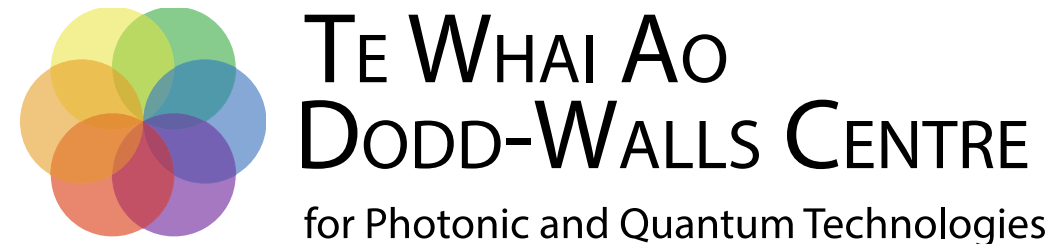


FREQUENCY-FILTERED PHOTON CORRELATIONS OF A THREE-LEVEL LADDER-TYPE ATOM

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THREE-LEVEL LADDER-TYPE ATOM

- Hamiltonian

$$H_A = -\hbar \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} + \delta \right) |e\rangle\langle e| - 2\hbar\delta |f\rangle\langle f| + \hbar \frac{\Omega}{2} \left(|e\rangle\langle g| + |g\rangle\langle e| \right) + \xi \frac{\Omega}{2} \left(|f\rangle\langle e| + |e\rangle\langle f| \right)$$

- Master equation

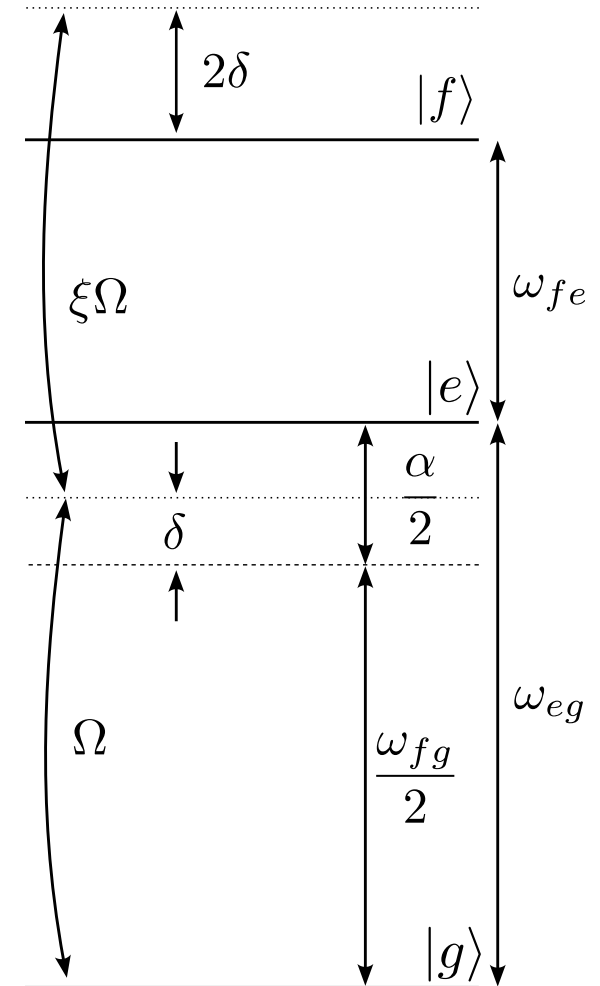
$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H_A, \rho] + \frac{\Gamma}{2} \Lambda(\Sigma_-) \rho, \quad \Sigma_- = |g\rangle\langle e| + \xi |e\rangle\langle f|$$

- α - anharmonicity
- δ - drive detuning from two-photon resonance
- ξ - dipole moment ratio
- Γ - atomic decay rate

$$\Lambda(X)\bullet = 2X\bullet X^\dagger - X^\dagger X\bullet - \bullet X^\dagger X$$

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DRESSED STATES

Three dressed states ($\delta = 0$)

$$H_A|u\rangle = \hbar\omega_u|u\rangle$$

$$H_A|m\rangle = \hbar\omega_m|m\rangle$$

$$H_A|l\rangle = \hbar\omega_l|l\rangle$$

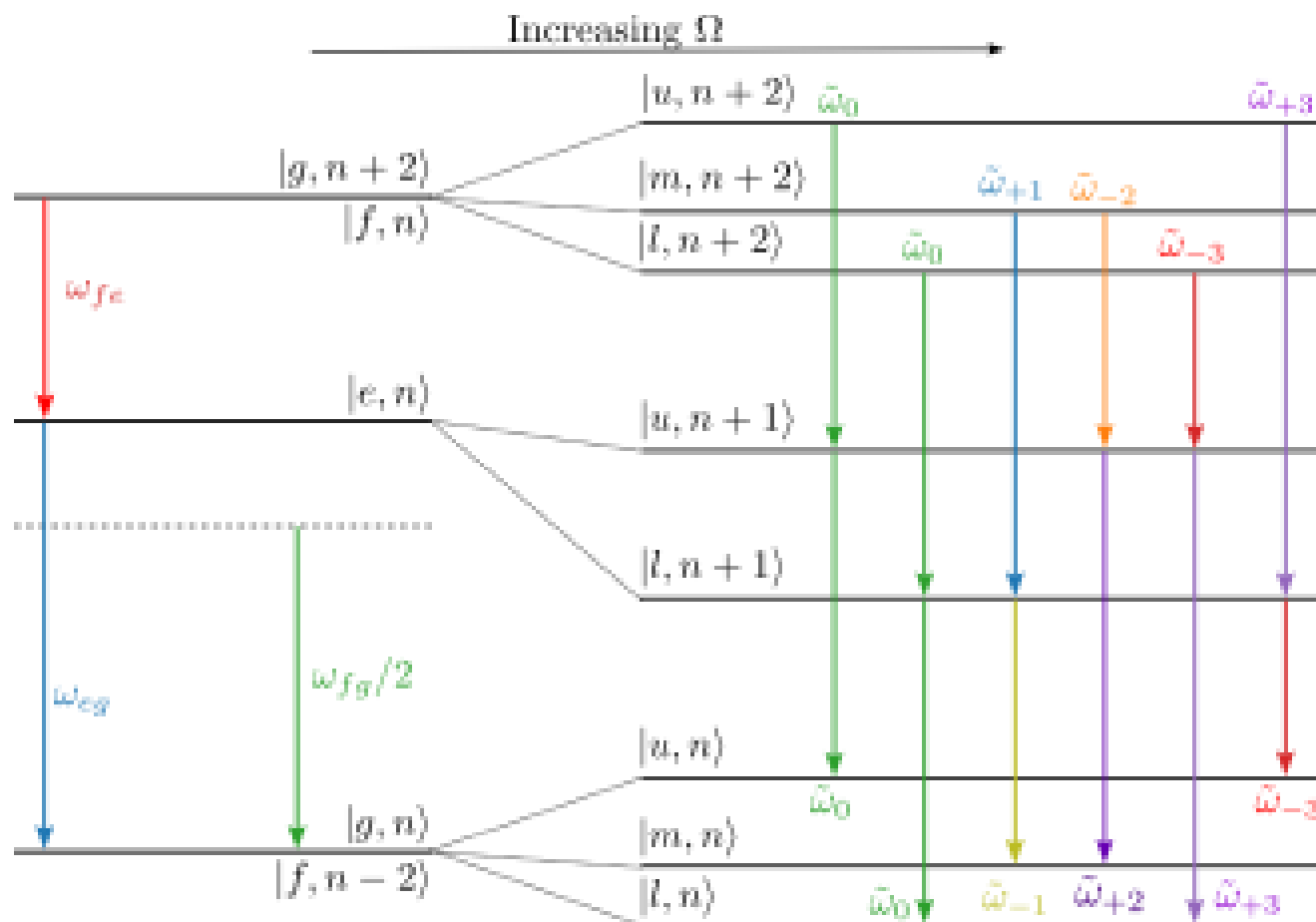
Seven transition frequencies:

$$\tilde{\omega}_0 = \omega_d,$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{\pm 1} = \omega_d \pm (\omega_m - \omega_l),$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{\pm 2} = \omega_d \pm (\omega_u - \omega_m),$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{\pm 3} = \omega_d \pm (\omega_u - \omega_l).$$



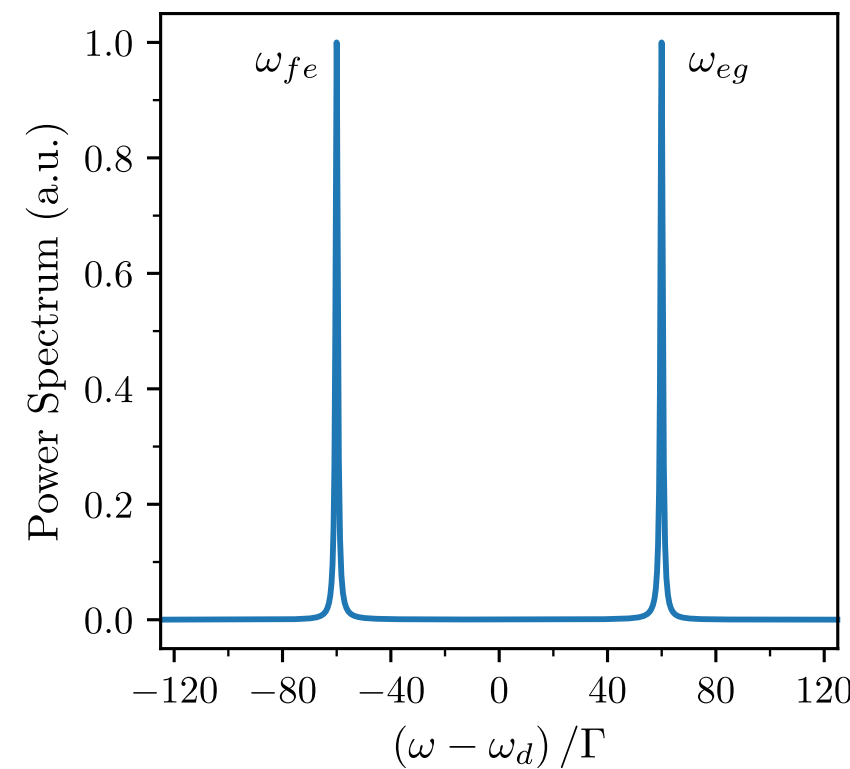
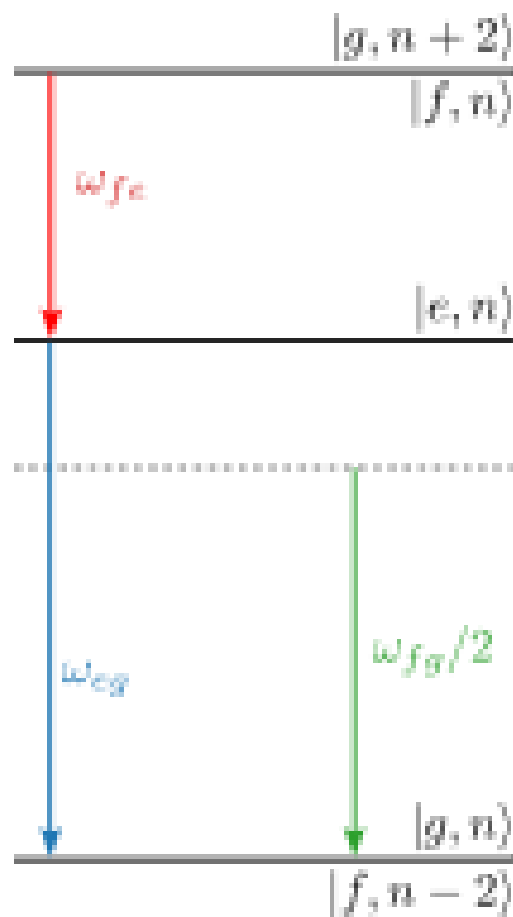
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Fluctuation operators

