

Resonant behavior of linear three-mirror cavities in the context of quantum noise reduction

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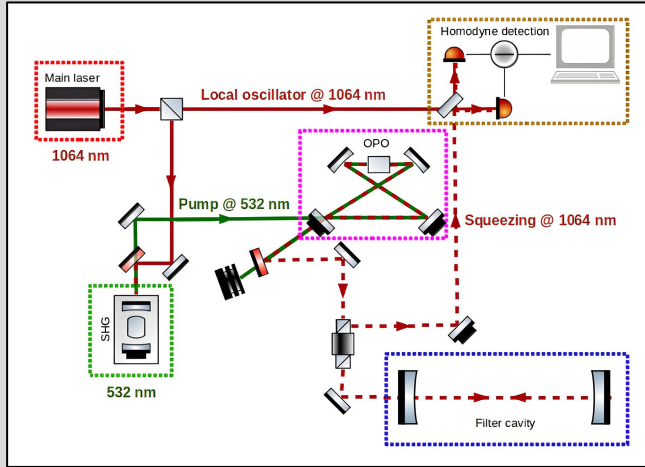
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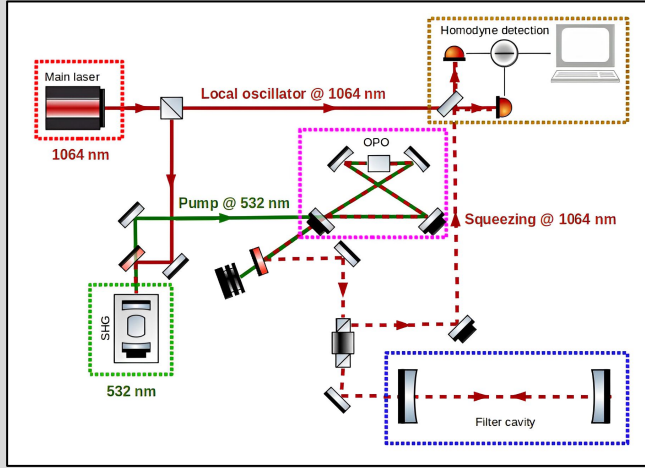
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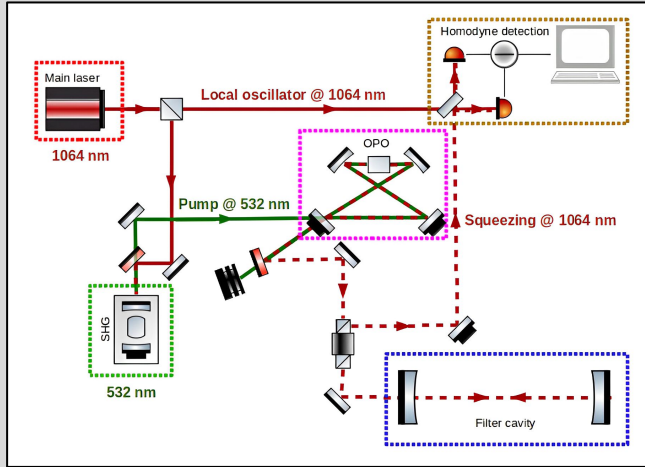
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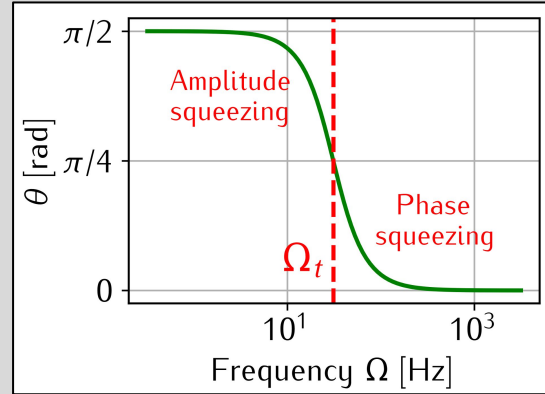
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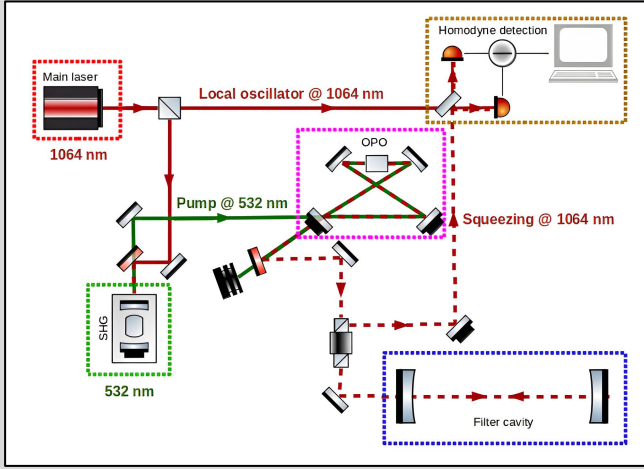
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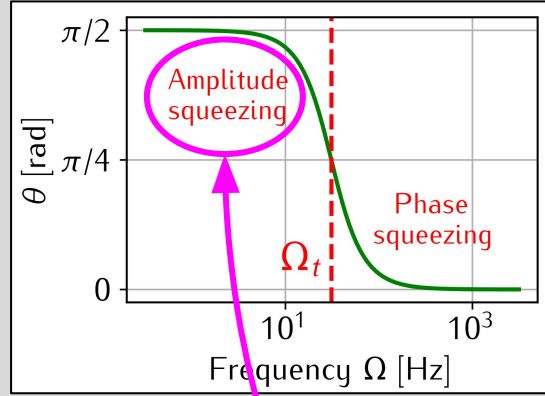
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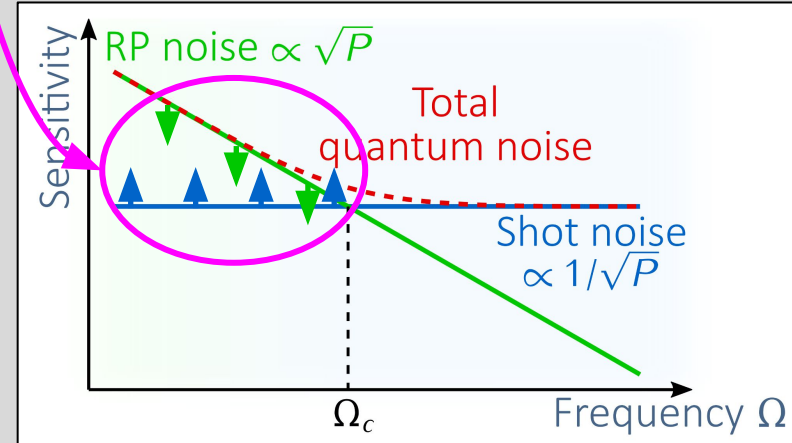
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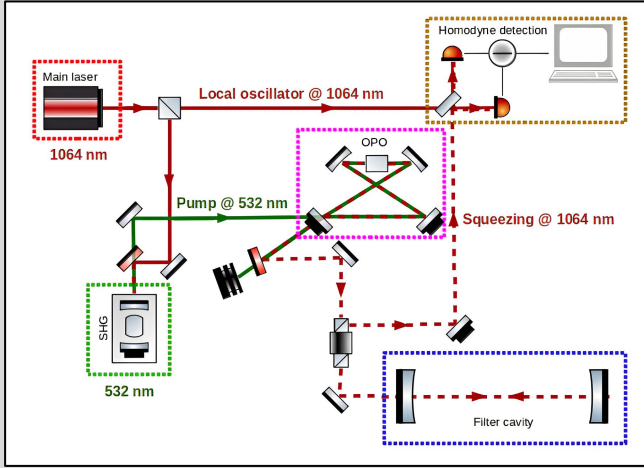


