

# A Better Method for Filtered Photon Correlations

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# Introduction

- ▶ Single-mode Lorentzian filters have trade off between frequency cut-off and temporal response.
- ▶ Want a better approximation to a box filter that is effective and efficient.

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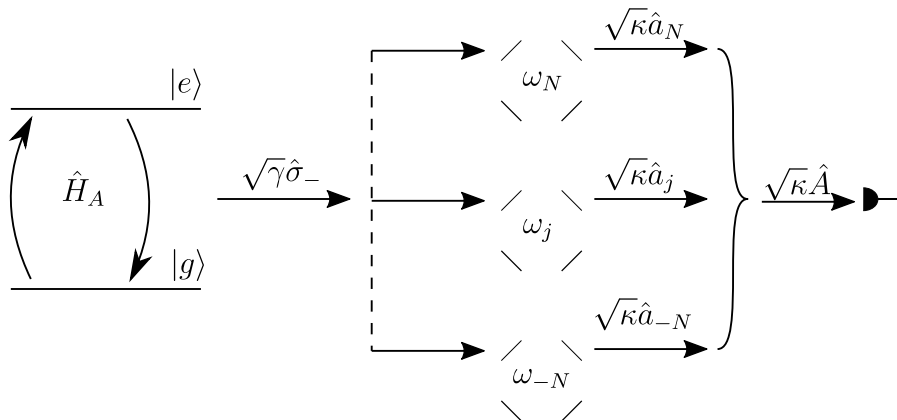
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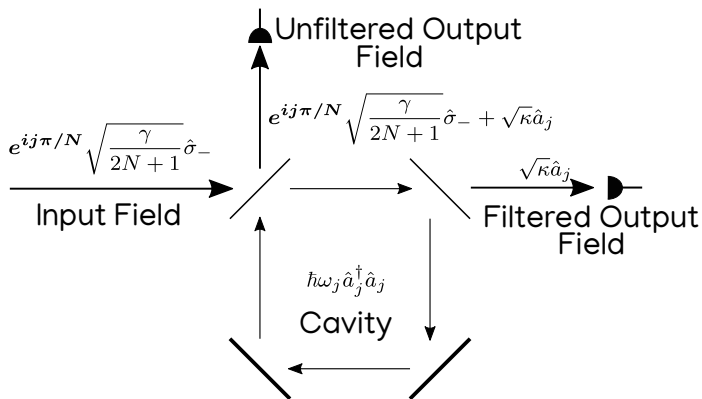
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# Photon Correlations

- ▶ Collective mode operator

$$\hat{A} = \sum_{j=-N}^N \hat{a}_j.$$

- ▶ Filtered second-order correlation

$$g_{ss}^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle \hat{A}^\dagger(0) \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{A}(\tau) \hat{A}(0) \rangle_{ss}}{\langle \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{A} \rangle_{ss}^2}.$$

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# Solving the Master Equation

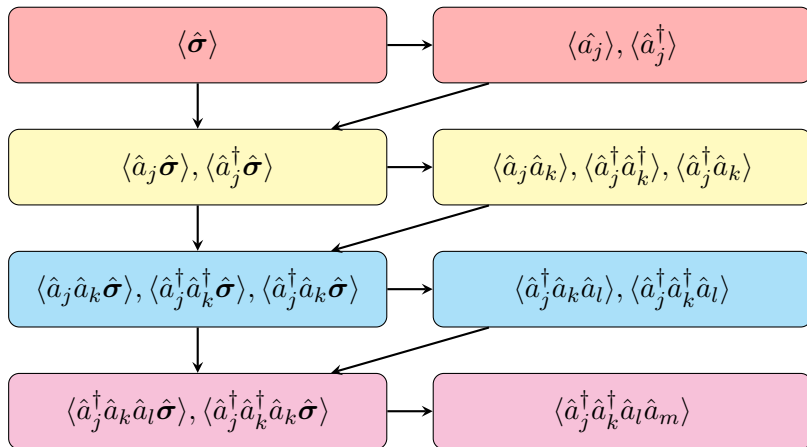
- ▶ Density operator  $\hat{\rho} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$  and state ( $i = g, e$ , and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

$$|\psi\rangle = |i = g, e\rangle_{\text{Atom}} \otimes |n\rangle_{-N} \otimes \cdots \otimes |n\rangle_j \otimes \cdots \otimes |n\rangle_N.$$

