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# Implementing a quantum gate

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PHYS 246 class 14 (last one)

<https://lkwagner.github.io/IntroductionToComputationalPhysics/intro.html>

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# Announcements/notes

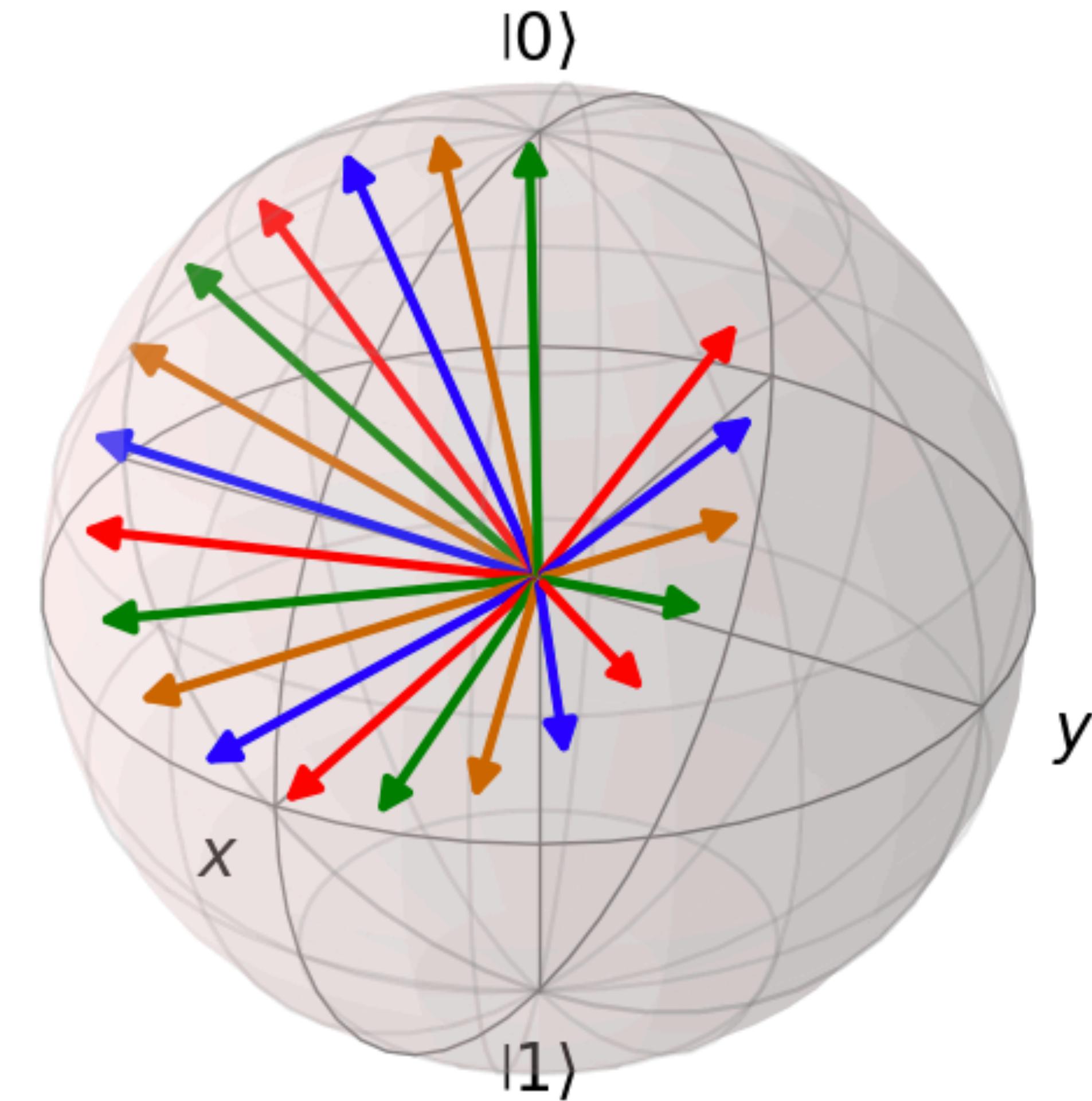
- 'Fluids' is due tonight
- For QC2 there are a couple small clarifying updates but no big changes from previous version.
- May 13th NOON -- slides and ipynb file due. Note that the final exam is REQUIRED to obtain a grade in this course.
- Final presentation: Make it 6 minutes for groups of 1-2, 9 minutes for groups of 3. Each person speaks for ~3 minutes.

