

Modelling weak and strong matter-light coupling with organic molecules

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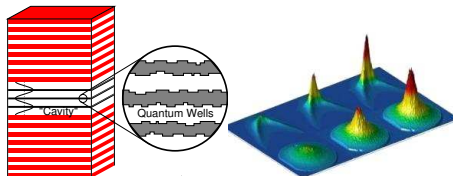
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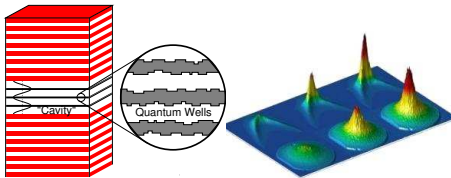
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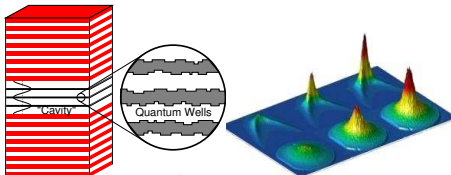
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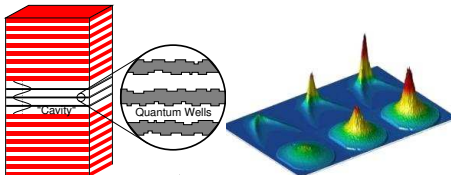
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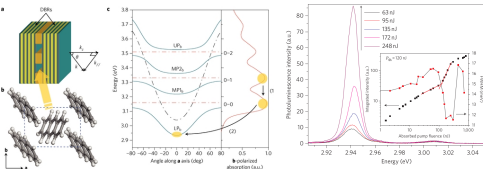
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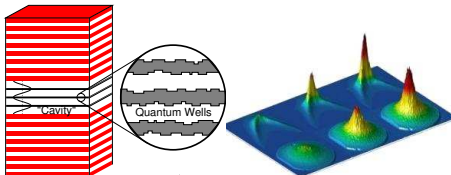


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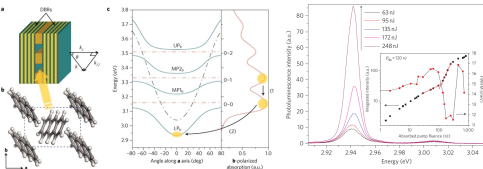
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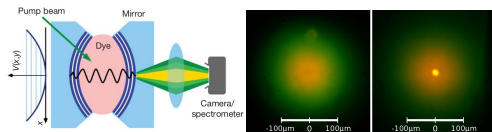
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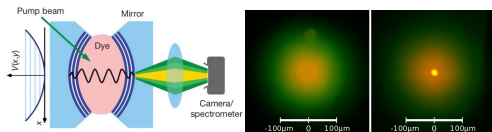
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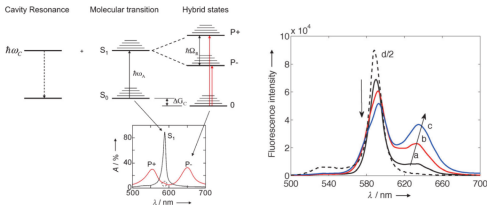


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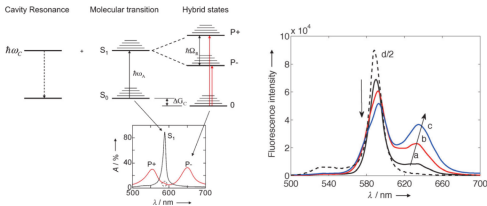
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Q1. Can **ultra-strong** coupling to light change:

- ▶ charge distribution?
- ▶ vibrational configuration?
- ▶ molecular orientation?
- ▶ crystal structure?

Q2. Are changes collective (\sqrt{N} factor) or not?

Q3. If not, what is data showing?

