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Introduction to Circuit QED

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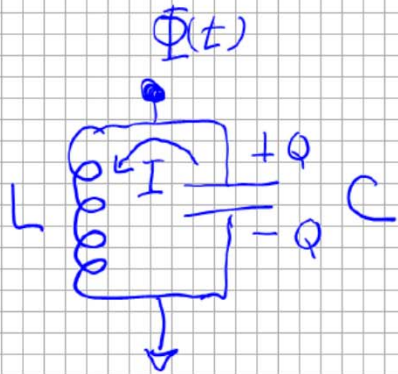
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Introduction to Circuit QED

Artificial atoms and microwave photons

How to be a quantum electrical engineer

LC oscillator



Define generalized flux

$$\underline{\Phi}(t) \equiv \int_{\gamma} d\tau V(\tau)$$

$$\dot{\underline{\Phi}} = V$$

Faraday induction
(up to a minus sign)

electrostatic energy $\frac{1}{2} C \dot{\underline{\Phi}}^2$

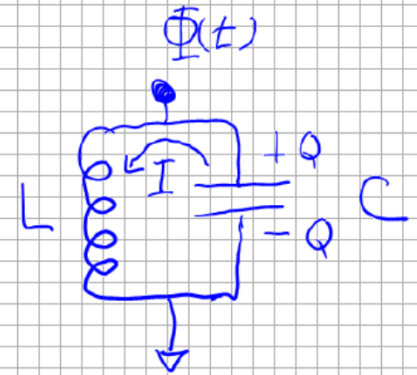
magnetic energy $\frac{1}{2} L I^2 = \frac{1}{2} L \underline{\Phi}^2$ ($\underline{\Phi} = IL$)

Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} C \dot{\underline{\Phi}}^2 - \frac{1}{2L} \underline{\Phi}^2$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} C \dot{\Phi}^2 - \frac{1}{2L} \Phi^2$$

velocity \rightarrow $\dot{\Phi}$ \leftarrow coordinate Φ

momentum $Q \equiv \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \dot{\Phi}} = c \dot{\Phi} = cV$



charge Q is momentum canonically conjugate to flux.

Hamiltonian $H = Q\dot{\Phi} - \mathcal{L} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{\Phi^2}{2L}$

harmonic oscillator with "mass" $m = c$

"spring constant" $k = 1/L$

resonance frequency $\omega_R = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

Hamilton eqn's of motion

$$\dot{\Phi} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} = \frac{Q}{c} = V$$

✓ Faraday induction

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

✓ charge conservation

$$\ddot{\Phi} = \dot{Q} = -\frac{1}{LC} \Phi$$

$$I = I_0 \sin(\omega_R t + \theta)$$

$$V = I_0 Z_R \cos(\omega_R t + \theta)$$

Z_R characteristic impedance

$$I = -\dot{Q} = -C\dot{V} = +\underbrace{\omega_R C Z_R}_{=1} I_0 \sin(\omega_R t + \theta)$$

$$Z_R = \frac{1}{\omega_R C} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

$Z_R \sim 50 - 500 \Omega$ because impedance of free space
 $Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 377 \Omega$

quantum of impedance $Z_K = \frac{h}{e^2} \approx 25,812 \Omega$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \frac{1}{[4\pi\epsilon_0]} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

$$Z_0 = 2\alpha Z_K$$

Quantizing the oscillator

$$[\hat{Q}, \hat{\Phi}] = -i\hbar$$

$$\hat{\Phi} = \Phi_{\text{ZPF}} (a + a^\dagger)$$

$$\hat{Q} = -i\Phi_{\text{ZPF}} (a - a^\dagger)$$

$$[a, a^\dagger] = 1$$

$$\Phi_{\text{ZPF}} \Phi_{\text{ZPF}} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

virial thm $\langle 0 | \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C} | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_R \right) \Rightarrow \Phi_{\text{ZPF}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_R}}$

$$\langle 0 | \frac{\hat{\Phi}^2}{2L} | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_R \right) \Rightarrow \Phi_{\text{ZPF}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2} Z_R}$$

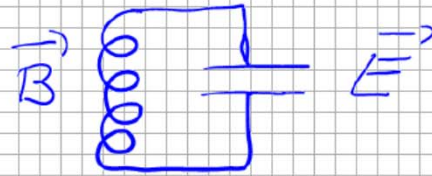
$$\Phi_{\text{ZPF}} \Phi_{\text{ZPF}} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Psi(\Phi) = \langle \Phi | 0 \rangle$$

is a minimum uncertainty packet

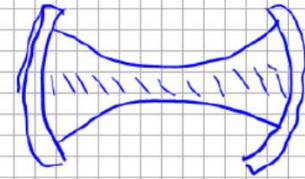
$$\frac{\Phi_{\text{ZPF}}}{e} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{4\pi e^2} \frac{1}{Z_R}} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_K}{4\pi Z_R}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{137}{4\pi}} \sim 3$$

$$H = \hbar \omega_R (a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2})$$



a^\dagger creates a photon

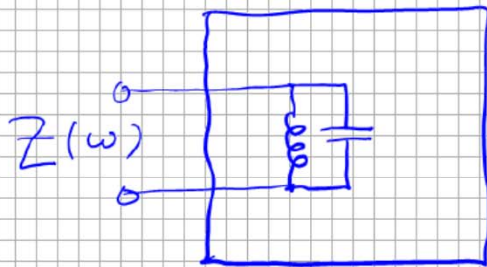
can also represent 3D free space modes
1D optical fibers, co-planar wave guides, etc.



Black Box Quantization (BBQ)

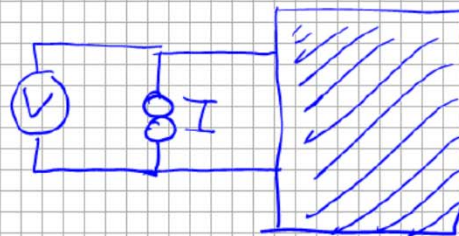
PRL 108, 240502 (2012)

To quantize an oscillator, we only need to know ω_R and Z_R .

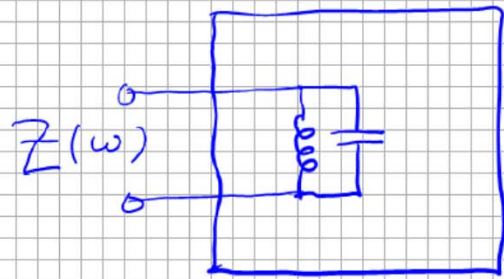


Measure $Z(\omega)$ via $V(\omega) = I(\omega) Z(\omega)$

or compute using a finite-element Maxwell solver
e.g. HFSS, Comsol, etc.



Important that ideal
current source and
voltmeter have
infinite impedance.⁸



For a single LC resonator

$$\frac{1}{Z(\omega)} = j\omega C + \frac{1}{j\omega L}$$

[we are engineers!
j = -i]

$$Z(\omega) = -j Z_R \frac{\omega \omega_R}{(\omega - \omega_R)(\omega + \omega_R)}$$

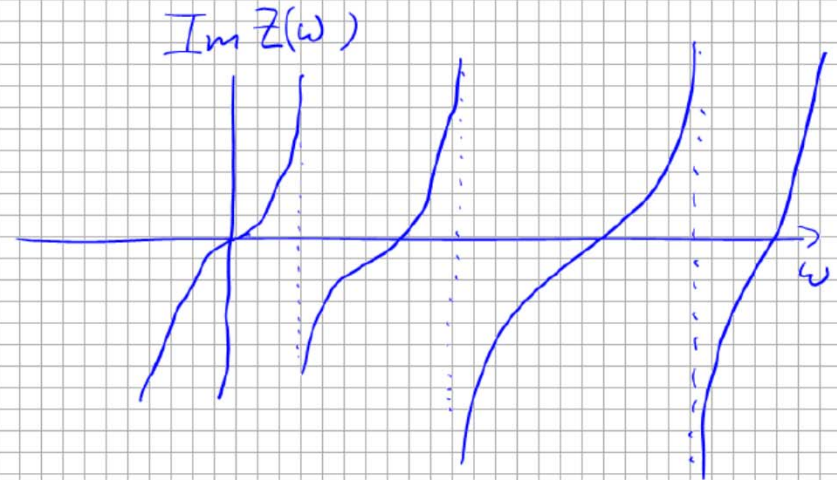
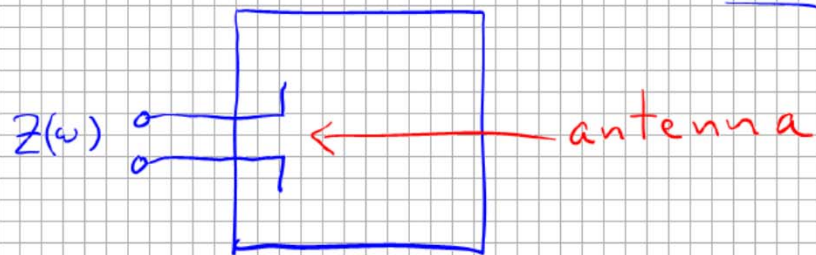
$Z(\omega)$ has poles at $\pm \omega_R$

