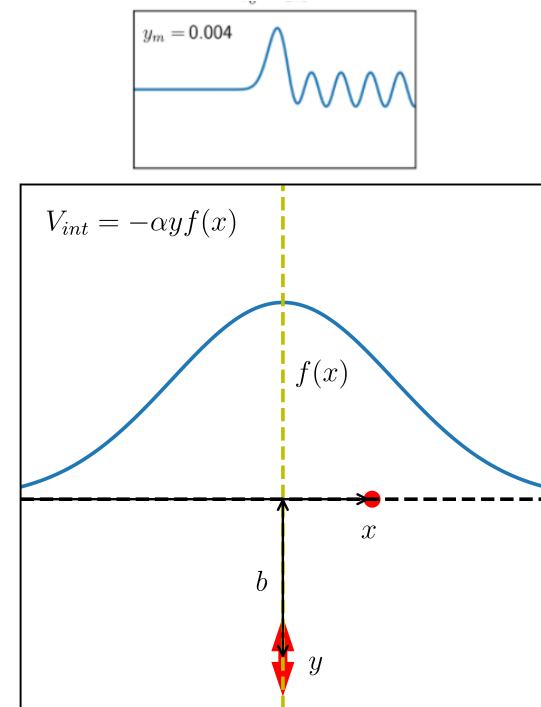
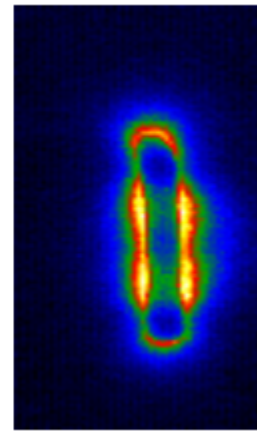
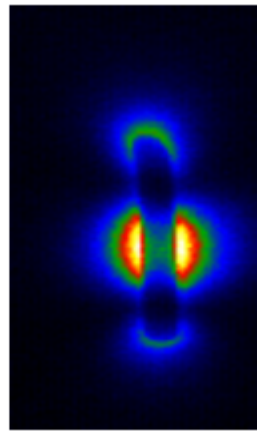
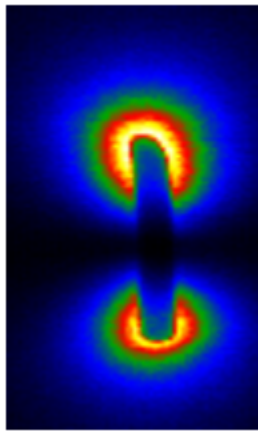


Adventures with Oscillators!

Beer Bottles, Nanorods, and a
Classical/Quantum Comparison

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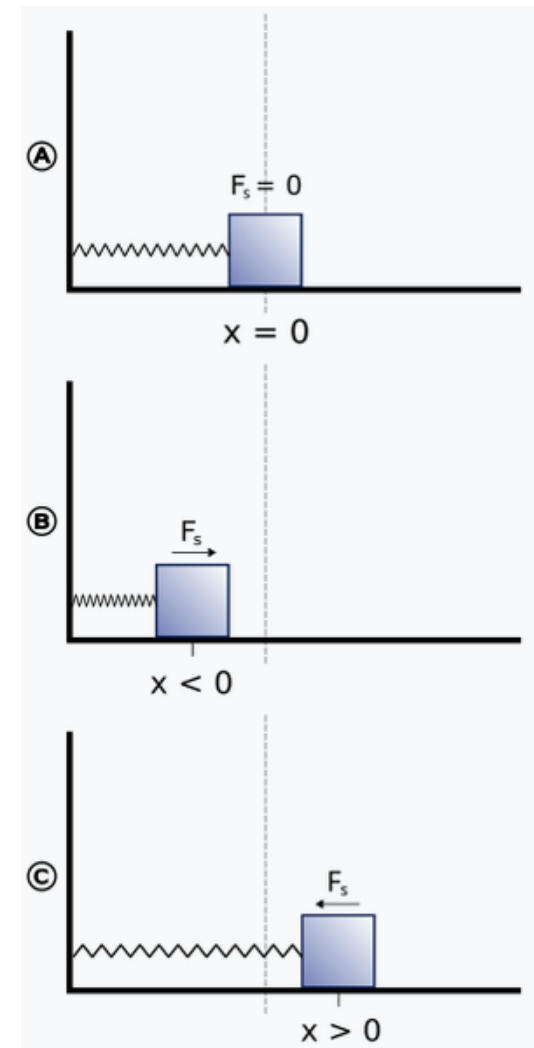


Outline

- **Physical models often apply across contexts**
 - An old favorite: the driven (damped) oscillator
- **Applications of the driven oscillator**
 - Classical: acoustical resonance of a beer bottle
 - Quantum: plasmonic resonance of a nanoparticle
- **Compare/contrast classical + quantum problems**
 - Look at simplified oscillator problem

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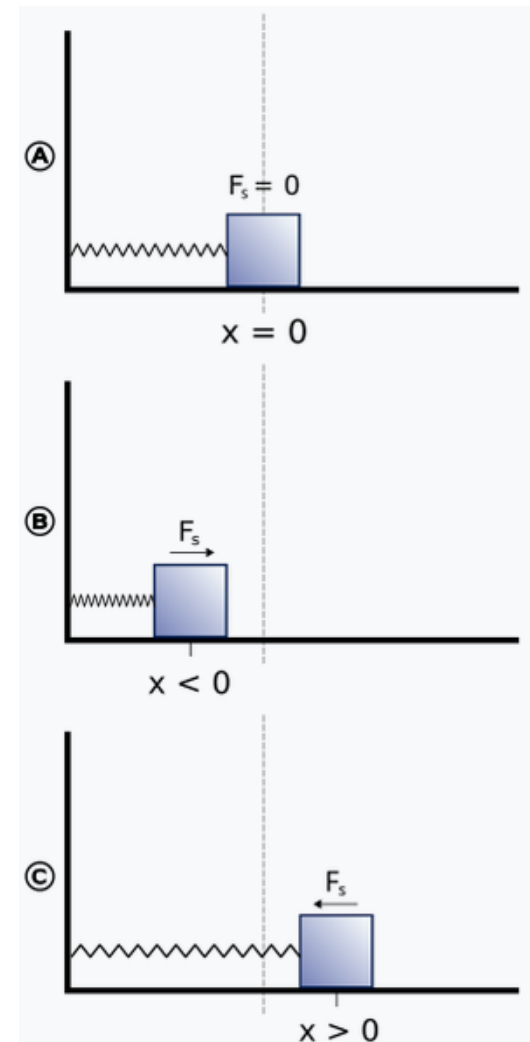


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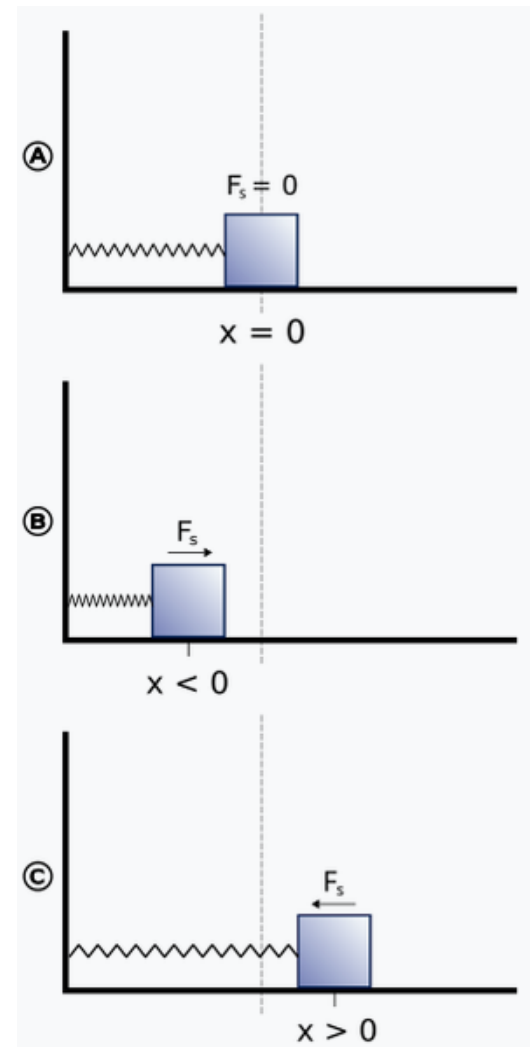
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- These variables control oscillation frequency

$$x = x_0 \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$$

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$$\rightarrow \omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$



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$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}.$$

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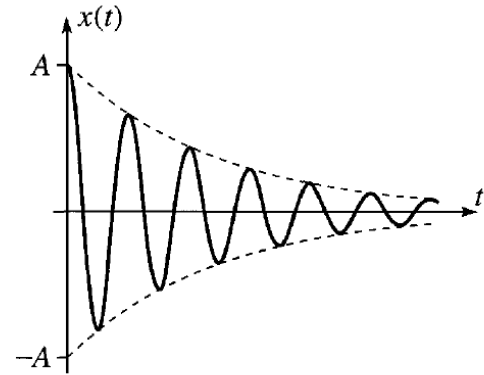


Figure 5.11 Underdamped oscillations can be thought of as simple harmonic oscillations with an exponentially decreasing amplitude $Ae^{-\beta t}$. The dashed curves are the envelopes, $\pm Ae^{-\beta t}$.

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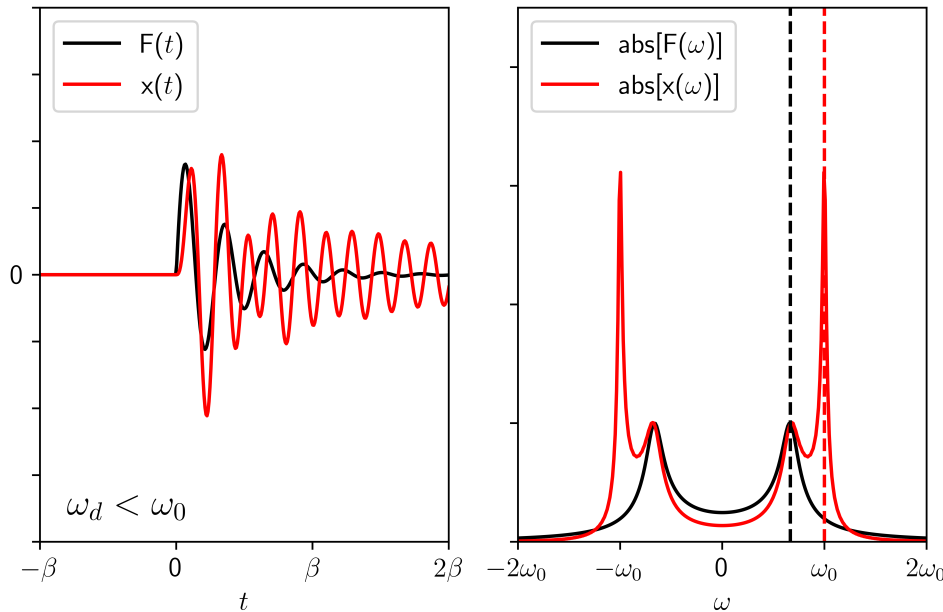
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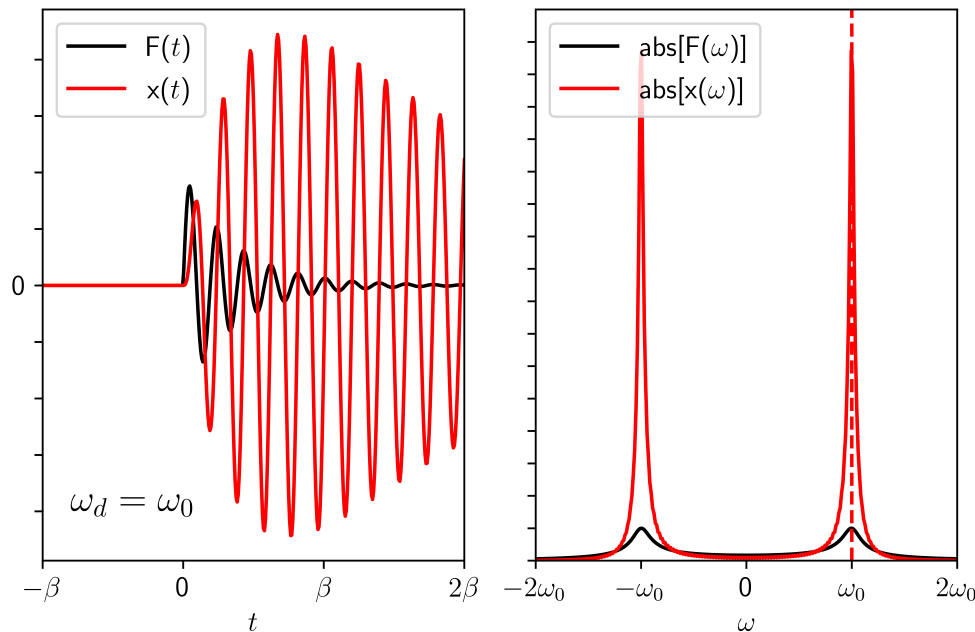
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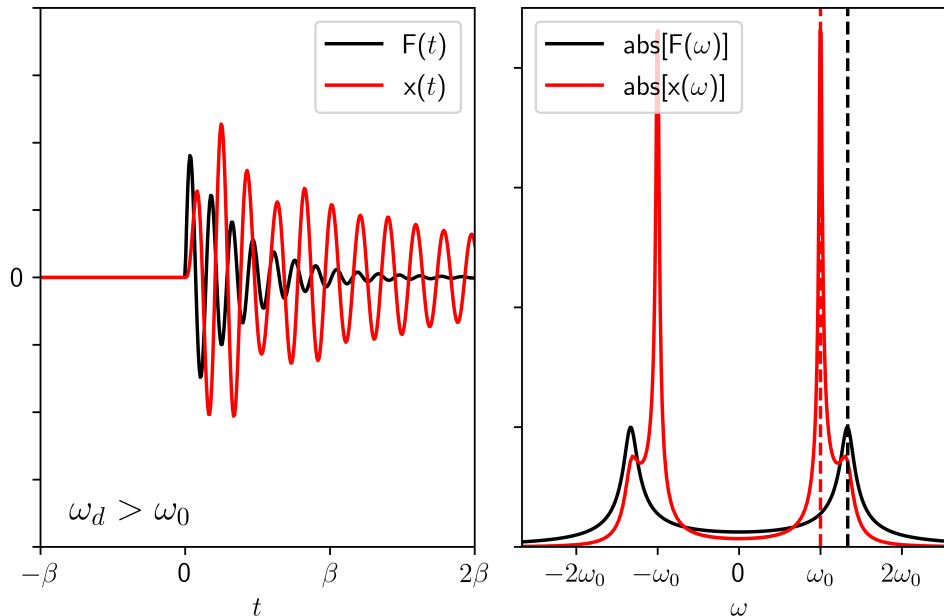
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- Fourier transforms turn **convolutions** into **products**:

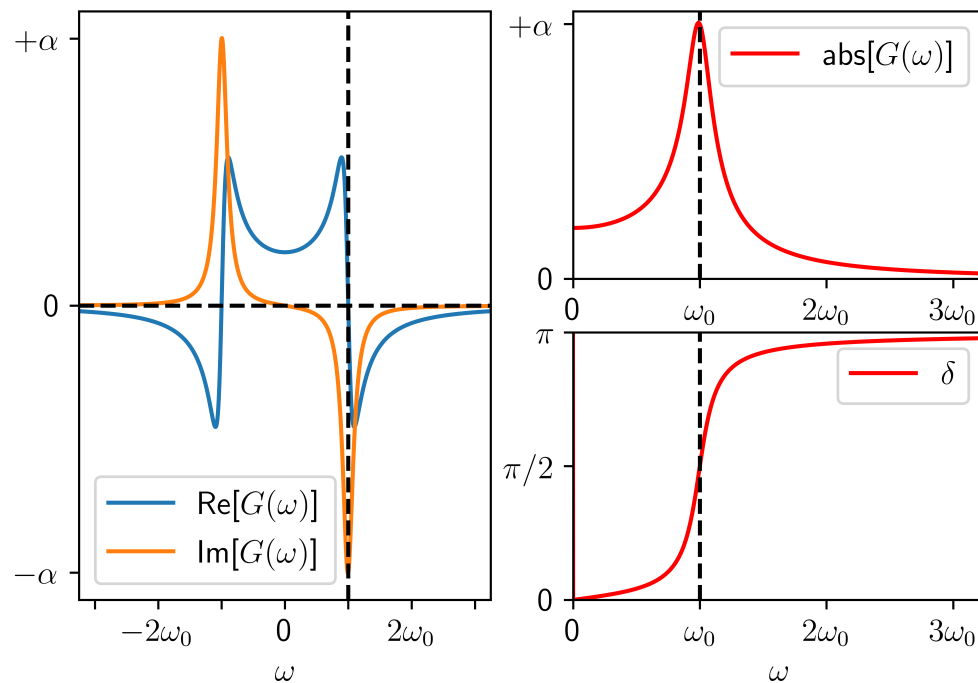
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Green's function of the DDO

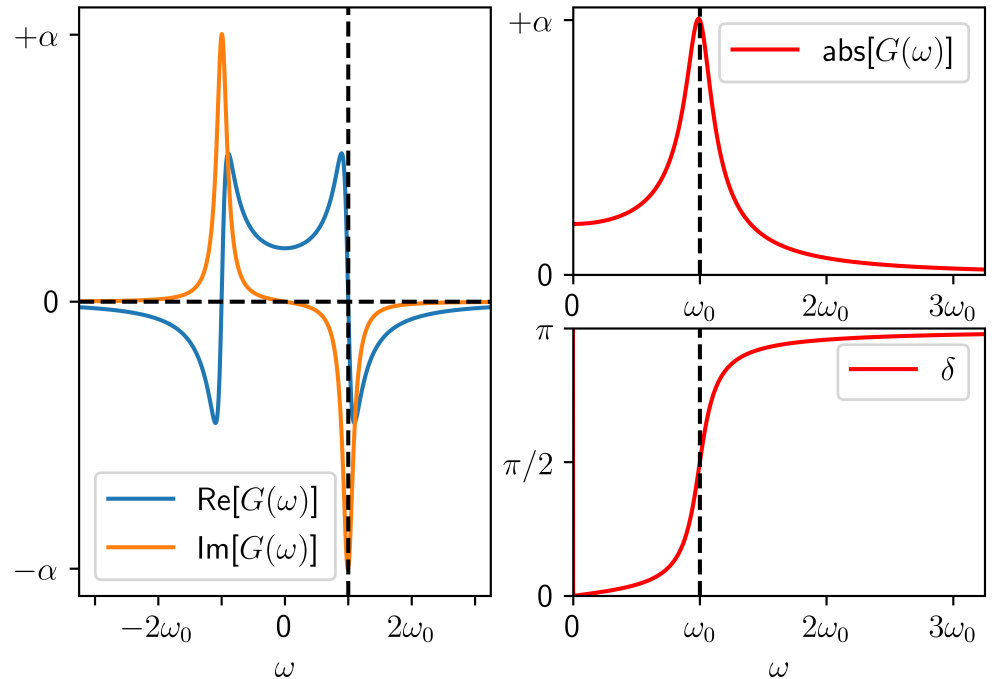
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Observations re: the DDO Green's function

- Amplitude greatest near ω_0
- $G(\omega)$ produces position oscillations *in phase* with the force at **low frequency**
- $G(\omega)$ produces position oscillations *out of phase* with force at **high frequency**



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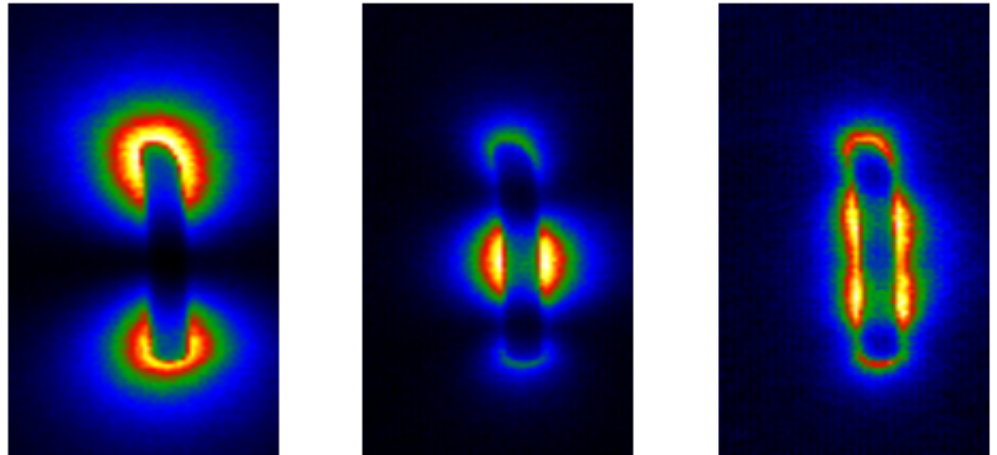
Models across contexts

- The driven (damped) oscillator can help us understand phenomena that span from classical to quantum

Classical:
beer bottle
acoustics

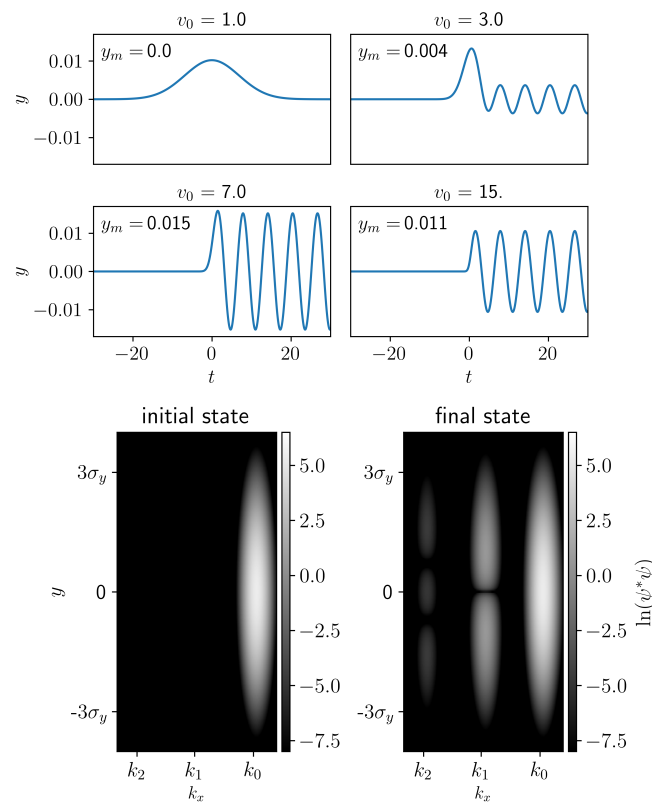
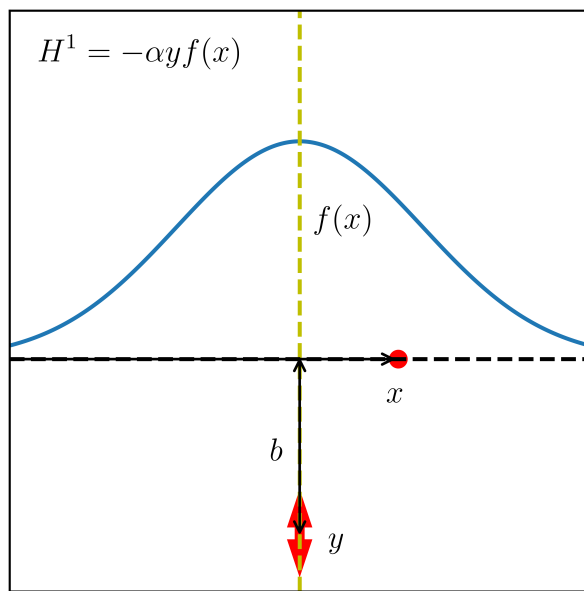


Quantum: nanorod plamons



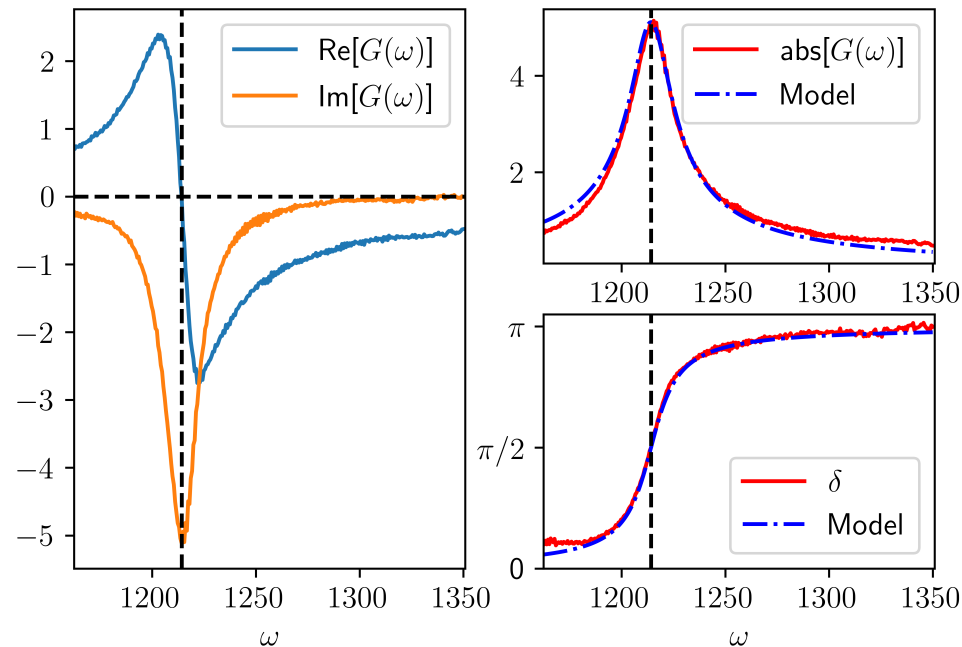
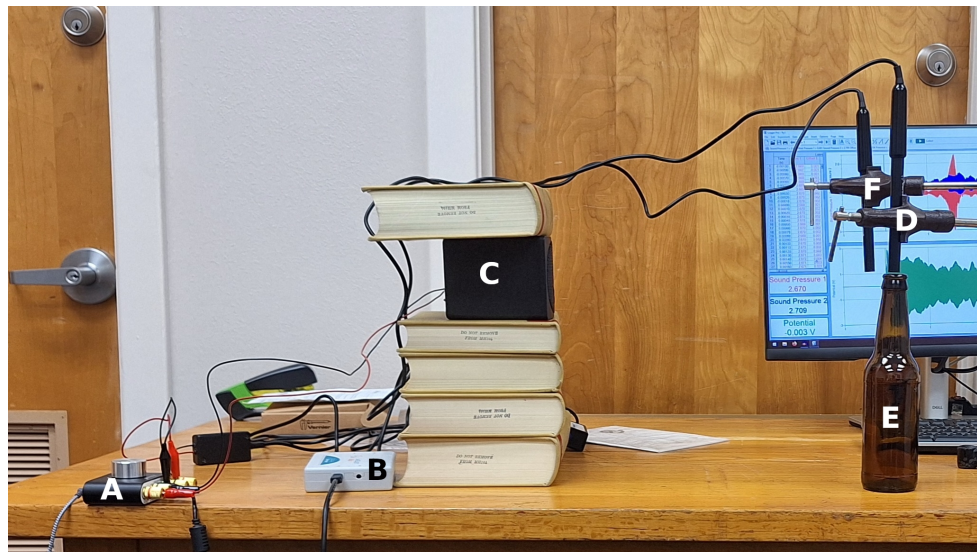
Abstraction preview...

