

Superconducting Quantum Technologies

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Revision lecture

Presentation

Monday, May 16

Tuesday, May 17

Examination

Monday, May 23

Start: 12:30

End: 15:30

Presentation

Guidelines

- Presentation of an experimental work on Quantum Optics with superconducting quantum systems
- English
- Length: 12 – 15 minutes
- Questions: ~2 questions: one additional point per question (2 points maximum) Student's marks (weight 50%)

Preliminary marking scheme

- Presentation time: **5** (each minute away from the schedule = -1 point)
- Quality of slides: **10**
- Structure (aim, purpose, conclusion): **5**
- Delivery of materials: **10**

2-3 minutes per slide

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Introduction

Main part

Conclusion

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Main topics

- Quantum bits and control of quantum states
- Practical realisation of quantum systems
- Quantum mechanics of electrical circuits
 - Two-level systems in resonators
- Dissipative quantum dynamics
- Measurement circuit

Additional topic to discuss today: Selection rules in qubits

Quantum bits and control of quantum states

Two-level quantum system (qubit)

Ground state: $|0\rangle$

$$E_1 \text{ --- } |1\rangle$$

$$E_0 \text{ --- } |0\rangle$$

Excited state: $|1\rangle$

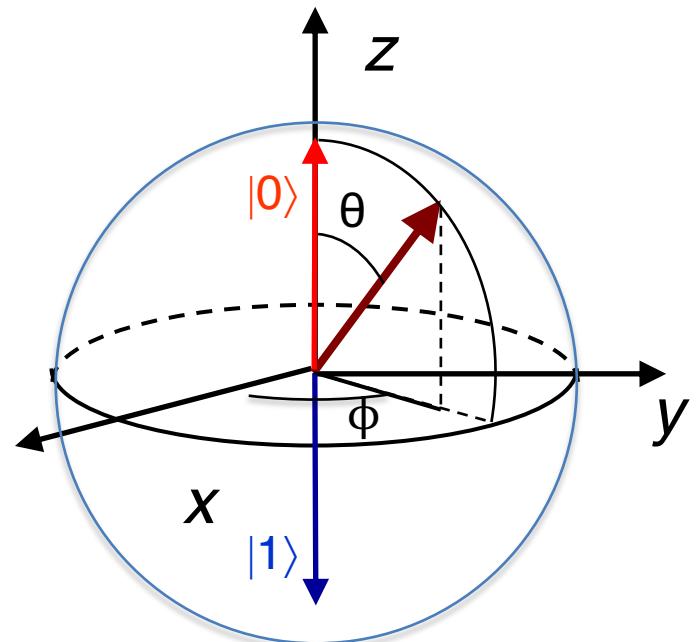
$$E_1 \text{ --- } |1\rangle$$

$$E_0 \text{ --- } |0\rangle$$

Arbitrary state:

$$\Psi = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

$$\Psi = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



Two-level atom

Pauli matrices:

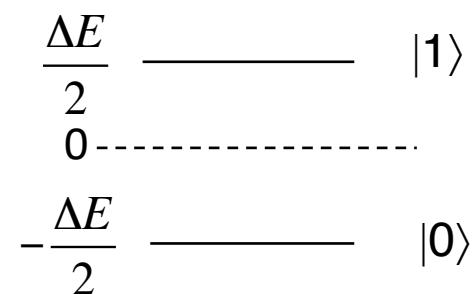
$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonal form of the two-level Hamiltonian

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Delta E}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta E}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$H = -\frac{\Delta E}{2} \sigma_z$$

Time-dependent unitary transformations

Unitary transformation:

$$\Psi' = U\Psi \quad \Psi = U^\dagger\Psi'$$

Schrodinger equations:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = H\Psi \quad i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi'}{\partial t} = H'\Psi'$$

Schrodinger equations:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial U^\dagger \Psi'}{\partial t} = HU^\dagger \Psi'$$

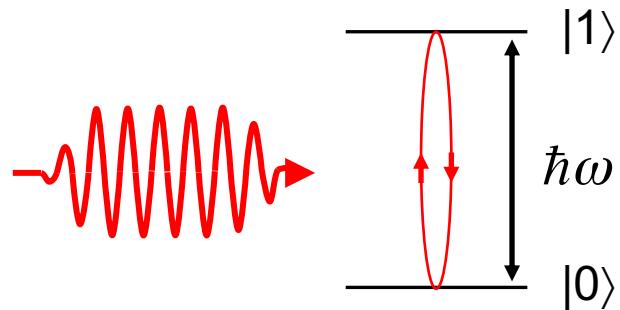
$$i\hbar U \frac{\partial U^\dagger}{\partial t} \Psi' + i\hbar UU^\dagger \frac{\partial \Psi'}{\partial t} = UHU^\dagger \Psi'$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi'}{\partial t} = (UHU^\dagger - i\hbar UU^\dagger) \Psi'$$

Time-dependent unitary transformation:

$$H' = UHU^\dagger - i\hbar UU^\dagger$$

Transitions in the two-level system under resonant harmonic excitations



$$U(t) = e^{-i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z}$$

$$H' = UHU^\dagger - i\hbar U\dot{U}^\dagger$$

Atom driven by an external field:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}\sigma_z - \hbar\Omega\sigma_x \cos\omega t$$

For example (the charge qubit at the degeneracy point):

$$\hbar\Omega = VC_k \frac{2e}{C}$$

$$H' = e^{-i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z} H e^{i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z} - i\hbar e^{-i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z} \left(i\frac{\omega}{2}\sigma_z \right) e^{i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}\sigma_z - \hbar\Omega \frac{e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}}{2} e^{-i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z} \sigma_x e^{i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z}$$

$$\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}\sigma_z$$

$$-\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \left(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t} \right) \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\omega t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \left(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\omega t} \\ e^{i\omega t} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1+e^{-2i\omega t} \\ 1+e^{2i\omega t} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\approx -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_x$$

Rotating wave approximation

Driven two-level under external drive

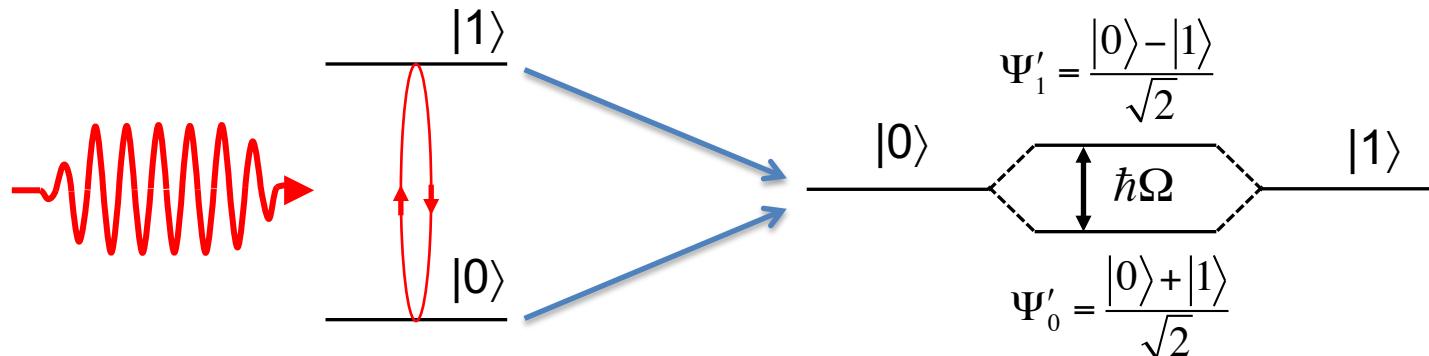
Initial time-dependent Hamiltonian: Time-dependent unitary transformation:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2}\sigma_z - \hbar\Omega\sigma_x \cos\omega_a t$$

$$U(t) = e^{-i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z}$$

Transformed Hamiltonian:

$$H' \approx -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_x$$



Physical meaning of the rotating wave approximation
is coupling of the levels via the radiation

Evolution of the two-level system under the external resonant drive

Initial Hamiltonian and ground state:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}\sigma_z \quad \Psi_0 = |0\rangle$$

Resonant drive:

$$H_{\text{int}} = -\hbar\Omega\sigma_x \cos\omega t$$

Transformed Hamiltonian:

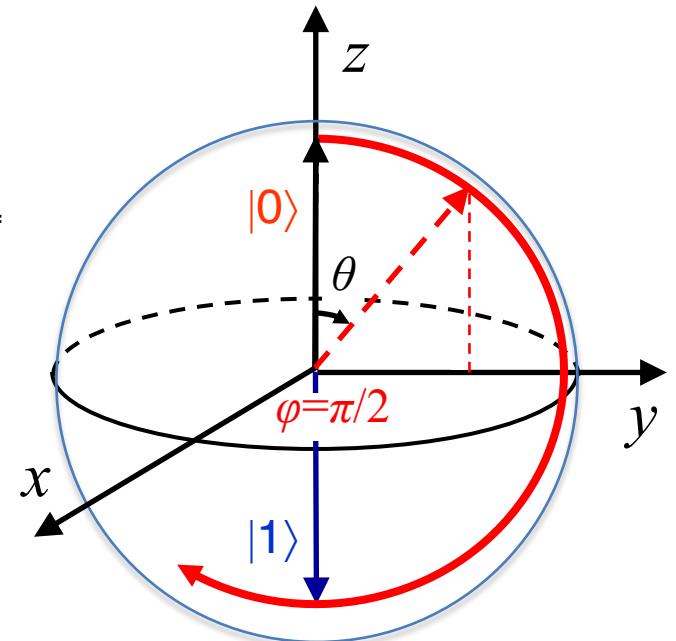
$$H' \approx -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_x$$

