

# Exploring Quantum Physics with Superconducting Circuits

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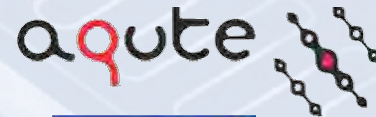
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CIRCUIT AND CAVITY  
QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS

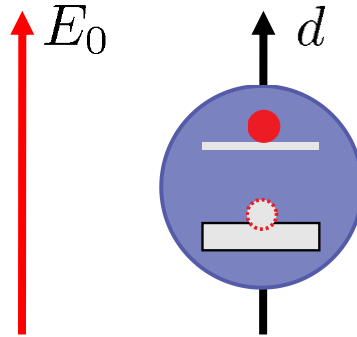


SEVENTH FRAMEWORK  
PROGRAMME



# Investigating the Interaction of Light and Matter

challenging on the level of single (artificial) atoms and single photons

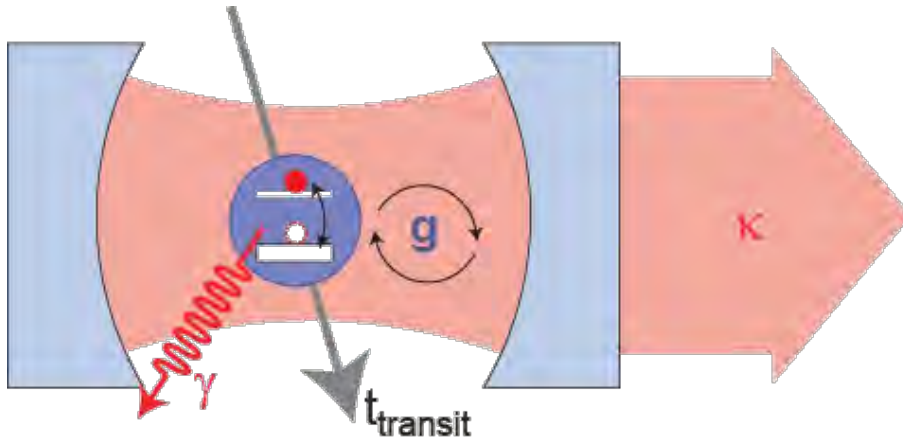


- single photon fields  $E_0$  (small in 3D)
- dipole moment  $d$  (usually small  $\sim ea_0$ )
- photon/dipole interaction  $\hbar g \sim dE_0$  (usually small)
- mode-matching (controlling the absorption probability)

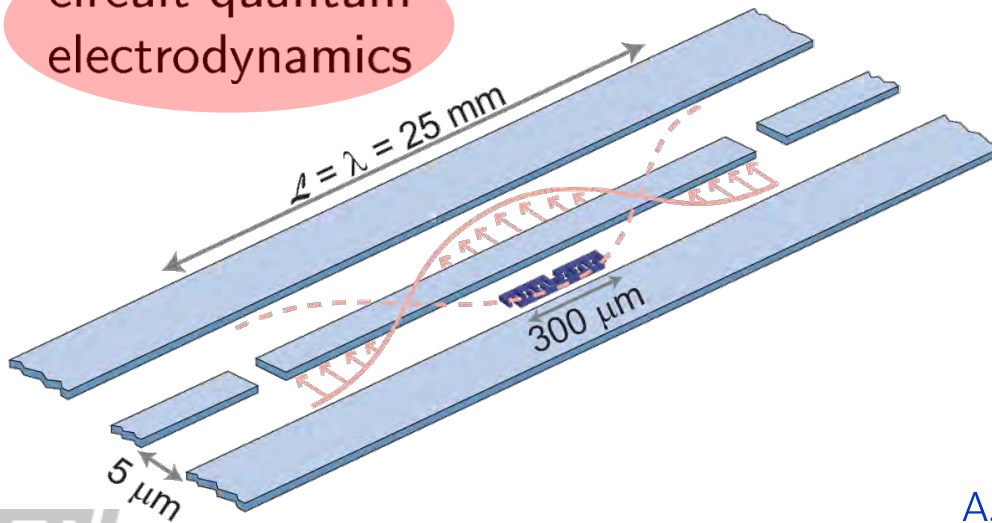
What to do?

- confine atom and photon in a cavity or a waveguide (QED)
- engineer matter/light interactions, e.g. in solid state circuits

# Cavity QED with Superconducting Circuits



circuit quantum  
electrodynamics



coherent interaction of photons with  
quantum two-level systems ...

J. M. Raimond *et al.*, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **73**, 565 (2001)

S. Haroche & J. Raimond, *oup Oxford* (2006)

J. Ye., H. J. Kimble, H. Katori, *Science* **320**, 1734 (2008)

Properties:

- strong coupling in solid state sys.
- 'easy' to fabricate and integrate

Research directions:

- quantum optics
- hybrid quantum systems
- quantum information

A. Blais, *et al.*, *PRA* **69**, 062320 (2004)

A. Wallraff *et al.*, *Nature (London)* **431**, 162 (2004)

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# Conventional Electronic Circuits

basic circuit elements:

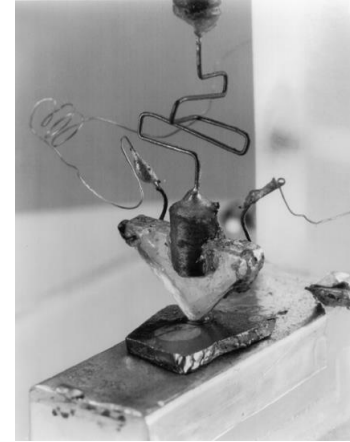


basis of modern  
information and  
communication  
technology

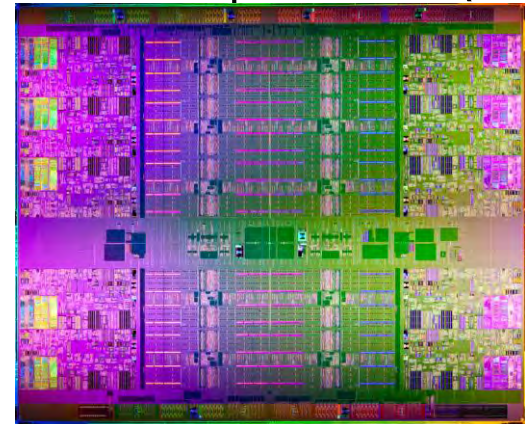
properties :

- classical physics
- no quantum mechanics
- no superposition principle
- no quantization of fields

first transistor at Bell Labs (1947)



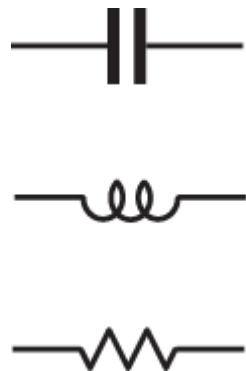
intel xeon processors (2011)



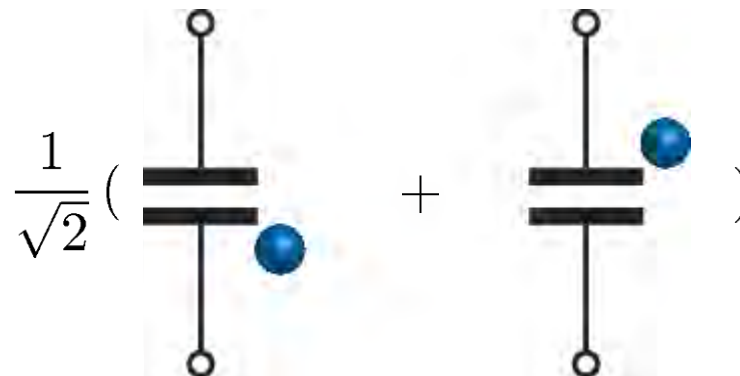
3.000.000.000 transistors  
smallest feature size 32 nm  
clock speed ~ 3 GHz  
power consumption 10 W

# Classical and Quantum Electronic Circuit Elements

basic circuit elements:



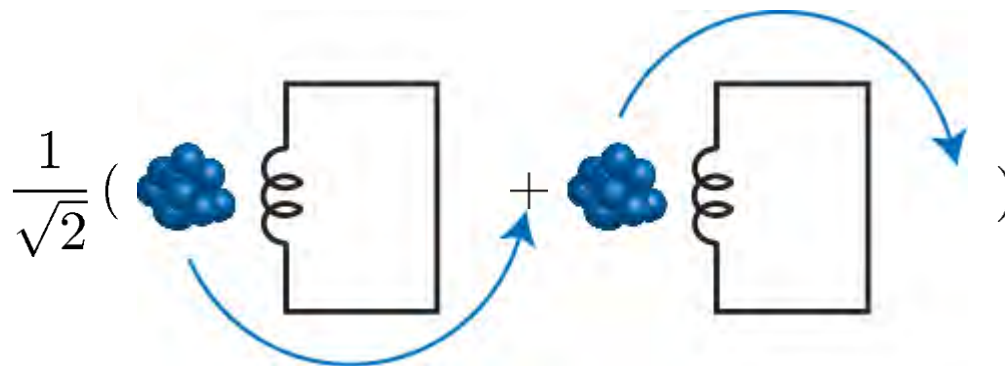
charge on a capacitor:



quantum superposition states of:

- charge  $q$
- flux  $\phi$

current or magnetic flux in an inductor:

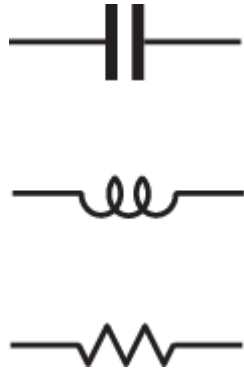


commutation relation (c.f.  $x, p$ ):

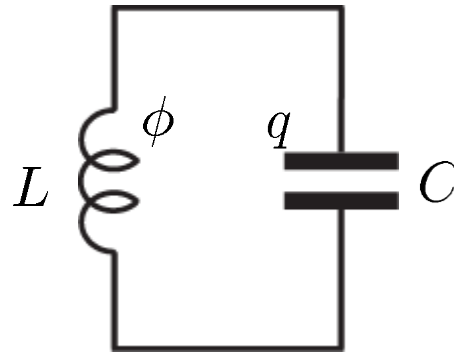
$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{q}] = i\hbar$$

# Constructing Linear Quantum Electronic Circuits

basic circuit elements:



harmonic LC oscillator:



$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \sim 5 \text{ GHz}$$

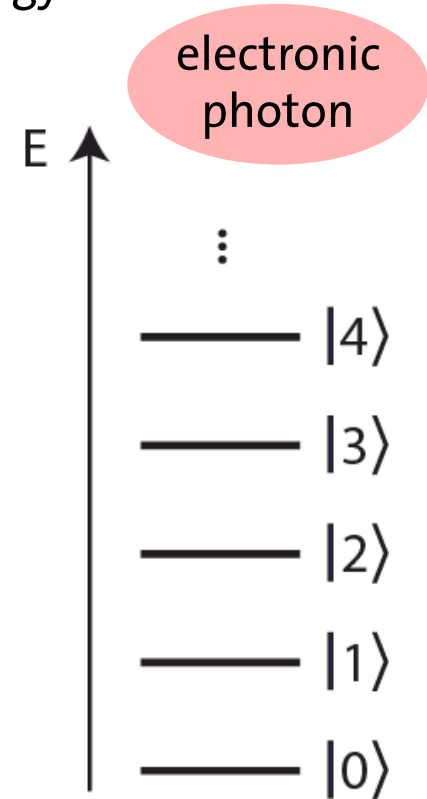
classical physics:

$$H = \frac{\phi^2}{2L} + \frac{q^2}{2C}$$

quantum mechanics:

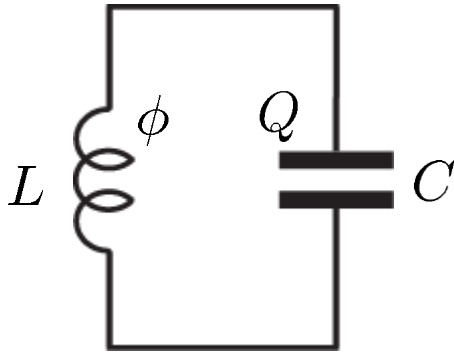
$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2L} + \frac{\hat{q}^2}{2C} = \hbar\omega(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + \frac{1}{2}) \quad [\hat{\phi}, \hat{q}] = i\hbar$$

energy:



# Quantization of an Electronic Harmonic Oscillator

Harmonic LC oscillator:



$$Q = CV$$

Charge on capacitor

$$\phi = LI$$

Flux in inductor

$$V = -L\dot{I} = -\dot{\phi}$$

Voltage across inductor

Classical Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{CV^2}{2} + \frac{LI^2}{2} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{\phi^2}{2L}$$

Conjugate variables:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\phi}{L} = I = \dot{Q}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} = \frac{Q}{C} = V = -L\dot{I} = -\dot{\phi}$$

Hamilton operator:

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2L} + \frac{\hat{q}^2}{2C}$$

Flux and charge operator:

$$\hat{\phi} = \phi$$

$$\hat{Q} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

Commutation relation:

$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{q}] = i\hbar$$



# Creation and Annihilation Operators for Circuits

Hamilton operator of harmonic oscillator in second quantization:

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2L} + \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C} = \hbar\omega(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + 1/2)$$

$$\hat{a}^\dagger |n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle \quad \text{Creation operator}$$

$$\hat{a} |n\rangle = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle \quad \text{Annihilation operator}$$

$$\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} |n\rangle = n |n\rangle \quad \text{Number operator}$$

$$\hat{Q} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_C}} (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a}) \quad \text{Charge/voltage operator}$$

$$\hat{V} = \frac{\hat{Q}}{C}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = i\sqrt{\frac{\hbar Z_C}{2}} (\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a}) \quad \text{Flux/current operator}$$

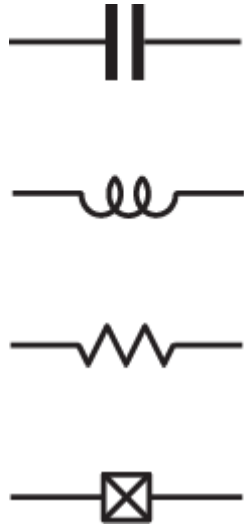
$$\hat{I} = \frac{\hat{\phi}}{L}$$

With characteristic impedance:

$$Z_C = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

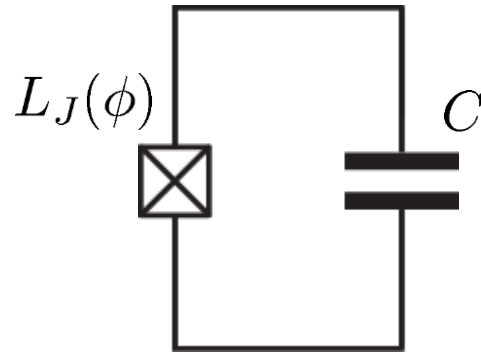
# Constructing Non-Linear Quantum Electronic Circuits

circuit elements:



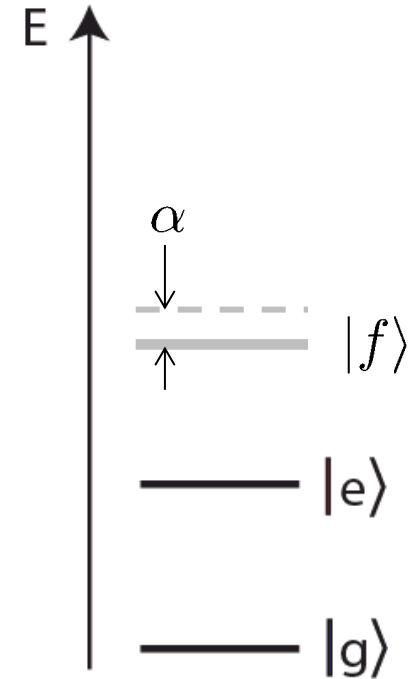
Josephson junction:  
a non-dissipative nonlinear  
element (inductor)

anharmonic oscillator:



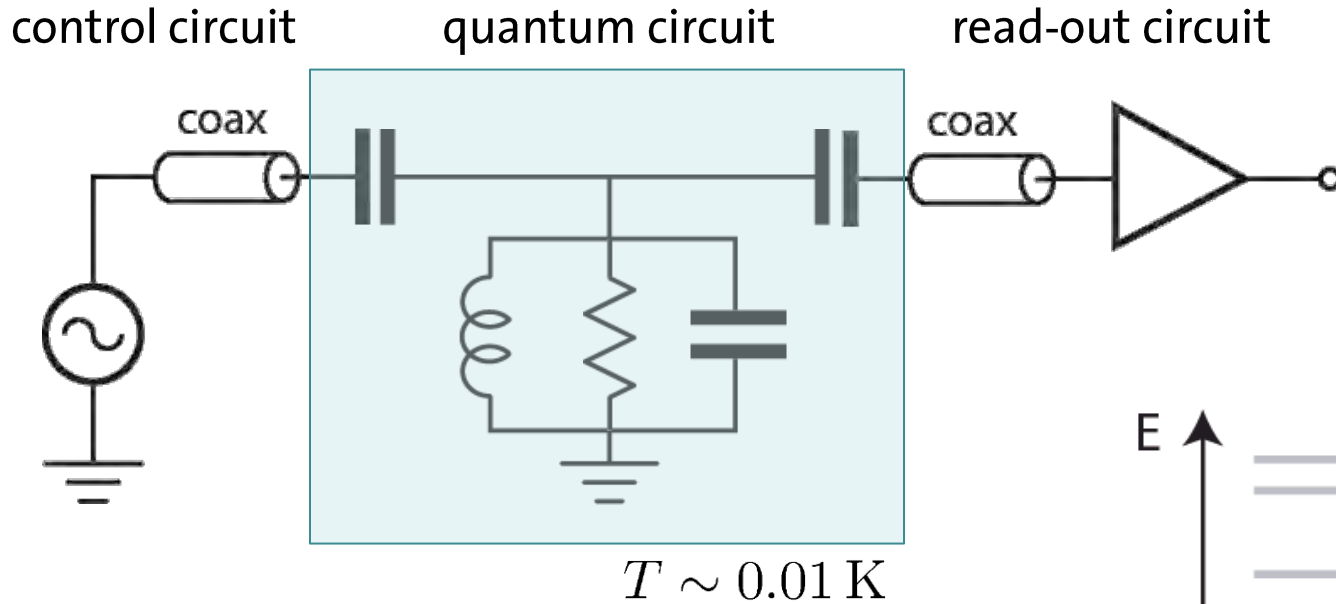
$$H \approx \hbar(\omega_{ge} \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \hat{b}^{\dagger 2} \hat{b}^2)$$

non-linear energy  
level spectrum:



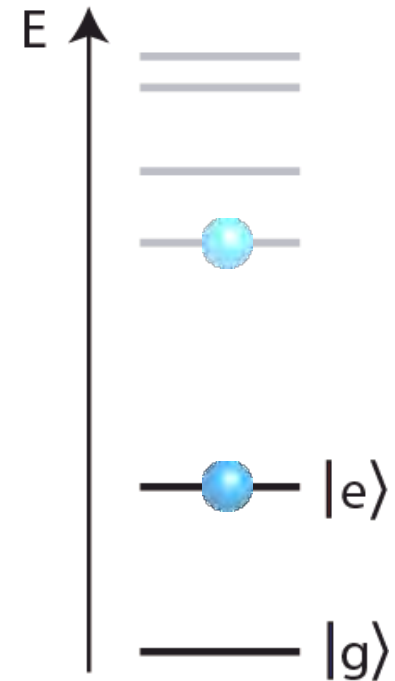
electronic  
artificial atom

# How to Operate Circuits in the Quantum Regime?

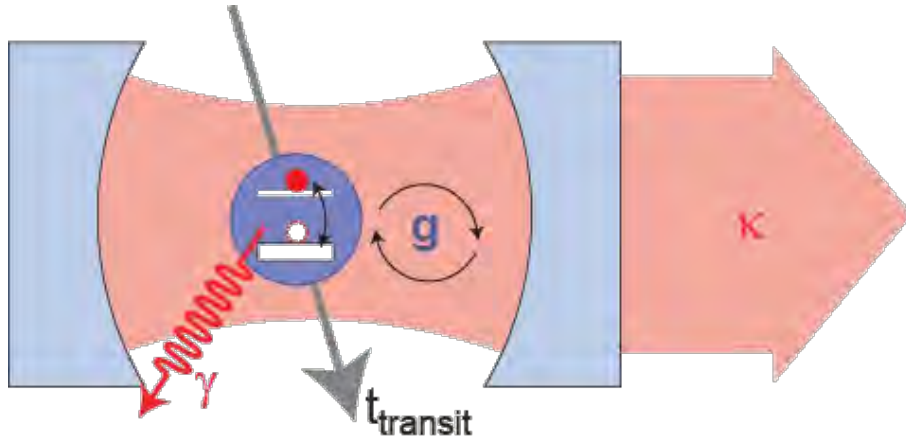


recipe:

- avoid dissipation
- work at low temperatures
- isolate quantum circuit from environment

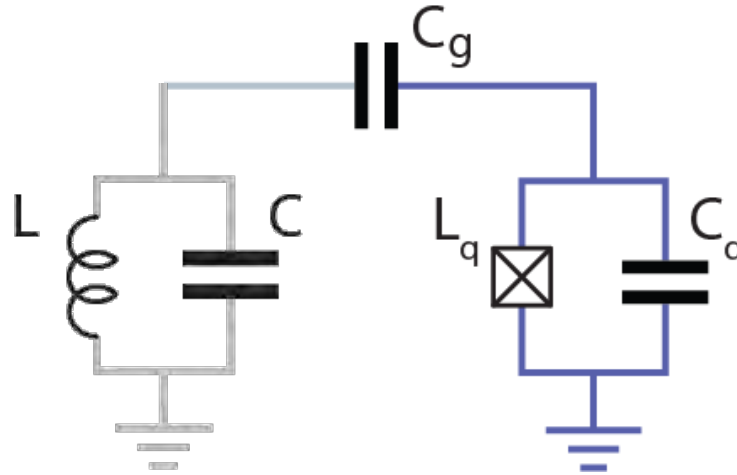


# Cavity QED with Superconducting Circuits

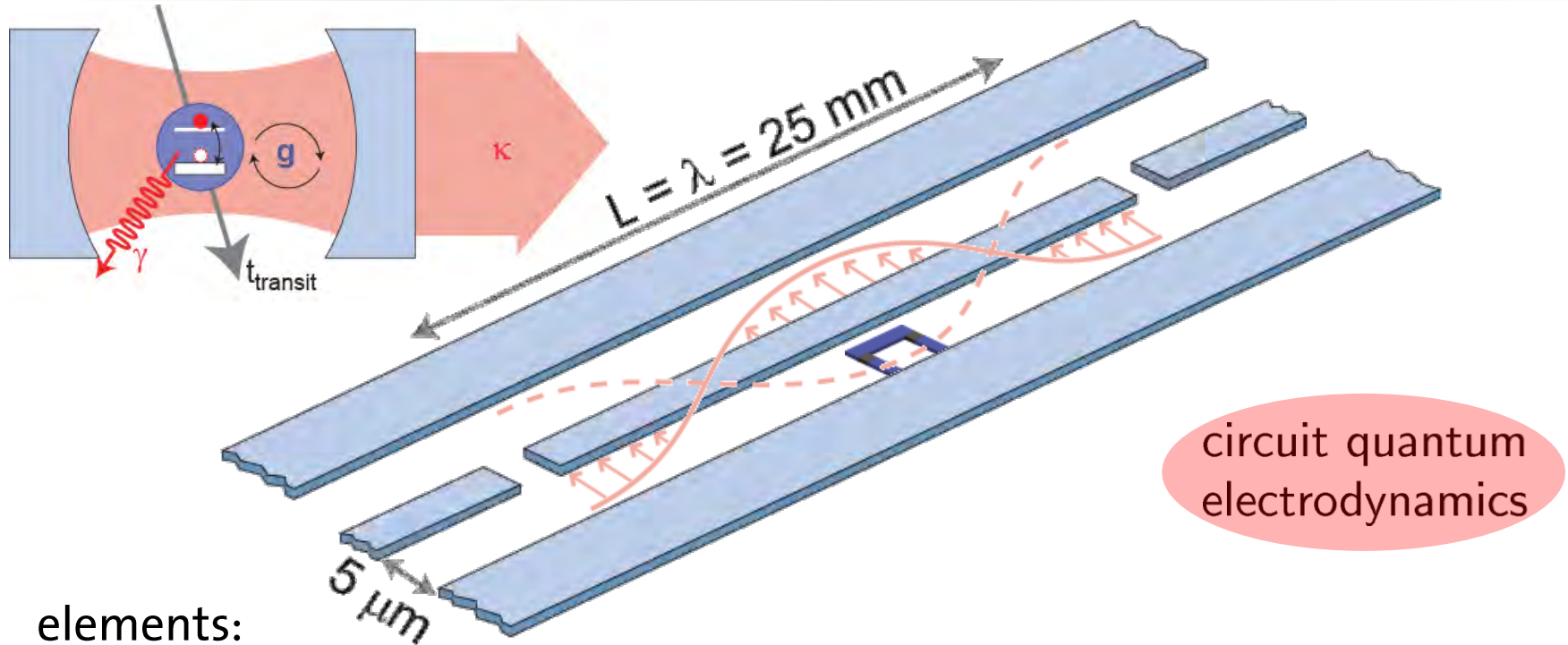


coherent quantum mechanics  
with individual photons and qubits ...

... basic approach:



# Cavity QED with Superconducting Circuits



elements:

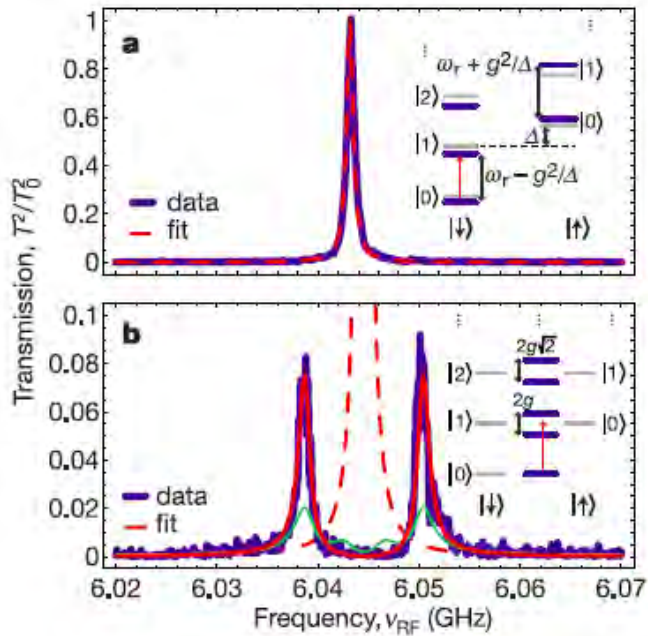
- the cavity: a superconducting 1D transmission line resonator with **large vacuum field**  $E_0$  and **long photon life time**  $1/\kappa$
- the atom: a superconducting qubit with **large dipole moment**  $d$  and **long coherence time**  $1/\gamma$  and **fixed position** ...
- ... or any microscopic/macroscopic quantum element or ensemble thereof with an appreciable dipole moment

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# Quantum Optics with Supercond. Circuits



## Strong Coherent Coupling

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Wallraff *et al.*, *Nature* **431**, 162 (2004)

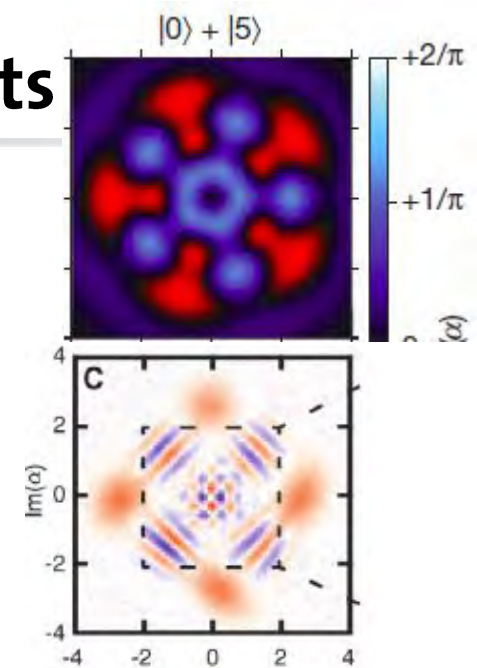
Schuster *et al.*, *Nature* **445**, 515 (2007)

## Root n Nonlinearities

Fink *et al.*, *Nature* **454**, 315 (2008)

Deppe *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **4**, 686 (2008)

Bishop *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **5**, 105 (2009)



## Microwave Fock and Cat States

Hofheinz *et al.*, *Nature* **454**, 310 (2008)

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Kirchmair *et al.*, *Nature* **495**, 205 (2013)

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## Parametric Amplification & Squeezing

Castellanos-Beltran *et al.*,

*Nat. Phys.* **4**, 928 (2008)

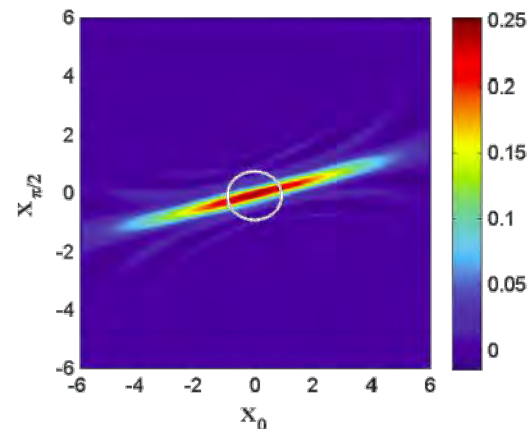
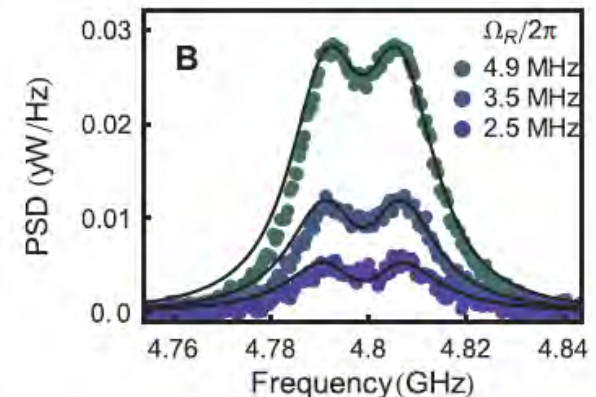
Abdo *et al.*, *PRX* **3**, 031001 (2013)

## Waveguide QED –

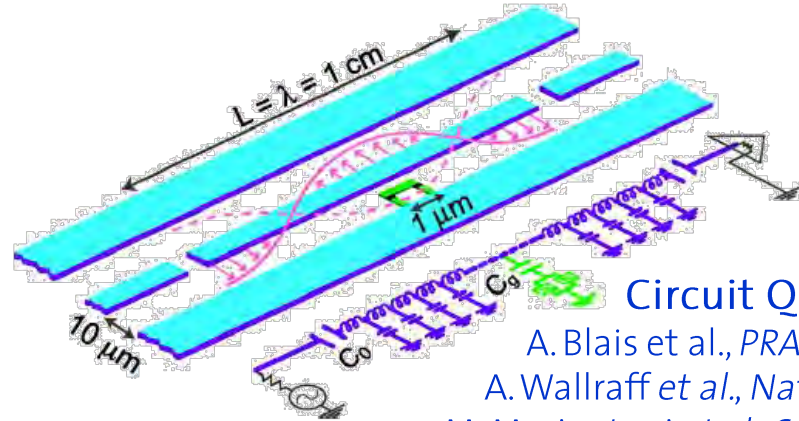
## Qubit Interactions in Free Space

Astafiev *et al.*, *Science* **327**, 840 (2010)

van Loos *et al.*, *Science* **342**, 1494 (2013)

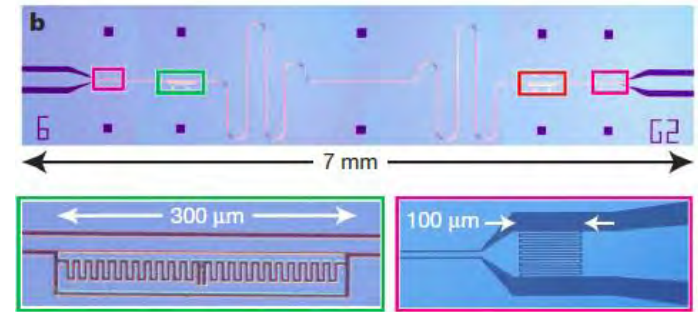


# Quantum Computing with Superconducting Circuits



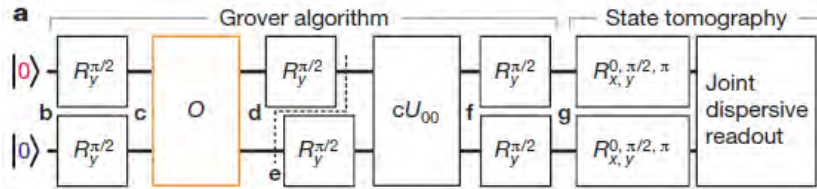
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## Resonator as a Coupling Bus

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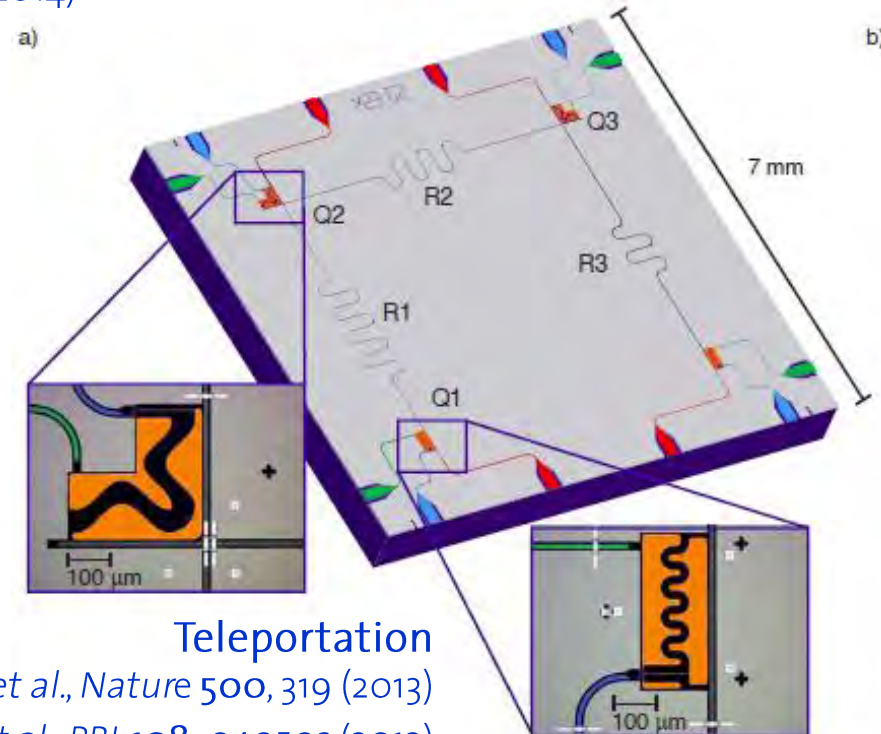


## Deutsch, Grover Algorithms

- L. DiCarlo et al., *Nature* **460**, 240 (2009)
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## Toffoli Gates & Error Correction

- A. Fedorov et al., *Nature* **481**, 170 (2012)
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## Teleportation

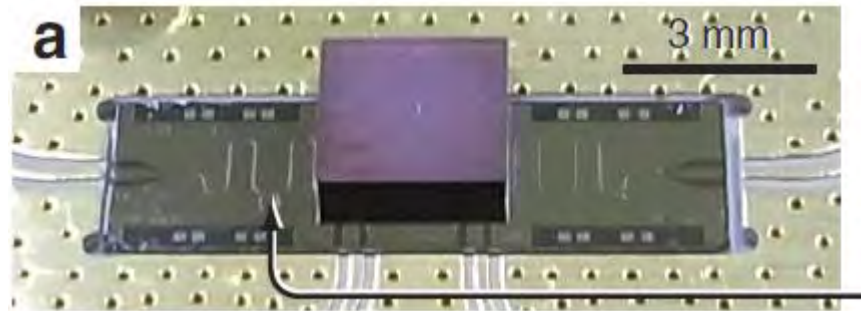
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# Hybrid Systems with Superconducting Circuits

## Spin Ensembles: e.g. NV centers

D. Schuster *et al.*, *PRL* **105**, 140501 (2010)

Y. Kubo *et al.*, *PRL* **105**, 140502 (2010)



## Polar Molecules, Rydberg, BEC

P. Rabl *et al.*, *PRL* **97**, 033003 (2006)

A. Andre *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **2**, 636 (2006)

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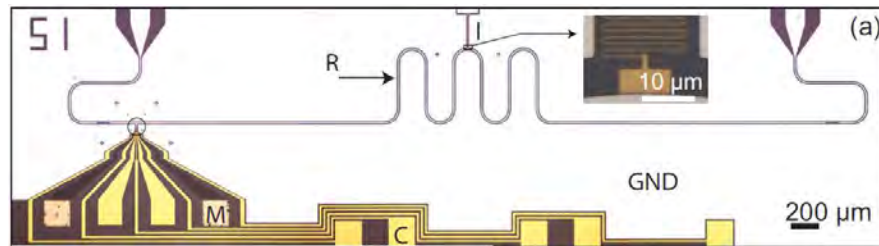


## CNT, Gate Defined 2DEG, or nanowire Quantum Dots

M. Delbecq *et al.*, *PRL* **107**, 256804 (2011)

T. Frey *et al.*, *PRL* **108**, 046807 (2012)

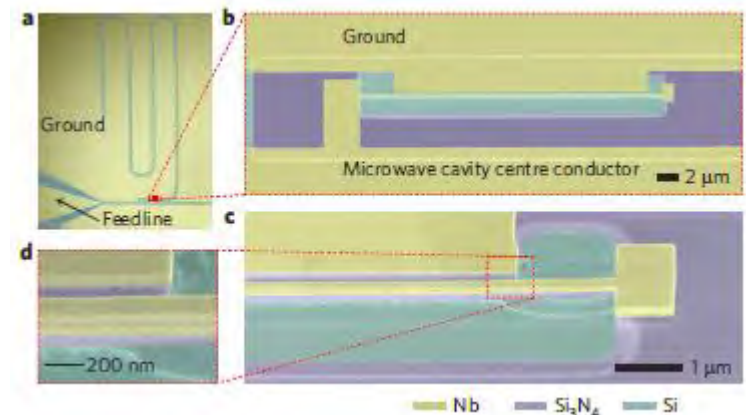
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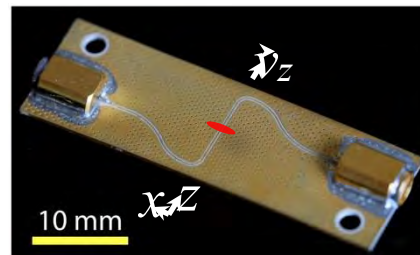
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## Rydberg Atoms

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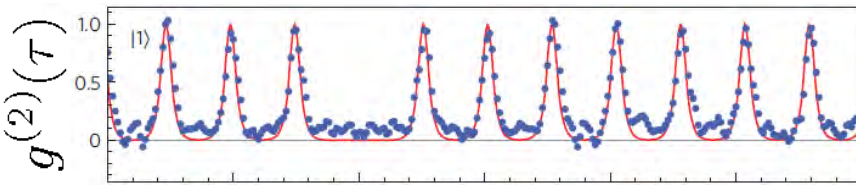


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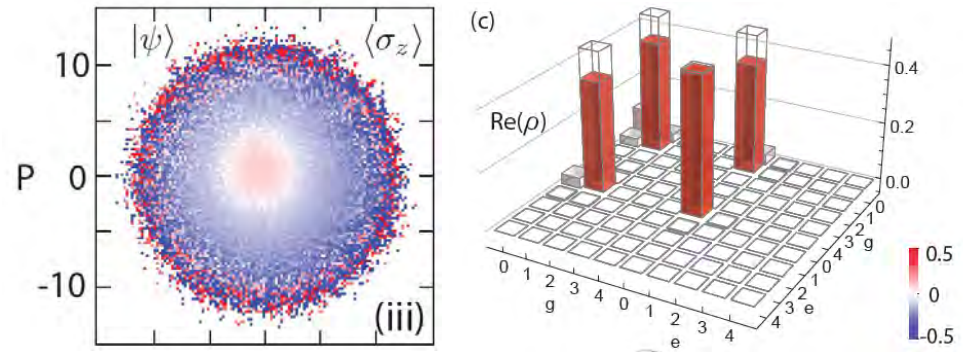
# Experiments with Propagating Quantum Microwaves

Single photon sources and their anti-bunching



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Lang *et al.*, *PRL* 107, 073601 (2011)

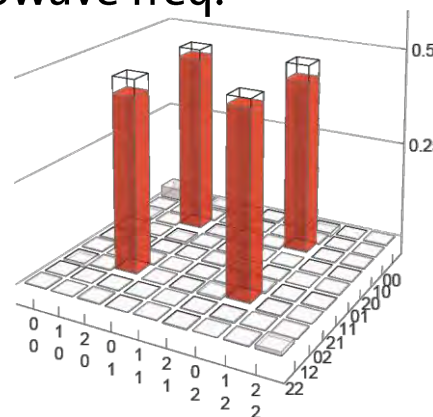
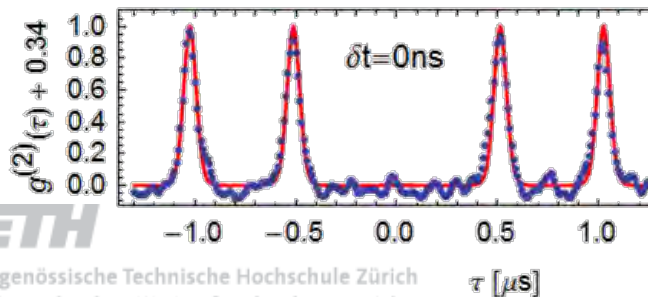
Preparation and characterization of qubit-propagating photon entanglement



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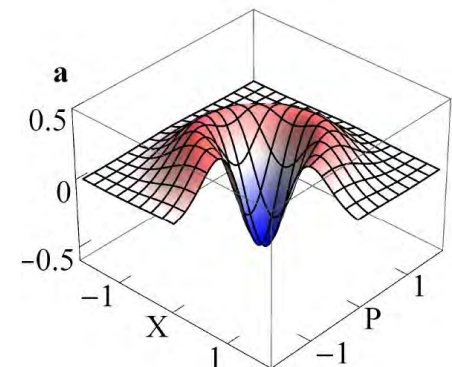
Hong-Ou-Mandel: Two-photon interference incl. msrmnt of coherences at microwave freq.

Lang *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* 9, 345 (2013)



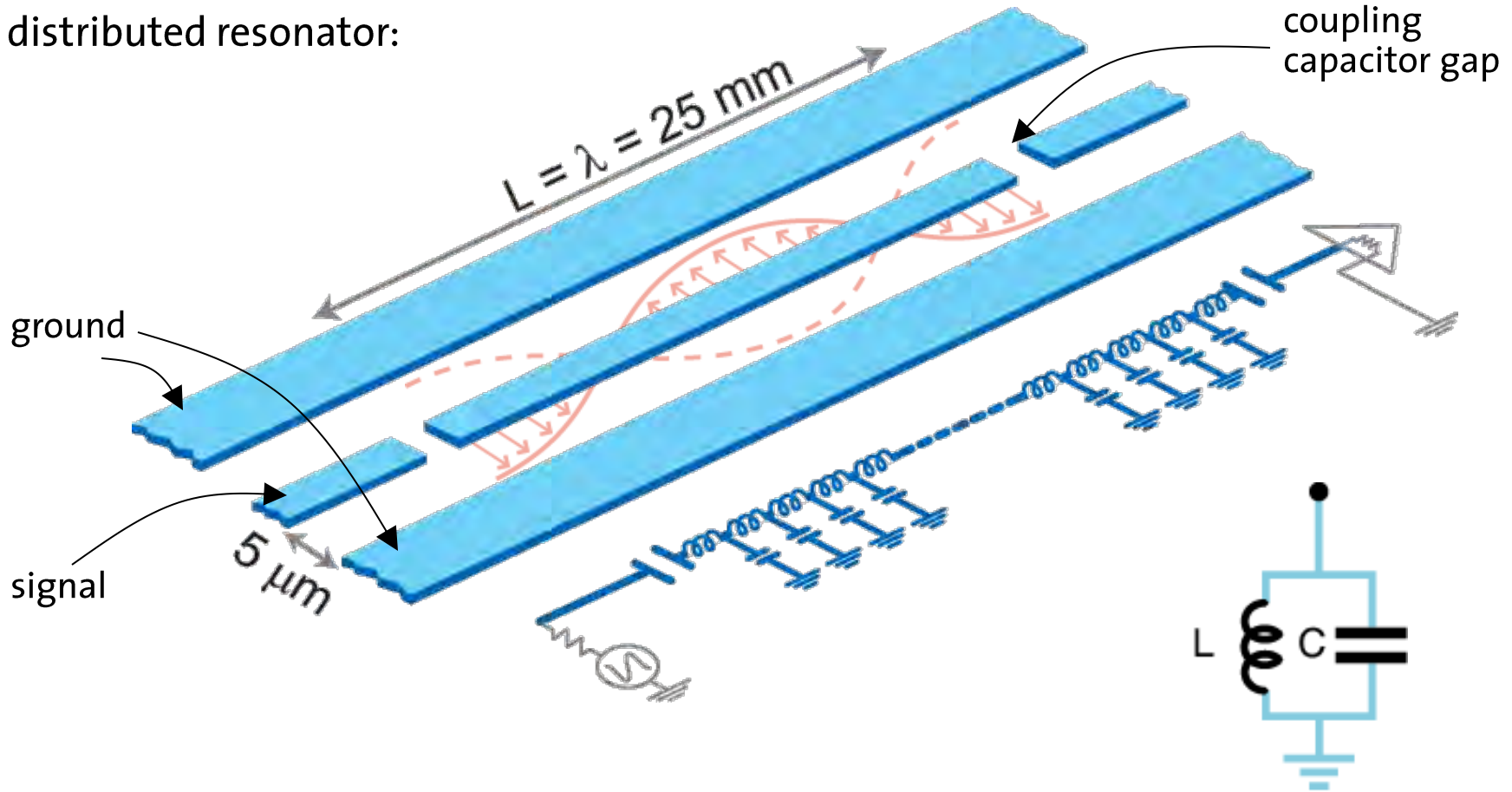
Full state tomography and Wigner functions of propagating photons

Eichler *et al.*, *PRL* 106, 220503 (2011)



# Realization of H.O.: Transmission Line Resonator

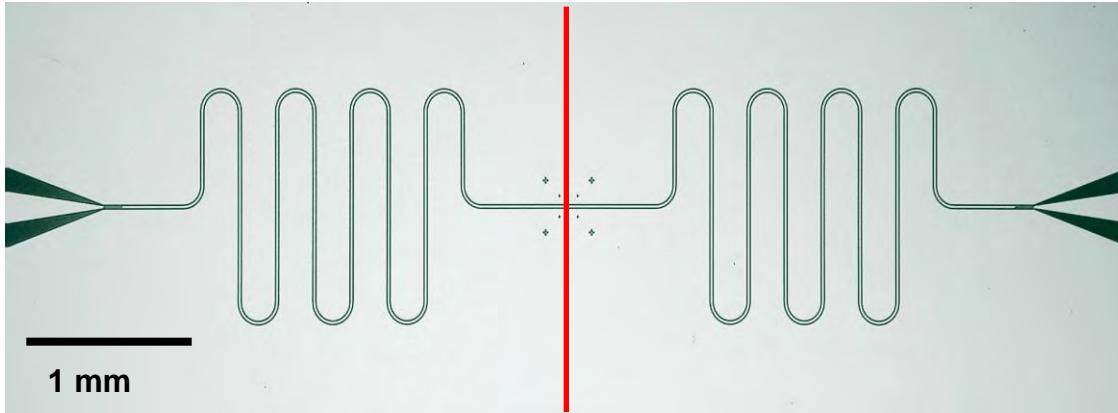
distributed resonator:



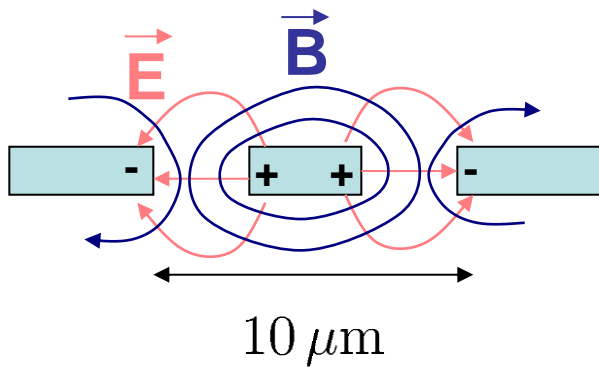
- coplanar waveguide resonator
- close to resonance: equivalent to lumped element LC resonator

# Realization of Transmission Line Resonator

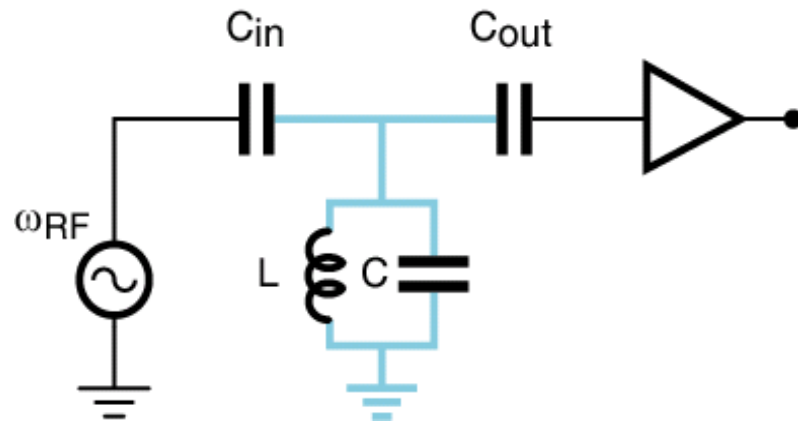
coplanar waveguide:



cross-section of transm. line  
(TEM mode):

