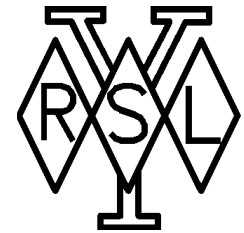


Quantum Limits on Measurement



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Overview of Lectures

Lecture 1: Equilibrium and Non-equilibrium Quantum Noise in Circuits

Reference: “Quantum Fluctuations in Electrical Circuits,”
M. Devoret Les Houches notes

Lecture 2: Quantum Spectrometers of Electrical Noise

Reference: “Qubits as Spectrometers of Quantum Noise,”
R. Schoelkopf et al., cond-mat/0210247

Lecture 3: Quantum Limits on Measurement

References: “Amplifying Quantum Signals with the Single-Electron Transistor,”
M. Devoret and RS, Nature 2000.

“Quantum-limited Measurement and Information in Mesoscopic Detectors,”
A.Clerk, S. Girvin, D. Stone PRB 2003.

And see also upcoming RMP by Clerk, Girvin, Devoret, & RS

Outline of Lecture 3

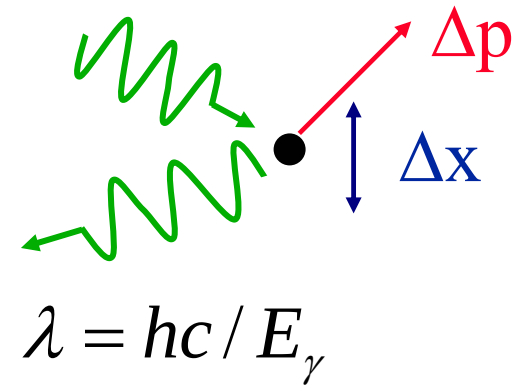
- Quantum measurement basics:
 - The Heisenberg microscope
 - No noiseless amplification / No wasted information
- General linear QND measurement of a qubit
- Circuit QED nondemolition measurement of a qubit
 - Quantum limit?
 - Experiments on dephasing and photon shot noise
- Voltage amplifiers:
 - Classical treatment and effective circuit
 - SET as a voltage amplifier
 - MEMS experiments – Schwab, Lehnert

Heisenberg Microscope

Measure position of free particle:

Δx = imprecision of msmt.

wavelength of probe photon:



Δp = backaction due to msmt.

momentum “kick” due to photon: $\Delta p = E / c$

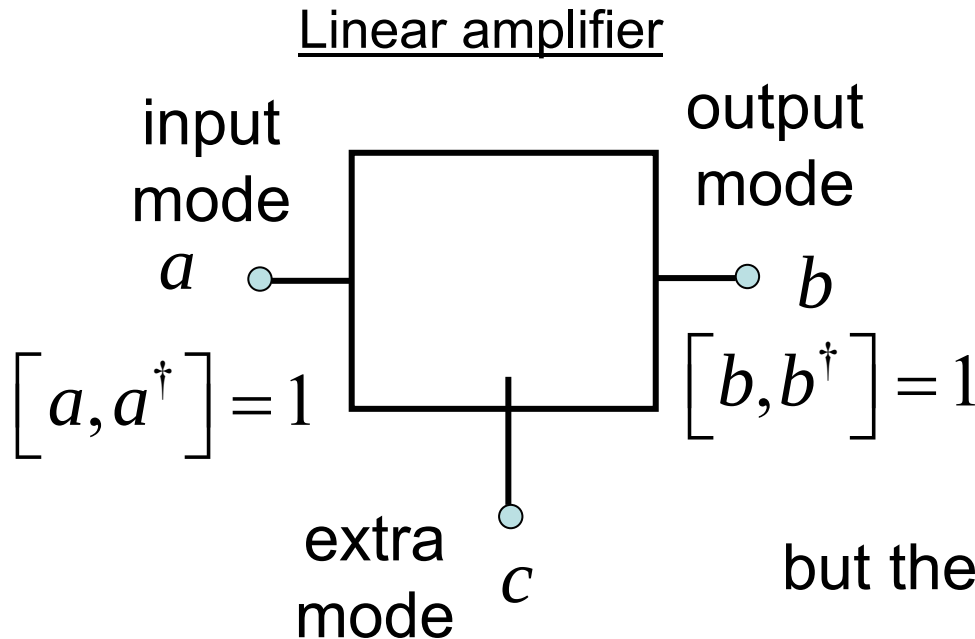
$$\Delta x \Delta p = \frac{hc}{E} \frac{E}{c} \sim h$$

Only an issue if: 1) try to observe both x, p
or 2) try to repeat measurements of x

Uncertainty principle: $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \hbar / 2$

No Noiseless Amplification!

Clerk & Girvin,
after Haus & Mullen, 1962
and Caves, 1982



want: $b = \sqrt{G} a$
 $b^\dagger = \sqrt{G} a^\dagger$

photon number gain, G

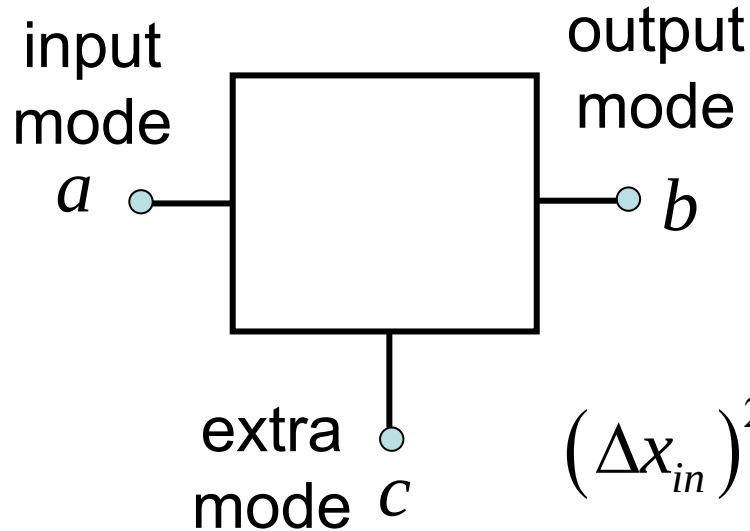
but then $[b, b^\dagger] = G[a, a^\dagger] \neq 1$

$$b = \sqrt{G} a + \sqrt{G-1} c^\dagger$$

$$b^\dagger = \sqrt{G} a^\dagger + \sqrt{G-1} c$$

$$[b, b^\dagger] = G[a, a^\dagger] + (G-1)[c^\dagger, c] = 1$$

No Noiseless Amplification! - II



$$b = \sqrt{G} a + \sqrt{G-1} c^\dagger$$

$$b^\dagger = \sqrt{G} a^\dagger + \sqrt{G-1} c$$

$$(\Delta x_{in})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \langle a a^\dagger + a^\dagger a \rangle = n_a + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$G \gg 1$$

$$(\Delta x_{out})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \langle b b^\dagger + b^\dagger b \rangle = \frac{G}{2} \langle \{a + c^\dagger, a^\dagger + c\} \rangle$$

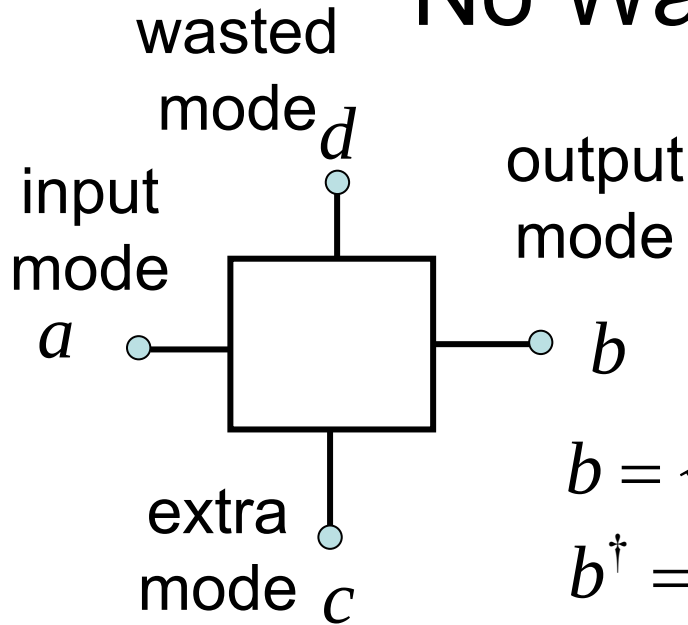
$$= G \left(n_a + \frac{1}{2} + \underbrace{n_c + \frac{1}{2}}_{\text{added noise}} \right)$$

amplified input vacuum

added noise

No Wasted Information

(e.g. Clerk, 2003)



$$b = \sqrt{G} a + \sqrt{G-1} (c^\dagger \cosh \theta + d \sinh \theta)$$

$$b^\dagger = h.c.$$

$$\longrightarrow [b, b^\dagger] = 1$$

$$G \gg 1$$

$$(\Delta x_{out})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \langle \{b, b^\dagger\} \rangle = \frac{G}{2} \langle \{a + c^\dagger \cosh \theta + d \sinh \theta, h.c.\} \rangle$$

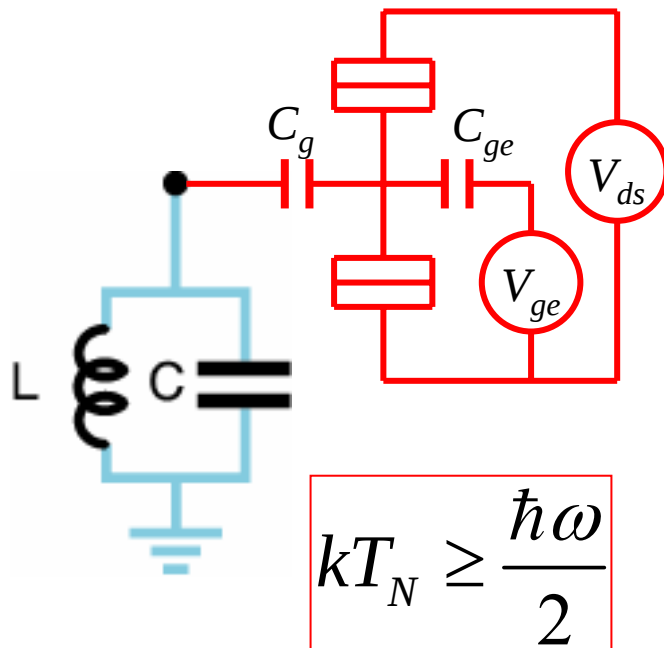
$$(\Delta x_{out})^2 = G \left(n_a + \frac{1}{2} + \cosh^2 \theta \left(n_c + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \sinh^2 \theta \left(n_d + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)$$

“Excess” noise above quantum limit

Two Manifestations of Quantum Limit

Position meas. of a beam

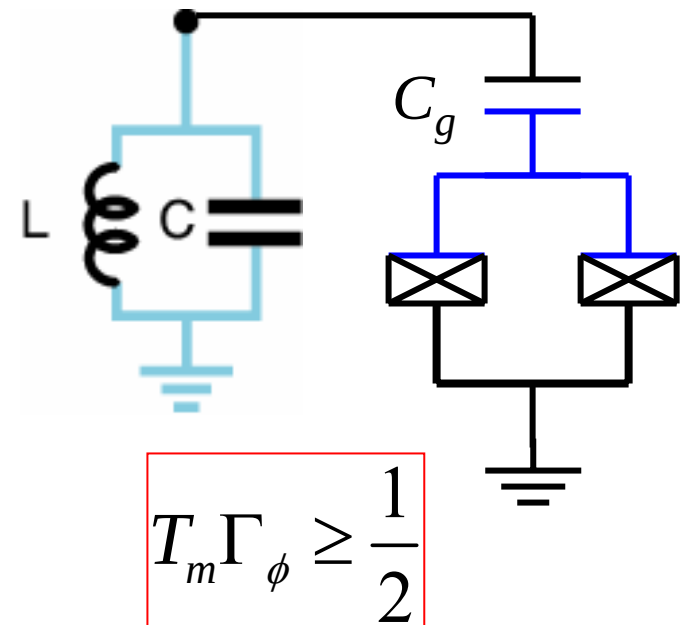
Mech. HO with SET/APC detector
(Cleland et al.; Schwab et al.; Lehnert et al.)



min. noise energy of amplifier

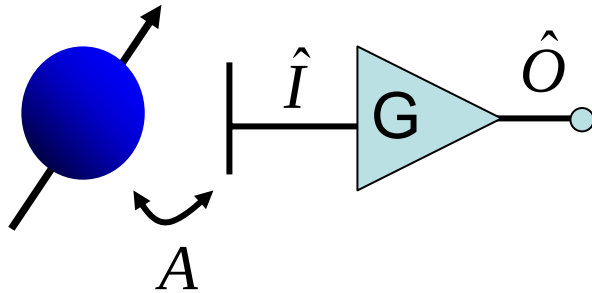
QND meas. of a qubit

Circuit QED: Box + HO
(Yale)



meas. induces dephasing

Linear QND Measurement of Qubit



no transitions caused
by measurement:

$$H_Q = -\frac{\hbar}{2}\omega_{01}\hat{\sigma}_z \quad \hat{H}_1 = A\hat{\sigma}_z\hat{I} \quad [\hat{H}_Q, \hat{H}_1] = 0 \quad \text{quantum nondemolition}$$

in reality: $[\hat{H}_1, \hat{H}_{\text{Universe}}] \neq 0$ always some “demolition,”
e.g. spontaneous emission

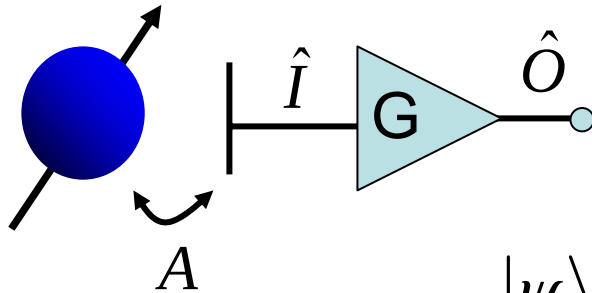
if $|\psi_q\rangle = |\sigma_z = \pm 1\rangle$
 $= |\uparrow\rangle$ or $|\downarrow\rangle$ can measure repeatedly, no errors

but if $|\psi_q\rangle = |+, -\rangle = |\rightarrow\rangle$ or $|\leftarrow\rangle$

$$\longrightarrow \langle \hat{\sigma}_z \rangle = 0$$

we get ± 1 at random

Linear QND Measurement - II



linear amplifier:

$$\langle \hat{O}(t) \rangle = A \int d\tau G(t - \tau) \langle \hat{\sigma}_z(\tau) \rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = |\psi(t=0)\rangle - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^t d\tau \hat{H}_1 |\psi(0)\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi | = \langle \psi(0) | + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^t d\tau \langle \psi(0) | A \hat{\sigma}_z \hat{I}$$

$$\hat{H}_1 = A \hat{\sigma}_z \hat{I}$$

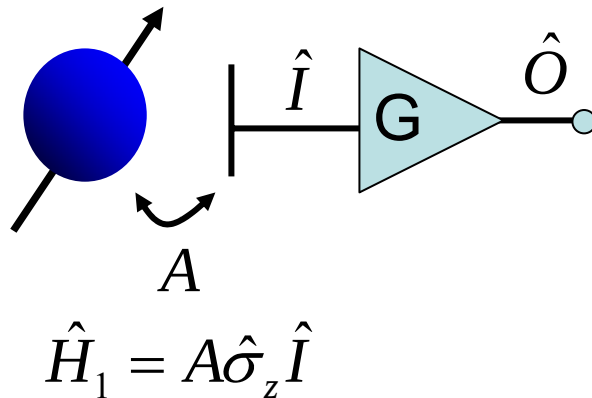
$$\langle \psi | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \Theta(t - \tau) \langle \psi(0) | [\hat{O}, \hat{H}_1(\tau)] | \psi(0) \rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{O}(t) \rangle = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau A \langle \hat{\sigma}_z(\tau) \rangle \Theta(t - \tau) \langle [\hat{O}, \hat{I}(\tau)] \rangle$$

recognize $\hbar G(t) = -i \Theta(t) \langle [\hat{O}(t), \hat{I}(0)] \rangle$

but if $G \neq 0 \implies [\hat{O}(t), \hat{I}(0)] \neq 0$ input and output don't commute, and have noise!

