

Identifying unbound strong bunching and the breakdown of the Rotating Wave Approximation in the quantum Rabi model

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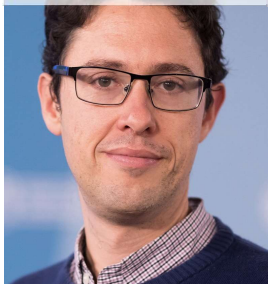


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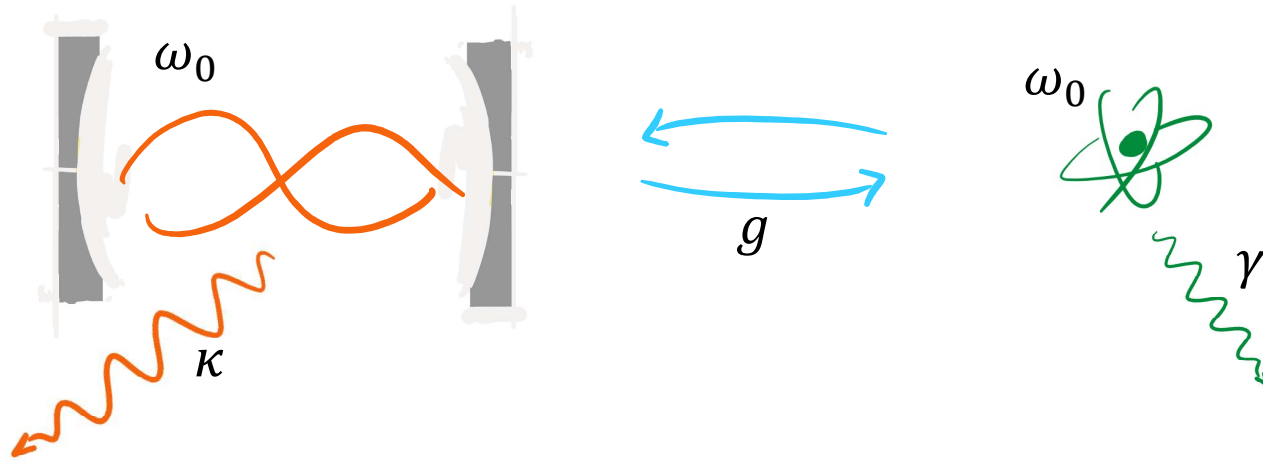
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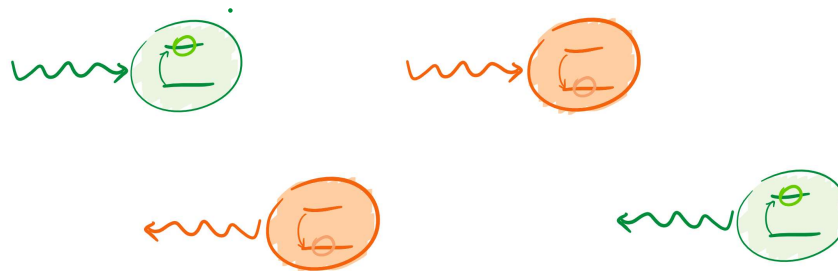
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$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}_\sigma) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}_\sigma) i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = \mathbf{d}(\hat{\sigma} + \hat{\sigma}^\dagger)$$



$$\hat{H}_R = -\hat{\mathbf{d}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}_\sigma) = ig(\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{\sigma} - \hat{a} \hat{\sigma}^\dagger) + ig(\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{\sigma}^\dagger - \hat{a} \hat{\sigma})$$



which justification for the *rotating wave approximation (RWA)* did you learn in school?

Quantum Rabi Model vs Jaynes-Cummings

- Two-level atom interacting with quantum field (Xie et al, '17)

$$H = \frac{1}{2}\omega_0\sigma_z + \omega a^\dagger a + g\sigma_x(a + a^\dagger)$$
- Jaynes and Cummings applied a RWA:

$$H_{RWA} = \frac{1}{2}\omega_0\sigma_z + \omega a^\dagger a + g(\sigma_+ a + \sigma_- a^\dagger)$$
- Go into a rotating frame with respect to the local terms

$$U_0(t) = e^{-i(\frac{1}{2}\omega_0\sigma_z + \omega a^\dagger a)t}$$
- The quantum Rabi model becomes time-dependent

$$H(t) = \frac{1}{2}\delta\sigma_z + \omega a^\dagger a + g(\sigma_+ a + \sigma_- a^\dagger + e^{i\omega t}\sigma_+ a^\dagger + e^{-i\omega t}\sigma_- a)$$

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"highly oscillatory" "non-energy conserving"
- At the time of JC, this approximation was just *unquestionable* due to the weak coupling between light and matter (despite high photon number)

Australian Institute of Physics
 seminar by Daniel Burgarth
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$$\hat{H}_R = g(\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger)\hat{\sigma}_x$$

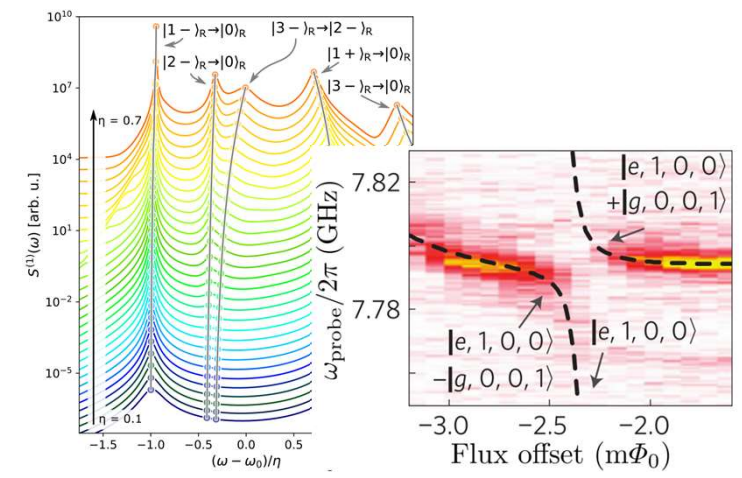
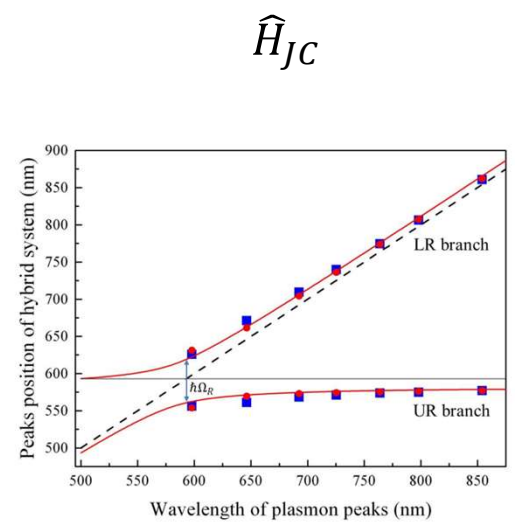
for Fock states RWA introduces error $O(\sqrt{ng}/\omega_0)$

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coupling g

$g \ll \kappa$ $\kappa \lesssim g \ll \omega_0$ $\omega_0/10 \lesssim g$



Melnikau, et al., Phys. Chem. Lett. 7, 354–362 (2016)

Niemczyk et al., Nat. Physics 6, 772 (2010).

$$\gamma \rightarrow \gamma \times \frac{4g^2}{\kappa\gamma}$$

$$\omega_{n\pm} = \omega_a \pm g\sqrt{n+1}$$

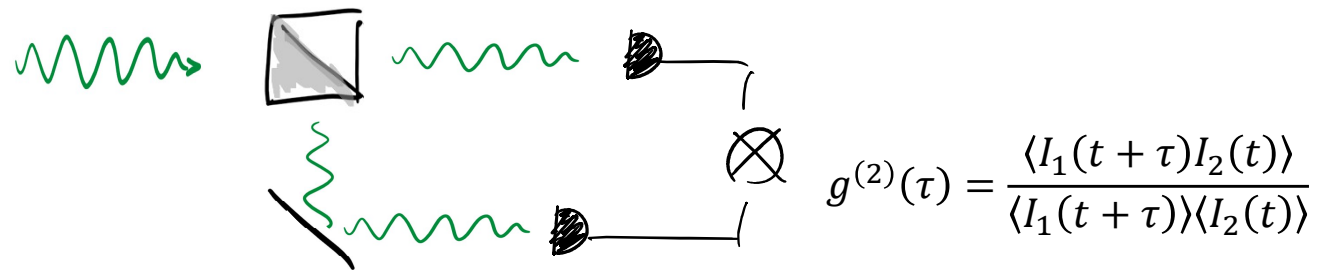
further mode splitting $\omega_{n\pm}$

other signatures?

$$\hat{H}_R^2 |0, g\rangle = g^2 |0, g\rangle + g^2 |2, g\rangle$$

1/ fix the Rabi Hamiltonian, add *measurement*,

2/ calculate/measure the intensity correlations



PHOTON CORRELATIONS*

Roy J. Glauber

Lyman Laboratory, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

(Received 27 December 1962)

