

# Decoherence and einselection in equilibrium in an adapted Caldeira Leggett model

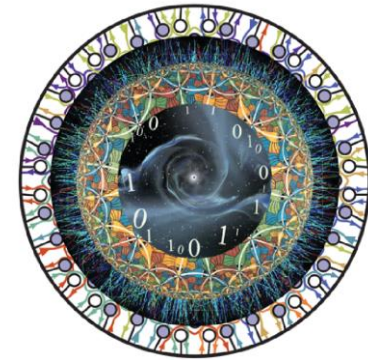
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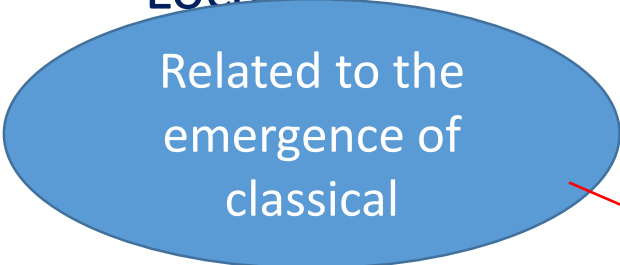
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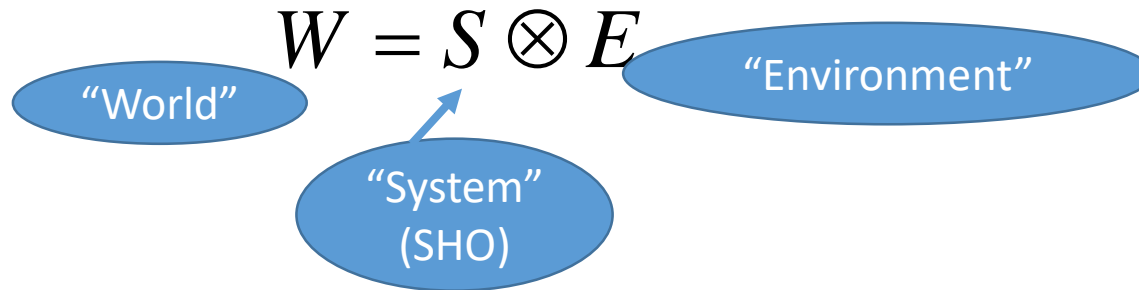
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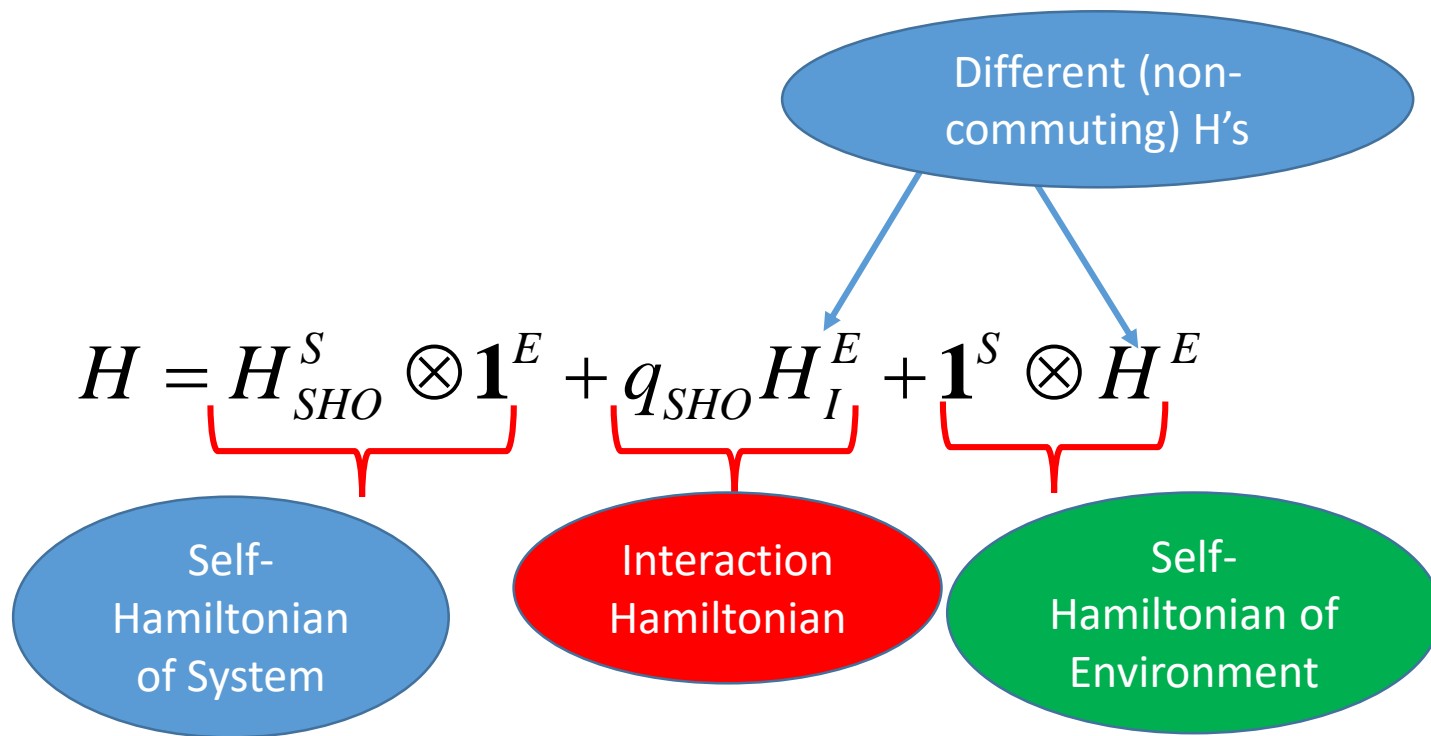
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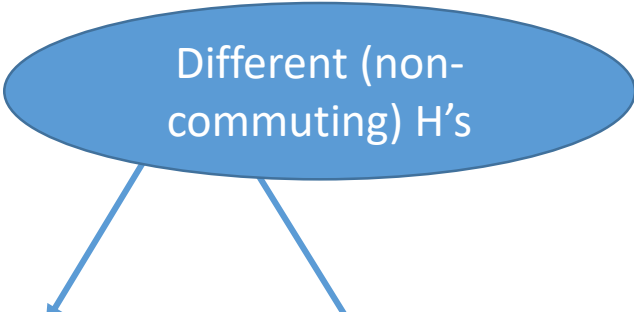
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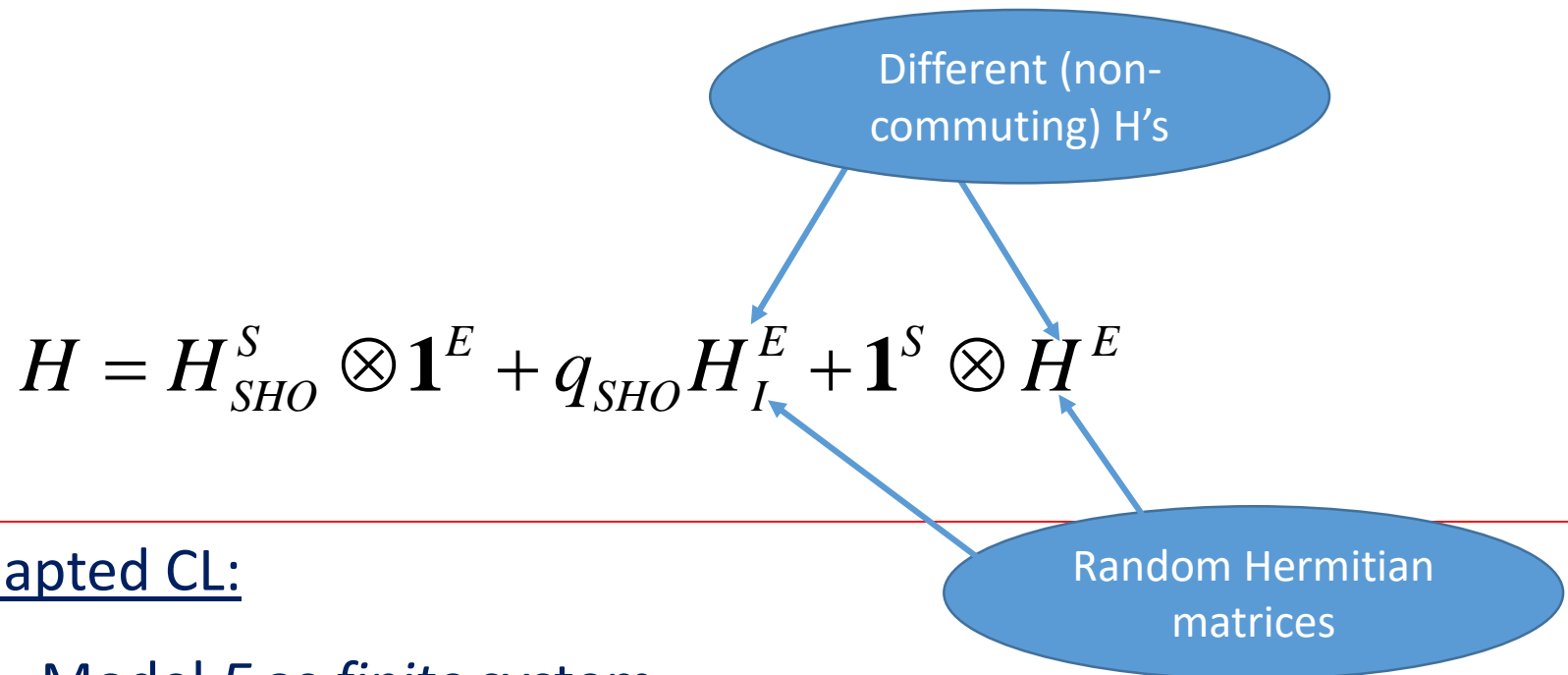
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CL:

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- ii) Take special (order of) limits and parameter choices to get an (irreversible) stochastic equation that describes this (unitary) evolution under certain conditions (including AoT)
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## The Caldeira-Leggett Model:



### Adapted CL:

- i) Model  $E$  as *finite* system
- ii) Solve full unitary evolution in all regimes (numerical)
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- iv) Explore scope of einselection (eqm?)

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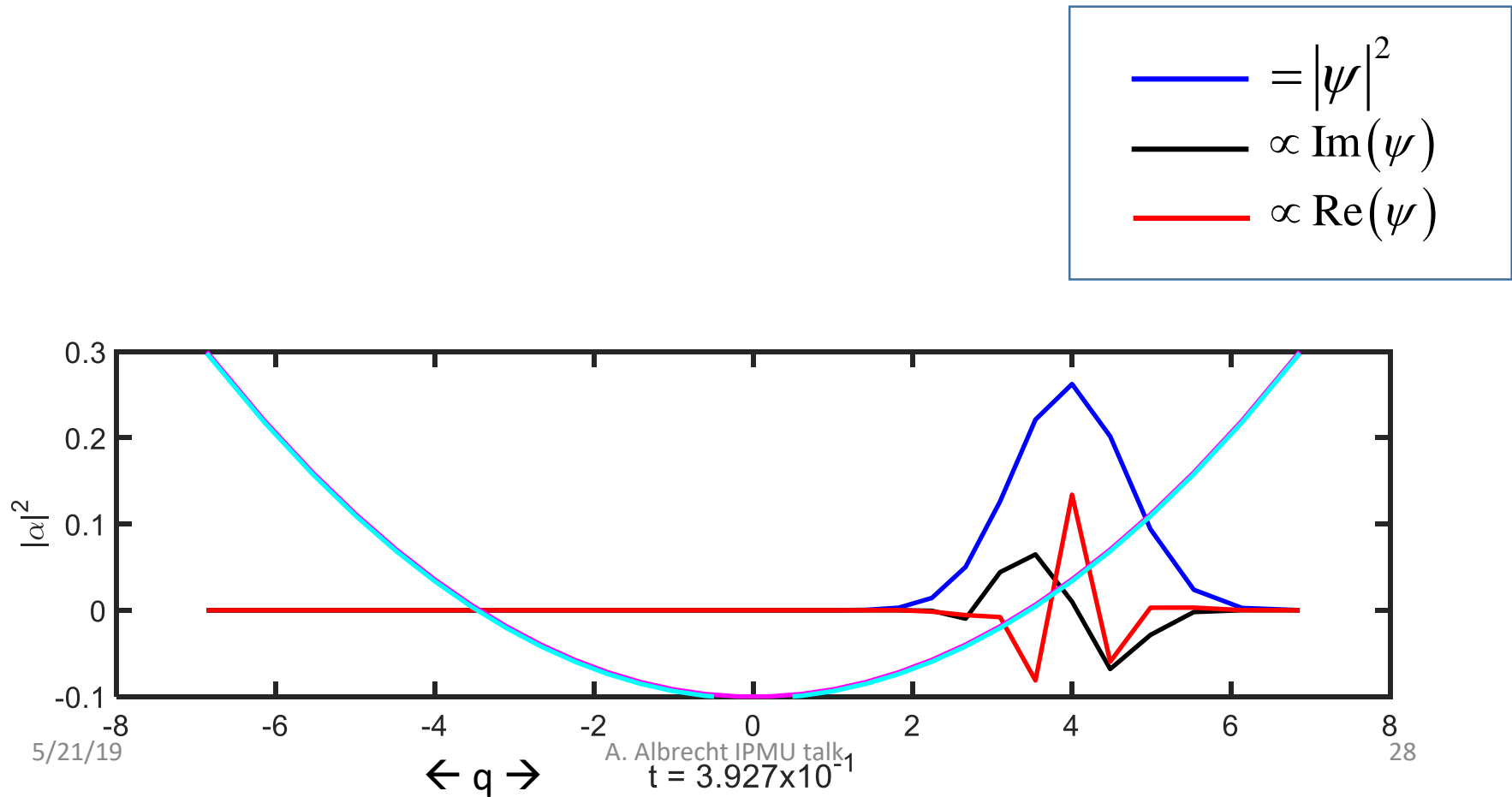
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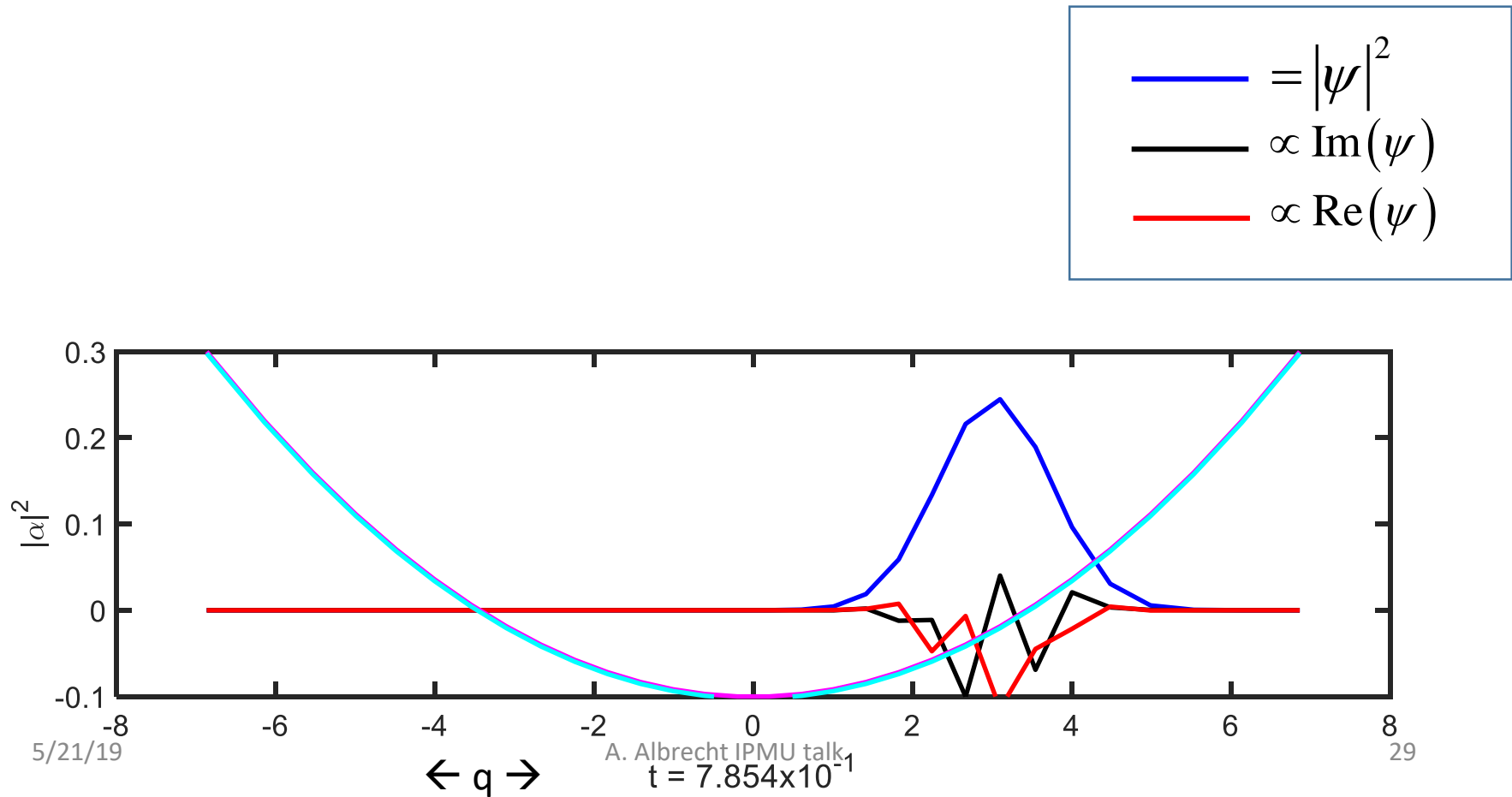
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“Movie” A (Isolated SHO)

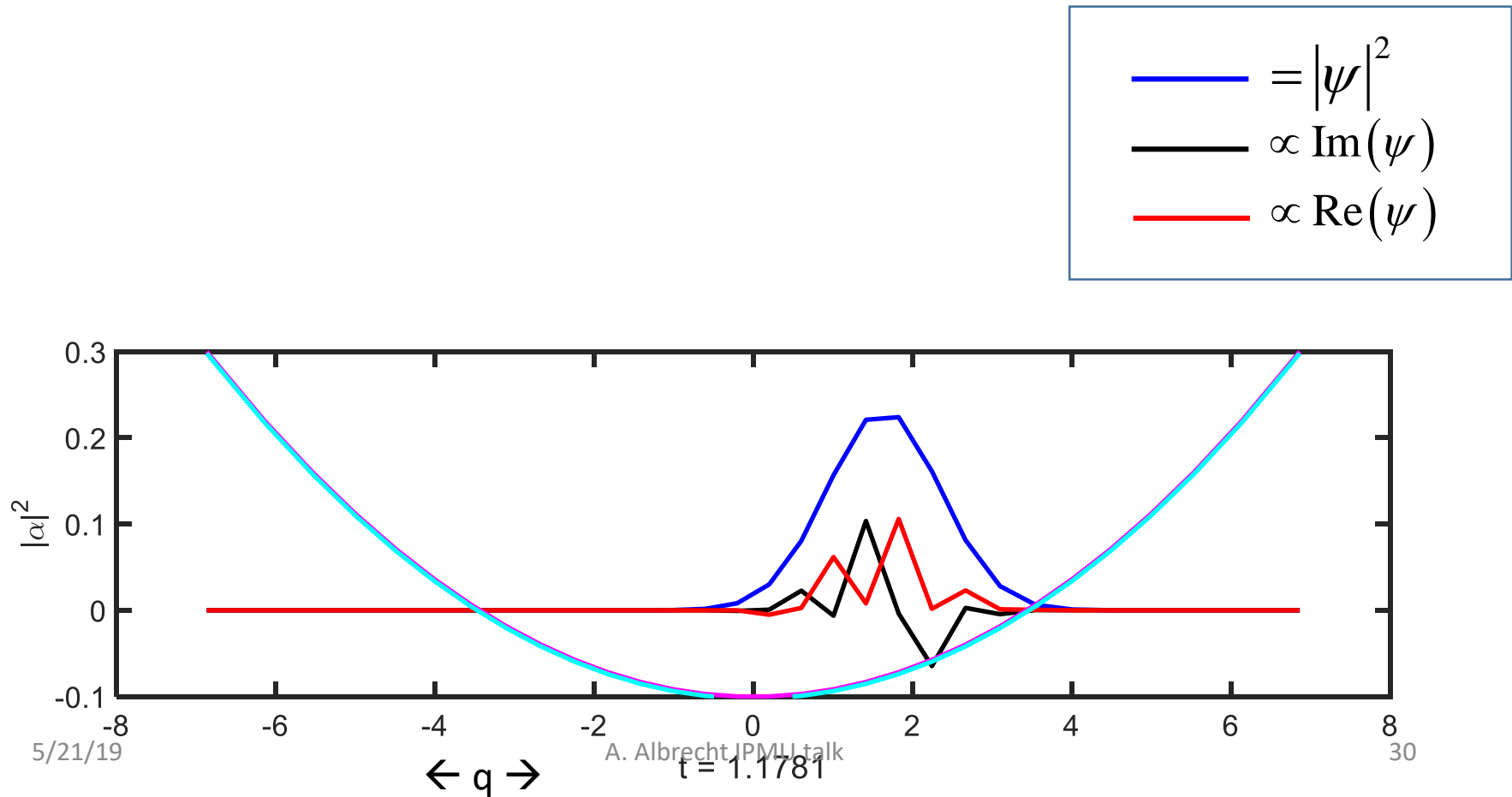
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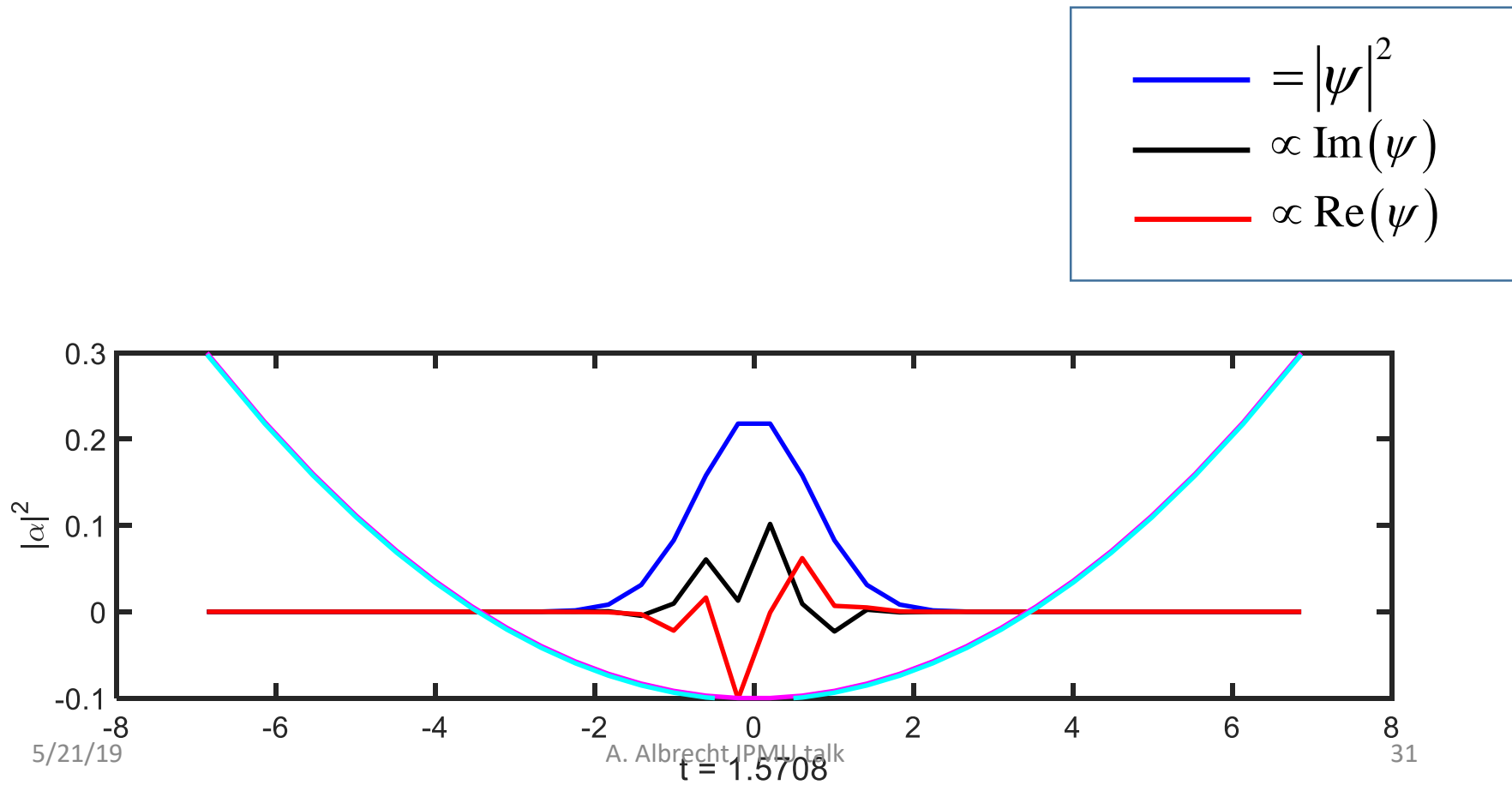
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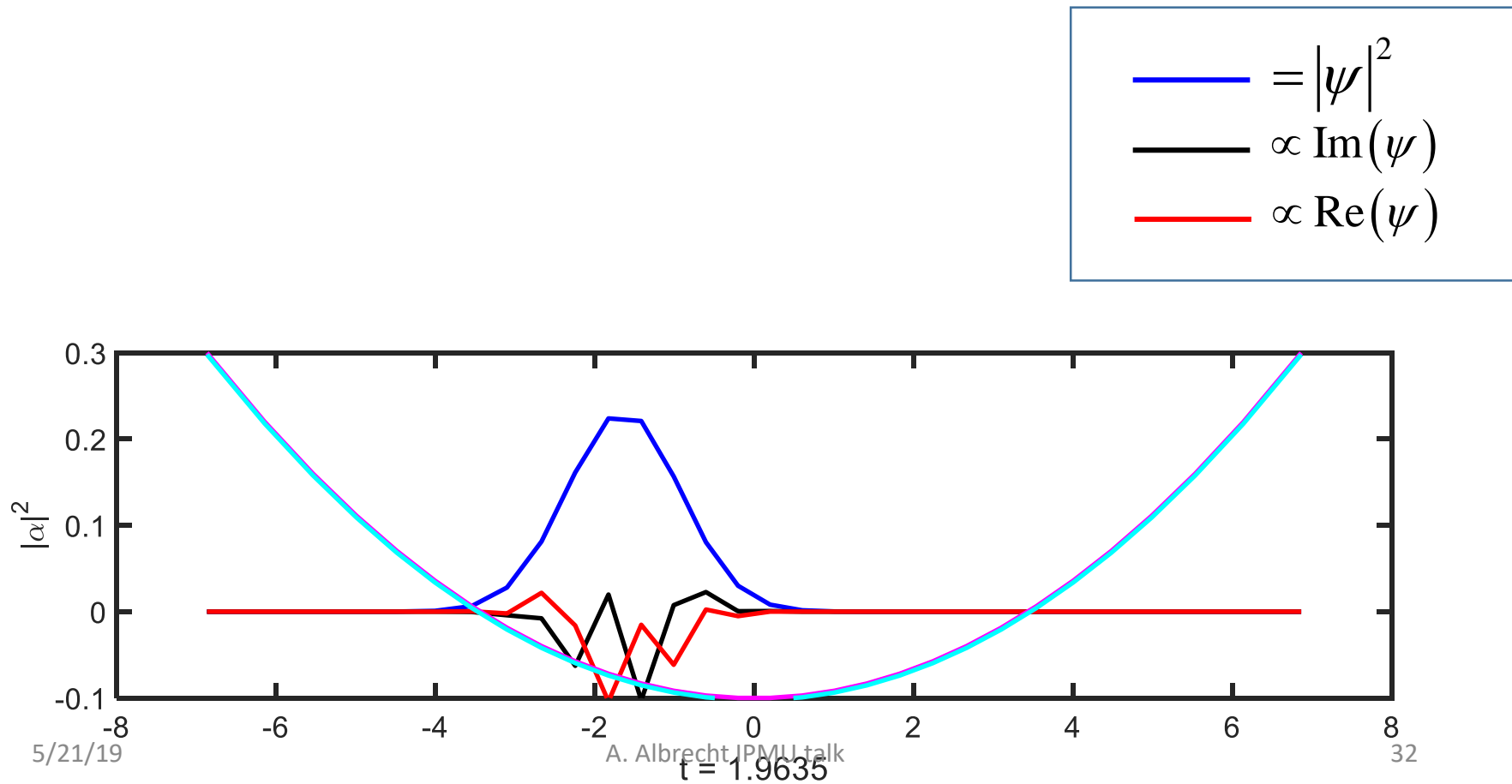
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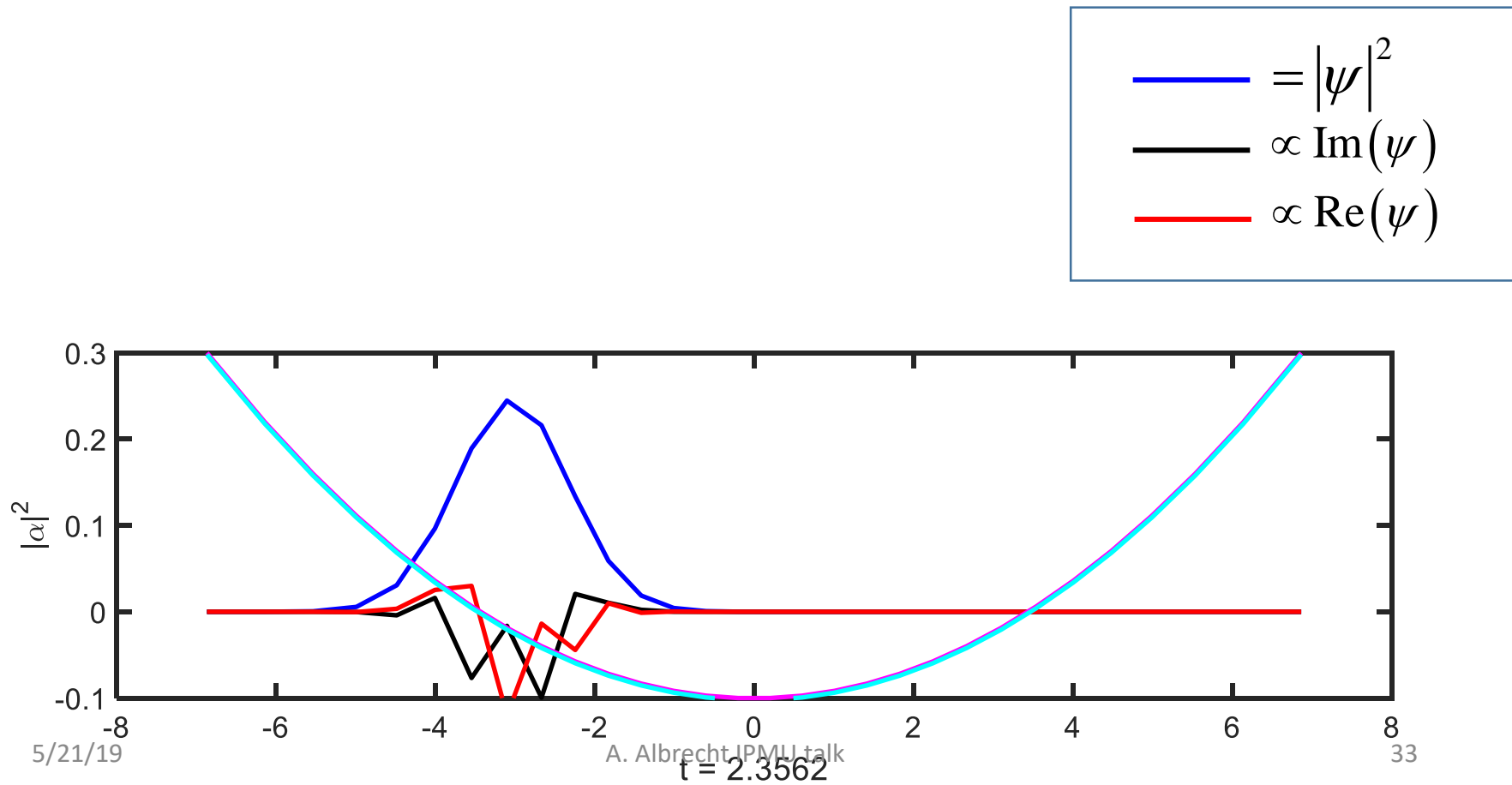


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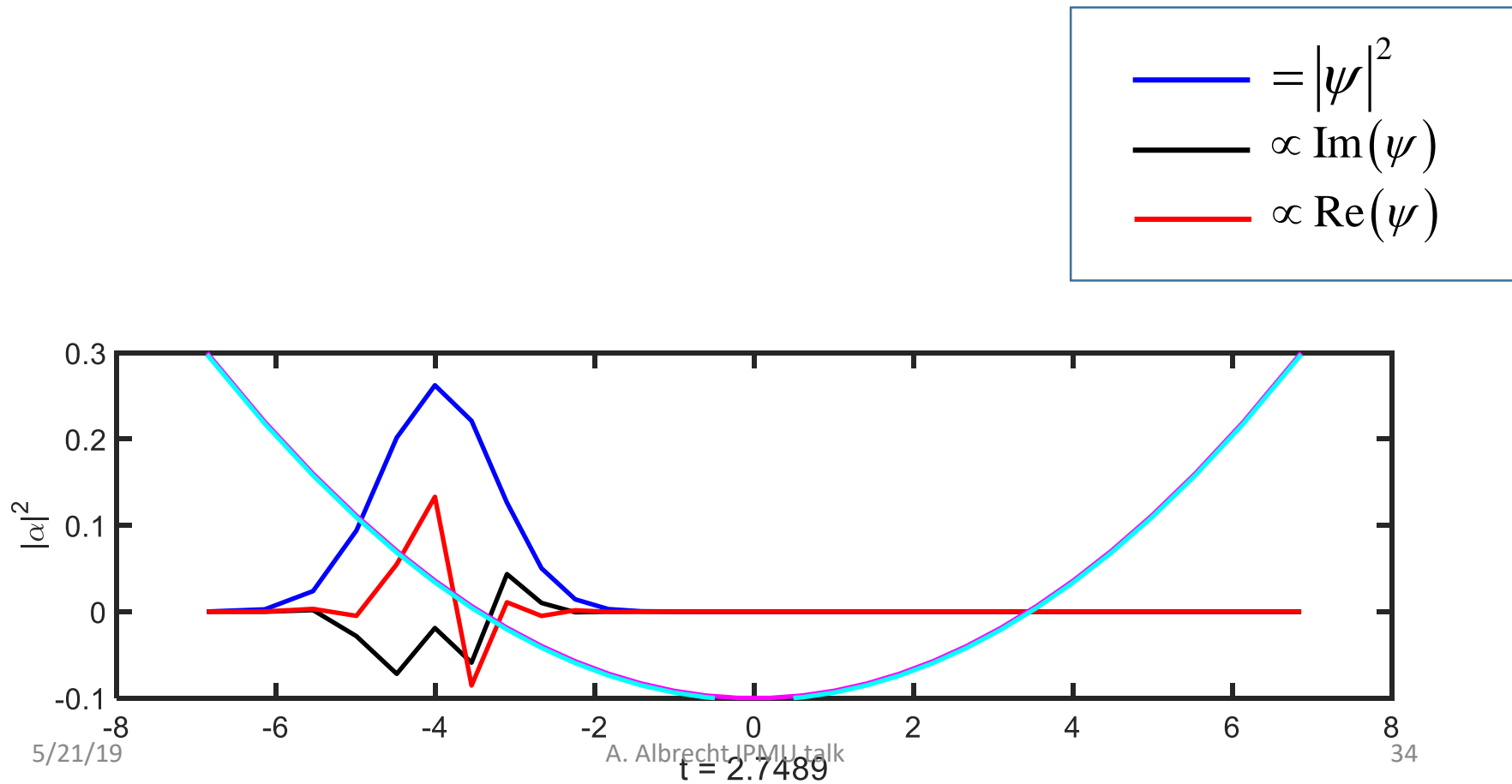




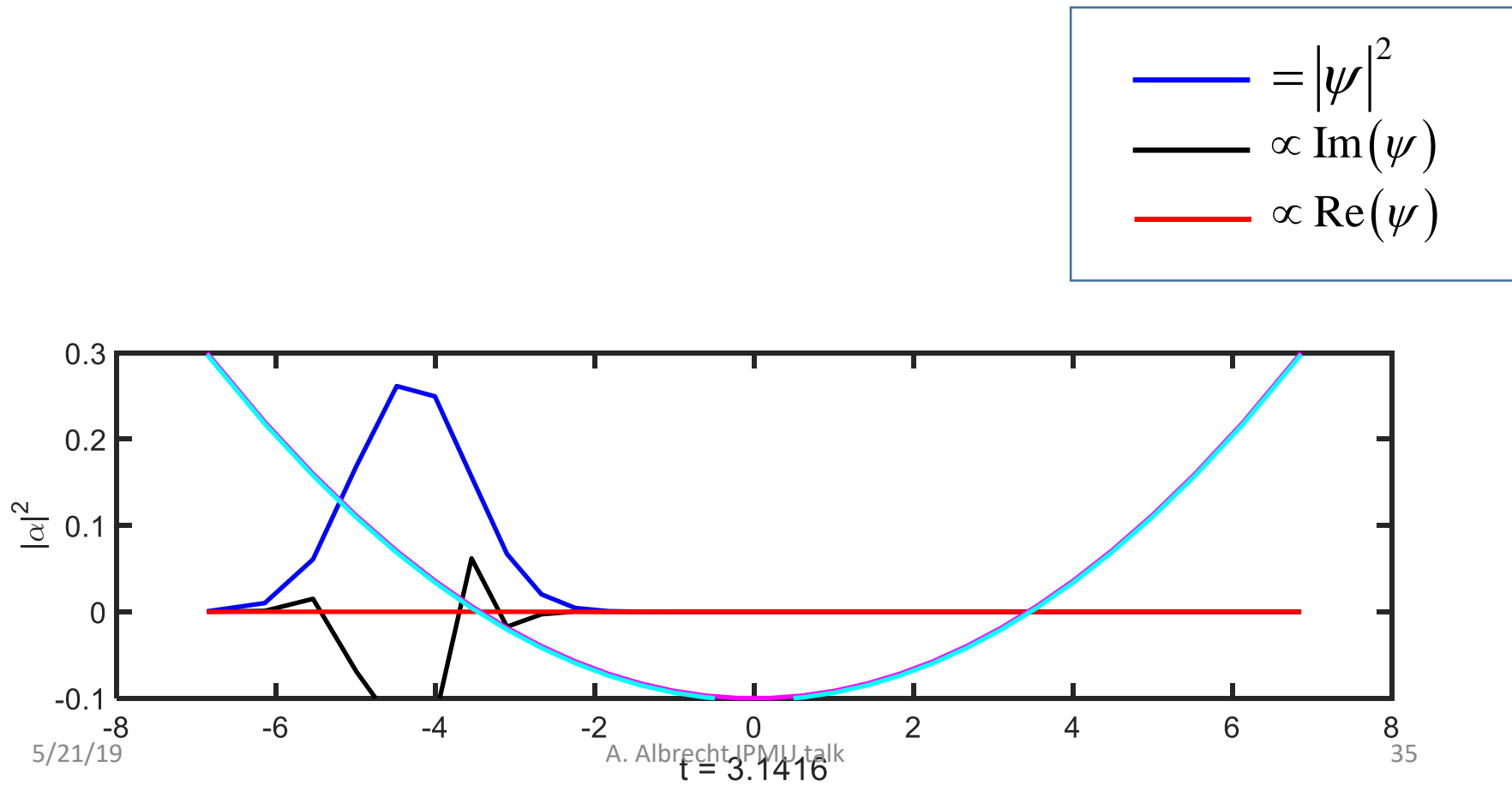
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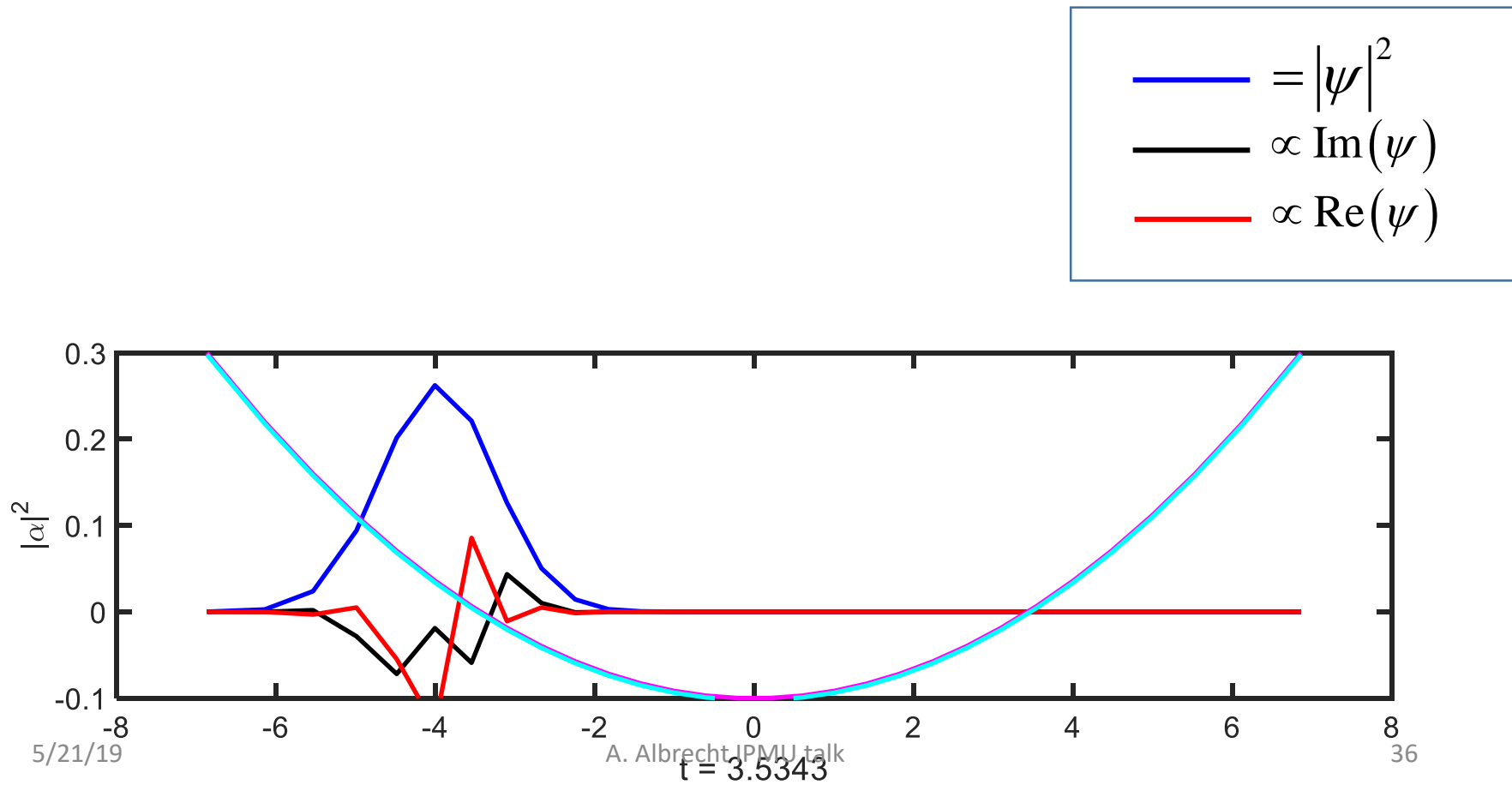
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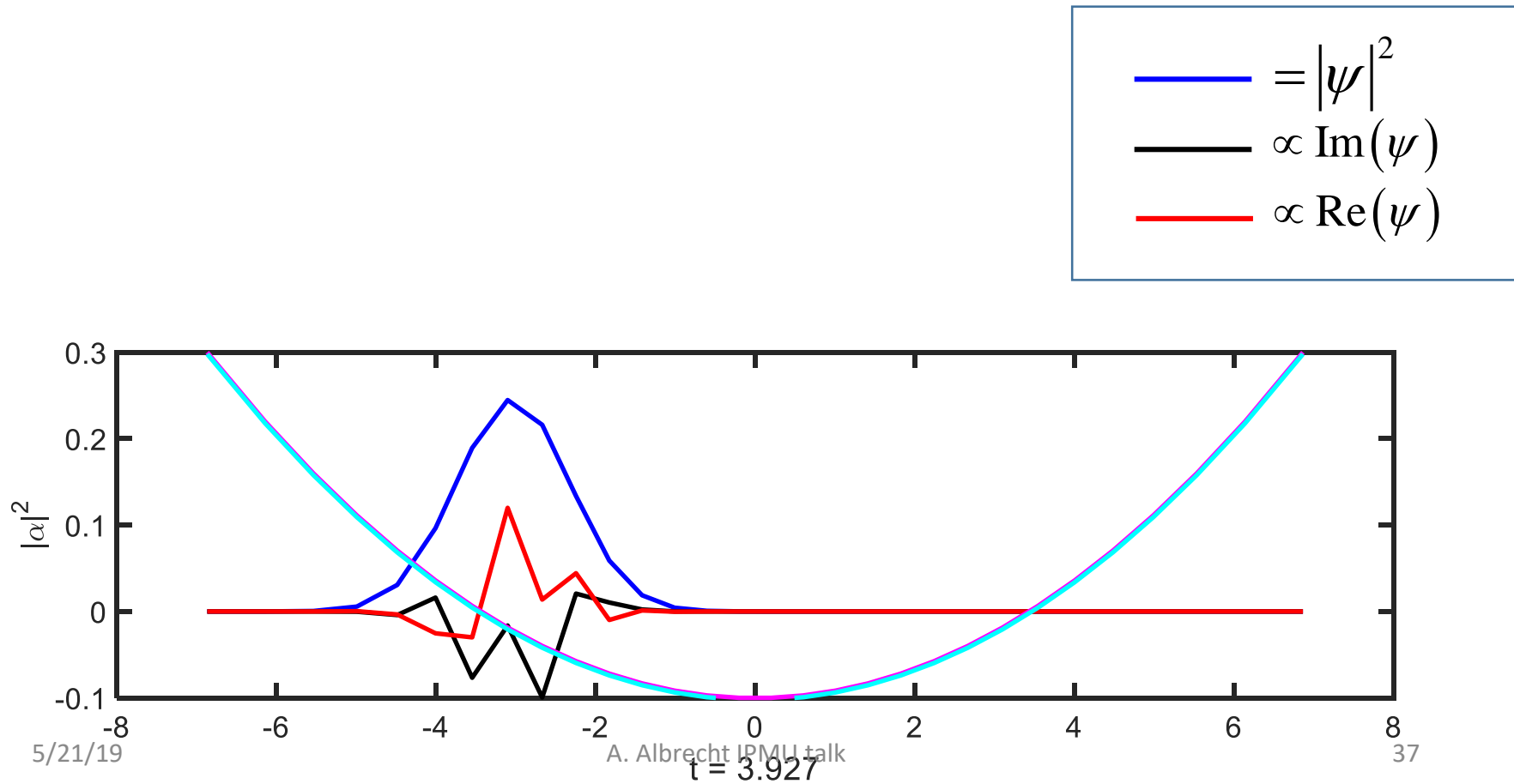
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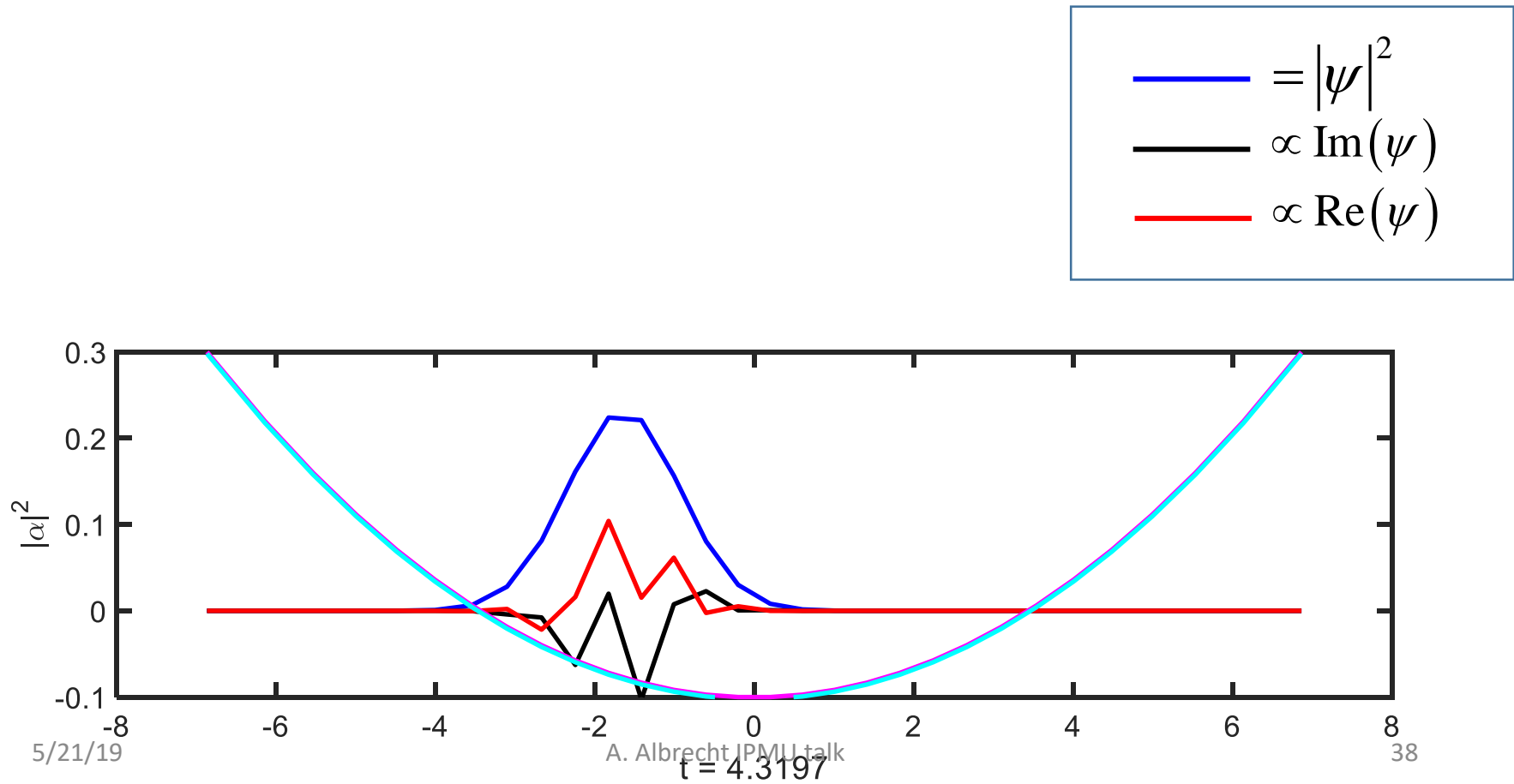
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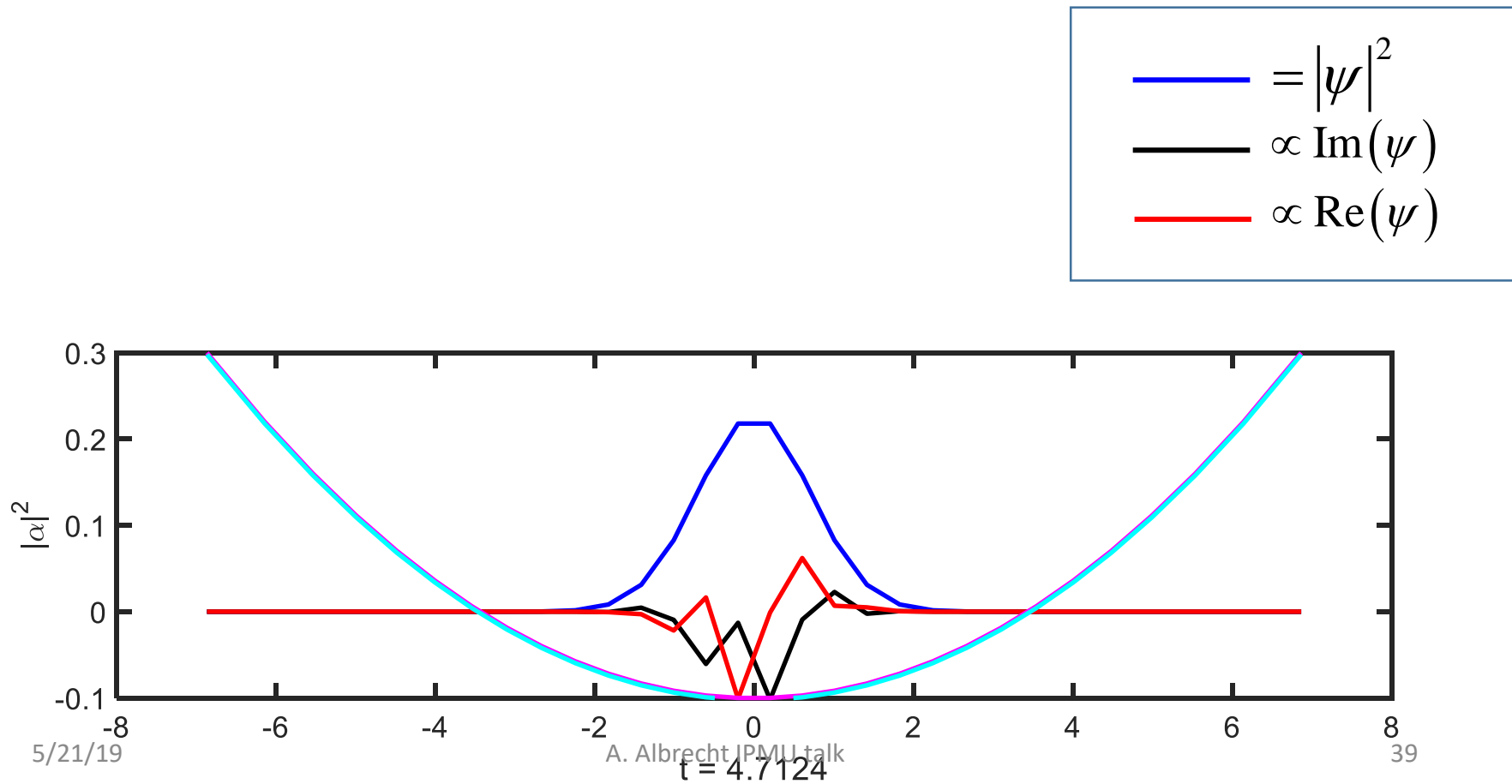
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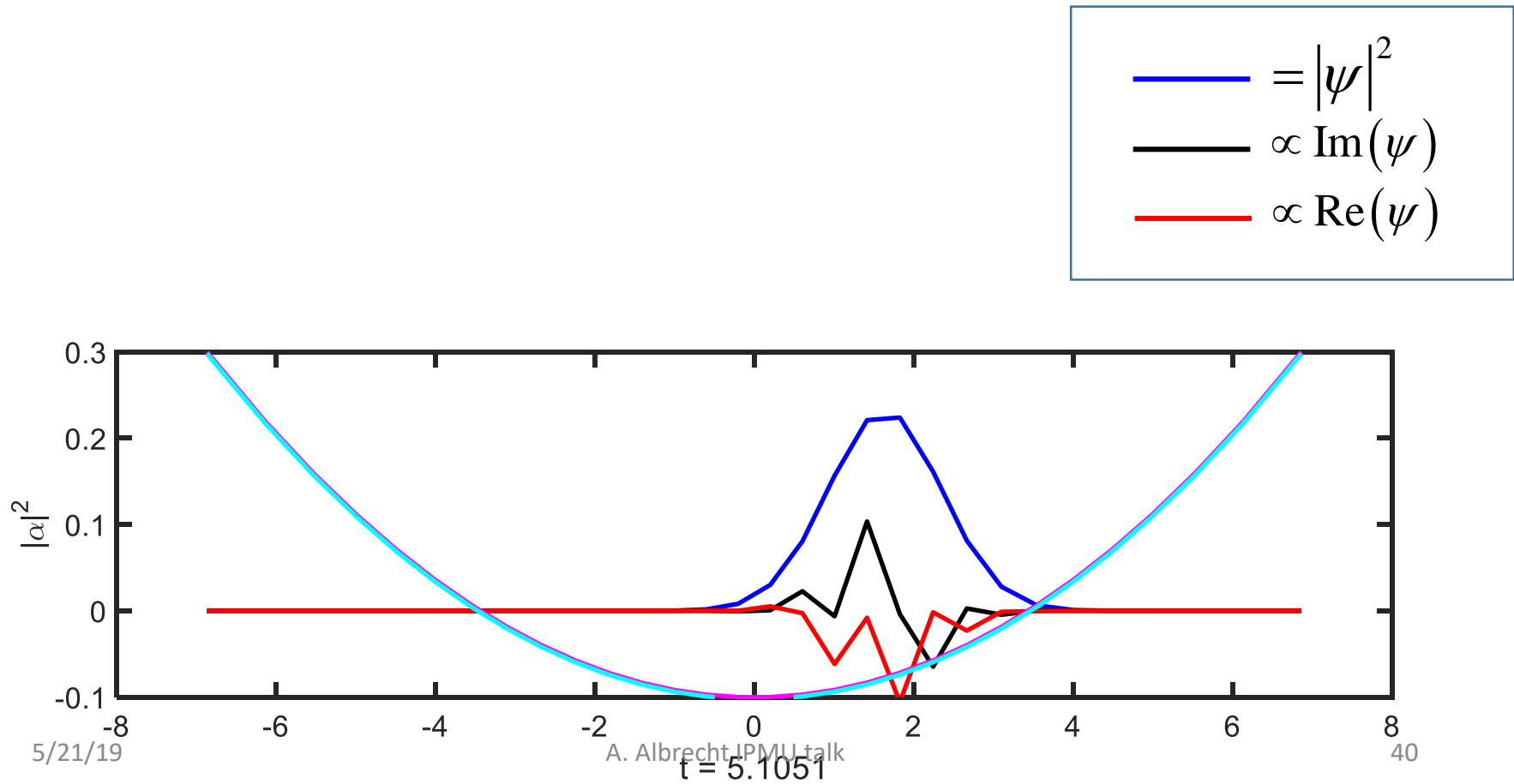
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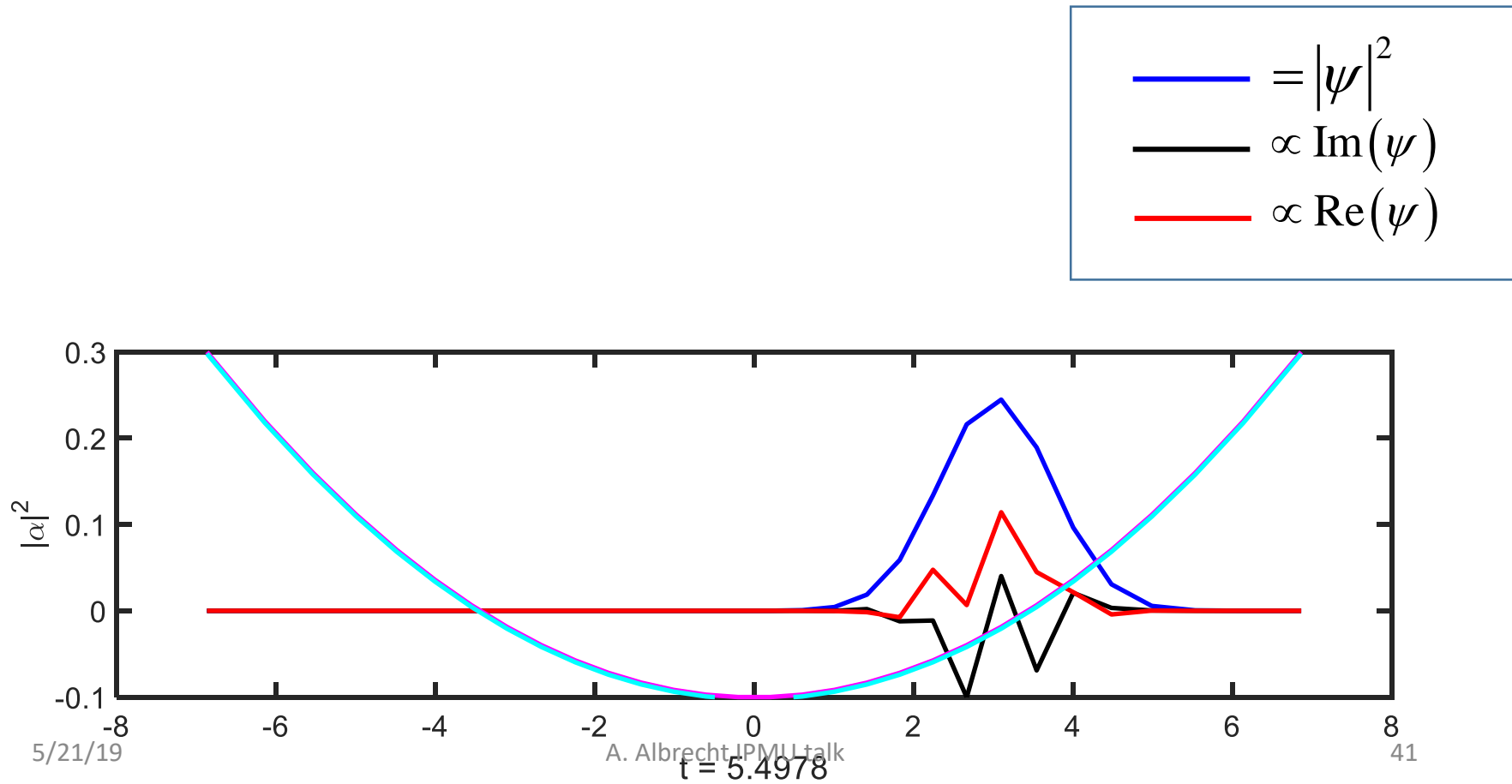


