

# Non-equilibrium phases of coupled matter-light systems

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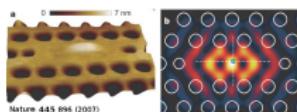
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**New relevance**

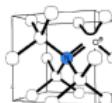
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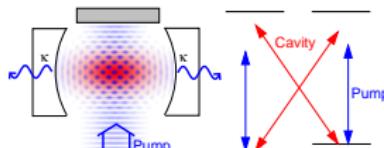
- Quantum dots



- Nitrogen-vacancies in diamond



- Ultra-cold atoms



- Rydberg atoms

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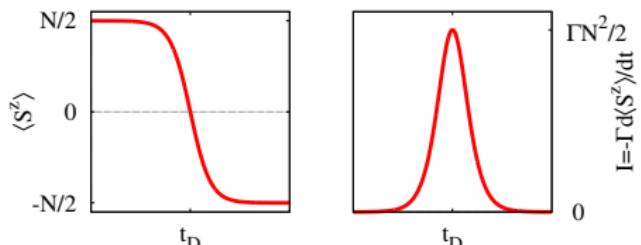


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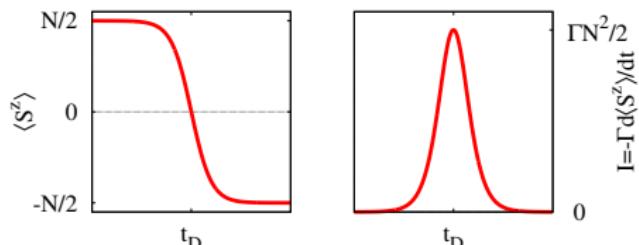


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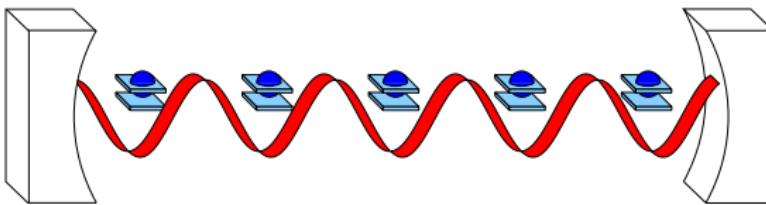
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**Problem:** dipole interactions dephase. [Friedberg et al, Phys. Lett. 1972]

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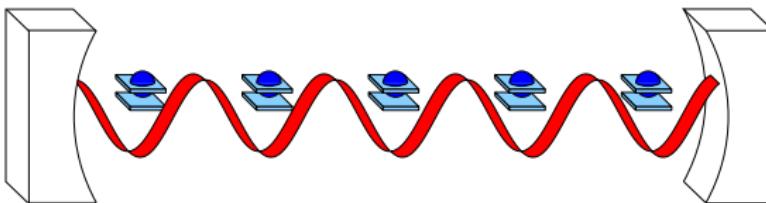


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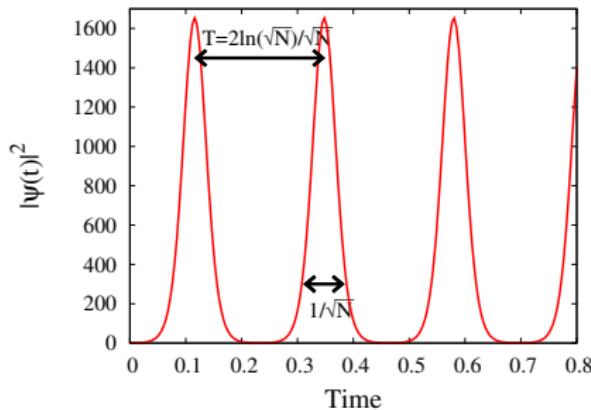
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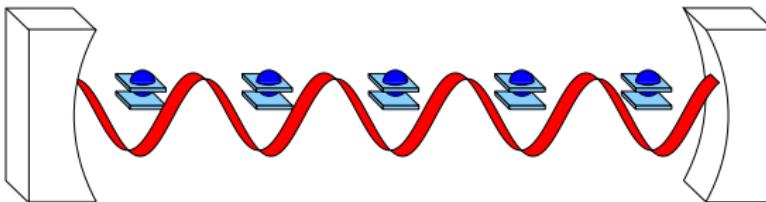
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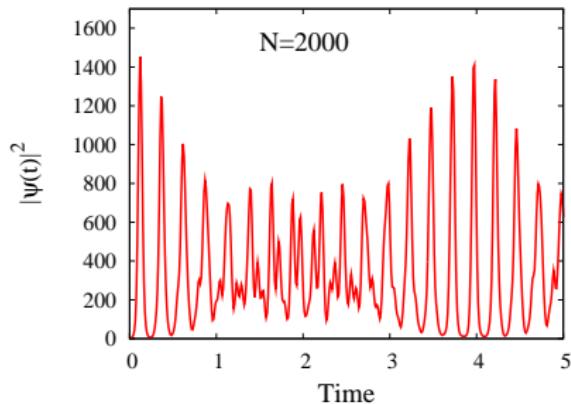
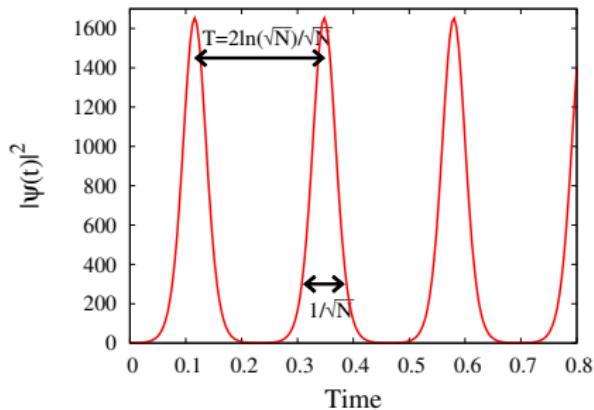
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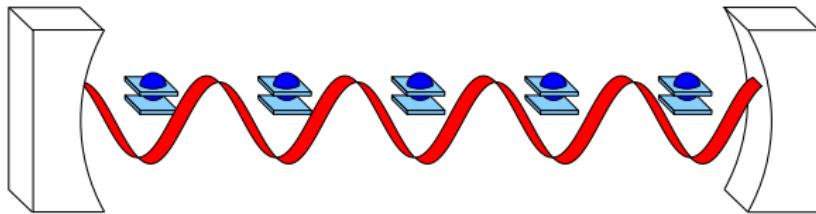
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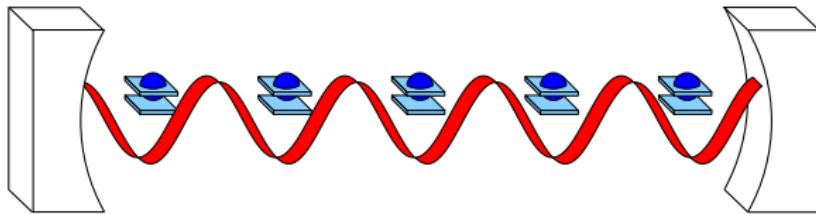
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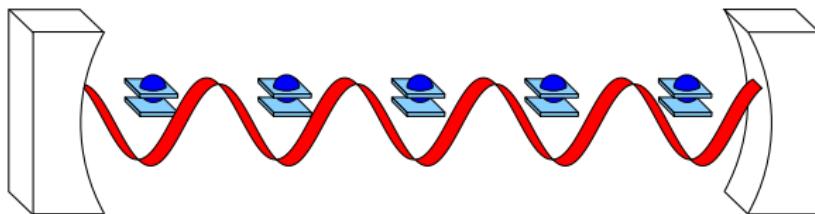
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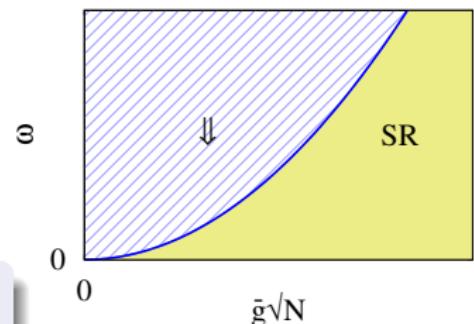
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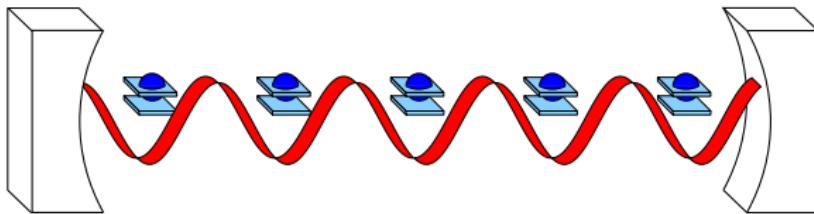
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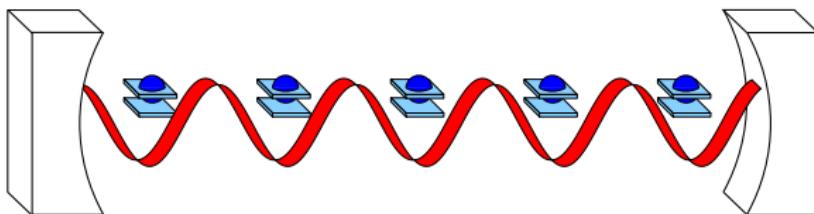
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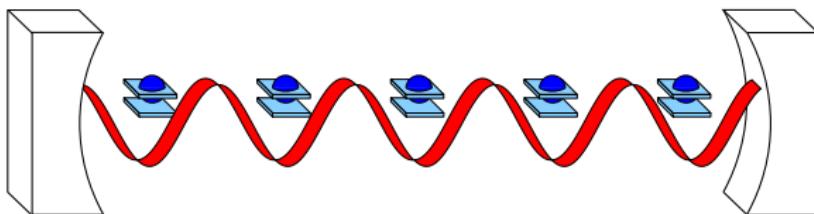
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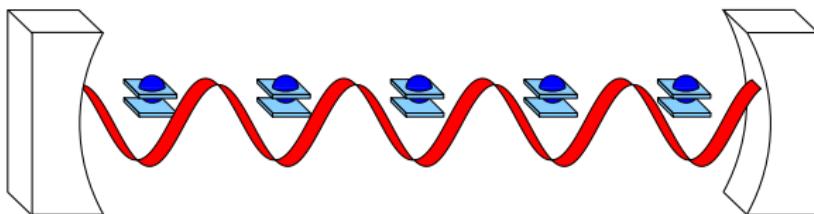
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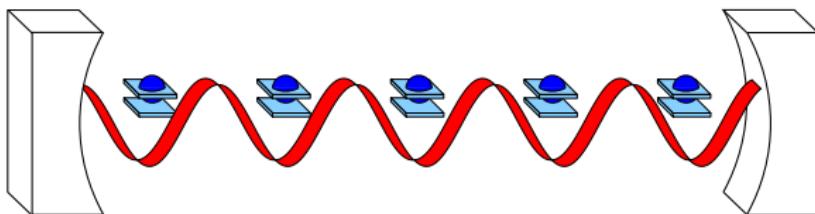
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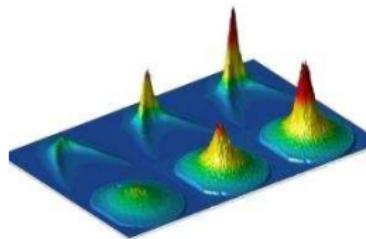
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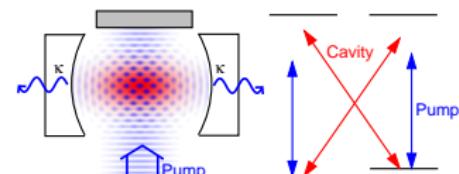
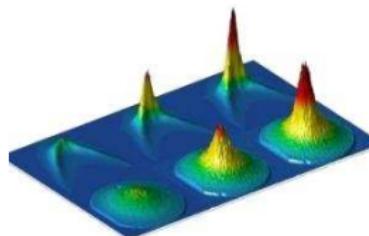
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  - Coherently pumped JCHM

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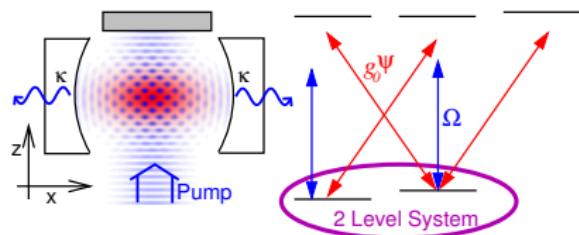


