

Extracting Large Quality Factors in Photonic Crystal Double Heterostructure Cavities Using the Padé Method

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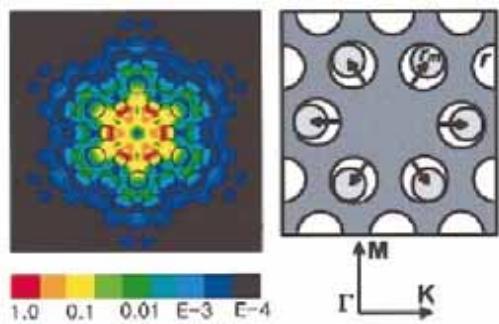
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High quality factor photonic crystal cavities

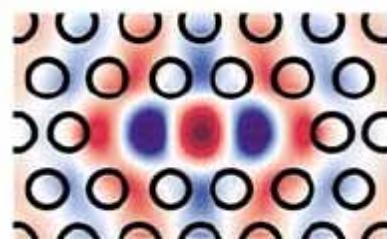


D1 cavity, $Q \sim 10^6$



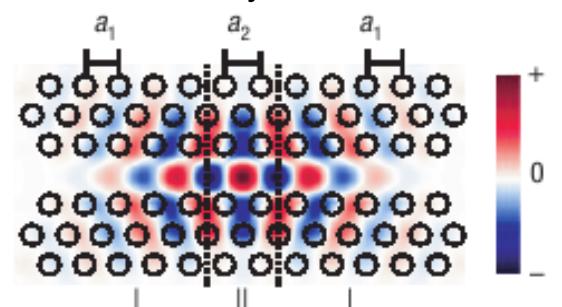
H. Y. Ryu, M. Notomi, Y. H. Lee
Appl. Phys. Lett. **83** 4294 2003

L3 cavity, $Q \sim 10^5$



Y. Akahane, T. Asano, B.-S. Song,
S. Noda Nature **425** 944 2005

PCDH cavity, $Q \sim 10^6-10^9$



B.-S. Song, S. Noda, T. Asano,
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2005

Biological and chemical sensors

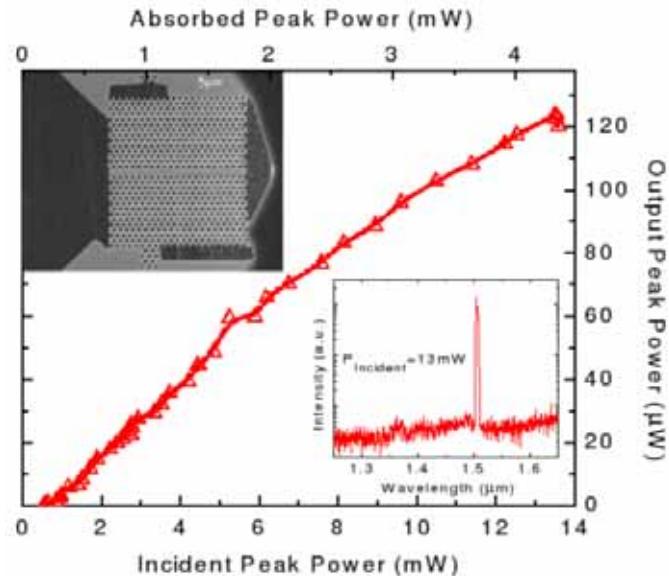
Slow light (optical memory and buffers)

Lasers and filters for chip-scale photonic integration

Photonic crystal double heterostructure lasers and cavities

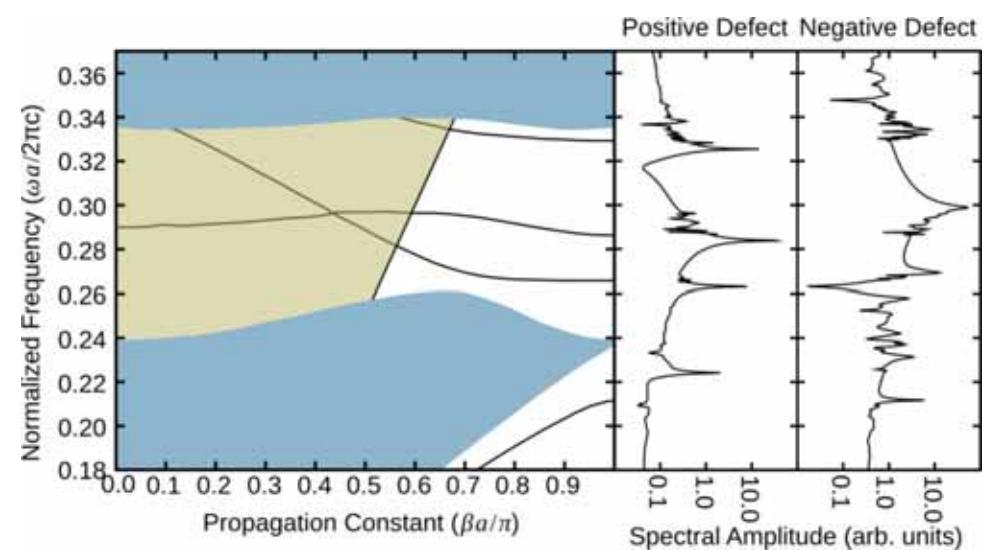


>100 μ W edge-emitting output power



L. Lu, A. Mock, J. O'Brien, et al.
CLEO paper CMV3 (2007).

bound state formation near dispersion extrema



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Opt. Expr. **16** 9391 (2008).

Presentation outline



Finite-Difference Time-Domain numerical simulation technique

Optical loss in photonic crystal resonant cavities

Discrete Fourier transform + Padé interpolation method for quality factor estimation

Application to photonic crystal double heterostructure cavities

Finite-difference time-domain analysis of photonic crystal resonant cavities



Discretized spatial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial D_x^{i, j+1/2, k+1/2}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\Delta y} (H_z^{i, j+1, k+1/2} - H_z^{i, j, k+1/2}) - \frac{1}{\Delta z} (H_y^{i, j+1/2, k+1} - H_y^{i, j+1/2, k})$$

$$\frac{\partial B_x^{i-1/2, j+1/2, k+1}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\Delta z} (E_y^{i-1/2, j+1, k+3/2} - E_y^{i-1/2, j+1, k+1/2}) - \frac{1}{\Delta y} (E_z^{i-1/2, j+3/2, k+1} - E_z^{i-1/2, j+1/2, k+1})$$

