

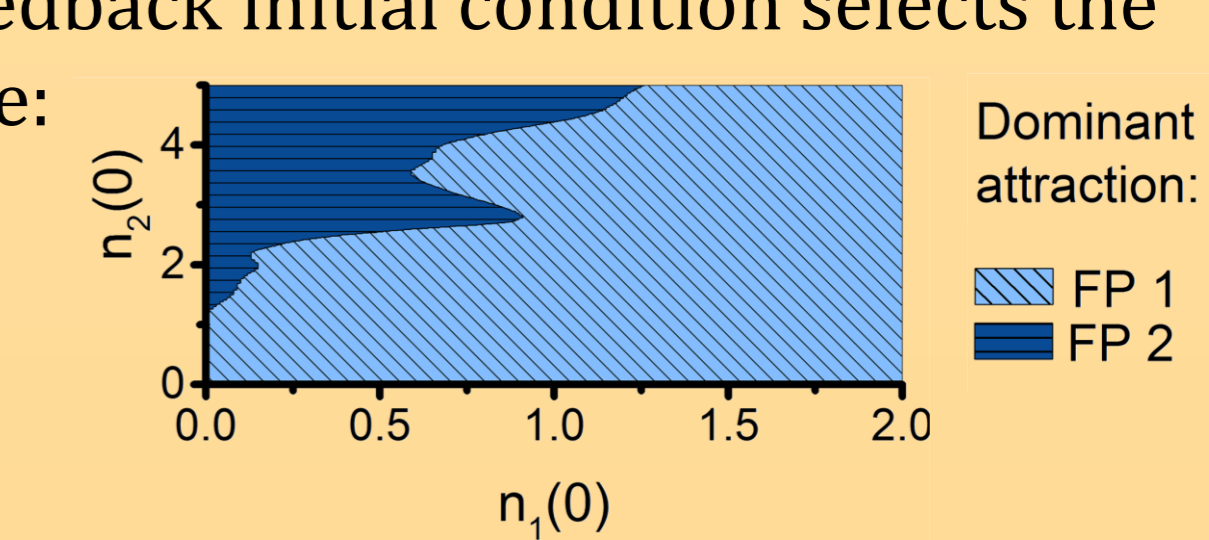
Abstract

We investigate the dynamics of a two-mode laser system based on a quantum mechanical Tavis-Cummings model [1]. Using mean-field equations, we determine the phase diagram and apply on top three different time delayed feedback schemes of Pyragas form to influence the system behavior.

Fixed Point Analysis

- Calculate fixed points by switching to a rotated frame with self-consistent determined frequency ω
 - Shift frequencies: $\omega_m \rightarrow \omega_m - \omega$; $\Delta \rightarrow \Delta - \omega$
 - $\partial_t(a_1, a_2, J^+, J_z) = (0, 0, 0, 0) \Rightarrow J_z^0 = \Re(J_z^0) + \Im(J_z^0) \Rightarrow \omega \Rightarrow (a_1, a_2, J^+, J_z)^0$
 - Up to 4 possible fixed points
- Stability analysis
 - Up to 2 stable non-trivial fixed points
 - Areas with one dominating mode
 - Complete absence of stability is possible
- Apply Pyragas feedback to modify behavior of the system [3,4]

Pyragas Feedback: Selecting the Lasing Mode

- Without feedback initial condition selects the lasing mode:
 
- The feedback scheme selects the lasing mode irrespective of initial condition (here $\omega_1 < \omega_2$).

Scheme 1

Feedback:
 $\omega_1 \rightarrow (\omega_1 + \lambda(n_2(t-\tau) - n_2))$

Its action: ω_1 - mode acquires large population [5]