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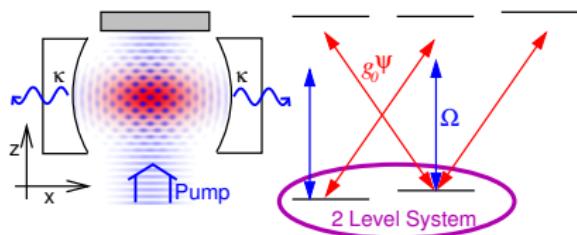
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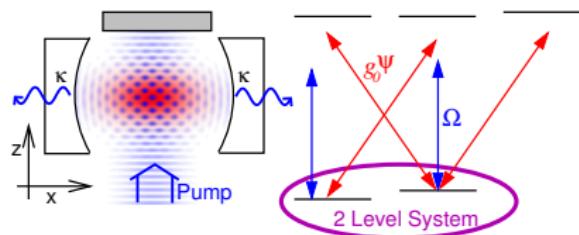
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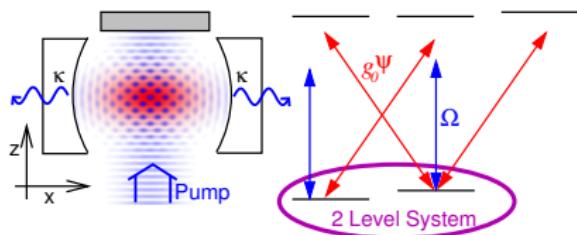
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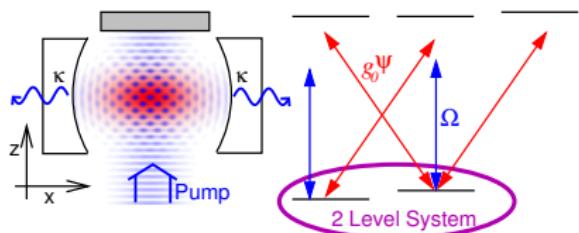
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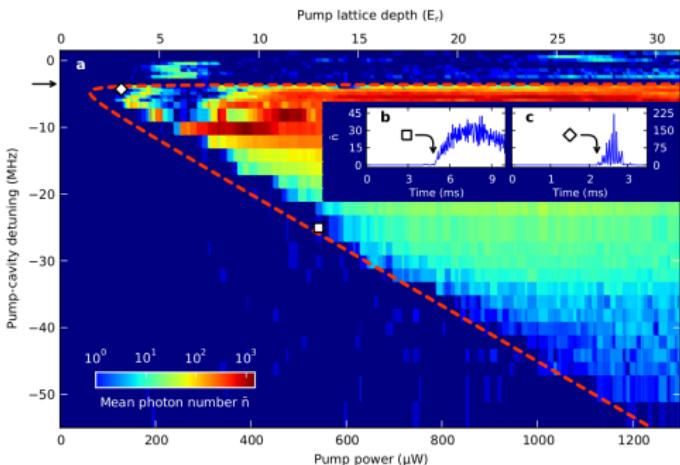


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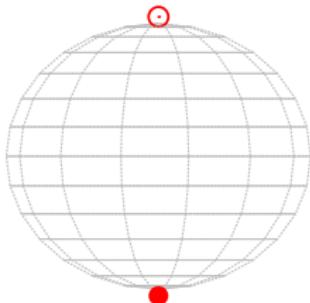
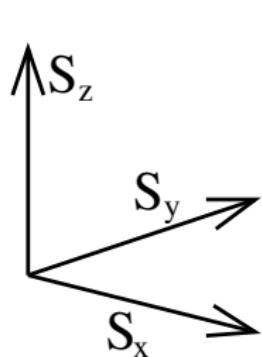
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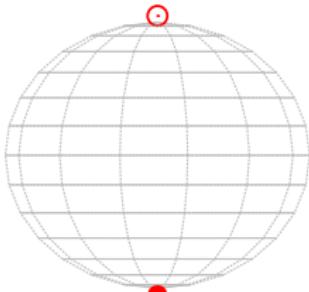
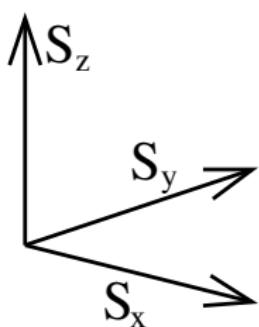
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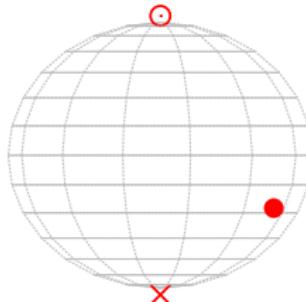
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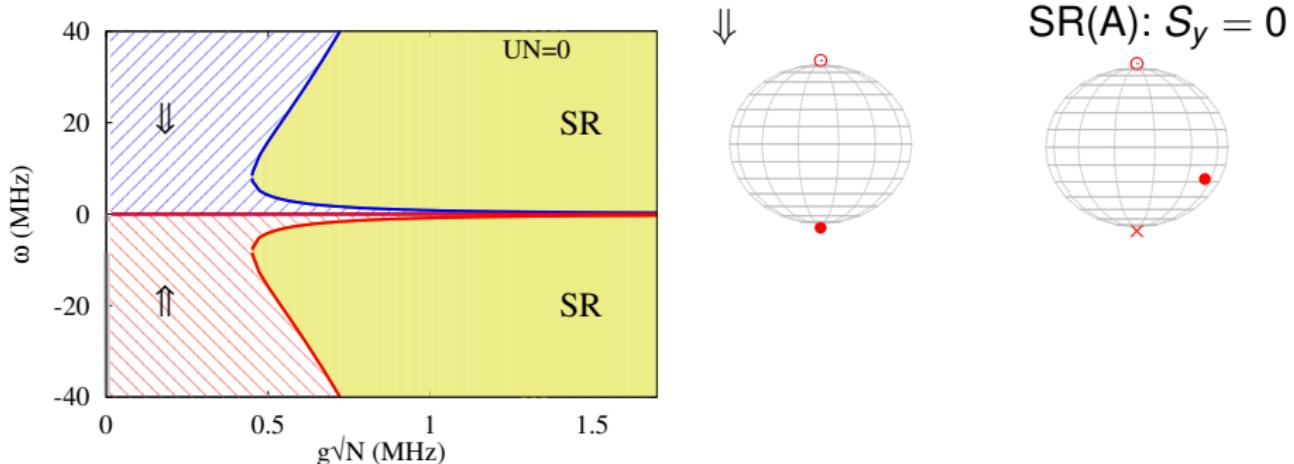
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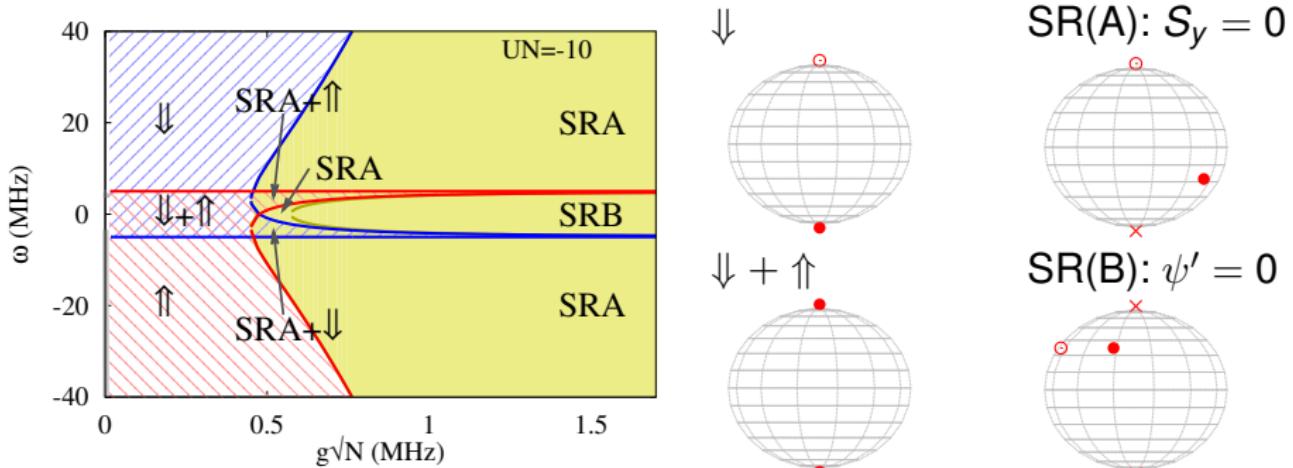
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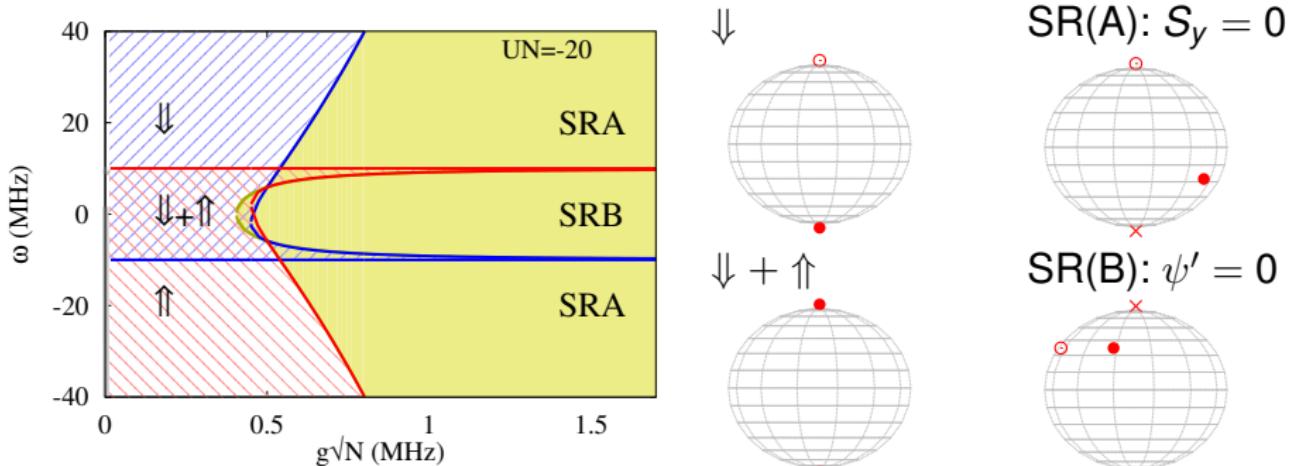
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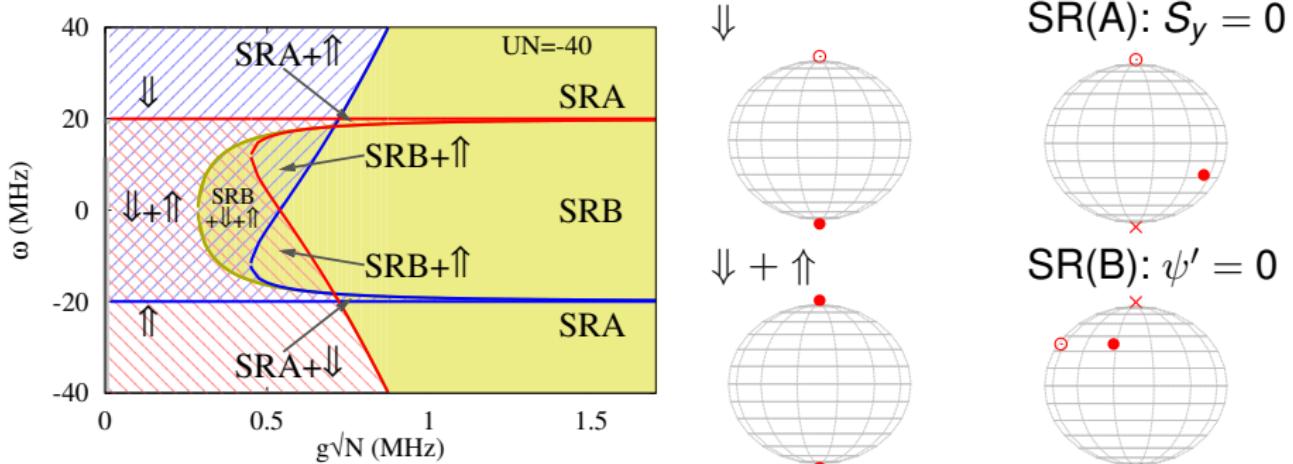
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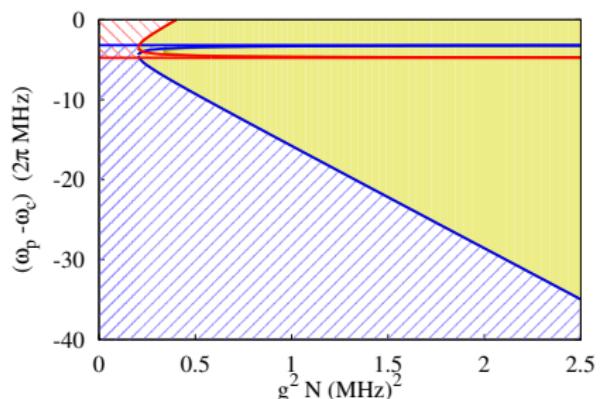
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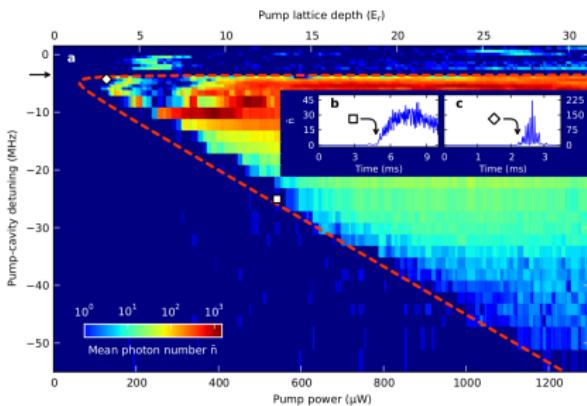
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Adapted from: [Bhaseen *et al.* PRA '12]