Discretized time derivatives

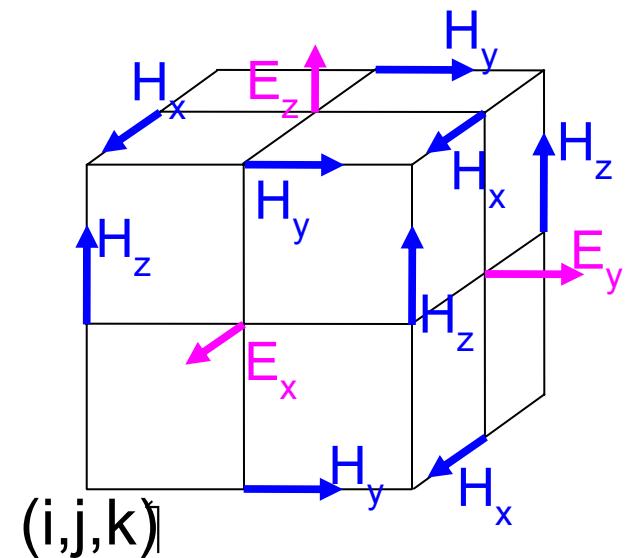
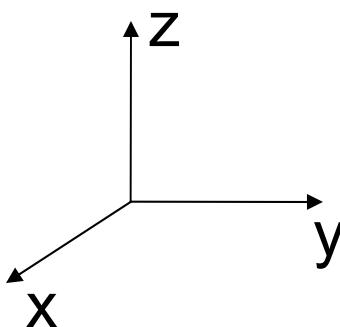
$$\frac{\partial D_x^{i, j+1/2, k+1/2}}{\partial t} = \left[\epsilon \frac{E_x^{n+1/2} - E_x^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t} \right]^{i, j+1/2, k+1/2}$$

$$\frac{\partial B_x^{i-1/2, j+1, k+1/2}}{\partial t} = \left[\mu \frac{H_x^{n+1} - H_x^n}{\Delta t} \right]^{i-1/2, j+1, k+1/2}$$

FDTD simulation parameters

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{c\sqrt{3}} \quad \Delta t = 0.87 \frac{\Delta x}{c\sqrt{3}}$$

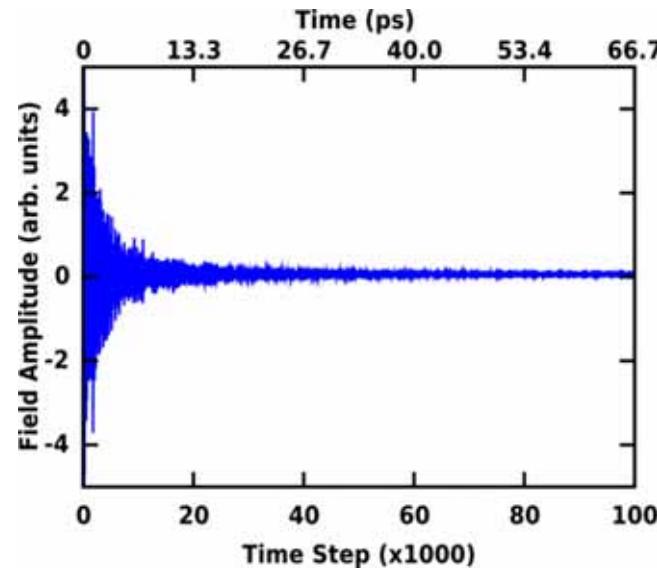
$$\Delta x = \frac{a}{20} \quad \text{Effectively 40 samples per lattice constant}$$



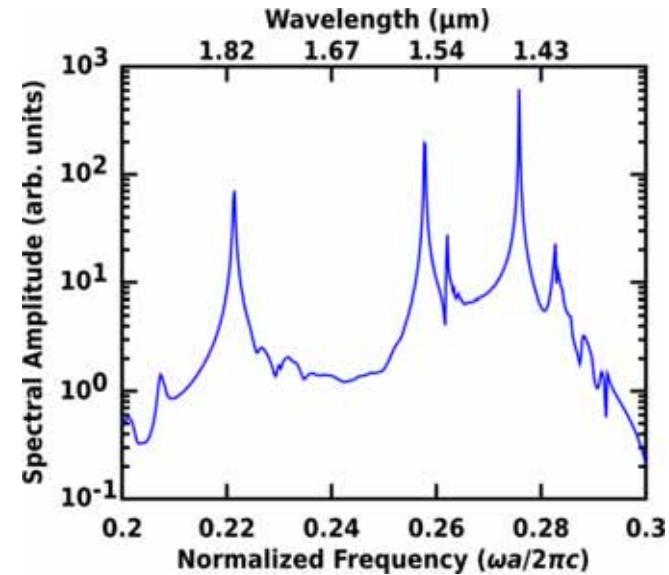
Numerical analysis method

- Broadband initial condition to excite all cavity resonances
- Propagate the fields in time for 10^5 FDTD time steps
- 15 layers of PML on all boundaries to absorb leaky radiation from the cavity
- Spectral analysis using discrete Fourier transform on resulting time sequence

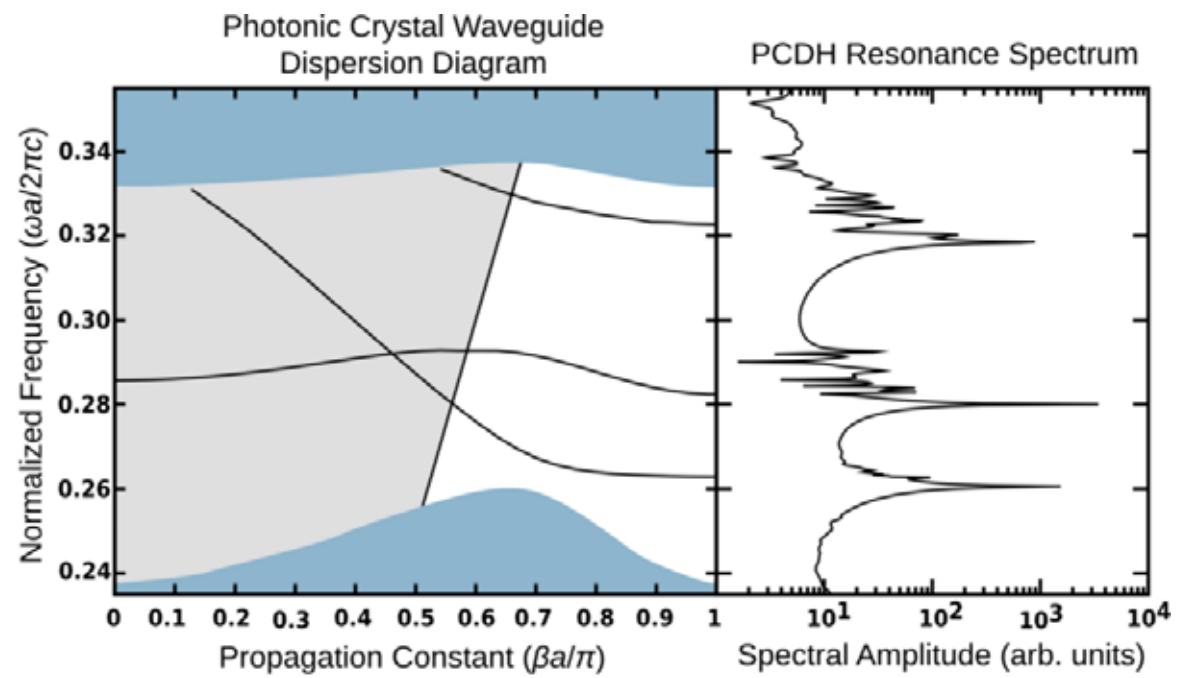
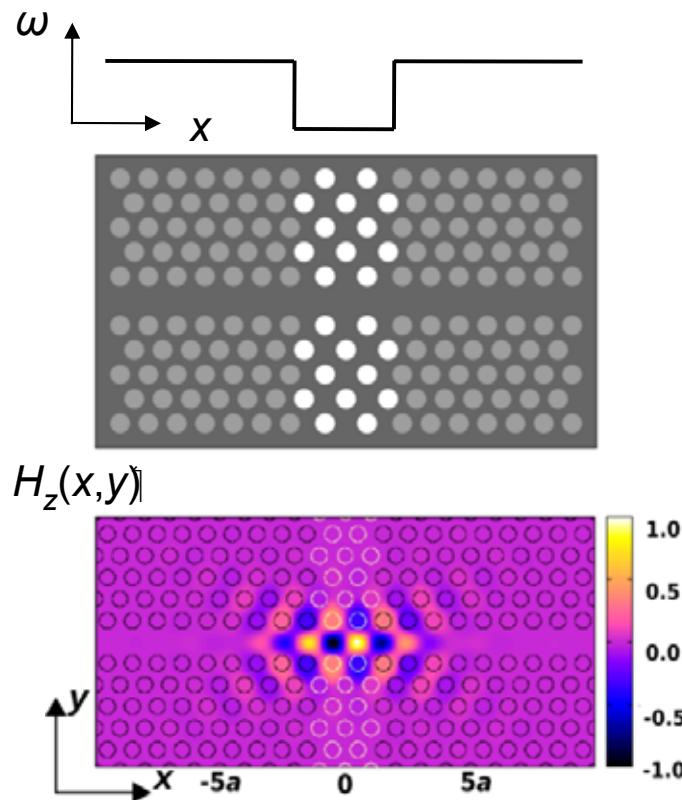
Time Sequence