Evolution operator:

$$U_{ev} = e^{-i\frac{H'}{\hbar}t} = e^{i\frac{\Omega t}{2}\sigma_x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U_{ev}|0\rangle &= \left((|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i(|0\rangle\langle 1| - |1\rangle\langle 0|) \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) |0\rangle = \\ &= \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\pi} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} |1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

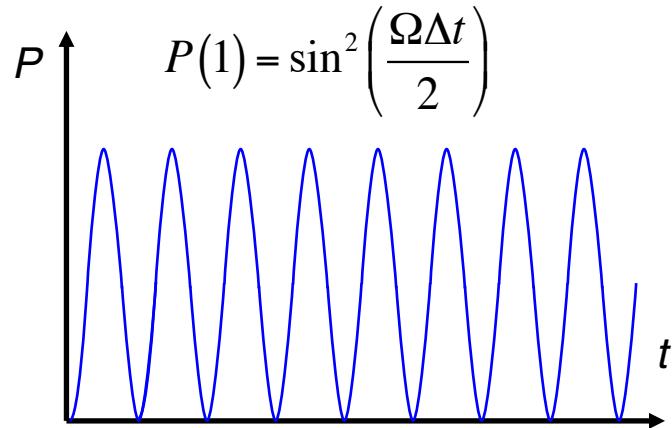
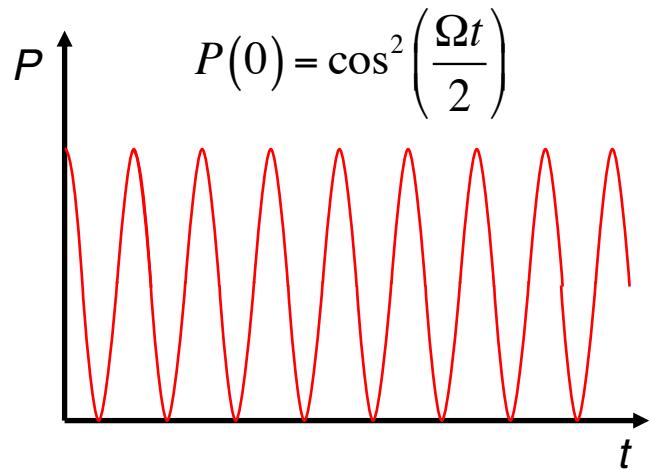
Rotation around x -axis:



Probability oscillations (without decoherence)

$$H' \approx -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_x \quad U_{ev} = e^{\frac{i\Omega t}{2}\sigma_x} = \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)I + i\sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)\sigma_x \quad |\Psi\rangle = U_{ev}|0\rangle$$

$$U_{ev} = e^{\frac{i\Omega t}{2}\sigma_x} = \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)|0\rangle + i\sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)|1\rangle$$



Frequency of Rabi oscillations: $\frac{\Omega}{2}$

Manipulation with single qubit states

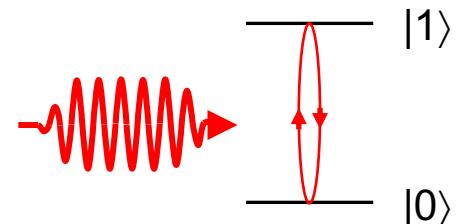
Pauli matrices: $\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Two-level system in the eigenbasis (diagonal Hamiltonian):

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} -\hbar\omega_0/2 & 0 \\ 0 & \hbar\omega_0/2 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2}\sigma_z = -\frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1|$$

By applying external field we transform the Hamiltonian:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(t)}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\psi(t) \quad \psi(t) = \exp\left(-i\frac{H}{\hbar}t\right)\psi(0)$$



x-rotation:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_x = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \psi(t) = \exp\left(i\frac{\Omega t}{2}\sigma_x\right)\psi(0) \quad R_x(t) = \exp\left(i\frac{\Omega t}{2}\sigma_x\right) = I \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) + i\sigma_x \sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)$$

y-rotation:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_y = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \psi(t) = \exp\left(i\frac{\Omega t}{2}\sigma_y\right)\psi(0) \quad R_y(t) = \exp\left(i\frac{\Omega t}{2}\sigma_y\right) = I \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) + i\sigma_y \sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)$$

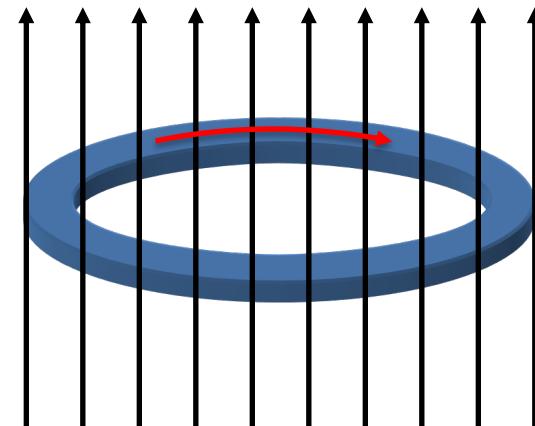
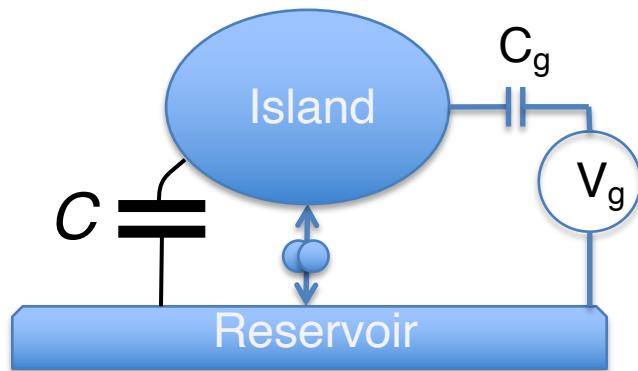
z-rotation:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}\sigma_z = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \psi(t) = \exp\left(i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z\right)\psi(0) \quad R_z(t) = \exp\left(i\frac{\omega t}{2}\sigma_z\right) = I \cos\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right) + i\sigma_z \sin\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right)$$

Physical realization of on-chip quantum systems

Cooper pair box

A superconducting island with capacitance C



- Number of Cooper pairs is: N
- We can add or remove charge quantum: $2e$
- Number of quantized fluxes: N
- We can add or remove flux quantum Φ_0

$$U = \frac{(N2e - C_g V)^2}{2C}$$

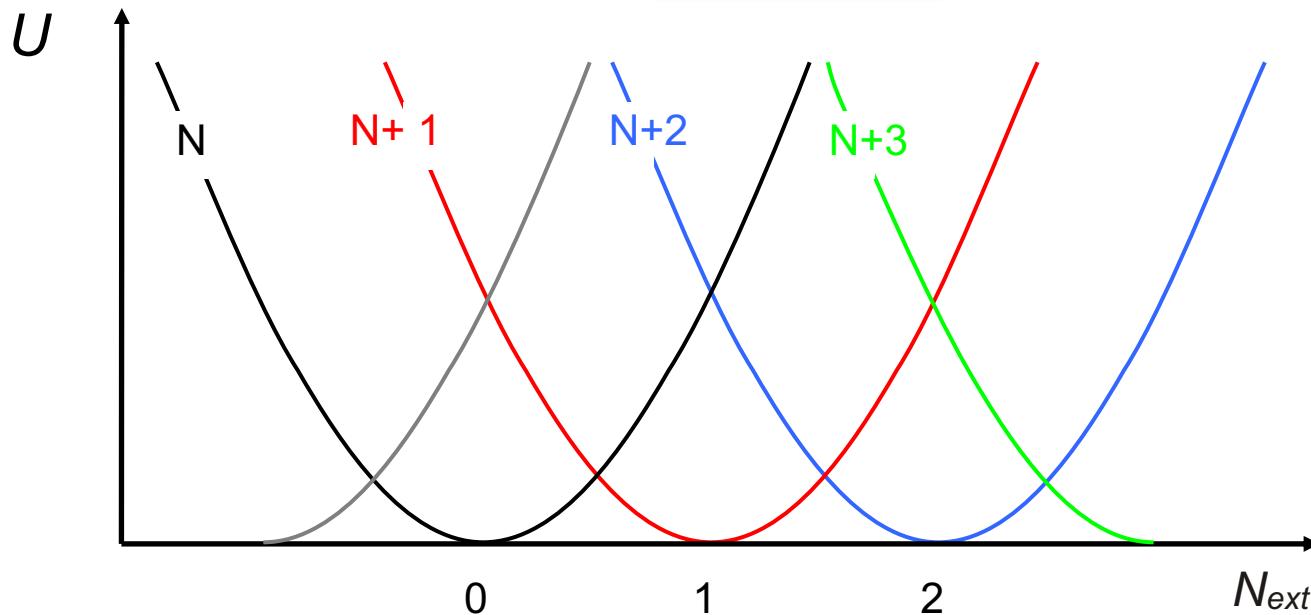
$$U = \frac{(N\Phi_0 - \Phi_{ext})^2}{2L}$$

Electrostatic energies of the Cooper-pair box

$$U = \frac{(N2e - C_g V)^2}{2C} = \frac{(2e)^2}{2C} \left(N - \frac{C_g V}{2e} \right)^2 = E_C (N - N_{ext})^2$$

Charging energy:

$$E_C = \frac{(2e)^2}{2C}$$



$$N + n \rightarrow n$$

The Hamiltonian in the charge basis

Potential energy
(diagonal terms):