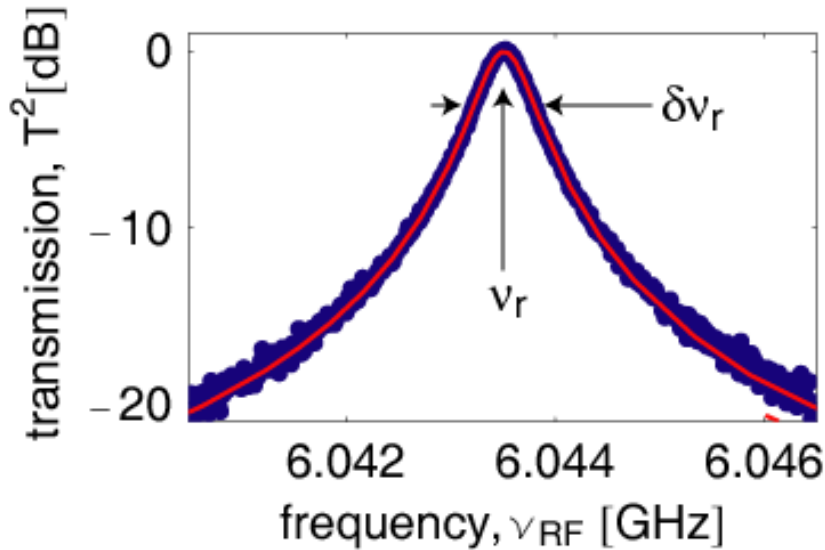


measuring the resonator:



photon lifetime (quality factor) controlled  
by coupling capacitors  $C_{\text{in/out}}$

# Resonator Quality Factor and Photon Lifetime

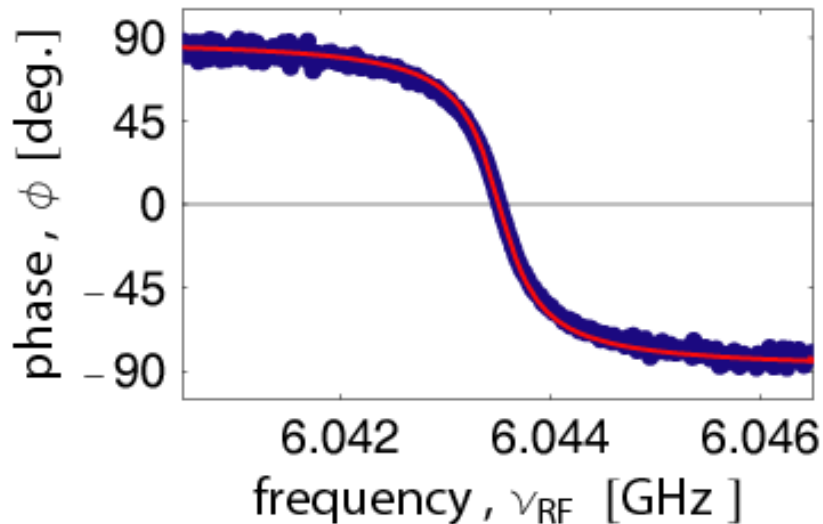


resonance frequency:

$$\nu_r = 6.04 \text{ GHz}$$

quality factor:

$$Q = \frac{\nu_r}{\delta\nu_r} \approx 10^4$$



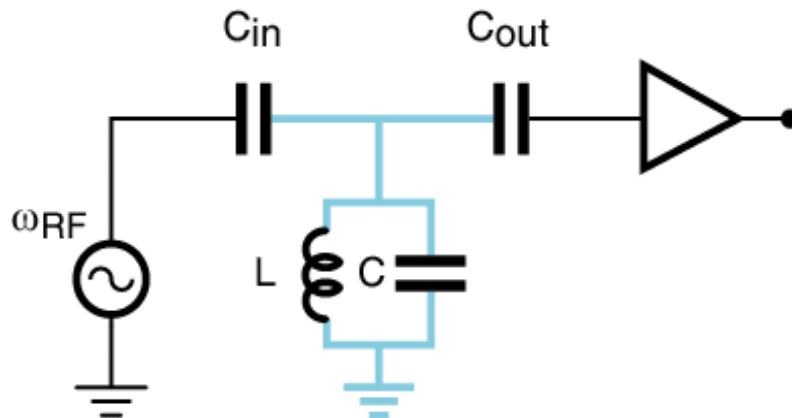
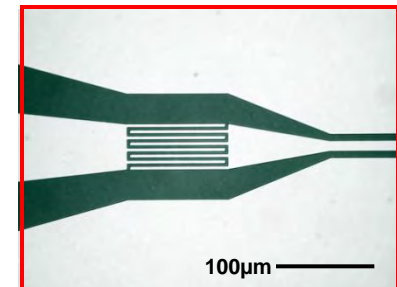
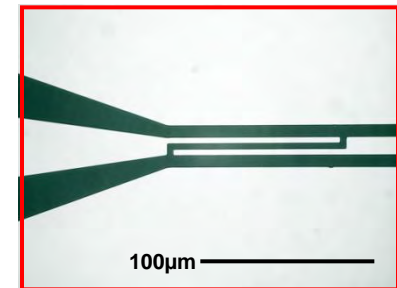
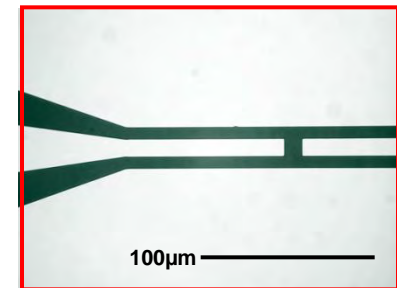
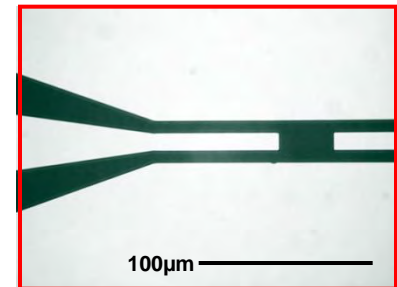
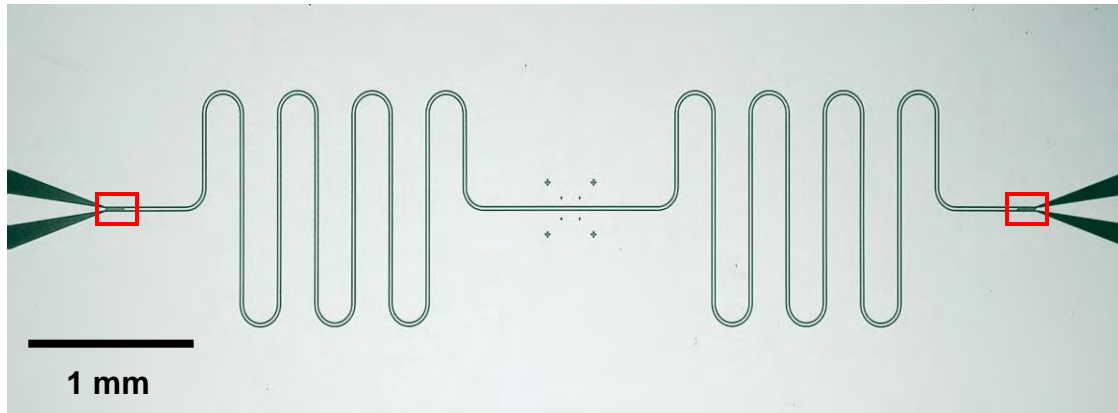
photon decay rate:

$$\frac{\kappa}{2\pi} = \frac{\nu_r}{Q} \approx 0.8 \text{ MHz}$$

photon lifetime:

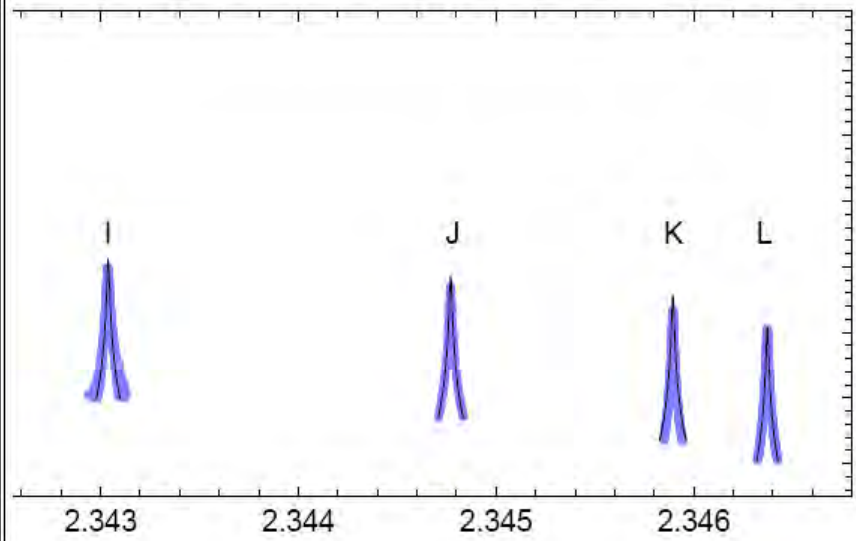
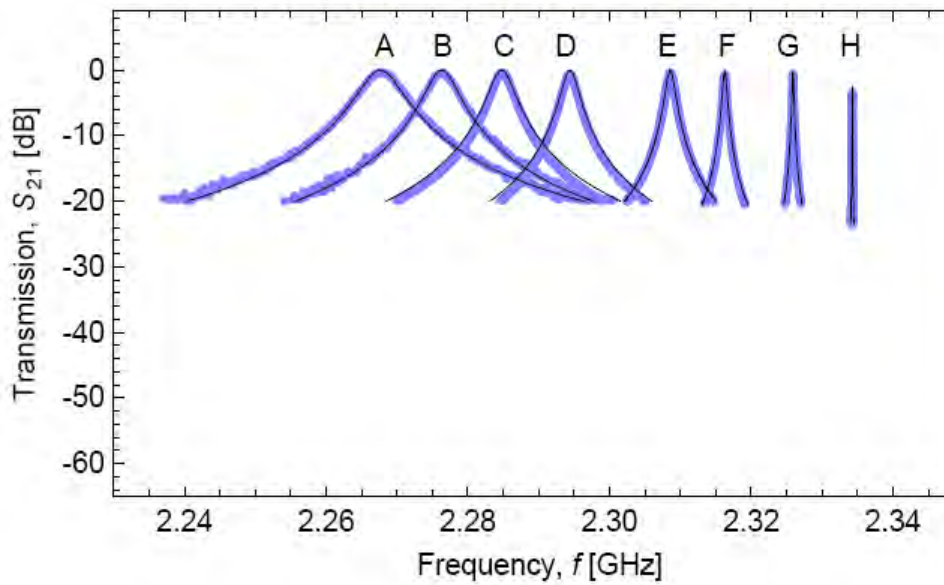
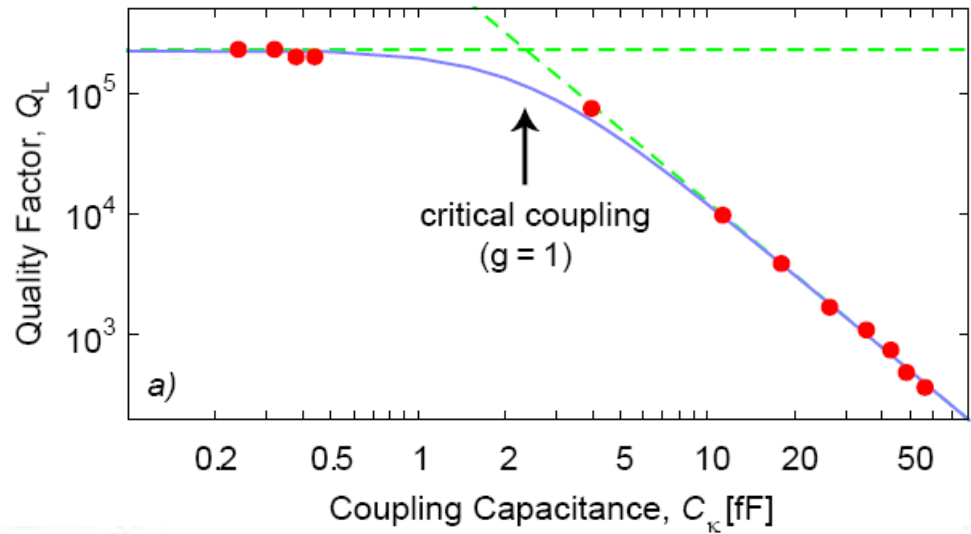
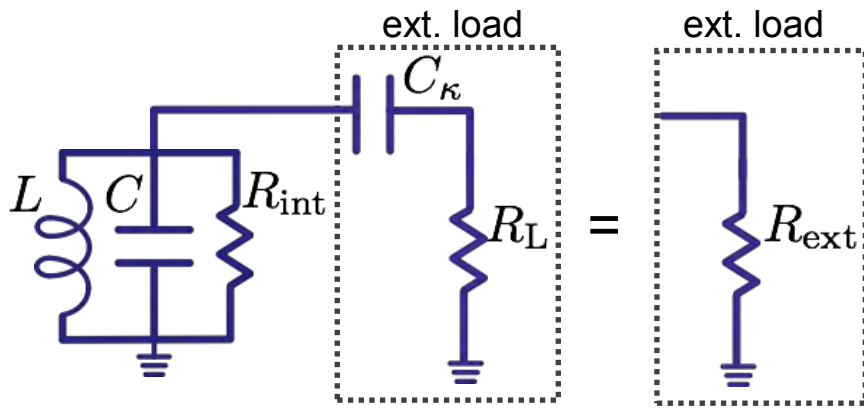
$$T_\kappa = 1/\kappa \approx 200 \text{ ns}$$

# Controlling the Photon Life Time

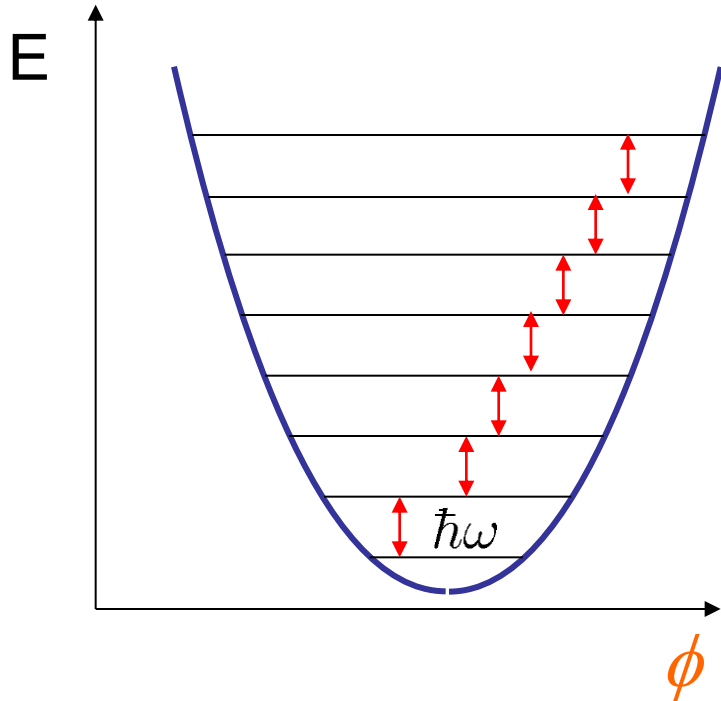


photon lifetime (quality factor)  
controlled by coupling capacitor  $C_{in/out}$

# Quality Factor Measurement



# Quantum Harmonic Oscillator at Finite Temperature



thermal occupation:

$$\langle n_{\text{th}} \rangle = \frac{1}{\exp(h\nu/k_B T) - 1}$$

low temperature required:

$$\hbar\omega \gg k_B T$$

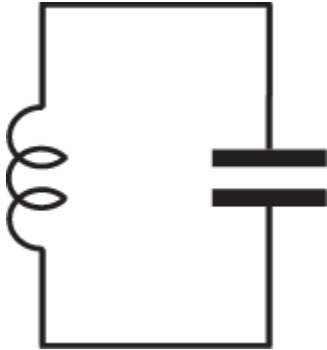
10 GHz ~ 500 mK

20 mK

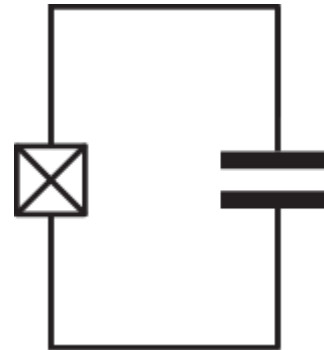
$$\langle n_{\text{th}} \rangle \sim 10^{-11}$$

# Linear vs. Nonlinear Superconducting Oscillators

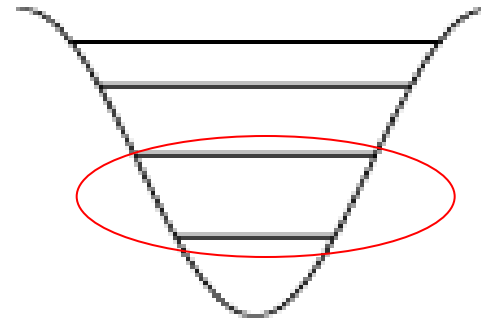
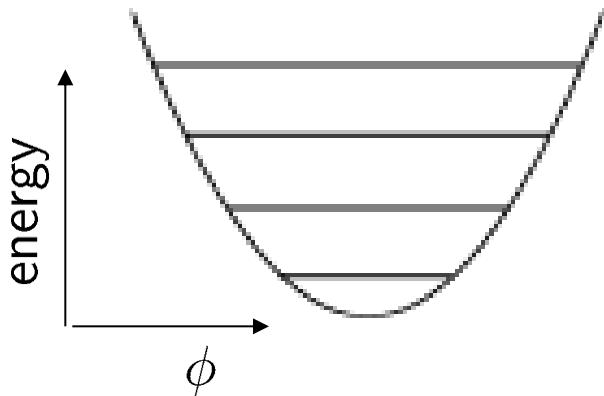
LC resonator:



Josephson junction resonator:  
Josephson junction = nonlinear inductor



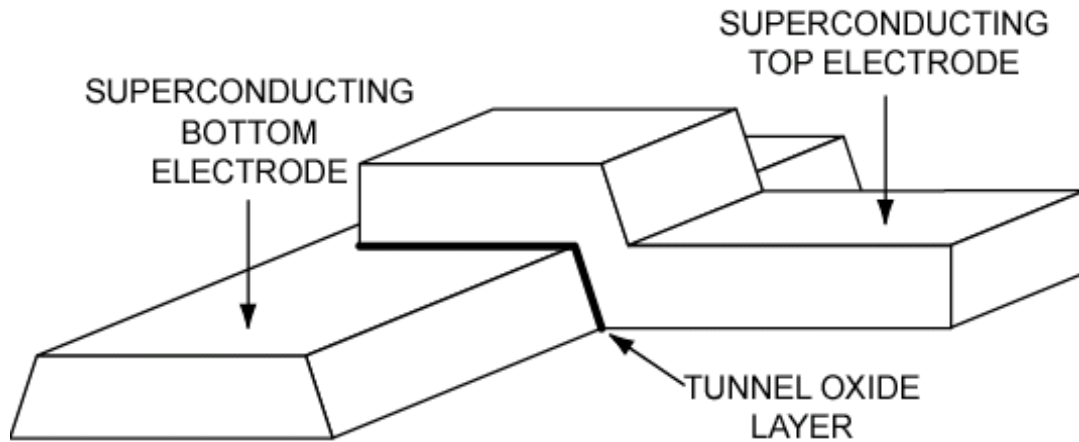
anharmonicity defines effective two-level system





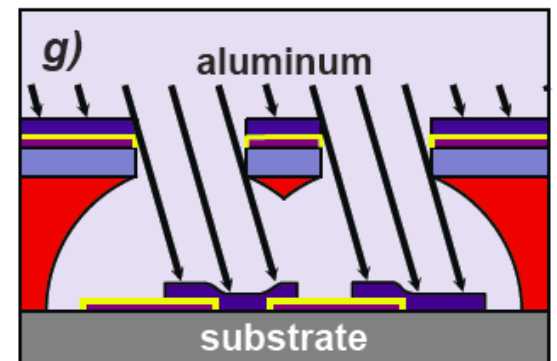
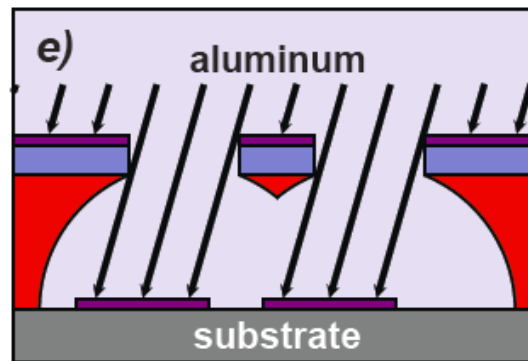
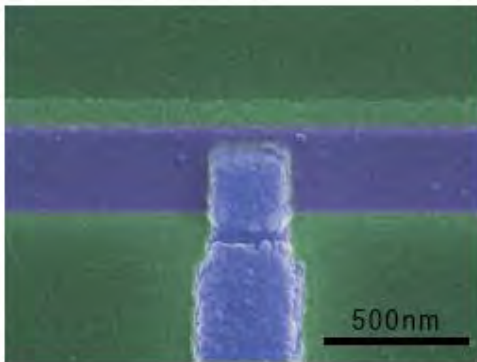
# A Low-Loss Nonlinear Element

a (superconducting) Josephson junction:



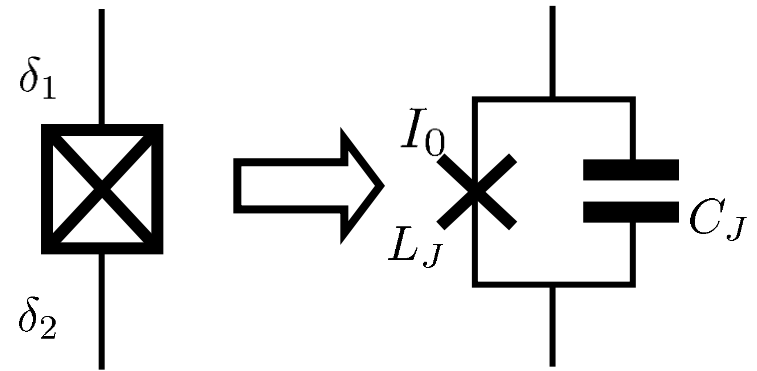
- superconductors: Nb, Al
- tunnel barrier:  $\text{AlO}_x$

Josephson junction fabricated by shadow evaporation:



# The Josephson Junction as an ideal Non-Linear Inductor

a nonlinear inductor without dissipation



Josephson relations:

$$I = I_0 \sin \delta = I_0 \sin [2\pi\phi(t)/\phi_0]$$

nonlinear  
current/phase  
relation

$$V = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi} \dot{\delta} = \dot{\phi}$$

gauge inv. phase difference:

$$\delta = \delta_2 - \delta_1 = 2\pi\phi(t)/\phi_0$$

Josephson inductance:

$$V = -L_J \dot{I} = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi I_0} \frac{1}{\cos \delta} \dot{I}$$

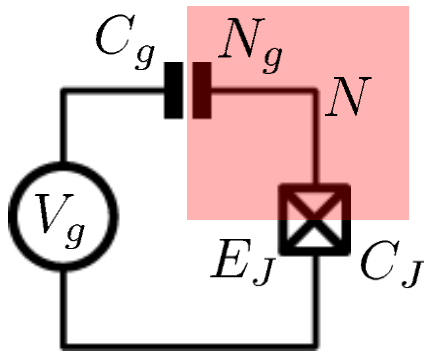
specific Josephson  
inductance  $L_{J0}$

Josephson energy:

$$E_J = \int V I dt = \frac{I_0 \phi_0}{2\pi} \cos \delta$$

specific Josephson  
energy  $E_{J0}$

# A Charge Qubit: The Cooper Pair Box



discrete charge on island:

$$N = \frac{Q}{2e}$$

continuous gate charge:

$$N_g = \frac{C_g V_g}{2e}$$

total box capacitance

$$C_\Sigma = C_g + C_J$$

Hamiltonian:  $H = H_{\text{el}} + H_{\text{mag}}$

electrostatic part:

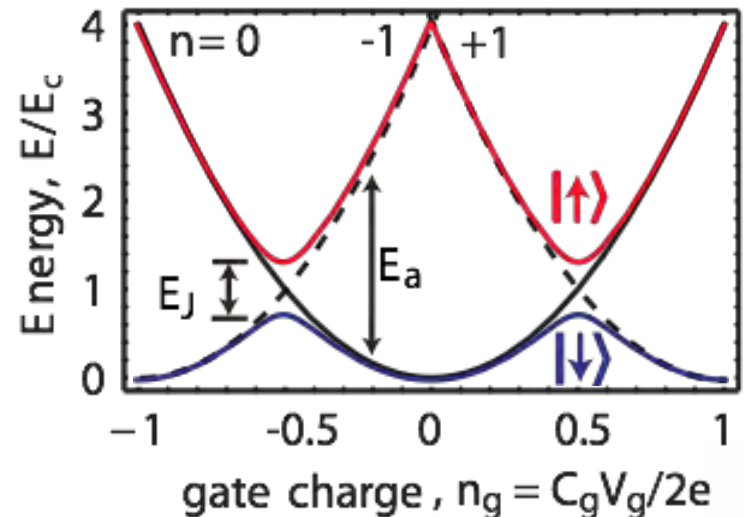
$$H_{\text{el}} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{(2e)^2}{2C_\Sigma} (N - N_g)^2$$

charging energy  $E_C$

magnetic part:

$$H_{\text{mag}} = -E_J \cos \delta \approx \frac{\phi^2}{2L_{J0}}$$

Josephson energy



# Hamilton Operator of the Cooper Pair Box

Hamiltonian:  $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{\text{el}} + \hat{H}_{\text{mag}} = E_C(\hat{N} - N_g)^2 + E_J \cos \hat{\delta}$

commutation relation:  $[\hat{\delta}, \hat{N}] = i$   $\cos \hat{\delta} = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\hat{\delta}} + e^{-i\hat{\delta}})$

charge number operator:  $\hat{N}|N\rangle = N|N\rangle$  eigenvalues, eigenfunctions

$$\sum_N |N\rangle\langle N| = 1 \quad \text{completeness}$$

$$\langle N|M\rangle = \delta_{NM} \quad \text{orthogonality}$$

phase basis:  $|\delta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_N e^{iN\delta} |N\rangle$  basis transformation

$$e^{\pm i\hat{\delta}} |N\rangle = |N \pm 1\rangle$$

# Solving the Cooper Pair Box Hamiltonian

Hamilton operator in the **charge basis**  $N$ :

$$\hat{H} = \sum_N \left[ E_C (N - N_g)^2 |N\rangle\langle N| - \frac{E_J}{2} (|N\rangle\langle N+1| + |N+1\rangle\langle N|) \right]$$

solutions in the charge basis:

$$\hat{H}|\psi_n(N)\rangle = E_n|\psi_n(N)\rangle$$

Hamilton operator in the **phase basis**  $\delta$ :

$$\hat{H} = E_C (\hat{N} - N_g)^2 + E_J \cos \hat{\delta} = E_C \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta} - N_g \right)^2 + E_J \cos \hat{\delta}$$

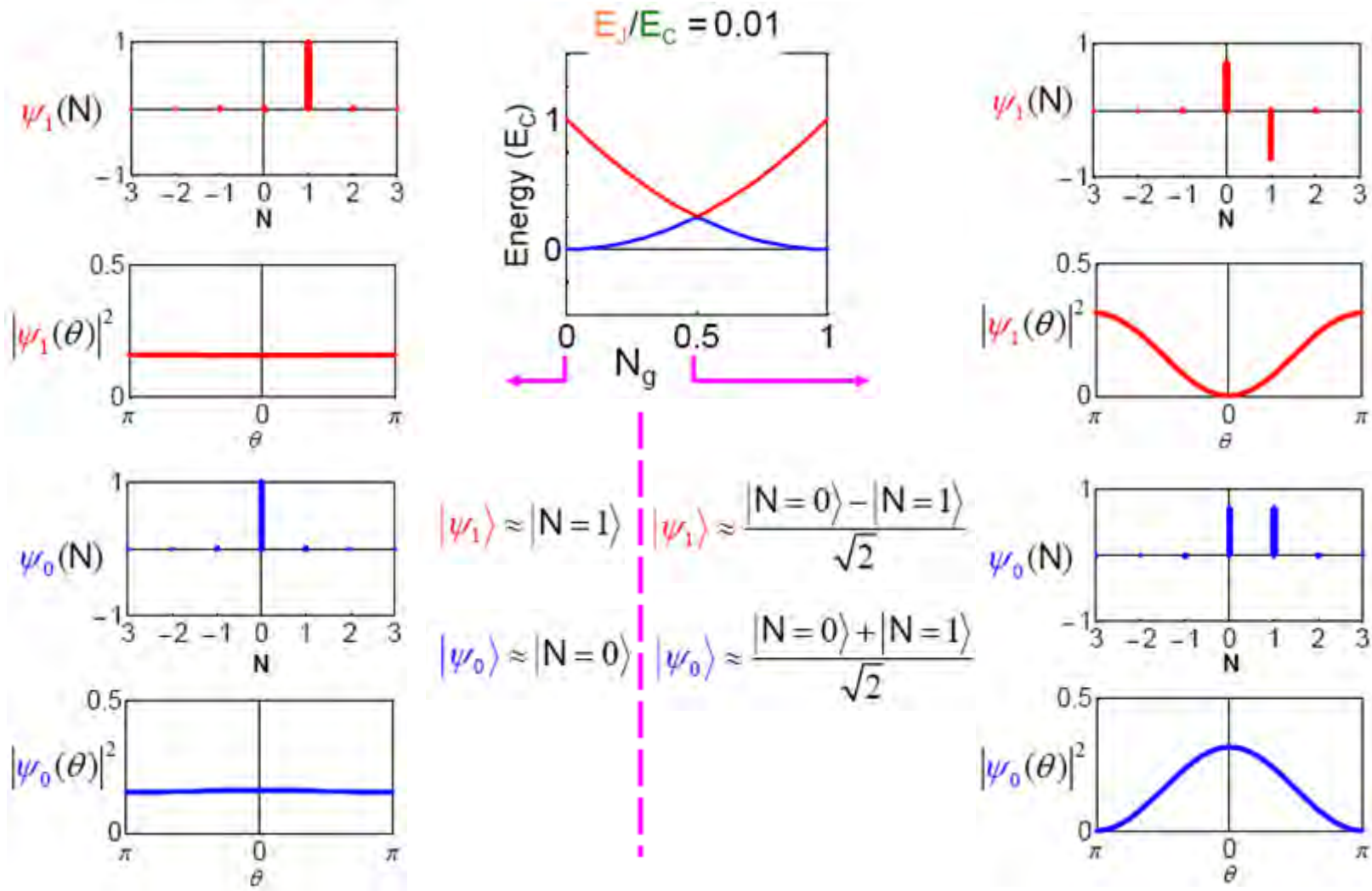
transformation of the number operator:

$$\hat{N} = \frac{\hat{Q}}{2e} = -i\hbar \frac{1}{2e} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta}$$

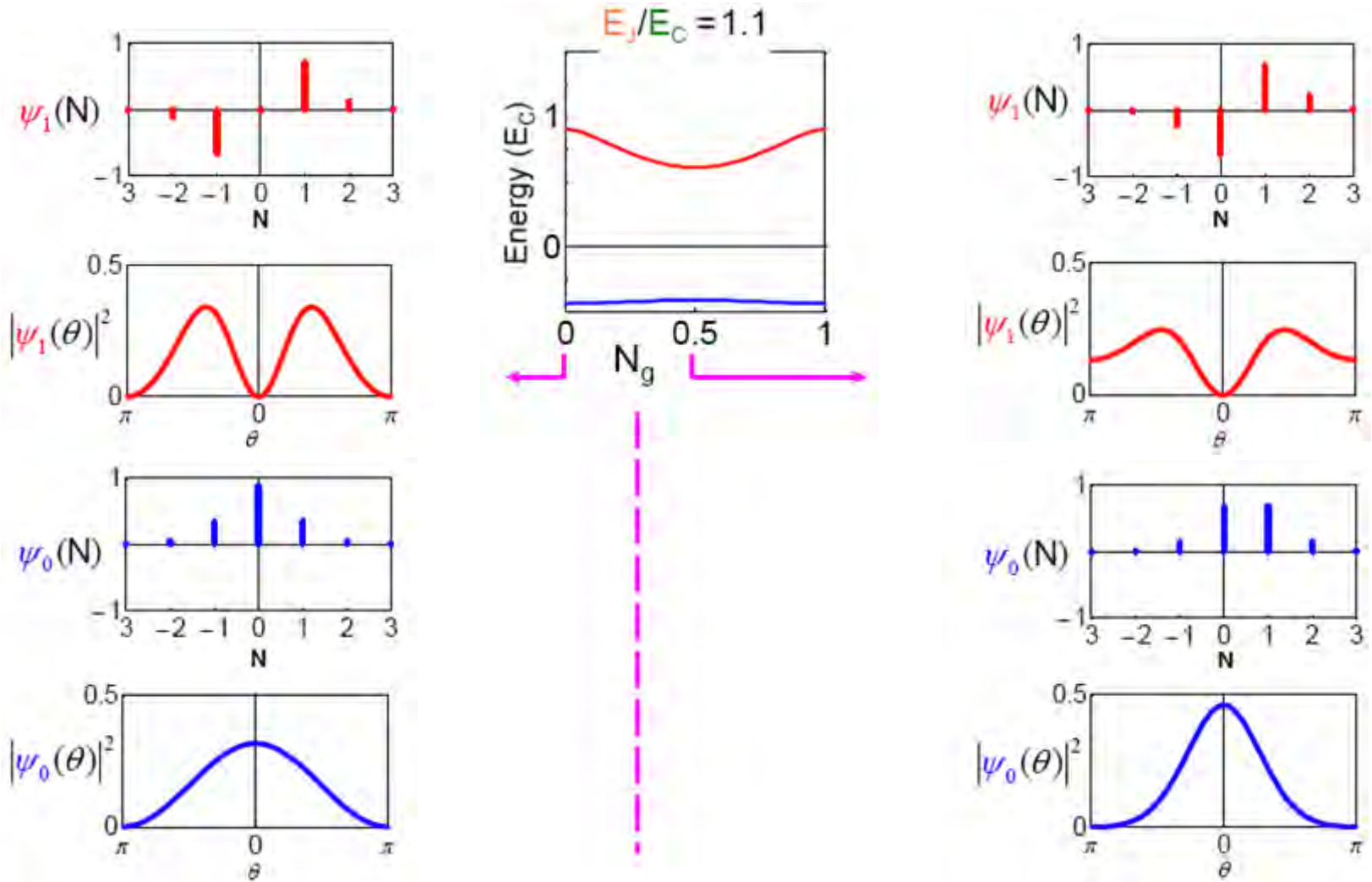
solutions in the phase basis:

$$\hat{H}|\psi_n(\delta)\rangle = E_n|\psi_n(\delta)\rangle$$

# Charge and Phase Wave Functions ( $E_J \ll E_C$ )

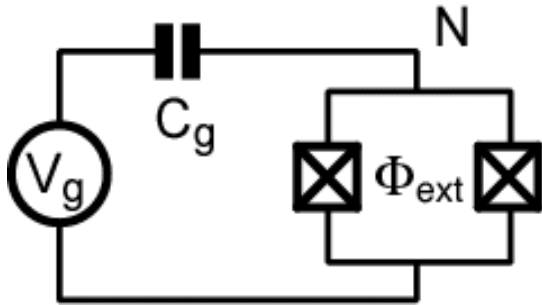


# Charge and Phase Wave Functions ( $E_J \sim E_C$ )



# Tuning the Josephson Energy

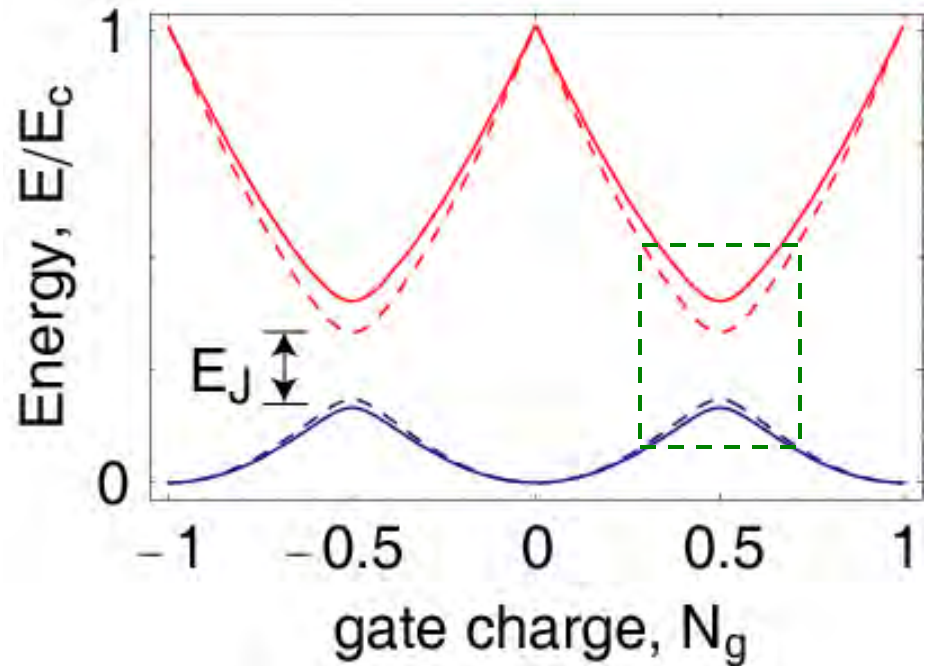
split Cooper pair box in perpendicular field



$$H = E_C (N - N_g)^2 - E_{J,\max} \cos \left( \pi \frac{\phi_{\text{ext}}}{\phi_0} \right)$$

SQUID modulation of Josephson energy

$$E_J = E_{J,\max} \cos \left( \pi \frac{\phi_{\text{ext}}}{\phi_0} \right)$$



consider two state approximation



# Two-State Approximation

$$\hat{H}_{\text{CPB}} = \hat{H}_{\text{el}} + \hat{H}_J = E_C(\hat{N} - N_g)^2 - E_J \cos \hat{\delta}$$

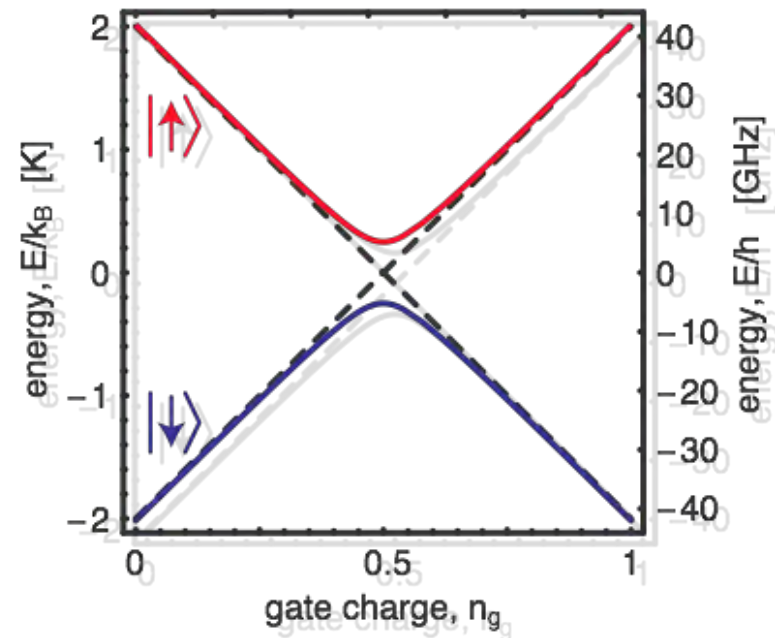
$$\hat{H}_{\text{CPB}} = \sum_N \left[ E_C(N - N_g)^2 |N\rangle \langle N| - \frac{E_J}{2} (|N\rangle \langle N+1| + |N+1\rangle \langle N|) \right]$$

Restricting to a two-charge Hilbert space:

$$\hat{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1 - \hat{\sigma}_z}{2}$$

$$\cos \hat{\delta} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_x}{2}$$

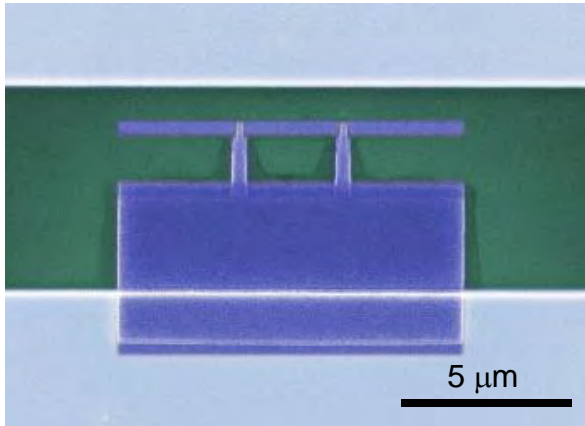
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} &= -\frac{E_C}{2}(1 - 2N_g)\hat{\sigma}_z - \frac{E_J}{2}\hat{\sigma}_x \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(E_{\text{el}}\hat{\sigma}_z + E_J\hat{\sigma}_x) \end{aligned}$$



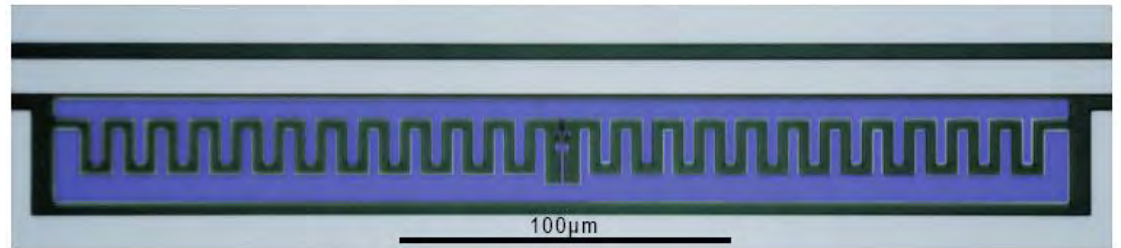
# A Variant of the Cooper Pair Box

a Cooper pair box with a small charging energy

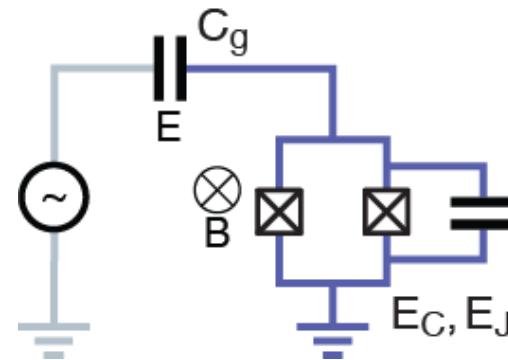
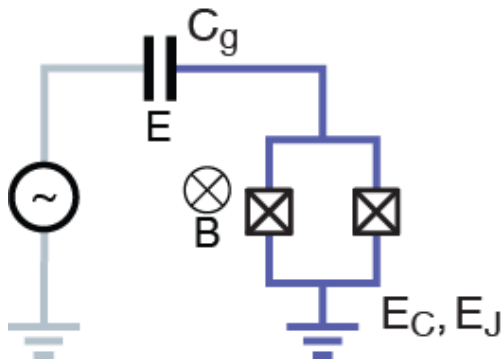
standard CPB:



Transmon qubit:



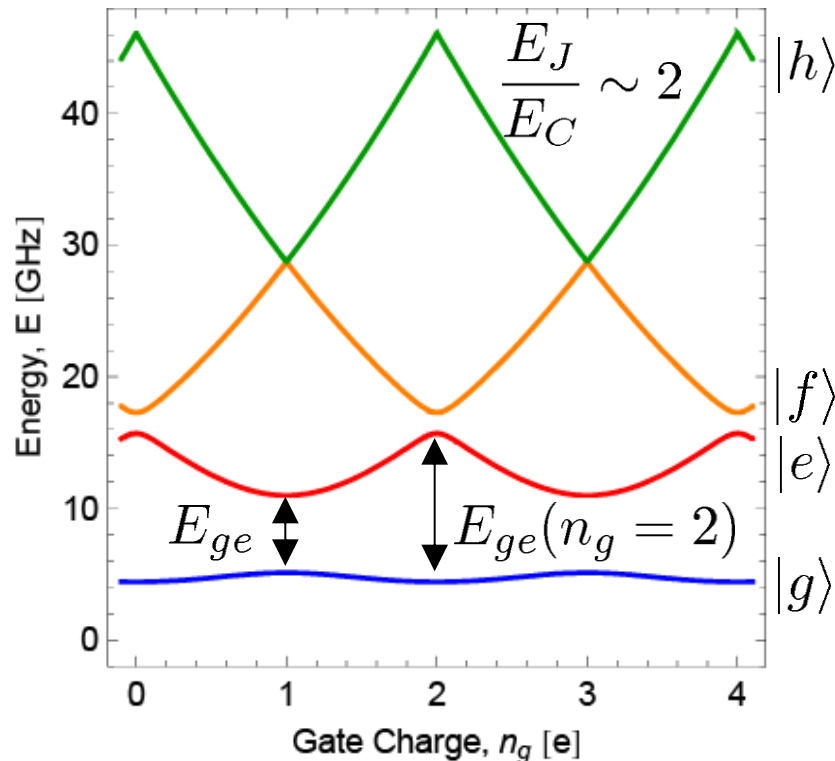
circuit diagram:



J. Koch *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A **76**, 042319 (2007)  
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# The Transmon: A Charge Noise Insensitive Qubit

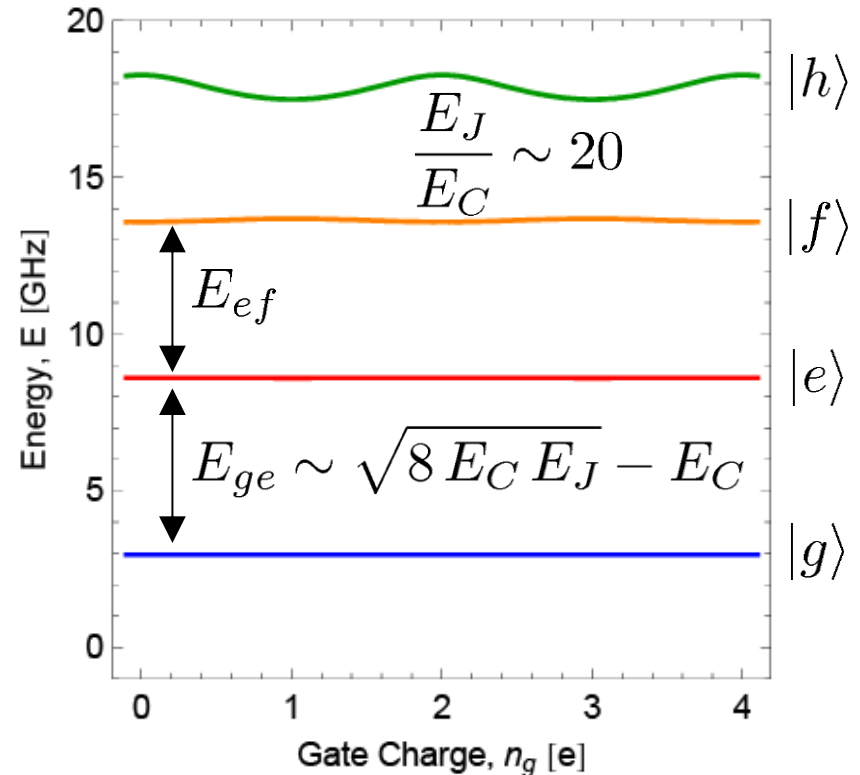
Cooper pair box energy levels:



dispersion:

$$\epsilon = E_{ge}(n_g = 1) - E_{ge}(n_g = 2)$$

Transmon energy levels:

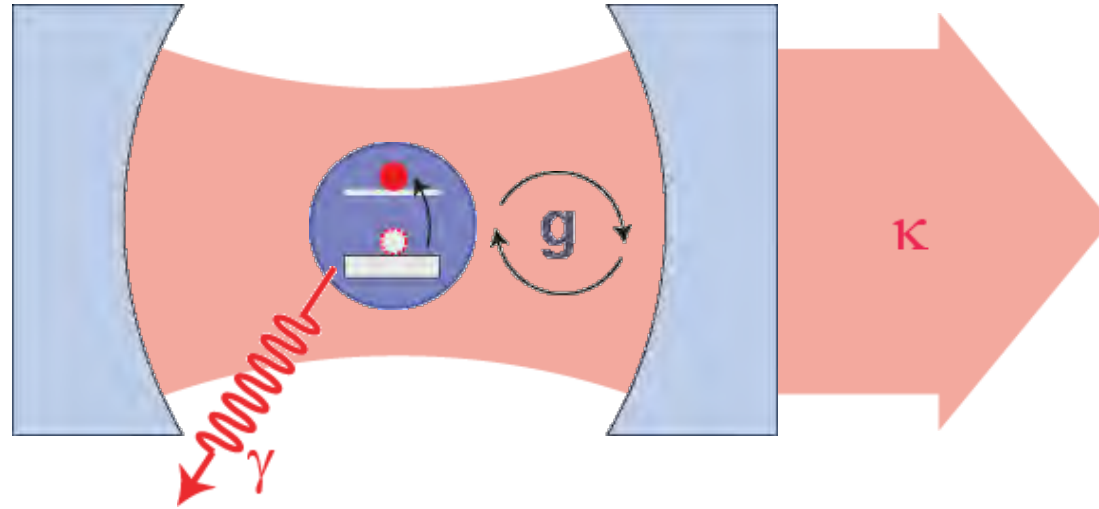


relative anharmonicity:

$$\alpha_r = \frac{E_{ef} - E_{ge}}{E_{ge}}$$

# Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics

interaction of atom and photon in a cavity



Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

$$H = \hbar\omega_r \left( a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2} \sigma^z + \hbar g (a^\dagger \sigma^- + a \sigma^+) + H_\kappa + H_\gamma$$

strong coupling limit:  $g = dE_0/\hbar > \gamma, \kappa, 1/t_{\text{transit}}$

# Dressed States Energy Level Diagram

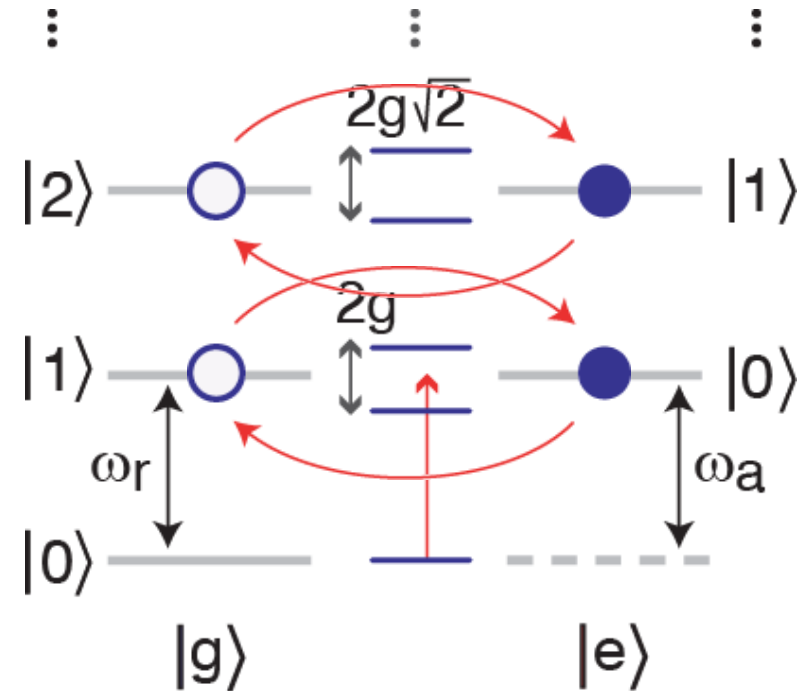
$$H = \hbar\omega_r \left( a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2} \sigma^z + \hbar g (a^\dagger \sigma^- + a \sigma^+)$$

in resonance:

$$\omega_a - \omega_r = \Delta = 0$$

strong coupling limit:

$$g = \frac{dE_0}{\hbar} > \gamma, \kappa$$



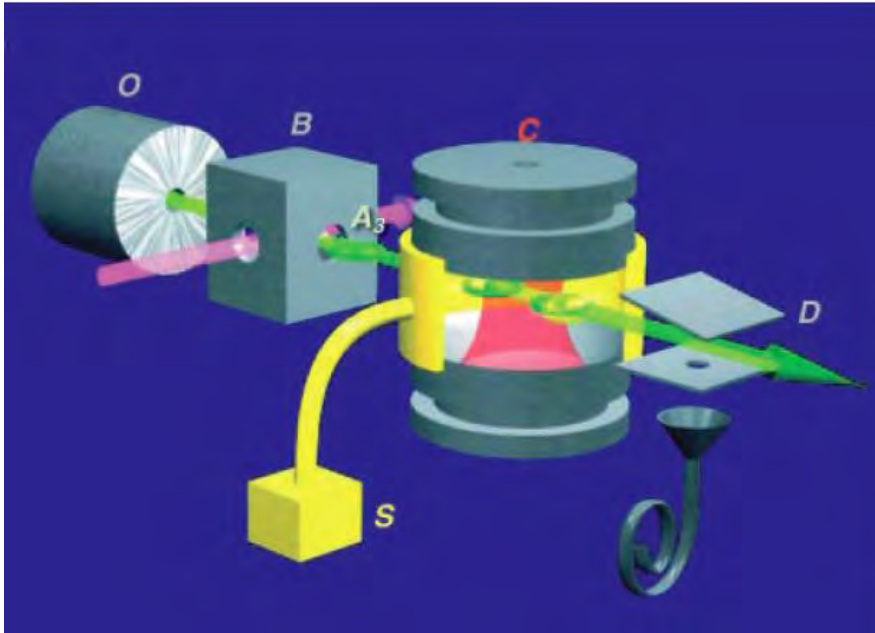
Jaynes-Cummings Ladder

atomic cavity QED reviews:

J. Ye., H. J. Kimble, H. Katori, *Science* 320, 1734-1738 (2008)

S. Haroche & J. Raimond, *Exploring the Quantum*, OUP Oxford (2006)

# Vacuum Rabi Oscillations with Rydberg Atoms



with Rydberg atoms in microwave domain:

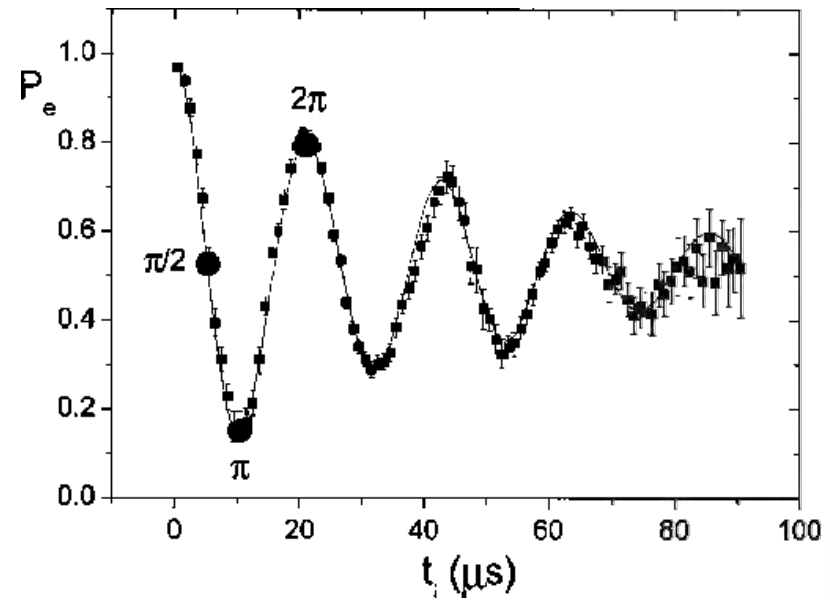
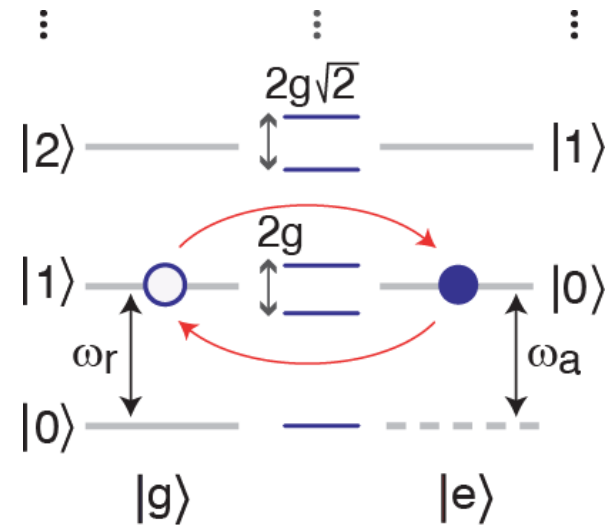
- large  $d$

reviews:

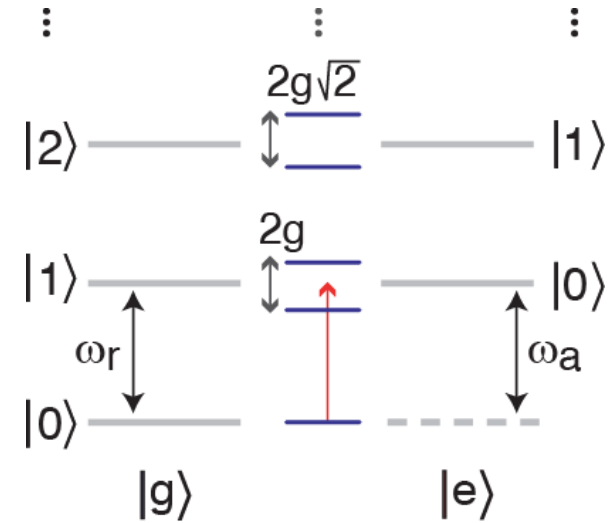
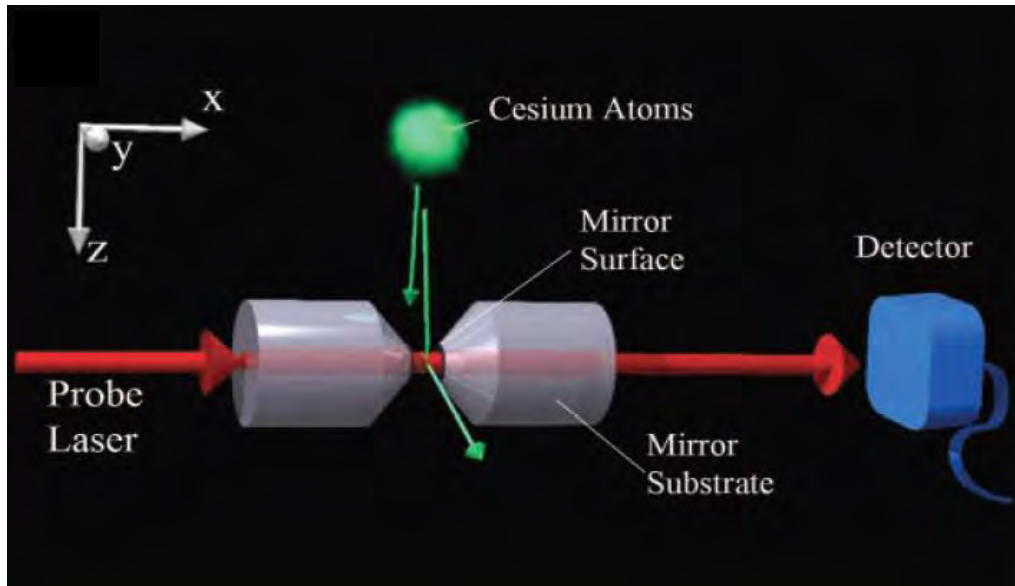
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# Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting with Alkali Atoms



with alkali atoms in optical domain:

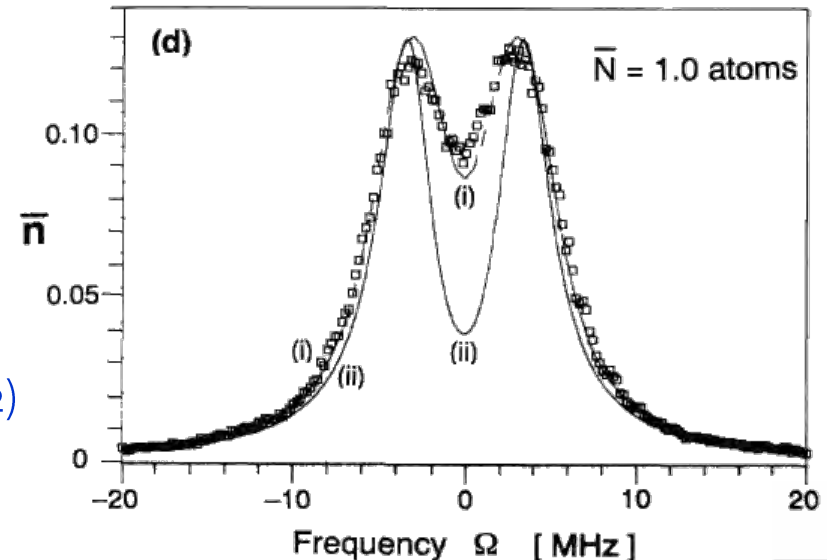
- large  $E_0$

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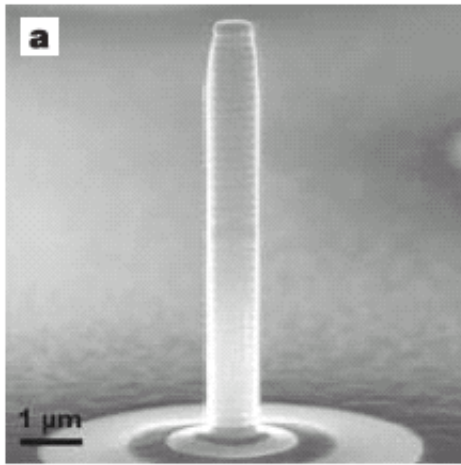
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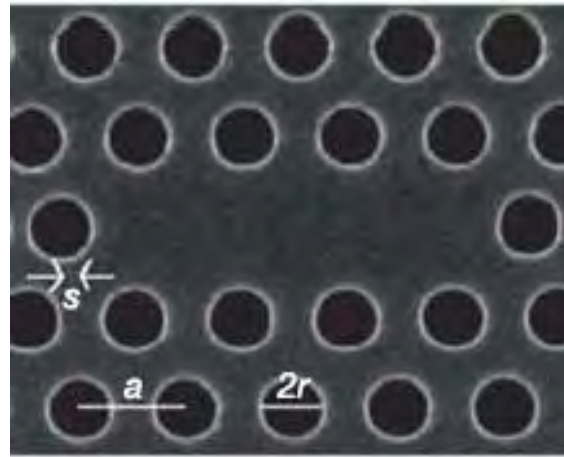
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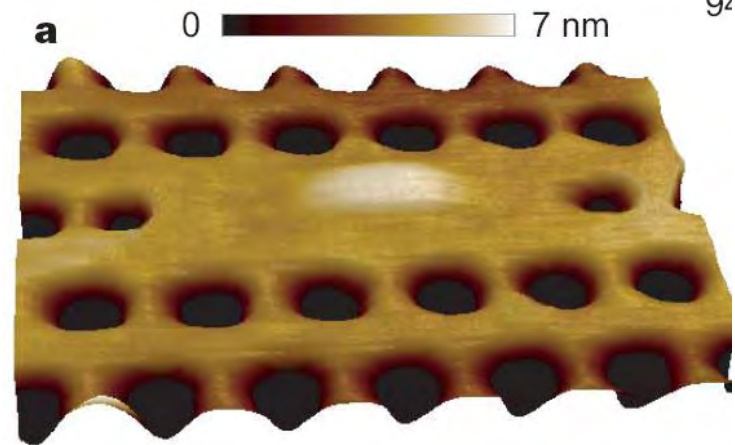
# Cavity QED in Solid State with Semiconductors



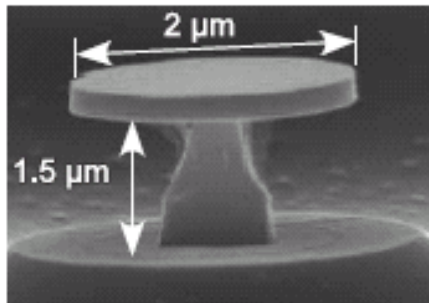
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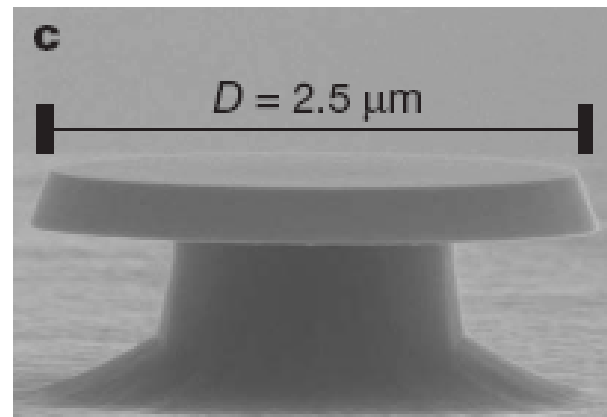
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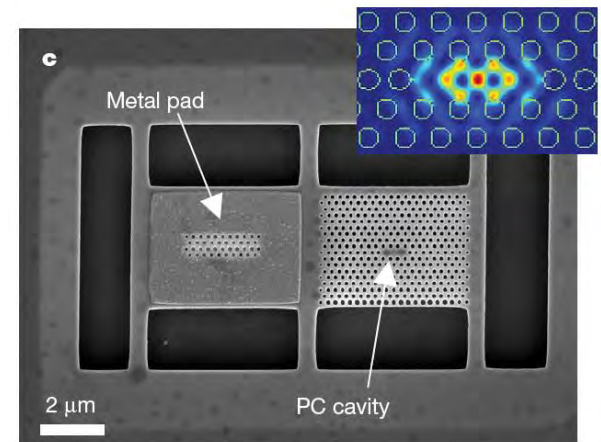
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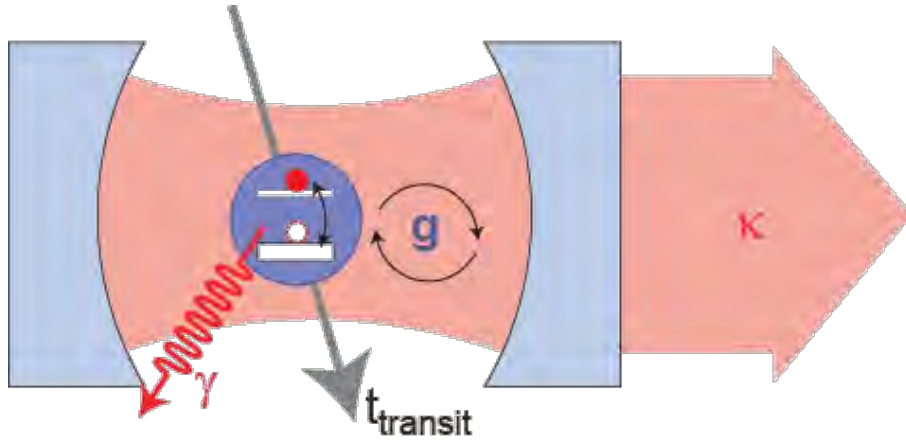
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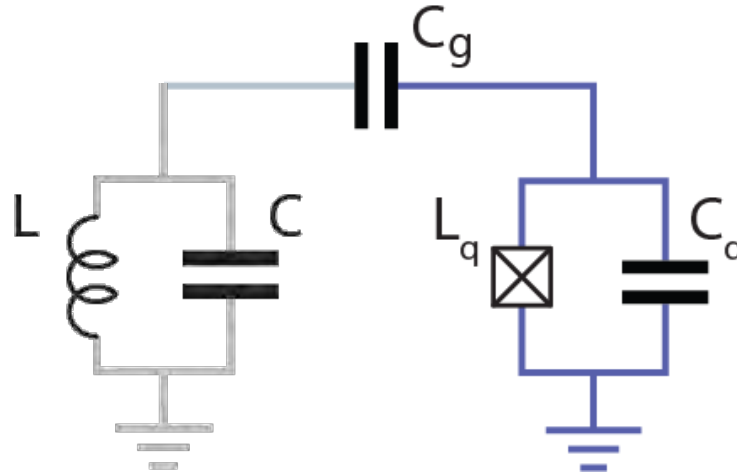


# Cavity QED with Superconducting Circuits

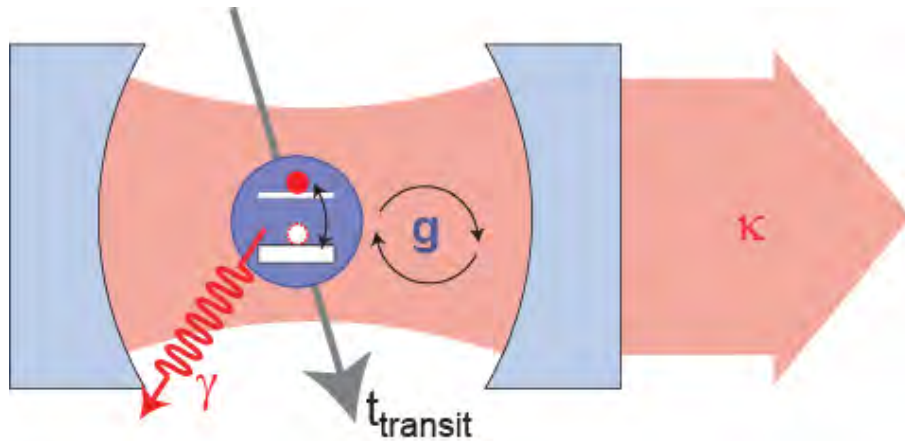


coherent quantum mechanics  
with individual photons and qubits ...

... basic approach:



# Proposals for Cavity QED with Superconducting Circuits



coherent quantum mechanics  
with individual photons and qubits ...

a number of approaches suggested at the time:

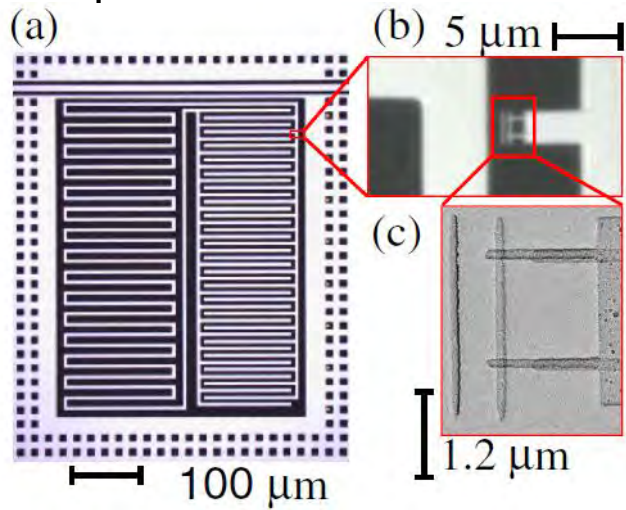
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large Josephson junctions: • F. Marquardt and C. Bruder, *Phys. Rev. B* **63**, 054514 (2001).  
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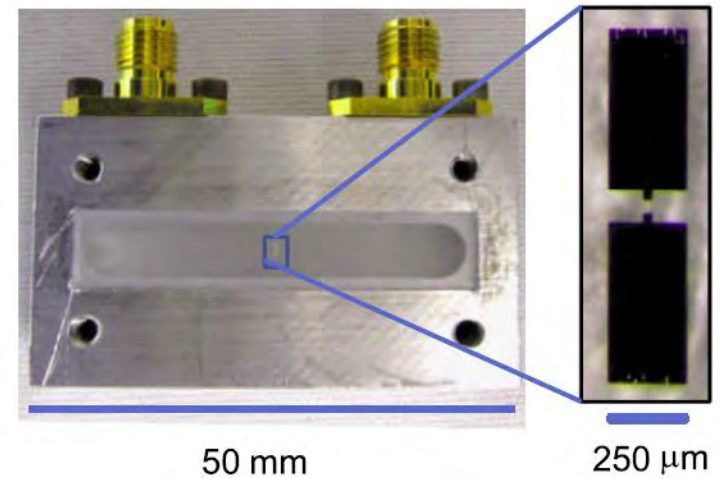
# Circuit QED and its Different Realizations

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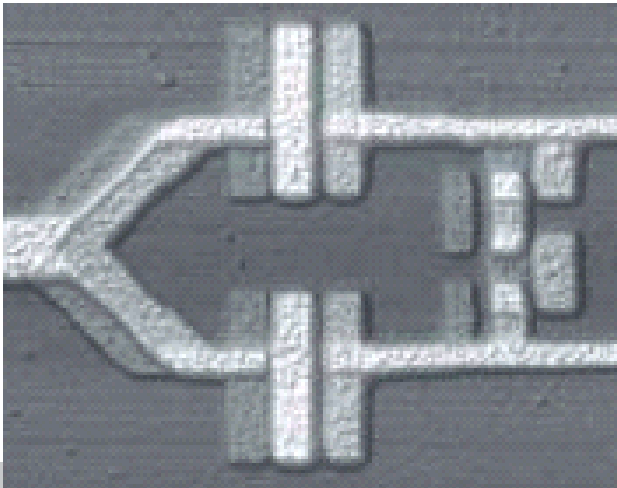
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3D cavity:



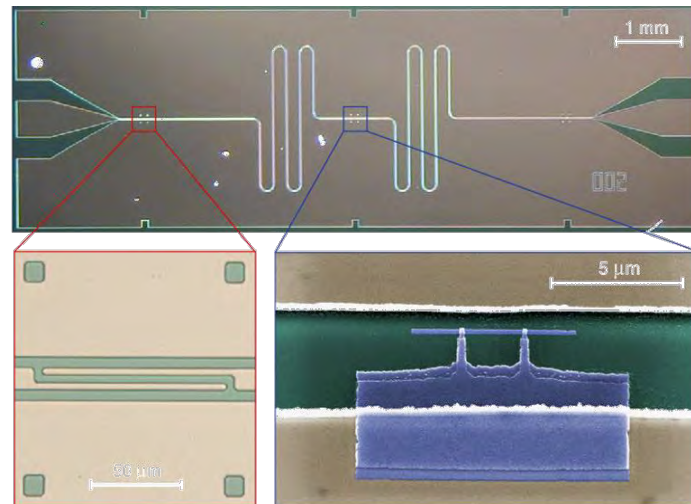
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weakly nonlinear junction:



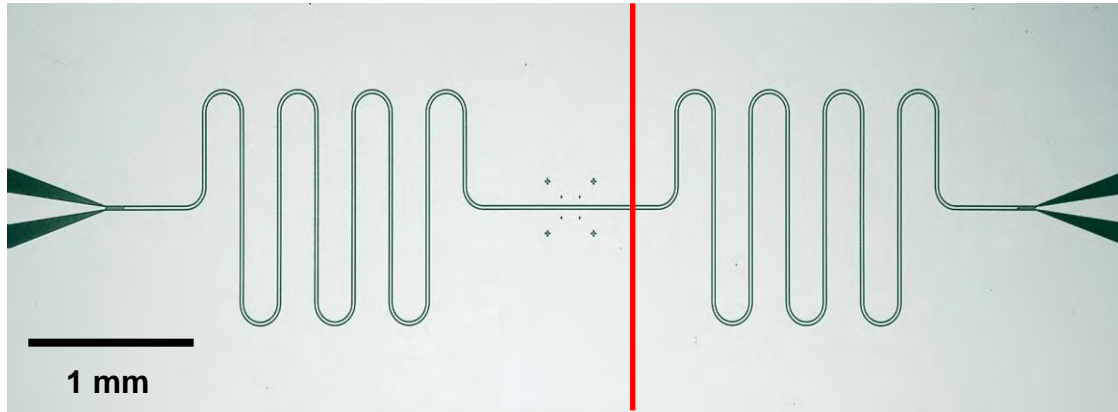
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planar transmission line resonator:

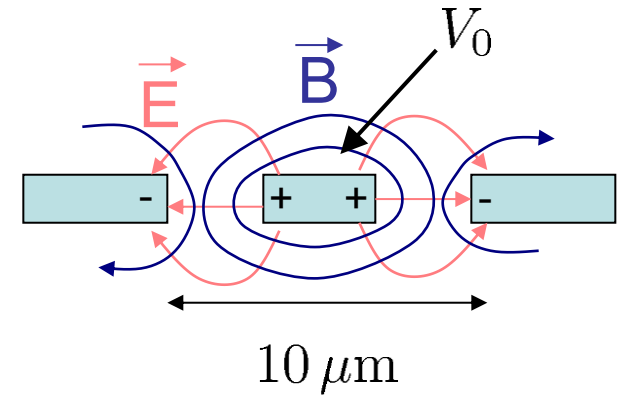


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# Large Vacuum Field in 1D Cavity



optical microscope image of strip line resonator



electric field across resonator in vacuum state ( $n=0$ ):

$$\int \epsilon_0 E_{0,\text{rms}}^2 dV_{\text{mod}} = \frac{\hbar\omega_r}{2}$$

harmonic oscillator

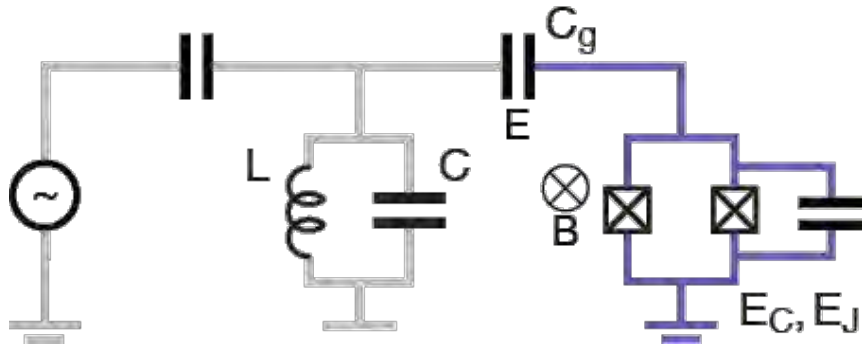
$$H_r = \hbar\omega_r \left( a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$E_{0,\text{rms}} \approx 0.2 \text{ V/m}$$

for  $\omega_r/2\pi \approx 6 \text{ GHz}$

$\times 10^6$  larger than  $E_0$   
in 3D microwave cavity

# Qubit/Photon Coupling



Hamilton operator of qubit (2-level approx.) coupled to resonator:

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C} + \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2L} + \frac{E_C}{2} (1 - 2(N_g + \hat{N}_g)) \hat{\sigma}_z - \frac{E_J}{2} \hat{\sigma}_x$$

quantum part of gate voltage due to resonator

$$\hat{N}_g = \frac{C_g}{2e} \hat{V}_g = \frac{C_g}{2e} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_r}{2C}} (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})$$

# Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

Consider bias at charge degeneracy  $N_g = 1/2$  and change of qubit basis (z to x, x to -z)

$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_r(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + 1/2) + \frac{E_J}{2}\hat{\sigma}_z + \frac{E_C}{2}\frac{C_g}{2e}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_r}{2C}}(\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})\hat{\sigma}_x$$

Use qubit raising and lowering operators  $\hat{\sigma}_x = \hat{\sigma}^+ + \hat{\sigma}^-$

Coupling term in the rotating wave approximation (RWA)

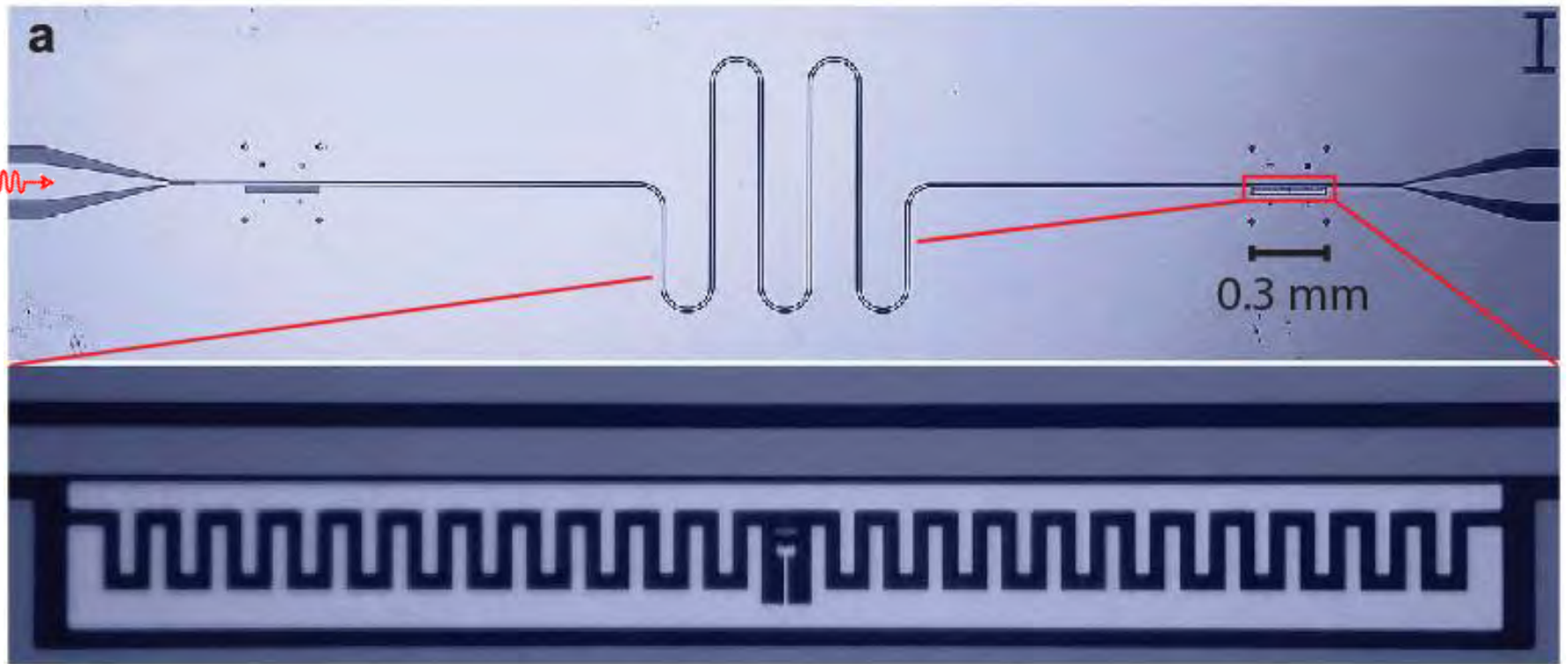
$$\hat{H}_g = \frac{E_C}{2}\frac{C_g}{2e}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_r}{2C}}(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{\sigma}^- + \cancel{\hat{a}\hat{\sigma}^-} + \cancel{\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{\sigma}^+} + \hat{a}\hat{\sigma}^+) \approx \hbar g(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{\sigma}^- + \hat{a}\hat{\sigma}^+)$$

Coupling strength of the Jaynes Cummings Hamiltonian  $\hbar g = \frac{C_g}{C_\Sigma} 2e\sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_r}{2C}}$

Vacuum-Rabi frequency  $\nu_R = \frac{2g}{2\pi} \approx 1 \dots 300 \text{ MHz}$

$g \gg [\kappa, \gamma]$  possible!

# Realization



# Sample Mount



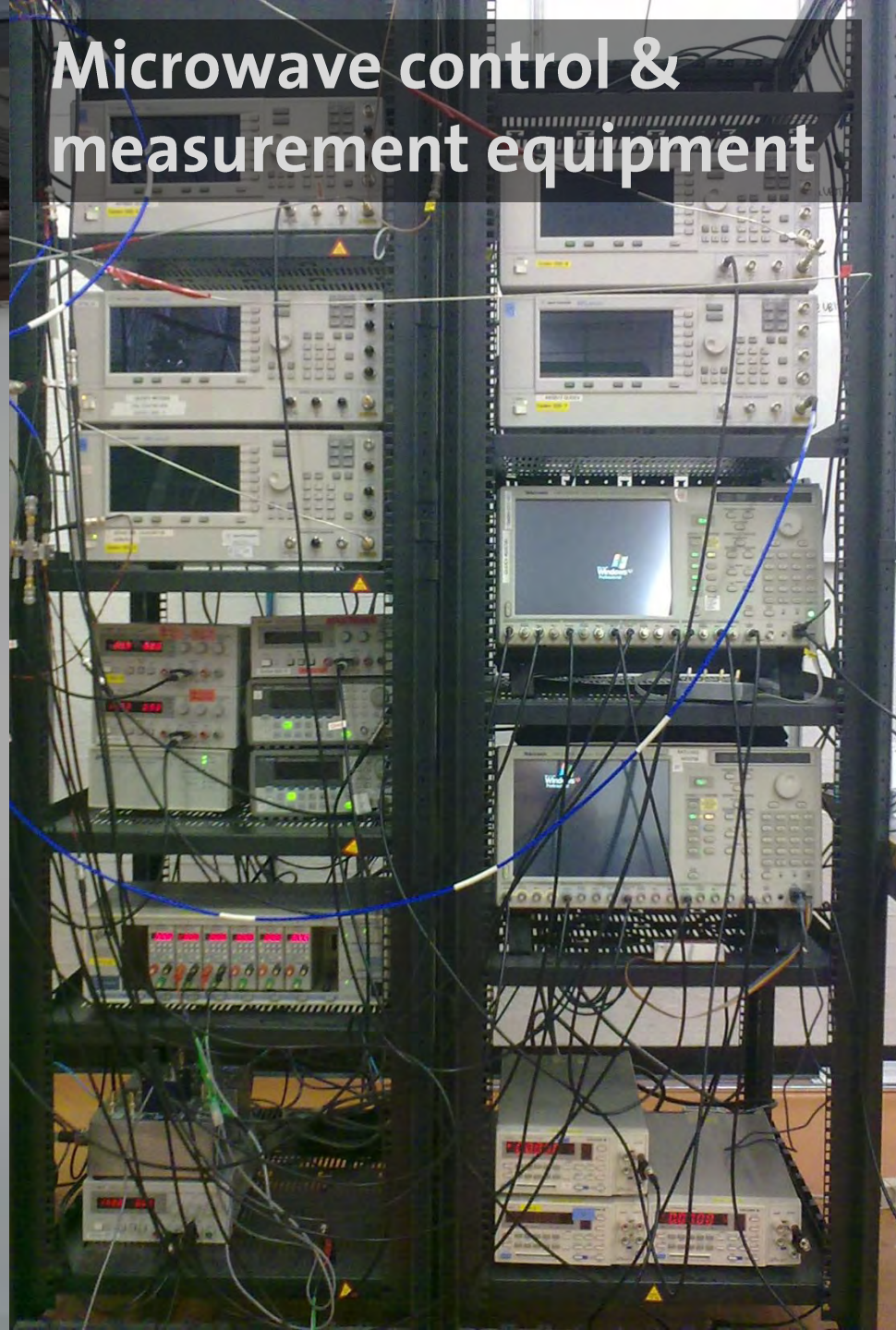


Cryostat for temperatures down to 0.02 K



~ 20 cm

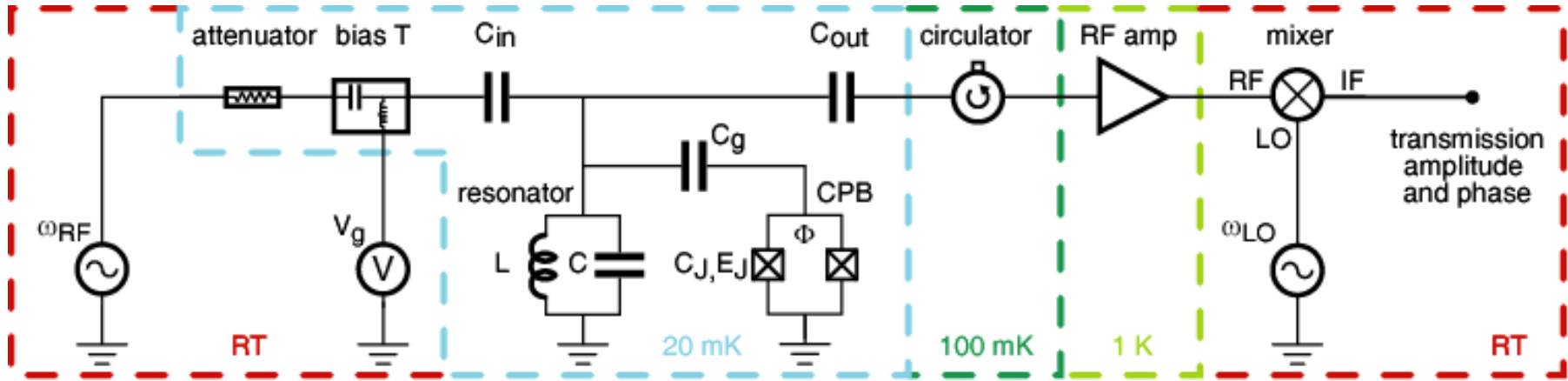
Microwave control & measurement equipment



# The ETH Zurich Circuit QED Lab



# How to do the Measurement



- prevent leakage of thermal photons (cold attenuators and circulators)
- average power to be detected ( $\omega_r/2\pi = 6 \text{ GHz}$ ,  $\kappa/2\pi = 1 \text{ MHz}$ )

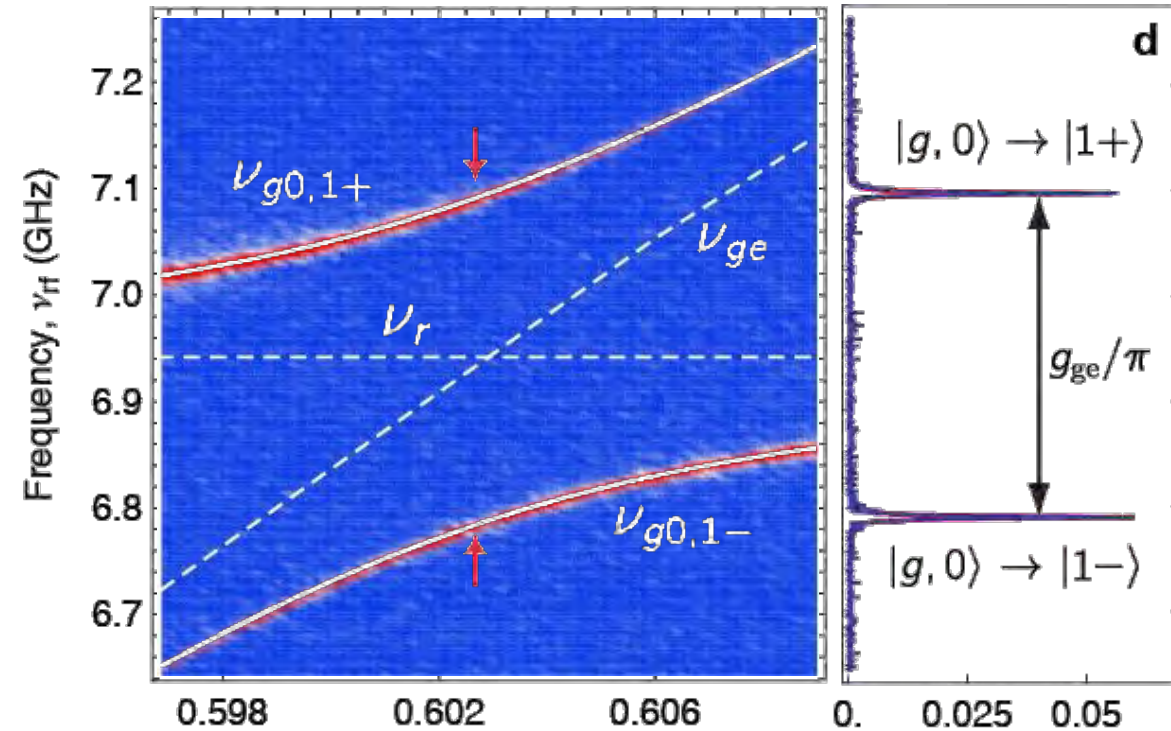
$$\langle n = 1 \rangle \hbar \omega_r \kappa / 2 \approx P_{RF} = -140 \text{ dBm} = 10^{-17} \text{ W}$$

- efficient with cryogenic low noise HEMT amplifier  $T_N = 6 \text{ K}$

# Resonant Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting ...

... with one photon ( $n=1$ ):

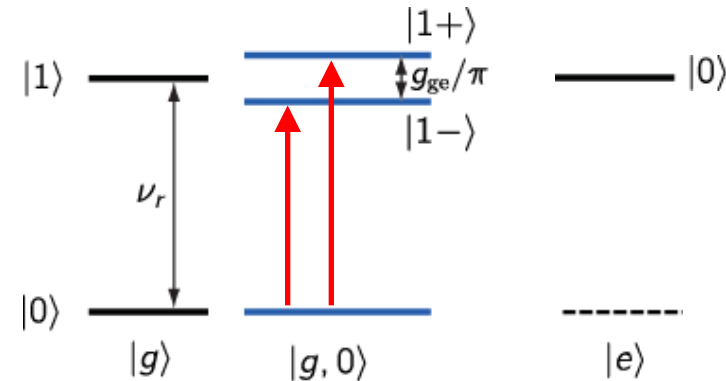
very strong coupling:



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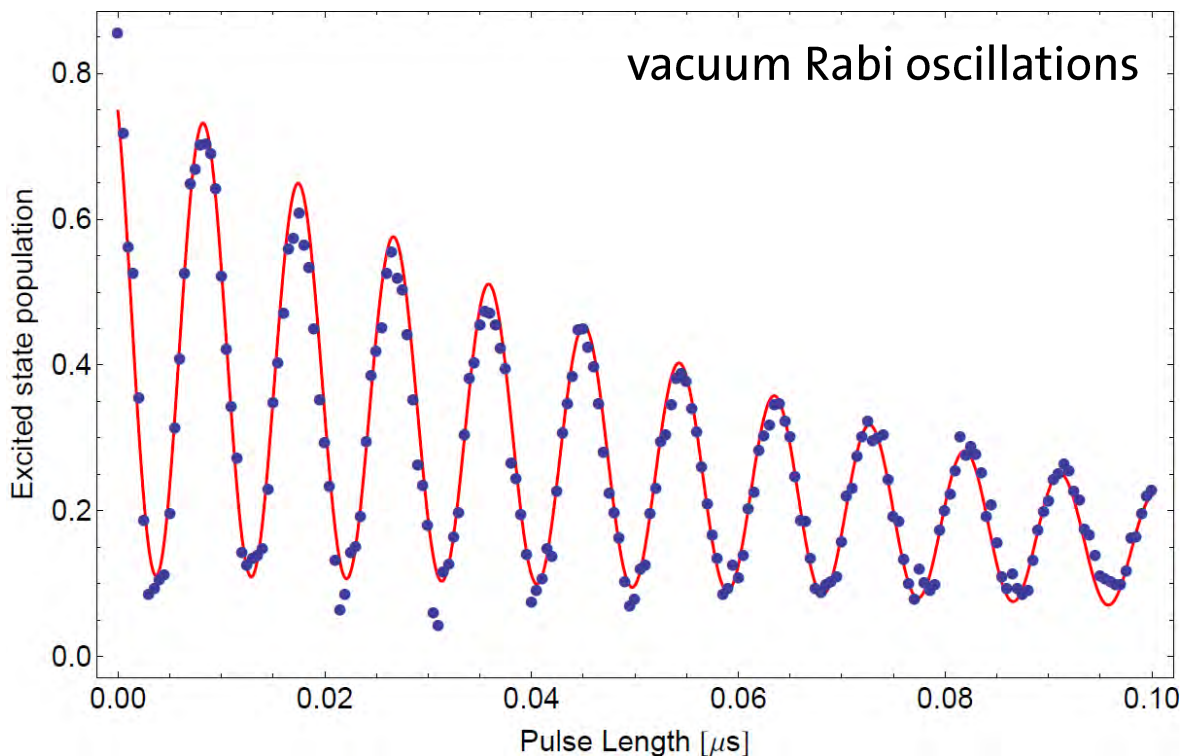
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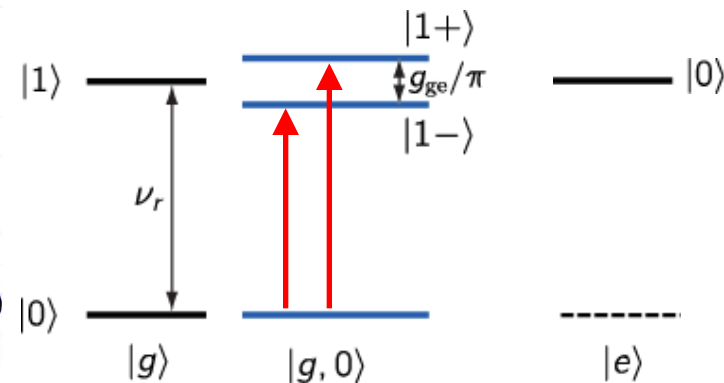
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# Probing Field Quantization on a Chip ...

... by measuring the quantum nonlinearity of the J-C ladder

What can be learned from a measurement of the vacuum Rabi mode splitting?