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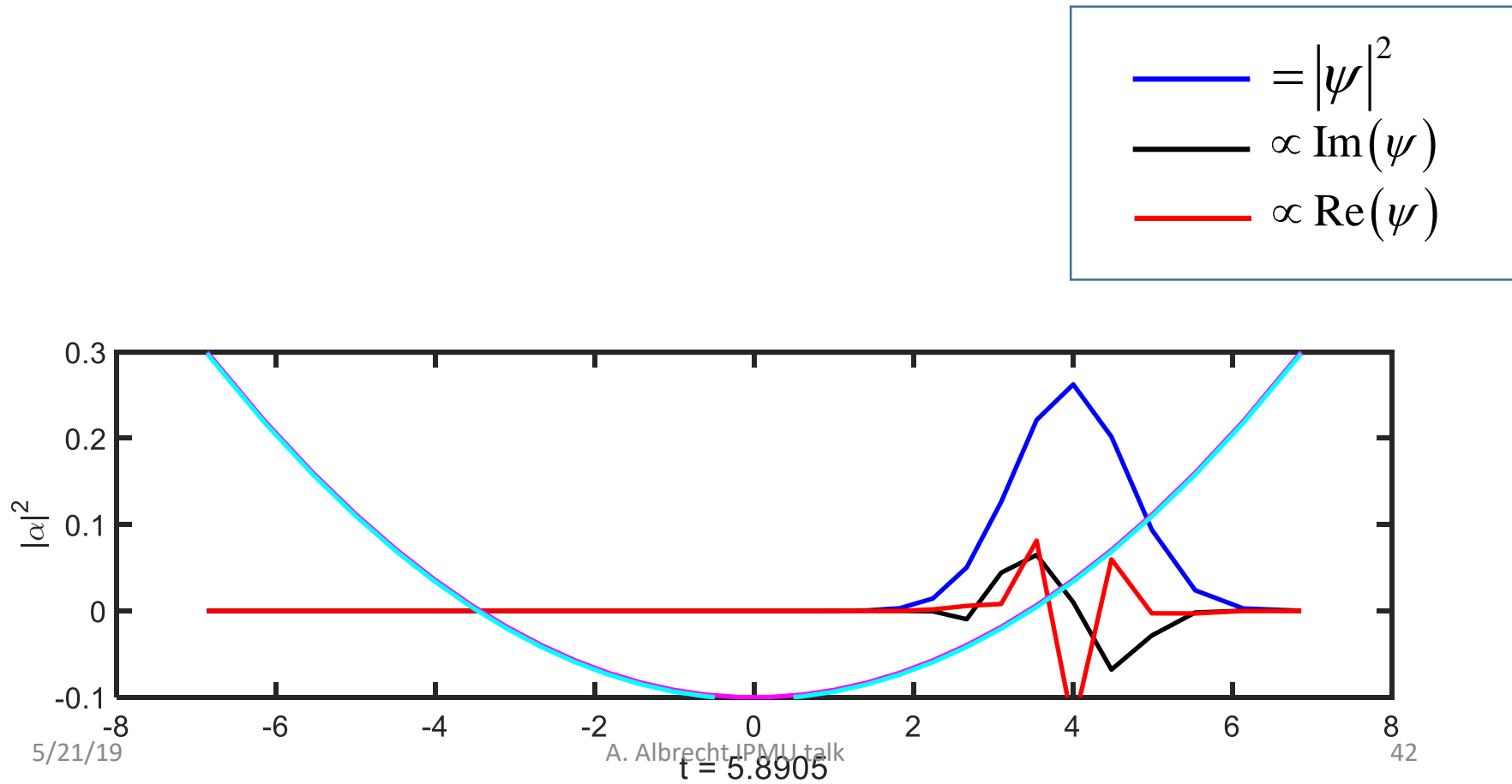




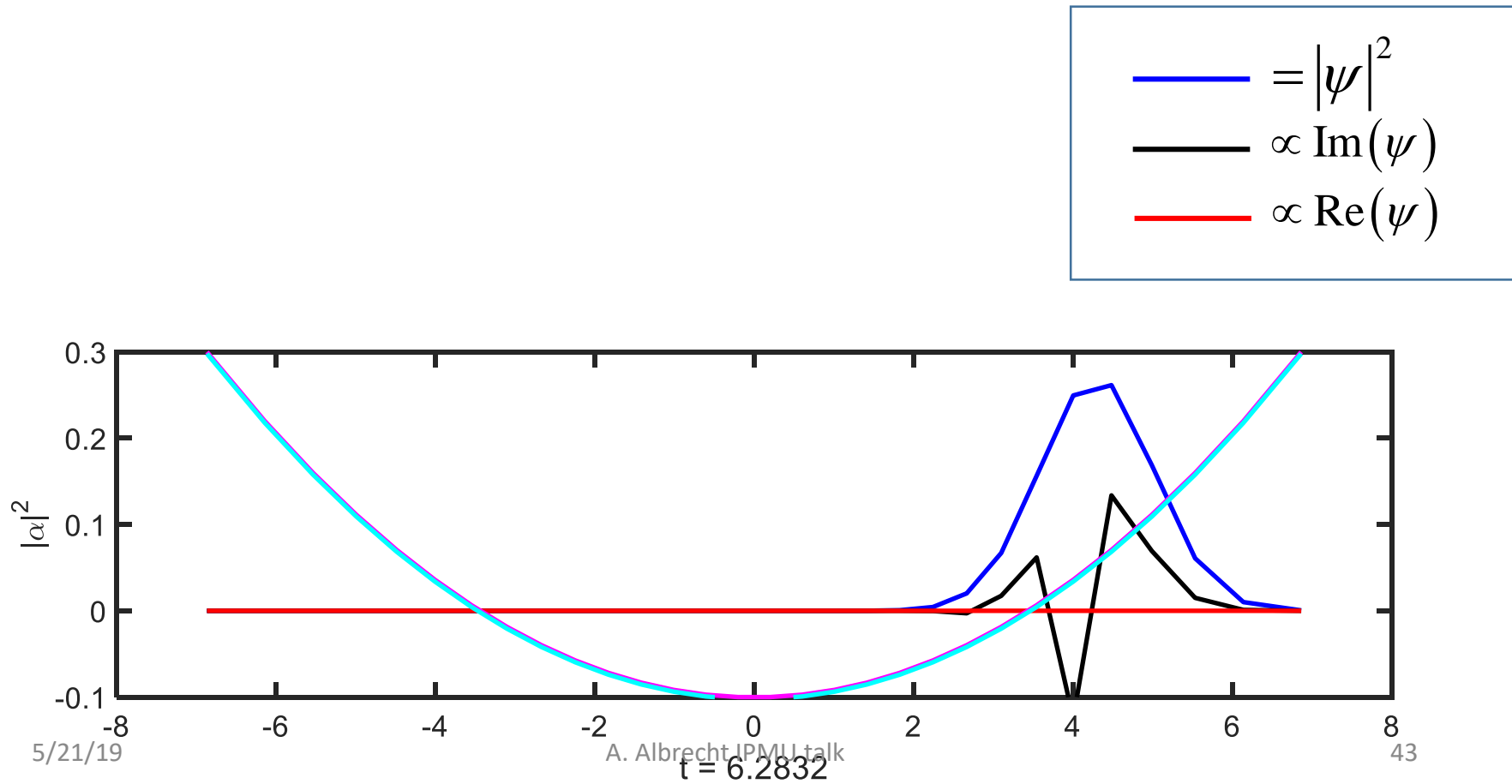
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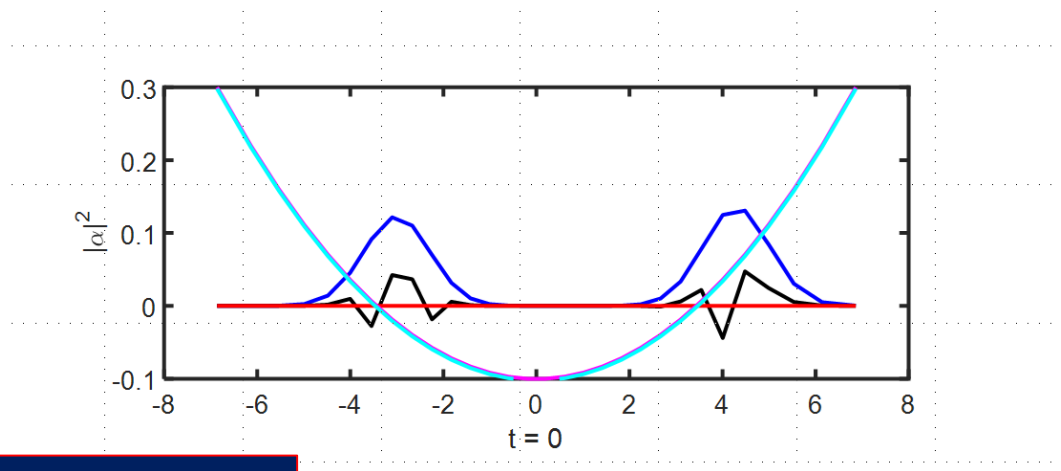
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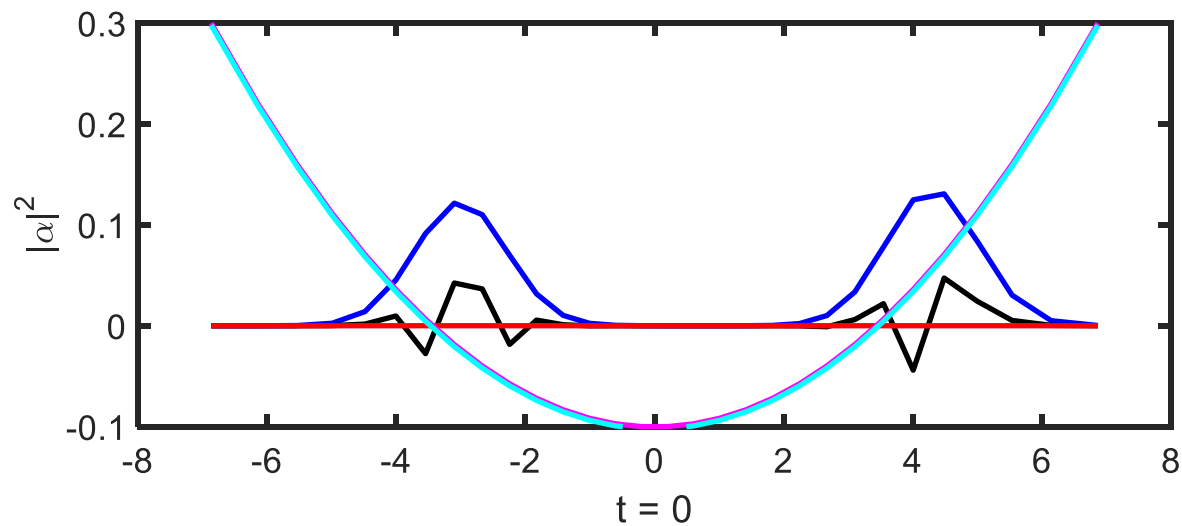
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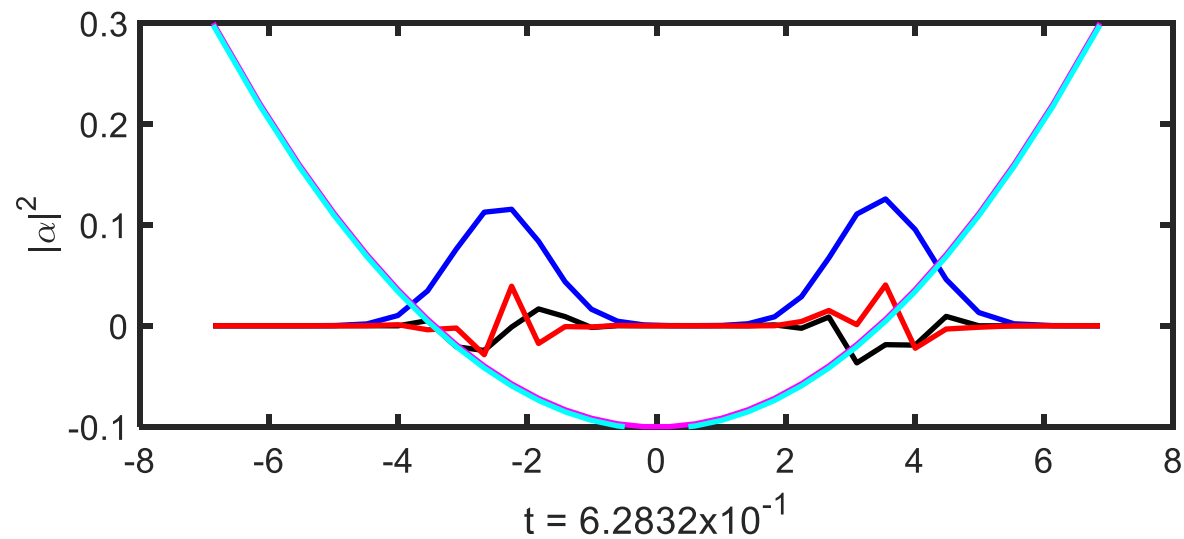
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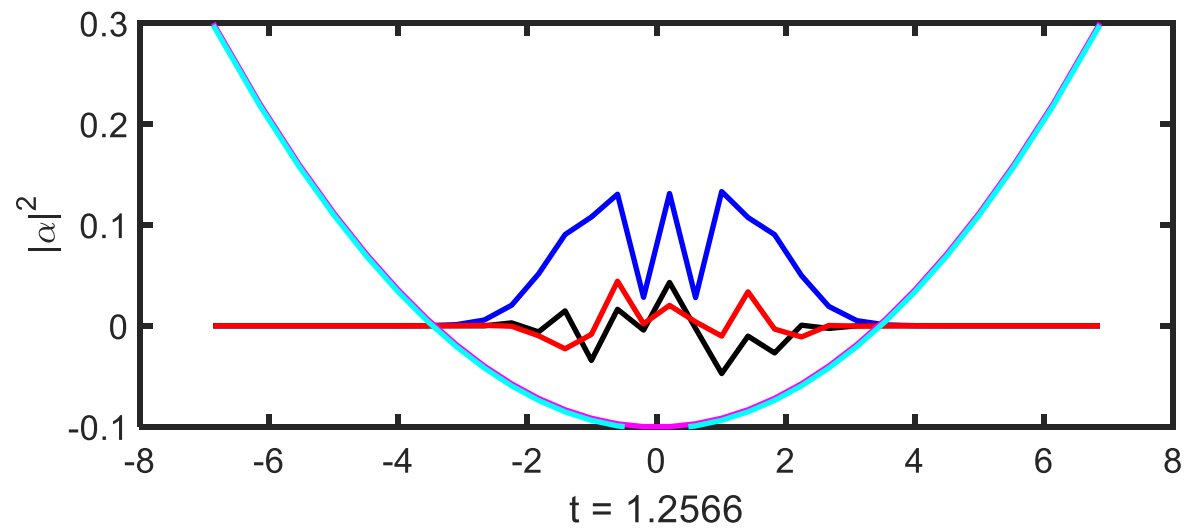
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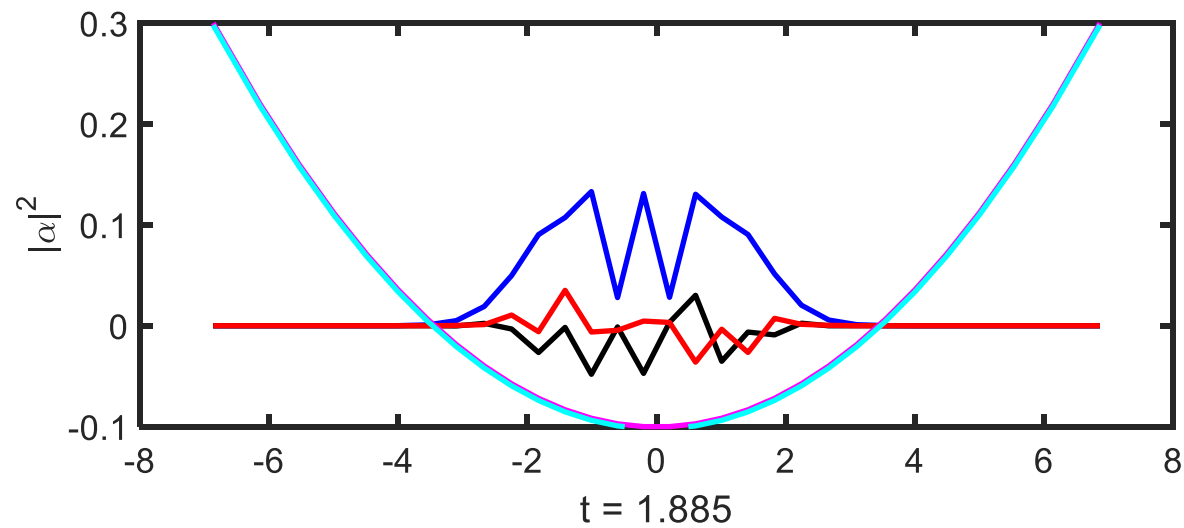
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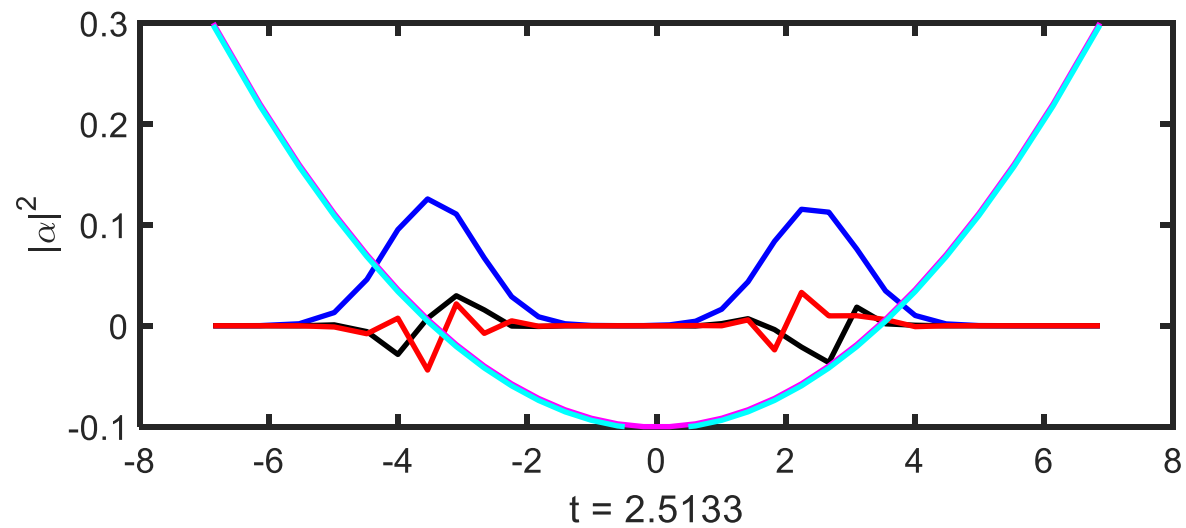
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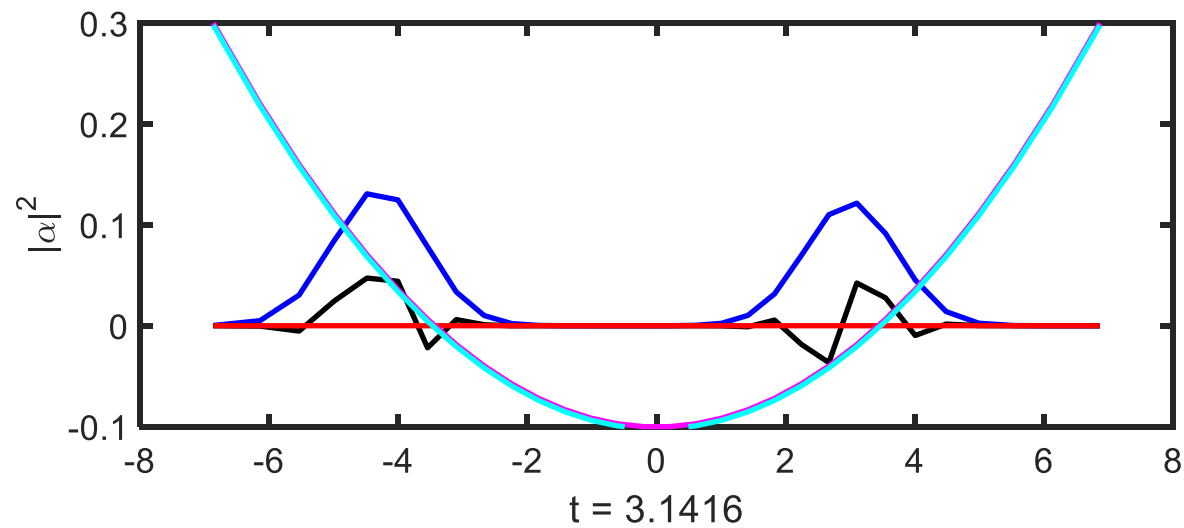
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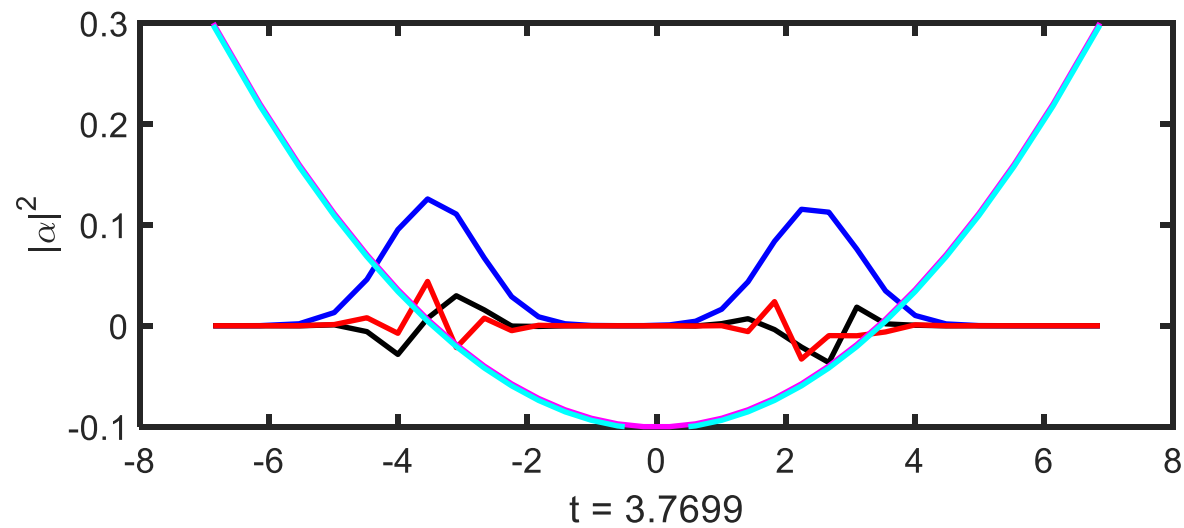
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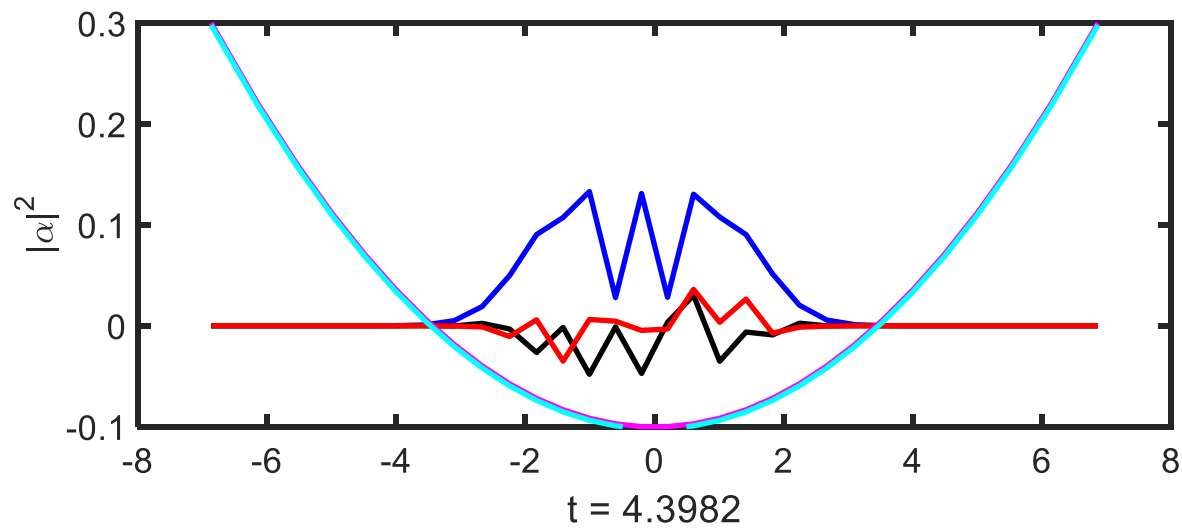
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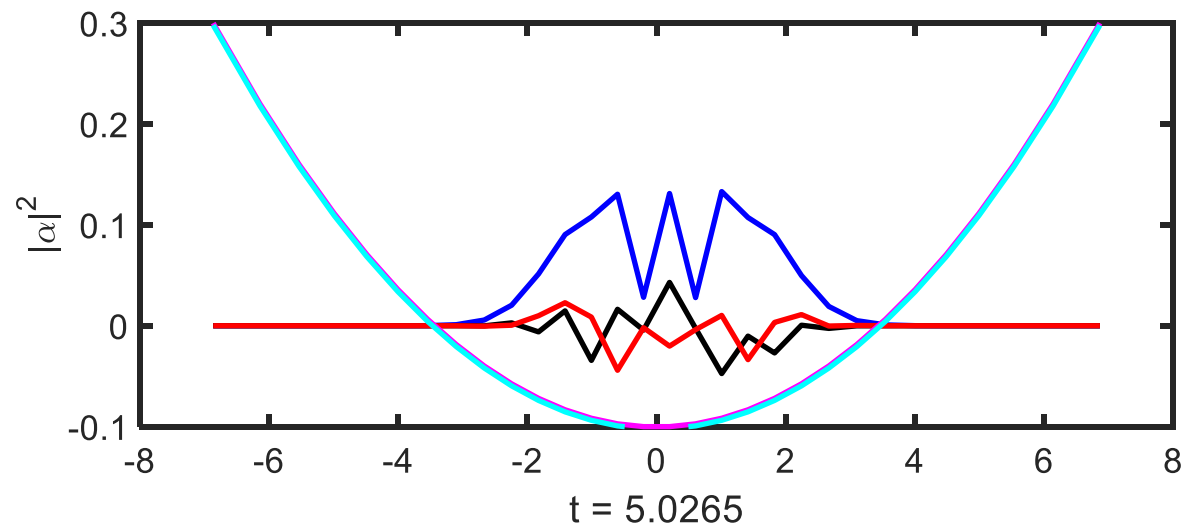
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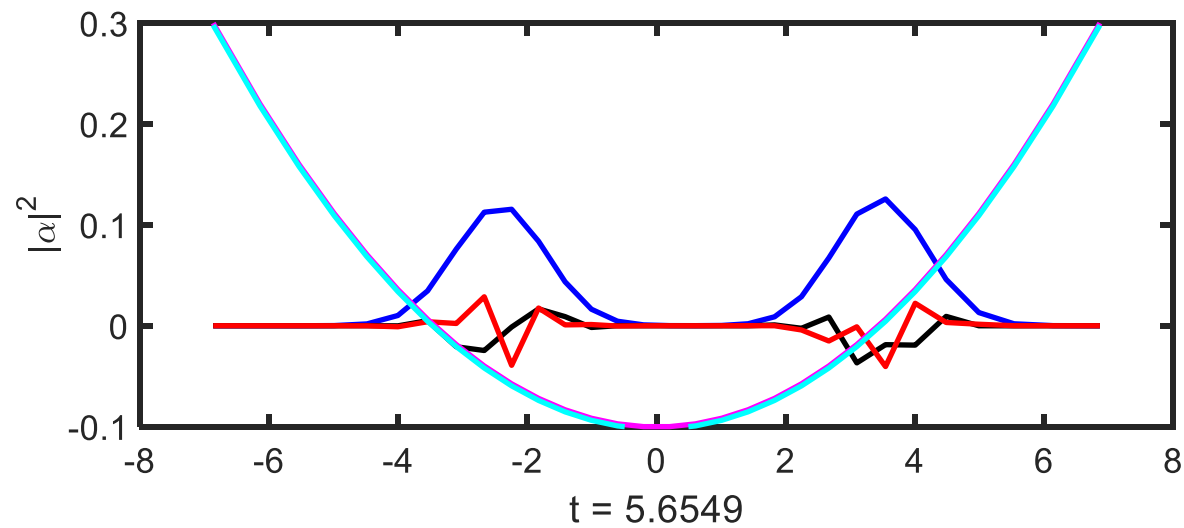
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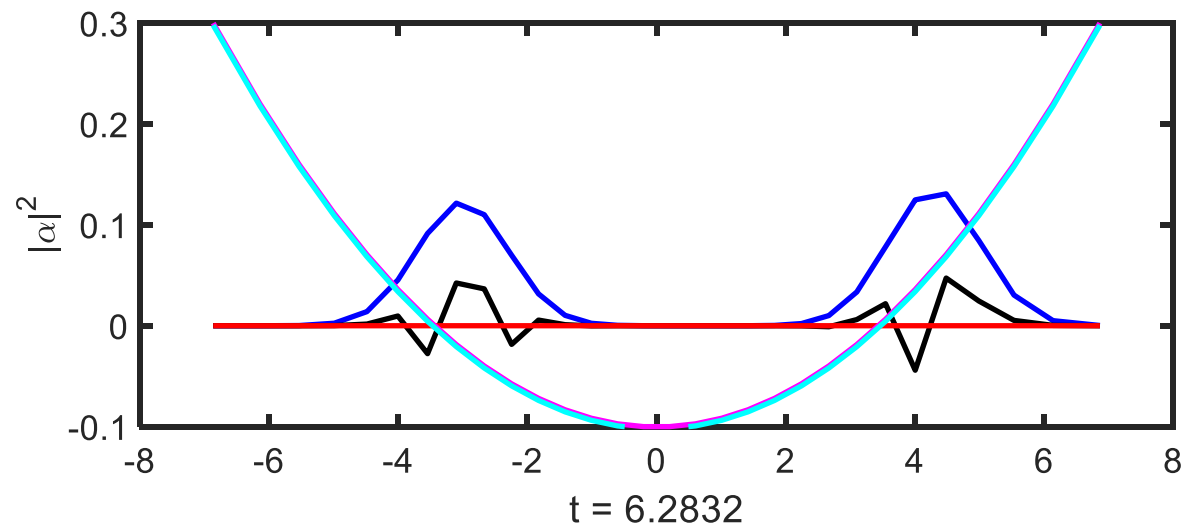
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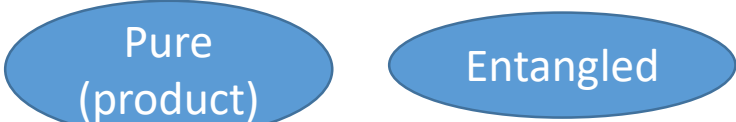
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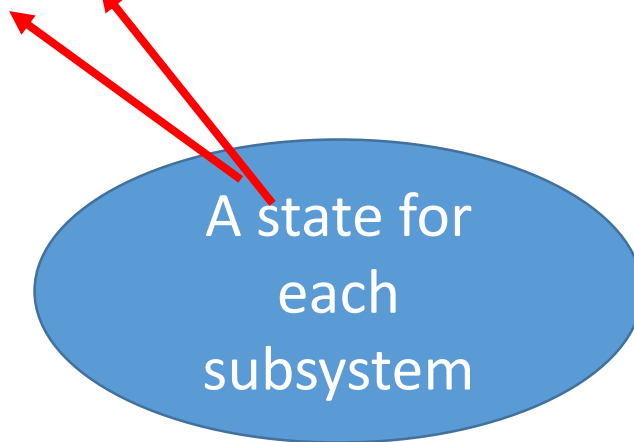
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## Some comments on entangled states

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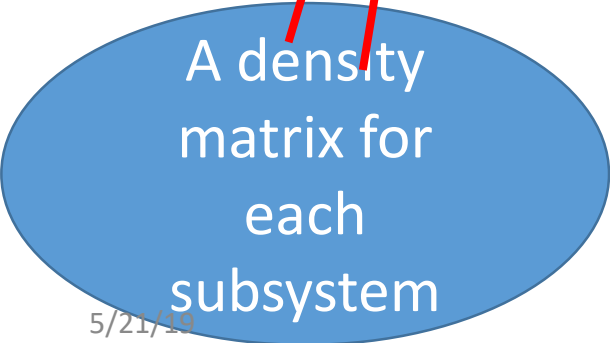
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A density  
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von  
Neumann  
entropy

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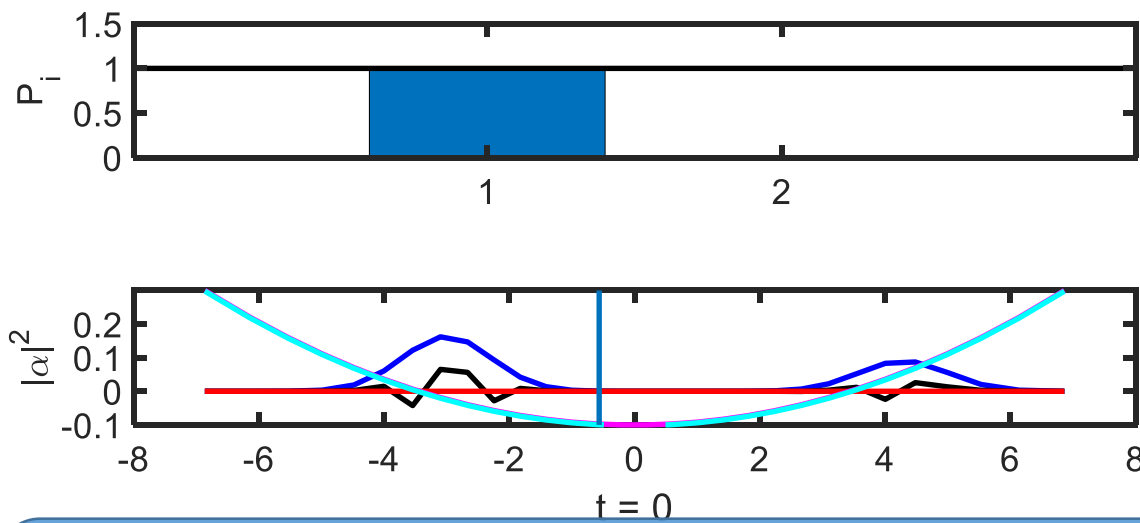
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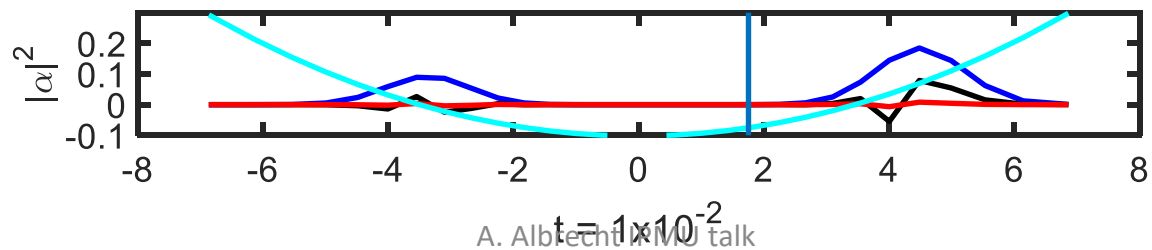
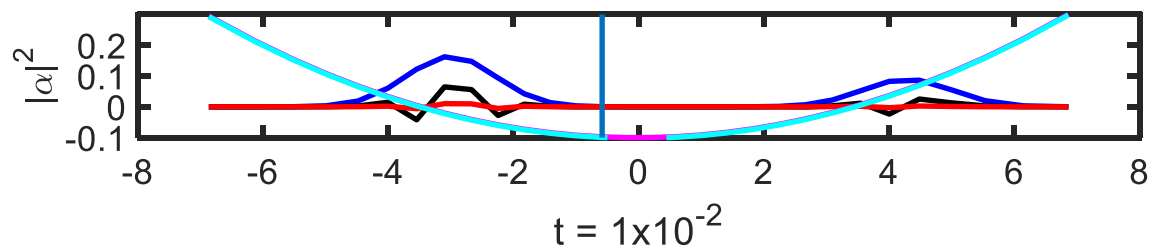
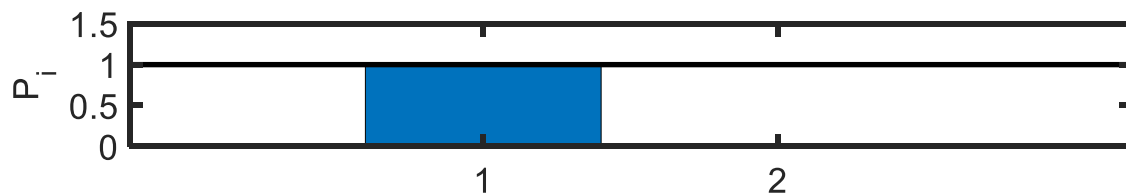


(Numerical garbage... only one nonzero eigenvalue at  $t=0$ )

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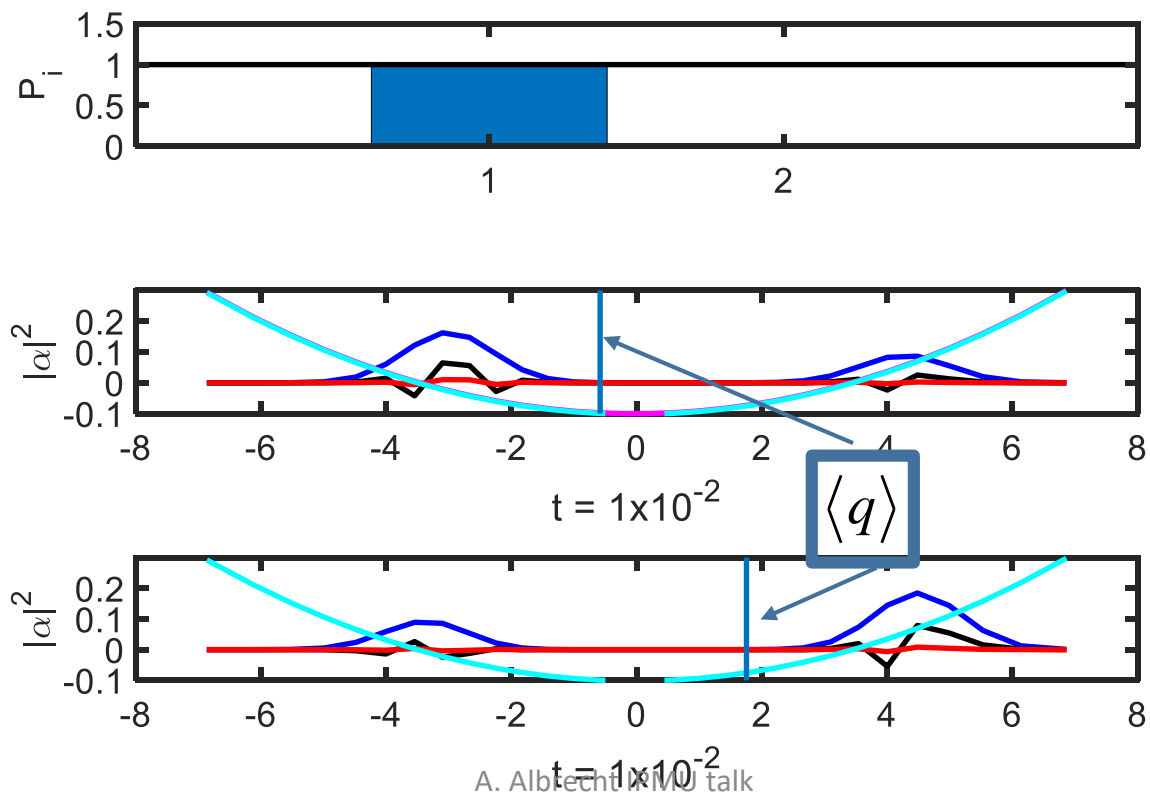




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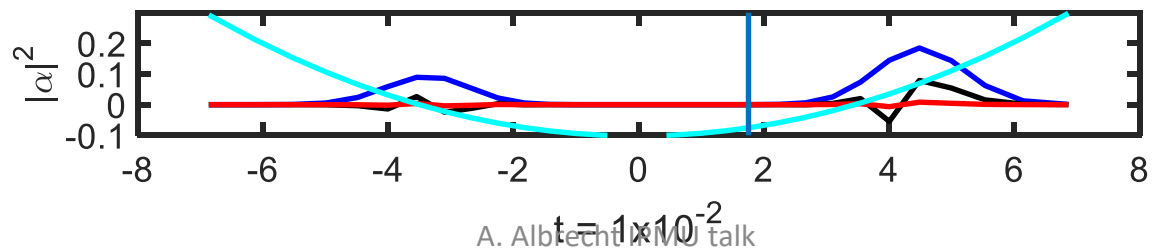
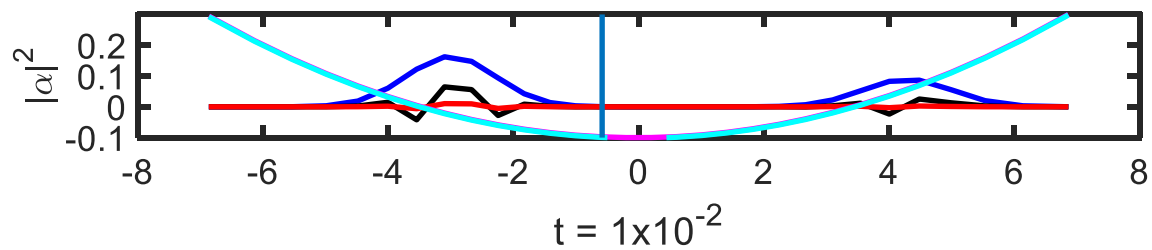
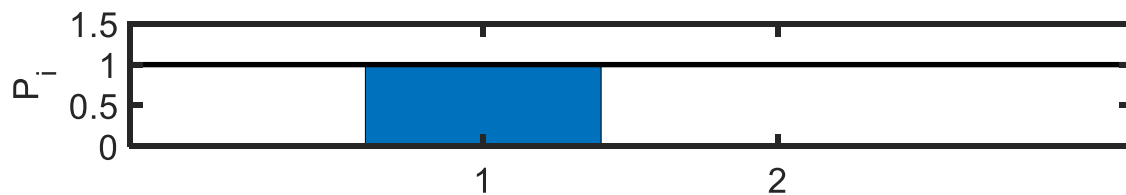
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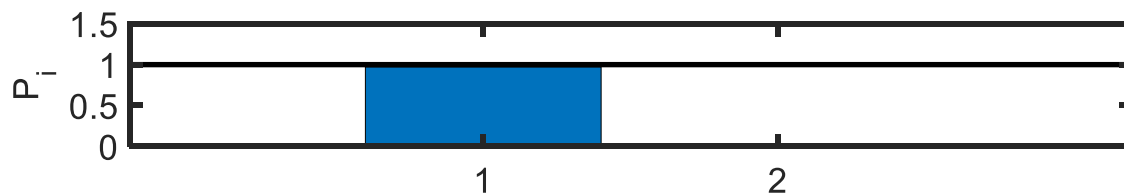
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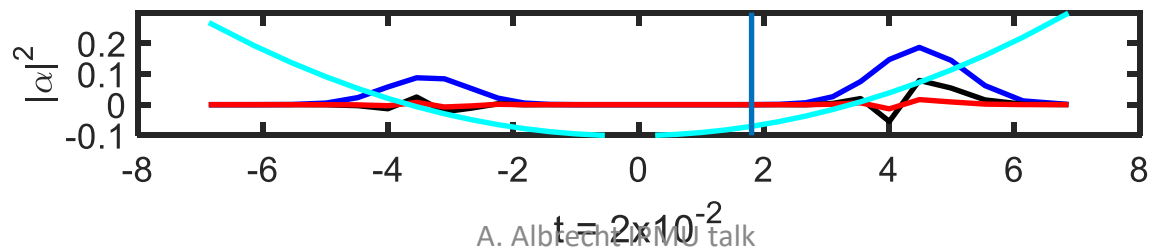
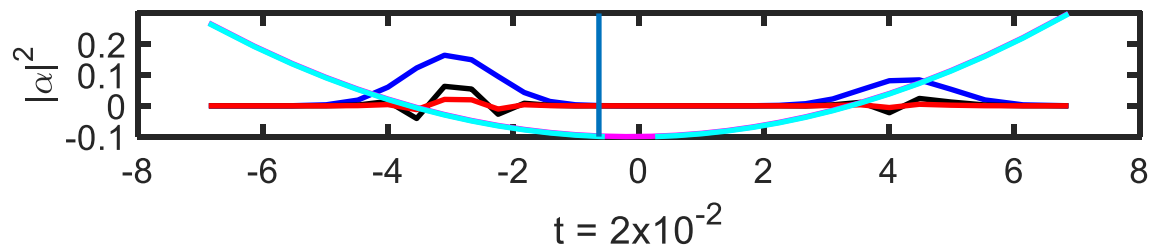


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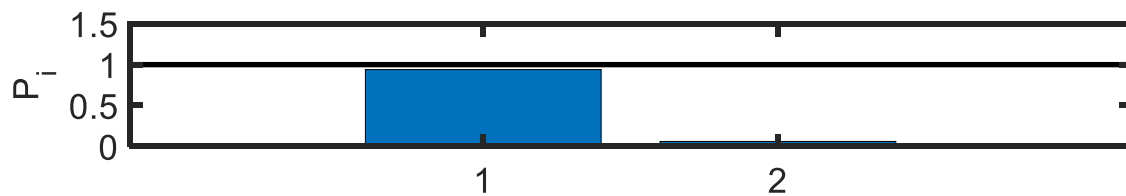


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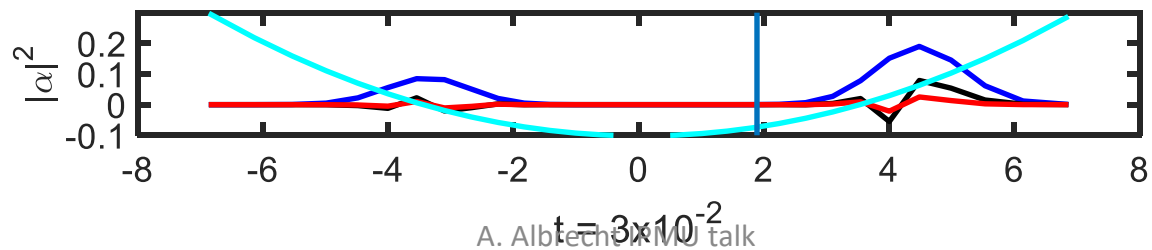
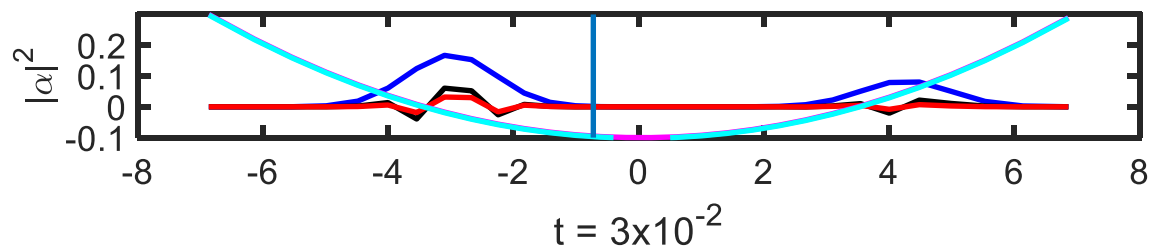


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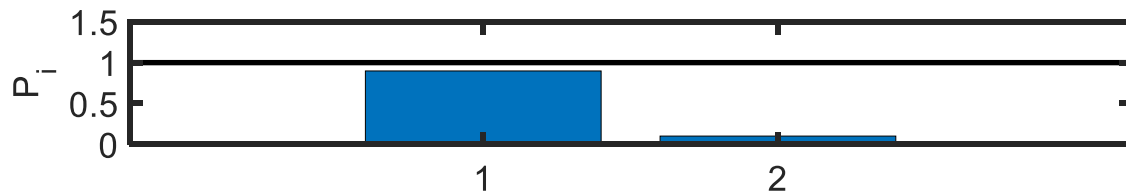