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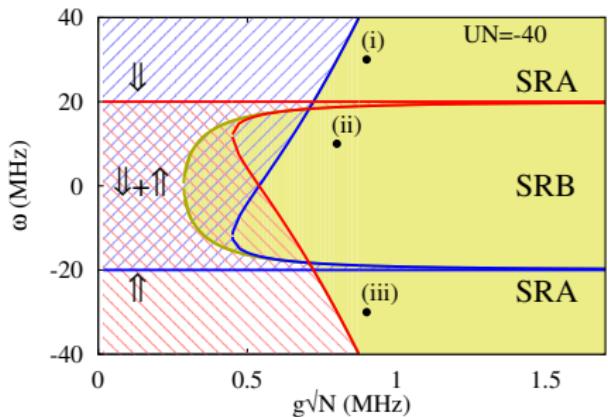
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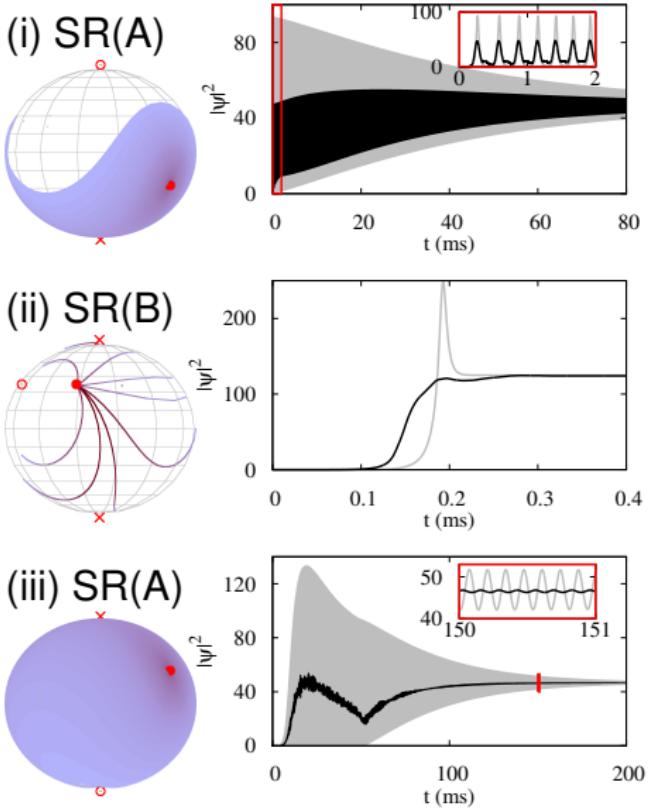
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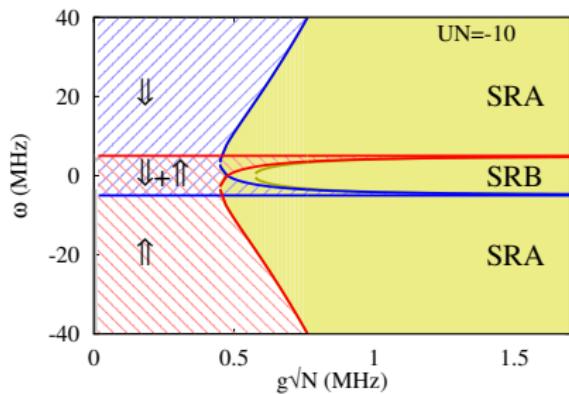
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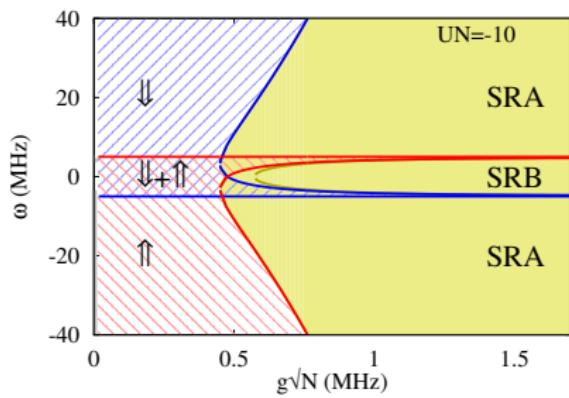
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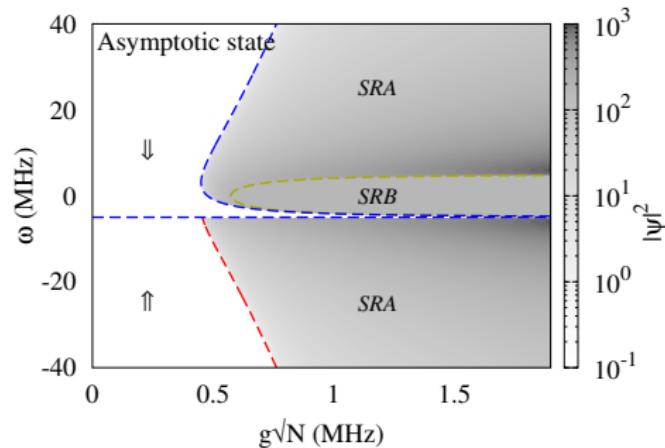
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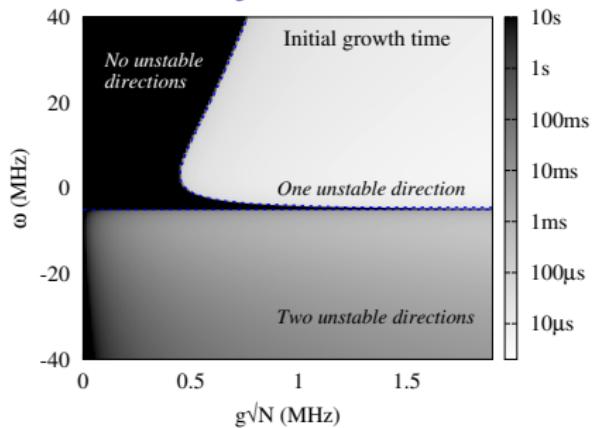
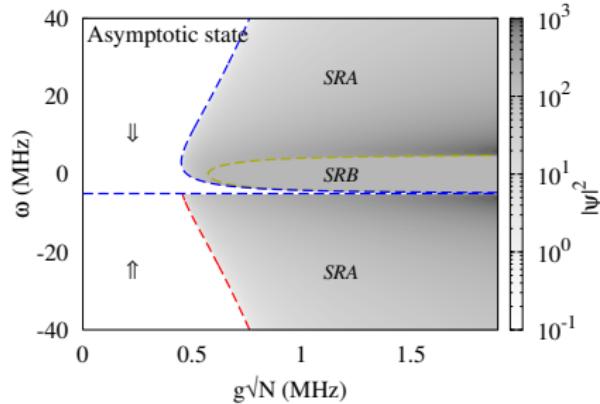
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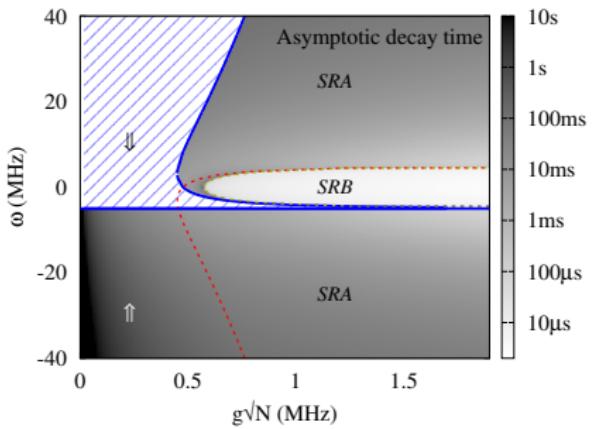
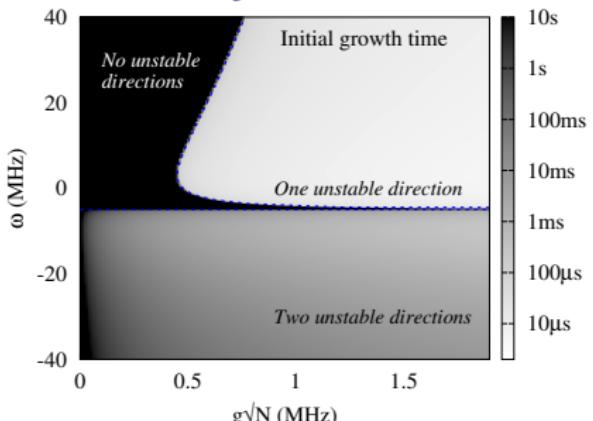
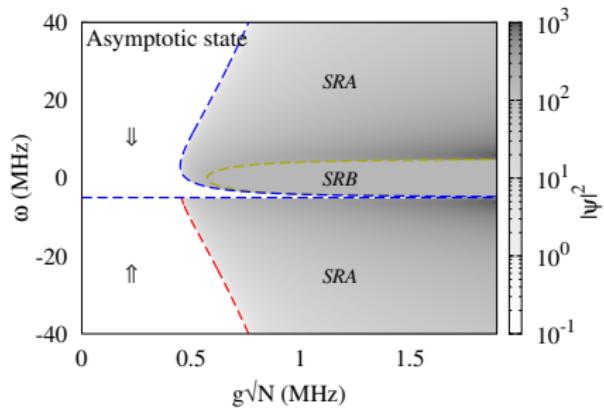
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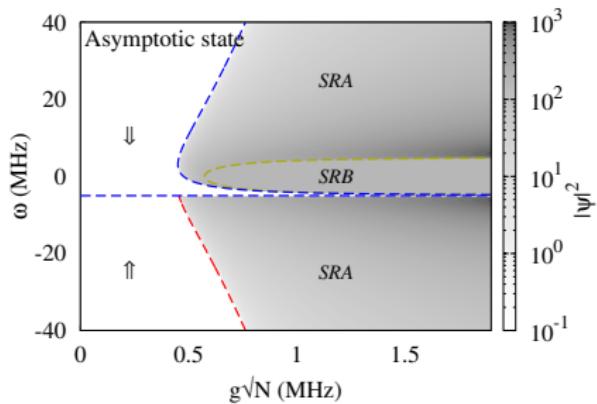
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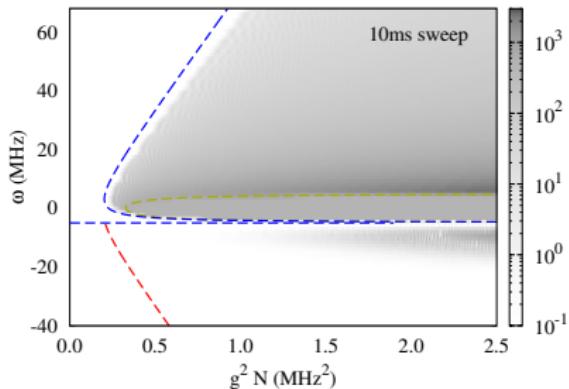
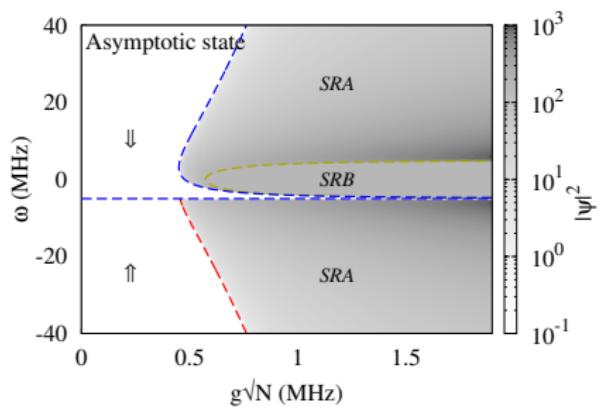
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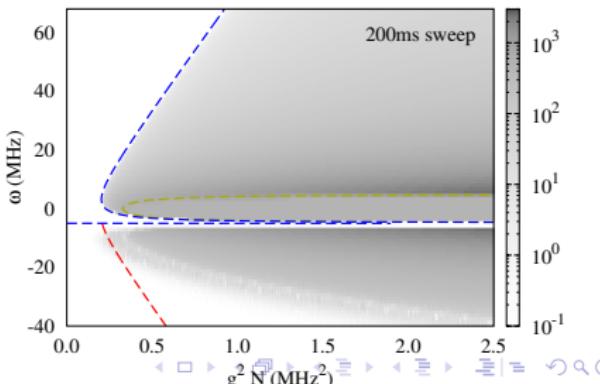
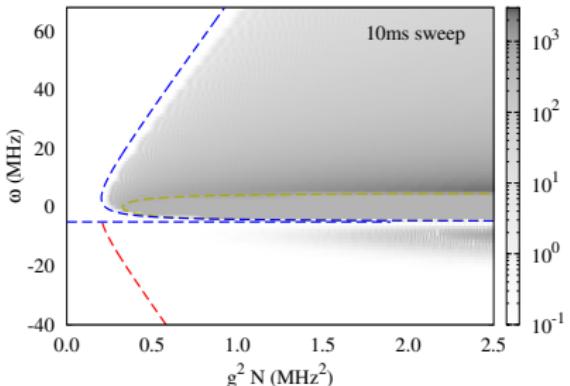
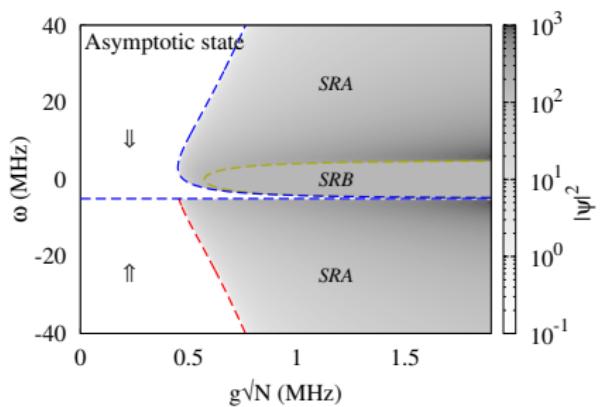
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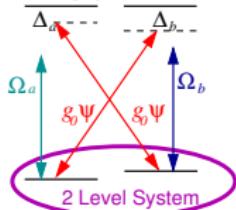