Realization: moving mirror

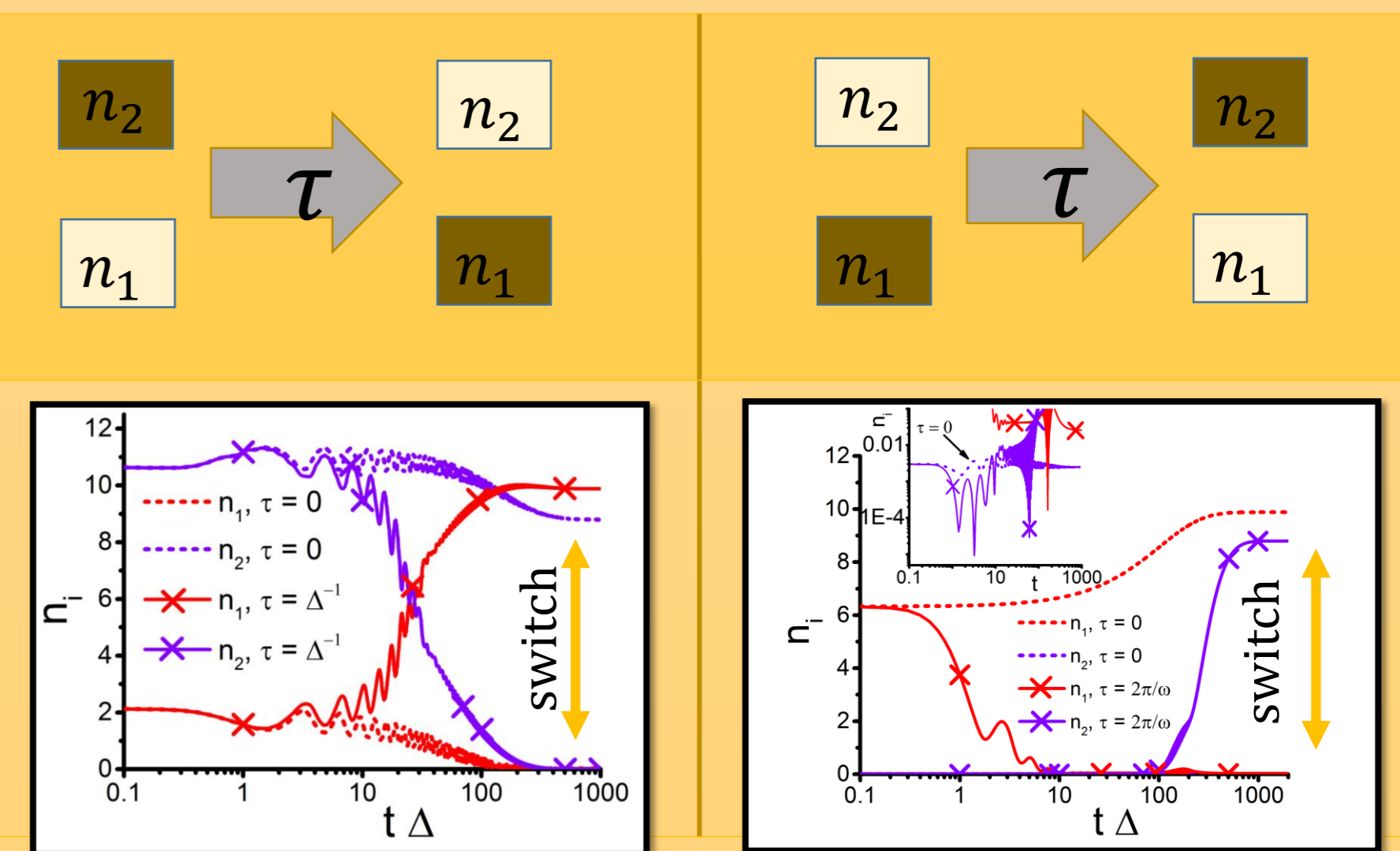
Scheme 2

Feedback:
 $\dot{a}_1 = \dots + \lambda(a_1(t-\tau) - a_1)$

Its action: ω_2 - mode acquires large population [5]

Realization: extra mirror

Feedback switch, works in area (e)



