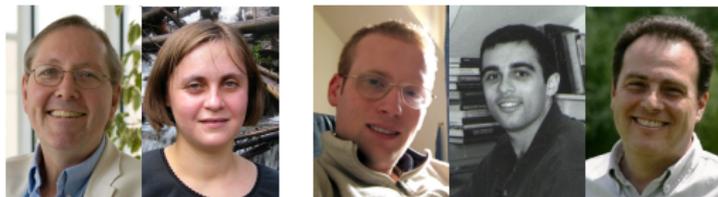


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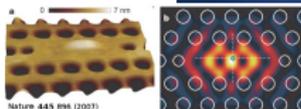
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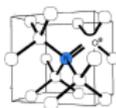
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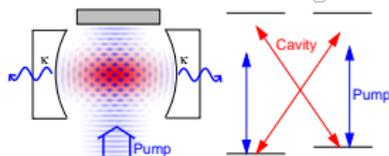
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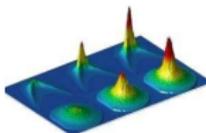


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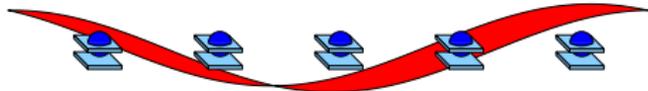
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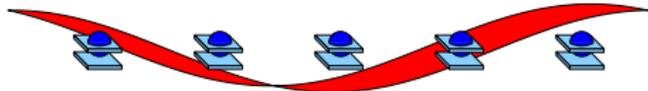
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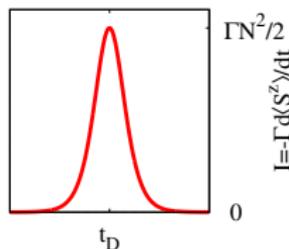
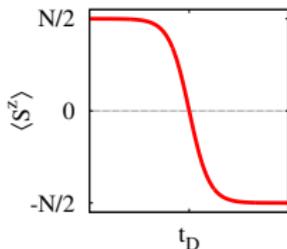
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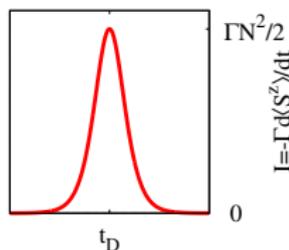
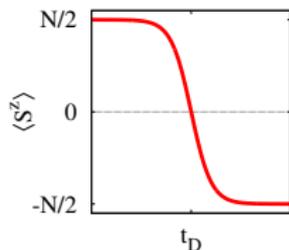
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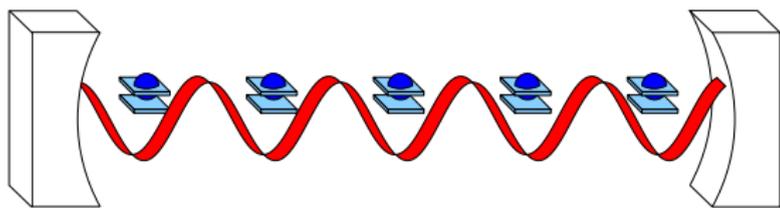
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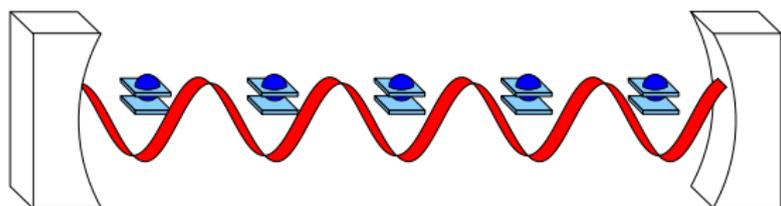


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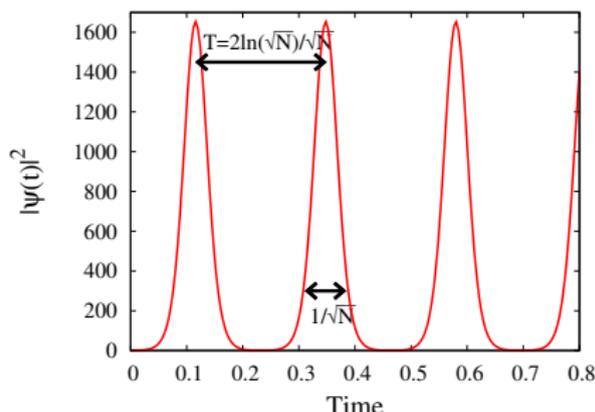
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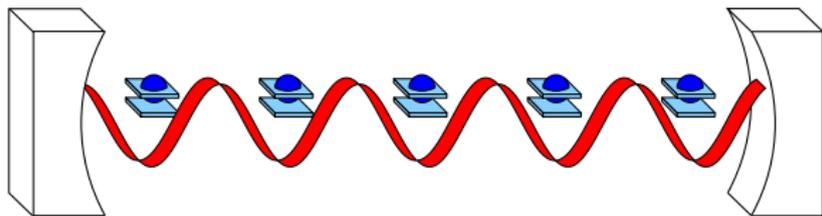
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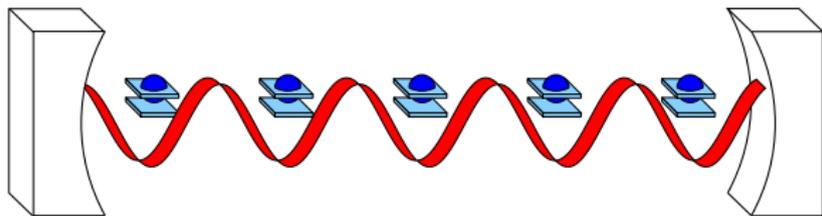
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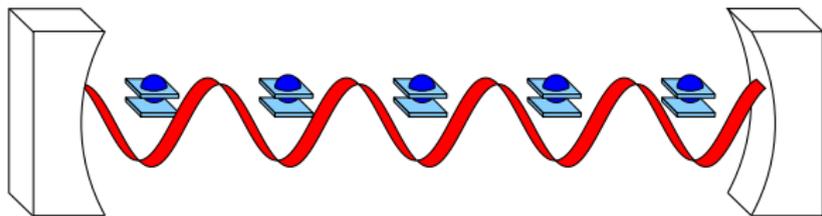
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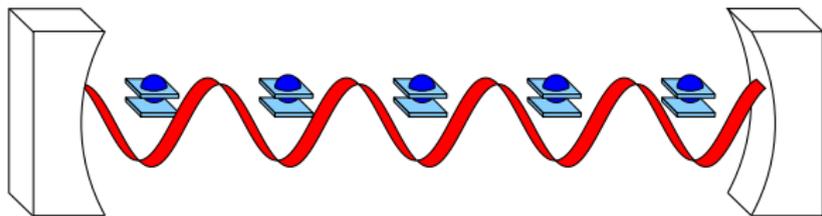
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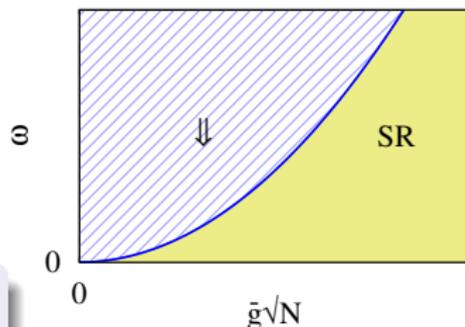
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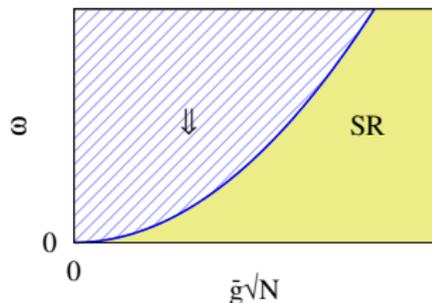
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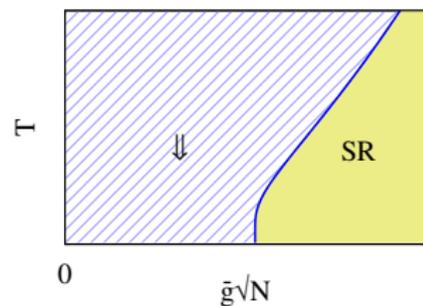
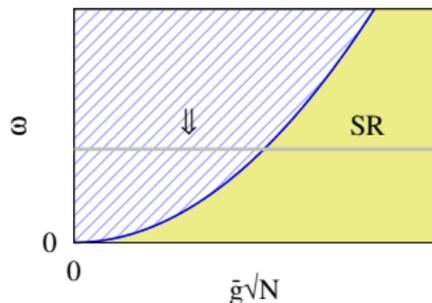
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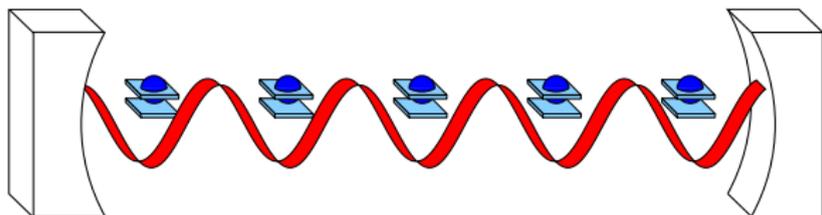
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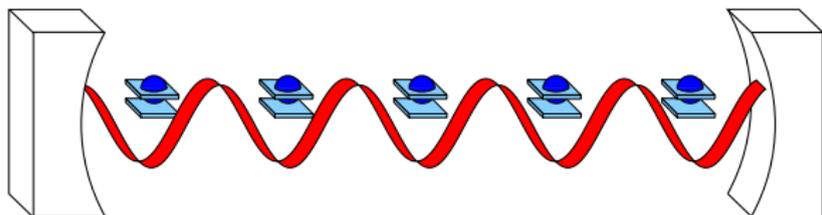
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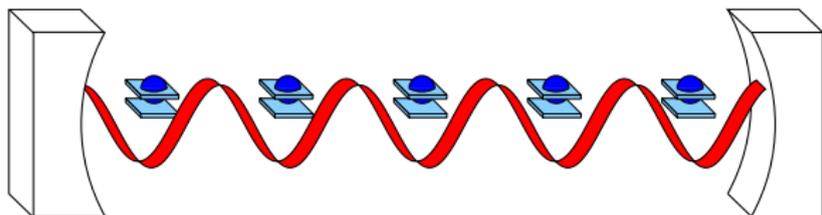
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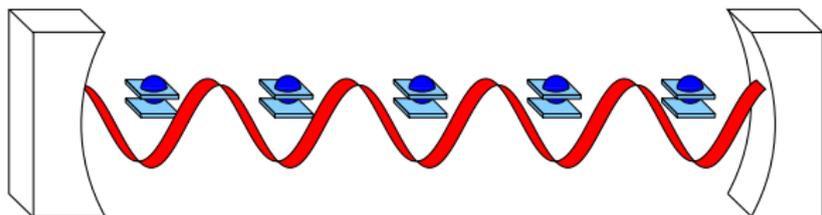
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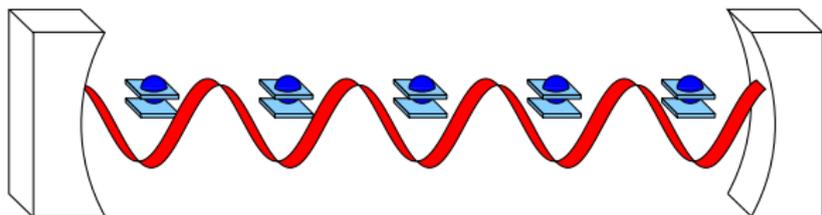
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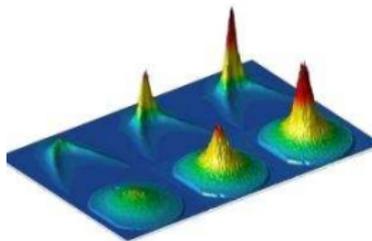
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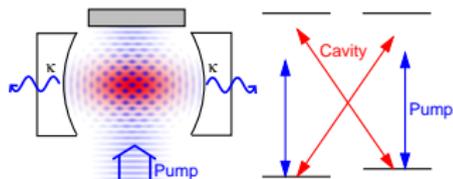
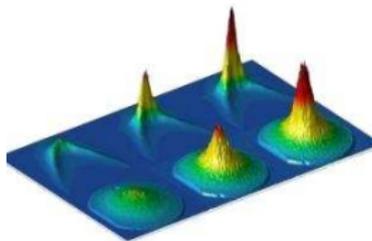
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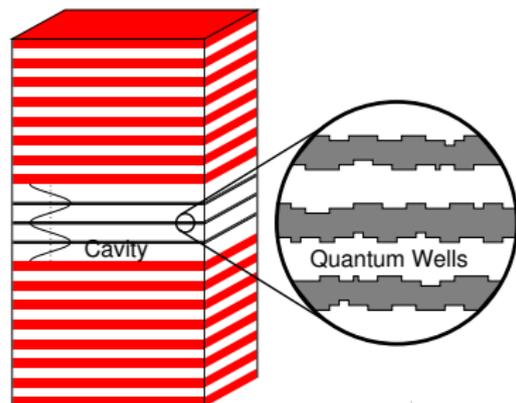
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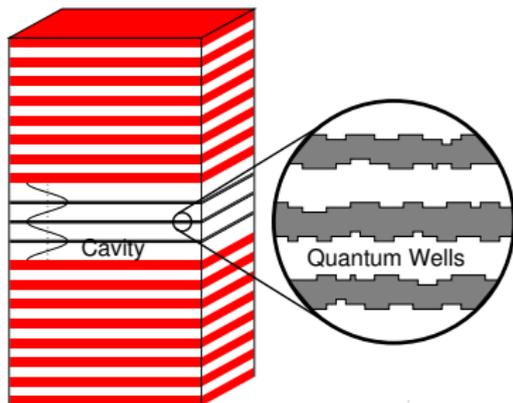
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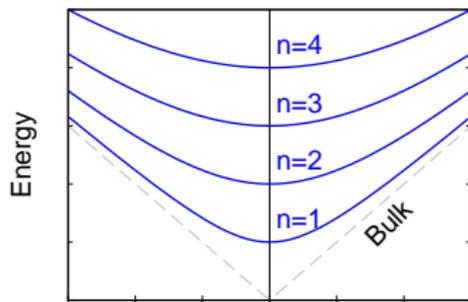