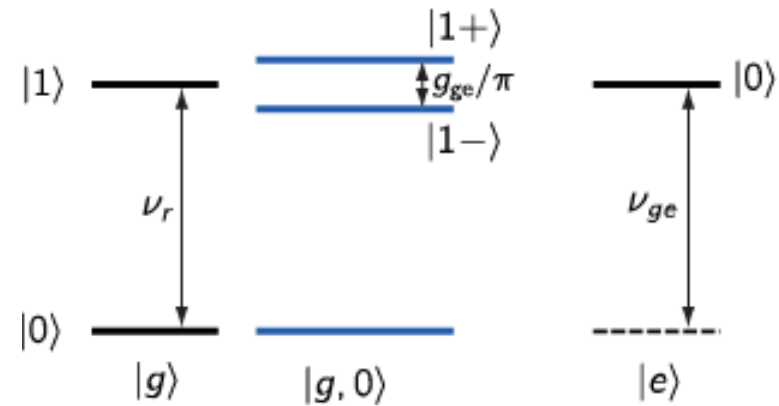
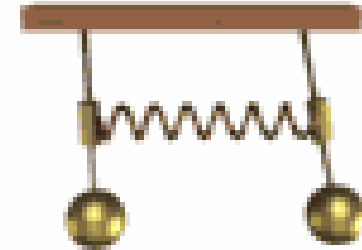
classical interpretation:

- coupled harmonic oscillators
- normal mode coupling

quantum effects:

- scaling of coupling  $g_{eff}$  with square root of the photon number  $n$
- direct proof of field quantization

time-resolved data in atomic physics exps.  
(Haroche, Walther, ...) [but no spectroscopic data until recently]



$$|n\pm\rangle = (|g, n\rangle \pm |e, n-1\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

# Climbing the Jaynes-Cummings Ladder

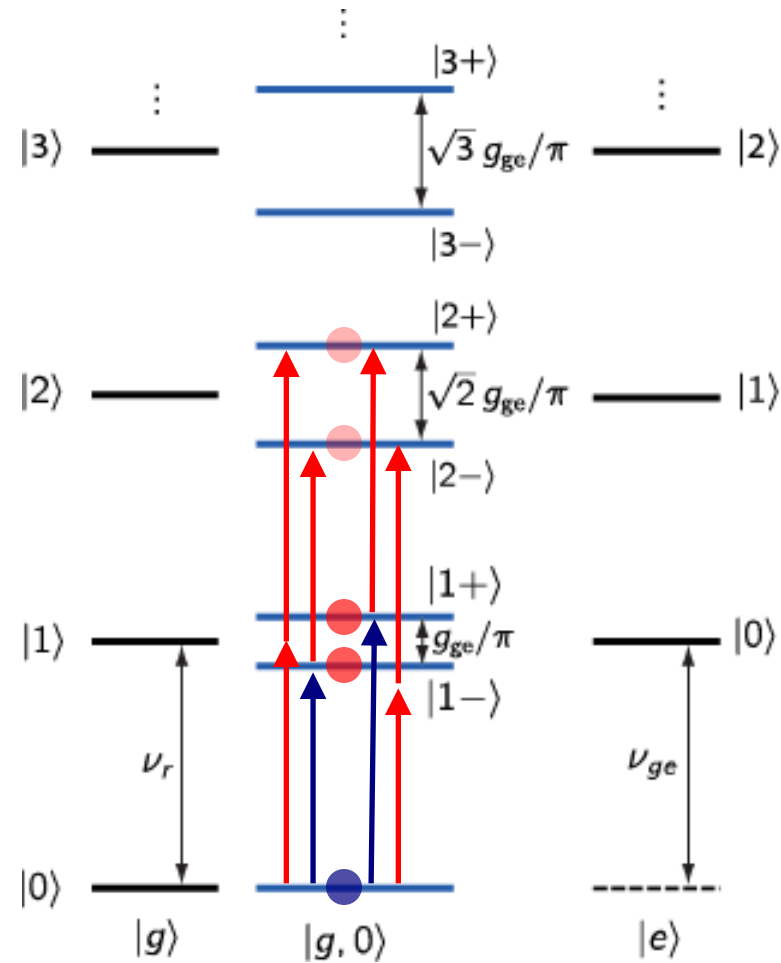
How to climb the ladder?

start on the lowest rung:

- cool to the ground state  $|g,0\rangle$

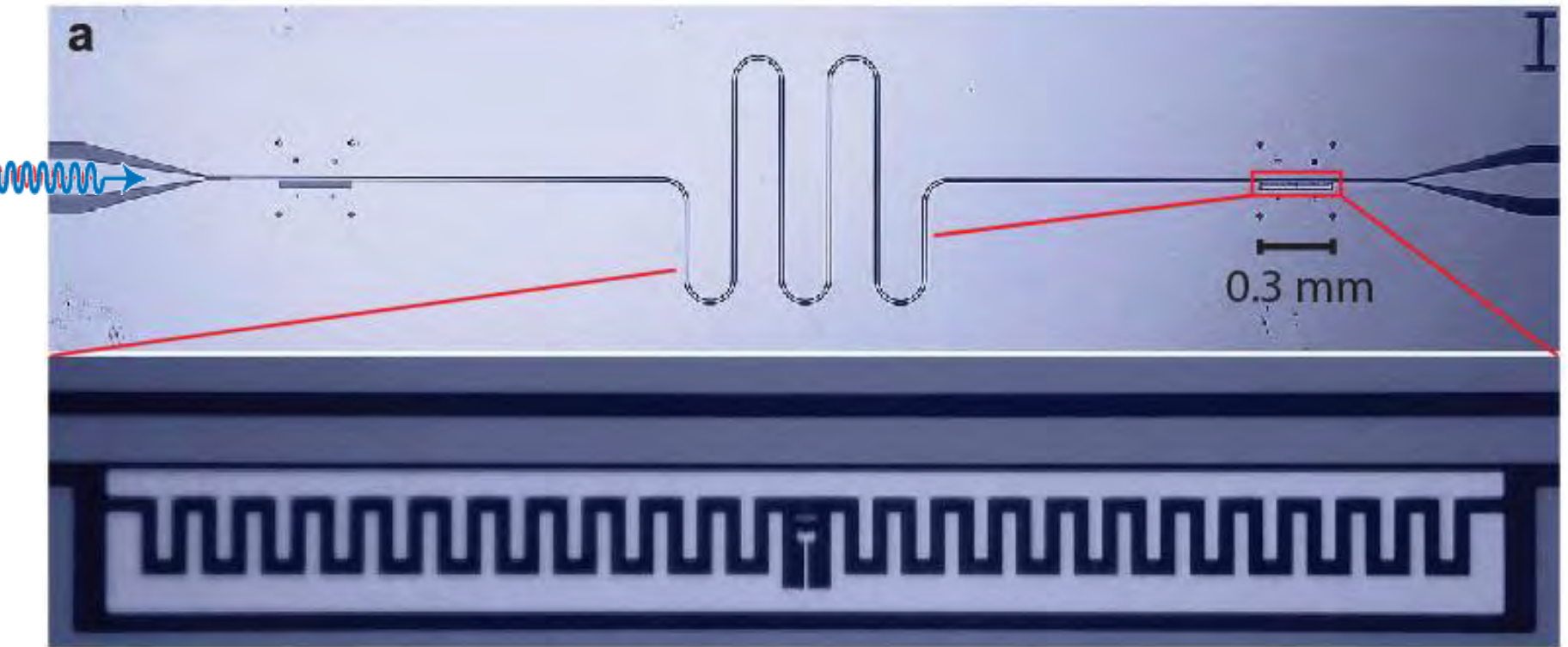
climb towards higher rungs:

- step by step:  
 ,pump & probe' excitation  
*J. Fink et al., Nature 454, 315 (2008)*  
*I. Schuster et al., Nat. Phys. 4, 382 (2008)*  
*M. Hofheinz et al., Nature 454, 310 (2008)*
- many rungs at the same time:  
 multi-photon excitation  
*L. S. Bishop et al., Nature Phys. 5, 105 (2009)*
- thermal excitation  
*J. Fink et al., PRL 105, 163601 (2010)*  
*J. Fink et al., Physica Scripta T137, 014013 (2009)*  
 with full control over phase:  
*M. Hofheinz et al., Nature 459, 546 (2009)*



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# Two-Photon Pump and Probe Spectroscopy

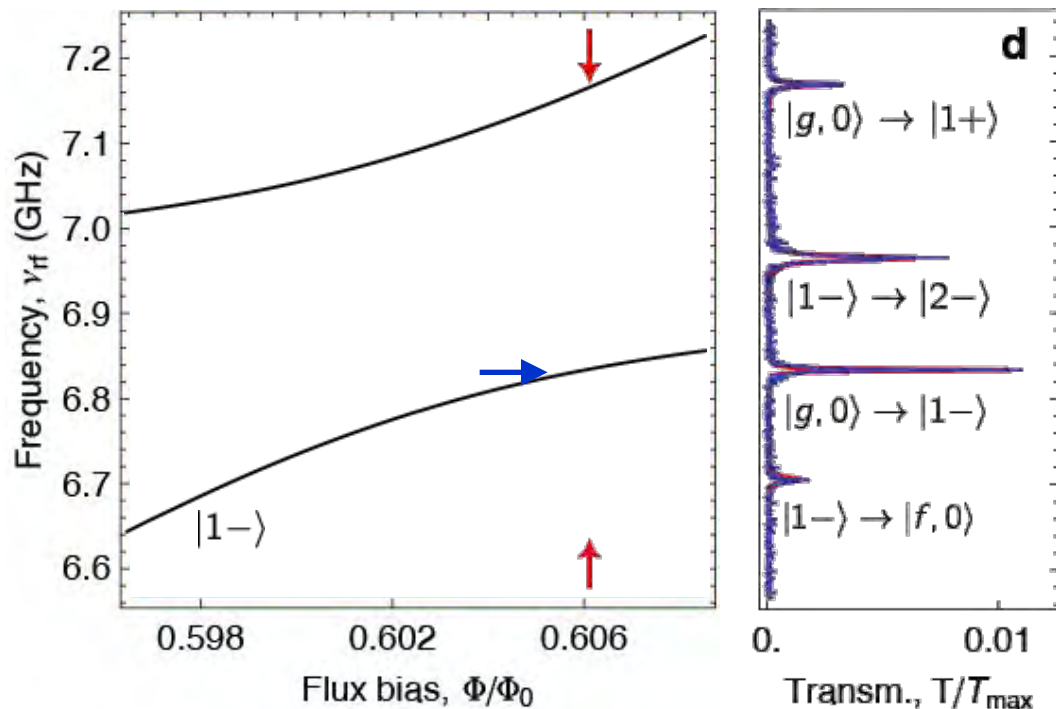


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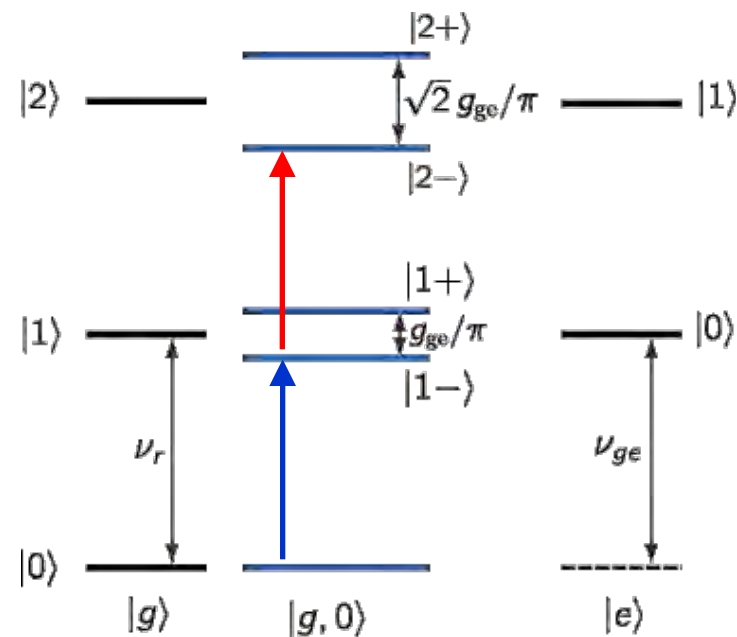


# Resonant Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting ...

... with two photons ( $n = 2$ ):



pump and probe:  $|n-\rangle$

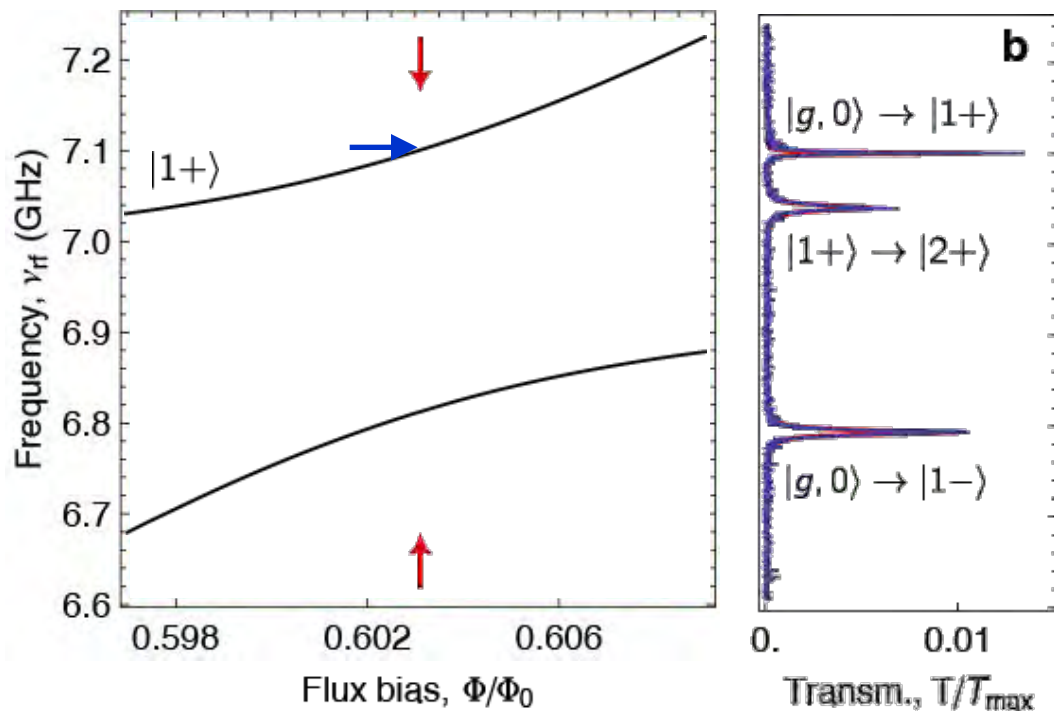


- $|n-\rangle \rightarrow |n+\rangle$  is weak

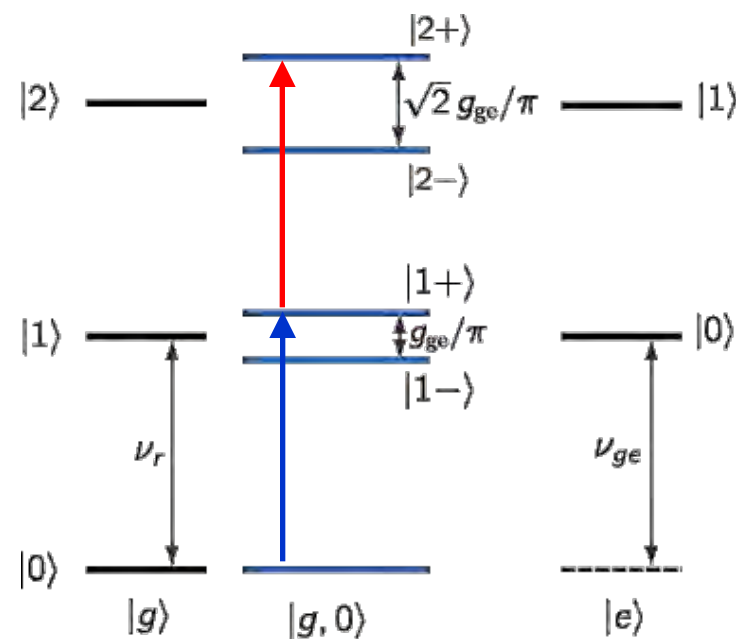
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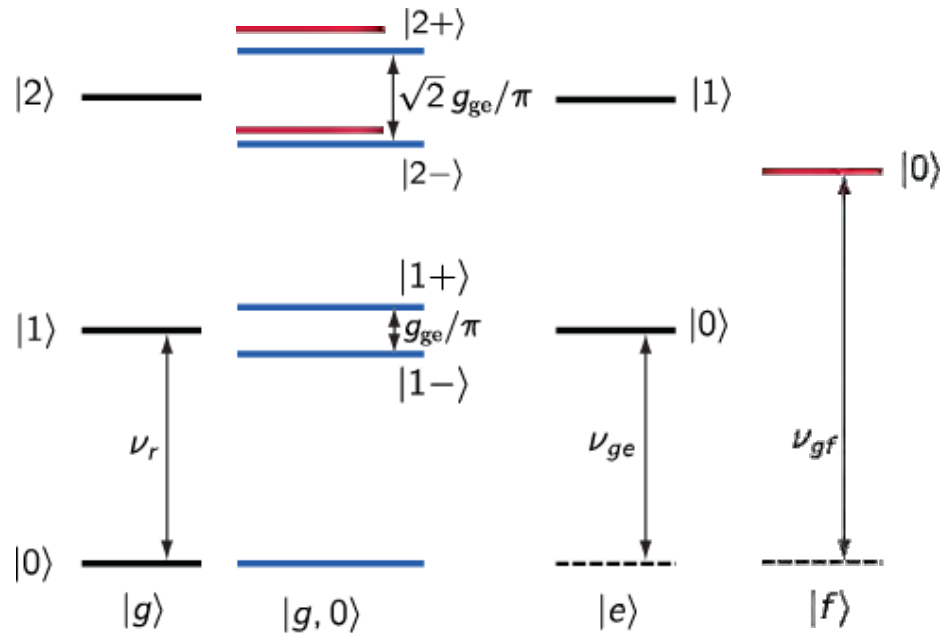
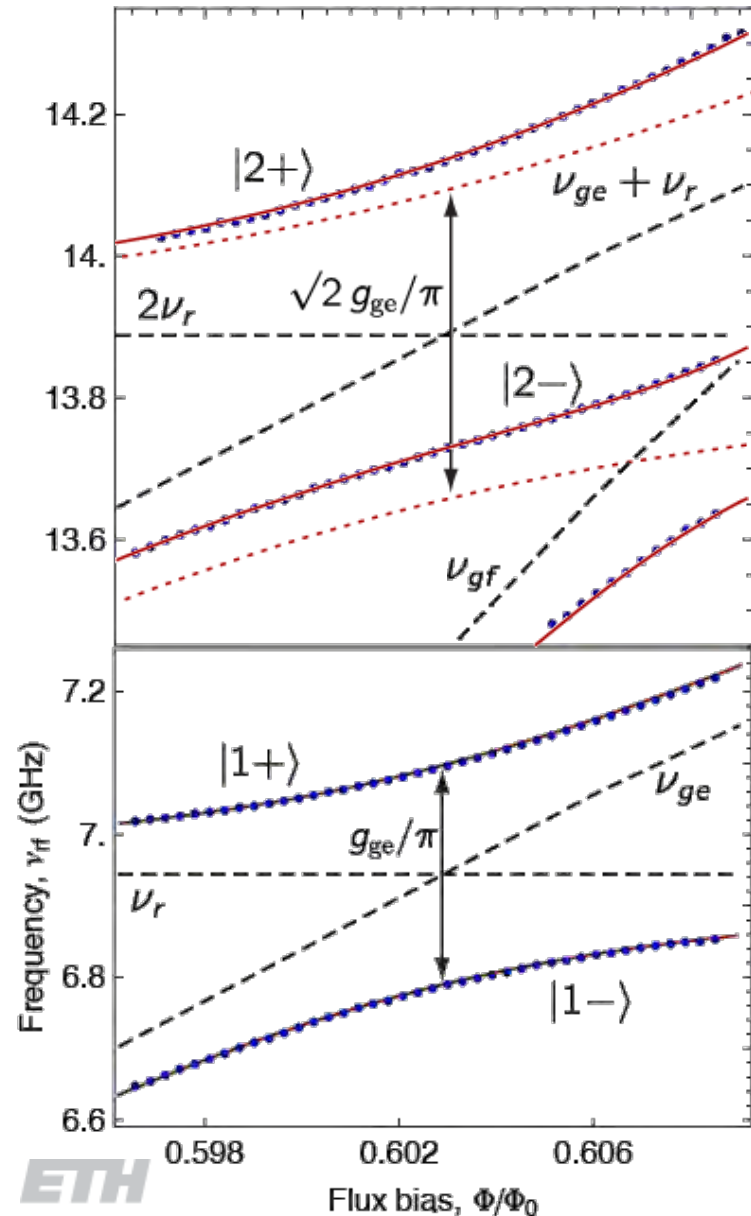


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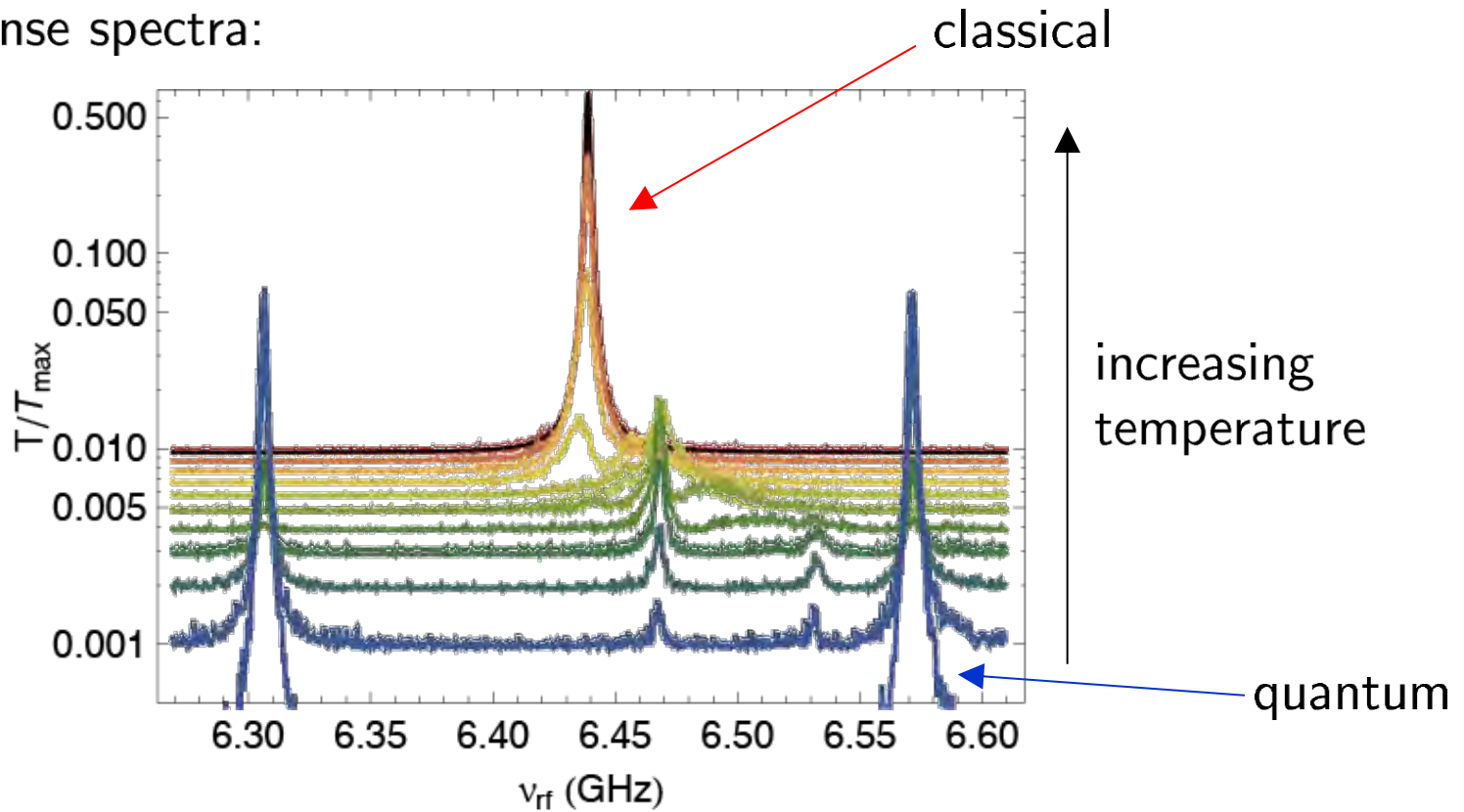
# Sqrt(n) Quantum Nonlinearity

- energies reconstructed from pump + probe
- shifts due to 3rd qubit level  $|f\rangle$
- full Hamiltonian yields good agreement
- clear spectroscopic demonstration of field quantization in cavity QED



# Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting at High Photon Numbers

linear response spectra:



- vacuum Rabi split spectrum at lowest temperatures
- single Lorentzian line at highest field temperatures
- cross-over from quantum to classical spectrum
- perspective: investigate entanglement at elevated temperatures

# **Cavity QED**

**with one, two and three artificial atoms ...**  
**... probing the collective interaction of a number of atoms**  
**with a single photon**

# Cavity QED with Multiple ~~Photons~~ Atoms

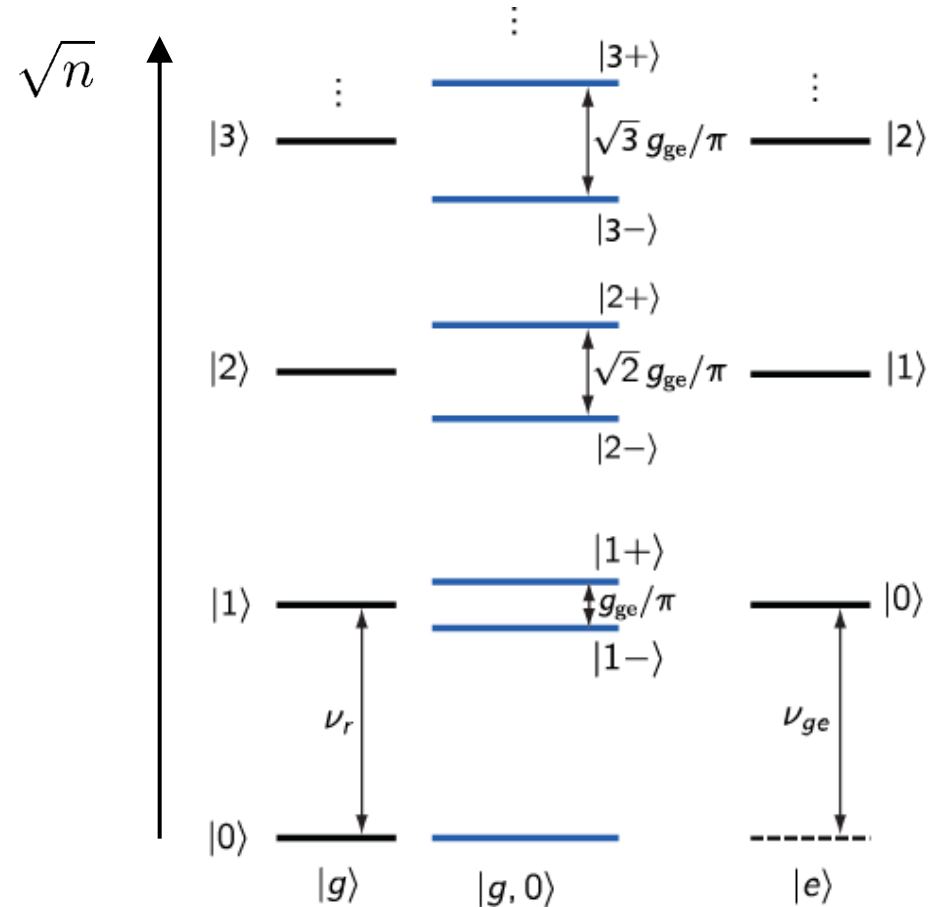
coupling  $n$  photons to single atom

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coupling  $N$  atoms to a single photon

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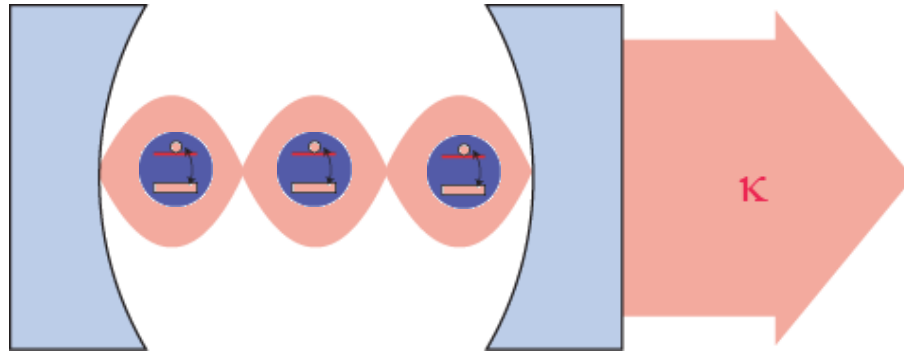
$$\sqrt{N}$$



Jaynes-Cummings Model

# Multi-Atom Cavity QED

- early on:  $\bar{N}$  falling through cavity

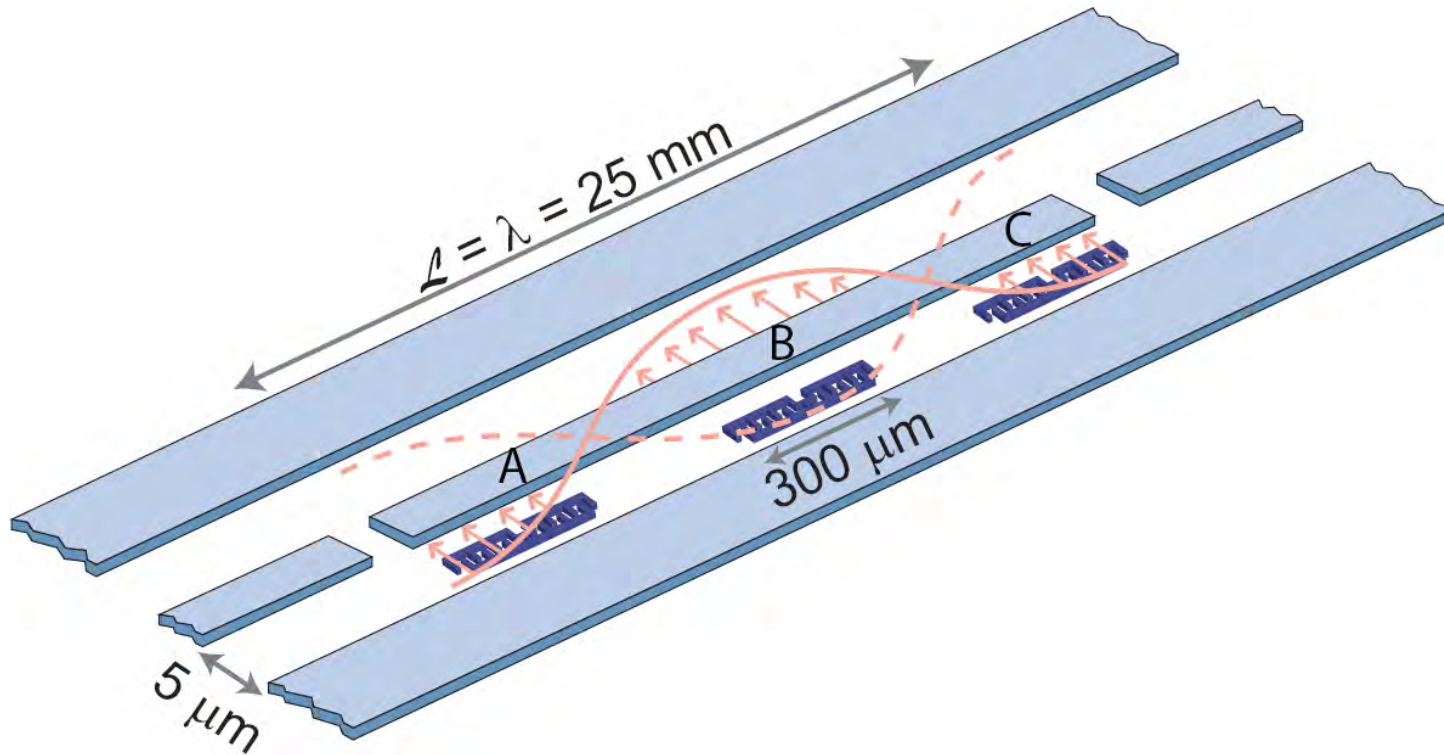


- atom number  $\delta N$  and coupling  $\delta g$  fluctuations
- Tavis-Cummings model

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{TC}} = \hbar\omega_{\text{r}}\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a} + \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{\hbar}{2}\omega_j\hat{\sigma}_j^z + \hbar g_j(\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{\sigma}_j^{-} + \hat{\sigma}_j^{+}\hat{a}) \right)$$

- difficult to trap atoms

# Multi-Qubit Circuit QED Schematic

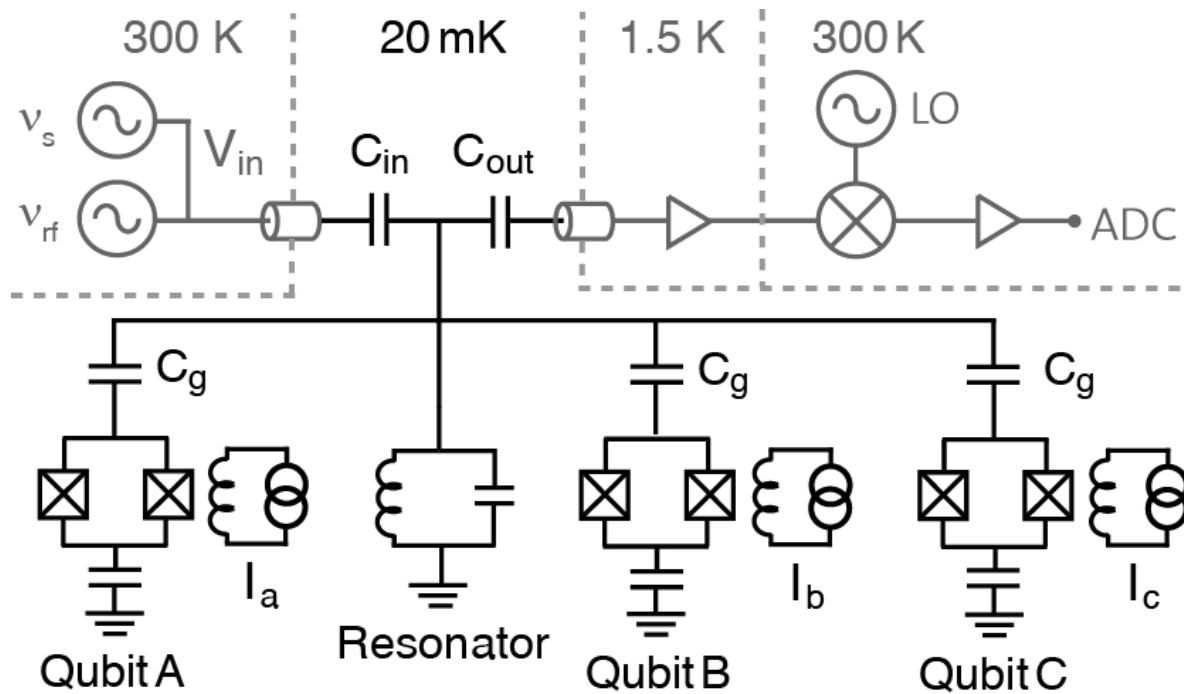


in circuit QED:

- small well defined number of qubits
- no qubit number fluctuations
- fixed coupling strength
- full single qubit control



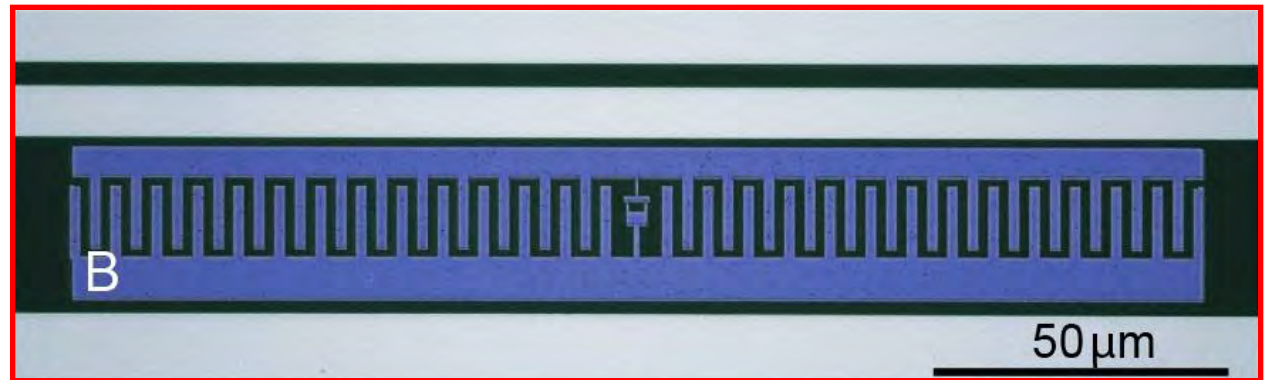
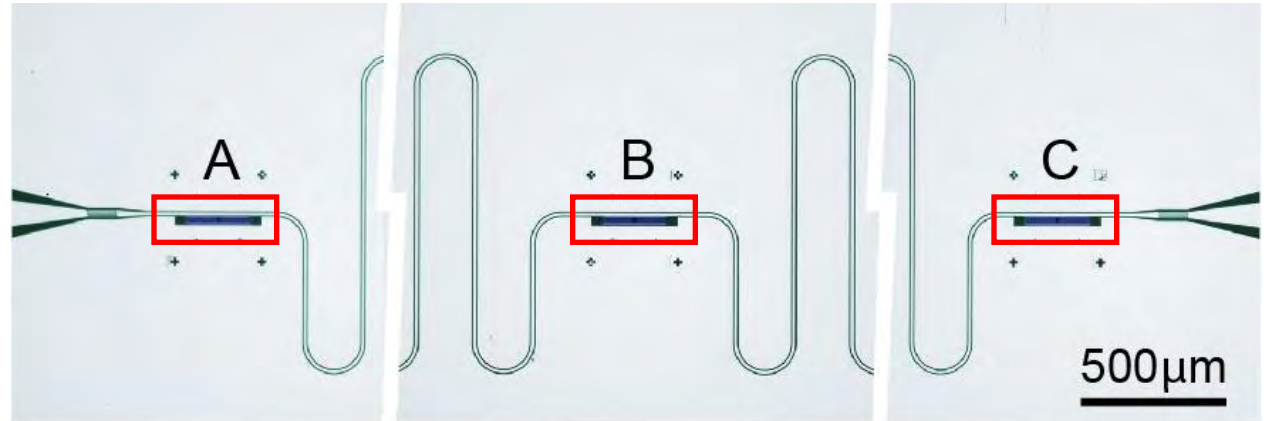
# Three Qubit Circuit QED Setup



- one cavity
- three qubits
- local flux control  $\Phi_{A,B,C}$

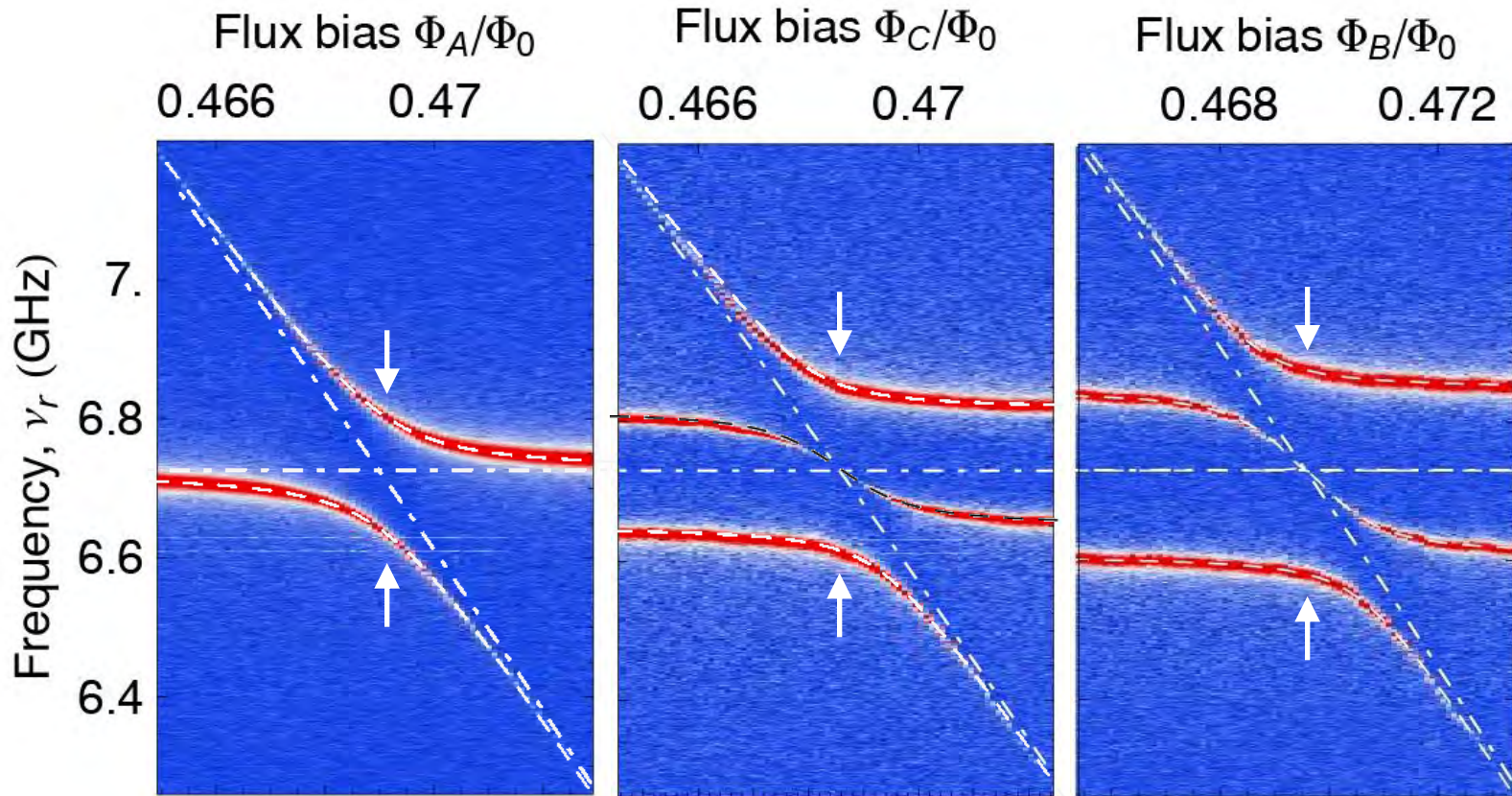
# Three Qubit Circuit QED Sample

- three qubits integrated into one cavity
- qubits are almost identical
- almost identical coupling constants  $g_{A,B,C}$



Qubit $j$	$E_{C_j}/h$ (MHz)	$E_{J_{\max_j}}/h$ (GHz)	$g_j/2\pi$ (MHz)
A	283	224	83.7
B	287	226	-85.7
C	294	214	85.1

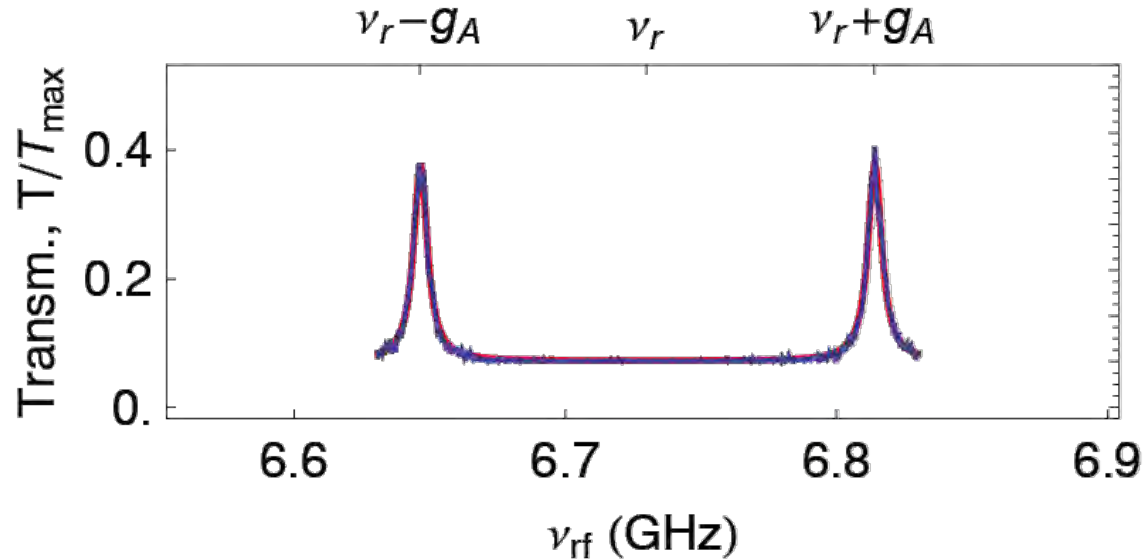
# N = 1, 2, 3 Qubit – Cavity Anti Crossing



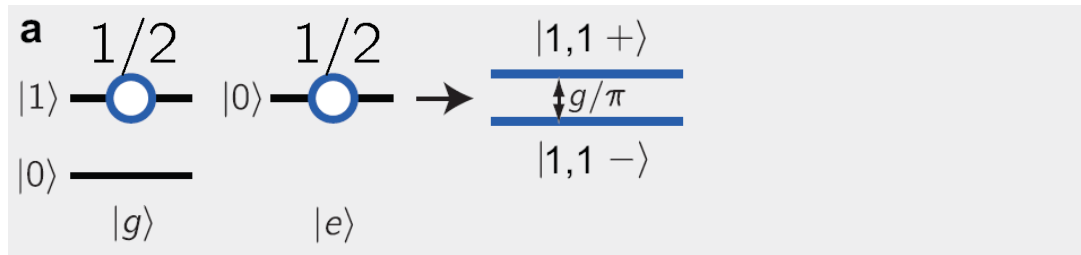
- in agreement with Jaynes-Cummings model ( $\Delta$ -dependence)
- in agreement with Tavis-Cummings model ( $\Delta$ -dependence)
- 2 bright and  $N - 1$  dark states on resonance

# Multi-Qubit Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting

- the spectrum:



- the states:

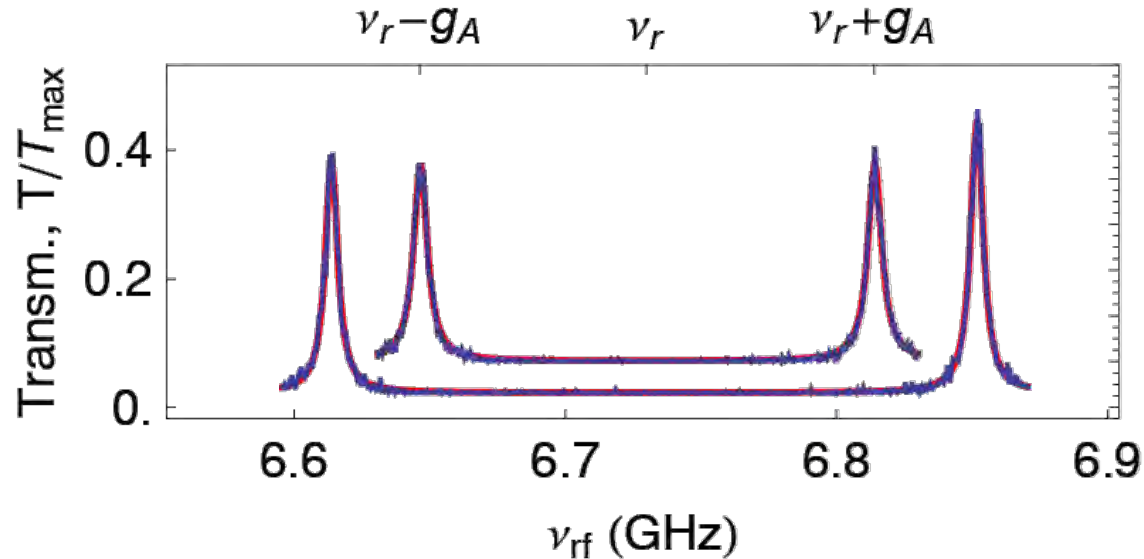


$$|1, 1\pm\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|g, 1\rangle \pm |e, 0\rangle)$$

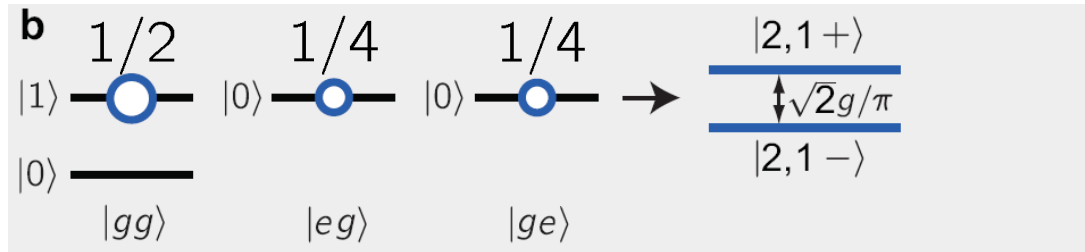
states equally shared  
between photon and qubit

# Multi-Qubit Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting

- the spectrum:



- the states:



$$|2, 1\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |g, g\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \pm \frac{1}{2} (|e, g\rangle + |g, e\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle$$

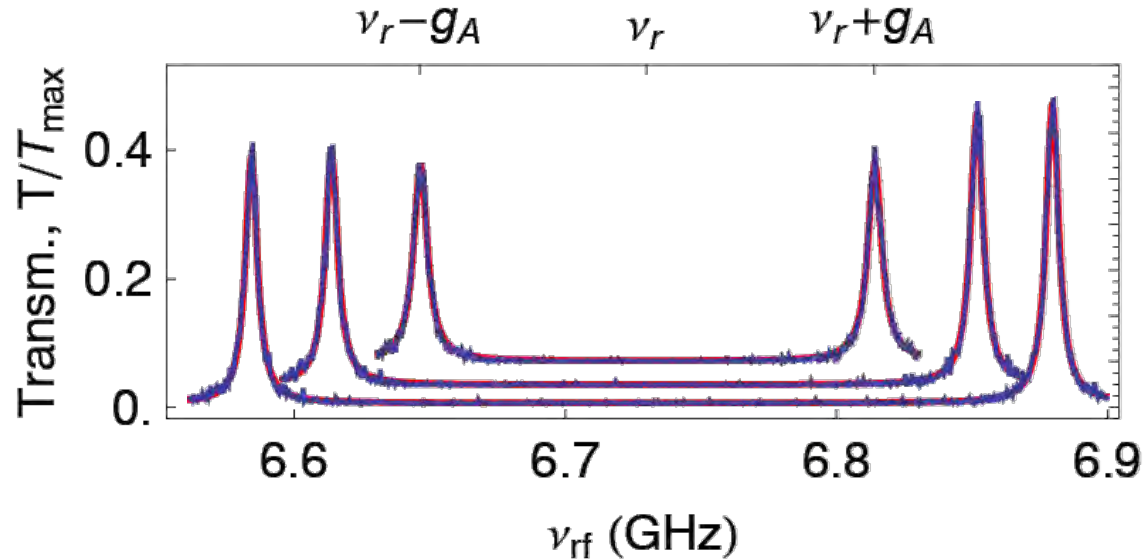
**bright states: superposition of a photon and a Bell state**

$$|2, 1d\rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|g, e\rangle + |e, g\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle$$

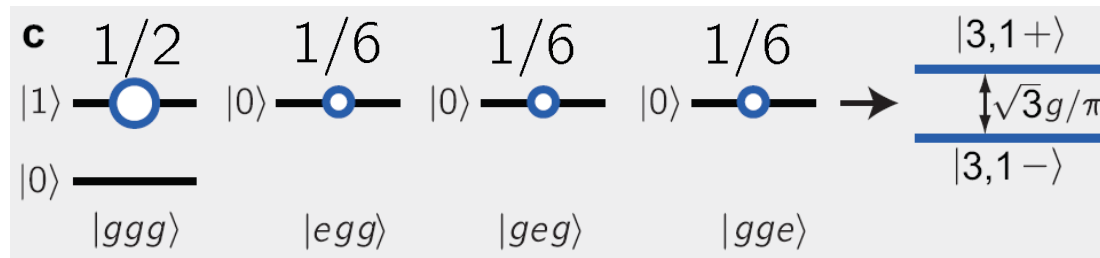
**dark state**

# Multi-Qubit Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting

- the spectrum:



- the states:



$$|3, 1\pm\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} |g, g, g\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \pm 1/\sqrt{6} (|e, g, g\rangle - |g, e, g\rangle + |g, g, e\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle$$

one photon plus three qubit entangled W-state

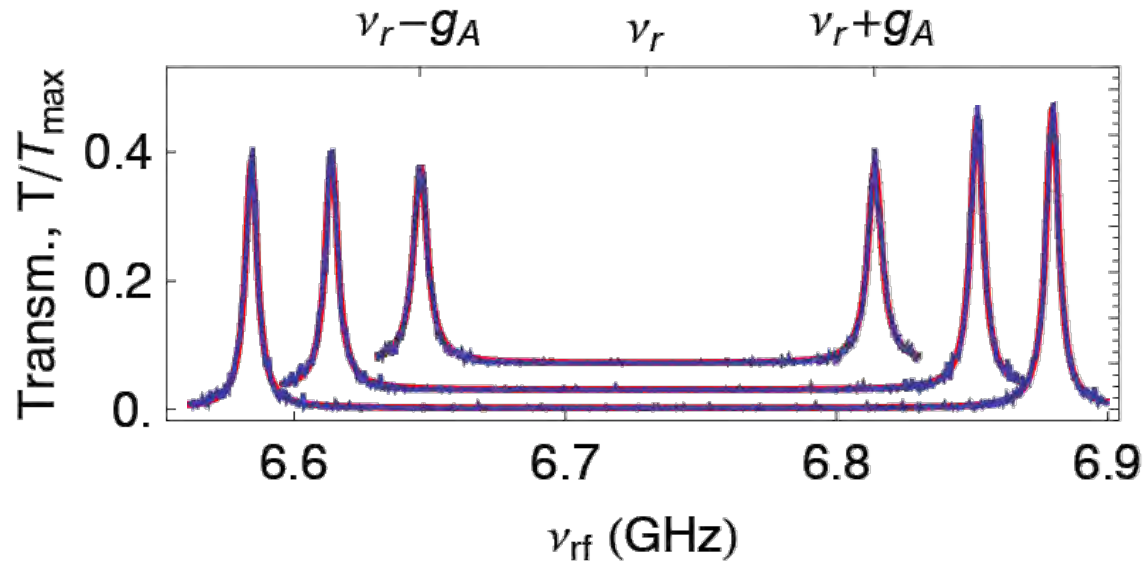
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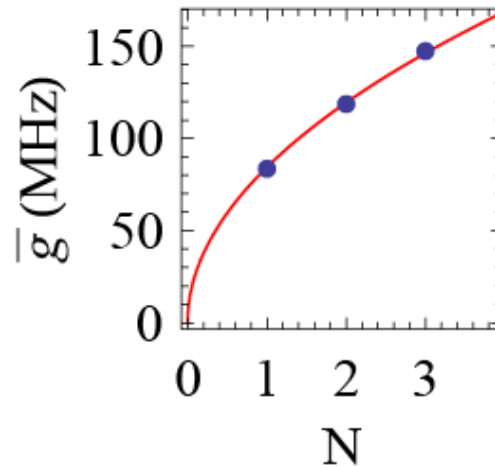
two dark states

