

Landau Zener processes in many body systems

Two-level system coupled to a photon field

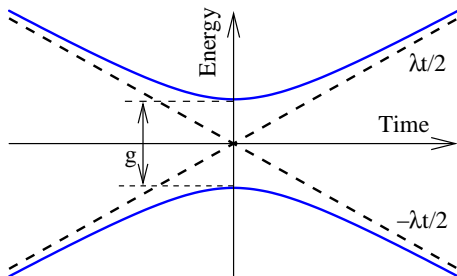
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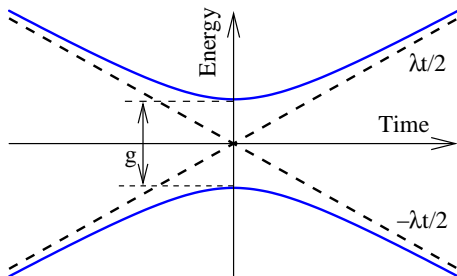
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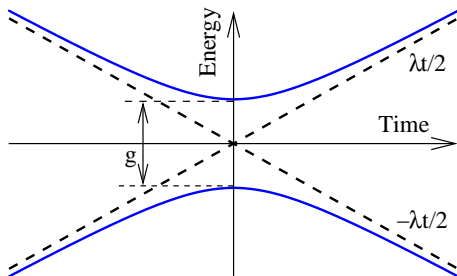
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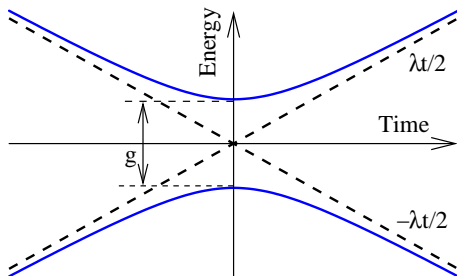
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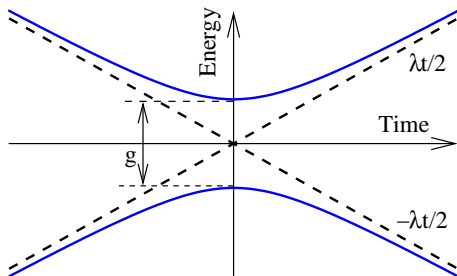
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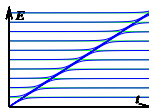
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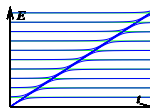
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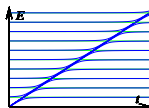
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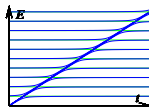
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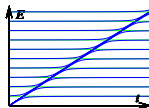
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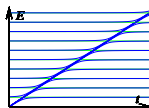
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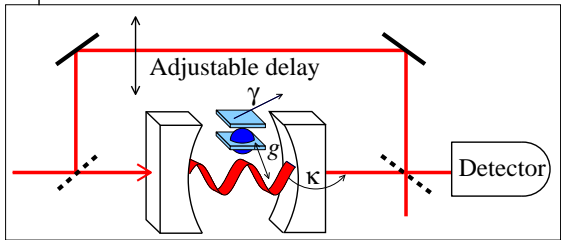
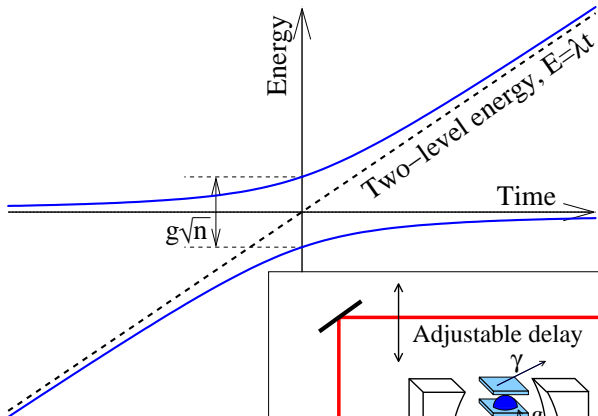


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Overview

- 1 Introduction and Landau-Zener
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- 2 Two-level system/photon field
 - Setting up the many body problem
 - Collapse and revivals
 - Effects of decay
- 3 Localised fermion coupled to continuum
 - Relating one- and many-body problems
 - Cancellation and “clean electrons”
 - Arbitrary time dependence and noise