2-Mode-TC

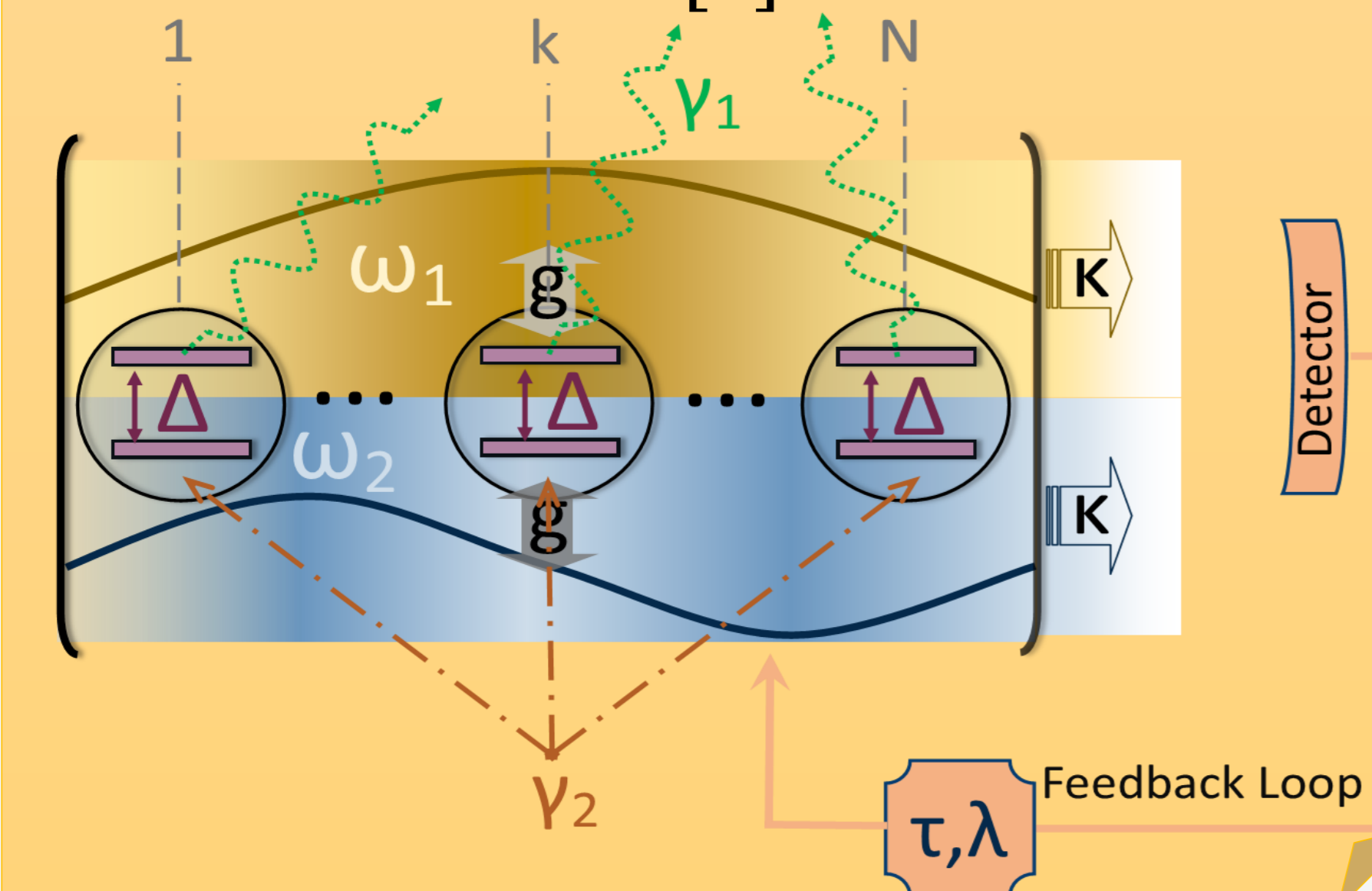
- Hamiltonian of a closed system [1]

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{m=1}^2 \omega_m \hat{a}_m^\dagger \hat{a}_m + \Delta \hat{J}_z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{m=1}^2 (\hat{a}_m \hat{J}^+ + \hat{a}_m^\dagger \hat{J}^-)$$

