

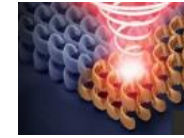
Quantum theory of light-matter interaction in dissipative and non-equilibrium environments

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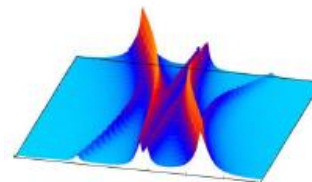
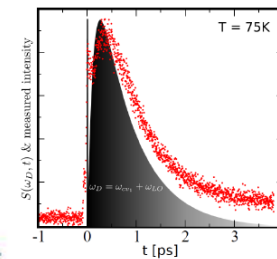
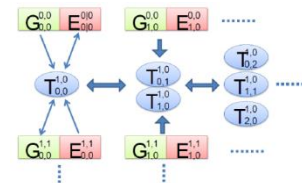
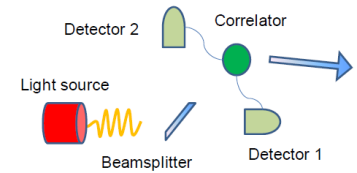


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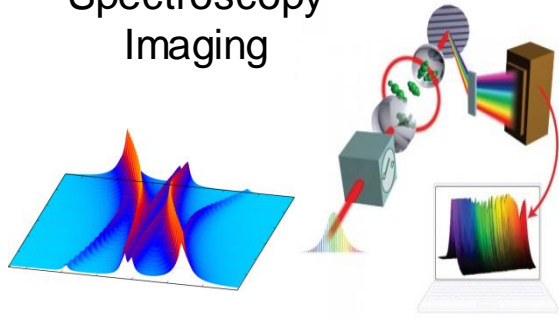
Outline



1. Light-matter interaction: Some applications
2. Photon-statistics to distinguish light sources
3. Microscopic equation of motion approach
4. Theory and experiment: Unravel underlying physics
5. Theoretical proposals
6. Outlook

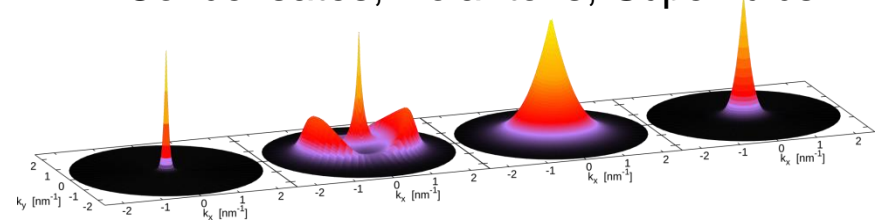


Spectroscopy Imaging

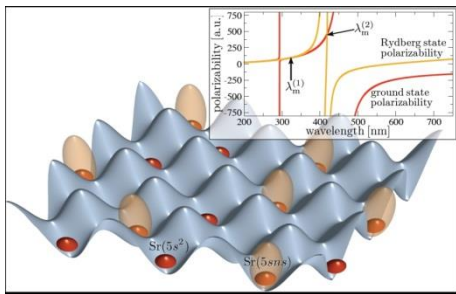


Scientific applications

Generating new states of matter: Condensates, Polaritons, Superfluids



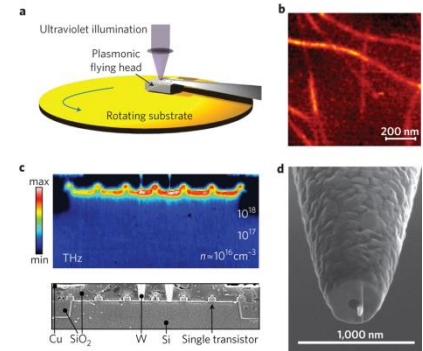
Optical lattices: Quantum simulators, Quantum algorithms



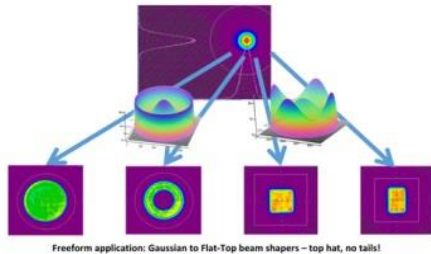
Mukherjee et al, J. Phys. B 44 (2011)

Plasmonics and subwavelength fabrication

Schuller et al, Nat. Materials (2010)



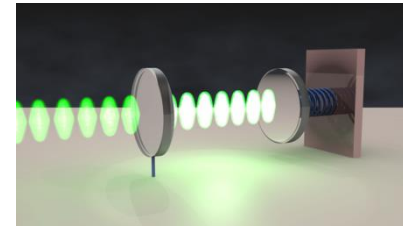
Transform optics, Metamaterials



Freeform application: Gaussian to Flat-Top beam shapers – top hat, no tails!

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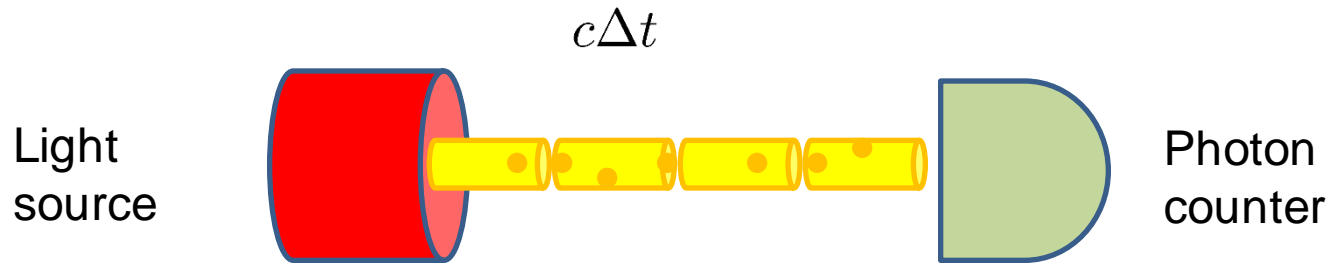
Optomechanics: Sensing and dissipation studies



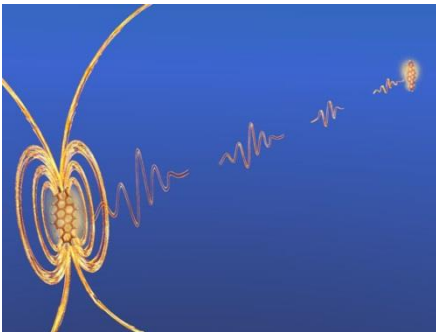
Favero et al, New. J. Phys, 16 (2014)

New types of light

Consider a beam of photons:



Number of photons within the beam segments (regularity within the beam) determines the statistics



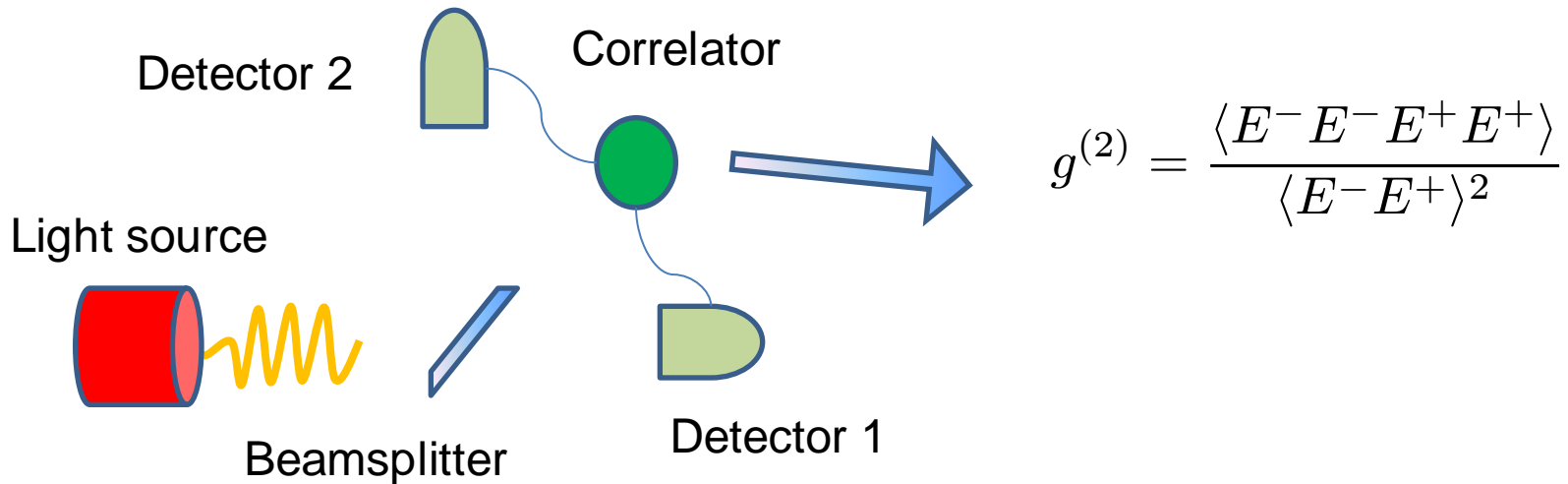
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Measure the photon statistics

Hanbury Brown-Twiss setup



$$g^{(2)} = \frac{\langle E^- E^- E^+ E^+ \rangle}{\langle E^- E^+ \rangle^2}$$

unified description requires a fully quantum optical formulation

c_q^\dagger : creation of a photon

c_q : destruction of a photon

$$E(r, t) = \sum_q \left[\epsilon_q^*(r) c_q^\dagger(t) + \epsilon_q(r) c_q(t) \right]$$

$$c^\dagger |n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle$$

$$c |n\rangle = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle$$

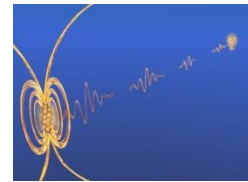
Quantify the light statistics

Intensity-intensity correlation $g^{(2)}(t, \tau = 0) = \frac{\langle c^\dagger c^\dagger c c \rangle}{\langle c^\dagger c \rangle^2}$

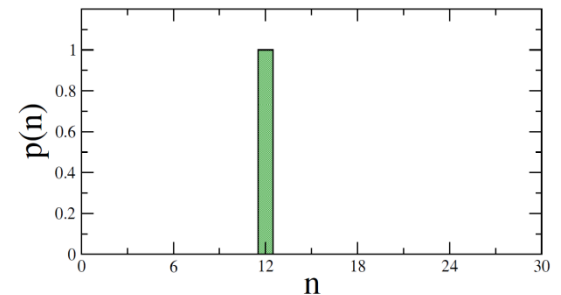
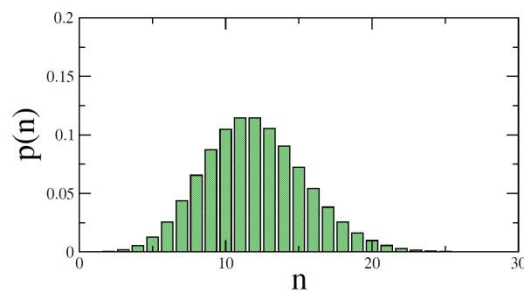
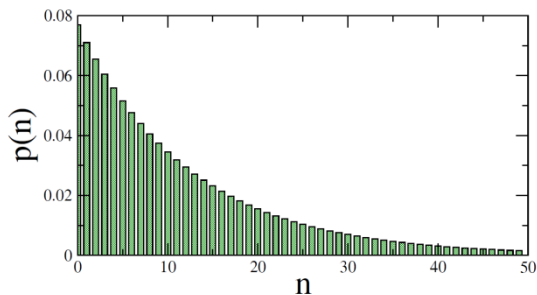
random  $g^{(2)} = 1$

bunched  $g^{(2)} > 1$

regular  $g^{(2)} < 1$



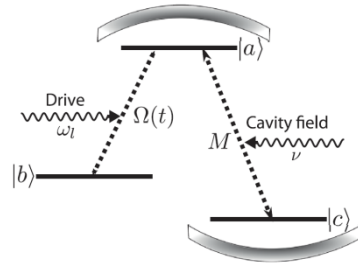
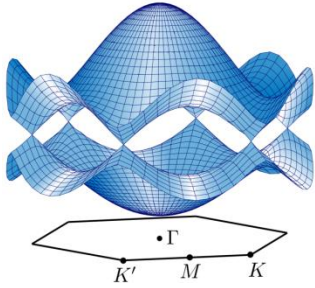
$$p_n = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\langle c^{\dagger n} c^n \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{(n+j)!}{j!} p_{n+j} \right)$$