1/ rewrite the Hamiltonian, add *measurement*,

vector potential $\propto a^\dagger + a$

2/ calculate/measure the intensity correlations

electric field $\propto i(a^\dagger - a)$

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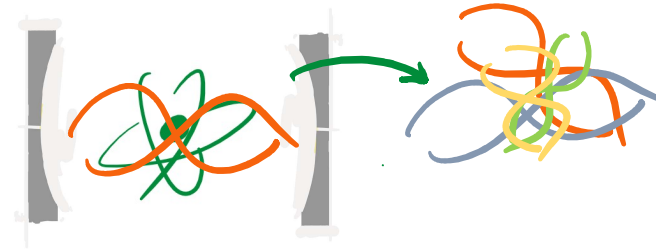
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master equation

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho(t) = & -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_{QR}, \rho(t)] \\ & + \frac{\gamma}{2} D_{x_\sigma} [\rho(t)] + \frac{\kappa}{2} D_{x_a} [\rho(t)] \\ & + \frac{\Gamma}{2} D_{x_\sigma^\dagger} [\rho(t)] \end{aligned}$$

hermitian evolution

TLS and cavity decay

incoherent TLS pumping

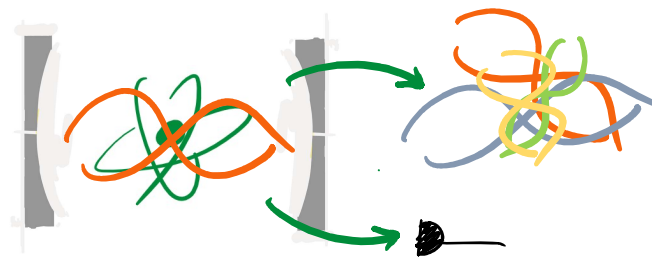
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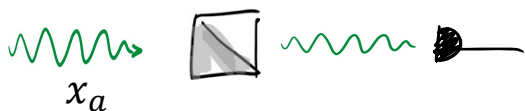


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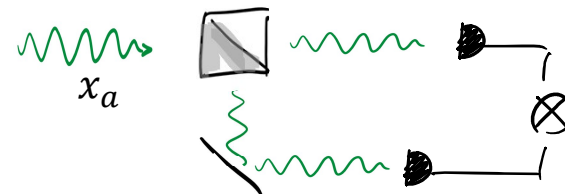
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$$S(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau e^{-i\omega\tau} \langle x_a^\dagger(\tau) x_a(0) \rangle_{ss}$$

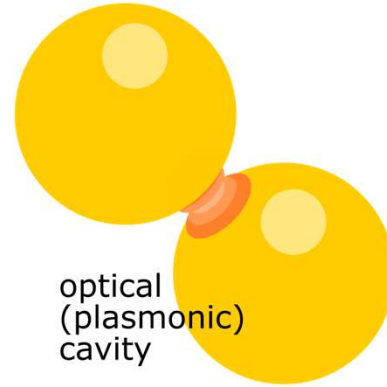


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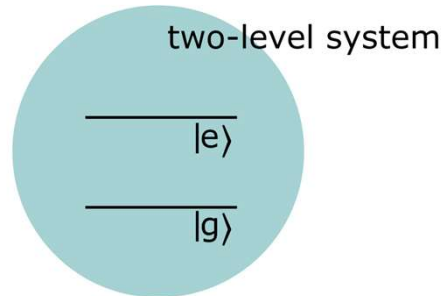


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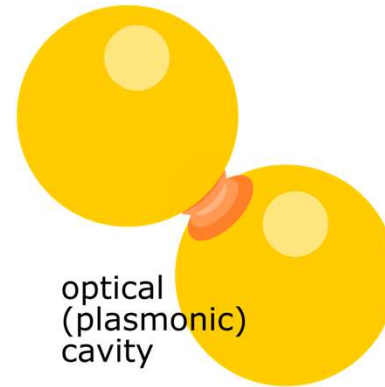


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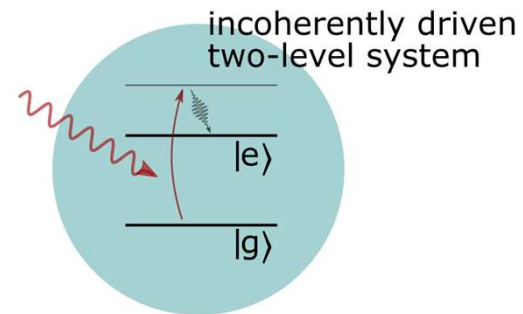


