

Resonant evanescent excitation of OAM modes in a high-contrast circular step-index fiber



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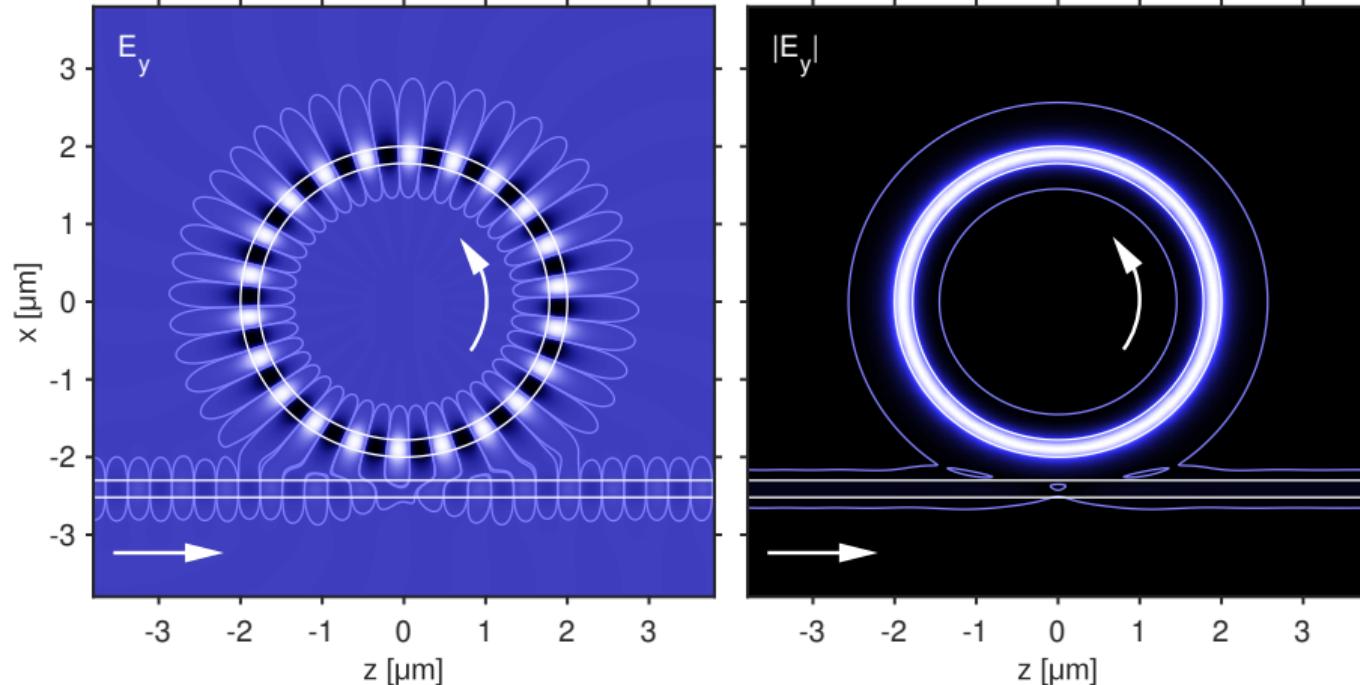
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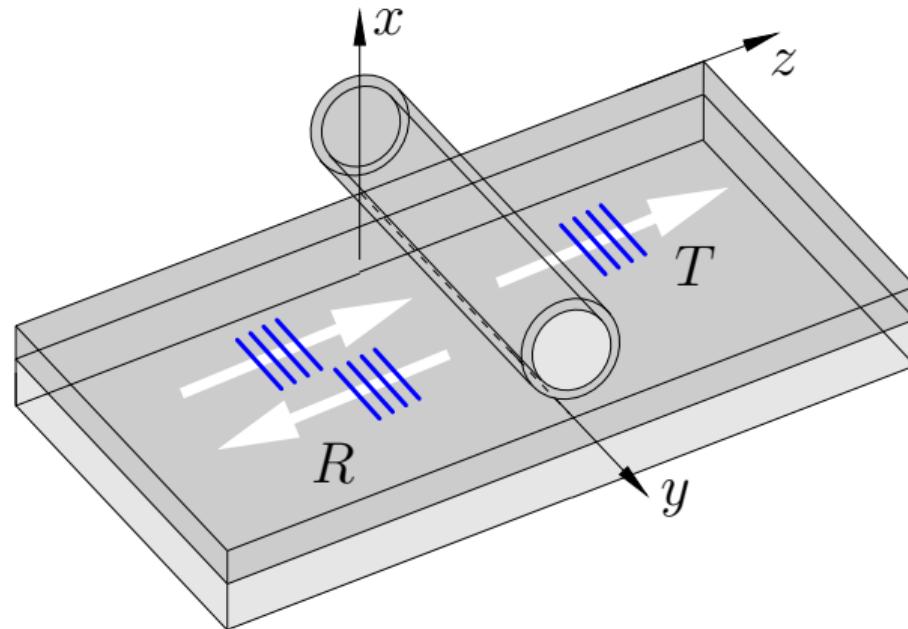
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2-D, radius 2 μm, core thickness 0.22 μm, gap 0.3 μm, refractive indices 3.45 : 1.45, wavelength 1.531 μm, in: TE₀.

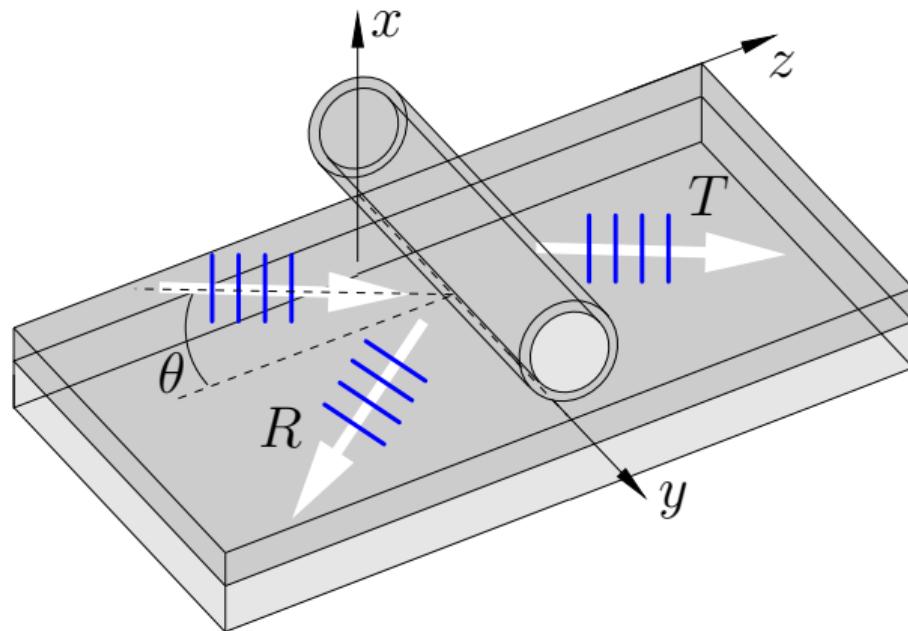
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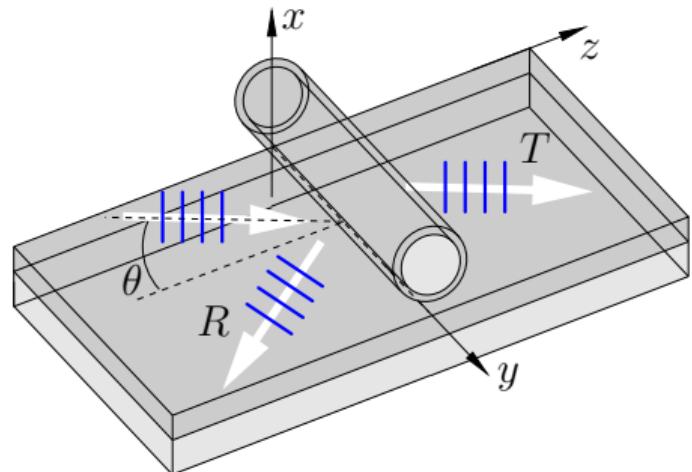
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$$(2.5\text{-D}) \quad \partial_y \epsilon = 0, \quad (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) \sim \exp(-ik_y y), \quad k_y \sim \sin \theta$$

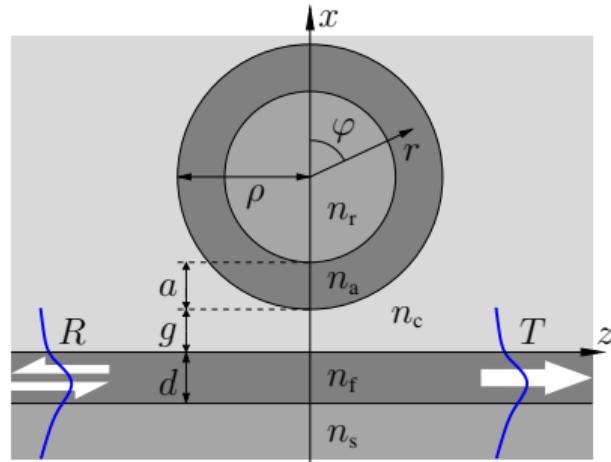
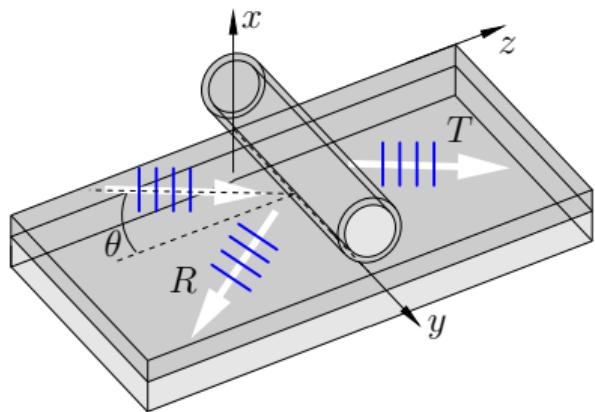


Overview

- Oblique incidence of semi-guided waves
- Fiber resonator, HCMT model
- OAM modes of the fiber
- Resonance properties
- Bundles of semi-guided waves

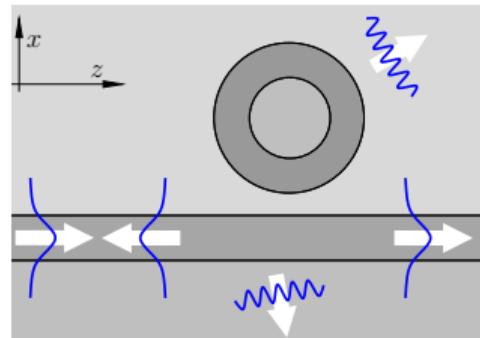
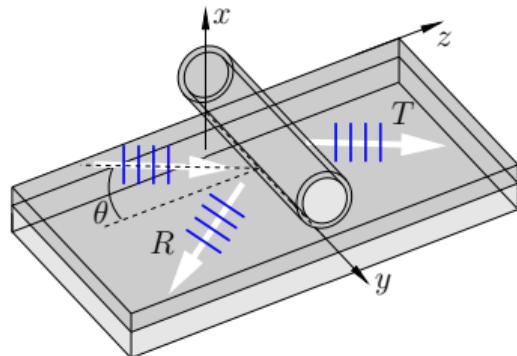


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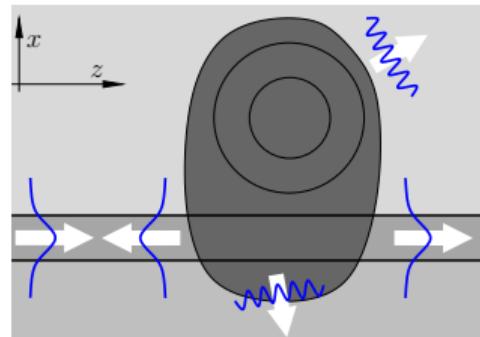
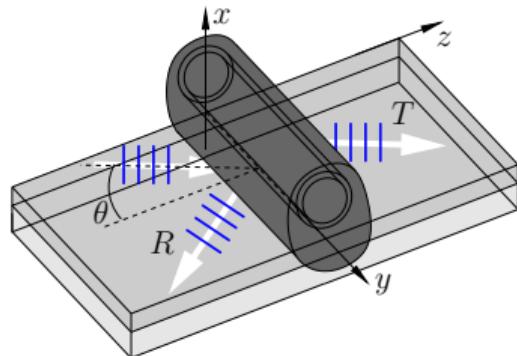


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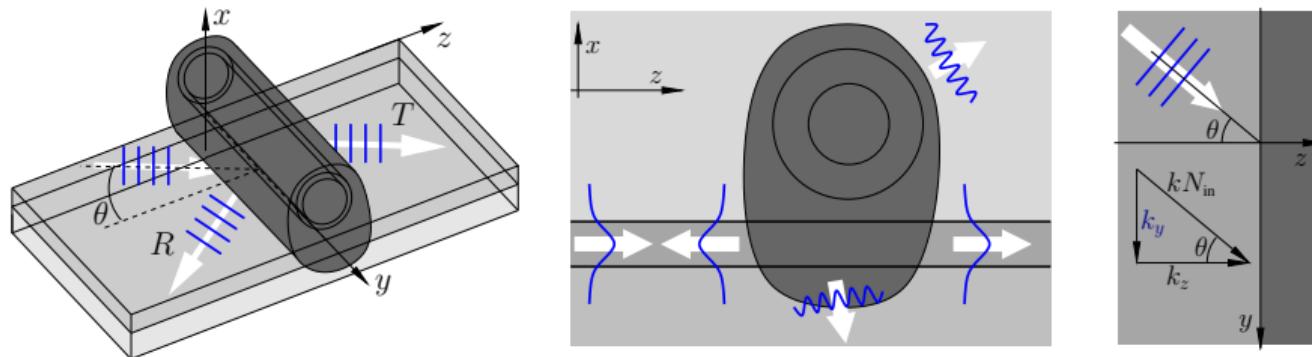
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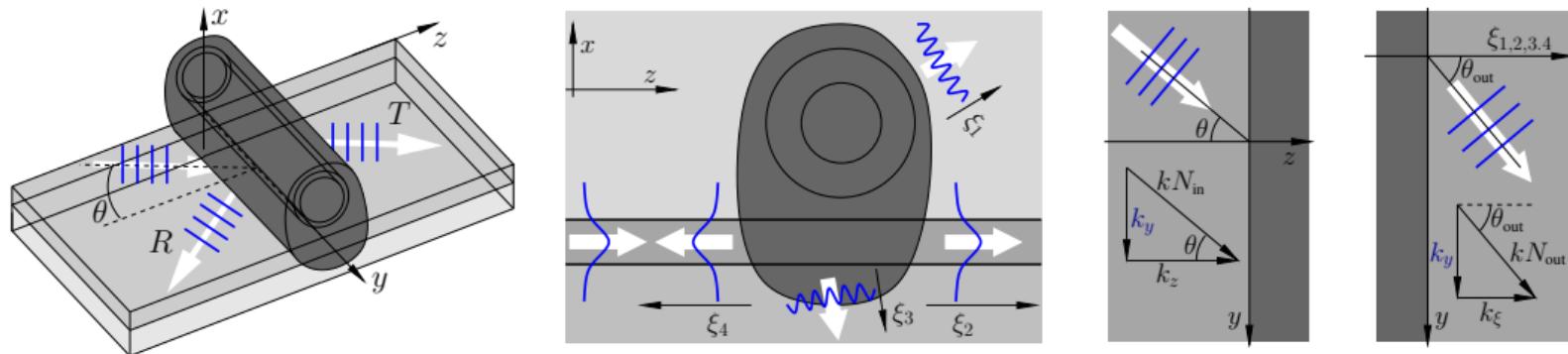
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$$\sim e^{i\omega t}, \quad \omega = kc = 2\pi c/\lambda$$

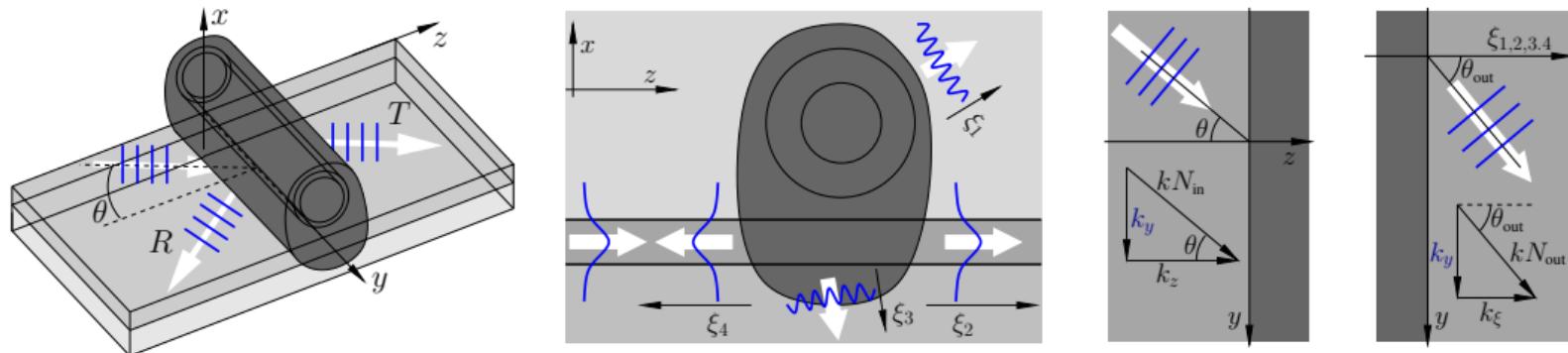
- Incoming slab mode $\{N_{\text{in}}; \Psi_{\text{in}}\}$, $(E, H) \sim \Psi_{\text{in}}(x) e^{-i(k_y y + k_z z)}$,
incidence angle θ , $k^2 N_{\text{in}}^2 = k_y^2 + k_z^2$, $k_y = k N_{\text{in}} \sin \theta$.
- y -homogeneous problem: $(E, H) \sim e^{-ik_y y}$ everywhere.

Semi guided waves at oblique angles of incidence



- Outgoing wave $\{N_{\text{out}}; \Psi_{\text{out}}\}$, $(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) \sim \Psi_{\text{out}}(\cdot) e^{-i(k_y y + k_\xi \xi)}$,
$$k^2 N_{\text{out}}^2 = k_y^2 + k_\xi^2, \quad k_y = k N_{\text{in}} \sin \theta.$$
- $k^2 N_{\text{out}}^2 > k_y^2$: $k_\xi = k N_{\text{out}} \cos \theta_{\text{out}}$, wave propagating at angle θ_{out} ,
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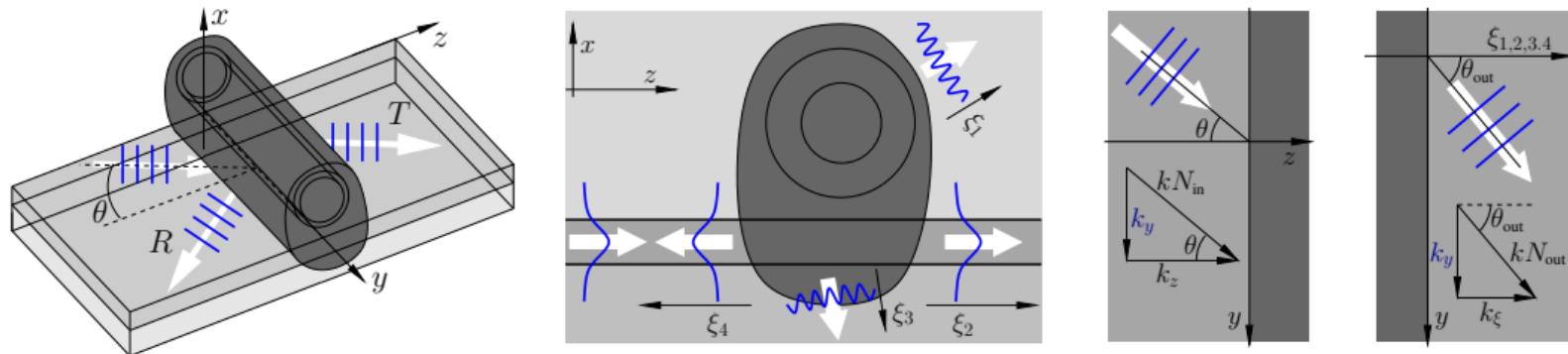


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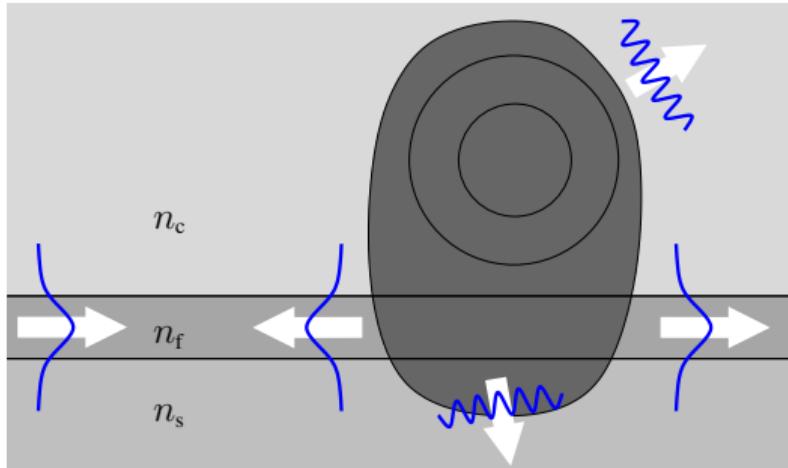
- $k^2 N_{\text{out}}^2 < k_y^2$: $k_\xi = -i \sqrt{k_y^2 - k^2 N_{\text{out}}^2}$, ξ -evanescent wave,
the outgoing wave does not carry optical power.

