

Non-perturbative susceptibility

Solving the equations of motion for the density matrix under monochromatic drive we find for the coherence:

$$\rho_{ba}(t) = -i \frac{\Omega_1}{2} \times \frac{\gamma + i(\omega - \omega_0)}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \gamma^2 + \Omega_1^2 \frac{\gamma}{\Gamma_{sp}}} e^{-i\omega t}$$

with $\Omega_1 = \frac{-\mu_{ab} E}{\hbar}$; $\mu_{ab} \equiv \langle a | \hat{\mu} | b \rangle$

The expectation value of the dipole moment operator is:

$$\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = \text{Tr} \{ \hat{\rho} \hat{\mu} \} = \mu_{ab} \rho_{ba}(t) + \text{c.c.}$$

$$= \frac{i |\mu_{ab}|^2}{2\hbar} \times \frac{\gamma + i(\Delta\omega)}{(\Delta\omega)^2 + \gamma^2 + \Omega_1^2 \frac{\gamma}{\Gamma_{sp}}} E e^{-i\omega t} + \text{c.c.}$$

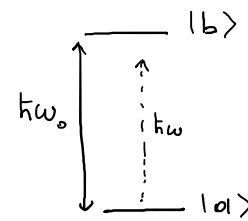
Polarisation: $P(\omega) = \frac{N}{V} \langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = \chi(\omega, E) E(\omega)$ with $E(\omega) = \frac{E}{2}$

- Grynber, Aspect, Fabre - Complement 2C density matrix and optical Bloch equations
- Boyd - Ch. 6 Nonlinear Optics in the Two-Level Approximation

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$$\Delta\omega = \omega - \omega_0$$

$$\chi(\omega, E_0) = \frac{N}{V} \frac{i |\mu_{ab}|^2}{\epsilon_0 \hbar} \times \frac{\gamma + i(\Delta\omega)}{(\Delta\omega)^2 + \gamma^2 + \Omega_1^2 \frac{\gamma}{\Gamma_{sp}}} = \frac{-N |\mu_{ab}|^2}{V \epsilon_0 \hbar \gamma} \times \frac{\Delta\omega/\gamma - i}{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2 + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\gamma \Gamma_{sp}}}$$

For a dilute gas $n(\omega, E_0) = \sqrt{1 + \chi(\omega, E)} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2} \chi(\omega, E)$ as $|\chi| \ll 1$

The absorption coefficient is: $\alpha = \frac{2\omega}{c} \text{Im}[n] \approx \frac{\omega}{c} \text{Im}[\chi]$

After defining $\alpha_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{c} \times \frac{N}{V} \times \frac{|\mu_{ab}|^2}{\epsilon_0 \hbar \gamma}$ we can write:

$$\alpha(\Delta\omega) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\gamma \Gamma_{sp}}} \left(1 + \frac{(\Delta\omega)^2}{\gamma^2 \left(1 + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\gamma \Gamma_{sp}} \right)} \right)^{-1}$$

↳ Lorentzian of FWHM: $\Delta\omega_{1/2} = 2\gamma \sqrt{1 + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\gamma \Gamma_{sp}}}$

and peak value: $\alpha_{\text{max}} = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\gamma \Gamma_{sp}}}$

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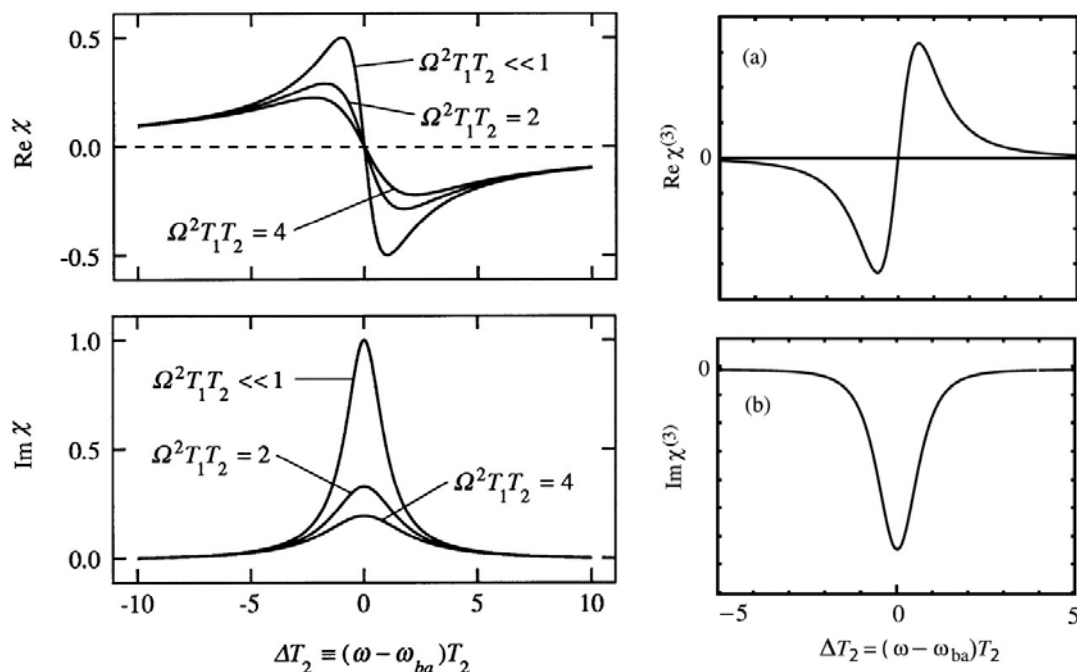
We may define $E_s^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \gamma T_{sp}}{|M_{ab}|^2}$ so that $\frac{\Omega^2}{\gamma T_{sp}} = \frac{E^2}{E_s^2}$ (saturation field)