DFT of Time Sequence



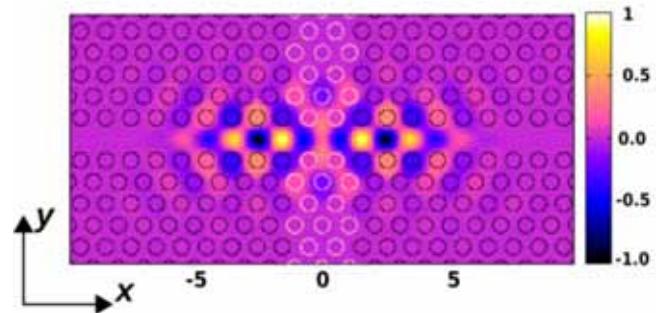
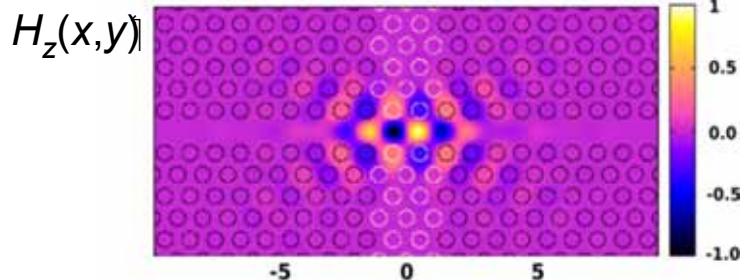
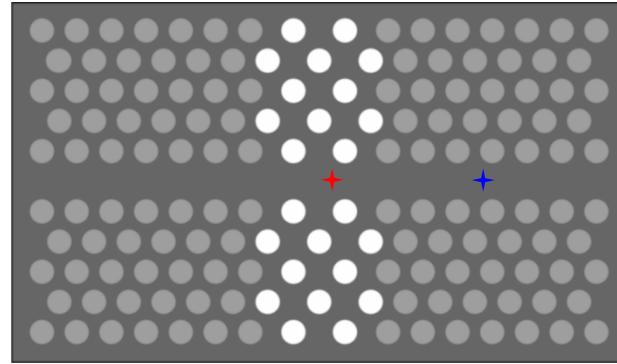
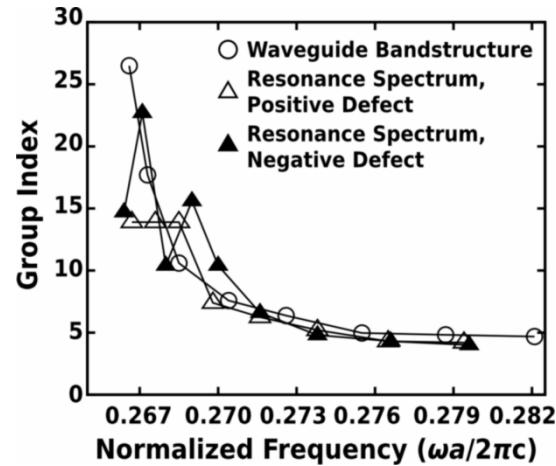
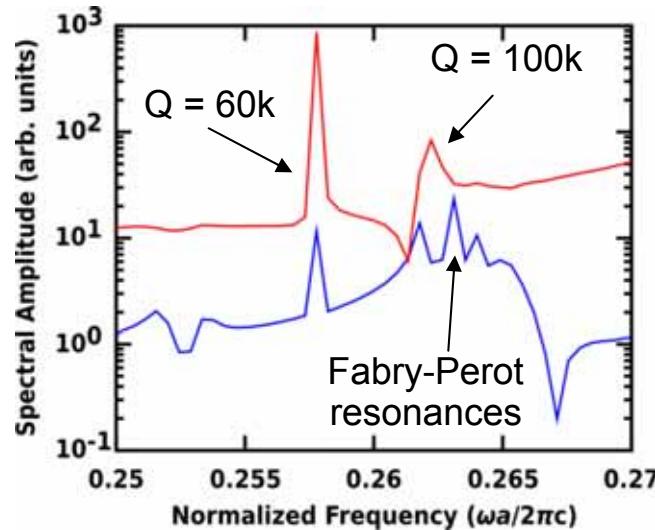
Photonic crystal double heterostructure resonant cavities



20 PCWG periods each side
8 PC rows top and bottom

Computational resources
950 x 340 x 200 spatial points
100 processors
20 hours for 200k time steps

Photonic crystal double heterostructure: Free spectral range



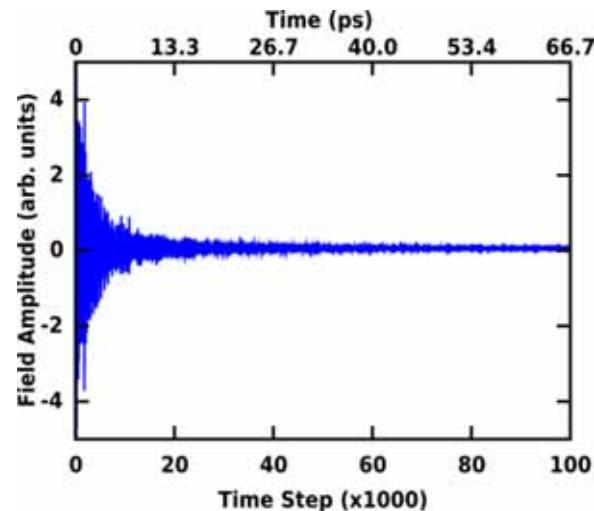
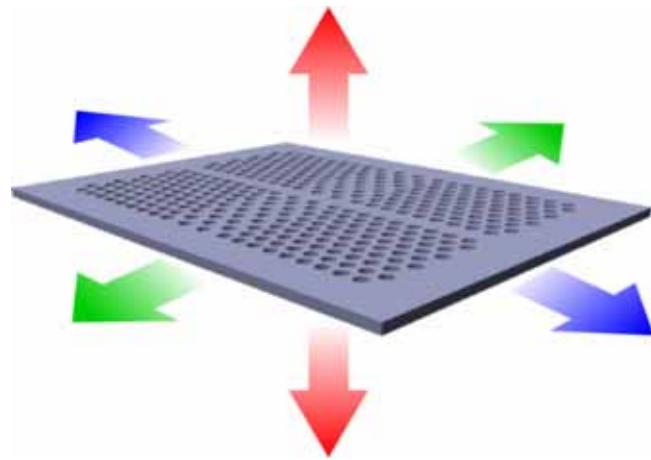
Leakage mechanisms in PCDH cavities