with

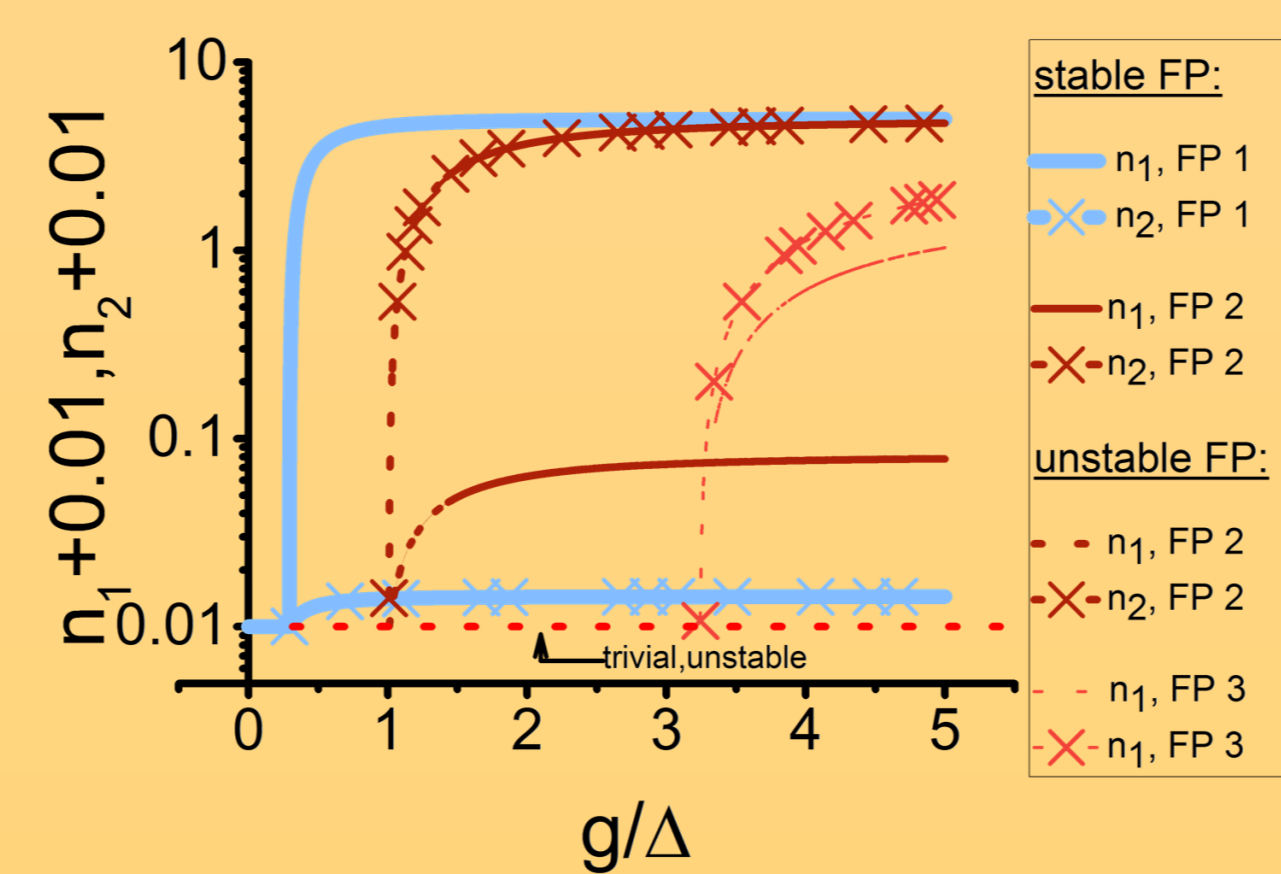
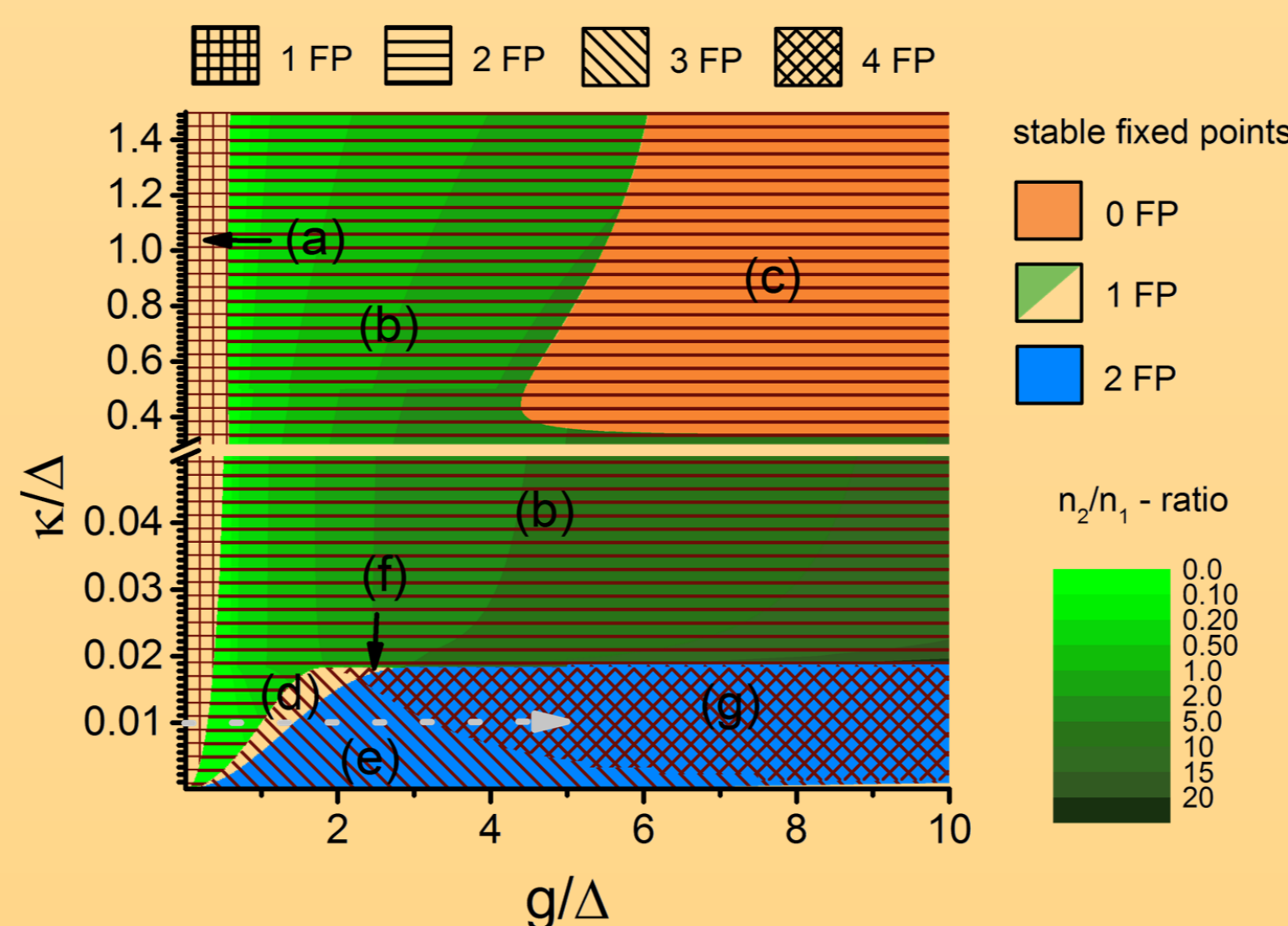
- \hat{J}_z, \hat{J}^\pm – collective spin operators
- $\hat{a}_{1,2}^{(\dagger)}$ – ladder operators of the optical mode
- g – atom-field-coupling
- ω_1, ω_2 – frequencies of the 2 modes
- Δ – atomic frequency
- N – number of atoms

