

OBEs and the Bloch sphere

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(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

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

SE-coefficients (pointing to c_1, c_2)
D.M. coefficients (pointing to the matrix)
coherences (pointing to ρ_{12}, ρ_{21})
populations (pointing to ρ_{11}, ρ_{22})

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

$$\dot{\rho}_{11} = i \frac{\Omega_0}{2} (\tilde{\rho}_{21} - \tilde{\rho}_{12}) \quad \Omega = \text{Rabi frequency}$$

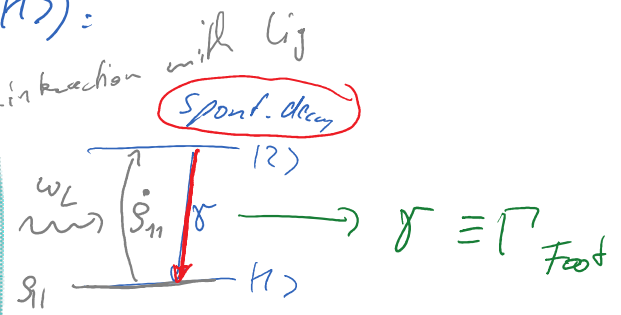
$$\dot{\rho}_{22} = \dots \quad \text{Fock (7.42)}$$

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

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

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

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



Factor $\frac{1}{2}$ is modified in 7.5.1

BF

The Bloch sphere $\rho_{11} + \rho_{22} = 1$

7.44, 45, 46 \rightarrow (7.67)

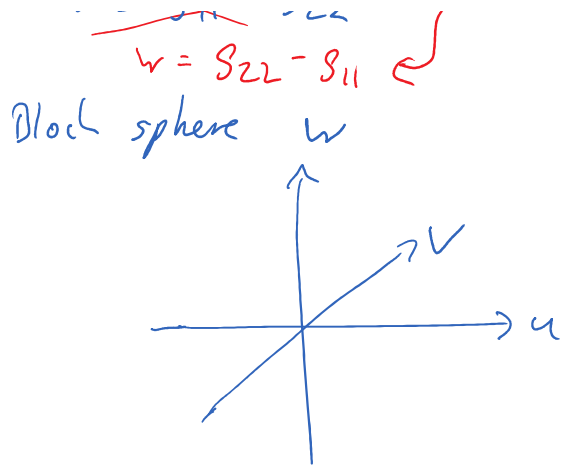
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= \delta \cdot v - \frac{\Gamma}{2} u \\ \dot{v} &= -\delta u + \Omega w - \frac{\Gamma}{2} v \\ \dot{w} &= \Omega v - \Gamma(w-1) \end{aligned} \quad (7.67)$$

$\Gamma = \gamma$
spontaneous decay rate

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

change

7.54 ~~$w = \rho_{11} - \rho_{22}$~~
g.s. ~~$w = +1$~~
e.g. ~~$w = -1$~~



change sign of this one

~~e.g. $w = -1$~~
o.k., but not standard

But: (7.74)

$$w = \frac{N_2 - N_1}{N} = S_{22} - S_{11}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\Omega \\ 0 \\ -\delta \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} - \underbrace{\Gamma}_{\text{Damping}} \begin{pmatrix} u/2 \\ v/2 \\ w+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

in standard notation
 $w = S_{22} - S_{11}$

u, v, w are components of the Bloch vector

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \tilde{S}_{12} + \tilde{S}_{21} = 2 \operatorname{Re}(\tilde{S}_{12}) \text{ dispersive} \\ v &= i(\tilde{S}_{21} - \tilde{S}_{12}) = 2 \operatorname{Im}(\tilde{S}_{12}) \text{ absorptive} \end{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{component of Bloch vector}$$

$w = S_{22} - S_{11}$ inversion

$w = -1$ all in g.s.
 $w = +1$ excited state

$$\boxed{S_{11} + S_{22} = 1}$$

\Rightarrow can rewrite the OBE,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= \delta v - \frac{\gamma}{2} u \\ \dot{v} &= -\delta u + \Omega_0 w - \frac{\gamma}{2} v \\ \dot{w} &= -\Omega_0 v - \gamma(w+1) \end{aligned}$$