- I'll end the talk with a simple toy model, contrasting classical and quantum approaches



Project 1: Measuring the acoustical Green's function of a beer bottle

- Pressure oscillations above a beer bottle act like DDOs
- Could we **measure** their associated **Green's function**?



Background reading

An undergraduate experiment demonstrating the physics of metamaterials with acoustic waves and soda cans

James T. Wilkinson; Christopher B. Whitehouse; Rupert F. Oulton; Sylvain D. Gennaro

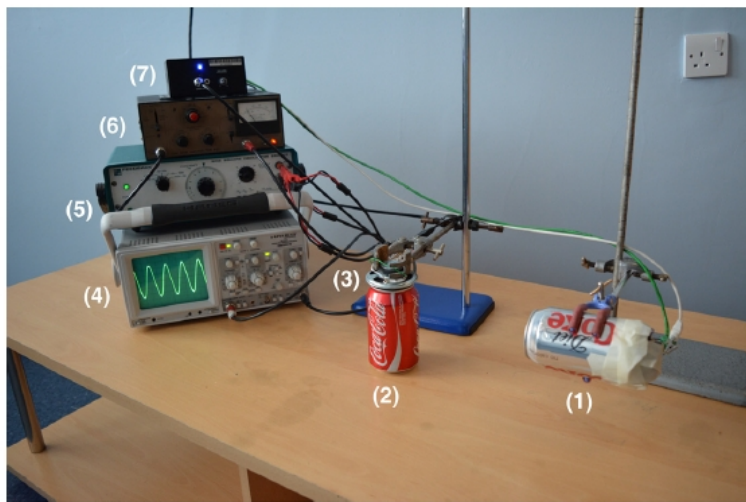
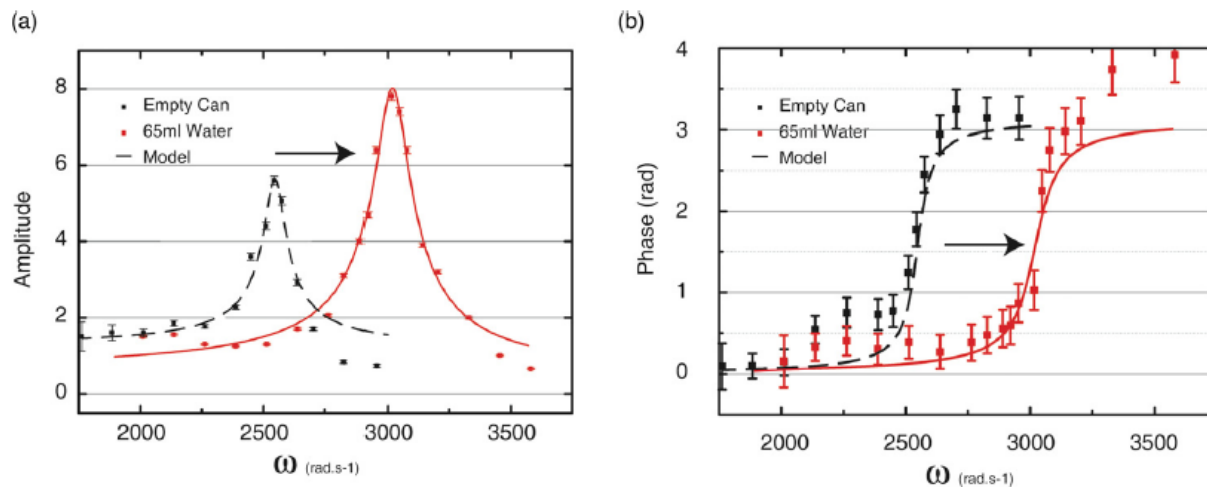


Fig. 2. Experimental apparatus: (1) source (can plus loudspeaker); (2) can under investigation; (3) receiver (loudspeaker used as microphone); (4) oscilloscope; (5) frequency generator; (6) microphone amplifier; (7) source amplifier.



Helmholtz resonators

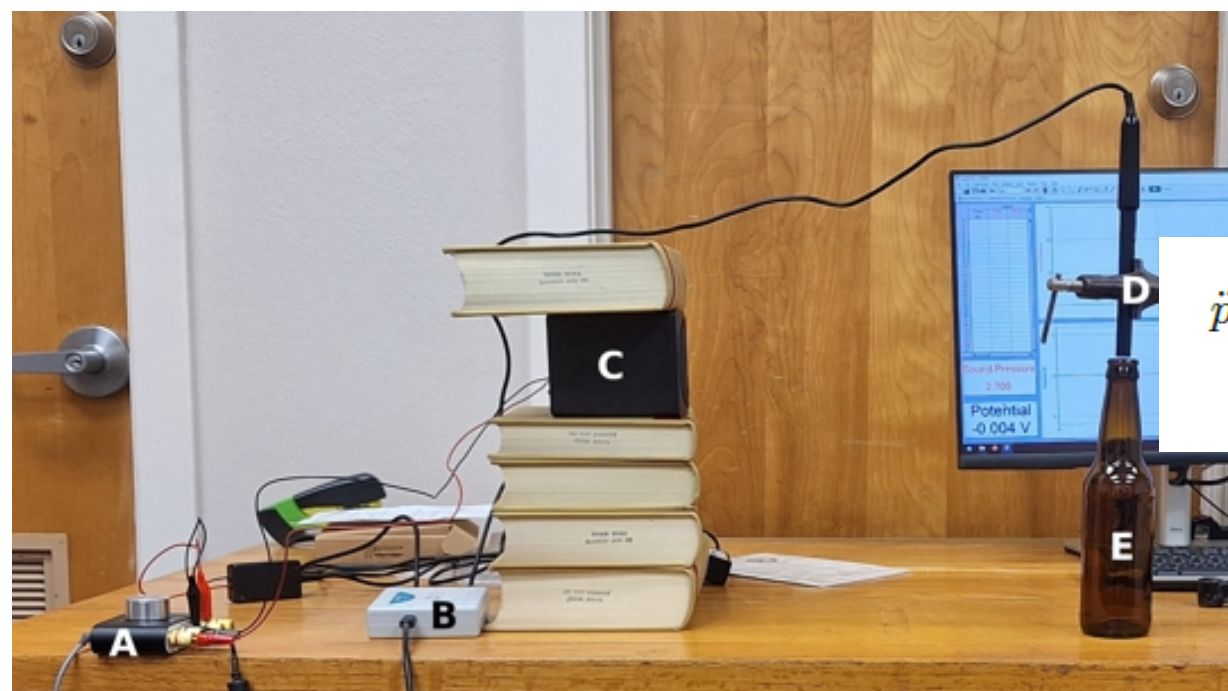
- Imagine an **oscillating plug of air** in the resonator's opening
- The **force** on the air plug depends on...
 - **area** of the opening
 - internal **volume** of the resonator
- This yields a prediction for ω_0 :

$$\omega_0^2 \approx \frac{\gamma P_A A^2}{m V_0}.$$



Helmholtz resonators as DDOs

- *Even if* the beer bottle does not act as an ideal Helmholtz resonator, the damped driven oscillator should basically apply



- Introduces resonance, damping, and coupling parameters

$$\ddot{p}_B(t) = - \underbrace{\omega_0^2 p_B(t)}_{\text{restoring force}} + \underbrace{2\alpha\beta\omega_0 p_S(t)}_{\text{driving force}} - \underbrace{2\beta\dot{p}_B(t)}_{\text{damping force}}.$$

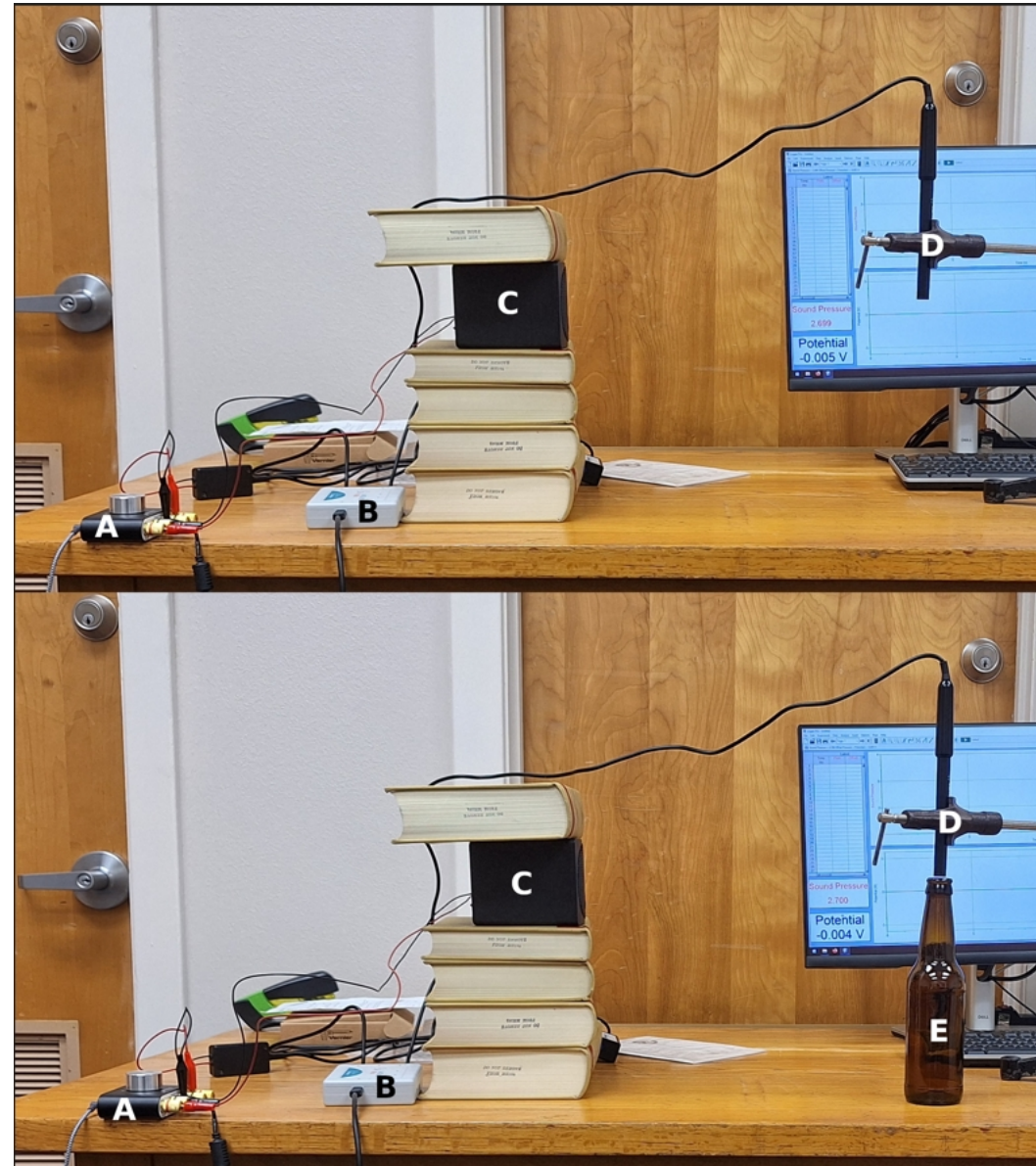
Setup

- First, record sound *without* the bottle:

$$\underbrace{p_S(t)}_{\text{speaker}}$$

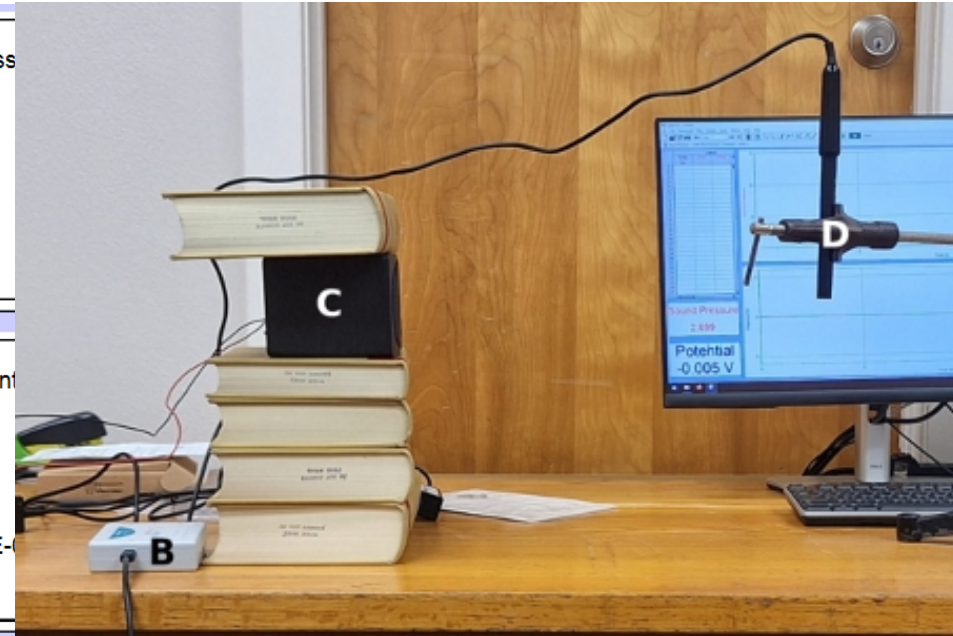
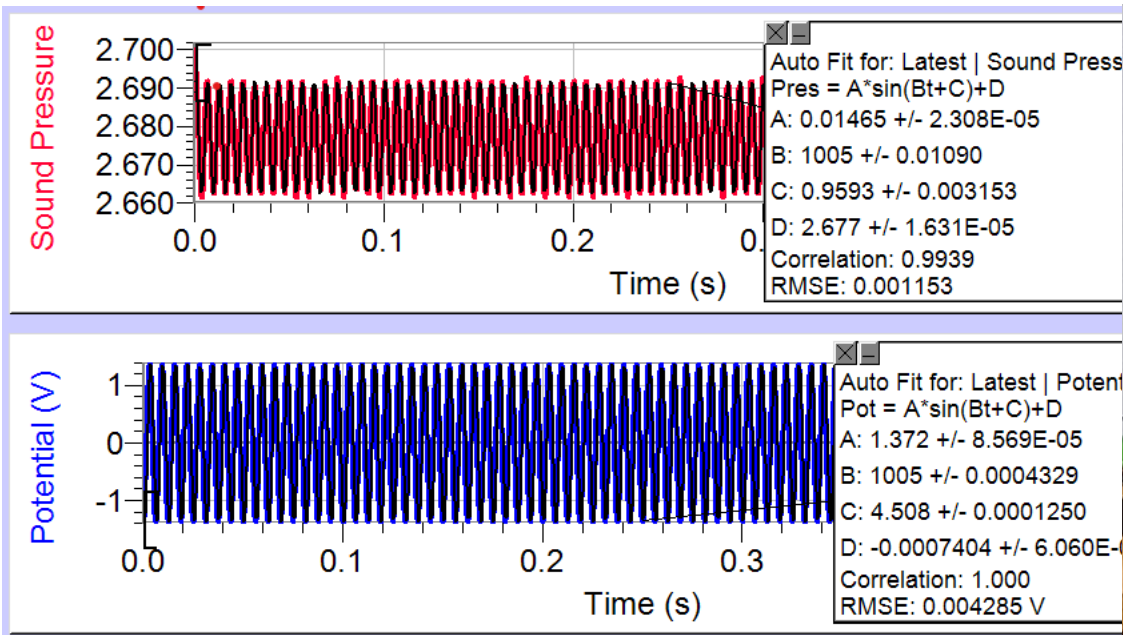
- Next, record sound *with* the bottle to find its contribution:

$$\underbrace{p_M(t)}_{\text{microphone}} = \underbrace{p_S(t)}_{\text{speaker}} + \underbrace{p_B(t)}_{\text{bottle}}.$$



Experimental signal

- Easy to measure signal amplitude with and without the bottle
- By monitoring the speaker, we can also measure the phase shift



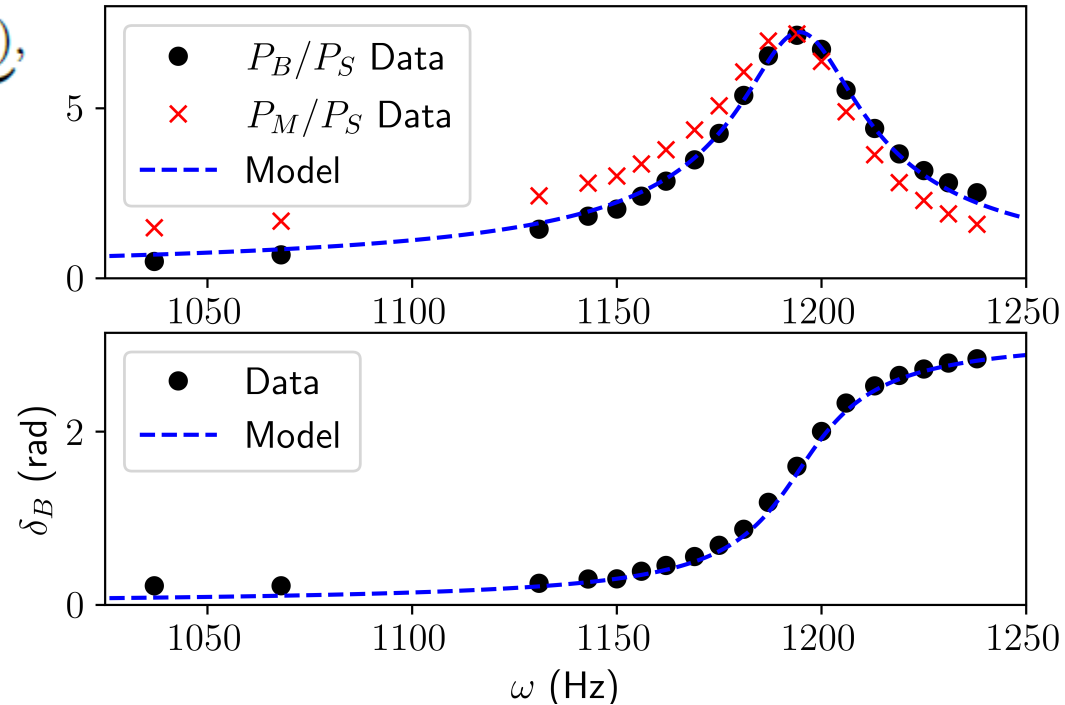
Normalizing the signal + extracting fit parameters

- For pure tones,

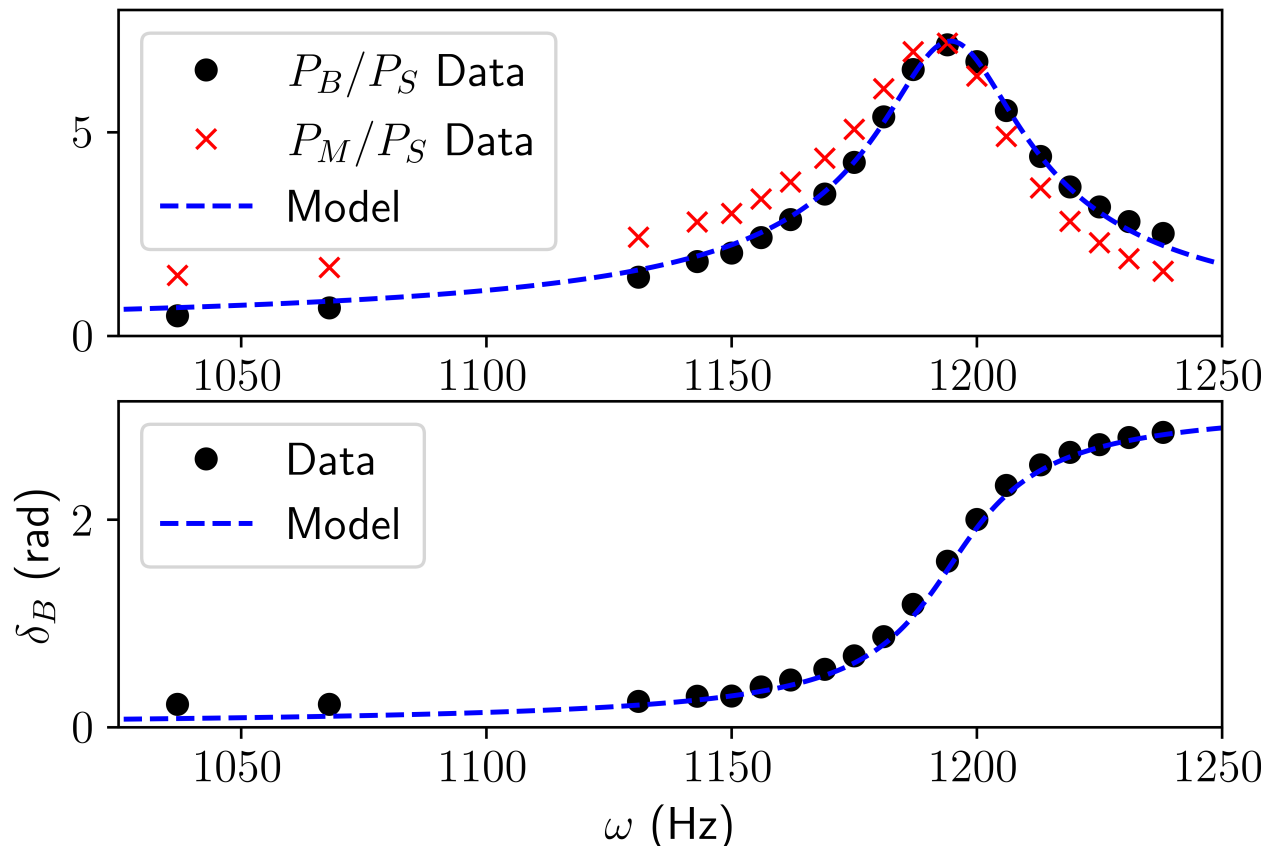
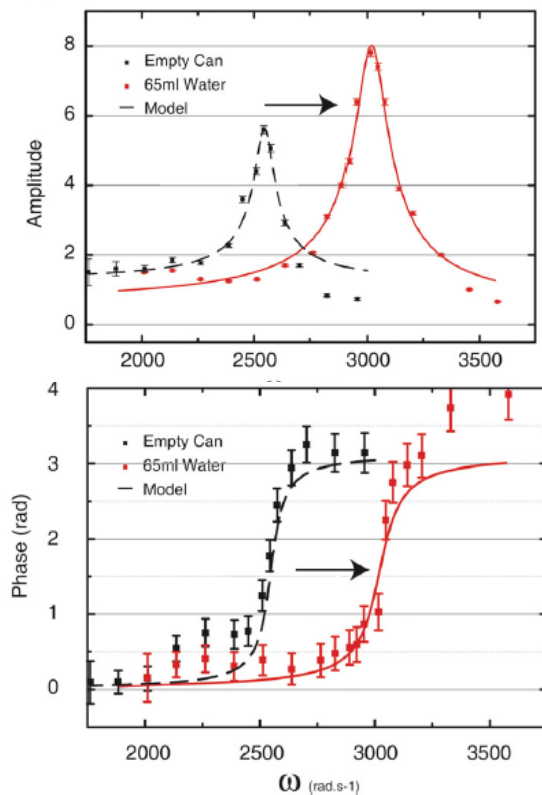
$$\underbrace{P_S \cos(\omega t)}_{\text{speaker}} + \underbrace{P_B \cos(\omega t - \delta_B)}_{\text{bottle}} = \underbrace{P_M \cos(\omega t - \delta_M)}_{\text{microphone}},$$
$$P_S e^{i\omega t} + P_B e^{i(\omega t - \delta_B)} = P_M e^{i(\omega t - \delta_M)}$$

- Normalized amplitudes and phase shifts are fit well by DDO model

$$P_B = \sqrt{P_S^2 + P_M^2 - 2P_S P_M \cos(\delta_M)}$$



Big improvement over previous fit!