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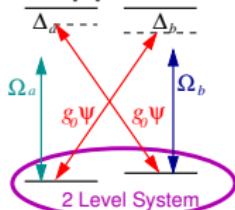


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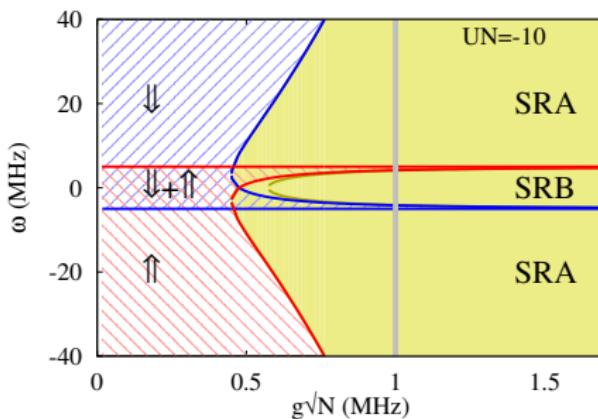
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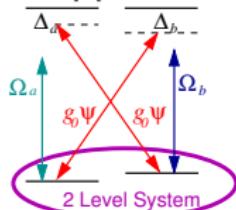
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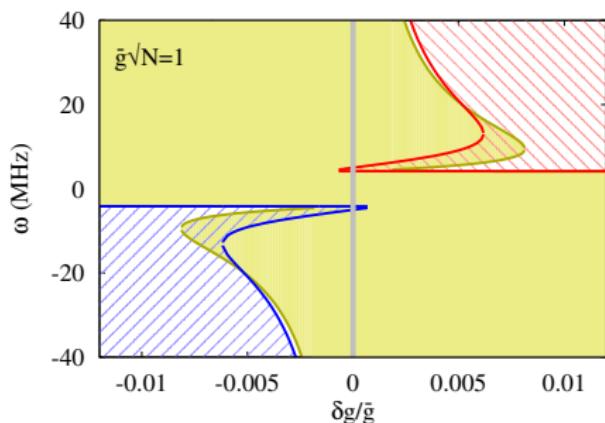
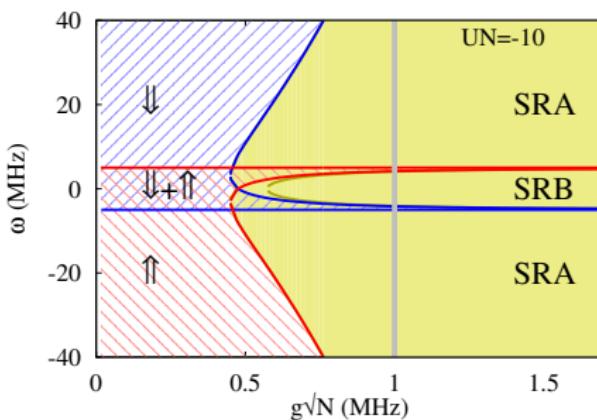
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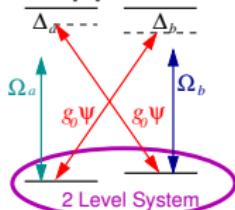
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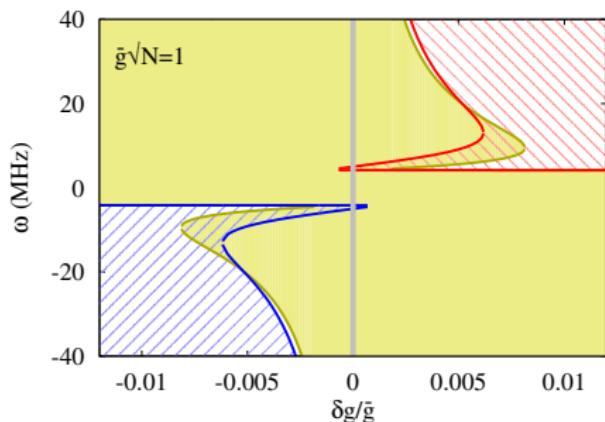
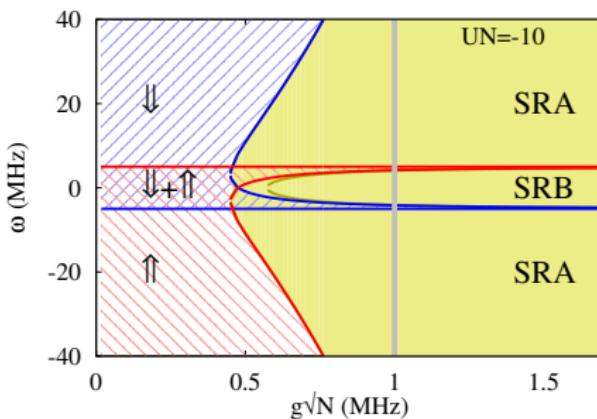
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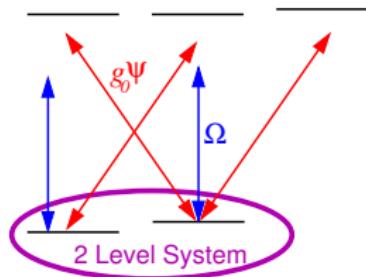
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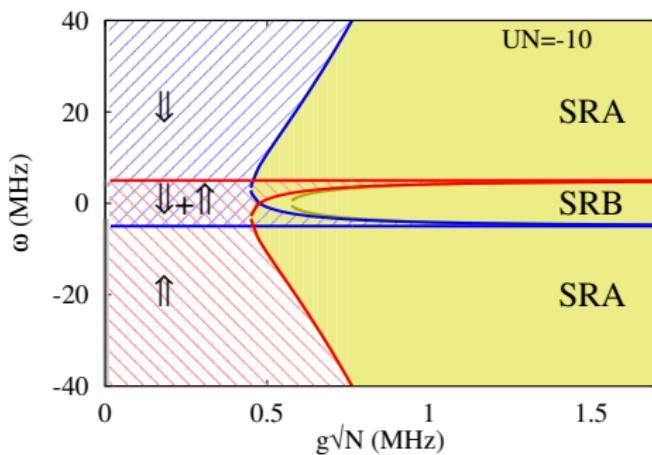
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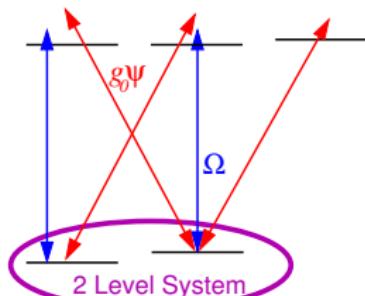


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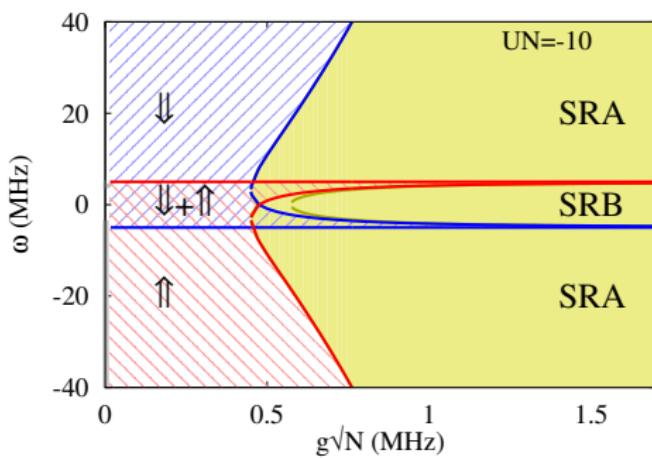


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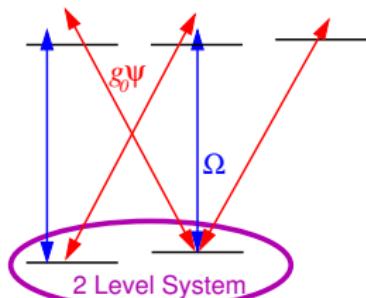


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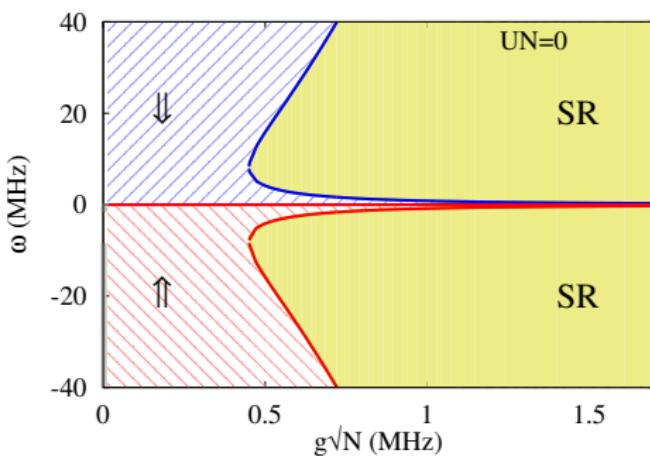


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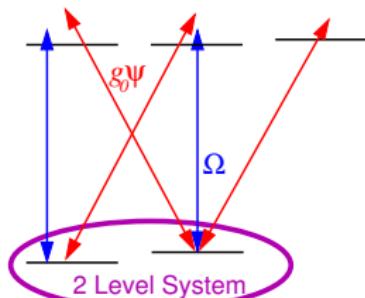


