

Supplemental Material for “Catch-Disperse-Release Readout for Superconducting Qubits”

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Evolution of Wigner function and probability distributions

In this supplemental material, we present the evolution of the Wigner function for resonator field corresponding to initial states $|00\rangle$ and $|\overline{10}\rangle$. Here the eigenstate $|\overline{10}\rangle = \cos\theta_1|00\rangle - \sin\theta_1|01\rangle$ with $\tan\theta_1 = 2g(\Delta_0^2 + 4g^2)^{-1/2}$, where Δ_0 is the initial qubit-resonator detuning and g is the qubit-resonator field coupling. Note that for large Δ_0 , the eigenstate $|\overline{10}\rangle \approx |10\rangle$ (in $|nm\rangle$, n represents qubit state and m represents the Fock state). We also present the evolution of the probability distributions of the measurement result x_φ at different times, and the waveform used for qubit frequency and for the microwave pulse. In the results presented up to page 14, we assumed a two-level model of the qubit.

We compute the Wigner function using the formula

$$W(\alpha) = \text{Tr} \left[D(-\alpha) \rho D(\alpha) e^{i\pi a^\dagger a} \right],$$

where $D(\alpha) = e^{-|\alpha|^2} e^{\alpha a^\dagger} e^{-\alpha^* a}$ is the usual displacement operator, ρ is the density operator for the resonator field, and a^\dagger and a are creation and annihilation operators for the resonator field.

The qubit frequency and the microwave pulse used in all the results shown in the following slides have the form

$$\omega_q(t) = \omega_0 + \frac{(\Delta_0 - \Delta)}{2} \left[\text{Erf} \left(\frac{t - t_q}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_q} \right) - \text{Erf} \left(\frac{t - t_{qe}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{qe}} \right) \right]$$

$$B(t) = \frac{B_0}{2} \left[\text{Erf} \left(\frac{t - t_B}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_B} \right) - \text{Erf} \left(\frac{t - t_B - \tau_B}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_B} \right) \right]$$

The parameters used for the plots presented in all the slides are:

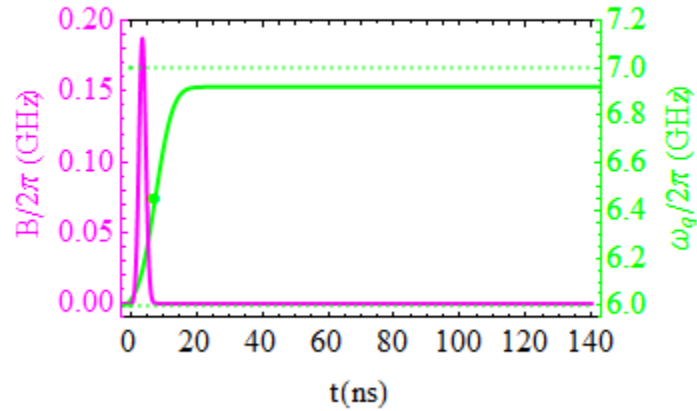
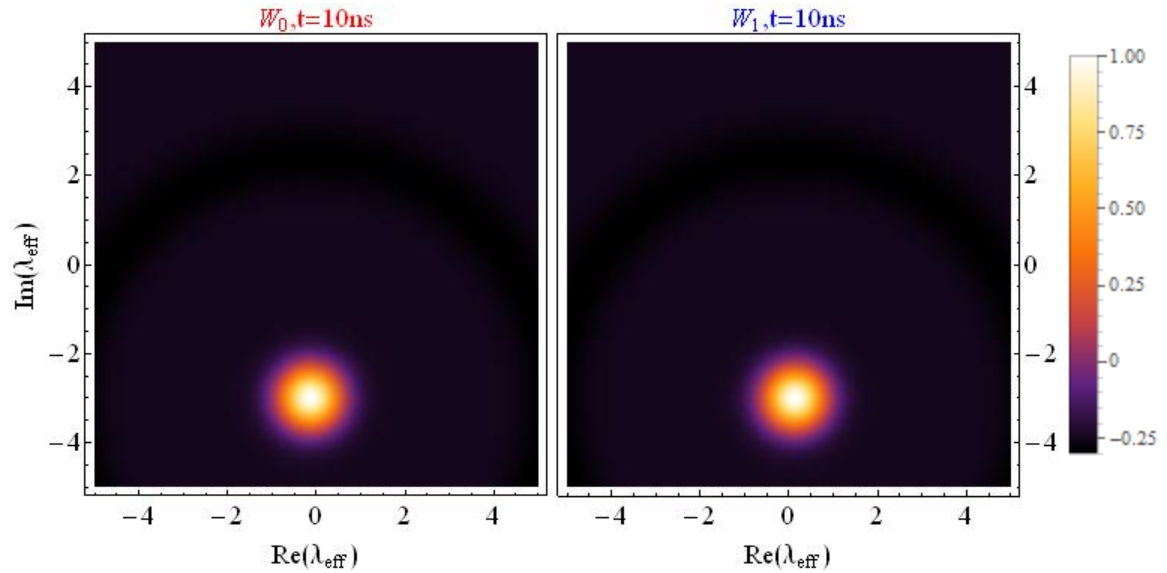
$$\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = 6\text{GHz}, \frac{\Delta_0}{2\pi} = 1\text{GHz}, \frac{\Delta}{2\pi} = 80\text{MHz}, \frac{g}{2\pi} = 30\text{MHz}$$

$$\sigma_q = 4\text{ns}, \sigma_{qe} = 1\text{ns}, t_q = 10\text{ns}, t_{qe} = 160\text{ns}$$

$$\frac{B_0}{2\pi} = 0.4974\text{GHz} (\sim 9 \text{ photons}), \sigma_B = 1\text{ns}, t_B = 3\text{ns}, \tau_B = 1\text{ns}$$

W_0 — Wigner function for resonator state corresponding to an initial state $|00\rangle$

W_1 — Wigner function for resonator state corresponding to an initial state $|\overline{10}\rangle$



Initial state: $|00\rangle$ (qubit in state $|0\rangle$)

P_{0L} — probability for qubit to be in state $|0\rangle$

P_{0R} — probability for qubit to be in state $|1\rangle$

Initial state: $|\overline{10}\rangle$ (qubit in state $|1\rangle$)