- ▶ Makes for a LARGE system.
- ▶ For 41 modes ( $N = 20$ ),  $\approx 20$  hours to solve.
- ▶ Instead solve for operator averages

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle\hat{X}(t)\rangle = \text{tr}_S \left[ \hat{X} \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} \right].$$

# Operator Moment Equations



# Quantum Regression

If

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle\hat{O}(t)\rangle = \mathbf{M}\langle\hat{O}(t)\rangle,$$

then

$$\frac{d}{d\tau}\langle\hat{A}^\dagger(0)\hat{O}(\tau)\hat{A}(0)\rangle = \mathbf{M}\langle\hat{A}^\dagger(0)\hat{O}(\tau)\hat{A}(0)\rangle.$$

Filtered photon-correlations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\tau}\langle\hat{A}^\dagger(0)\hat{a}_j^\dagger\hat{a}_k(\tau)\hat{A}(0)\rangle &= -[2\kappa - i(\omega_j - \omega_k)]\langle\hat{A}^\dagger(0)\hat{a}_j^\dagger\hat{a}_k(\tau)\hat{A}(0)\rangle \\ &\quad - \mathcal{E}_j^*\langle\hat{A}^\dagger(0)\hat{\sigma}_+\hat{a}_k(\tau)\hat{A}(0)\rangle \\ &\quad - \mathcal{E}_k\langle\hat{A}^\dagger(0)\hat{\sigma}_-\hat{a}_j^\dagger(\tau)\hat{A}(0)\rangle,\end{aligned}$$

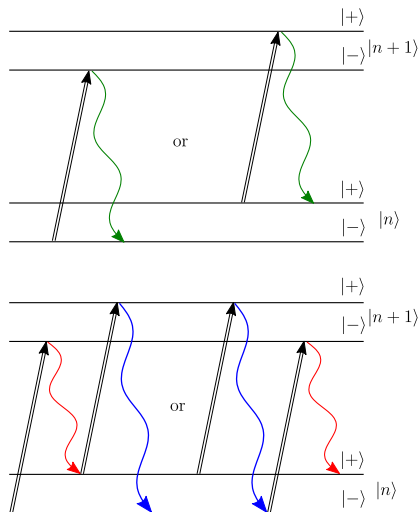
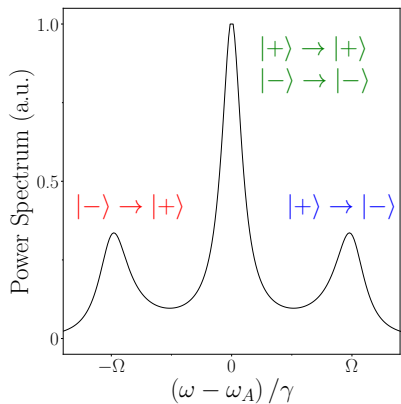
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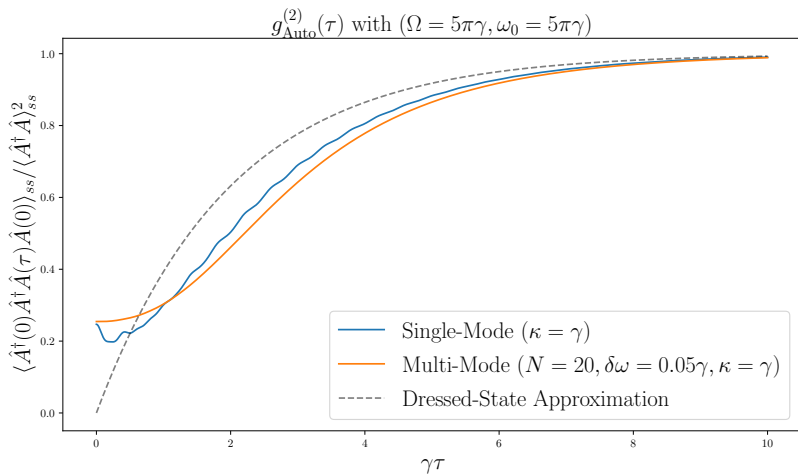
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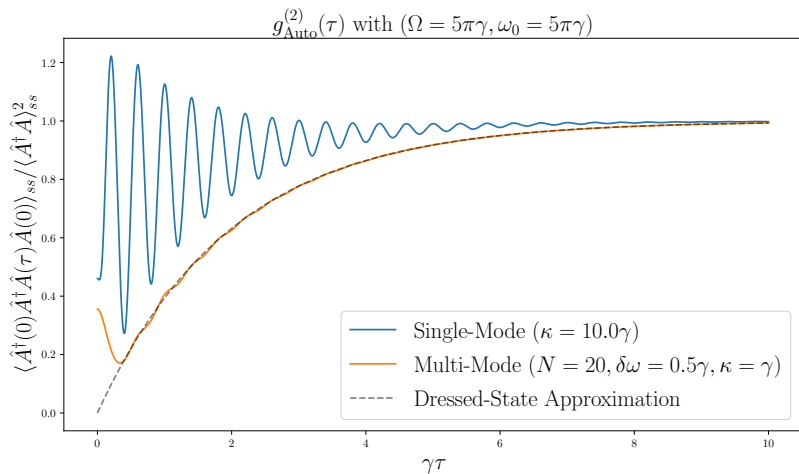
# Two-Level Resonance Fluorescence