Measurement Time



Integrate output:

$$\hat{M}(t) = \int_0^t d\tau \hat{O}(\tau)$$

$$\langle \uparrow | \hat{M} | \uparrow \rangle = \int_0^t d\tau AG \langle \hat{\sigma}_z(\tau) \rangle = +AGt$$

$$\langle \downarrow | \hat{M} | \downarrow \rangle = -AGt$$

Distinguish when

$$\frac{(\langle \uparrow | \hat{M} | \uparrow \rangle - \langle \downarrow | \hat{M} | \downarrow \rangle)^2}{(\Delta M)^2} = \frac{(2AGt)^2}{S_o t} = \frac{4A^2}{S_o / G^2} t \sim 1$$

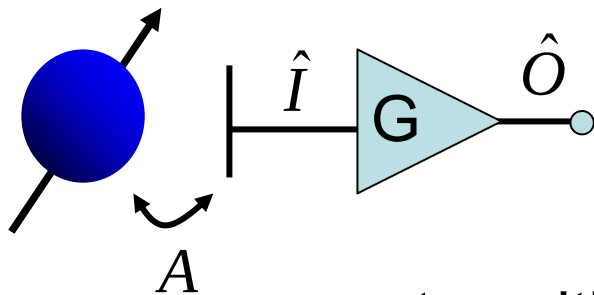
Measurement
time

$$T_m = \frac{S_o}{G^2} \frac{1}{4A^2}$$

Stronger coupling,
faster measurement

Spectral density of output noise, referred to input

Dephasing by QND Measurement



But $\hat{I}(t)$ also fluctuates!

$$\hat{H}(t) = -\hbar\omega_{01}\hat{\sigma}_z/2 + A\hat{\sigma}_z\hat{I}(t)$$

$$= -\hbar(\omega_{01} + \delta\omega(t))\hat{\sigma}_z/2$$

so transition (Larmor) freq. fluctuates

$$|\psi(0)\rangle = |\hat{\sigma}_z = \pm 1\rangle \quad \longrightarrow$$

unperturbed

phase
fluctuates!

$$|\psi(0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+1\rangle + |-1\rangle) \quad \longrightarrow \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+1\rangle + e^{i\phi(t)}|-1\rangle)$$

fluctuations Gaussian and rapid:

$$\phi(t) = \omega_{01}t + \int_0^t d\tau \delta\omega(\tau) = \omega_{01}t + \int_0^t d\tau \frac{A}{\hbar} \hat{I}(\tau)$$

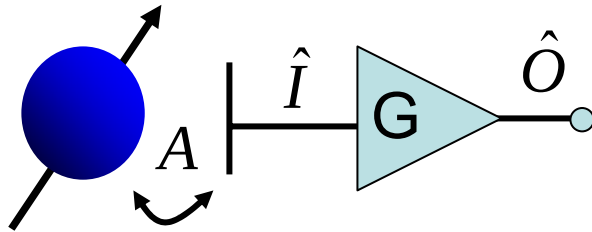
$$(\Delta\phi)^2 = \frac{A^2}{\hbar^2} \langle (\Delta I)^2 \rangle t = \frac{2A^2}{\hbar^2} S_I t = \Gamma_\phi t$$

spectral density of input

dephasing rate

Stronger coupling, faster dephasing!

Quantum Limit for QND Measurement



Compare dephasing rate
and measurement time:

Measurement time: $T_m = \frac{S_O}{G^2} \frac{1}{4A^2}$

Dephasing rate: $\Gamma_\phi = \frac{2A^2}{\hbar^2} S_I$

$$T_m \Gamma_\phi = \frac{S_O}{G^2} \frac{1}{4A^2} \frac{2A^2}{\hbar^2} S_I = \frac{S_O S_I}{2G^2 \hbar^2} \quad \text{independent of coupling!}$$

and since $\hbar G \sim [\hat{O}(t), \hat{I}(0)] \Rightarrow (\Delta O)^2 (\Delta I)^2 \geq (\hbar G)^2$

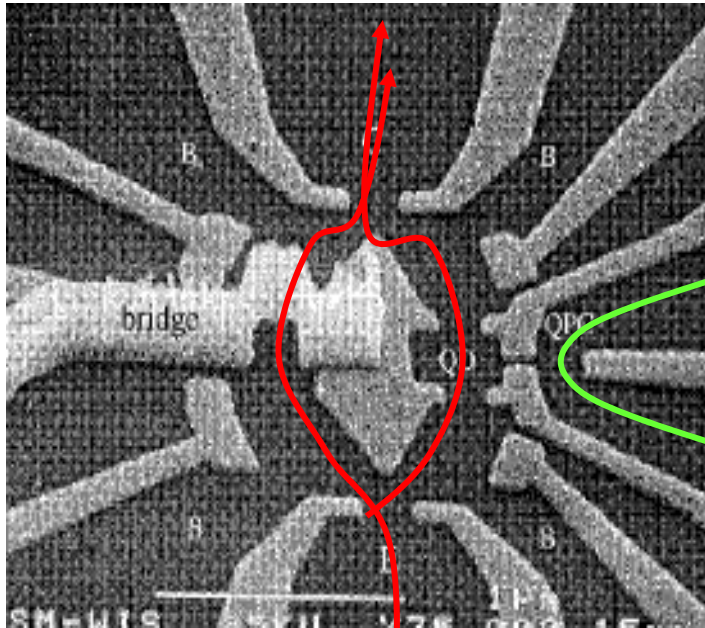
Quantum
Limit!

$$T_m \Gamma_\phi \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Measurement is dephasing

Measurement Dephasing – Quantum Dots

A “which path” experiment in mesoscopics - Heiblum group, Weizmann 1998

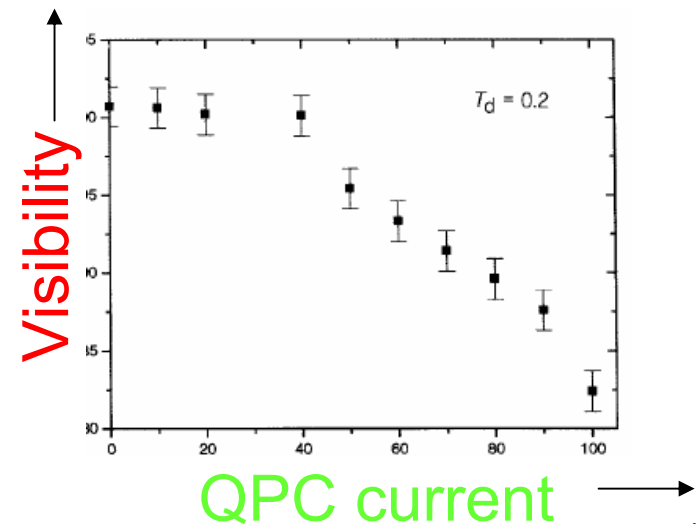
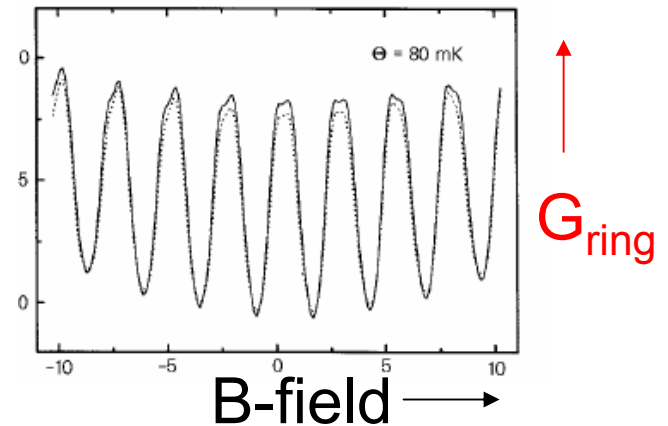


QPC
“detector”

Quantum dot
in a ring

QPC current senses which way
electrons go around ring,
destroys fringes.

A-B oscillations of ring
tests coherence



E. Buks et al., Nature **391**, 871 (1998)

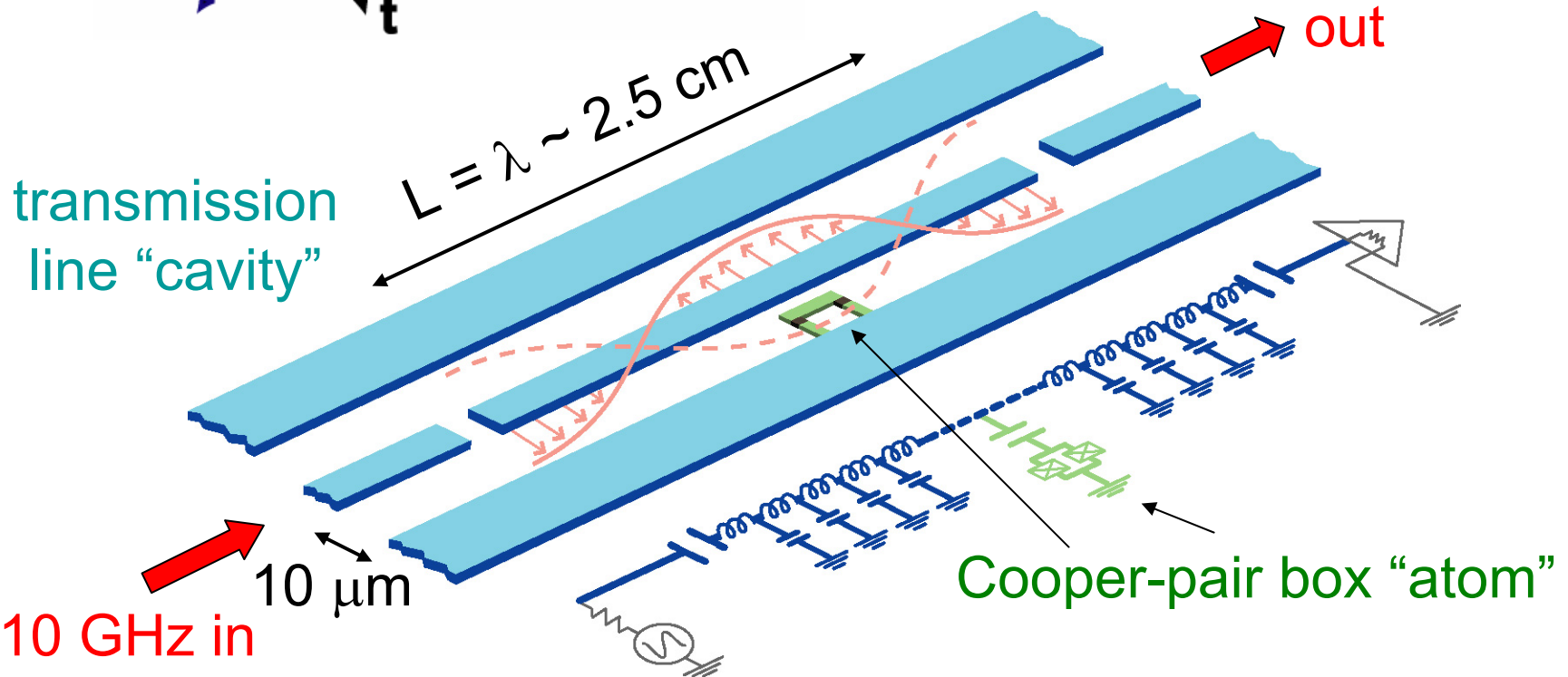
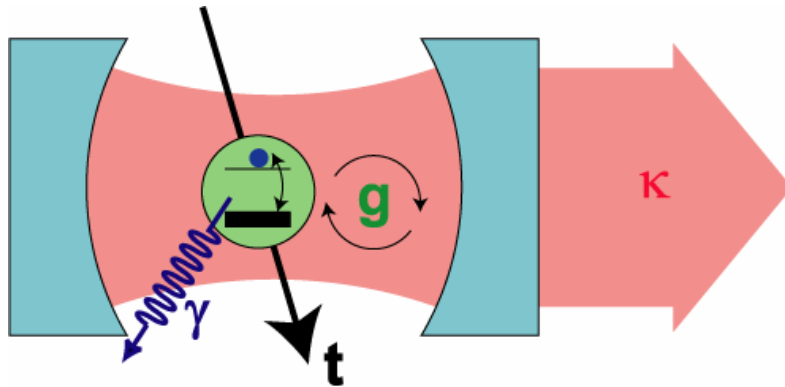
“Circuit QED” – Box + Transmission Line Cavity

$2g$ = vacuum Rabi freq.

