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## Supplementary Materials for

### Cavity quantum-electrodynamical polaritonically enhanced electron-phonon coupling and its influence on superconductivity

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#### Section S1. Relevant photon modes in cavity

In this work we consider a 2D material on a dielectric substrate in a nanocavity. We impose reflecting mirror boundary conditions with  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  and  $\vec{n} \times \vec{E} = 0$  for the magnetic  $\vec{B}$  and electric  $\vec{E}$  components of the photonic field, and  $\vec{n} = \hat{z}$  the surface normal. The size of the cavity in z direction is  $L_z$ . If the dielectric substrate has a very high dielectric constant, such as for SrTiO<sub>3</sub> at low temperature, it can be considered almost metallic and  $L_z$  is reduced accordingly in our effective description.

Assuming periodic boundary conditions in the x - y plane, we obtain for example for the vacuum electric field, obeying the wave equation  $\nabla^2 E - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} = 0$  with c the speed of light

$$E_x(x, y, z, t) = E_1 \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) \sin(k_z z) \exp(-i\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{k})t)$$
(S1)

$$E_y(x, y, z, t) = E_2 \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) \sin(k_z z) \exp(-i\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{k})t)$$
(S2)

$$E_z(x, y, z, t) = E_3 \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) \cos(k_z z) \exp(-i\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{k})t)$$
(S3)

with  $\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{k}) = c|\vec{k}|$ , and

$$k_x = \frac{2\pi l}{L_x}, \ l \in \mathbb{N}_0 \tag{S4}$$

$$k_y = \frac{2\pi m}{L_y}, \ m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \tag{S5}$$

$$k_z = \frac{\pi n}{L_z} \ n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \tag{S6}$$

We assume  $L_x$  and  $L_y$  to be large to obtain a fine momentum grid in the x - y plane. By contrast  $L_z$  is assumed to be small  $(L_z \ll L_x, L_y)$ , implying that for n = 1 the photon energy is at least  $c\frac{\pi}{L_z}$  well above typical phonon energy scales and thus irrelevant to the problem of our interest. We retain only the n = 0,  $k_z = 0$  component that has constant mode amplitude along the z direction. Thus we will use only one mode for each in-plane momentum  $\vec{q} = (q_x, q_y)$  with

$$E_x(x, y, z, t) = 0 \tag{S7}$$

$$E_u(x, y, z, t) = 0 \tag{S8}$$

$$E_z(x, y, z, t) = E_3 \exp(iq_x x) \exp(iq_y y) \exp(-i\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{k})t)$$
(S9)

#### Section S2. Phonon-photon Hamiltonian

We consider the generic Hamiltonian for phonon-photon coupling (41)

$$H_{\text{phon-phot}} = H_0 + H' \tag{S10}$$

$$H_0 = \Omega \sum_{\vec{q}} b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} b_{\vec{q}} + \sum_{\vec{q}} \omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q}) a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{q}}$$
(S11)

$$H' = -\frac{e}{Mc} \sum_{j} \vec{P}_{j} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{R}_{j}) + \frac{e^{2}}{2Mc^{2}} \sum_{j} \vec{A}(\vec{R}_{j}) \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{R}_{j})$$
(S12)

Throughout we approximate the phonon dispersion relevant for FeSe/SrTiO<sub>3</sub> with a dispersionless  $\Omega = 92 \text{ meV} (29)$ . Here  $\vec{q}$  summations are over the first Brillouin zone  $[-\pi, \pi)^2$  in the 2D square lattice with lattice constant a = 1, implying a high-frequency cutoff to the photons, which is irrelevant to the electron-boson physics happening at much lower energy. For the photon, we take only the mode polarized along the  $\hat{z}$  direction parallel to the phonon dipoles, and restrict it to the lowest branch  $q_z = 0$  due to cavity confinement as discussed above, implying  $\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q}) = c|\vec{q}| = c\sqrt{q_x^2 + q_y^2}$ .