Out-of-plane: **wavevector components not totally internally reflected**

In-plane: **finite number of photonic crystal cladding periods**

finite number of photonic crystal waveguide periods



20 PCWG periods each side
8 PC rows top and bottom

$$P(\text{out-of-plane}) / P(\text{in-plane}) = 1.8$$

$$P(\text{waveguide}) / P(\text{pc cladding}) = 0.2$$

Methods of calculating the quality factor

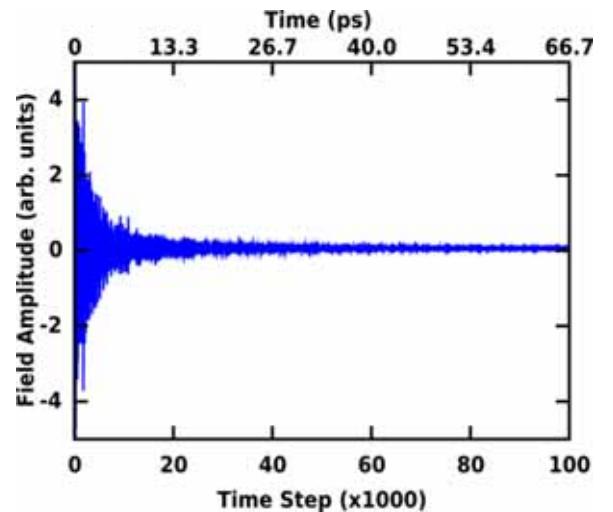


- Physical definition of Q

$$Q = \omega_0 \frac{\langle U \rangle}{\left\langle \frac{dU}{dt} \right\rangle}$$

- Damped cosine time function (Filter Diagonalization)

$$f[n] = f_0 e^{-\omega_0 n \Delta t / 2Q} \cos(\omega_0 n \Delta t)$$



- Fourier transform is a Lorentzian function (Padé interpolation)

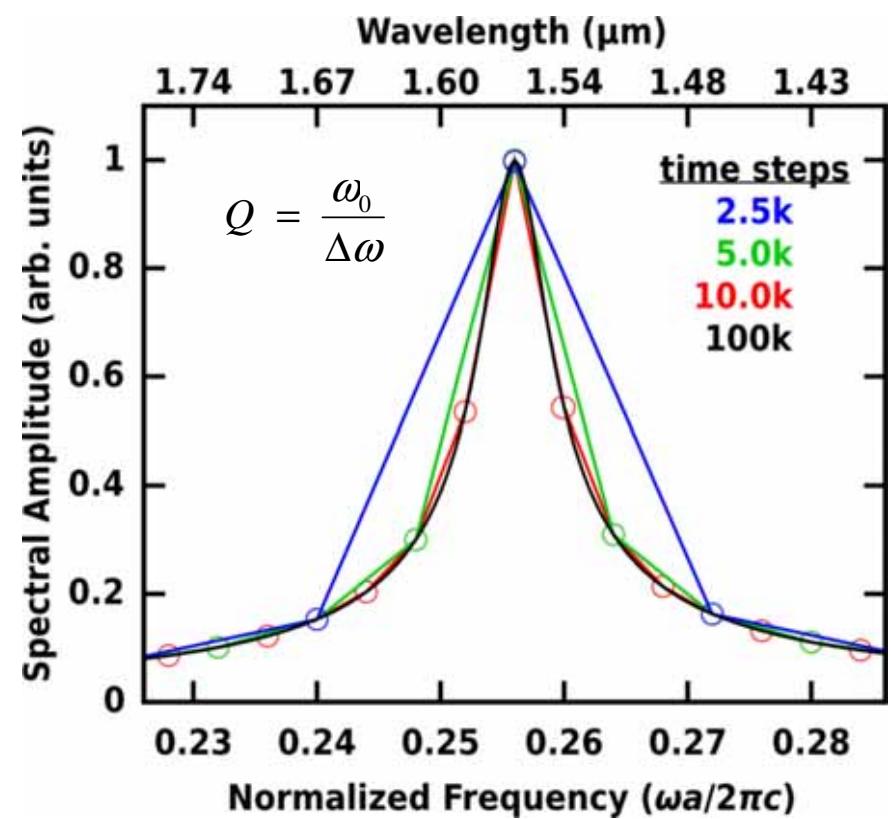
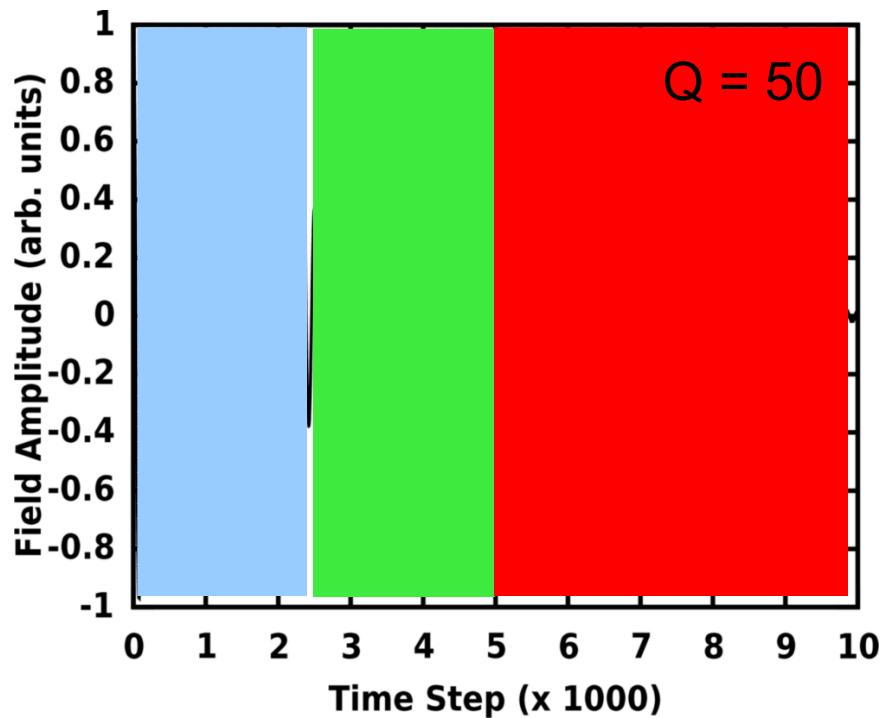
$$F(\omega) = \frac{f_0 / 2}{\frac{\omega_0}{2Q} - i(\omega - \omega_0)} \quad \rightarrow \quad Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta\omega}$$