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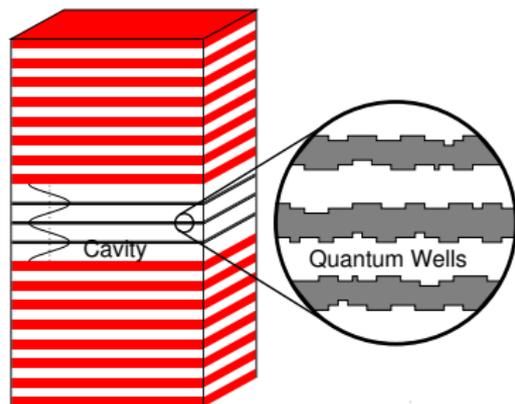


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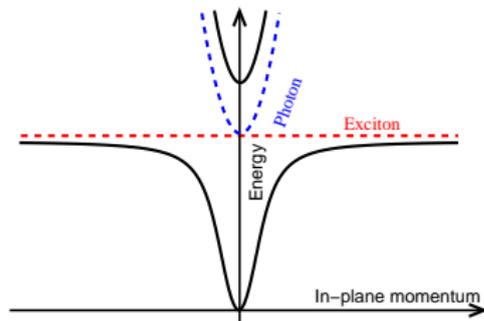


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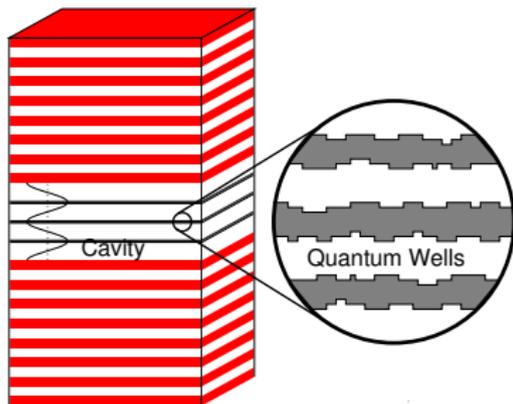


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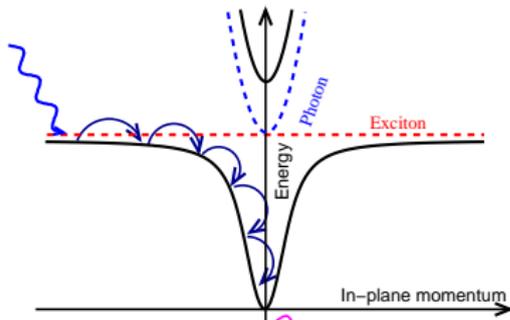


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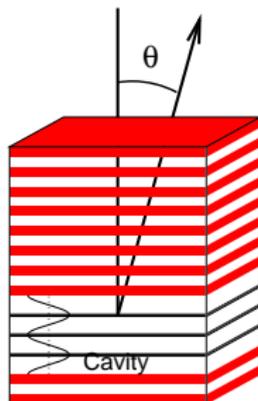
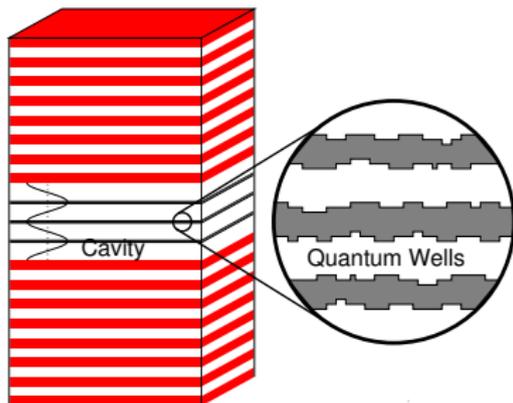


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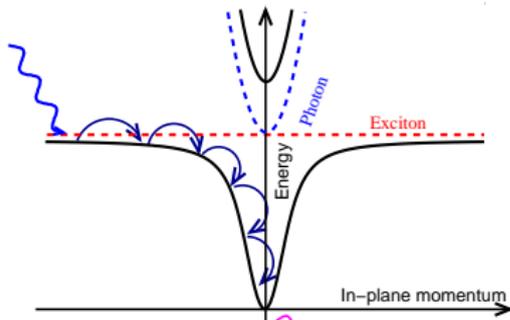


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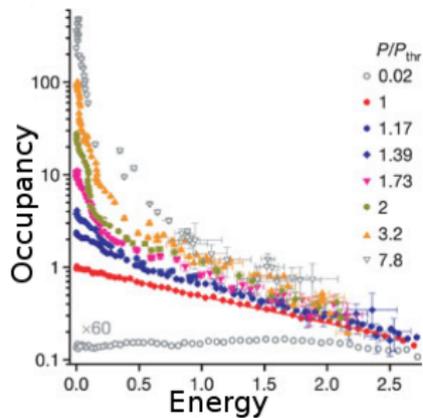
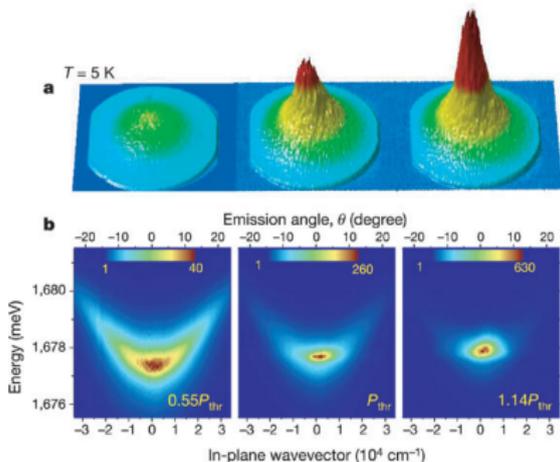


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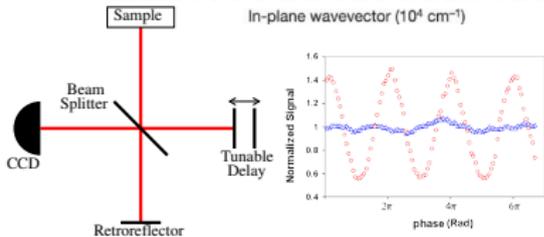
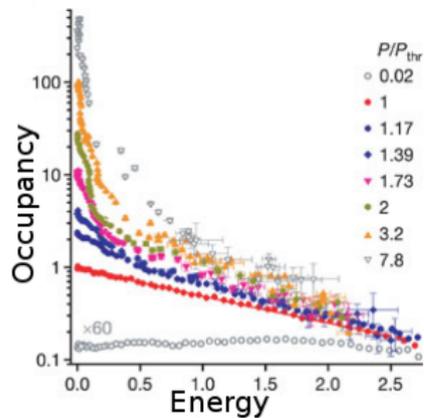
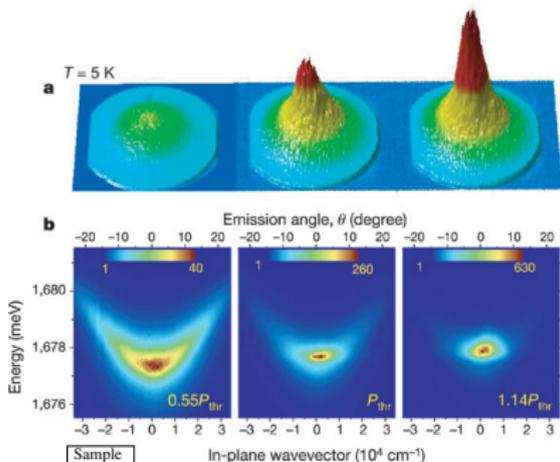


