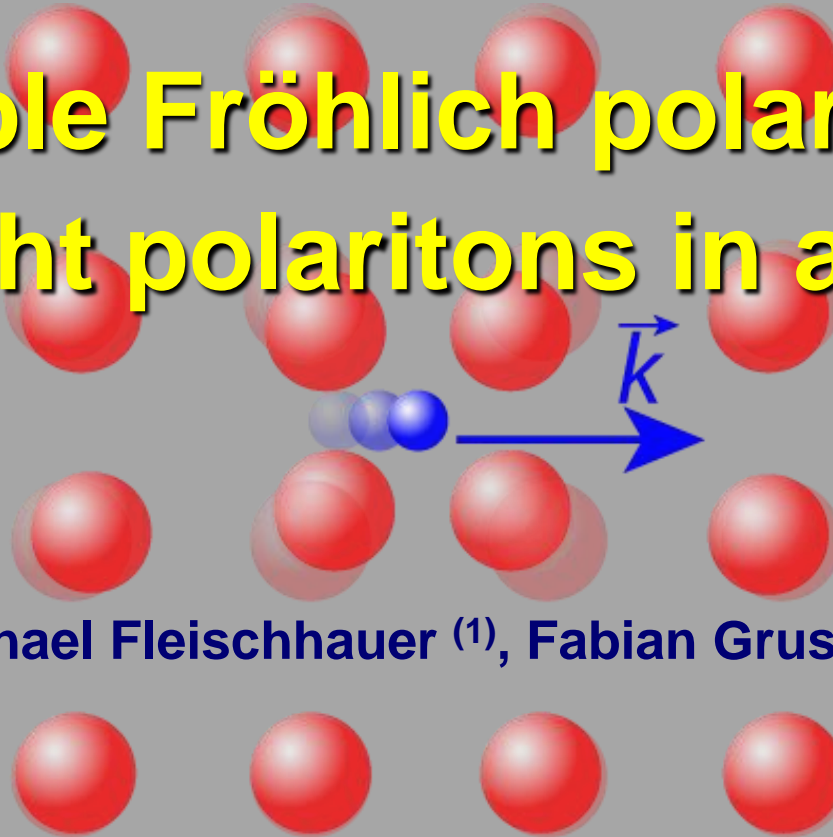


# Tunable Fröhlich polarons of slow-light polaritons in a 2D BEC



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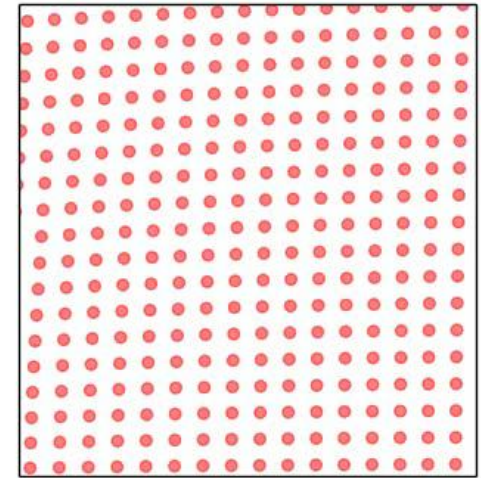
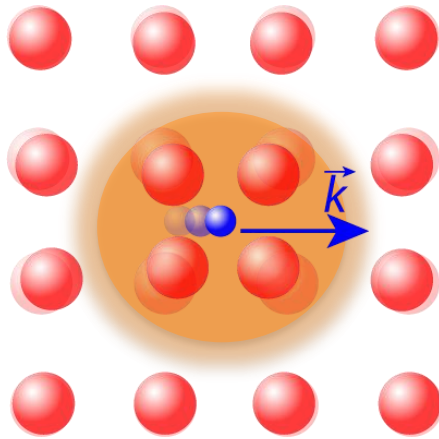
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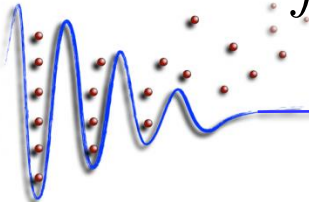
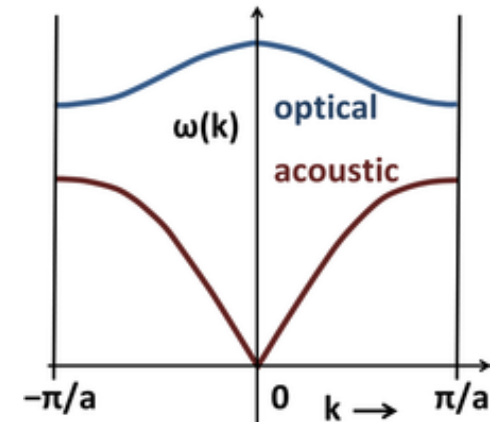
- in solid-state systems



Fröhlich model, *Adv. Phys.* (1954)

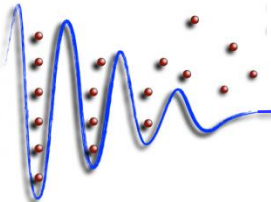
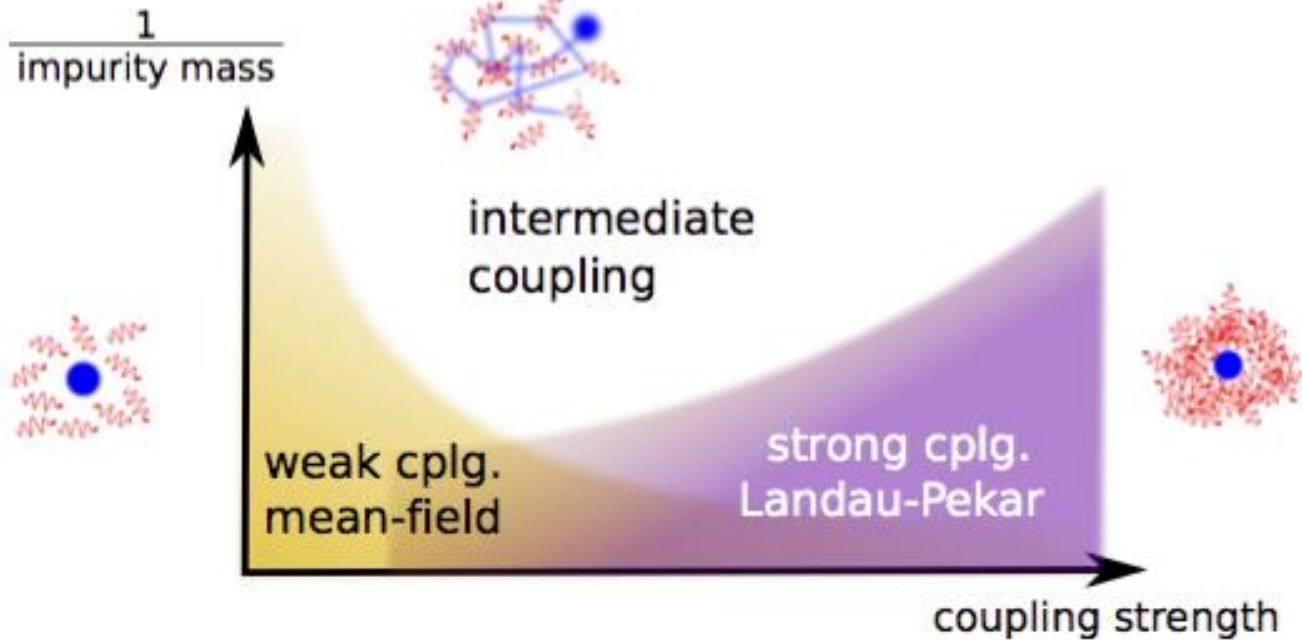
$$H_0 = \int dk \left( \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k + \frac{k^2}{2M} \hat{\Psi}_k^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_k \right)$$