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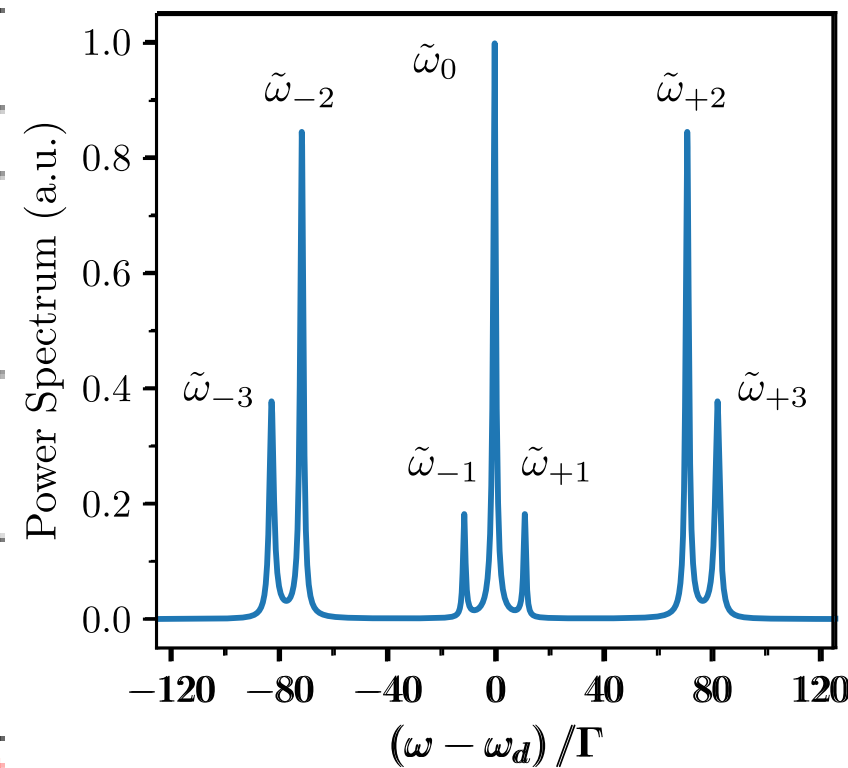
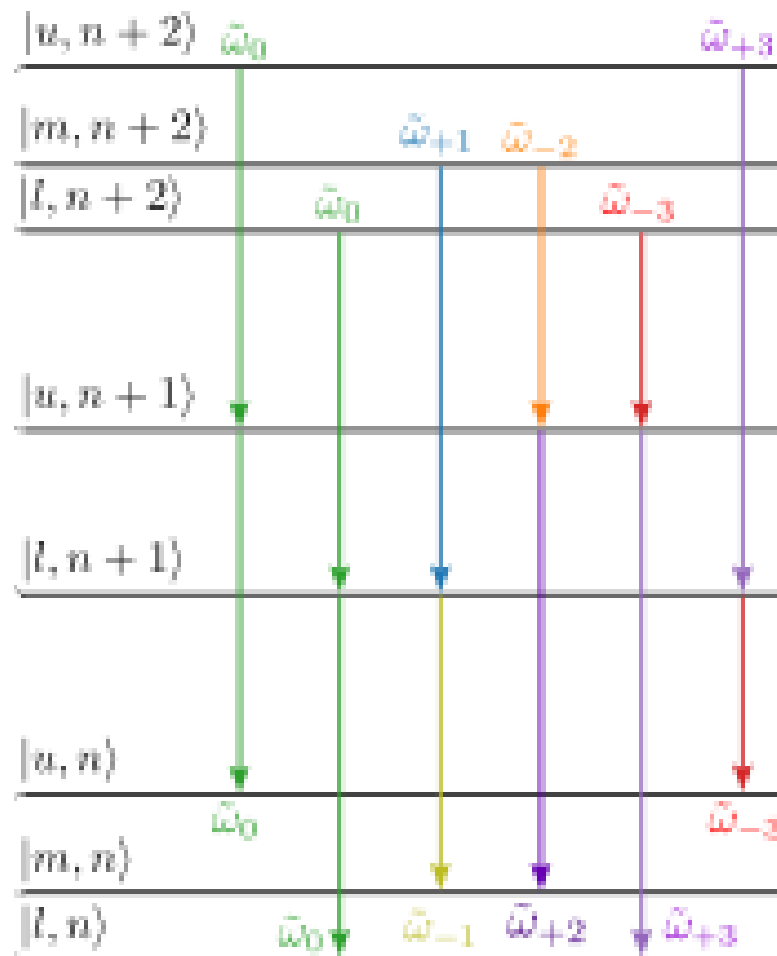
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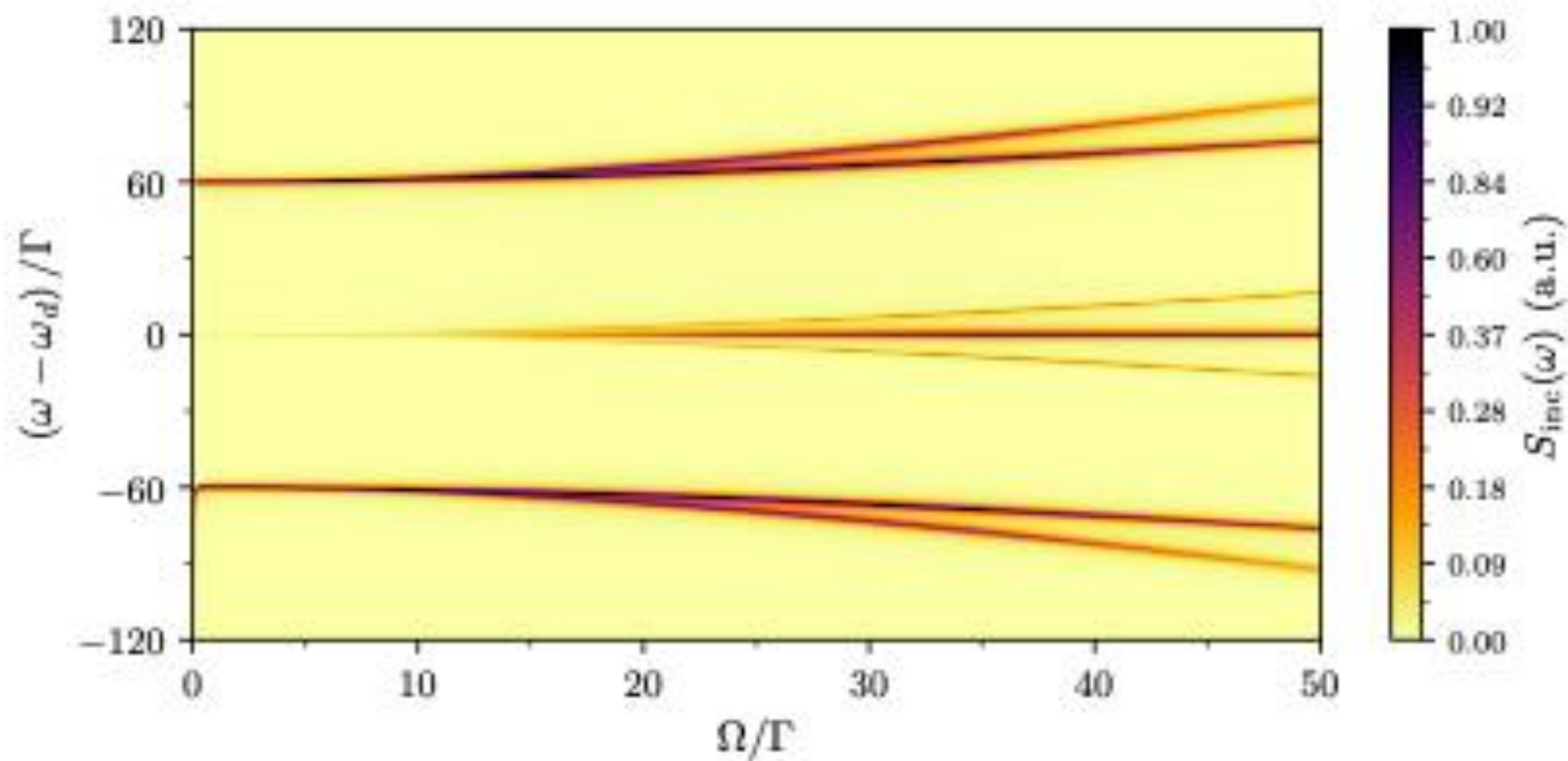
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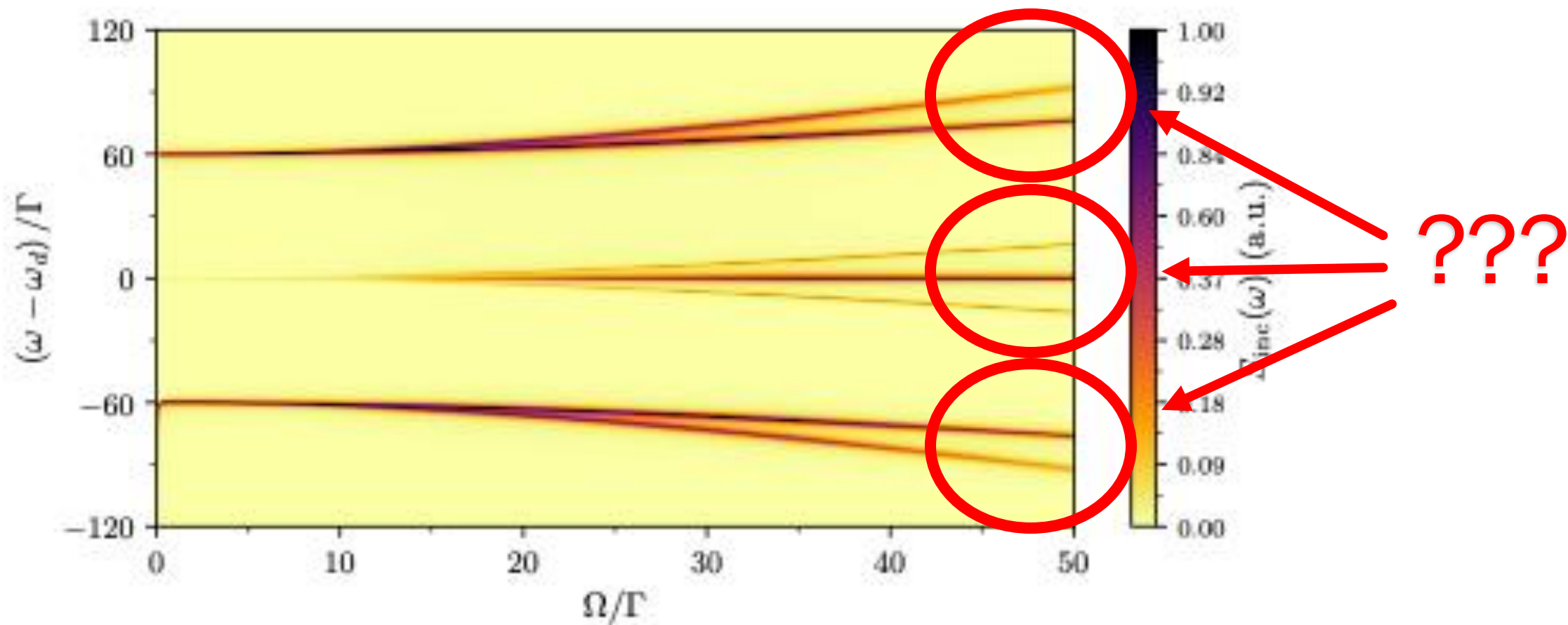
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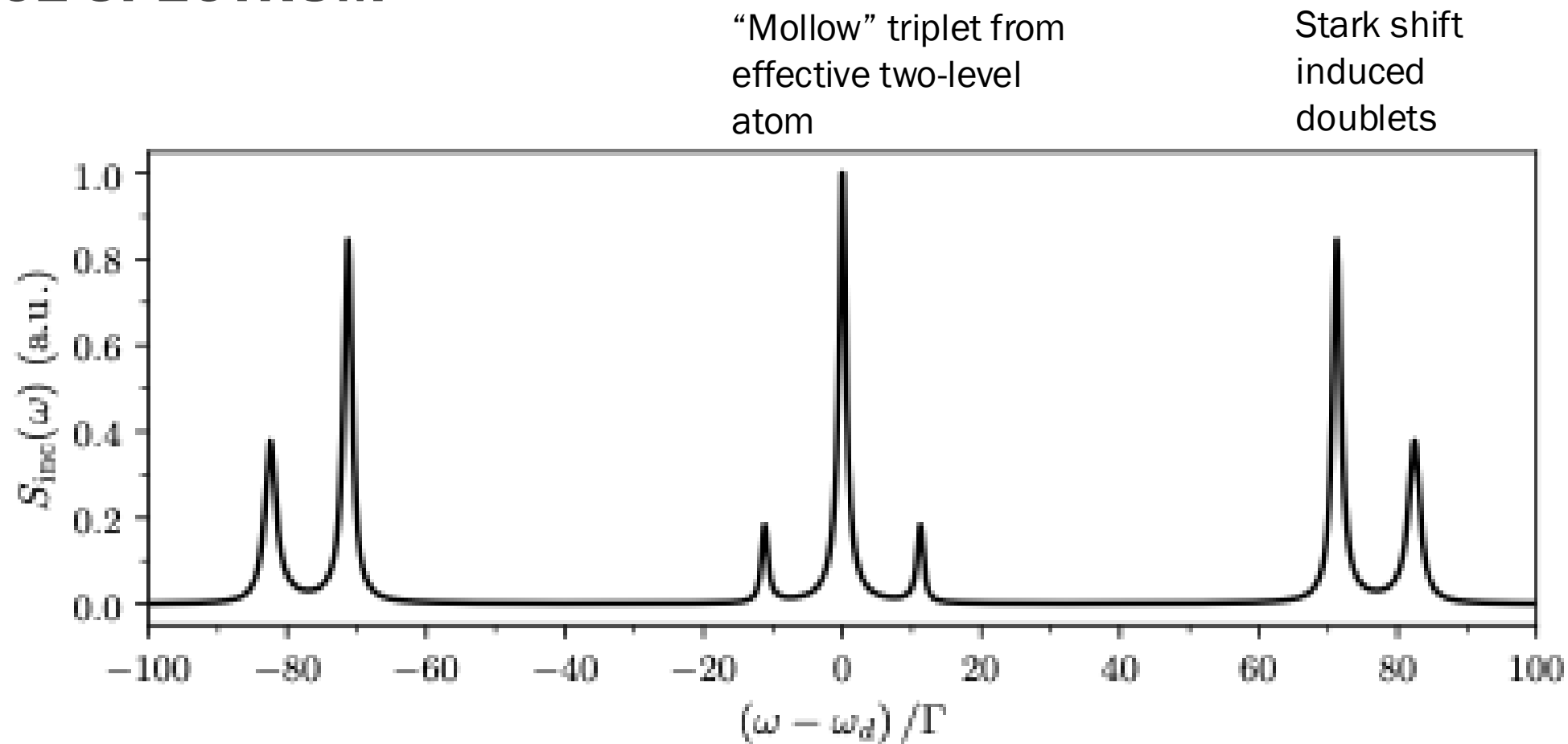
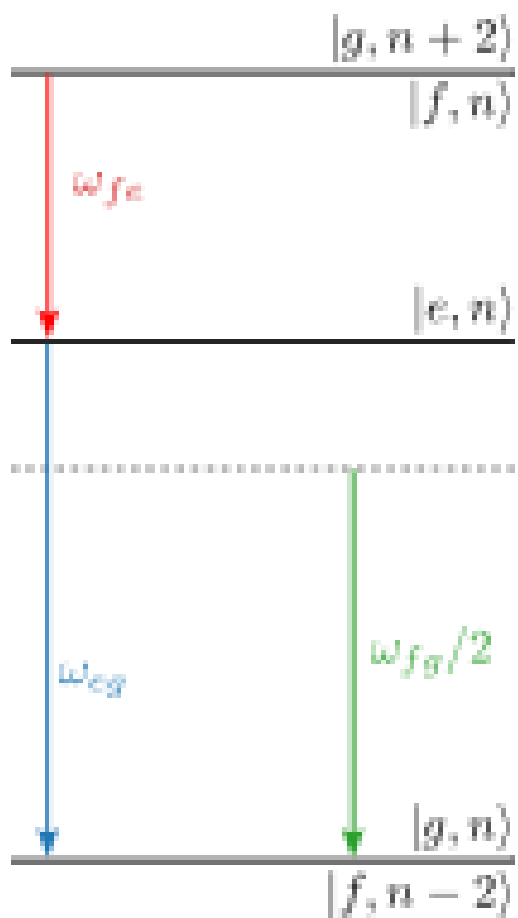
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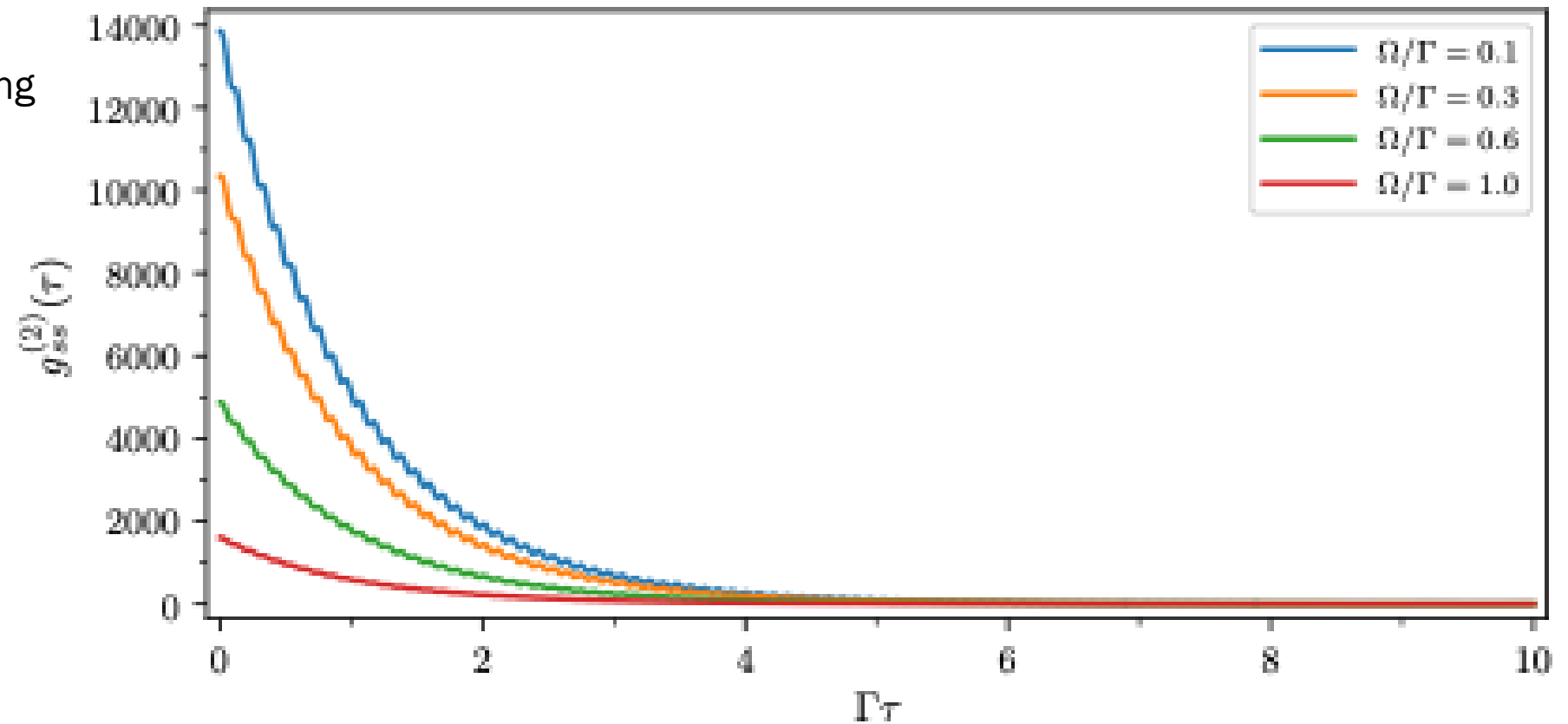


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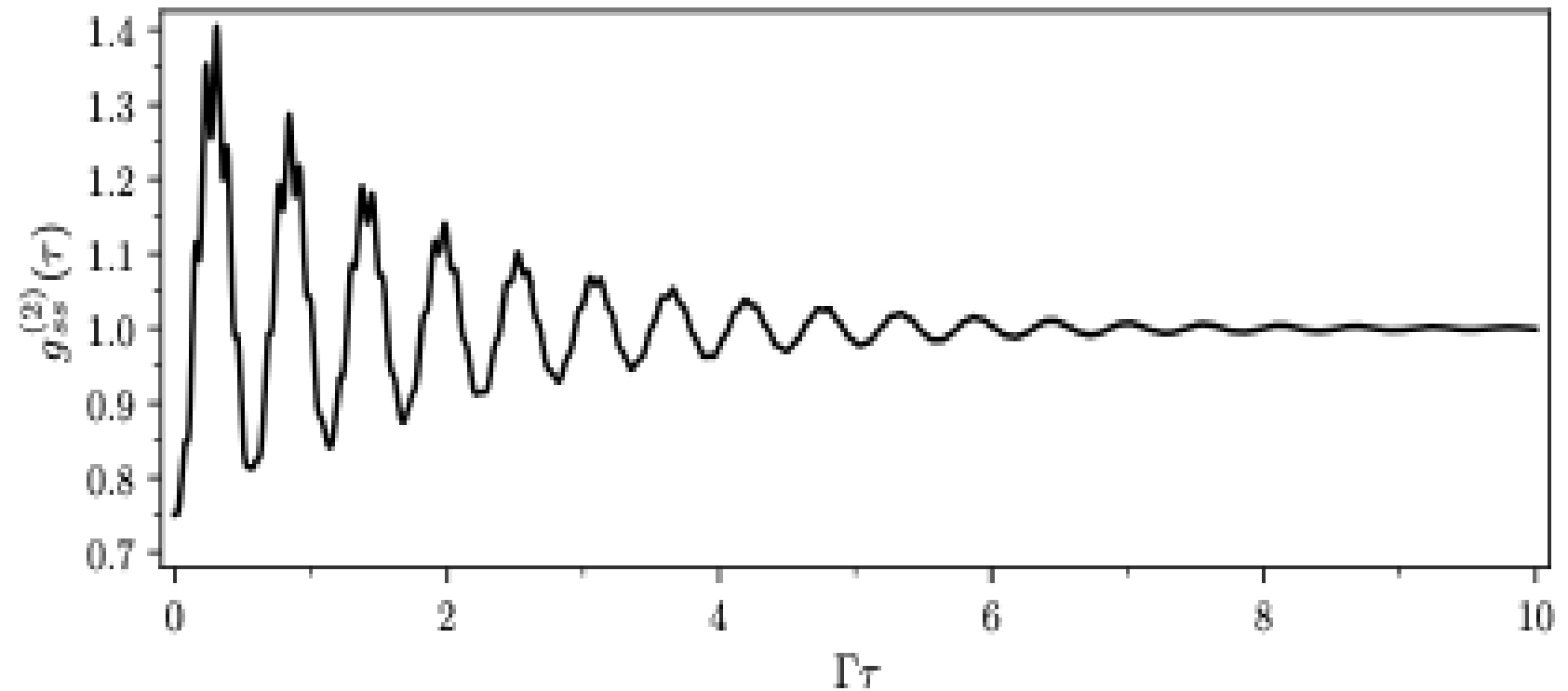
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- Weak driving = strong bunching
- Strong driving
 - Rabi oscillations
 - Faster frequency from anharmonicity
 - Slightly antibunched
 $g^{(2)}(0) > 0.5$



PHOTON CORRELATIONS: DRESSED-STATE APPROXIMATION

Diagonalise Hamiltonian $D = S^{-1} H_A S$ $D = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_l \end{pmatrix}$ $S = [|m\rangle, |u\rangle, |l\rangle]$

Transform master equation into dressed state basis

$$\frac{d\rho_D}{dt} = S^{-1} \frac{d\rho}{dt} S$$

Derive second-order correlation functions for each side-peak ($\Omega \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_- &= \frac{-3\xi^2\Gamma}{2(1+\xi^2)}, & g_0^{(2)}(\tau) &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}e^{\lambda_-\tau}, \\ \lambda_+ &= \frac{\Gamma(1-\xi^2+\xi^4)}{2(1+\xi^2)}. & g_{\pm 1}^{(2)}(\tau) &= 1 - e^{\lambda_-\tau}, \\ & & g_{\pm 2}^{(2)}(\tau) &= 1 - e^{\lambda_-\tau}, \\ & & g_{\pm 3}^{(2)}(\tau) &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}e^{\lambda_-\tau} - \frac{3}{2}e^{\lambda_+\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

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Auto-correlations

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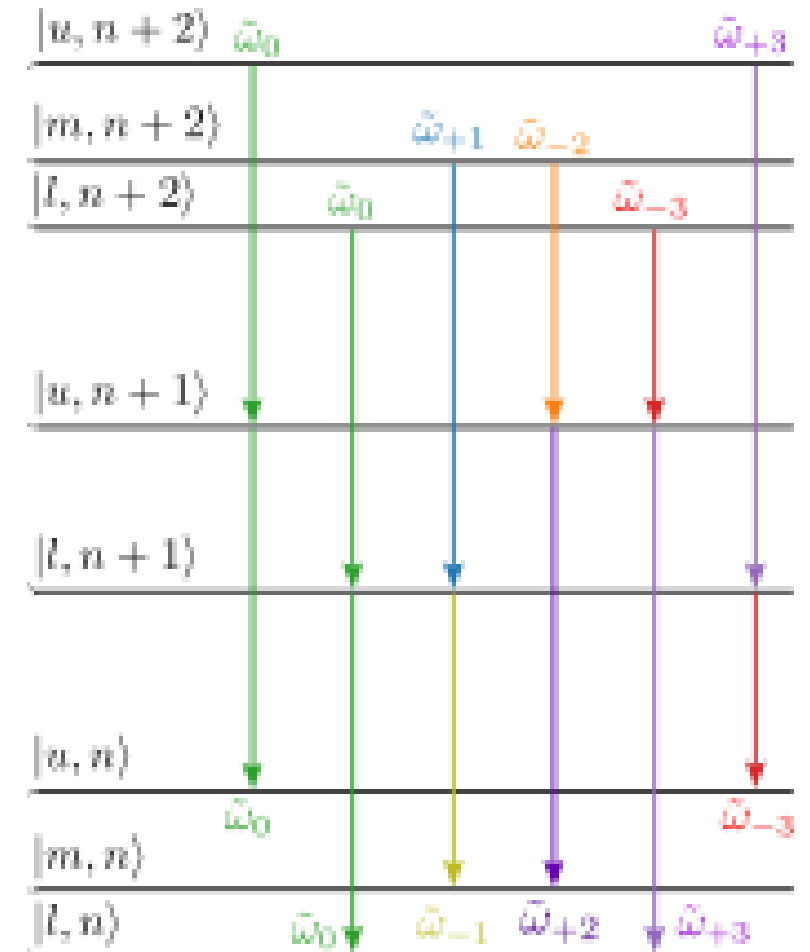
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Cross-correlations: sidepeak-to-sidepeak

$$g_{+i,-i}^{(2)}(\tau) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}e^{\lambda-\tau} + \frac{3}{2}e^{\lambda+\tau} \quad \text{Correlated}$$



FREQUENCY-FILTERING METHODS

- Perturbation method

- Holdaway et al., PRA **98**, 063828 (2018).