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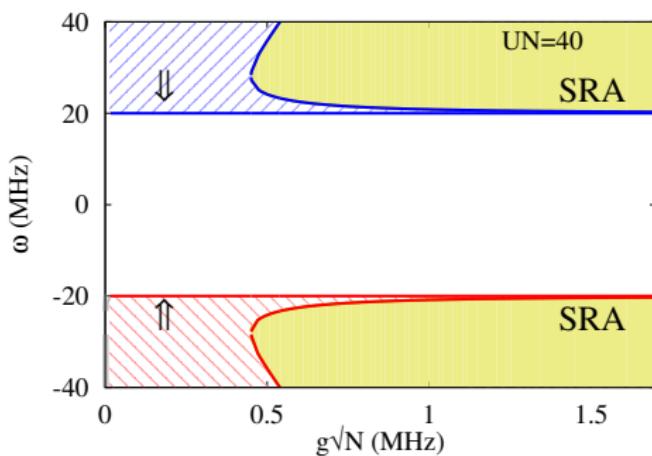


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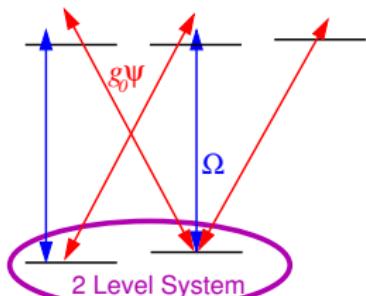


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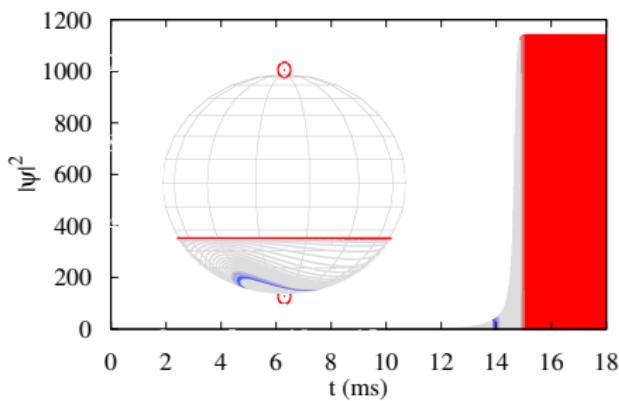
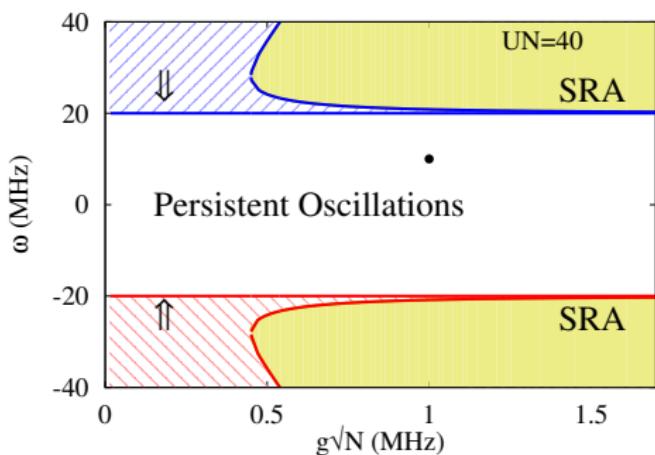


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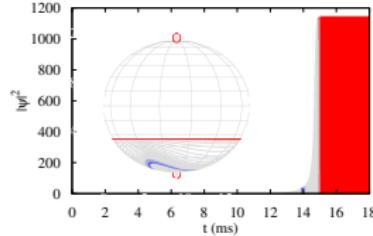
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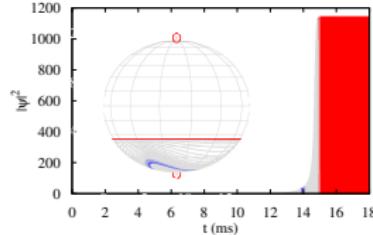


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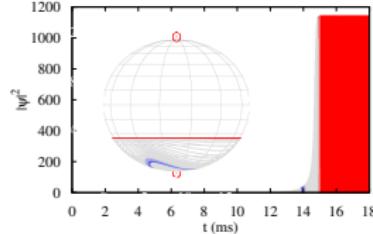
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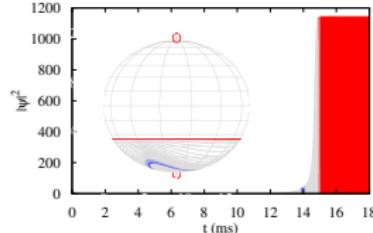
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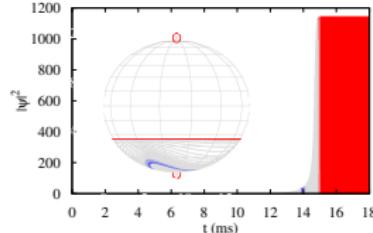
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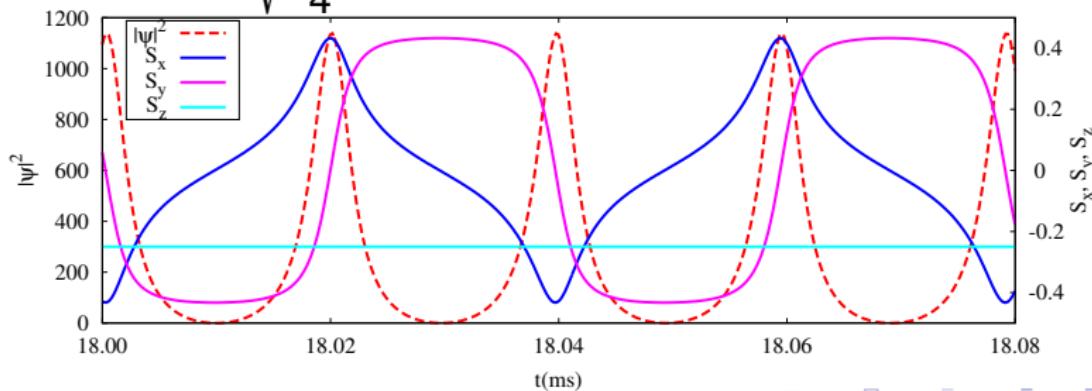
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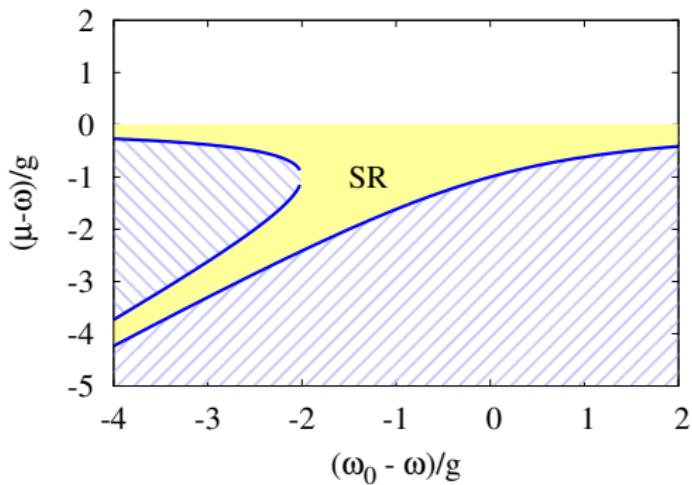


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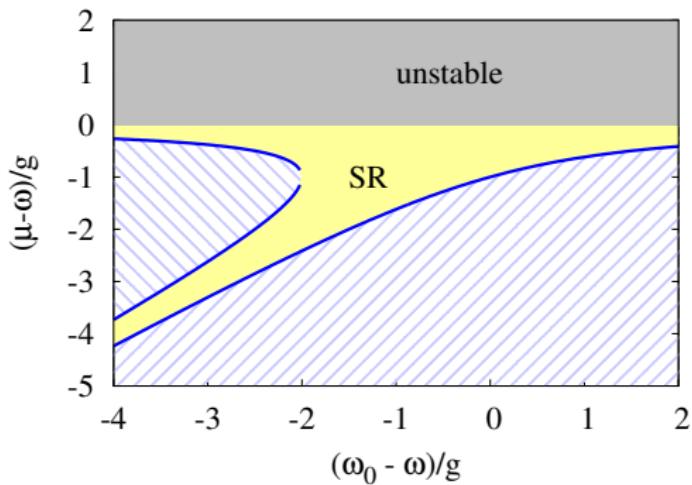


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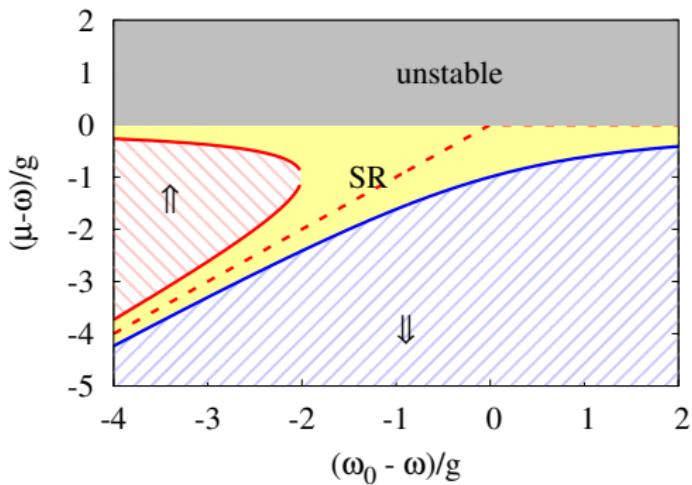


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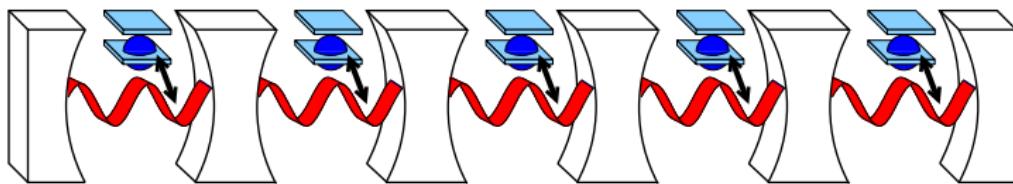
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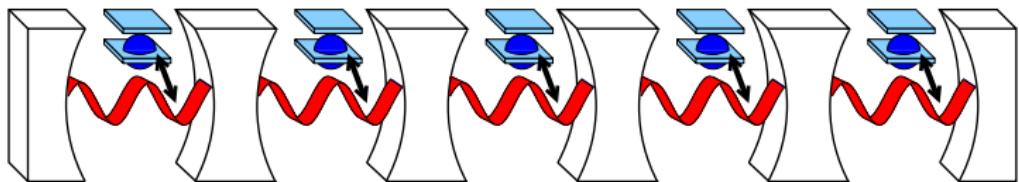
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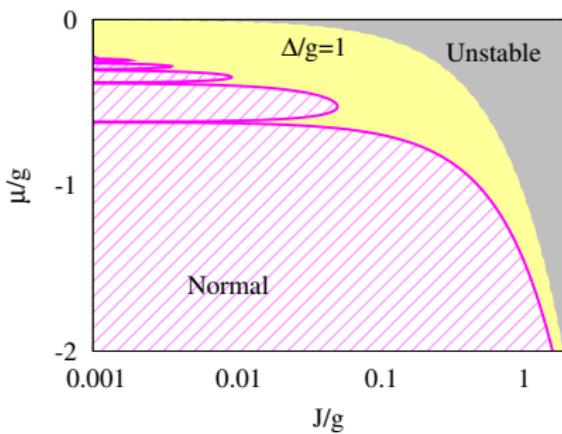


