

# APS 2010 March Meeting, Tutorial #3

## Advances in Josephson Quantum Circuits

### Instructors:

Michel Devoret, Yale University

"Introduction to superconducting quantum circuits"

Yasunobu Nakamura, NEC Japan

"Superconducting qubits coupled to a transmission line "

John Martinis, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Precision Control of Josephson Qubits"

Leo DiCarlo, Yale University

"Production and detection of entanglement in cQED processors"

Portland Convention Center  
Sunday, March 14  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

# Introduction to superconducting quantum circuits

## Outline

- Motivation: quantum information
- Why Josephson junctions?
- Main flavors of Josephson qubits
- Readout of qubits
- 1-qubit and 2-qubit gates

# RECENT REVIEWS ON JOSEPHSON QUANTUM CIRCUITS

M.H. Devoret and J.M. Martinis, *Quantum Information Processing* **3**, 163 (2004)

A. Blais et al., *Phys. Rev. A* **75**, 032329 (2007)

J. Clarke and F. Wilhelm, *Nature* **453**, 1031-1042 (2008)

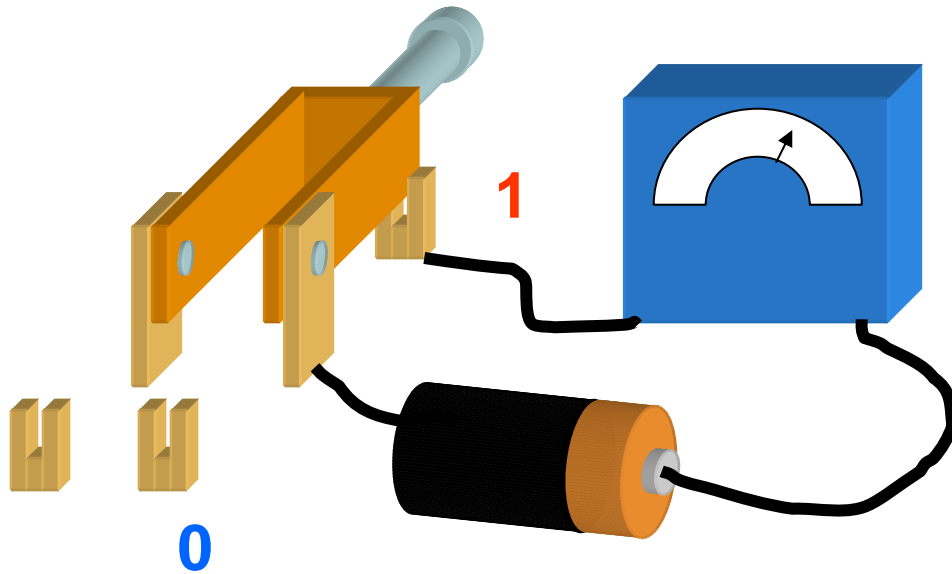
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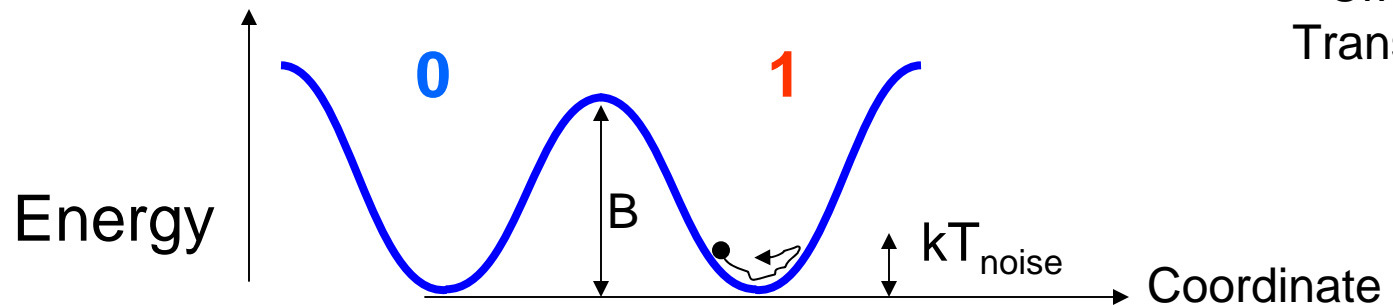
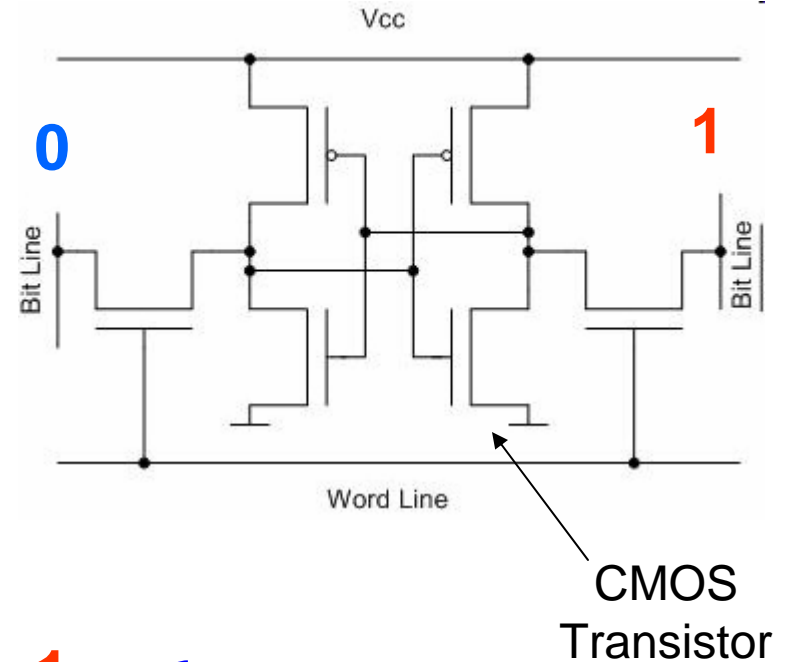
Final version of this presentation available at  
<http://qulab.eng.yale.edu/archives.htm> (talks)

# CLASSICAL BIT = SWITCH

Mechanical switch



Electrical switch

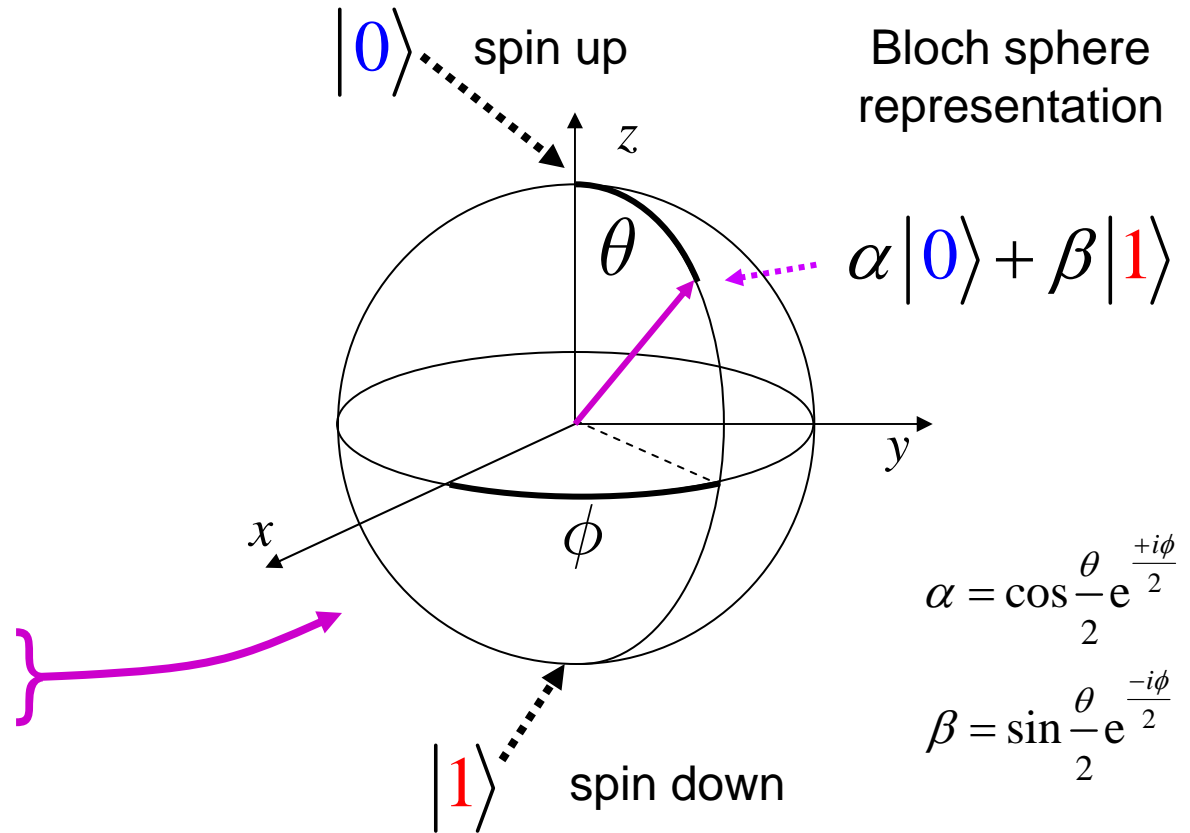
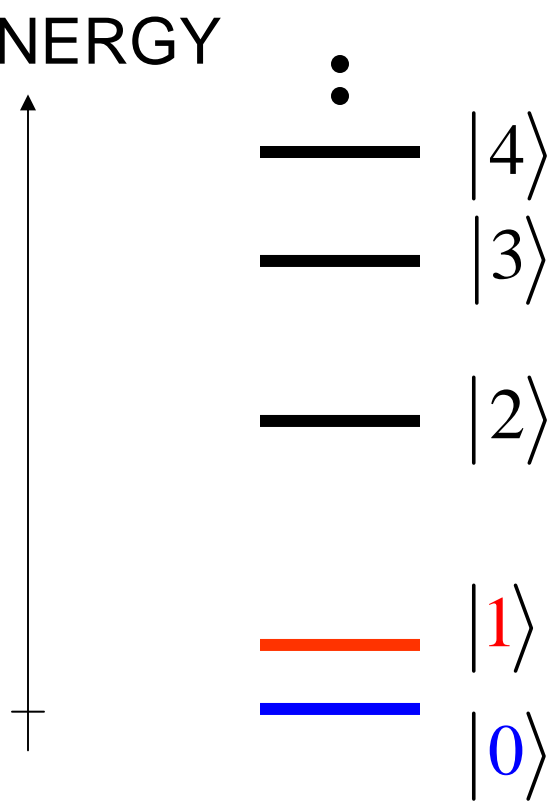


Bit state is either 0 or 1: 1) strong dissipation and 2)  $kT_{noise} \ll B$

# QUANTUM BIT: 2 LEVELS FORMING EFFECTIVE SPIN 1/2

MOLECULE, ATOM, PARTICLE...