We write the phononic dipole current operator via bosonic operators

$$\vec{J}_{j} \equiv \frac{e}{M}\vec{P}_{j} = ie \sum_{\vec{q}} \left(\frac{\Omega}{2NM}\right)^{1/2} \hat{\xi}_{\vec{q}} \left(b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} - b_{-\vec{q}}\right) e^{-i\vec{q}\vec{R}_{j}} \equiv \sum_{\vec{q}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \vec{J}(\vec{q}) e^{-i\vec{q}\vec{R}_{j}}$$
(S13)

with polarization vector  $\hat{\xi}_{\vec{q}} = \hat{z}$ , and similarly for the relevant z component of the photonic vector potential

$$A_{z}(\vec{R}_{j}) \equiv \sum_{\vec{q}} \left( \frac{2\pi c^{2}}{\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})\nu_{0}} \right)^{1/2} \left( a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} + a_{-\vec{q}} \right) e^{-i\vec{q}\vec{R}_{j}} \equiv \sum_{\vec{q}} \frac{c}{\sqrt{\nu_{0}}} A_{\mu}(\vec{q}) e^{-i\vec{q}\vec{R}_{j}}$$
(S14)

assuming periodic boundary conditions inside the 2D plane. Here  $b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}(b_{\vec{q}})$  creates (annihilates) a phonon with wavevector  $\vec{q}$ ;  $a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}(a_{\vec{q}})$  creates (annihilates) a cavity photon with wavevector  $\vec{q}$ . N is the number of unit cells, V the system volume,  $\nu_0 \equiv V/N$  the unit cell volume, and e and M the ionic charge and reduced mass, respectively, related to the relative motion of positively and negatively charged ions in the optical phonon mode. In momentum space we have

$$J_z(\vec{q}) \equiv ie \left(\frac{\Omega}{2M}\right)^{1/2} \left(b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} - b_{-\vec{q}}\right)$$
(S15)

$$A_z(\vec{q}) \equiv \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega_{\rm phot}(\vec{q})}\right)^{1/2} \left(a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} + a_{-\vec{q}}\right) \tag{S16}$$

Now we first diagonalize the bare photon plus  $A^2$  terms of the Hamiltonian

$$H_{0,\text{phot}} = \sum_{\vec{q}} \omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q}) a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{q}}$$
(S17)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \left( P_{A,\vec{q}} P_{A,-\vec{q}} + \omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})^2 X_{A,\vec{q}} X_{A,-\vec{q}} \right)$$
(S18)

$$H_{A^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \omega_{\rm P}^2 X_{A,\vec{q}} X_{A,-\vec{q}}$$
(S19)

Here we introduced canonical position and momentum operators for photon degrees of freedom

$$X_{A,\vec{q}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})}} \left( a_{\vec{q}} + a_{-\vec{q}}^{\dagger} \right) \tag{S20}$$

$$P_{A,\vec{q}} \equiv -i\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})}{2}} \left(a_{-\vec{q}} - a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}\right) \tag{S21}$$

We also defined the phononic plasma frequency

$$\omega_{\rm P} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{4\pi e^2}{M\nu_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi e^2}{M\nu_{0,2D}L_z}} \tag{S22}$$

which for the 2D system in the cavity is governed by the length of the vacuum inside the cavity in z direction,  $L_z$ , and the 2D unit cell area  $\nu_{0,2D}$ . The expressions above are given in cgs units. In the SI system,  $\omega_{\rm P}^{\rm SI} = \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{M\epsilon_0\nu_{0,2D}L_z}}$  with the vacuum permittivity  $\epsilon_0$ . The bilinear  $J \cdot A$  coupling term is written as

$$H_{J\cdot A} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu_0}} \sum_{\vec{q}} \vec{J}(\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{A}(-\vec{q})$$
(S23)

$$= -\sum_{\vec{q}} \omega_{\mathrm{P}} X_{A,\vec{q}} P_{B,\vec{q}} \tag{S24}$$

where it is convenient to introduce canonical position and momentum operators for the phonons

$$X_{B,\vec{q}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\Omega}} \left( b_{\vec{q}} + b_{-\vec{q}}^{\dagger} \right) \tag{S25}$$

$$P_{B,\vec{q}} \equiv -i\sqrt{\frac{\Omega}{2} \left( b_{-\vec{q}} - b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} \right)} \tag{S26}$$

Written in these operators, the bare phonon term  $H_{0,\text{phon}} \equiv \Omega \sum_{\vec{q}} b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} b_{\vec{q}}$  takes the form

$$H_{0,\text{phon}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \left( P_{B,\vec{q}} P_{B,-\vec{q}} + \Omega^2 X_{B,\vec{q}} X_{B,-\vec{q}} \right)$$
(S27)