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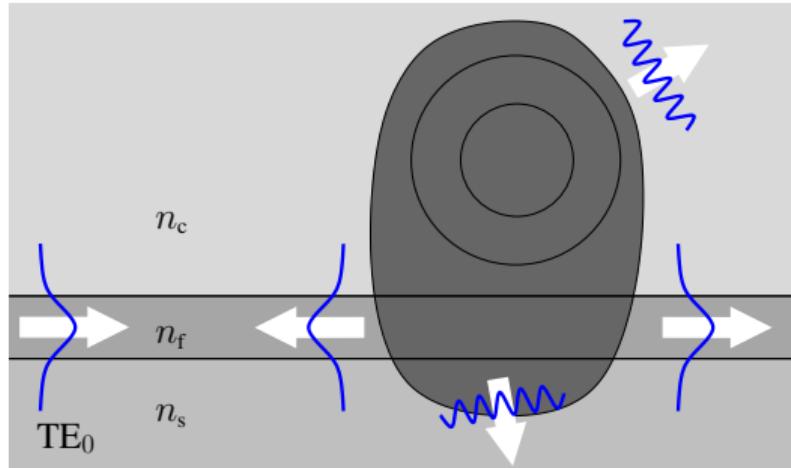
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- Scan over θ :
change from ξ -propagating to ξ -evanescent if $k^2 N_{\text{out}}^2 = k^2 N_{\text{in}}^2 \sin^2 \theta$
➡ mode $\{N_{\text{out}}; \Psi_{\text{out}}\}$ does not carry power for $\theta > \theta_{\text{cr}}$,
critical angle θ_{cr} , $\sin \theta_{\text{cr}} = N_{\text{out}}/N_{\text{in}}$.

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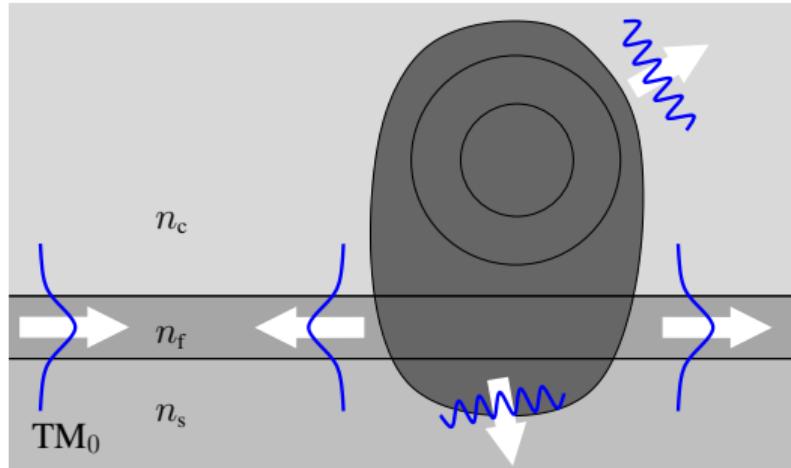
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- TM polarized waves relate to effective mode indices  $N_{out} \leq N_{TM}$   
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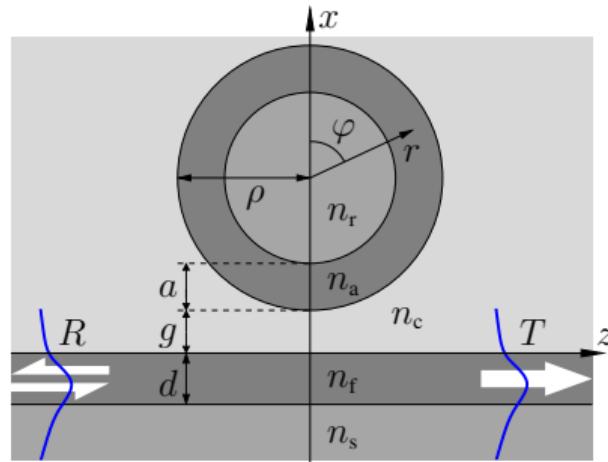
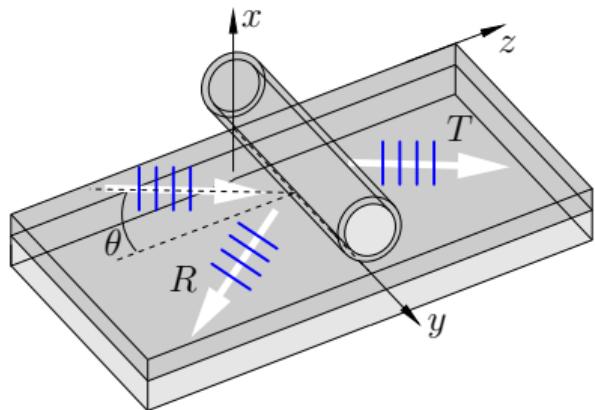
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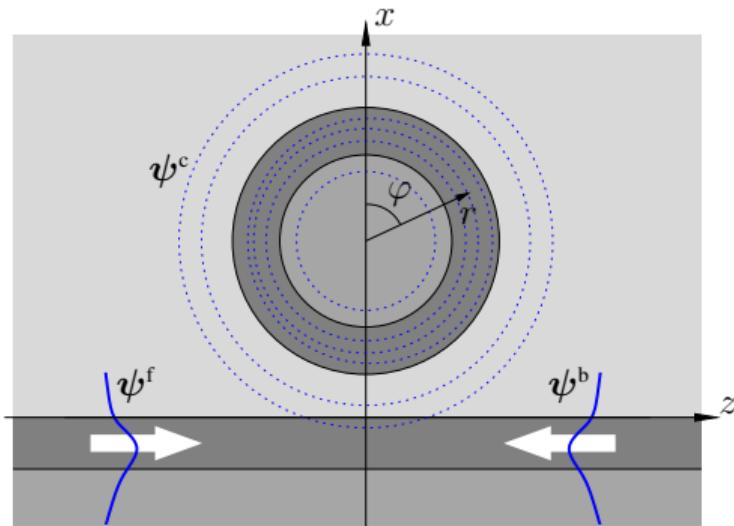
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TE input:  $\theta_c = 20.88^\circ$ ,  $\theta_s = 31.13^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{TM}} = 41.94^\circ$ ; TM input:  $\theta_c = 32.24^\circ$ ,  $\theta_s = 50.66^\circ$ .

## Simulations: Hybrid coupled mode theory



- $\theta, k_y$  given,  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H} \sim \exp(-i k_y y)$ ,
- Slab waveguide:  

$$\psi_p^{f,b}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}_p^{f,b}(k_y, x) e^{\mp i k_z^p(k_y) z}, \quad p \in \{\text{TE, TM}\}.$$
- Fiber:  

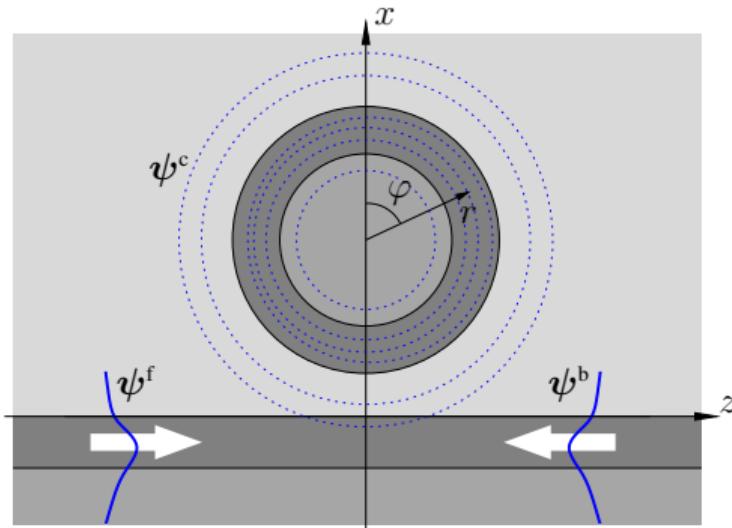
$$\psi_j^c(r, \varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}_j^c(r) e^{-i l_j \varphi}, \quad l_j \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \sum_p f_p(z) \psi_p^f(x, z) + \sum_p b_p(z) \psi_p^b(x, z) + \sum_j c_j \psi_j^c(r, \varphi),$$

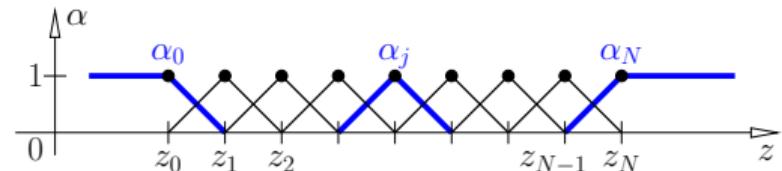
$$r = r(x, z), \quad \varphi = \varphi(x, z).$$

$$f_p, b_p, c_j : ?$$

## HCMT model, discretization



1-D linear finite elements



$$f_p(z) = \sum_{j=0}^N f_{p,j} \alpha_j(z),$$

$b_p(z)$  analogous.

↶  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \sum_{p,j} f_{p,j} (\alpha_j \psi_j^f)(x, z) + \sum_{p,j} b_{p,j} (\alpha_j \psi_j^b)(x, z) + \sum_j c_j \psi_j'^c(x, z)$

$$=: \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_k \\ \mathbf{H}_k \end{pmatrix}(x, z), \quad a_k \in \{f_{p,j}, b_{p,j}, c_j\}, \quad a_k: ?$$

## **HCMT model, Galerkin procedure**

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$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\mathbf{E} &= 0 \\ -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} - i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left|_{\partial_y \rightarrow -ik_y} \quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix}^*, \quad \iint \right.$$

↔  $\iint \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) \, dx \, dz = 0 \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G},$

where

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{F}^* \cdot (\nabla_{k_y} \times \mathbf{H}) - \mathbf{G}^* \cdot (\nabla_{k_y} \times \mathbf{E}) - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \mathbf{F}^* \cdot \mathbf{E} - i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{G}^* \cdot \mathbf{H}.$$

## HCMT model, solution

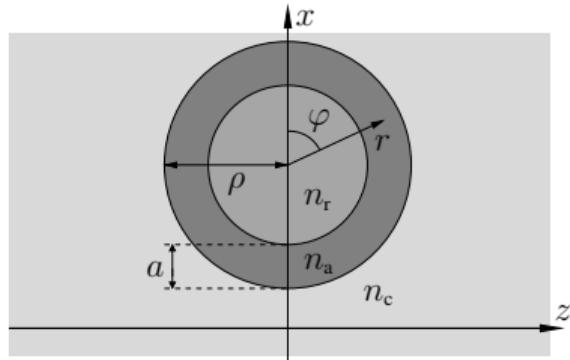
- Insert  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_k \\ \mathbf{H}_k \end{pmatrix}$ ,
- select  $\{\mathbf{u}\}$ : indices of unknown coefficients,  
 $\{\mathbf{g}\}$ : given values related to prescribed influx,
- require  $\iint \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_l; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) dx dz = 0 \text{ for } l \in \{\mathbf{u}\}$ ,
- compute  $K_{lk} = \iint \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_l; \mathbf{E}_k, \mathbf{H}_k) dx dz$ .

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$$\sum_{k \in \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{g}\}} K_{lk} a_k = 0, \quad l \in \{\mathbf{u}\}, \quad (\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}} \quad \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{g}}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{g}} \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{u}} = -\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{g}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{g}}.$$

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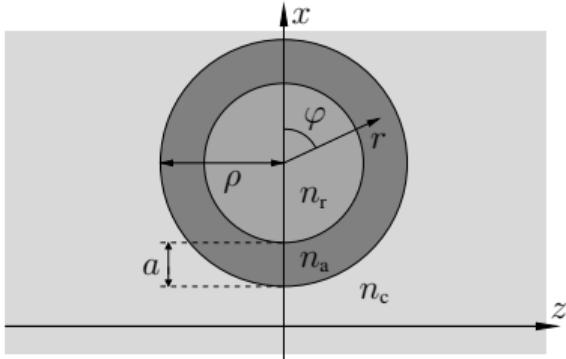
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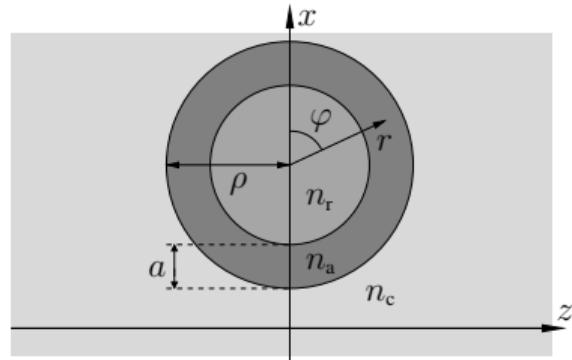
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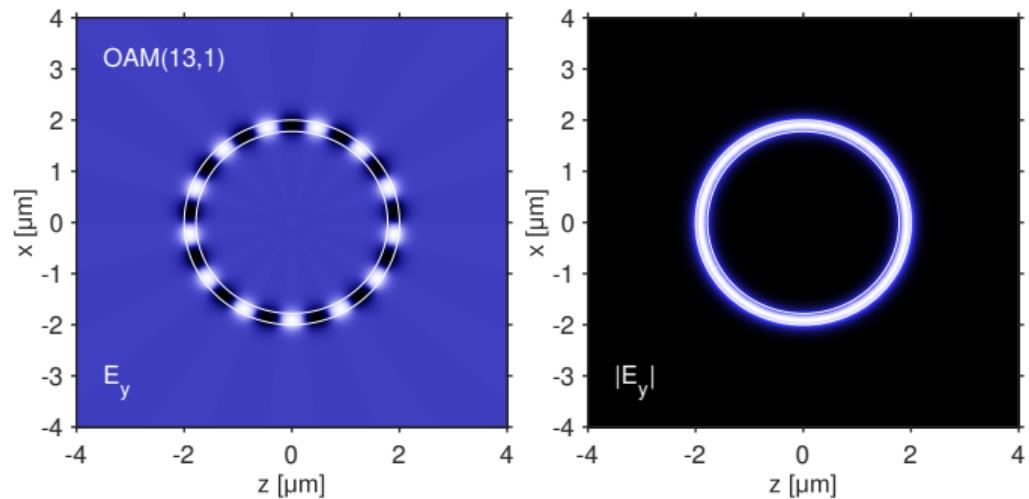
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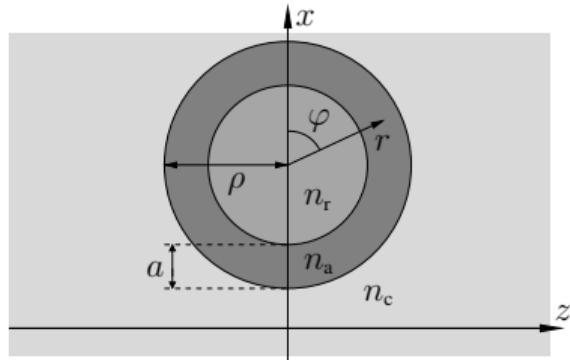
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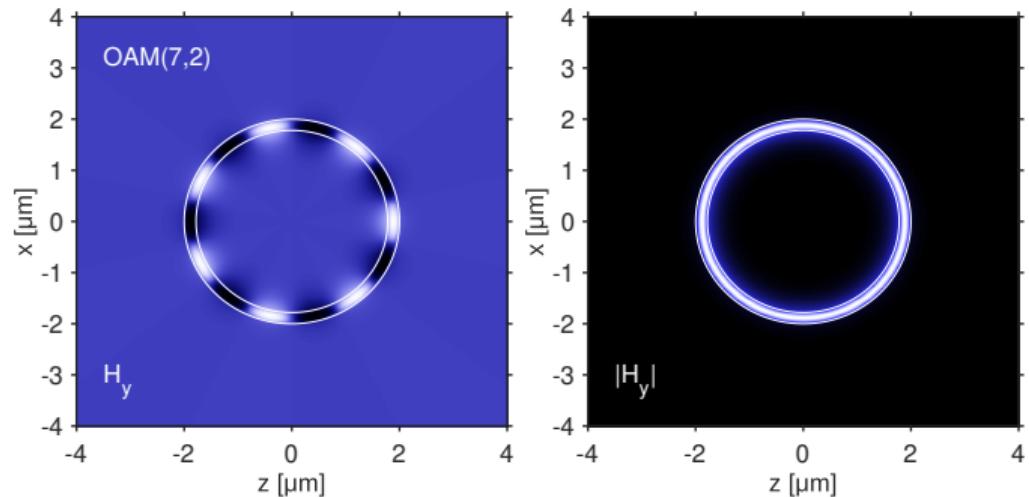
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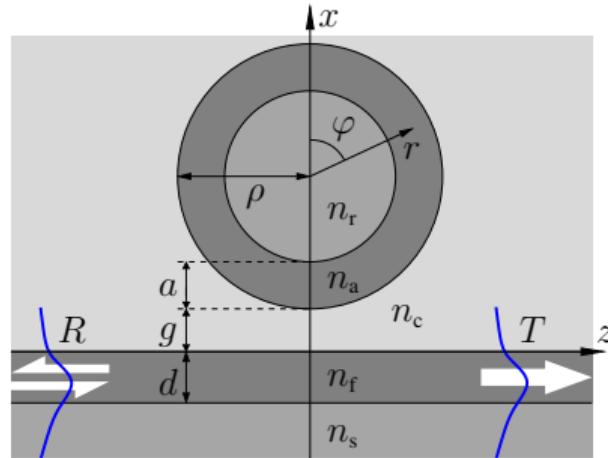
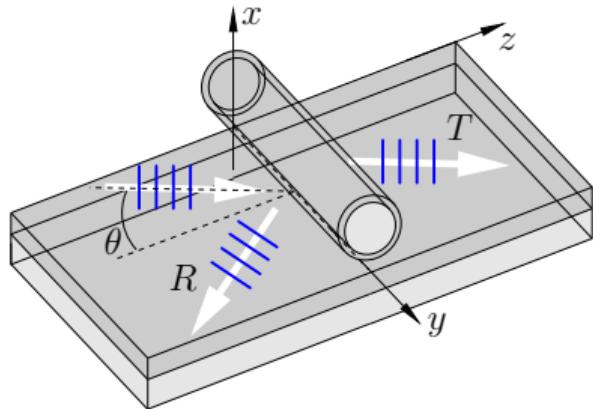
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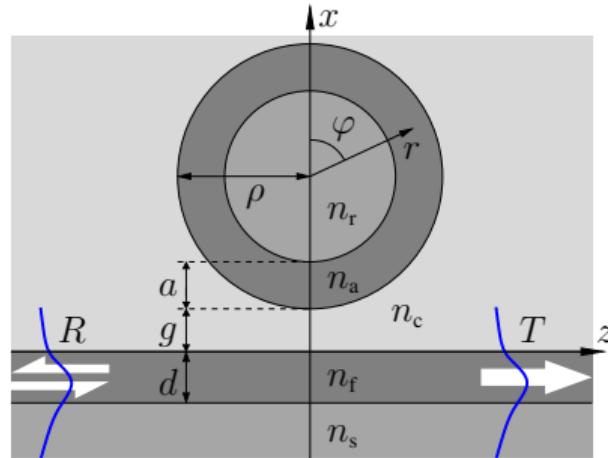
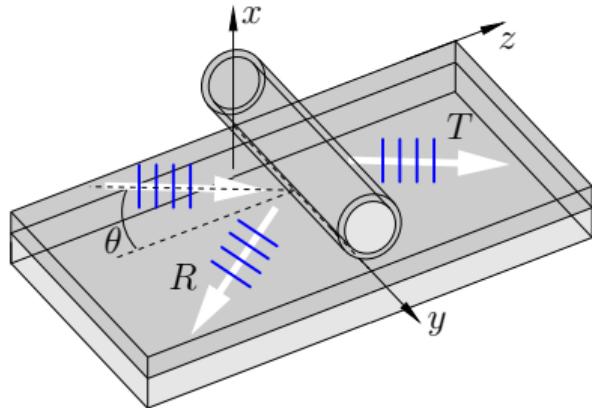
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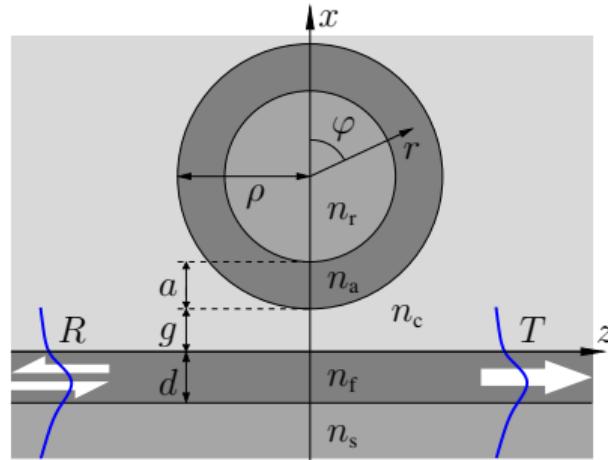
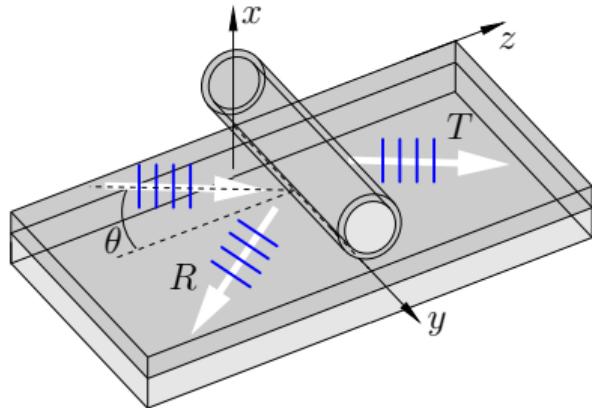