- Superoperator decomposition

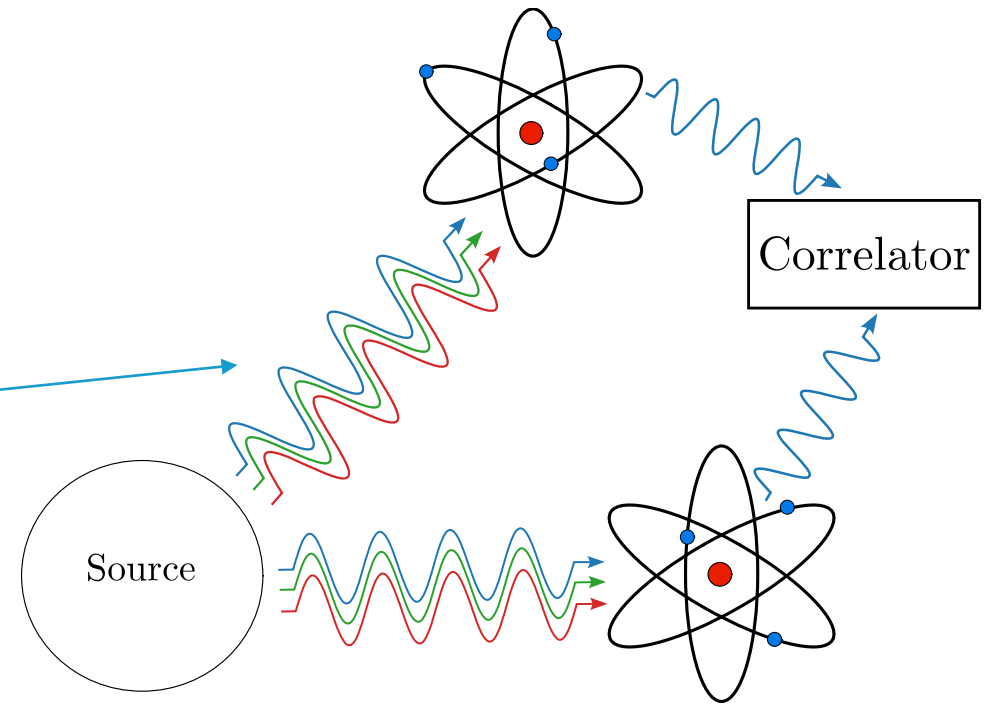
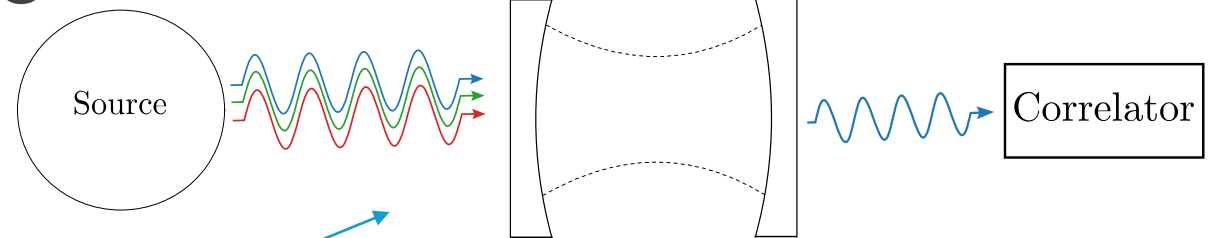
- Kamide et al., PRA **92**, 033833 (2015).

- Fabry-Pérot interferometers

- Phys. Rev. A **42**, 503 (1990); Phys. Rev. Lett **125**, 043603 (2020); Phys. Rev. Lett **125**, 170402 (2020);

- Detector atoms

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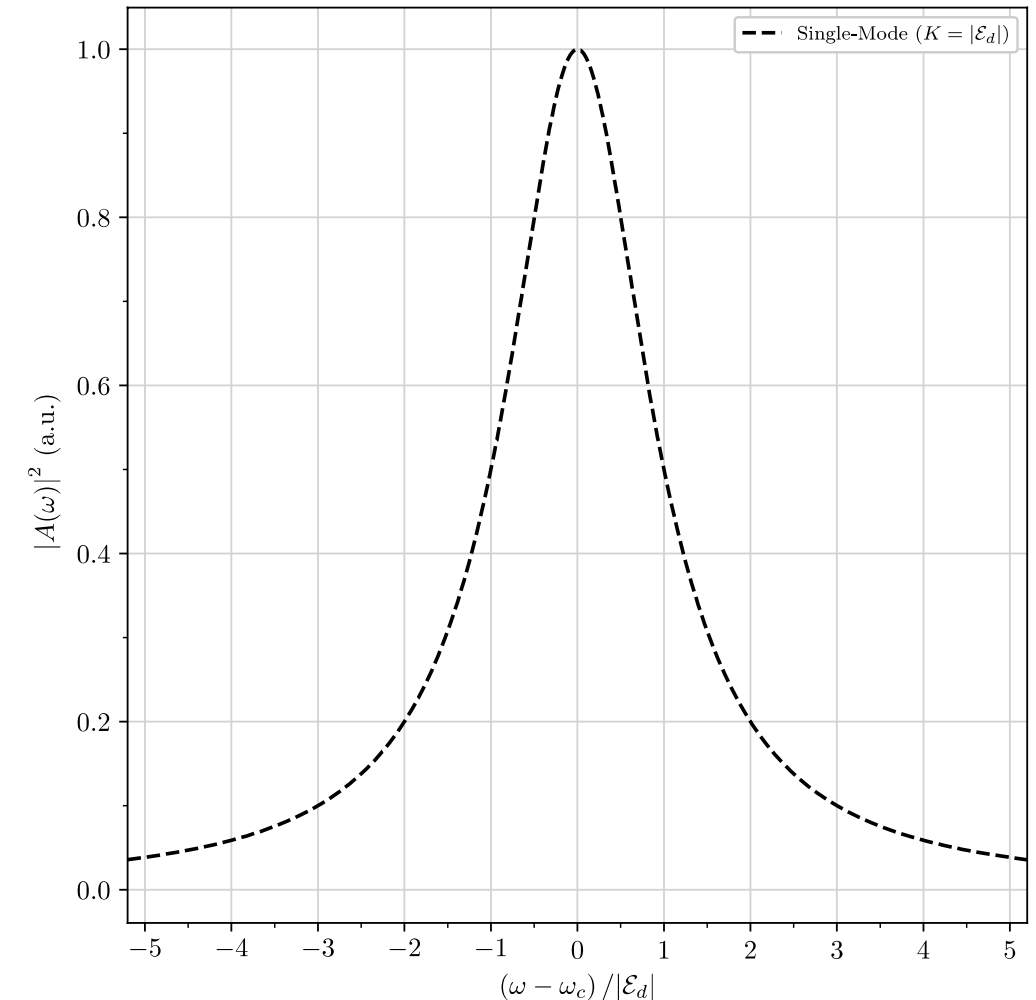


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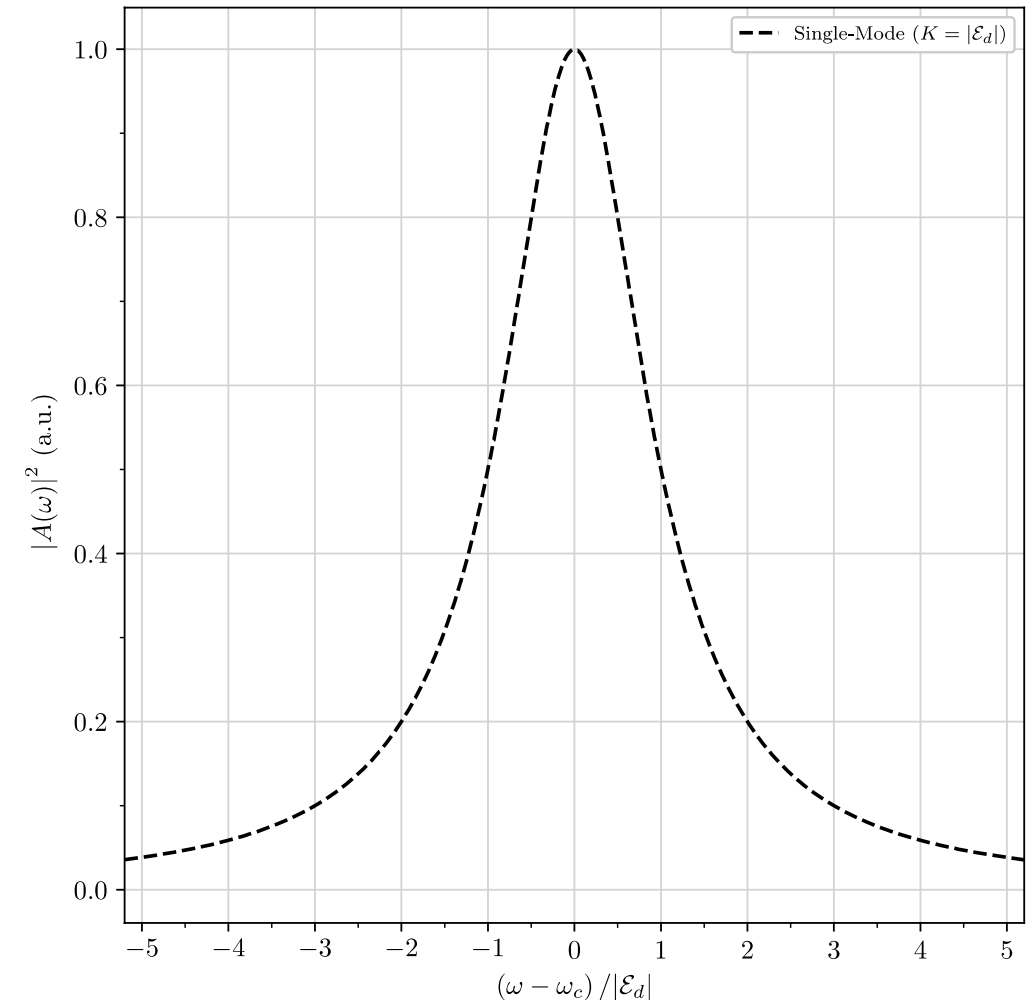
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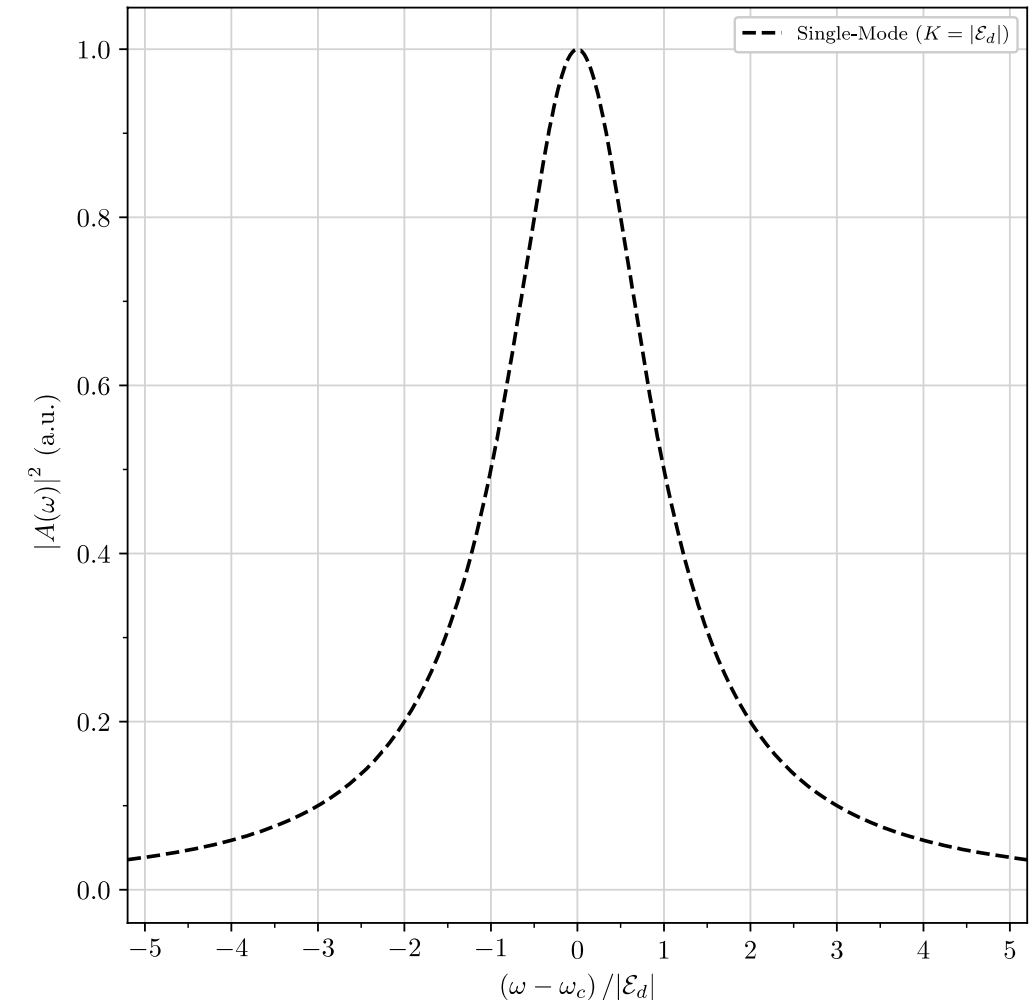
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- Trade-off between frequency temporal response and filter bandwidth K
 - Fast temporal response = wide frequency distribution
 - Narrow frequency distribution = slow temporal response
- Lorentzian distribution has wide-reaching “tails”, with large frequency response



THE PROBLEM

- Want to measure photon correlations *as emitted* by a quantum system
 - Need a *fast* temporal response
 - But still want near perfect frequency isolation
- Wide Lorentzian tails give poor frequency isolation

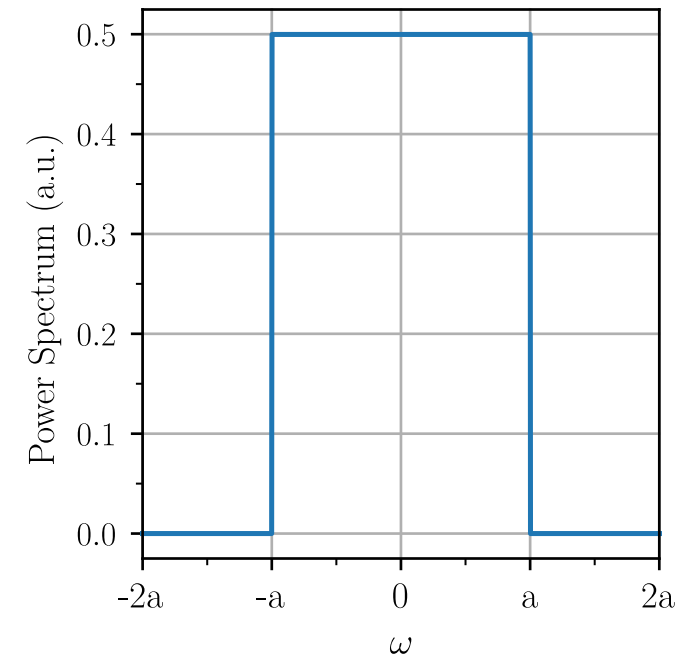
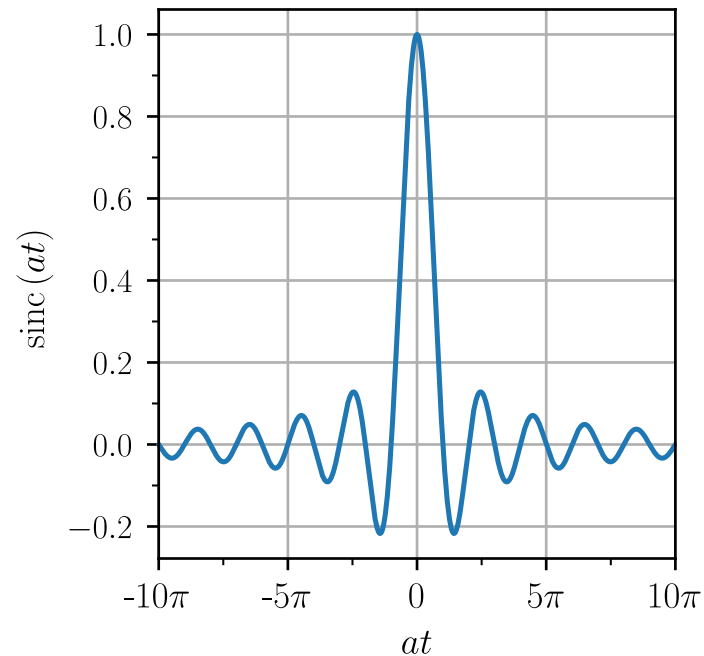


