Superradiance of cold atoms in optical cavities

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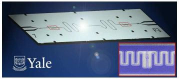
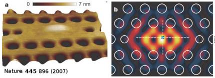
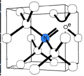
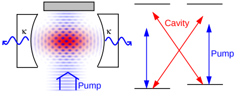
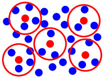
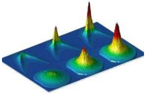
- Superconducting qubits 

- Quantum dots & NV centres 


- Ultra-cold atoms 

- Rydberg atoms/polaritons 
- Microcavity Polaritons 

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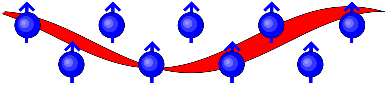

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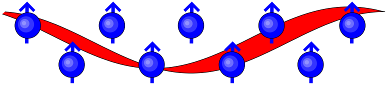

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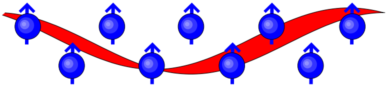

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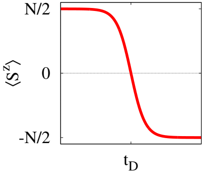

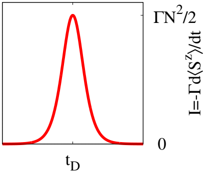

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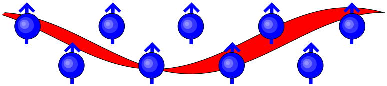

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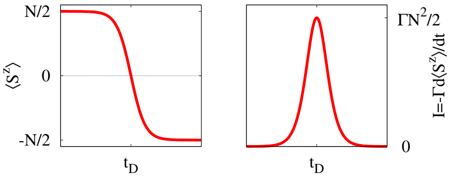

Problem: dipole interactions dephase. [Friedberg et al, Phys. Lett. 1972]

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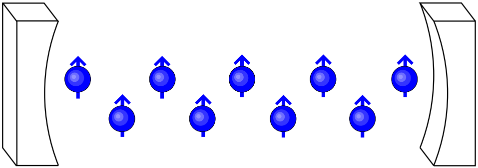

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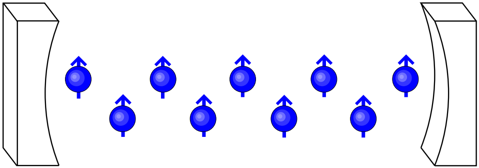

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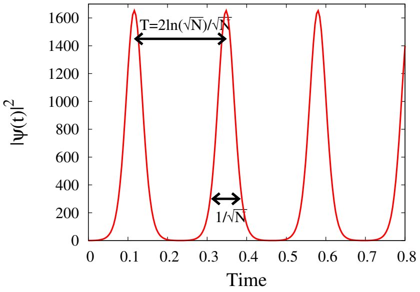

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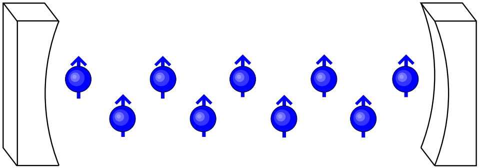

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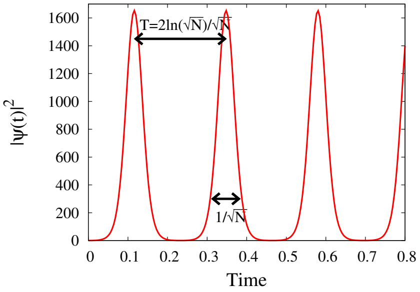

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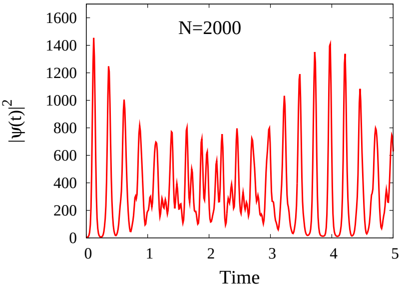

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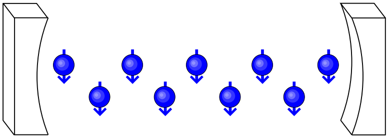

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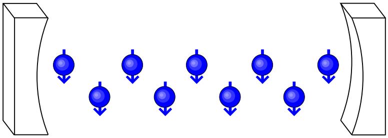

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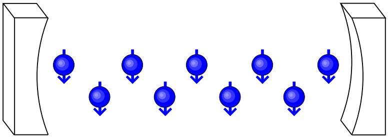

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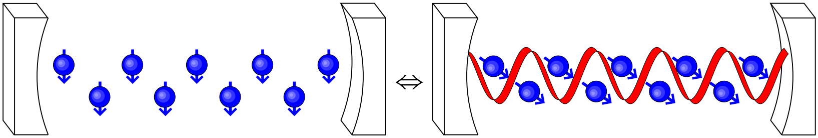

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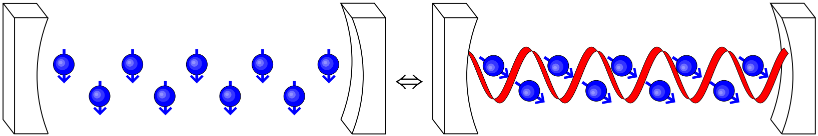

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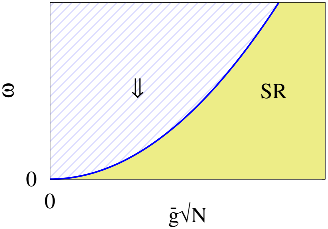

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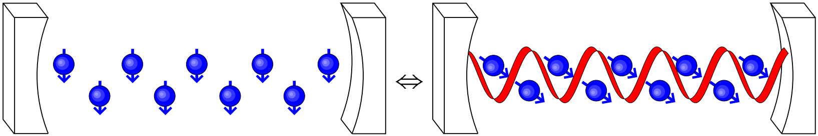

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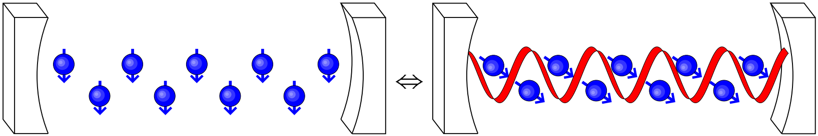

