

Quantum Electrodynamics with Superconducting Circuits

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Conventional Electronic Circuits

basic circuit elements:

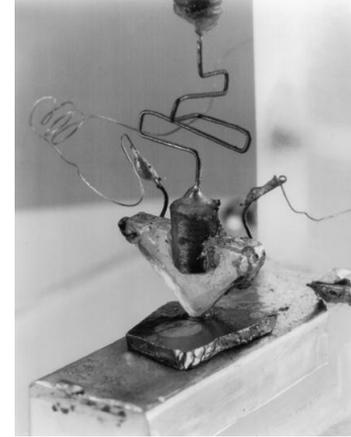


basis of modern
information and
communication
technology

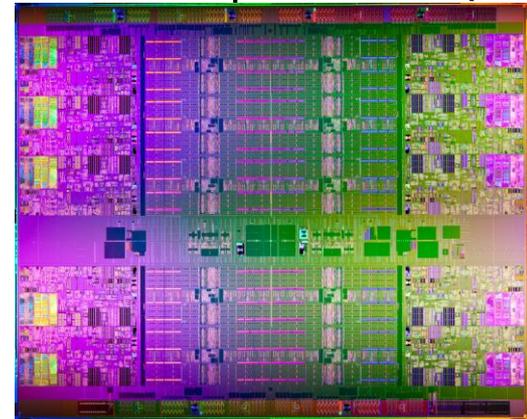
properties :

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

first transistor at Bell Labs (1947)



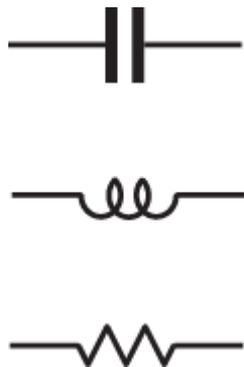
intel xeon processors (2011)



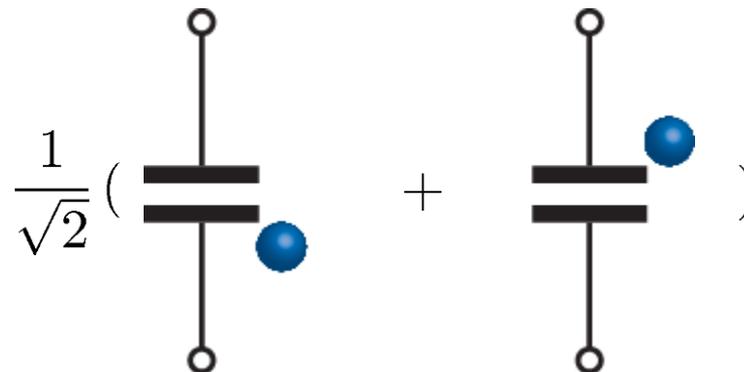
3.000.000.000 transistors
smallest feature size 32 nm
clock speed ~ 3 GHz
power consumption 10 W

Classical and Quantum Electronic Circuit Elements

basic circuit elements:



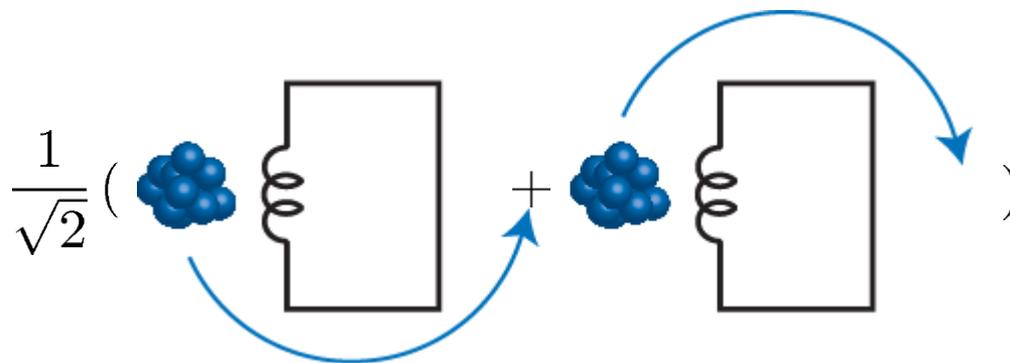
charge on a capacitor:



quantum superposition states:

- charge q
- flux ϕ

current or magnetic flux in an inductor:

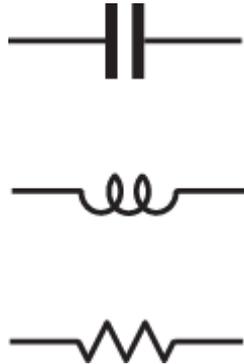


commutation relation (c.f. x, p):

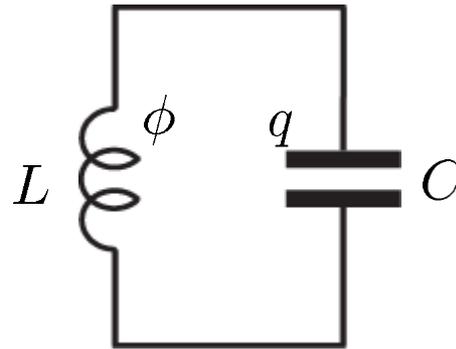
$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{q}] = i\hbar$$

Constructing Linear Quantum Electronic Circuits

basic circuit elements:



harmonic LC oscillator:



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

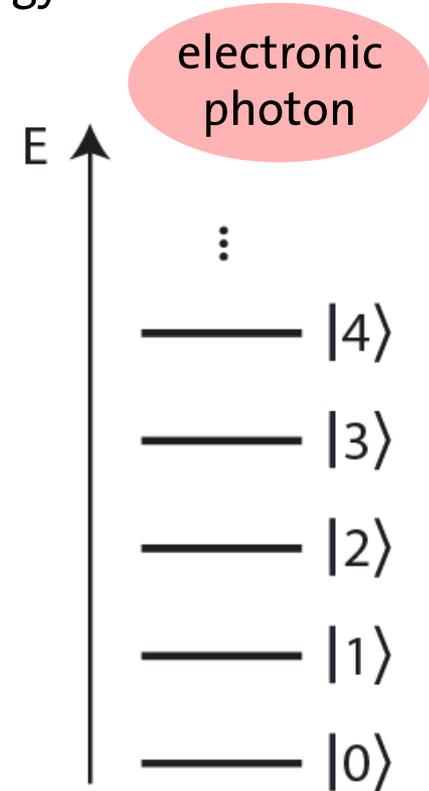
classical physics:

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

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:



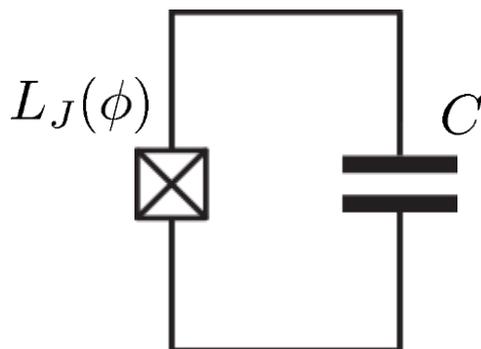
Constructing Non-Linear Quantum Electronic Circuits

circuit elements:



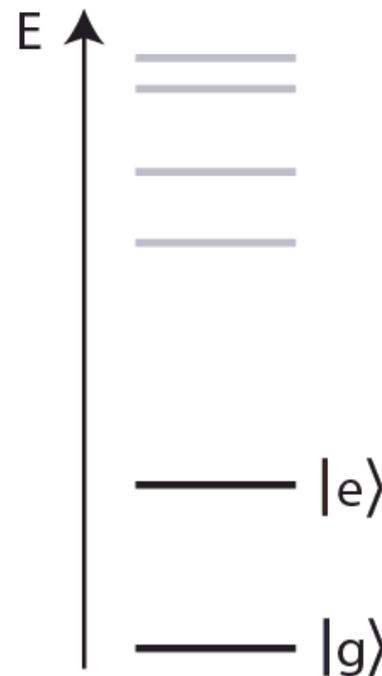
Josephson junction:
a non-dissipative nonlinear
element (inductor)

anharmonic oscillator:



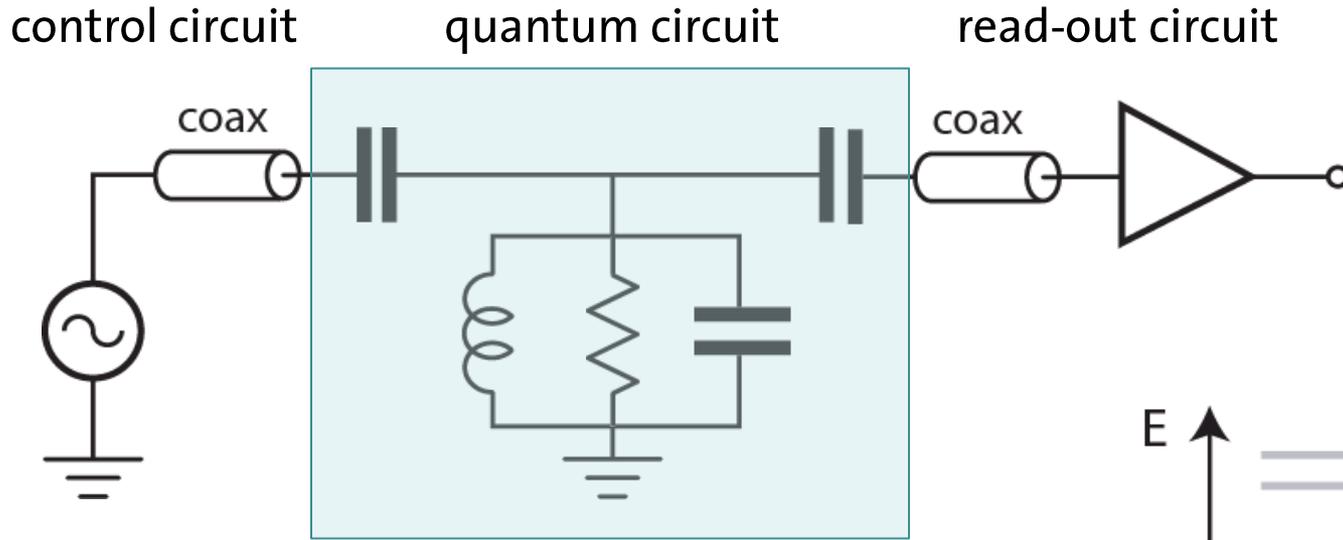
$$L_J(\phi) = \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial \phi} \right)^{-1}$$
$$= \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi I_c} \frac{1}{\cos(2\pi\phi/\phi_0)}$$

non-linear energy
level spectrum:



electronic
artificial atom

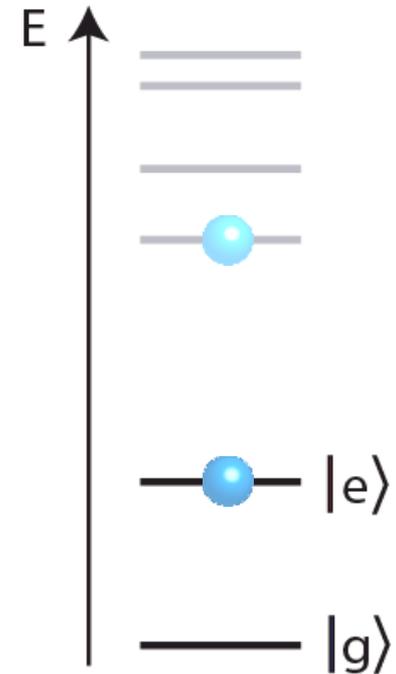
How to Operate Circuits in the Quantum Regime?



recipe:

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

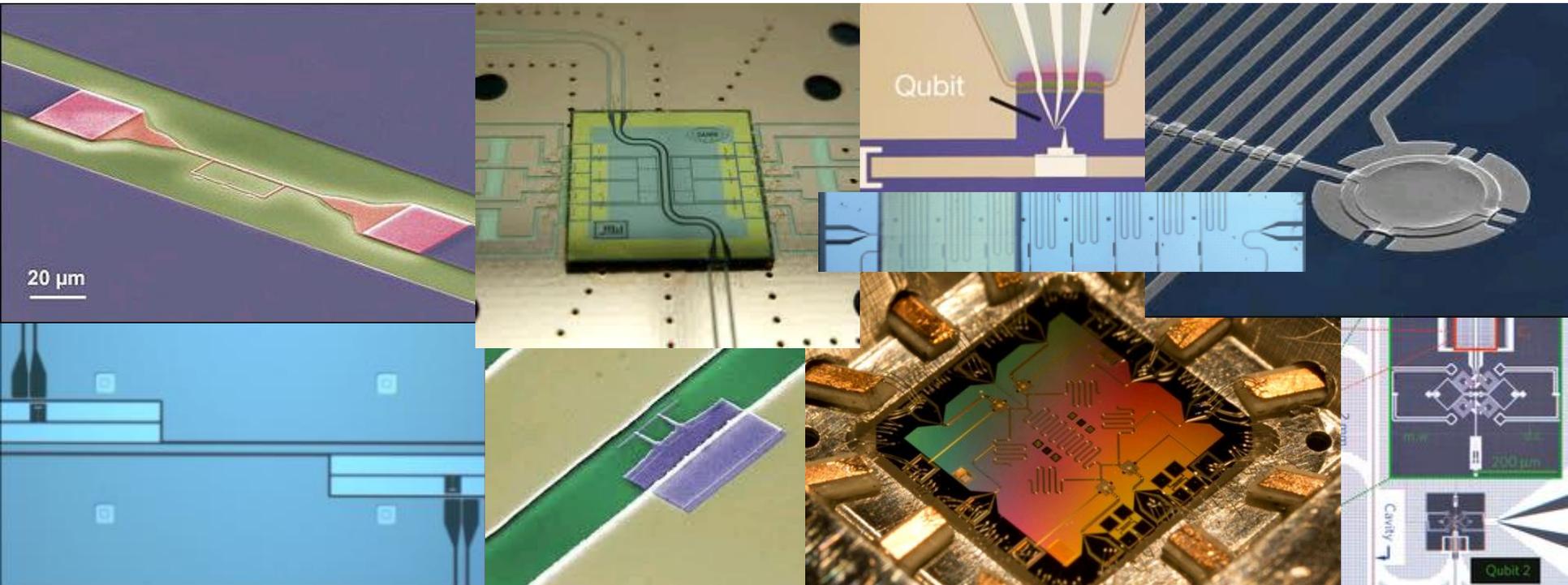
Can one actually build and operate such circuits?



Superconducting Quantum Electronic Circuits

single or multiple superconducting qubits coupled to harmonic oscillators

- investigated in a few dozen labs around the world
- for basic science and applications



reviews:

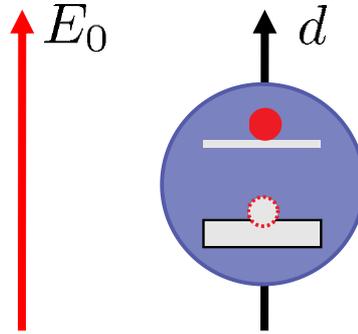
R. J. Schoelkopf, S. M. Girvin, *Nature* **451**, 664 (2008)

J. Clarke and F. Wilhelm, *Nature* **453**, 1031 (2008)

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Controlling the Interaction of Light and Matter

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



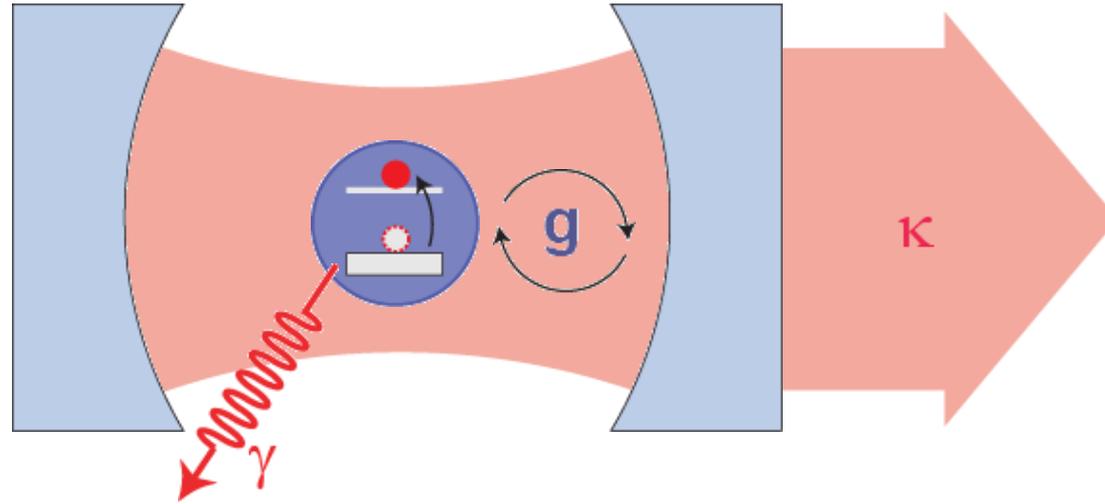
- dipole moment d (usually small $\sim ea_0$)
- single photon fields E_0 (small in 3D)
- photon/atom interaction $\hbar g \sim dE_0$ (usually small)

What to do?

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

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

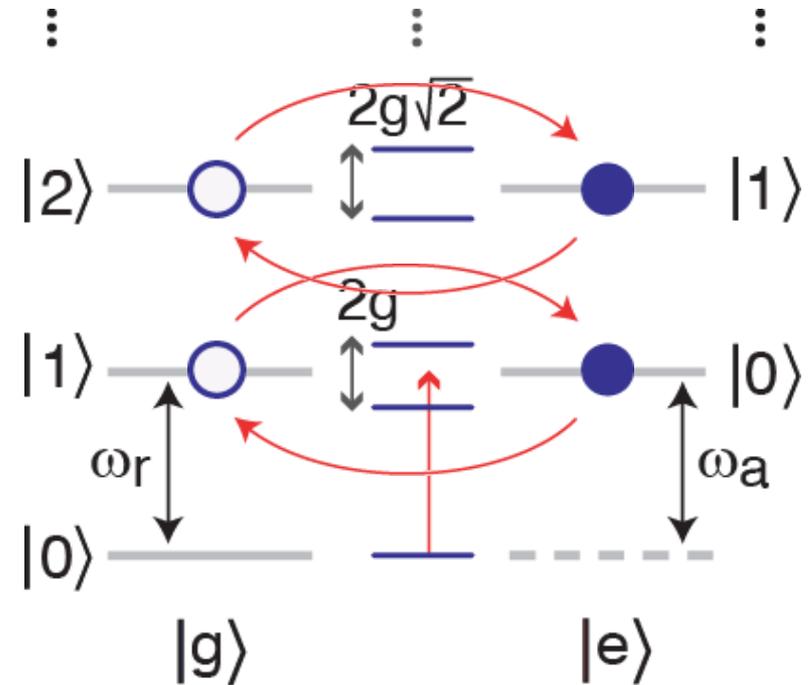
$$H = \hbar\omega_r \left(a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2} \sigma^z + \hbar g (a^\dagger \sigma^- + a \sigma^+)$$

in resonance:

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

strong coupling limit:

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



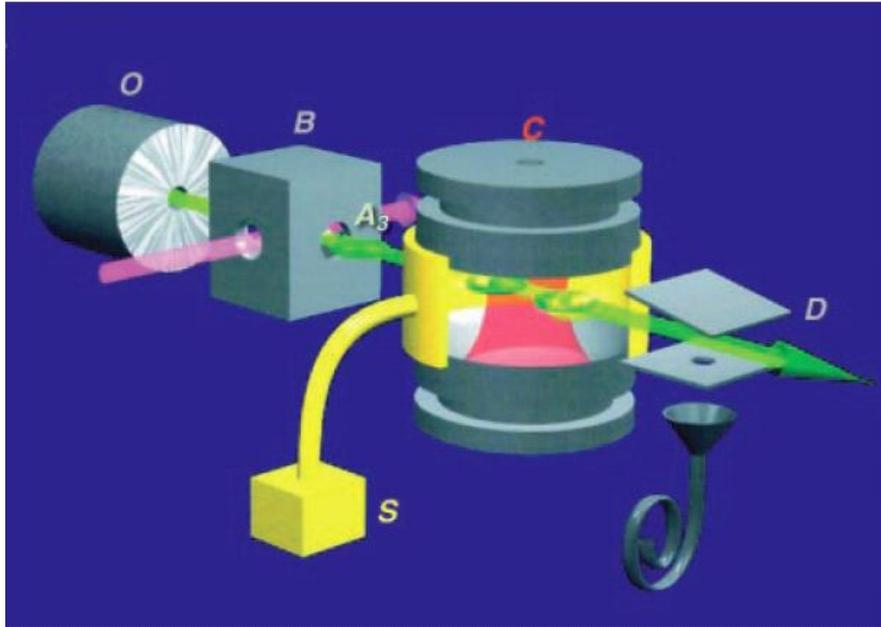
Jaynes-Cummings Ladder

atomic cavity QED reviews:

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

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Vacuum Rabi Oscillations with Rydberg Atoms



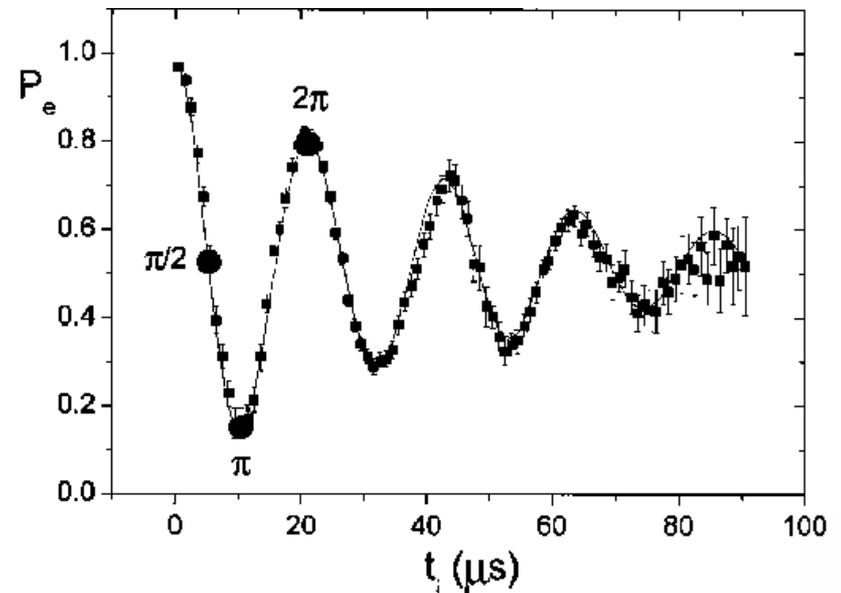
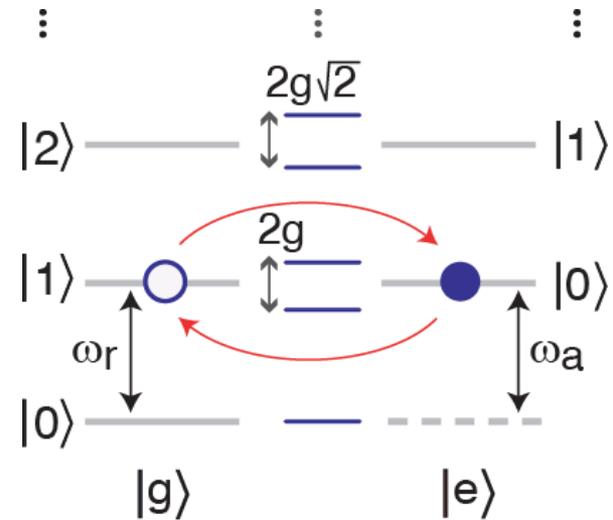
with Rydberg atoms in microwave domain:

- large d

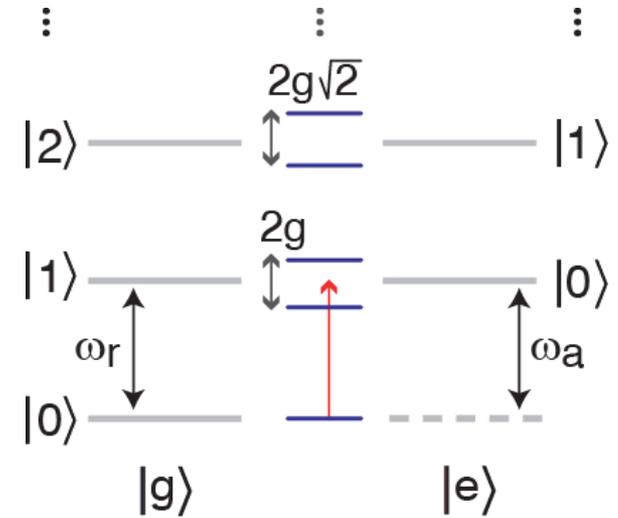
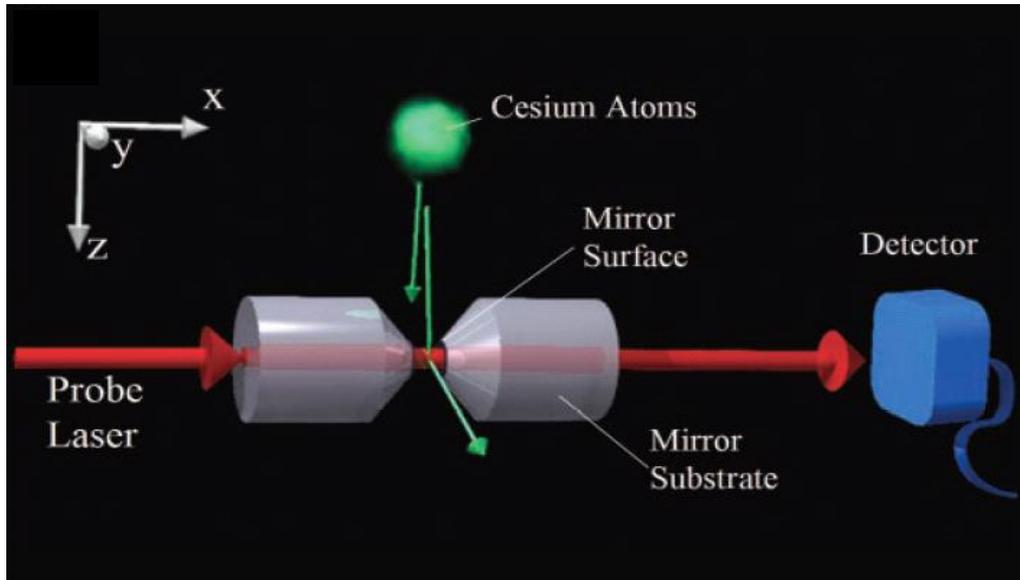
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Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting with Alkali Atoms



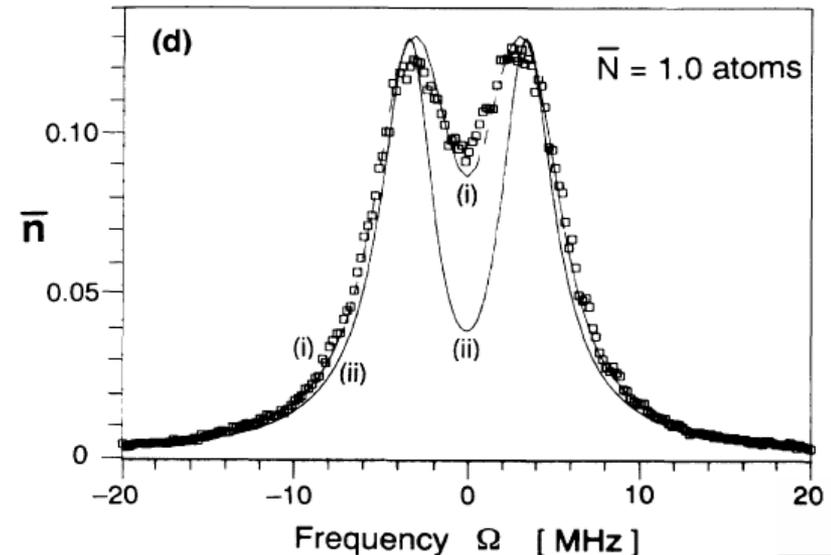
with alkali atoms in optical domain:

- large E_0

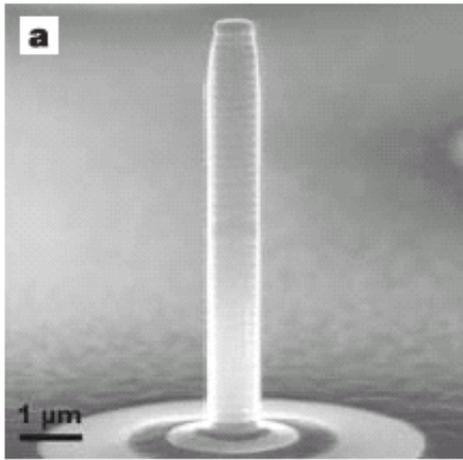
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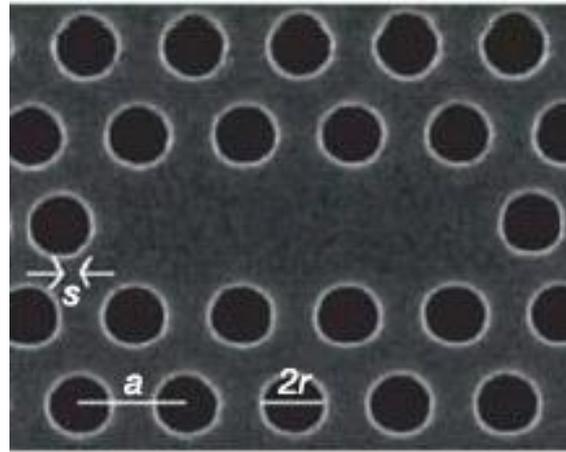
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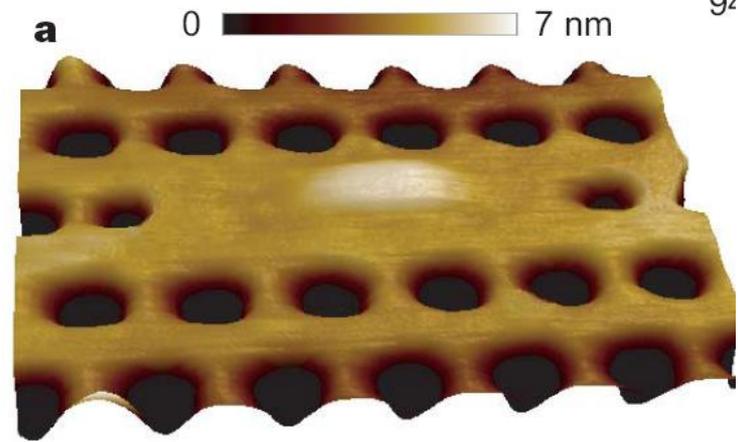
... and also with Semiconductors



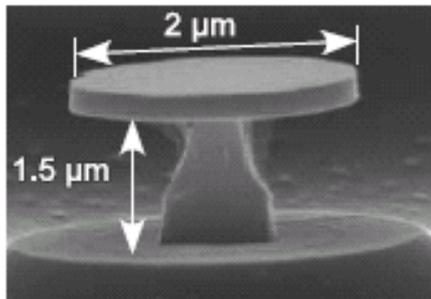
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Nature 432, 197 (2004)



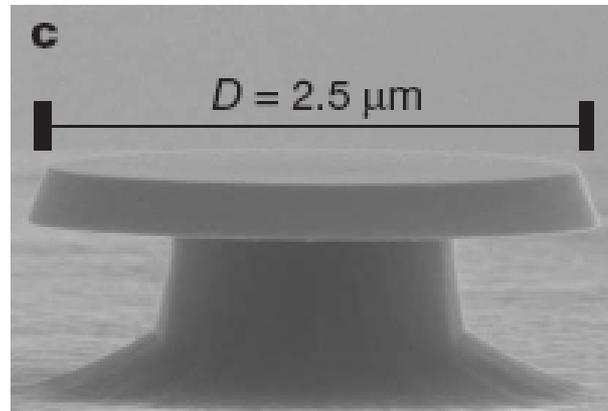
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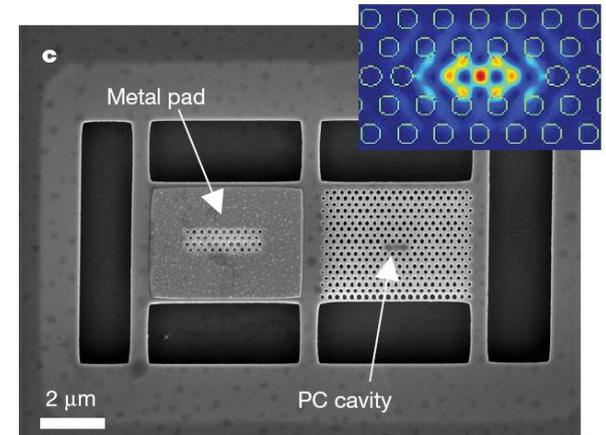
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Nature 445, 896 (2007)



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PRL (2004)

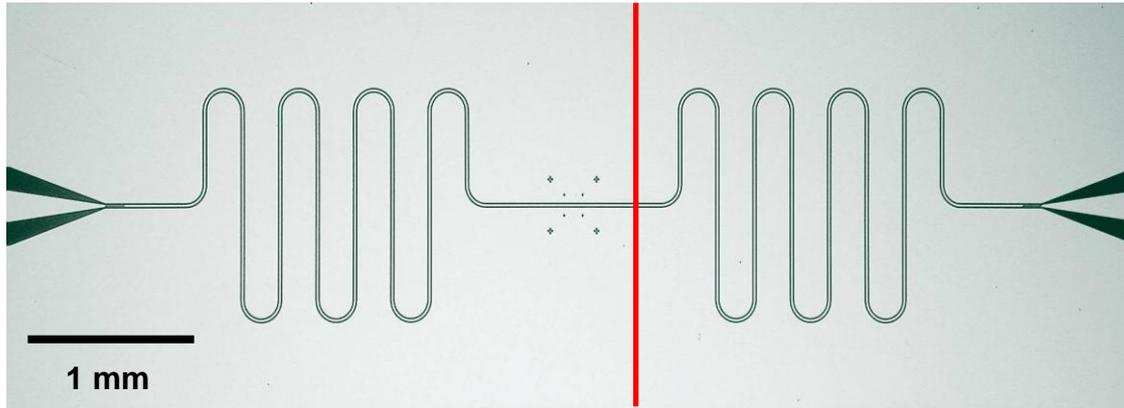


Caltech
Nature 450, 862 (2007)

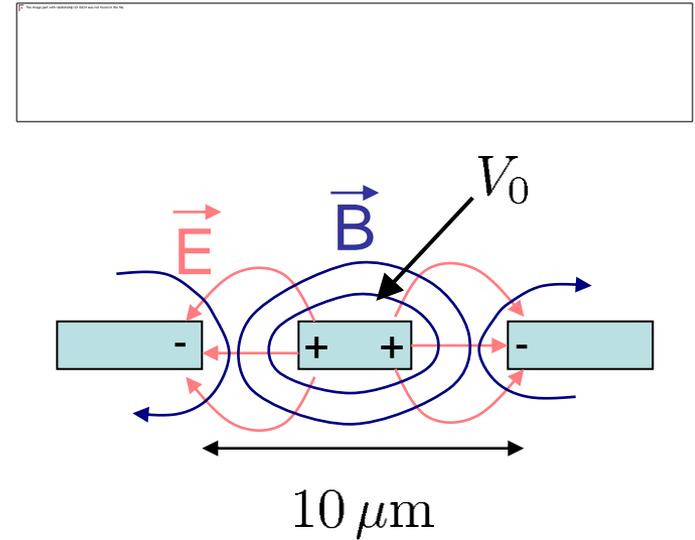


Stanford
Nature 450, 857 (2007)

