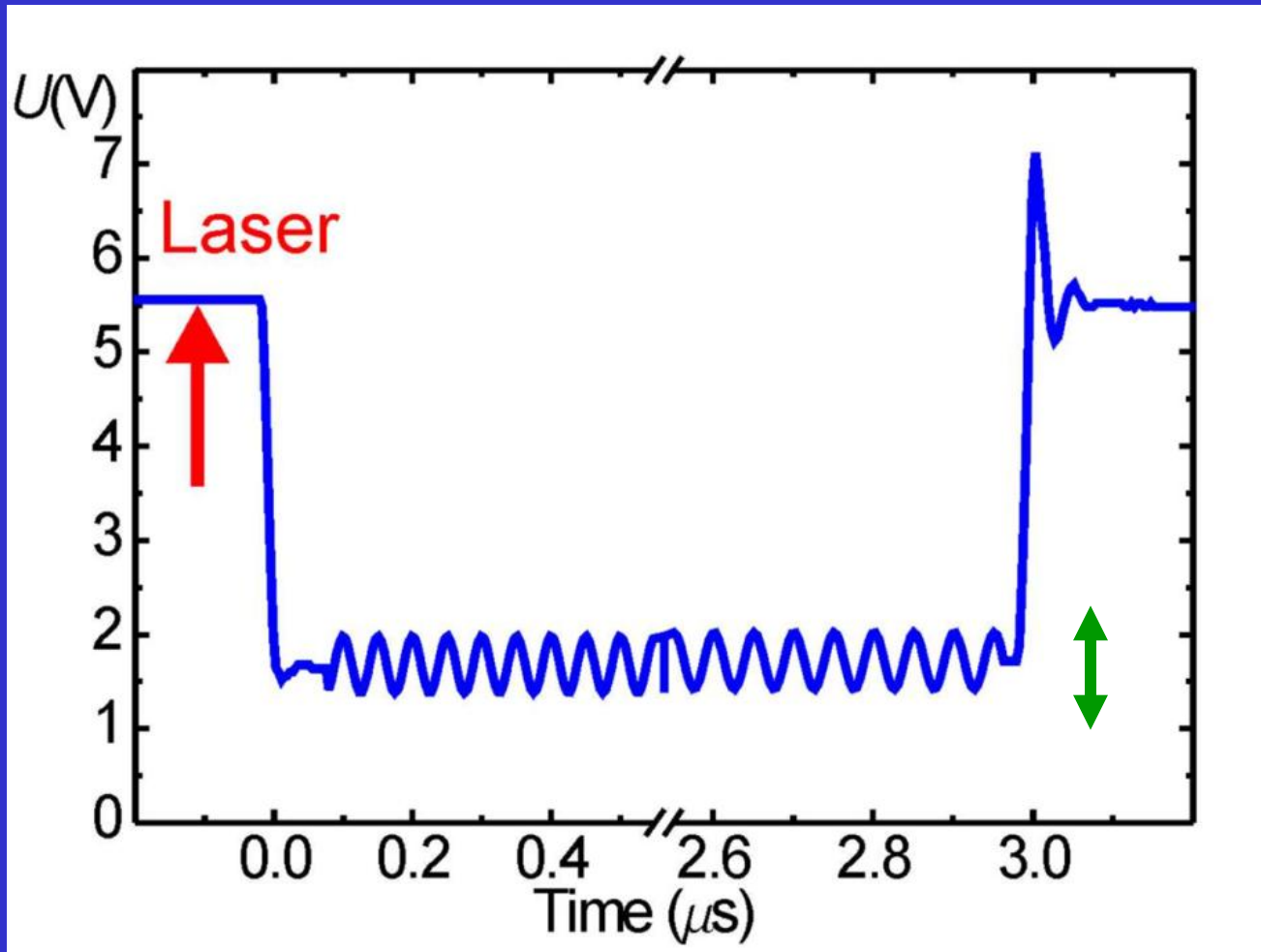


# Two-body Förster resonance for various edges of the Stark switching

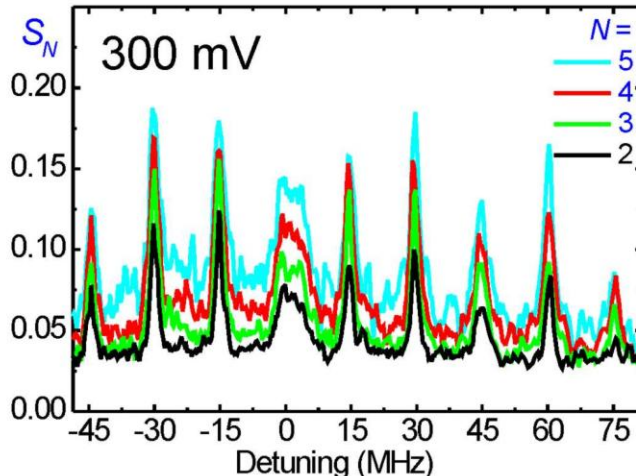
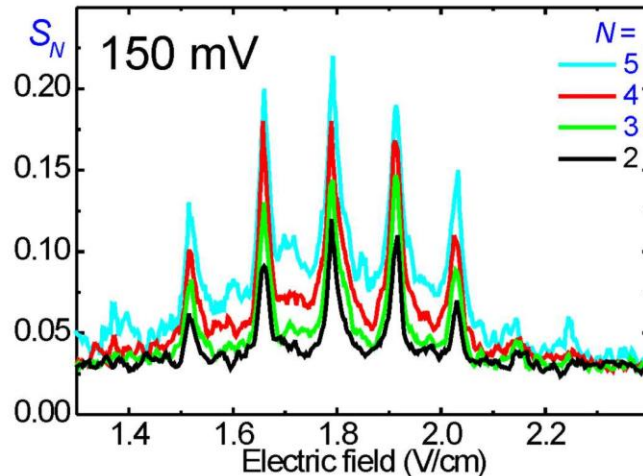
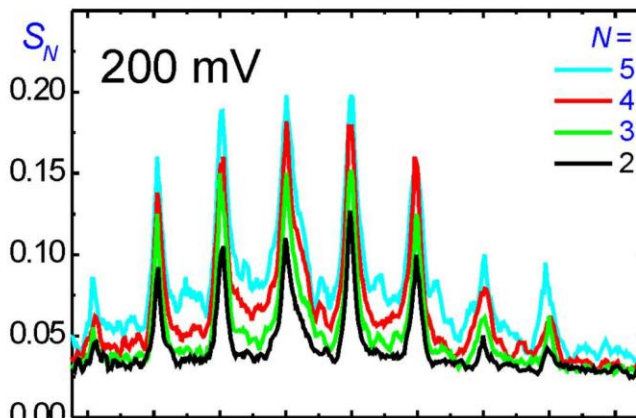
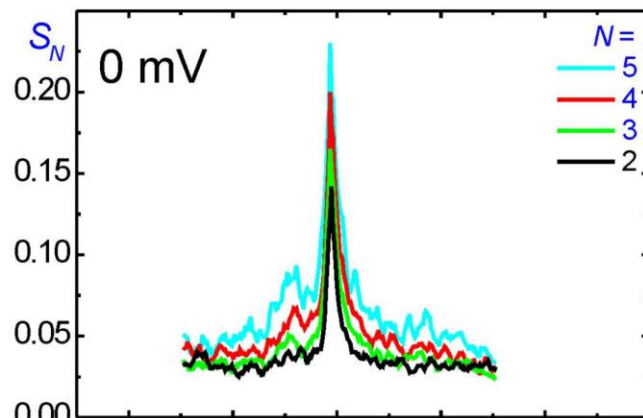
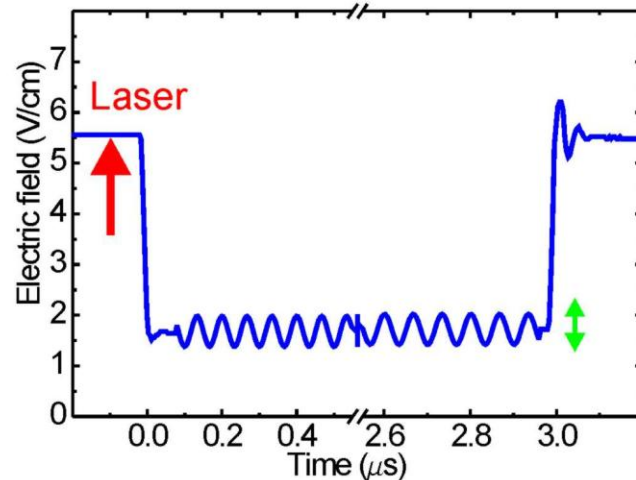
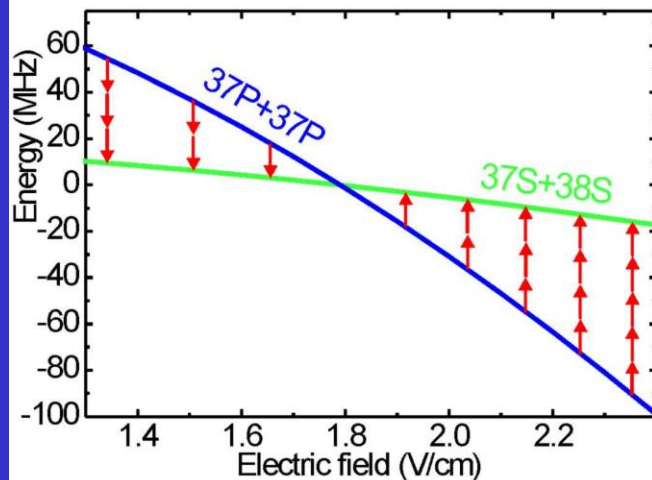
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# Electric pulse for rf-assisted Förster resonances



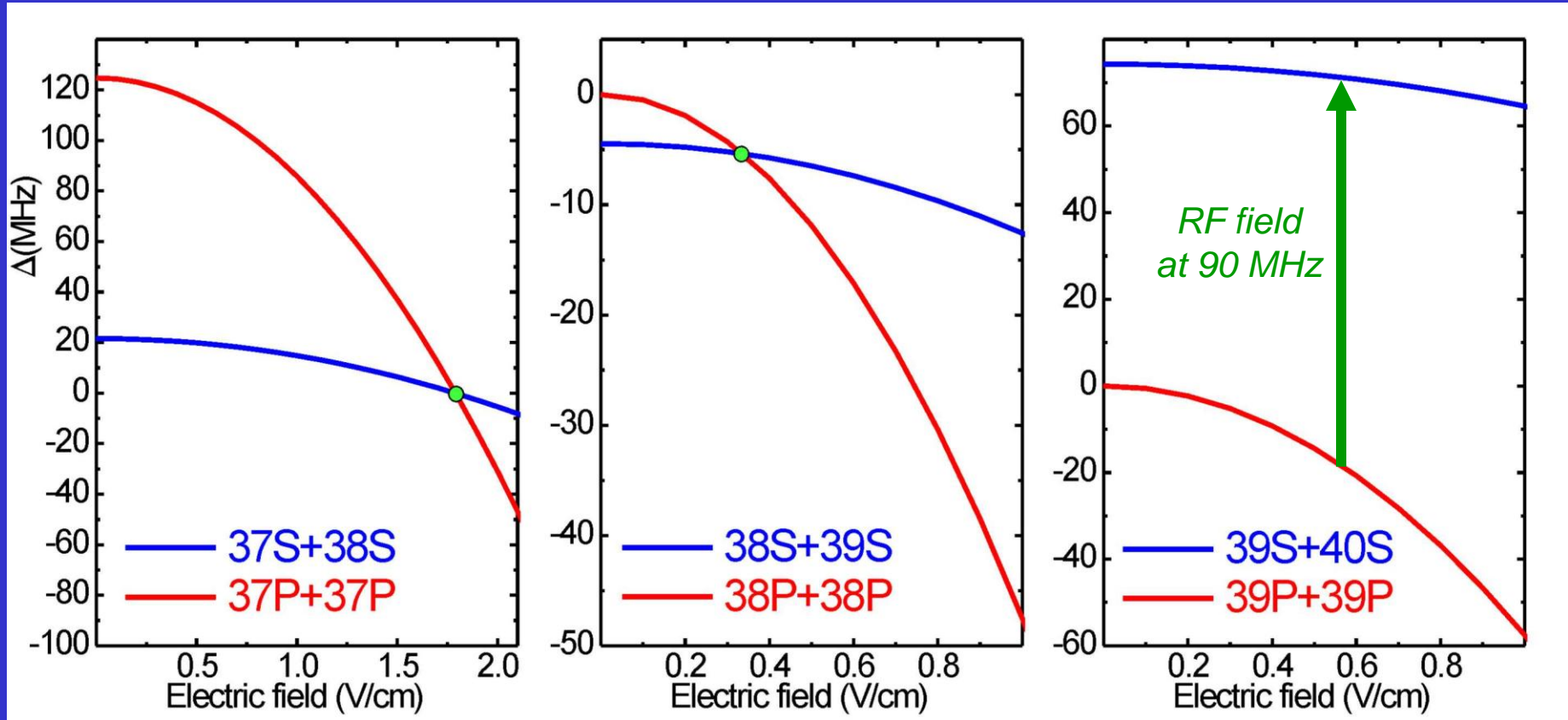
# RF-assisted Förster resonances for $37P$ atoms at 15 MHz