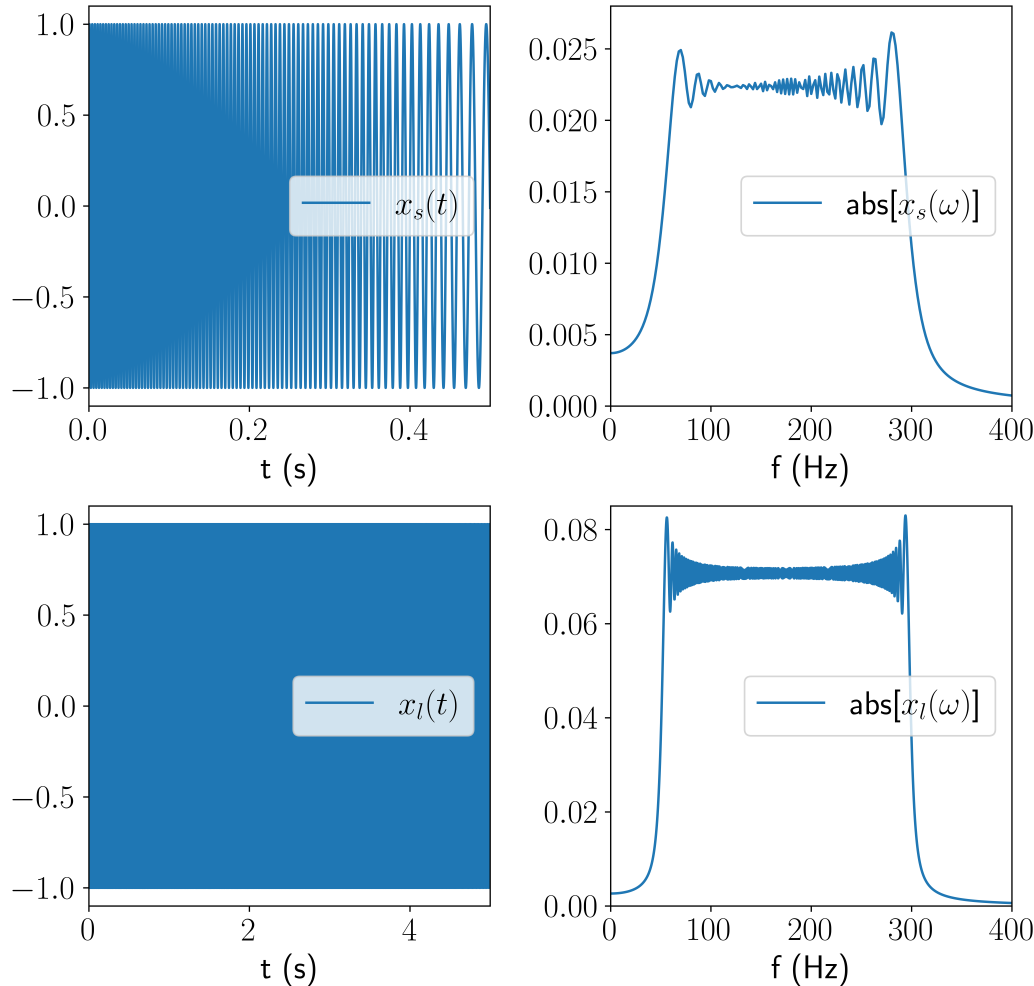


Chirp signals

- Chirp signals are easy to generate using Audacity

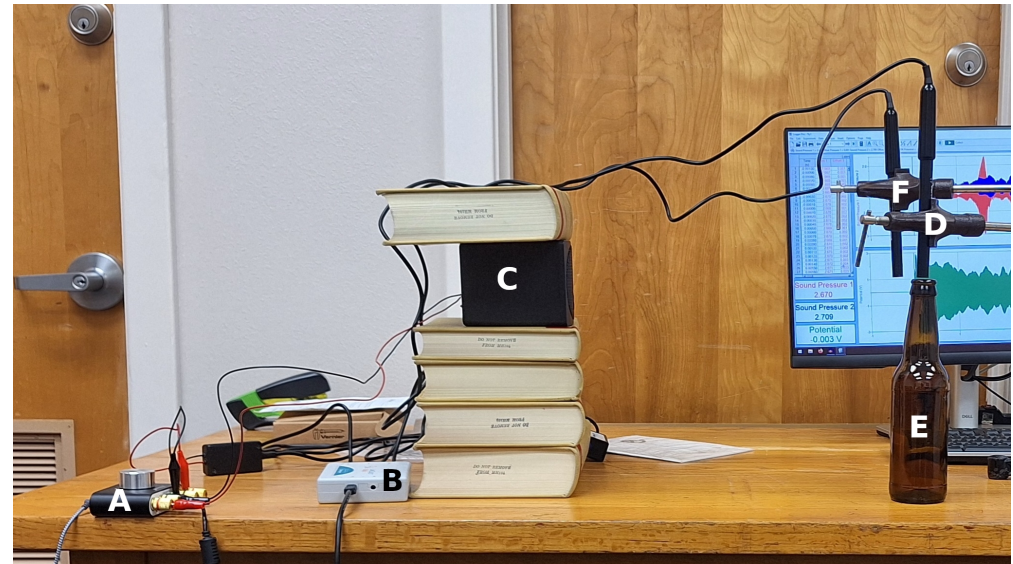
$$x(t) = \sin \left[2\pi \left(\frac{c}{2}t^2 + f_0t \right) \right]$$
$$c = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{T}.$$

- Chirp spectrum ranges from f_0 to f_1 with a flattish amplitude



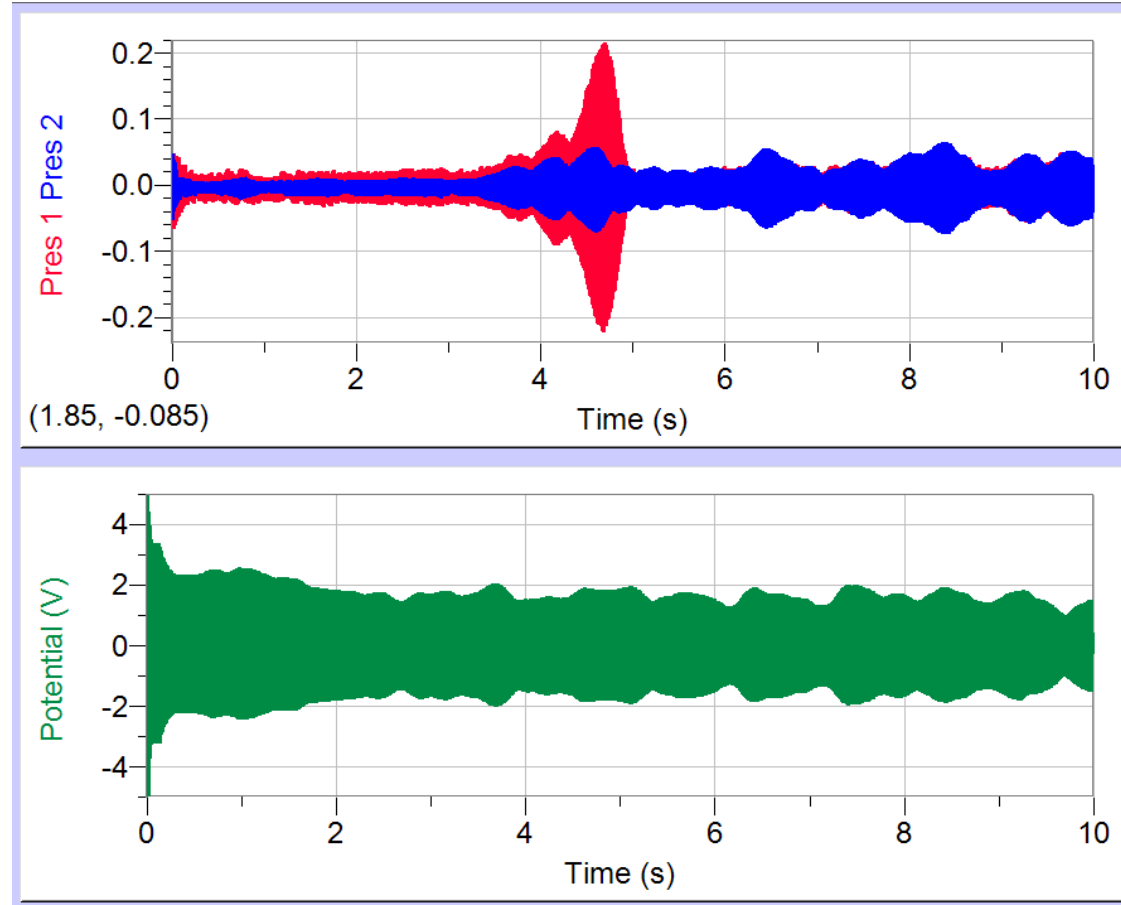
Alternative experimental setup

- Use a **chirp signal** to extract DDO parameters efficiently
- An approximation: **both mics** are driven by the **same background signal**, up to an unknown time shift



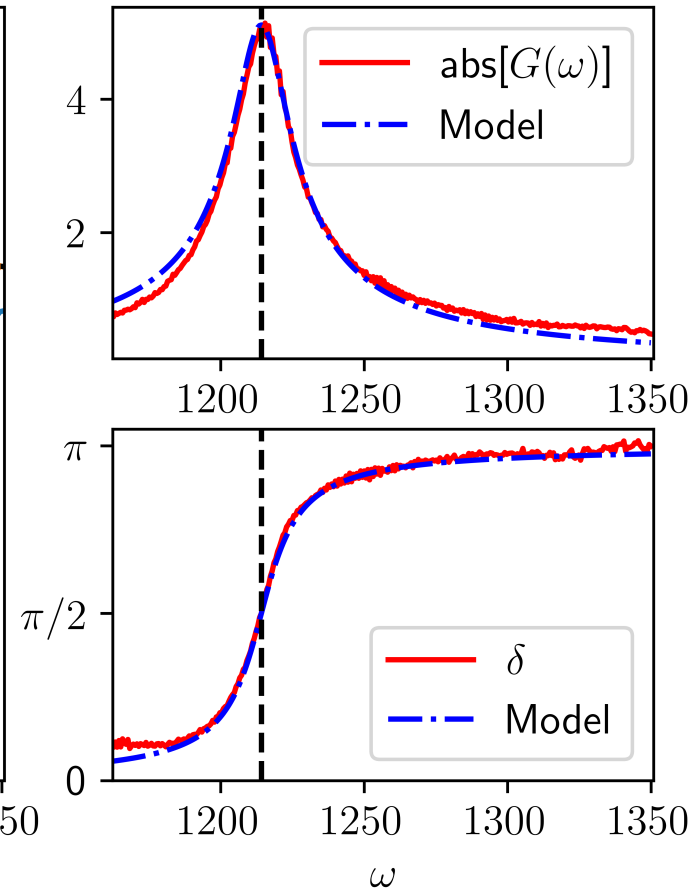
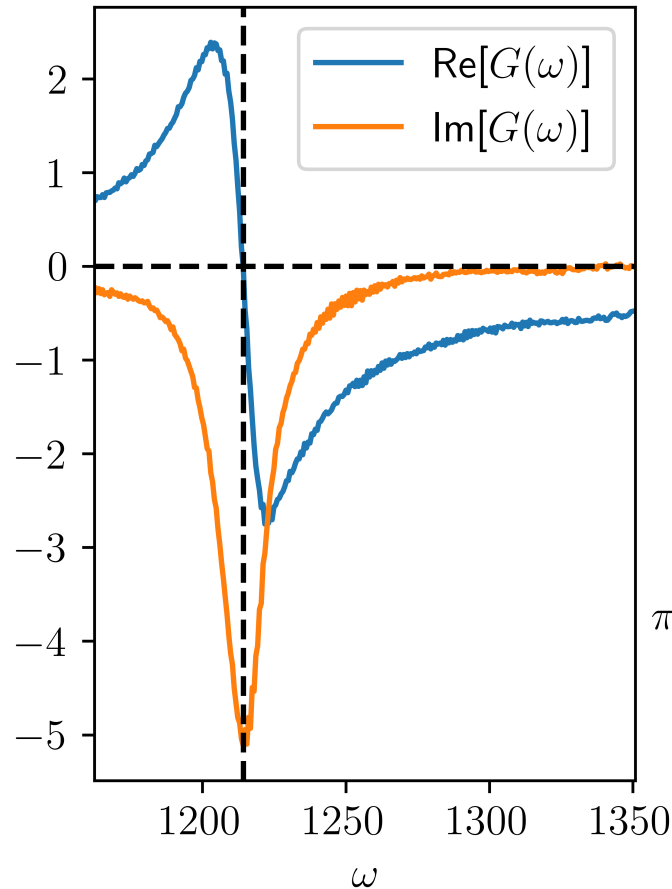
Using the chirp: Raw signal/response

- Blue: signal from the mic without a bottle
- Red: signal from the mic with a bottle
- Green: voltage driving the passive speaker



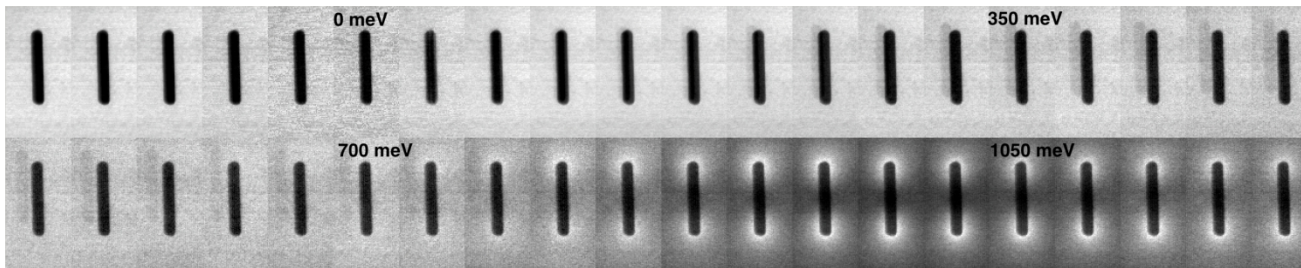
Extracting Green's function from coherent measurement

- The details of finding $G(\omega)$ lie in the details of the **Fourier methods**
- Gives us both **phase** and **magnitude**!



Project 2: Plasmons in nanorods

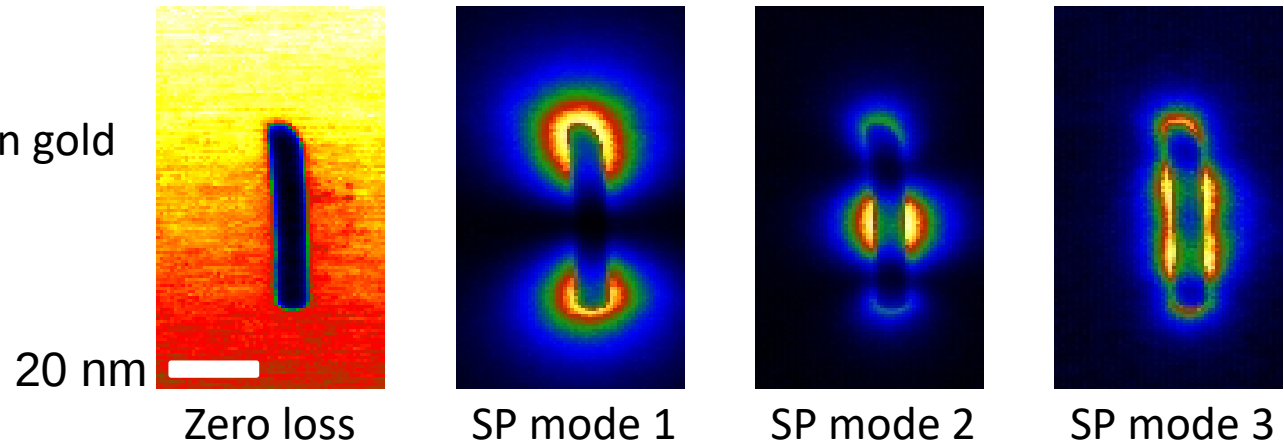
- How can **resonances** be explored in **mesoscopic systems**?



Spectrum imaging of Au nanorod (60 kV, 100 msec, 5 meV/ch)

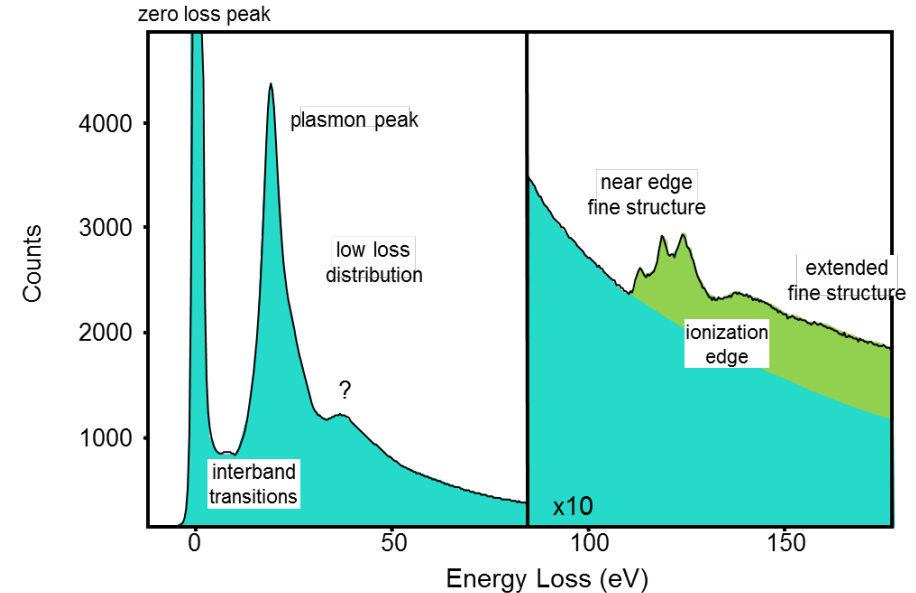
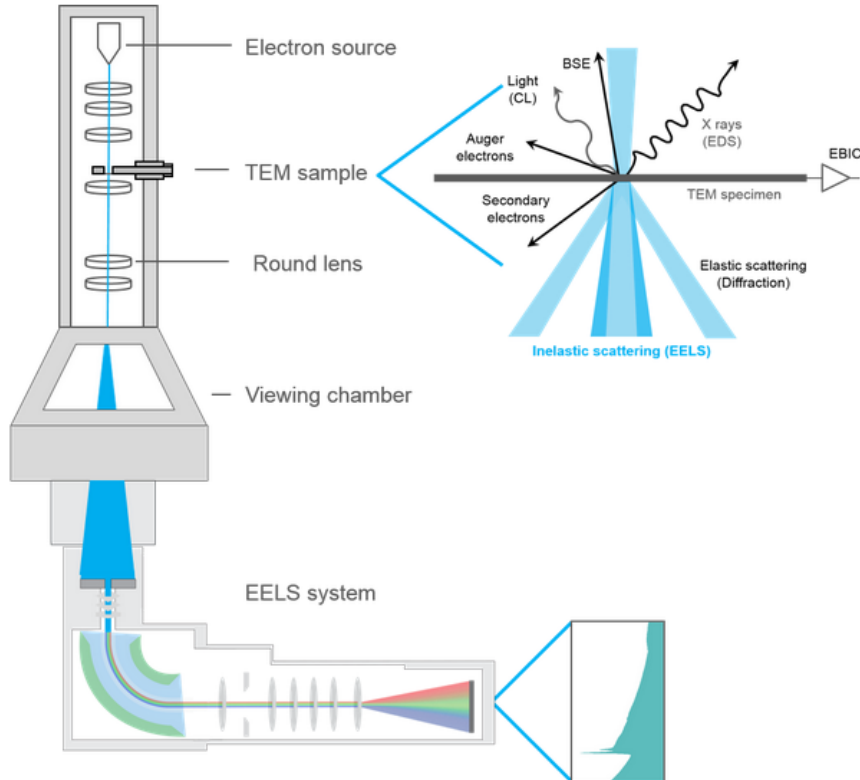
Mapping of surface plasmon (SP) modes in gold nano-antennae

Images are courtesy of Christian Dwyer



Quantum experimental setup: Intro to STEM-EELS

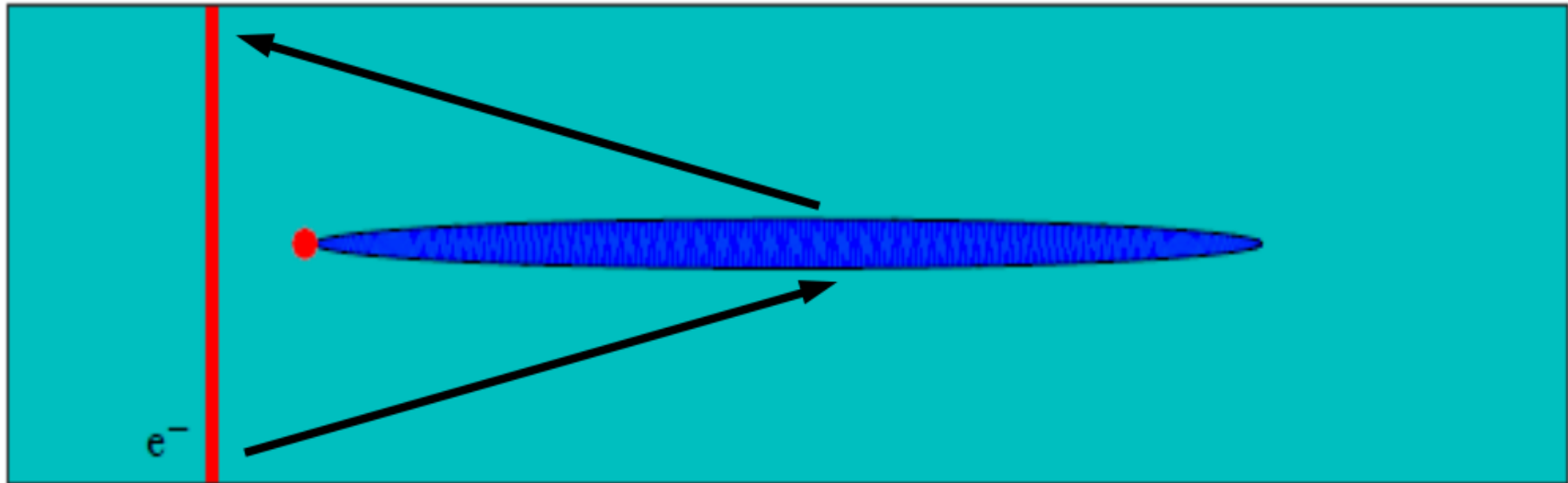
- STEM = Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope