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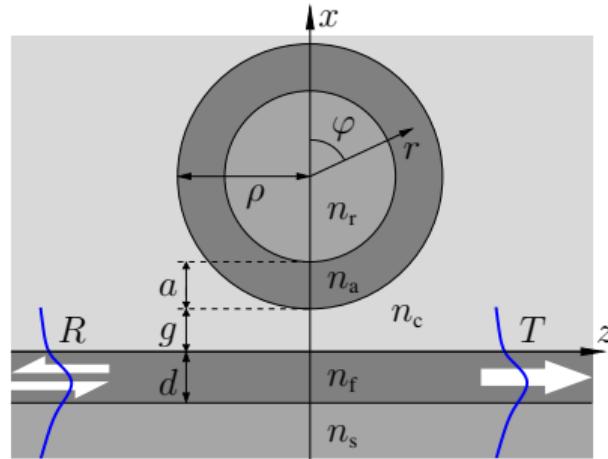
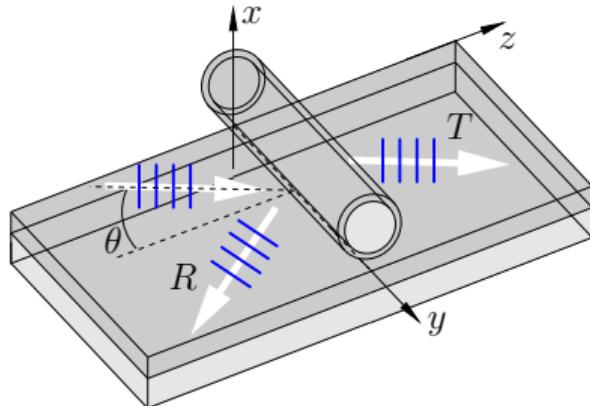
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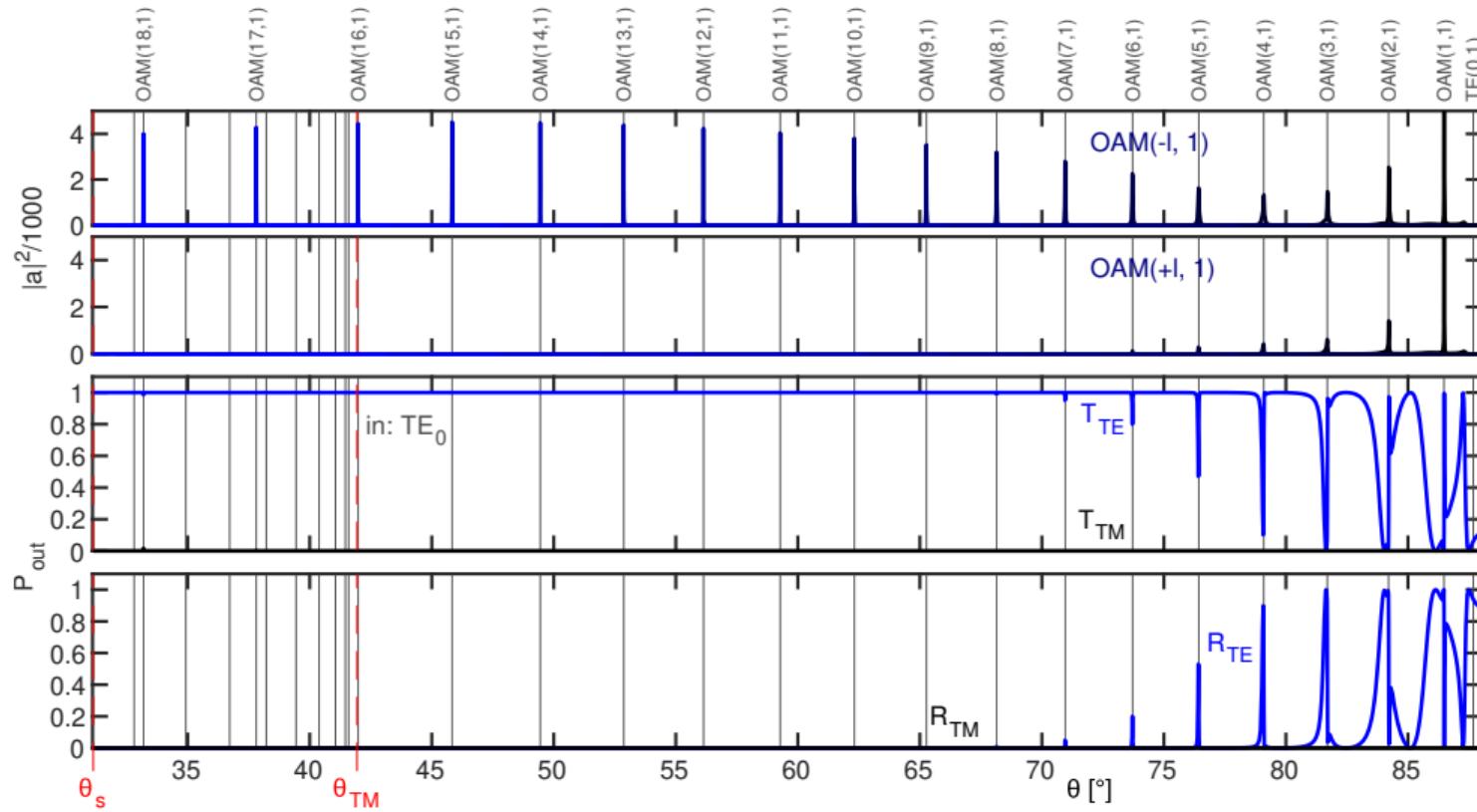
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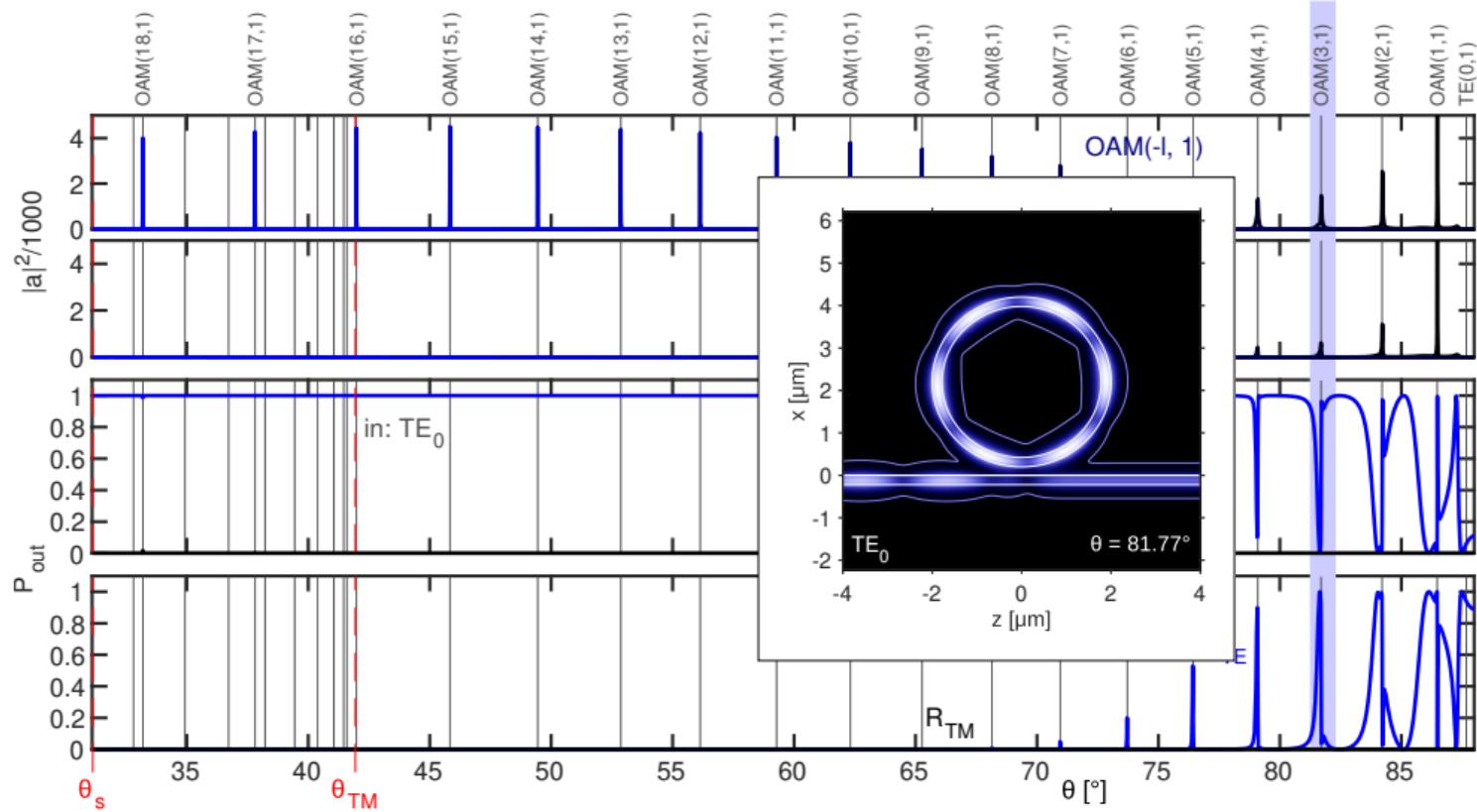
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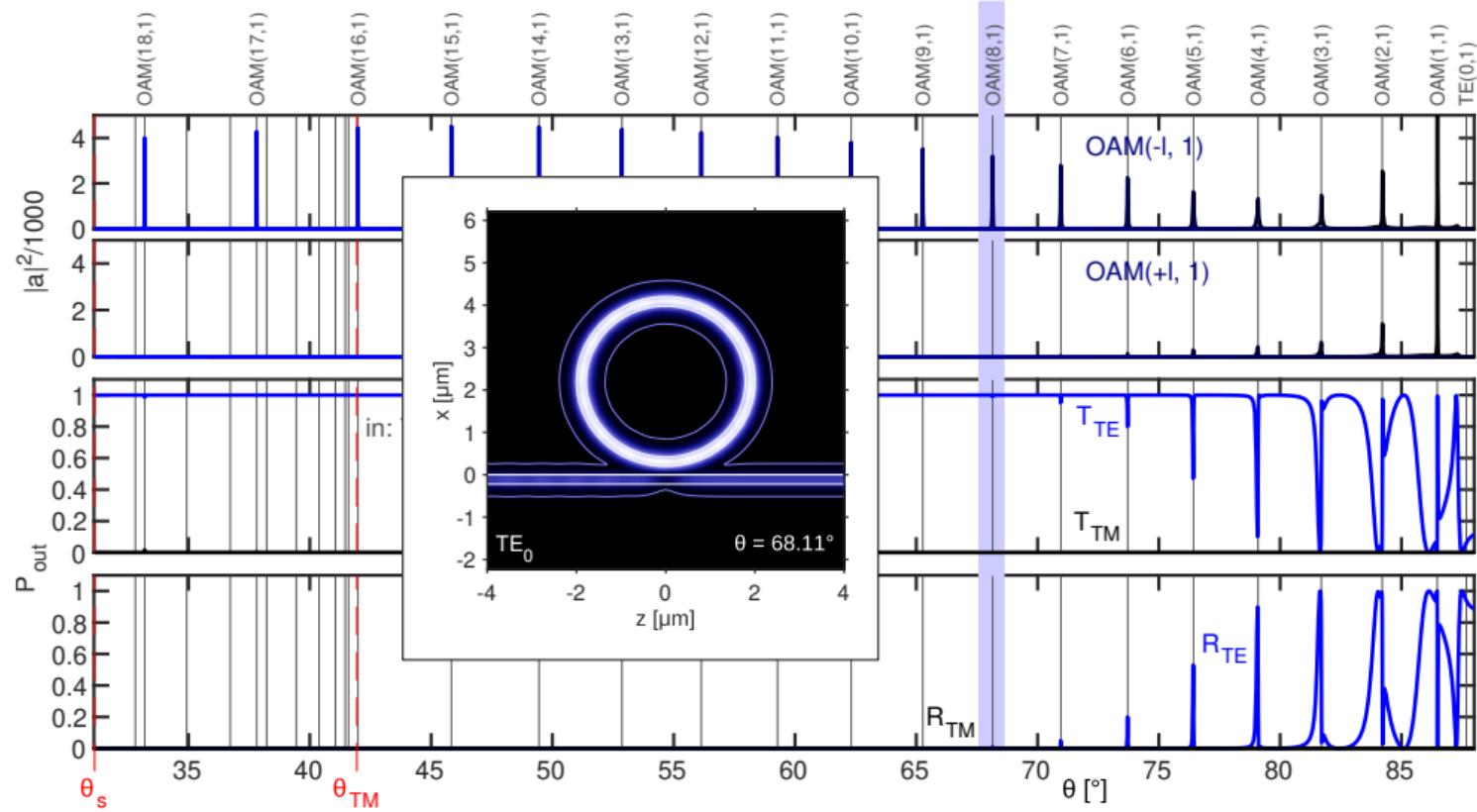
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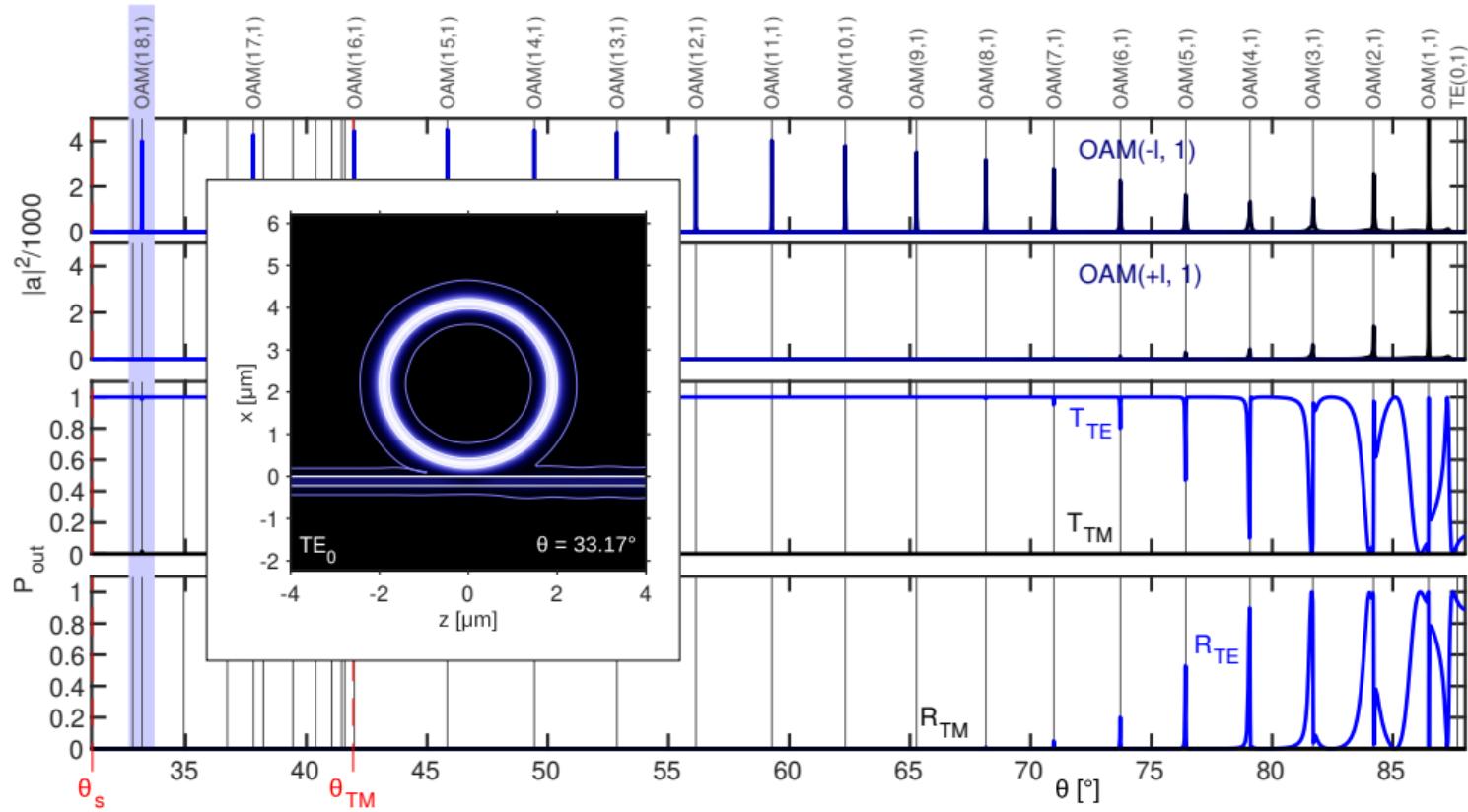
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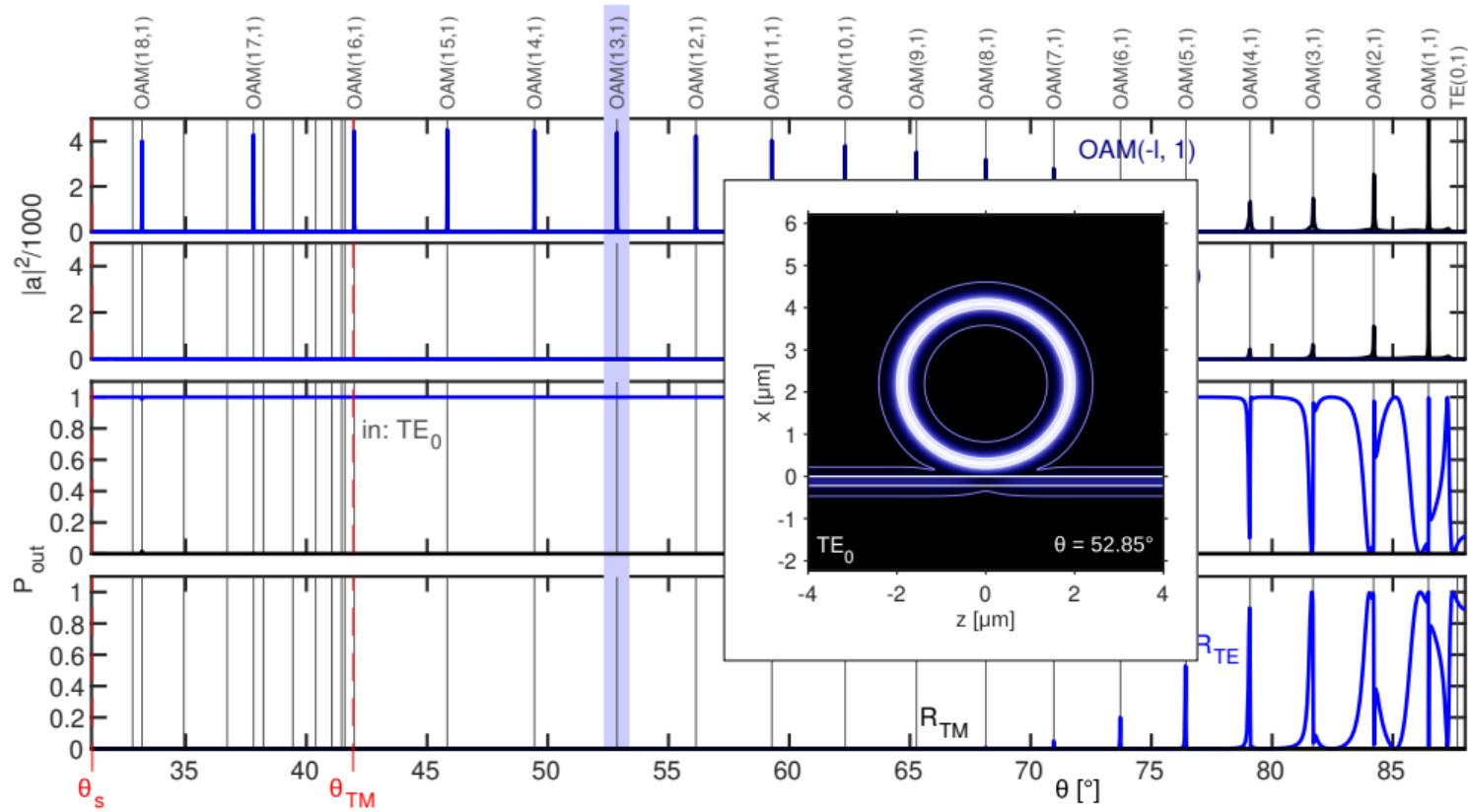
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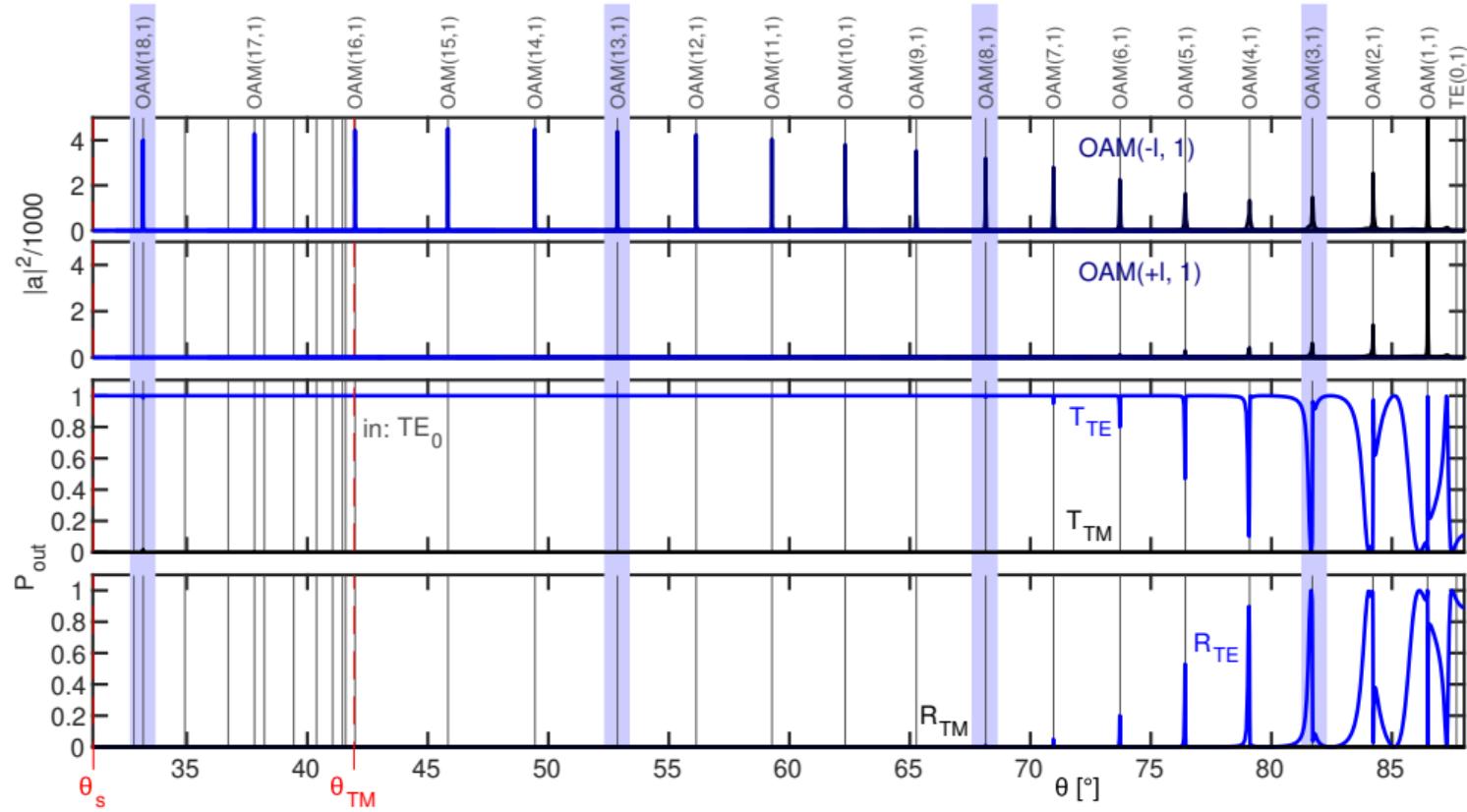
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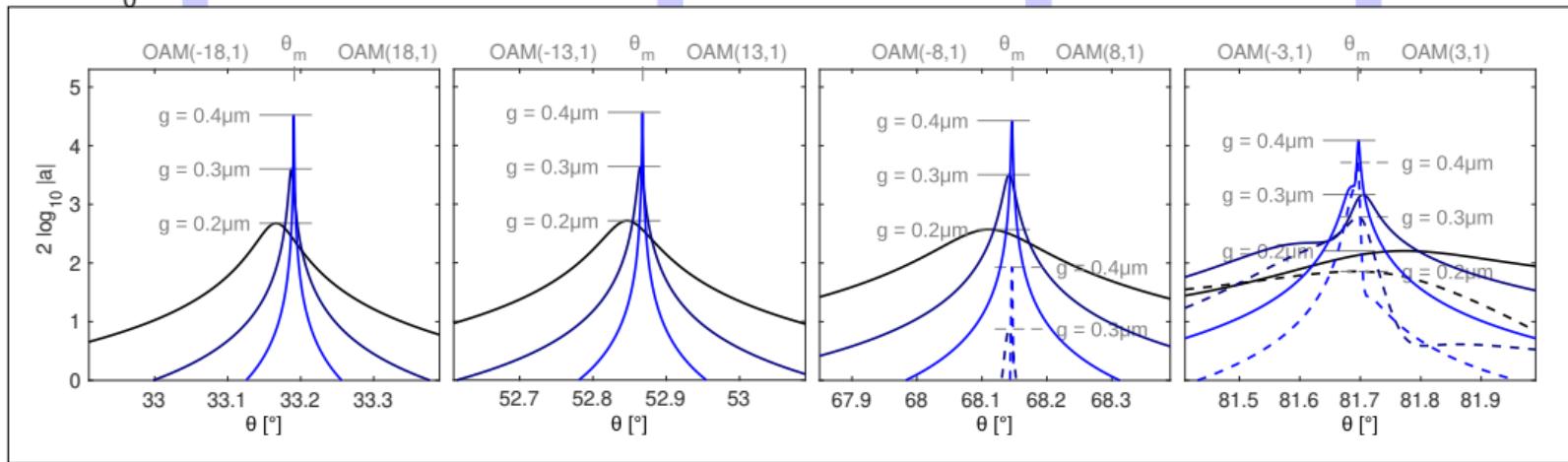
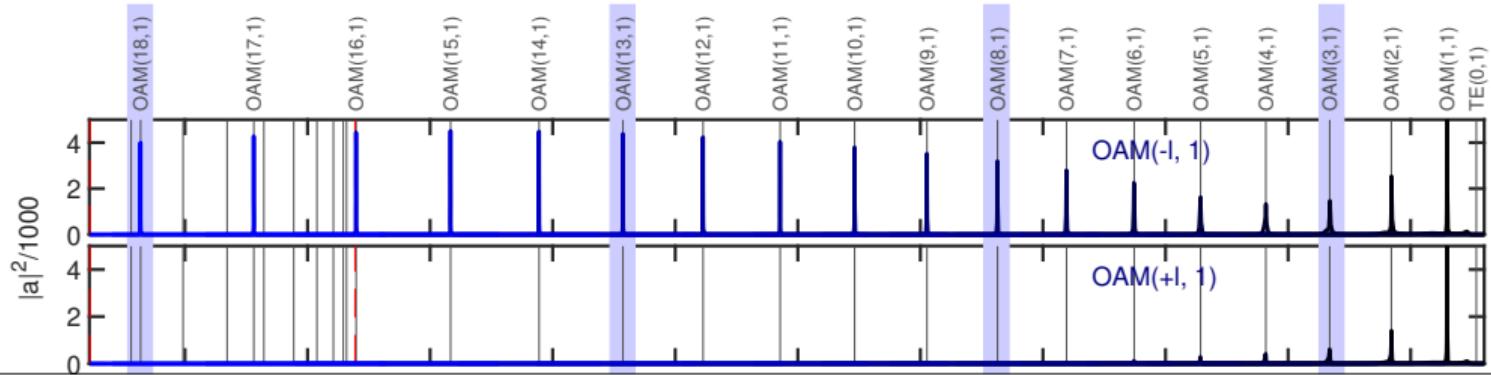


