

Hybridization and enhancement processes in quasi-two-dimensional superconductors

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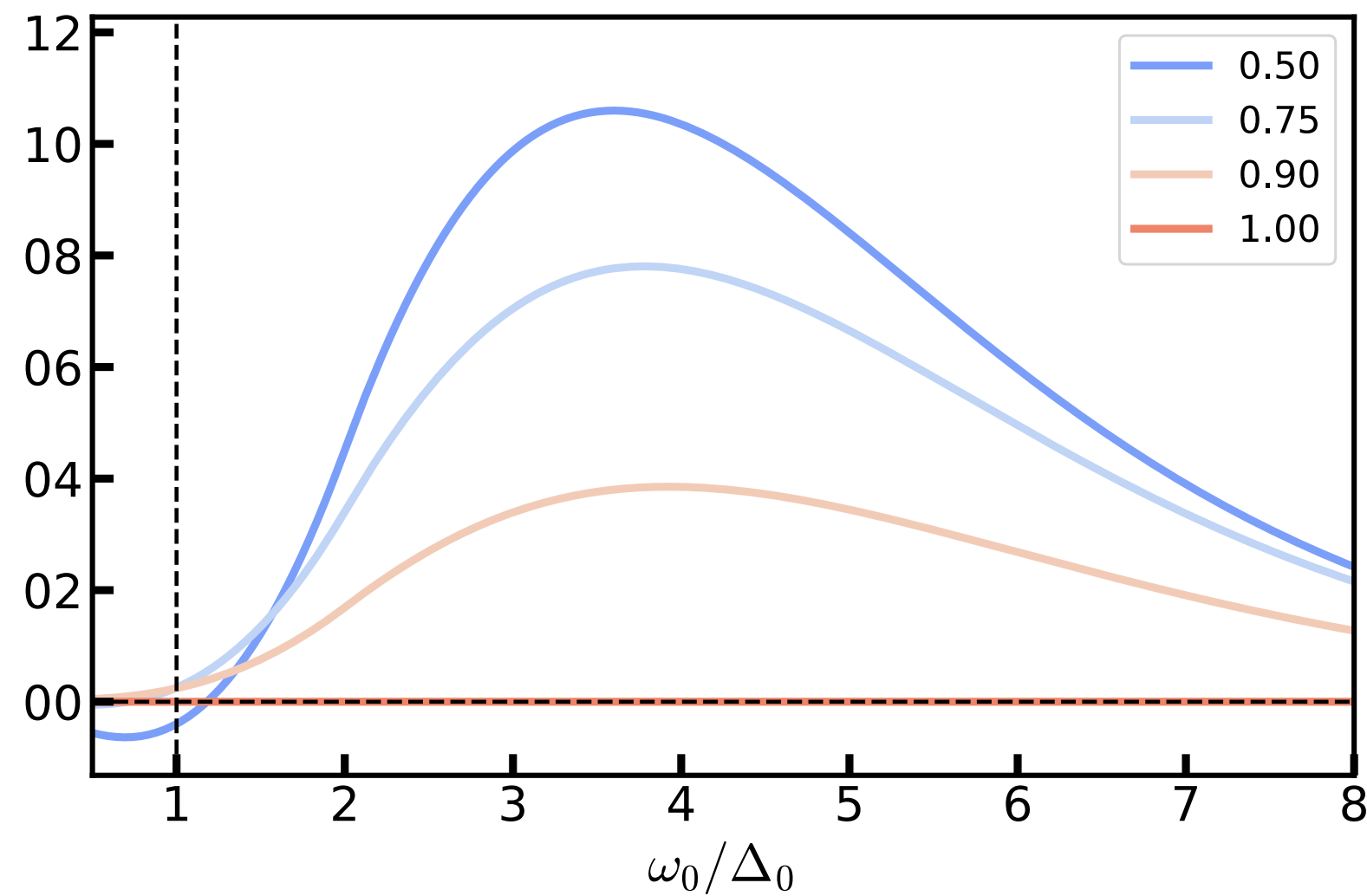