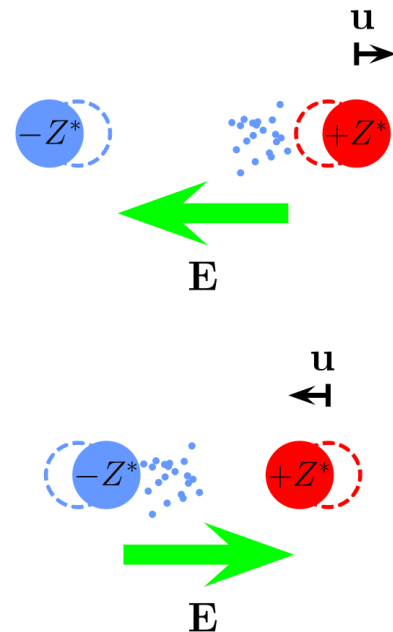
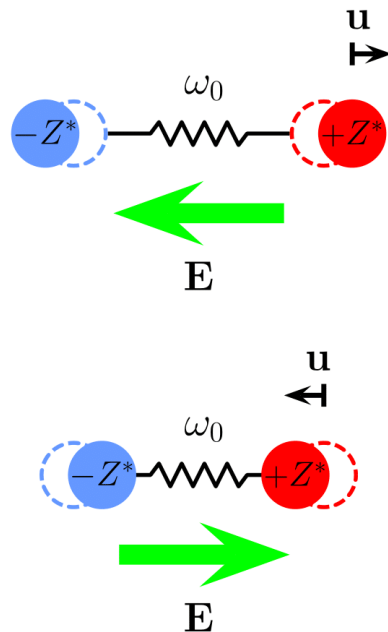
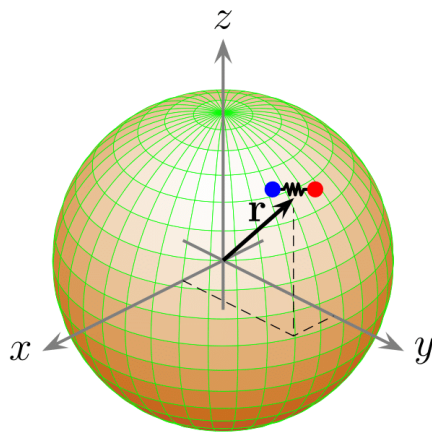
- EELS = Electron Energy-Loss Spectroscopy

Understanding the Physics

- The **nanorod screens the beam's electric field**, and hence contributes to the total electric field
- The nanorod's electric field contribution **does work** on the electron, causing the electron to slow



Born-Huang theory for ionic particles



$$Z_0^* \mathbf{E}^{\text{in}} = \ddot{\mathbf{u}} + 2\eta \dot{\mathbf{u}} + \omega_0^2 \mathbf{u},$$

$$\mathbf{P} = Z_0^* \mathbf{u} + \frac{\epsilon_\infty - 1}{4\pi} \mathbf{E}^{\text{in}}.$$

(Image by
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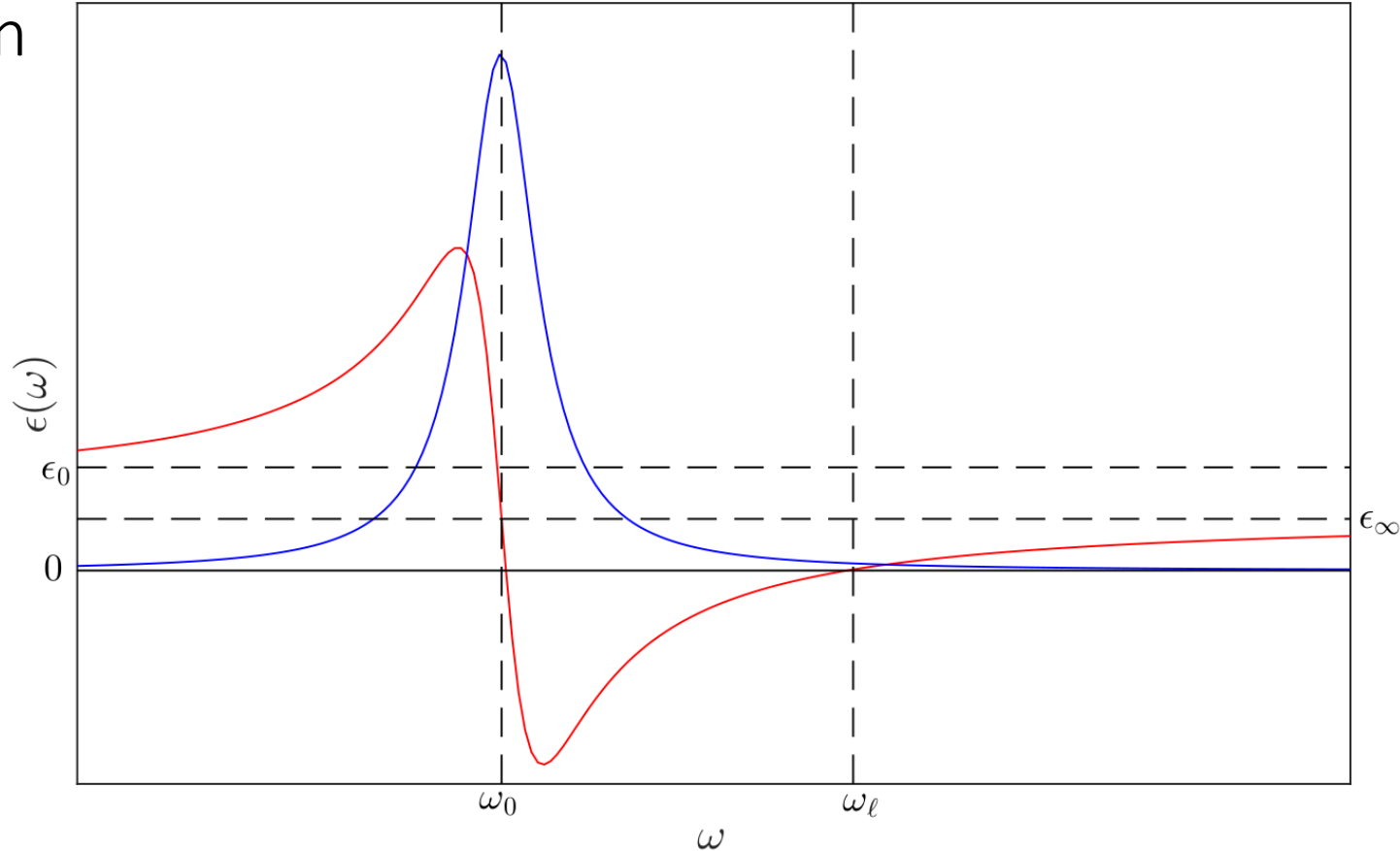
Born-Huang dielectric function

- Dielectric function $\epsilon(\omega)$ connects input E-fields to output E-fields

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \nabla \cdot \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} + 4\pi \mathbf{P}) = 0$$



$$\epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon_\infty \frac{\omega(\omega + 2i\eta) - \omega_\ell^2}{\omega(\omega + 2i\eta) - \omega_0^2}$$



Harmonic functions, ← harmonic frequencies

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} = 0.$$

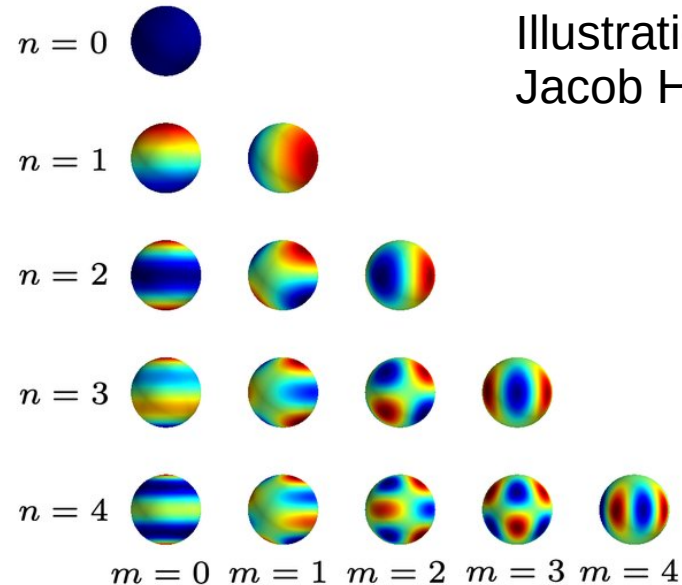
- Introduce harmonic functions for a particular geometry

$$\phi_h^{\text{in}} = \phi_h^{\text{out}}|_{\text{surface}}$$

Example geometry: Sphere

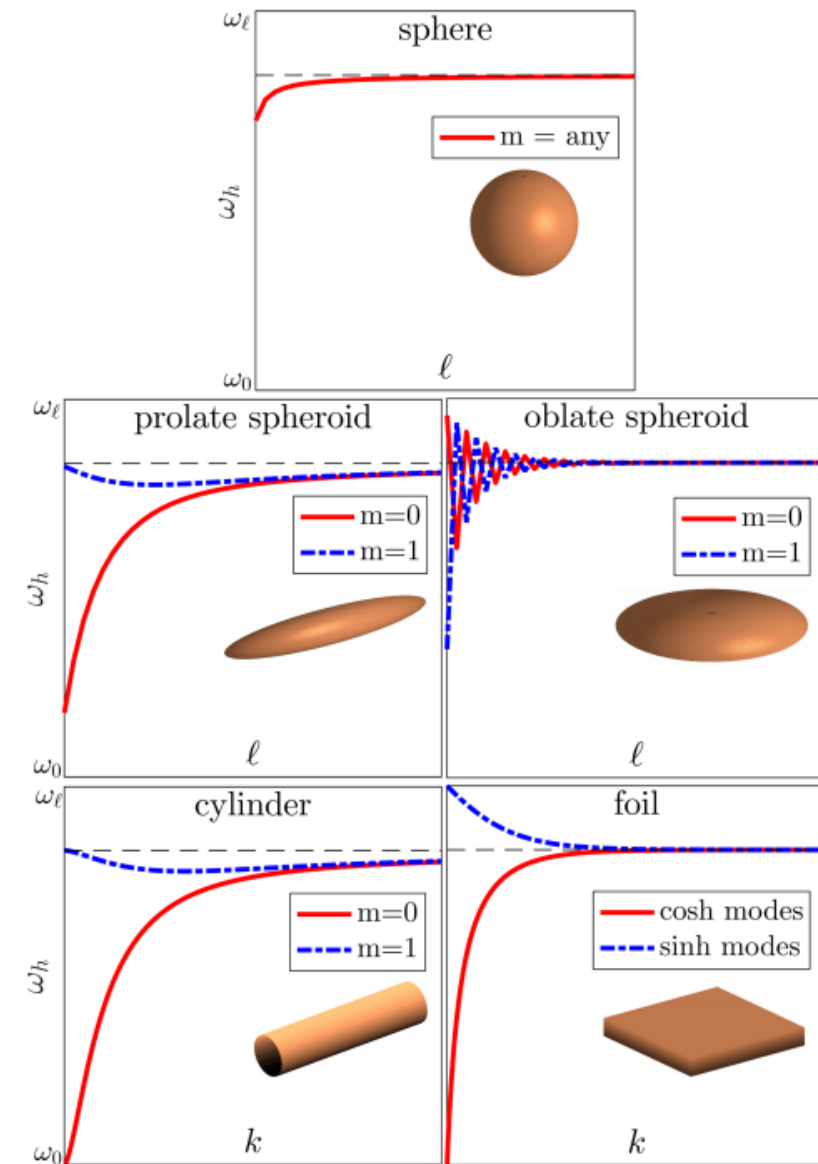
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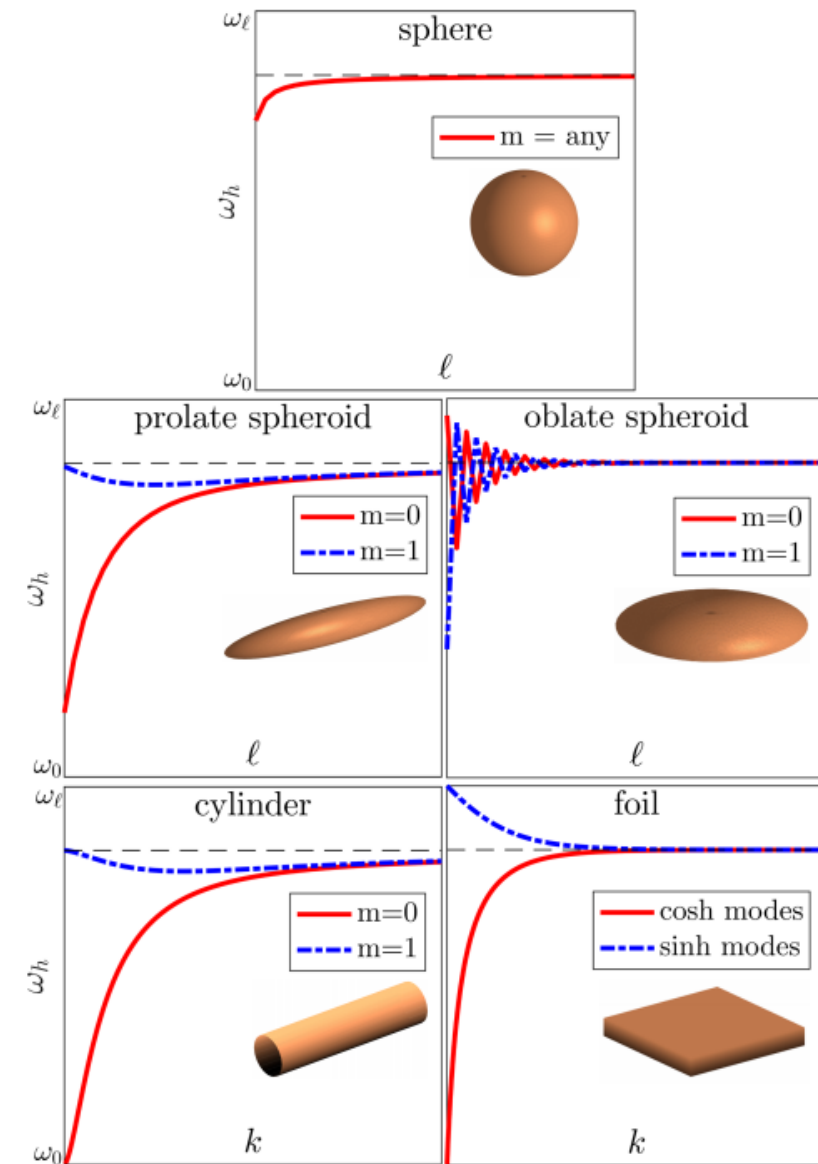
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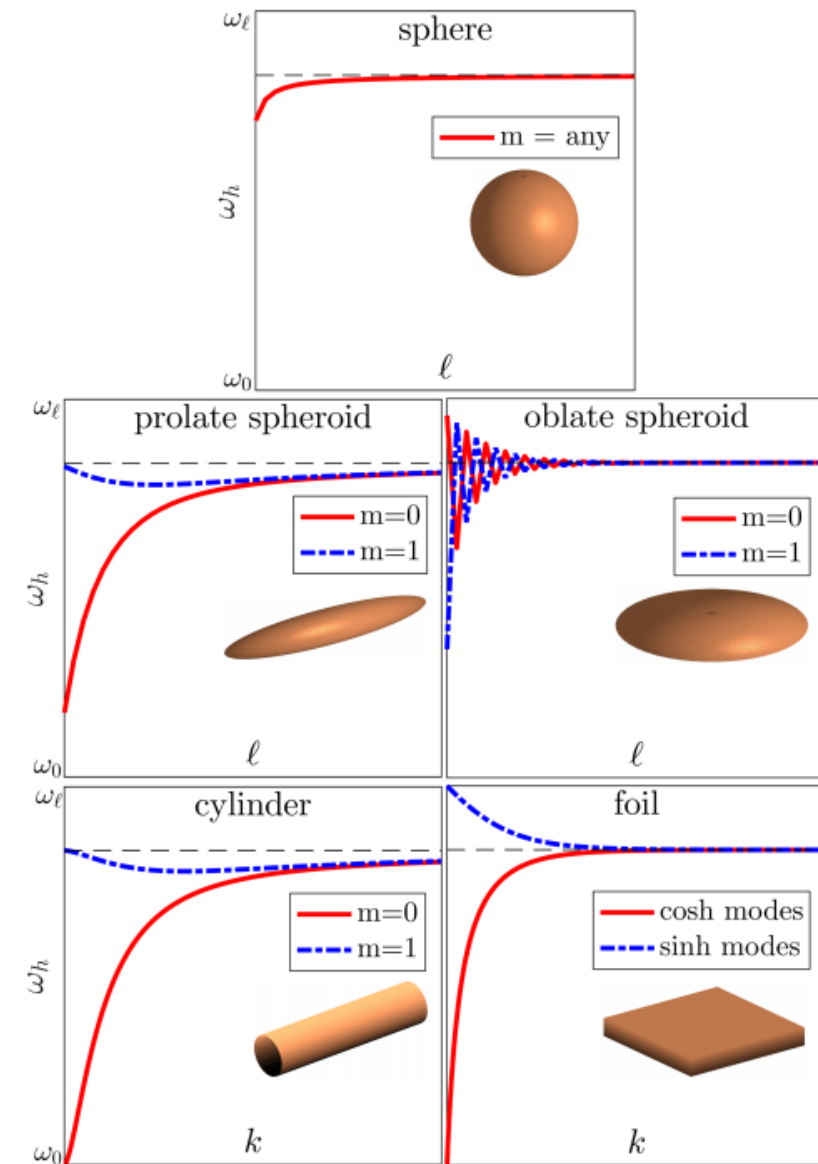
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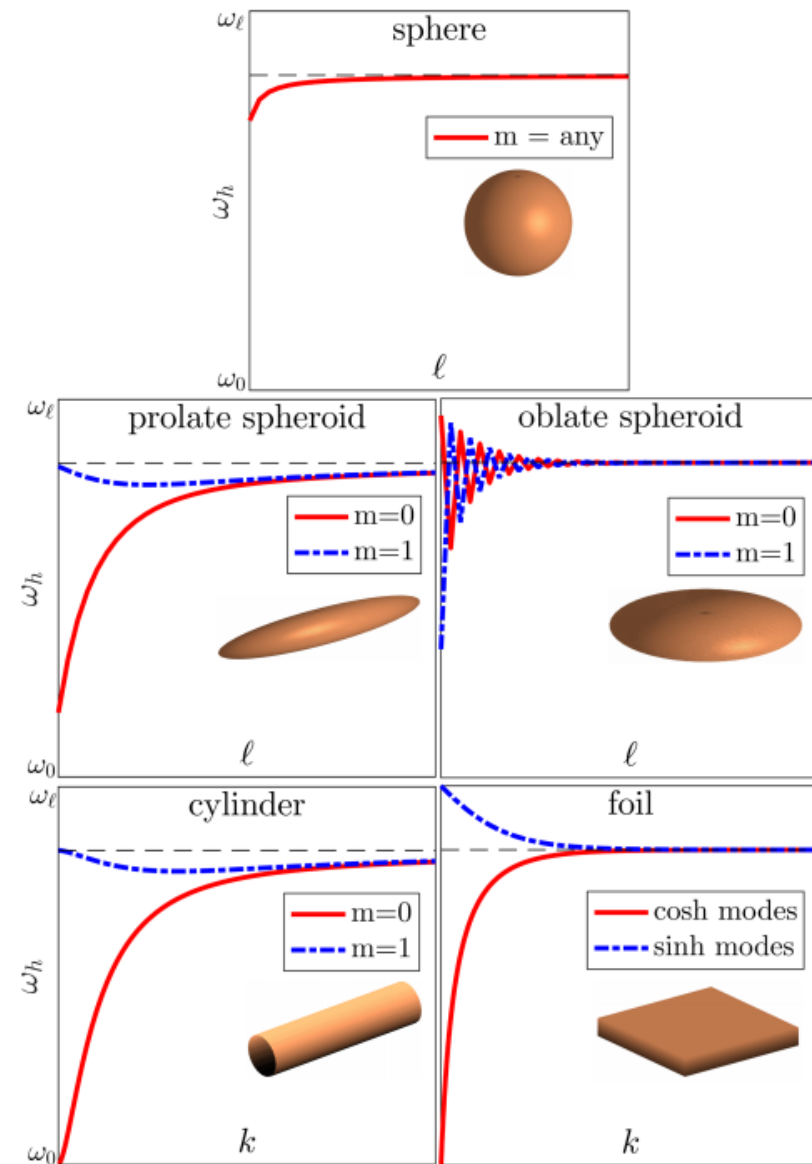
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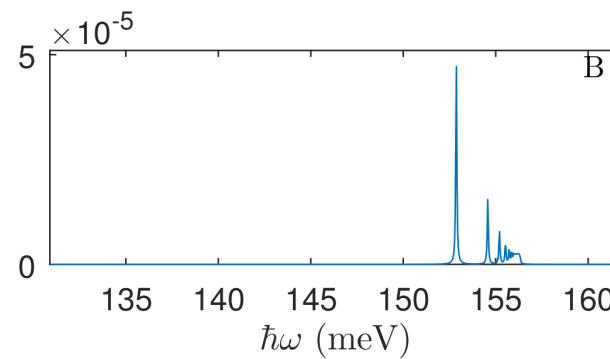
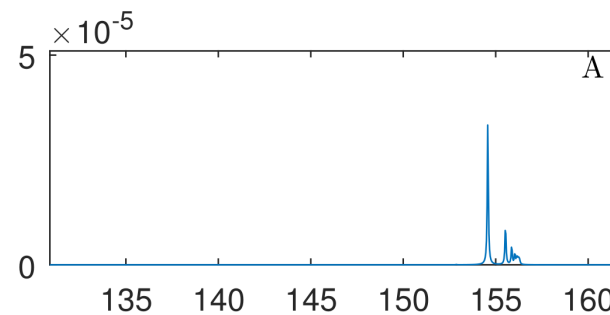
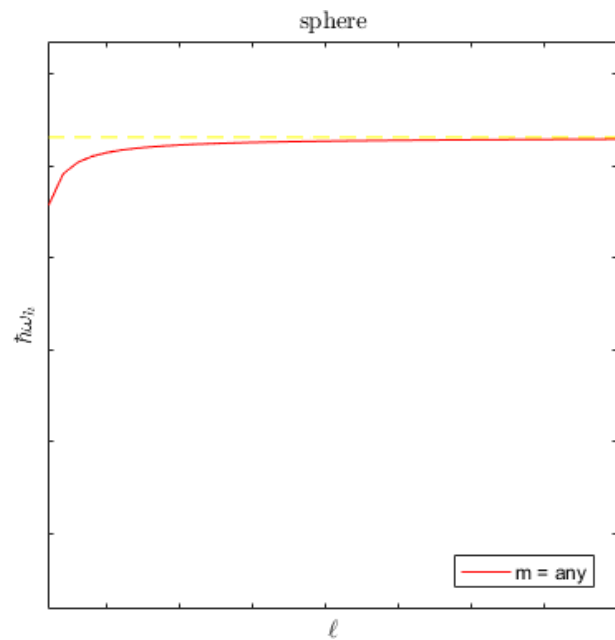
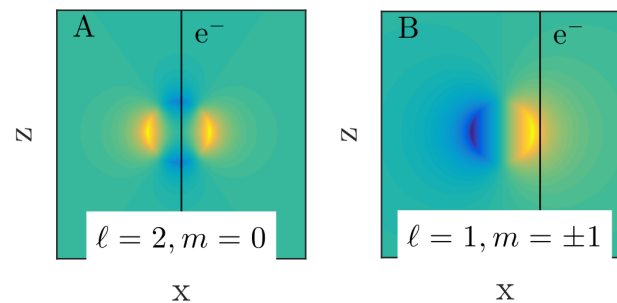
$$\epsilon(\omega_h) = \epsilon_h \longrightarrow \omega_{\ell m}^2 = \frac{\ell \epsilon_\infty \omega_\ell^2 + (\ell+1) \omega_0^2}{\ell \epsilon_\infty + (\ell+1)}$$