Discrete Fourier transform resolution

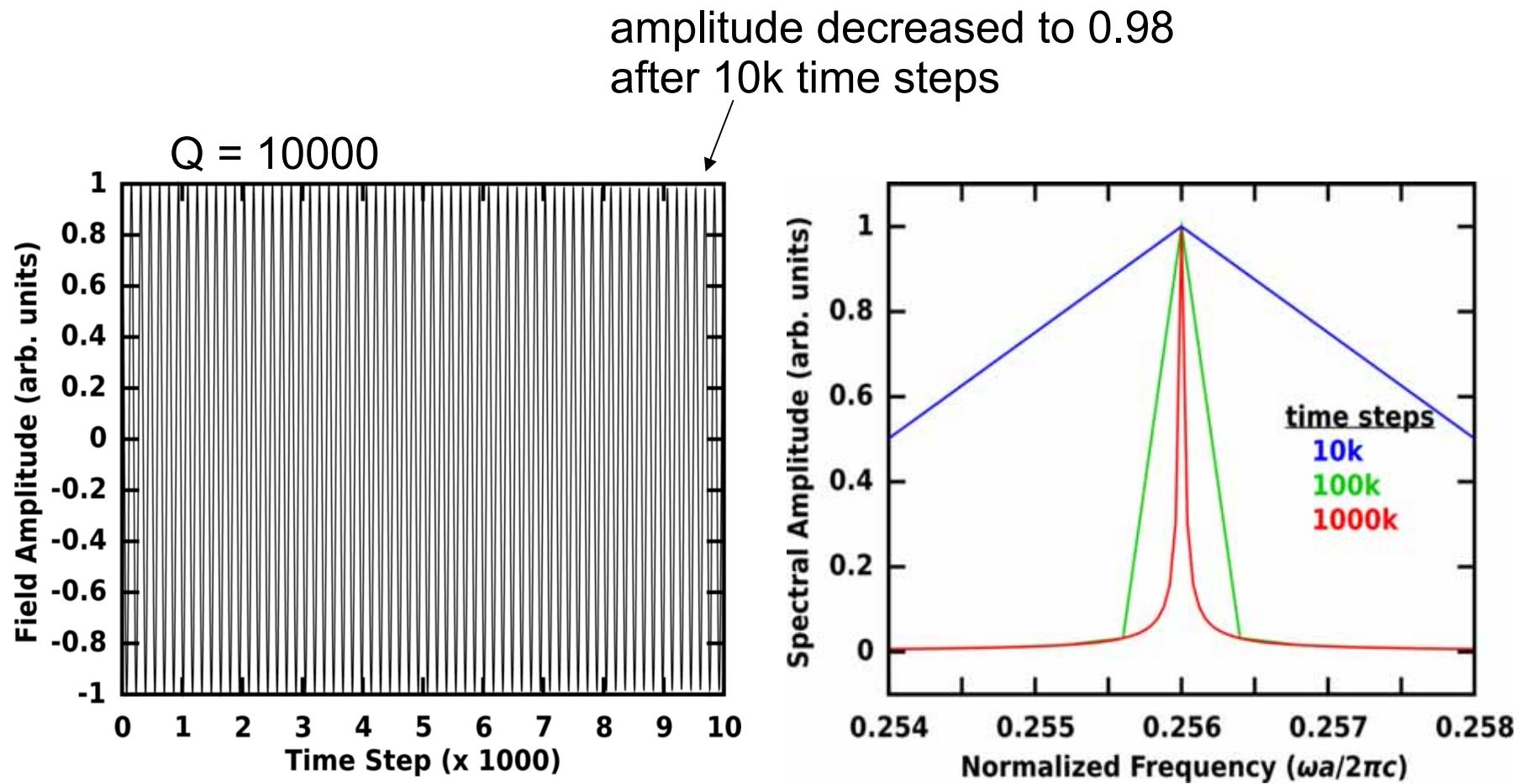


$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{N\Delta t}$$

$$f[n] = f_0 e^{-\omega_0 n \Delta t / 2Q} \cos(\omega_0 n \Delta t)$$



Discrete Fourier transform resolution



Padé interpolation method



$$\frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \omega_s + \alpha_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \alpha_M \omega_s^M}{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \omega_s + \beta_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \beta_N \omega_s^N} = \frac{Q_M(\omega_s)}{D_N(\omega_s)} = F(\omega_s)$$

where $\omega_s = s\Delta\omega$ is the sth DFT frequency sample

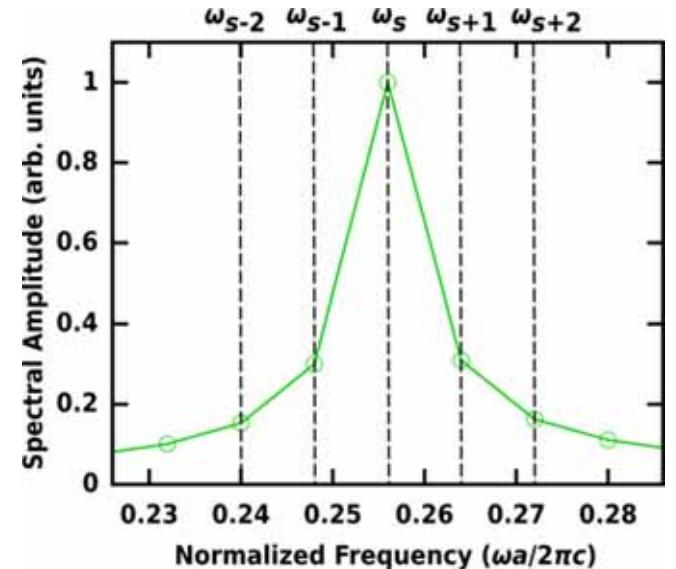
setting $\beta_0 = 1$ and multiplying both sides by the denominator yields

$$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \omega_s + \alpha_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \alpha_M \omega_s^M = F(\omega_s) (1 + \beta_1 \omega_s + \beta_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \beta_N \omega_s^N)$$

$$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \omega_s + \alpha_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \alpha_M \omega_s^M - F(\omega_s) (\beta_1 \omega_s + \beta_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \beta_N \omega_s^N) = F(\omega_s)$$

M+1 α -terms and N β -terms

linear equation with M+N+1 unknowns which requires M+N+1 DFT frequency samples for a unique solution



Padé interpolation method for Lorentzian lineshapes



General Padé function

$$P(M, N) = \frac{Q_M(\omega_s)}{D_N(\omega_s)} = \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \omega_s + \alpha_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \alpha_M \omega_s^M}{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \omega_s + \beta_1 \omega_s^2 + \cdots + \beta_N \omega_s^N}$$

Damped cosine time function has Lorentzian function Fourier transform

$$f[n] = f_0 e^{-\omega_0 n \Delta t / 2Q} \cos(\omega_0 n \Delta t) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad F(\omega) = \frac{f_0 / 2}{\frac{\omega_0}{2Q} - i(\omega - \omega_0)}$$

