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Circuit QED:

Lecture 2: Introduction to Cavity/Circuit QED

SC Qubits interacting with microwave photons

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Outline

Lecture 1: ATOMIC PHYSICS:

Superconducting Circuits as artificial atoms
-charge qubits

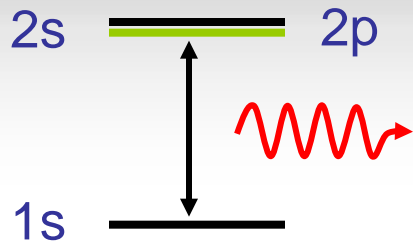
Lecture 2: QUANTUM OPTICS

Circuit QED -- microwaves are particles!
--many-body physics of microwave polaritons

Lecture 3: QUANTUM COMPUTATION

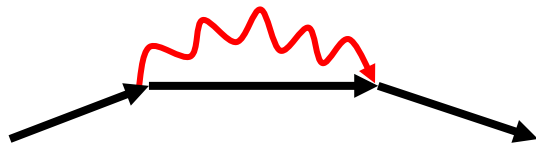
Multi-qubit entanglement
and a quantum processor
-Bell inequalities
-GHZ states
-Grover search algorithm

QED: Atoms Coupled to Photons



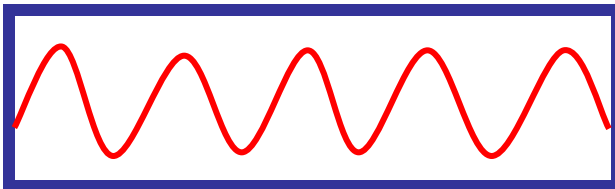
Irreversible spontaneous decay into the photon continuum:

$$2p \rightarrow 1s + \gamma \quad T_1 \sim 1\text{ns}$$



Vacuum Fluctuations:
(virtual photon emission and reabsorption)

Lamb shift lifts 2s - 2p degeneracy



Cavity QED:

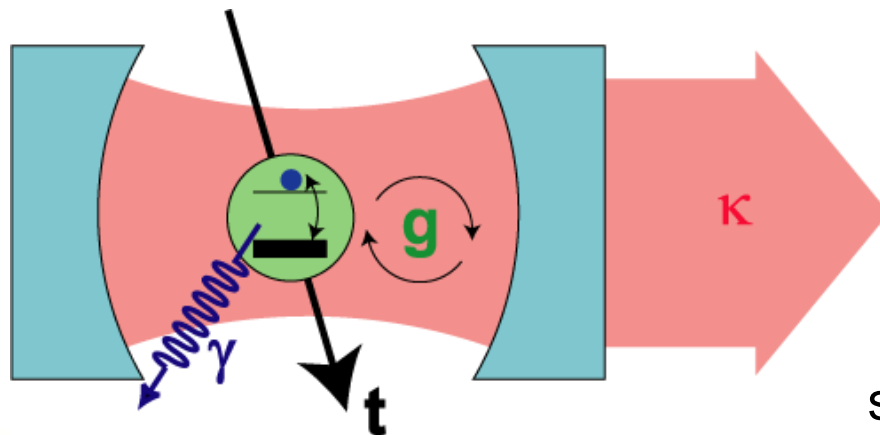
What if we trap photons as discrete modes inside cavity?

Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics

What is cQED?

- coupling atom / discrete mode(s) of EM field
- central paradigm for study of open quantum systems

- ▶ coherent control,
- ▶ conditional quantum evolution,
- ▶ decoherence
- ▶ quantum information processing
- ▶ quantum feedback



$2g$ = vacuum Rabi freq.

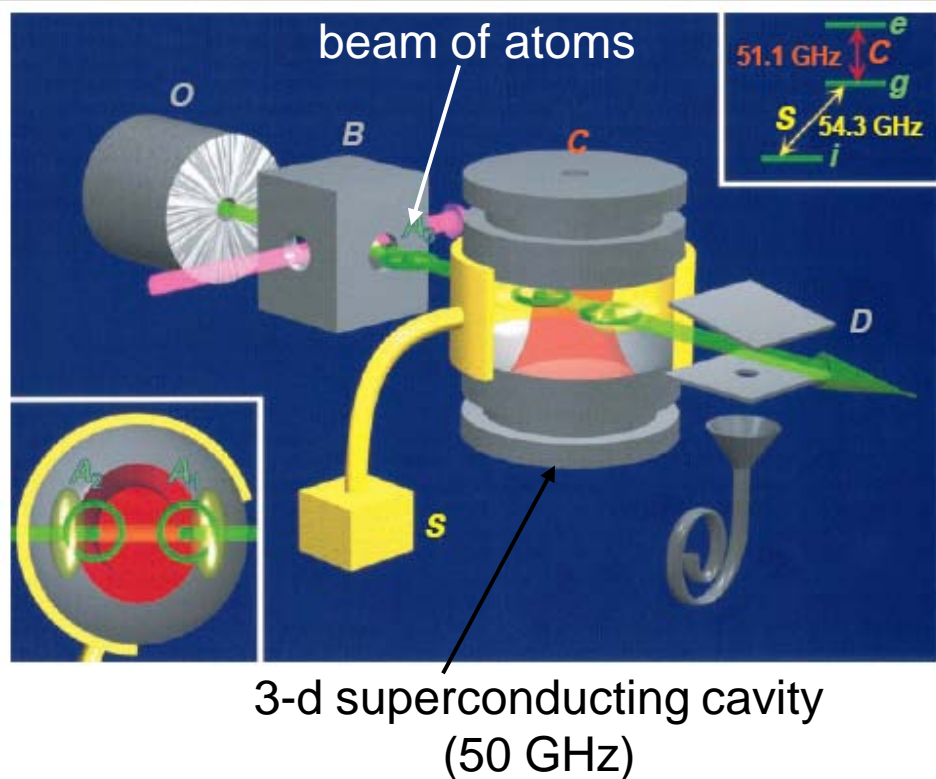
κ = cavity decay rate

γ = “transverse” decay rate

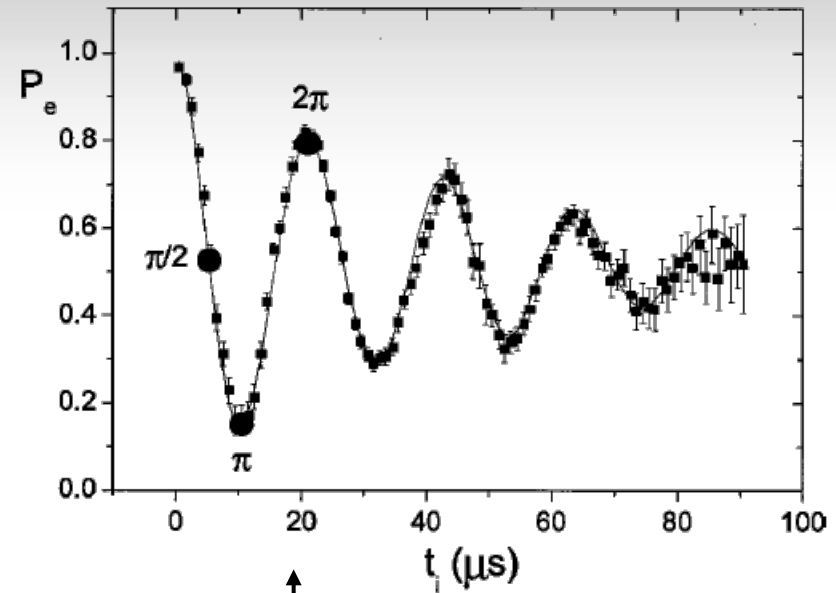
t = transit time

strong coupling: $g > \kappa, \gamma, 1/t$

μ wave cQED with Rydberg Atoms



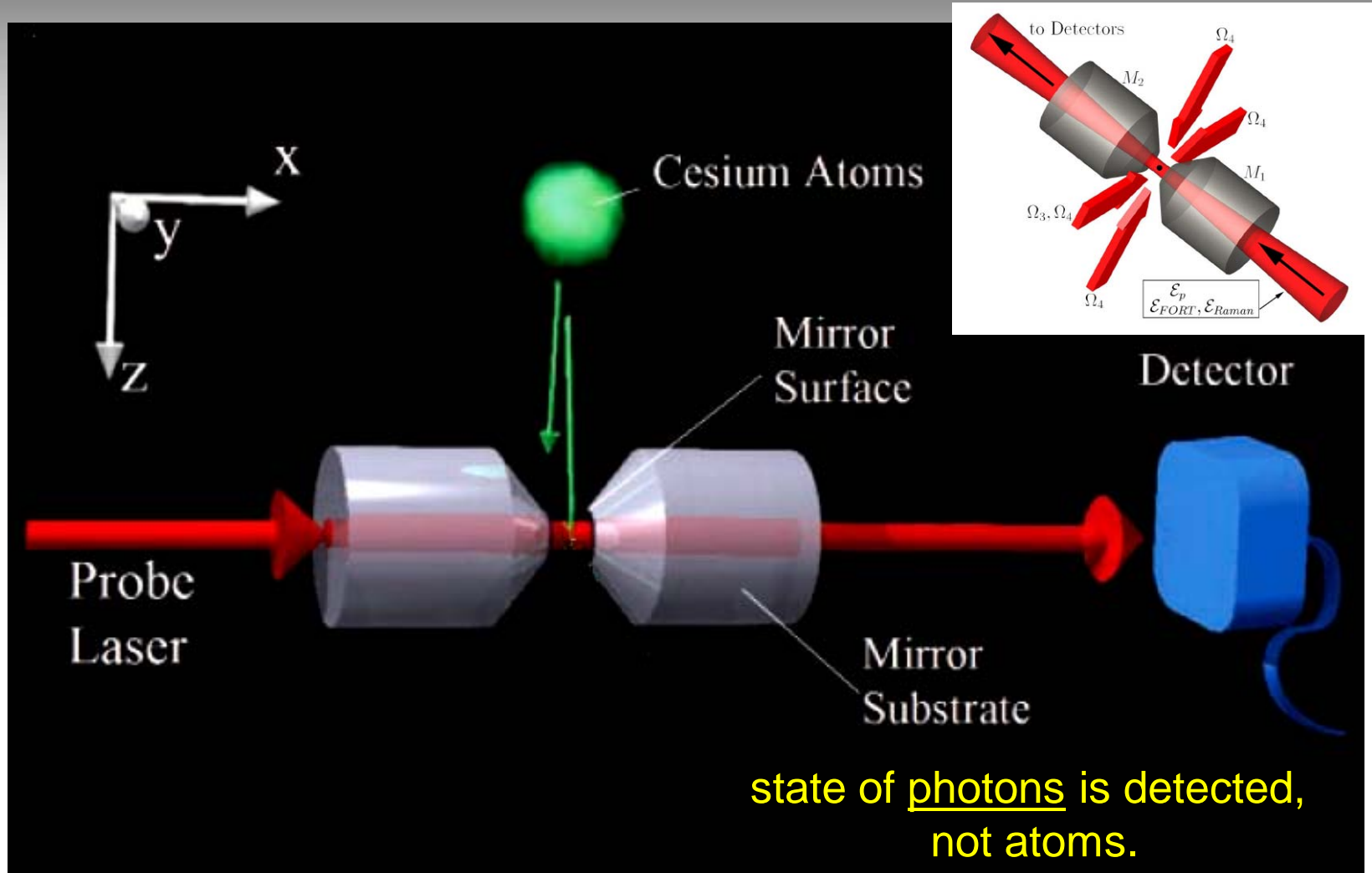
vacuum Rabi oscillations



observe dependence of atom final state on time spent in cavity

measure atomic state, or ...

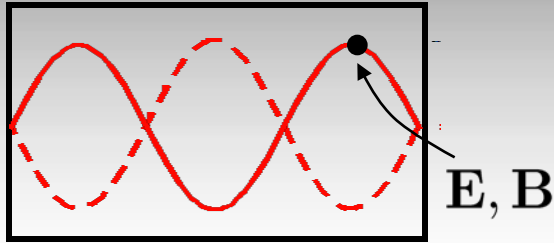
cQED at optical frequencies



... measure changes in transmission of optical cavity

(Caltech group H. J. Kimble, H. Mabuchi)

Quantizing the EM Field: Photons

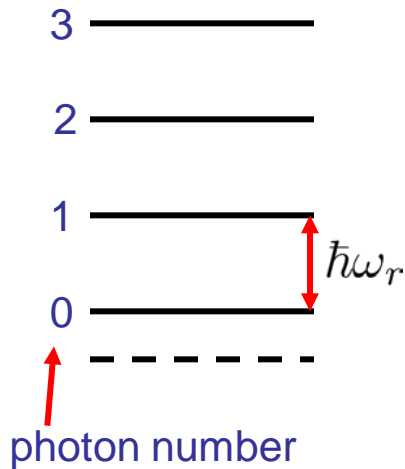


cavity volume: V_c

$$\hat{H} = \int_{V_c} d^3r \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \hat{\mathbf{E}}^2(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^2(\mathbf{r}, t) \right]$$

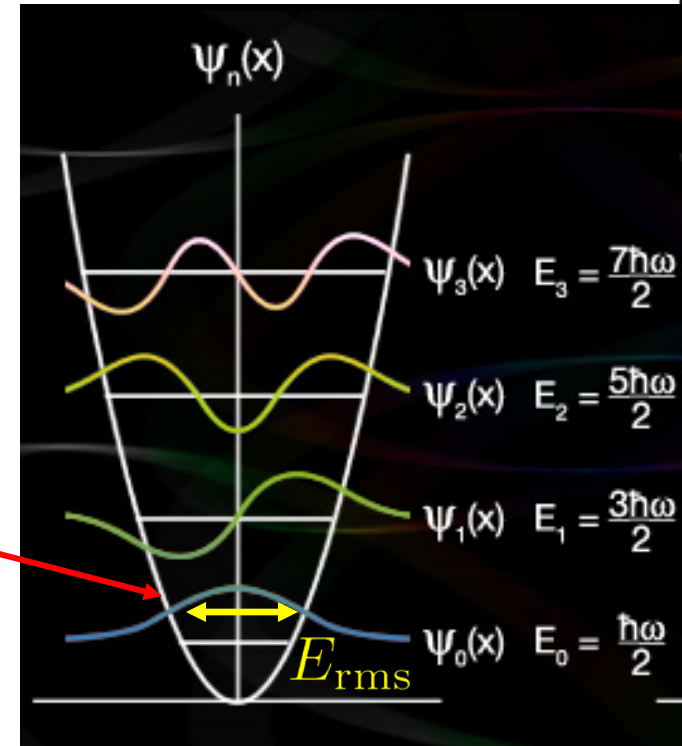
$\hat{x} \leftrightarrow \hat{E}$
 $\hat{p} \leftrightarrow \hat{B}$

Quantization of radiation field:
Each mode is a harmonic oscillator!



$$E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \omega_r$$

Zero-point
'vacuum fluctuation'
energy



see, e.g., S.M. Dutra,
Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics (Wiley 2005)

Vacuum fluctuations of E field

(zero-point motion of oscillator coordinate)

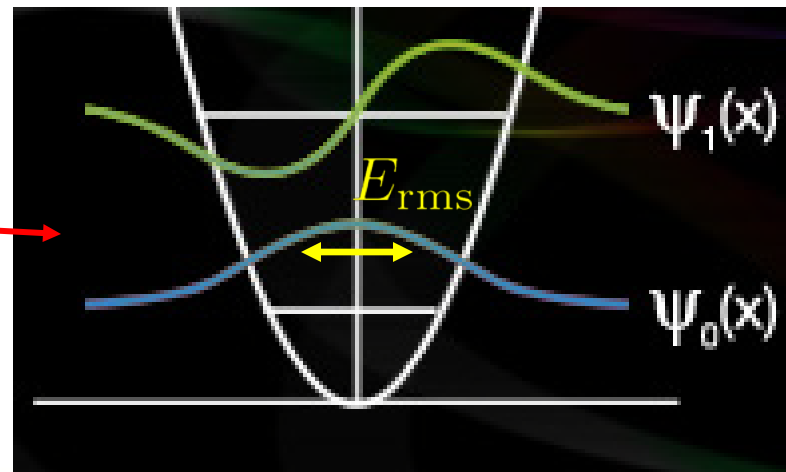
$$\hat{E} = E_{\text{RMS}} (\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger) \quad E_{\text{RMS}} \equiv \sqrt{\langle 0 | \hat{E}^2 | 0 \rangle}$$

mnemonic trick: $V_c \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \langle \hat{\mathbf{E}}^2 \rangle \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_r \right]$

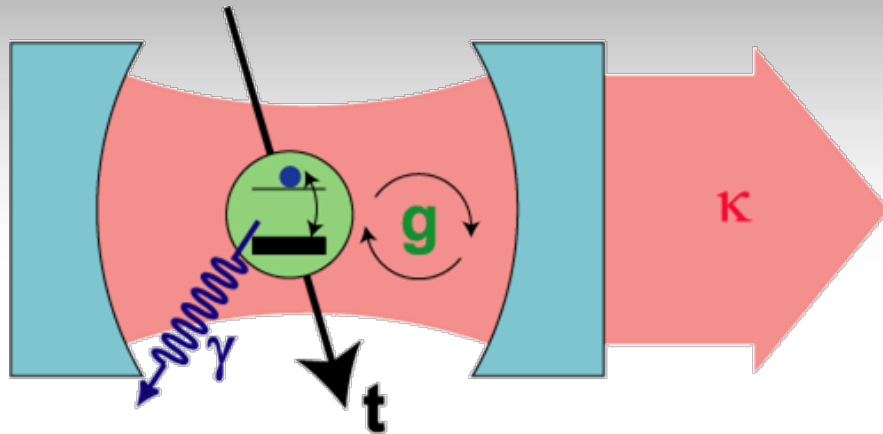
$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\langle \hat{\mathbf{E}}^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_r}{2 \epsilon_0 V_c}}$$

small cavity enhances quantum fluctuations of electric field!