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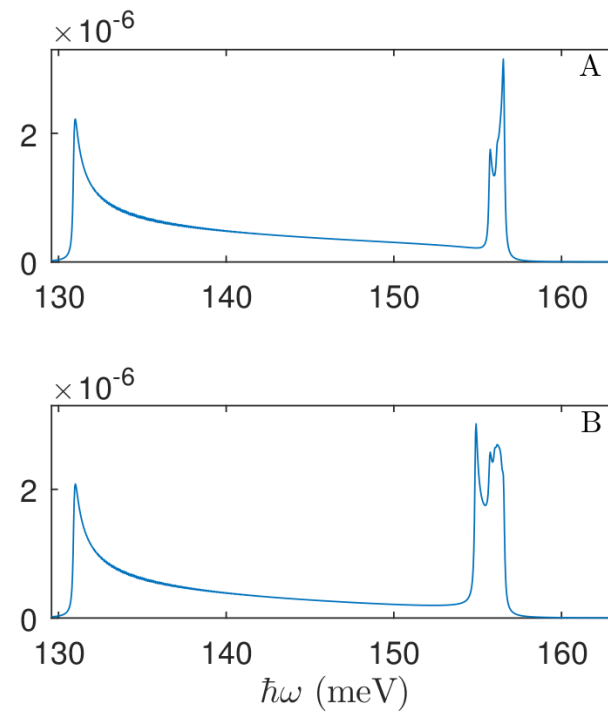
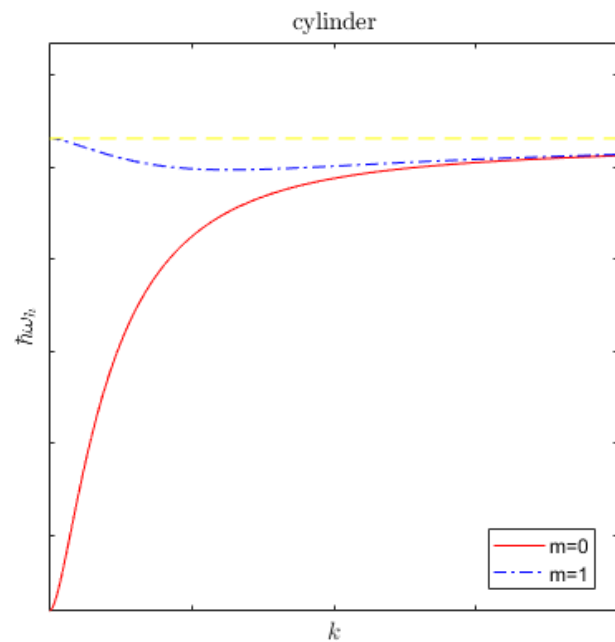
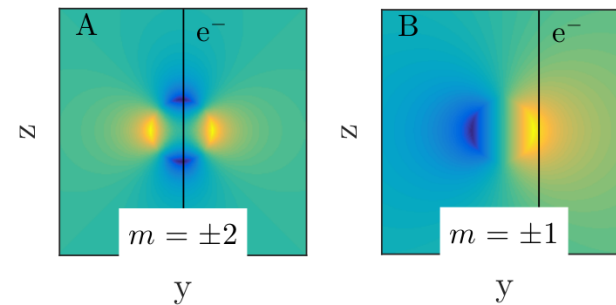
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Cylinder

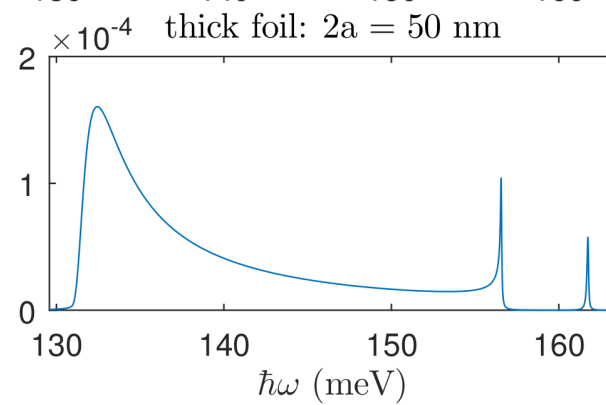
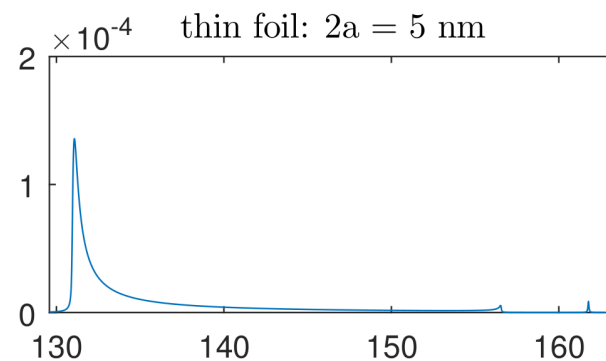
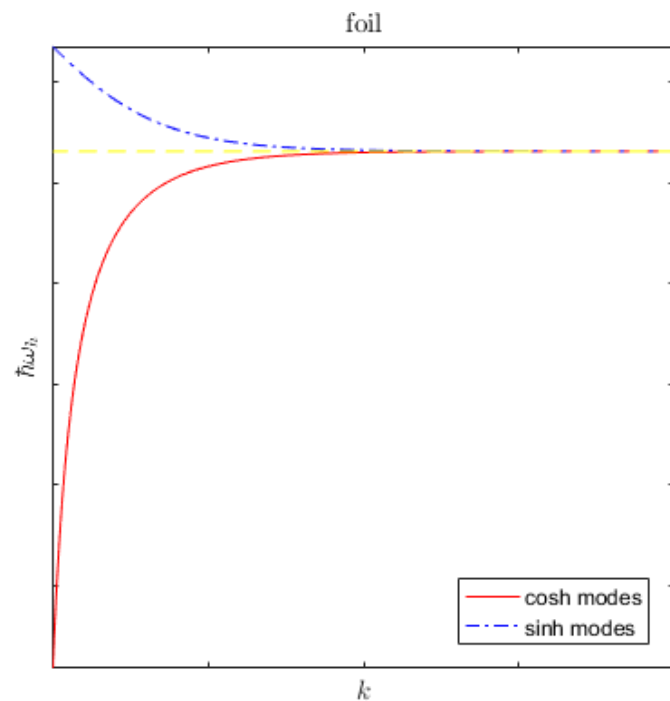
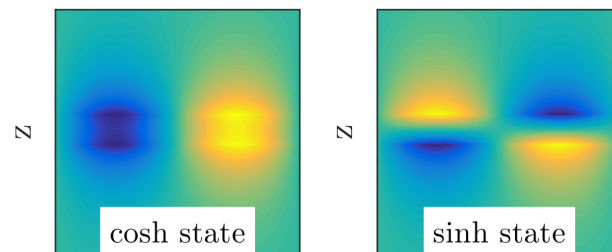
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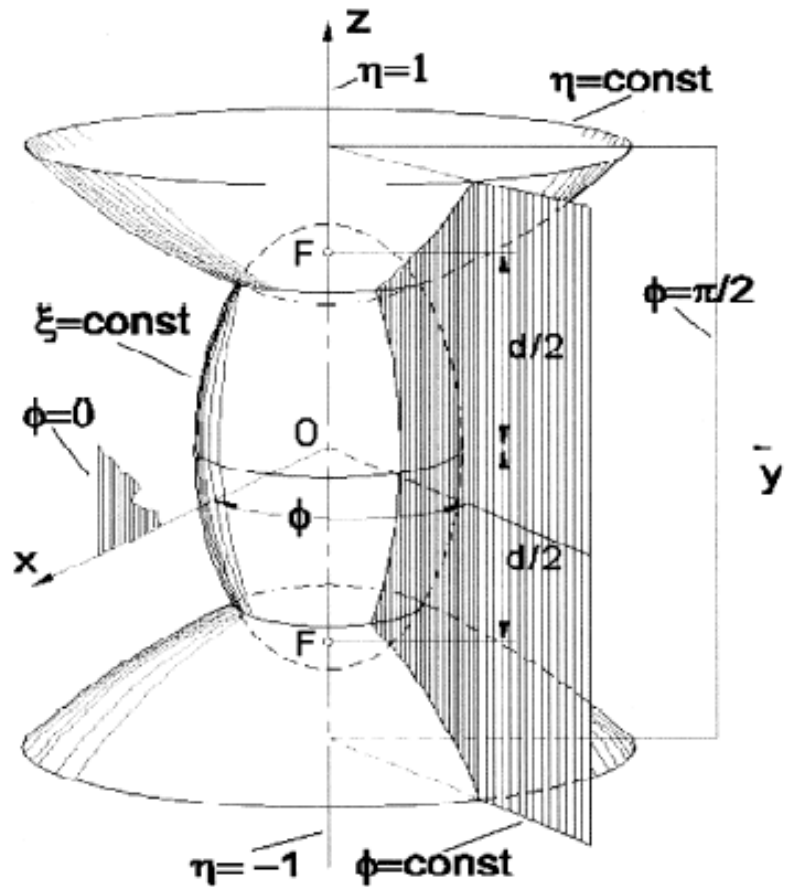


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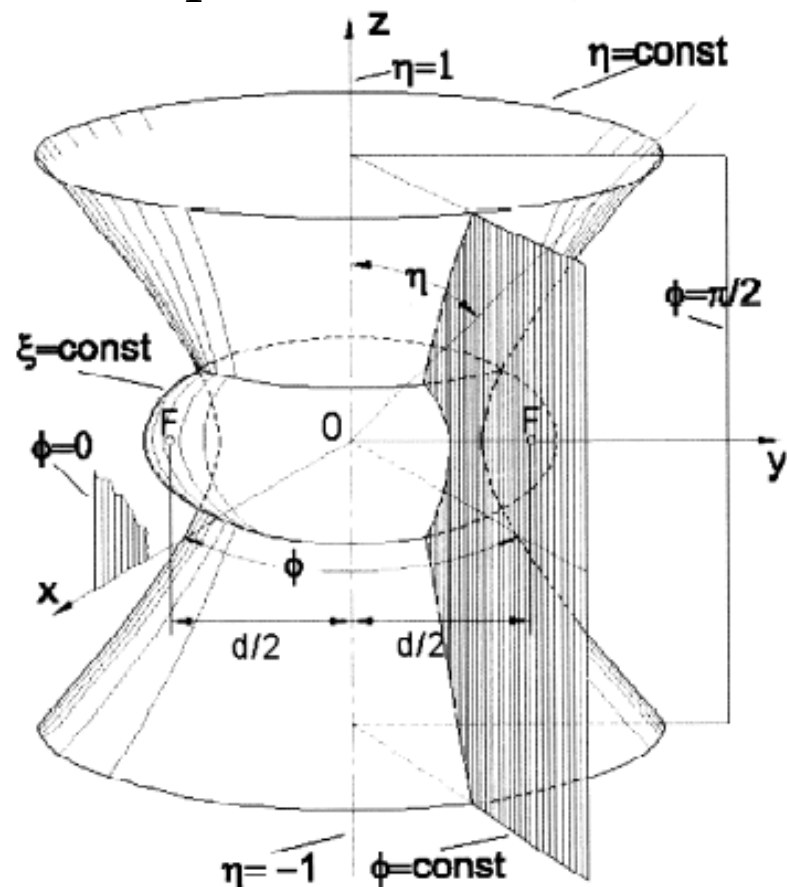
$$\phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{\text{in}} \propto \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) \begin{cases} \cosh(|\mathbf{k}|z) \\ \sinh(|\mathbf{k}|z) \end{cases}$$



prolate spheroidal coordinates



oblate spheroidal coordinates

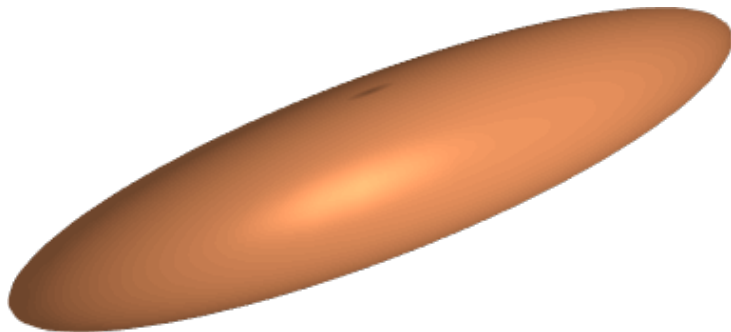


L.-W. Li, X.-K. Kang, and M.-S. Leong, *Spheroidal Wave Functions in Electromagnetic Theory*, John Wiley & Sons, 2002.

$$x = c \cosh(\varrho) \cos(\vartheta) \quad 0 \leq \varrho < \infty$$

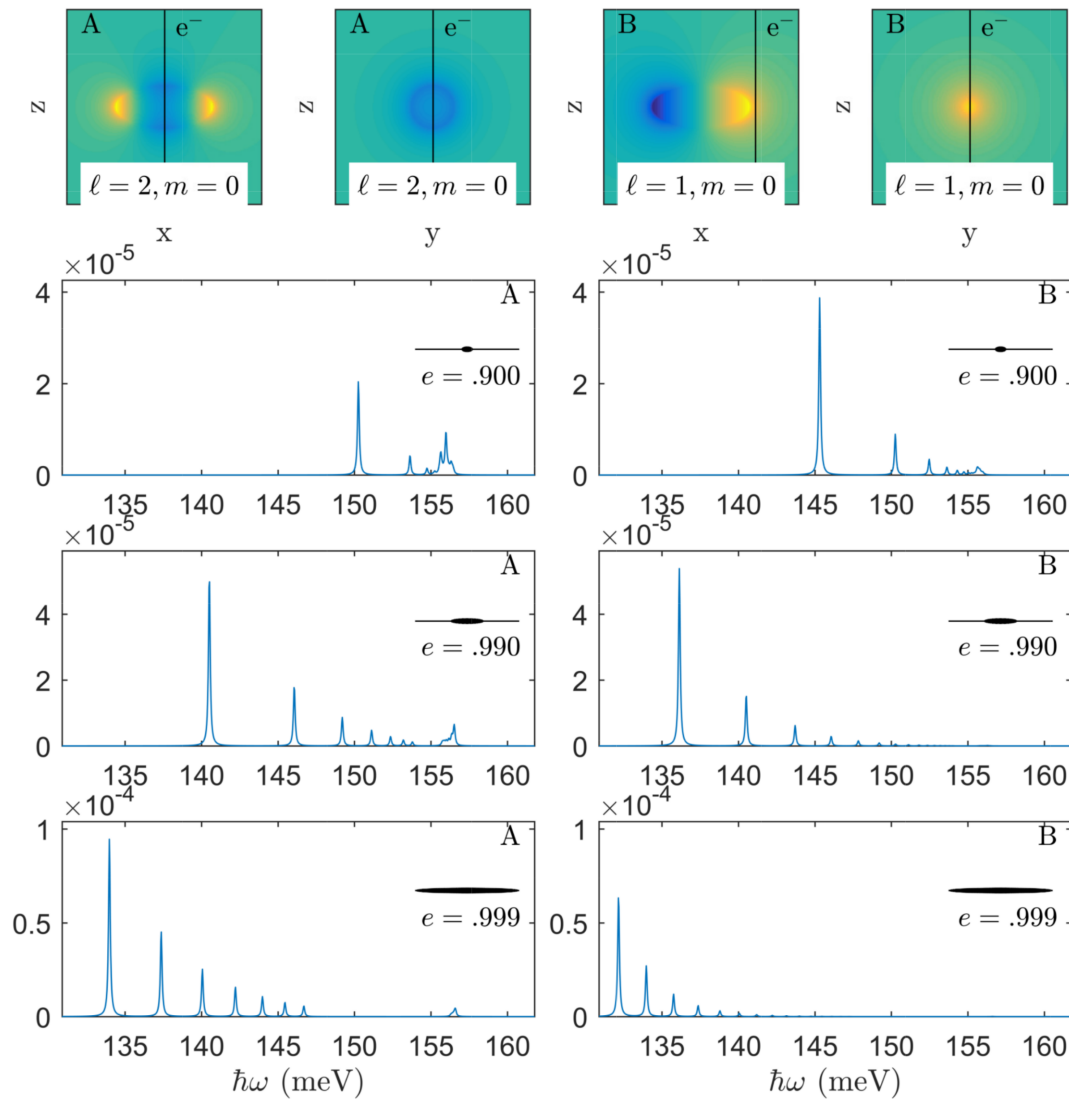
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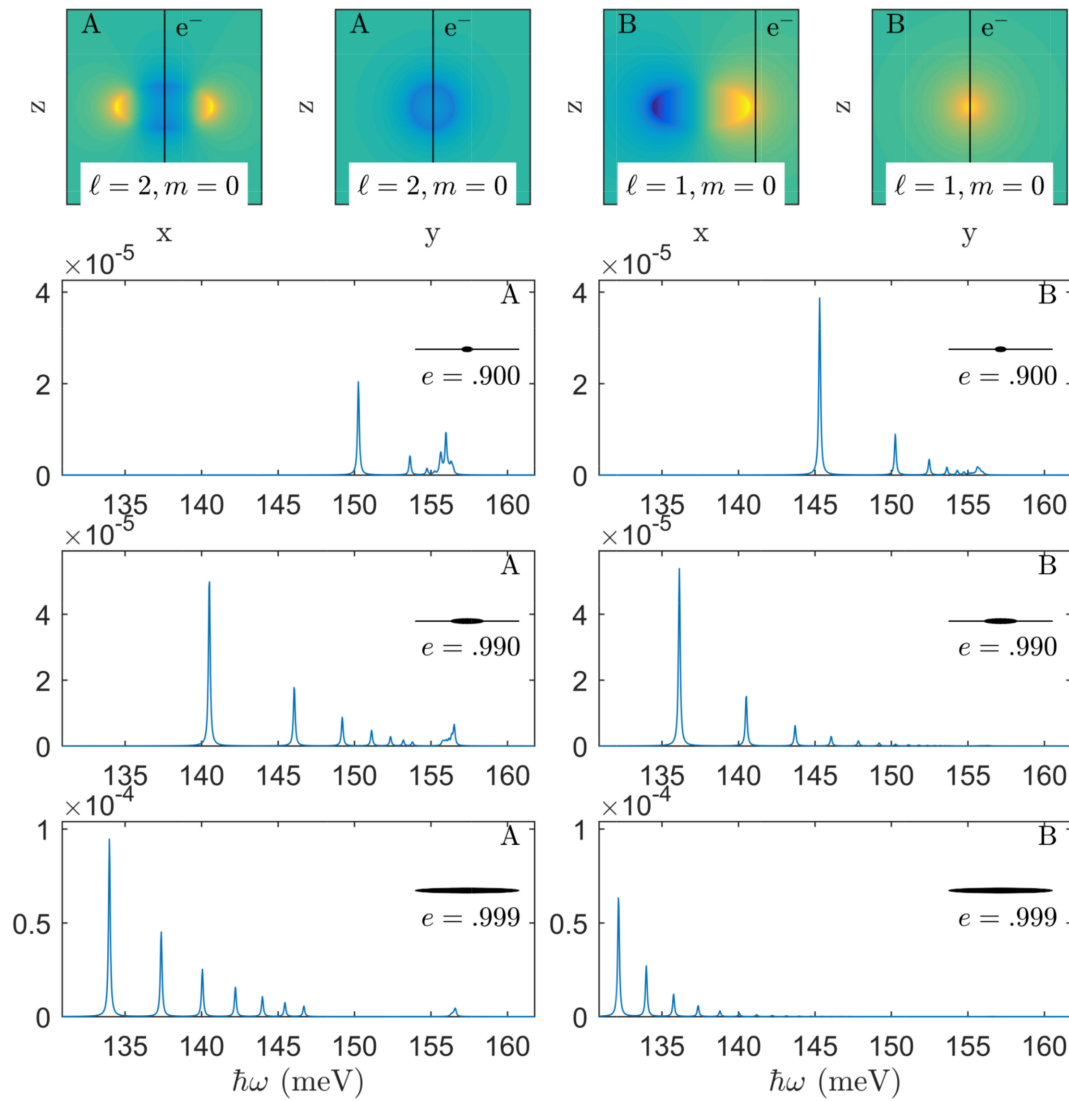
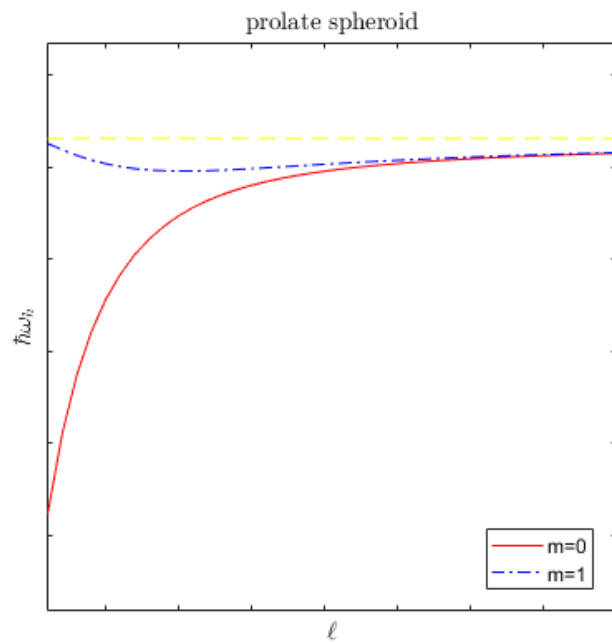
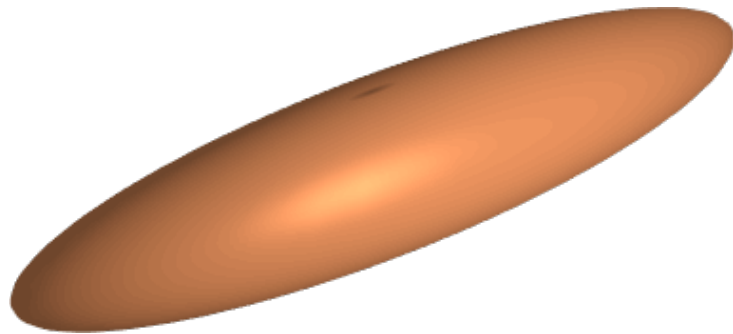


$$\phi_{\ell m}^{\text{in}} \propto P_{\ell}^m(\cosh \varrho) P_{\ell}^m(\cos \vartheta) \exp(im\varphi)$$

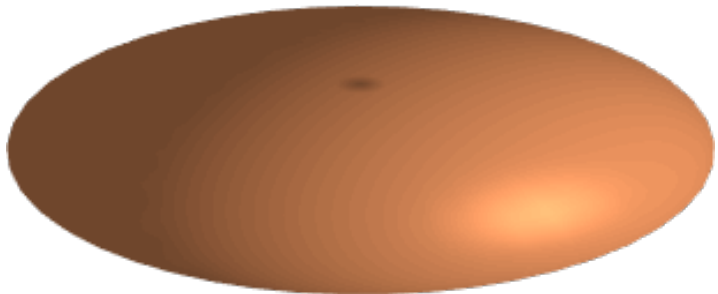
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Prolate Spheroids