# Atom Number Scaling of Coupling Strength

- the spectrum:



- scaling of collective coupling with  $\sqrt{N}$



# Non-Resonant Interactions in Circuit QED ...

## ... strong coupling in the dispersive limit



# The Lamb and AC-Stark Shifts

signatures of the dispersive interaction with a quantum field

for  $\Delta = \omega_a - \omega_r \gg g$

$$H \approx \hbar\omega_r a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2}\hbar \left( \omega_a + \overset{\text{Lamb shift}}{\parallel} \frac{g^2}{\Delta} + \overset{\text{AC Stark shift}}{\parallel} \frac{2g^2}{\Delta} a^\dagger a \right) \sigma_z$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_a \approx \omega_a + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} + \frac{2g^2}{\Delta} n$$

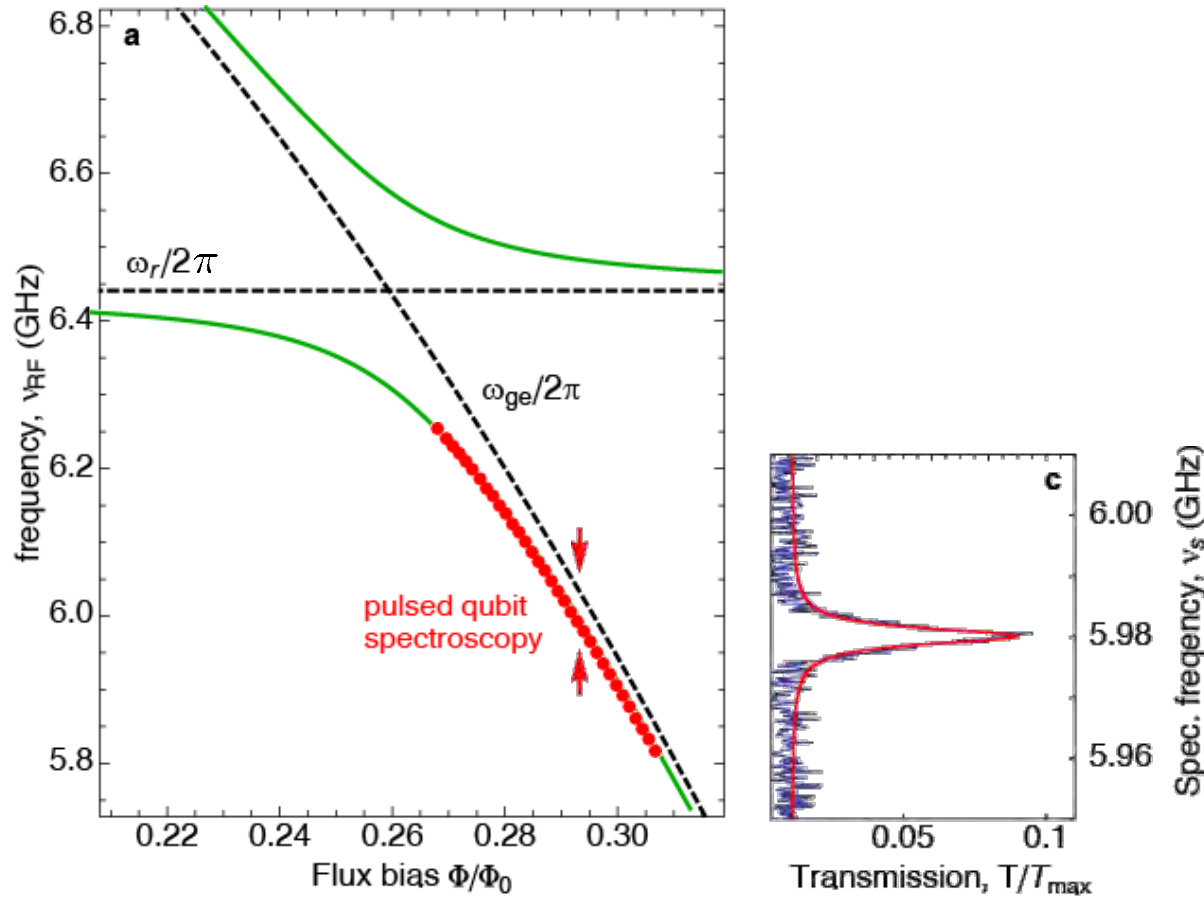
challenges measuring the Lamb shift:

- small frequency shift
- relative to the 'bare' qubit transition frequency
- presence of (thermal) photon induced Stark shifts
- use  $\Delta$  as control parameter

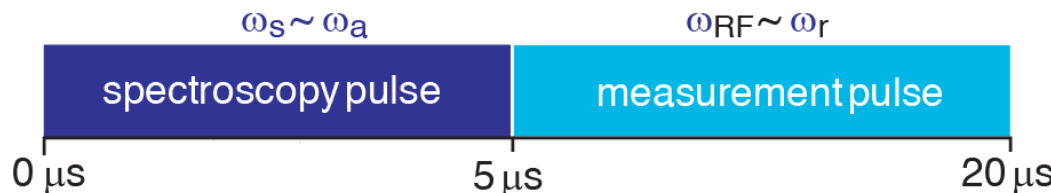
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# Measurement of the Lamb Shift



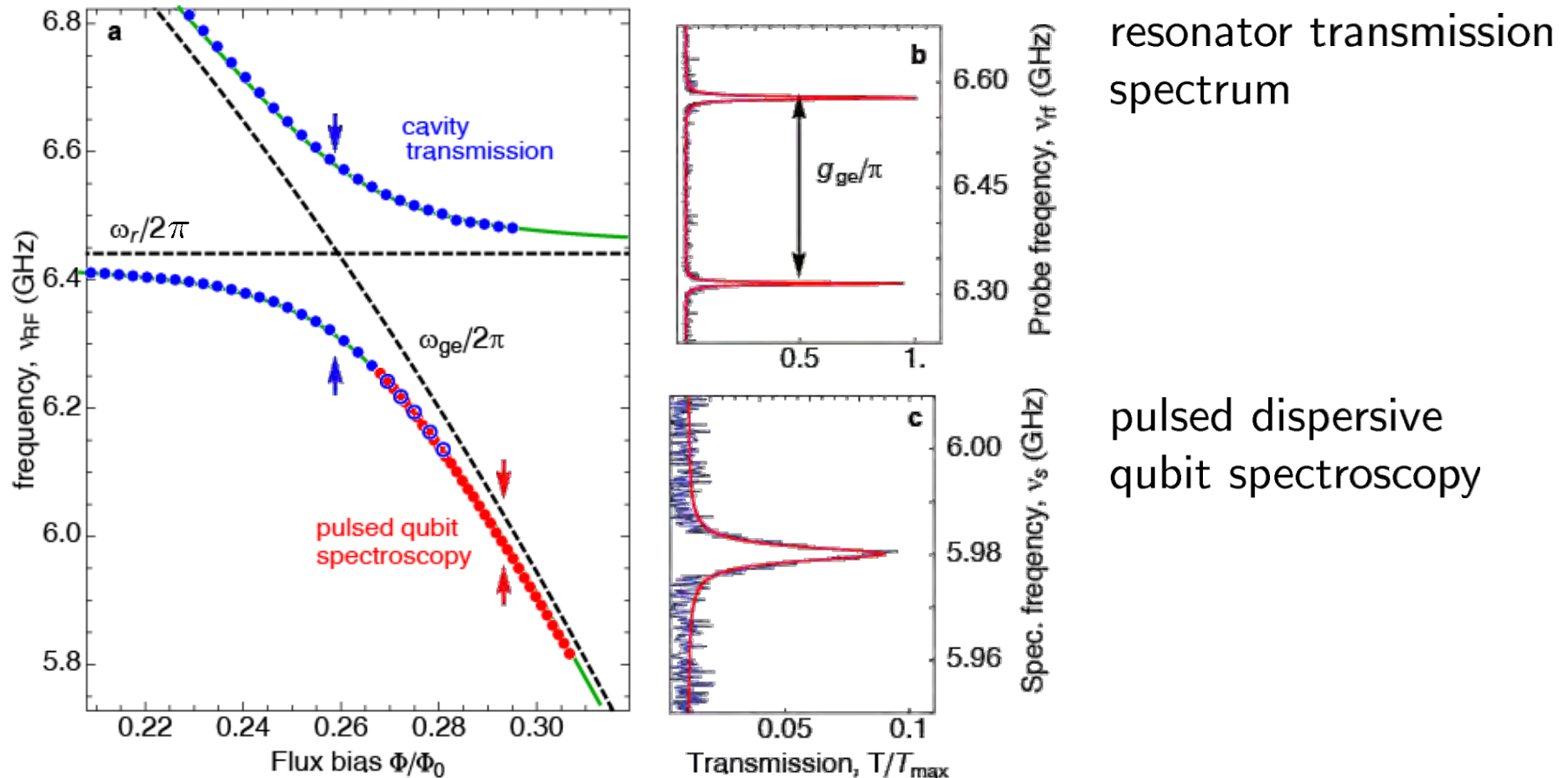
pulsed dispersive  
qubit spectroscopy



pulsed spectroscopy scheme

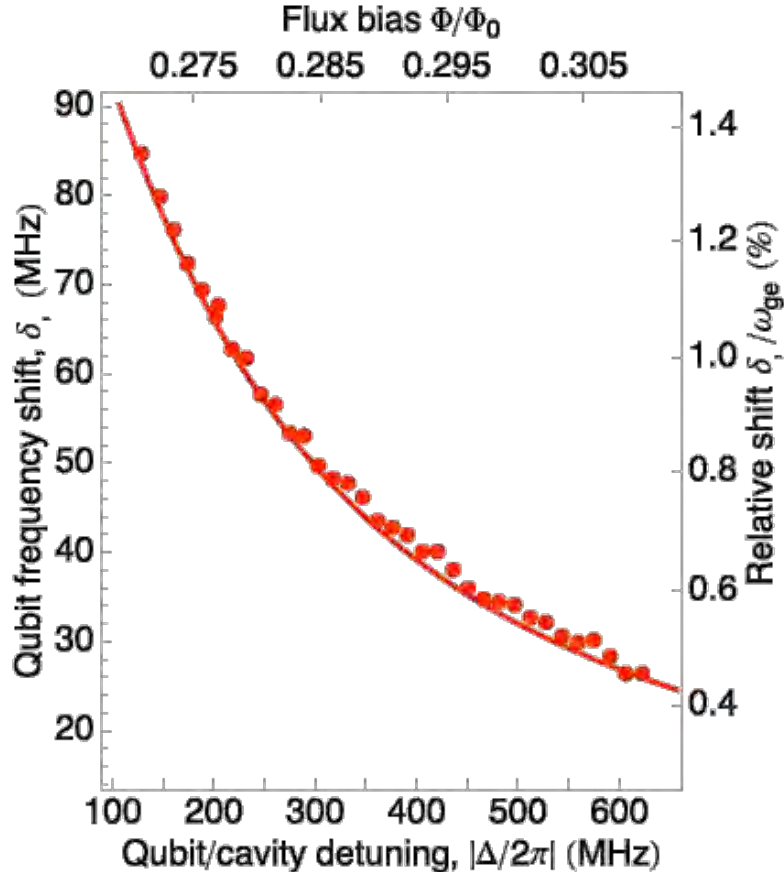
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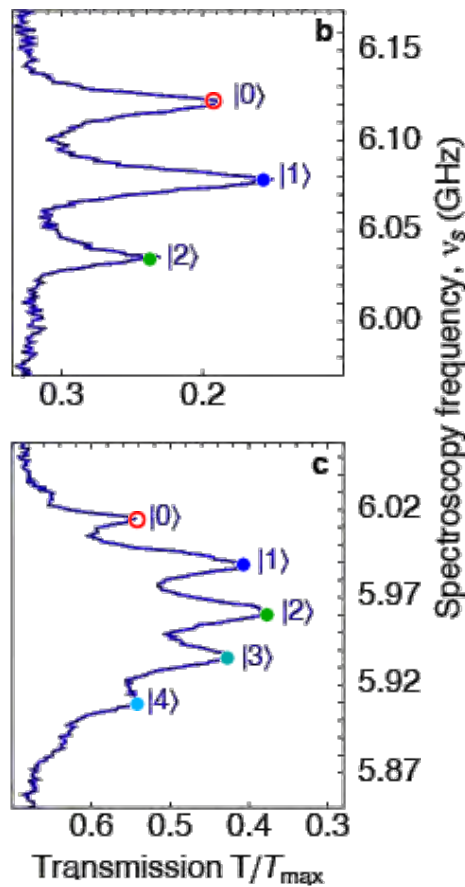
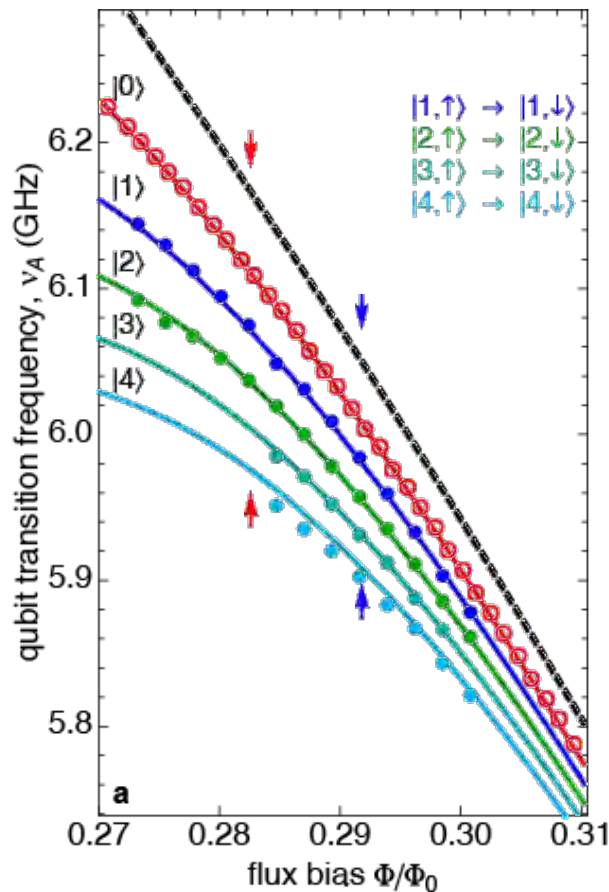
- qubit and photon component of joint state are measured
- accurate knowledge of qubit parameters possible

# The Lamb Shift



- measurement in a solid state system
- large cavity enhanced relative shift:  
 $\delta_L/\omega_{ge} \approx 1.4\%$   
(c.f. Hydrogen in vac.  $\delta_L/\omega_{ge} \approx 0.0001\%$ )
- closely related to physical effects such as:
  - spontaneous emission
  - Purcell effect
  - vacuum Rabi effects
  - vacuum noise and squeezing

# Quantum AC-Stark Shift and Lamb Shift



cw spectroscopy:

- populate resonator with coherent field

note:

- $\delta_{AC} < 2\delta_L$
- good agreement with multi-level theory
- clear identification of Lamb-Shift

use quantum a.c. Stark shift to measure photon number statistics



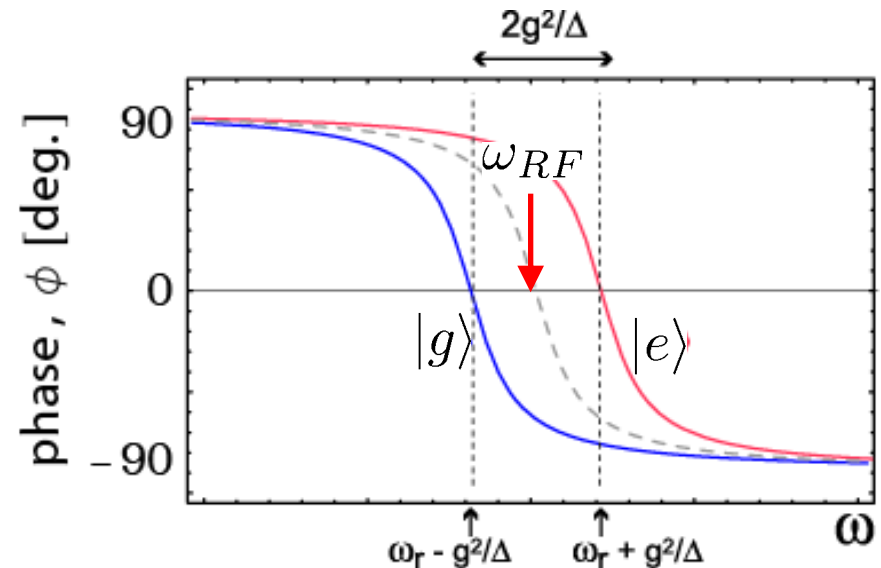
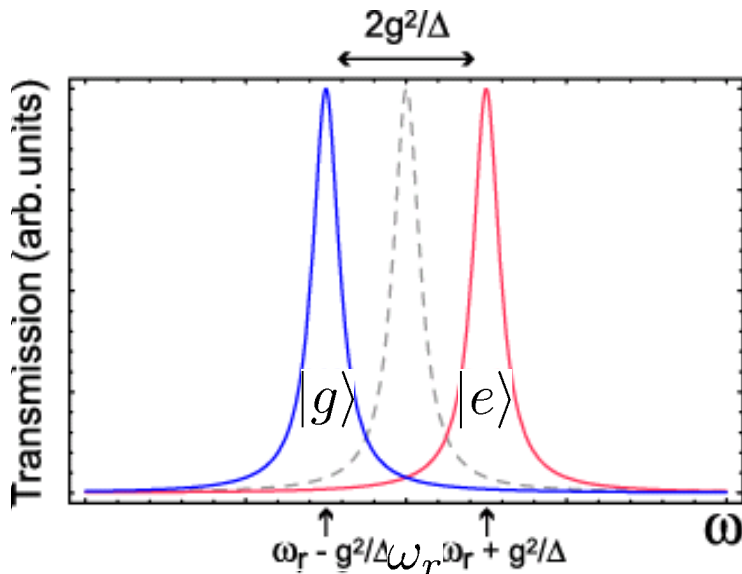
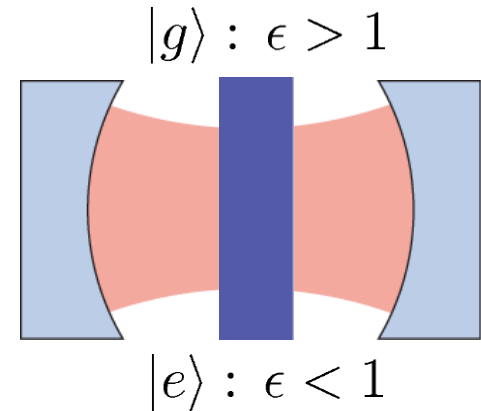
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# Dispersive Qubit/Photon Interaction for Qubit Read-Out

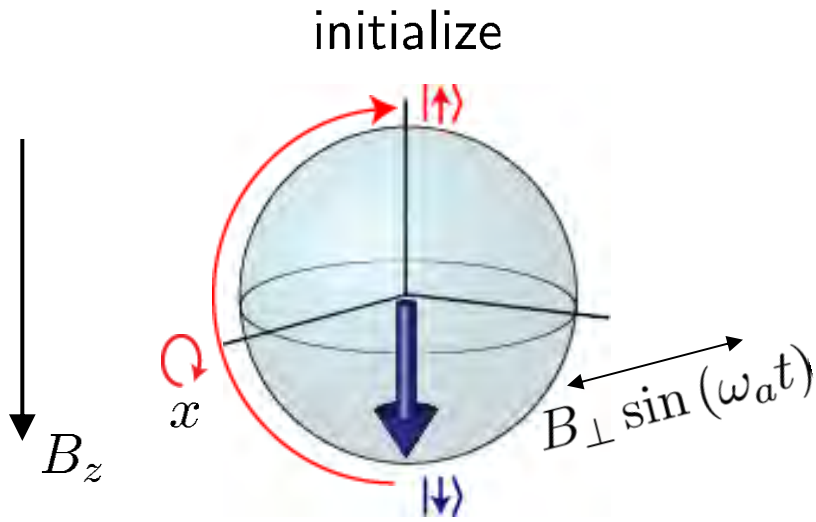
approximate diagonalization in the dispersive limit  $|\Delta| = |\omega_a - \omega_r| \gg g$

$$H \approx \hbar \left( \omega_r + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \sigma_z \right) a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \hbar \left( \omega_a + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \right) \sigma_z$$

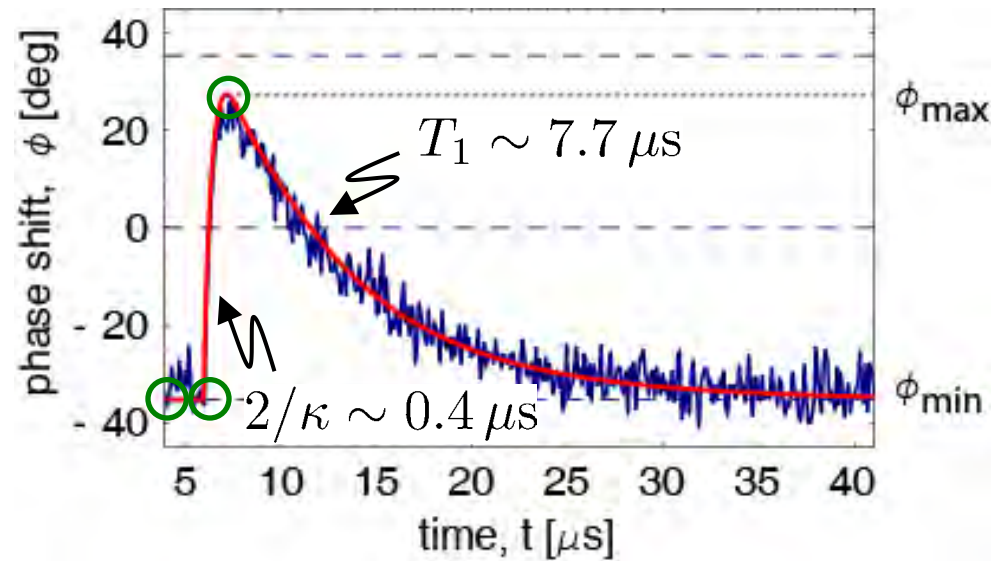
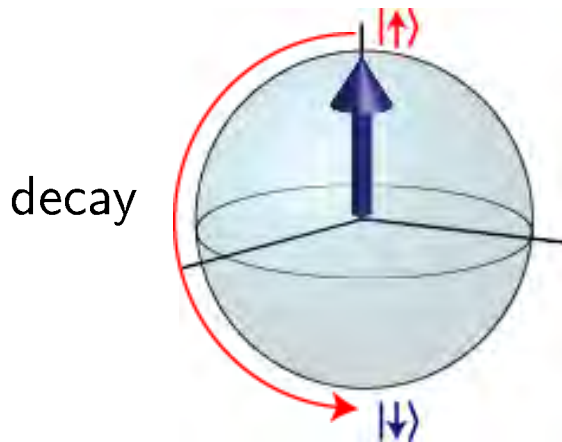
//  
cavity frequency shift  
and qubit ac-Stark shift



# Qubit Control and Readout



control

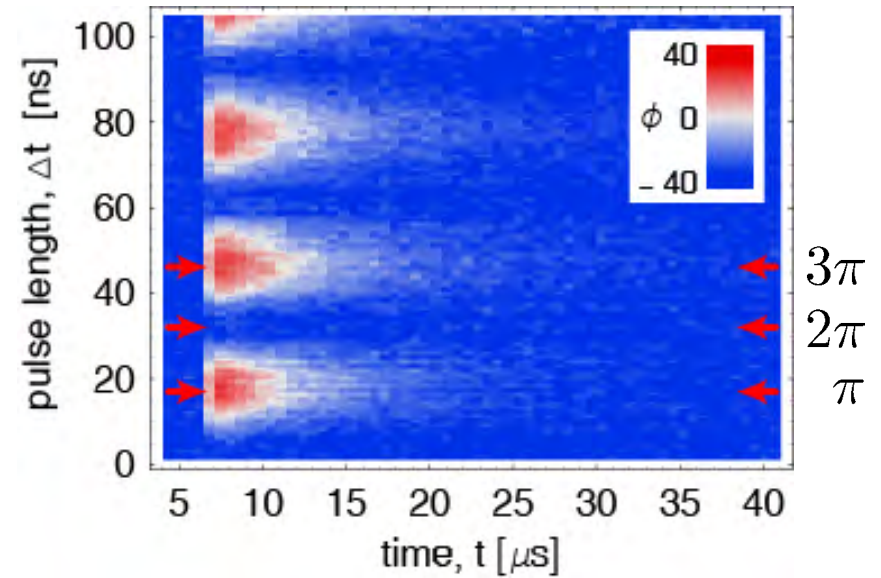
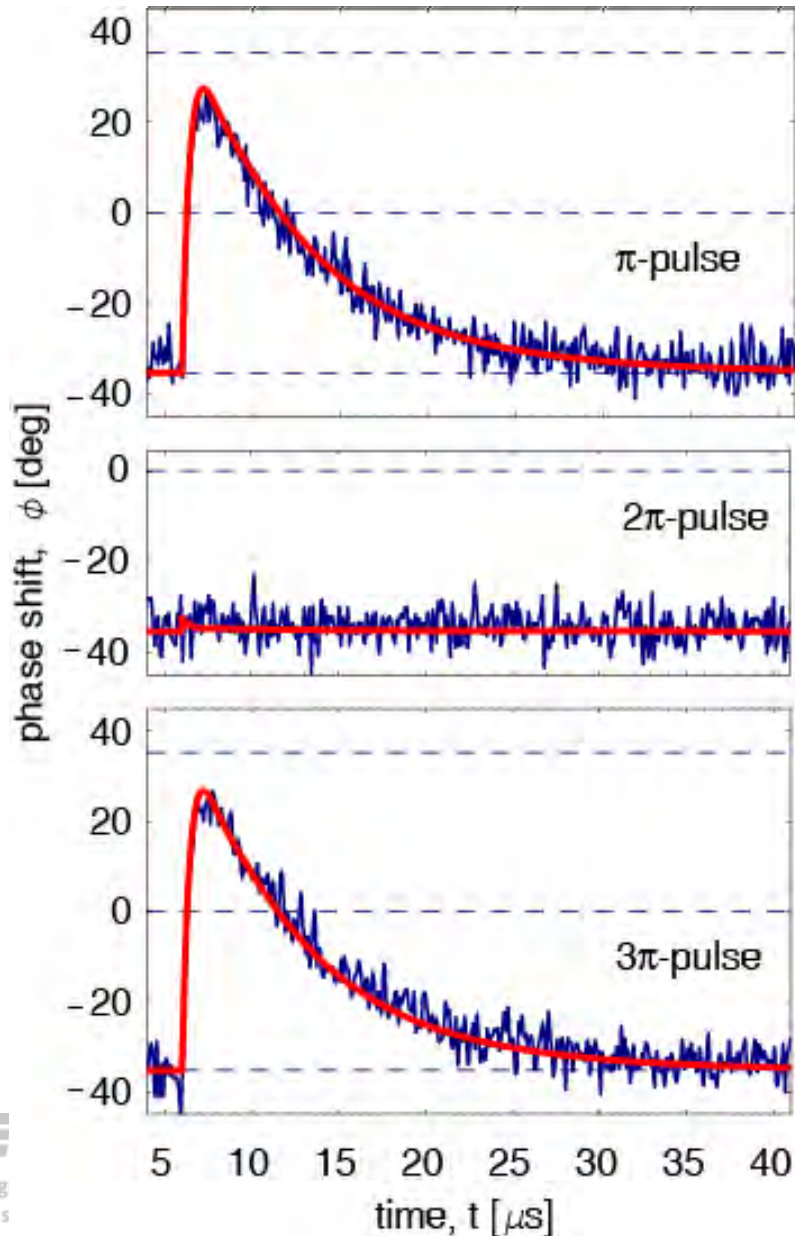


measurement properties:

- continuous
- dispersive
- quantum non-demolition
- in good agreement with predictions

Wallraff, Schuster, Blais, ... Girvin, and Schoelkopf,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 95, 060501 (2005)

# Rabi Oscillations (weak cont. measurement)



- high control fidelity
- high read-out fidelity
- good understanding of field-qubit interaction

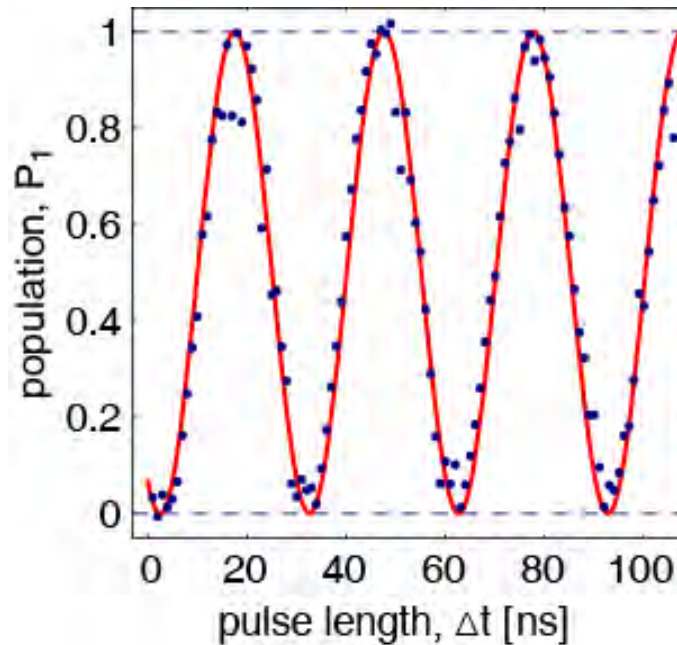


# High Fidelity Control & Read Out

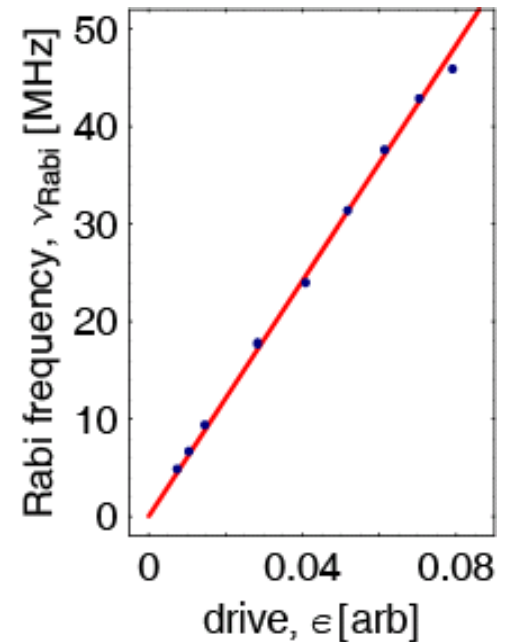
pulse scheme:



Rabi oscillations:

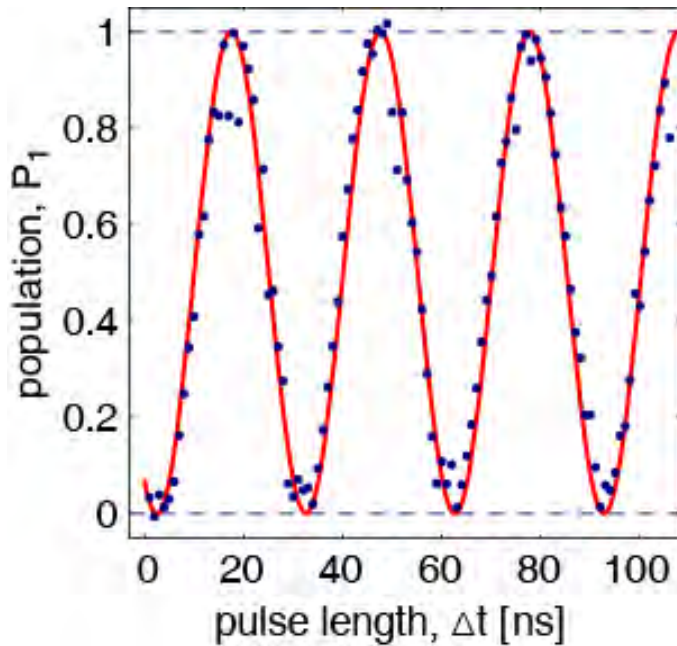


Rabi frequency:



- high visibility  $95 \pm 5\%$
- detailed understanding of qubit/read-out interaction

# High Fidelity Control and Read-Out



close to unit contrast

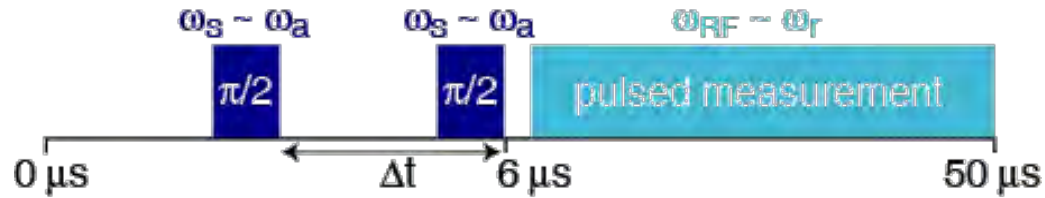
combined preparation and read-out fidelity

$95 \pm 5 \%$

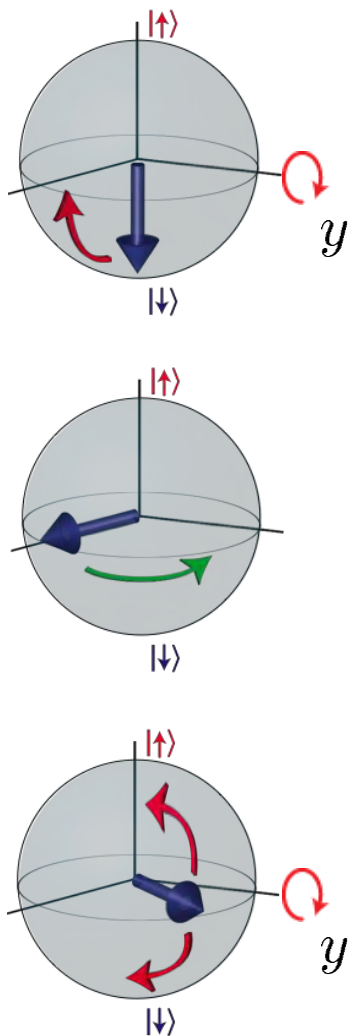
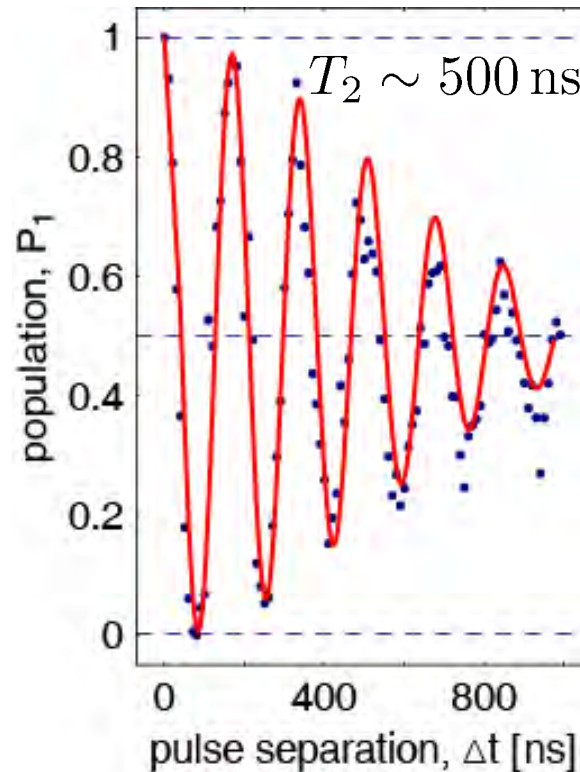
- continuous dispersive time-resolved read-out
- detailed understanding of qubit/read-out interaction
- high visibility

# Single Qubit Coherence: Ramsey Fringes

pulse scheme:



Ramsey fringes:



# Exploring the Properties of Propagating Photons

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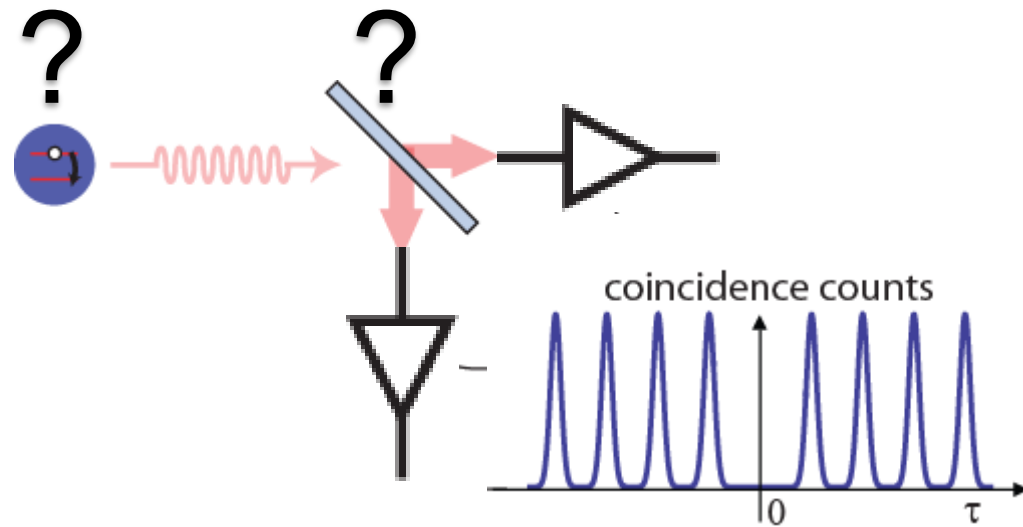
- single photon sources
- beam splitters
- photon counters

o.k. at **optical frequencies**

But in the **microwave domain**?

- smaller photon energy ...

$$\frac{\nu_{\text{opt}}}{\nu_{\mu\text{w}}} = \frac{500 \text{ THz}}{5 \text{ GHz}} = 10^5$$



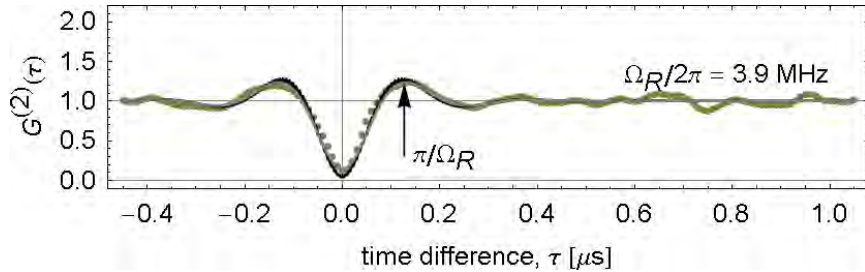
instead:

- linear amplifiers
- signal processing

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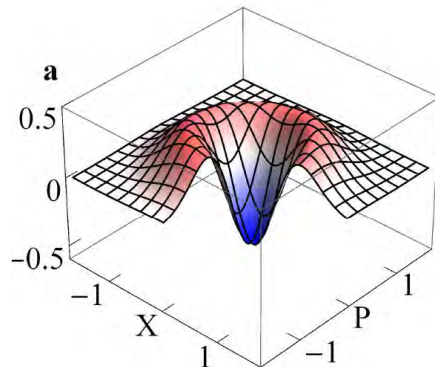


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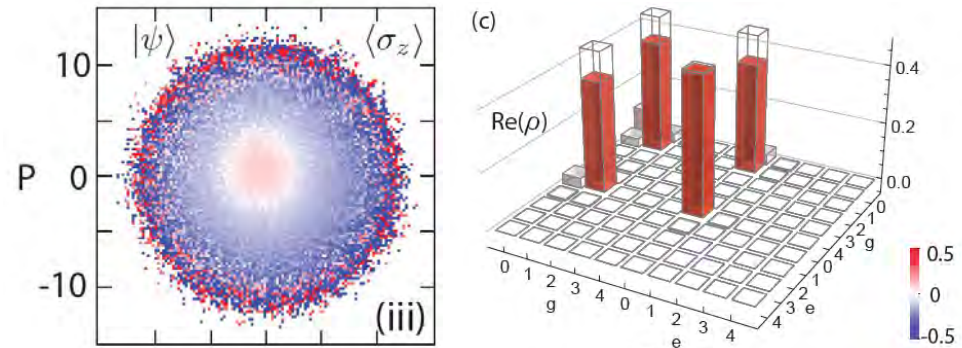
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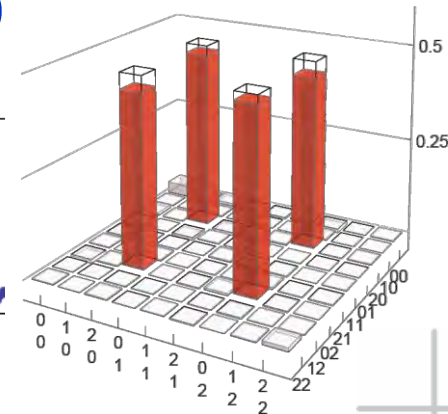
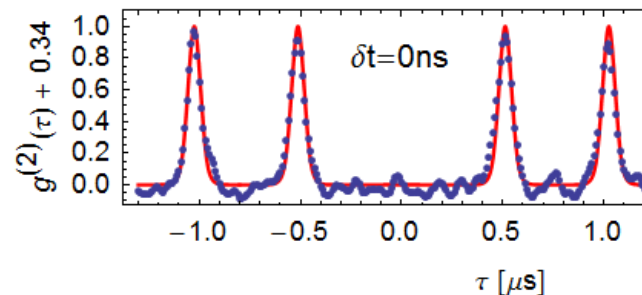


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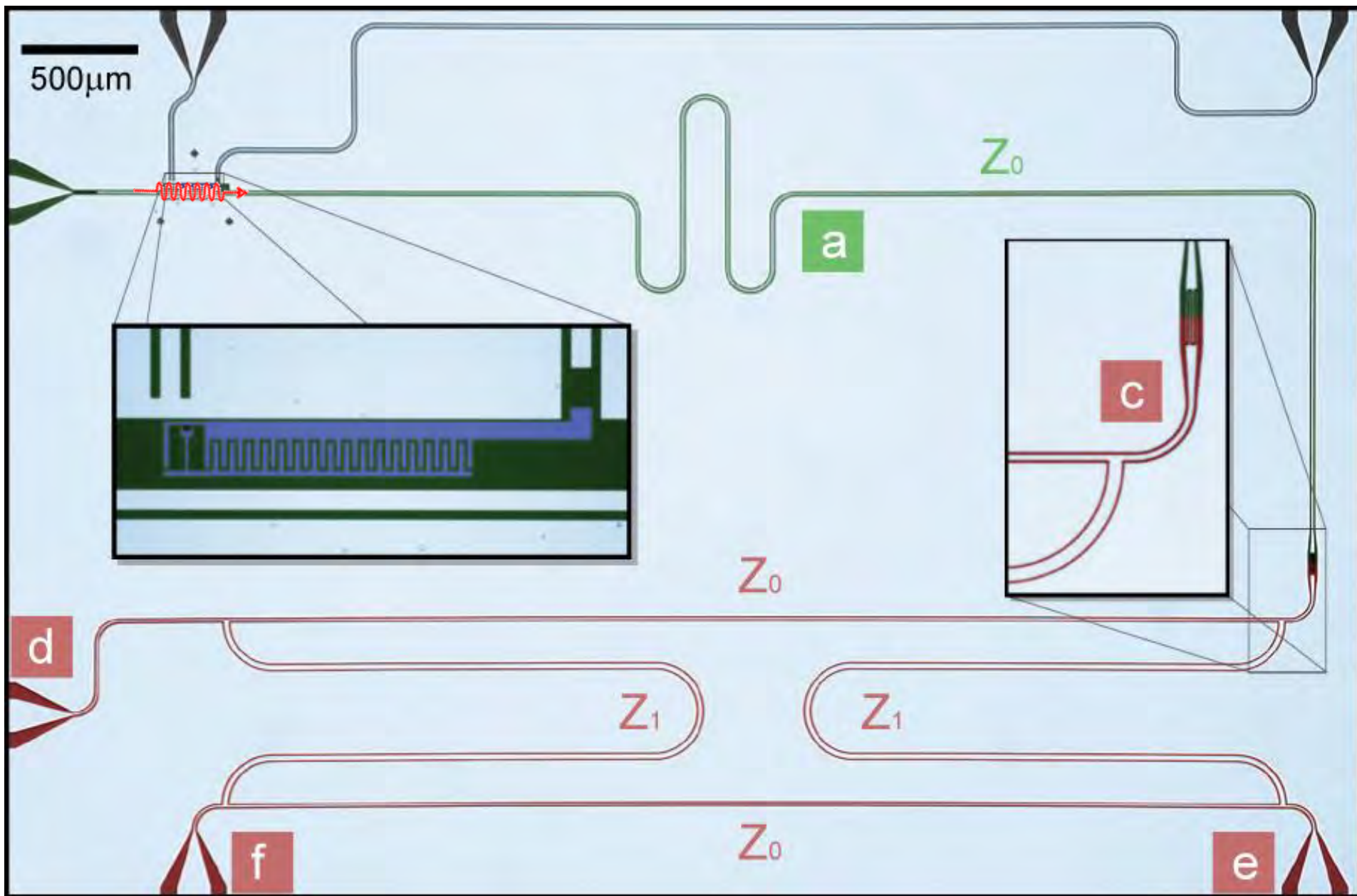
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# Single Sided Cavity and Beam Splitter

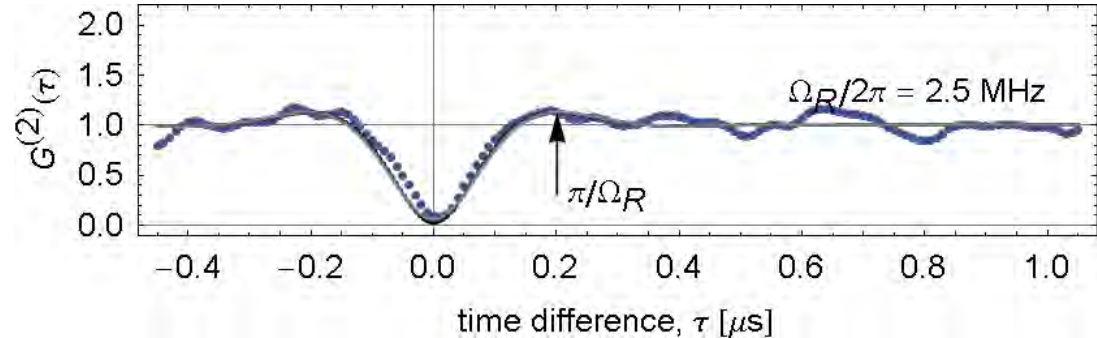


# $G^{(2)}$ of Continuously Pumped Single Photon Source

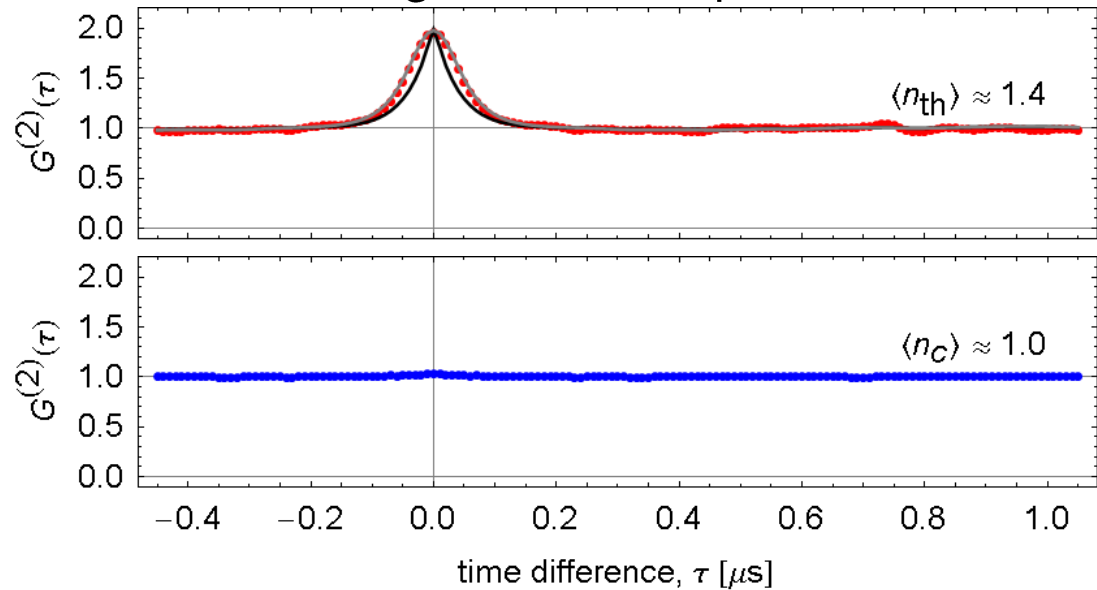
resonant photon blockade:



anti-bunching and sub-poissonian photon statistics



thermal (bunching) & coherent (poissonian) fields

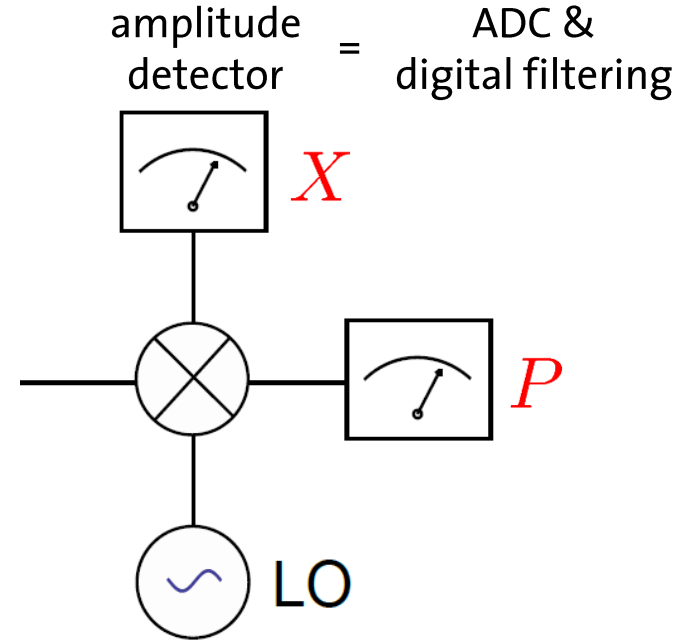
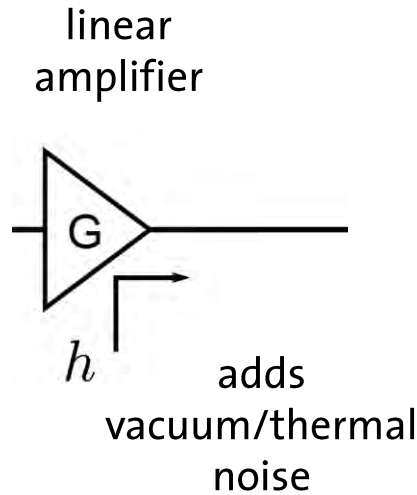
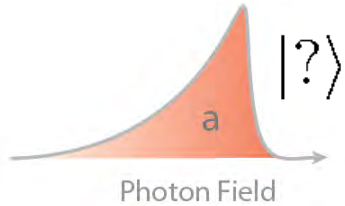