κ = cavity decay rate

γ = “transverse” decay rate

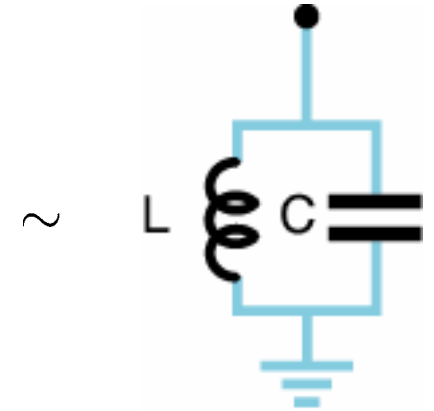
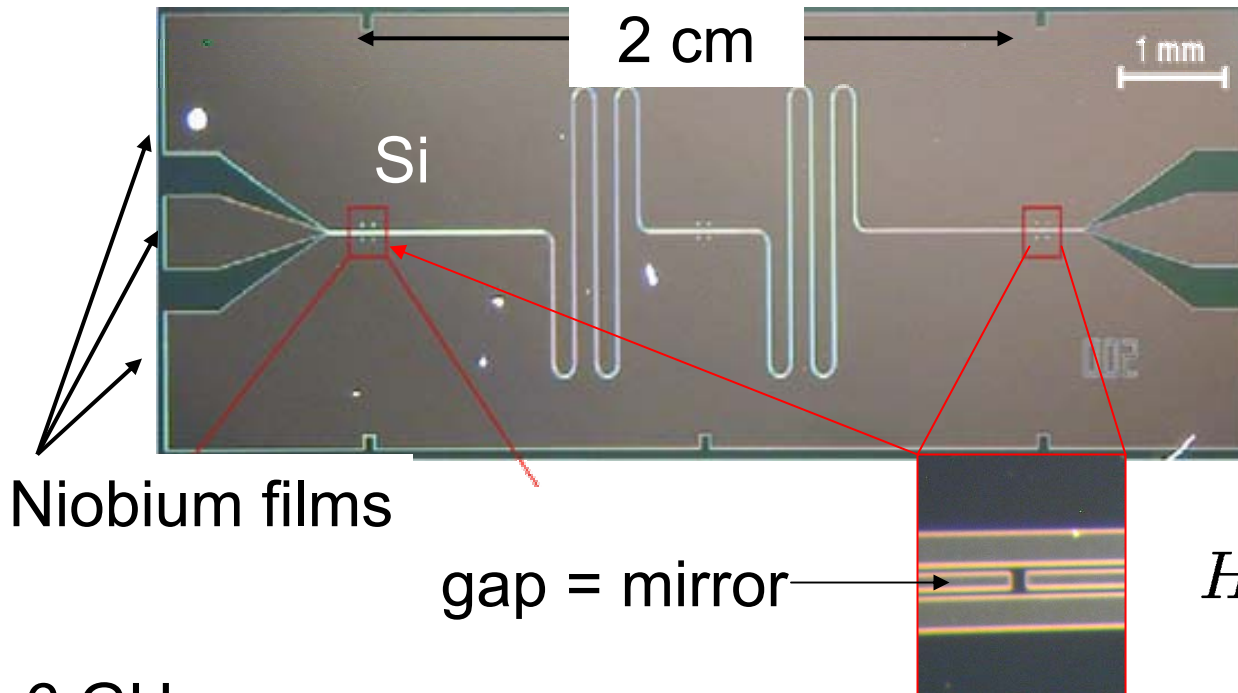
Strong Coupling = $g > \kappa, \gamma$



Theory: Blais et al., *Phys. Rev. A* **69**, 062320 (2004)

Implementation of Oscillator on a Chip

Superconducting transmission line



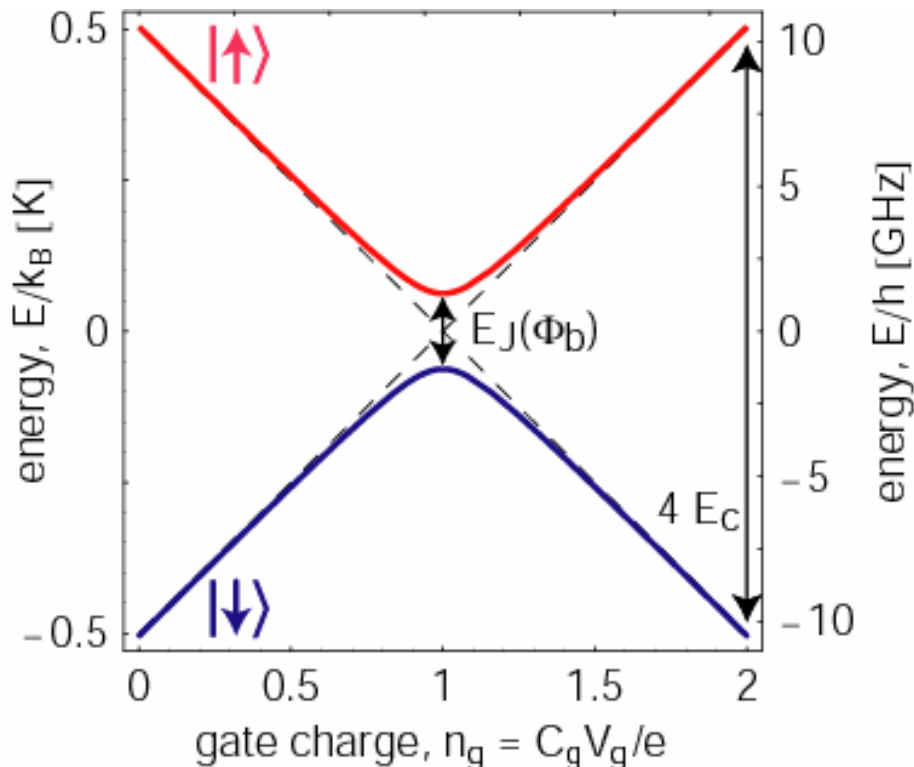
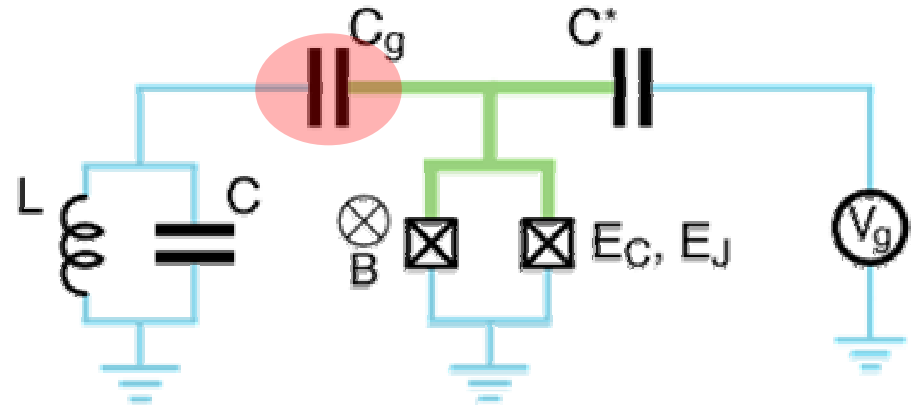
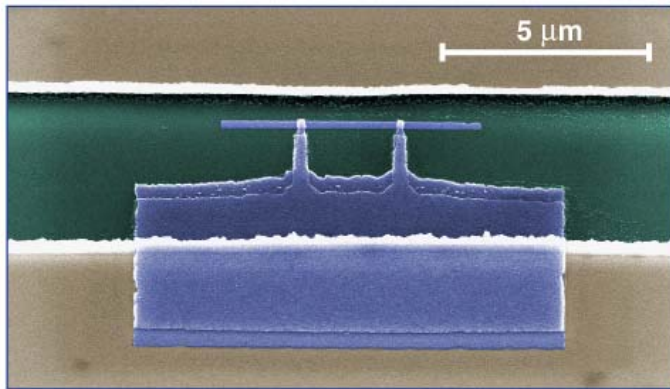
$$H_r = \hbar\omega_r \left(a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

6 GHz:

$$\hbar\omega = 300 \text{ mK} \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle n_\gamma \rangle \ll 1 \quad @ 20 \text{ mK}$$

RMS voltage: $V_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_R}{2C_R}} \sim 1 \mu\text{V}$ even when $\langle n_\gamma \rangle = 0$

Energy Levels of Cooper Pair Box



$$H = \frac{E_{\text{Coulomb}}}{2} \sigma^x - \frac{E_{\text{Josephson}}}{2} \sigma^z$$

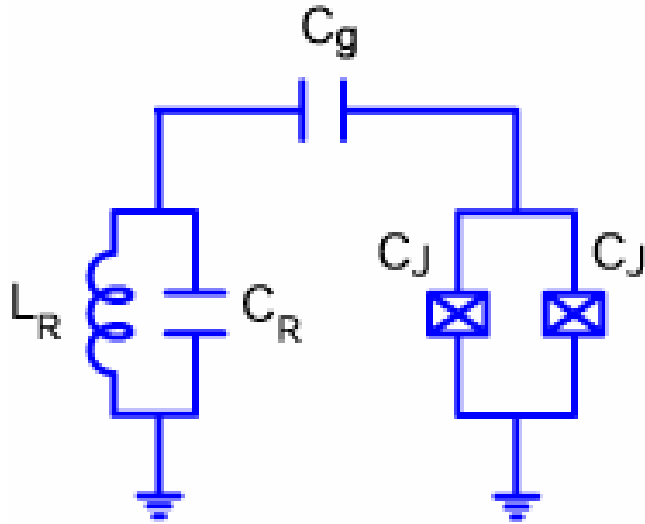
Tune σ^x with voltage: (Stark)

$$E_{\text{Coulomb}} = 4E_C (n_g - 1)$$

Tune σ^z with Φ : (Zeeman)

$$E_{\text{Josephson}} = E_{J_{\text{max}}} \cos[\pi\Phi_b / \Phi_0]$$

Box Coupled to Oscillator



$$L_R \sim \frac{1}{2} \text{ nH}; C_R \sim \frac{1}{2} \text{ pF}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} C_R \langle V_0^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \hbar \omega_R$$

$$V_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_R}{2 C_R}} \sim 1 \mu\text{V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{box}} &= -\frac{E_J}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z \\ \hat{H}_{\text{HO}} &= \hbar \omega_R (a^\dagger a + 1/2) \\ \hat{H}_{\text{int}} &= -e \left(\frac{C_g}{C_\Sigma} \right) \hat{V} \hat{\sigma}_x \\ &= -\hbar g (\sigma^- a^\dagger + \sigma^+ a) \end{aligned}$$

Jaynes-Cummings

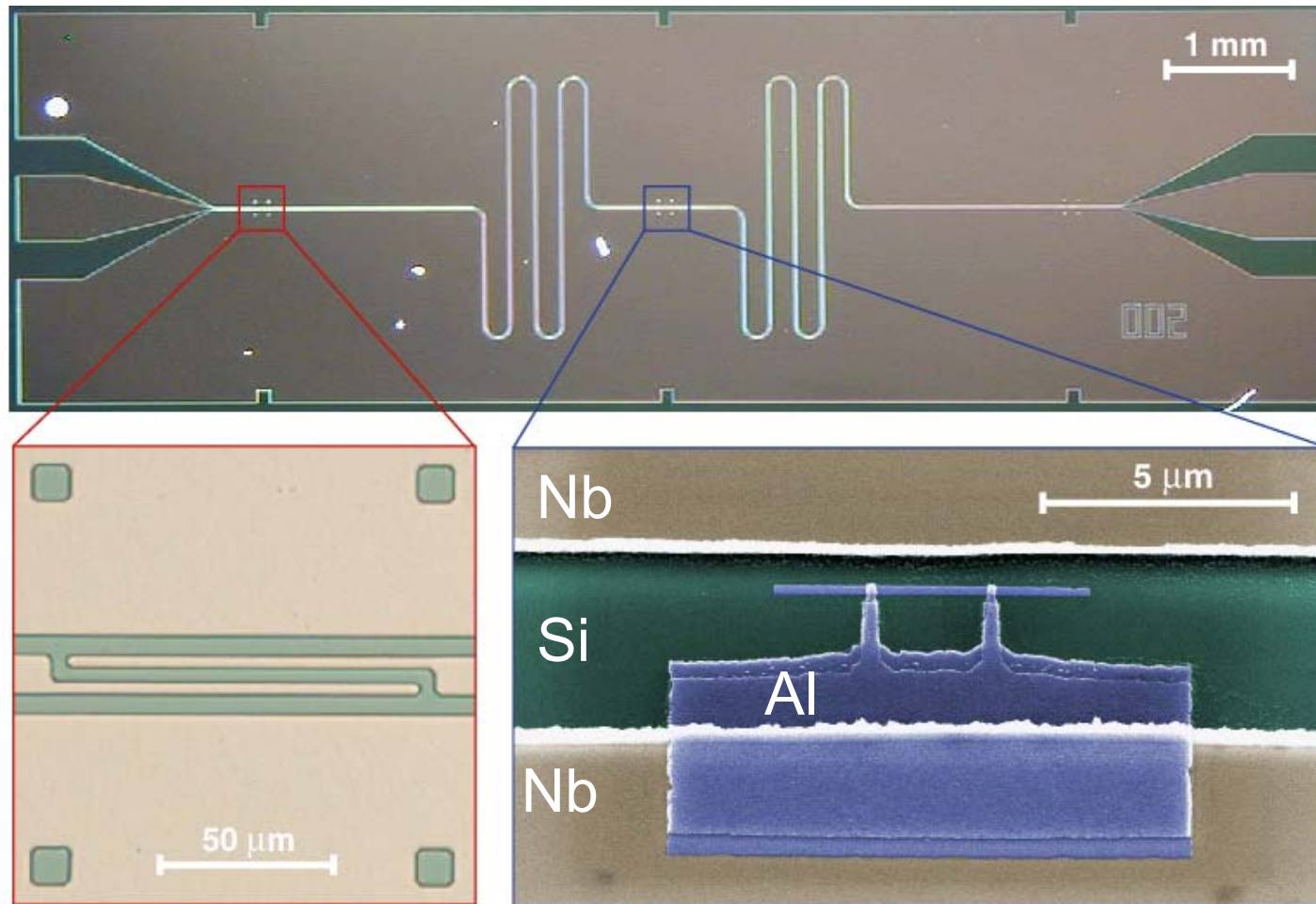
$$g = \frac{1}{2\hbar} \frac{e C_g}{C_\Sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_R}{2 C_R}}$$

So for: $C_g / C_\Sigma = 0.1$

$$\longrightarrow g \sim 10 - 100 \text{ MHz}$$

The Chip for Circuit QED

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



realization of superconducting cavity QED circuit

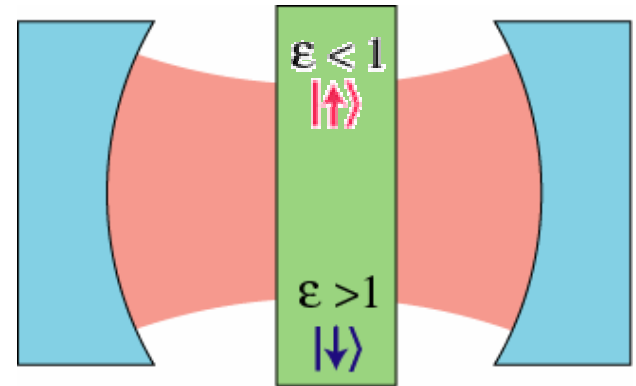
Dispersive QND Qubit Measurement

approximate diagonalization for $|\Delta| = |\omega_a - \omega_r| \gg g$

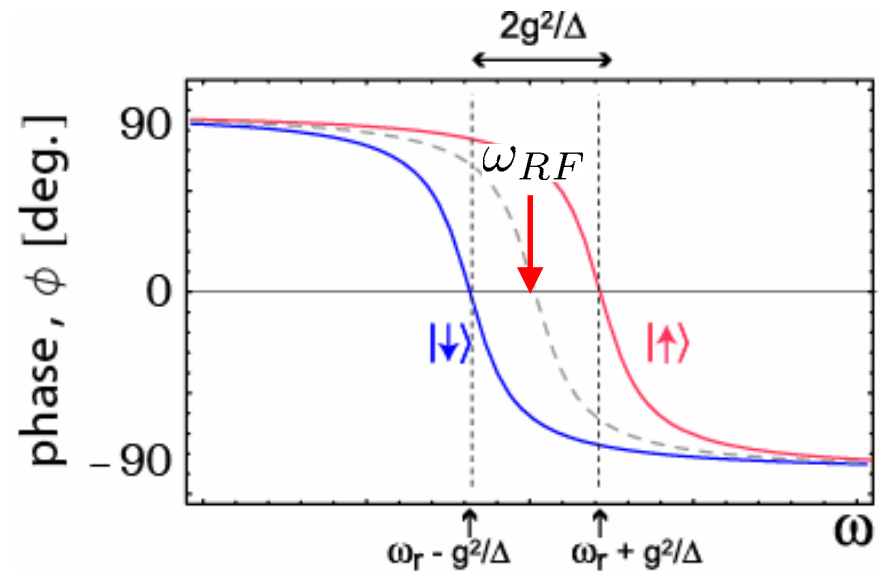
$$H \approx \hbar \left(\omega_r + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \sigma_z \right) a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \hbar \left(\omega_a + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \right) \sigma_z$$