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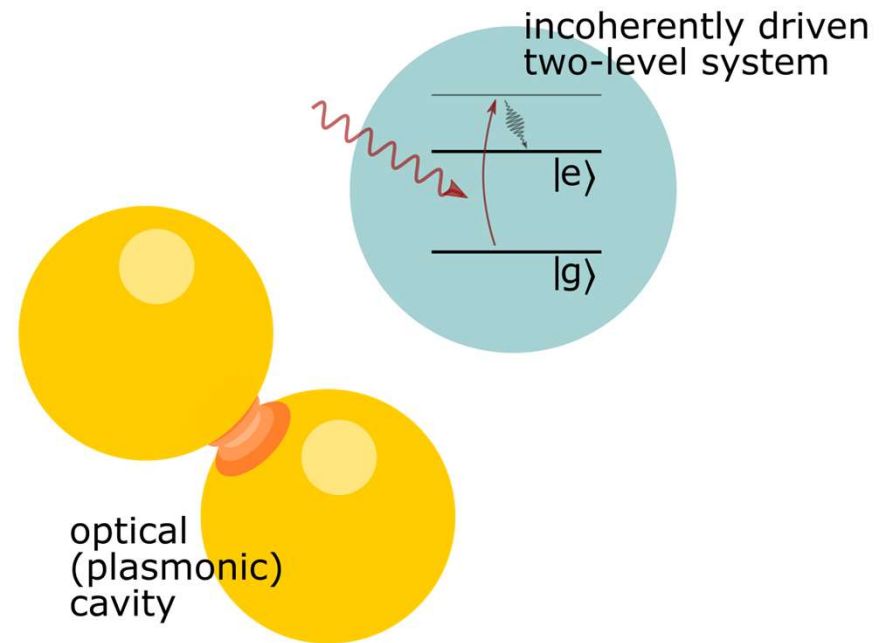
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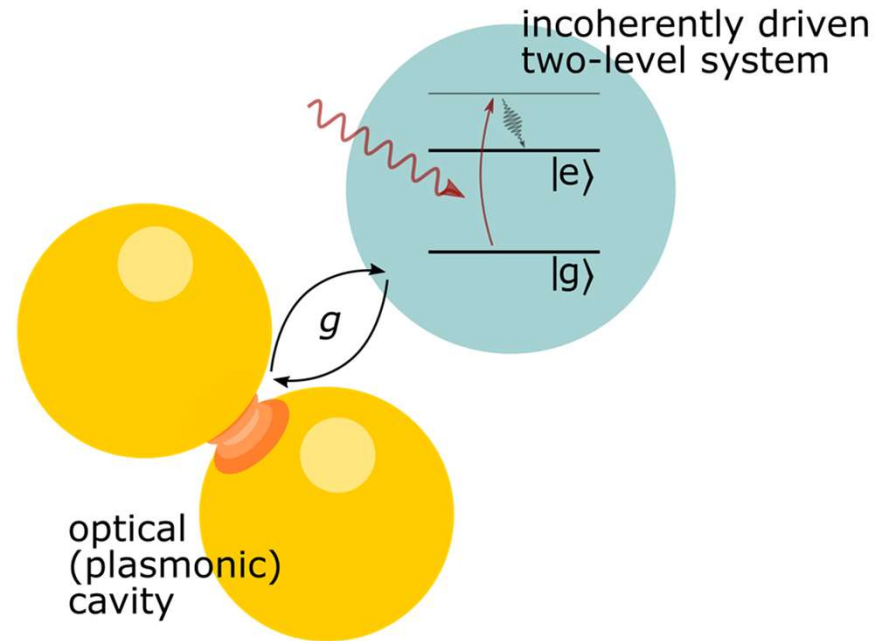
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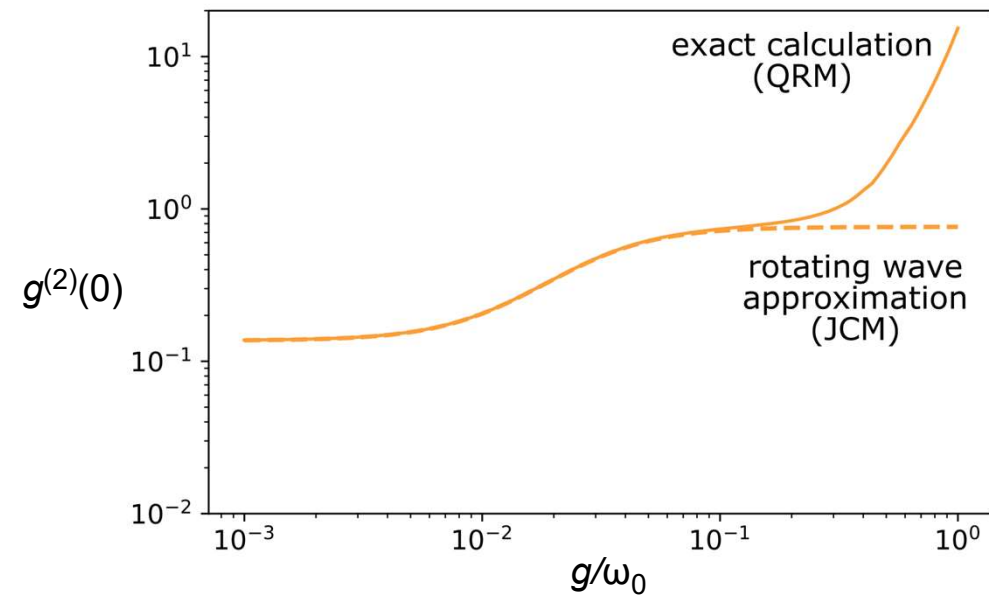
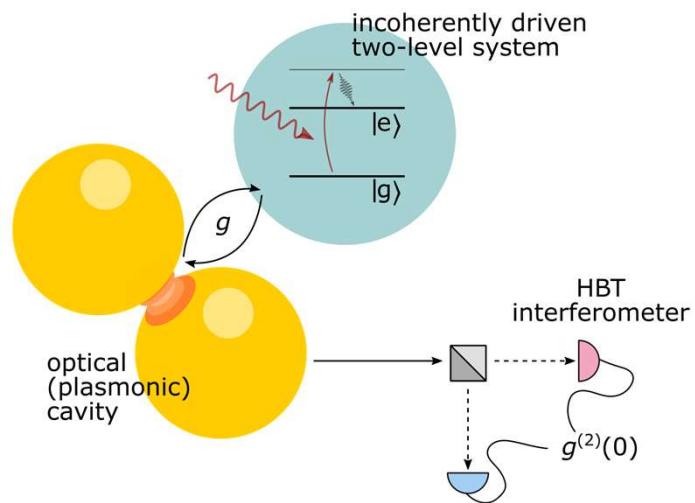
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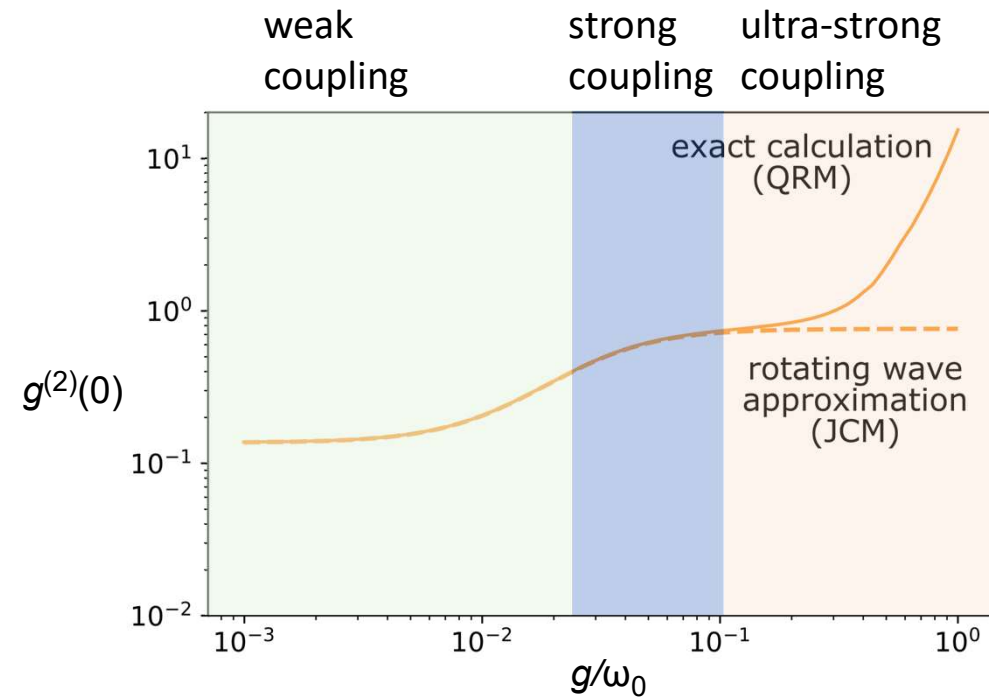
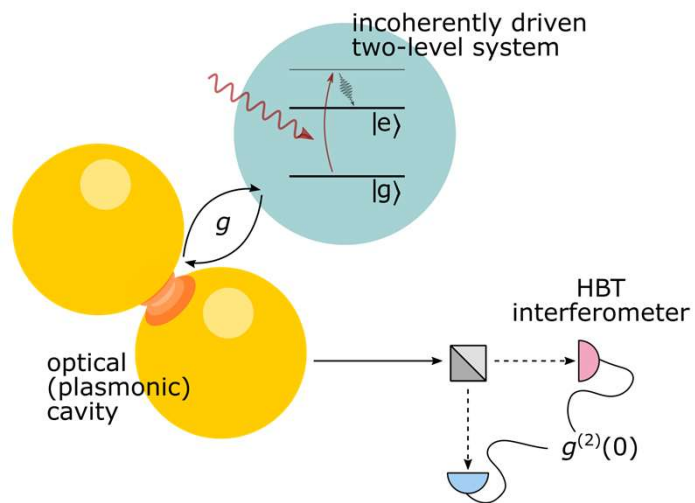
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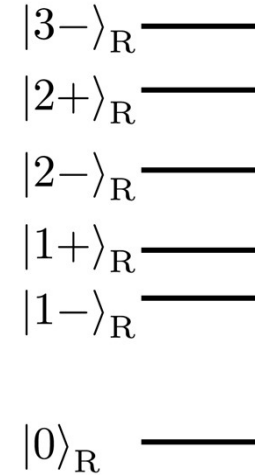
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i. intensity correlation is expressed through the dressed operators

$$g^{(2)}(0) = \frac{\langle x_a^\dagger x_a^\dagger x_a x_a \rangle_{SS}}{\langle x_a^\dagger x_a \rangle_{SS}^2}$$

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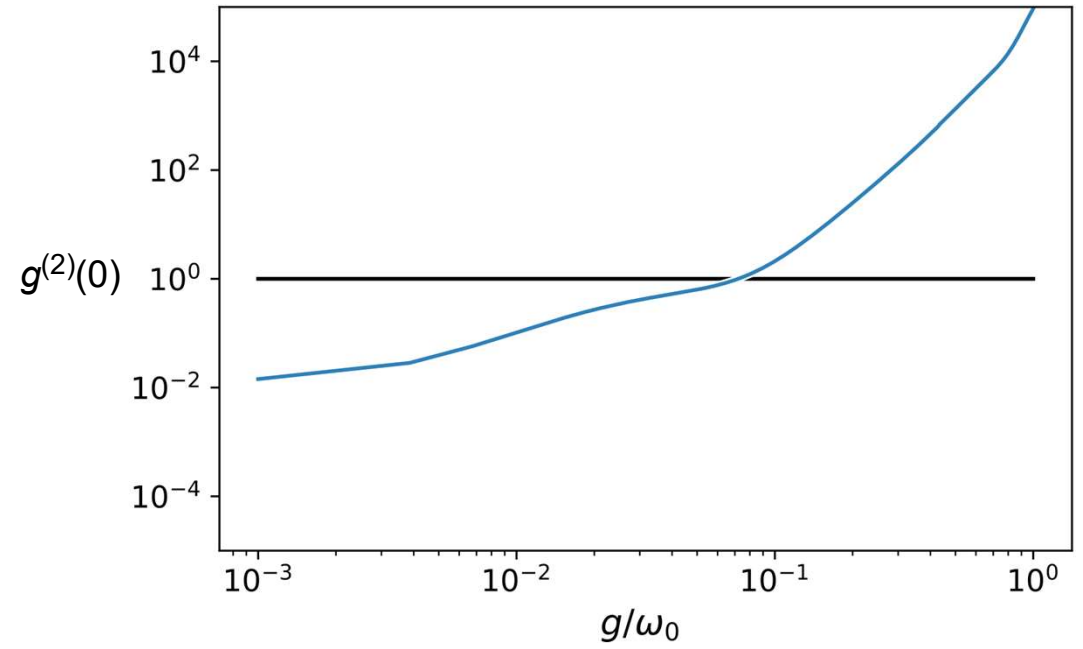