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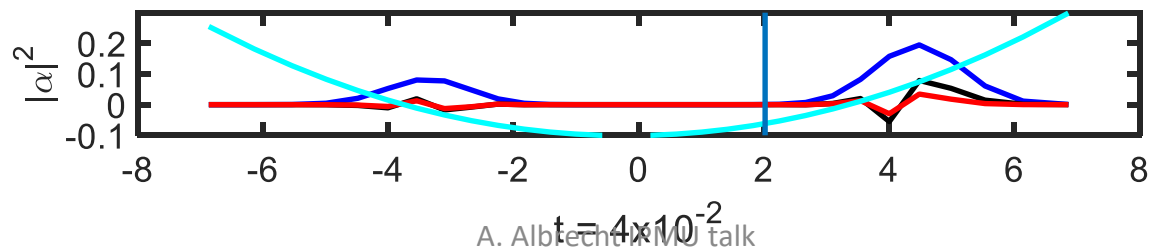
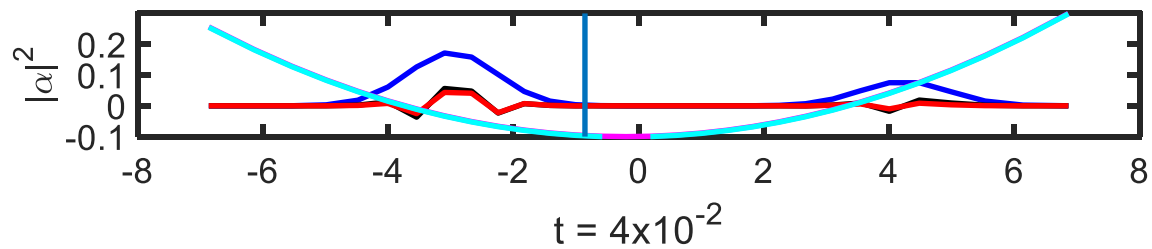


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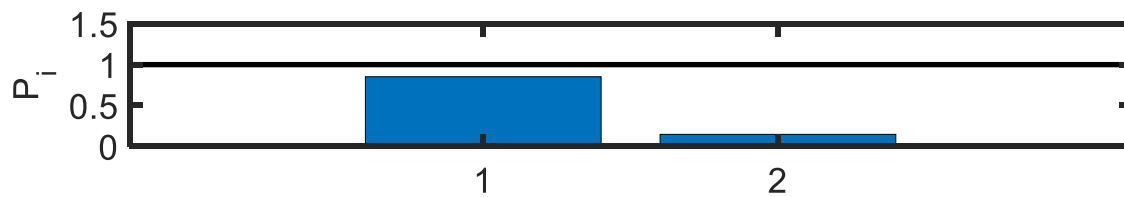


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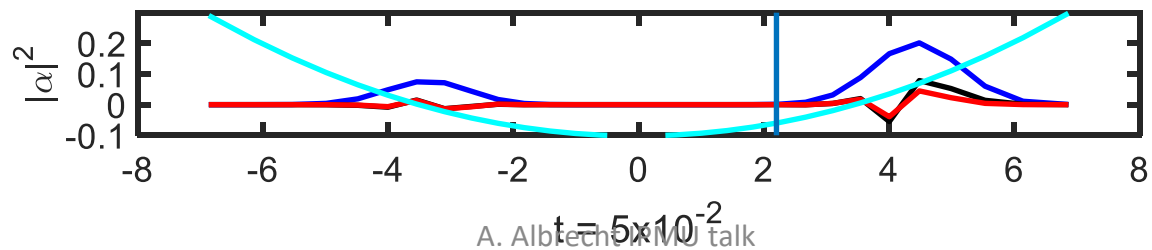
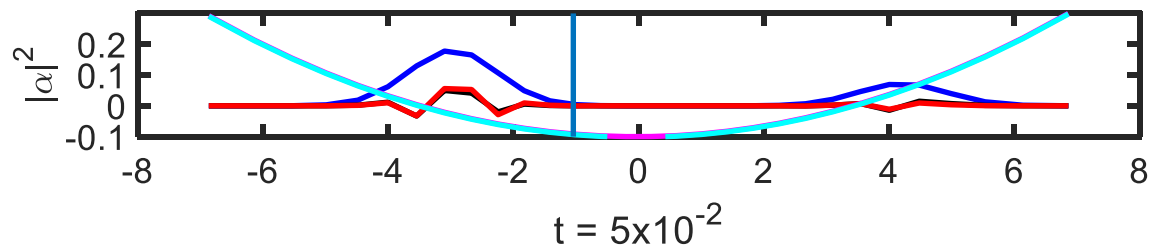


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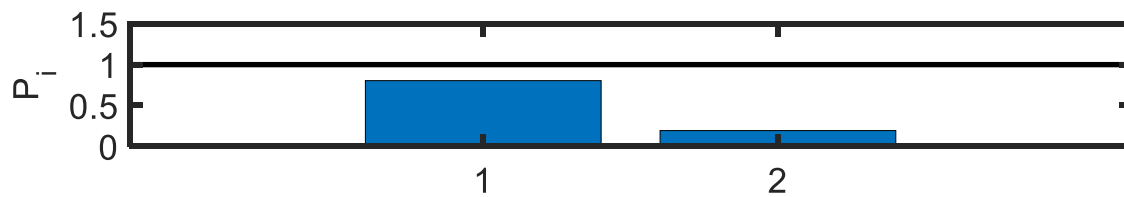


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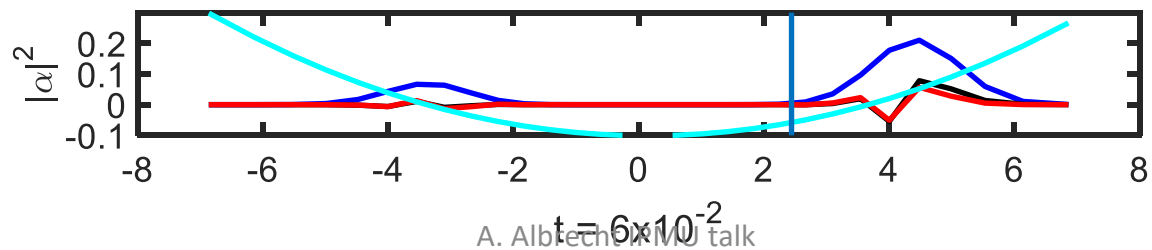
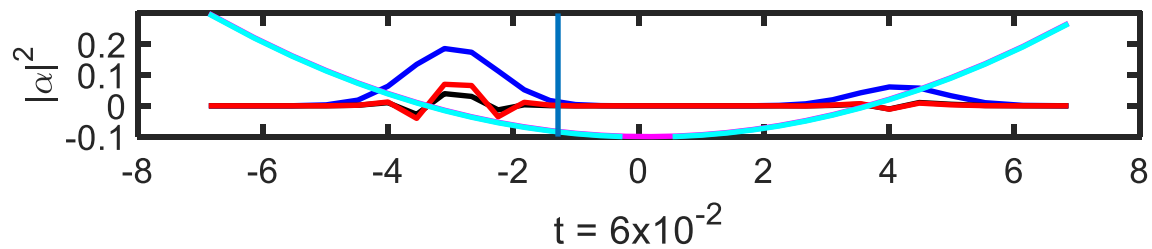


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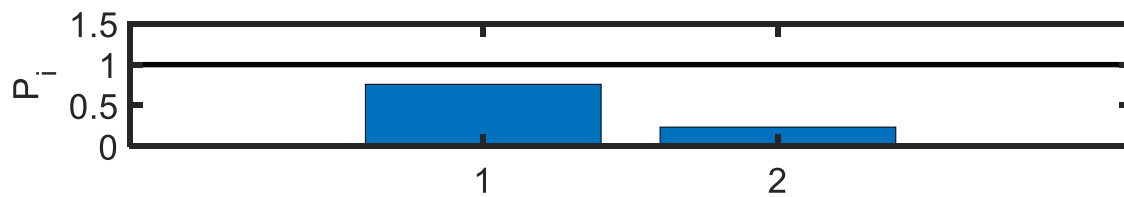


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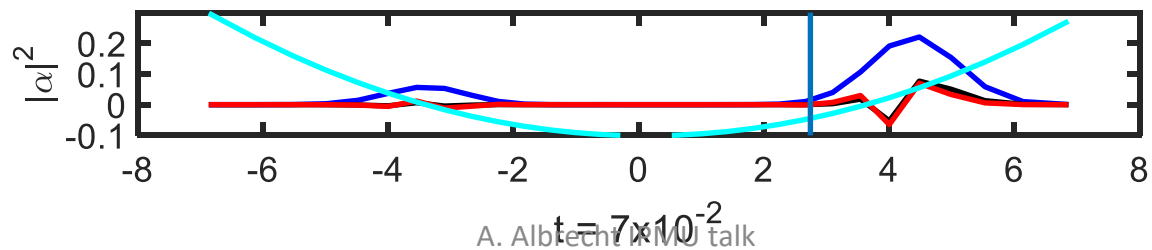
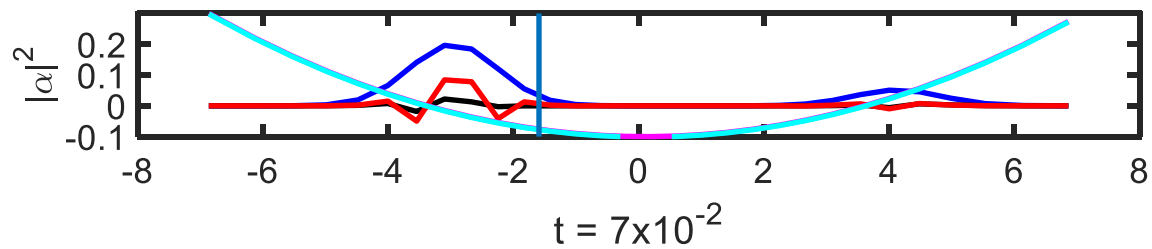


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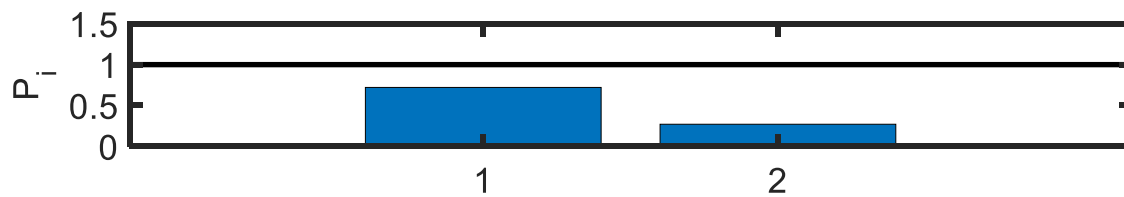
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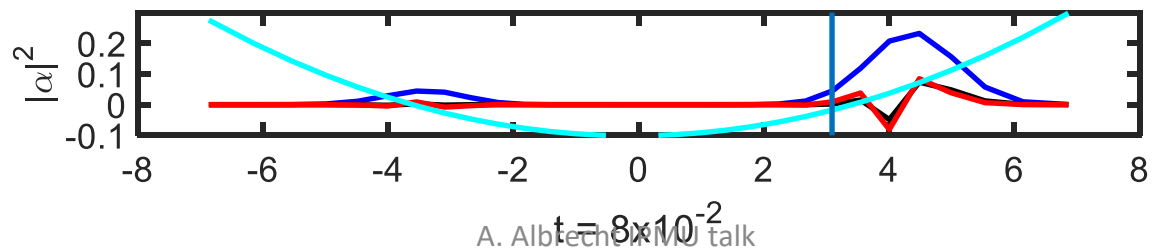
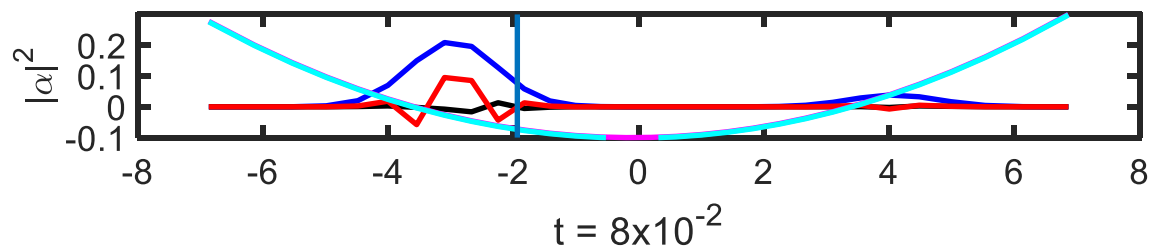


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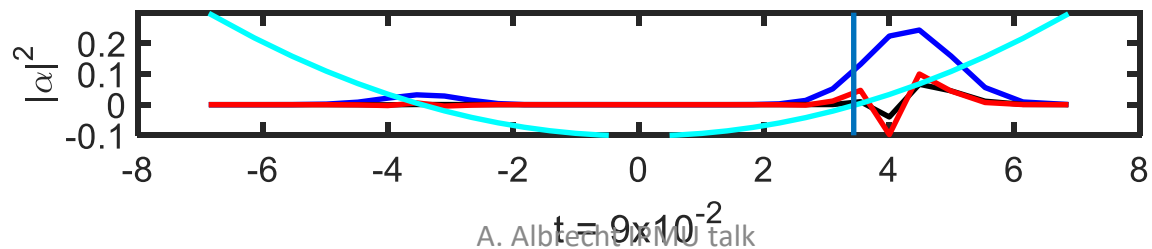
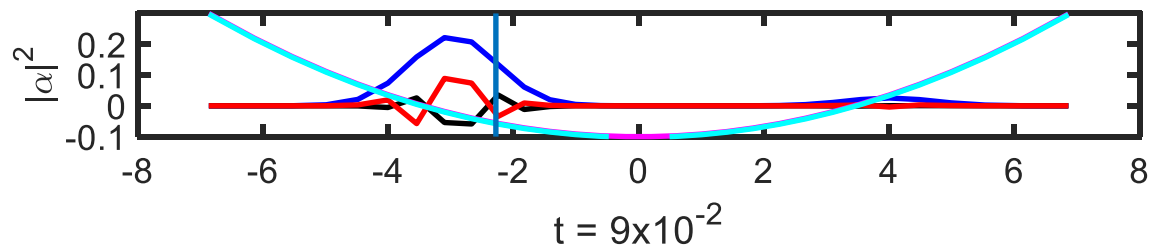
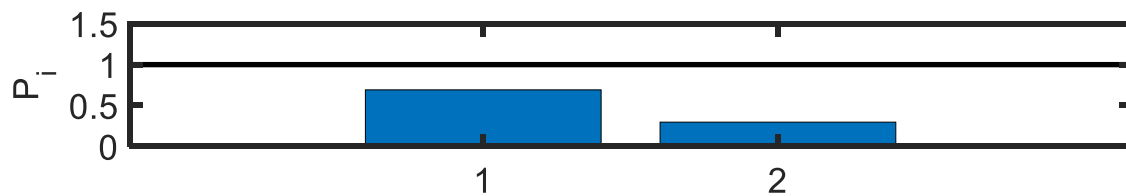
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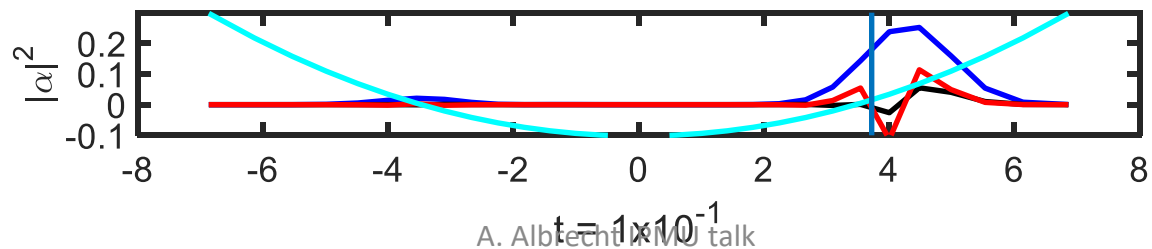
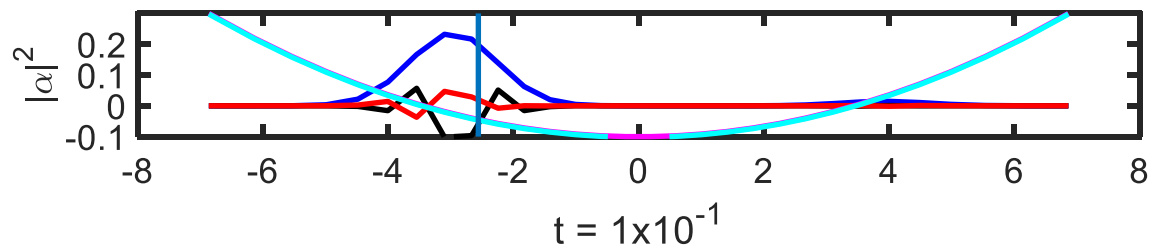
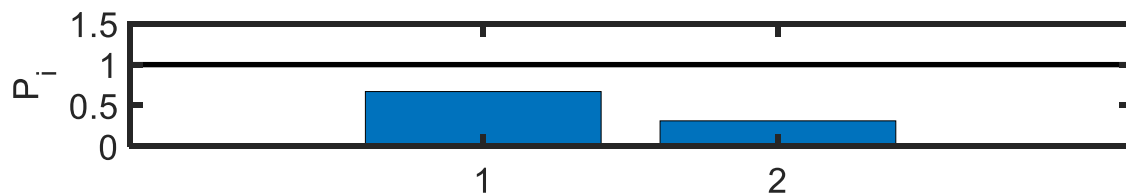
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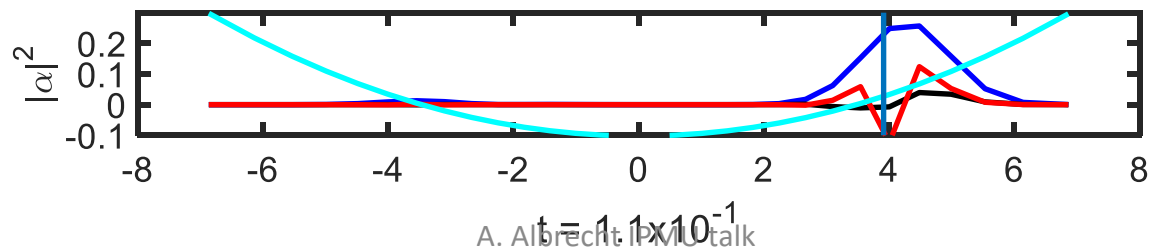
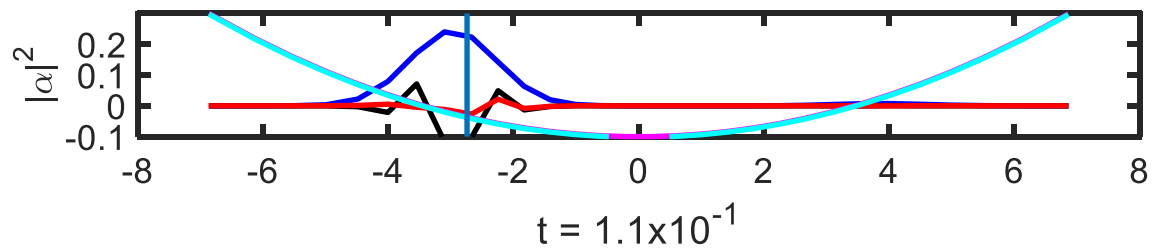
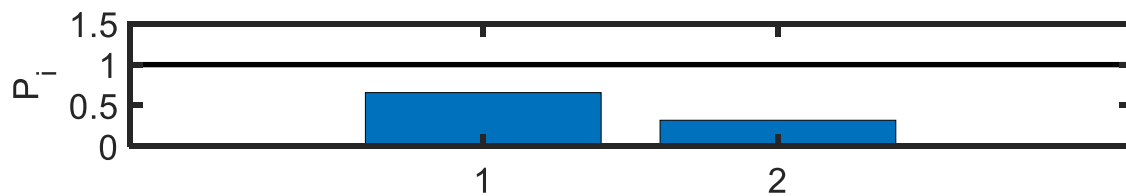
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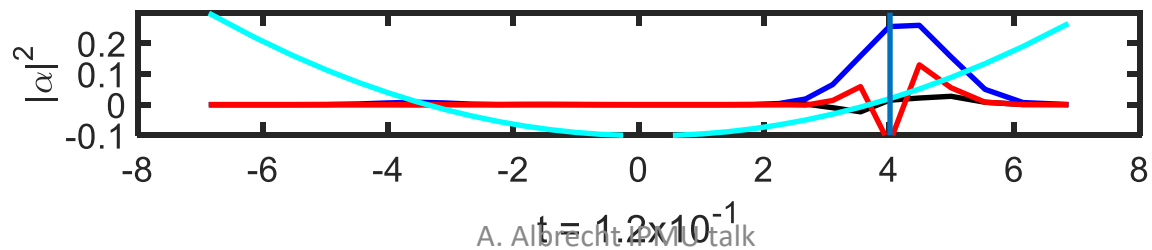
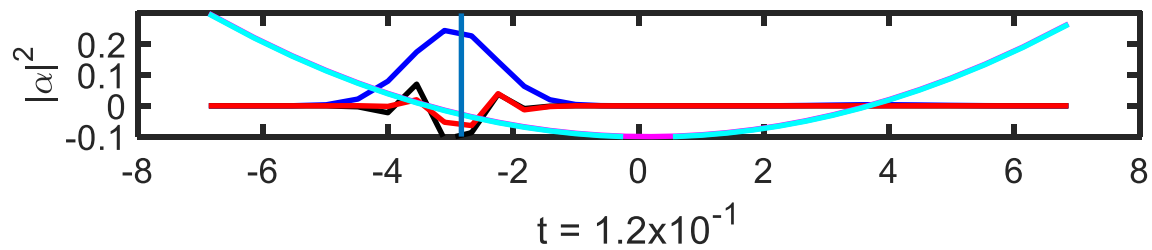
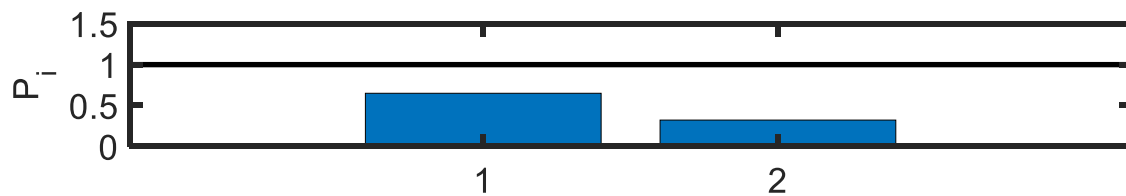
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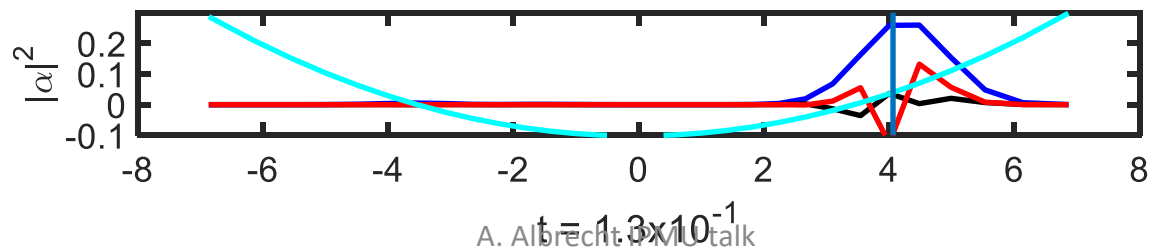
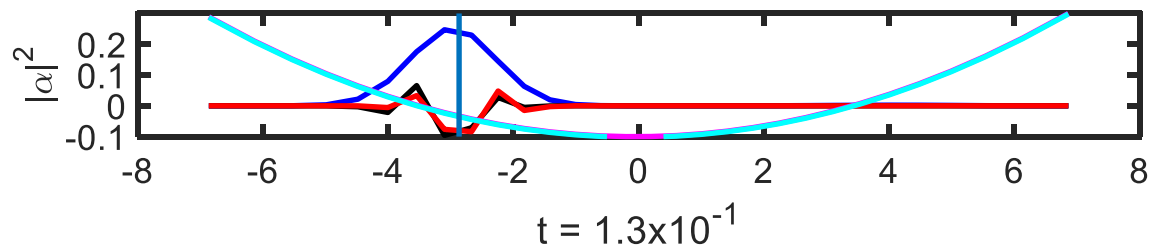
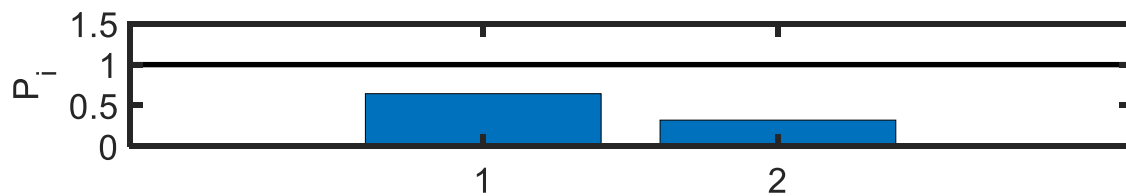
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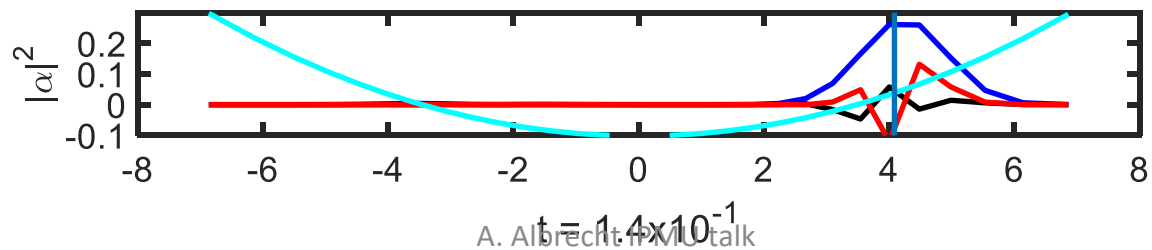
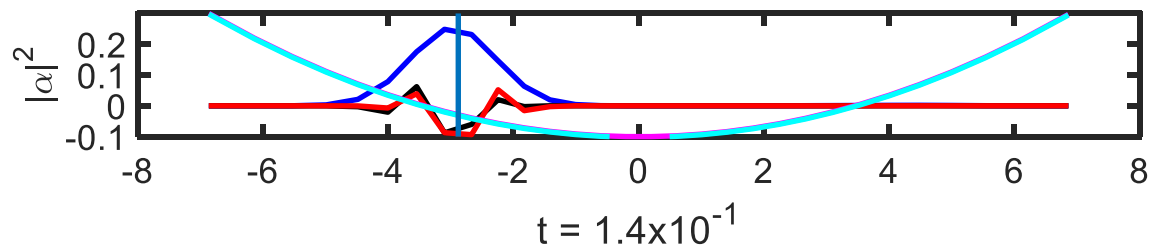
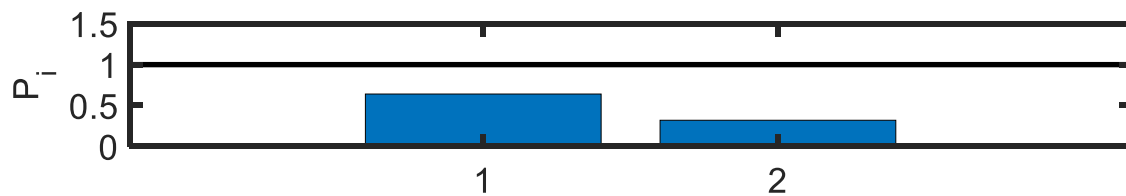
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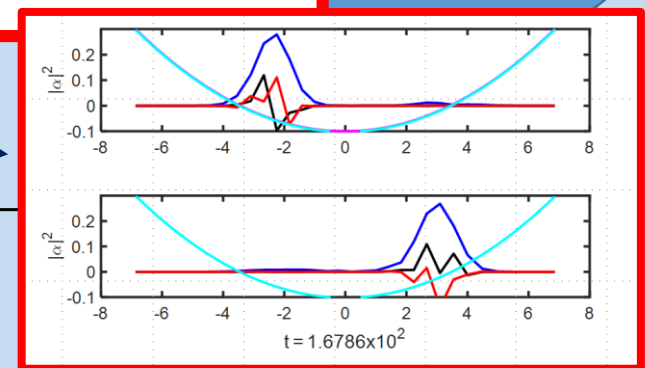
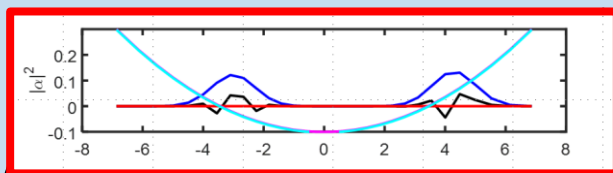
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UPSHOT:

- This evolution leads to a mixed state
- The toy model successfully “einselects” the “classical” wave packets from a Schrödinger cat superposition

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Show Movie C

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A. Albrecht IPMU talk

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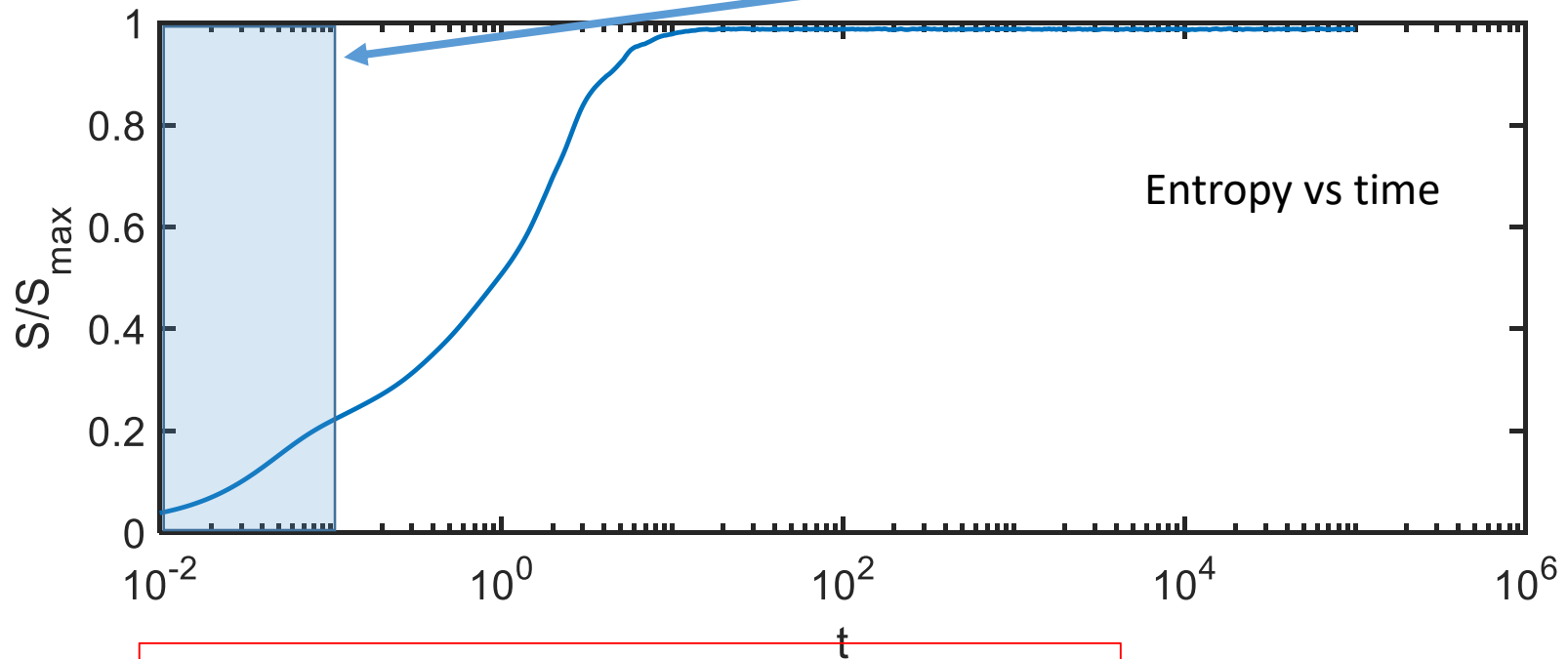
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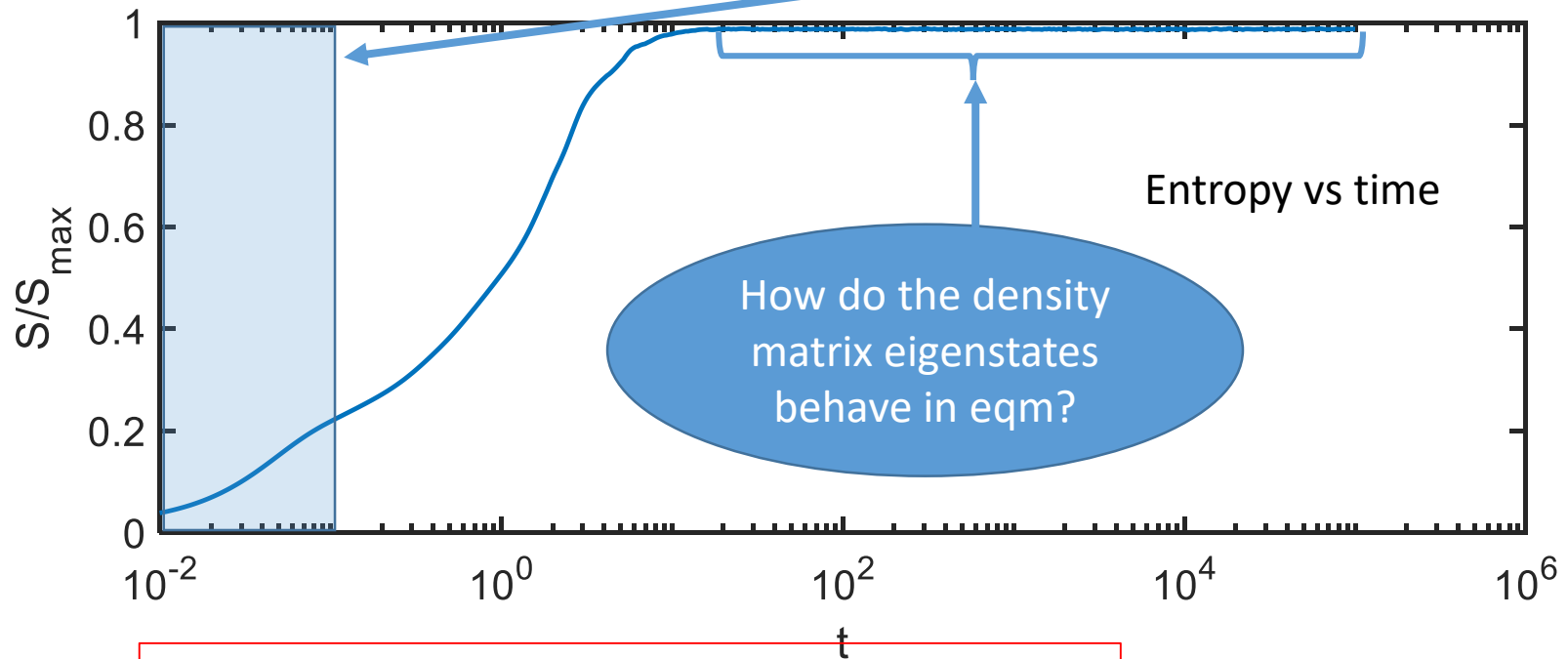
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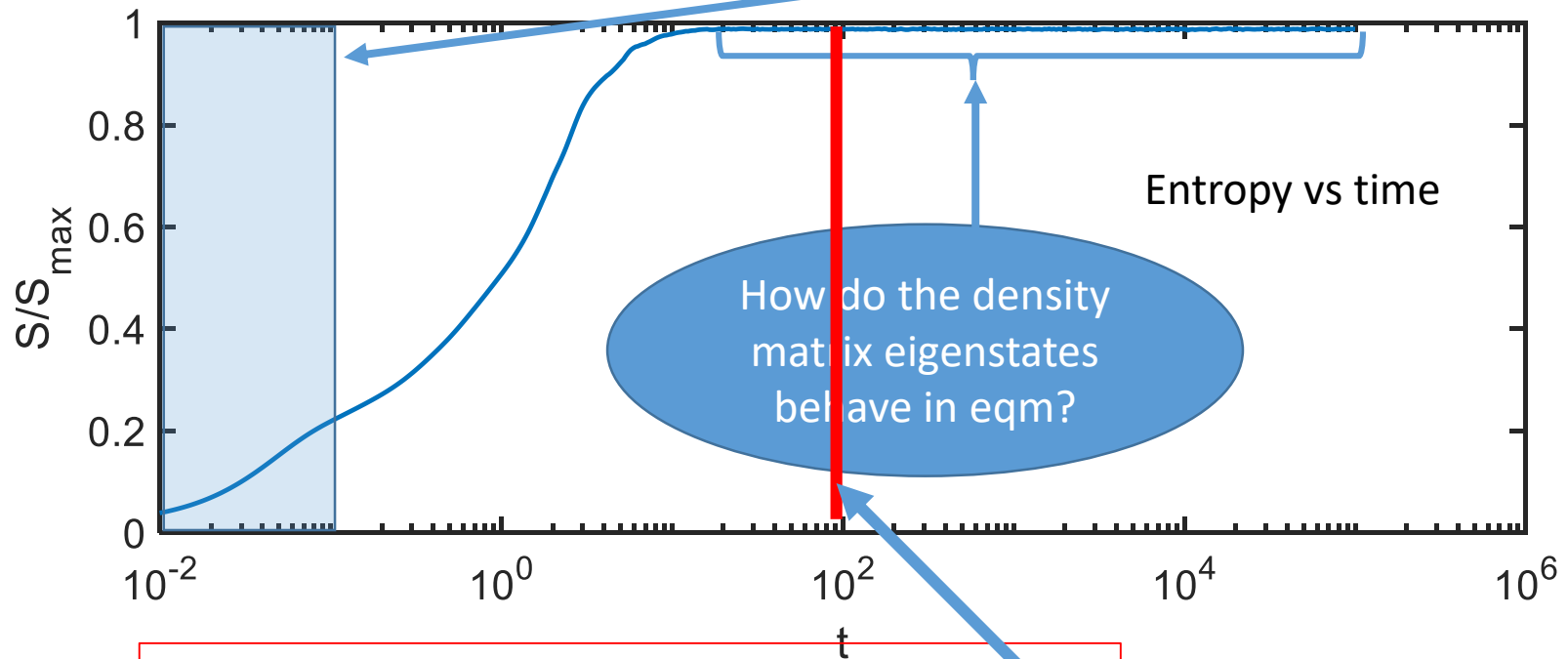
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Show Movie D

Discuss “detailed balance”  
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board

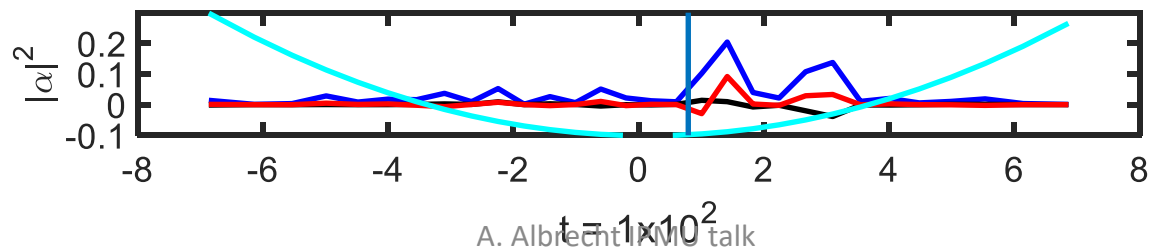
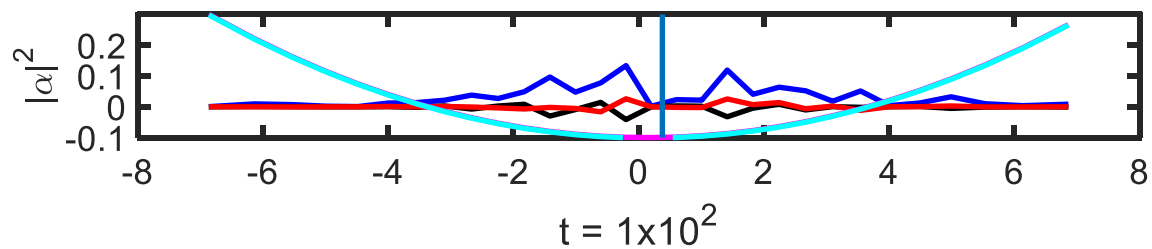
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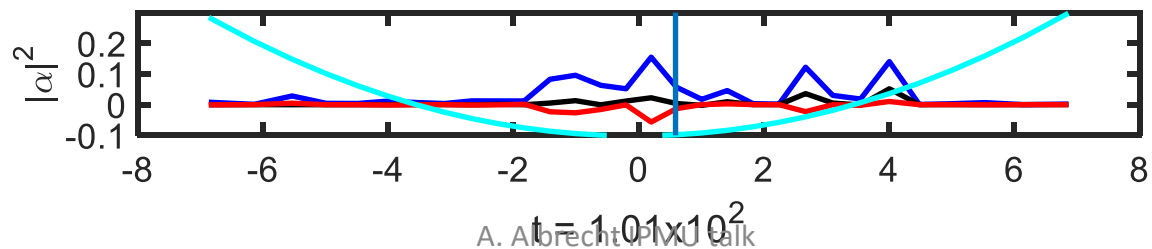
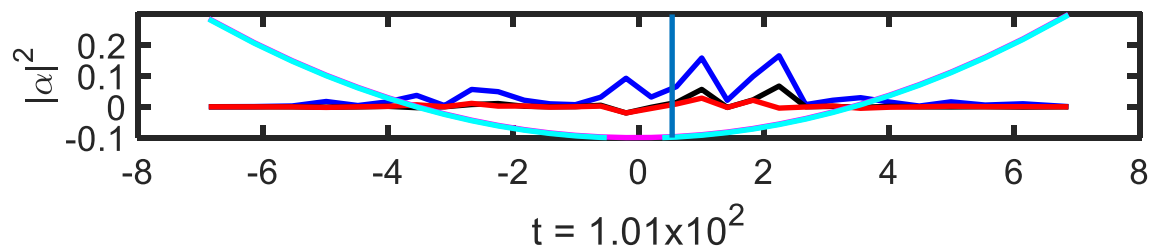
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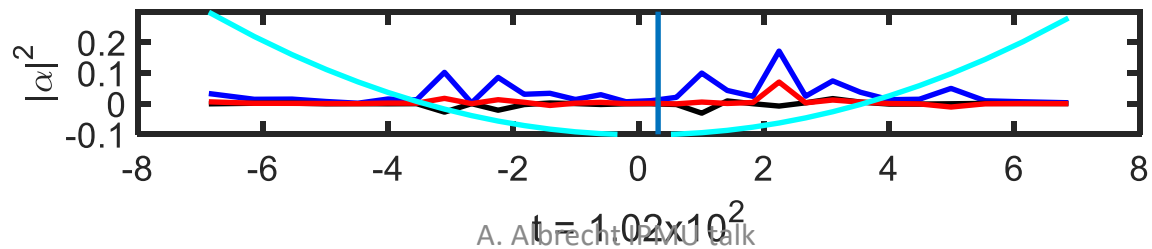
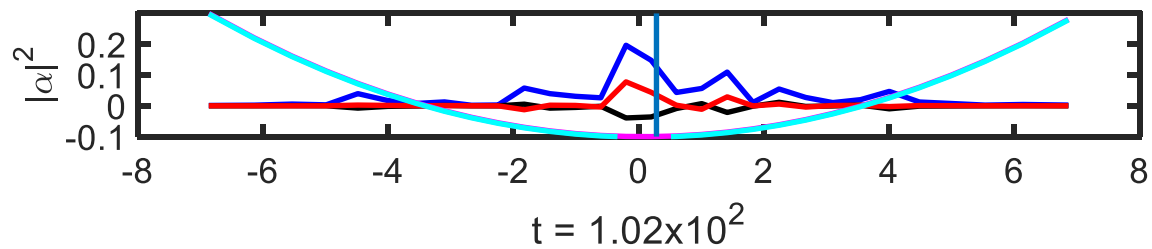
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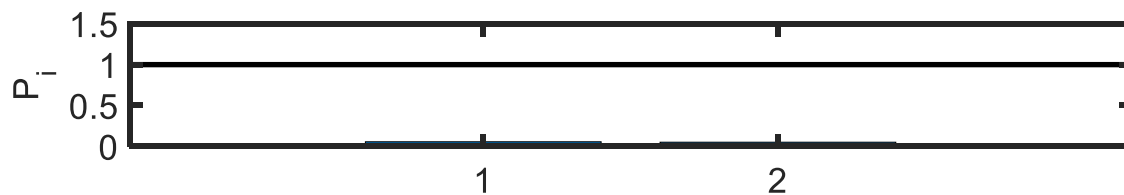
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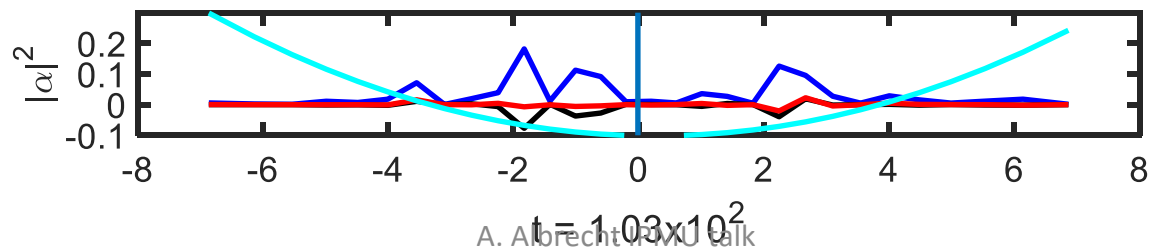
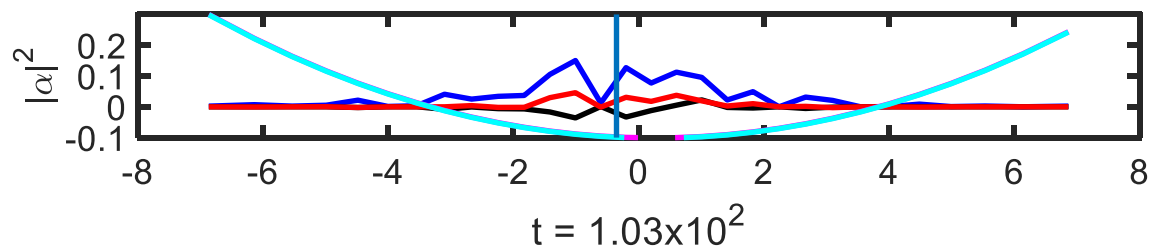
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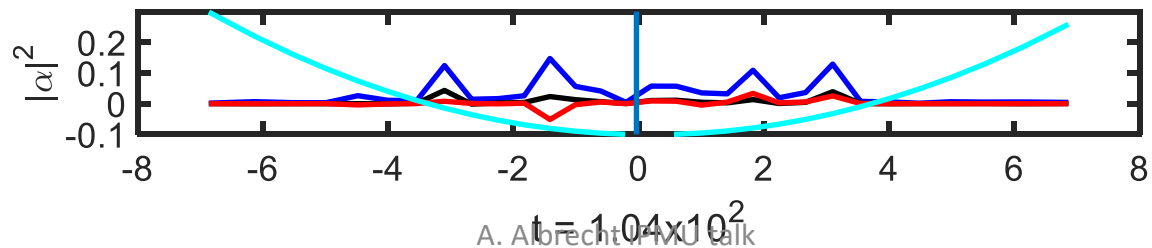
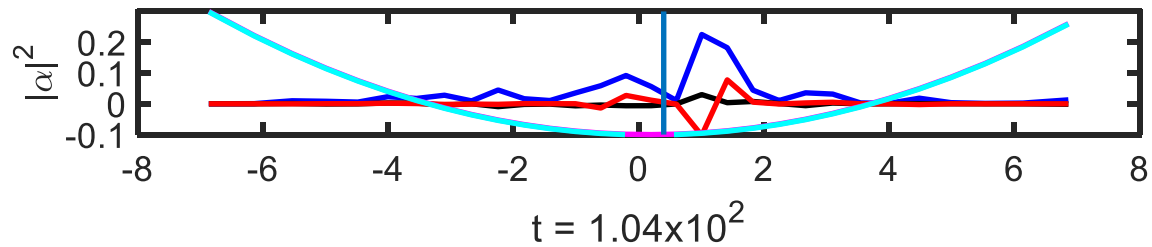
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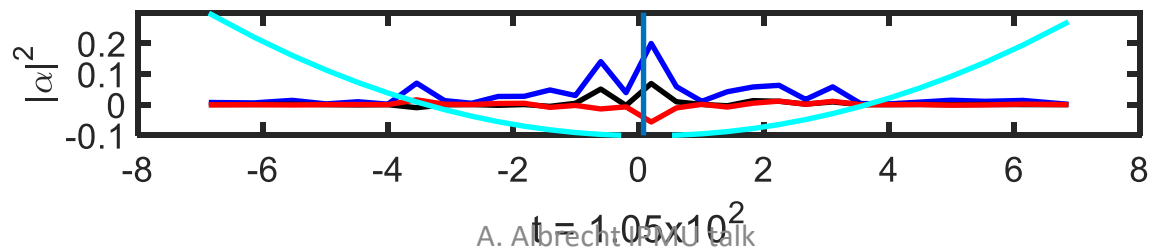
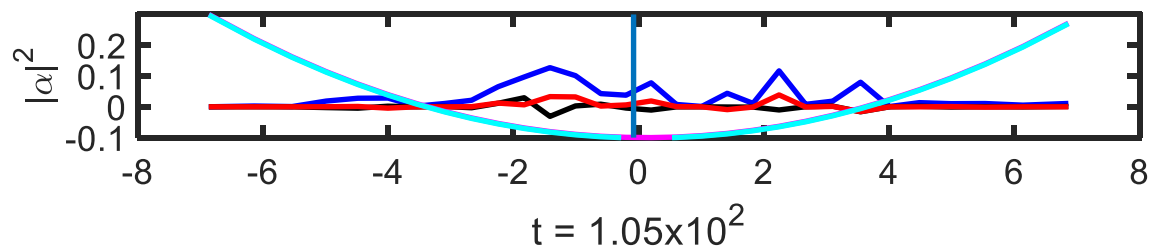
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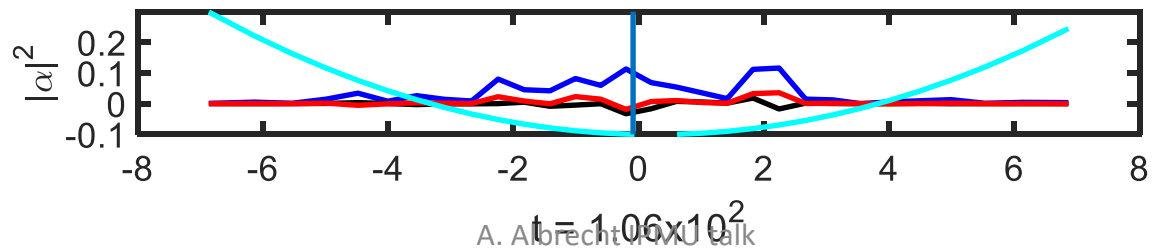
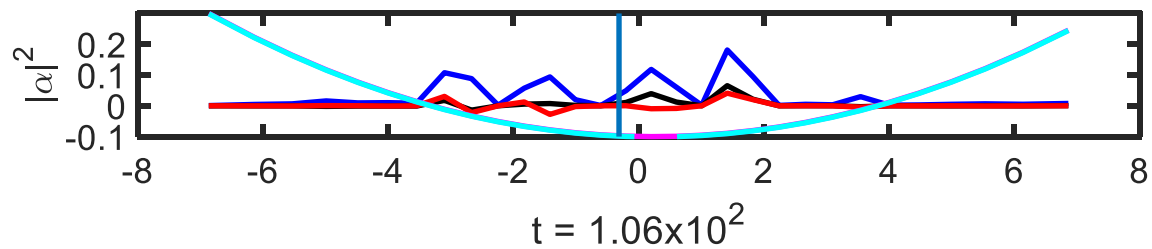
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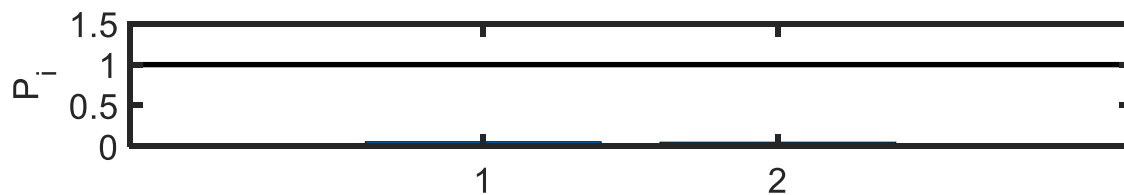
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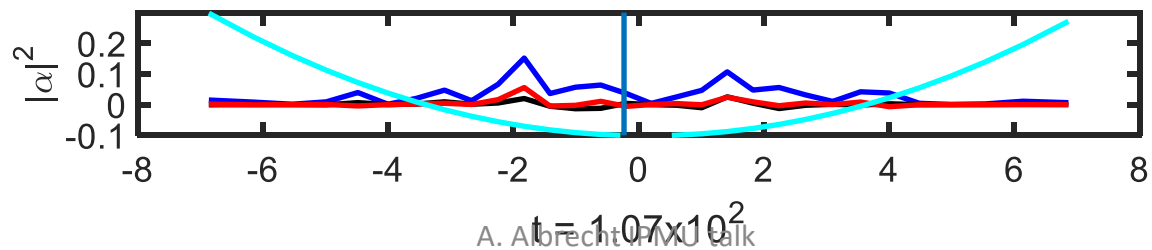
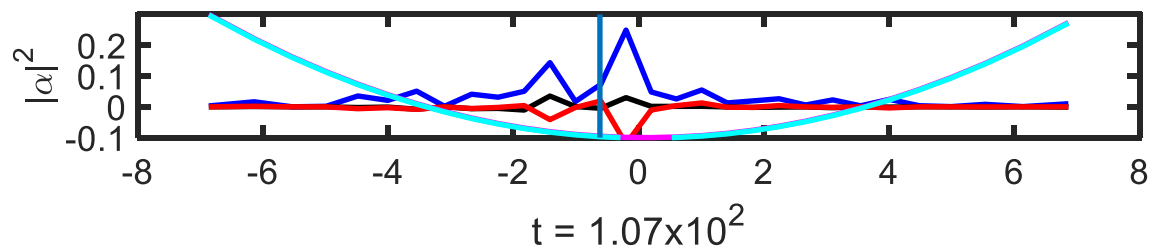
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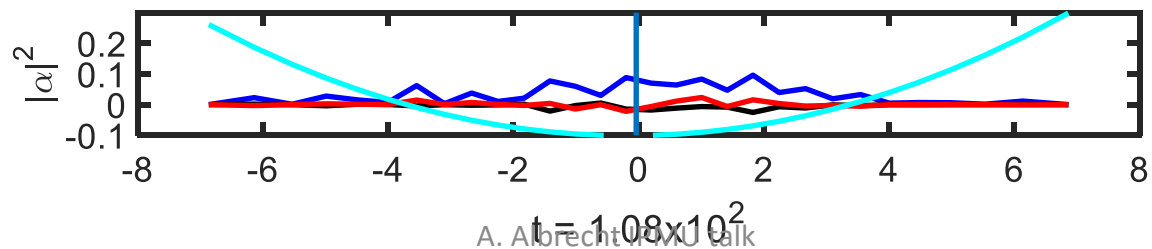
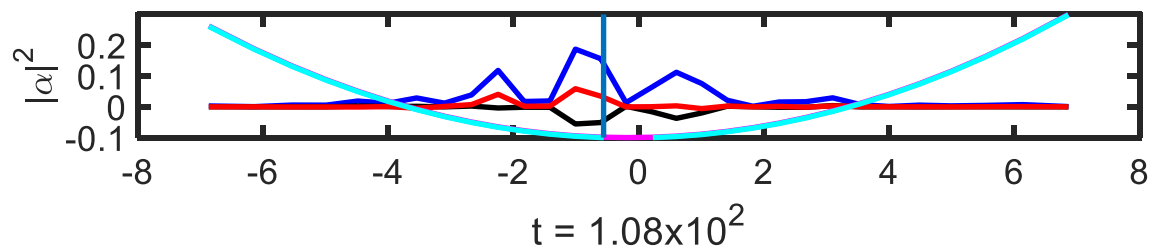
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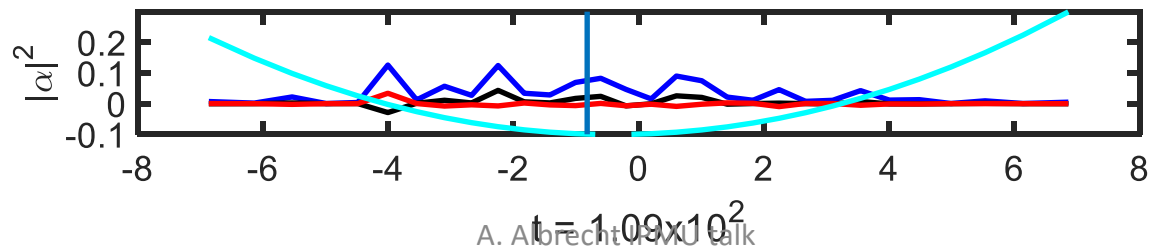
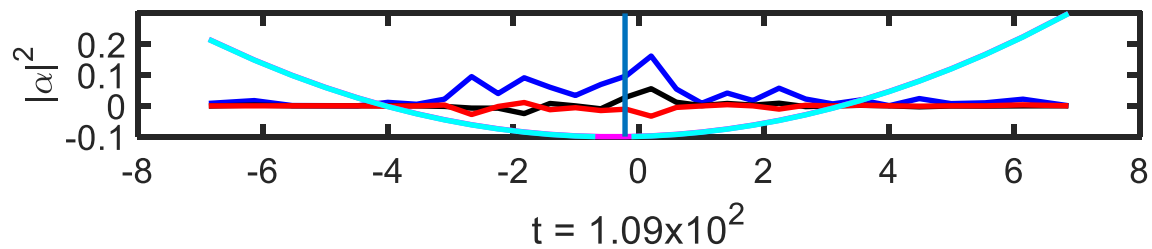
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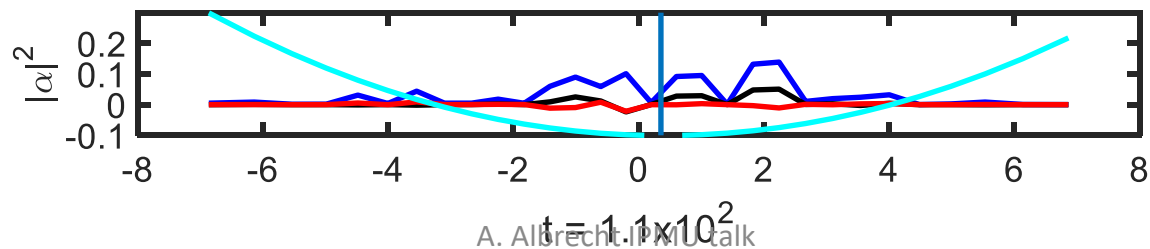
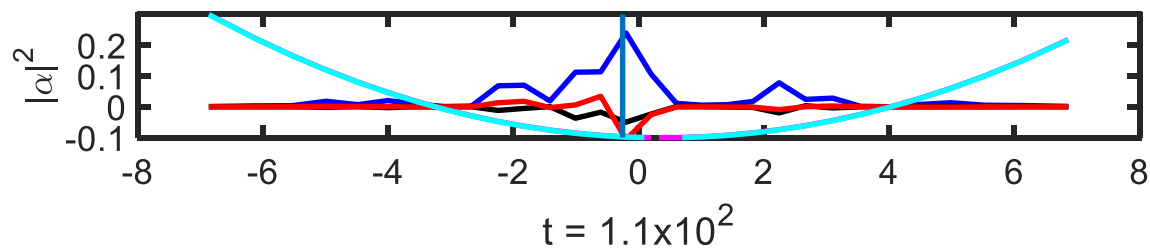
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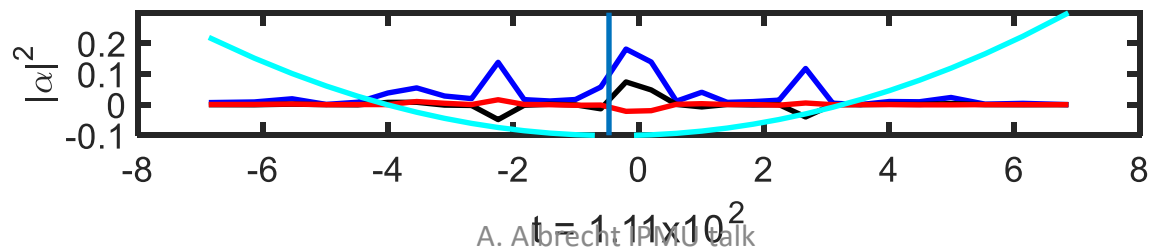
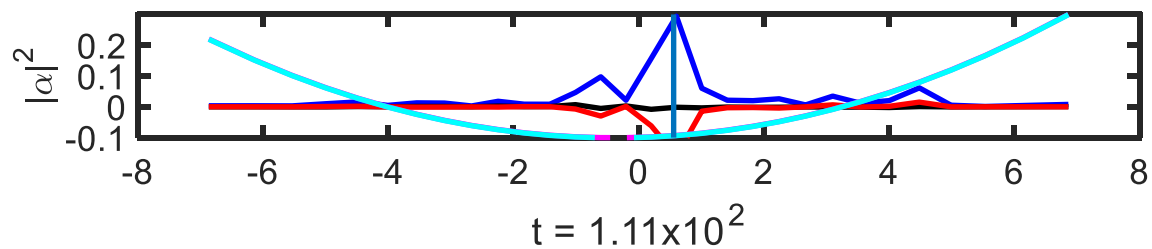
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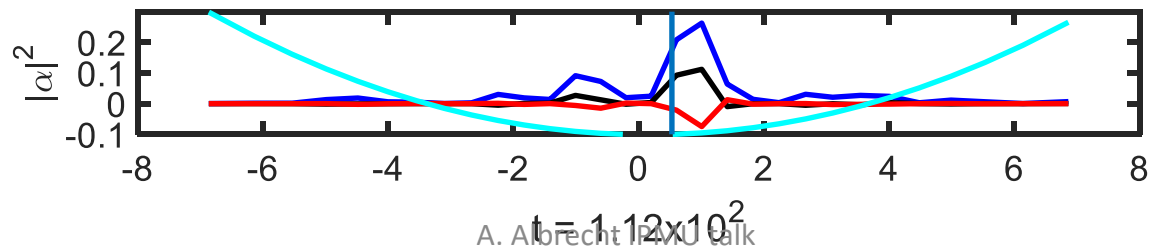
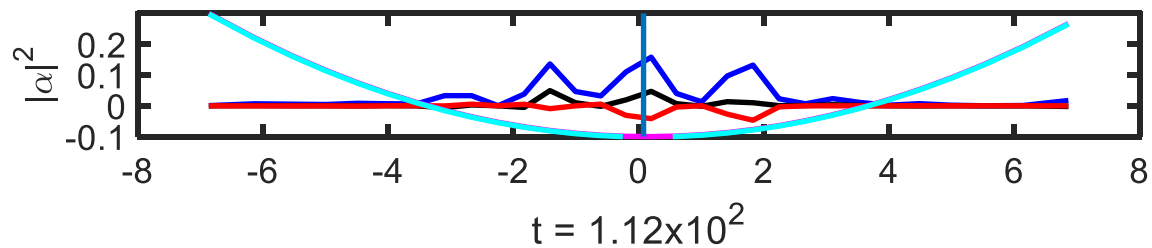
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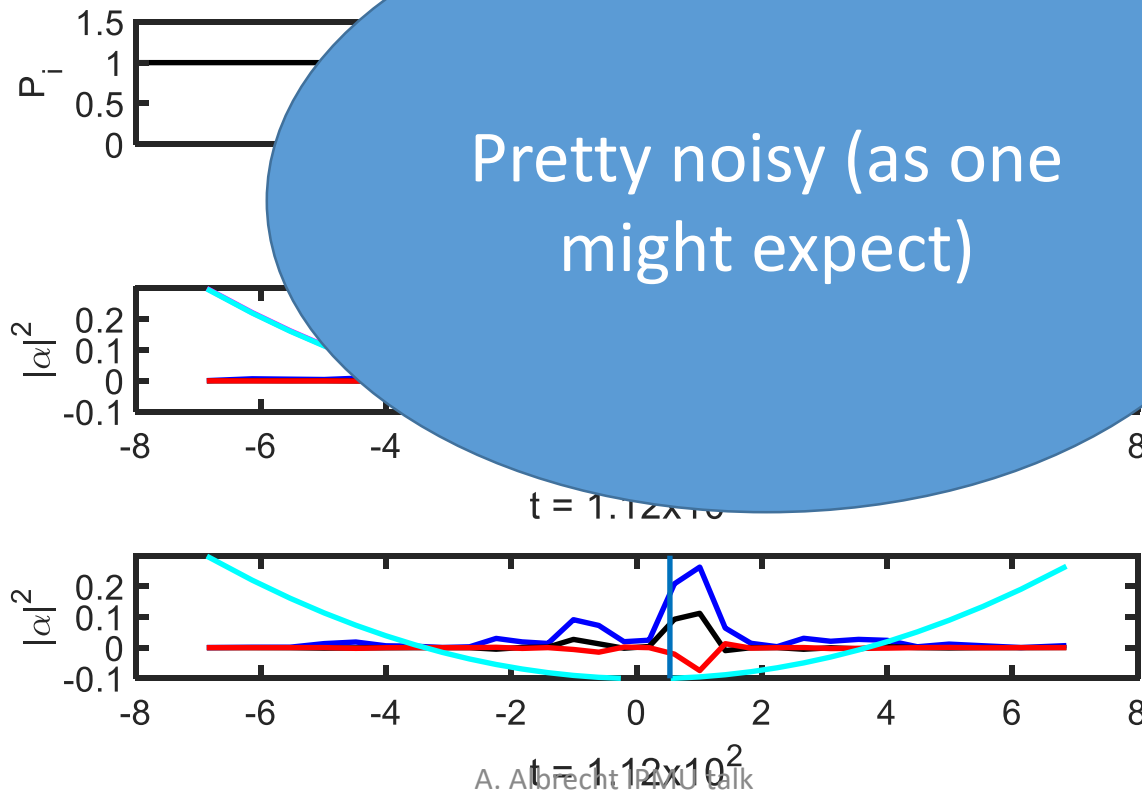