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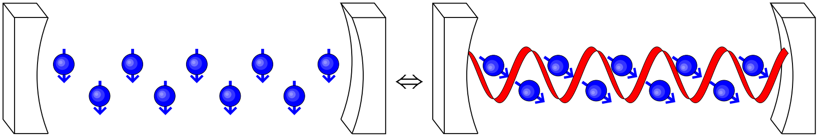

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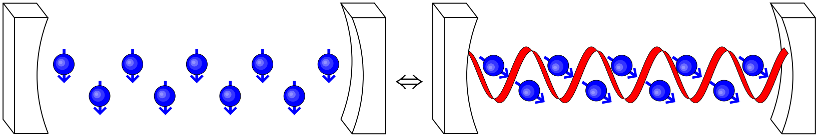

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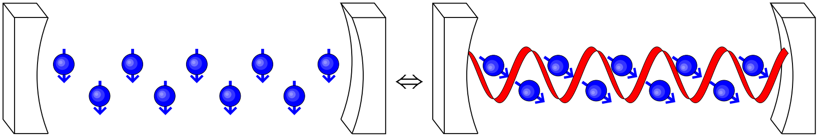

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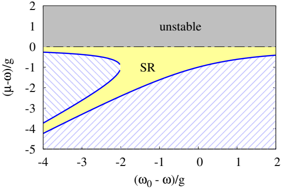

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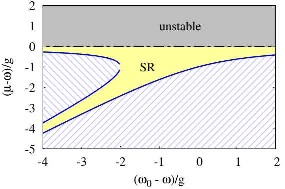

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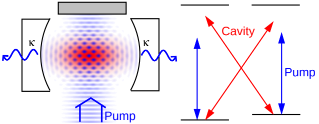

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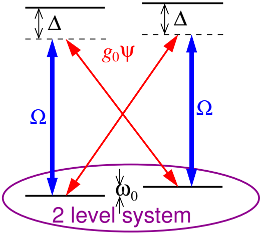

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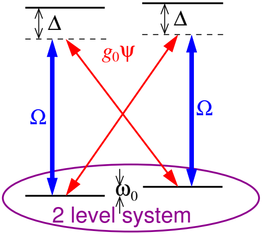

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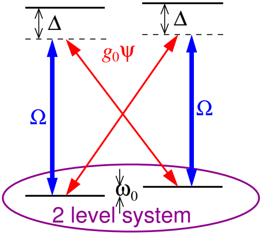

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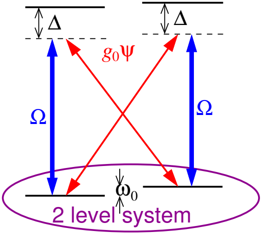

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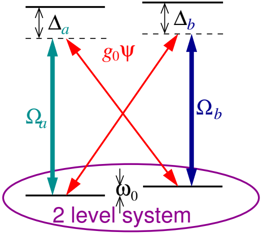

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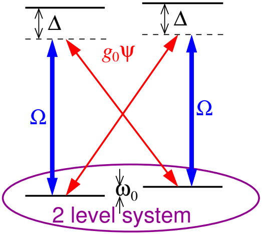

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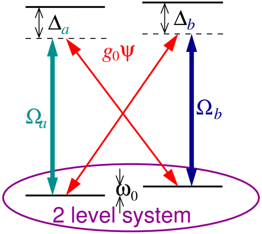

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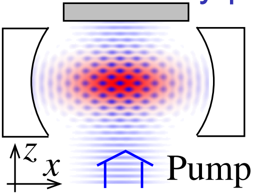

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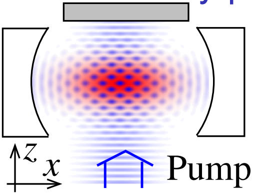

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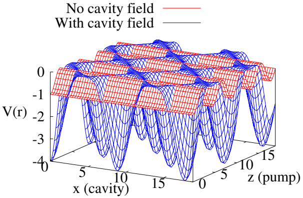

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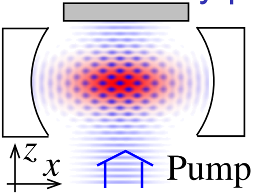

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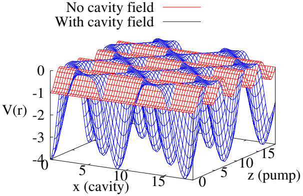

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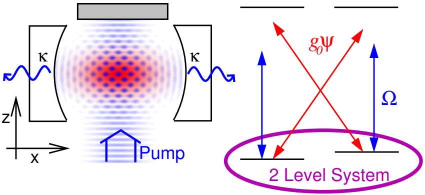

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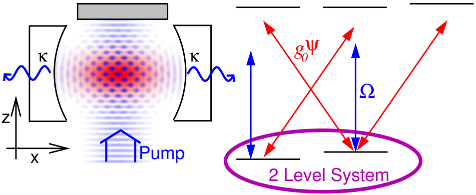

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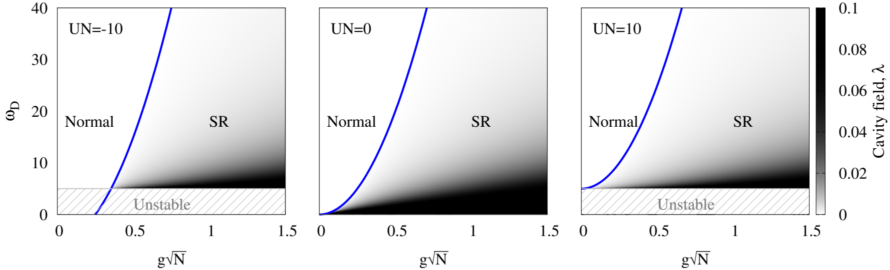

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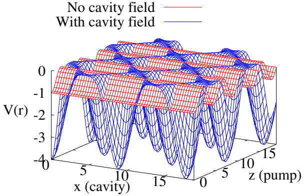