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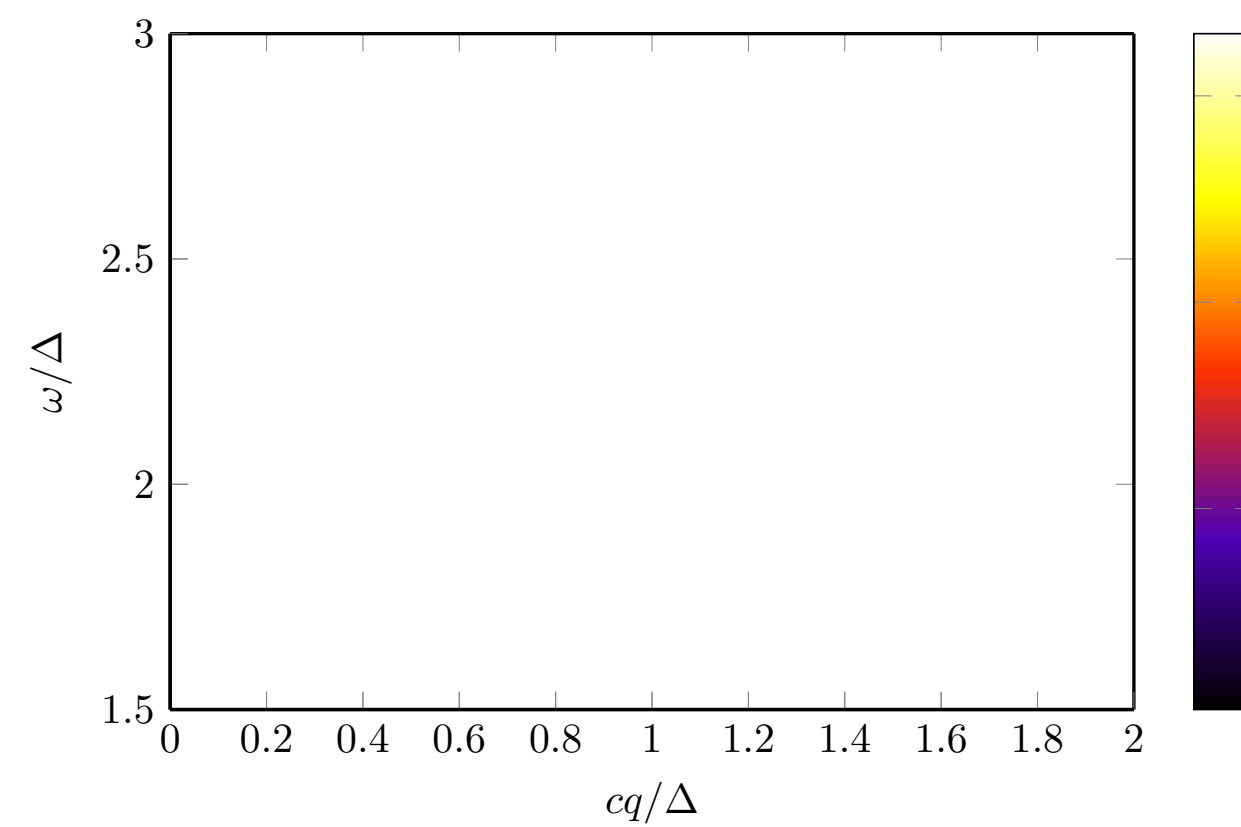
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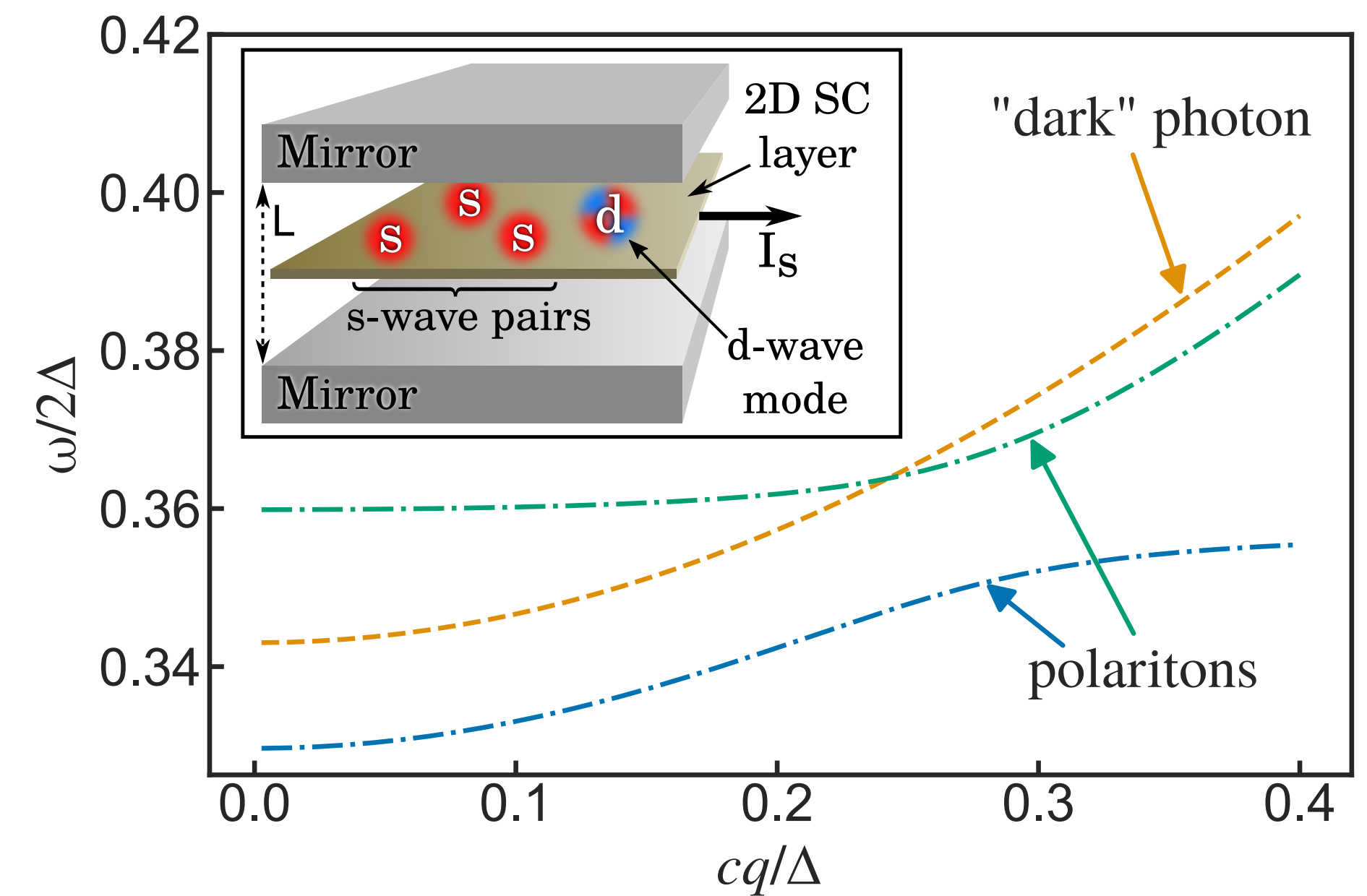