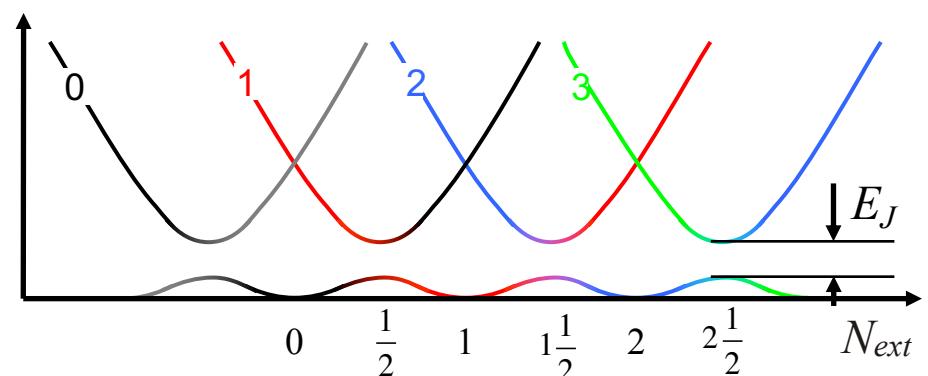
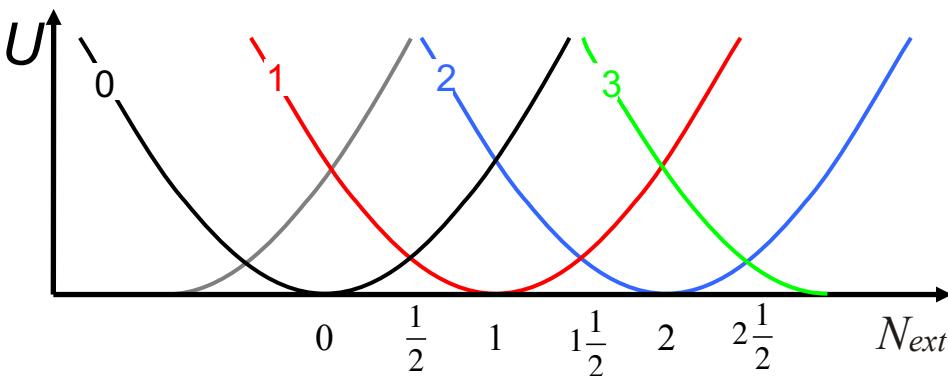
$$U = \frac{(2eN - C_g V)^2}{2C} |N\rangle\langle N|$$

Kinetic energy:

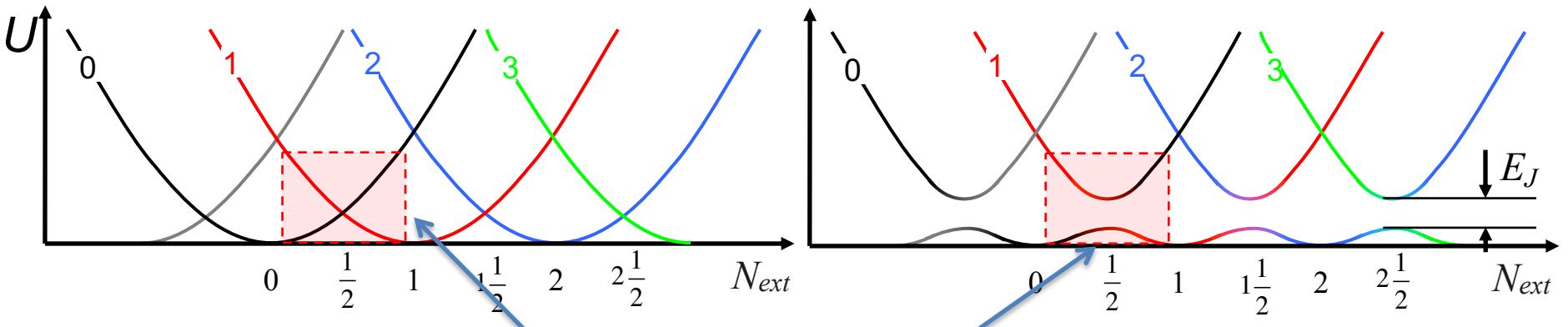
$$T = \frac{1}{2} E_J (|N+1\rangle\langle N| + |N-1\rangle\langle N|)$$

$$H = E_C (N - N_{ext})^2 |N\rangle\langle N| - \frac{1}{2} E_J (|N+1\rangle\langle N| + |N-1\rangle\langle N|)$$

$$U(N, N_{ext}) = E_C (N - N_{ext})^2$$



The superconducting charge qubit



Two-level approximation

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \cdots & E_C(-2-N_{ext})^2 & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & E_C(-1-N_{ext})^2 & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & E_C N_{ext}^2 & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & E_C(1-N_{ext})^2 & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}E_J & E_C(2-N_{ext})^2 & \cdots \\ \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

A red dashed box highlights the 2x2 submatrix at the bottom-left corner of the matrix, which corresponds to the two-level approximation shown in the left plot. An arrow points from this submatrix to a box containing the Hamiltonian for the charge qubit:

$$H_q = -\frac{\epsilon}{2}\sigma_z - \frac{E_J}{2}\sigma_x$$

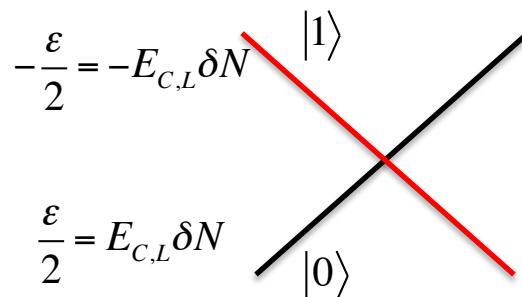
The charge/flux qubit Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1| - \frac{\Delta}{2}(|0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|)$$

Δ - tunneling energy between two states

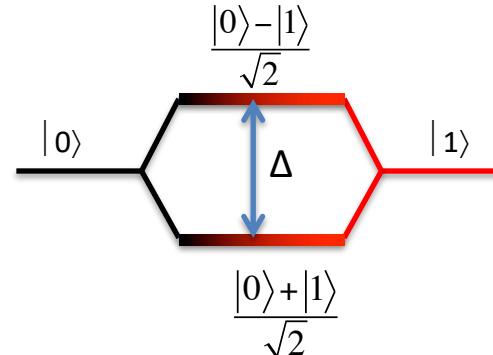
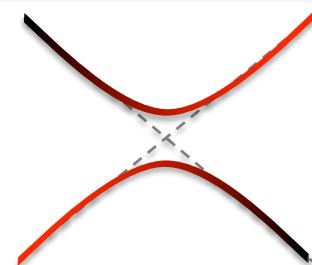
$$H_q = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\sigma_z$$

$$H_q = -\frac{\Delta}{2}\sigma_x$$



Qubit Hamiltonian
in the physical basis:

$$H_q = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\sigma_z - \frac{\Delta}{2}\sigma_x$$



$$E_0 = -\Delta E \quad \Psi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_1 = \Delta E \quad \Psi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + \Delta^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Delta}{\varepsilon}$$

Quantum mechanics of electrical circuits

Two-level systems in resonators

Charge \leftrightarrow Flux

Capacitance



Voltage: V

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

Charge: Q

$$Q = CV = C\dot{\Phi}$$

$$Q = 2eN$$

Inductance



Current: I

$$I = \dot{Q}$$

Magnetic Flux: Φ

$$\Phi = LI = L\dot{Q}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi}\varphi$$

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{h}{2e}$$

Quantum mechanics of an electric circuit

Quantum mechanics

$$x \quad p = m\dot{x}$$

Commutation relations: $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$

Differential form
kinetic energy: $\hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad T = \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2}$

Electric circuit:
charge and charge motion

$$Q \quad \Phi = L\dot{Q}$$

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

$$\hat{\Phi} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \quad T = \frac{L\dot{Q}^2}{2}$$

$$Q \leftrightarrow x \quad \Phi \leftrightarrow p \quad L \leftrightarrow m$$

Two representations of the electric circuit

Electric circuit:
flux and flux motion

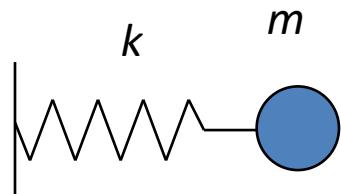
$$\Phi \quad Q = C\dot{\Phi}$$

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

$$\hat{Q} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \quad T = \frac{C\dot{\Phi}^2}{2}$$

$$\Phi \leftrightarrow x \quad Q \leftrightarrow p \quad C \leftrightarrow m$$

Classical harmonic oscillators



$$E = \frac{kx^2}{2} + \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

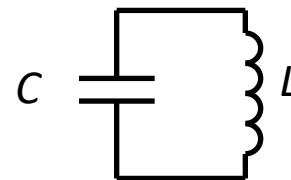
$$E = \frac{kx^2}{2} + \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2}$$

Coordinate: x

Momentum: $p = m\dot{x}$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad E = \frac{m}{2}(\omega_0^2 x^2 + \dot{x}^2)$$

$$x = A e^{i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t}$$



$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{\Phi^2}{2L}$$

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{L\dot{Q}^2}{2}$$

$$Q$$

$$p' = L\dot{Q} \rightarrow \Phi$$

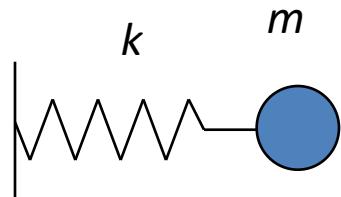
$$E = \frac{C}{2}(\omega_0^2 Q^2 + \dot{Q}^2) \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$Q = A e^{i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t}$$

The equations are transformed from one to another with the substitutions

$x \rightarrow Q$	$p \rightarrow \Phi$	$k \rightarrow \frac{1}{C}$	$m \rightarrow L$
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Classical harmonic oscillators (alternative approach)

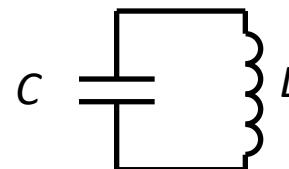


$$E = \frac{kx^2}{2} + \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$E = \frac{kx^2}{2} + \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2}$$