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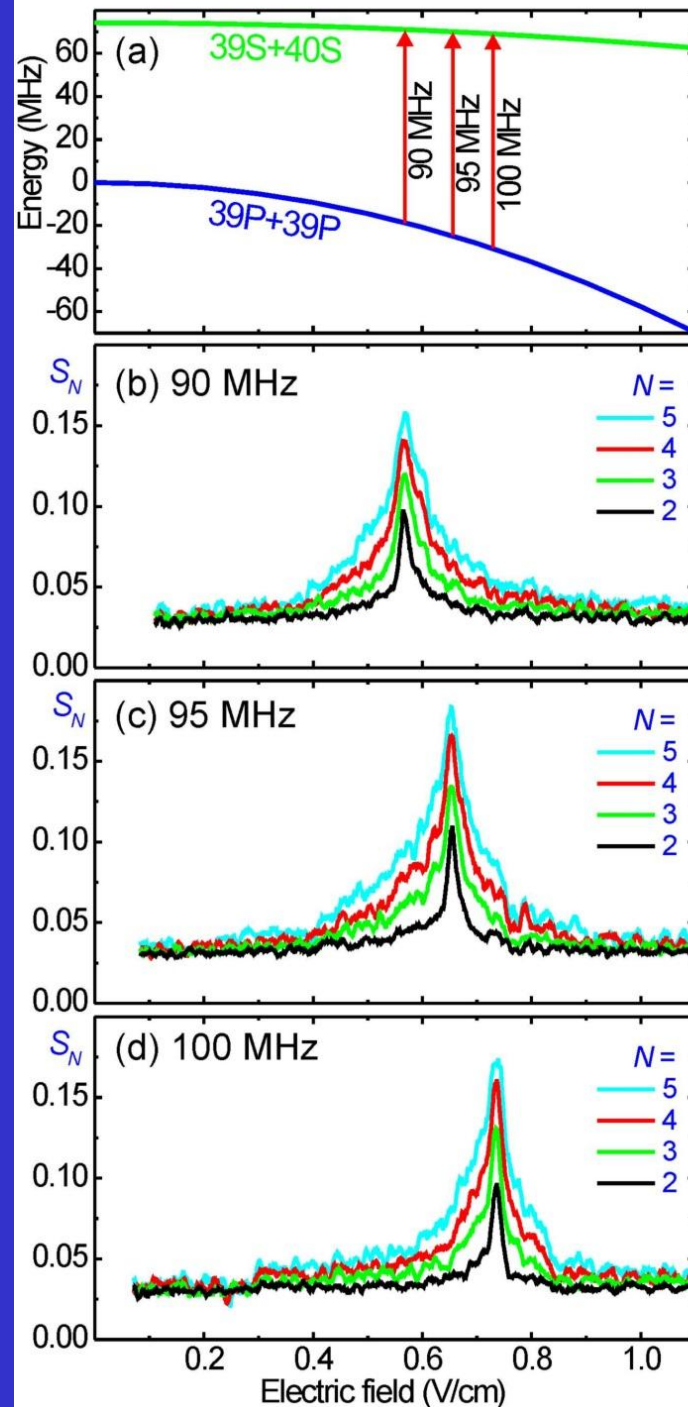
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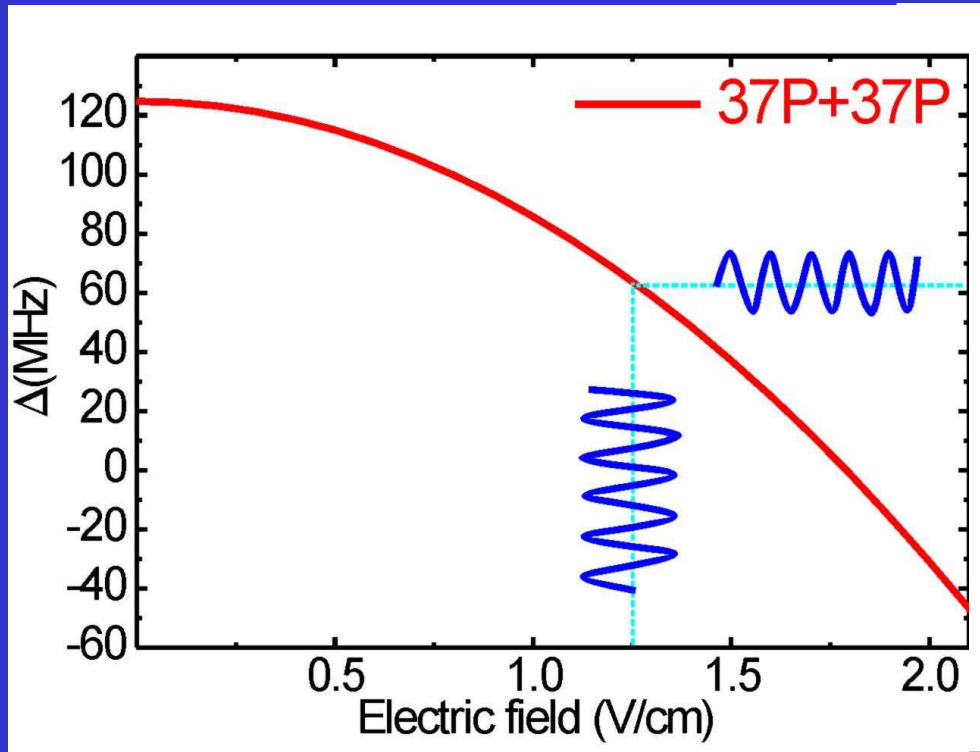
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# Floquet sidebands at rf-modulation of Rydberg states



*Electric field*

$$F = F_{dc} + F_{rf} \cos(\omega t)$$

*Energy of nL Rydberg state*

$$E_{nL} = -\alpha_{nL} F^2 / 2$$

$$E_{nL} = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha_{nL} \left[ F_{dc}^2 + \frac{1}{2} F_{rf}^2 + 2F_{dc} F_{rf} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{1}{2} F_{rf}^2 \cos(2\omega t) \right]$$

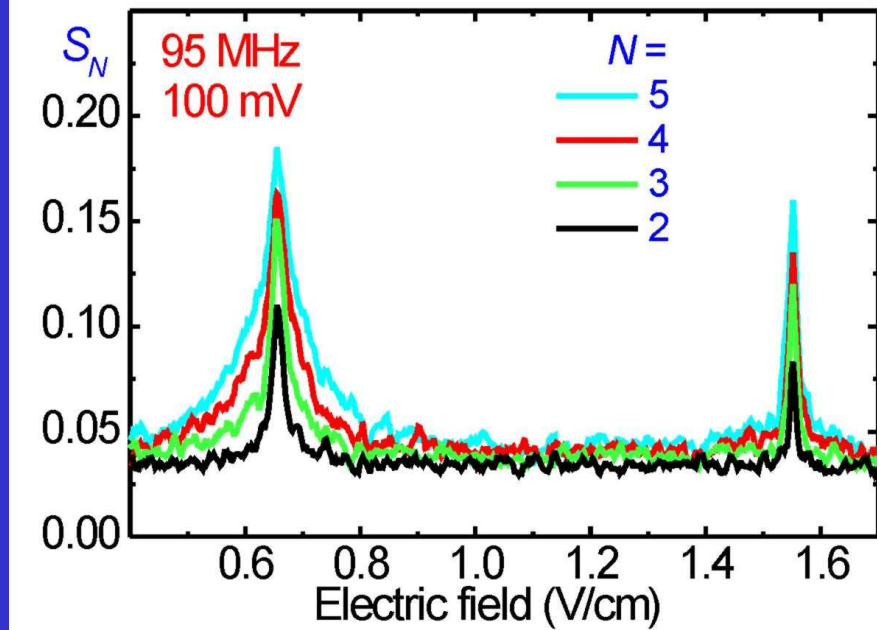
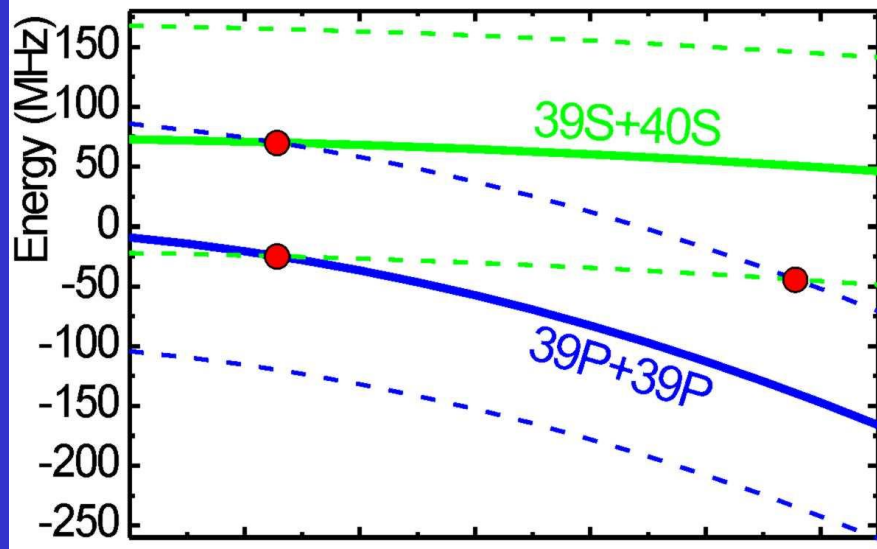
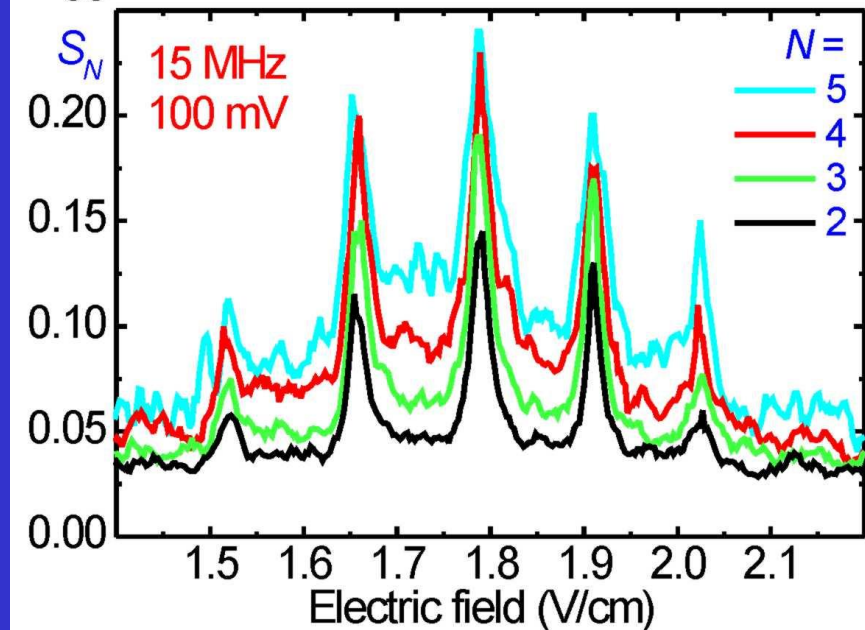
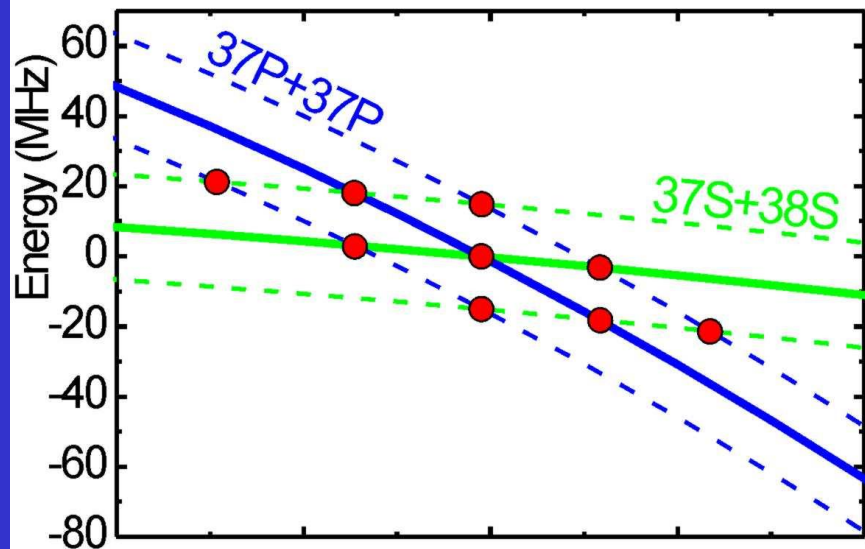
*Wave function of Rydberg state*

$$\Psi_{nL}(r, t) = \psi_{nL}(r) e^{i\alpha(F_{dc}^2 + F_{rf}^2/2)t/2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{nL,m} e^{im\omega t}$$

*Amplitudes of Floquet states*

$$a_{nL,m} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} J_{m-2k} \left( \frac{\alpha_{nL} F_{dc} F_{rf}}{\omega} \right) J_k \left( \frac{\alpha_{nL} F_{rf}^2}{8\omega} \right)$$