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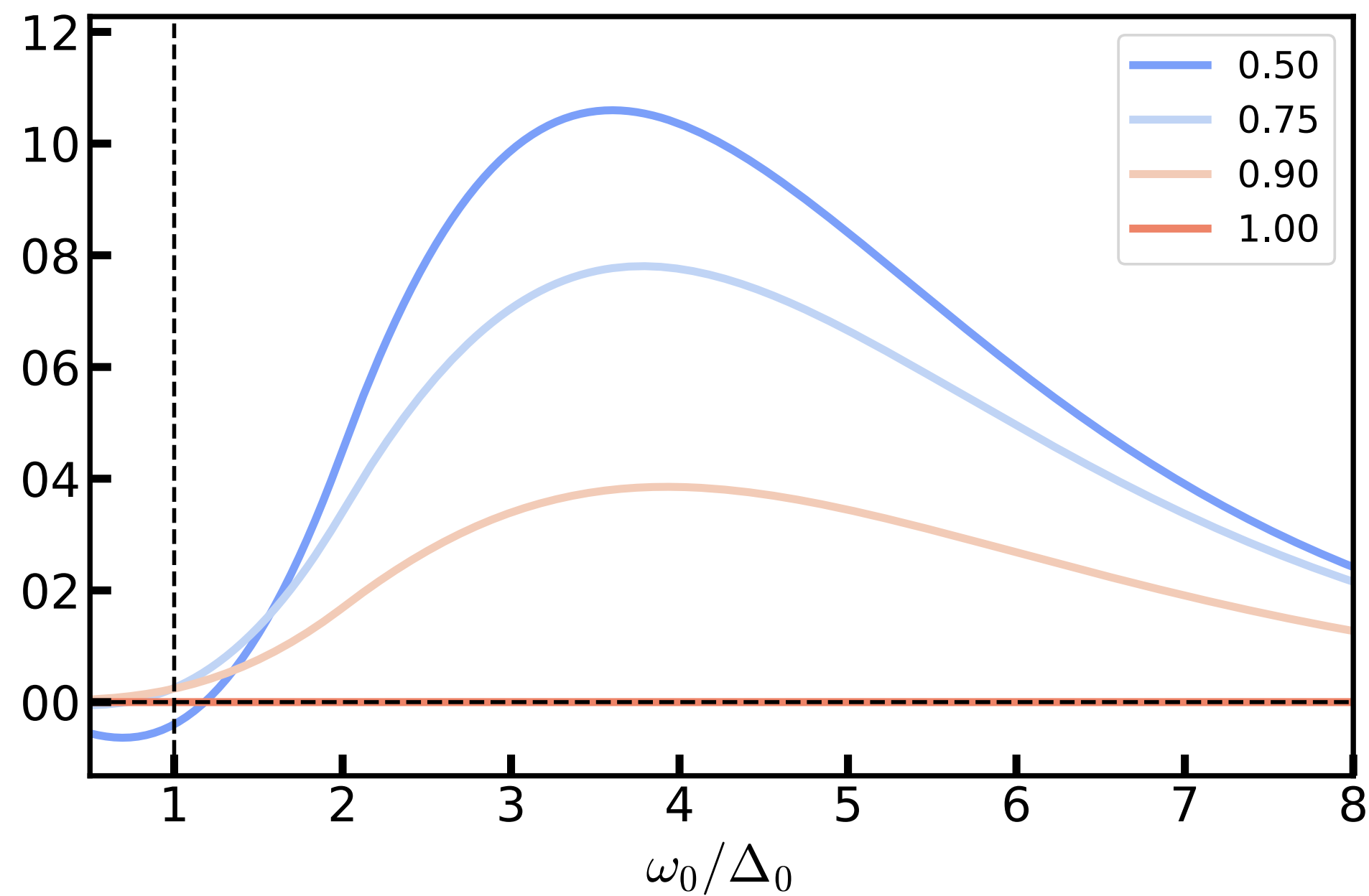
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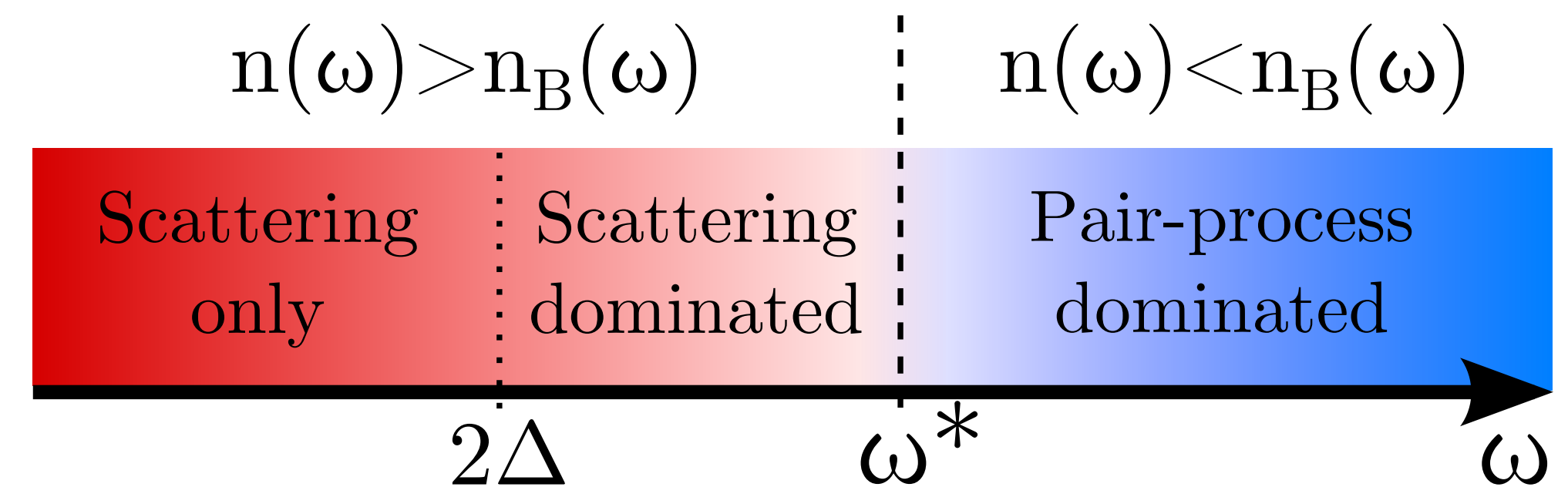
Coupling superconductors to cavity photons allows us to investigate interesting problems

