

(7.34, 35)

$$\tilde{c}_1 = c_1 e^{-i \frac{\delta}{2} t}$$

$$\tilde{c}_2 = c_2 e^{+i \frac{\delta}{2} t}$$

$\delta = \omega - \omega_0$
detuning

density matrix

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \downarrow |c_1|^2 & c_1 c_2^* \\ c_1^* c_2 & \uparrow |c_2|^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{12} \\ \rho_{21} & \rho_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

coherence population

population: probability to find atom in state $|1\rangle$ or $|2\rangle$

coherences: are related to the phase between the states

in particular, if $\rho_{12} = \rho_{21} = 0$

the phase between $|1\rangle$ and $|2\rangle$

is undefined

→ statistical mixture of atoms

Example: $c_1 = c_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\rightarrow \rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

populations = 50:50

coherences give a well-defined phase between the states

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = c_1 e^{-i\omega_1 t} u_1(\vec{r}) + c_2 e^{i\varphi} e^{-i\omega_2 t} u_2(\vec{r})$$

time evolution of the elements of the density matrix gives the physics going on

$$\dot{\rho}_{11} = i \frac{\Omega}{2} (\tilde{\rho}_{21} - \tilde{\rho}_{12})$$

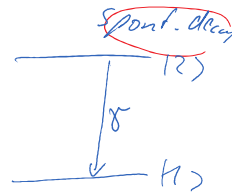
$$\dot{\rho}_{22} = \text{Fock (7.42)}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{12} =$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{21} =$$

We can introduce incoherent processes (e.g. spontaneous decay $|2\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$):

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\rho}_{11} &= \gamma \rho_{22} + i \frac{\Omega_0}{2} (\tilde{\rho}_{21} - \tilde{\rho}_{12}) \\ \dot{\rho}_{22} &= -\gamma \rho_{22} + i \frac{\Omega_0}{2} (\tilde{\rho}_{22} - \tilde{\rho}_{21}) \\ \dot{\tilde{\rho}}_{12} &= -\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + i\delta\right) \tilde{\rho}_{12} + i \frac{\Omega_0}{2} (\rho_{22} - \rho_{11}) \\ \dot{\tilde{\rho}}_{21} &= -\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} - i\delta\right) \tilde{\rho}_{21} + i \frac{\Omega_0}{2} (\rho_{11} - \rho_{22}) \end{aligned}$$



QBF

The Bloch sphere

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{11} + \rho_{22} &= 1 \\ u, v, w \end{aligned}$$

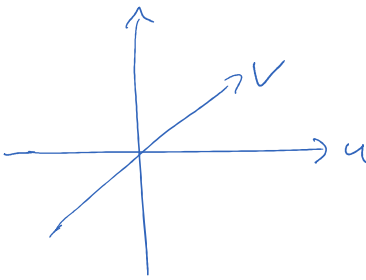
7.41, 45, 46 \rightarrow (7.67)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= \delta \cdot v - \frac{\Gamma}{2} u \\ \dot{v} &= -\delta u + \Omega w - \frac{\Gamma}{2} v \\ \dot{w} &= \Omega v - \Gamma(w-1) \end{aligned}$$