The total phonon-photon Hamiltonian is now written as pairs of coupled harmonic oscillators

$$H_{\text{phon-phot}} = H_{0,\text{phot}} + H_{0,\text{phon}} + H_{A^2} + H_{J\cdot A}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \left( P_{A,\vec{q}} P_{A,-\vec{q}} + P_{B,\vec{q}} P_{B,-\vec{q}} + (\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})^2 + \omega_{\text{P}}^2) X_{A,\vec{q}} X_{A,-\vec{q}} + \Omega^2 X_{B,\vec{q}} X_{B,-\vec{q}} - 2\omega_{\text{P}} X_{A,\vec{q}} P_{B,\vec{q}} \right)$$
(S28)
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In order to diagonalize this Hamiltonian, we introduce a transformation

$$\tilde{P}_{B,\vec{q}} \equiv \Omega X_{B,\vec{q}},\tag{S30}$$

$$\tilde{X}_{B,\vec{q}} \equiv -\Omega^{-1} P_{B,\vec{q}} \tag{S31}$$

which leaves the canonical commutator unchanged but interchanges position and momentum operators. The phonon-photon Hamiltonian is then compactly represented as

$$H_{\text{phon-phot}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \begin{bmatrix} P_{A,\vec{q}} \\ \tilde{P}_{B,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{A,-\vec{q}} \\ \tilde{P}_{B,-\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \begin{bmatrix} X_{A,\vec{q}} \\ \tilde{X}_{B,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})^2 + \omega_{\text{P}}^2 & \Omega\omega_{\text{P}} \\ \Omega\omega_{\text{P}} & \Omega^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{A,-\vec{q}} \\ \tilde{X}_{B,-\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(S32)

Diagonalization is now achieved with the following unitary transformation to polariton canonical position and momentum operators

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{+,\vec{q}} \\ X_{-,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_{\vec{q}}) & \sin(\theta_{\vec{q}}) \\ -\sin(\theta_{\vec{q}}) & \cos(\theta_{\vec{q}}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{A,\vec{q}} \\ \tilde{X}_{B,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(S33)

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{+,\vec{q}} \\ P_{-,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_{\vec{q}}) & \sin(\theta_{\vec{q}}) \\ -\sin(\theta_{\vec{q}}) & \cos(\theta_{\vec{q}}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{A,\vec{q}} \\ \tilde{P}_{B,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(S34)

which leaves canonical commutation relations intact. The resulting phonon-photon Hamiltonian expressed in polaritonic operators is

$$H_{\text{phon-phot}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \begin{bmatrix} P_{+,\vec{q}} \\ P_{-,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{+,-\vec{q}} \\ P_{-,-\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \begin{bmatrix} X_{+,\vec{q}} \\ X_{-,\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \omega_+(\vec{q})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_-(\vec{q})^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{+,-\vec{q}} \\ X_{-,-\vec{q}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(S35)

with polaritonic dispersions  $\omega_{\pm}(\vec{q})$  fulfilling

$$\omega_{\pm}(\vec{q})^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \omega_{\rm phot}(\vec{q})^{2} + \omega_{\rm P}^{2} + \Omega^{2} \pm \sqrt{(\omega_{\rm phot}(\vec{q})^{2} + \omega_{\rm P}^{2} + \Omega^{2})^{2} - 4\omega_{\rm phot}(\vec{q})^{2}\Omega^{2}} \right)$$
(S36)

In particular, in the long-wavelength limit one obtains

$$\omega_{+}(\vec{q} \to 0) \to \sqrt{\Omega^{2} + \omega_{\rm P}^{2}} \tag{S37}$$

$$\omega_{-}(\vec{q} \to 0) \to 0 \tag{S38}$$

as shown for the semiclassical polariton dispersions in (41). The diagonalization condition is given by

$$\arctan(\theta_{\vec{q}}) = \frac{\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})^2 + \omega_{\text{P}}^2 - \Omega^2 + \sqrt{(\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})^2 + \omega_{\text{P}}^2 + \Omega^2)^2 - 4\omega_{\text{phot}}(\vec{q})^2\Omega^2}}{2\Omega\omega_{\text{P}}}$$
(S39)

Defining bosonic operators for the upper ( $\lambda = +$ ) and lower ( $\lambda = -$ ) polariton branches

$$X_{\lambda,\vec{q}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_{\lambda}(\vec{q})}} \left( \alpha_{\vec{q},\lambda} + \alpha^{\dagger}_{-\vec{q},\lambda} \right)$$
(S40)

$$P_{\lambda,\vec{q}} \equiv -i\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\lambda}(\vec{q})}{2}} \left(\alpha_{-\vec{q},\lambda} - \alpha^{\dagger}_{\vec{q},\lambda}\right) \tag{S41}$$

we rewrite the phonon-photon Hamiltonian in a very compact polaritonic form

$$H_{\text{phon-phot}} = \sum_{\vec{q},\lambda=\pm} \omega_{\lambda}(\vec{q}) \alpha^{\dagger}_{\vec{q},\lambda} \alpha_{\vec{q},\lambda}$$
(S42)