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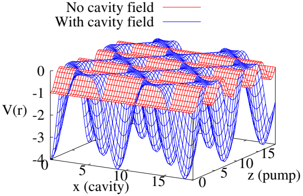

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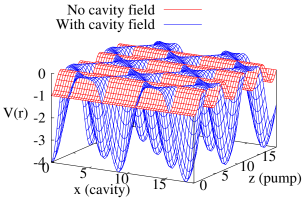

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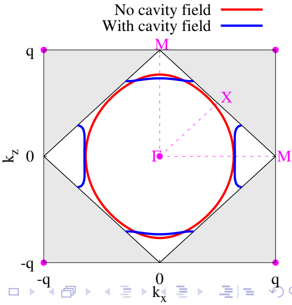

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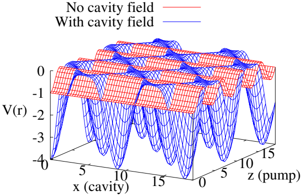

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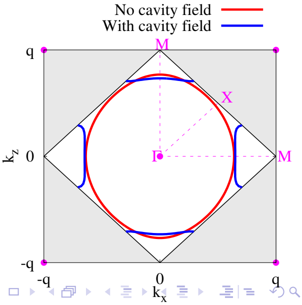

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Preprints: [JK, Bhaseen, & Simons 1309.2464, Piazza & Strack 1309.2714, Chen *et al.* 1309.3784]

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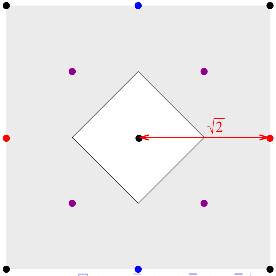

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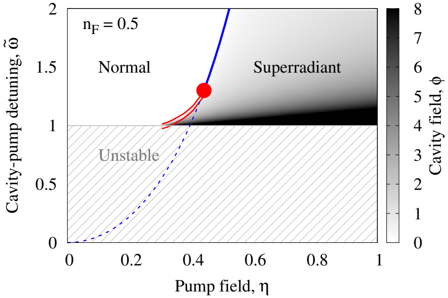

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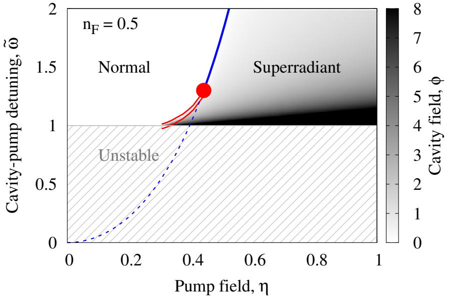

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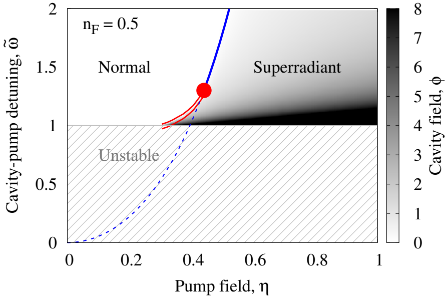

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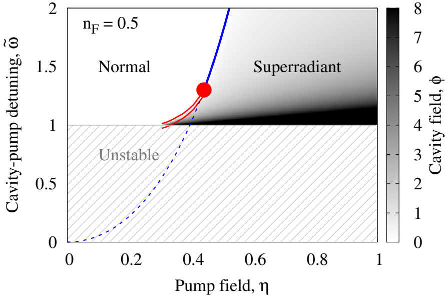

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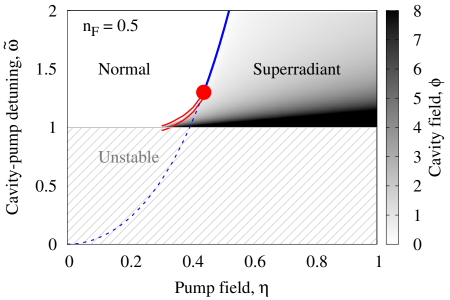

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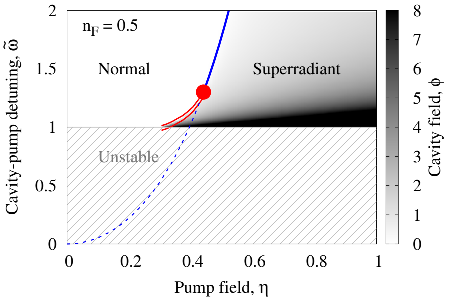

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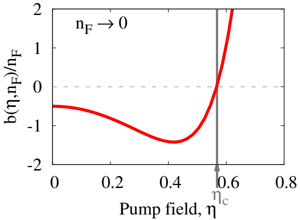

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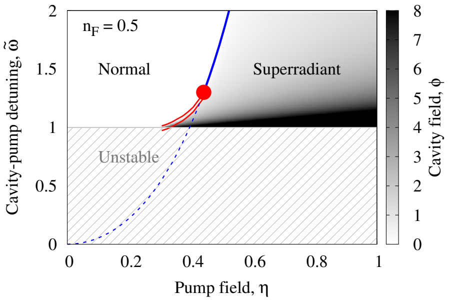

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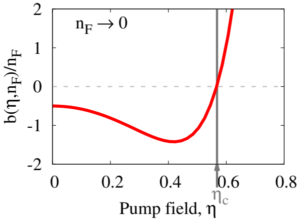

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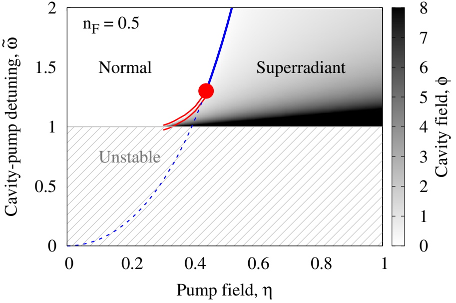

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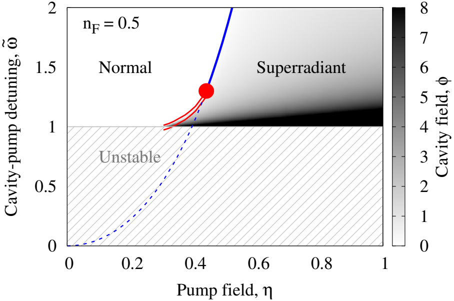

