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Spectroscopic probes of quantum many-body correlations in polariton microcavities

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We theoretically investigate the many-body states of exciton-polaritons that can be observed by pumpprobe spectroscopy. Here, a weak-probe "spin-down" polariton is introduced into a coherent state of "spinup" polaritons created by a strong pump. We show that the spin-down impurities become dressed by excitations of the spin-up medium, and form new polaronic quasiparticles that feature two-point and threepoint many-body quantum correlations, which, in the low density regime, arise from coupling to the vacuum biexciton and triexciton states respectively. In particular, we find that these correlations generate additional branches and avoided crossings in the spin-down optical transmission spectrum that have a characteristic dependence on the spin-up polariton density. Our results thus demonstrate a way to directly observe correlated many-body states in an exciton-polariton system that go beyond classical mean-field theories.

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