//
cavity frequency shift
and qubit ac-Stark shift

//
Lamb shift

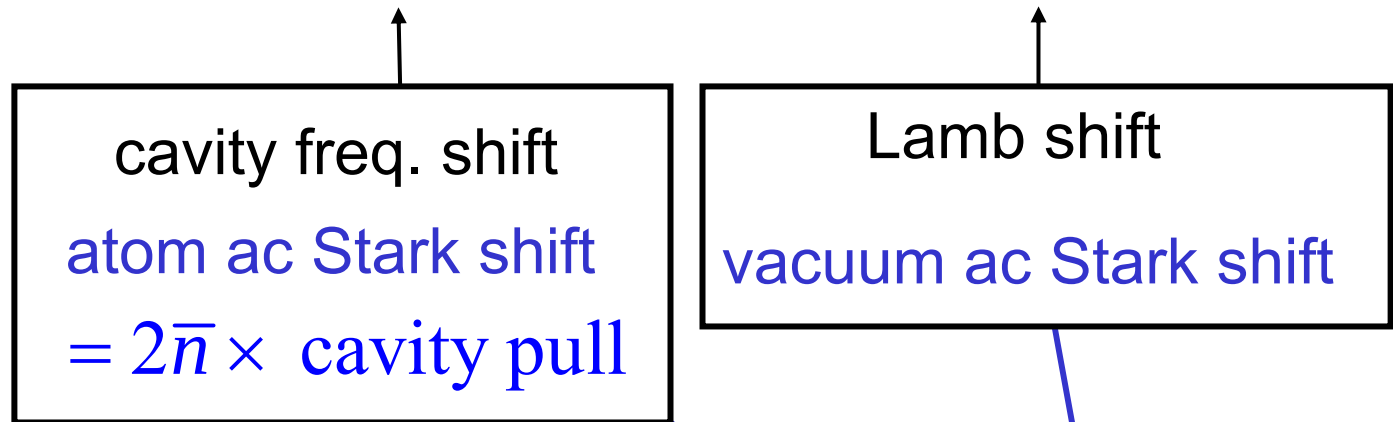


reverse of Nogues et al., 1999
(Ecole Normale)
QND of single photon
using Rydberg atoms!



Alternate View of the QND Measurement

$$H_{\text{eff}} \approx \hbar \left(\omega_r + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \sigma_z \right) a^\dagger a + \frac{\hbar}{2} \left(\omega_a + \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \right) \sigma_z$$



$$H_{\text{eff}} \approx \hbar \omega_r a^\dagger a + \frac{\hbar}{2} \left(\omega_a + \underbrace{2 \frac{g^2}{\Delta}}_A \left[\underbrace{a^\dagger a}_{\hat{n} \sim \hat{I}} + \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \sigma_z$$

cQED Measurement and Backaction - Predictions

Input = photon number in cavity Output = voltage outside cavity

phase shift on transmission: $\theta_0 = \frac{2g^2}{\kappa\Delta}$

measurement rate:

$$\Gamma_m = \frac{1}{T_m} = 2\theta_0^2 \left(\frac{P}{\hbar\omega_r} \right) = 2\theta_0^2 \bar{n} \kappa \quad (\text{expt. still } \sim 40 \text{ times worse})$$

dephasing rate:

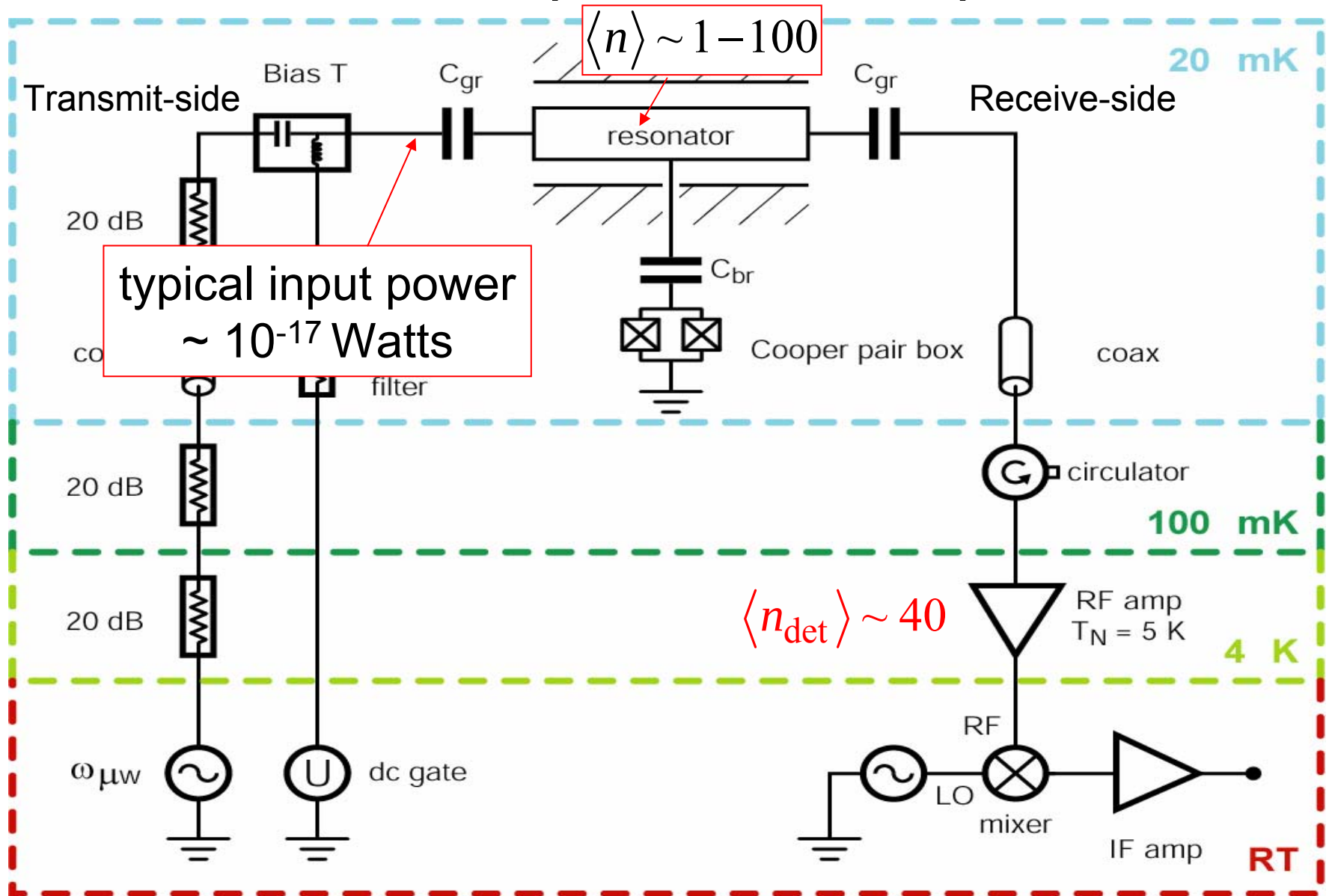
$$\Gamma_\phi = 2\theta_0^2 \left(\frac{P}{\hbar\omega_r} \right) = 2\theta_0^2 \bar{n} \kappa$$

quantum
limit?:

$$T_m \Gamma_\phi = 1$$

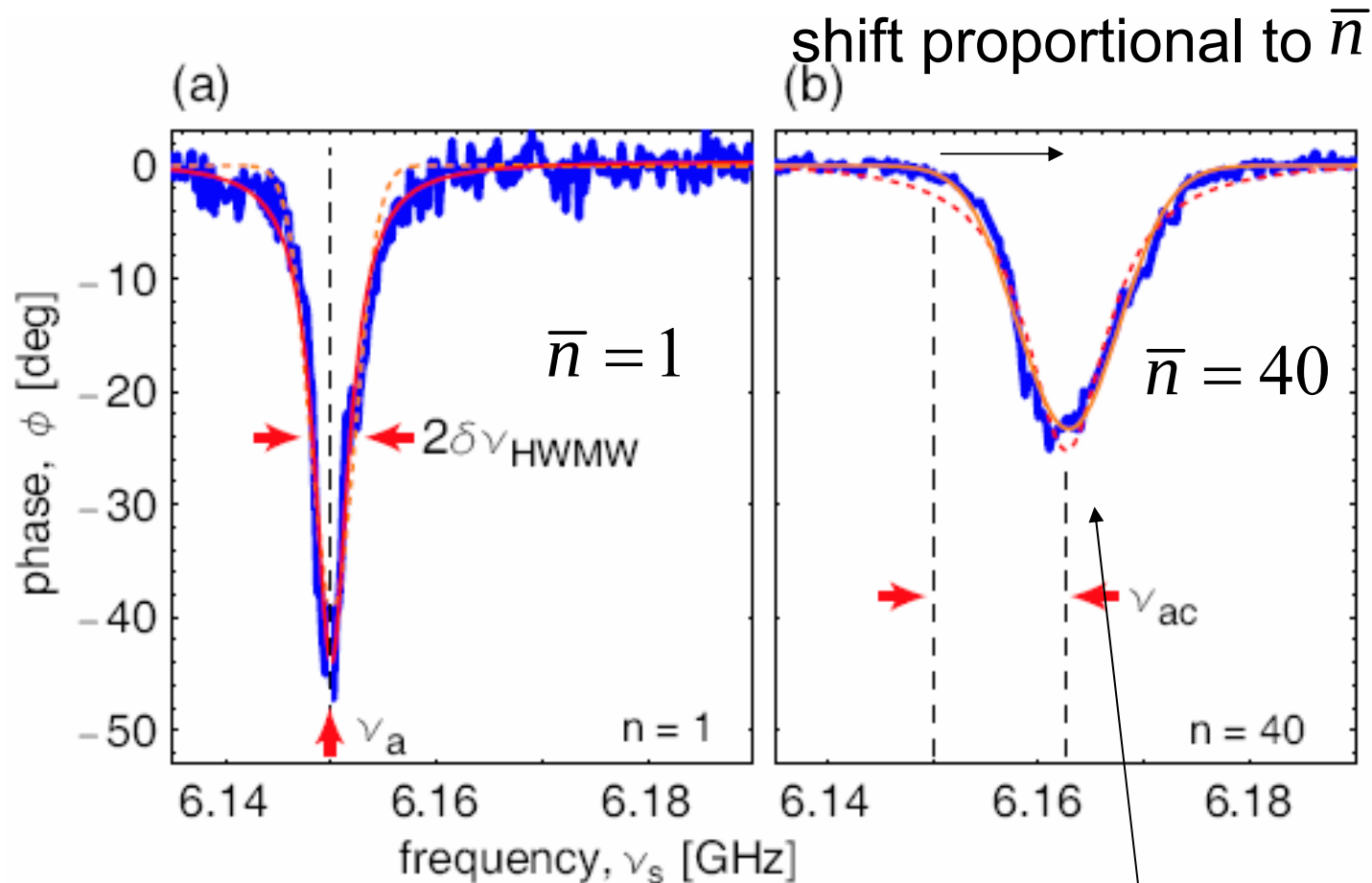
2x limit, since half of information
wasted in reflected beam

Microwave Setup for cQED Experiment



Observing ac Stark Shift

Measure absorption spectrum of CPB w/ continuous msmt.