Microscopical equations of motion approach

Microscopic Hamiltonian

$$H = H_{\text{el}} + H_{\text{el-light}} + H_{\text{el-phonon}}$$



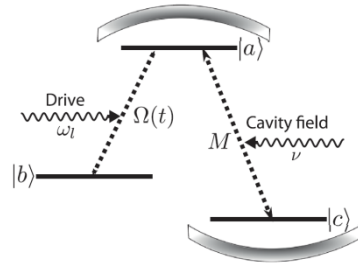
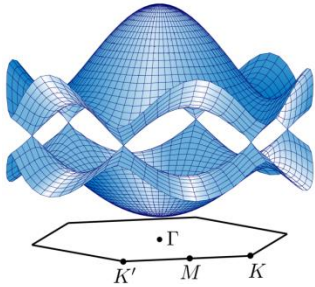
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- confined states (few level systems)

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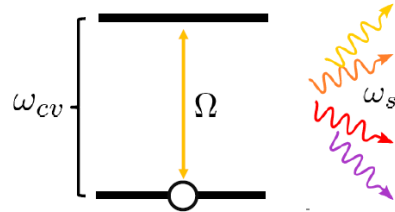
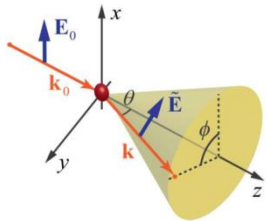


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Light-matter interaction

- dipole strength/selection rules
- photon states, polarization, angle

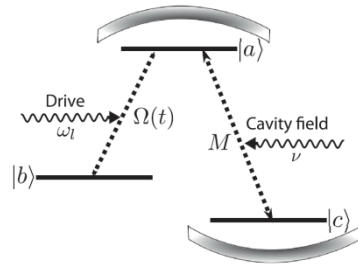
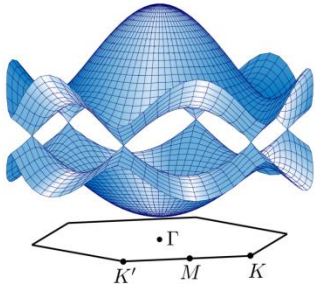
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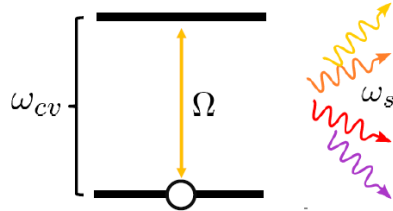
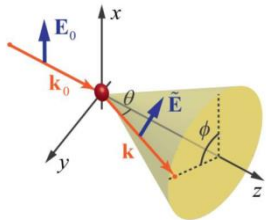
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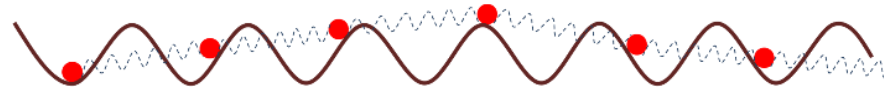
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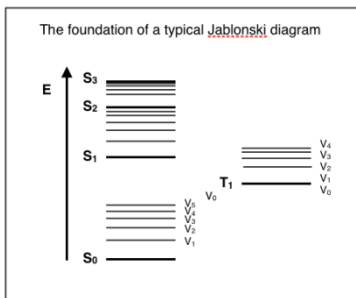
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$$H_{\text{el-phonon}} = \hbar \sum_{q,i} \omega_{iq} b_{iq}^\dagger b_{iq} + \sum_{m,q,i} \left(g_m^{q,i} b_{q,i}^\dagger + g_m^{q,i*} b_{q,i} \right) |m\rangle\langle m|$$



Electron-phonon interaction

- longitudinal optical, acoustical phonon
- diagonal coupling, THz frequencies

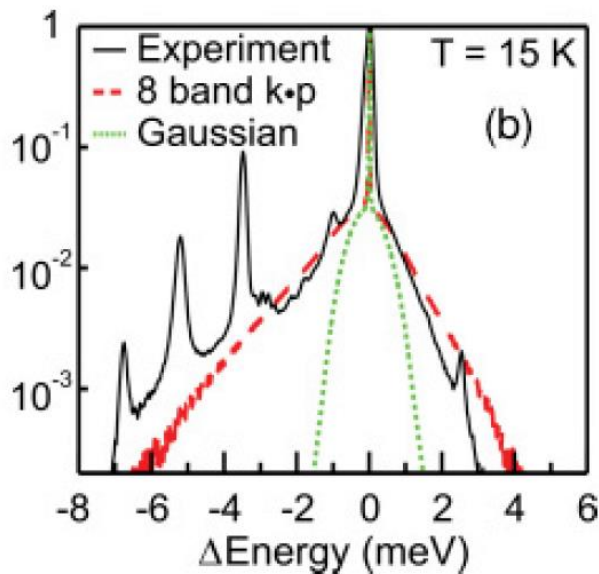
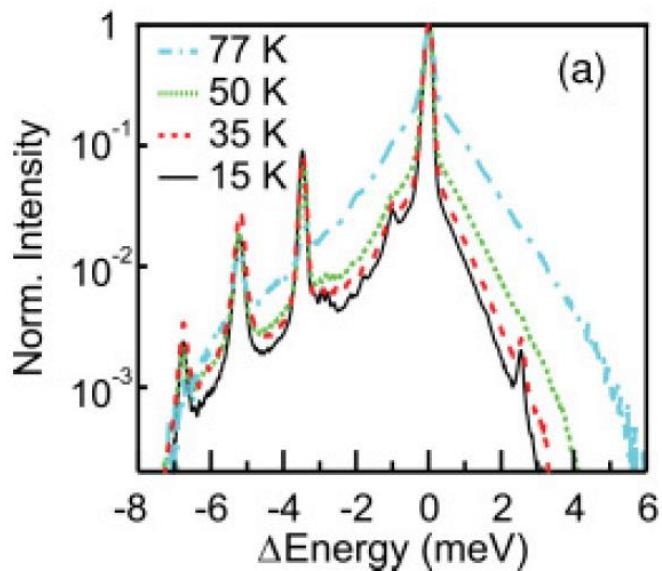
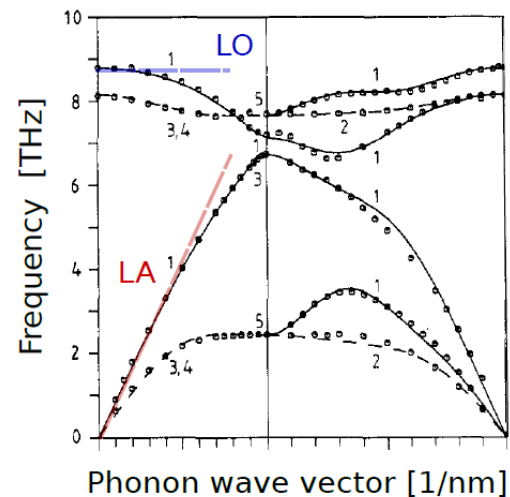


Coupling elements input from material theory

Acoustic deformation potential

$$g_{\text{LA},q}^{\lambda\mu,3\text{D}} = \delta_{\lambda,\mu} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar q}{2\rho c_s V}} D_\lambda$$

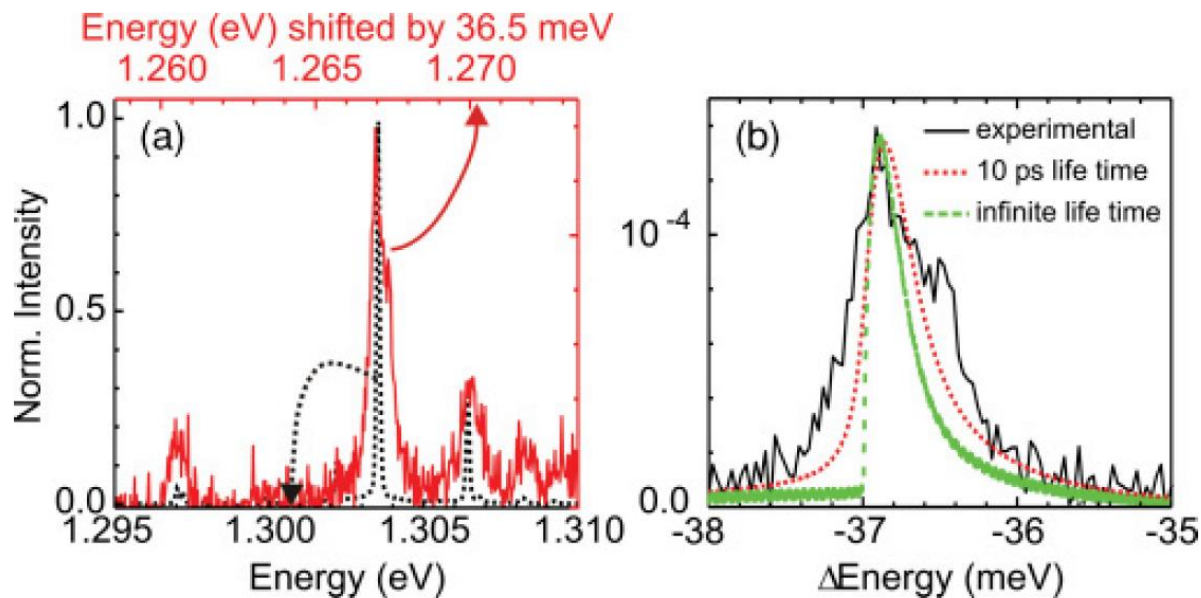
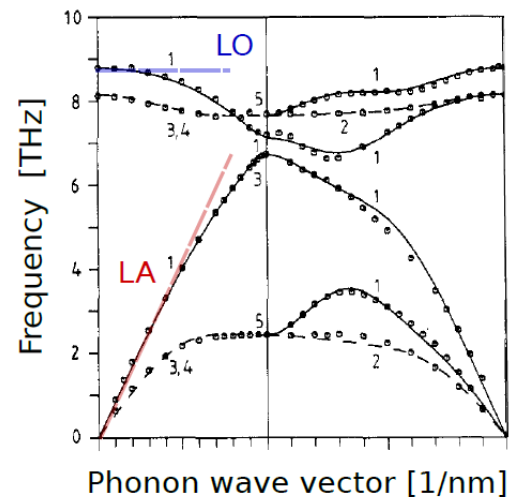
Strong deviations
from Lorentz peaks



Coupling elements input from material theory

Fröhlich potential¹

$$g_{\text{LO},q}^{\lambda\mu,3\text{D}} = \frac{1}{q} \sqrt{\frac{e_0^2 \hbar \omega_{\text{LO}}}{2\epsilon_0 V} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_\infty} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{st}}} \right)}$$



Observable dynamics

Heisenberg picture:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{O} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, \hat{O}]$$