Physical system



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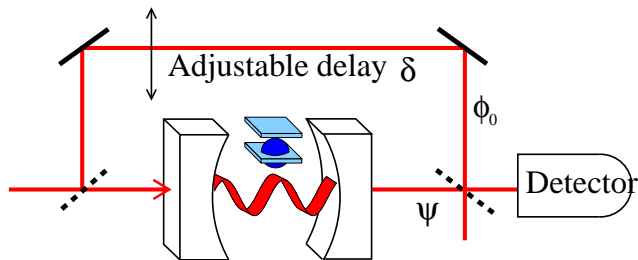
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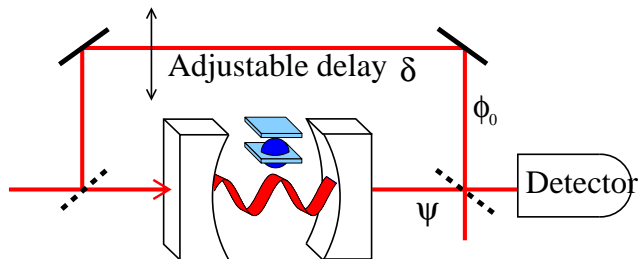


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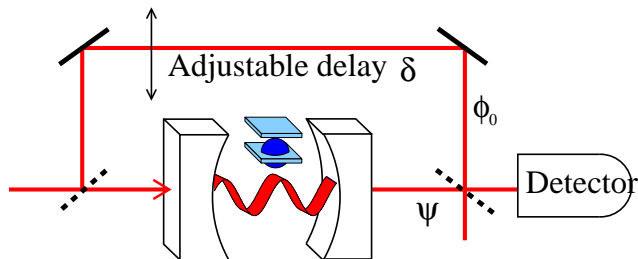


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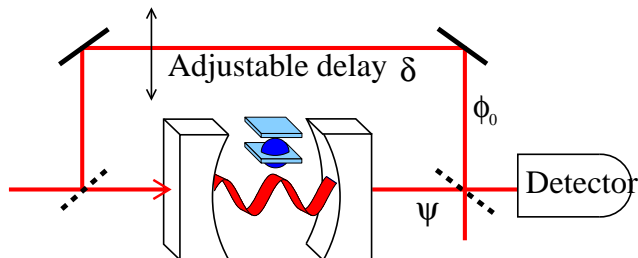


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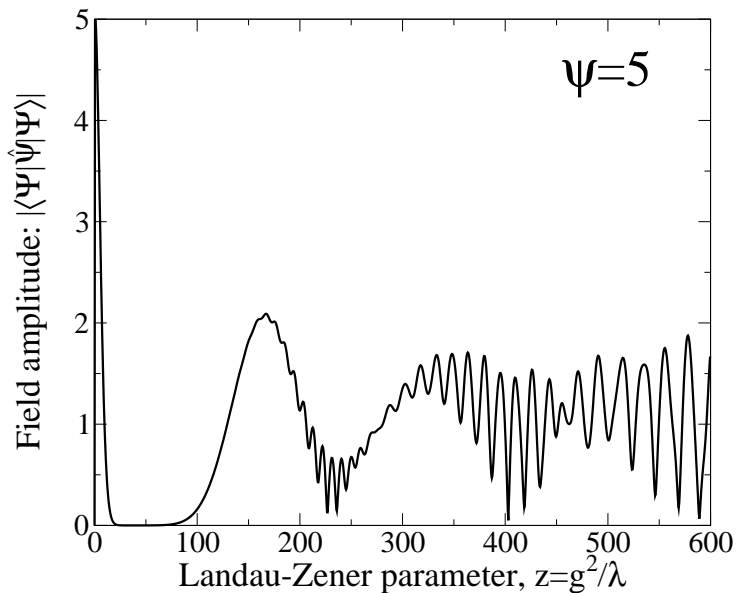