Coordinate: x

Momentum: $p = m\dot{x}$



$$E = \frac{\Phi^2}{2L} + \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

$$E = \frac{\Phi^2}{2L} + \frac{C\dot{\Phi}^2}{2}$$

Φ

$p' = C\dot{\Phi} \rightarrow Q$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad E = \frac{m}{2} (\omega_0^2 x^2 + \dot{x}^2)$$

$$E = \frac{L}{2} (\omega_0^2 \Phi^2 + \dot{\Phi}^2) \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$x = A e^{i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\Phi = A e^{i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t}$$

The equations are identical with the following substitutions

$$x \rightarrow \Phi$$

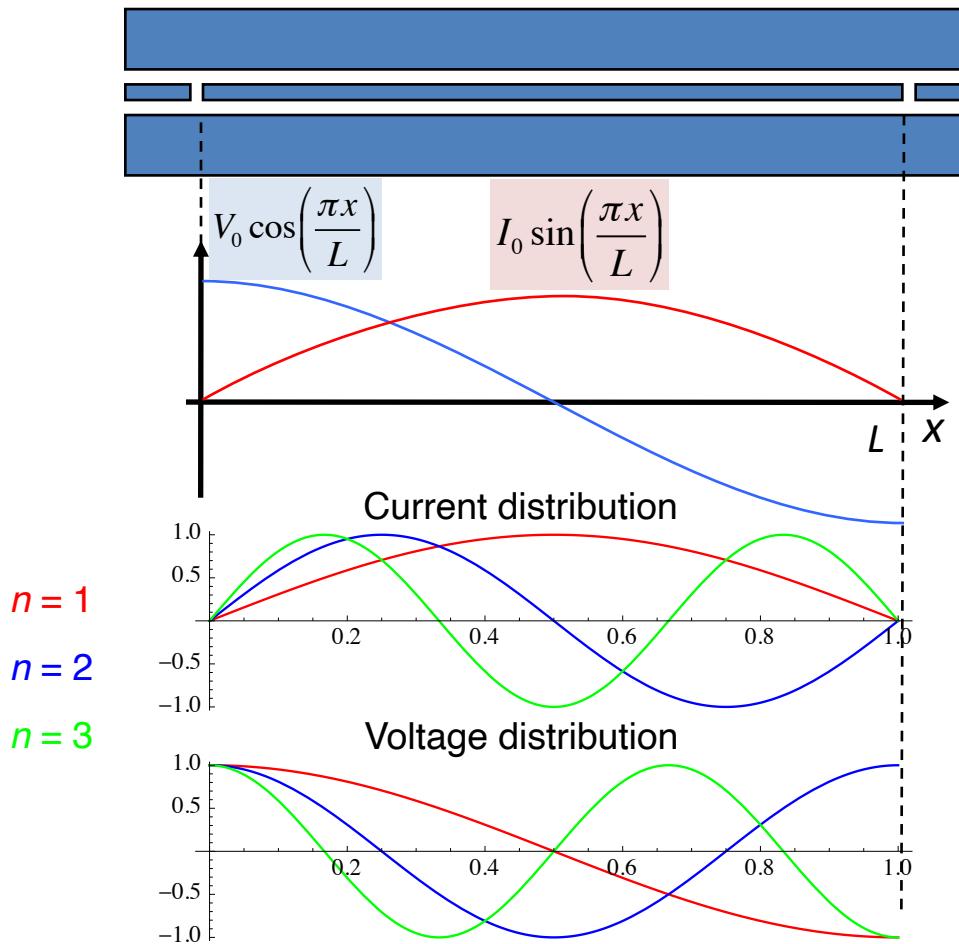
$$p \rightarrow Q$$

$$k \rightarrow \frac{1}{L} \quad m \rightarrow C$$

Field distribution in coplanar resonators

$$I_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{L} x\right)$$

$$V = V_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{L} x\right)$$



Quantum mechanics of coplanar resonators

Classical field

$$V = V_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{L}x\right)$$

Quantum field

$$\hat{V} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2C}}(a + a^\dagger) \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{L}x\right)$$

$$I = I_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{L}x\right)$$

$$\hat{I} = i\sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2L}}(a^\dagger - a) \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{L}x\right)$$

$$H = \int_0^L \left(l \frac{\hat{I}^2(x)}{2} + c \frac{\hat{V}^2(x)}{2} \right) dx = \frac{\hbar\omega}{L_r} \frac{lL}{4} (a + a^\dagger)^2 - \frac{\hbar\omega}{C_r} \frac{cL}{4} (a - a^\dagger)^2 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} (2a^\dagger a + 1) = \hbar\omega \left(\hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Integration over space gives the usual form of the Hamiltonian

$$H = \hbar\omega \left(\hat{N} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

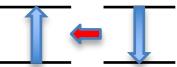
Interaction Hamiltonian

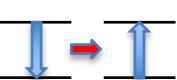
$$H_{\text{int}} = g_0 \sigma_x (a + a^\dagger)$$

$$\sigma_x = \sigma^+ + \sigma^-$$

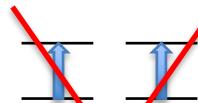
$$H_{\text{int}} \approx g_0 (a + a^\dagger) (\sigma^+ + \sigma^-) = g_0 (a\sigma^+ + a^\dagger\sigma^+ + a\sigma^- + a^\dagger\sigma^-)$$

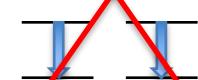
Processes with no energy change

$$\sigma^+ a |0N\rangle = \sqrt{N-1} |1(N-1)\rangle$$


$$\sigma^- a^\dagger |1N\rangle = \sqrt{N} |0(N+1)\rangle$$


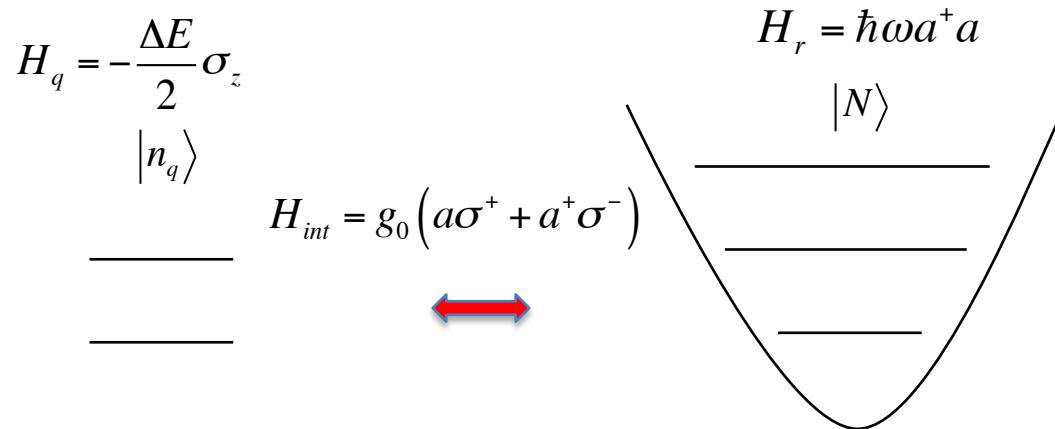
Processes with energy change by $\pm 2\hbar\omega$

$$\sigma^+ a^\dagger |0N\rangle = \sqrt{N} |1(N+1)\rangle$$


$$\sigma^- a |1N\rangle = \sqrt{N-1} |0(N-1)\rangle$$


$$H_{\text{int}} \approx g_0 (a\sigma^+ + a^\dagger\sigma^-)$$

Two-level system interacting with harmonic oscillator Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian



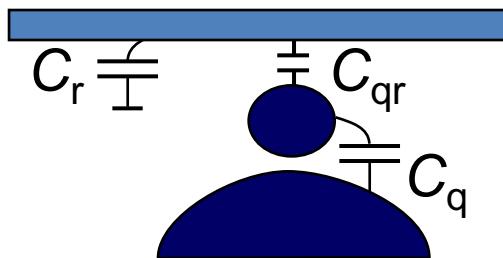
Interaction of the two-level system with the resonator

$$H_{JC} = -\frac{\Delta E}{2}\sigma_z + \hbar\omega_r a^+ a + g_0(a\sigma^+ + a^+\sigma^-)$$

Qubit (atom) Oscillator Qubit-resonator interaction

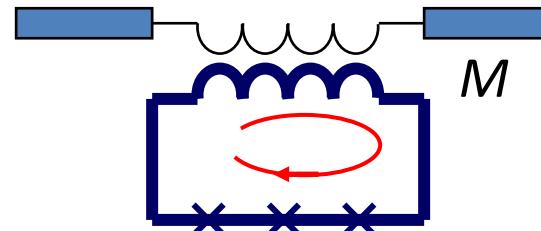
Qubits coupled to a harmonic oscillator

Charge qubit coupled capacitively



$$\text{Charge qubit: } H_{int} = \hat{V}_q C_{qr} \hat{V}_r$$

Flux qubit coupled inductively



$$\text{Flux qubit: } H_{int} = \hat{I}_q M \hat{I}_r$$

Off-diagonal matrix elements produce transitions in the two-level system

Qubit dipole voltage operator:

$$\hat{V}_q^\perp = V_{q0} \sigma_x$$

$$V_0 = \frac{E_C}{2e} \sin \theta$$

Resonator voltage operator:

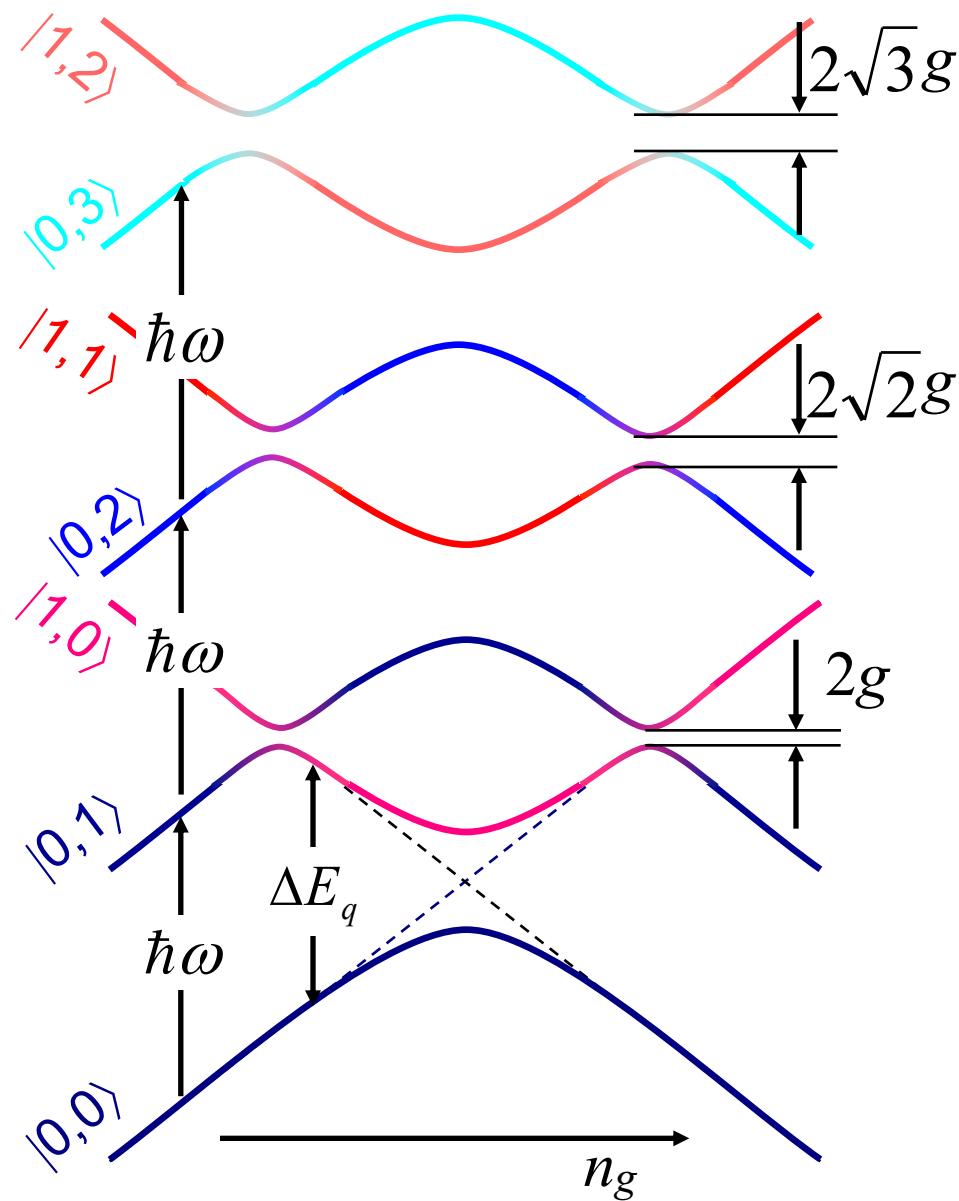
$$\hat{V}_r = V_{r0} (a + a^\dagger)$$

$$V_{r0} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{C_r}}$$

$$H_{int} = g_0 \sigma_x (a + a^\dagger)$$

$$g_0 = C_{qr} V_{q0} V_{r0}$$

Qubit-resonator energy diagram



Dissipative quantum dynamics

Incoherent processes: Energy dissipation

Probabilities to find the two-level system in the excited and ground states: P_1 and P_0

$$dP_1 = -P_1 \frac{dt}{T_1}$$

$$P_0 + P_1 = 1$$

$$P_1(t) = P_1(0)e^{-\frac{t}{T_1}}$$

$$P_0(t) = 1 - P_1(0)e^{-\frac{t}{T_1}}$$

T_1 is the energy relaxation time

Mixed state (is not described by wavefunctions):

$$\rho_{11}(0) = 1 \quad \rho(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

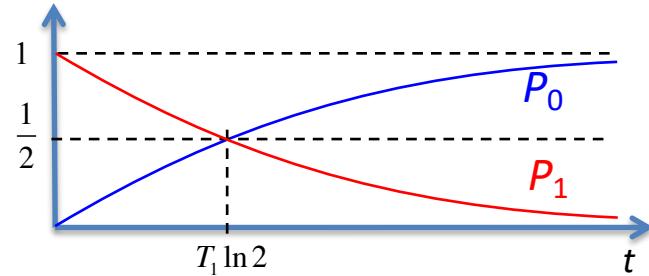


$$\rho(T_1 \ln 2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1|$$

The wavefunction giving the same probabilities:

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad \rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2}|0\rangle\langle 1| + \frac{1}{2}|1\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1|$$



ρ_{01} and ρ_{10} - coherence

Expectation values

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \langle \Psi | \hat{O} | \Psi \rangle = \text{Trace}(|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|\hat{O}) = \text{Trace}(\rho\hat{O})$$

Pure states (described by wavefunctions):

$$|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0^* & a_1^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0a_0^* & a_0a_1^* \\ a_1a_0^* & a_1a_1^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Pure state:

$$|\rho_{01}|^2 = |\rho_{00}\rho_{11}| \quad \rho_{00} + \rho_{11} = 1$$

Examples:

$$|0\rangle\langle 0| = \frac{\sigma_z + 1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma_z \rangle + 1}{2} = \frac{\rho_{00} - \rho_{11} + 1}{2} = \rho_{00}$$

$$|1\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{1 - \sigma_z}{2}$$

$$\frac{1 - \langle \sigma_z \rangle}{2} = \frac{1 - \rho_{00} + \rho_{11}}{2} = \rho_{11}$$

$$\sigma_x$$

$$\langle \sigma_x \rangle = \rho_{01} + \rho_{10}$$

$$\sigma_y$$

$$\langle \sigma_y \rangle = i\rho_{01} - i\rho_{10}$$

$$\langle \sigma_z \rangle = \text{tr} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \rho_{00} & \rho_{01} \\ \rho_{10} & \rho_{11} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \rho_{00} & -\rho_{01} \\ \rho_{10} & -\rho_{11} \end{pmatrix} \right) = \rho_{00} - \rho_{11}$$

$$\langle \sigma_x \rangle = \text{tr} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \rho_{00} & \rho_{01} \\ \rho_{10} & \rho_{11} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \rho_{01} & \rho_{00} \\ \rho_{11} & \rho_{10} \end{pmatrix} \right) = \rho_{01} + \rho_{10}$$

$$\langle \sigma_y \rangle = \text{tr} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \rho_{00} & \rho_{01} \\ \rho_{10} & \rho_{11} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} i\rho_{01} & -i\rho_{00} \\ i\rho_{11} & -i\rho_{10} \end{pmatrix} \right) = i\rho_{01} - i\rho_{10}$$

Master Equation

Schrodinger equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle}{\partial t} = H|\Psi\rangle \quad -i\hbar \frac{\partial \langle\Psi|}{\partial t} = \langle\Psi|H$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|}{\partial t} = i\hbar \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle}{\partial t}\langle\Psi| + i\hbar |\Psi\rangle \frac{\partial \langle\Psi|}{\partial t}$$

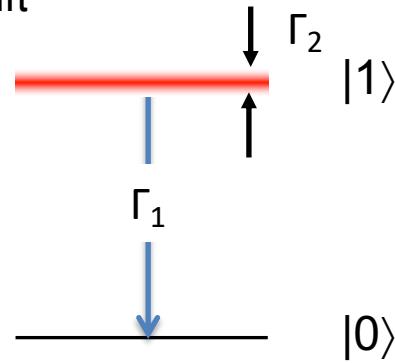
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|}{\partial t} = H|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| - |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|H$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = [H, \rho]$$

$$[H, \rho] = H\rho - \rho H$$

The Master Equation and the Lindblad operator

The general form of the Hamiltonian driven by a wave with an arbitrary phase shift



Relaxation and dephasing: Γ_1, Γ_2

The Lindblad term for two-level system at $T = 0$:

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 \rho_{11} & -\Gamma_2 \rho_{01} \\ -\Gamma_2 \rho_{10} & -\Gamma_1 \rho_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

Master equation:

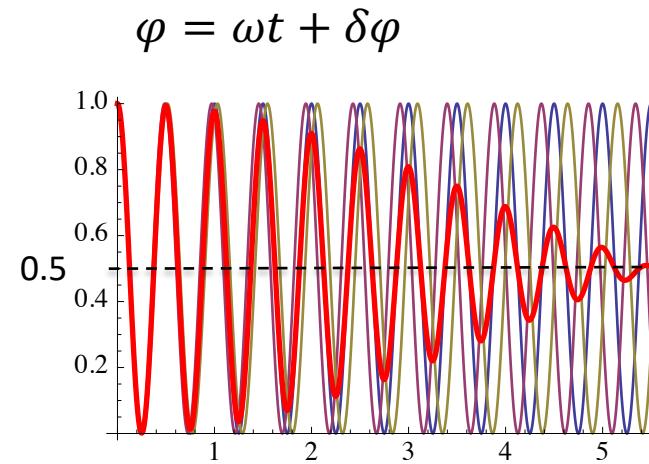
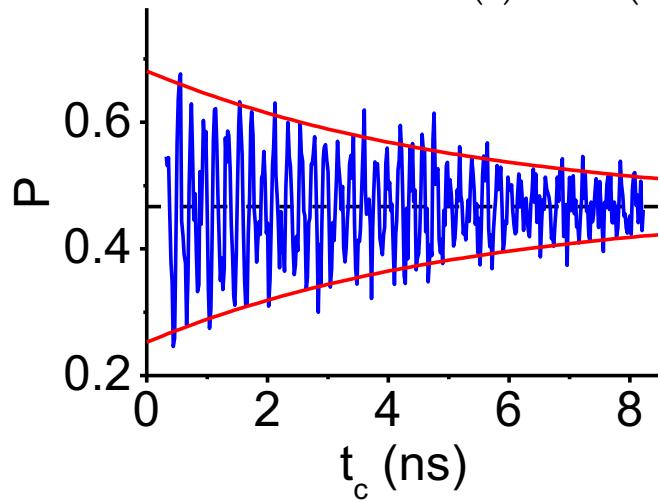
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} [H, \rho] + L$$