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# Microwave Photon Field Detection



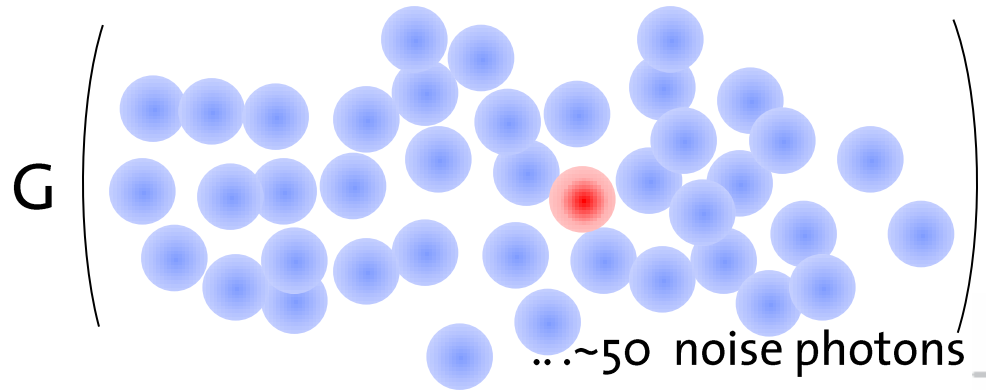
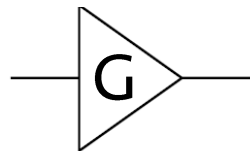
complex amplitude:

$$S = X + iP = a + h^\dagger$$

“signal”
“noise”

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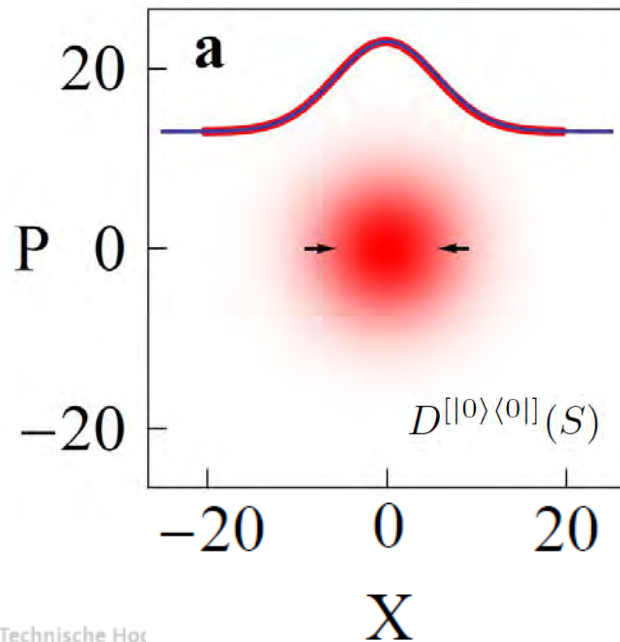
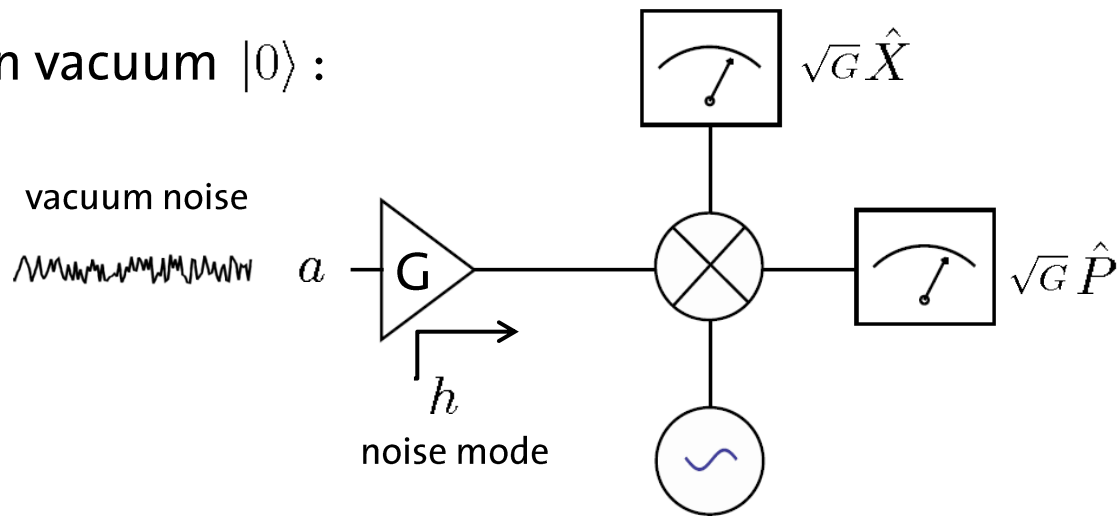
noise added by HEMT amplifier :





# Full Tomography of a Single Propagating Mode

1) prepare  $a$  in vacuum  $|0\rangle$  :



← record histogram  $D^{[|0\rangle\langle 0|]}(S)$   
of measurement results  $S/\sqrt{G} = X + iP$

→ normal distribution with variance

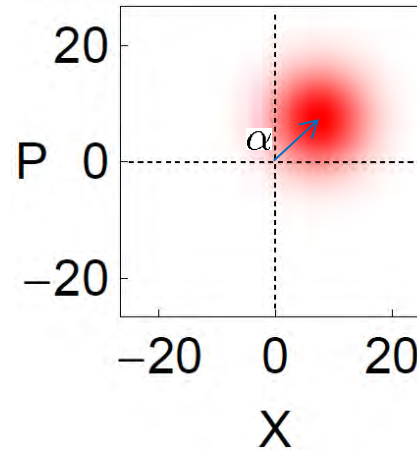
$$2\sigma^2 = \langle \hat{S}^\dagger \hat{S} \rangle / G = \frac{1}{G} \int d^2 S D^{[|0\rangle\langle 0|]}(S) S^* S = 67$$

$h$  introduces thermal noise  
with mean photon number  $N_{\text{noise}}$

# Coherent State Histograms

2) prepare  $a$  in coherent state  $|\alpha\rangle$  :

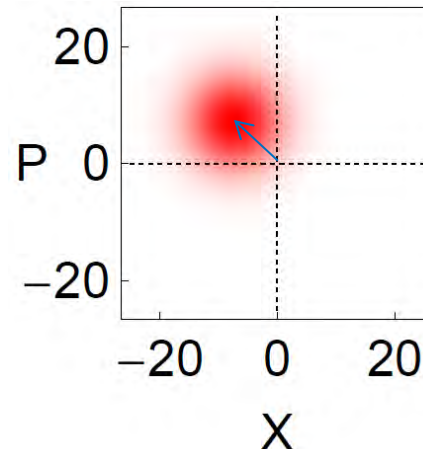
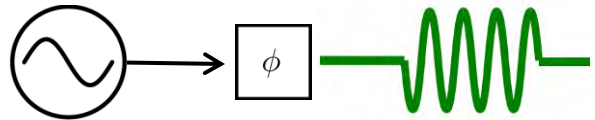
MW generator



$$|\alpha| \approx 6.3$$
$$\Leftrightarrow$$
$$\langle a^\dagger a \rangle \approx 41 \sim N_{\text{noise}}$$

3) rotate phase  $|e^{i\phi}\alpha\rangle$  :

MW generator



Question: What can we learn about state when  $\langle a^\dagger a \rangle \leq 1$  ?

# Single Photon Source Histogram

store 2D histogram  $D^{[\rho]}(S)$  from  $S/\sqrt{G} = X + iP$  measurement results:

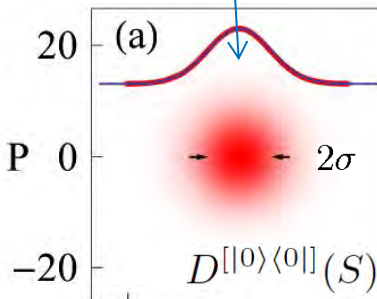
corresponding phase space distribution

signal mode  $a$   
in vacuum

Q - function  
of noise mode :

$$Q_h$$

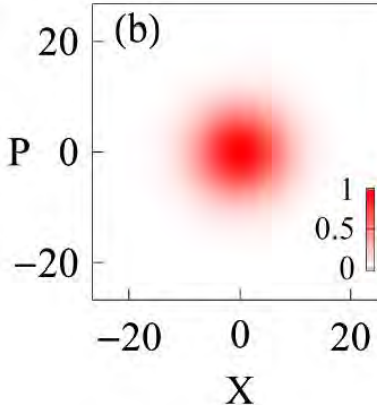
← P



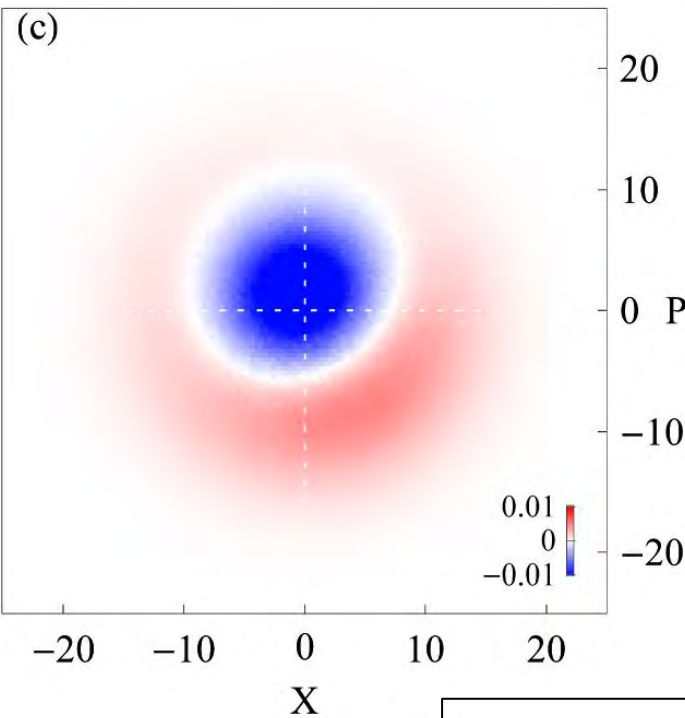
convolution  
with P - function  
of signal

$$Q_h * P_a$$

← P



signal mode  $a$   
in single photon  
Fock state



← subtracted  
histograms  
to visualize  
difference

separate noise  $h$  from  
signal  $a$  systematically!

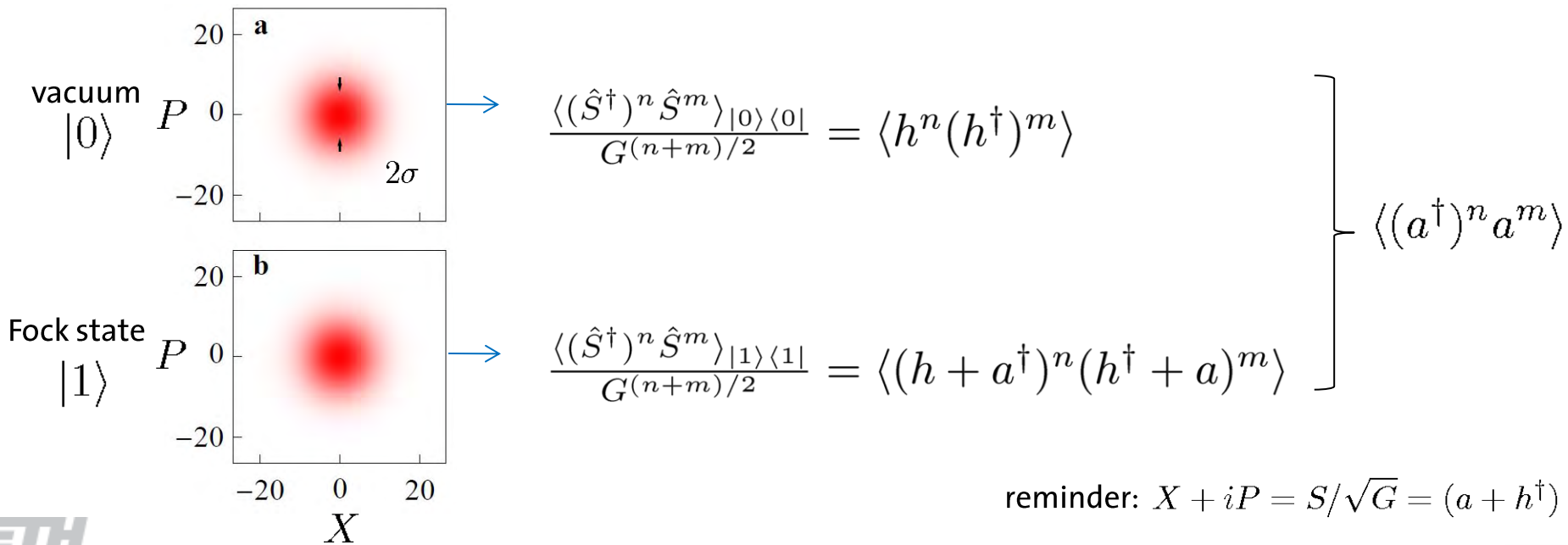
# Statistical Analysis of Histograms

systematic mode separation:

histogram moments:  $\langle (\hat{S}^\dagger)^n \hat{S}^m \rangle_\rho = \int d^2 S (S^*)^n S^m D^{[\rho]}(S)$

1. calculate histogram moments

2. algebraic inversion

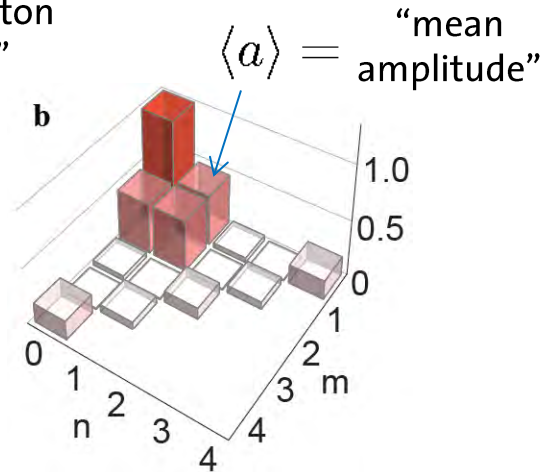
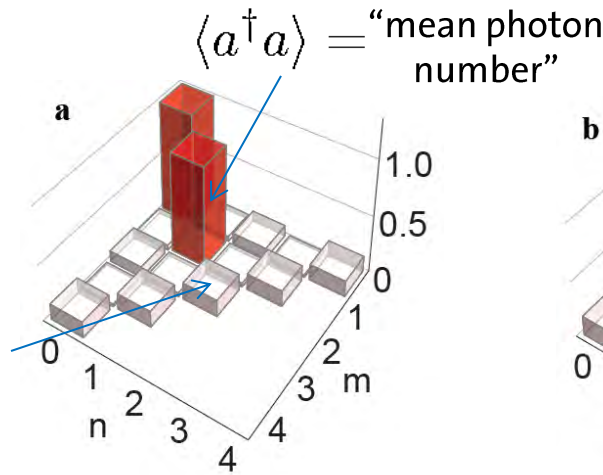


# State Dependent Moments of Probability Distribution

moments  $|\langle (a^\dagger)^n a^m \rangle|$  for different prepared states:

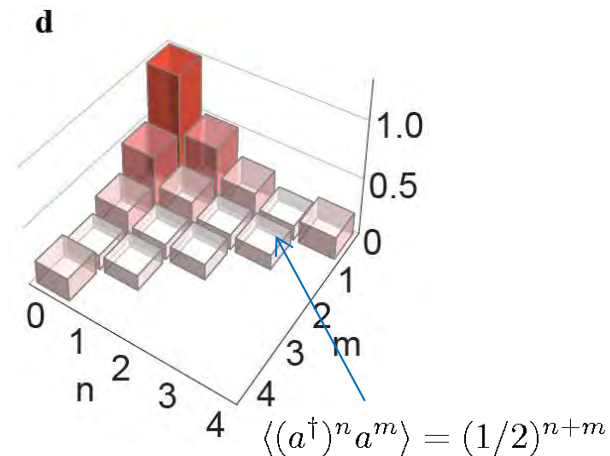
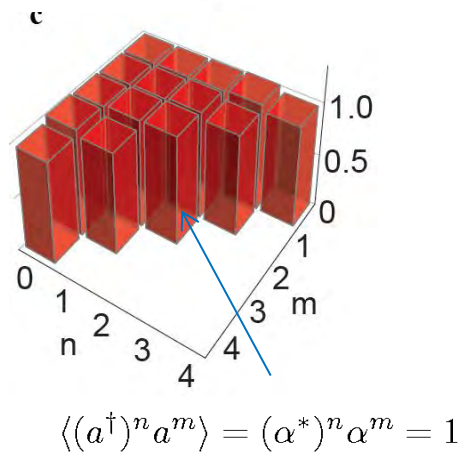
Fock state  
 $|1\rangle$

$\langle (a^\dagger)^2 a^2 \rangle \approx 0$   
“anti bunching”



superposition  
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}|1\rangle)$

coherent state  
 $|\alpha = 1\rangle$

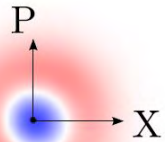
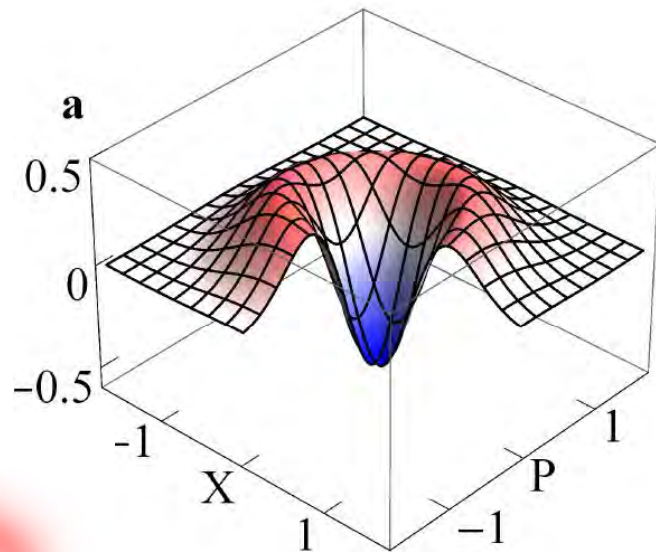


coherent state  
 $|\alpha = 0.5\rangle$

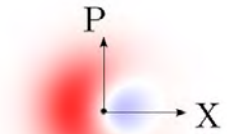
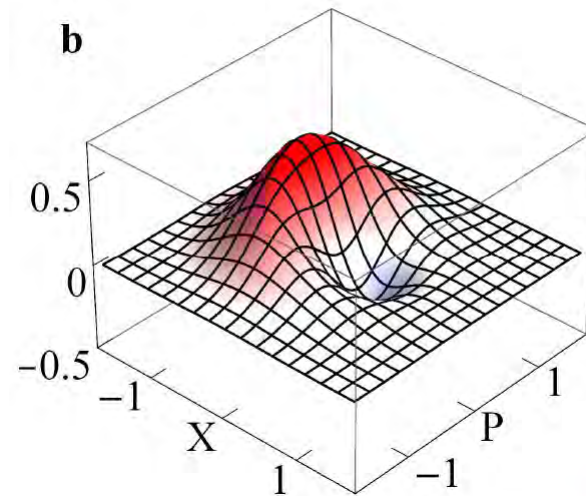
# Reconstructed Wigner Function of Itinerant Photon

Wigner function reconstructed from measured moments:

$$W(\alpha) = \sum_{n,m} \int d^2\lambda \frac{\langle (a^\dagger)^n a^m \rangle (-\lambda^*)^m \lambda^n}{\pi^2 n! m!} e^{(-1/2)|\lambda|^2 + \alpha\lambda^* - a^*\lambda} \quad \text{with} \quad n + m < 4$$



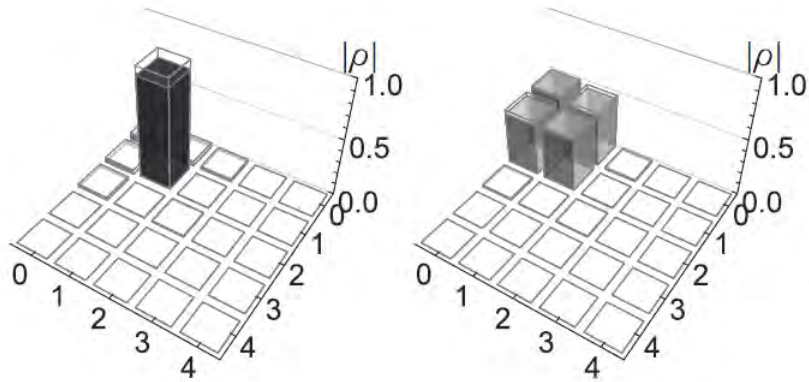
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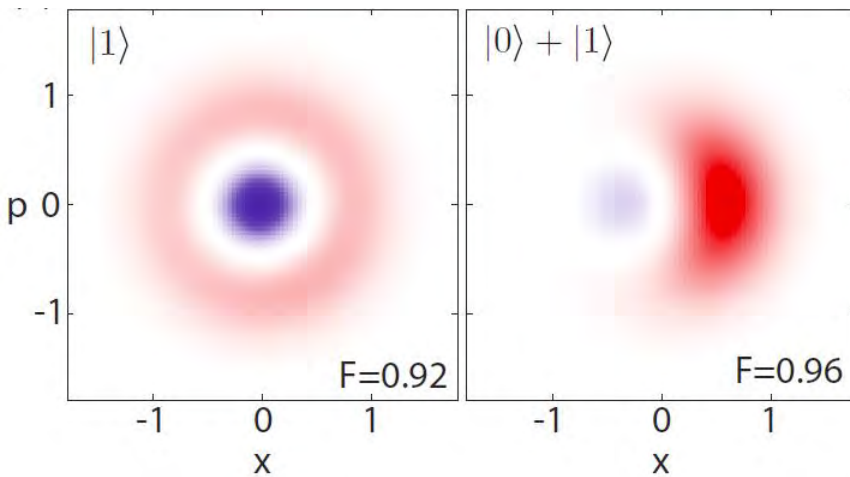
superposition  
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... for propagating multi-photon Fock states and their superpositions:



Density matrices



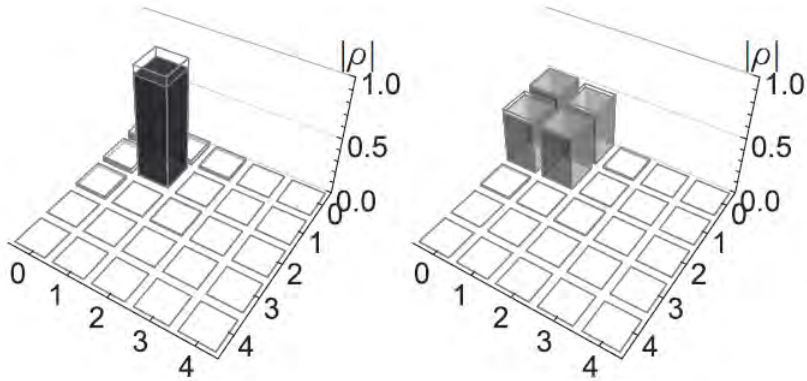
Wigner functions



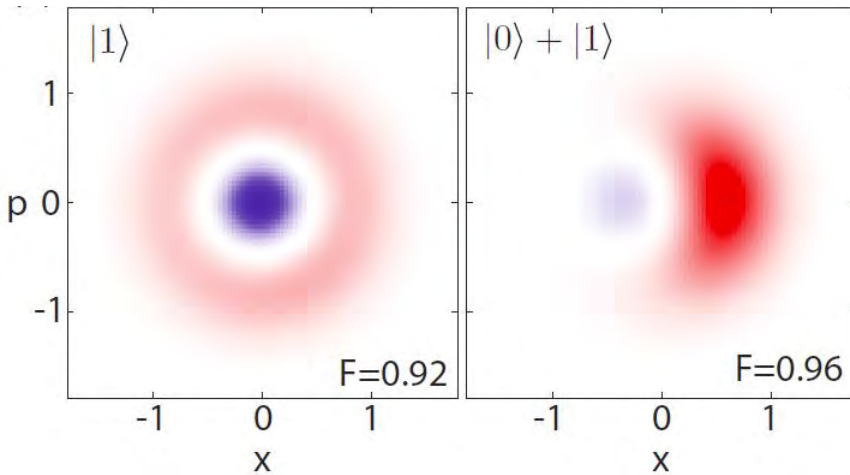
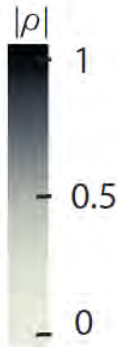
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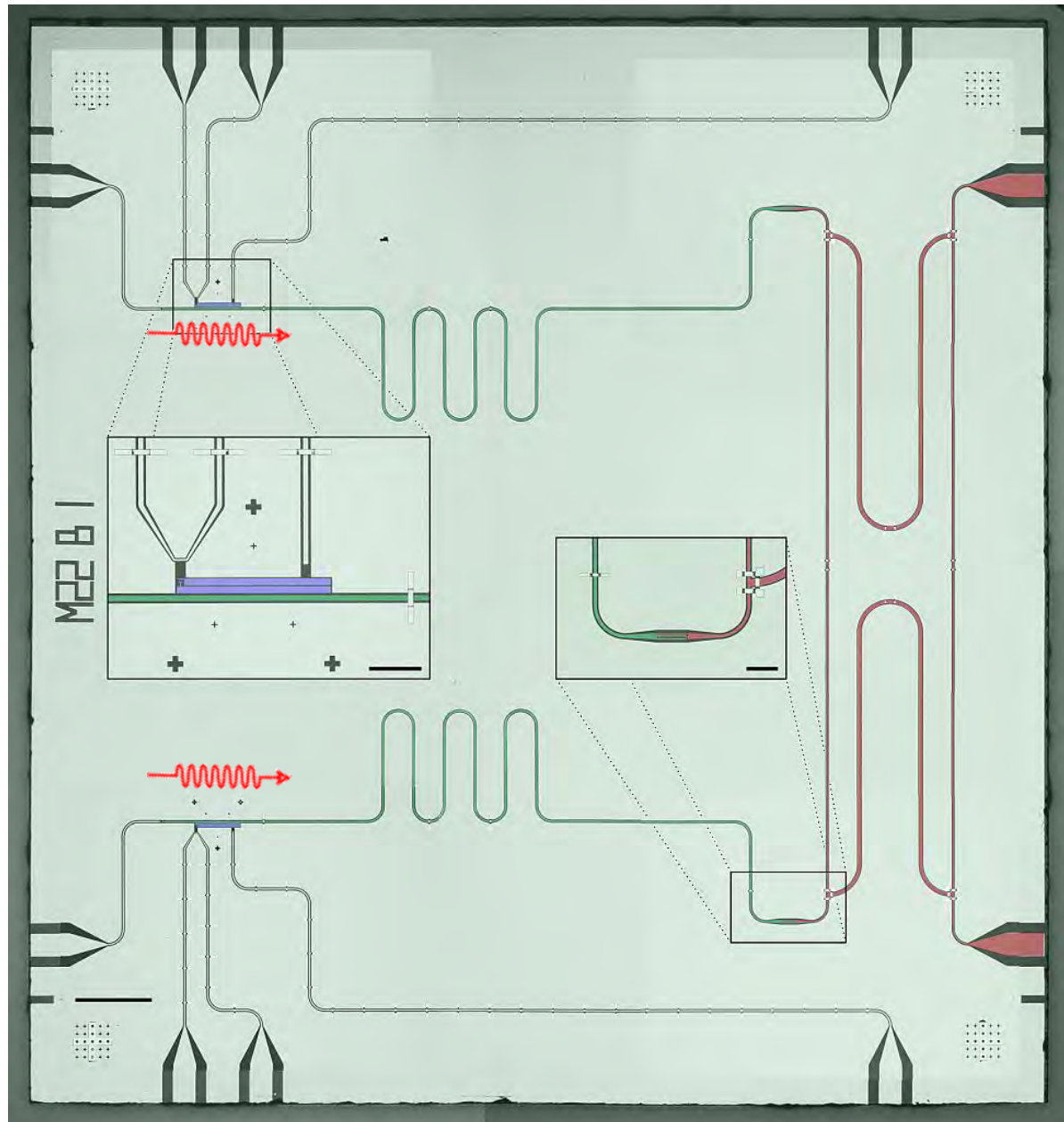
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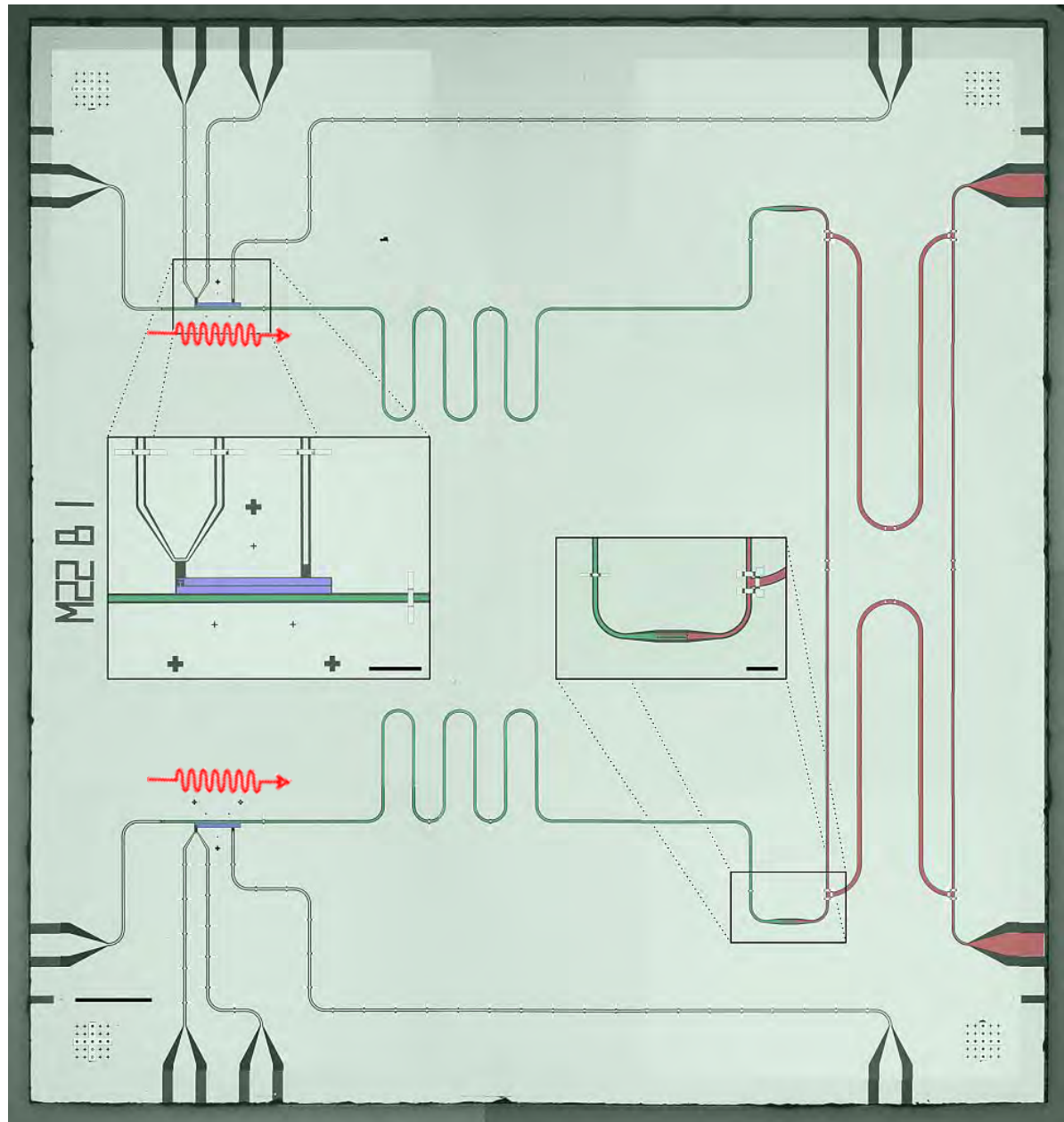
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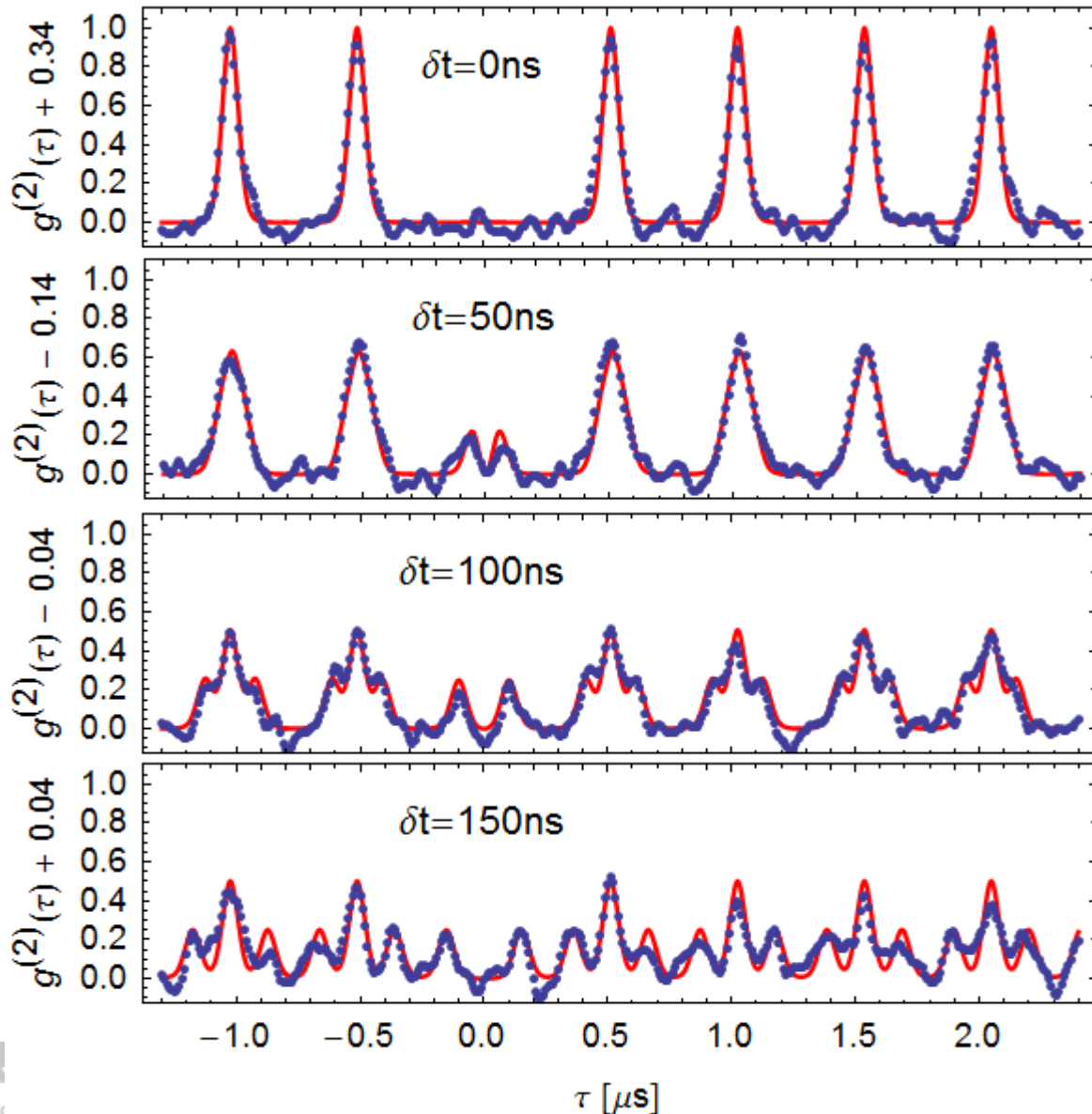
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# Hong-Ou-Mandel $g^{(2)}(\tau)$ for Microwave Photons



Observations:

- Photon-Pair anti-bunching

For  $\tau > 0$ :

- Broadening of satellite peaks
- Triple-peak structure of satellite peaks
- Full recovery of double-peak at  $\tau \approx 0$

Exp.: C. Lang, C Eichler *et al.*,  
*Nat. Phys.* 9, 345 (2013)

Theo.: M. Woolley *et al.*,  
*New J. Phys.* 15, 105025–19 (2013)

# Learning More: Two-Channel Tomography

Idea: Measure 4D histogram and evaluate relevant photon statistics

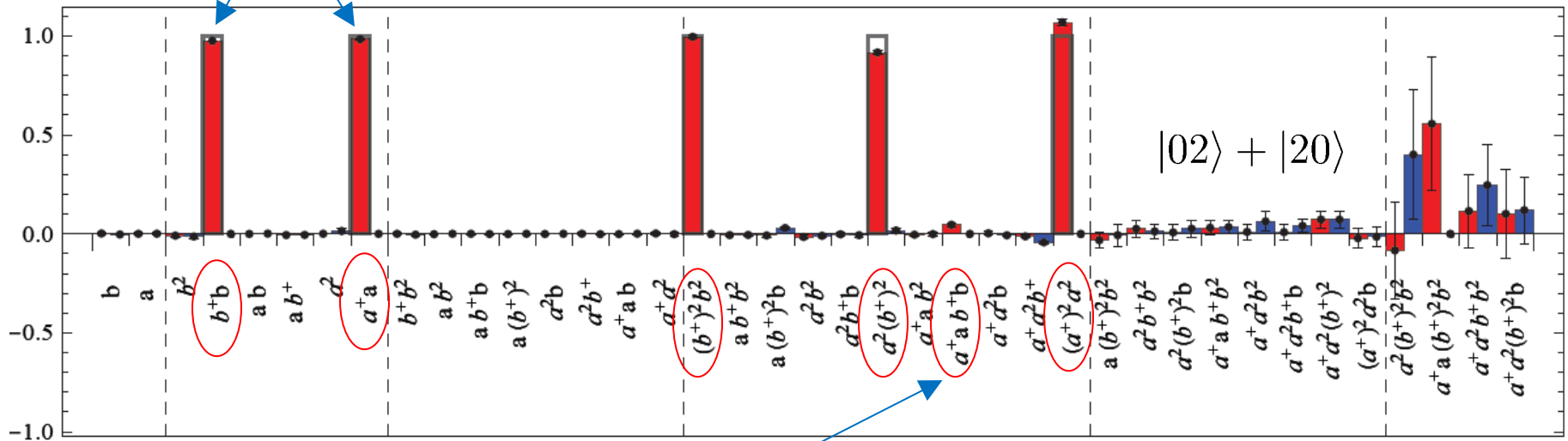
$$D_{\text{ON}}(X_a, P_a, X_b, P_b) \quad \text{analogous to} \quad \langle (a^\dagger)^n a^m (b^\dagger)^k b^l \rangle$$

$$D_{\text{OFF}}(X_a, P_a, X_b, P_b) \quad \text{1-channel case}$$

1 average photon  
in each channel

2-photon  
bunching

quantum  
superposition!



no simultaneous "click"  
in both channels

# Density Matrix Displaying Two-Mode Entanglement

Density matrix reconstruction:

$$\langle (a^\dagger)^n a^m (b^\dagger)^k b^l \rangle$$

moments

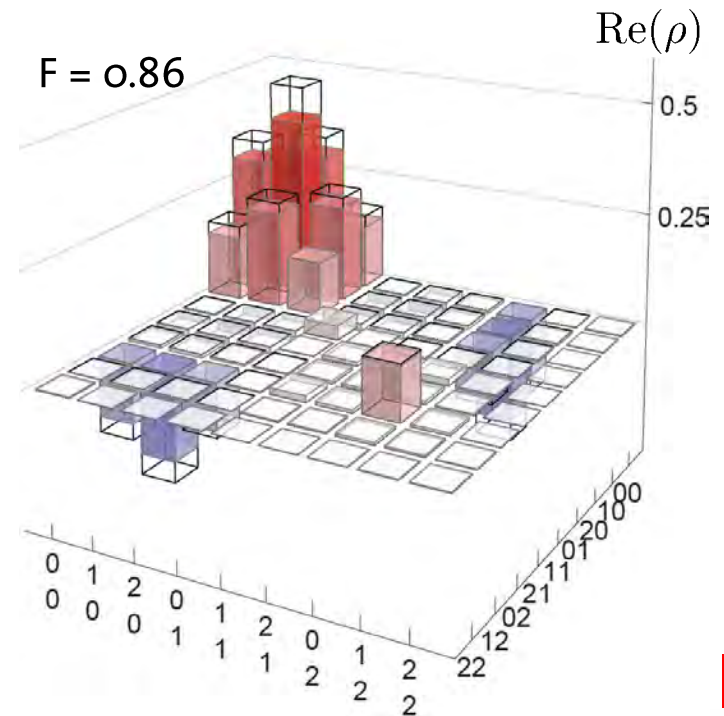
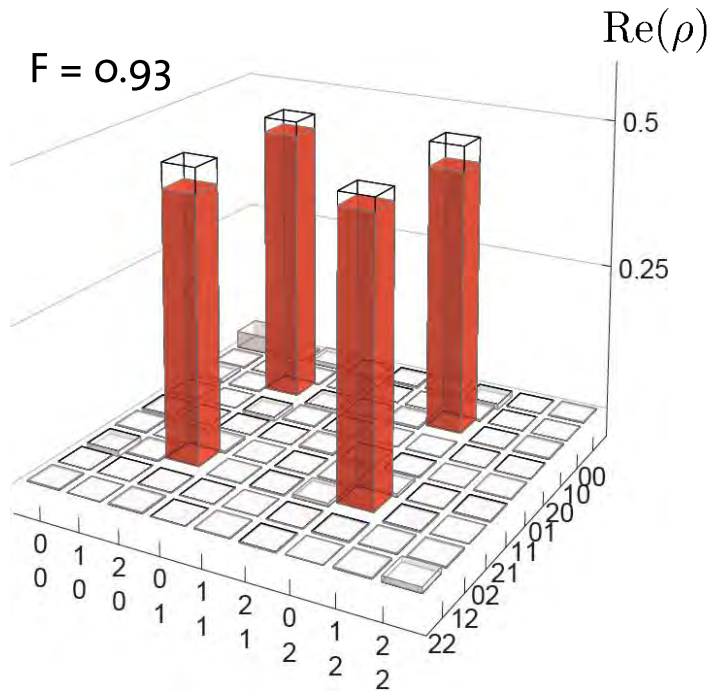
linear map  $\rightarrow$

$\langle nm|\rho|kl\rangle$   
Fock space  
density matrix

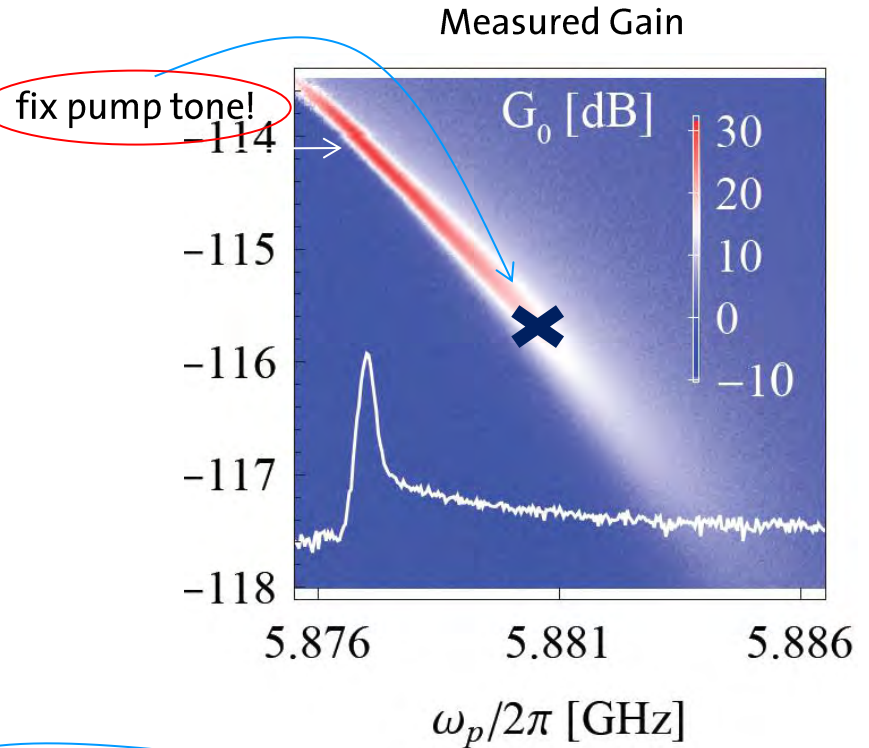
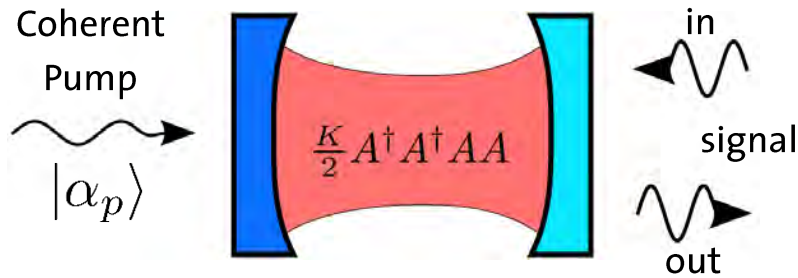
use maximum  
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procedure

final state:  $|02\rangle + |20\rangle$

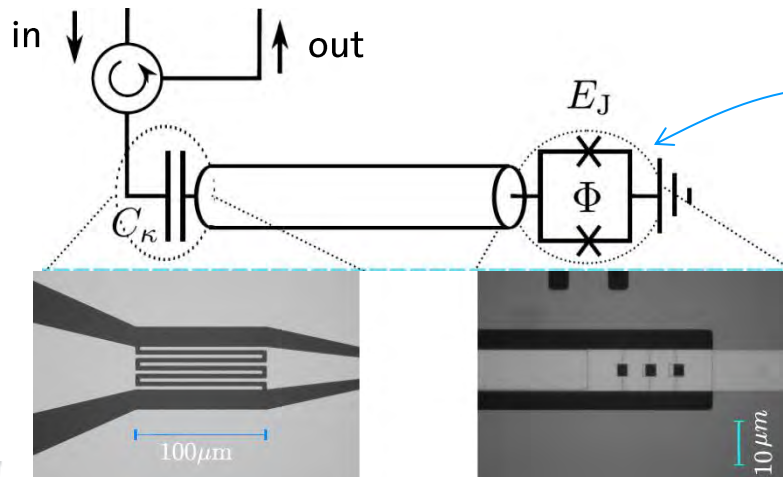
$$|00\rangle + \sqrt{2}|10\rangle + (|20\rangle - |02\rangle)\sqrt{2}$$



# Parametric Amplifier



Circuit QED implementation:



SQUID provides nonlinearity!