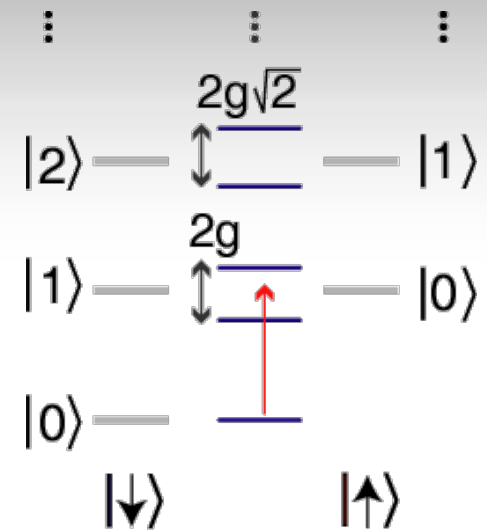
Zero-point vacuum fluctuations



Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics



on resonance:
($\omega_r = \omega_a$)



Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

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

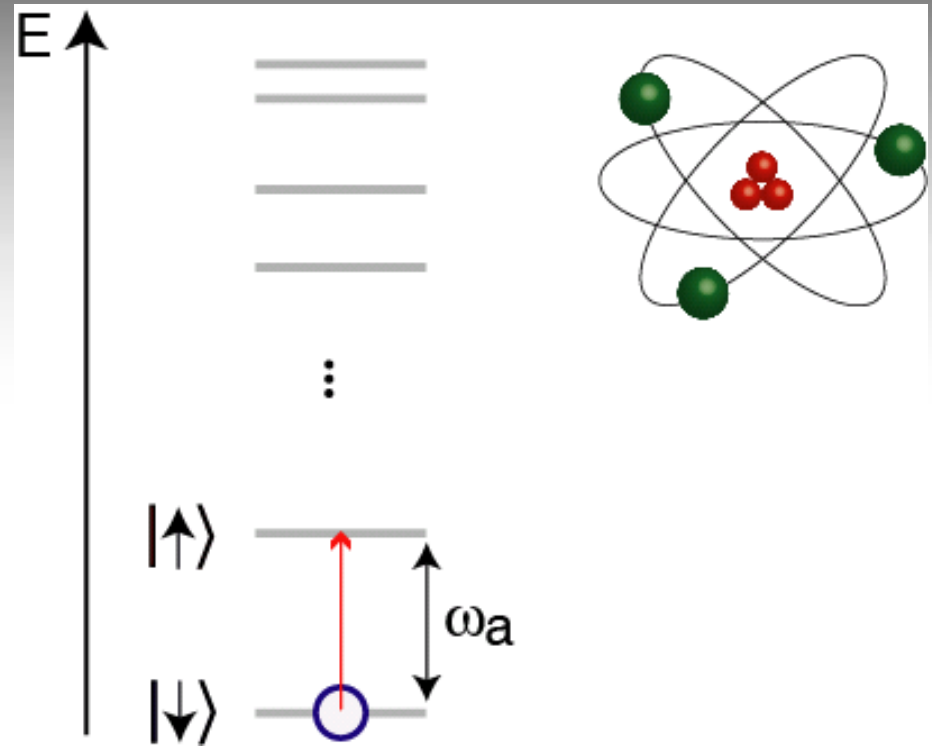
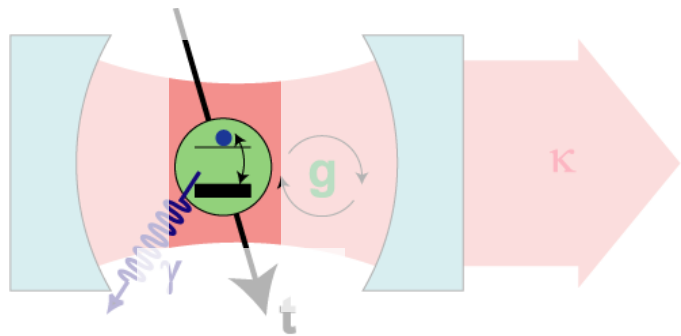
quantized field

2-level system

atom-photon
interaction

Cavity QED

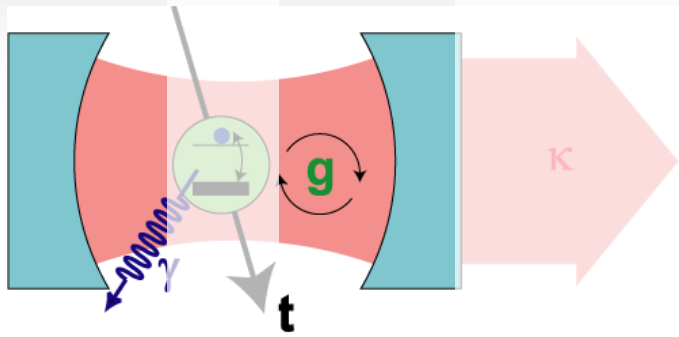
Two-level system



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

↑ quantized field
↑ 2-level system
↑ electric dipole interaction

Cavity QED



the quantized EM field

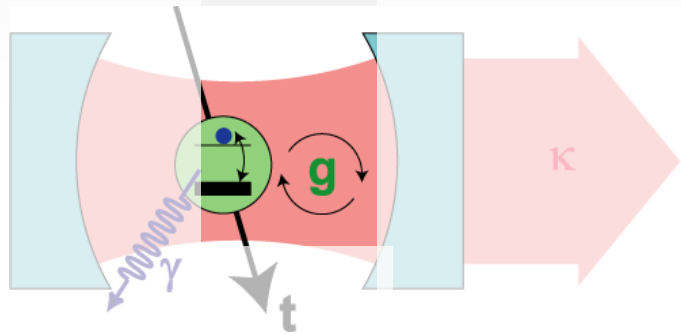
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quantized field

2-level system

electric dipole interaction

Cavity QED



the coupling

$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_r (\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + 1/2) + \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z + \hbar g (\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{\sigma}_- + \hat{\sigma}_+ \hat{a})$$

quantized field

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Coupling between atom and EM field

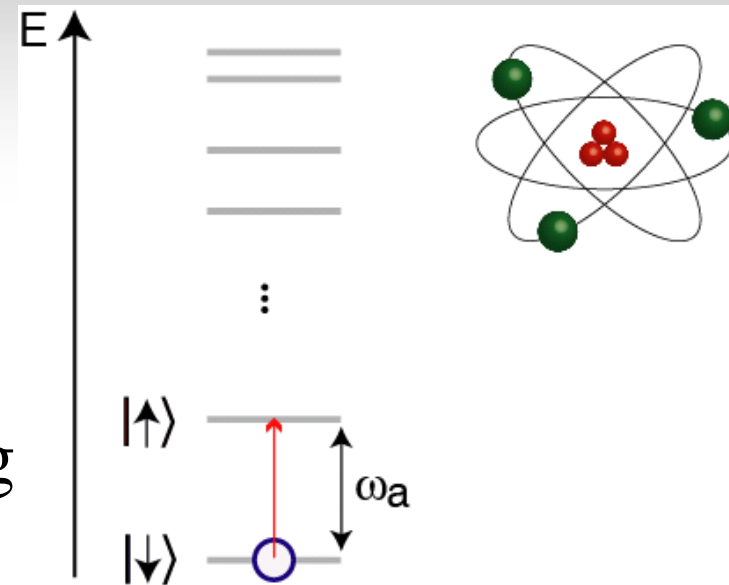
Electric dipole moment couples to electric field!

$$V = |\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow| q\vec{E}\cdot\vec{r} |\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow| + \text{h.c.}$$

$$= E_{\text{RMS}} (a + a^\dagger) d_{01} (\sigma^+ + \sigma^-)$$

$g \equiv E_{\text{RMS}} d_{01} =$ vacuum Rabi coupling

$$V = g(a\sigma^+ + a^\dagger\sigma^-) + g(a^\dagger\sigma^+ + a\sigma^-)$$

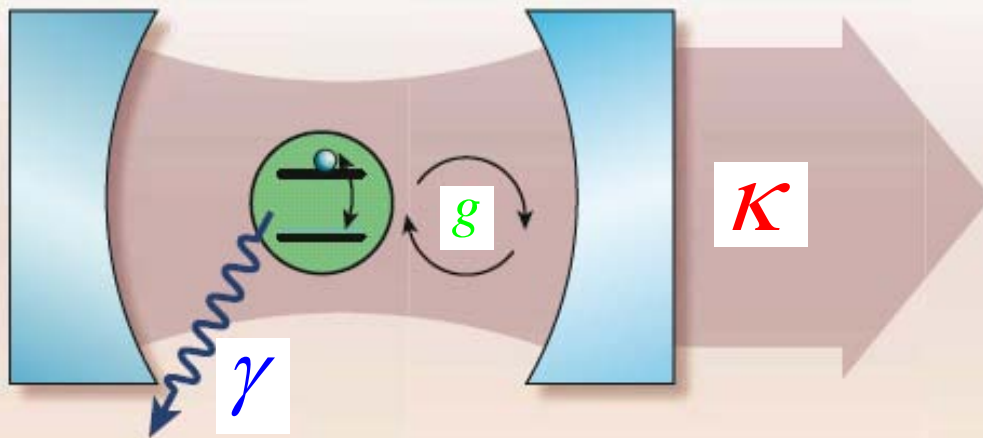


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Cavity & circuit quantum electrodynamics

► coupling an atom to discrete mode of EM field



cavity QED

Haroche (ENS), Kimble (Caltech)
J.M. Raimond, M. Brun, S. Haroche,
Rev. Mod. Phys. **73**, 565 (2001)

circuit QED

A. Blais et al.,
Phys. Rev. A **69**, 062320 (2004)
A. Wallraff et al., Nature **431**, 162 (2004)
R. J. Schoelkopf, S.M. Girvin,
Nature **451**, 664 (2008)

$2g =$ vacuum Rabi freq. $\kappa =$ cavity decay rate

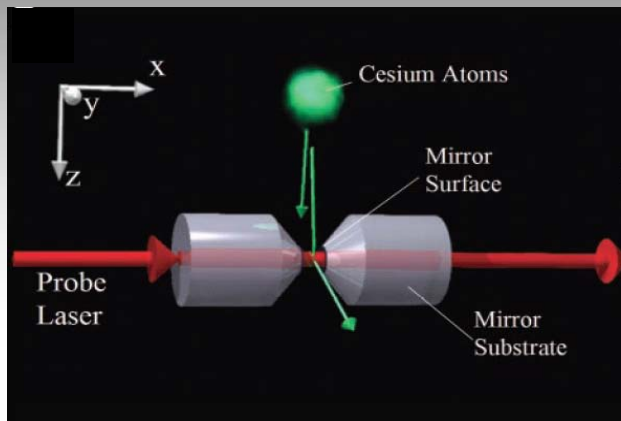
$\gamma =$ “transverse” decay rate

Goal: strong coupling limit:

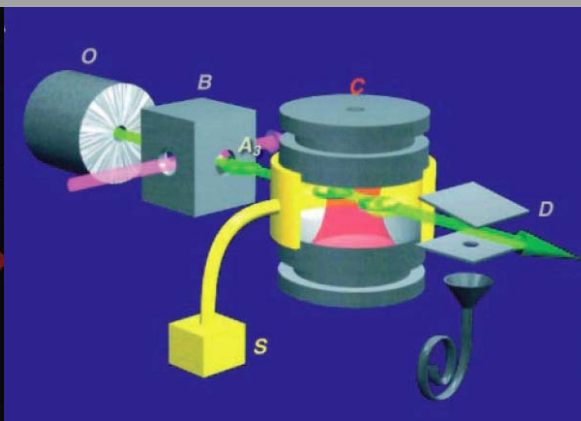
$$g \gg \{ \kappa, \gamma, 1/t_{\text{transit}} \}$$

Need: small cavity and big atom so photons collide with atom frequently.

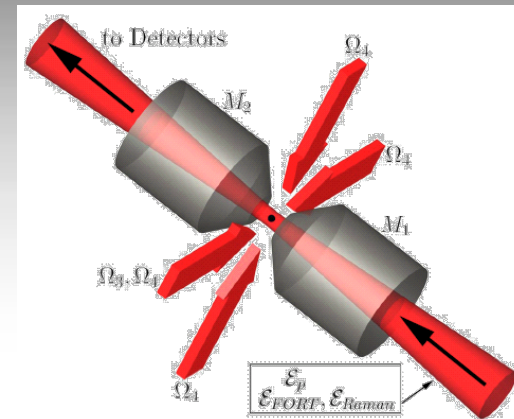
Strong-coupling cQED



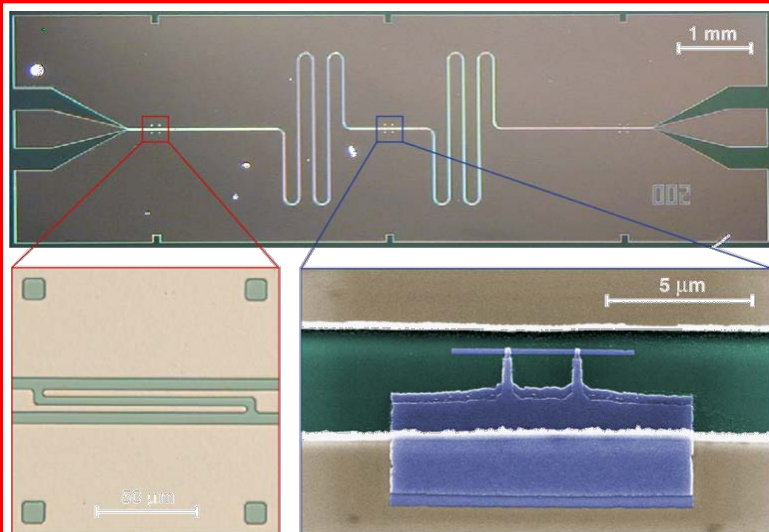
alkali atoms
 Science **287**, 1447 (2000)