P_{1R} — probability for qubit to be in state $|1\rangle$

P_{1L} — probability for qubit to be in state $|0\rangle$

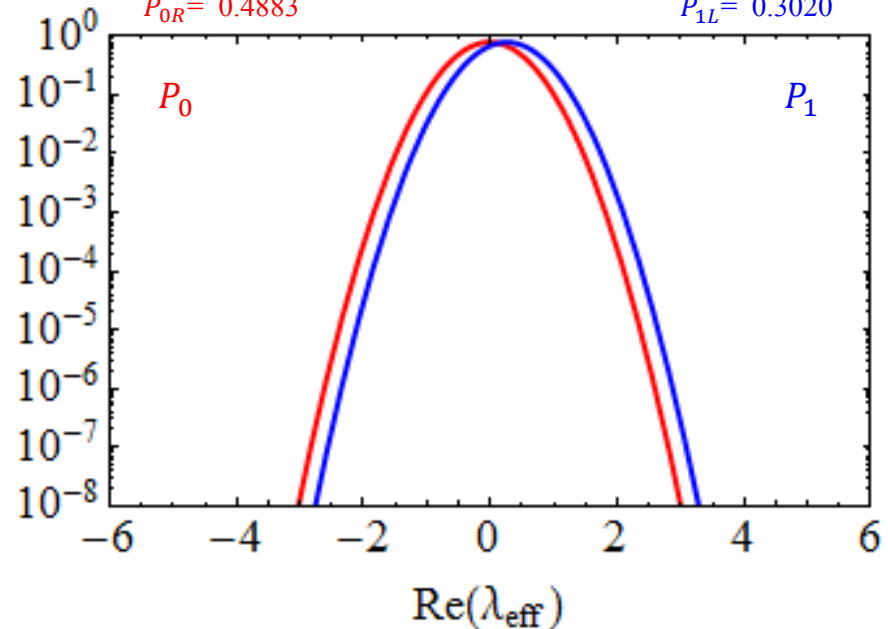
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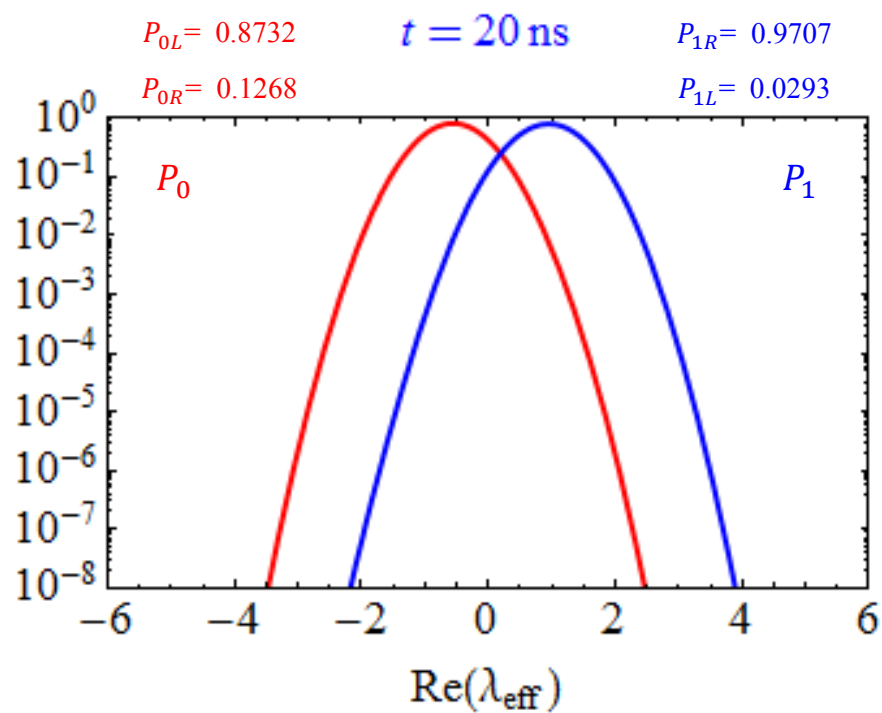
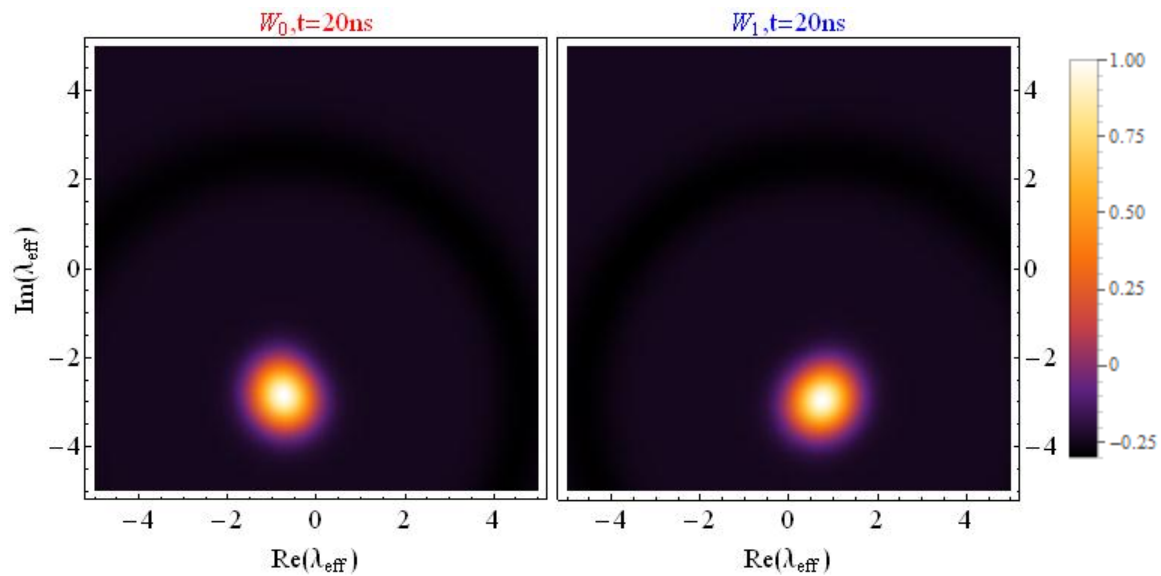
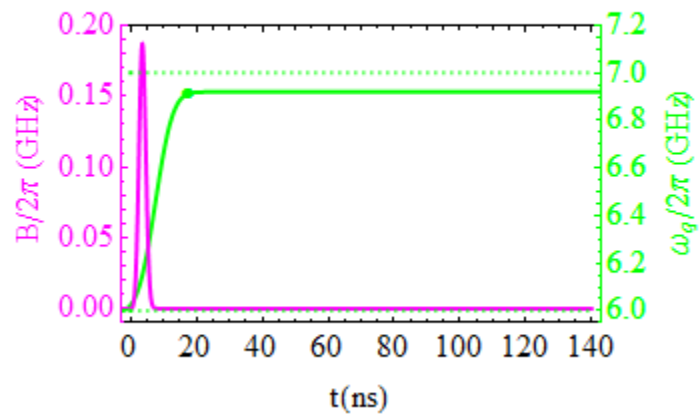
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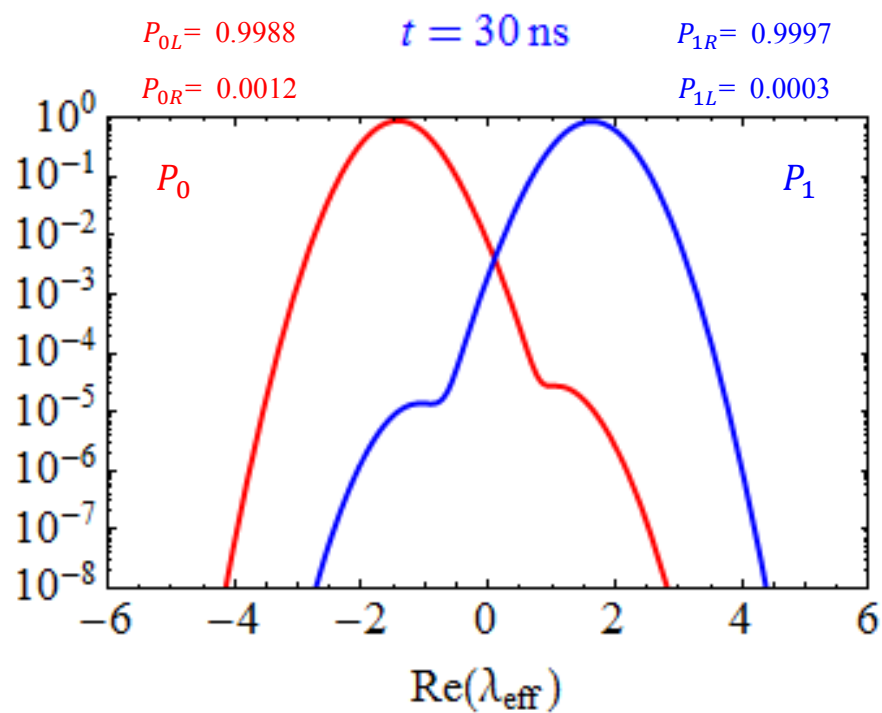
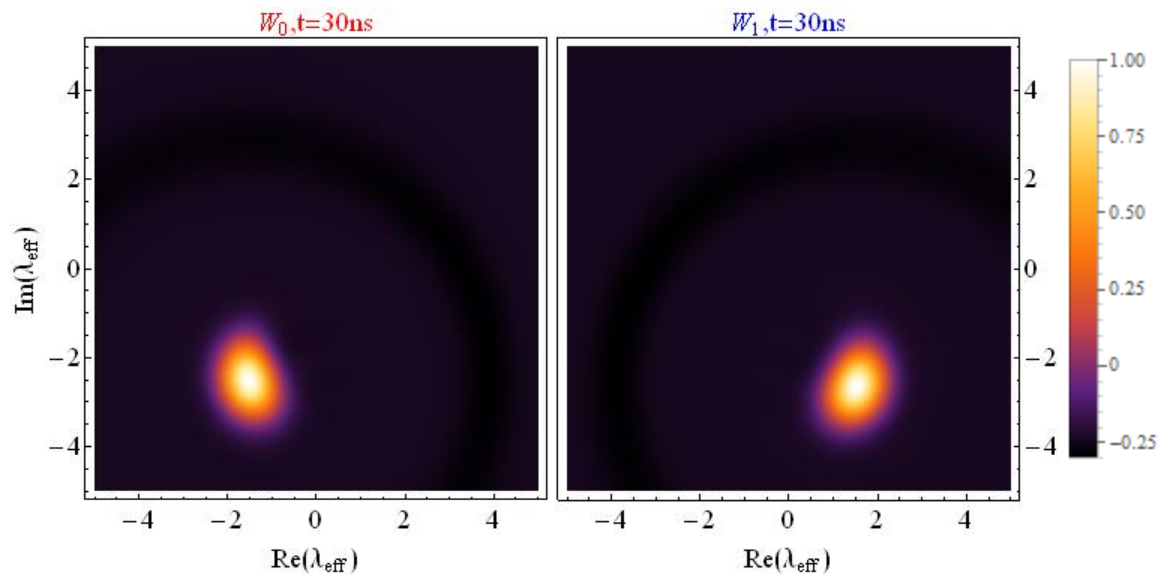
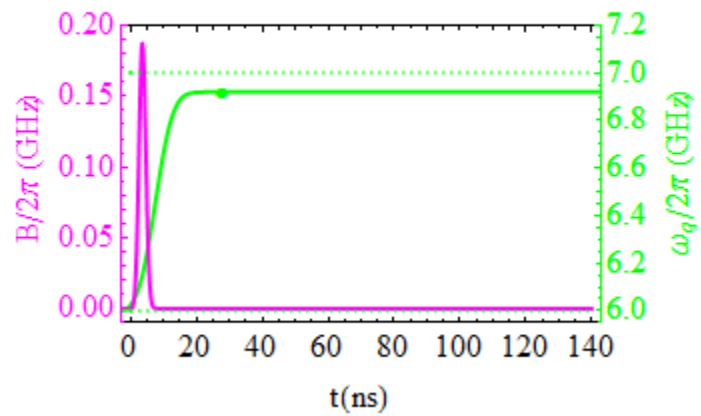
