

Superconducting Quantum Technologies

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Lecture 9

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- Resonator – qubit system with decoherence
- Concept of strong coupling
- Fabrication
- Some experiments with artificial atoms

Atom-resonator Strong coupling

Dissipation in resonators (photon decay)

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

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

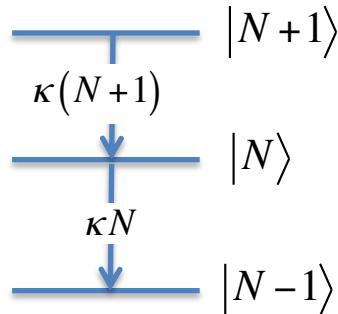
No pure dephasing: $\Gamma_2 = \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 \rho_{11} & -\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \rho_{01} \\ -\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \rho_{10} & -\Gamma_1 \rho_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}(2\sigma^- \rho \sigma^+ - \sigma^+ \sigma^- \rho - \rho \sigma^+ \sigma^-)$$

Density matrix of a harmonic oscillator:

$$\rho^{(r)} = \sum_{M=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \rho_{NM}^{(r)} |N\rangle \langle M|$$



Lindblad operator of a harmonic oscillator:

$$L^{(r)} = \frac{\kappa}{2}(2a\rho a^\dagger - a^\dagger a \rho - \rho a^\dagger a)$$

N-th element of the resonator Lindblad operator:

$$\dot{\rho}_{NN}^{(r)} \rightarrow \kappa(N+1)\rho_{N+1,N+1}^{(r)} - \kappa N \rho_{NN}^{(r)}$$

κ is the photon decay rate

Line width of the resonator (quantum mechanical approach)

$$H = \hbar\omega_r a^\dagger a + \hbar\Omega(a + a^\dagger) \cos \omega t$$

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

$$U = e^{i\omega t a^\dagger a}$$

$$H' = \hbar(\omega_r - \omega)a^\dagger a + \hbar\Omega e^{i\omega t a^\dagger a}(a + a^\dagger)e^{-i\omega t a^\dagger a} \cos \omega t = \hbar\delta\omega a^\dagger a + \hbar\Omega(e^{-i\omega t}a + e^{i\omega t}a^\dagger)\frac{e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}}{2}$$

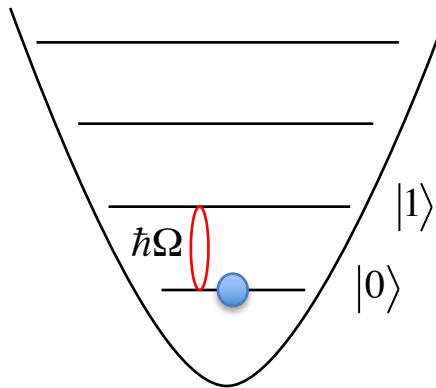
$$H' = -\hbar\delta\omega a^\dagger a + \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}(a + a^\dagger)$$

$$\delta\omega = \omega - \omega_r$$

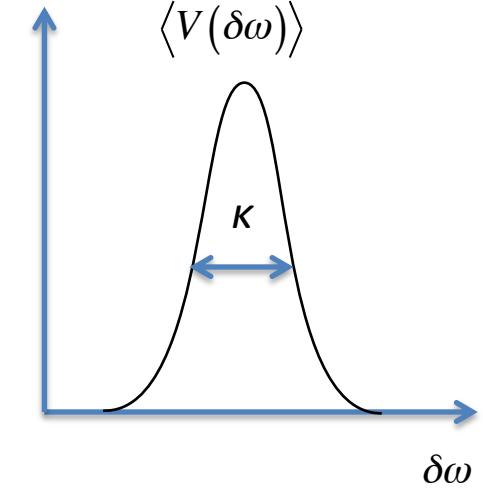
In a weak driving regime, when population of the $|1\rangle$ is low ($\rho_{11} \ll 1$) we can truncate the photon space by 0, 1

$$H\rho - \rho H + L = 0$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa\rho_{11} & -\frac{\kappa}{2}\rho_{01} \\ -\frac{\kappa}{2}\rho_{10} & -\kappa\rho_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\langle a + a^\dagger \rangle = \text{tr}[(a + a^\dagger)\rho] \approx \frac{2\Omega}{\kappa + 2\delta\omega}$$



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

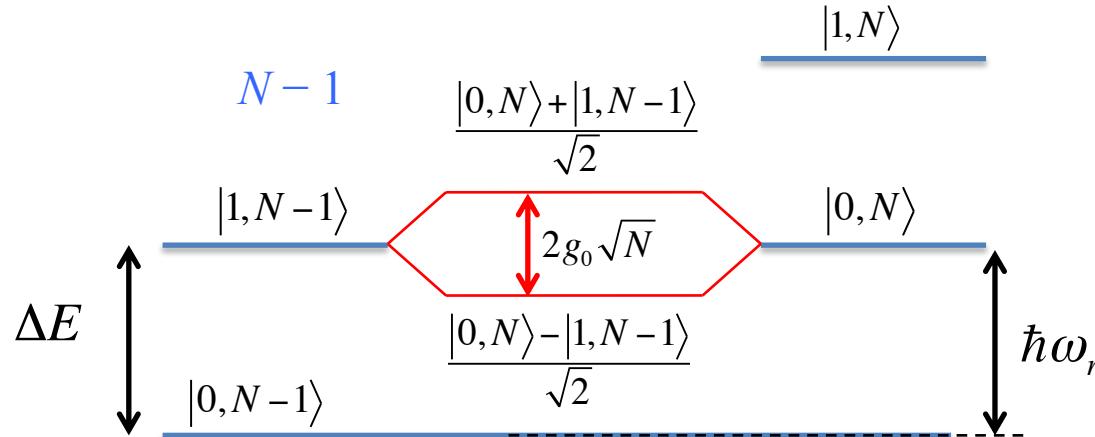
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H, \rho] + L^{(r)} + L^{(a)}$$

$$L^{(r)} = \frac{\kappa}{2}(2a\rho a^\dagger - a^\dagger a \rho - \rho a^\dagger a)$$

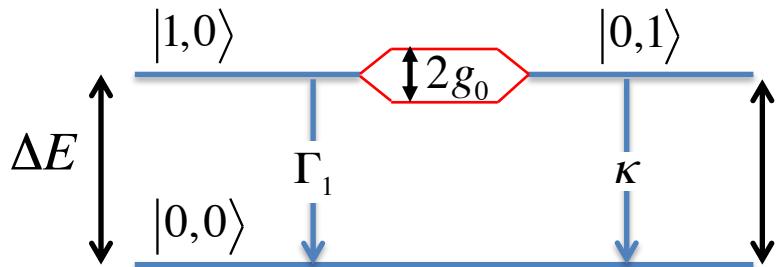
$$L^{(a)} = \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}(2\sigma^-\rho\sigma^+ - \sigma^+\sigma^-\rho - \rho\sigma^+\sigma^-)$$

$$\rho^{(ra)} = \sum_{N,M=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n,m=0}^1 \rho_{Nn,Mm} |Nn\rangle\langle Mm|$$

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Single-photon interaction



$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{01,01} & \rho_{01,10} \\ \rho_{10,01} & \rho_{10,10} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

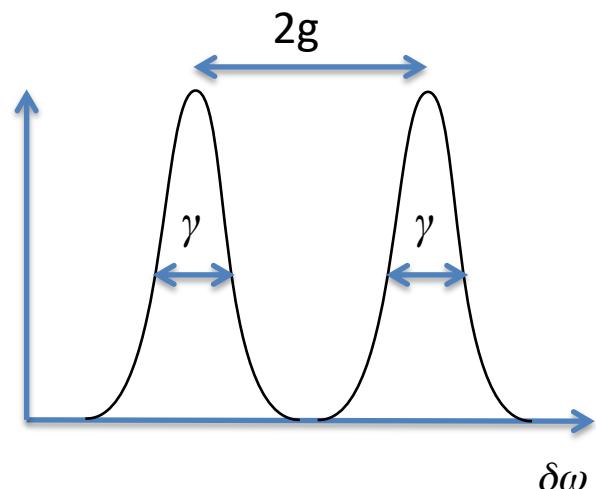
The states decay with rate: $\gamma = \frac{\kappa + \Gamma_1}{2}$

To exchange energy between the qubit and the resonator the following condition should be fulfilled:

$$(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \kappa) \ll \frac{g}{\hbar}$$

$$H' = g(|01\rangle\langle 10| + |10\rangle\langle 01|)$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa\rho_{01,01} + \Gamma_1\rho_{10,10} & -\frac{\kappa}{2}\rho_{00,01} & -\frac{\Gamma_1}{2}\rho_{00,10} \\ -\frac{\kappa}{2}\rho_{01,00} & -\kappa\rho_{01,01} & -\frac{\Gamma_1 + \kappa}{2}\rho_{01,10} \\ -\frac{\Gamma_1}{2}\rho_{10,00} & -\frac{\Gamma_1 + \kappa}{2}\rho_{10,01} & -\Gamma_1\rho_{10,10} \end{pmatrix}$$

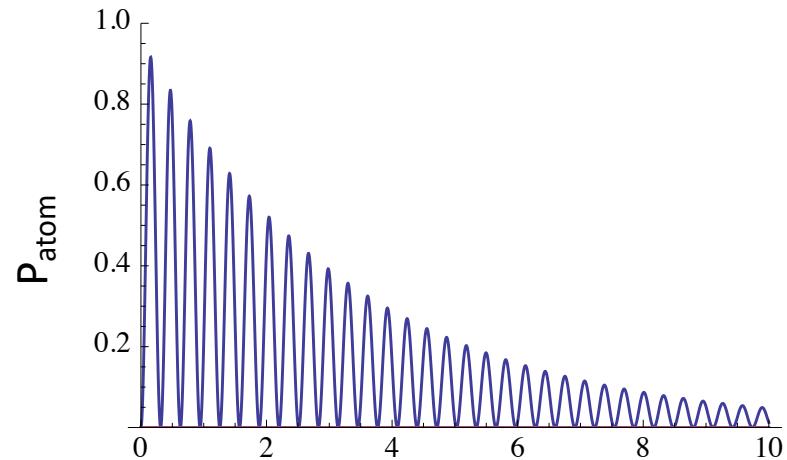
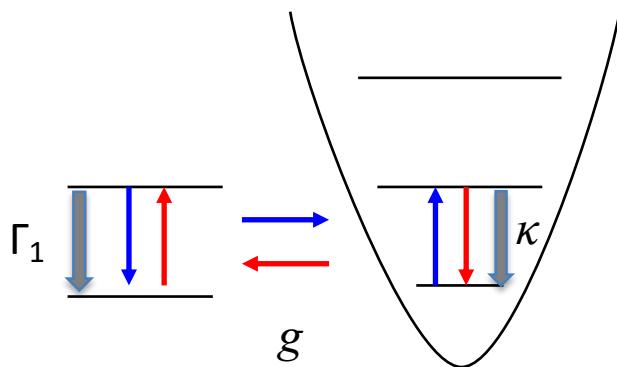


Energy exchange. Strong coupling.

Strong coupling regime is achieved, when the characteristic energy is higher than incoherent processes

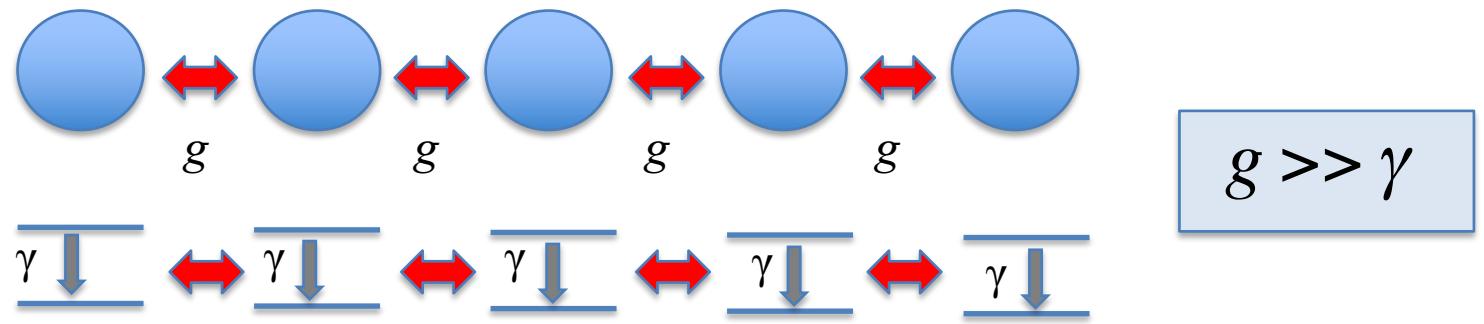
For an atom coupled to a resonator the coupling energy g

$$(\hbar\Gamma_1, \hbar\Gamma_2, \hbar\kappa) \ll g$$

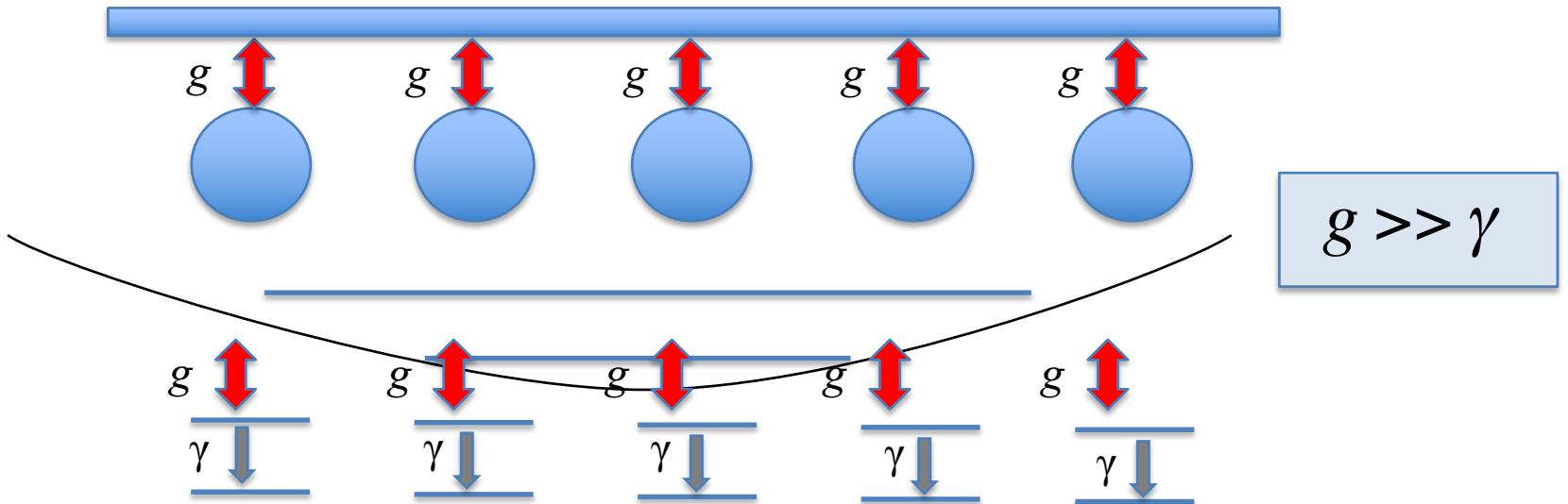


The strong coupling is necessary condition to manipulate with quantum states; to exchange information between different systems.

