

Quantum Optics with Propagating Microwaves in Superconducting Circuits

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Outline

Motivation: Quantum network

Introduction to superconducting circuits

Quantum nodes

- The single-photon router
- The cross-Kerr phase shift
- The photon-number filter
- The quantum spectrum analyzer

Quantum Network

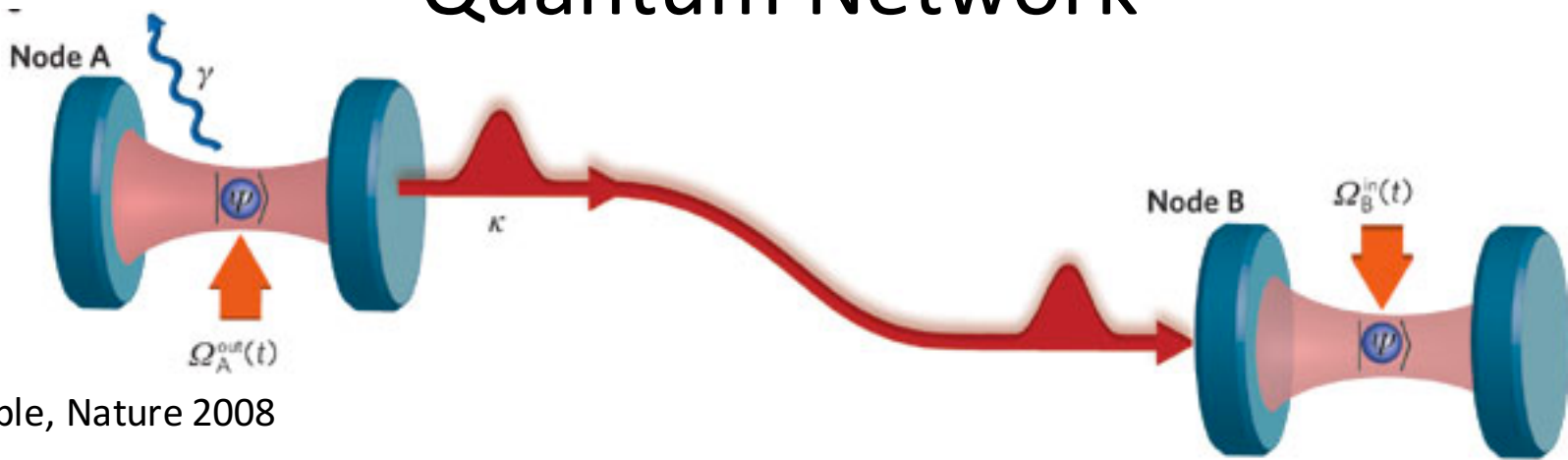
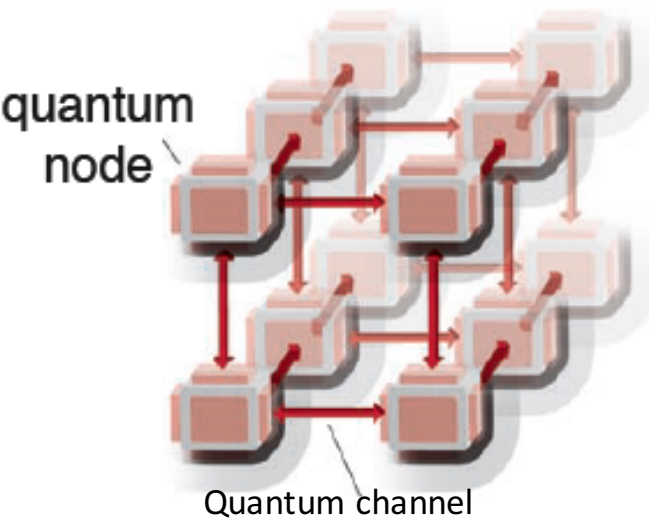


Fig. Kimble, Nature 2008



Quantum node:

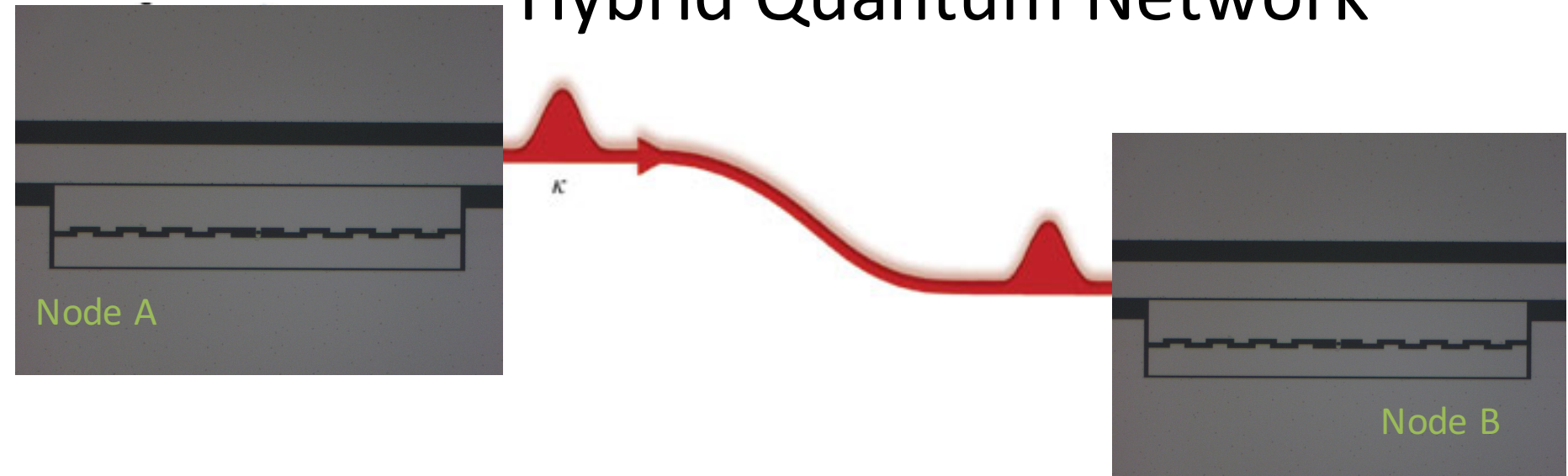
Generating, processing, routing, storing, reading out quantum information.

Quantum channel:

Distributing quantum information.

Enabling large scale quantum computing and quantum communication.

Hybrid Quantum Network



Telecom photons to distribute quantum information

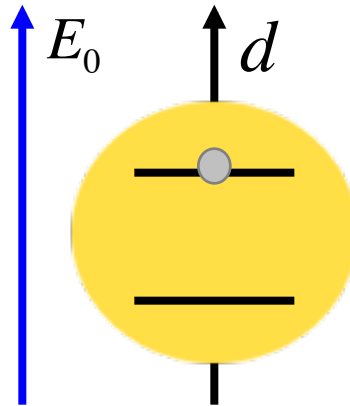
Quantum node: superconducting circuits

Microwave-optical interface is needed

R.W. Andrews, *et al.* Nature Physics **10**, 321 (2014)

Y. Kubo *et al.* PRL **105**, 140502 (2010)

Advantages of superconducting circuits

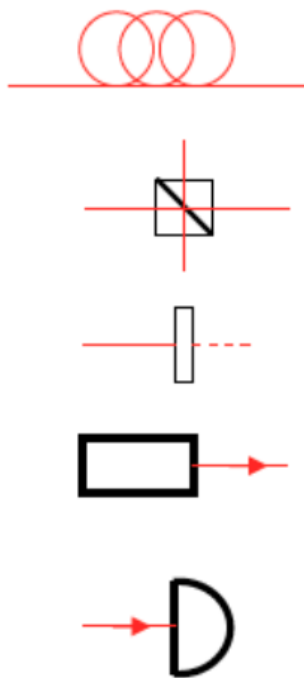


Atom-light interaction on single photon level

1. Photons and “atom” interaction can be engineered
2. Standard on-chip fabrication technique
3. Tunable transition energy of the “atom”
4. Mechanical stable

