

# Electrical Quantum Engineering with Superconducting Circuits

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# Outline

Lecture 1: Basics of superconducting qubits

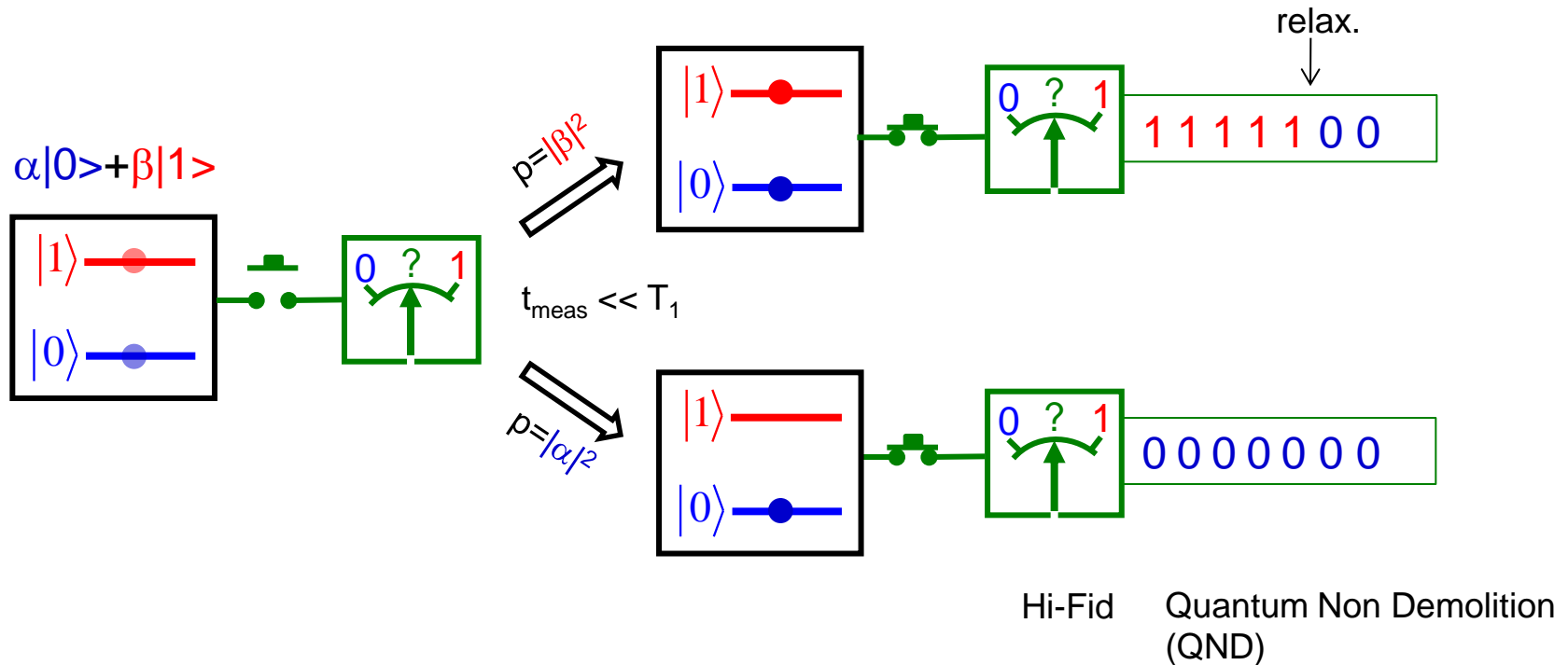
Lecture 2: Qubit readout and circuit quantum electrodynamics

- 1) Readout using a resonator
- 2) Amplification & Feedback
- 3) Quantum state engineering

Lecture 3: Multi-qubit gates and algorithms

Lecture 4: Introduction to Hybrid Quantum Devices

# Ideal Qubit Readout



**BUT... HOW ???**

**SURPRISINGLY DIFFICULT AND INTERESTING QUESTION FOR SUPERCONDUCTING QUBITS**

# The Readout Problem

1) Readout should be FAST:

$$t_{meas} \ll T_1 \sim 40\mu s \quad \text{for high fidelity} \quad (F \leq 1 - \frac{t_{meas}}{T_1})$$

Ideally  $t_{meas} < \text{few hundred ns}$

2) Readout should be NON-INVASIVE (Quantum Non-Destructive, QND):

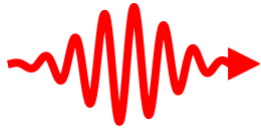
Unwanted transition caused by readout process  $\rightarrow$  errors  
(if we find  $|0\rangle$  as the answer, the state should remain  $|0\rangle$ )

3) Readout should be COMPLETELY OFF during manipulations:

(i.e. have no interaction with environment  $\rightarrow$  decoherence)

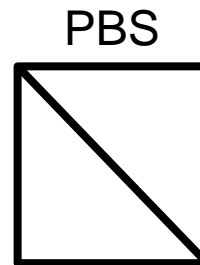
# Measurement of Photonic Qubits

- Measure a photon:



CLICK!  
(there was a photon)

- Measure polarization:



CLICK!  
(photon was H)



# Readout in Different Systems

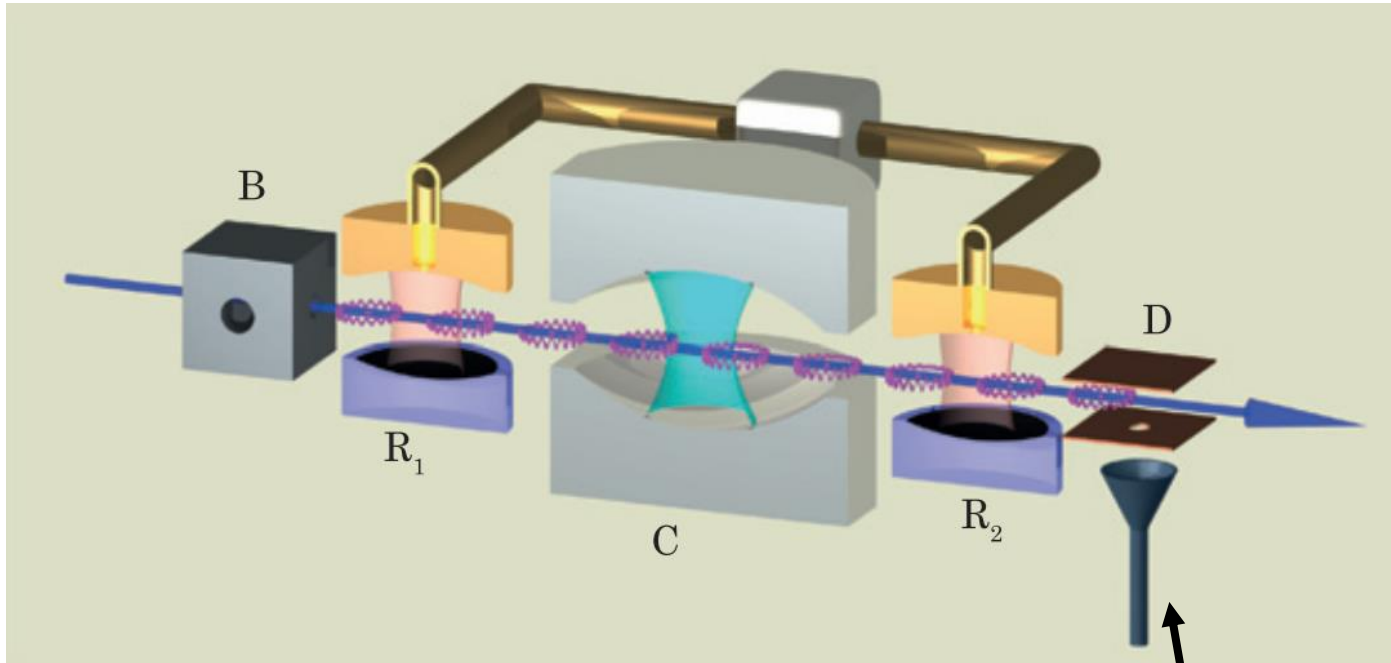
Qubit	readout fidelity	readout time	QND	coherence time		ref.	notes
				$T_1$	$T_2$		
Trapped ions	99.990(1)%	145 $\mu$ s	✓	1.168 s	$\sim$ 1 ms	[this work]	$^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ optical qubit.
	99.965%	11.9 ms	✓	21 s	–	[42]	Adaptive $^{27}\text{Al}^+$ measurement via $^9\text{Be}^+$ ancilla.
	99.925%	3 ms	✓	1.168 s	$\sim$ 1 ms	[29]	$^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ optical qubit.
	99.87(4)%	10 ms	✓	35 s	120 $\mu$ s	[40]	$^{137}\text{Ba}^+$ optical qubit.
	99.77(3)%	2.4 ms	✓	$\sim 10^3$ s	1.2(2) s	[41, 23]	$^{43}\text{Ca}^+$ ground-state qubit.
	> 99.4%	$\sim$ 15 ms	✓	$\sim 10^3$ s	–	[39]	$^{111}\text{Cd}^+$ hyperfine ground-state qubit (single ion ICCD readout).
	99%	200 $\mu$ s	✓	$\sim 10^3$ s	–	[38]	$^9\text{Be}^+$ hyperfine ground-state qubits
	97.9(2)%	1 ms	✓	$\sim 10^3$ s	2.5(3) s	[125]	$^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ hyperfine ground-state qubit.
	97%	200 $\mu$ s	✓	$\sim 10^3$ s	–	[35]	$^9\text{Be}^+$ hyperfine ground-state qubits
Neutral atoms	99.921(3)%	100 $\mu$ s	✓	–	–	[73]	$^{87}\text{Rb}$ cavity transmission/reflection.
	99.4(1)%	85 $\mu$ s	✓	–	–	[72]	$^{87}\text{Rb}$ cavity-enhanced fluorescence.
	99.19(5)%	802(17) ns	×	–	–	[70]	$^{87}\text{Rb}$ photoionisation measurement.
	> 99%	$\sim$ 500 ms	×	–	–	[66]	Cs “push-out” measurement.
	> 98%	10 ms	×	–	–	[65]	$^{87}\text{Rb}$ “push-out” measurement.
	98(1)%	$\sim$ 130 ms	×	$\sim$ 220 s	16.7 ms	[64]	Cs “push-out” measurement.
Cavity photon	$\sim$ 99.92%	7.8 ms	✓	–	–	[74]	Microwave cavity; Rydberg atom interferometer.

Qubit	readout fidelity	readout time	QND	decoherence time		ref.	notes
				$T_1$	$T_2$		
Superconducting	$\sim$ 98%	5 ns*	?	$\sim$ 20 ns	–	[81]	Flux qubit.
	$\sim$ 97%	< 30 ns*	?	$\sim$ 400 ns	$\sim$ 140 ns	[78]	Two coupled phase qubits.
	$\sim$ 96%	250 ns*, 700 ns	✓	0.5 $\mu$ s	0.4–0.6 $\mu$ s	[94]	Transmon (charge); latched JBA measurement.
	$\sim$ 95.1(4)%	150 ns	88%	$\sim$ 470 ns	–	[80]	Flux qubit.
	$\sim$ 92%	25 ns	?	$\sim$ 10 ns	–	[77]	Phase qubit.
	$\sim$ 90%	300 ns*	7✓	–	–	[89]	Cooper-pair box (charge); latched rf-SET measurement.
	$\sim$ 69%	250 ns	$\sim$ 67%	$\sim$ 1.3 $\mu$ s	–	[93]	Quantonium (charge); latched JBA measurement.
	$\sim$ 65%	7.3 $\mu$ s	✓	$\sim$ 7.3 $\mu$ s	$\sim$ 500 ns	[86]	Cooper-pair box (charge); continuous measurement.
Quantum dots	$\gtrsim$ 95%	$\sim$ 6 $\mu$ s	†?	34 $\mu$ s	27 ns	[105]	Two-electron double quantum dot qubit; charge measurement.
	$\sim$ 91%	$\sim$ 70 $\mu$ s	×	2.58(9) ms	–	[103]	Two-electron quantum dot qubit at 0.02 T; charge measurement.
	$\sim$ 87%	$\sim$ 20 $\mu$ s	91%†	1.8(1) ms	–	[104]	Two-electron quantum dot qubit; charge measurement.
	$\sim$ 83%	$\sim$ 0.11 ms	×	< 0.55(7) ms	–	[102]	Single-electron quantum dot at 10 T; charge measurement.
Semicond. spins	$\sim$ 96%	$\sim$ 100 $\mu$ s	×	$\sim$ 39 ms	–	[106]	Electron in P-doped Si; charge measurement at $B = 5$ T.
	$\sim$ 95%	5 ms	?	$\sim$ 1 s	< 350 $\mu$ s	[107]	Electron in N-V centre at 2K; optical measurement.

# Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics

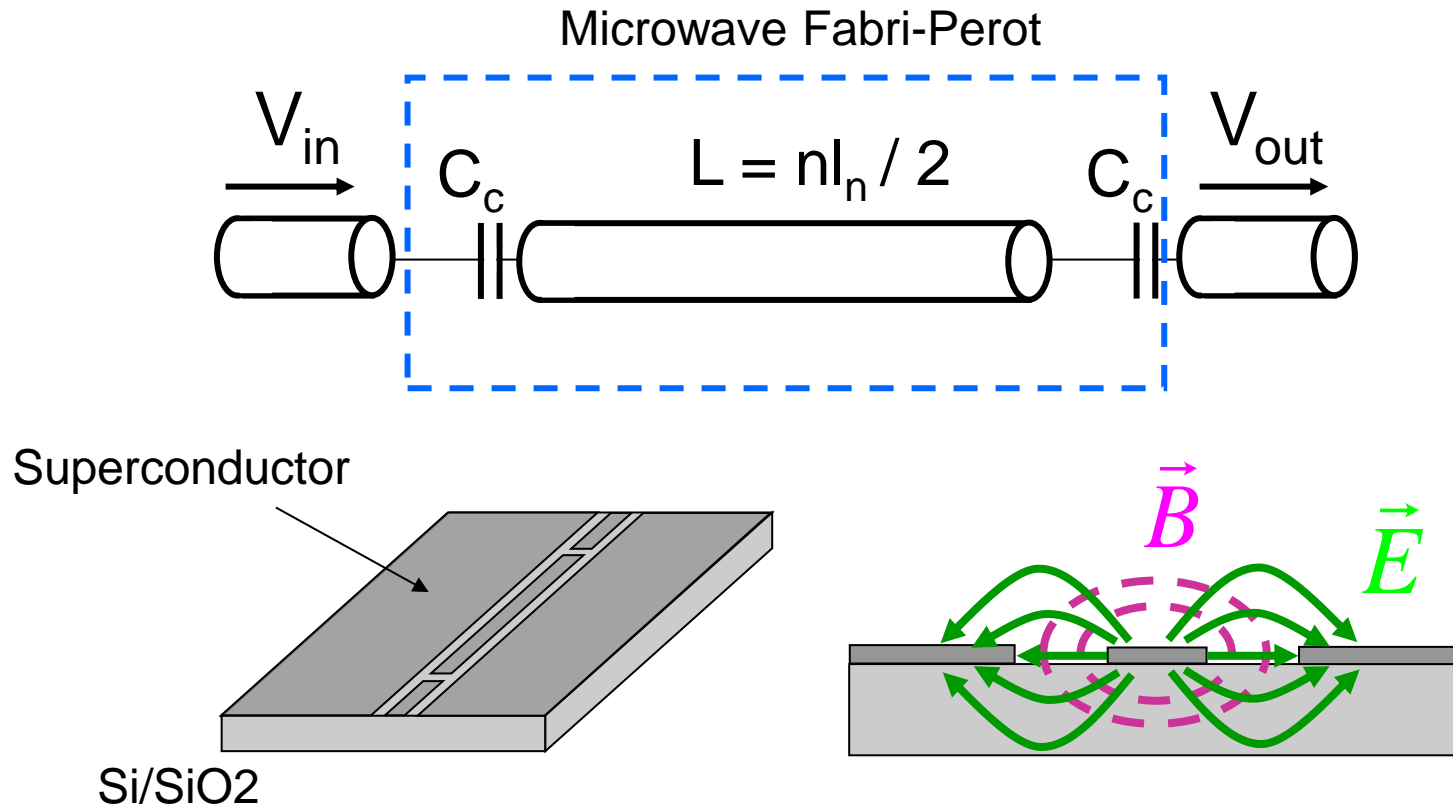
- Interaction between a cavity and an atom



State-selective detector  
(Measure  $P(e)$  by selective ionization)

# Qubit – Resonator Interaction

- “2D” geometry

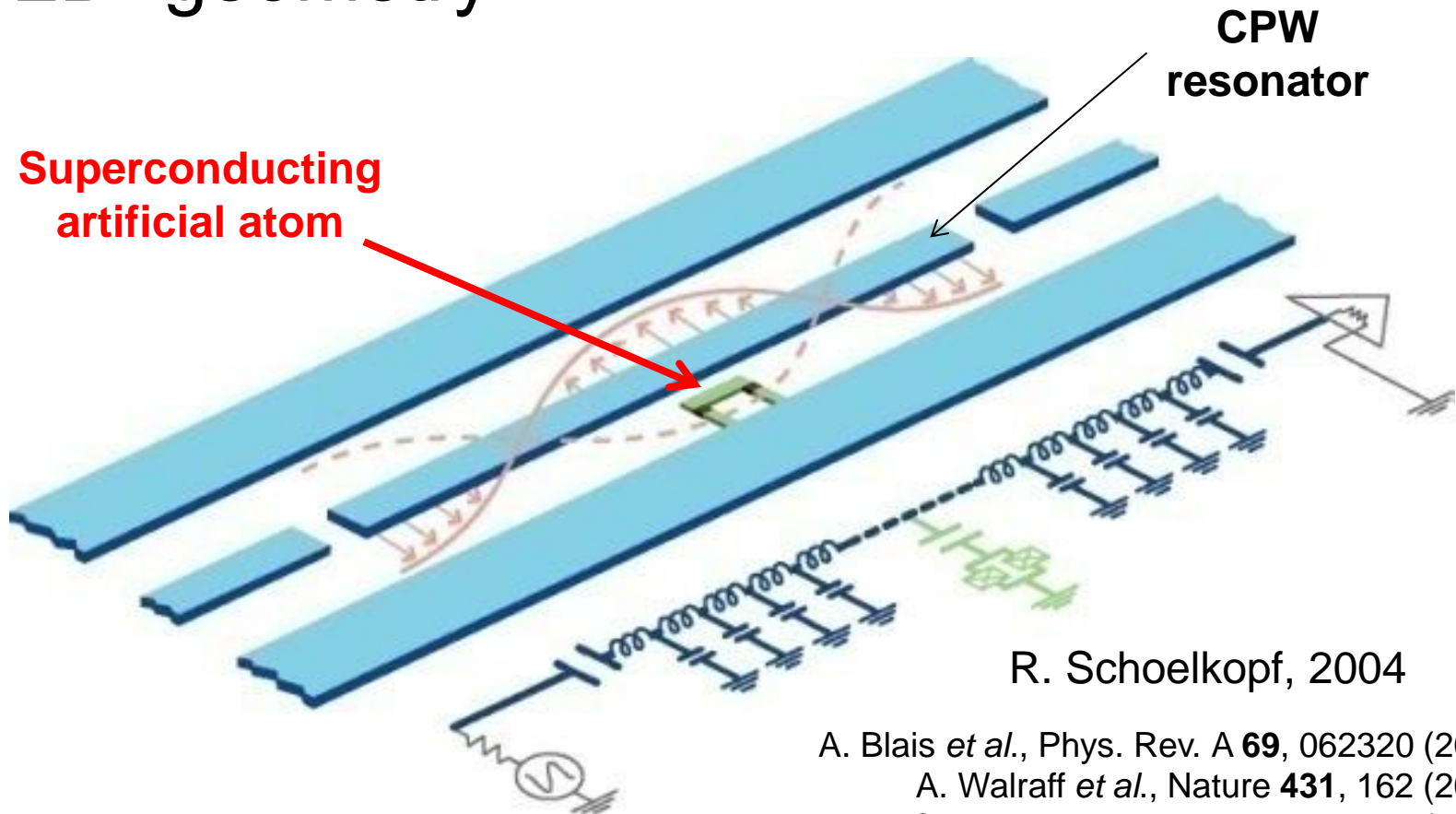


**Coplanar Waveguide (CPW) : TEM mode**



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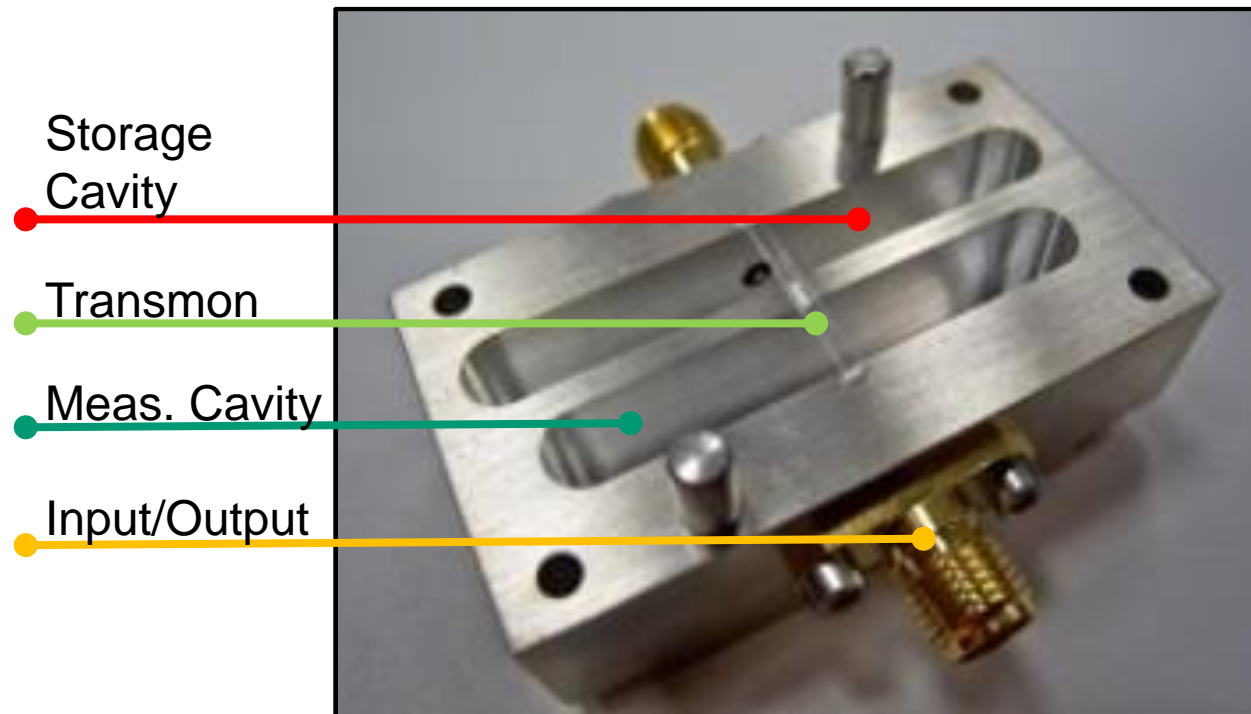
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or: CIRCUIT QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS

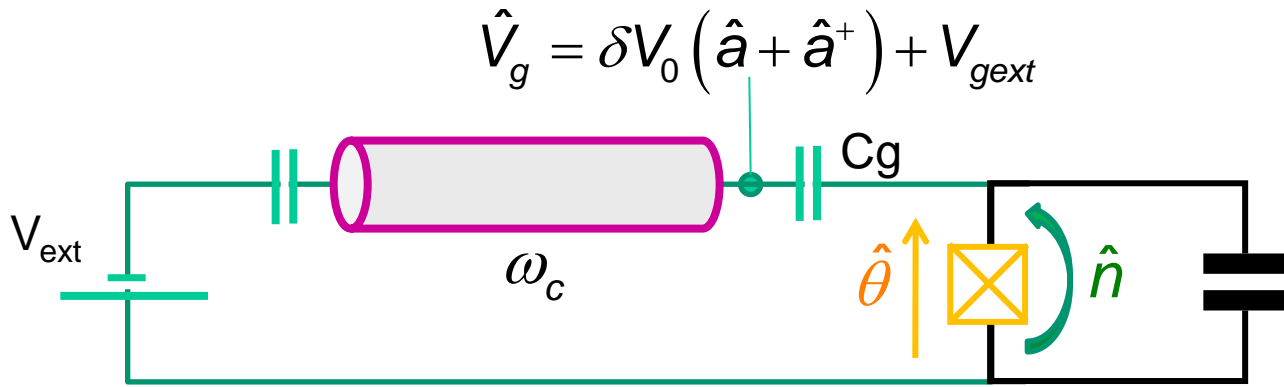
# Qubit – Resonator Interaction

- “3D” geometry



still: CIRCUIT QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS

# CPB Coupled to CPW Resonator



$$\hat{H}_{\text{tot}} = -E_J \cos \hat{\theta} + 4E_C (\hat{n} - \hat{n}_g)^2 + \hbar \omega_c \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{tot}} = \underbrace{-E_J \cos \hat{\theta} + 4E_C (\hat{n} - n_{g\text{ext}})^2}_{\hat{H}_q} + \underbrace{\hbar \omega_c \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}}_{\hat{H}_{\text{cav}}} + \underbrace{8(C_g \delta V_0 E_C / 2e) \hat{n} (a + a^\dagger)}_{\hat{H}_{\text{int}}}$$

2-level approximation + Rotating Wave Approximation

$$H_{\text{tot}} = -\frac{\omega_{ge}}{2} \sigma_z + \omega_c a^\dagger a + g(\sigma^+ a + \sigma^- a^\dagger)$$

**Jaynes-Cummings  
Hamiltonian**

# Strong Coupling Regime

$$g = 2e\delta V_c (C_g / C) \langle 0 | \hat{n} | 1 \rangle$$

GEOMETRICAL dependence of  $g$

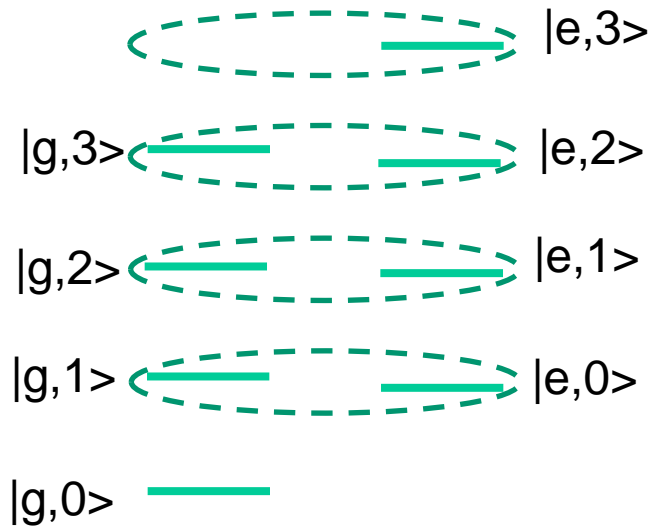
→ Easily tuned by circuit design  
Can be made very large !  
(Typically : 0 – 200MHz)

$$g \approx 200\text{MHz} \gg \gamma, \kappa \approx 100 - 500\text{kHz}$$

**Strong coupling condition naturally fulfilled  
with superconducting circuits**

( $Q=100$  enough for strong coupling !!)