Possible geometries of quantum systems



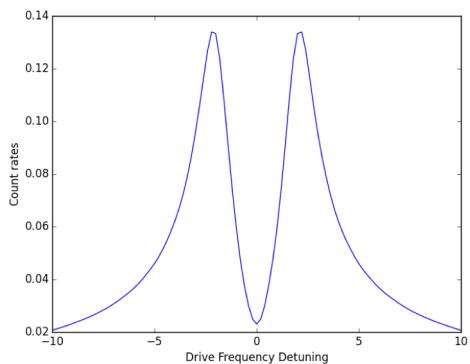
Qubits coupled to quantum baths



Two-level atom in a resonator

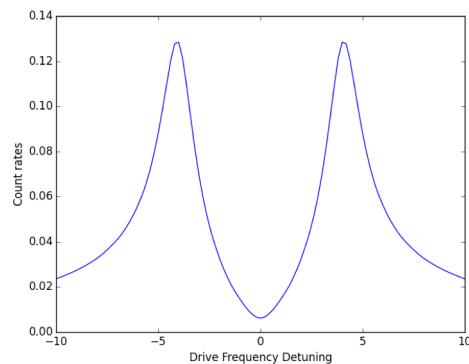
Strong coupling:

$$\kappa = 0.5, \Gamma_1 = 0.5, g = 1$$



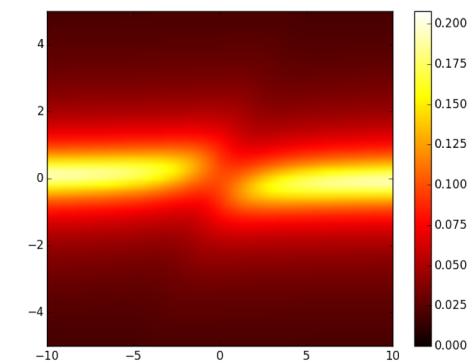
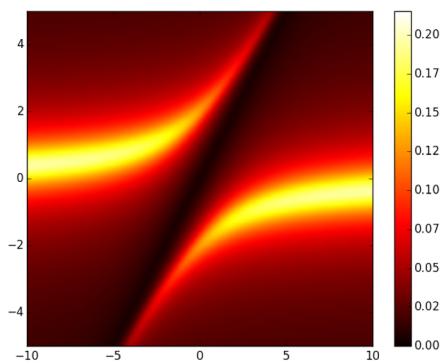
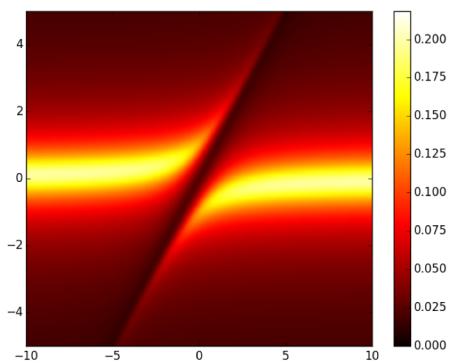
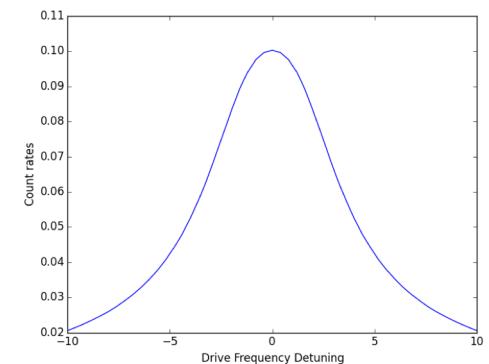
Strong coupling:

$$\kappa = 0.5, \Gamma_1 = 0.5, g = 2$$



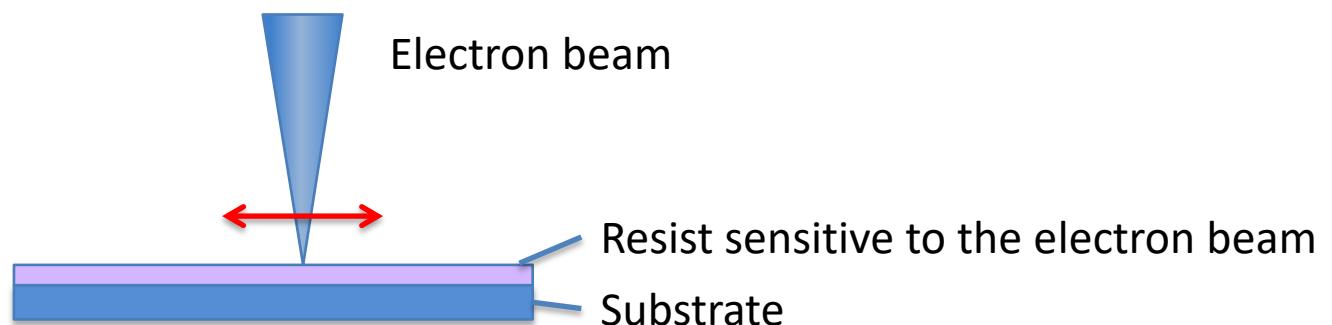
Weak coupling:

$$\kappa = 0.5, \Gamma_1 = 4, g = 1$$

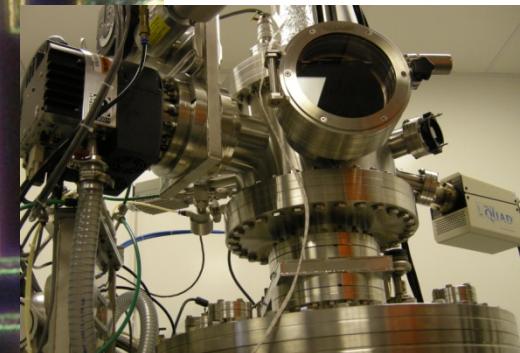
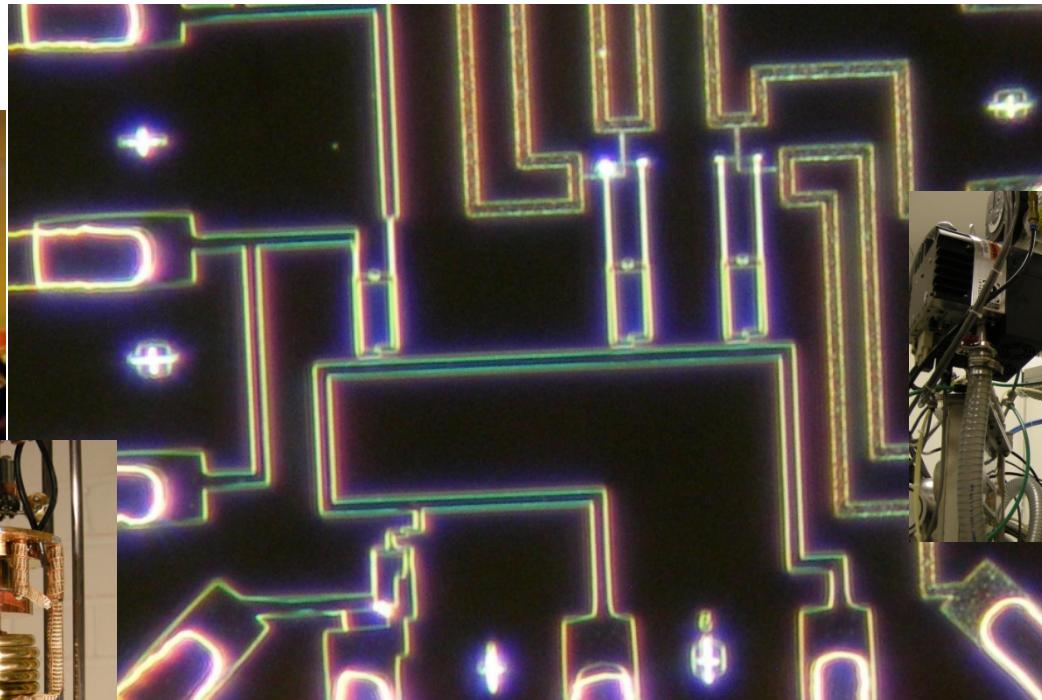


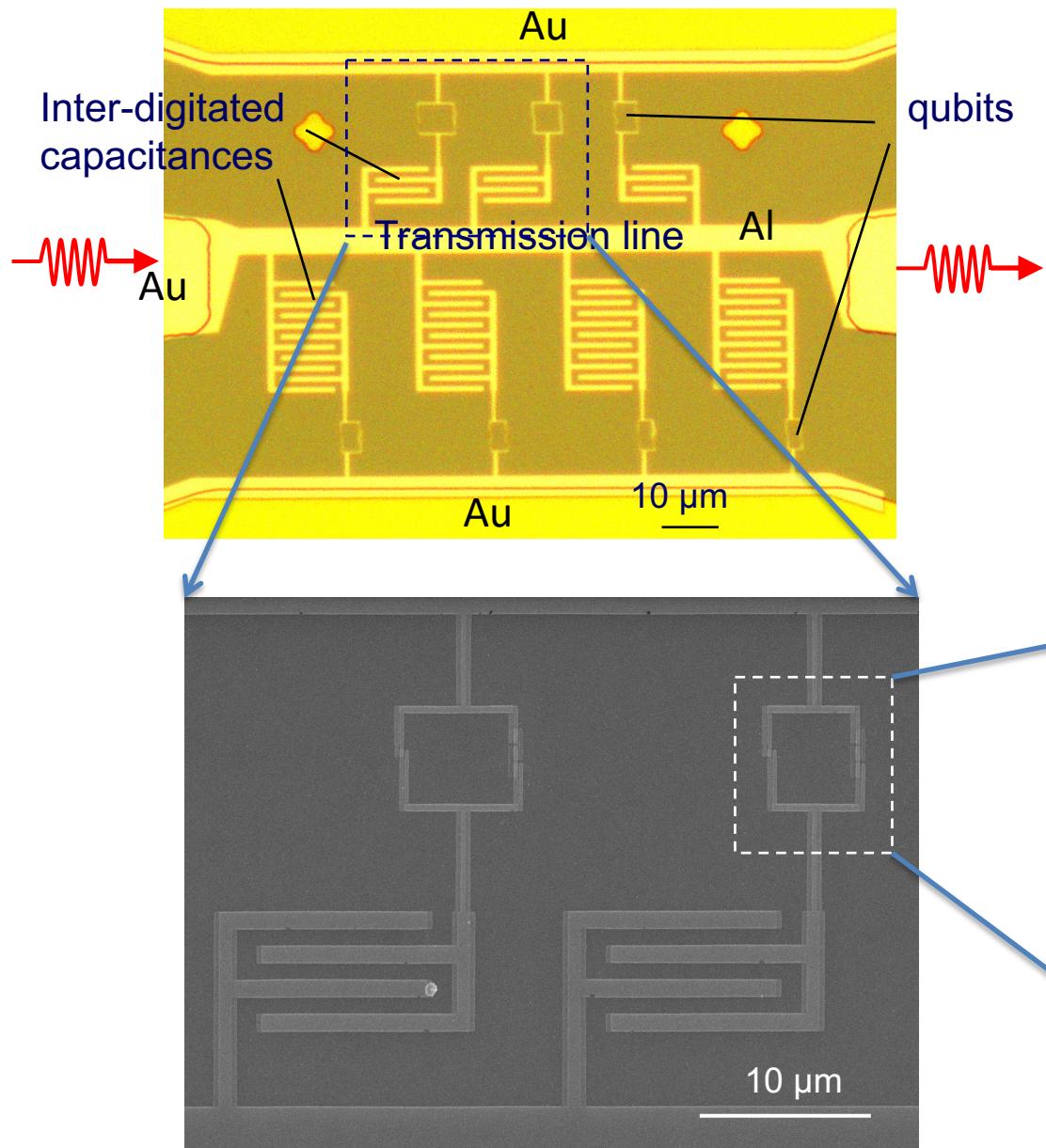
Sample Fabrication

Electron-beam lithography systems (EBL)



Hybrid nanostructures fabrication





Lithography

Resists are organic materials, which change their properties under deep UV or electron beams

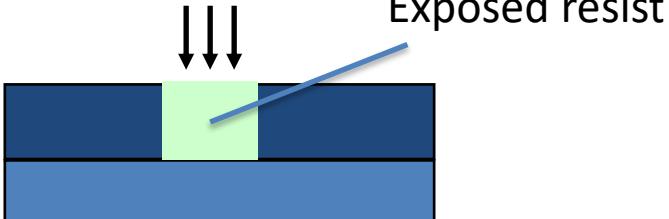
Positive resists: Exposed areas are washed away during development processes

Negative resists: Unexposed areas are washed away during development processes

Positive resist processing

Substrate (e.g. Si)

Exposure



Spin coating

Resist

Substrate

Thin film of resist
(0.05 – 1 µm)

Development in liquids (developers)

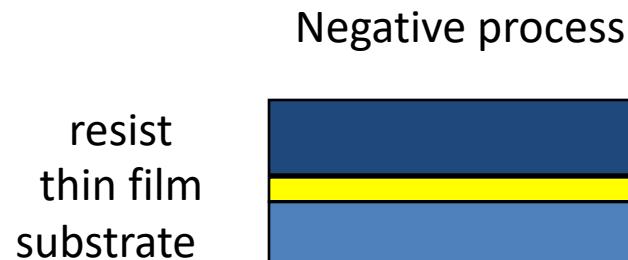


Developed resist is
washed away
after development

Resolution:
Photo-lithography: 0.5 µm
EB-lithography: 10 nm

The wafer is ready for metal deposition or etching

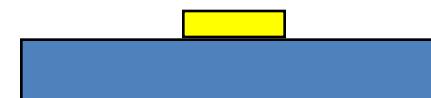
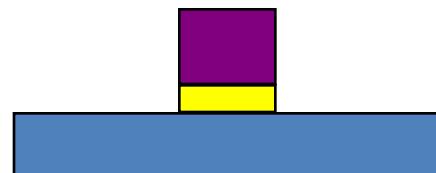
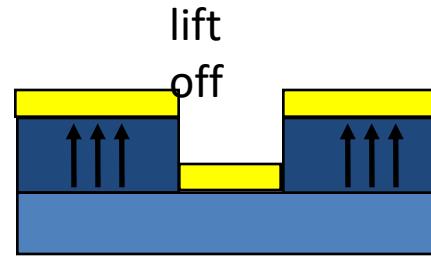
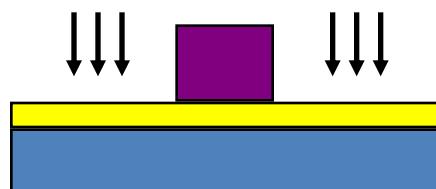
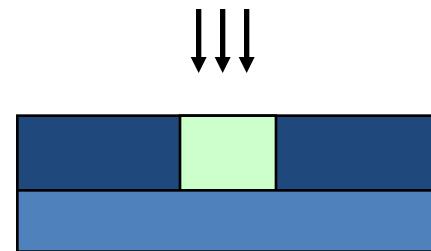
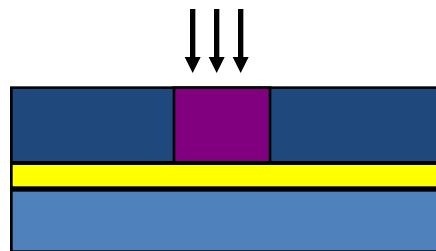
Lithography steps



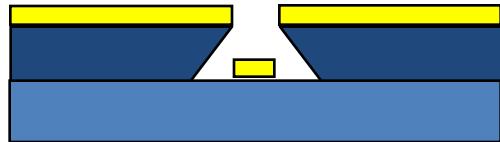
Positive process



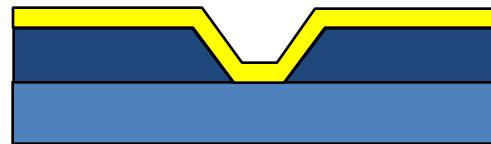
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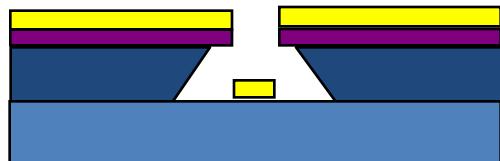
undercut



overcut



double layers resist



PMMA / Copolimer e-beam resists
S1813 / LOR5B photoresists

Bottom layer “softer” than top layer
Selective developers

Photolithography

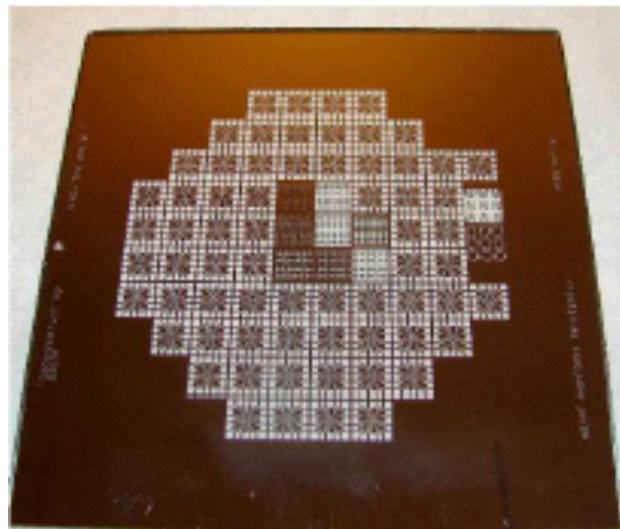
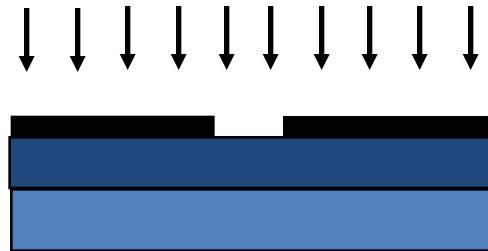
UV light changes the properties of the resist in the openings of the mask

Resist mask formed after development.