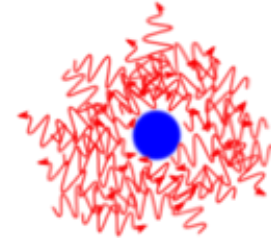
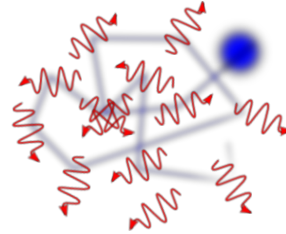
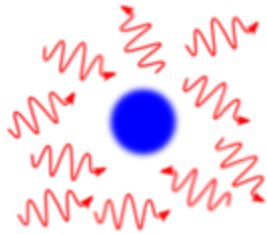
$$H_F = \int dk \int dr \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(r) \hat{\Psi}(r) V_k e^{ikr} \left( \hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_{-k}^\dagger \right)$$



coupling strength  $\alpha \sim \left( \frac{E_{IH}}{E_{ph}} \right)^2$

impurity mass  $\frac{1}{M}$





coupling strength  $\alpha$

weak coupling

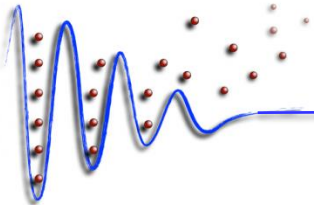
intermediate  
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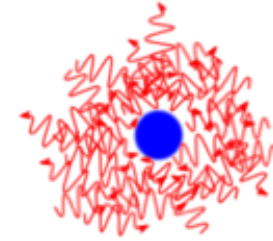
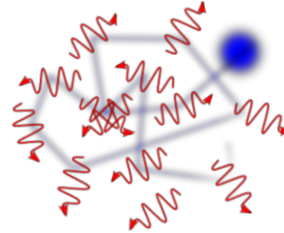
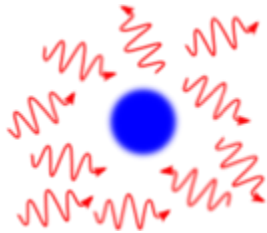
strong coupling

coherent displacement of phonon field

$$H = \int dk \left[ \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k + V_k \left( \hat{a}_{-k}^\dagger + \hat{a}_k \right) \right] + \frac{1}{2M} \int dq \hat{\Psi}_q^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_q \left( q - \int dk k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k \right)^2$$

phonon-phonon scattering





coupling strength  $\alpha$

weak coupling

intermediate  
coupling

strong coupling

← Feynman variational approach →

perturbative  
mean-field

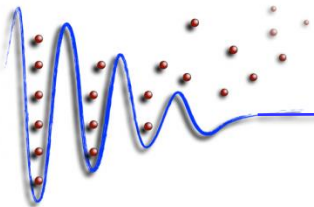
Lee, Low, Pines,  
Phys Rev (1953)

no phase  
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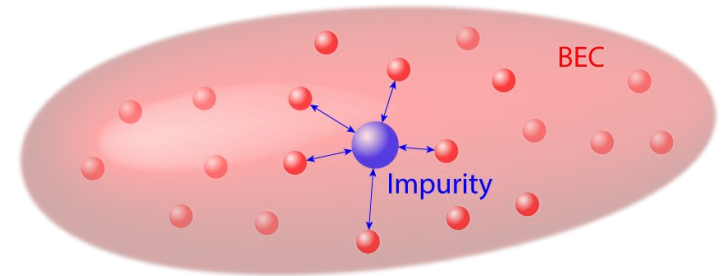
- impurity in a Bose-Einstein condensate

interaction with  
**Bogoliubov phonons**  
 in unperturbed condensate

**Fröhlich polaron**

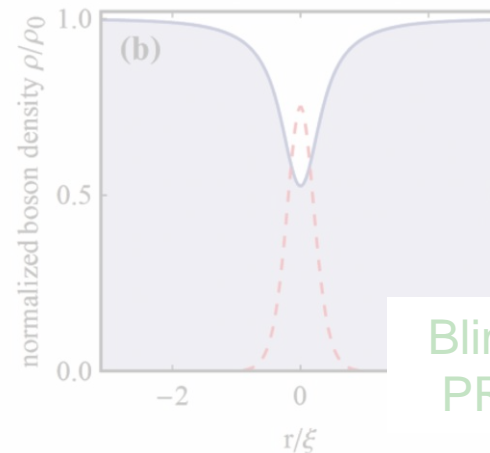
$$n_{\text{ph}} \ll n_0$$

$$N_{\text{ph}} = \int d^3k \left( \frac{V_k}{\omega_k} \right)^2 \sim \frac{n_0 g_{IB}^2}{c^2 \xi}$$

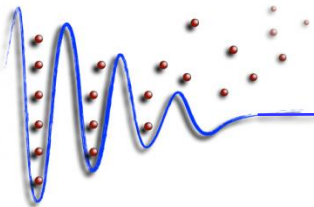


deformation of  
condensate

**bubble polaron**

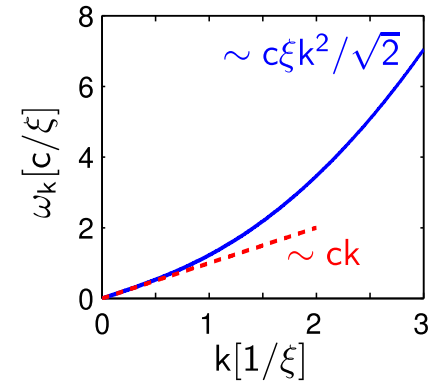


Blinova et al.  
PRA (2013)

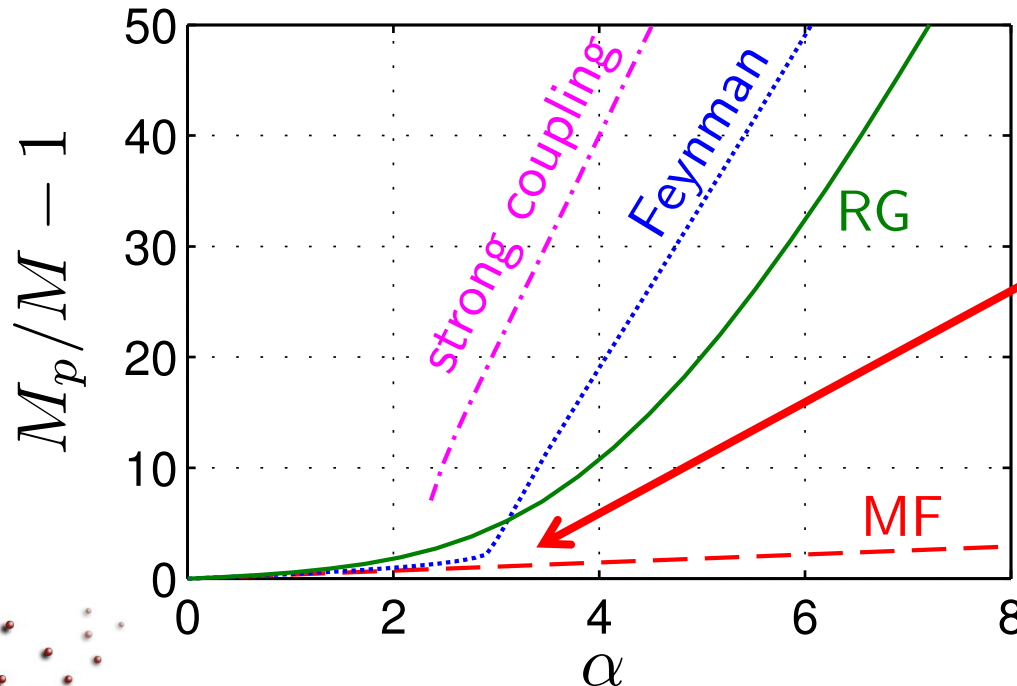


- phase transition vs. crossover ?