Preview



Cavity enhancement of superconductivity

Superconductivity can be enhanced by coupling to a suitably engineered photonic cavity

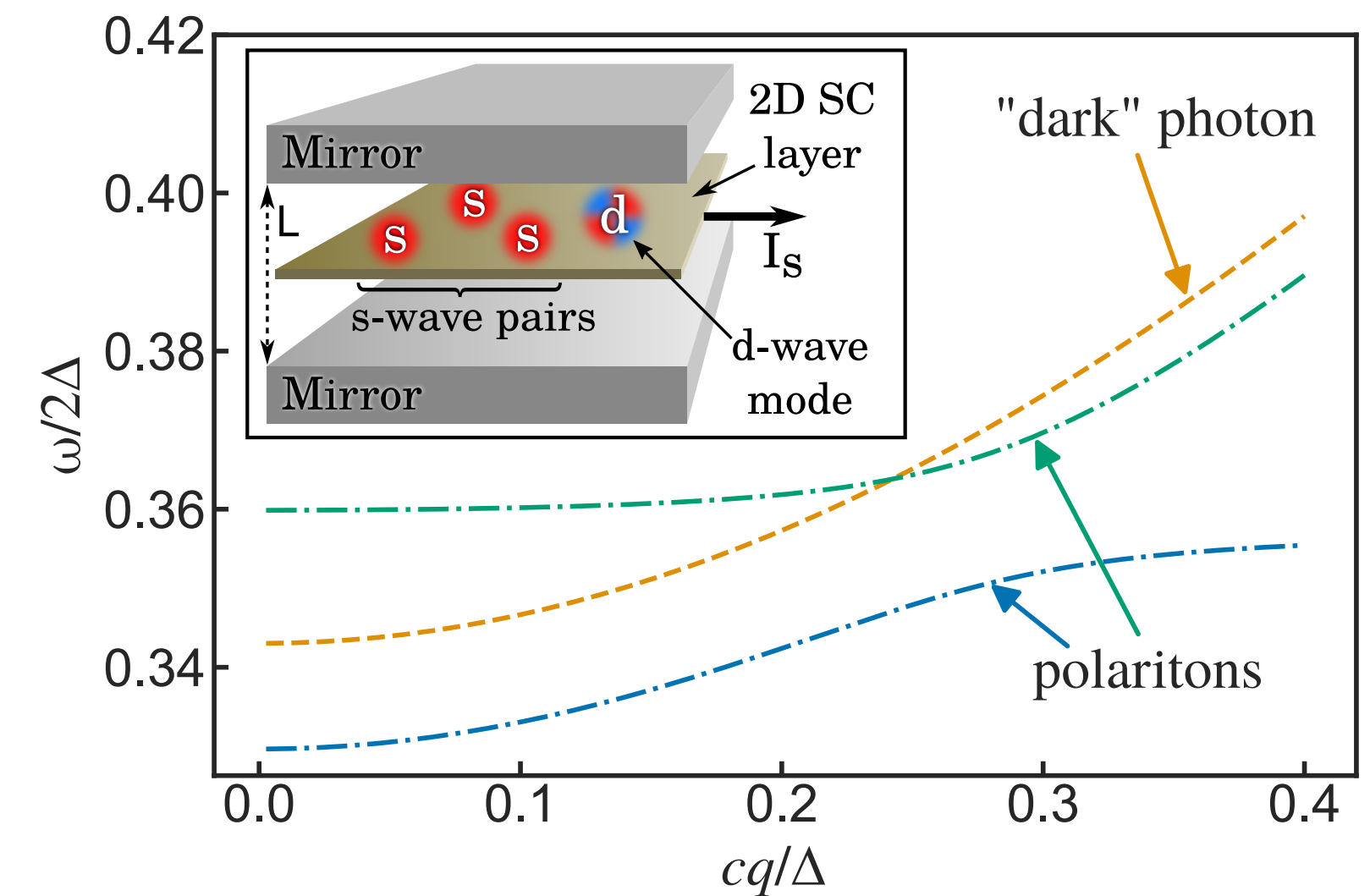


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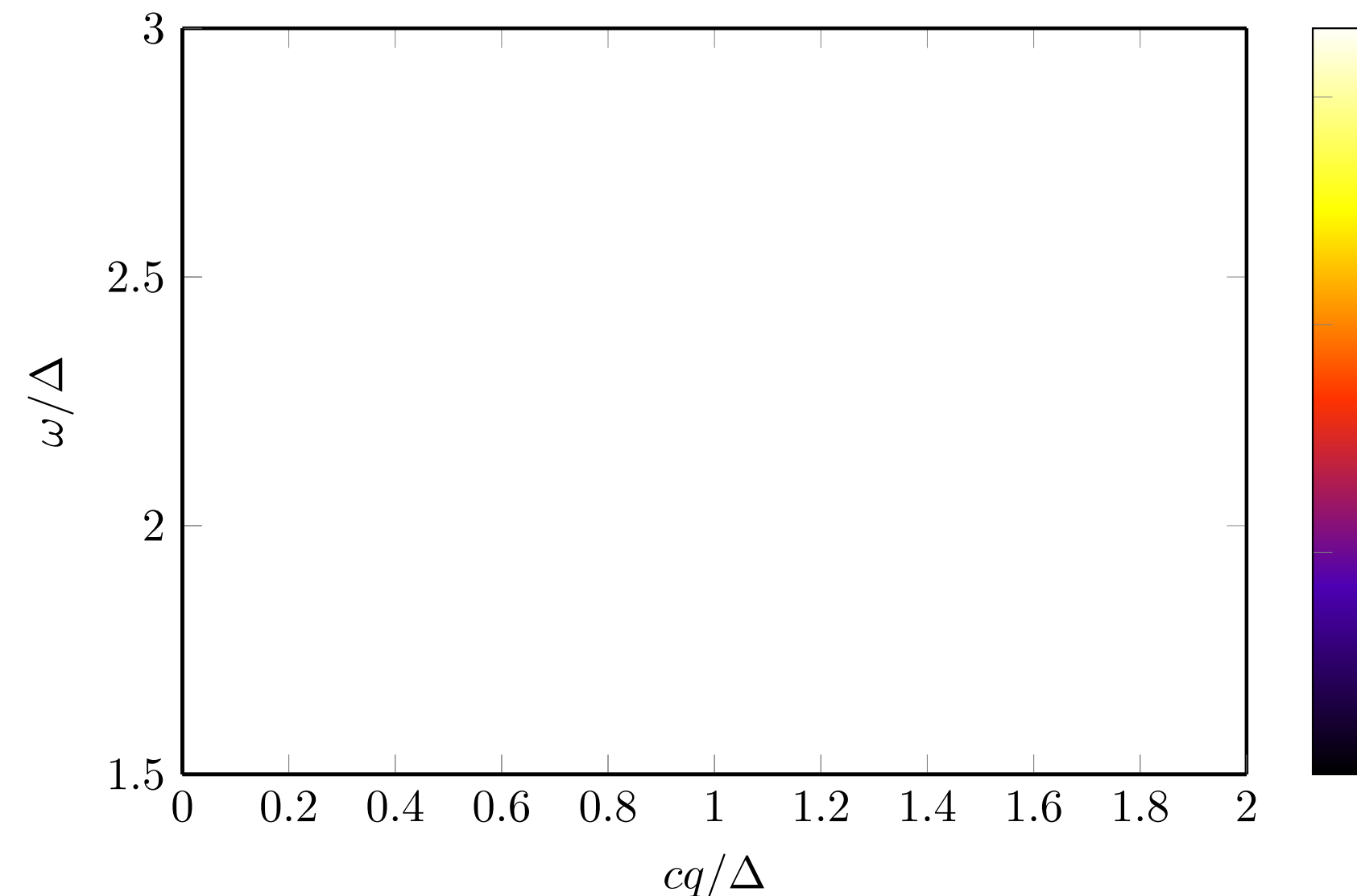
A cavity with a supercurrent-bearing superconductor can host hybrid excitations formed from *photons* and the superconductor's *collective modes*

Condensation of these objects may allow for the realization of interesting new states at high temperatures