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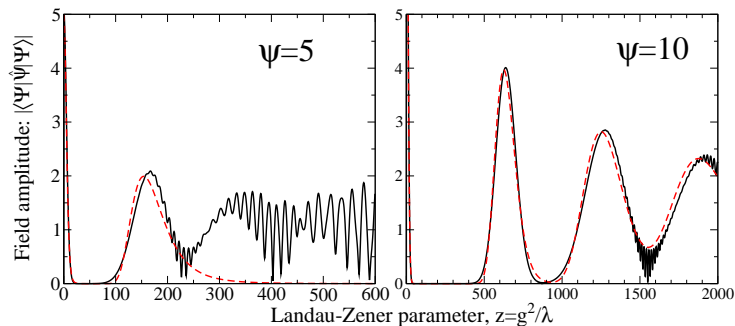
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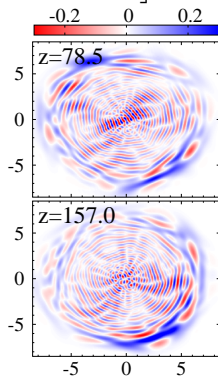
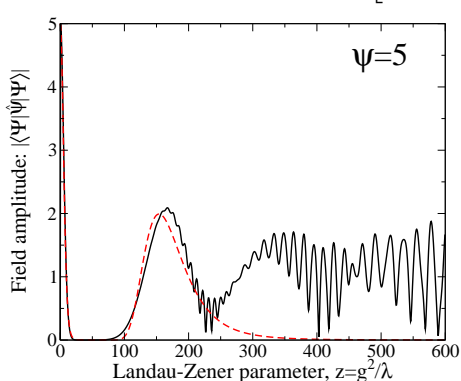
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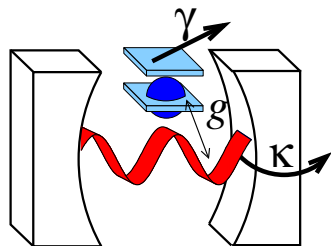
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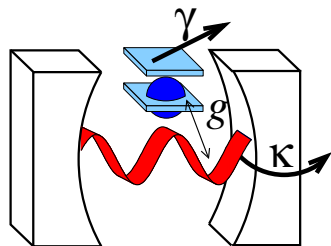
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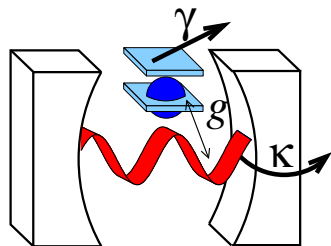
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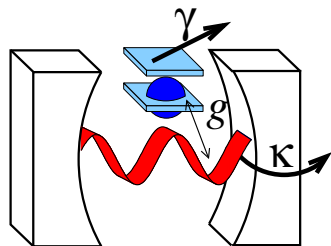
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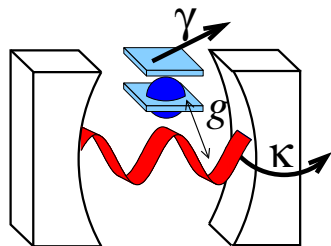


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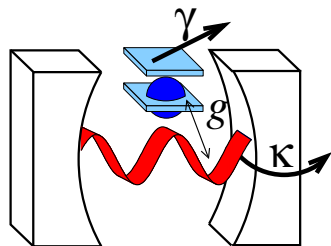
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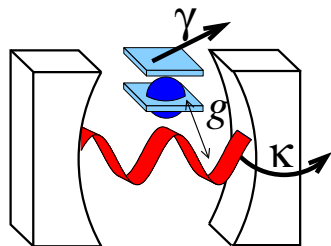
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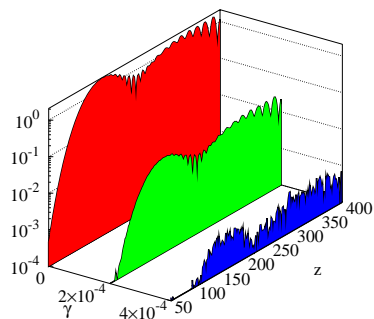
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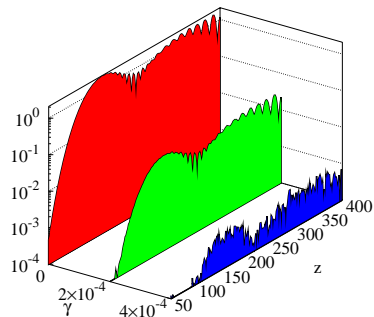
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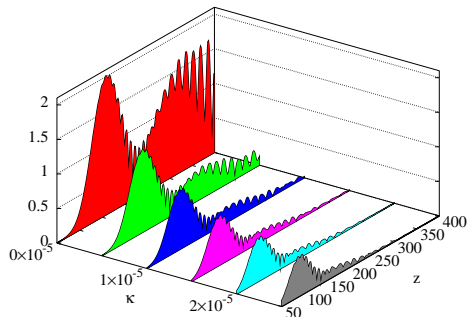
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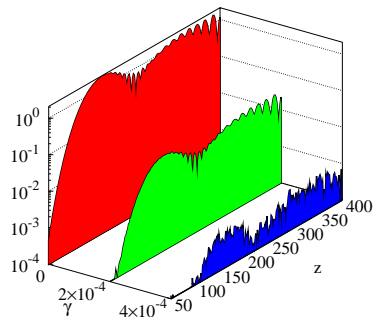
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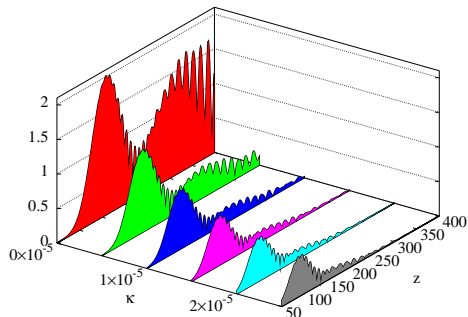
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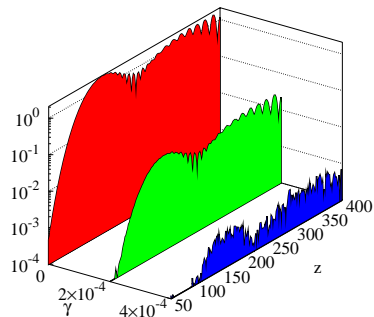
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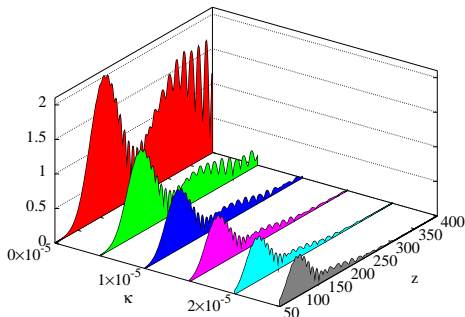
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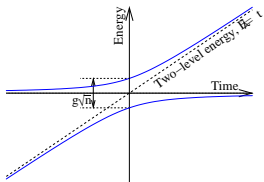