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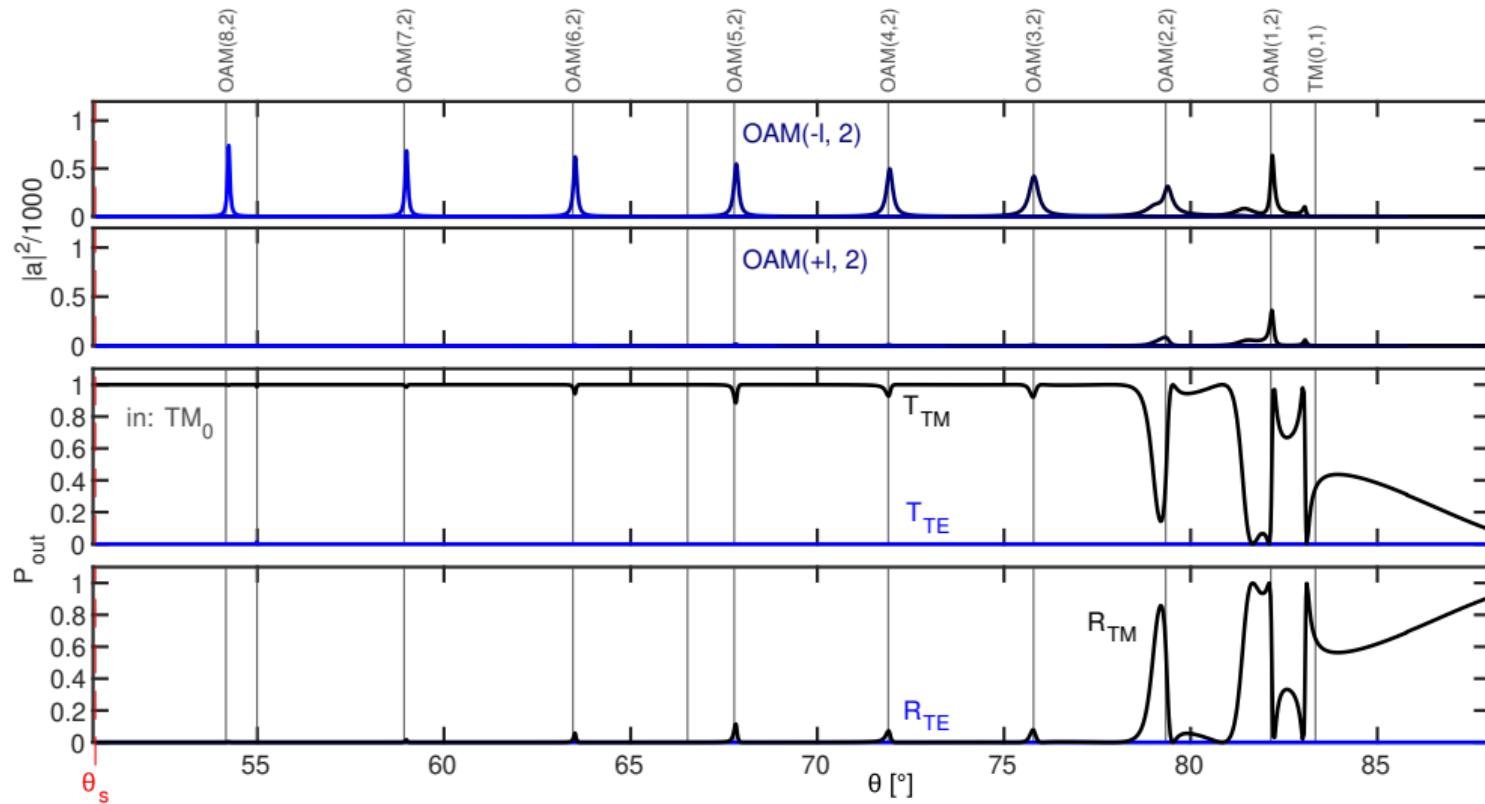
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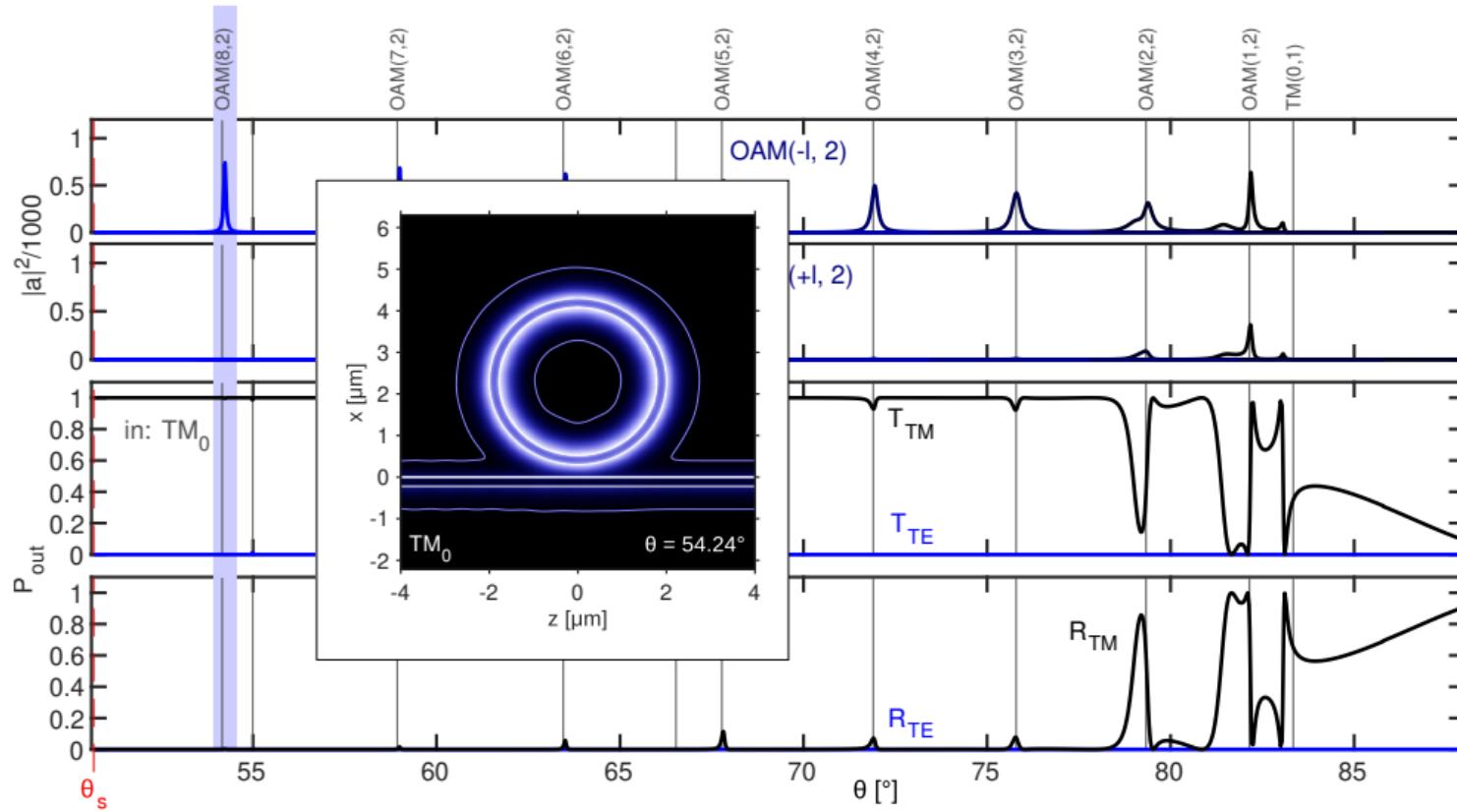