Input: microscopic Hamiltonian

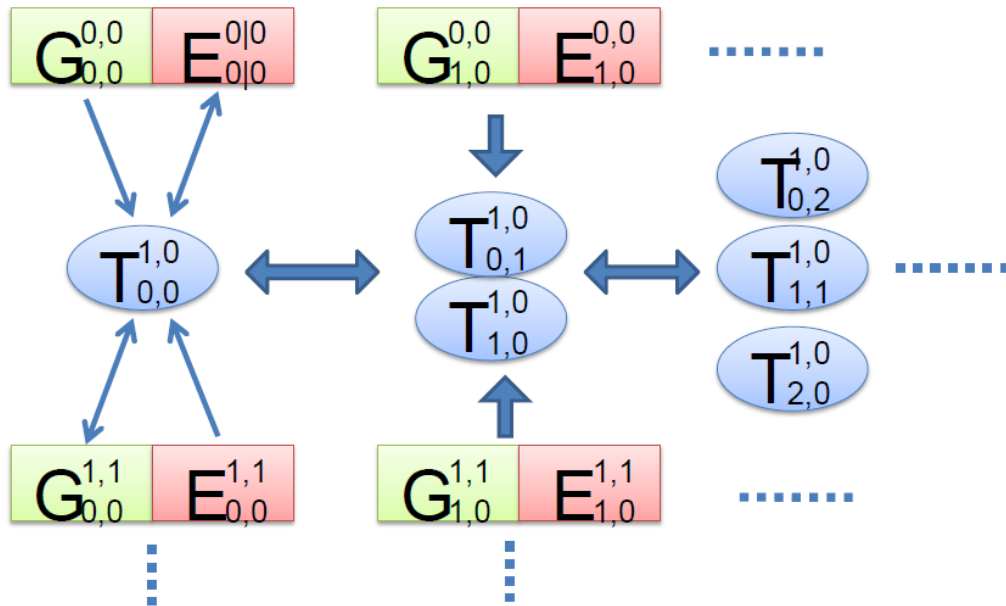
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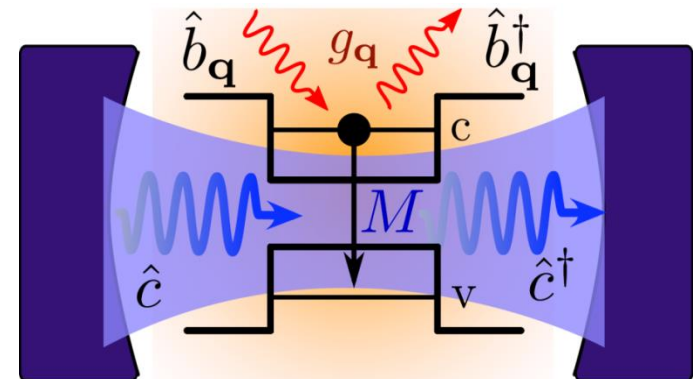
$$T_{n,m}^{p,s} := |g\rangle\langle e| c^{\dagger p} c^s b^{\dagger m} b^n$$

$$E_{n,m}^{p,s} := |e\rangle\langle e| c^{\dagger p} c^s b^{\dagger m} b^n$$

Hierarchy problem occurs



Example: Phonon cQED



Solve with inductive equation of motion approach

All couplings to higher-order photon-phonon correlations included

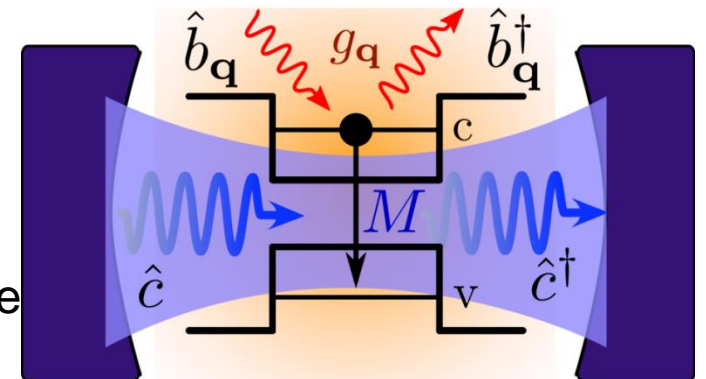
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} G_{n,m}^{p,s} &= - [i(m-n)\omega_{LO} + i(p-s)\omega_k] G_{n,m}^{p,s} + iMT_{n,m}^{p+1,s} - iM (T_{m,n}^{s+1,p})^* \\ &+ i s M T_{n,m}^{p,s-1} - i p M^* (T_{m,n}^{s,p-1})^* + i n g_v G_{n-1,m}^{p,s} - i m g_v^* G_{n,m}^{p,s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} T_{n,m}^{p,s} &= -i [\omega_{eg} - (p-s)\omega_k + (m-n)\omega_{LO}] T_{n,m}^{p,s} - iT_{n,m+1}^{p,s} - iT_{n+1,m}^{p,s} \\ &- iM^* (pE_{n,m}^{p-1,s} + E_{n,m}^{p,s+1} - G_{n,m}^{p,s+1}) + i n g_v T_{n-1,m}^{p,s} - i m g_c^* T_{n,m-1}^{p,s} \end{aligned}$$

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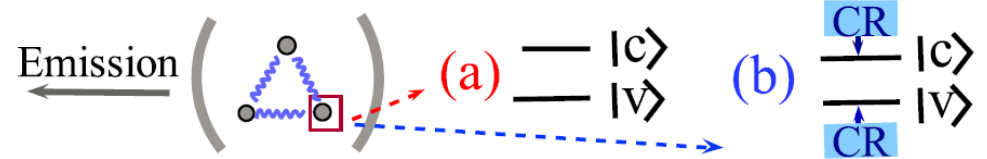
- numerically exact, fast and controllable¹
- fully quantized optical Bloch equations
- non-equilibrium phonon-photon dynamics computable



Solve with inductive equation of motion approach

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dp_n}{dt} = & -2\sqrt{n}N\text{Im}(g\langle |n\rangle\langle n-1|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle) \\ & + 2\sqrt{n+1}N\text{Im}(g\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle) \\ & - 2n\kappa p_n + 2(n+1)\kappa p_{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$



No particle conservation (electrons, holes)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle = & -\gamma\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle - \kappa(2n+1)\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle + 2\kappa\sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)}\langle |n+2\rangle\langle n+1|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle \\ & - P\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle + \mathcal{F}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} = & ig^*\sqrt{n+1}(\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n+1|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1v}\rangle - \langle |n\rangle\langle n|a_{1c}^\dagger a_{1c}\rangle - \langle |n+1\rangle\langle n+1|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}^\dagger a_{1c} a_{1v}\rangle + \langle |n\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{1c}^\dagger a_{1c} a_{1v}\rangle) \\ & - ig^*\sqrt{n+1}(N-1) \times (\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n+1|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{2c}^\dagger a_{1c} a_{2v}\rangle - \langle |n\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{2c}^\dagger a_{1c} a_{2v}\rangle) \\ & + ig\sqrt{n+2}(N-1)\langle |n+2\rangle\langle n|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{2v}^\dagger a_{1c} a_{2c}\rangle - ig\sqrt{n}(N-1)\langle |n+1\rangle\langle n-1|a_{1v}^\dagger a_{2v}^\dagger a_{1c} a_{2c}\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

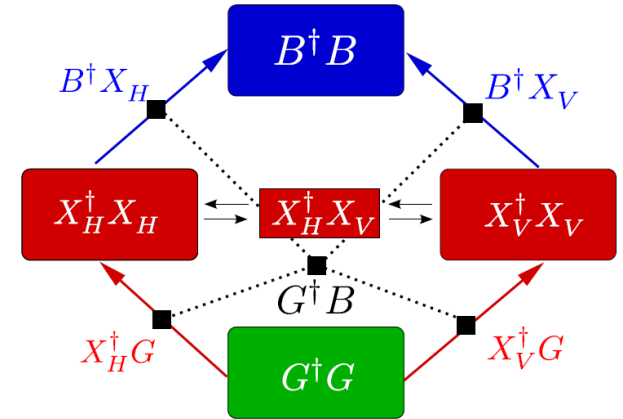
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$$\partial_t \langle G^\dagger G H^{m,n} V^{p,q} \rangle \quad (3.)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= i \left[(m-n)\omega_H^0 + (p-q)\omega_V^0 + i\kappa(m+n+p+q) \right] \langle G^\dagger G H^{m,n} V^{p,q} \rangle \\ &\quad - iM \ m \langle X_H^\dagger G H^{m-1,n} V^{p,q} \rangle - iM \langle X_H^\dagger G H^{m,n+1} V^{p,q} \rangle - iM \ p \langle X_V^\dagger G H^{m,n} V^{p-1,q} \rangle \\ &\quad - iM \langle X_V^\dagger G H^{m,n} V^{p,q+1} \rangle + iM \ n \langle G^\dagger X_H H^{m,n-1} V^{p,q} \rangle + iM \langle G^\dagger X_H H^{m+1,n} V^{p,q} \rangle \\ &\quad + iM \ q \langle G^\dagger X_V H^{m,n} V^{p,q-1} \rangle + iM \langle G^\dagger X_V H^{m,n} V^{p+1,q} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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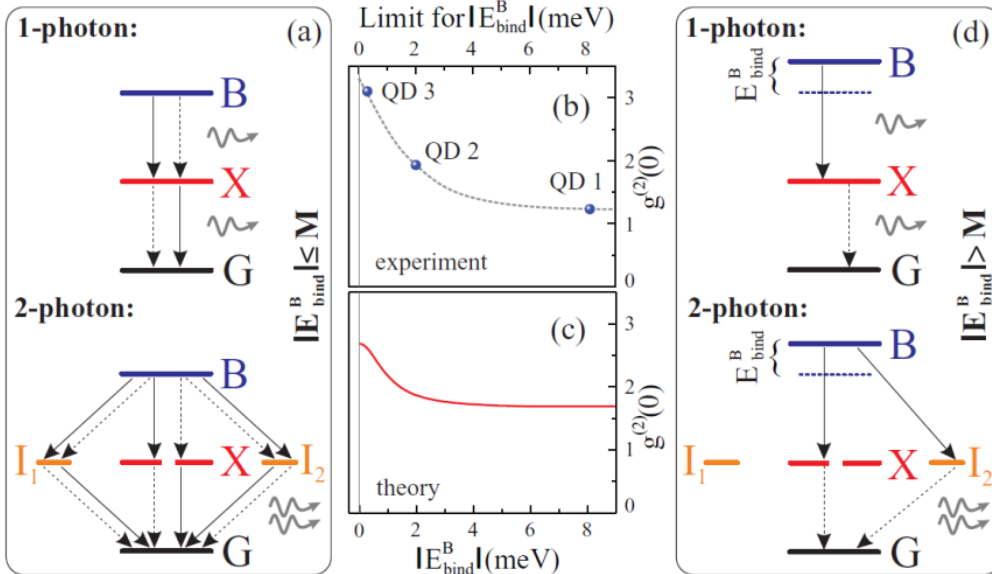
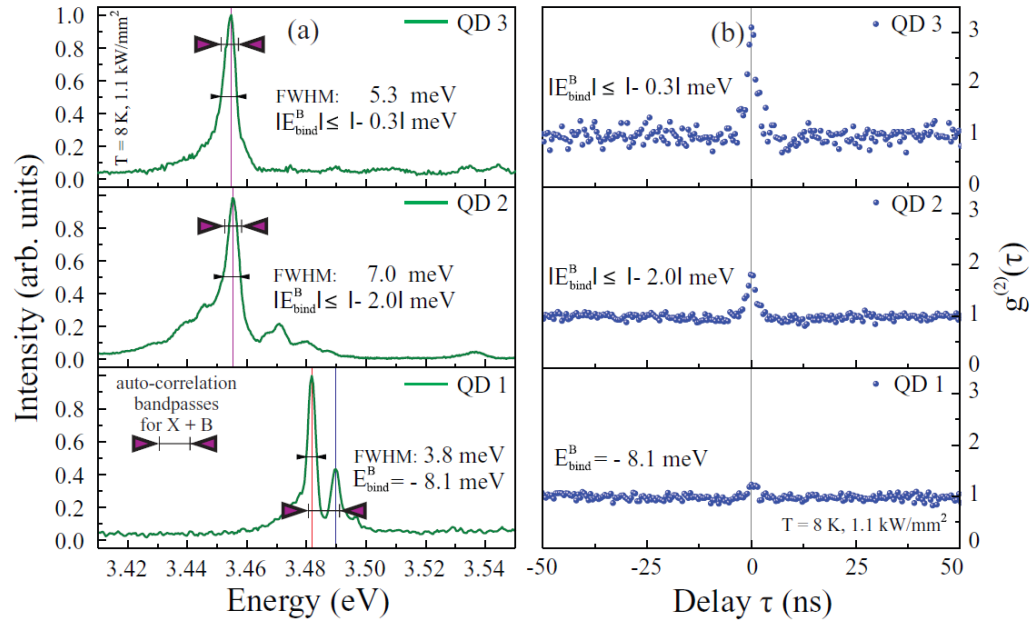
Explain underlying physics in experiments

Steering photon-statistics

Experiments with QD of different electronic configuration (biexciton shifts) lead to a different photon statistics