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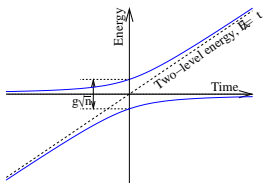
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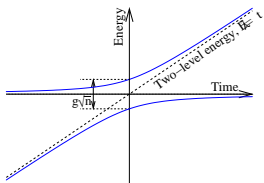
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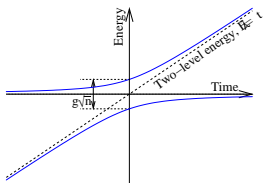
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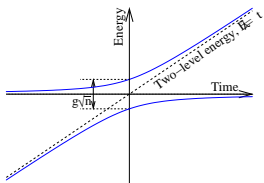
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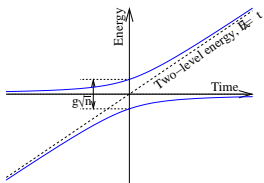
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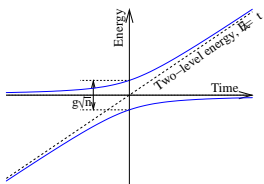
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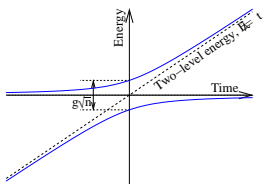
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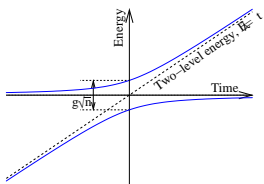
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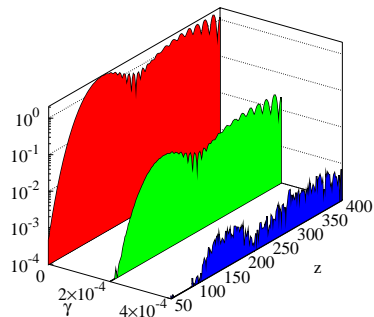
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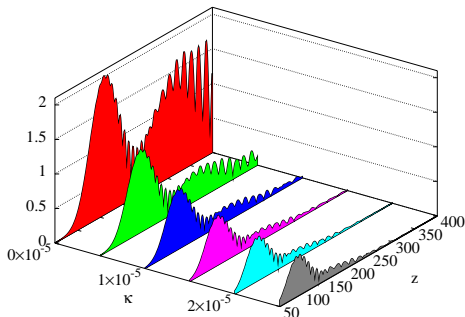
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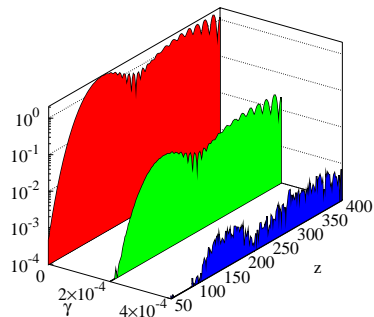