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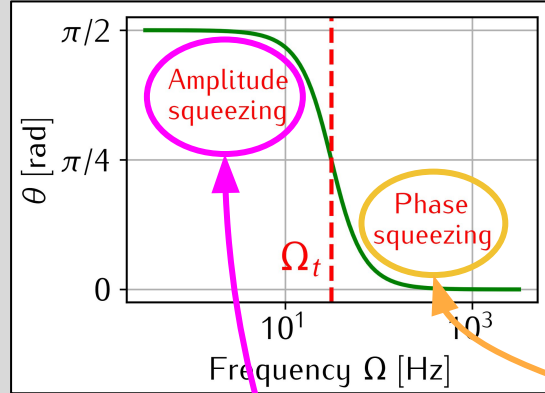
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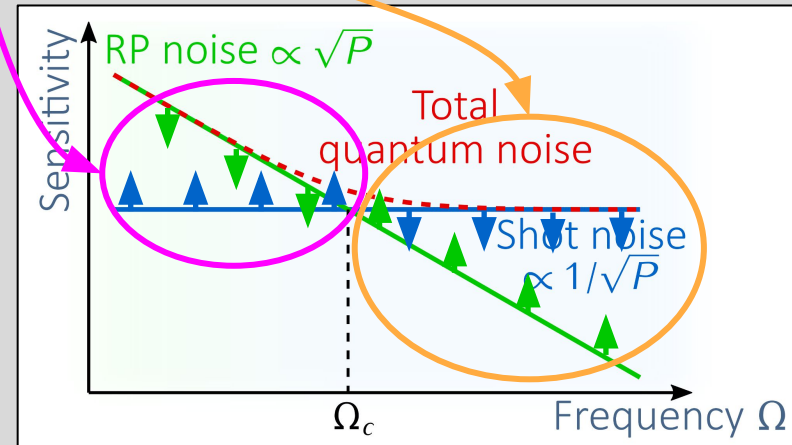


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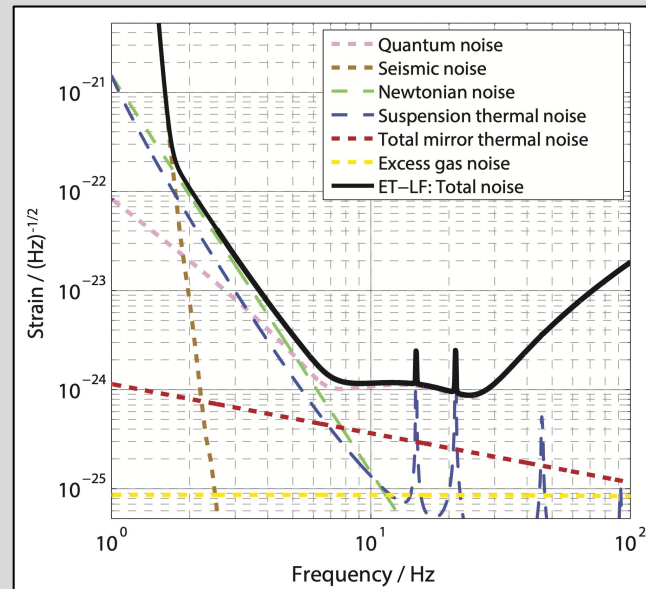


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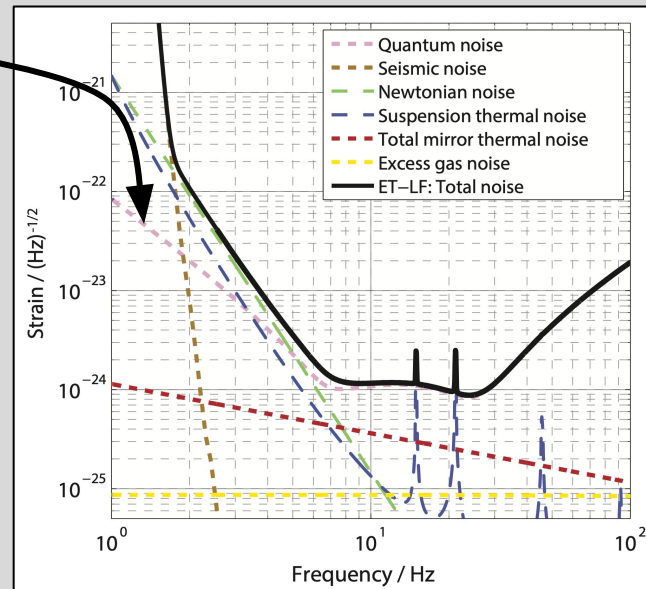
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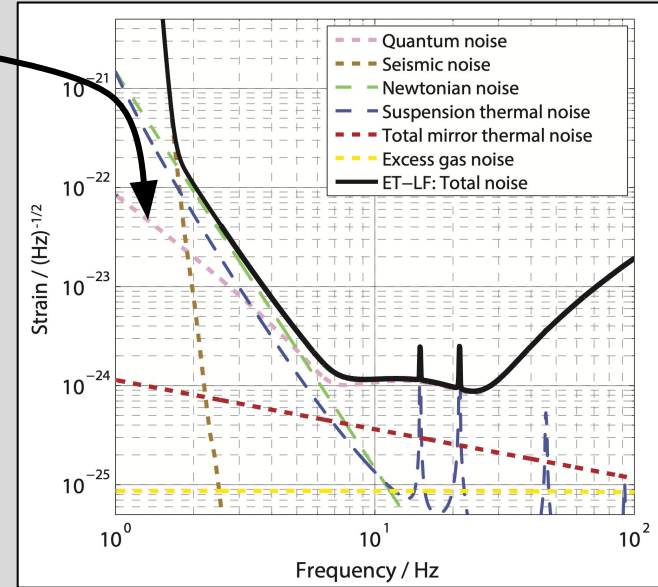
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What could be the role of three-mirror cavities (3MC) ?

At this stage, the use of three-mirror cavity for squeezing filtering is an open questions.

To provide answers, we need to understand the squeezing properties in the three-mirror cavity ⇒ First step is to have a complete understanding of three-mirror cavity optical behavior



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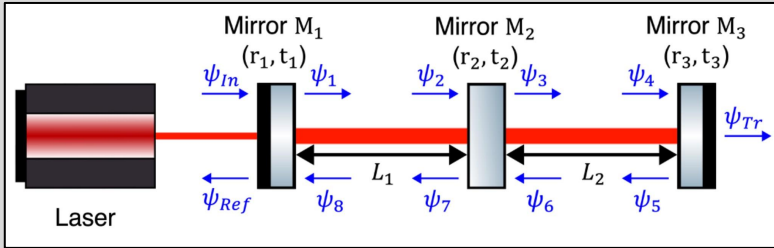


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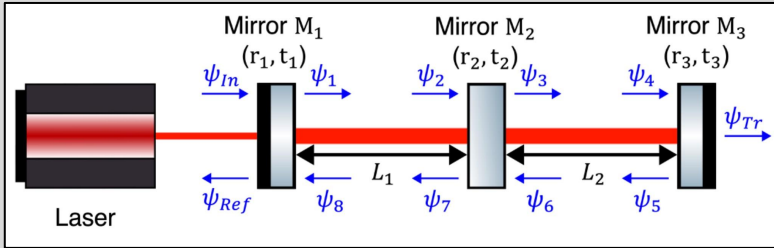
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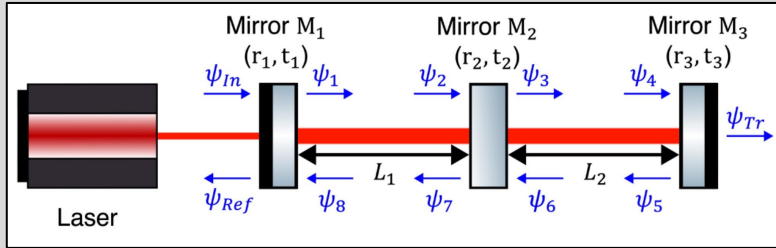


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Implement **global transmission coefficient** in a code