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

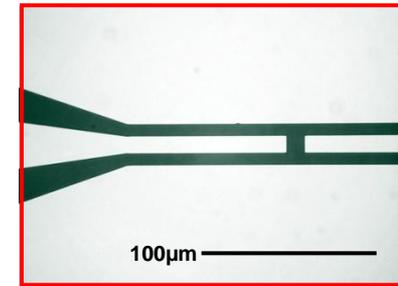
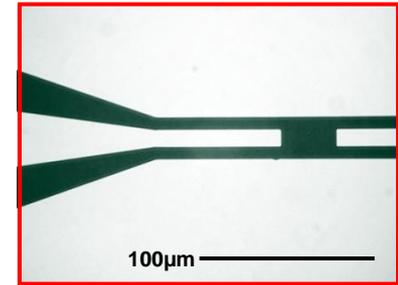
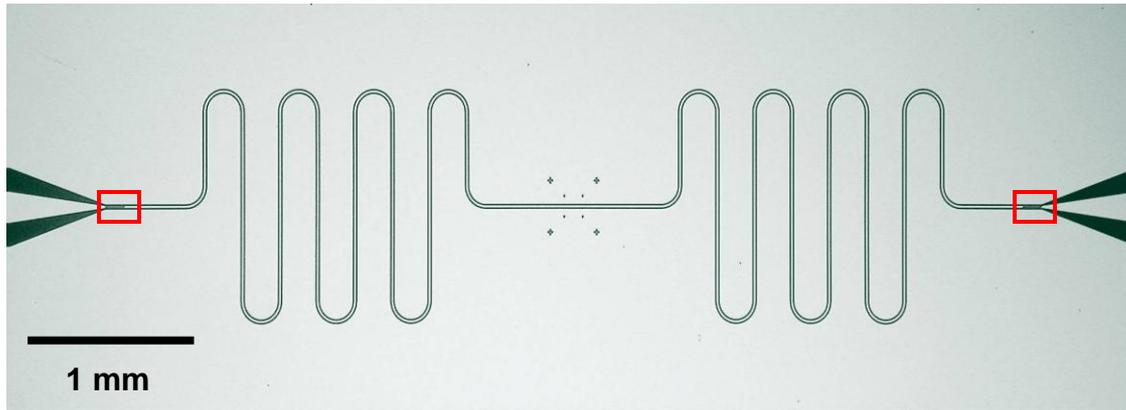
$$H_r = \hbar\omega_r \left(a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

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

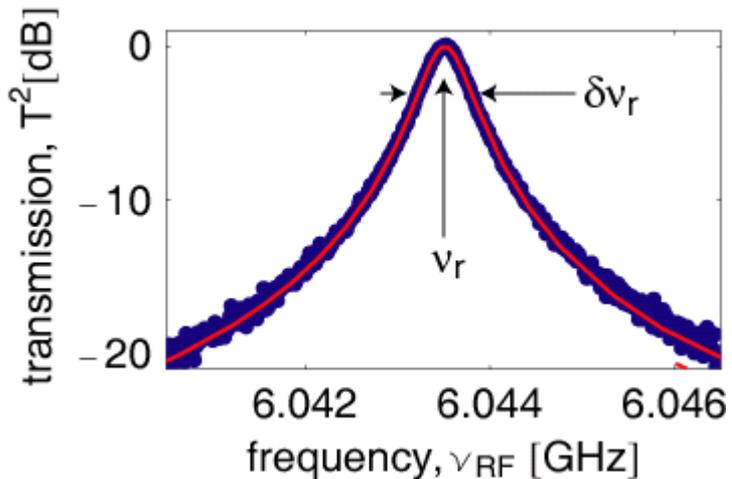
for $\omega_r/2\pi \approx 6 \text{ GHz}$

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

Long Controllable Photon Life Time



measuring the life time:



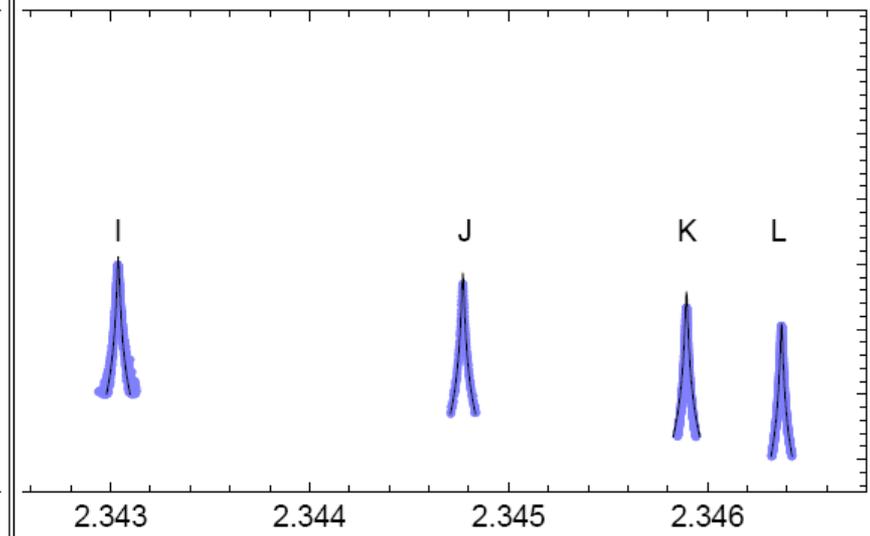
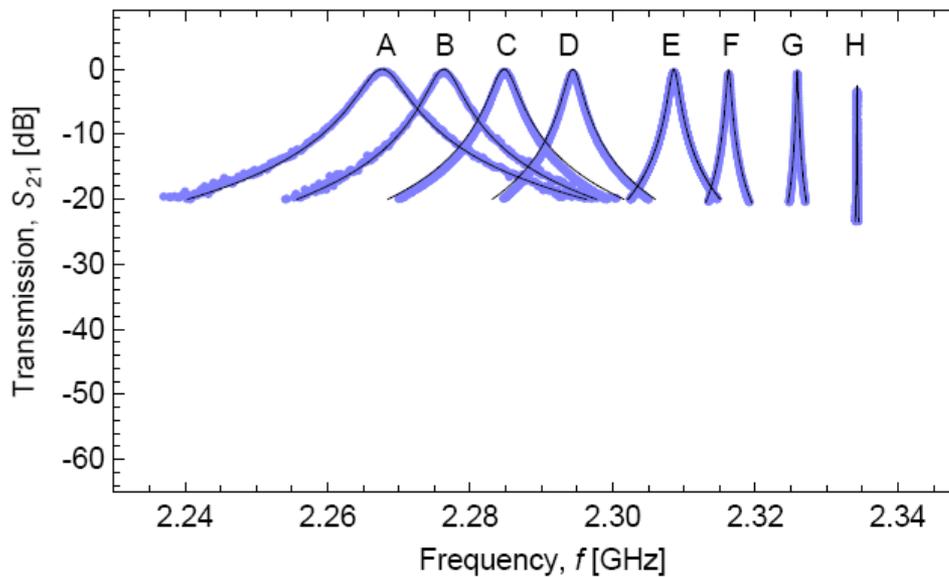
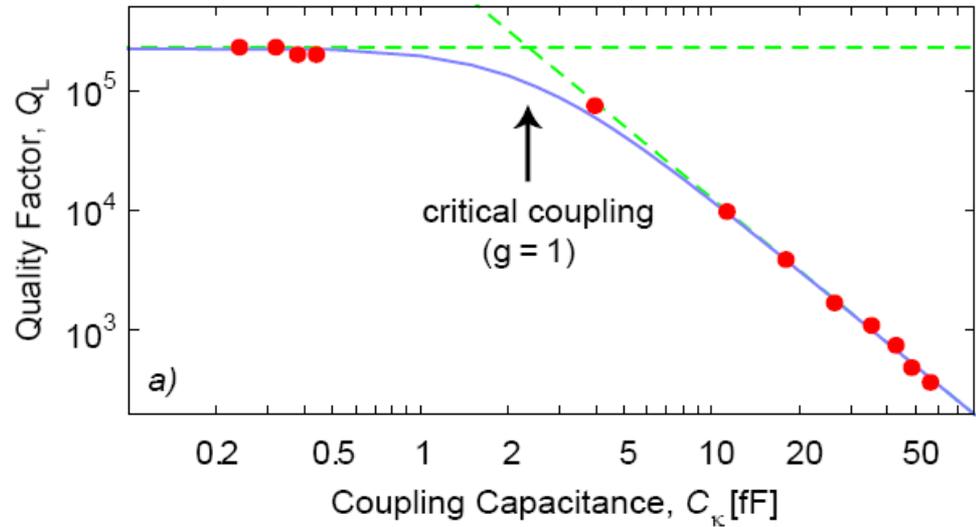
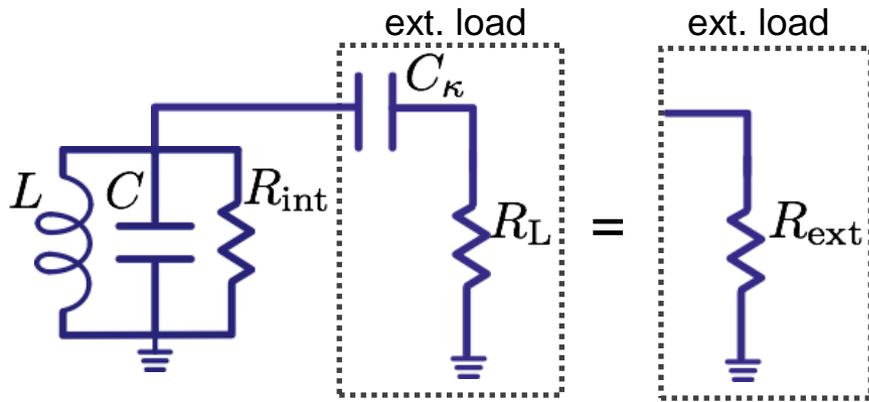
quality factor:

$$Q = \frac{\nu_r}{\delta\nu_r} \approx 10^2 - 10^5$$

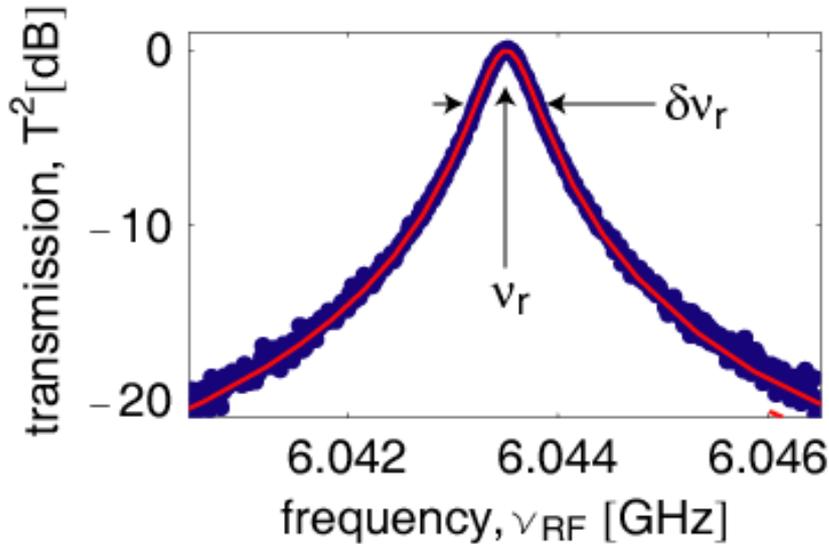
photon lifetime:

$$T_{\kappa} = 1/\kappa \approx 10 \text{ ns} - 10 \mu\text{s}$$

The Quality Factor



Resonator Quality Factor and Photon Lifetime

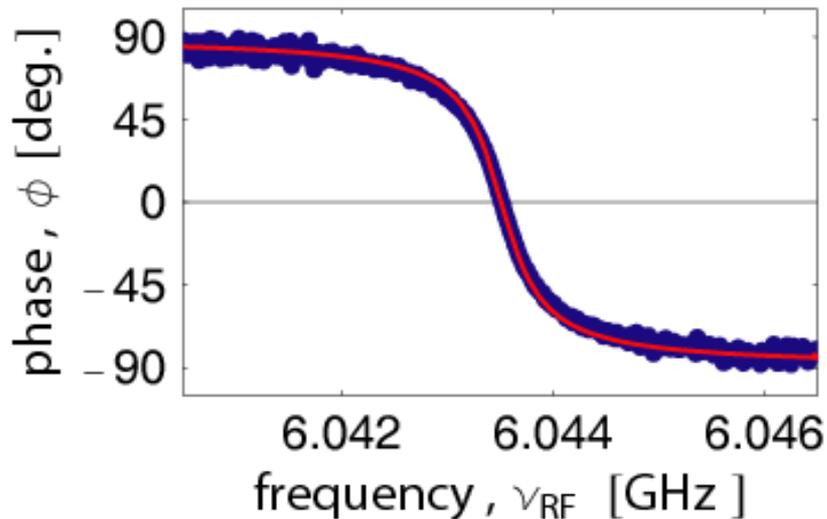


resonance frequency:

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

quality factor:

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



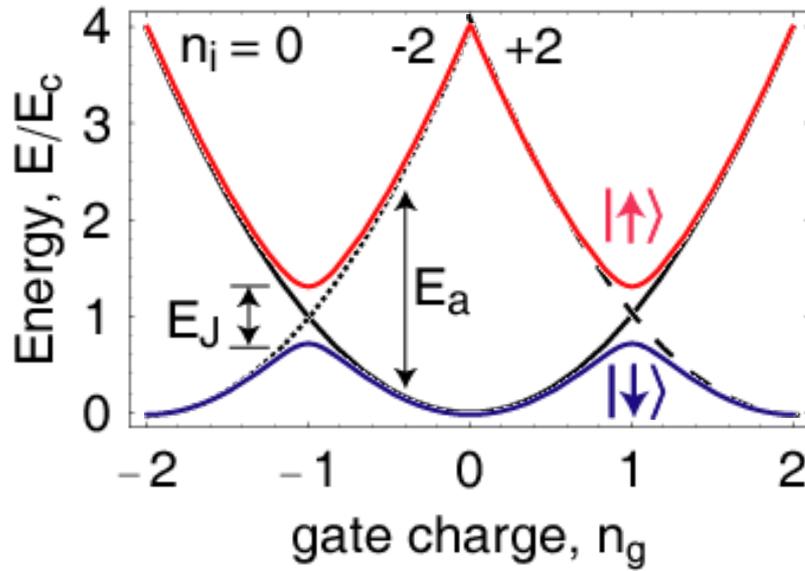
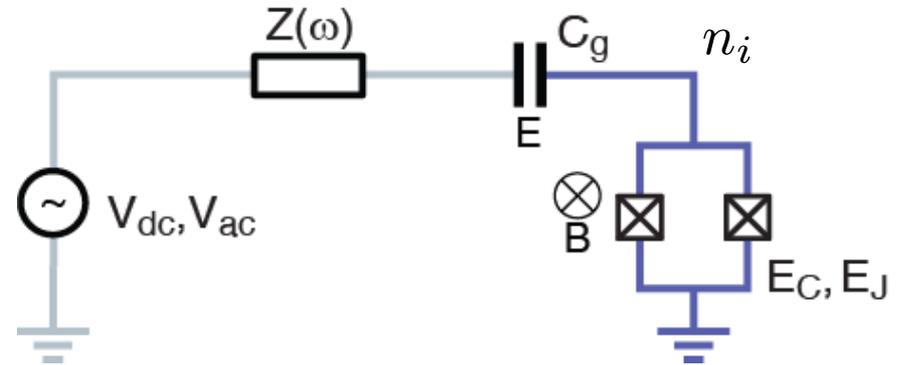
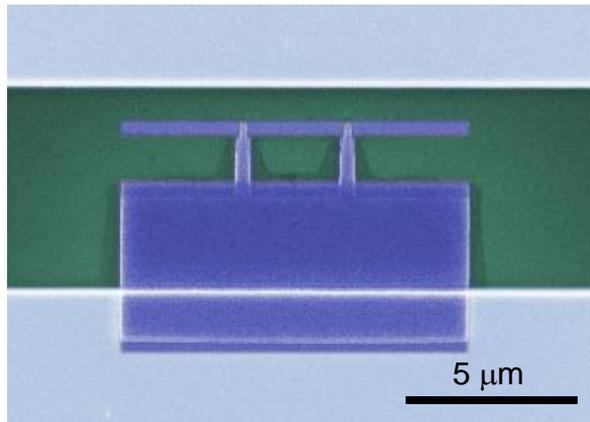
photon decay rate:

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

photon lifetime:

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

The Artificial Atom: A Cooper Pair Box



electrostatic energy $\equiv E_C$

$$E_{\text{el}} = \frac{e^2}{2C_{\Sigma}} \left(n_i - \frac{C_g V_g}{e} \right)^2$$

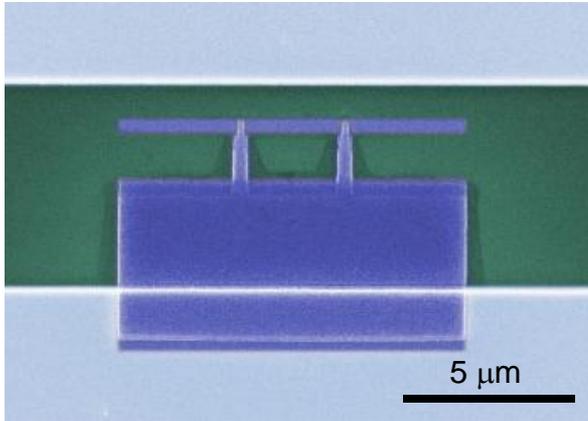
Josephson energy $\equiv E_{J,\text{max}}$

$$E_J = \frac{h\Delta}{8e^2 R_J} \cos \left(\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)$$

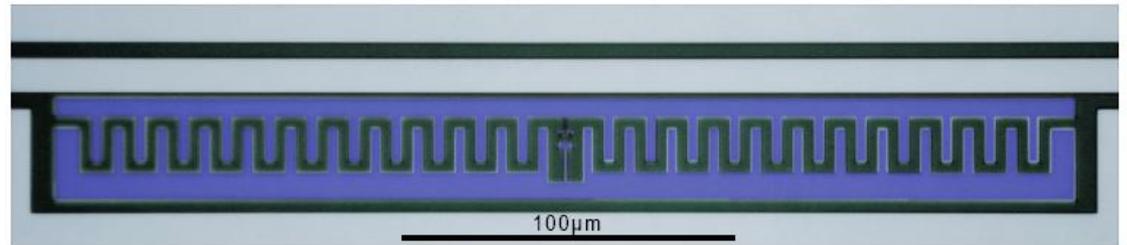
A Variant of the Cooper Pair Box

a Cooper pair box with a small charging energy

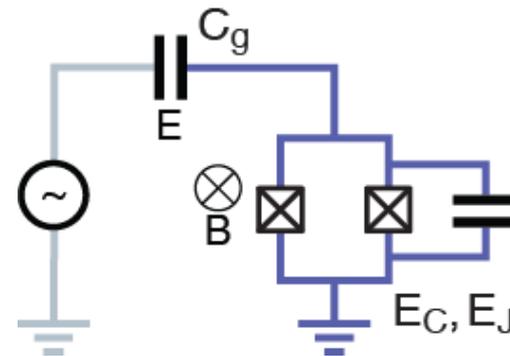
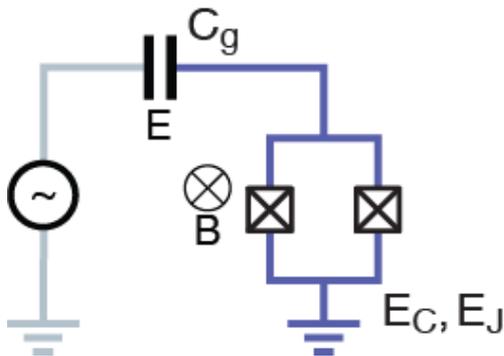
standard CPB:



transmon:



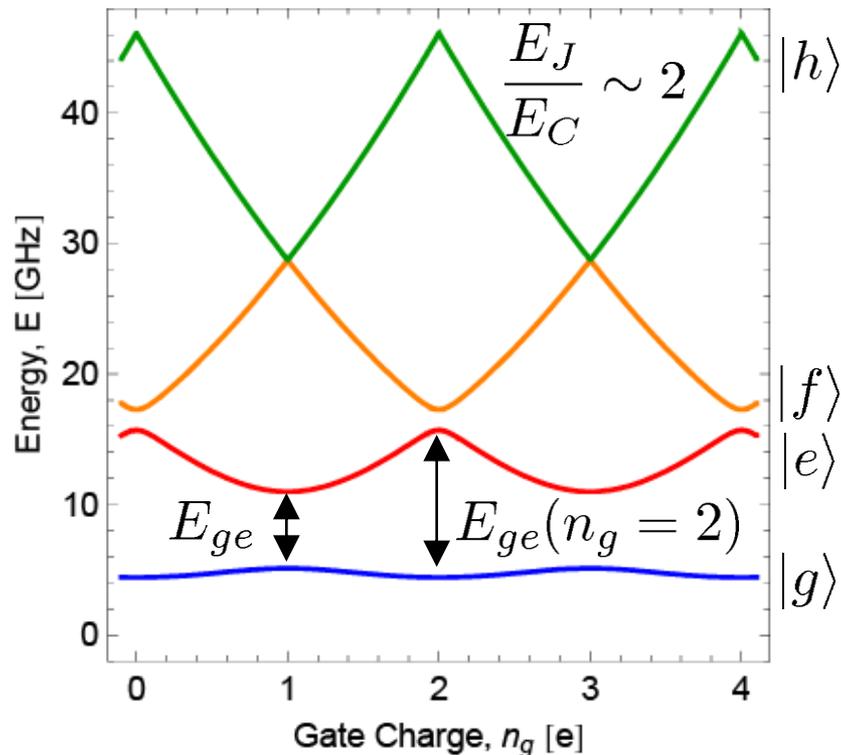
circuit diagram:



J. Koch *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A 76, 042319 (2007)
J. Schreier *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B 77, 180502 (2008)

The Transmon: A Charge Noise Insensitive Qubit

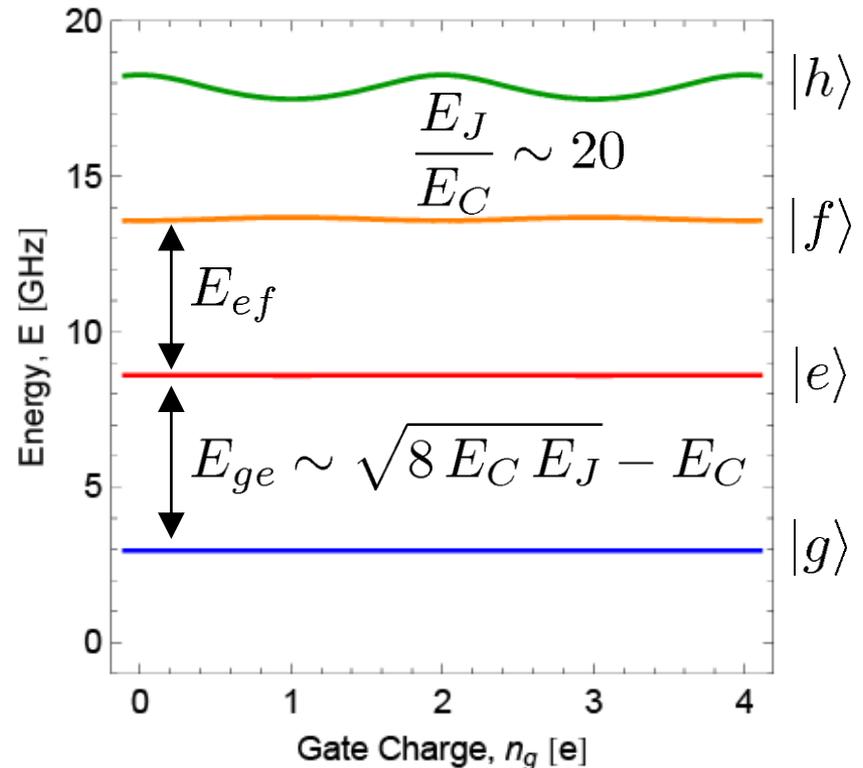
Cooper pair box energy levels



dispersion

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

Transmon energy levels



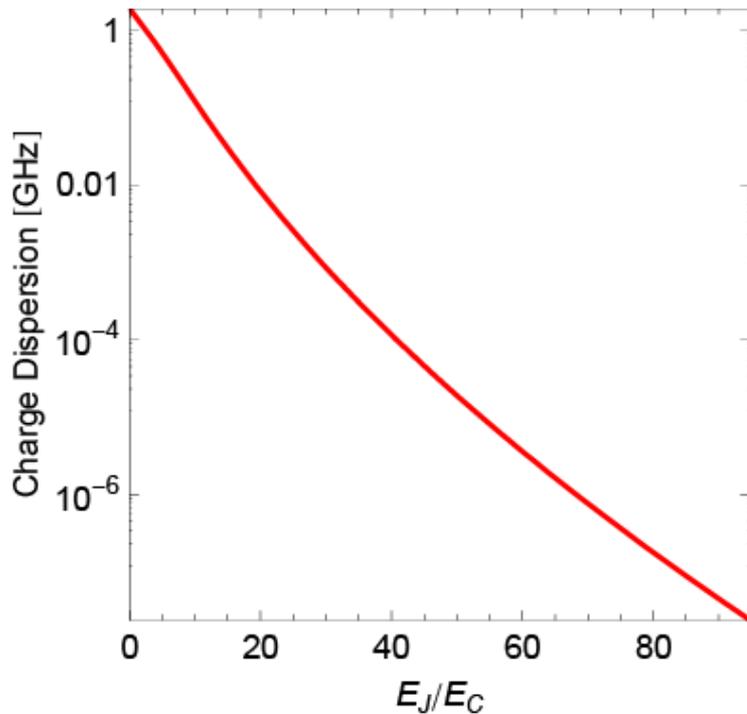
relative anharmonicity

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

Dispersion and Anharmonicity

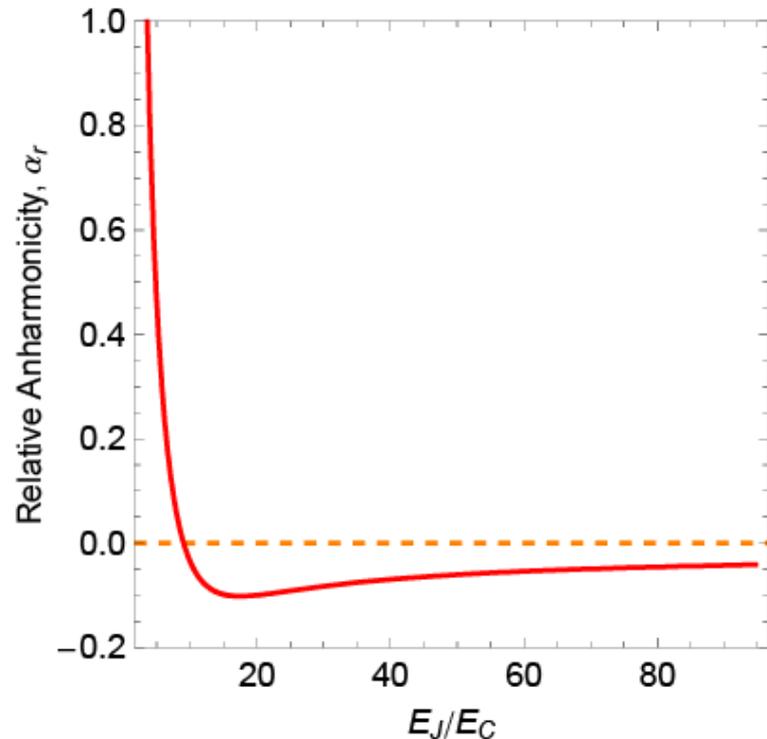
Charge dispersion:

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

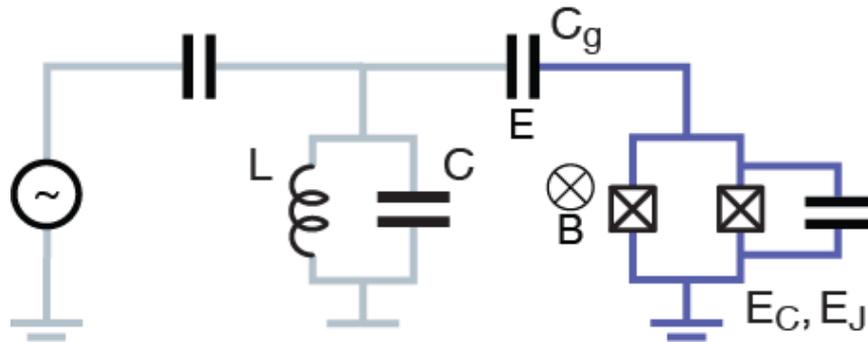


Anharmonicity:

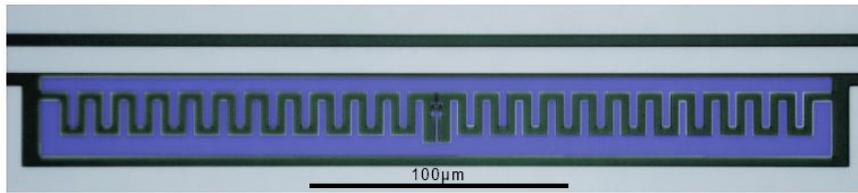
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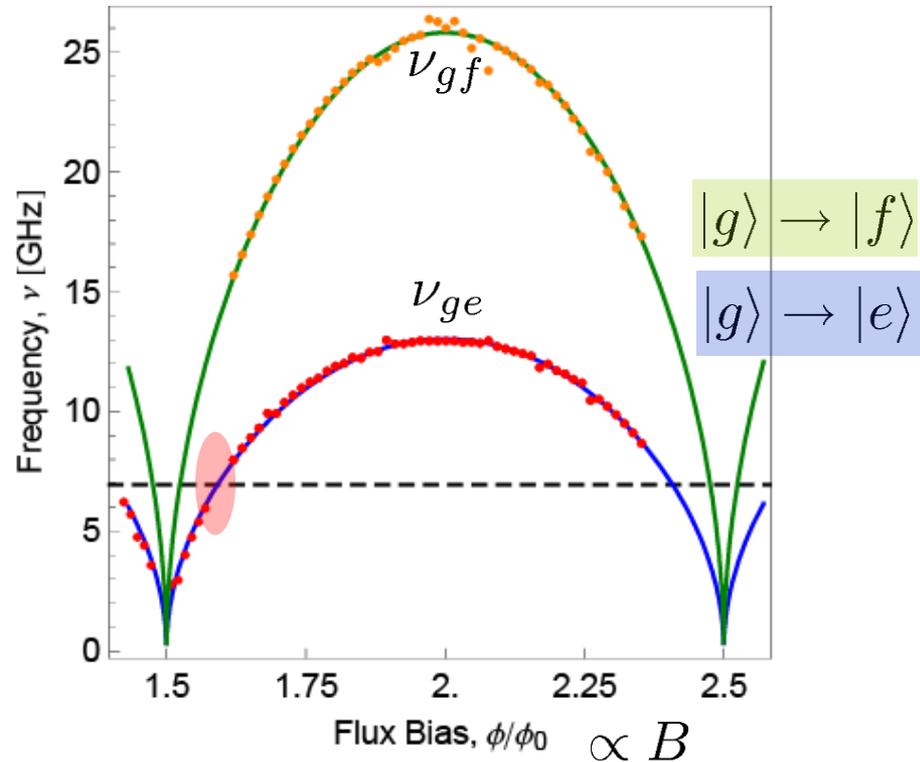
Qubit/Photon Coupling and Tunability



qubit coupled to resonator



spectroscopic measurement of transition frequency vs. magnetic field B :



tune qubit into resonance

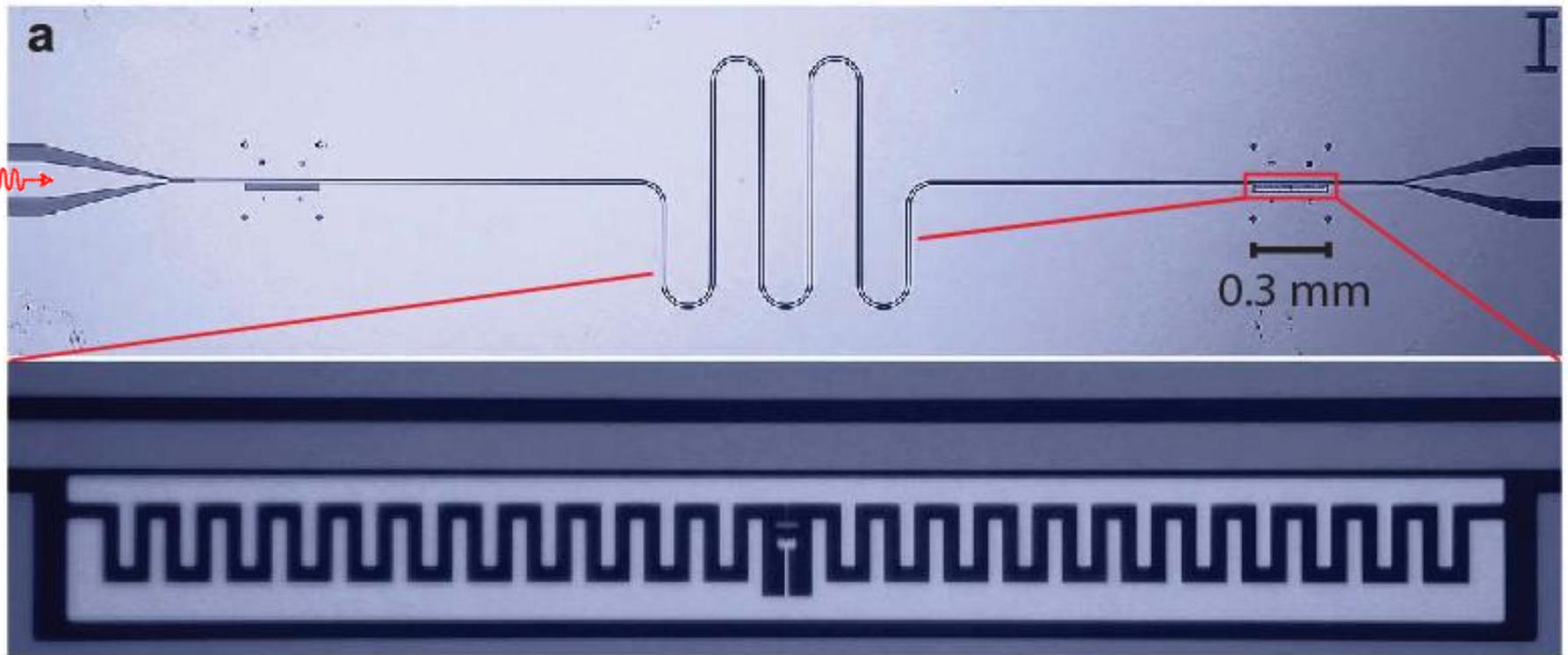
coupling strength:

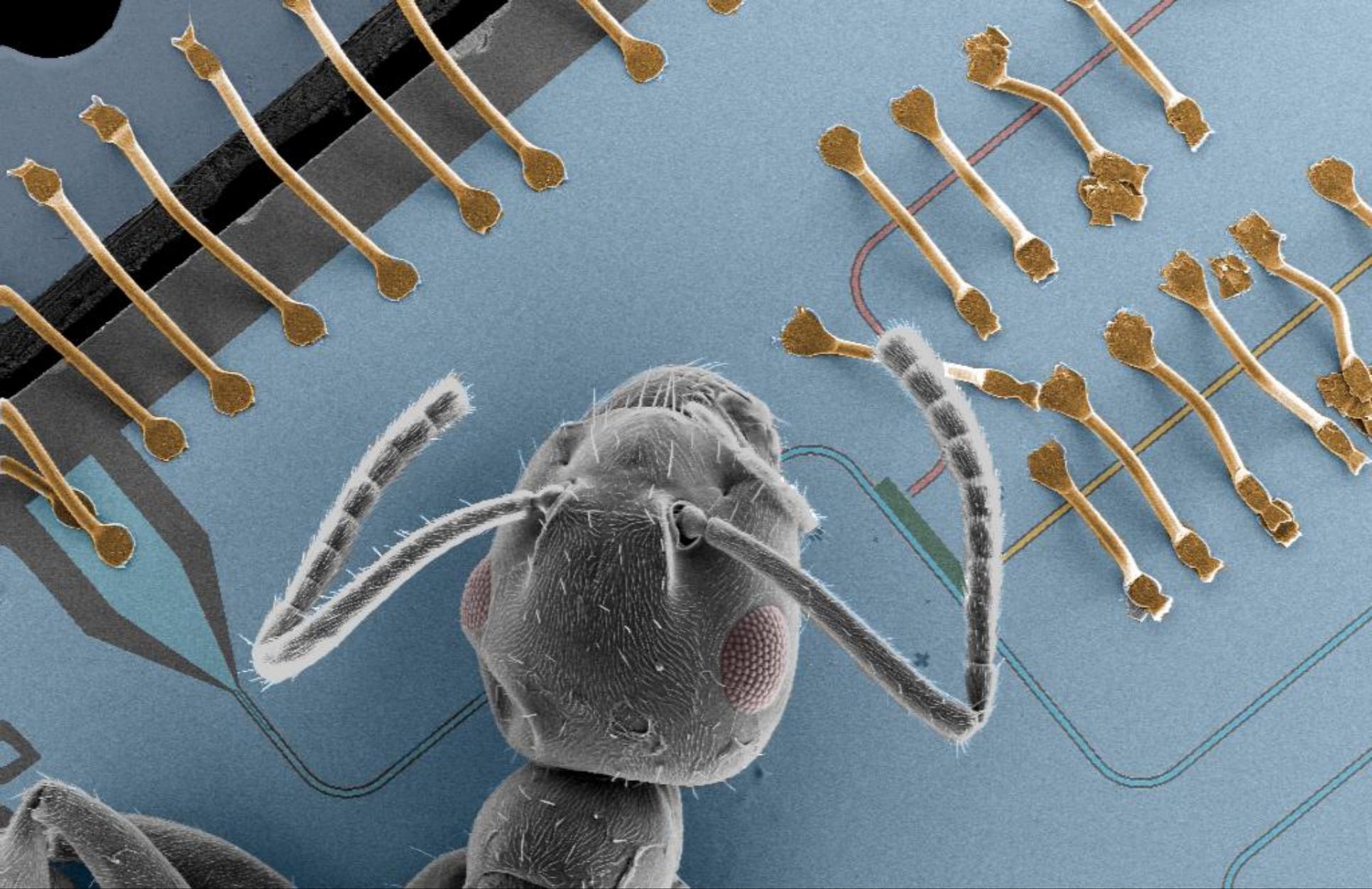
$$\hbar g = eV_{0,\text{rms}} \frac{C_g}{C_\Sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nu_{\text{vac}} = \frac{g}{\pi} \approx 1 \dots 300 \text{ MHz}$$