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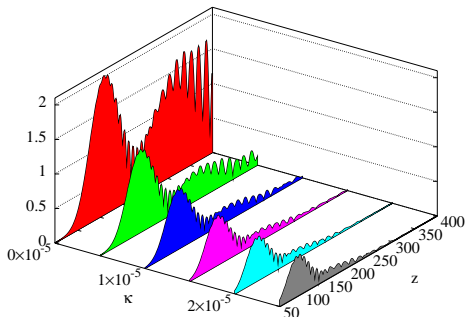


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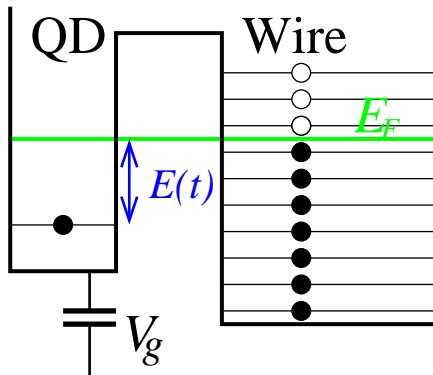
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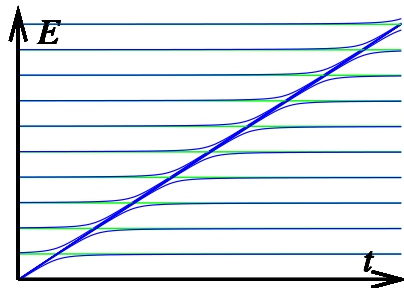
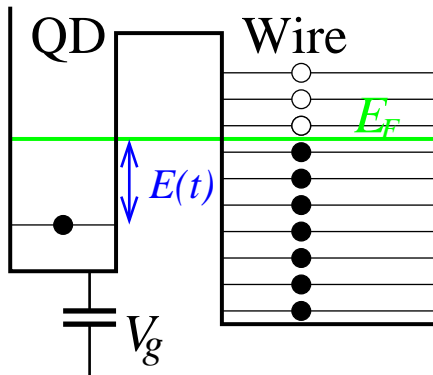
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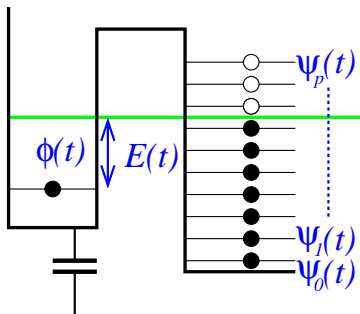
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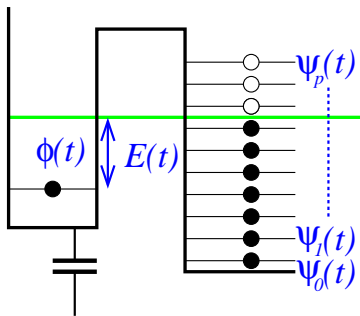
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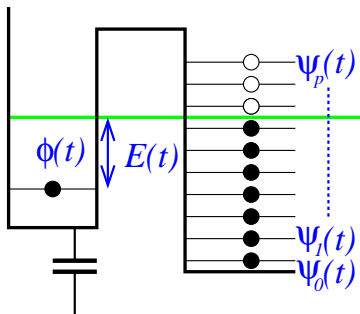
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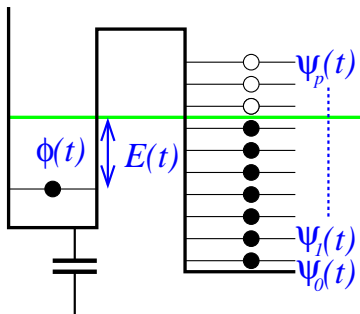
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Single particle problem