Residue: $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow +\omega_R} (\omega - \omega_R) Z(\omega) = -\frac{j Z_R \omega_R}{2}$

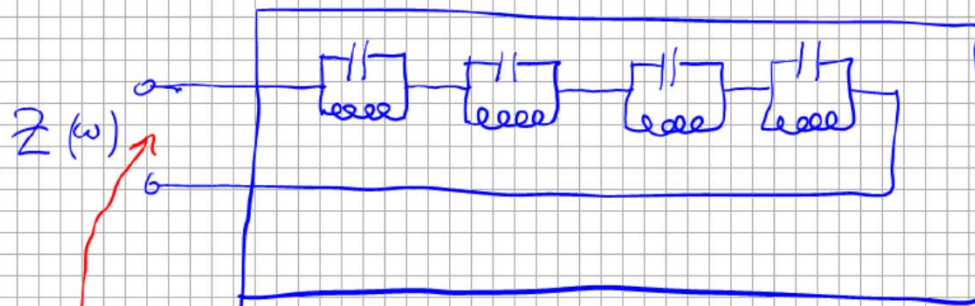
Poles of $Z(\omega)$ determine black box resonances under open circuit conditions.

Residues determine characteristic impedances.

General black box has many resonances



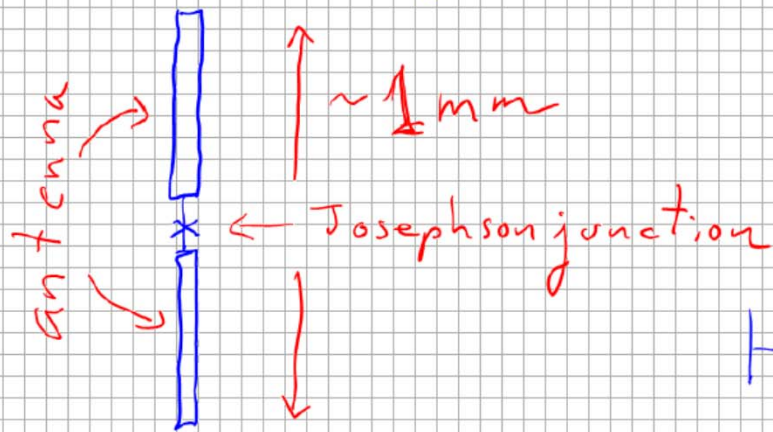
Foster equivalent circuit



$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \omega_p} (\omega - \omega_p) \left[\sum_k Z^{(k)}(\omega) \right] = \frac{-j Z_R^{(k)} \omega_p}{2}$$

$$\hat{\Phi} = \sum_k \Phi_{ZPF}^{(k)} (a_k^+ + a_k^-)$$

"Transmon" qubit



dipole moment

$$\sim Q_{ZPC} \times 1 \text{ mm}$$

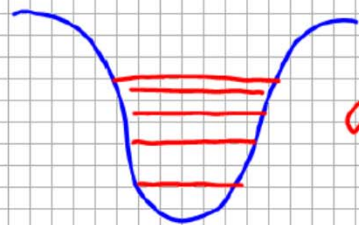
$$H = \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C_\Sigma} - E_J \cos\left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \hat{\Phi}\right)$$

$$C_\Sigma \equiv C_J + C_{\text{geometric}}$$

$\Phi \equiv$ SC order parameter phase

$$\hbar \dot{\Phi} = 2eV = 2e \dot{\Phi}$$

Josephson relation



anharmonic oscillator

Subtlety: $\hat{\Phi} = (2e) \hat{n}$ is discrete not continuous.

For $E_J \gg E_C \equiv \frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma}$

$\langle \Phi^2 \rangle \ll 2\pi$ so can expand the cosine and safely ignore the subtleties.

Typically $\frac{E_J}{E_C} \sim 10^2$

$$H = \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C_\Sigma} - E_J \cos\left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \Phi\right) = H_0 + V$$

$$H_0 = \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C_\Sigma} + \underbrace{\frac{E_J}{2} \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar}\right)^2 \Phi^2}_{\frac{1}{2L_J}}$$

Josephson plasma oscillation

$\frac{1}{2L_J}$ Josephson inductance

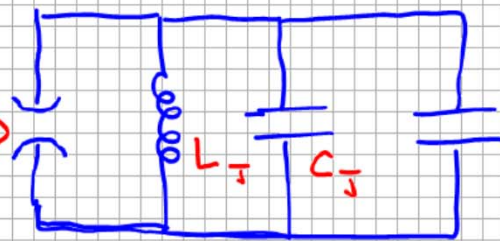
$$\hbar \omega_J = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_J C_\Sigma}} = \sqrt{8E_J E_C}$$

$$E_C \equiv \frac{e^2}{2C_\Sigma}$$

$$\frac{\omega_J}{2\pi} \sim 5-10 \text{ GHz}$$

$$V(\Phi) = E_J \left\{ -\frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \Phi\right)^4 + \frac{1}{6!} \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \Phi\right)^6 - \dots \right\}$$

Expand cosine, remove quadratic part



$C_{\text{geometric}}$

$$V \approx -\frac{E_C}{2} (a^+ a^+ a^+ a^+ + 2a^+ a a)$$

(rotating wave approximation)¹²

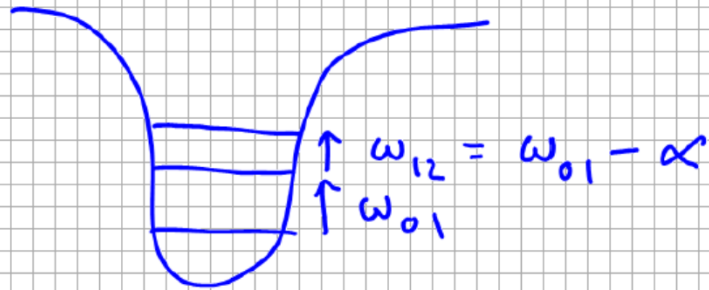
$$H = \hbar \omega_0 a^\dagger a - \frac{\hbar \alpha}{2} a^\dagger a a$$

$$\hbar \omega_0 = \hbar \omega_J - E_c$$

$$\hbar \alpha = E_c$$

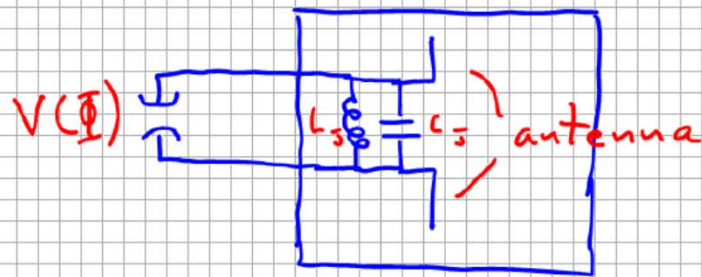
$$\alpha \sim 200 \text{ MHz} \quad \omega_0 \sim 5 \text{ GHz}$$

'weakly' anharmonic oscillator



For Rabi driving at ω_0 with amplitude $\Omega_R \ll \alpha$
 anharmonicity looks large and transmon \simeq 2-level atom

Transmon coupled to resonator (BBQ)



$$\hat{\Phi} = \sum_k \Phi_{\text{ZPF}}^{(k)} (a_k + a_k^\dagger)$$

Diagonalize quadratic H_0 ; Express V in that basis

$$V = -\sum_l \delta\omega_l A_l^\dagger A_l + \sum_{jk} \chi_{jk} \hat{n}_j \hat{n}_k$$