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

Realization





Sample Mount

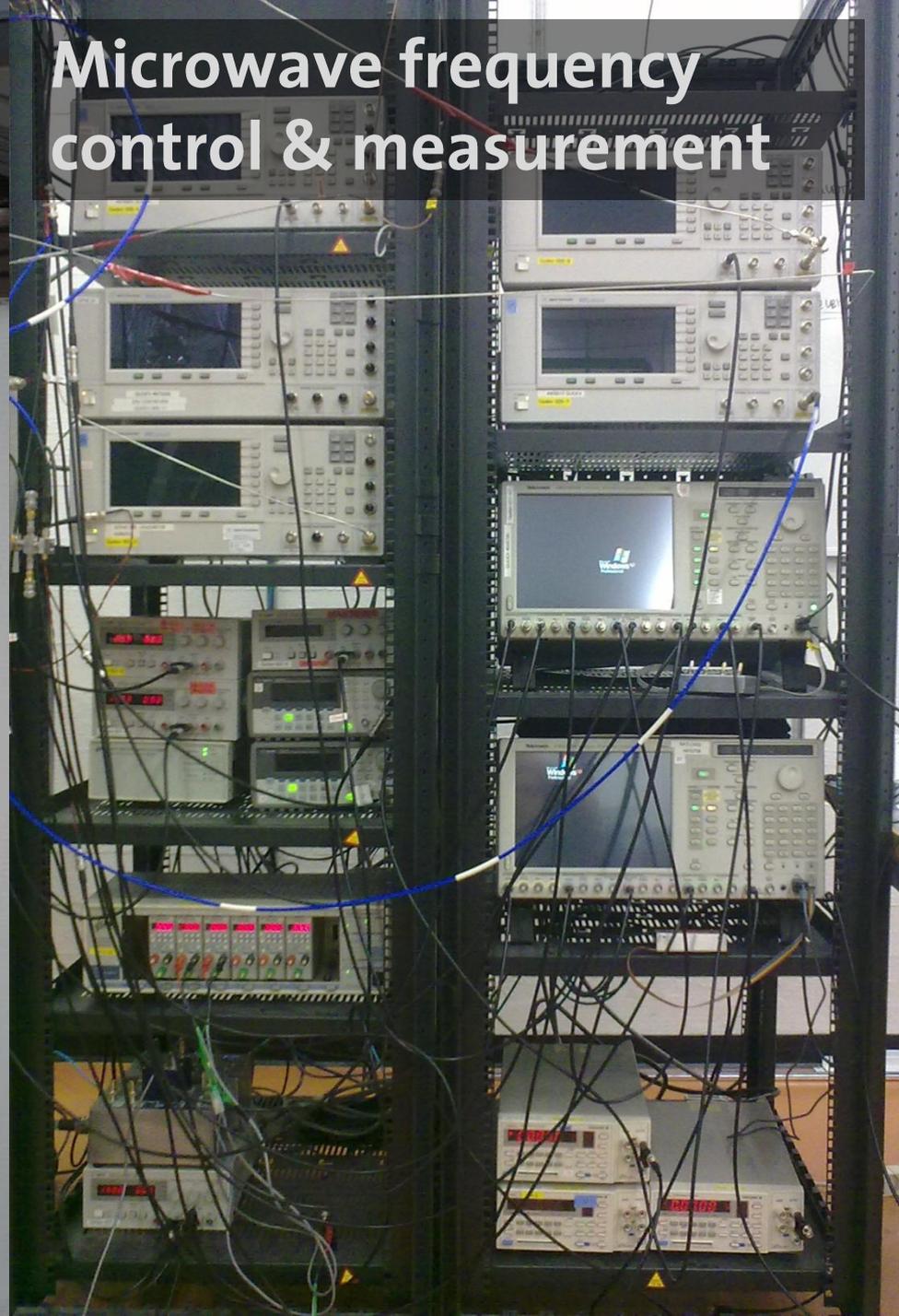


Cryostat for temperatures down to 0.02 K

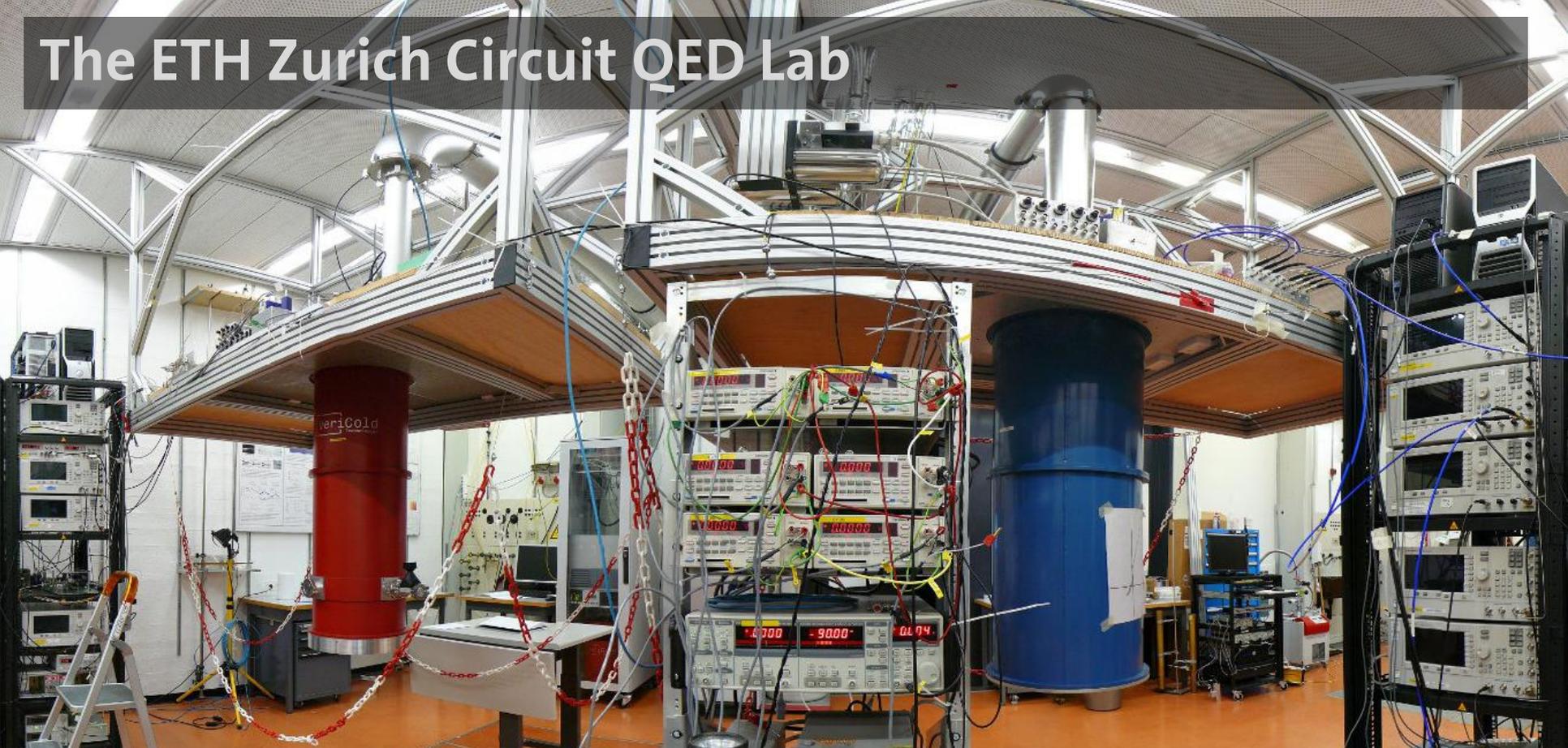


~ 20 cm

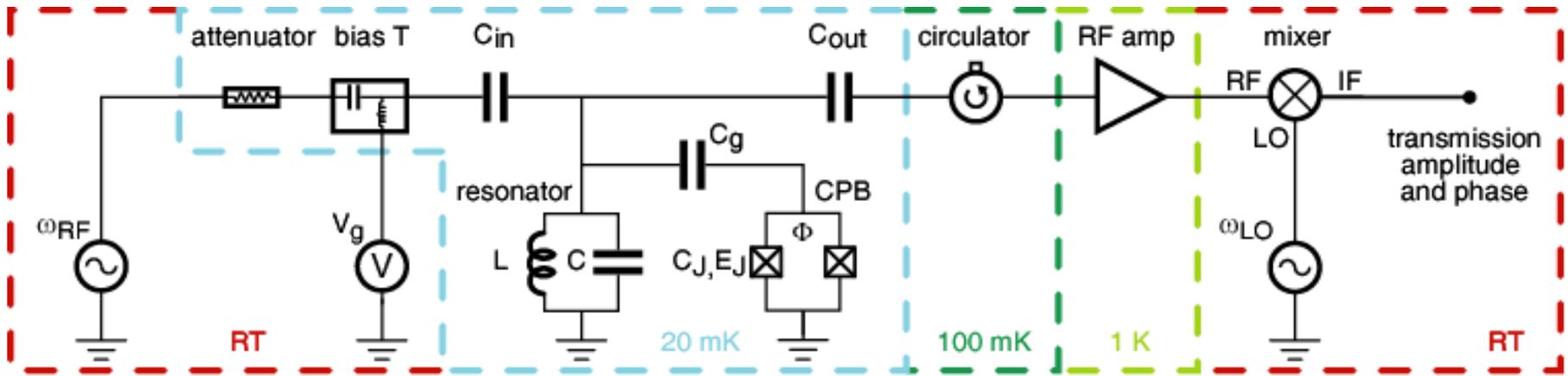
Microwave frequency control & measurement



The ETH Zurich Circuit QED Lab



How We Do the Measurement



- prevent leakage of thermal photons (cold attenuators and circulators)
- average power to be detected
 $\rightarrow \langle n = 1 \rangle \hbar \omega_r \kappa / 2 \approx P_{RF} = -140 \text{ dBm} = 10^{-17} \text{ W}$
- efficient with cryogenic low noise HEMT amplifier ($T_N = 6 \text{ K}$)

Resonant Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting ...

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

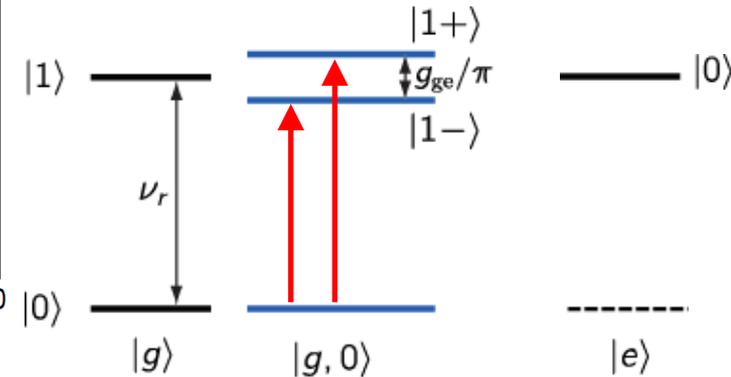
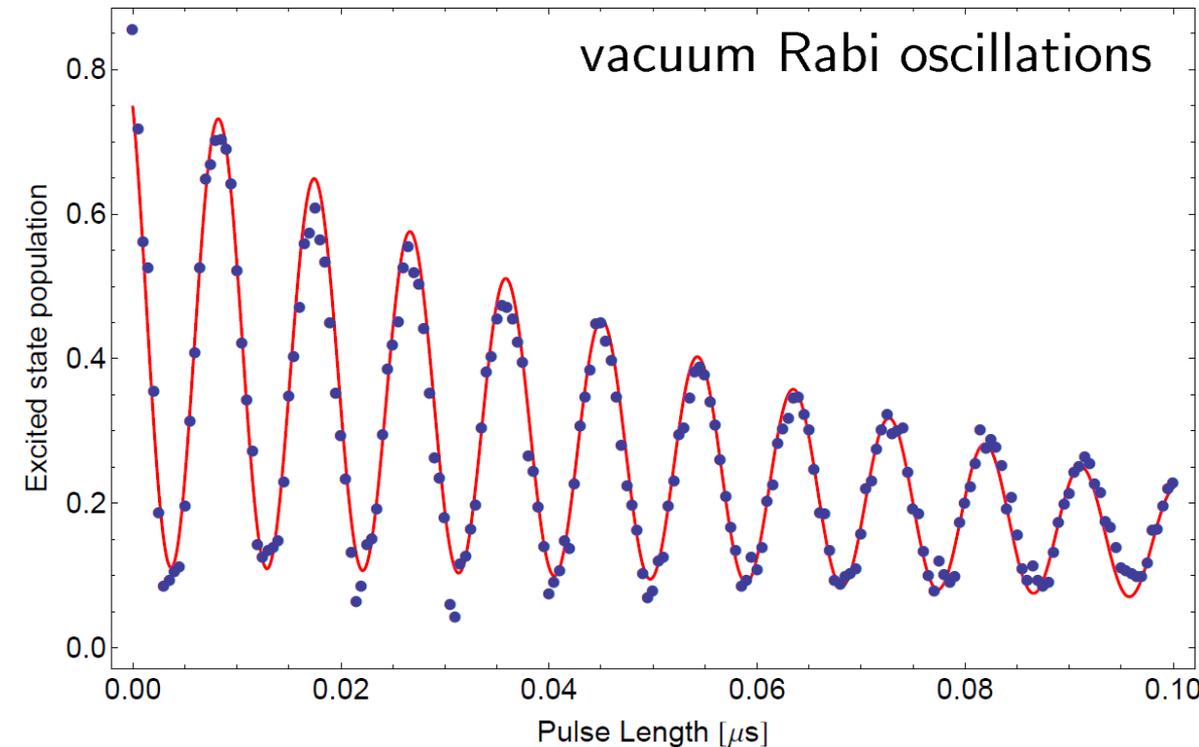
very strong coupling:

vacuum Rabi oscillations

$$g_{ge}/\pi = 308 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\kappa, \gamma < 1 \text{ MHz}$$

$$g_{ge} \gg \kappa, \gamma$$



forming a 'molecule' of a qubit and a photon

first demonstration in a solid: A. Wallraff et al., *Nature (London)* **431**, 162 (2004)

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Quantum Physics with Circuit QED ... some examples

Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting

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Coherent Flux-Qubit / SQUID Coupling

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Quantum AC-Stark Shift

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Lamb Shift

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Fock and Arbitrary Photon States

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Root n Nonlinearity

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Two Photon Nonlinearities

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

Parametric Amplification

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Super Splitting and Root n Nonlinearity

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Ultrastrong Coupling

T. Niemczyk *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **6**, 772 (2010)

Single Photon Source

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Single Qubit Resonance Fluorescence

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QND Measurement of Single Photon

B. Johnson *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **6**, 663 (2010)

Correlation Function Measurements

D. Bozyigit *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **7**, 154 (2011)

Cooling and Amplification

M. Grajcar *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **4**, 612 (2008)

Quantum Algorithms & Entangled States

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Quantum Bus

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Cavity QED

with one, two, ~~three and many~~ Photons...

... probing quantum nonlinearities on the few photon level

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?

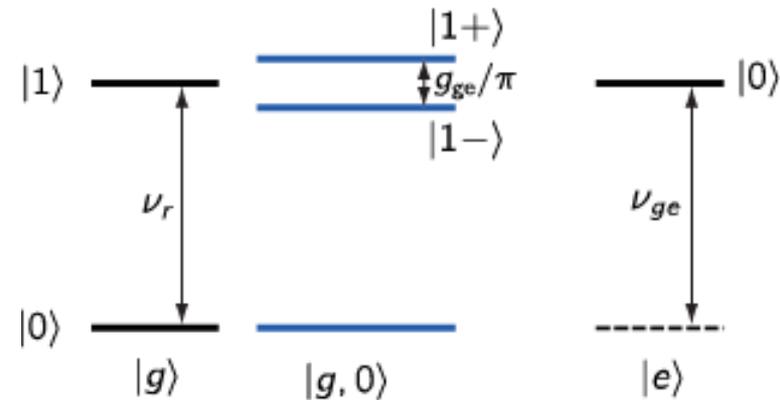
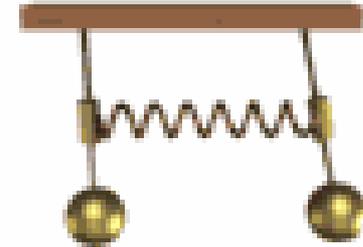
classical interpretation:

- 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

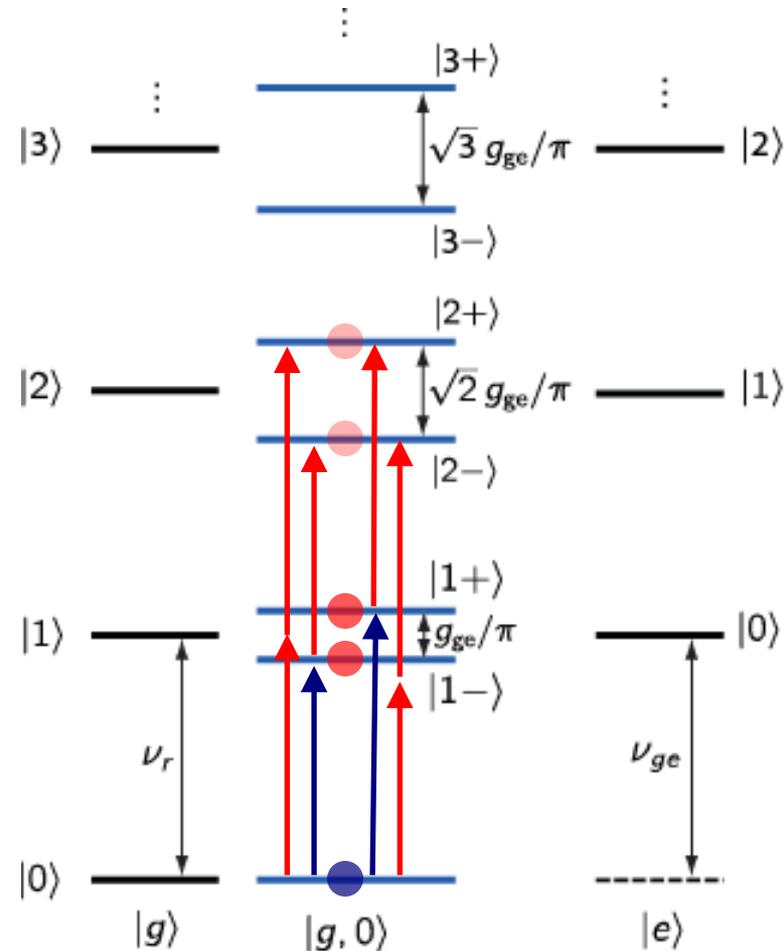
How to climb the ladder?

start on the lowest rung:

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

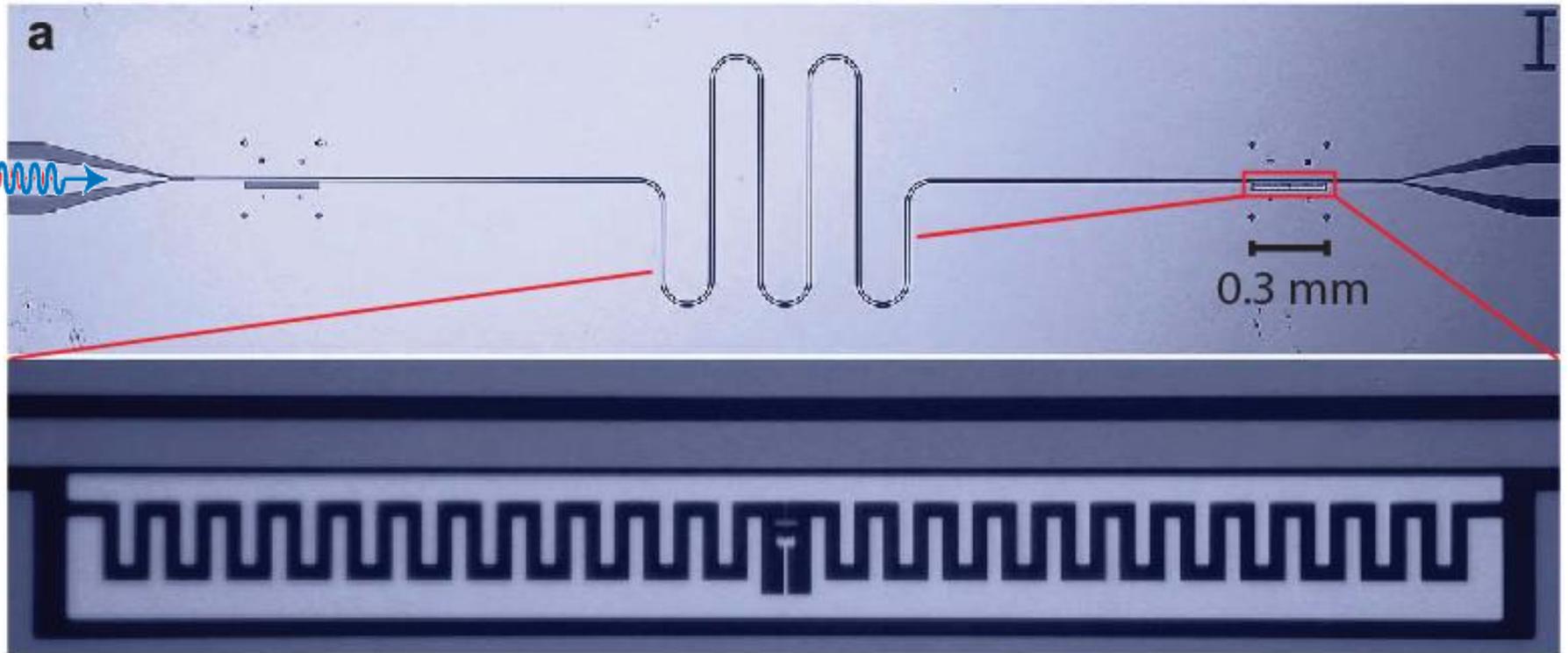
climb towards higher rungs:

- step by step:
 ,pump & probe' excitation
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- 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:
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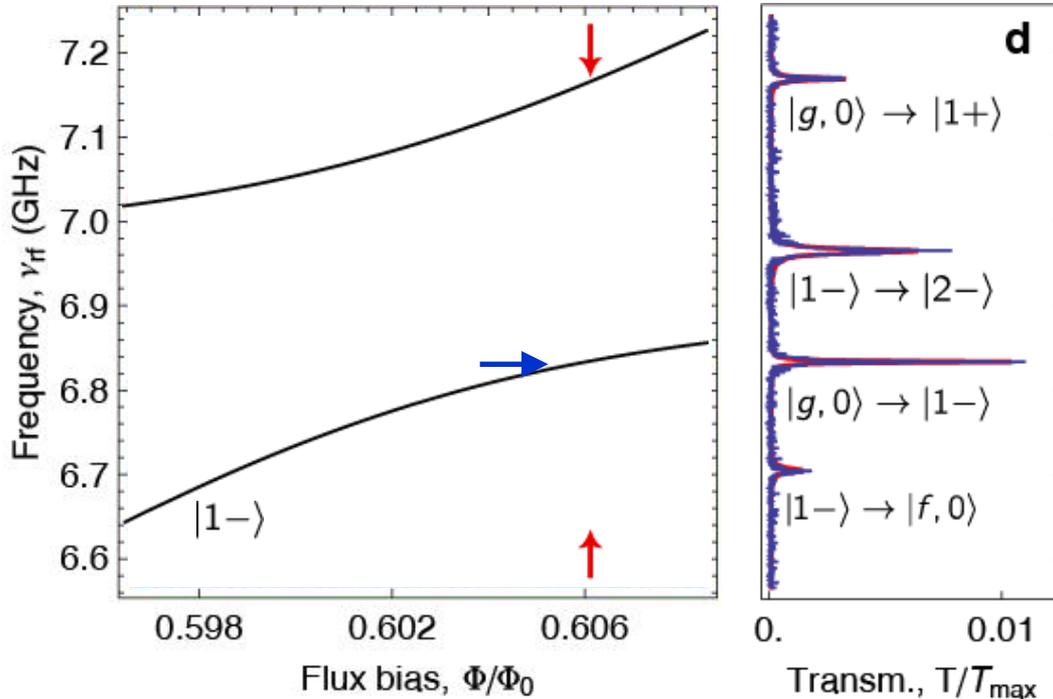
Two-Photon Pump and Probe Spectroscopy



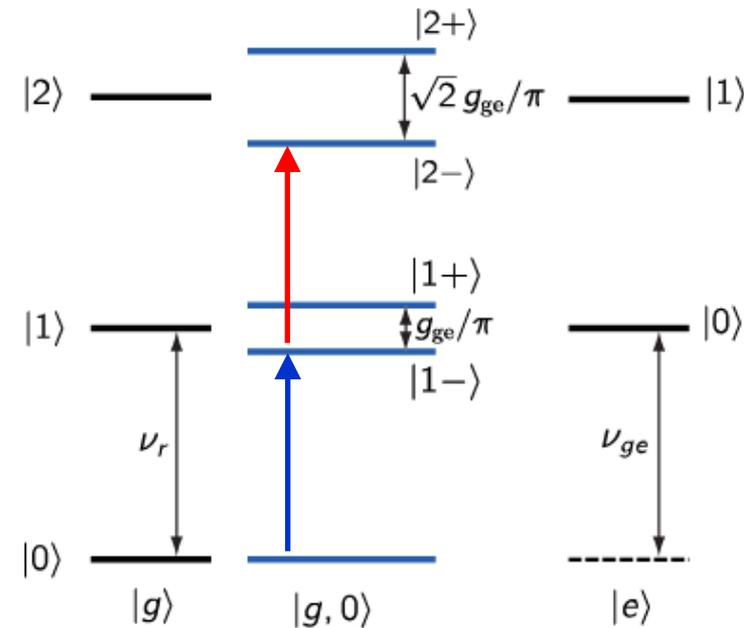
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Resonant Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting ...

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



pump and probe: $|n-\rangle$

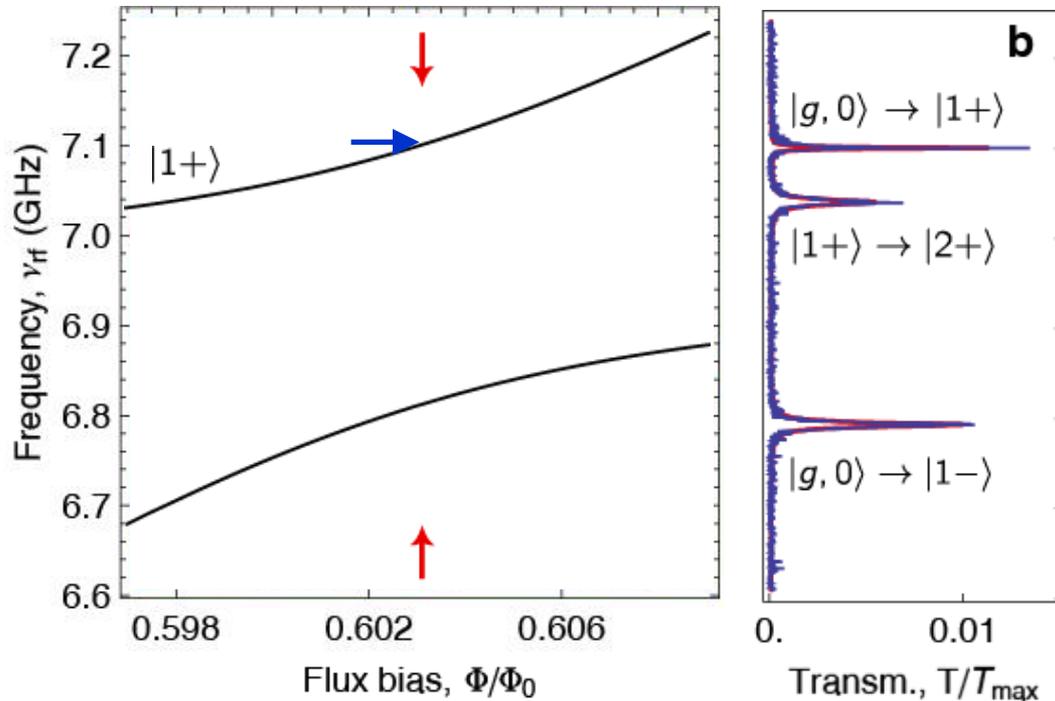


- $|n-\rangle \rightarrow |n+\rangle$ is weak

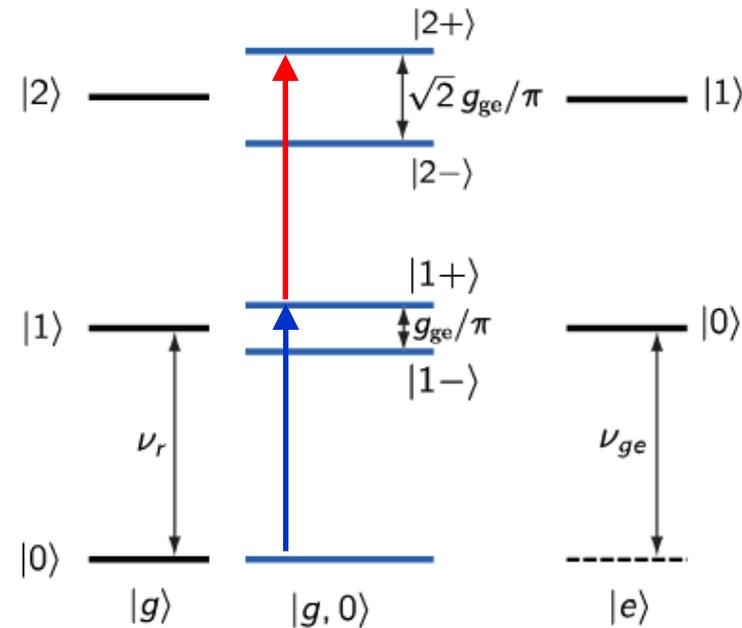
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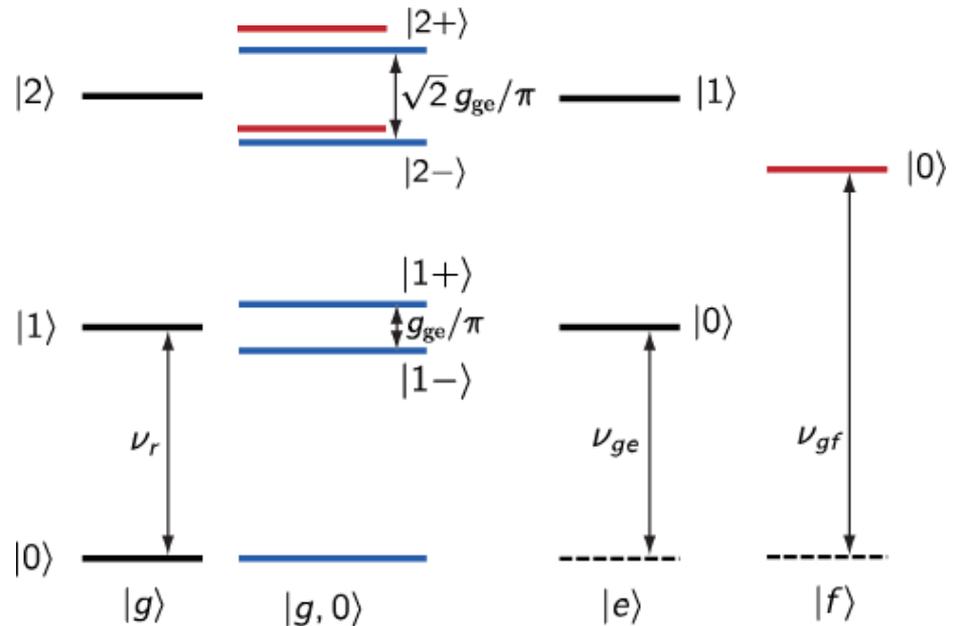
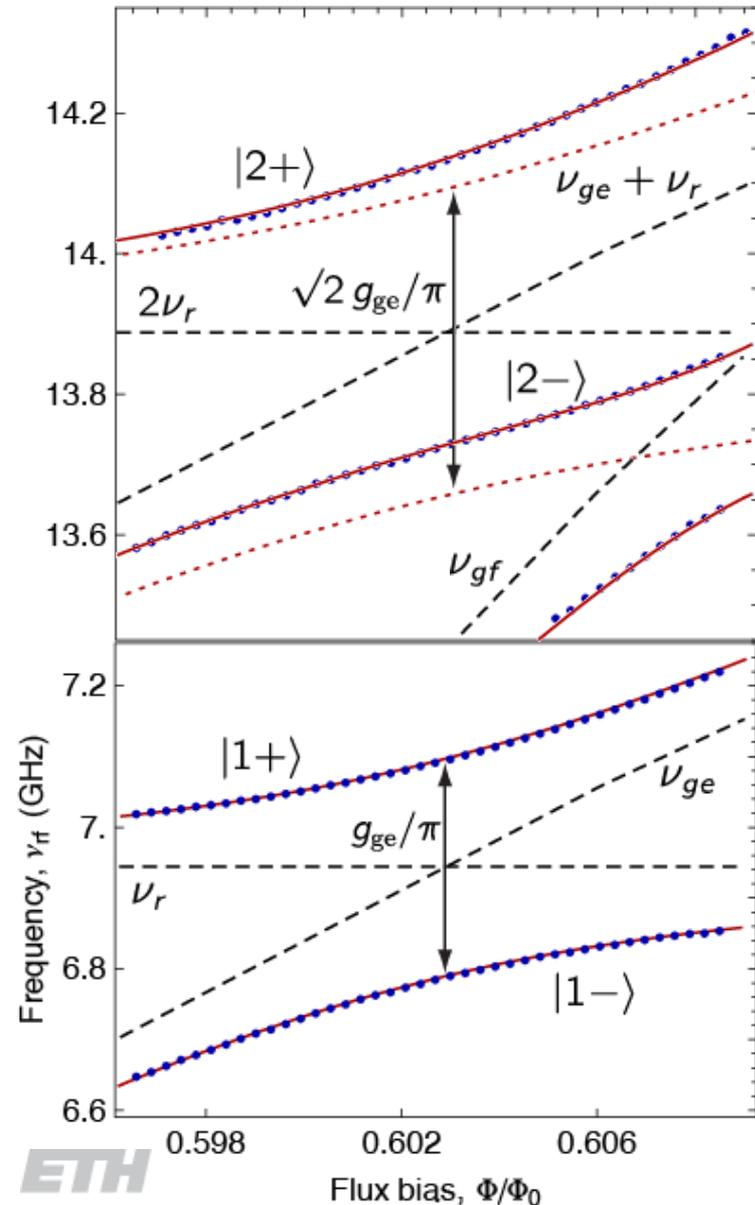


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Sqrt(n) Quantum Nonlinearity

- 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



Cavity QED

with one, two and three artificial atoms ...