- Make it a laser [2]:



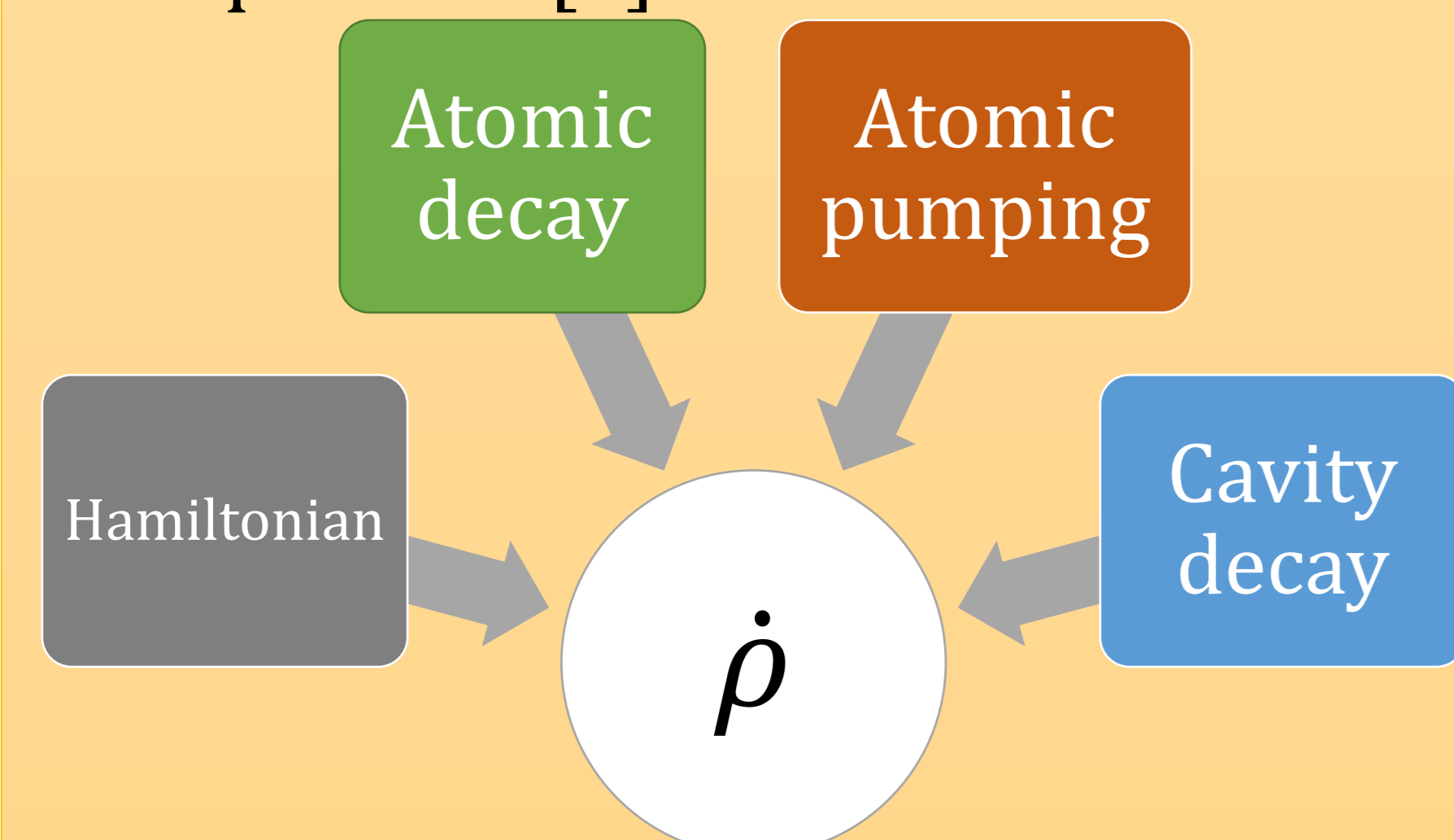
Phase and Bifurcation Diagram

| Area | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Fixed Points | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Stable | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |



2-Mode-TC Laser

- Description based on master equation: [2]