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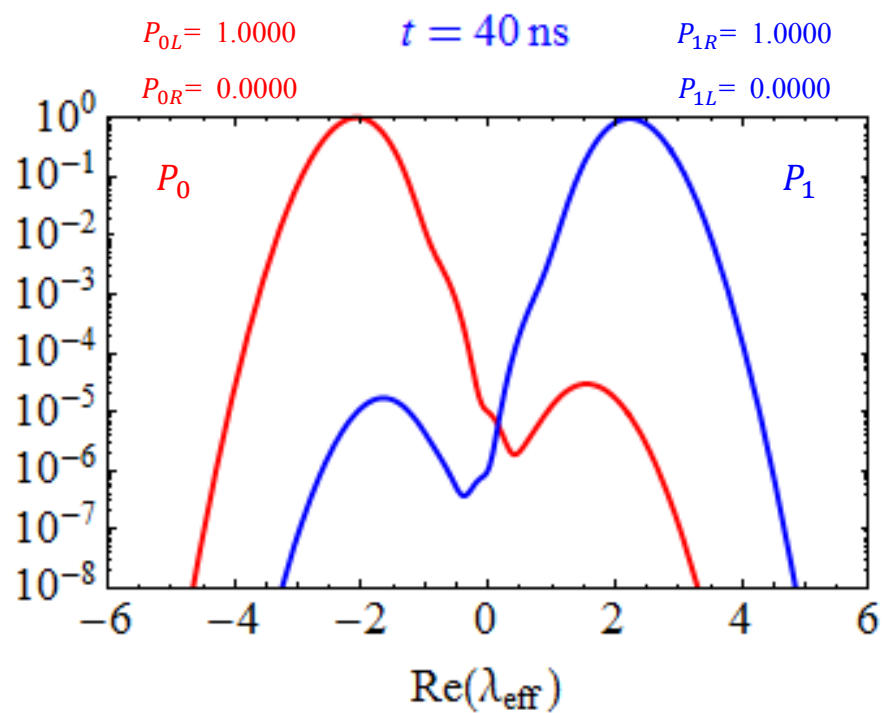
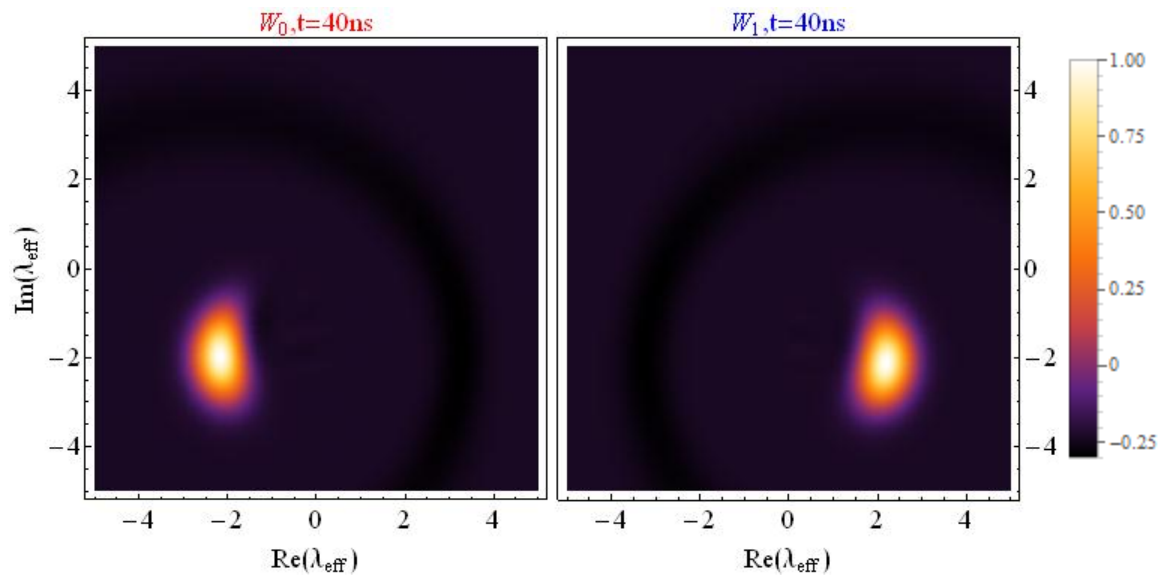
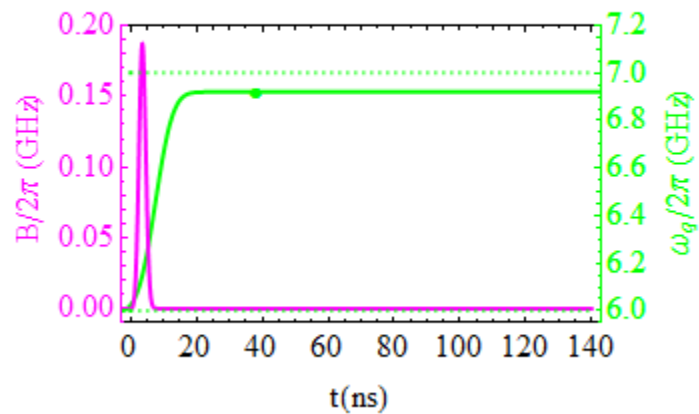
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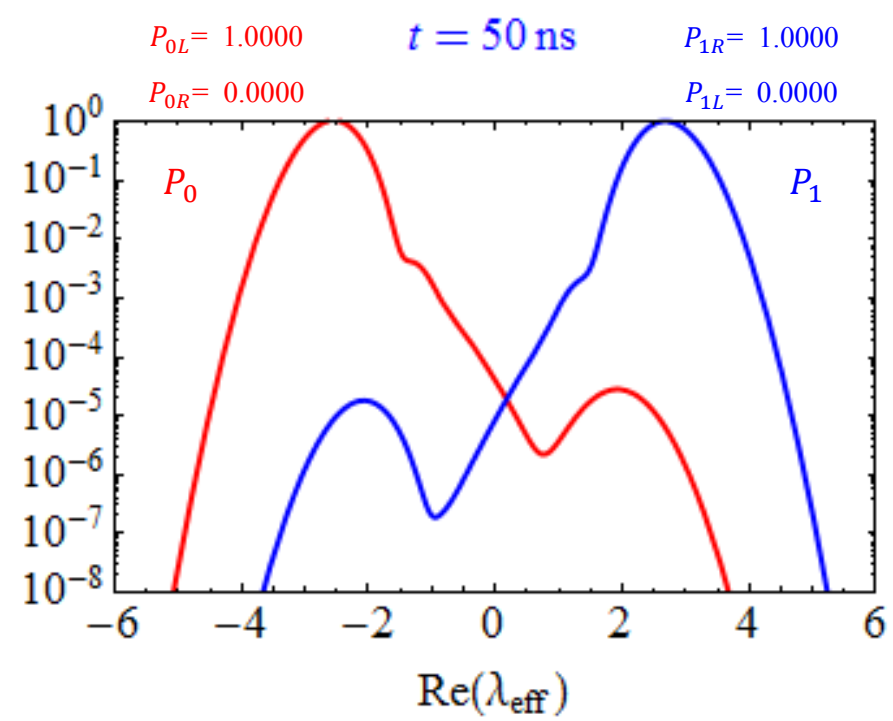
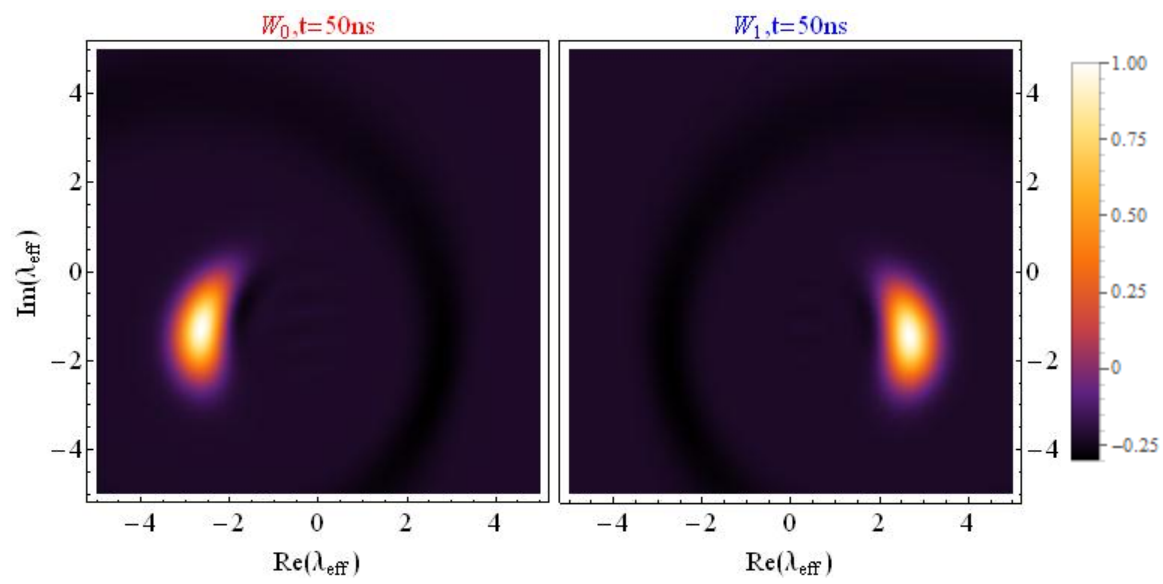
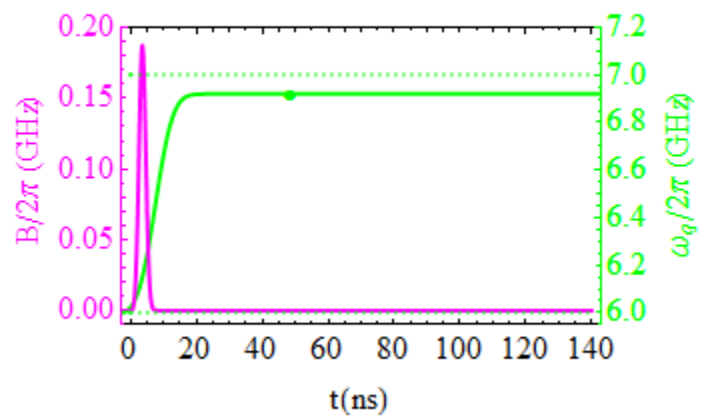
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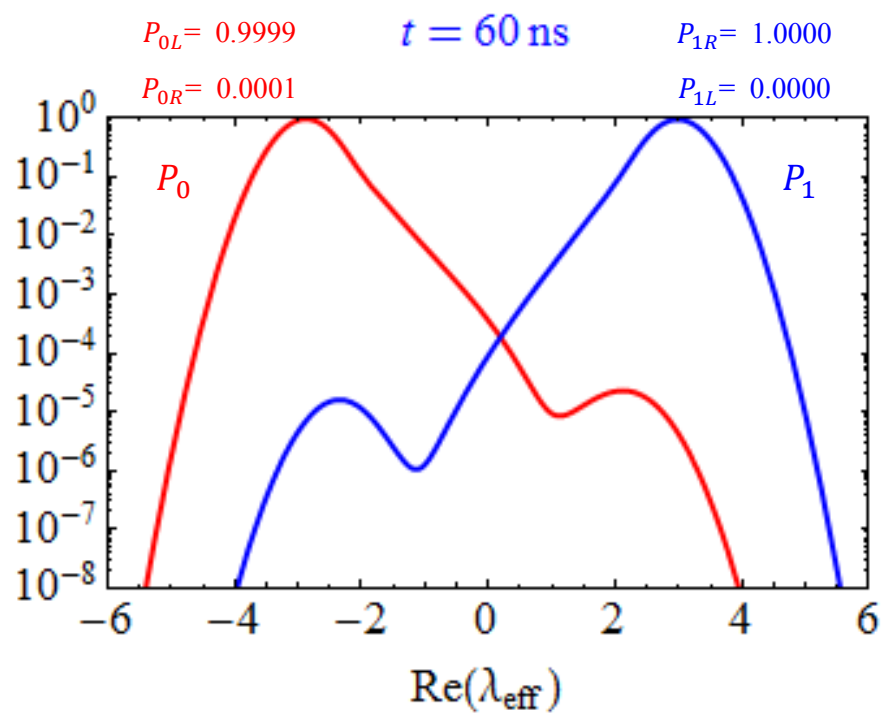
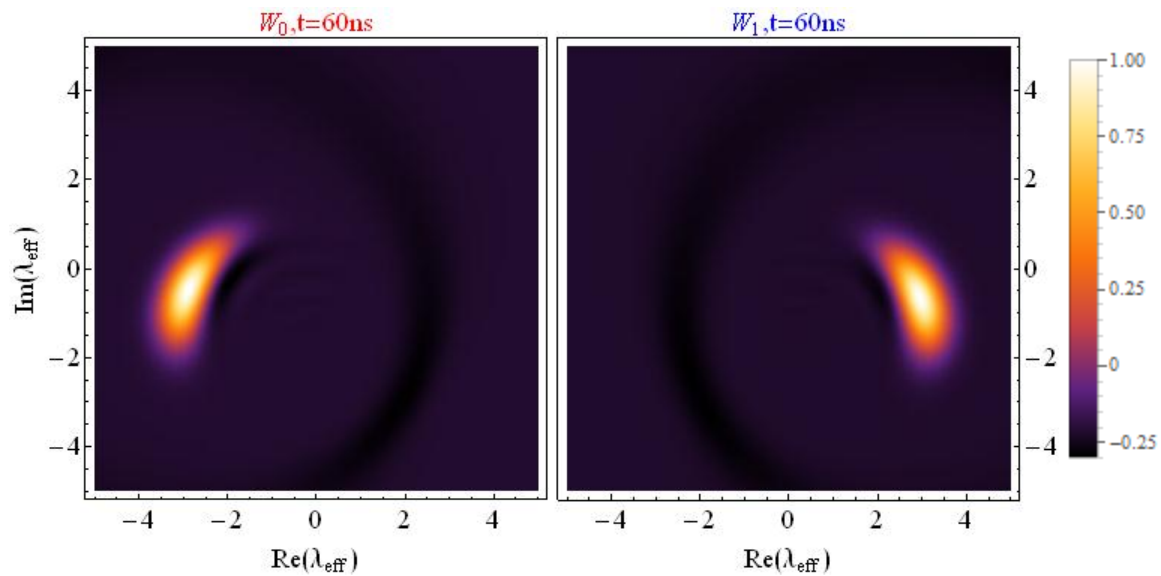
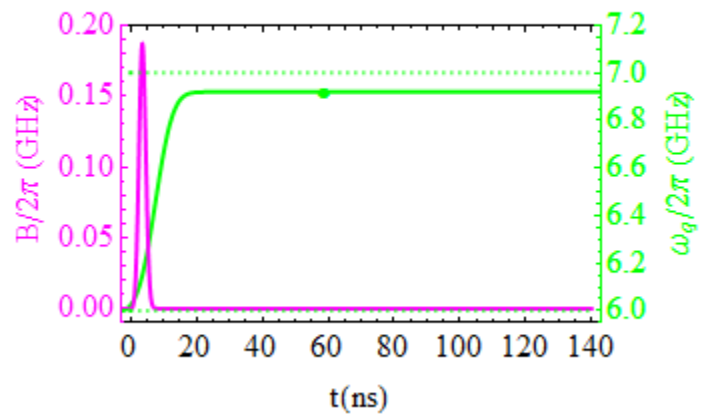