Stationary Master Equation $\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0\right)$:

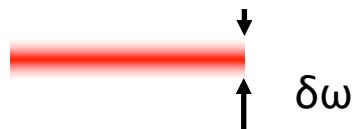
$$-\frac{1}{i\hbar} [H, \rho] + L = 0$$

Dephasing

$$\psi(t) = \cos(\Omega t/2)|0\rangle + e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\Omega t/2)|1\rangle$$



Dephasing:
energy/frequency => phase fluctuation



$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar^2} \left| \frac{\partial H}{\partial X} \right|^2 S_X(\omega)$$

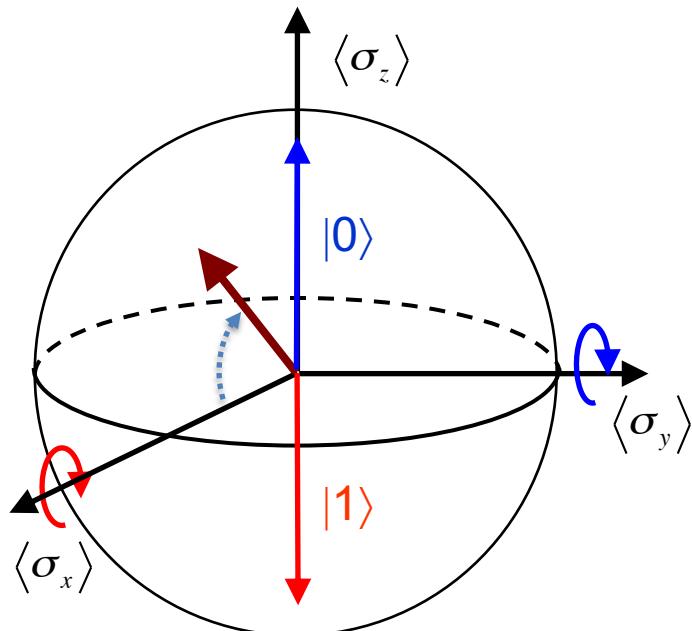
Relaxation of the charge qubit due to potential fluctuations

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{2\pi\mu^2}{\hbar^2} S_V(\omega)$$

Bloch Sphere for dissipative spin dynamics

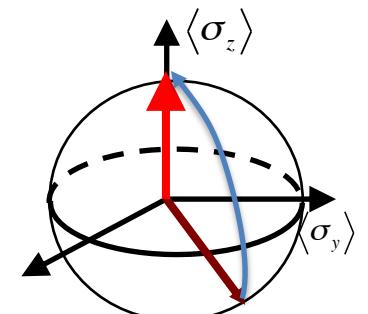
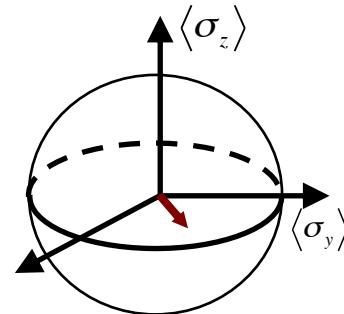
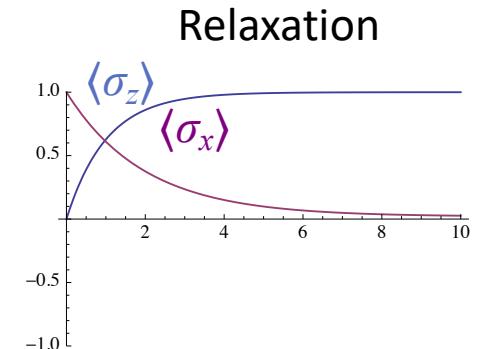
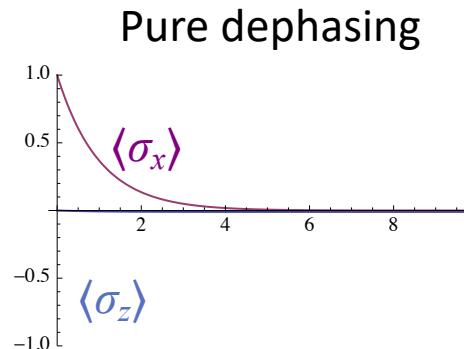
The vector can be less than one
(alternative criteria for mixed states)

Dynamics of the two-level system is exactly same as the dynamics of spin 1/2



Relaxation results in decay of $\langle \sigma_z \rangle$

Dephasing results in decay of $\langle \sigma_x \rangle$, $\langle \sigma_y \rangle$



Measurement circuits

Dilution refrigerator and measurement equipment

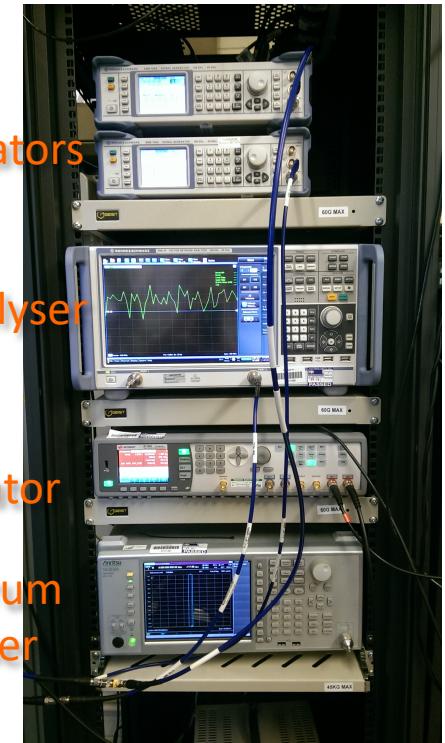
Dilution refrigerator



Internal view

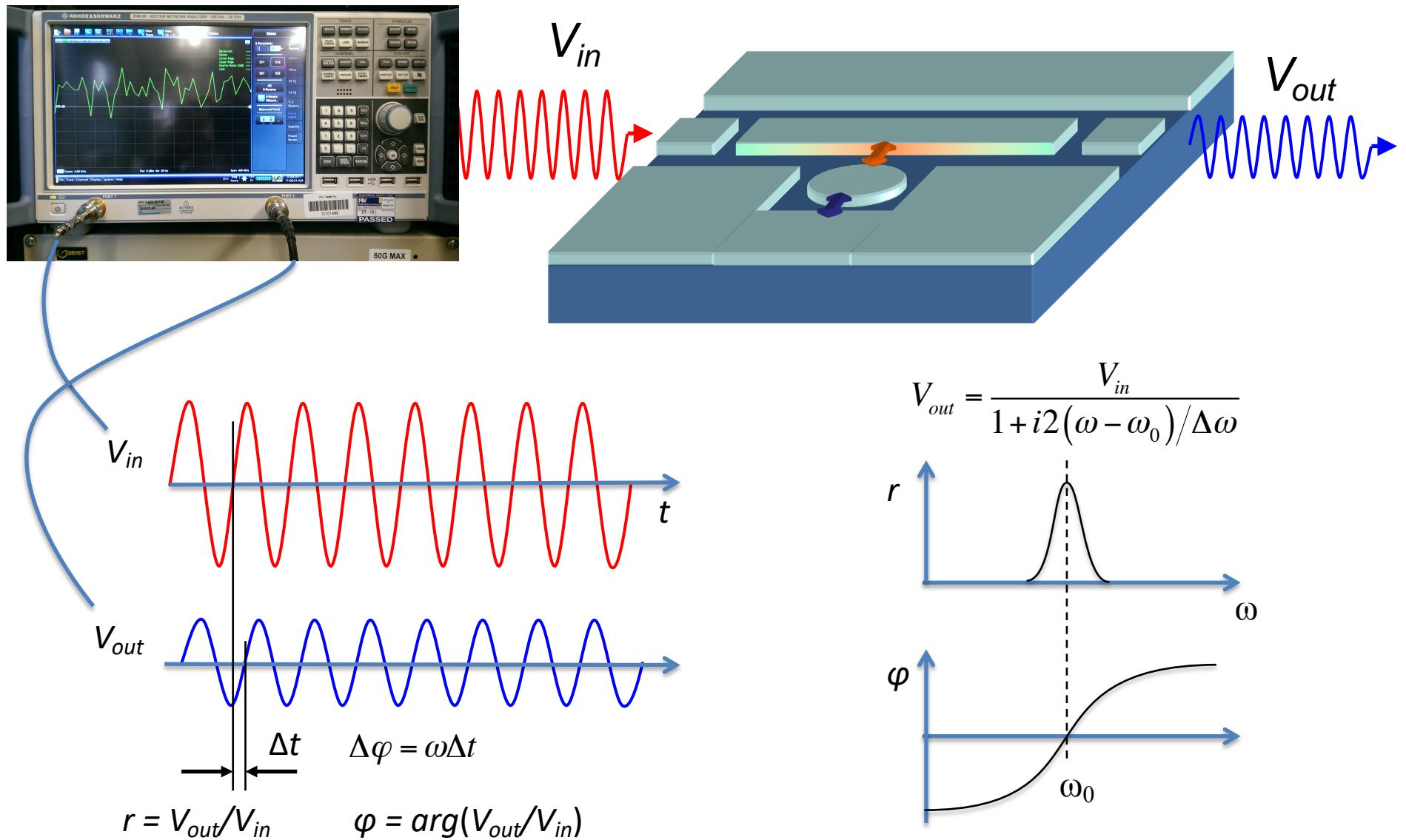


Measurement MW equipment



The lowest temperature is 10 mK

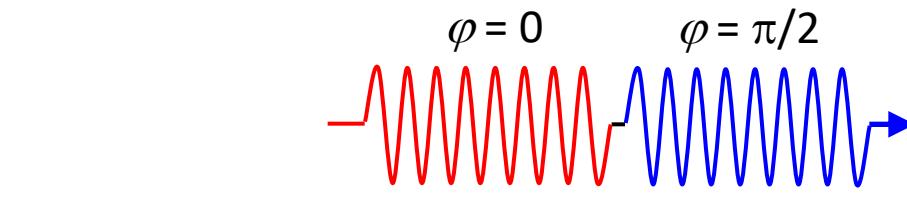
Phase-sensitive detection of transmitted signal by a network analyzer



