
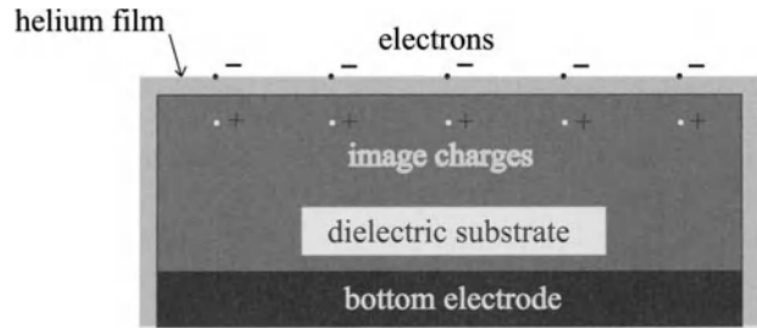


# Coupling a single electron on superfluid helium to a superconducting resonator

Gerwin Koolstra <sup>1</sup>, Ge Yang<sup>1</sup> & David I. Schuster<sup>1\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The James Franck Institute and Department of Physics,  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637, USA.

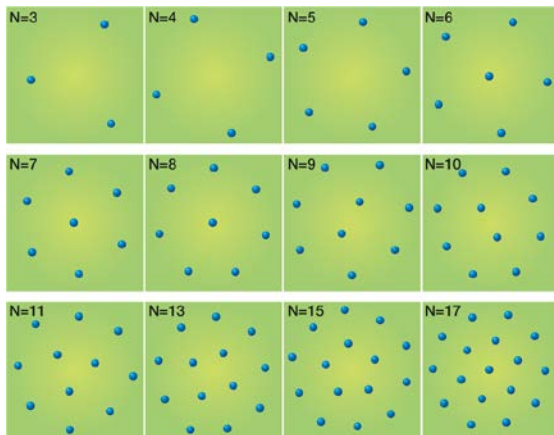
# electron-on-helium quantum bit



Schematic view of SEs on a helium film and major image charges

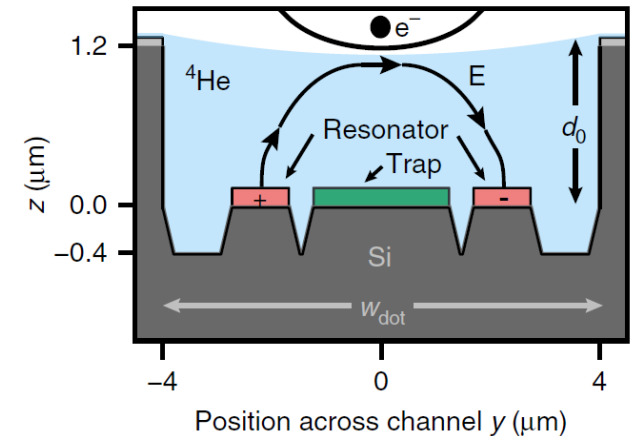
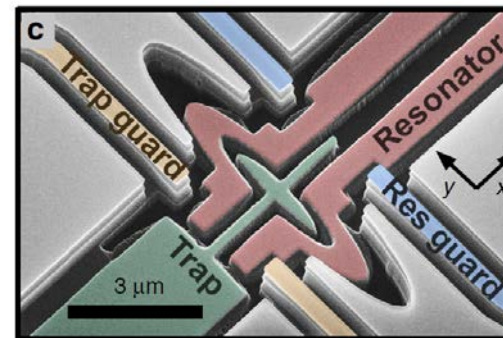
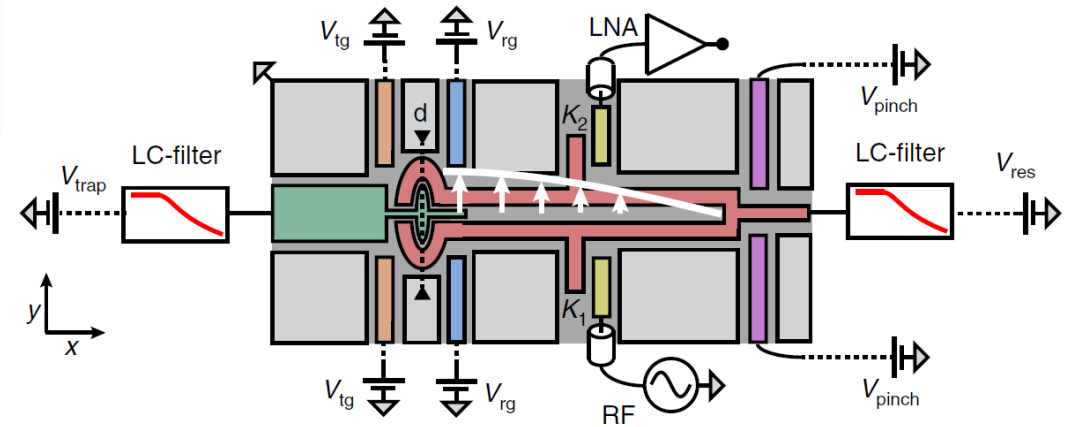
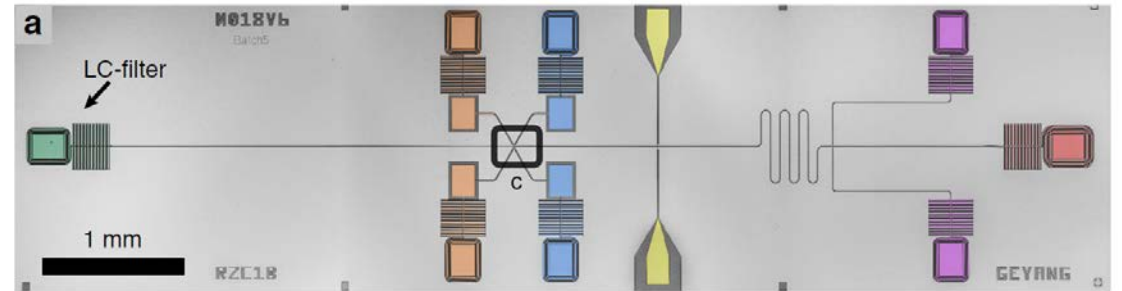
Small electron-phonon coupling → low dissipation