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What happens to a superconductor

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Kinetic equation treatment

Boltzmann Equation

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \mathcal{J}_{\text{cav}}[n] - \frac{n - n_F}{\tau_{\text{in}}}$$

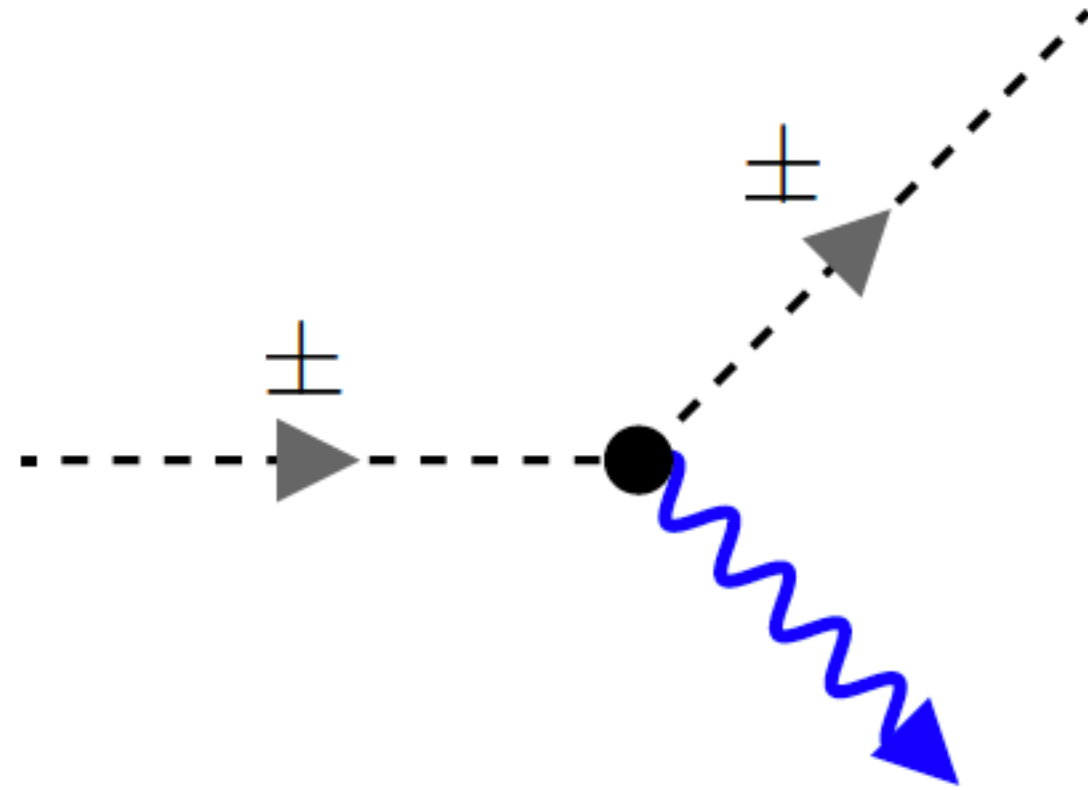


$$\frac{1}{g} = \int_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1 - 2n\left(\sqrt{\xi_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \Delta^2}, T\right)}{\sqrt{\xi_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \Delta^2}}$$