# RF-assisted Förster resonances in the Floquet states picture



# Experiment and theory for two Rb(37P) atoms at 15 MHz

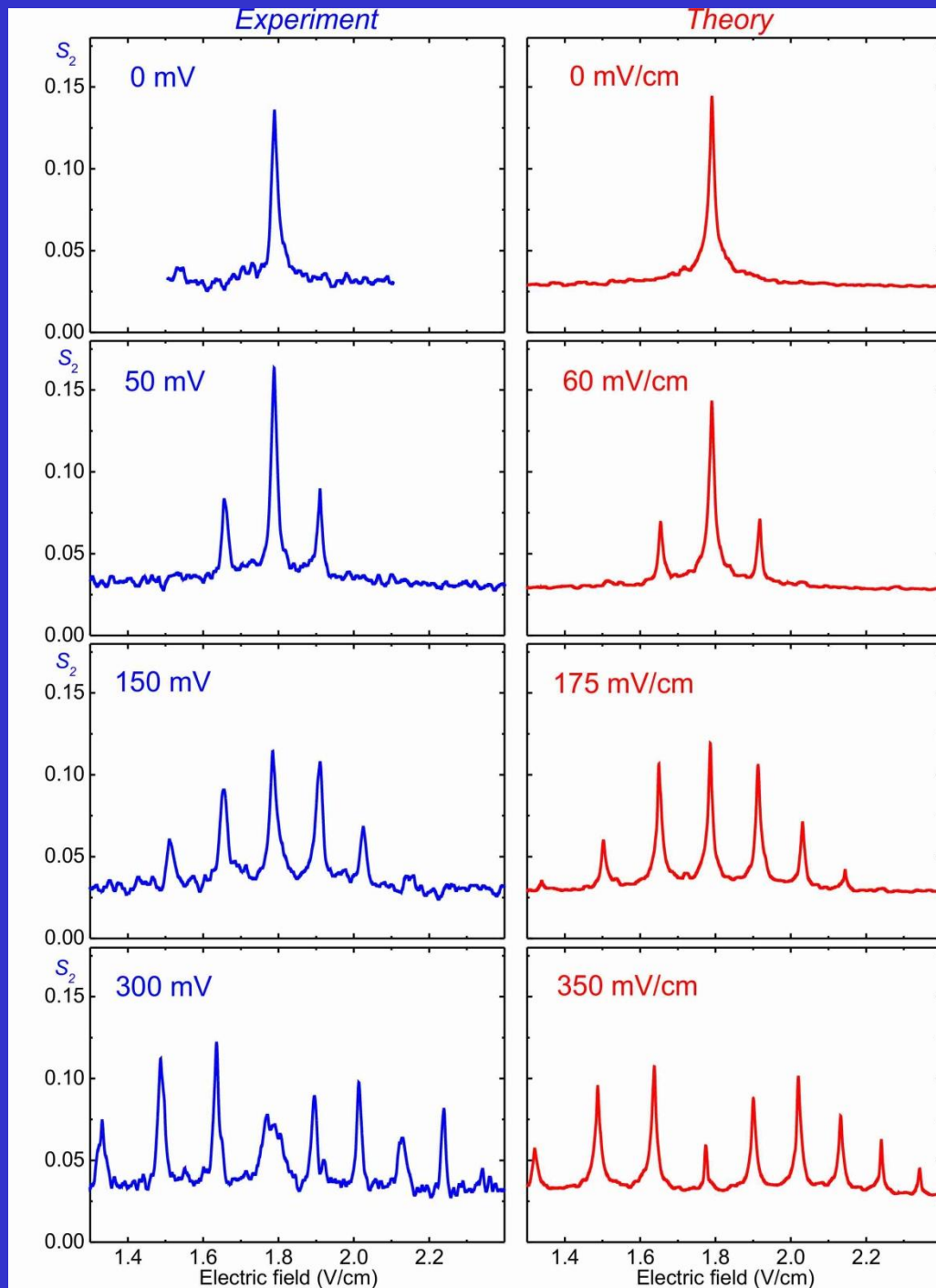
$$\Delta(t) = \Delta_0 + \left( \alpha_{nP} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{nS} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{[n+1]S} \right) \times \left[ F_{dc} + F_{rf} \cos(\omega t) \right]^2$$

## Theory

$$\Gamma/(2\pi) = 0.5 \text{ MHz}$$

*Cubic volume*  
 $30 \times 30 \times 30 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^3$

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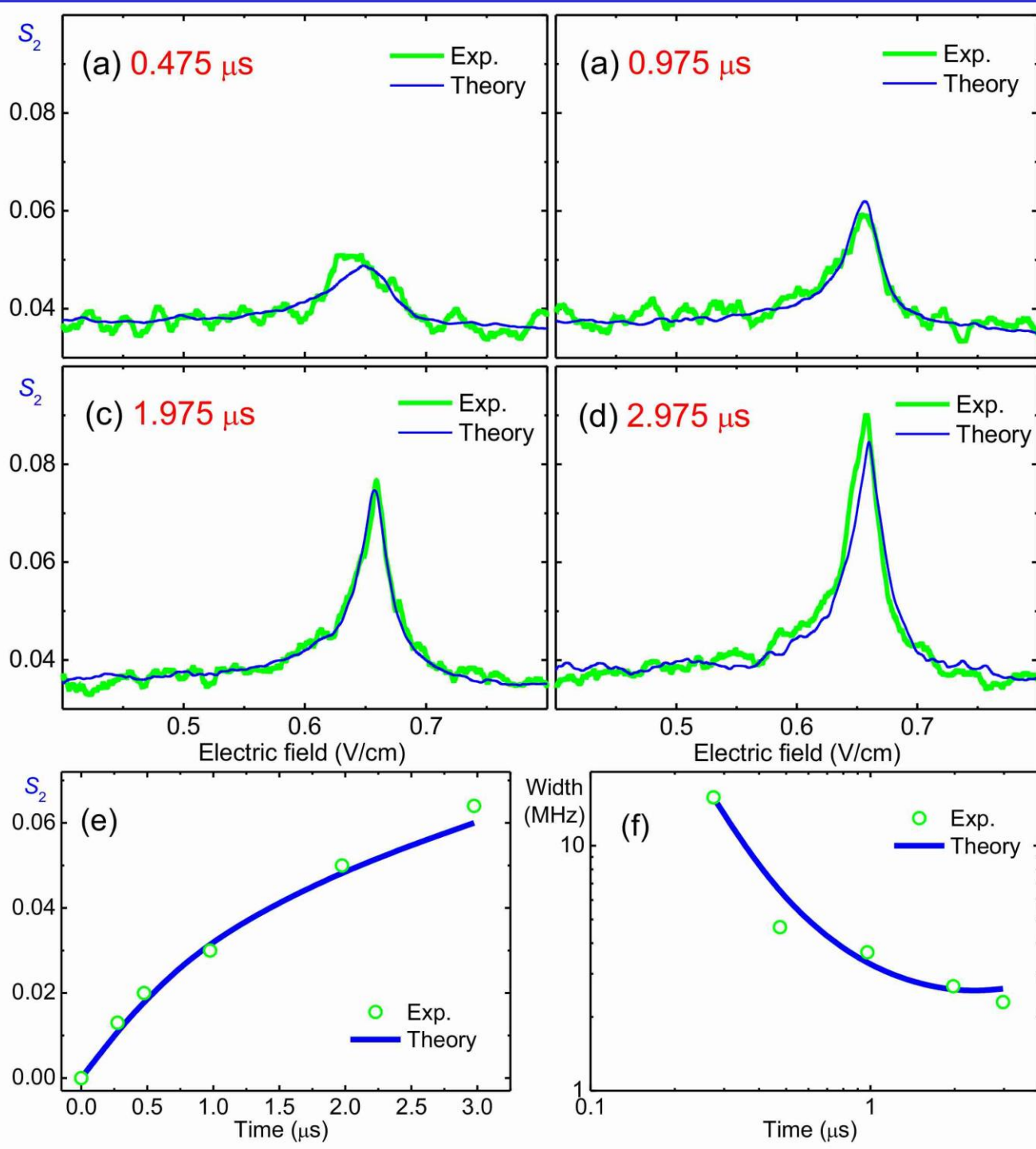
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## Theory

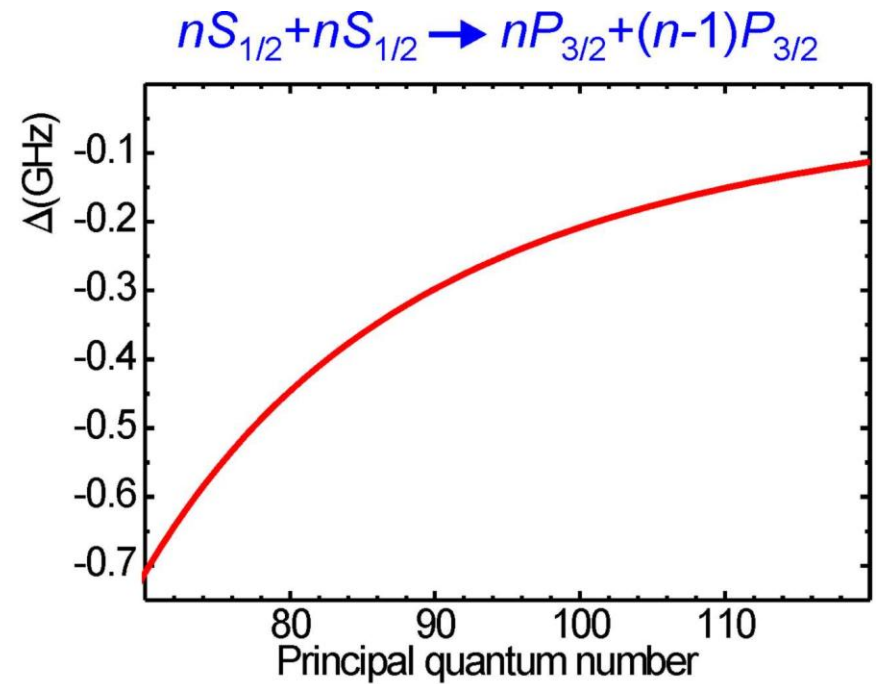
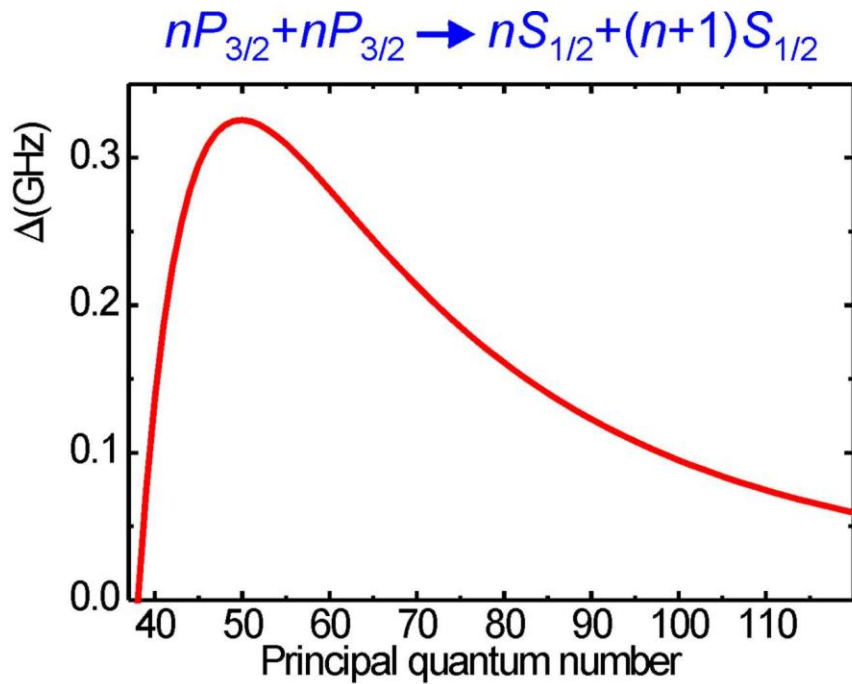
$$\Gamma/(2\pi) = 1 \text{ MHz}$$

Cubic volume  
 $16 \times 16 \times 16 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^3$