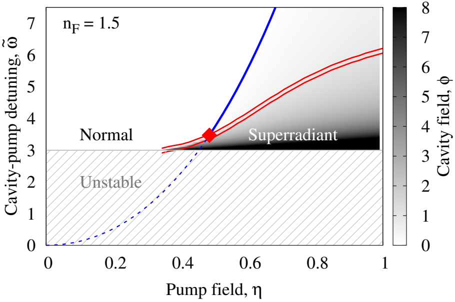

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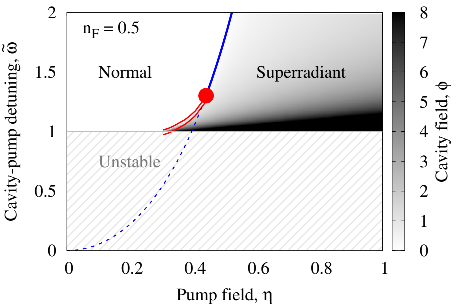

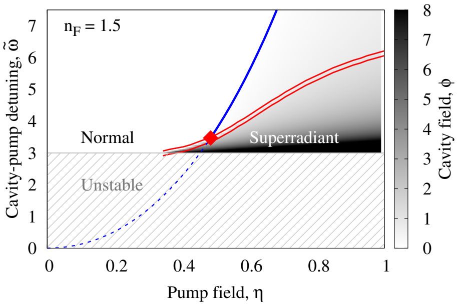

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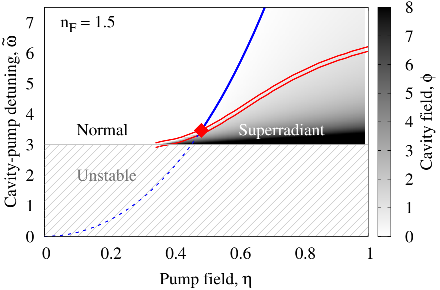

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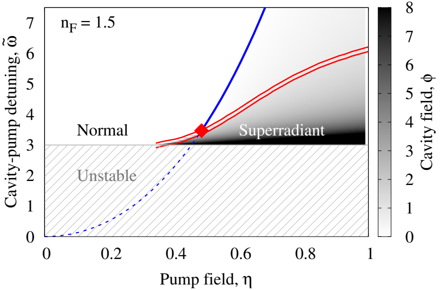

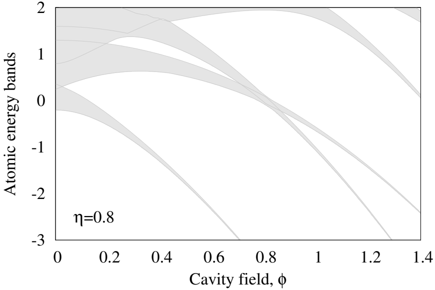

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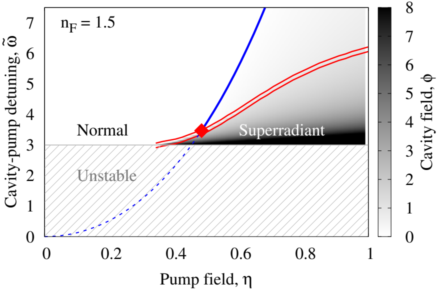

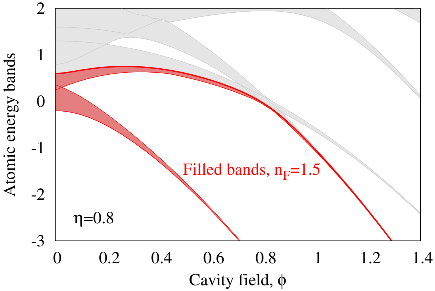

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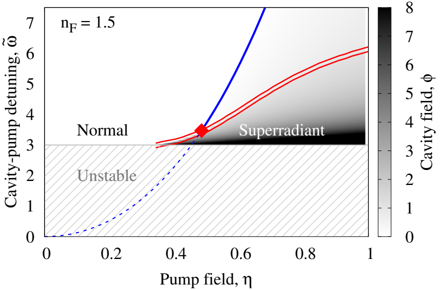

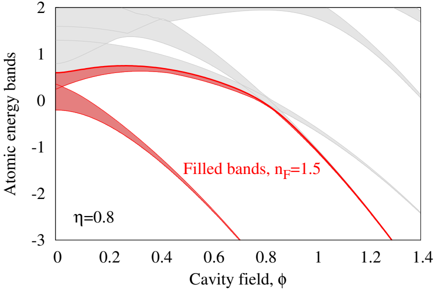

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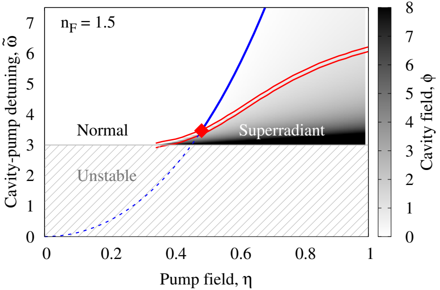

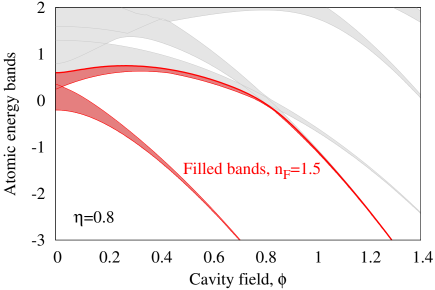

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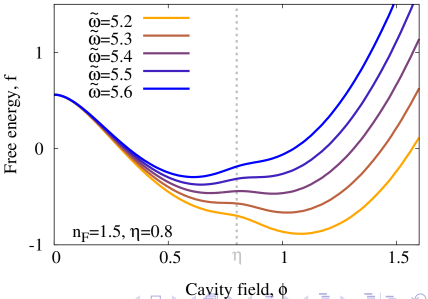