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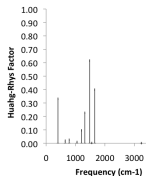
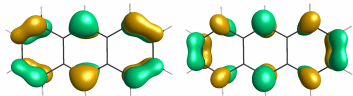
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[From Auerbach, Interacting electrons and quantum magnetism]

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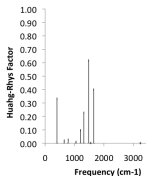
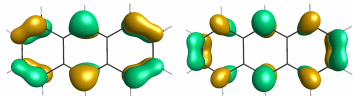
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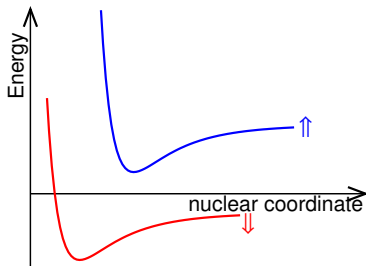
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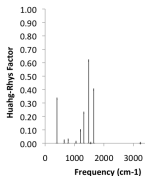
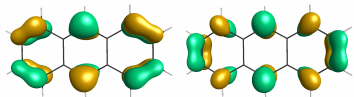
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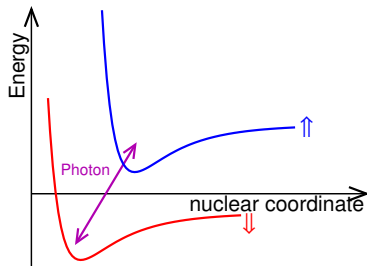
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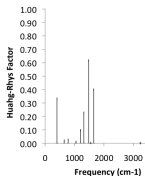
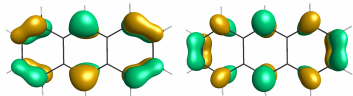
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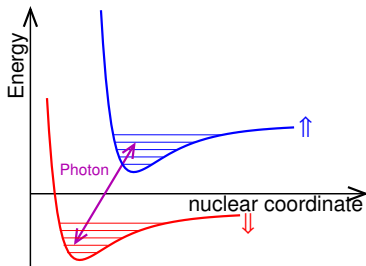
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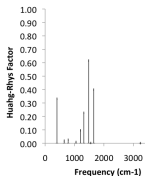
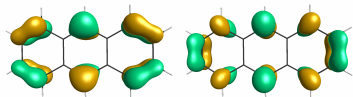
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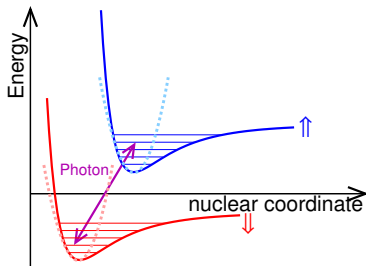


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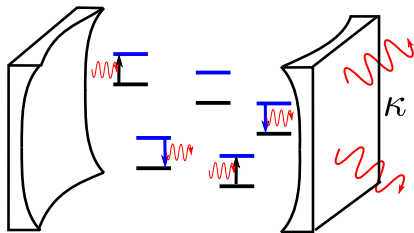
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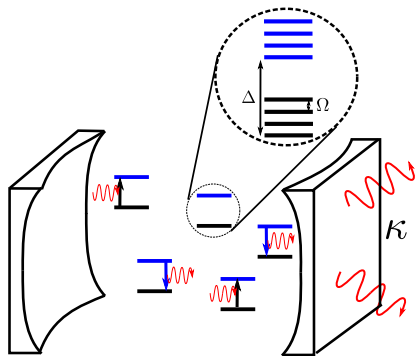


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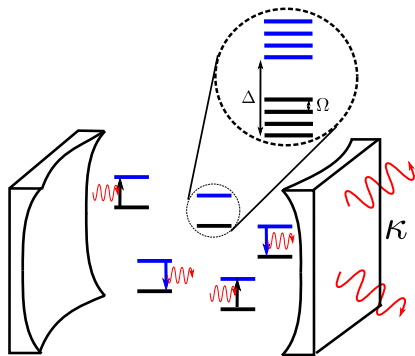
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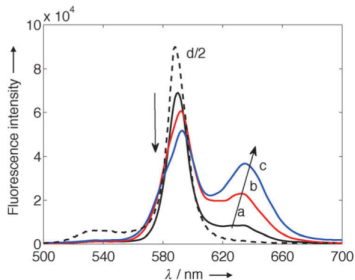
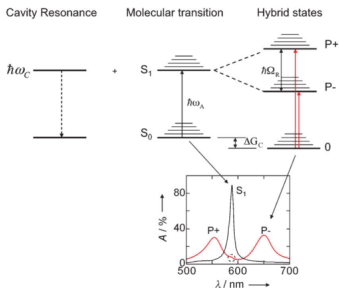
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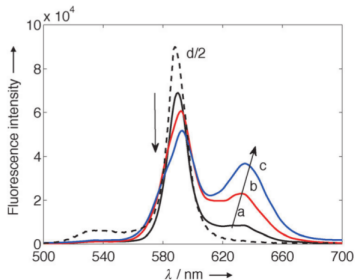
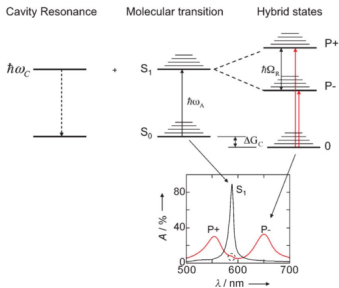