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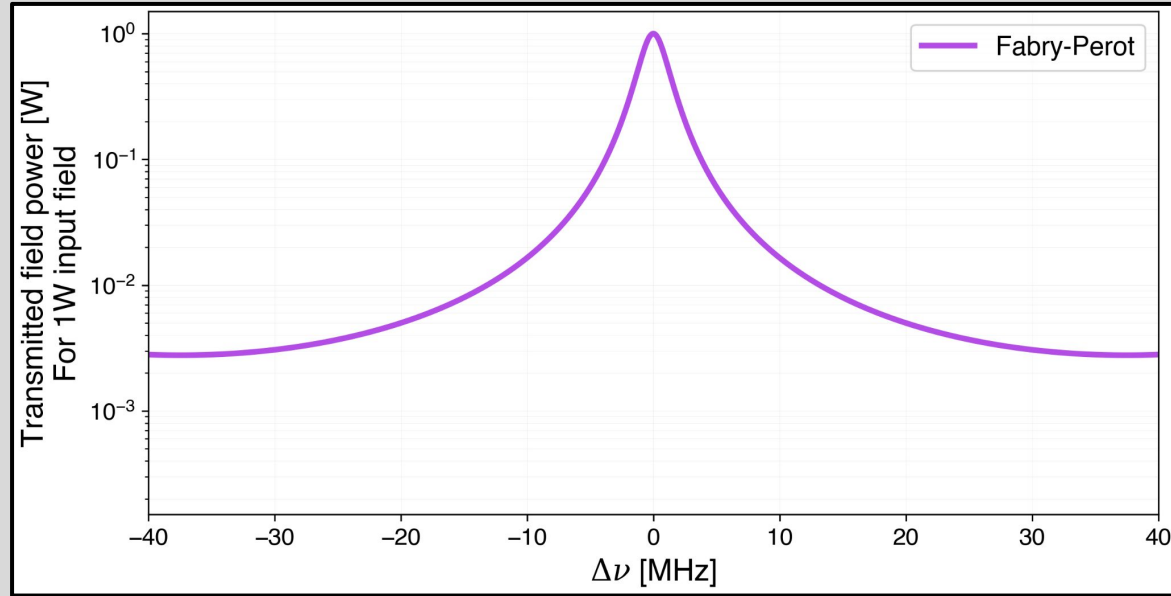
- Laser wavelength (wave-vector)**
- First, second and third mirrors transmission coefficients**
- L_1 and L_2 distances**

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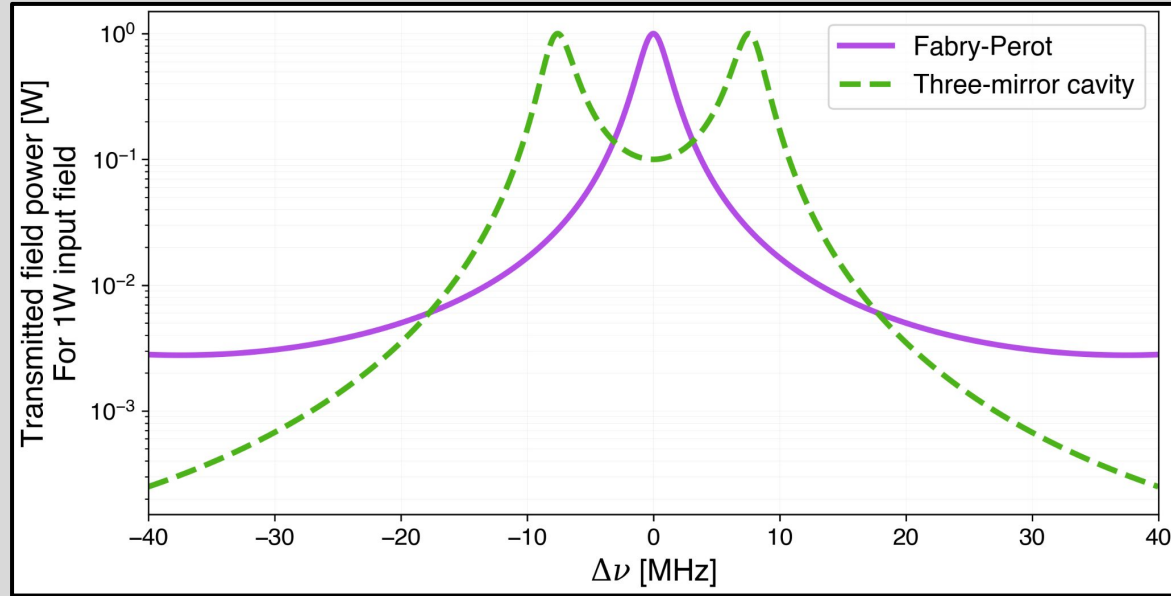
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How this “double-peak” shape varies as function of cavity parameters ?