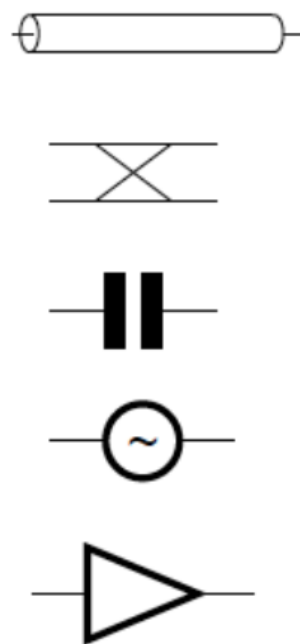
Comparison of the toolboxes

Quantum optics



Optical photons

Superconducting circuits

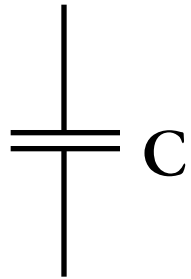


Microwave photons

Introduction to Superconducting Circuits

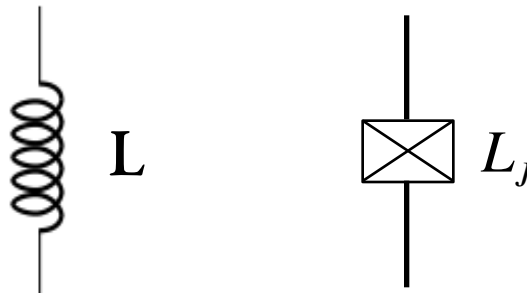
Basic Elements of Superconducting Circuits

Dissipationless!



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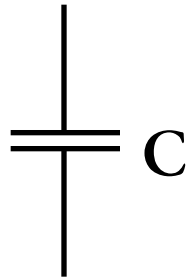
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Non-dissipative
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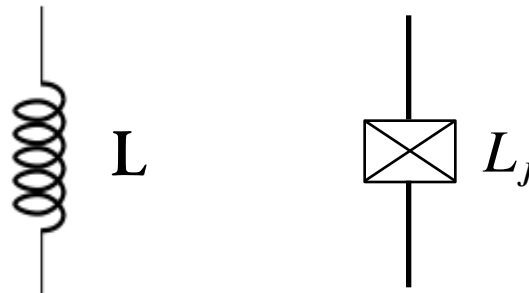
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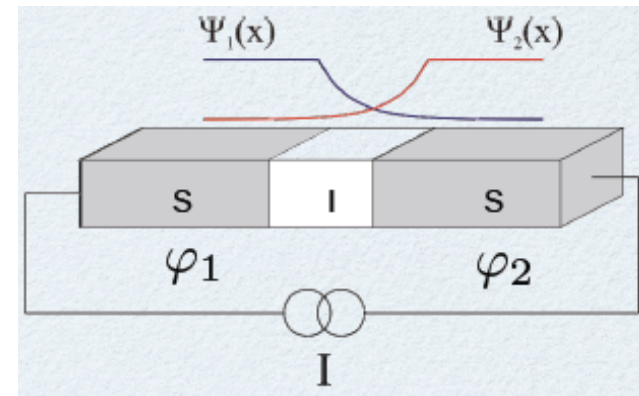
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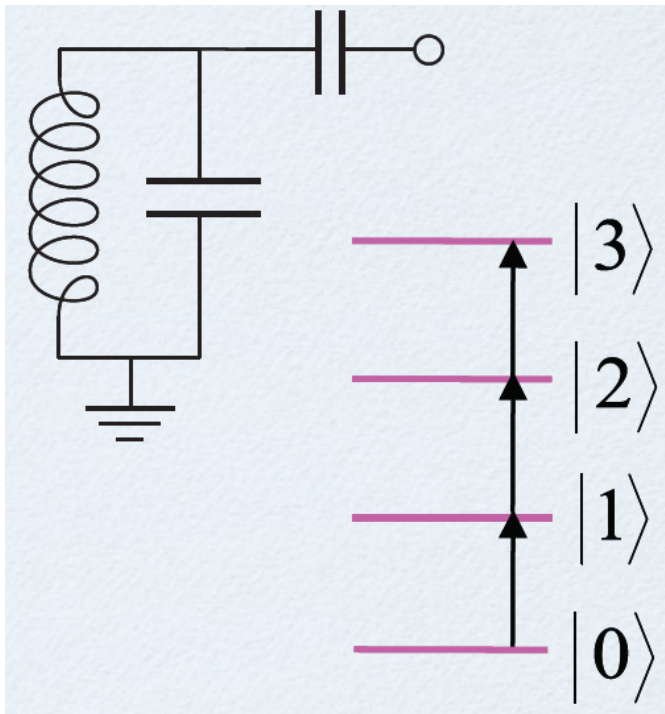
Inductance

Tunnel barrier between
two superconductors



$$I = I_c \sin \phi \quad \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{2e}{\hbar} V$$