Experimental data not explainable with rate equations, two-photon transition crucial:

$$\langle G^\dagger B c^\dagger c^\dagger \rangle$$

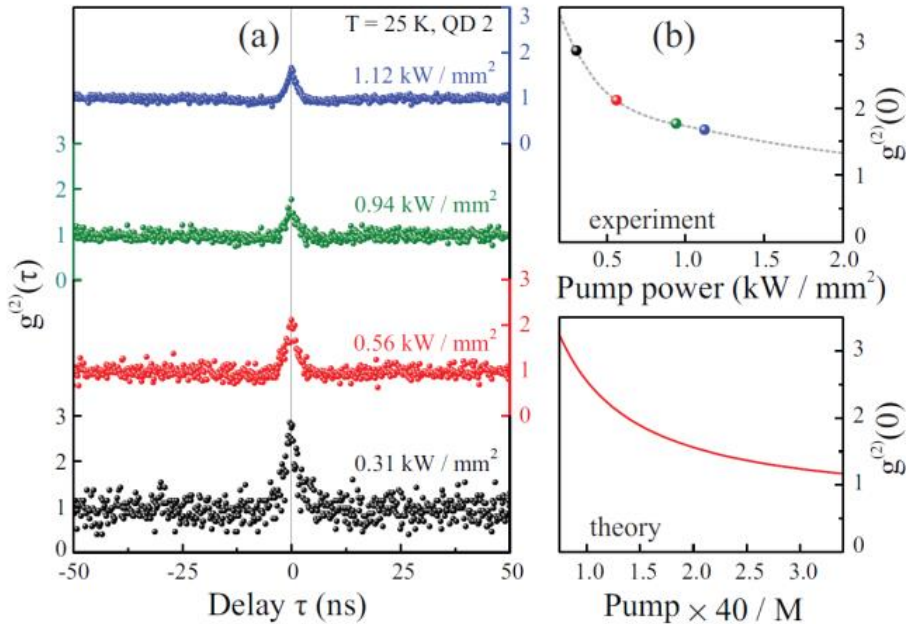


full quantum electron and photon kinetics of four-level system

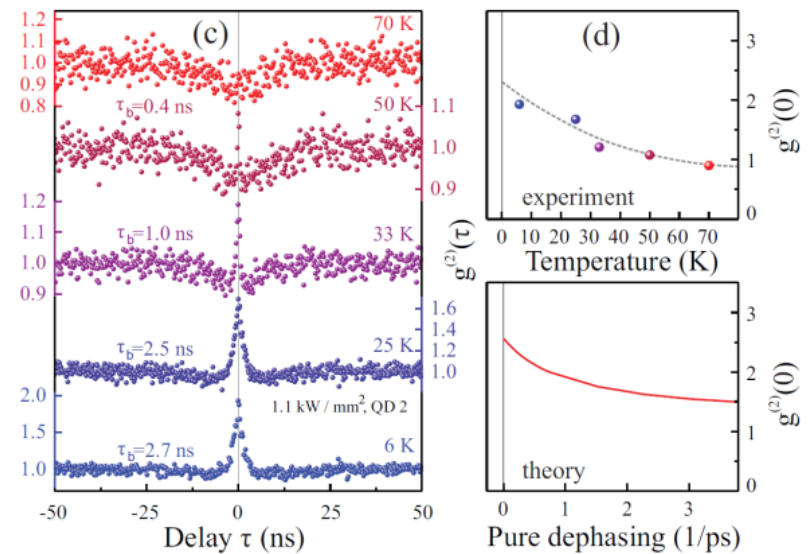
two-photon transitions is resonant in case of vanishing biexciton shift and two-photon emission is enhanced

Steering photon-statistics

Pump strength dependence



Temperature dependence



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}\rho := & \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{i=X,B} \mathcal{L}[c_i]\rho + P \sum_{j=H,V} \mathcal{L}[X_j^\dagger G]\rho + \mathcal{L}[B^\dagger X_j]\rho \\
 & + \Gamma_{\text{rad}} \sum_{j=H,V} \mathcal{L}[G^\dagger X_j]\rho + \mathcal{L}[X_j^\dagger B]\rho \\
 & - \sum_{k=G,X,B} \gamma_k (T_k \rho T_k - \rho).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Microscopic model, adaptable to experimental situation

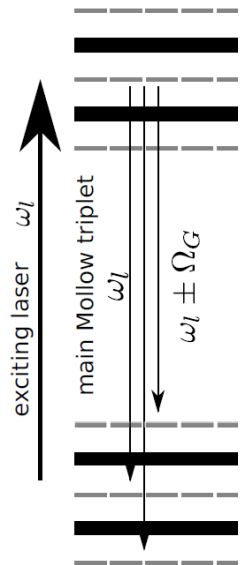
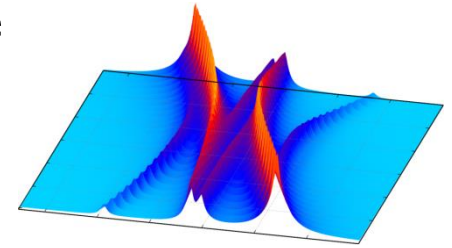
- dissipation included via Lindblad formalism (incoherent)

Phonon-assisted Mollow triplets and phonon lasing

Julia Kabuß and Andreas Knorr

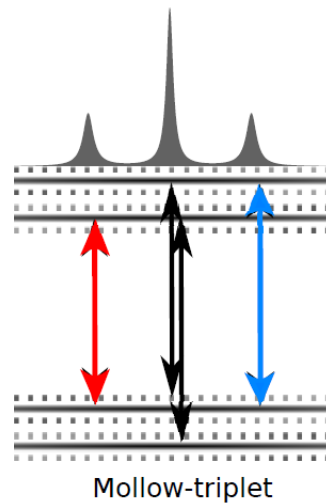
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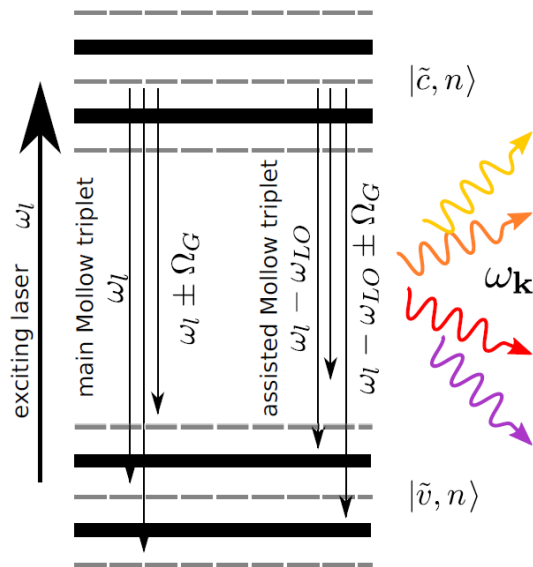
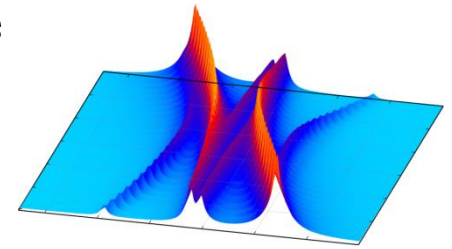


(a) strong

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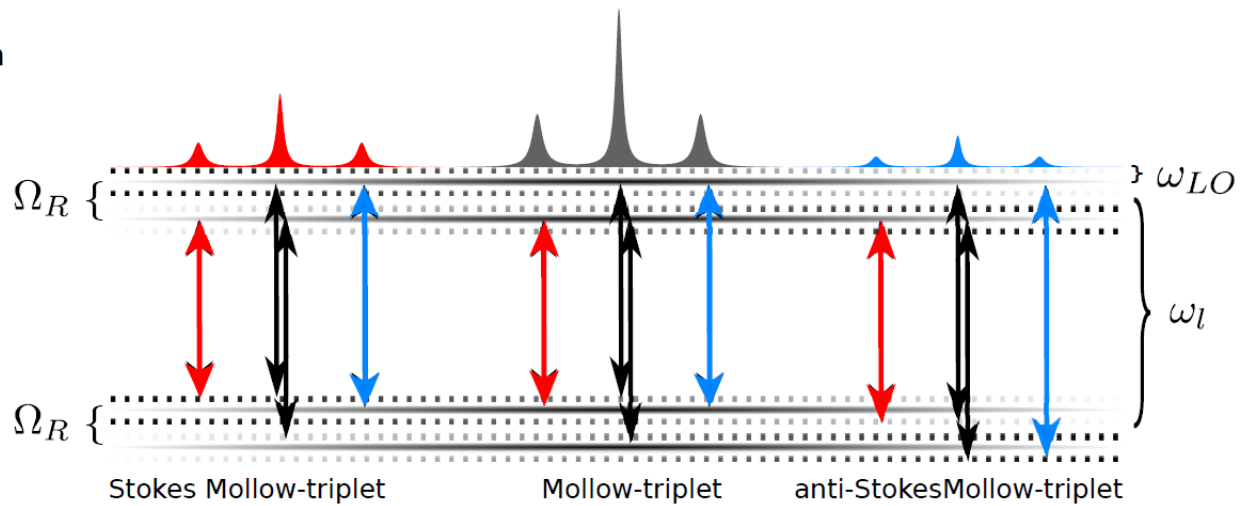


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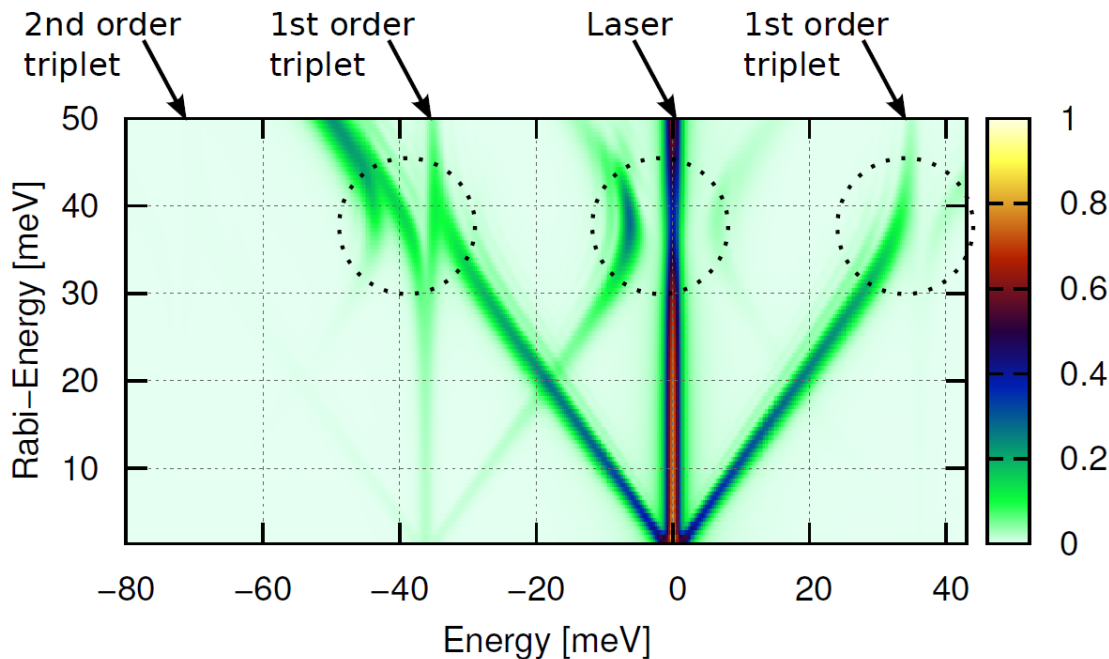
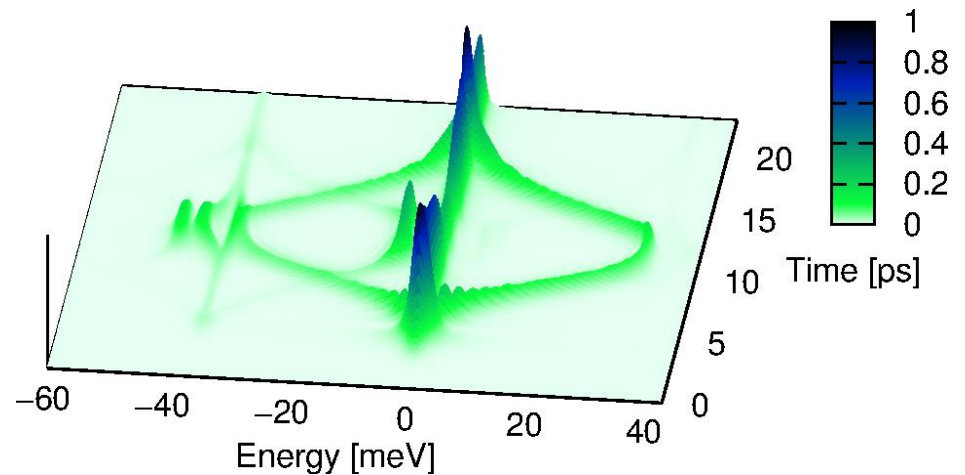
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Phonon-assisted Mollow triplet: Anti-crossings