Gerlach - Löwen proof does not hold here

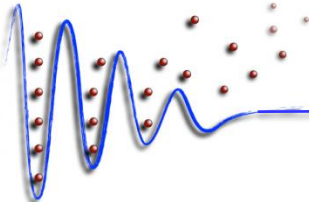


mass of polaron vs. bare mass

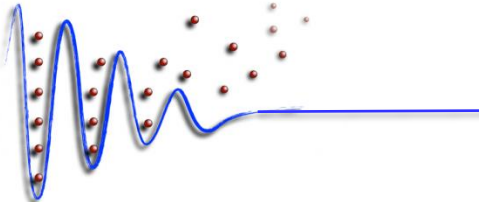
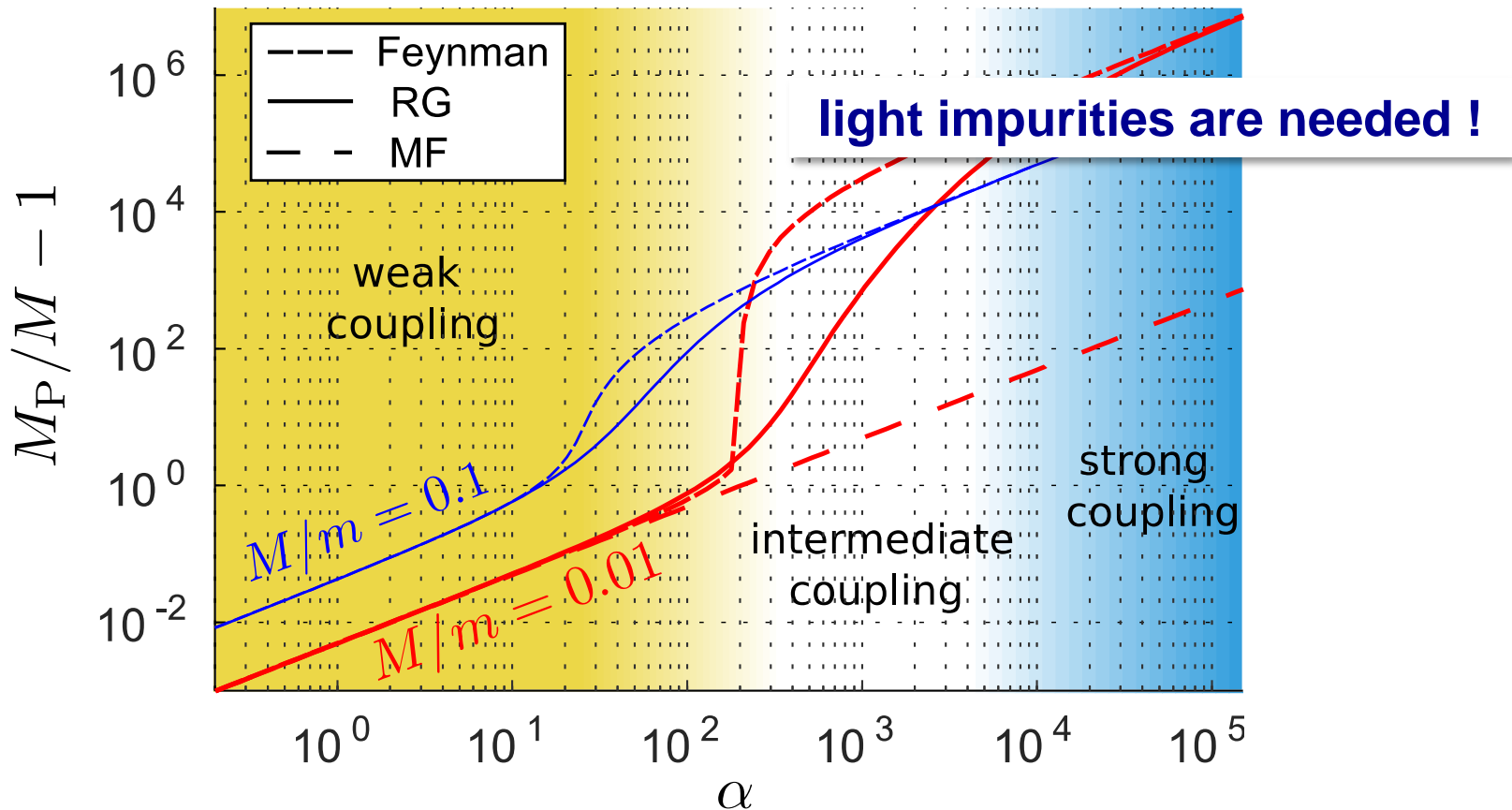


phase transition ?

Grusdt et al.  
Sci. Rep. 2015  
Casteels et al.  
PRA 2012



F. Grusdt, M. Fleischhauer, arXiv 1507.08248



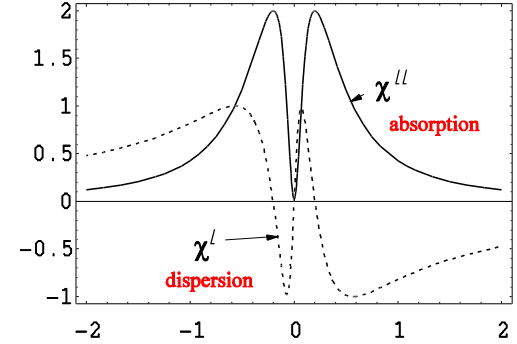
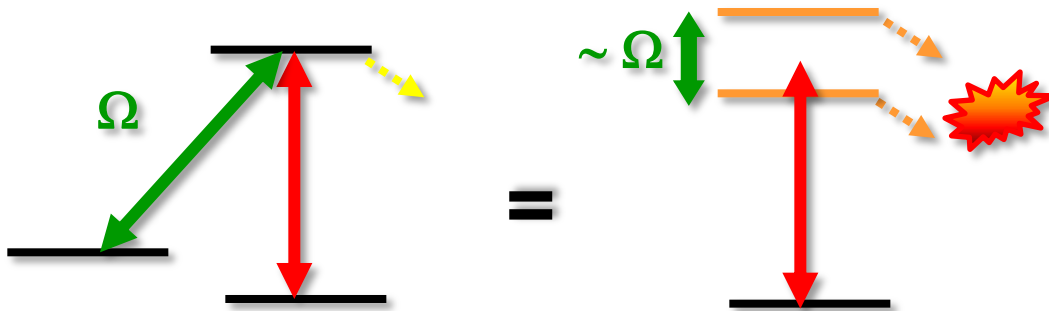
renormalization group approach

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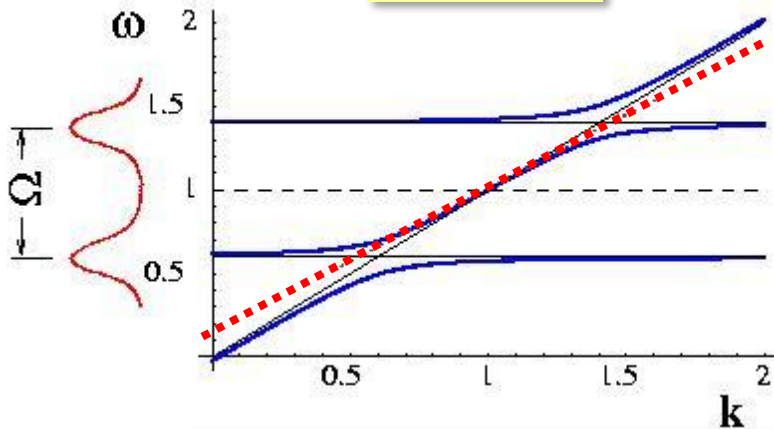
# Elm. Induced Transparency & slow light



dispersion

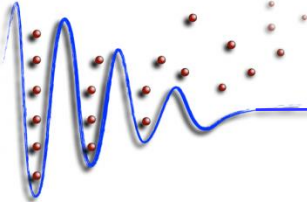
large  $\Omega$

$\omega(k)$

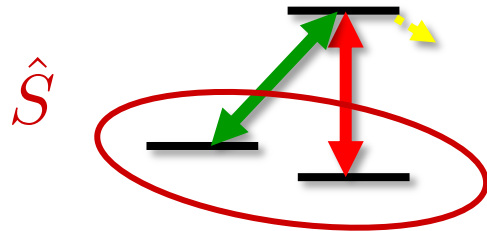


$$v_{\text{gr}} = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = c_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{\Omega^2}{\Omega^2 + g^2 N}$$