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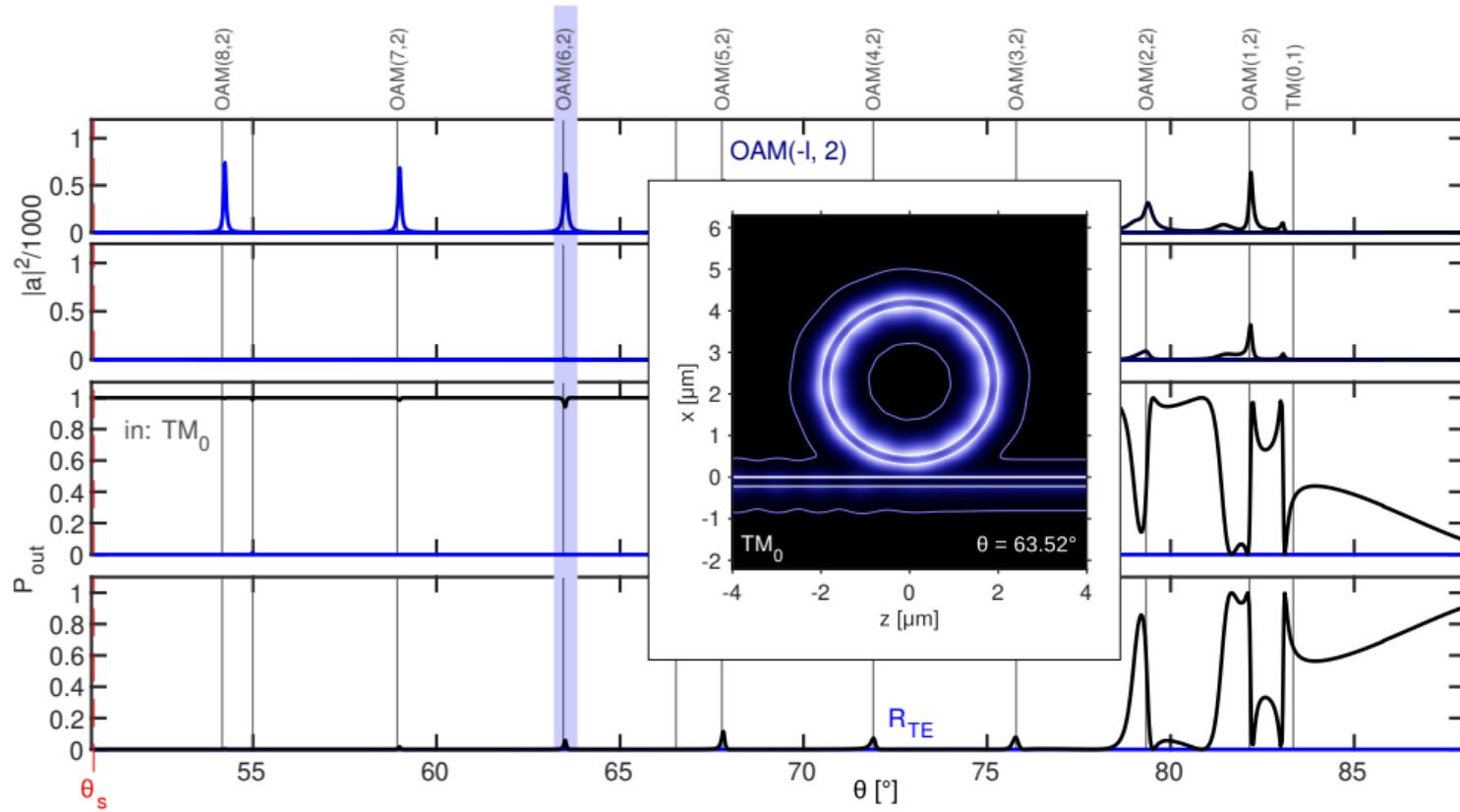
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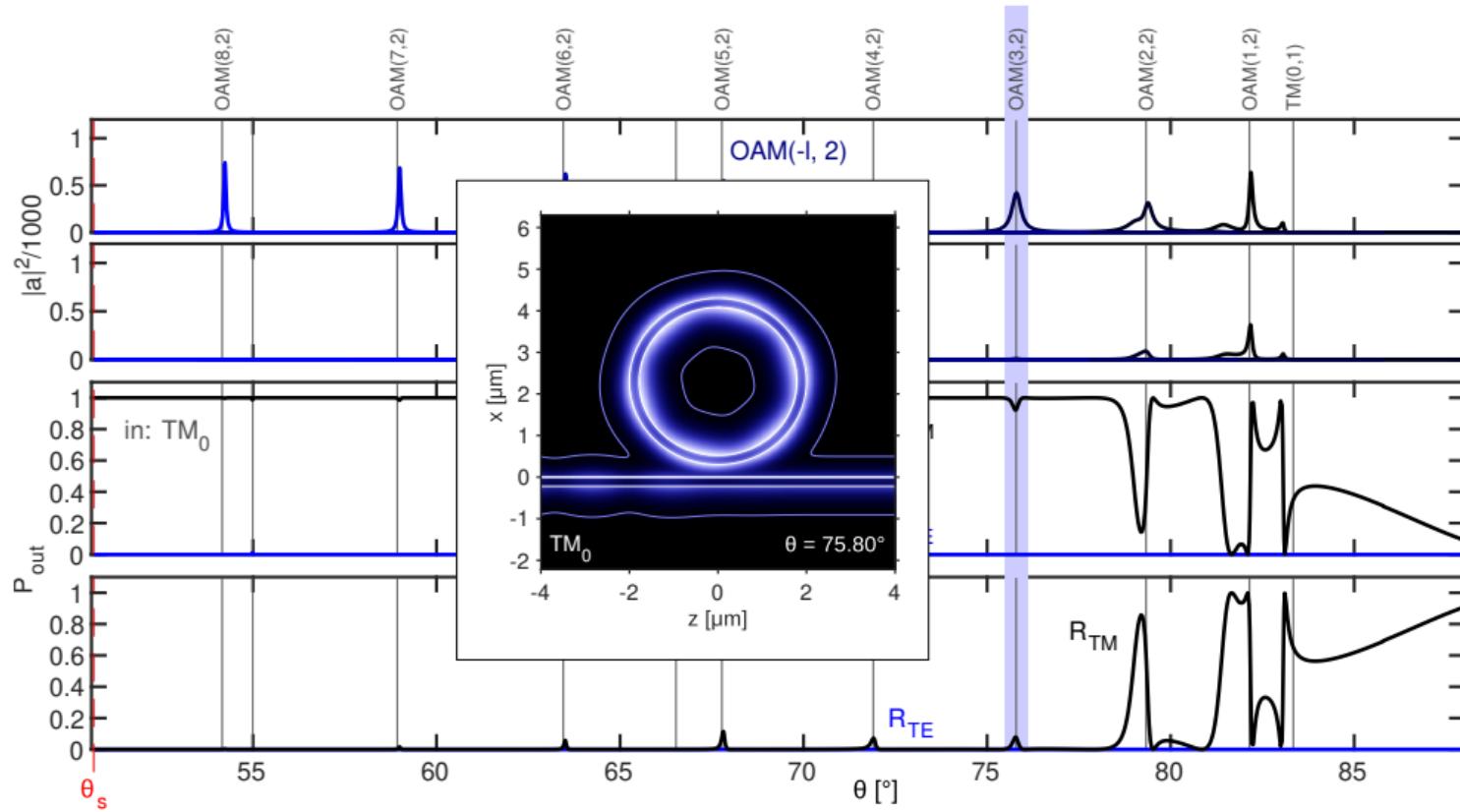
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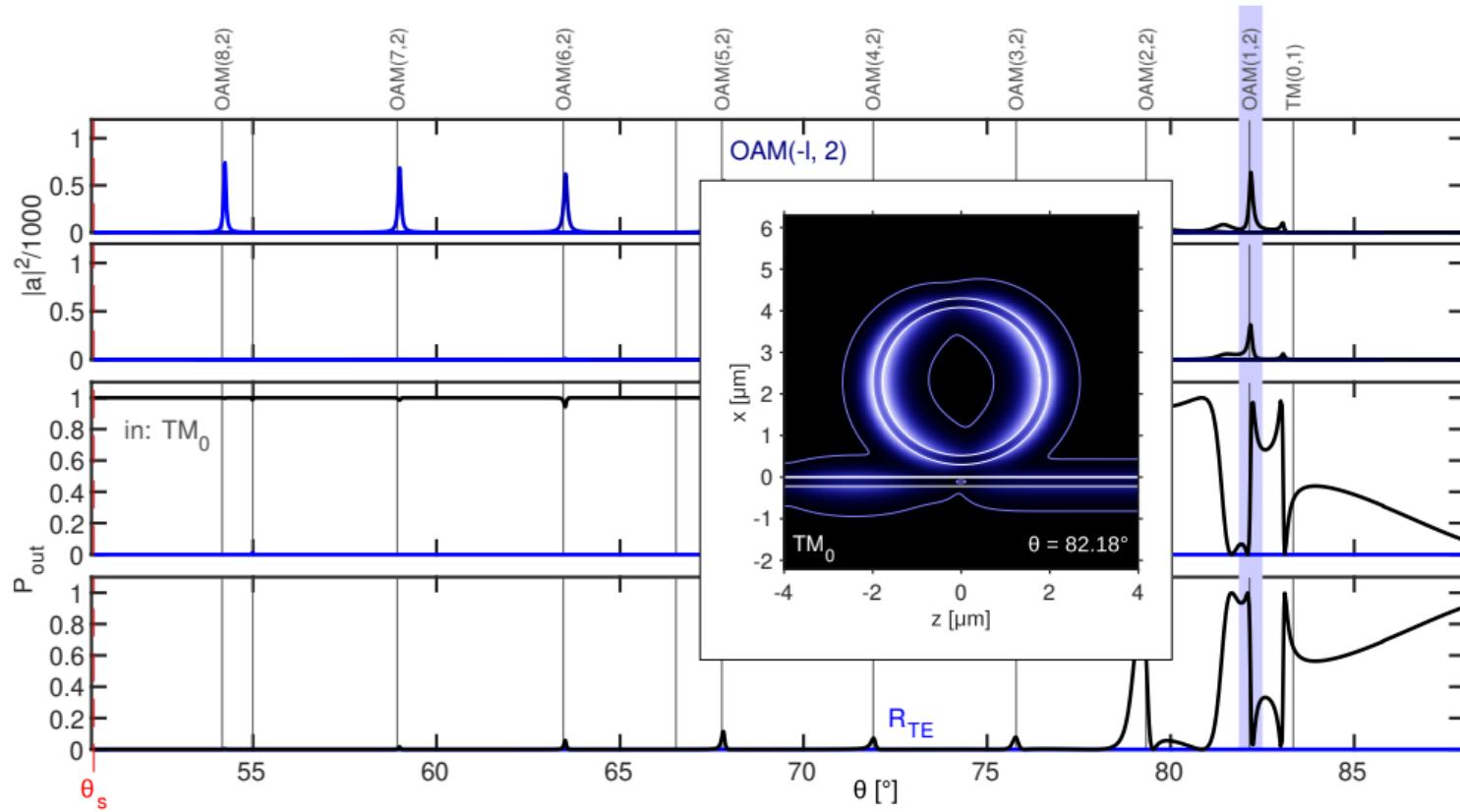
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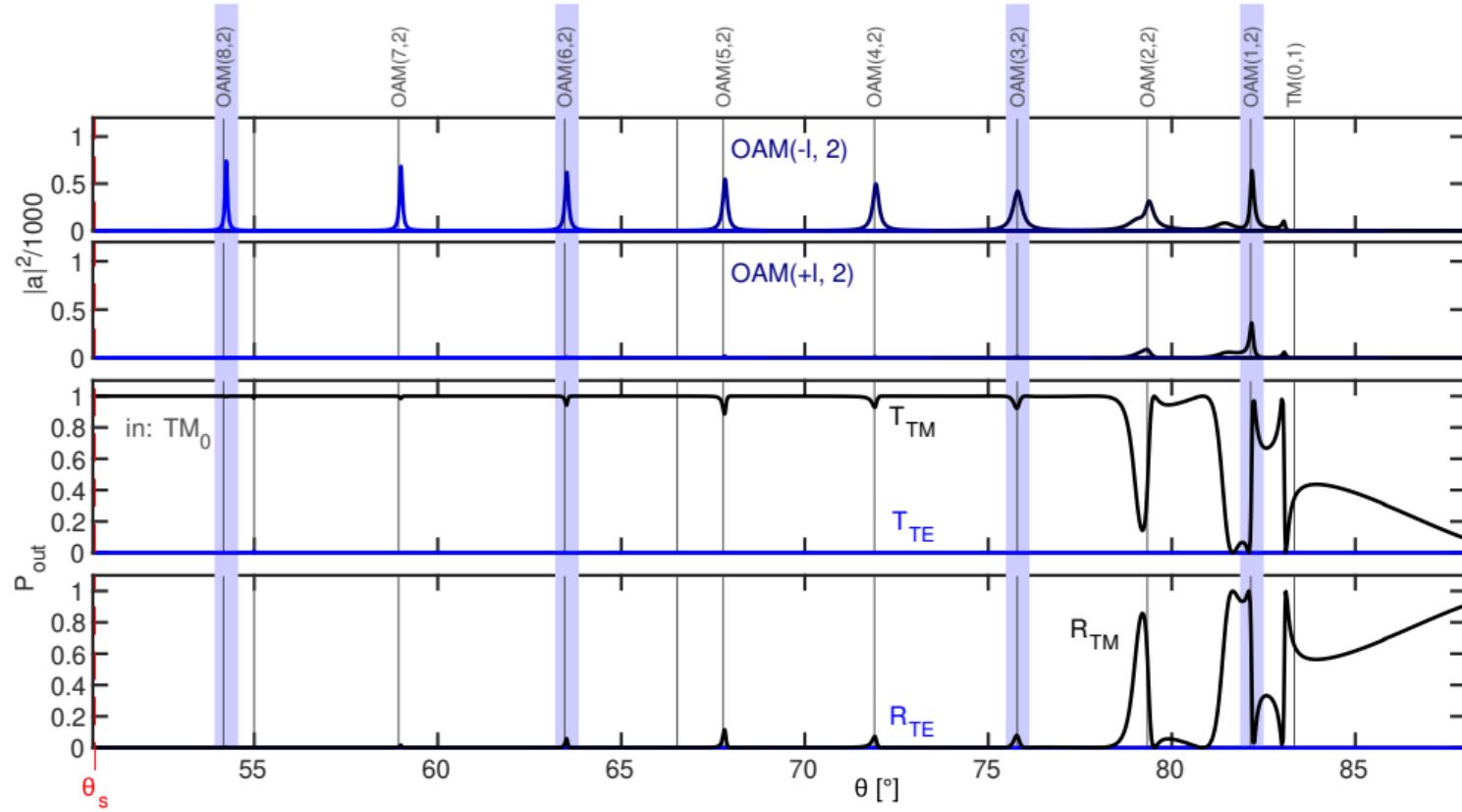
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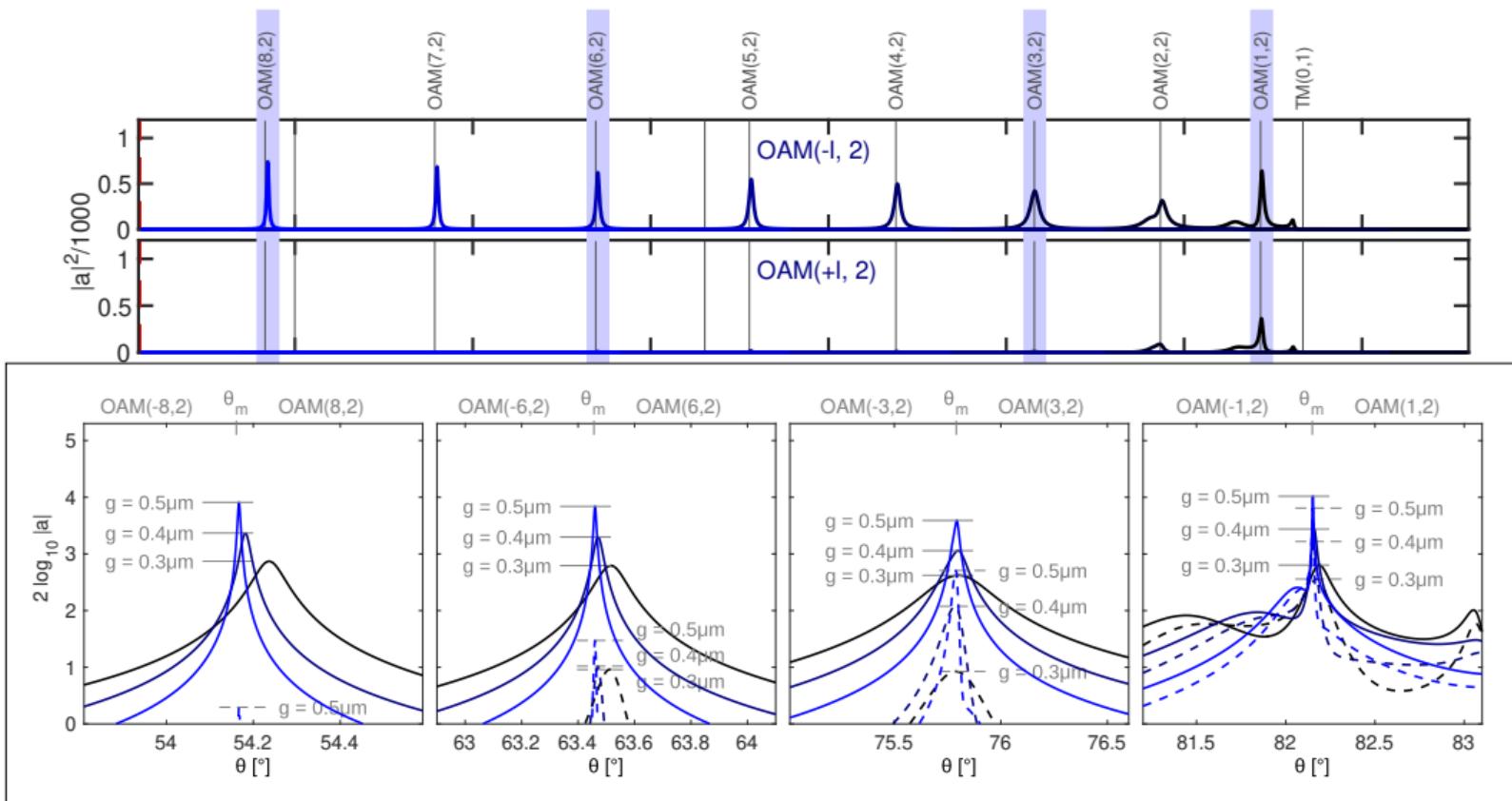