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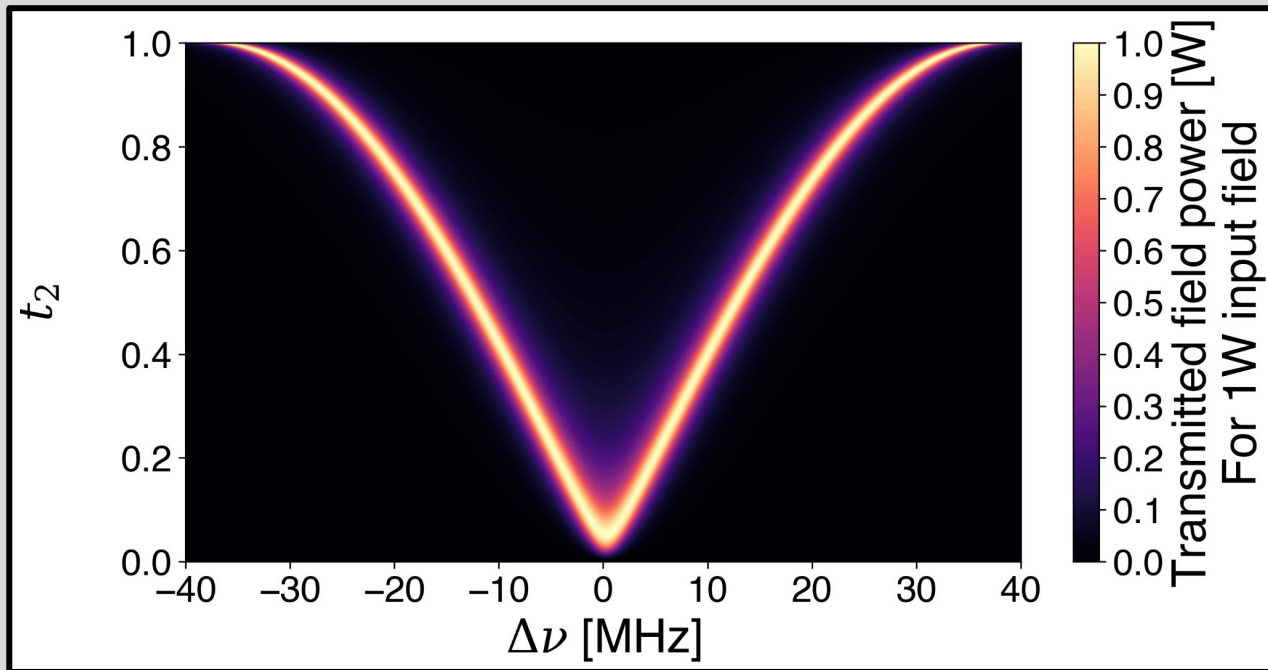
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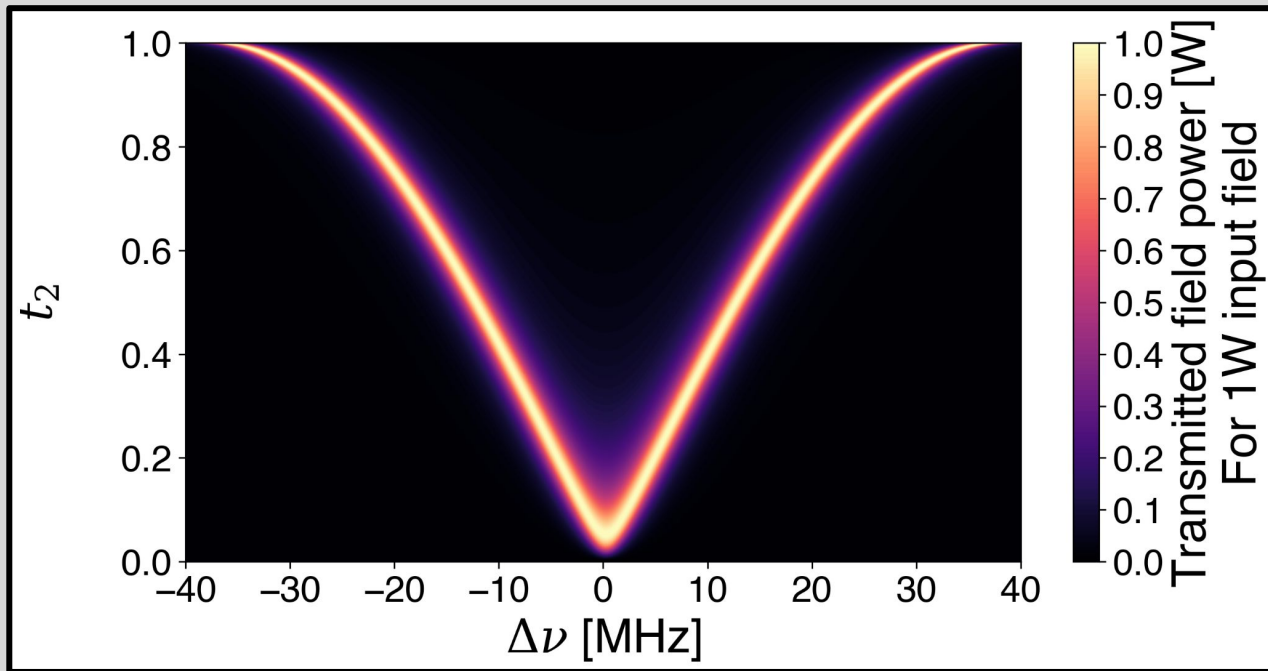
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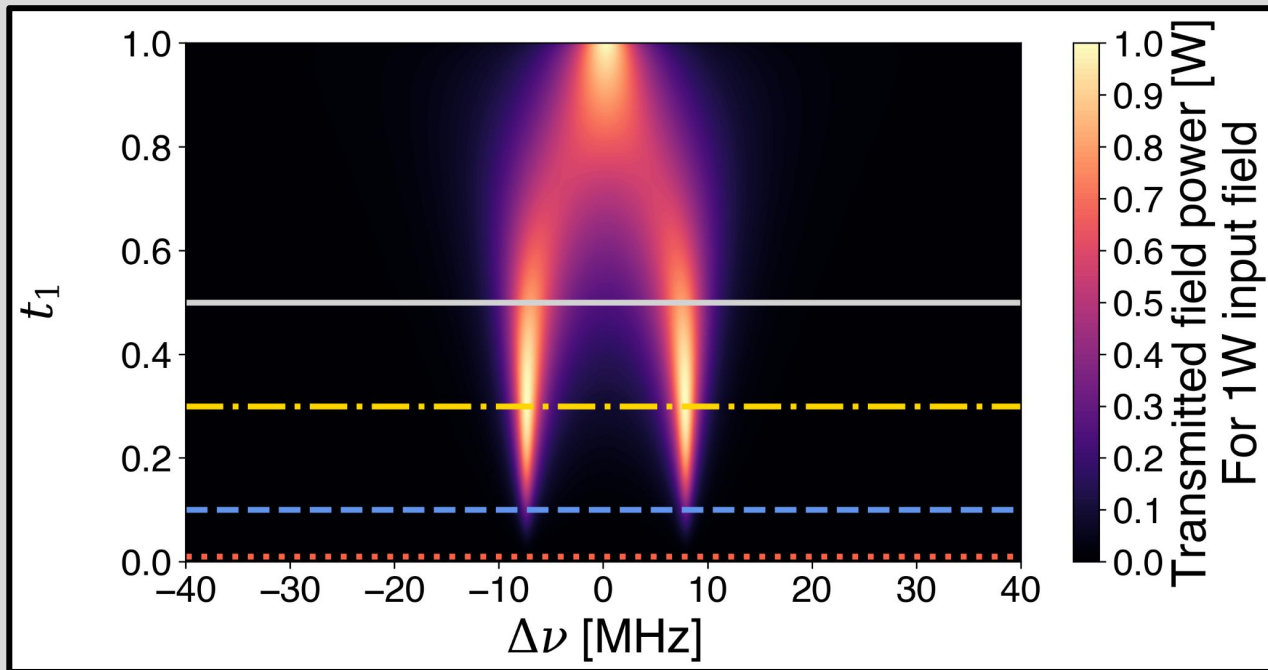
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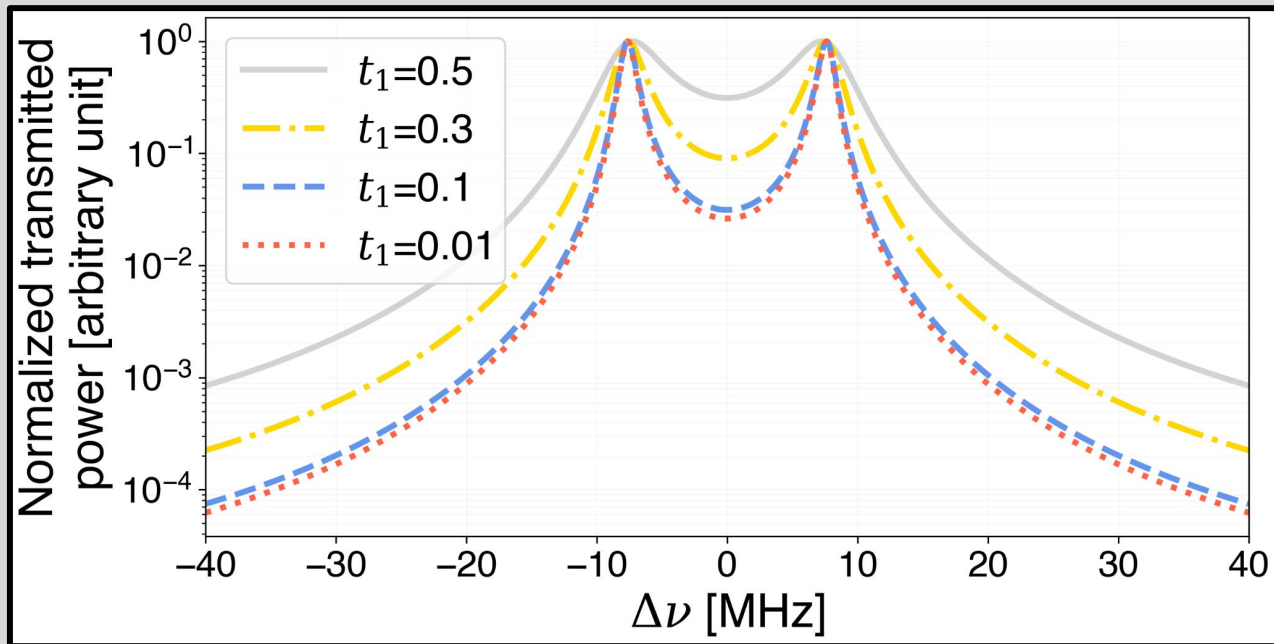
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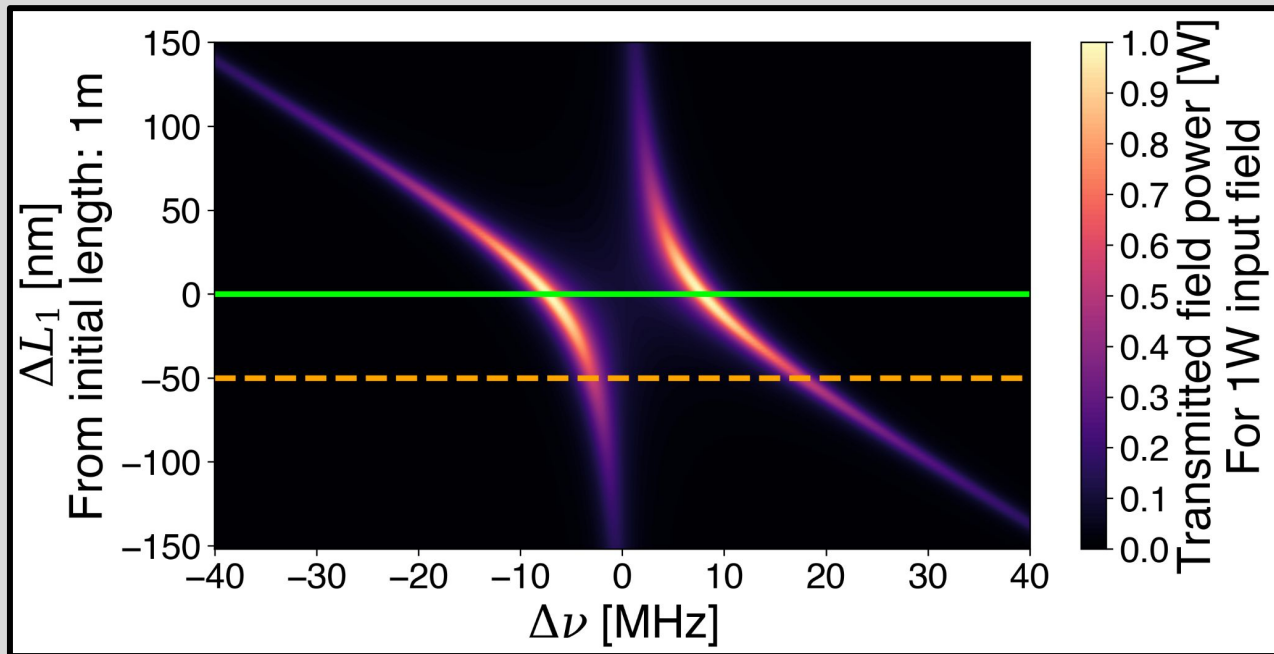
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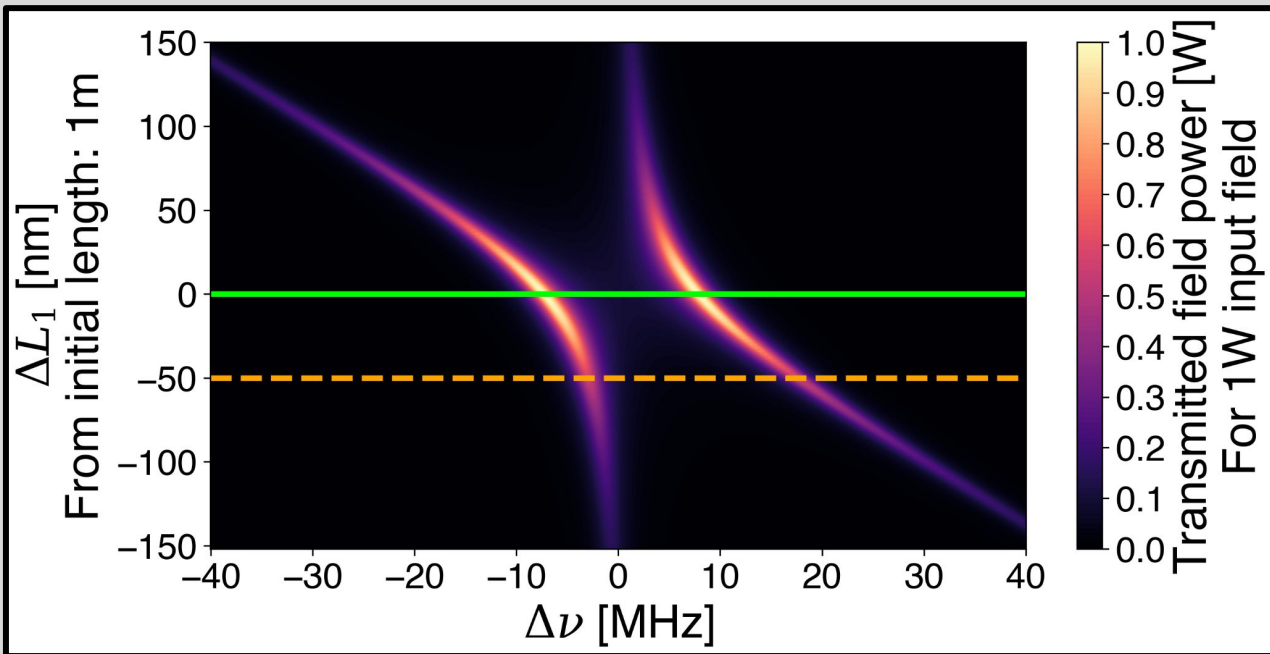
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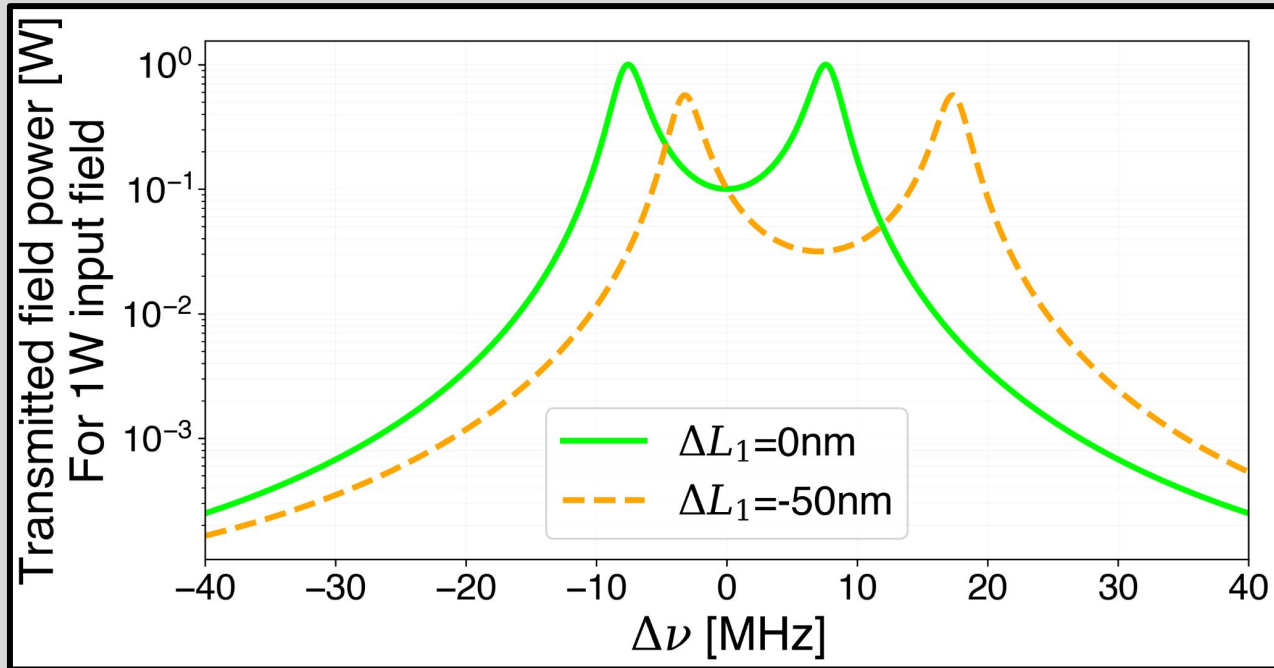
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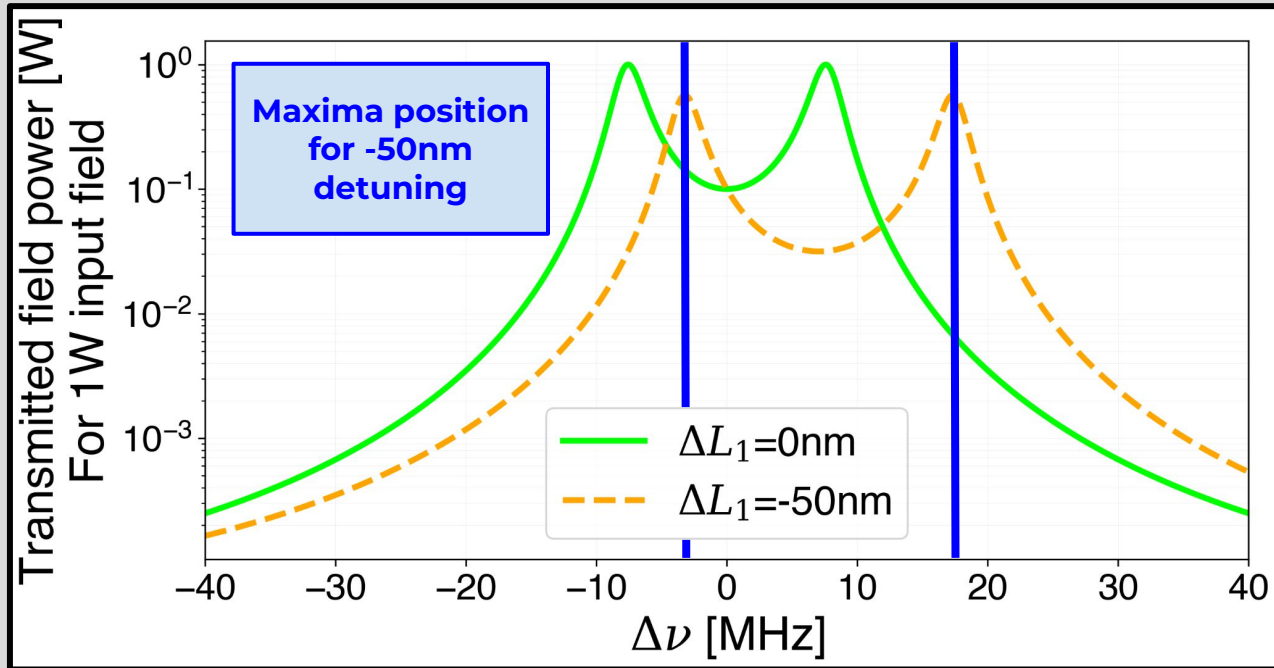
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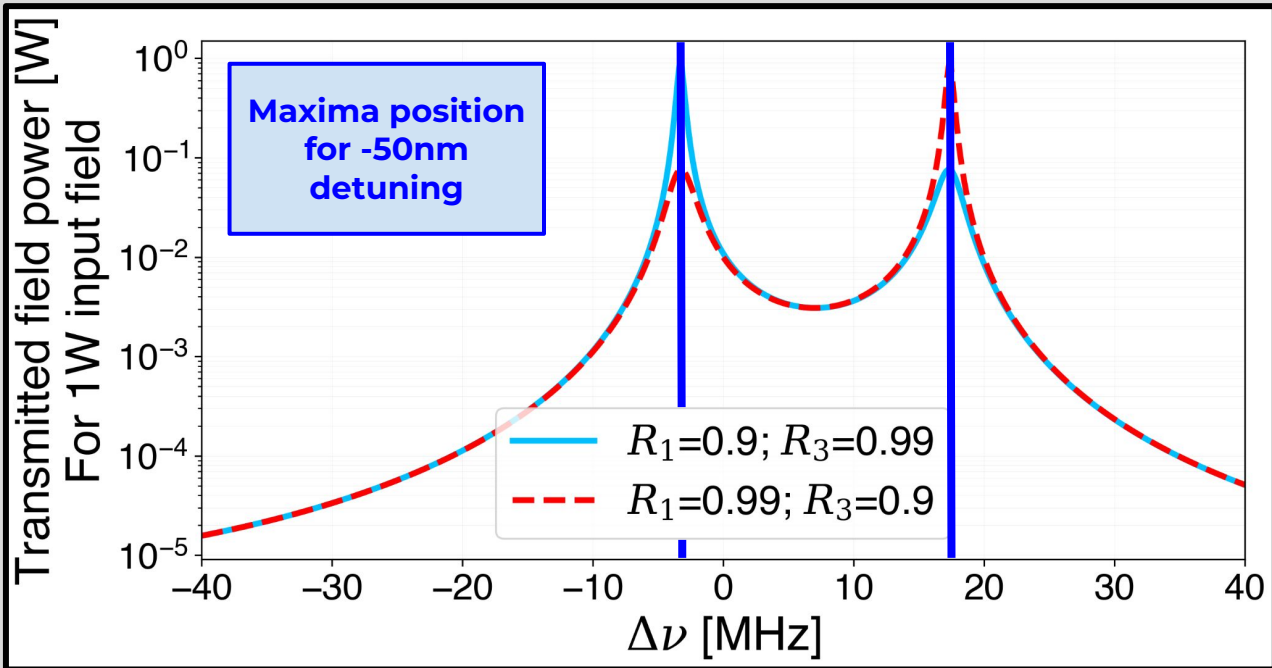
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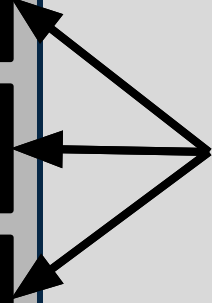
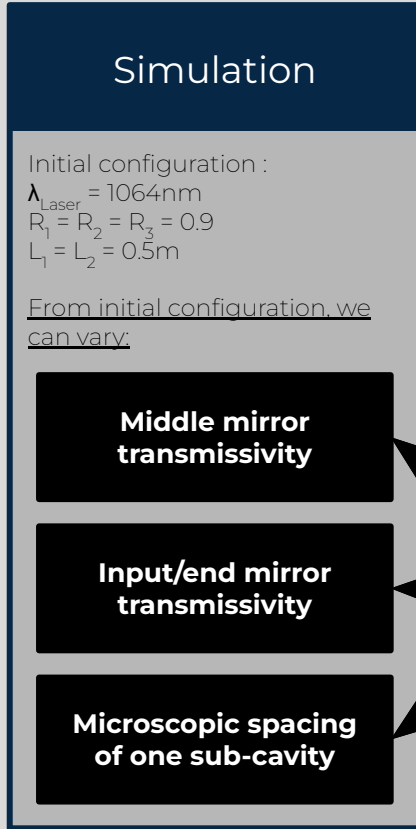
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⇒ From a microscopically asymmetrical cavity, it is possible to induce an asymmetry between maxima height by changing the ratio R_1/R_3