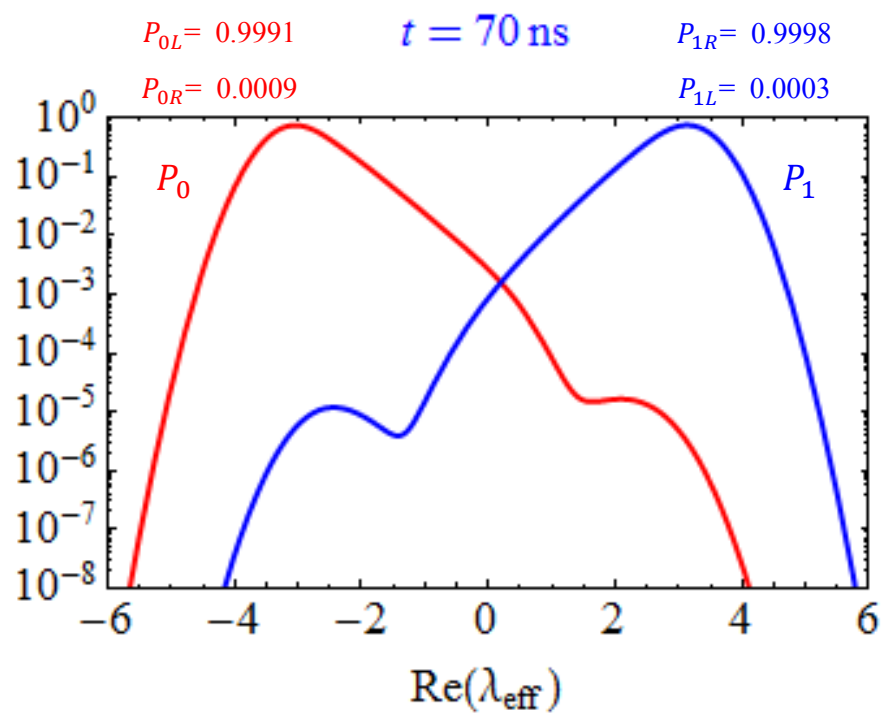
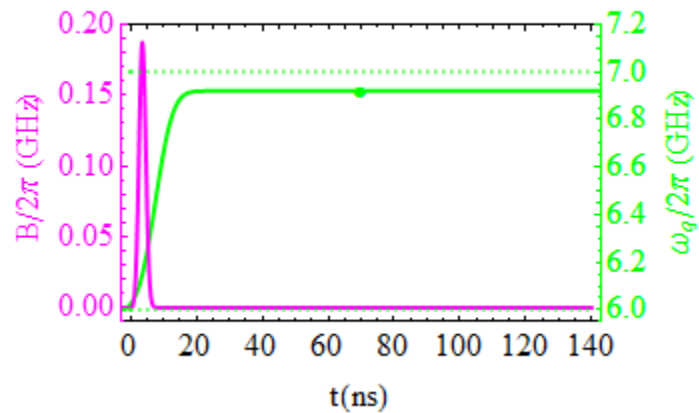
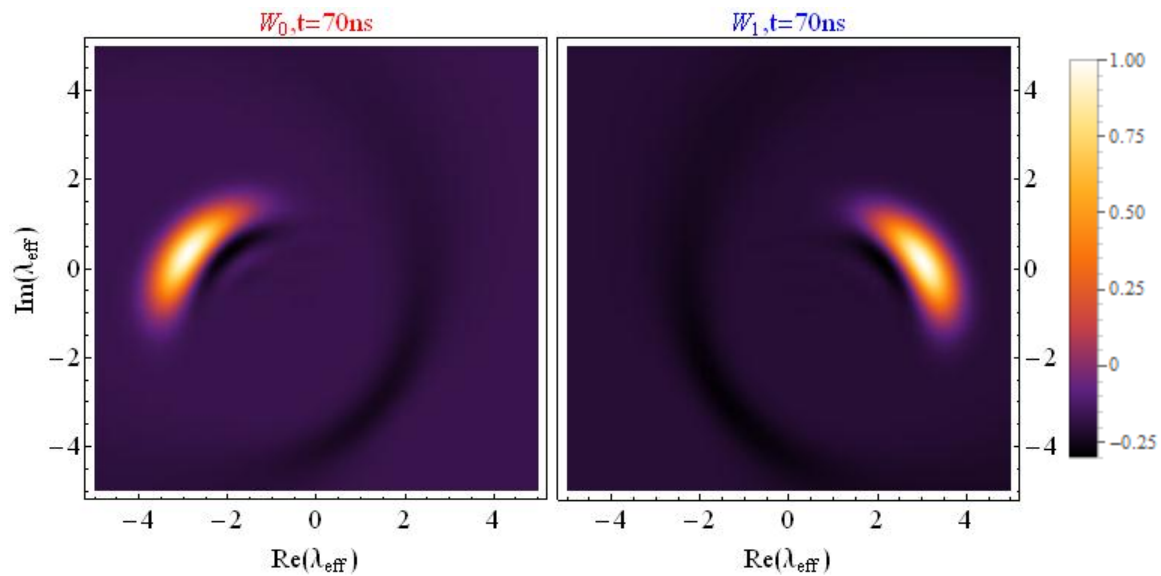