Time-resolved spectrum of pulsed laser excitation

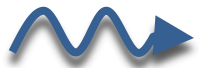
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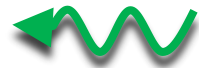
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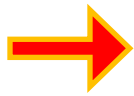
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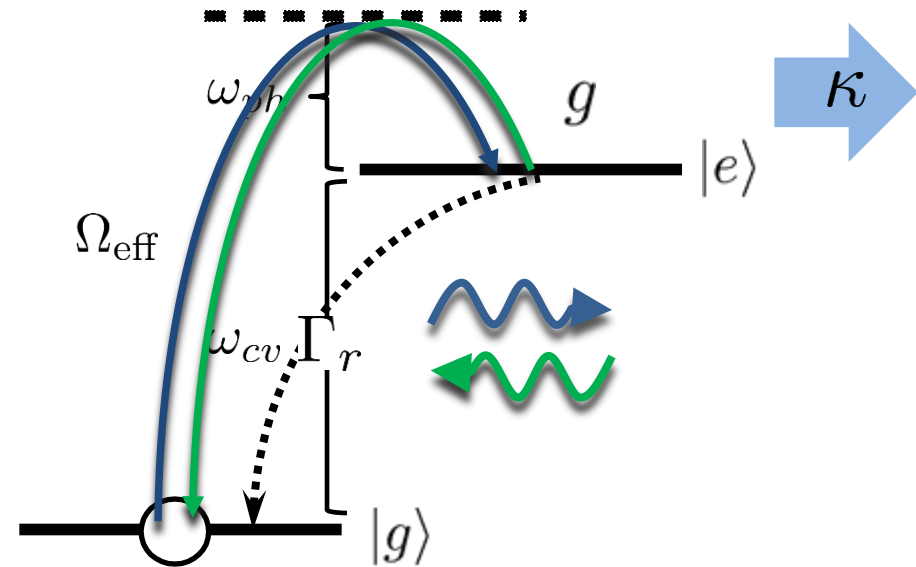
Phonon emission



Phonon absorption



Phonon assisted
Rabi oscillations



$$\mathcal{H}(t) = \frac{\hbar\omega_{cv}}{2}\sigma_z + \hbar\omega_{ph}b^\dagger b + \Omega(t)\sigma e^{i\omega_L t} + g\sigma^\dagger\sigma b^\dagger + H.c.$$

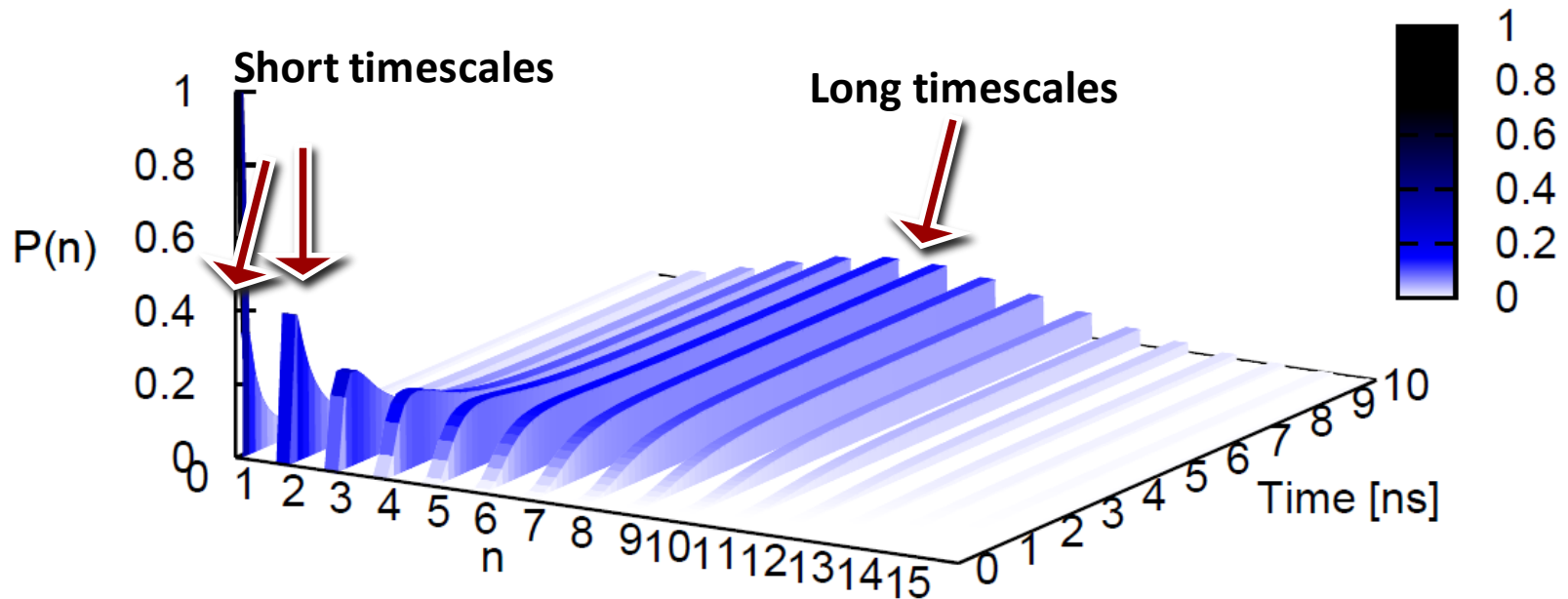
$$\dot{\rho} = -i[\mathcal{H}(t), \rho] + \mathcal{L}\rho$$

Γ_r closes pump cycle

κ phonon loss

γ_{pd} pure dephasing

Proposal for phonon laser



Short timescales



$$t < \Omega_{\text{eff}}^{-1}$$

phonon fluctuations

$$t \approx \Omega_{\text{eff}}^{-1}$$

Fock-phonon due to induced Raman process

Long timescales



$$t \approx \Gamma_r^{-1}$$

Coherent phonons

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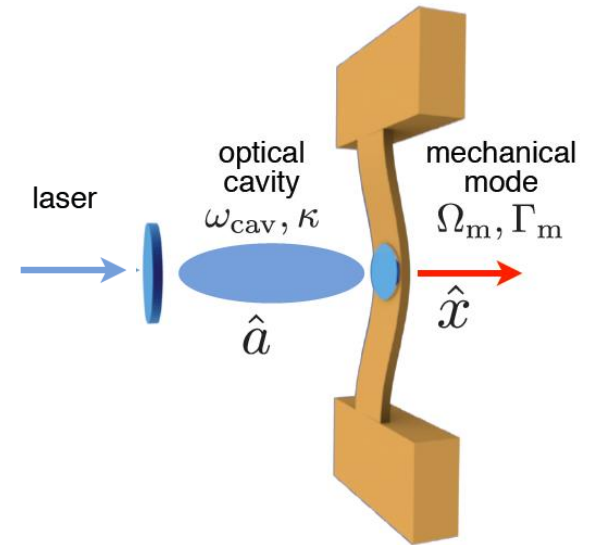
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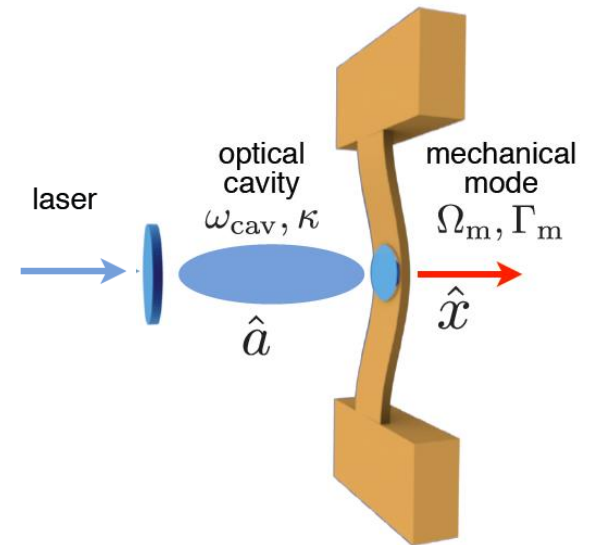
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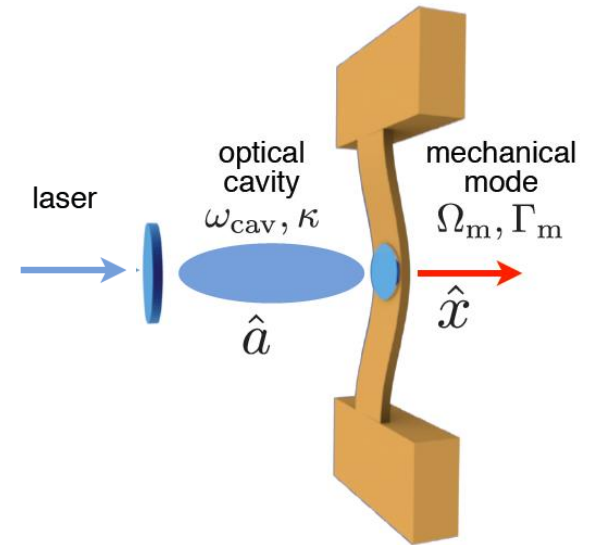
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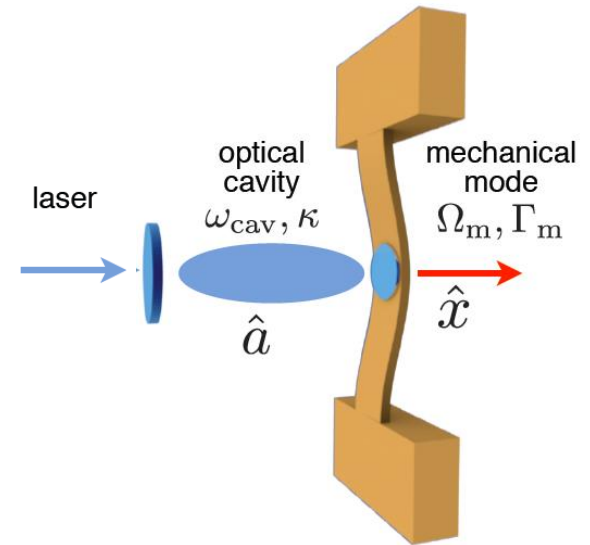
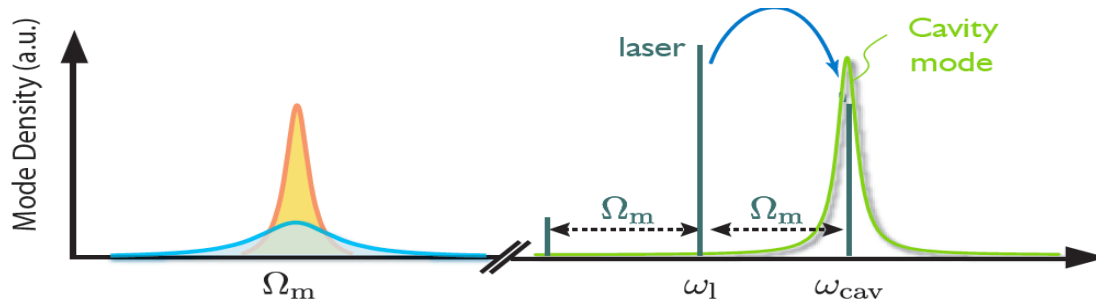
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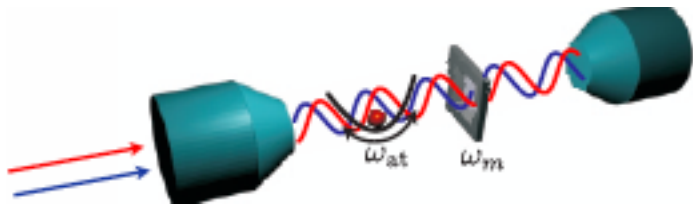
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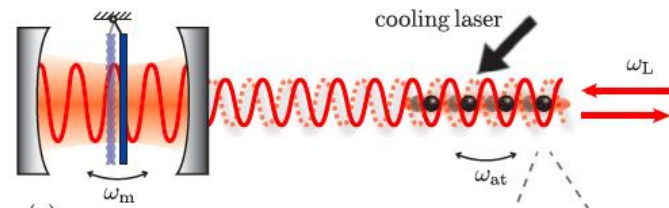