ENERGY



$$\alpha = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{\frac{+i\phi}{2}}$$

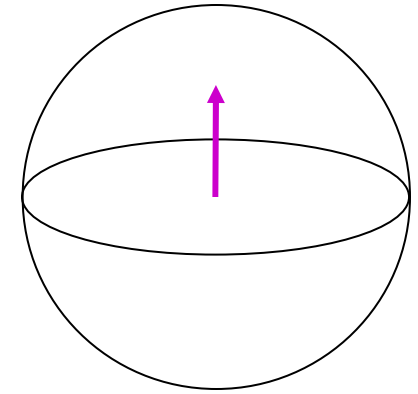
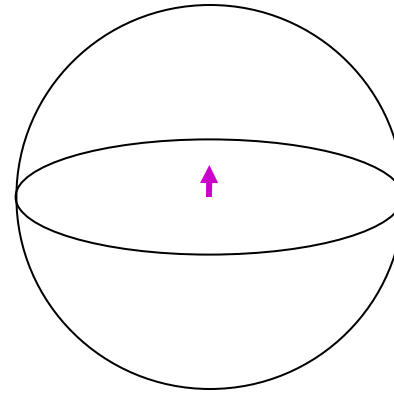
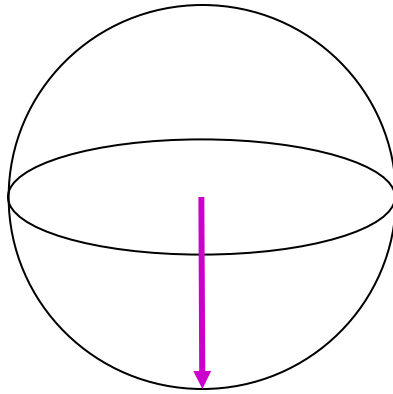
$$\beta = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{\frac{-i\phi}{2}}$$

Qubit state can be 0 and 1: 1) no dissipation and 2)  $kT_{\text{noise}} \ll \hbar\omega_{01}$

# RELAXATION TIMES OF QUANTUM MEMORY

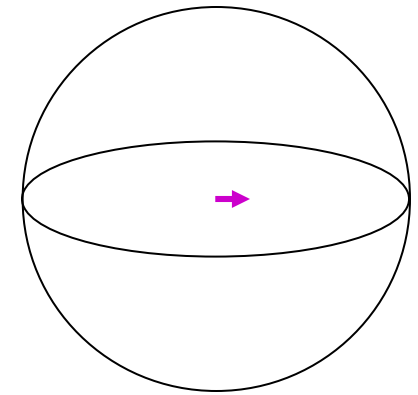
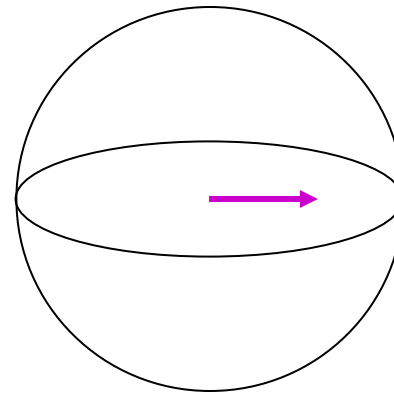
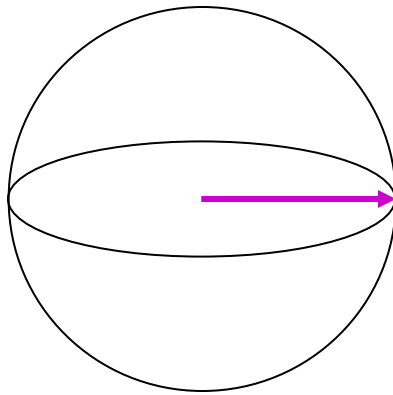
$T_1$  PROCESS

random fields  
in x,y plane



$T_\phi$  PROCESS

random field  
along z



$$T_2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2T_1} + \frac{1}{T_\phi}}$$

DECOHERENCE TIME

$$\omega_{01} T_2$$

DECOHERENCE  
QUALITY FACTOR

# THE POWER OF QUANTUM SUPERPOSITION

REGISTER WITH N=10 BITS:

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0000000001

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classically, can store and work only on  
one number between 0 et 1023

“quantally”, can store and work on an  
arbitrary superposition of these numbers!

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle + \alpha_2 |2\rangle + \dots + \alpha_{2^N - 1} |2^N - 1\rangle$$



# QUANTUM PARALLELISM

suppose a function  $f$   $j \in \{0, 1023\} \rightarrow n = f(j) \in \{0, 1023\}$

Classically, need  $1000 \times 10$ -bit registers (10,000 bits) to store information about this function and to work on it.

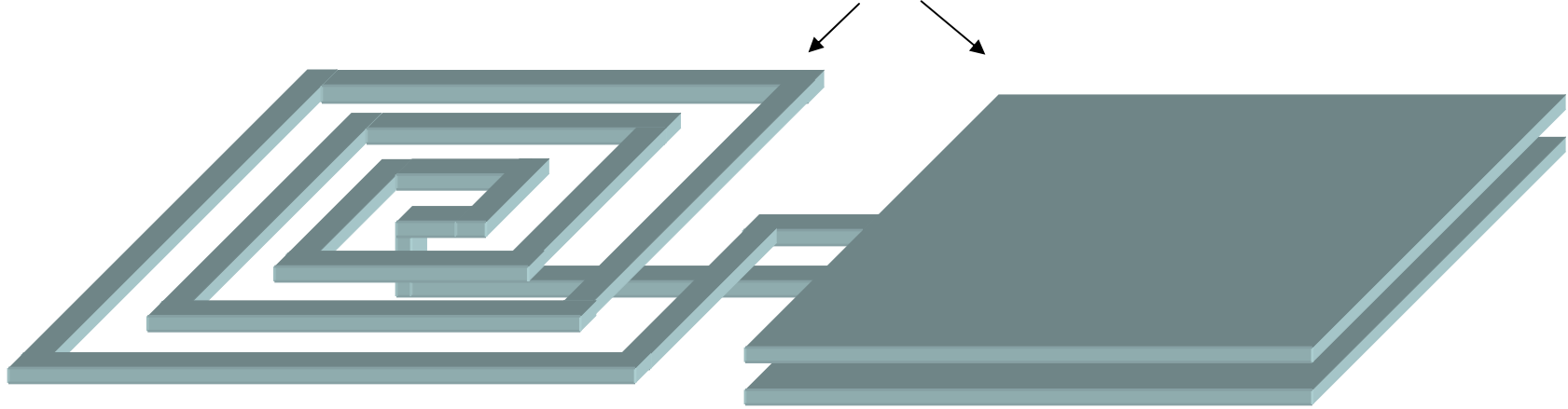
Quantum-mechanically, a 20-qubit register can suffice!

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2^{N/2}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^N-1} |j\rangle |f(j)\rangle$$

Function encoded in a superposition of states of register

# HOW CAN A SUPERCONDUCTING CIRCUIT BEHAVE LIKE AN ATOM?

SIMPLEST EXAMPLE: SUPERCONDUCTING **LC** OSCILLATOR CIRCUIT



MICROFABRICATION

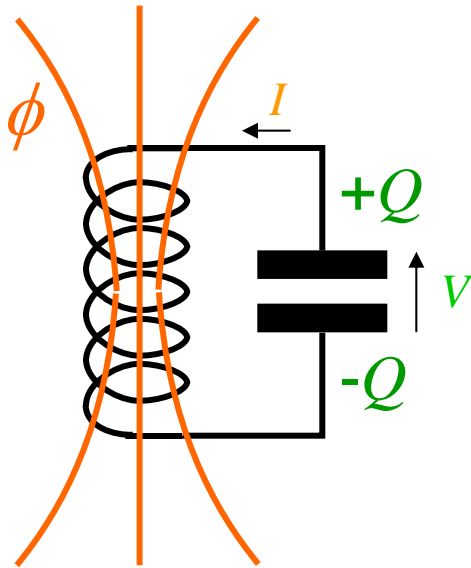


$L \sim 3\text{nH}$ ,  $C \sim 1\text{pF}$ ,  $\omega_r/2\pi \sim 4\text{GHz}$

ELECTRONIC FLUID FLOWS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN PLATES:  
ALL ELECTRONS BEHAVE AS A SINGLE CHARGED ENTITY

see practical LC superconducting resonators: Lindström *et al.*, PRB **80**, 132501 (2009)  
Paik & Osborn, APL **96**, 072505 (2010)

# QUANTUM CIRCUITS IN A NUTSHELL: FLUX AND CHARGE DO NOT COMMUTE

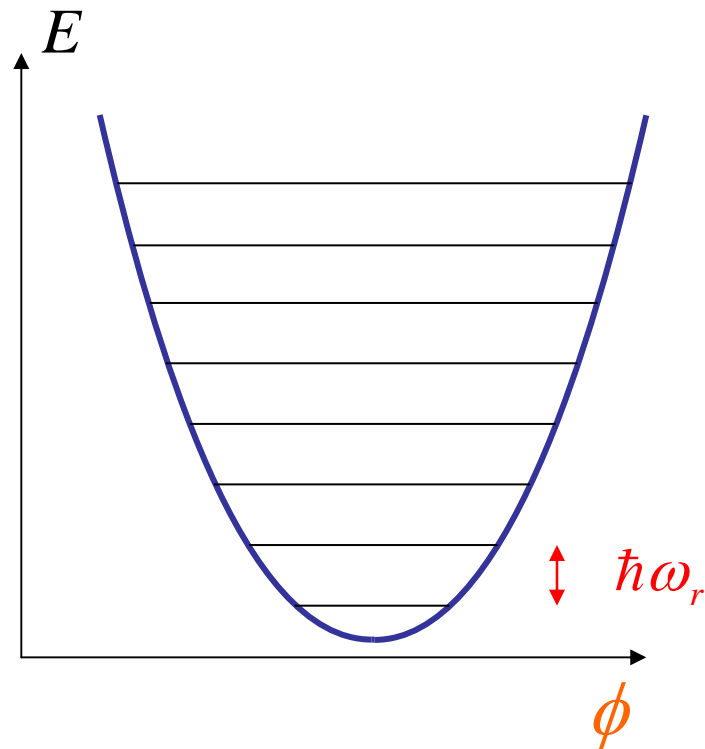
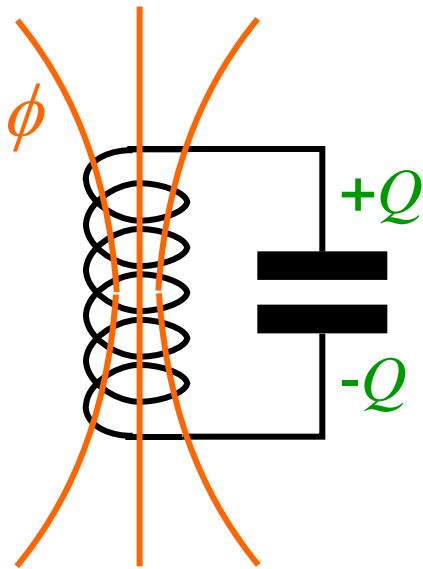