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from google.colab import drive  
drive.mount('/content/drive')  
!cp /content/drive/MyDrive/Colab\ Notebooks/Dynamics.ipynb ./  
!jupyter nbconvert --to HTML "Dynamics.ipynb"
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# Gates

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circuit.rx(1./50.,0)  
circuit.rz(1./50.,0)
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How can we get this to actually happen?

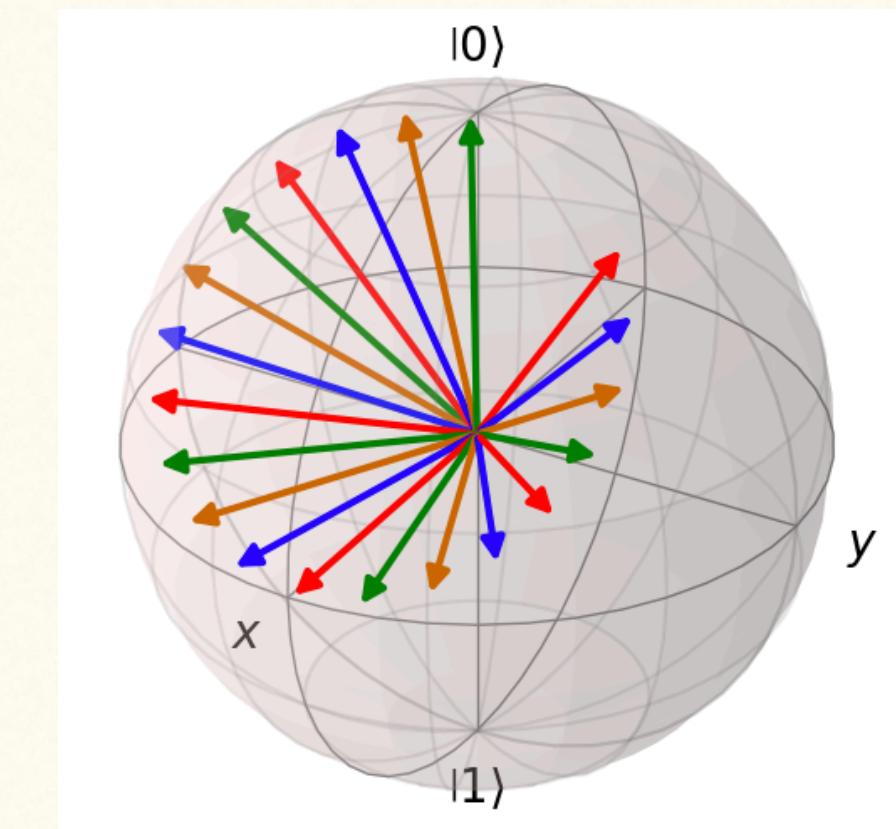


# Implementing a gate on fluxonium

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Cool down to  $|0\rangle$   
 $e^{-E_i/kT}$

Change the magnetic flux.  
Now the state is no longer  
the ground state and it  
changes in time.

Measure the state after the  
right amount of time.  
Depending on the time you  
will get some  
superposition  $\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$



# Quick quantum intro

**Classical mechanics:**

State  $x, v, \mathcal{R}^{6N}$  vectors

Dynamical equation:  $F = ma = m \frac{d^2x}{dx^2}$

Measurement:

$x, v$  are definite!

**Quantum mechanics:**

State  $\Psi(x)$ , function  $\mathcal{R}^{3N} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

Dynamical equation:

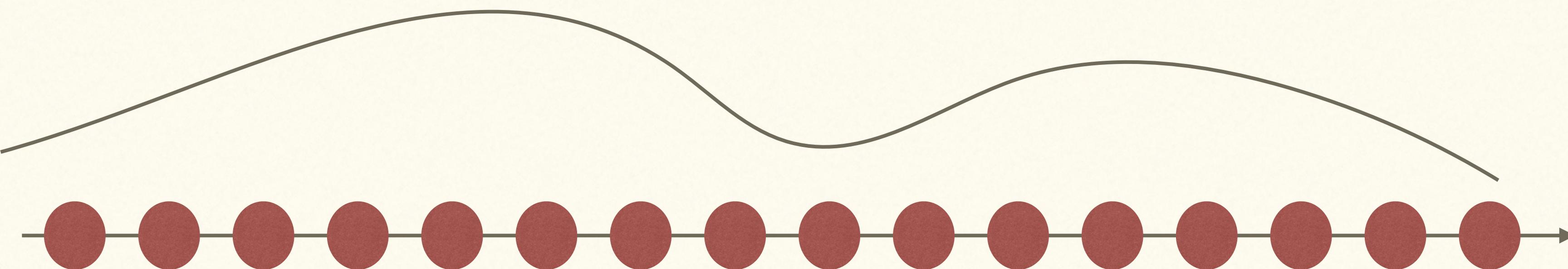
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\Psi$$