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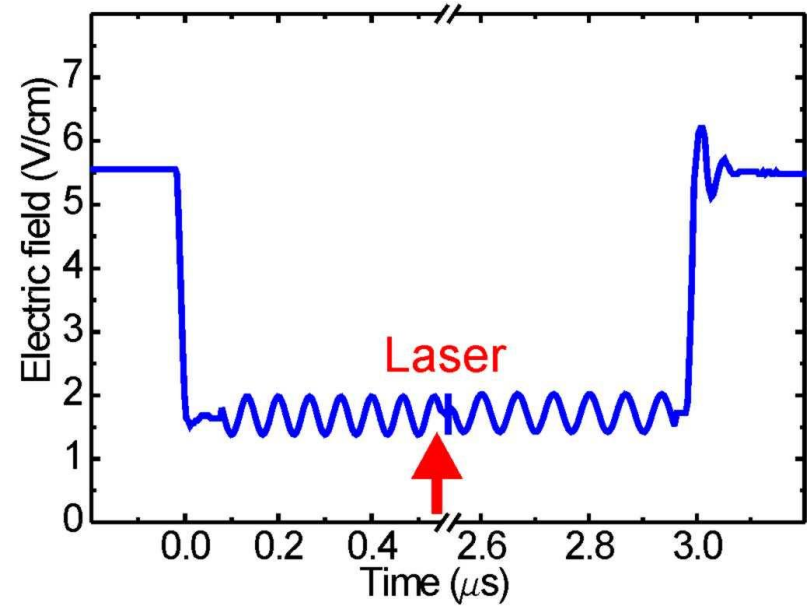
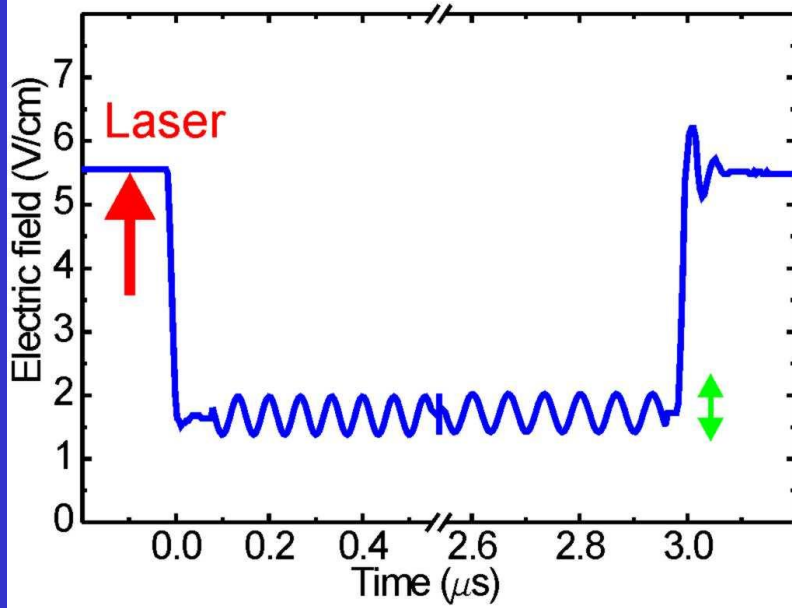


# Energy defects of Förster resonances in Rb atoms



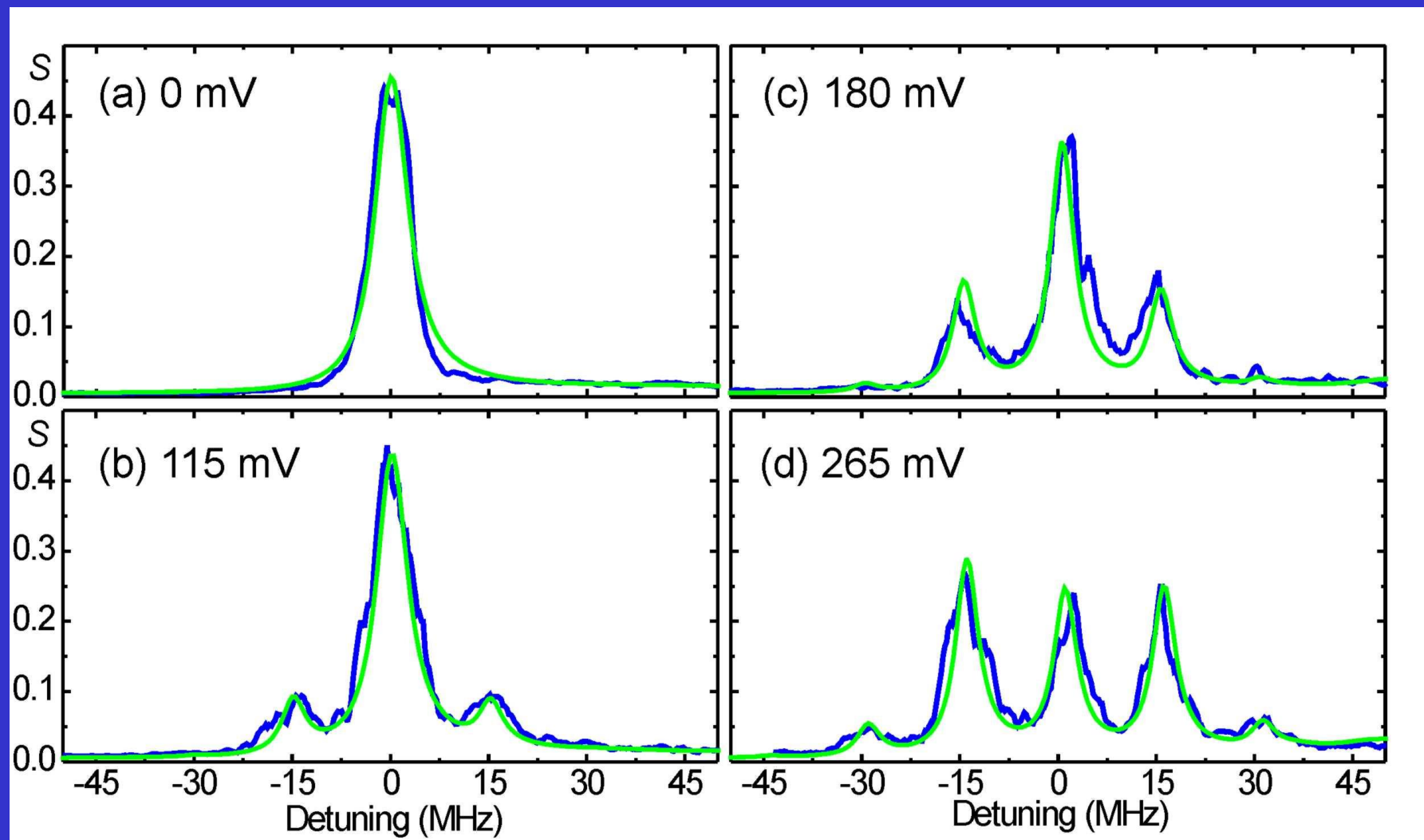
*Interaction of any Rydberg atoms with large principal quantum number can be converted from van der Waals to resonant dipole-dipole using radio-frequency assisted Förster resonances with  $\omega < 1$  GHz !*

# How to observe Floquet sidebands at laser excitation



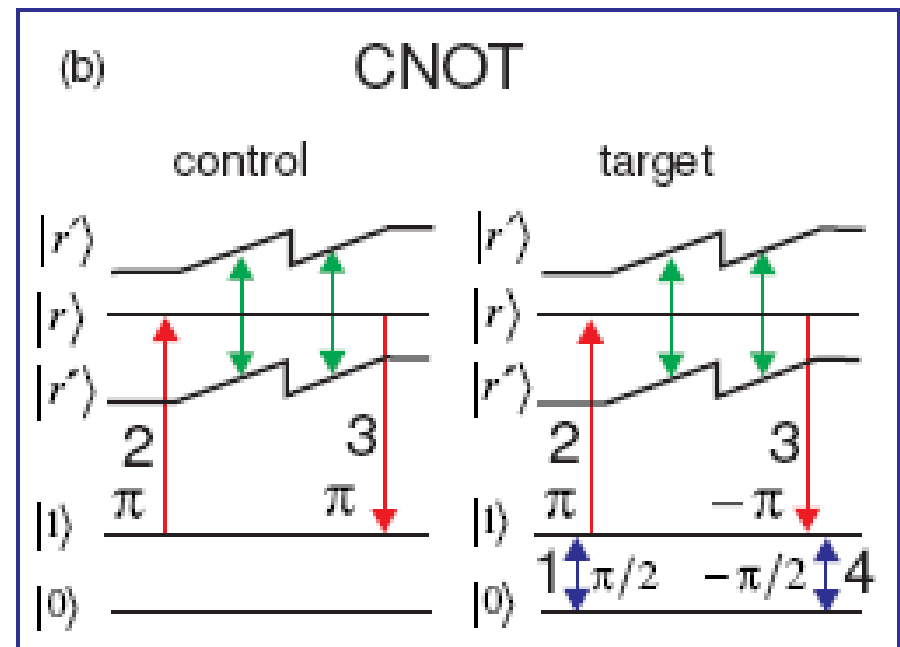
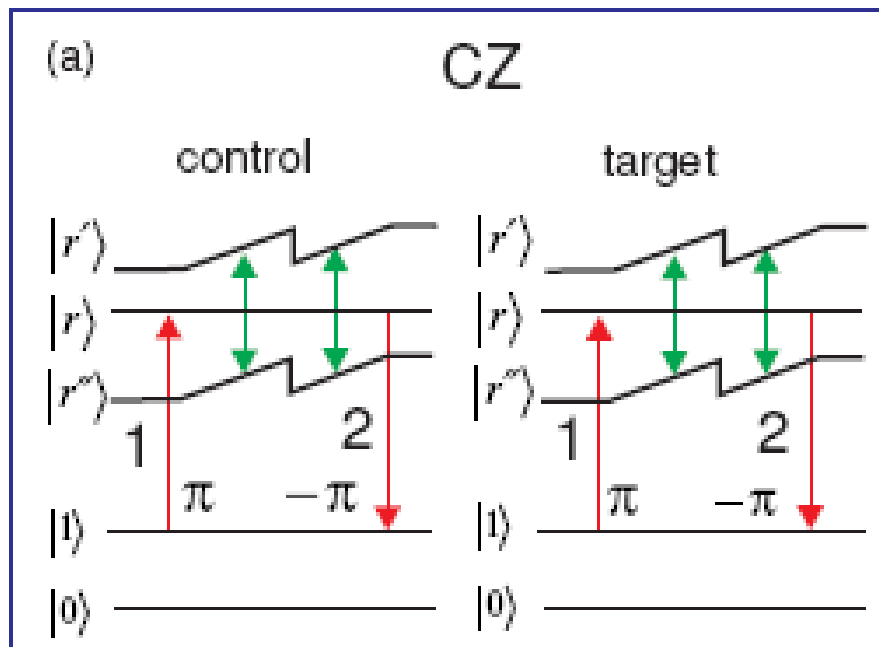


# Floquet sidebands at 15 MHz rf-modulation of the $37P$ state



## Two-qubit gates using adiabatic passage of the Stark-tuned Förster resonances in Rydberg atoms

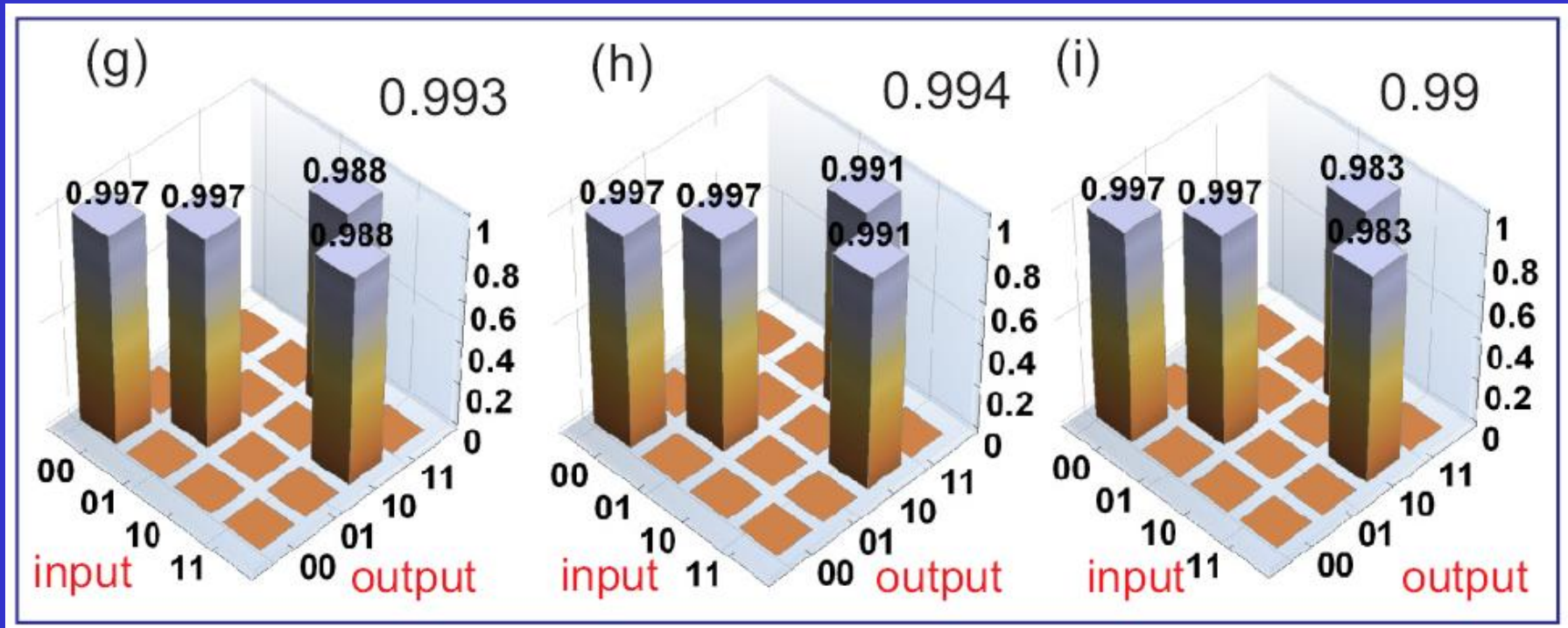
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(g), (h), (i) Calculated truth tables of a CNOT gate for  $R = 24$ ,  $25$ , and  $26 \mu\text{m}$ , respectively. The overlap with the ideal truth table is shown above each plot.