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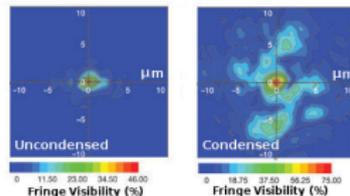
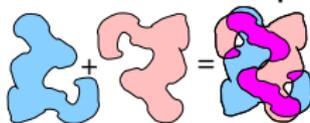


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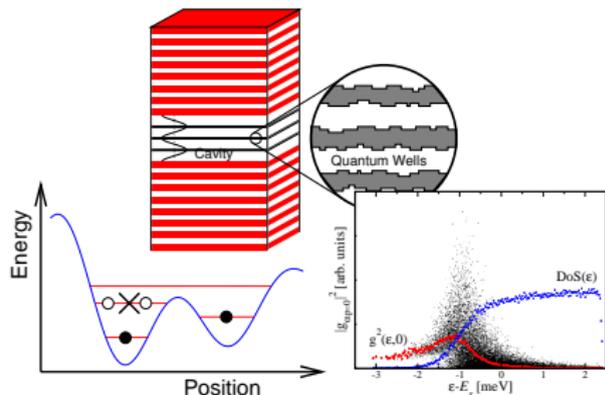


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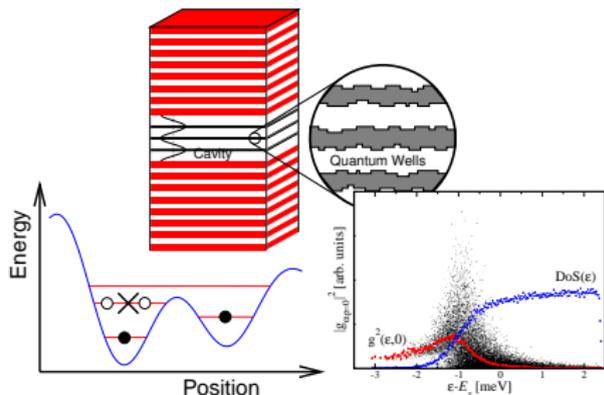
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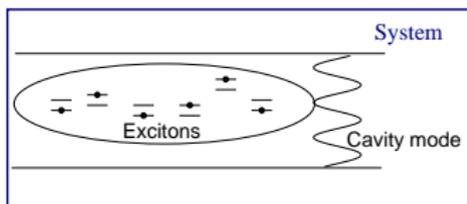
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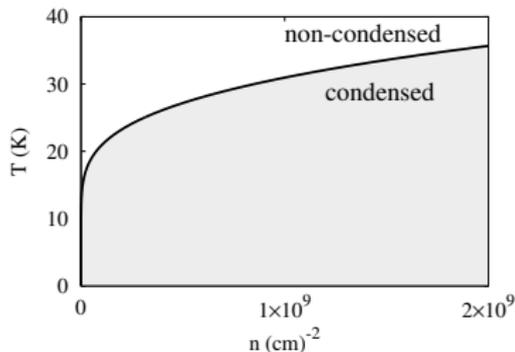
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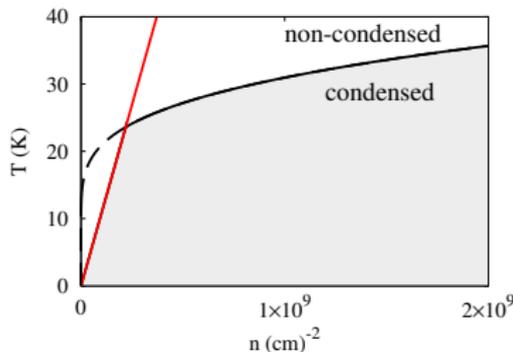
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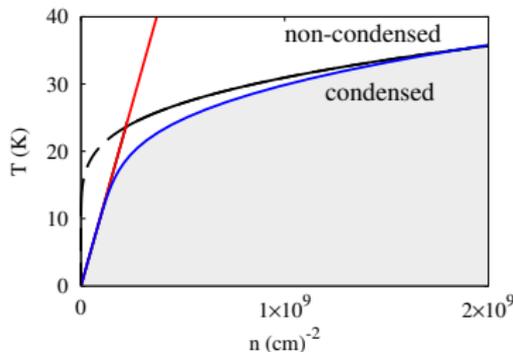
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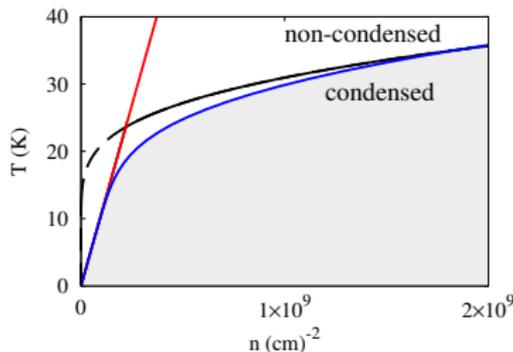
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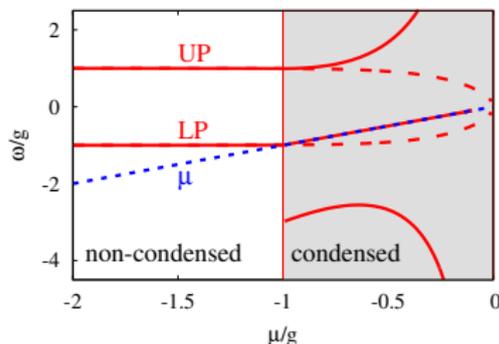
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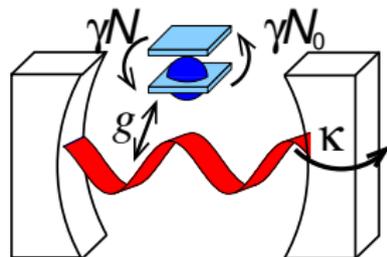
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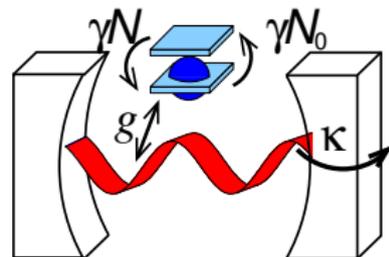
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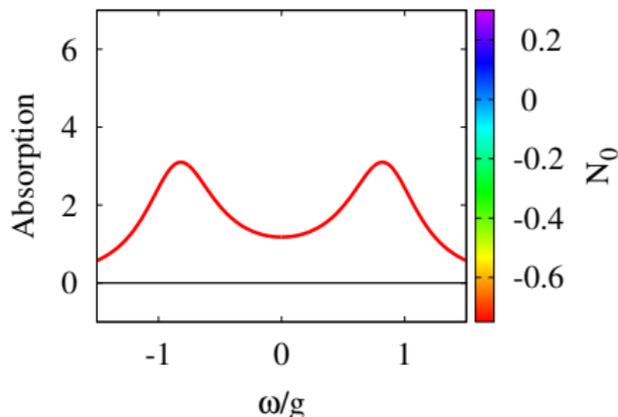
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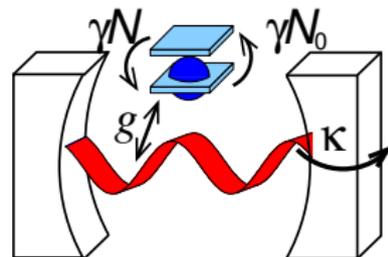
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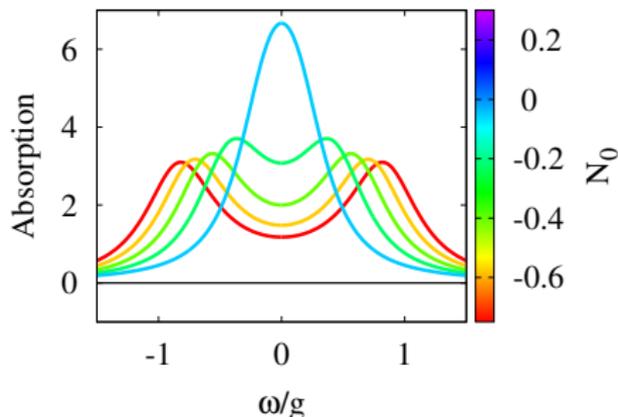
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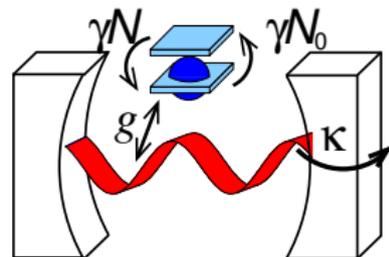