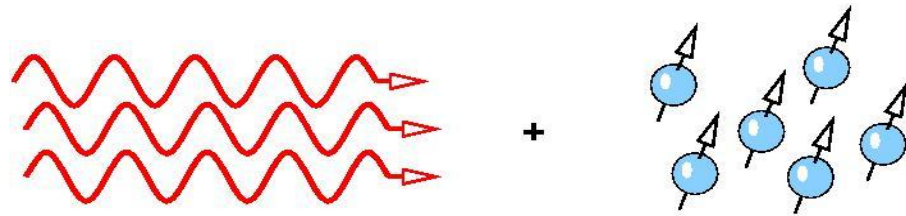
- dark-state polariton



$$v_{\text{gr}} = c_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{\Omega^2}{\Omega^2 + g^2 N}$$

$$\hat{\Psi} = \cos \theta \hat{E} - \sin \theta \hat{S}$$

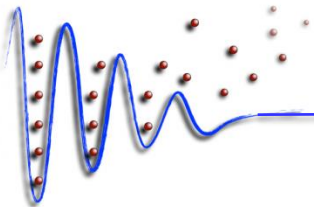


$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\text{gr}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \frac{i}{2m_{\parallel}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} - \frac{i}{2m_{\perp}} \Delta_{\perp} \right] \hat{\Psi} = 0$$

$$m_{\perp} = \frac{\hbar k}{v_{\text{gr}}} = m \frac{v_{\text{rec}}}{v_{\text{gr}}}$$

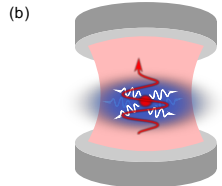
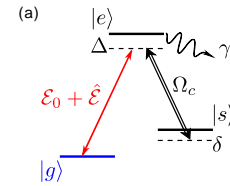
- bright-state polariton (decays)

$$\hat{\Phi} = \cos \theta \hat{S} + \sin \theta \hat{E}$$



- free Hamiltonian

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0 = \int d^2\vec{r} \left\{ -\hat{\psi}_g^\dagger \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} \hat{\psi}_g + \hat{\psi}_e^\dagger \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - i\gamma + \Delta_0 \right) \hat{\psi}_e + \right. \\ \left. + \hat{\psi}_s^\dagger \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + \delta_0 \right) \hat{\psi}_s + \hat{\mathcal{E}}^\dagger \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2M_{\text{ph}}} - i\kappa \right) \hat{\mathcal{E}} \right\} \quad M_{\text{ph}} = \frac{\hbar k}{c_0}$$



- atom-light interaction

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{al}} = \int d^2\vec{r} \left\{ g_{2\text{D}} \hat{\psi}_e^\dagger \hat{\psi}_g \hat{\mathcal{E}} + \Omega_c \hat{\psi}_e^\dagger \hat{\psi}_s + \text{h.c.} \right\}$$

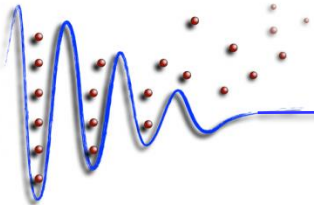
- BEC in ground state

$$\hat{\psi}_g \rightarrow \sqrt{n_0}$$

- dark-state polariton in a BEC

$$\hat{\Psi} = \sin \theta \hat{\psi}_s - \cos \theta \hat{\mathcal{E}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{g_{2\text{D}} \sqrt{n_0}}{|\Omega_c|}$$



$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \int d^2\vec{k} \left\{ \hat{\Psi}_k^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_k \nu_k^{\text{DSP}} + \hat{\Phi}_k^\dagger \hat{\Phi}_k \nu_k^{\text{BSP}} + \hat{\psi}_e^\dagger \hat{\psi}_e \left( \frac{k^2}{2m} - i\gamma + \Delta_0 \right) + \right. \\ \left. + \hat{\psi}_e^\dagger \hat{\Phi}_k \Omega_{\Phi e} + \hat{\Psi}_k^\dagger \hat{\Phi}_k \Omega_{\Psi\Phi}(k) + \text{h.c.} \right\}$$

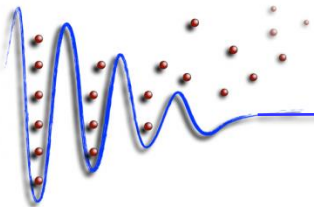
bright-excited state  
coupling

non-adiabatic coupling

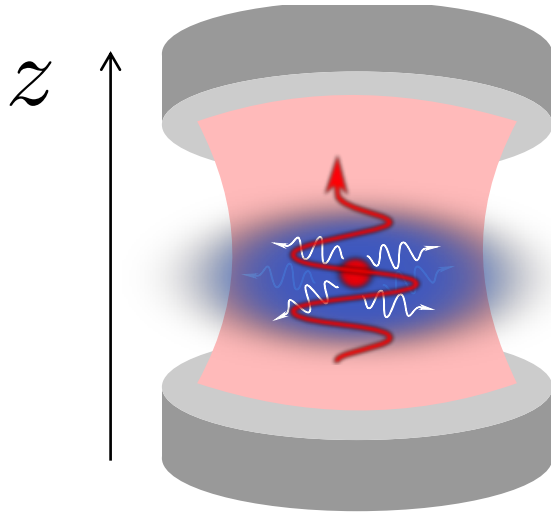
$$\Omega_{\Phi e} = \sqrt{\Omega_c^2 + g_{2D}^2 n_0}$$

$$\Omega_{\Psi\Phi} = \cos\theta \sin\theta \left( \frac{k^2}{2m} - \frac{k^2}{2M_{\text{ph}}} + i\kappa + n_c g_{gg}^{2D} - \mu_{\text{BEC}} \right)$$

$$\Omega_{\Phi e} \gg \Omega_{\Psi\Phi}$$



- problem:  $v_{\text{gr}} = c_0 \cos^2 \theta \gg c$       DSP is super-sonic



2D confinement of light

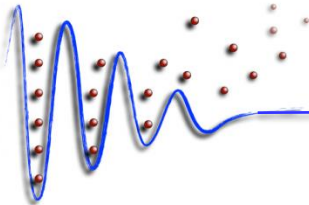
2D confinement of BEC

to avoid interaction-induced scattering  $\hat{\Psi} \rightarrow \hat{\Phi}$

- Frank-Condon reduction

$$g_{2\text{D}} = g \int_0^L dz \left( \phi_e^0(z) \right)^* \phi_g^0(z) \mathcal{E}_z^0(z)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{g_{2\text{D}} \sqrt{n_0}}{|\Omega_c|}$$




- free polariton hamiltonian

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \int d^2 \vec{k} \hat{\Psi}_k^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_k \nu_k^{\text{DSP}}$$

polariton dispersion

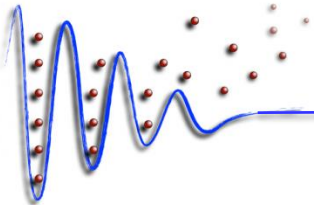
$$\nu_k^{\text{DSP}} = \frac{k^2}{2M} - i\kappa \cos^2 \theta + \mu_{\text{DSP}}$$


 cavity decay of elm. part

- impurity mass

$$\frac{1}{M} = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{m} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{2M_{\text{ph}}}$$

$$M_{\text{ph}} = \frac{\hbar k}{c_0}$$



- Interactions with Bogoliubov phonons

$$\hat{\psi}_g(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \sqrt{n_0} + \sum_{\vec{k} \neq 0} \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}}{L} \left( u_k \hat{a}_k - v_k \hat{a}_{-k}^\dagger \right)$$