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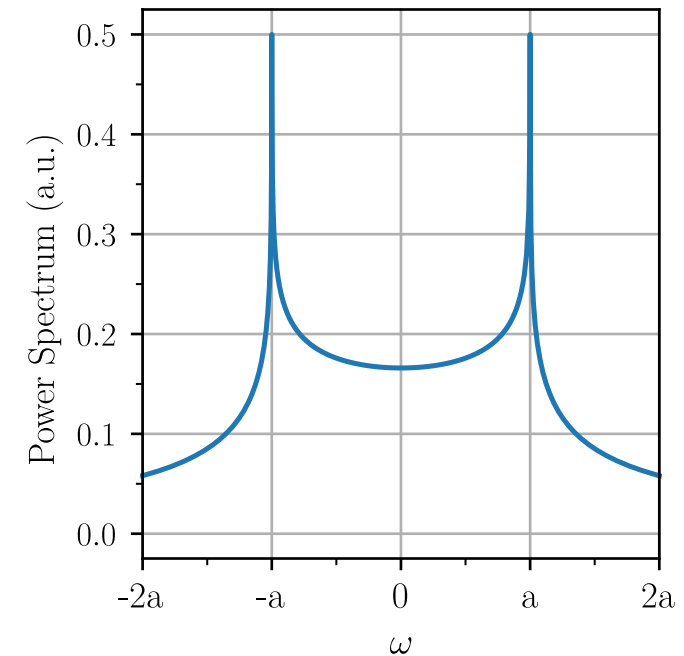
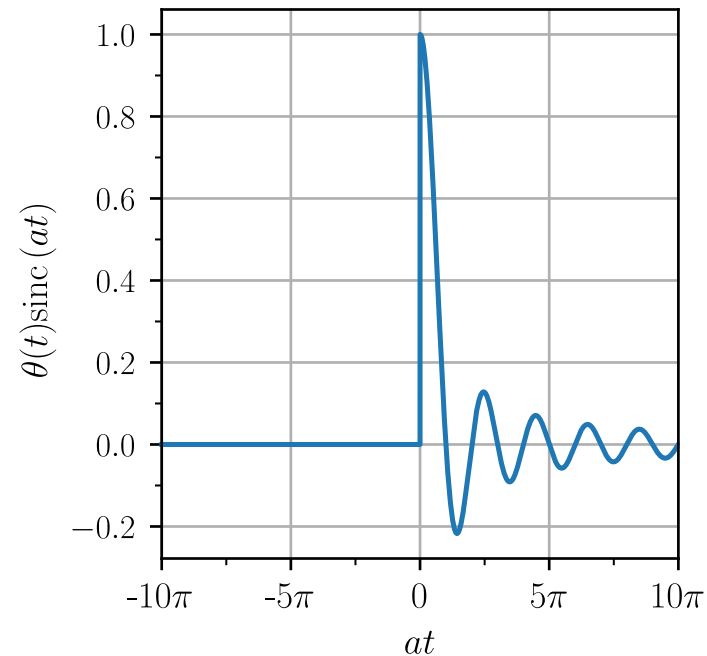
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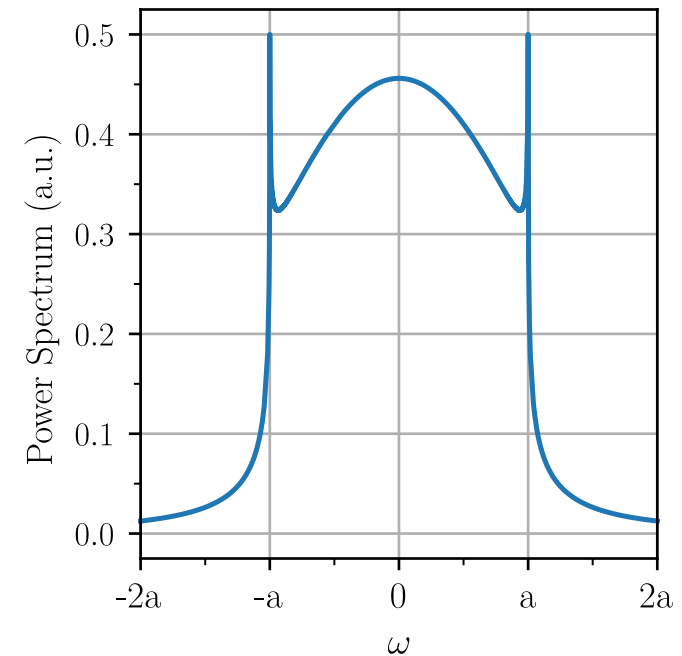
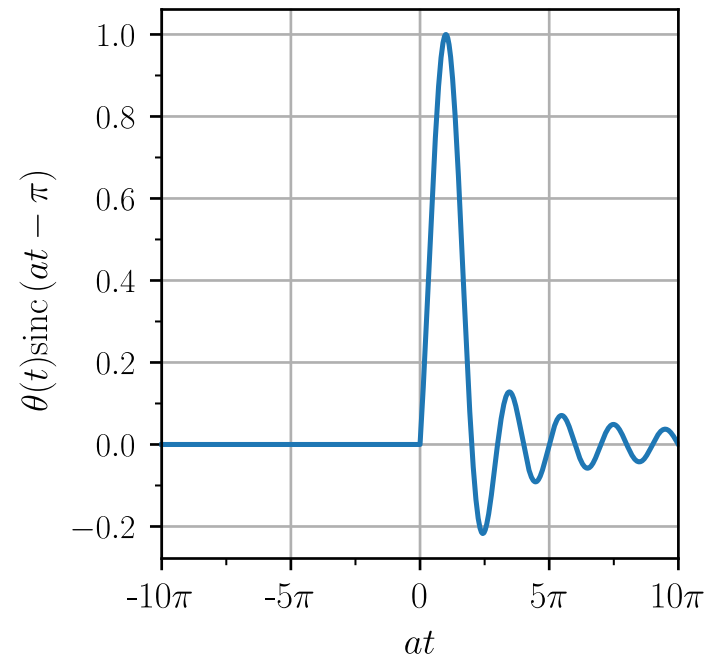
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- “Phase modulation” recovers sharp edges



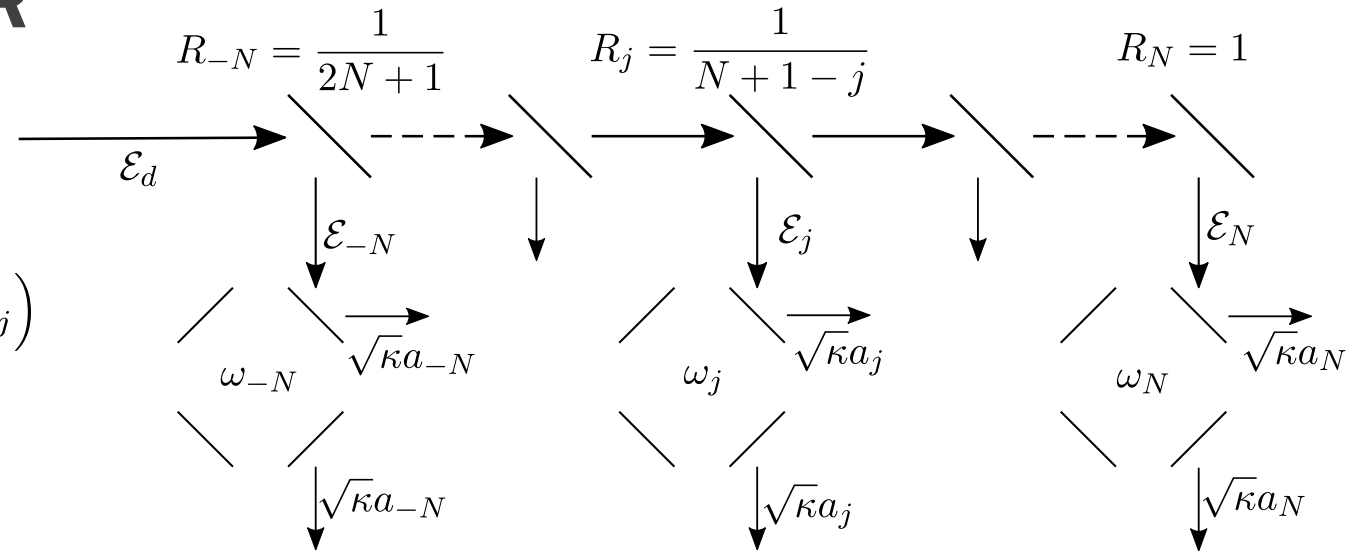
THE MULTI-MODE ARRAY FILTER

- Extend simple Hamiltonian

$$H = \hbar \sum_{j=-N}^N \omega_j a_j^\dagger a_j + i\hbar \sum_{j=-N}^N \left(\mathcal{E}_j e^{-i\omega t} a_j^\dagger - \mathcal{E}_j^* e^{i\omega t} a_j \right)$$

- Total number of filter modes – $2N + 1$
- j^{th} mode resonance frequency – $\omega_j = \omega_0 + j\delta\omega$
- Frequency separation – $\delta\omega$

- Mode-dependent phase modulation – $\mathcal{E}_j = \frac{\mathcal{E}_d}{\sqrt{2N+1}} e^{ij\pi/N}$
- Combined/collective output – $A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N+1}} \sum_{j=-N}^N a_j$



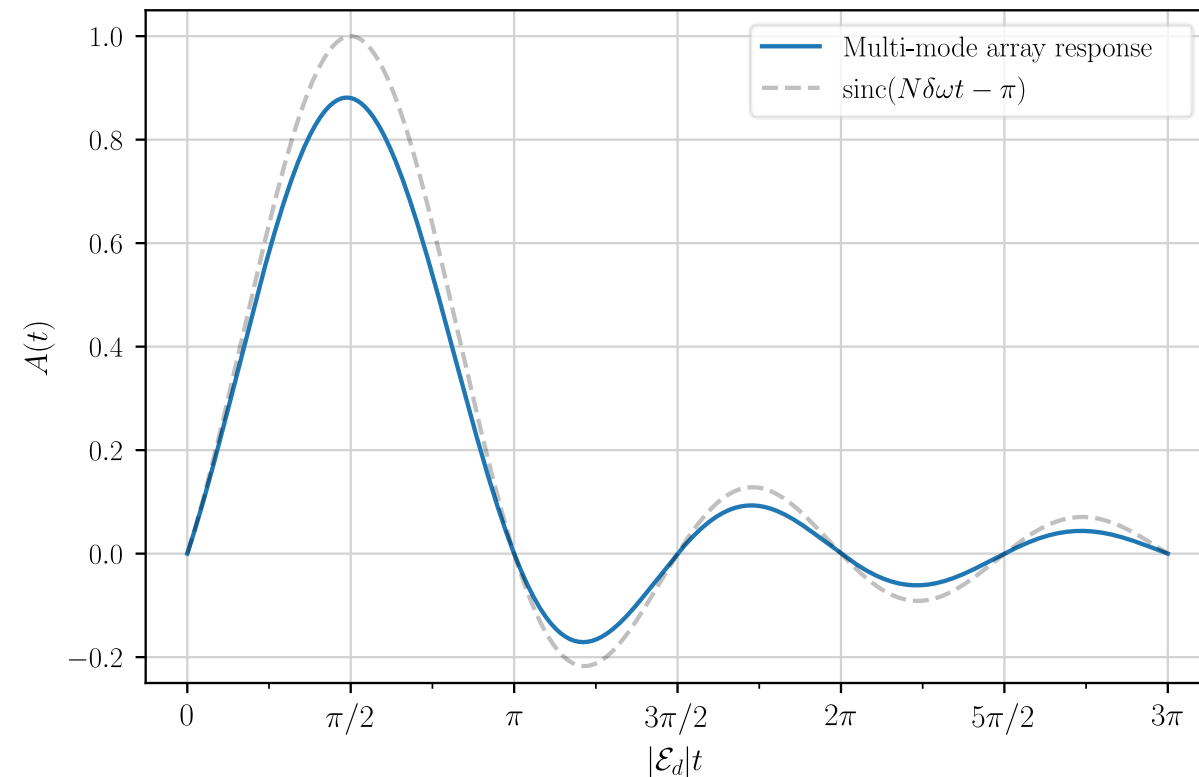
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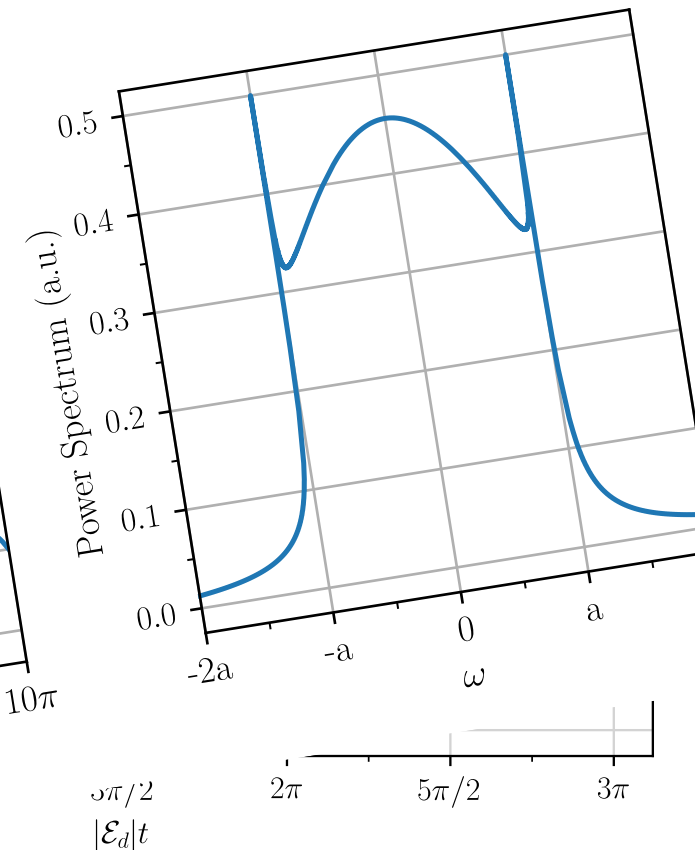
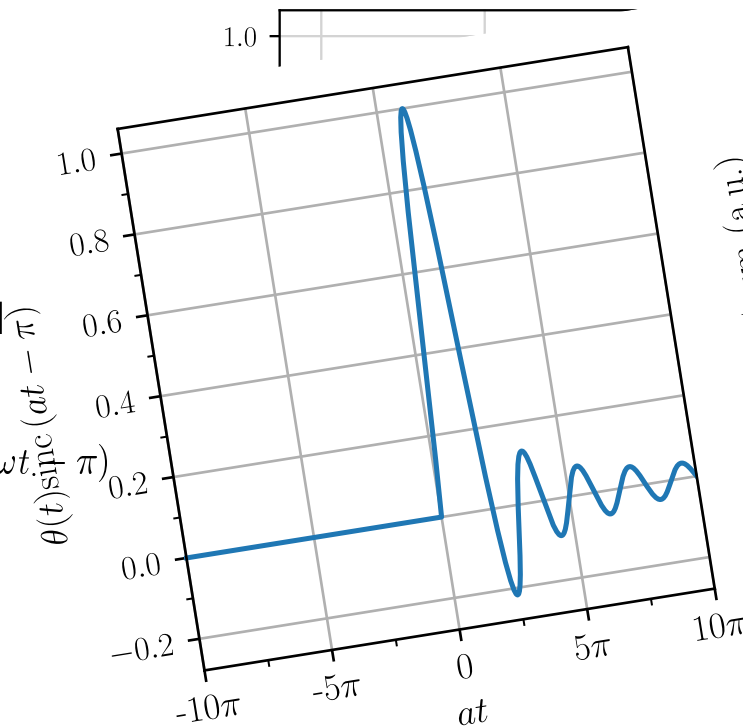
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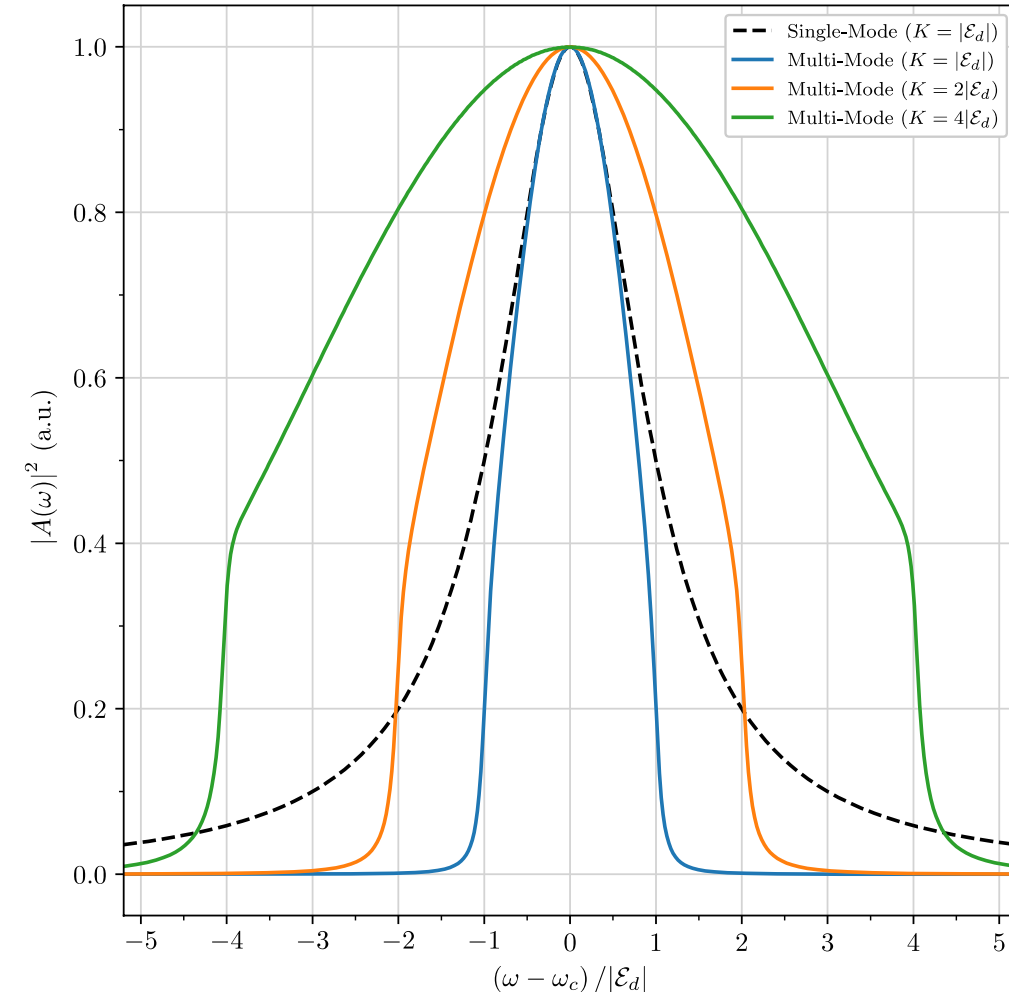
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MULTI-MODE ARRAY – FREQUENCY RESPONSE

- Consider continuous driving

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- Multi-mode array temporal response is a shifted sinc-function
- Filter halfwidth K
 - Single-mode filter – $K = \kappa$
 - Multi-mode array filter – $K = N\delta\omega$
- Sharper frequency response cut-off
- Larger bandwidth = faster (better) temporal response

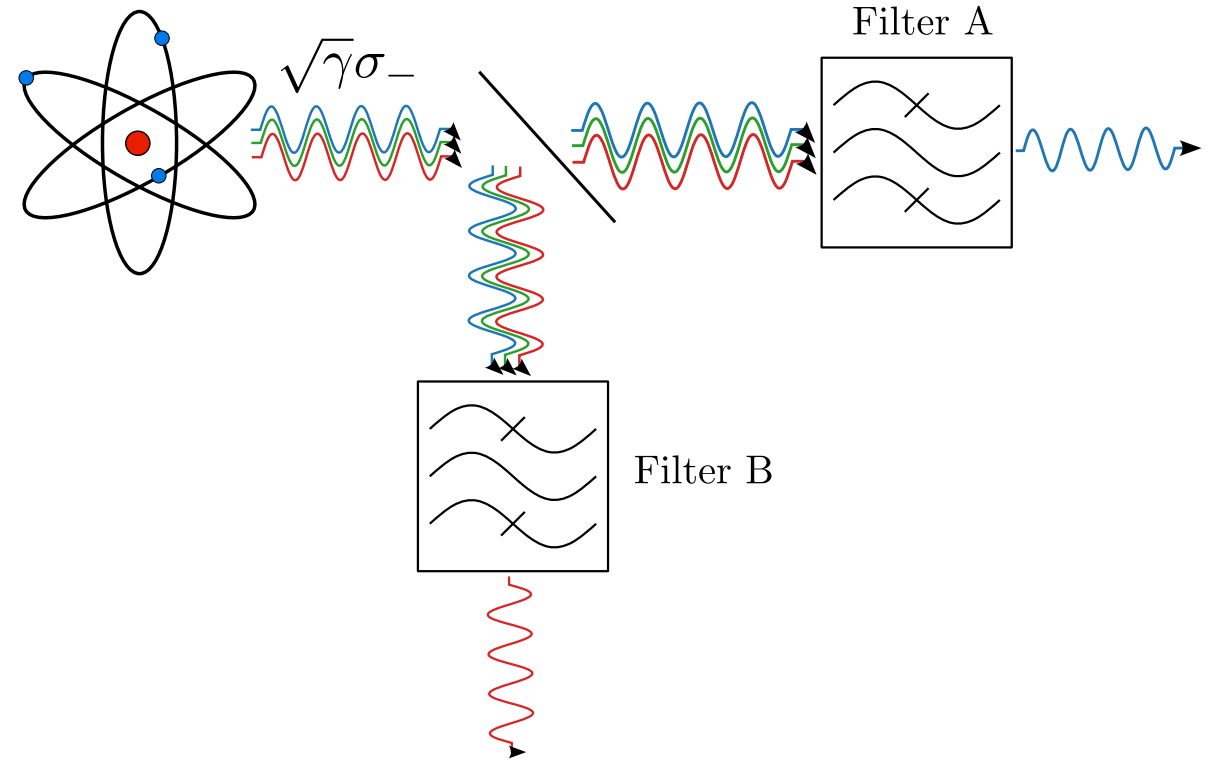
Parameters: $N = 80, \kappa = 0.25\delta\omega$