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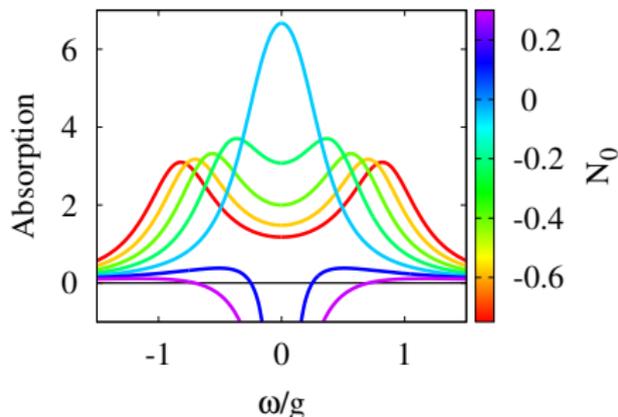
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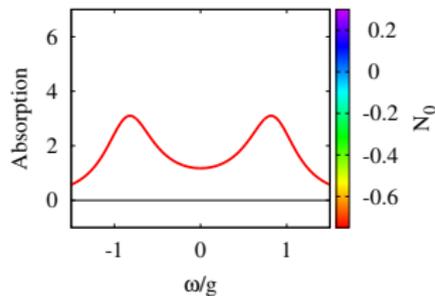
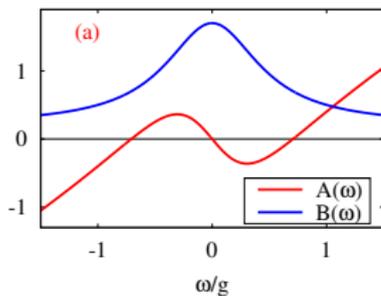
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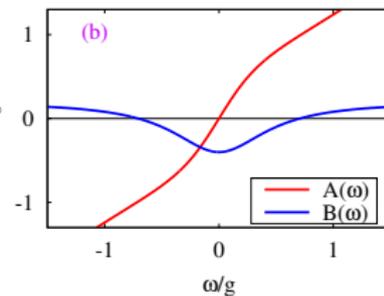
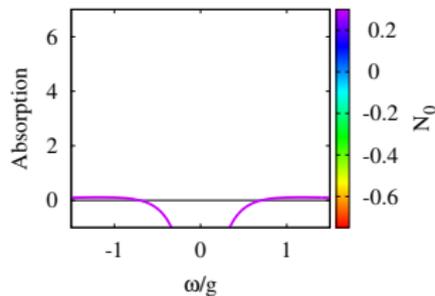
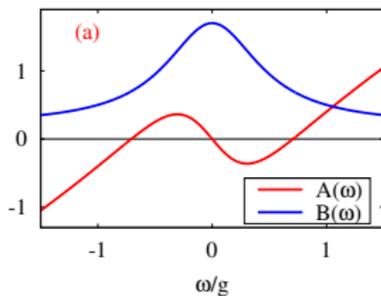
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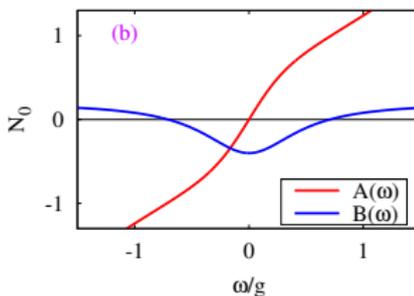
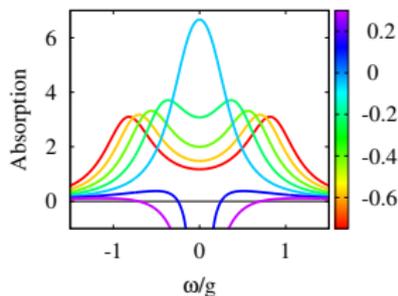
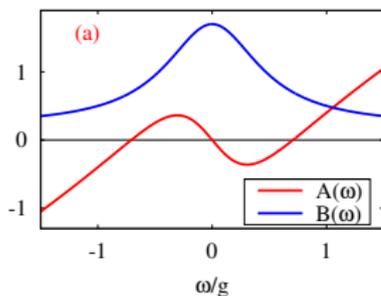
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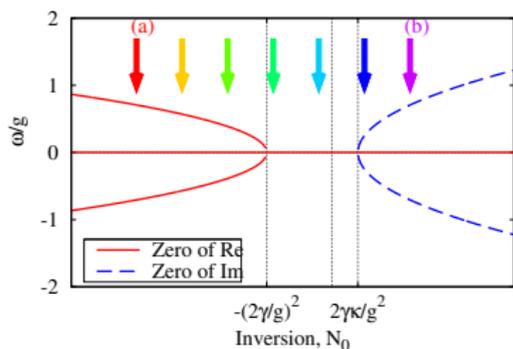


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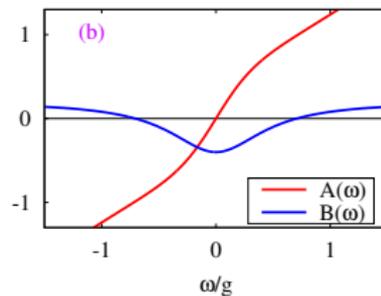
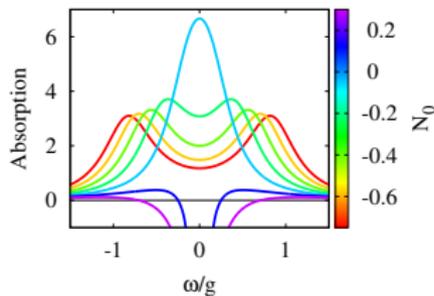
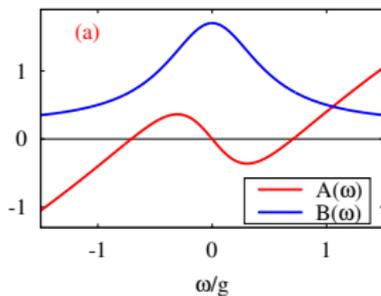


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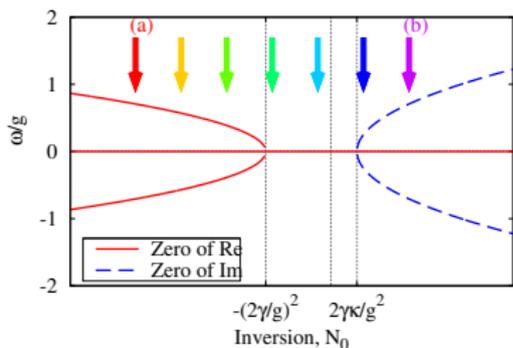


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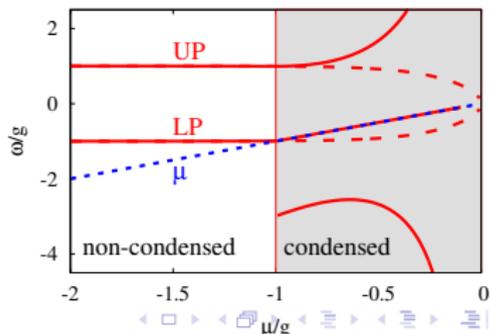
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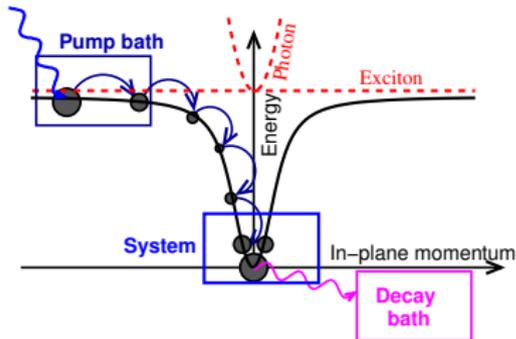
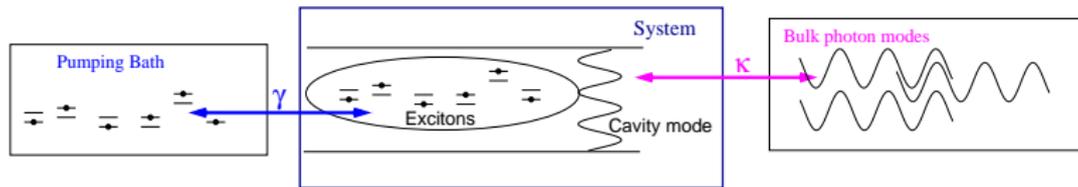
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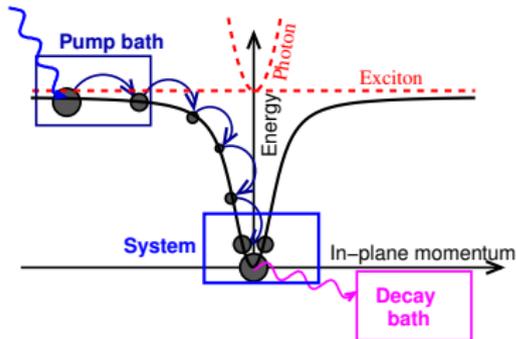
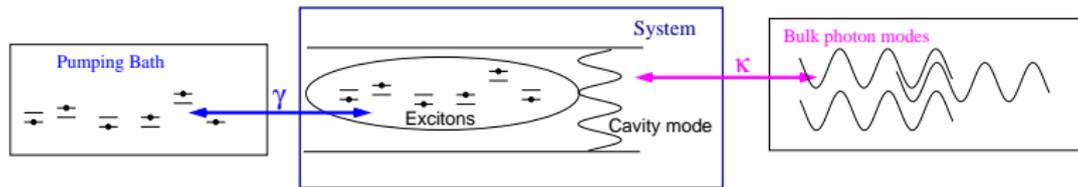
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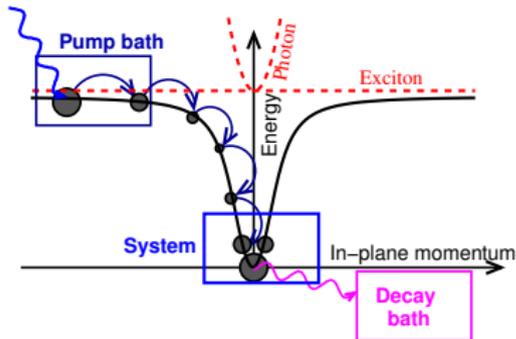
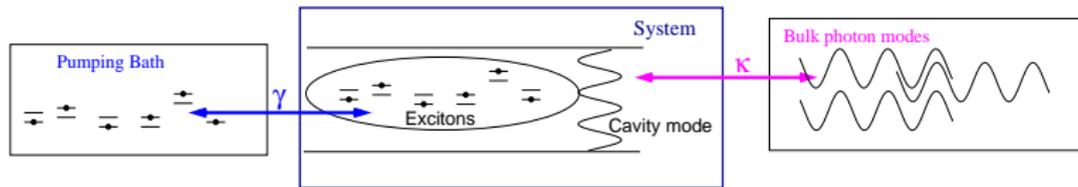
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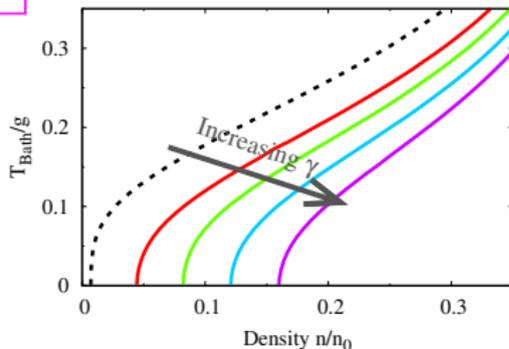
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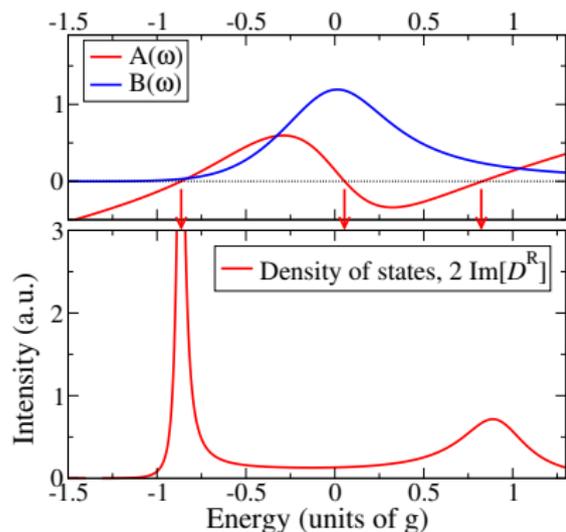
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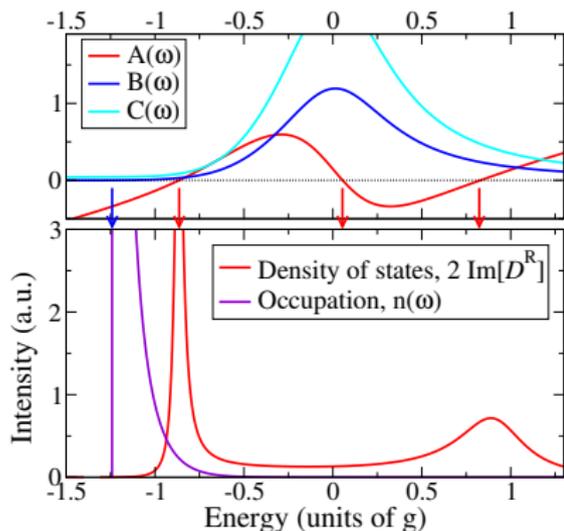