The transformation from the initial phononic degrees of freedom to the final polaritonic ones is then given by

$$X_{B,\vec{q}} = \frac{1}{\Omega} (\sin(\theta_{\vec{q}}) P_{+,\vec{q}} + \cos(\theta_{\vec{q}}) P_{-,\vec{q}})$$
(S43)

For the bosonic operators, this implies

$$b_{\vec{q}} + b_{-\vec{q}}^{\dagger} = -i\sin(\theta_{\vec{q}})\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{+}(\vec{q})}{\Omega}}(\alpha_{-\vec{q},+} - \alpha_{\vec{q},+}^{\dagger}) - i\cos(\theta_{\vec{q}})\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{-}(\vec{q})}{\Omega}}(\alpha_{-\vec{q},-} - \alpha_{\vec{q},-}^{\dagger}))$$
(S44)

which will give the transformation from electron-phonon to electron-polariton coupling in the following.

#### Section S3. Electron-polariton Hamiltonian

The electron-polariton model Hamiltonian for  $FeSe/SrTiO_3$  inside the cavity reads

$$H = H_{e-\text{phon}} + H_{\text{phon-phot}} \tag{S45}$$

$$H_{e-\text{phon}} = \sum_{\vec{k},\sigma} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} c^{\dagger}_{\vec{k},\sigma} c_{\vec{k},\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{k},\vec{q},\sigma} g(\vec{k},\vec{q}) c^{\dagger}_{\vec{k}+\vec{q},\sigma} c_{\vec{k},\sigma} (b_{\vec{q}} + b^{\dagger}_{-\vec{q}})$$
(S46)

Here,  $c_{\vec{k},\sigma}^{\dagger}$  ( $c_{\vec{k},\sigma}$ ) creates (annihilates) an electron with wavevector  $\vec{k}$  and spin  $\sigma$ ;  $\epsilon_{\vec{k}}$  is the electronic band dispersion measured relative to the chemical potential  $\mu$ ;  $g(\vec{k},\vec{q})$  is the momentum dependent electron-phonon coupling. The direct electron-photon coupling of electrons in the FeSe plane to the photon branch of interest is neglected, which amounts to the assumption that the paramagnetic electronic current density  $\vec{j}$  inside the FeSe layer is perfectly two-dimensional, thus not coupling to the photonic vector potential  $\vec{A}$  which points perpendicular to the plane, implying  $\vec{j} \cdot \vec{A} \approx 0$ .

Adopting the FeSe/SrTiO<sub>3</sub> single-band model from Rademaker *et al.* (28), we take an electronic band dispersion  $\epsilon_{\vec{k}} = -2t[\cos(k_x a) + \cos(k_y a)] - \mu$ , where *a* is the in-plane lattice constant. We set t = 0.075 eV and use as an initial guess  $\mu = -0.235$  eV, which is adjusted during the self-consistent calculations (see below) to a fixed band filling  $n_{\uparrow} = n_{\downarrow} = 0.07$  for each spin. We neglect the fermion momentum dependence in the electron-phonon coupling  $g(\vec{k}, \vec{q}) = g(\vec{q})$ , where  $\vec{q}$  is the momentum transfer, and use  $g(\vec{q}) = g_0 \exp(-|\vec{q}|/q_0)$ . Here,  $g_0$  is adjusted to fix the total dimensionless coupling strength  $\lambda \approx 0.18$  of the electron-phonon interaction in absence of the cavity coupling, and  $q_0$  sets the range of the interaction in momentum space.

The electron-polariton expressed in polaritonic bosonic operators is obtained via Eq. (S44) as

$$H = \sum_{\vec{k},\sigma} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} c^{\dagger}_{\vec{k},\sigma} c_{\vec{k},\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{k},\vec{q},\sigma,\lambda=\pm} c^{\dagger}_{\vec{k}+\vec{q},\sigma} c_{\vec{k},\sigma} (g^{*}_{\lambda}(\vec{q})\alpha^{\dagger}_{-\vec{q},\lambda} + g_{\lambda}(\vec{q})\alpha_{\vec{q},\lambda}) + \sum_{\vec{q},\lambda=\pm} \omega_{\lambda}(\vec{q})\alpha^{\dagger}_{\vec{q},\lambda}\alpha_{\vec{q},\lambda}$$
(S47)

where

$$g_{+}(\vec{q}) = i\sin(\theta_{\vec{q}})\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{+}(\vec{q})}{\Omega}} g_{0}\exp(-|\vec{q}|/q_{0})$$
(S48)

$$g_{-}(\vec{q}) = i\cos(\theta_{\vec{q}})\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{-}(\vec{q})}{\Omega}} g_{0}\exp(-|\vec{q}|/q_{0})$$
(S49)