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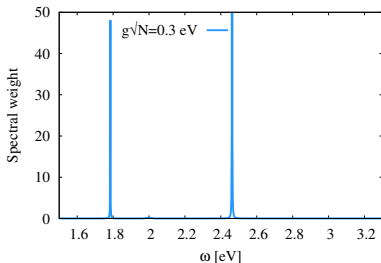
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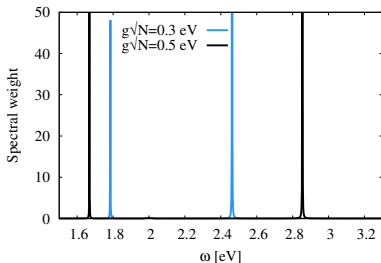
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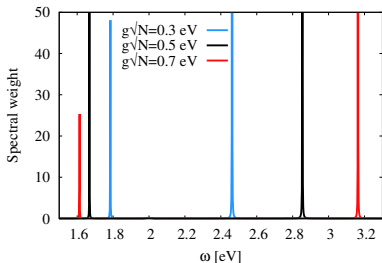
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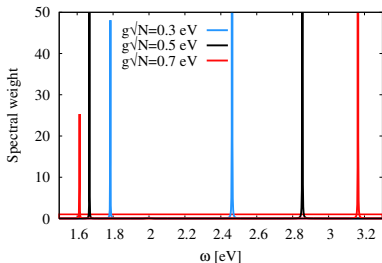


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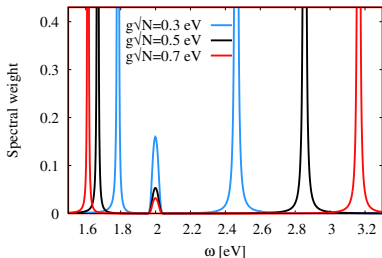