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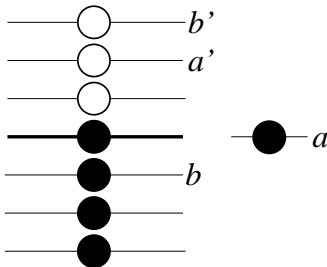
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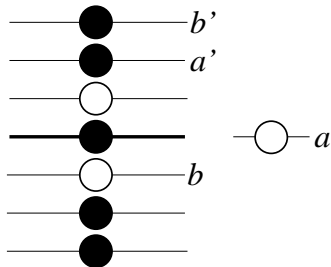
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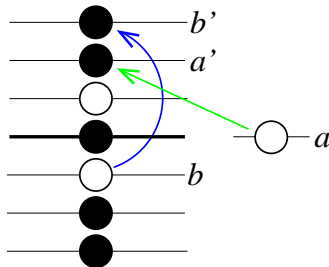
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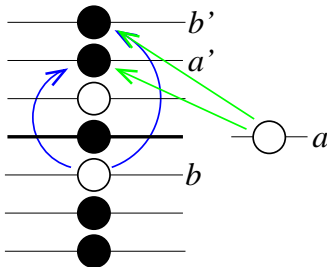
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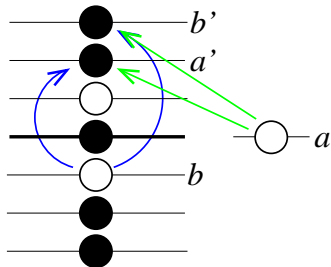
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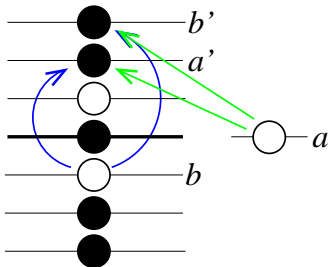
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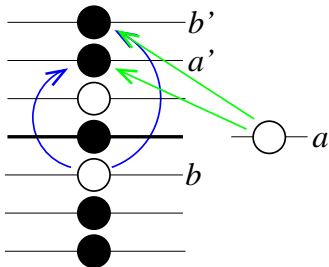
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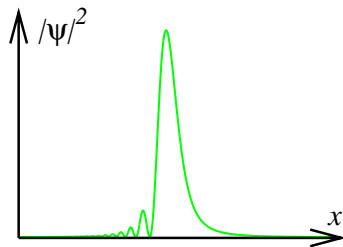