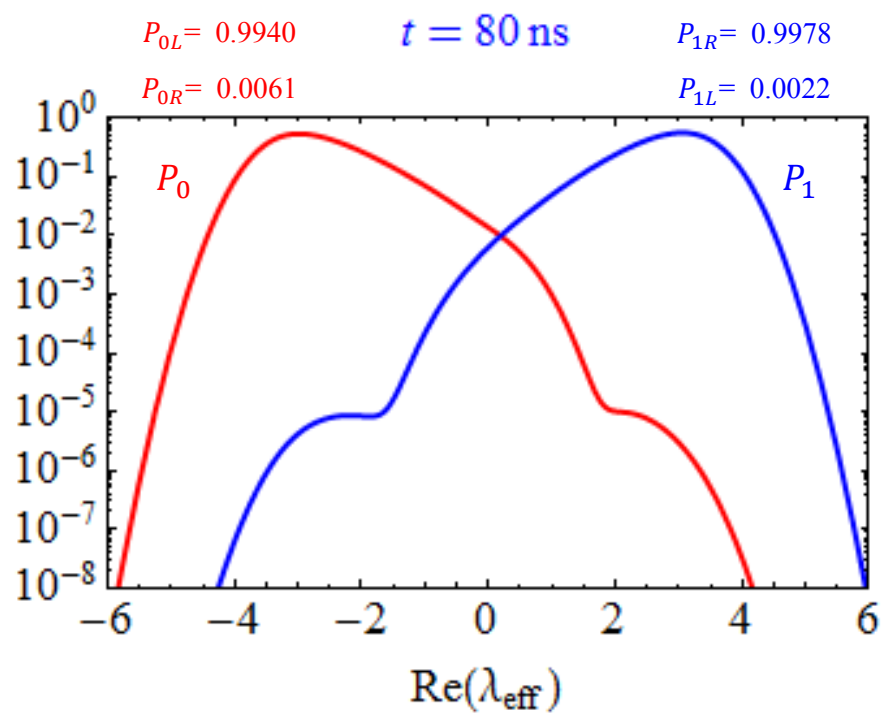
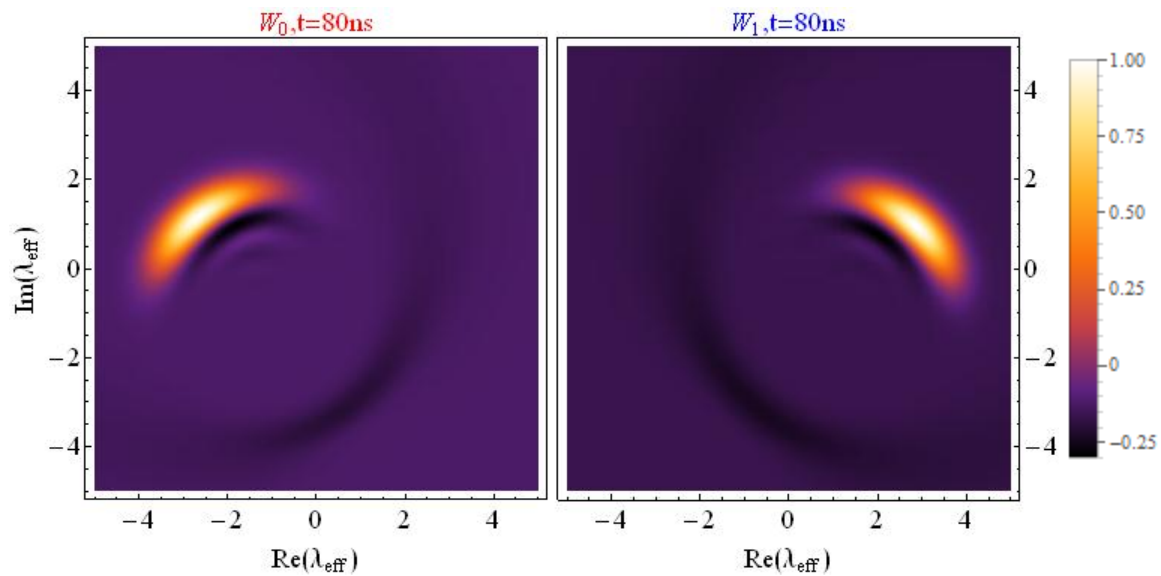
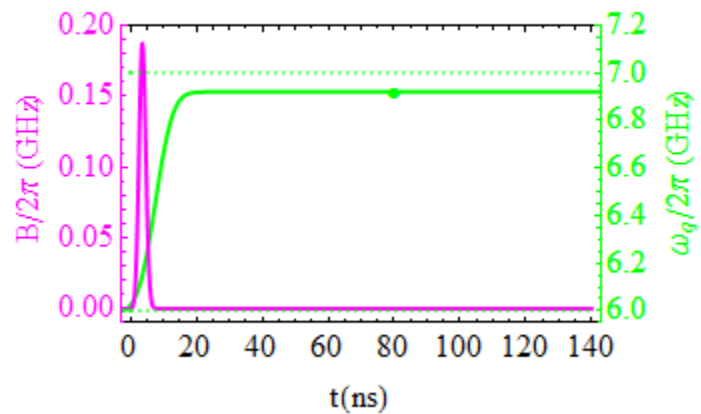


