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**Autoionizing states of the ytterbium atom by three-photon polarization spectroscopy**

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The autoionizing states of ytterbium (Yb) were investigated by three-photon polarization spectroscopy. Ytterbium atoms were excited to autoionizing states through the transition  $6s^2\ ^1S_0-6s6p\ ^3P_1-Af^{13}(^2F_{7/2})6s^26p_{3/2}$  ( $J=2$ ). The total angular momenta  $J$  of the autoionizing states were identified by comparing the line intensities from the spectra recorded with different combinations of the laser polarization. In this work, 17 autoionizing states including many new ones were investigated. For all these states Fano parameters and  $J$  values are measured.

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**Effective excitation method of a three-level medium in a selective photoionization**

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A principle for the efficient excitation of a three-level medium in a selective photoionization method is examined. It is shown that with special detunings for a given set of the laser-atom interaction the third-level population can be maximized. The expression of the optimal detunings is derived near the two-photon resonance region. It is shown that if the optimal detuning method is applied to three-level systems of Yb and Ca, the first-level populations are inverted to their corresponding third levels by about 100% and 86%, respectively. Application of this method to a Doppler-broadened medium is discussed and it is found that the optimal detuning method with counterpropagating waves will be very effective for selective ionization of wanted atoms.

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**Selective photoionization of the ytterbium atom by coherent two-photon excitation**

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Highly selective photoionization of the ytterbium atom by coherent two-photon excitation was demonstrated experimentally. The Yb atom was excited by two single-mode lasers and ionized by a time-delayed broadband laser. The isotope ratio of the ions was analyzed by a time-of-flight mass spectrometer. The ion yield and the selectivity were recorded as a function of detuning of the first exciting laser. The maximum of ion yield was observed when the laser was detuned from resonance. The selectivity of  $^{168}\text{Yb}$  was increased higher than 20 000 when the laser was blue-detuned to the most efficient position. Also, numerical analysis was performed to explain the experimental results.

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**Geometrical representation of coherent-excitation methods using delayed and detuned lasers**

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A precessing vector model has been developed for the geometrical interpretation of the adiabatic following and the optimal detuning methods, which play a decisive role in coherent population transfer in a three-level system. In our model, the Bloch vector defined by a population inversion and two-photon coherence components precesses about the torque vector consisting of an effective Rabi frequency and detuning components. The Bloch vector traces out different routes depending on combinations of the time delay of two laser pulses and detunings from the resonant frequencies. For the extreme cases where the optimal detuning with zero delay and the optimal delay with zero detunings are taken, our vector model with analytical solutions is compared with numerical solutions.

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**Expanded concept of the adiabatic population transfer using dressed states**

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We investigate several configurations for complete population transfer on the basis of the dressed state picture in a three-level system. This picture allows us not only to confirm an atom staying in the only dark state all the time under the well-known stimulated Raman adiabatic passage but also to find the considerably different dynamics from the conventional adiabatic process in cases where the pulses are significantly overlapped or concurrent (optimal detuning method). We expand the concept of the adiabatic process in order to explain all these cases.

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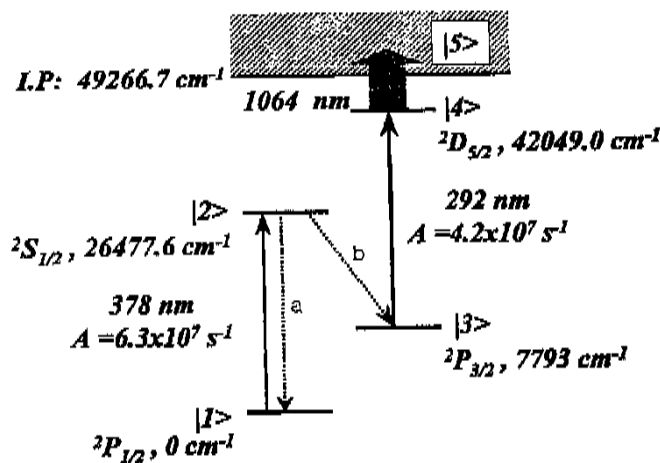
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(57) Abstract: A method for isotope separation of thallium using laser beam is disclosed. The method comprises the steps of: (a) producing photons of a first frequency by a laser system, wherein said first frequency is about 378 nm; (b) producing photons of a second frequency by said laser system, wherein said second frequency is about 292 nm; (c) producing photons of a third frequency by said laser system, wherein said third frequency is in the range of 700 nm to 1400 nm; (d) applying said photons of said first, second and third frequencies to said vapor of said thallium, wherein said photons of said first frequency pump isotope-selectively a plurality of ground state thallium atoms through an excited state into a metastable state, and wherein said photons of said second frequency excite a plurality of metastable state thallium atoms to an intermediate, resonant state, and wherein said photons of said third frequency ionize a plurality of atoms in said intermediate, resonant state through continuum states; and (e) collecting said isotope ions. Thallium isotope can efficiently be separated with small scale facilities.

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