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Master equation

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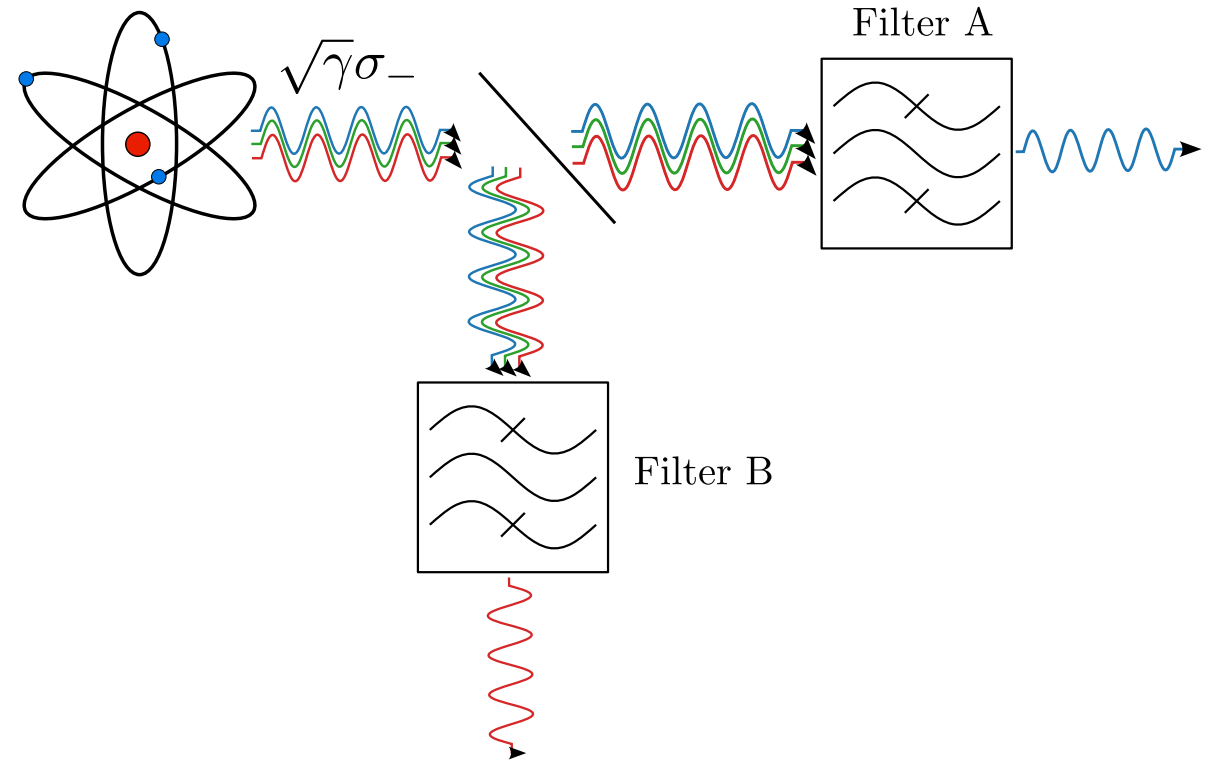


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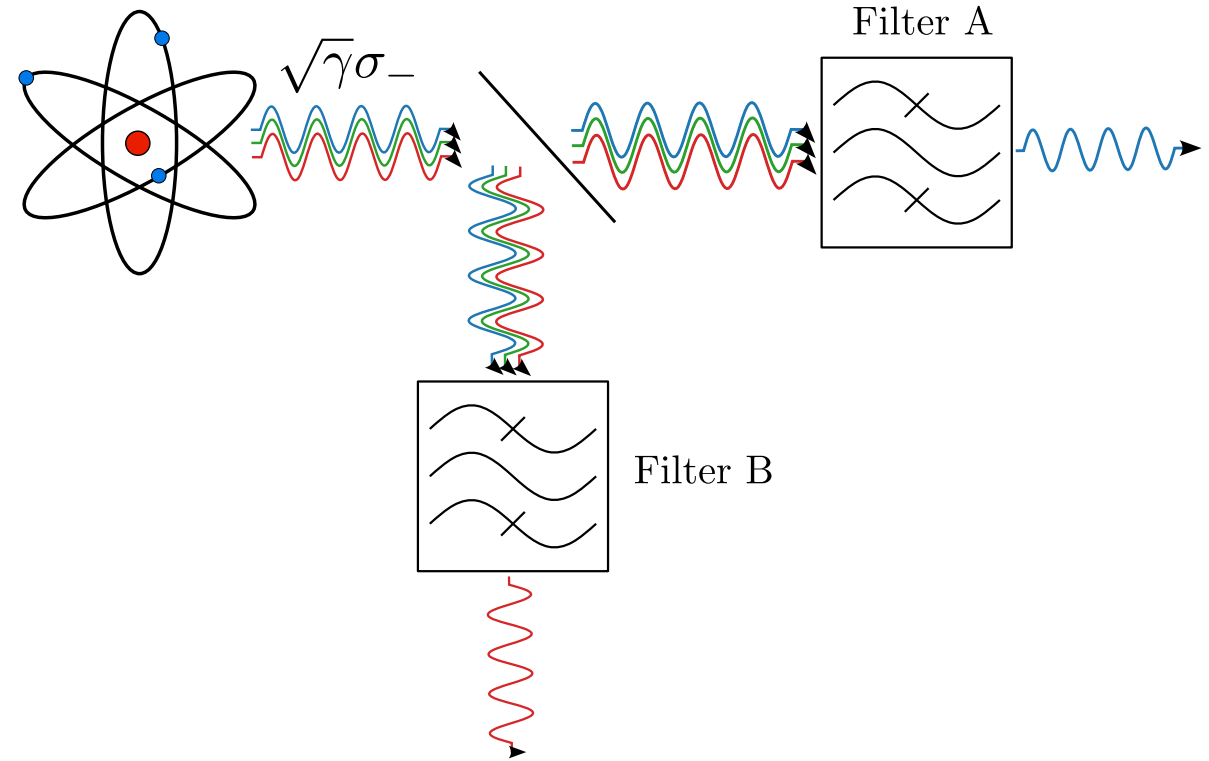


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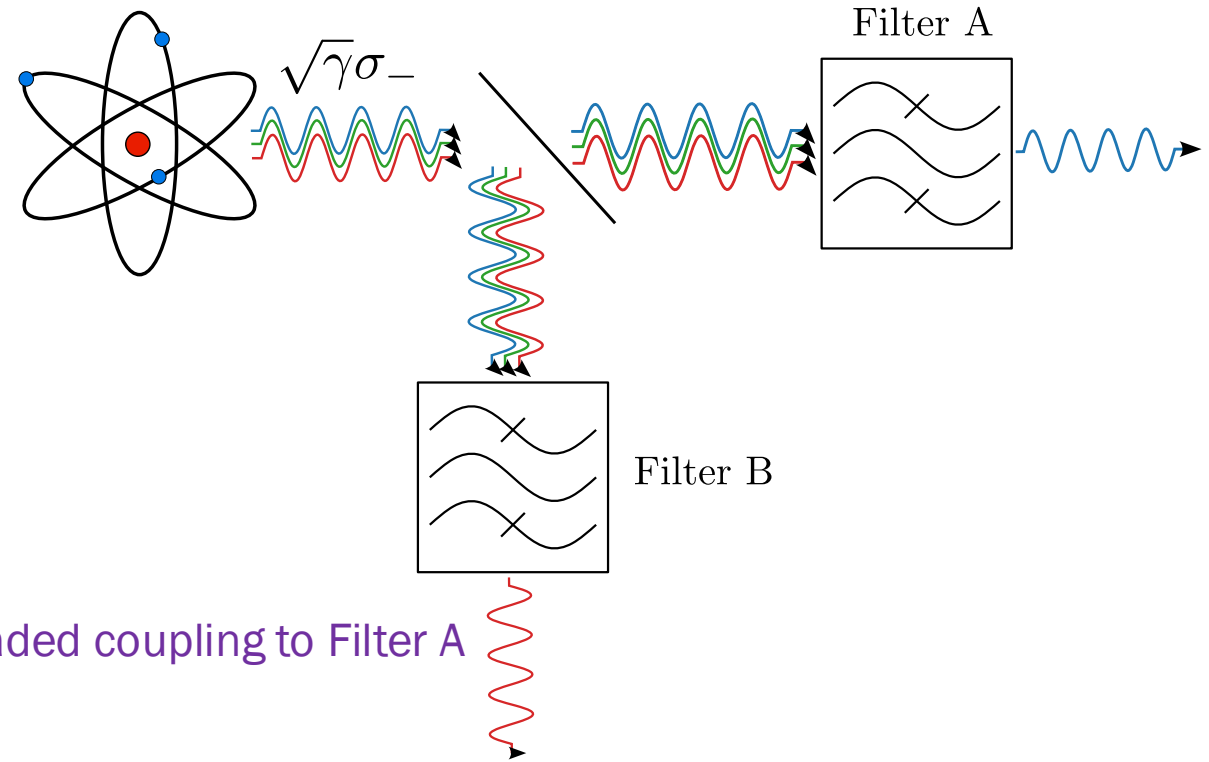
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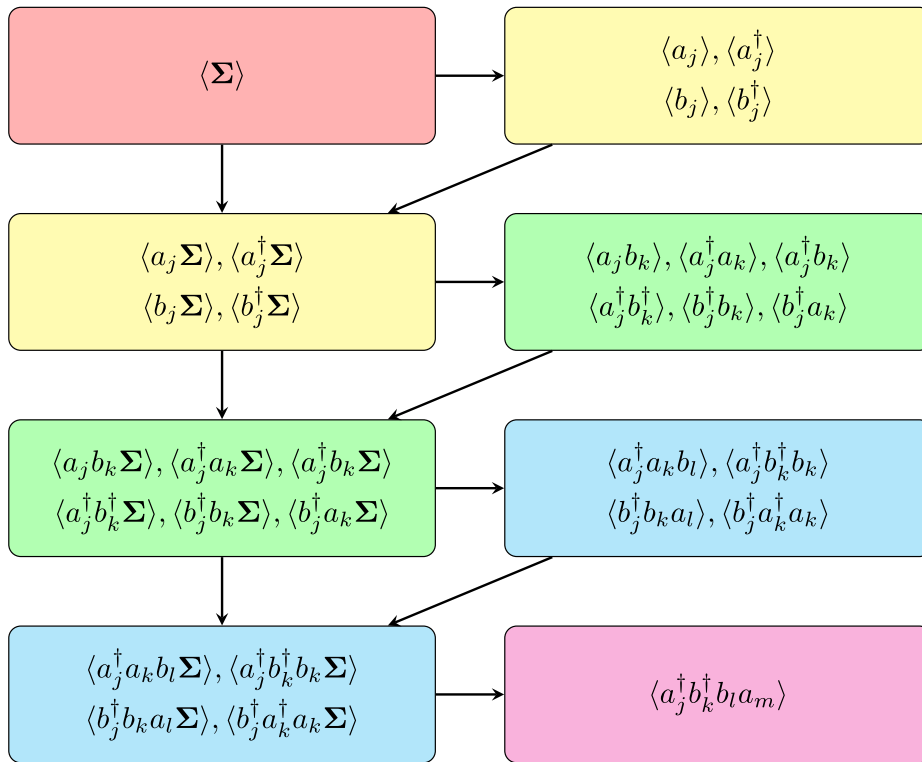
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CALCULATION METHOD – THE MOMENT EQUATIONS



- Frequency-filtered second-order correlation function:

$$g^{(2)}(\alpha, 0; \beta, \tau) = \frac{\langle A^\dagger(0) B^\dagger B(\tau) A(0) \rangle_{ss}}{\langle A^\dagger A \rangle_{ss} \langle B^\dagger B \rangle_{ss}}$$

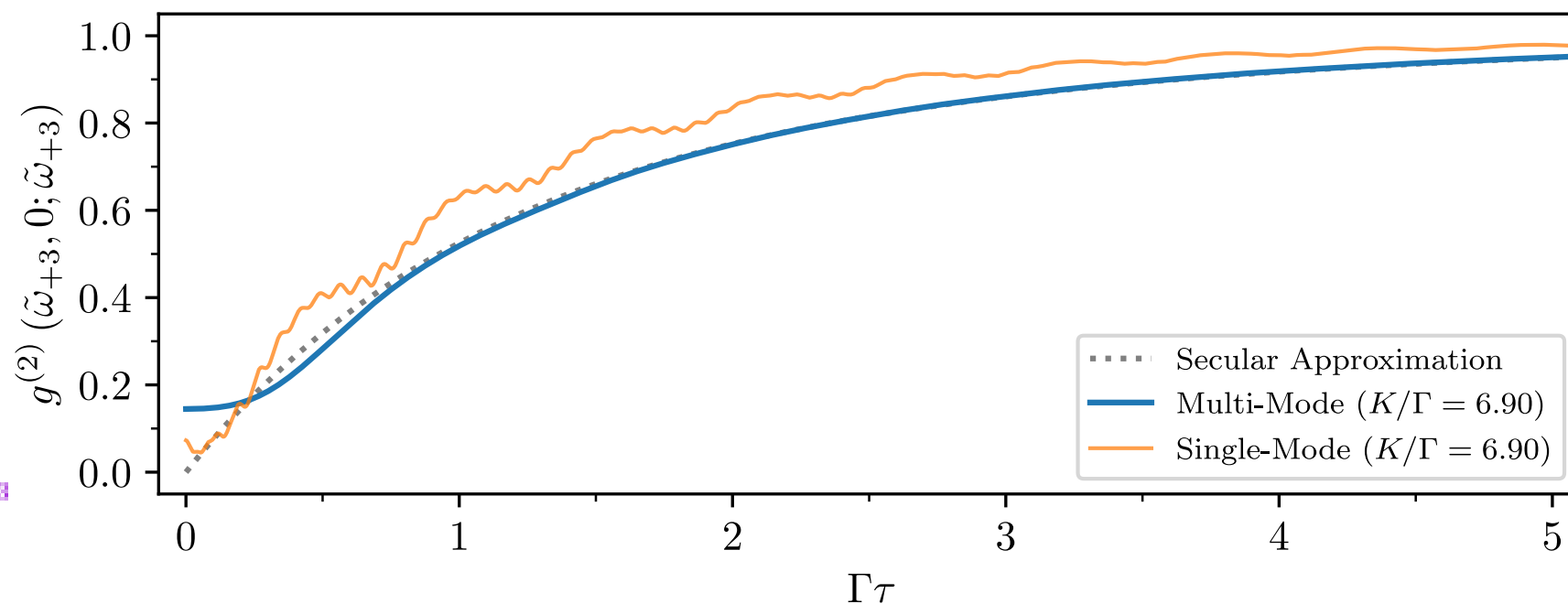
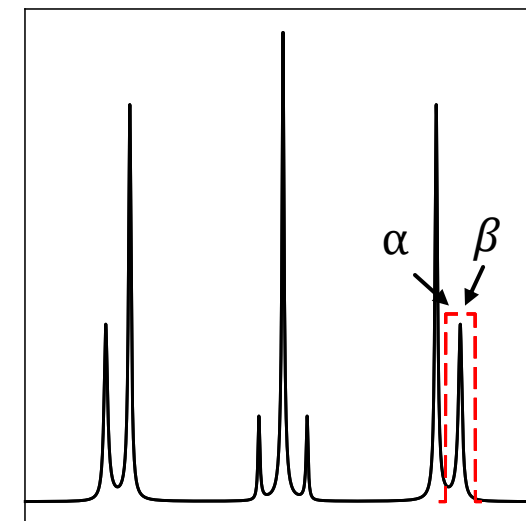
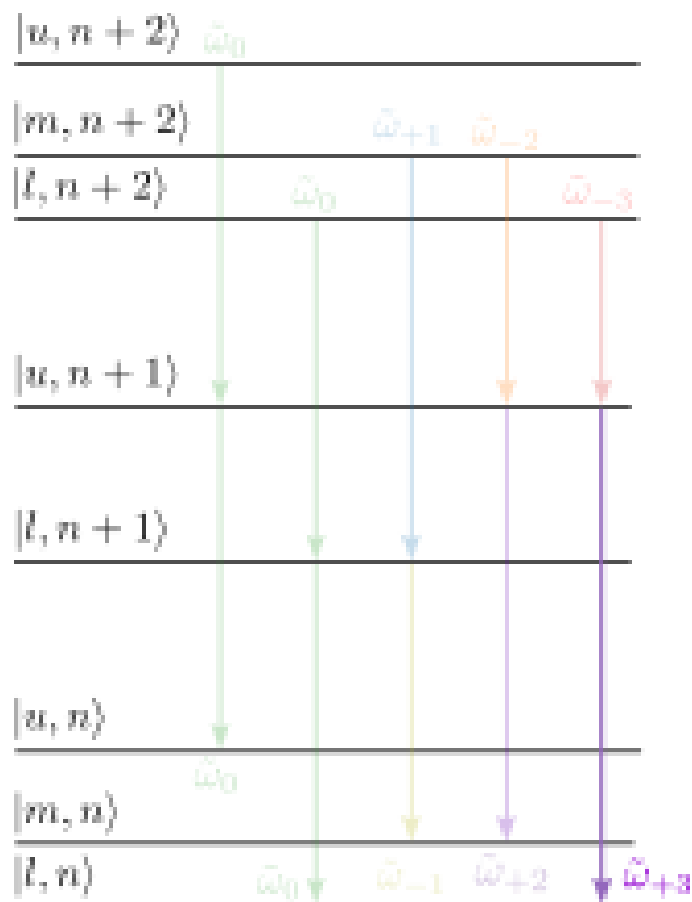
- Resonance frequency of filter A – α
- Resonance frequency of filter B – β