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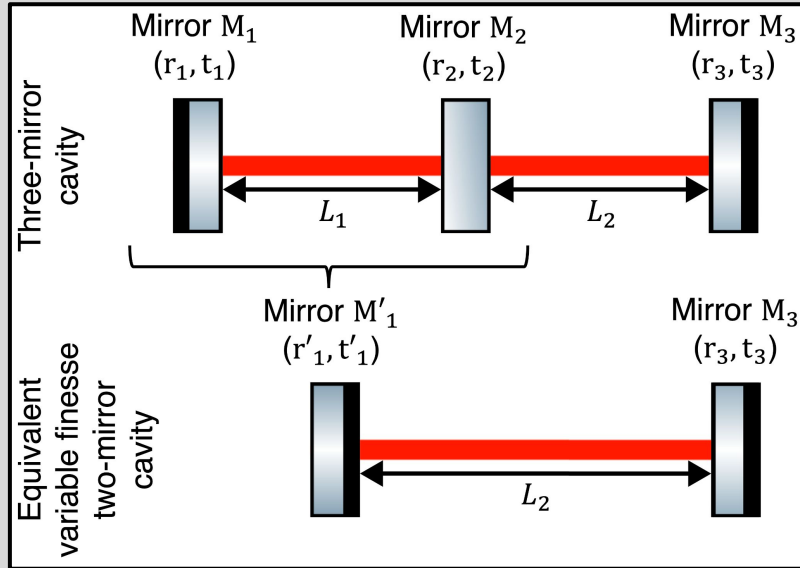
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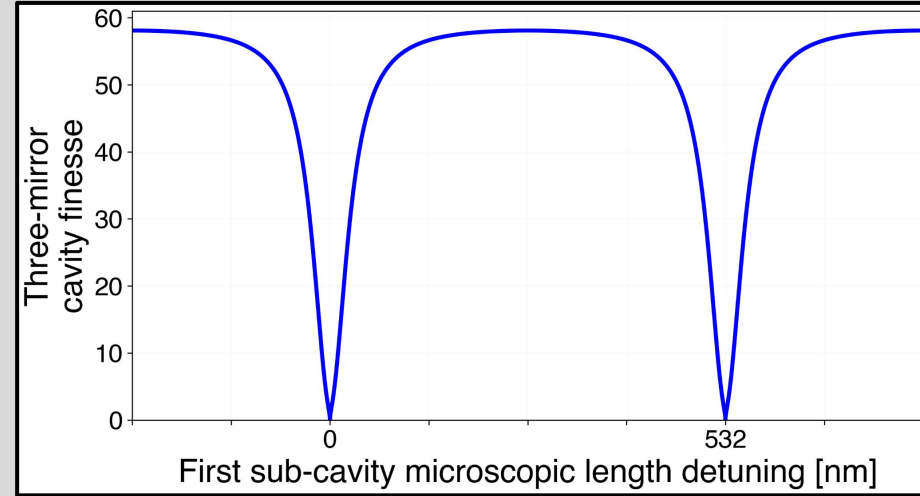
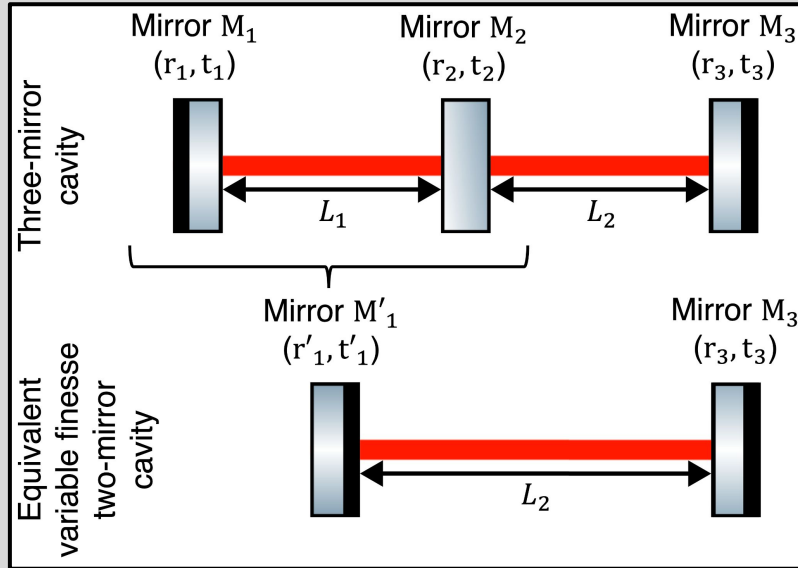
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Resonant \Rightarrow Finesse minimum
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Enough theory...