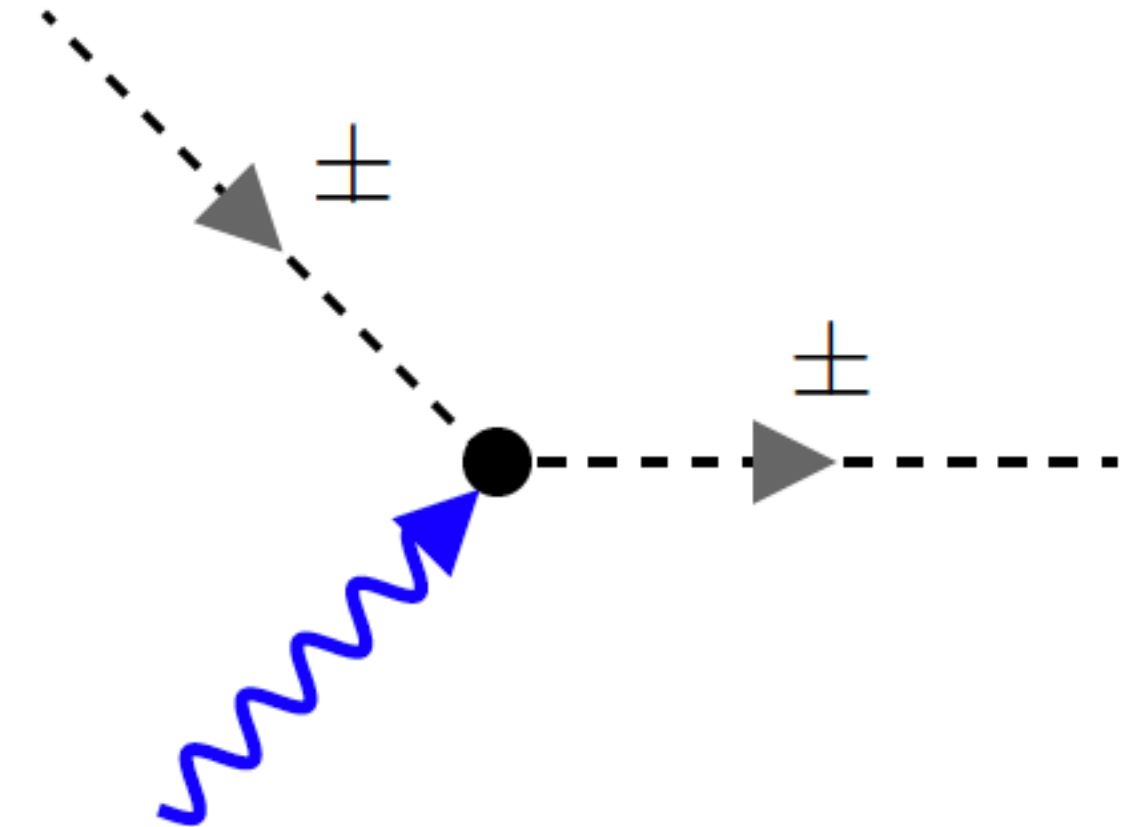
- We can calculate the effect of the cavity through the modification of the fermionic occupation function
- The occupation function can be obtained from the Boltzmann equation with the collision integral at one loop order