ii. approximate the steady state as the statistical mixture of Rabi polaritons,

$$\rho_{SS} \approx \sum_{\nu} R_{\nu} |\nu\rangle_R \langle \nu|$$

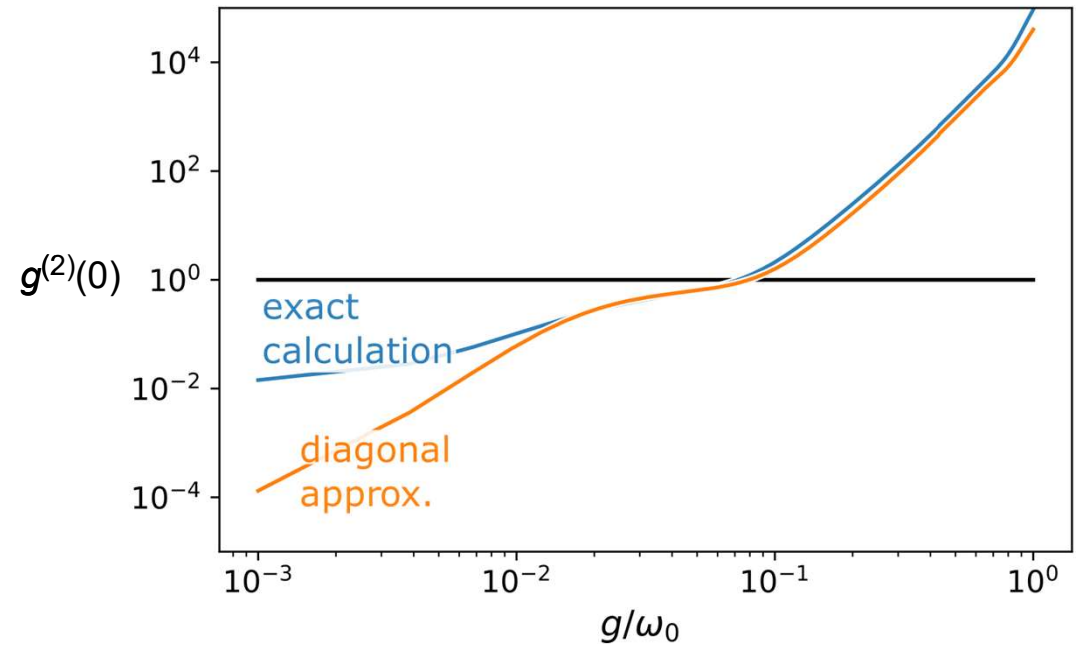
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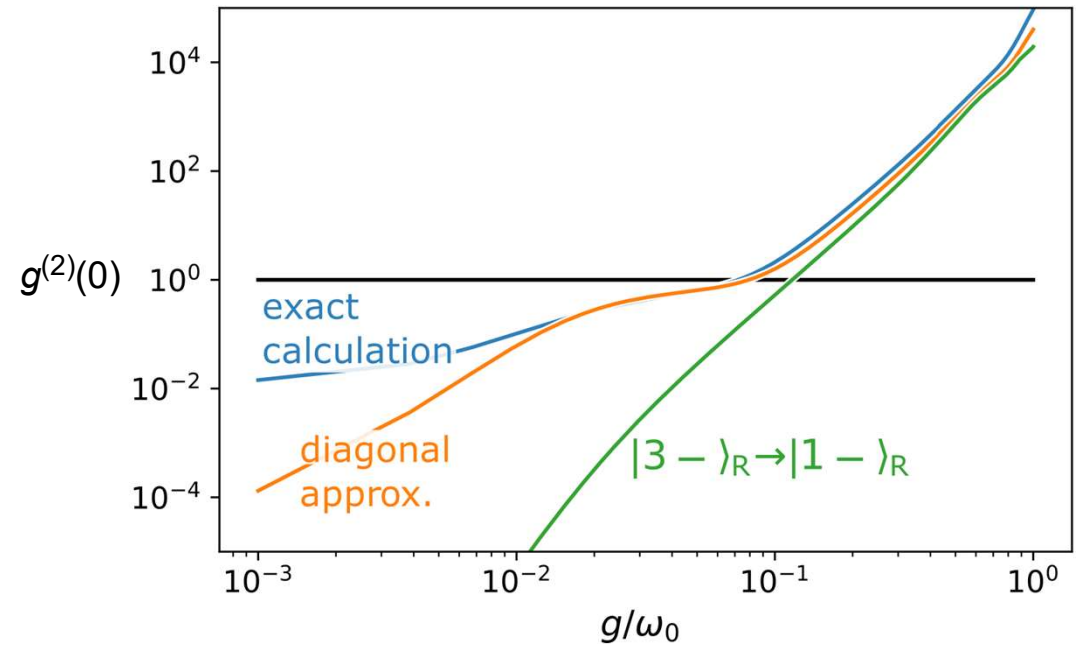
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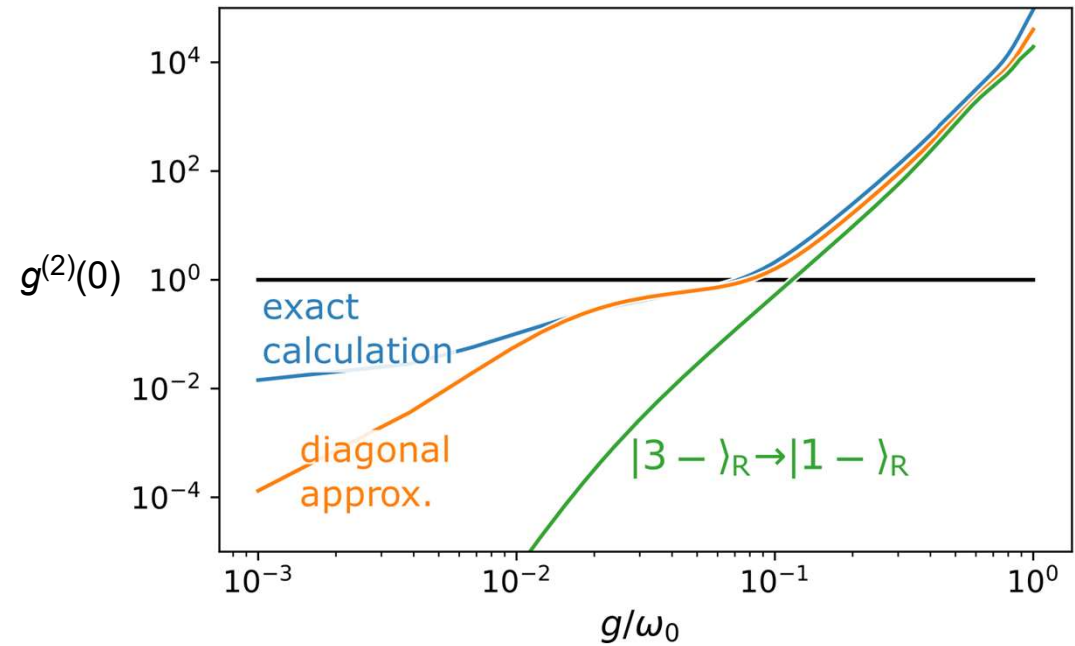
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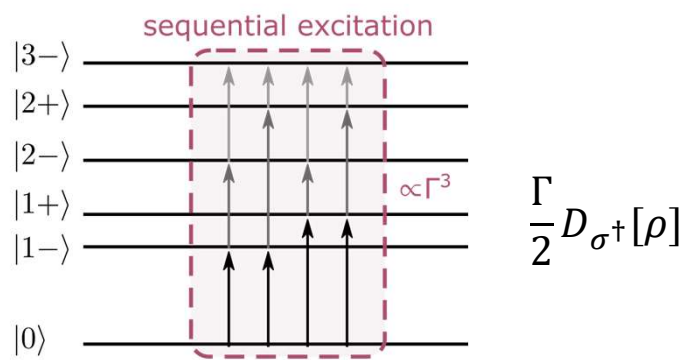
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what's so special about $|3-\rangle_R$?

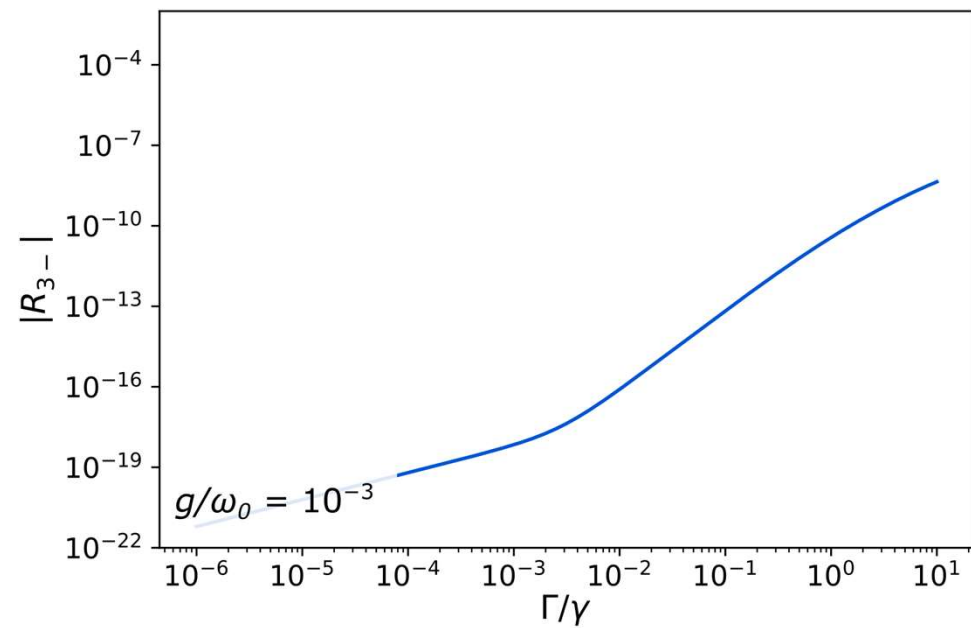
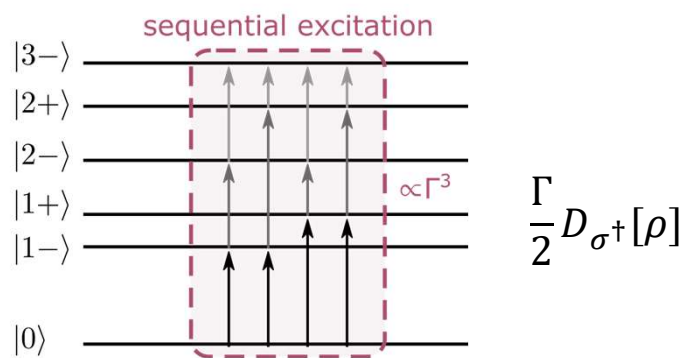
- decays to $|1-\rangle_R$, emitting a pair of photons
 ${}_R \langle 1- | x_a x_a | 3- \rangle_R \neq 0$
- efficiently populated from the ground state (large R_{3-})