$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{Q}] = i\hbar$$

$$\phi = LI$$

$$Q = CV$$

# LC CIRCUIT AS QUANTUM HARMONIC OSCILLATOR



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

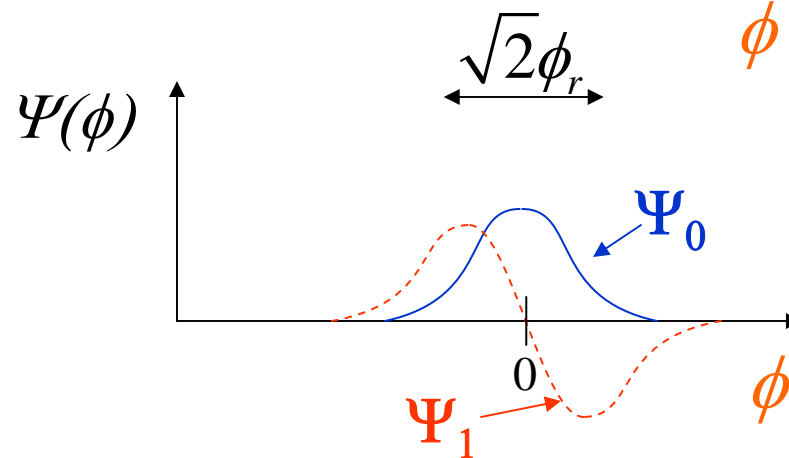
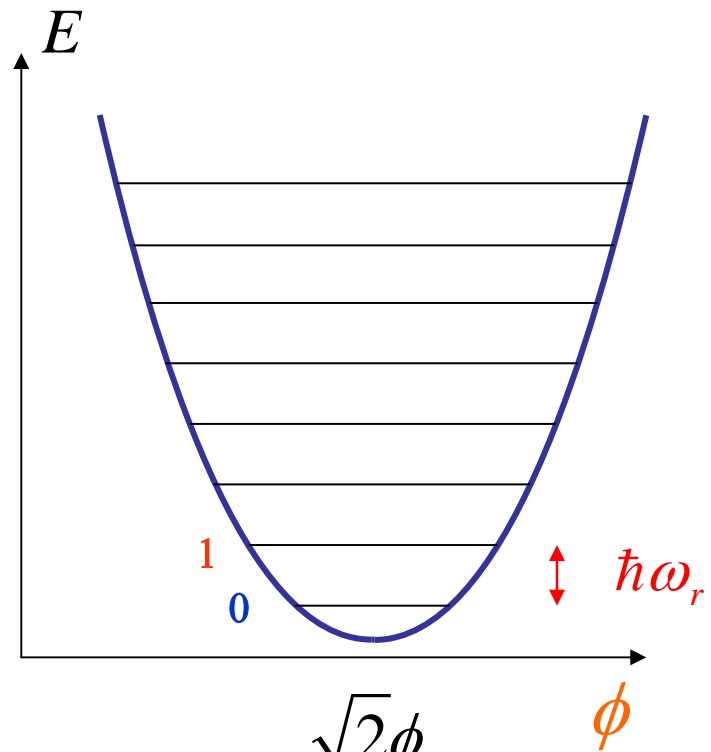
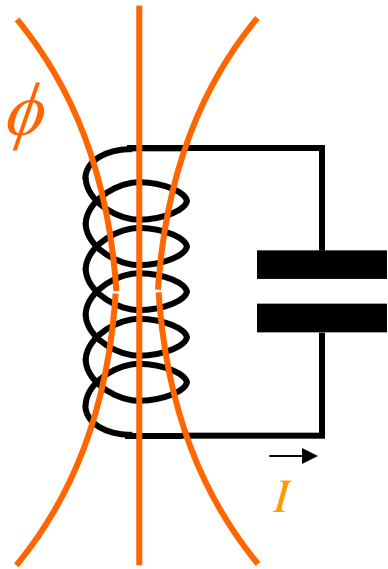
$$\hat{a} = \frac{\hat{\phi}}{\phi_r} + i \frac{\hat{Q}}{Q_r}; \quad \hat{a}^\dagger = \frac{\hat{\phi}}{\phi_r} - i \frac{\hat{Q}}{Q_r}$$

$$\phi_r = \sqrt{2\hbar\omega_r L}$$

$$Q_r = \sqrt{2\hbar\omega_r C}$$

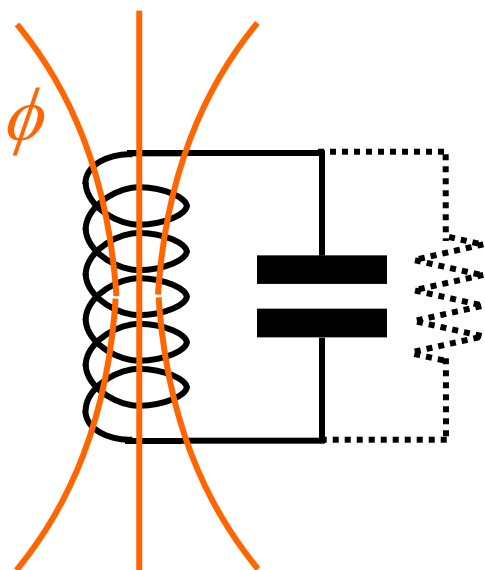
← annihilation and creation operators  
for excitation quanta of circuit  
(standing photons)

# WAVEFUNCTIONS OF LC CIRCUIT

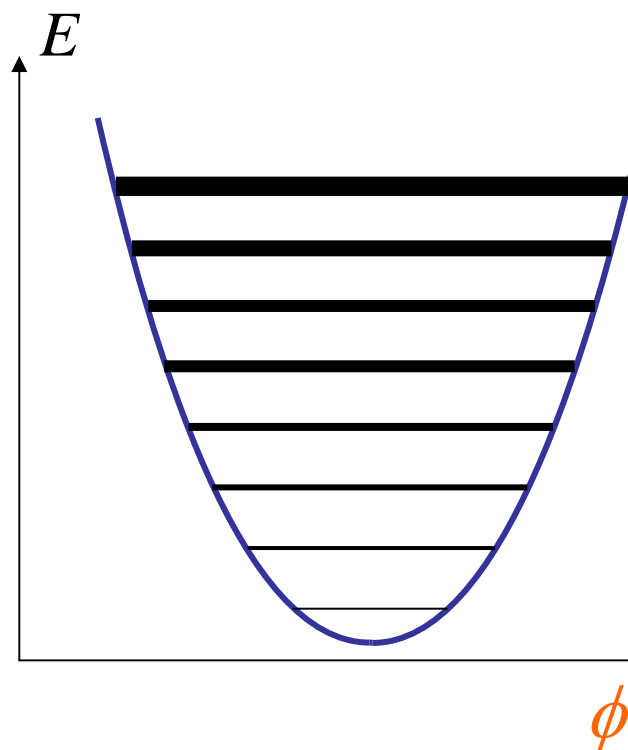


In every energy eigenstate,  
(standing photon state)  
current flows in opposite  
directions simultaneously!

# EFFECT OF DAMPING



**important:** as little  
dissipation as possible

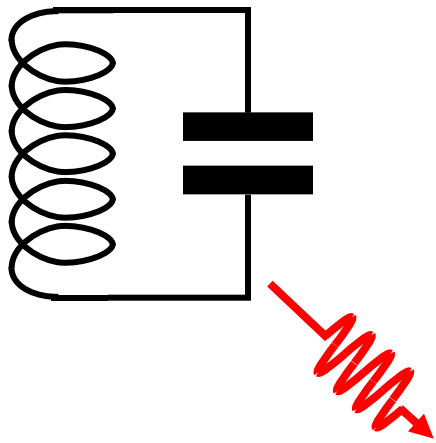


dissipation broadens energy levels

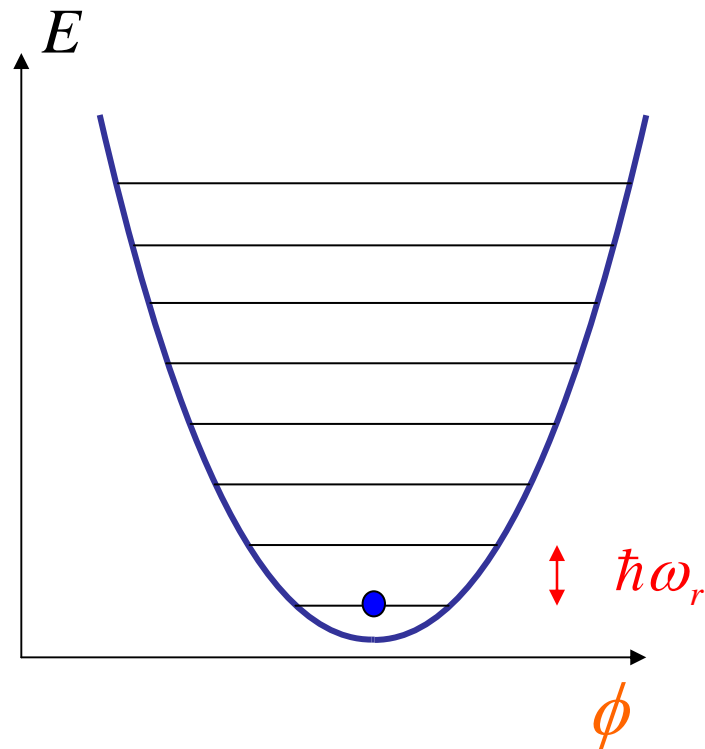
$$E_n = \hbar\omega_r \left[ n \left( 1 + \frac{i}{2Q} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad \left. \vphantom{E_n} \right\}$$

$$Q = RC\omega_r$$

# CAN PLACE CIRCUIT IN ITS GROUND STATE

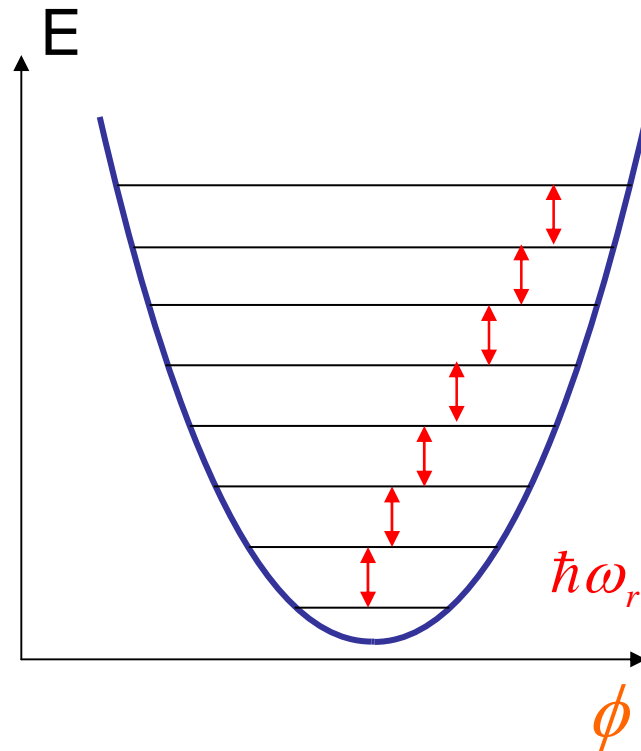
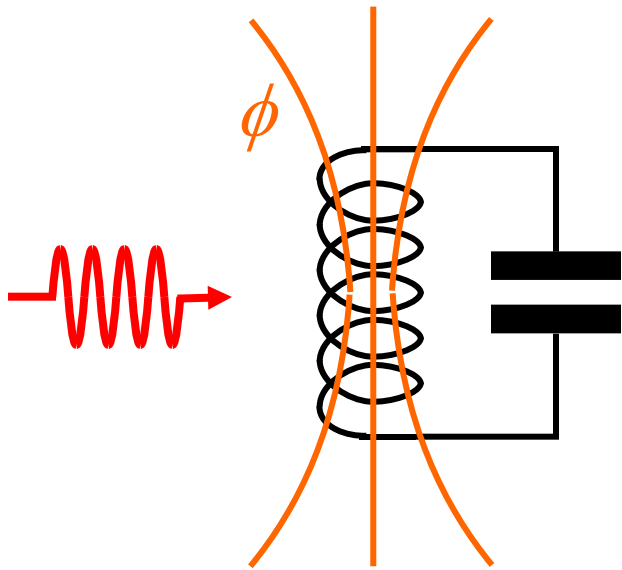


residual dissipation  
provides  
reset of circuit



$$5 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow \hbar\omega_r \gg k_B T \leftarrow 15 \text{ mK}$$