- Fröhlich Hamiltonian

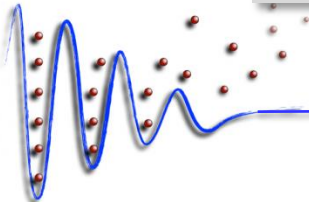
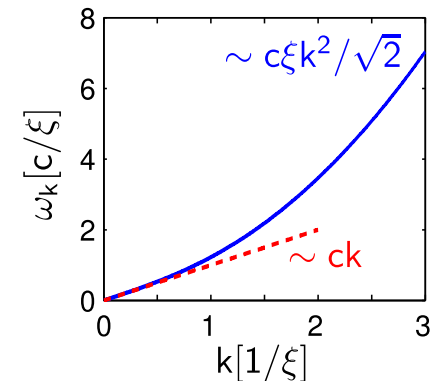
$$V_k = \sqrt{\alpha} \frac{c}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \frac{k^2 \xi^2}{2 + k^2 \xi^2} \right)^{1/4}$$

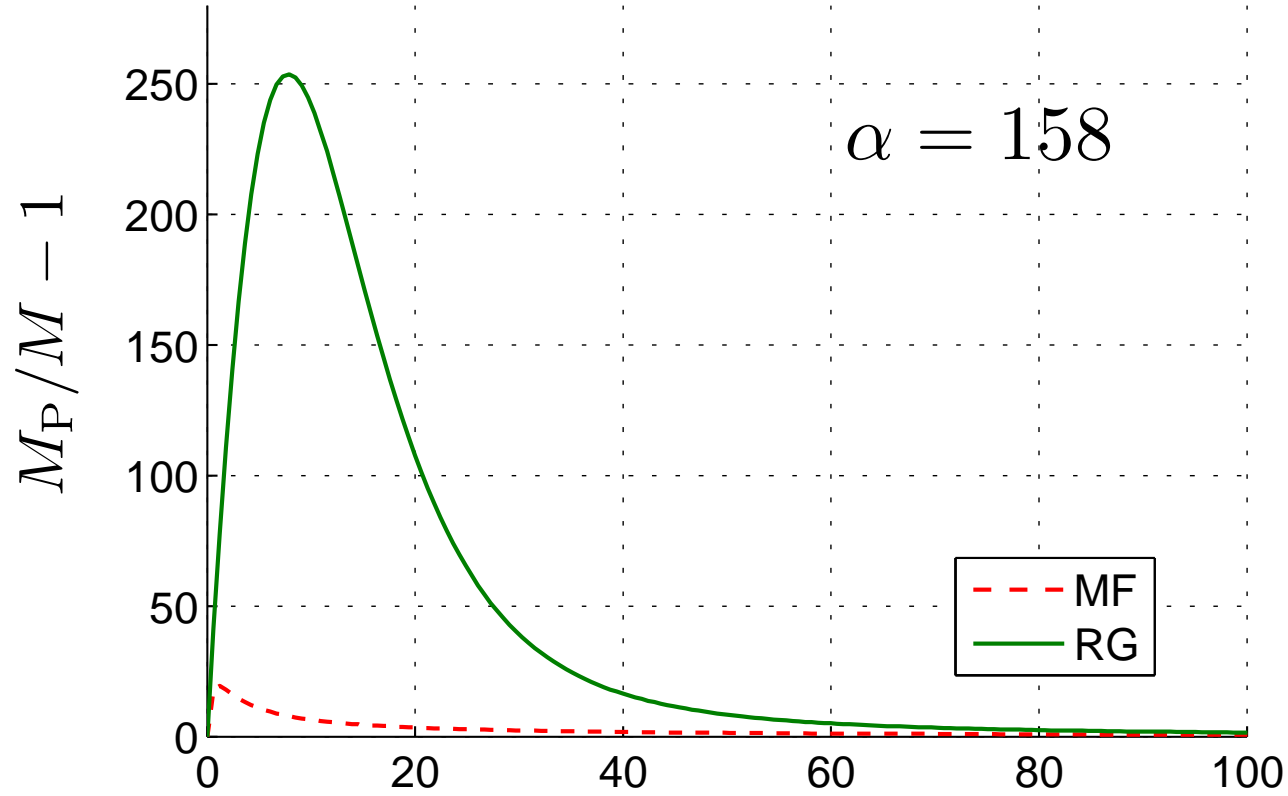
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_F = \int d^2 \vec{k} \left\{ \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k + \hat{\Psi}_k^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_k \nu_k^{\text{DSP}} + \int d^2 \vec{r} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\vec{r}) \hat{\Psi}(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} V_k \left( \hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_{-k}^\dagger \right) \right\}$$