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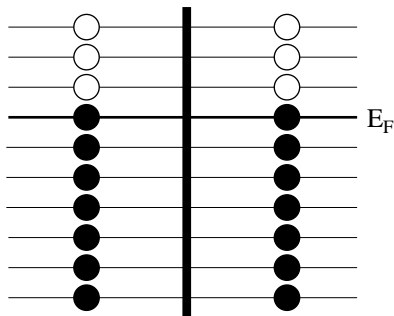
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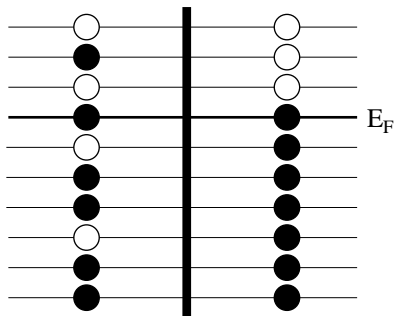
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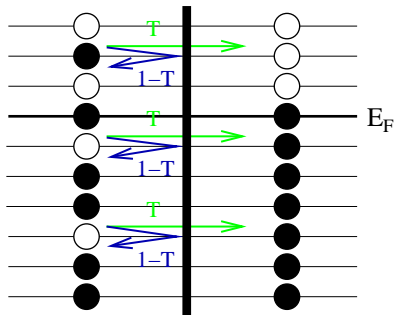
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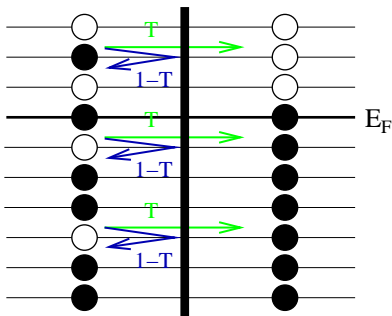
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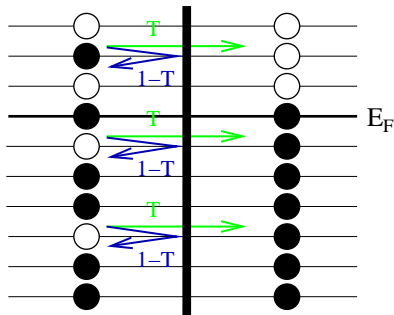
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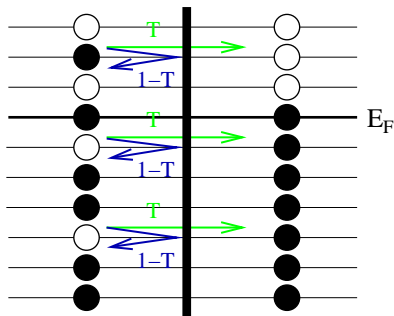
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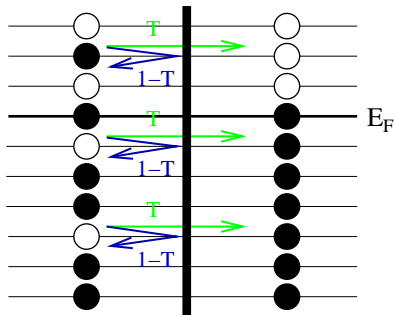
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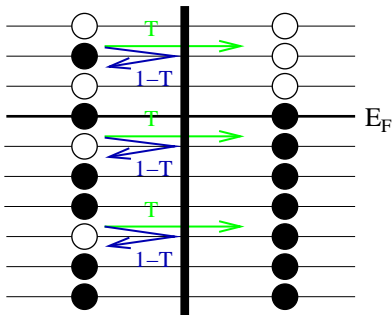
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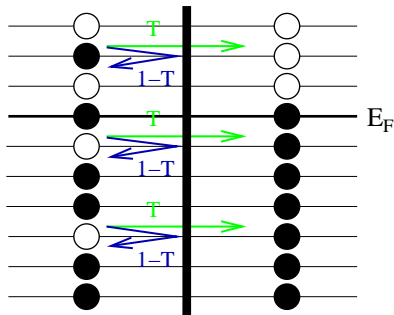
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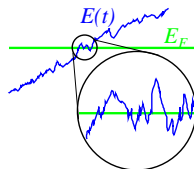
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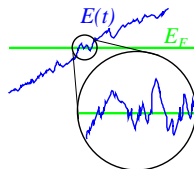
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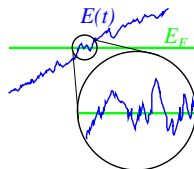
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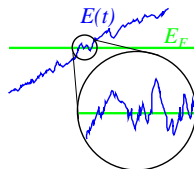
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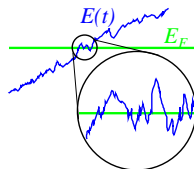
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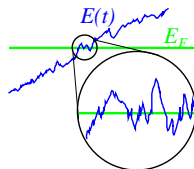


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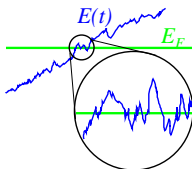


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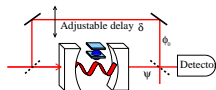
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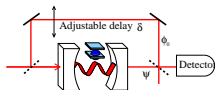
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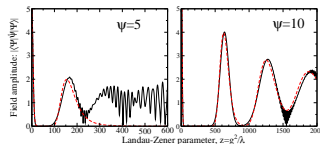
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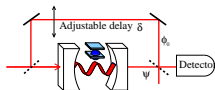
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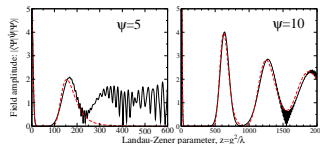
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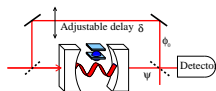


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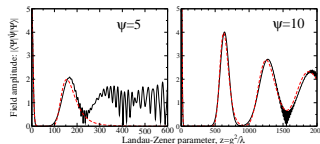
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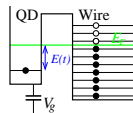
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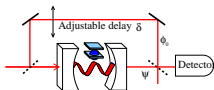


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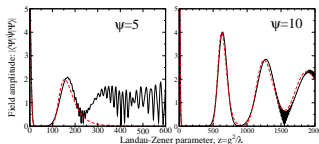
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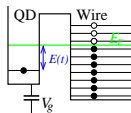


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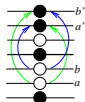


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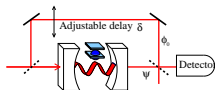
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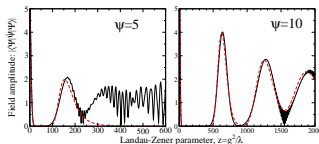
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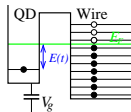