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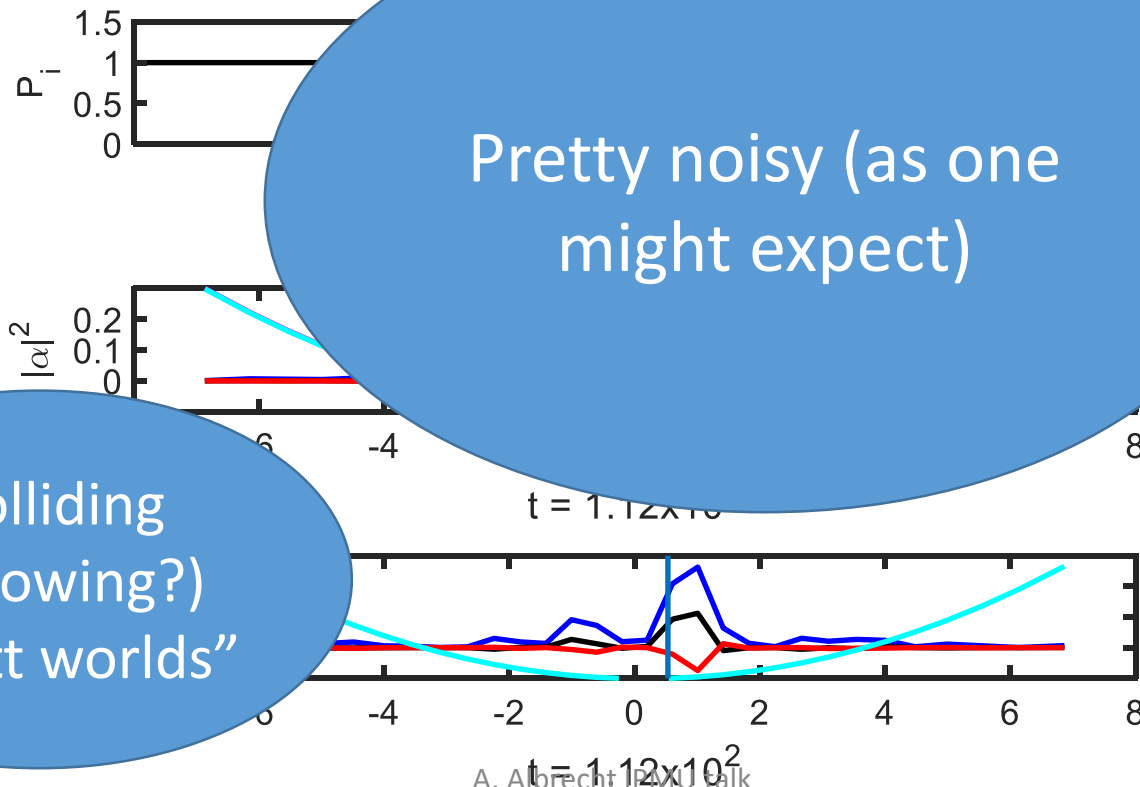
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“Colliding  
(wallowing?)  
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Pretty noisy (as one  
might expect)



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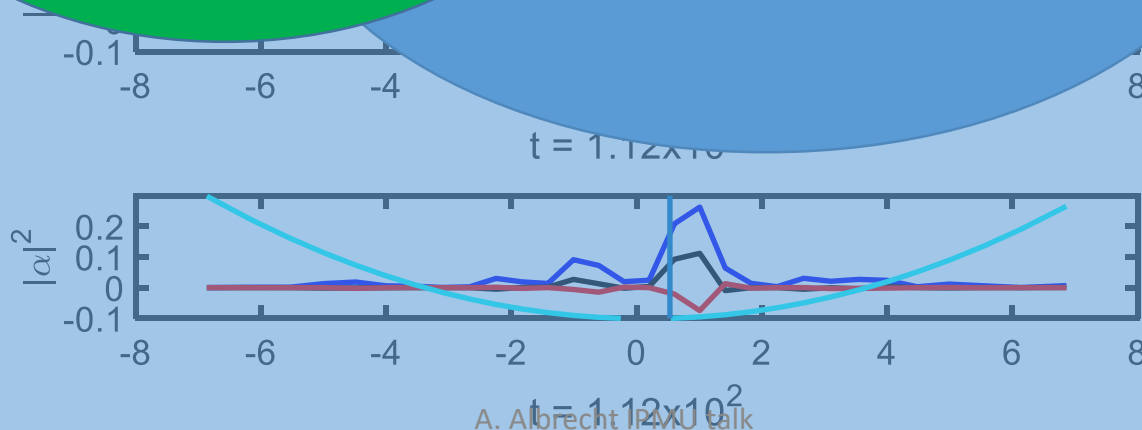
However, when the coupling strength is reduced, things get more interesting

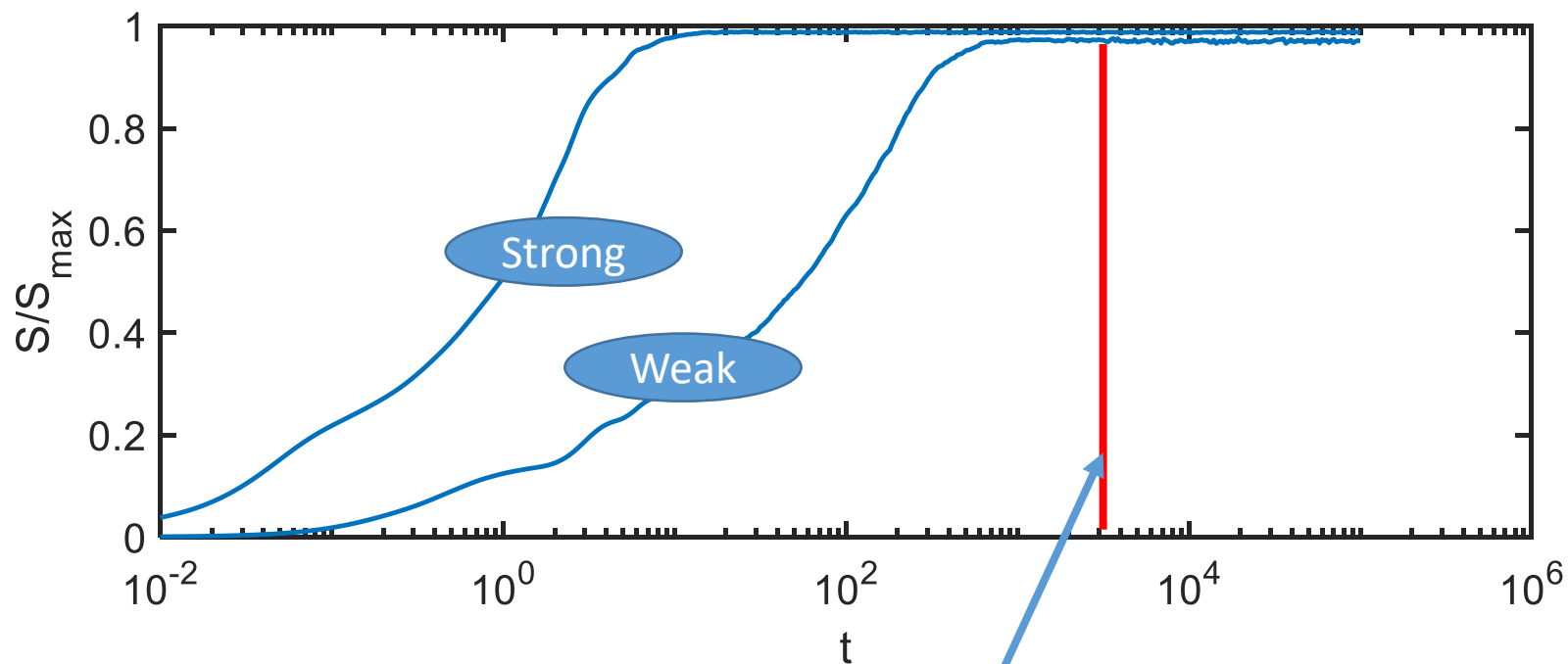
very noisy (as one might expect)

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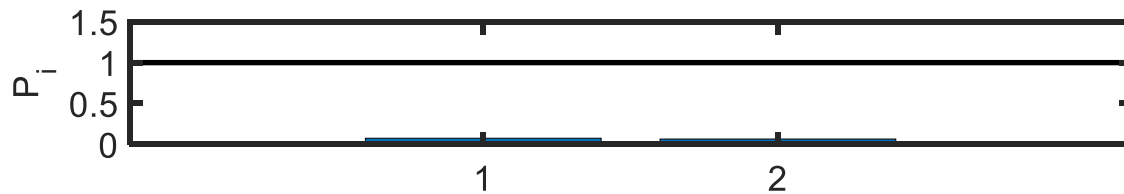
Next movie shows weak coupling case,  
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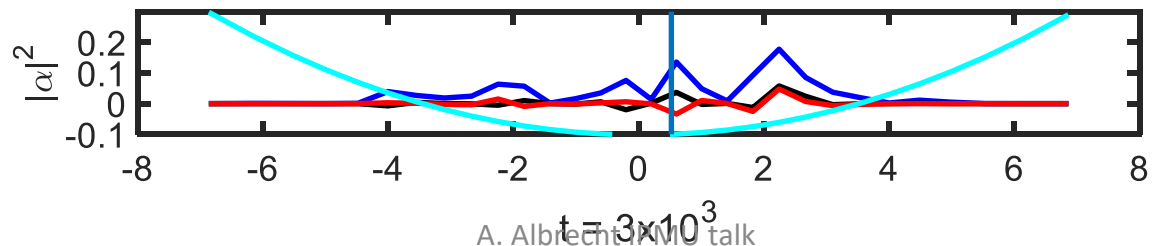
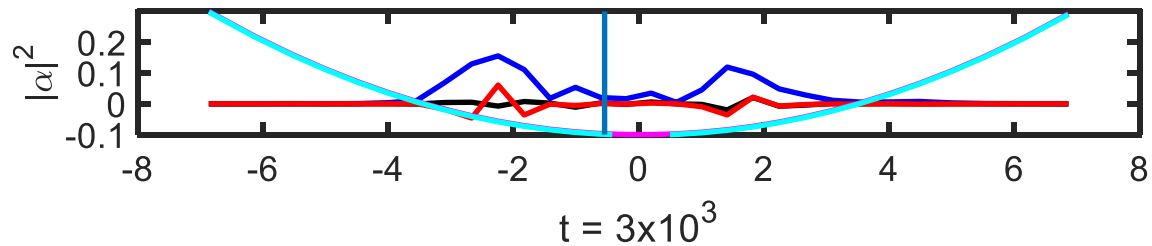
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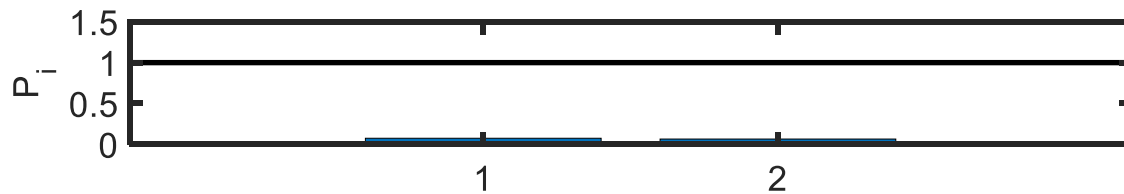




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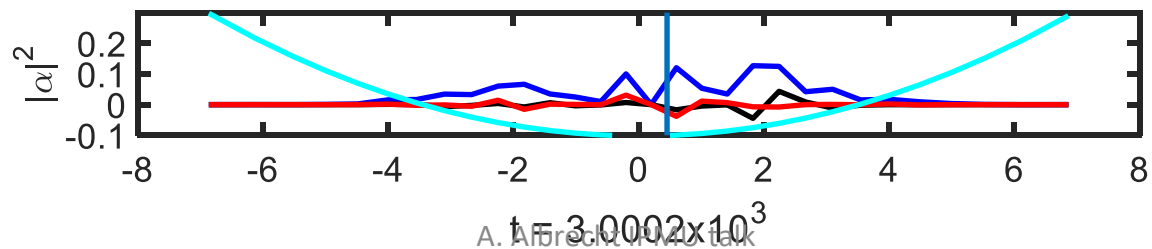
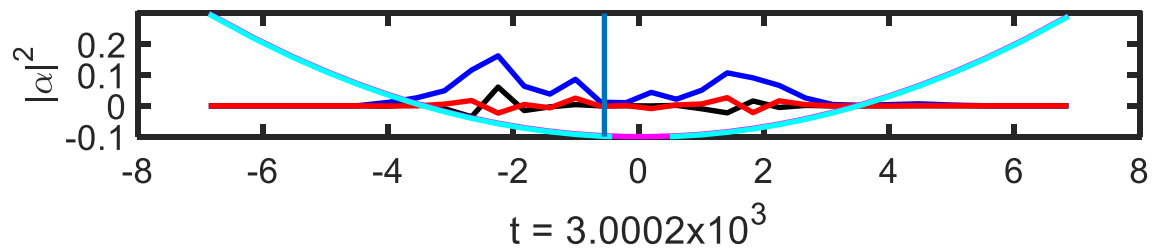
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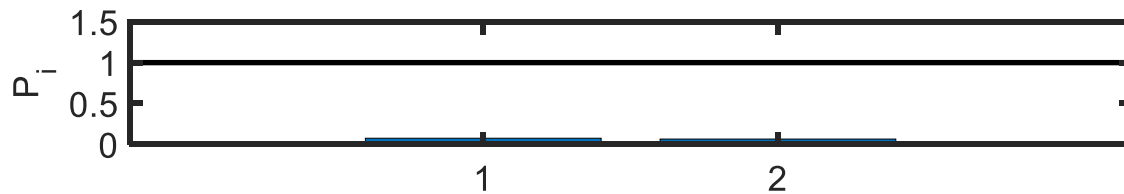
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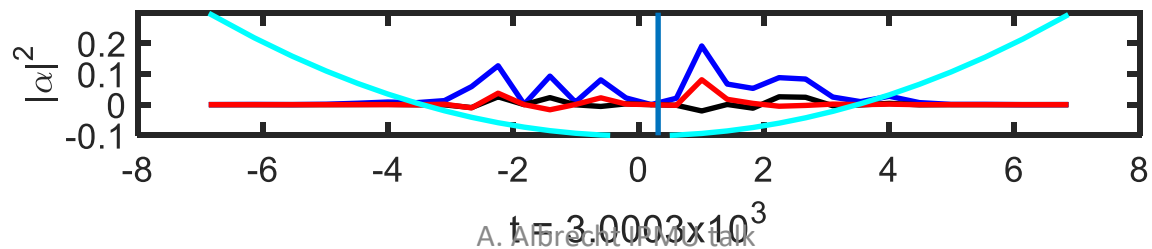
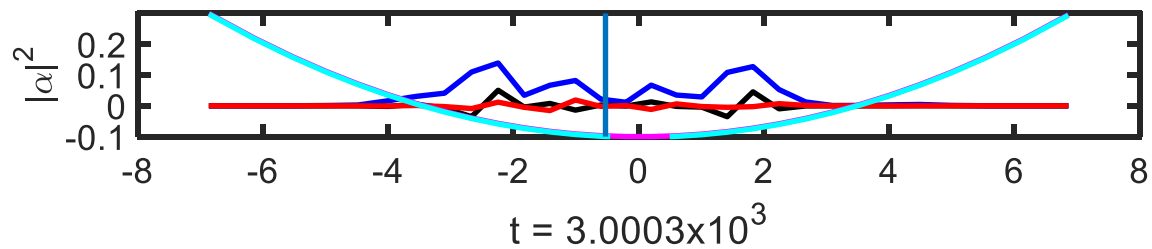
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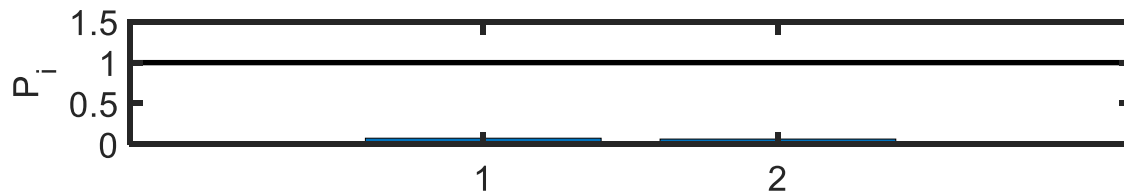
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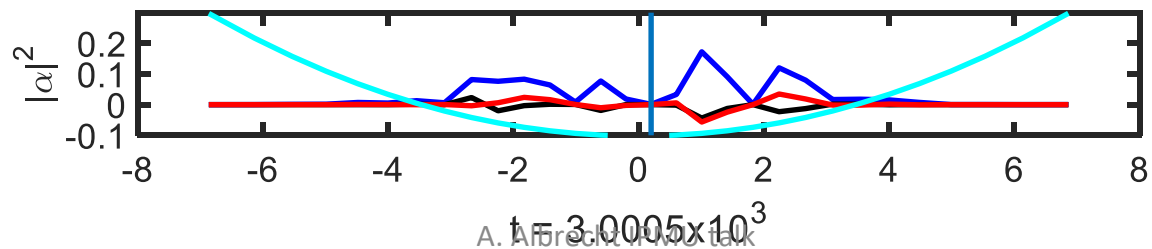
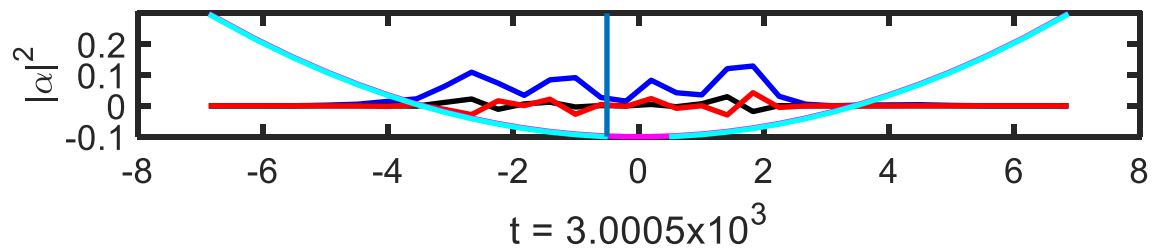
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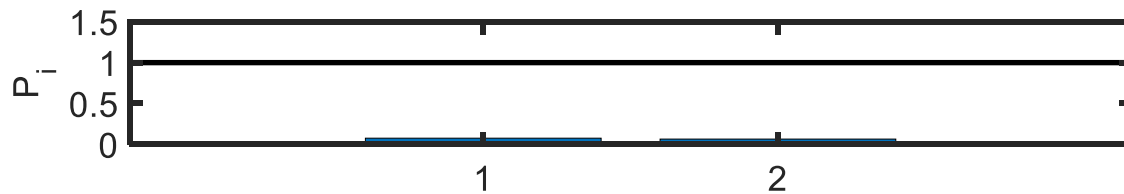
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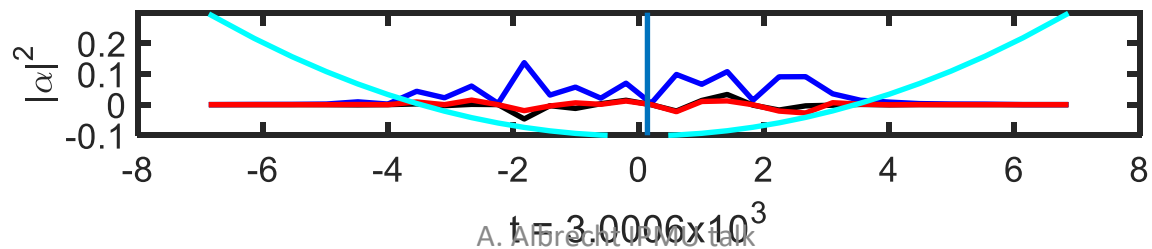
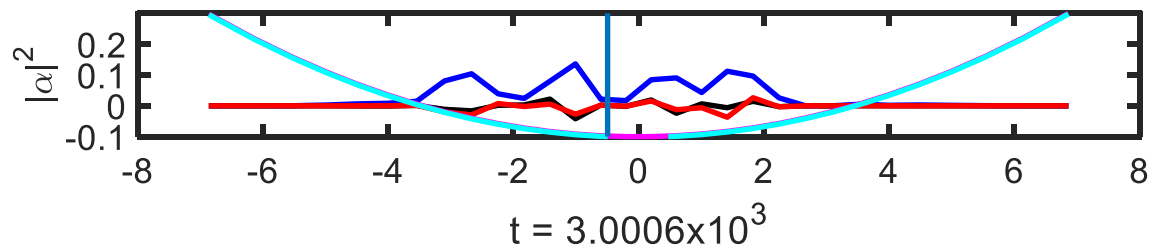
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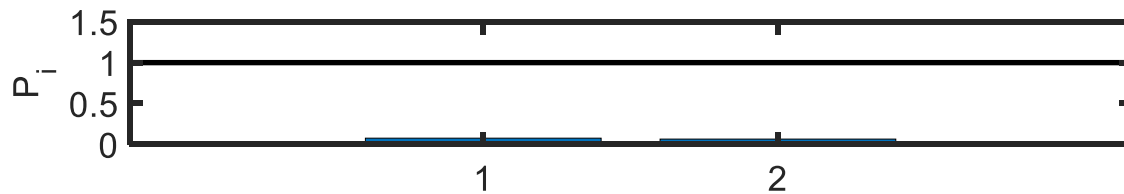
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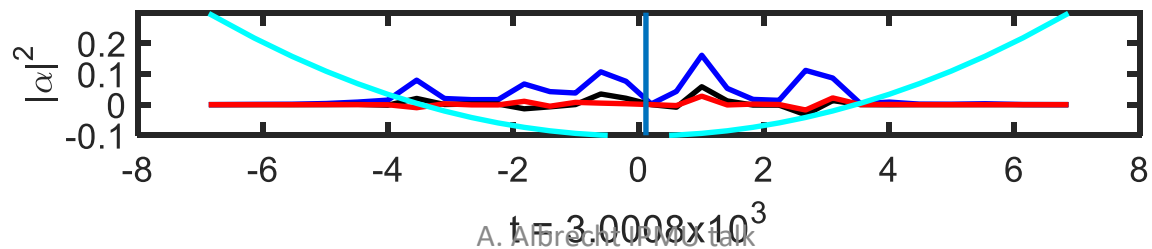
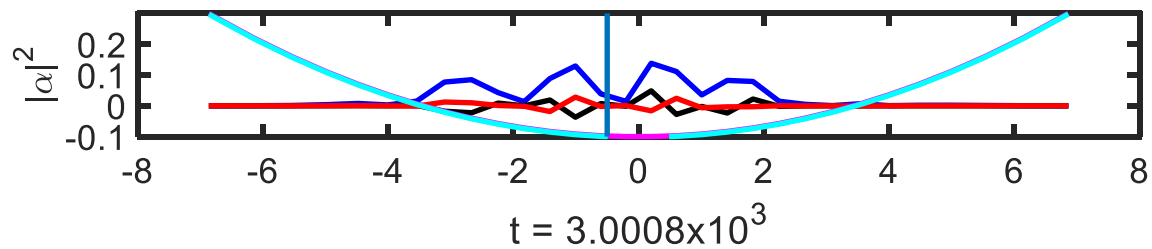
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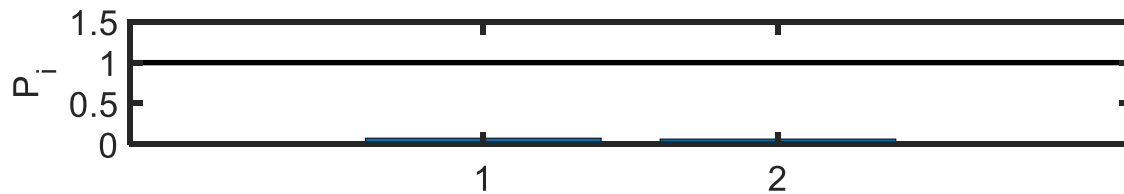
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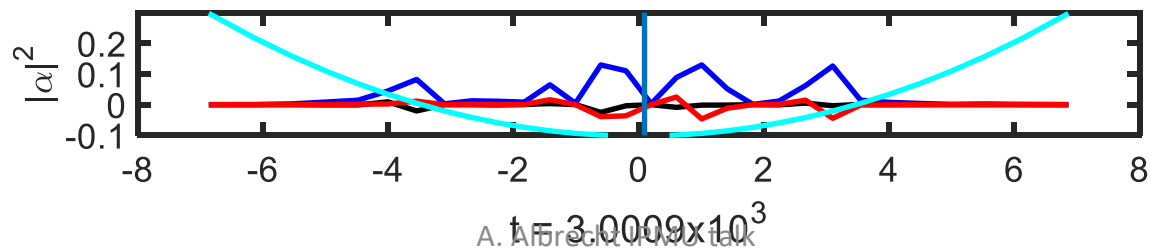
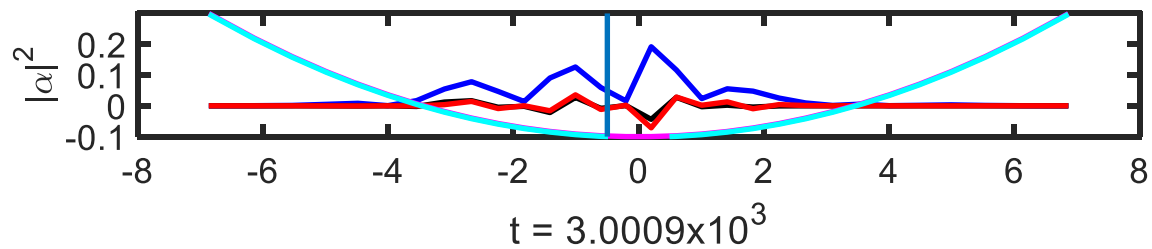
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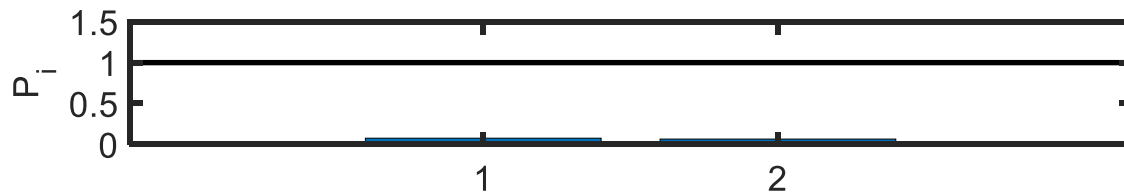
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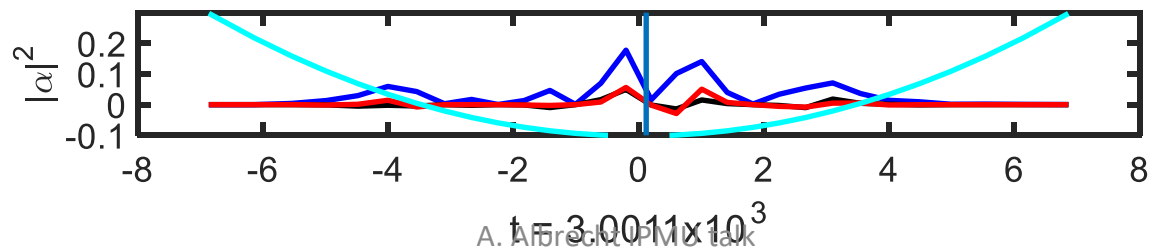
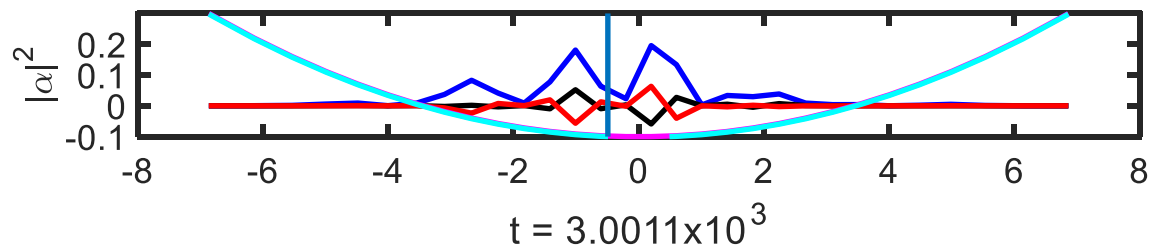
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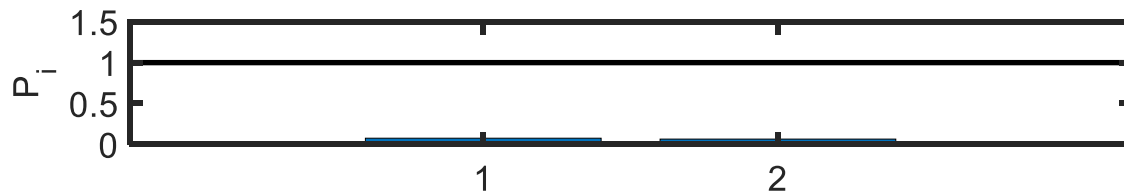
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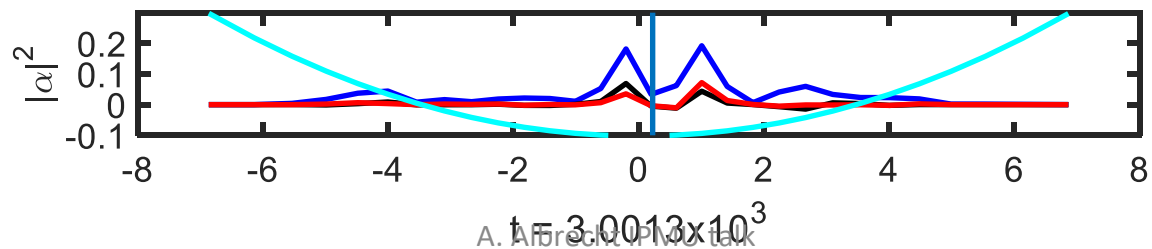
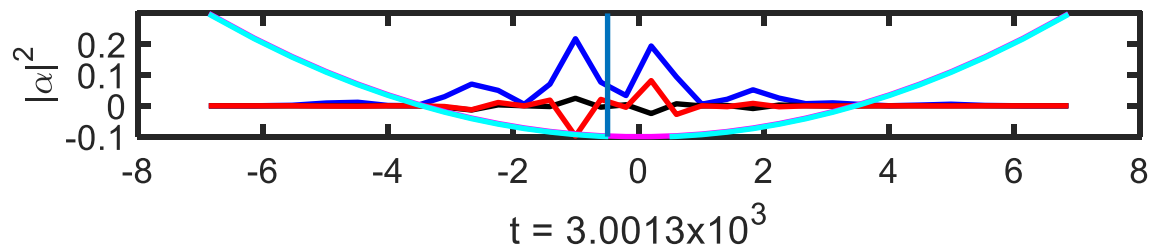
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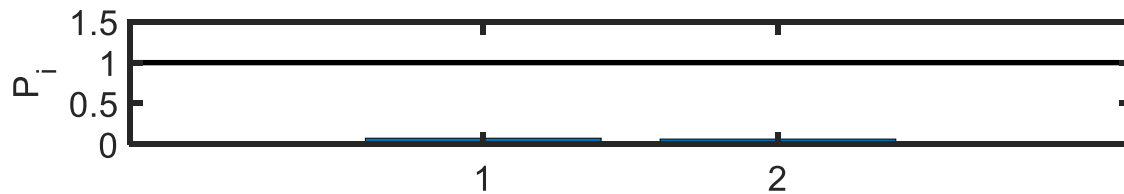




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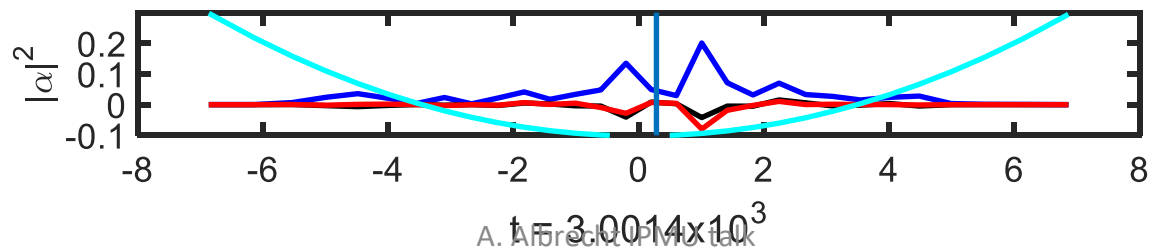
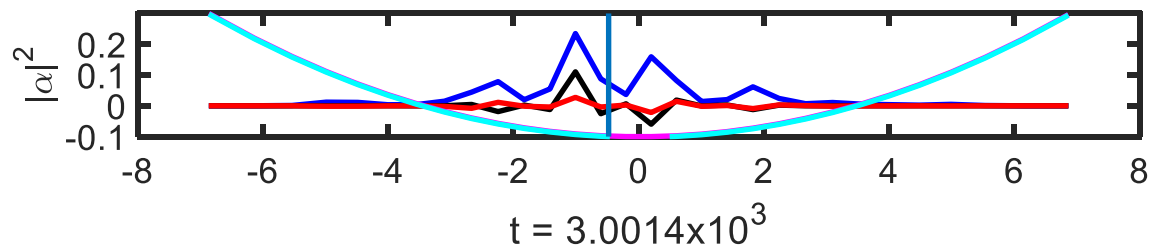
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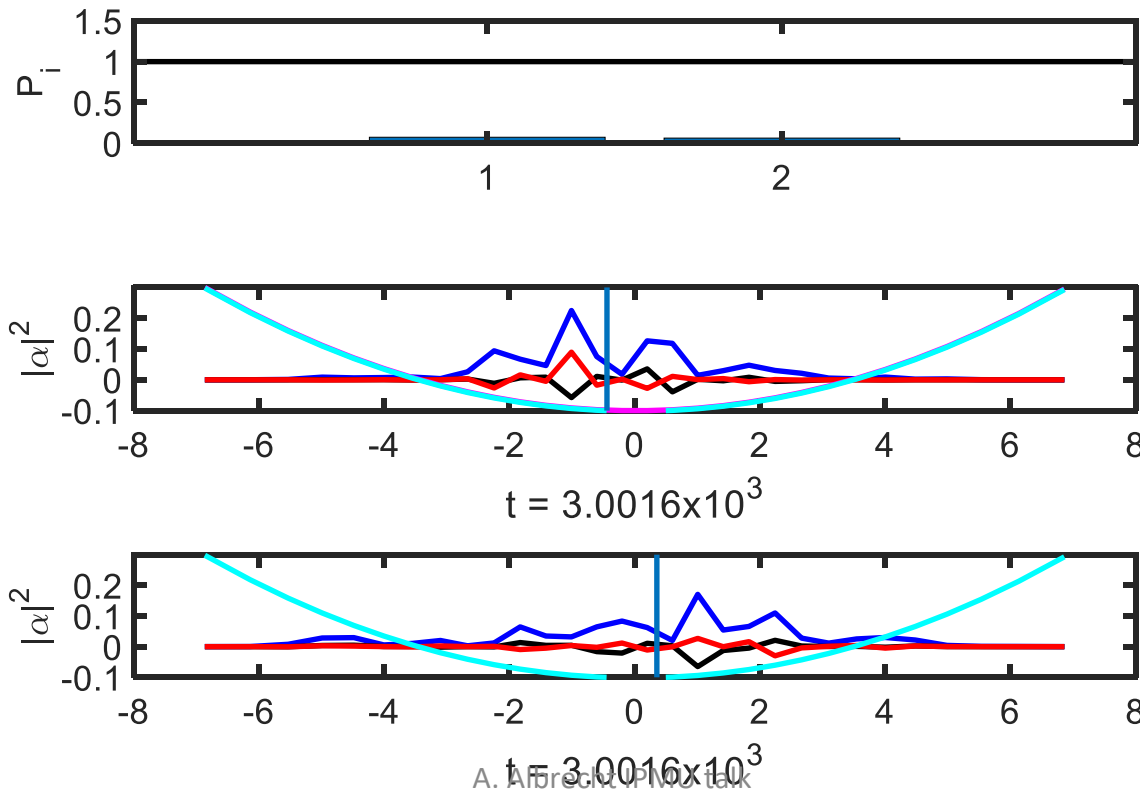
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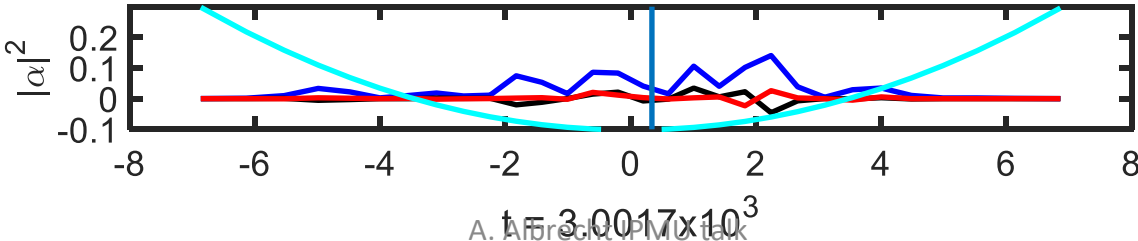
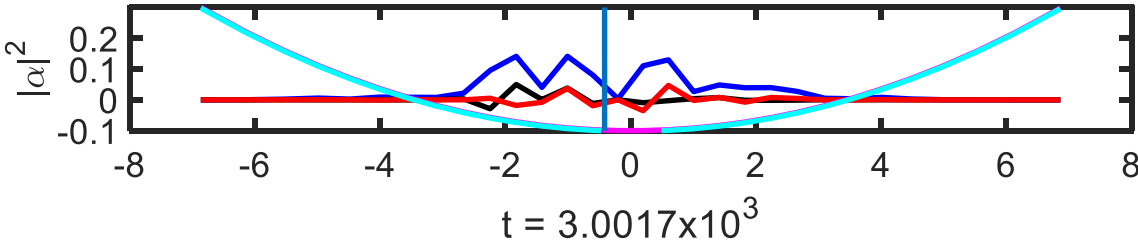
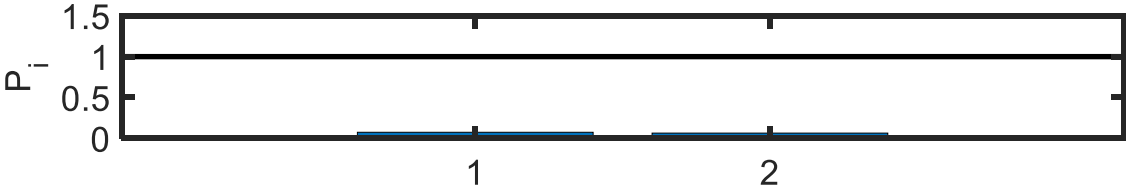
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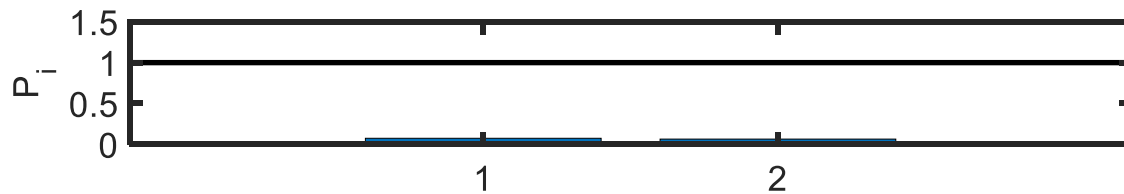
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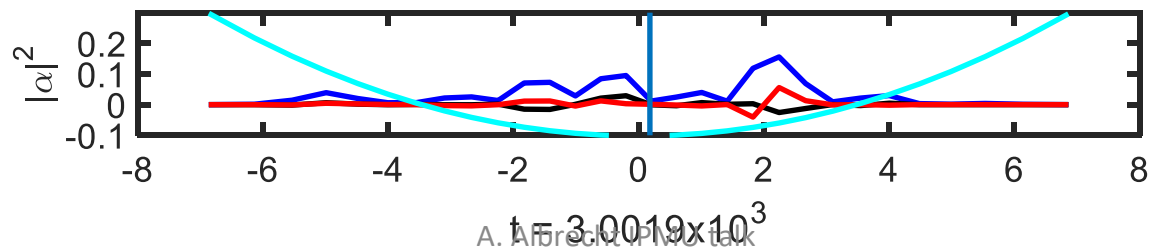
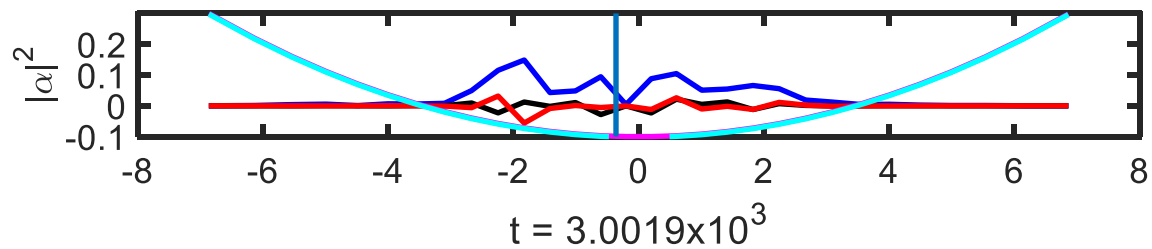
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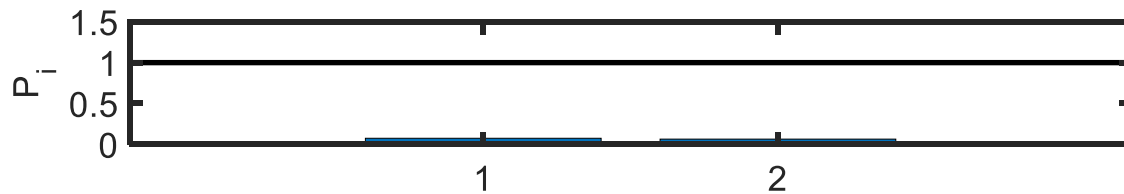
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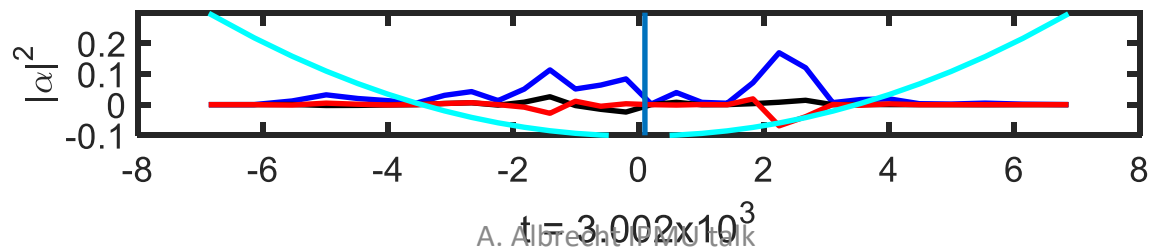
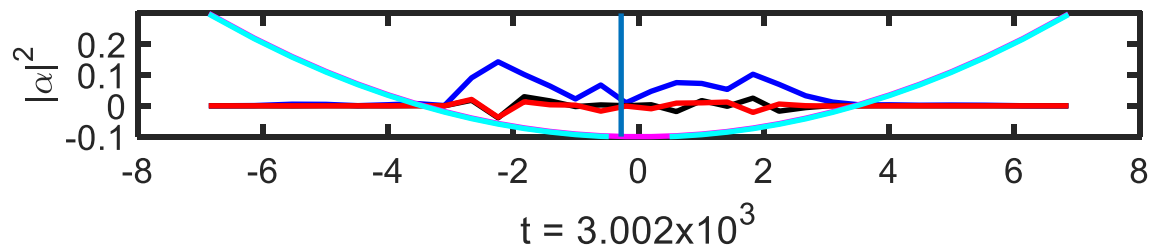
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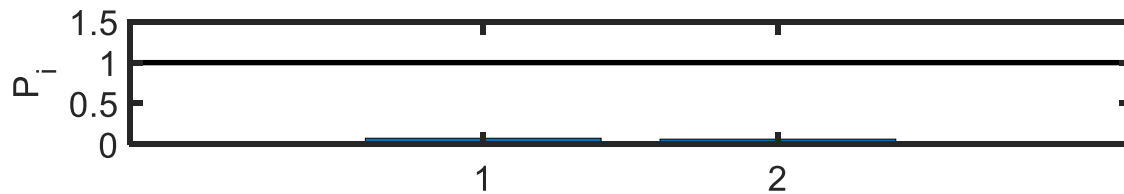
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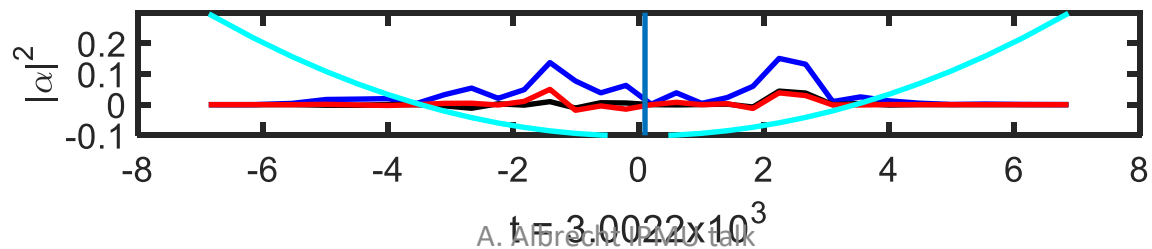
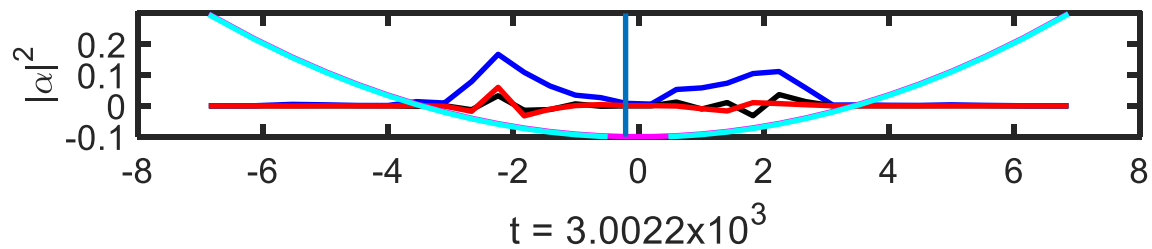
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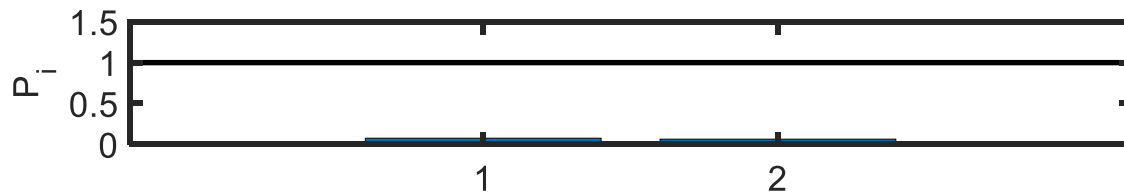
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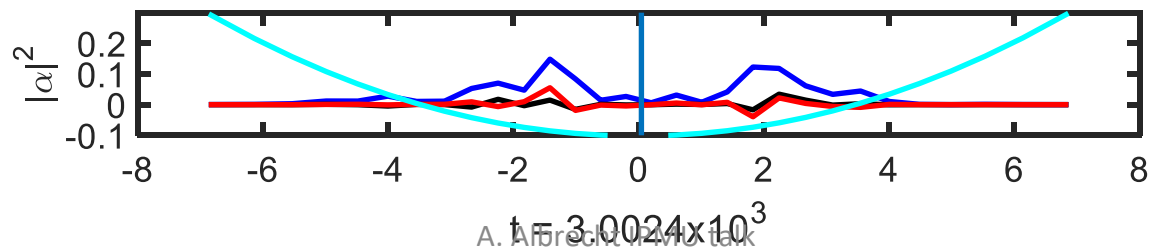
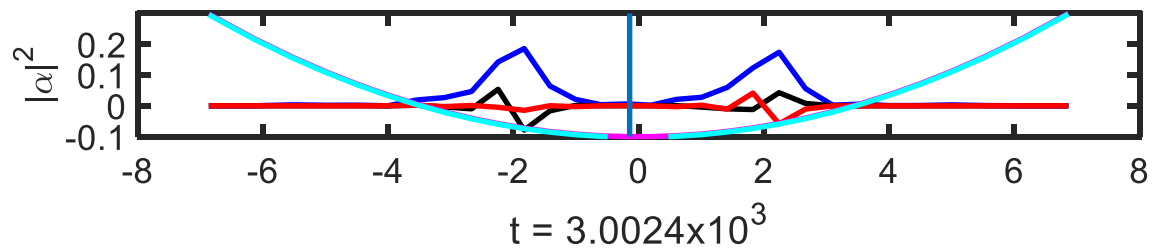
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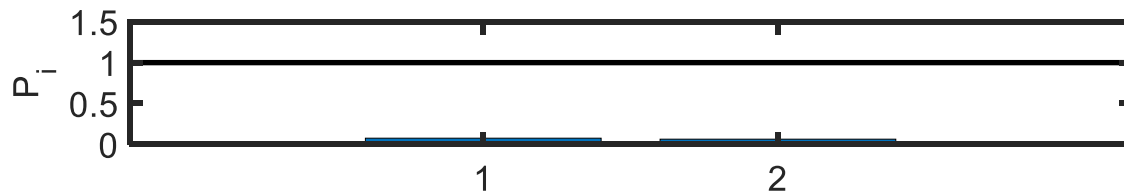
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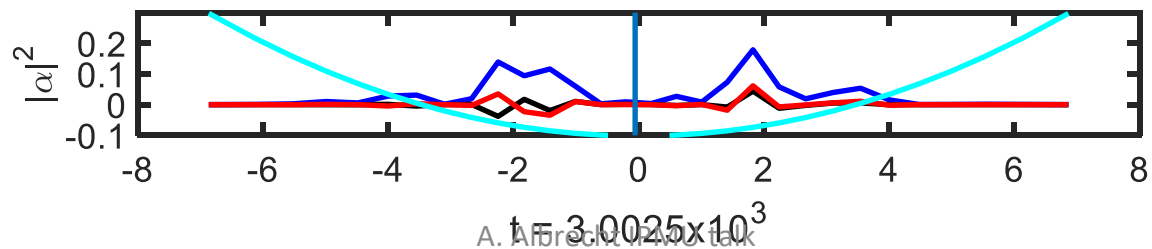
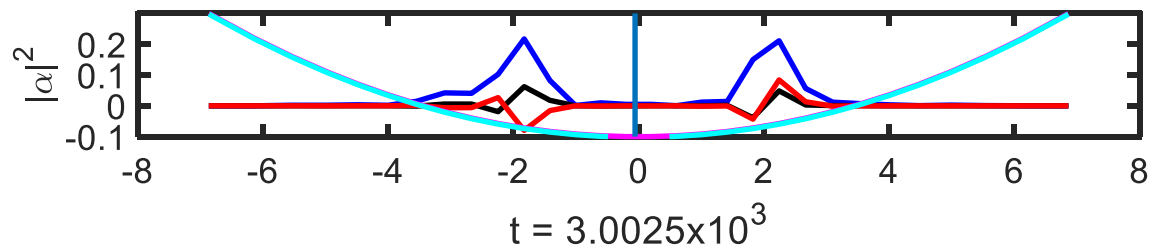
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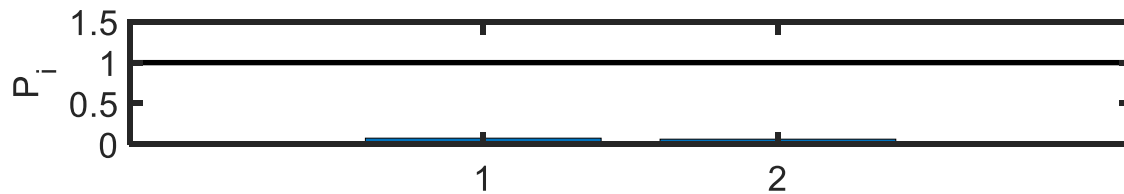