# PB: ALL TRANSITIONS ARE DEGENERATE!

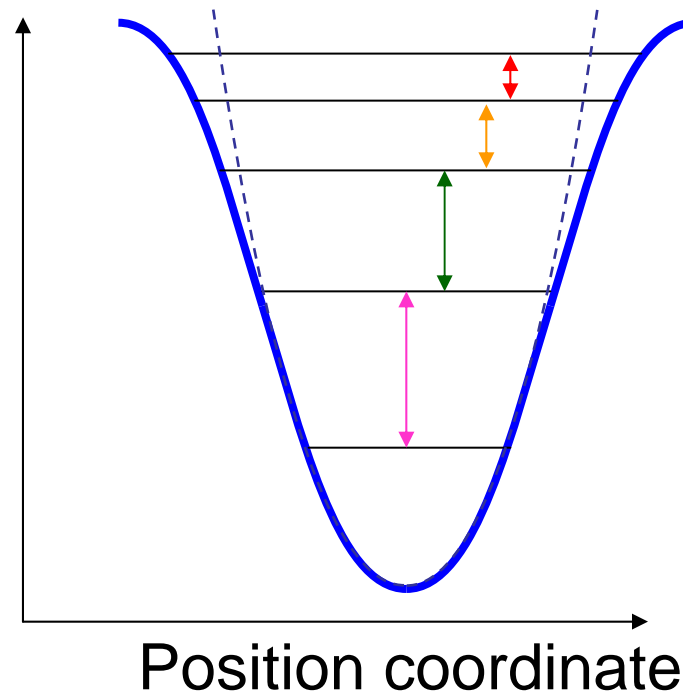


**CANNOT STEER THE SYSTEM TO AN ARBITRARY STATE  
IF PERFECTLY LINEAR**

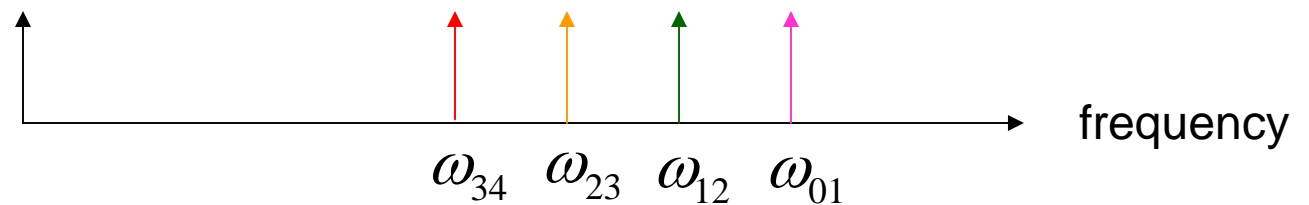


# NEED NON-LINEARITY TO FULLY REVEAL QUANTUM MECHANICS

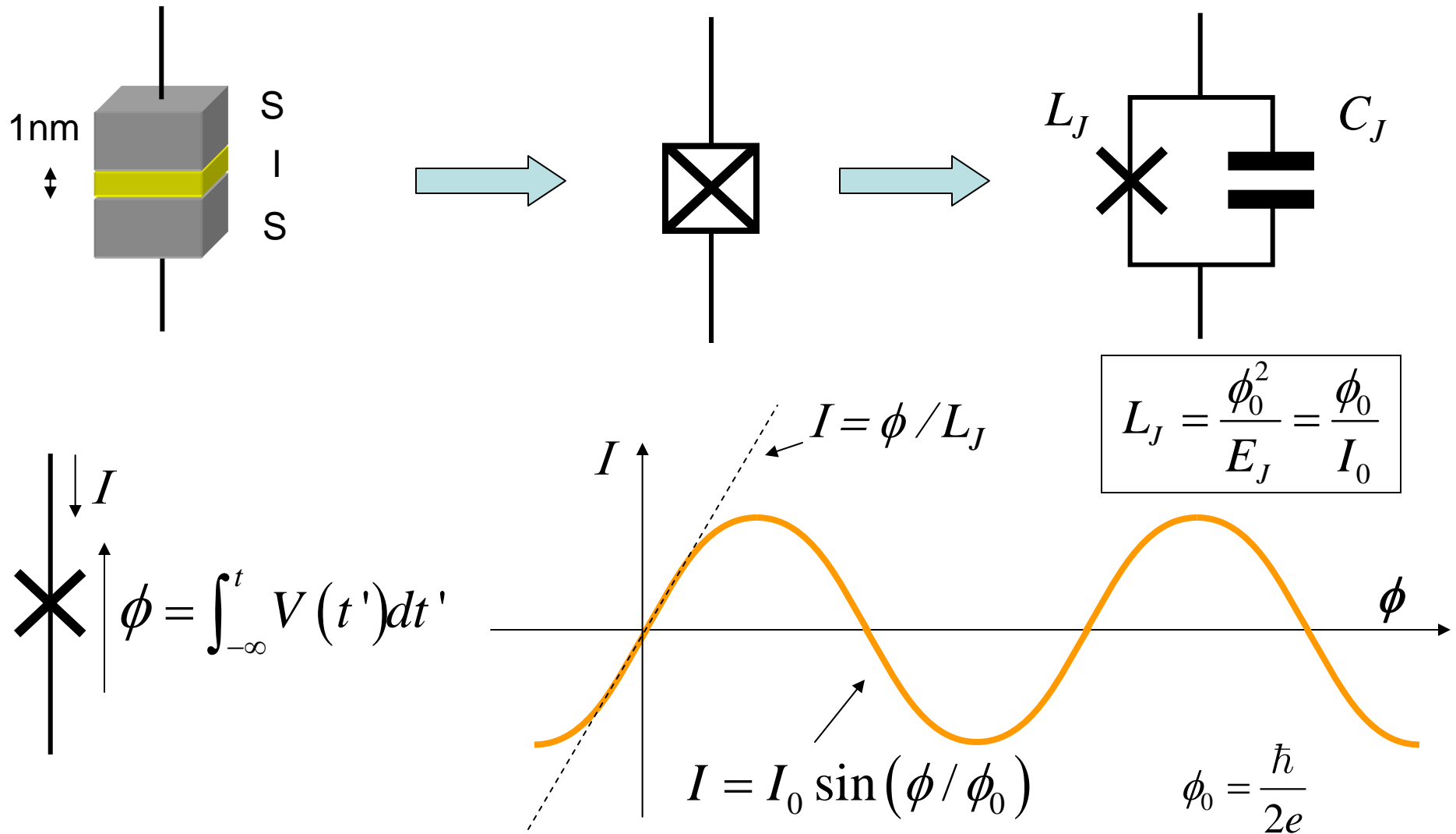
Potential energy



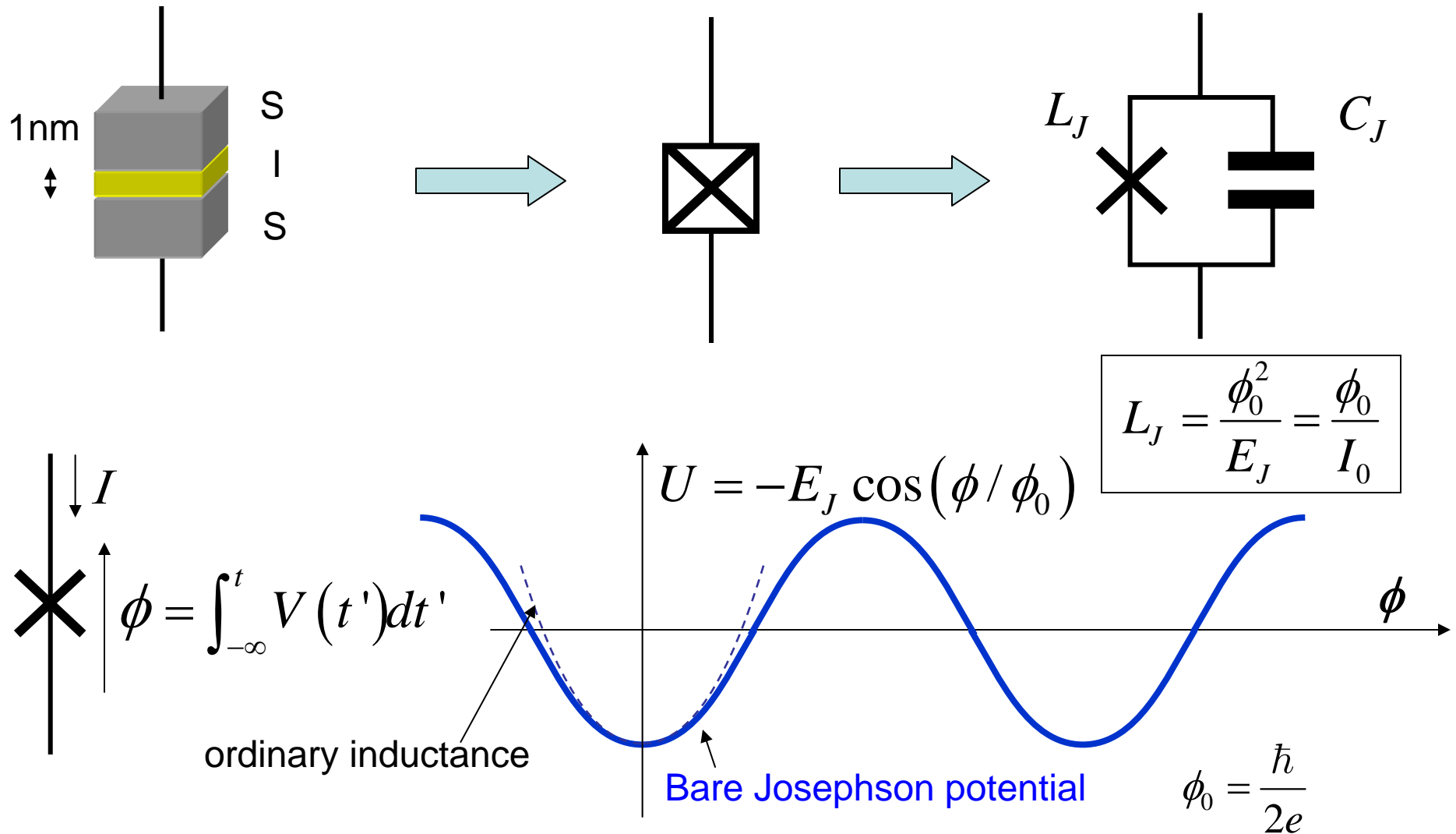
Emission spectrum



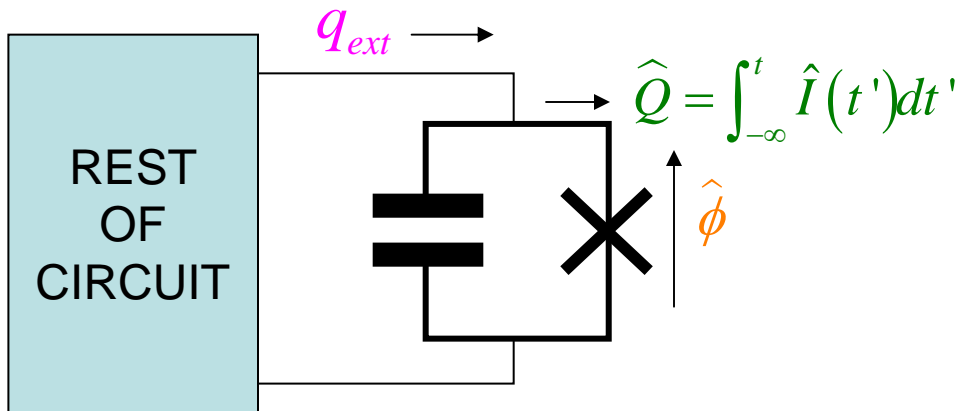
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# ENERGY SCALES OF THE JOSEPHSON JUNCTION "ATOM"



$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{2e\hat{\phi}}{\hbar}$$

$$\hat{N} = \frac{\hat{Q}}{2e}$$

$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{N}] = i$$

Hamiltonian: 
$$\hat{H}_J = 8E_C \frac{(\hat{N} - N_{ext})^2}{2} - E_J \cos \hat{\phi}$$

Coulomb charging energy for 1e

$$E_C = \frac{e^2}{2C_j}$$

reduced offset charge

$$N_{ext} = \frac{q_{ext}}{2e}$$

Josephson energy

$$E_J = \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \Delta$$

← gap

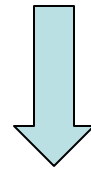
↑  
# cond<sup>ion</sup> channels

valid for opaque barrier

barrier transp<sup>cy</sup>

# HARMONIC APPROXIMATION

$$\hat{H}_J = 8E_C \frac{(\hat{N} - N_{ext})^2}{2} - E_J \cos \hat{\phi}$$