Measurement:

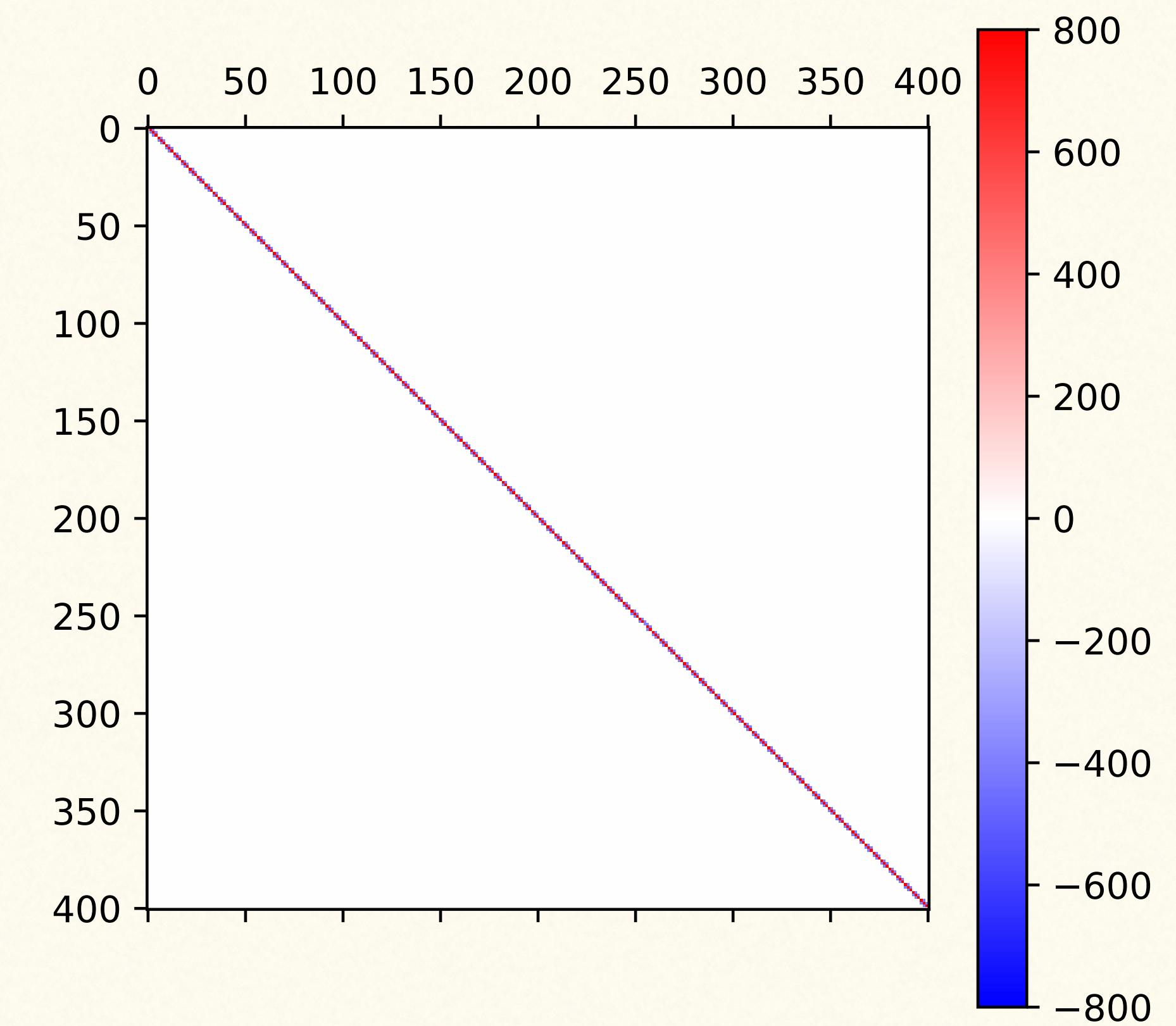
$$\rho(x) = |\Psi(x)|^2$$

$$\rho(p) = |\Psi(p)|^2 = \left| \int e^{ipx/\hbar} \Psi(x) dx \right|^2$$

# Hamiltonian for a discrete representation



$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta) + f(x - \delta) - 2f(x)}{\delta^2}$$