Foot:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Omega(\text{Foot}) = \Omega_0(\text{here}) \\ \Gamma(\text{Foot}) = \gamma(\text{here}) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{on-resonance} \\ \text{Rabi frequency} \end{array}$$

$$\dot{w} = -\Omega_0 v - \gamma(w+1) \quad \text{Rabi frequency}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} -\Omega_0 \\ 0 \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} - \gamma \begin{pmatrix} u/2 \\ v/2 \\ w+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

{ Bloch vector { Damping

Precession of Bloch vector
 around axis given by $\begin{pmatrix} -\Omega_0 \\ 0 \\ -\delta \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow$ 7.2?

with angular frequency $\Omega = \sqrt{\Omega_0^2 + \delta^2}$
↑
 called ω in Foot

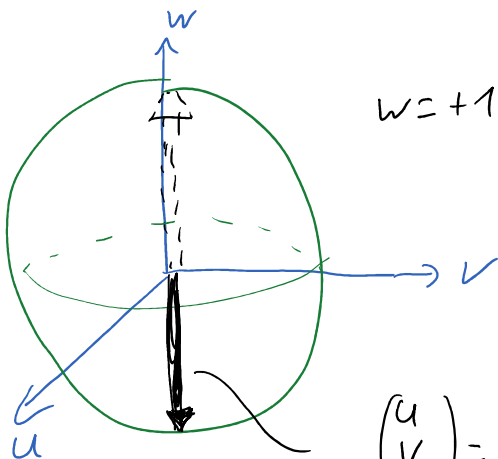
generalized Rabi frequency

without damping ($\gamma=0$): $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 = 1$

→ Bloch vector is moving on a unit sphere

Examples:

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$w=+1 \Rightarrow$ all atoms in excited state

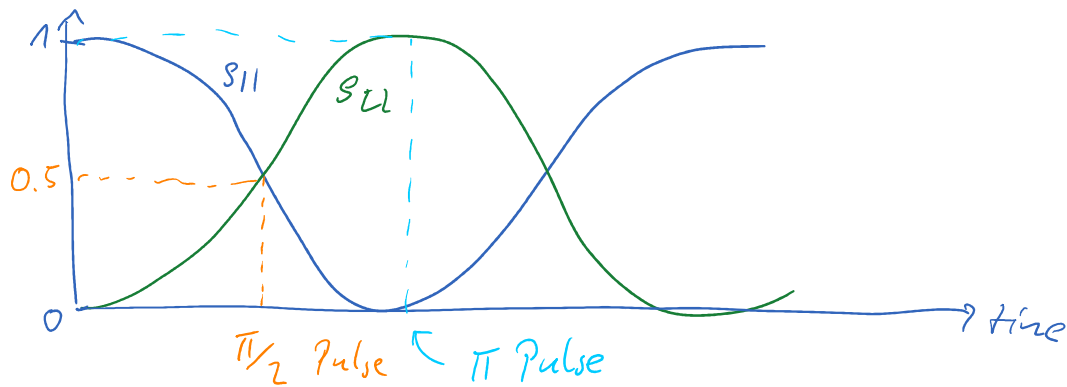
$$w = S_{22} - S_{11}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

all atoms in the ground state

↳ Foot's definition

- ② Rabi oscillations:
all atoms in g.s., then on-resonance ($\delta=0$) pulse



- ③ $\pi/2$ Pulse: coherent superposition of g.s. & e.s.

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{c}_1 = \cos\left(\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\Omega_0 t}_{\pi/2}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\tilde{c}_2 = i \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} \Omega_0 t\right) = i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$S_{11} = \tilde{c}_1 \tilde{c}_1^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{12} = \tilde{c}_1 \tilde{c}_2^* = -\frac{i}{2}$$