# The Jaynes-Cummings Model



$$H_{J-C} = -\frac{\omega_{ge}}{2} \sigma_z + \omega_c (a^\dagger a + 1/2) + g(\sigma^+ a + \sigma^- a^\dagger)$$

$H_{J-C}$  couples only level doublets

$$\{ |g, n+1\rangle, |e, n\rangle \}$$

➡ Exact diagonalization possible

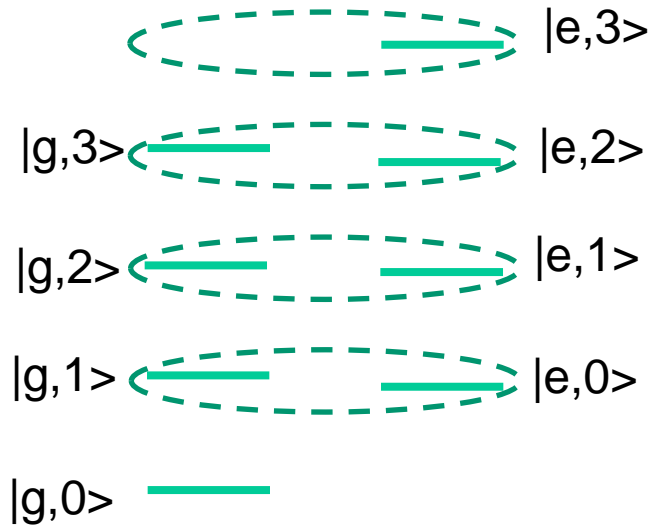
Restriction of  $H_{J-C}$  to  $\{ |g, n+1\rangle, |e, n\rangle \}$

$$(\delta = \omega_{ge} - \omega_c)$$

$ g, n+1\rangle$	$ g, n+1\rangle$	$ e, n\rangle$	
	$(n+1)\omega_c - \delta/2$	$g\sqrt{n+1}$	
$ e, n\rangle$	$g\sqrt{n+1}$	$(n+1)\omega_c + \delta/2$	

Note :  $|g, 0\rangle$  state is left unchanged by  $H_{J-C}$  with  $E_{g,0} = -\delta/2$

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Coupled states

$$|+, n\rangle = \cos \theta_n |e, n\rangle + \sin \theta_n |g, n+1\rangle$$

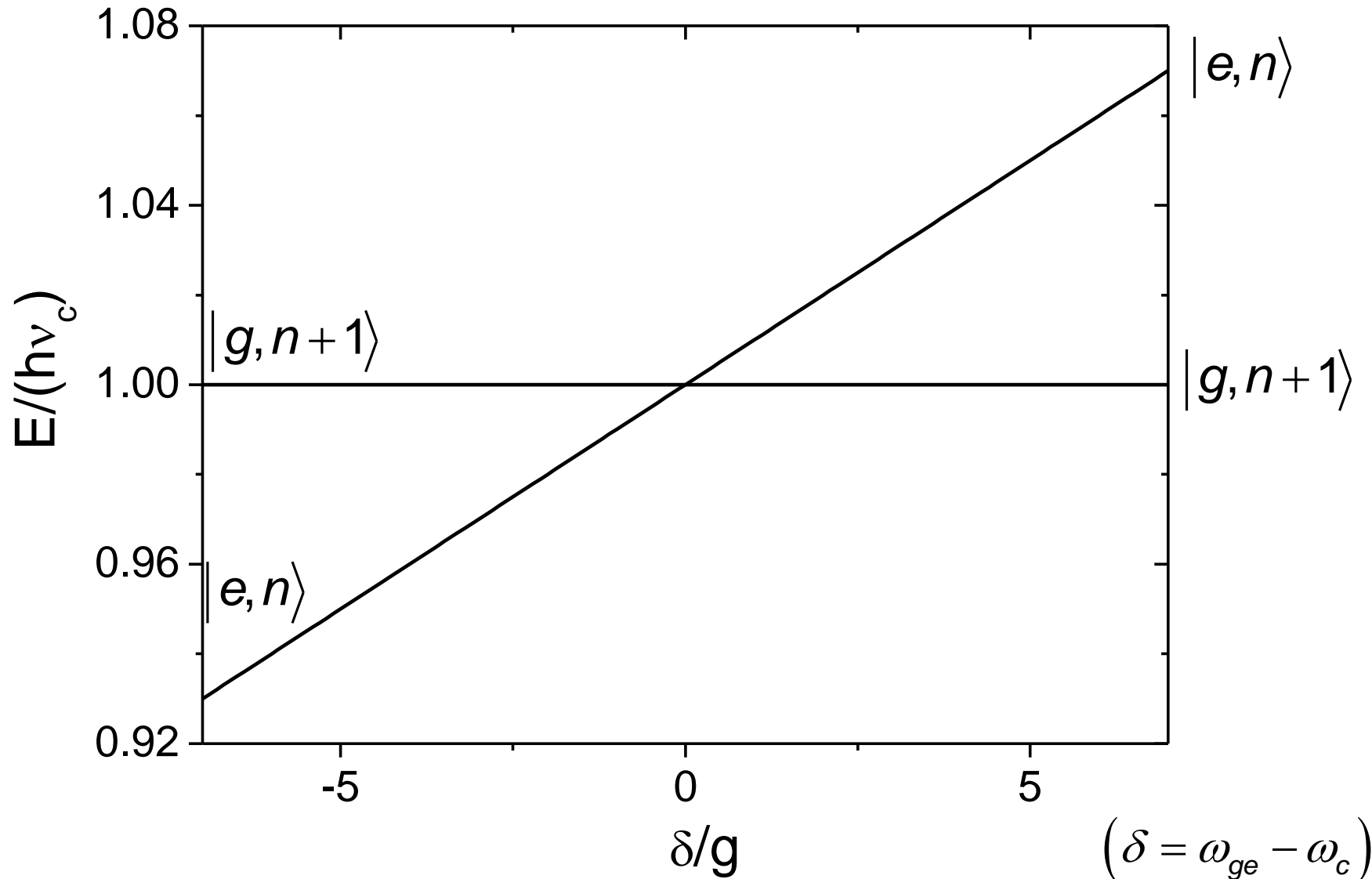
$$E_{+,n} = (n+1)\hbar\omega_c + \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{4g^2(n+1) + \delta^2}$$

$$|-, n\rangle = -\sin \theta_n |e, n\rangle + \cos \theta_n |g, n+1\rangle$$

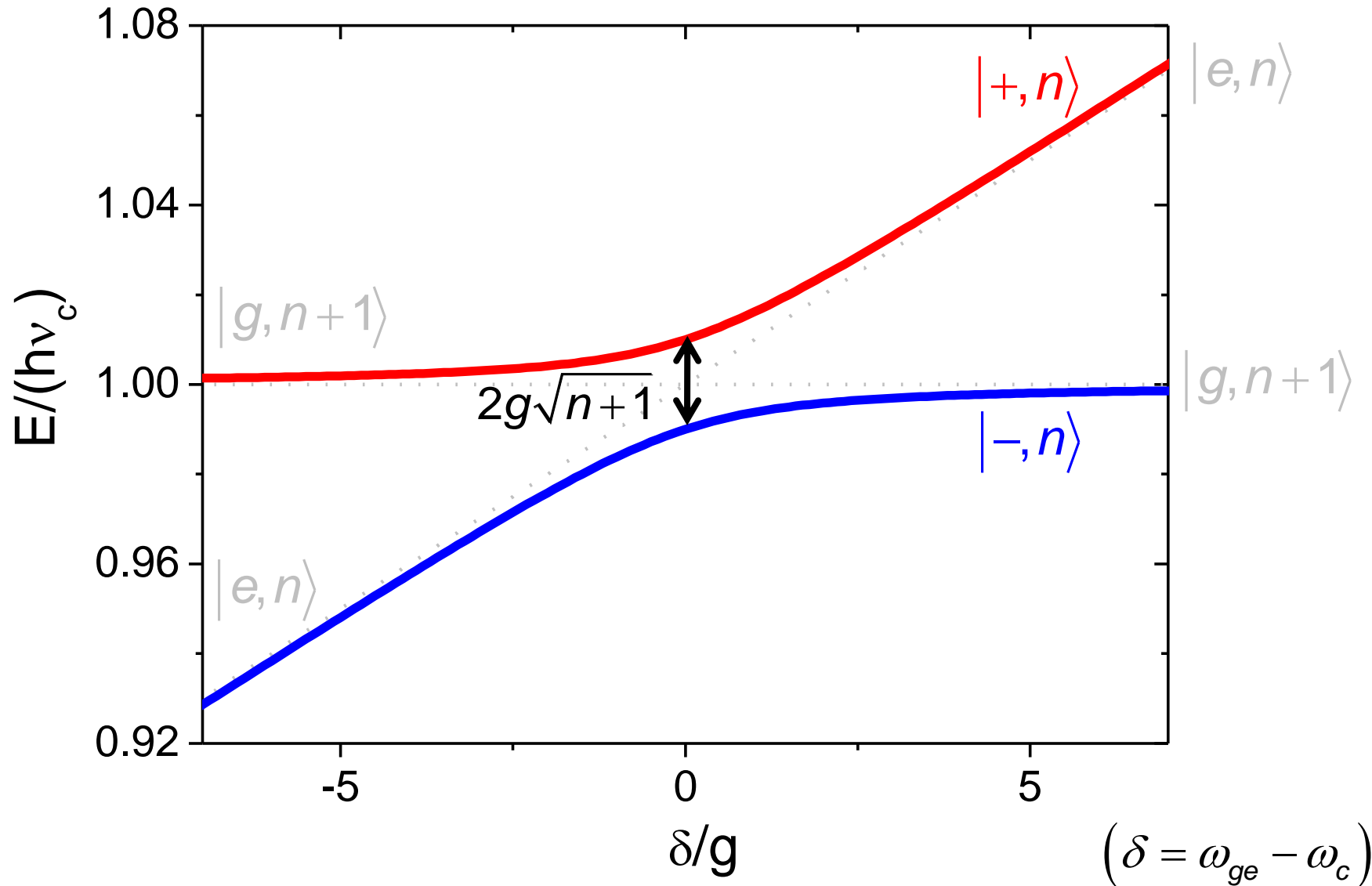
$$E_{-,n} = (n+1)\hbar\omega_c - \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{4g^2(n+1) + \delta^2}$$

$$\theta_n = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2g\sqrt{n+1}}{\delta} \right)$$

# The Jaynes-Cummings model

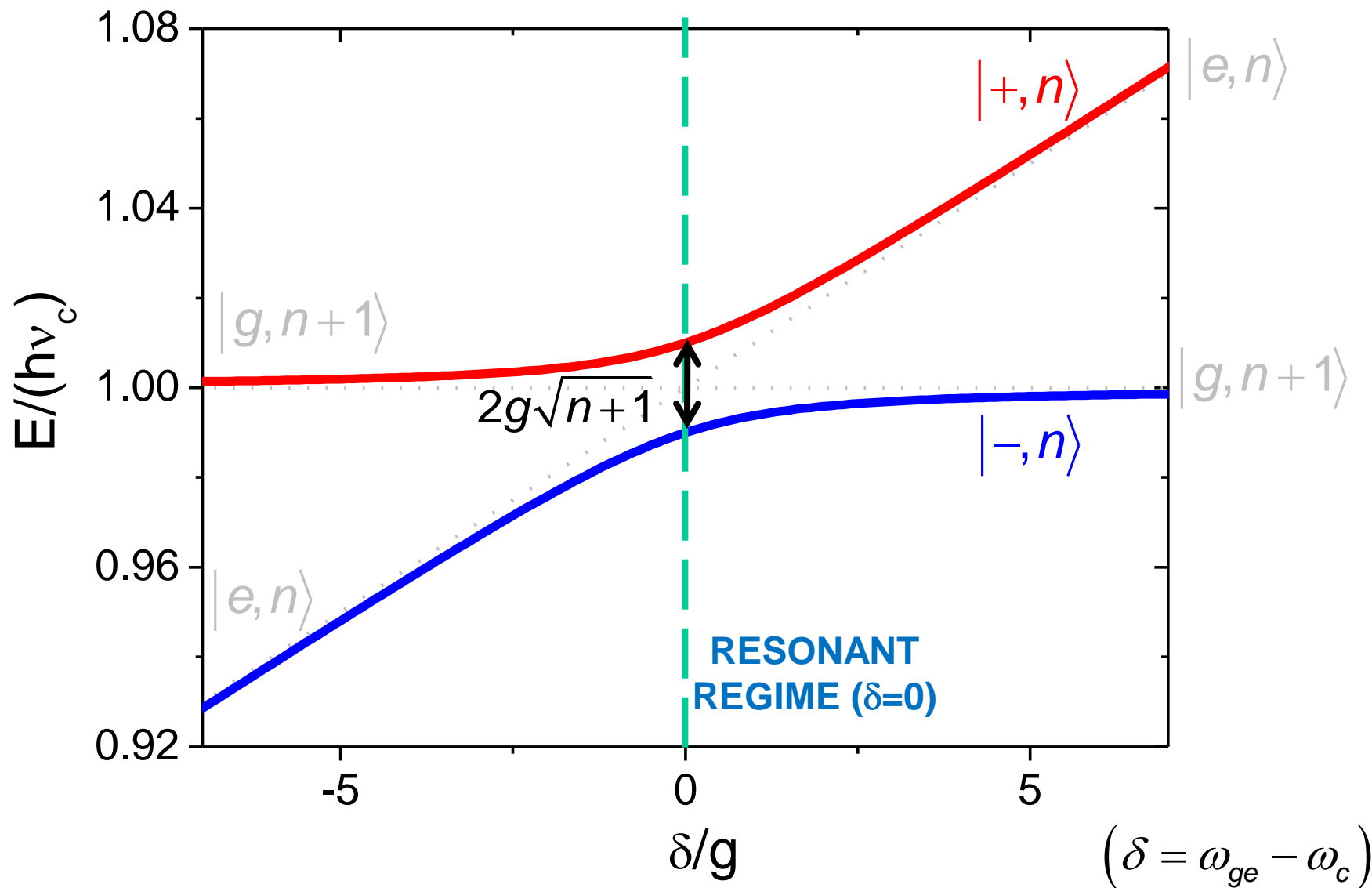


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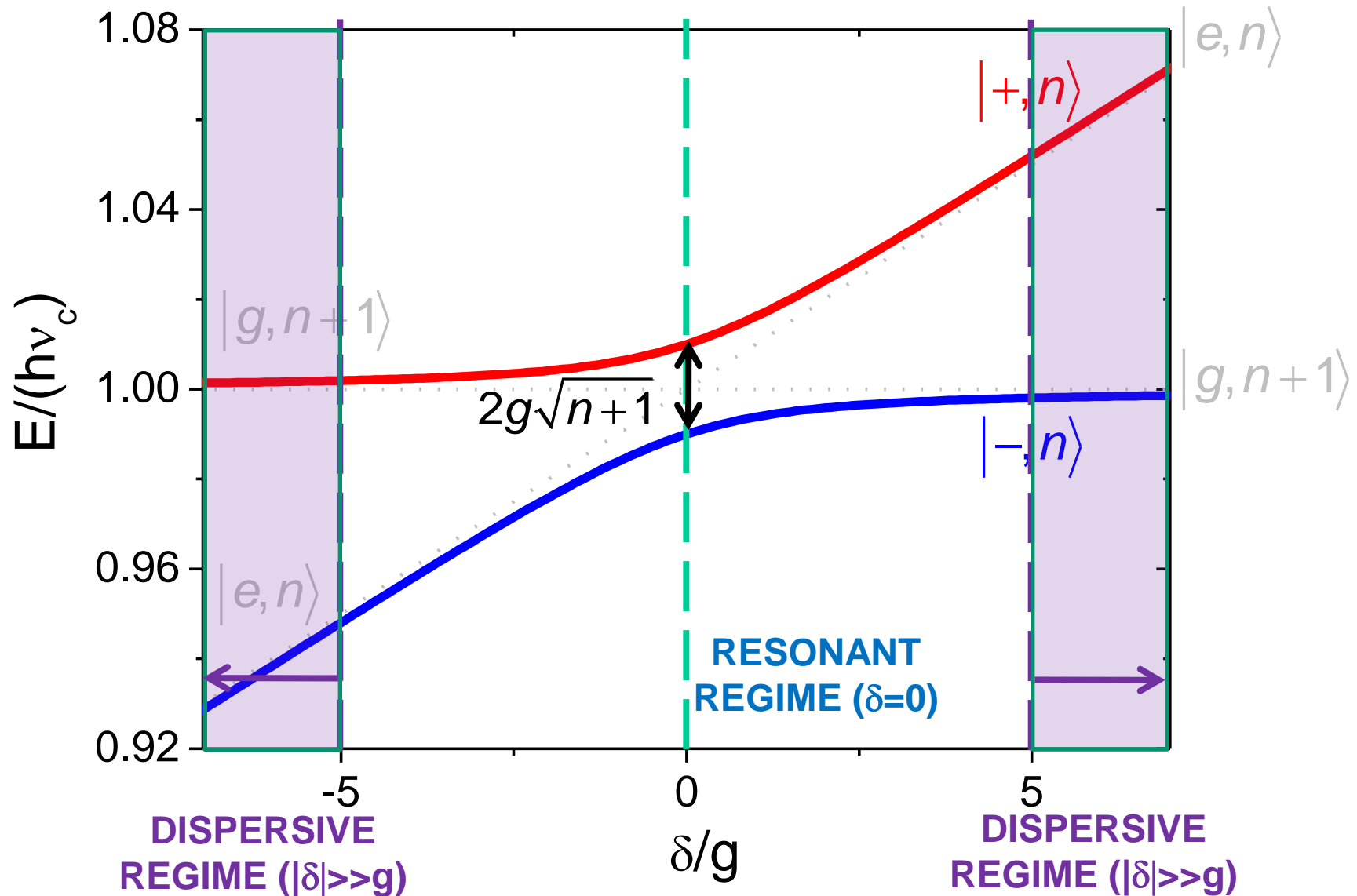




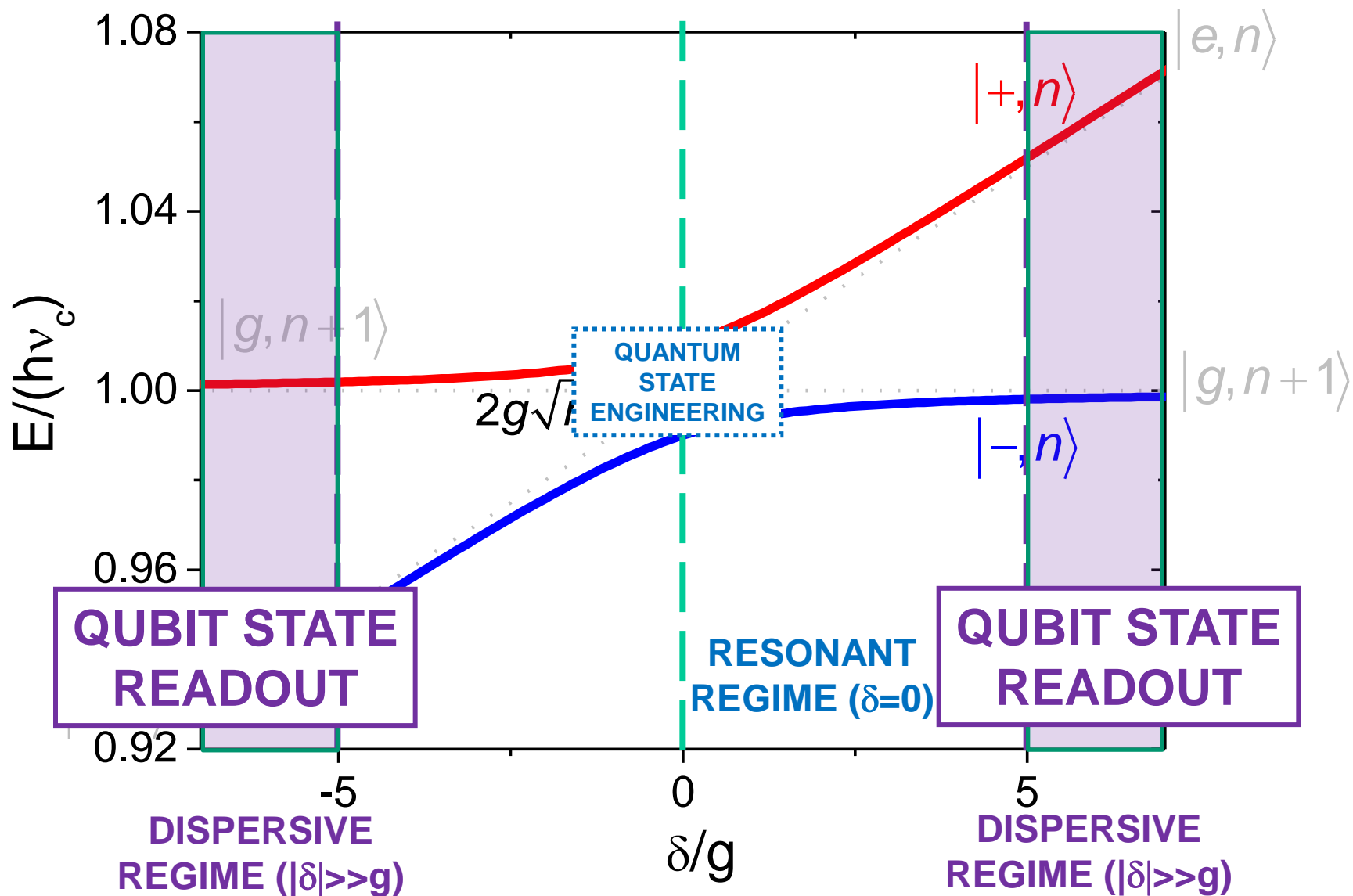
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# JC: Dispersive Regime ( $\delta \gg g$ )

$$H_{J-C} / \hbar \approx -\frac{\omega_{ge} + \chi}{2} \sigma_z + \boxed{(\omega_c + \chi \sigma_z) a^+ a} = \boxed{\frac{\omega_{ge} + 2\chi(a^+ a + 1/2)}{2}} \sigma_z + \omega_c a^+ a$$