- Collective mode annihilation operators

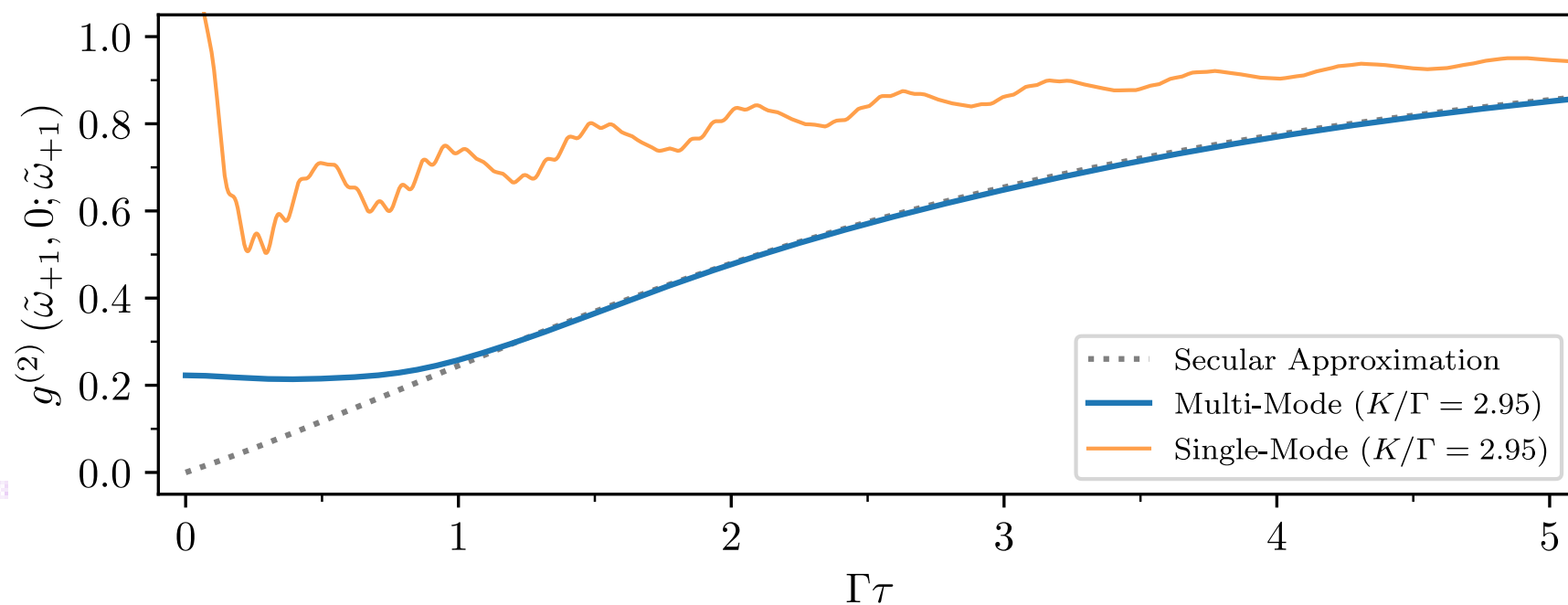
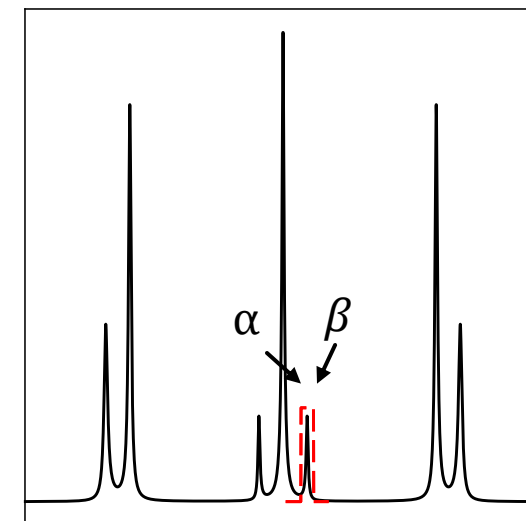
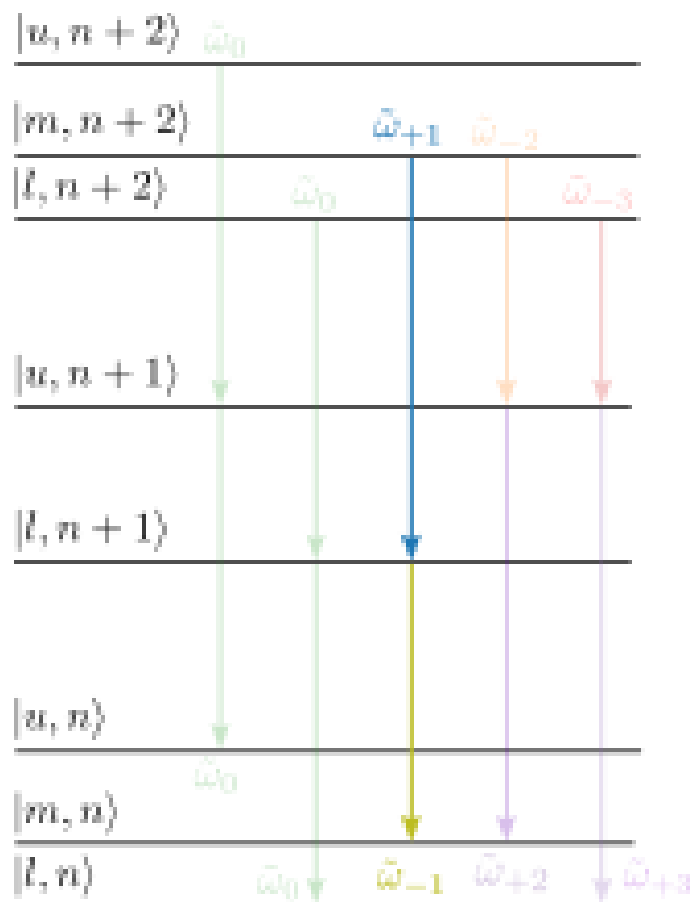
$$A = \sum_{j=-N}^N a_j, \quad B = \sum_{j=-N}^N b_j$$

- Moment equations – efficient method for calculating
 - ($N=20$) ~20 hours for master equation method
 - ($N=100$) ~1/2 second for moment equation method

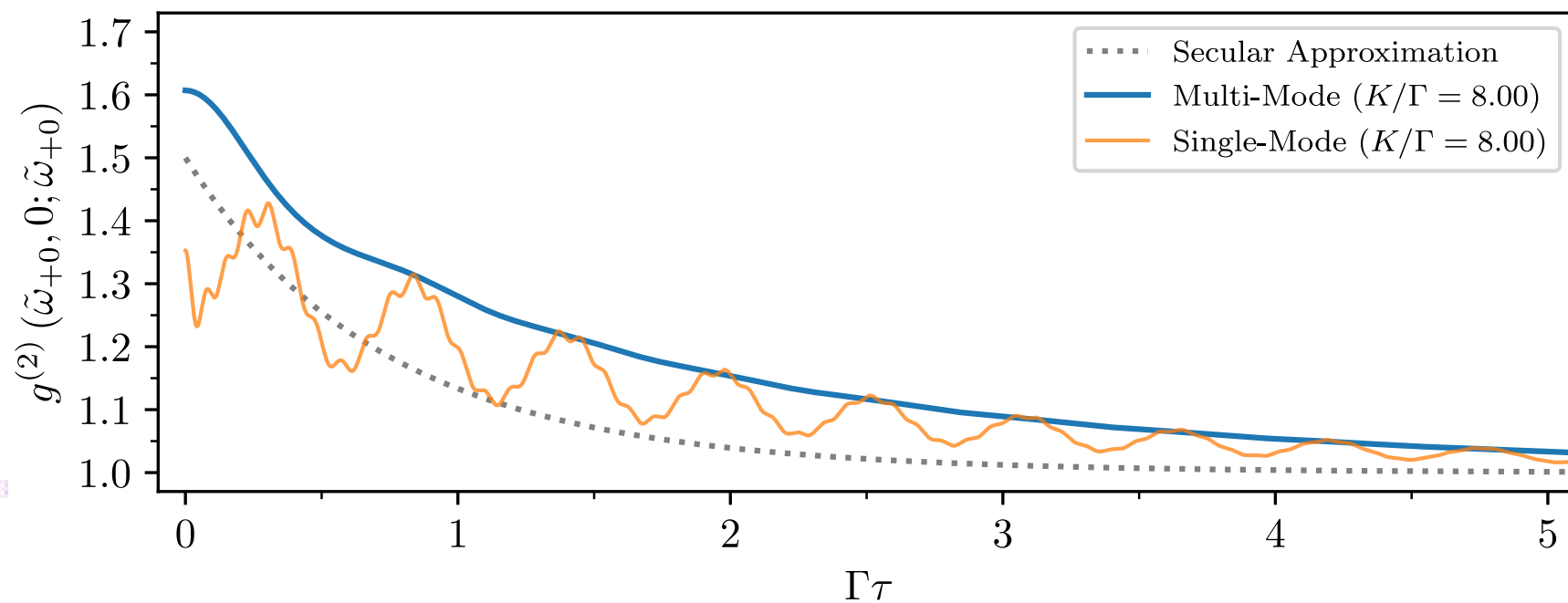
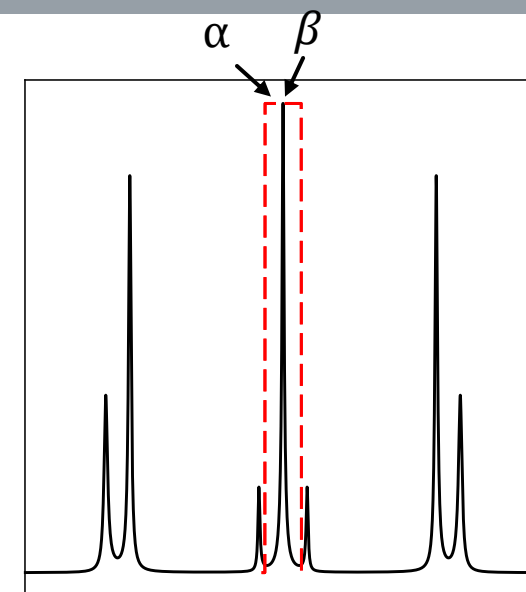
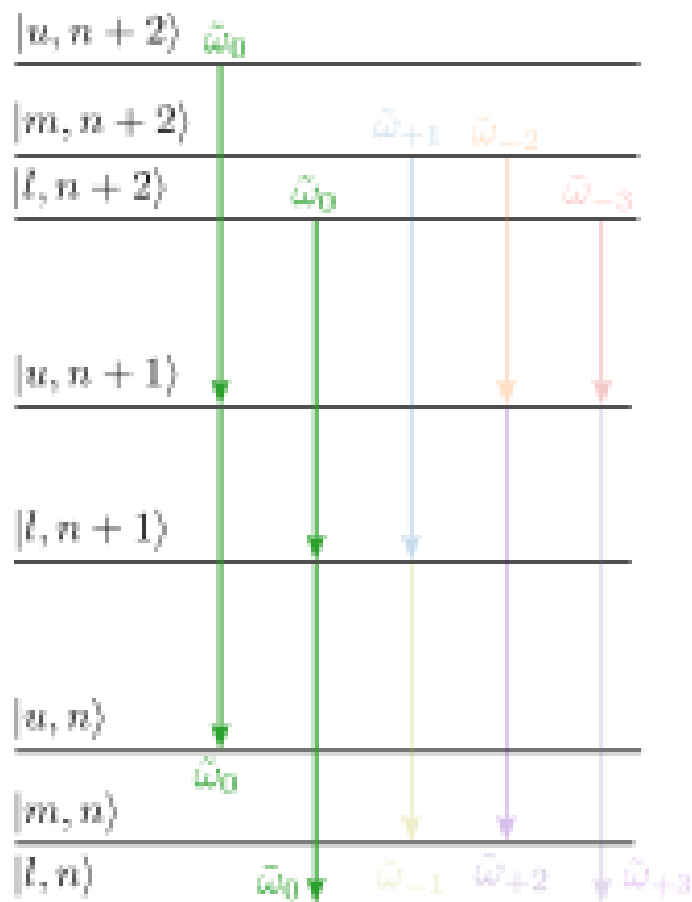
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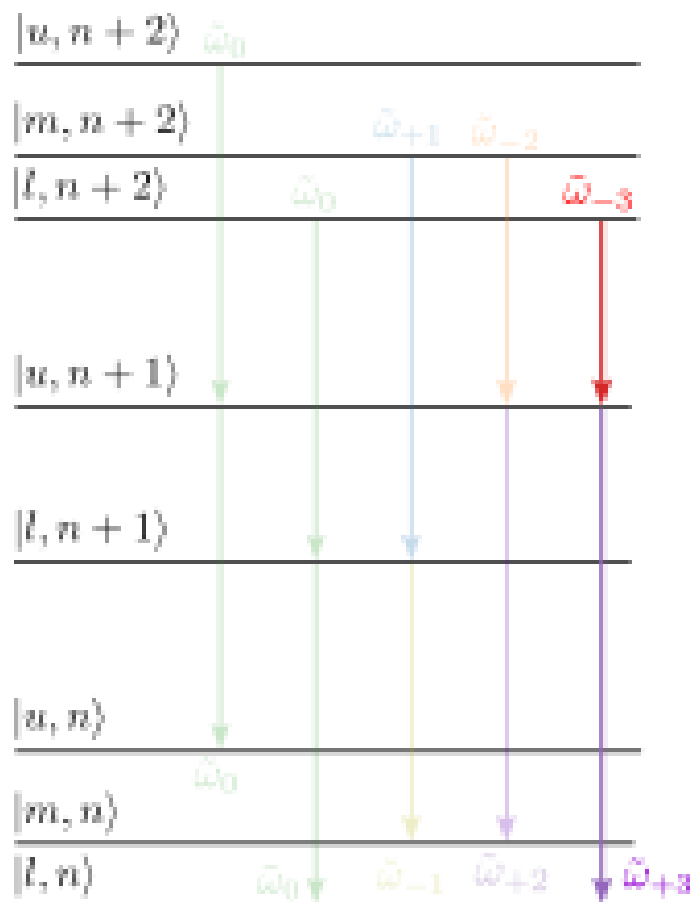
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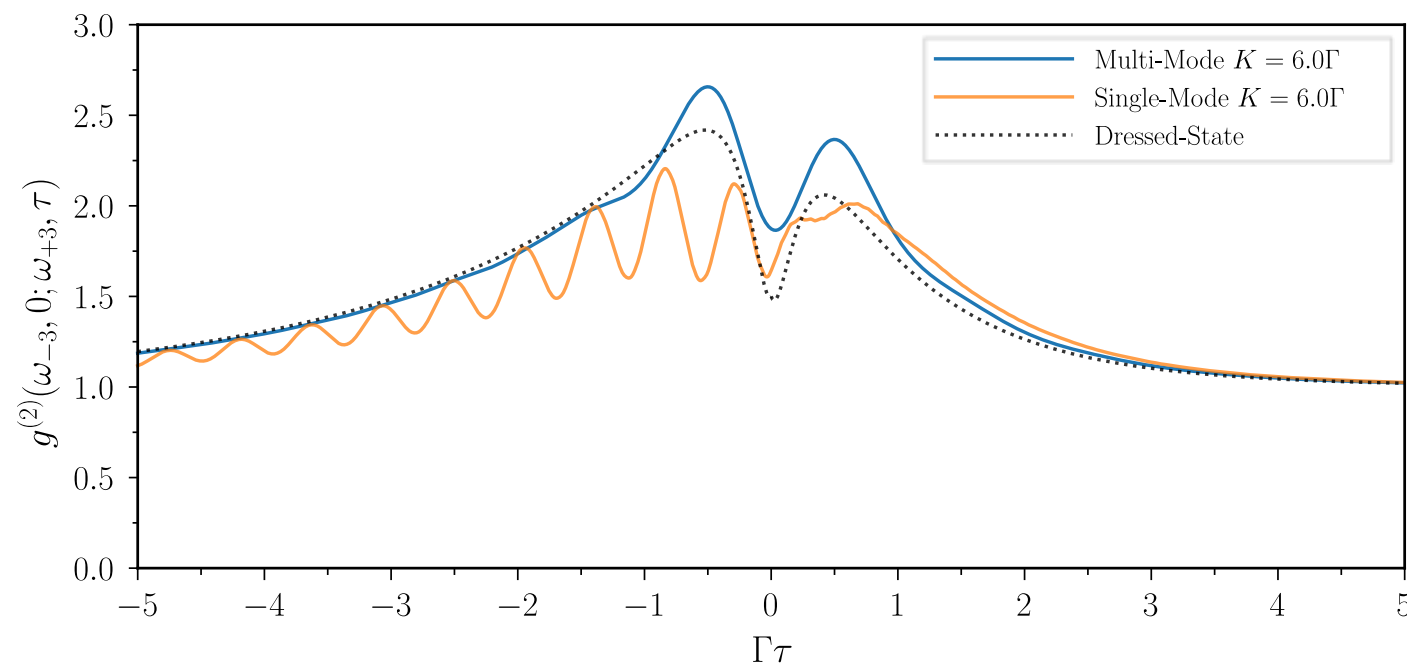
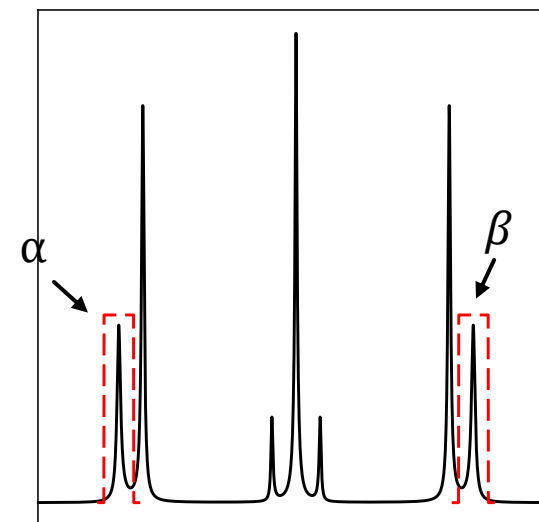
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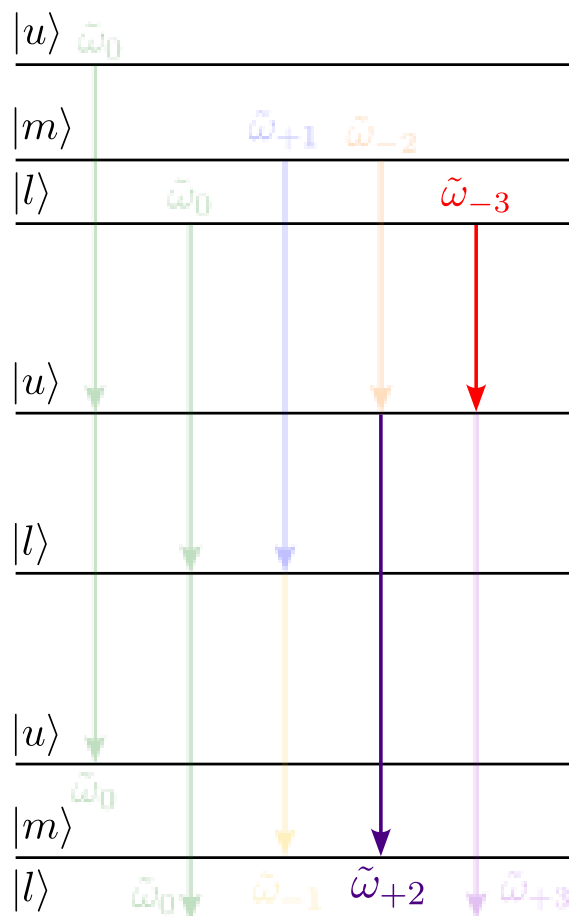
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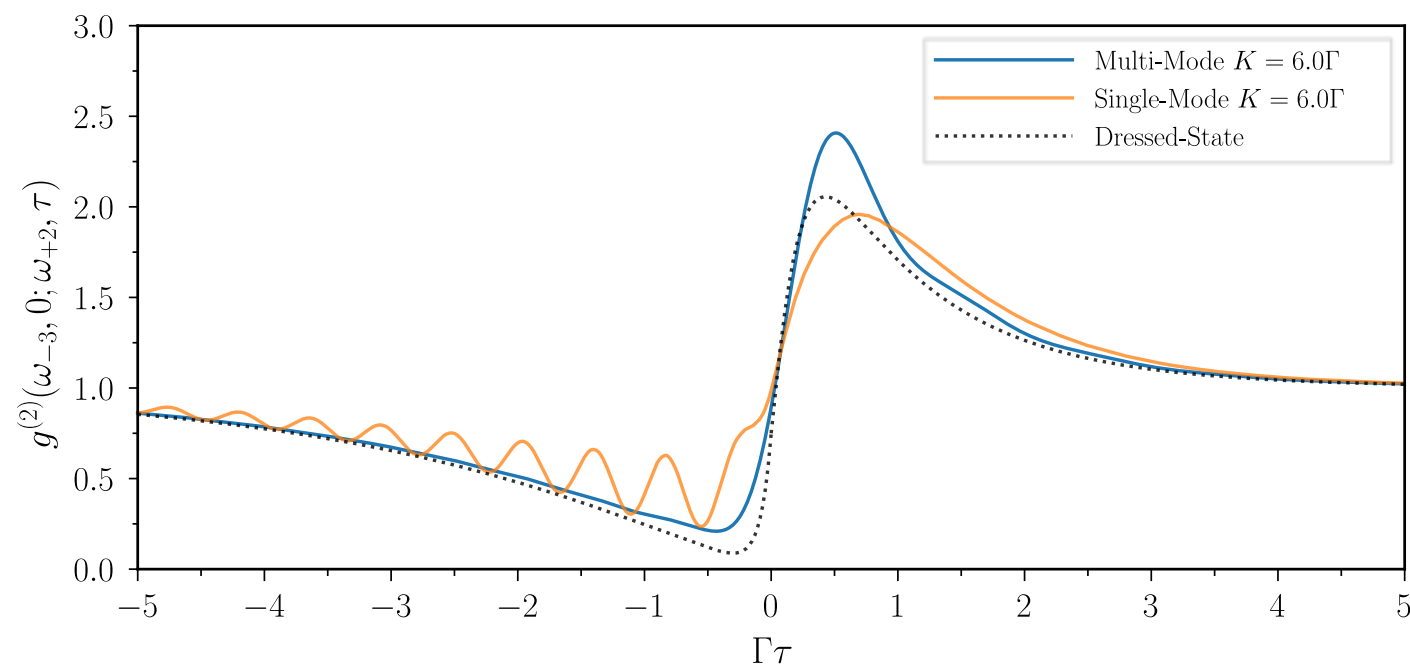
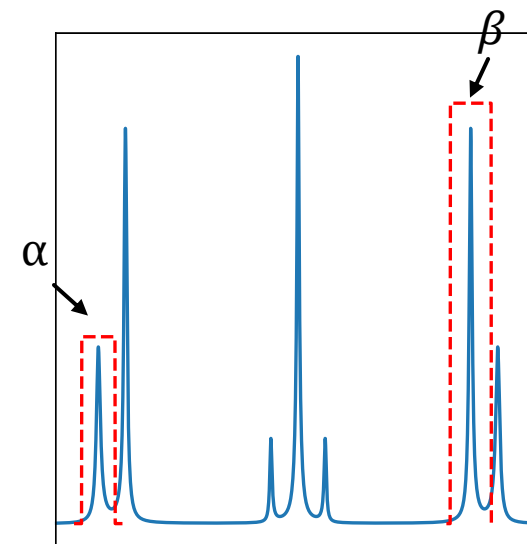
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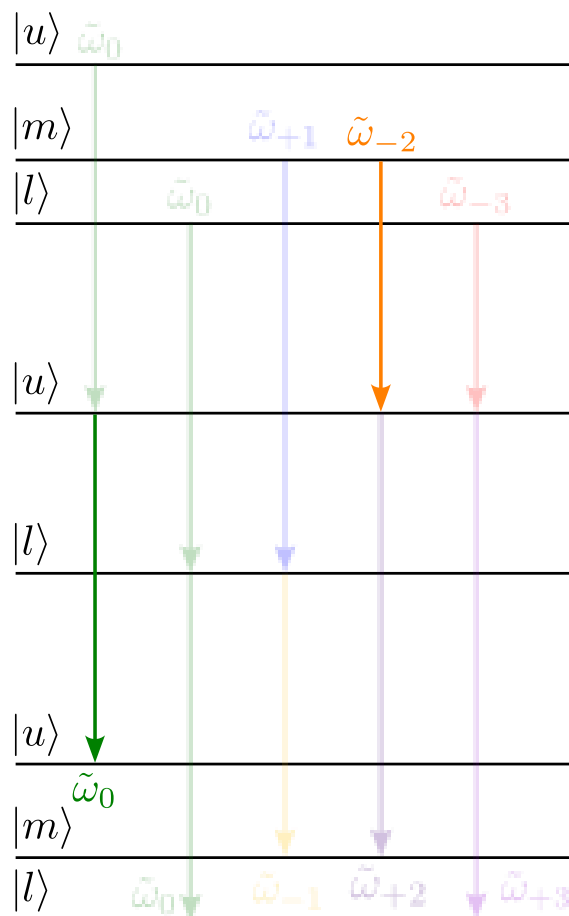
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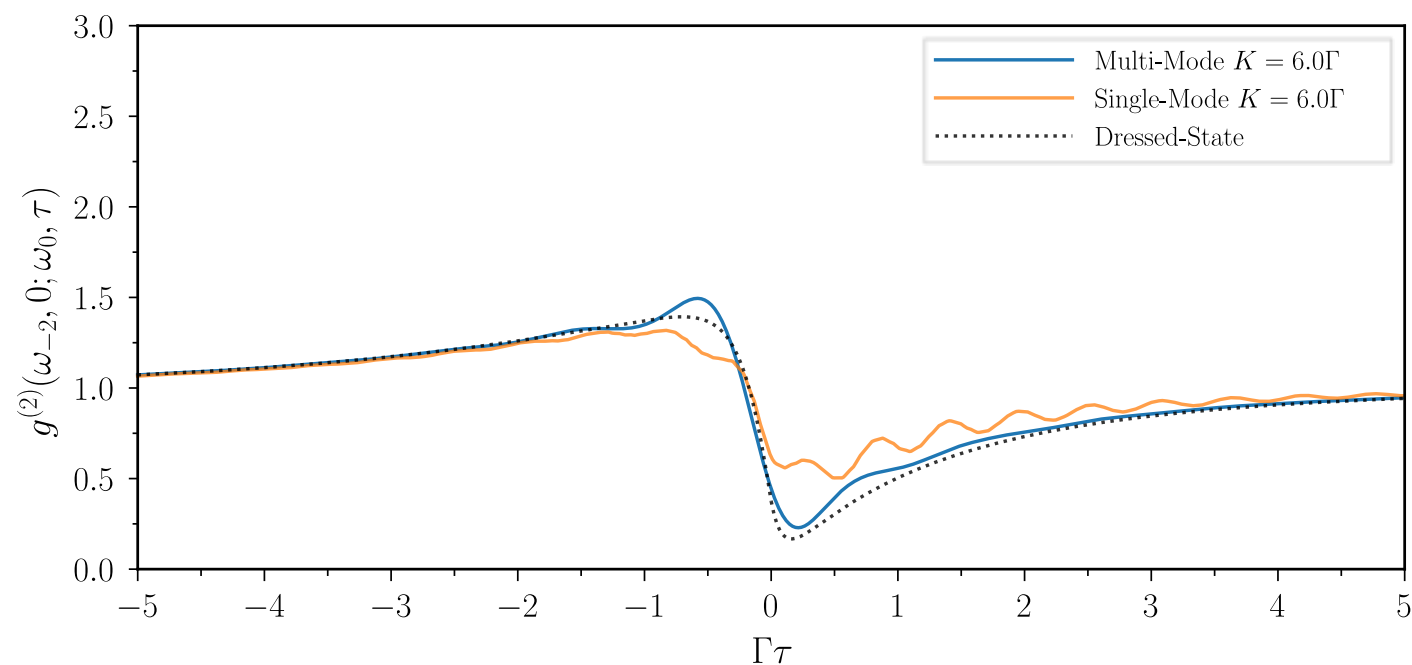
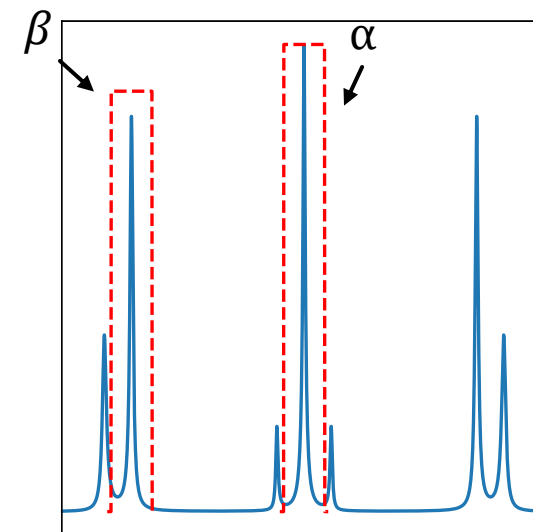
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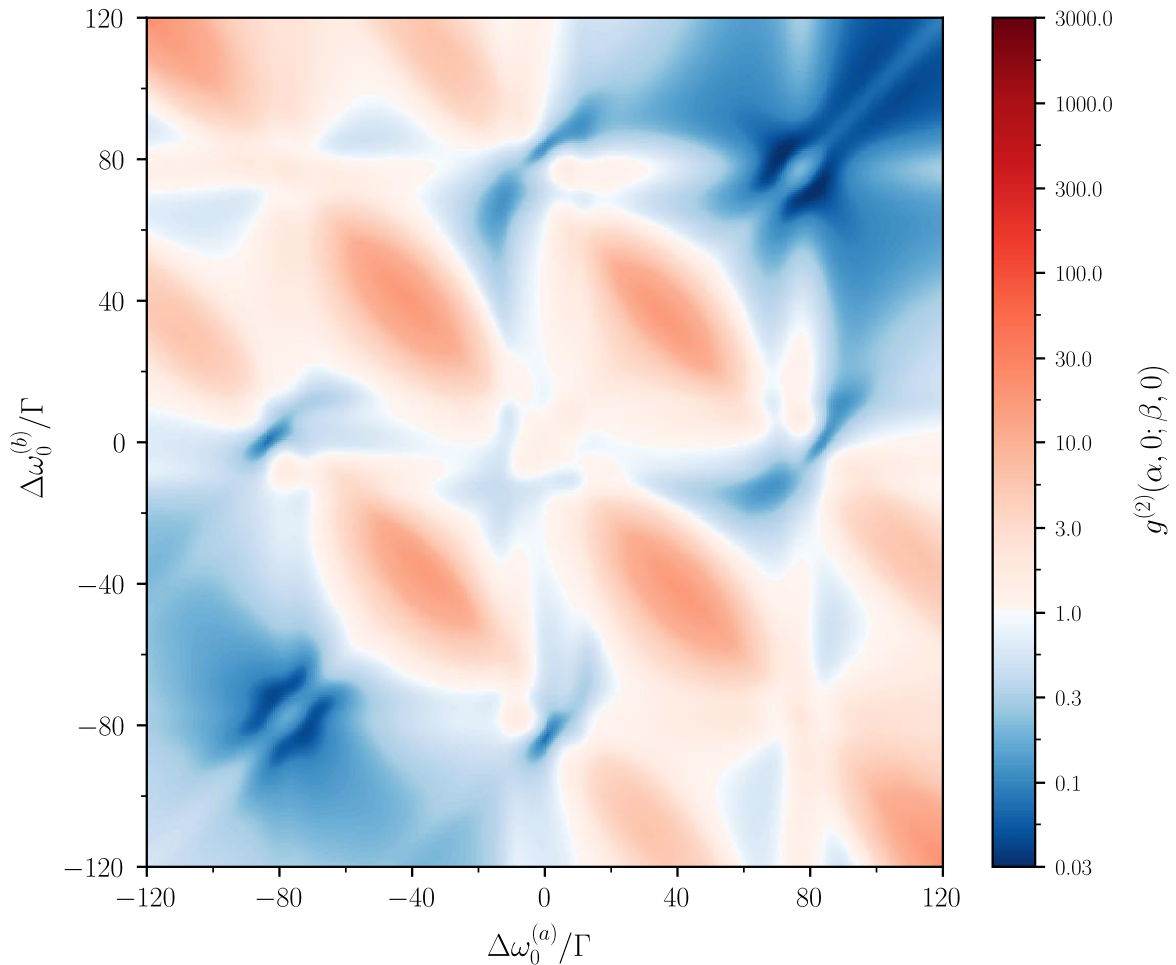
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“LANDSCAPE” OF PHOTON CORRELATIONS