This allows the substrate to be selectively exposed to etching or deposition

Wavelength < 1 μ m for Hg lamps;
180-280nm for deep UV lamps

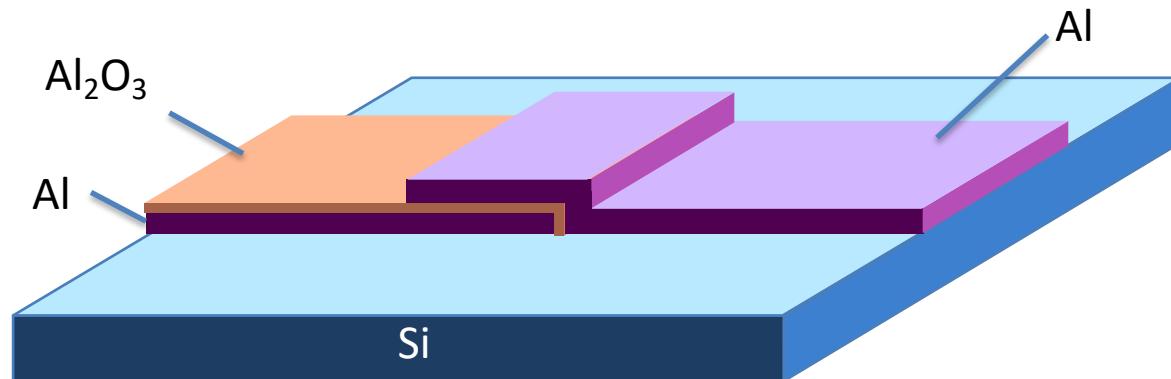
Direct printing resolution $w=(k \lambda g)^{1/2}$
k constant depending on resist
 λ wavelength
g gap between resist and mask



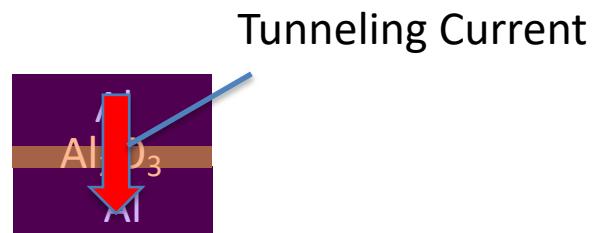
Photomask for 3 inch wafer

Fabrication of Josephson junctions

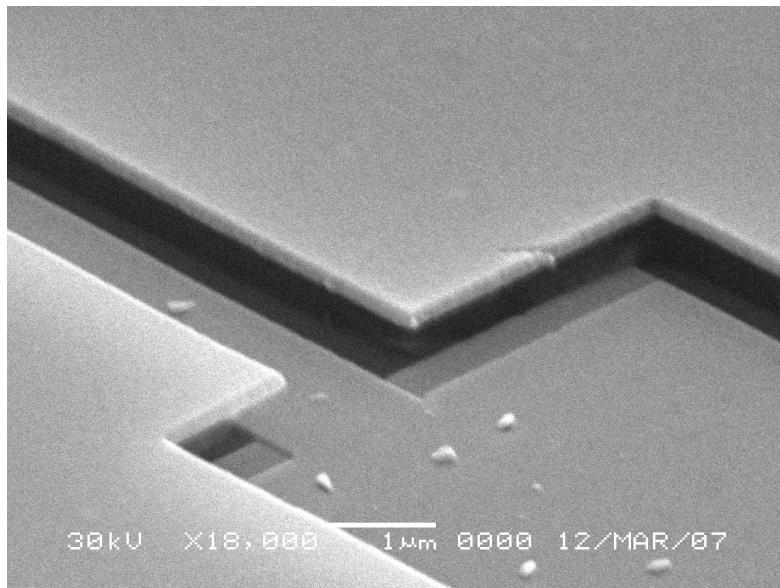
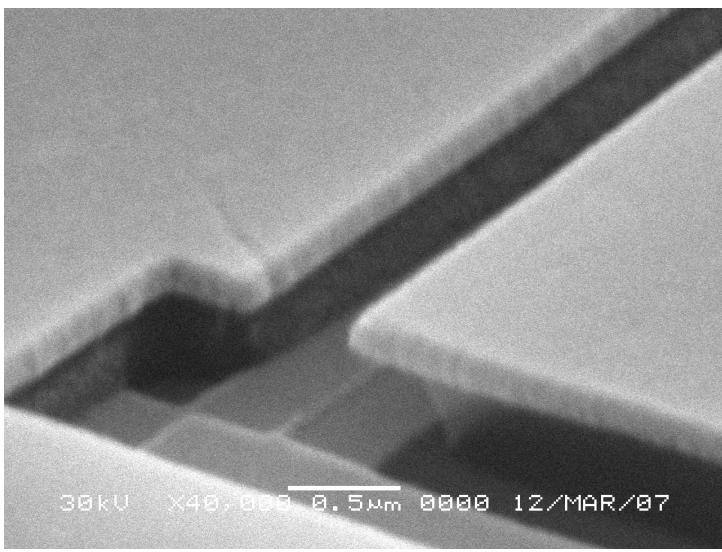
1. Bare silicon substrate
2. Aluminium deposition
3. Aluminium oxidation
4. Aluminium deposition (layer 2)



Crosssection of the
Josephson junction

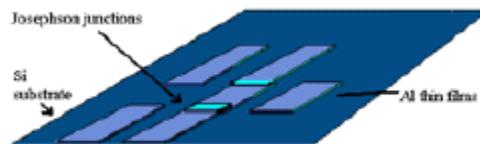
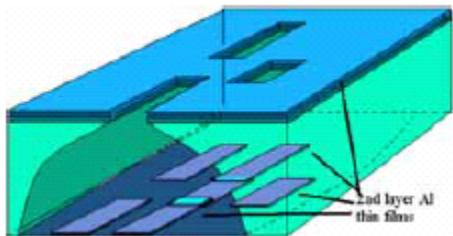
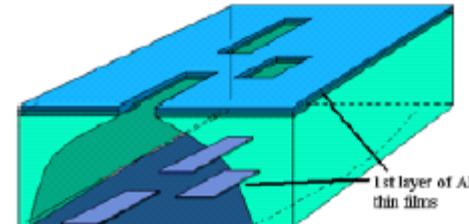
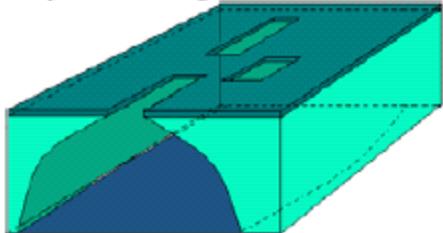


Au film pictured after evaporation
on double layer resist



Angular evaporation + oxidation

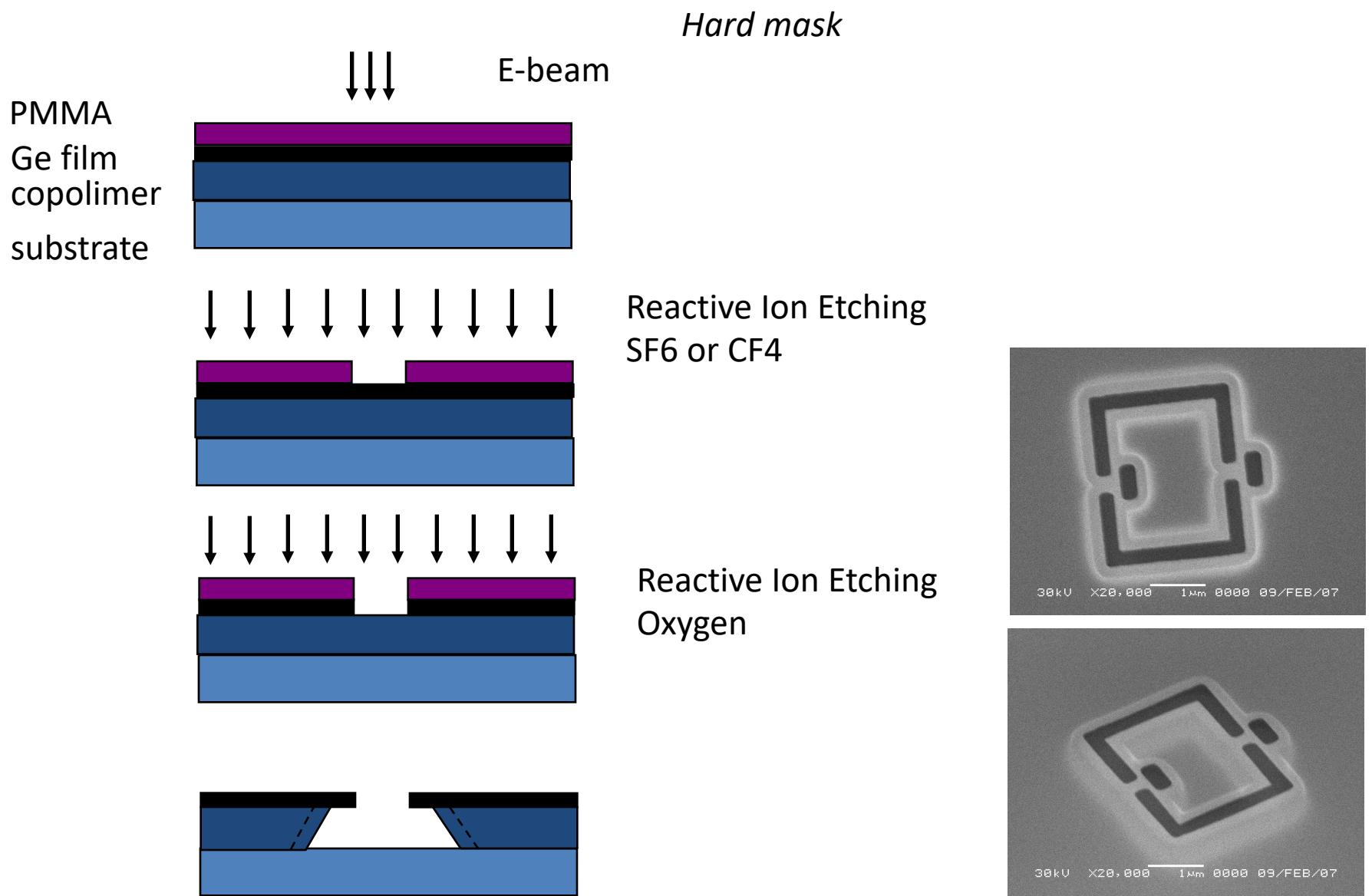
Chip after etching:



Soft mask

PMMA / Copolimer double layer resist

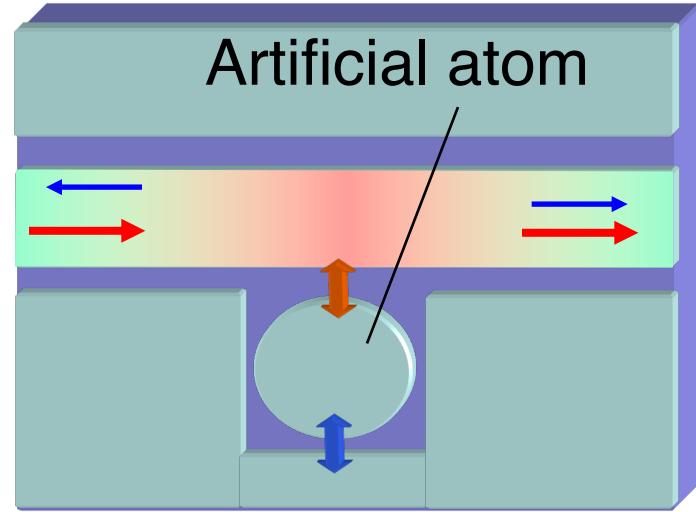
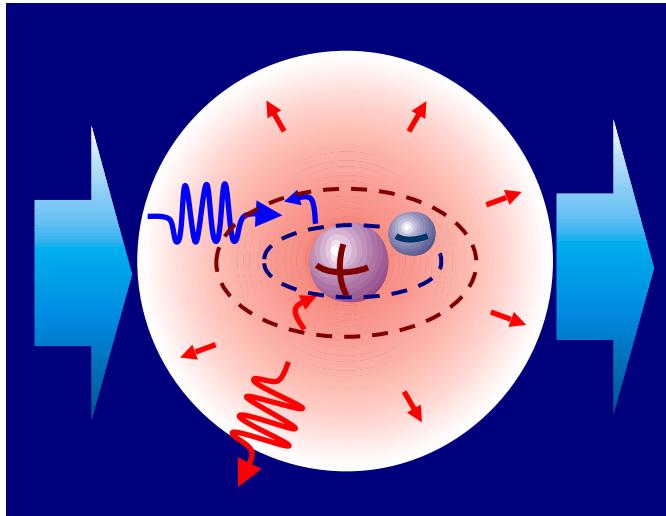
ZEP / Copolimer resist layer



Artificial atom in the open space

Atom in open space

Light scattering by an atom



Artificial atoms are strongly coupled to electromagnetic waves
Natural atoms are weakly coupled to electromagnetic waves (weak scattering)

Strong scattering of propagating waves

A series of very promising applications

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K. Inomata, Y. Nakamura, and J.S. Tsai. Resonance fluorescence of a single artificial atom.
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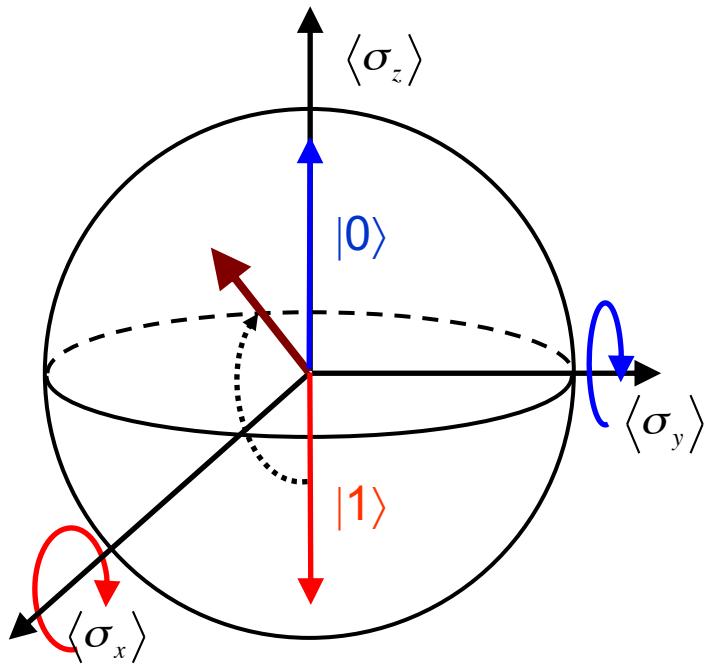
Bloch Sphere for dissipative spin dynamics

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2}\sigma_z + \hbar\Omega\cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad H = \frac{\hbar\delta\omega}{2}\sigma_z + \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}(\sigma_x\cos\varphi + \sigma_y\sin\varphi) \quad \delta\omega = \omega - \omega_a$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \langle \sigma_x \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_y \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_z \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\Gamma_2 & -\delta\omega & \Omega\sin\varphi \\ \delta\omega & -\Gamma_2 & \Omega\cos\varphi \\ -\Omega\sin\varphi & -\Omega\cos\varphi & -\Gamma_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle \sigma_x \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_y \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_z \rangle \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \Gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{\sigma}}{dt} = B\vec{\sigma} + \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{\sigma}(t) = e^{Bt}\vec{\sigma}(0) + B^{-1}(e^{Bt} - 1)\vec{b}$$

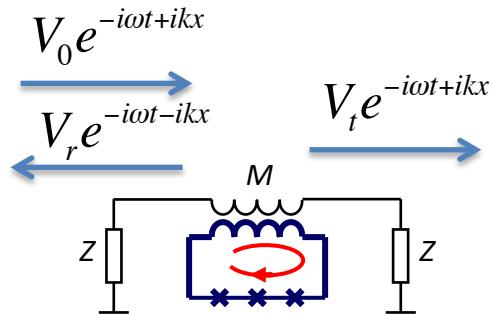


$$\langle \sigma_x \rangle = -\frac{\Omega}{\Gamma_2} \frac{\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1 + (\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

$$\langle \sigma_y \rangle = -\frac{\Omega}{\Gamma_2} \frac{1}{1 + (\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

$$\langle \sigma^- \rangle = \left\langle \frac{\sigma_x + i\sigma_y}{2} \right\rangle = -\frac{\Omega}{2\Gamma_2} \frac{1 + i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1 + (\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

Bloch Sphere for dissipative spin dynamics



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

$$\langle V \rangle = \langle \dot{\phi} \rangle \quad \phi_p = MI_p$$

$$\langle V^- \rangle = -i\omega \langle \phi^- \rangle = -i\omega \phi_p \langle \sigma^- \rangle$$

$$I_0 - I_t = I_t$$

$$V_0 + V_r = V_t + \langle V \rangle$$

$$I_0(1-r) = I_0 t$$

$$V_0(1+r) = V_0 t + \langle V \rangle$$

$$\langle V \rangle = \langle V^- \rangle + cc$$

$$1-r = t$$

$$1+r = t + \frac{\langle V \rangle}{I_0 Z_0}$$

$$r = -\frac{i\omega \phi_p \langle \sigma^- \rangle}{2I_0 Z_0}$$

$$t = 1 + \frac{i\omega \phi_p \langle \sigma^- \rangle}{2I_0 Z_0}$$

$$\langle \sigma^- \rangle = -\frac{\Omega}{2\Gamma_2} \frac{1+i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1+(\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

$$r = \frac{i\omega \phi_p}{2I_0 Z_0} \frac{\Omega}{\Gamma_2} \frac{1+i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1+(\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

$$r = \frac{i\omega \phi_p^2}{2\hbar \Gamma_2 Z_0} \frac{1+i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1+(\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

$$r = \frac{\Gamma_1}{2\Gamma_2} \frac{1+i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1+(\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

$$\hbar\Omega = \phi_p I_0 \quad \Gamma_1 = \frac{2\phi_p^2 \omega}{2\hbar Z_0}$$

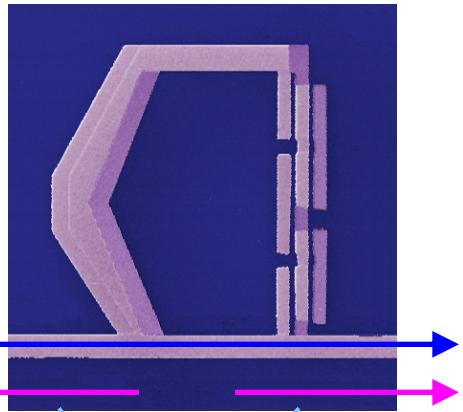
$$t = 1 - \frac{\Gamma_1}{2\Gamma_2} \frac{1+i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1+(\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

If $\delta\omega = 0$ and $\Gamma_2 = \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}$:
 $r = 1, t = 0$

At resonance and low drive
full power is reflected

Driven artificial-atom in open space

$$I_0 e^{ikx-i\omega t}$$



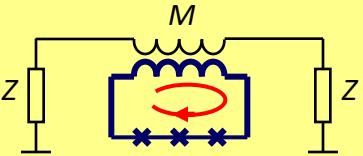
$$I(x,t) = I_0 e^{ikx-i\omega t} + I_{sc} e^{ik|x|-i\omega t}$$

RWA Hamiltonian:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar\delta\omega}{2}\sigma_z - \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}\sigma_x \quad \delta\omega = \omega - \omega_a$$

Relaxation produced by ohmic environment of Z-impedance:

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{\hbar\omega\phi_p^2}{\hbar^2 Z}$$



Wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t^2} = c\delta(x) \frac{\partial^2 \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial t^2}$$

Dipole moment:

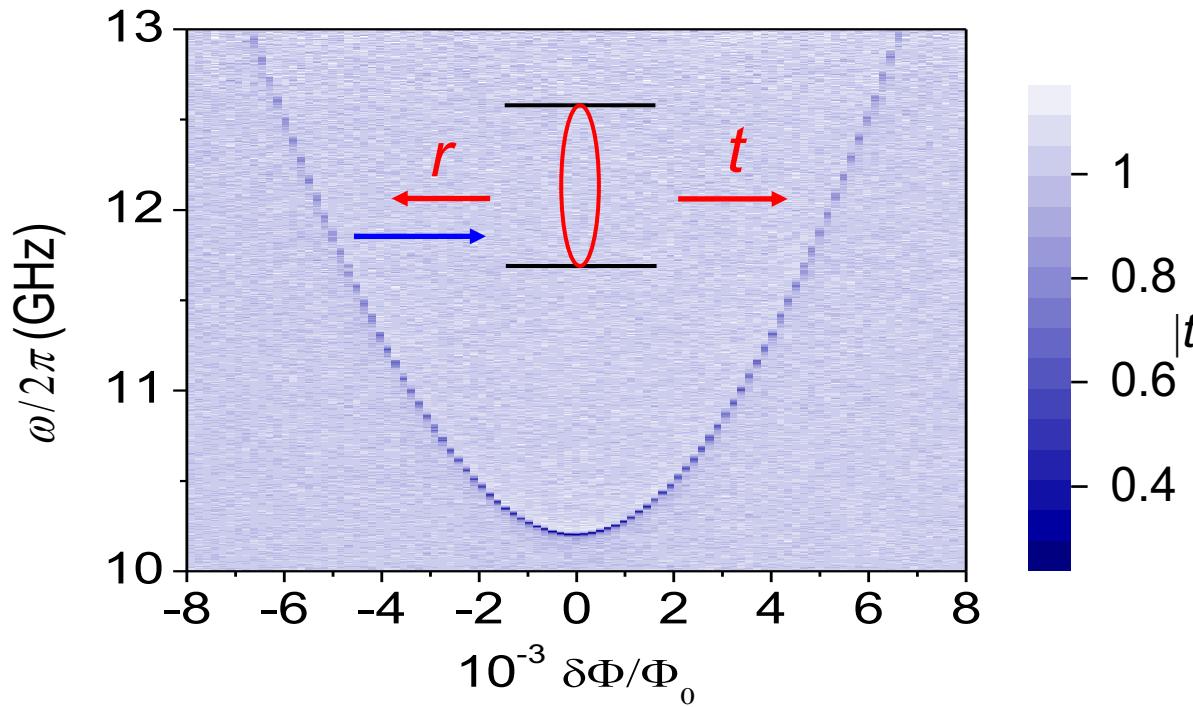
$$\langle \phi(t) \rangle = \phi_p \langle \sigma^- \rangle e^{-i\omega t} \quad \phi_p = M I_p$$

$$2ik \frac{I_{sc}}{2} = -\omega^2 c \phi_p \langle \sigma^- \rangle$$

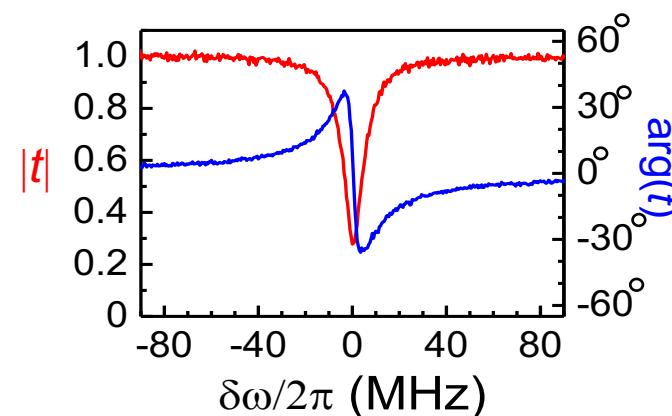
$$I_{sc}(x,t) = i \frac{\hbar\Gamma_1}{\phi_p} \langle \sigma^- \rangle e^{ik|x|-i\omega t}$$

$$r = \frac{I_{sc}}{I_0} = \frac{\Gamma_1}{\Gamma_2} \frac{1 + i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1 + (\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

Direct transmission spectroscopy Elastic scattering (Rayleigh case)



Transmission at
the degeneracy point



Anomalous dispersion

$$t = 1 - r$$

$$r = r_0 \frac{1 + i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1 + (\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

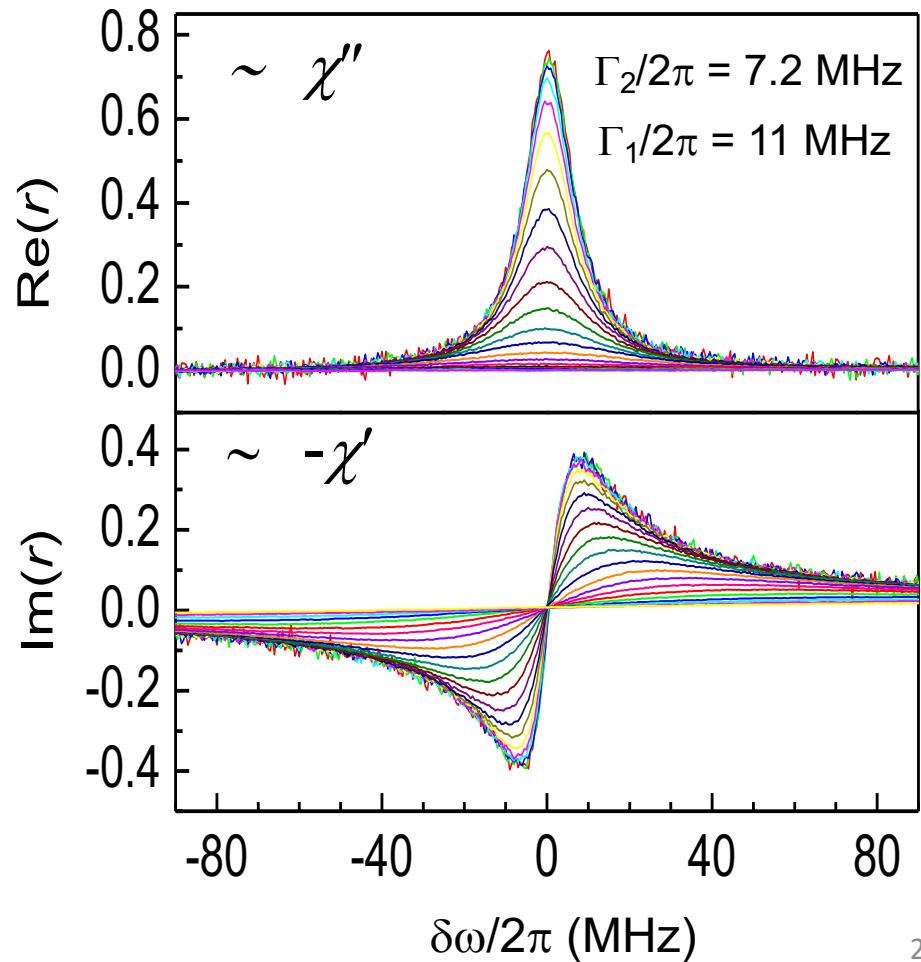
$$\Gamma_2 = \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} + \Gamma_\varphi$$

The peak height is the direct measure of dephasing:

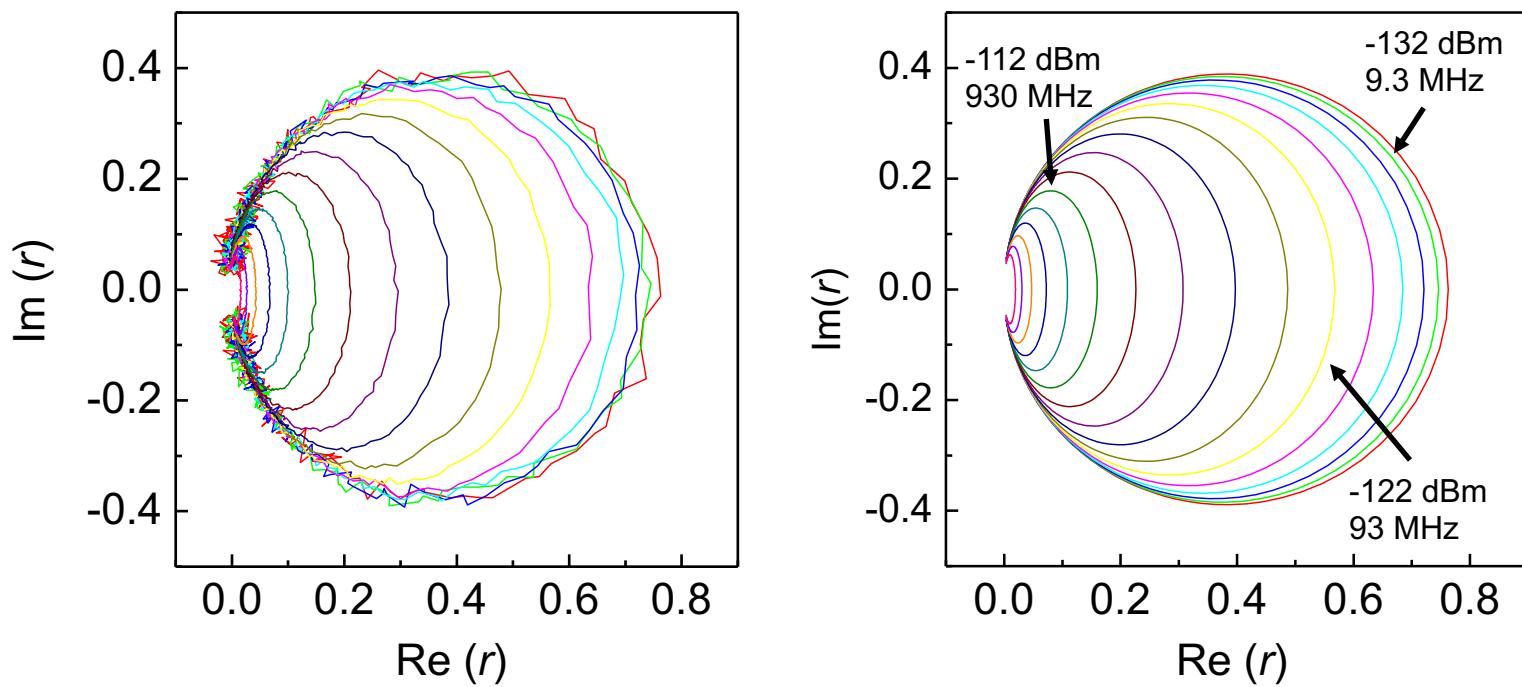
$$r_0 = \frac{\Gamma_1}{2\Gamma_2} = \frac{1}{1 + 2\Gamma_\varphi/\Gamma_2}$$

- Strong interaction
- Anomalous dispersion
- Nonlinearity

$$\chi = \chi' + i\chi''$$



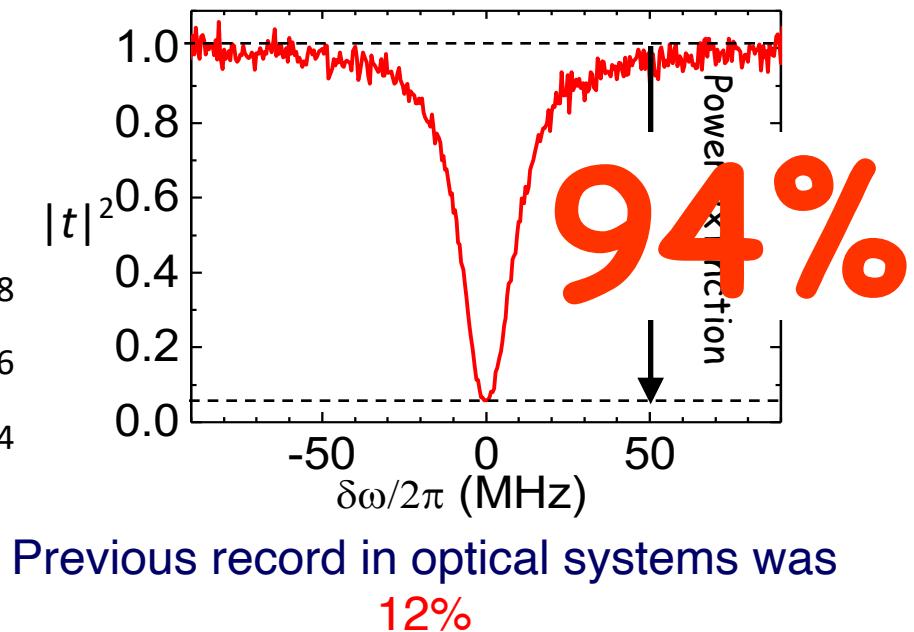
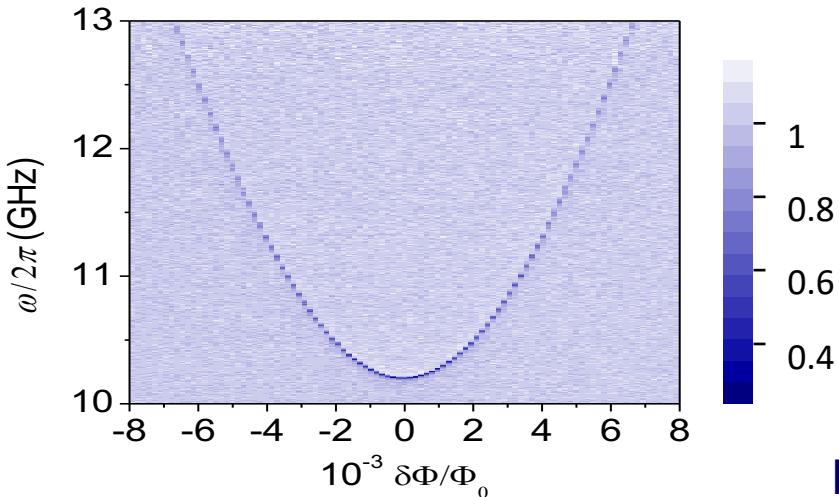
Smith chart of reflection coefficient vs power



$$r = r_0 \frac{1 + i\delta\omega/\Gamma_2}{1 + (\delta\omega/\Gamma_2)^2 + \Omega^2/\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}$$

Resonance fluorescence: Extinction at the degeneracy point

Direct transmission spectroscopy



Previous record in optical systems was
12%

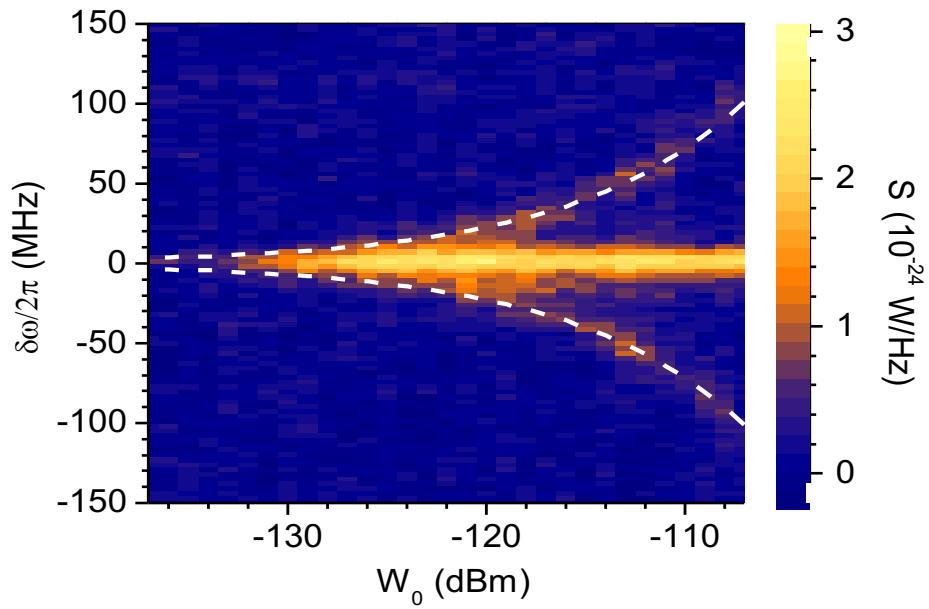
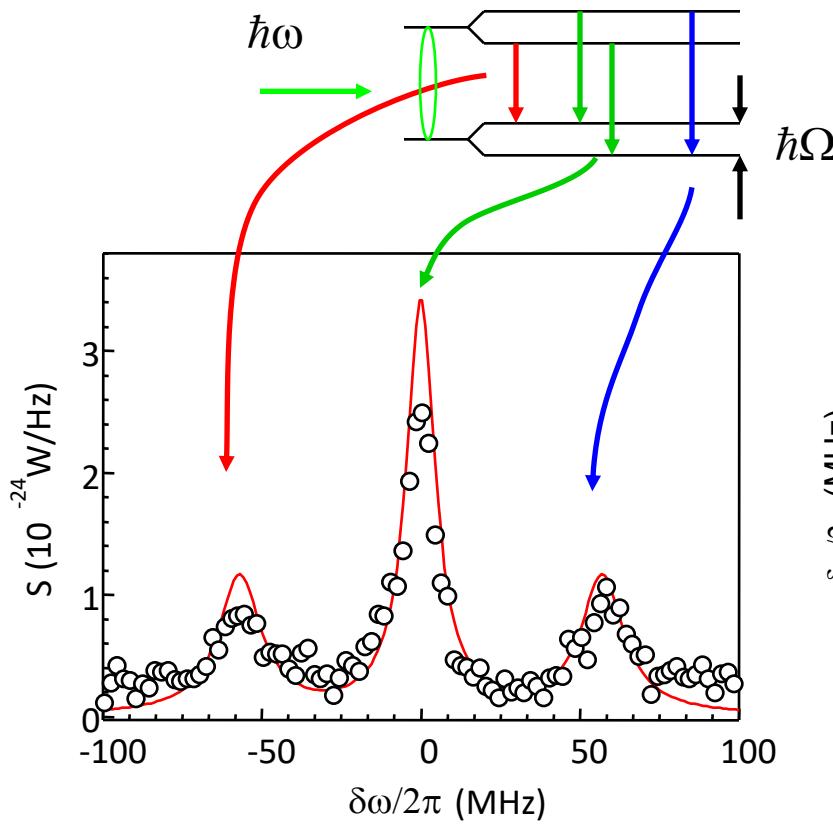
The artificial atom strongly interacts with modes of 1D open space