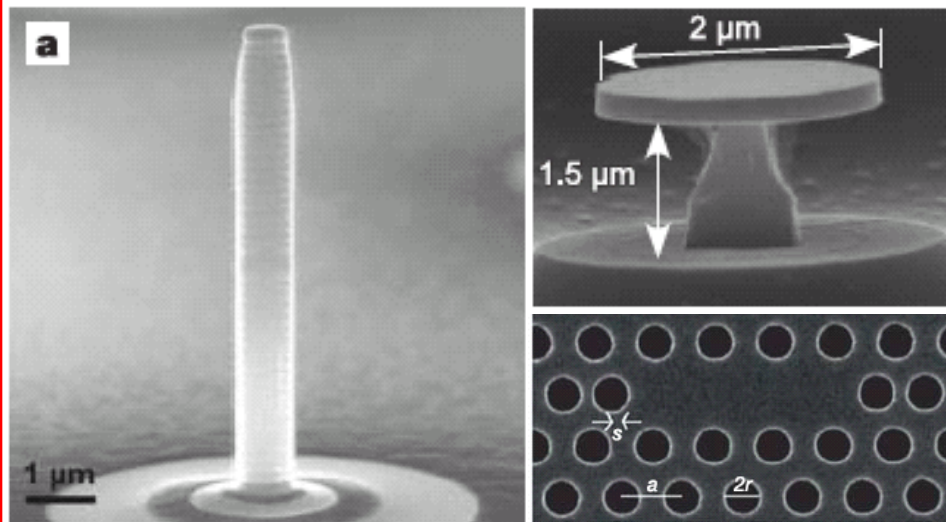
Rydberg atoms
 RMP **73**, 565 (Dec. 2001)



single trapped atom
 PRL **93**, 233603 (Dec. 2004)



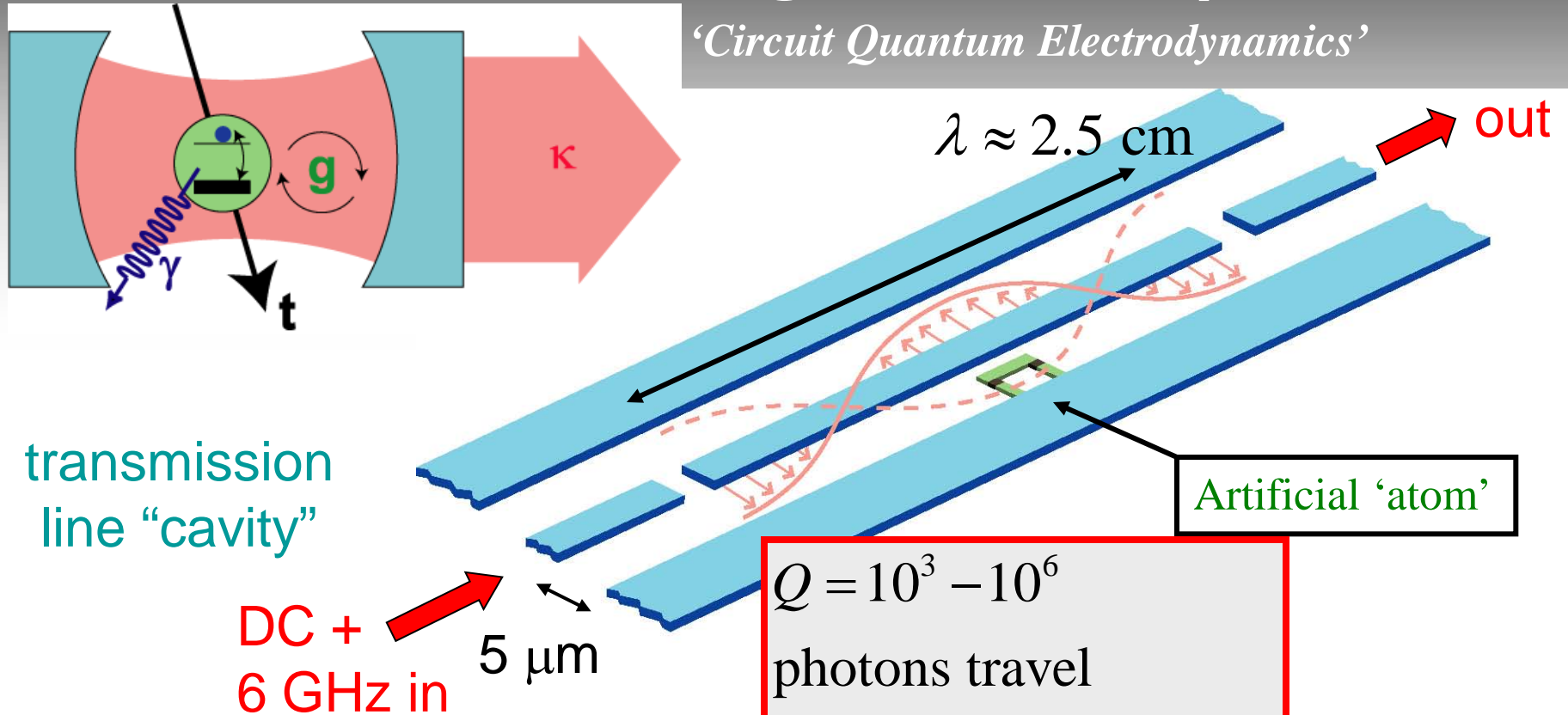
superconducting flux and charge qubits
 Nature (London) **431**, 159 (Sept. 2004)



semiconductor quantum dots
 Nature (London) **432**, 197 (2004); *ibid.* **432**, 200 (2004)

A Circuit Analog for Cavity QED

'Circuit Quantum Electrodynamics'



transmission
line "cavity"

Artificial 'atom'

$Q = 10^3 - 10^6$
photons travel
 ≥ 10 kilometers
while in the resonator!
CPW \approx optical fiber
(if superconducting)

World's smallest microwave cavity: On-chip CPW resonator

Vacuum fields:

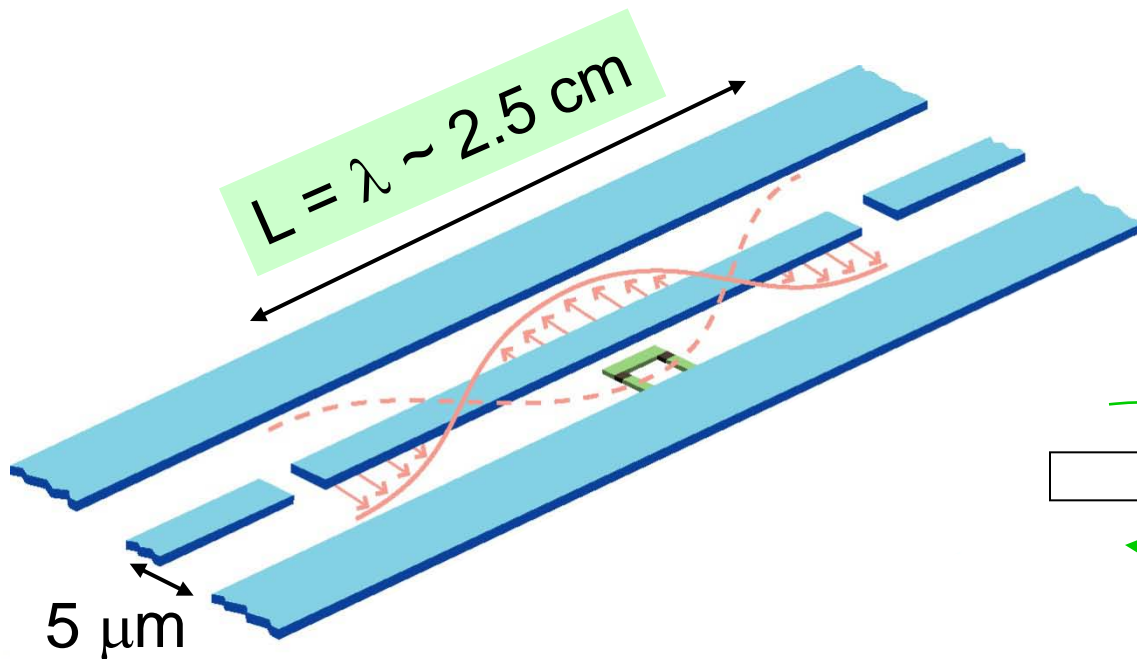
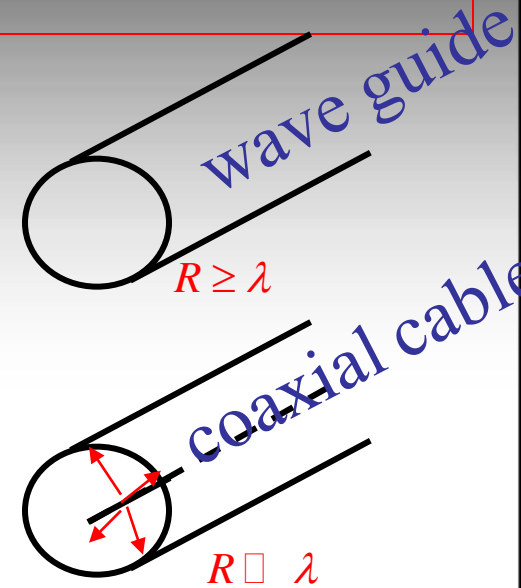
mode volume $10^{-6} \lambda^3$

zero-point energy density

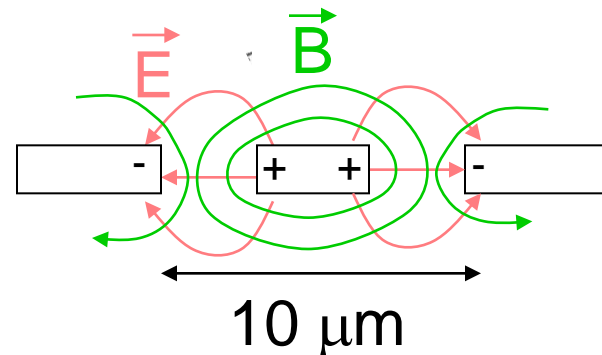
enhanced by 10^{+6}

$$E_{\text{RMS}} \approx 0.25 \text{ V/m}$$

$$V_{\text{RMS}} \approx 1 \mu\text{V}$$



Cross-section
of mode:



Ultimate Strong Coupling

Vacuum fields:

mode volume $10^{-6} \lambda^3$

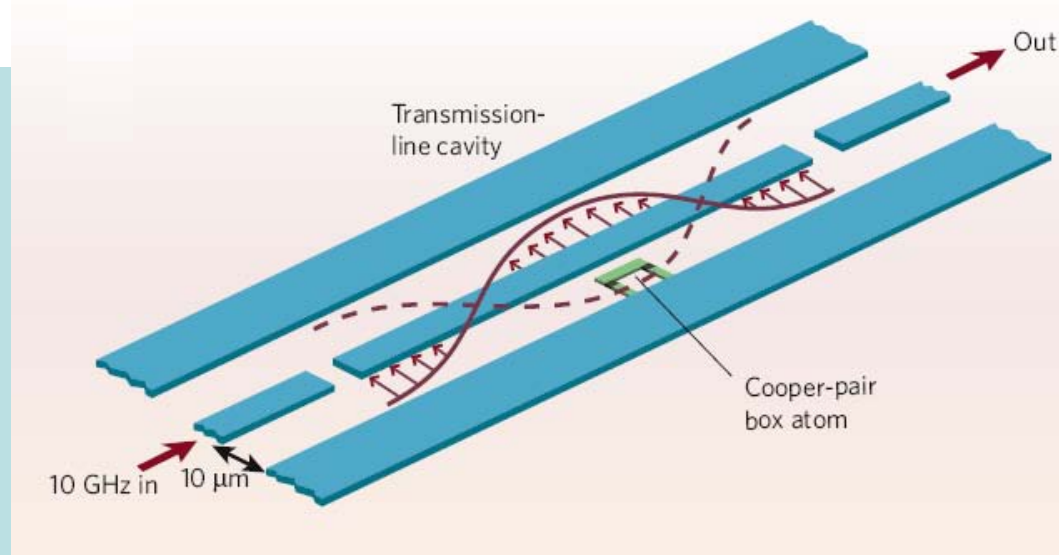
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Coupling reaches
limit set by fine
structure constant

$$\frac{g}{\omega} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\epsilon}} \approx 0.04$$

$$\frac{g}{\omega} \approx \frac{200\text{MHz}}{5\text{GHz}} \approx 0.04$$



Advantages of cirQED over cQED

cQED

3d cavities, real atoms

Vacuum fields:

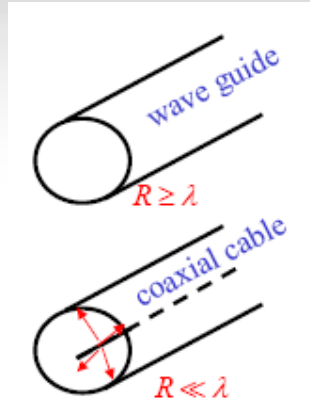
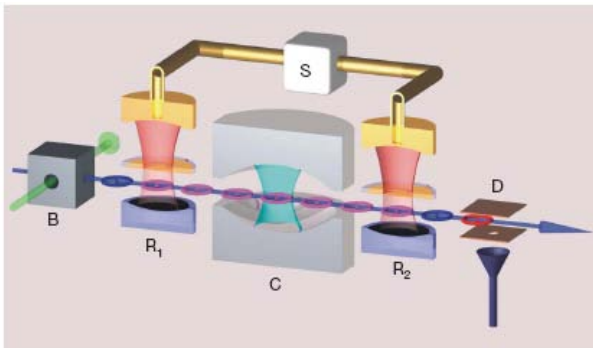
mode volume $\geq \lambda^3$

(3d cavity)

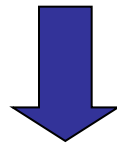
$E_{\text{rms}} \sim 1.5 \text{ mV/m}$
[Haroche experiment]

Transition dipole:

$d \sim 4,000 ea_0$ (Rydberg $n = 50$)



$$g = d \cdot E / \hbar$$



cirQED

1d transmission lines, artificial atoms

Vacuum fields:

mode volume $10^{-6} \lambda^3$

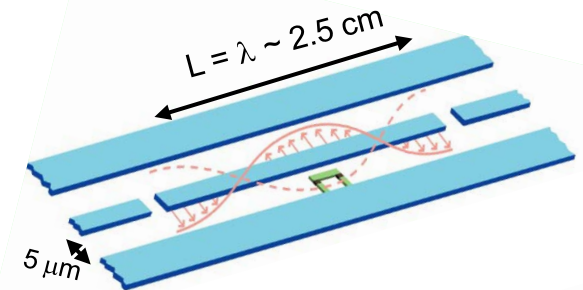
zero-point energy density
enhanced by 10^6

$E_{\text{rms}} \sim 250 \text{ mV/m}$

Transition dipole:

$d \sim 40,000 ea_0$

$\sim 10 \times d$ (Rydberg $n = 50$)



Unfortunately our atoms are still embarrassing.