Most anharmonic mode identified as qubit (say $j=0$)

χ_{00} big χ_{0k} next biggest χ_{lk} smallest $l, k \neq 0$

$\hat{n}_0 = 0, 1 \leftrightarrow \sigma^z = \pm 1$ two-level approximation

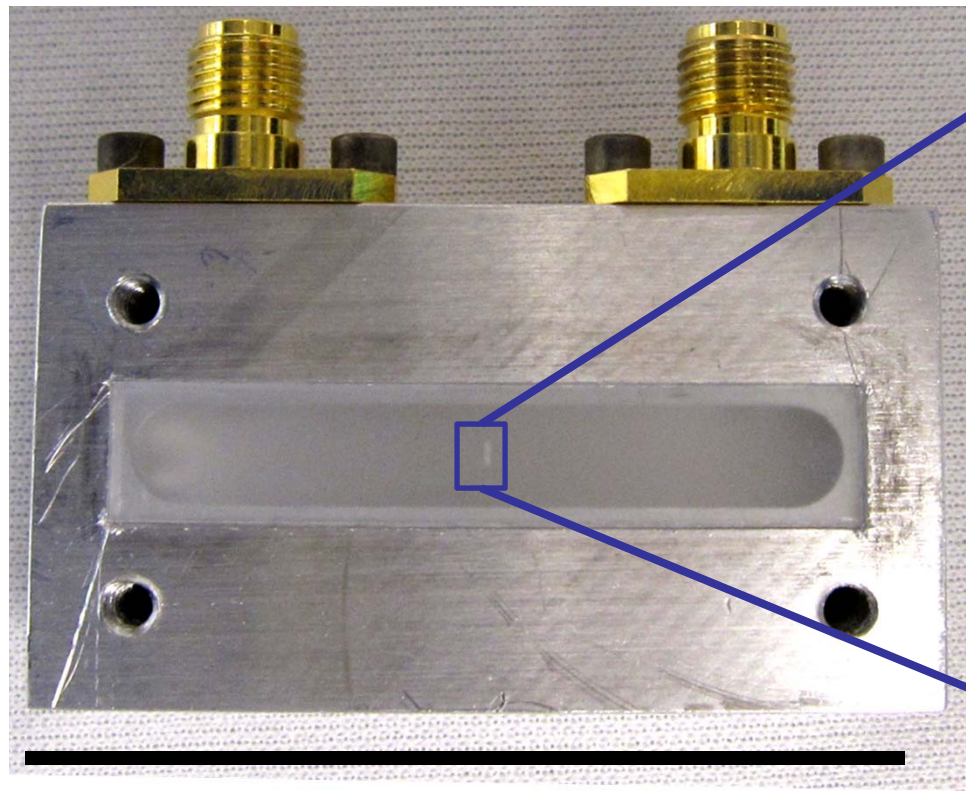
$$\chi_{0k} \hat{n}_0 \hat{n}_k \rightarrow \frac{\chi_{0k}}{2} \sigma^z \hat{n}_k$$

cross Kerr \rightarrow

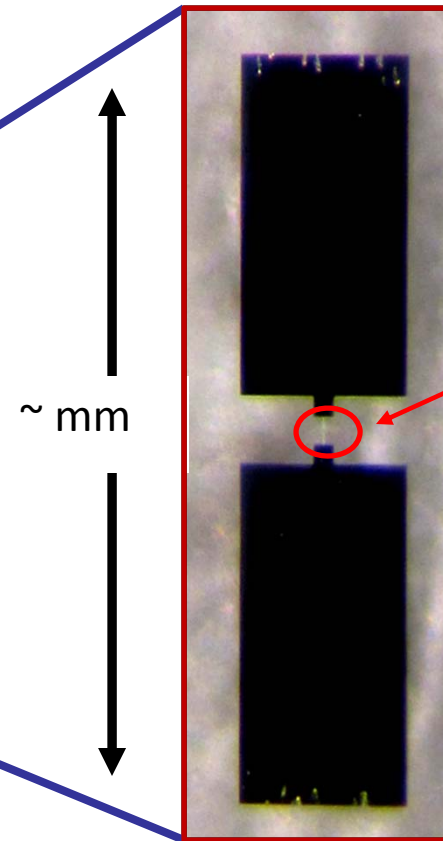
Jaynes-Cummings in dispersive limit
mode frequency depends on qubit state



Transmon Qubit in 3D Cavity



50 mm



~ mm

Josephson junction

Spin flip

$$g = \frac{\vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}_{rms}}{h}$$

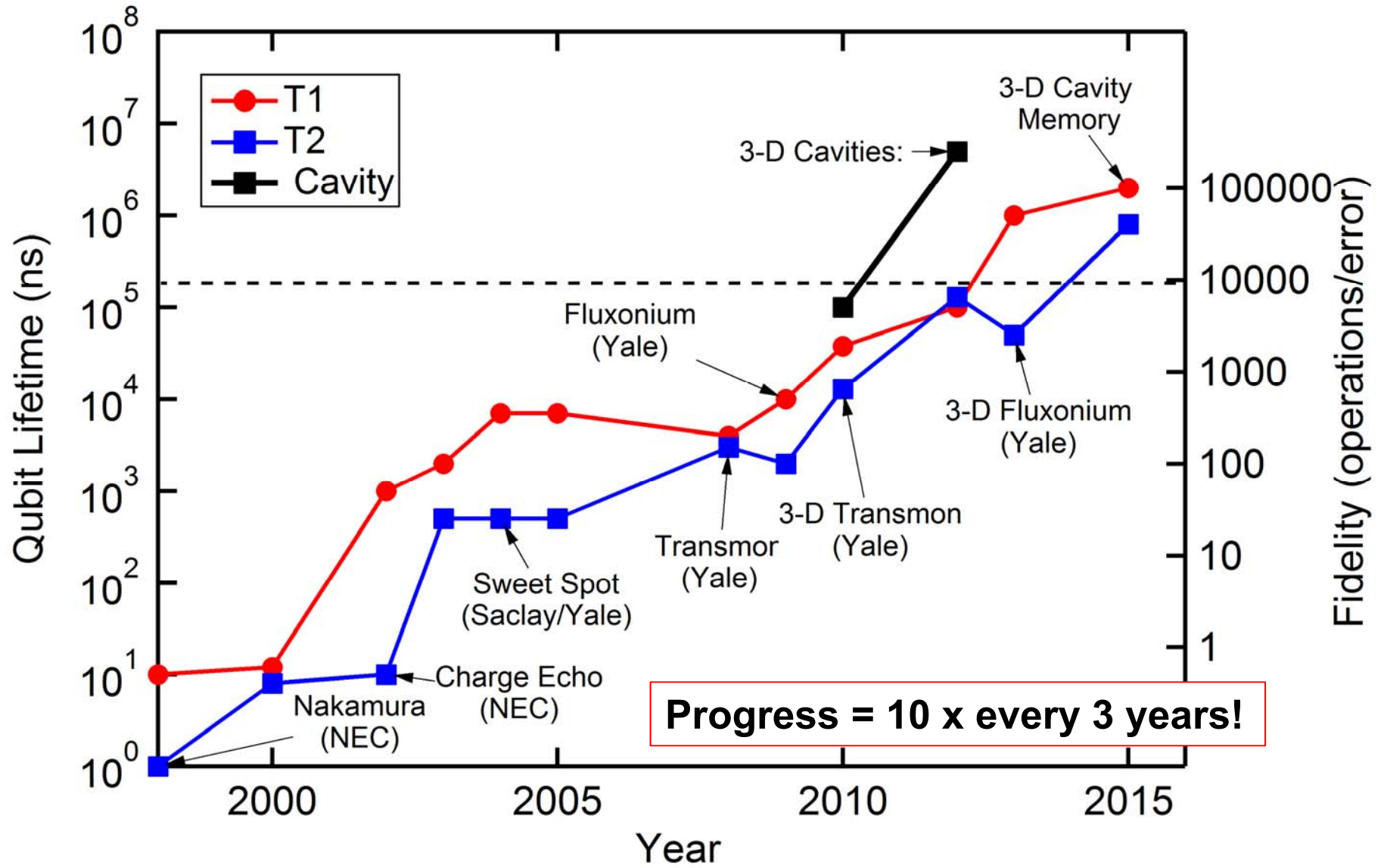
$$|\vec{d}| = 2e \times 1 \text{ mm} \approx 10^7 \text{ Debye!!}$$