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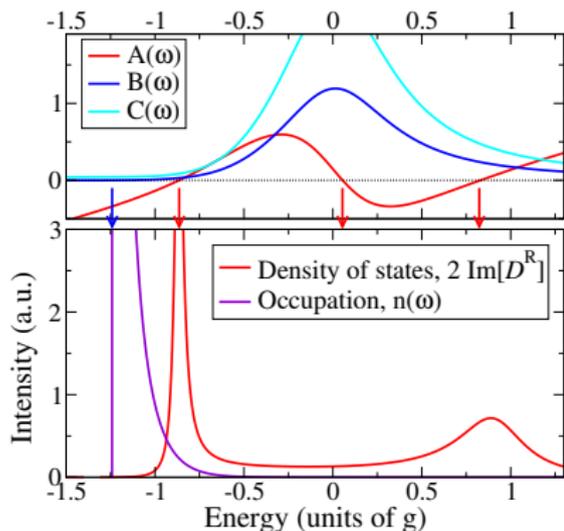
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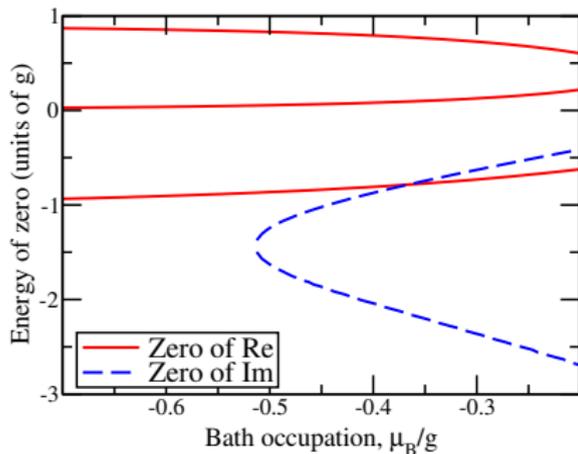
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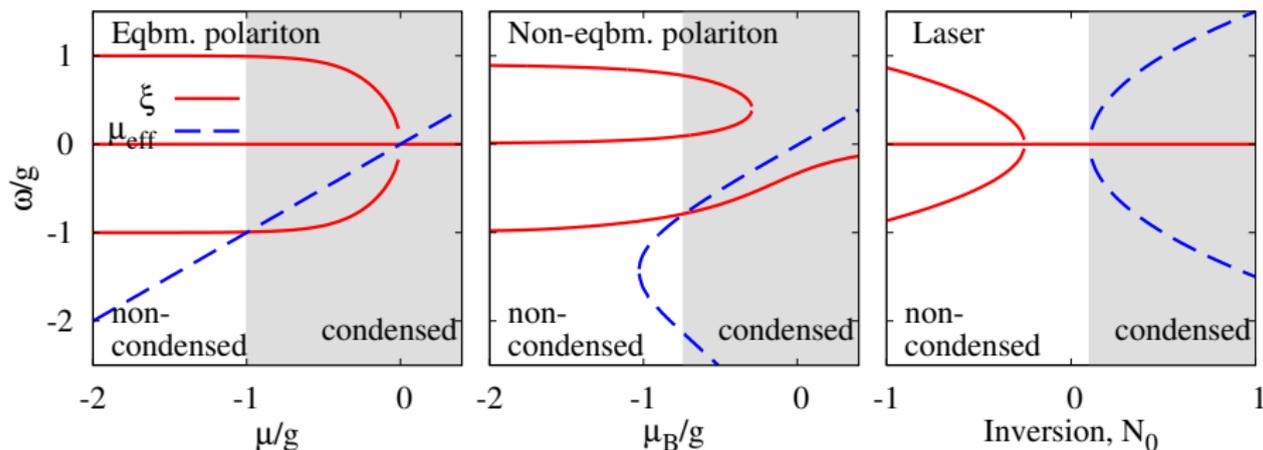


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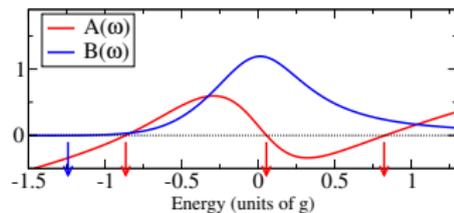


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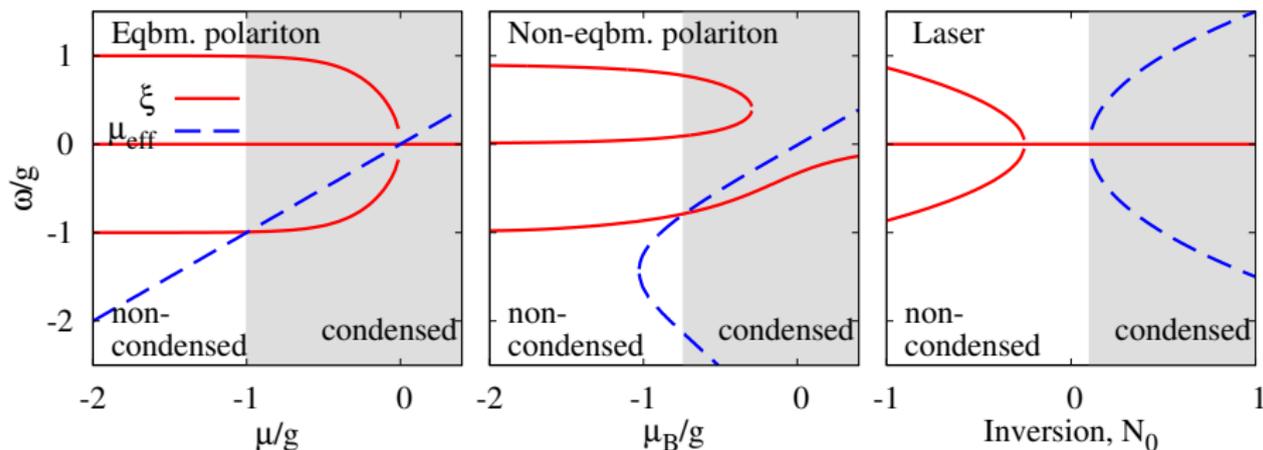


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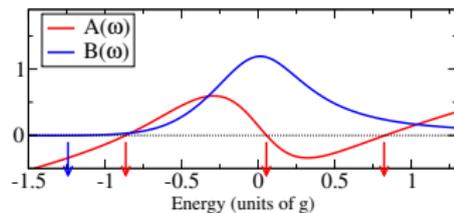


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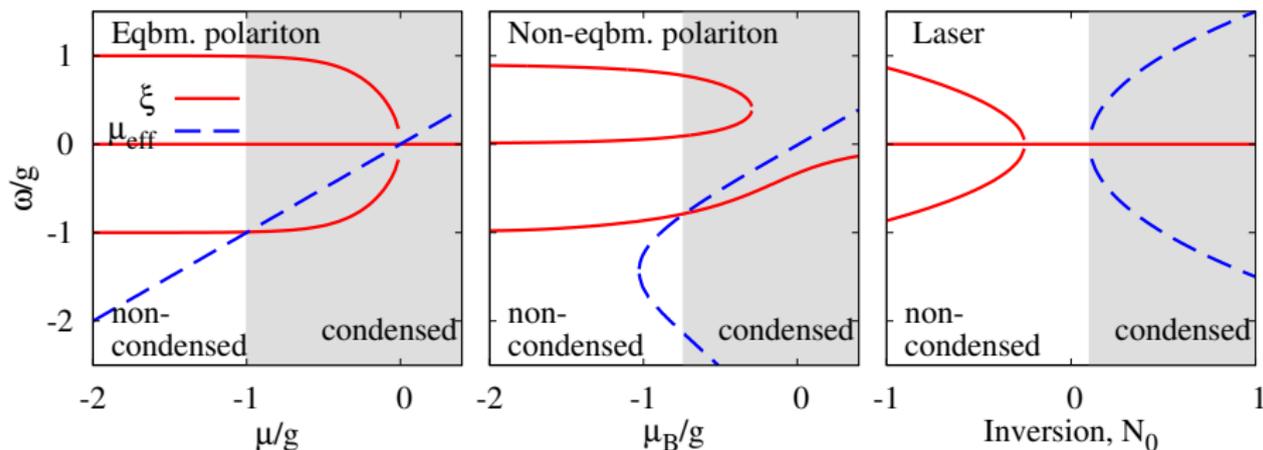