Jaynes-Cummings: Resonant Case

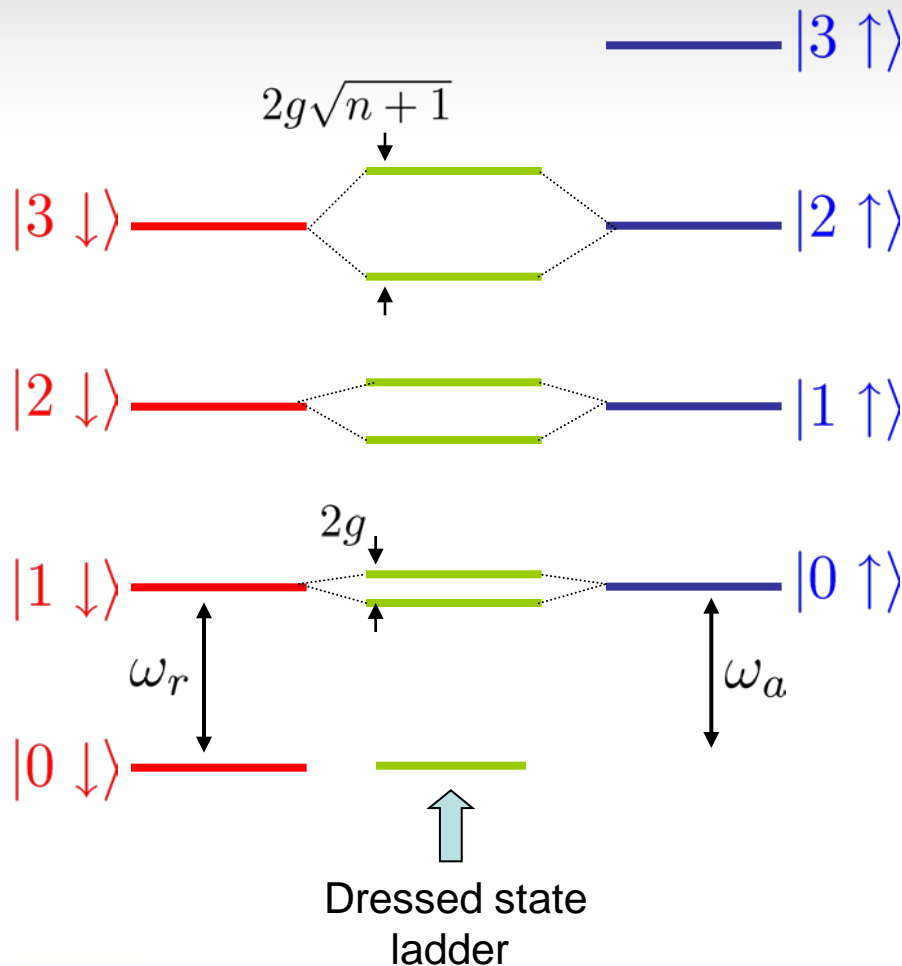
$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_r(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + 1/2) + \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2}\hat{\sigma}_z + \hbar g(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{\sigma}_- + \hat{\sigma}_+\hat{a}) \quad \omega_a = \omega_r$$

with interaction, eigenstates are:

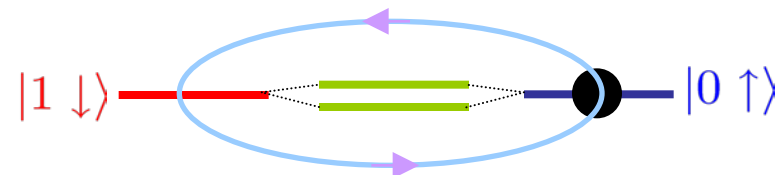
$$|n-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[|n+1, \uparrow\rangle - |n, \downarrow\rangle \right]$$

$$|n+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[|n+1, \uparrow\rangle + |n, \downarrow\rangle \right]$$

$$E_{n\pm} = n\hbar\omega \pm \hbar g\sqrt{n+1}$$

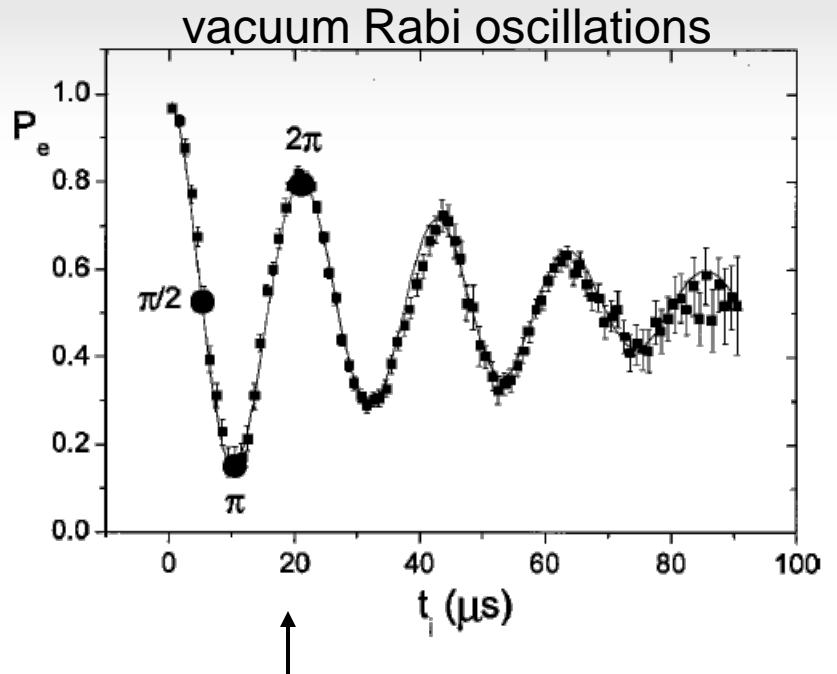
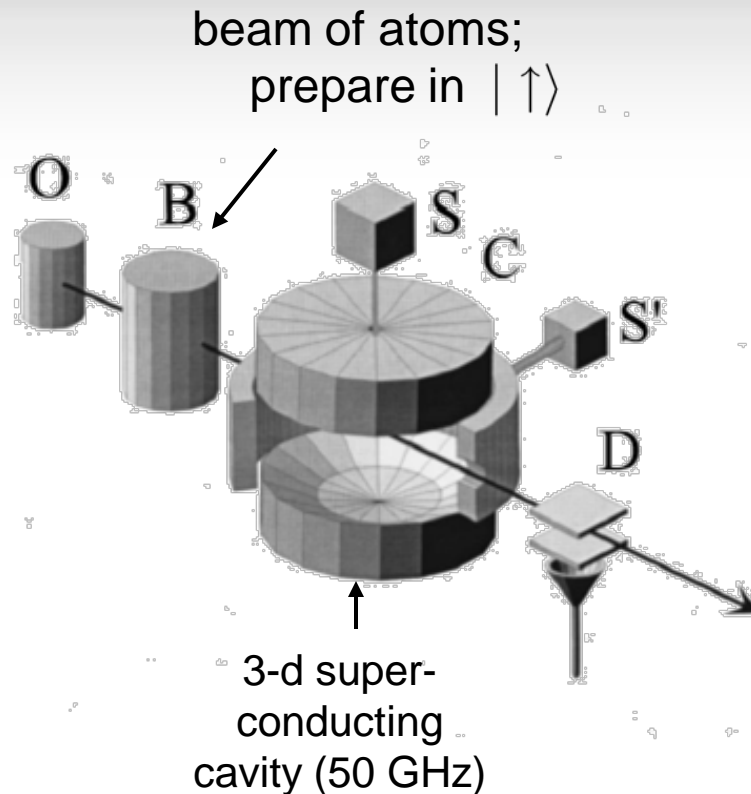


vacuum Rabi oscillations



Vacuum Rabi oscillations

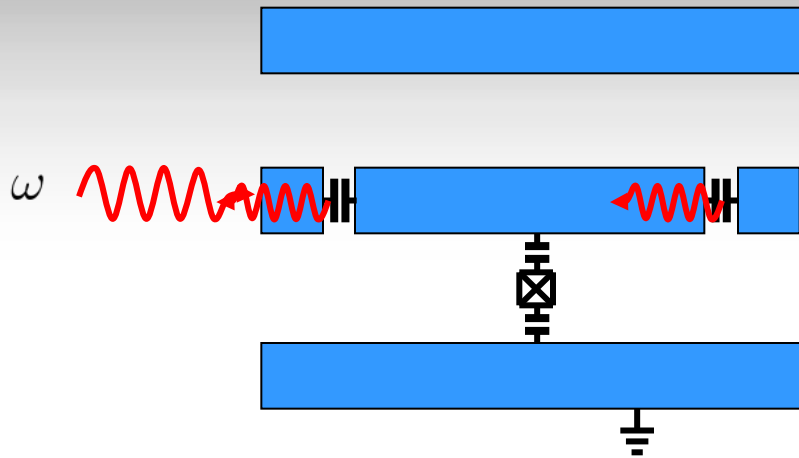
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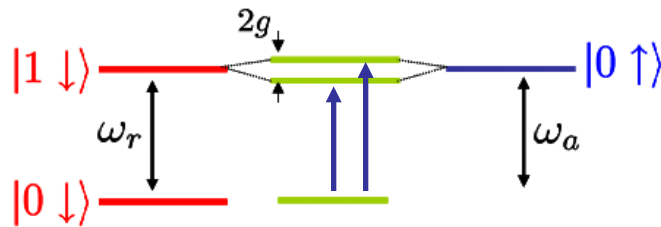
observe dependence of atom final state on time spent in cavity

Vacuum Rabi splitting

in cirQED with an artificial atom



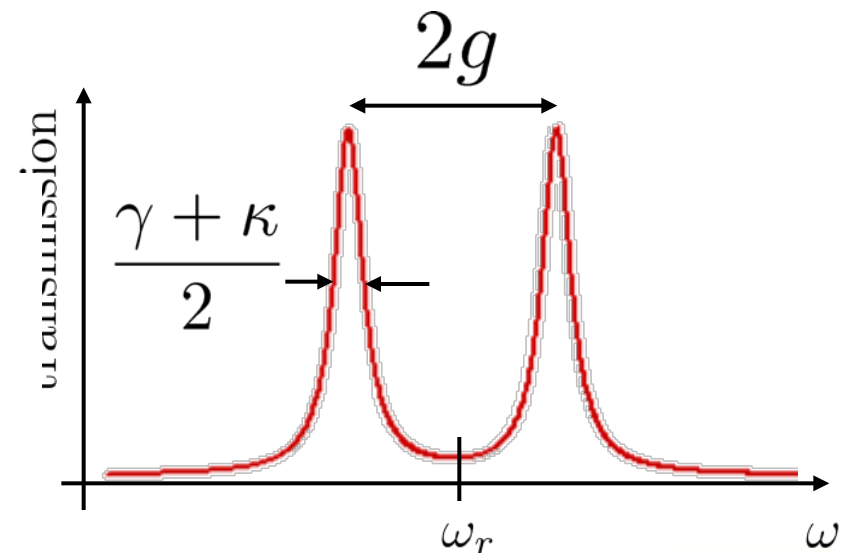
transmission?



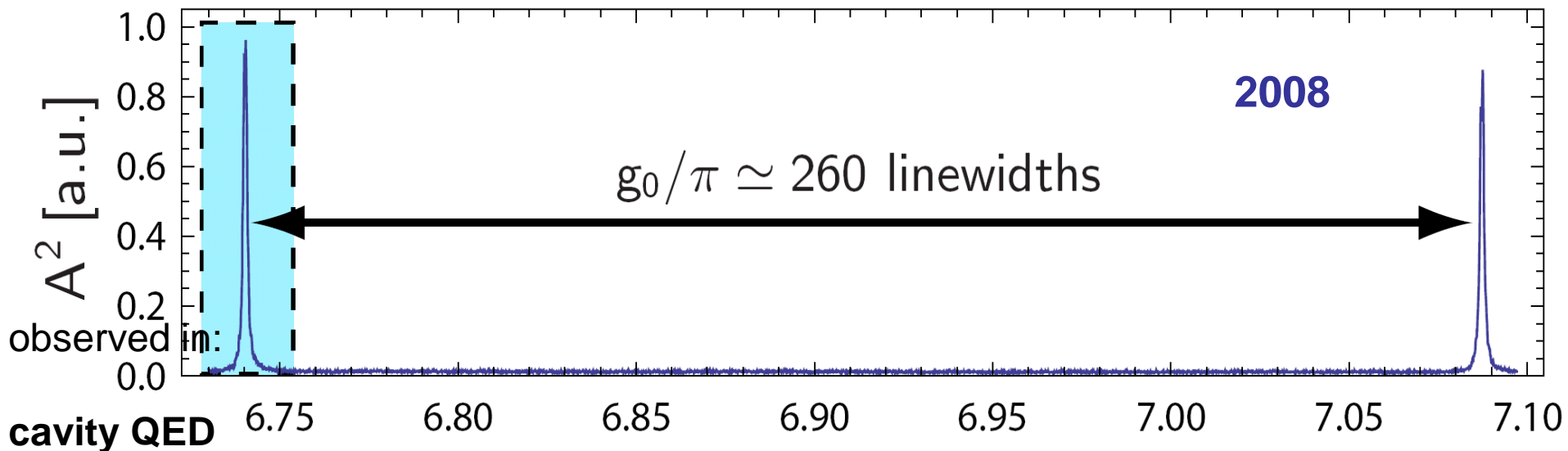
► resolve the two JC eigenstates:
vacuum Rabi splitting

► **frequency domain** measurement
(Fourier transform of Haroche's
experiment)

► measure **transmission of
microwaves** through resonator



Strong-coupling: Vacuum Rabi splitting



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

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

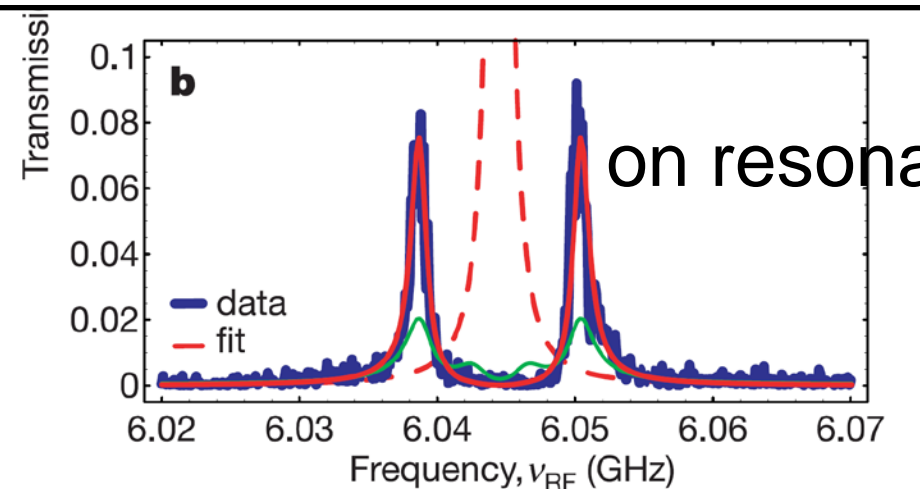
circuit QED

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

quantum dot systems

J.P. Reithmaier et al., Nature 432, 197 (2004)

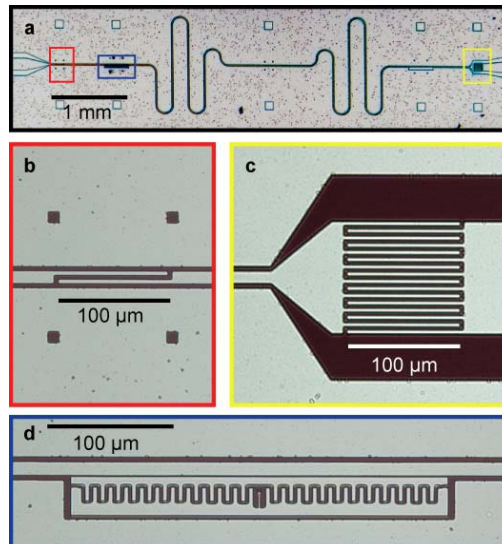
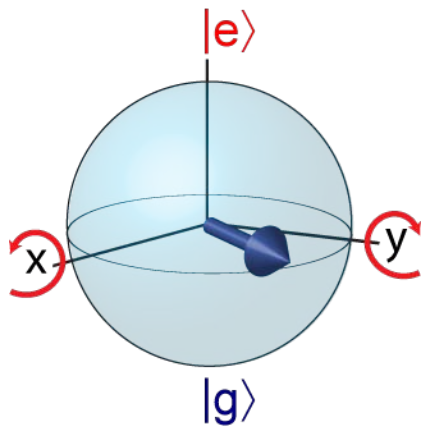
T. Yoshie et al., Nature 432, 200 (2004)



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

Mapping coherent superposition states of the qubit onto a superposition of 0 and 1 photon: ('flying qubit' for quantum communication)