$$\omega_k = ck \sqrt{1 + (\xi k)^2 / 2}$$

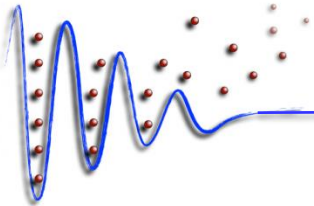
- Interaction strength

$$\alpha = \sin^4 \theta \left( g_{gs}^{2D} \right)^2 / \pi c^2$$

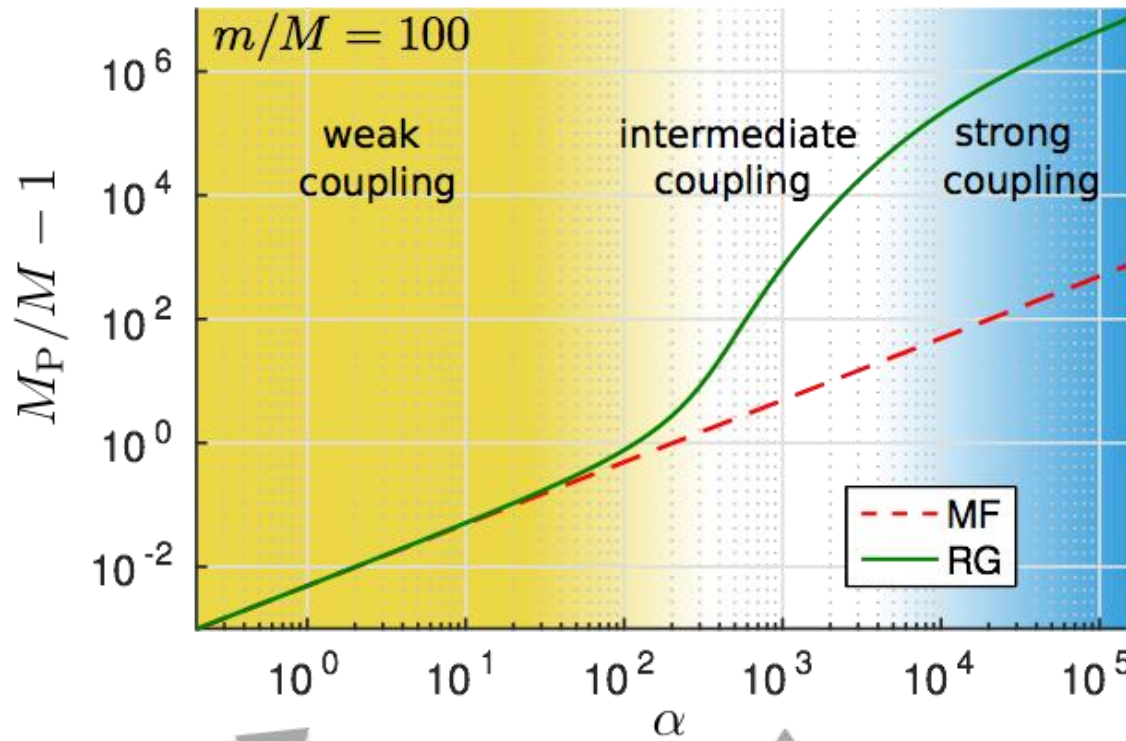




$m/M$  ← tunable by coupling laser





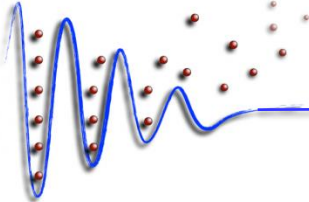


**tunable via  
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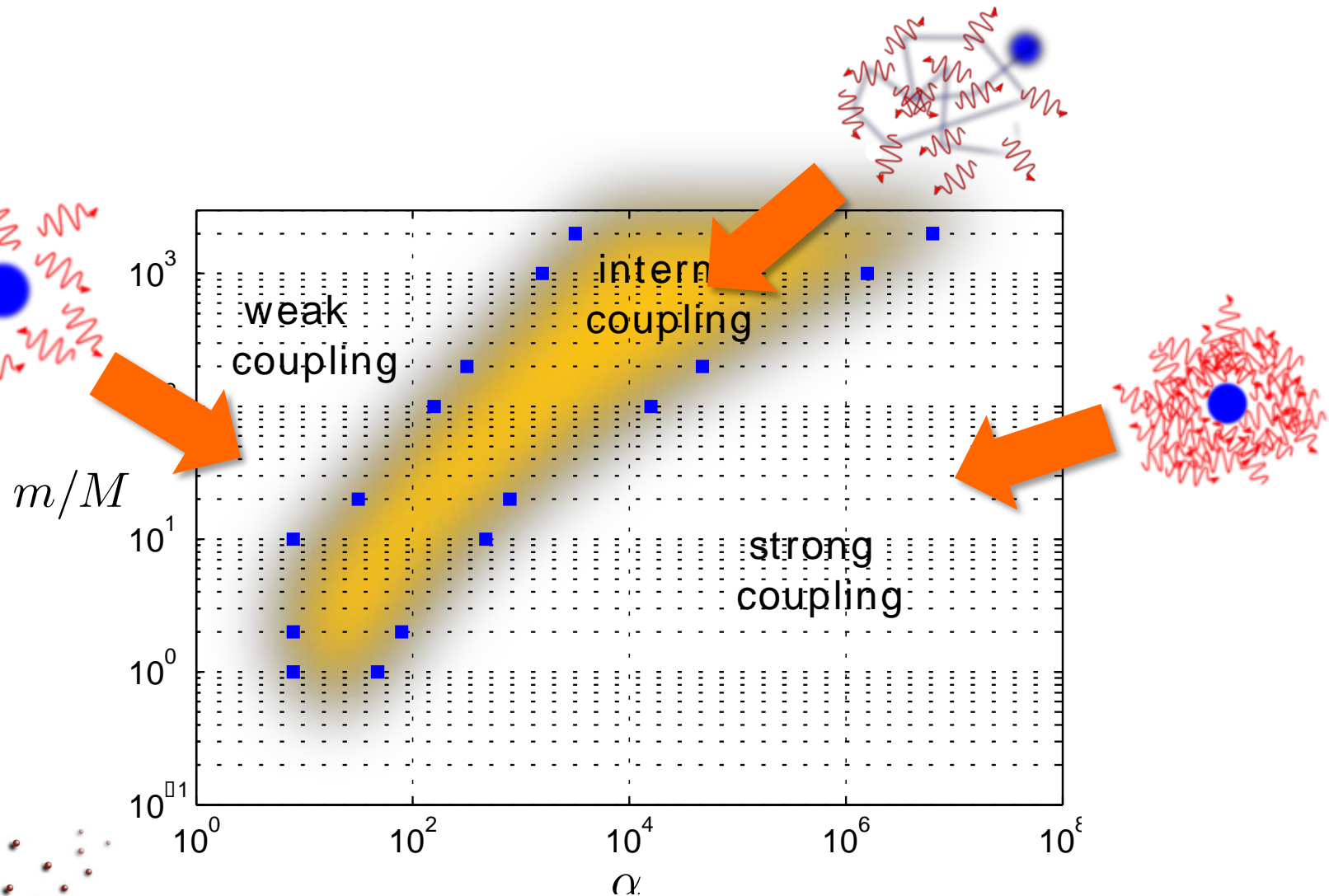
$M_p - M \propto \alpha$

$M_p - M \not\propto \alpha$

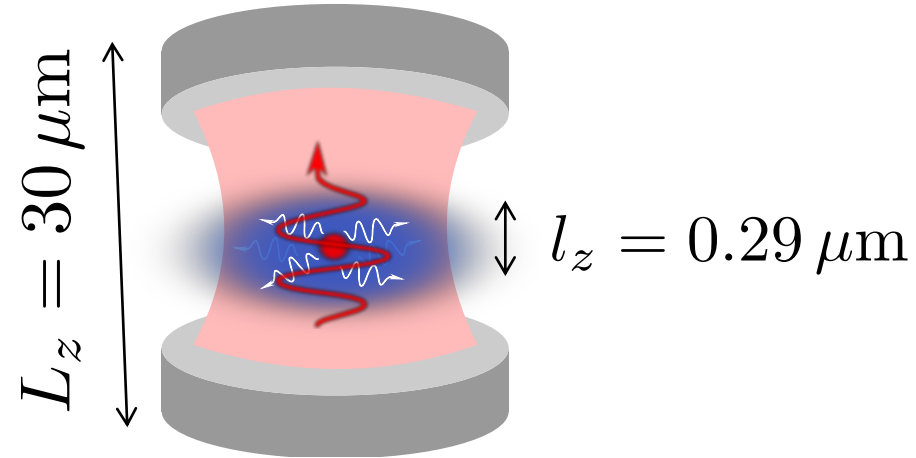
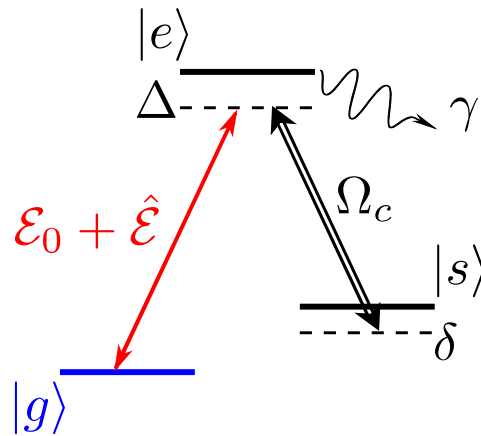
$M_p - M \propto \alpha$