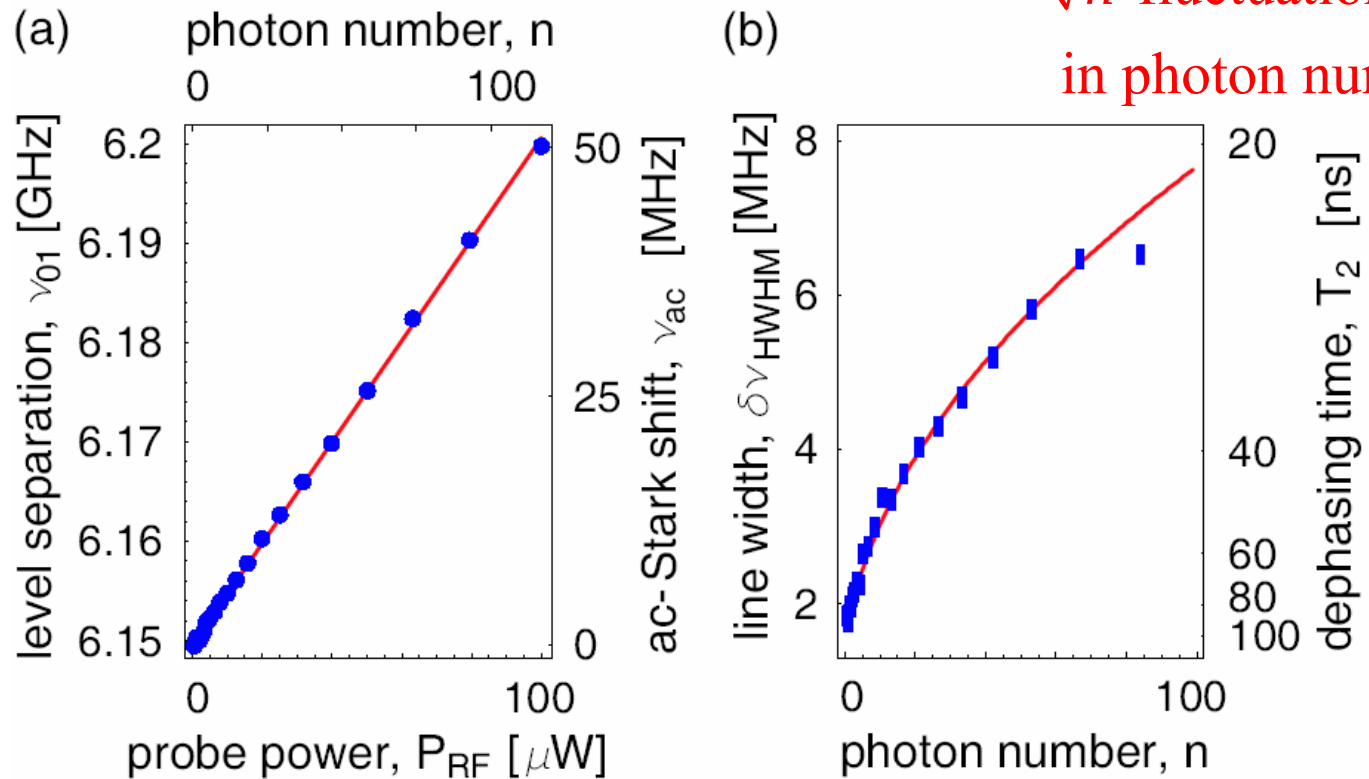


Line broadened as qubit
is dephased by photon shot noise

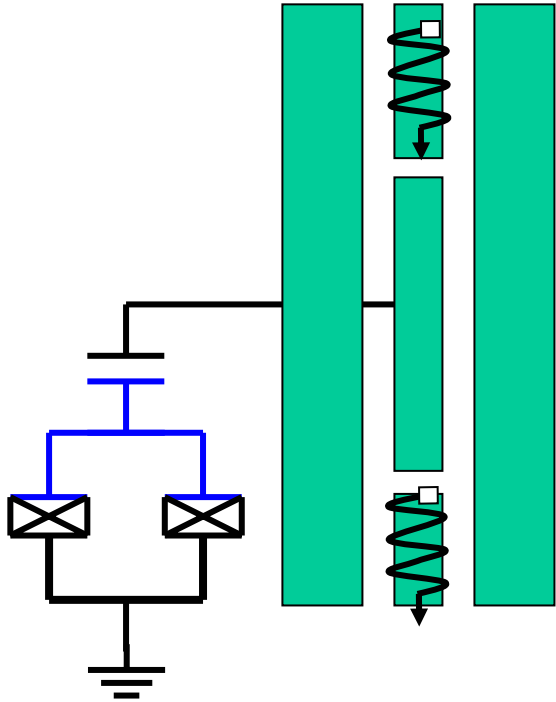
Observing Backaction of Measurement

$$H_{\text{eff}} \approx \omega_r a^\dagger a - \frac{1}{2} \left(\omega_a + 2 \frac{g^2}{\Delta} \left[a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \sigma_z$$

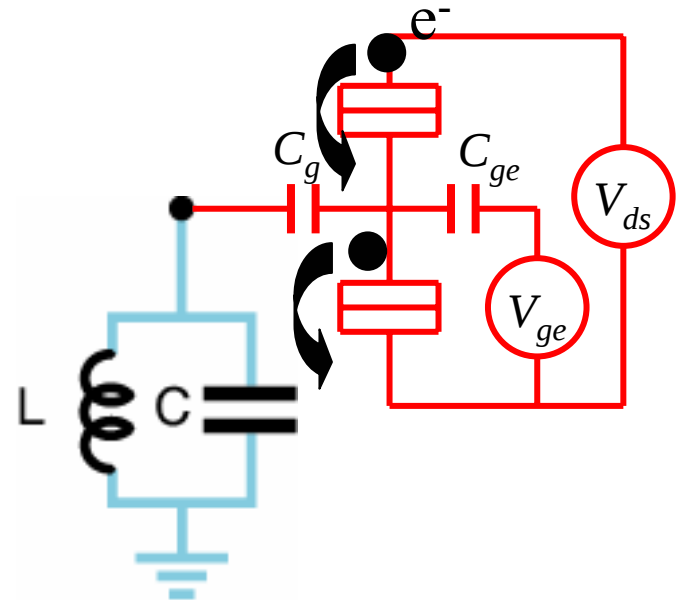
$\sqrt{n}$ fluctuations
in photon number



Cavity QED - SET Analogy



photon shot noise
induces qubit dephasing



shot noise of SET
current causes
backaction

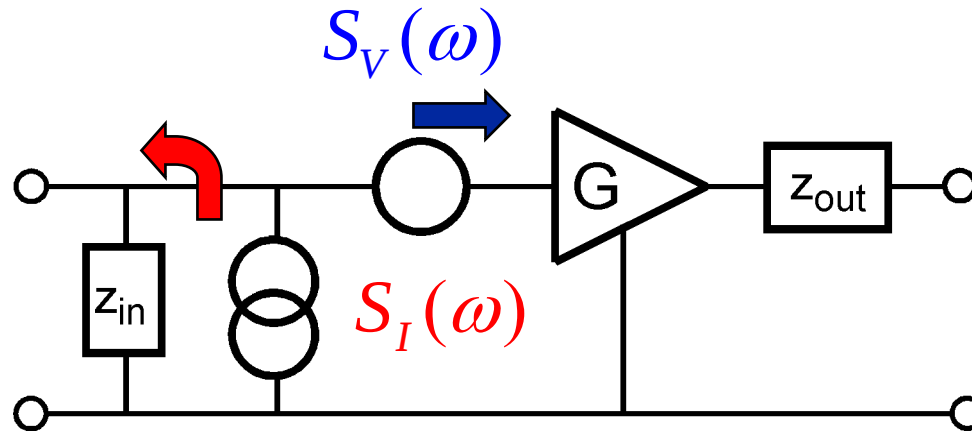
Summary of Lecture 3

- Quantum limit on measurement comes from $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$
- Two equivalent manifestations of quantum limit:

Min. noise temperature	$T_N \geq \frac{\hbar\omega}{2k}$	Meas. induced dephasing	$T_m \Gamma_\phi \geq \frac{1}{2}$
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- Mesoscopic expts. can approach these limits:
 - Sensitivity ~ 10 -100 times limit obtained
 - Dephasing due to measurement observed
- But true quantum limit not yet observed/tested!
- Future: back-action evasion, squeezing, quantum feedback, ...

Equivalent Circuit of an Amplifier



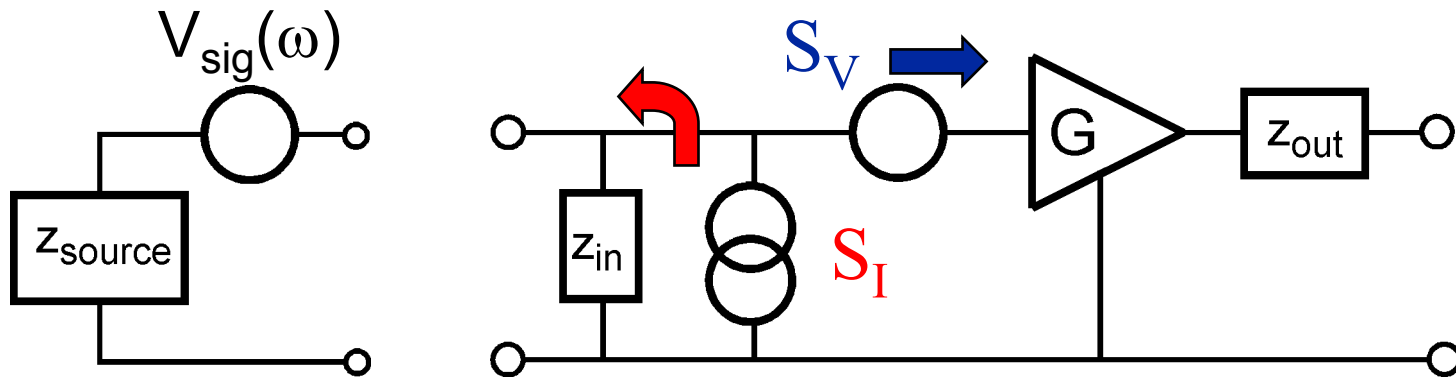
$S_V(\omega)$ “fictitious noise source” (V^2/Hz)
= output noise referred to input

$S_I(\omega)$ a real noise (A^2/Hz) driven thru input terminals

here assume uncorrelated, though typically not!

Noise Temperature of an Amplifier

Def'n (IEEE) : temperature of a load @ input which doubles the system's output noise (assumes Rayleigh-Jeans)



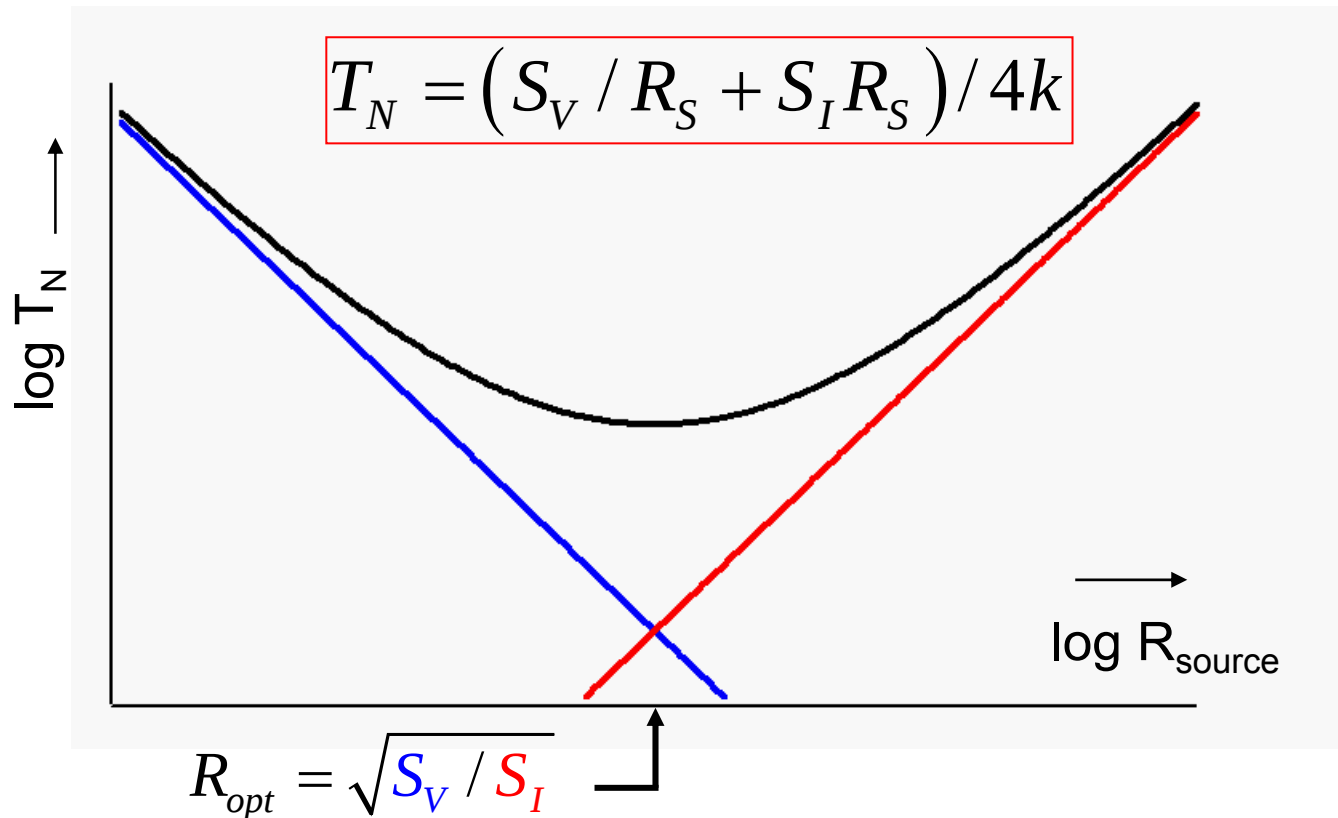
total noise at input:
$$S_V^{tot} = S_V + S_I \left| \frac{Z_{in} Z_S}{Z_{in} + Z_S} \right|^2$$

equate to Johnson noise of source:
$$S_V^{tot} = 4kT_N \text{Re}[Z_s]$$

for $Z_{in} = R_{in} \gg R_s = Z_s$
$$T_N = (S_V / R_s + S_I R_s) / 4k$$

T_N depends on source impedance

Optimum Noise Temperature of Amplifier



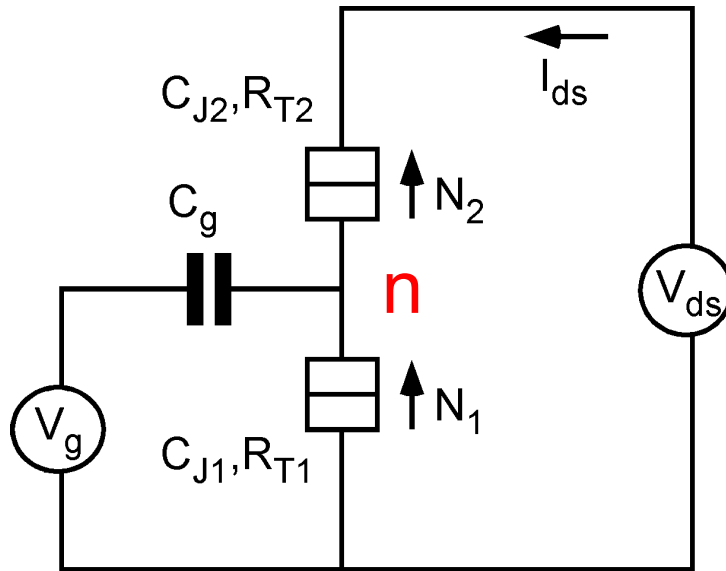
$$T_{N_{\text{opt}}} = \sqrt{S_V S_I} / 2k$$

$$E_{N_{\text{opt}}} = kT_{N_{\text{opt}}} = \sqrt{S_V S_I} / 2$$

E_N is energy of signal that can be detected with SNR = 1

QM imposes minimum: $E_N \geq \hbar\omega / 2$

Noise of a Single Electron Transistor



charge advance, k

$$k = (N_1 + N_2) / 2$$

$$I_{ds} = e \left\langle \frac{dk}{dt} \right\rangle$$

island charge, n

$$n = N_1 - N_2$$

Ideally, SET has only **shot noise** ($T=0$, $\omega < V/eR$)