Huge dipole moment: strong coupling

$$V_{\text{dipole}} = g \sigma^x (a + a^\dagger)$$

$$g \sim 100 \text{ MHz}$$

Remarkable Progress in Coherence



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Transmission Lines and Input-Output Theory



equivalent circuit.



l = inductance/length

c = capacitance/length

characteristic impedance $Z_0 \equiv \sqrt{l/c} \sim 50 \Omega$

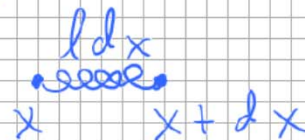
wave velocity $v_0 \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{lc}}$ (frequency \times length)

flux $\Phi(x, t)$

voltage $V(x, t) = \partial_t \Phi(x, t)$

charge density $\rho(x, t) = c \partial_t \Phi(x, t)$

current $i(x, t) = -\frac{1}{l} \partial_x \Phi(x, t)$ (inductance $l dx$)



$$\rho(x,t) = c \partial_t \Phi$$

$$i(x,t) = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_x \Phi$$

charge conservation \Rightarrow continuity
eqn.

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x i = 0$$

$$c \partial_t^2 \Phi - \frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 \Phi = 0$$

$$\partial_t^2 \Phi - v_0^2 \partial_x^2 \Phi = 0$$

wave equation

cf. Bosonization

solution:

$$\Phi(x,t) = \Phi_R\left(t - \frac{x}{v_0}\right) + \Phi_L\left(t + \frac{x}{v_0}\right)$$

arbitrary functions!

short circuit bc.

$$x=0$$

$$\Phi = 0$$

$$\partial_t \Phi(0,t) = 0$$

$$\Phi(0,t) = \Phi_R(t) + \Phi_L(t) = 0$$

$$\Phi_R(t) = \Phi_{out} = -\Phi_{in} = -\Phi_L$$

reflection coefficient $r(\omega) = -1$

 open boundary condition

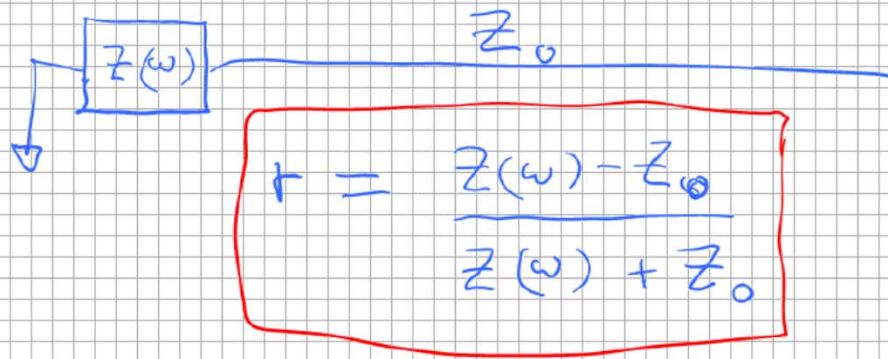
$$\dot{\psi}(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_x \Phi(x,t) = 0$$

$$\partial_x \Phi_R\left(t - \frac{x}{v}\right) \Big|_{x=0} = -\frac{1}{v} \partial_t \Phi_R(t)$$

$$\partial_x \Phi_L\left(t + \frac{x}{v}\right) \Big|_{x=0} = +\frac{1}{v} \partial_t \Phi_L(t)$$

$$\Phi_{out} = \Phi_R = \Phi_{in} = \Phi_L \quad r(\omega) = +1$$

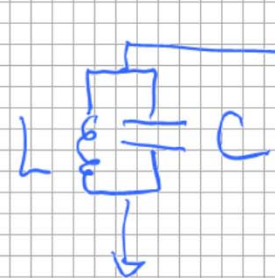
General (linear) case



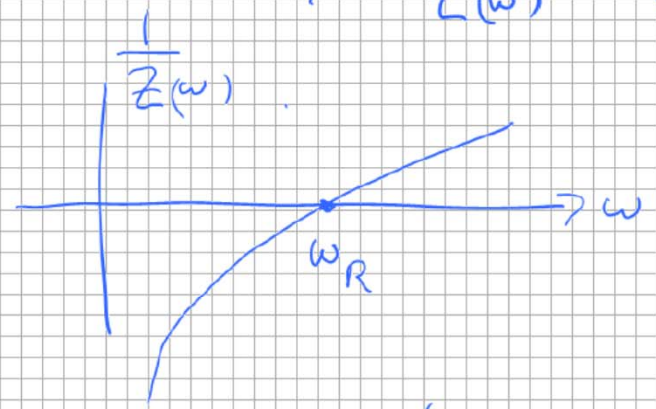
$$Z(\omega) = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$Z(\omega) = \infty \Rightarrow r = +1$$

$$Z(\omega) = Z_0 \Rightarrow r = 0$$



$$Y(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z(\omega)} = j\omega C + \frac{1}{j\omega L}$$



engineering notation
 $(j = -\sqrt{-1})$
 $e^{j\omega t}$

$$\omega_R \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$Z_R \equiv \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

$$Y(\omega_R) = 0 \quad Y'(\omega_R) = jC - \frac{C}{j} = 2jC$$

$$Y(\omega) \approx z_j C (\omega - \omega_R)$$

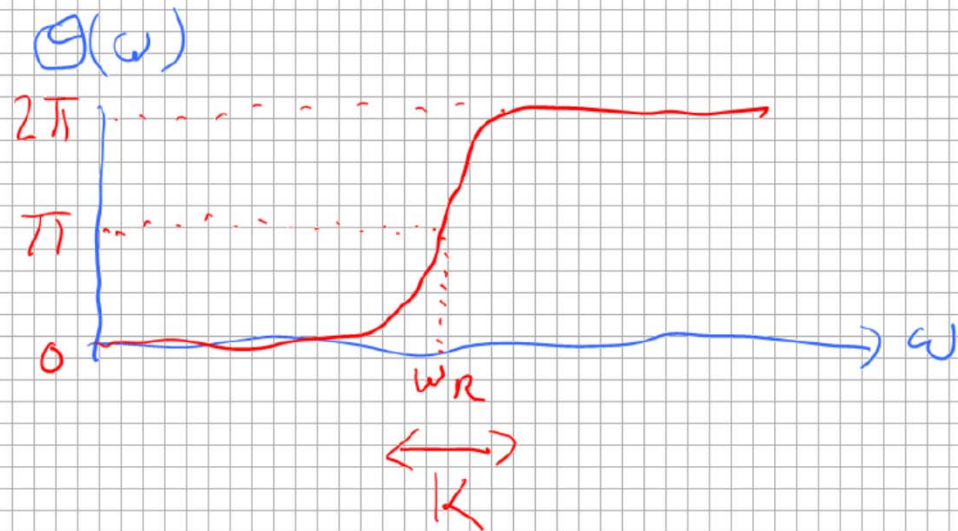
$$r(\omega) = \frac{Z(\omega) - z_0}{Z(\omega) + z_0} \approx \frac{1 - z_j C z_0 (\omega - \omega_R)}{1 + z_j C z_0 (\omega - \omega_R)}$$

$$\uparrow = K^{-1} = C z_0$$

$$r(\omega) \approx \frac{\omega - \omega_R + j K/2}{\omega - \omega_R - j K/2}$$

$|r| = 1$
no internal damping of osc.

$$r(\omega) = e^{i\Theta(\omega)}$$



Qubit-Cavity cross-Kerr for two lowest levels of dressed transmon.