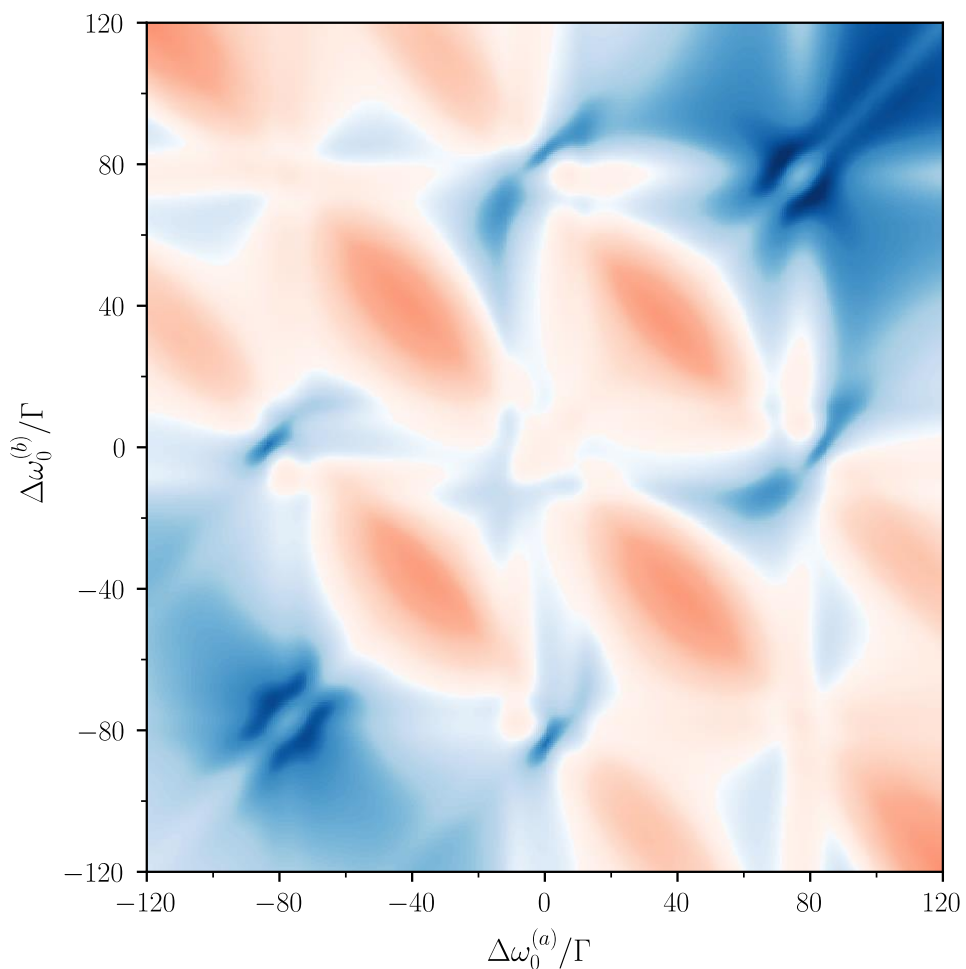


Single-mode filter with $K = 4\Gamma$

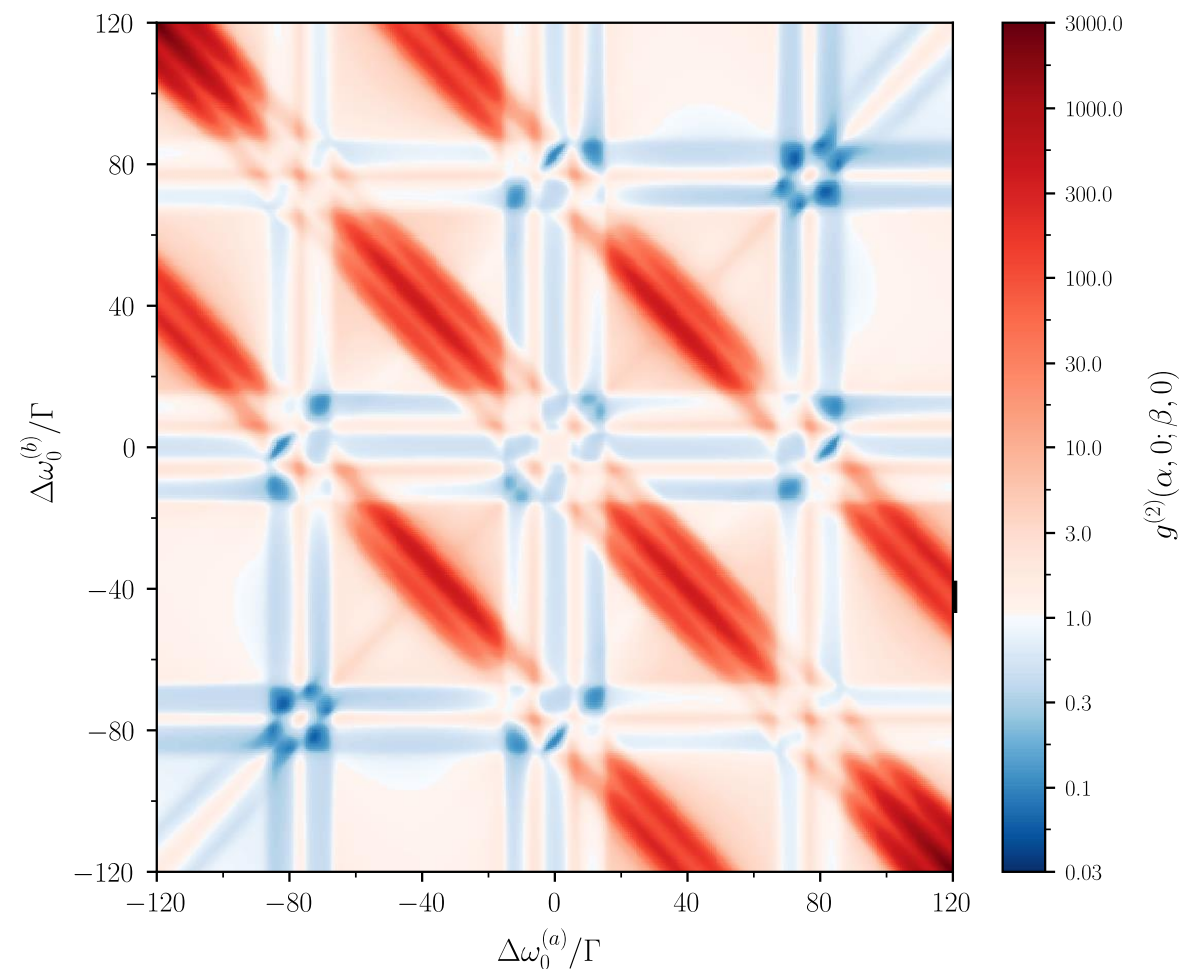
Initial correlation values

- Red – correlated / bunching
- White – uncorrelated / random
- Blue – anti-correlated / antibunched