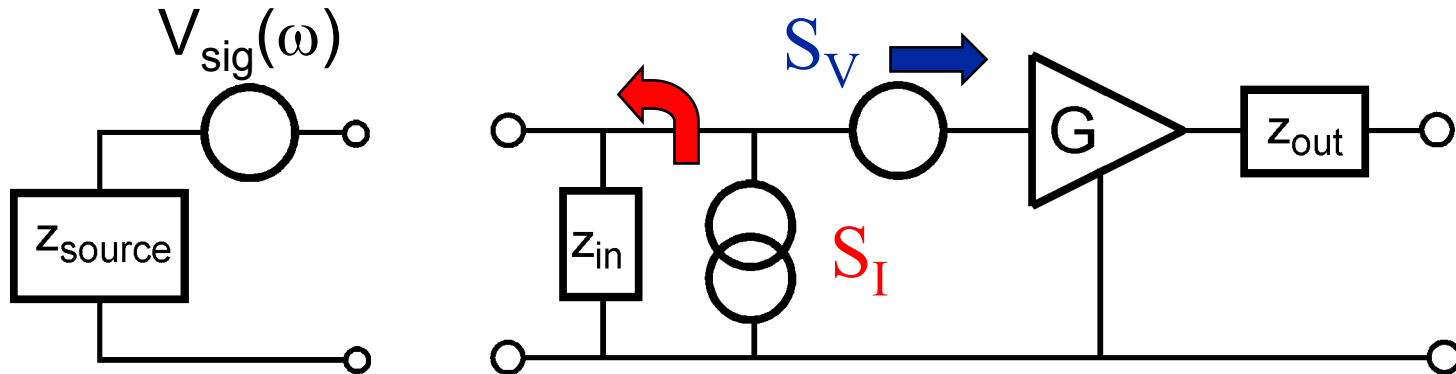
Fluctuations of k limit msmt. of response (I_{ds})

Fluctuations of n cause island potential to change



current flows thru gate @ $\omega \neq 0$

Properties of an SET Amplifier



In limit of:
normal state,
 $T=0$,
no cotunneling,
 $\omega \ll V/eR$

$$S_V(\omega) = \frac{(1-\alpha^2)(1+\alpha^2)}{8\alpha^2} eV_{ds} R_{\Sigma} \left(\frac{C_{\Sigma}}{C_g} \right)^2$$

**indep.
of ω**

$$S_I(\omega) = \frac{(1-\alpha^2)}{4} \frac{eV_{ds}}{R_{\Sigma}} \left(\frac{C_g}{C_{\Sigma}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{e\omega R_{\Sigma}}{V_{ds}} \right)^2$$

$\sim \omega^2$

M. Devoret and RS (2000),
similar results by Schon et al,
Averin, Korotkov

$$\alpha = (2C_g V_g - e) / C_{\Sigma} V_{ds}$$

Noise Energy of SET

Sequential Tunneling: (e.g. Devoret & RS, 2000)

$$E_N(\omega) = \sqrt{S_V S_I} = \frac{\pi(1-\alpha^4)}{2\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{(1+\alpha^2)}{2} \frac{R_\Sigma}{R_K}} \hbar \omega$$

$$E_N < 2\hbar\omega \quad R_{opt} \approx \frac{1}{\omega C_g} \sim 10^8 \Omega \quad \text{at 16 MHz}$$

Cotunneling limit: (e.g. Averin, Korotkov)

$$E_N \rightarrow \hbar\omega/2$$

Resonant Cooper-pair tunneling (DJQP): (e.g. Clerk)

$$E_N \rightarrow \hbar\omega/2$$

Experimentally:

still factor of 10-100 from intrinsic shot noise limit

Other Amplifiers Near Quantum Limit

Josephson parametric amplifier at 19 GHz

$$T_N = 0.45\text{K} \sim h\nu/2k$$

Yurke et al.;

Movshovich et al., PRL **65**, 1419 (1990)

SIS mixer at 95 GHz

(heterodyne detection using quasiparticle nonlinearity)

Noise added = 0.6 photons

Mears et al., APL **57**, 2487 (1990)

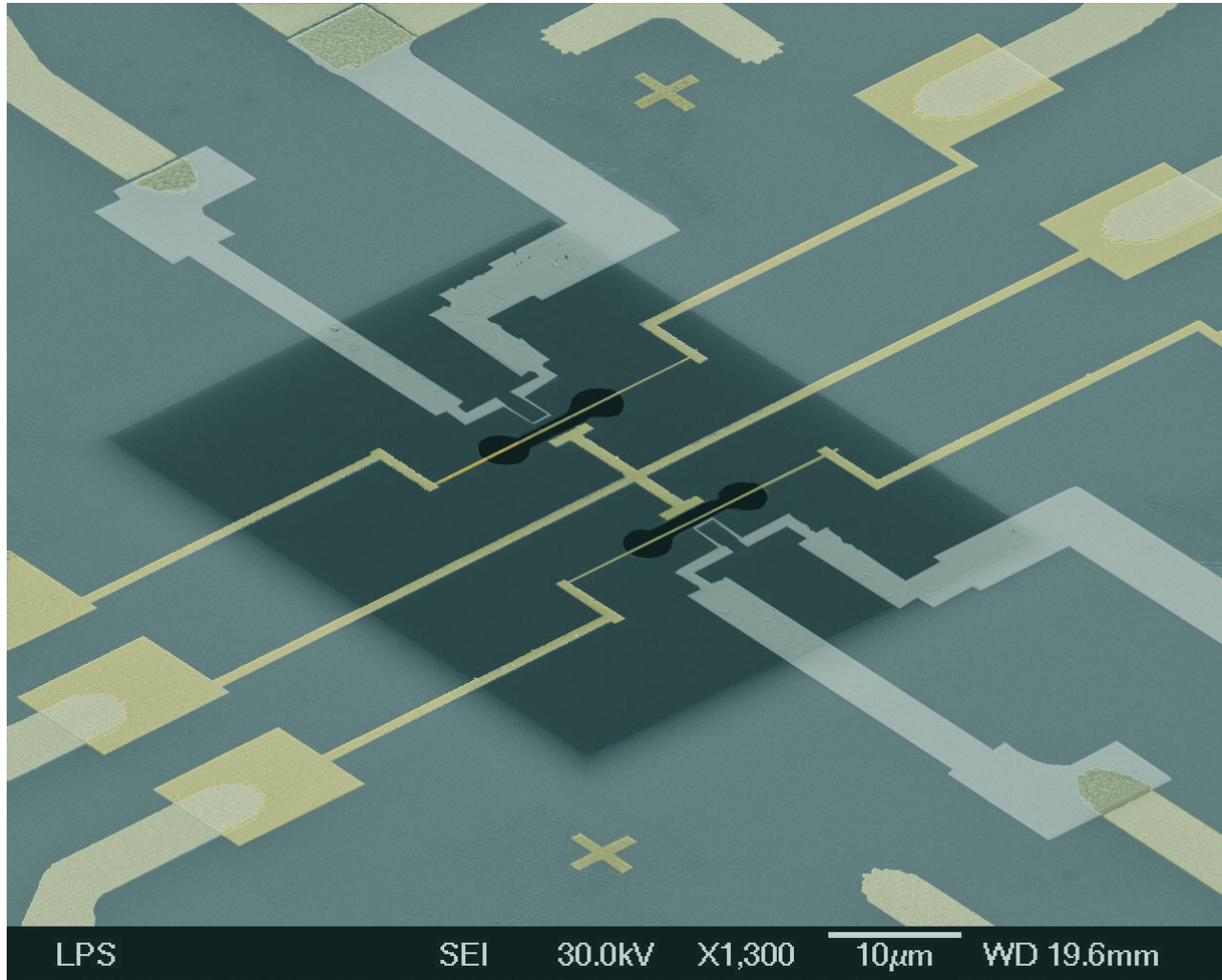
Microwave SQUID amplifier at 500 MHz

$$T_N = 50\text{ mK} \sim 2h\nu/k$$

Muck, Kycia, and Clarke, APL **78**, 967 (2001)

No measurement of crossover, or backaction yet.