Promising candidate for quantum information processing

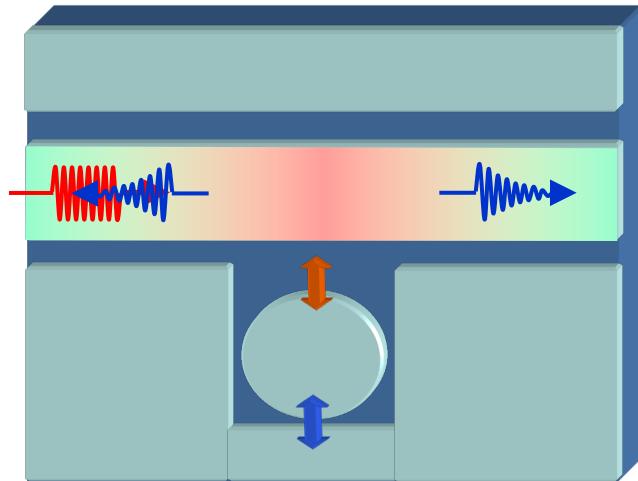
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Resonance Fluorescence (inelastic scattering spectrum)

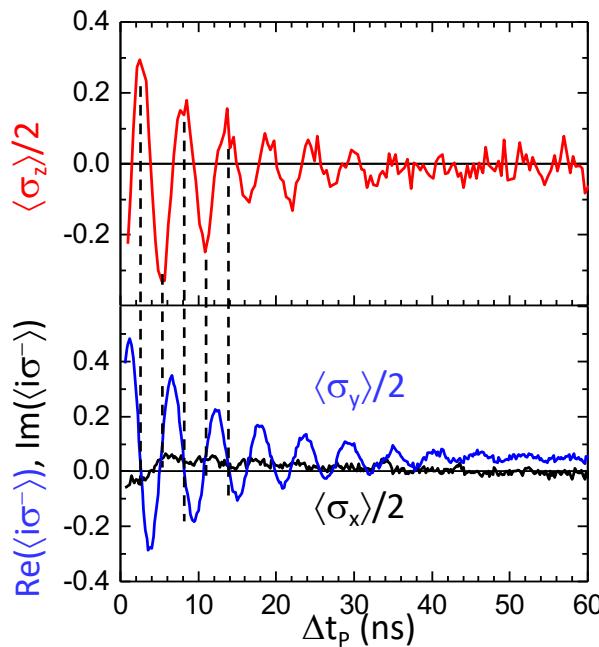
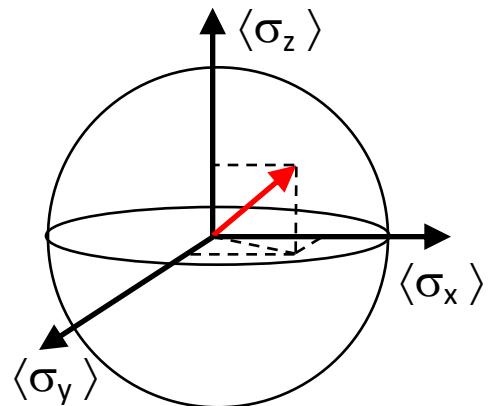


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Towards photonic quantum computers: quantum state control

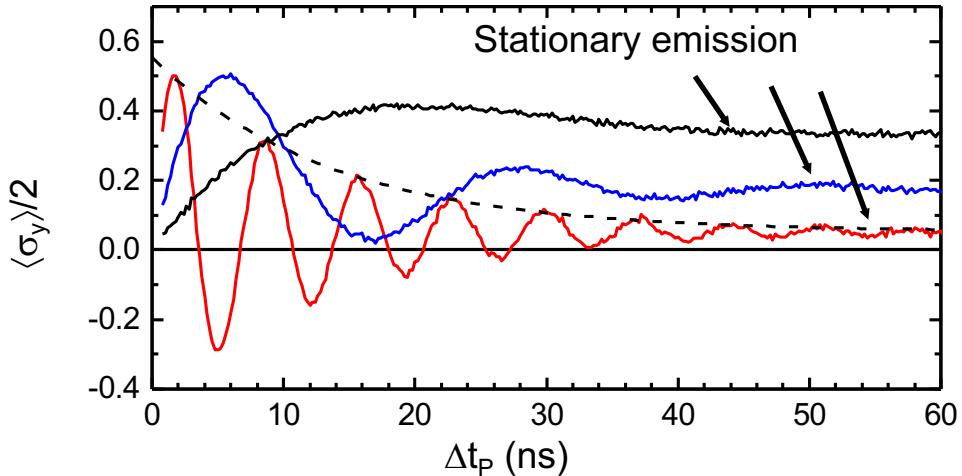


Pseudo-spin on Bloch sphere

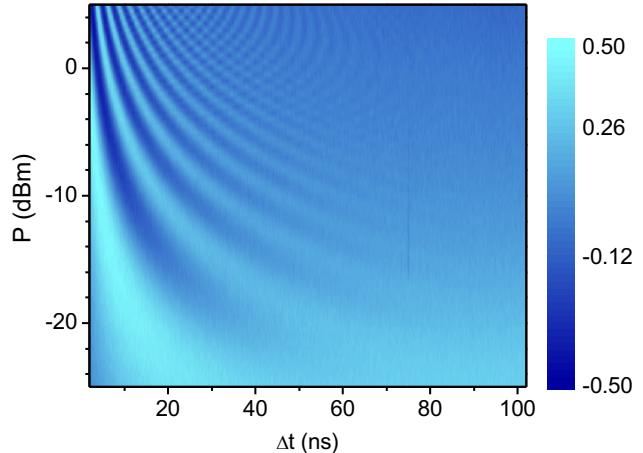


Strong coupling allows to measure simultaneously all three components of quantum states

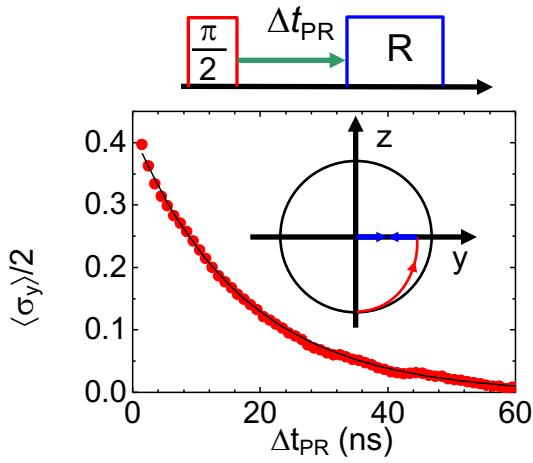
Dynamics of dipole emission



$$\langle \dot{\sigma}^- \rangle = -\gamma \langle \sigma^- \rangle - \frac{i\Omega}{2} \langle \sigma_z \rangle$$

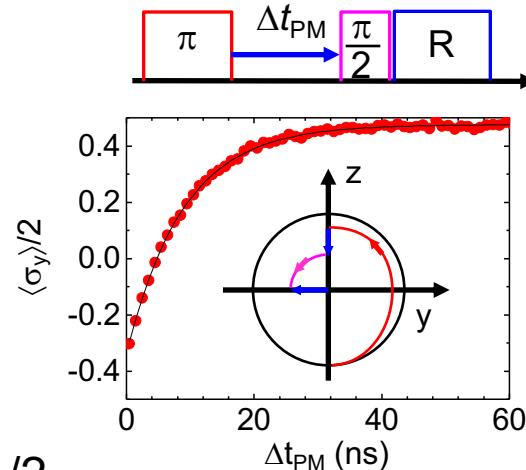


Phase relaxation



$\Gamma_2/2\pi = 9.1$ MHz

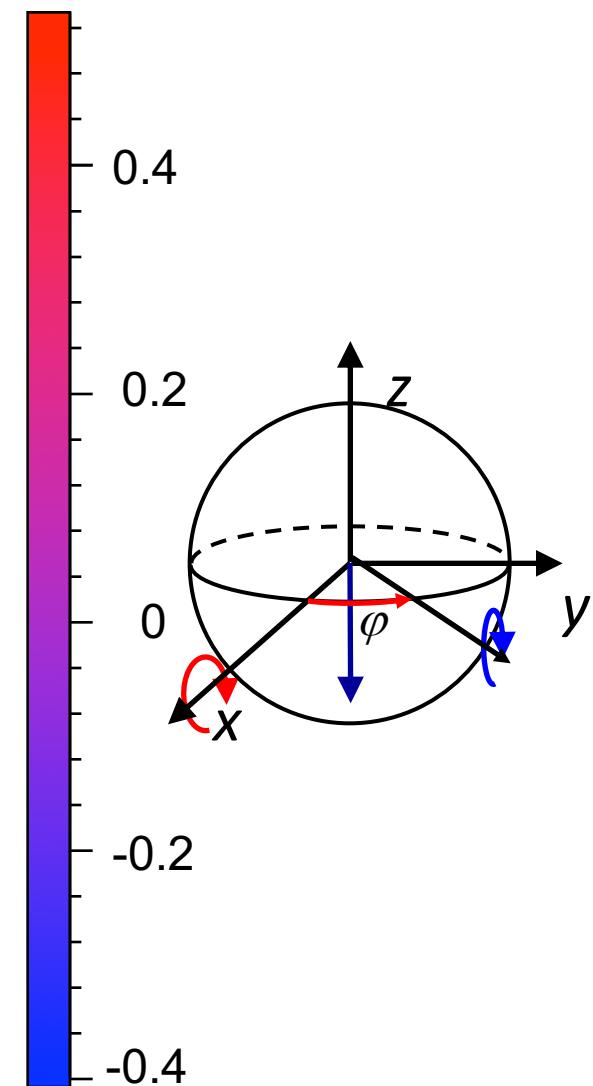
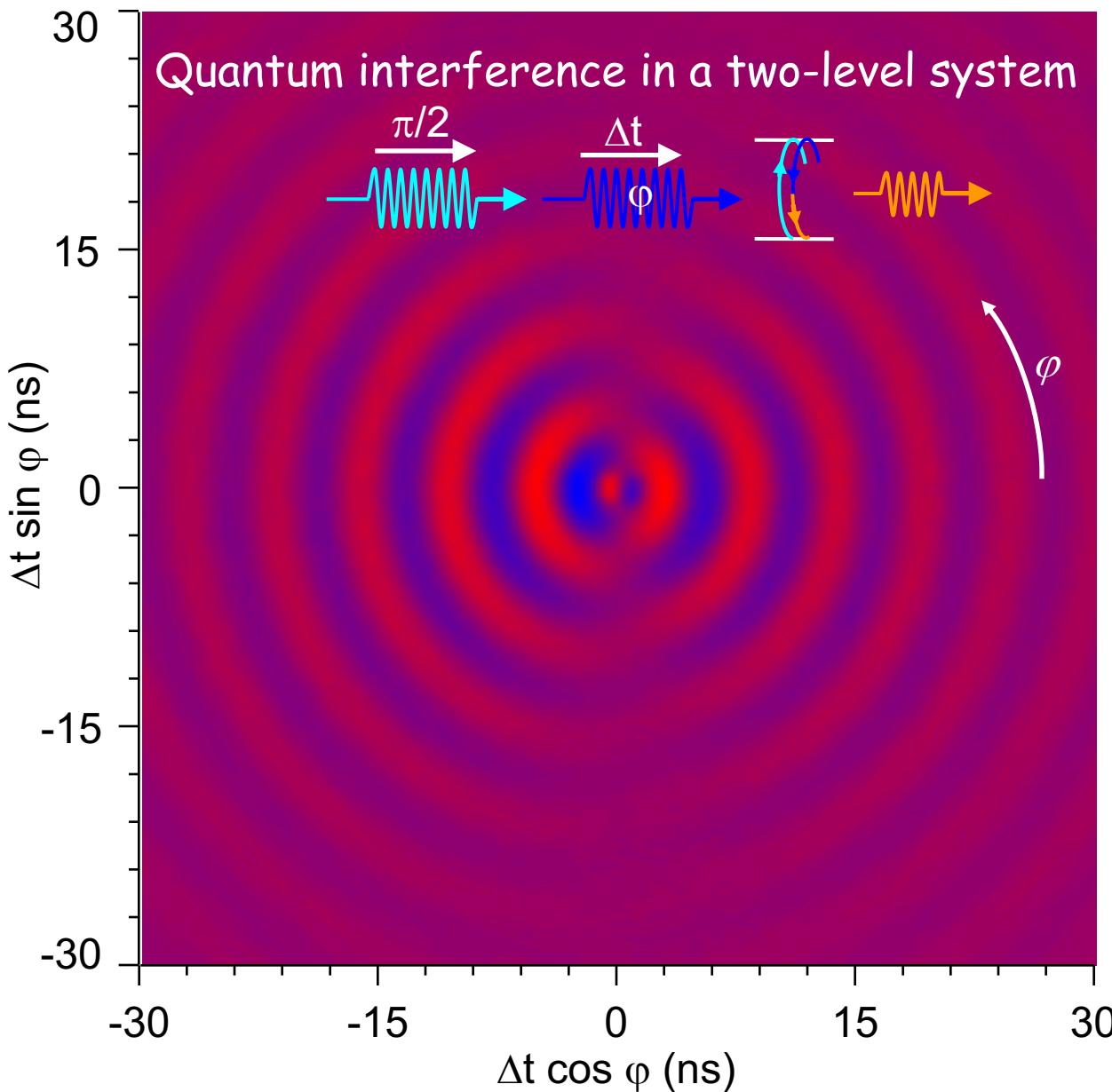
Energy relaxation



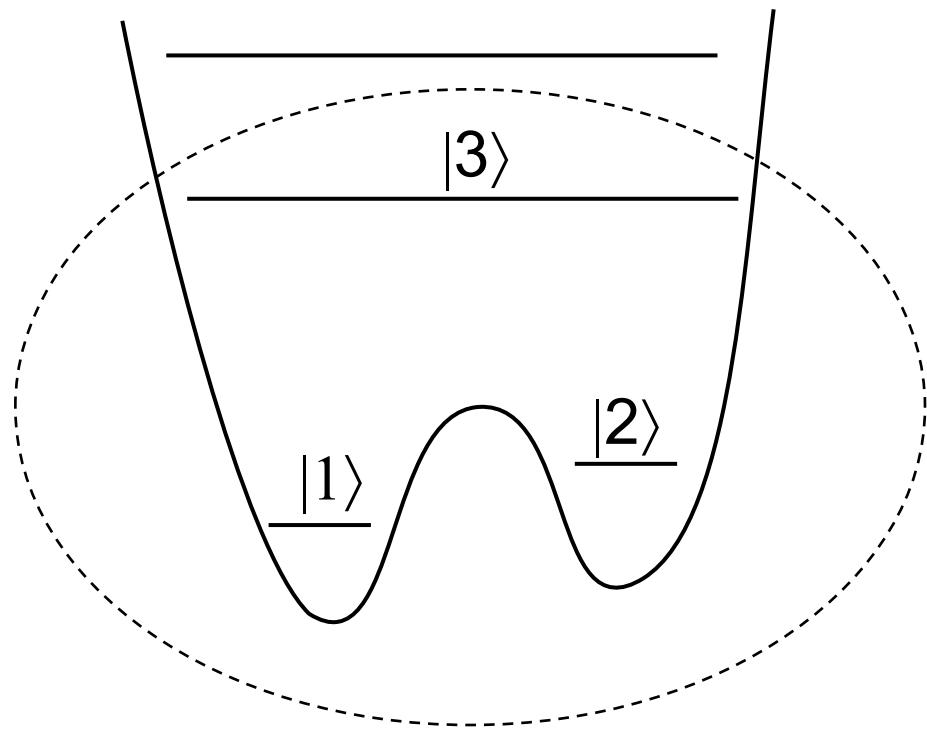
$\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1/2$

$\Gamma_1/2\pi = 18$ MHz

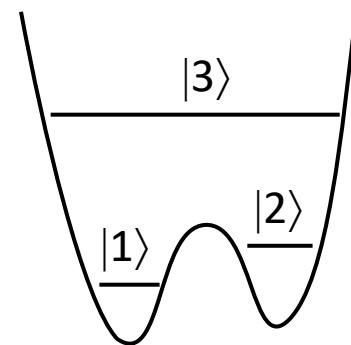
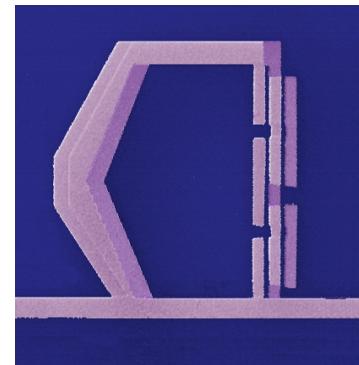
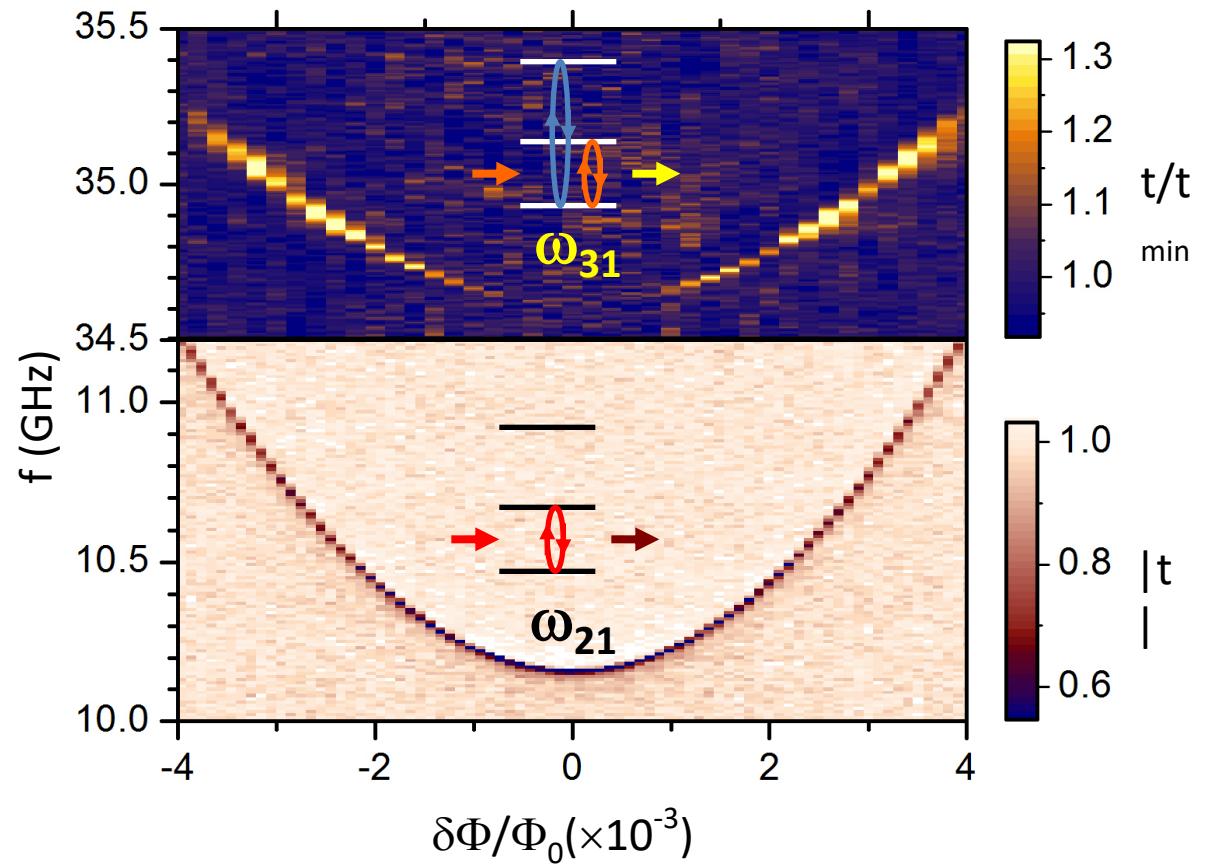
Quantum interference in a two-level system



