

FIG. 1 Schematics of light reflection from a two-level atom inside a cavity.

Light reflection from a resonant emitter near a mirror

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Consider light reflection from a 2-level atom placed in the center of a symmetric cavity, see Fig. 1. The distance between cavity mirrors is d, mirror reflection and transmission coefficients are r_{mirror} and t_{mirror} . The emitter reflection and transmission coefficients without a cavity are supposed to be known and are equal to

$$r(\omega) = \frac{i\gamma_{1D}}{\omega_0 - \omega - i(\gamma_{1D} + \gamma)}, t(\omega) = 1 + r(\omega) = \frac{\omega_0 - \omega - i\gamma}{\omega_0 - \omega - i(\gamma_{1D} + \gamma)}.$$
 (1)

Goal 1: Calculate the reflection coefficient from a system.

Goal 2: Obtain an equation for the frequency ω of the complex pole of the reflection coefficient.

Goal 3: Obtain the same equation using the known Green function for the emitter inside the cavity,

$$G(z,z') = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2q} \left[\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}q|z-z'|} + \frac{2\widetilde{r}}{1-\widetilde{r}^2} [\cos q(z+z') + \widetilde{r}\cos q(z-z')] \right], \quad \widetilde{r} = r_{\mathrm{mirror}} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}qd}, q = \omega/c.$$
(2)