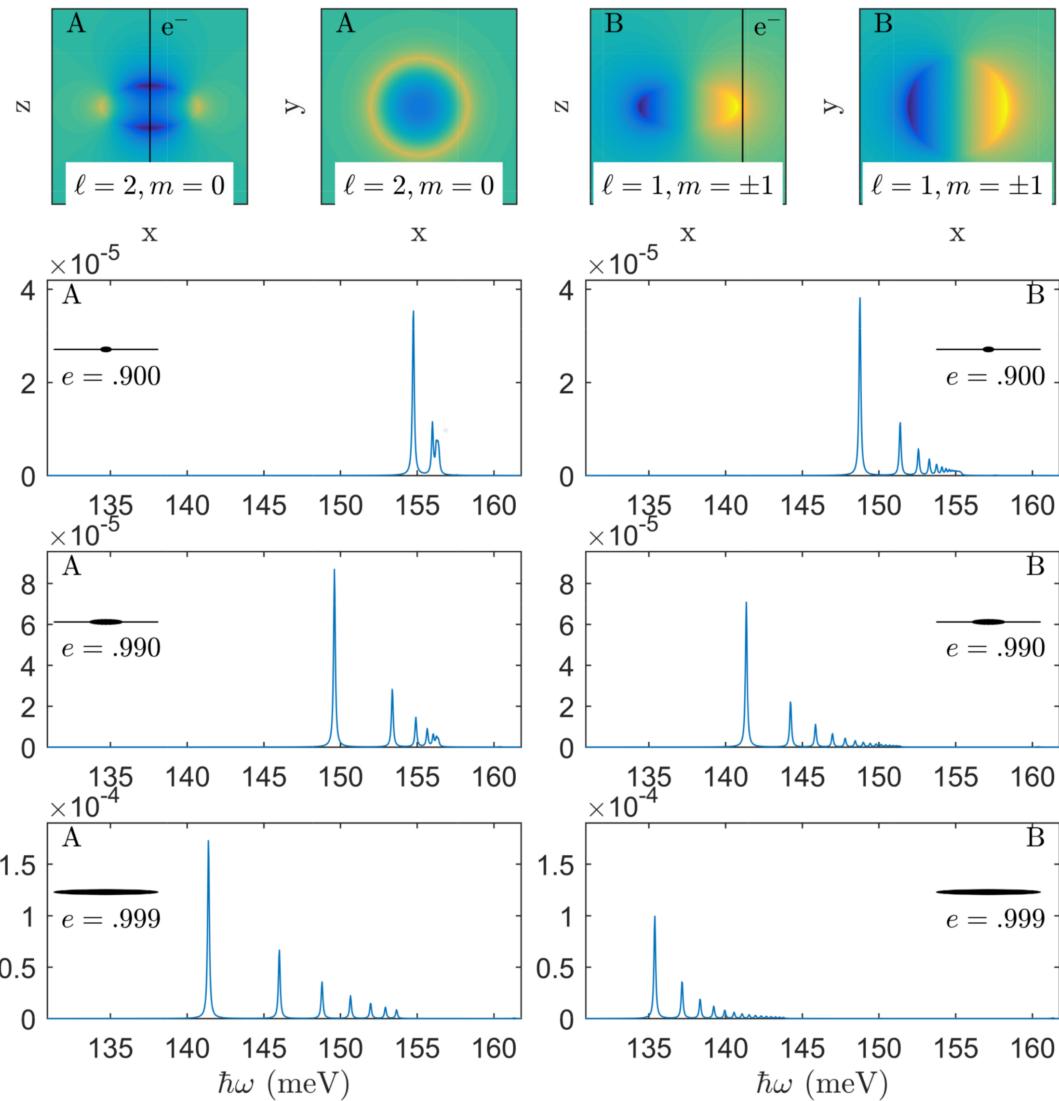


$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= c \cosh(\varrho) \cos(\vartheta) \cos(\varphi) & 0 \leq \varrho < \infty \\
 y &= c \cosh(\varrho) \cos(\vartheta) \sin(\varphi) & -\pi/2 \leq \vartheta \leq \pi/2 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

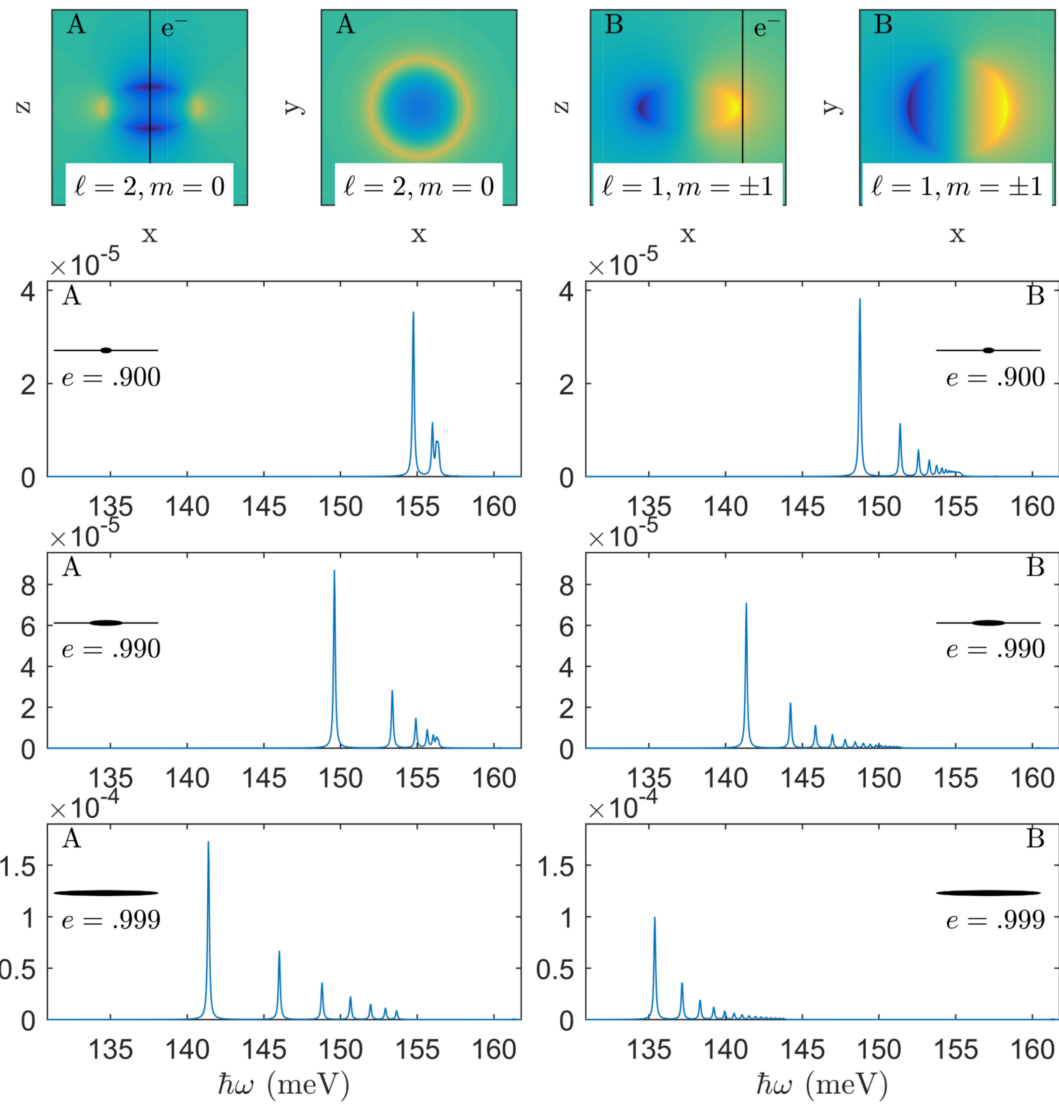
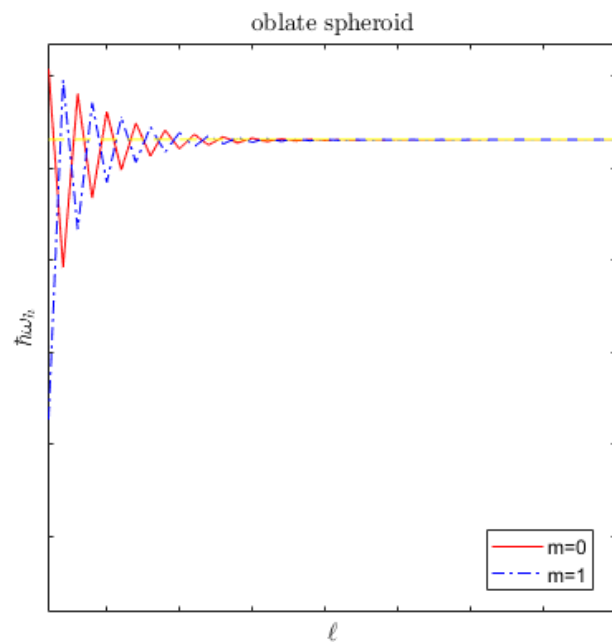
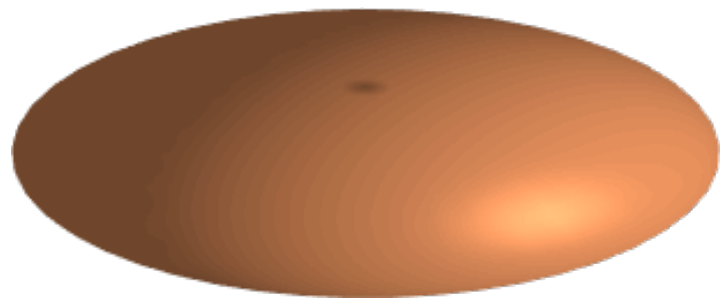


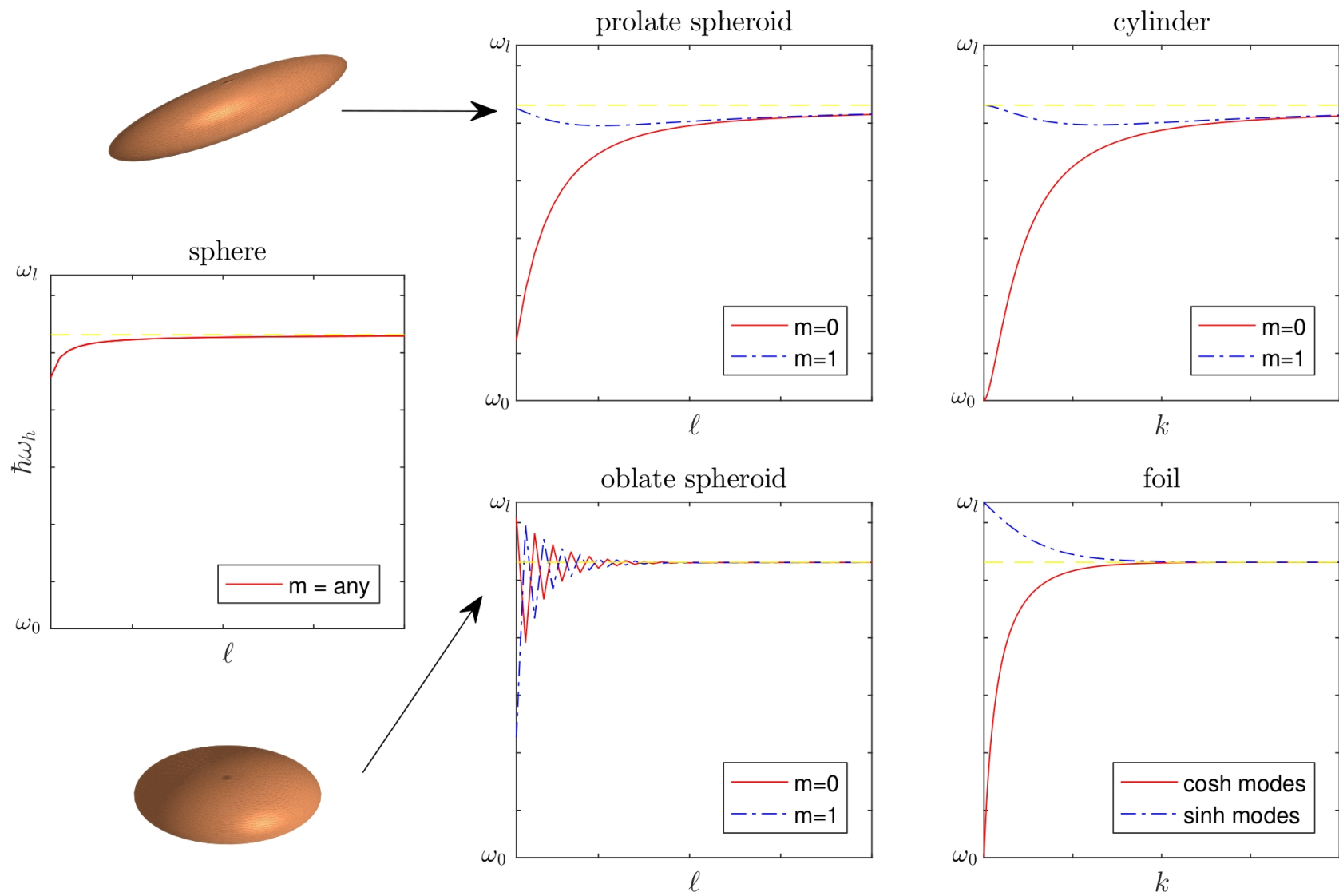
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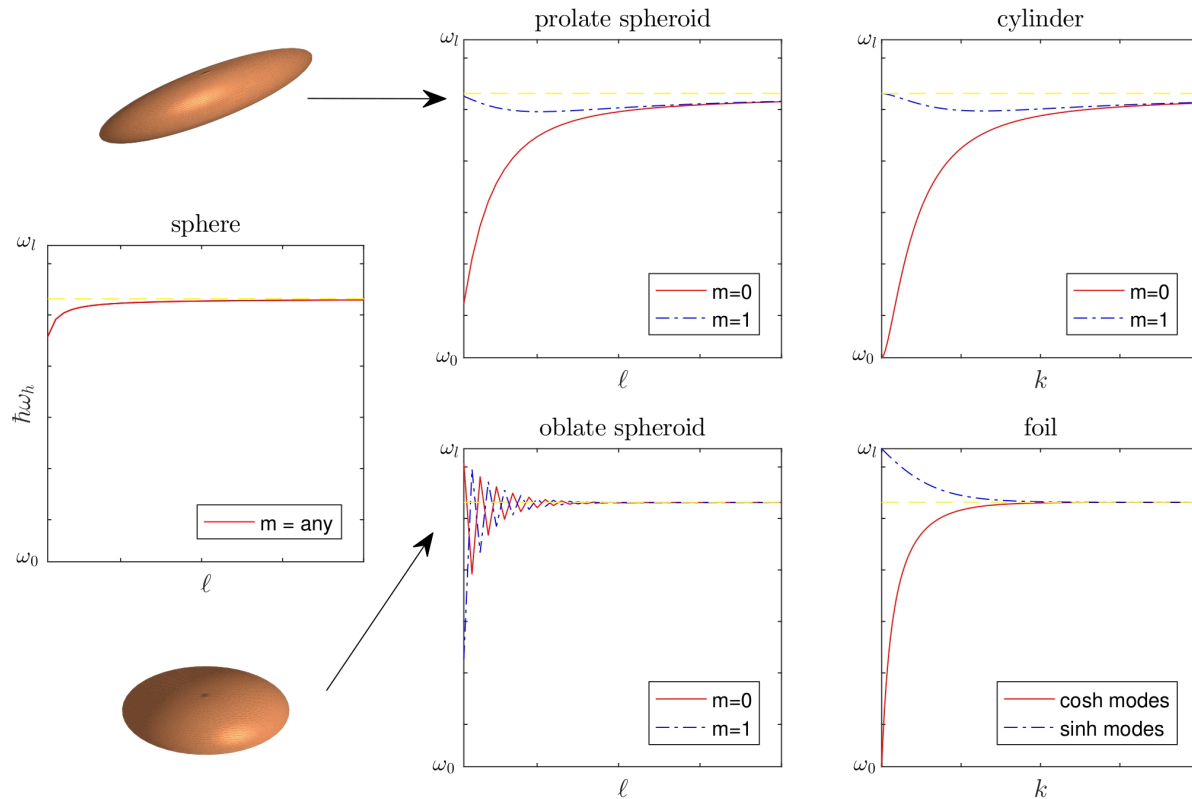


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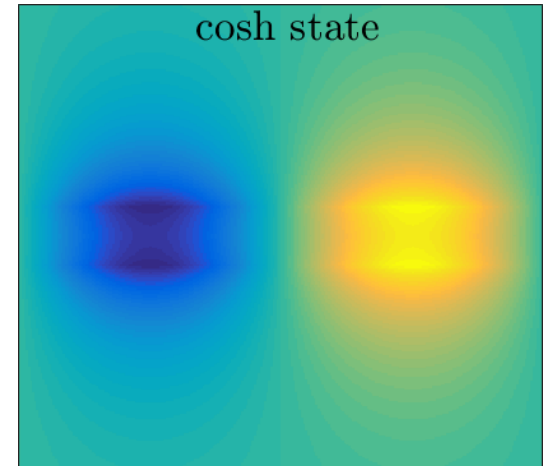


What are the surface states like?

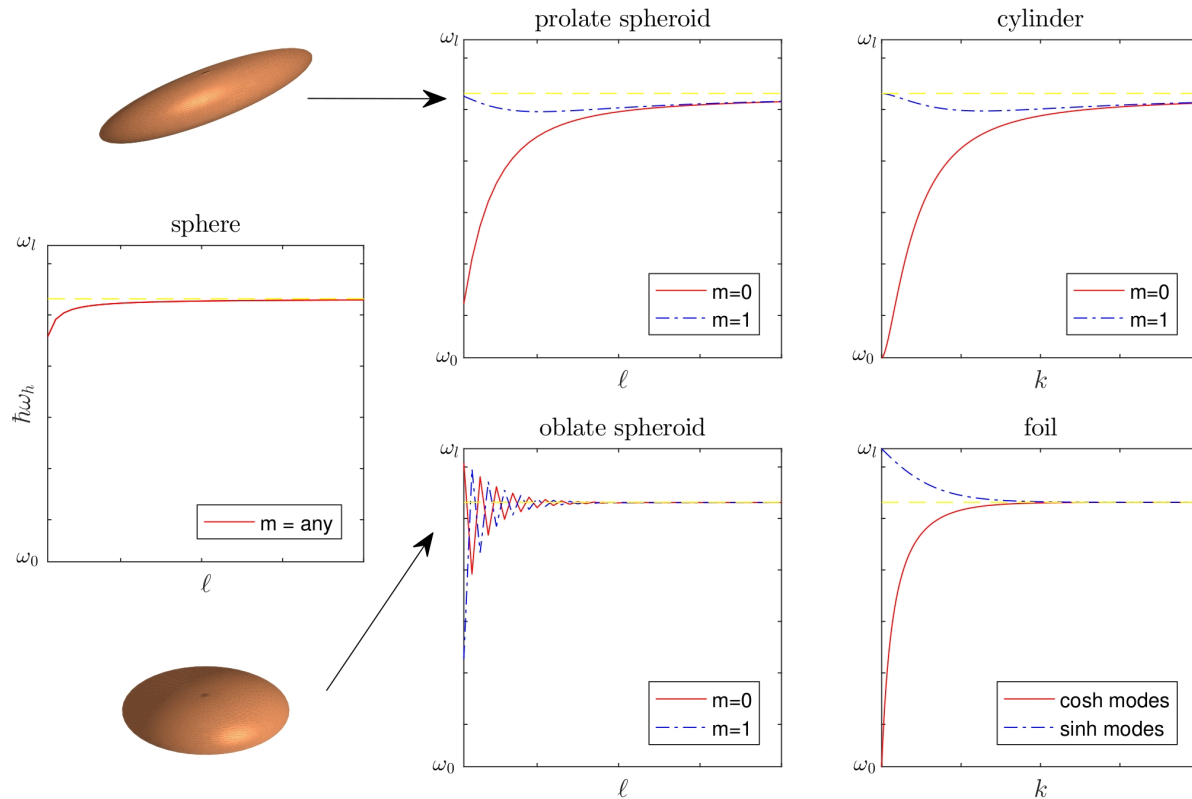


- **Cosh-like states**

- Low energy
- Strongly scattering
- Low density-of-states

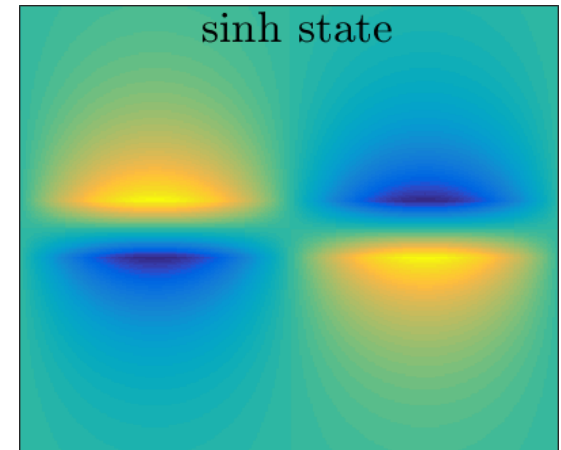


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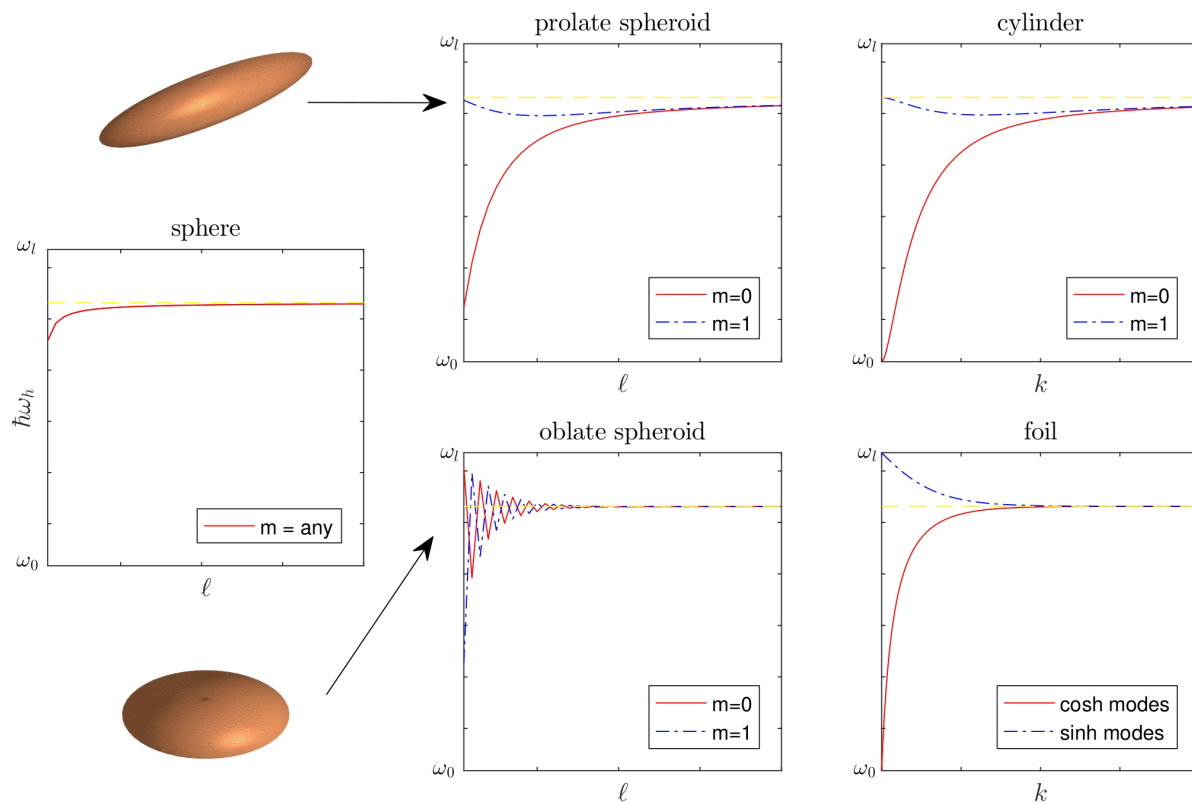


