

Ab initio quantum electrodynamics: from bare masses to modifications of thermodynamics

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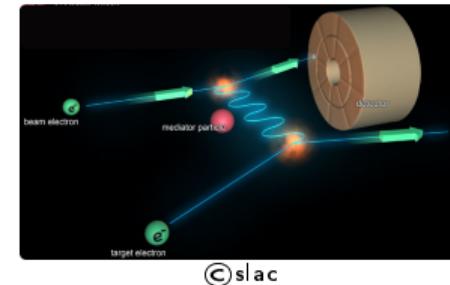
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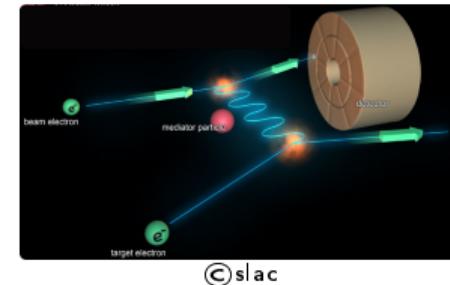
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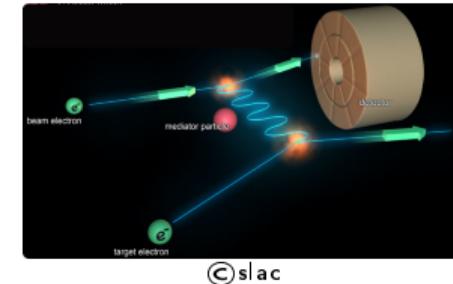
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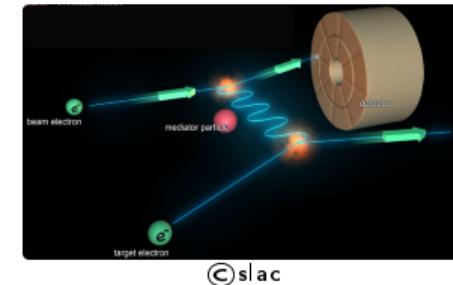
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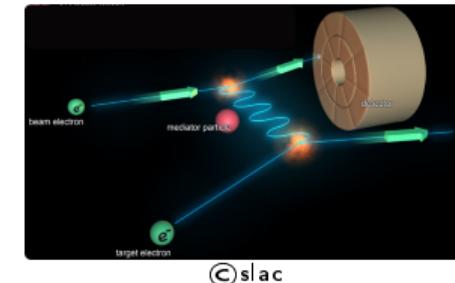
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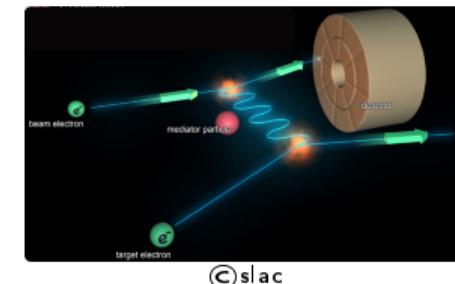
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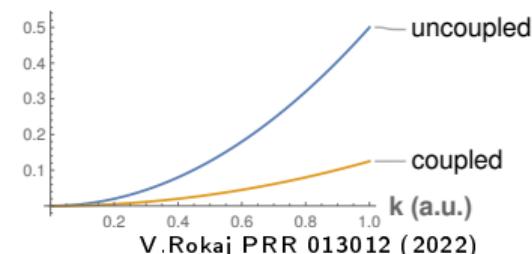
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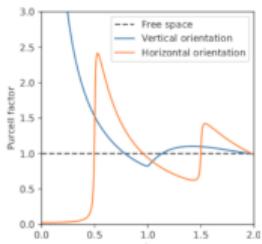
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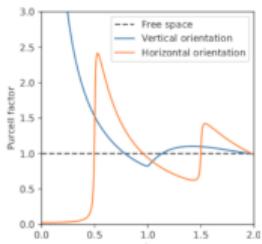
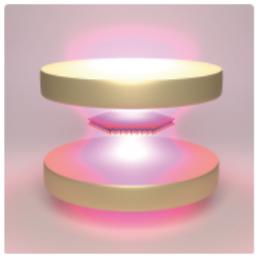


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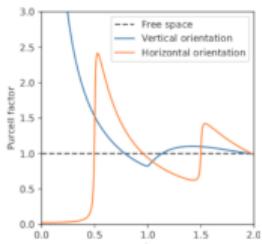
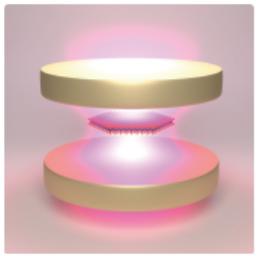