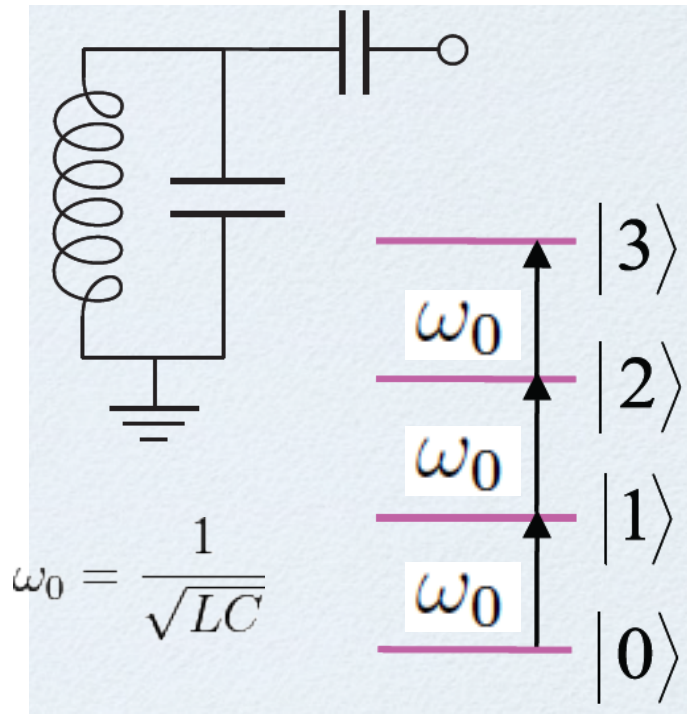
Artificial Atom Based on Quantized Superconducting Circuits



LC Harmonic oscillator

$f \sim 5\text{GHz} \sim 240\text{mK}$

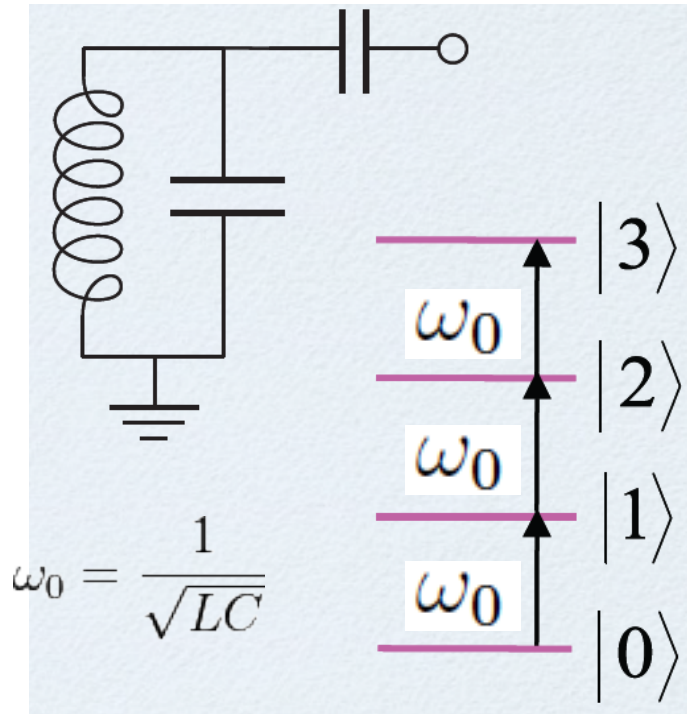
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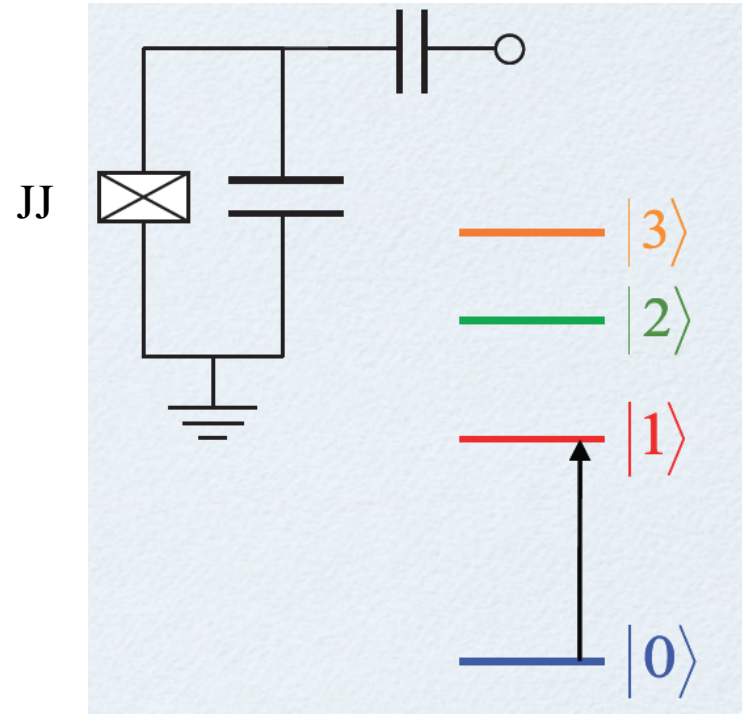
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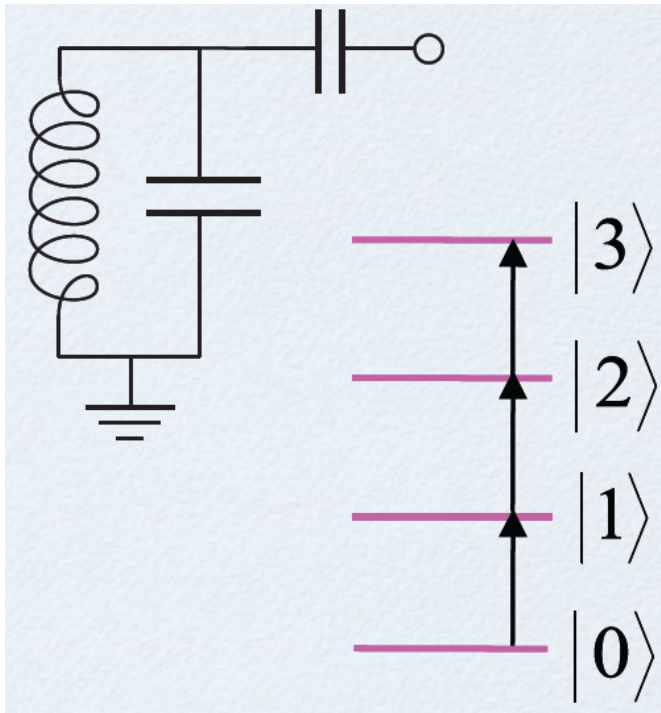