with  $\chi = \frac{g^2}{\delta}$  the dispersive coupling constant

- 1) Qubit state-dependent **shift of the cavity frequency**

$$\boxed{\tilde{\omega}_c = \omega_c + \chi \sigma_z}$$

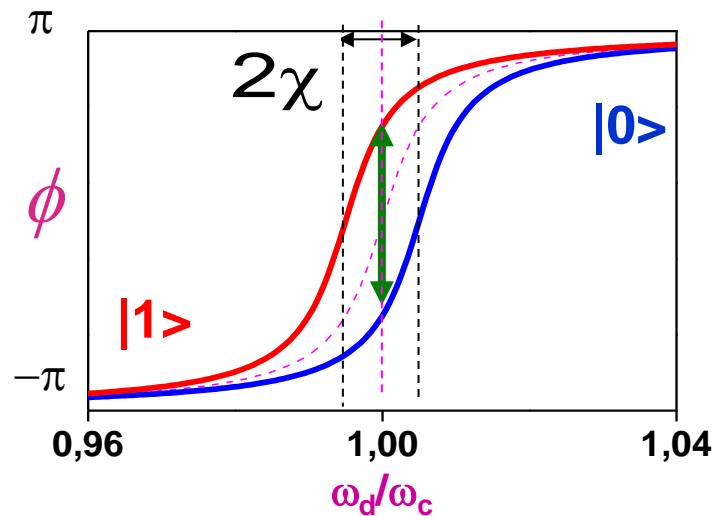
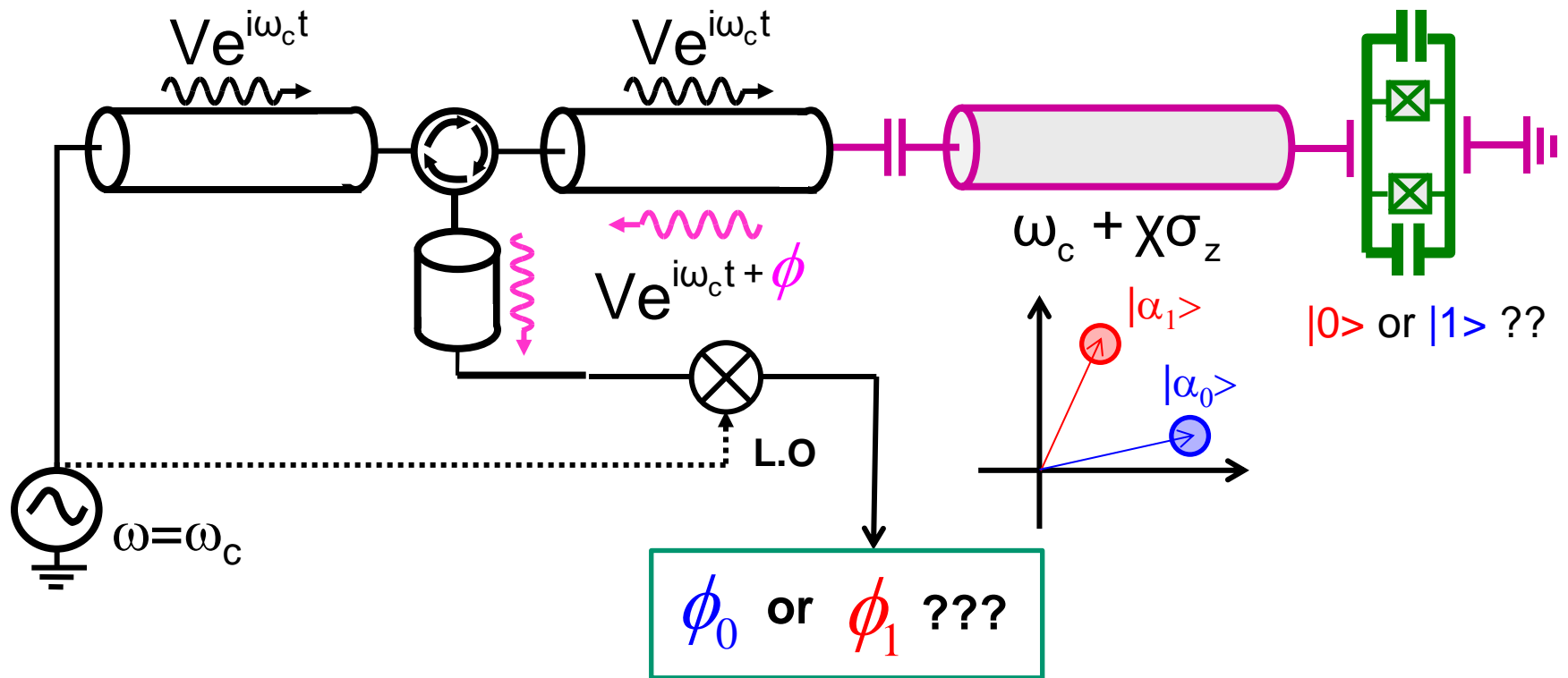
→ **Cavity can probe the qubit state non-destructively**

- 2) **Light shift** of the qubit transition in the presence of  $n$  photons

$$\boxed{\delta\omega_{ge} = -2\chi n}$$

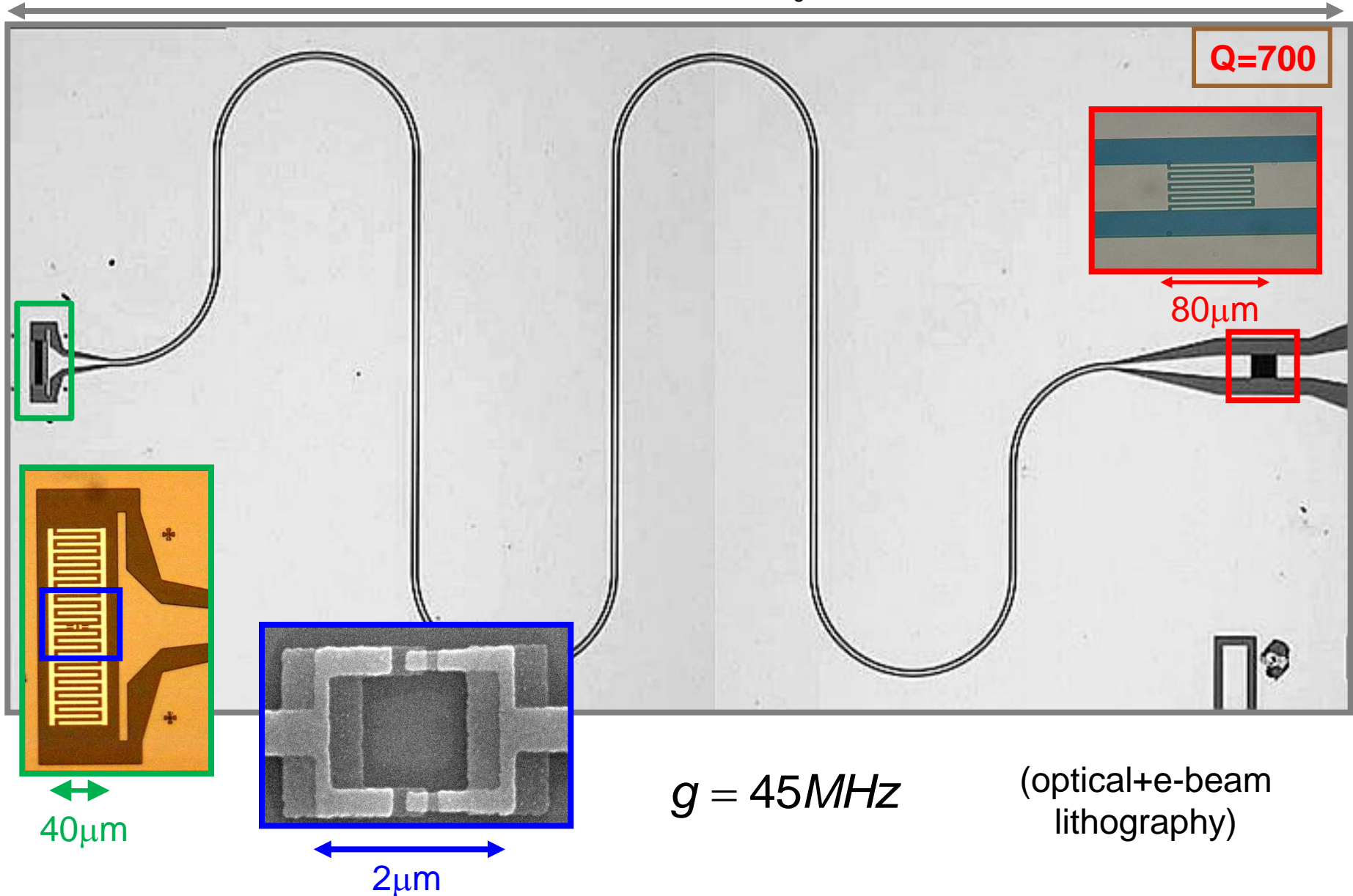
→ **Field in the resonator causes qubit frequency shift and decoherence (if fluctuating)**

# Dispersive Readout Principle

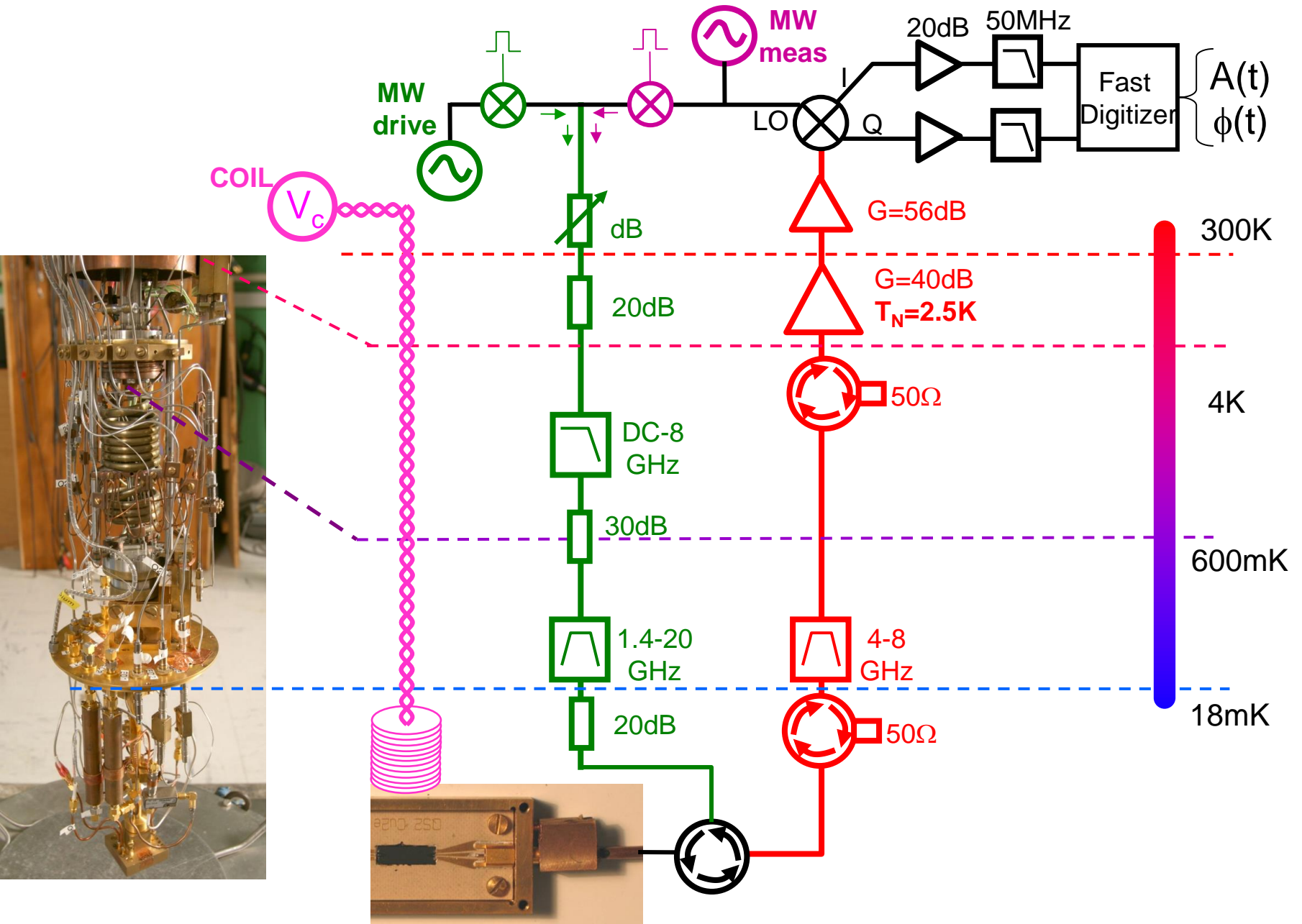


# Typical 2D Implementation

5 mm ( $f_0=6.5\text{GHz}$ )



# Typical Setup



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## “Wet fridge”

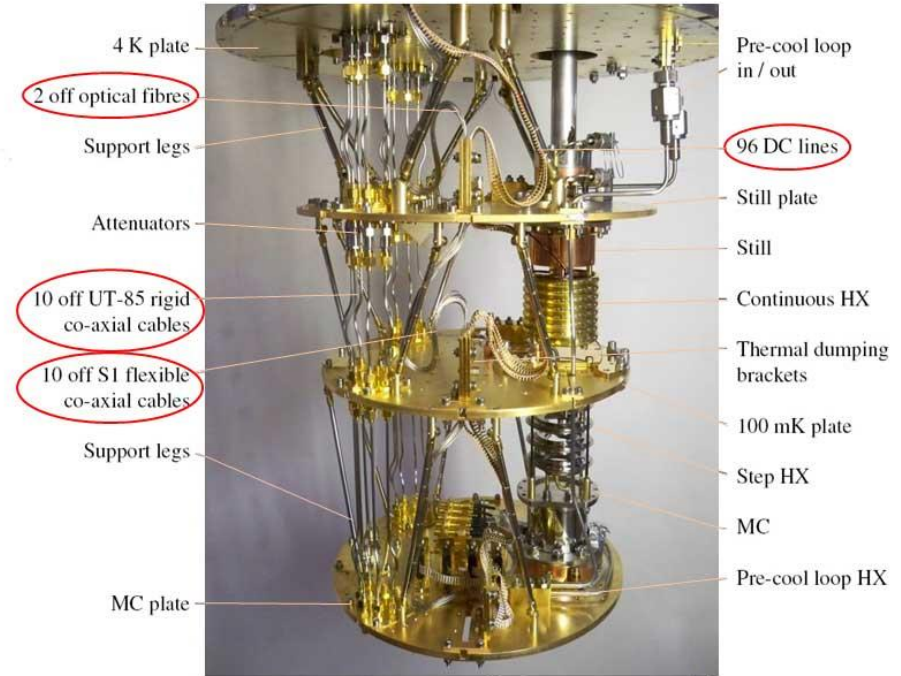


Last 5-10 years



- Much easier to operate (no liquid He)
- Much more space

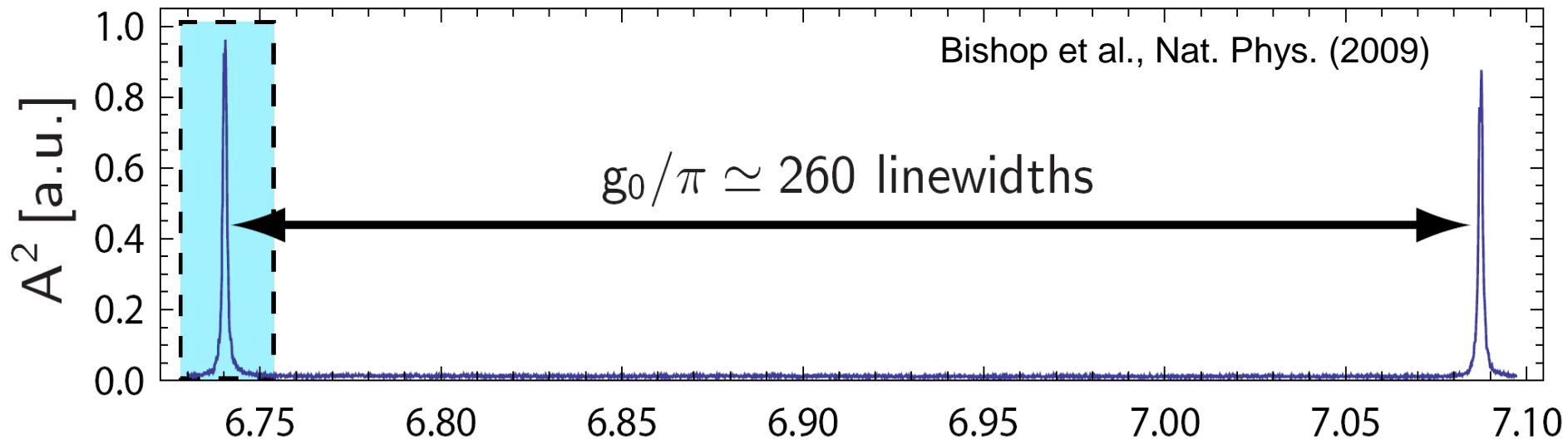
## “Dry fridge”



Still achieved 10 mK!



# JC Hamiltonian in Action



## cavity QED

R.J. Thompson et al., PRL 68, 1132 (1992)

I. Schuster et al. Nature Physics 4, 382-385 (2008)

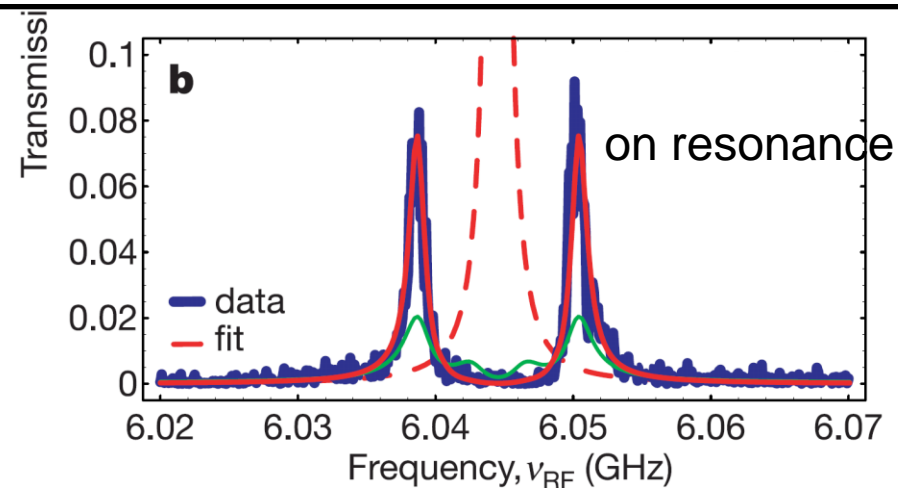
## circuit QED

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

## quantum dot systems

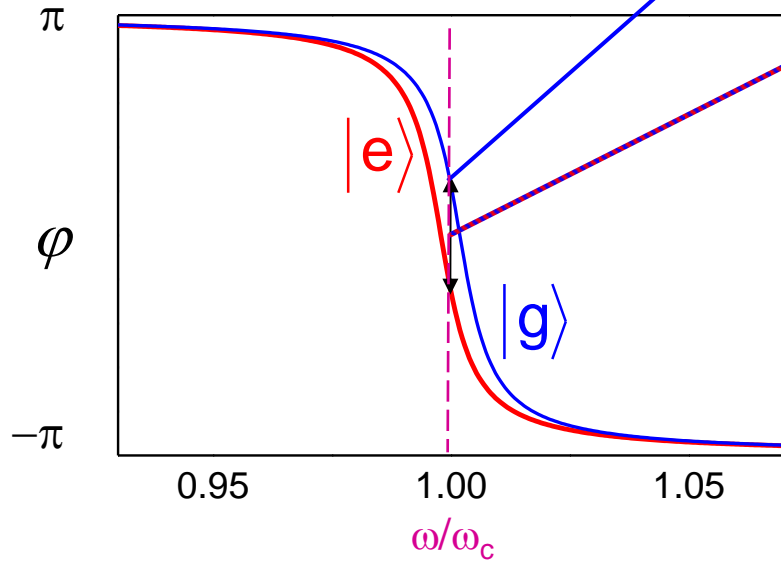
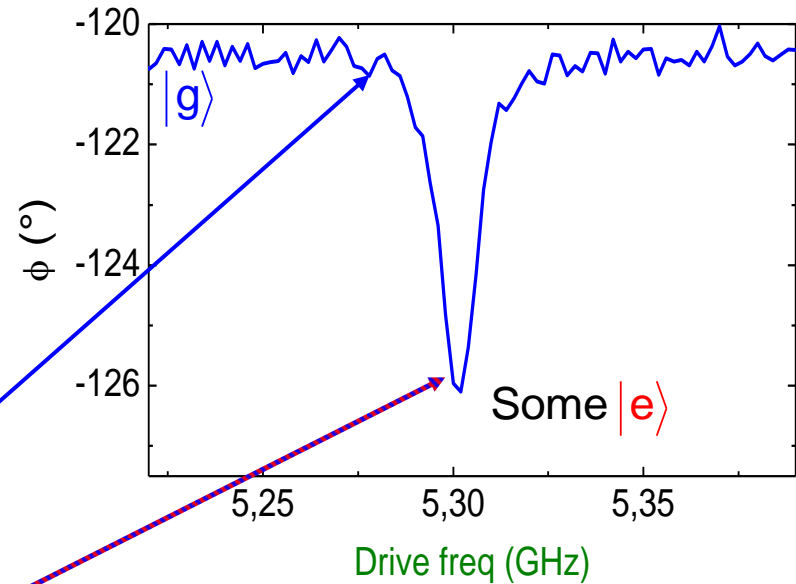
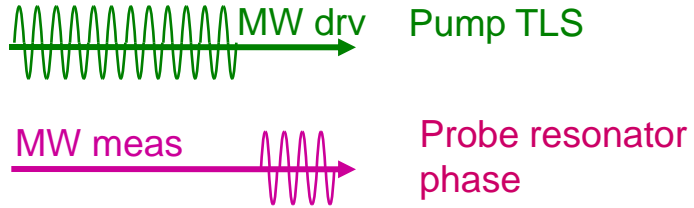
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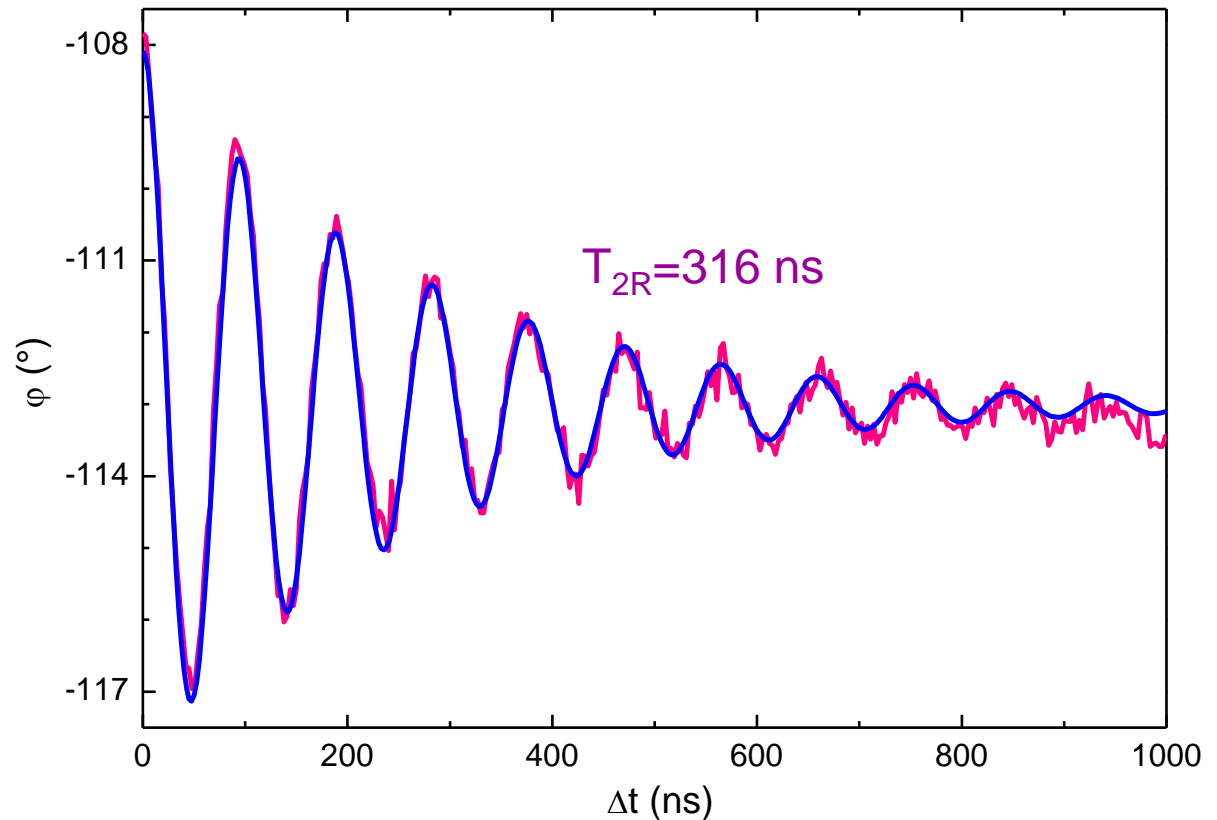
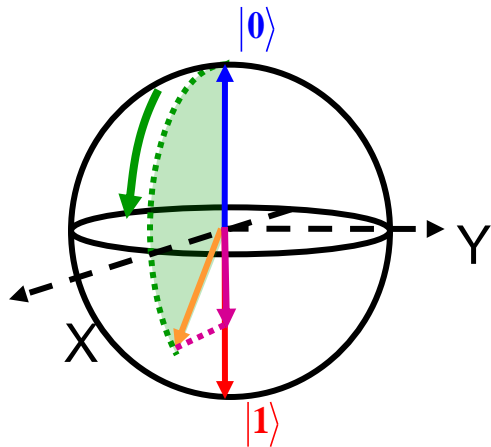
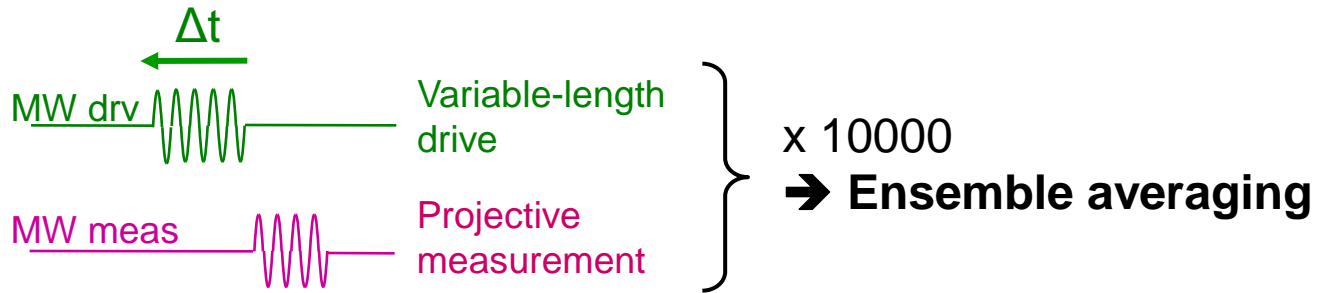