Cooling via hybrid system

- ❑ utilizing the toolbox of AMO physics to cool down atomic ensemble
- ❑ sympathetic cooling by coupling the center of mass motions to the membrane



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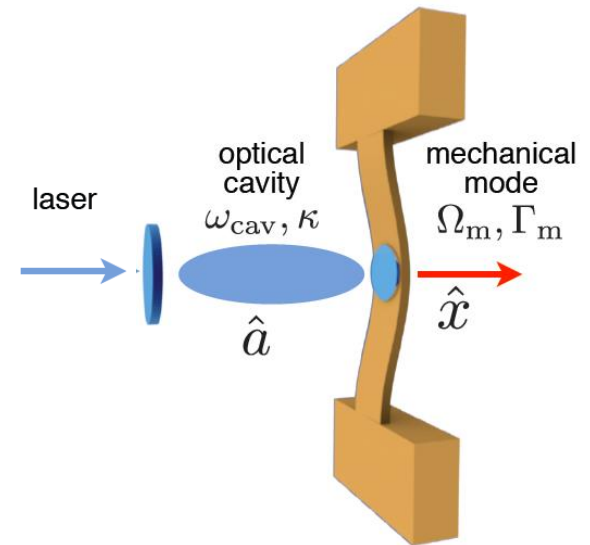
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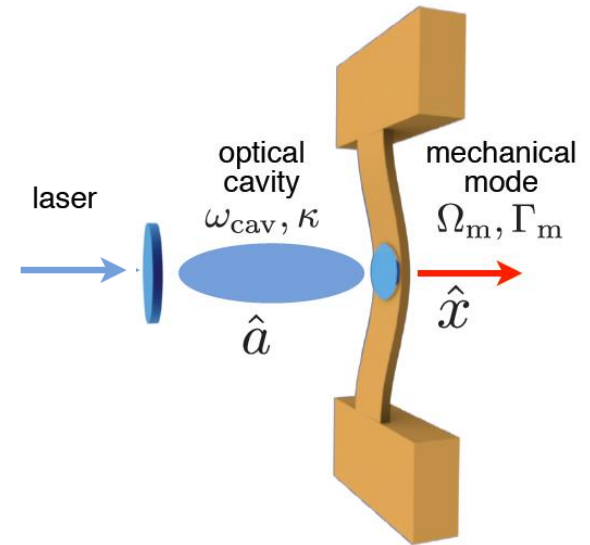
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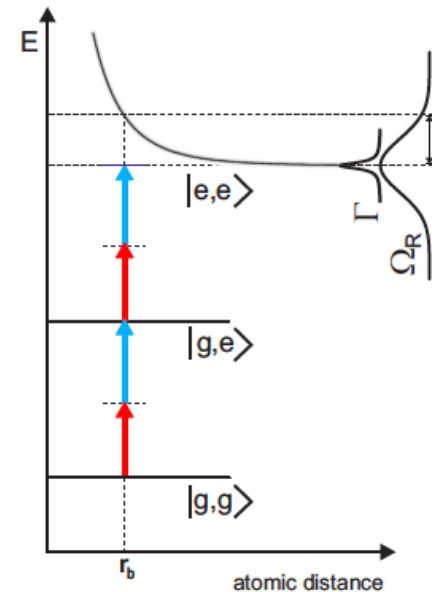


Our proposal:
use a Rydberg superatom as the nonlinearity in a hybrid system

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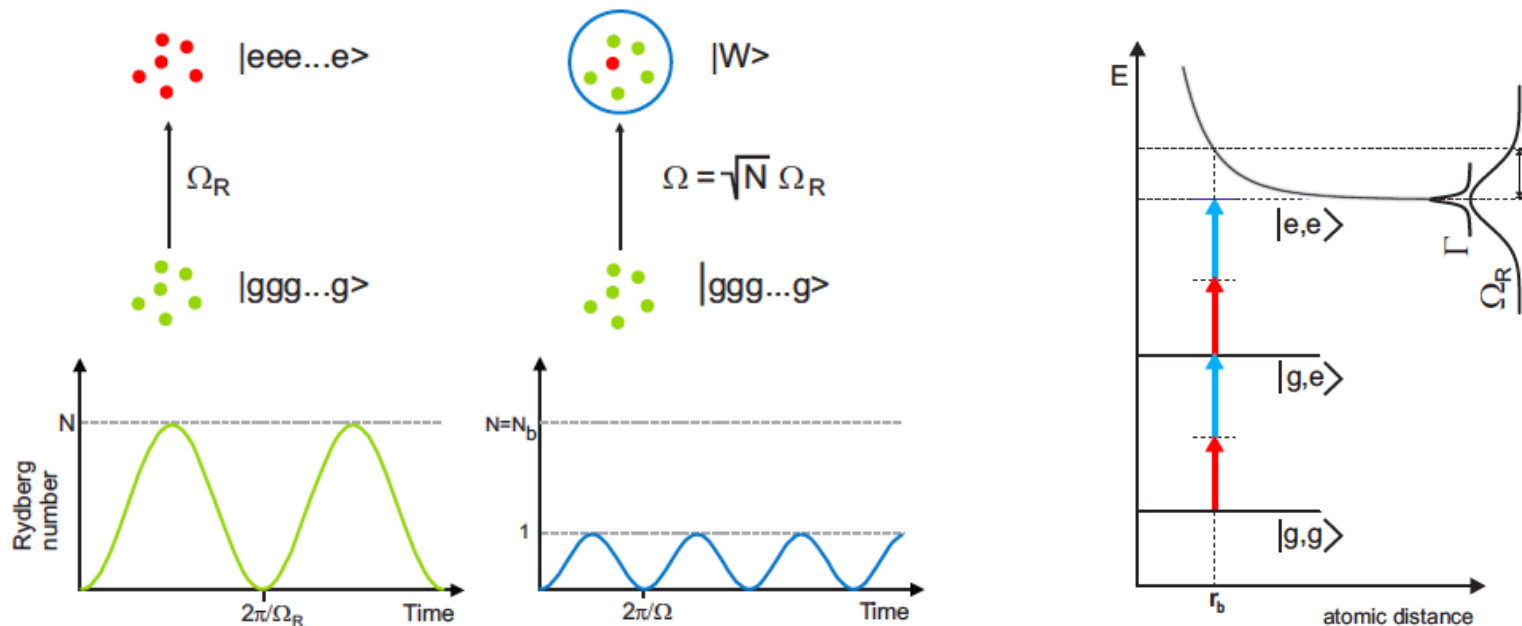
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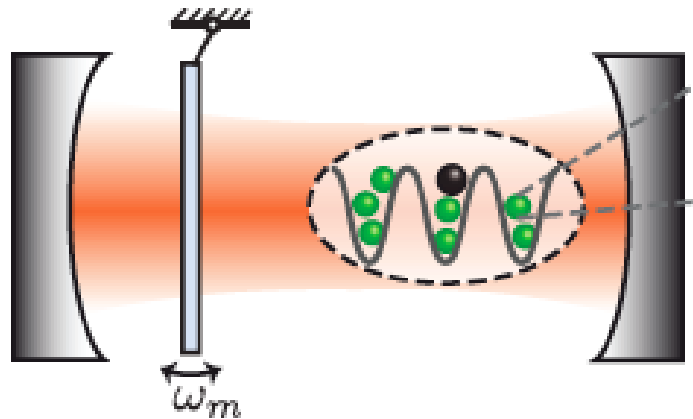
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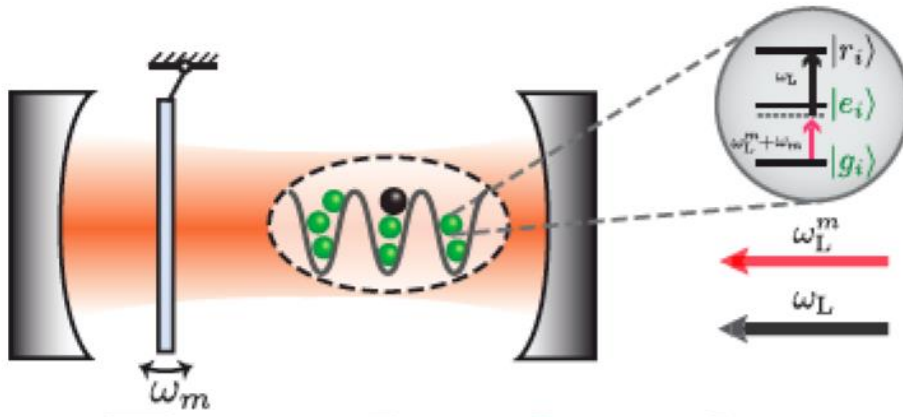
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Nanomechanics Coupled to a Nonlinearity: Hybrid system realization

- ❑ use a Rydberg superatom as two-level system
- ❑ collective enhancement allows for strong coupling
- ❑ Superatom can be pumped, quenched, and can easily be read out



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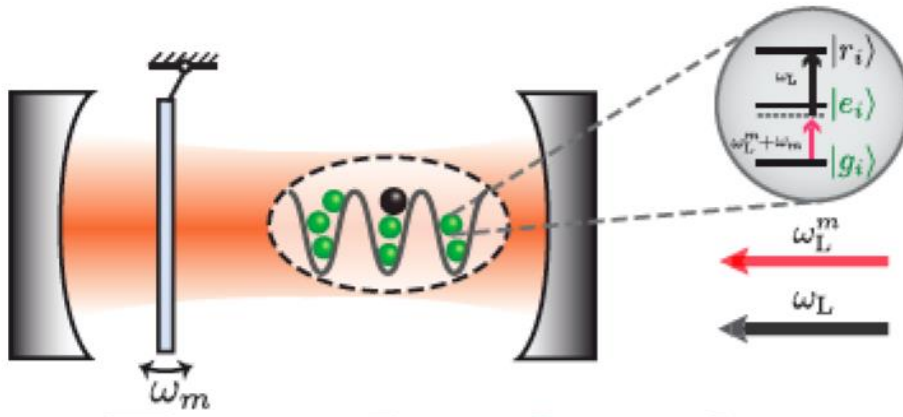


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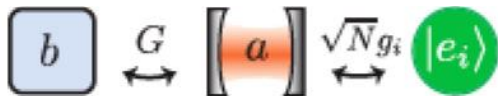


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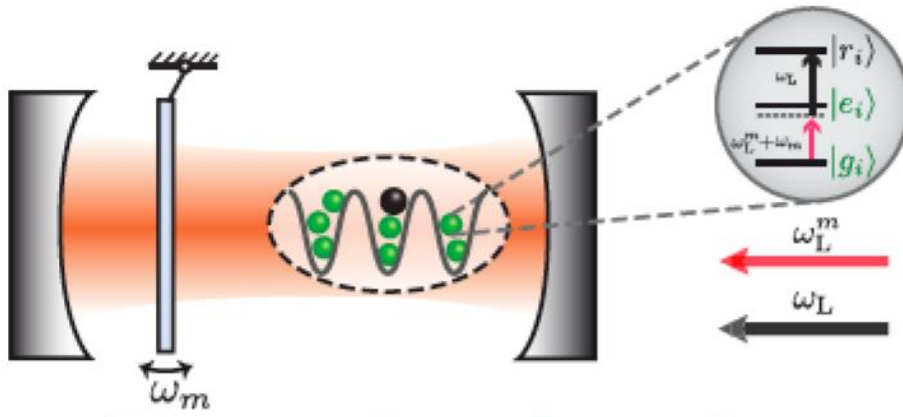