$$\chi A^\dagger A B^\dagger B$$

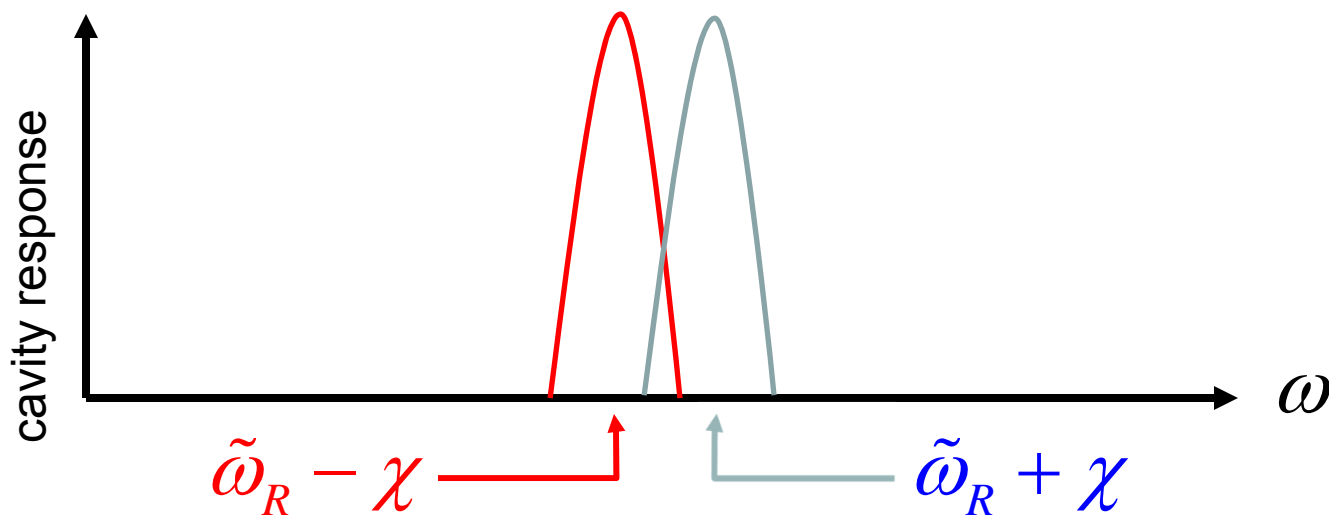
$$A^\dagger A = \hat{n}$$

$$B^\dagger B = \frac{1 + \sigma^z}{2} = 0, 1$$

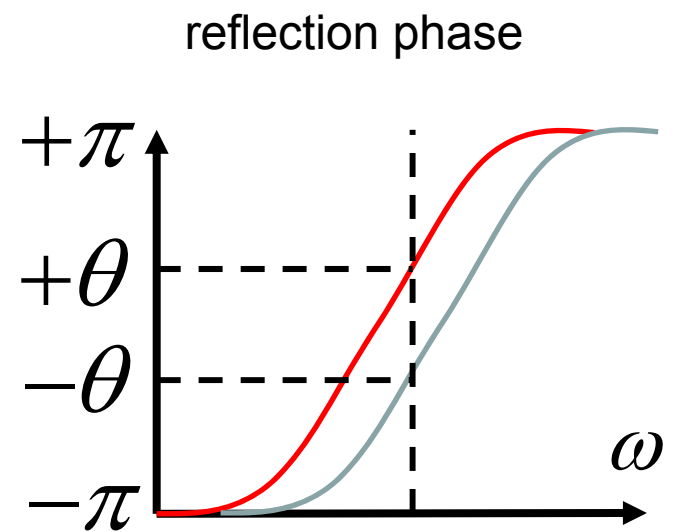
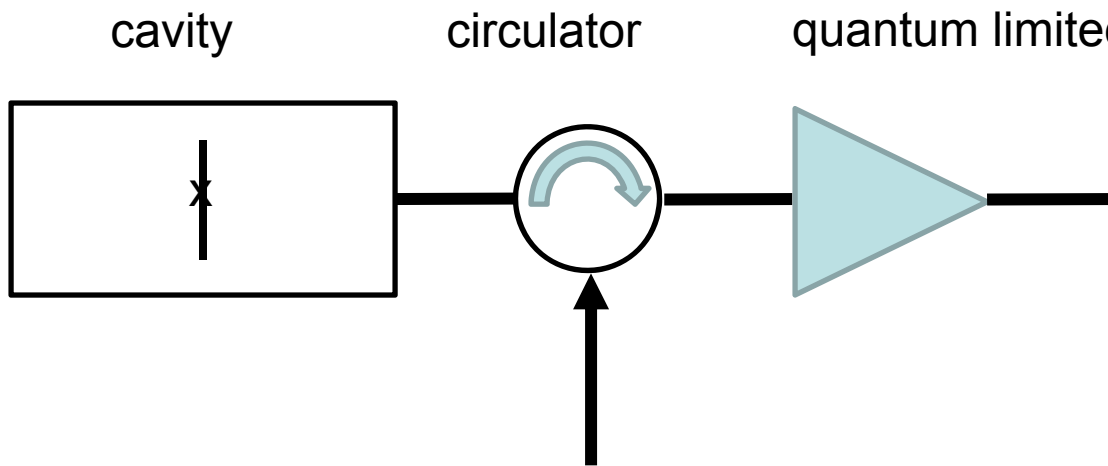
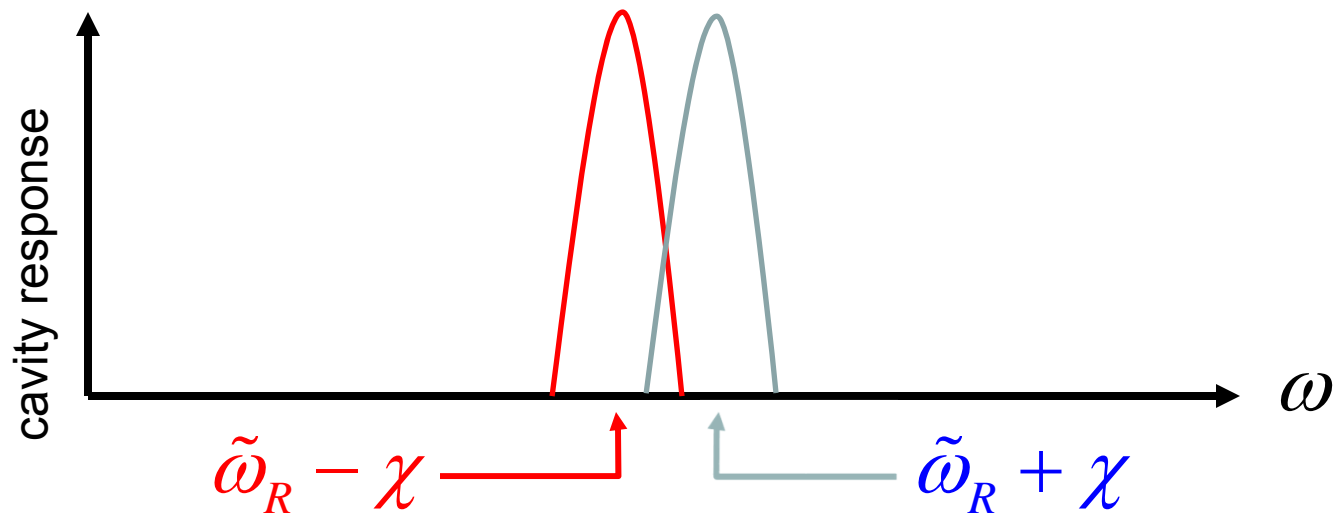
$$H = \left(\tilde{\omega}_R + \chi \sigma^z \right) \hat{n} + \frac{\omega_Q}{2} \sigma^z$$