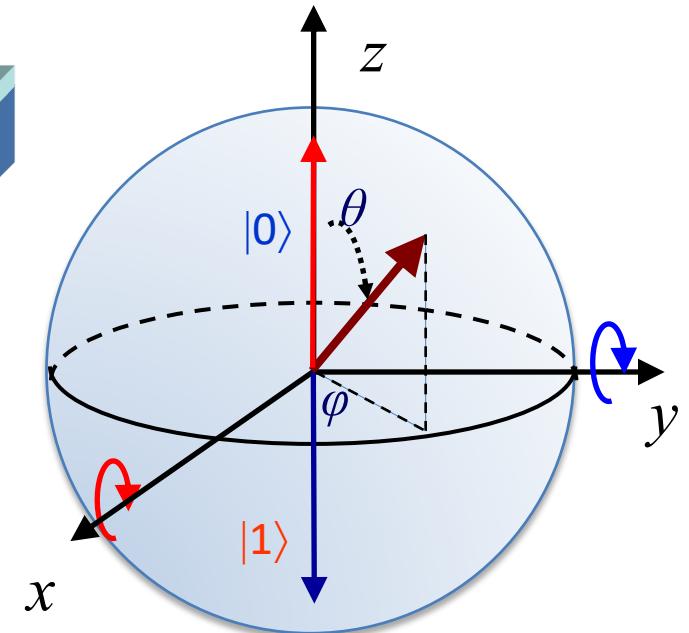
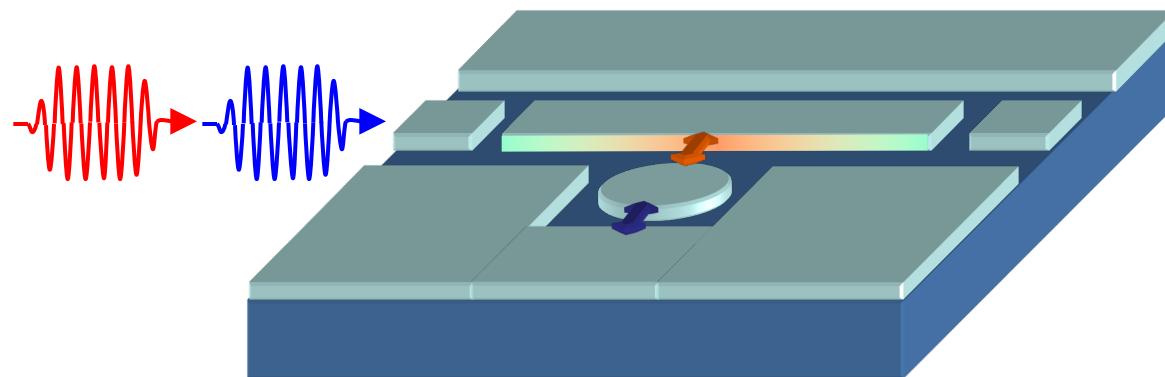
Quantum state control in two-level systems

$$\Psi = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

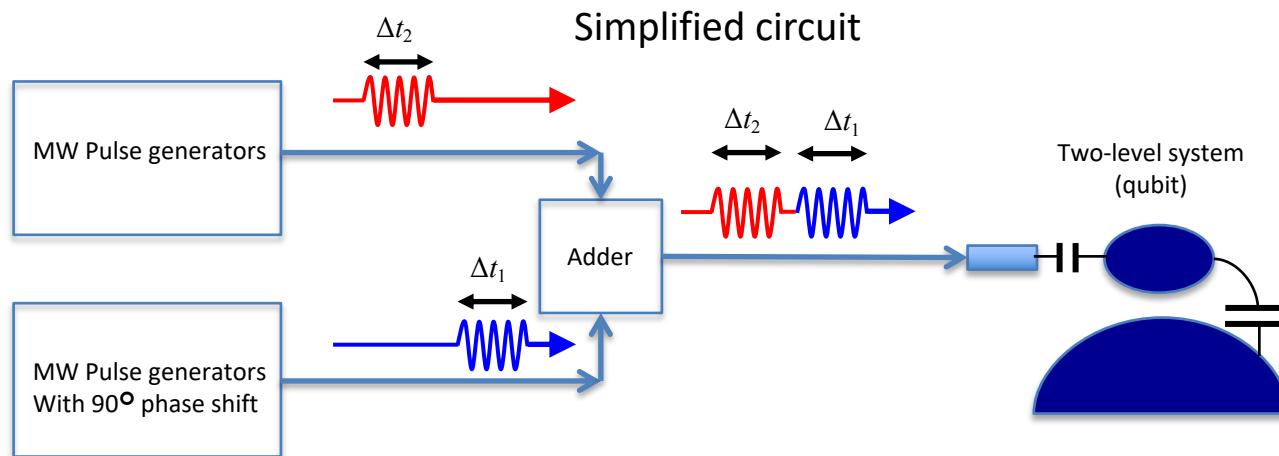
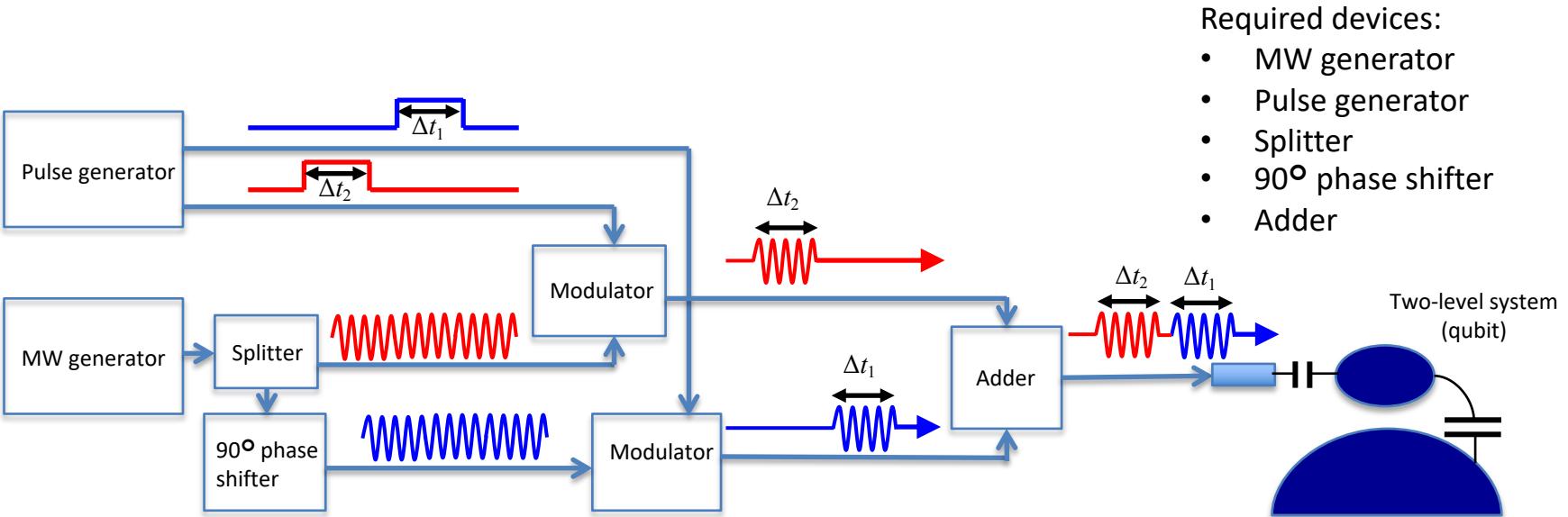
State manipulation