... probing the collective interaction of a number of atoms with a single photon

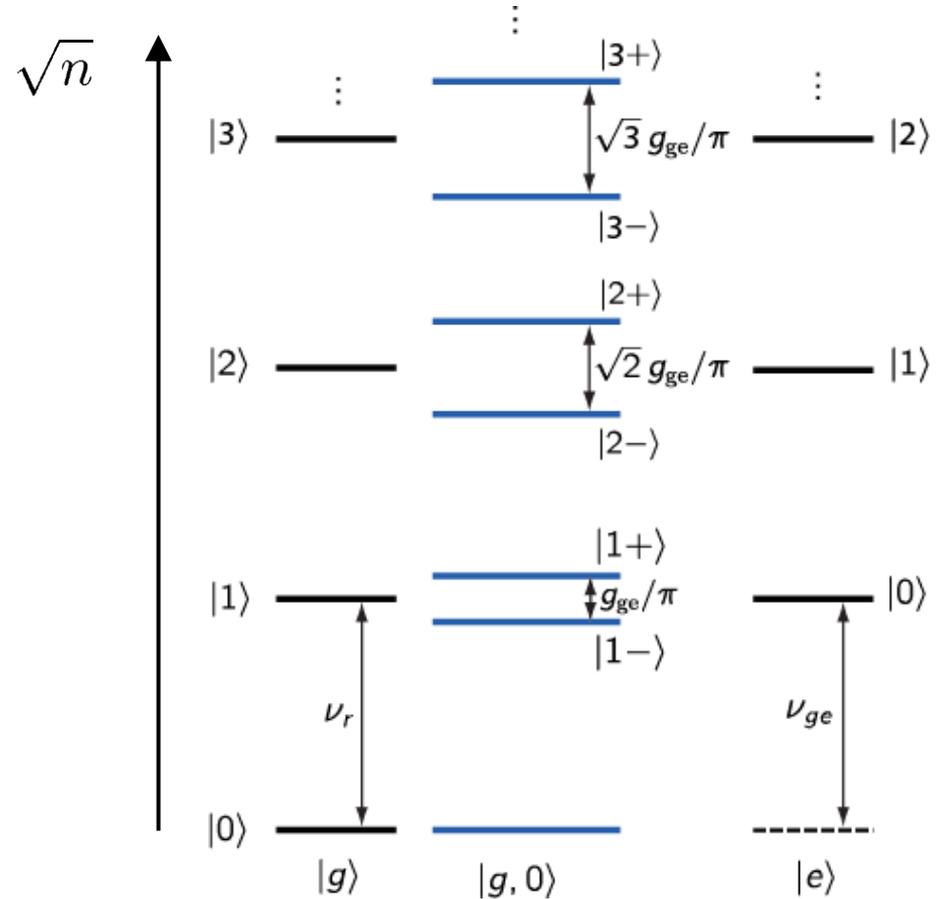
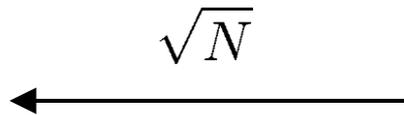
Cavity QED with Multiple ~~Photons~~ Atoms

coupling n photons to single atom

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

coupling N atoms to a single photon

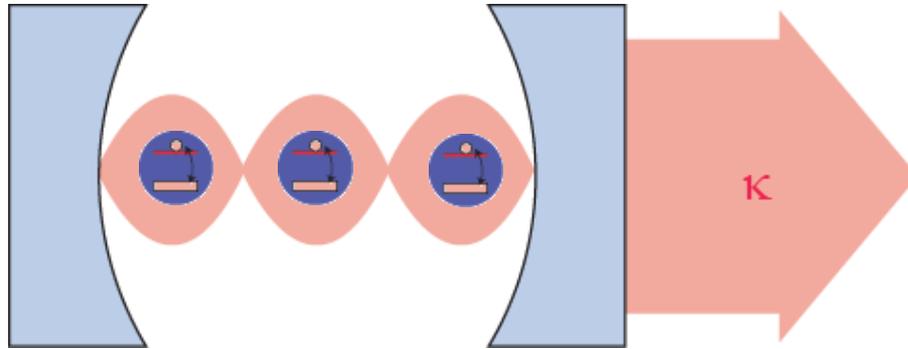
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Jaynes-Cummings Model

Multi-Atom Cavity QED

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

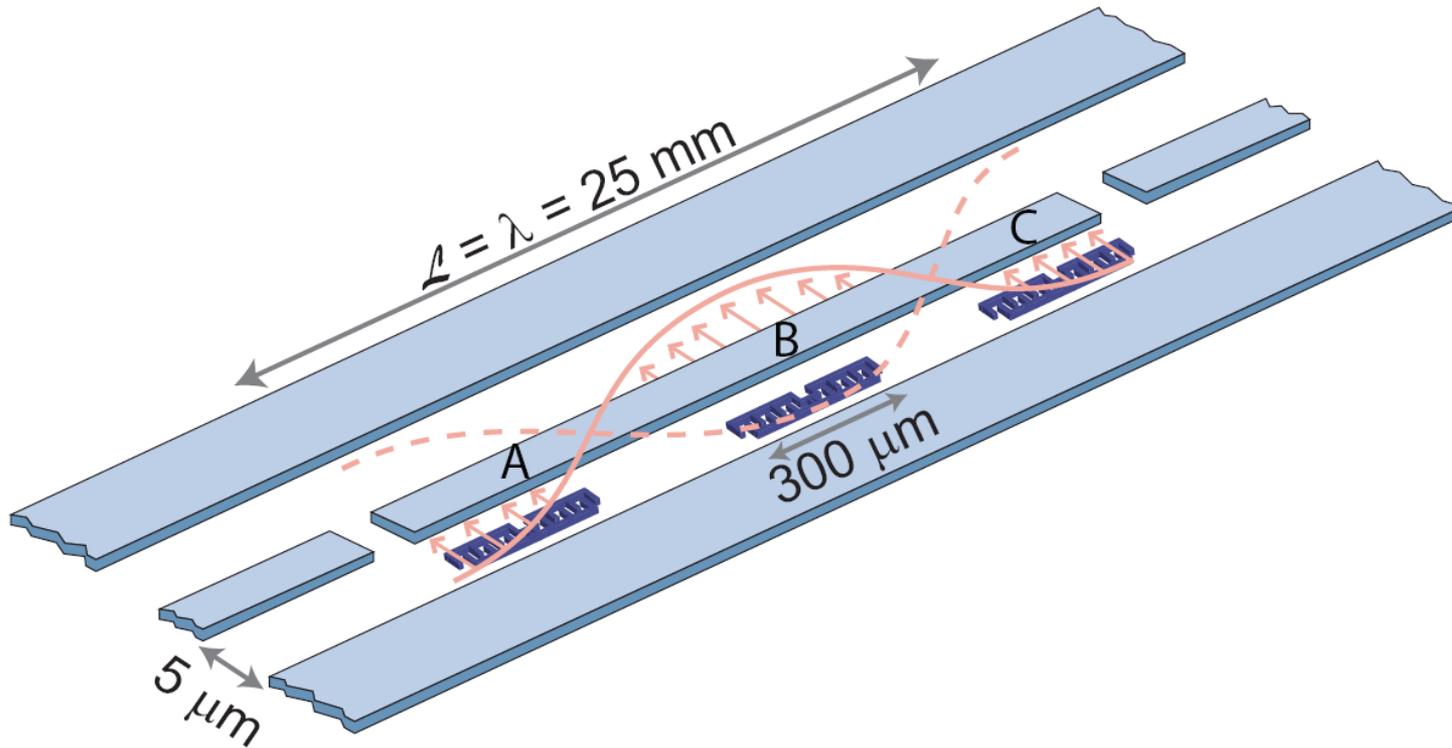


- atom number δN and coupling δg fluctuations
- Tavis-Cummings model

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

- difficult to trap atoms

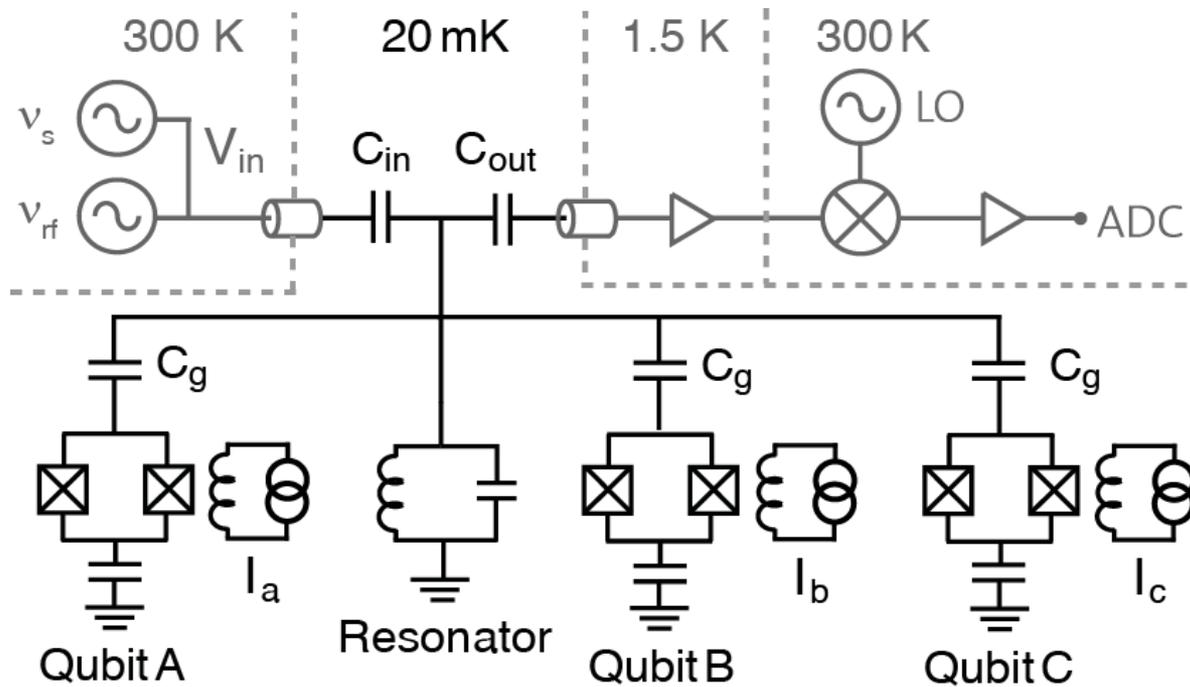
Multi-Qubit Circuit QED Schematic



in circuit QED:

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

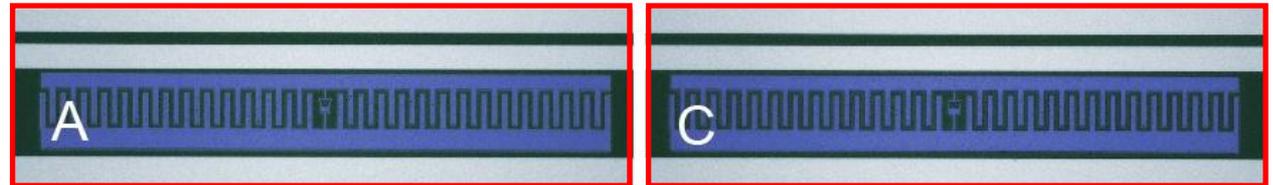
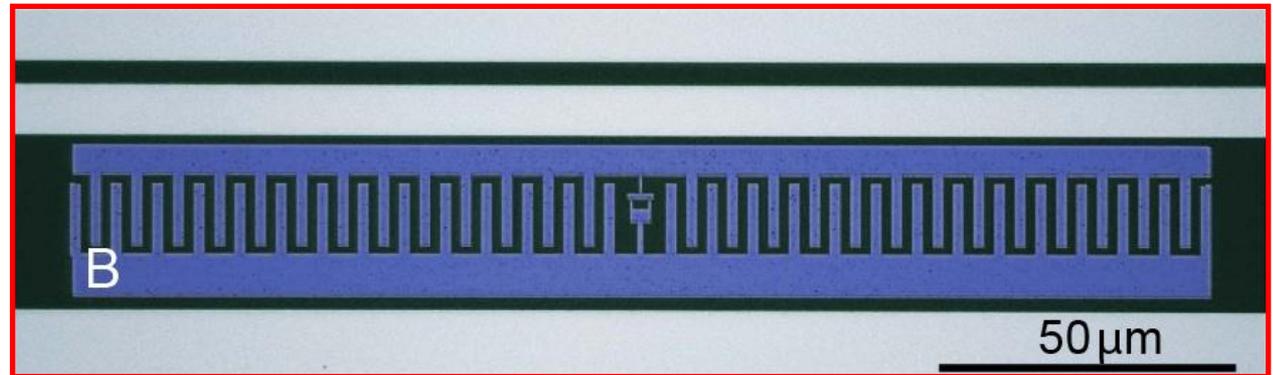
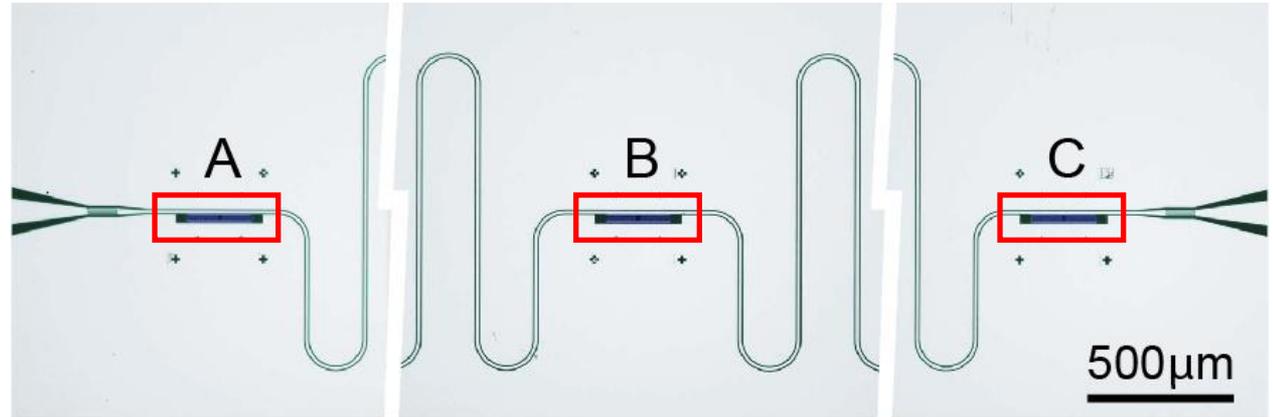
Three Qubit Circuit QED Setup



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

Three Qubit Circuit QED Sample

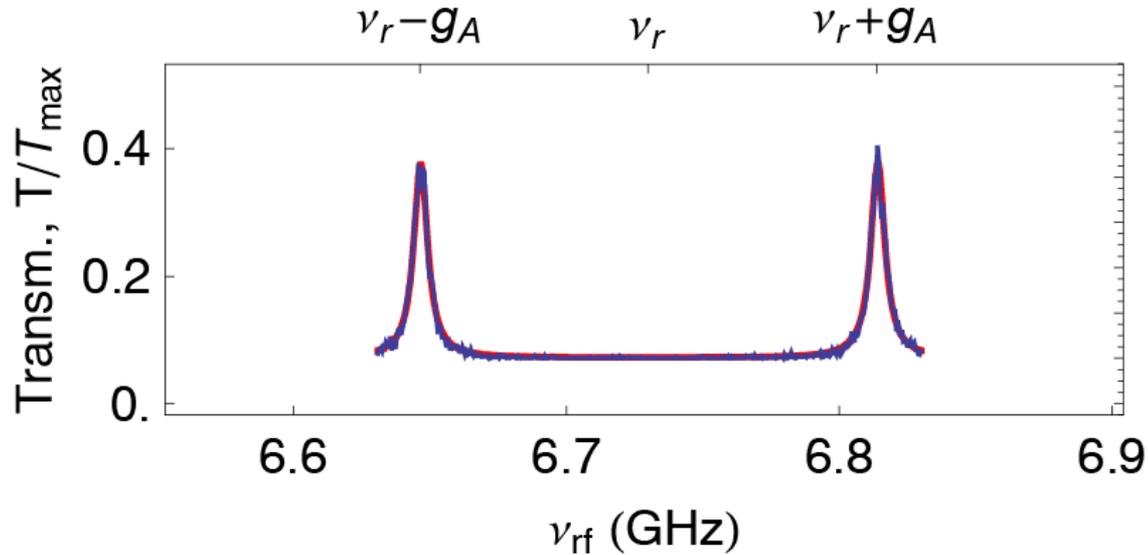
- three qubits integrated into one cavity
- qubits are almost identical
- almost identical coupling constants $g_{A,B,C}$



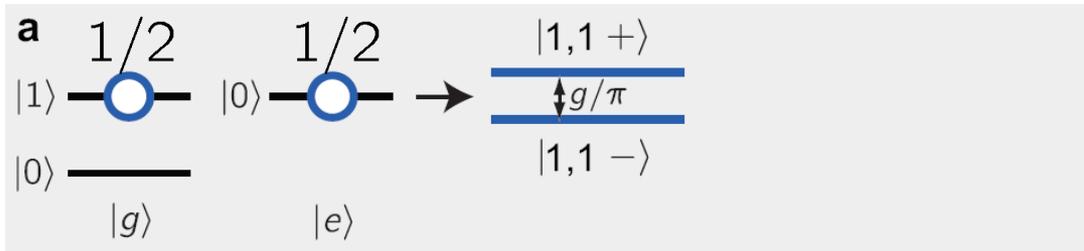
Qubit j	E_{C_j}/h (MHz)	$E_{J_{\max_j}}/h$ (GHz)	$g_j/2\pi$ (MHz)
A	283	224	83.7
B	287	226	-85.7
C	294	214	85.1

Multi-Qubit Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting

- the spectrum:



- the states:

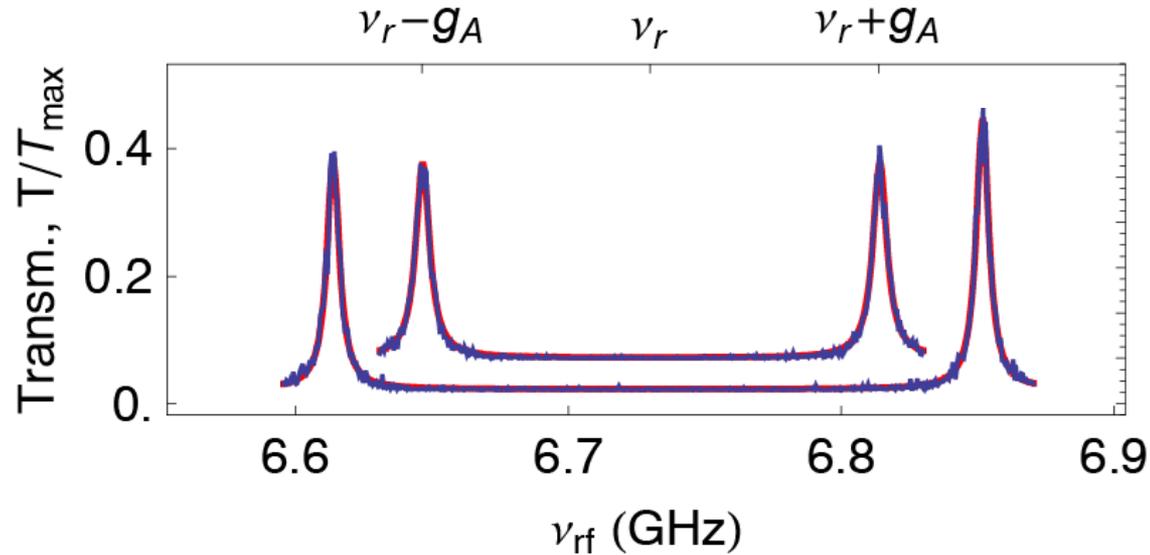


$$|1, 1\pm\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}(|g, 1\rangle \pm |e, 0\rangle)$$

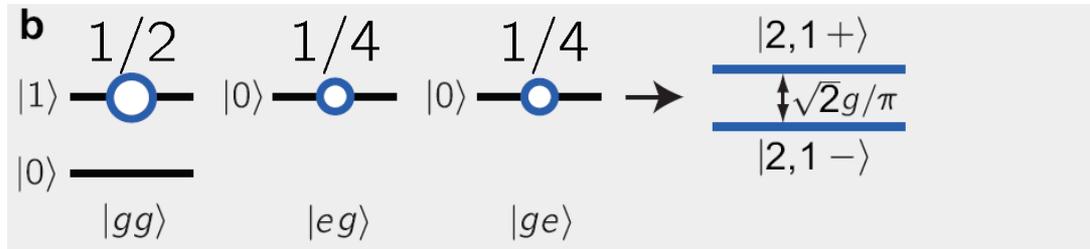
states equally shared
between photon and qubit

Multi-Qubit Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting

- the spectrum:



- the states:



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

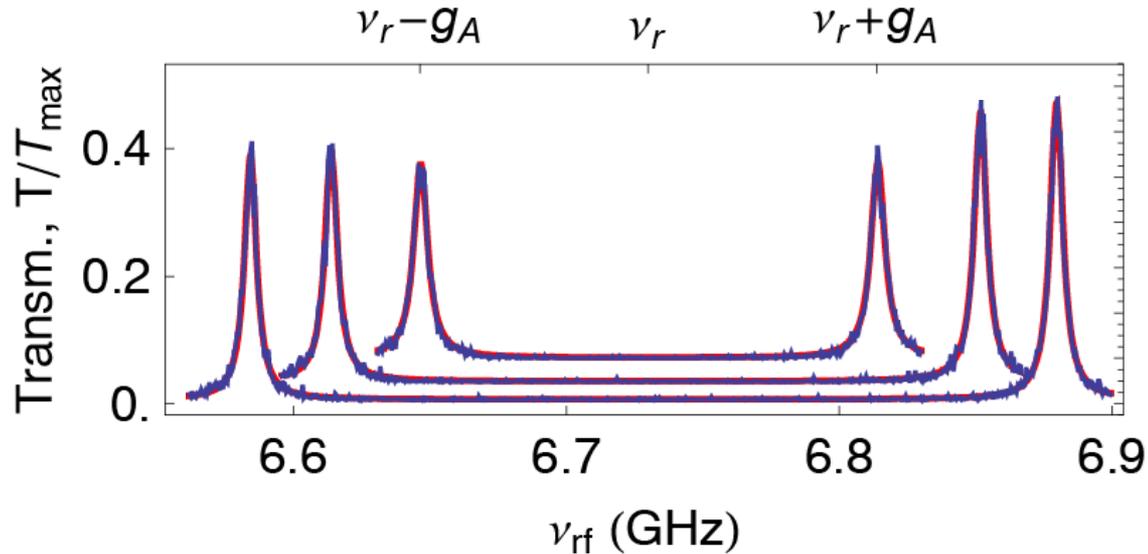
bright states: superposition of a photon and a Bell state

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

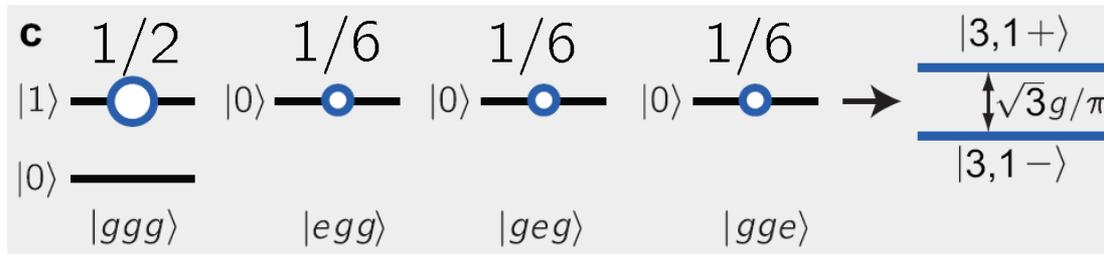
dark state

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

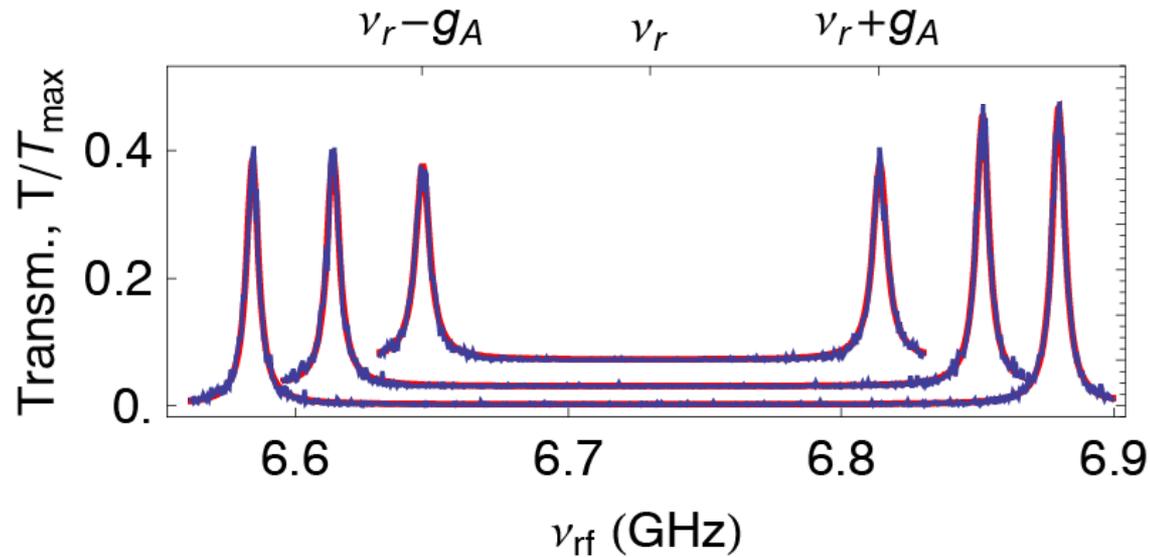
$$|3, 1d_1\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|e, g, g\rangle - |g, g, e\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle$$

$$|3, 1d_2\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|g, g, e\rangle + |g, e, g\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle$$

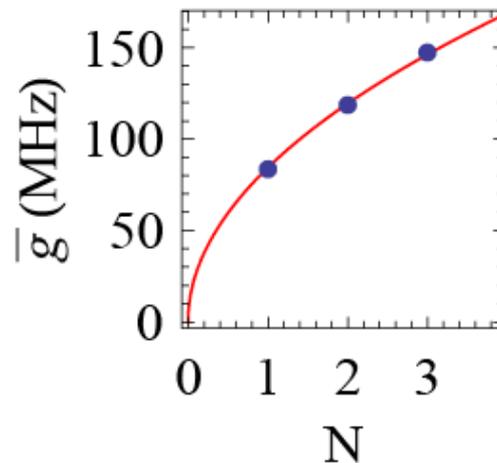
two dark states

Atom Number Scaling of Coupling Strength

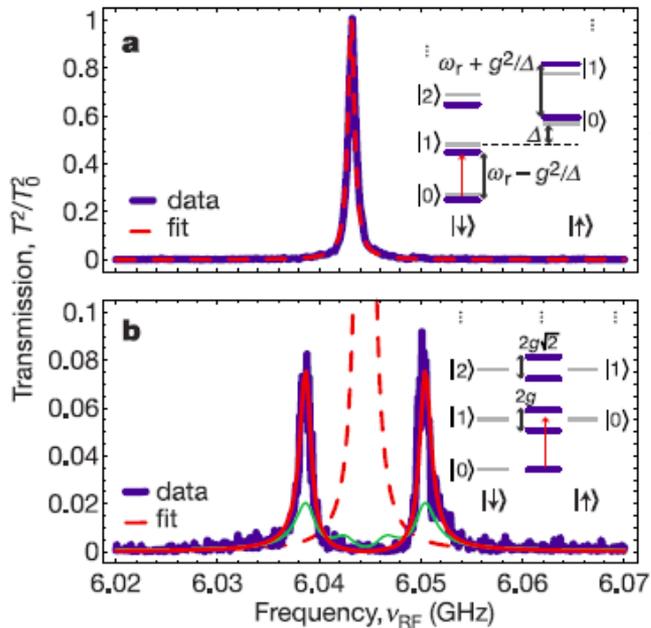
- the spectrum:



- scaling of collective coupling with \sqrt{N}



Quantum Optics using Circuit QED

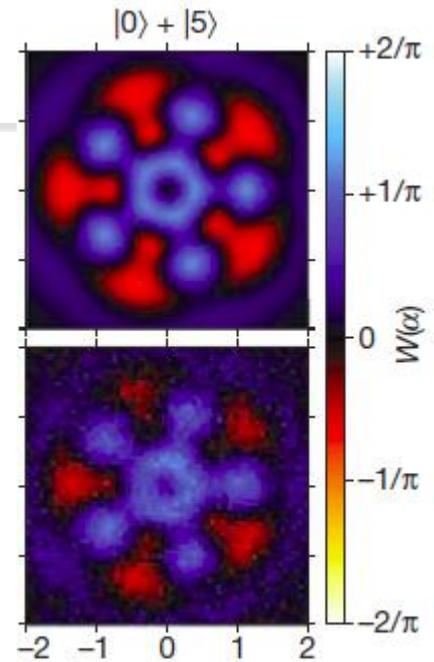


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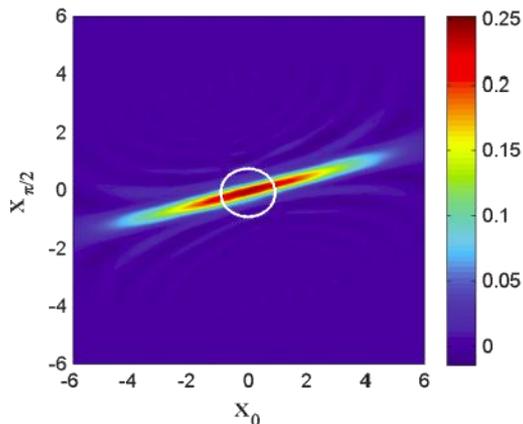
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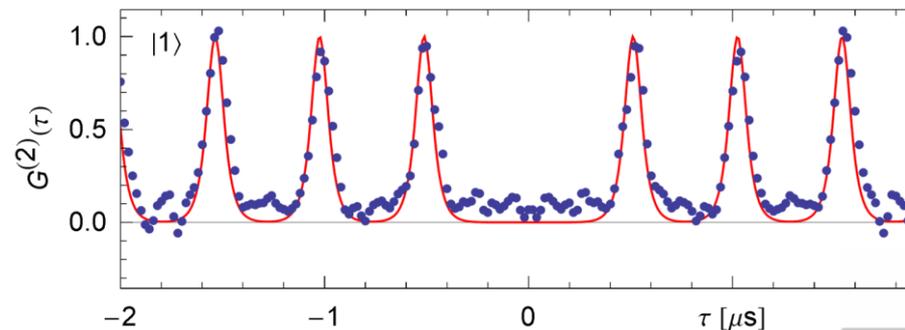


Parametric Amplification & Squeezing

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Single Photons & Correlations

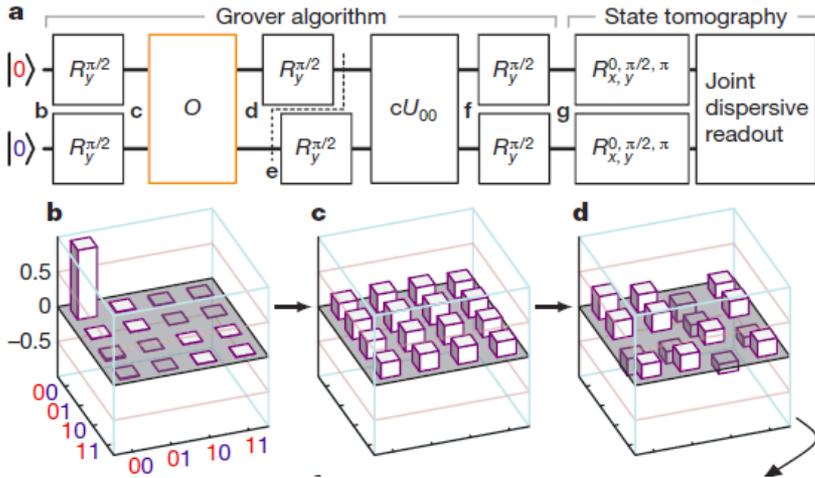
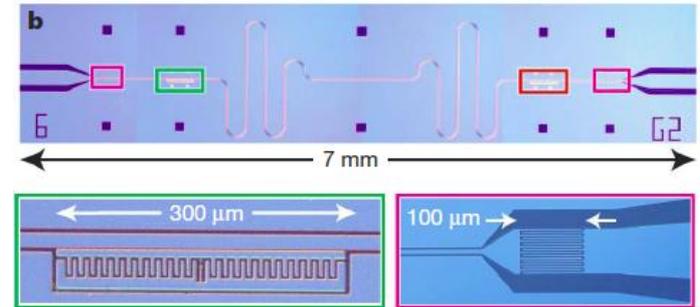
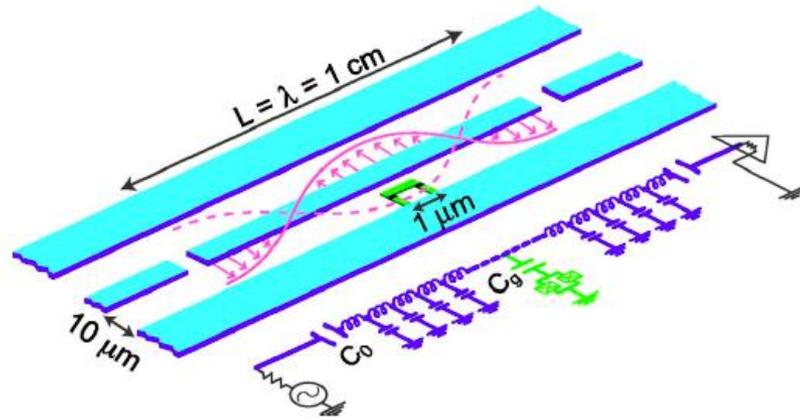
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Quantum Computing with Circuit QED

Architecture

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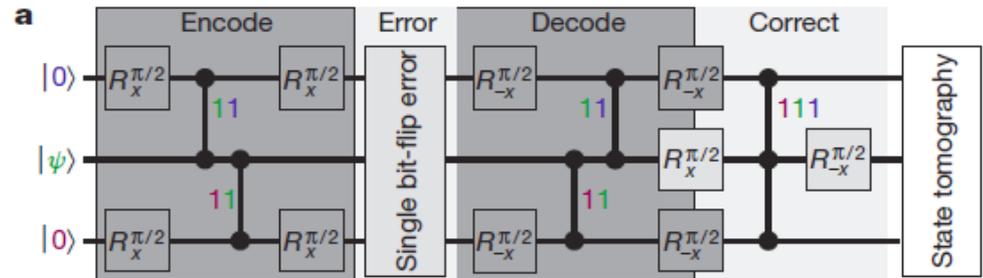


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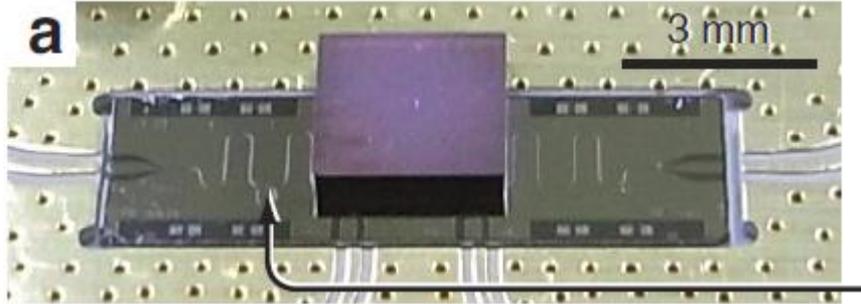
Hybrid Systems using Circuit QED

Proposals:

Spin Ensembles: e.g. NV centers

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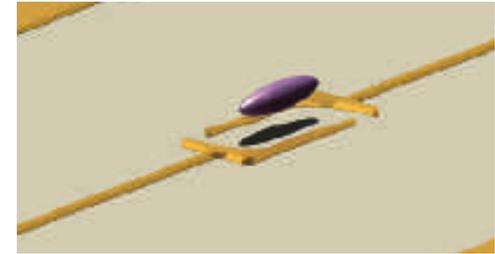
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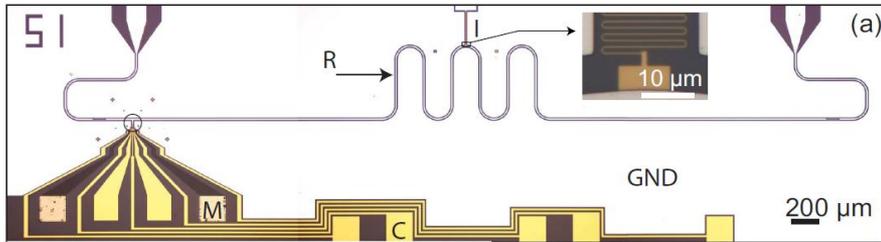


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M. Delbecq *et al.*, *PRL* **107**, 256804 (2011)

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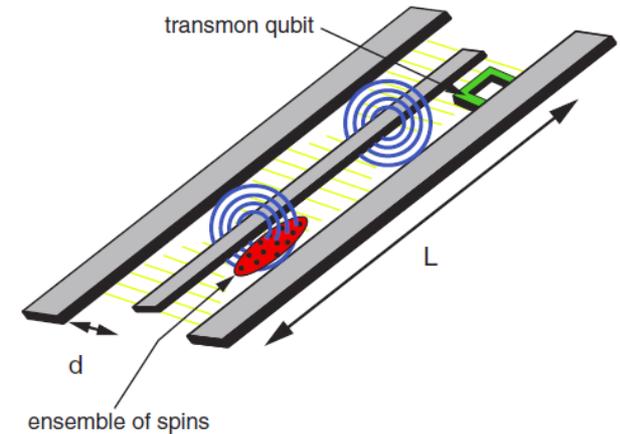
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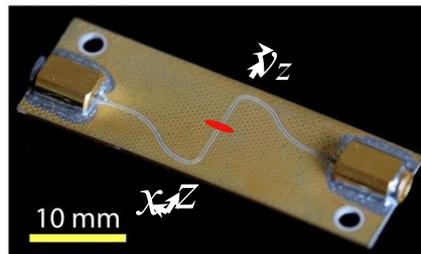
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Rydberg Atoms

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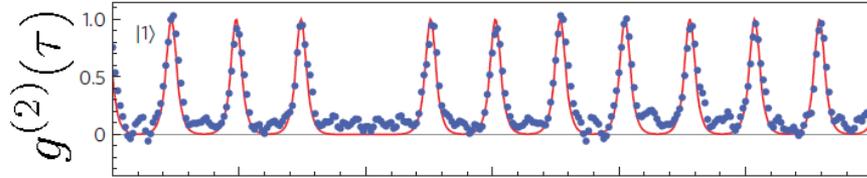
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... and many more

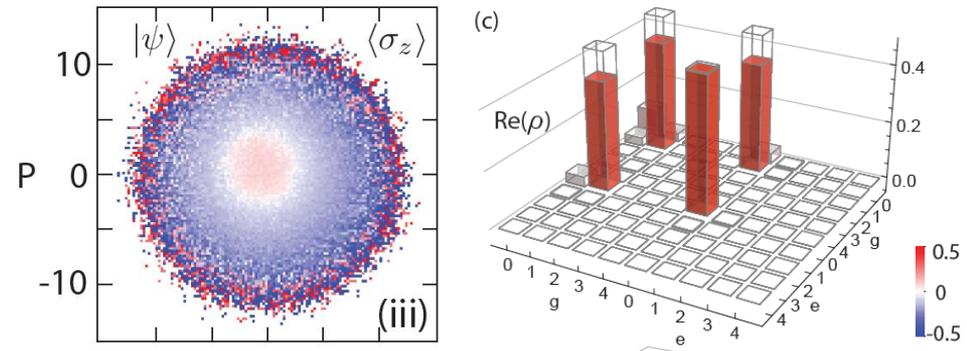
Experiments with Propagating Quantum Microwaves

Single photon sources and their anti-bunching



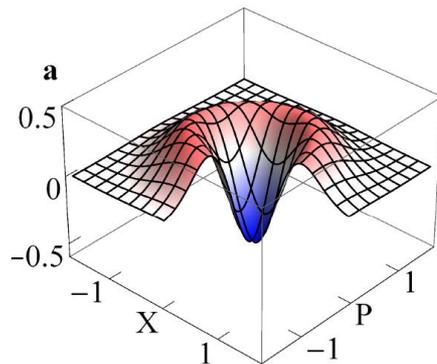
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Preparation and characterization of qubit-propagating photon entanglement



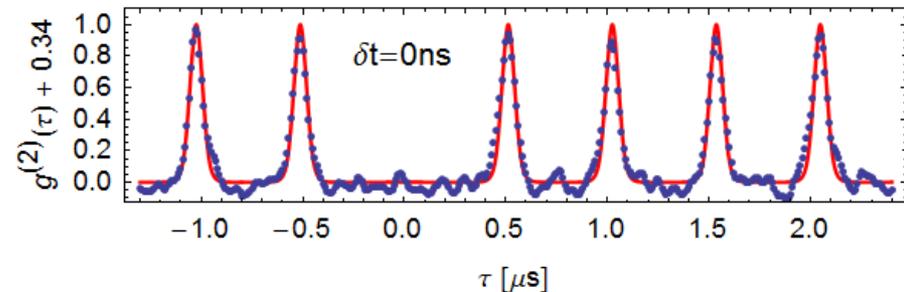
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Itinerant Single Photons in the Microwave Domain

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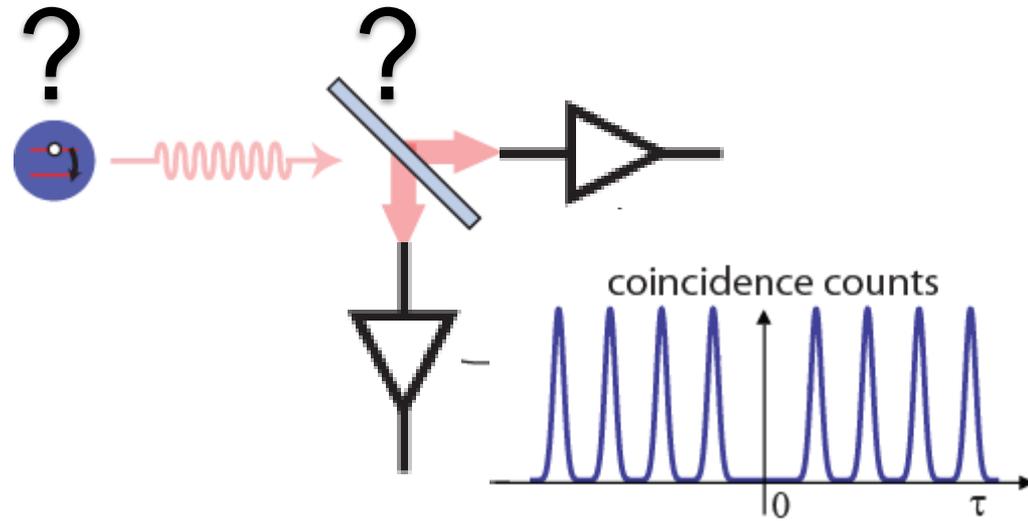
- single photon sources
- beam splitters
- photon counters

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:

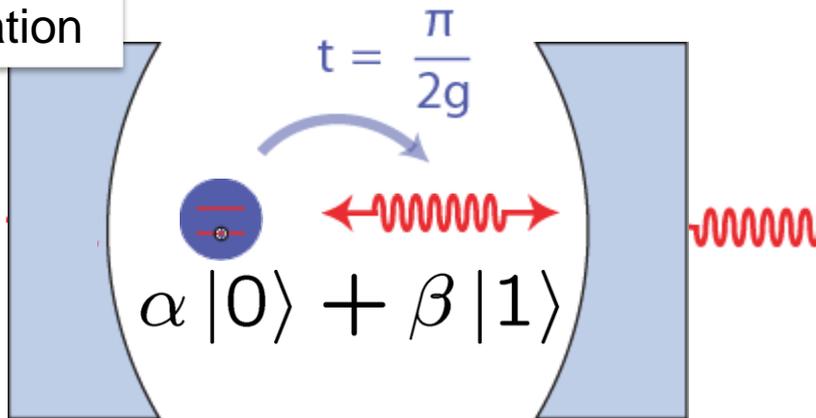
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- signal processing

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On-Demand Pulsed Single Photon Source

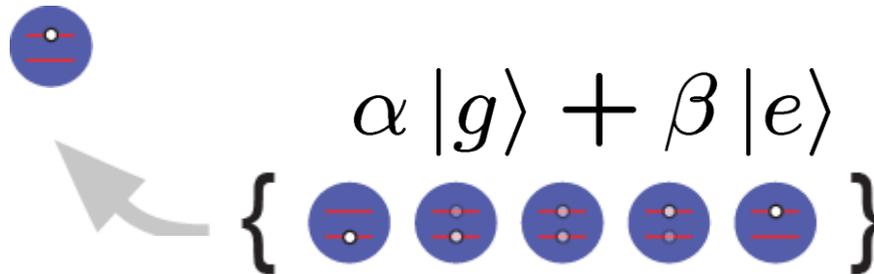
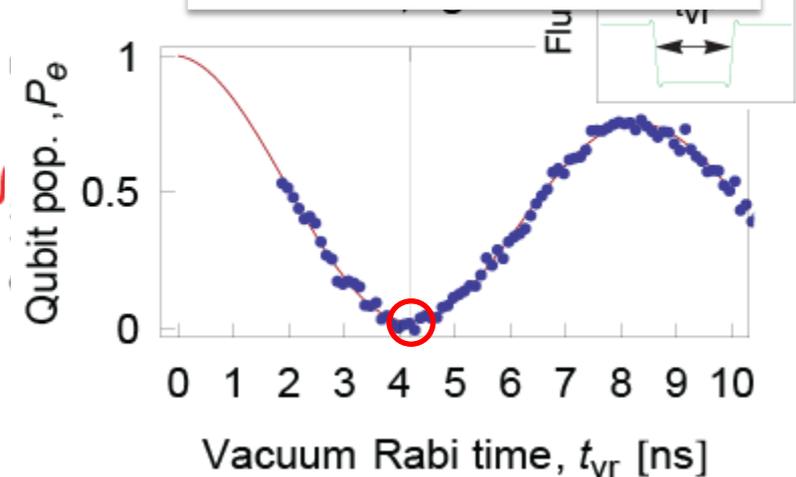
Step 2:

Map qubit state to resonator by 1/2 vacuum Rabi oscillation



Step 3:

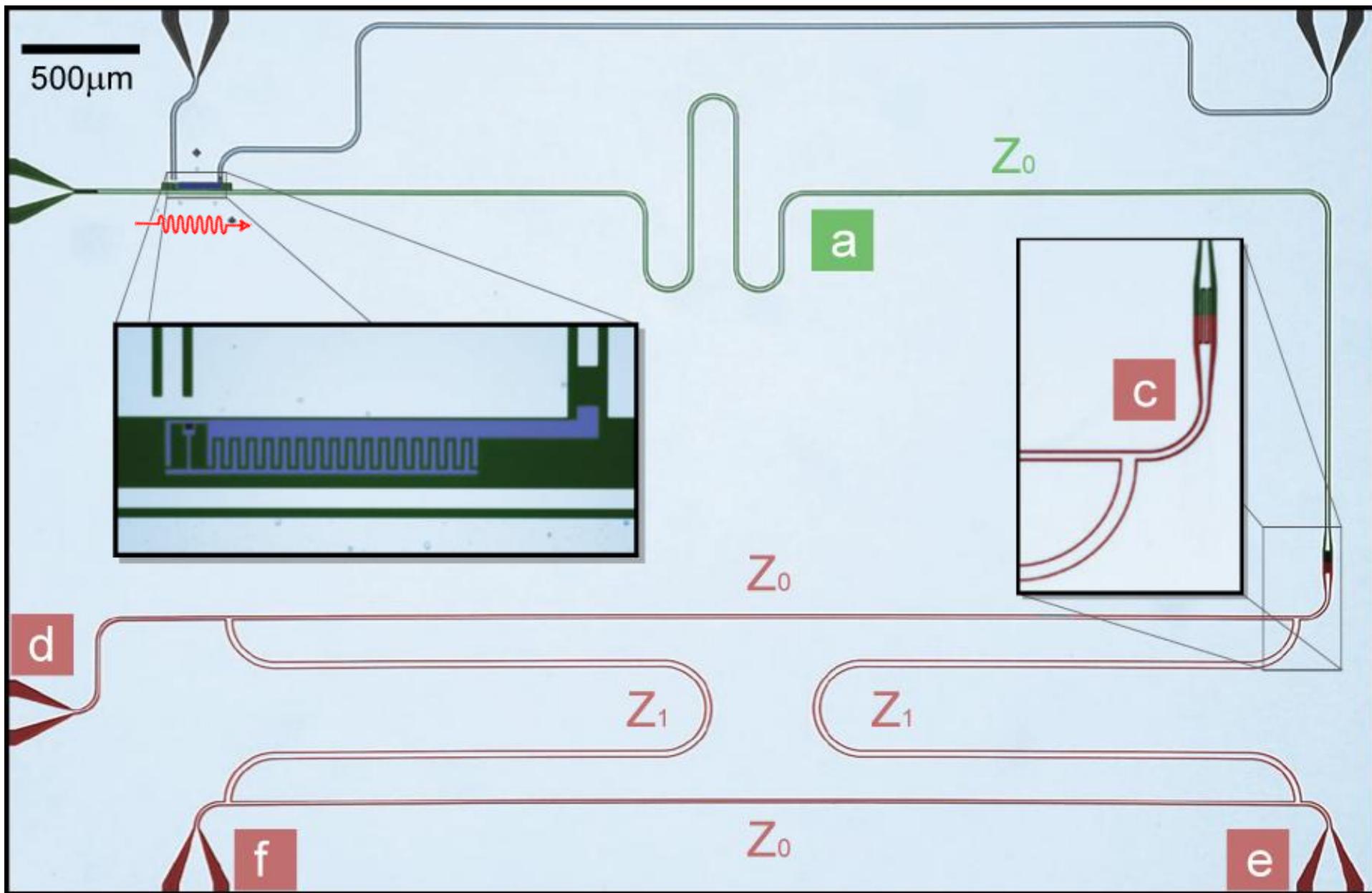
Measure at the output using linear amplifier and signal processing hardware



Step 1:

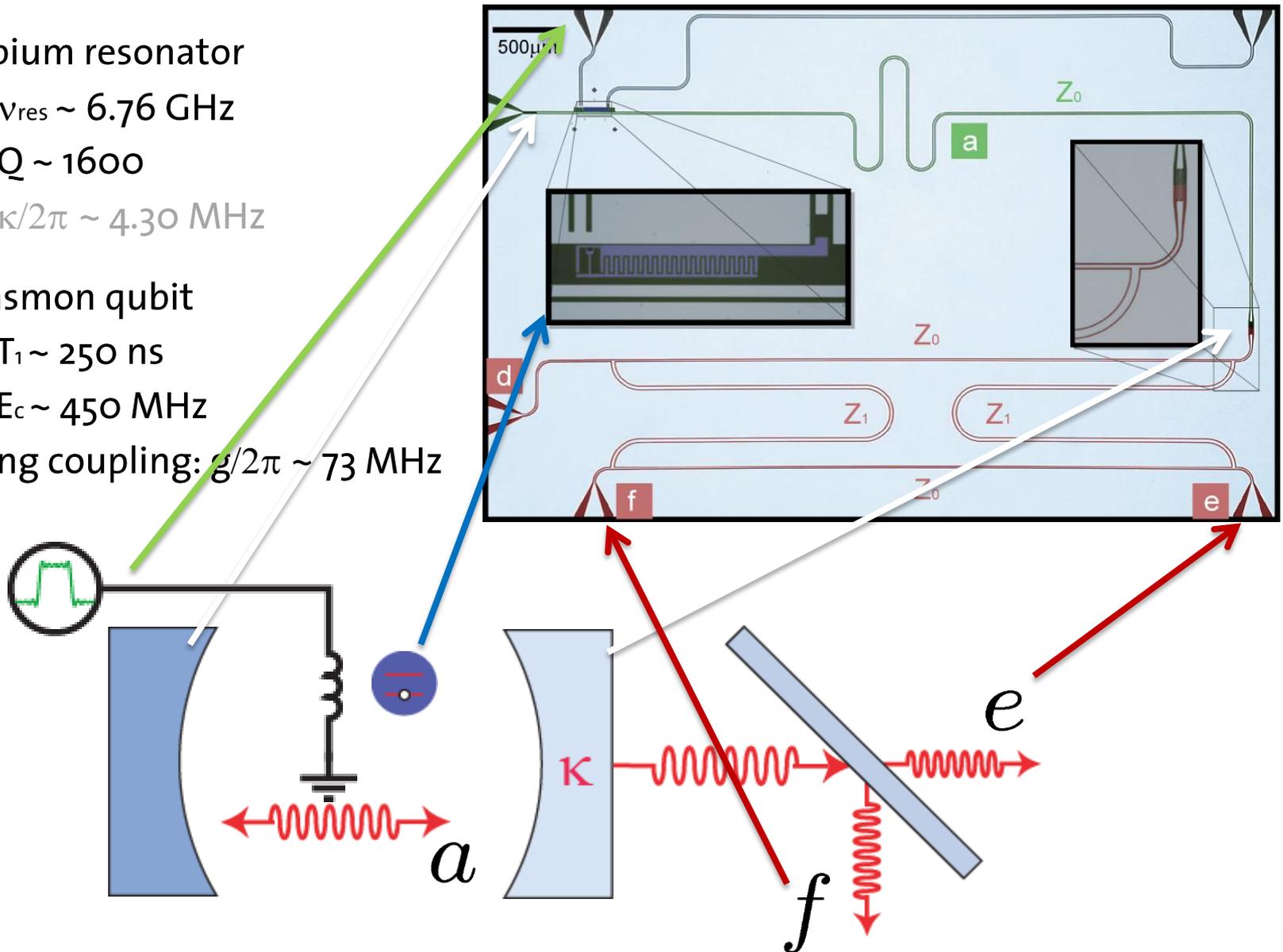
Prepare qubit state by Rabi oscillation

Single Sided Cavity and Beam Splitter

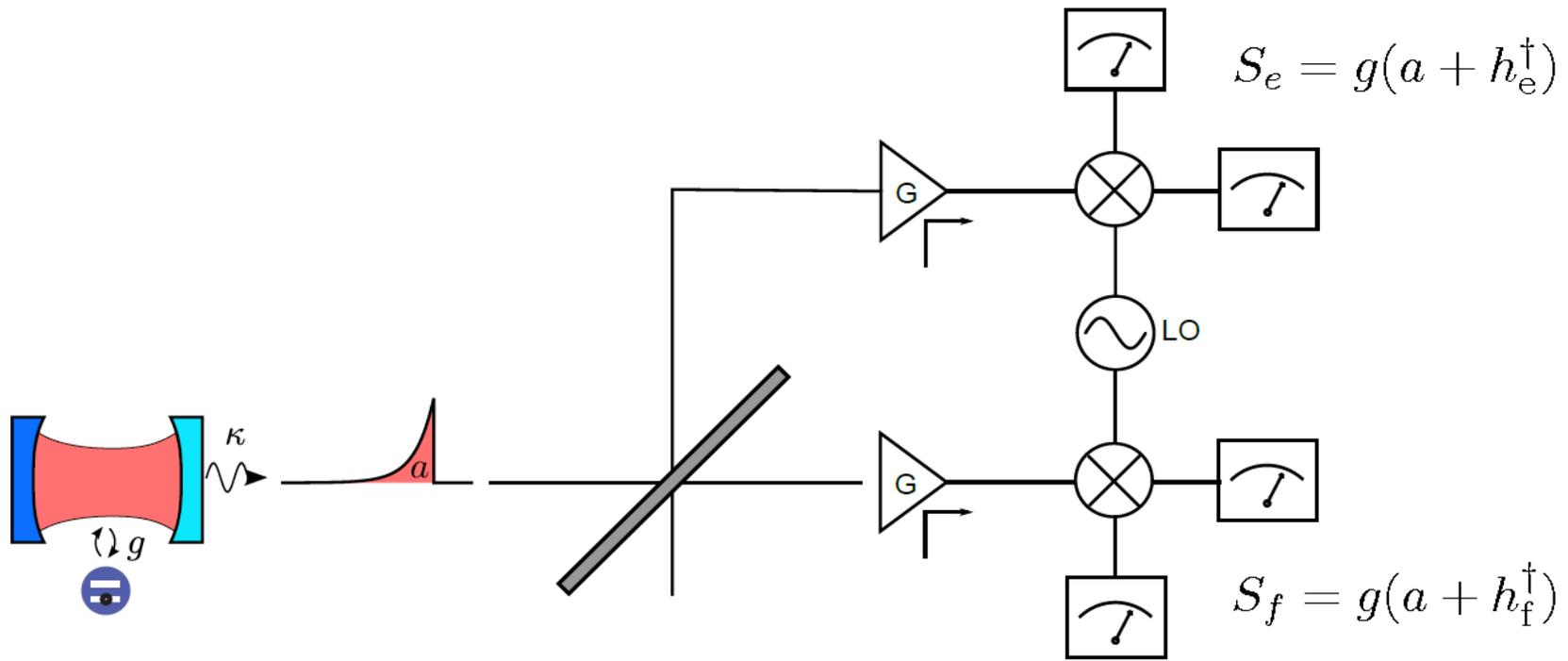


Single Sided Cavity and Beam Splitter

- Niobium resonator
 - $\nu_{\text{res}} \sim 6.76 \text{ GHz}$
 - $Q \sim 1600$
 - $\kappa/2\pi \sim 4.30 \text{ MHz}$
- Transmon qubit
 - $T_1 \sim 250 \text{ ns}$
 - $E_c \sim 450 \text{ MHz}$
- Strong coupling: $g/2\pi \sim 73 \text{ MHz}$



Schematic of Measurement Setup



$$g \equiv \sqrt{G/2}$$

h_e, h_f effective noise modes

generalization of accessible expectation values:

$$\langle (S_e^\dagger)^n S_f^m \rangle = g^{n+m} \langle (a^\dagger)^n a^m \rangle$$

M. P. da Silva et al., *PRA* **82**, 043804 (2010)

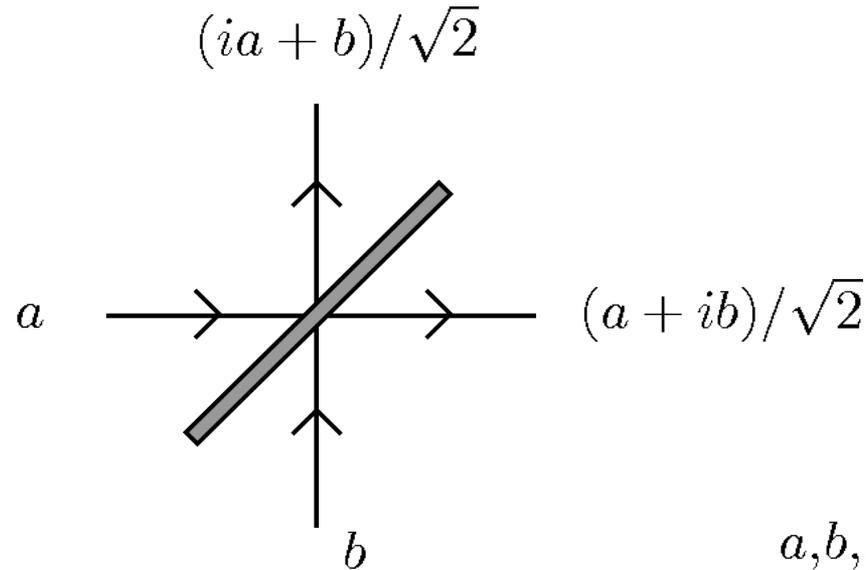
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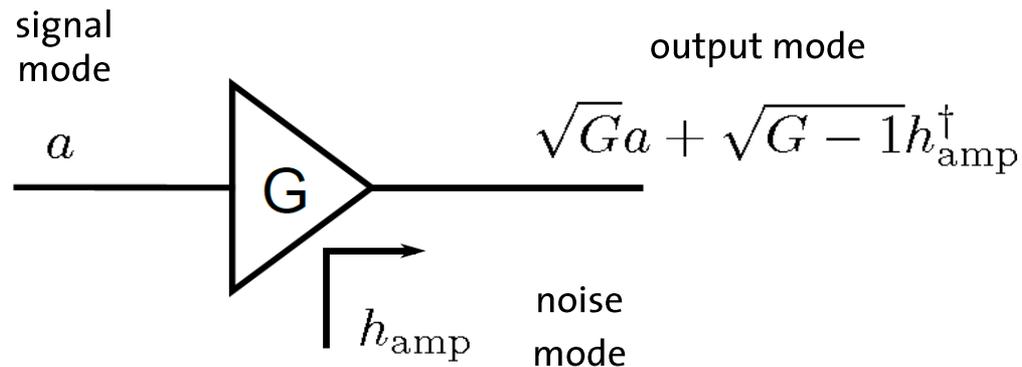
Detection Scheme using Beam Splitters, Amplifiers ...

beam splitter:



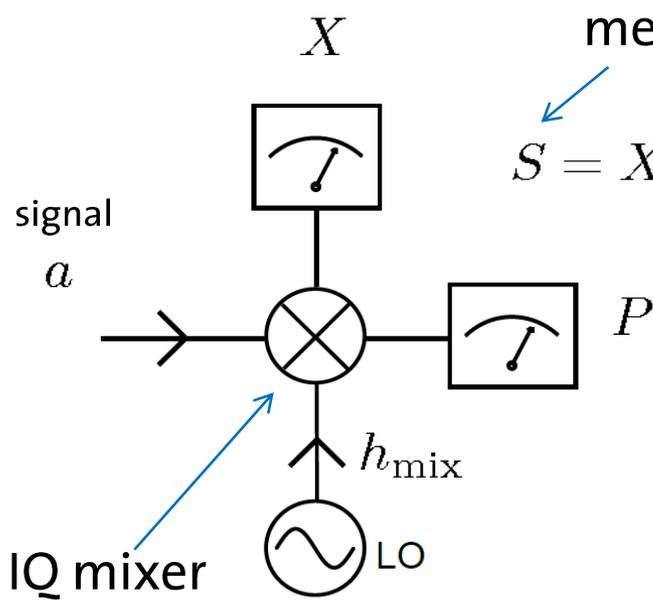
a, b, h, \dots bosonic field operators

linear amplifier:



... and Quadrature Detectors

measuring field amplitude instead of photon number:



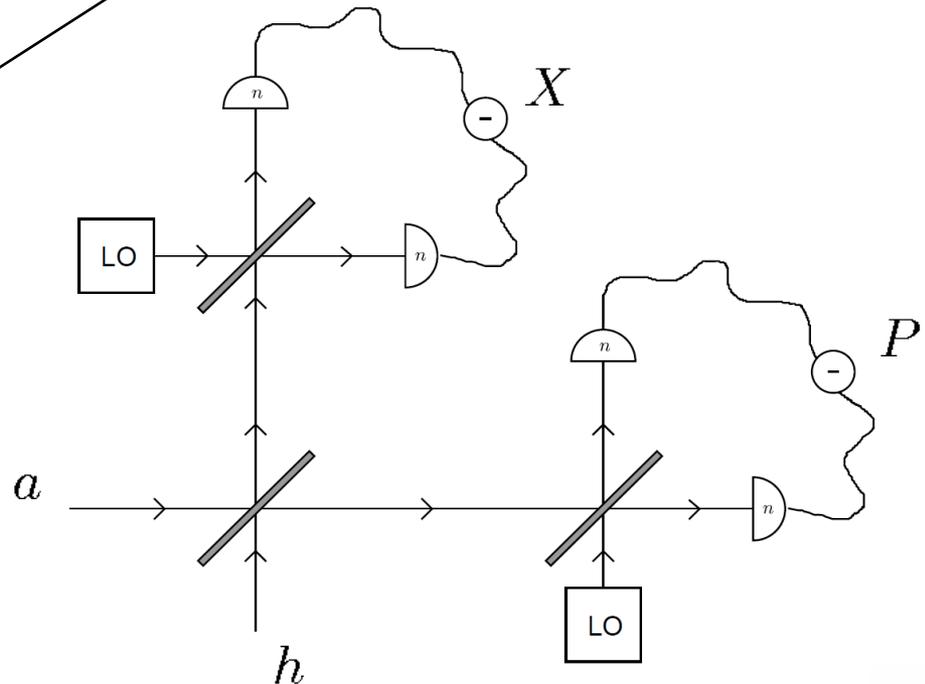
measured observable

$$S = X + iP = a + h_{\text{mix}}^\dagger$$

optical analogue

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homodyne
detection
scheme



The Signal in One Channel of the Setup

signal mode a , vacuum mode v

$$\longrightarrow (a + iv)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \sqrt{G/2}(a + iv) + \sqrt{G-1}h_{\text{amp}}^\dagger$$

$$\longrightarrow \sqrt{G/2}(a + iv) + \underbrace{\sqrt{G-1}h_{\text{amp}}^\dagger + h_{\text{mix}}^\dagger}_{\propto h^\dagger}$$

$$\equiv \sqrt{G/2}(a + h^\dagger)$$

$$\equiv S = X + iP$$

effective noise mode

Beam splitter

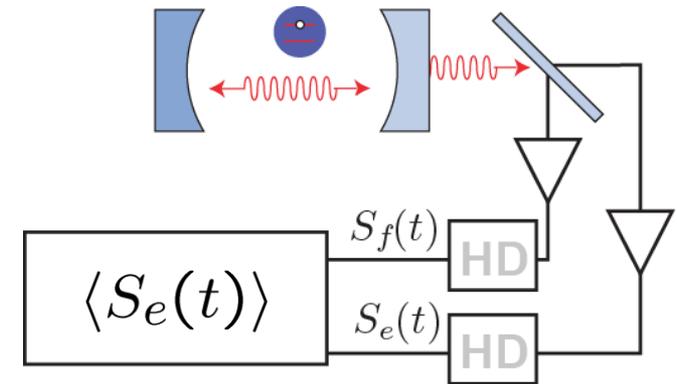
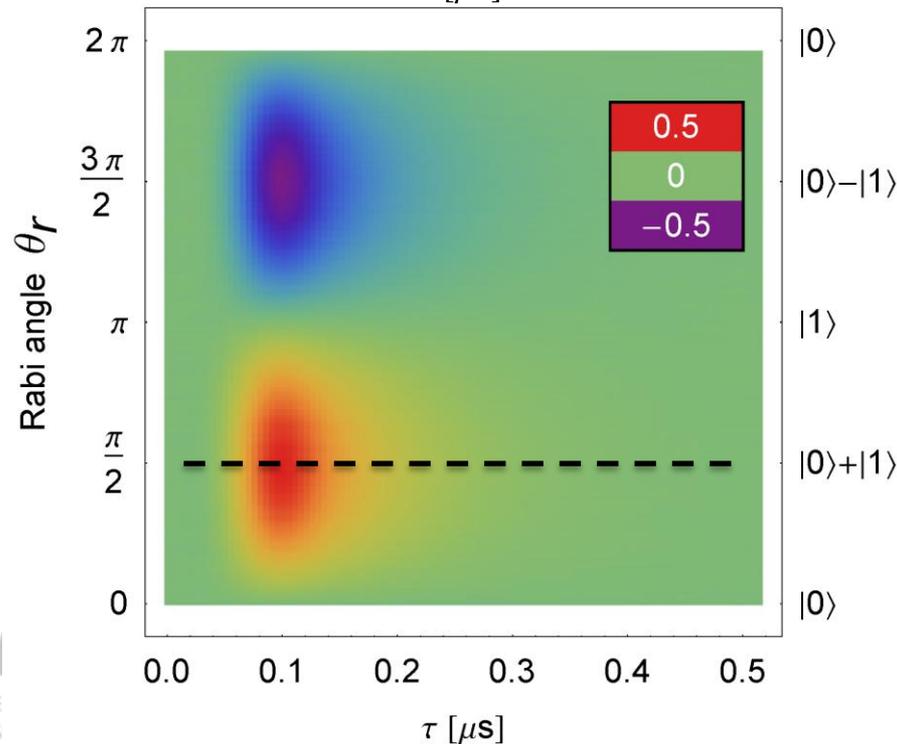
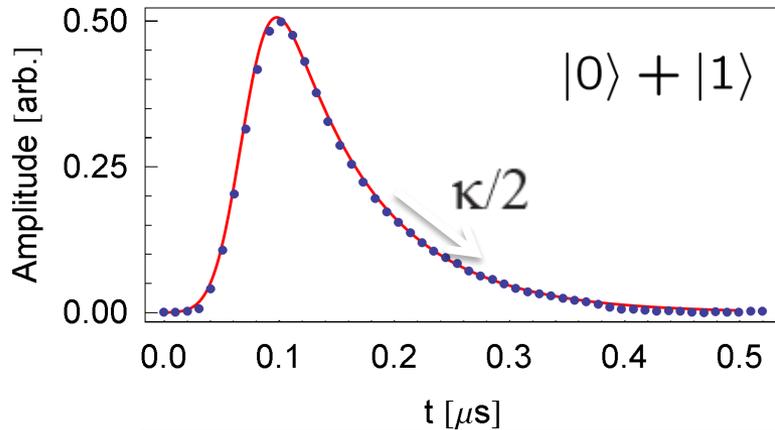
Linear amplifier

Mixer

analogous for second channel!