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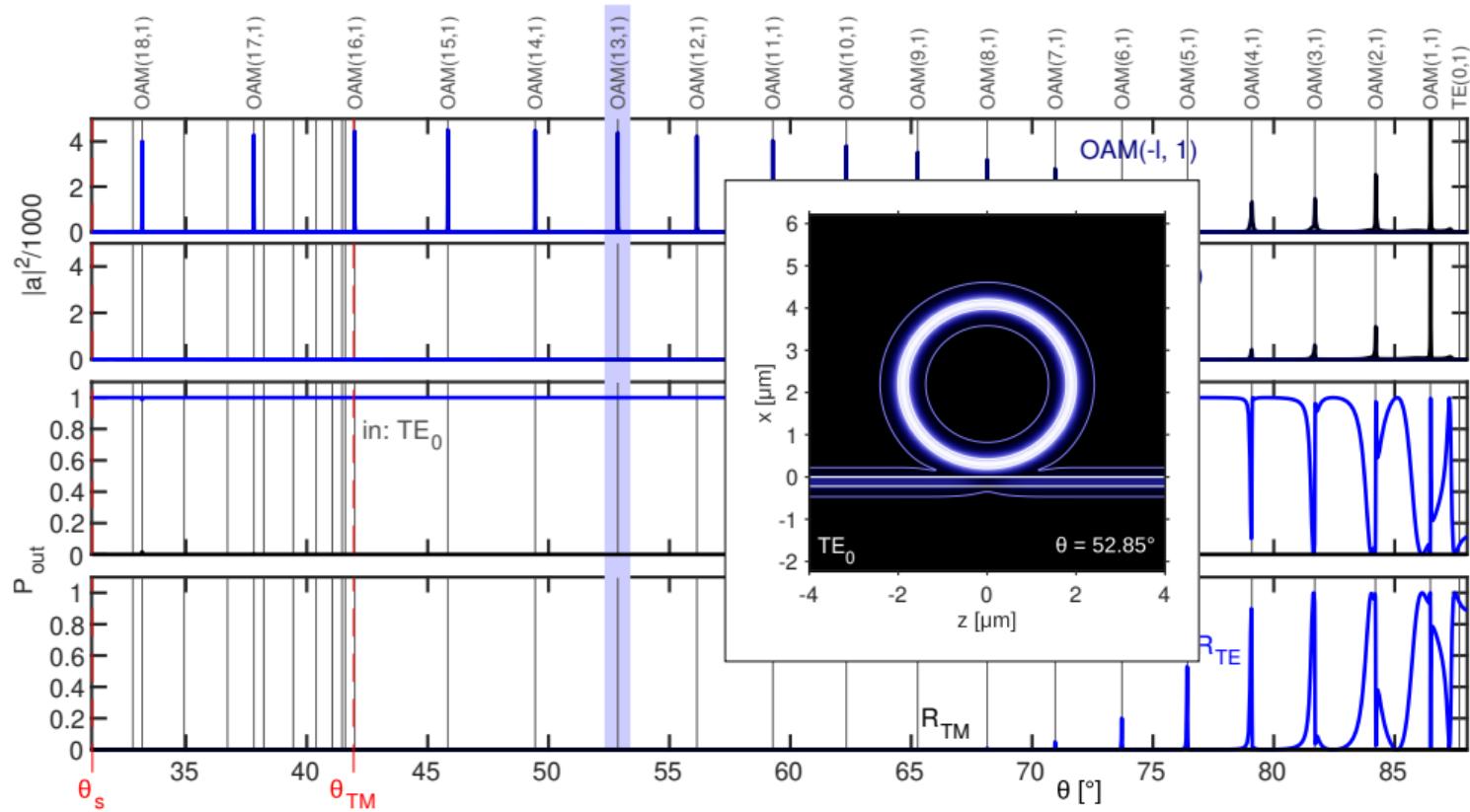
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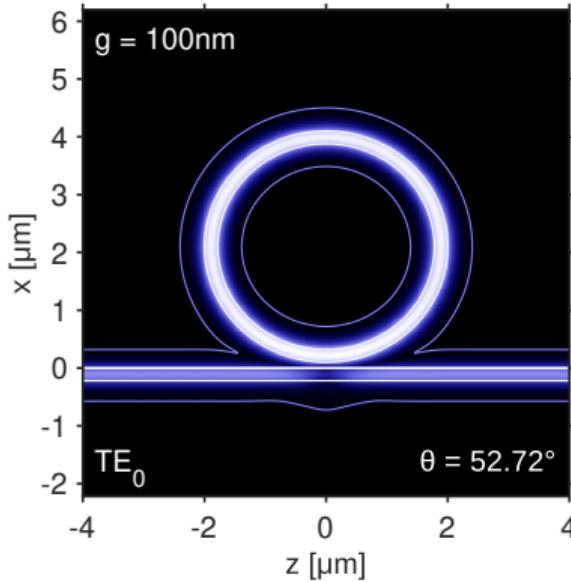
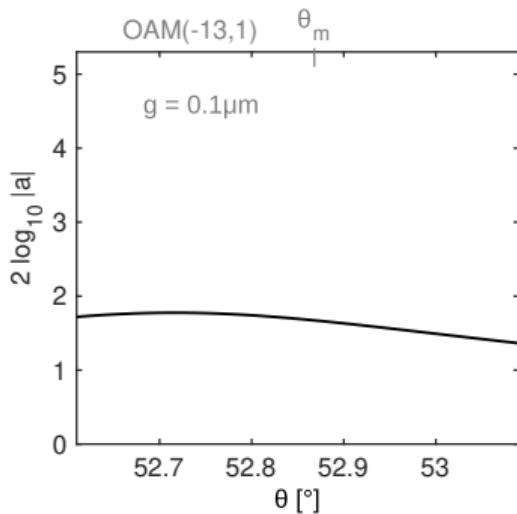