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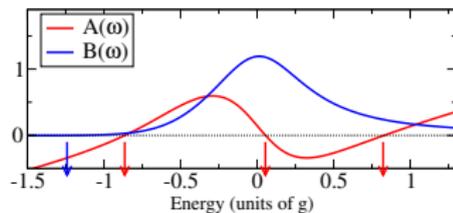
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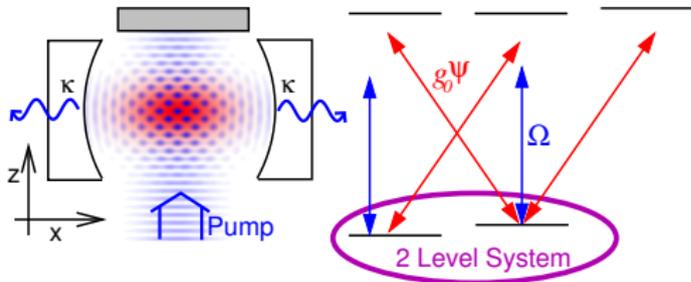
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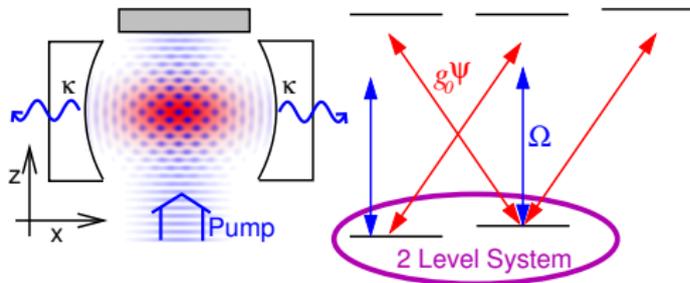
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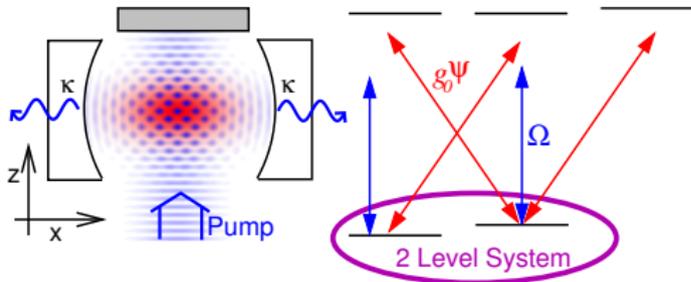
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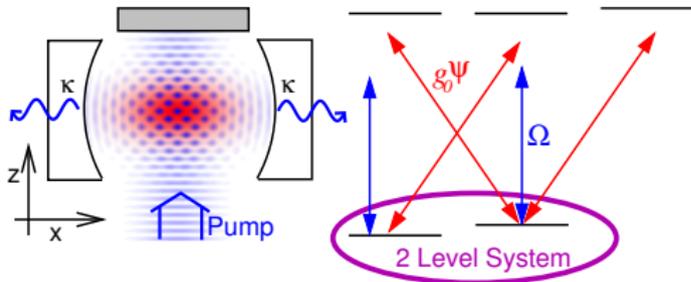
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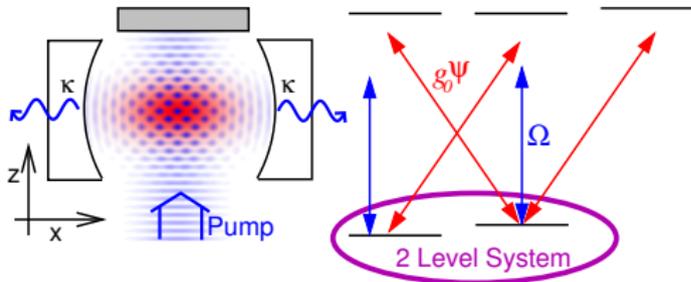
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Semiclassical EOM
($|\mathbf{S}| = N/2 \gg 1$)

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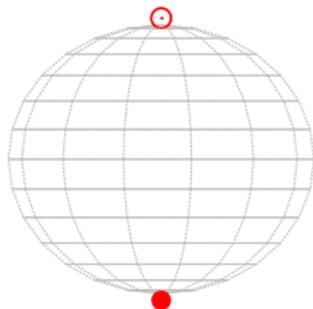
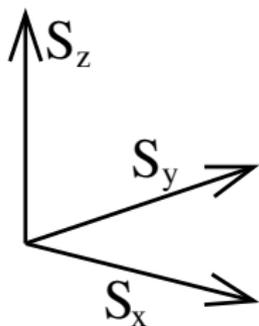
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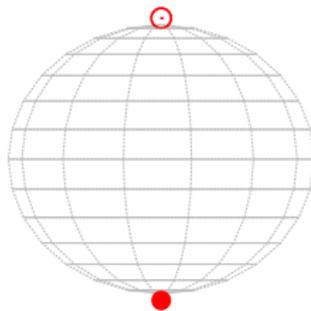
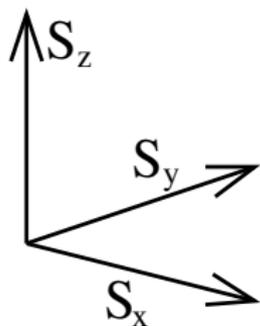
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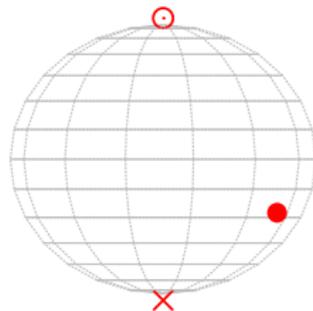
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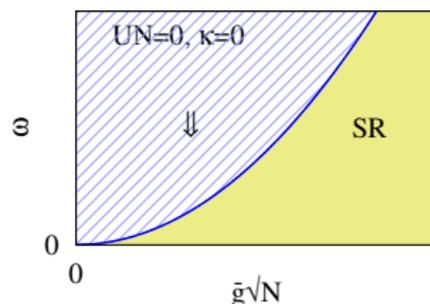
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Larger g : SR too.

Steady state phase diagram

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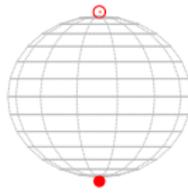
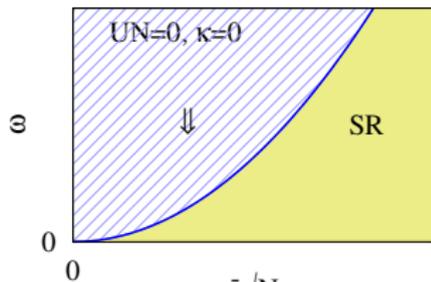
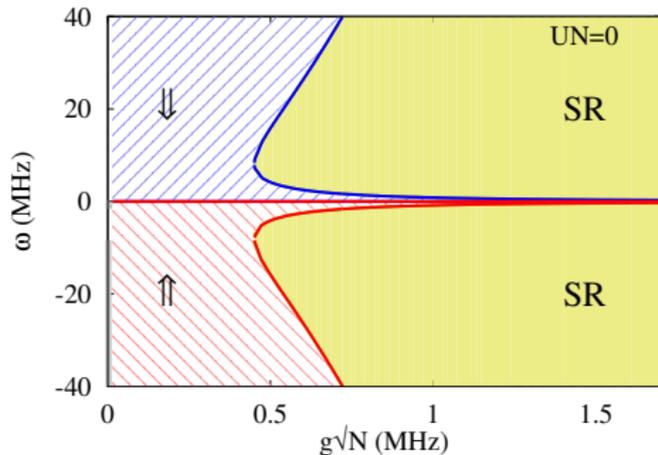
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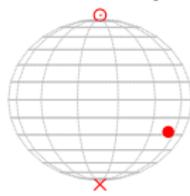
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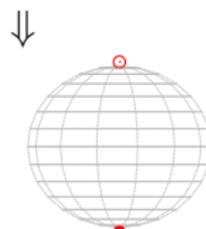
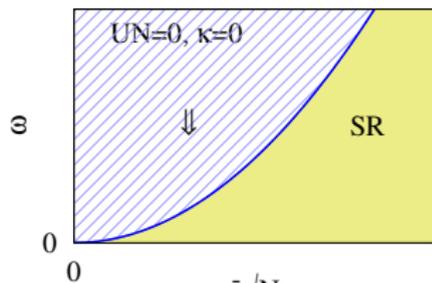
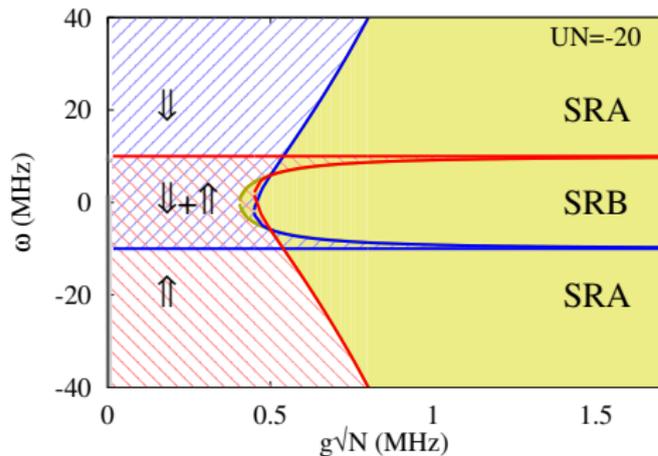
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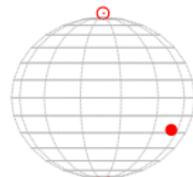
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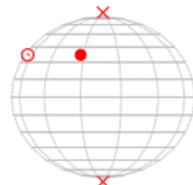
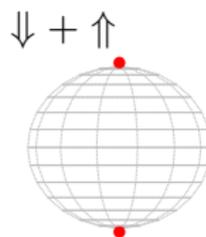
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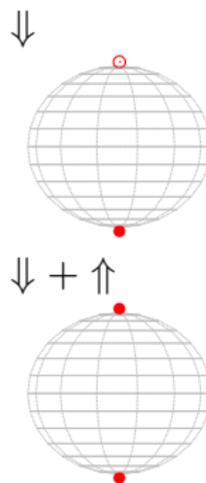
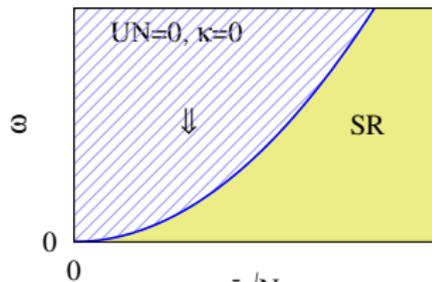
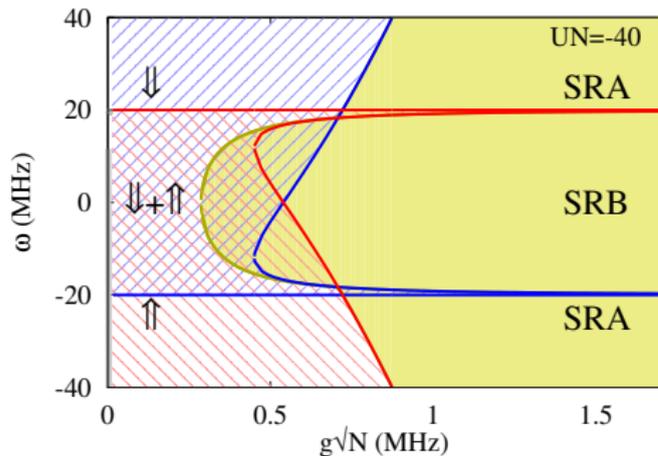
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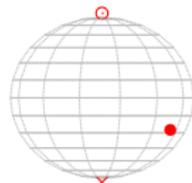
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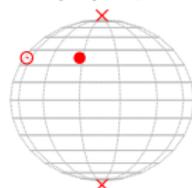
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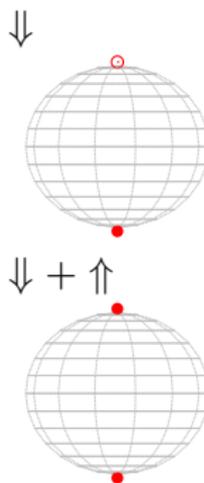
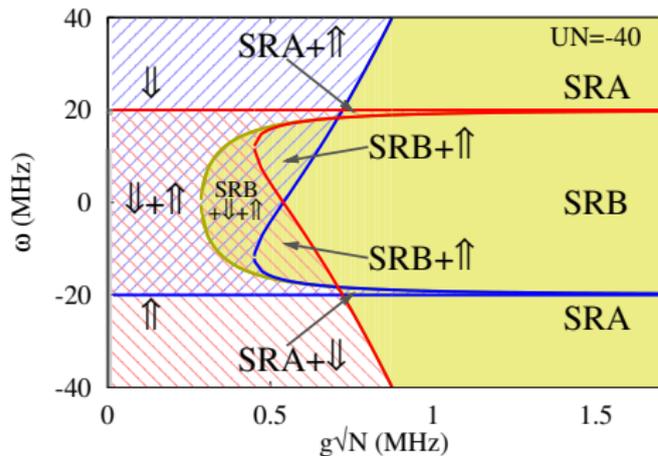
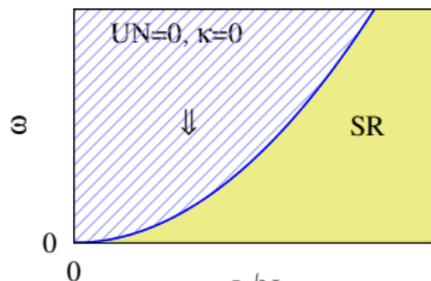
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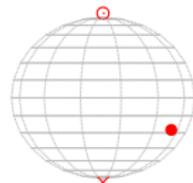
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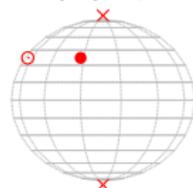
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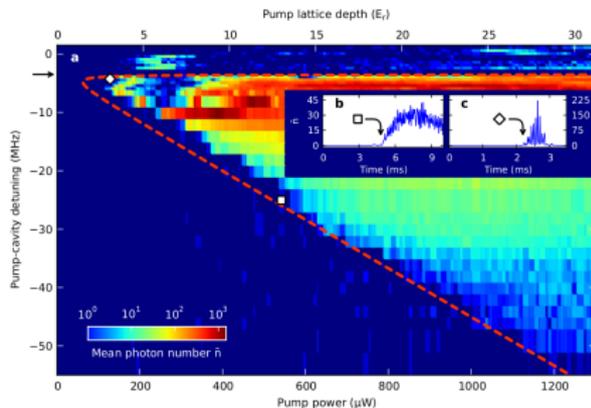
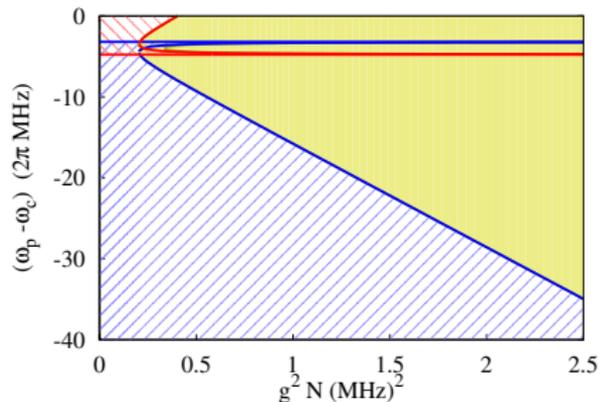