Padé function corresponding to Lorentzian form

$$P(0,1) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \beta_1 \omega} = \frac{-i \alpha_0 / \beta_1}{-i / \beta_1 - i \omega} = \frac{-i \alpha_0 / \beta_1}{-i / \beta_1 - i \omega_0 - i(\omega - \omega_0)}$$

$$-i / \beta_1 - i \omega_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2Q}$$

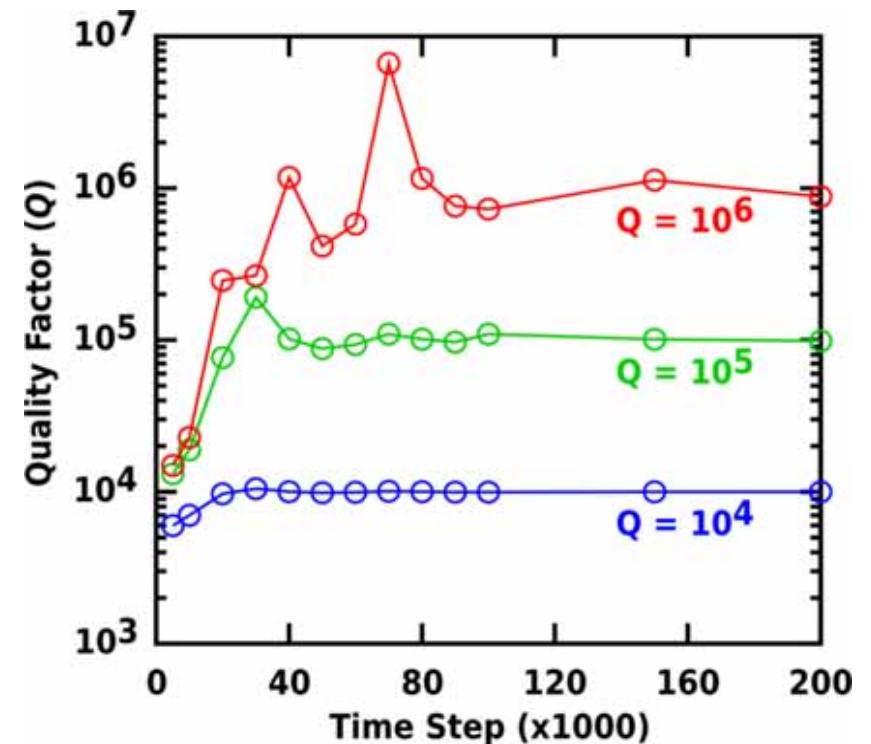
Padé convergence – user defined time sequence



$$-i/\beta_1 - i\omega_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2Q}$$
$$\frac{1/\beta_1 + \omega_0}{i} = i \frac{\omega_0}{2Q}$$

complex number real number imaginary number

$$\text{Re}[1/\beta_1] = -\omega_0$$
$$\text{Im}[1/\beta_1] = \frac{\omega_0}{2Q}$$
$$\rightarrow Q = \frac{-\text{Re}[1/\beta_1]}{2 \text{Im}[1/\beta_1]}$$



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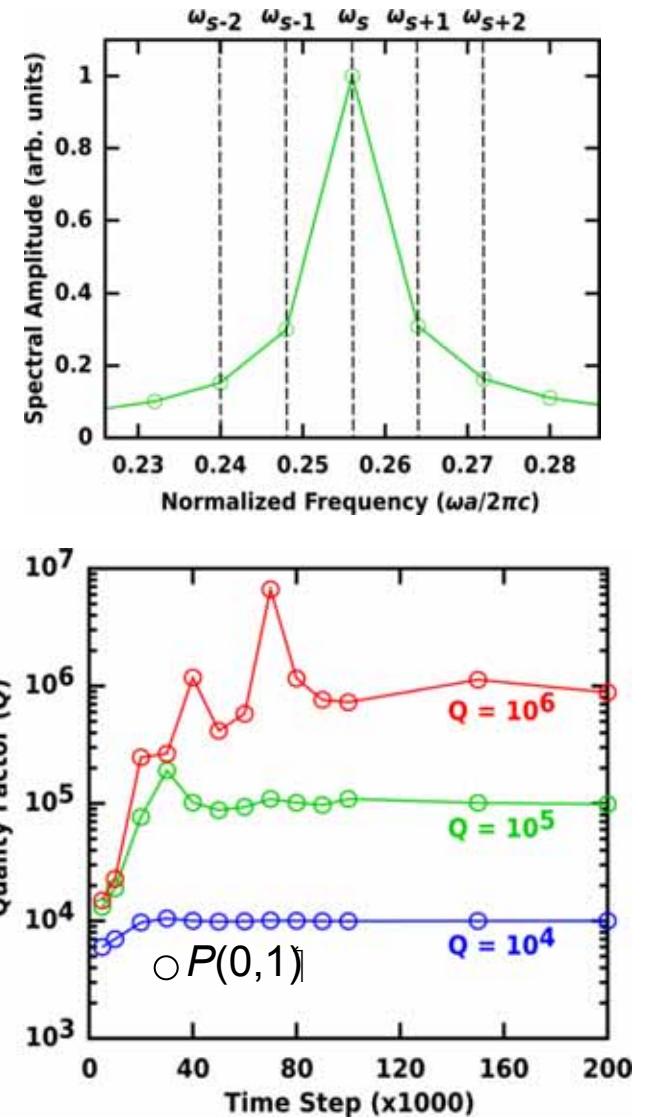
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 $M+N+1 = 0 + 1 + 1 = 2$ DFT frequency samples
 for a unique solution