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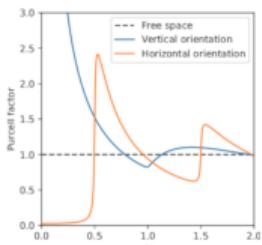
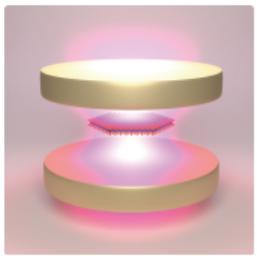


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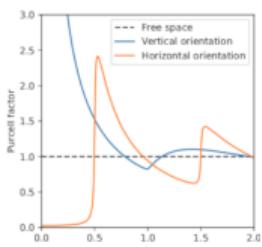
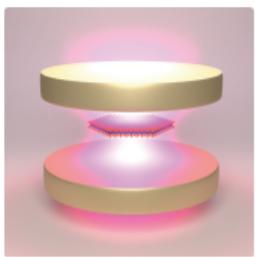
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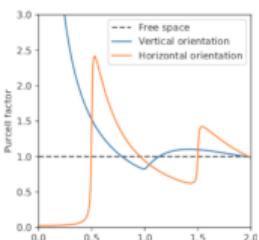
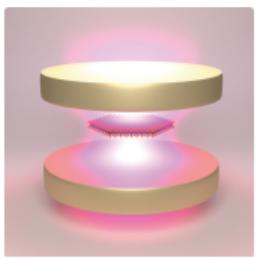
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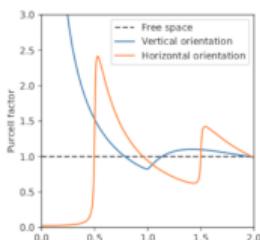
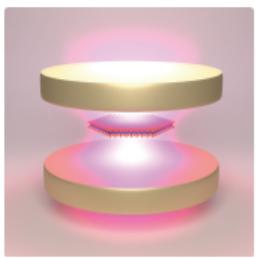
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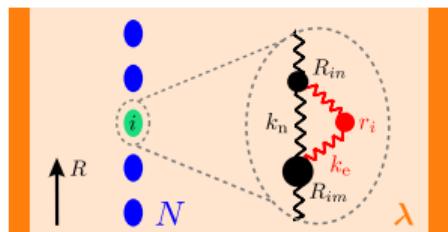
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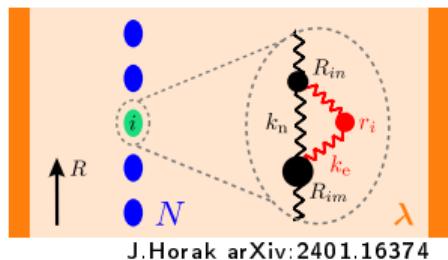
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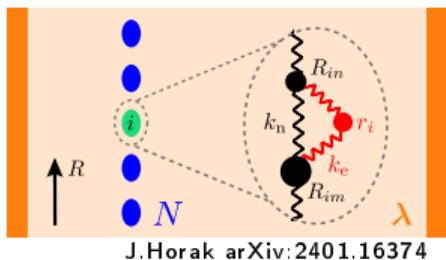


$$\text{Free space } \alpha_i \Rightarrow \alpha = N\alpha_i$$

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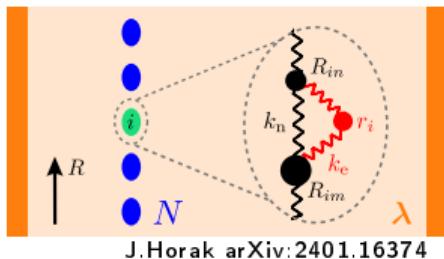
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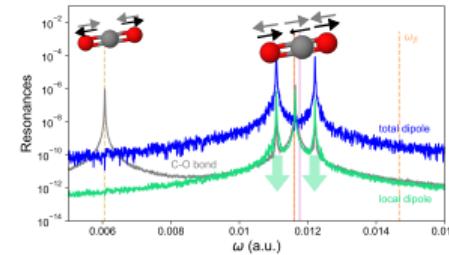
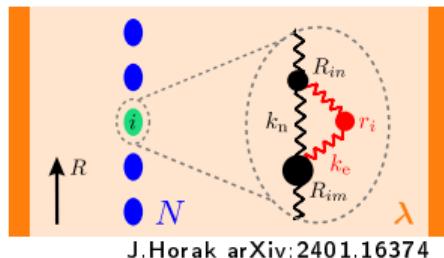
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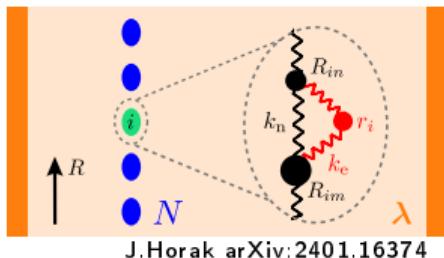
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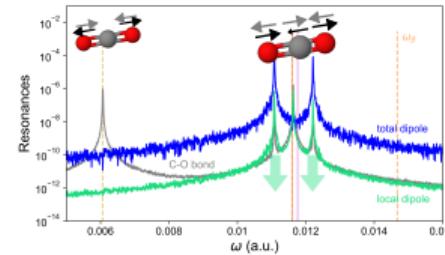