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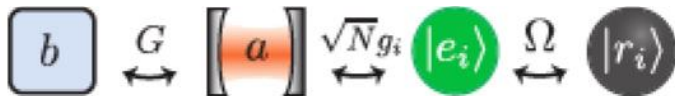


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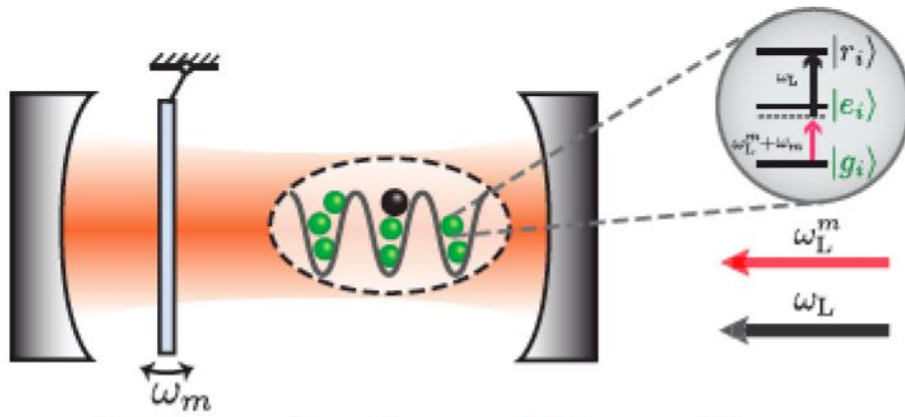
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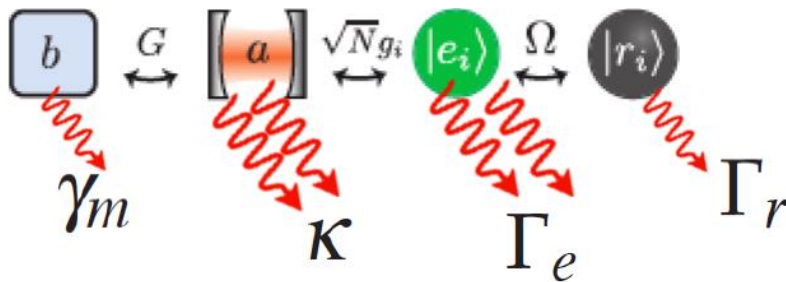
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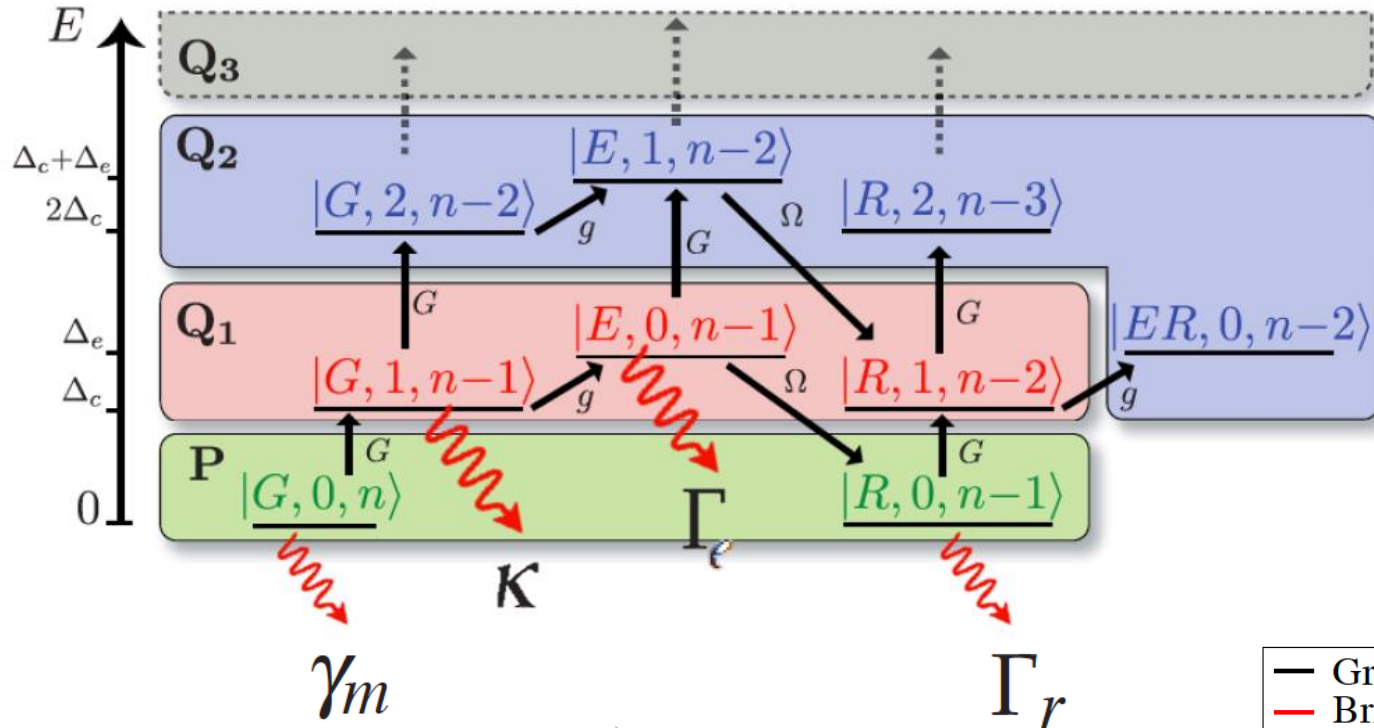
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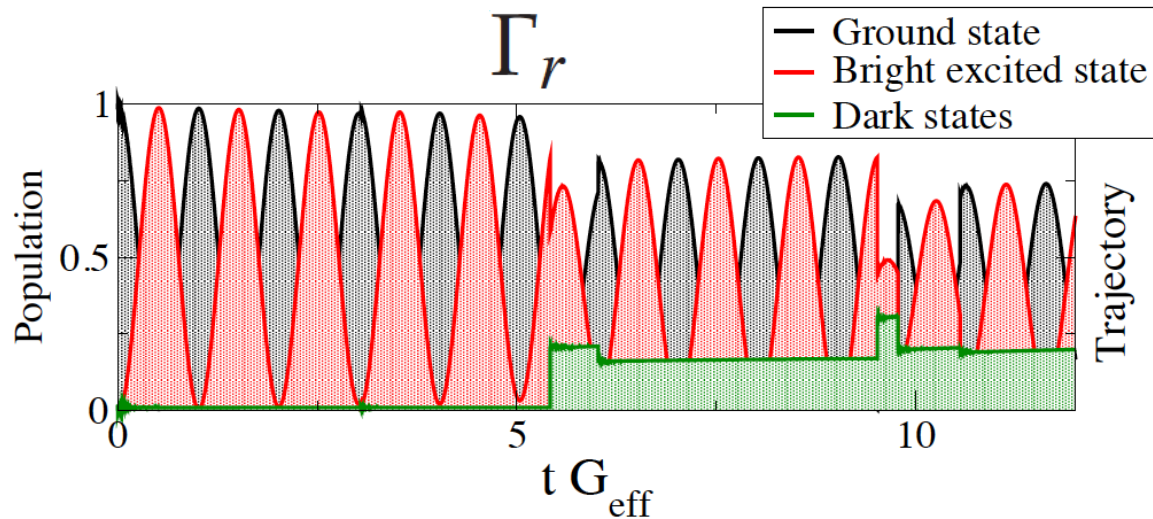
Cavity – mediated membrane – Rydberg superatom coupling

- ❑ Major obstacles: Dissipation during the excitation transfer
- ❑ Phonon decoherence and radiative decay from Rydberg state few kHz
- ❑ But: photon leakage and radiative decay from intermediate state MHz

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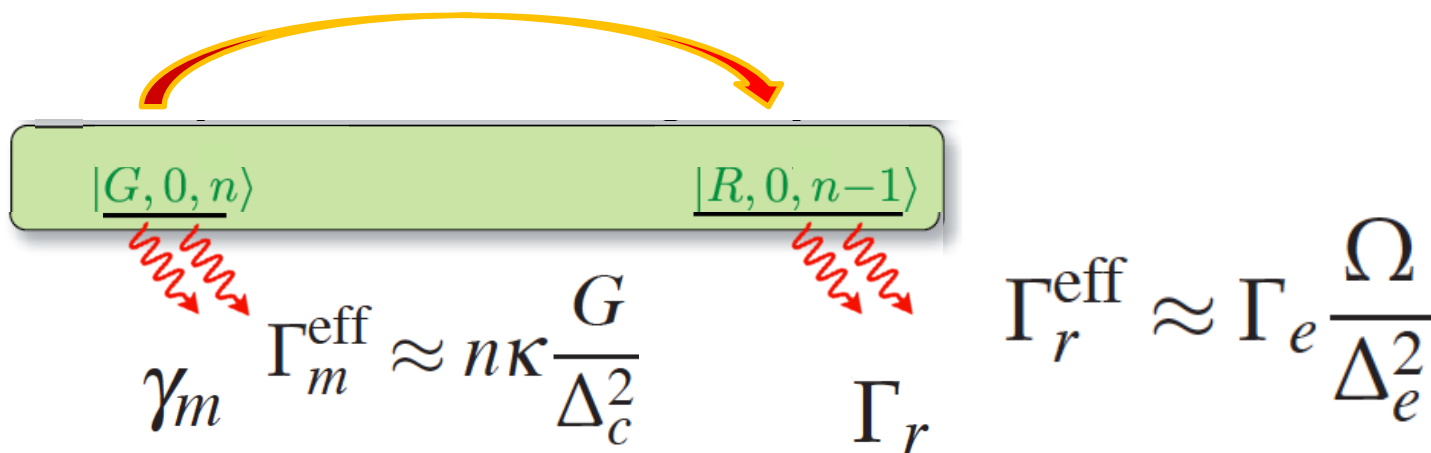
Quantum Monte Carlo Simulation for an ensemble of $N=10$ three-level atoms



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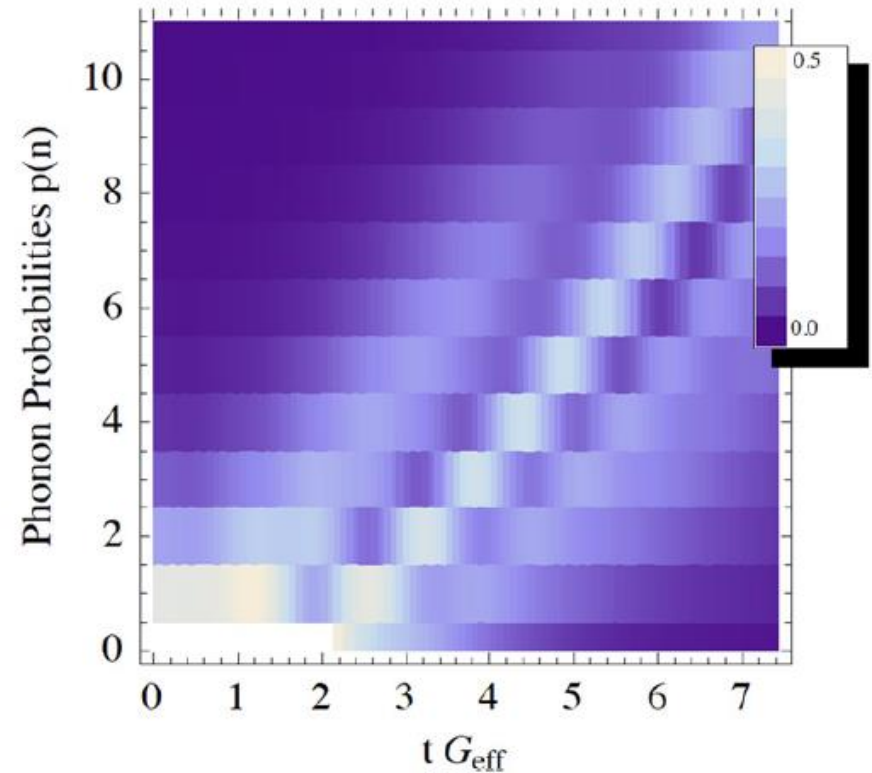
$$G_{\text{eff}} \approx \sqrt{N} \frac{gG\Omega}{\Delta_e \Delta_c} \gg \Gamma_m^{\text{eff}}, \Gamma_r^{\text{eff}}, \Gamma_r, \gamma_m (N_m + 1)$$



The cavity loss and radiative decay of the intermediate state are suppressed and an effective two-level dynamics take place

Nanomechanics driven to non-classical state

preparation of non-classical states
even at finite temperatures.