# Solutions for infinite square well (particle in a box)

Energy eigenvalue equation:

$$H\Psi_n(x) = E_n\Psi_n(x)$$

$$H = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}$$

You can only measure energies with a corresponding energy eigenstate.

Question for you: what are the solutions?

# Time propagation in QM

Dynamical equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\Psi$$

Formal solution:

$$\Psi(x, t) = e^{\frac{-i\hat{H}t}{\hbar}}\Psi(x, 0)$$

What is the exponential of a matrix??

$$e^A = 1 + A + \frac{1}{2}A^2 + \dots$$

OR

If  $U$  is the set of eigenvectors (columns),  
then

$$U^\dagger A U = \text{diag}[E_i]$$

and

$$e^A = U^\dagger \text{diag}[\exp(E_i)] U$$

# Superconductors

Macroscopic state.

At very cold temperatures, electrons pair up. This state is described as an amplitude and phase

$$|\Psi| e^{i\theta}$$

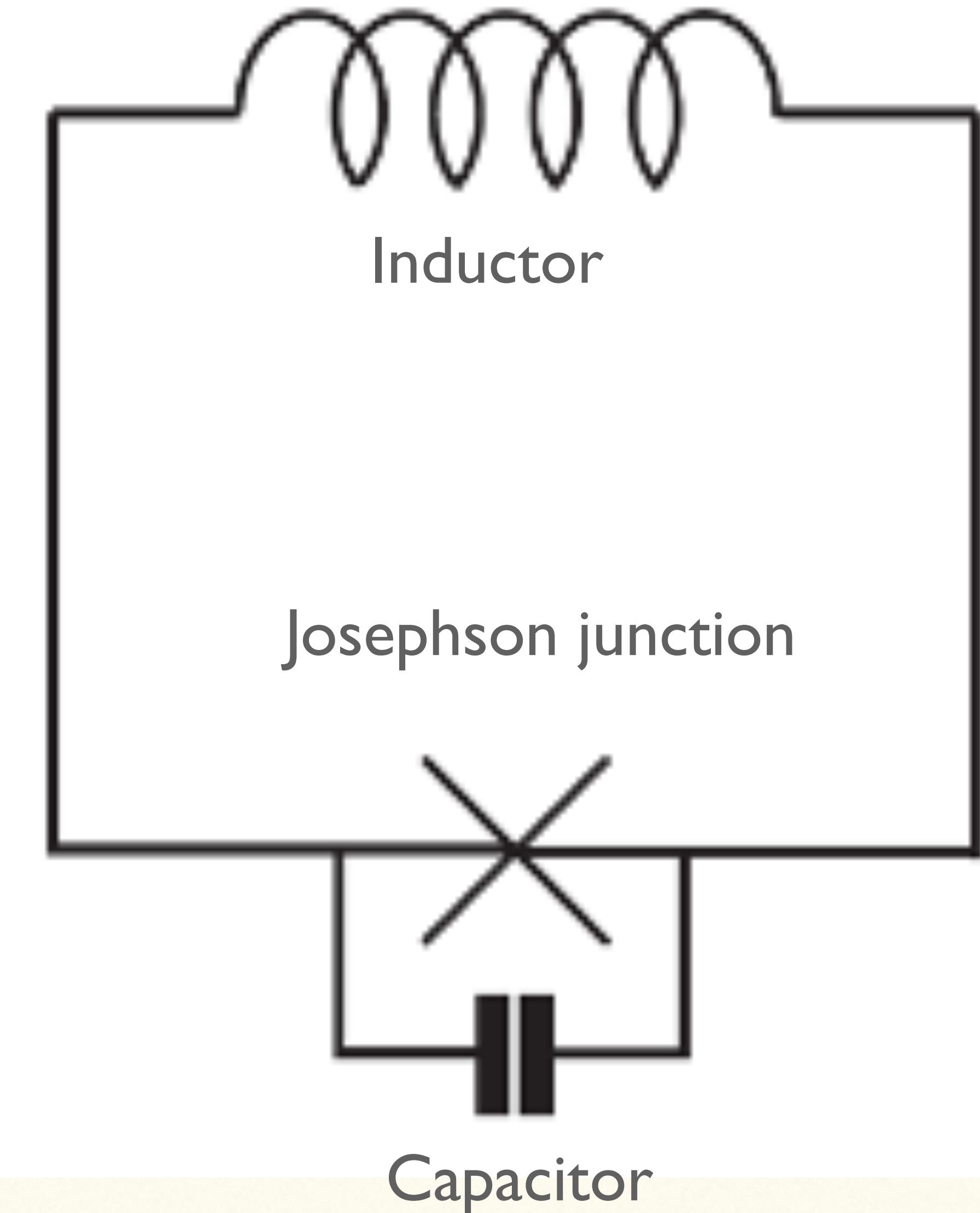
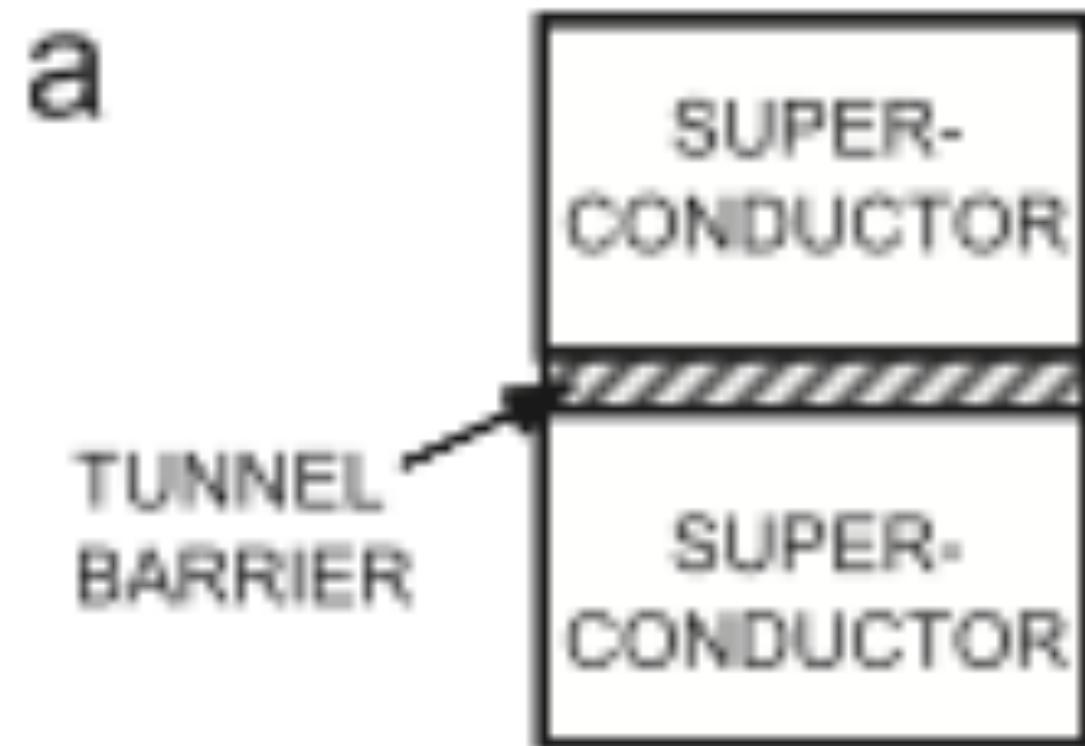
amplitude is how many electrons are paired up ( $n$ )  
phase is related to the current

# Quantum description of a superconductor circuit

Held at 20 mK or so..  
A few hundred  $\mu\text{m}$  across

Quantum!

