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Measurement of the $\mathbf{X}^1\Sigma_g^+ \to A^1\Sigma_u^+$ of Na₂ Transition Dipole Moment by Autler Townes Splitting: Comparison of Three and Four Level Excitation Schemes PENG QI, Temple University, ANNIE HANSSON, Stockholm University, TEODORA KIROVA, Temple University, LI LI, Tsinghua University, ANGELOS LAZOUDIS, ERGIN AHMED, Temple University, SYLVIE MAG-NIER, Universite Rennes, A. MARJATTA LYYRA, Temple University, JIANBING QI, Pennsylvania State University Berks, ANNIE HANSSON COLLABORATION, JIANBING QI COLLABORATION, LI LI COLLABORATION, SYLVIE MAG-NIER COLLABORATION — We have demonstrated that narrow band CW lasers associated with moderate Rabi frequencies can be used to study coherence effects such as Electromagnetically Induced Transparency and Autler-Townes splitting in open molecular systems. These effects can be used to control molecular angular momentum alignment and to achieve magnetic sub level state selectivity. In this paper we use Autler Townes splitting to investigate the transition dipole moment between the molecular ground state and the first excited state of the sodium dimer with the cascade and inverted Y excitation schemes. Results are compared with ab initio calculations.

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