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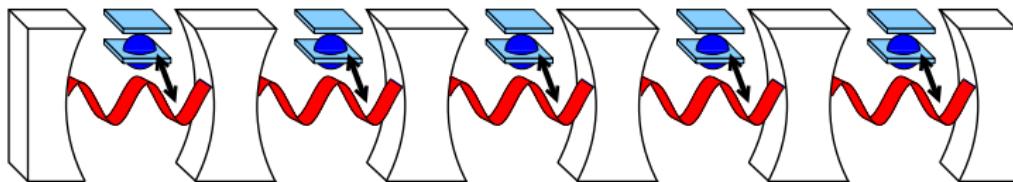
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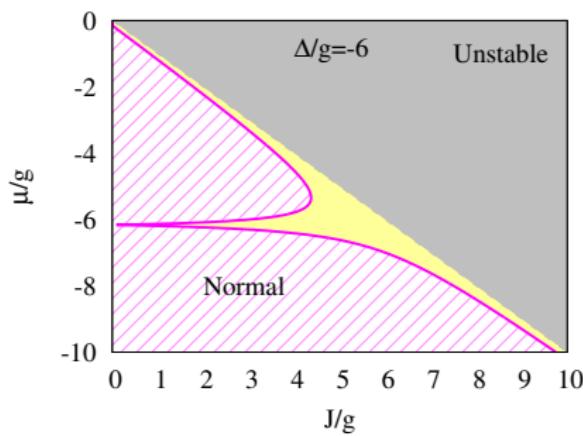
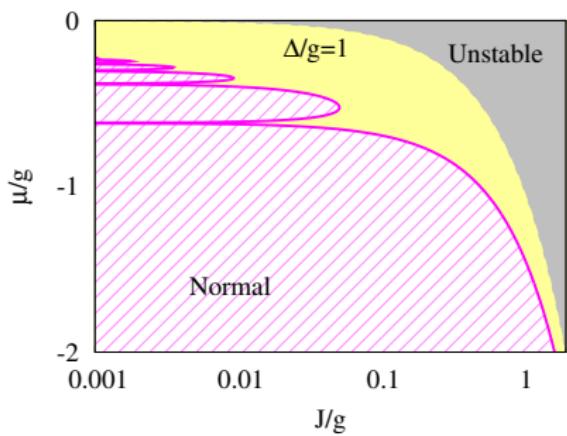
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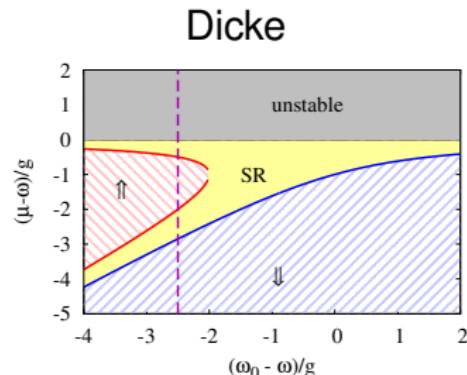
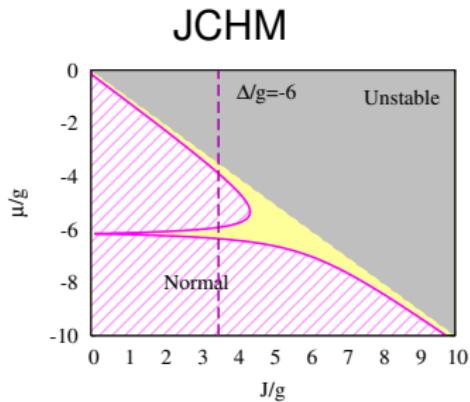
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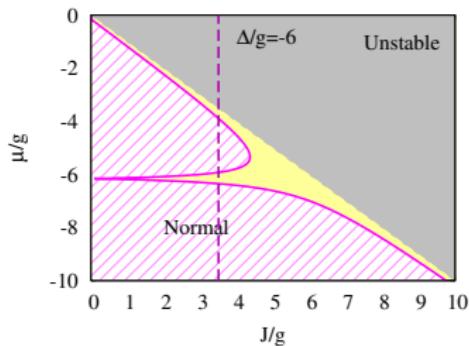


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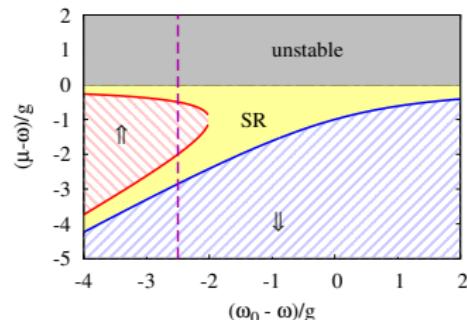


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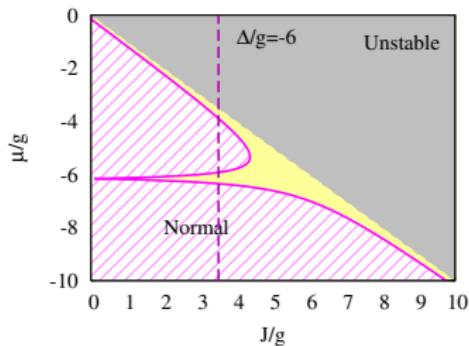
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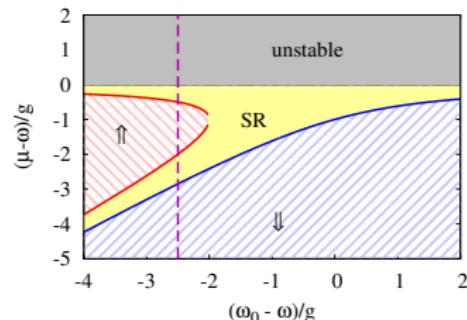
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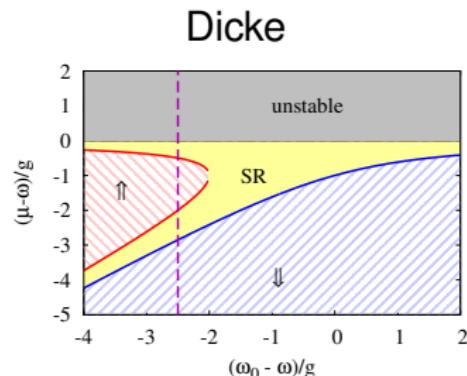
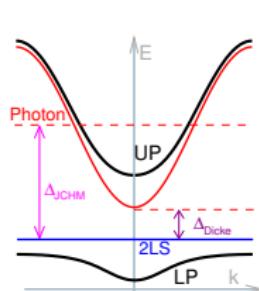
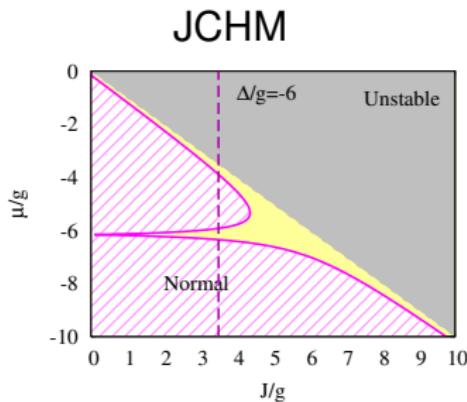


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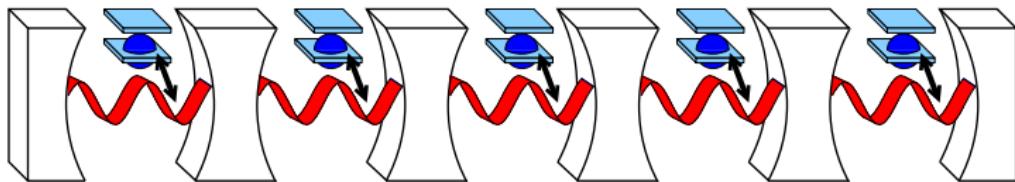
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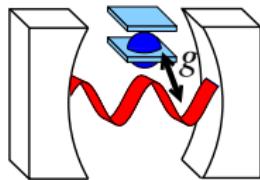
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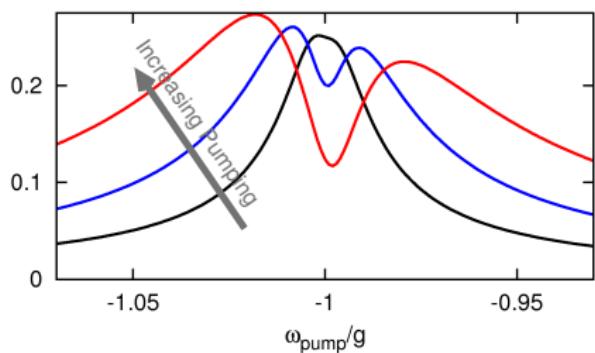