- **Sinh-like states**

- High energy
- Weakly scattering
- Low density-of-states



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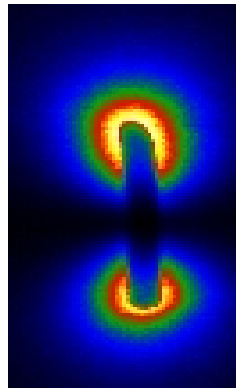


- **States with $\epsilon(\omega) \approx -1$**

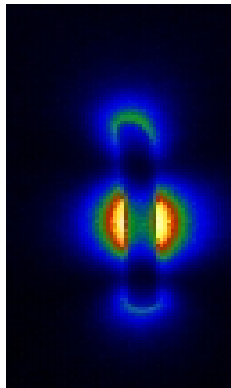
- Mid-range energy
- Weakly scattering
- High density-of-states

- When $\phi_h^{\text{in}} \approx -\phi_h^{\text{out}}|_{\text{surface}}$, the electric field is determined by local surface charge, and the surfaces are approximately decoupled

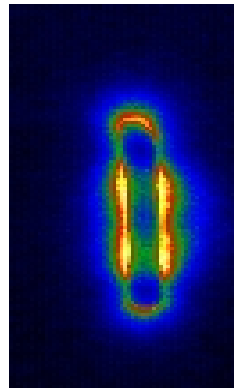
Prolate Spheroids as Lightning Rods



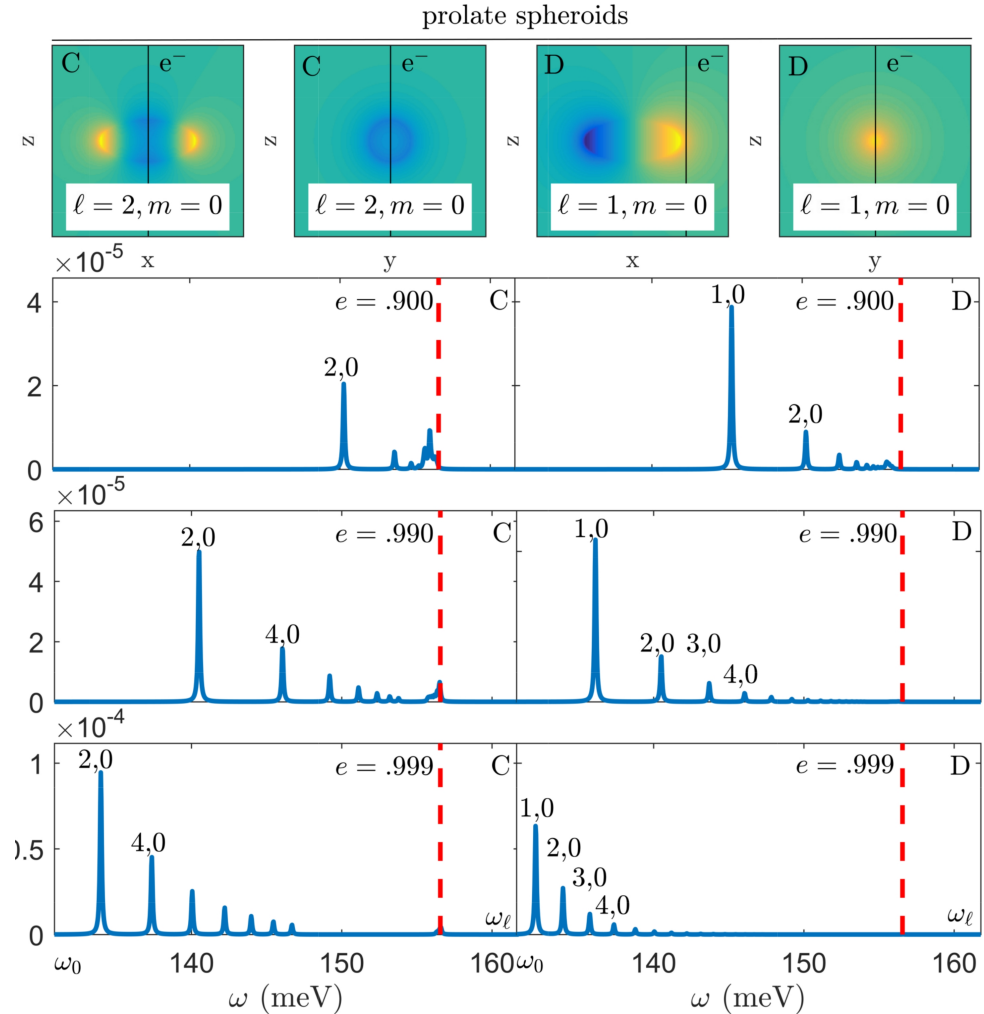
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SP mode 2



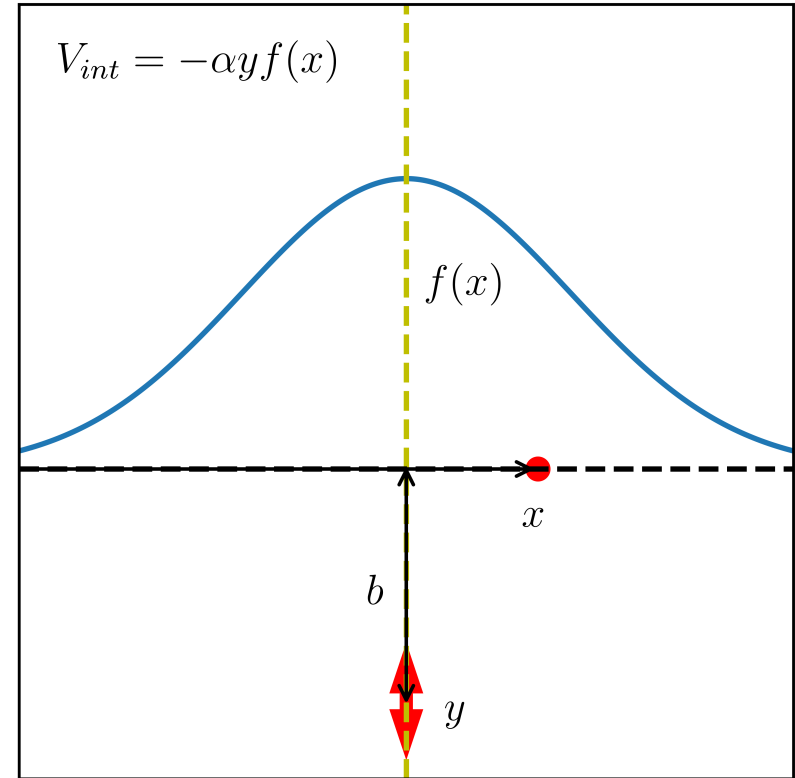
SP mode 3



Project 3: Classical-Quantum Comparison

- Let's capture this with a **1D model**:
 - 1D beam** (variable: x , mass: m)
 - 1D oscillator** (variable: y , mass: μ , angular frequency: ω_0)
- The Hamiltonian is straightforward:

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{p_x^2}{2m}}_{\text{beam}} + \underbrace{\frac{p_y^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^2\mu y^2}_{\text{oscillator}} - \underbrace{\alpha y f(x)}_{\text{interaction}}$$

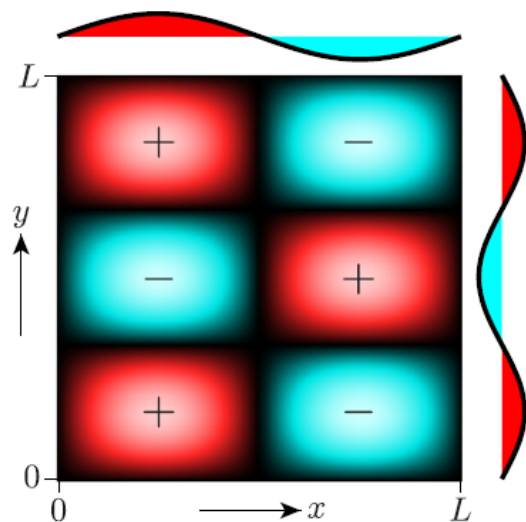


Background Reading

- Explicit illustration: **two 1D particles** trapped in a box
- Example on the right is “**entangled**” – can’t factor it!

$$\psi(x, y) \propto \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L}\right)$$

$$\psi \propto \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi y}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi y}{L}\right)$$



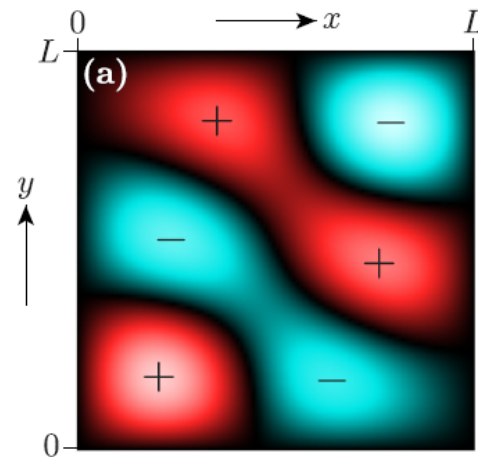
Entanglement isn't just for spin

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Entanglement and Inelastic Scattering

- **Entanglement** in scattering situations arises naturally from the **interaction** between the “beam” and the “target”

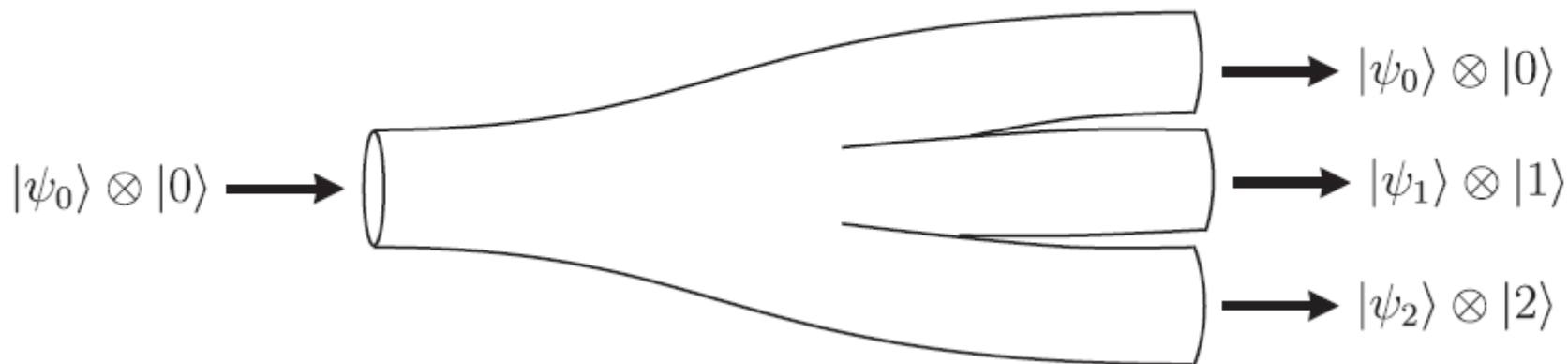


Illustration by Christian Dwyer, in a [review article](#)
“Atomic-Resolution Core-Level Spectroscopy
in the Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope”

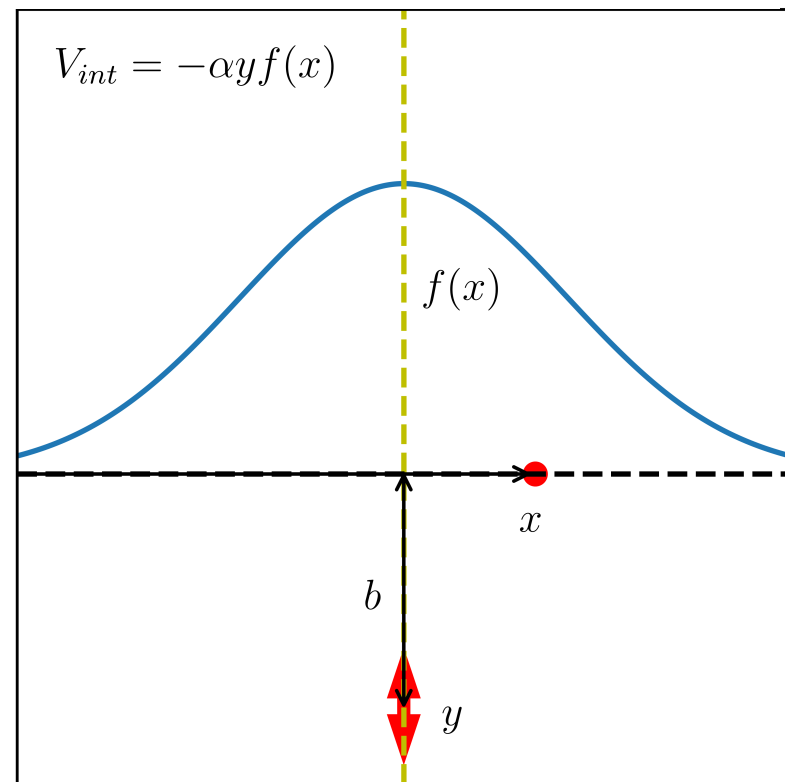
Consequences of the Full Classical Model

- We can find **classical equations of motion** for each variable

$$m\ddot{x} = \alpha y \frac{df}{dx}$$

$$\mu\ddot{y} = -\mu\omega_0^2 y + \alpha f(x)$$

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{p_x^2}{2m}}_{\text{beam}} + \underbrace{\frac{p_y^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^2\mu y^2}_{\text{oscillator}} - \underbrace{\alpha y f(x)}_{\text{interaction}}$$



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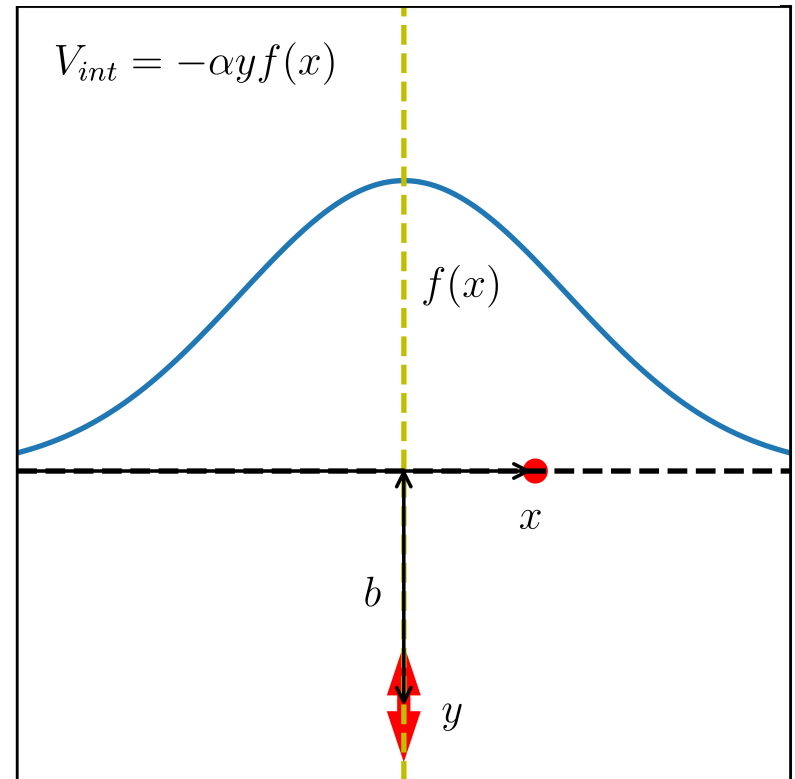
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- When the beam travels swiftly ($x \approx v_0 t$), a **predictable amount of energy is transferred** from beam to oscillator (assuming it starts at rest)

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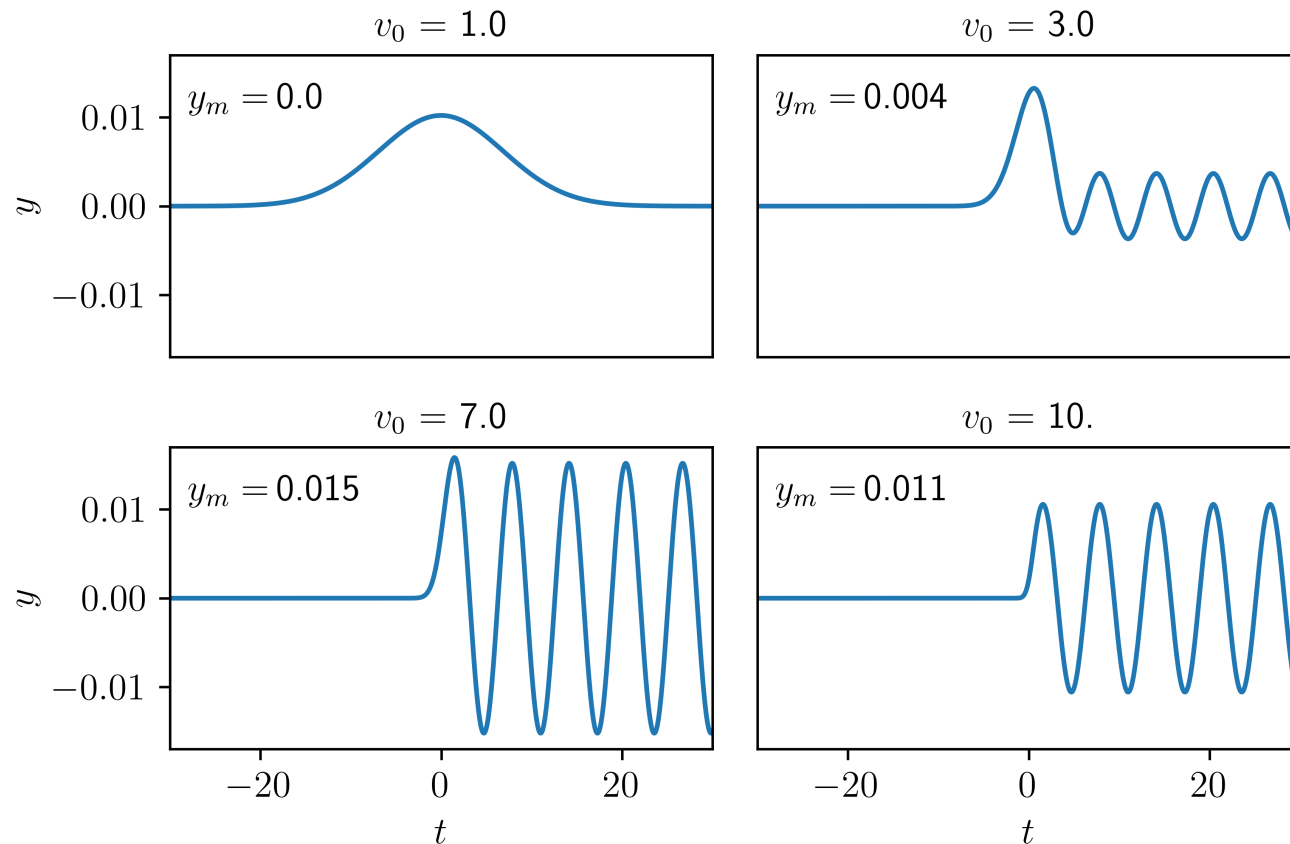
Classical Oscillations

- Final **amplitude** depends directly on **model** and **initial conditions**

$$m\ddot{x} = \alpha y \frac{df}{dx}$$

$$\mu\ddot{y} = -\mu\omega_0^2 y + \alpha f(x)$$

$$f(x) = b^{-2} e^{-x^2/b^2}$$



Quantum Harmonic Oscillator

- States of the QHO look like **trapped waves**

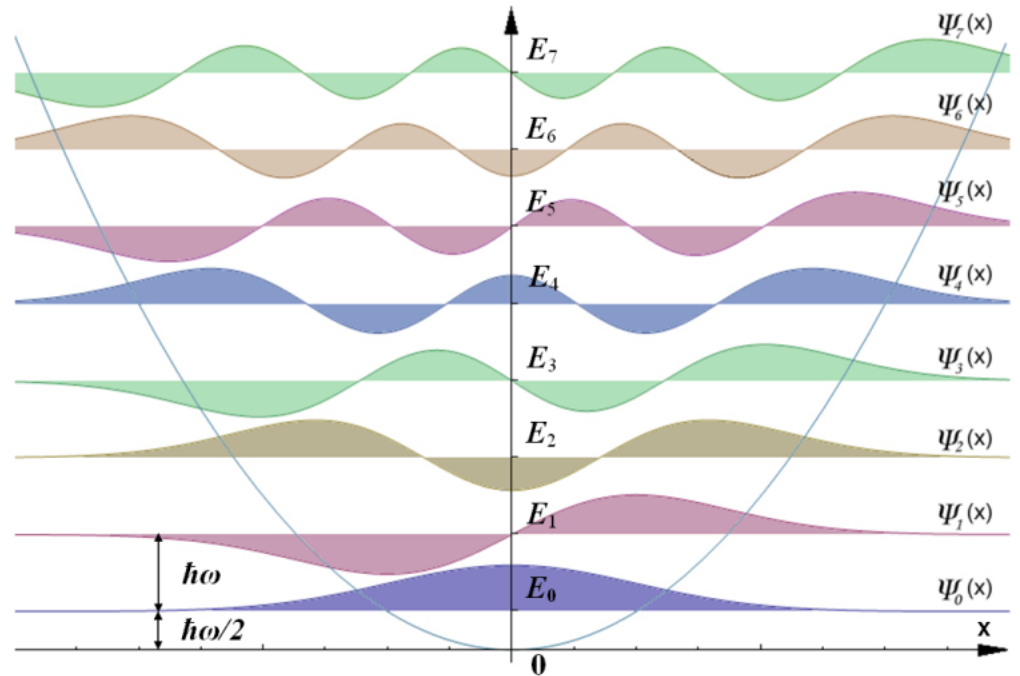
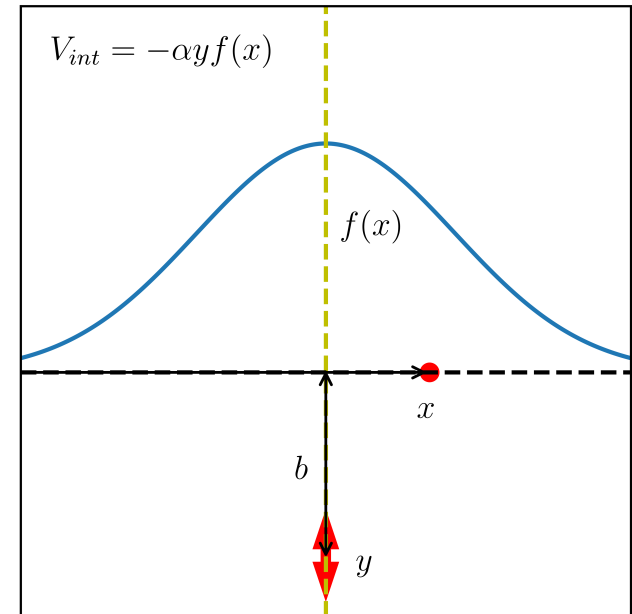


Image from Wikipedia

Quantizing Just the Oscillator

- Problem: Classical approach doesn't reflect experiment – **experiment only has *some* beam particles losing energy**
- Trial fix: Use a **classical beam**, and a **quantum oscillator**

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{p_y^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^2\mu y^2}_{\text{unperturbed oscillator}} - \underbrace{\alpha y f(vt)}_{\text{time-dependent perturbation}}$$