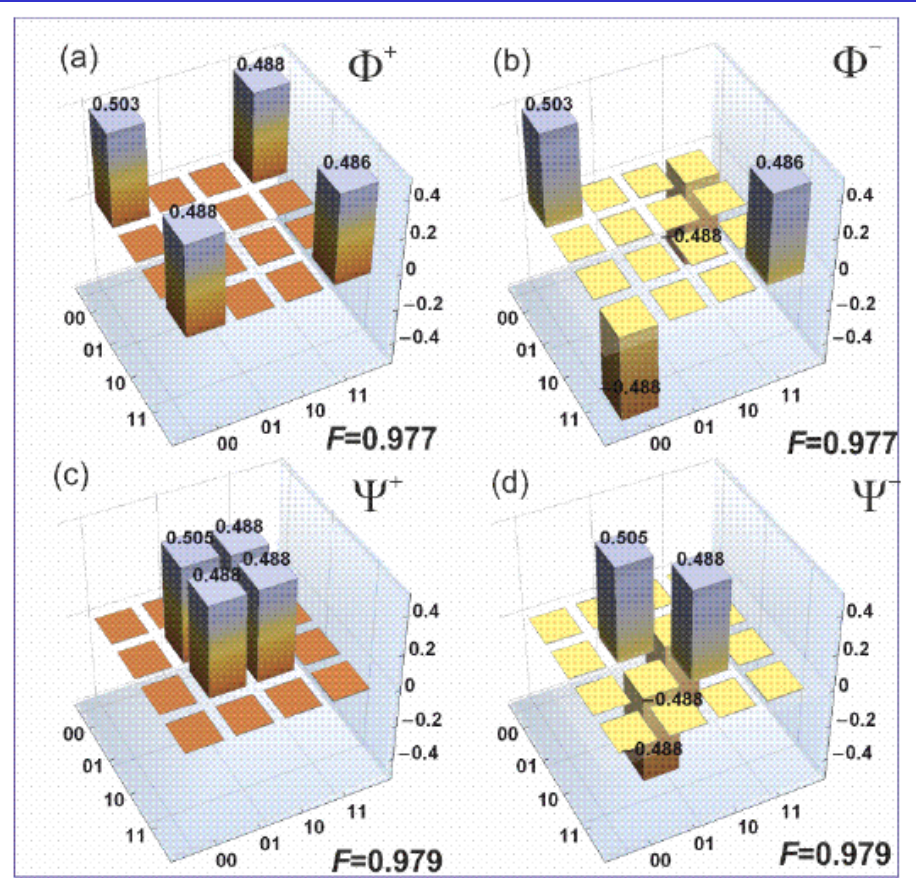
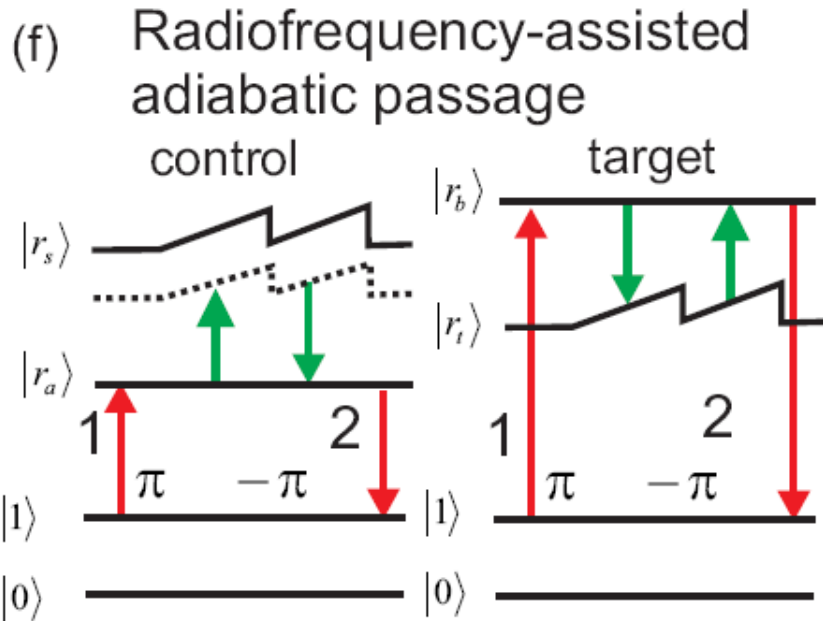
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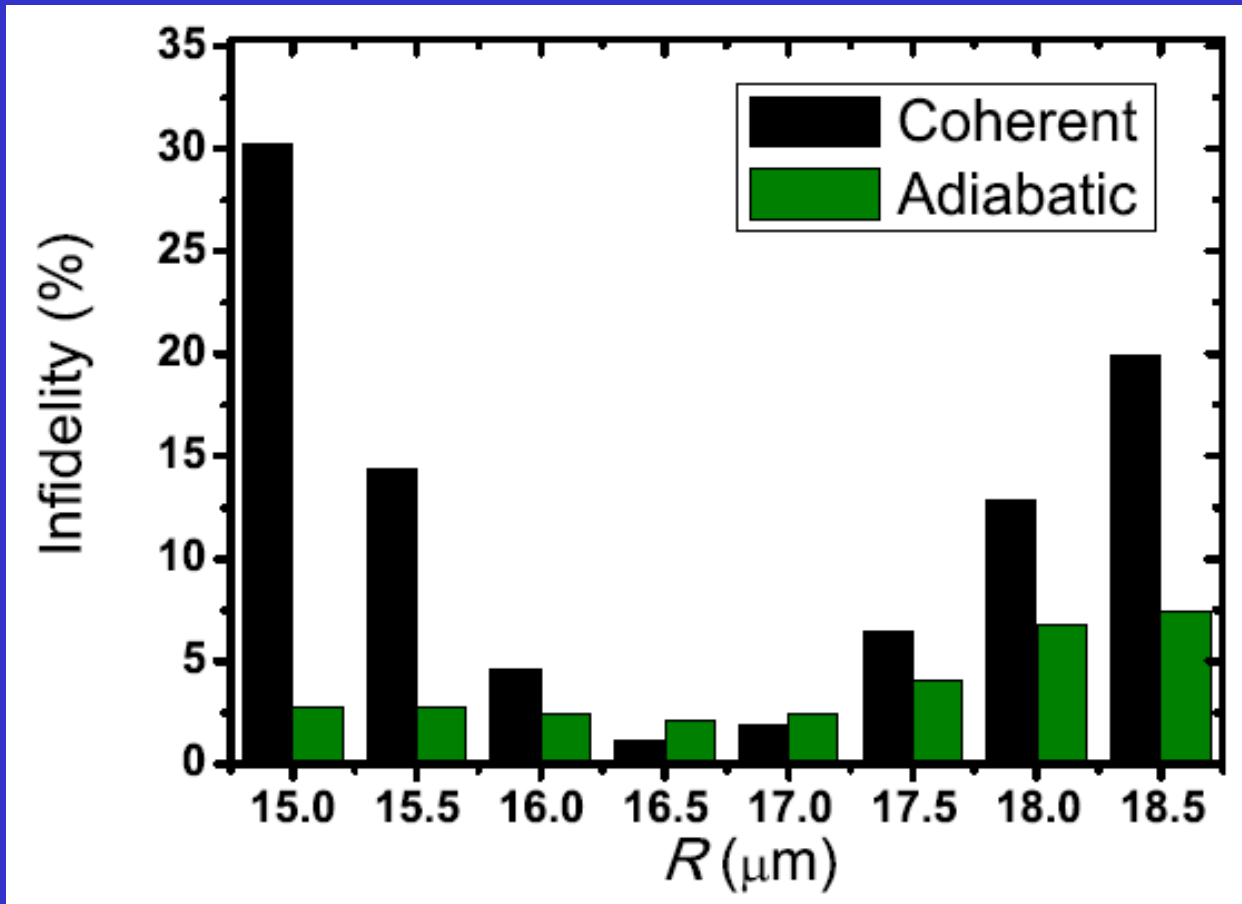
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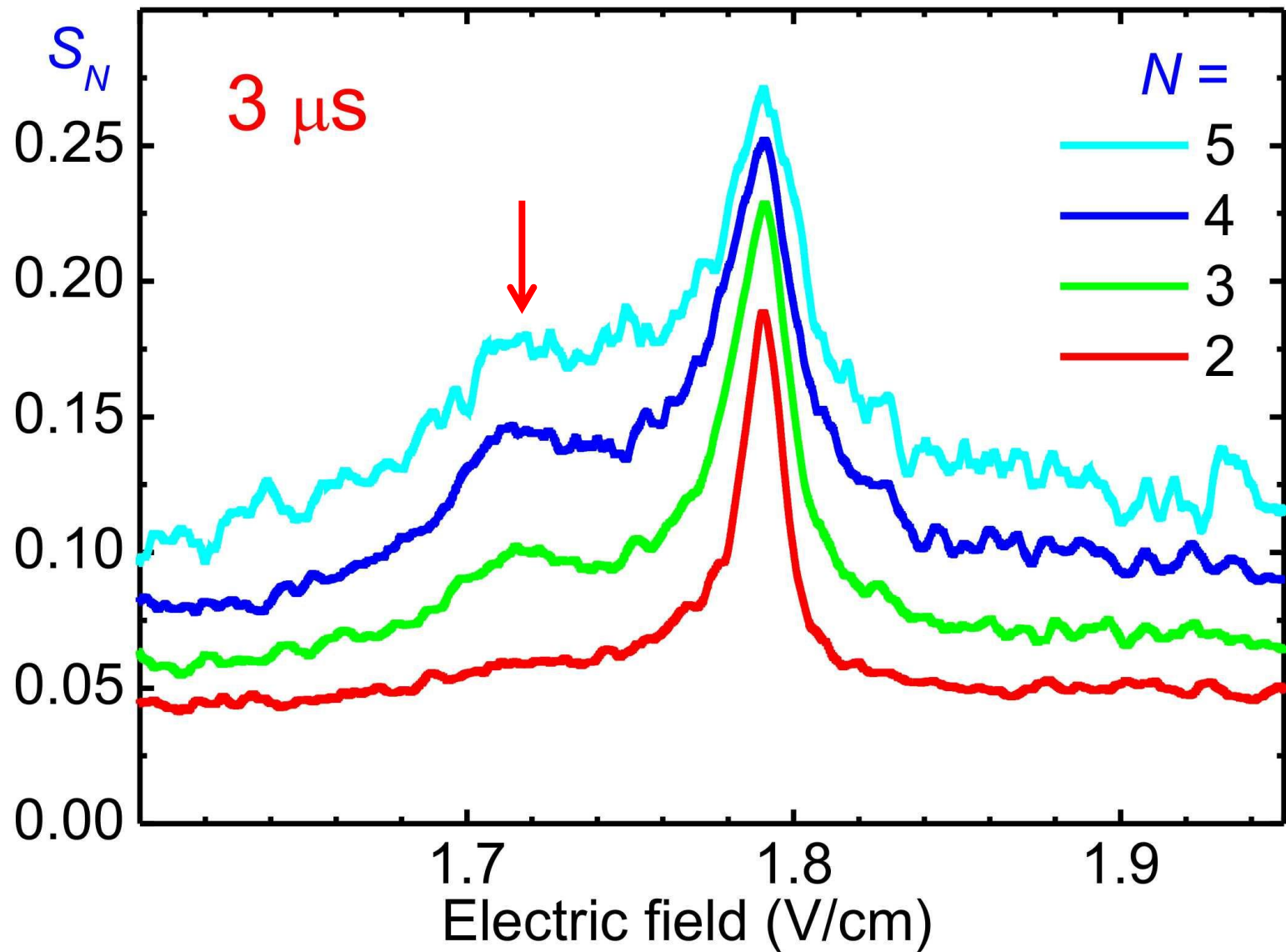
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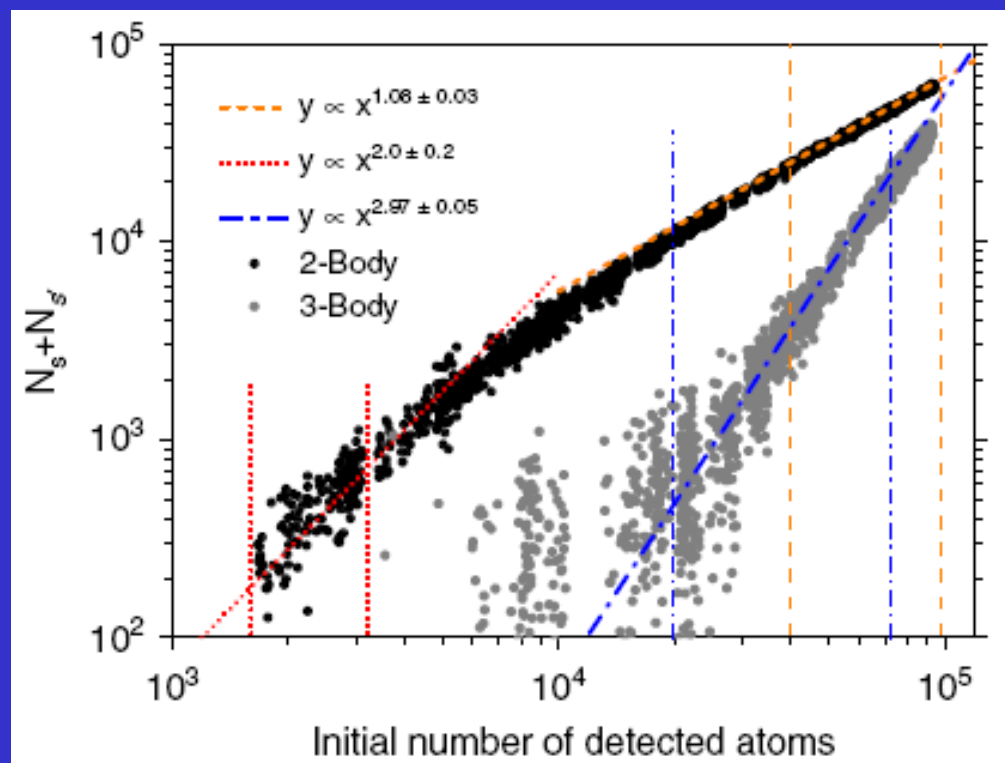
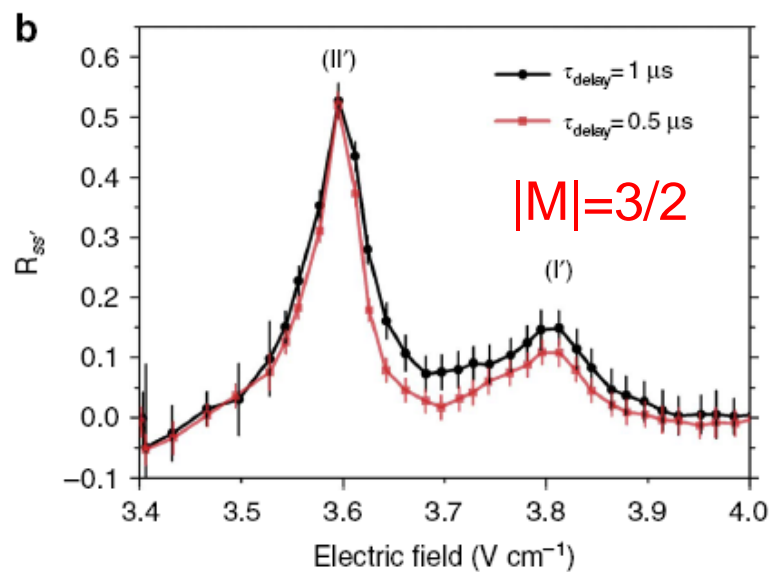
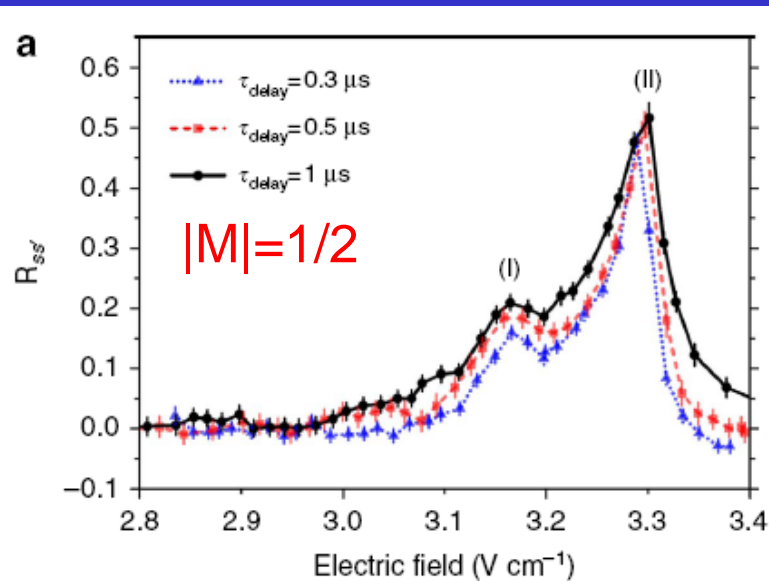
# Three-body Förster resonance?