and then: $\chi(\omega, E) = \frac{-\alpha_0 c}{\omega_0} \times \frac{\Delta\omega/\gamma - i}{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2} \left(1 + \frac{E^2/E_s^2}{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2}\right)^{-1}$

Expanding in Taylor series to first order:

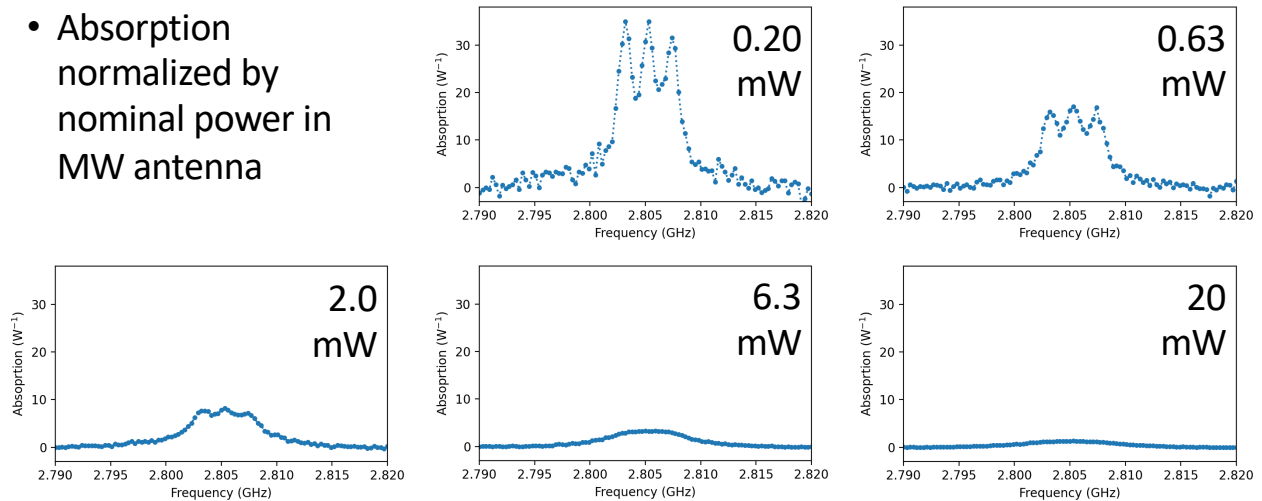
$$\begin{aligned}\chi(\omega, E) &\approx \frac{-\alpha_0 c}{\omega_0} \times \frac{\Delta\omega/\gamma - i}{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2} \times \left[1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2} \times \frac{E^2}{E_s^2}\right] + \mathcal{O}(E^4) \\ &= \chi^{(1)}(\omega) + K \chi^{(3)}(-\omega_s; \omega, \omega, -\omega) E^2 \\ &\quad \text{with } K = \frac{3}{4} \text{ (cf. Week 04)}\end{aligned}$$

Power dependent susceptibility



Example from our lab: microwave absorption of NV centers in diamond (© Valentin Goblot)