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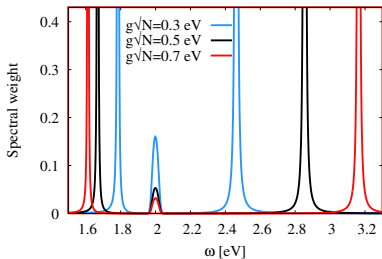
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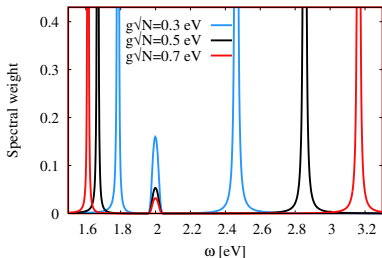
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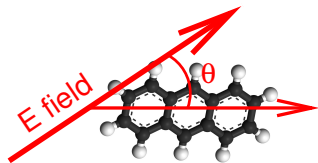
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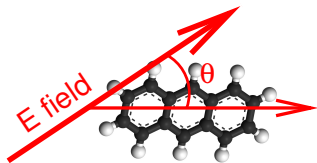
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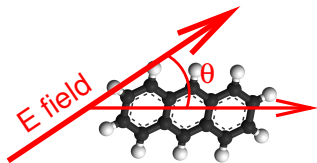
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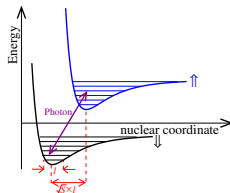
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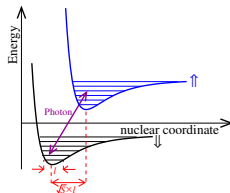
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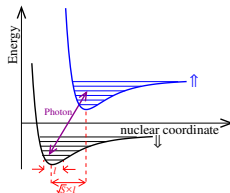
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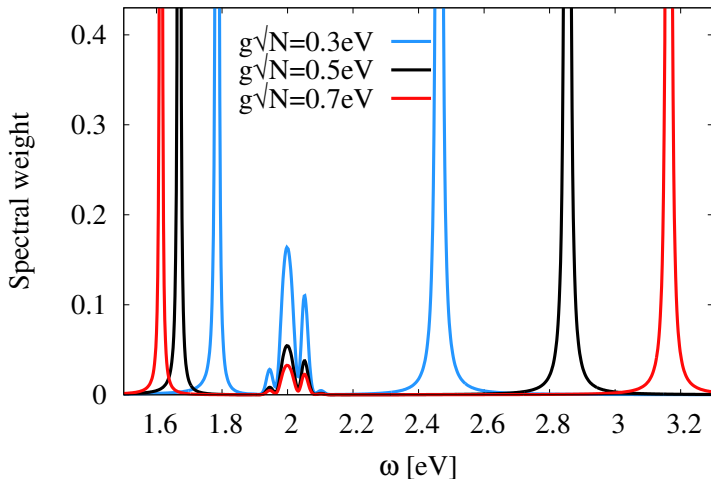
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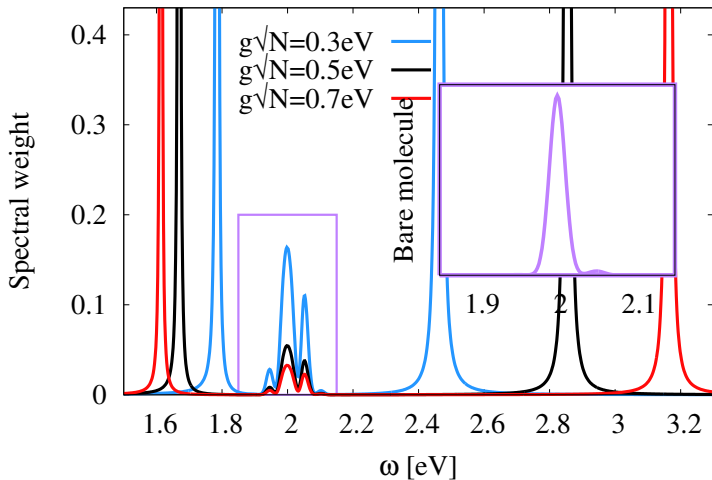
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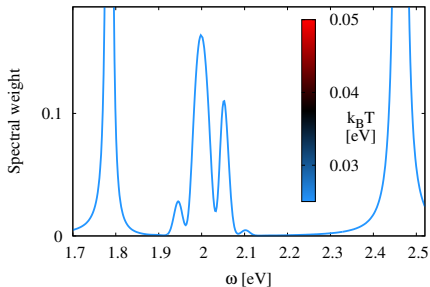
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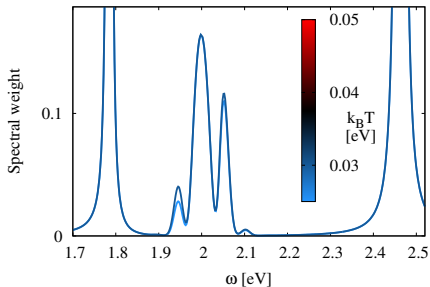


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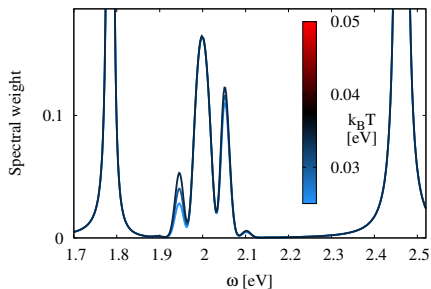