# phase diagram



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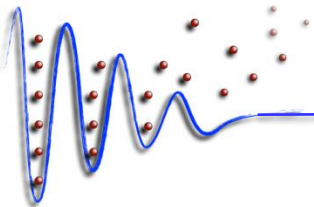


$$|g\rangle = |F = 1, m_F = -1\rangle \quad |s\rangle = |F = 2, m_F = 1\rangle$$

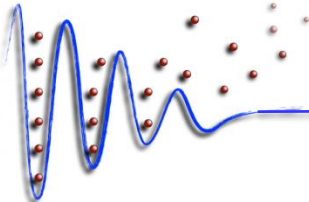
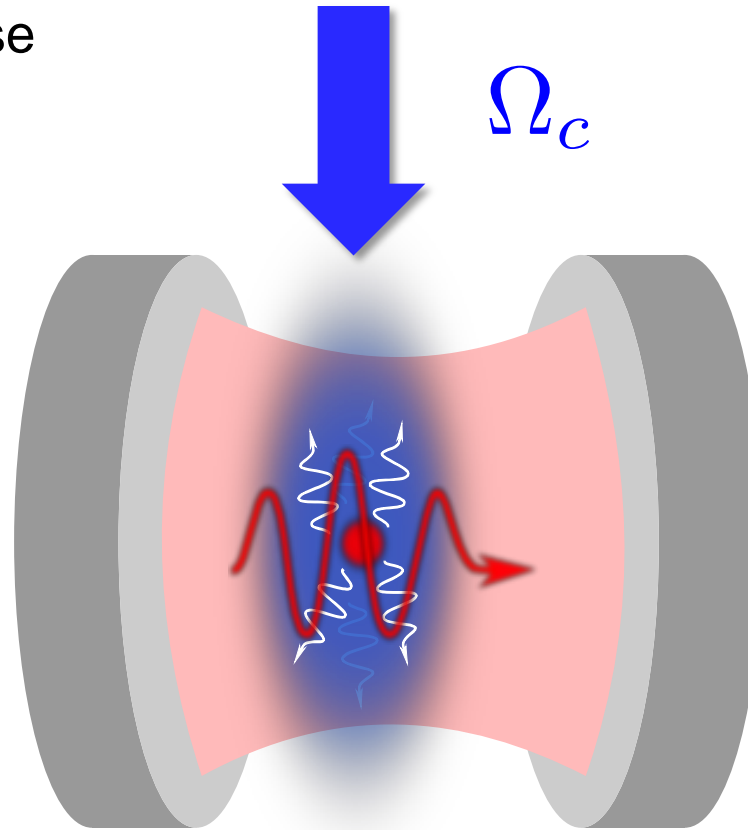
$$a_{gg} = 100.4 a_0 \quad a_{gs} = 98 a_0 \quad n_0 = 100 \mu\text{m}^{-2}$$

$$\Omega_c = 20 \times 2\pi 10^3 \text{s}^{-1} \quad M/m \approx 2 \quad \alpha_{\text{max}} \approx 1.4$$

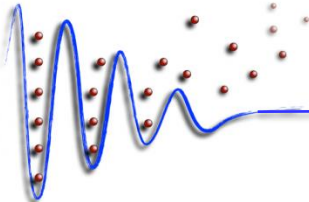
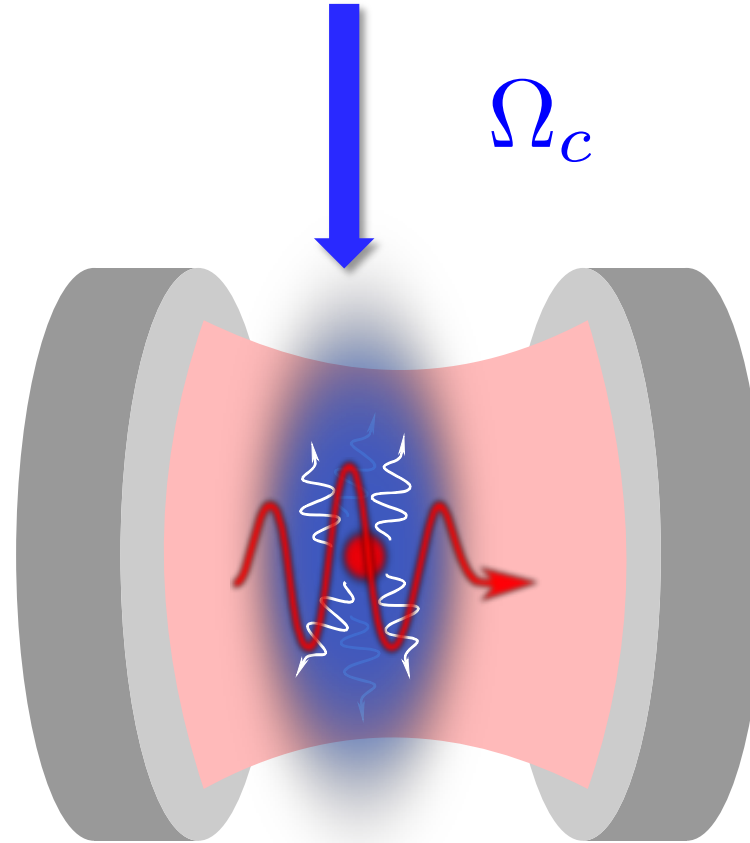
$$\Omega_c = 20 \times 2\pi 10^5 \text{s}^{-1} \quad M/m \approx 10^{-4} \quad \alpha_{\text{max}} \approx 5 \times 10^3$$



storage of few-photon pulse



partial retrieval



curved mirrors  $\rightarrow$  harmonic confinement potential  
excite finite transverse k-values

absorption spectrum  $\rightarrow$  momentum resolved spectral function

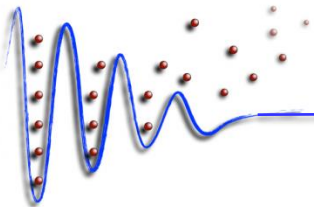
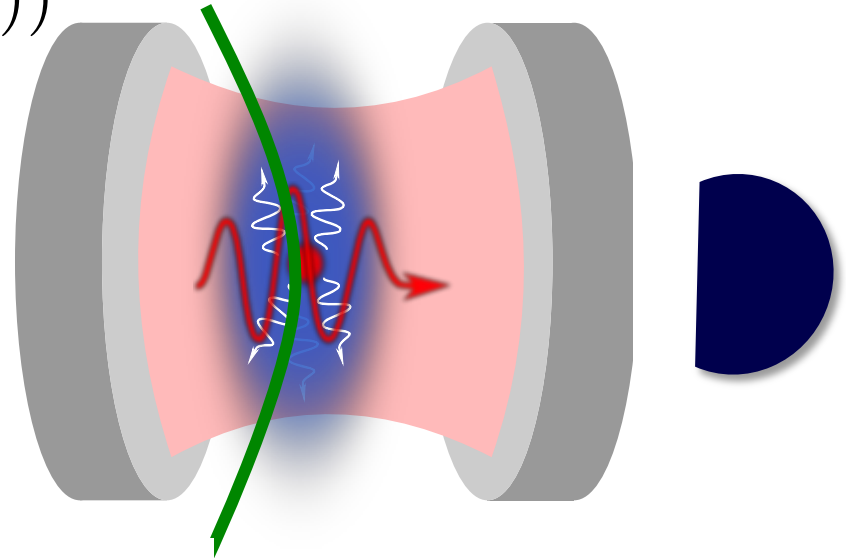
$$I(\omega, p) = I_{\text{coh}}(\omega, p) + I_{\text{incoh}}(\omega, p)$$