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# Qubit Spectroscopy

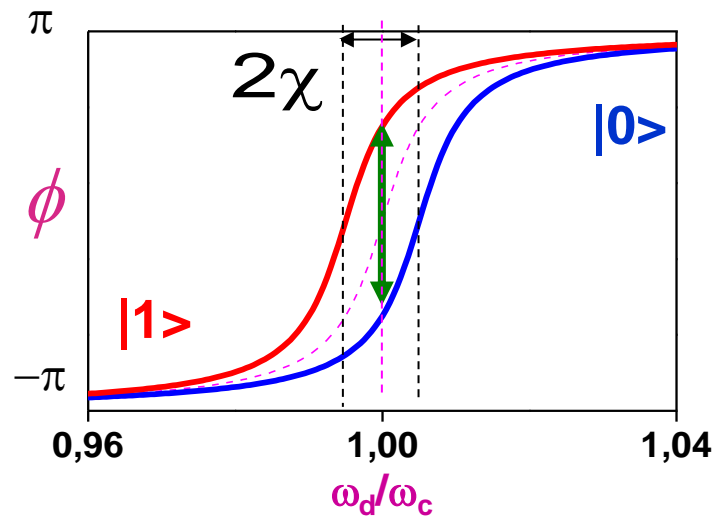
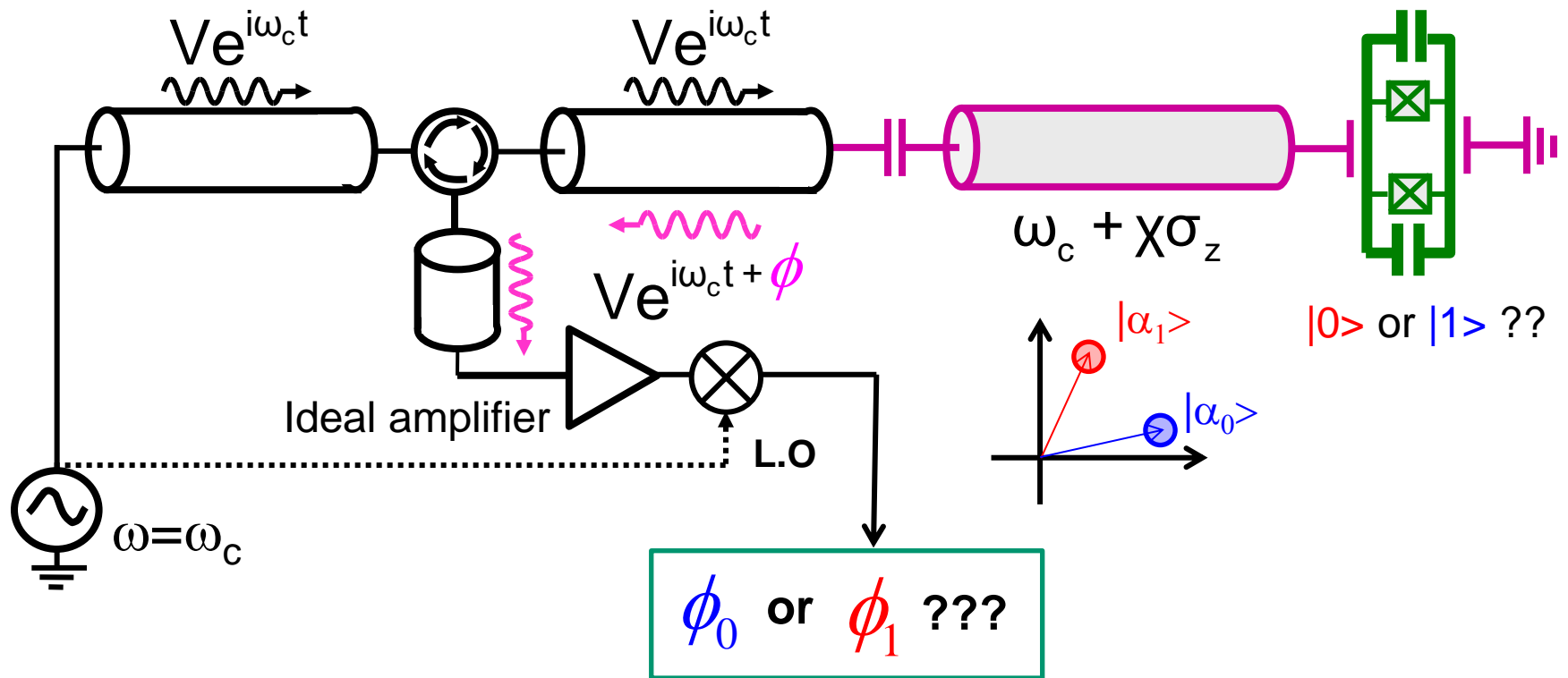


# Detecting Rabi Oscillations

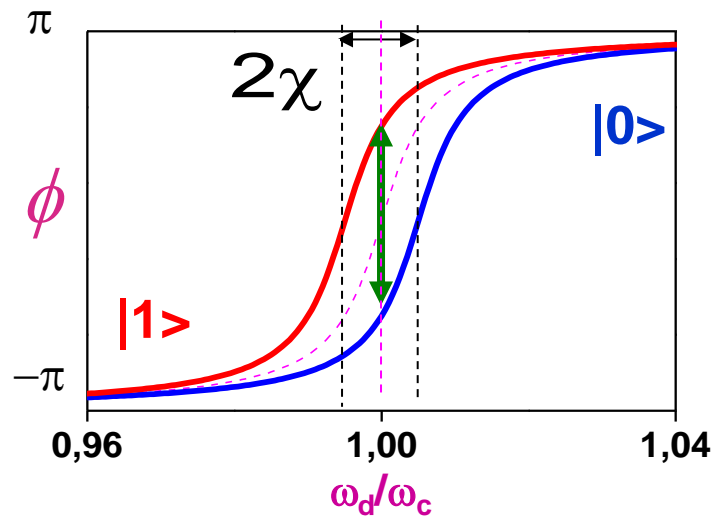
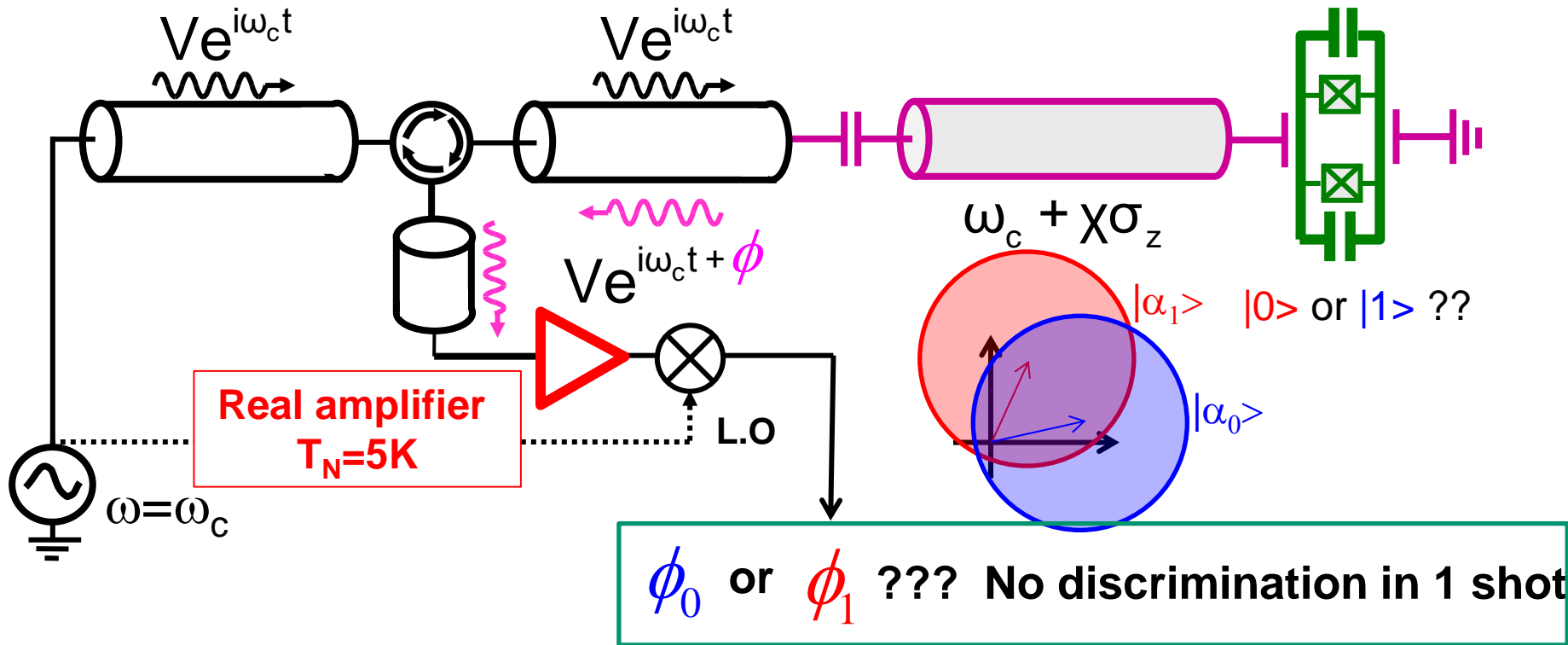


# **PART II: AMPLIFICATION & FEEDBACK**

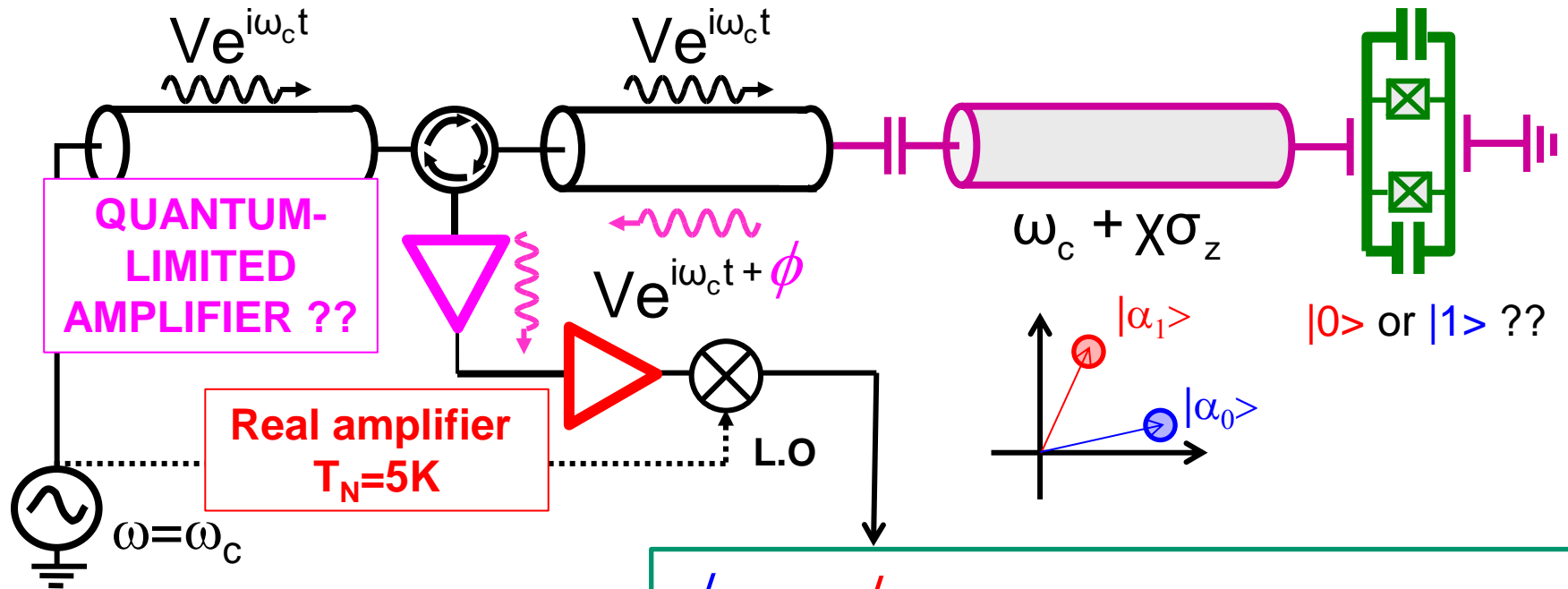
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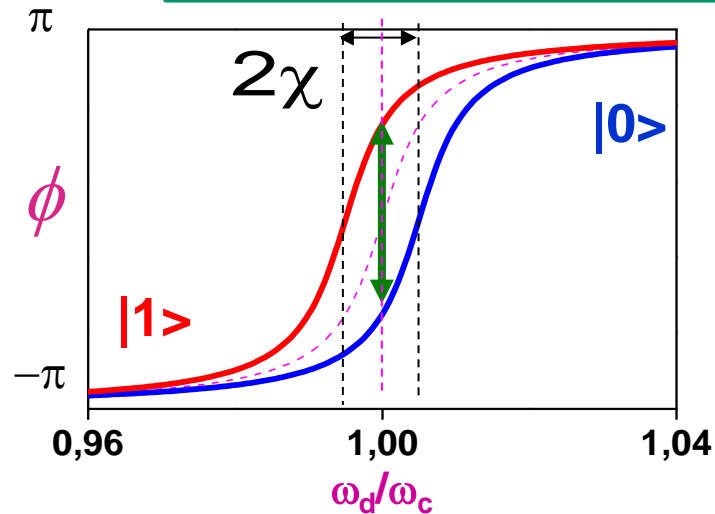
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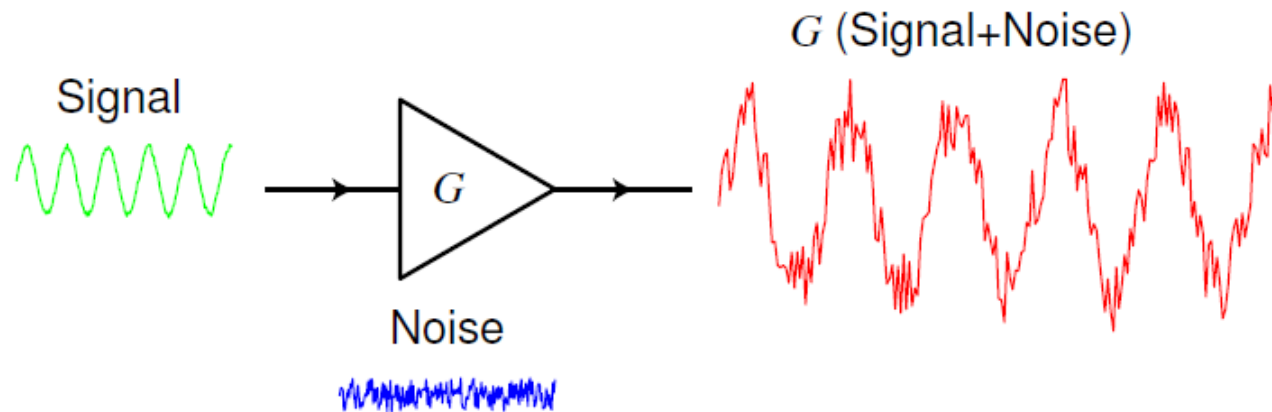


$\phi_0$  or  $\phi_1$  in one single-shot ??

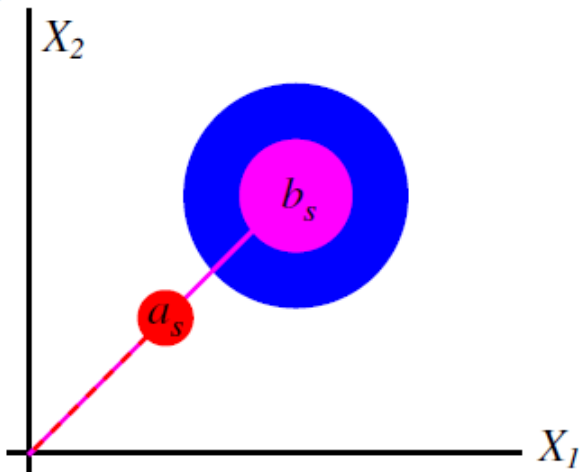


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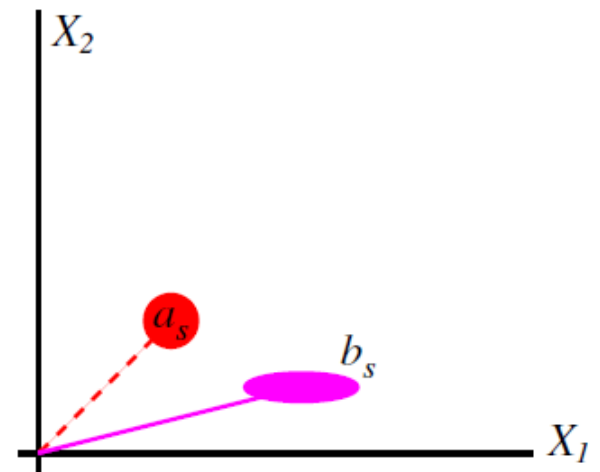
(a)



(b)

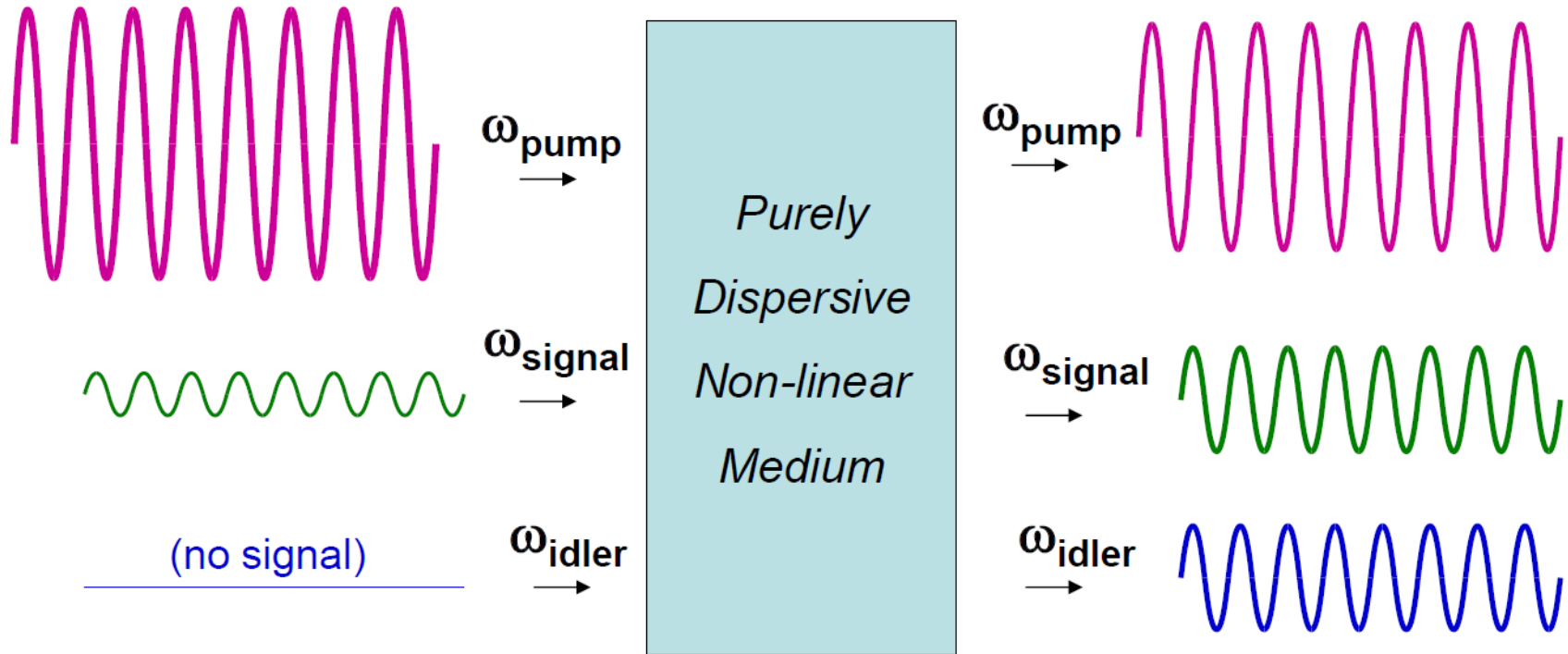


(c)





# Parametric Amplification



$$\omega_{\text{signal}} + \omega_{\text{idler}} = \omega_{\text{pump}}$$

"3-wave process"

$$\omega_{\text{signal}} + \omega_{\text{idler}} = 2\omega_{\text{pump}}$$

"4-wave process"

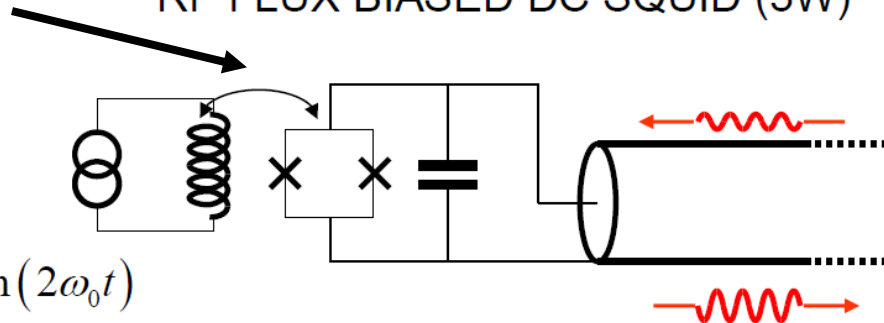
(Slide by Michel Devoret)

# Parametric Amplification

## ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Josephson pot.  $\sim \sin(\phi)$   
Gives all odd terms!

RF FLUX BIASED DC SQUID (3W)



(NEC, Chalmers)

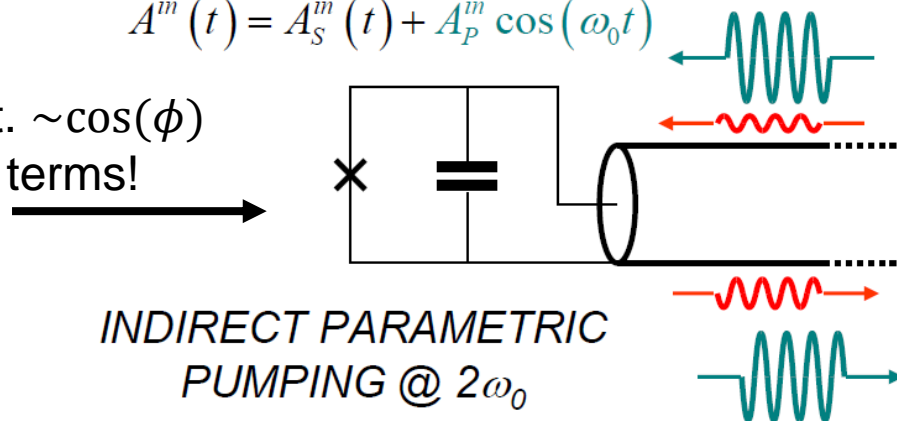
$$I_B(t) = I_B + I_P \sin(2\omega_0 t)$$

RF BIASED JUNCTION (4W)

EFFECTIVE PARAMETRIC DRIVE

$$A^{in}(t) = A_S^{in}(t) + A_P^{in} \cos(\omega_0 t)$$

Josephson pot.  $\sim \cos(\phi)$   
Gives all even terms!