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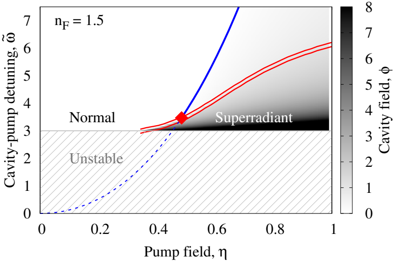

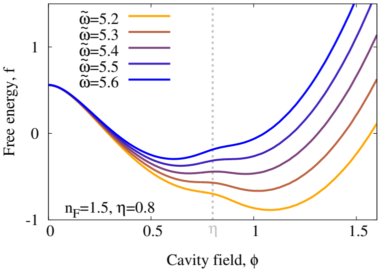

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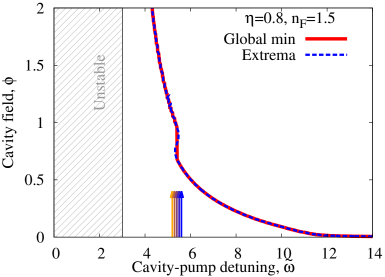

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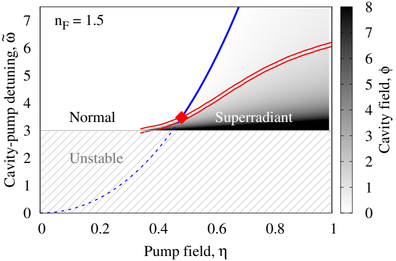

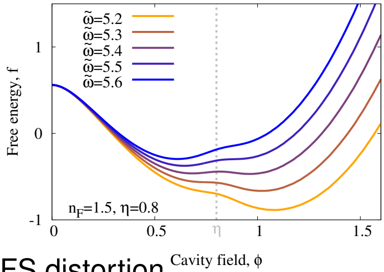

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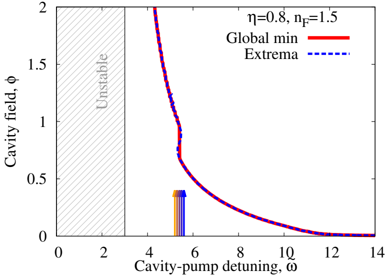

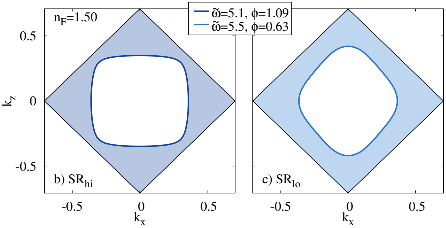

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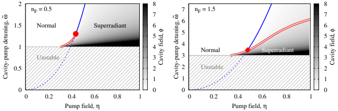

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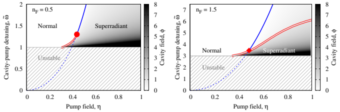

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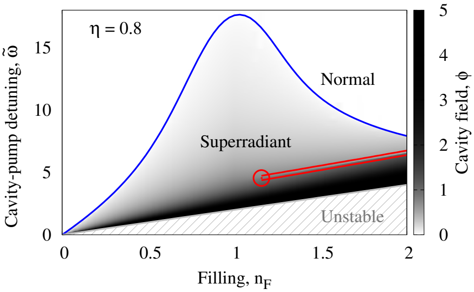

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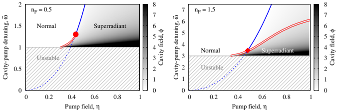

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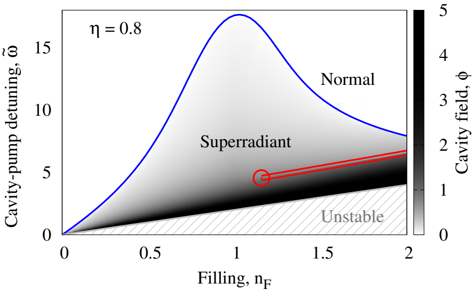

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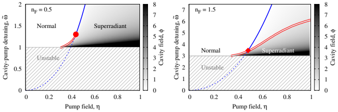

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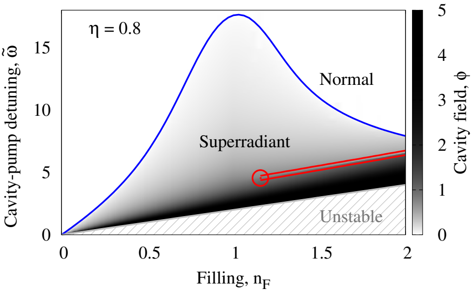

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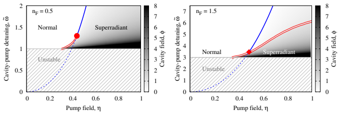

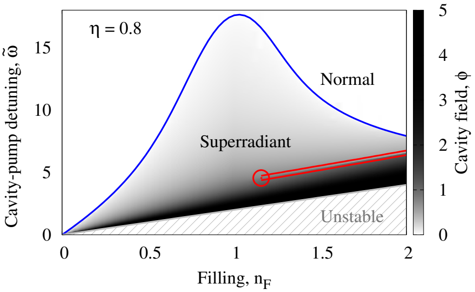

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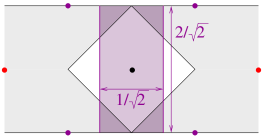

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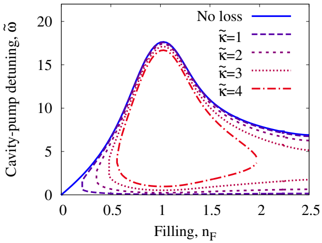

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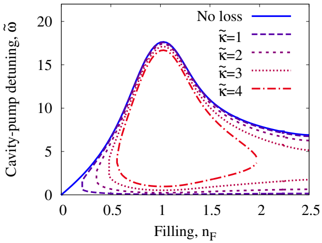

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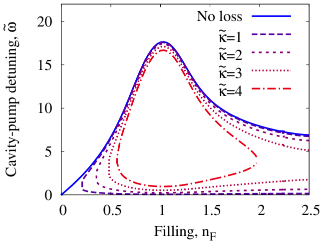