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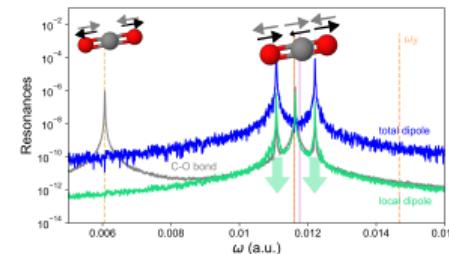
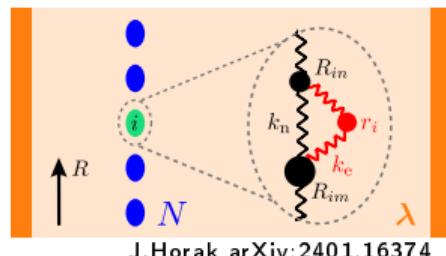
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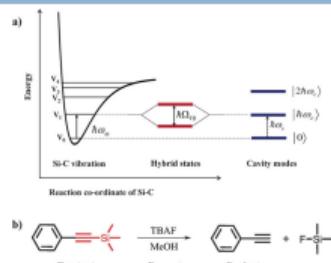
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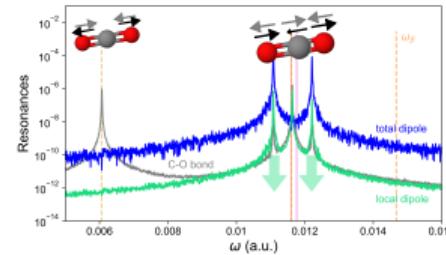
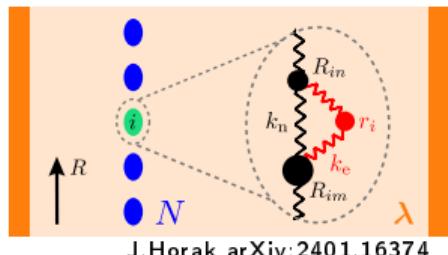
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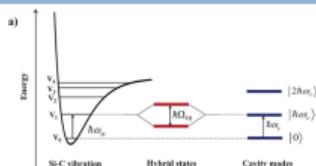
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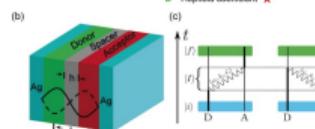
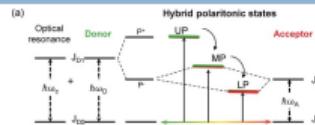
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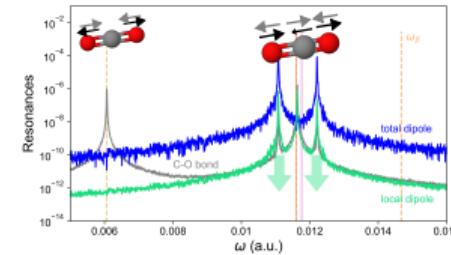
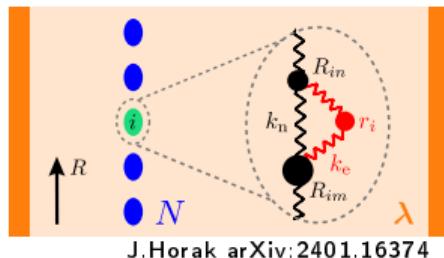
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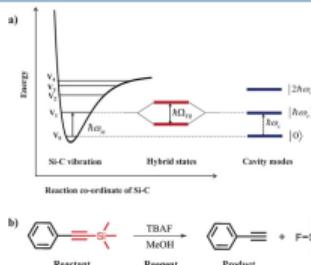
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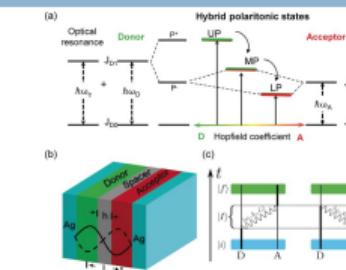
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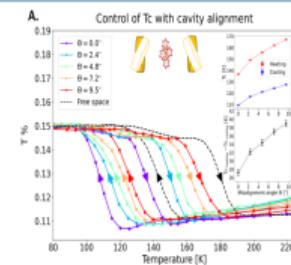
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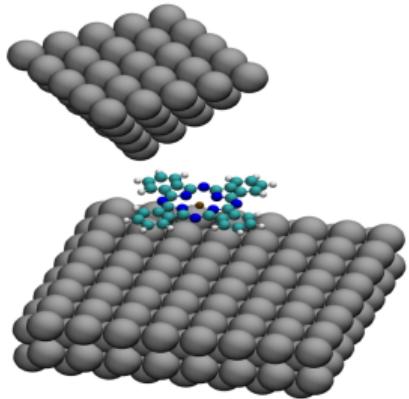
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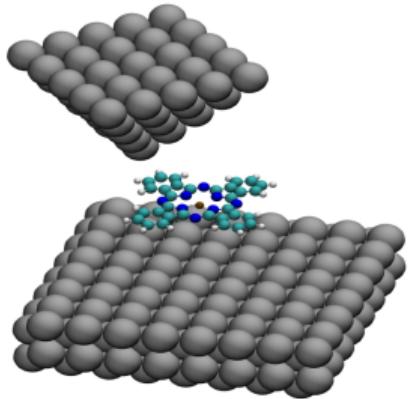
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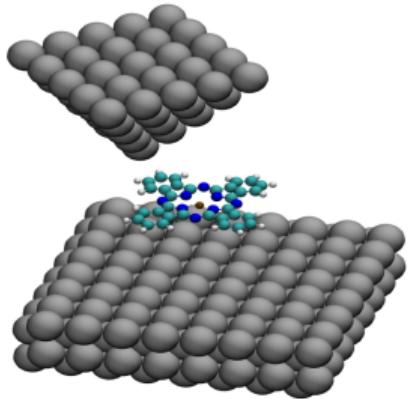