Cavity Field Quadrature Measurement

Measure quadratures at channel b:



$$\langle S_e(t) \rangle \propto \langle a(t) \rangle$$

$$\langle S_e^*(t) S_f(t) \rangle \propto \langle a^\dagger(t) a(t) \rangle + N_{ef}$$

Time-dependence:

- Falling edge: cavity decay
- Rising edge: detection bandwidth

Rabi angle dependence:

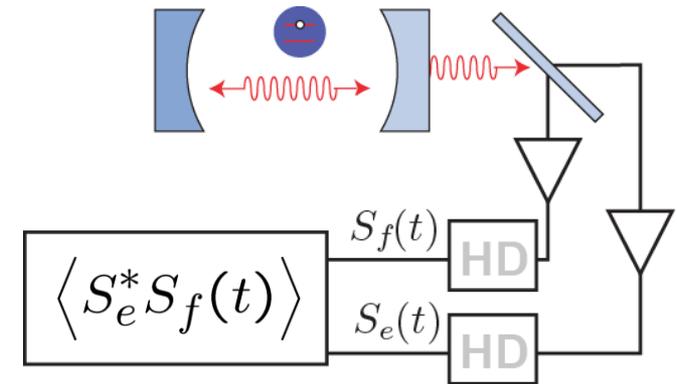
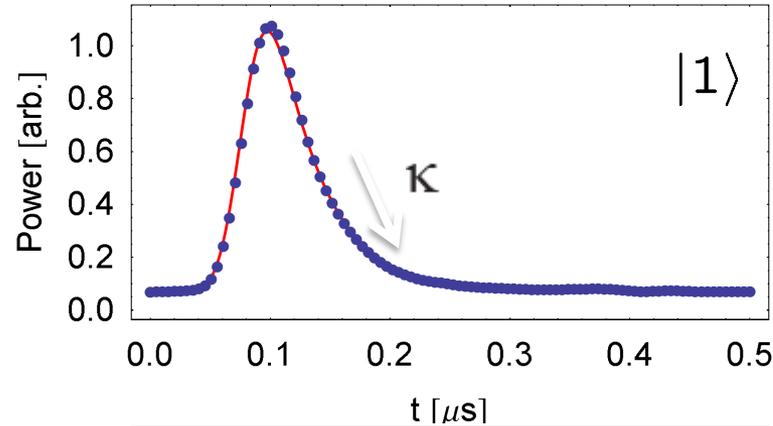
- Maximum signal for $|0\rangle + |1\rangle$
- No signal for $|1\rangle$

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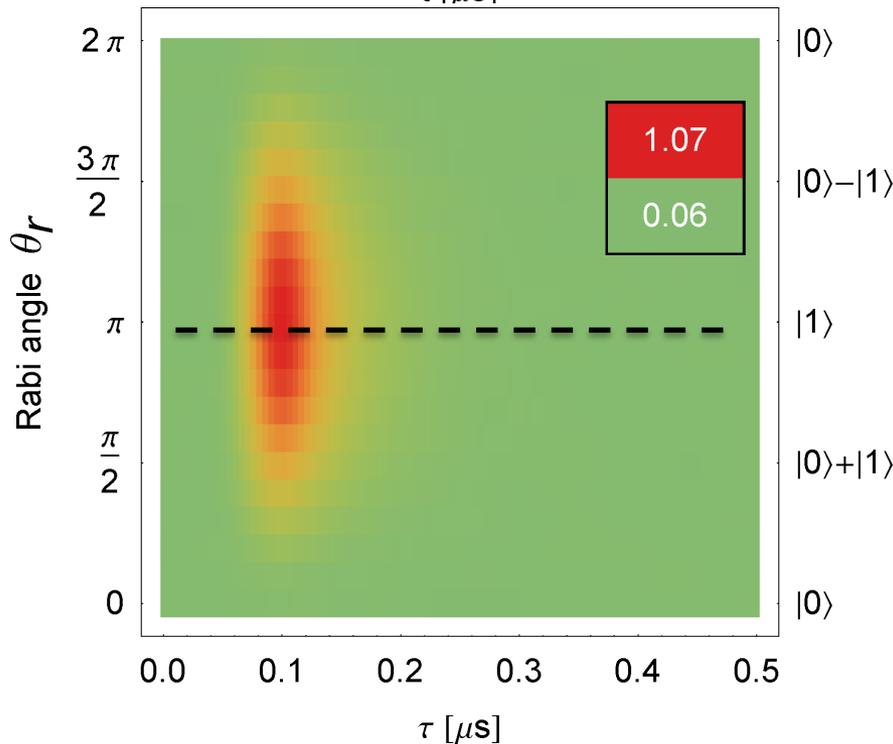
A. Houck et al., *Nature* 449, 328 (2007)

Cavity Photon Number Measurement

Measure crosspower between channel e&f:



$$\langle S_e^*(t) S_f(t) \rangle \propto \langle a^\dagger(t) a(t) \rangle + N_{ef} \\ \propto \sin^2(\theta_r/2)$$



Time-dependence:

- Falling edge: cavity decay
- Rising edge: detection bandwidth

Rabi angle dependence:

- **Maximum signal for $|1\rangle$**
- Excellent agreement with theory

Single-Channel Power vs. Two-Channel Cross Power

Single channel power:

$$\langle S_e^\dagger S_e \rangle / g^2 = \langle a^\dagger a \rangle + \langle h_e h_e^\dagger \rangle + \underbrace{\langle a \rangle \langle h_e^\dagger \rangle + \langle a^\dagger \rangle \langle h_e \rangle}_{=0}$$

$\langle a h_e^\dagger \rangle = \langle a \rangle \langle h_e^\dagger \rangle$
 system noise uncorrelated from signal
 signal photons
 added noise photons
 system noise is Gaussian with vanishing mean

... vs. cross power:

$$\langle S_e^\dagger S_f \rangle / g^2 = \langle a^\dagger a \rangle + \underbrace{\langle h_e h_f^\dagger \rangle}_{=0} + \underbrace{\langle a \rangle \langle h_e^\dagger \rangle + \langle a^\dagger \rangle \langle h_e \rangle}_{=0} = \langle a^\dagger a \rangle$$

v in vacuum
 Noise in 2 detection channels uncorrelated

... similar for higher order moments:

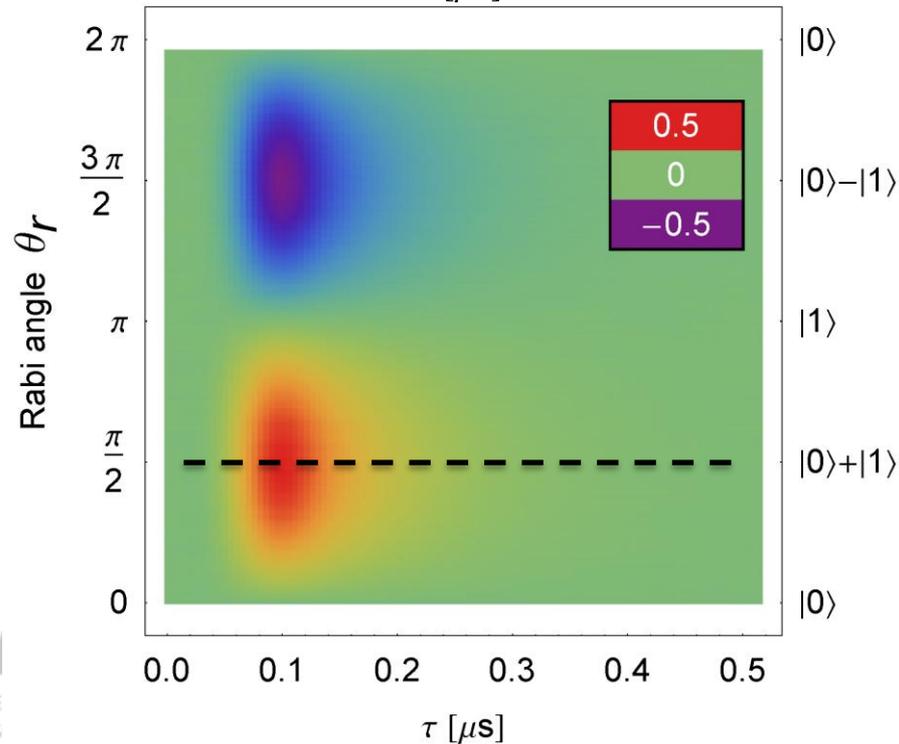
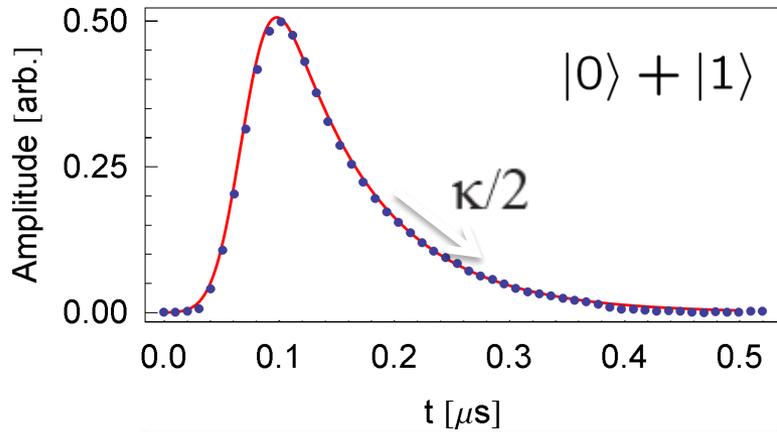
$$\langle (S_e^\dagger)^2 S_f^2 \rangle = \langle (a^\dagger)^2 a^2 \rangle$$

whereas

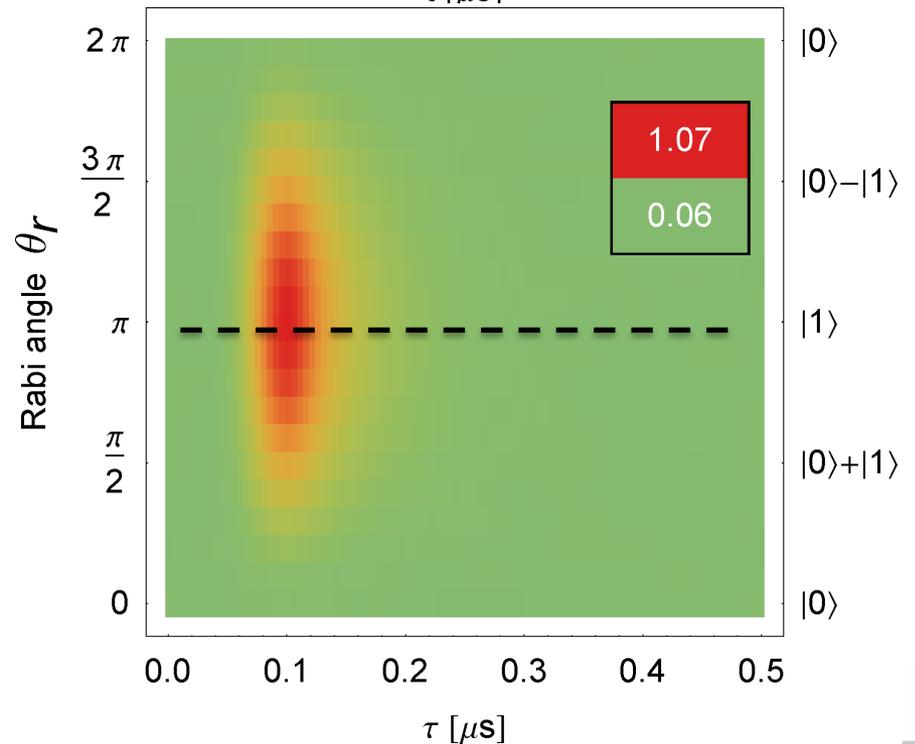
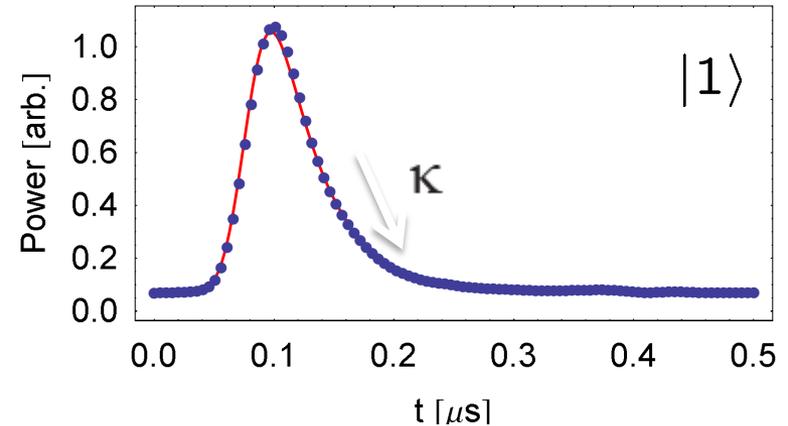
$$\langle S_e^\dagger S_e S_f^\dagger S_f \rangle = \langle (a^\dagger)^2 a^2 \rangle + \langle a^\dagger a \rangle \langle h_e h_e^\dagger \rangle + \dots$$

Field Quadrature and Photon Number Measurements

Measure quadratures at channel b:



Measure crosspower between channel e&f:



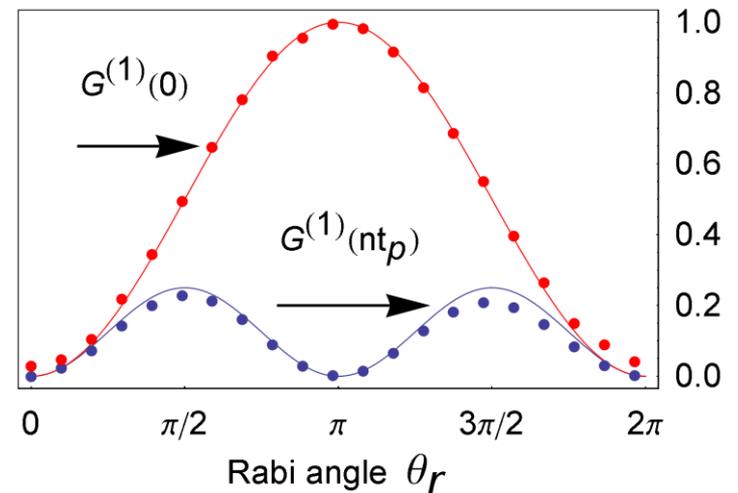
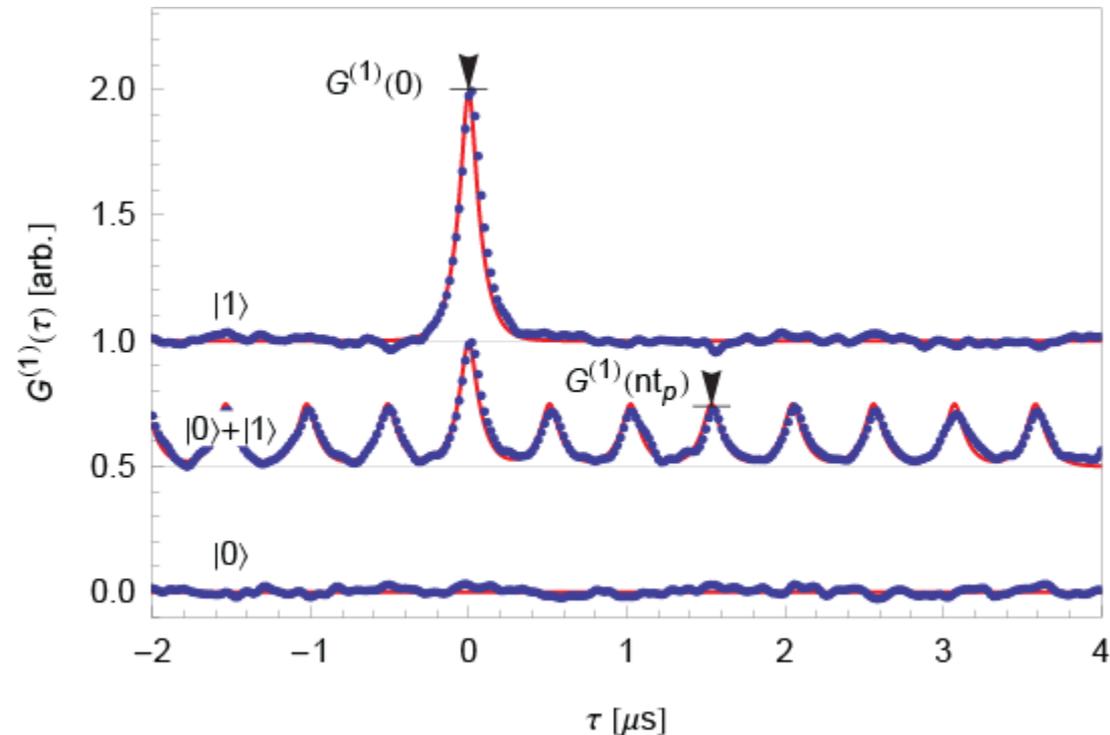
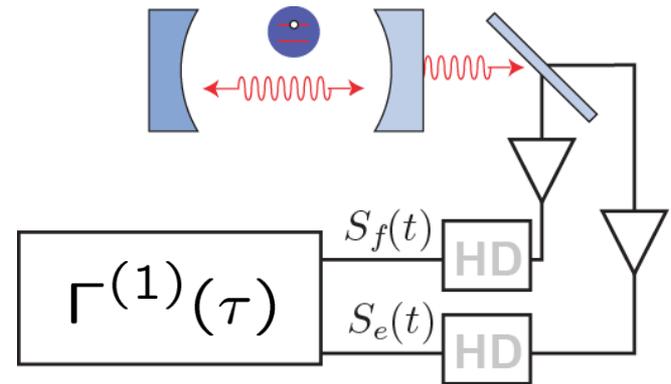
1st-Order Correlation Measurement

Measure 1st-order cross correlation:

$$\Gamma^{(1)}(\tau) = \int \langle S_e^*(t) S_f(t + \tau) \rangle dt$$

$$= G^{(1)}(\tau) + N_{ef}(\tau)$$

$$G^{(1)}(\tau) = \Gamma^{(1)}(\tau) - \Gamma_{ss}^{(1)}(\tau)$$



64 M averages ~ 0.5 h ~ 0.5 TByte

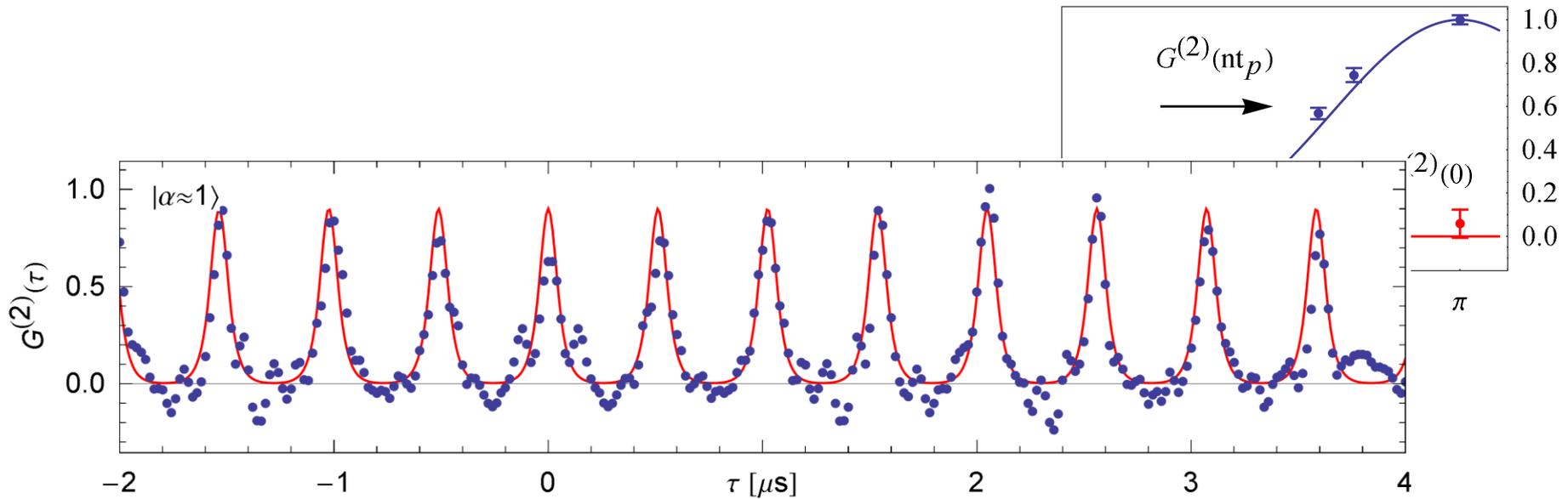
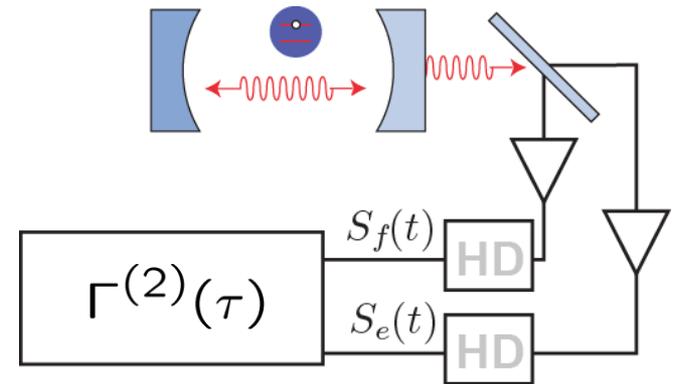
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$G^{(2)}$ Measurement

Measure power correlation between channel e & f:

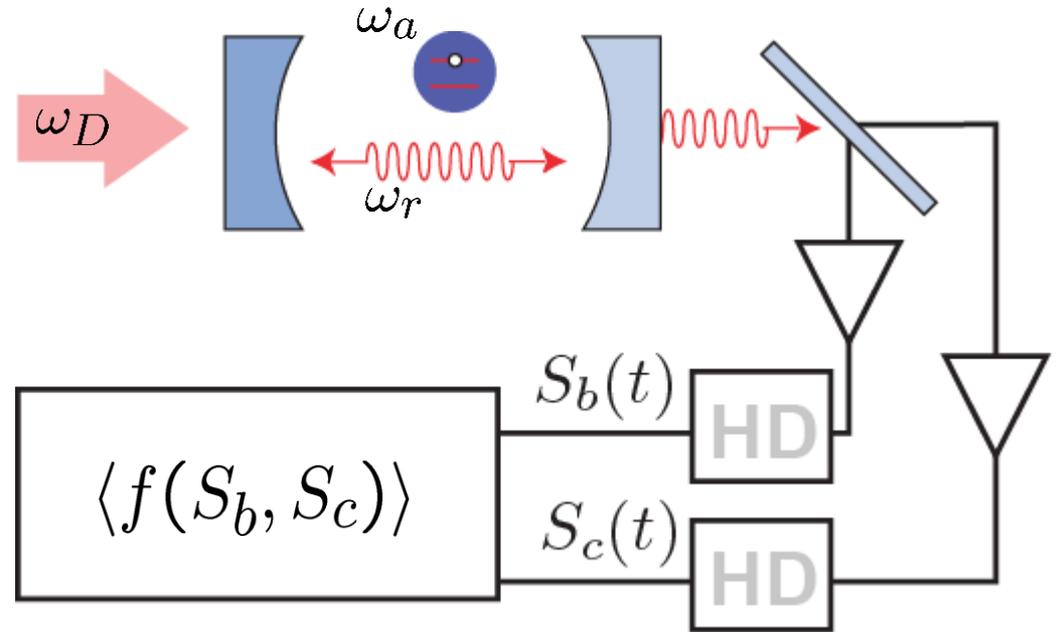
$$\Gamma^{(2)}(\tau) = \int \langle S_e^*(t) S_e^* S_f(t + \tau) S_f(t) \rangle dt$$

$$G^{(2)}(\tau) = \Gamma_{prep}^{(2)}(\tau) - \Gamma_{ss}^{(2)}(\tau)$$



$G^{(2)}$ measurement for a microwave frequency single photon source

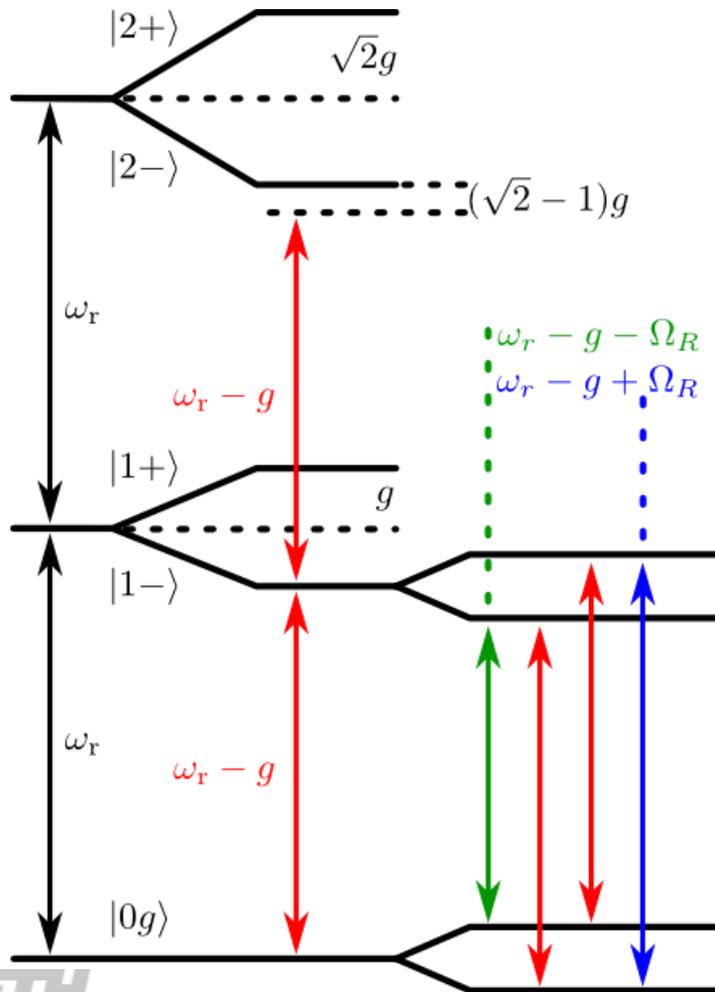
A Continuously Pumped Single Photon Source



- atom and cavity in resonance $\omega_a = \omega_r$
- driving the lower Jaynes-Cummings doublet $\omega_D = \omega_r - g$

Photon Blockade: A Single Photon Turnstile

Level diagram:



- Vacuum Rabi mode splitting:
 $|n, \mp\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} \cdot (|n, g\rangle \mp |n-1, e\rangle)$
- Drive:
 $\omega_p = \omega_r - g$
- Photon blockade: first photon enters cavity second is blocked
- mediated photon/photon interactions
- Effective two-level system (polariton)
 $|\downarrow\rangle = |0, g\rangle \quad |\uparrow\rangle = |1, -\rangle$
- Mollow-type triplet:

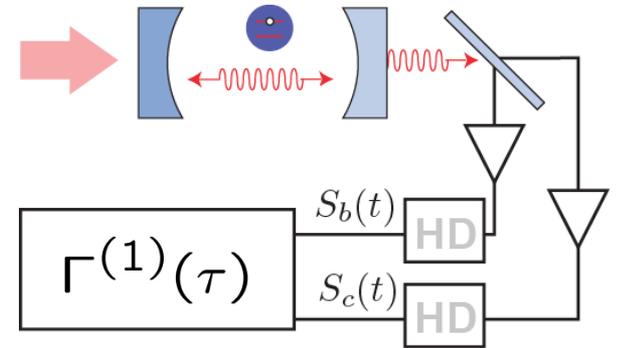
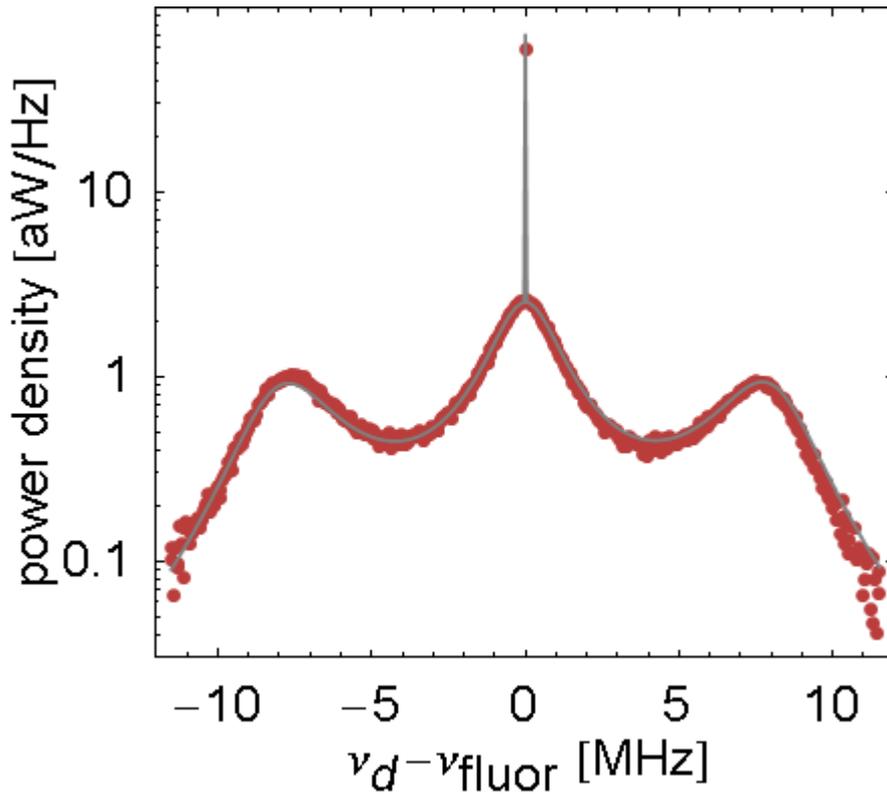
$$\omega_{1,2,3} = \omega_p \begin{cases} +0 \\ \pm\Omega_R \end{cases}$$

C. Lang et al., PRL 107, 243601 (2011)

Polariton Mollow Triplet Measurement

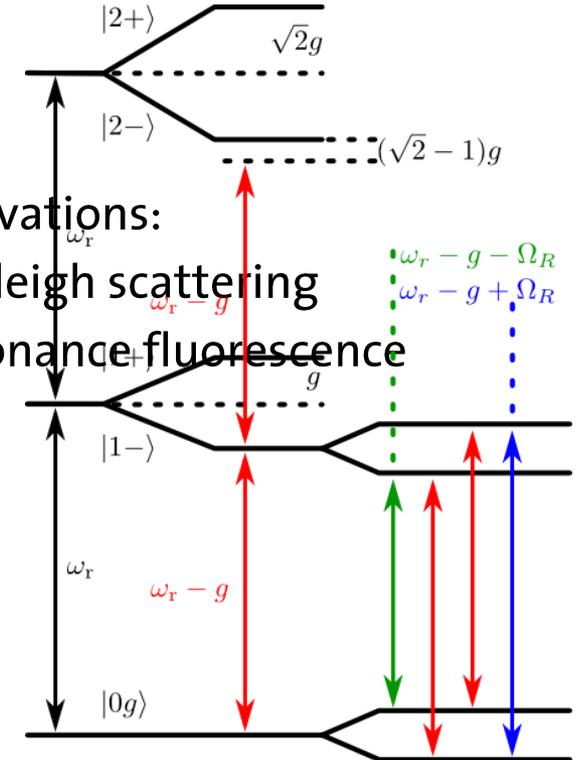
(cross-)power spectrum:

$$\mathcal{F}\{\Gamma^{(1)}(\tau)\} = \langle \mathcal{F}\{S_b(t)\} \cdot \mathcal{F}\{S_c(t)\}^* \rangle$$

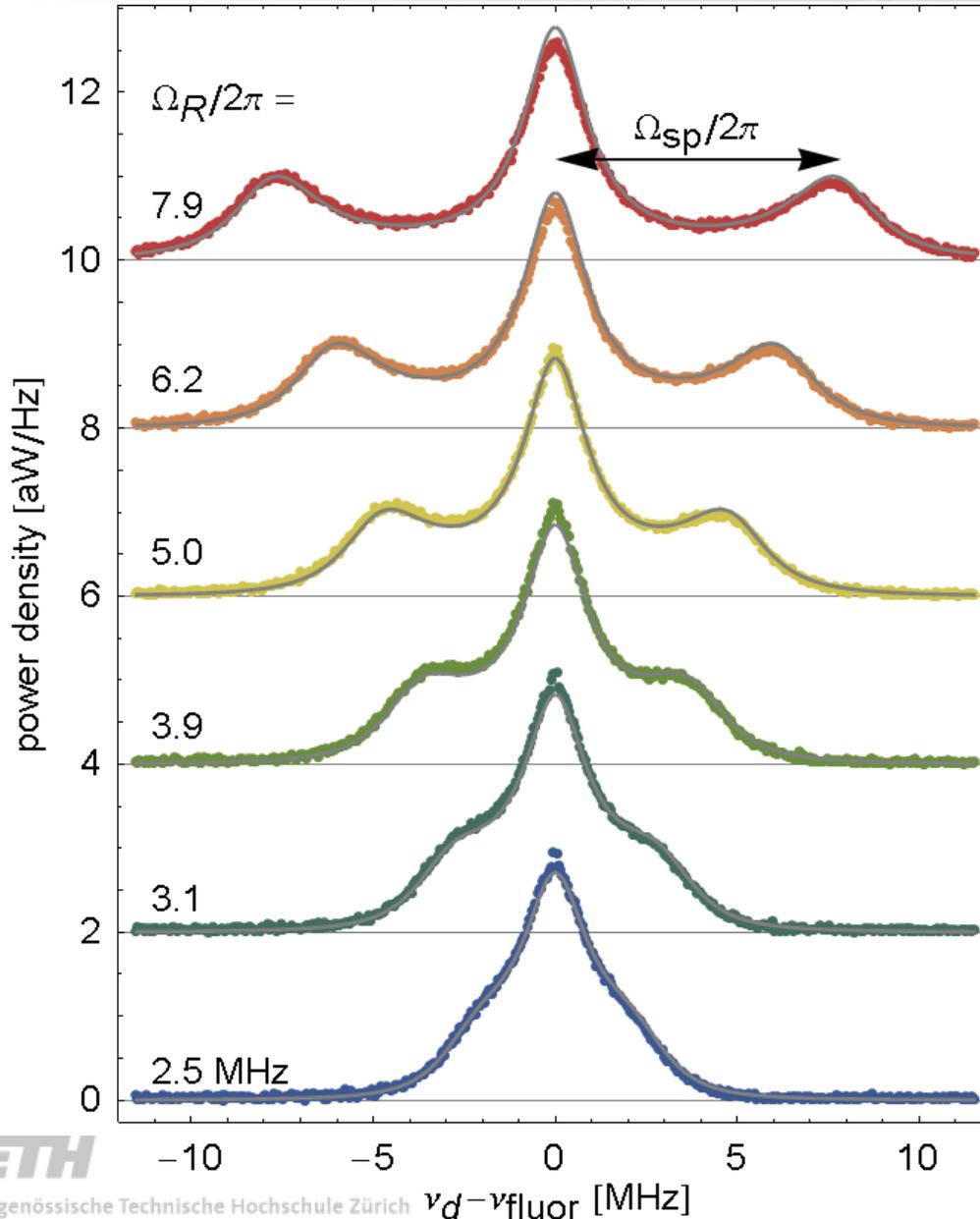


observations:

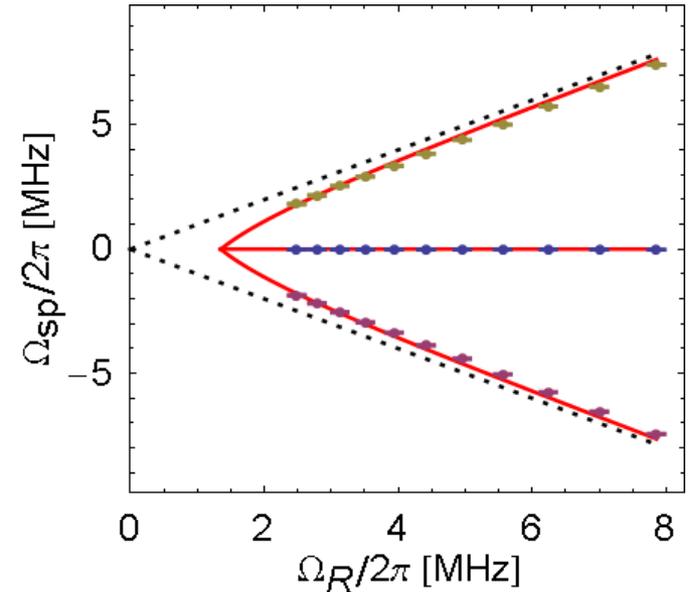
- Rayleigh scattering
- resonance fluorescence



Dependence on Drive Amplitude



- ‘Mollow’ fluorescence sidebands at Rabi frequency Ω_{sp}

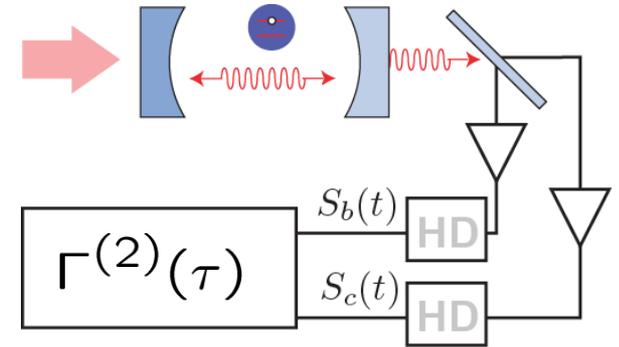
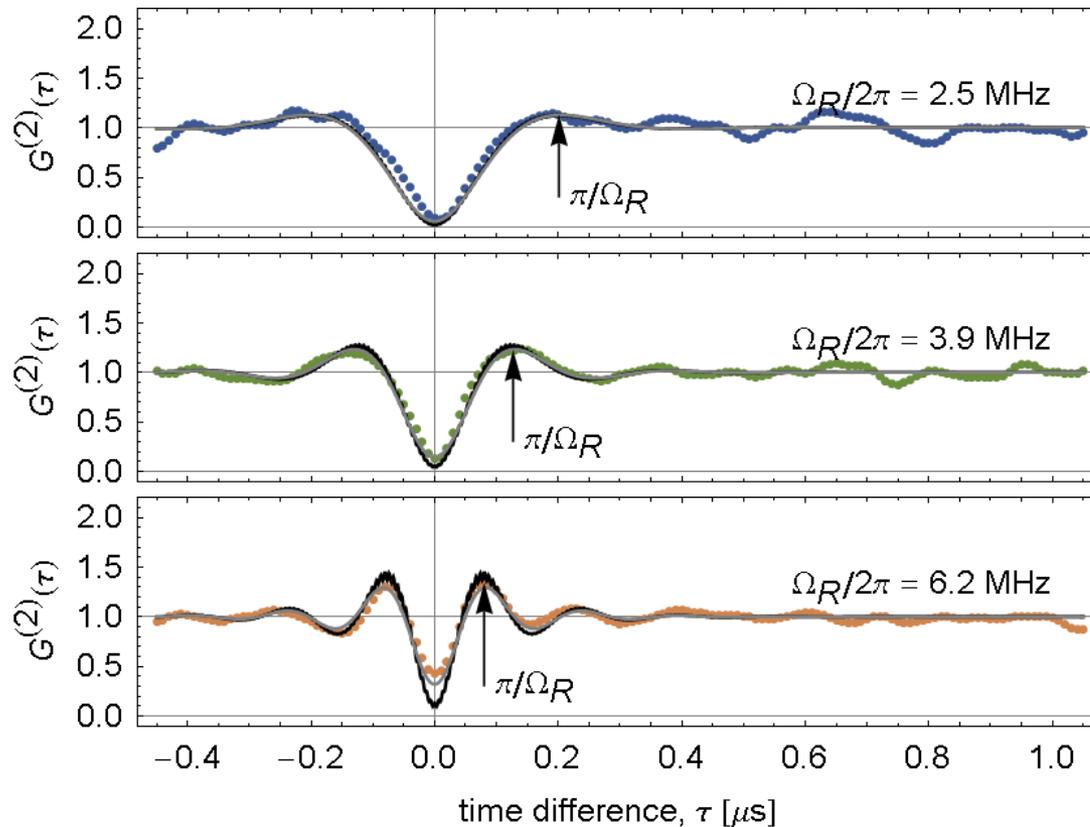