Caves, *Phys. Rev. D* 26, 1817 (1982)

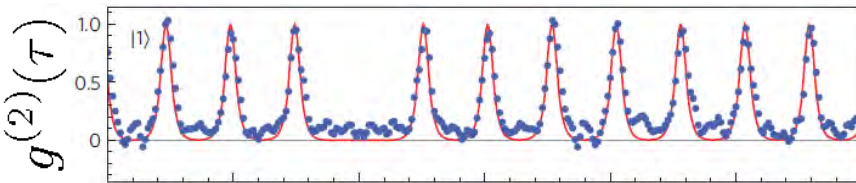
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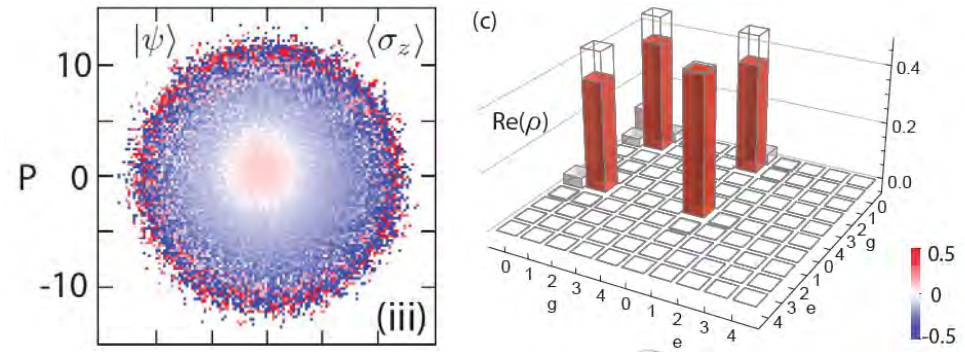
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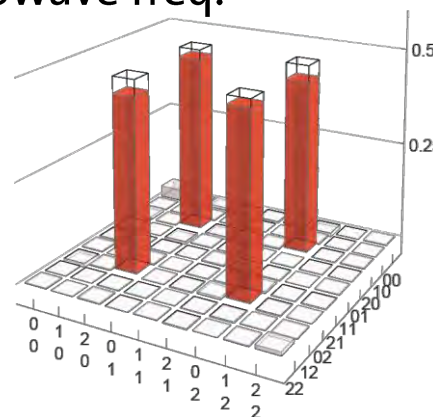
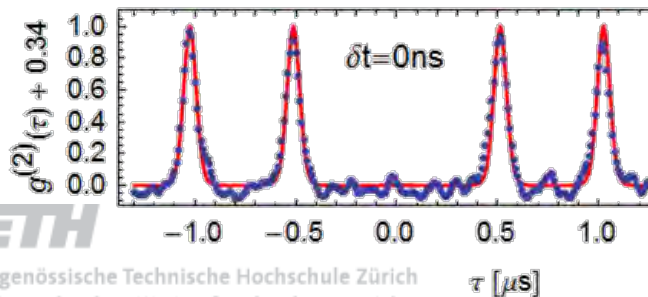
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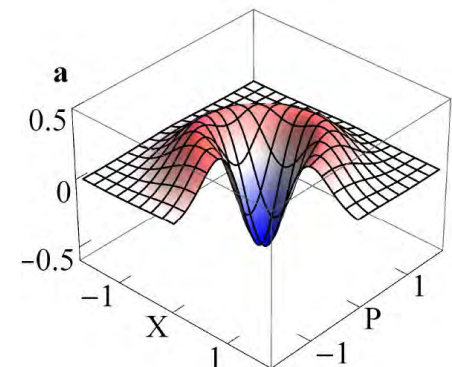
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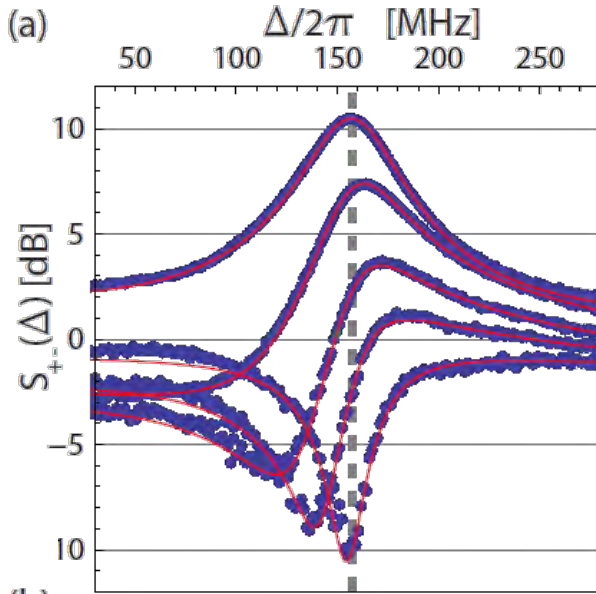
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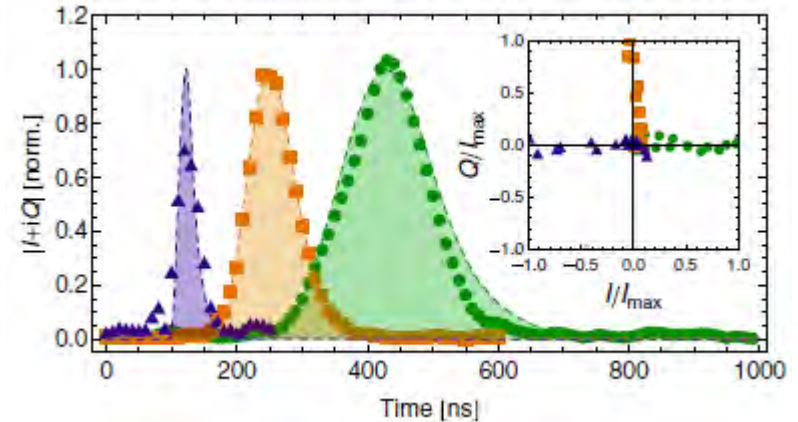
# Recent Experiments with Propagating Microwaves

## Squeezing in a Josephson parametric dimer

Eichler *et al.*,  
*PRL* 113, 110502  
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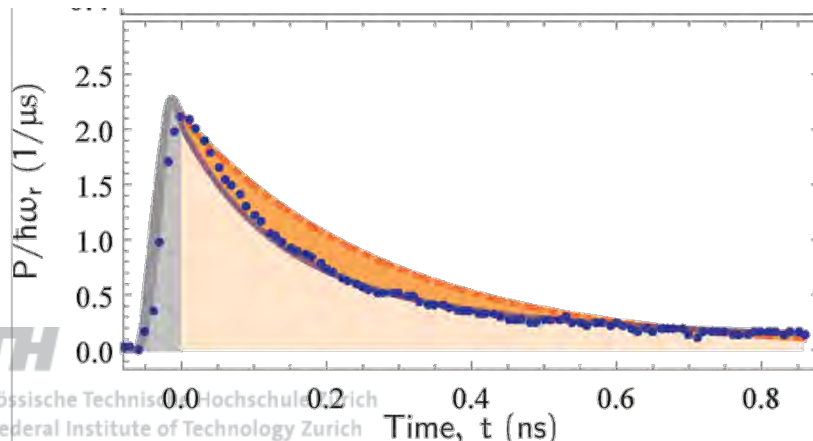
## Creation of time-reversal symmetric photons for networking



Pechal *et al.*, *PRX* 4, 041010 (2014)

## Single and two-atom Dicke superradiance

Mlynek *et al.*, *Nat. Comm.* 5, 5186 (2014)



## Prospects:

- explore linear & non-linear microwave quantum optics
- shaped photons for communication across different length scales
- characterize microwave radiation emission from novel sources (e.g. nano-structures)



Teleportation ... what one may wish for !?



# Teleportation in the Quantum World

Objective:

- transfer information stored in a quantum bit from a sender to receiver

Resources:

- a pair of entangled qubits shared between the sender and receiver
- a small quantum computer at the sender and at the receiver
- a classical communication channel

Alice



classical communication

Bob



Features:

- exploits non-local quantum correlations
- uses all essential ingredients required for realizing a universal quantum computer
- full protocol demonstrates use of real-time feed-forward

Applications:

- universal quantum computation
- simplification of quantum circuits
- repeaters for quantum comm.

Has been demonstrated for photons, ions and recently also in solid state systems.

# Teleportation Protocol

Task:

- transfer unknown quantum state from Alice to Bob

Resources:

- a pair of entangled qubits ( $Q_1 + Q_2$ )

Alice



Bell measurement

Qubit:  $Q_1$   $Q_2$



arbitrary unknown qubit state

entangled state  $|\Phi^-\rangle$

Bob



$Q_3$



proposal: Bennett *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 70, 1895 (1993)

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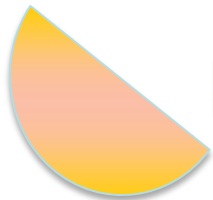
$Q_1$



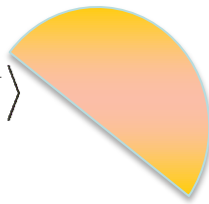
Bob



Qubit:  $Q_1$



$Q_2$



$|\Psi^+\rangle$

$Q_3$



# Teleportation in other Systems

## Single photons

- D. Bouwmeester, *et al.*, *Nature*, **390**, 575–579 (1997)
- I. Marcikic, *et al.*, *Nature*, **421**, 509–513 (2003)
- J. Yin, *et al.*, *Nature*, **488**, 185–188 (2012)
- X.-S. Ma, *et al.*, *Nature*, **489**, 269–273 (2012)

## Ion traps

- M. Riebe *et al.*, *Nature*, **429**, 734–737 (2004)
- M. Barrett, *et al.*, *Nature*, **429**, 737–739 (2004)
- S. Olmschenk, *et al.*, *Science*, **323**, 486–489 (2009)

## Atomic ensembles

- X.-H. Bao, *et al.*, *PNAS*, **109**, 20347 (2012)

## Single atoms

- C. Nölleke, *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **110**, 140403 (2013)

## NMR

- M. A. Nielsen, *et al.*, *Nature*, **396**, 52–55 (1998)

## Continuous variables

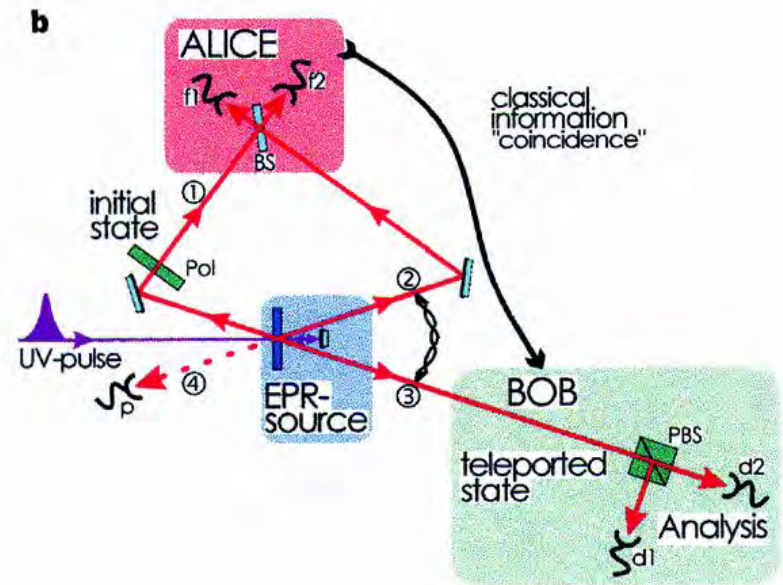
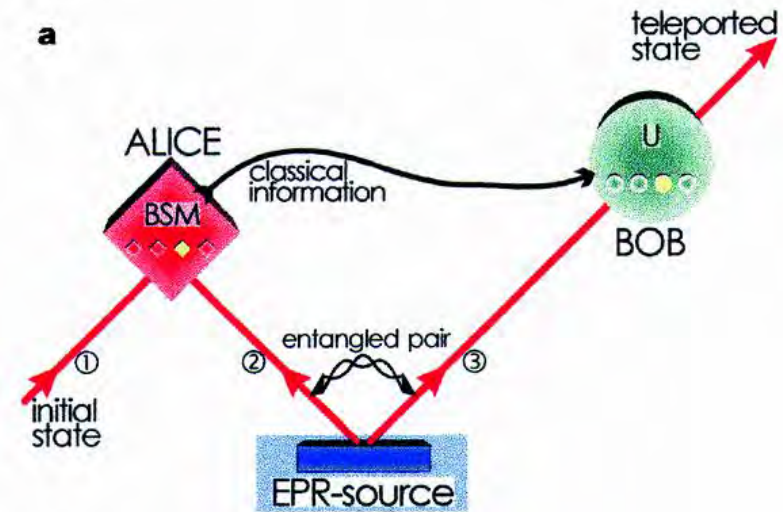
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- N. Lee, *et al.*, *Science*, **332**, 330–333 (2011)
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## Semiconductor Quantum Dots

- W.B. Gao, *et al.*, *Nat. Comm* **4**, 2744 (2013)

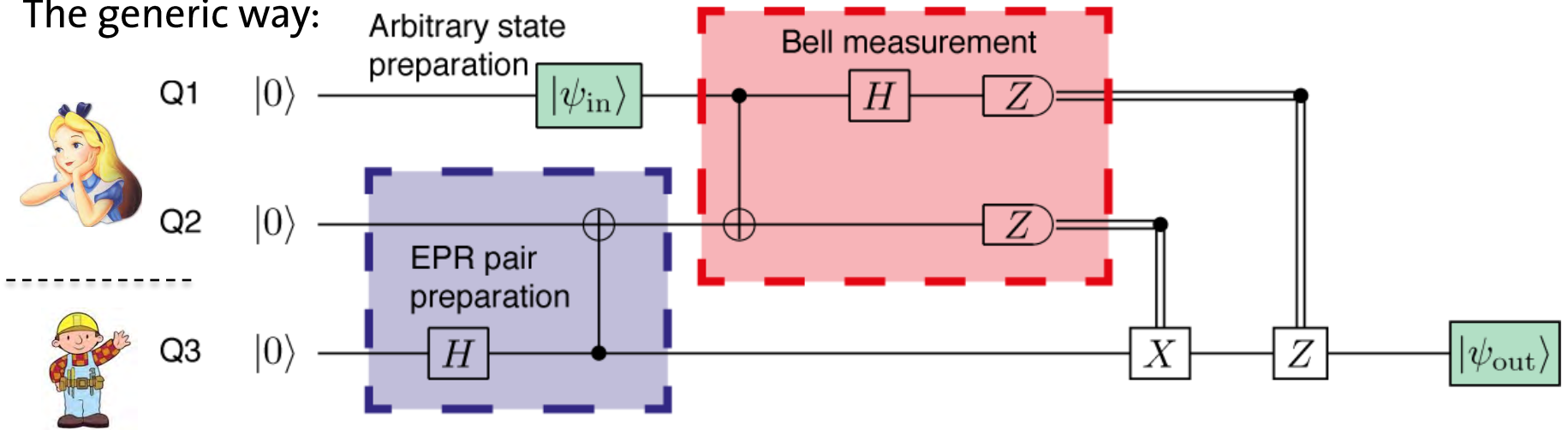
## NV Centers

- W. Pfaff, *et al.*, *Science* **345**, 532 (2014)



# Implementation of the Teleportation Protocol

The generic way:



Hadamard

Rotation around Y-axis



Controlled NOT

Controlled phase gate



Measurement along Z-axis

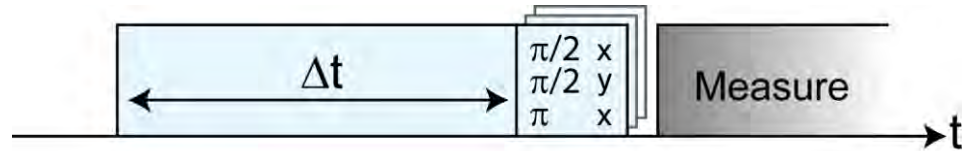
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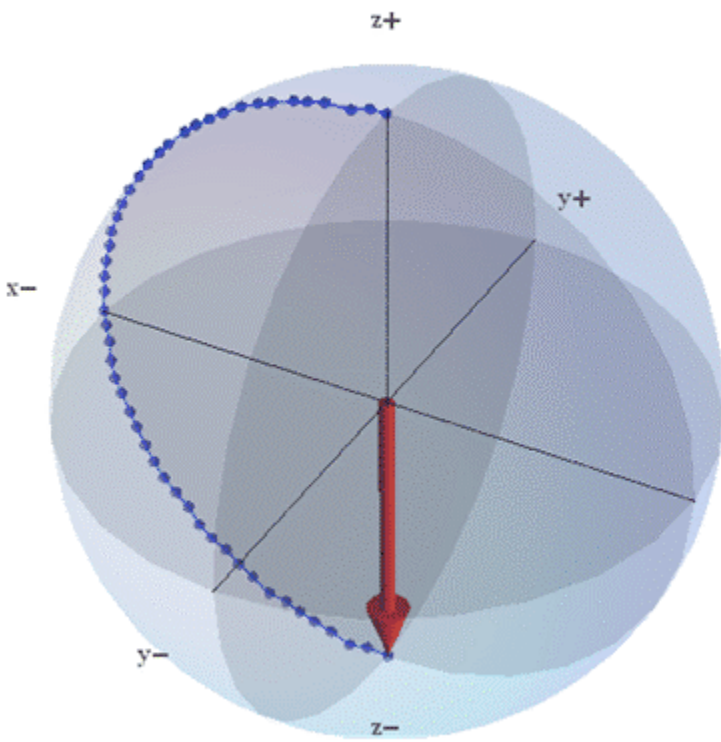
implementation: L. DiCarlo, *Nature* **460**, 240 (2010).

# Single Qubit Gates

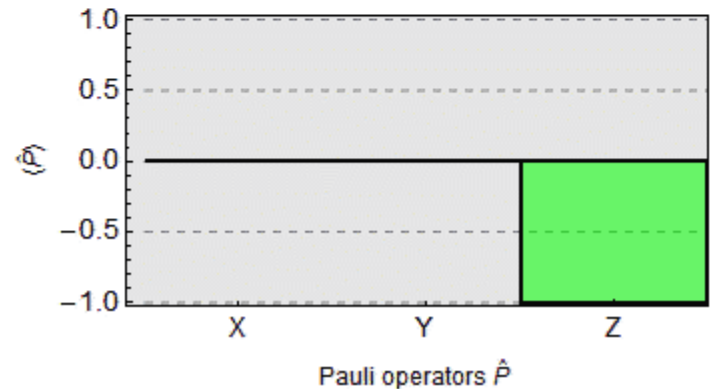
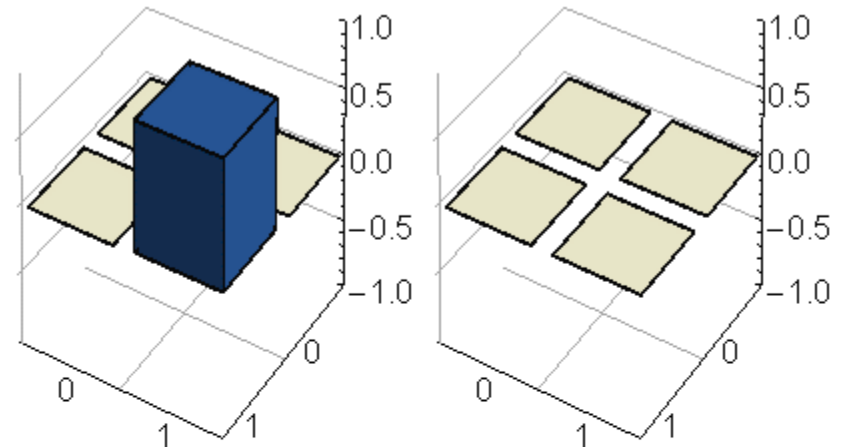
Pulse sequence for qubit rotation and readout:



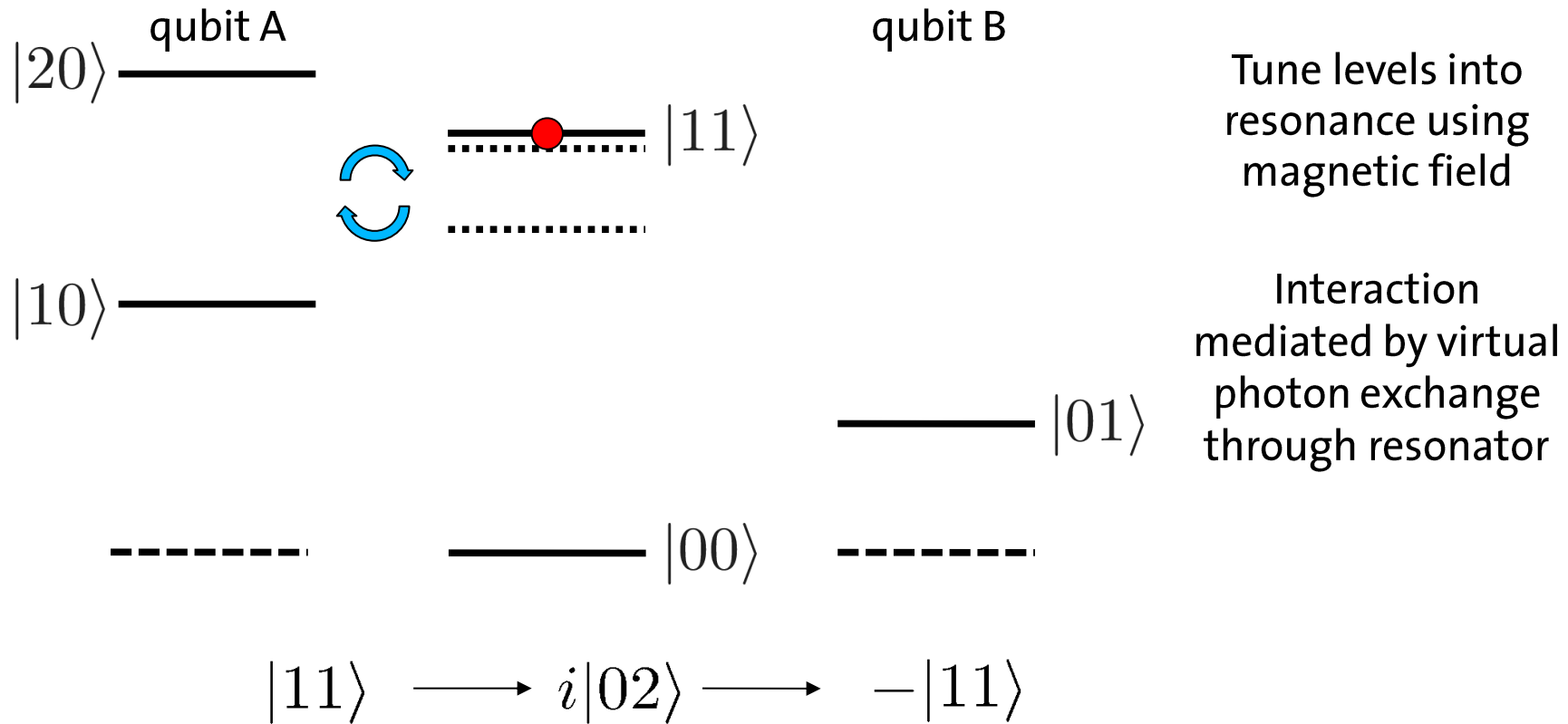
experimental Bloch vector:



experimental density matrix and Pauli set:

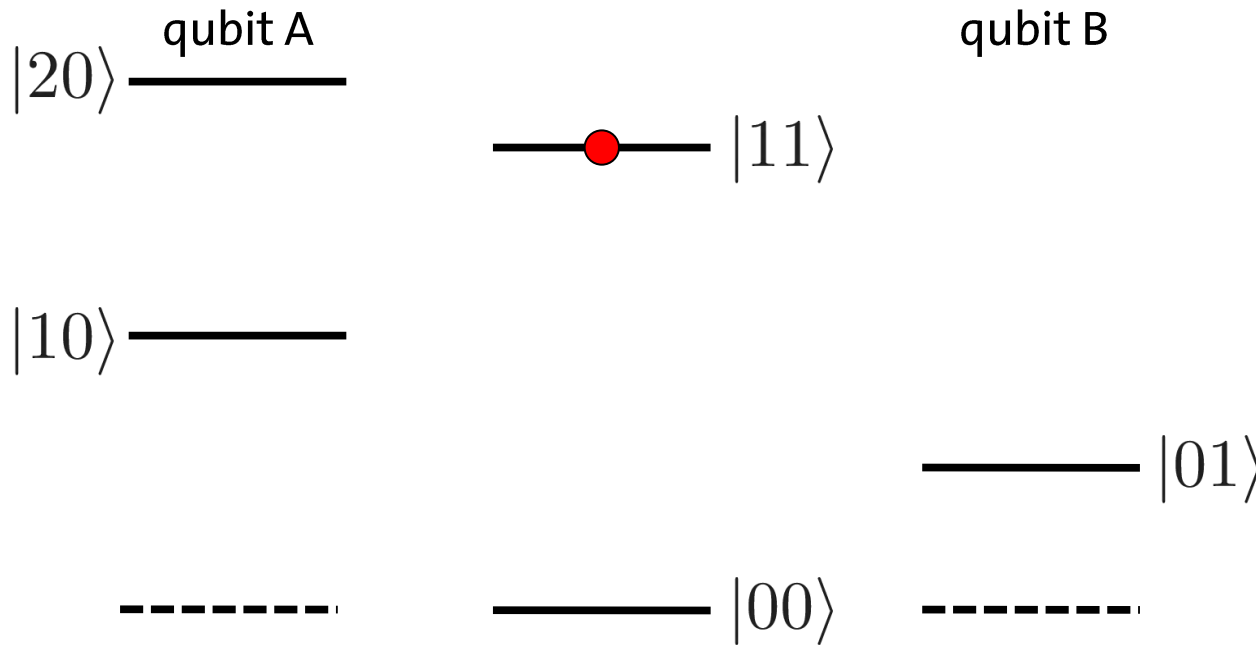


# Controlled phase gate





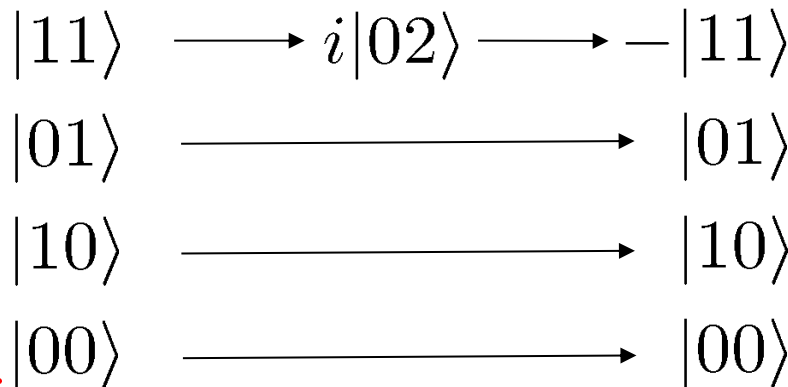
# Controlled phase gate



Tune levels into resonance using magnetic field

Interaction mediated by virtual photon exchange through resonator

This experiment:  
 Universal two-qubit gates:  $F \sim 90\%$ .  
 Single-qubit gates:  $F \sim 98\%$ .  
 .. to realize needed quantum operations.



C-Phase gate:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

proposal: F. W. Strauch *et al*, *PRL* **91**, 167005 (2003)

first implementation: L. DiCarlo *et al.*, *Nature* **467**, 467 (2010)

# Process Tomography: C-Phase Gate

arbitrary quantum process

$$\rho' = \mathcal{E}(\rho)$$

decomposed into

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_{mn} \tilde{E}_m \rho \tilde{E}_n^\dagger \chi_{mn}$$

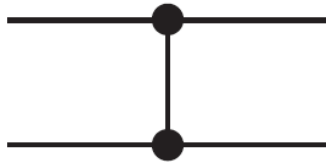
$$\{\tilde{E}_k\}$$

$$\chi$$

is an operator basis

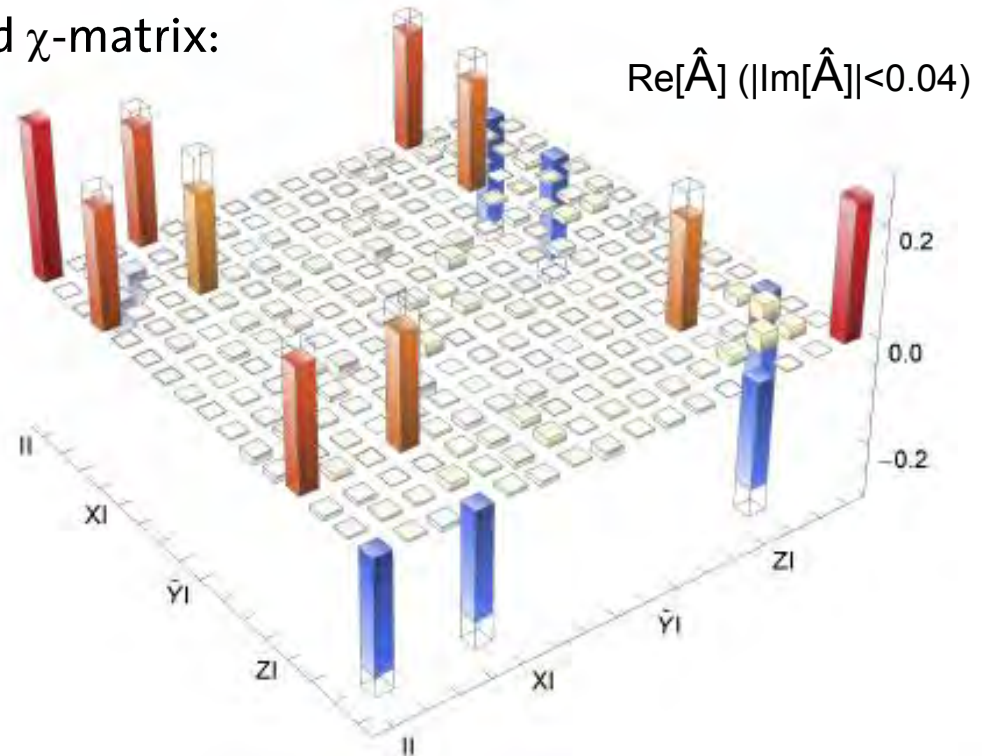
is a positive semi definite Hermitian matrix characteristic for the process

Controlled phase gate



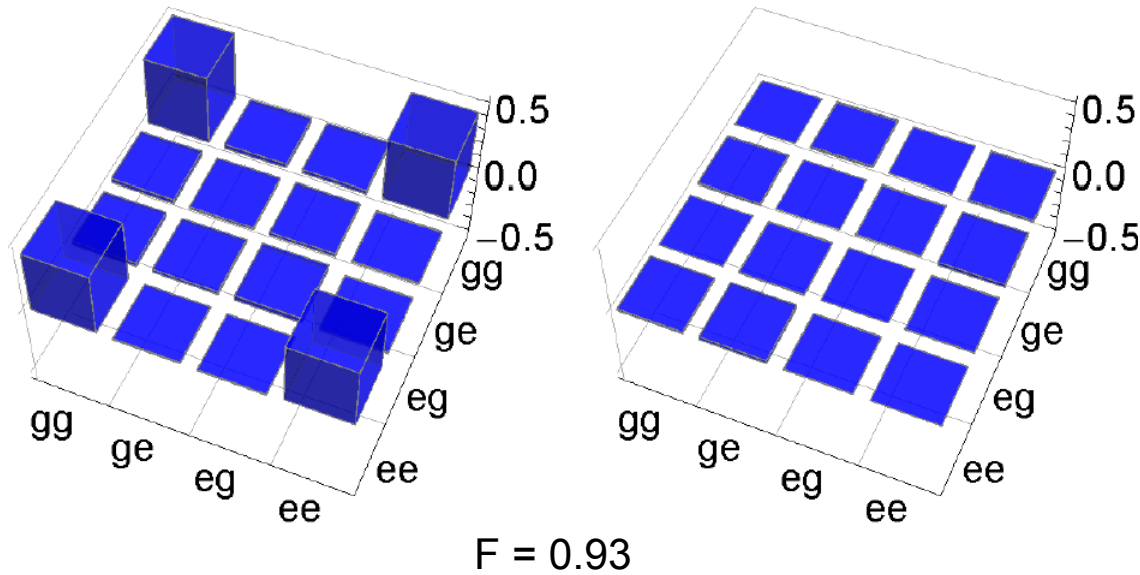
$$cZ_{00} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Measured  $\chi$ -matrix:



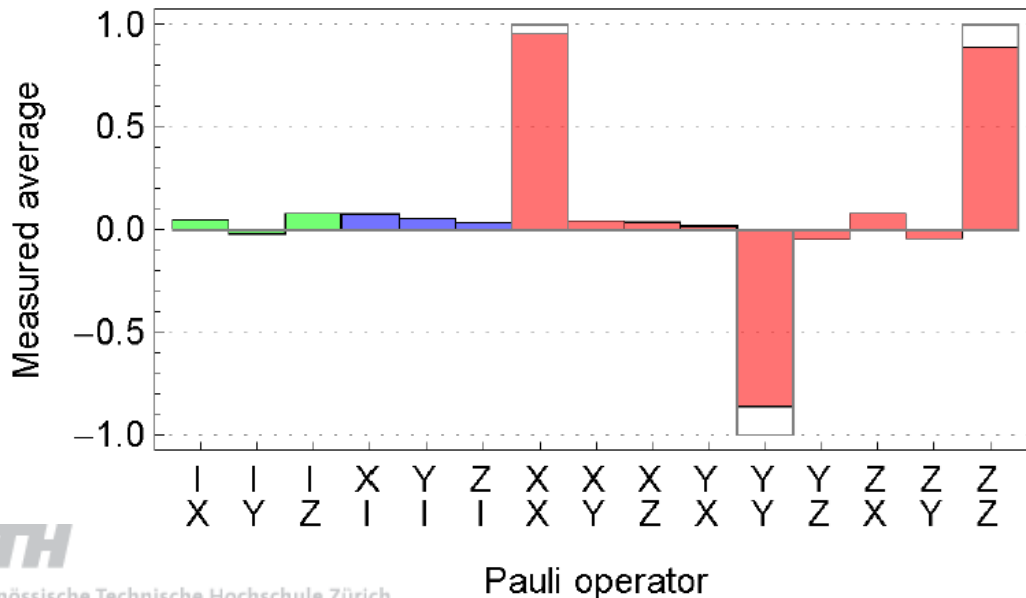
$$F = \text{Tr}[\chi_{\text{meas}} \chi_{\text{ideal}}] > 0.90$$

# Generation of Bell States



using different processes:

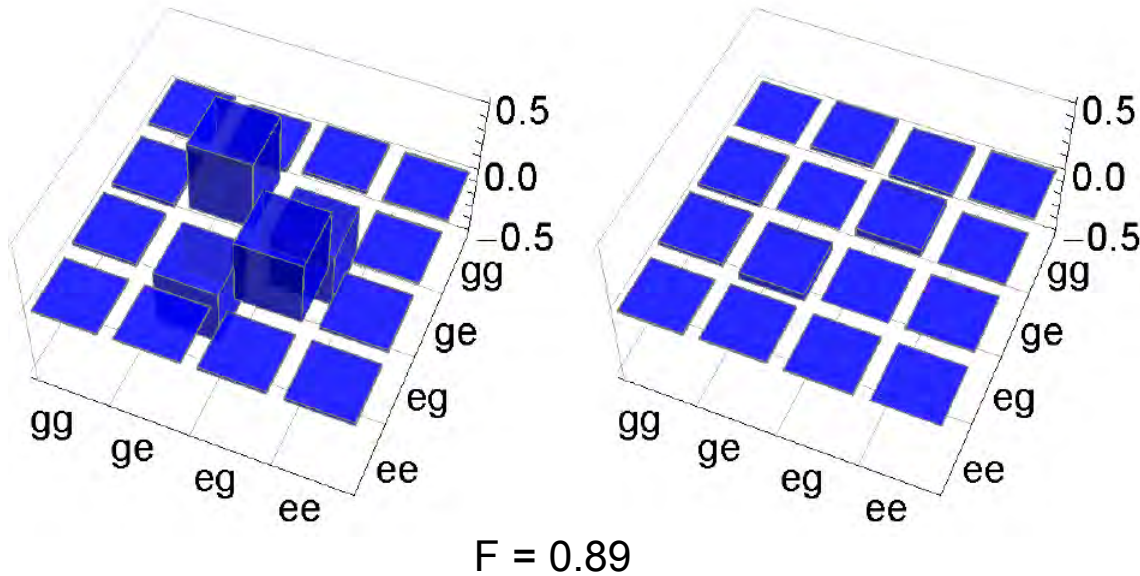
- controlled phase gate via 11 - 02 interaction
- sideband transitions
- iSWAP gate via 10 - 10 interaction
- resonant coupling to the cavity



Fidelity measure:

$$F = \text{Tr}[\rho_{\text{meas}}\rho_{\text{ideal}}]$$

# Generation of Bell States

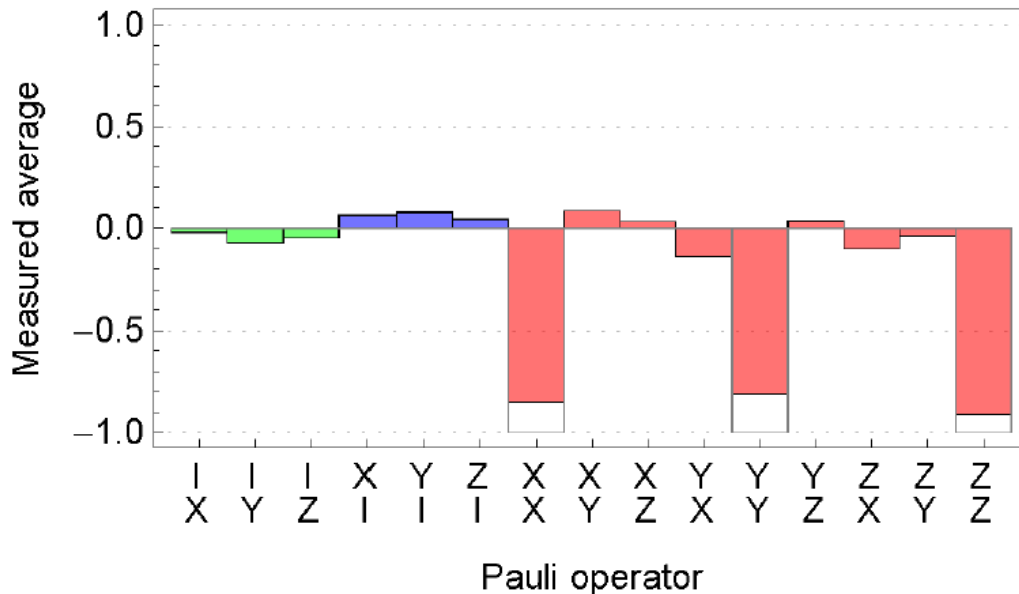


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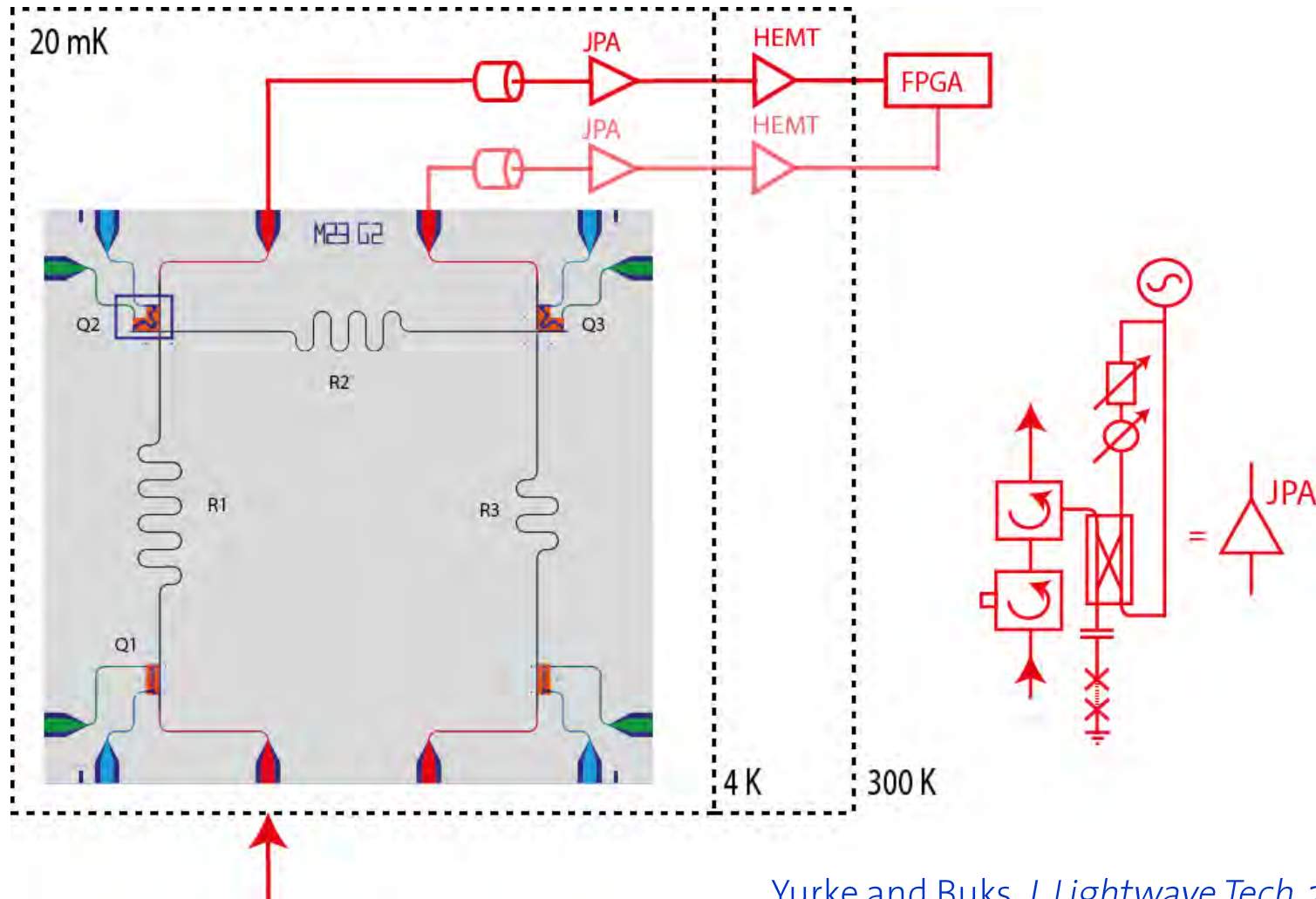
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# Dispersive Qubit Readout with Parametric Amplifiers



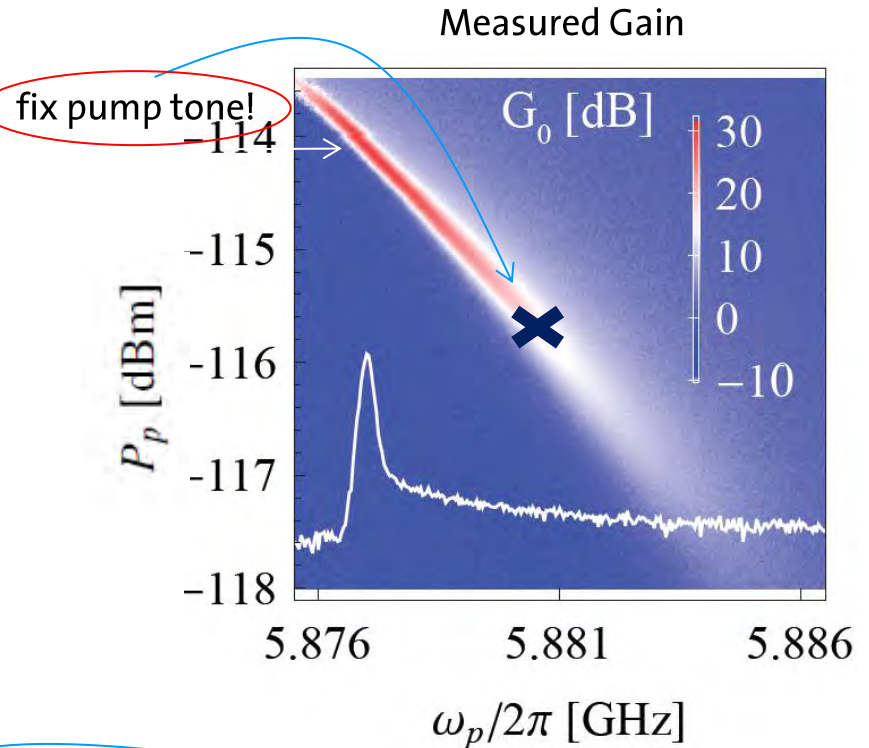
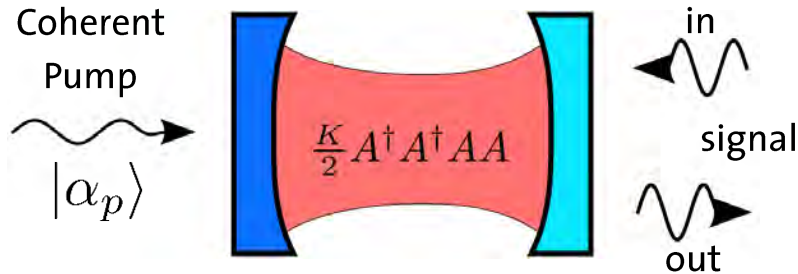
Yurke and Buks, *J. Lightwave Tech.* **24**, 5054 (2006)

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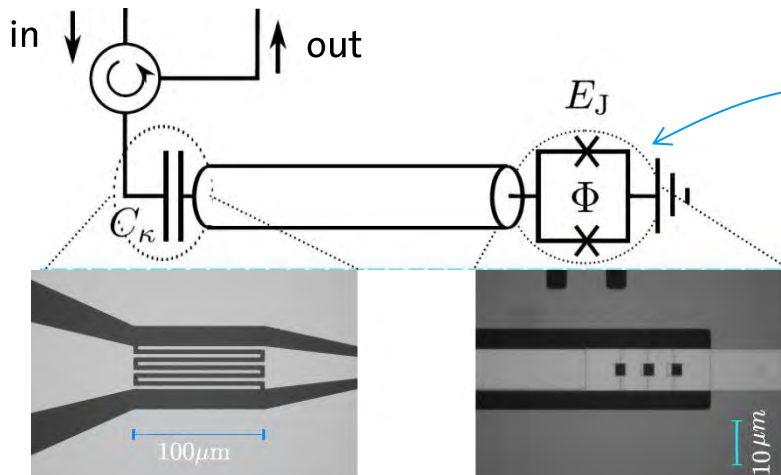
Eichler et al., *PRL* **107**, 113601 (2011)

R. Vijay et al., *PRL* **106**, 110502 (2011)

# Near Quantum-Limited Parametric Amplifier



Circuit QED implementation:



SQUID(-array) provides required nonlinearity

Eichler *et al.*, EPJ Quantum Technology 1, 2 (2014)

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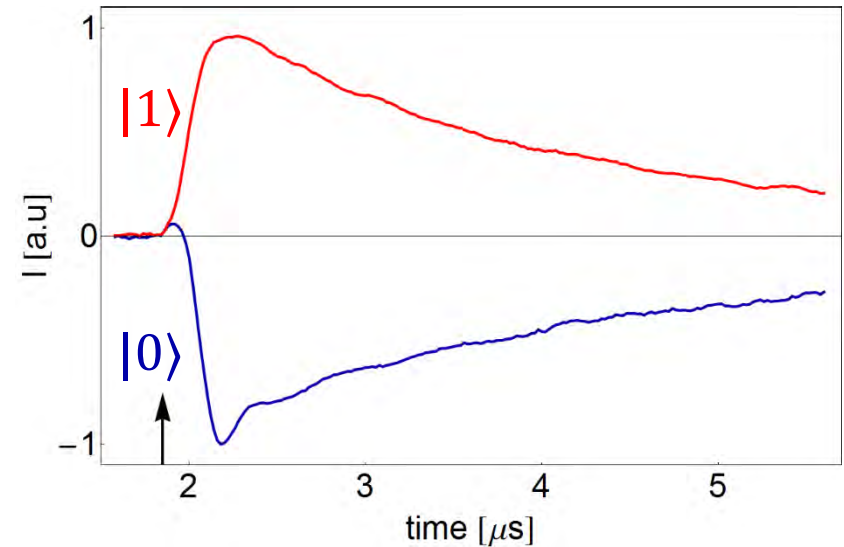
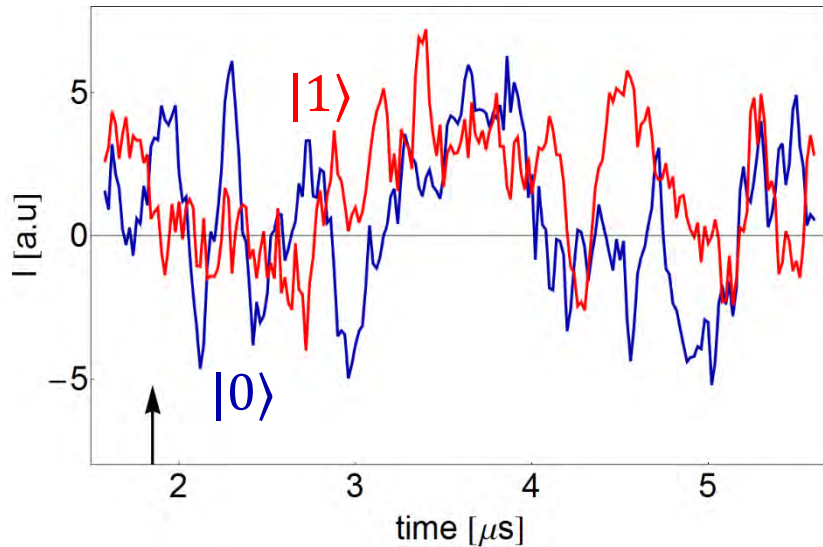
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# Single-Shot Single-Qubit Readout

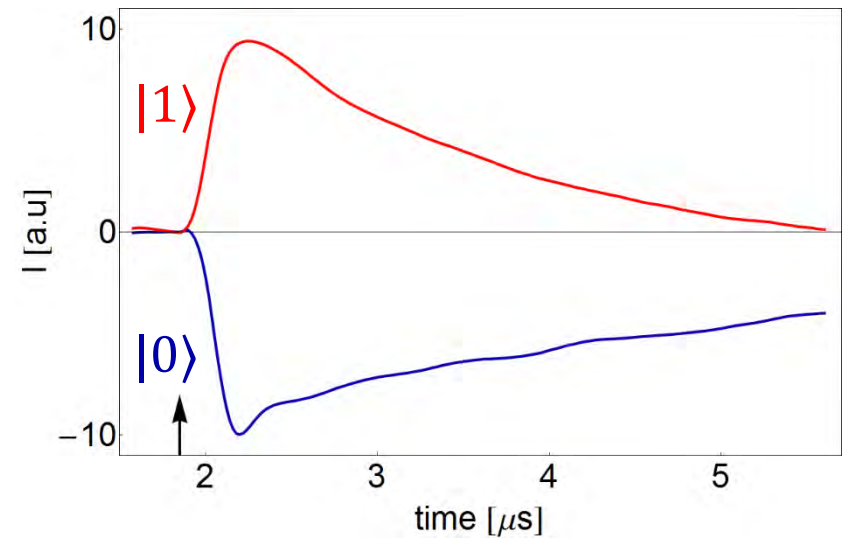
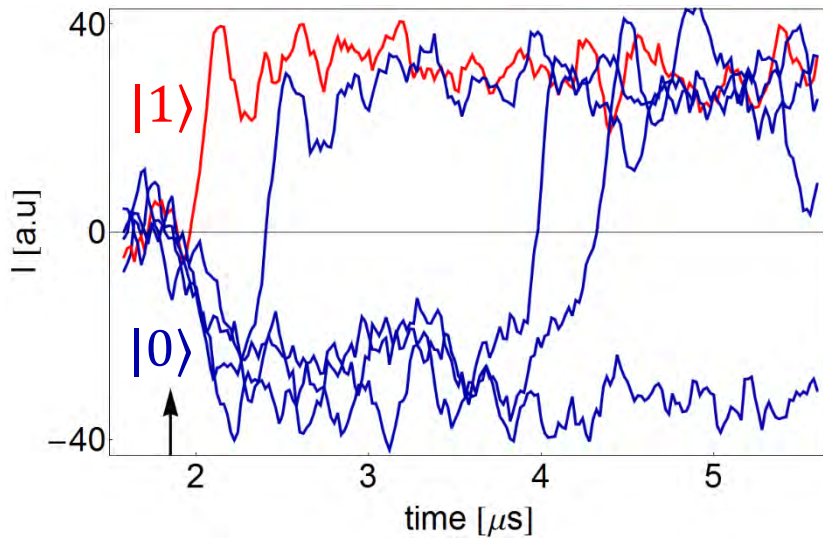
single-shot measurements:

averaged measurements ( $8 \cdot 10^4$ ):