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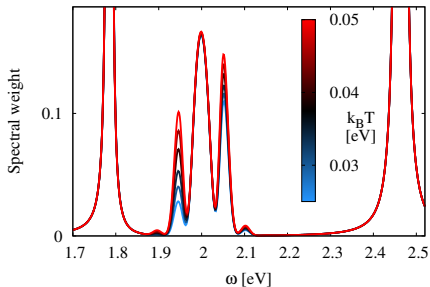


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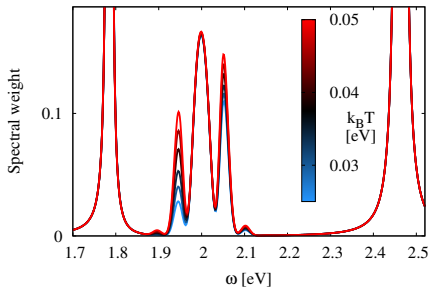
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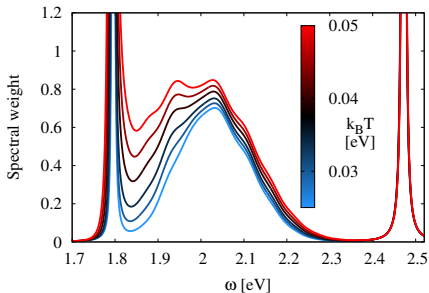
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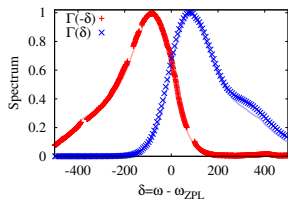
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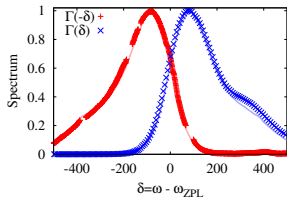


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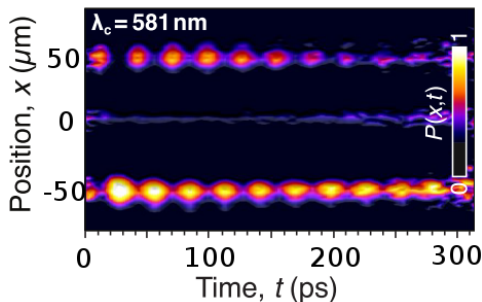
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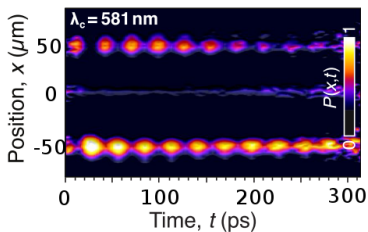
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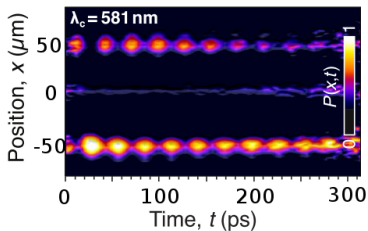
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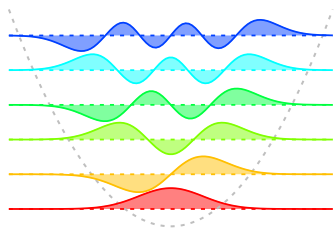


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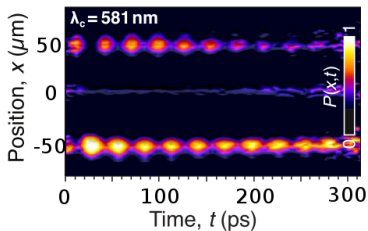
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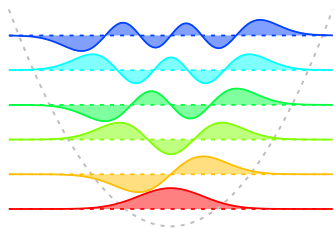
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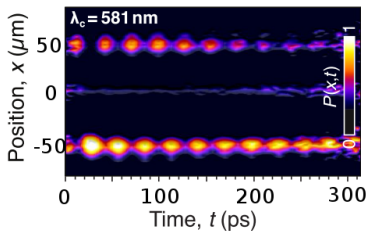
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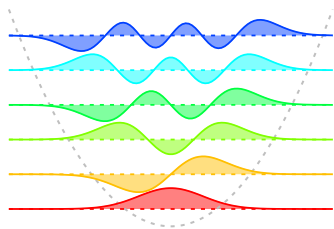