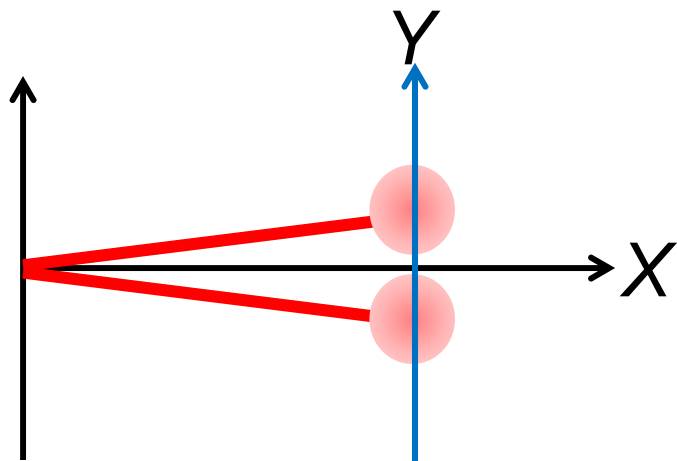
'Dispersive' coupling

Can read out qubit state by measuring cavity resonance frequency



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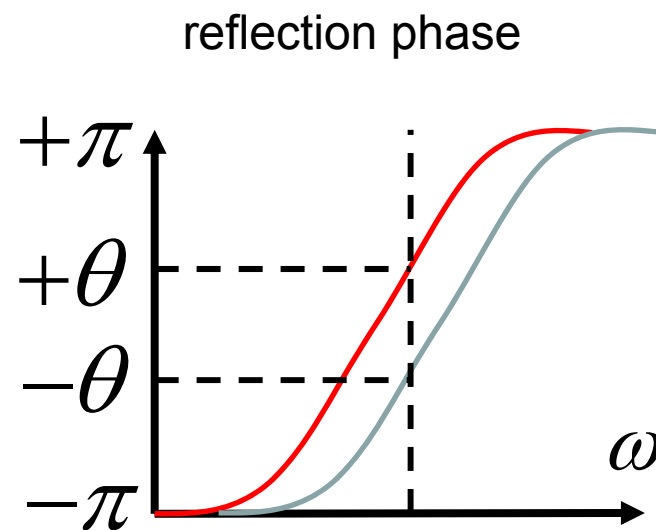
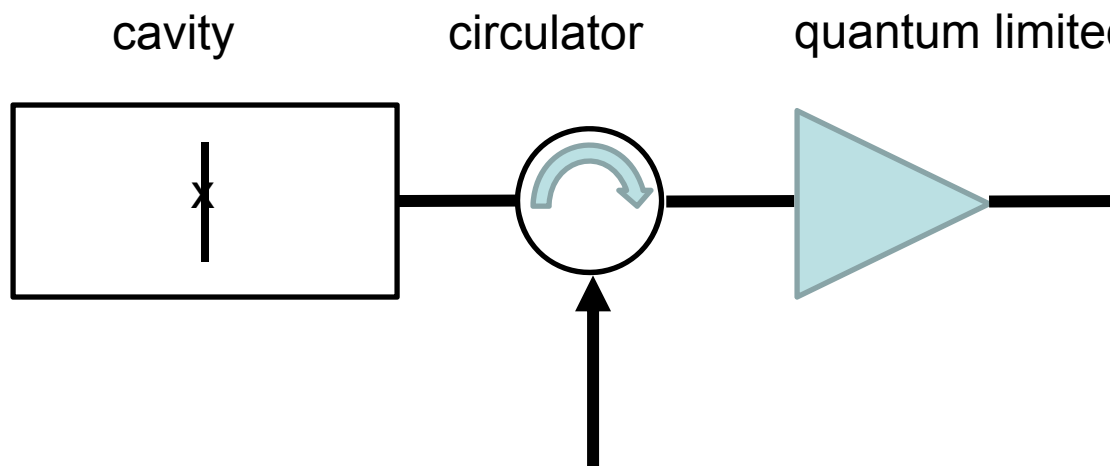




$$|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = \{a|\uparrow\rangle + b|\downarrow\rangle\}|\alpha\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = a|e^{+i\theta}\alpha\rangle|\uparrow\rangle + b|e^{-i\theta}\alpha\rangle|\downarrow\rangle$$

State of qubit is entangled with the 'meter' (microwave phase)
Then 'meter' is read with amplifier.

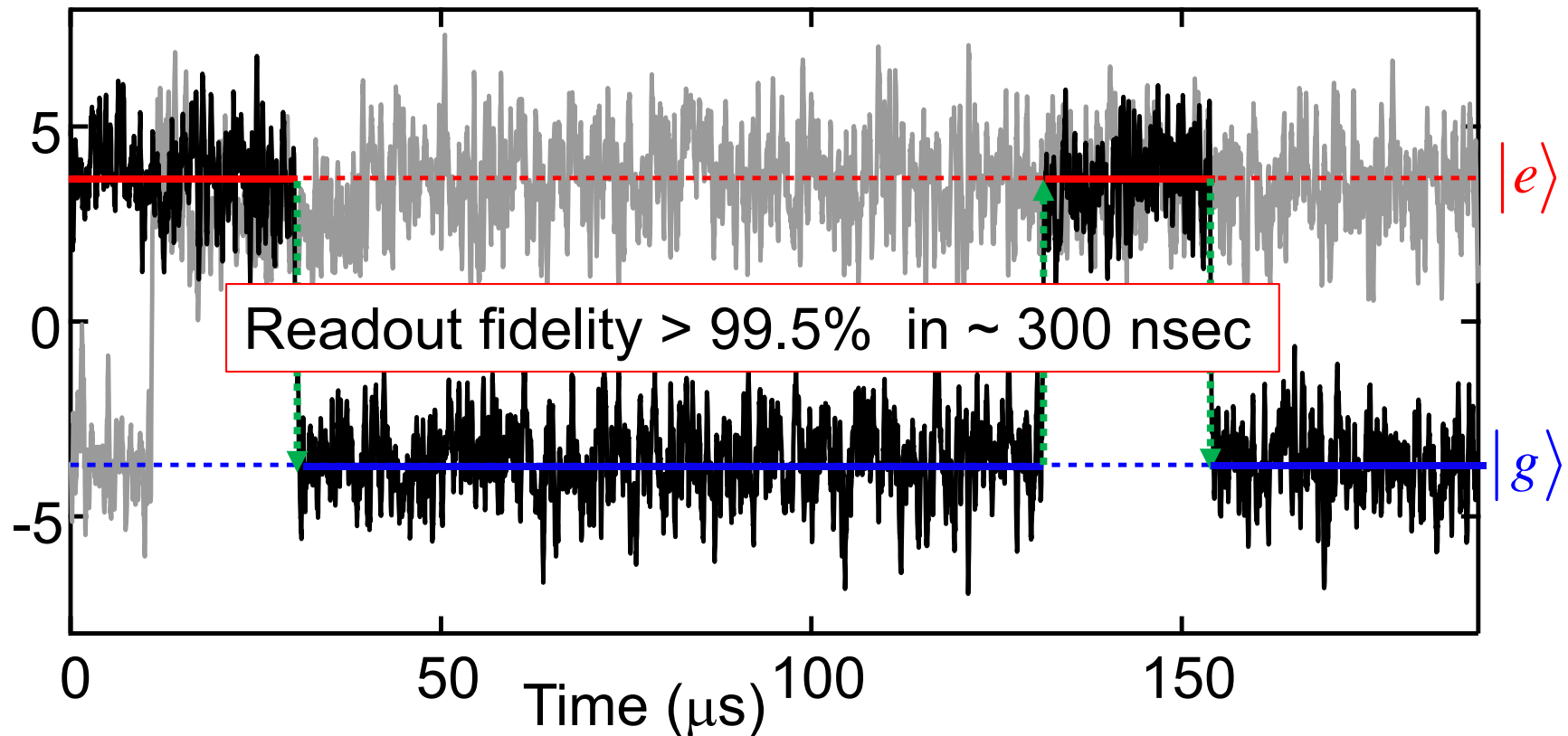




Quantum Jumps of a 3D Transmon Qubit

Results from Devoret group, Yale: Hatridge et al., Science 2013*

dispersive circuit QED readout + JJ paramp



Many groups now working with JJ paramps & feedback, including:

Berkeley, Delft, JILA, ENS/Paris, IBM, Wisc., Saclay, UCSB, ...