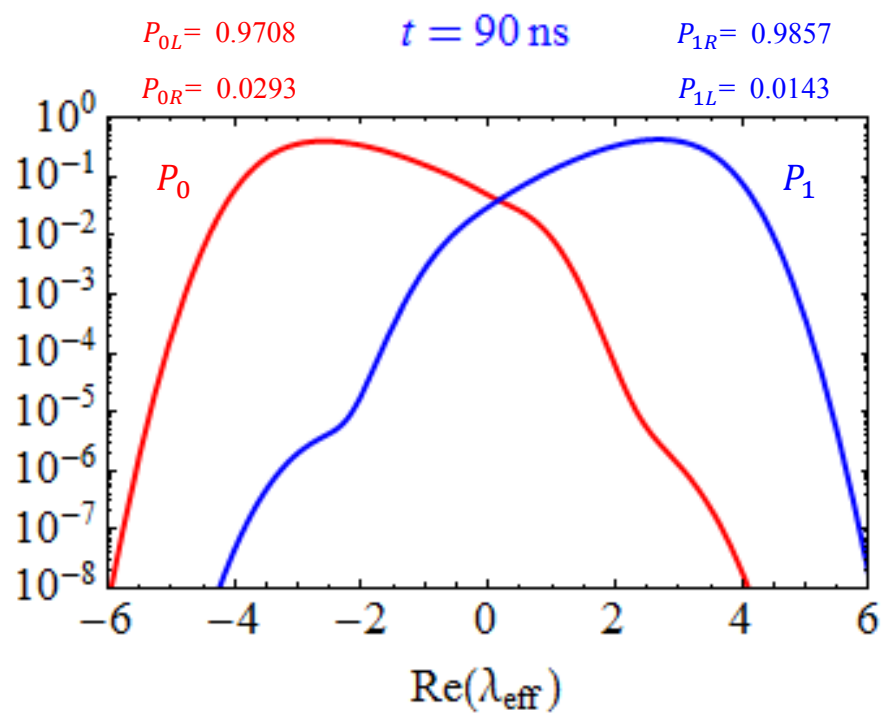
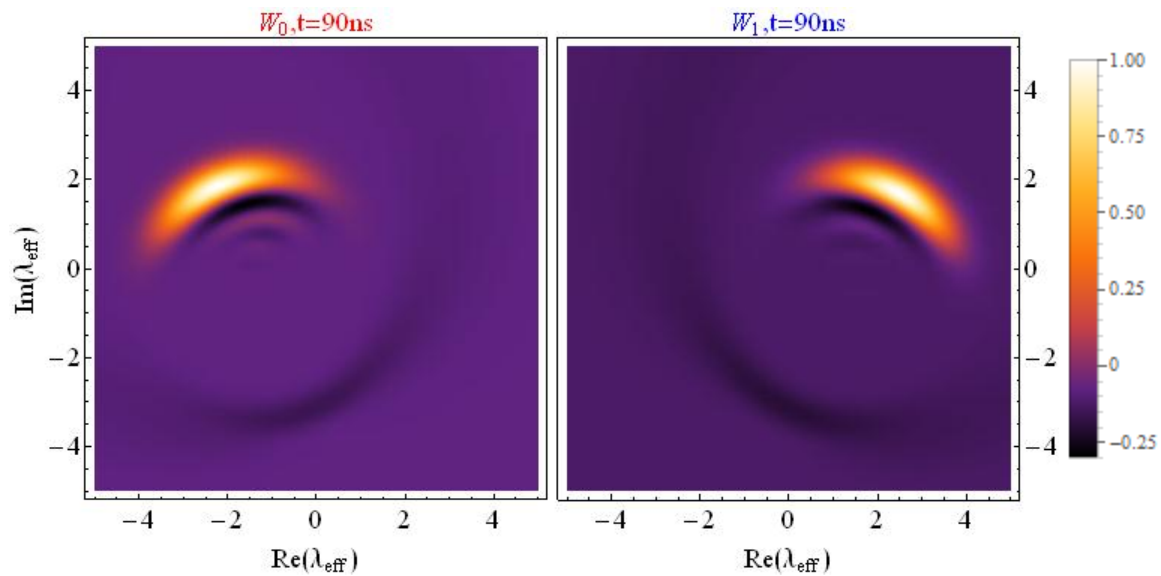
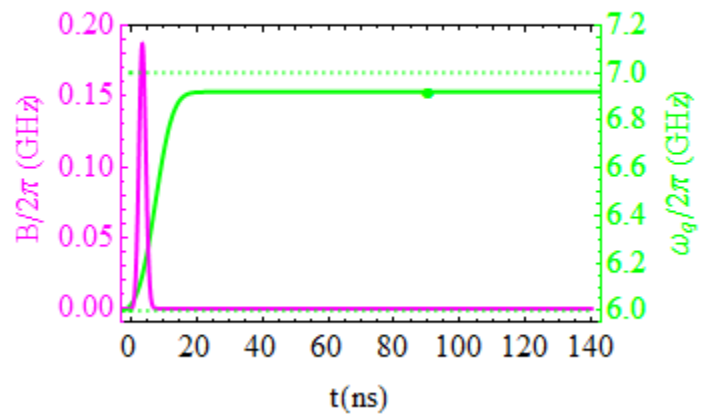