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Comparison to experiment



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Adapted from: [Bhaseen *et al.* PRA '12]

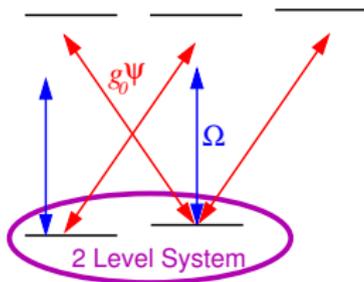
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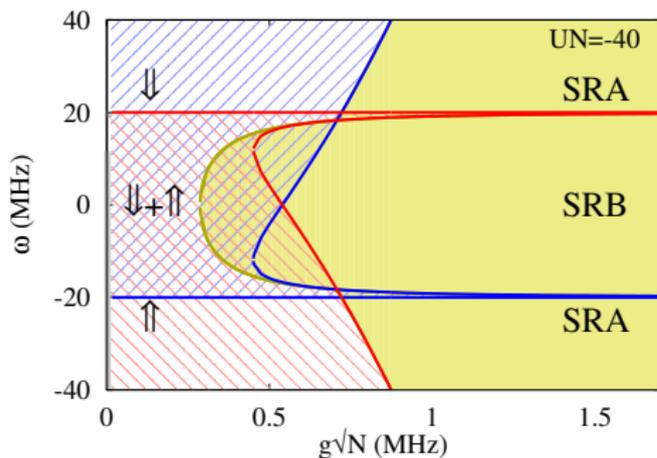
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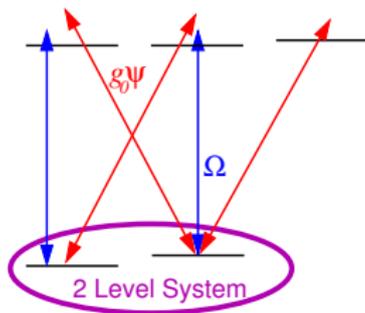


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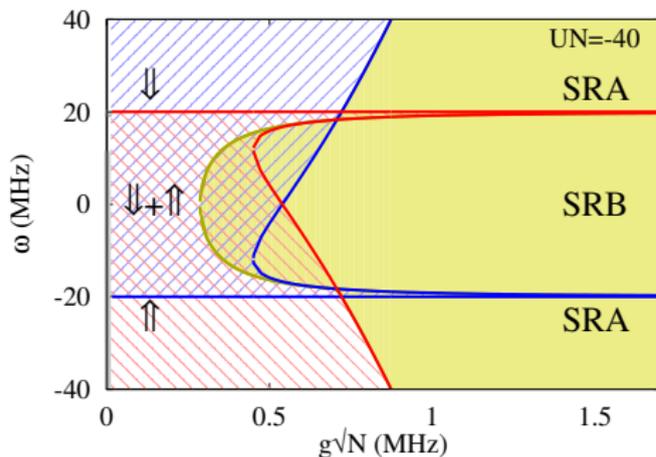


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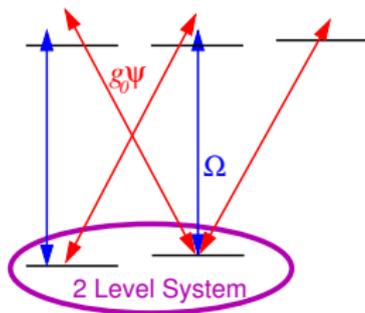


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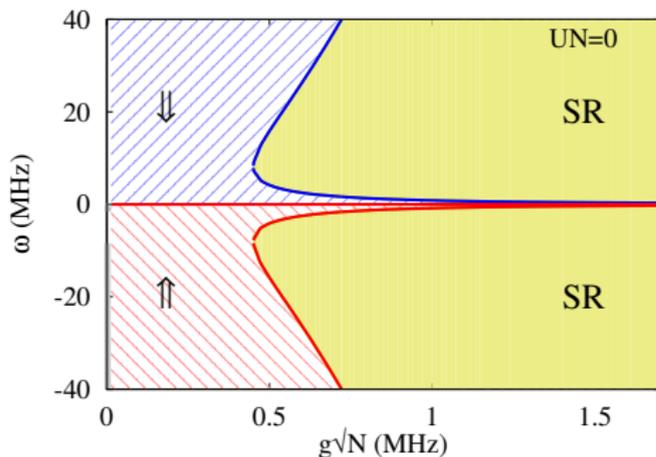


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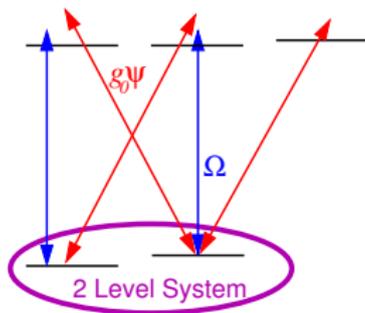


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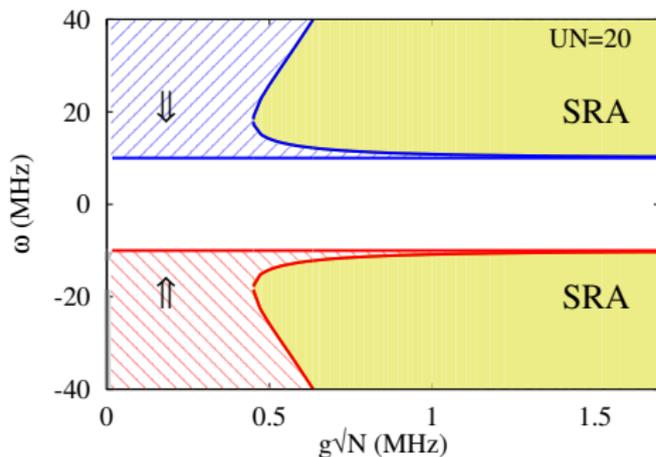


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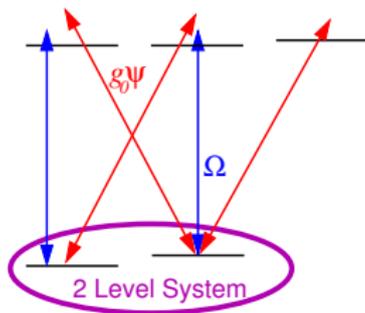


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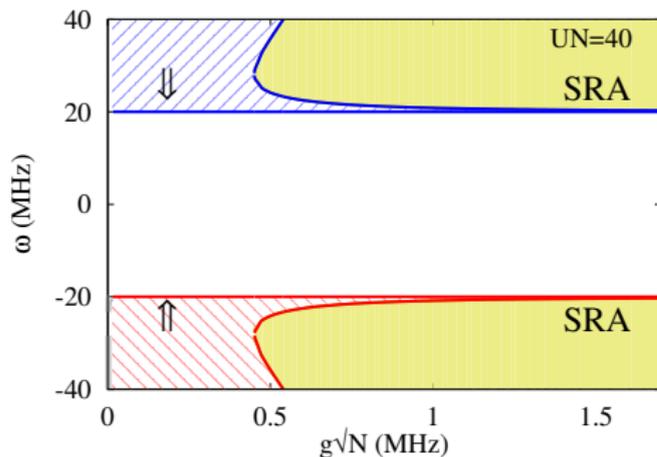