NEMS Oscillator Measured by SET – Schwab group



Sample

Beam

Silicon Nitride

8 μ m X 200nm X 100nm

$f_o = 19.7\text{MHz}$

$Q \sim 30\text{-}45000$

Gate

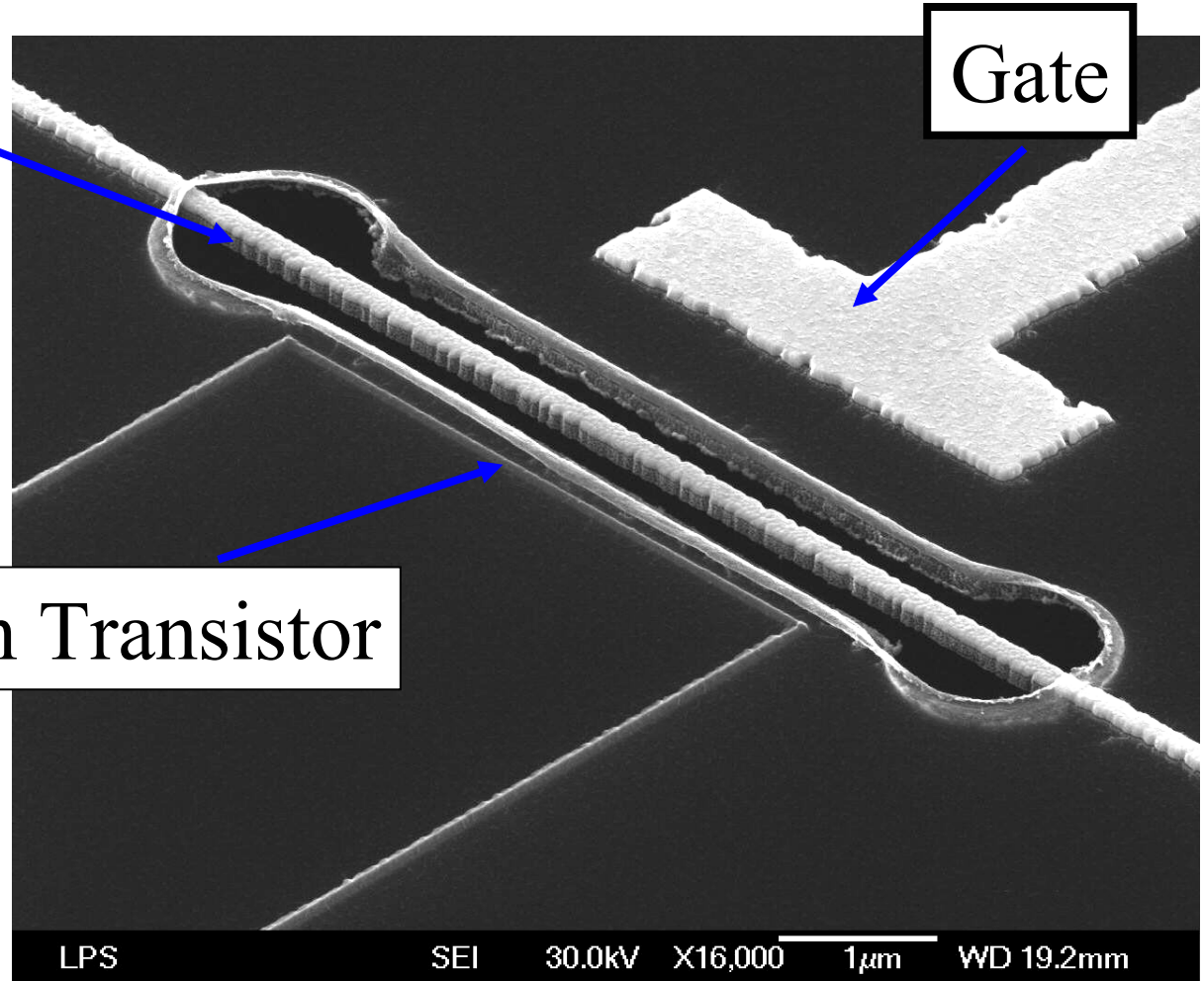
Single Electron Transistor

Al/Al_xO_y/Al Junctions

2K Charging Energy

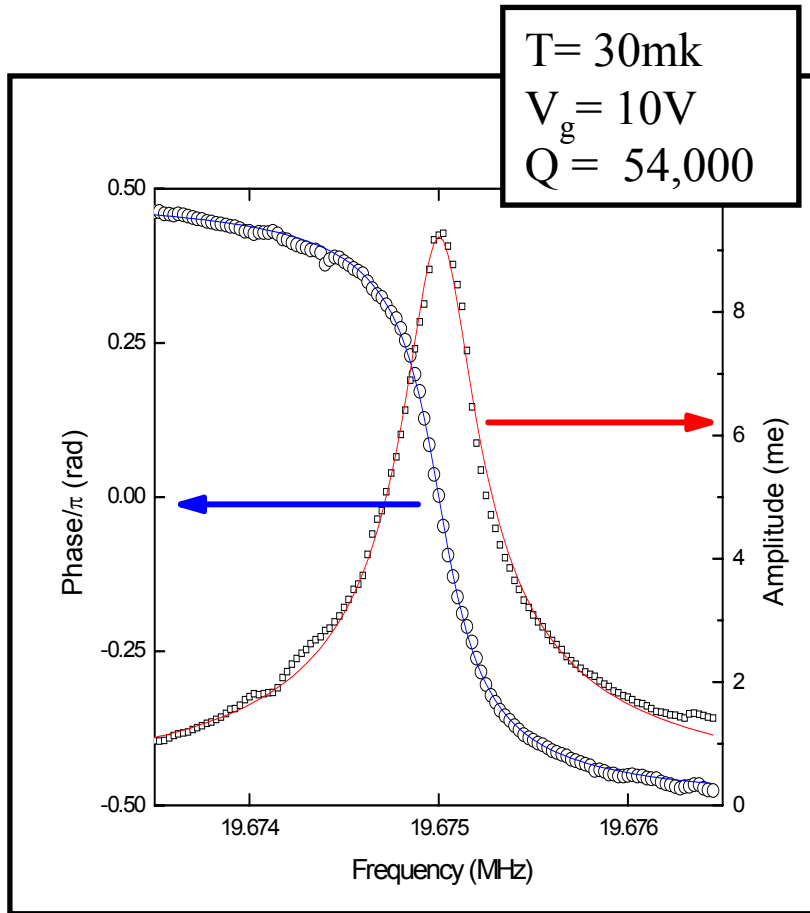
70k Ω Resistance

70 MHz Bandwidth

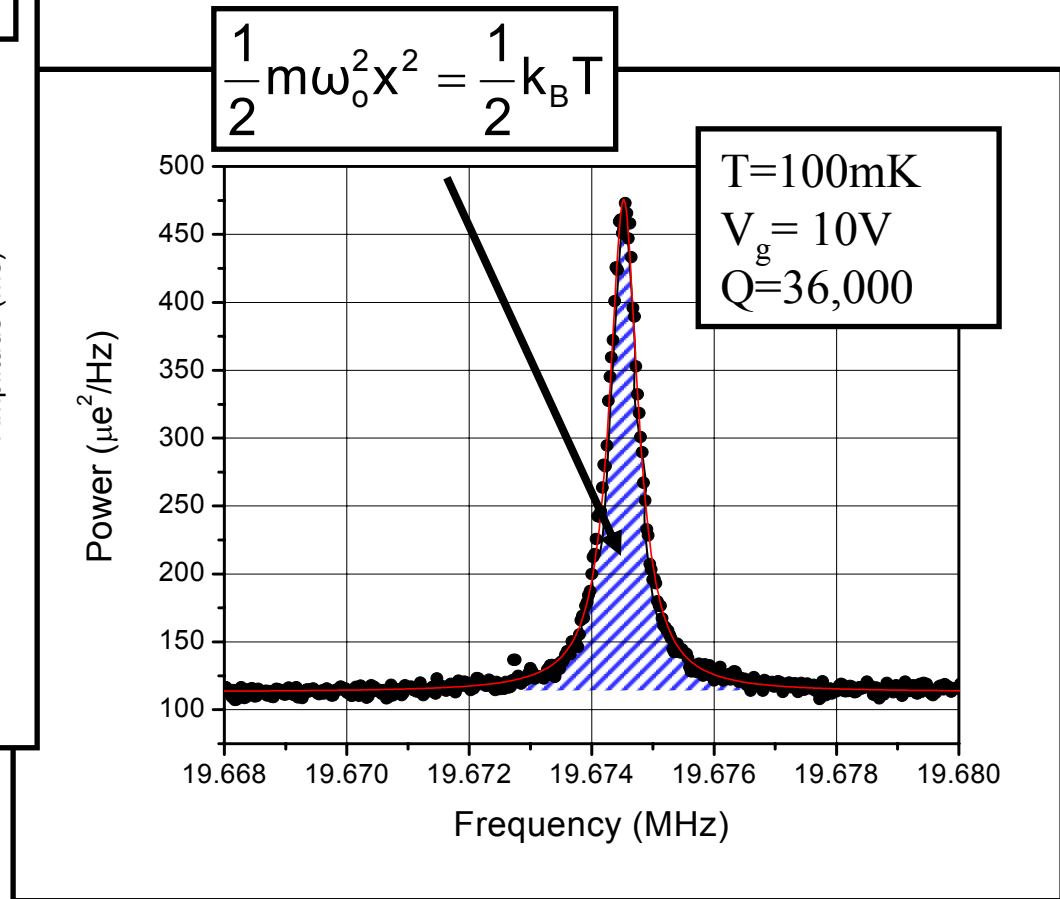


Beam/SET Separation: 600nm
27aF Capacitance

Resonator Response

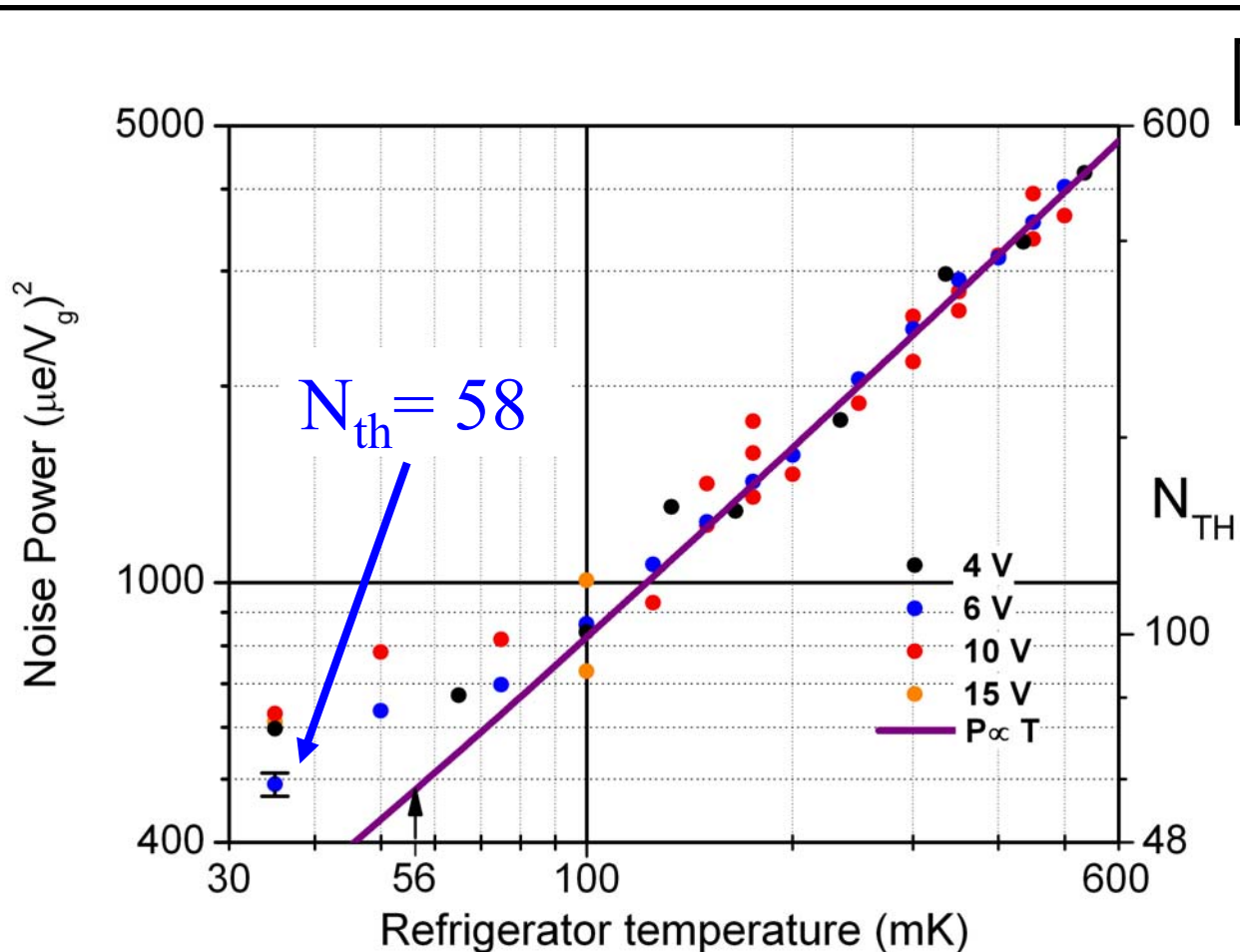


Driven Response



Thermal Response

Noise Power vs. Temperature



Saturates Below 100mK

Use Linear Data to Calibrate Below 100mK

Lowest Mode Temp Measured: T=56mk

Noise Temperature

Noise Temperature

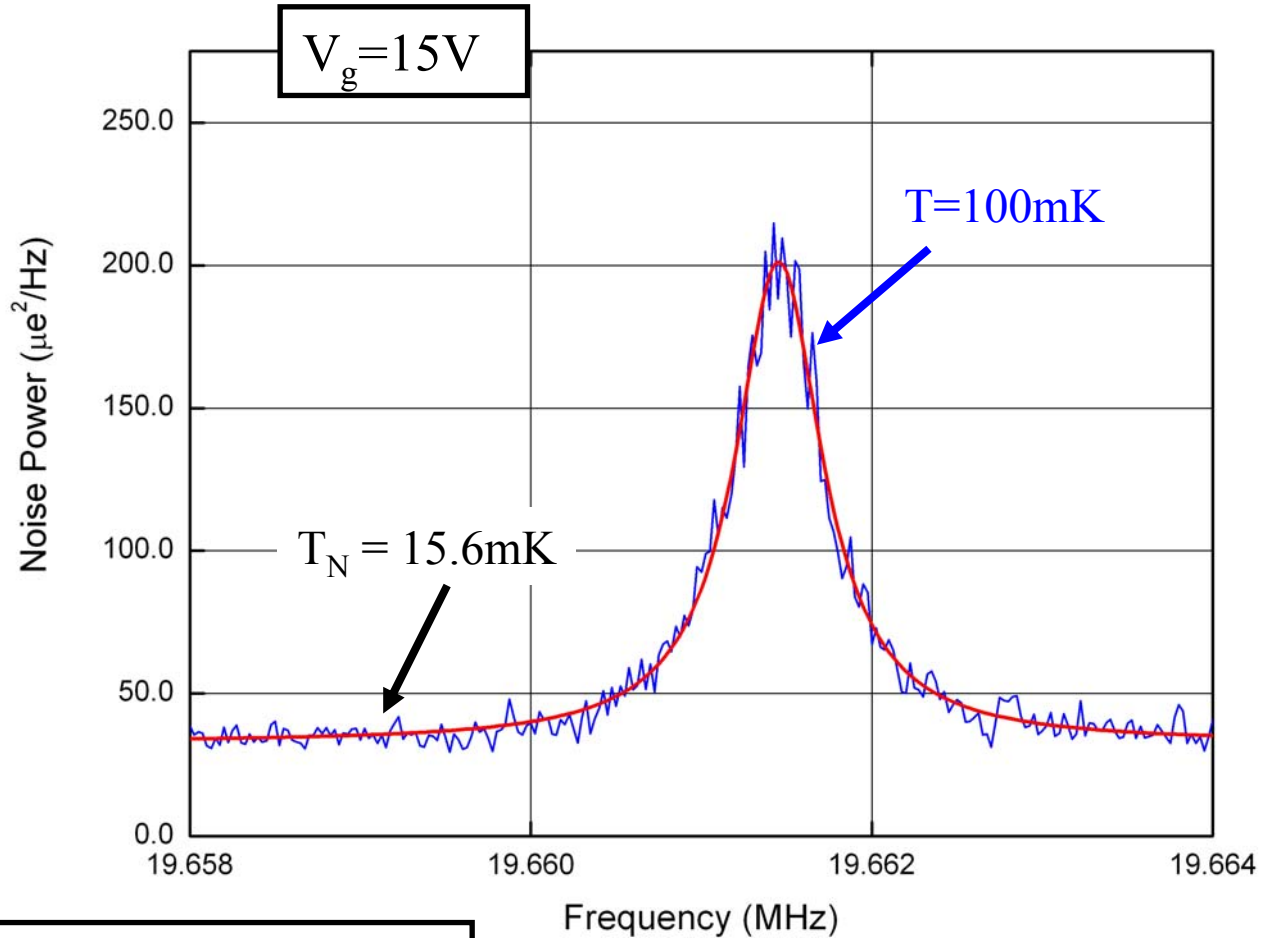
$$T_N = 15.6\text{mK}$$

Energy Sensitivity

$$E_N \approx 17 \hbar \omega_0$$

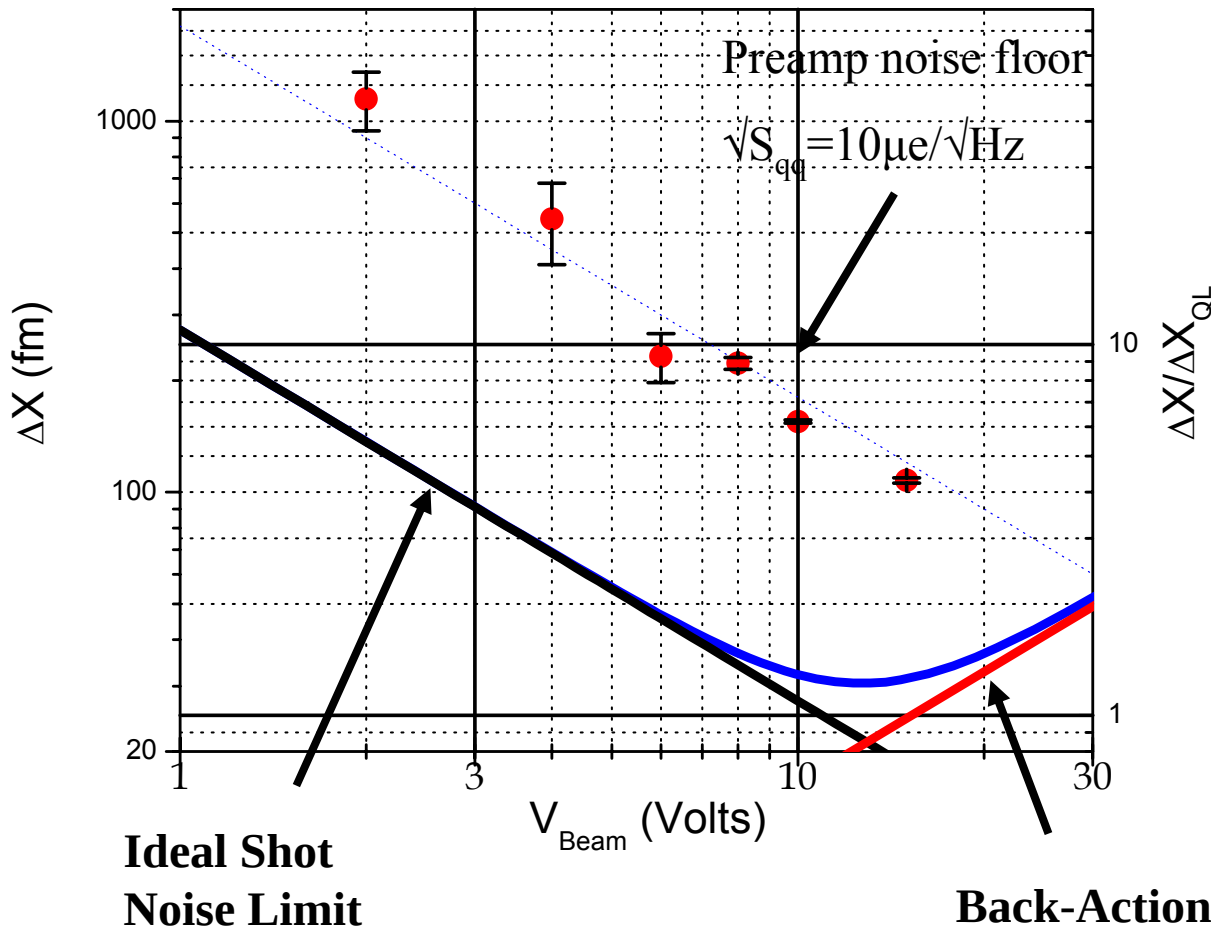
Position Sensitivity

$$\Delta x = 4.3 \Delta x_{QL}$$



Closest approach yet to
uncertainty principle limit!

How far can we push this technique ?