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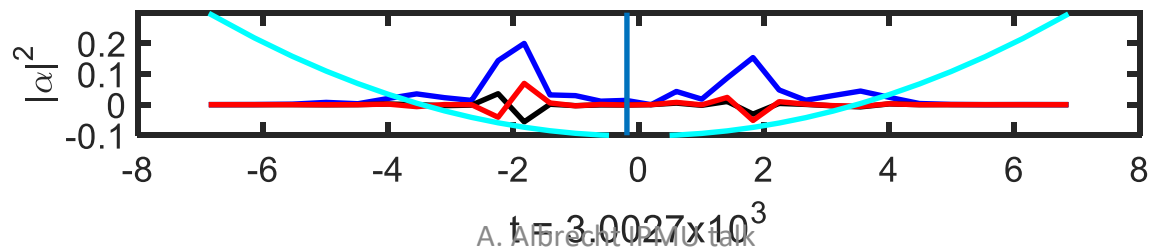
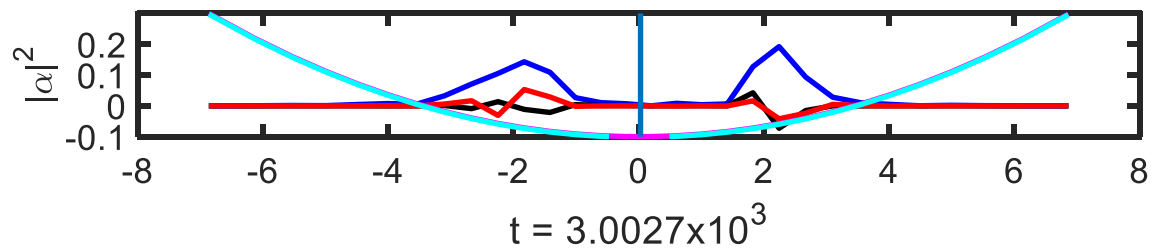
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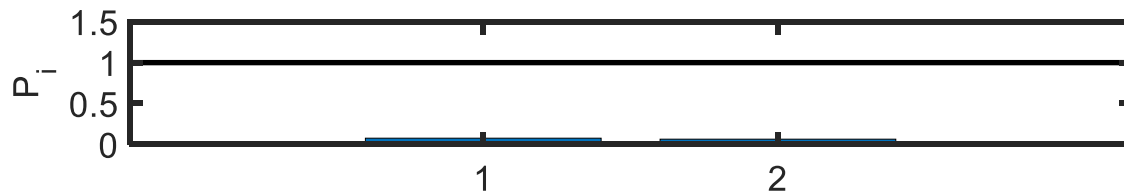
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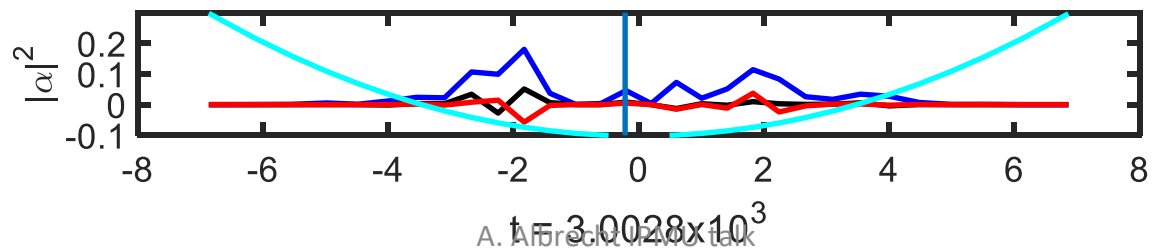
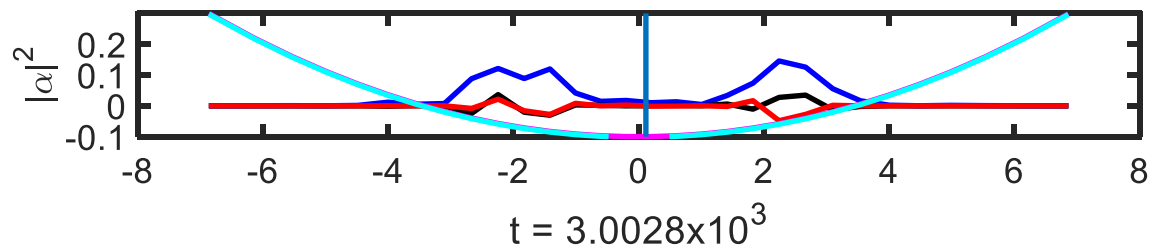
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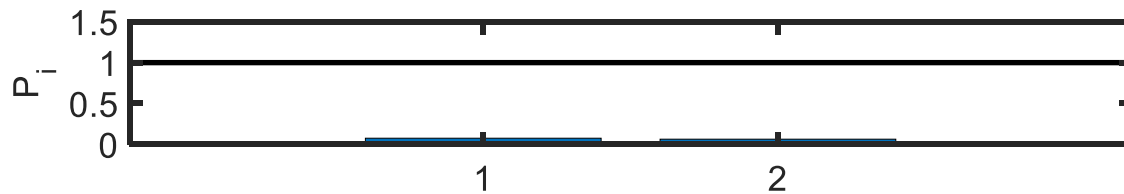
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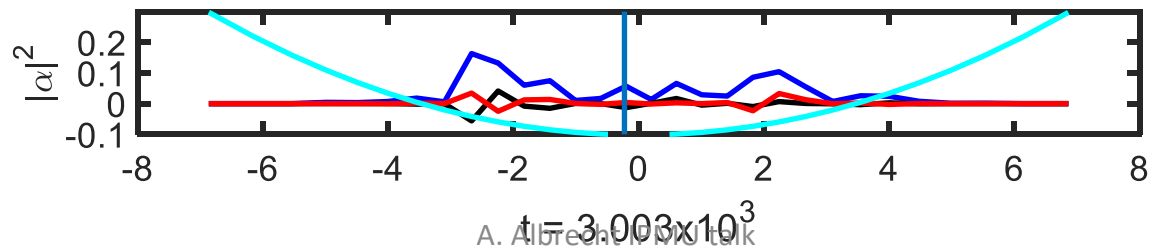
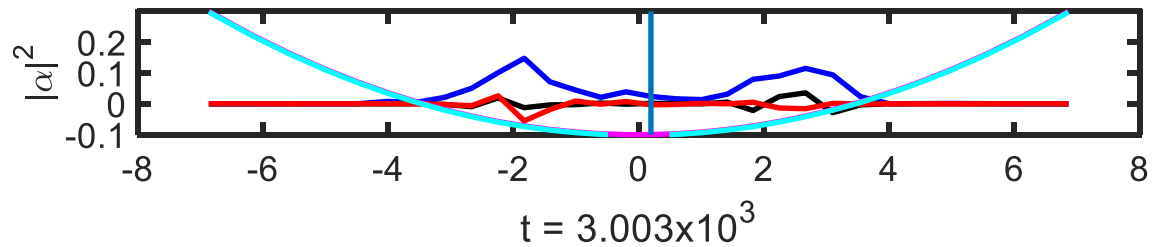
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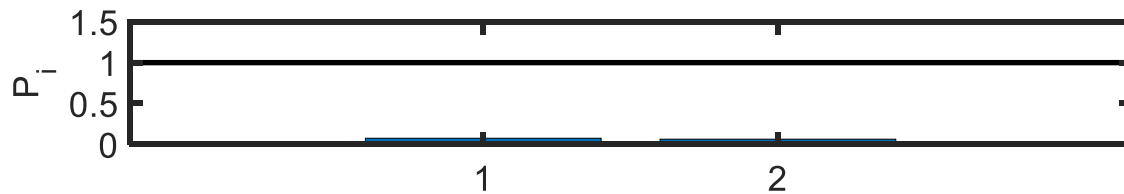
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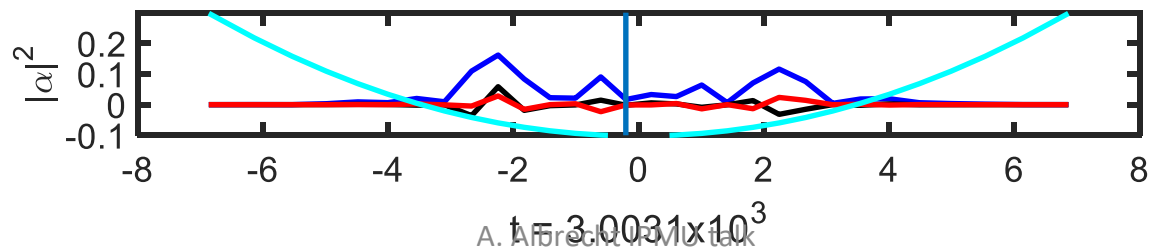
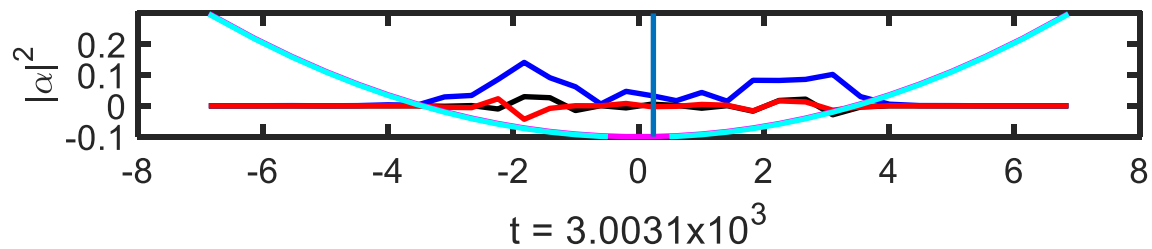
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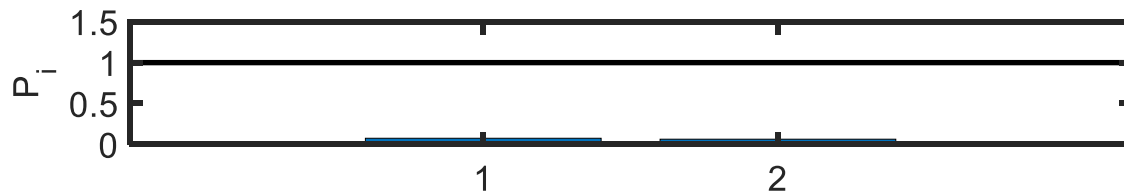
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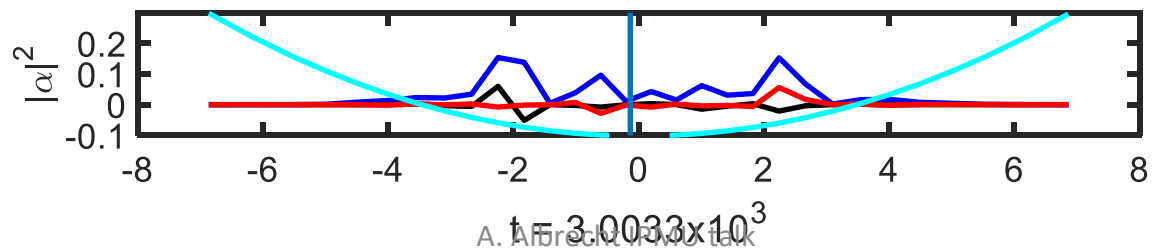
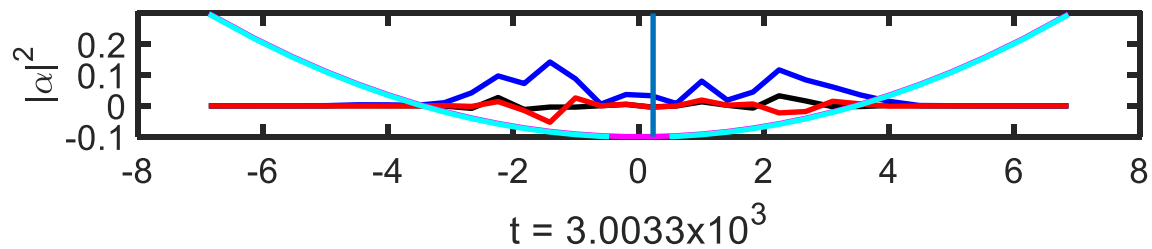
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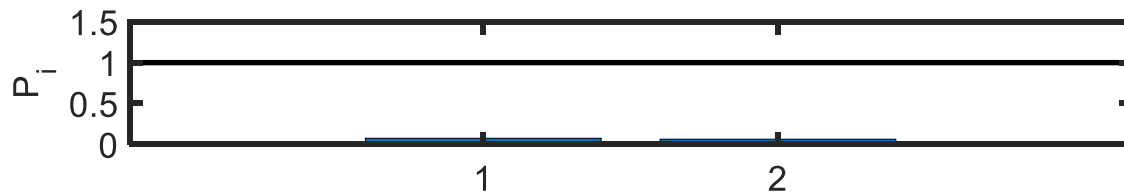
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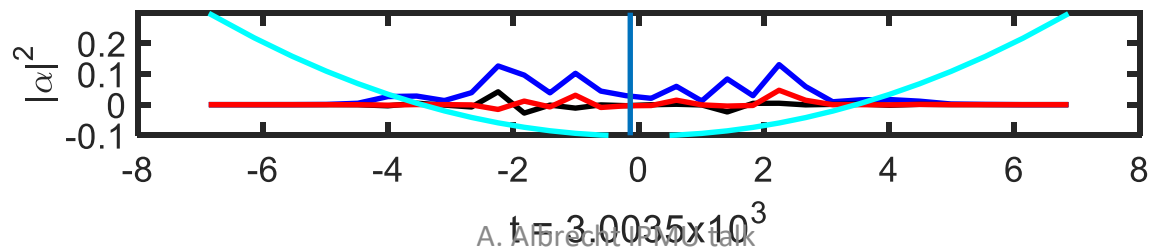
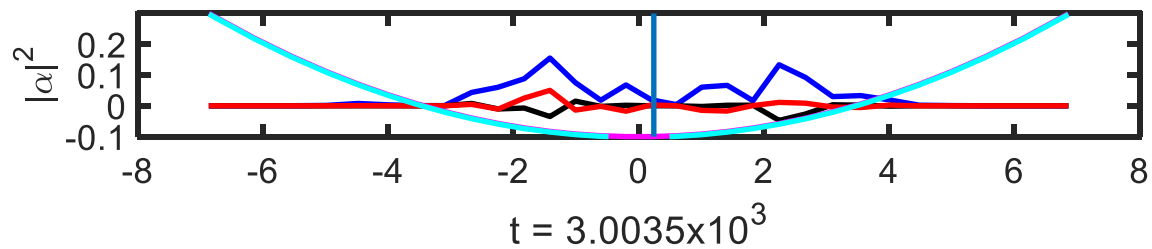
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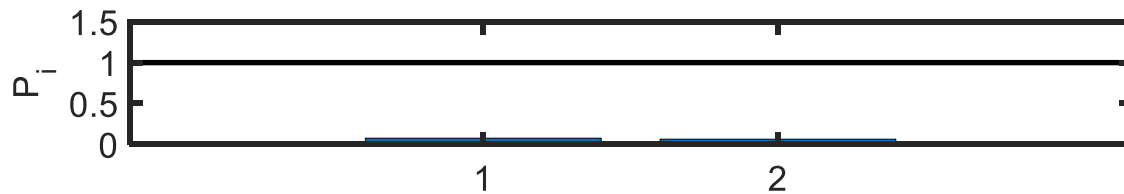
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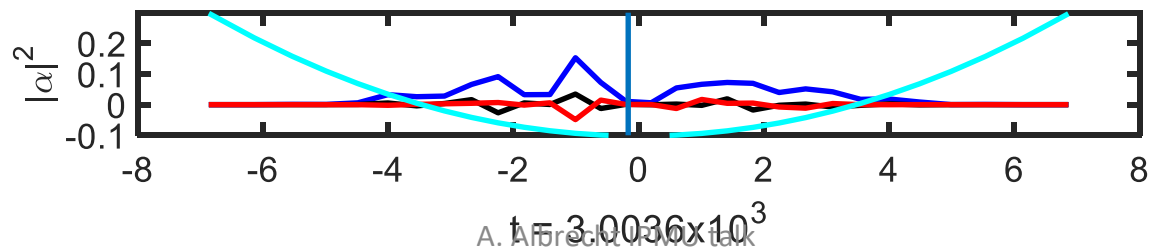
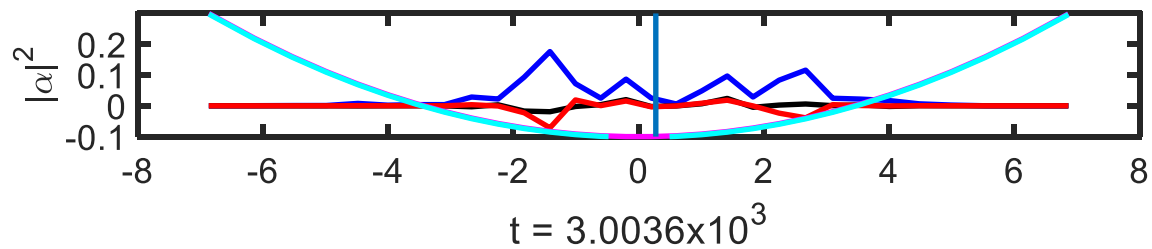
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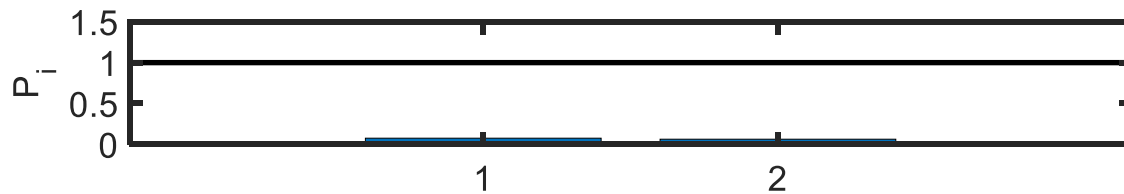
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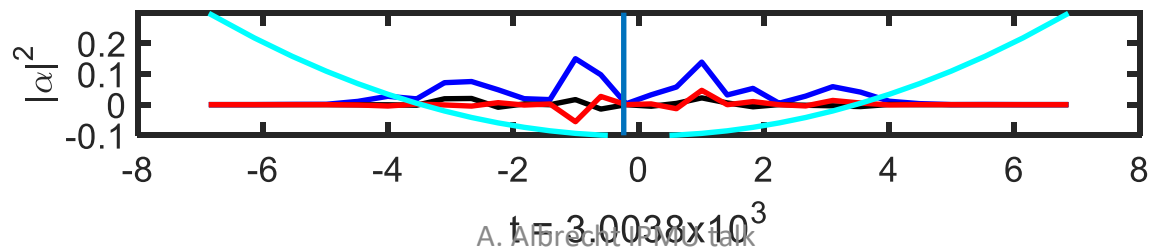
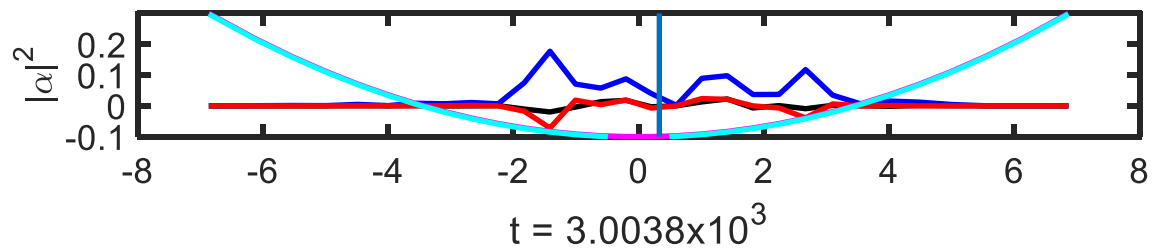
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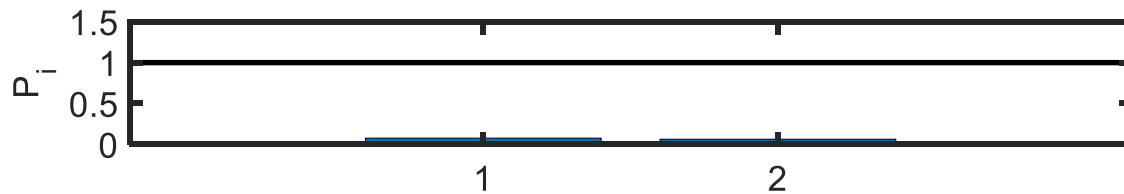




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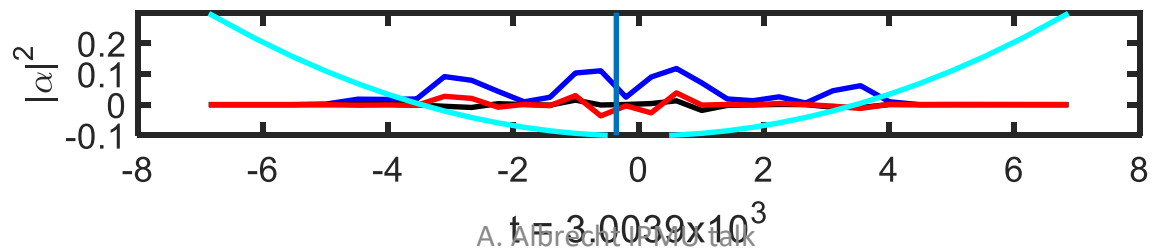
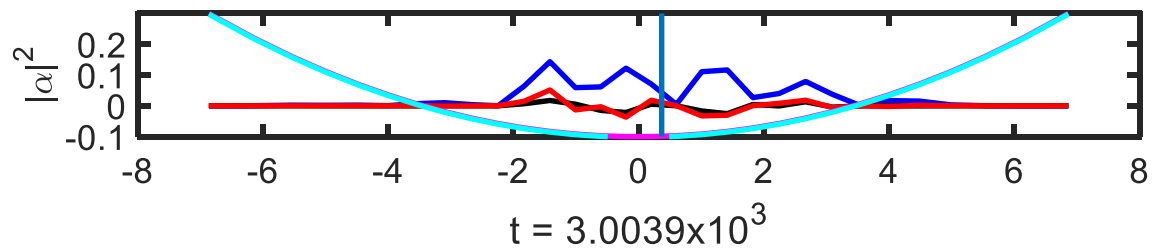
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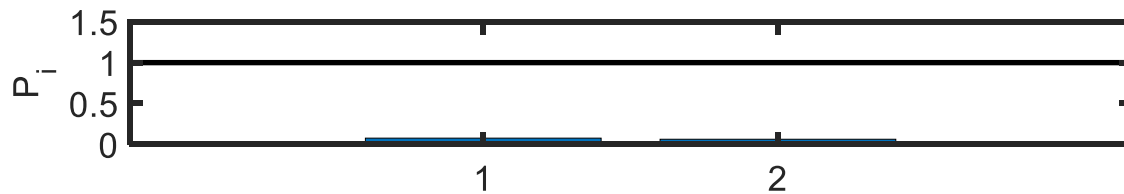
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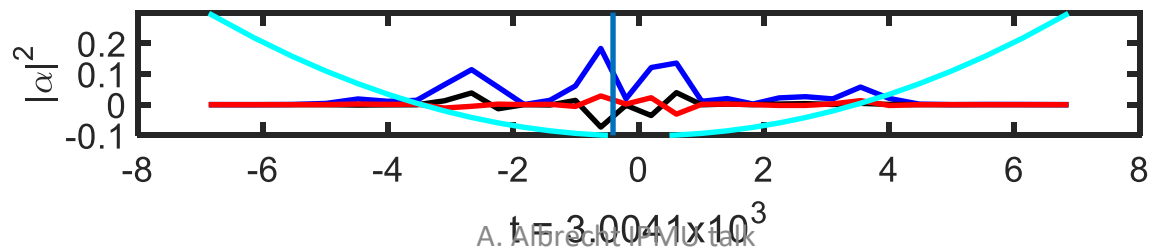
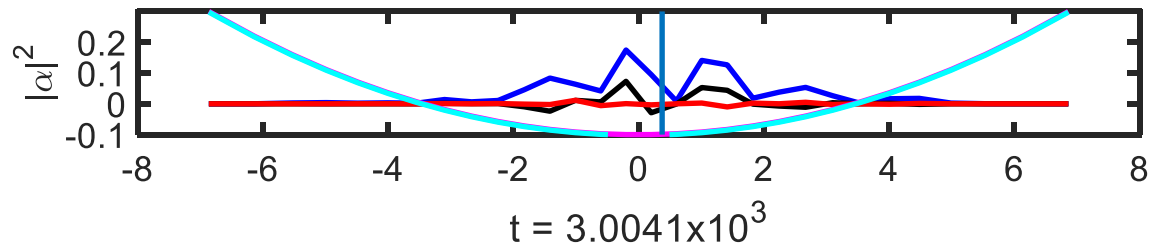
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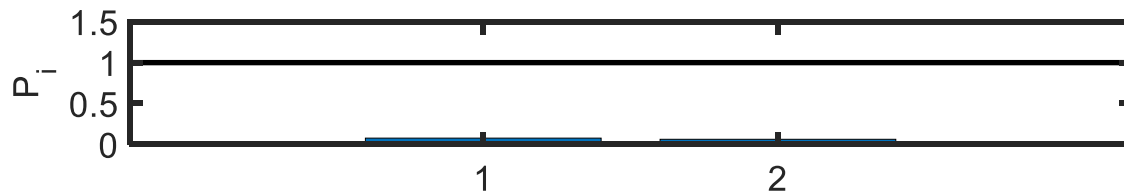
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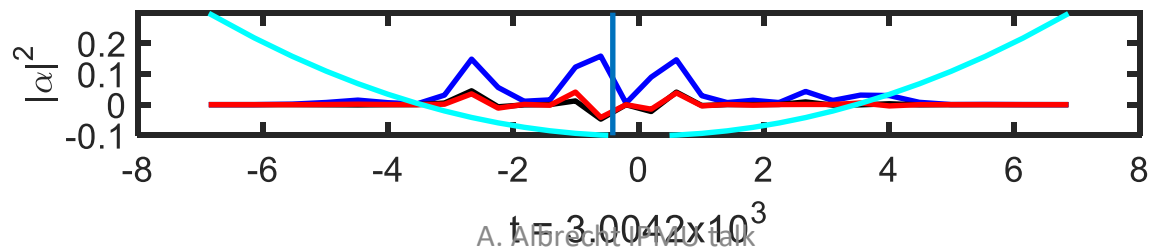
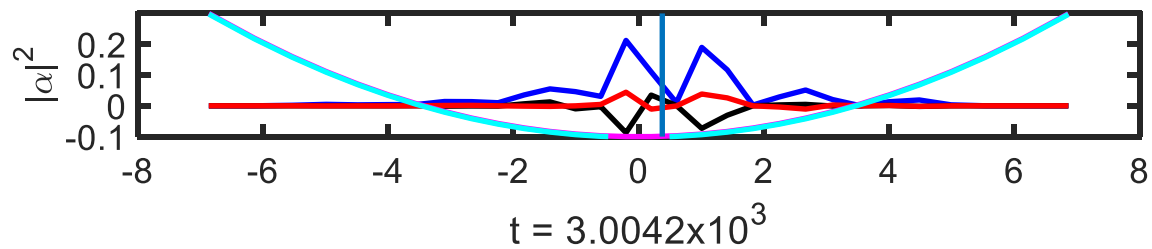
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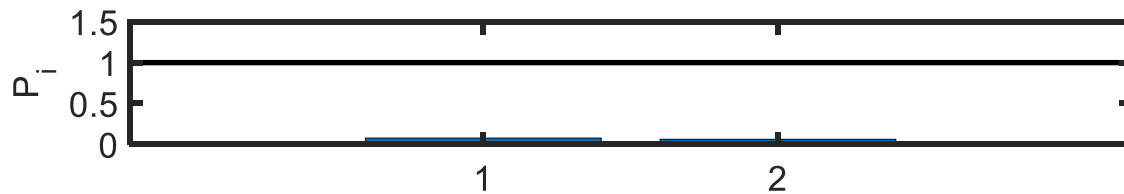
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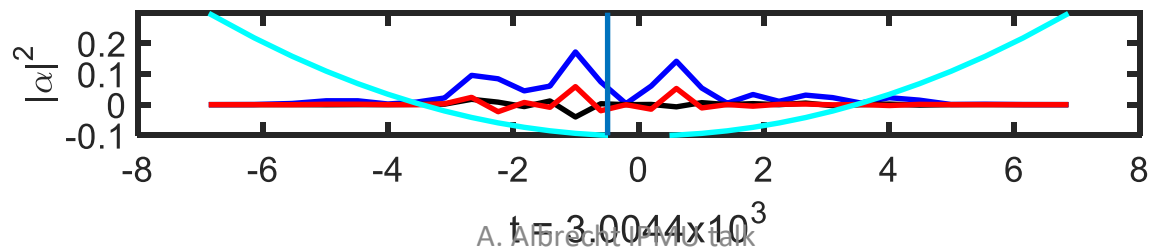
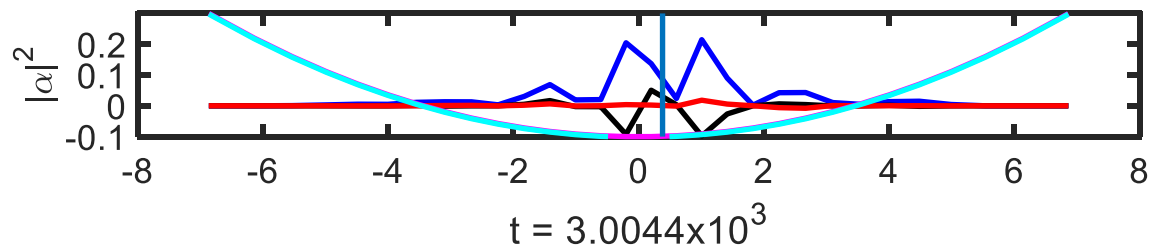
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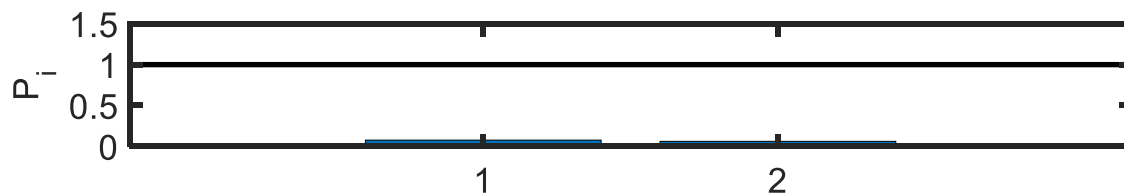
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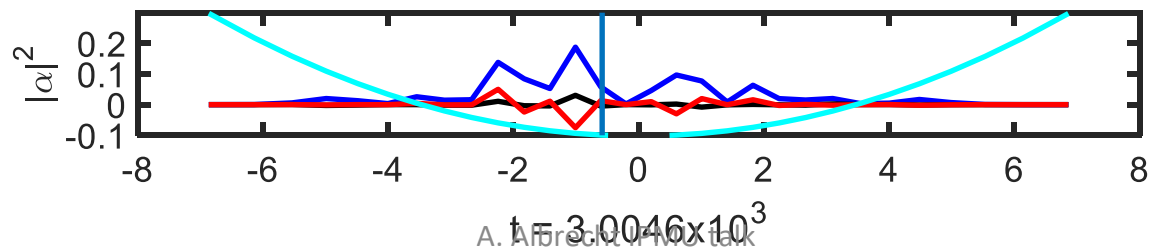
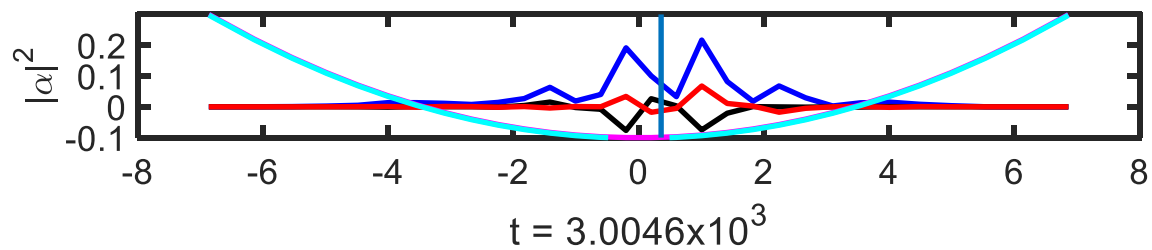
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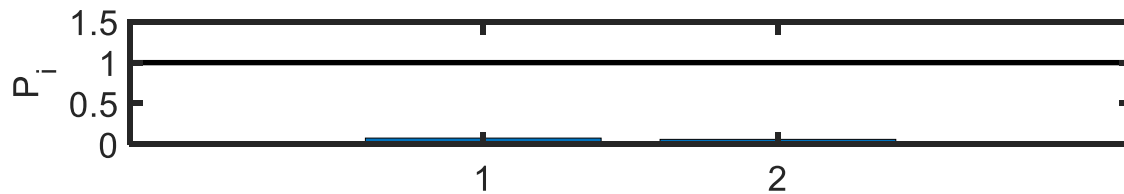
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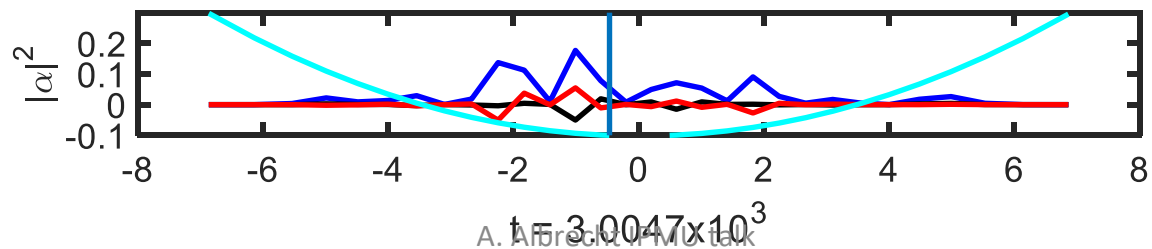
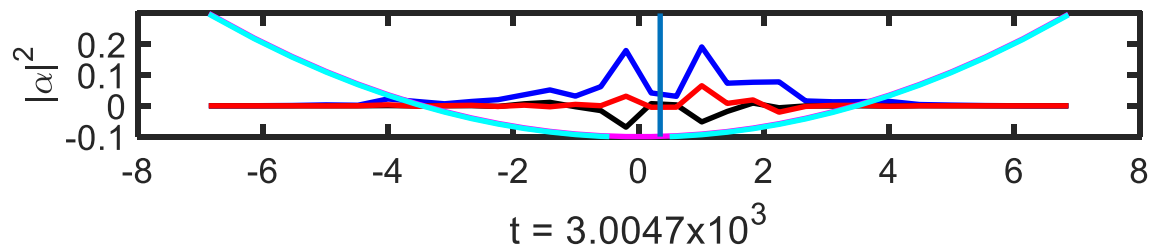
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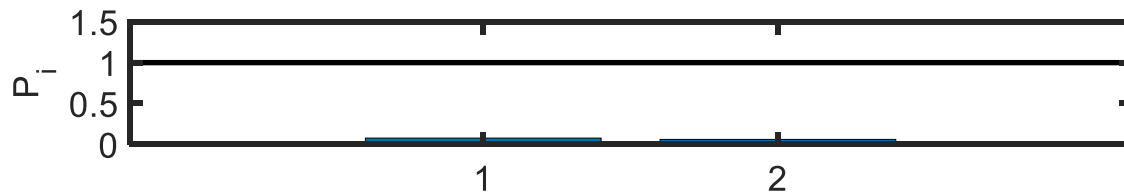
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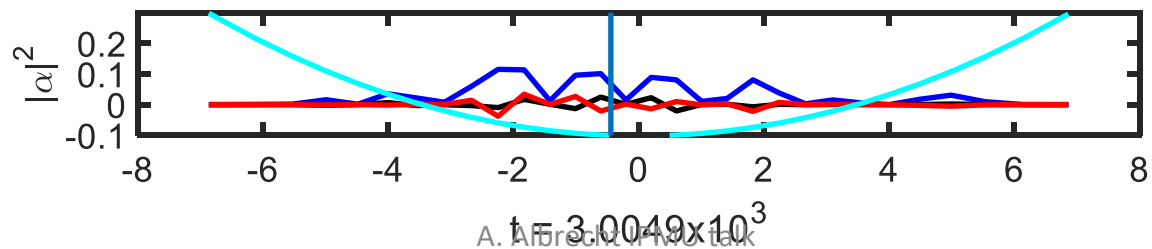
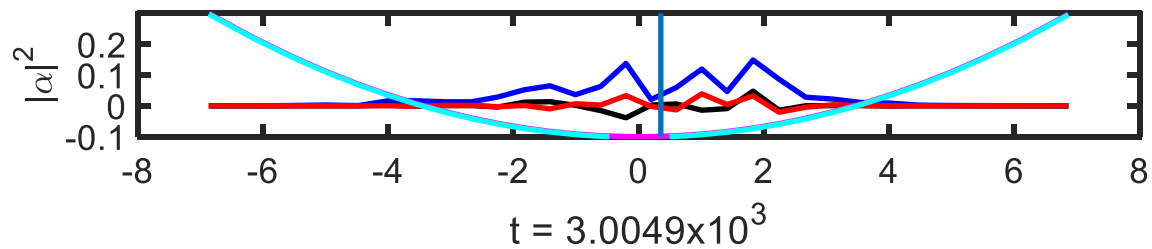
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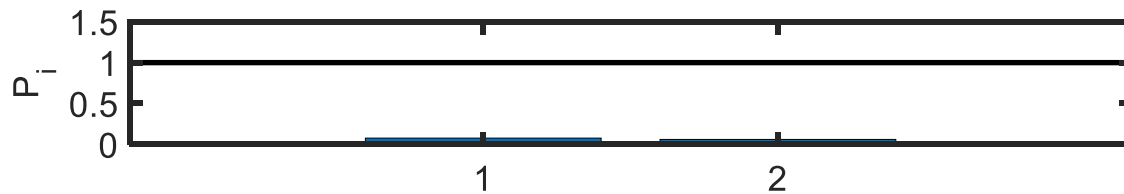
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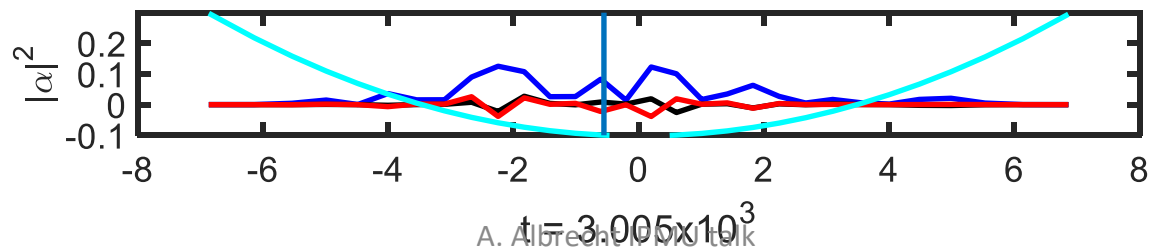
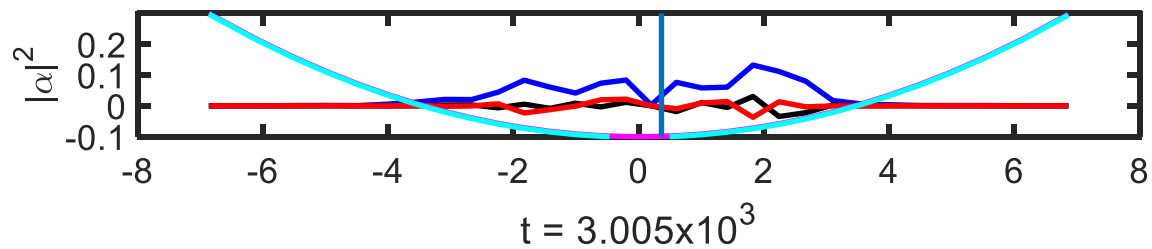
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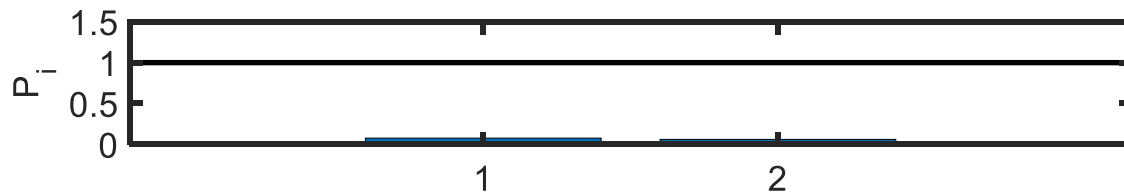