“LANDSCAPE” OF PHOTON CORRELATIONS



Single-mode filter with $K = 4\Gamma$



Multi-mode array filter with $K = 4\Gamma$

CONCLUSIONS

Three-level ladder type atom

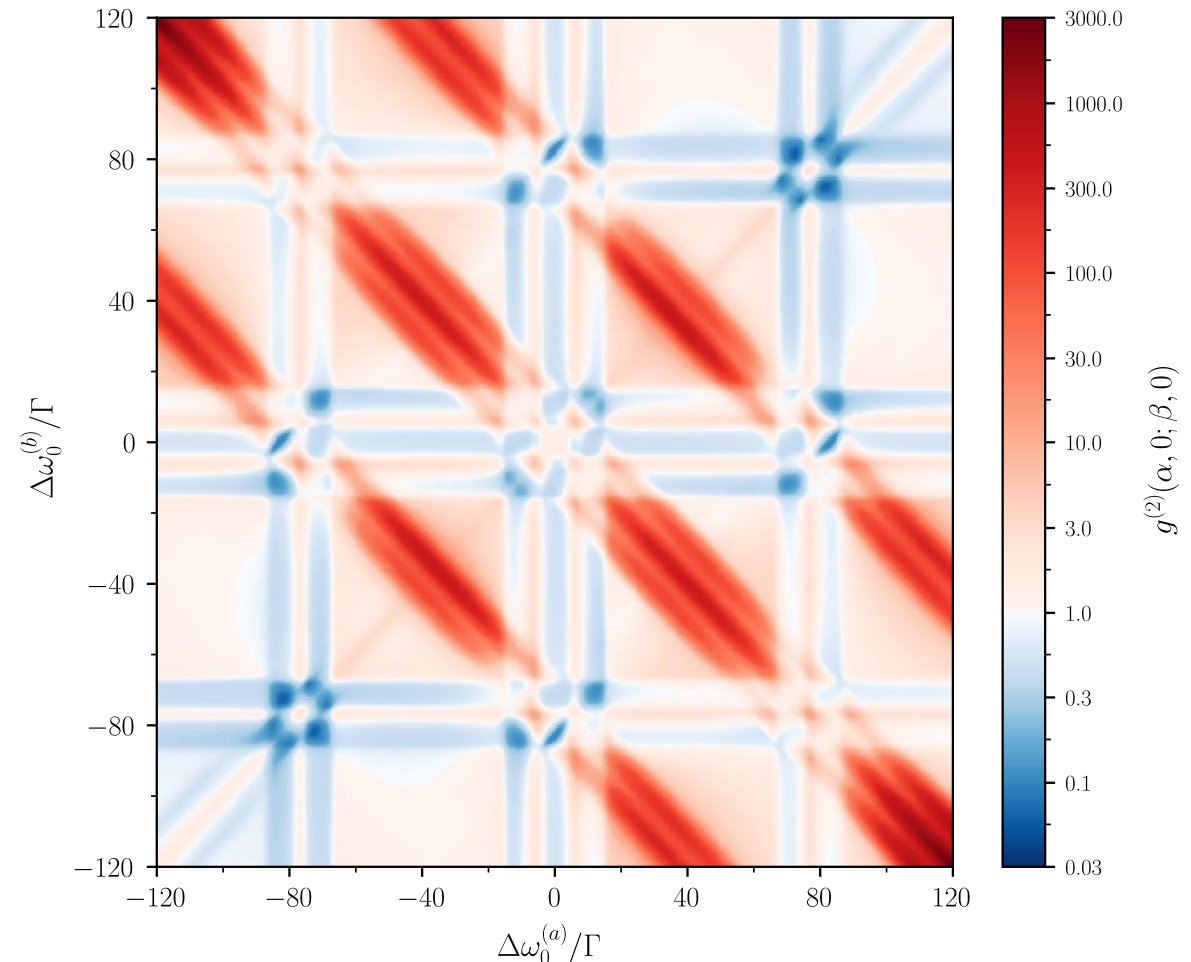
- Unique fluorescence spectrum
- New and interesting regions of photon correlations
- Phys. Rev. A **112**, 043701 (2025)

Multi-mode array filter

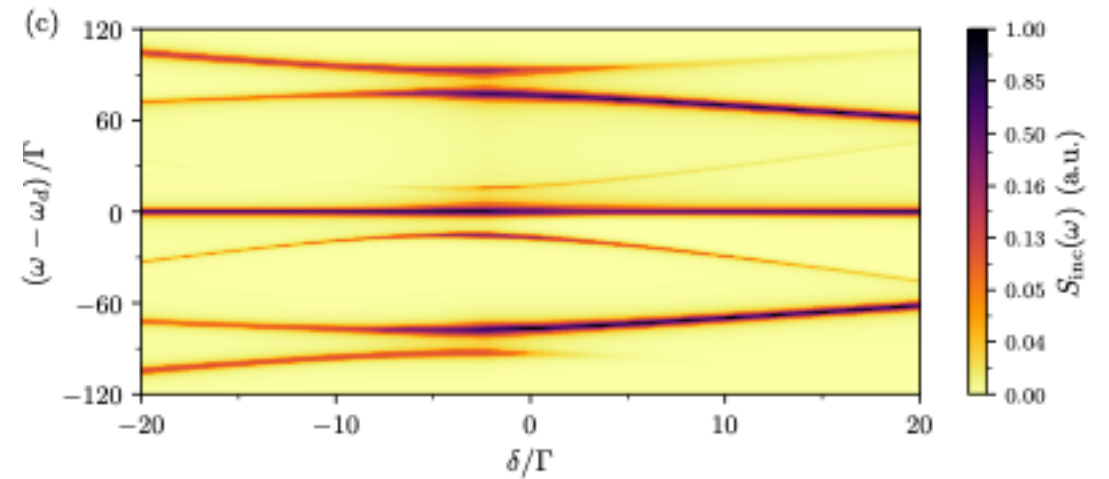
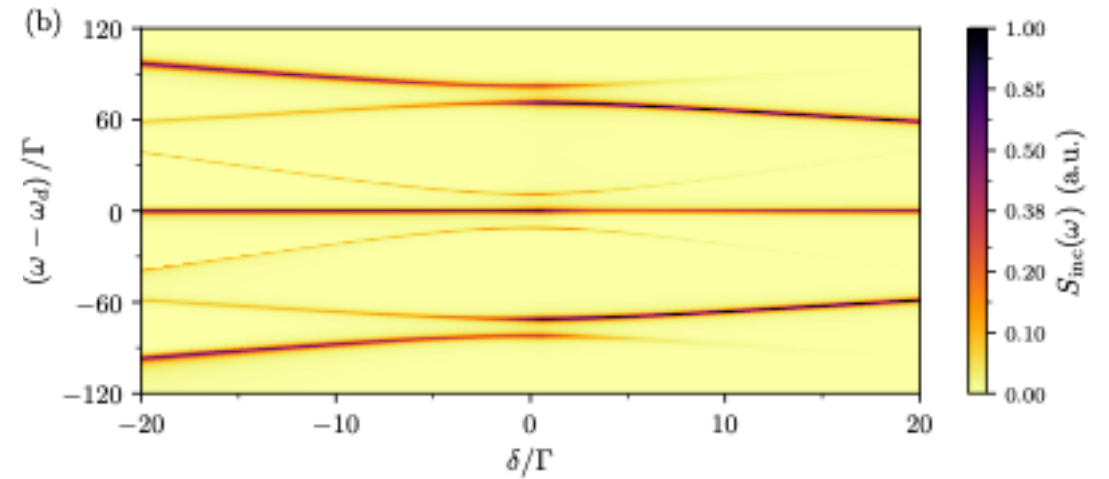
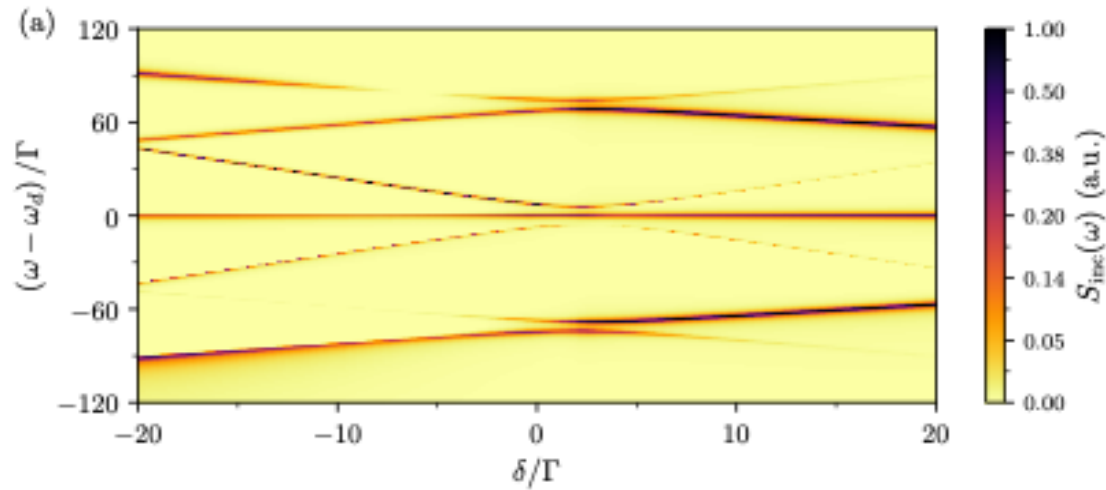
- Sharper frequency response can find for new regions of photon correlations
- A large system with an extremely efficient method of calculations
- *Maybe* an experimental nightmare
- Phys. Rev. A **100**, 023719 (2024)



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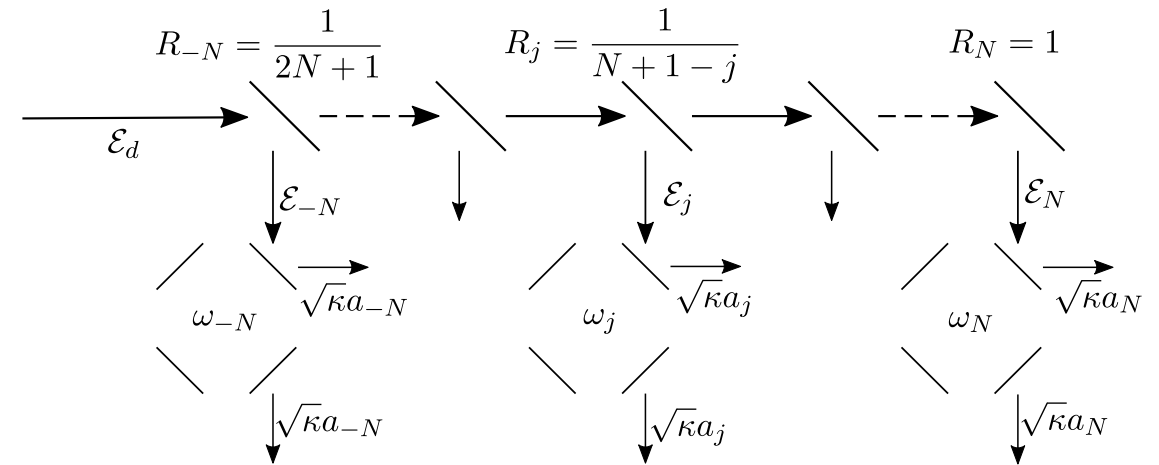


FLUORESCENCE SPECTRUM – OFF RESONANCE

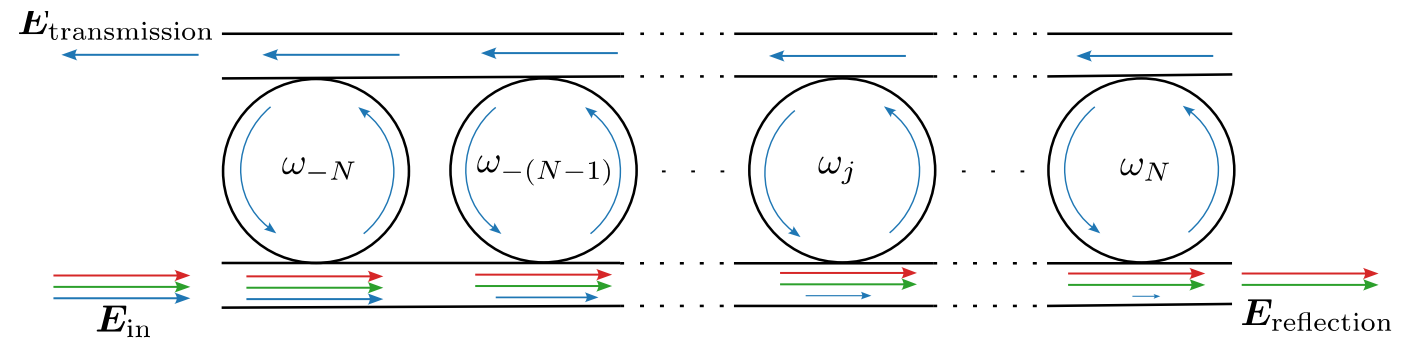


REALISATIONS OF THE MULTI-MODE ARRAY FILTER

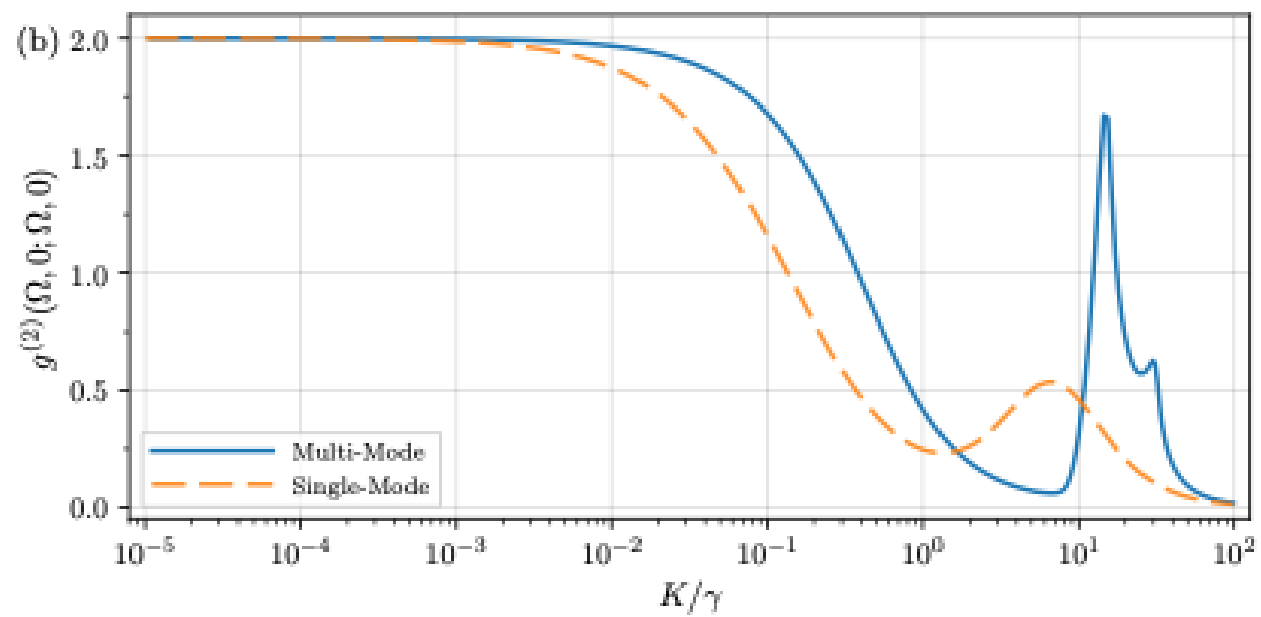
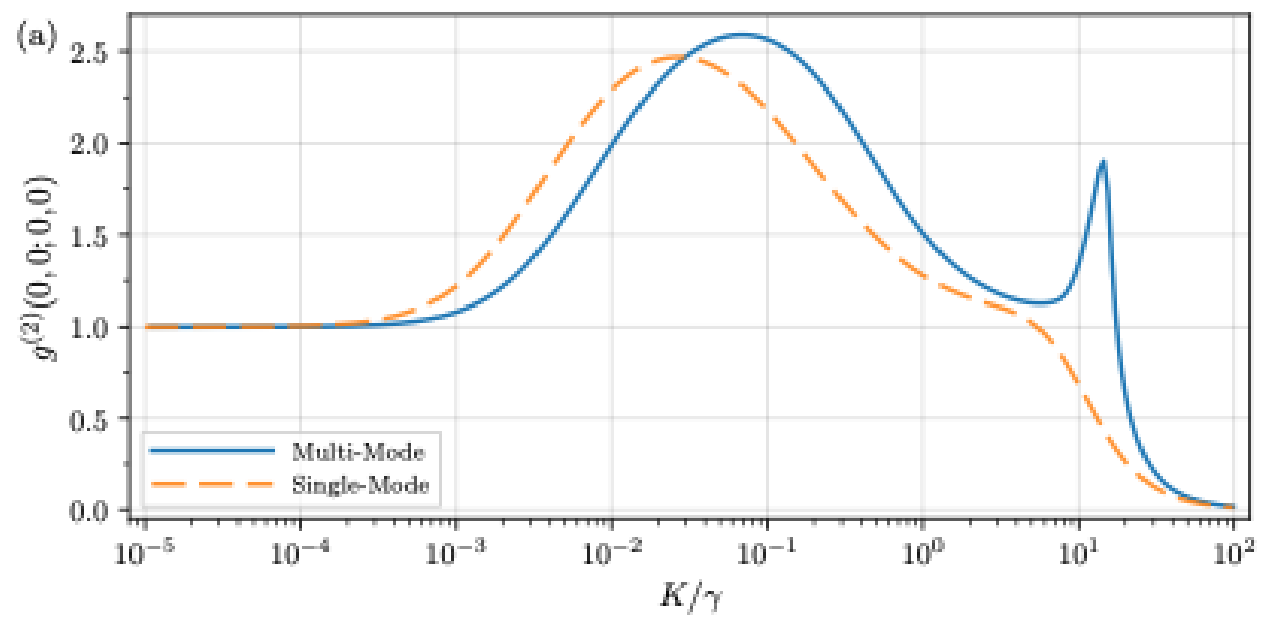
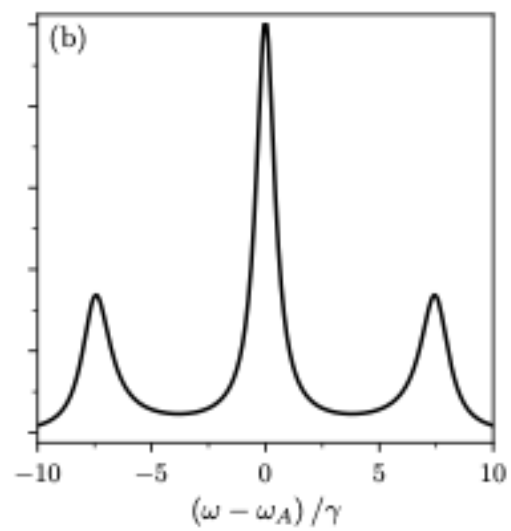
- Array of beam splitters, cascading into single-mode cavities



- Array of micro-ring-resonators



- Spatial light modulator into a single multi-mode cavity



BACK-ACTION TERMS IN MOMENT EQUATIONS

CASCADED COUPLING

- Optical Bloch equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle &= -\frac{\gamma}{2}\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle + i\frac{\Omega}{2}\langle\sigma_z\rangle \\ \frac{d}{dt}\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle &= -\frac{\gamma}{2}\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle - i\frac{\Omega}{2}\langle\sigma_z\rangle \\ \frac{d}{dt}\langle\sigma_z\rangle &= i\Omega\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle - i\Omega\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle - \gamma(\langle\sigma_z\rangle + 1)\end{aligned}$$

- First-order filter moments

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\langle a_j\sigma_{-}\rangle &= -\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + \kappa + i\Delta\omega_j\right)\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle + i\frac{\Omega}{2}\langle\sigma_z\rangle \\ \frac{d}{dt}\langle a_j\sigma_{+}\rangle &= -\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + \kappa + i\Delta\omega_j\right)\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle - i\frac{\Omega}{2}\langle\sigma_z\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{E}_j(\langle\sigma_z\rangle + 1) \\ \frac{d}{dt}\langle a_j\sigma_z\rangle &= i\Omega\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle - i\Omega\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle - (\gamma + \kappa + i\Delta\omega_j)\langle\sigma_z\rangle - \gamma\langle a_j\rangle + \mathcal{E}_j\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle\end{aligned}$$

TWO-WAY COUPLING

$$H_I = i\hbar \sum_{j=-N}^N \left(\mathcal{E}_j^* a_j \sigma_{+} - \mathcal{E}_j a_j^{\dagger} \sigma_{-} \right)$$

- Optical Bloch equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle &= -\frac{\gamma}{2}\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle + i\frac{\Omega}{2}\langle\sigma_z\rangle + \sum_{j=-N}^N \mathcal{E}_j^* \langle a_j \sigma_z \rangle \\ \frac{d}{dt}\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle &= -\frac{\gamma}{2}\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle - i\frac{\Omega}{2}\langle\sigma_z\rangle + \sum_{j=-N}^N \mathcal{E}_j \langle a_j^{\dagger} \sigma_z \rangle \\ \frac{d}{dt}\langle\sigma_z\rangle &= i\Omega\langle\sigma_{-}\rangle - i\Omega\langle\sigma_{+}\rangle - \gamma(\langle\sigma_z\rangle + 1) + 2 \sum_{j=-N}^N \mathcal{E}_j^* \langle a_j \sigma_{+} \rangle + 2 \sum_{j=-N}^N \mathcal{E}_j \langle a_j^{\dagger} \sigma_{-} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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