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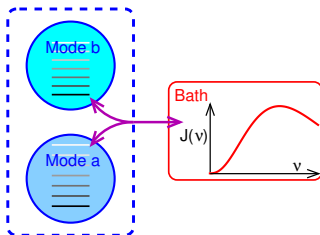
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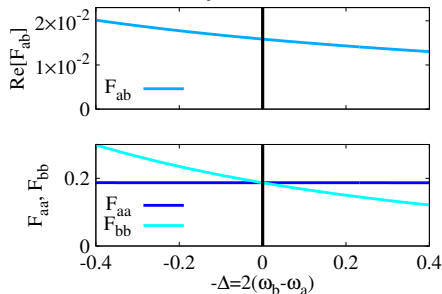
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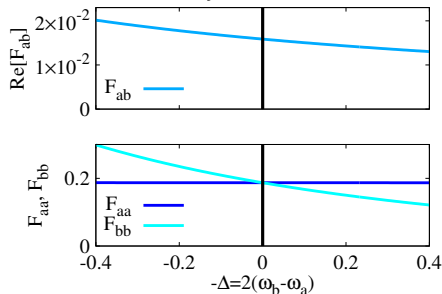


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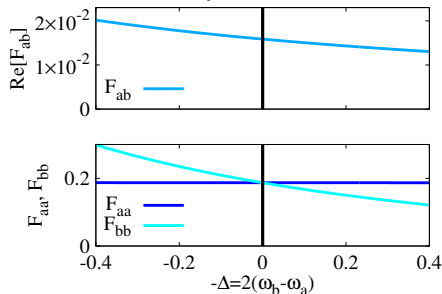
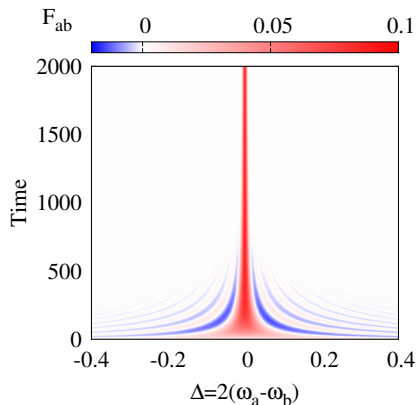
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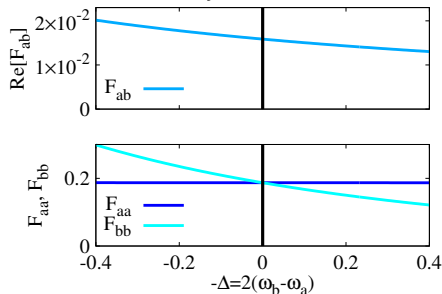
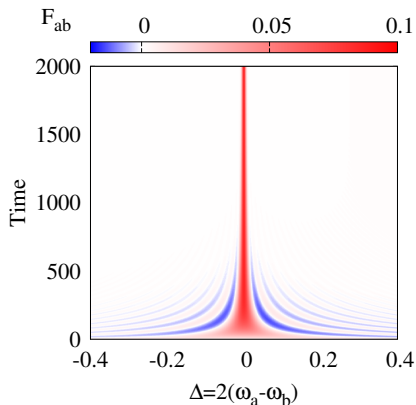
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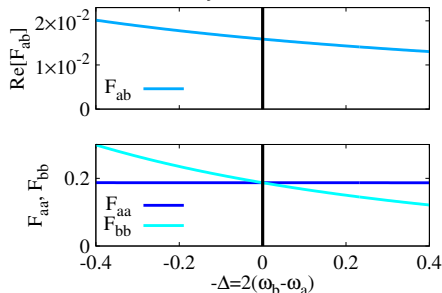
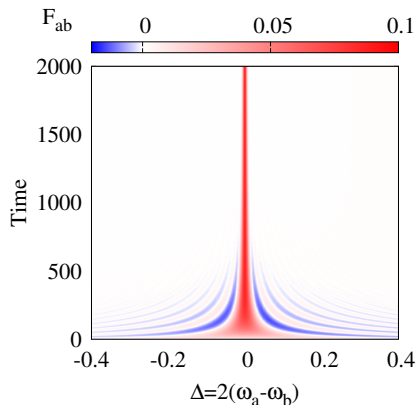