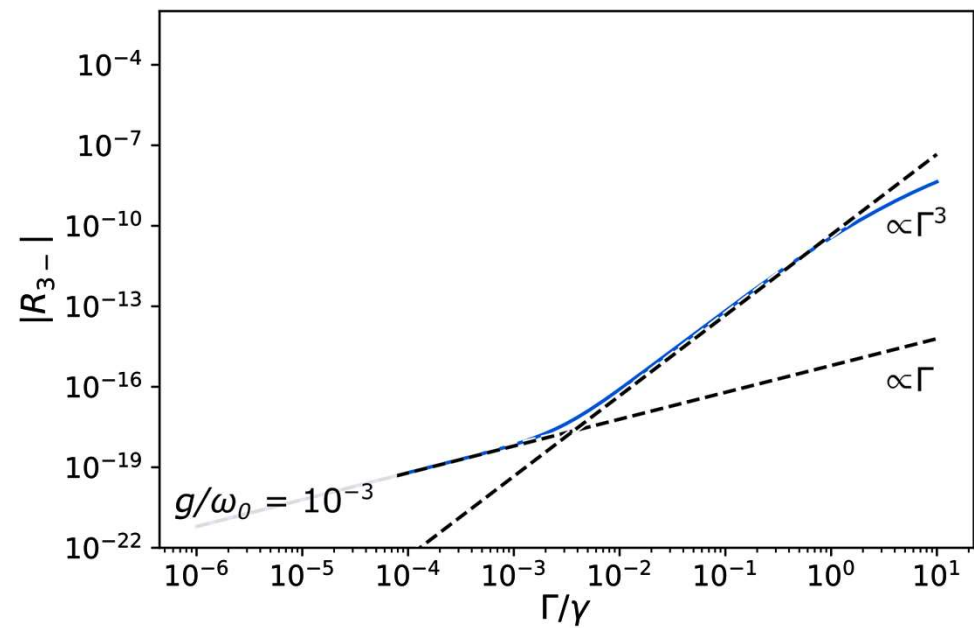
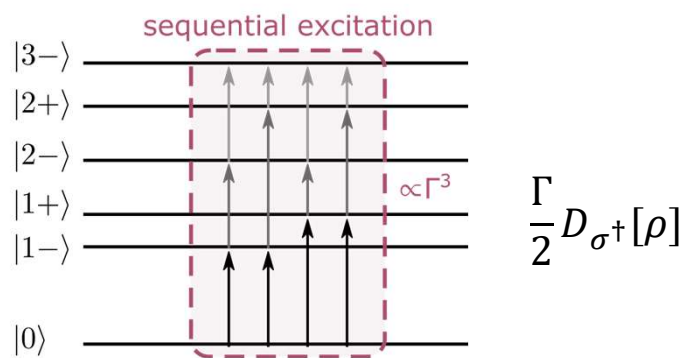
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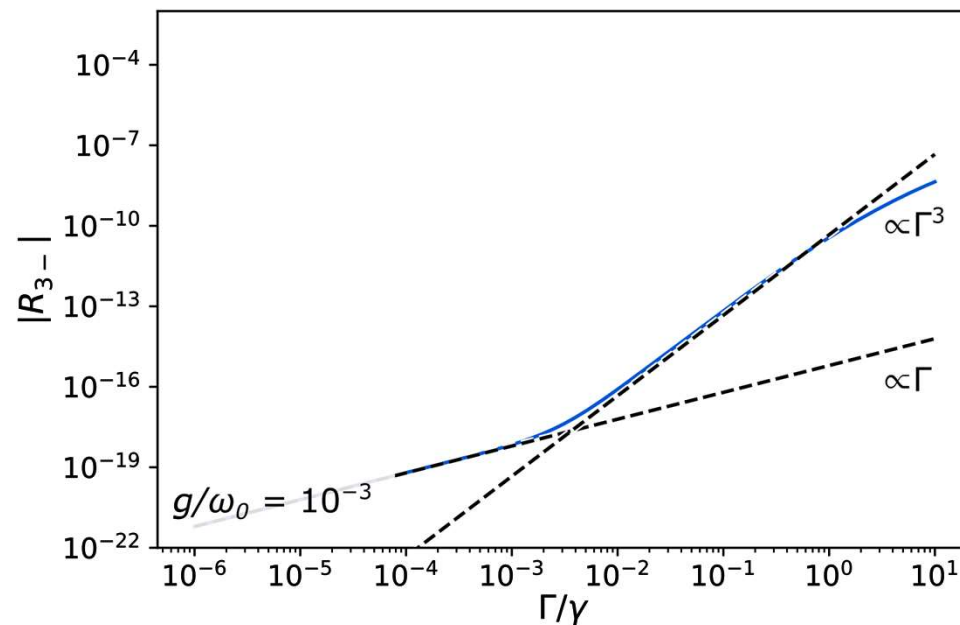
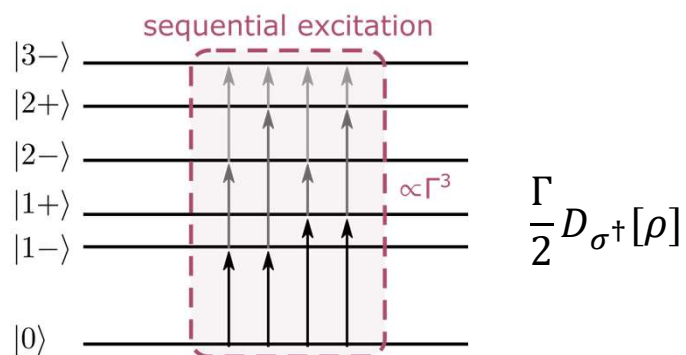
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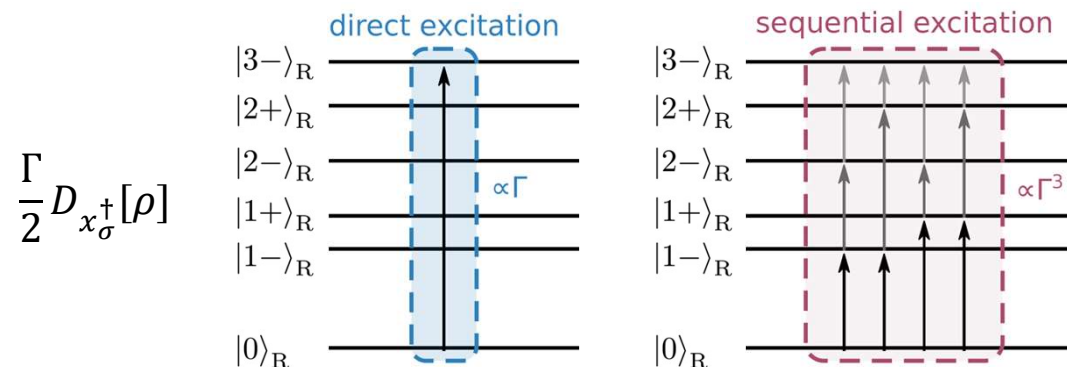
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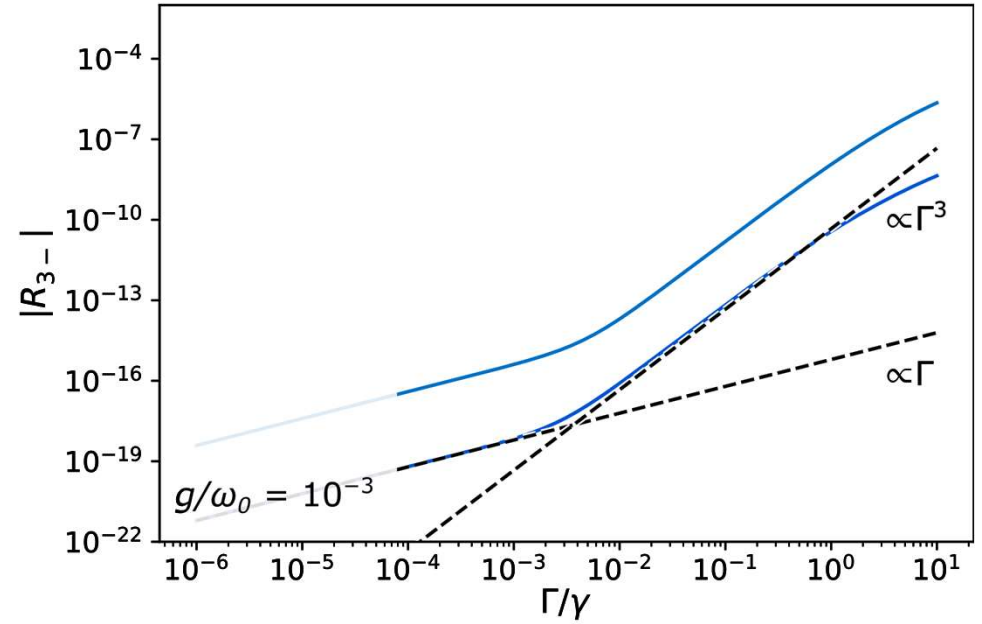
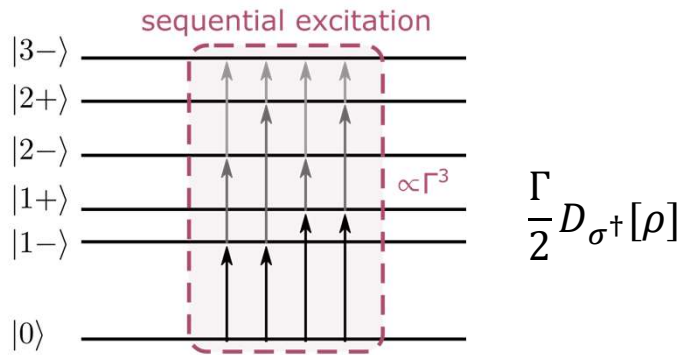
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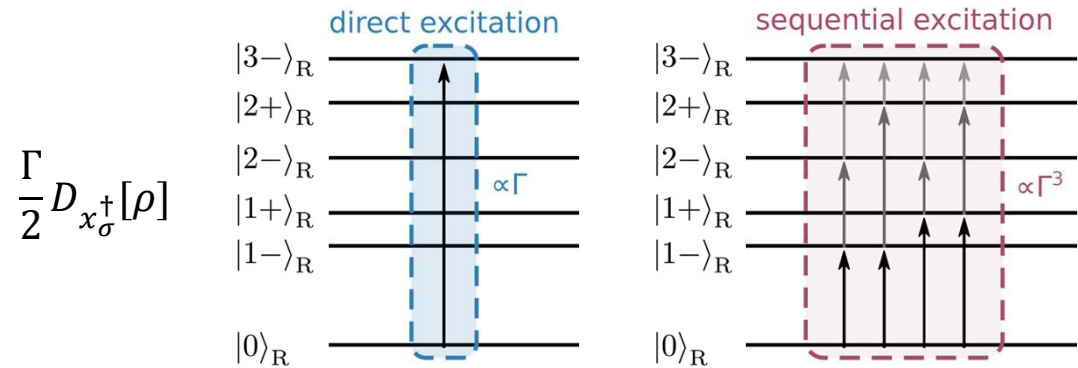