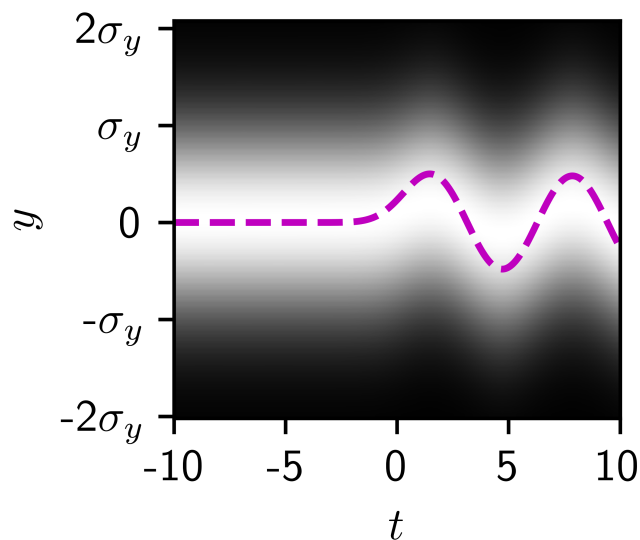


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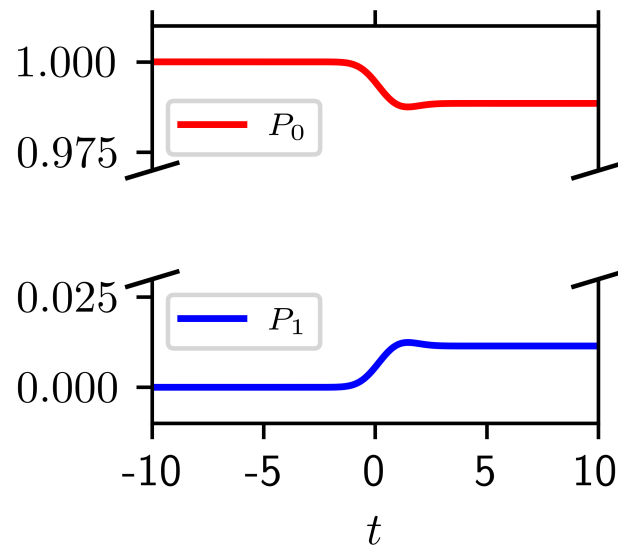
- We can numerically integrate the Schrodinger equation

classical beam ($v_0 = 7.0$), quantum oscillator

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(y, t) = \hat{H}(t) \psi(y, t)$$



$$\langle y \rangle = \int dy \psi^*(y) y \psi(y)$$



$$\langle \psi_1 | \psi \rangle = \int dy \psi_1^*(y) \psi(y)$$

$$P_1 = |\langle \psi_1 | \psi \rangle|^2$$

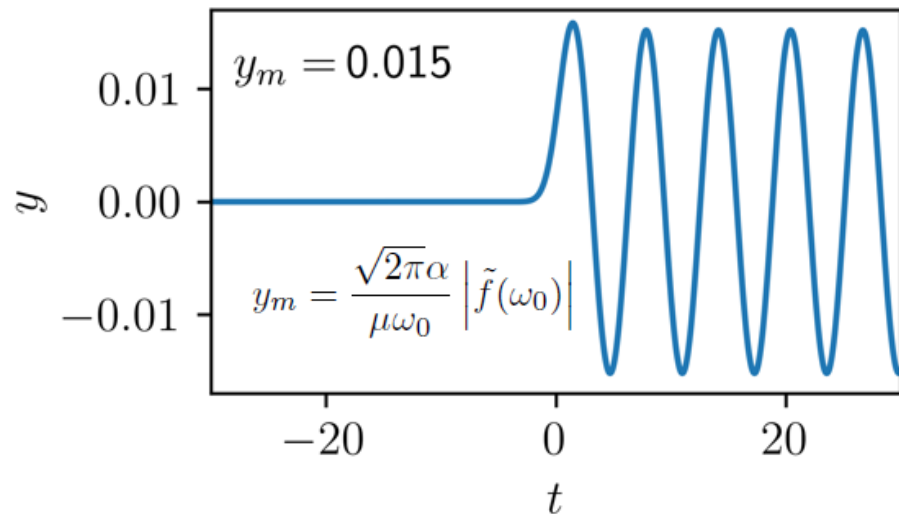
Classical vs. Partly Quantum Approaches

- The classical amplitude of the classical HO oscillator is proportional to the transition amplitude of the quantum HO

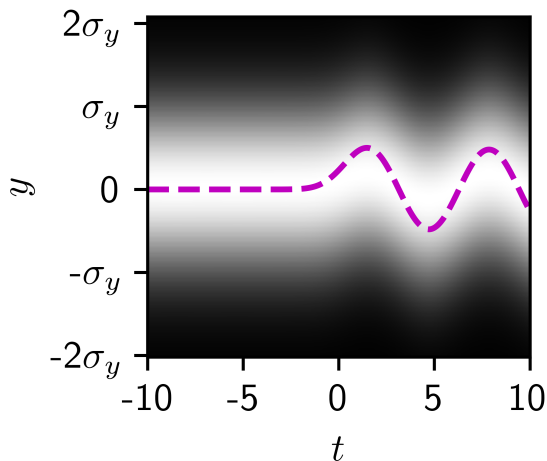
$$y_m = \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{\mu\omega}} P_1^{(1)}$$

$$P_1^{(1)} = \frac{\mu\omega_0}{2\hbar} y_m^2$$

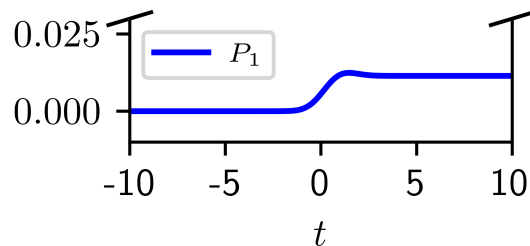
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$$P_1 = \frac{\pi\alpha^2}{\hbar\mu\omega_0} |\tilde{f}(\omega_0)|^2$$



Partly QM vs. Fully QM Approaches

- When will the **partly QM** approach match the fully QM one?

Partly QM Approach

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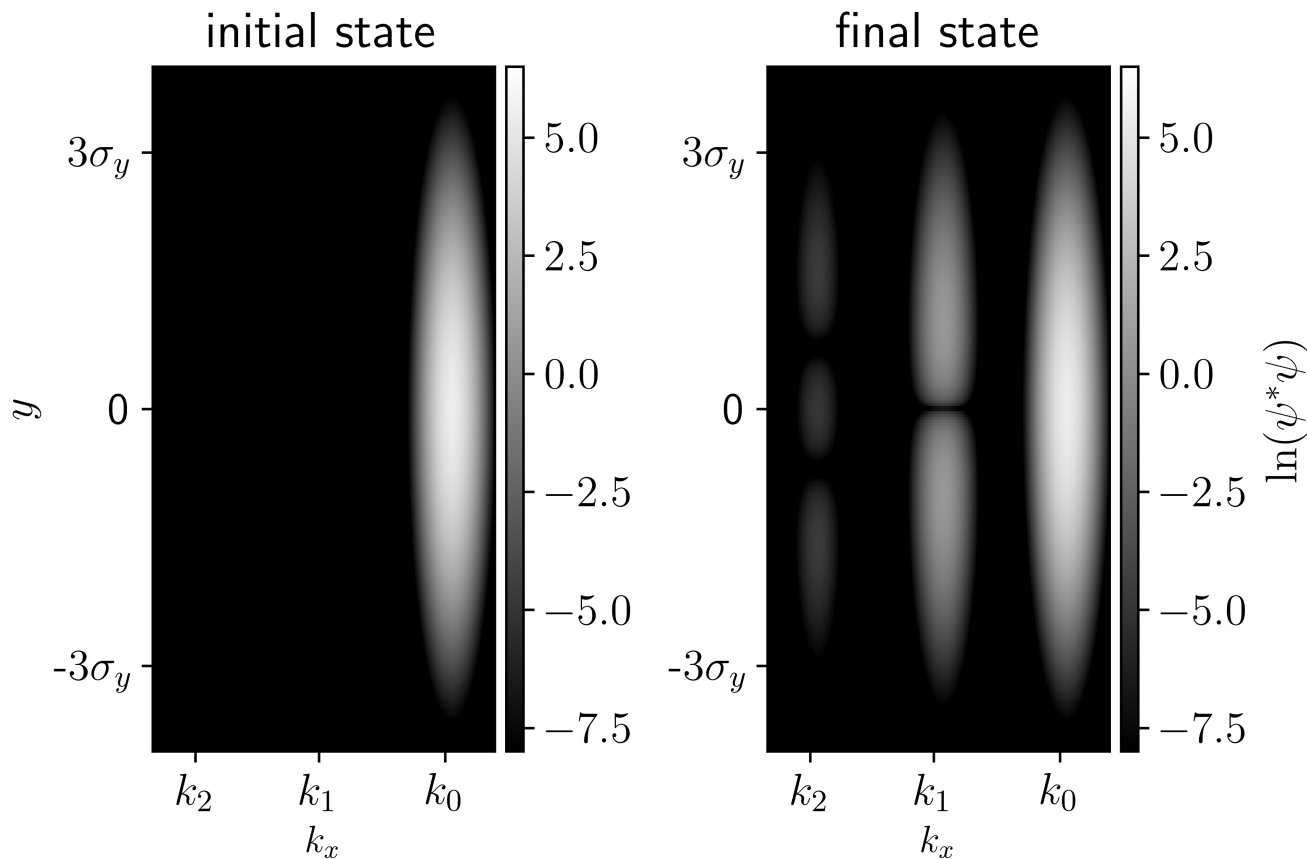
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- Depends on the **relation between reduced and full wavefunction**

$$\psi(y) = \int dx \psi(x, y)$$

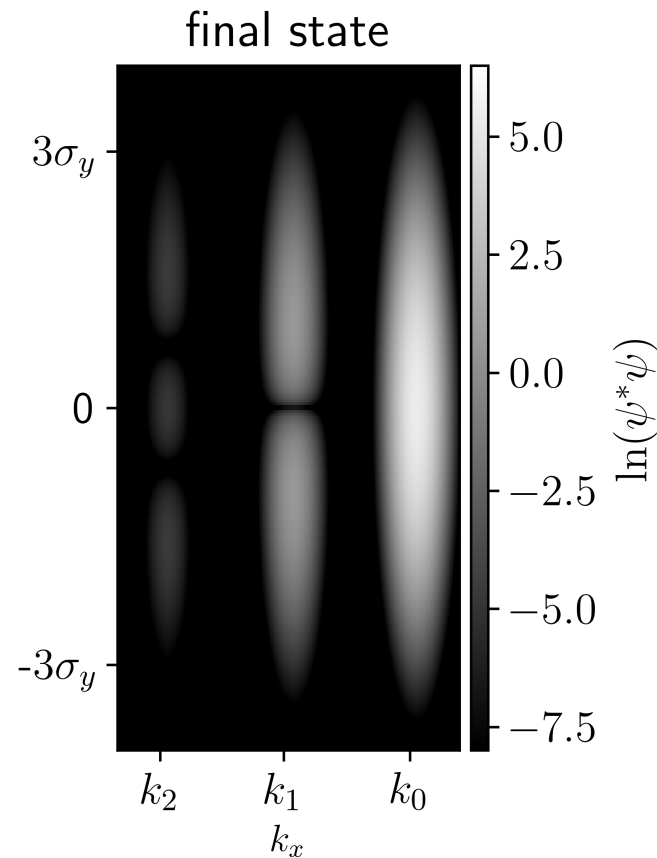
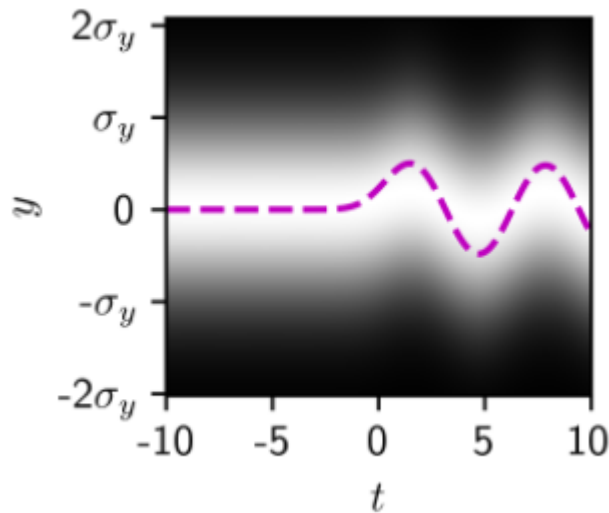
Imagining $\psi^*\psi$ in k_x and y

- The probability density of the **beam** is **entangled** with that of the **oscillator**



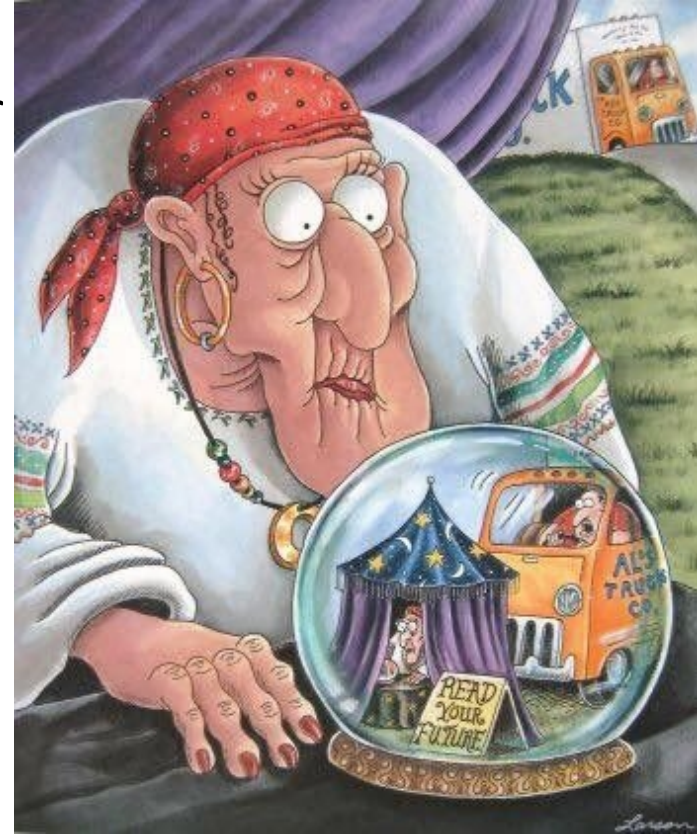
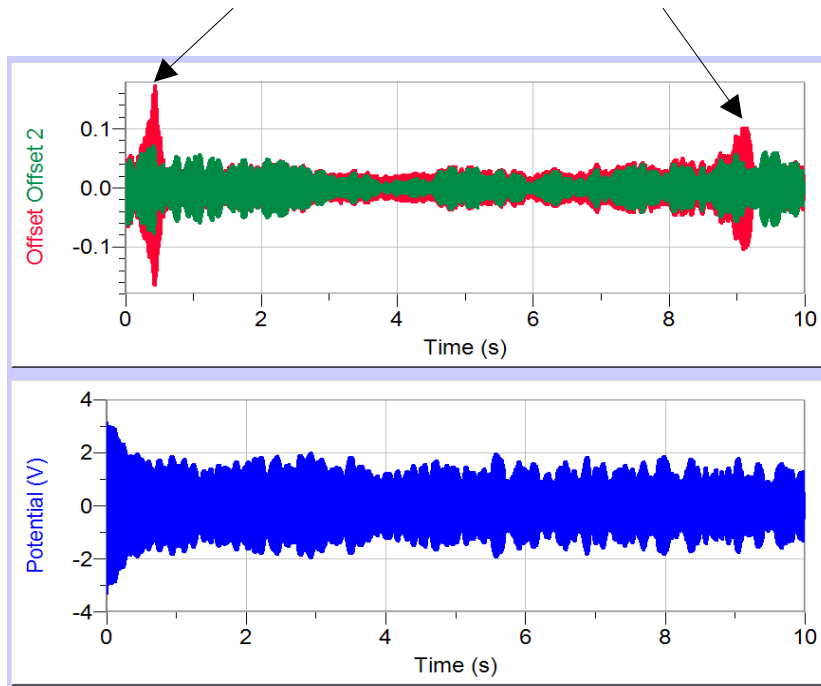
Imagining $\psi^*\psi$ in k_x and y

- The probability density of the beam is entangled with that of the oscillator
- **Thinking question:** how does this static density relate to the time-dependence of the reduced $\psi(y)$?



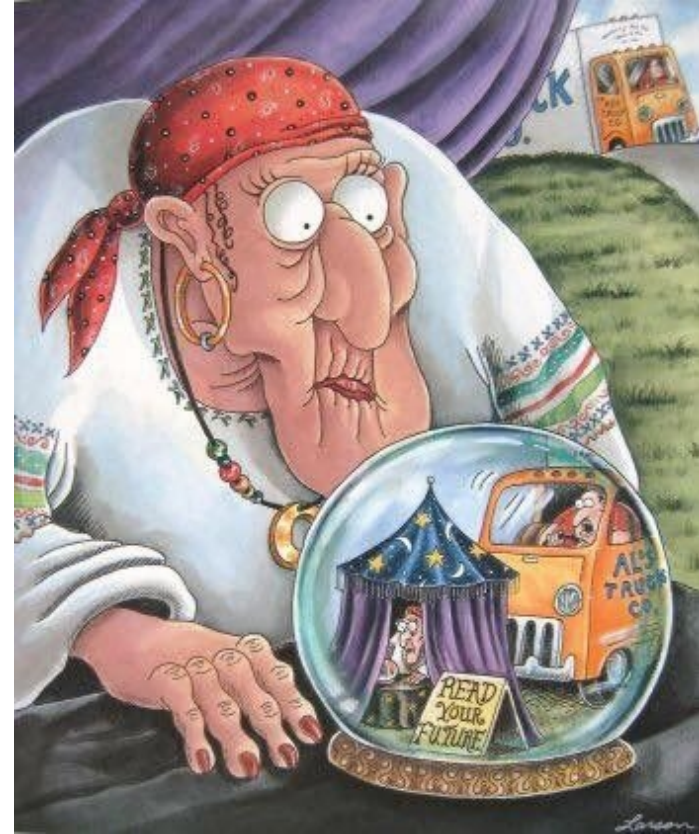
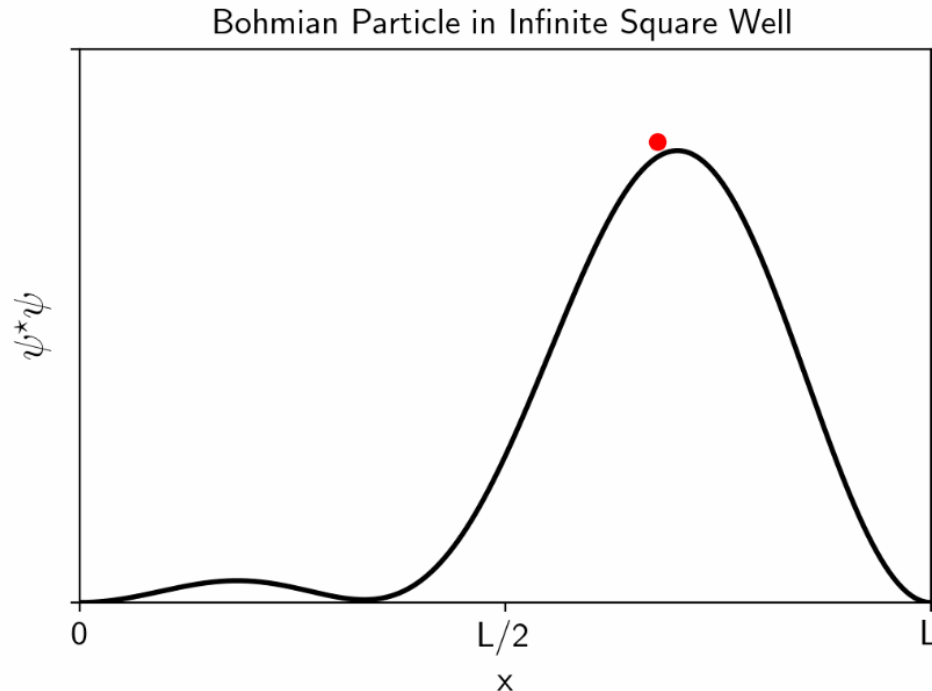
Future Projects?

- Lots of acoustical possibilities – from acoustical metamaterials to taking oscillator descriptions in a quantum direction



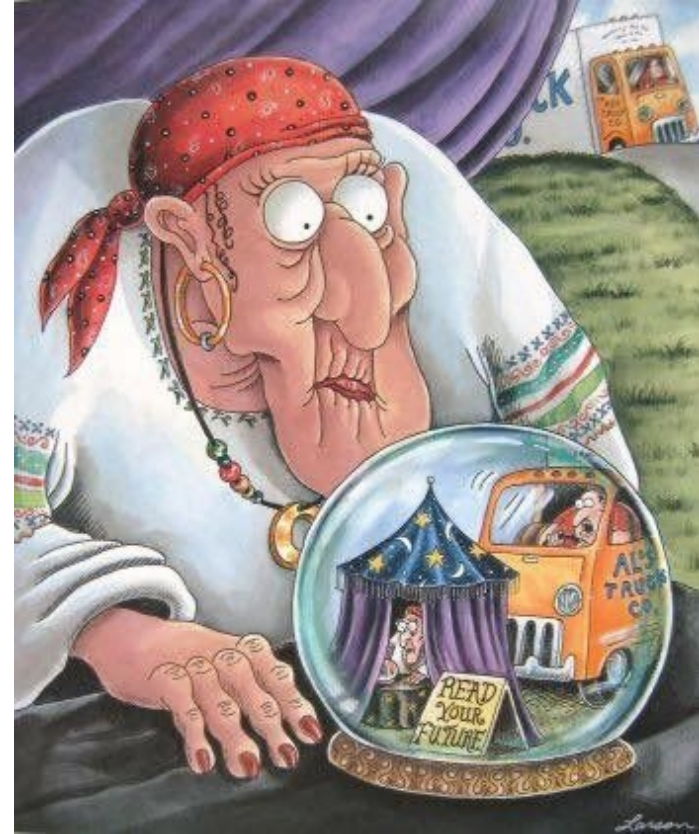
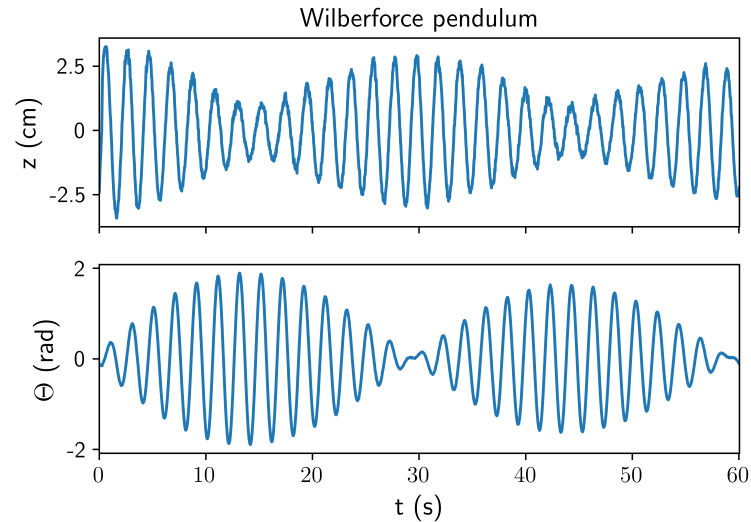
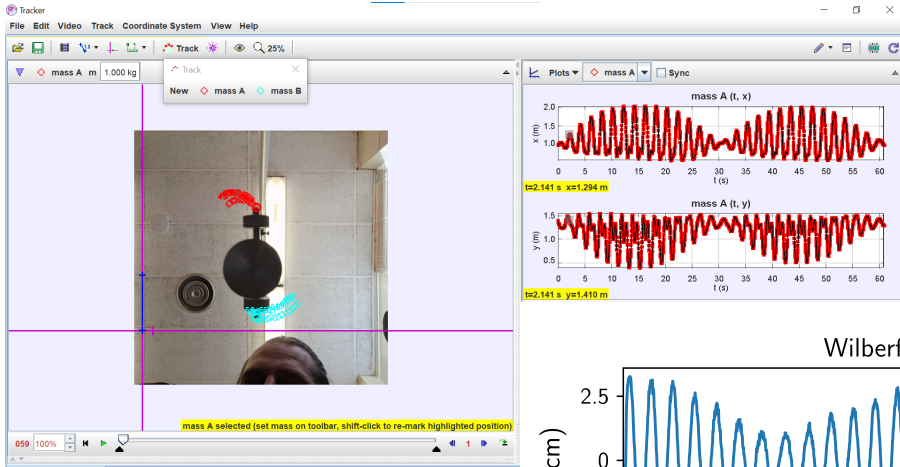
Future Projects?

- Quite a few “quantum fun” projects – from STEM-EELS modeling to exploring questions of quantum foundations



Future Projects?

- Video analysis with students is always fun!



Summary



- Same mathematical tools can often be used across many different physical scenarios
- Driven oscillators are a good description for many different oscillatory phenomena
- The classical and quantum versions of such models rhyme, but aren't the same