# Lectures October  $4<sup>th</sup>$  and  $10<sup>th</sup>$  2007

(extra material)

The following 2 slides are (in ODP - OpenOffice Impress) a test of designing a presentation of our very complex topic

(The links from the PDFtalk were copied and made to lots of small color-coded boxes)

There are 2 such slides - the second will be extended later

Folows: Line profiles Gaussian? – No, Lorentzian – and more



Golden Rule Simulator part



The rest of the slides:

Background information

about line shapes, broadening

Lorentz shape Lorentz profile

Line Broadening: Doppler broadening – Gaussian profile

Voigt profiles (convolution of Lorentz by Gaussian)

(from 2001 talks)

## **Lorentzian Lineshape**

Pressure broadening results from collisions between molecules in a gas. It is the most important source of broadening when pressures are high. The simplest treatment of pressure broadening produces a Lorentzian lineshape centered at the transition frequency  $\nu_0$  and given by the functional form

$$
\phi(\nu) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\alpha_L}{(\nu - \nu_0)^2 + \alpha_L^2}
$$

where  $\alpha_L$  is the Lorentzian half-width.

$$
F(\omega) \qquad \approx \quad \frac{1}{2} f_0 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \gamma - i(\omega - \omega_0) \right]^{-1}
$$

$$
|F(\omega)|^2 = \frac{f_0^2}{\gamma^2} \frac{\frac{1}{4}\gamma^2}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\gamma^2}
$$

$$
f_0^2 \qquad \gamma^2
$$

$$
= \frac{J_0}{\gamma^2} \frac{\gamma}{4(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \gamma^2}
$$

If  $f(t)$  is the radiated field, the curve  $|F(\omega)|^2$  is known as the Lorentzian lineshape. Collision shortens the duration of emission, widening the peak.

## **Doppler Lineshape**

The broadening of a spectral line as a result of the thermal motion of a gas. Doppler line-broadening results from the random motion of radiating molecules, and is therefore dependent on temperature. The Doppler lineshape takes the form of a Gaussian,

$$
\phi(\nu) = \frac{1}{\alpha_D} \sqrt{\frac{\ln 2}{\pi}} e^{-(\ln 2)(\nu - \nu_0)^2 / \alpha_D{}^2},
$$

where the Doppler half-width is given by

$$
\alpha_D \equiv \frac{\nu_0}{c}\sqrt{\frac{2\ln2RT}{M}} = 1.131\times10^{-8}\sqrt{\frac{T}{M}}\,\nu_0
$$

(Townes and Schawlow 1975, pp. 337-338). In (0),  $R$  is the universal gas constant,  $T$  is the thermal temperature,  $M$  is the mean molar mass (in kg), and  $c$  is the speed of light.

#### **Breit-Wigner Distribution (also known as Lorentz Distribution)**

The Breit-Wigner (also known as Lorentz) distribution is a generalized form originally introduced ([Breit36], [Breit59]) to describe the cross-section of resonant nuclear scattering in the form

$$
\sigma(E) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)[(E-E_0)^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2]},
$$

The equation follows from that of a harmonic oscillator with damping, and a periodic force. A normal (Gaussian) distribution decreases much faster in the tails than the Breit-Wigner curve.



The distribution is fully defined by  $E_0$ , the position of its maximum (about which the distribution is symmetric), and by  $\Gamma$ , the full width at half maximum (FWHM), as obviously  $\sigma(E_0)=2\sigma(E_0\pm\Gamma/2) \ .$ 

 $\Gamma$  and the lifetime  $\tau$  of a resonant state are related to each other by Heisenberg's uncertainty principle ( $\Gamma \tau = h/2\pi$ ). After Rudolf K. Bock, 7 April 1998 http://rkb.home.cern.ch/rkb/AN16pp/AN16pp.html

## **Voigt Lineshape**

The Voigt profile is the spectral line shape which results from a superposition of independent Lorentzian and Doppler line broadening mechanisms (e.g., Armstrong 1967). It is given by the expression

$$
\phi(\nu) = \frac{1}{\alpha_D} \sqrt{\frac{\ln 2}{\pi}} K(x, y),
$$

where  $K(x, y)$  is the "Voigt function"

$$
K(x, y) \equiv \frac{y}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t^2}}{y^2 + (x - t)^2} dt.
$$

In  $(2)$ ,

$$
y \equiv \frac{\alpha_L}{\alpha_D} \sqrt{\ln 2}
$$

is the ratio of Lorentz to Doppler widths and

$$
x \equiv \frac{\nu - \nu_0}{\alpha_D} \sqrt{\ln 2}
$$

is the frequency scale in units of Doppler lineshape half-width  $\alpha_D$ .



#### Matlab code

```
x=-20:0.01:20; 
gaushalf=1; lorhalf=1;
\frac{1}{2}gaus=exp(-(x/gaushalf*0.7).^2);
lorentz=1./((x/lorhalf).^2+1);
%
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### figure(1) c=plot(x,gaus,'b-',x,lorentz,'k-');set(c,'linewidth',2) set(gca,'fontsize',18) set(gcf,'color','white')

figure(2)

%

d=semilogy(x,gaus,'b-',x,lorentz,'k-');set(gca,'ylim', [0.001 1 ]);;set(d,'linewidth',2) set(gca,'fontsize',18) set(gcf,'color','white')



Voigt profiles, comparisons of 2 Lorentz lines and their broadened versions. (Dopler broadening in plasmas.

High frequency; very high temperature (from our theoretical work)