Three-level quantum system



Spectroscopy of three-level atom



Quantum optics on a single atom:

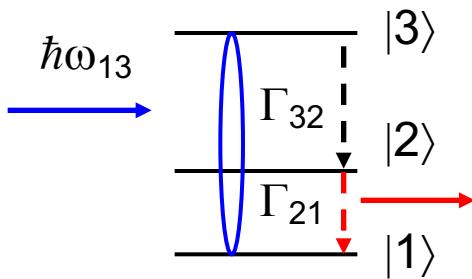
- Spontaneous emission
- Stimulated emission
- Quantum amplifier
- Electromagnetically induced transparency

Ultimate on-chip quantum amplifier

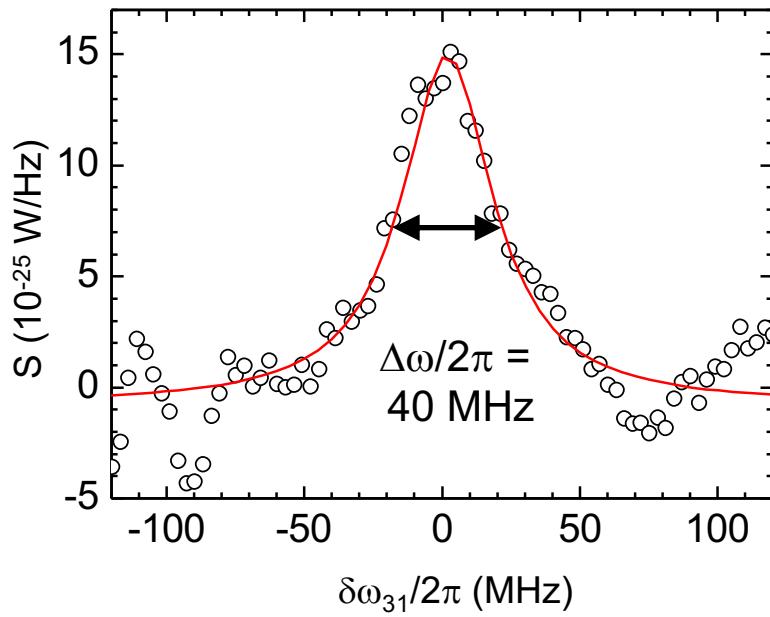
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Spontaneous emission

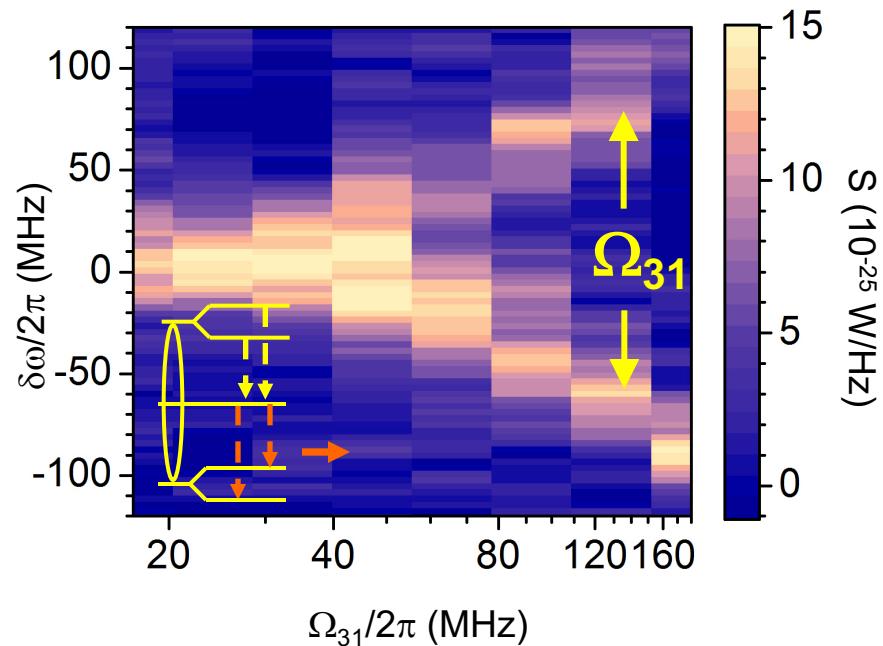


$$\Omega_{31}/2\pi = 24 \text{ MHz}$$



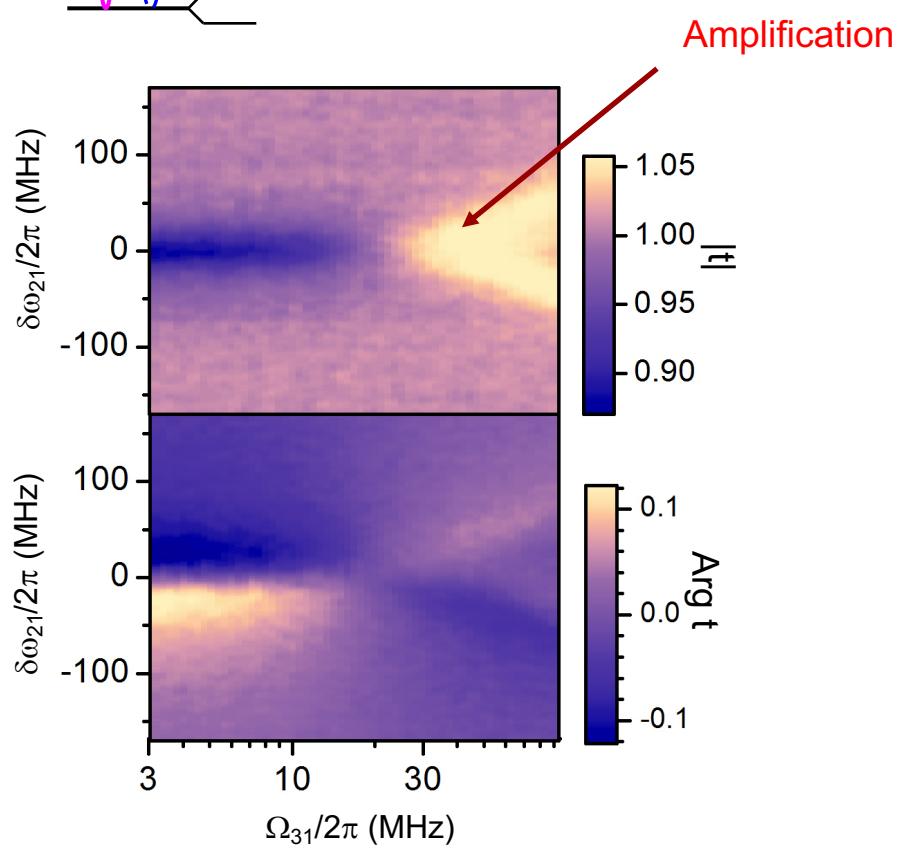
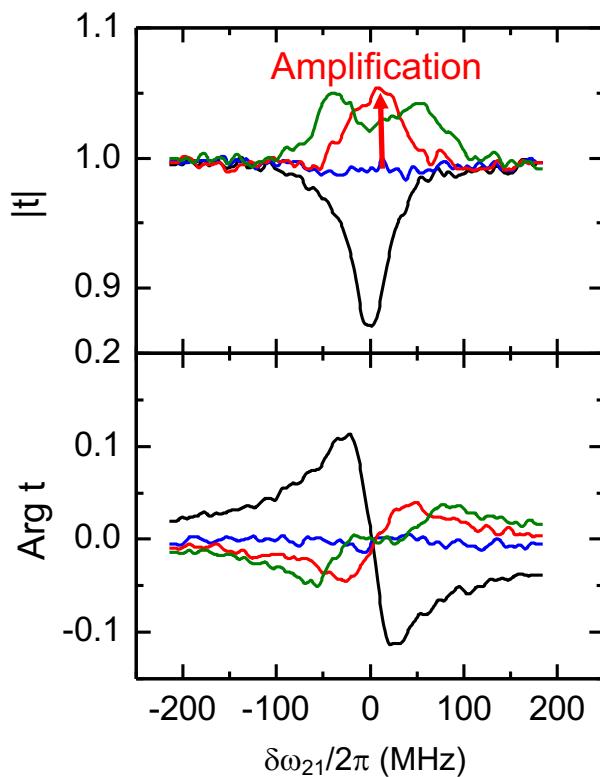
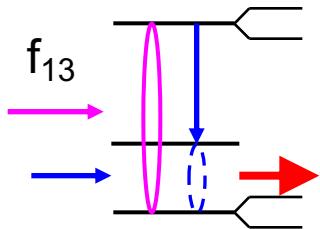
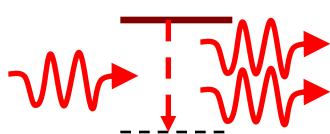
Noise spectral density (weak driving limit)

$$S(f) = \frac{\hbar\omega\Gamma_{21}}{2} \frac{\gamma_{21}}{\gamma_{21}^2 + \delta\omega^2}$$

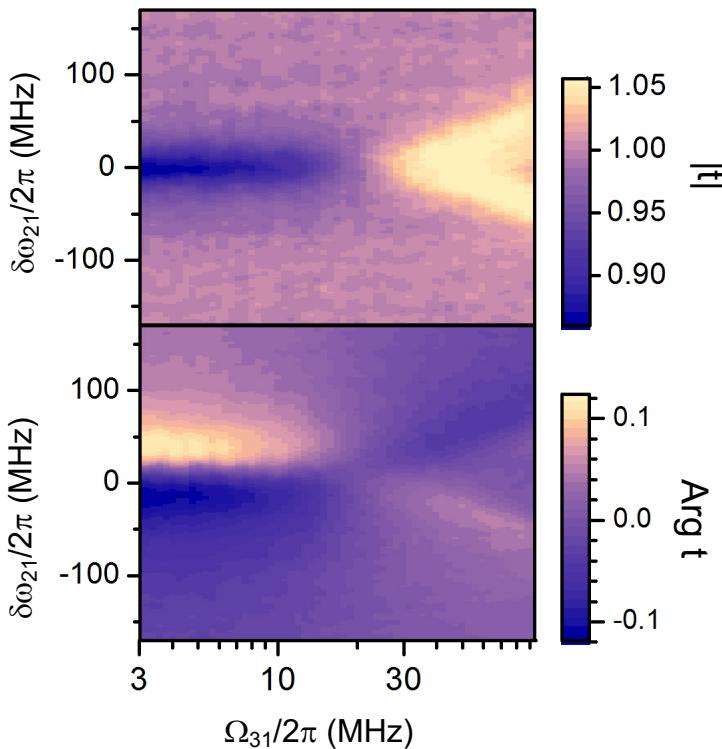


Noise level of the 4K amplifier is $10^{-22} \text{ W/Hz}!$

Stimulated emission

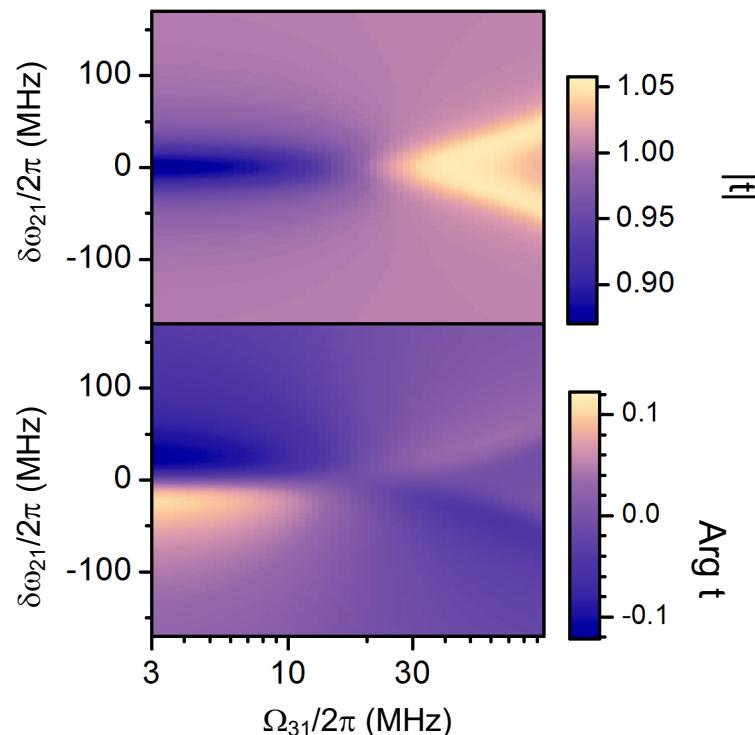


Measurements



$$\Gamma_{21}/2\pi = 11 \text{ MHz}$$

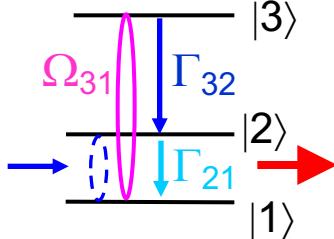
Calculations



$$\Gamma_{32}/2\pi = 35 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\Gamma_{32} \gg \Gamma_{21}$$

Transmission at resonance
without pure dephasing



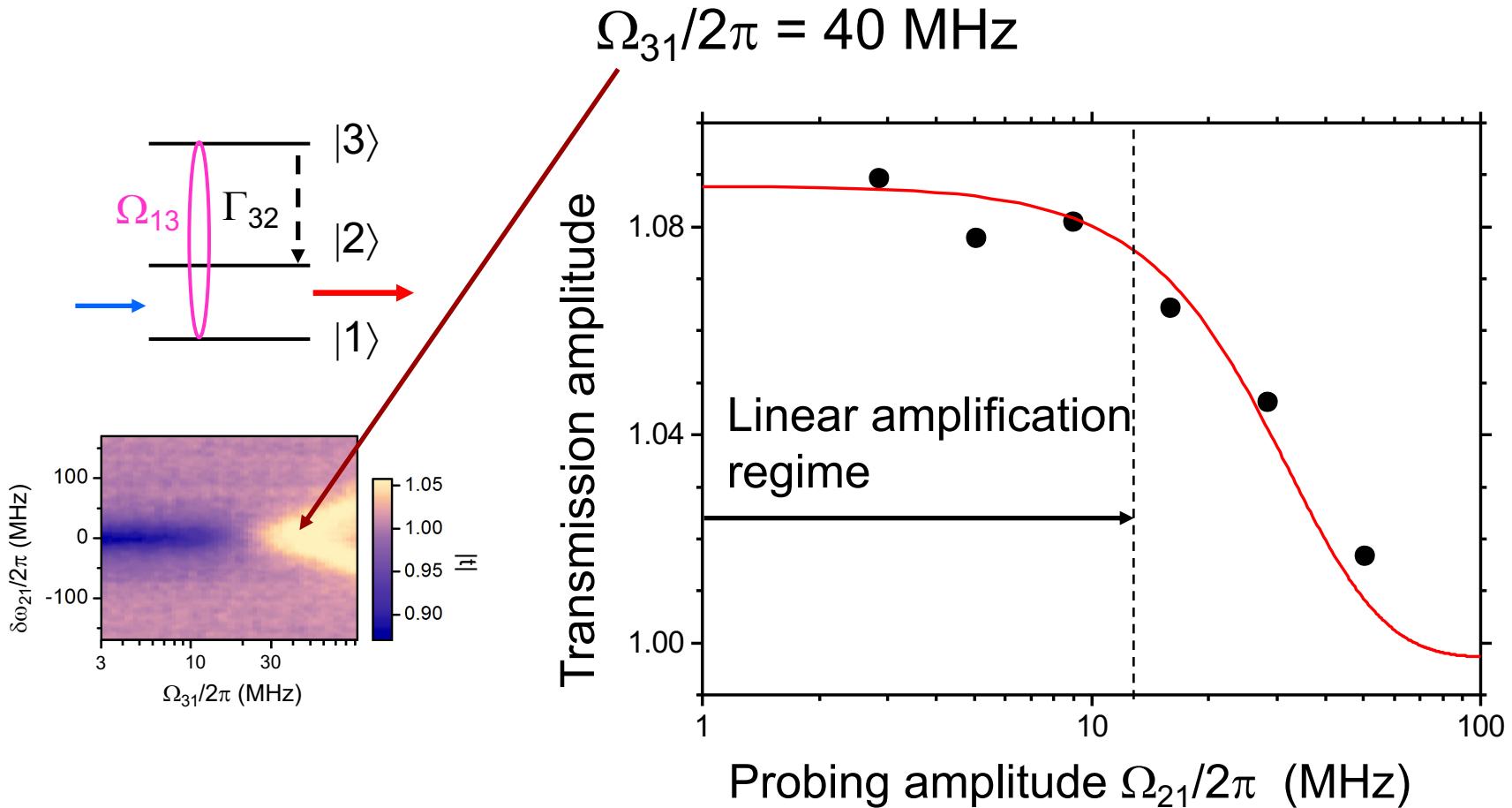
$$t \approx 1 + \frac{\rho_{22} - \rho_{11}}{1 + \Omega_{31}^2 / (\Gamma_{32}\Gamma_{21})}$$