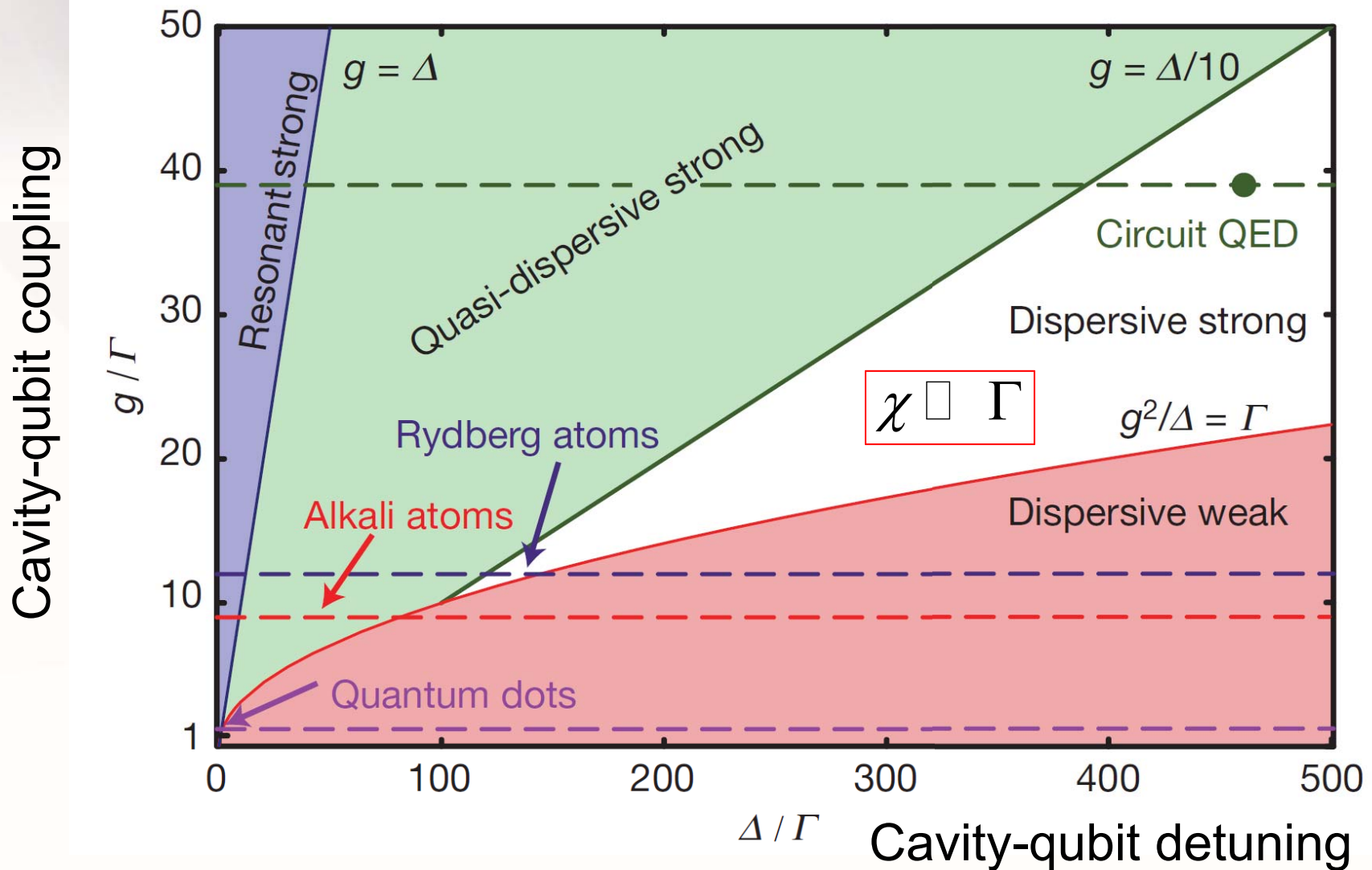
*First jumps: R. Vijay et al., 2011 (Berkeley)

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cQED 'phase diagram'

$\Gamma \equiv (\kappa, \gamma)$, linewidth of cavity or qubit



Strong Dispersive Hamiltonian

$$H = \omega_r a^\dagger a + \frac{\omega_q}{2} \sigma^z + \chi \sigma^z a^\dagger a + H_{\text{damping}}$$

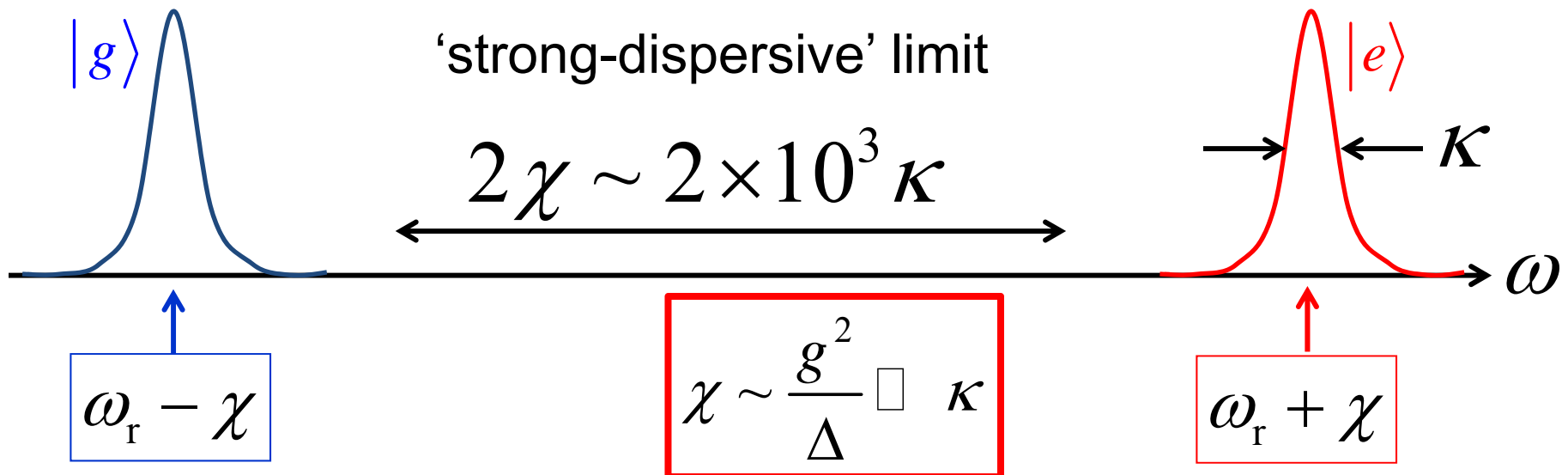
resonator

qubit

dispersive
coupling

$$\chi \gg \kappa, \Gamma$$

$$\text{cavity frequency} = \omega_r + \chi \sigma^z$$



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Using strong-dispersive coupling to measure the photon number distribution in a cavity

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Quantized Light Shift of Qubit Transition Frequency

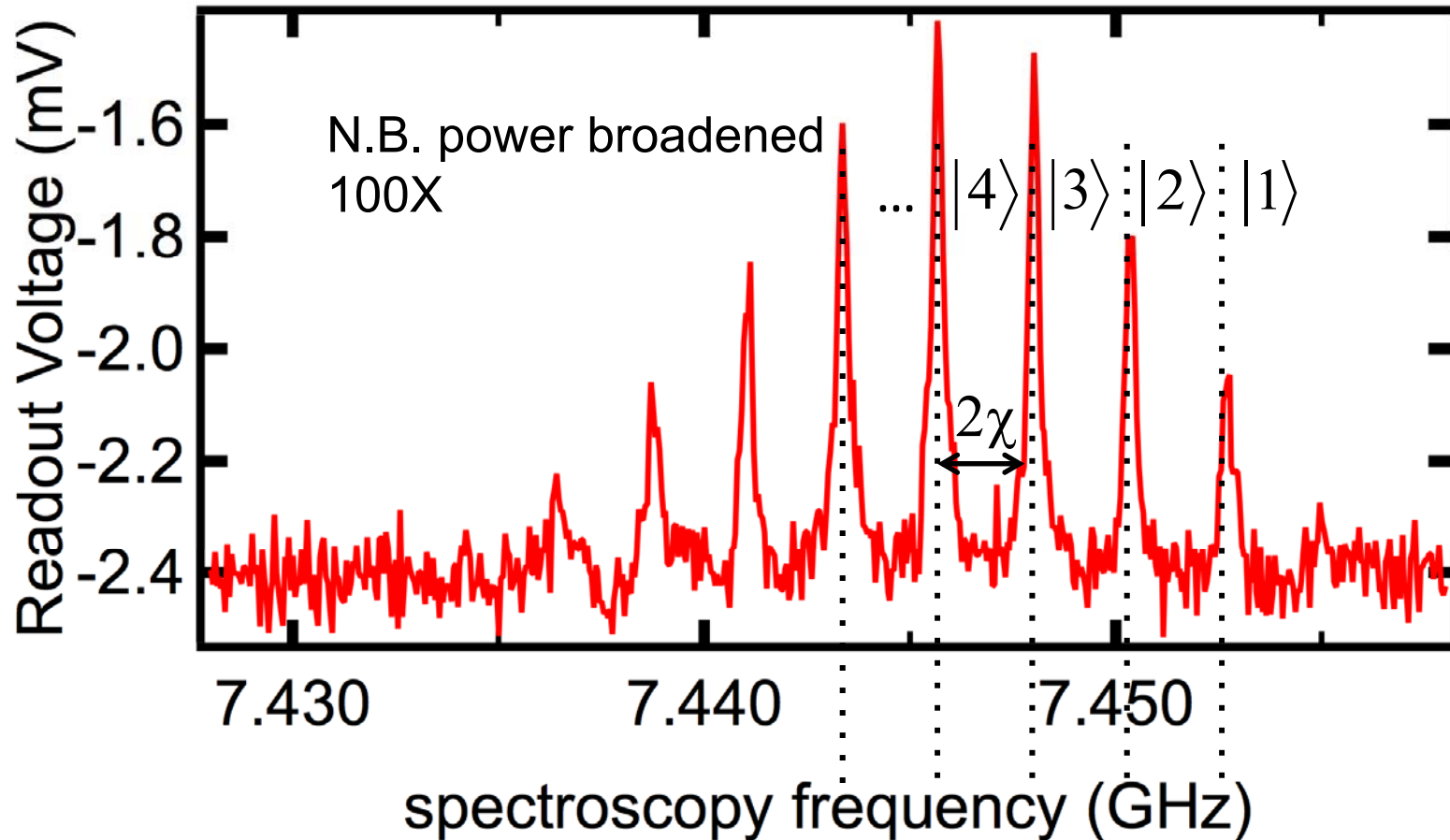
$$H = \omega_r a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^z \left[\omega_q + 2\chi a^\dagger a \right] + H_{\text{damping}}$$