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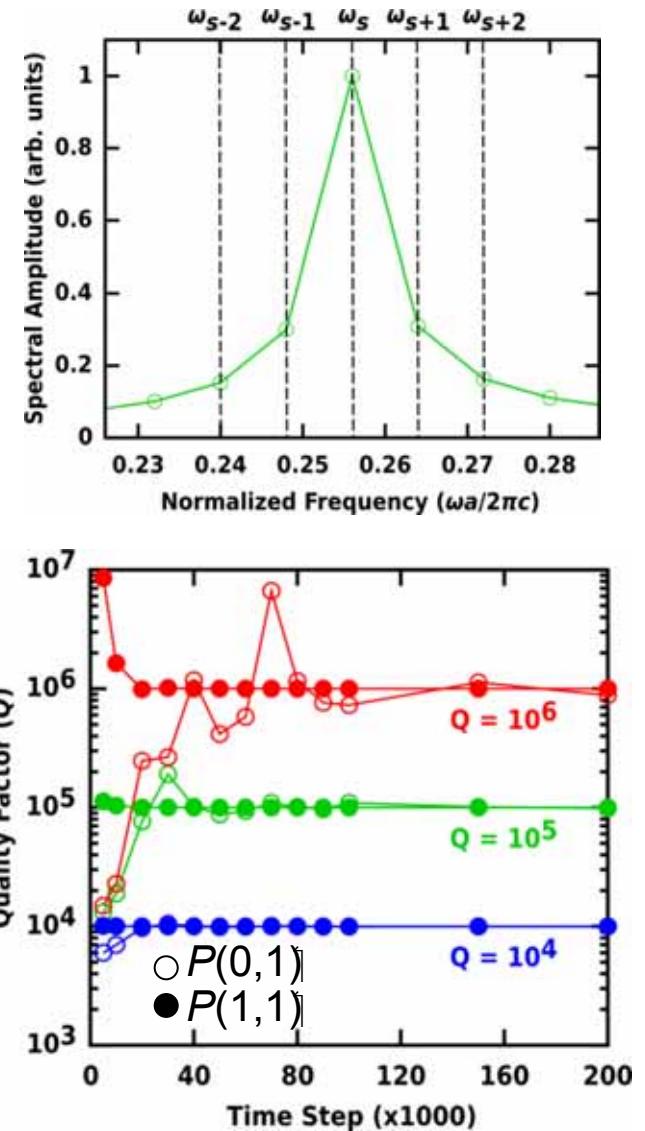
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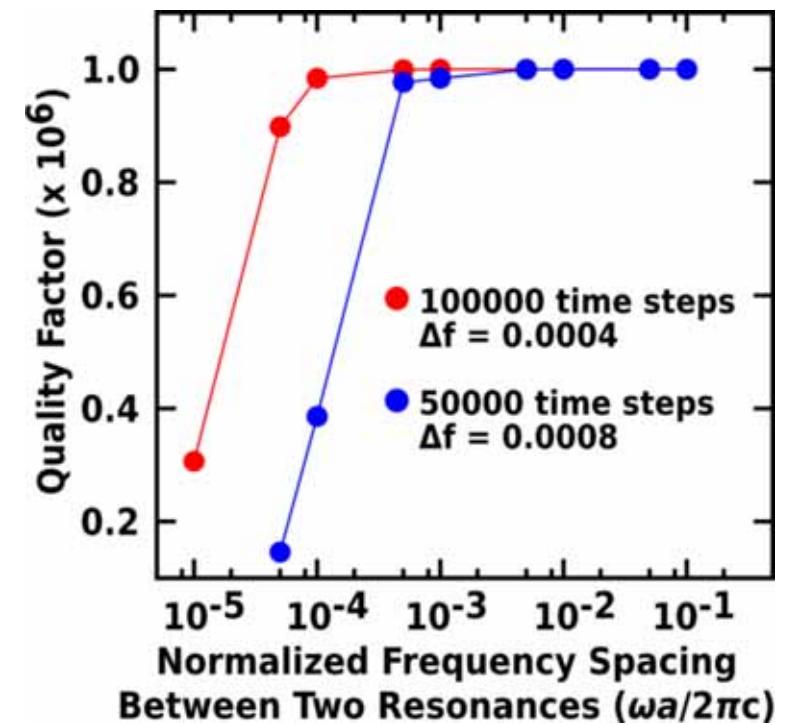
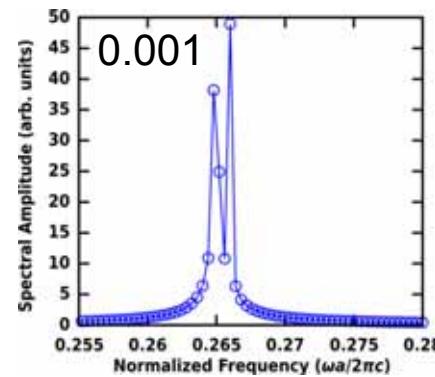
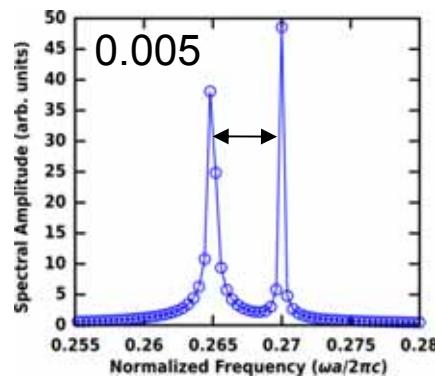
$\rightarrow Q = \frac{-\text{Re}[1/\beta_1]}{2 \text{Im}[1/\beta_1]}$



Padé convergence – user defined time sequence with two resonances

$$P(2,2) = \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \omega + \alpha_2 \omega^2}{1 + \beta_1 \omega + \beta_2 \omega^2} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2} + \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 - \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2} - \frac{\alpha_2 \beta_1}{\beta_2} \omega}{1 + \beta_1 \omega + \beta_2 \omega^2}$$

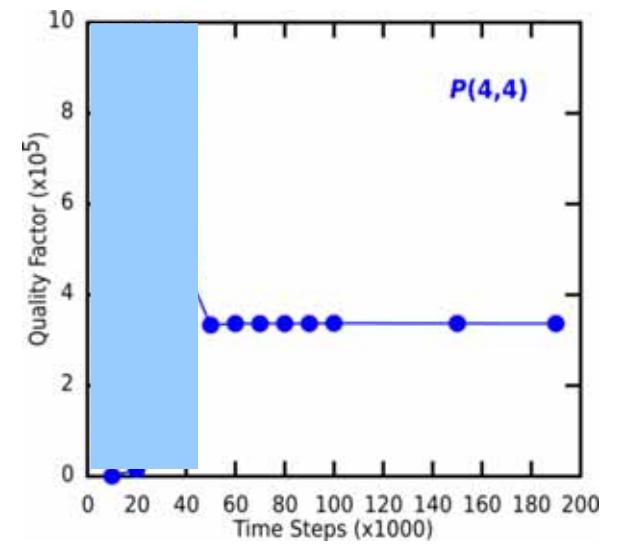
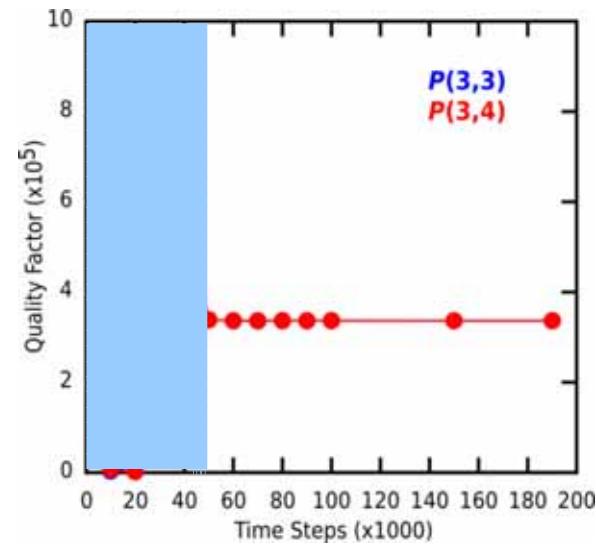
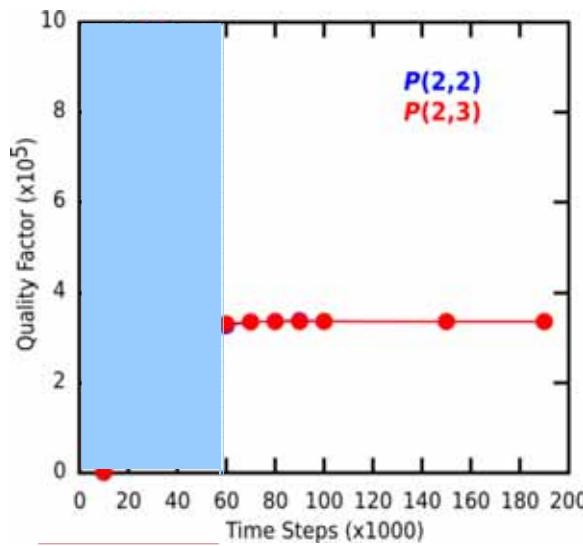
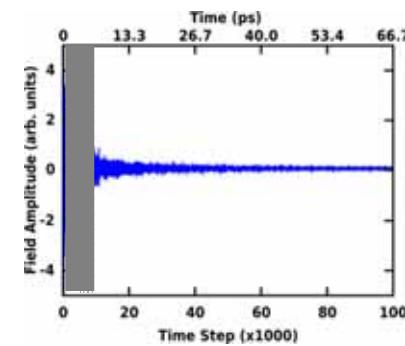
$$P(2,2) = \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2} + \frac{C_1}{\frac{\omega_1}{2Q_1} - i(\omega - \omega_1)} + \frac{C_2}{\frac{\omega_2}{2Q_2} - i(\omega - \omega_2)}$$