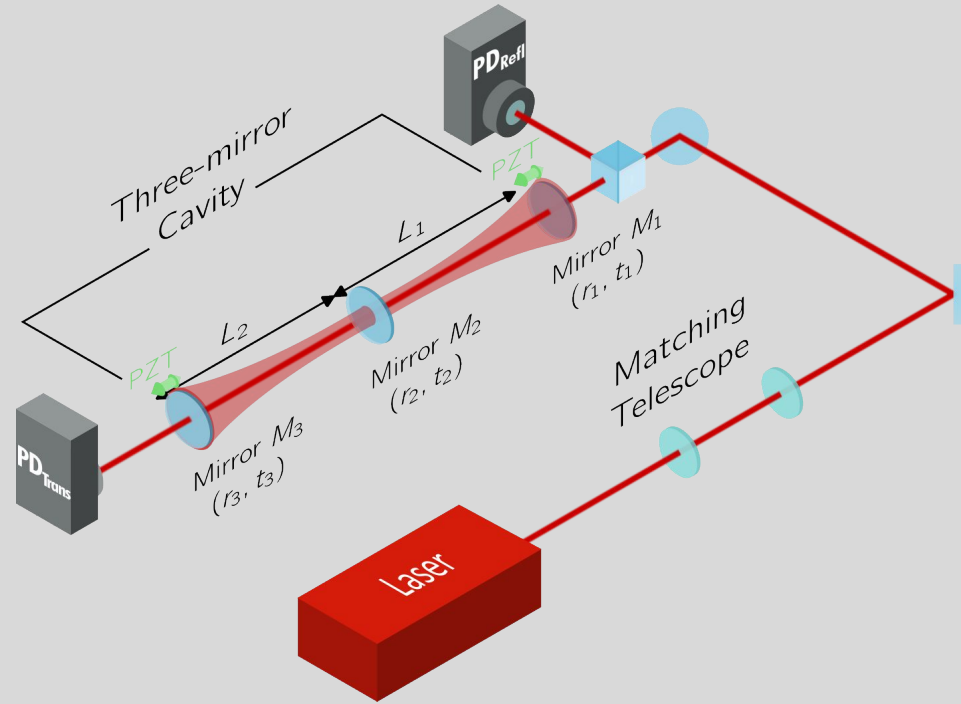
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We test **two different three-mirror cavity setup** having symmetrical/asymmetrical sub-cavities length