- analytical expression explains nonlinear drive scaling

Antibunching and Subpoissonian Statistics

- intensity/intensity correlation function (dots)

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(\tau) = \int \langle S_b^* S_b(t) S_c^* S_c(t + \tau) \rangle dt$$



observations:

- sub-Poissonian statistics
- anti-correlation at $\tau = 0$
- Rabi oscillations visible

solid lines are master equation simulations

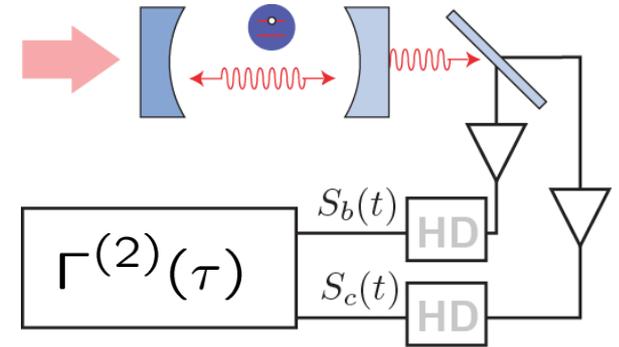
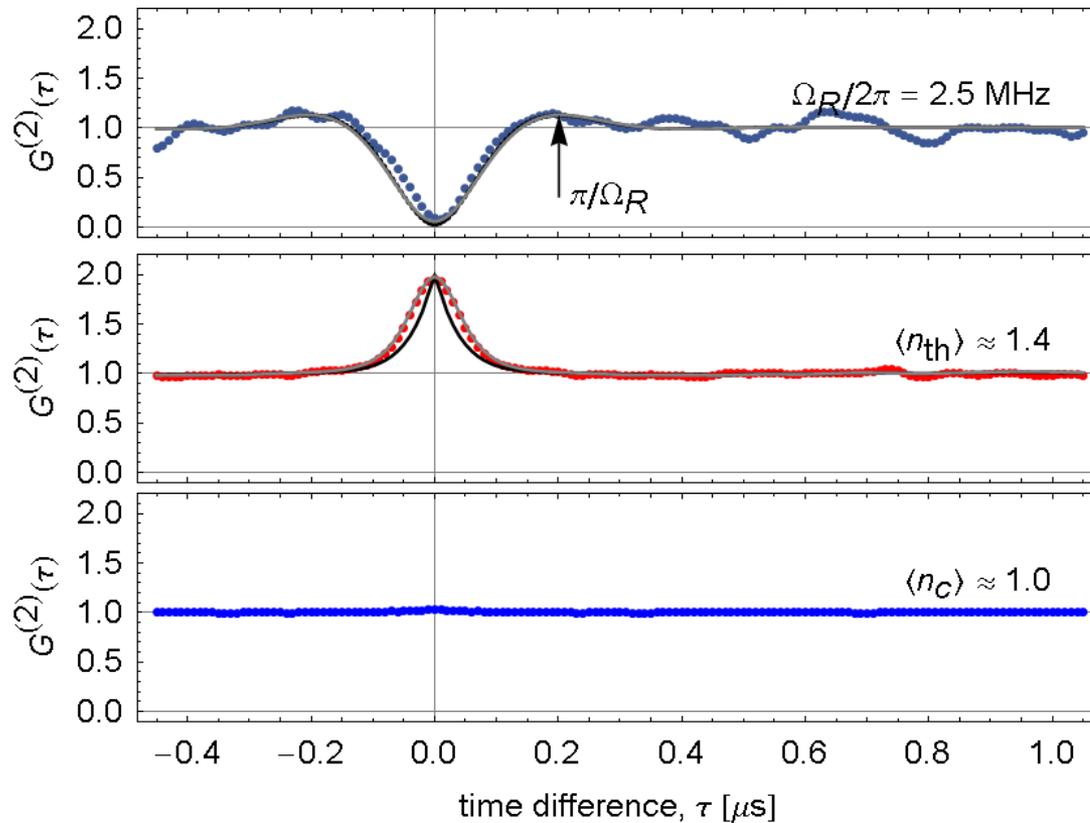
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also dispersive photon blockade: A. J. Hoffman *et al.*, *PRL* 107, 053602 (2011)

Compare to Thermal and Coherent Fields

- intensity/intensity correlation function (dots)

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(\tau) = \int \langle S_b^* S_b(t) S_c^* S_c(t + \tau) \rangle dt$$



thermal field:

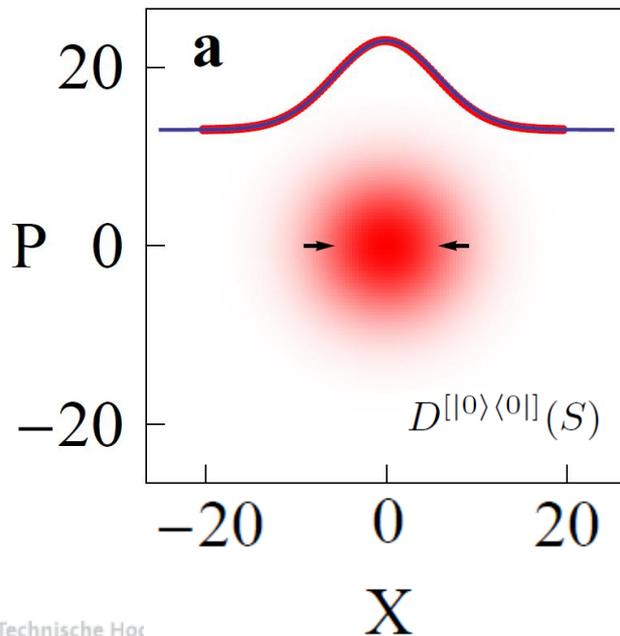
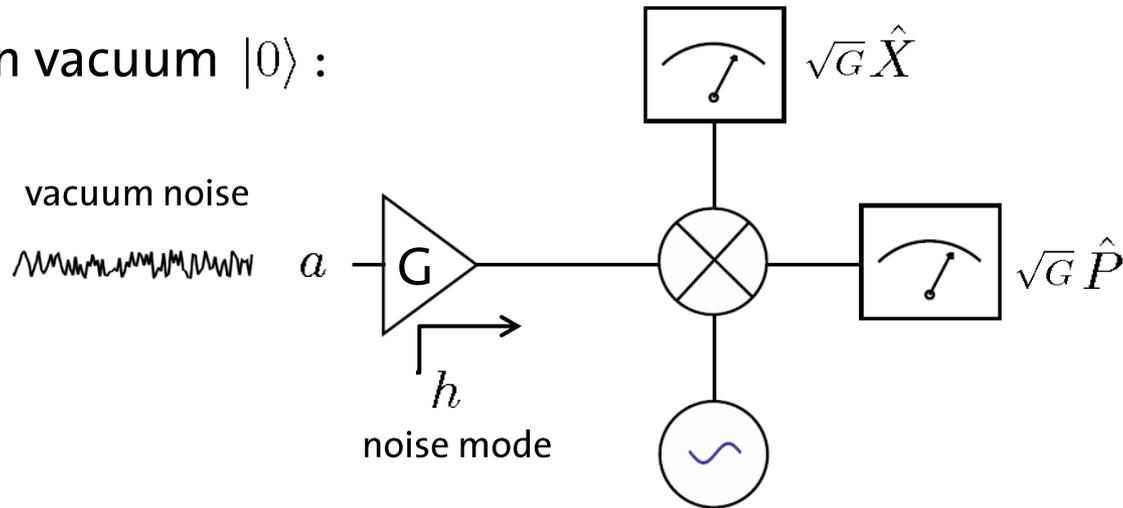
- $G^{(2)}(0) = 2$
- $G^{(2)}(\tau) = 1$ for large τ

coherent field:

- $G^{(2)} = 1$

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

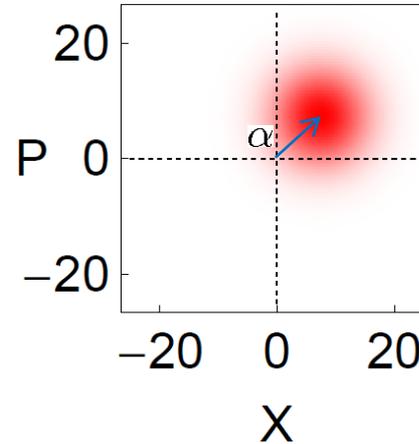
$$2\sigma^2 = \langle \hat{S}^\dagger \hat{S} \rangle / G = \frac{1}{G} \int d^2 S D^{[|0\rangle\langle 0|]}(S) S^* S = 67$$

h introduces thermal noise
with mean photon number N_{noise}

Coherent State Histograms

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

MW generator



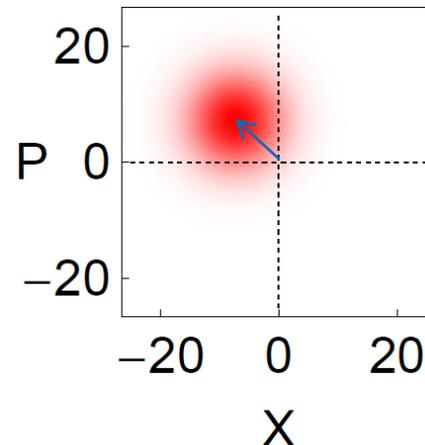
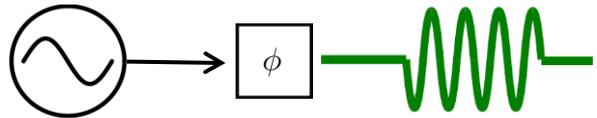
$$|\alpha| \approx 6.3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\langle a^\dagger a \rangle \approx 41 \sim N_{\text{noise}}$$

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:

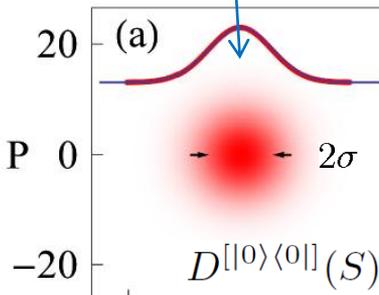
corresponding phase space distribution

signal mode a
in vacuum

Q - function
of noise mode :

$$Q_h$$

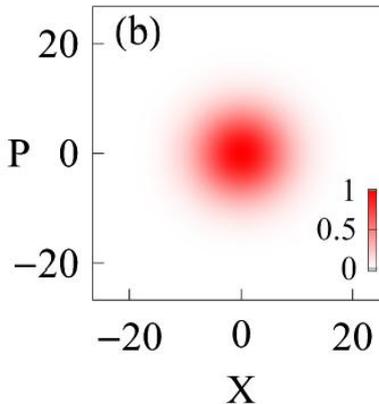
← P



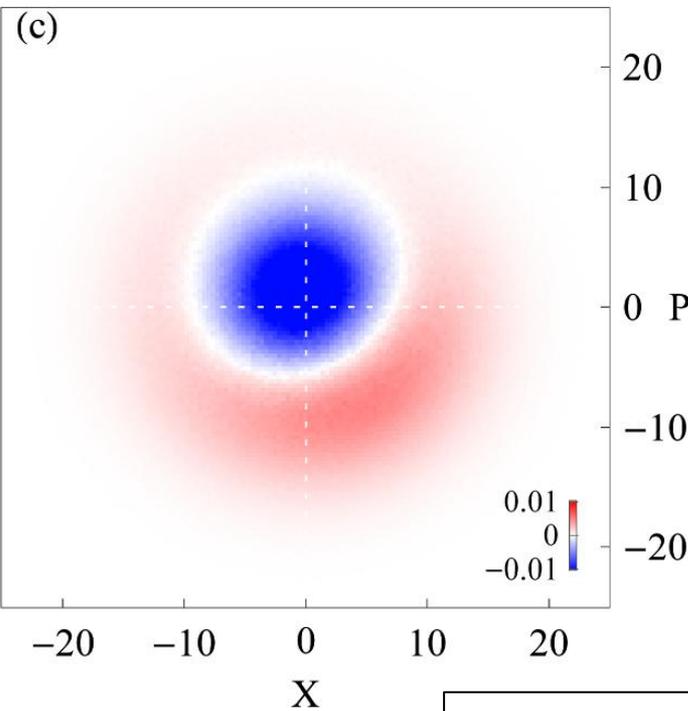
convolution
with P - function
of signal

$$Q_h * P_a$$

← P



signal mode a
in single photon
Fock state



← subtracted
histograms
to visualize
difference

separate noise h from
signal a systematically!

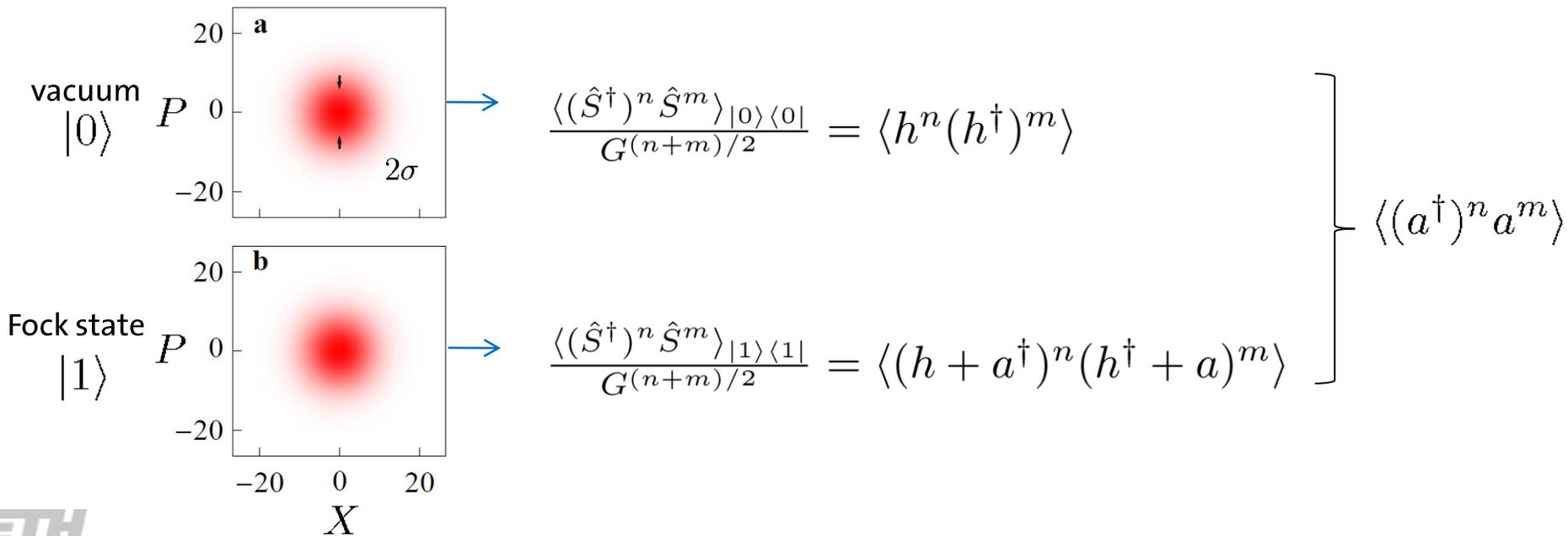
Statistical Analysis of Histograms

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



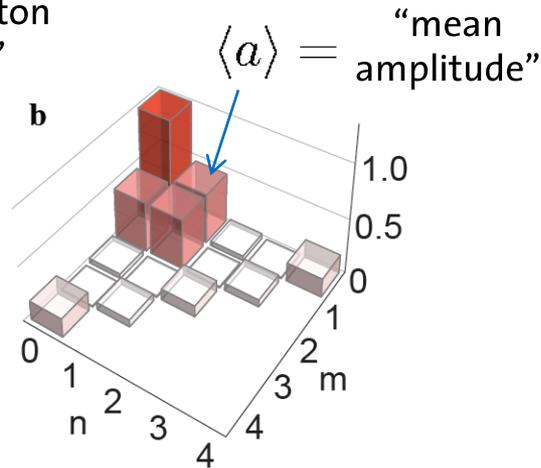
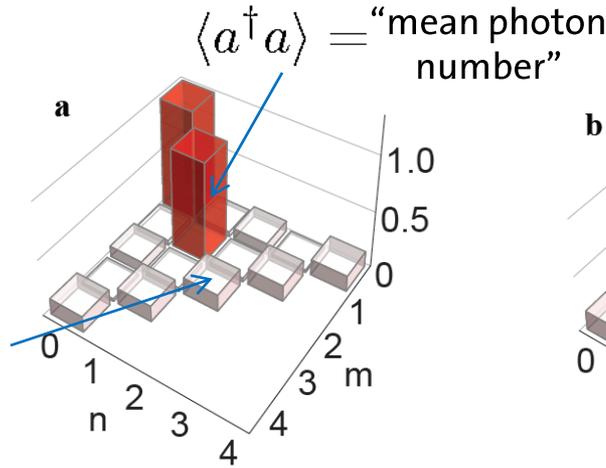
reminder: $X + iP = S/\sqrt{G} = (a + h^\dagger)$

State Dependent Moments of Probability Distribution

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

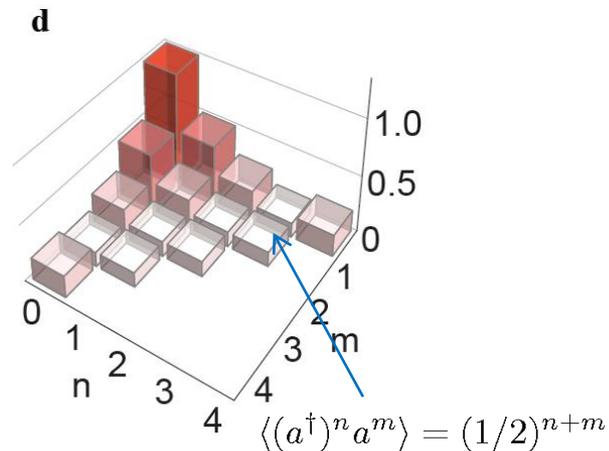
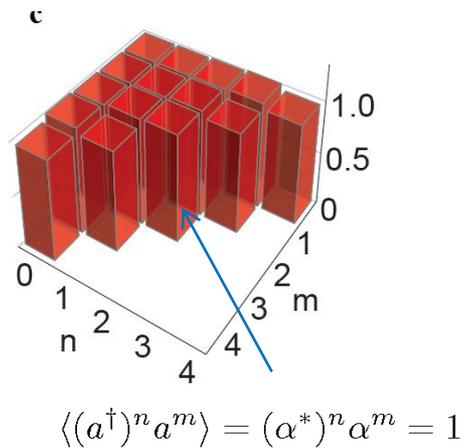
Fock state
 $|1\rangle$

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



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

coherent state
 $|\alpha = 1\rangle$

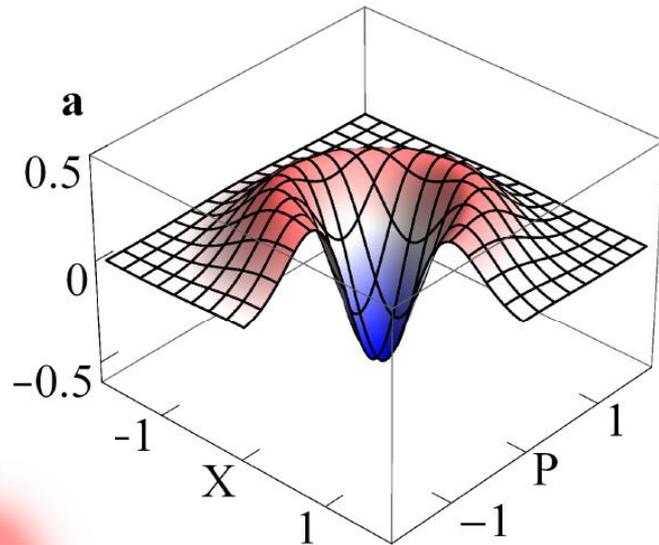


coherent state
 $|\alpha = 0.5\rangle$

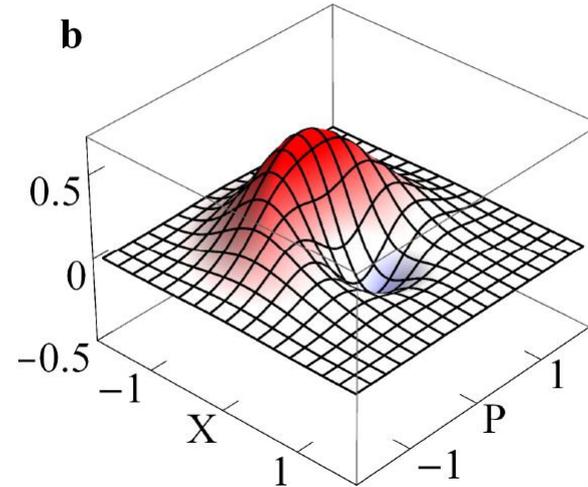
Reconstructed Wigner Function of Itinerant Photon

Wigner function reconstructed from measured moments:

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

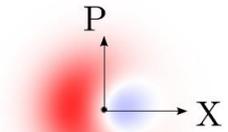
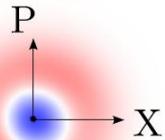


Fock state
 $|1\rangle$



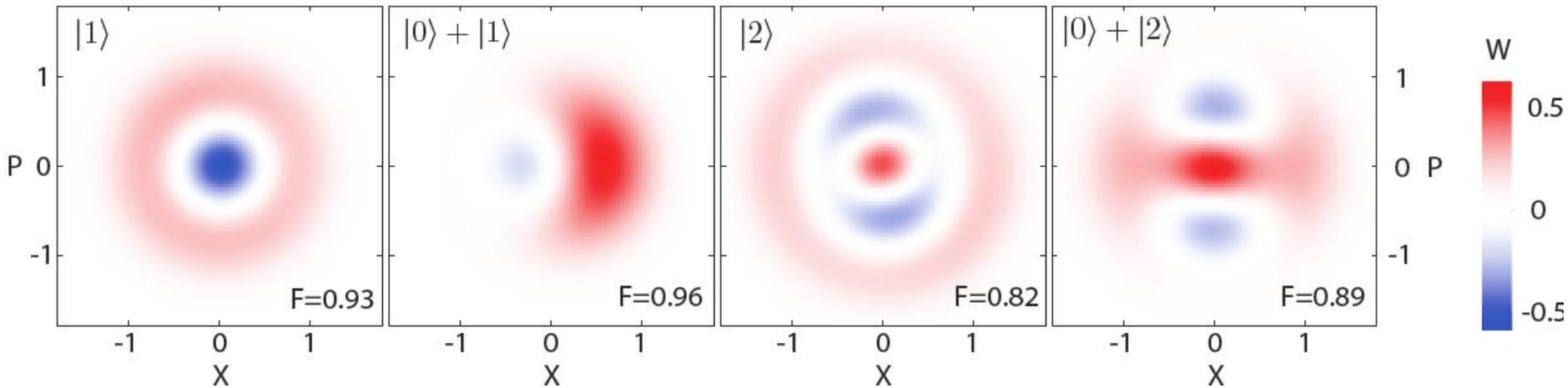
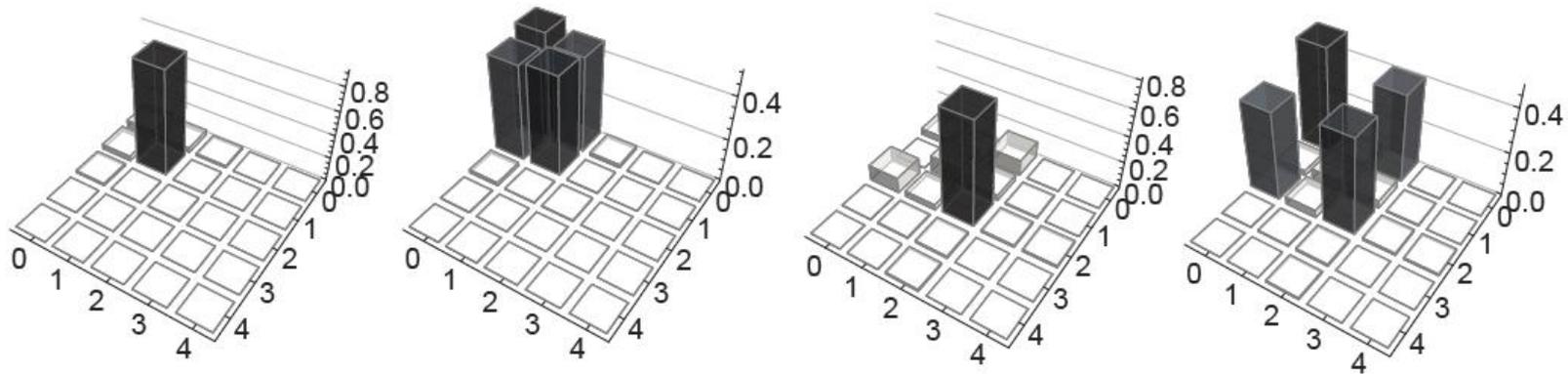
superposition

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



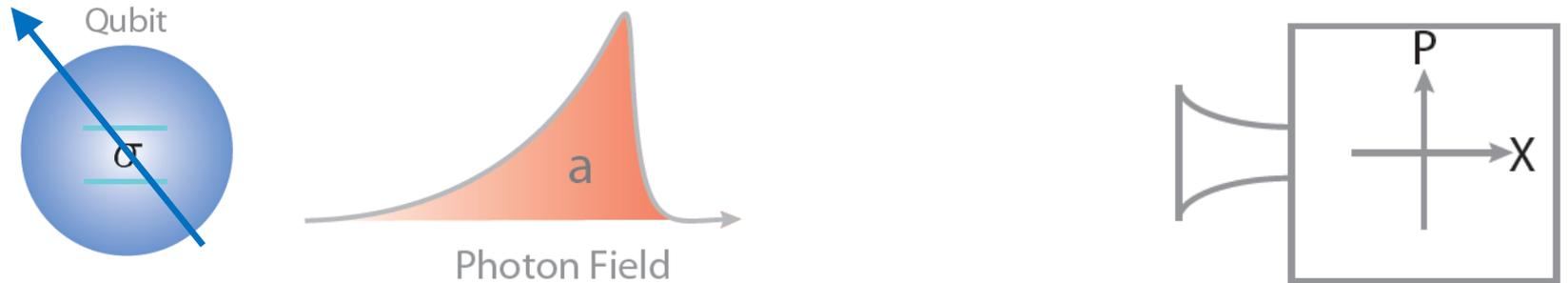
Wigner Function and Density Matrices ...

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



measured using near-quantum-limited parametric amplifier

Entanglement of Localized and Propagating Modes



- test of correlations between propagating photon and qubit
- probe non-local aspects of quantum mechanics in circuits

- interfacing stationary and flying qubits
- entanglement distribution in a quantum network

Photon/Qubit Entanglement at Optical Frequencies



Atom-Photon Entanglement

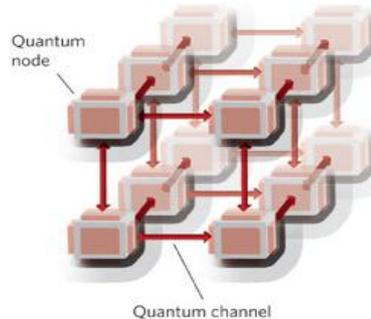
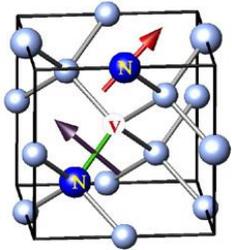
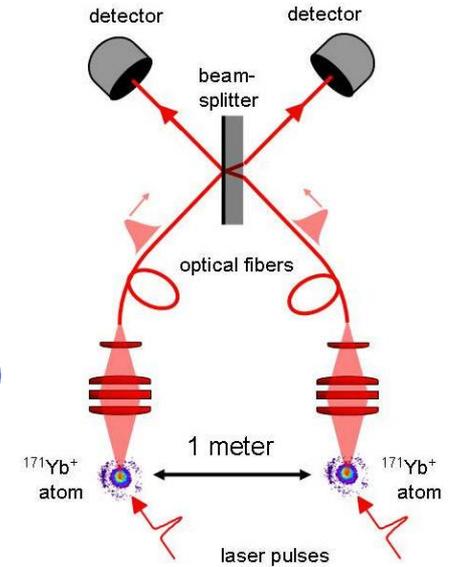
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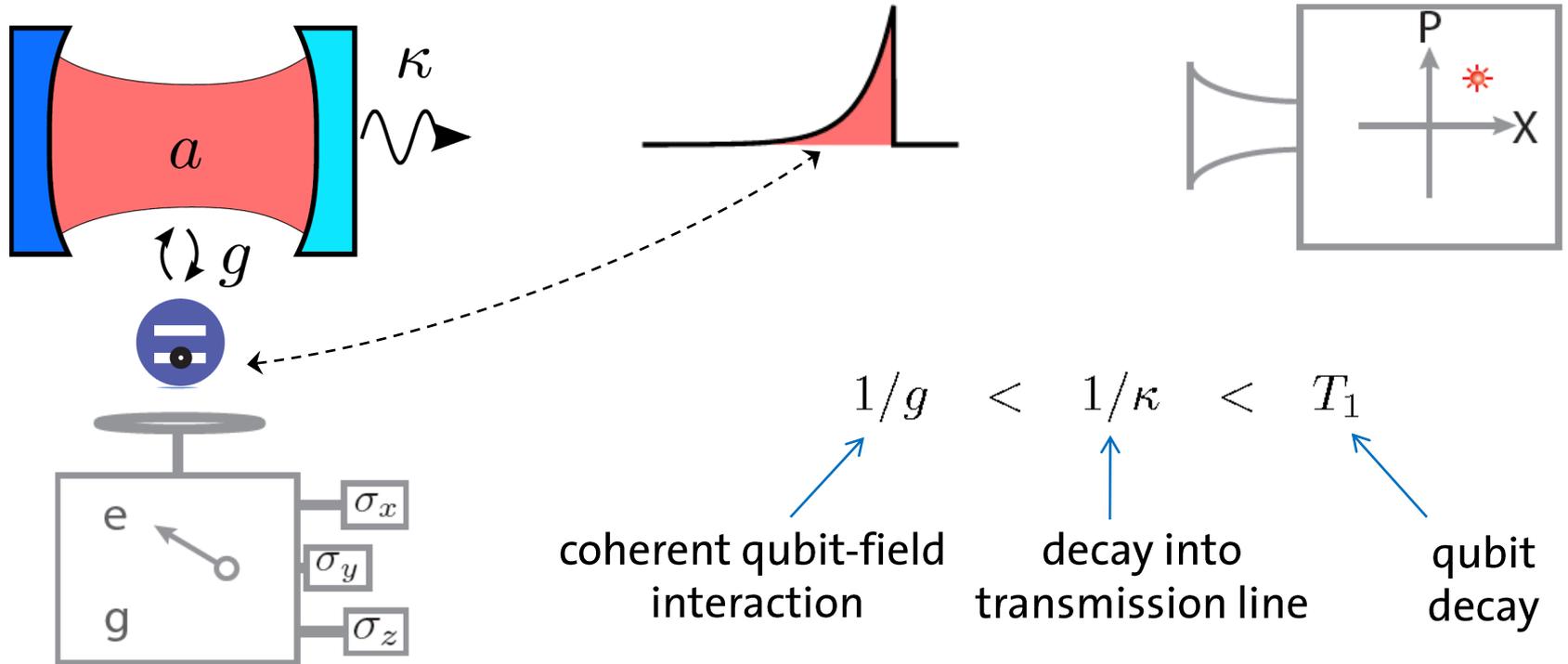
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What about superconducting circuits?

Concept of Photon/Qubit Entanglement Experiment



Conditions for generation and detection of qubit/photon entanglement

Experimental Setup

- Transmon qubit

$$T_1 = 1.1 \mu s$$

$$T_2 = 550 ns$$

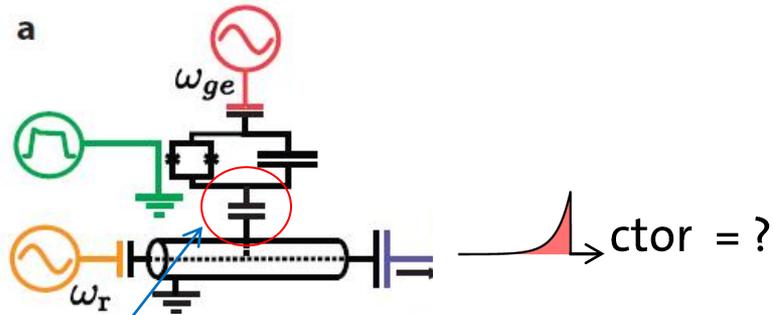
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Strong coupling limit!