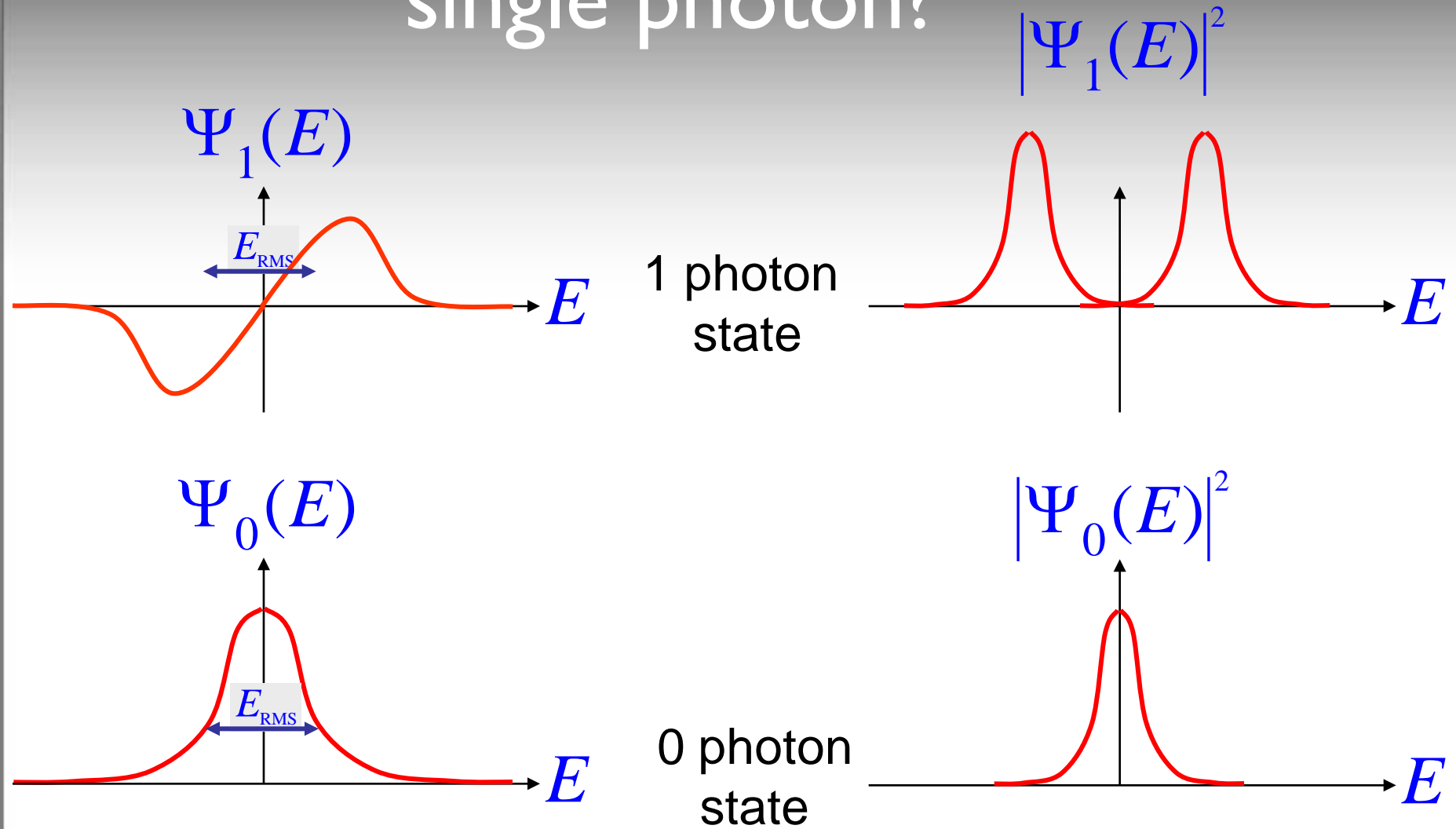
Microwave control pulse can be used to place qubit in arbitrary quantum superposition of ground and excited states.



Use 'Purcell effect' to insure qubit excitation decays by photon emission (out port #2) >90% of the time.

$$(\alpha|g\rangle + \beta|e\rangle) |0 \text{ photons}\rangle \Rightarrow |g\rangle (\alpha|0 \text{ photons}\rangle + \beta|1 \text{ photon}\rangle)$$

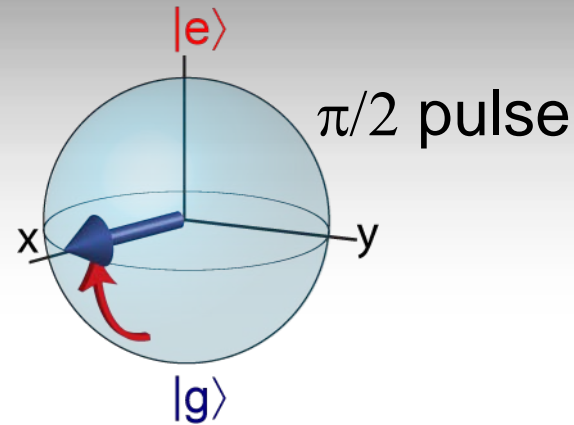
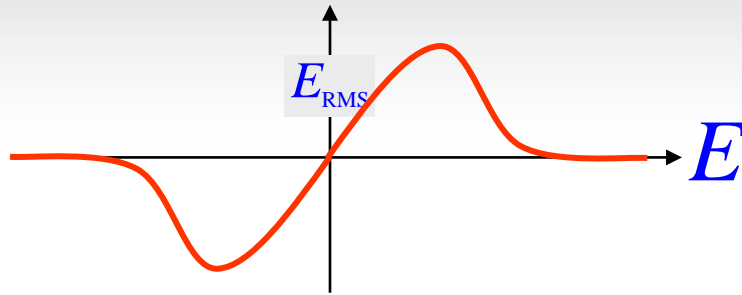
What is the electric field of a single photon?



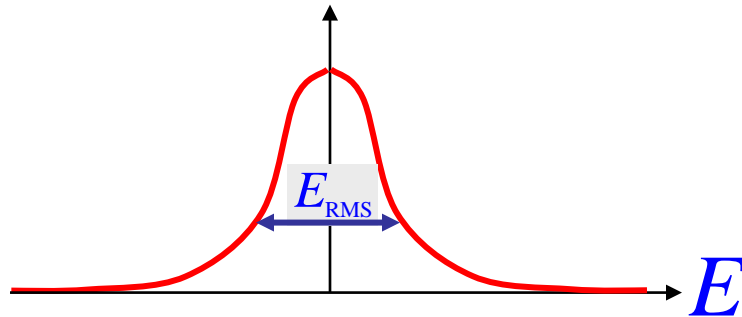
No average electric field for photon number states!

Coherent superposition of qubit states becomes superposition of photon states

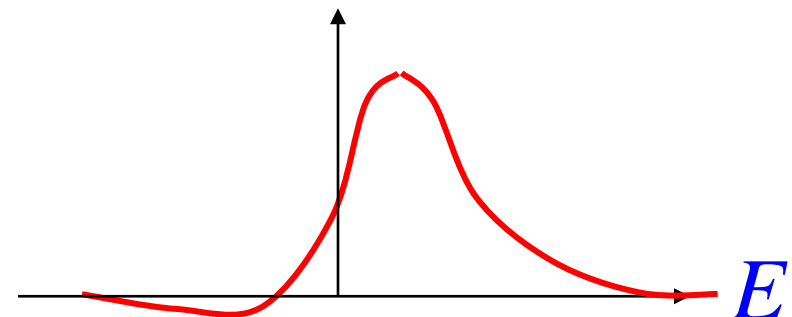
$$\Psi_1(E)$$



$$\Psi_0(E)$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\Psi_0(E) + \Psi_1(E))$$



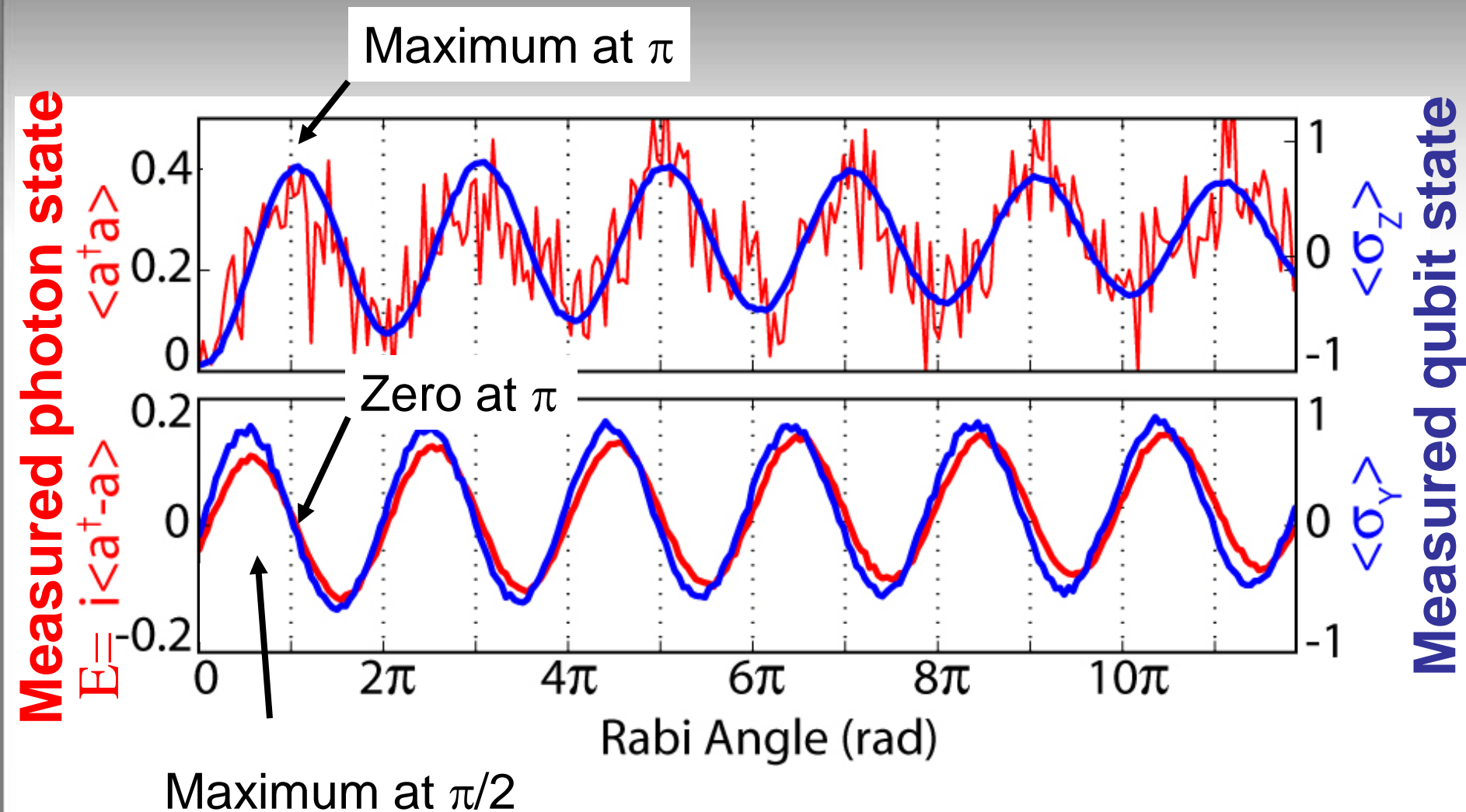
$$\langle n_{\text{photon}} \rangle = \frac{1 + \langle \sigma^z \rangle}{2}$$

Maximum electric field occurs at $\pi/2$.

Maximum photon number occurs at π .

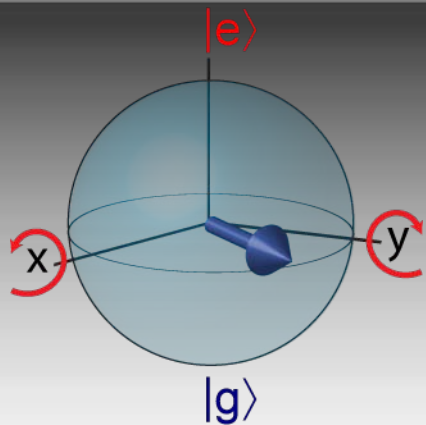
$$\langle E \rangle = E_{\text{RMS}} \langle \sigma^x \rangle$$

Mapping the qubit state on to a photon



$n=1$ Fock state has no mean electric field

“Fluorescence Tomography”

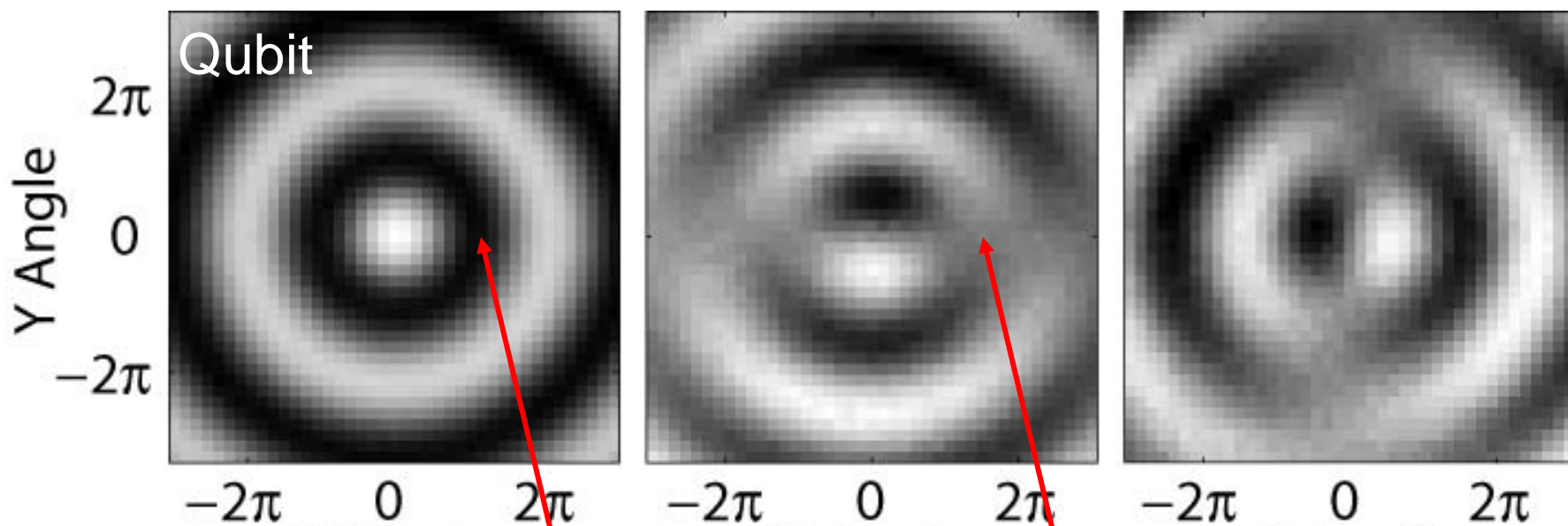


- Apply pulse about arbitrary qubit axis
- Qubit state mapped on to photon superposition

$$\langle \hat{\sigma}_z \rangle$$

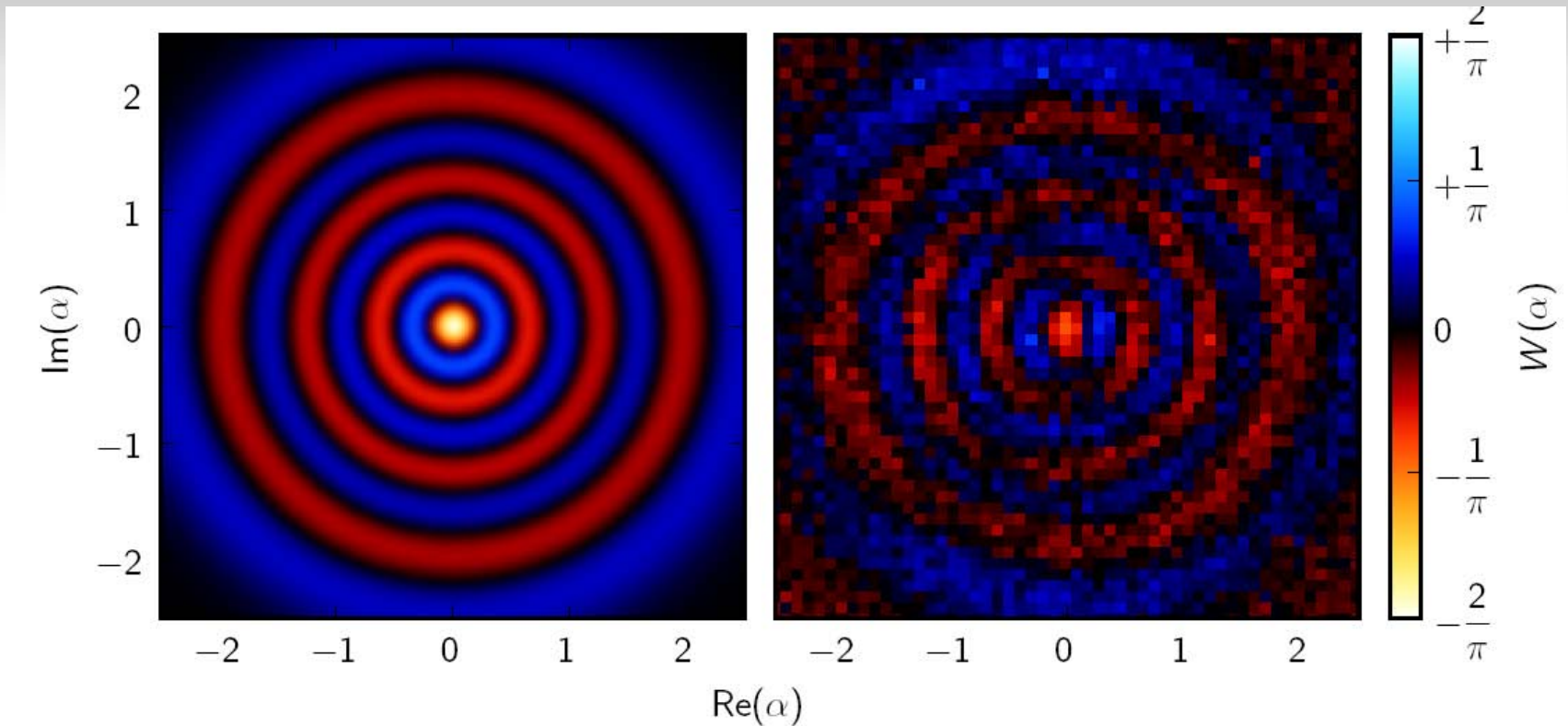
$$\langle a + a^\dagger \rangle$$

$$\langle a - a^\dagger \rangle$$



Fock state has no average electric field.
Superposition of 0 and 1 photon does.