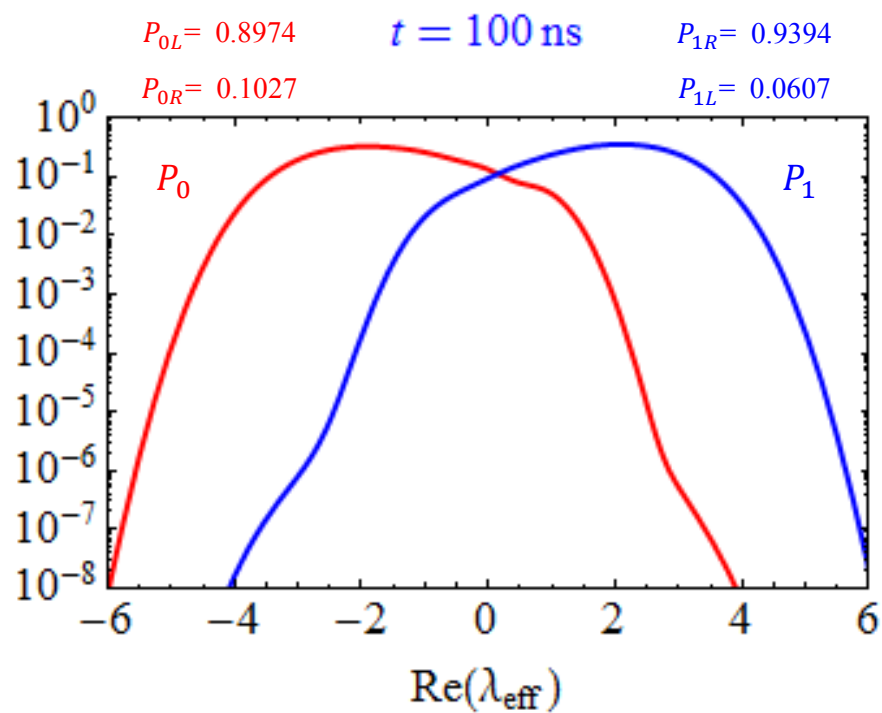
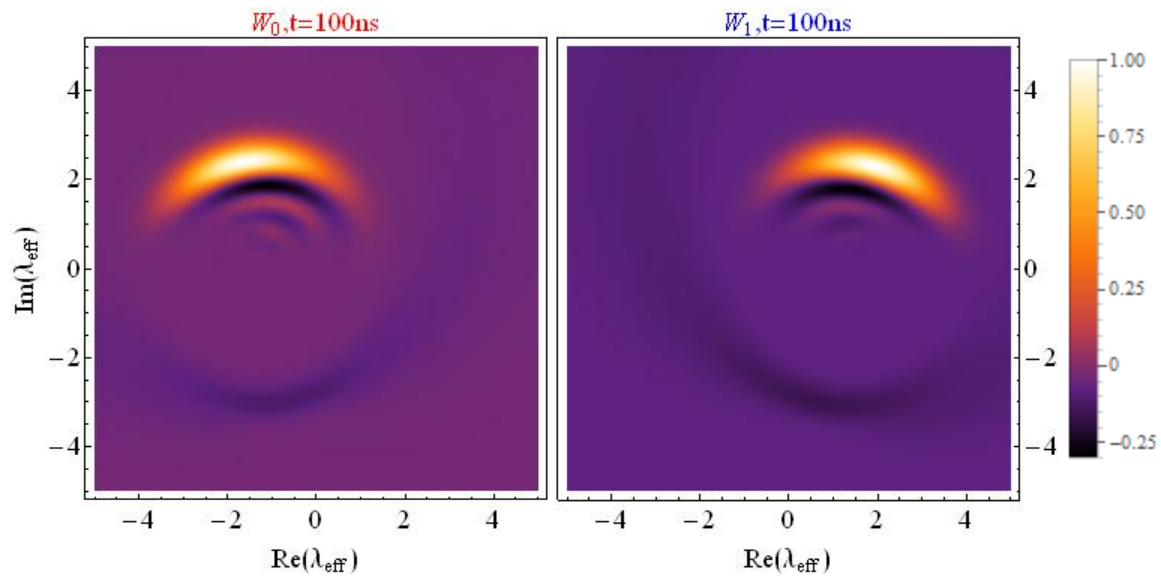
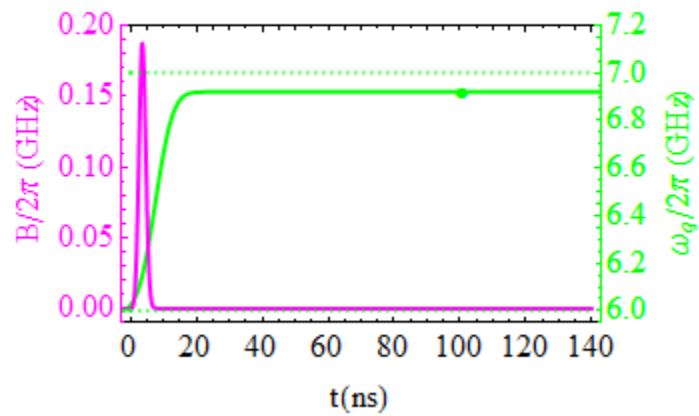


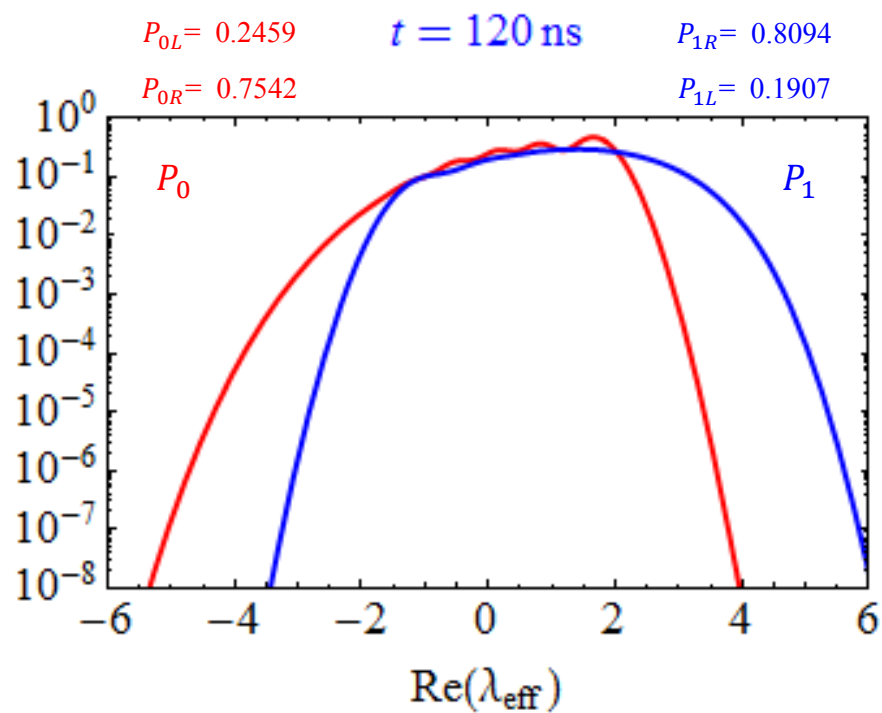
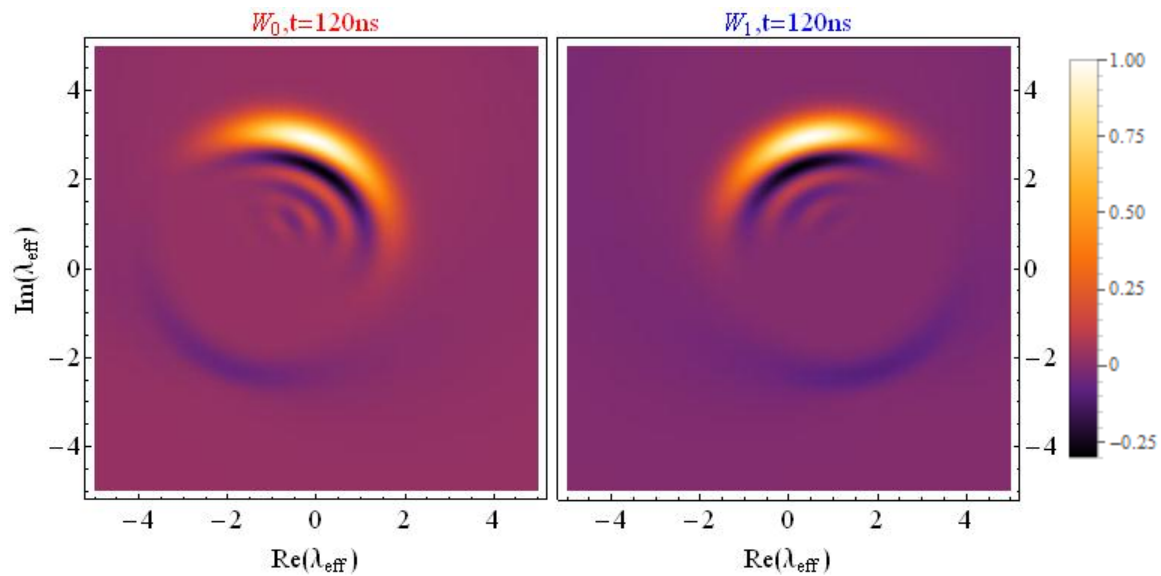
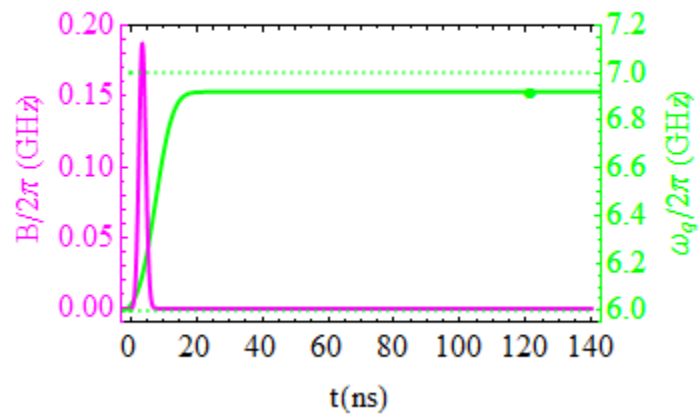