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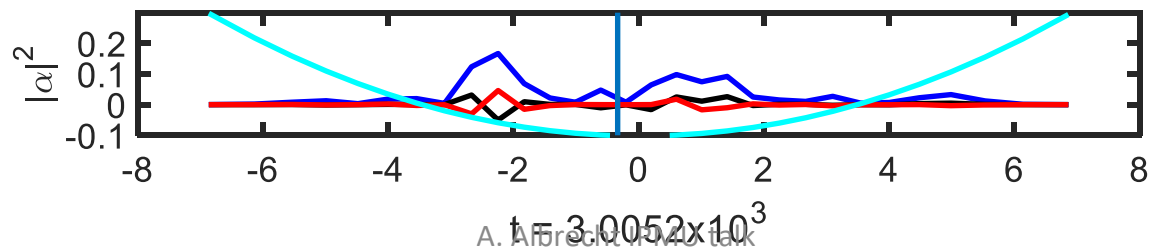
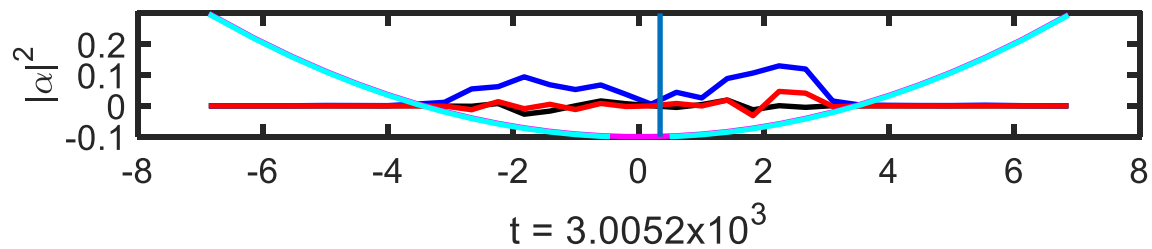
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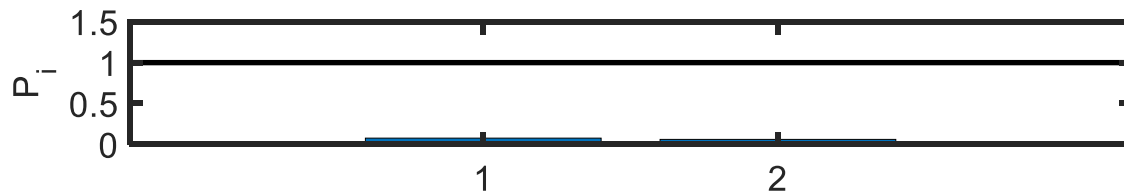
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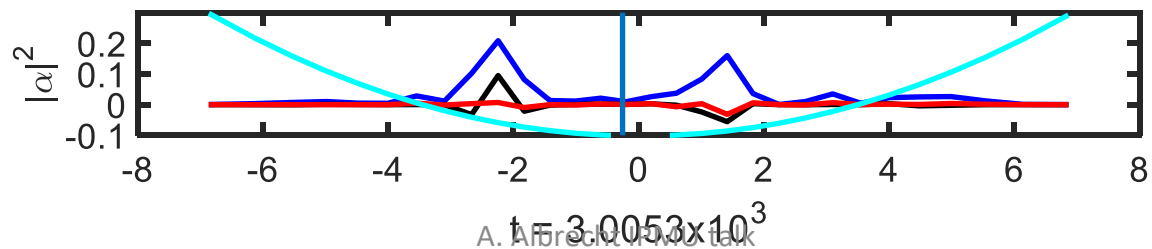
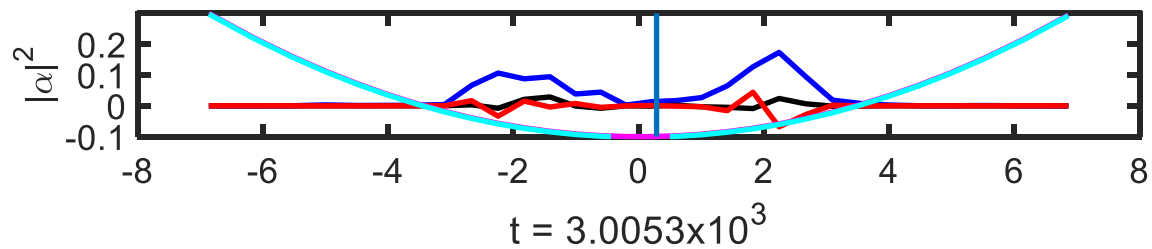
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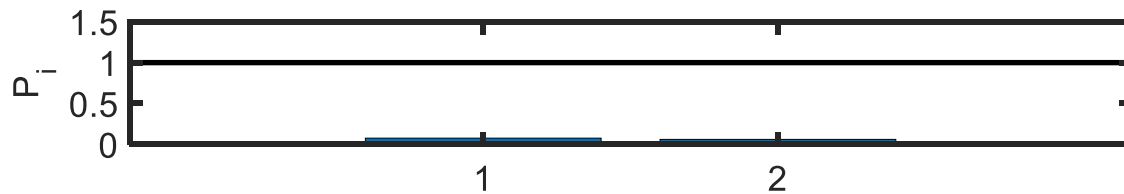
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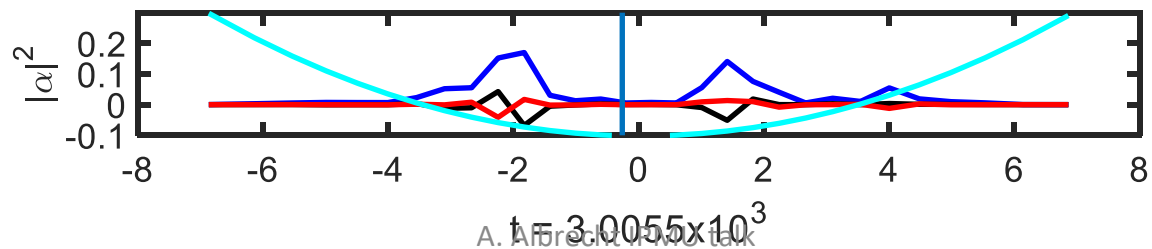
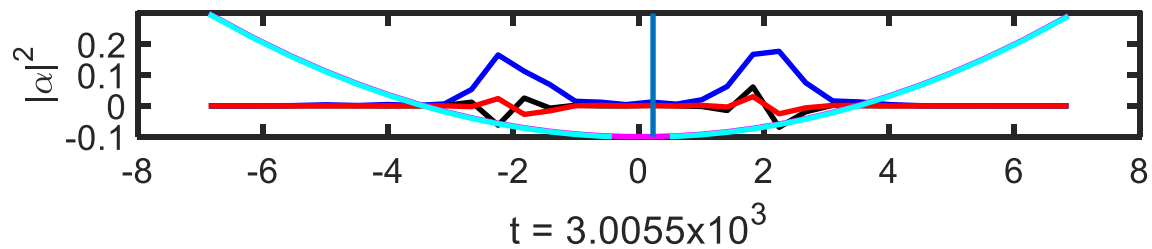
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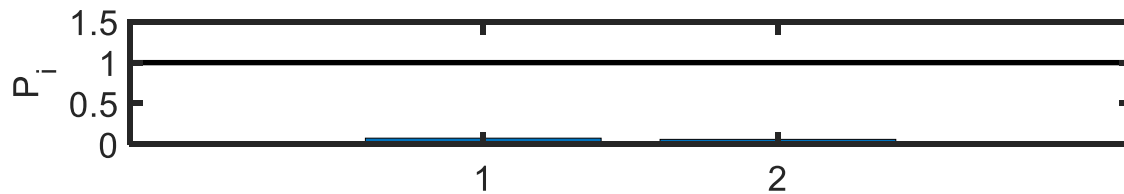
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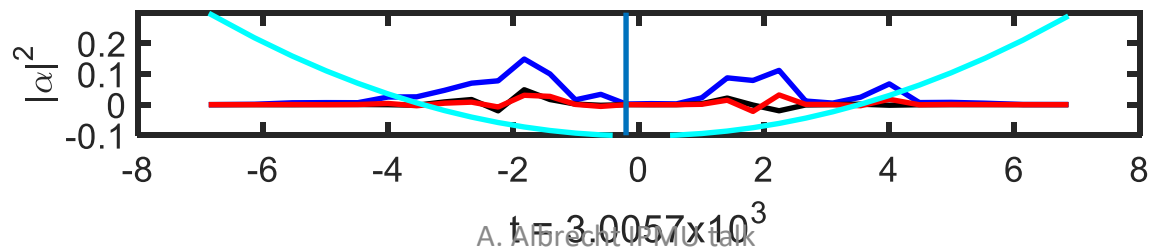
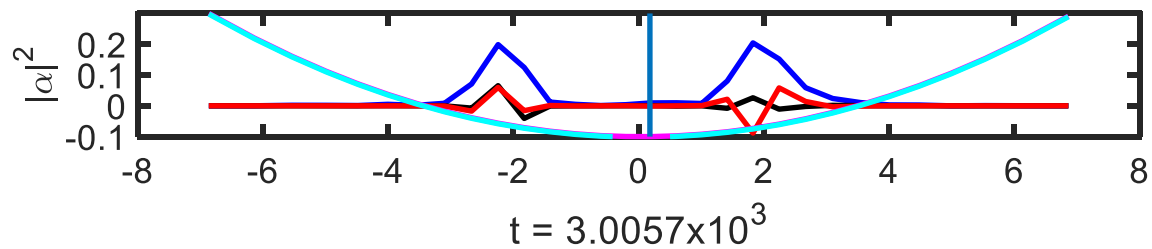
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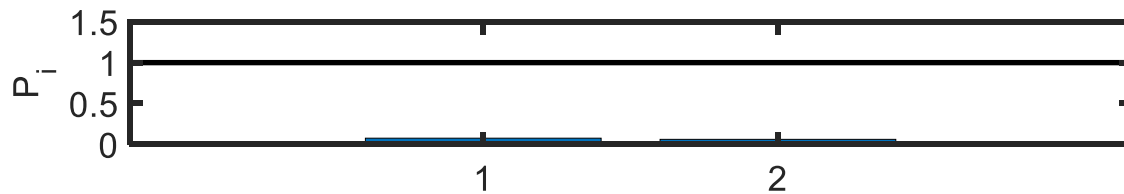
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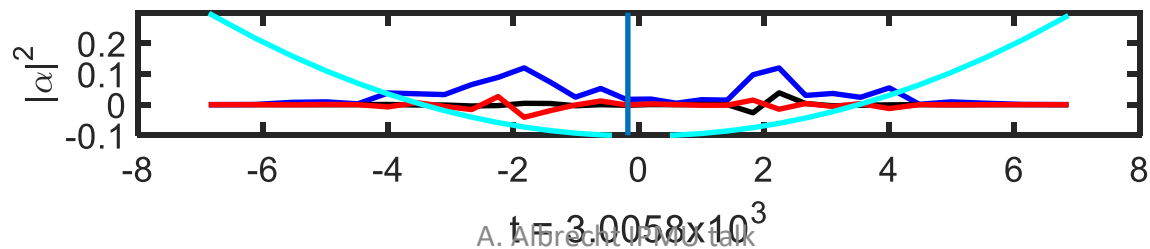
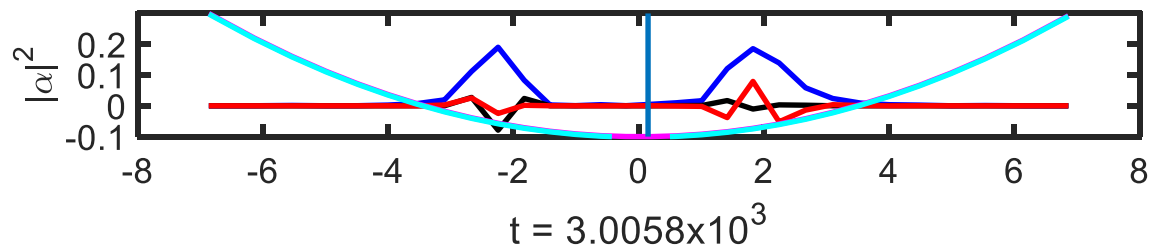
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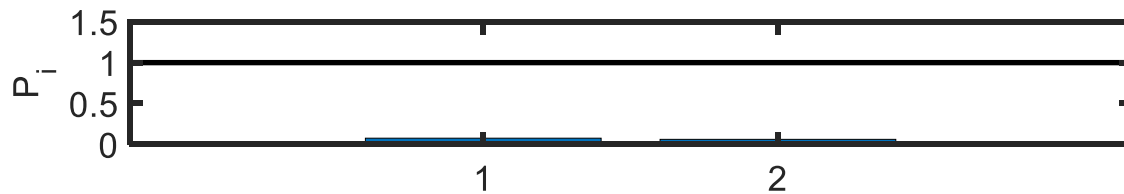
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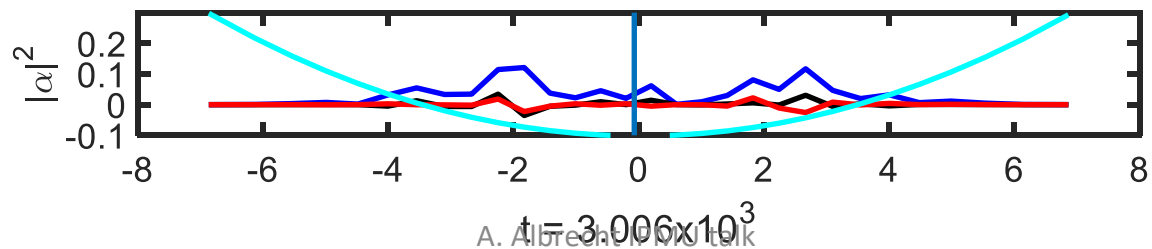
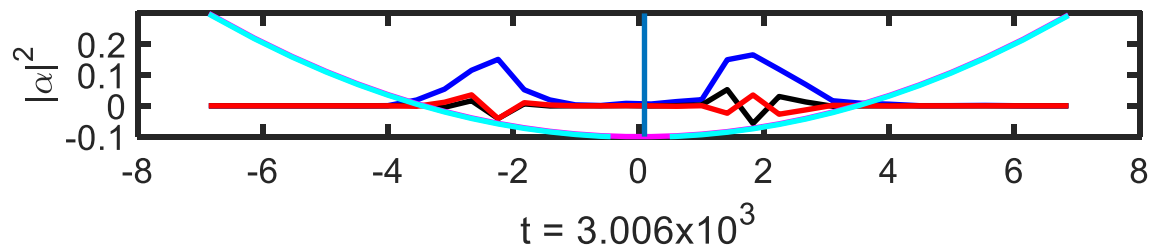
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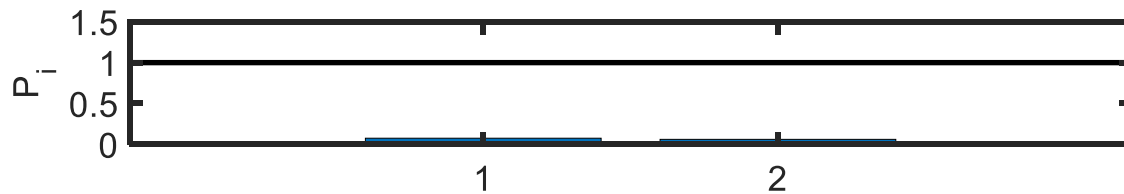
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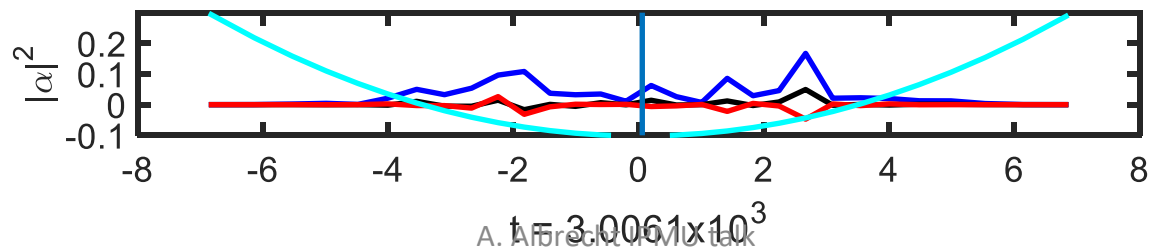
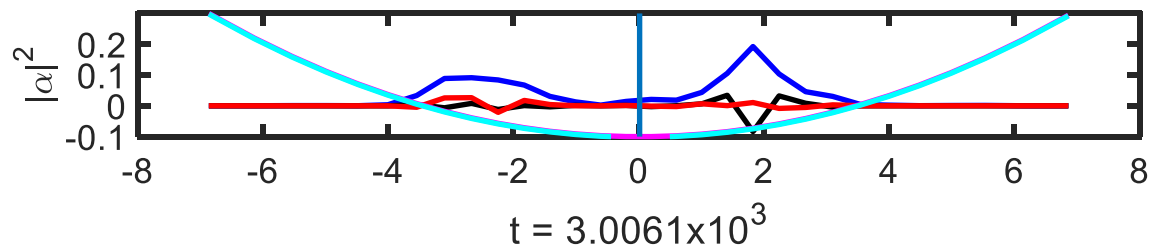
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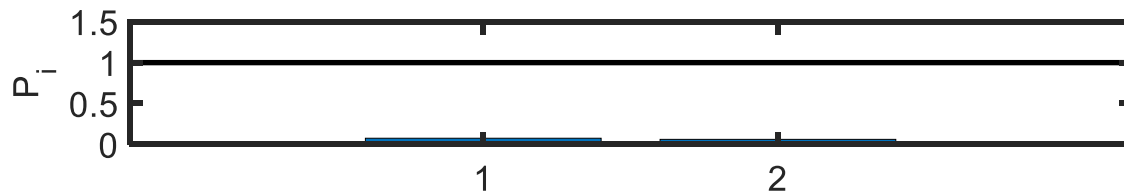
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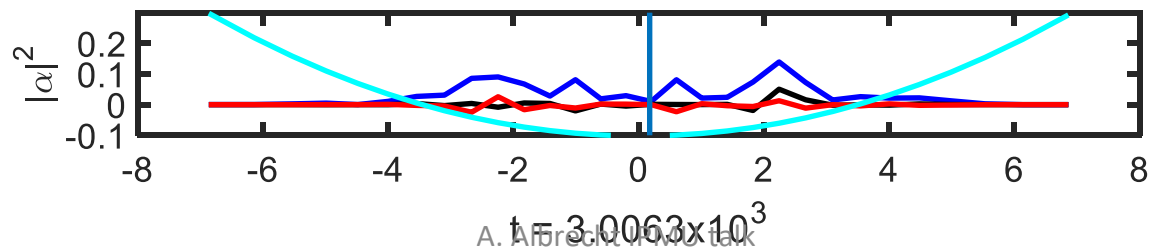
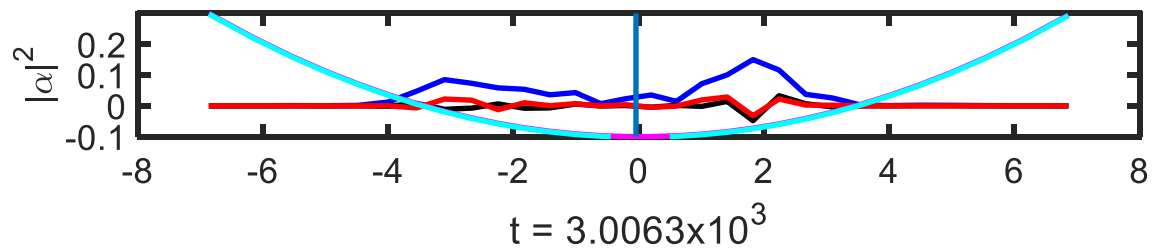
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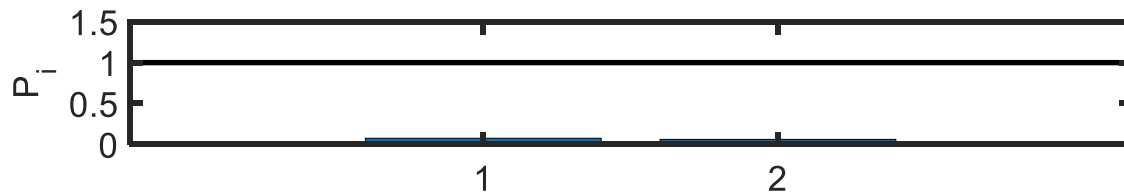




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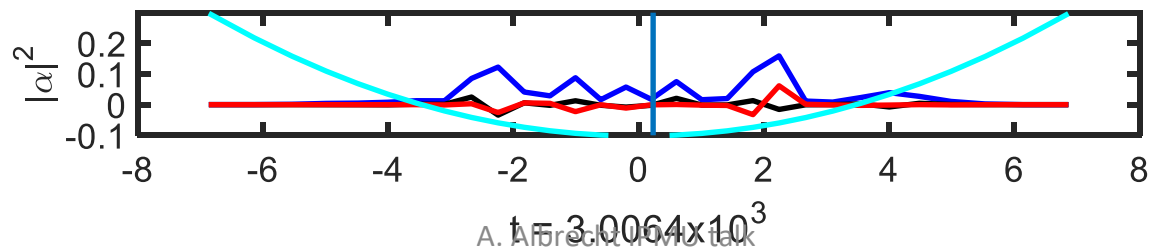
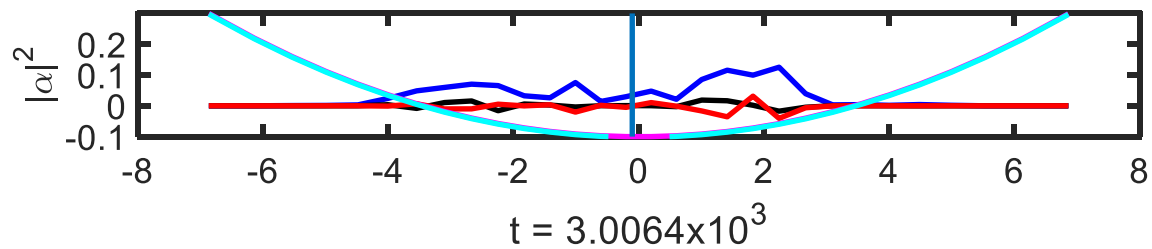
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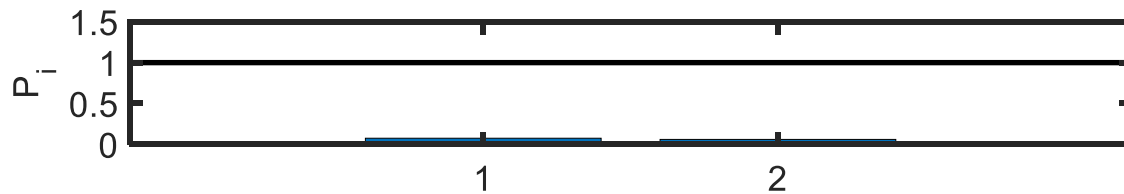
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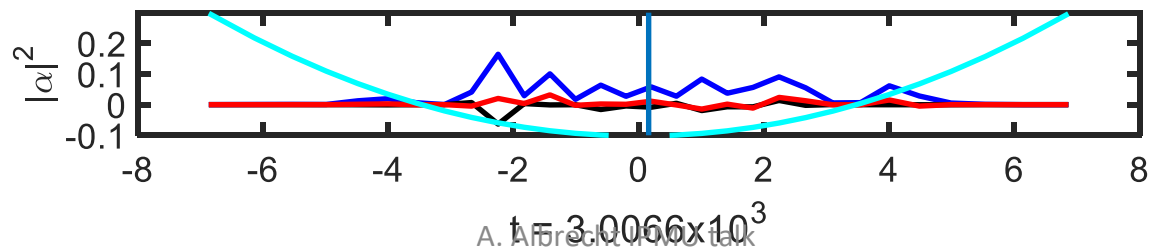
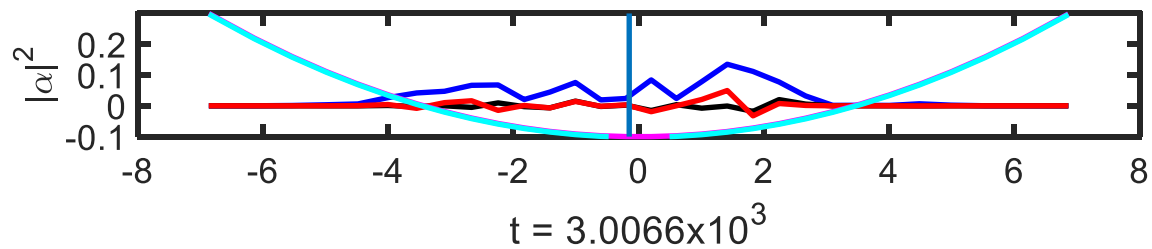
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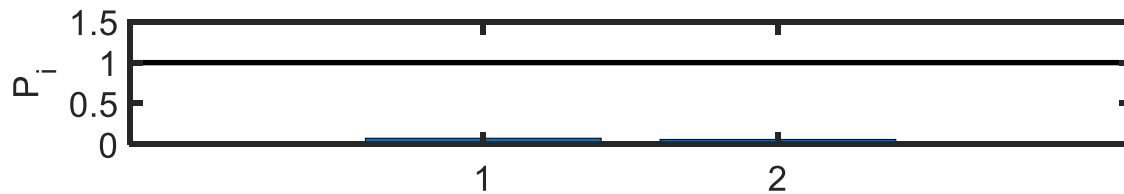
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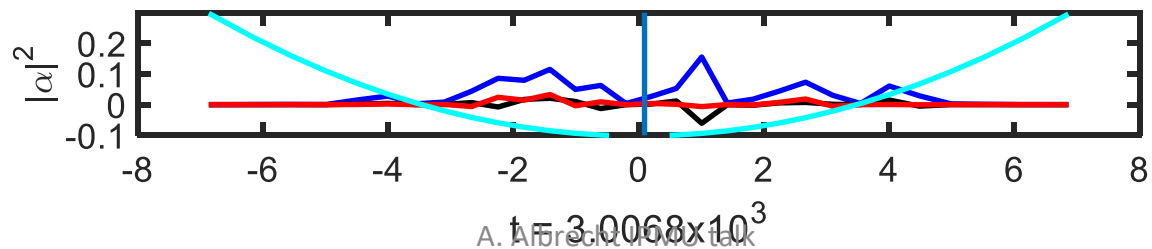
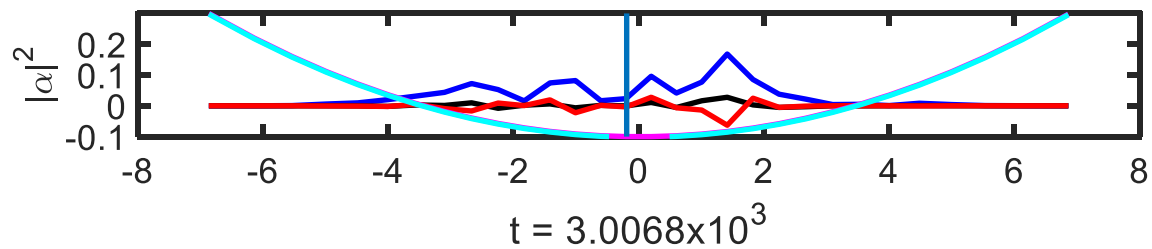
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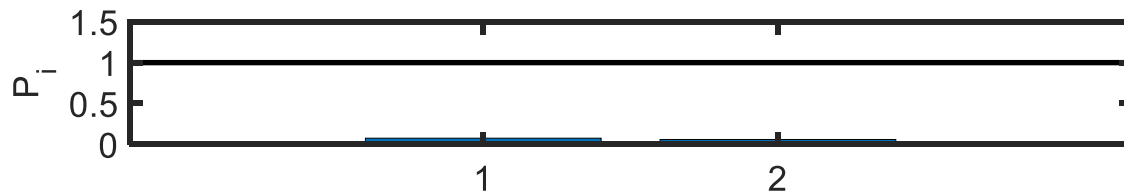
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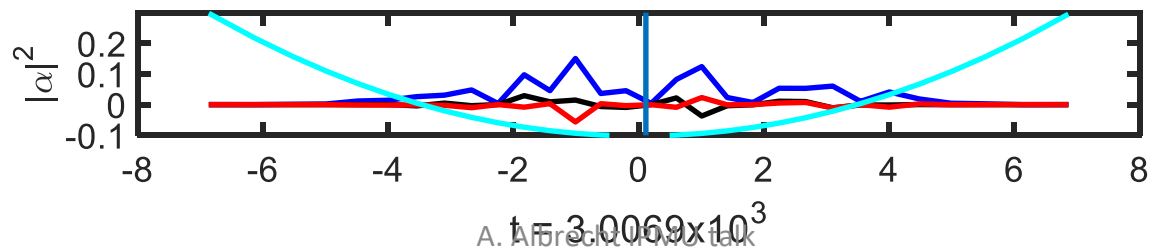
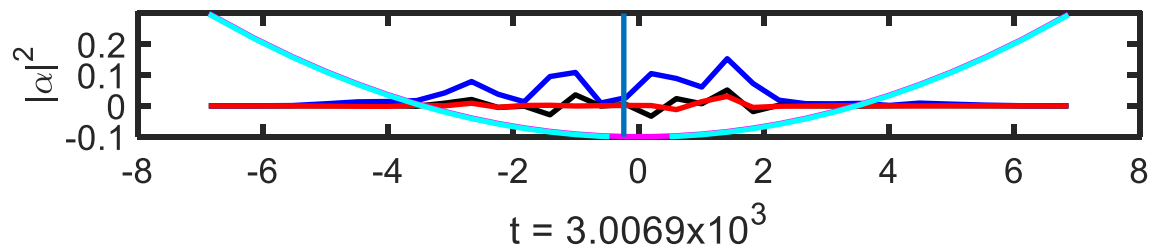
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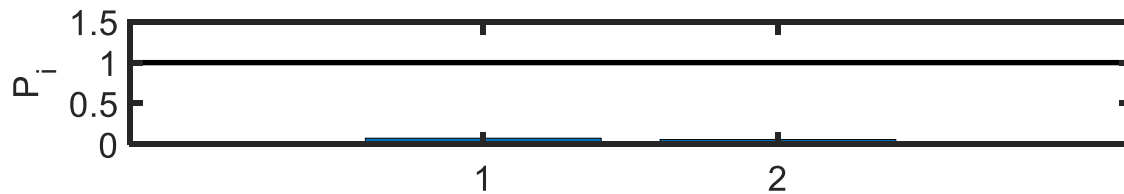
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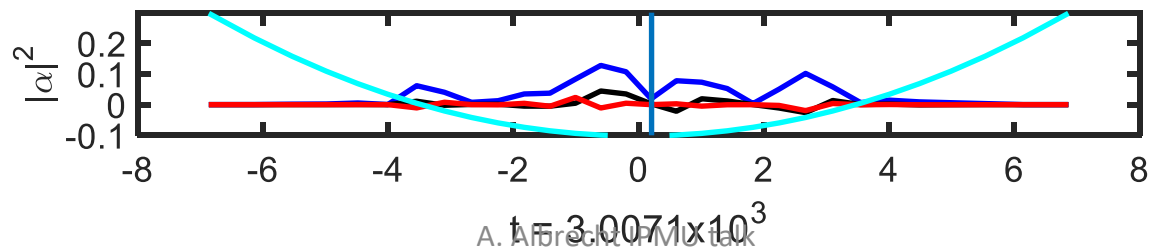
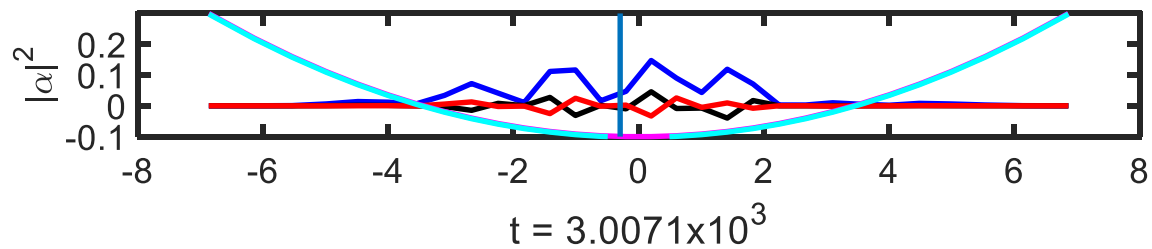
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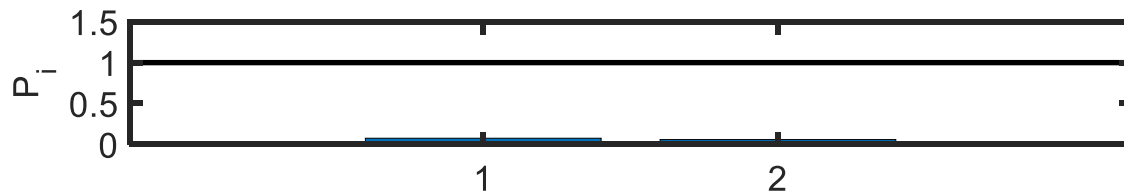
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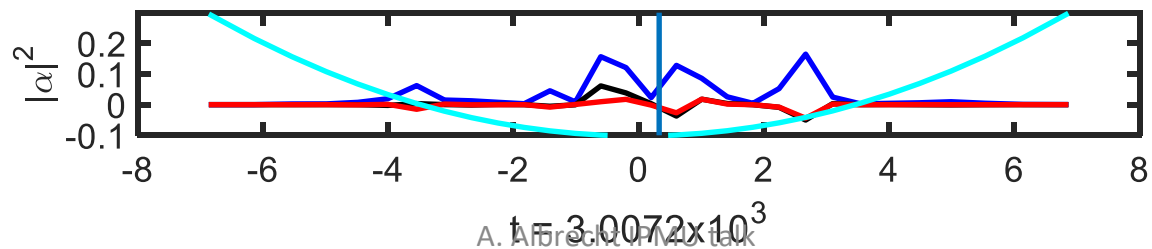
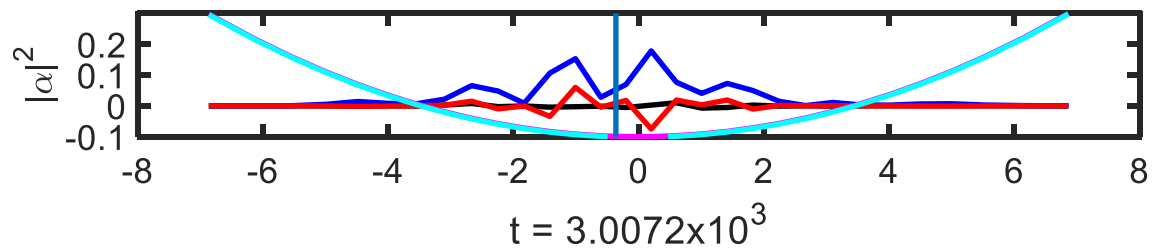
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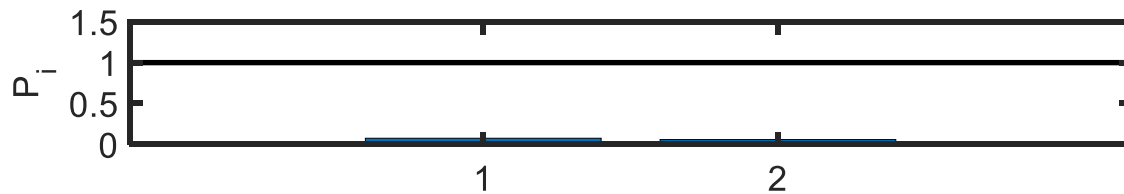
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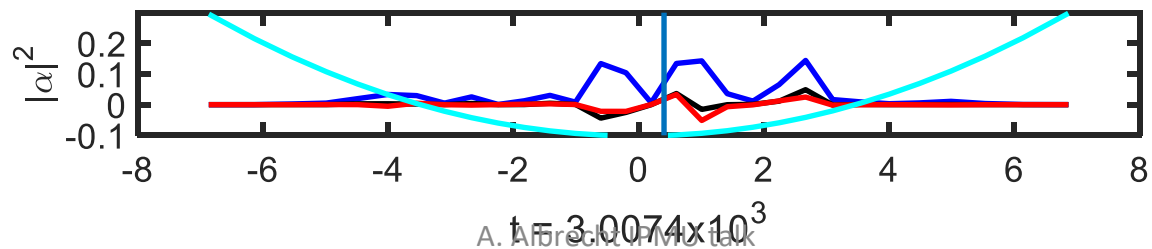
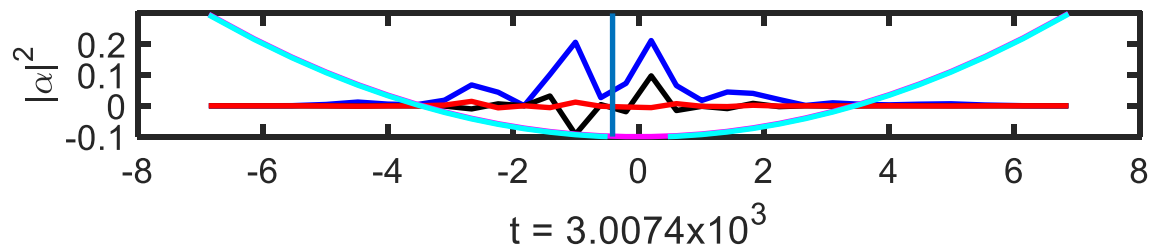
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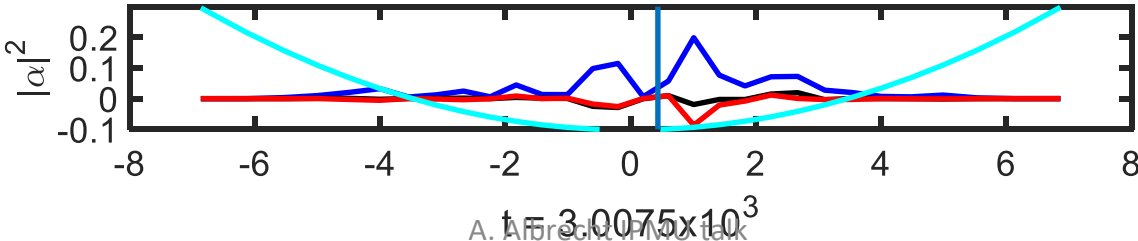
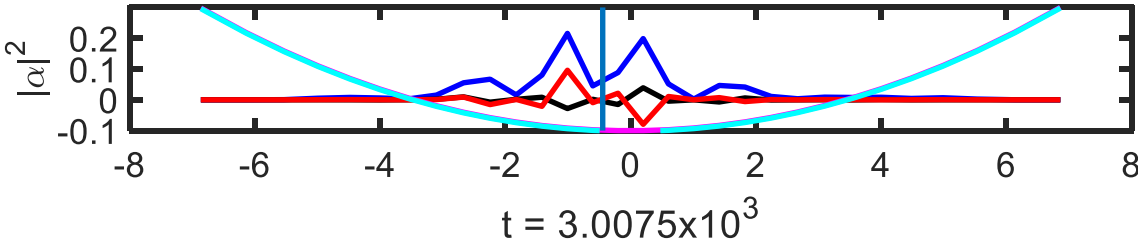
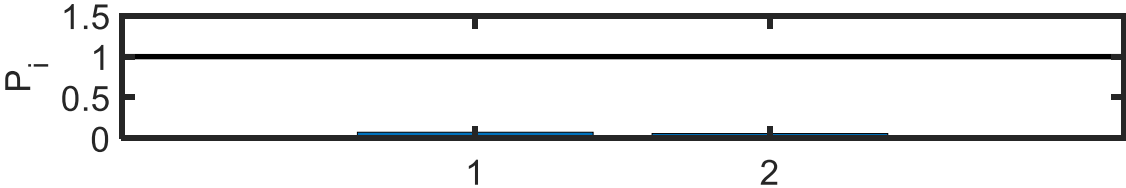
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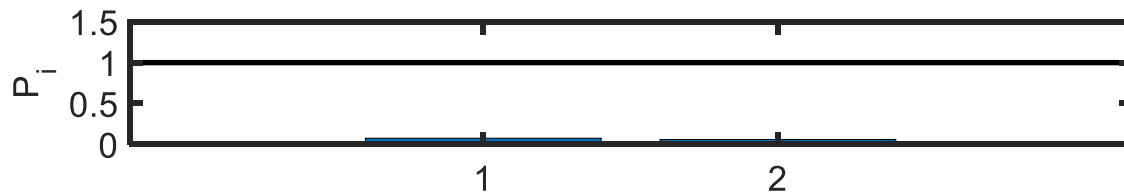




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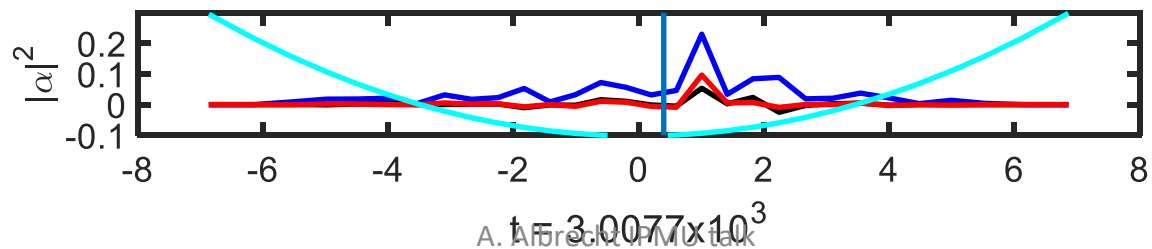
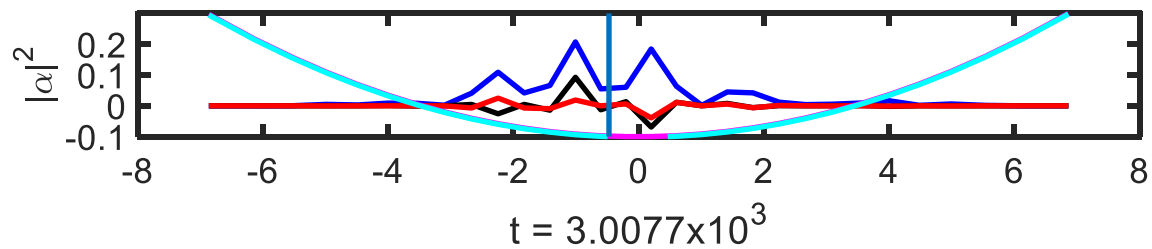
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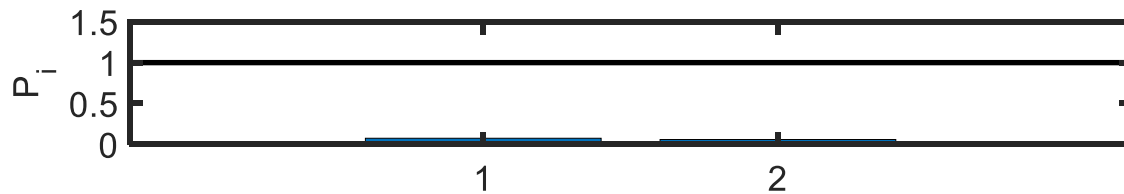
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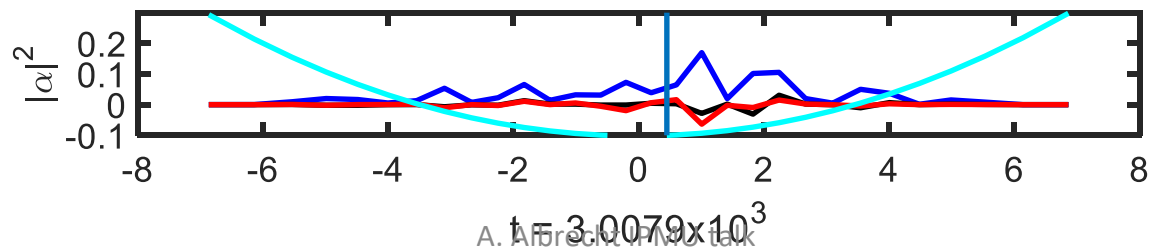
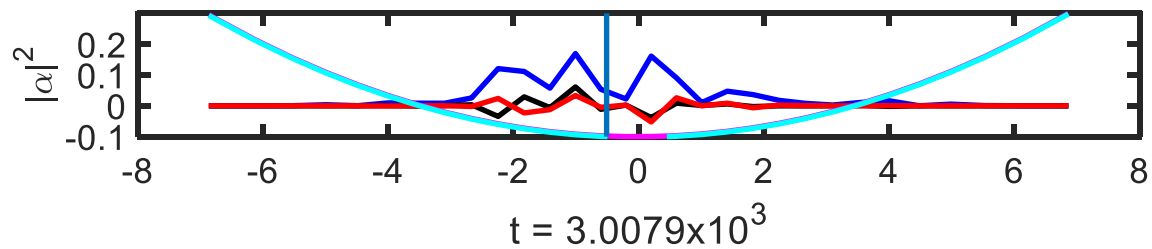
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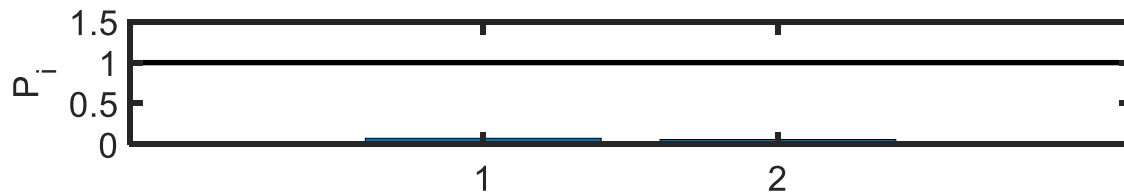
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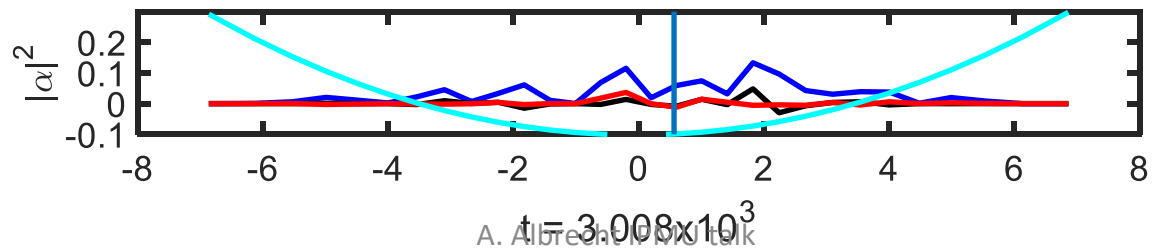
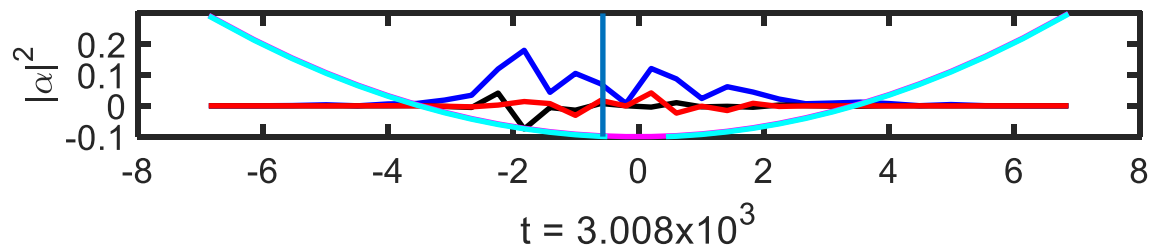
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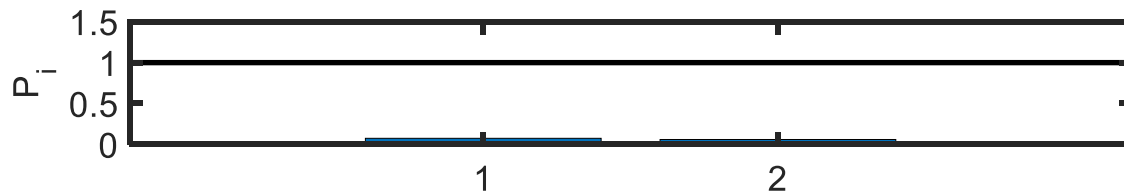
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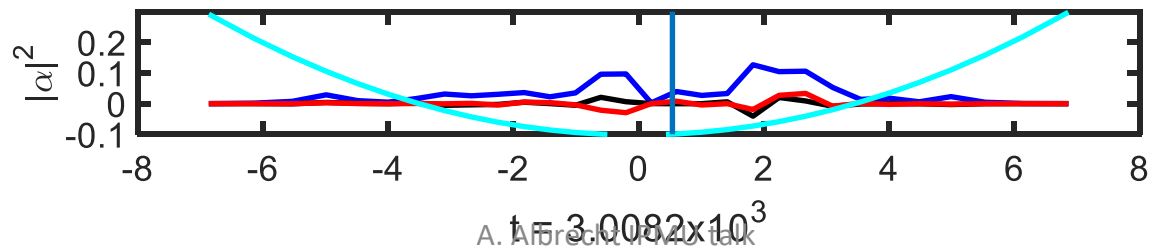
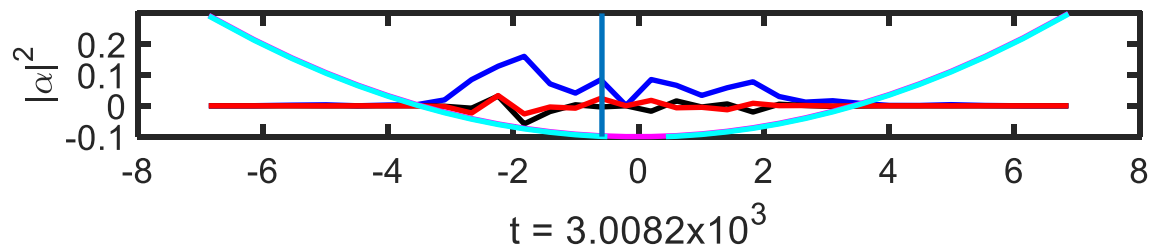
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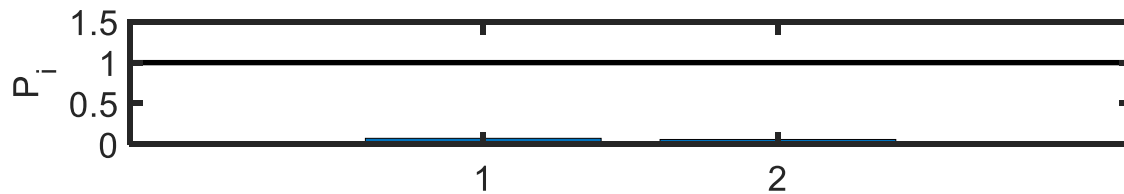
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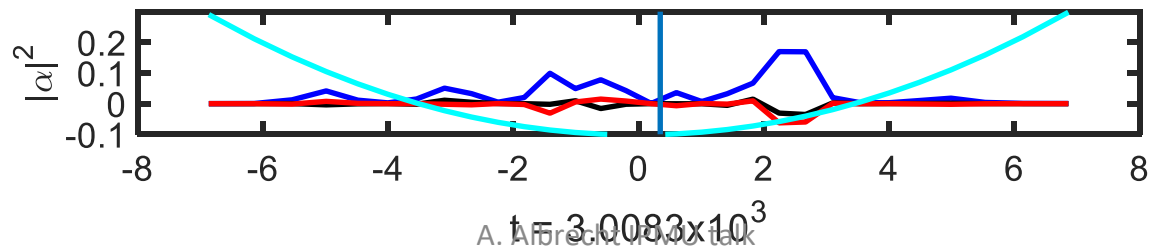
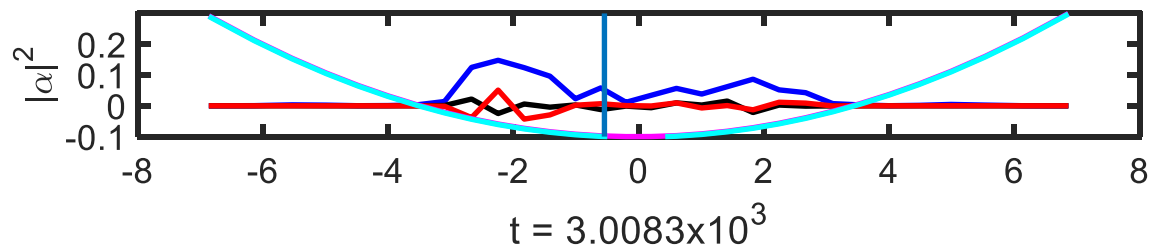
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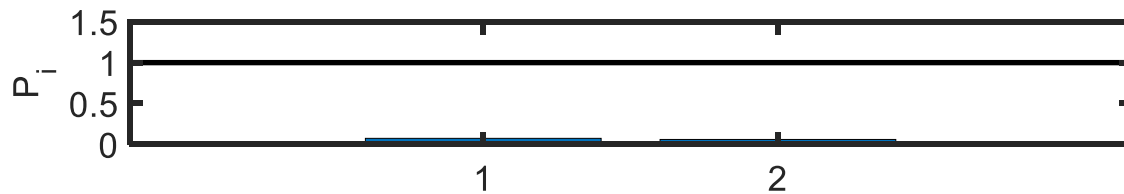
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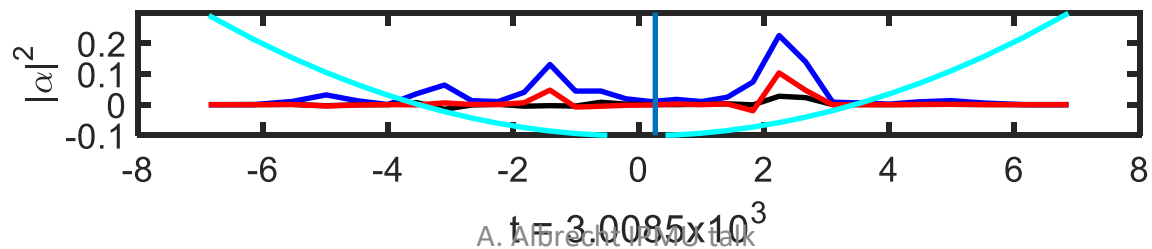
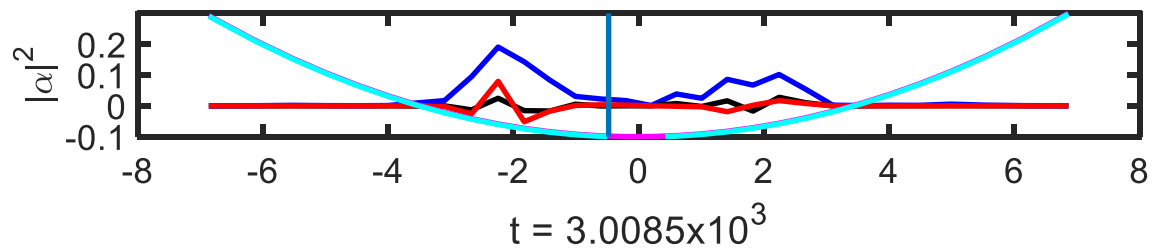
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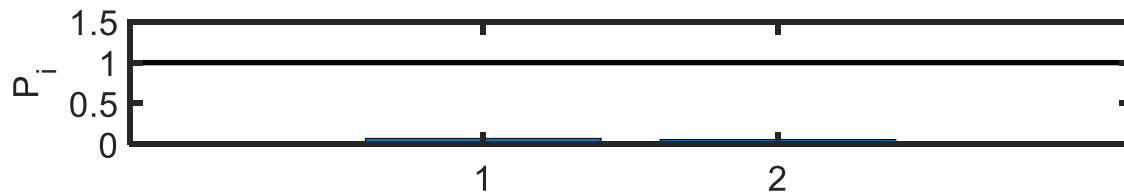
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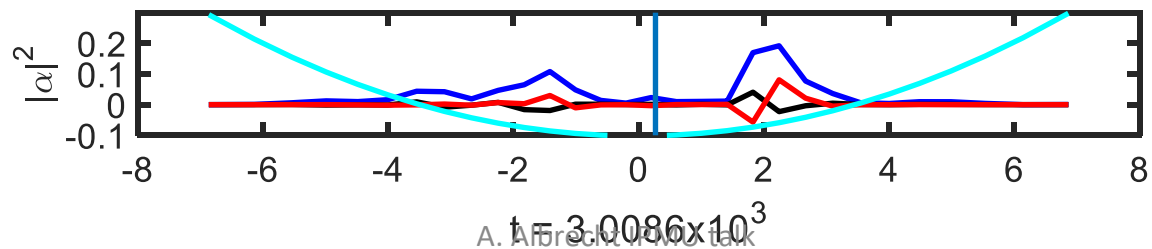
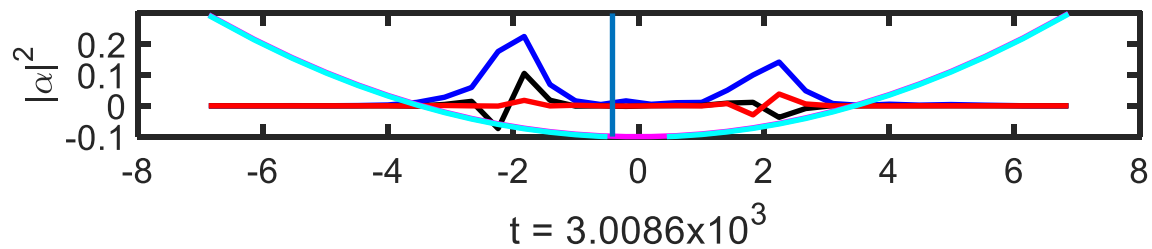
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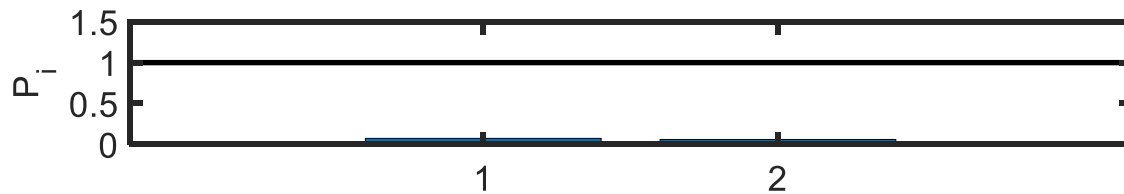
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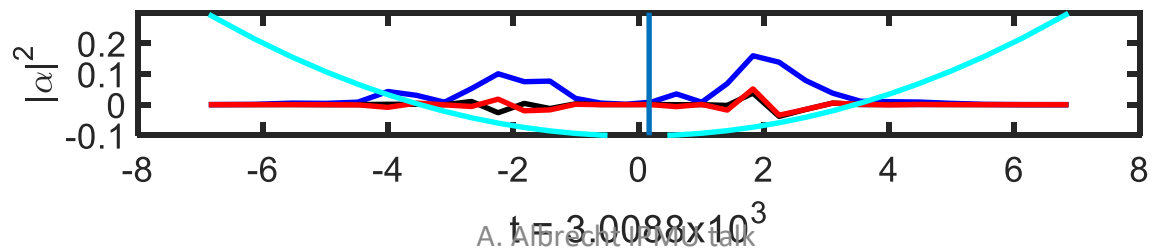
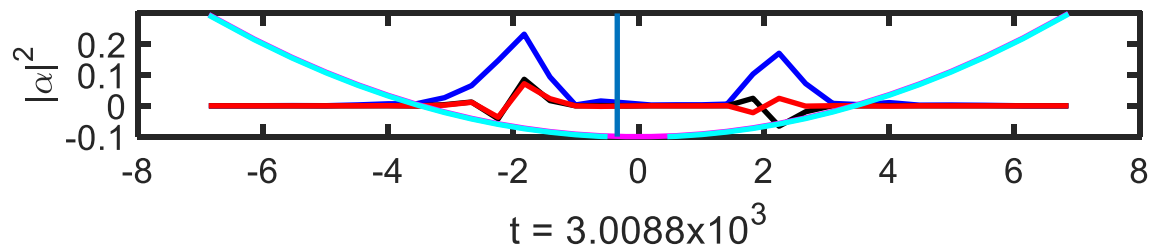
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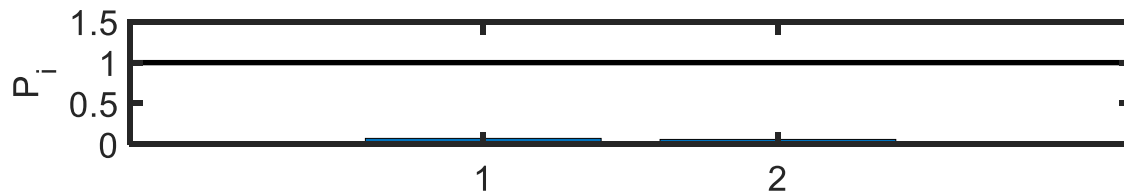




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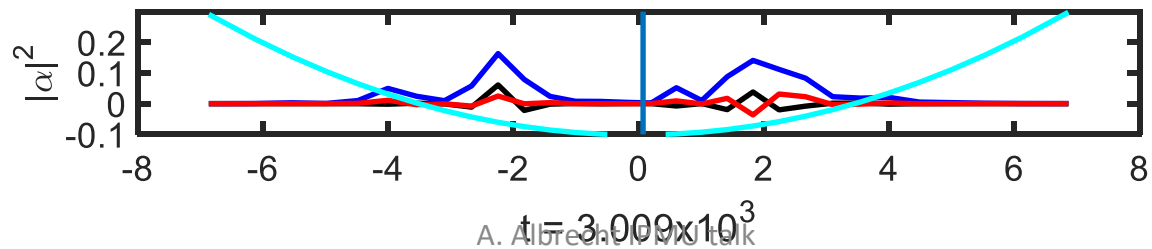
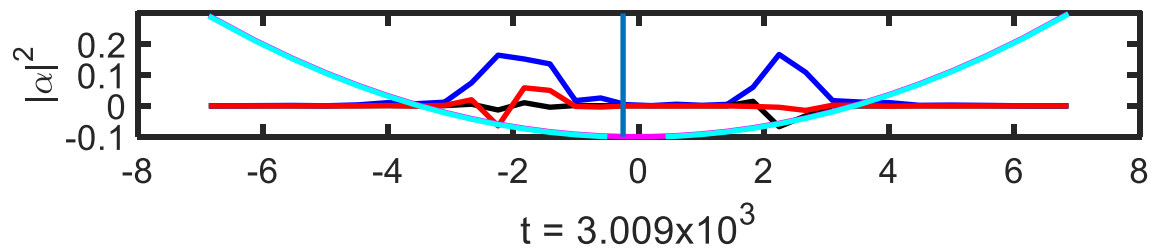
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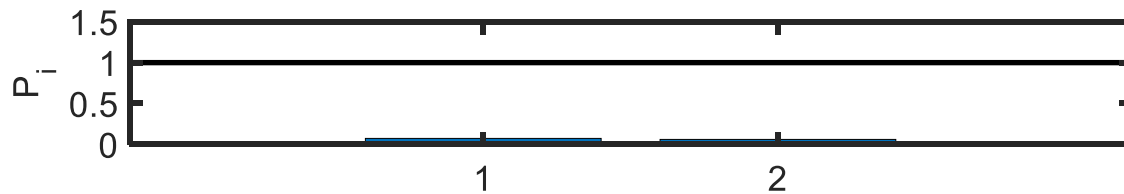
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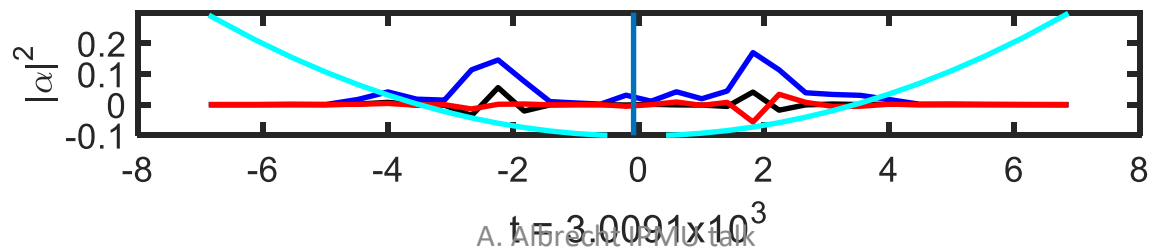
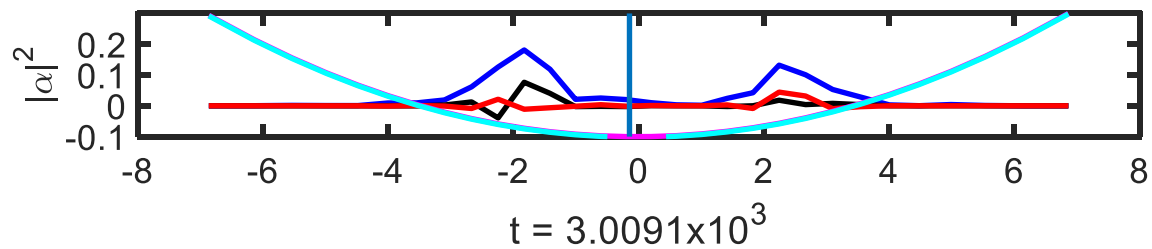
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Eigenvalues