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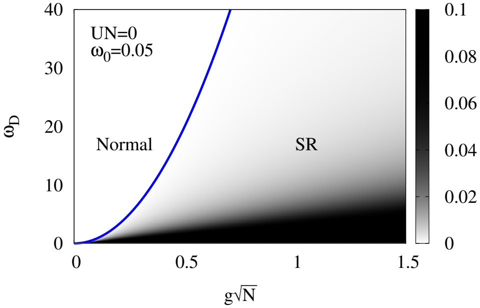

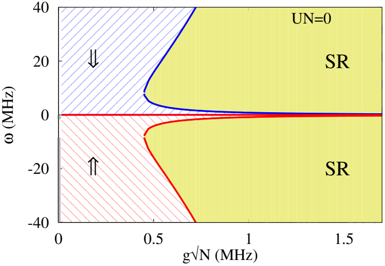

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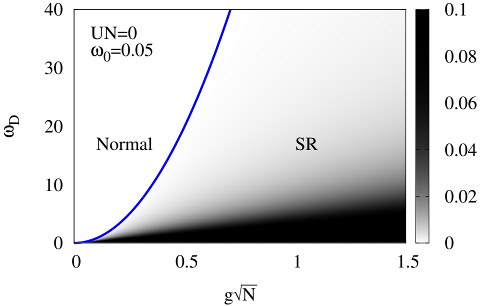

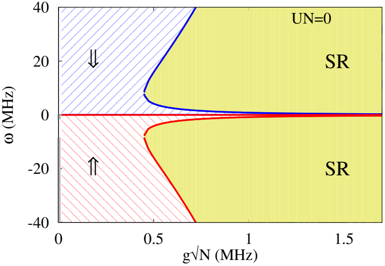

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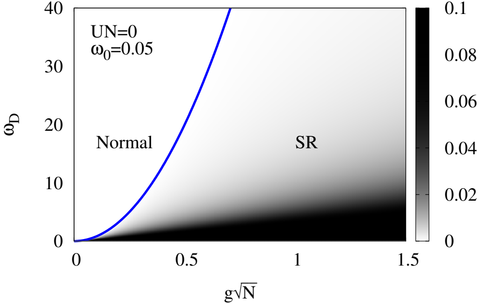

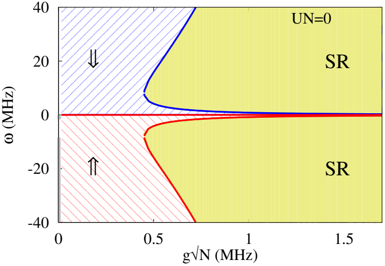

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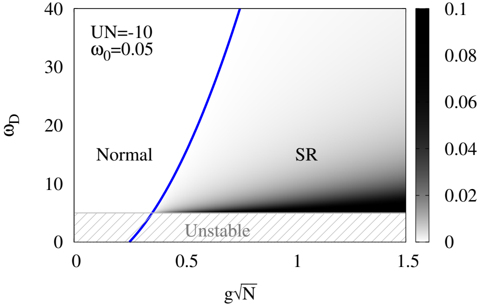

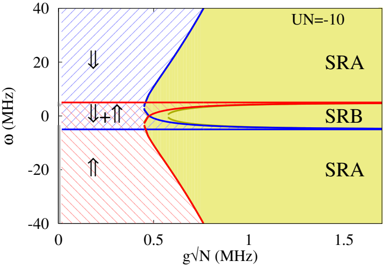

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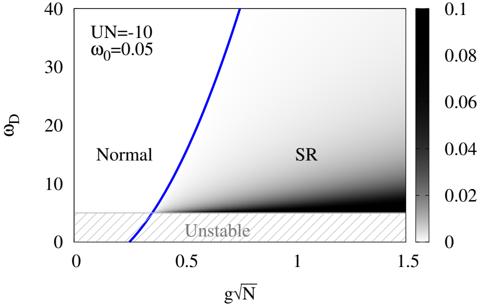

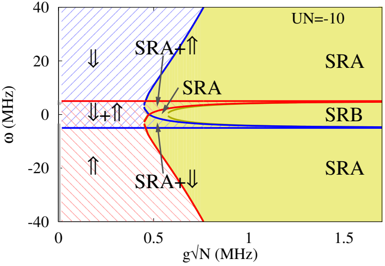

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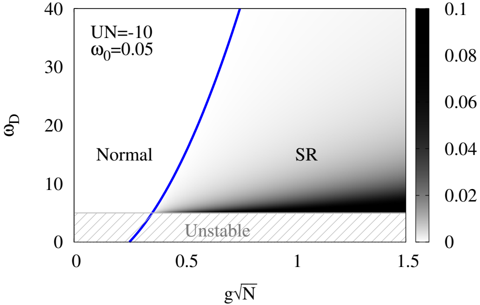

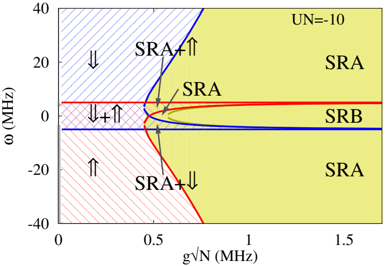

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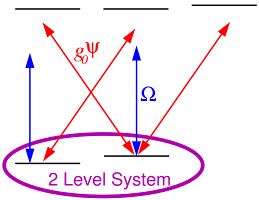

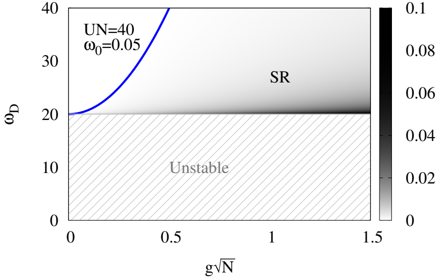

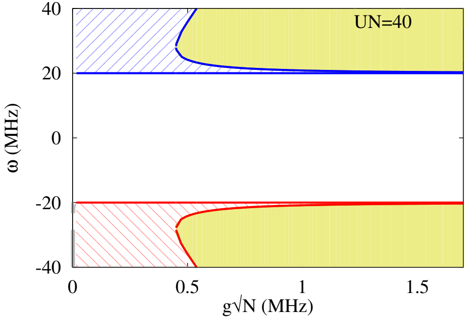

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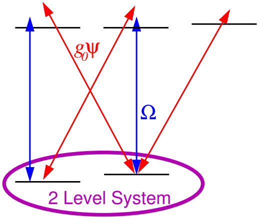