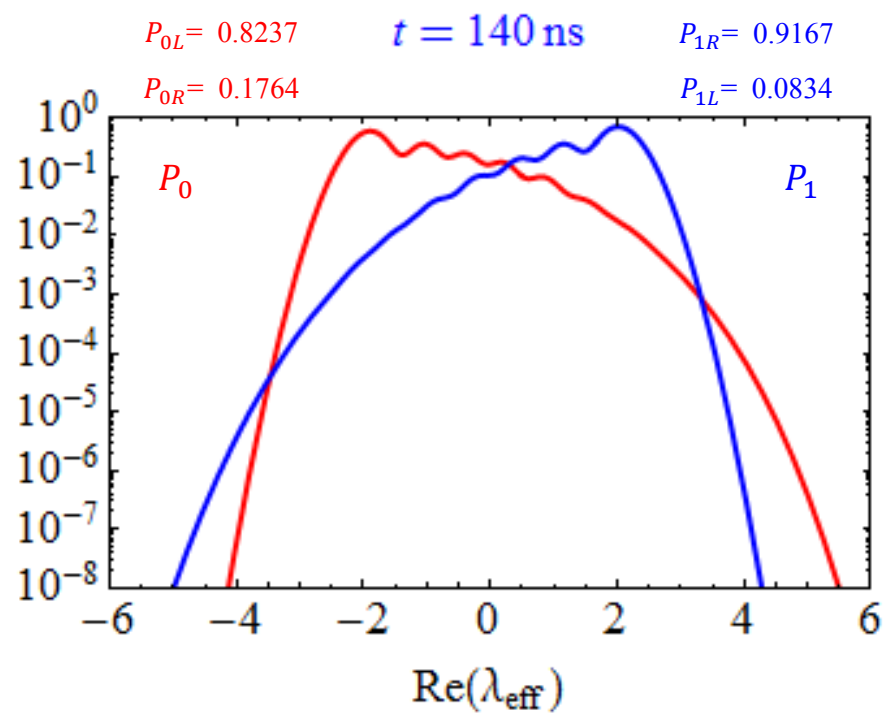
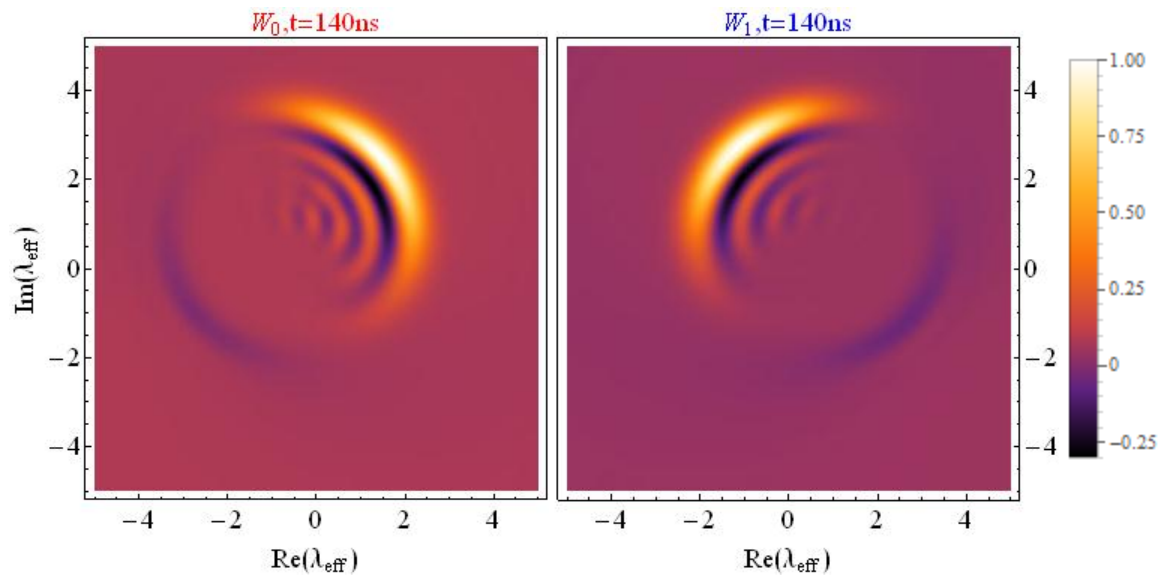
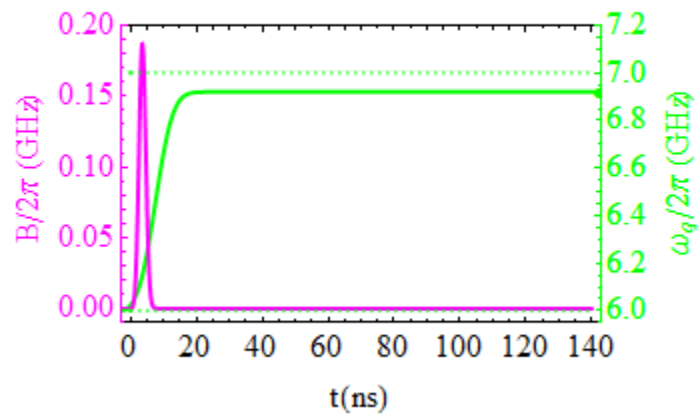








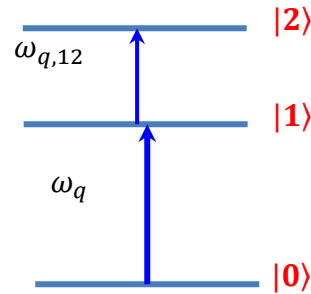




Effect of level $|2\rangle$ on the evolution of the Wigner function of the resonator field

In the previous slides, we assumed the two-level model of the qubit. Real superconducting qubits, however, are only slightly anharmonic oscillators, thus the effect of the next excited level $|2\rangle$ is often important as shown the following slides.

The qubit anharmonicity is given by $\mathcal{A} = \omega_q - \omega_{q,12}$. For phase and transmon superconducting qubits the anharmonicity is about 3%. Here we assume $\mathcal{A}/2\pi = 200$ MHz in all results shown in the following slides. All other parameters are the same as in page 2.



Three-level model of the qubit

W_0 — Wigner function for resonator state corresponding to an initial state $|00\rangle$

W_1 —Wigner function for resonator state corresponding to an initial state $|10\rangle$