Monarkha, Y. & Kono, K. *Two-Dimensional Coulomb Liquids and Solids* (Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 2004).



Electron crystallites  
floating on superfluid  
helium  
François Peeters

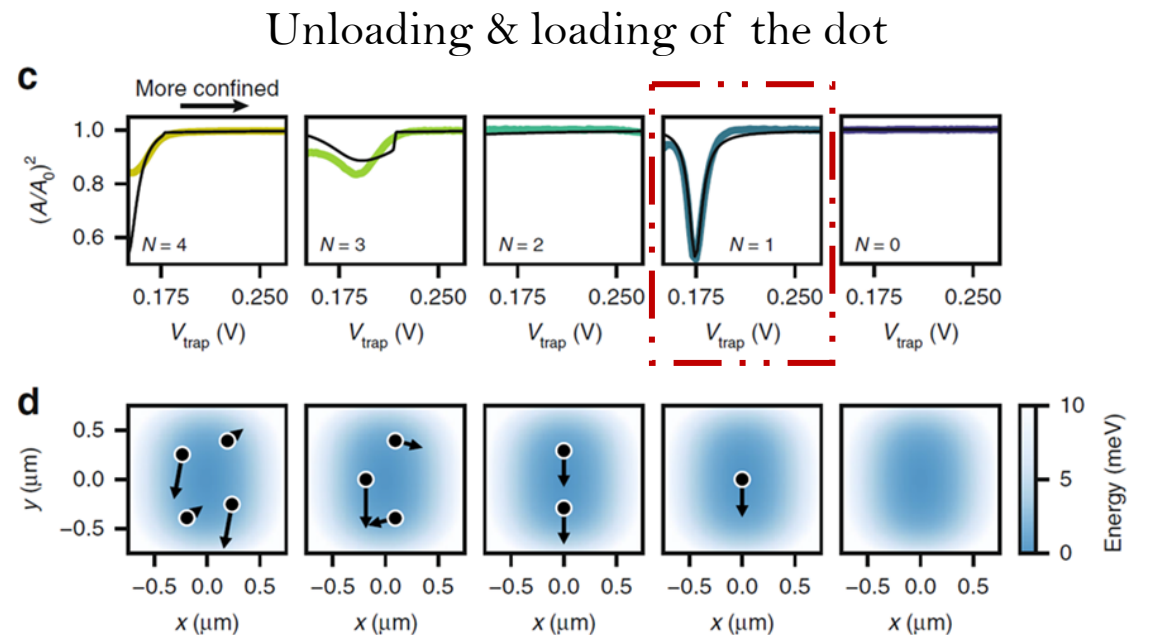
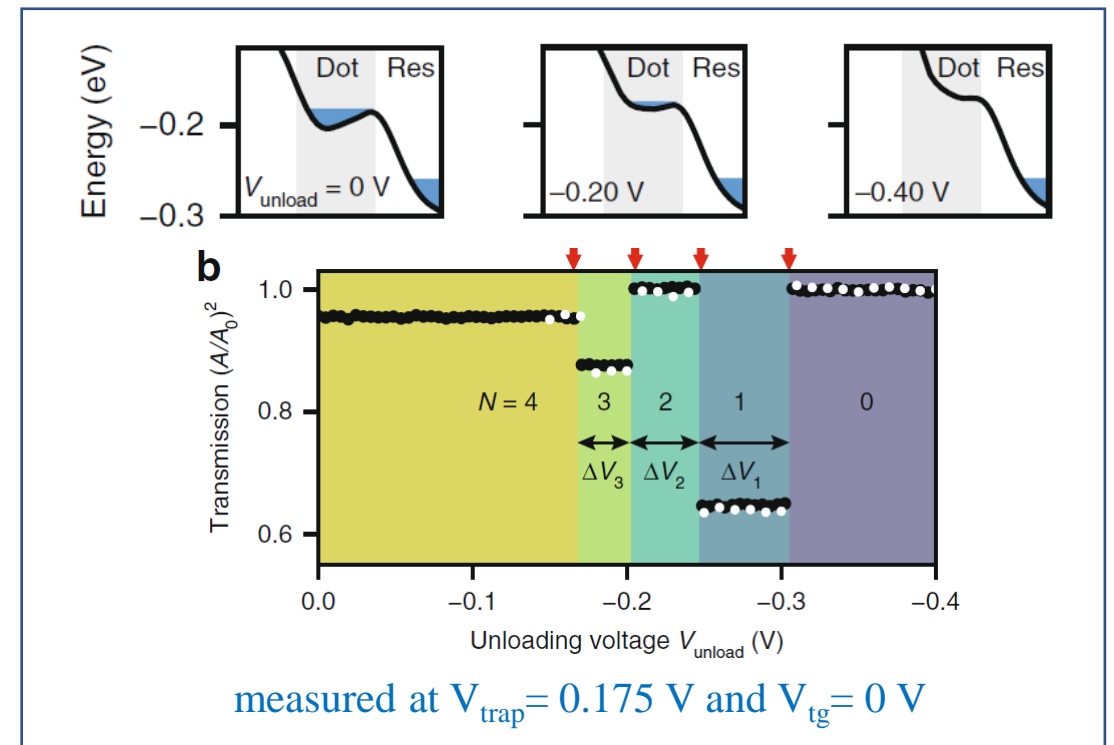
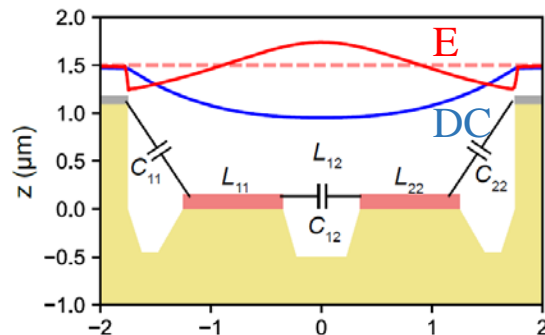
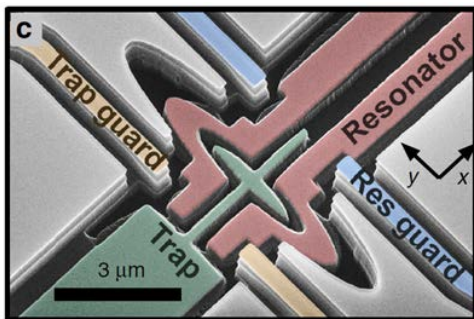
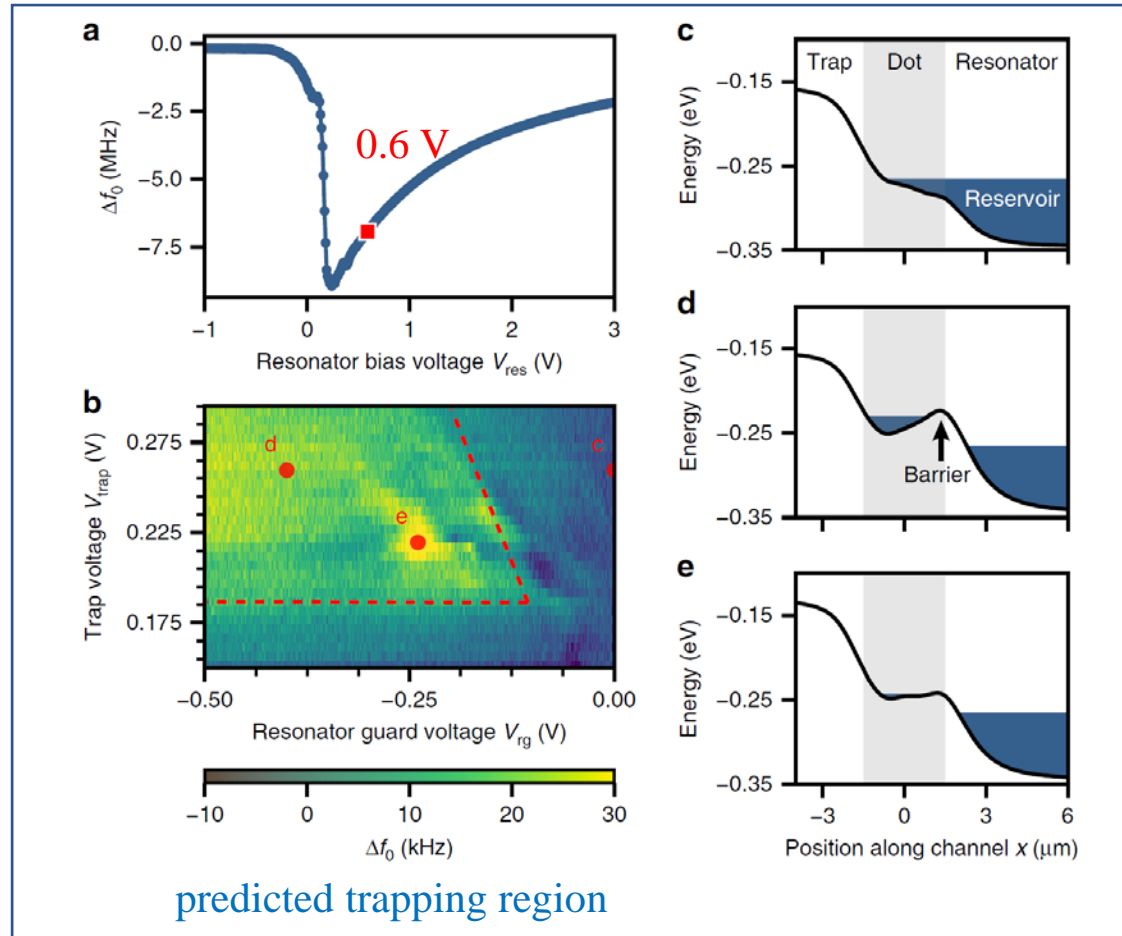
Some ground state configurations