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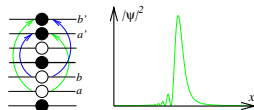


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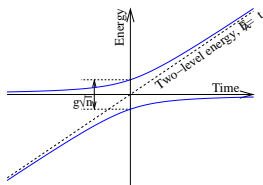
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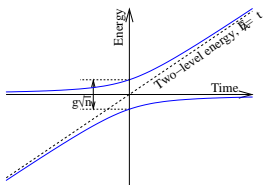
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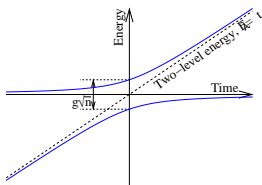
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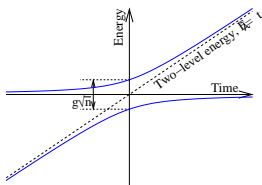
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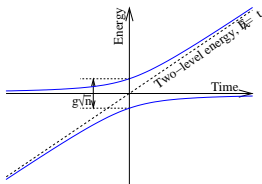
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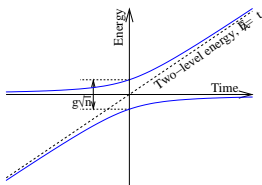
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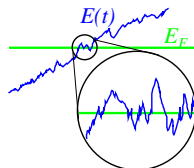
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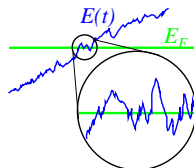
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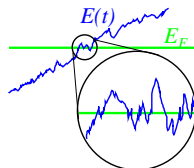
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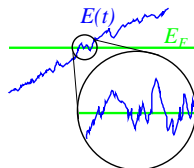
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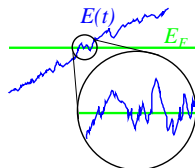
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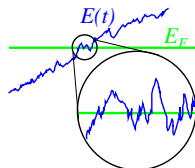
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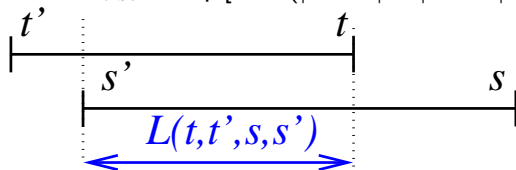
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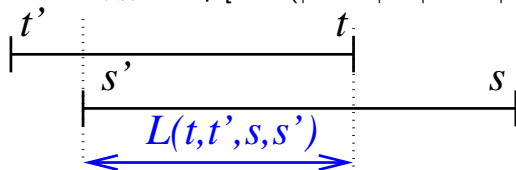


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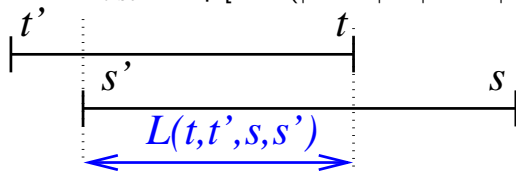


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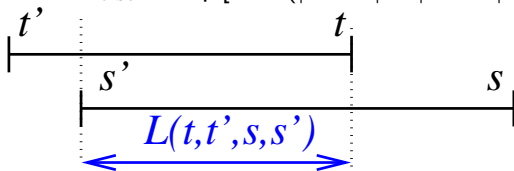


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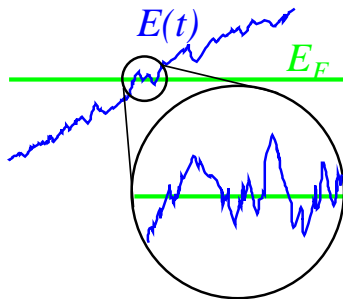
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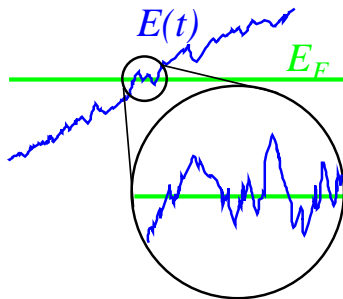
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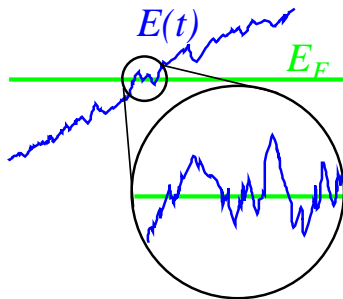
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