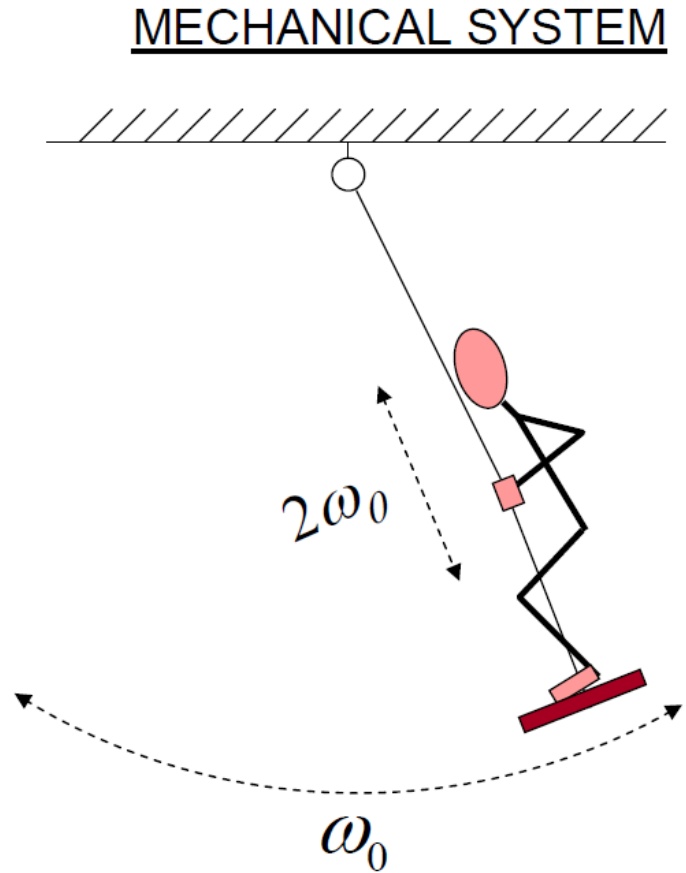


(Yale, NIST  
KTH, Berkeley)

INDIRECT PARAMETRIC  
PUMPING @  $2\omega_0$

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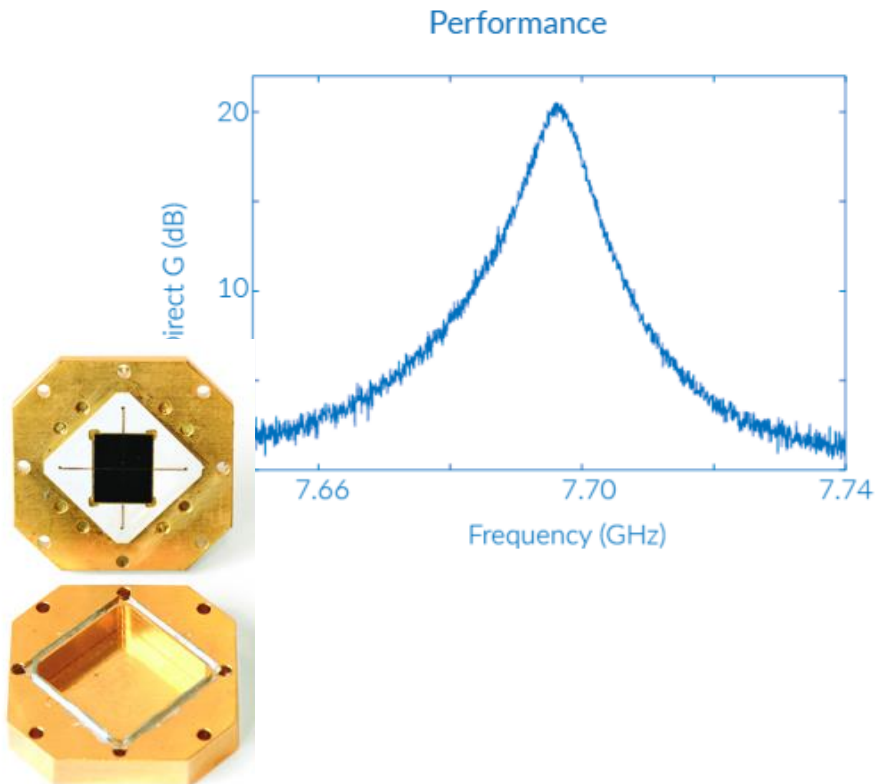
PUMP: WORK  
AGAINST CENTRIFUGAL  
FORCE

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# Parametric Amplification

## JPA / JPC

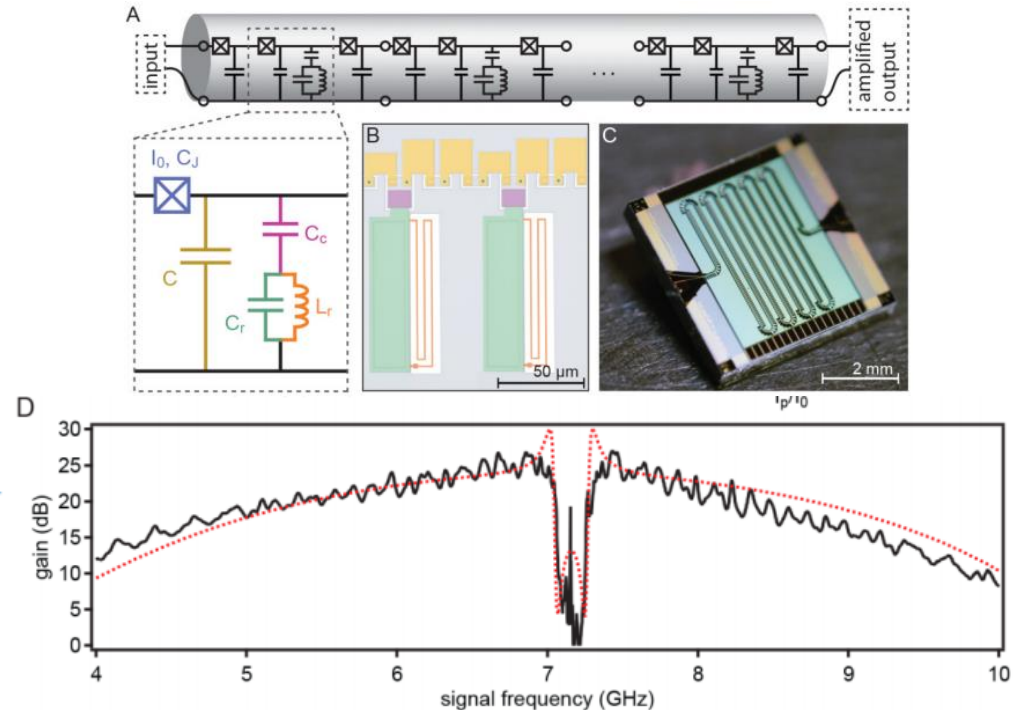
- + Very simple to make
- Narrow band
- + Ultimate efficiency



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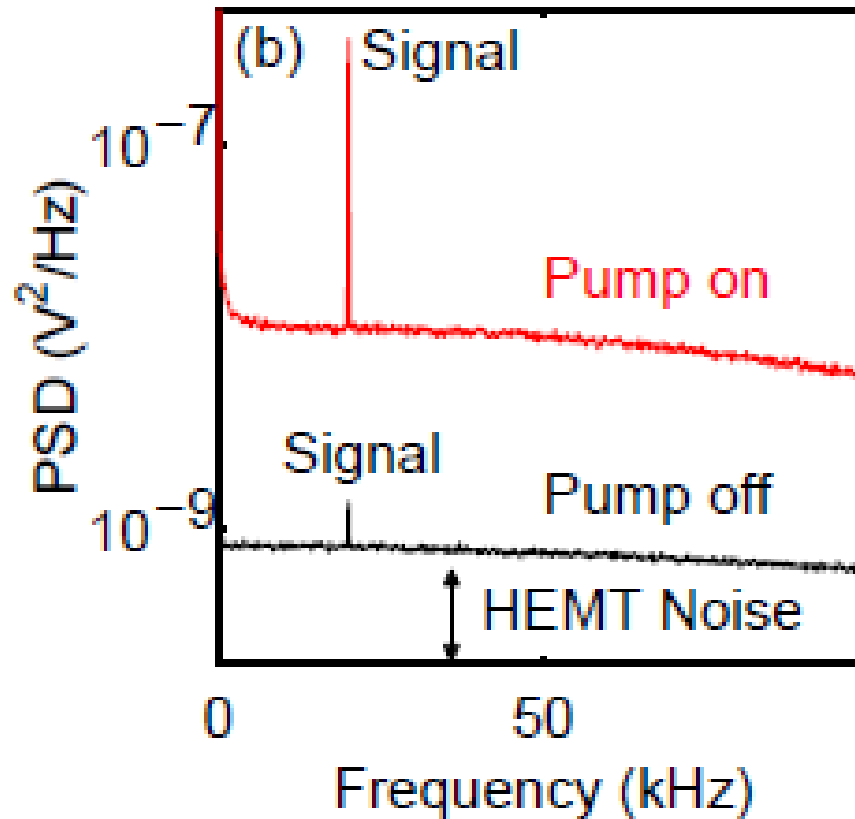
## TWPA

- Complicated: 1000s JJ
- Slightly less efficient now
- + Broadband, directional



Macklin et al., Science (2015)

# Signal-to-Noise with Par-amp

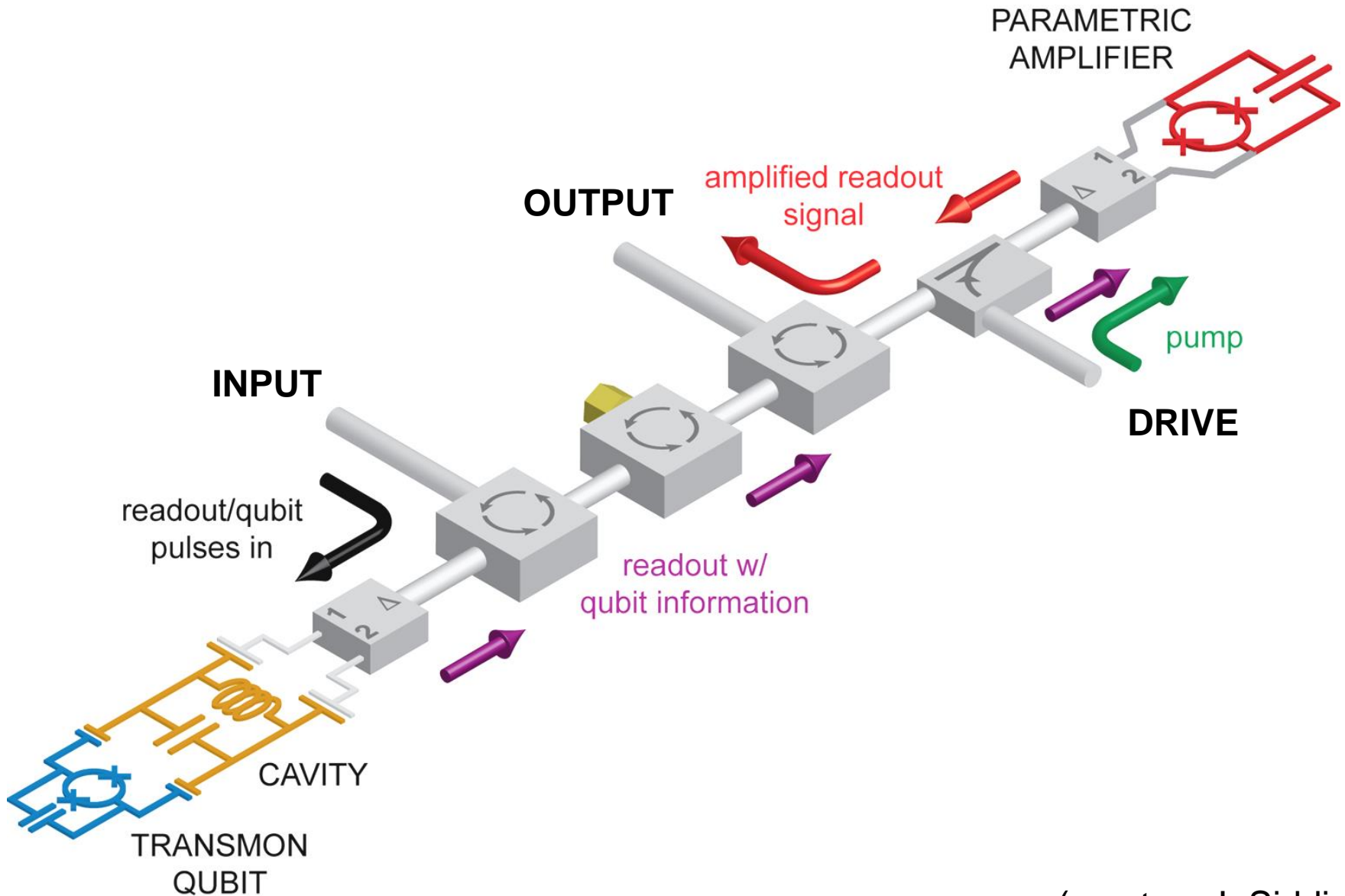


M. Castellanos-Beltran, K. Lehnert, APL (2007)

(**quantum limit** on how good an amplifier can be : **Caves theorem**)

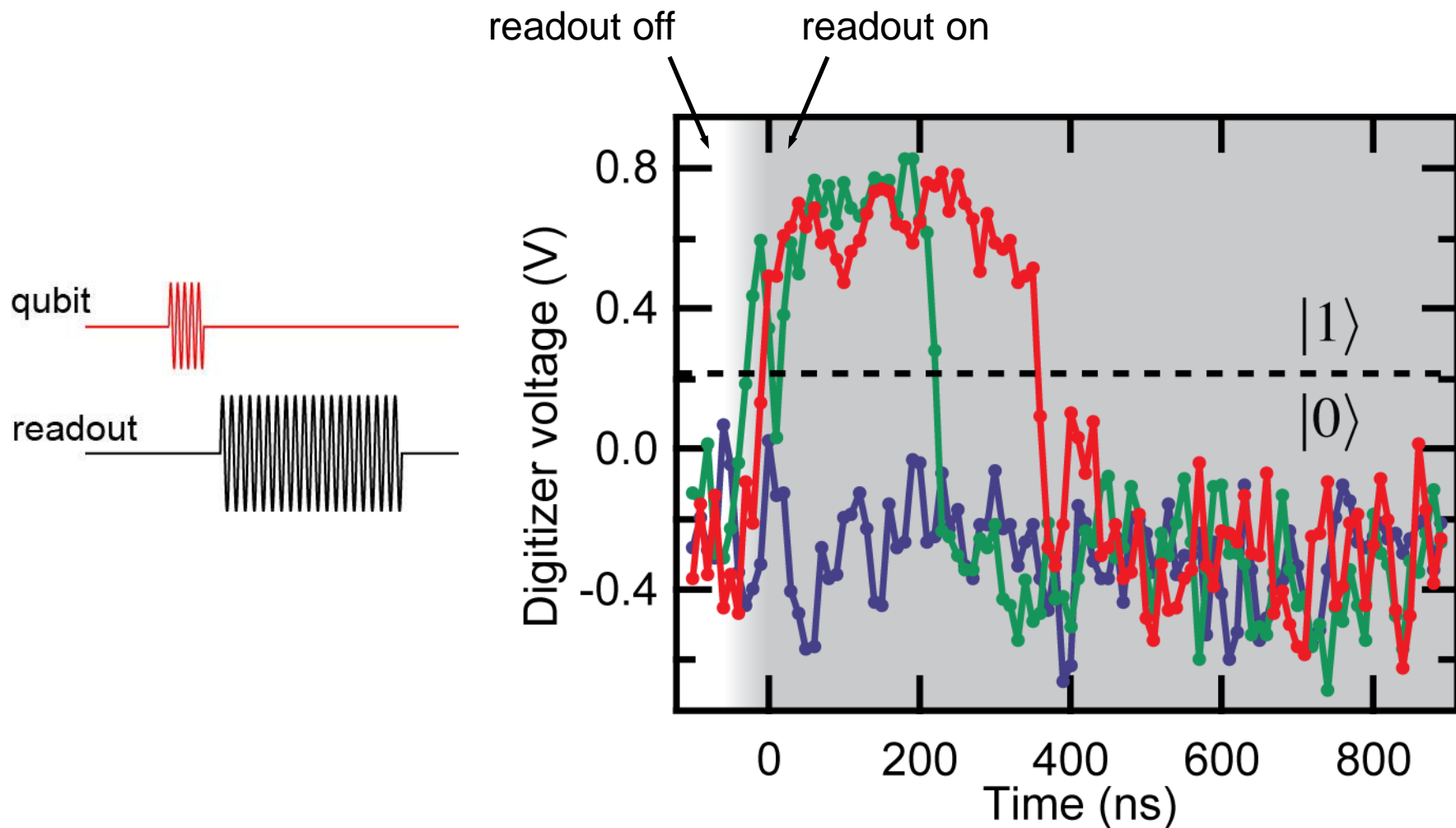
Actually reached in several experiments : **quantum limited measurement**

# Typical Measurement Chain



(courtesy I. Siddiqi)

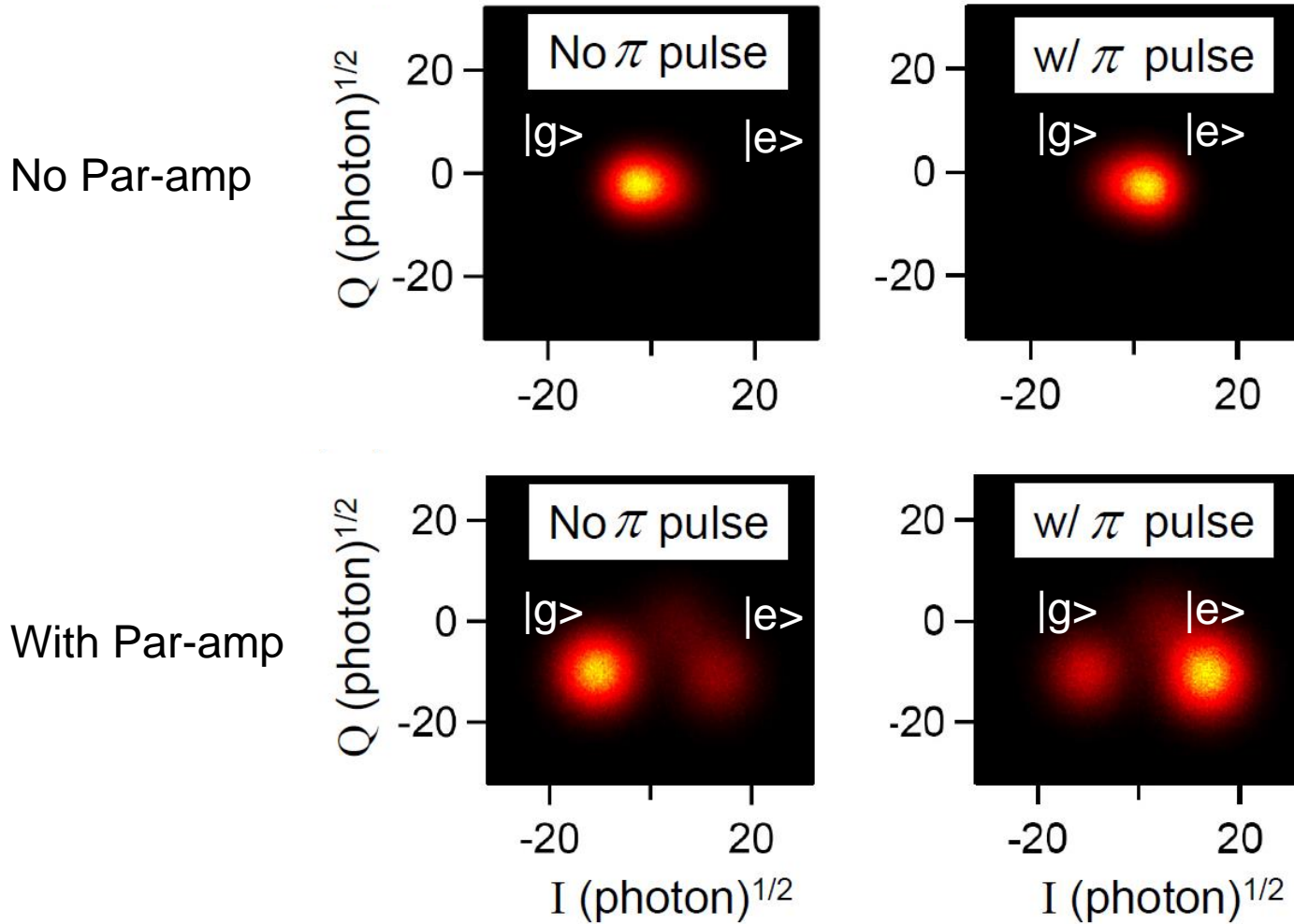
# Pulsed Readout



R. Vijay, D.H. Slichter, and I. Siddiqi, PRL **106**, 110502 (2011)

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# Single-Shot Histograms

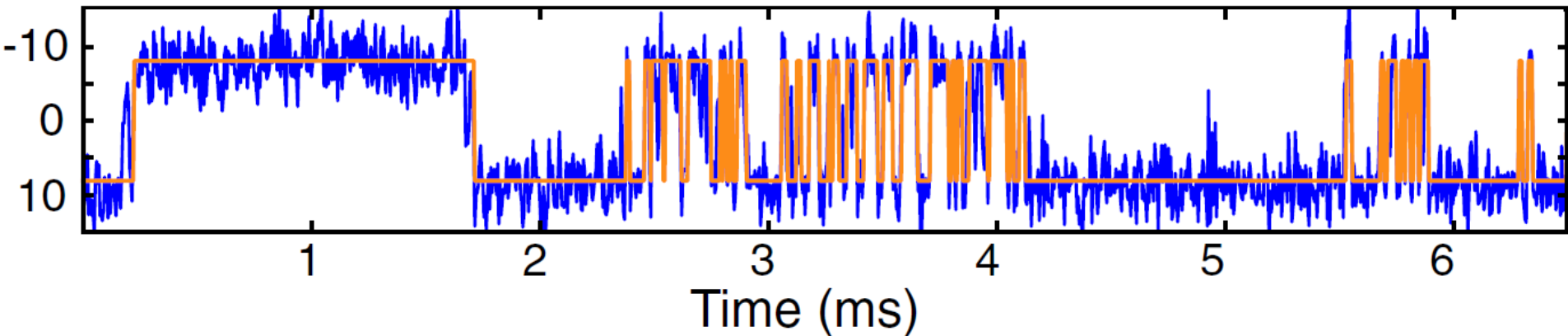


→ Single-shot discrimination of qubit state

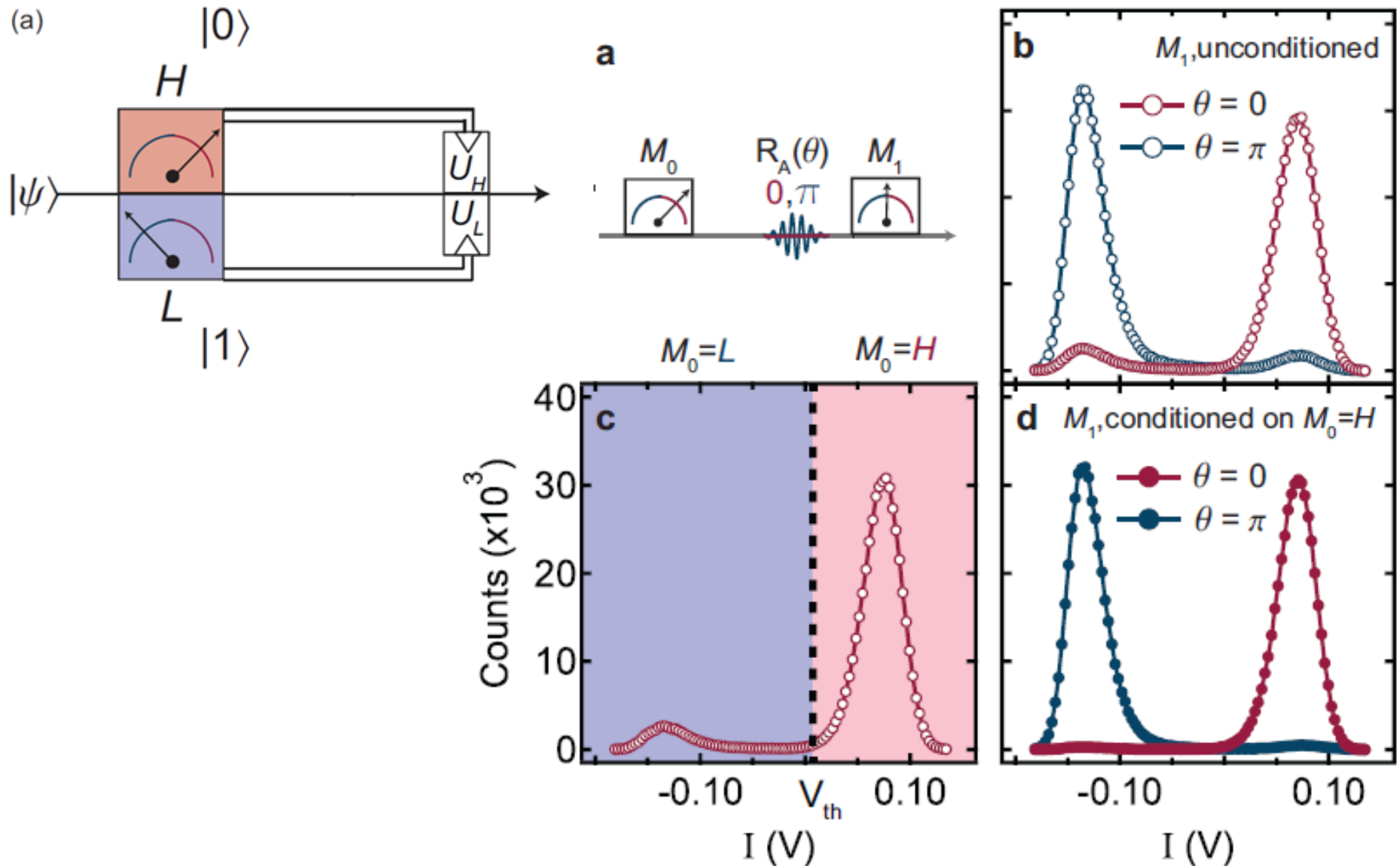


# Cont. Readout: Quantum Jumps

- You can observe transitions in real-time!  
(in this case for a fluxonium qubit)