Types of scattering terms

Relaxation



Photoexcitation

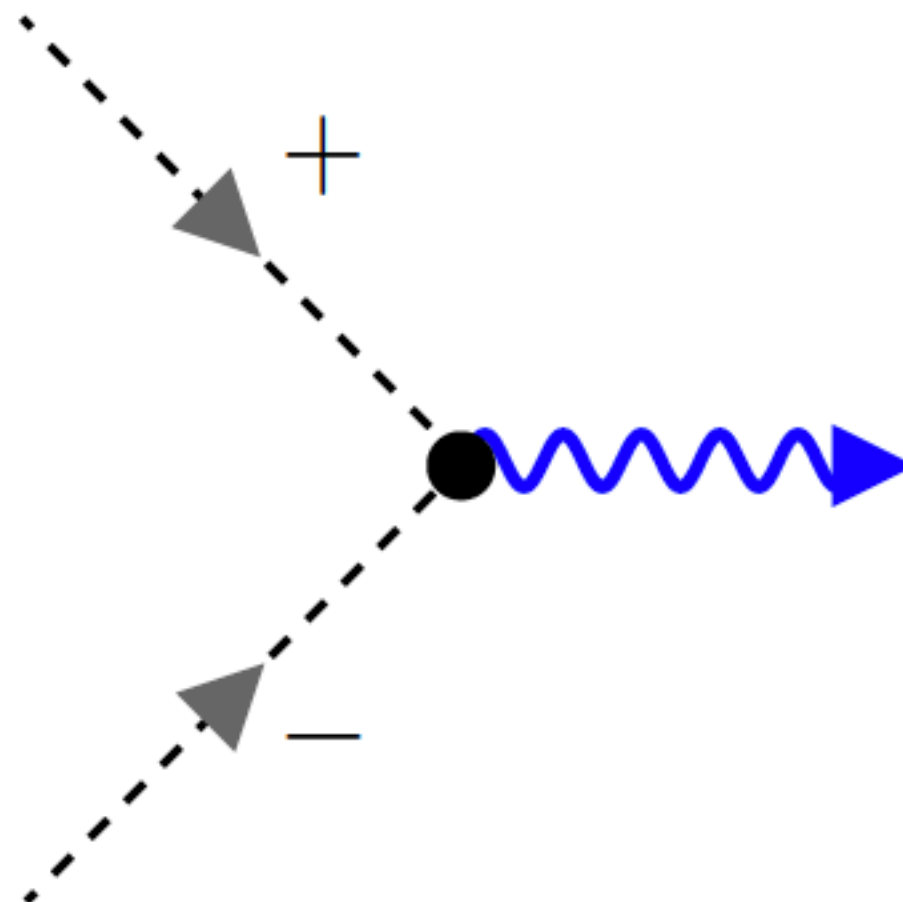


In equilibrium, these terms
cancel due to detailed balance

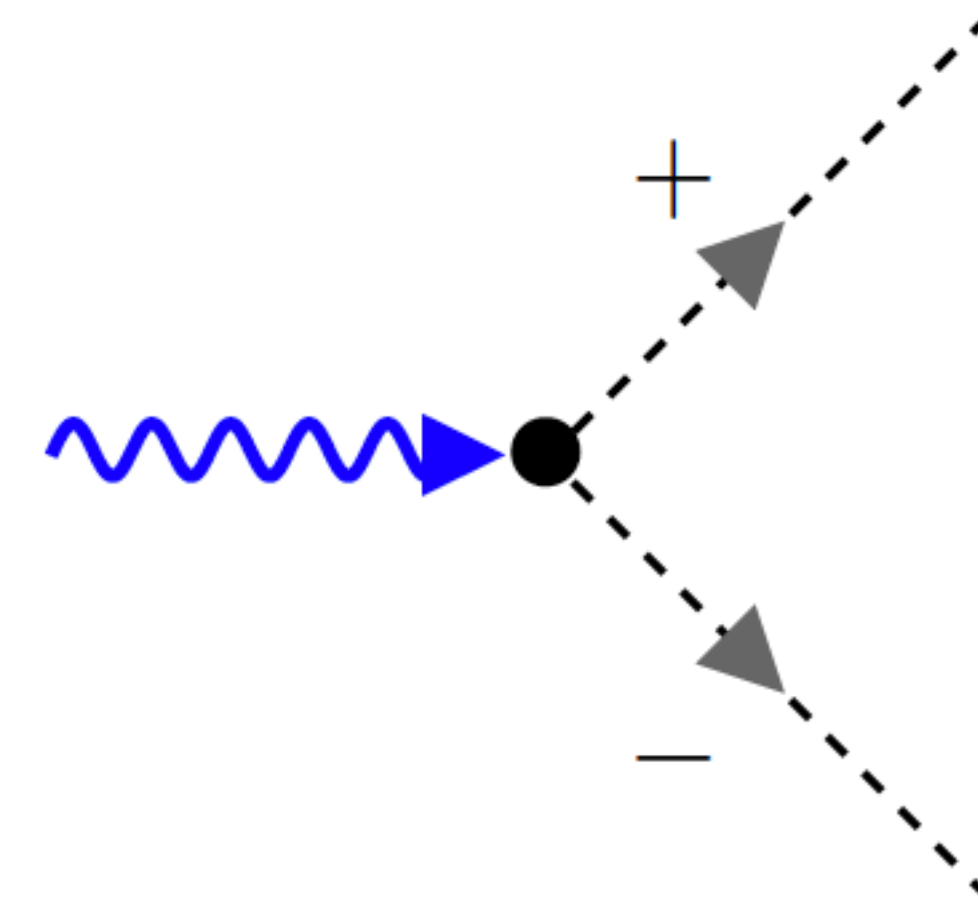
We concern ourselves with non-
equilibrium processes

$$\omega_0 \sim 2\Delta$$

Pair recombination



Pair breaking



Types of

Cavity Quantum Eliashberg Effect

Conventional

$$\delta\Delta^{\text{conv.}}(\omega) = \frac{\alpha D |\mathbf{A}_\omega|^2}{c} Y^{\text{el}}(\omega)$$

Fluctuation

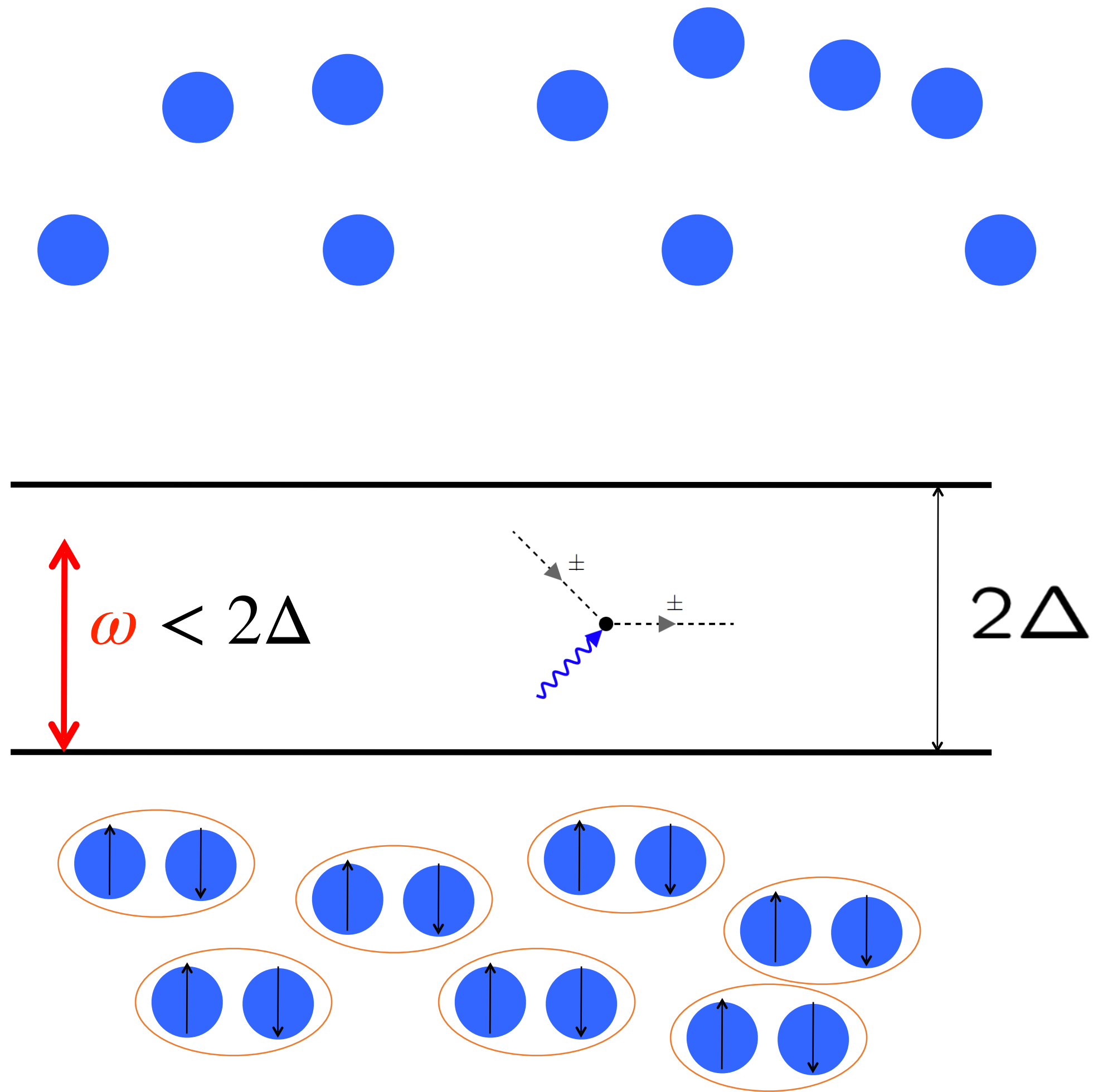
$$\delta\Delta = \int_0^\infty d\omega \, S(\omega) \left(n_B(\omega, T_{\text{qp}}) - N(\omega) \right) Y^{\text{el}}(\omega)$$