# Borromean three-body FRET in frozen Rydberg gases

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$\sim 10^5$  Cs( $35P_{3/2}$ ) atoms in the volume of  $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$  in size

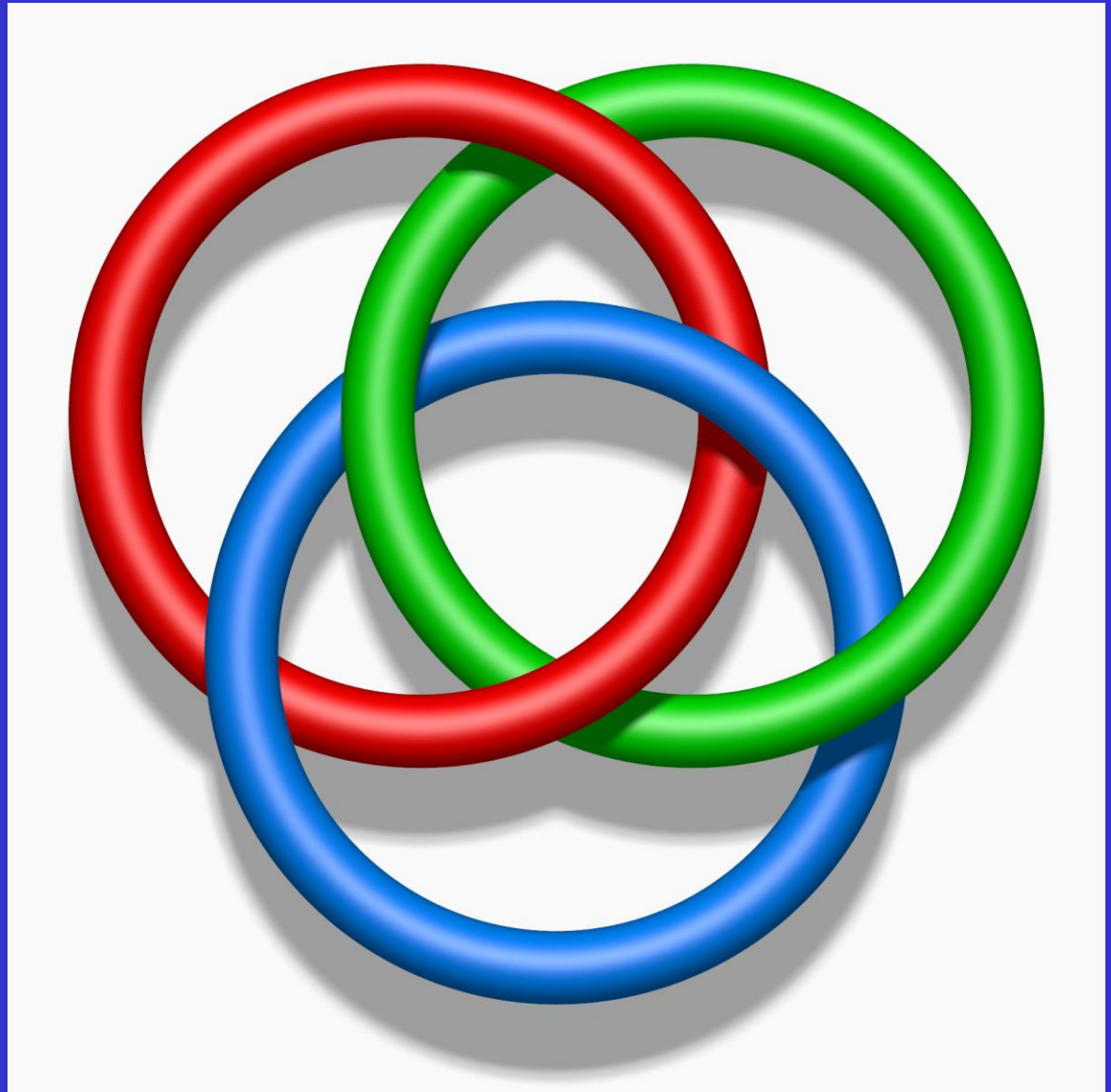


# Borromean three-body interactions of Rydberg atoms

*Why Borromean?*

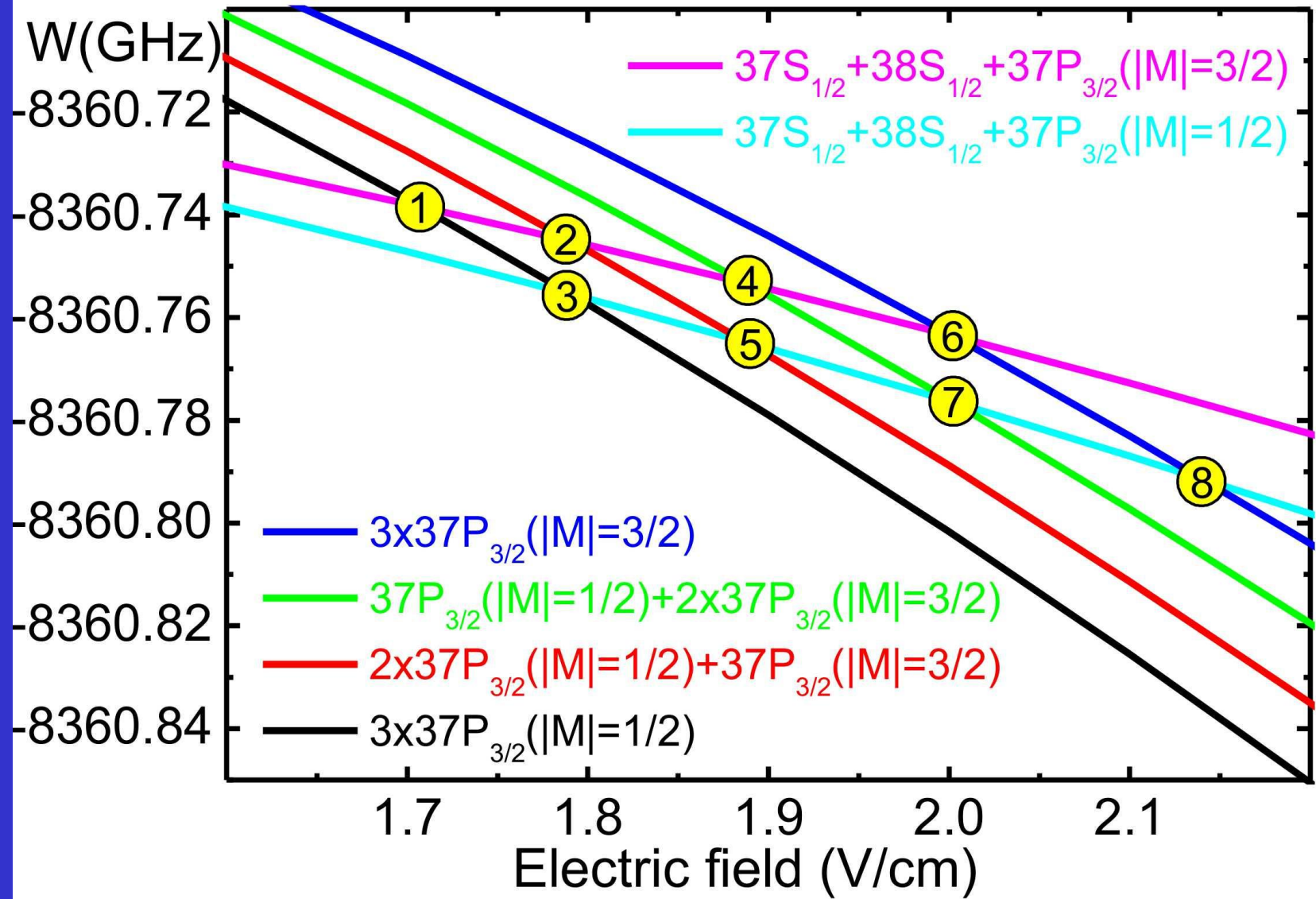
*Borromean rings consist of three circles which are linked, but removing any ring results in two unlinked rings.*

Borromean FRET is featured by the strong three-body interactions with a negligible contribution of two-body interactions.