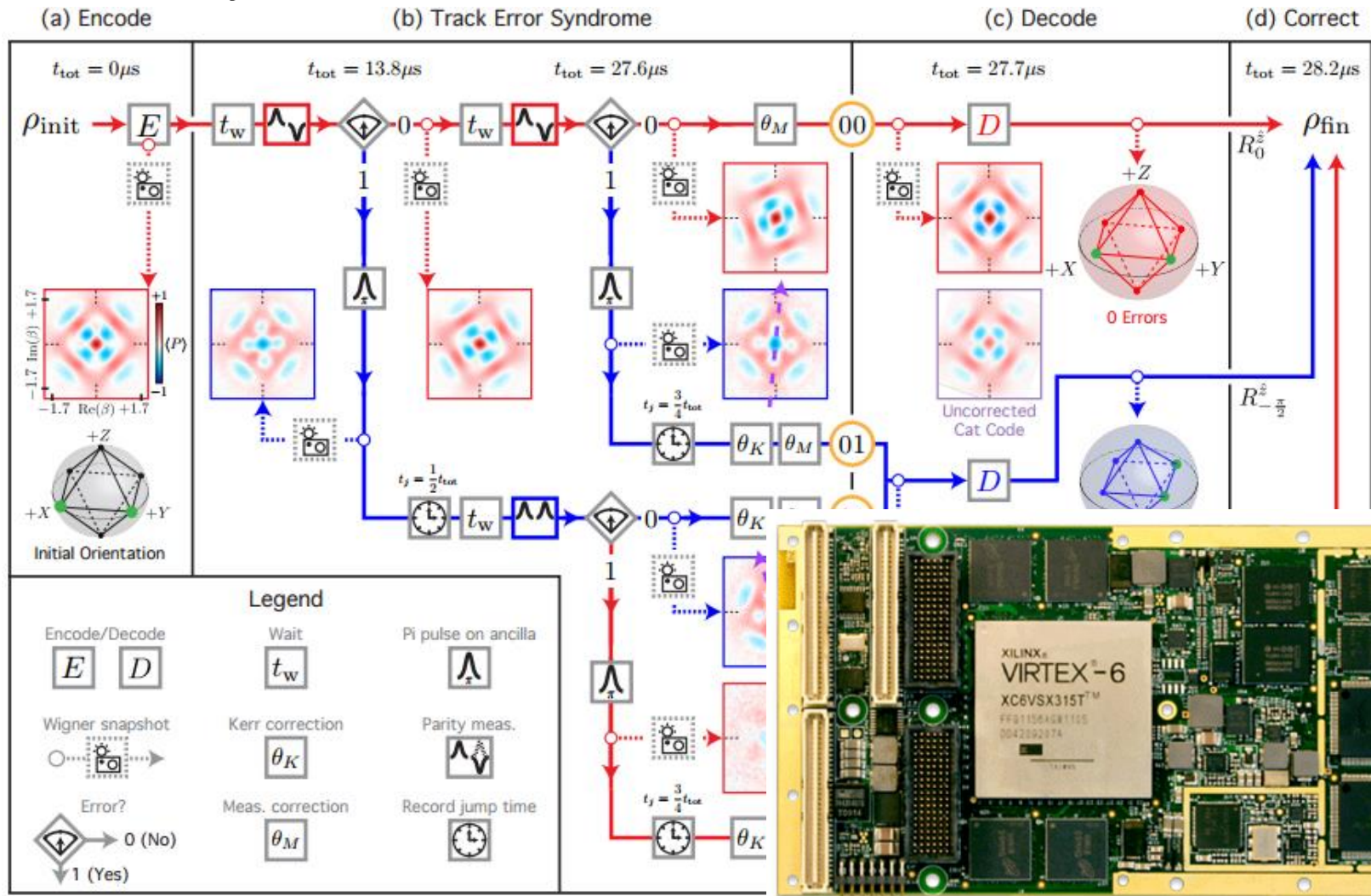


# Single-Shot Readout $\rightarrow$ Feedback



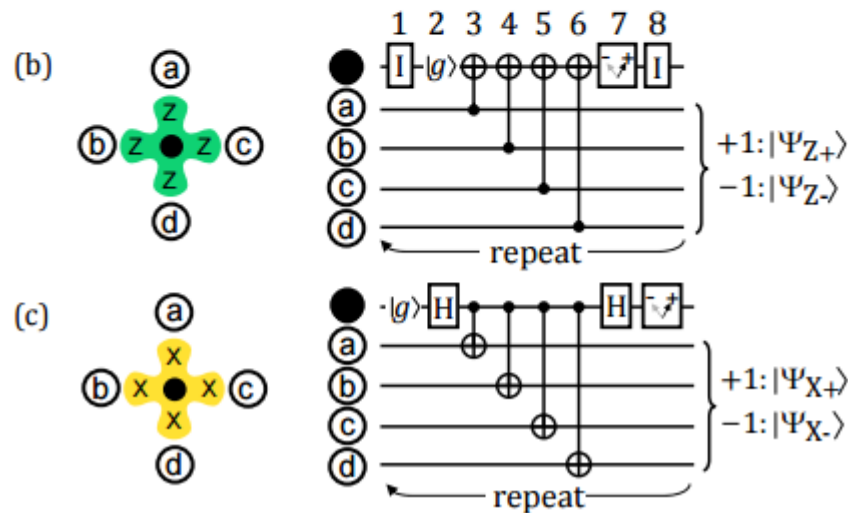
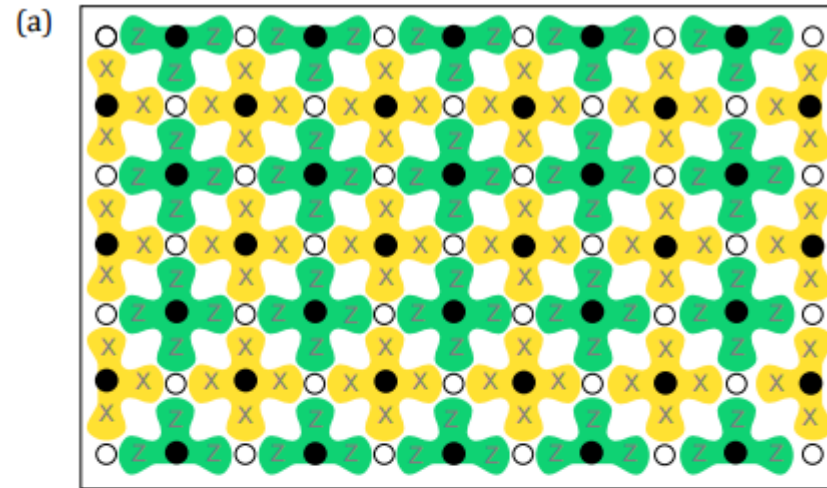
# Real-Time Feedback

- Many use FPGAs for real-time feedback



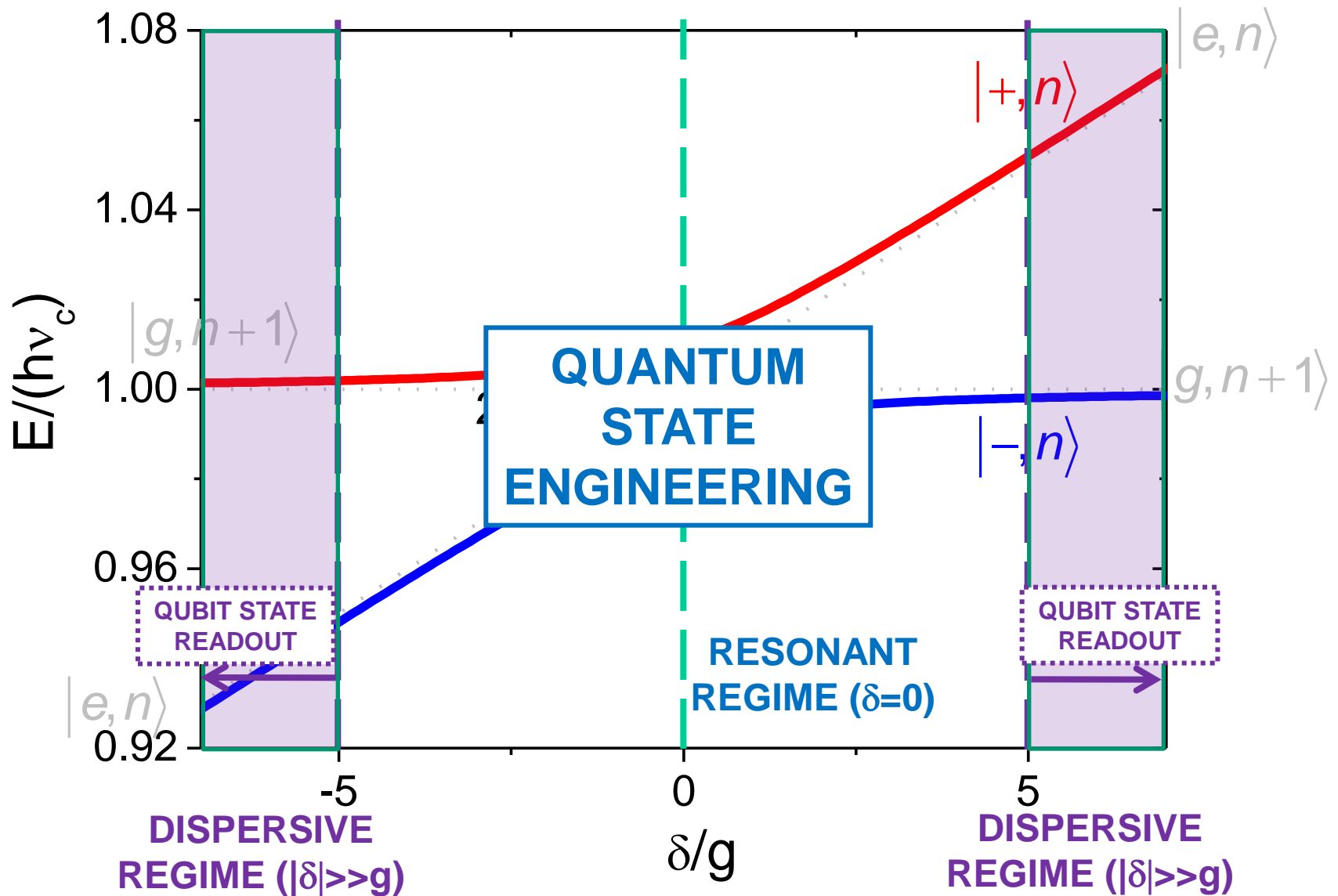
# Quantum Error Correction

- The ultimate quantum feedback machine



# **PART III: QUANTUM STATE ENGINEERING**

# Two Interesting Limits

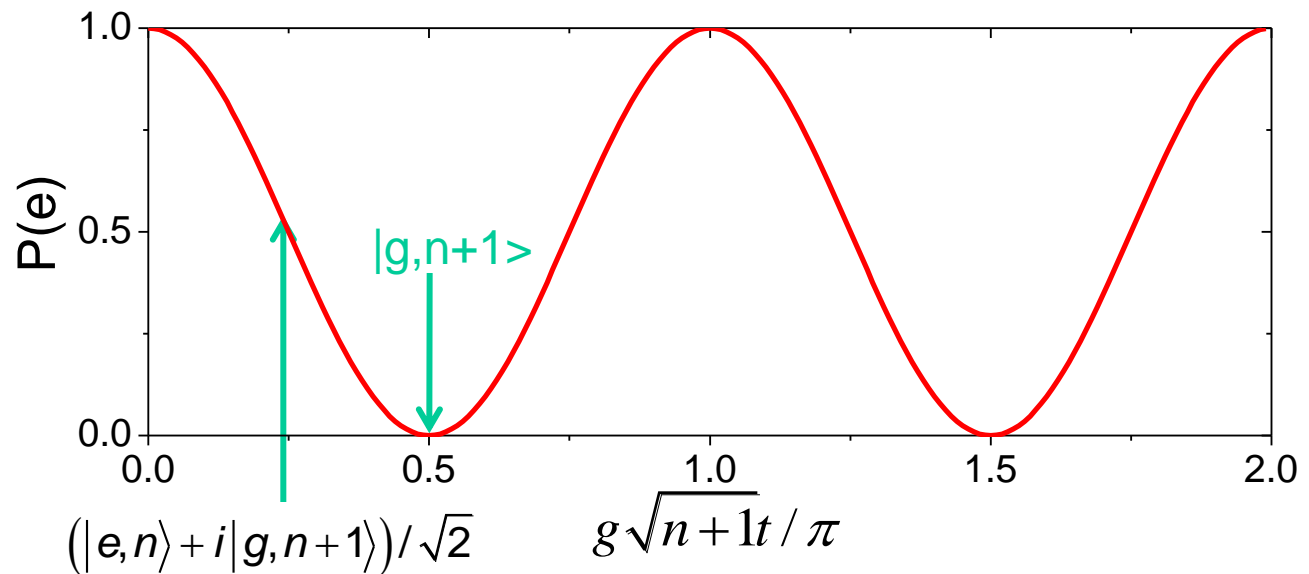


# Resonant JC: Vacuum Rabi Osc.

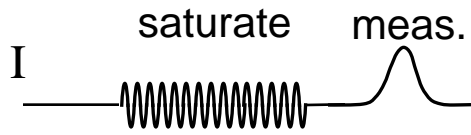
$$\left. \begin{aligned} |+,n\rangle &= (|e,n\rangle + |g,n+1\rangle) / \sqrt{2} \\ |-,n\rangle &= (-|e,n\rangle + |g,n+1\rangle) / \sqrt{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{COMPLETE} \\ \text{ATOM-PHOTON} \\ \text{MIXING} \end{array}$$

COUPLING  
SUDDENLY ON at  $t=0$   $P(e) = 1/2(1 + \cos 2g\sqrt{n+1}t)$

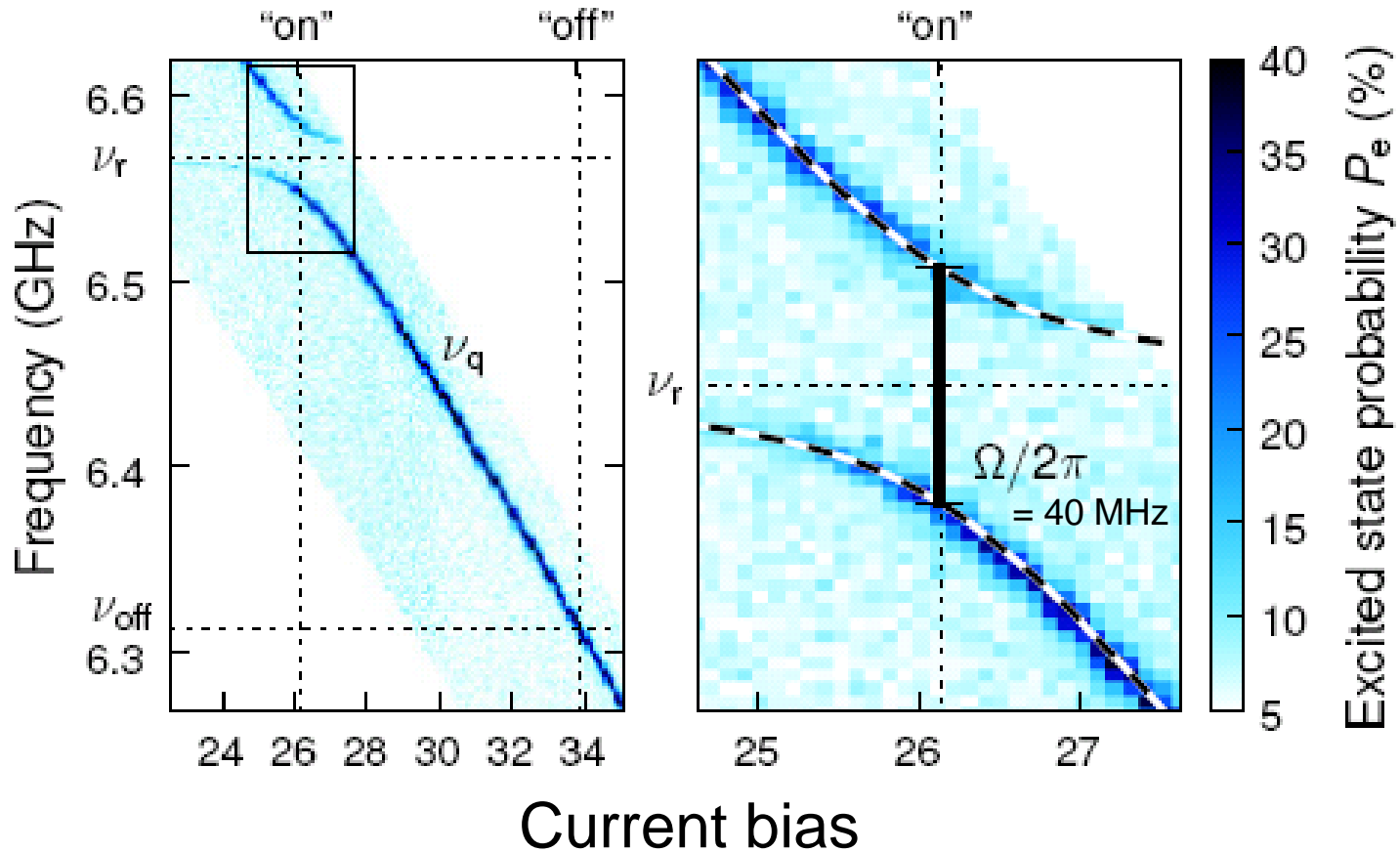
Uncoupled system  
prepared in  $|e,n\rangle$



# Phase Qubit Coupled to Resonator



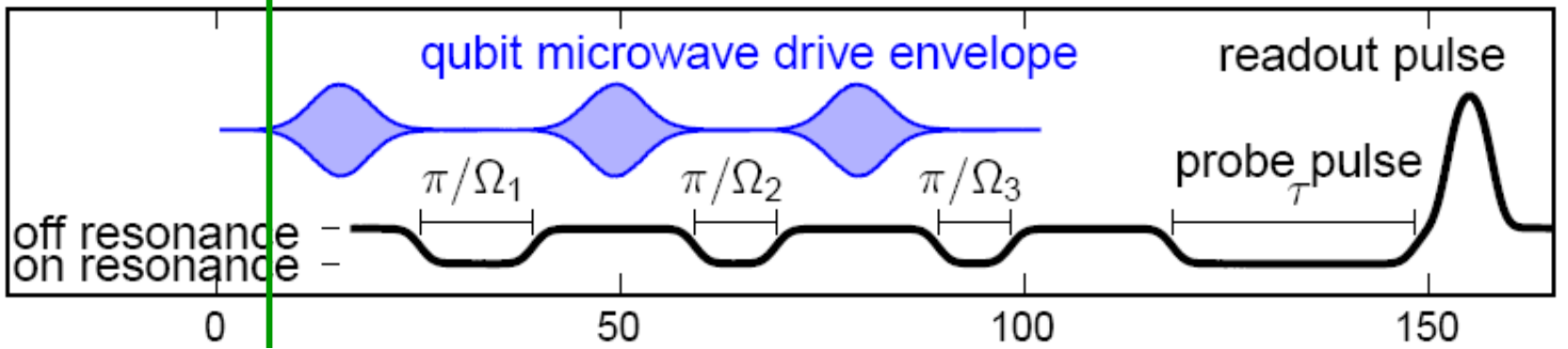
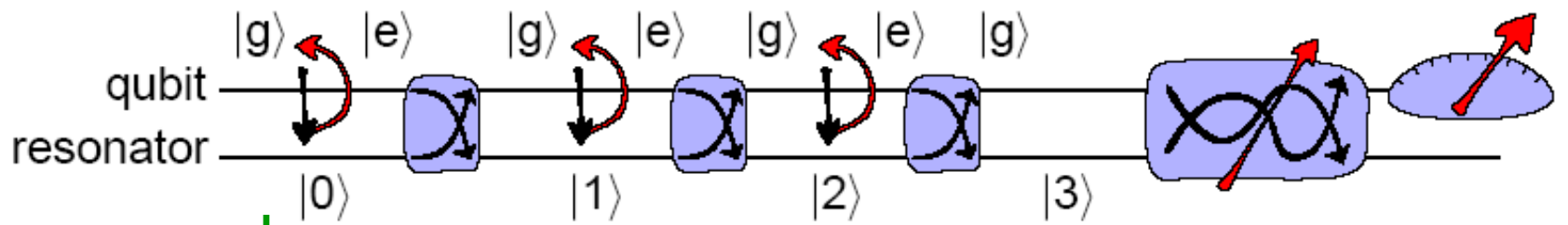
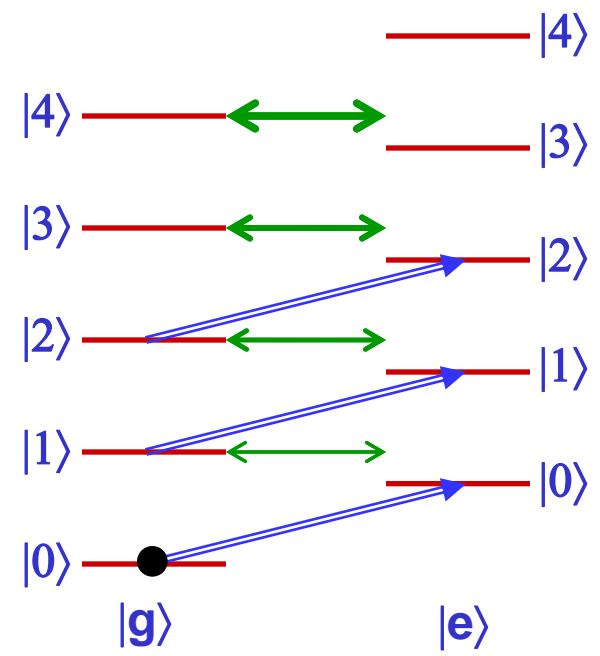
Coupling turned on & off via qubit bias