# Auto-Correlation: Bandwidth = $\gamma$

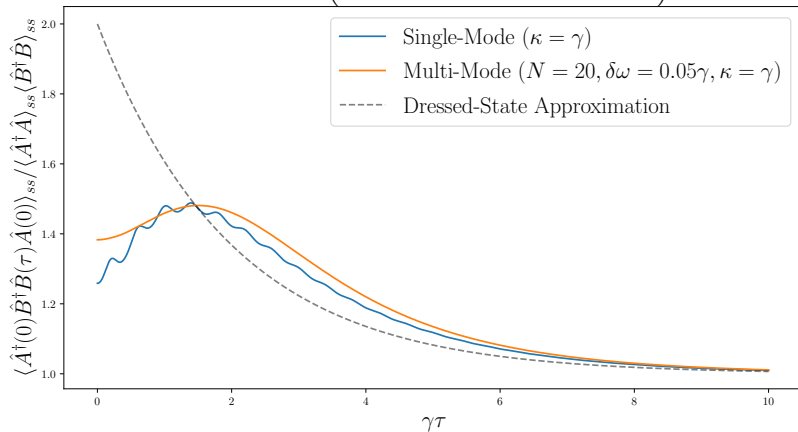


# Auto-Correlation: Bandwidth = $10\gamma$



# Cross-Correlation: Bandwidth = $\gamma$

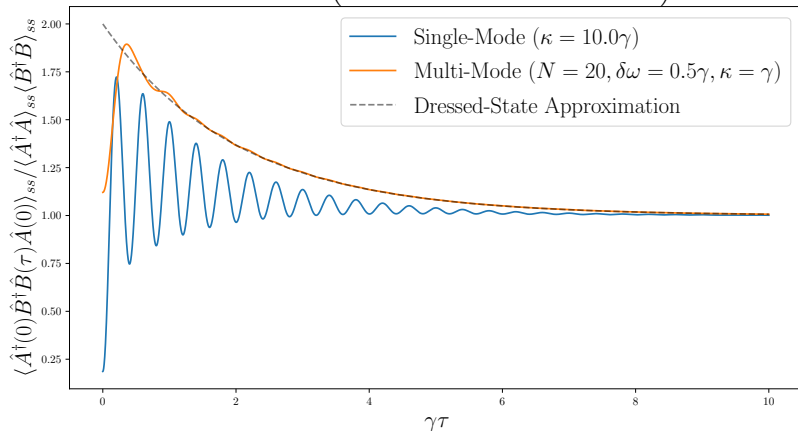
$$g_{\text{Cross}}^{(2)}(\tau) \text{ with } (\Omega = 5\pi\gamma, \omega_0^{(a)} = 5\pi\gamma, \omega_0^{(b)} = -5\pi\gamma)$$





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# Conclusion

- ▶ We have a quick and effective method.
- ▶ Solving master equation  $\approx 20$  hours  $\implies$  moment equations  $\approx 1$  second.
- ▶ Easier to add more filters for higher-order correlations.
- ▶ Structure of moment equations makes it easy to change source system.

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