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Time-dependent response of vapor-cell Rydberg EIT in pulsed optical and RF fields RACHEL SAPIRO, GEORG RAITHEL, DAVID ANDERSON, Rydberg Technologies — We investigate the time dependence of atomlight and atom-RF field interactions in Rydberg electromagnetically-induced transparency (EIT) in a room temperature and heated vapor cell. Quantum-optical transients are observed with rapid onset and dissolution of EIT induced by couplerlight pulses. The formation and dissolution time of the transient EIT regime, and its dependencies on light intensity and Rydberg-atom density are studied. Simulations of pulsed EIT are performed by solving a time-dependent three-level master equation with mean-field level-shift corrections, and averaging over the Maxwell velocity distribution in the cell. The results are in excellent agreement with experimental observations, including accurately reproducing quantum-optical transients observed at both onset and dissolution. Time-dependent responses of EIT to RF-field pulses are also investigated.

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