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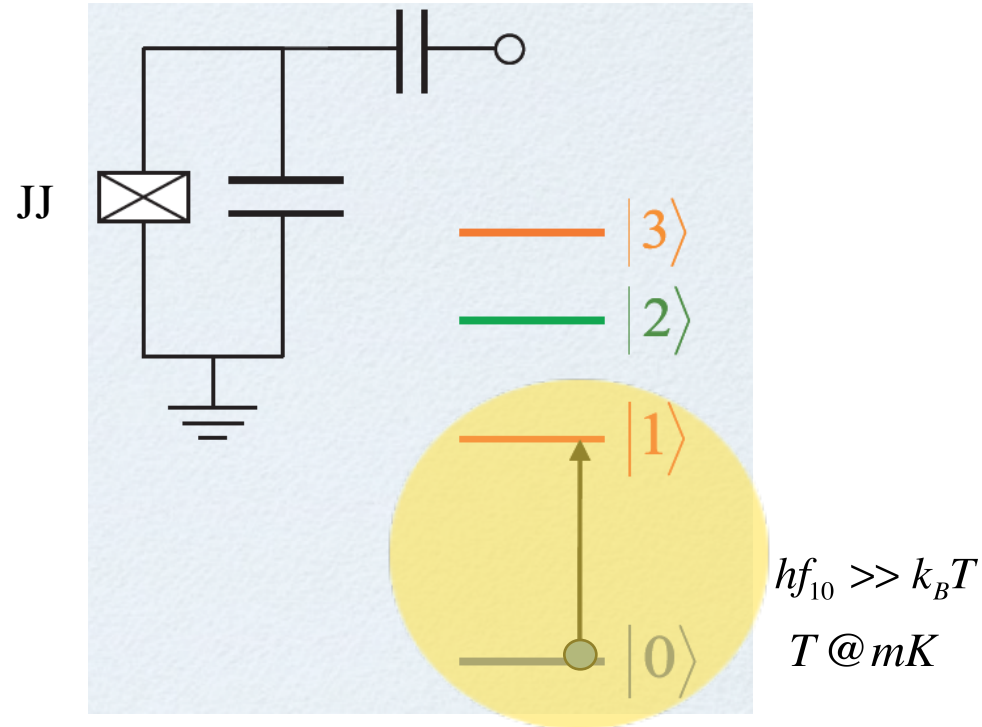