— |1⟩
— |0⟩

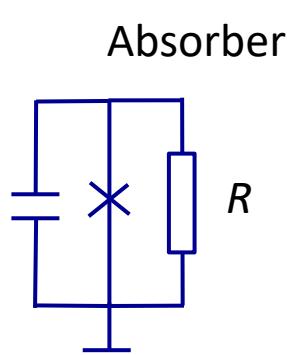


Electrical circuit to prepare arbitrary states



Selection rules

Relaxation due to ohmic environment



$$S_V(\omega) = \frac{\hbar\omega R}{\pi}$$

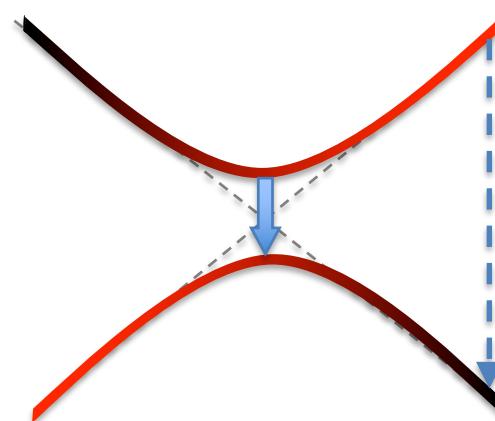
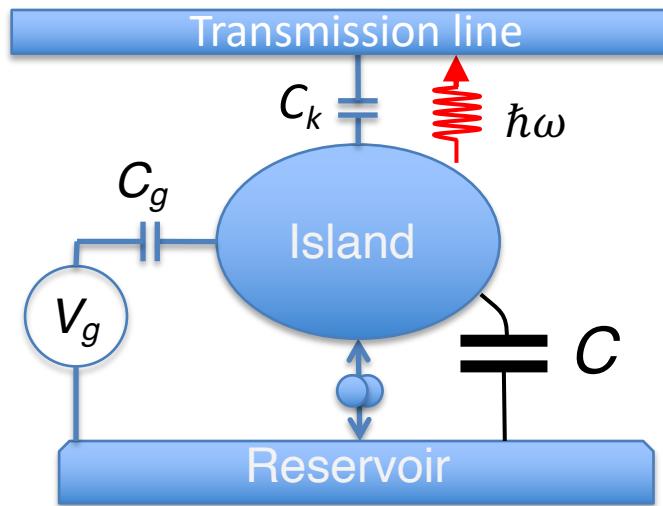
$R \rightarrow \text{Re}[Z]$

$$\mu_q = C_\kappa \frac{E_C}{2e} \sin \theta$$

$$\Gamma_{10} = \frac{2\pi\mu_q^2}{\hbar^2} S_V(\omega) = \frac{2\hbar\omega\mu_q^2 R}{\hbar^2}$$

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{2\mu_q^2\omega}{\hbar} \text{Re}[Z]$$

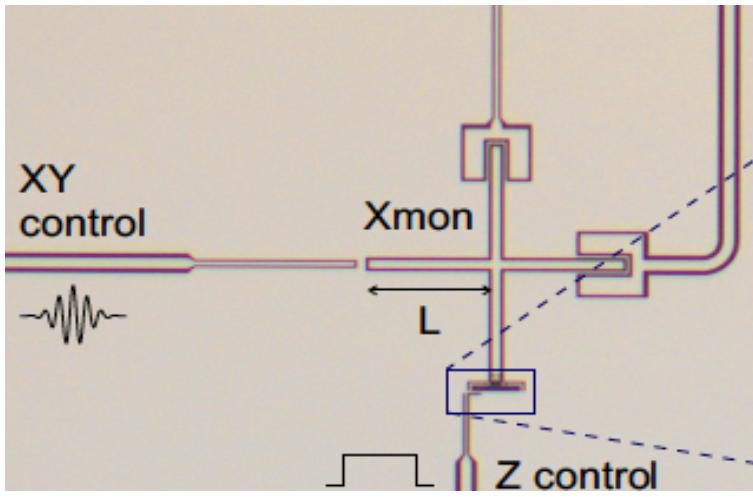
Charge qubit: $\Gamma_1 = \frac{2\omega Z_0}{2\hbar} \left(\frac{2eC_\kappa}{C_q} \sin \theta \right)^2$



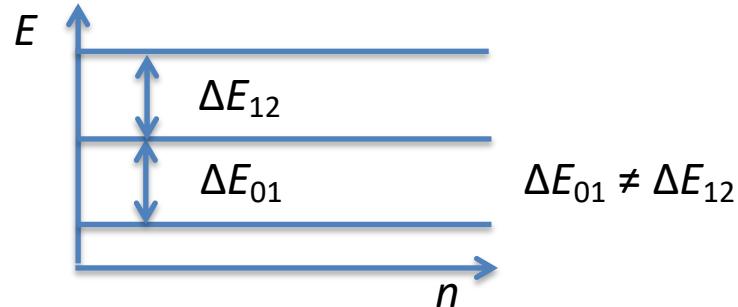
$$\Gamma_1 \sim \frac{E_J^2}{\omega}$$

At $T = 0$, relaxation is a result of high frequency quantum noise

Charge qubit with low charging energy (high capacitance)



$$H = E_C(N-n)^2|N\rangle\langle N| - \frac{1}{2}E_J(|N-1\rangle\langle N| + |N\rangle\langle N-1|)$$



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

$$N = 0: 0$$

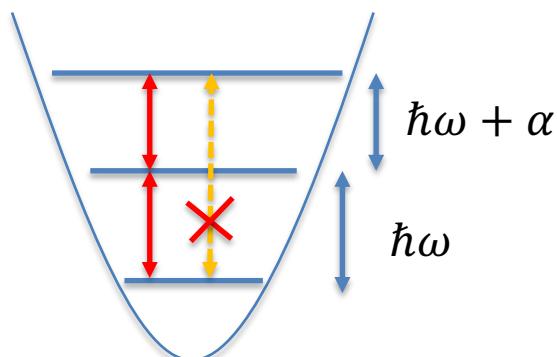
$$N = 1: \hbar\omega_q$$

$$N = 1: 2\hbar\omega_q + \alpha$$

$$N = 1: 3\hbar\omega_q + 3\alpha$$

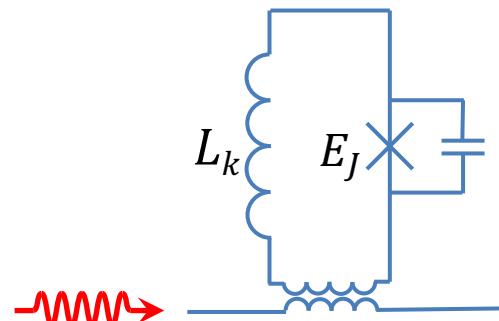
$$E_C \ll E_J$$

Non-linear resonator



Transitions between neighboring states are only allowed

Selection rules in RF-SQUID



$$H_{int} = M \hat{\phi} \varphi_{ext}$$

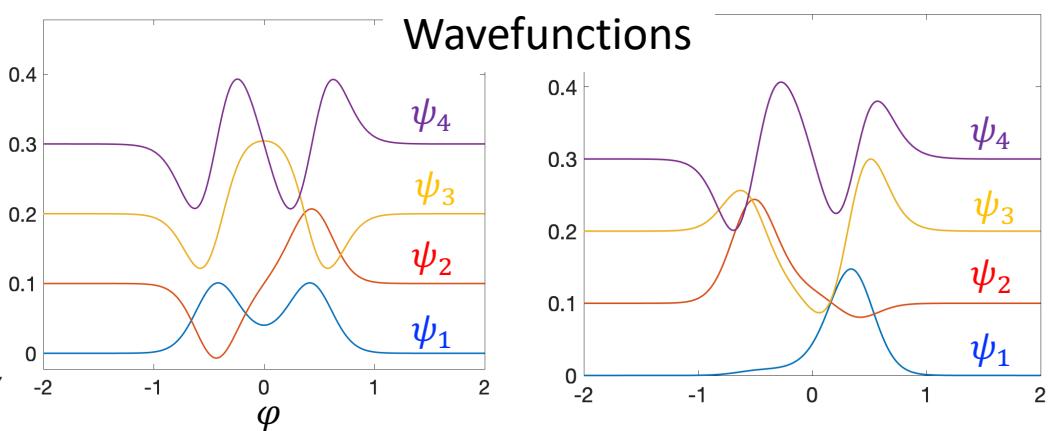
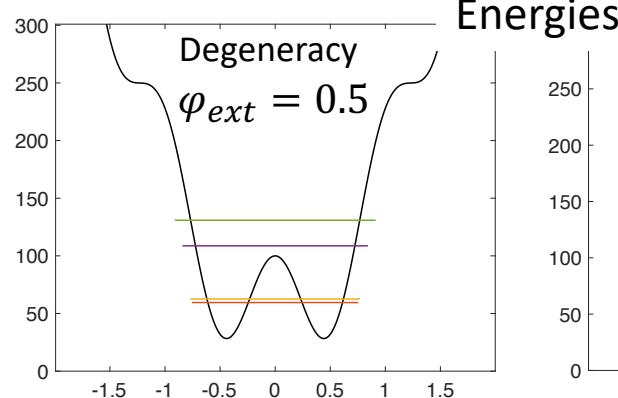
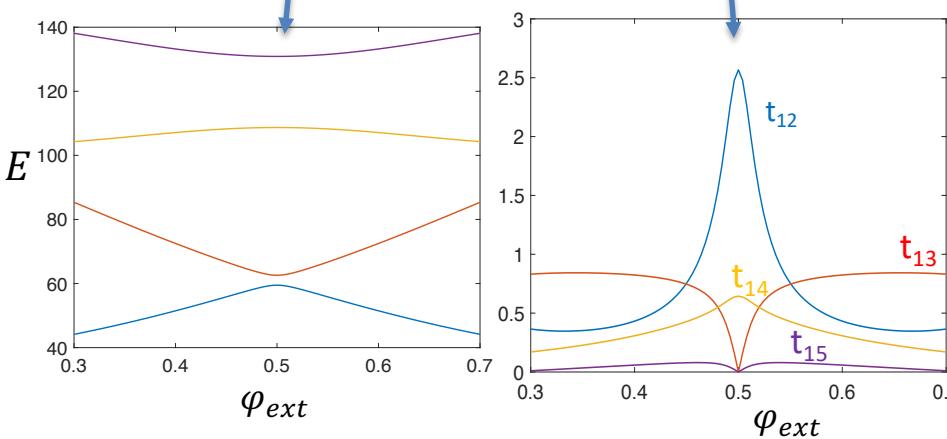
$$t_{nm} = \langle n | \hat{\phi} | m \rangle$$

$$E_L = 256$$

$$E_J = 50$$

$$E_C = 100$$

Degeneracy point



- Transition between symmetric and antisymmetric states (even-odd) are allowed
- Selection rules are working at the degeneracy point only

Transmission spectroscopy of three-level atom (flux qubit)

~ 2008 – 2009