$\Gamma = \gamma$
spontaneous decay rate

$w = \rho_{11} - \rho_{22}$ inversion

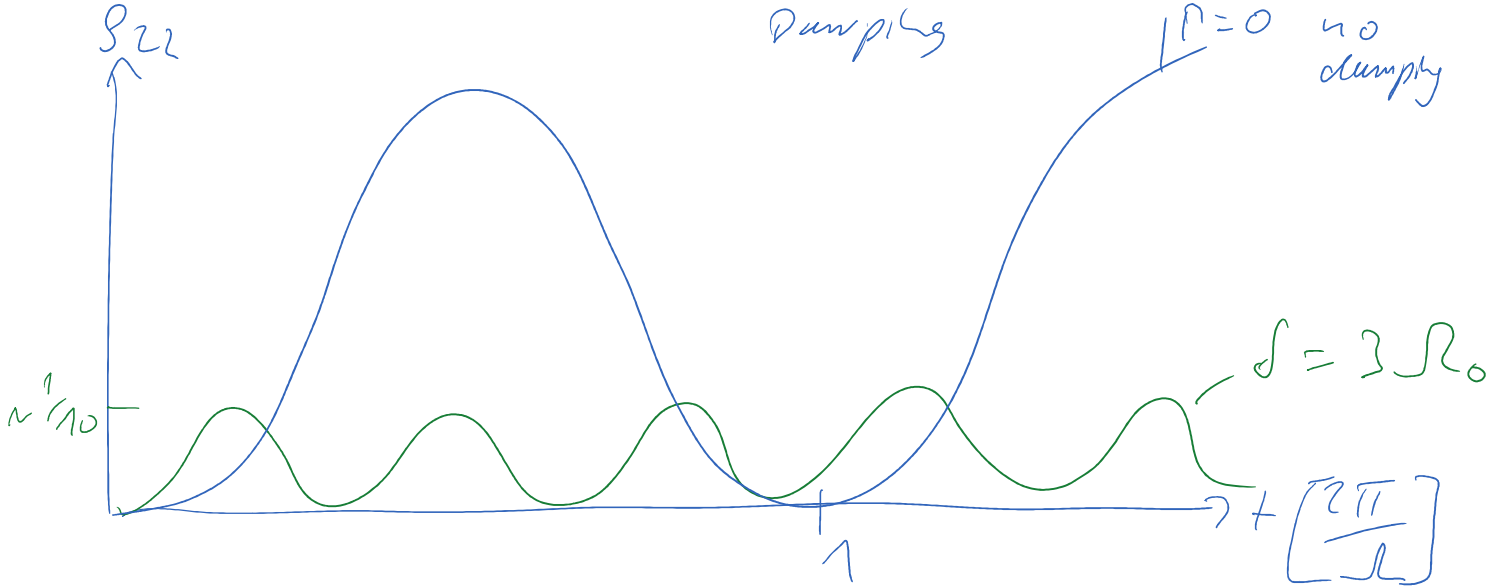
Bloch sphere w



$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Omega \\ 0 \\ -\delta \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u/2 \\ v/2 \\ w/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Damping

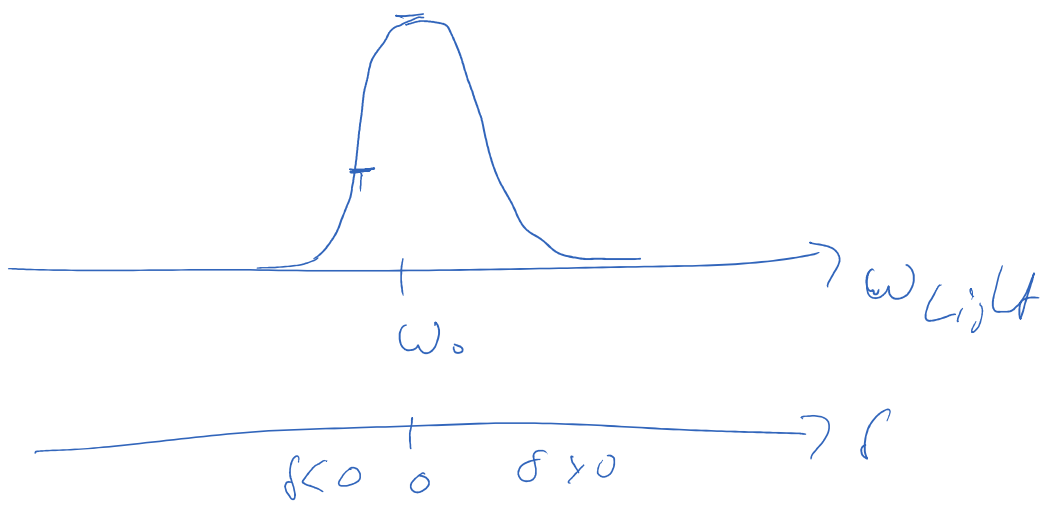
$\delta = 0$ resonant
 $\Gamma = 0$ no damping