$$f_0 = 6.399 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\kappa_{\text{tot}}/2\pi = 0.4 \text{ MHz}$$

# Detection of electrons



# Single electron properties

## Electron-photon coupling

$$g/2\pi = \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2} e E_y f_0 \sqrt{\frac{Z}{m_e \omega_e}}$$

$$E_y \approx 2 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m} \quad Z = 90 \Omega$$

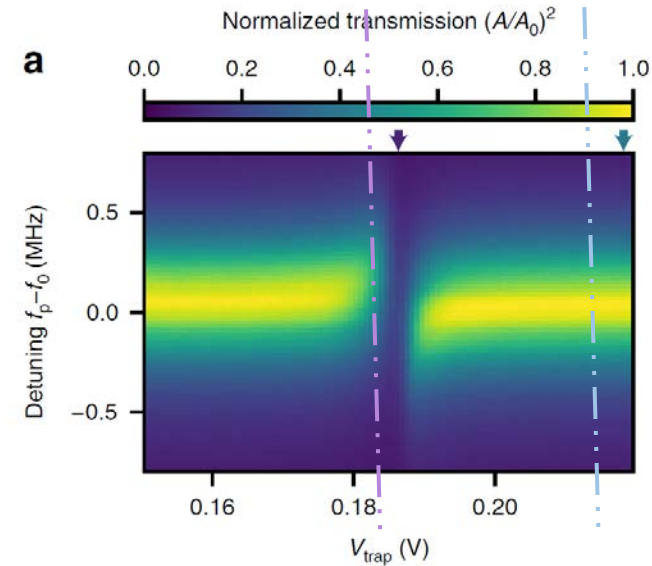
$$f_0 = \omega_0/2\pi = 6.45 \text{ GHz}$$

## Contributions to single electron linewidth

$$\gamma = \frac{\gamma_1}{2} + \gamma_\varphi$$

transverse decay  $\gamma_1$       dephasing rate  $\gamma_\varphi$

Type	Mechanism	Magnitude
Dephasing	Voltage noise from the gates	0.5 MHz
Dephasing	Helium vibrations in the dot	110 MHz
Dephasing	Reservoir electrons on the resonator	20 MHz
Transverse	Microwave leakage through gates	< 1 MHz