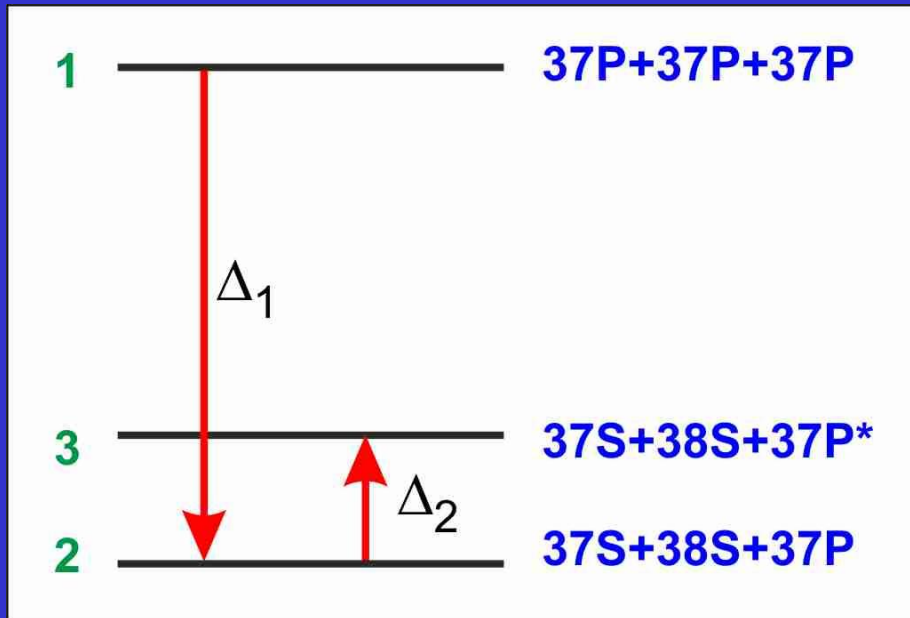


# Three-body Förster resonances for Rb( $37P_{3/2}$ ) atoms



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# Simple theoretical model with perturbation theory



$$i\dot{a}_1 = 6\Omega a_2 e^{-i\Delta_1 t}$$

$$i\dot{a}_2 = \Omega a_1 e^{i\Delta_1 t} + 2\Omega^* a_3 e^{i\Delta_2 t}$$

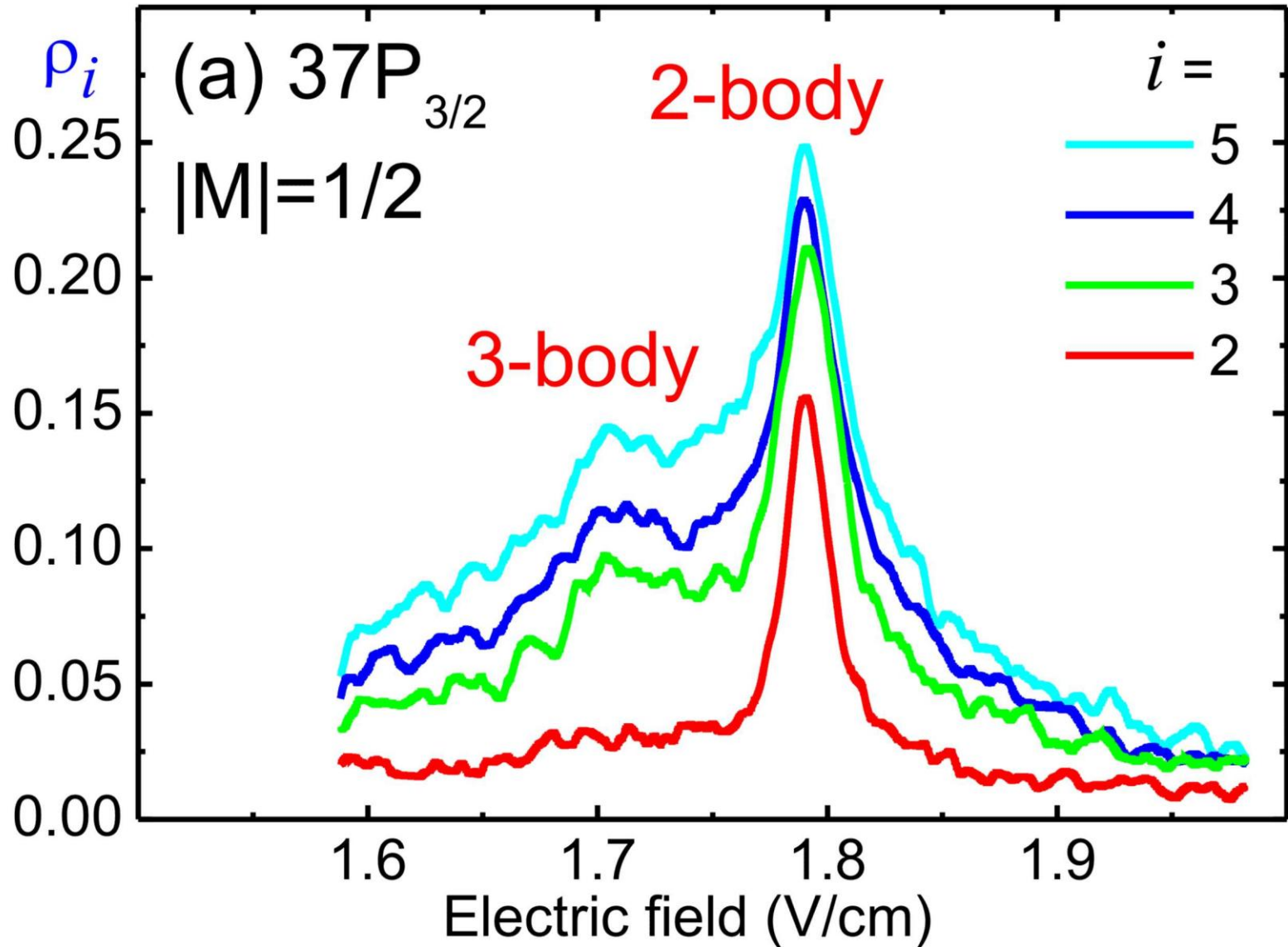
$$i\dot{a}_3 = 2\Omega^* a_2 e^{-i\Delta_2 t}$$

$$\rho_3 = (6 |a_2|^2 + 6 |a_3|^2) / 3$$

*Perturbation theory for weak DD interaction:  $a_1 \approx 1$ ,  $a_2, a_3 \ll 1$*

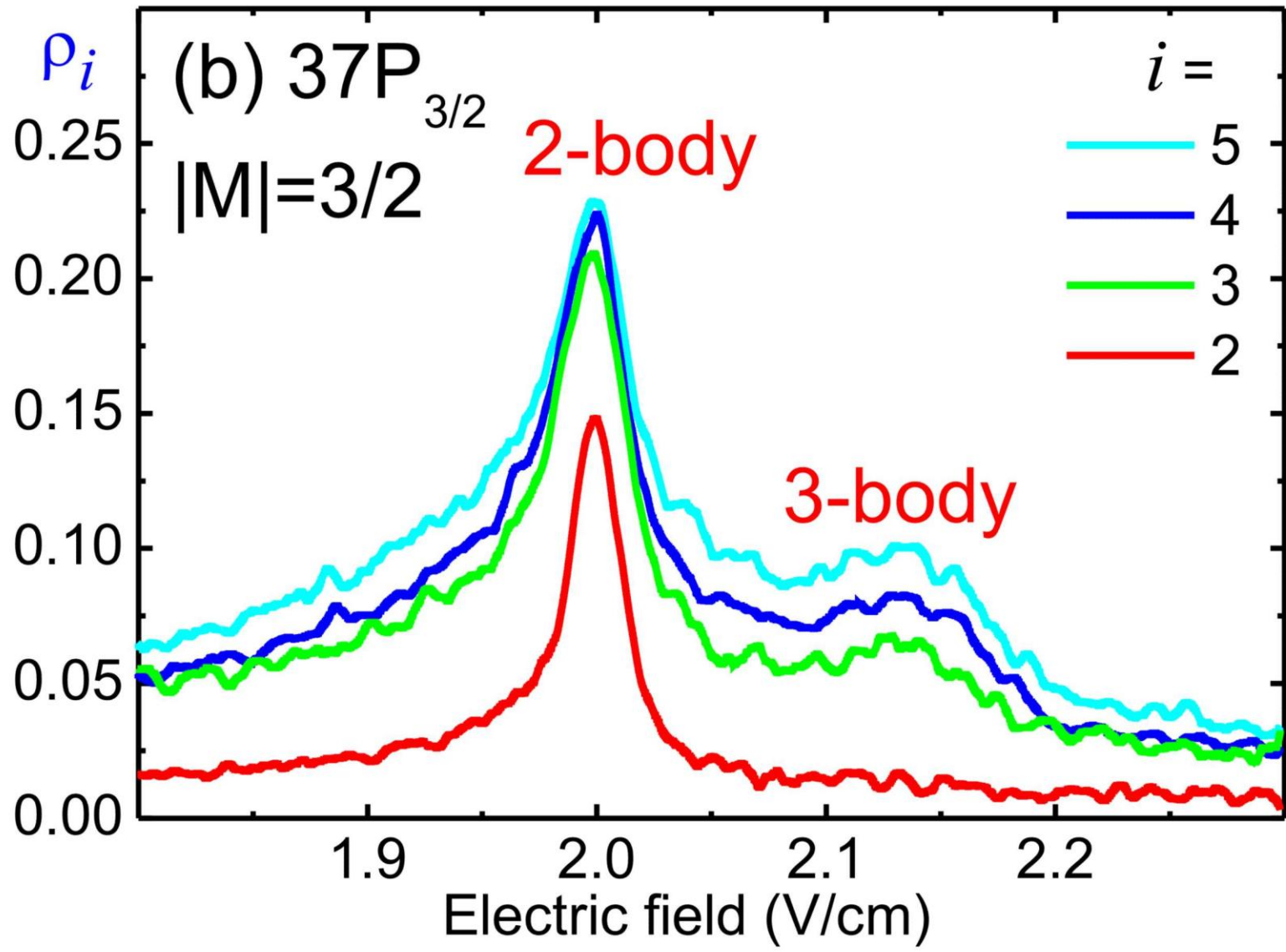
$$\rho_3 \approx \frac{8\Omega^2}{\Delta_1^2} \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\Delta_1 t}{2} \right] + 32\Omega^2 \Omega^{*2} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)^2} \sin^2 \left[ \frac{(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)t}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2^2 (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)} \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\Delta_2 t}{2} \right] - \frac{1}{\Delta_1^2 \Delta_2 (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)} \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\Delta_1 t}{2} \right] \right\}$$