N=7 Photon Fock State Wigner Function



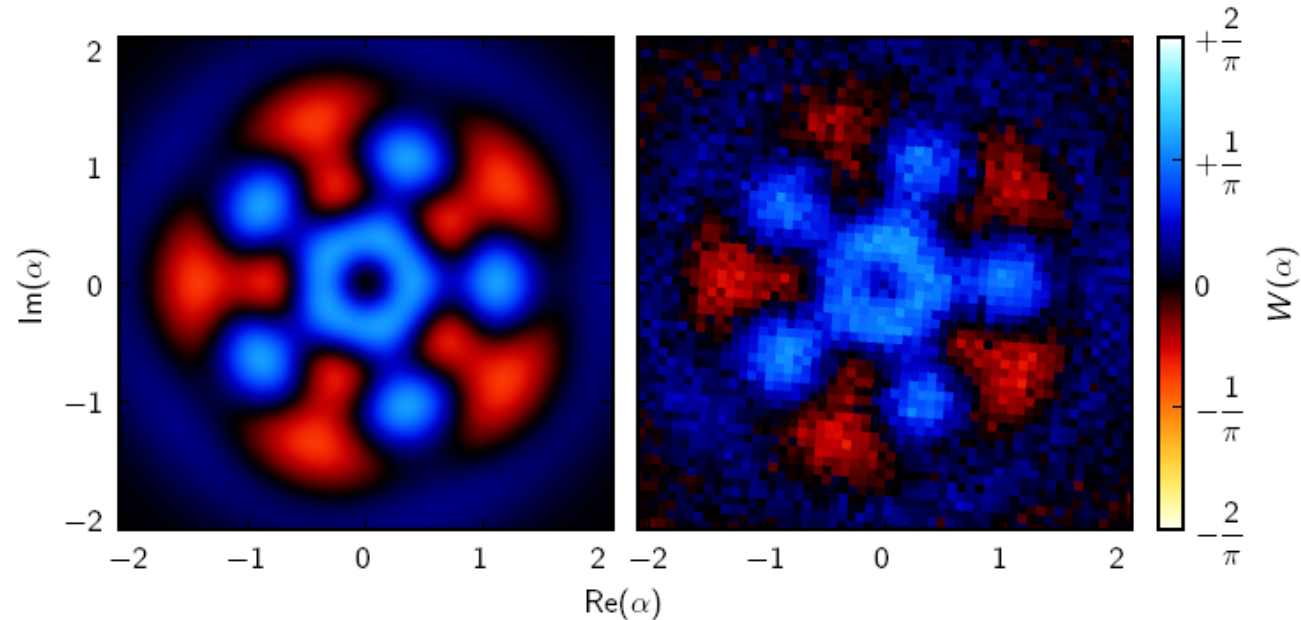
Readout via qubit Rabi oscillations

M. Hofheinz et al. Nature **459**, 546-549 (2009) (Martinis group UCSB)

Synthesis of arbitrary quantum states of photons

Controlling superpositions

$$|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle + |5\rangle$$



M. Hofheinz et al. Nature **459**, 546-549 (2009) (Martini's group UCSB)

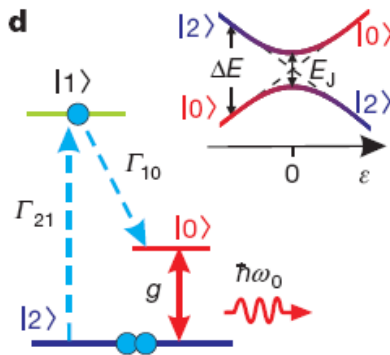
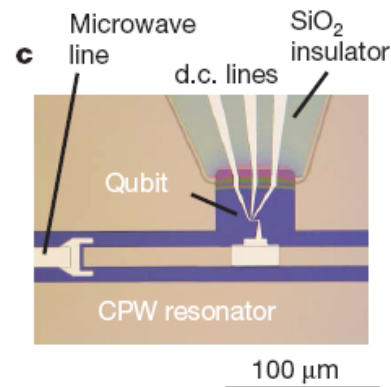
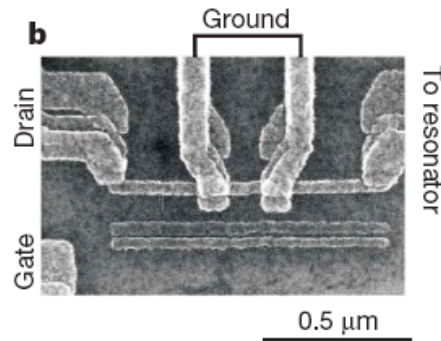
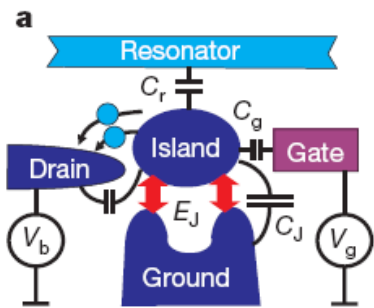
More quantum optics: 'Single artificial-atom lasing'

Astafiev et al. *Nature* **449**, 588 (2007)

Nakamura group (NEC)

'Dissipation in circuit quantum electrodynamics: lasing and cooling of a low-frequency oscillator'

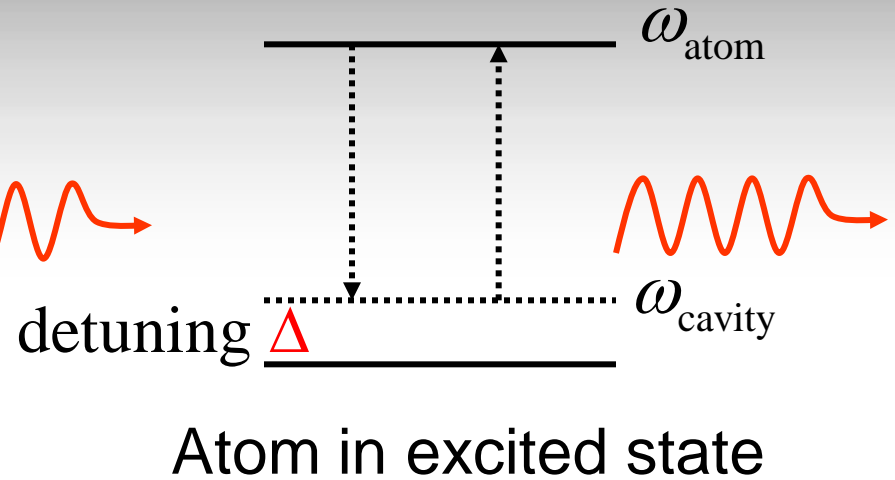
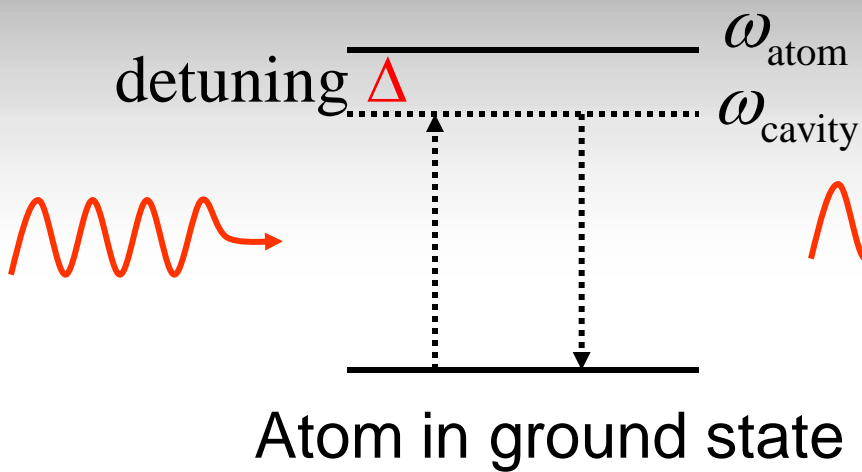
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New J. Phys. **10** (2008) 095018



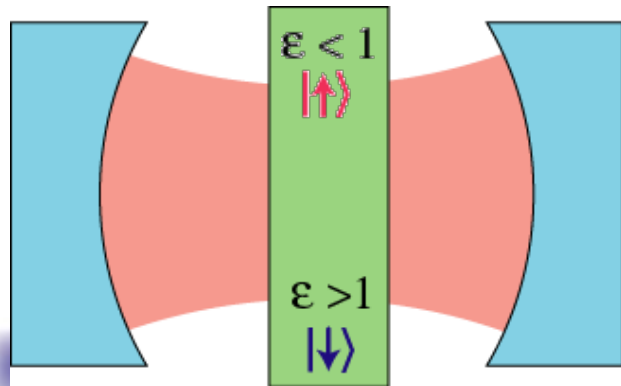
QND Readout of Qubit State

Dispersive readout: qubit detuned from cavity

The qubit cannot absorb any photons.
Only virtual interactions are possible:



Transparent!



QND: coupling to photons does not excite qubit.

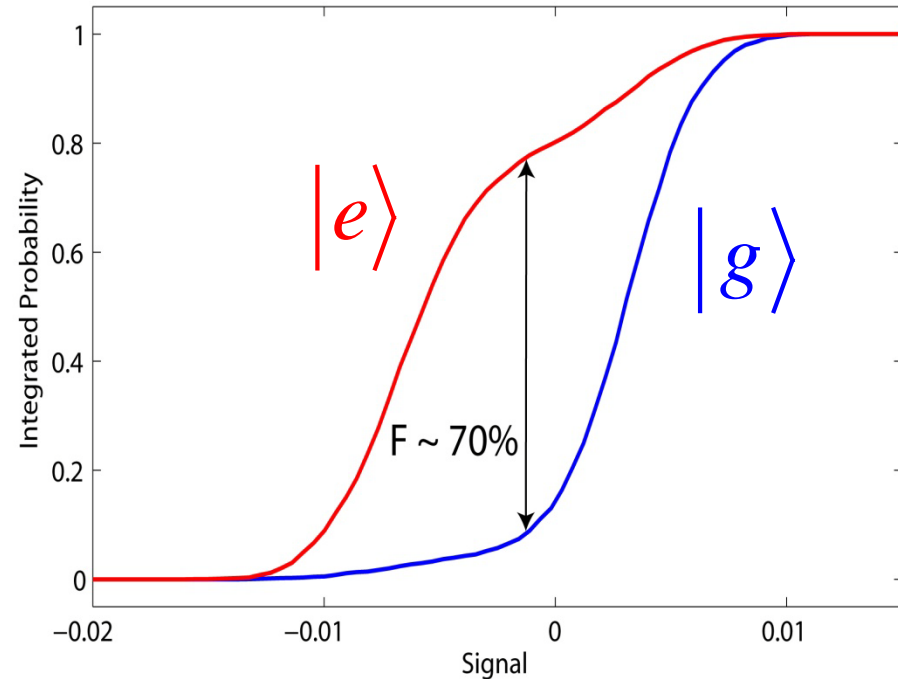
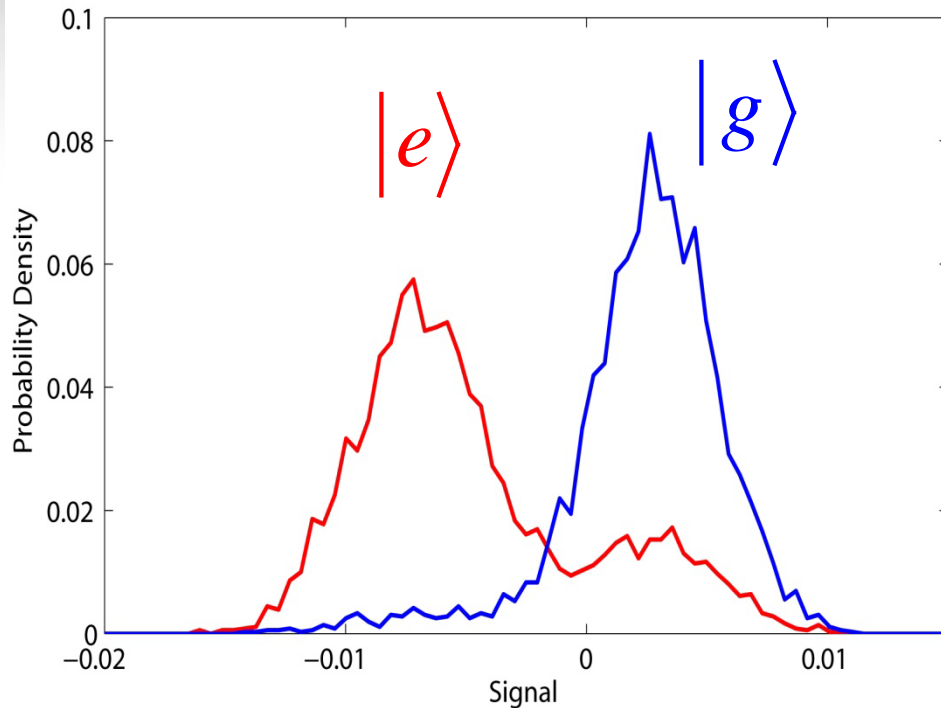
2nd order pert. theory shift of cavity frequency:

$$H = \hbar \left(\omega_{\text{cavity}} + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \sigma^z \right) n_{\text{photon}} + \frac{\hbar \omega_{\text{atom}}}{2} \sigma^z$$

Homodyne readout of Transmon

Histograms of single shot msmts.