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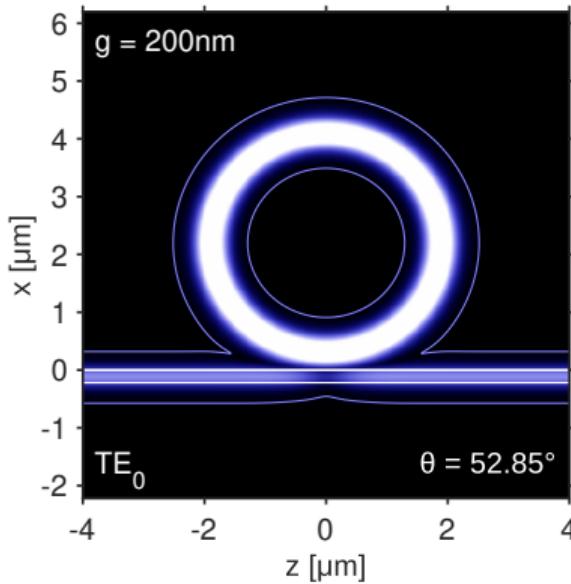
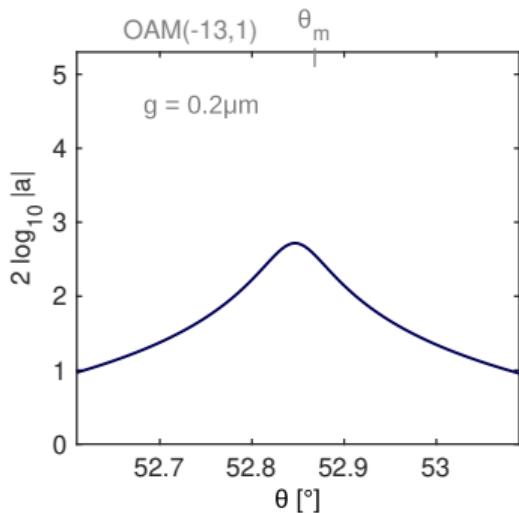
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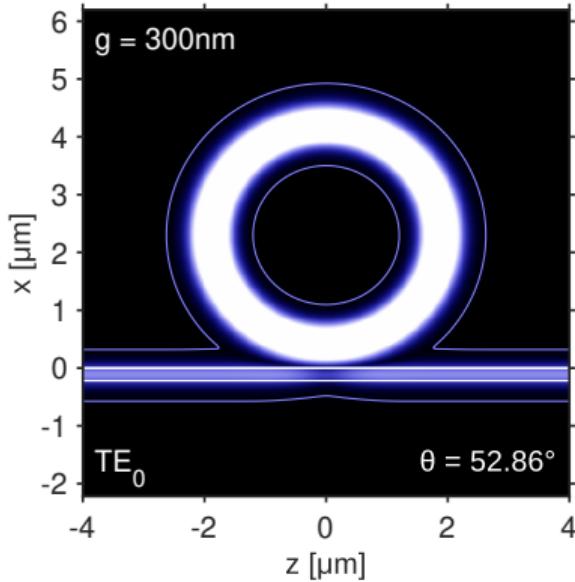
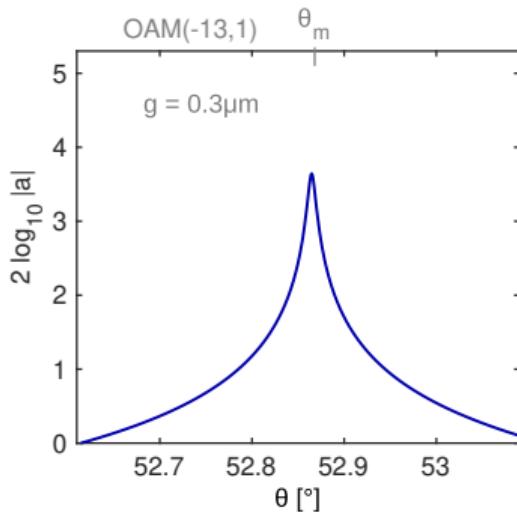
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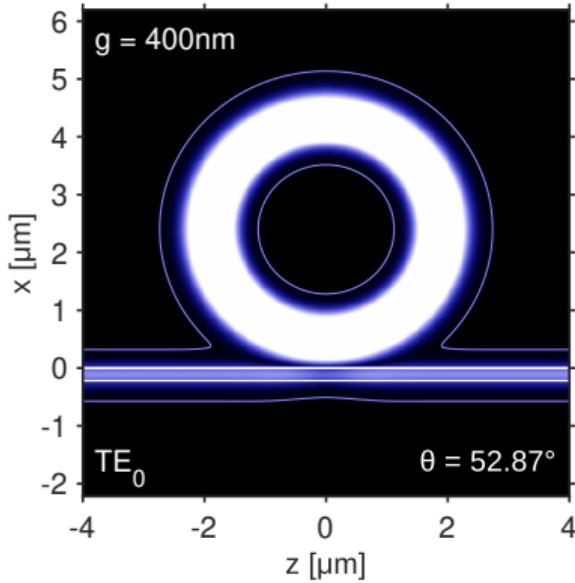
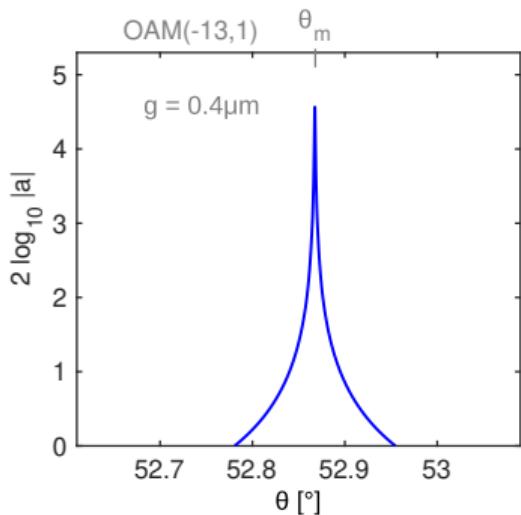
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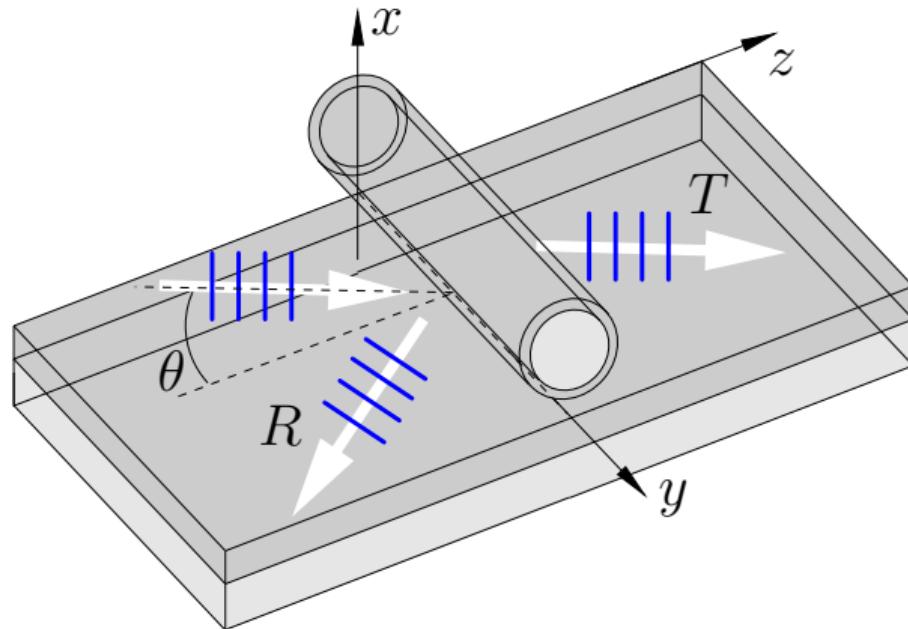
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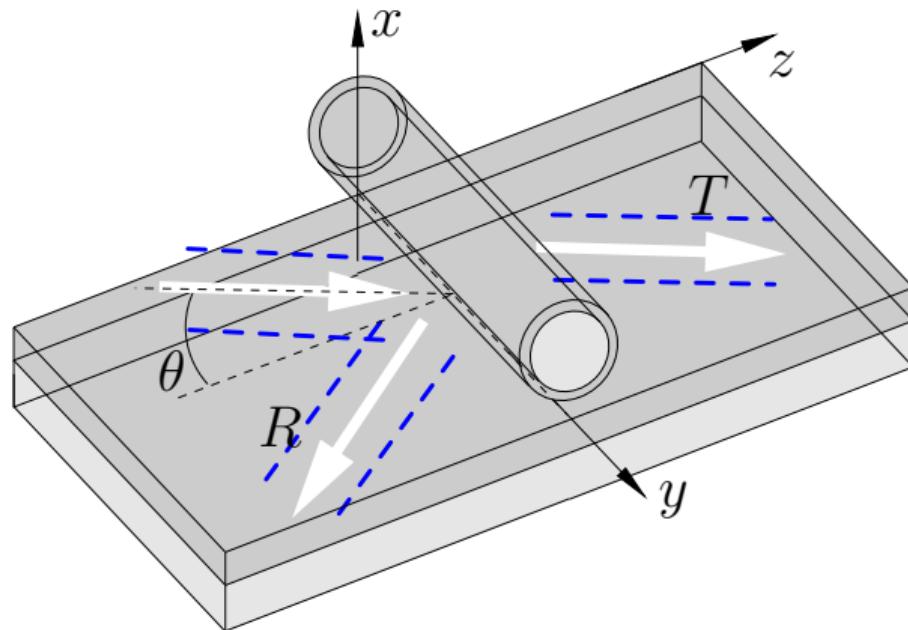
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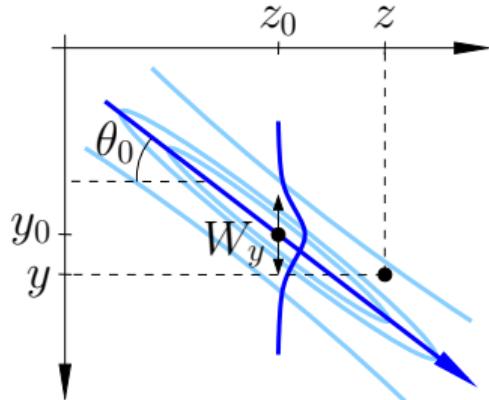
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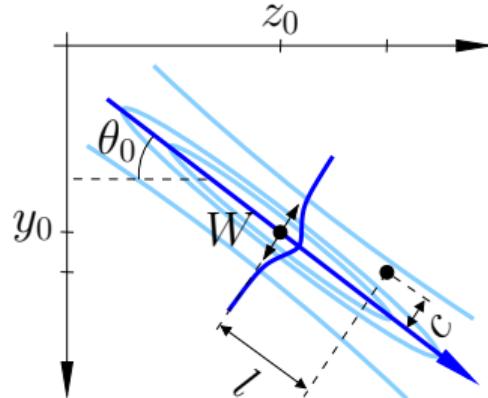
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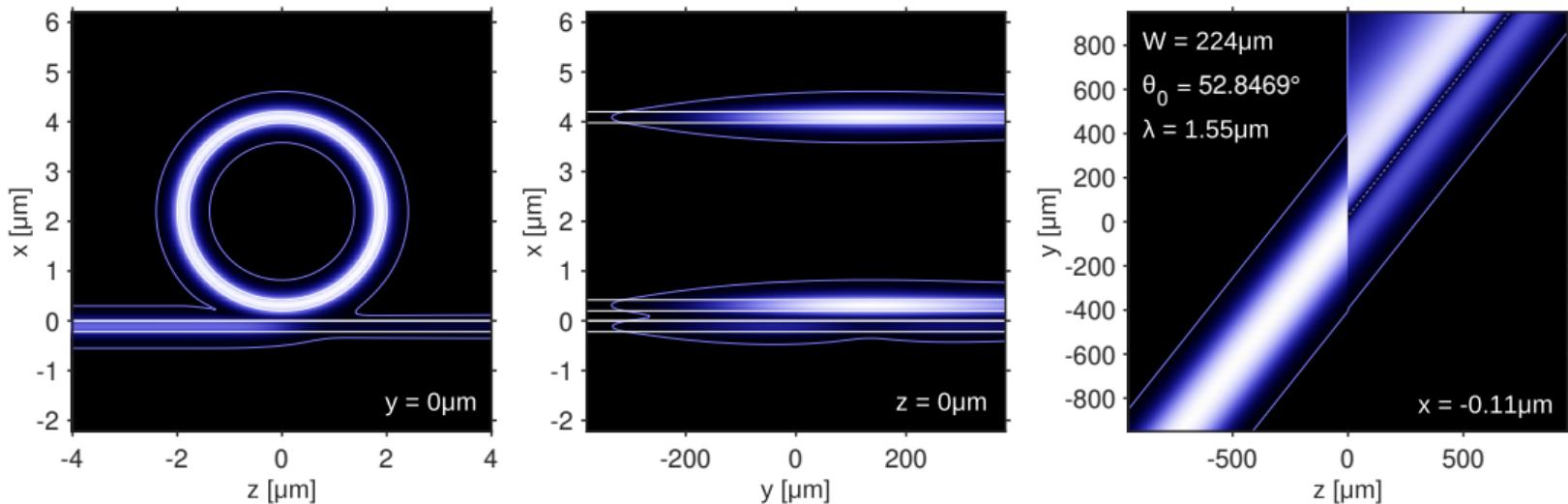
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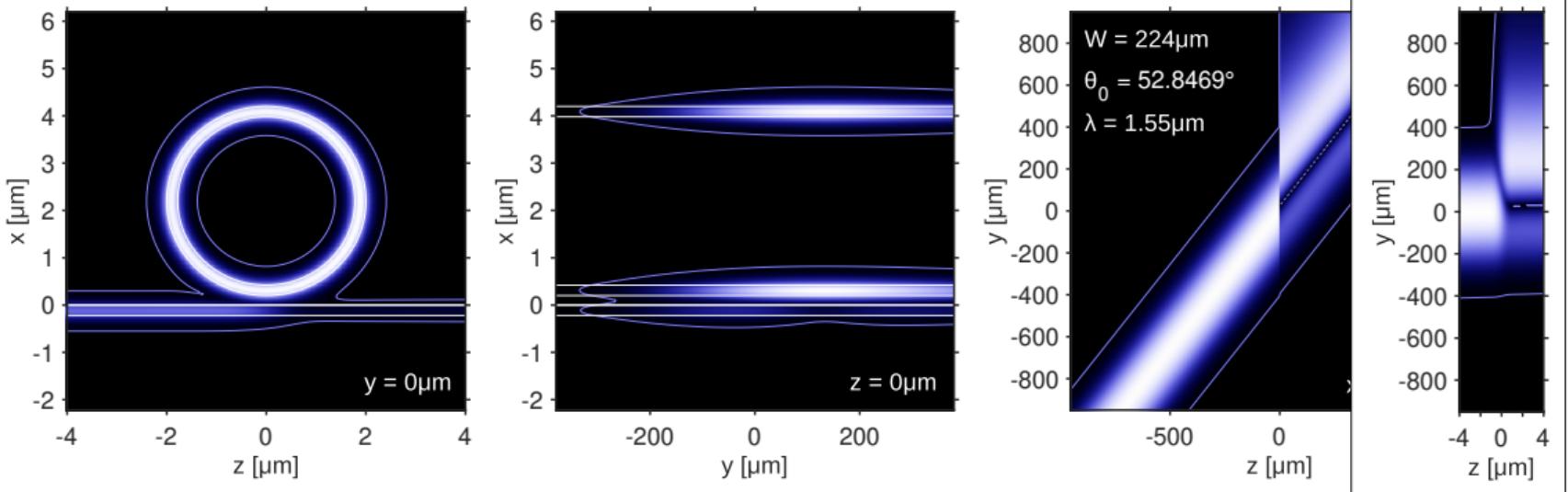
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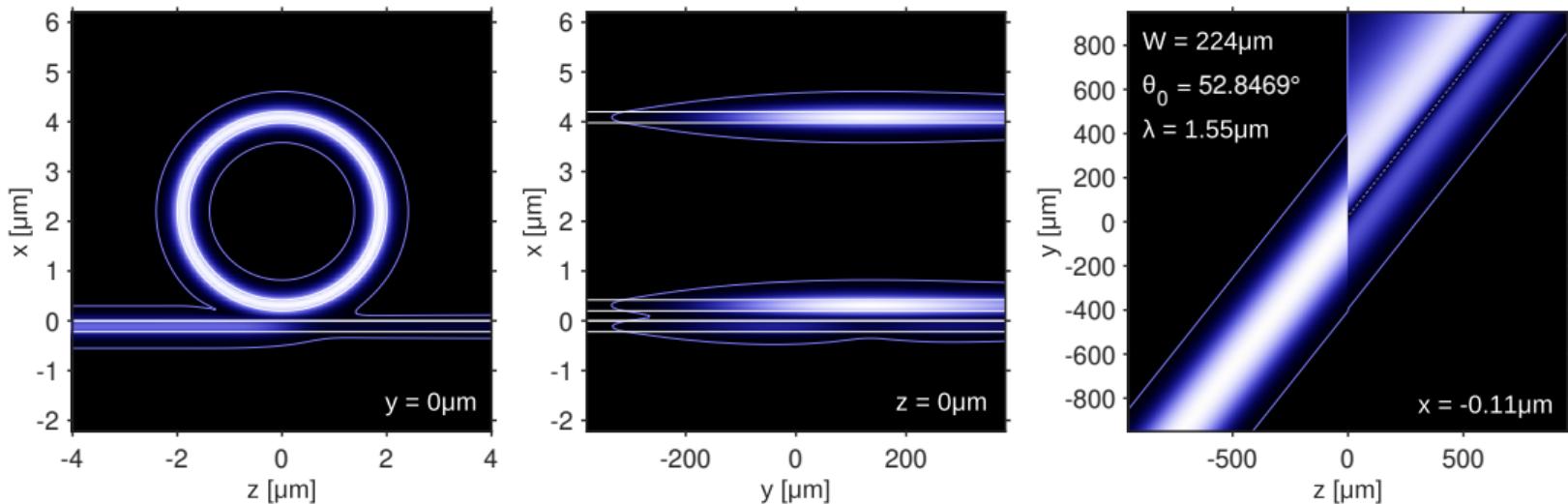
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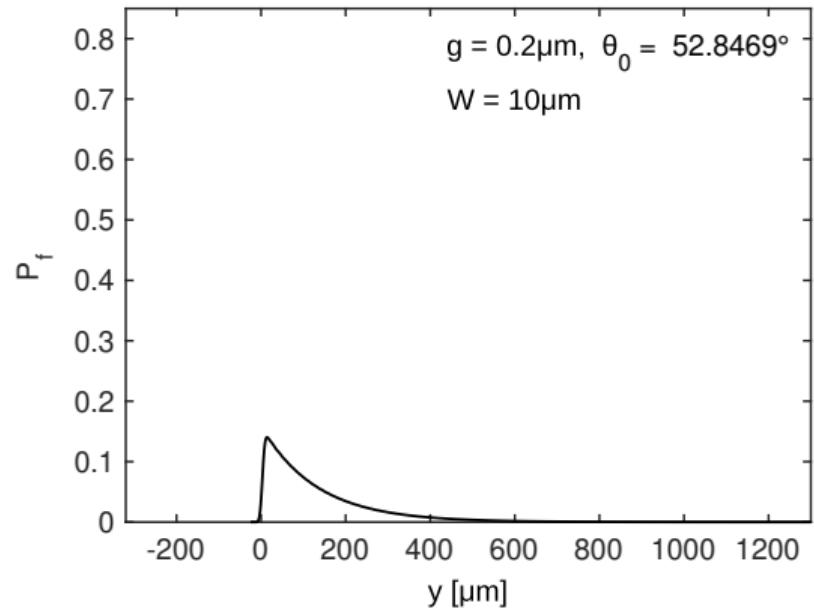
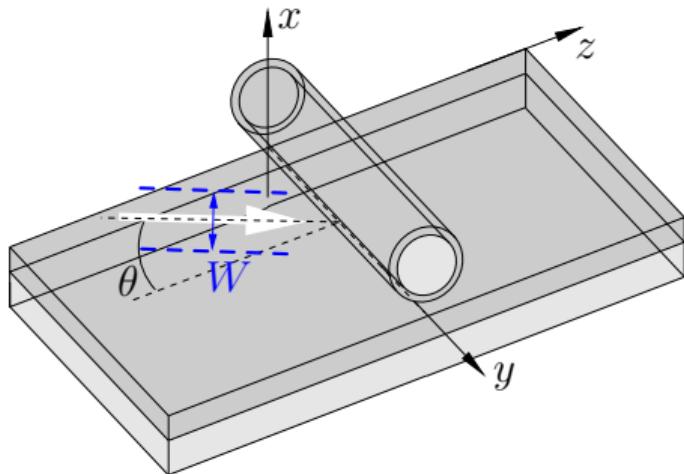
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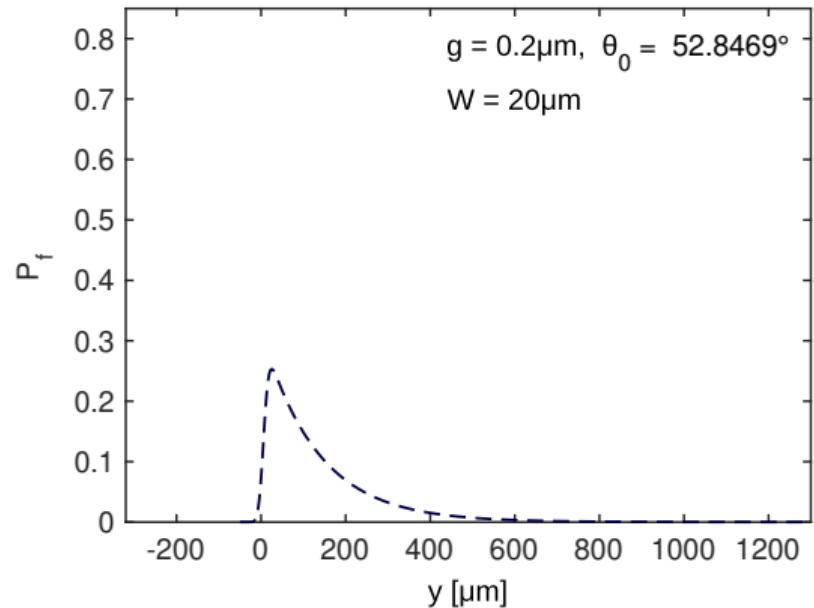
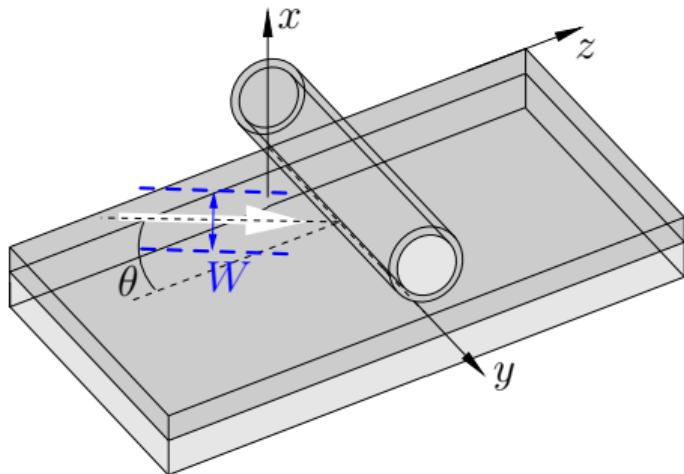
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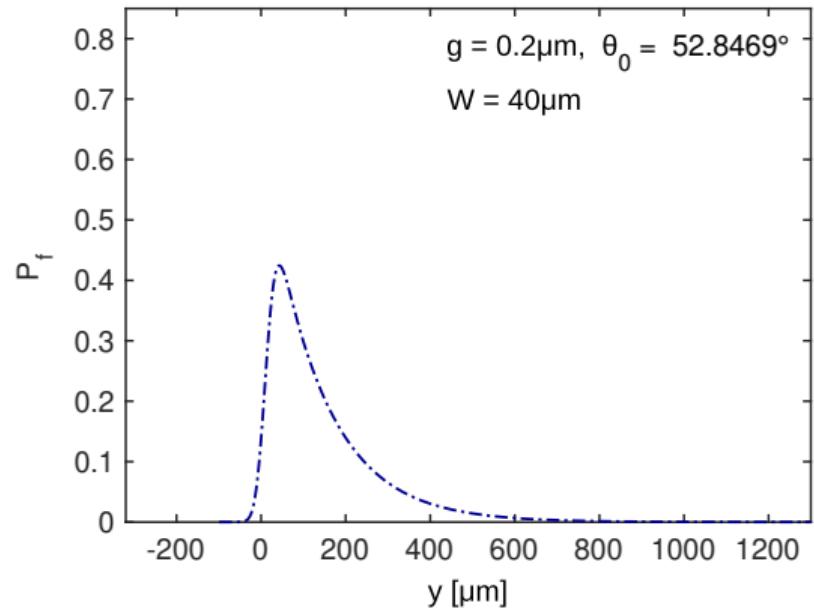
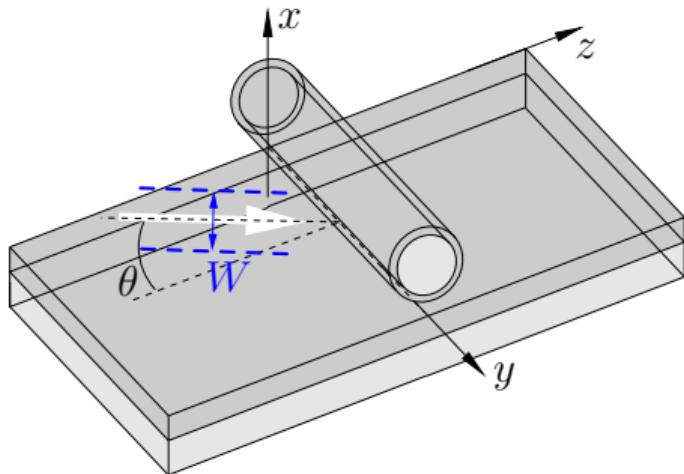
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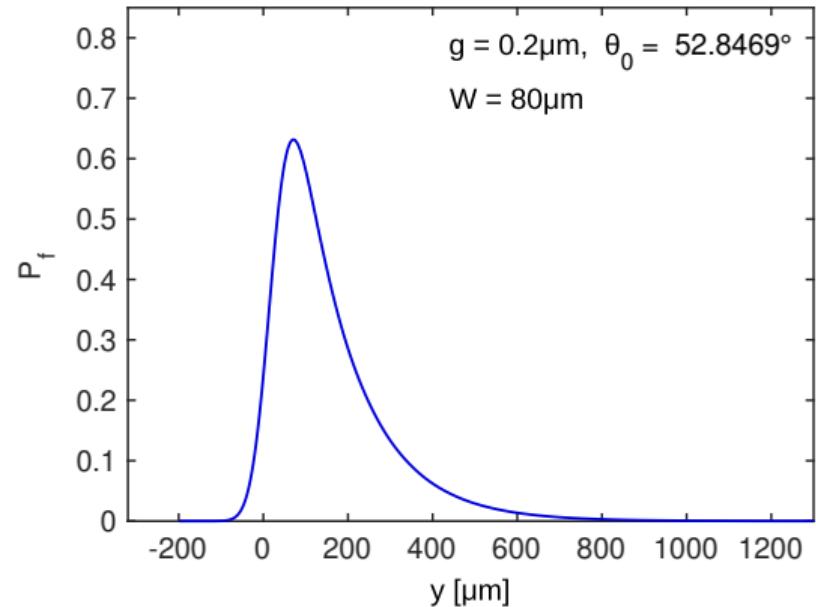
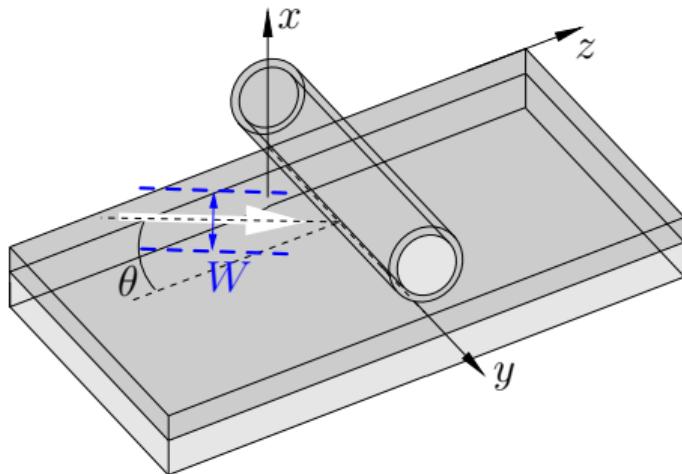
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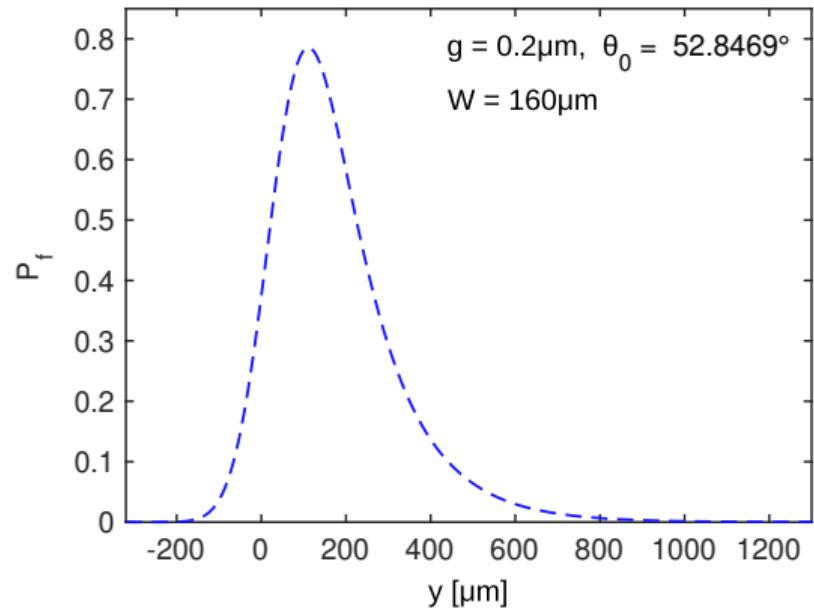
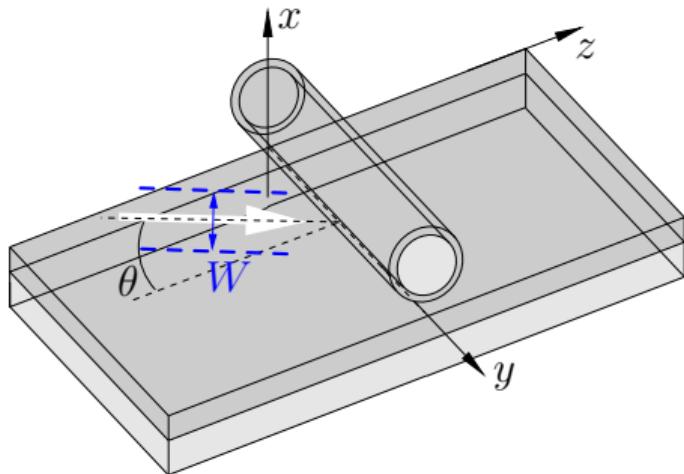
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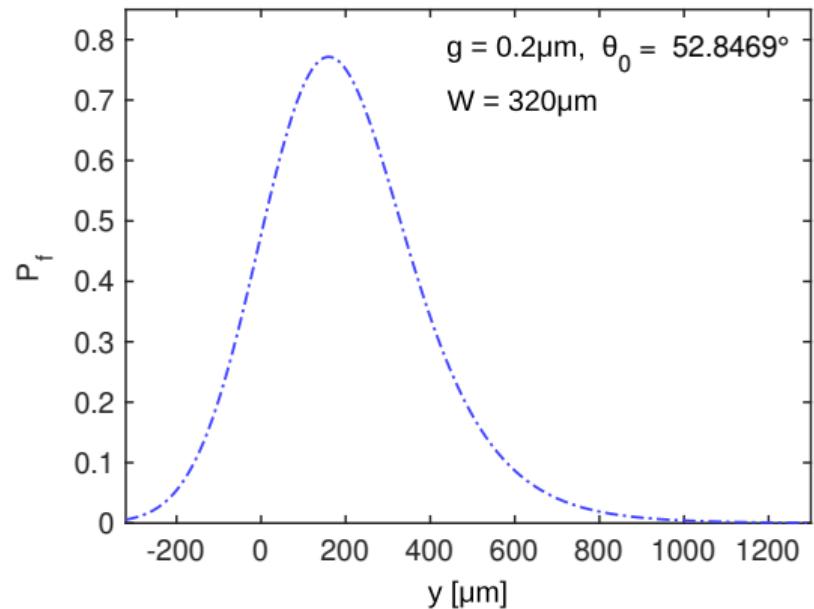
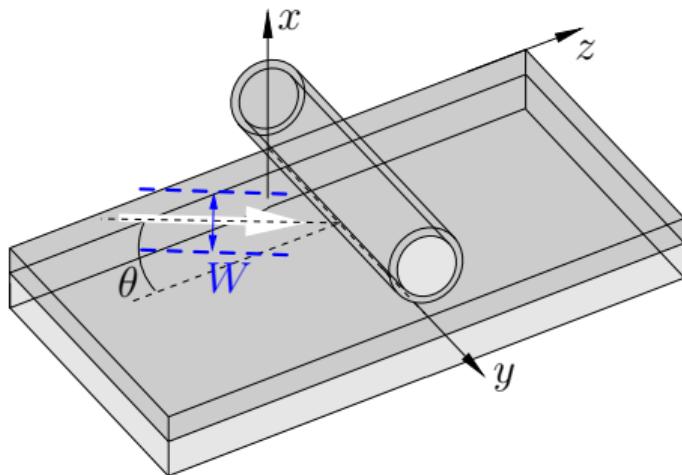
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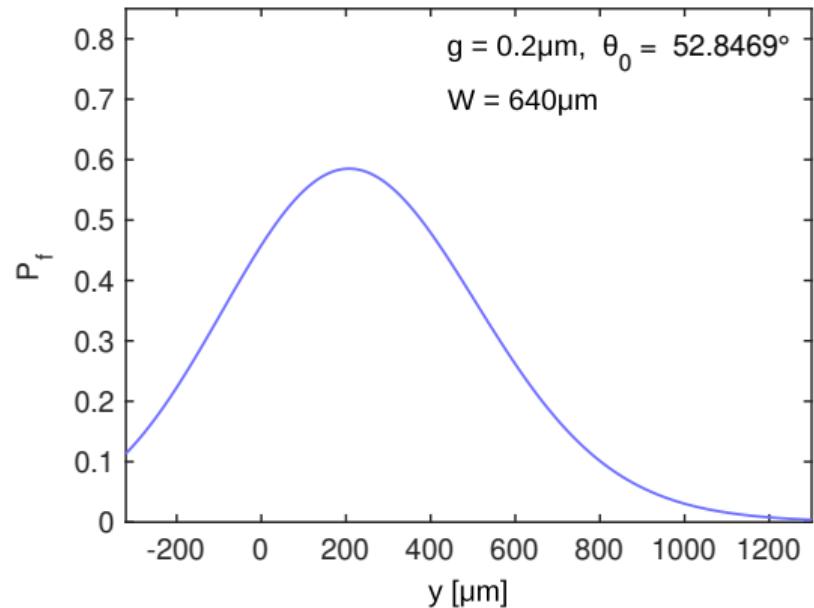
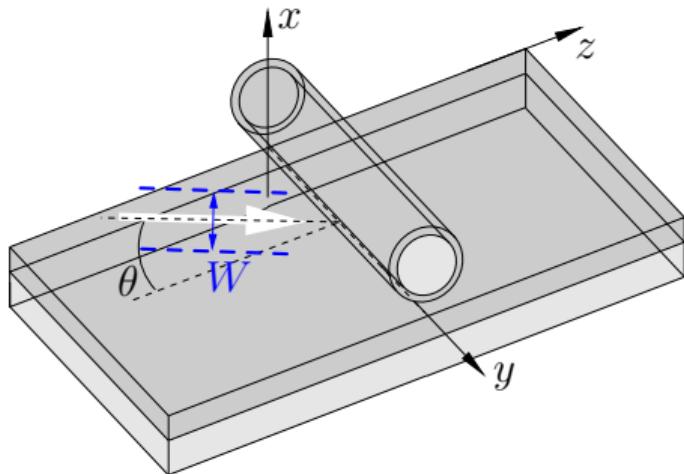
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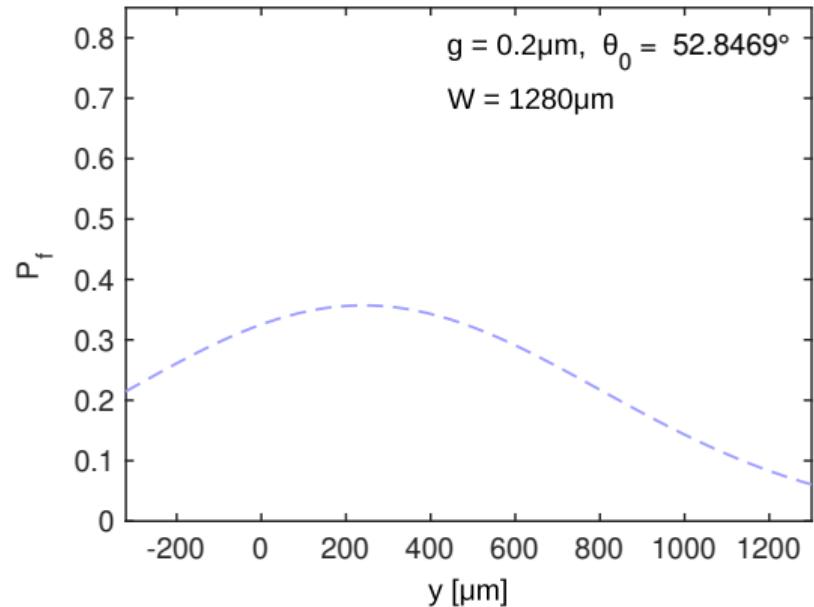
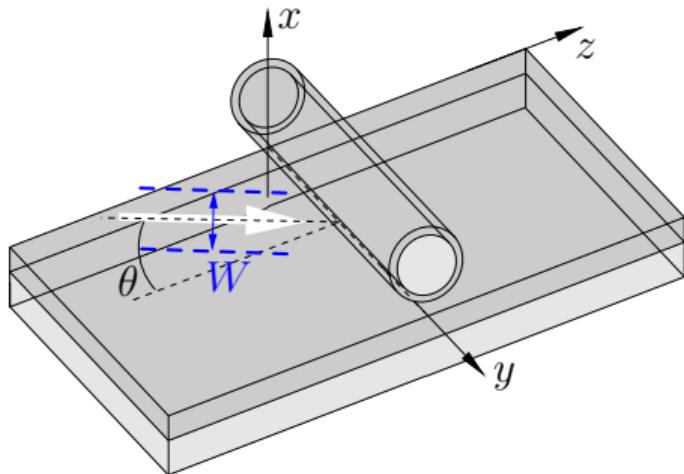
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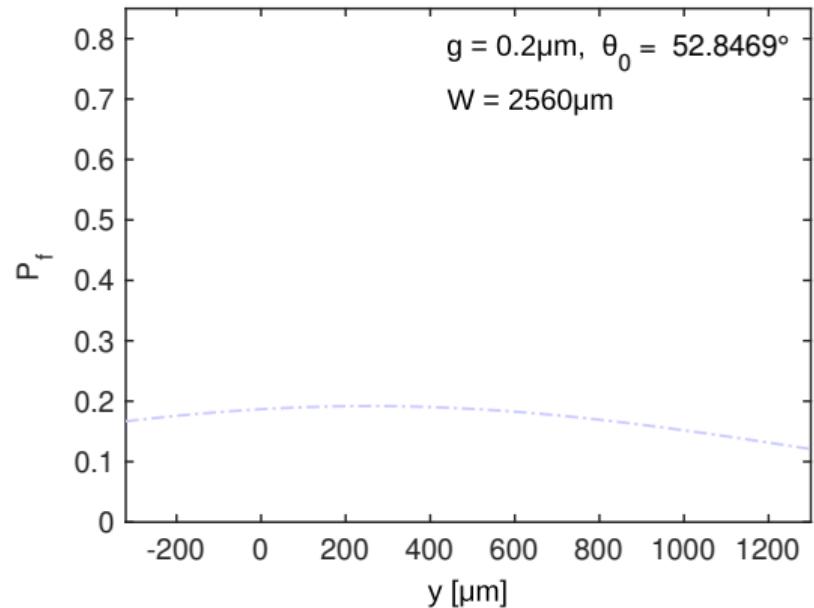
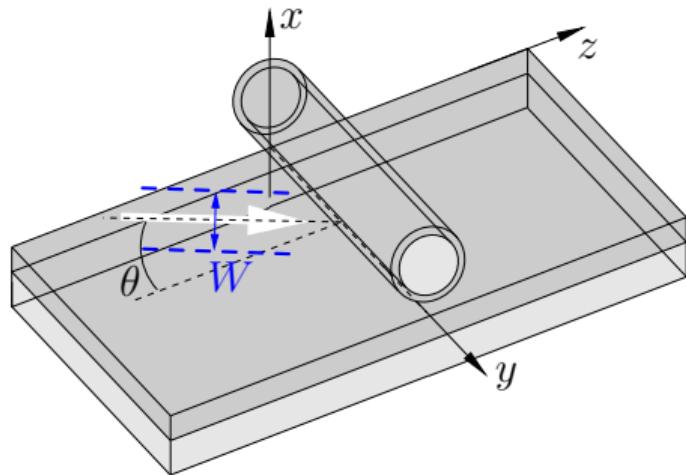
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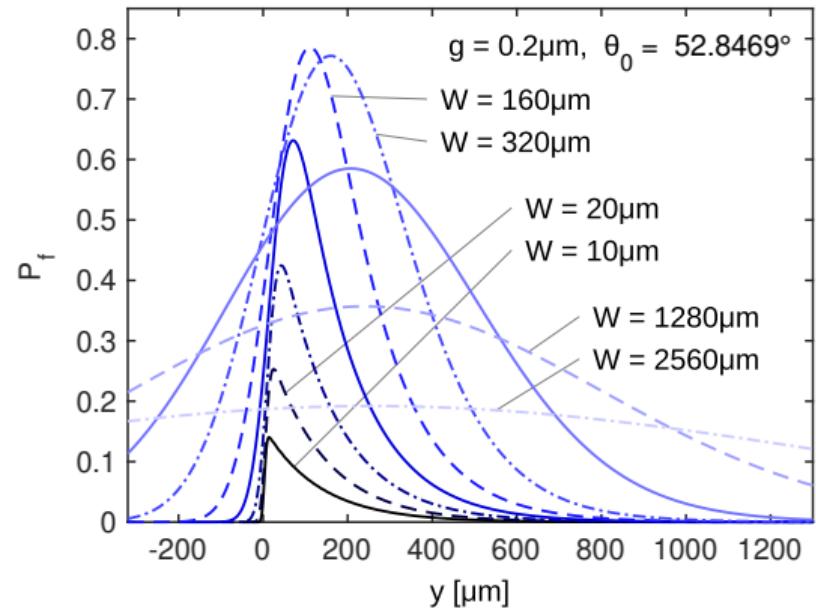
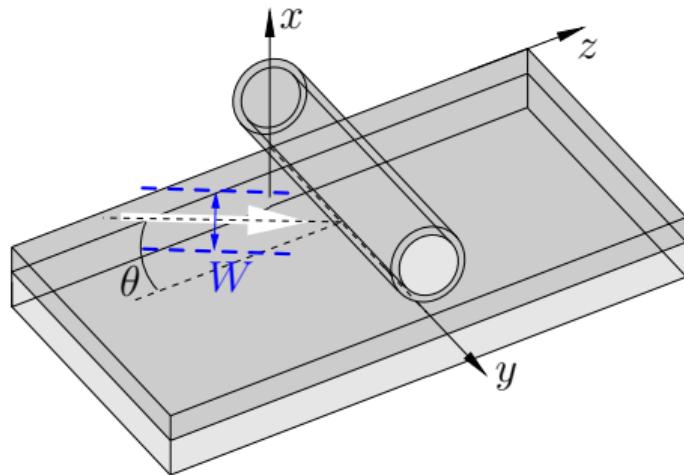
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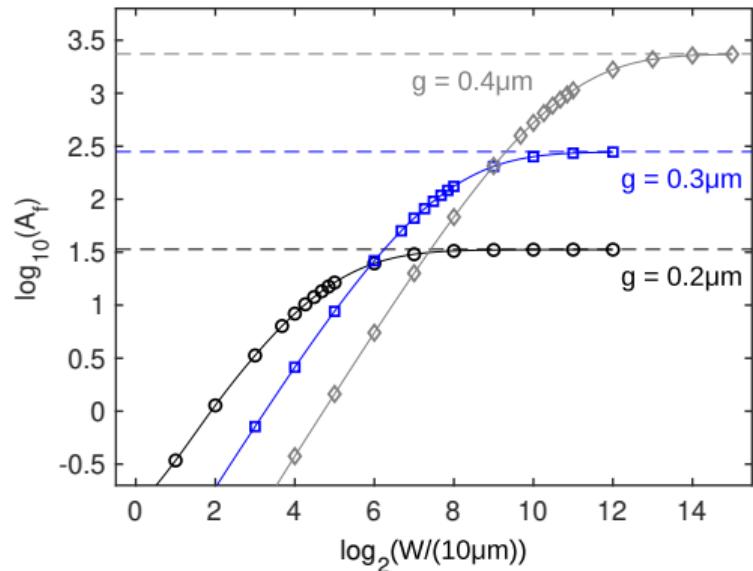
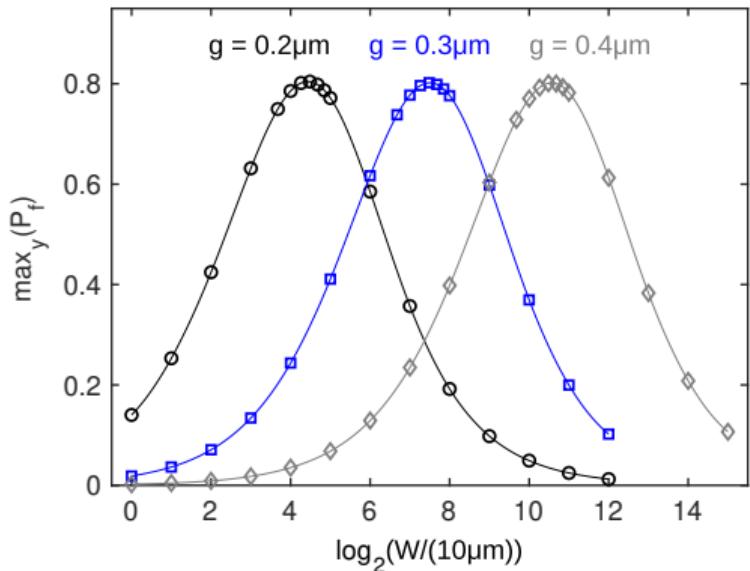
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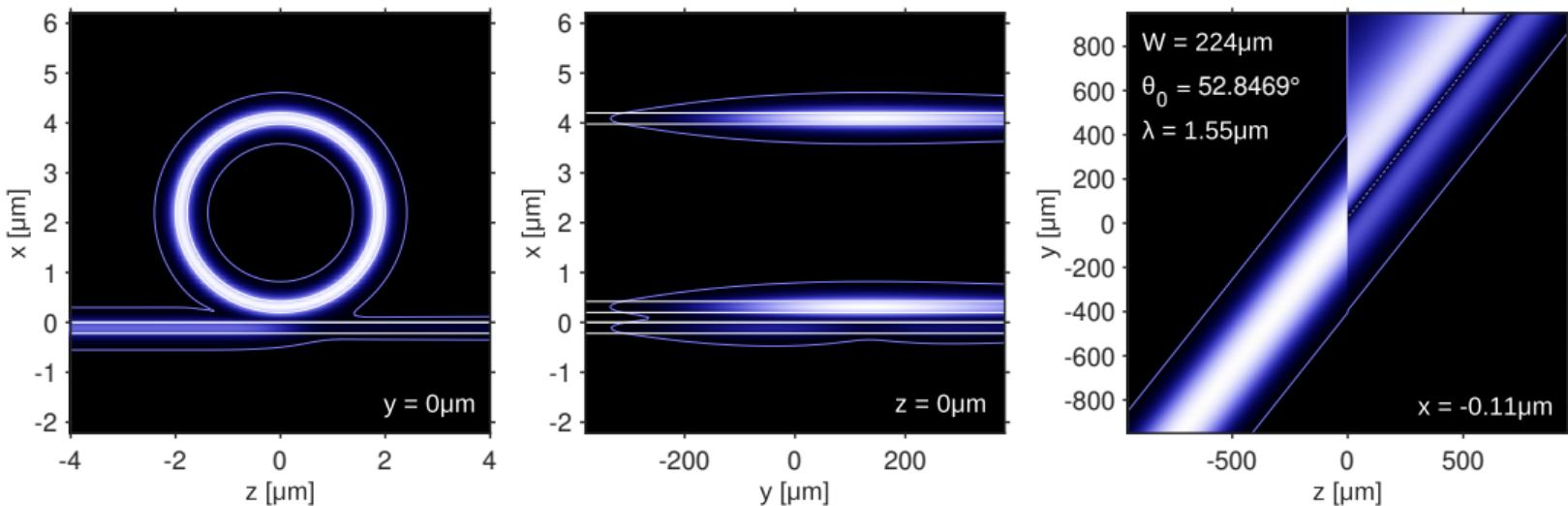
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$A_f$ : Amplification ratio  $\max_y |E_{\text{fiber}}|^2 / \max_z |E_{\text{in}}|^2$