Coherent state is closest thing to a classical sinusoidal RF signal

$$\psi(\Phi) = \psi_0(\Phi - \alpha)$$

- quantized light shift of qubit frequency (coherent microwave state)

$$\frac{\omega_q + 2\chi a^\dagger a}{2} \sigma^z$$



New low-noise way to do axion dark matter detection?
 Zhang et al. [arXiv:1607.02529](https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.02529)

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Photon number parity

$$\hat{P} = (-1)^{a^\dagger a} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |n\rangle (-1)^n \langle n|$$

Remarkably easy to measure using
our quantum engineering toolbox

and

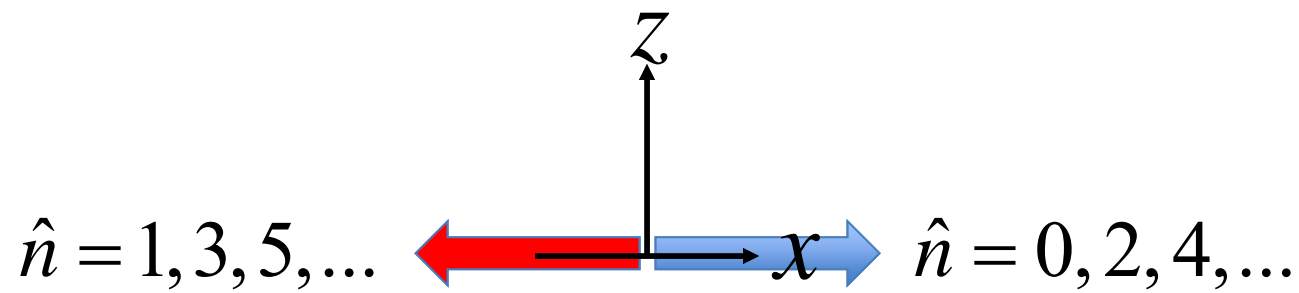
Measurement is 99.8% QND

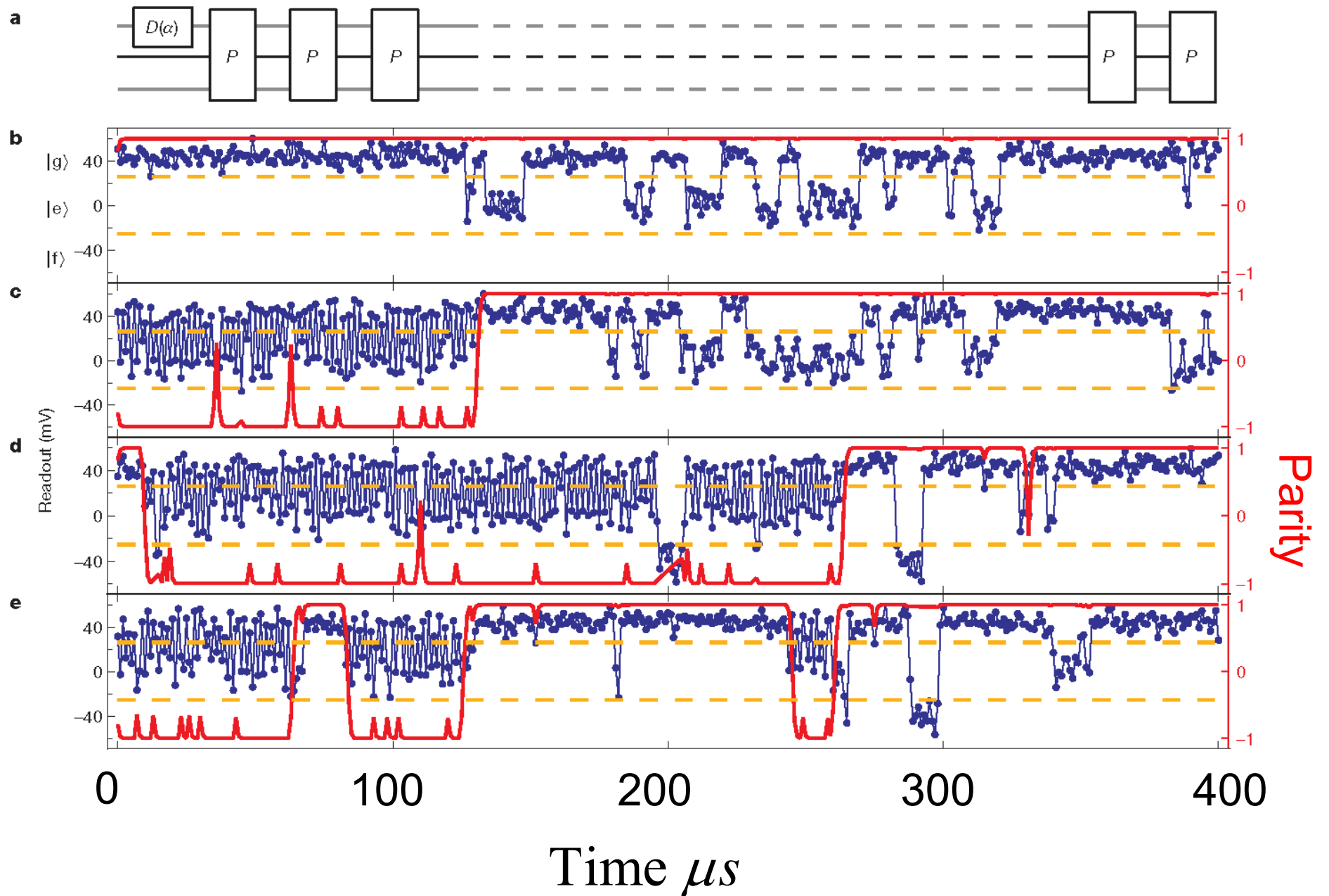
Measuring Photon Number Parity

- use quantized light shift of qubit frequency

$$\frac{\omega_q + 2\chi a^\dagger a}{2} \sigma^z$$

$$e^{-i2\chi\hat{n}t\frac{\sigma^z}{2}} = e^{-i\pi\hat{n}\frac{\sigma^z}{2}}$$





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400 consecutive parity measurements (99.8% QND)

The ability to measure photon number parity without measuring photon number is an incredibly powerful tool.

Lecture 2: Using parity measurements for:

- Wigner Function Measurements
- Creation and verification of photon cat states

Lecture 3: Using parity measurements for:

- Continuous variable quantum error correction