Phase across the junction  $\rightarrow$  current/velocity  
Number that cross the junction  $\rightarrow$  position



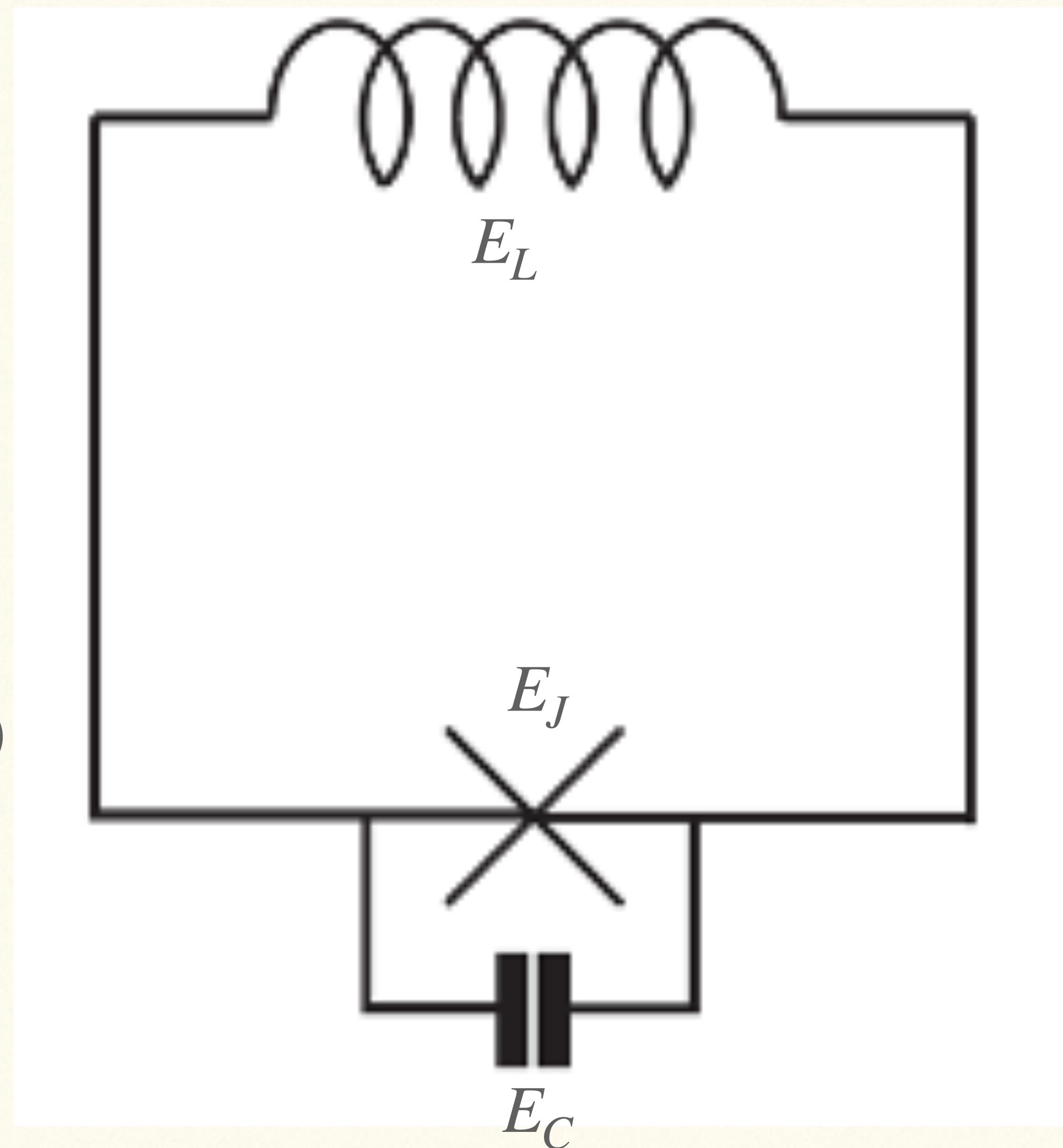
# Fluxonium system

Inductor energy:  $\frac{1}{2}LI^2 \equiv \frac{1}{2}E_L\phi^2$

Capacitor energy:  $\frac{1}{2}\frac{Q^2}{C} \equiv 4E_C\hat{n}^2 = -4E_C\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2}$

Magnetic flux:  $\phi_{ext}$  (written in appropriate units of  $\frac{hc}{e}$ )

Josephson junction:  $-E_J \cos(\phi - \phi_{ext})$



NOTE: we do a change of variables for a fixed external flux, of  $\phi \rightarrow \phi - \phi_{ext}$

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# More info

If you do  
eigs, vecs = np.linalg.eigh(H)

The eigenvector i is given by vecs[:,i]

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.03438>