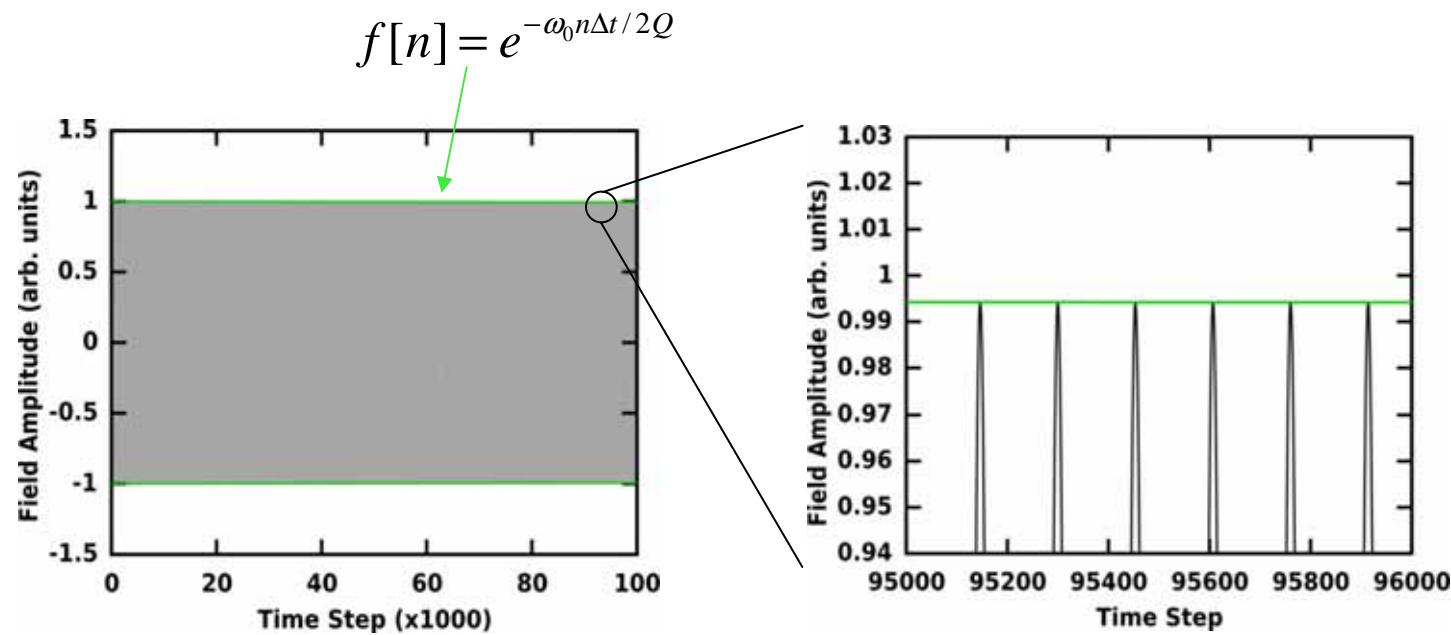
Padé convergence – FDTD analyzed PCDH cavity



- 10k time step transient removed
- Converged $Q = 336.7k$
- < 1% fluctuation in the unshaded portion
- 10k transient + 50k for $P(3,3)$, $P(3,4)$, $P(4,4)$



Verification of Q value using complementary methods



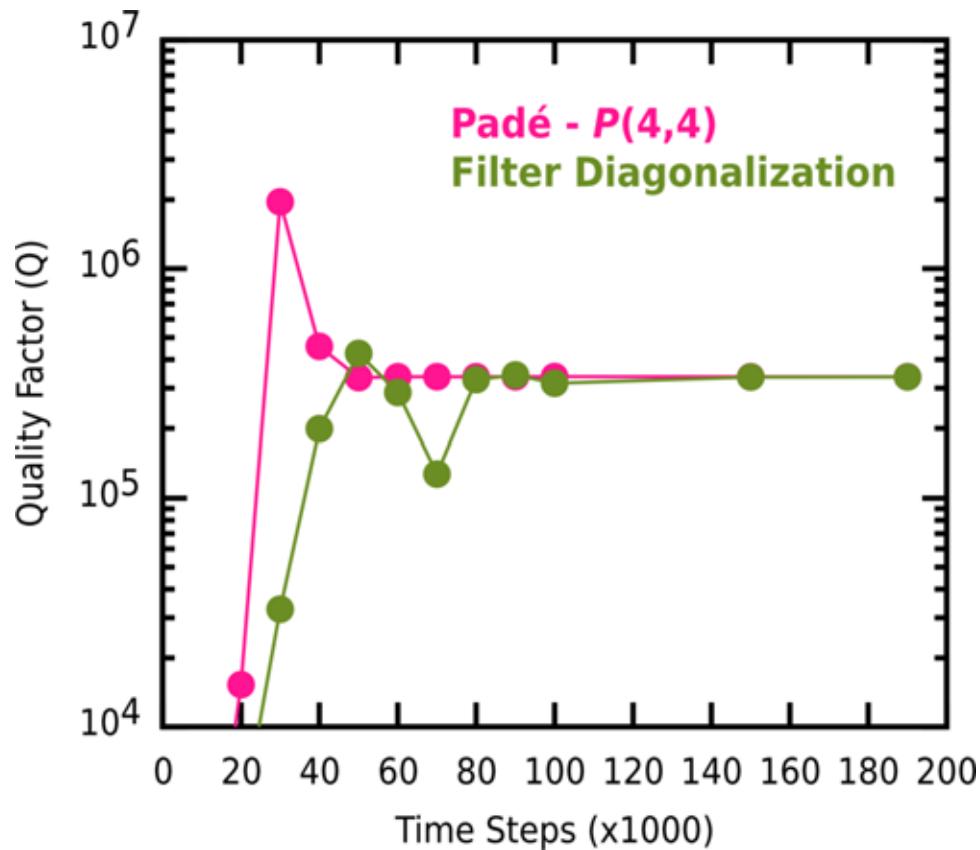
Explicit calculation

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Padé $Q = 336.7k$

Energy density $Q = 329.3k$

Comparison between Padé and filter diagonalization method



Filter-Diagonalization

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Summary



FDTD analysis of PCDH cavities

Time sequence length – spectral resolution

Convergence properties of different Padé functions

Application to photonic crystal double heterostructure cavities

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