Integrated probabilities



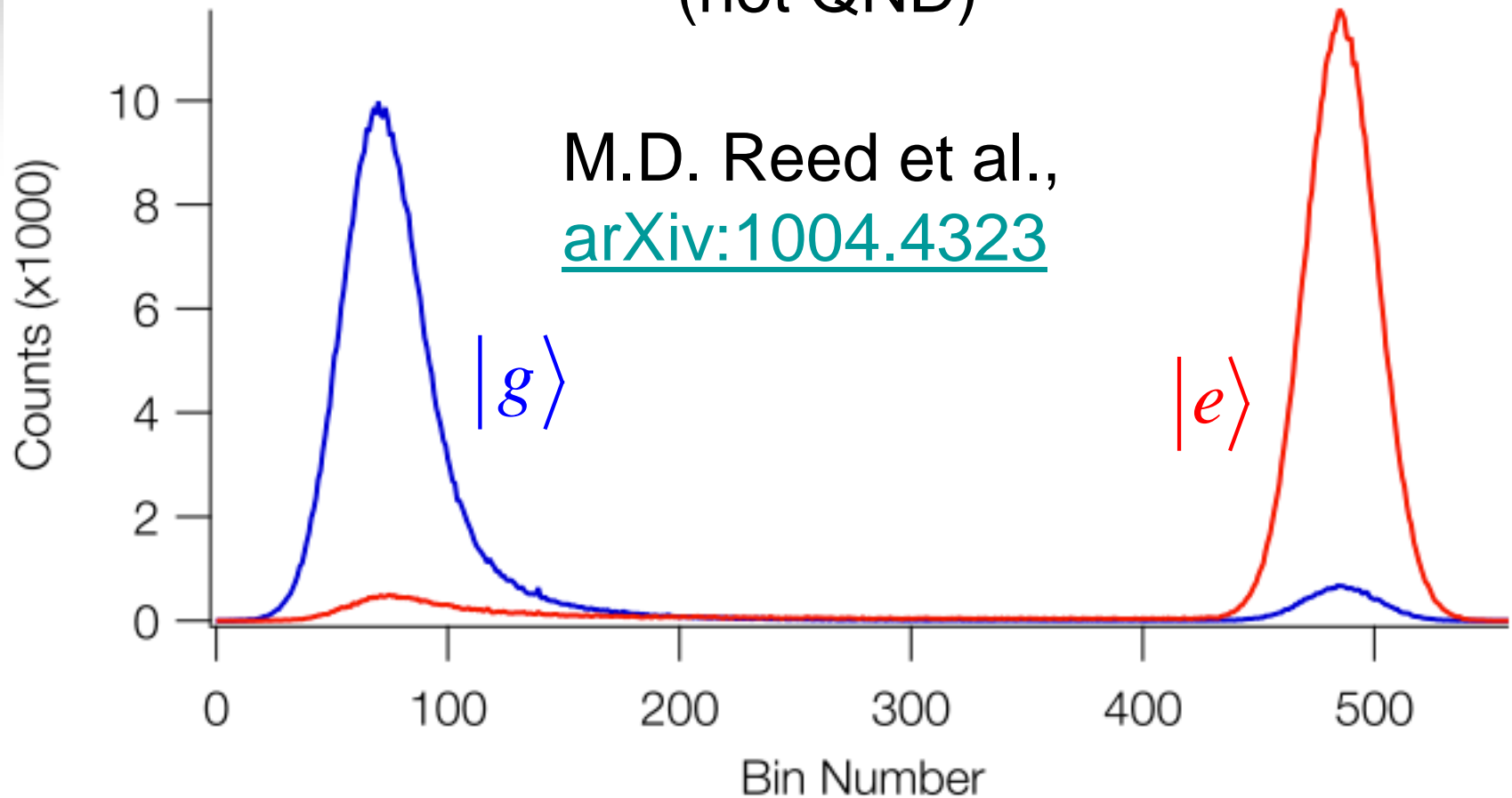
Measurement with ~ 5 photons in cavity;
SNR ~ 4 in one qubit lifetime (T_1)

$T_1 \sim 300$ ns, low Q cavity on sapphire

Single Qubit Histograms

Non-linear high-power readout

(not QND)



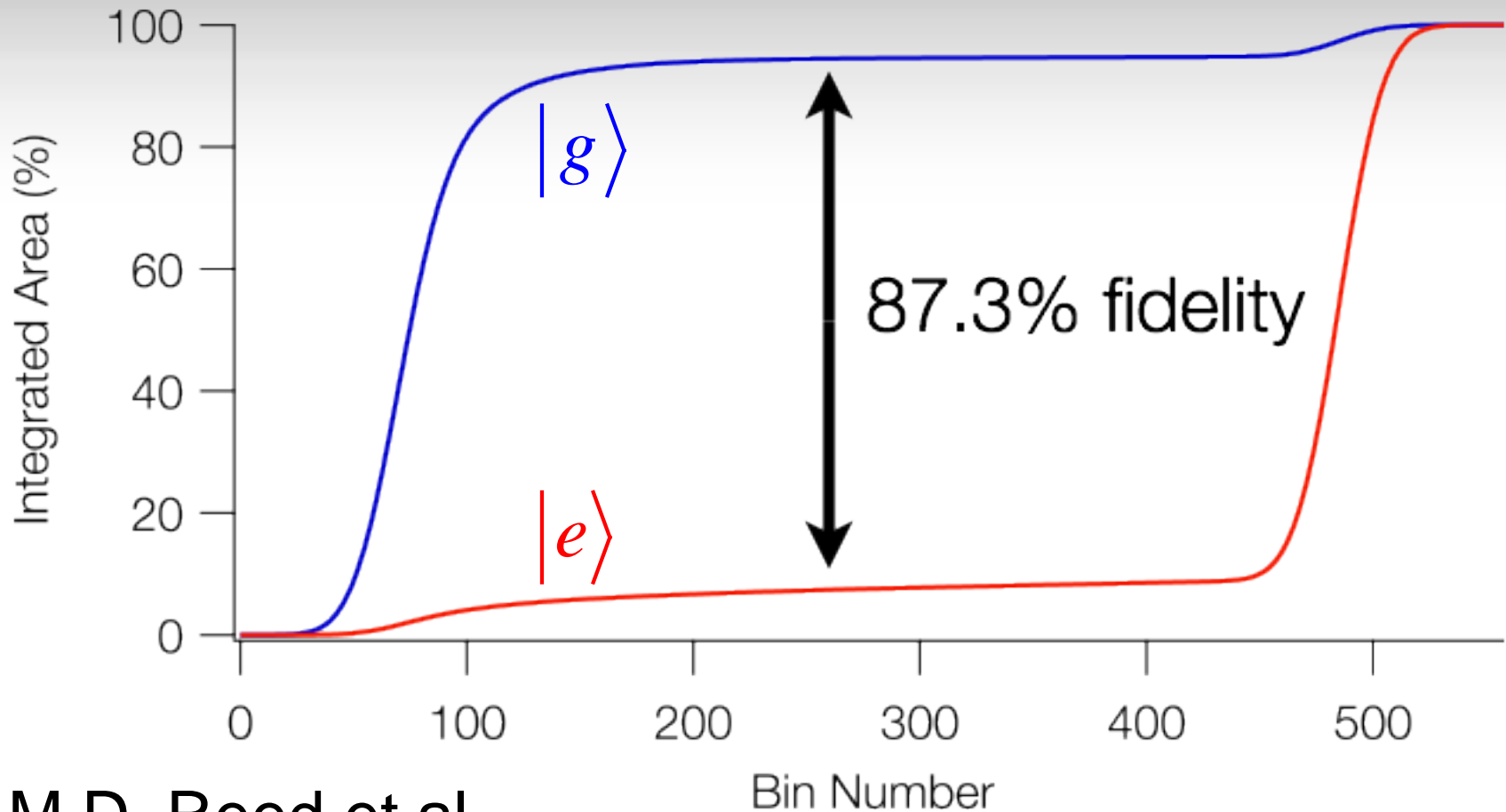
M.D. Reed et al.,
[arXiv:1004.4323](https://arxiv.org/abs/1004.4323)

$|g\rangle$

$|e\rangle$

Signal \longrightarrow

High Fidelity Single Qubit S-Curves



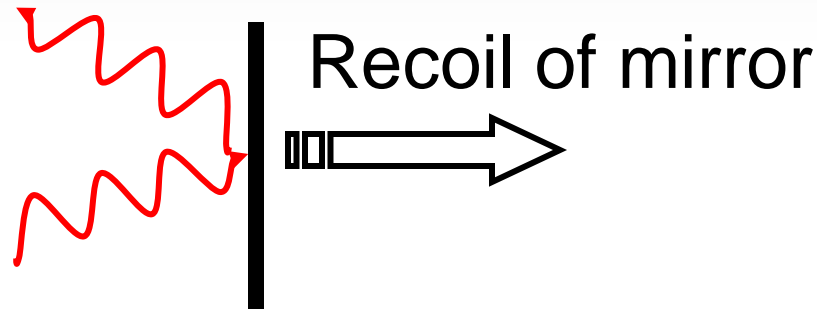
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Cumulative signal \longrightarrow

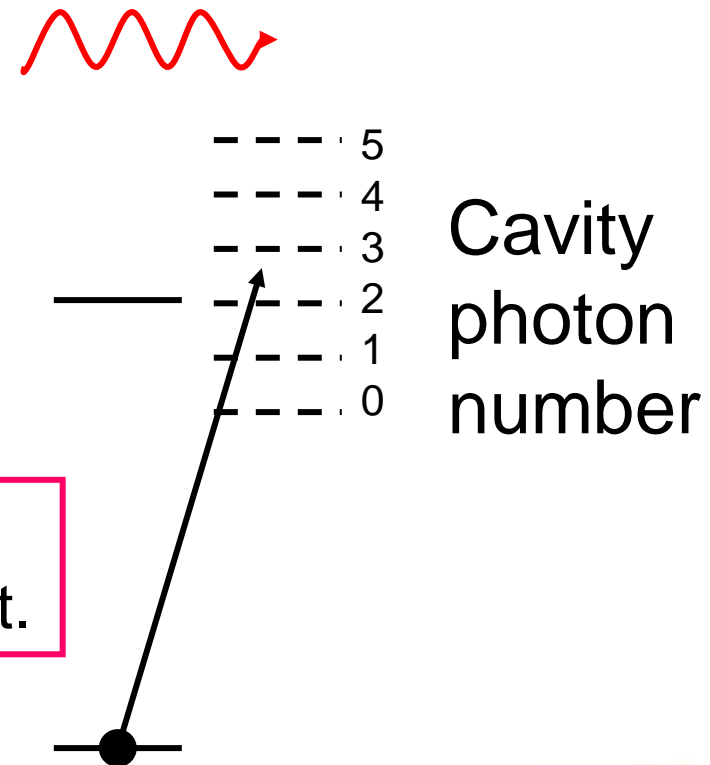
Quantum Non-Demolition Measurements

Can we detect photons without destroying them?

Jack Harris Lab:



Schoelkopf Lab:



Cavity photons affect qubit transition frequency but are not absorbed by qubit.

$$H = \left(\hbar \omega_{\text{cavity}} n_{\text{photon}} + \hbar \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \sigma^z n_{\text{photon}} \right) + \frac{\hbar \omega_{\text{atom}}}{2} \sigma^z$$

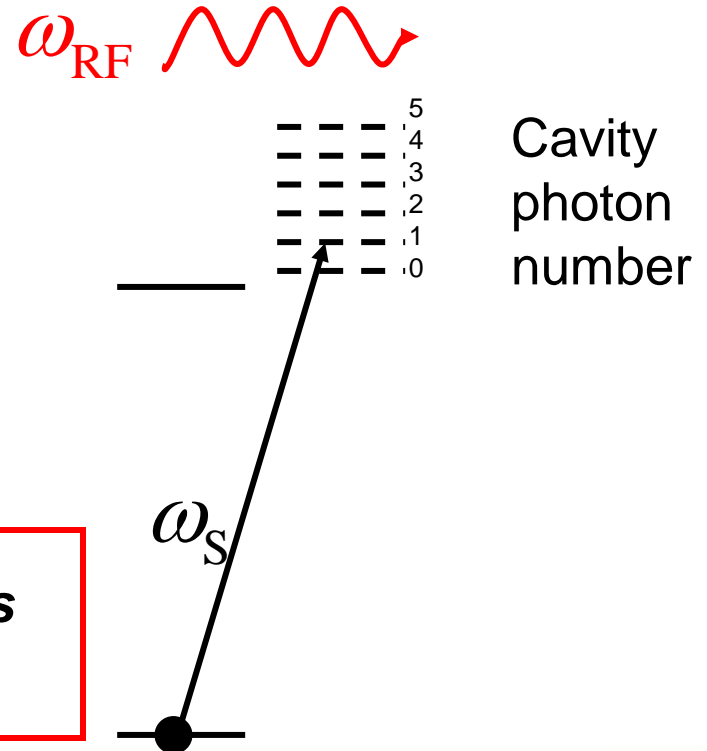
We already saw qubit affects cavity frequency and hence photon phase shift.

Back action: photons affect qubit transition frequency.

‘Light shift’
(ac Stark shift)

$$H = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left\{ 2 \frac{g^2}{\Delta} n_{\text{photon}} + \omega_{\text{atom}} \right\} \sigma^z$$

Probe Beam at Cavity Frequency Induces ‘Light Shift’ of Atom Frequency



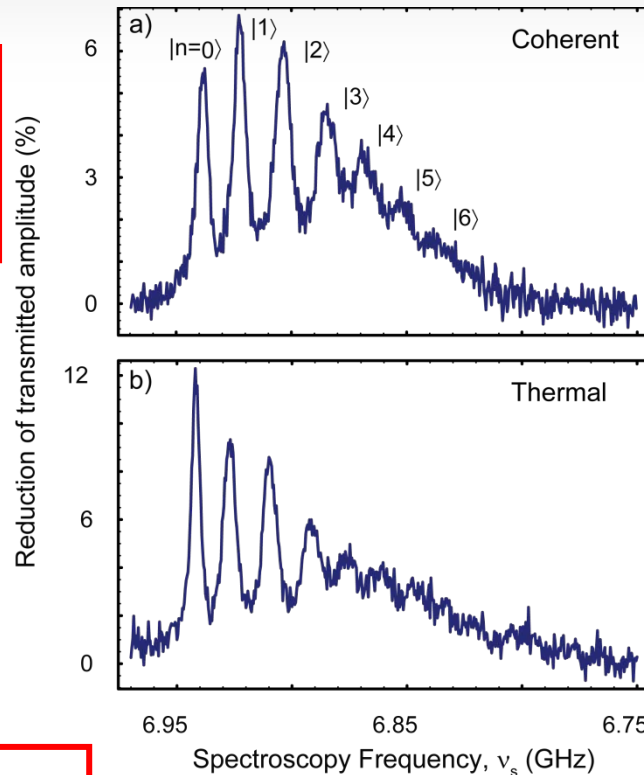
Resolving individual photon numbers using ac Stark shift of qubit transition frequency

coherent input power = 10^{-17} Watts

Coherent state is produced by a laser or a microwave generator.

Thermal state is digitally synthesized noise (blackbody radiation)

Average cavity photon number is $n=2$ in both cases.



Coherent state

$$\bar{n} \approx 2$$

Poisson distribution

$$P_\lambda(n) = \frac{(\bar{n})^n}{n!} e^{-\bar{n}}$$

Thermal state

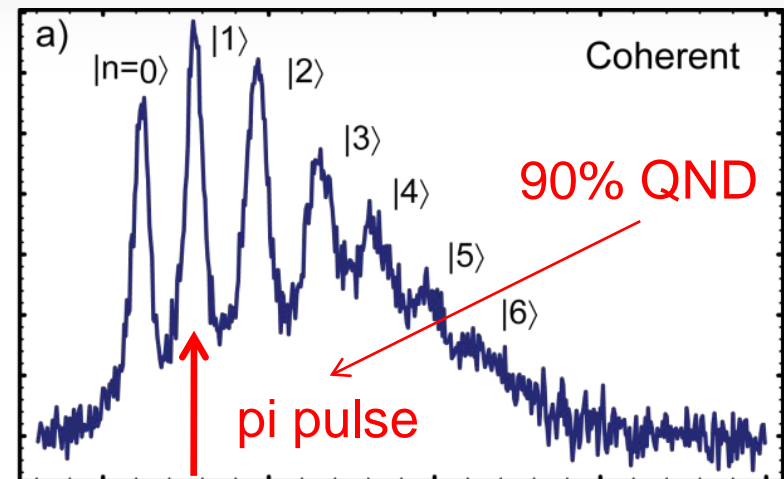
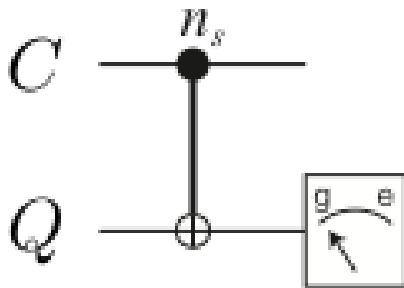
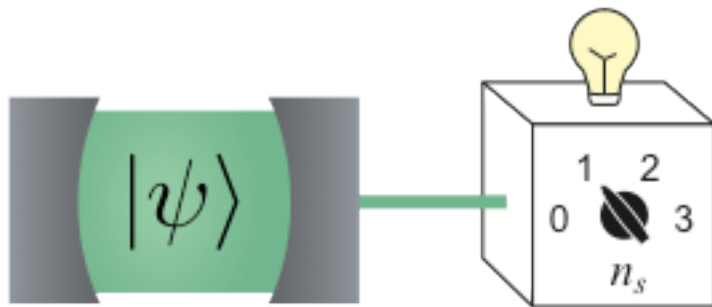
$$\bar{n} \approx 2$$