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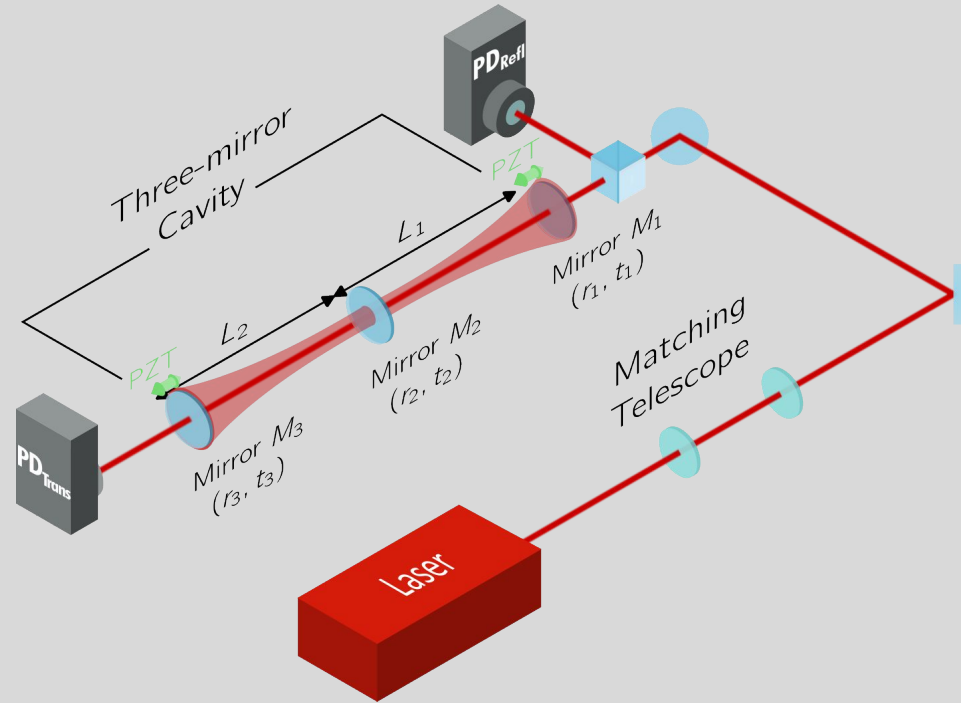
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$$\text{RoC}_2 = \infty$$

Setup B

Asymmetrical configuration

$$R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 0.9$$
$$L_1 = 256\text{mm}, L_2 = 161\text{mm}$$

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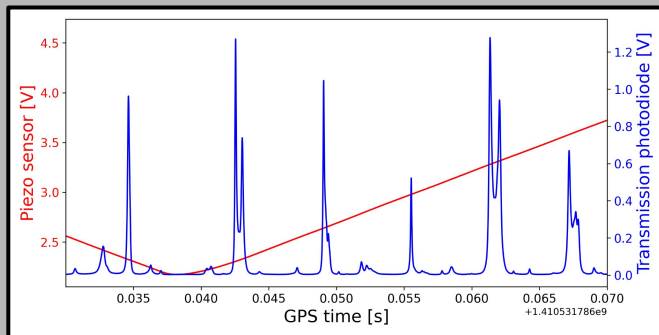
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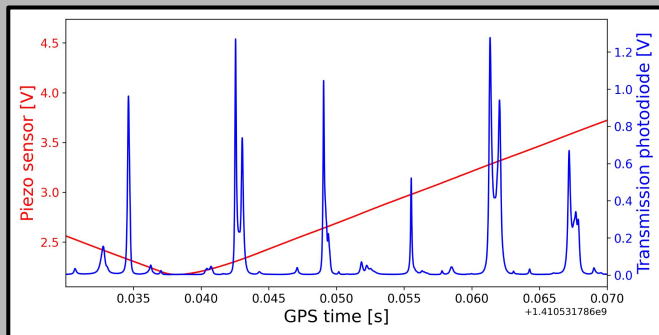