$E_C \ll E_J$  , low energy

$$\hat{H}_{J,h} = 8E_C \frac{(\hat{N} - N_{ext})^2}{2} + E_J \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2}$$

Josephson  
"plasma" frequency:

$$\omega_P = \frac{\sqrt{8E_C E_J}}{\hbar}$$

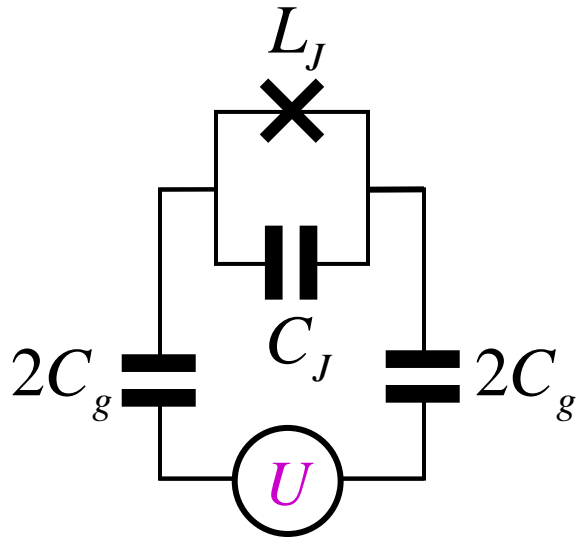
Josephson  
RF impedance:

$$Z_J = \frac{\hbar}{(2e)^2} \sqrt{\frac{8E_C}{E_J}}$$

Spectrum independent of DC value of  $N_{ext}$

# 3 TYPES OF BIASES

charge



$$8E_C \frac{(\hat{N} - C_g U / 2)^2}{2} - E_J \cos \hat{\phi}$$

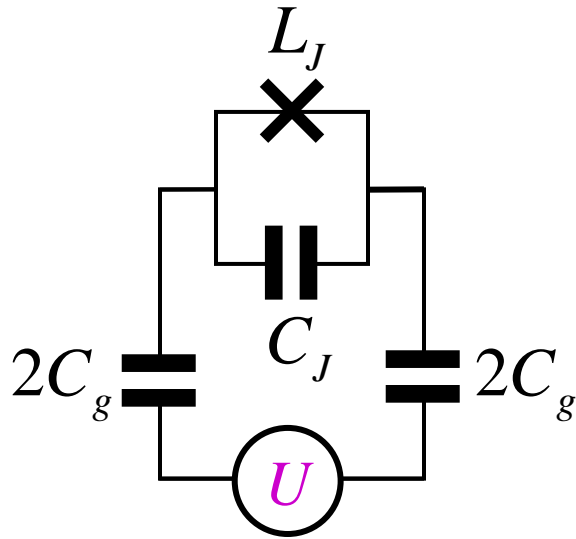
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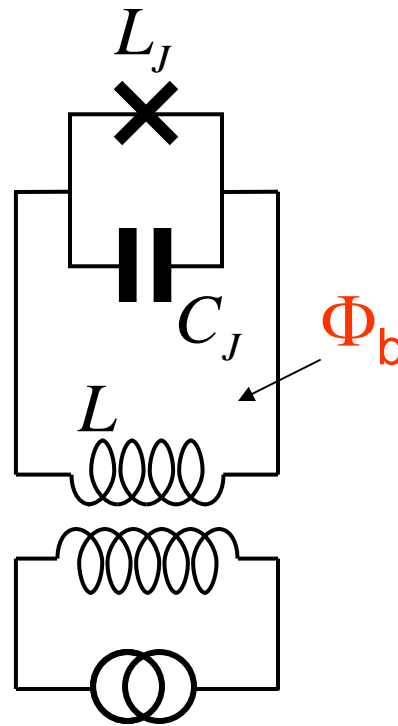
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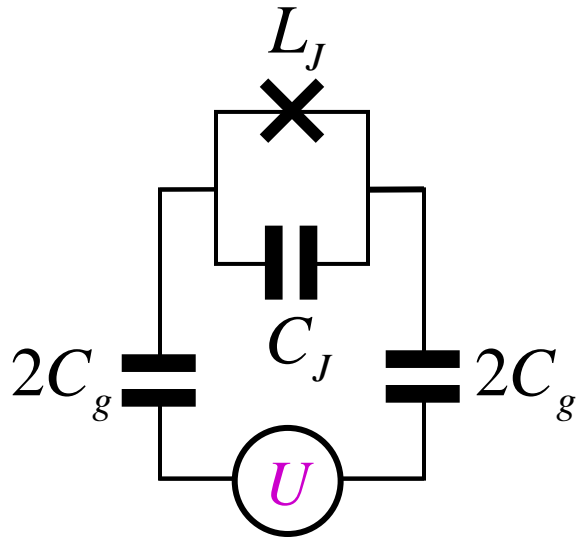


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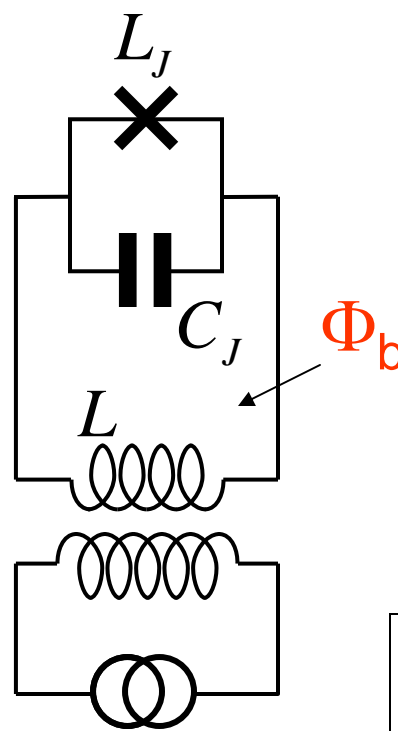
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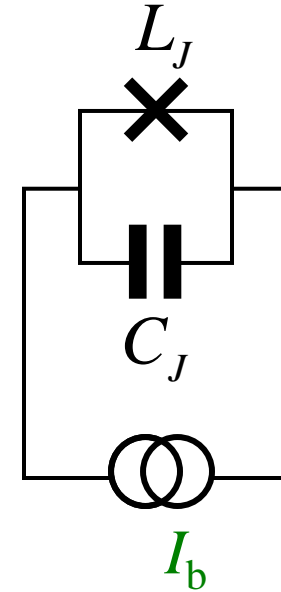
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current



$$8E_C \frac{\hat{N}^2}{2} - E_J \left( \cos \hat{\phi} - \frac{I_b}{I_0} \hat{\phi} \right)$$

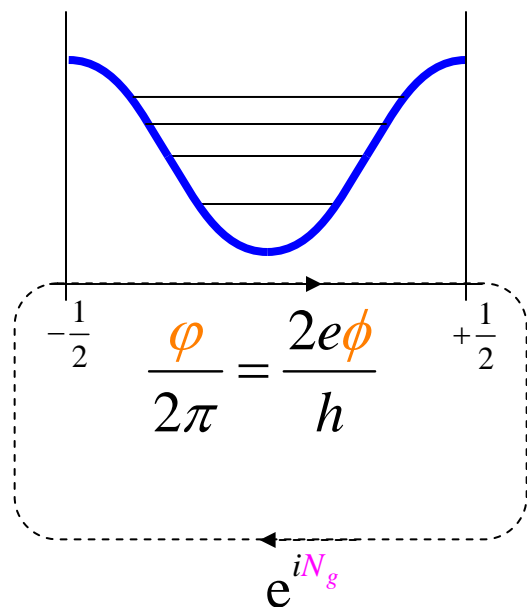
in the limit  
 $\Phi_b \rightarrow \infty$      $\frac{\Phi_b}{L} \rightarrow I_b$   
 $L \rightarrow \infty$



# EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL OF 3 MAIN BIAS SCHEMES

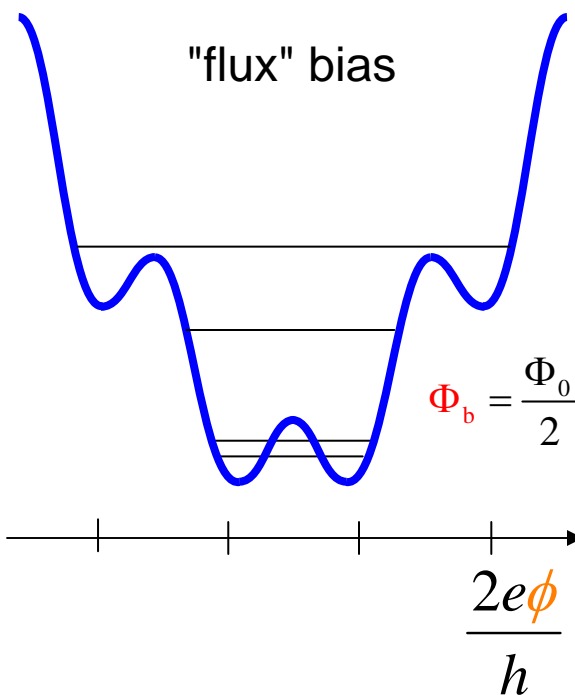
see also proposals for topologically protected qubits, for example Feigelman et al. PRL 92, 098301 (2004)

"charge" bias



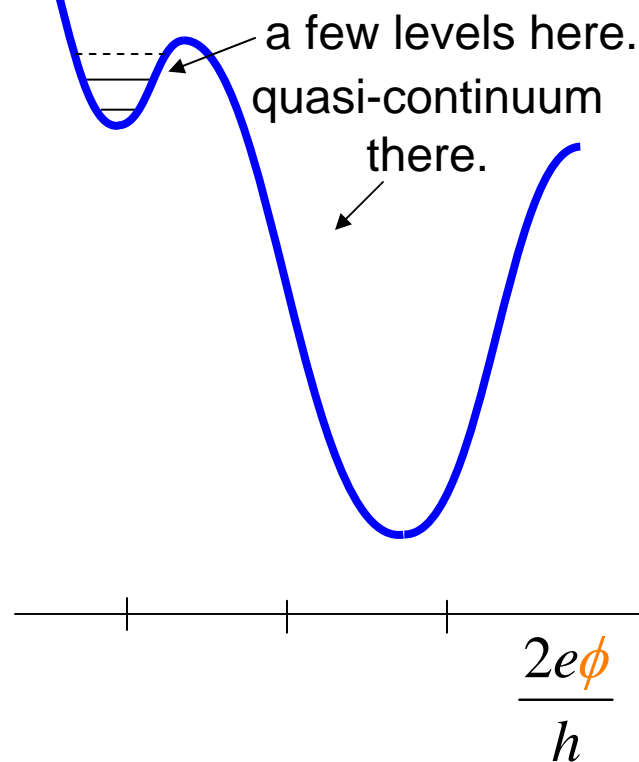
CEA Saclay, NEC, Yale  
Chalmers, JPL, ...

"flux" bias



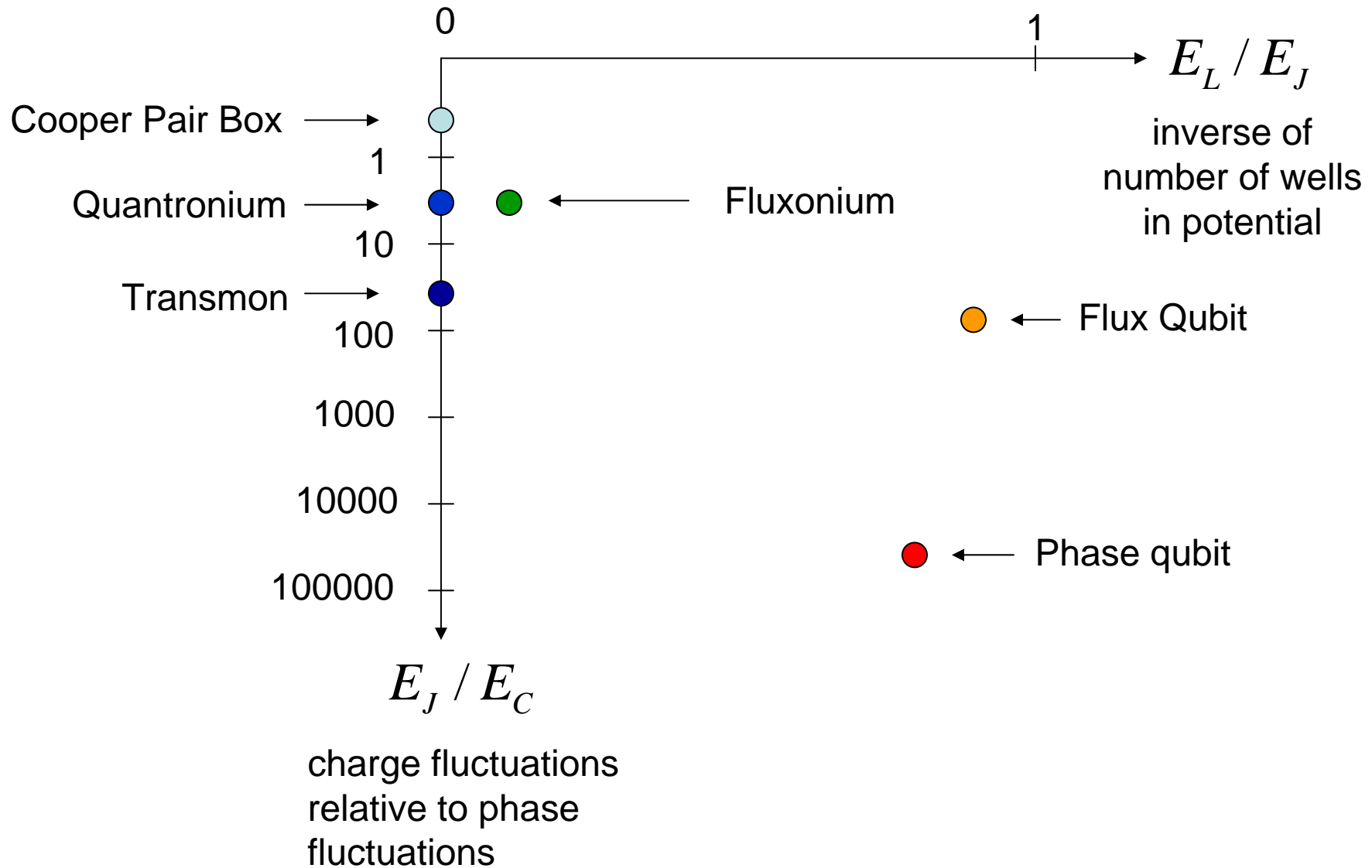
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IPHT Jena ....

"phase" bias

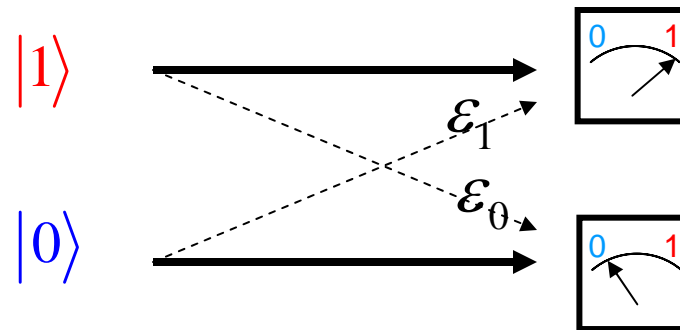
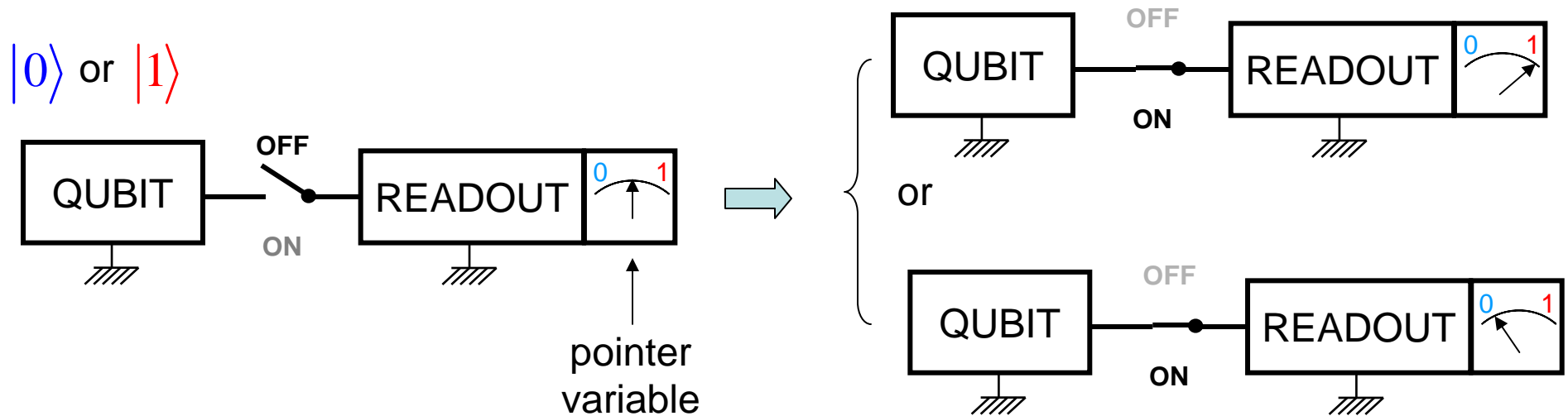


NIST, UCSB,  
U. Maryland, I. Neel Grenoble...

# SUPERCONDUCTING ARTIFICIAL ATOMS "MENDELEEV" TABLE



# THE MEMORY READOUT PROBLEM



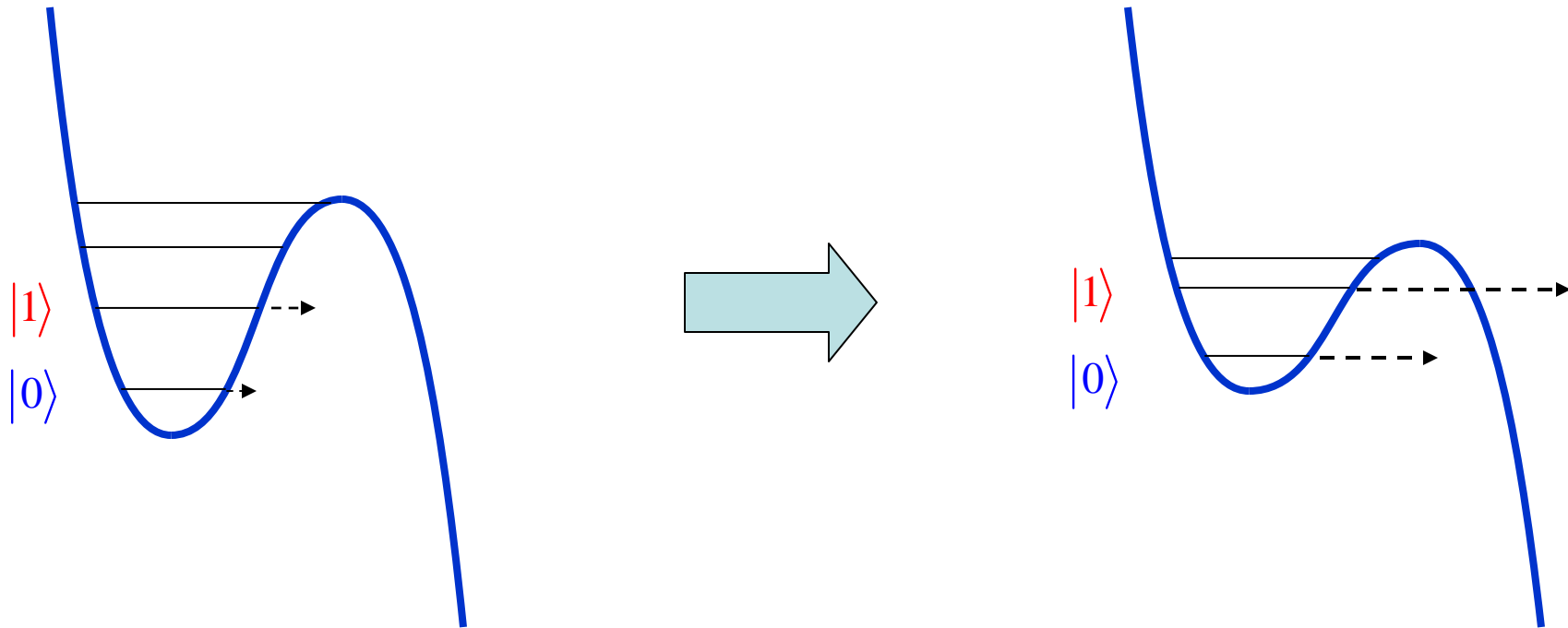
FIDELITY:

$$F = 1 - \varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_1$$

**WANT:**

- 1) SWITCH WITH ON/OFF RATIO AS LARGE AS POSSIBLE
- 2) READOUT WITH  $F$  AS CLOSE TO 1 AS POSSIBLE
- 3) FAST, 4) PRESERVE STATE (QND)

# STATE DECAY STRATEGY

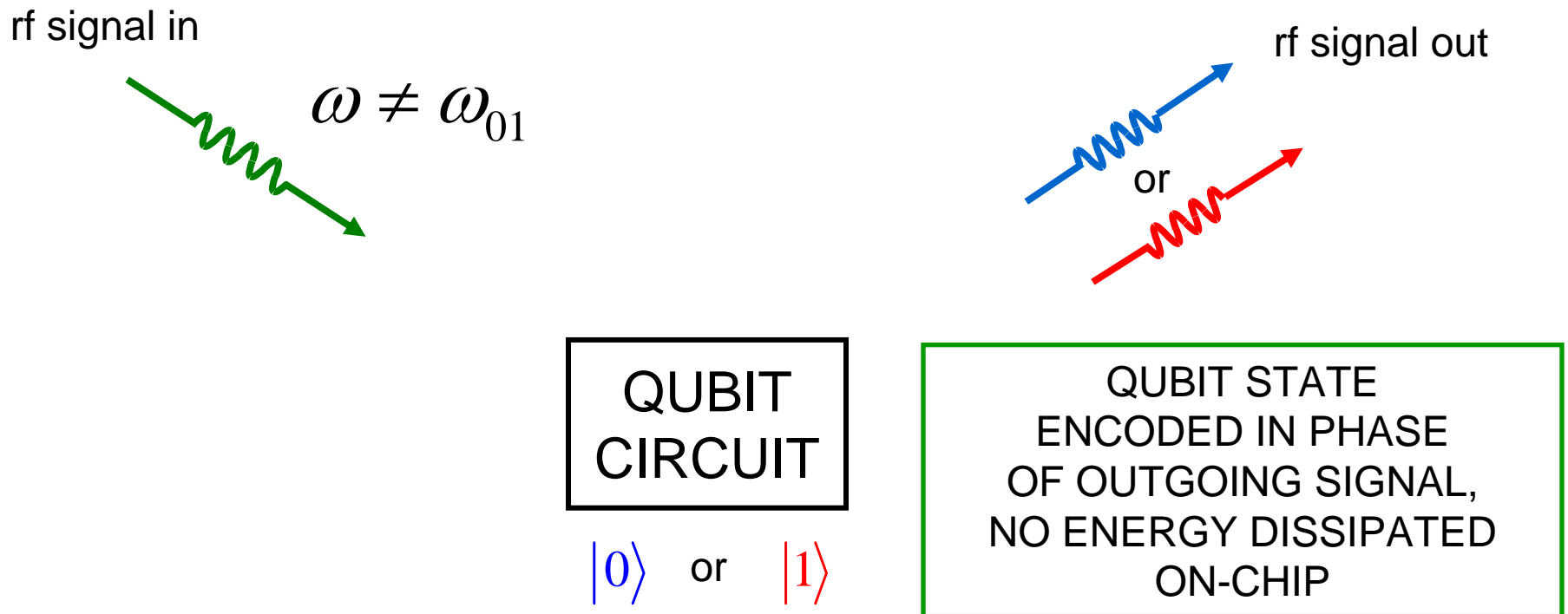


Martinis, Devoret and Clarke, PRL **55** (1985)

Martinis, Nam, Aumentado and Urbina, PRL **89** (2002)

# DISPERSIVE READOUT STRATEGY

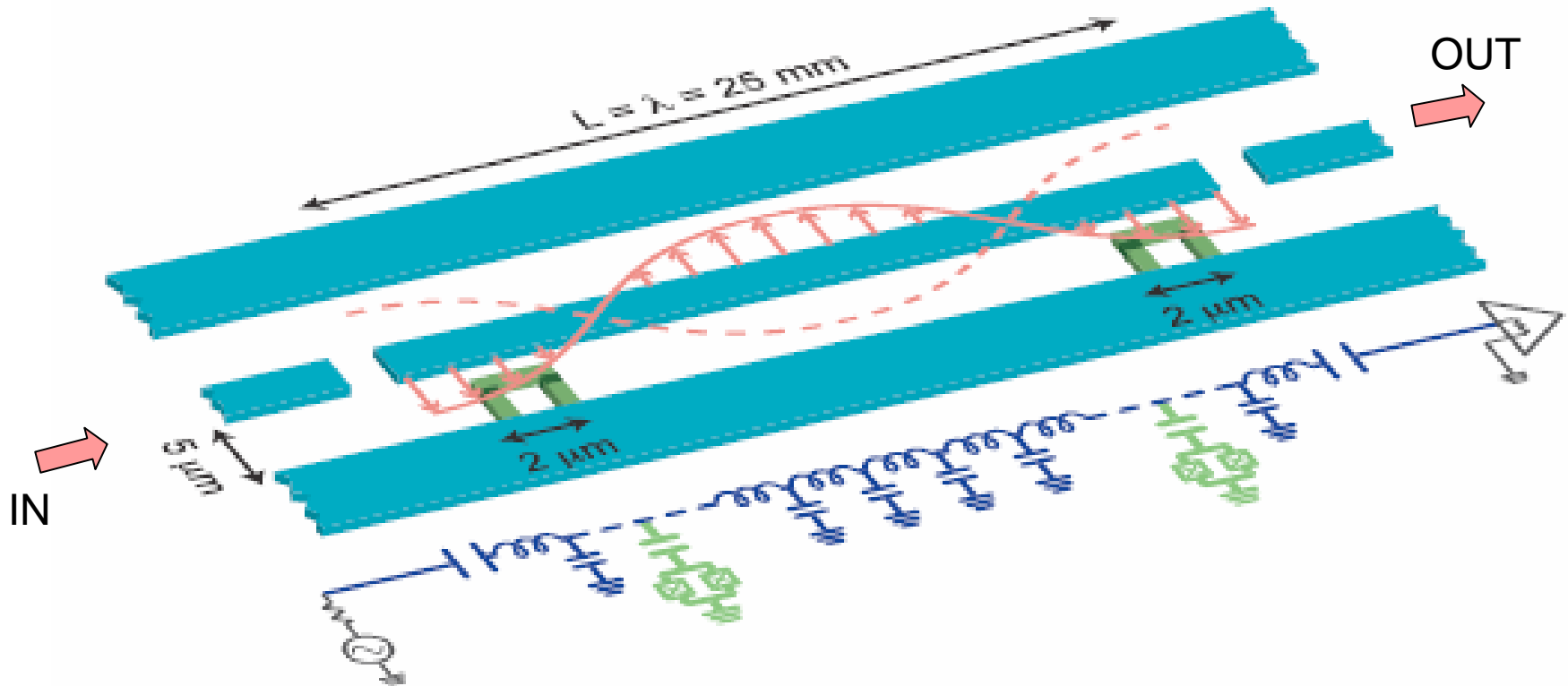
Blais et al. PRA 2004, Walraff et al., Nature 2004



- A) FILTER OUT EVERYTHING ELSE THAN READOUT RF
- B) REPEAT WITH ENOUGH PHOTONS TO BEAT NOISE : USE THE BEST AMPLIFIER AS POSSIBLE ↴

(see session V26 )

# SCHEMATIC OF COOPER PAIR BOXES IN A MICROWAVE RESONATOR (CAVITY)



Roles of cavity: 1) Filter, 2) Dispersive measurement, 3) Quantum bus

"Circuit QED": Review by Blais et al., Phys. Rev. A **75**, 032329 (2007)

# PAULI SPIN MATRICES AND ROTATIONS

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

$$\sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = X$$

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

$$\sigma_w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

HERMITIAN (MEASUREMENT)

useful  
notation  
of Pauli  
spin  
matrices

$$[Z] = -i\sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_z(\pi)$$

$$[X] = -i\sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_x(\pi)$$

$$[Y] = -i\sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_y(\pi)$$

$$I = \sigma_w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \textit{Identity}$$

UNITARY (GATE)