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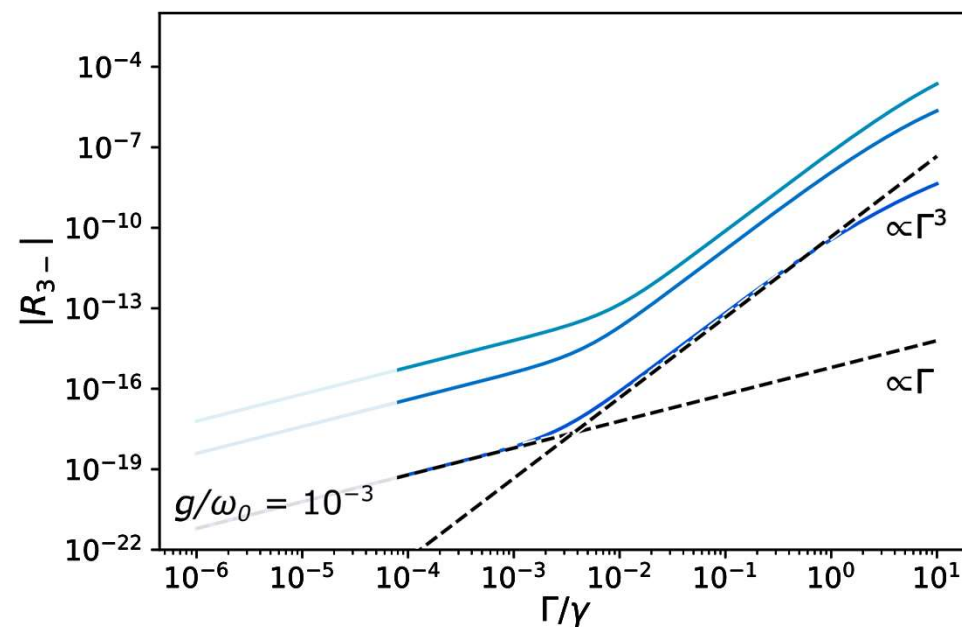
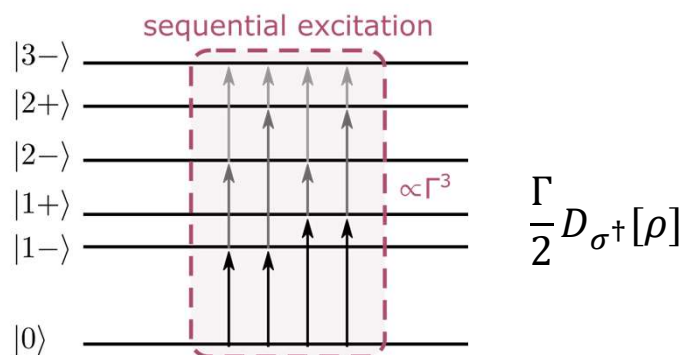
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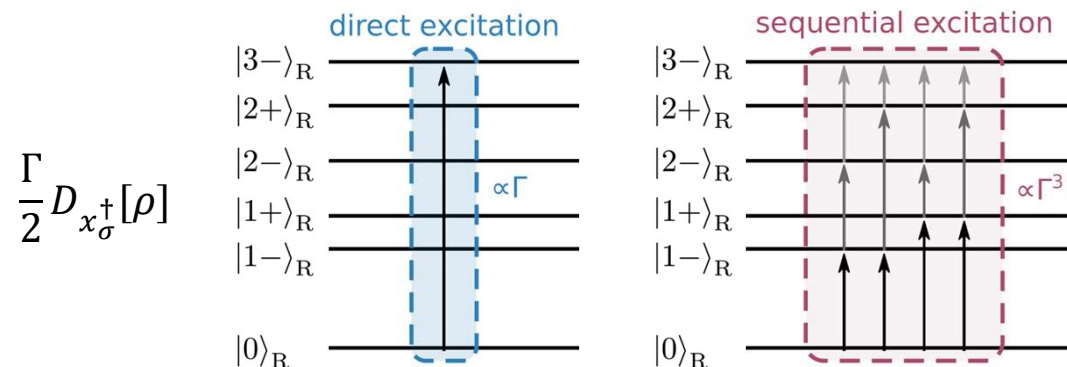
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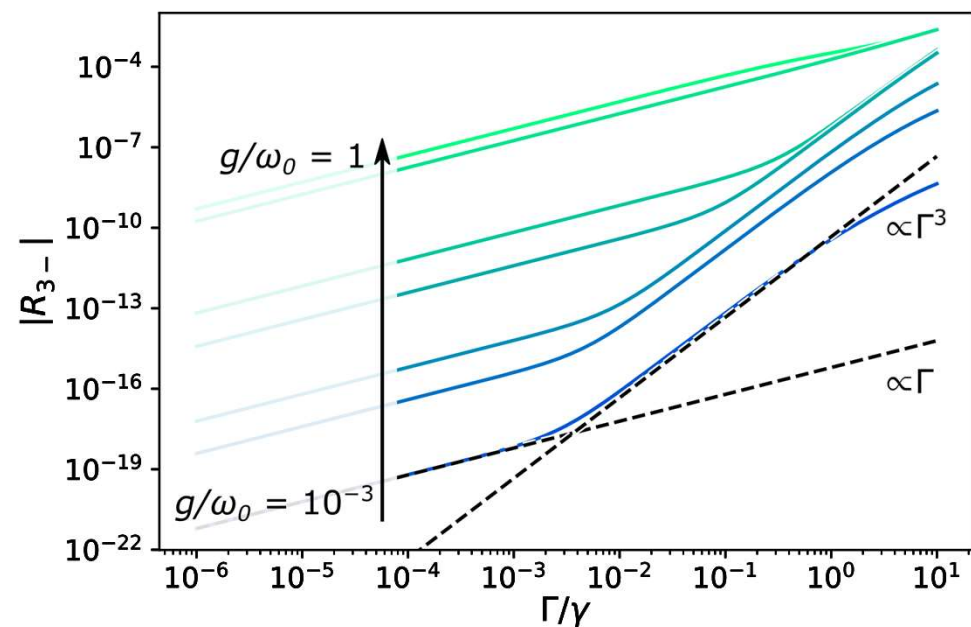
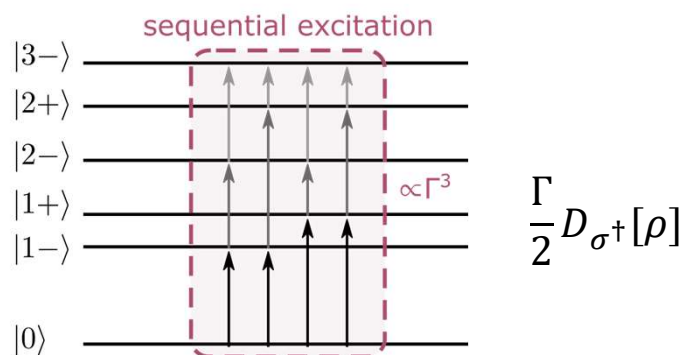
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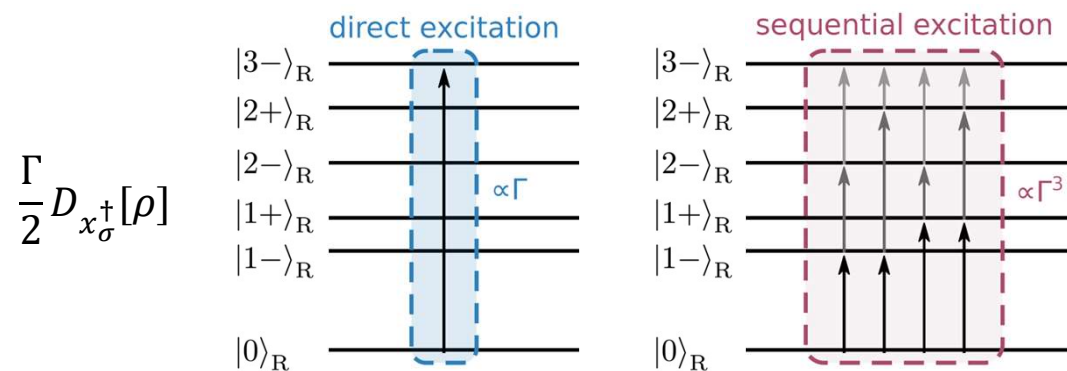
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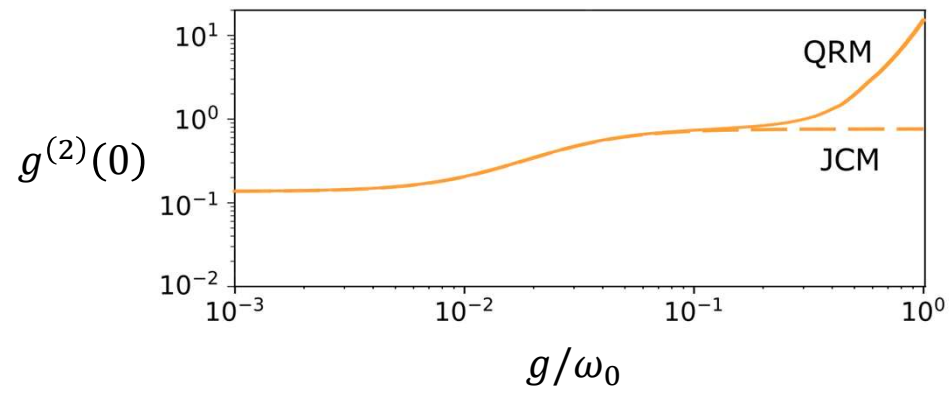