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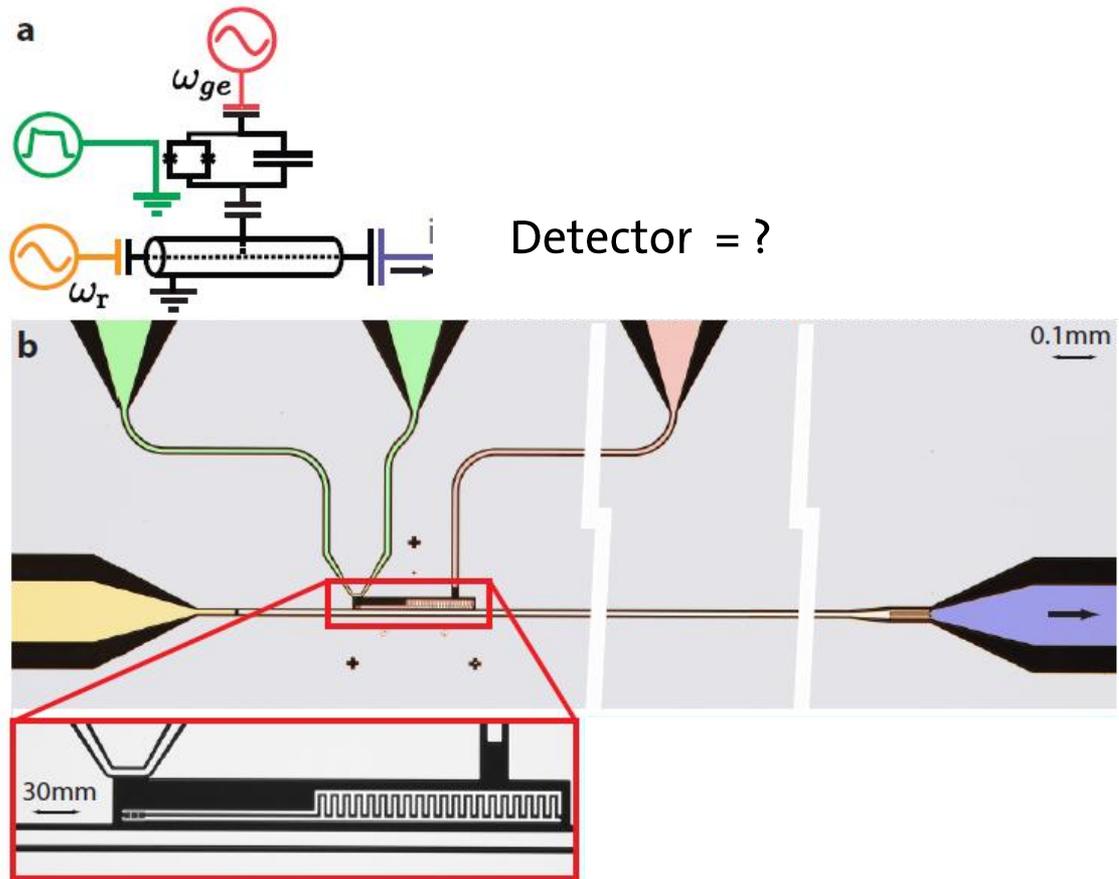
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- Parametric amplifier

$$\sqrt{GB} = 178 MHz$$

$$P_{1dB} @ \sim 16 \text{ photons}$$

Castellanos-Beltran *et al.*,
Nat. Phys. 4, 929 (2008)

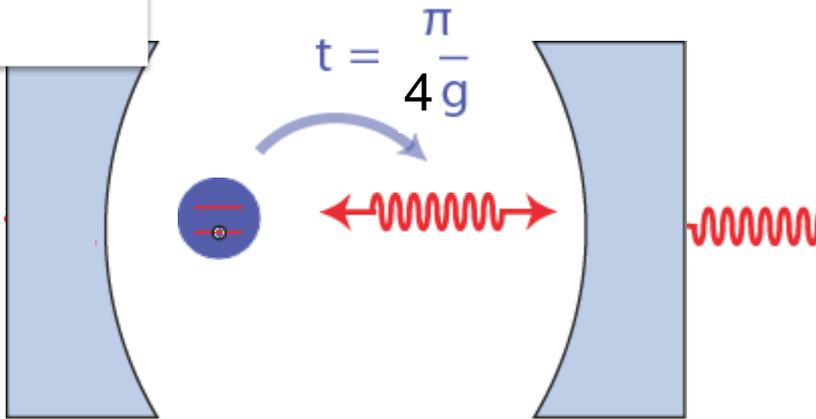


Prepare and Measure Qubit/Photon Entanglement

Step 2:

Entangle qubit with resonator by 1/4 vacuum Rabi oscillation

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

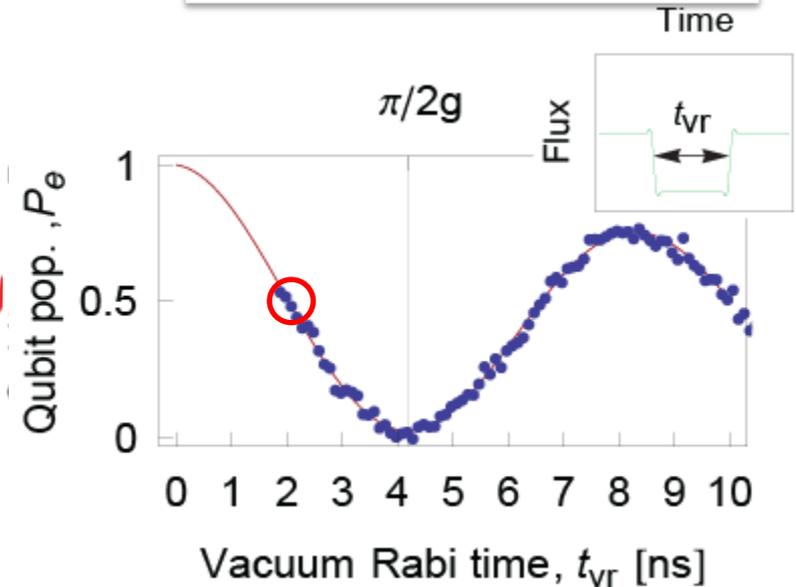


$$\alpha |g\rangle + \beta |e\rangle$$

$$\{ \text{qubit icons} \}$$

Step 3:

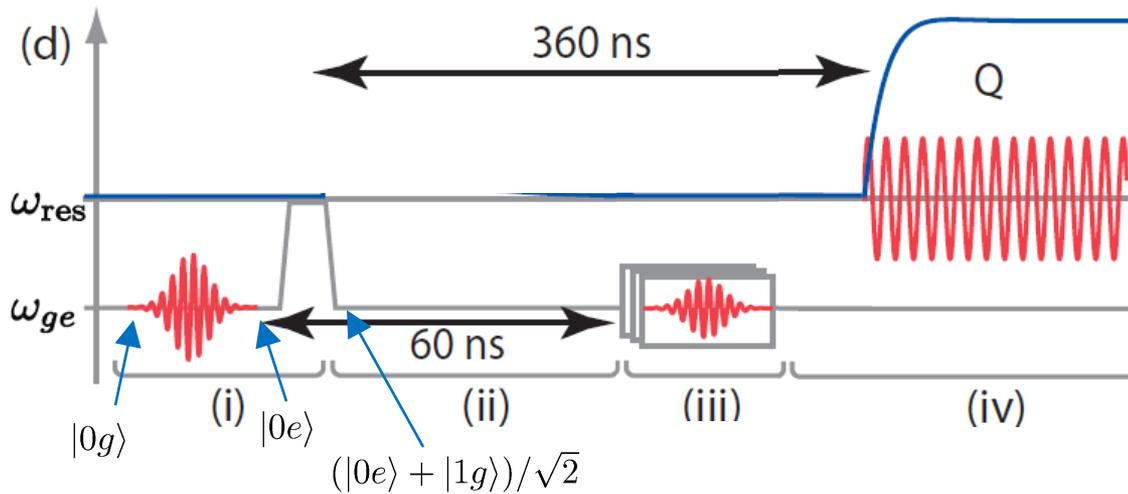
Measure qubit and photon state.



Step 1:

Prepare qubit state by Rabi oscillation

Exp. Entanglement Generation and Detection Sequence



(i) preparation of Bell state

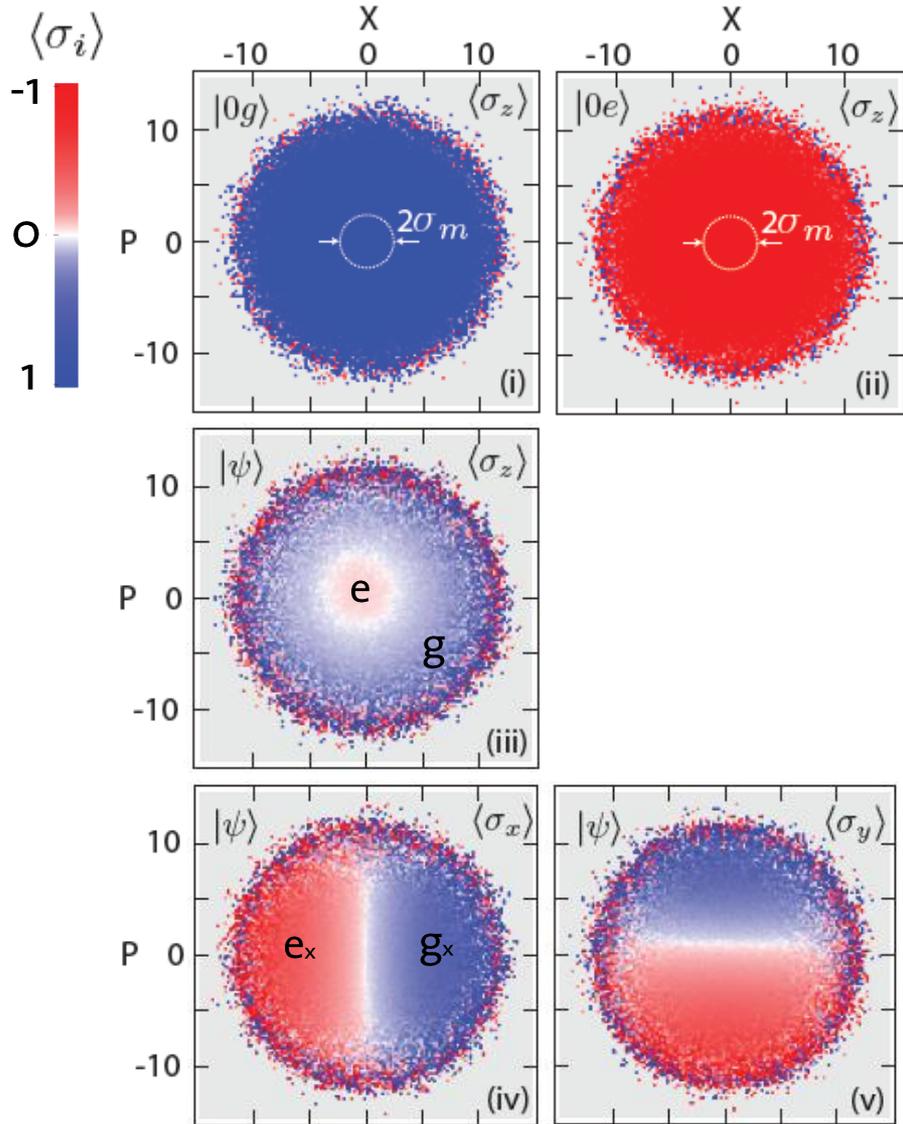
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(ii) field decay into transmission line
and measurement of X and P

(iii) qubit tomography pulses

(iv) dispersive qubit read-out

Measurement Results



und state
e
ation vs.
 $+ iP$



as expected $\langle \sigma_z \rangle_\alpha$
independent
of α

Analyzing the Bell state

$$|\psi\rangle = |0e\rangle + |1g\rangle$$

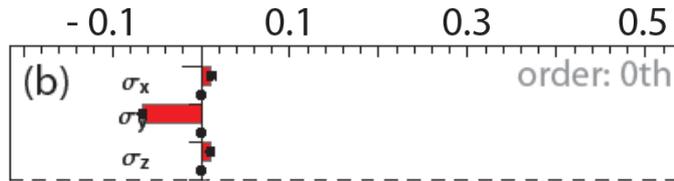
Probing coherences:

$$= |e_x\rangle \underbrace{(|1\rangle - |0\rangle)}_{\langle \hat{X} \rangle < 0} + |g_x\rangle \underbrace{(|1\rangle + |0\rangle)}_{\langle \hat{X} \rangle > 0}$$

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theo: C. Eichler *et al.*, arXiv:1206.3405 (2012)

Extract Expectation Values of Moments of Distribution



$$\langle (a^\dagger)^n a^m \sigma_i \rangle$$

■ Re ■ Im

0th : qubit state with photon traced out

1st : phase correlations between qubit and photon field

2nd : number correlations!
 e <-> no photon
 g <-> one photon

3rd, 4th : no higher photon number states!

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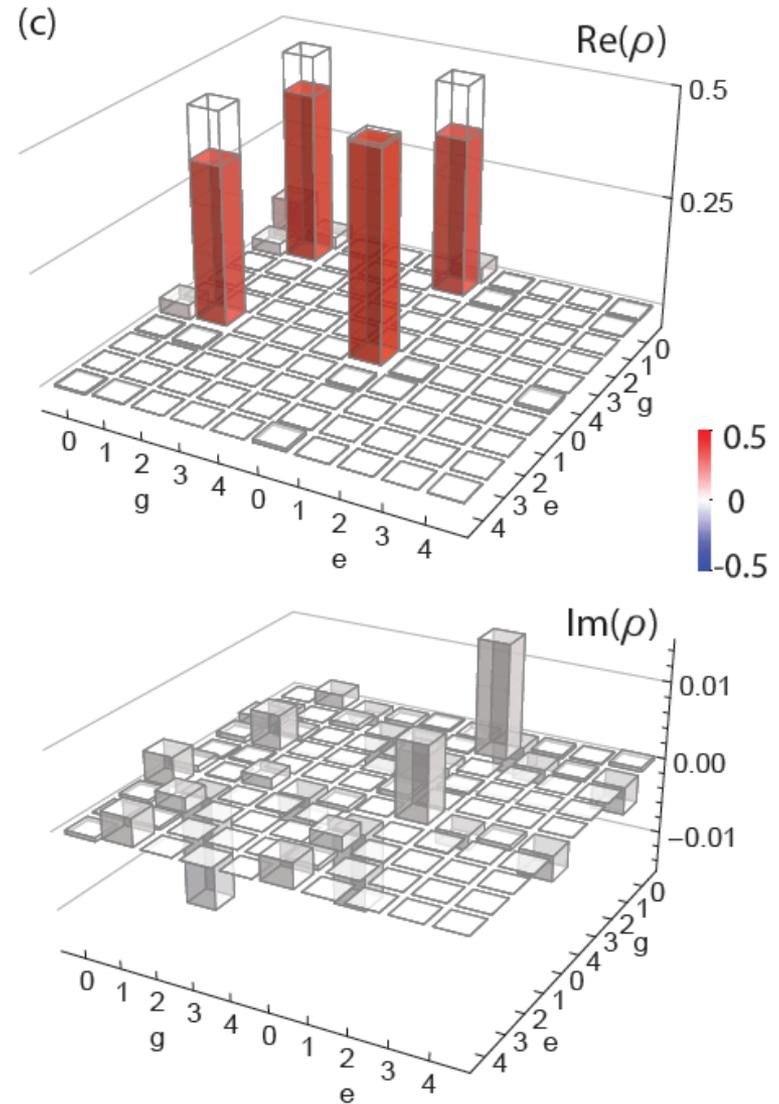
Photon/Qubit Joint State Density Matrix

Reconstruction from measured moments

Fidelity: $\langle \psi | \rho | \psi \rangle = 0.83$

Limited by qubit decay during time required for photon detection in same mode.

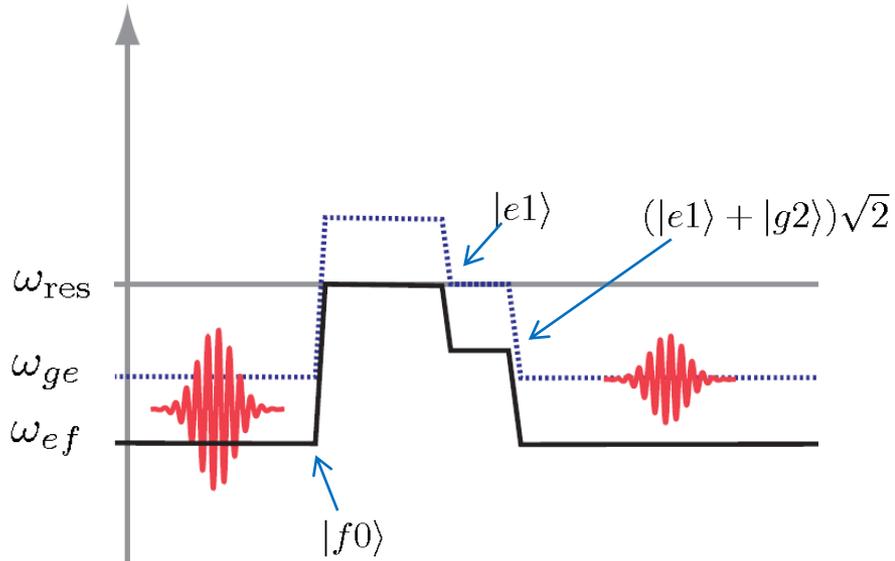
Extension to states with more than a single photon possible!



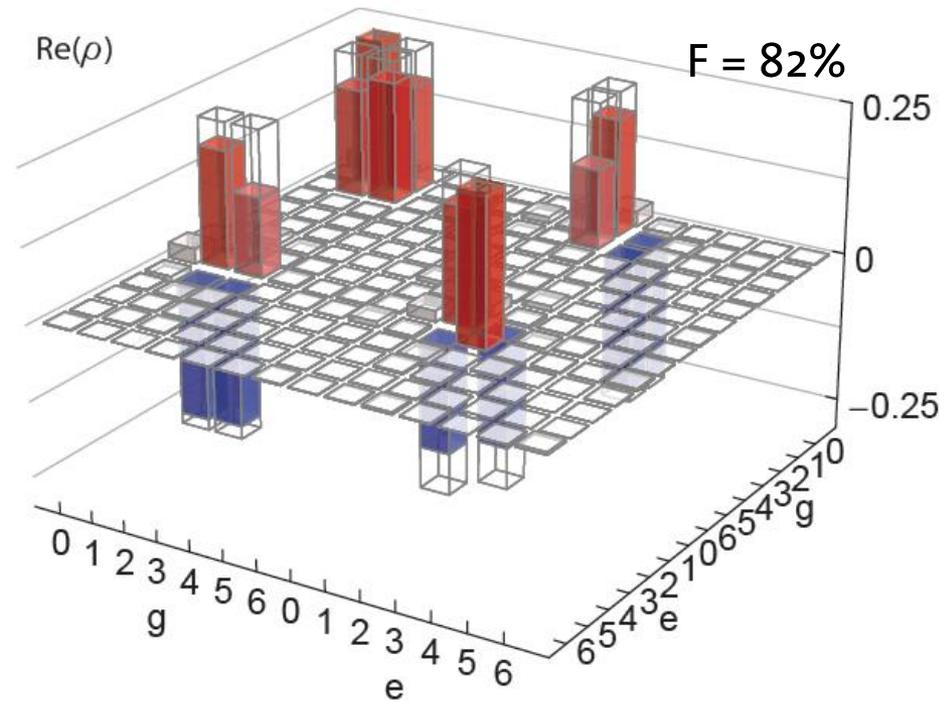
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Qubit Entangled with Two Propagating Photons

state: $\frac{1}{2} [|g\rangle(|1\rangle + |2\rangle) + |e\rangle(|1\rangle - |2\rangle)]$ \longrightarrow use second excited state of qubit for preparation



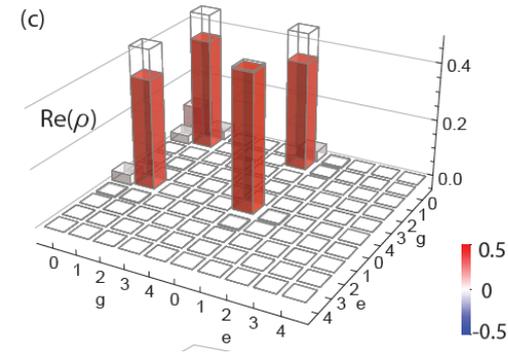
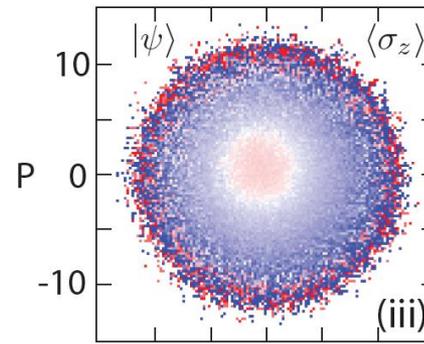
joint state tomography



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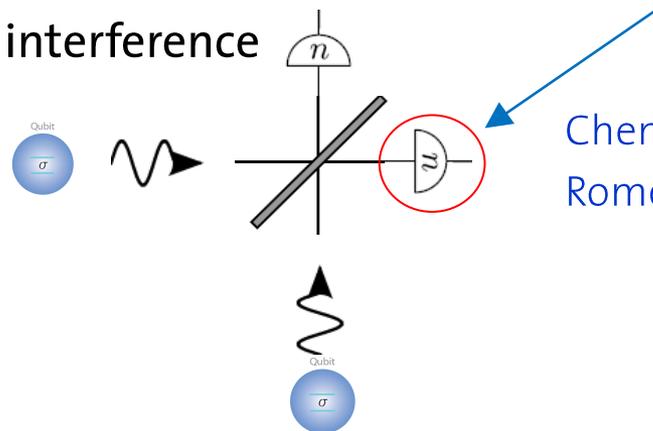
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Recent experiment:

Hong-Ou-Mandel two-photon interference

C. Lang *et al.*, ETH Zurich (2012)

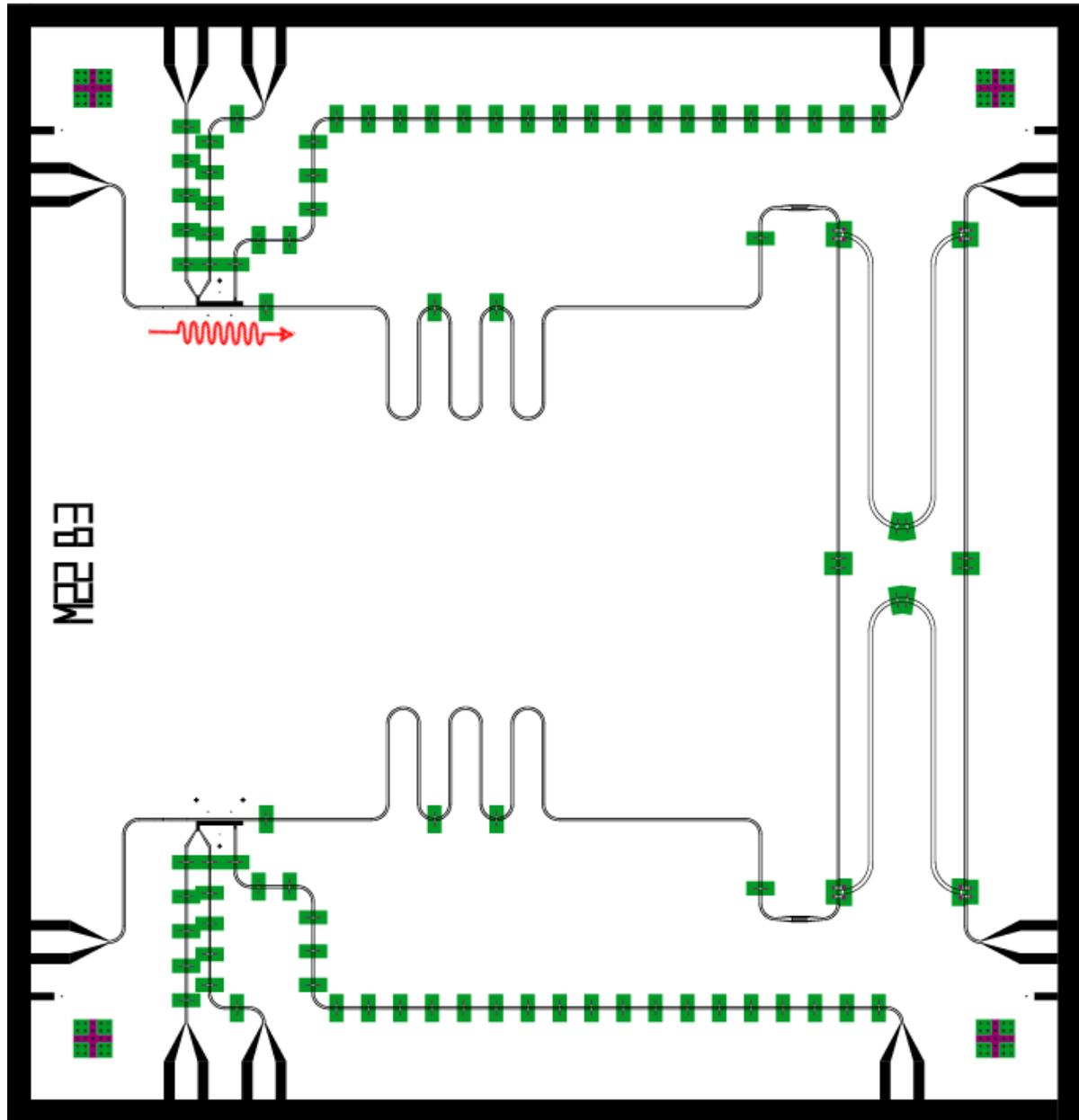


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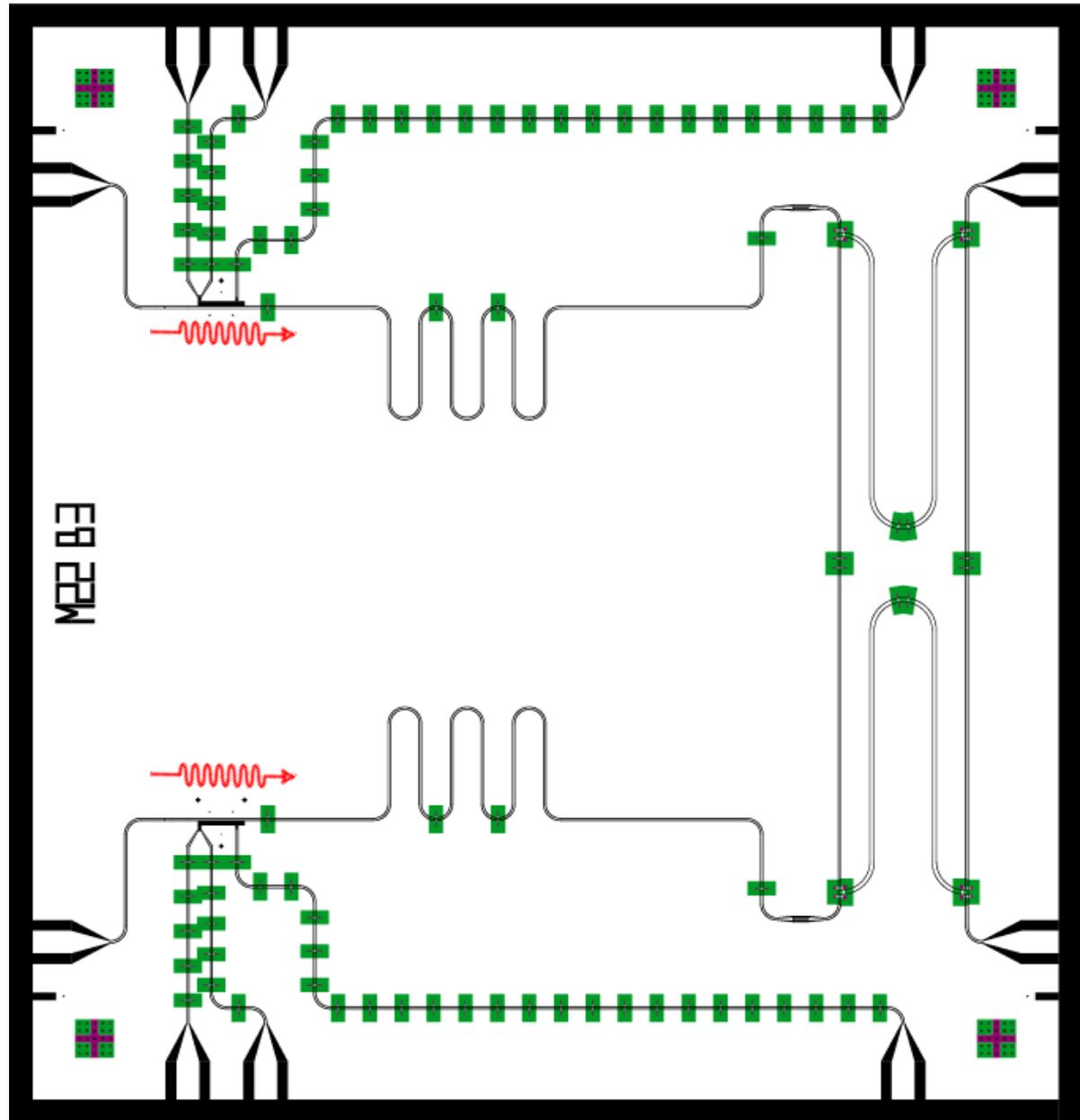
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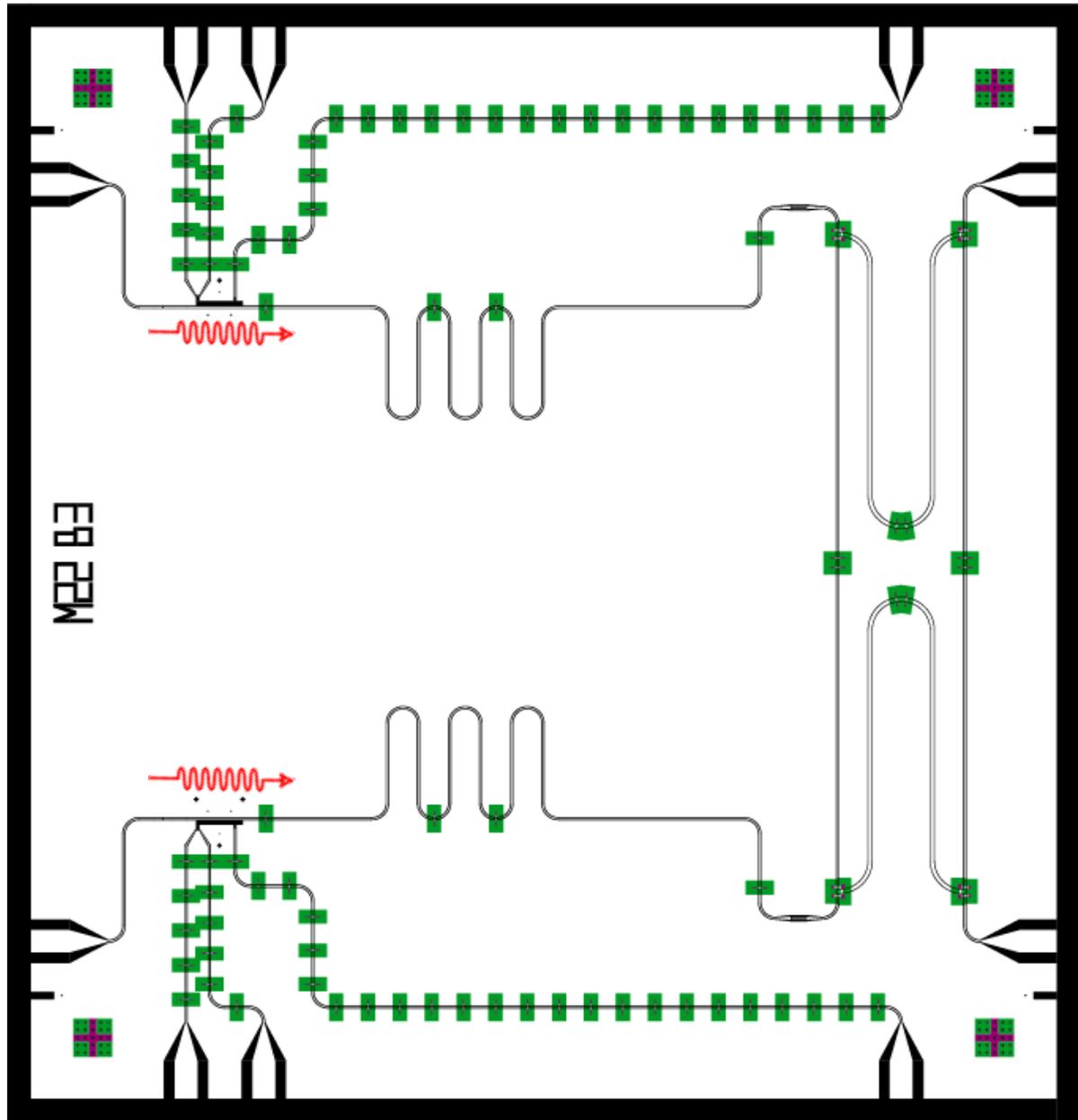
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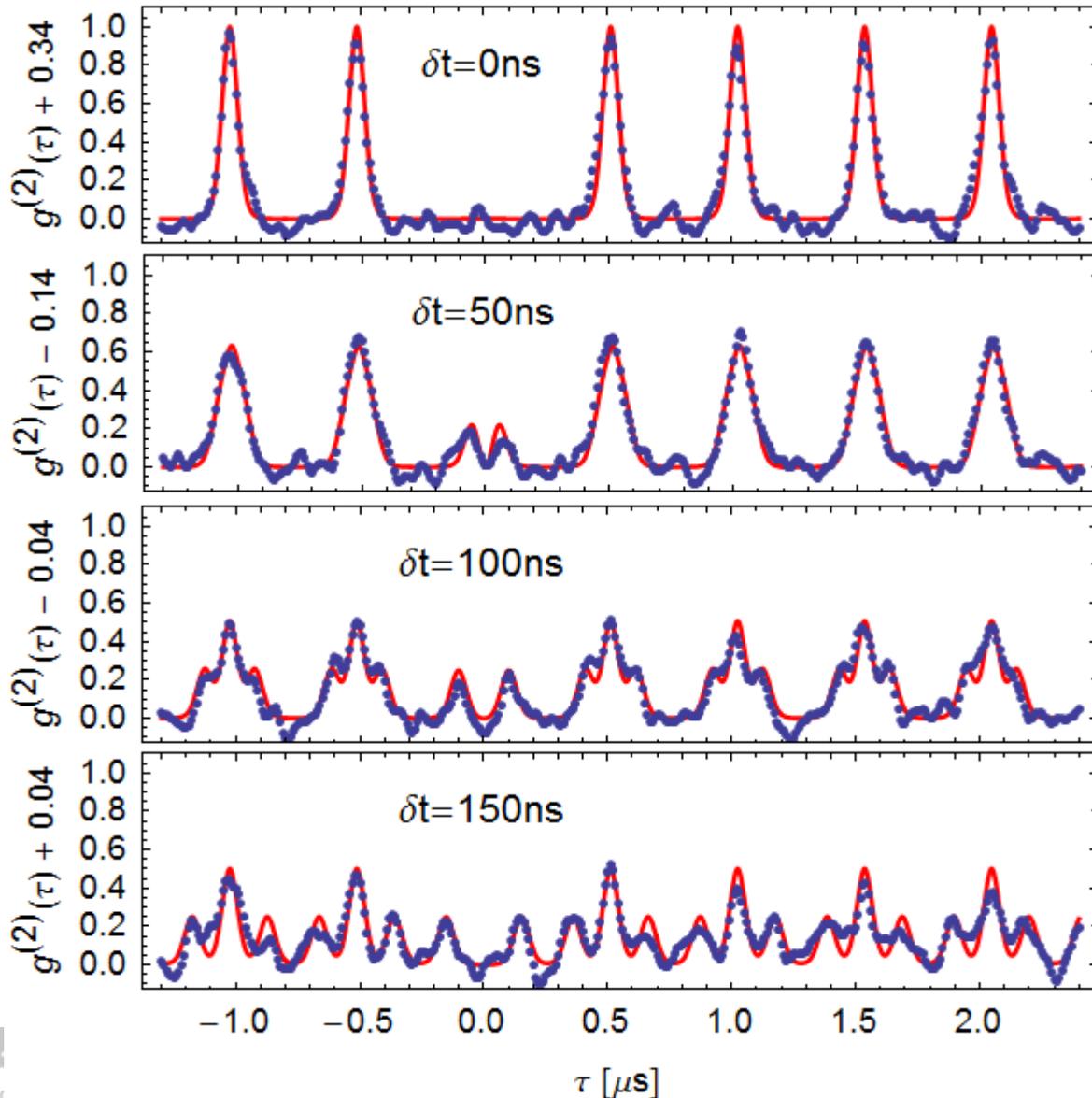
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Hong-Ou-Mandel $g^{(2)}(\tau)$ for Microwave Photons



Observations:

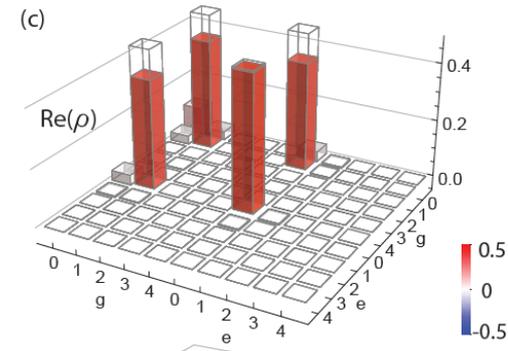
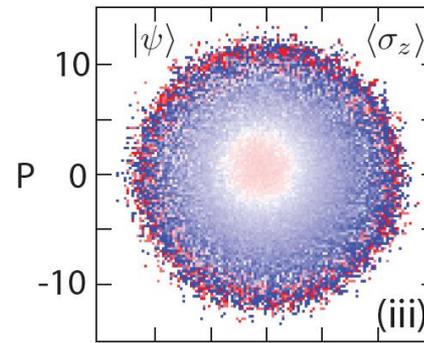
- Photon-Pair anti-bunching

For $\tau > 0$:

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

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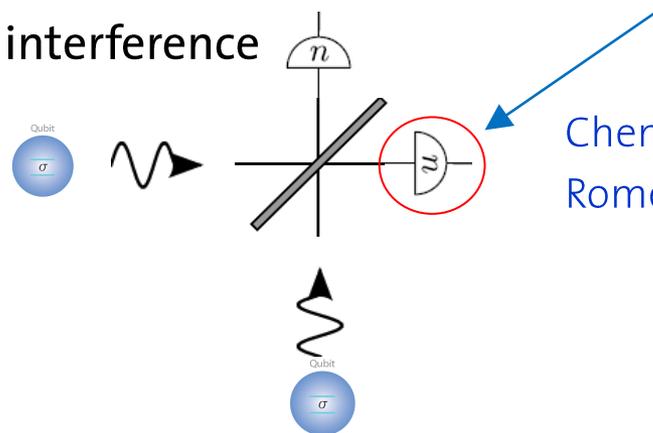
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