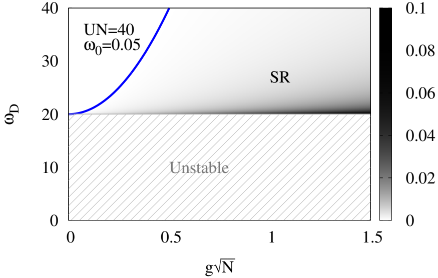

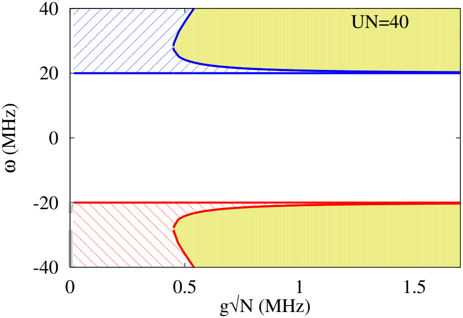

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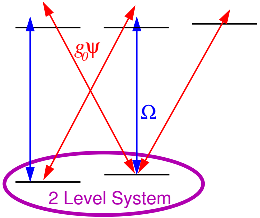

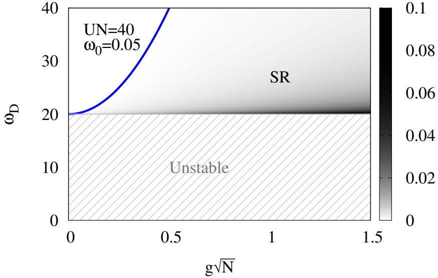

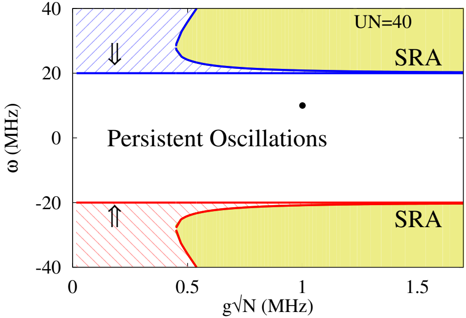

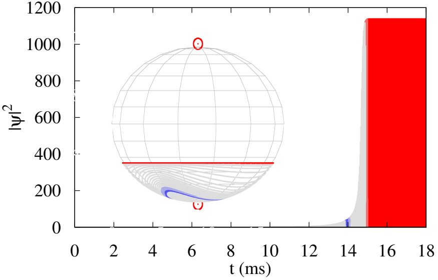

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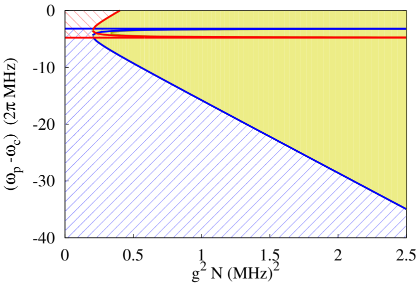

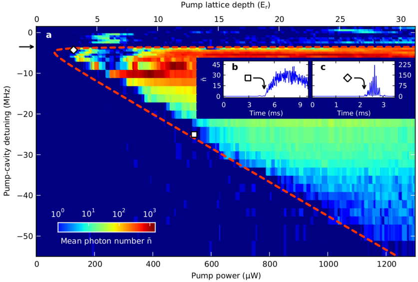

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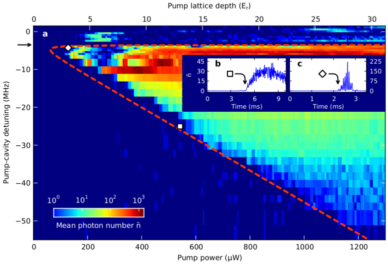

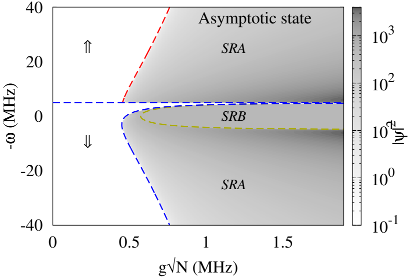

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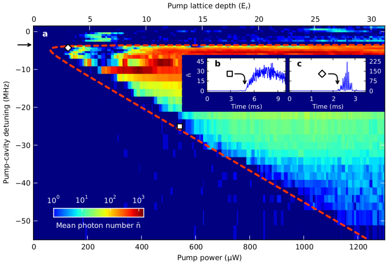

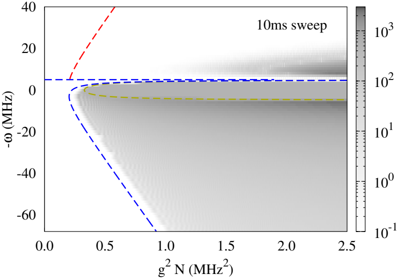

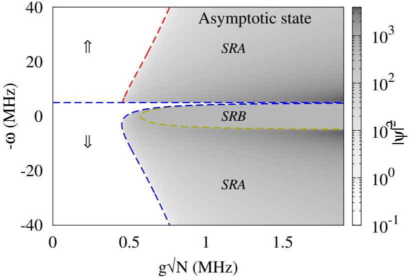

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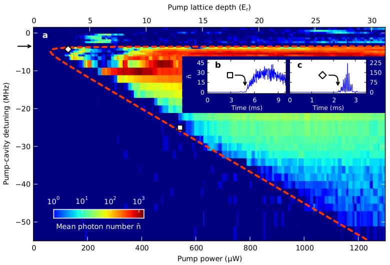