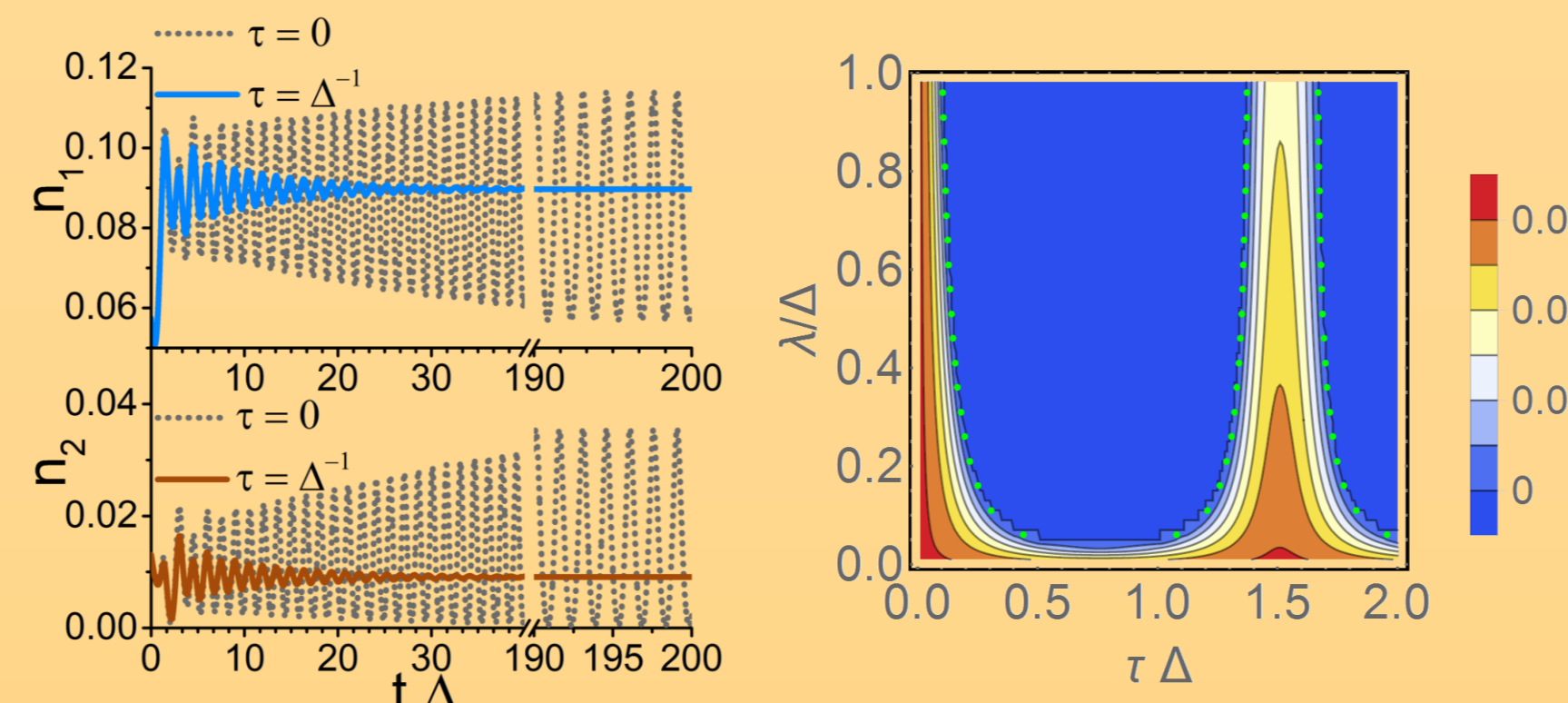


- Resulting rescaled mean-field eqs.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{a}_1 &= (-i\omega_1 - \kappa)a_1 - i g J^- \\ \dot{a}_2 &= (-i\omega_2 - \kappa)a_2 - i g J^- \\ \dot{J}^+ &= (i\Delta - \Gamma_1)J^+ - i 2g(a_1^* + a_2^*)J_z \\ \dot{J}_z &= -i g(a_1 + a_2)J^+ + i g(a_1^* + a_2^*)J^- + \Gamma_\uparrow(z_0 - J_z) \end{aligned}$$

Pyragas Feedback: Stabilization

- Feedback: $\dot{J}_z = \dots + \lambda(J_z[t-\tau] - J_z[t])$
- Its effect: stabilizes the unstable mode
- Works in: area (c)
- Realization: pumping



- Without feedback the fixed point (black dotted lines) is unstable, thus the mode occupation oscillates forever ($\tau = 0$).
- With feedback, the fixed point gets stable ($\tau = \frac{1}{\Delta}$).
- The control diagram in the (τ, λ) - plane. In the blue area the fixed point is stable.

Conclusions

- Complex phase diagram with multiple fixed points is found even without feedback.
- Feedback opens the possibility to select the radiating mode, or to stabilize the system.
- Feedback works well if there is only one unstable or two stable points. Mixture of stable/unstable points often leads to oscillating behavior or partial destabilization.
- Extension of the model with a thermalization mechanism would yield a minimal model to study the transitions between a condensate- and a laser-like state, which originate from a macroscopic occupation of the lower and higher cavity mode, respectively [6].

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