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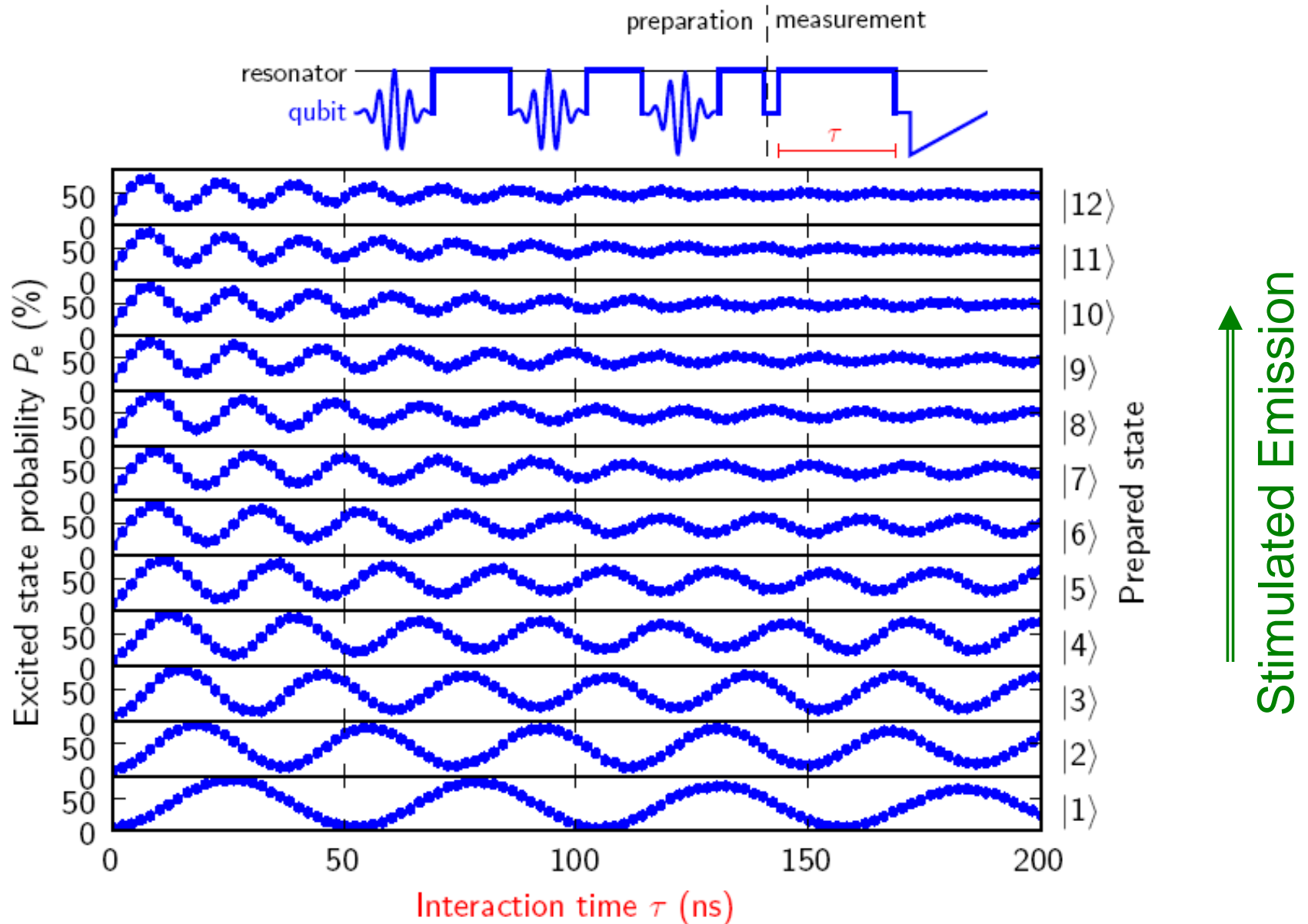


# Generating Fock States: Pumping Photons One by One (As done for ion traps)



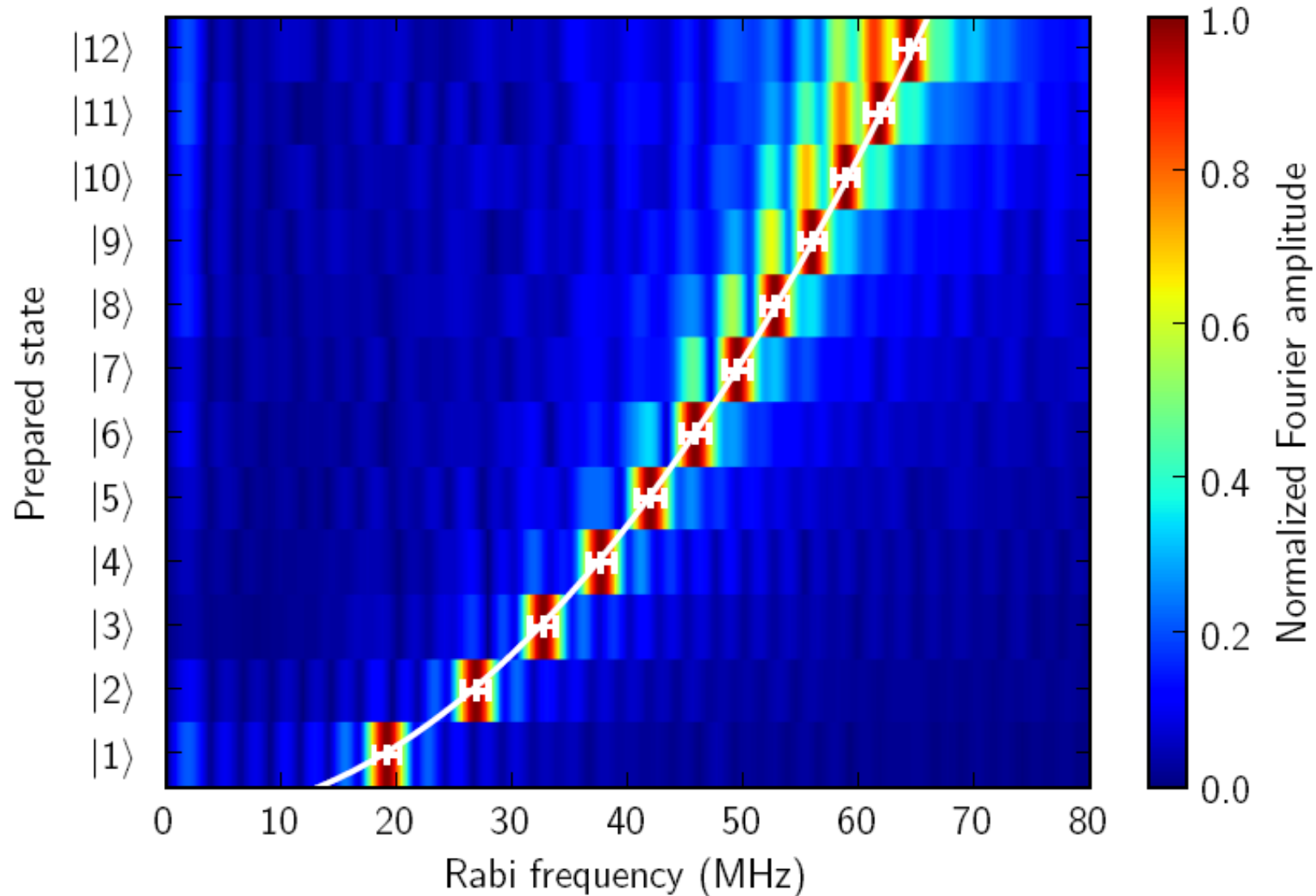
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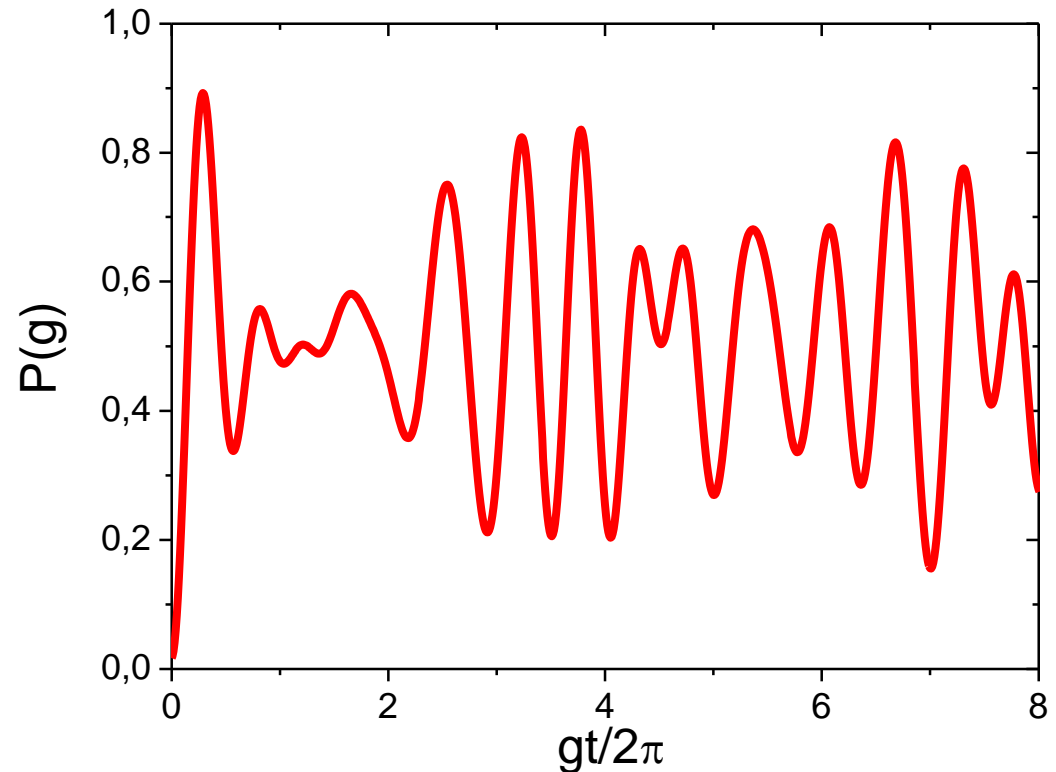


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# Swap Oscillations Depend on $|n\rangle$

COUPLING  
SUDDENLY ON at  $t=0$

- Atom prepared in  $|g\rangle$
- Oscillator in unknown state



$$P(g) = 1/2 \left[ 1 + \sum_n p(n) \cos(2g\sqrt{nt}) \right]$$



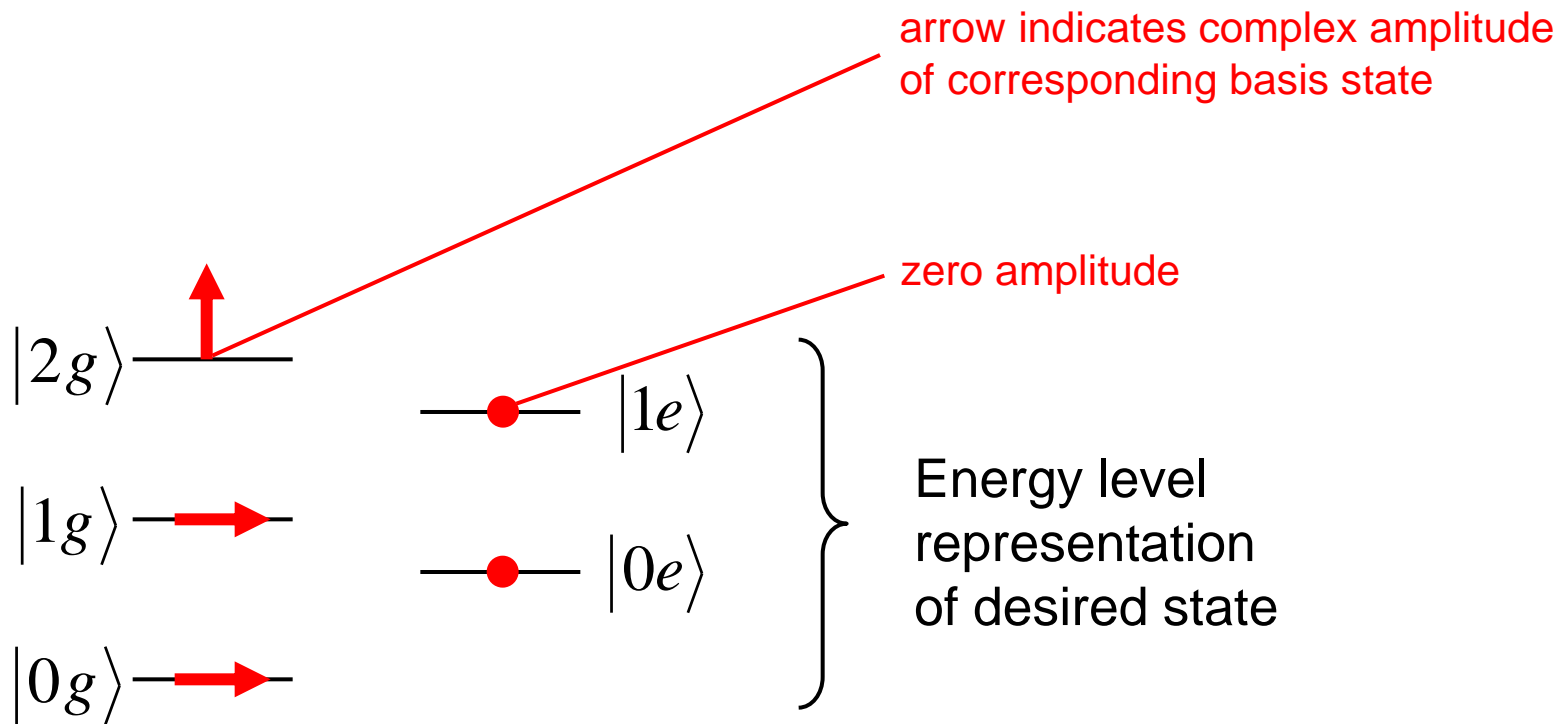
Measurement  
of  $p(n)$

# Generating Arbitrary States

Desired final state  $\longrightarrow |\psi\rangle = 0.577(|0\rangle + |1\rangle + i|2\rangle) \otimes |g\rangle$

Law and Eberly, PRL (1996)

Reverse-engineer final state by building pulse sequence backwards



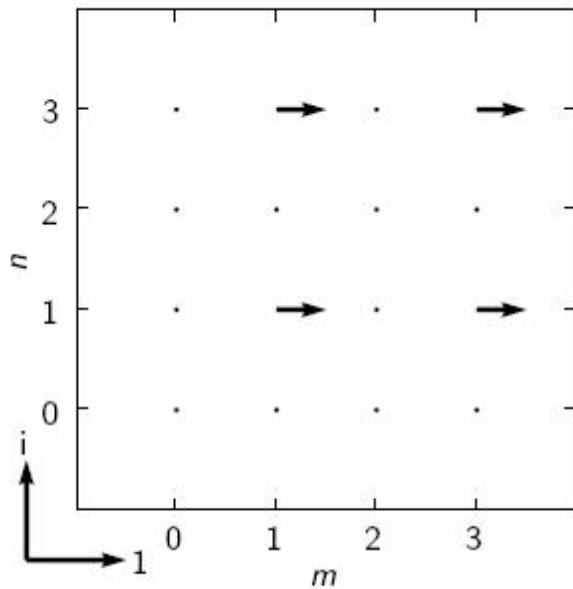
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# State Tomo. of Harmonic Oscillator

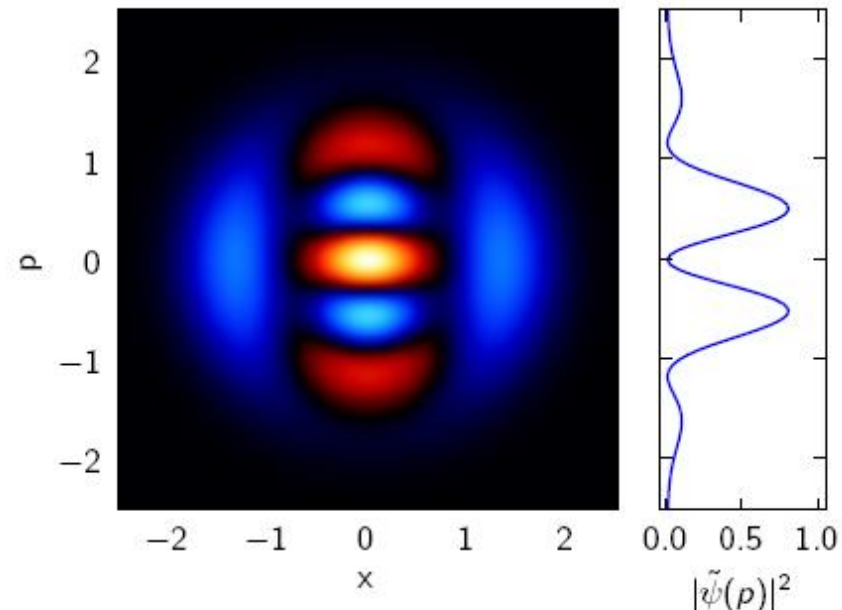
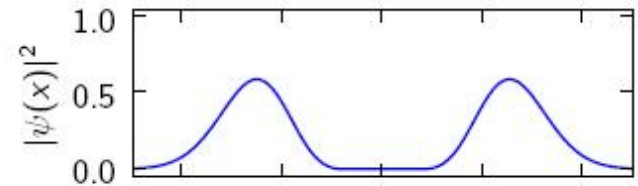
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Density matrix:

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$



Wigner function:



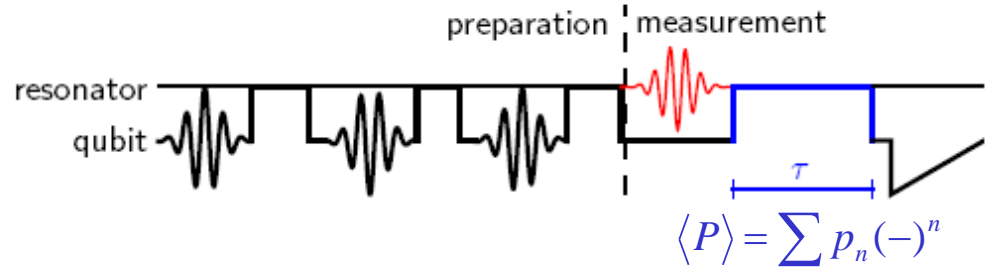
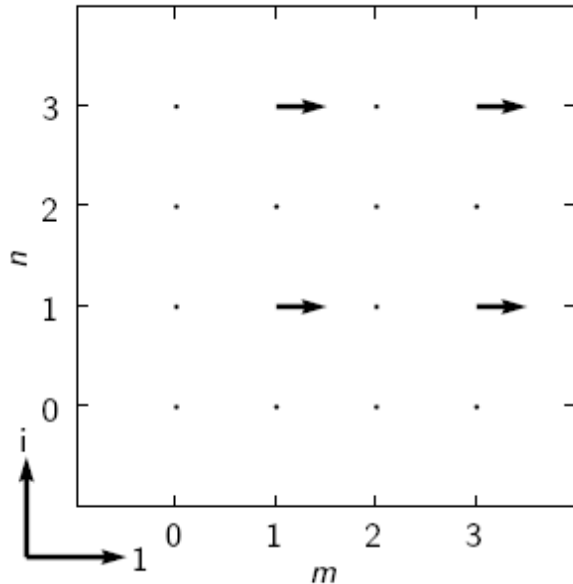
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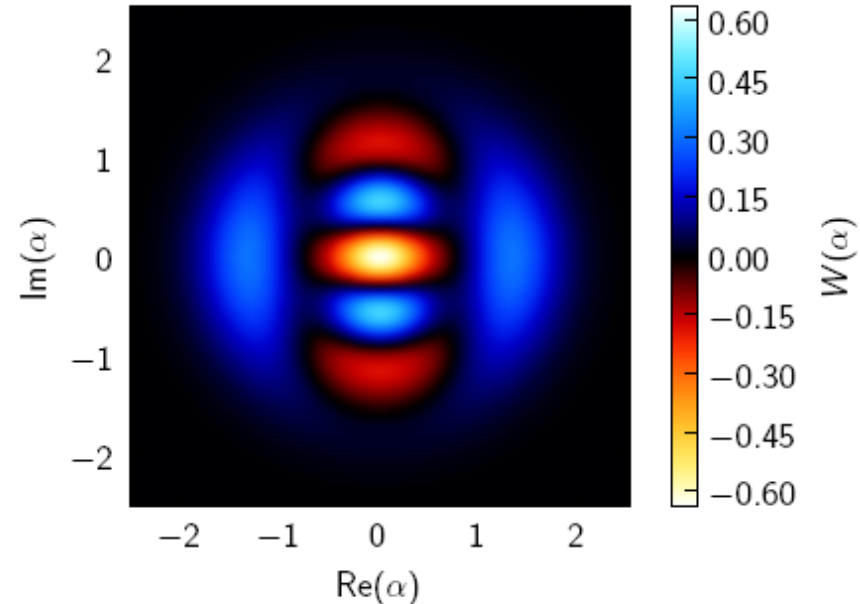
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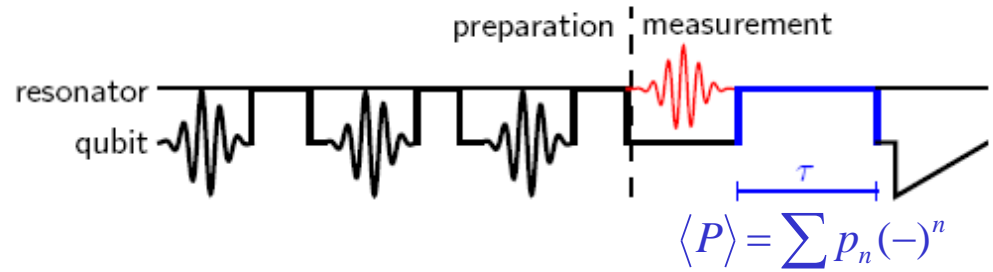
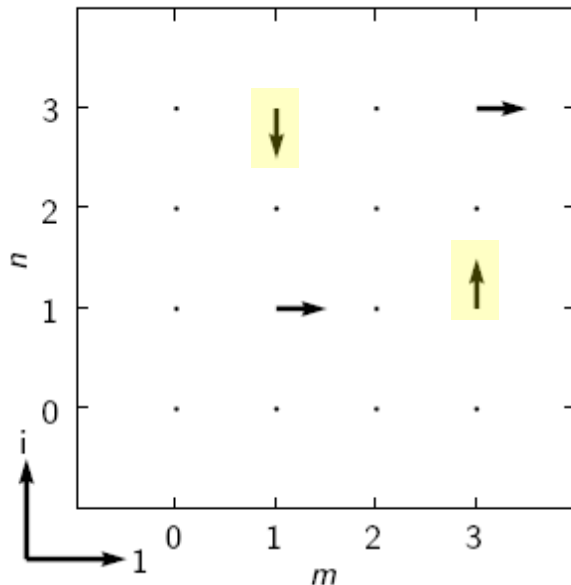
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# State Tomo. of Harmonic Oscillator

Example:  $|\psi\rangle = |1\rangle + i|3\rangle$

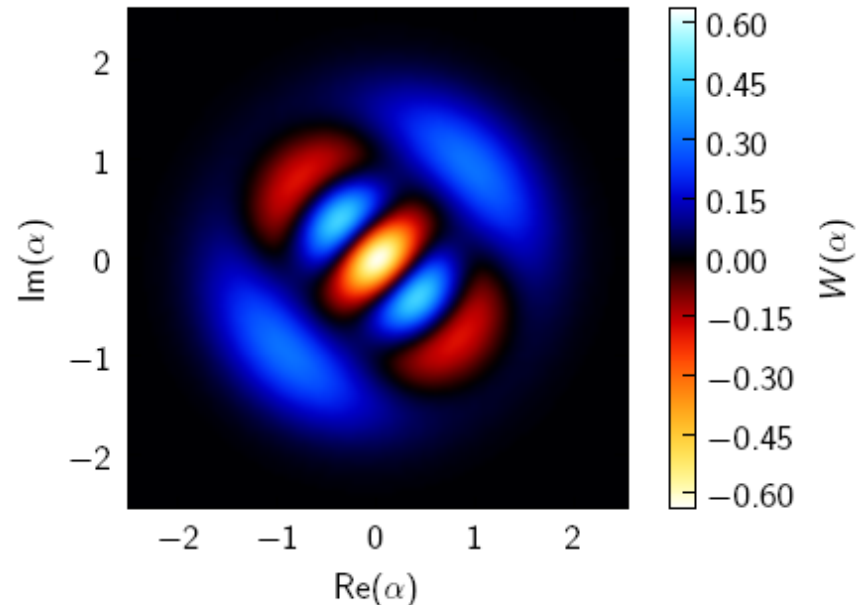
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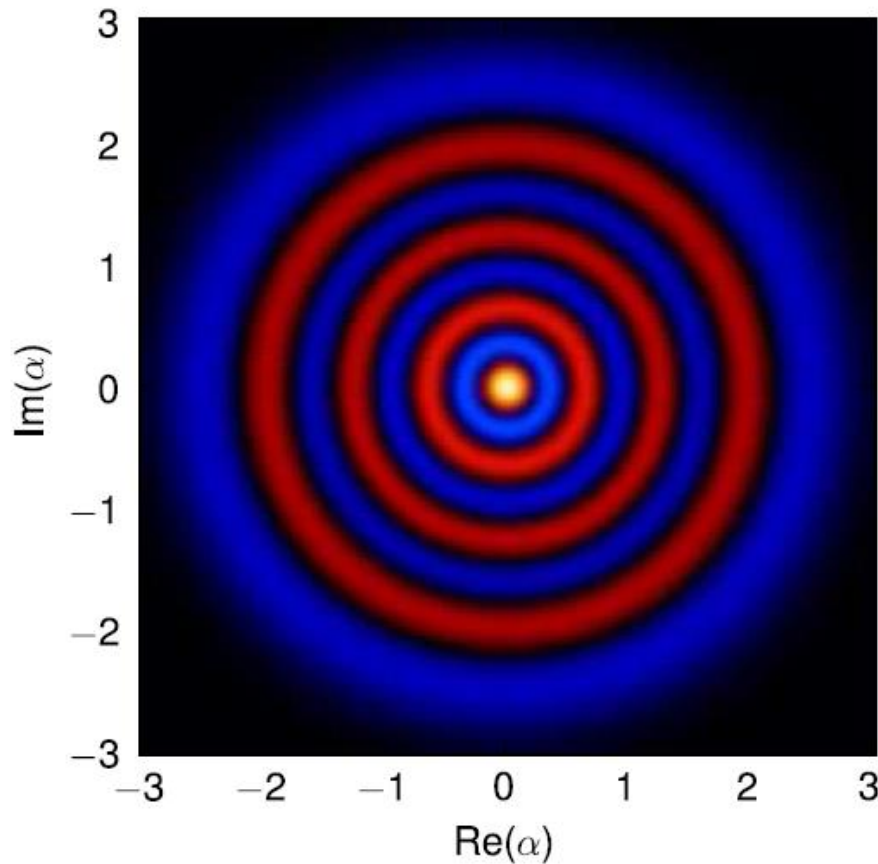