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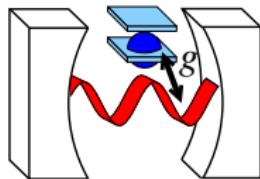
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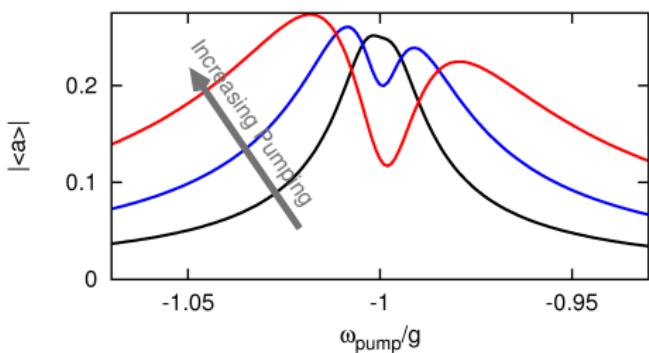
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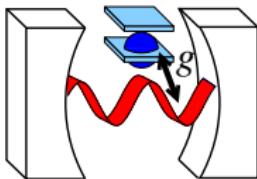
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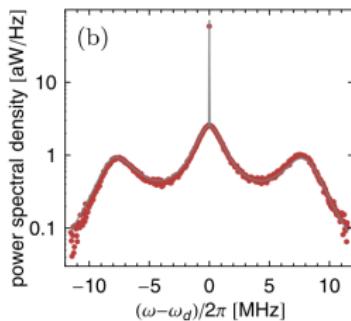
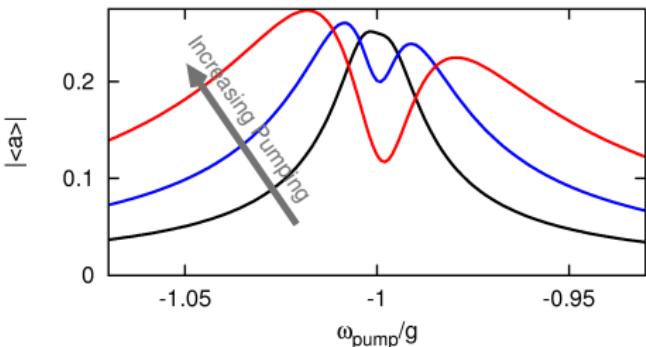
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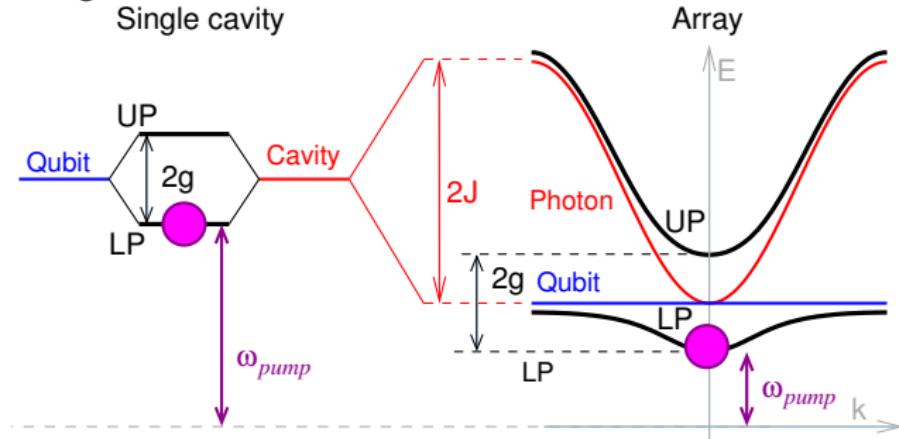
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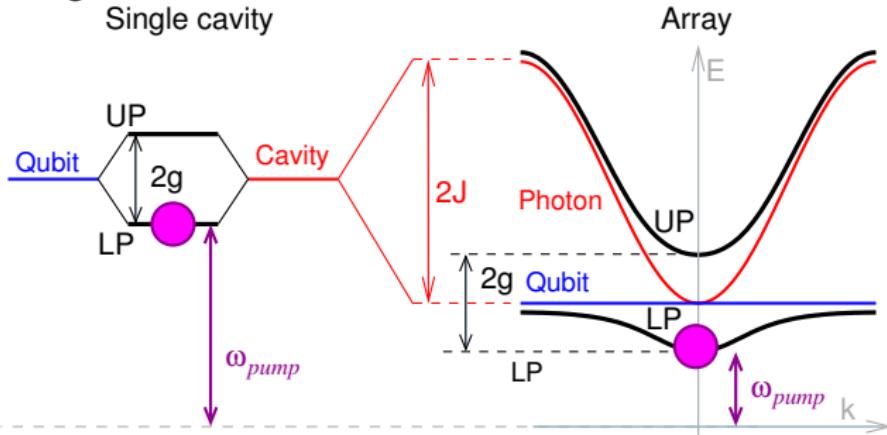
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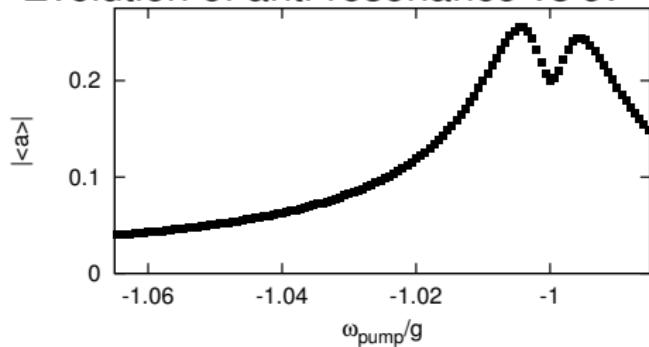
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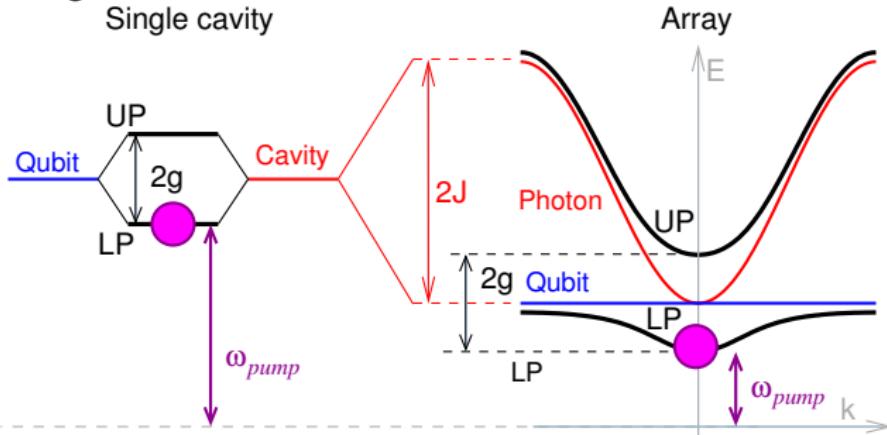
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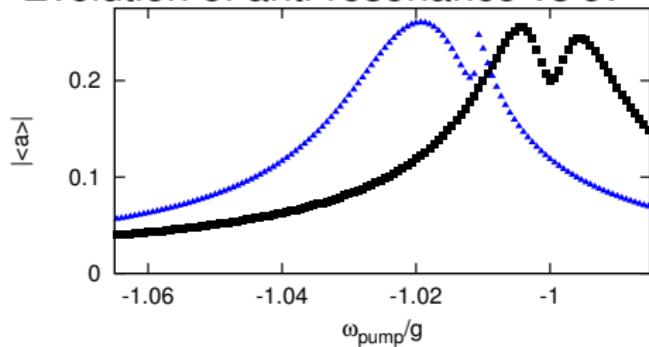
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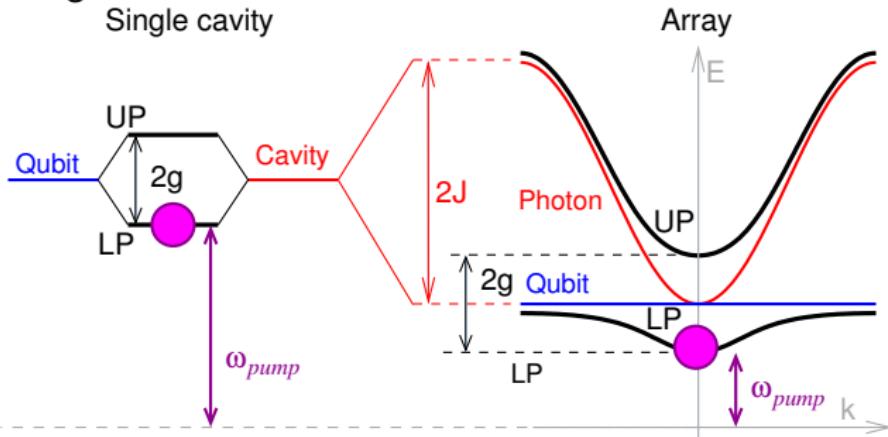
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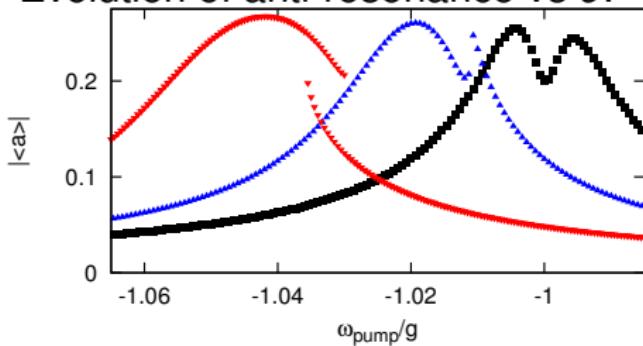
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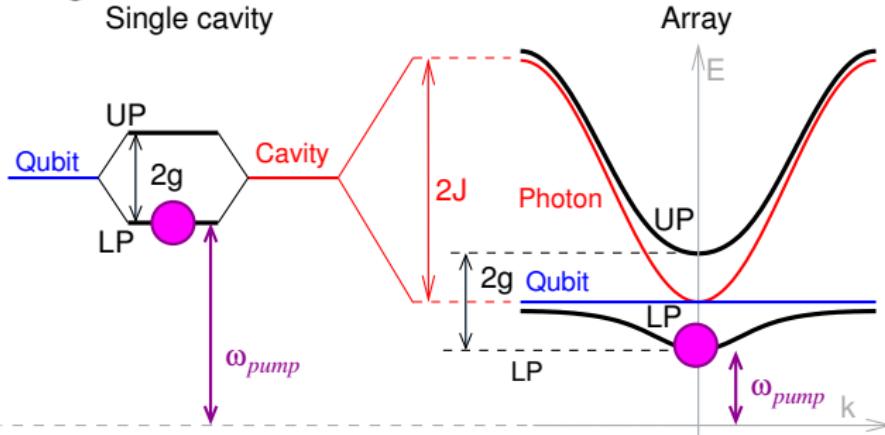
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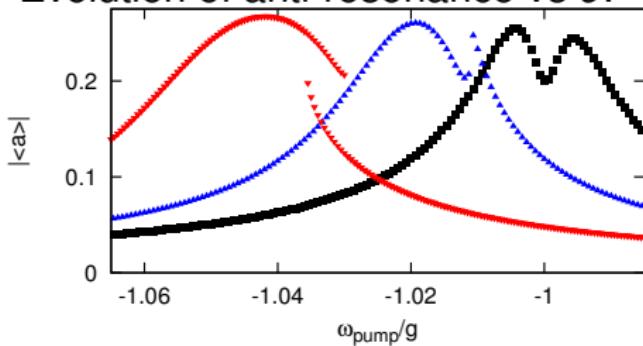
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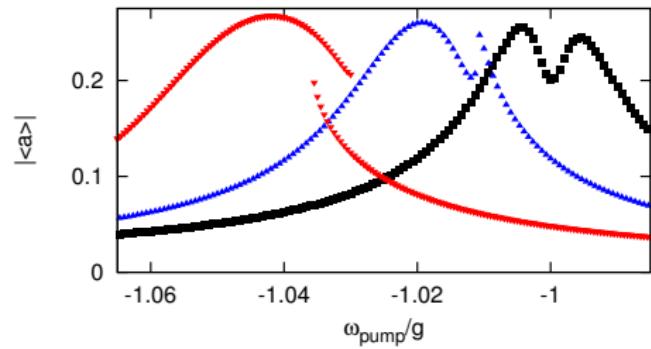


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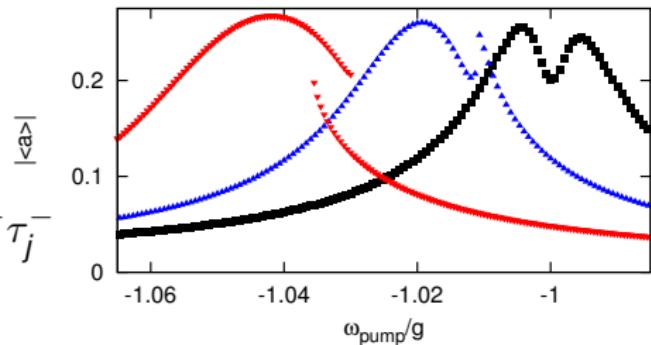


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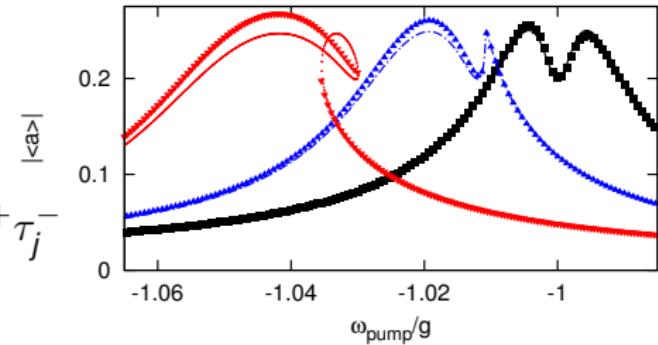


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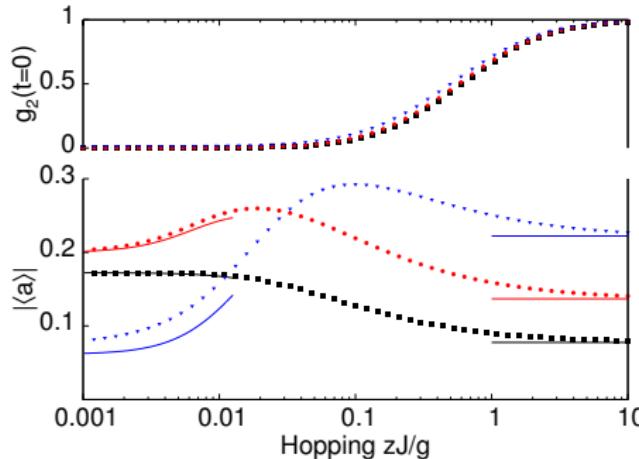
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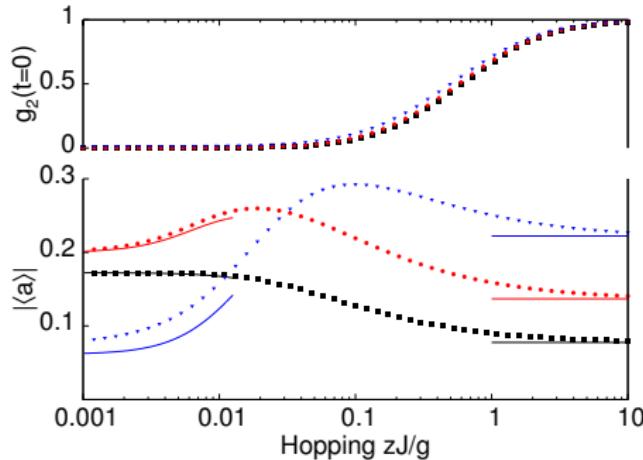


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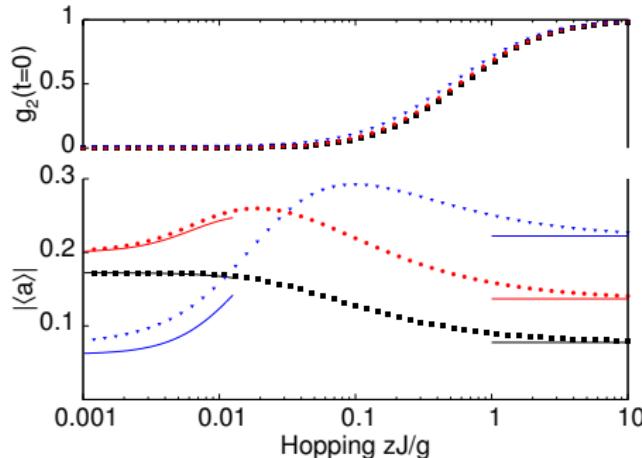