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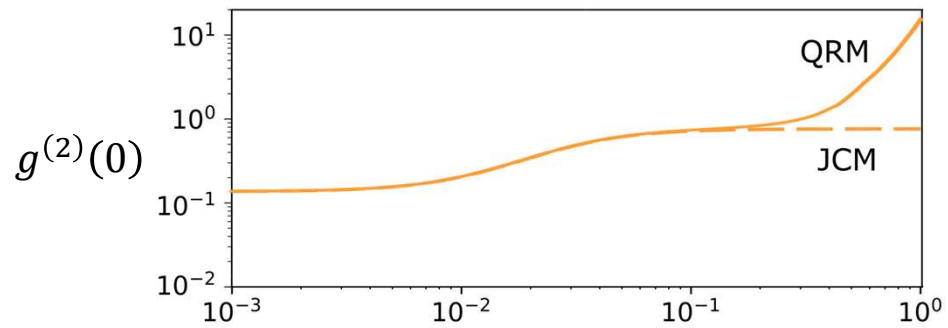
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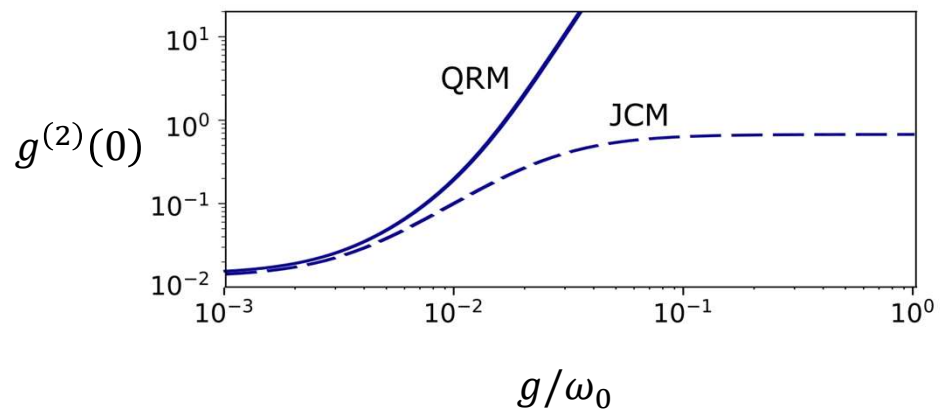
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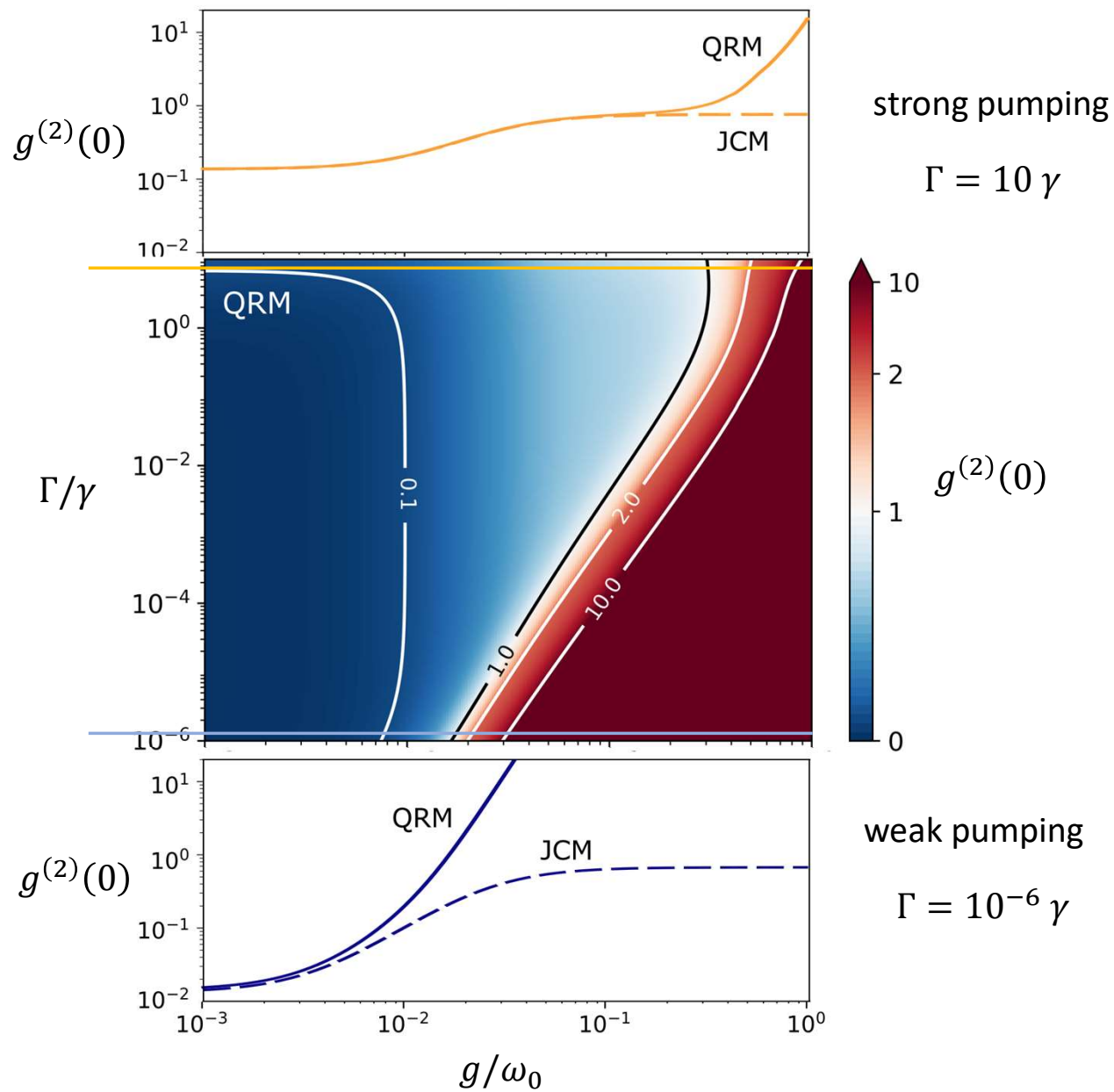
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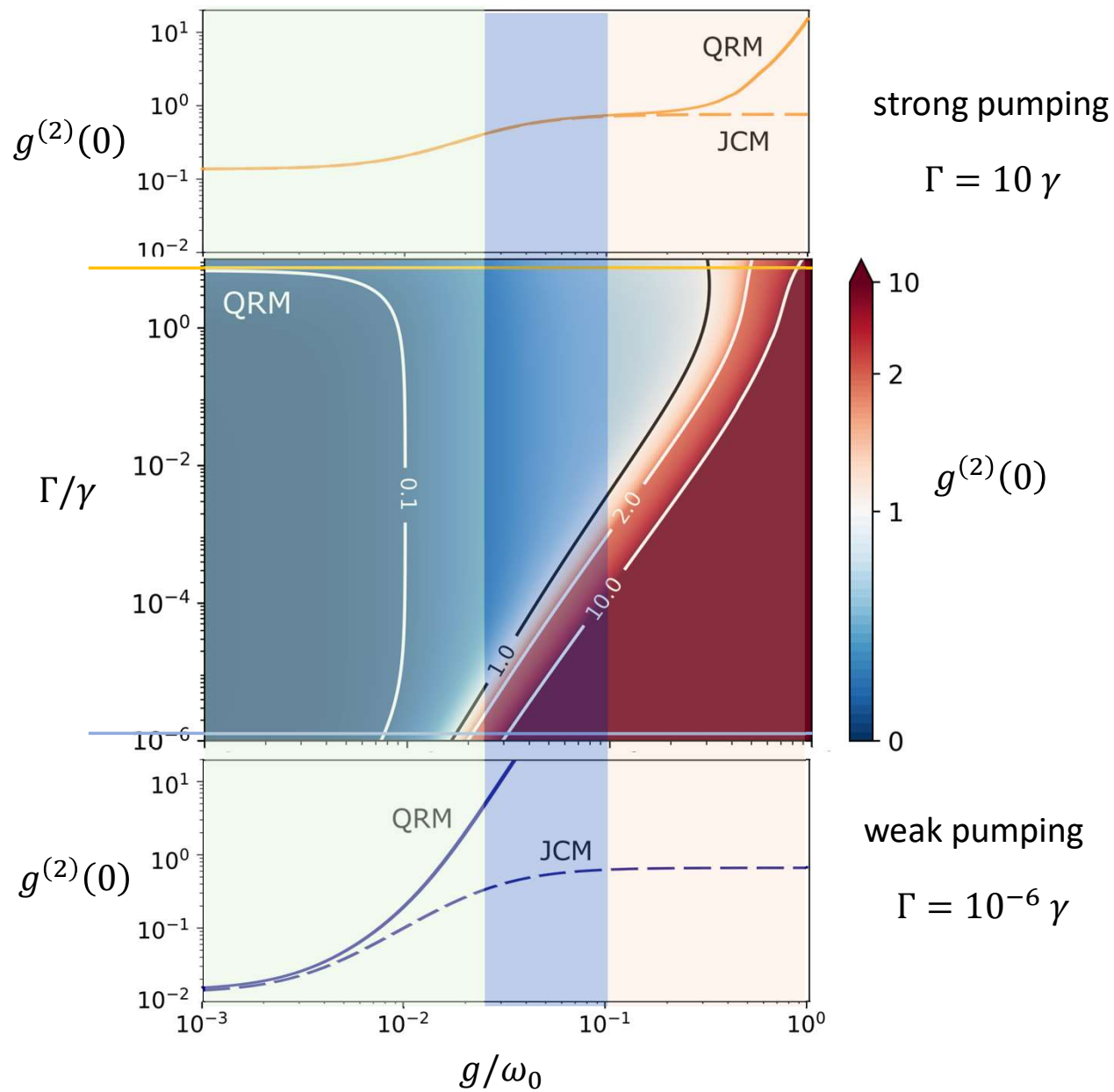
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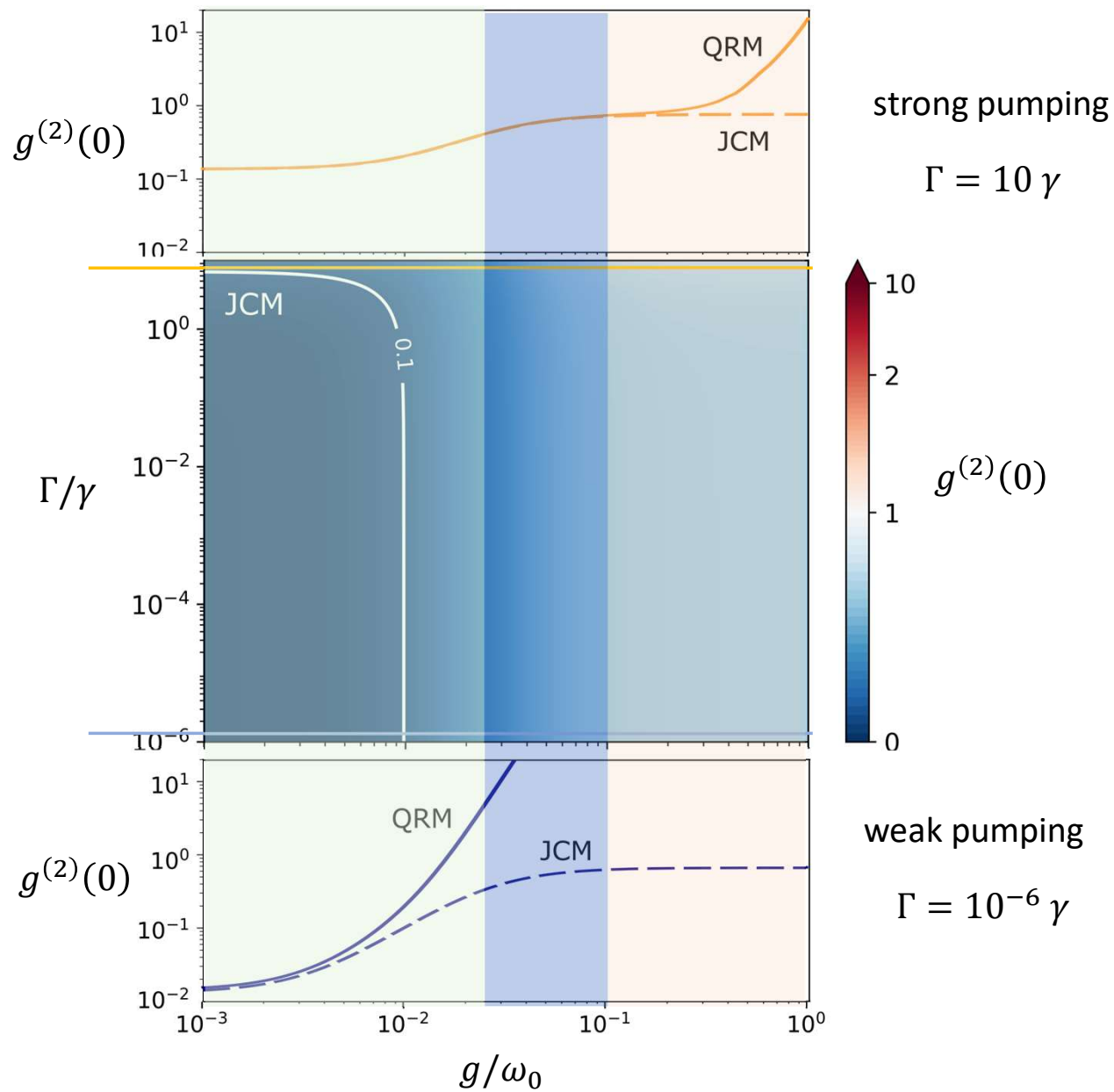