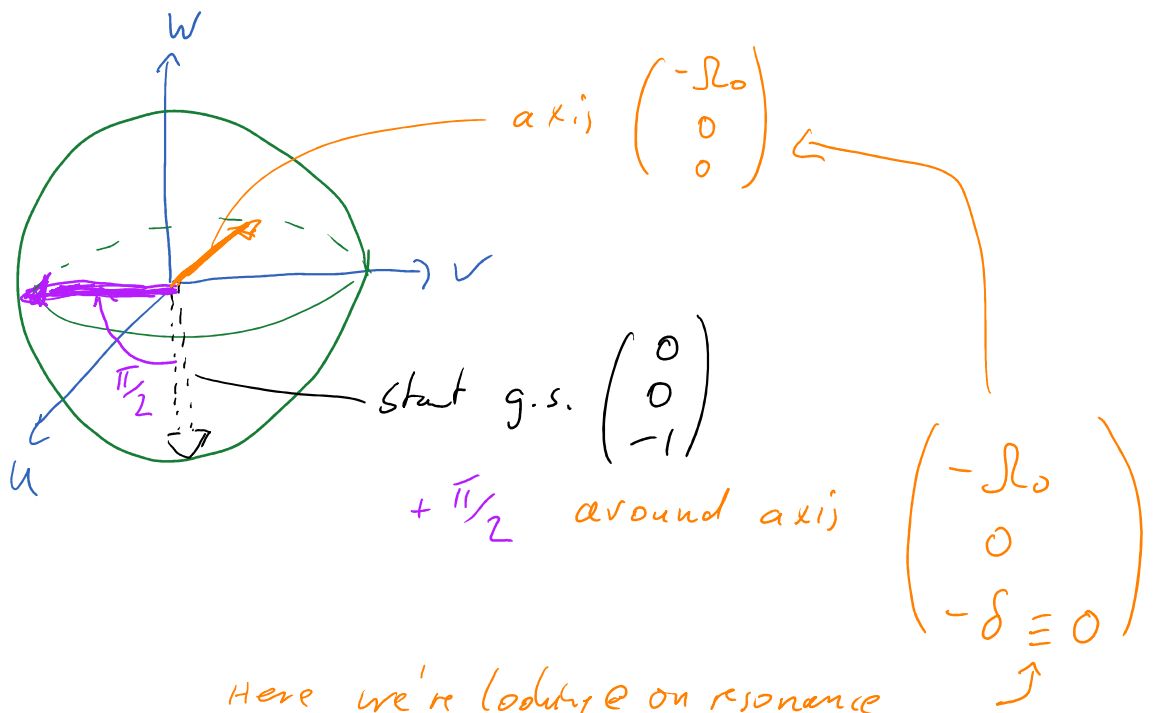
$$S_{22} = \tilde{c}_2 \tilde{c}_2^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{21} = \tilde{c}_2 \tilde{c}_1^* = \frac{i}{2}$$

$$u = S_{12} + S_{21} = -\frac{i}{2} + \frac{i}{2} = \underline{\underline{u=0}}$$

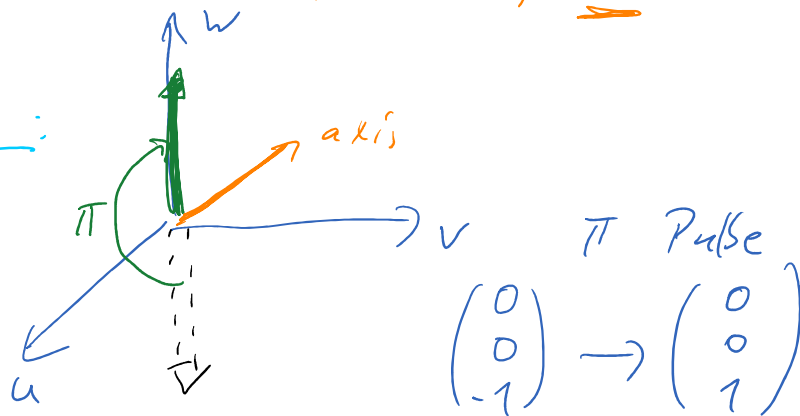
$$v = i(S_{21} - S_{12}) = i\left(\frac{i}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) = \underline{\underline{v=-1}}$$

$$w = S_{22} - S_{11} = 0$$



Here we're looking on resonance

π Pulse:



Rabi oscillations

resonant : $\delta = 0$

bloch vector is continuously rotating
around axis $\begin{pmatrix} -J_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

b) off-resonant excitation $\delta \neq 0$

rotation axis \neq u axis

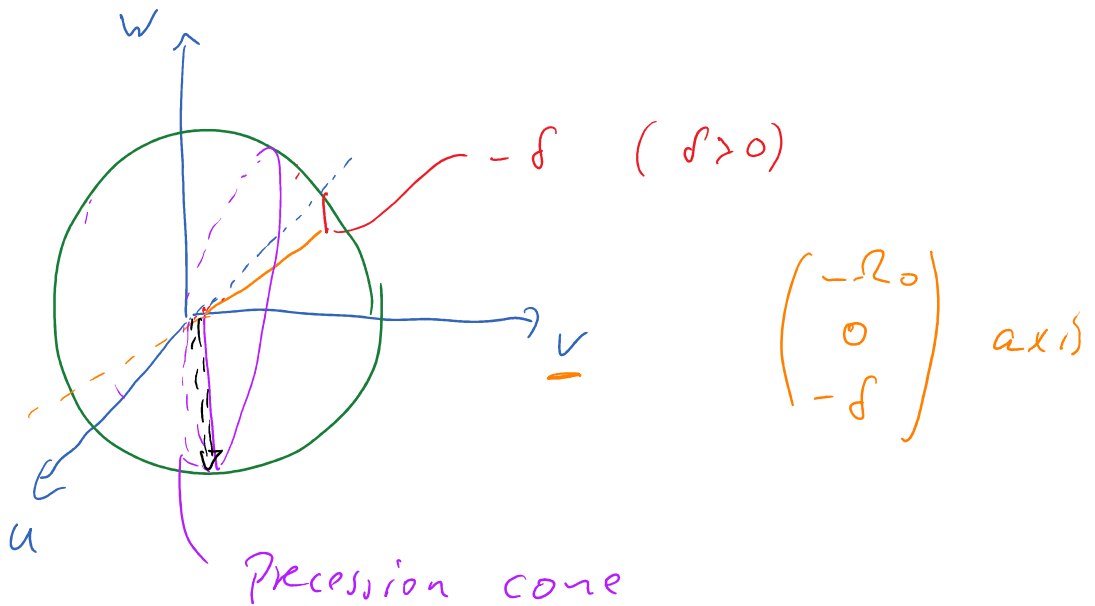
but $(-\Omega_0, 0, -\delta)$

↳ component along w (z axis)

Rabi frequency

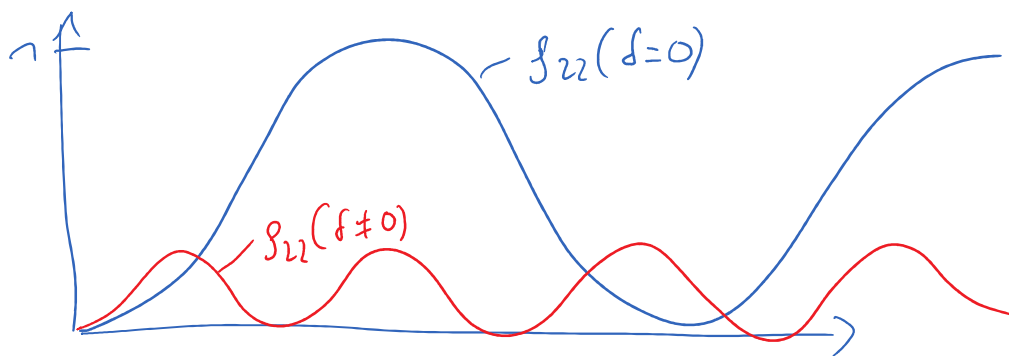
$$\Omega = \sqrt{\Omega_0^2 + \delta^2}$$

↑
W(Foot)



$\delta \neq 0 \Rightarrow w = +1$ can not be reached!

oscillation faster ($\Omega = \sqrt{\Omega_0^2 + \delta^2}$)



Ramsey apparatus : Ramsey = Separated Oscillating

Fields
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 commonly used in Cs clocks