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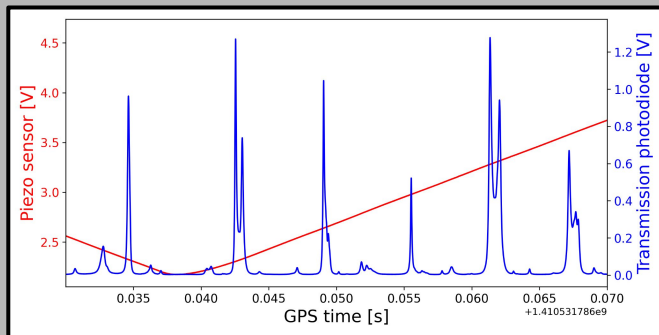
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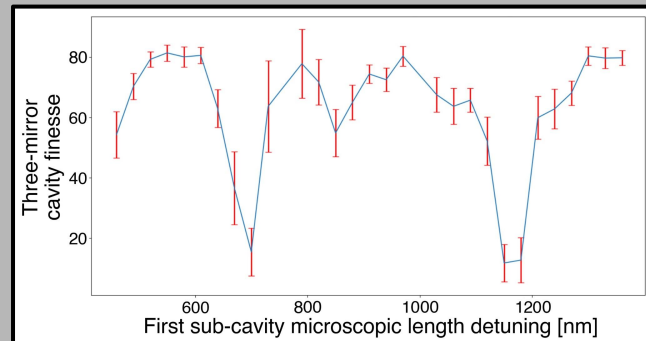
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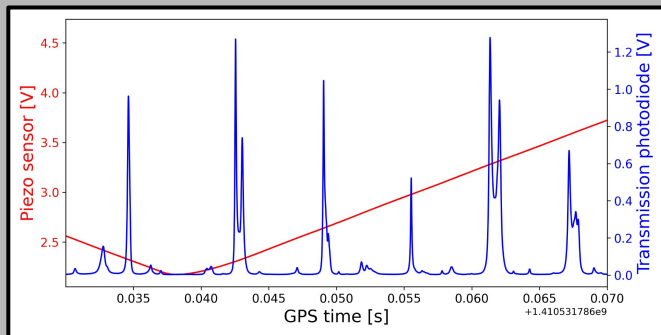
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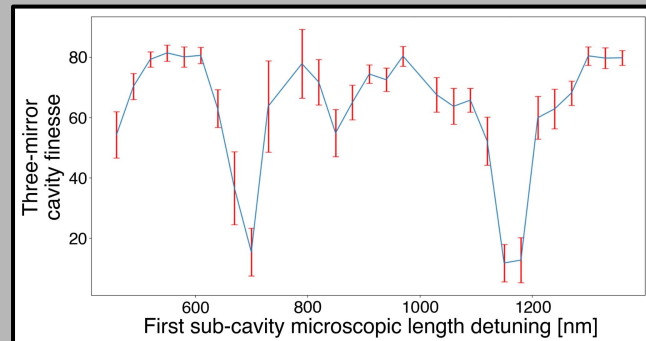
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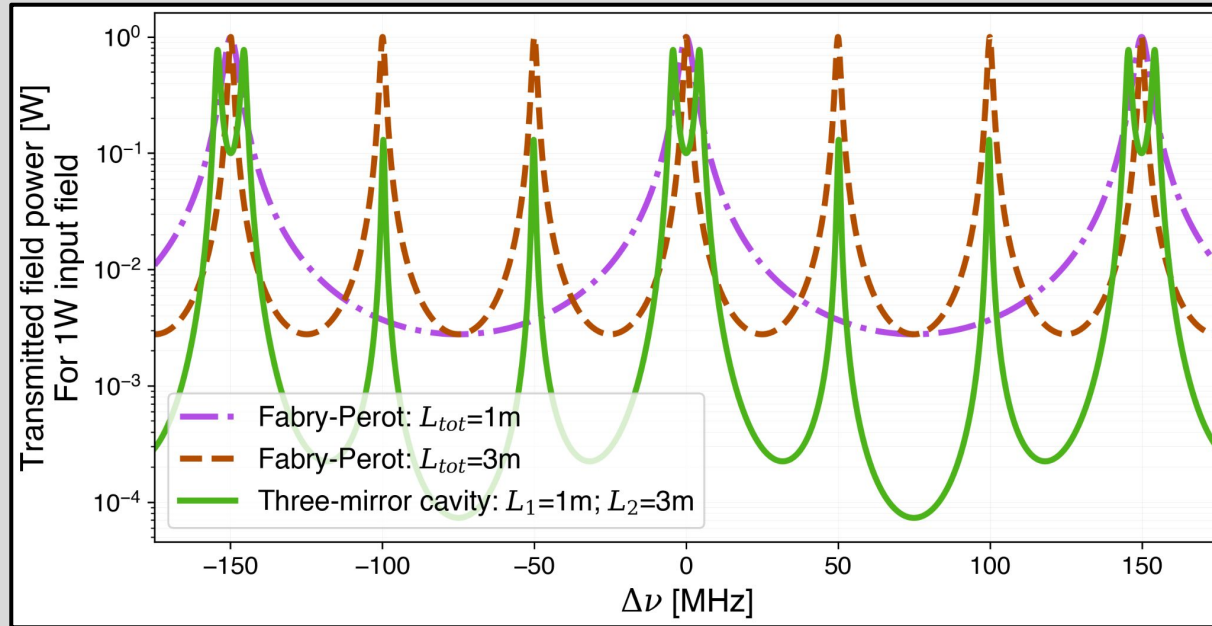
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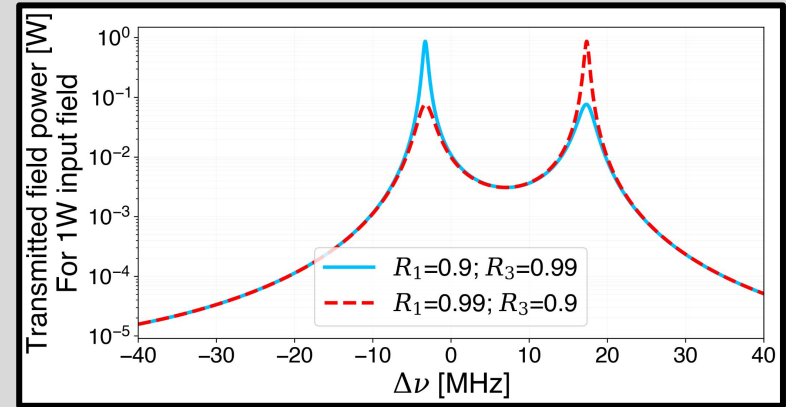
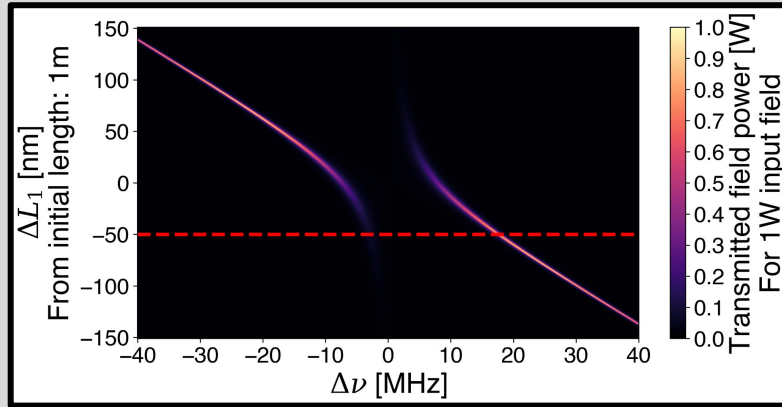
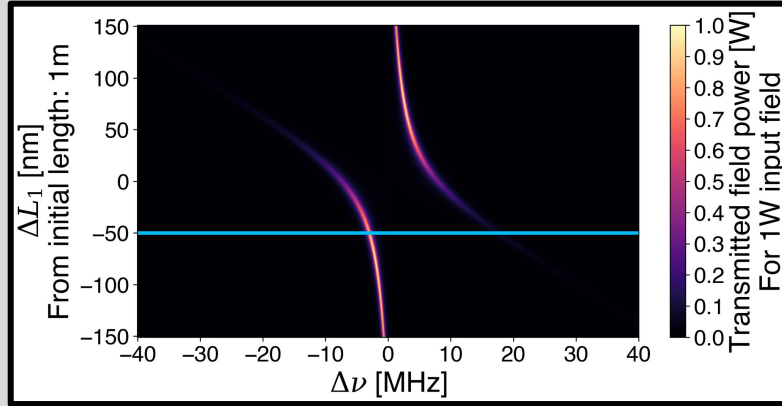
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Backup slides

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