Bose-Einstein distribution

$$P_{th}(n) = \frac{(\bar{n})^n}{(\bar{n} + 1)^{n+1}}$$

Logic Operations with Photons

‘Quantum Non-demolition Detection of Single Microwave Photons in a Circuit,’ B. R. Johnson et al., (*Nature Physics*, June 2010)



- CNOT conditioned on state $|n_s\rangle$
- Single-shot mapping of a photon number to a qubit

Resonant interaction in circuits: Hofheinz, ... Martinis, *Nature* **454**, 310 (2008)

Dispersive interaction in Rydberg atoms: C. Guerlin et al., *Nature* **448**, 889 (2007)

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Topological Protection

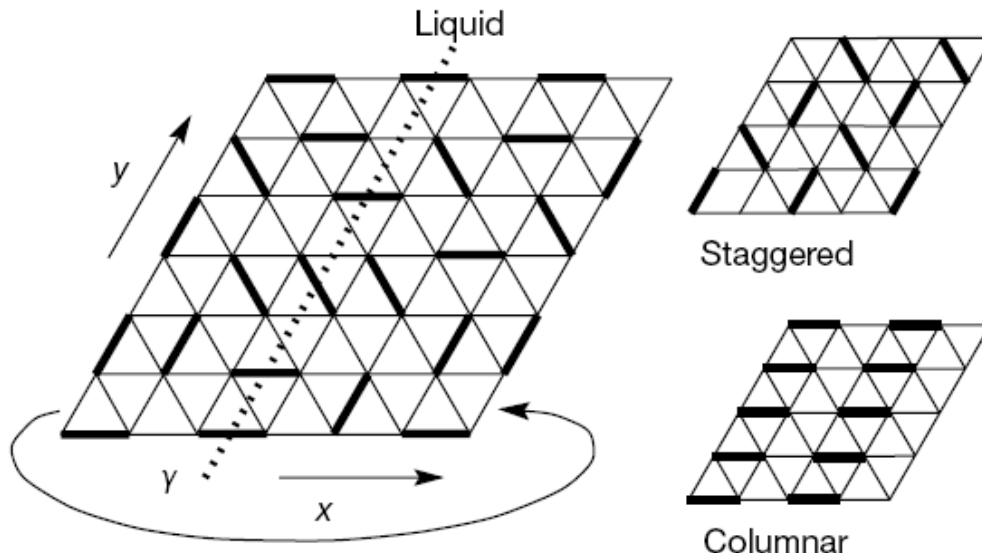
Local Perturbations do not lift topological degeneracies

Topologically protected quantum bits using Josephson junction arrays

L. B. Ioffe[†], M. V. Feigel'man[†], A. Iosevich[†], D. Ivanov[‡], M. Troyer[‡]
& G. Blatter[‡]

Superconducting nanocircuits for topologically protected qubits

Sergey Gladchenko¹, David Olaya¹, Eva Dupont-Ferrier¹, Benoit Douçot², Lev B. Ioffe¹
and Michael E. Gershenson^{1*}



Quantum dimer models

Kitaev models

Moore-Read non-abelian
QHE states.....

Superfluid–Mott Insulator Transition of Light in the Jaynes-Cummings Lattice

Jens Koch and Karyn Le Hur

Departments of Physics and Applied Physics, Yale University, PO Box 208120, New Haven, CT 06520, USA

(Dated: May 25, 2009)

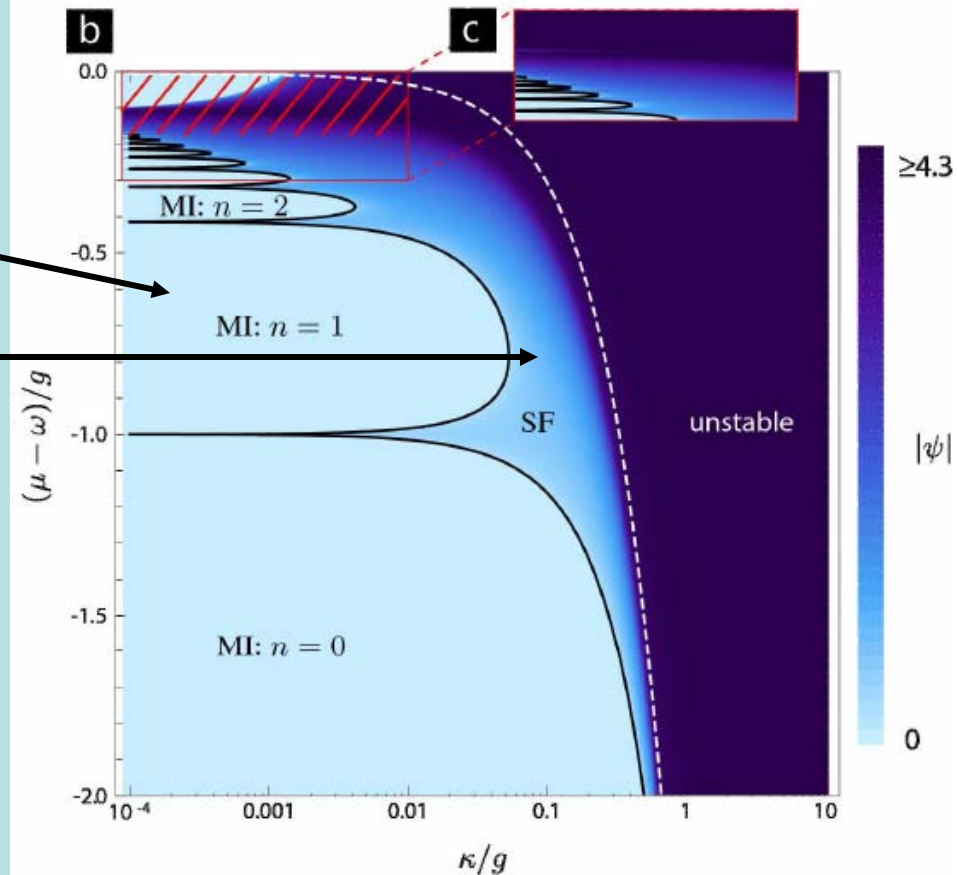
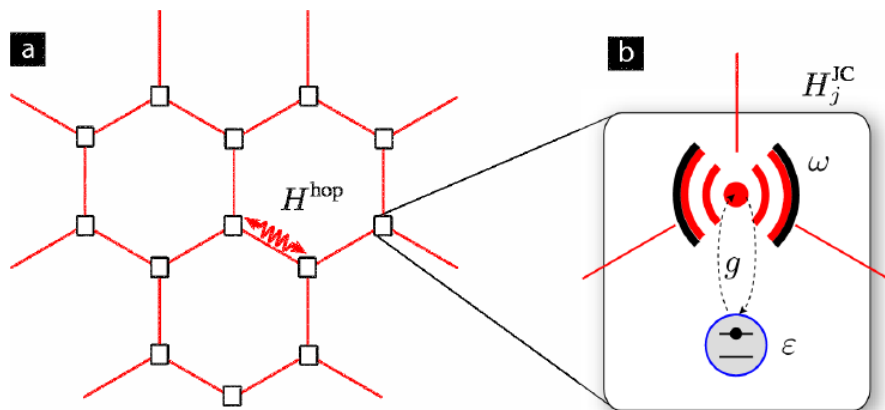
Self-Kerr in dispersive regime or
'photon blockade' in vacuum Rabi regime
leads to 'Mott Insulator' for photons

$$U_{\text{eff}} = \pm (\sqrt{2} - 1) g$$

arxiv:0905.4005

Mott Insulator

Superfluid



Quantum phase transitions of light

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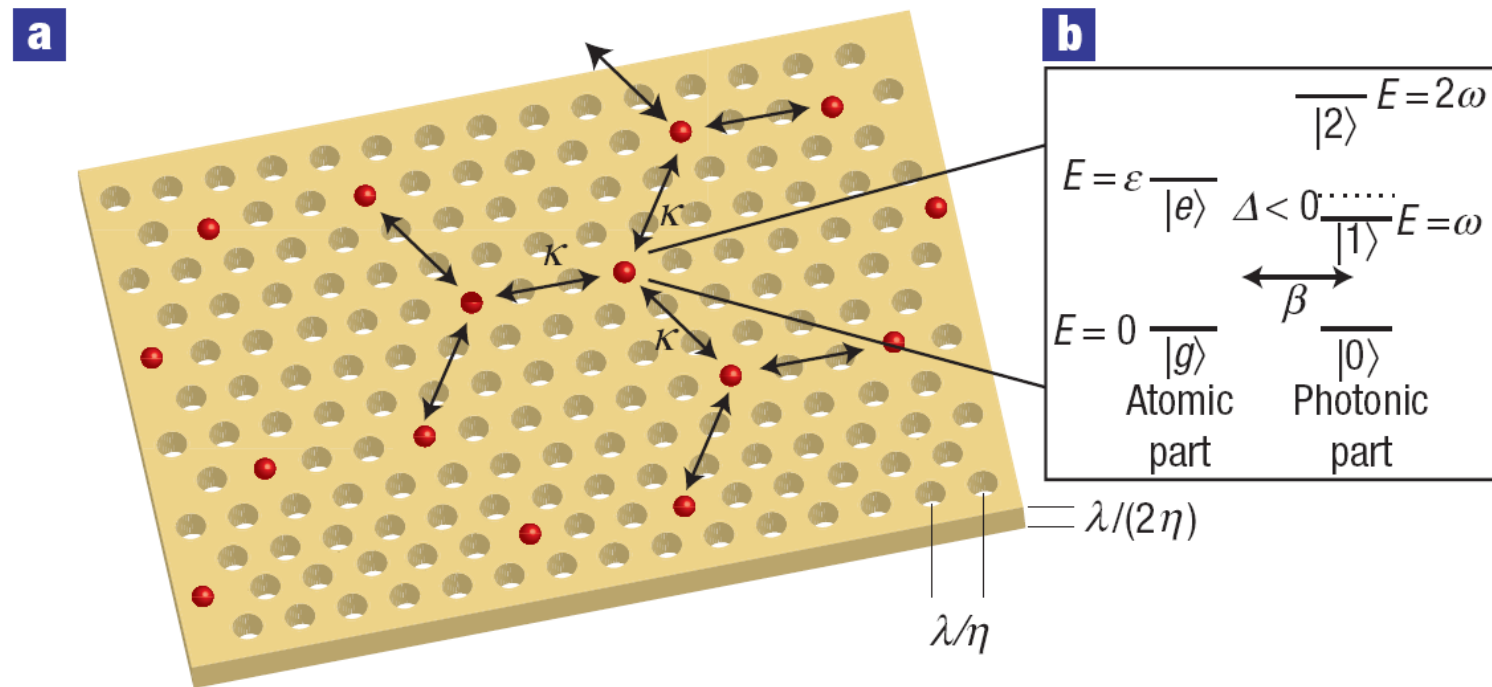


Figure 1 A proposed implementation of the photonic condensed-matter analogue. **a**, Schematic diagram showing a two-dimensional array of photonic bandgap cavities, with each cavity containing a single two-level atom (spheres). The

See also:

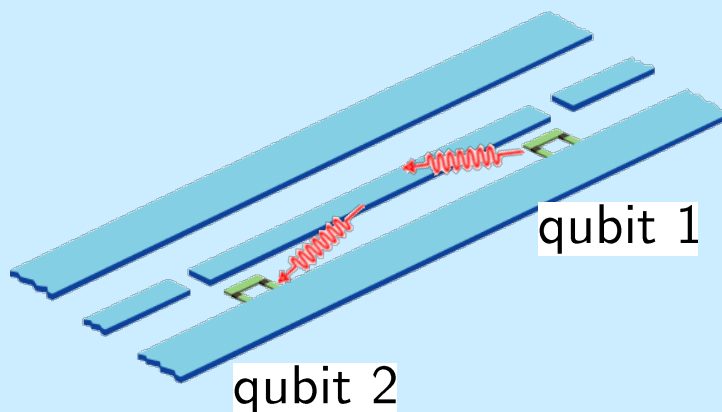
Fermionized photons in an array of driven dissipative nonlinear cavities

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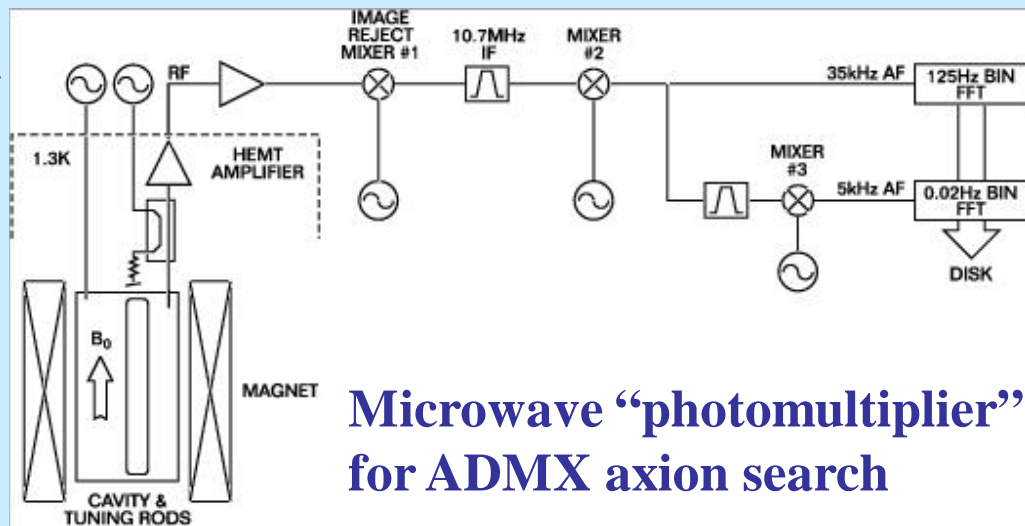
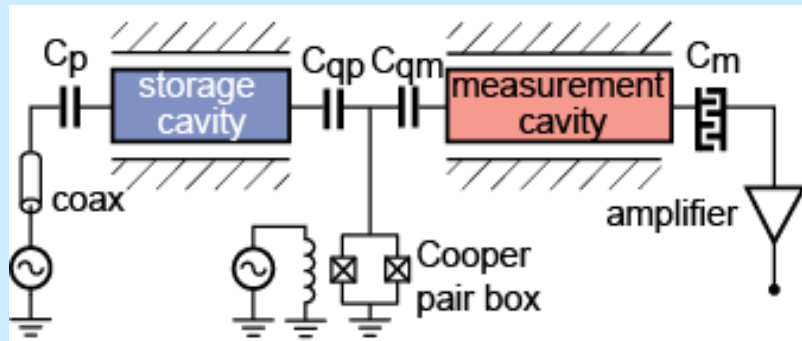
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Future Possibilities

Cavity as quantum bus
for two qubit gates
(See R. Schoelkopf talk)

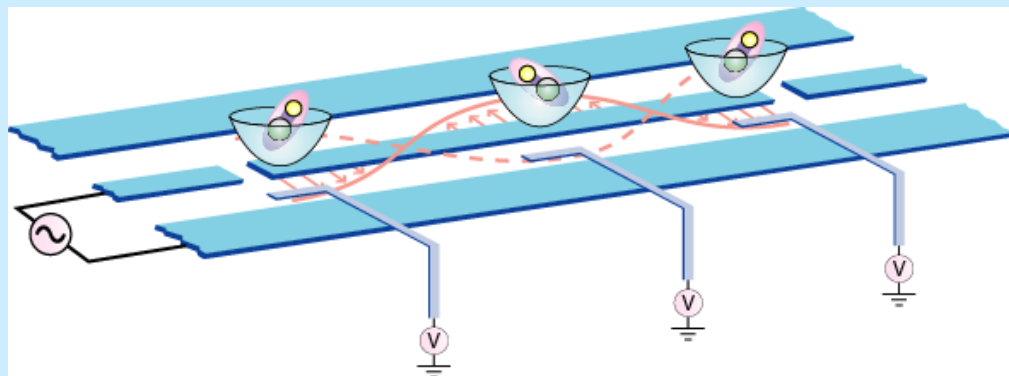


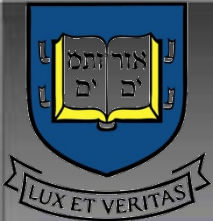
High-Q cavity as quantum memory



**Microwave “photomultiplier”
for ADMX axion search**

Cavities to cool
and manipulate
single molecules?
(DeMille, Schoelkopf
Zoller, Lukin....)





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