# ELEMENTARY GATES ARE $\pi/2$ ROTATIONS

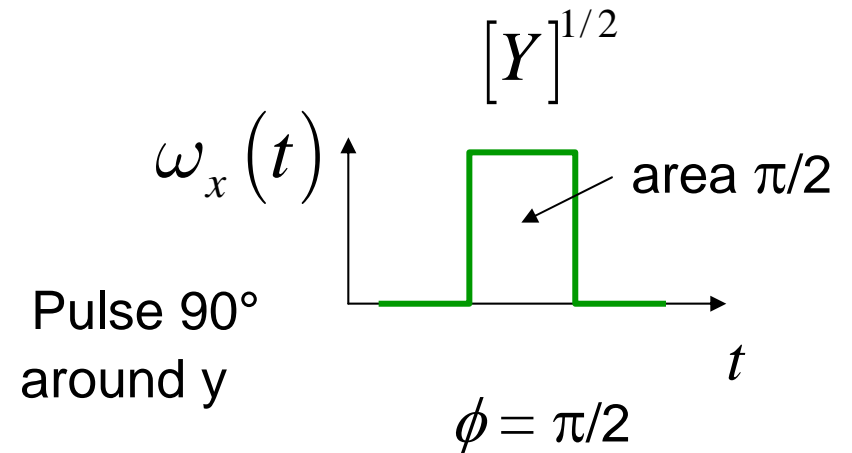
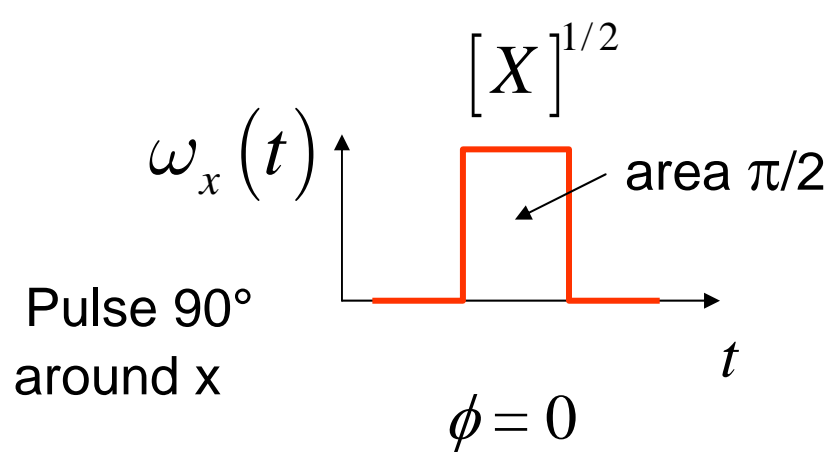
In lab frame: 
$$\frac{\hat{H}}{\hbar} = \frac{\omega_z}{2} \sigma_z + \omega_x(t) \cos[\omega_z t + \phi(t)] \sigma_x$$

transverse osc.  
field amplitude

*Do rotating wave approximation*

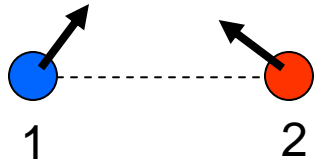
In rotating frame at Larmor freq.: 
$$\frac{\hat{H}}{\hbar} = \omega_x(t) \cos[\phi(t)] \frac{\sigma_x}{2} + \omega_x(t) \sin[\phi(t)] \frac{\sigma_y}{2}$$

$[Z]^{1/2}$  : shift Zeeman field





# NATURAL ENTANGLING OPERATIONS



$$\hat{U}(\tau) = \exp\left(-i\hat{H}_{\text{int}}\tau / \hbar\right)$$

Secular interaction:  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = g_{\parallel} \sigma_{1z} \sigma_{2z} \longrightarrow [\text{ZZ}]^{1/2}$

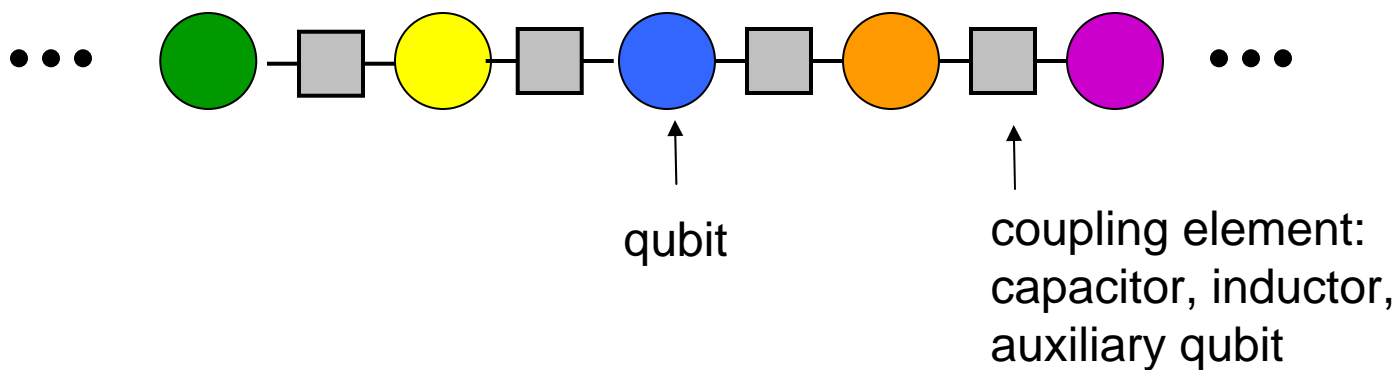
adjustment of gate duration time:  $\tau = \frac{\pi\hbar}{4g_{\parallel}}$

Flip-flop interaction:  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = g_{\perp} \sigma_{1+} \sigma_{2-} + h.c.$

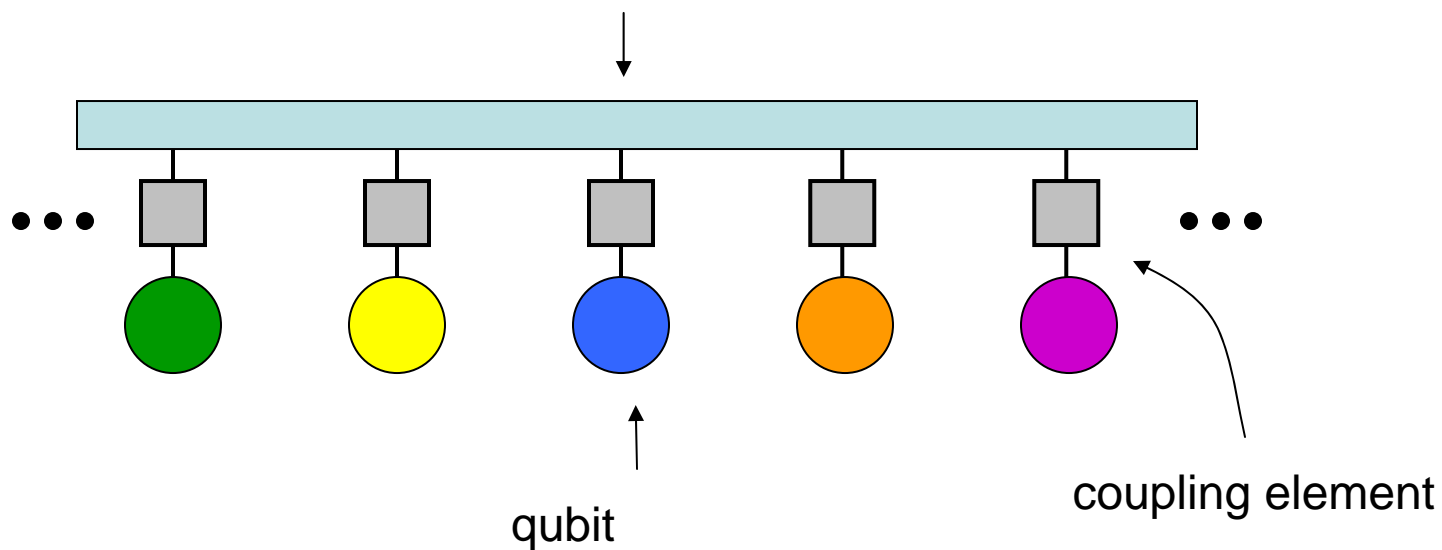
$$= g_{\perp} \left( \sigma_{1x} \sigma_{2x} + \sigma_{1y} \sigma_{2y} \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow [\text{XX}]^{1/2} [\text{YY}]^{1/2}$$

# PAIRWISE COUPLING v.s. BUS COUPLING

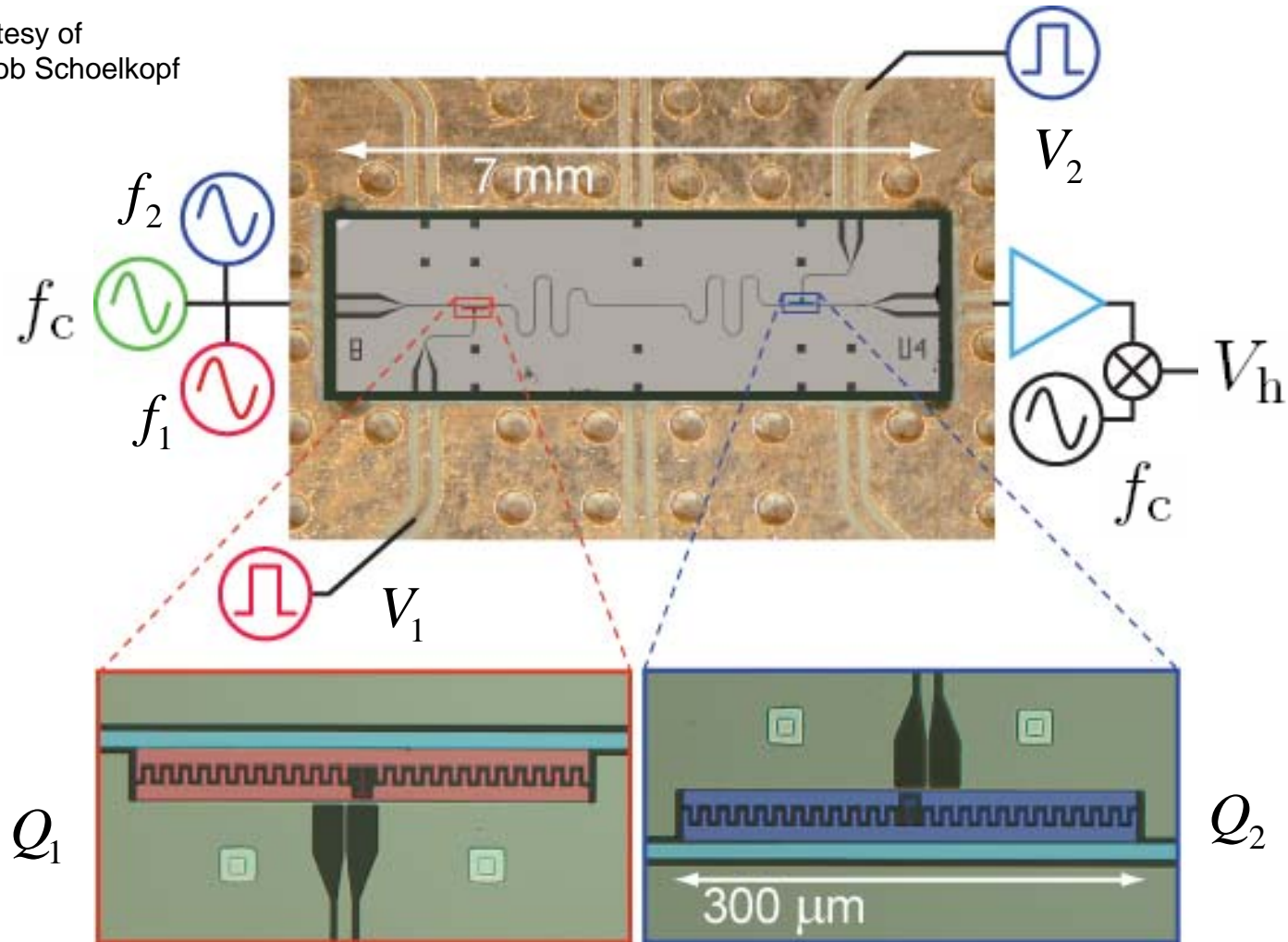


microwave transmission line resonator



# TWO-QUBIT QUANTUM PROCESSOR

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**T29, V26, Y26**

see 1 qubit and 2 cavities: B. Johnson et al. , 3 qubits and 1 cavity L. DiCarlo et al.: **T26, W6**



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