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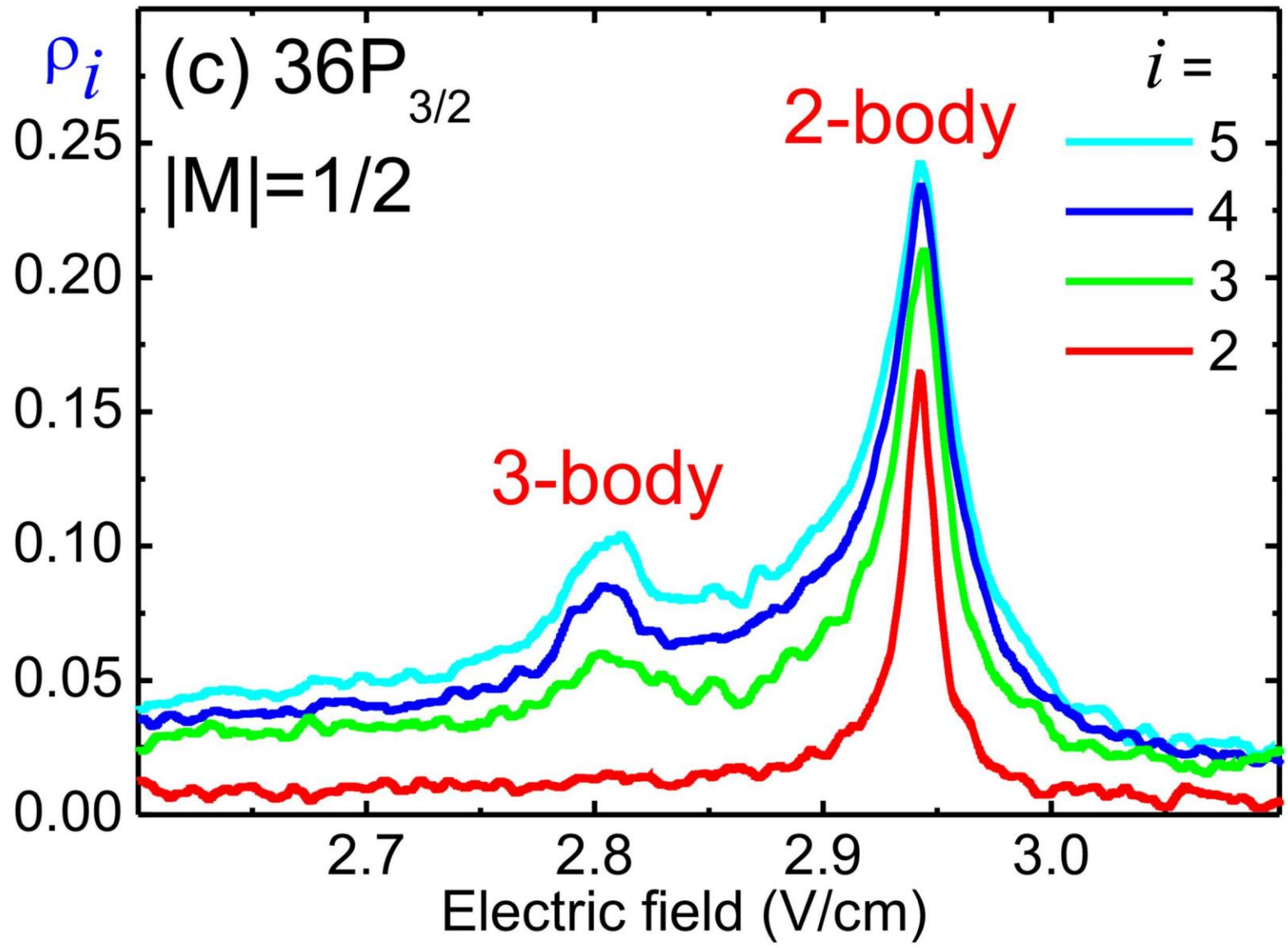
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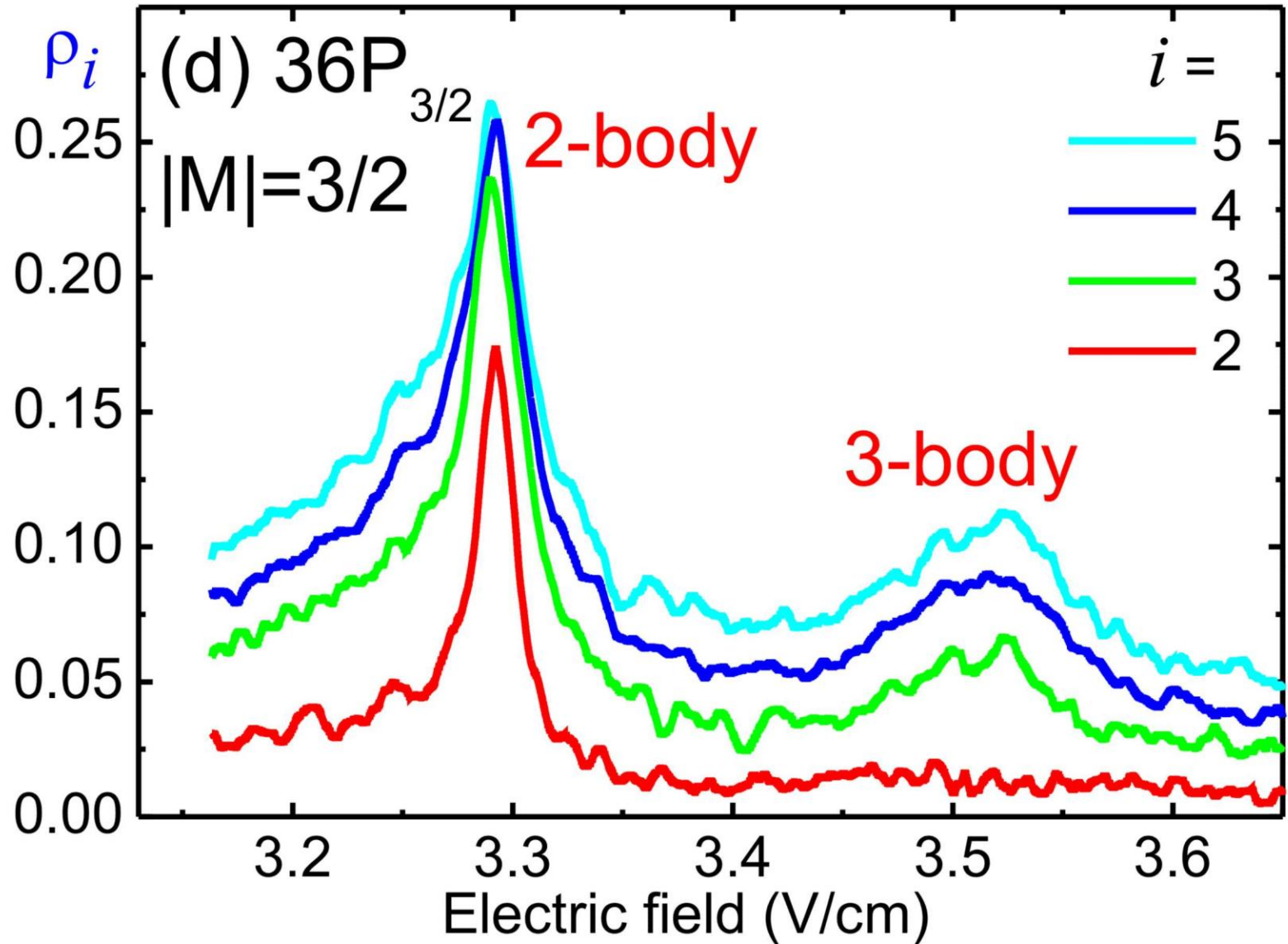


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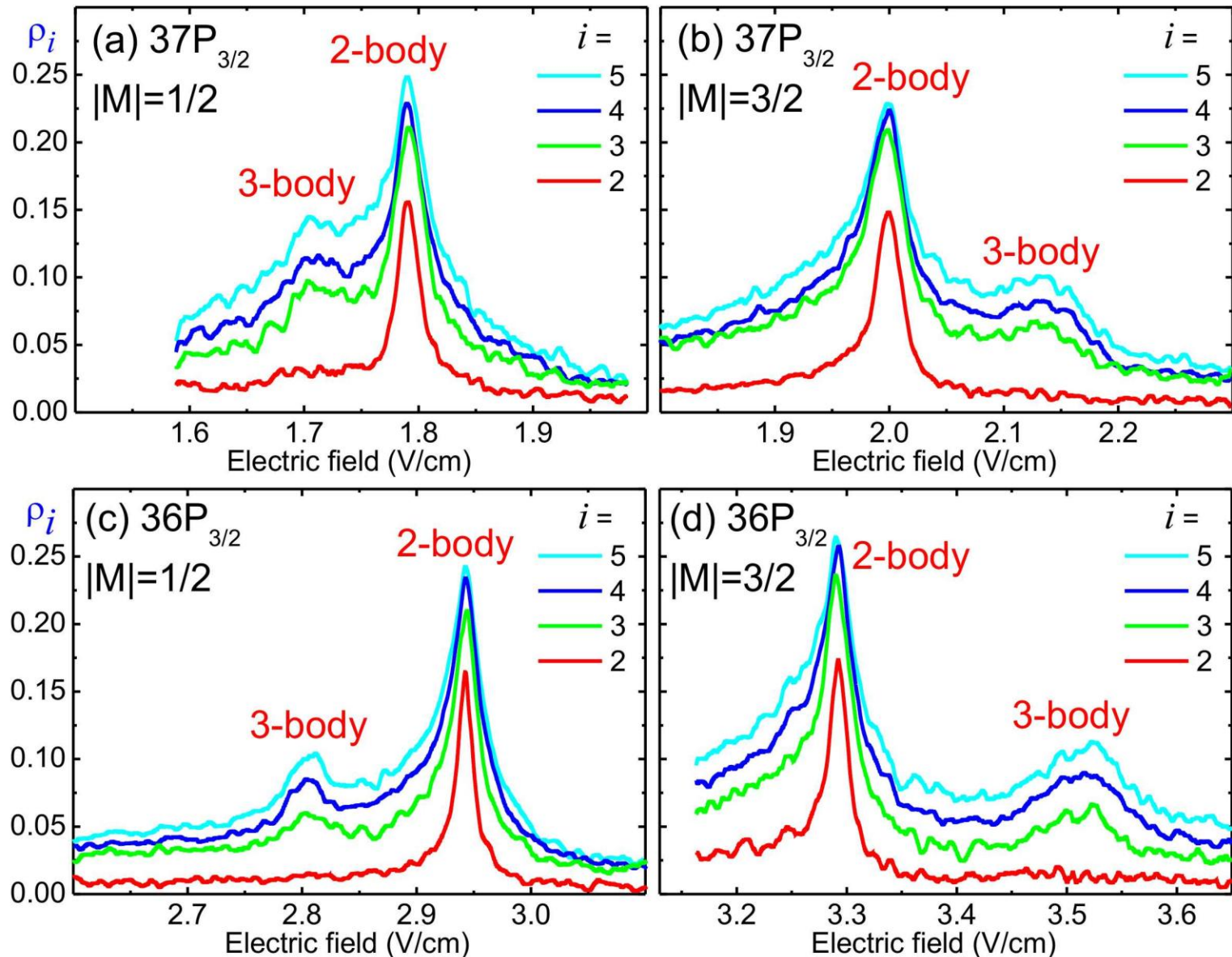
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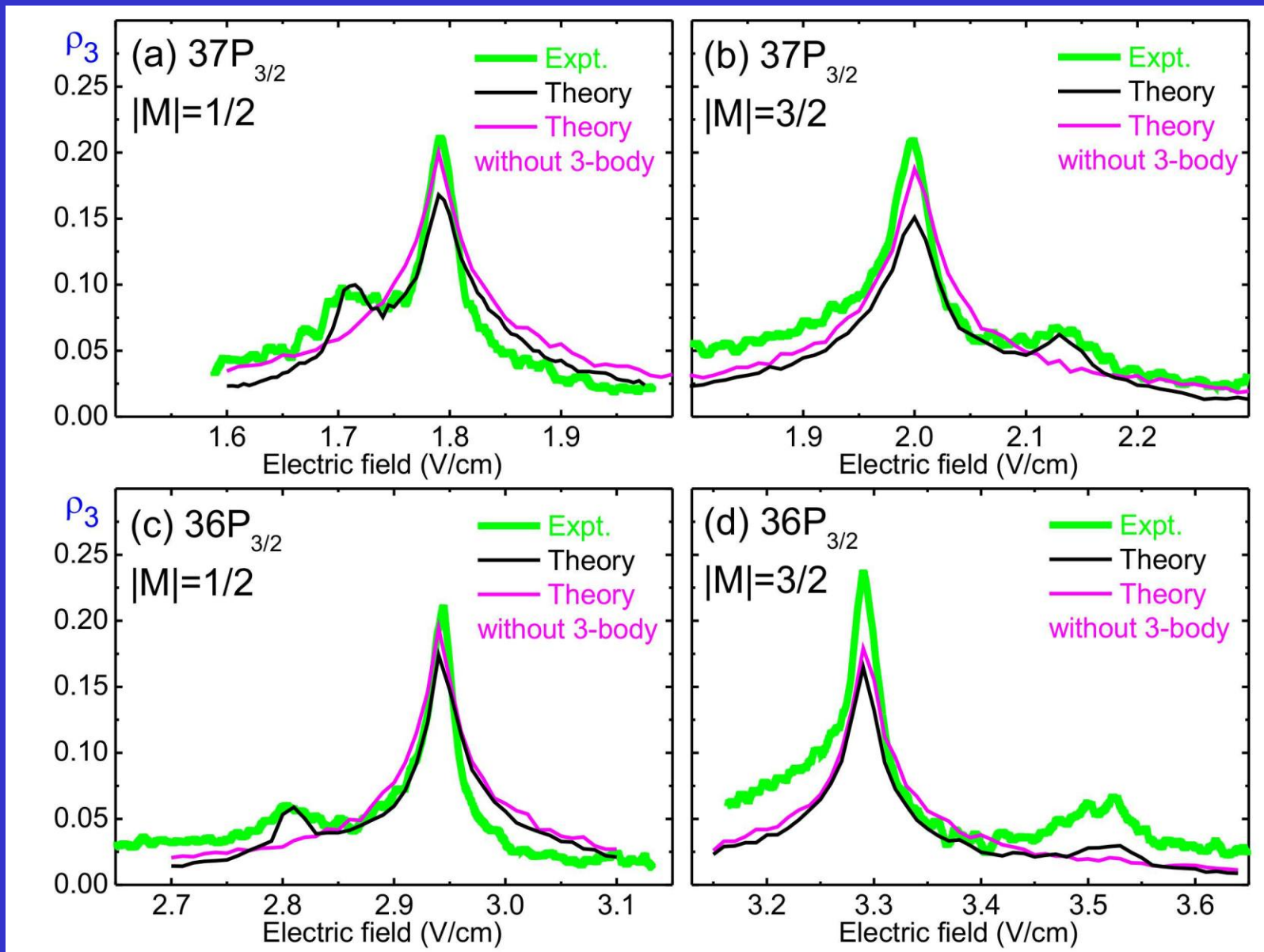


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# Comparison with numerical simulations for 3 disordered atoms



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# SUMMARY

- Stark-tuned Förster resonances provide fine and flexible control of the interactions between Rydberg atoms
- Stark-switching technique is efficiently used to control both Rydberg laser excitation and Förster resonances
- Line shape of the Förster resonances strongly depends on the shape of the controlling electric-field pulses
- Broadening and time dynamics of the Förster resonances are well described by the density-matrix phase-diffusion theoretical model
- RF-assisted transitions can be induced both for the "accessible" Förster resonances, which are tuned by the dc electric field, and for those which cannot be tuned and are "inaccessible"
- The van der Waals interaction of almost arbitrary high Rydberg states can be efficiently tuned to resonant dipole-dipole interaction using the rf-field with frequencies below 1 GHz
- There is no signature of the Borromean three-body Förster resonances for exactly two interacting Rydberg atoms, while it is present for the larger number of atoms. It represents an effective three-body operator, which can be used to directly control the three-body interactions



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## Future studies

- RF-resonances for high states
- Enhanced dipole blockade
- Optical dipole traps
- Coherent DD interaction
- Two-qubit logic gates
- Controlled many-body interactions