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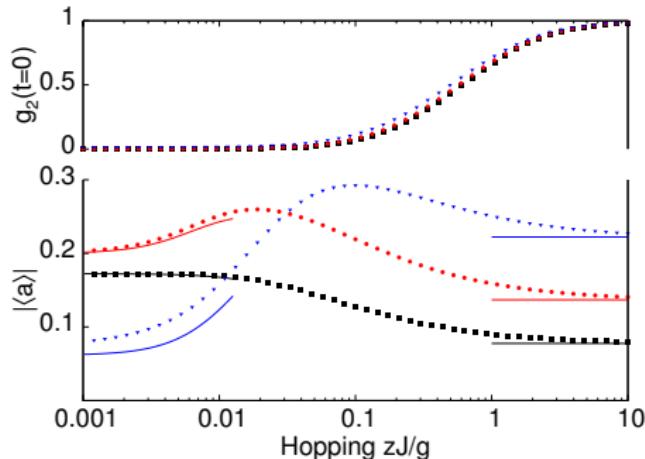
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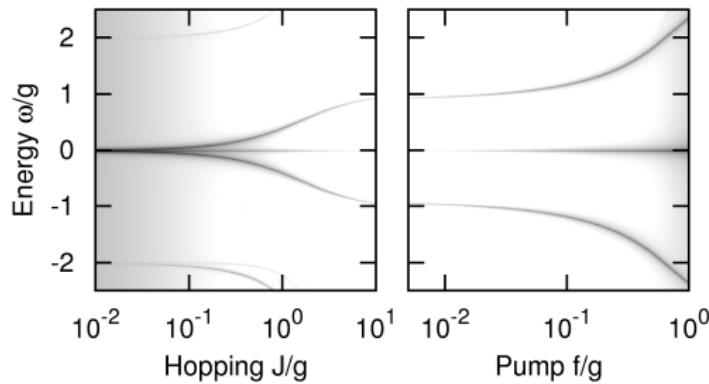


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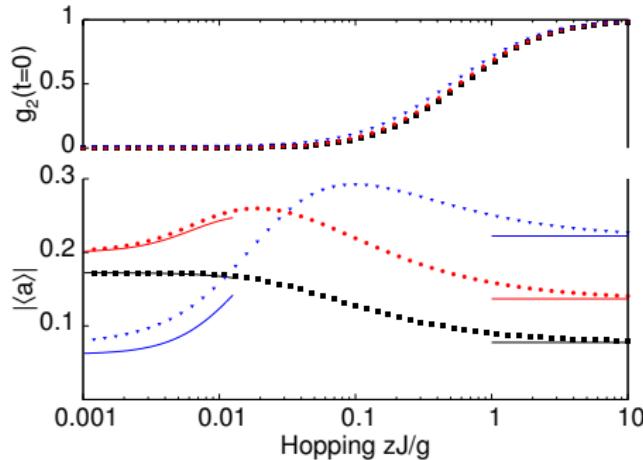
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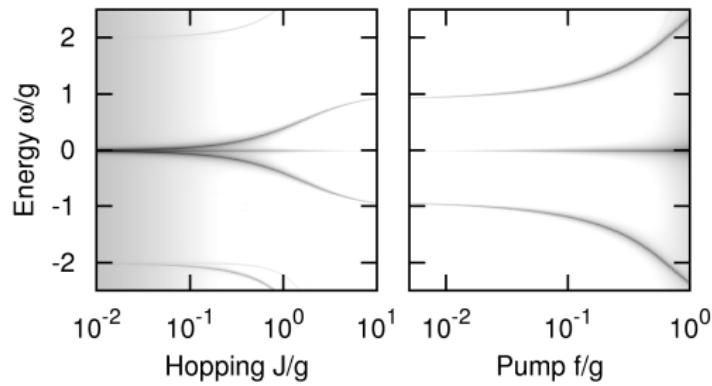


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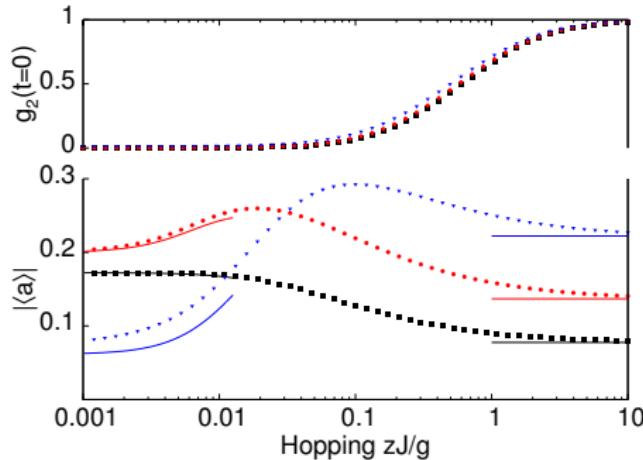
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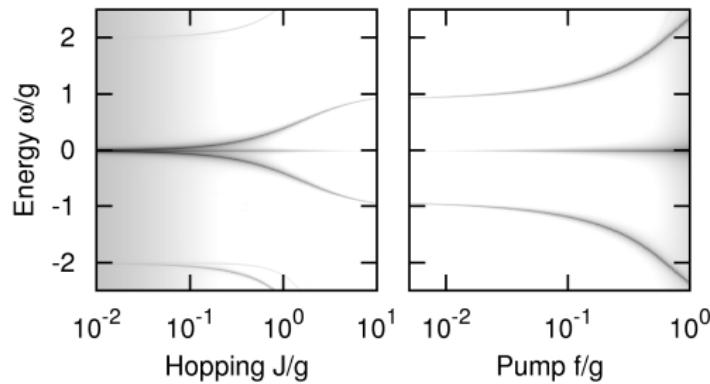


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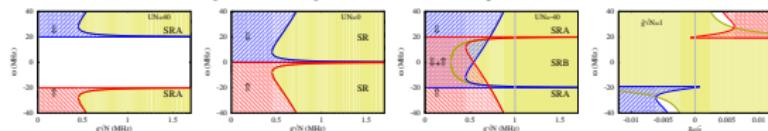
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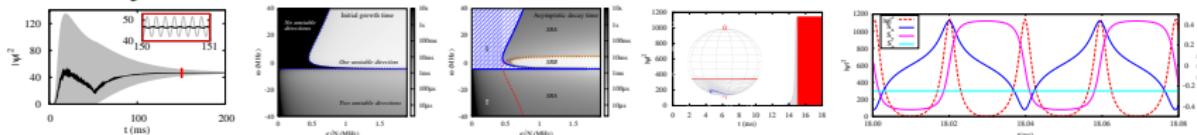


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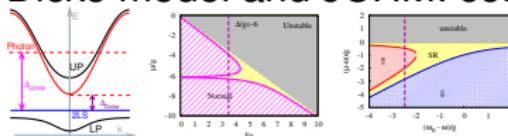


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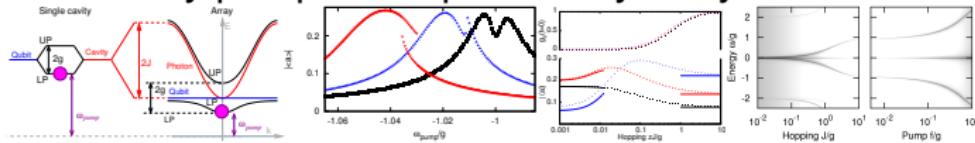


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# Ferroelectric transition

Atoms in Coulomb gauge

$$H = \sum_k \omega_k a_k^\dagger a_k + \sum_i [p_i - eA(r_i)]^2 + V_{\text{coul}}$$

Two-level systems — dipole-dipole coupling

$$H = \omega_0 S^z + \omega \psi^\dagger \psi + g(S^+ + S^-)(\psi + \psi^\dagger) + N\zeta(\psi + \psi^\dagger)^2 - \eta(S^+ - S^-)^2$$

(nb  $g^2, \zeta, \eta \propto 1/V$ ). Ferroelectric polarisation if  $\omega_0 < 2\eta N$

Gauge transform to dipole gauge  $\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{r}$

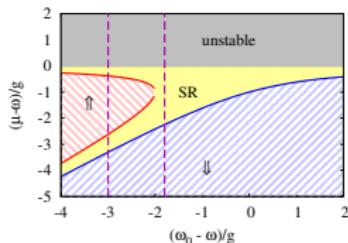
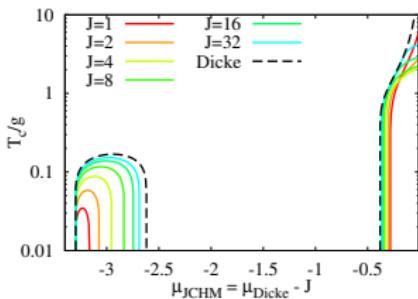
$$H = \omega_0 S^z + \omega \psi^\dagger \psi + \bar{g}(S^+ - S^-)(\psi - \psi^\dagger)$$

“Dicke” transition at  $\omega_0 < N\bar{g}^2/\omega \equiv 2\eta N$

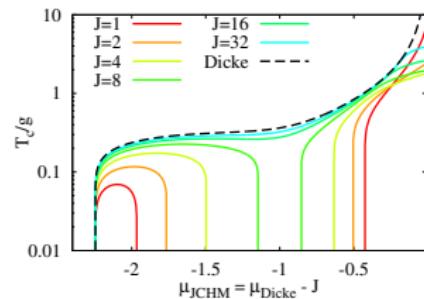
But,  $\psi$  describes electric displacement

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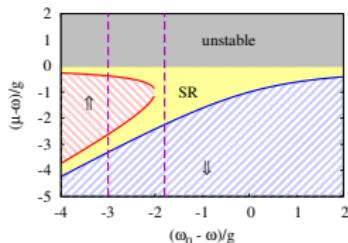
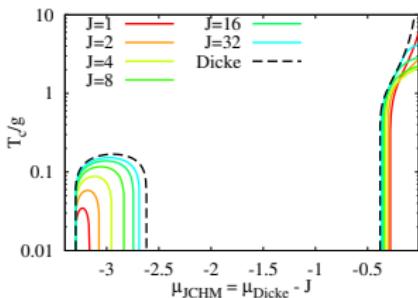
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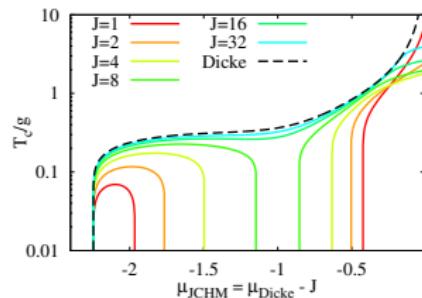
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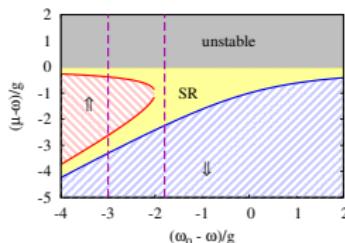
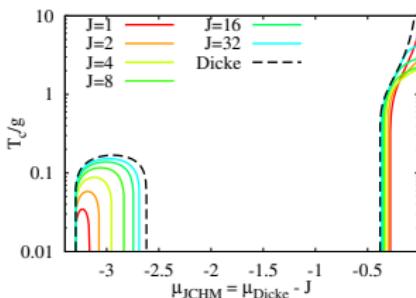


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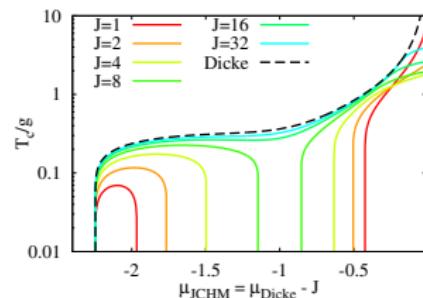
From the theory of finite bandwidth, we find that  $T_c < \rho/m$   
For  $J \gg 1$ , the theory predicts  $T_c \sim \rho/m$

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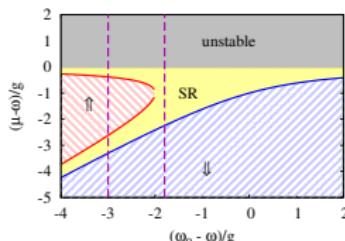
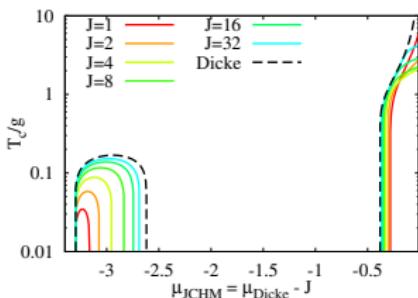
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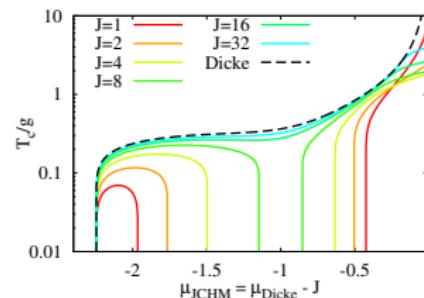
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  - ▶ Fluctuations can induce re-entrance [JK *et al.* PRB '05]