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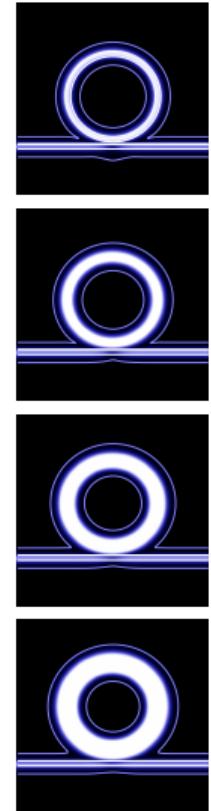
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$$\max_y P_f \approx 0.8, \quad A_f \approx 10^{1.5}, \quad (\text{purity} \approx 0.9999).$$

## **Concluding remarks**

### **Resonant evanescent excitation of OAM modes in a high-contrast circular step-index fiber:**

- an exceptionally simple, efficient scheme for the generation of waves that carry high order orbital angular momentum,
- similar resonance features for variations of vacuum wavelength  $\lambda$  instead of angle  $\theta$ ,
- an optical resonator of travelling-wave type with an open, lossless dielectric cavity,
- concept transfers to other fiber/slab configurations, e.g. to systems with slightly lower contrast, or to a non-coated, high-index dielectric rod.



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— supplementary material —

## Formal problem, effective permittivity

$$\nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = -i\omega\mu_0\tilde{\mathbf{H}}, \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = i\omega\epsilon\epsilon_0\tilde{\mathbf{E}},$$

&  $\partial_y\epsilon = 0,$

&  $\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z) e^{-ik_y y}, \quad k_y = kN_{\text{in}} \sin \theta$

↪ 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_x \epsilon + \partial_z^2 & \partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_z \epsilon - \partial_z \partial_x \\ \partial_z \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_x \epsilon - \partial_x \partial_z & \partial_x^2 + \partial_z \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_z \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_z \end{pmatrix} + k^2 \epsilon_{\text{eff}} \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_z \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

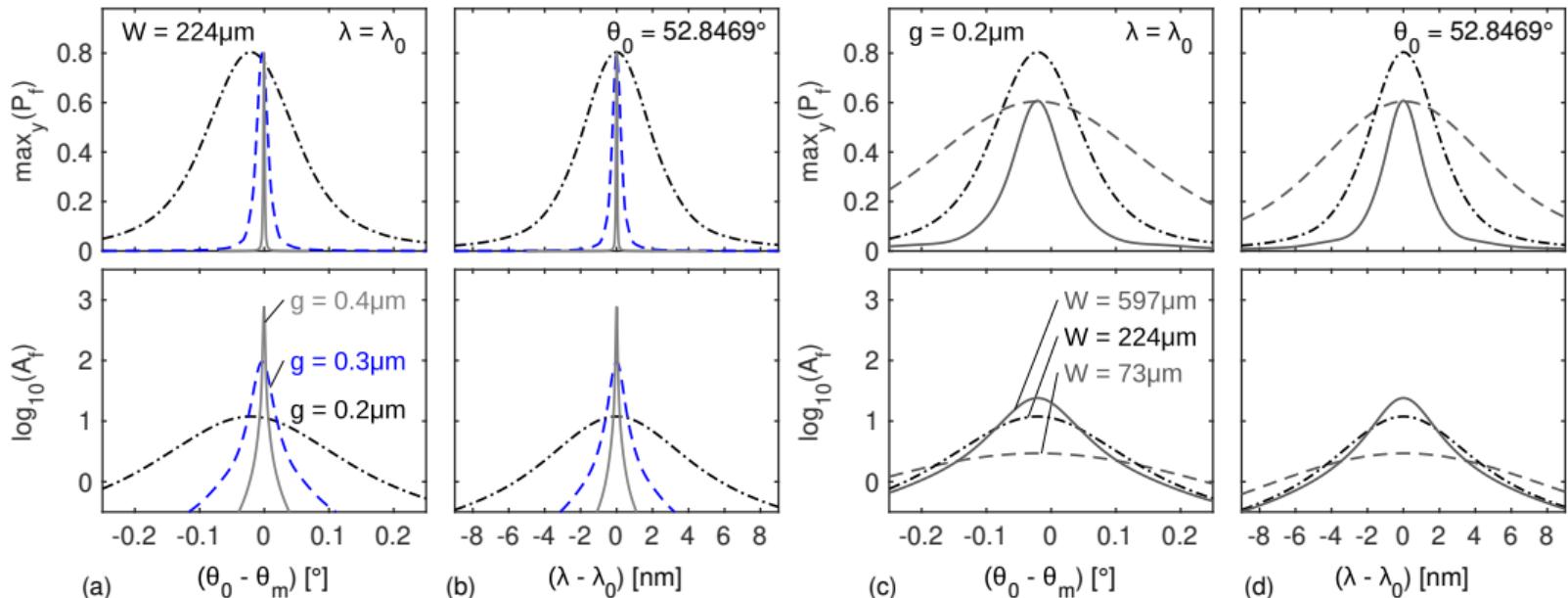
$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(x, z) = \epsilon(x, z) - N_{\text{in}}^2 \sin^2 \theta,$$

2-D domain, transparent-influx boundary conditions.

- Where  $\partial_x \epsilon = \partial_z \epsilon = 0:$

$$(\partial_x^2 + \partial_z^2) \phi + k^2 \epsilon_{\text{eff}} \phi = 0, \quad \phi = E_j, H_j.$$

## Excitation by semi-guided beams, tolerances



## **Excitation by semi-guided beams, less optimal configurations**