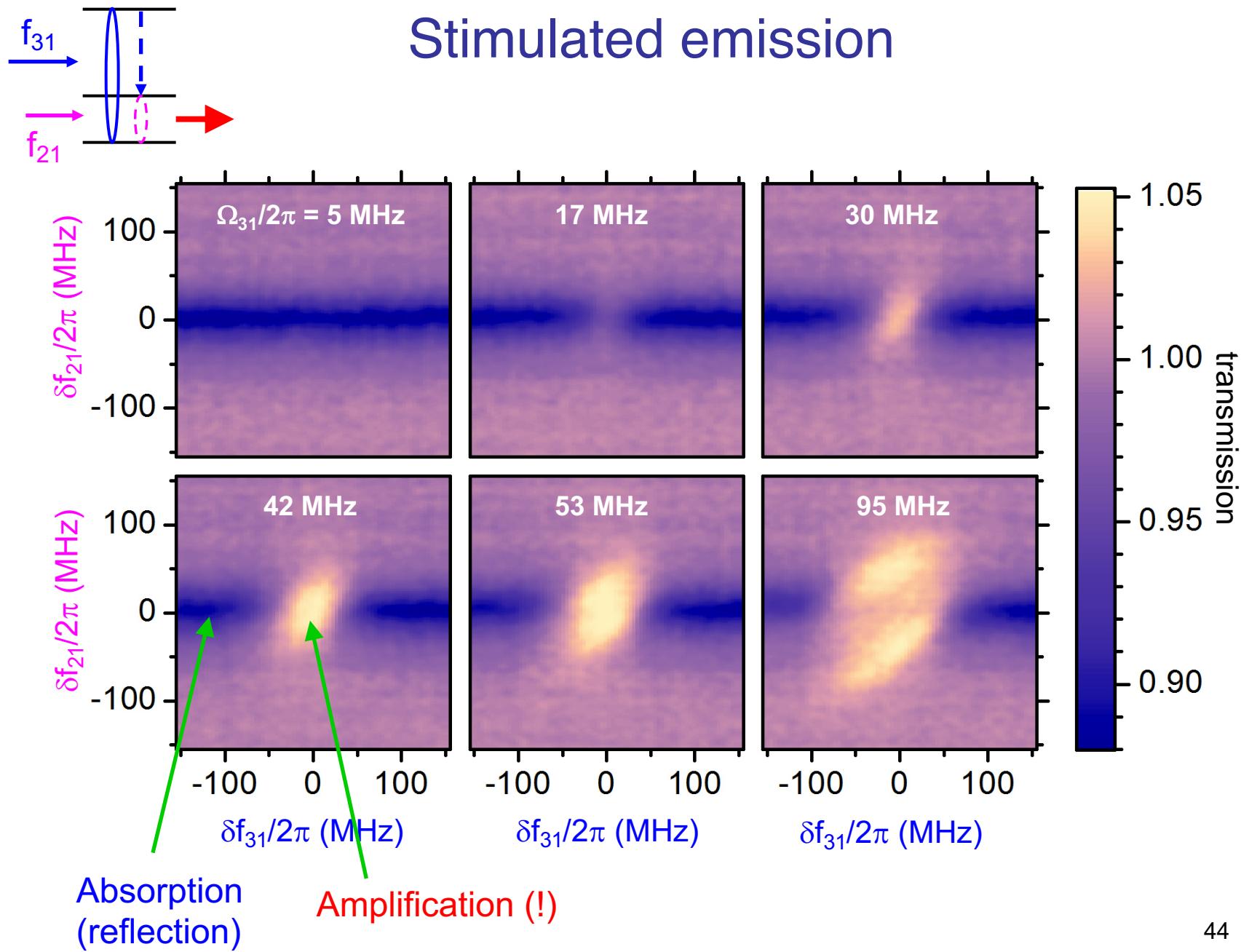
Maximum transmission

$$t_{\max} = 1 \frac{1}{8} \quad \text{at} \quad \Omega_{31}^2 = 3\Gamma_{32}\Gamma_{21}$$

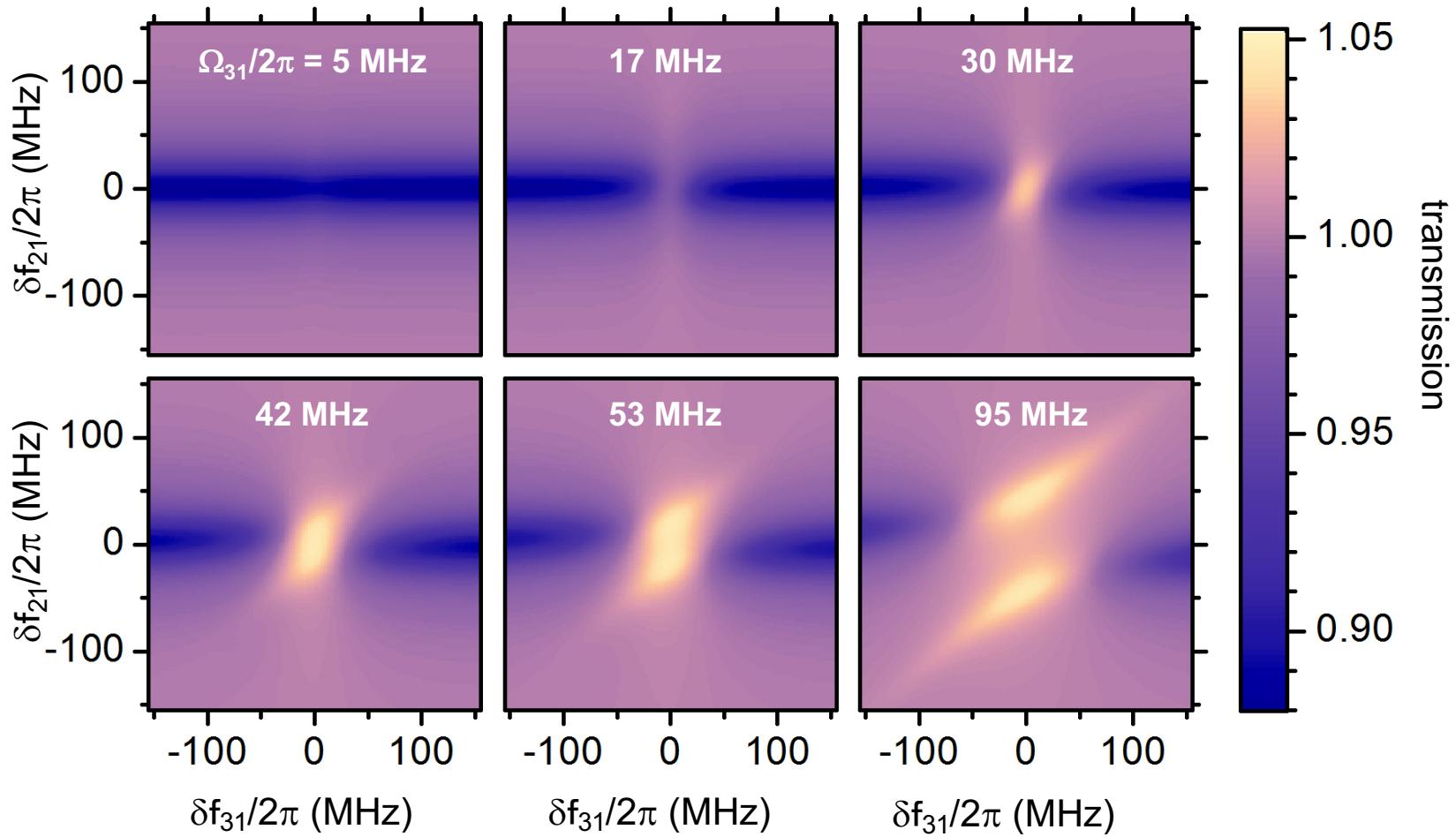
$$\rho_{11} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \rho_{22} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Quantum amplifier gain

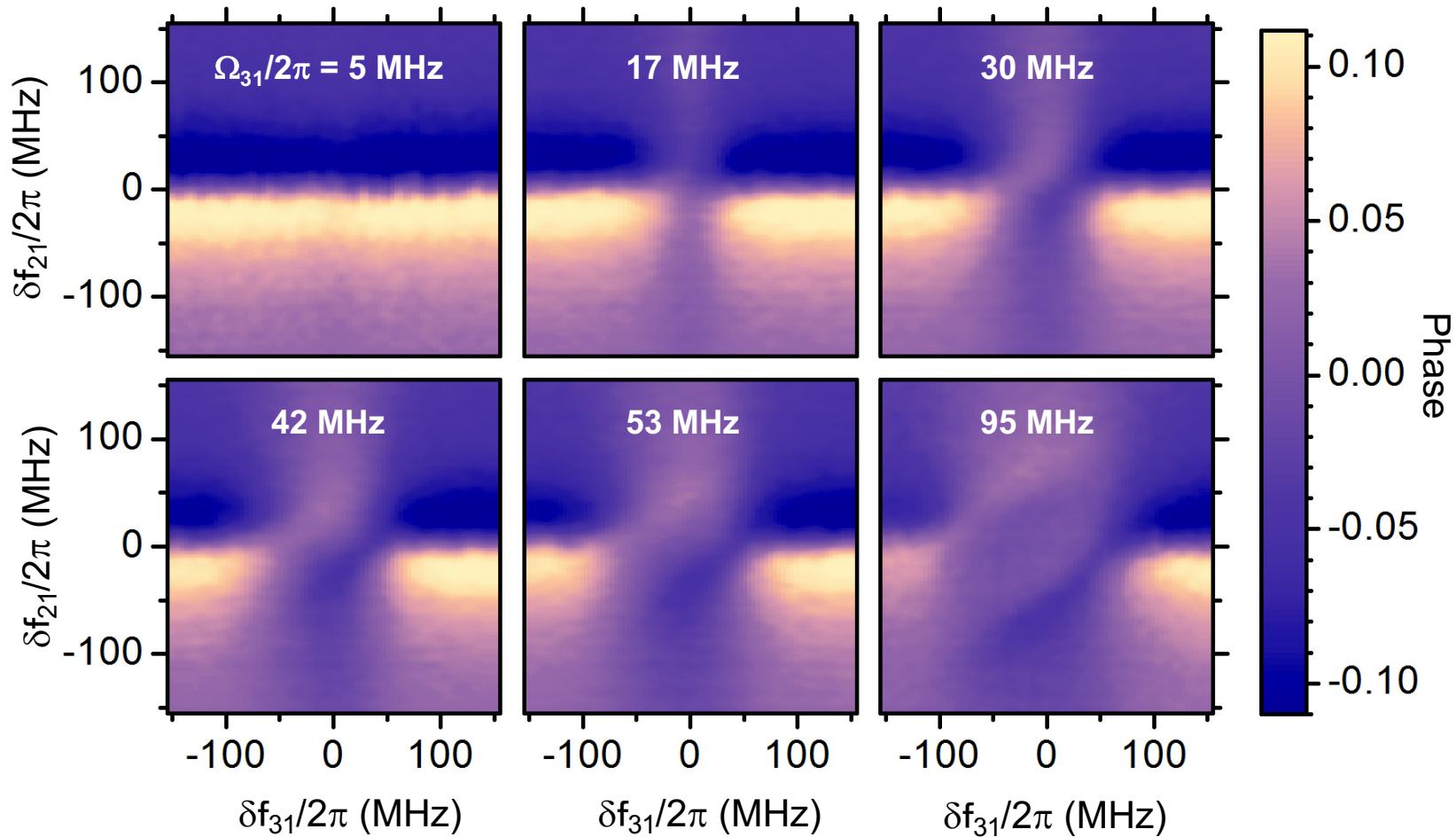




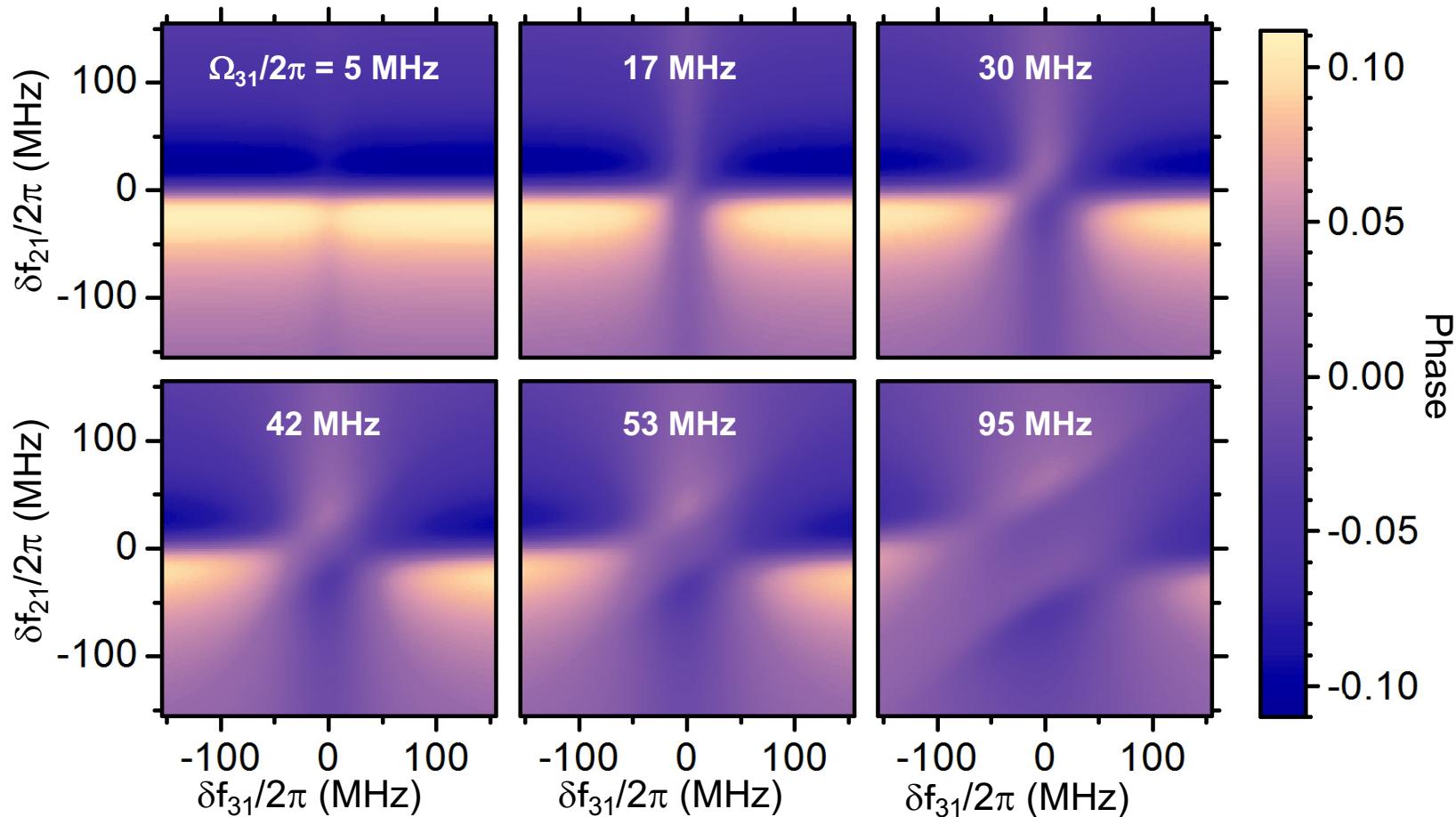
Stimulated emission (calculations)



Phase in stimulated emission



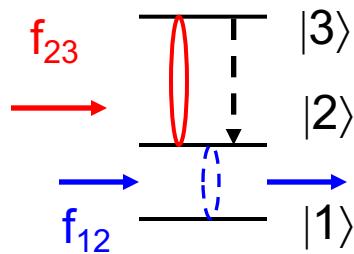
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Electromagnetically induced transparency on the single atom

A. A. Abdumalikov, **O. V. Astafiev** A. M. Zagoskin, Yu.A. Pashkin, T. Yamamoto, K. Inomata, Y. Nakamura, and J.S. Tsai. Electromagnetically Induced Transparency on a Single Artificial Atom. *Phys. Rev. Lett* 104, 193601 (2010).