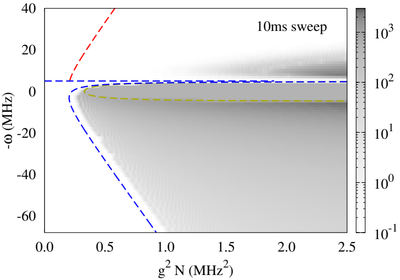

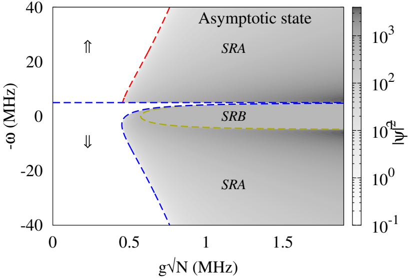

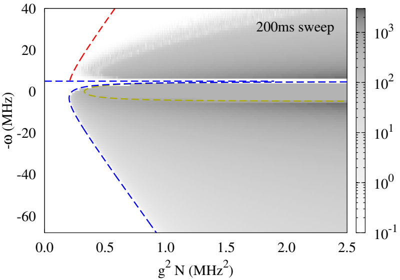

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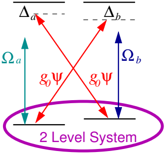

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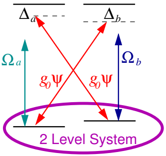

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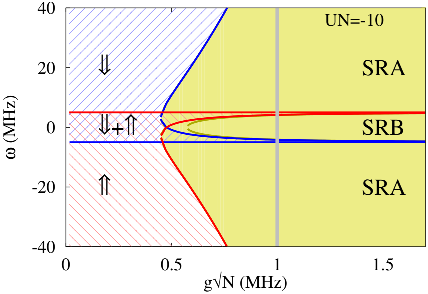

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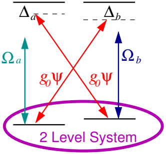

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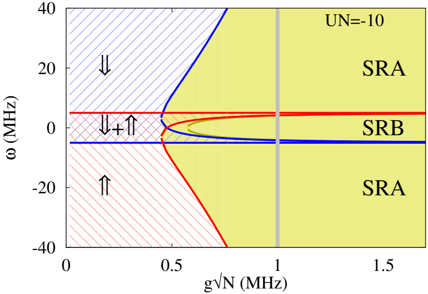

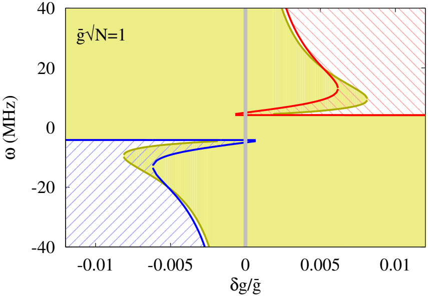

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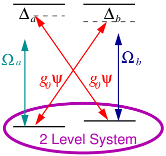

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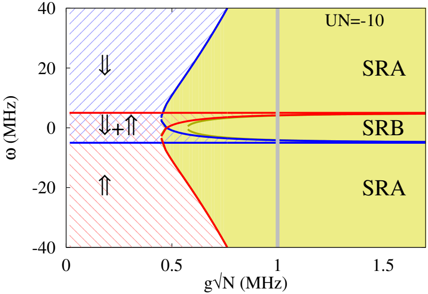

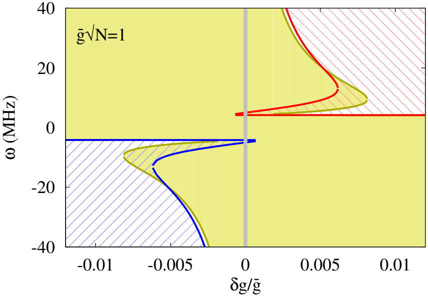

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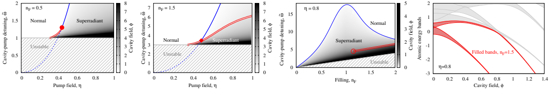

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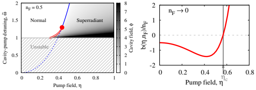

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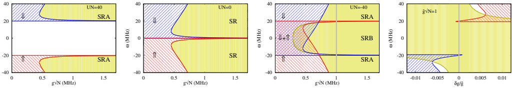

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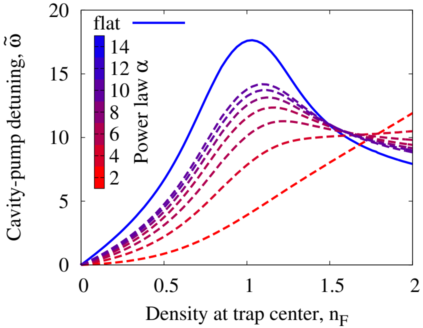

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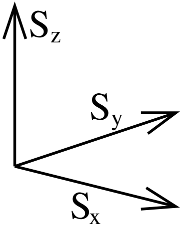

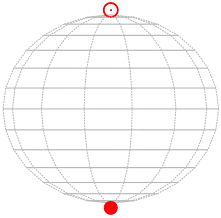

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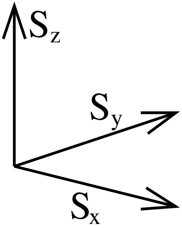

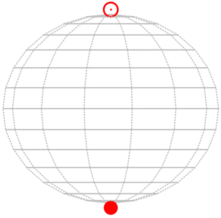

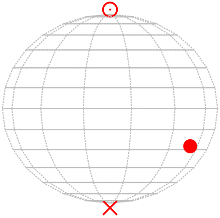

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"Dicke" transition at $\omega_0 < N\bar{g}^2/\omega \equiv 2\eta N$

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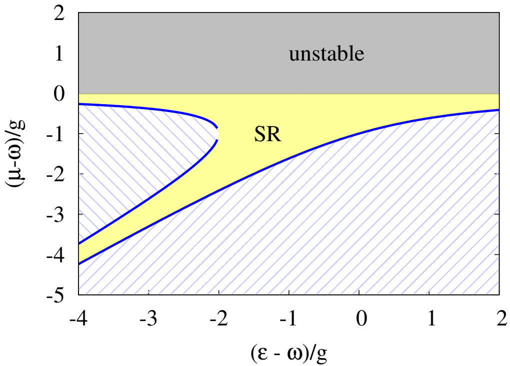

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