weak pumping

$$\Gamma = 10^{-6}\gamma$$







what breaks down?

i/ Coulomb gauge *quantum Rabi Hamiltonian*:

$$\hat{H}_{QR} = \hbar\omega_0 a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega_0 \left(\sigma_z \cos \left[2 \frac{g}{\omega_0} (a^\dagger + a) \right] + \sigma_y \sin \left[2 \frac{g}{\omega_0} (a^\dagger + a) \right] \right)$$

ii/ interaction with environment dressed operators:

$$x_a, x_\sigma$$

for $g/\omega_0 \ll 1$

$$\hat{H}_{QR} \approx \hbar\omega_0 a^\dagger a + \hbar\omega_0 \sigma^\dagger \sigma + i\hbar g (\hat{\sigma} - \hat{\sigma}^\dagger)(a^\dagger + a) = \hat{H}_R$$

$$g^{(2)}(0) \gg 1$$

rotating wave approximation and bare operators

$$\hat{H}_{JC} = \hbar\omega_0 a^\dagger a + \hbar\omega_0 \sigma^\dagger \sigma + ig(\hat{a}\hat{\sigma}^\dagger - \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{\sigma})$$

$$g^{(2)}(0) < 1$$

Summary

- intensity correlations are a good (better?) probe of the Rabi Hamiltonian effects,
- $g^2(0)$ can herald the breakdown of the RWA even in the WC regime!

Where from here?

- experimental verification?
- revisiting theoretical results of $g^2(0)$ calculated with JC,
- more direct proofs of the role of squeezing.

Thank you!



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