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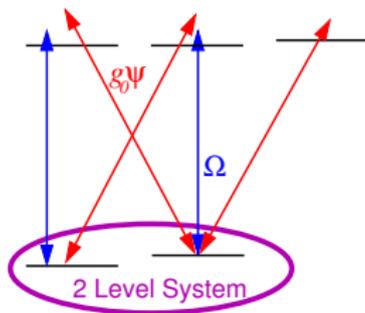


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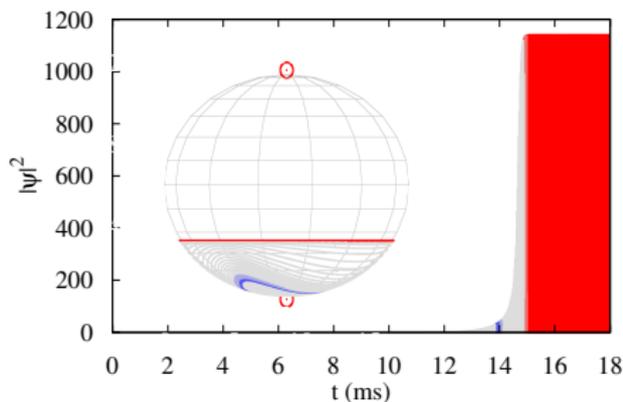
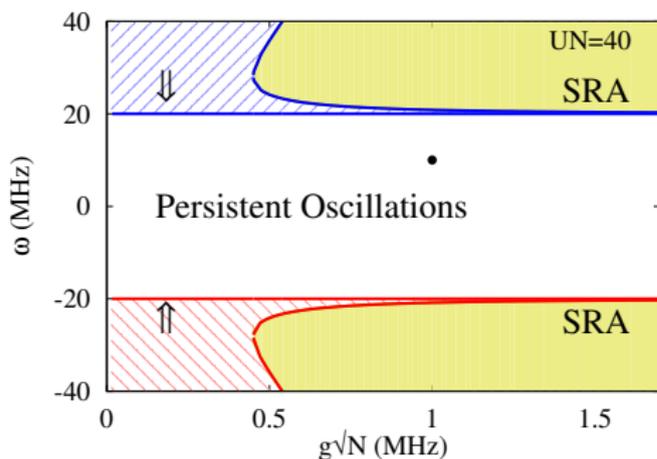


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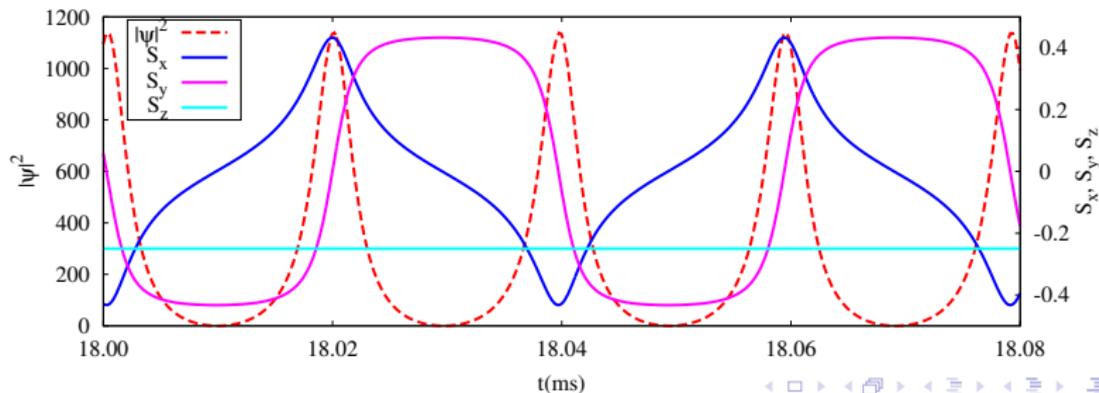
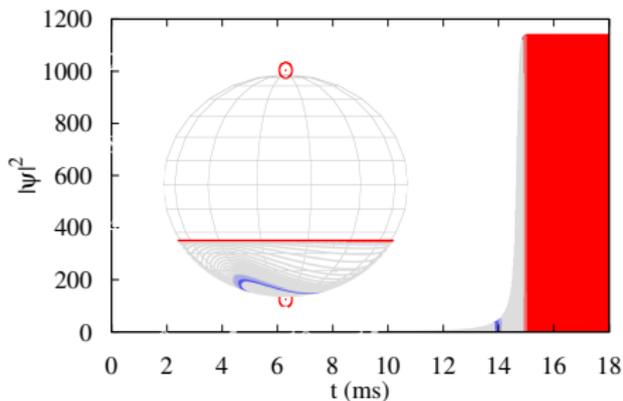
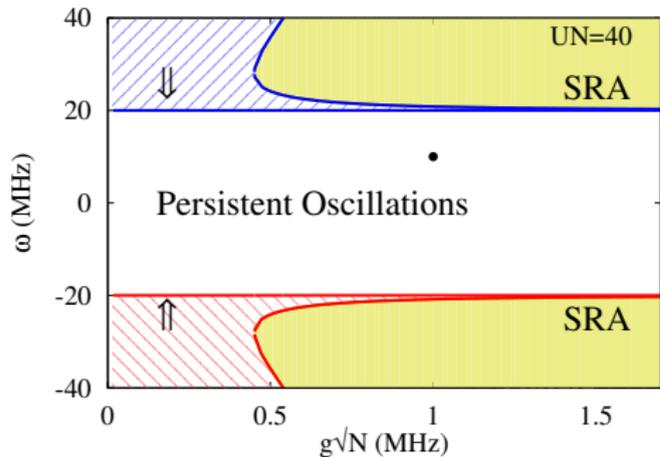
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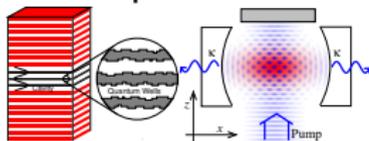


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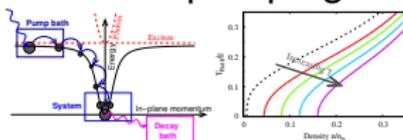


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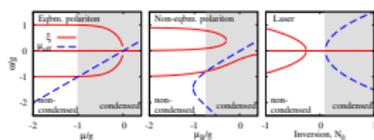
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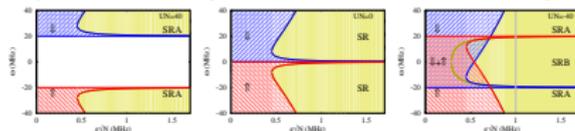
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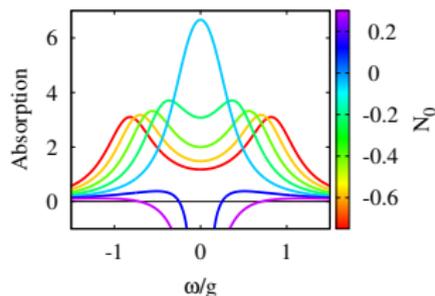
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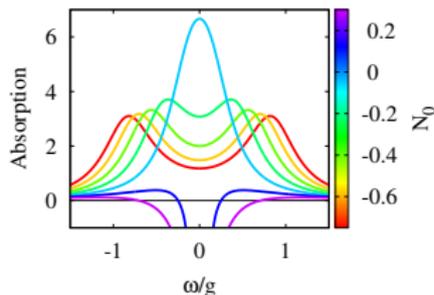
4 Retarded Green's function for laser

Maxwell-Bloch Equations: Retarded Green's function



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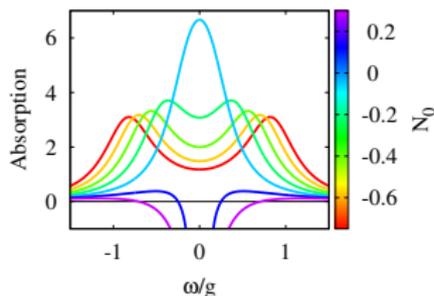
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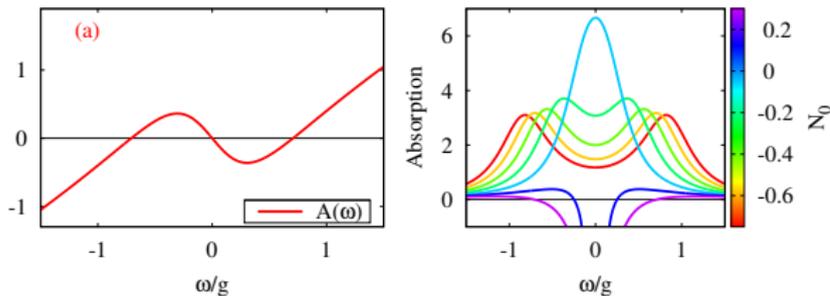
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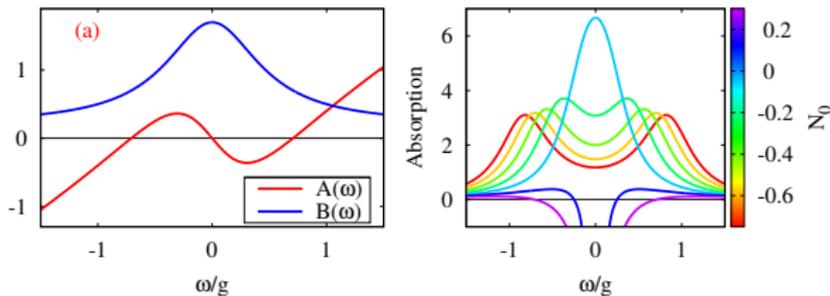
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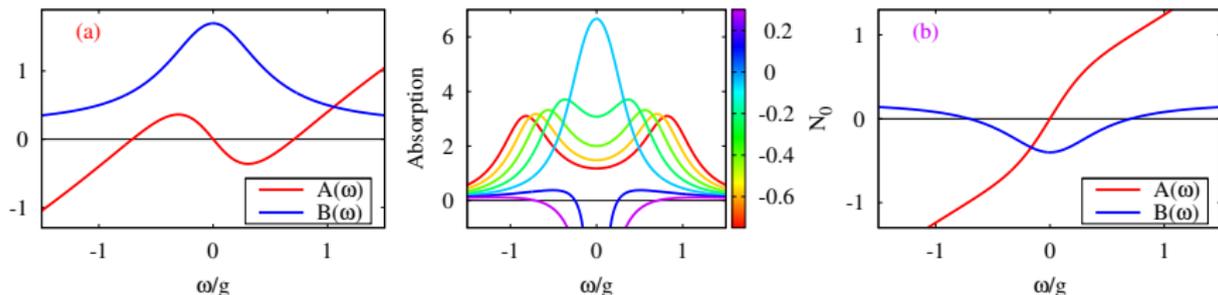
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