The couplings are thus fully determined through Eqs. (S48, S49) in connection with Eqs. (S36) and (S39). The polariton branches and couplings to the electrons are shown in Fig. 1 in the main text.

#### Section S4. Migdal-Eliashberg simulations

The electronic self-energy in Migdal-Eliashberg theory on the Matsubara frequency axis employing Nambu notation reads (28)

$$\hat{\Sigma}(\vec{k}, i\omega_n) = i\omega_n [1 - Z(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)]\hat{\tau}_0 + \chi(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)\hat{\tau}_3 + \phi(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)\hat{\tau}_1$$
(S50)

where  $\hat{\tau}_i$  are the Pauli matrices,  $Z(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)$  and  $\chi(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)$  renormalize the electronic singleparticle mass and band dispersion, respectively, and  $\phi(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)$  is the anomalous self-energy, which vanishes in the normal state. In Migdal-Eliashberg theory, the self-energy corresponding to the Hamiltonian (S46) is computed by self-consistently evaluating

$$\hat{\Sigma}(\vec{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{-1}{N\beta} \sum_{\vec{q}, m} |g(\vec{q})|^2 D^{(0)}(\vec{q}, i\omega_n - i\omega_m) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{G}(\vec{k} + \vec{q}, i\omega_m) \hat{\tau}_3$$
(S51)

where  $D^{(0)}(\vec{q}, i\omega_{\nu}) = -\frac{2\Omega}{\Omega^2 + \omega_{\nu}^2}$  is the bare phonon propagator,  $\hat{G}^{-1}(\vec{k}, i\omega_n) = i\omega_n \hat{\tau}_0 - \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \hat{\tau}_3 - \hat{\Sigma}(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)$  is the dressed electron propagator, N is number of momentum grid points, and  $\beta = 1/(k_{\rm B}T)$  is the inverse temperature.

Inside the cavity with  $\omega_{\rm P} > 0$ , these well-known equations are modified to account for the Hamiltonian (S47) by using polariton branches  $\lambda = \pm$  instead of the phonon

$$\hat{\Sigma}(\vec{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{-1}{N\beta} \sum_{\vec{q}, m, \lambda = \pm} |g_\lambda(\vec{q})|^2 D_\lambda^{(0)}(\vec{q}, i\omega_n - i\omega_m) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{G}(\vec{k} + \vec{q}, i\omega_m) \hat{\tau}_3$$
(S52)

where  $D_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\vec{q}, i\omega_{\nu}) = -\frac{2\omega_{\lambda}(\vec{q})}{\omega_{\lambda}(\vec{q})^2 + \omega_{\nu}^2}$  is the bare polariton propagator.

In practice, we use an initial guess of 0.007 eV for the anomalous self-energy and run the self-consistency until a convergence to better than  $10^{-6}$  eV is achieved. The 2D momentum grid to sample the Brillouin zone is chosen as  $2000 \times 2000$  and convergence checked by comparing against  $4000 \times 4000$  grids in selected cases. For the patch around q = 0 we avoid the point q = 0 where the lower polariton branch becomes soft since the corresponding propagator diverges in the static  $\omega_{\nu} = 0$  case. Under the q integral this divergence is cured. We therefore apply a q coarse graining by averaging  $\frac{1}{N_{\text{small}}} \tilde{\sum}_{q} |g(\vec{q})|^2 D^{(0)}(\vec{q}, i\omega_{\nu})$  over  $N_{\text{small}}$ 

small patches ( $\tilde{\Sigma}_q$  is the sum inside the momentum patch around q = 0), and using this averaged function in lieu of  $|g(0)|^2 D^{(0)}(0, i\omega_{\nu})$ , again checking convergence in the momentum grid. The momentum convolution in Equations (S51) and (S52) is performed by fast Fourier transforms to a real-space grid and products on the real-space grid. The Matsubara cutoff is 0.4 eV for the frequency summations, and convergence in this cutoff also checked.