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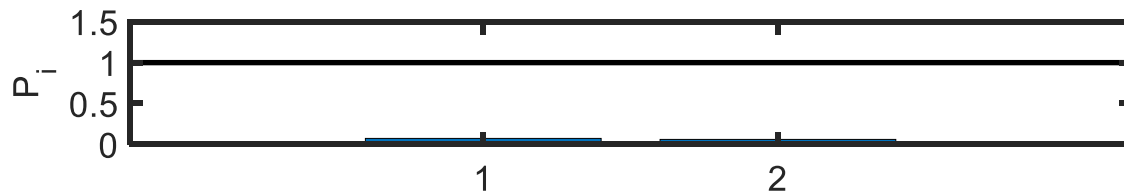
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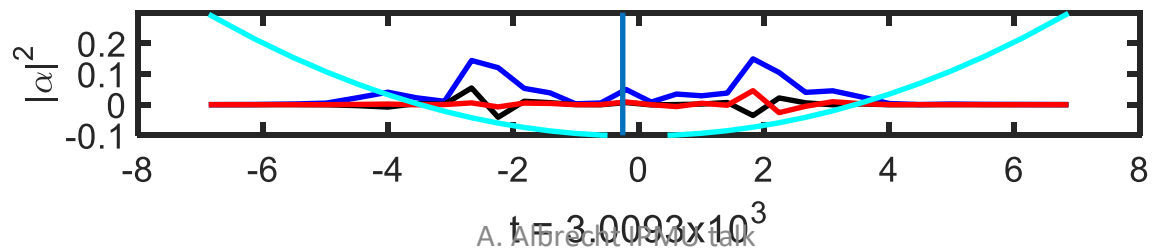
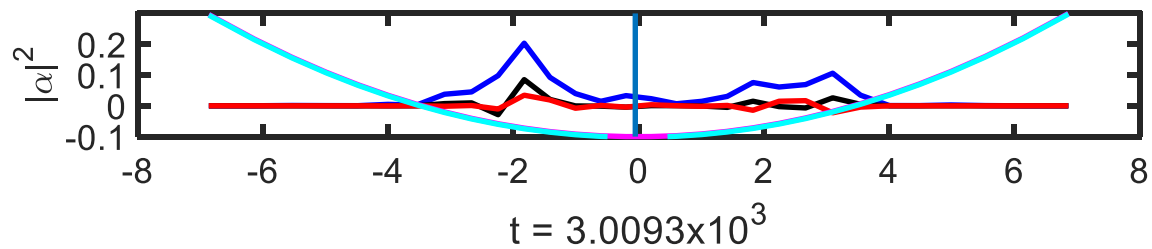
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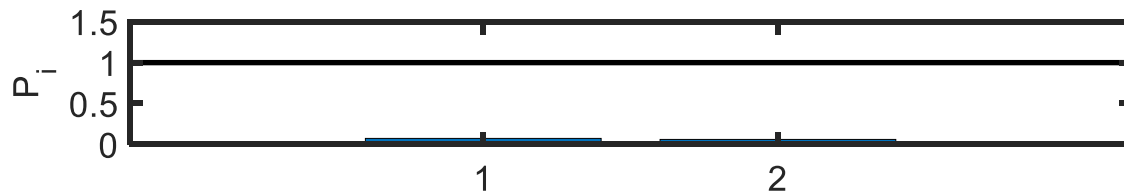
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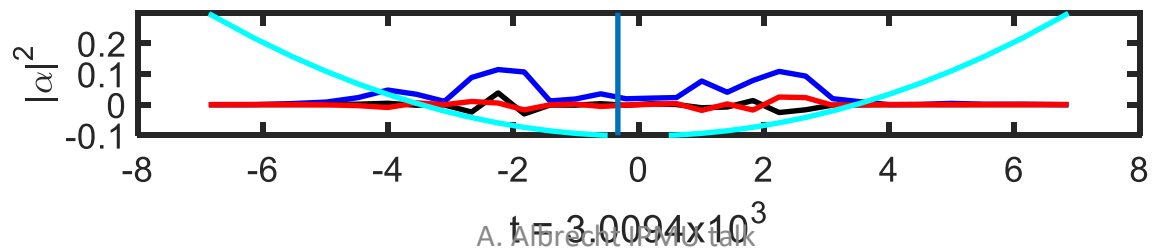
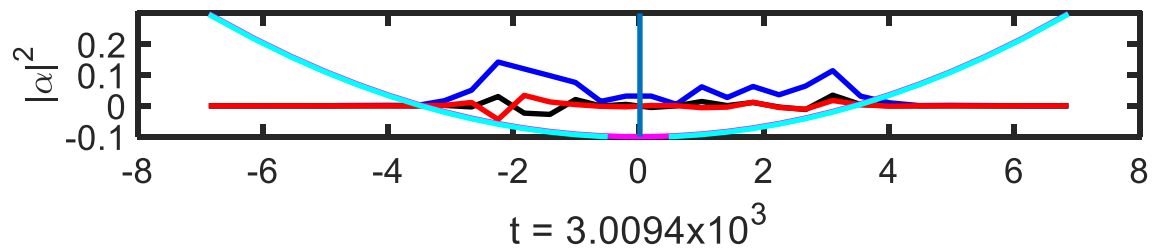
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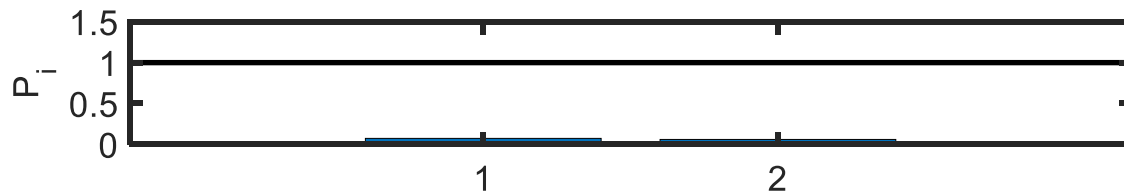
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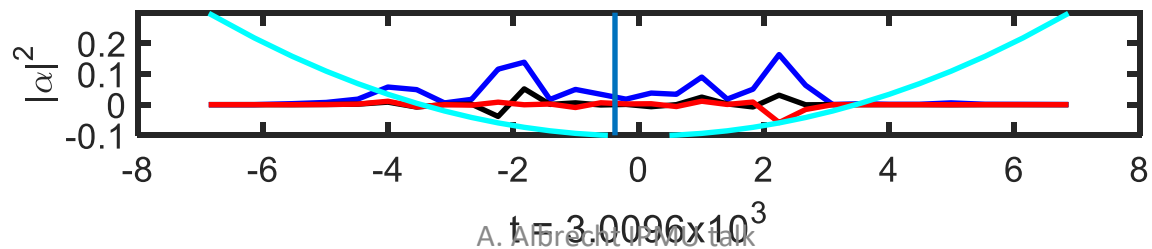
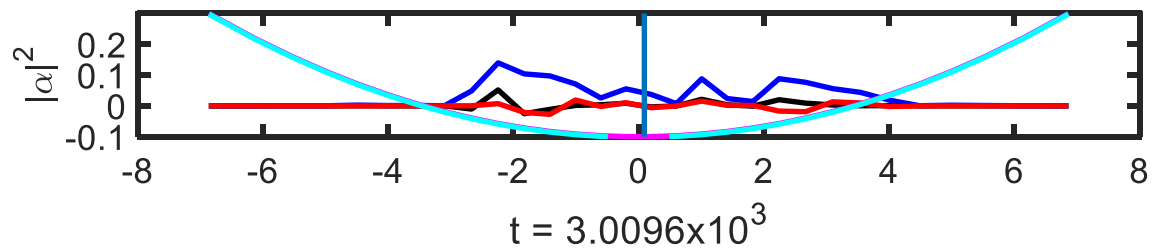
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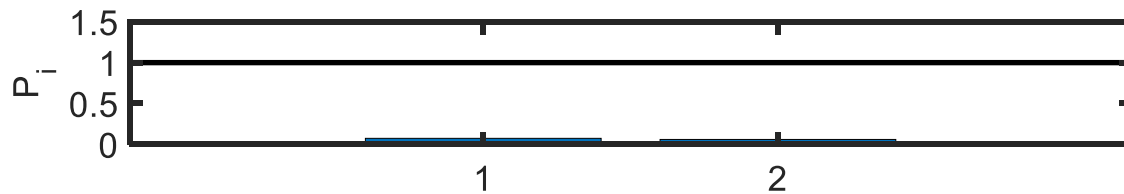
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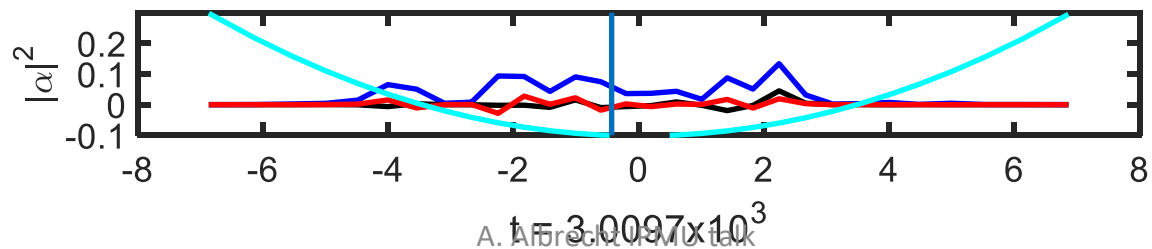
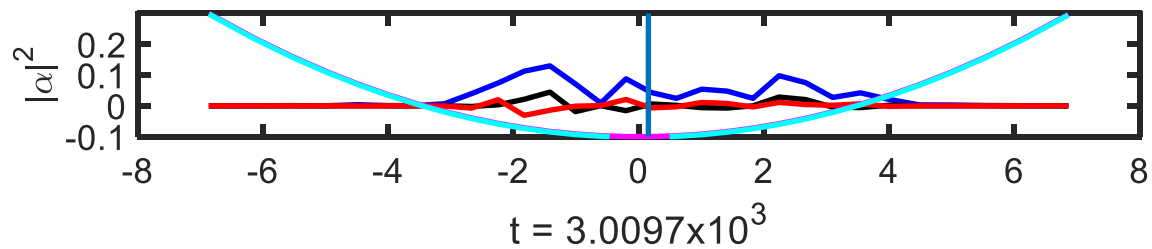
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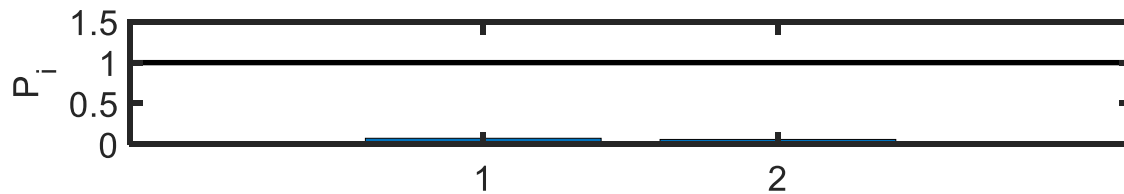
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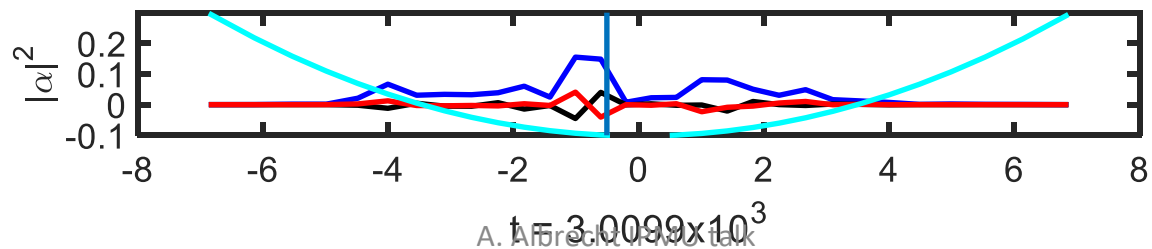
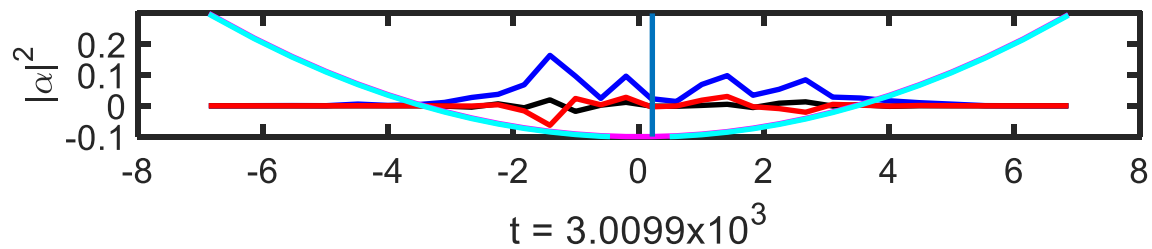
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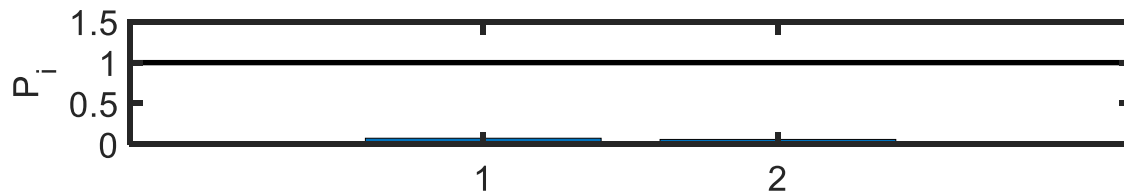
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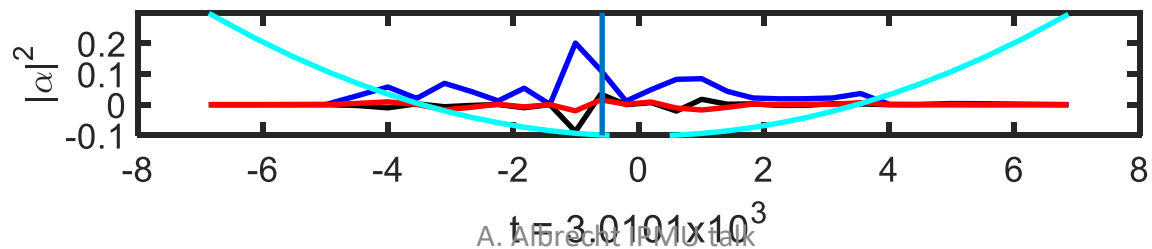
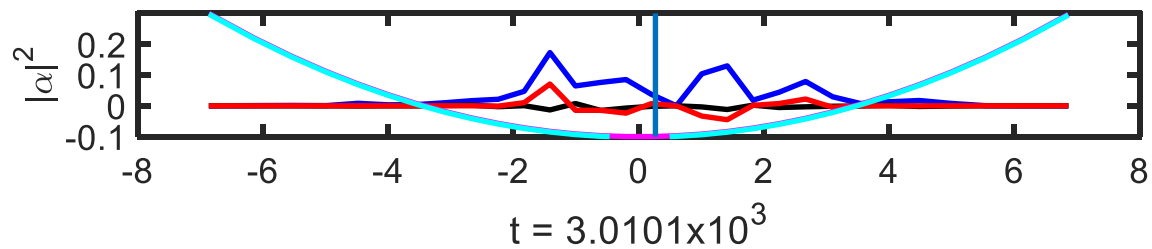
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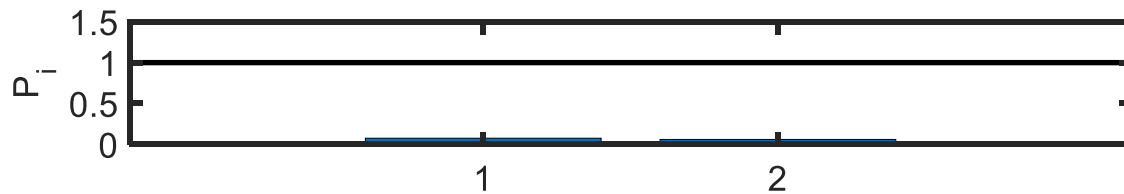




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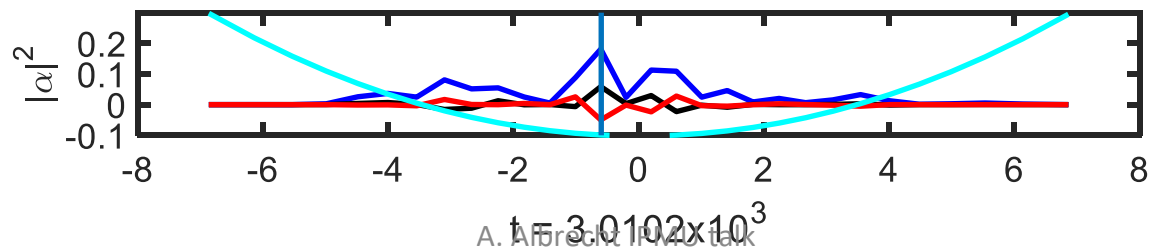
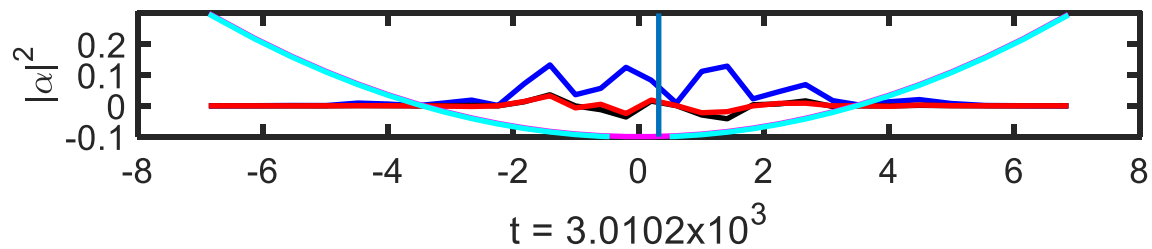
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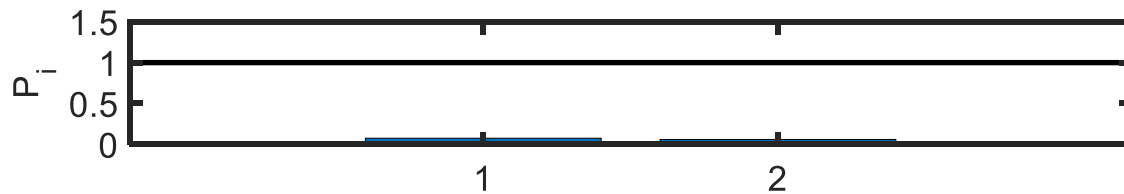
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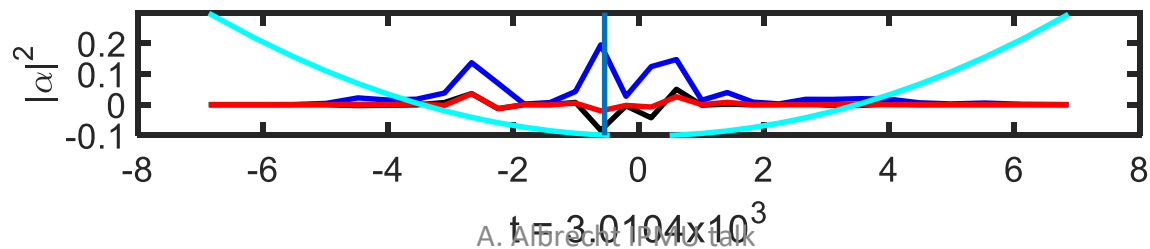
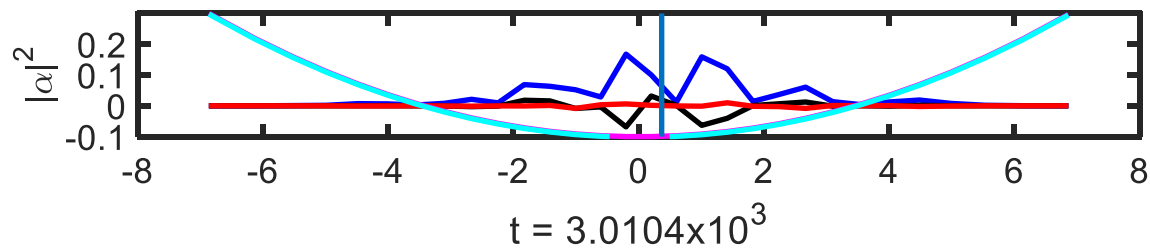
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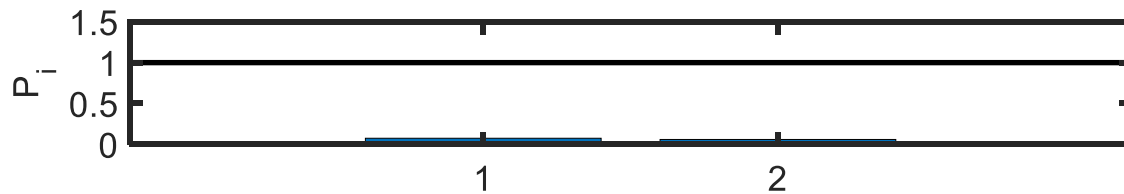
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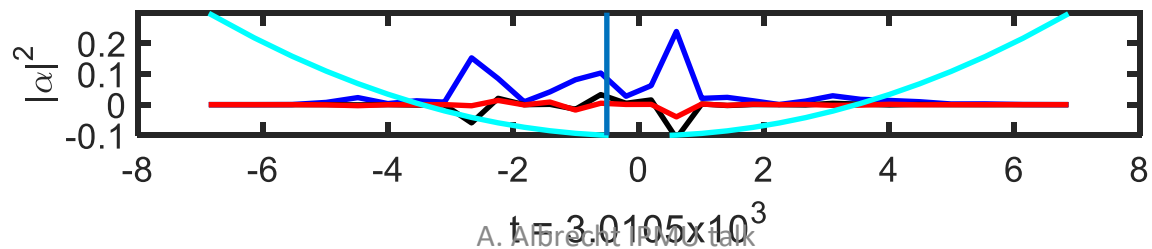
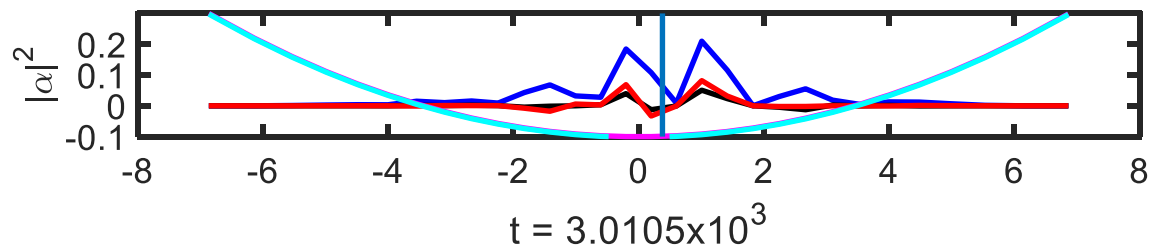
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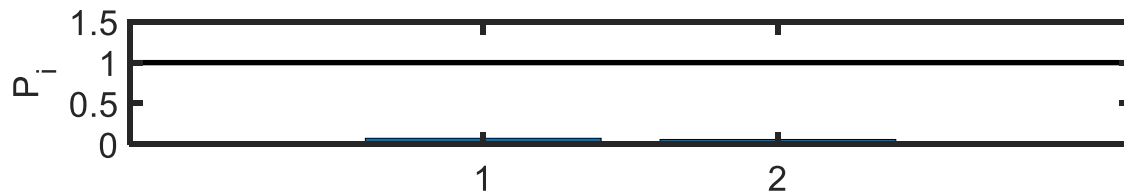
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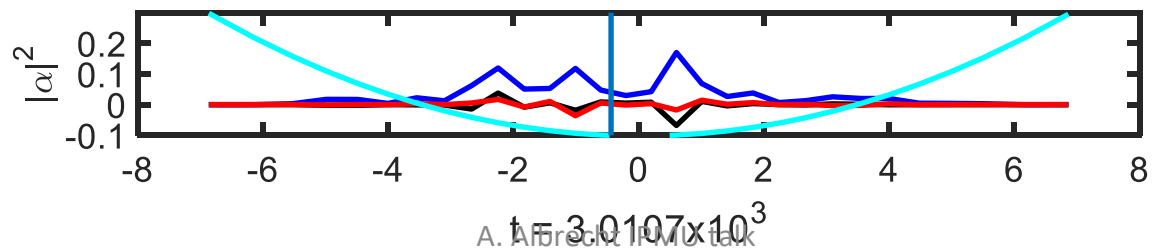
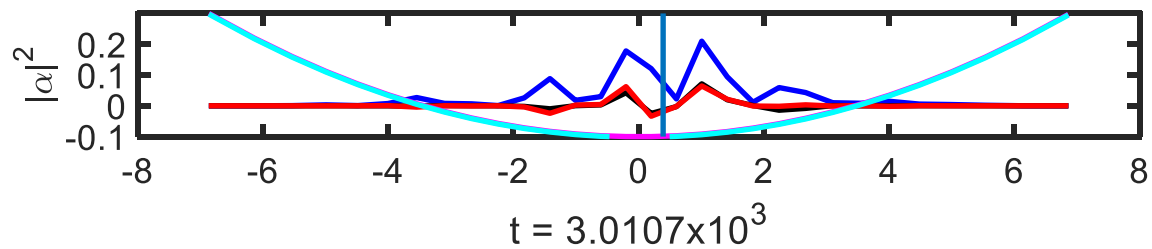
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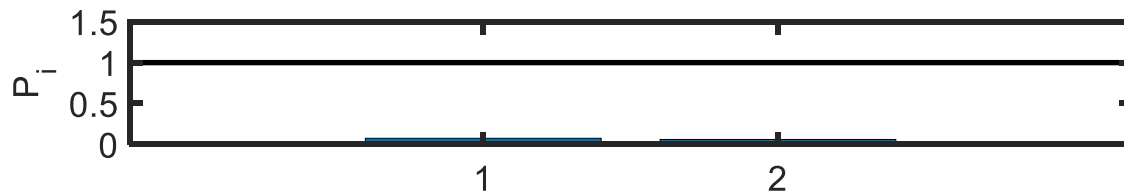
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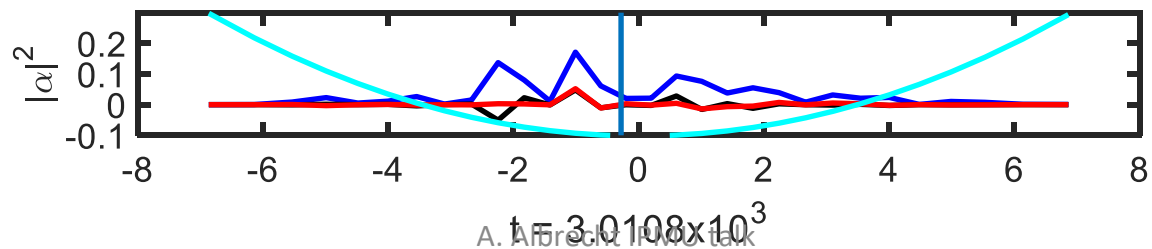
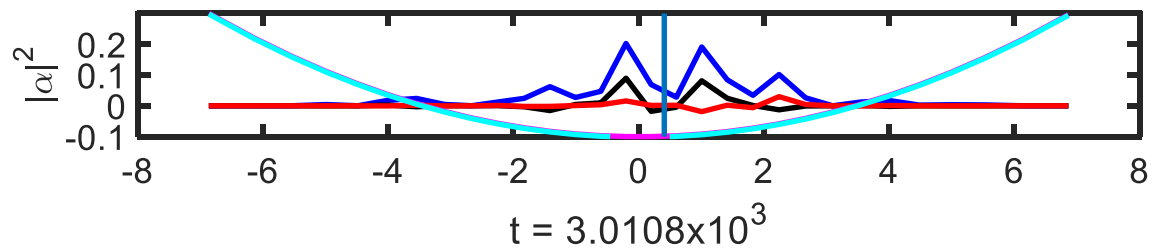
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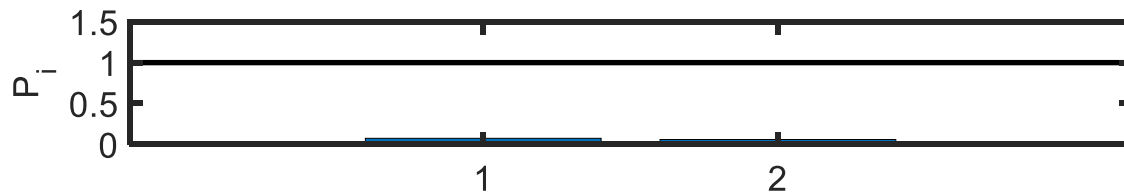
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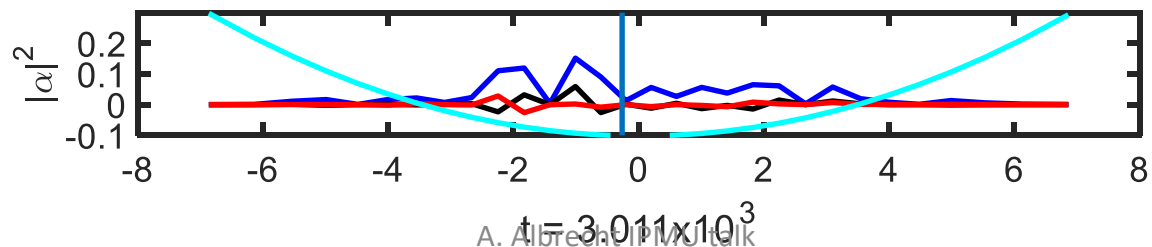
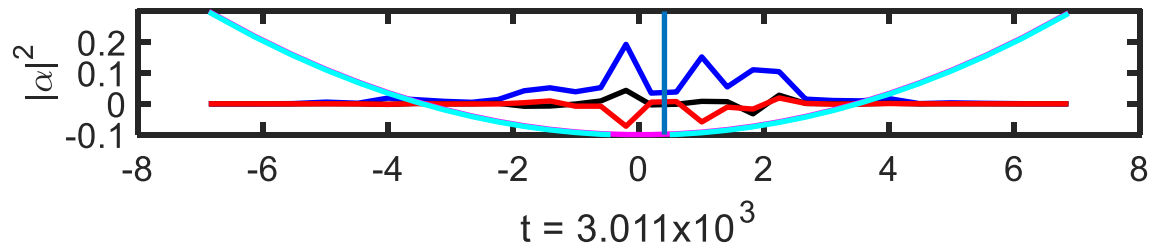
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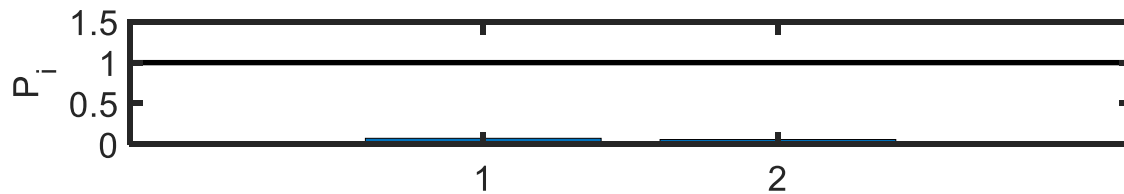
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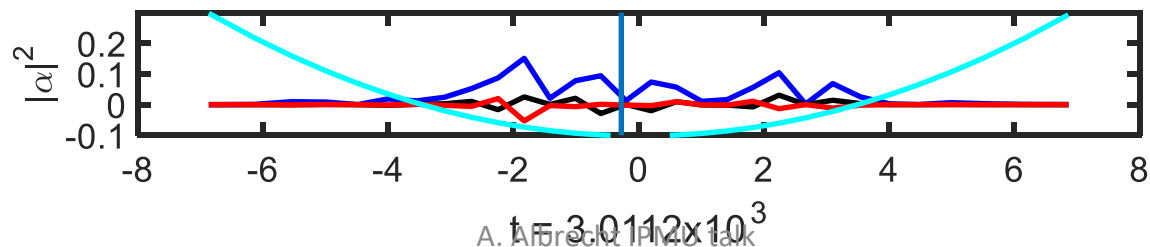
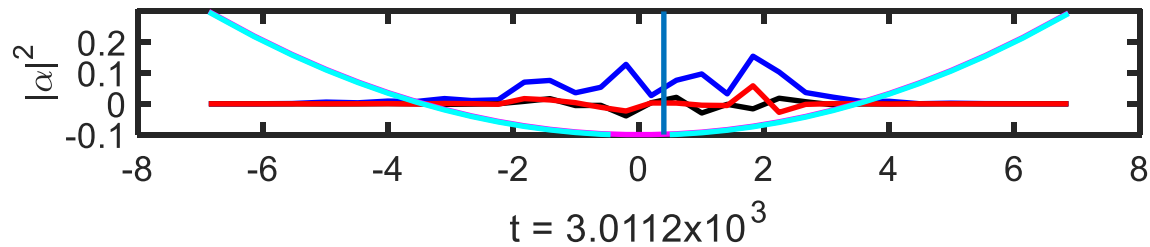
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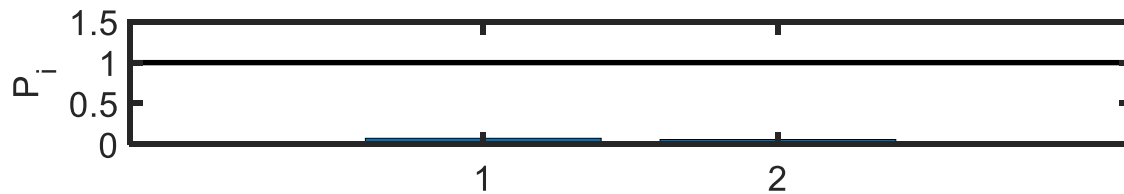
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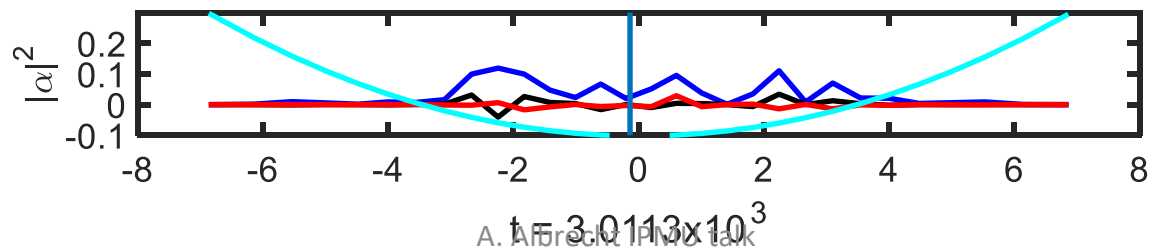
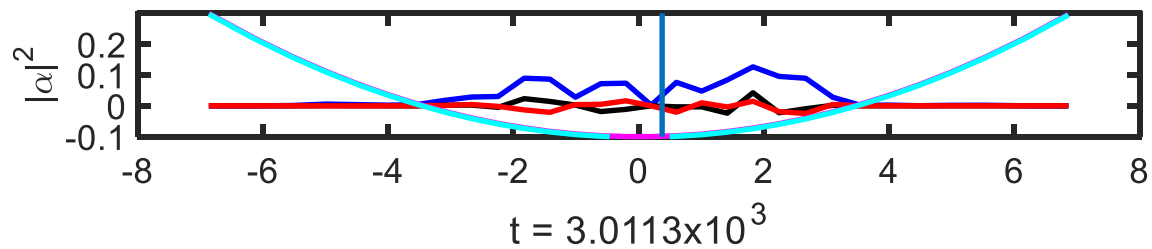
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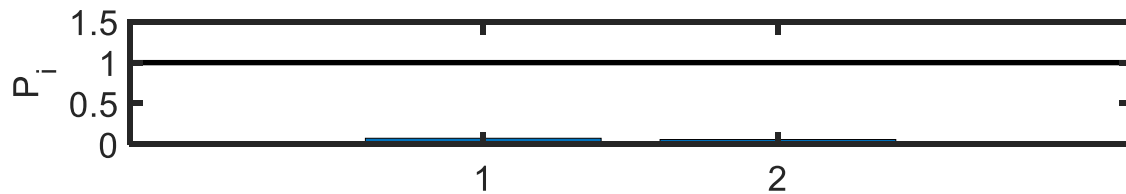




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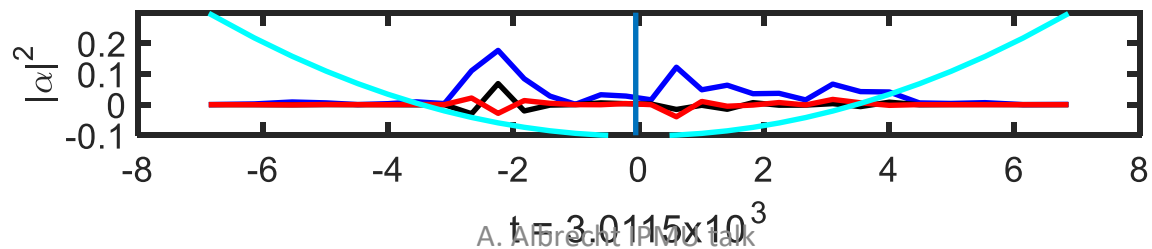
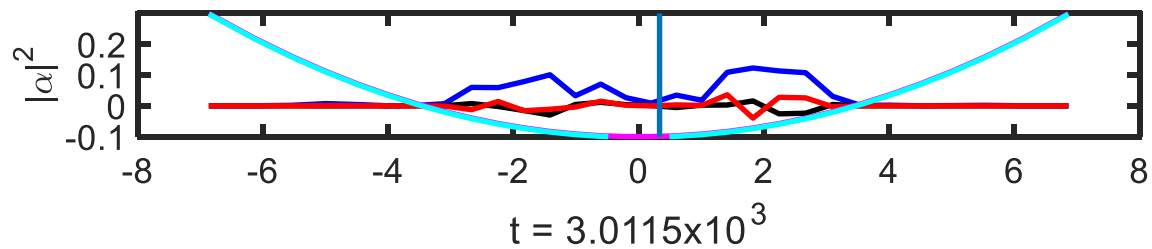
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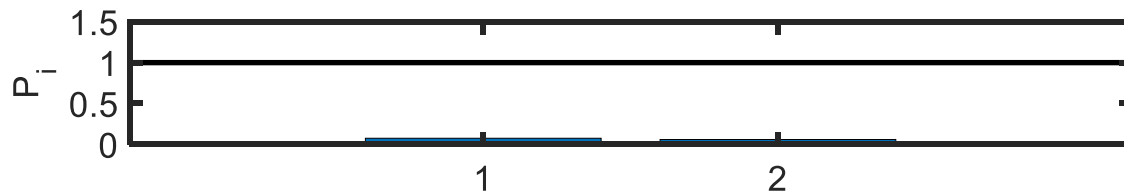
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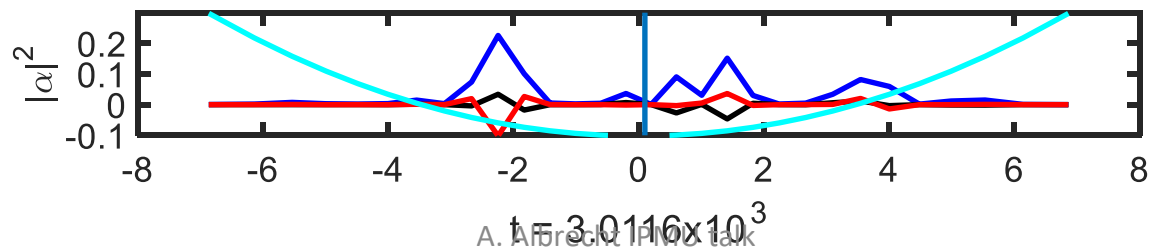
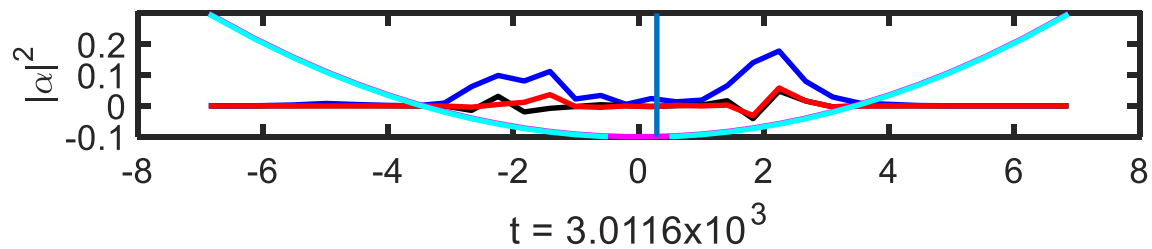
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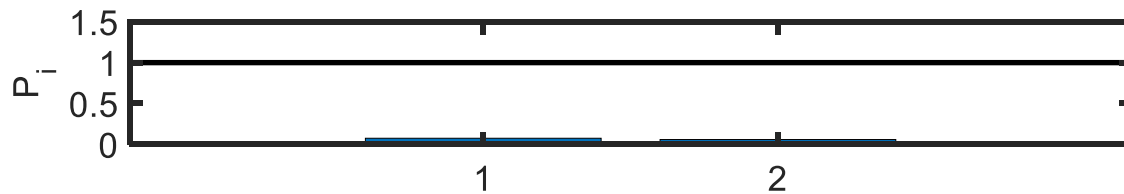
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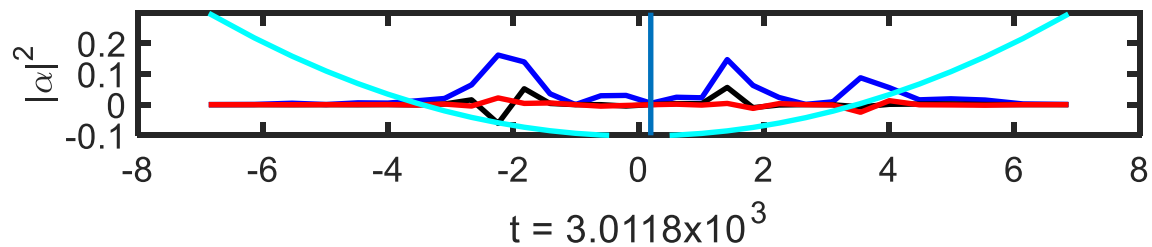
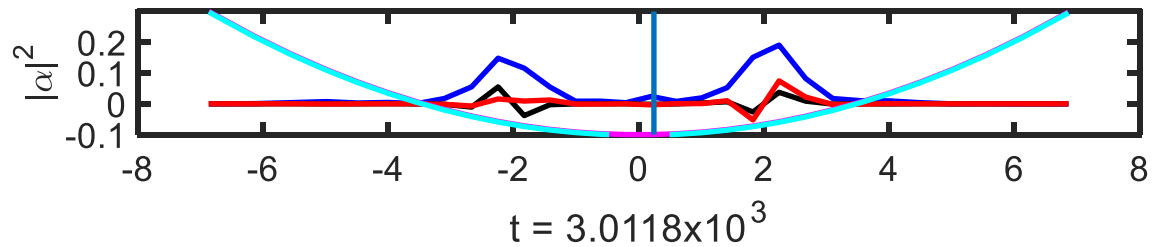
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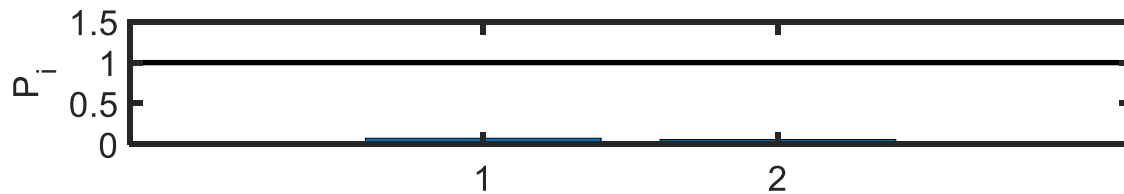
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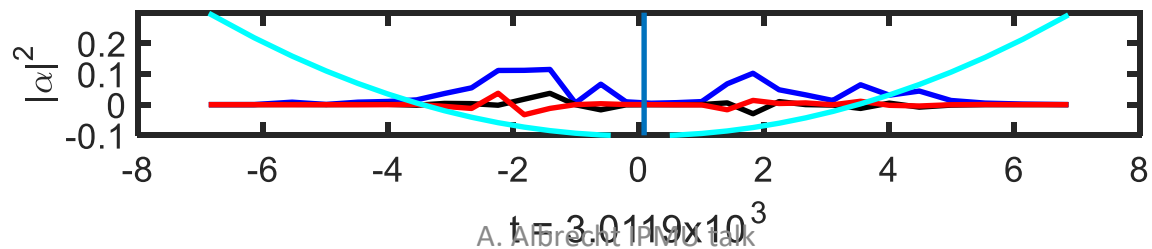
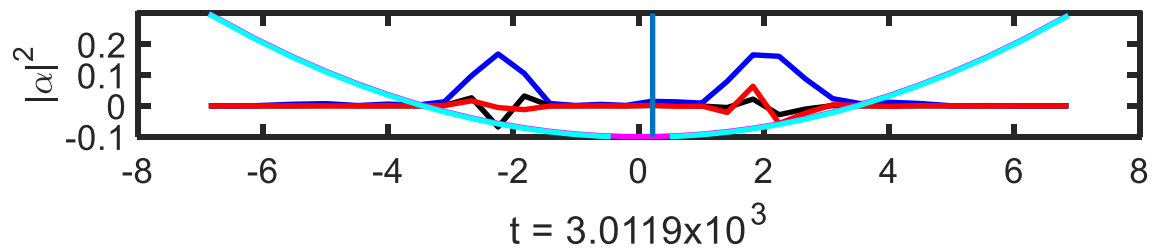
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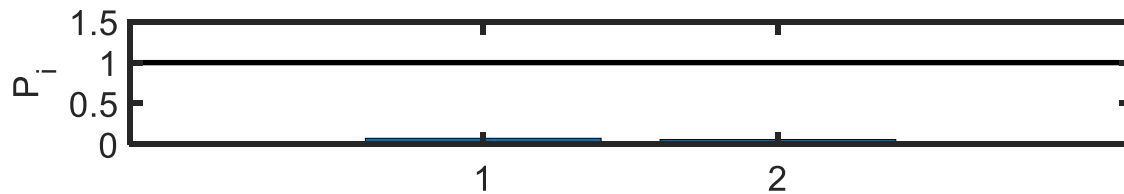
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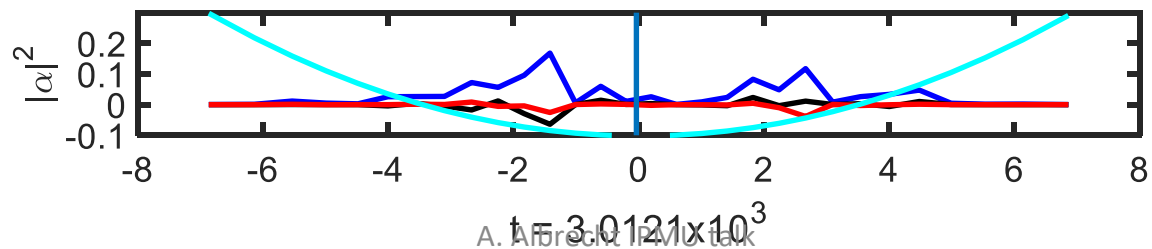
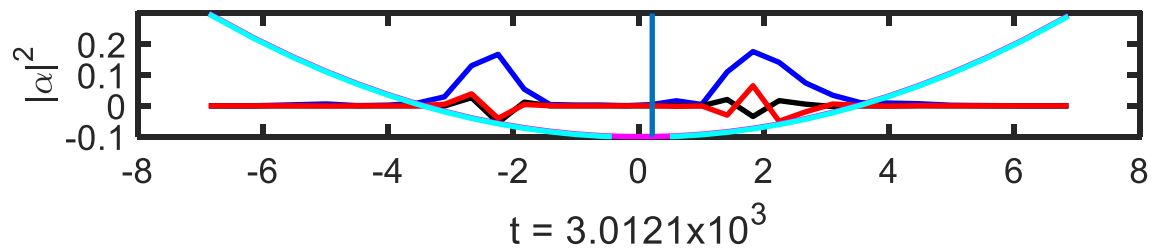
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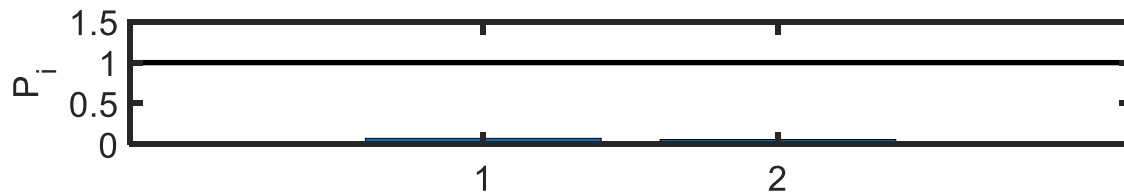
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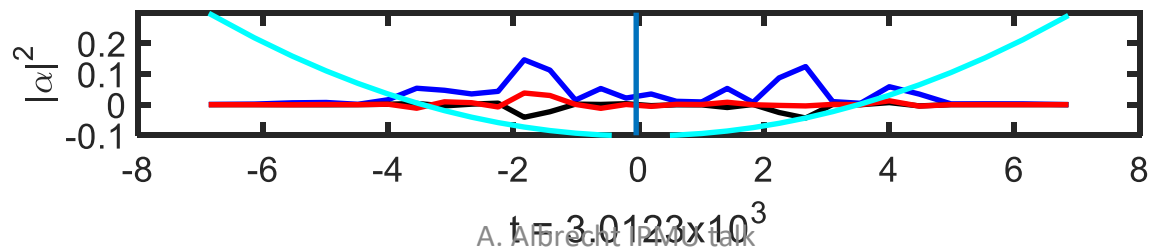
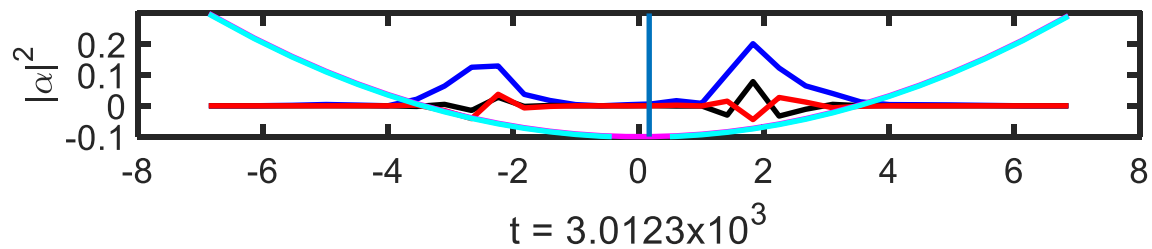
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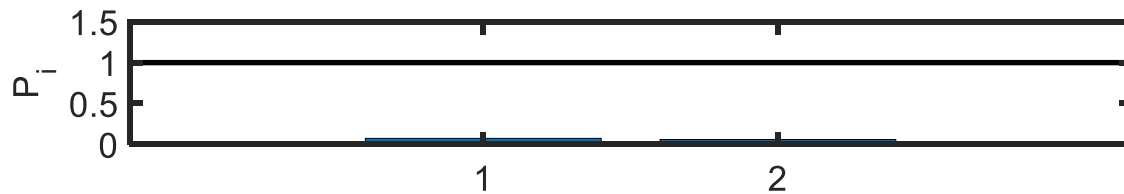
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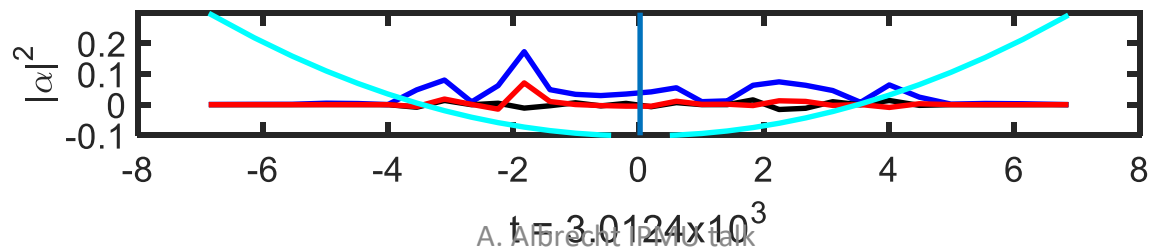
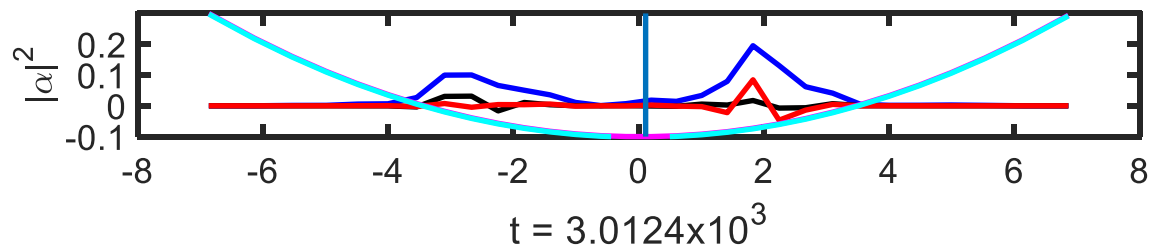
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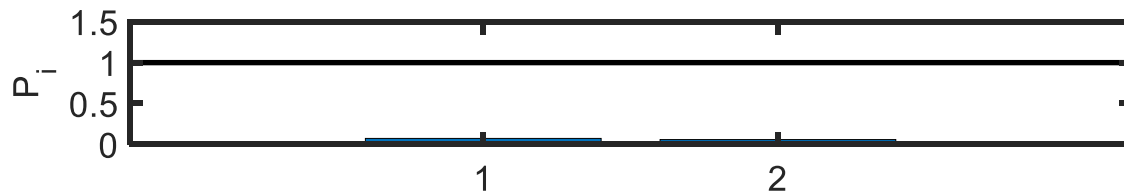
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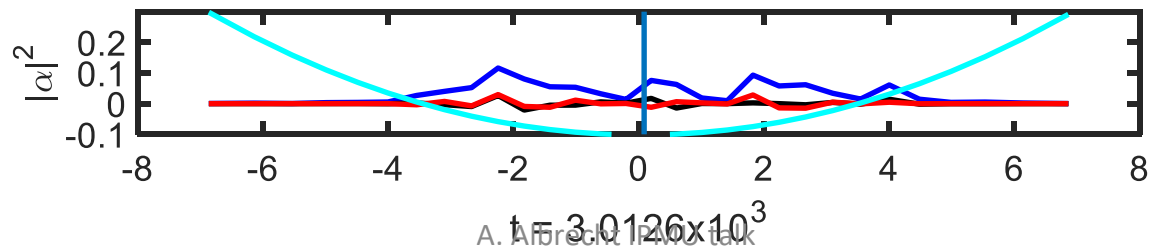
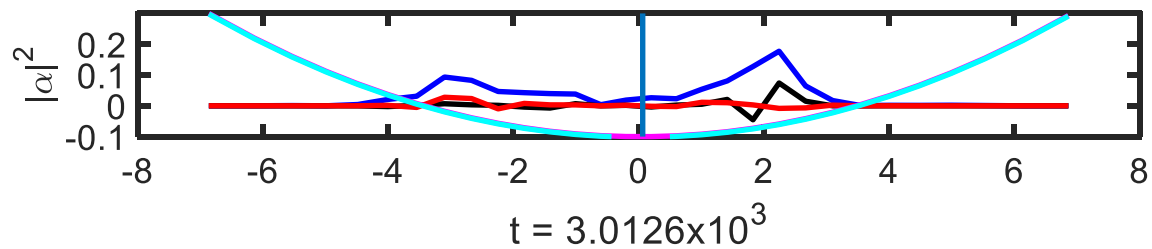
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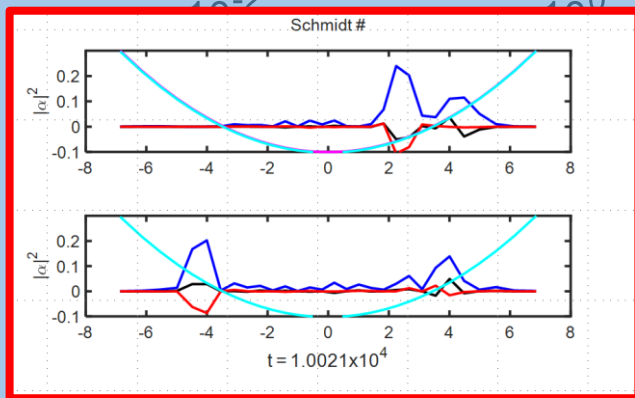
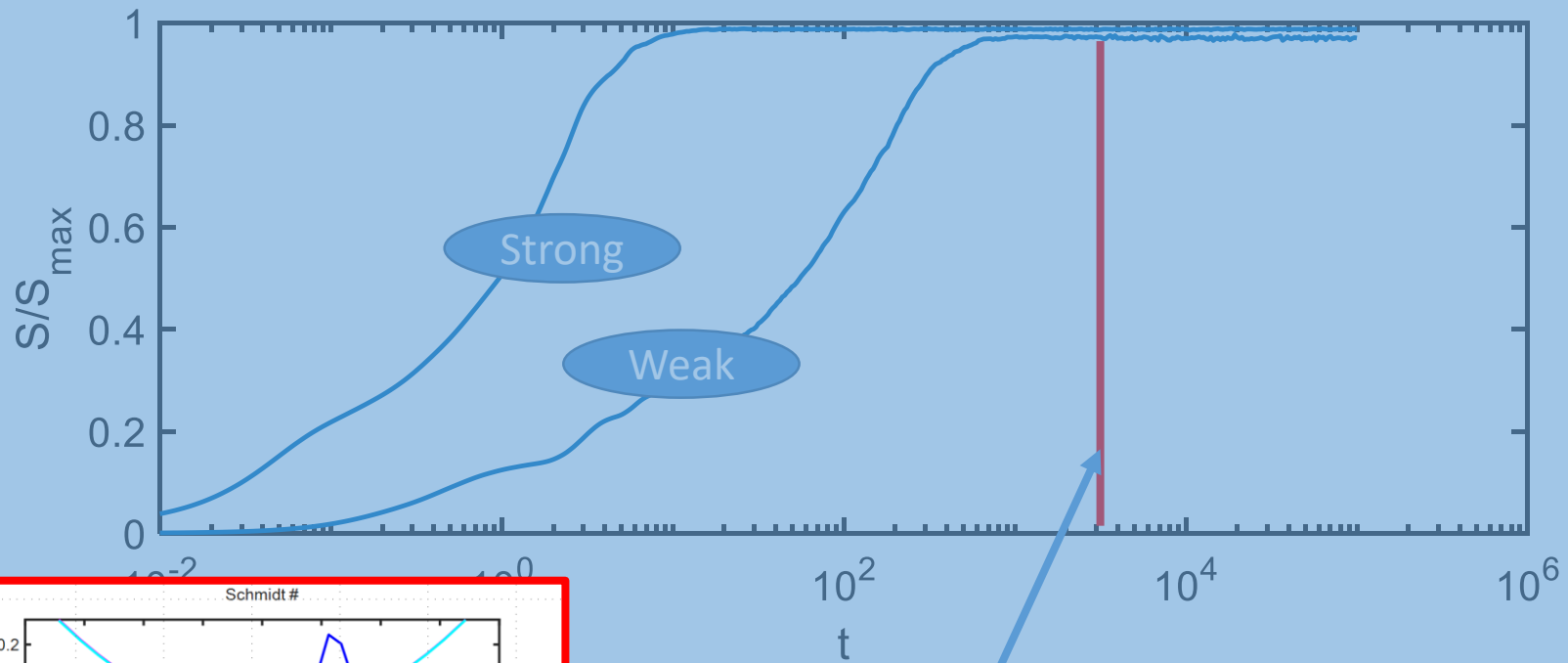