- The total effect is a weighted sum determined by the **photon occupation** and **spectral function**

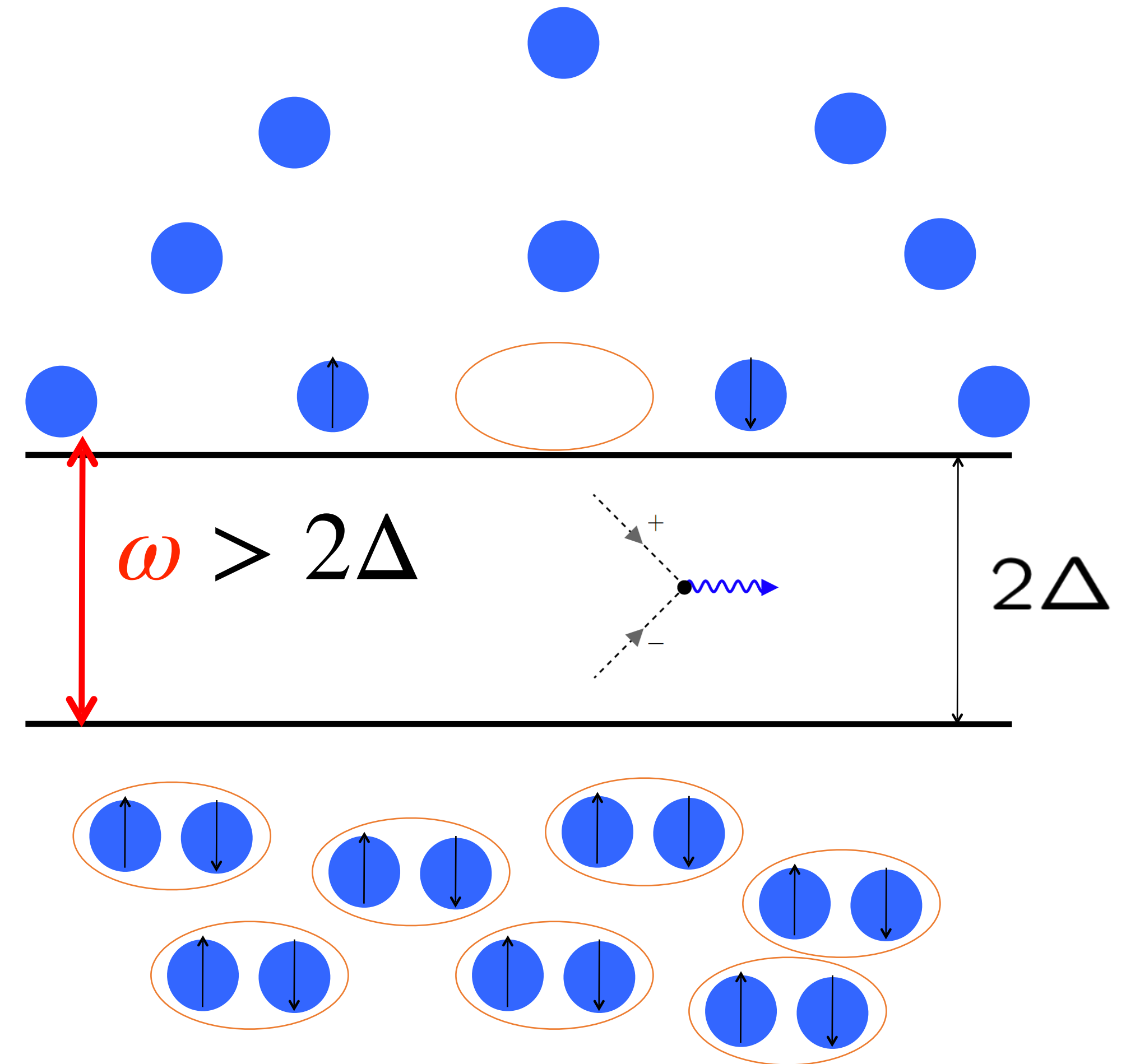
$$S(\omega) = \frac{\alpha D}{c} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{2\pi c^2}{\omega_q} \mathcal{A}_q(\omega) \sum_{\alpha, i \in \{x, y\}} \left| \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}, \alpha}^i \left(\frac{L}{2} \right) \right|^2$$

Cavity properties

Mechanisms for enhancement



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Results for two

Single mode

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~ a superconductor exciton-
polariton