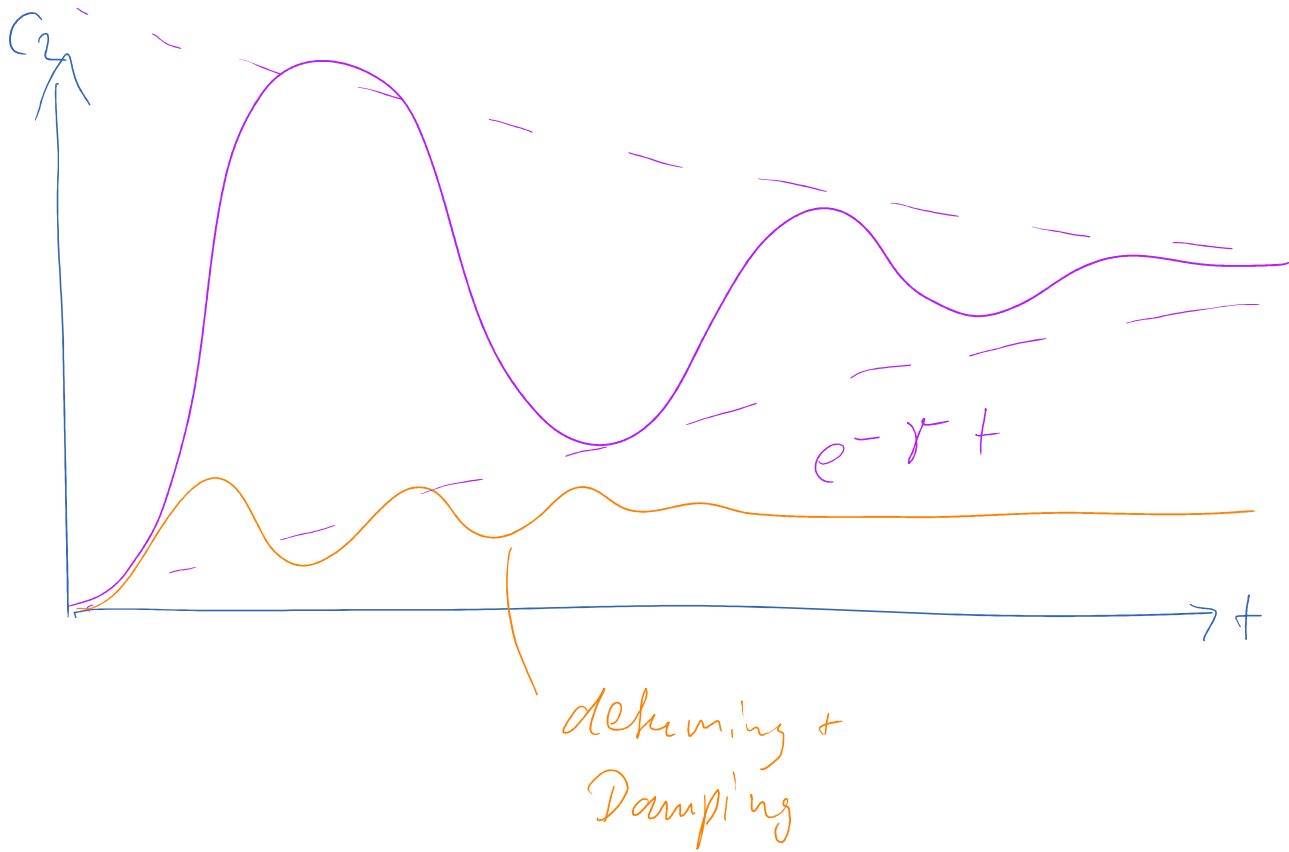
$$W = \sqrt{\Omega^2 + \delta^2}$$

$$\left(\Omega = \sqrt{\Omega_0^2 + \delta^2} \text{ usually} \right)$$

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 generalized Rabi frequency

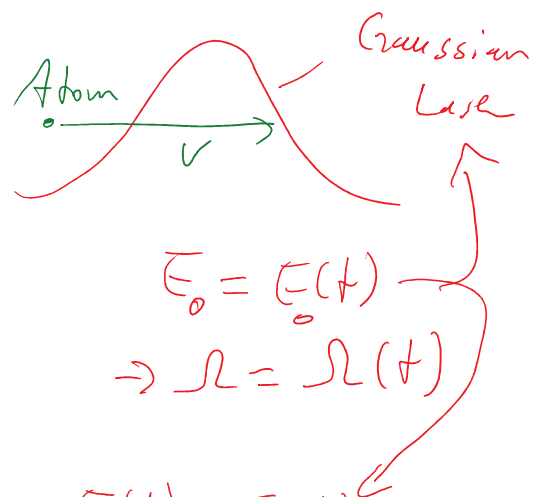
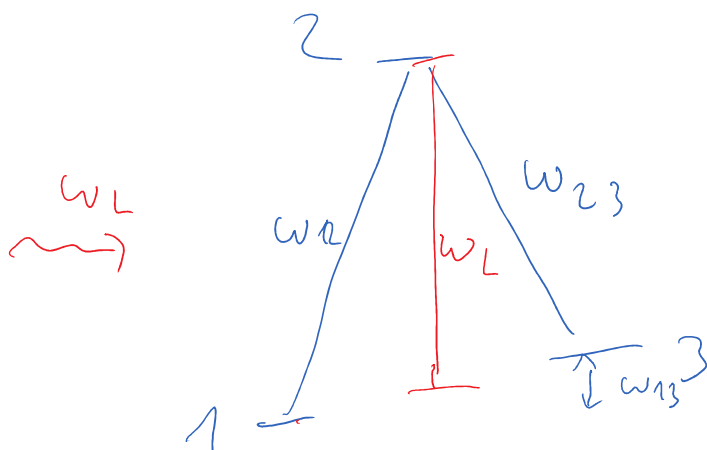


with Damping ($\Gamma > 0$)



e.g. 3 level system

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \quad 3 \times 3$$





$$E(t) = \underline{E_0(t)} \cos \omega_L \cdot t$$

The equation is written in red ink. A red arrow points from the top right towards the $E_0(t)$ term, which is underlined in red.