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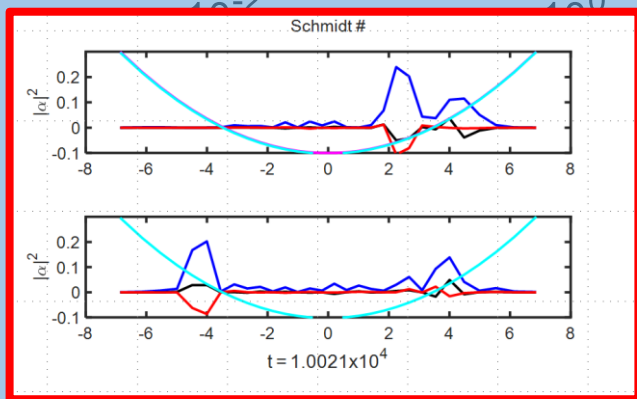
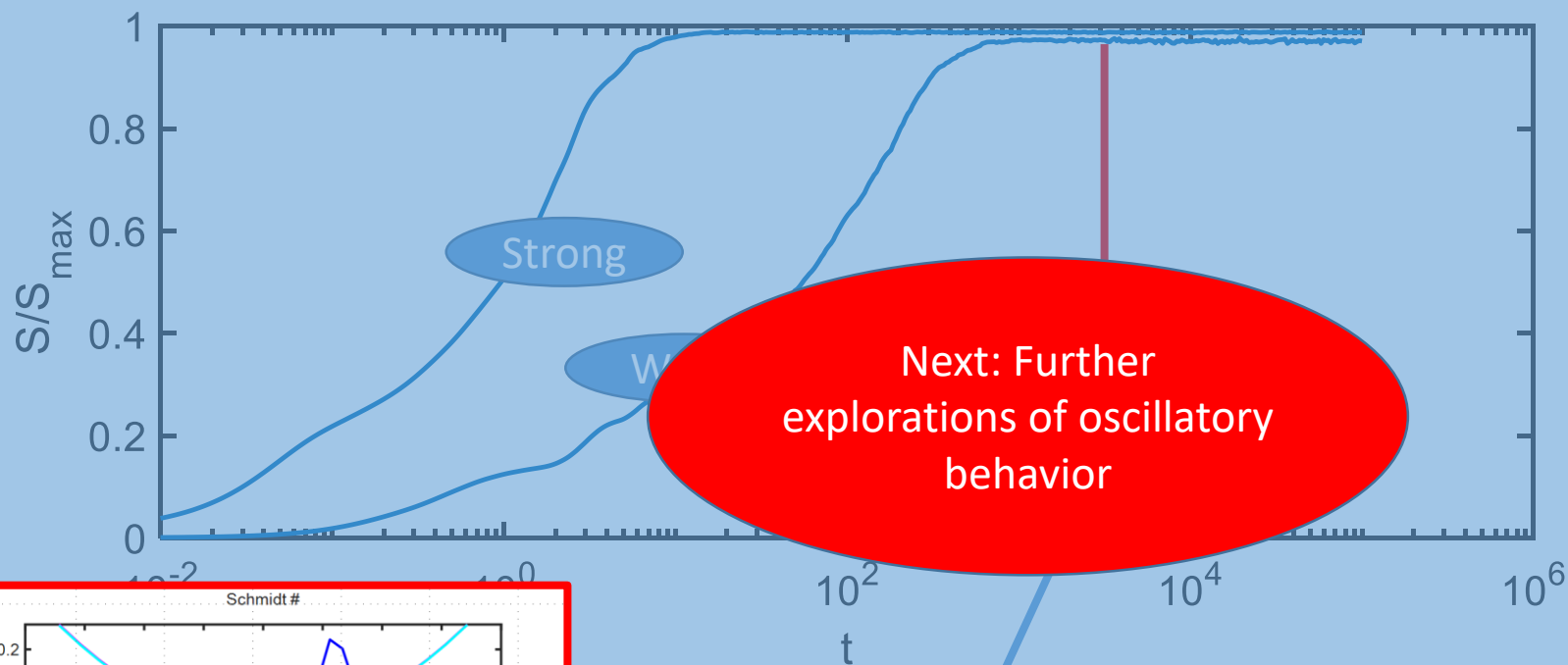




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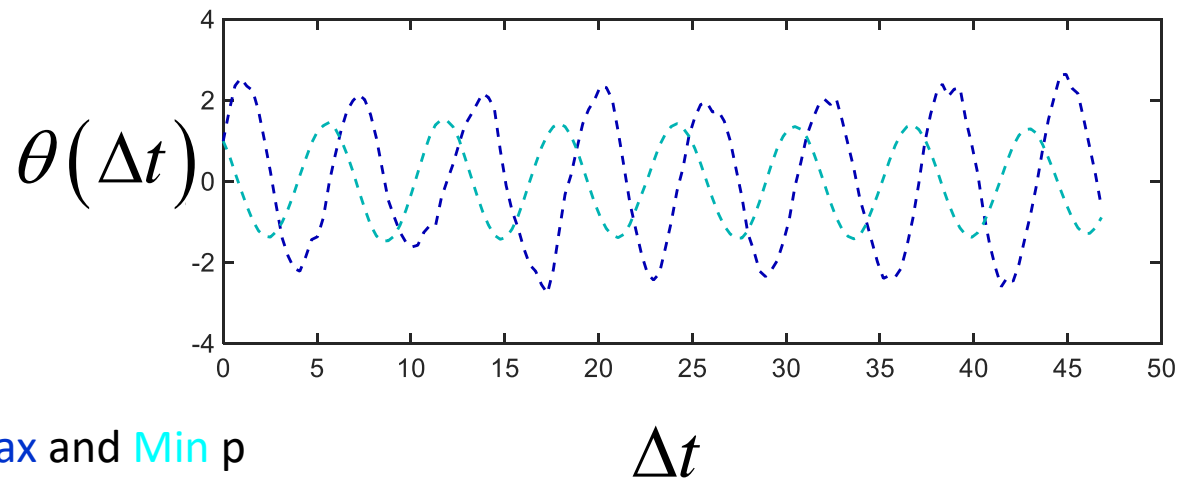
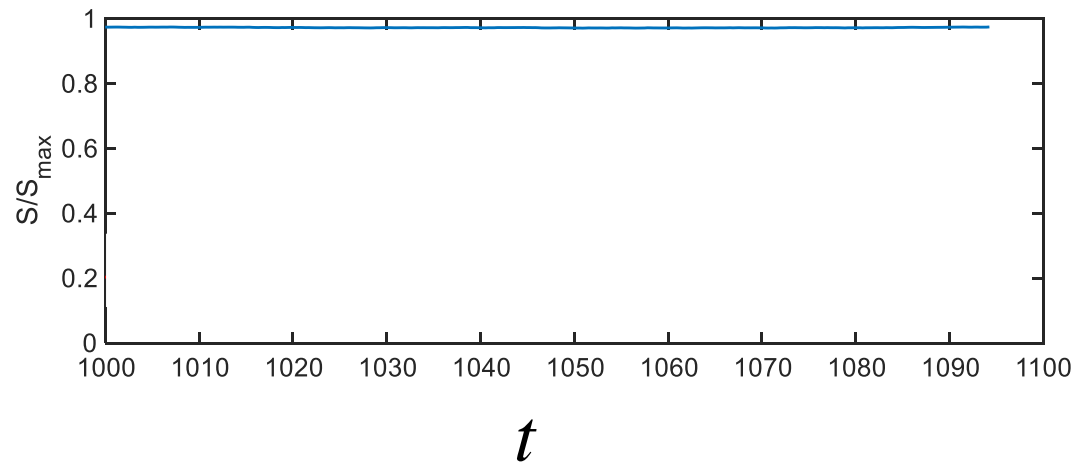
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Further analysis:

Time-time correlation function

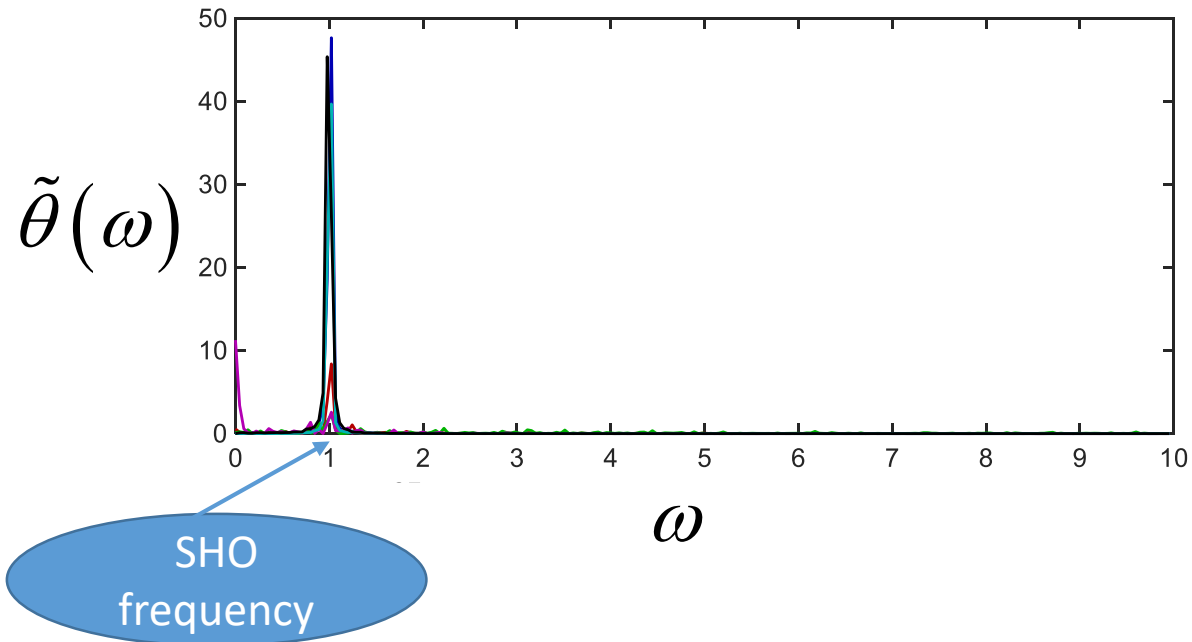
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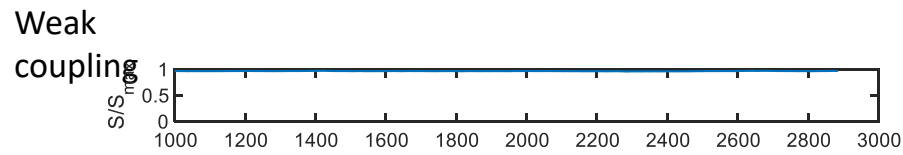
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Max and Min p  
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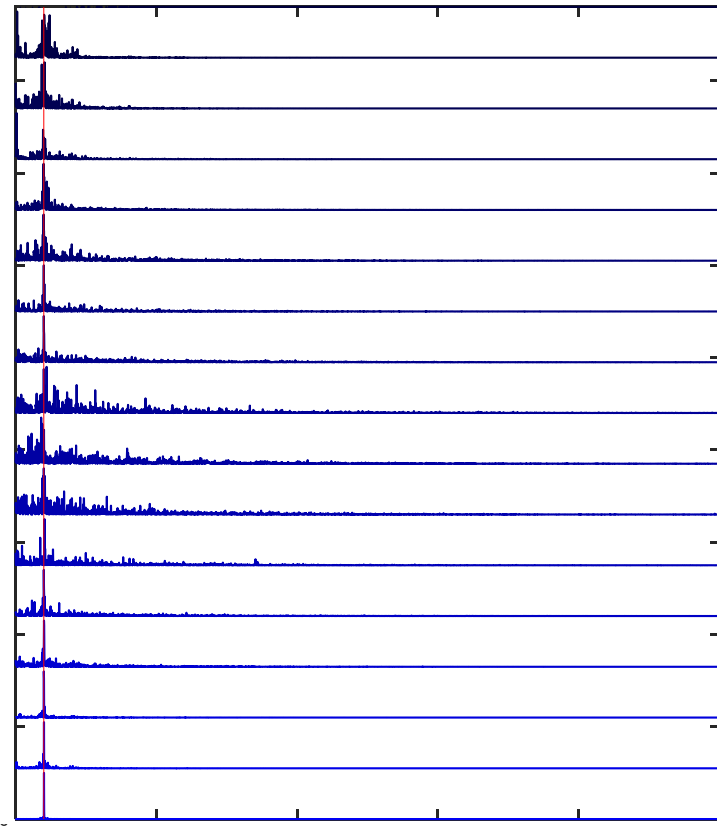
# Power spectrum





Power spectra by  $\rho$   
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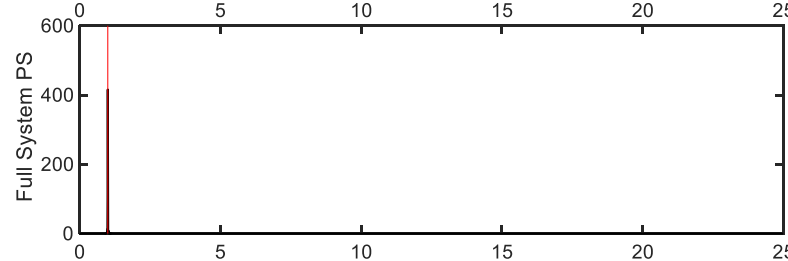


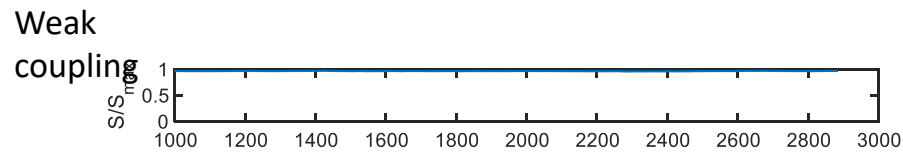
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Eigenstates  
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29,30

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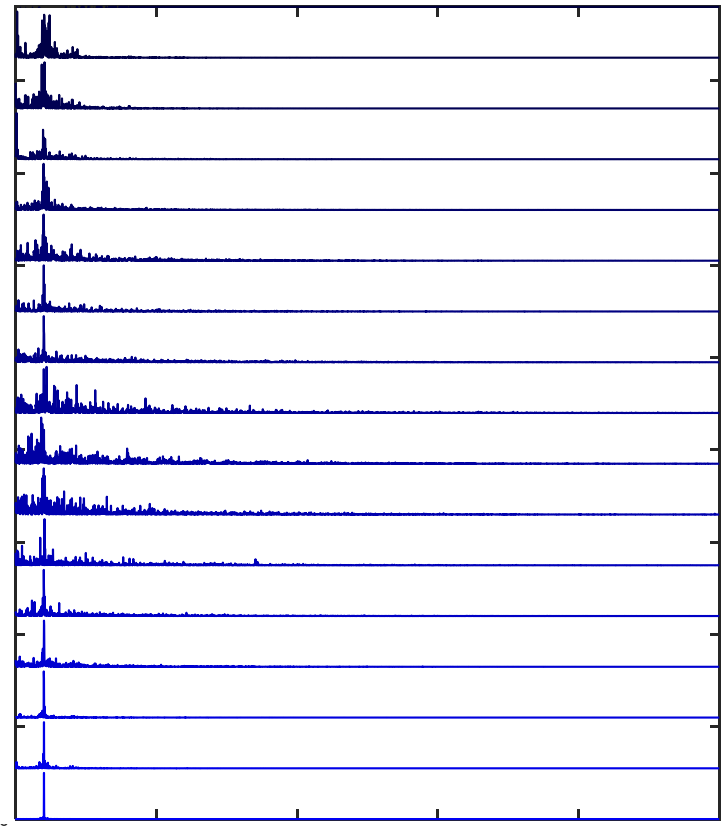
Full system power  
spectra





Power spectra by  $\rho$   
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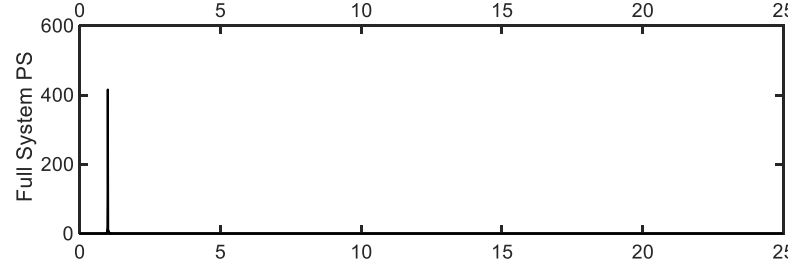


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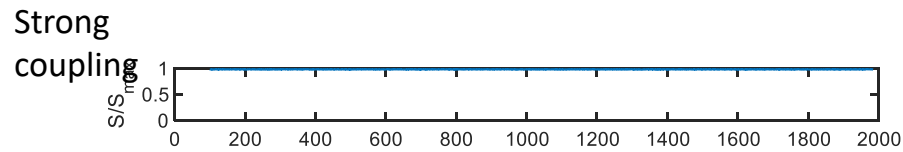
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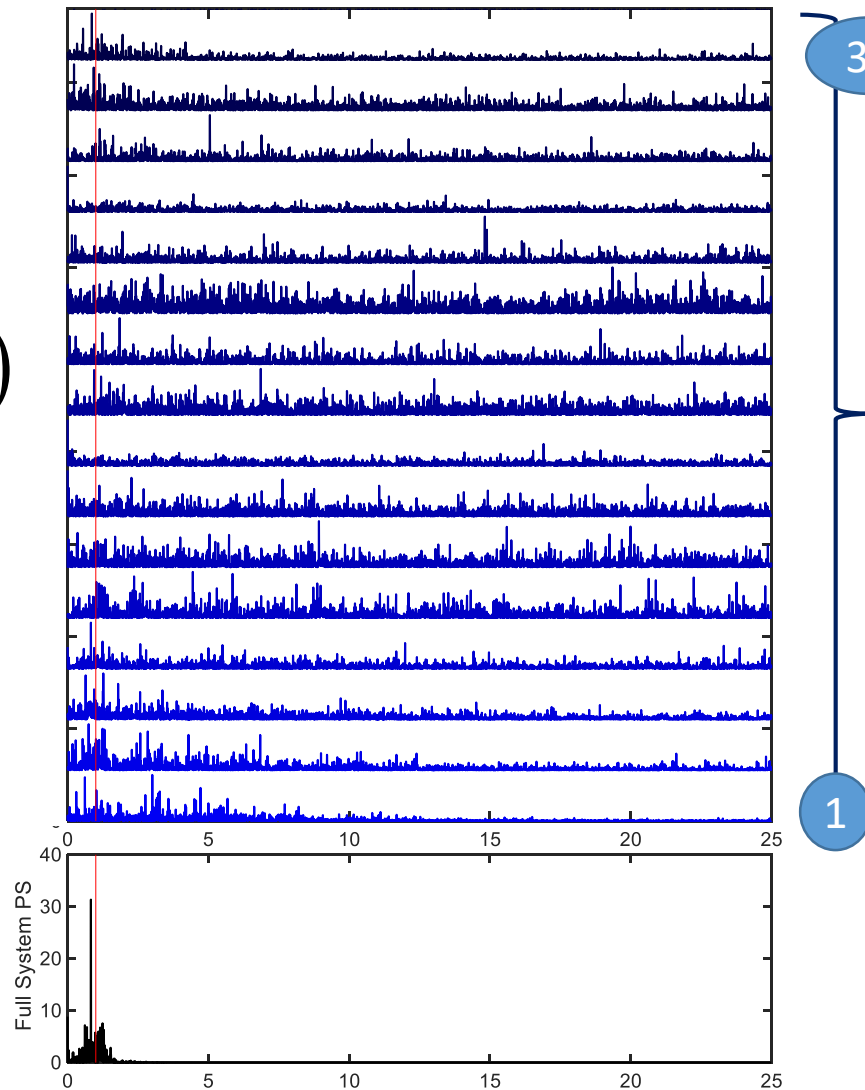


Now look at strong coupling, where  $E_{qm}$  seemed more noisy



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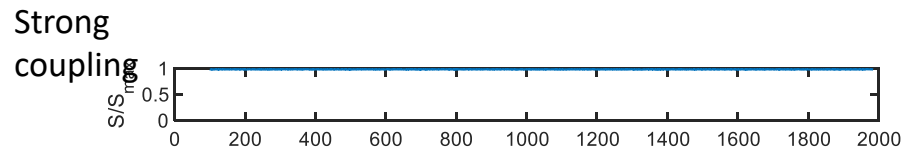
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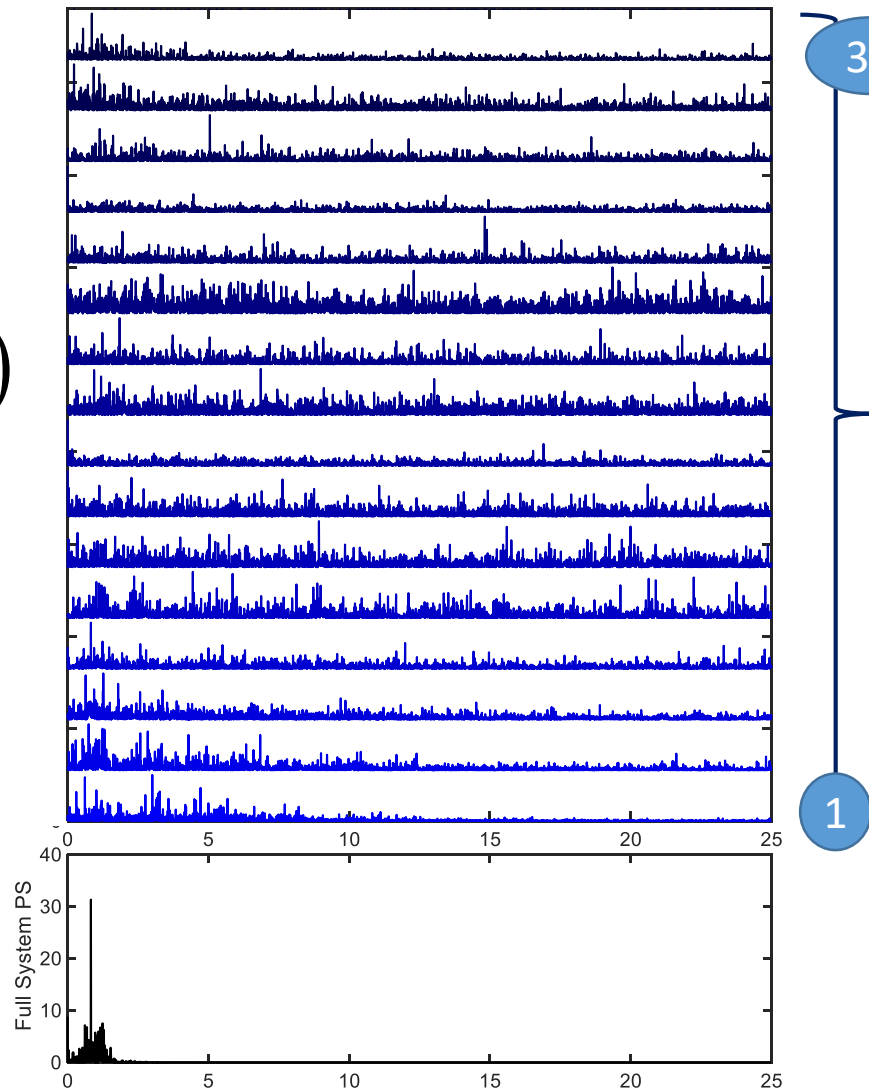
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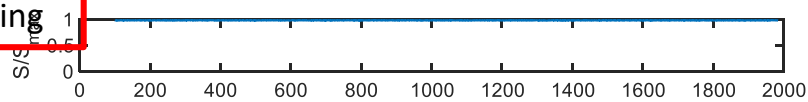
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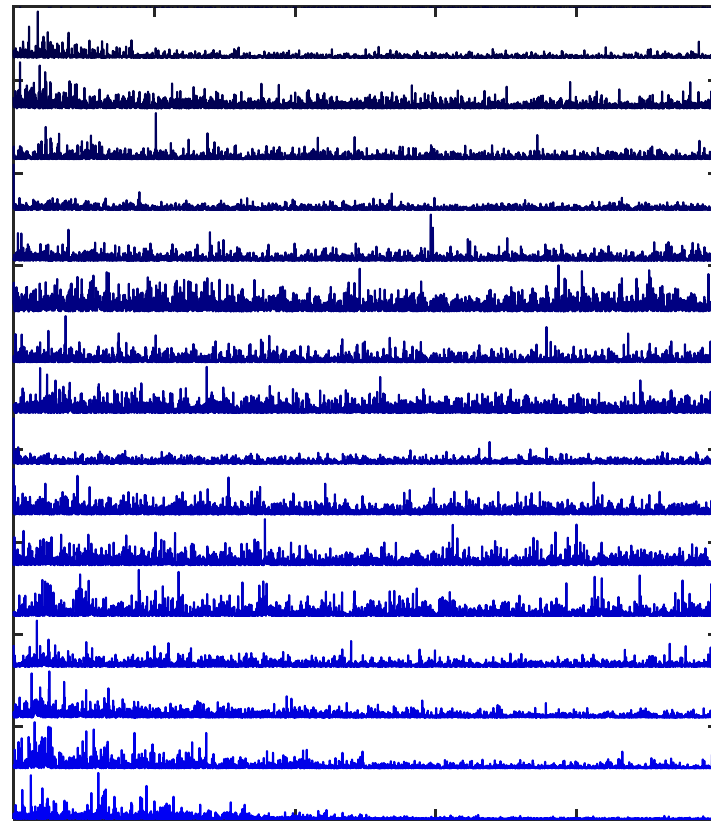
Eigenstates  
1,2,3,5,7...27,  
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Strong  
coupling



Power spectra by  $\rho$   
eigenstate

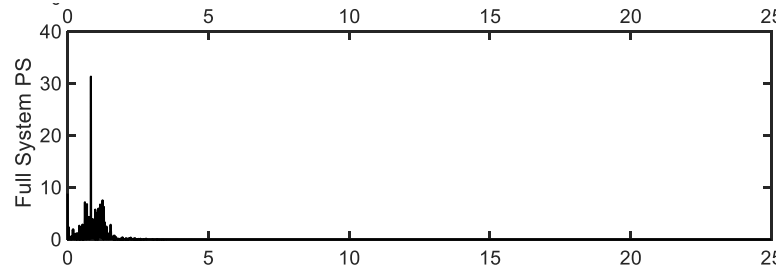
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Note: Relatively strong peak in total power spectrum (vs eigenstates), but very low amplitude oscillations (vs individual eigenstates).

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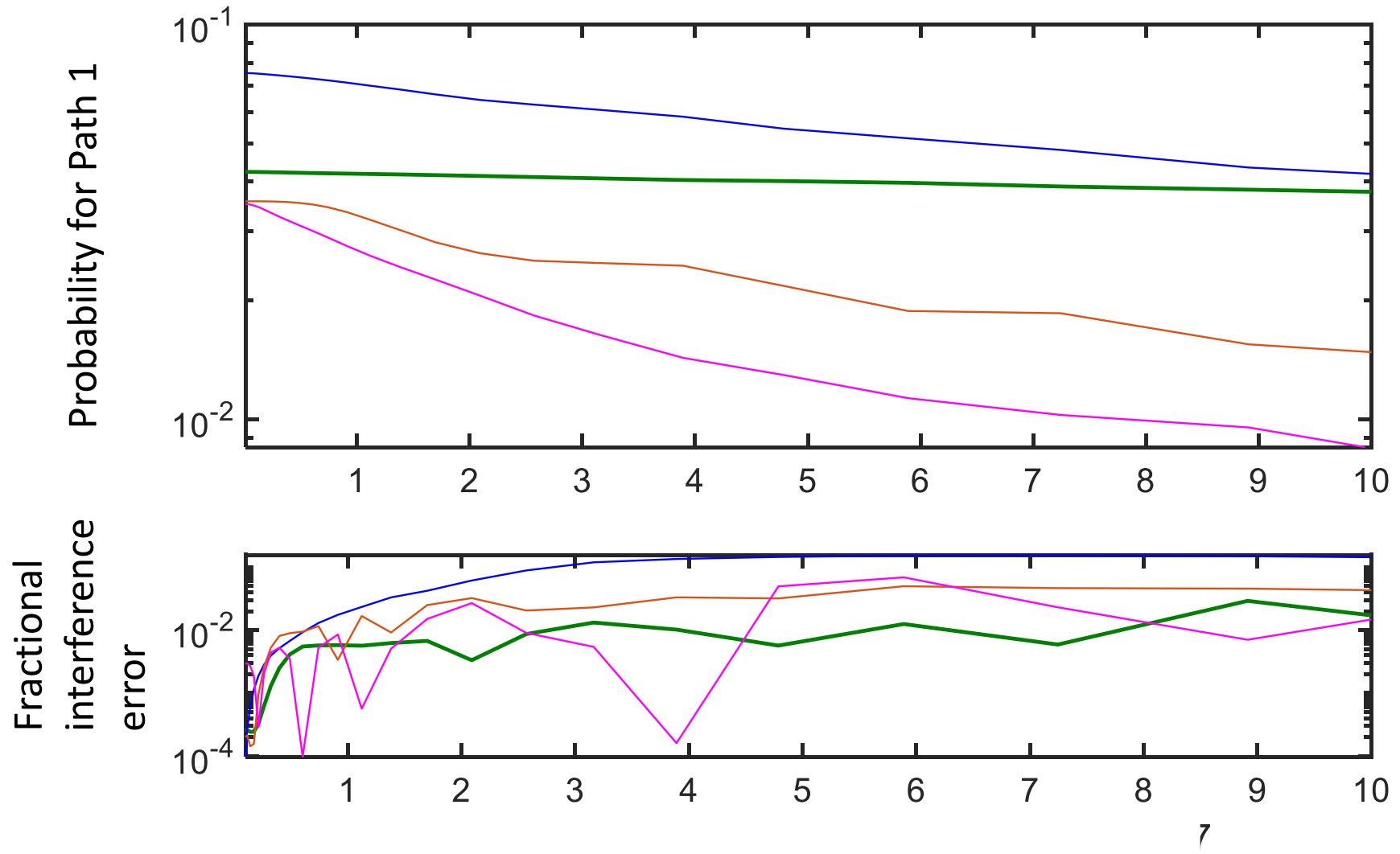
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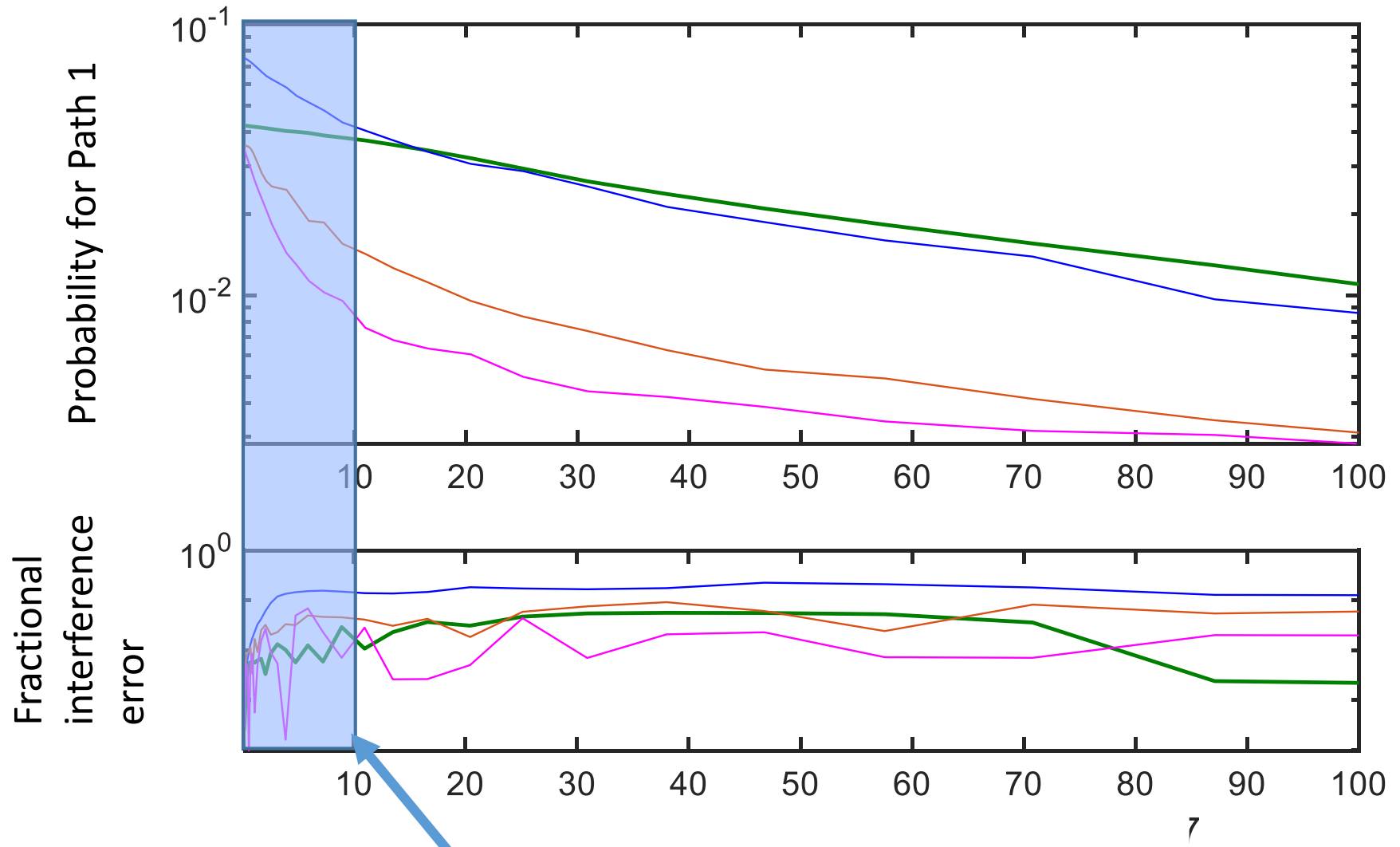
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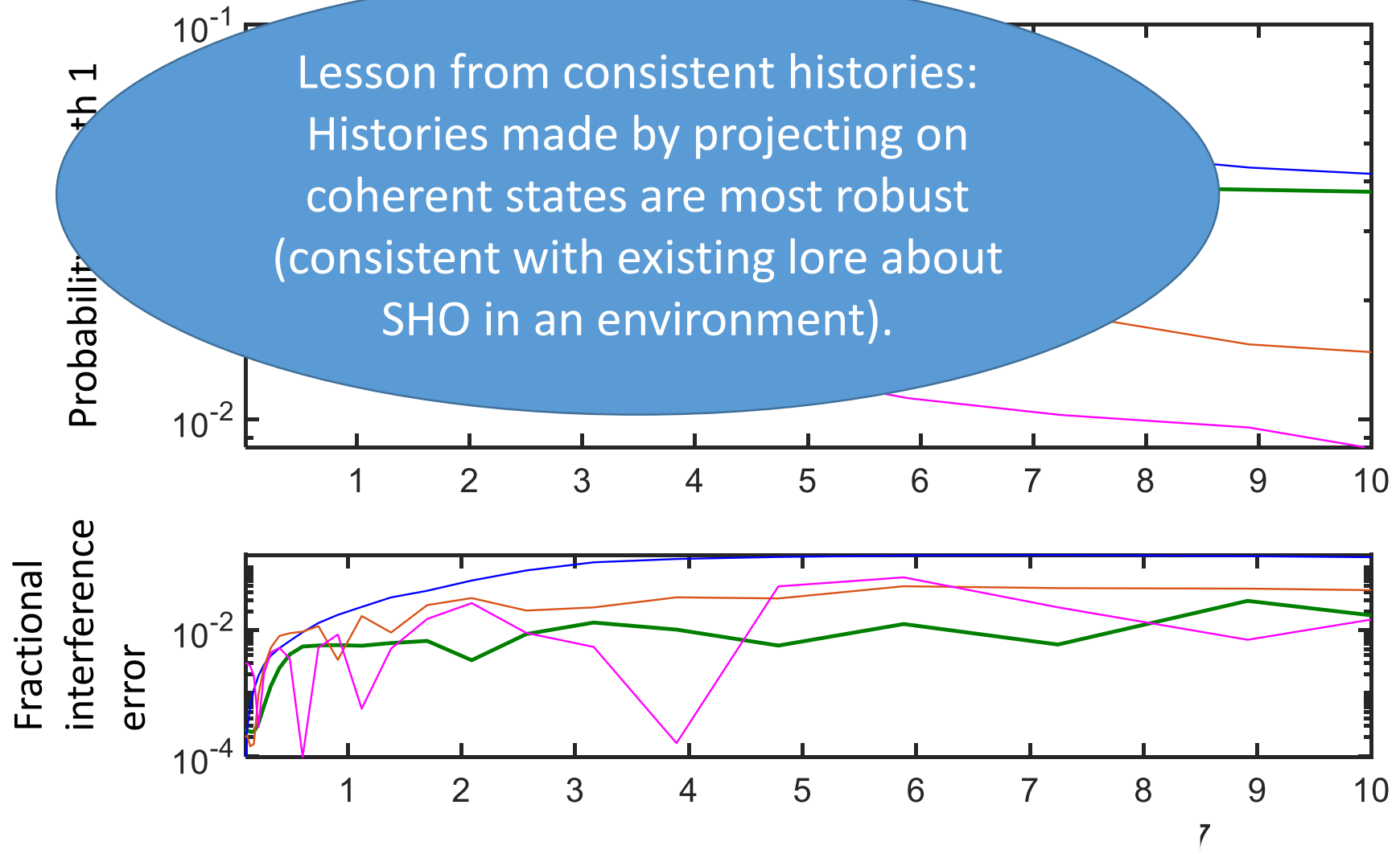
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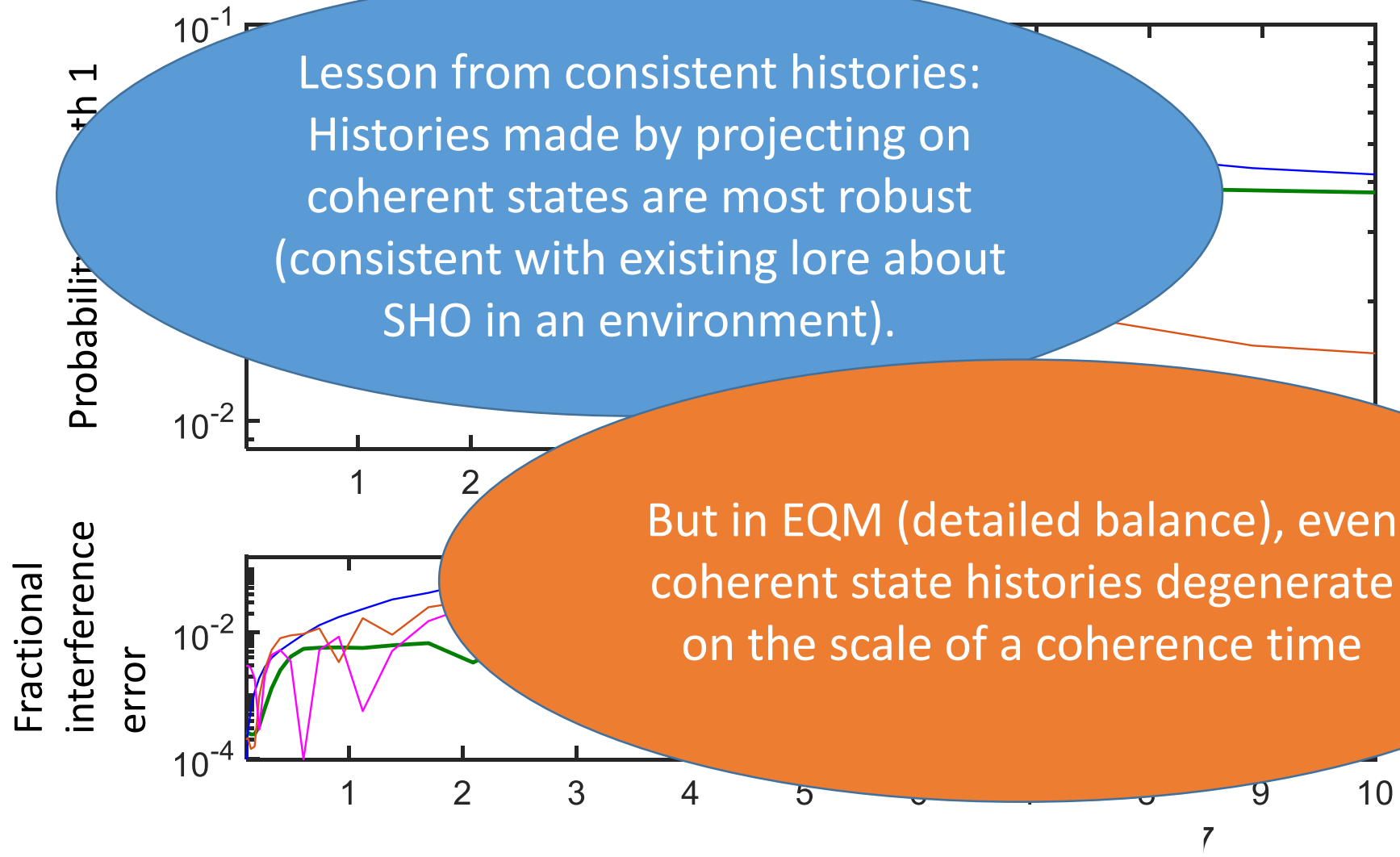
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## Lessons from eqm studies in the adapted CL model:

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- ➔ Still, some intriguing sign of “classicality” show up in the power spectra of density matrix eigenstates.
- ➔ Consistent Histories formalism shows some classical behavior (which degrades after a couple of SHO periods)
- ➔ Further discussion of implications at end of talk.

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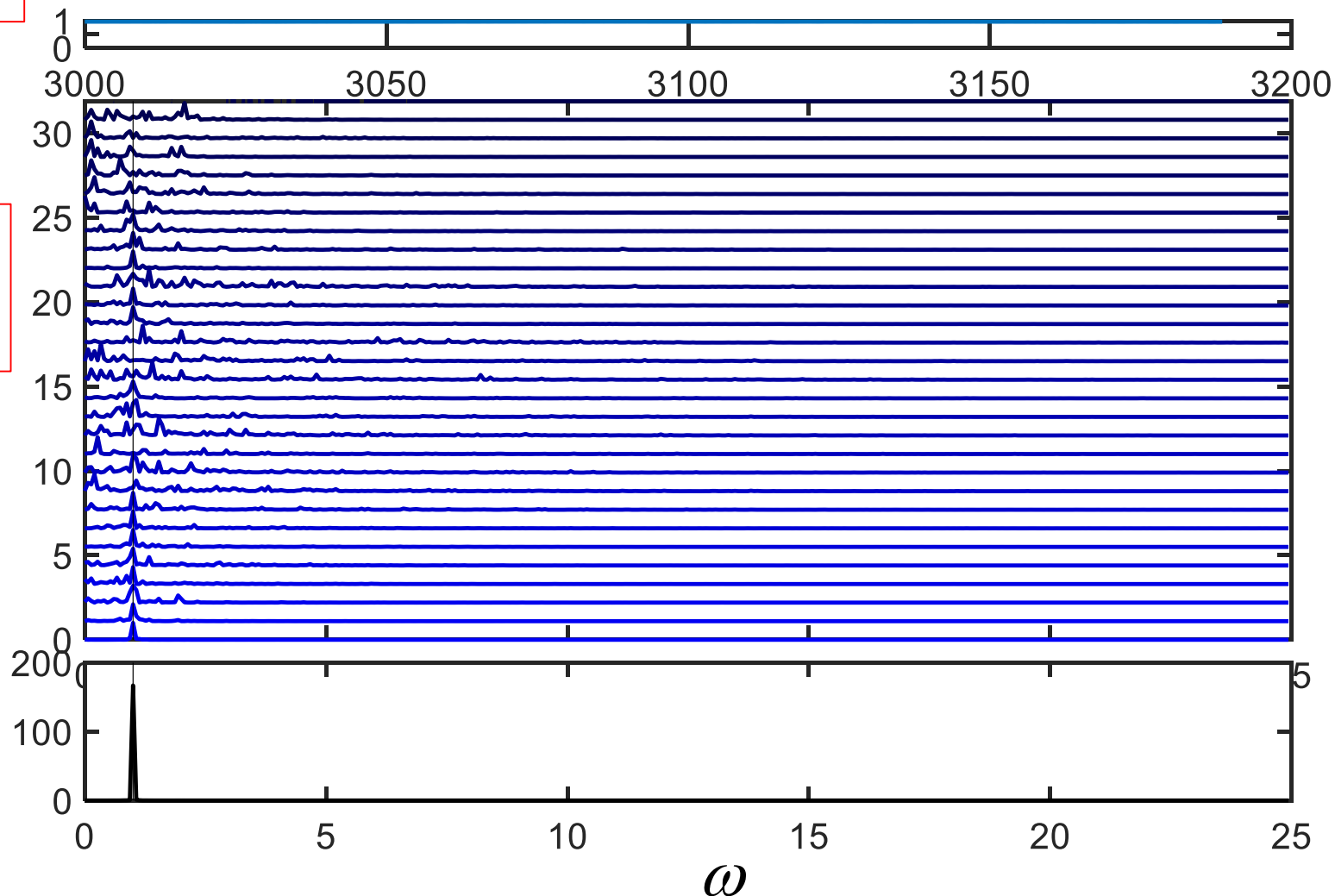
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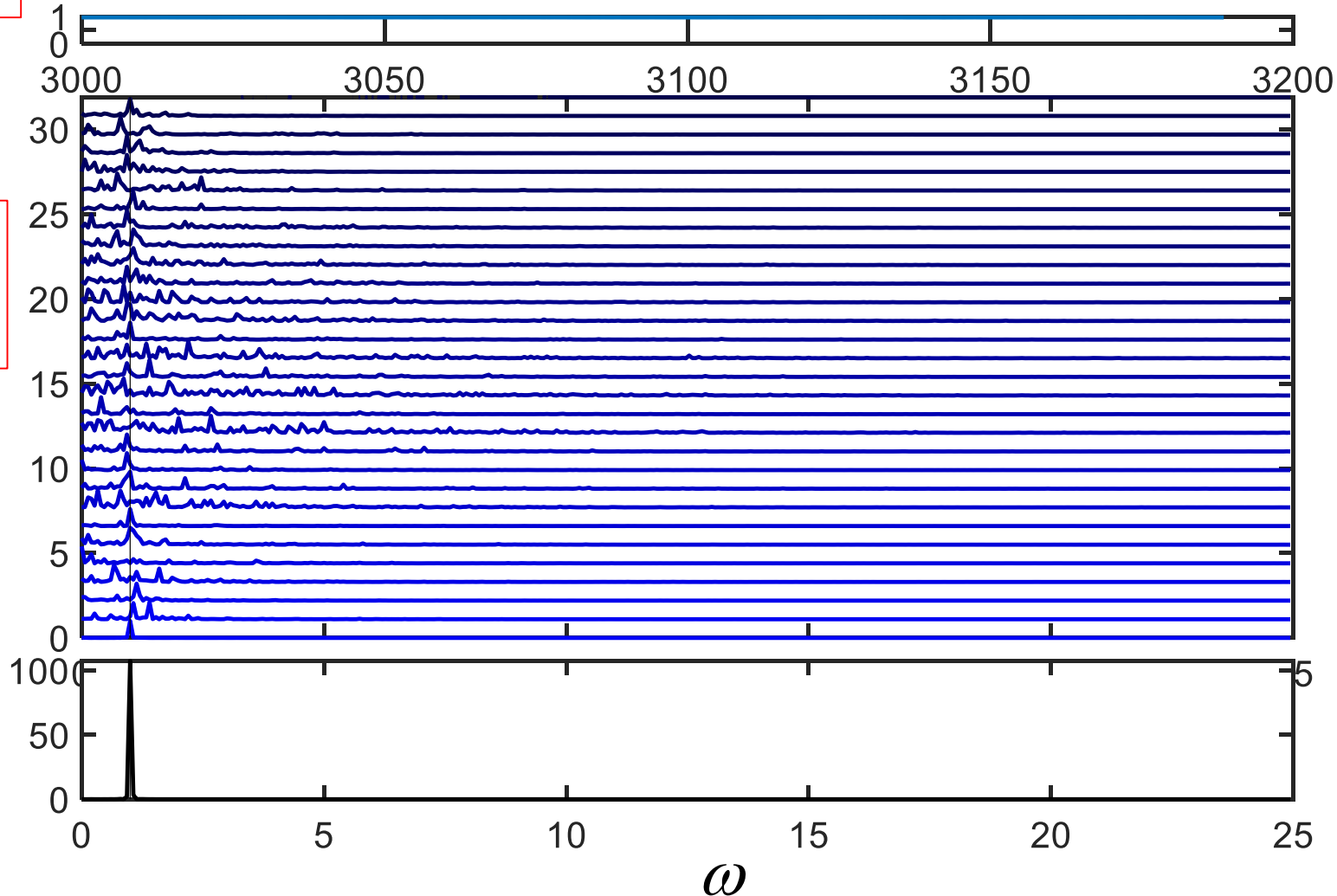
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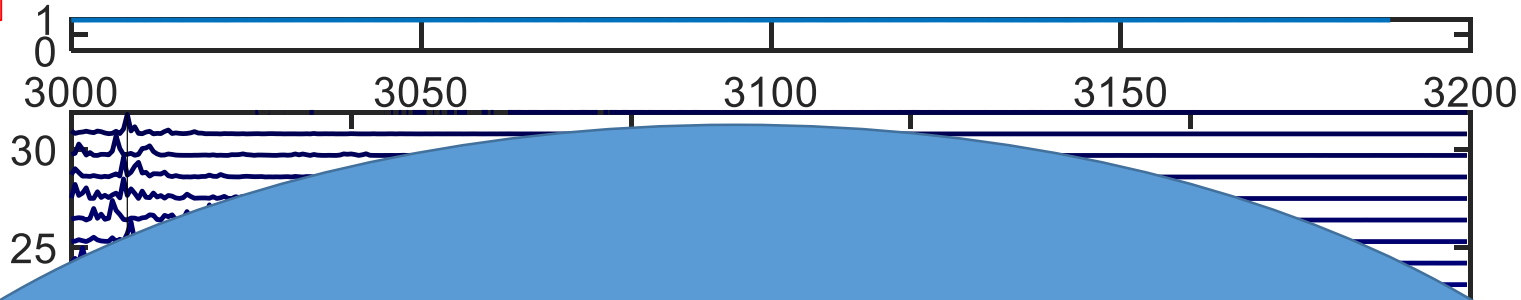


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