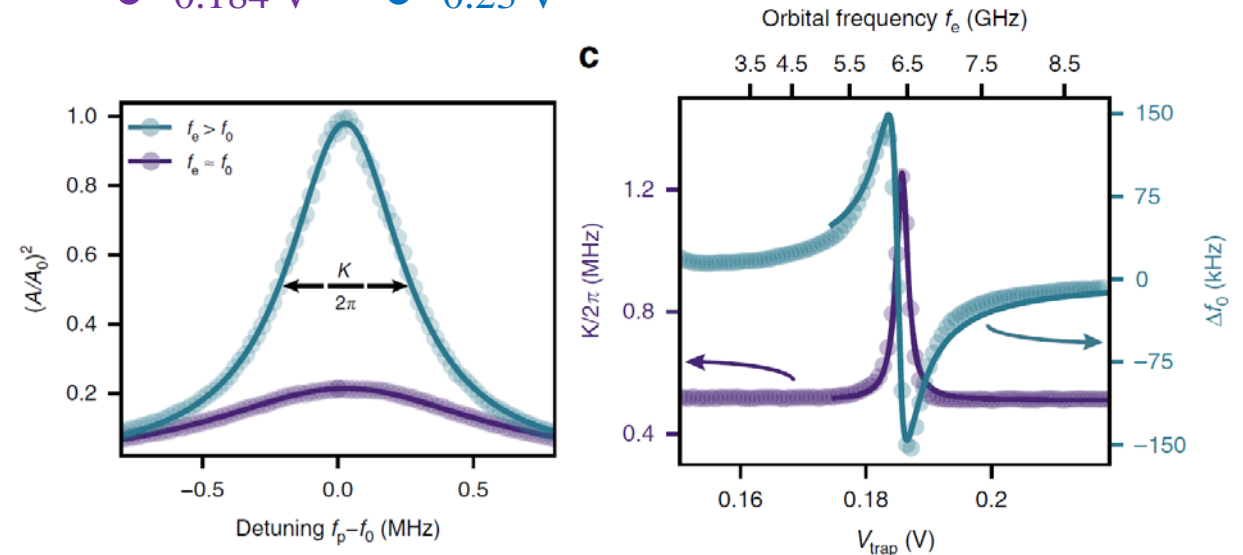


Single electron resonator spectroscopy

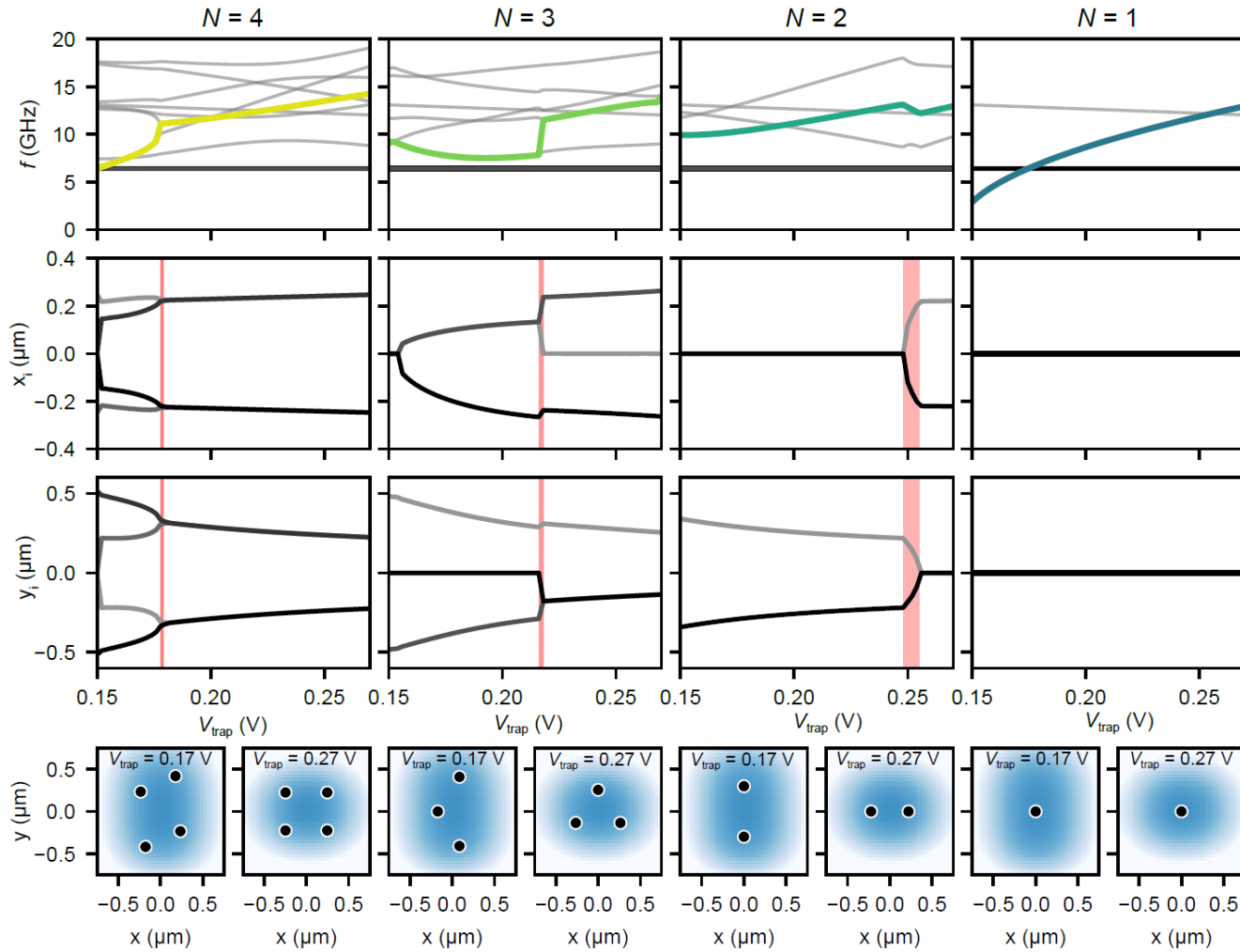
coupling strength:  
 $g/2\pi = 4.8 \pm 0.3 \text{ MHz}$

total electron linewidth:  
 $\gamma/2\pi = 77 \pm 19 \text{ MHz}$

● 0.184 V      ● 0.23 V



# Orbital frequencies of small electron clusters



Cavity transmission

$$\frac{A}{A_0} = \left| \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_2}}{i(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_{\text{int}})/2 - \chi(\omega_0)} \right|$$

susceptibility  $\chi(\omega_0) = \frac{g^2}{(\omega_0 - \omega_e) + i\gamma}$

strongest-coupled orbital frequency