Conventional HEMT

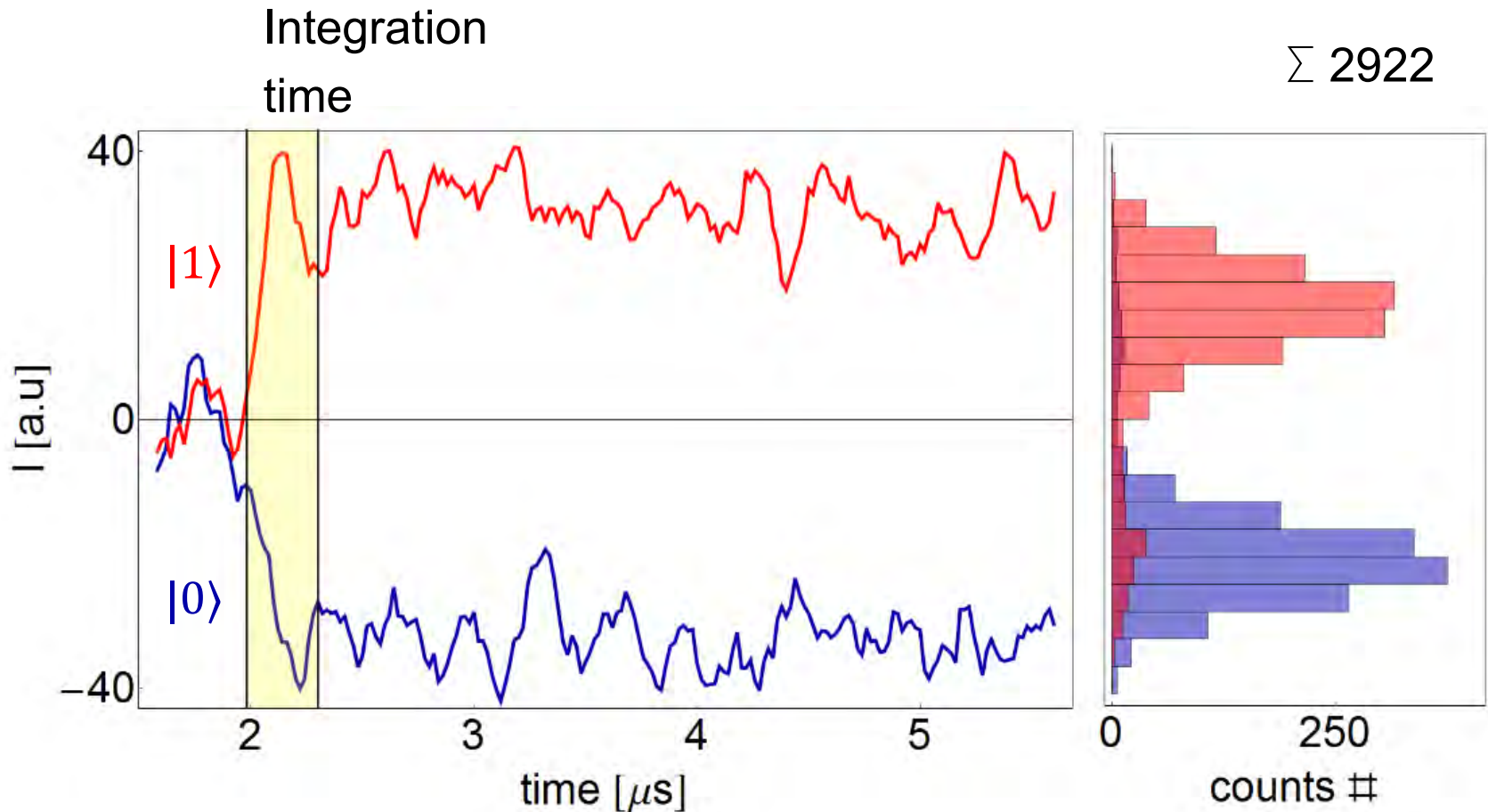


Parametric Amplifier



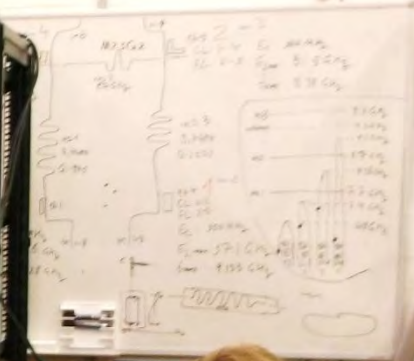
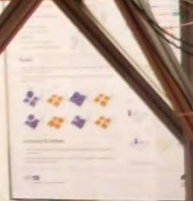
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# Statistics of Integrated Single-Shot Readout



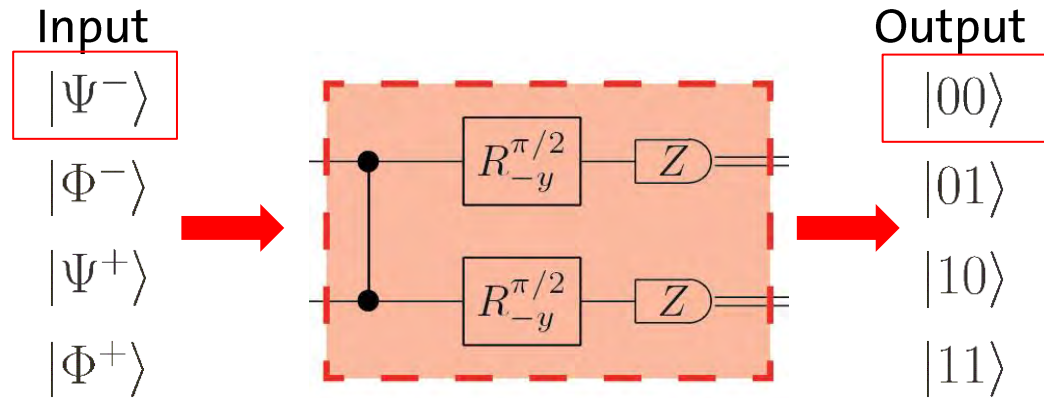


Quantum Teleportation with Superconducting Circuits

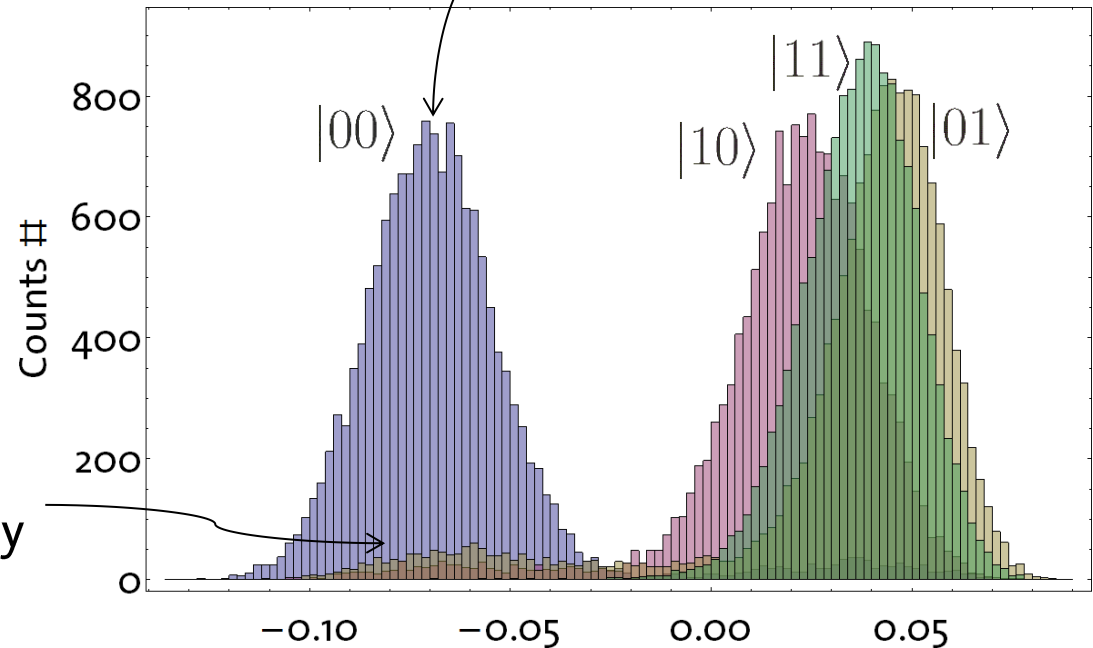


1  $\mu\text{mV}$  @ 2.4 GHz  
10  $\mu\text{mV}$  @ 2.4 GHz  
100  $\mu\text{mV}$  @ 1.4 GHz  
1 mV @ 2.4 GHz  
10 mV @ 2.4 THz

# Post-Selected Teleportation: Bell Measurement



detection fidelity of 94 %



Operate parametric amplifier in phase sensitive mode

Maximize contrast of  $|00\rangle$  to other states

Limited by decay

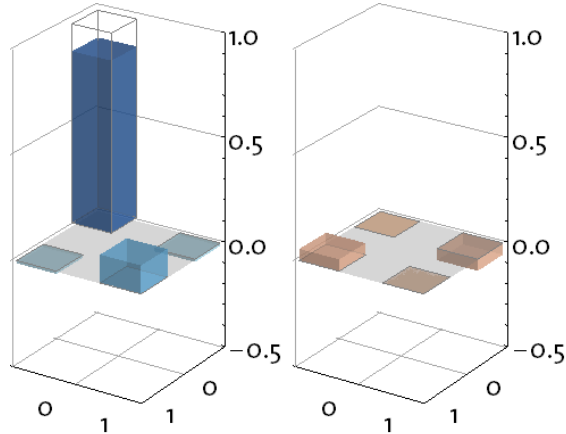
Quadrature (a.u.)

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# Tomography of Teleported States with Post-Selection

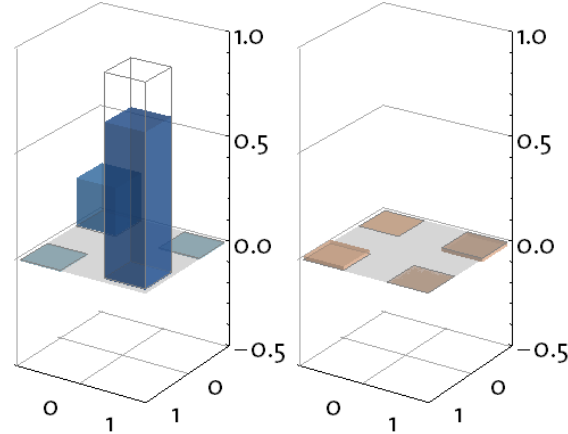
$$\psi_{in} = |0\rangle$$

82.2 %



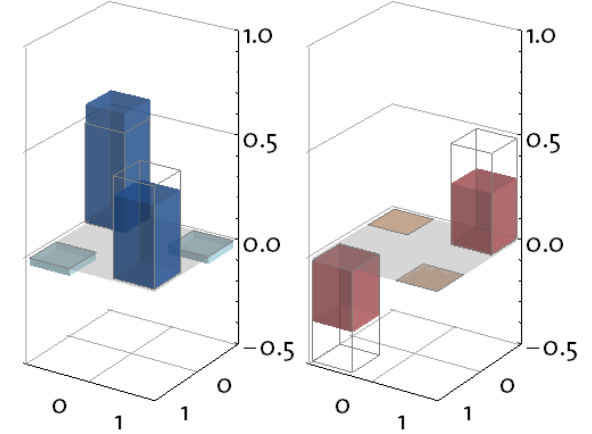
$$\psi_{in} = |1\rangle$$

80.5 %



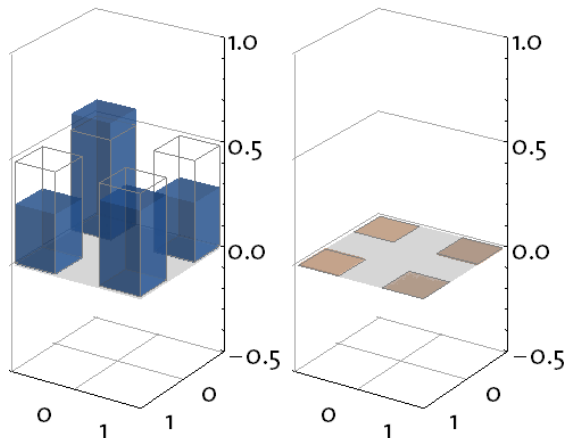
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79.4 %



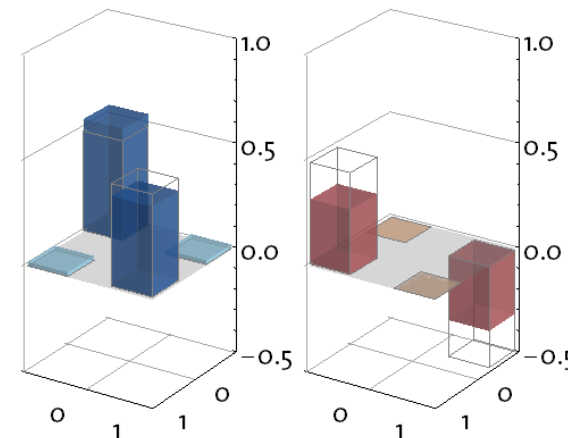
$$\psi_{in} = |0\rangle + |1\rangle$$

84.2 %



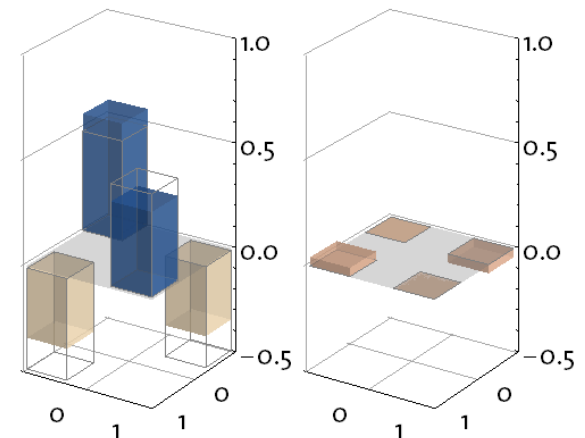
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79.5 %



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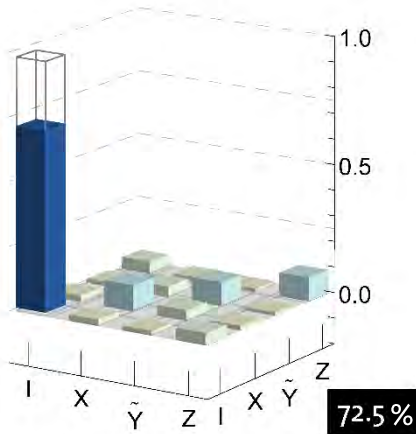
83.6 %



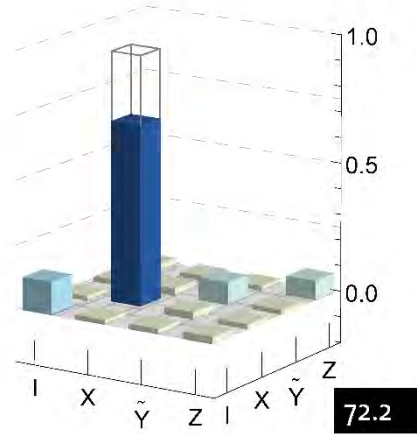
# Process Tomography: Teleportation with Post-Selection

absolute value of process matrices  $|\chi|$  for state transfer from qubit 1 to qubit 3:

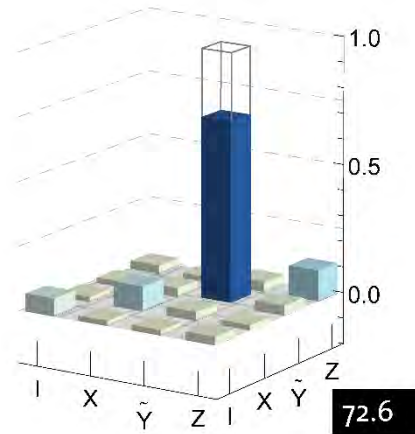
$$|00\rangle \hat{=} |\Phi^-\rangle$$



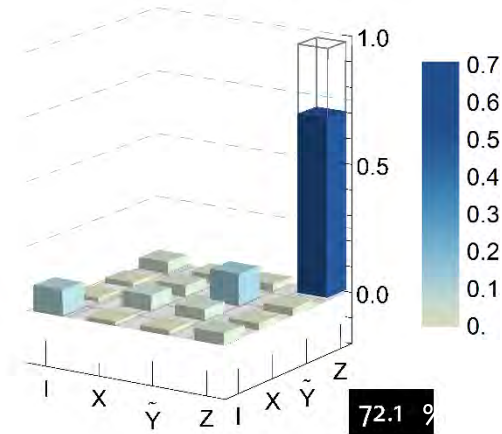
$$|01\rangle \hat{=} |\Psi^-\rangle$$



$$|11\rangle \hat{=} |\Psi^+\rangle$$



$$|10\rangle \hat{=} |\Phi^+\rangle$$



$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = X |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

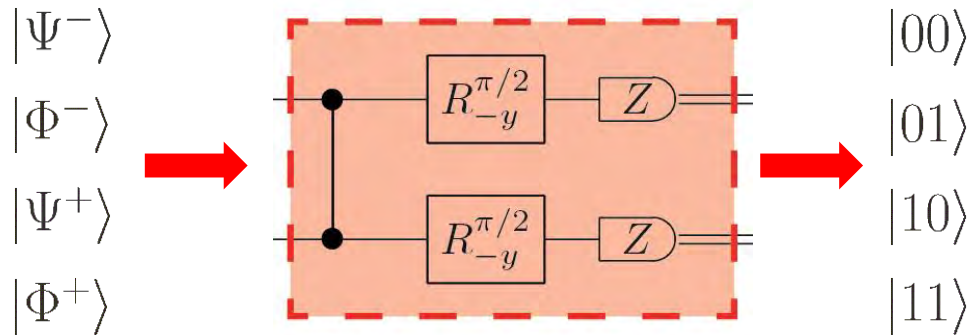
$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = \tilde{Y} |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = Z |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

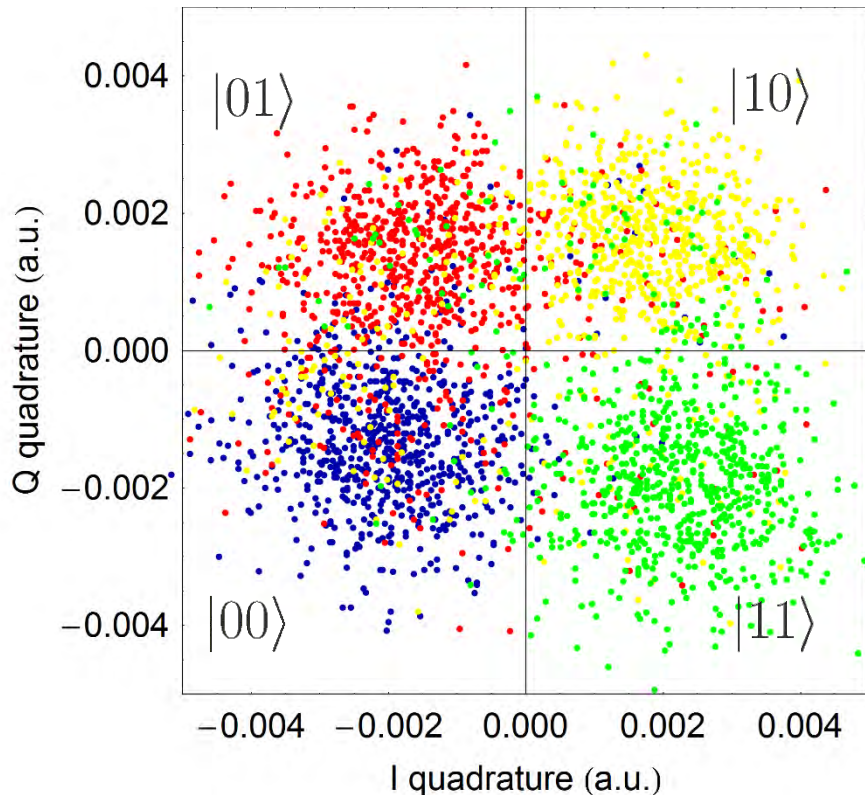
$$X = \hat{\sigma}_x, \tilde{Y} = i\hat{\sigma}_y, Z = \hat{\sigma}_z$$

Average process fidelity **72.3 ± 0.7 %**

# Deterministic Bell-Measurement of all 4 States



- map Bell states on basis states
- perform joint two-qubit read-out
- paramp operated in the phase preserving mode to amplify both quadratures

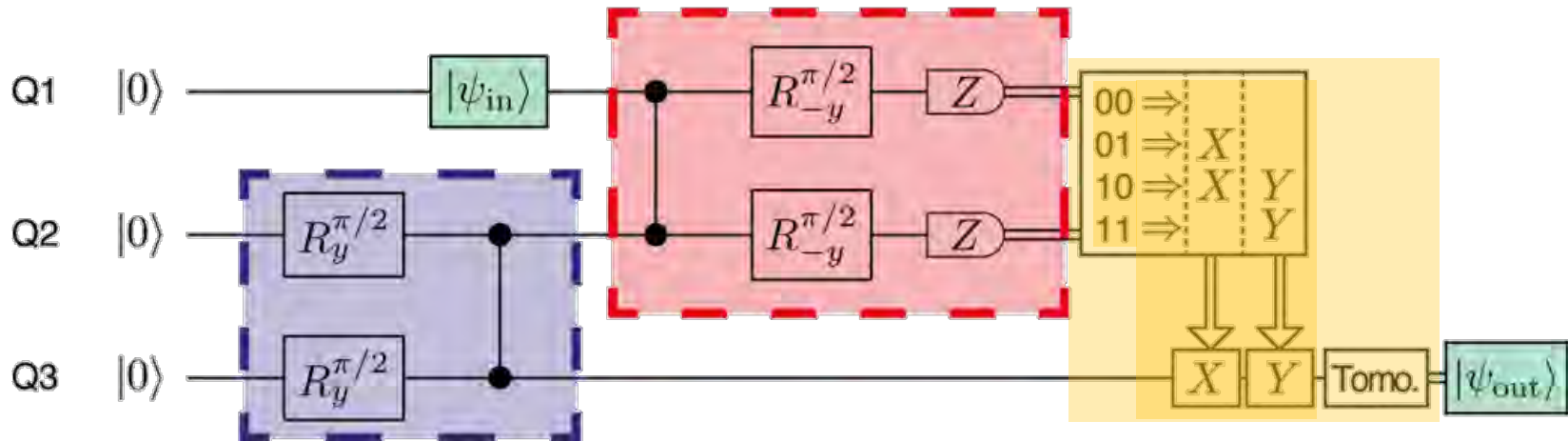


States are identified correctly with ~80% probability

	identified as			
	$ 00\rangle$	$ 01\rangle$	$ 10\rangle$	$ 11\rangle$
$ 00\rangle$	0.86	0.09	0.02	0.02
$ 01\rangle$	0.14	0.73	0.04	0.09
$ 10\rangle$	0.03	0.05	0.84	0.09
$ 11\rangle$	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.73

Prepared as

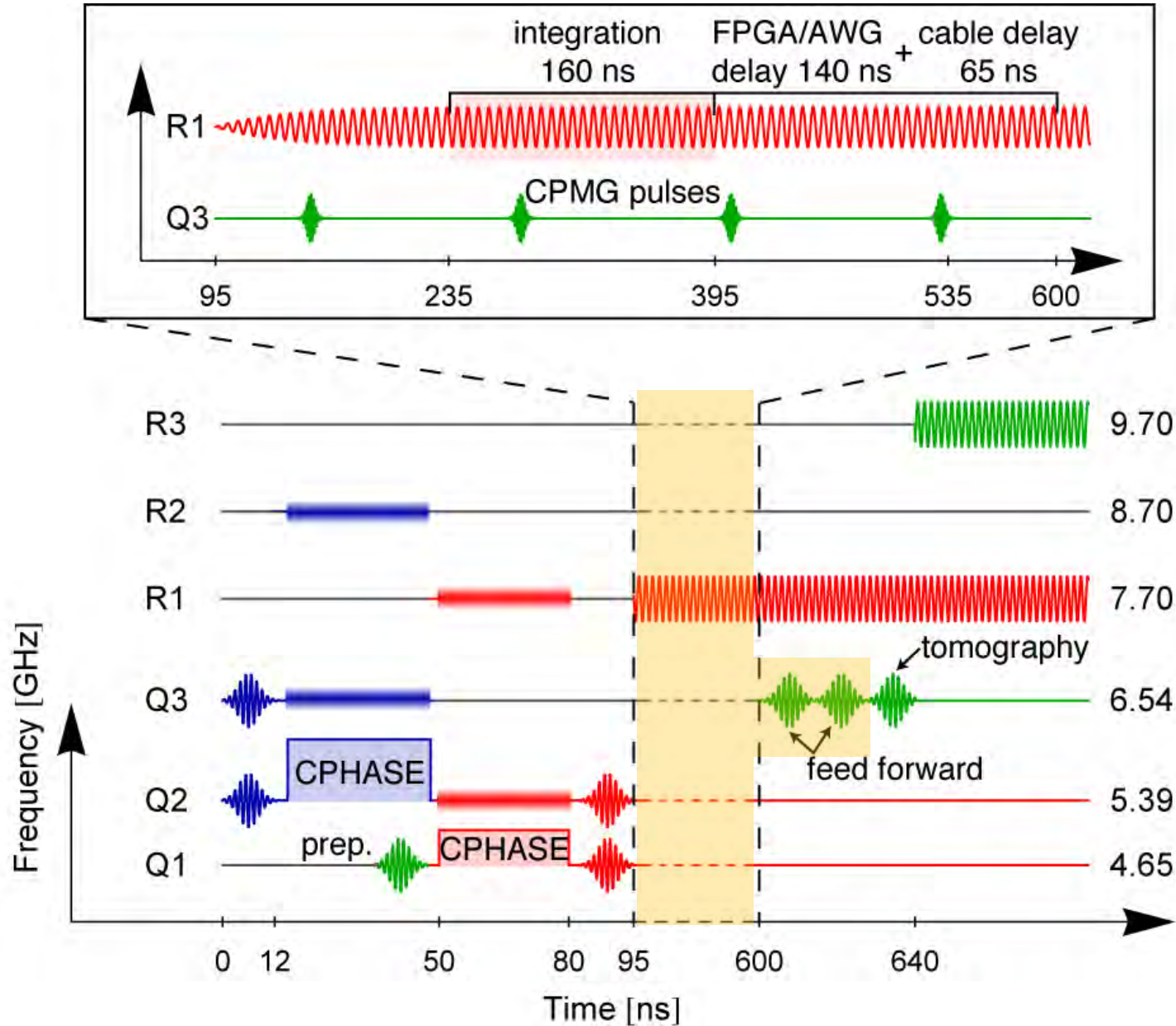
# Feed-Forward in the Teleportation Protocol



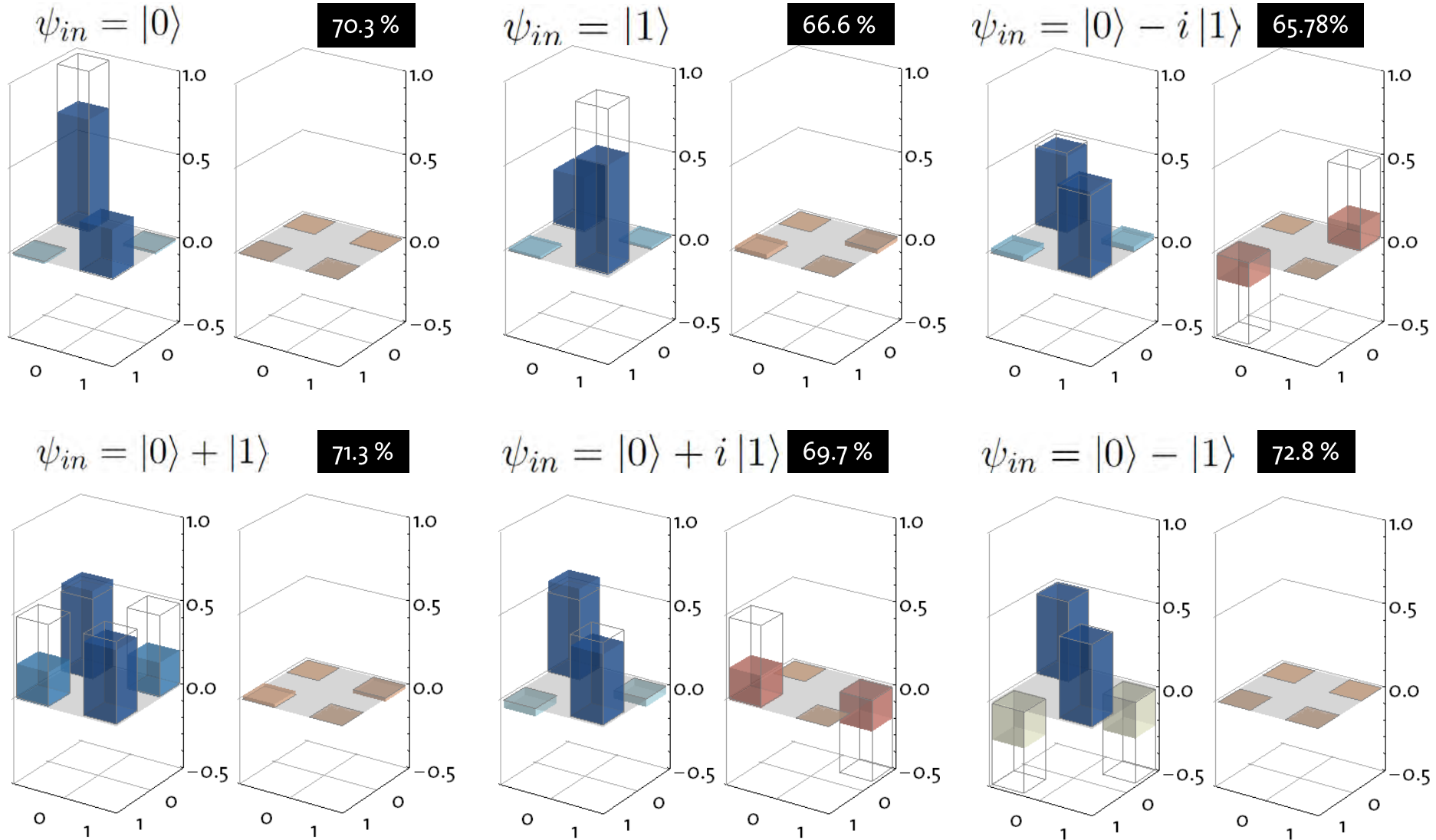
render protocol deterministic:

- Bell measurement (4 states)
- feed-forward
- completed in  $\sim 500$  ns with FPGA based electronics

# Pulse Scheme



# Tomography of Teleported States with Feed-Forward



Average state fidelity of **69.5±0.1%**

classical limit: 66.7%

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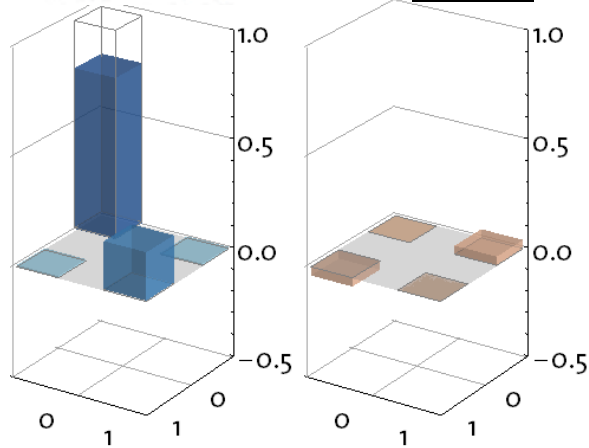


# Tomography of Teleported States with Feed-Forward

averaged readout of qubit 3

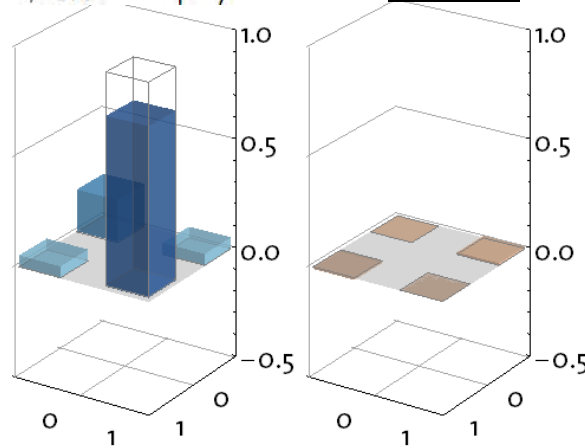
$$\psi_{in} = |0\rangle$$

77.5 %



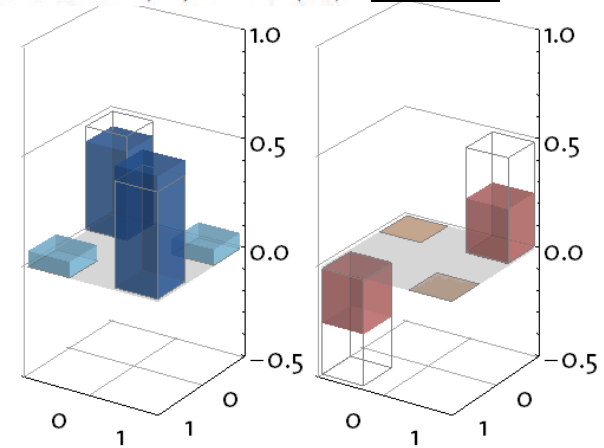
$$\psi_{in} = |1\rangle$$

79.9 %



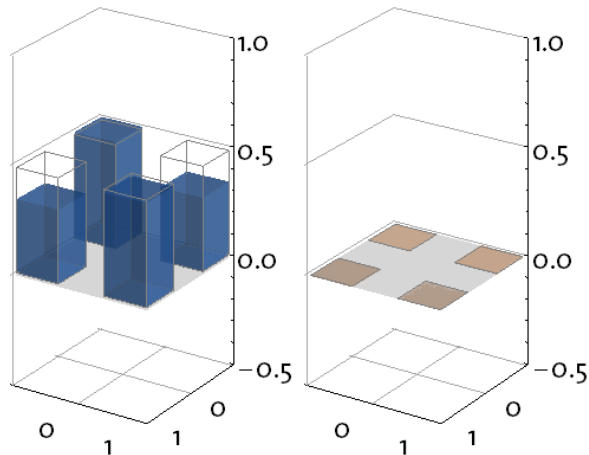
$$\psi_{in} = |0\rangle - i|1\rangle$$

76.2 %



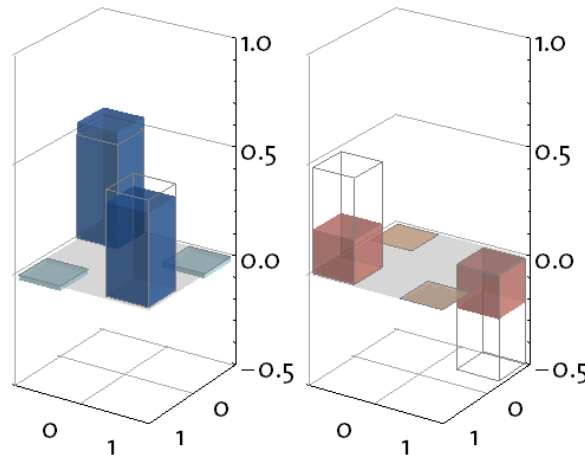
$$\psi_{in} = |0\rangle + |1\rangle$$

85.3 %



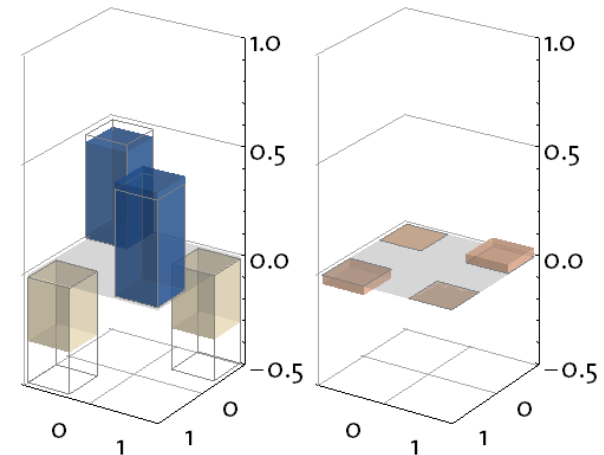
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71.2 %



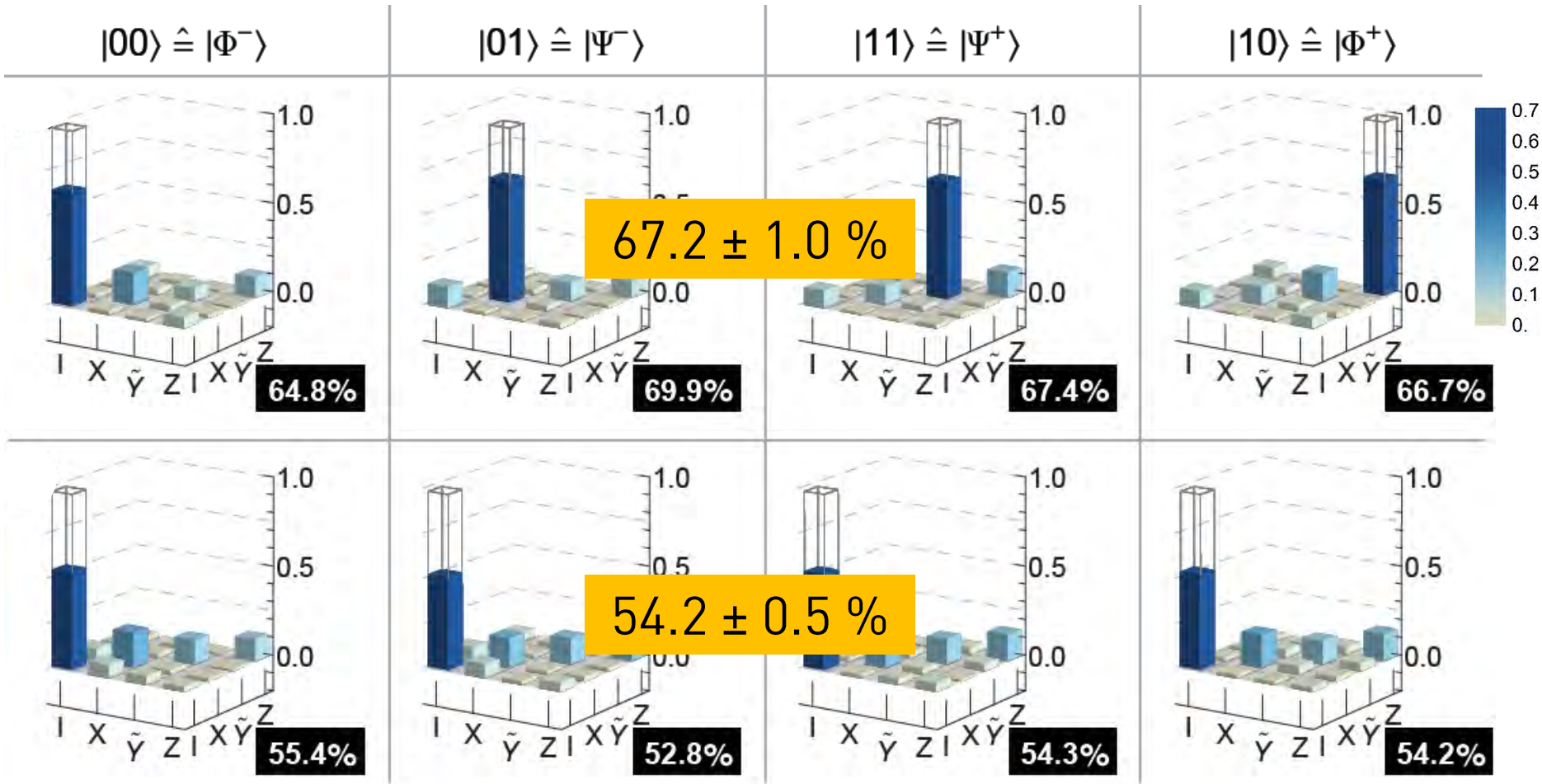
$$\psi_{in} = |0\rangle - |1\rangle$$

80.7 %



Average state fidelity of **78.5 ± 0.9%**

# Process Tomography – w/o and with Feed-Forward



$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

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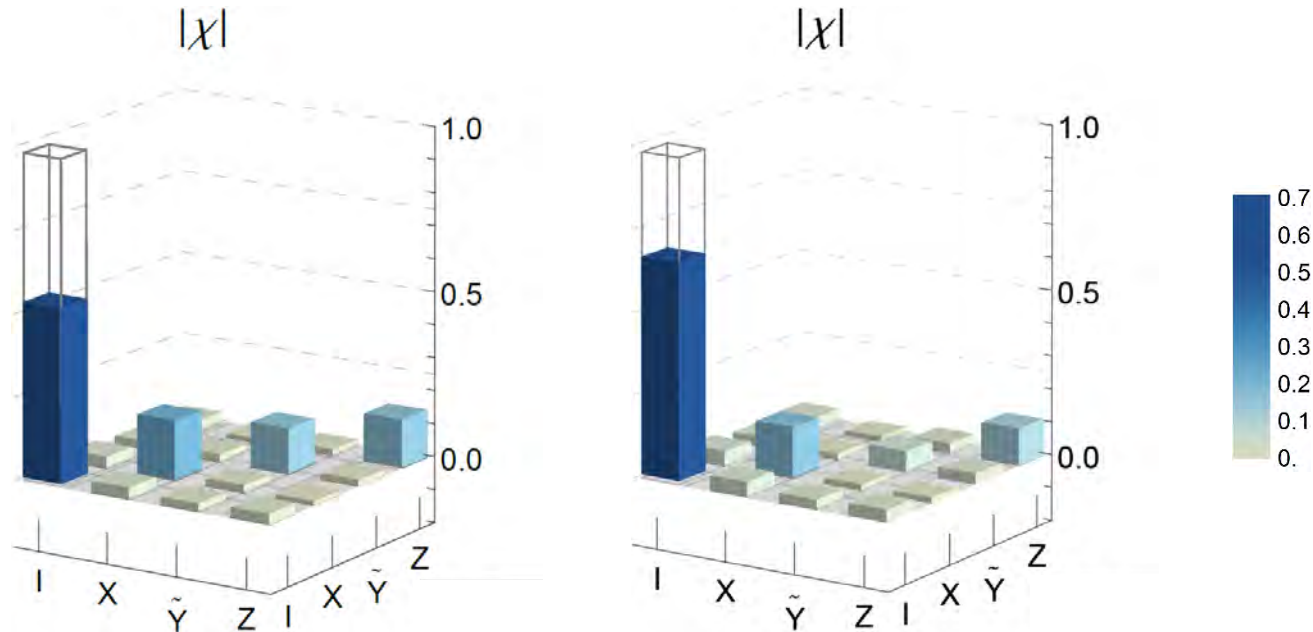
$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

$$X = \hat{\sigma}_x, \tilde{Y} = i\hat{\sigma}_y, Z = \hat{\sigma}_z$$

Classical limit: 50 %

$$\mathcal{F}_p = (\mathcal{F}_s(d+1) - 1)/d$$

# Teleportation Process with Feed-Forward

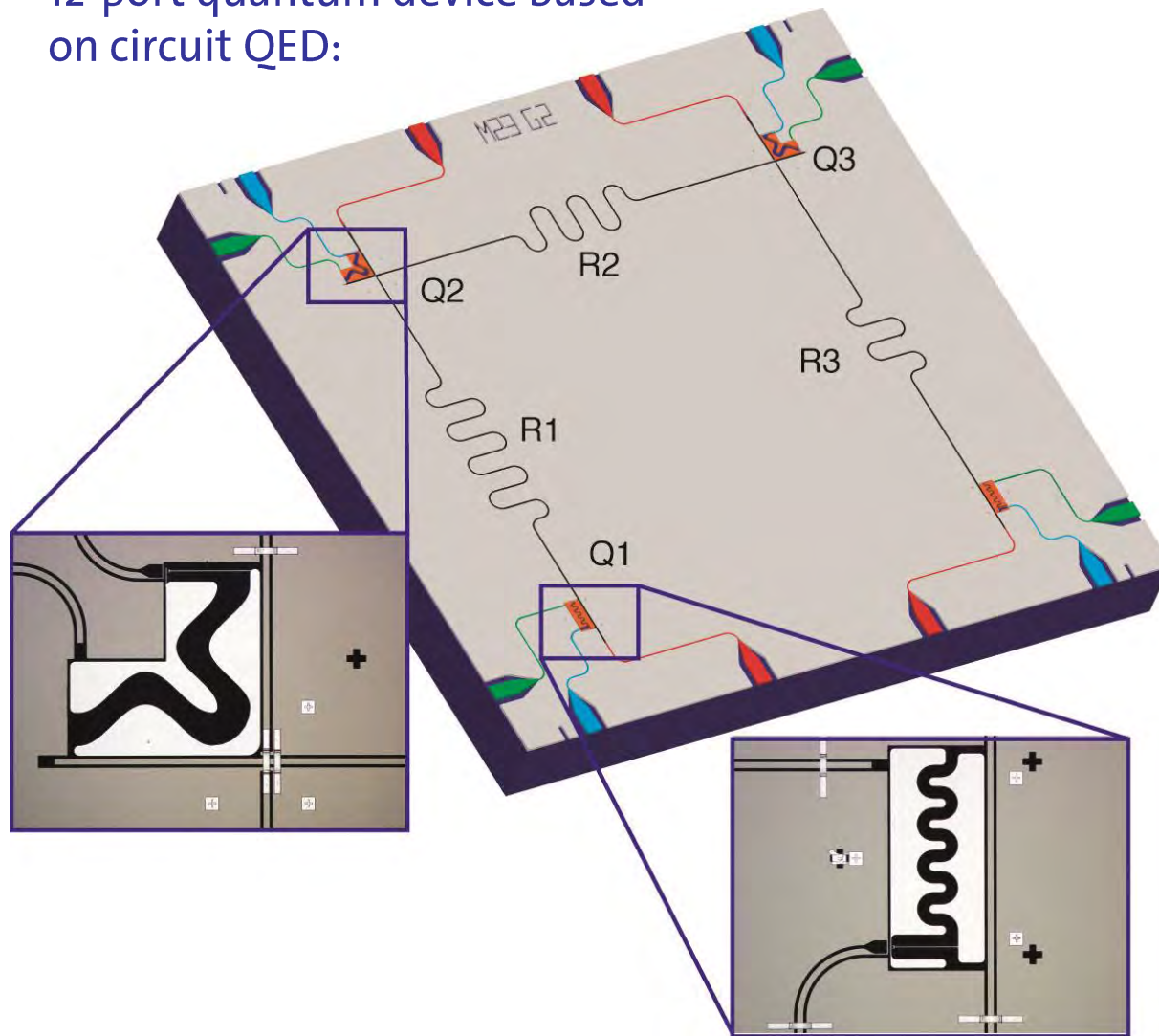


Average process fidelity with single shot readout:  **$54.2 \pm 0.1 \%$**

Average process fidelity with averaged readout:  **$67.7 \pm 1.1 \%$**

# Teleportation

12-port quantum device based on circuit QED:



## Experimental highlights:

- teleportation in a (macroscopic) solid state system
- post-selection on either of 4 Bell states individually
- Simultaneous deterministic Bell measurement of all states
- implementation of feed-forward
- fidelities  $>$  classical threshold
- $O(1)$  success probability
- teleportation rate  $>$  10 kHz
- distance  $\sim$  6 mm

## Next steps:

- use teleportation in alg.
- improve fidelities
- increase distances for quantum communication

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# Circuit QED Research

Analog and  
Digital Electronics

Control and  
Acquisition

Microwaves

Quantum  
Optics

Quantum  
Information

Quantum Physics  
in the Solid State

Cryogenics

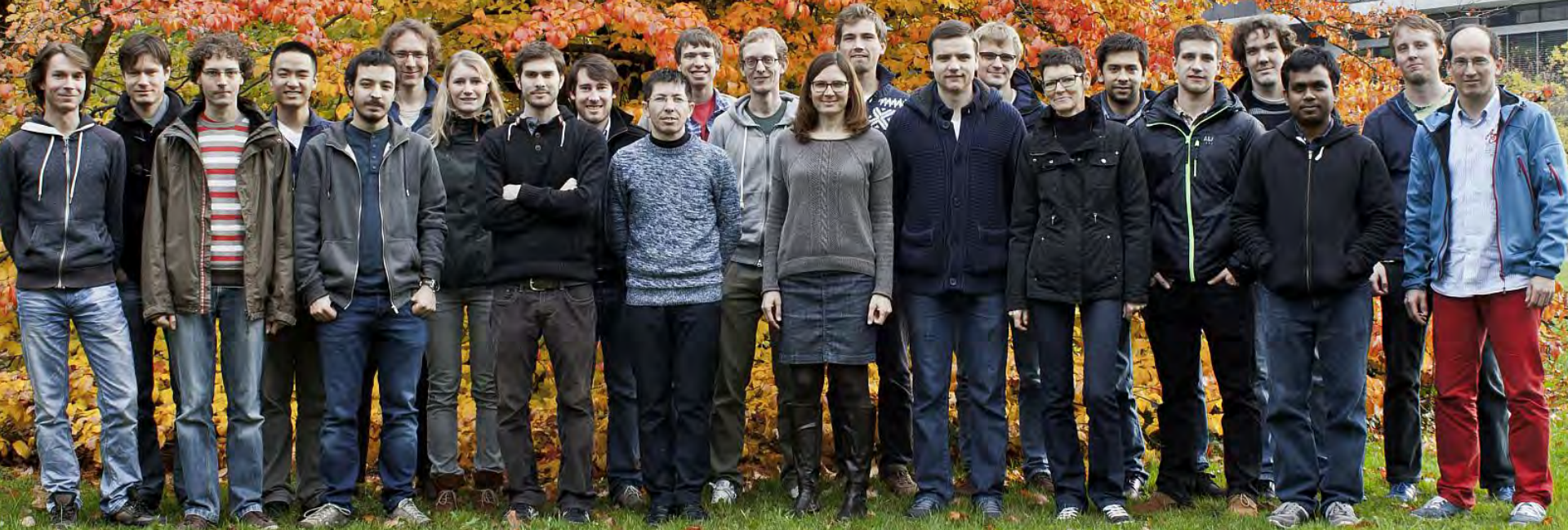
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# Selected Circuit QED Publications

## Circuit QED Proposal:

- Blais et al., *PRA* **69**, 062320 (2004)

## Strong Coupling & Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting:

- Wallraff et al., *Nature* **431**, 162 (2004)
- Fink et al., *Nature* **454**, 315 (2008)
- Fink et al., *PRL* **105**, 163601 (2010)

## Tavis-Cummings Multi-Atom QED:

- Fink et al., *PRL* **103**, 083601 (2009)

## AC-Stark & Lamb Shift, Autler-Townes and Mollow Transitions

- Schuster et al., *PRL* **94**, 123062 (2005)
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## Device Fabrication:

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- Wallraff et al., *PRL* **95**, 060501 (2005)
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## Review (gr.):

- Wallraff, *Physik Journal* **7** (12), 39 (Dez. 2008)

Additional Information: [www.qudev.ethz.ch](http://www.qudev.ethz.ch)



# Selected Circuit QED Publications (cont'd)

Itinerant Photons, Tomography, Photon Blockade, Correlation Functions, Qubit-Photon Entanglement, Hong-Ou-Mandel Effect:

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- Bozyigit et al., *Nat. Phys.* **7**, 154 (2011)
- Eichler et al., *PRL* **106**, 220503 (2011)
- Lang et al., *PRL* **106**, 243601 (2011)
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- Eichler et al., *PRA* **86**, 032106 (2012)
- Eichler et al., *PRL* **109**, 240501 (2012)
- Lang et al., *Nat. Phys.* **9**, 345 (2013)

Interaction in 1D free space

- van Loo et al., *Science* **342**, 1494 (2013)

Hybrid Systems: Quantum Dots

- Frey et al., *PRL* **108**, 046807 (2012)
- Frey et al., *PRB* **86**, 115303 (2012)

Hybrid Systems: Rydberg Atoms

- Hogan et al., *PRL* **108**, 063004 (2012)