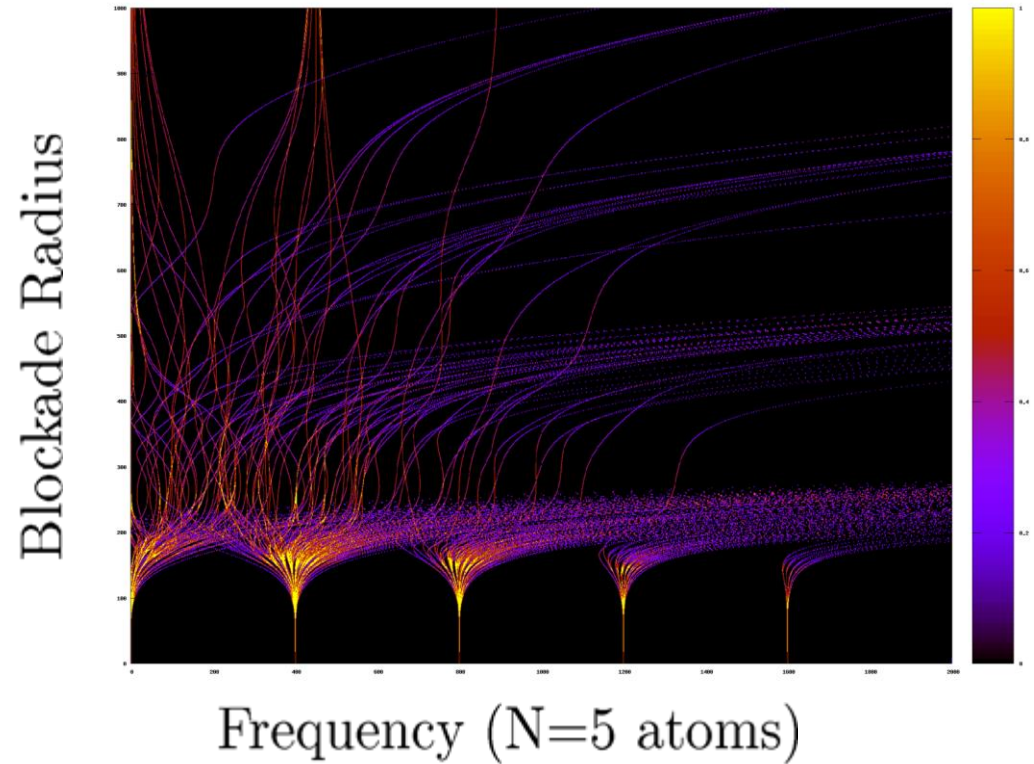
Fidelity for the individual
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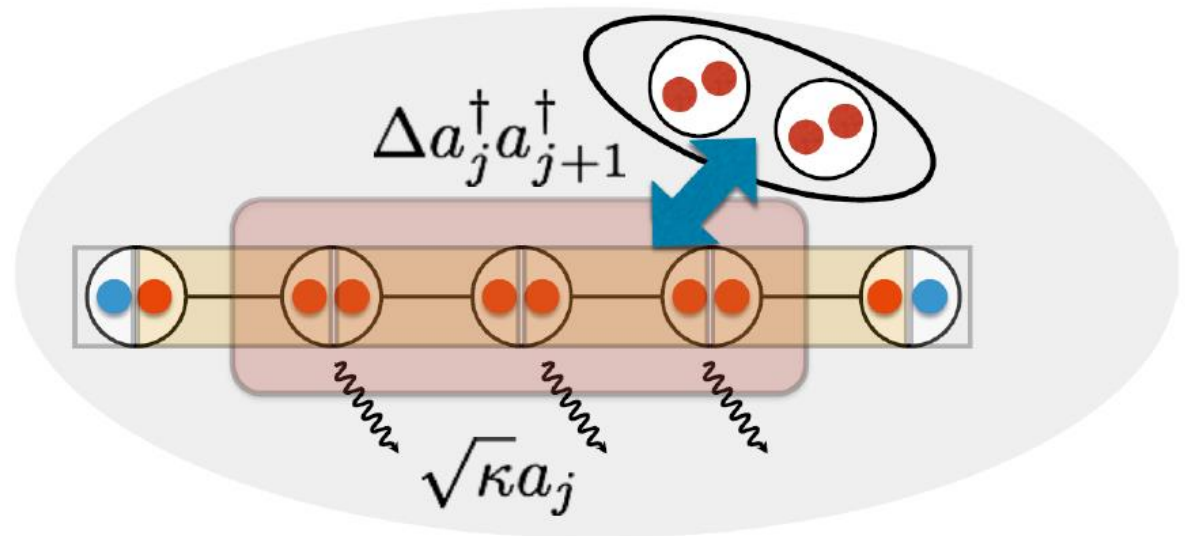
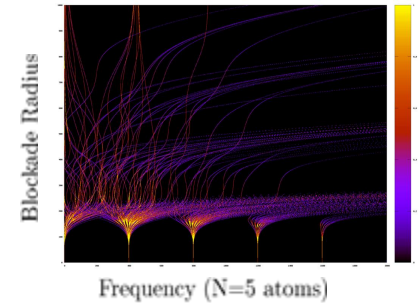
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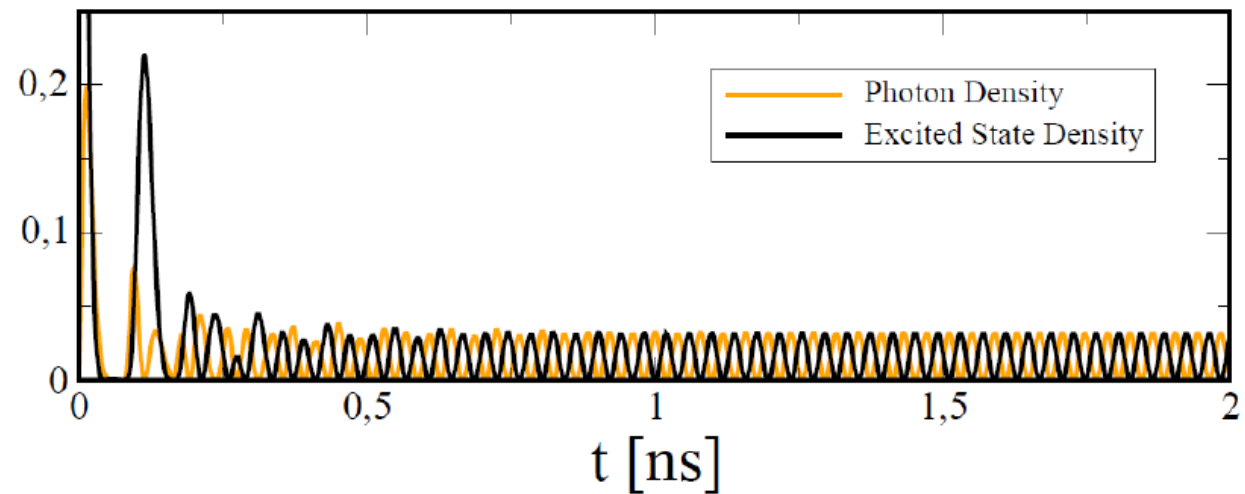
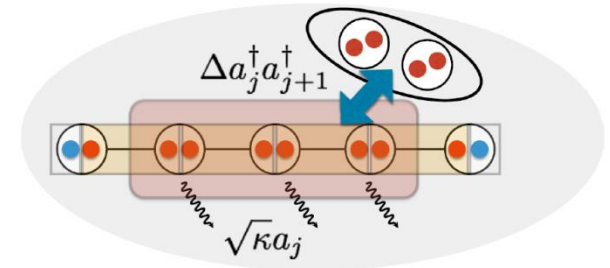
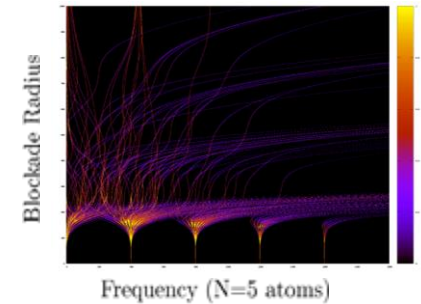
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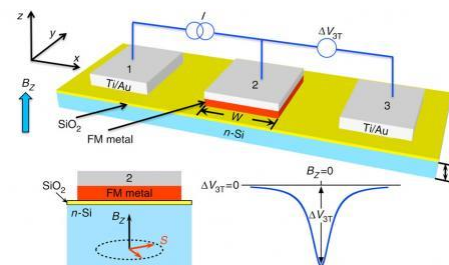
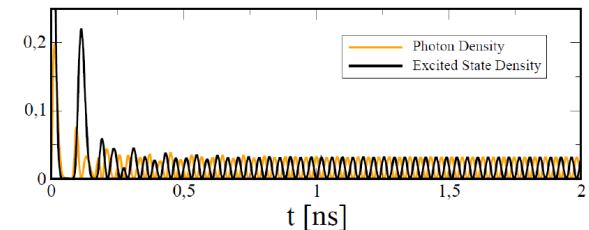
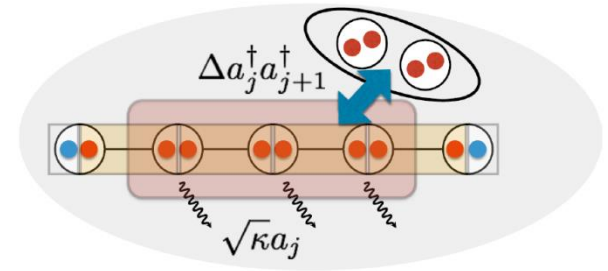
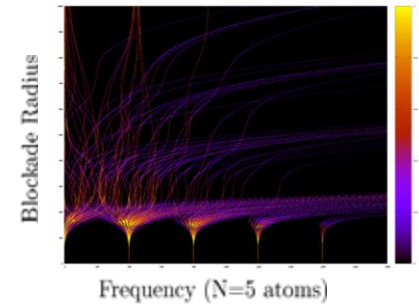
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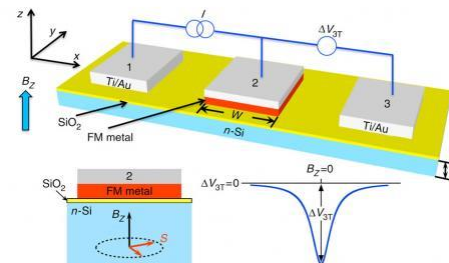
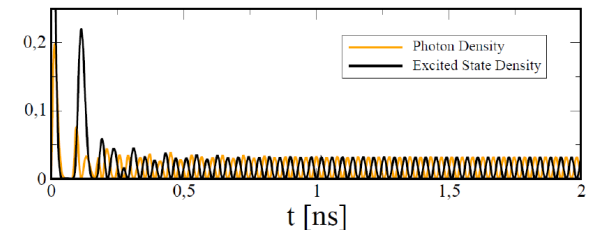
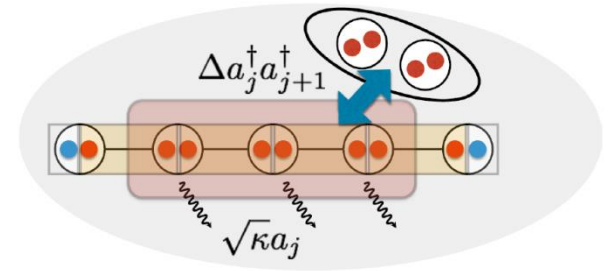
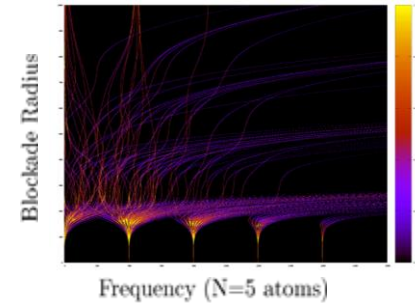
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