A Bloch Mode Expansion Approach for Analyzing Quasi-Normal Modes in Open Nanophotonic Structures

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Explicit description of time-decaying resonator mode.



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