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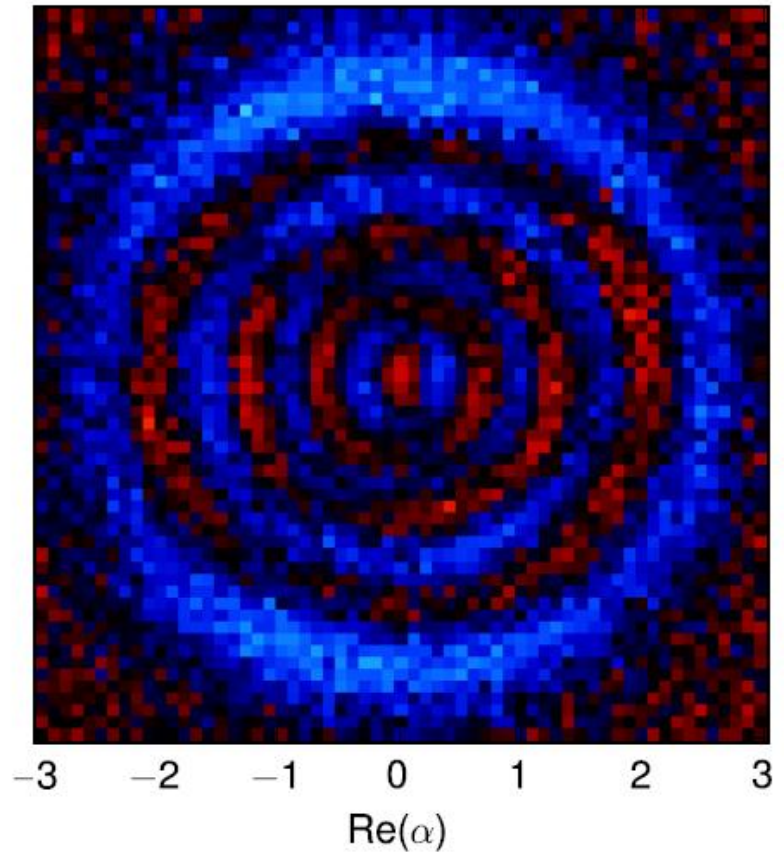


# Wigner Tomography of Fock State $|7\rangle$

Theory

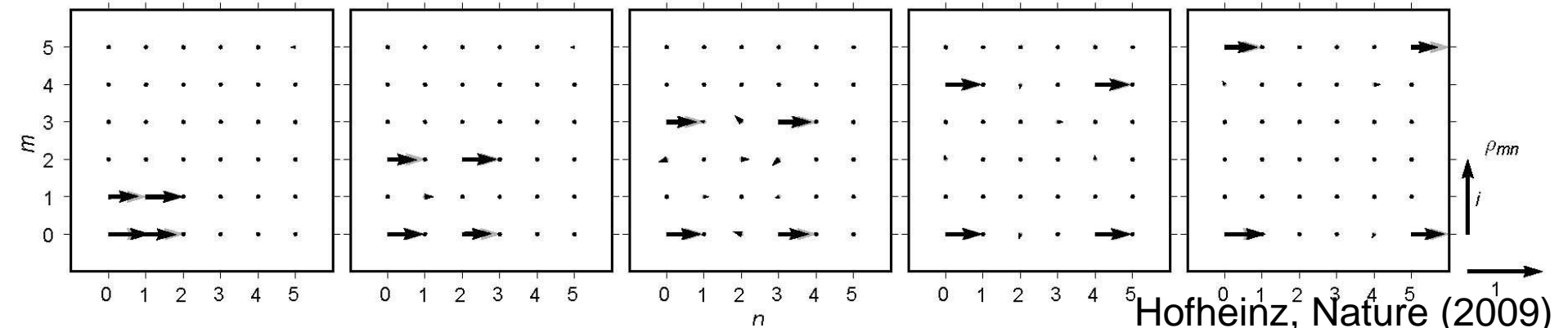
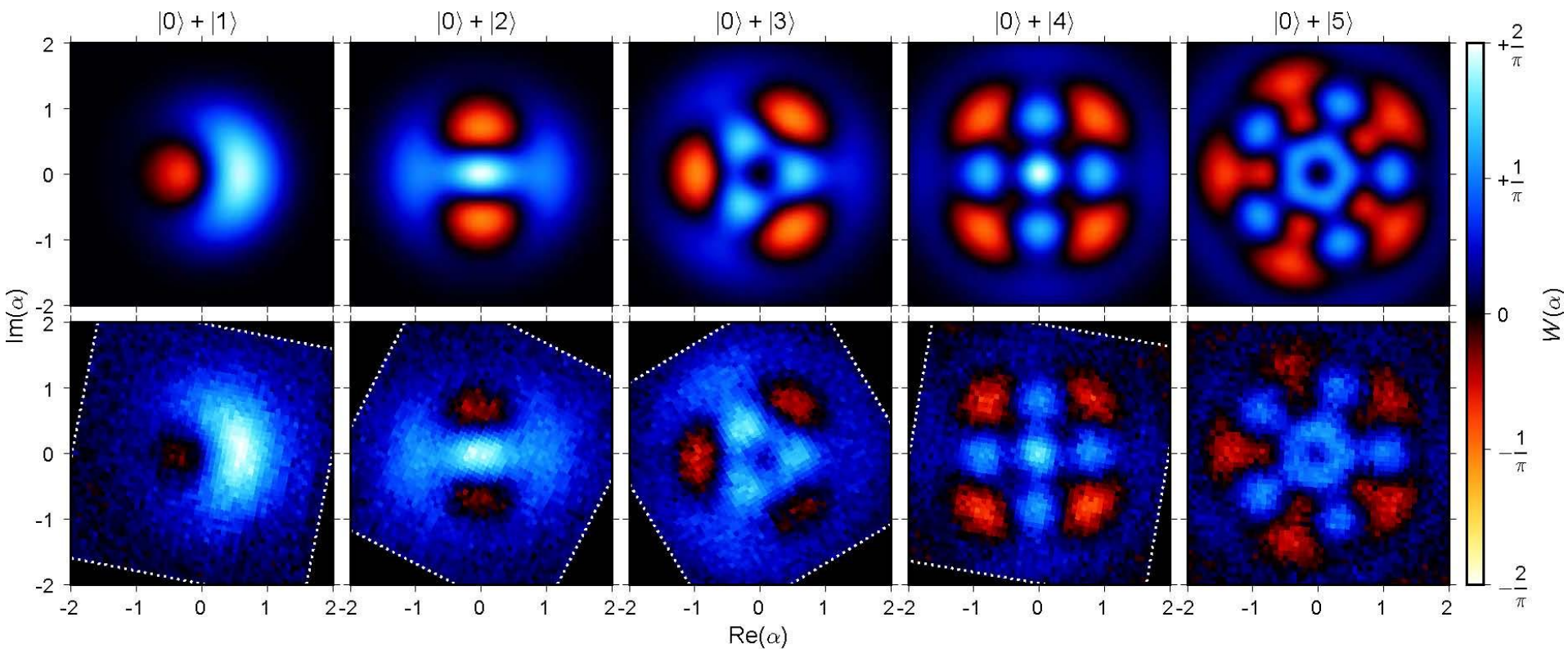


Experiment

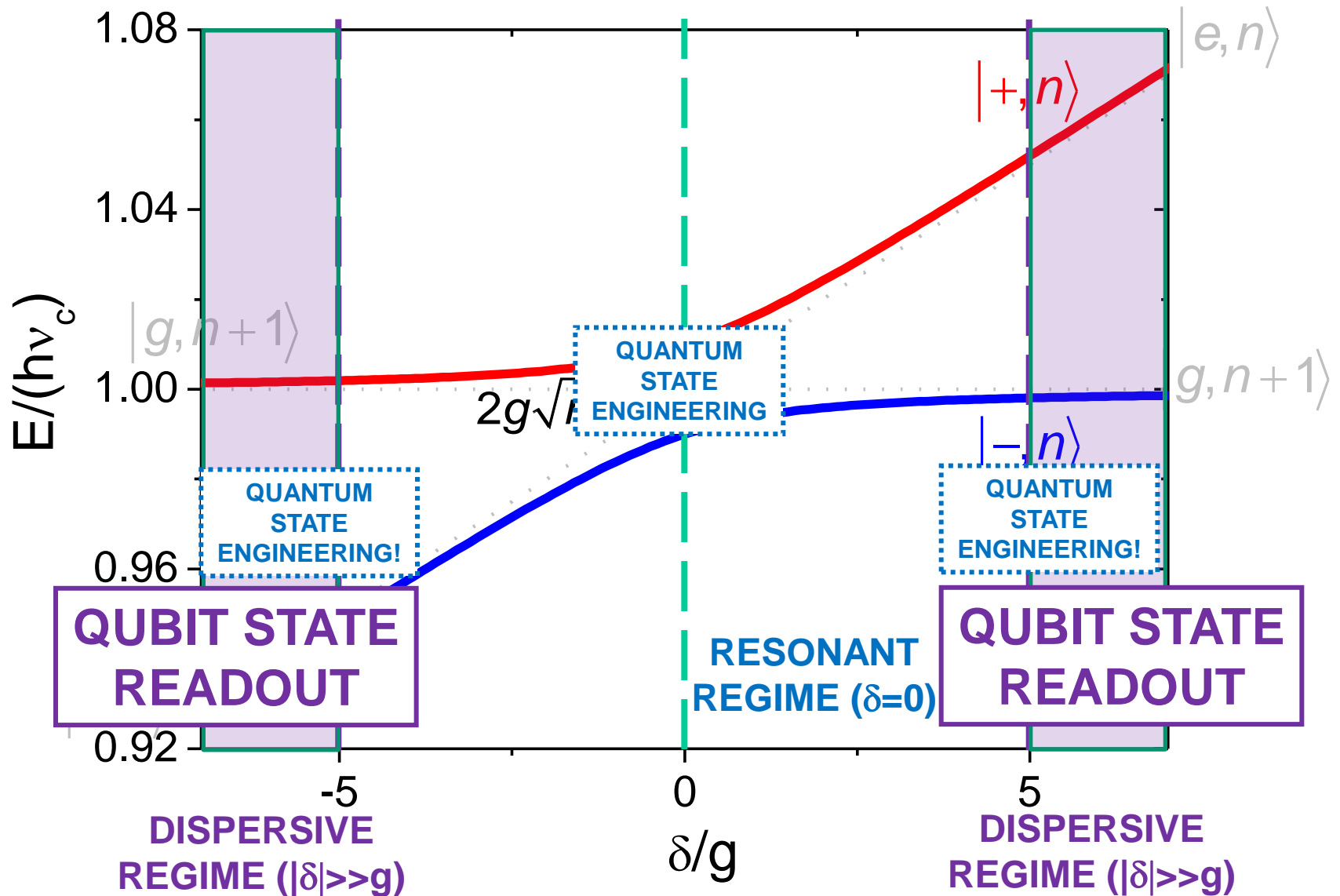


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# Wigner Tomography, $|0\rangle + |N\rangle$ states:

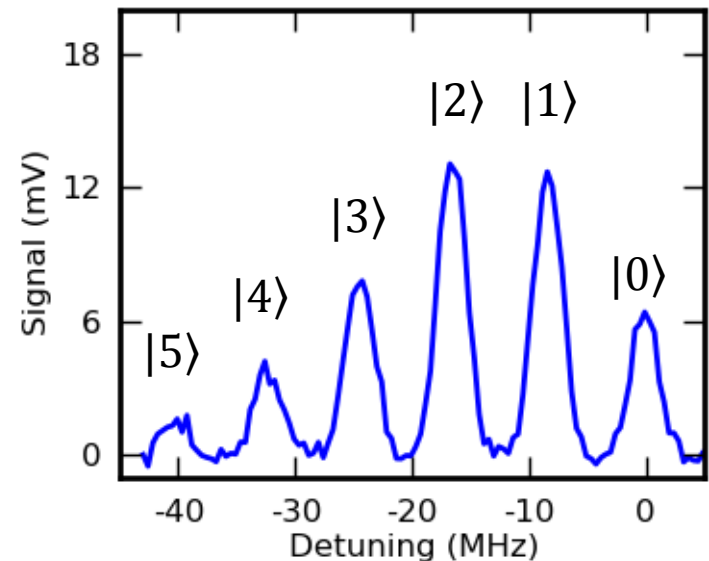
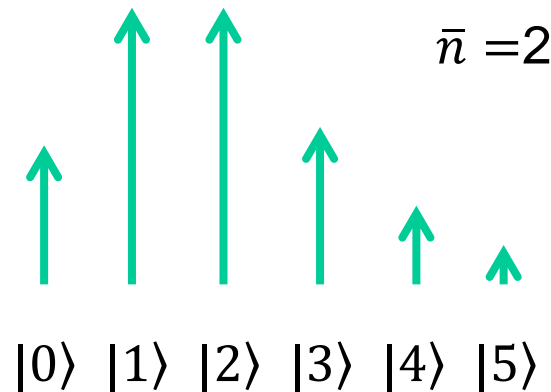


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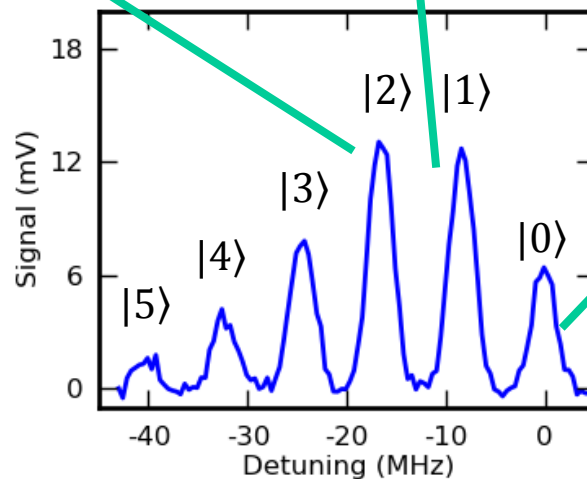
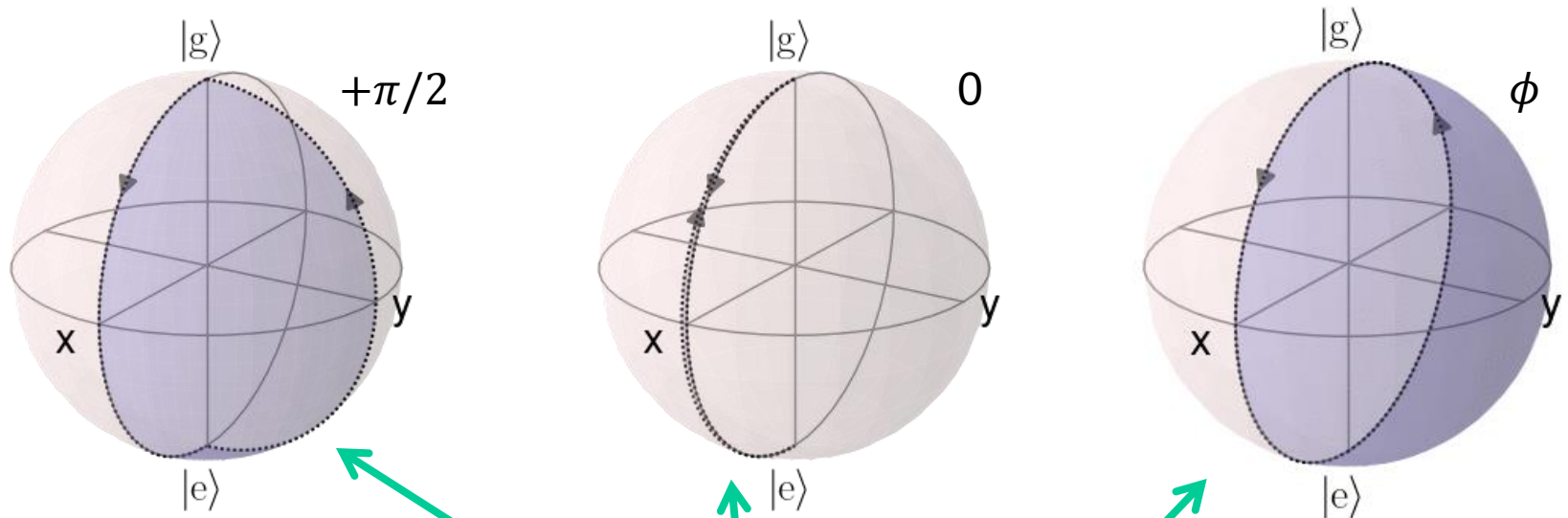
# Dispersive State Manipulation

- We can “displace” the oscillator state
  - Creates coherent state from vacuum
  - Closest analog to a classical state
  - Poisson photon number distribution
  - Average photon number  $\bar{n} = |\alpha|^2$
  - $|\alpha\rangle = \sum c_n |n\rangle$



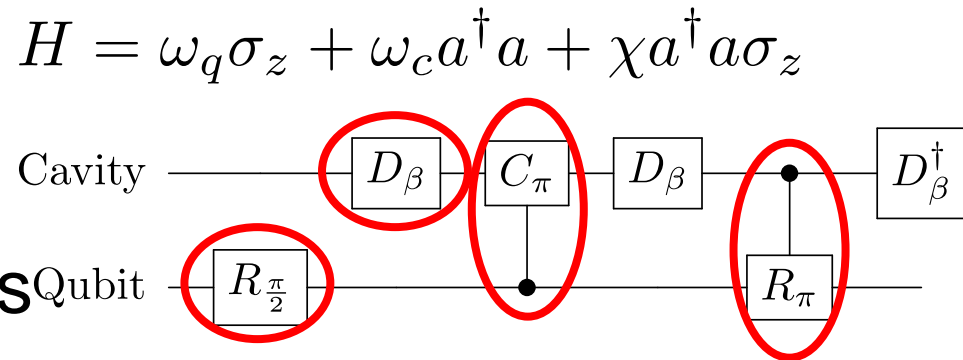
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- The dispersive Hamiltonian allows *selective qubit rotations*

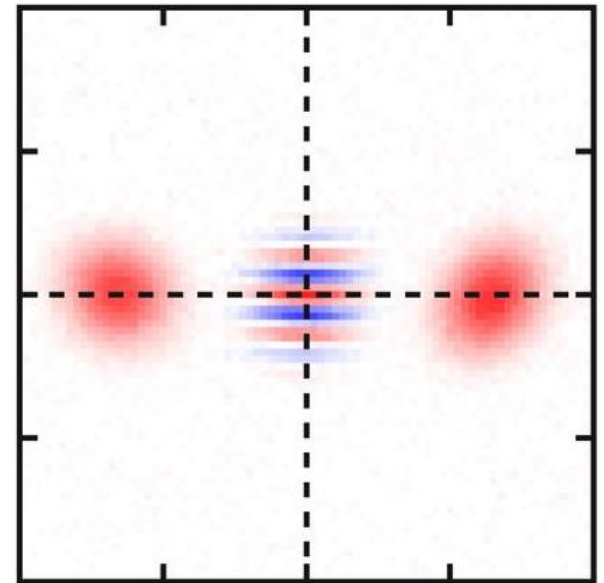


# Dispersive State Manipulation

- Operation library:
  - Qubit rotations
  - Cavity displacements
  - Conditional qubit rotations
  - Conditional cavity phase
- Entangling gates:  $\tau \approx \frac{1}{\chi}$
- *Theoretically* universal  
(using SNAP gate)



“Cat state”



# Dispersive State Manipulation

- How to account for additional terms?

$$H = \omega_q \sigma_z + \omega_c a^\dagger a + \chi a^\dagger a \sigma_z + \frac{K}{2} (a^\dagger)^2 a^2 + \frac{\chi'}{2} (a^\dagger)^2 a^2 \sigma_z$$

- How to do non-coherent state operations?
- Faster by making control-knobs more flexible?

$$H(t) = H_0 + \sum_k \varepsilon_k(t) H_k$$

$$H_{C,I} = \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger$$

$$H_{C,Q} = i(\hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger)$$

$$H_{T,I} = \hat{b} + \hat{b}^\dagger$$

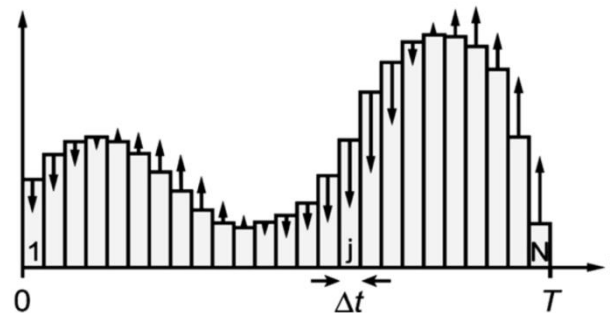
$$H_{T,Q} = i(\hat{b} - \hat{b}^\dagger)$$

# GRadient Ascent Pulse Engineering

- Numerical search for pulse implementing desired operation



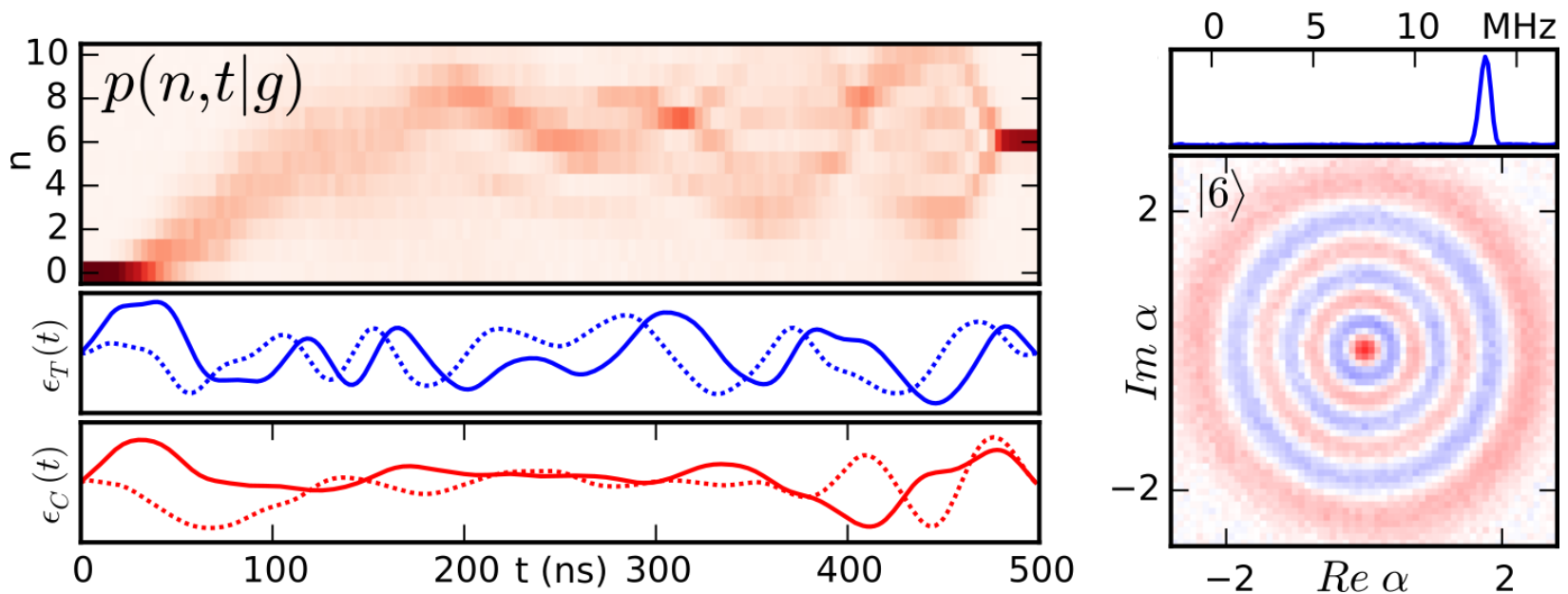
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \epsilon_k(t_j)}$$





# Example Application

- Realize  $|6\rangle\langle 0|$  to make Fock state  $|6\rangle$ ?
  - The effect of the pulse is a unitary operation
  - We have only specified what happens to  $|0\rangle$ !  
(many unitaries satisfy our “request”)



# Conclusions

- Circuit Quantum Electrodynamics:
  - Allows QND readout of qubit state in the dispersive regime
  - Using parametric amplifiers high-fidelity single-shot readout is possible
  - In both the resonant and the dispersive regime oscillator control and tomography is possible