$$I_{\text{coh}}(\omega, p) = Z \delta(\omega - E_0(p))$$

$Z$  = quasi-particle weight

$E_0(p)$  = polaron energy

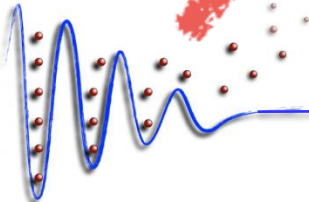
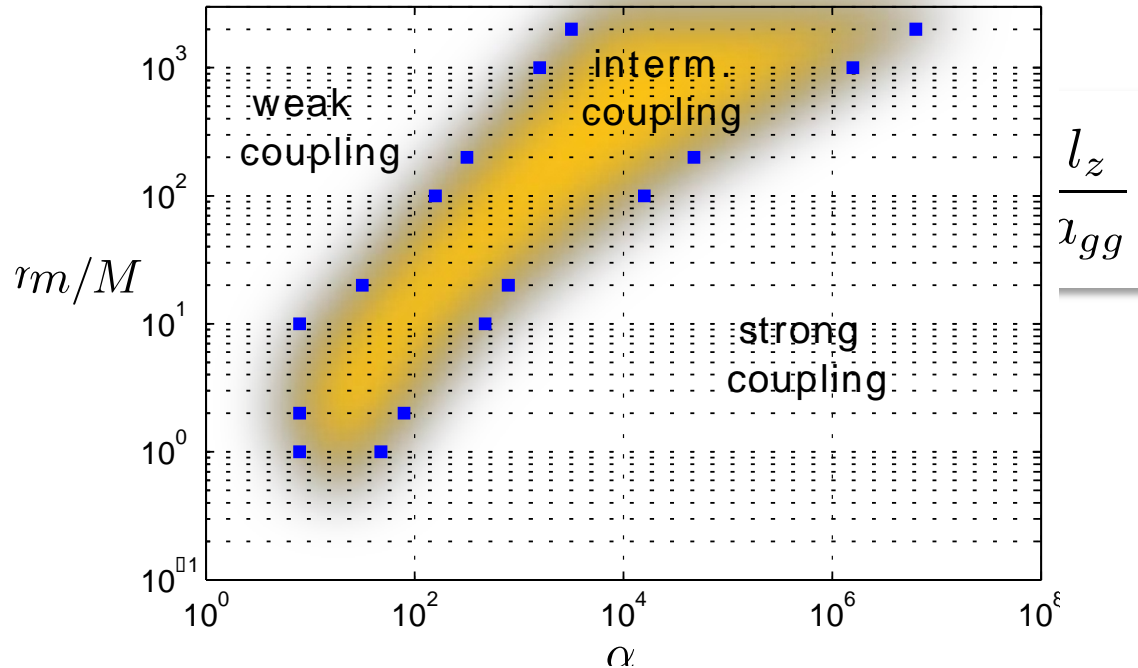
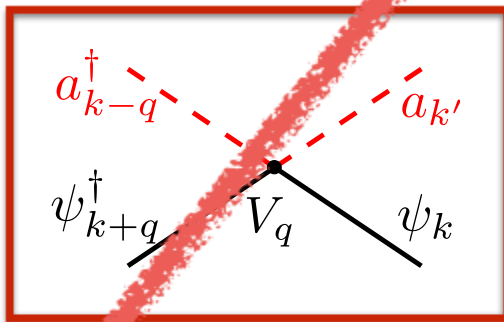
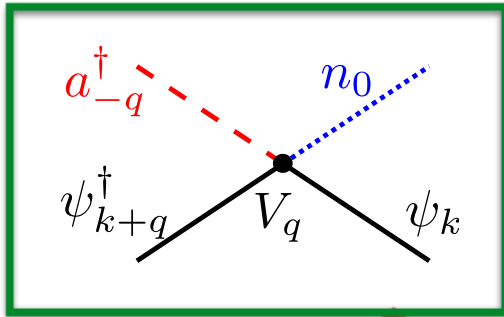
$$p \sim k_{\perp}$$



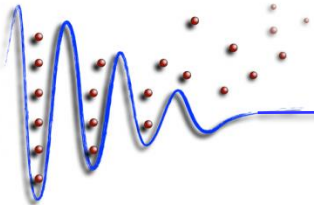
- validity of Fröhlich model

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{n_{\text{ph}}/n_0} \ll 1$$

$$\alpha < \alpha_{\text{max}} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{max}}^2}{g_{gg}^2} \left( \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{M} \right) = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{max}}^2}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \frac{l_z}{a_{gg}} \left( 1 + \frac{m}{M} \right)$$

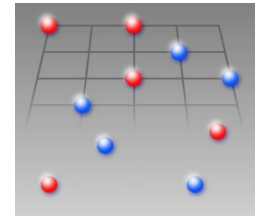
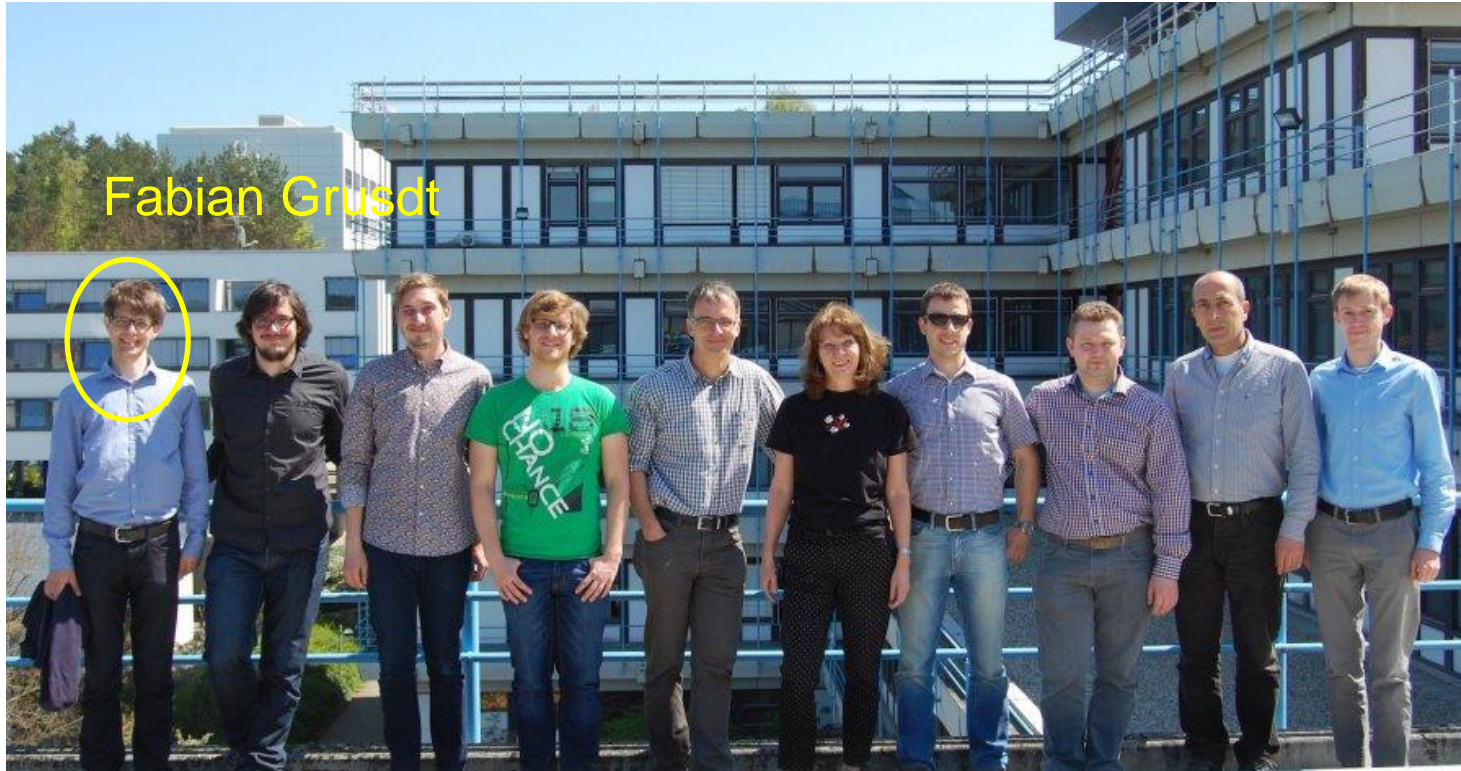


- nature of self-trapping transition of BEC polarons is unclear
  - Feynman: sharp transition for small impurity masses
  - RG: extended intermediate coupling regime
- Dark-state polaritons in 2D cavity + 2D BEC = polaron with widely tunable parameter
- Detection of momentum-resolved spectral function, polaron mass etc.
- Self-trapping transition in steady-state of open system?
- Detection of beyond-Fröhlich effects, bubble polarons





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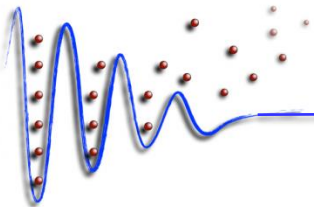


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