- Absorption normalized by nominal power in MW antenna



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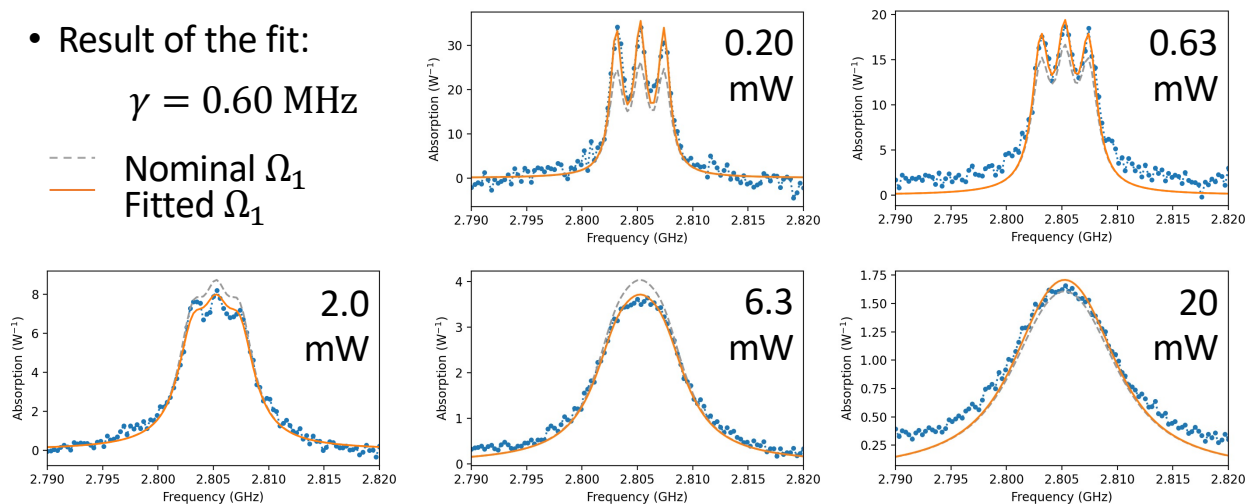
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$$\alpha(\Delta\omega) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{8\gamma^2\tau_{sp}^2}} \left(1 + \frac{(\Delta\omega)^2}{\gamma^2 \left(1 + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{8\gamma^2\tau_{sp}^2} \right)} \right)^{-1}$$

- Result of the fit:
 $\gamma = 0.60 \text{ MHz}$
 --- Nominal Ω_1
 — Fitted Ω_1



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Conclusion $\chi^{(1)}(\omega) = \frac{-\alpha_0 c}{\omega_0} \frac{\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma} - i}{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2}$

$\chi^{(3)}(-\omega_s; \omega, \omega, -\omega) = -\frac{4 \chi^{(1)}(\omega)}{3(E_s^\Delta)^2}$ with $(E_s^\Delta)^2 = E_s^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2\right)$

The saturation intensity for a given detuning is : $I_s^\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c (E_s^\Delta)^2$

Typical values for atomic systems (ex: $3s \rightarrow 3p$ of sodium) :

$|\mu_{ab}| = 2.5 e a_0 = 2.0 \times 10^{-29} \text{ C.m}$

$\hookrightarrow$ Rabi frequency : $\Omega = \frac{|\mu_{ab}|}{\hbar} \left(\frac{2I}{\epsilon_0 c}\right)^{1/2} = 2\pi \times 10^9 \left[\frac{I [\text{W/cm}^2]}{127}\right]^{1/2} [\text{rad.s}^{-1}]$

With $\frac{1}{T_{sr}} = 16 \text{ ns}$ and $\gamma = \frac{\Gamma_{sp}}{2}$ we get : $I_s^{\Delta=0} = 52.7 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} = 52.7 \frac{\text{PW}}{\mu\text{m}^2}$

Absorption cross-section of a single atom

We define the absorption cross section σ by : $\alpha = \frac{N}{V} \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma [\text{m}^2]$
 $[\text{m}^{-1}] \quad [\text{m}^3]$

$\hookrightarrow$ Effective area of a single atom interacting with monochromatic light.

On resonance, far below saturation : $\sigma_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{|\mu_{ab}|^2}{\epsilon_0 \hbar \gamma}$

σ_0 is maximum if $\gamma = \frac{\Gamma_{sp}}{2}$ (no pure dephasing). But $\Gamma_{sp} = \frac{\omega_0^3}{c^2} \times \frac{|\mu_{ab}|^2}{3\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar}$
 ("Einstein A coefficient")

Therefore $\sigma_0^{\max} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times 6\pi \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}\right)^3 = \frac{3\lambda^2}{2\pi}$

$\hookrightarrow$ The "optical size" of a single atom is comparable to the wavelength at resonance

But not true if $\gamma \gg \Gamma_{sp}$; or if $\Delta\omega \gg \gamma$.