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## 1 Simplifies Optical Bloch Equation for Sideband Cooling Simulation.

Rabi frequency between state  $m$  and  $n$  (assume to be real since the phase is not important for sidband cooling.):  $\Omega_{mn}$

Pumping rate from state  $n$  to  $m$ :  $\Gamma_{mn}$

Diagonal terms,

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{mm}}{\partial t} = -\rho_{mm} \sum_k \Gamma_{km} + \sum_k \rho_{kk} \Gamma_{mk} + i \sum_k (\rho_{mk} \Omega_{km} - \Omega_{mk} \rho_{km})$$

Off-diagonal terms,

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{mn}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\rho_{mn}}{2} \sum_k (\Gamma_{km} + \Gamma_{kn}) + i \sum_k (\rho_{mk} \Omega_{kn} - \Omega_{mk} \rho_{kn})$$