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Optical response of a dense gas of moving atoms YI LI, SUNGMI YOO, JUHA JAVANAINEN, University of Connecticut — At high density, dipole-dipole interactions between the atoms may have a major impact on light propagation in a dense gas. We have developed a classical-electrodynamics simulation to study the cooperative response of a near-resonant gas to light. We take into account the motion of the radiators using classical trajectories, including collisions with the walls of the container and atom-atom collisions, and describe the transition from homogeneously broadening to inhomogeneously broadened phenomenology.

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