Electromagnetically induced transparency

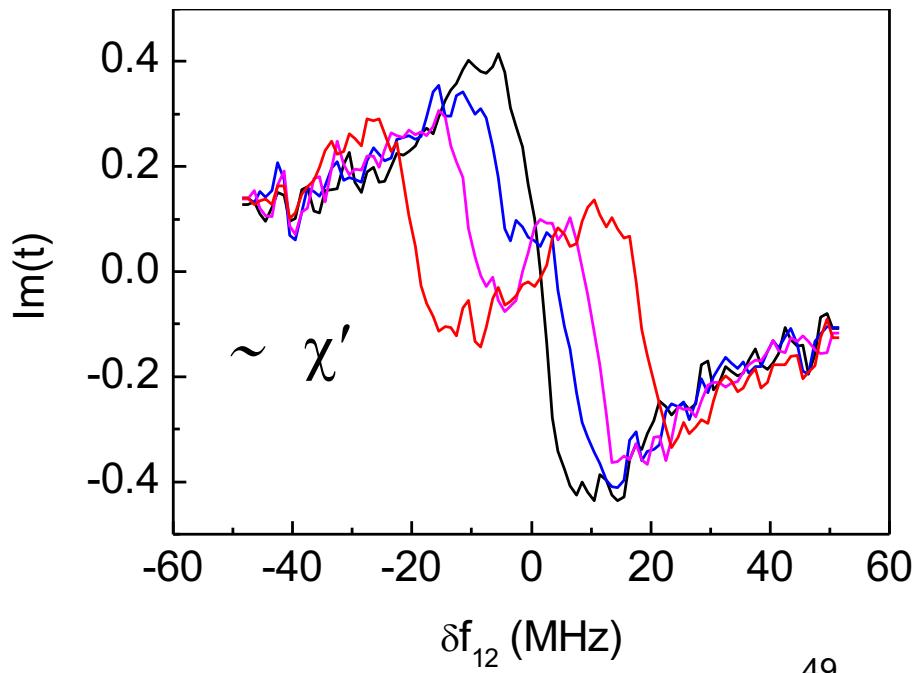
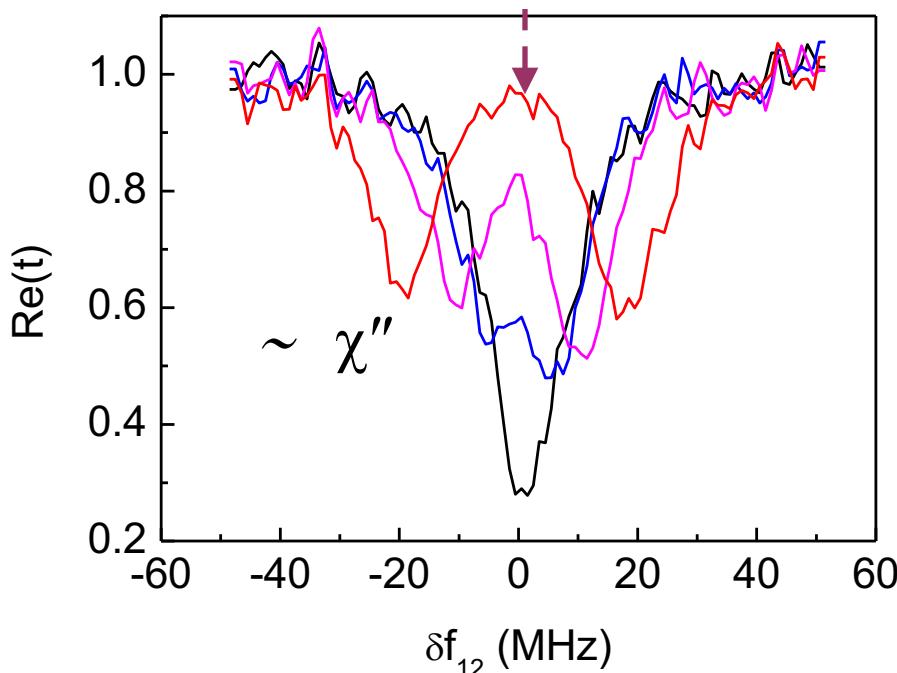


$$\chi = \chi' + i\chi''$$

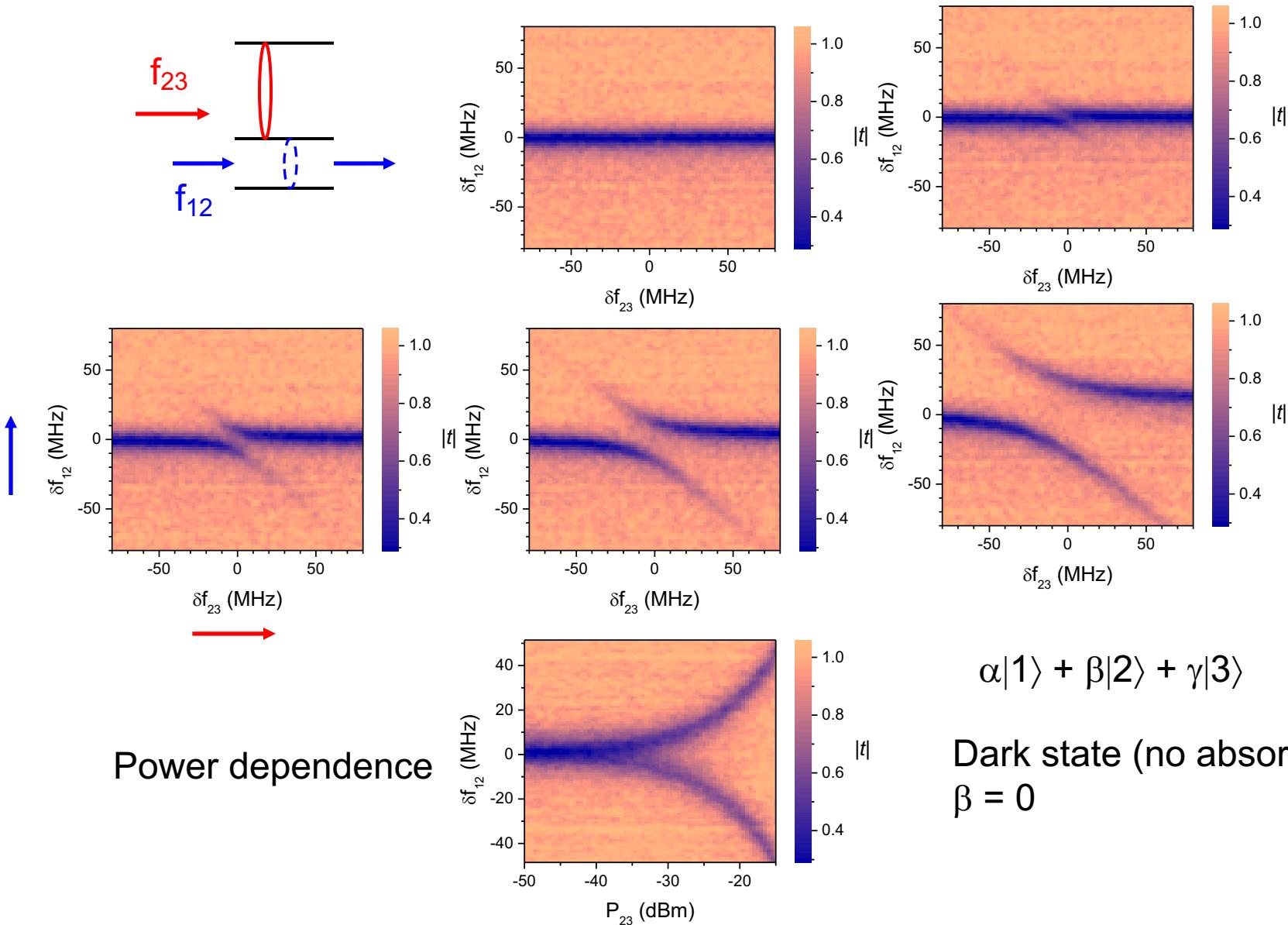
$$\alpha|1\rangle + \beta|2\rangle + \gamma|3\rangle$$

Dark state (no absorption) $\beta = 0$

Induced transparency



Electromagnetically induced transparency

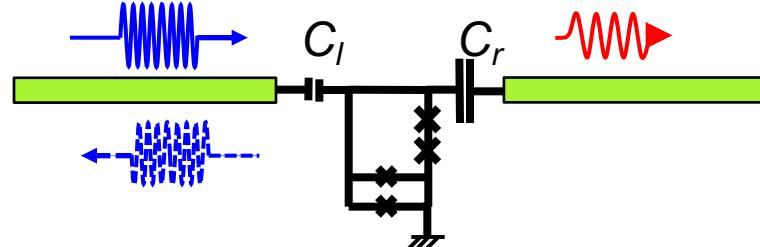
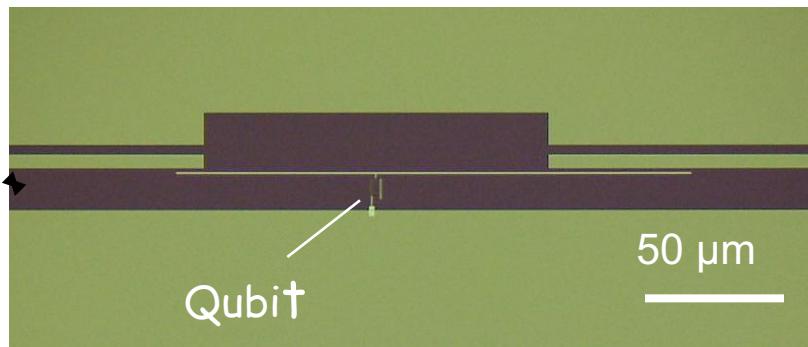
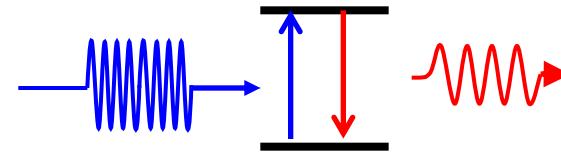
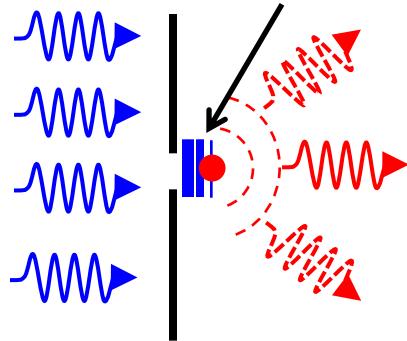


On-demand single-photon source

Tunable on-demand single-photon source in the microwave range
Z. H. Peng, S. E. de Graaf, J. S. Tsai & O. V. Astafiev,
Nature Communications 7, Article number: 12588 (2016)

On-demand microwave photon source

Evanescence waves



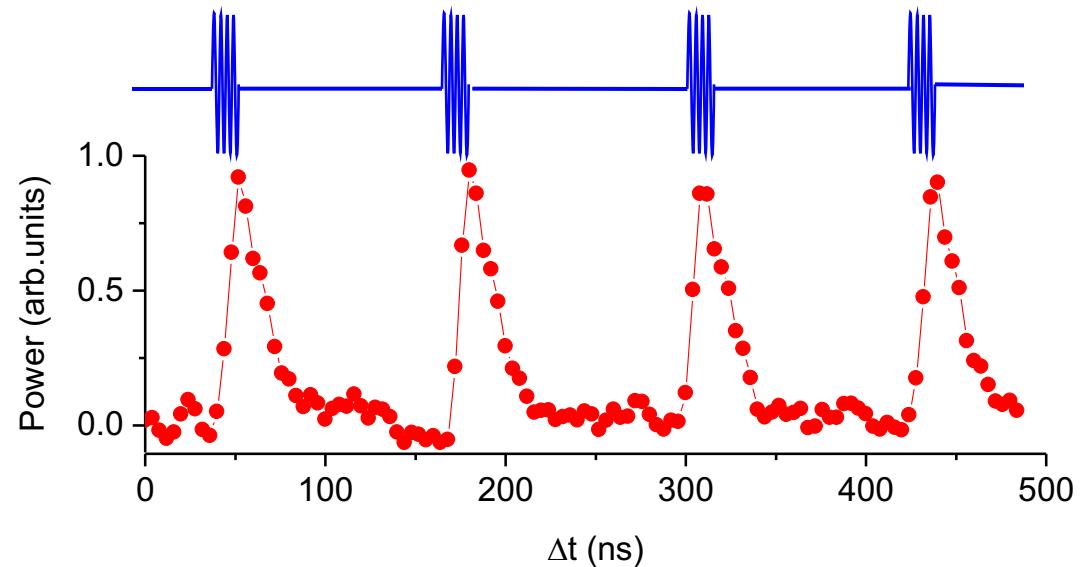
$C_l \approx 0.5 \text{ fF}$ Transmitted power at 10 GHz $(\omega C Z_0)^2 \approx 10^{-6}$

$C_r \approx 5 \text{ fF}$ Photon emission efficiency $\sim 1 - (C_l/C_r)^2 = 0.99$

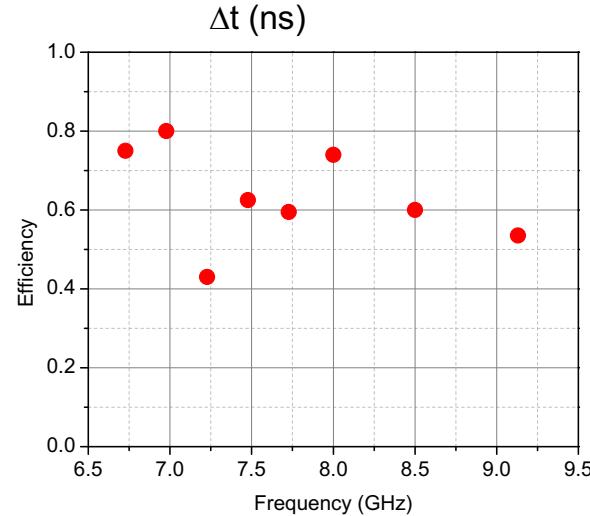
Time traces and efficiency

Excitation pulses

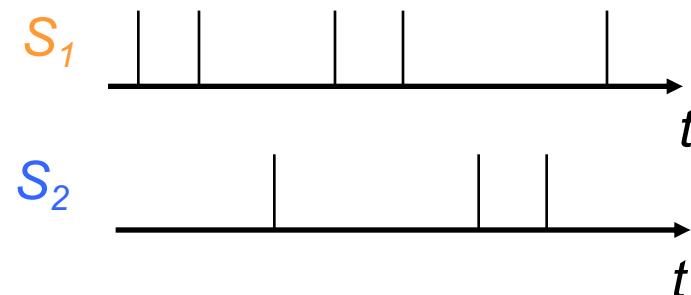
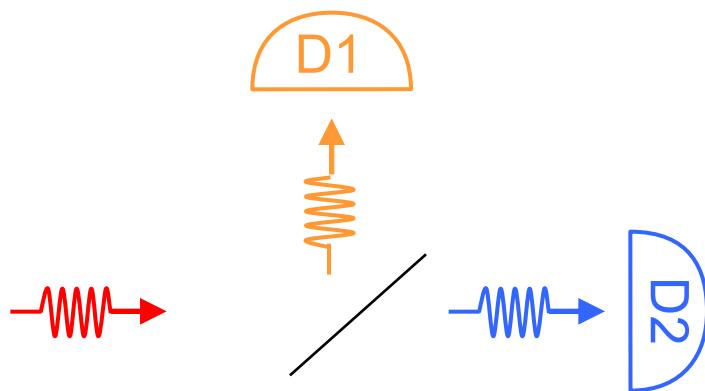
Emissions
averaged photon
shapes: $\langle \sigma_z \rangle$



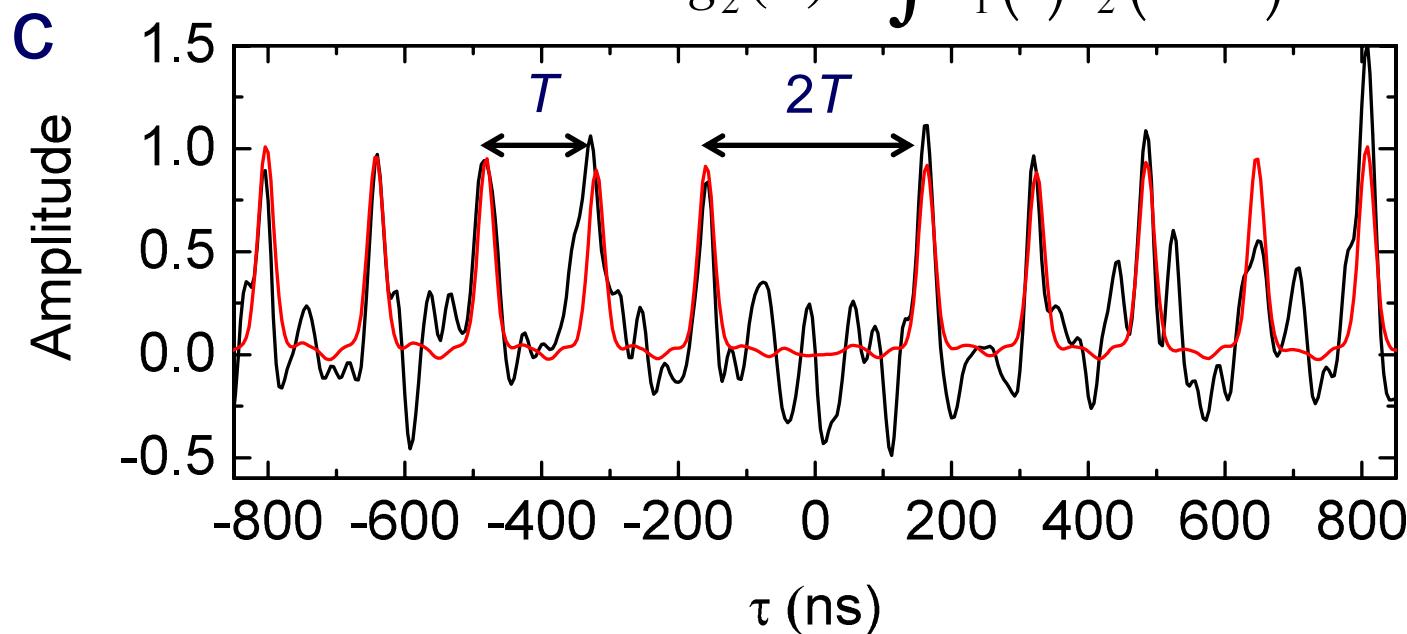
Efficiency over
frequency wide range



Second order correlation function



$$g_2(\tau) = \int S_1(t)S_2(t + \tau)dt$$



10^{10} traces: Took a month of averaging!