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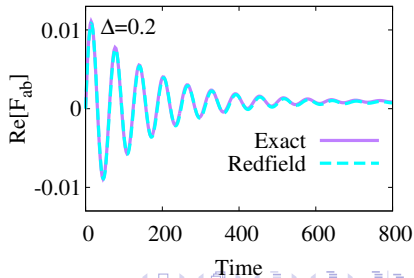
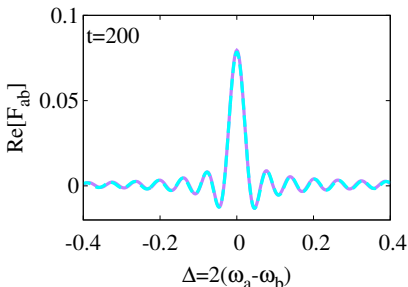
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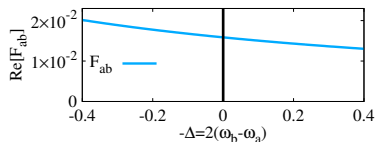
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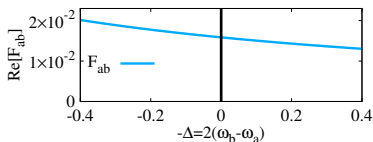
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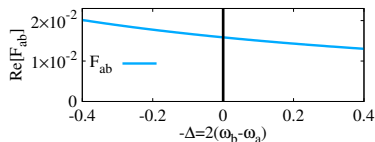
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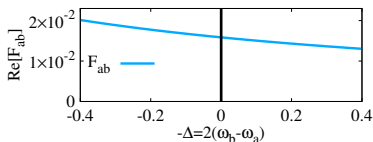
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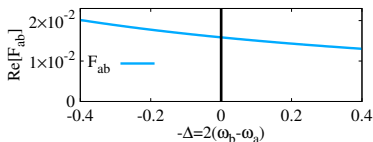
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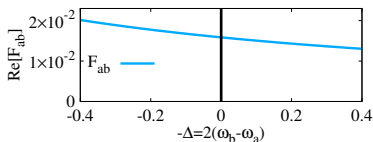
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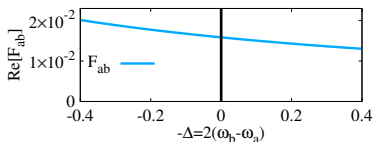
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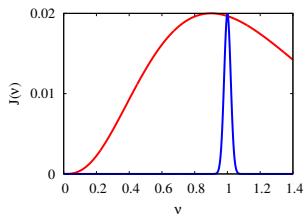
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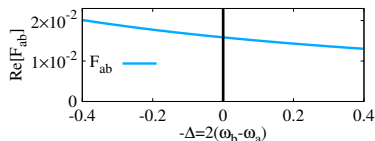
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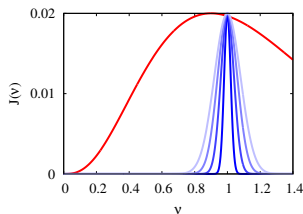
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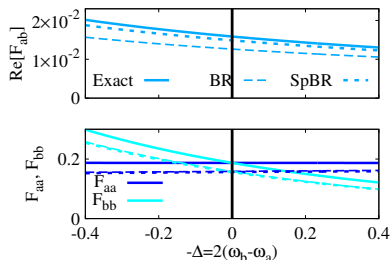
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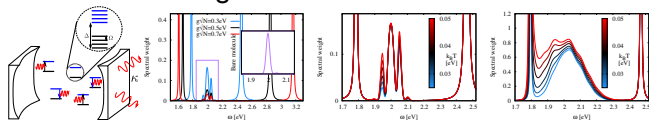
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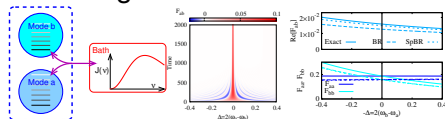
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