Induced Charge:

$$\delta Q = V_g \delta C_g = (C_g V_g / d) \delta x$$

Charge Sensitivity (forward coupling):

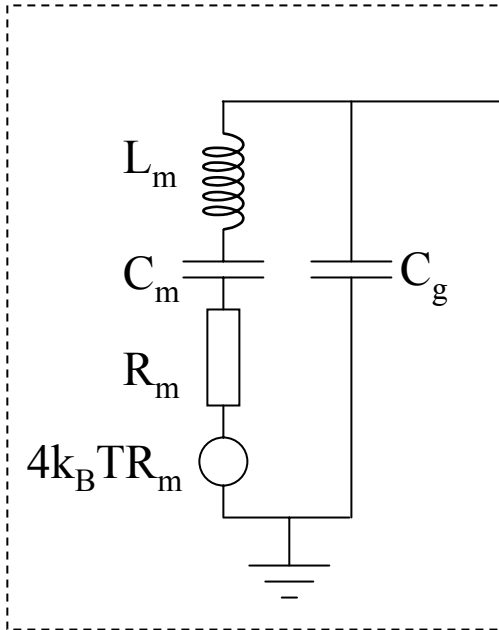
$$S_x^{1/2} = S_{qq}^{1/2} d / (C_g V_g)$$

Back-Action:

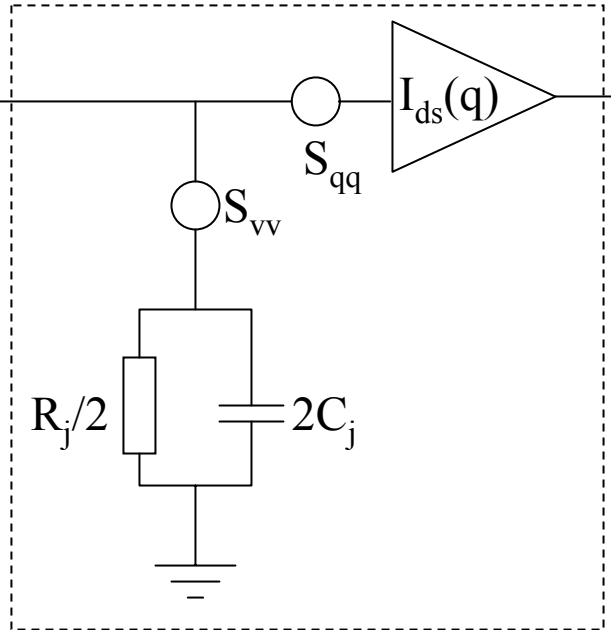
$$S_x^{1/2} = S_{vv}^{1/2} C_g V_g Q / (k d)$$

Circuit Model

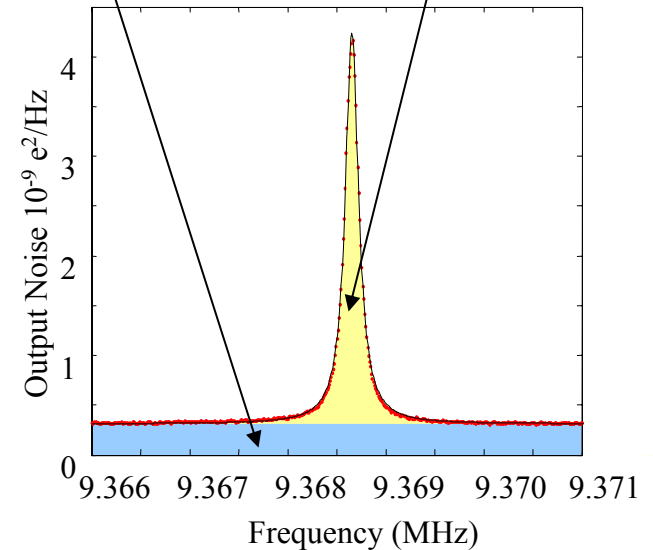
BEAM



SET



$$\text{Total Noise Power} = \text{Gain} \times [S_{qq} + S_{\text{thermal}} + S_{vv}/|\omega Z_{in}(\omega)|^2]$$



$$C_m = C_g (C_g V_g^2 / k d^2) = 0.06 \text{ aF} \quad @ \quad V_g = 10 \text{ V}$$

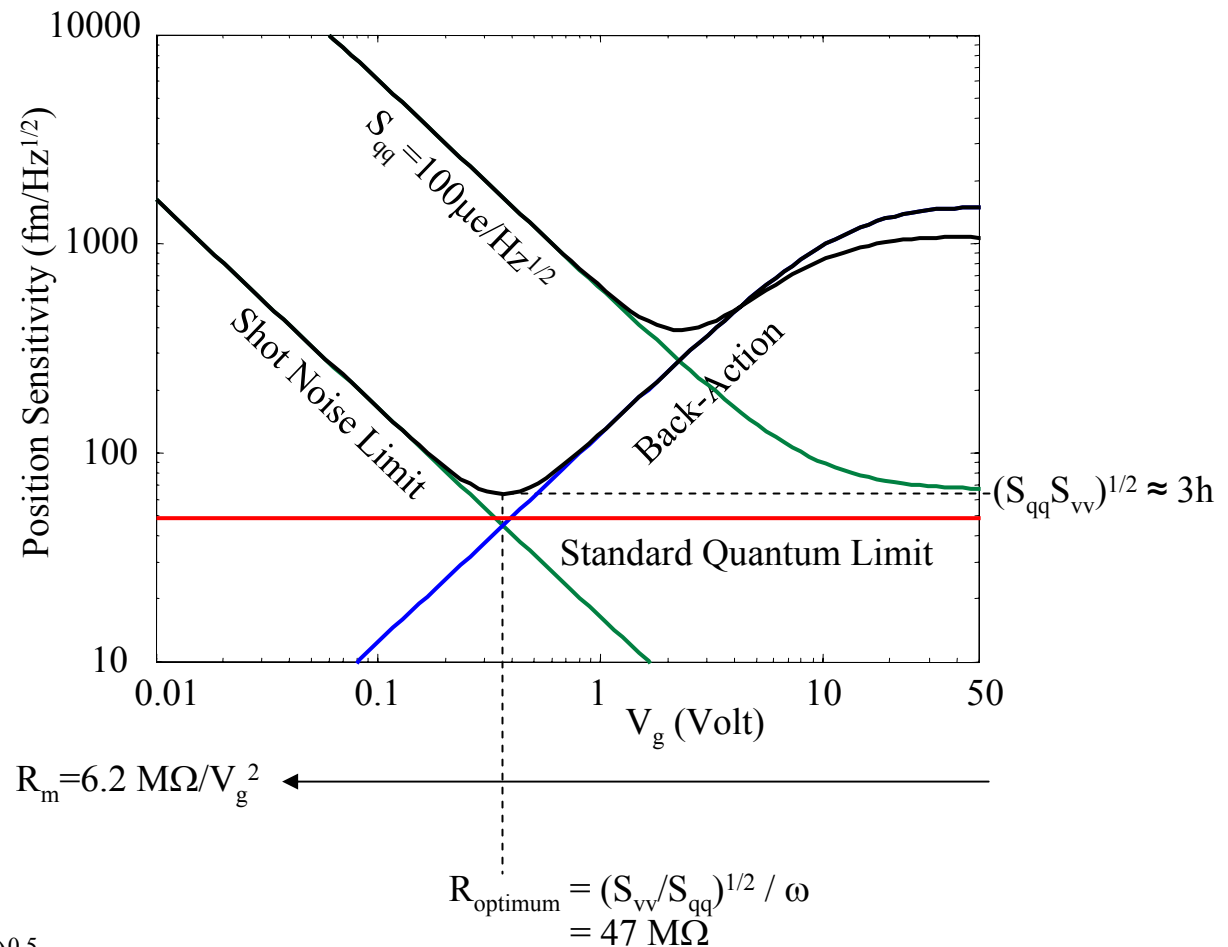
$$L_m = 1 / (C_g \omega^2) (k d^2 / C_g V_g^2) = 4500 \text{ H}$$

$$R_m = 1 / (Q C_g \omega) (k d^2 / C_g V_g^2) = 2.8 \text{ M}\Omega$$

Sensitivity Optimization

$$\begin{aligned} 2R_j &= 75\text{K}\Omega \\ 2C_j &= 1.3\text{fF} \\ K &= 1.7\text{ N/m} \\ Q &= 1.5 \times 10^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{qq} &= 2.2\mu\text{e}/\text{Hz}^{1/2} \text{ (shot noise)} \\ S_{qq} &= 100\mu\text{e}/\text{Hz}^{1/2} \text{ (preamp)} \\ S_{vv} &= 1\text{nV}/\text{Hz}^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

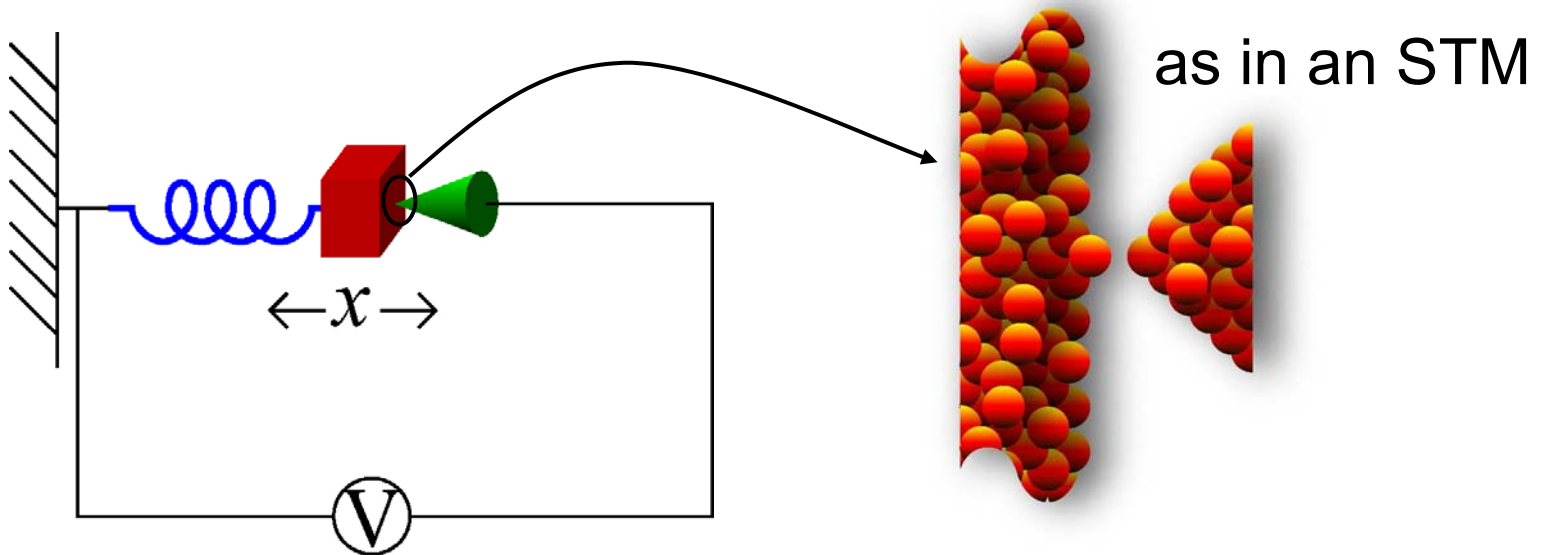


Loading:

$$\omega = \omega_0 (1 - (C_g V_g^2 / kd^2) (C_g / 2C_j))^{0.5}$$

$$Q_{\text{eff}}^{-1} = Q^{-1} + (C_g V_g^2 / kd^2) (C_g / 2C_j) \omega_0 (R_j C_j)$$

Atomic Point Contact Displacement Detector: Lehnert group at JILA/CU



Infer position from tunnel current

Sensitive: $\delta x \approx \frac{\lambda_e}{\sqrt{N_e / \tau}} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-15} \frac{\text{m}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$ with 1 nA current

Local: ideal for sub-micron objects

Atomic Point Contact Displacement Detector: Simple Noise Analysis

Imprecision
(shot noise limit)

$$\Delta x = \lambda_e \left(\frac{2e}{I} \frac{1}{\tau} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta x = \lambda_e (1/N_e)^{1/2}$$

Tunneling
length scale

Counting
statistics

Backaction
(momentum diffusion)

$$\Delta p = \frac{\hbar}{2\lambda_e} \left(\frac{I}{2e} \tau \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta p = \frac{\hbar}{2\lambda_e} (N_e)^{1/2}$$

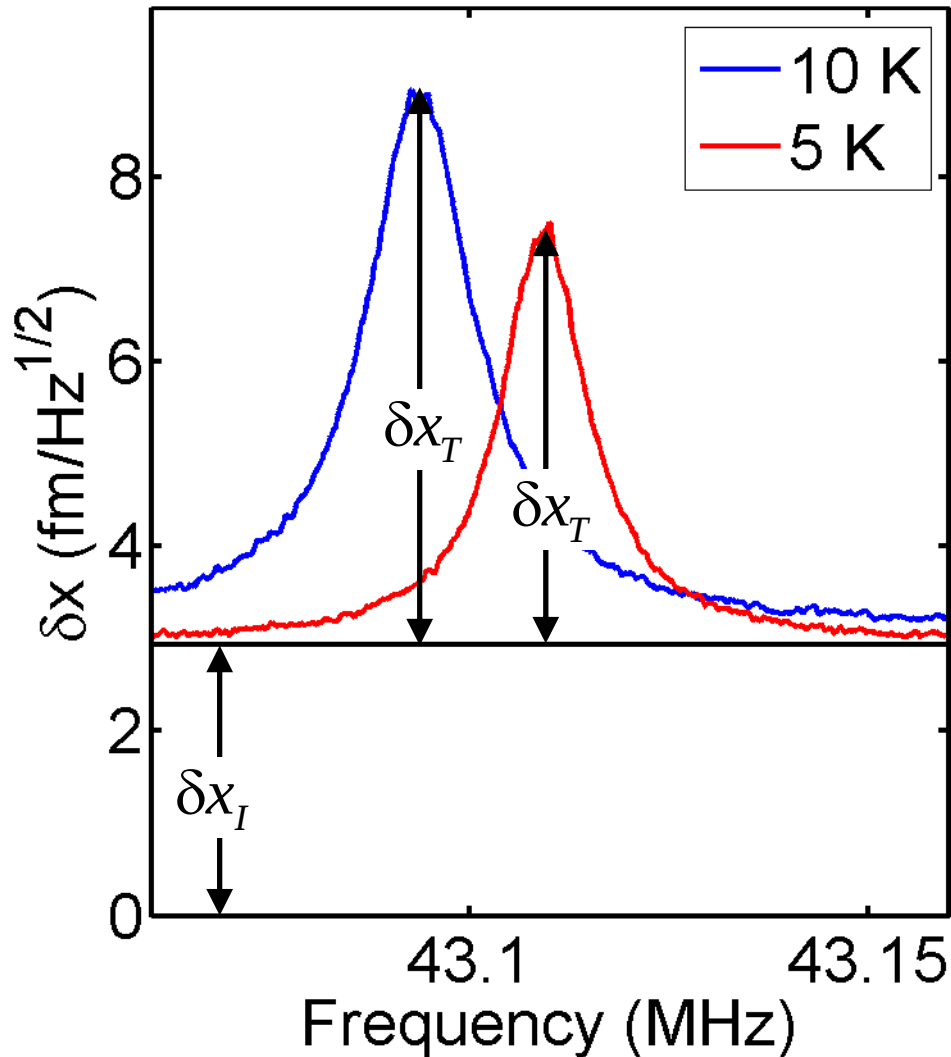
Momentum
per tunneling
attempt

Number
diffusion

Ideal quantum displacement amplifier

$$\Delta x \Delta p = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Thermal Motion at 43 MHz Resonance



- Zero-point motion:

$$\delta x_{ZP} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2k_s B_w}}$$

$$\delta x_{ZP} = 100 \text{ am}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{\delta x_I}{\delta x_{ZP}} = 28$$

- Mechanical bandwidth

$$B_w \approx 9 \text{ kHz} ; Q \approx 5000$$

- Sensitivity to normal coordinate