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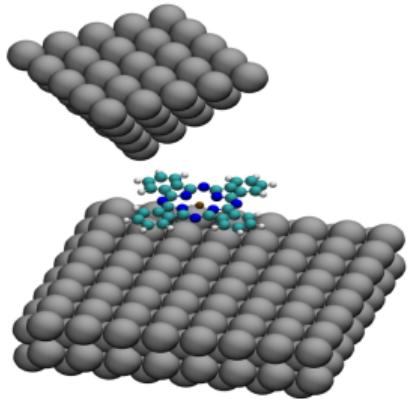


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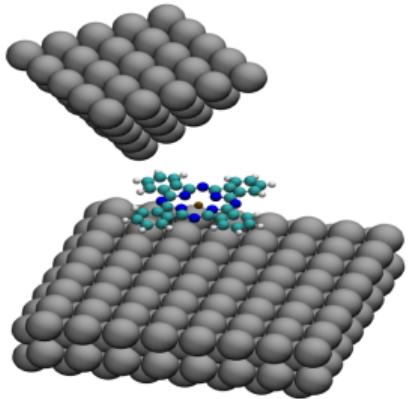
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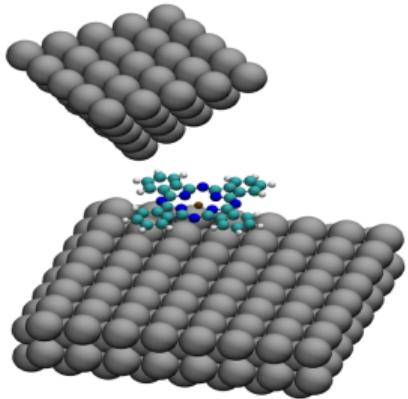


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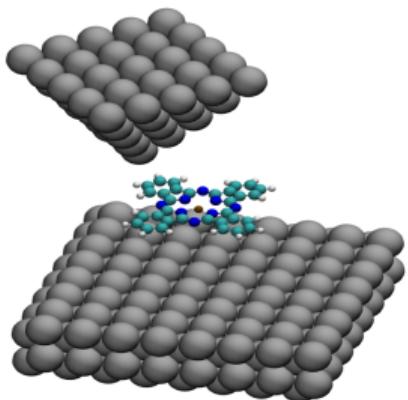
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