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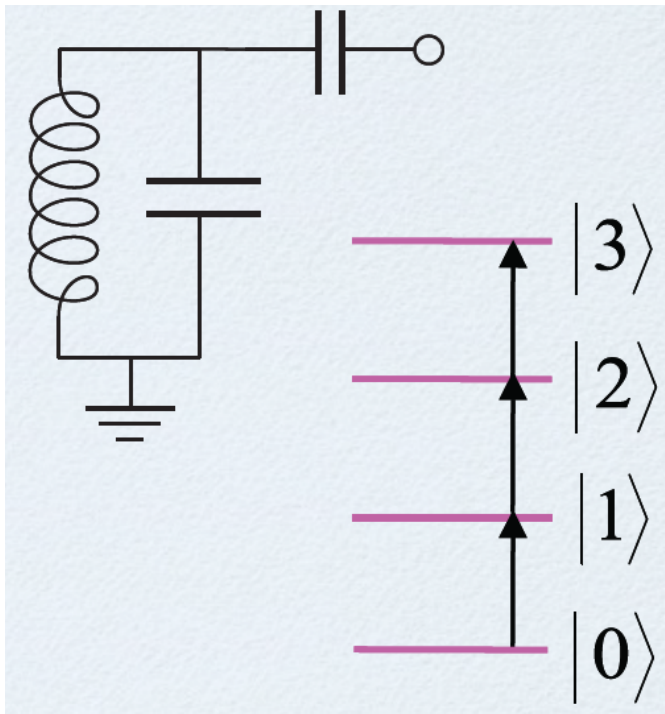


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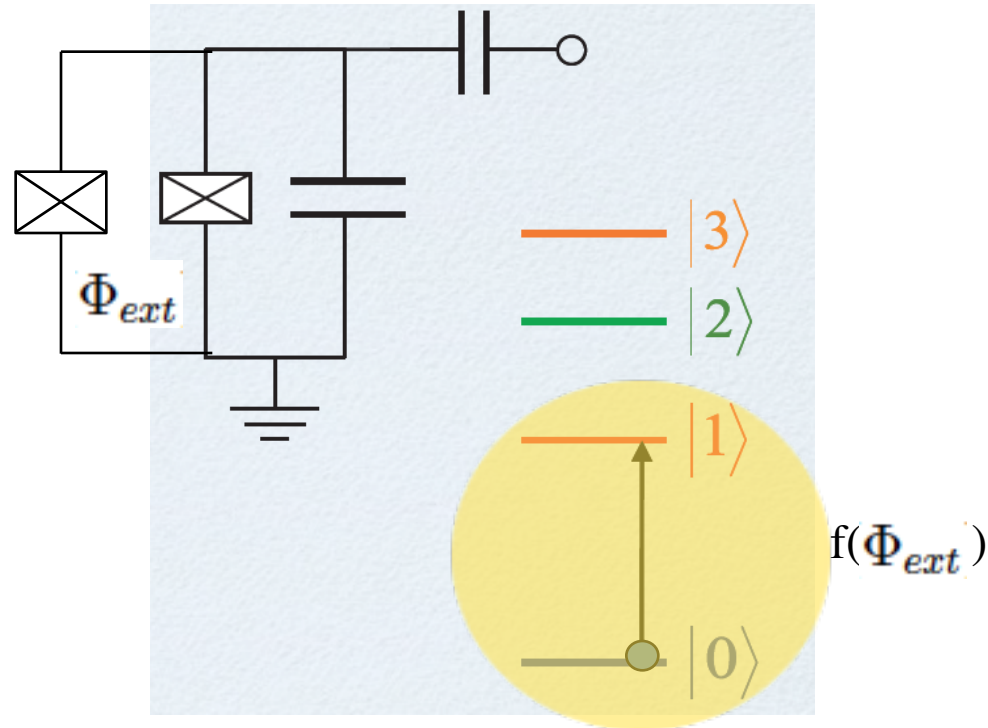


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Tunable transition frequency by flux Φ_{ext} through the SQUID loop.

Resonant scattering

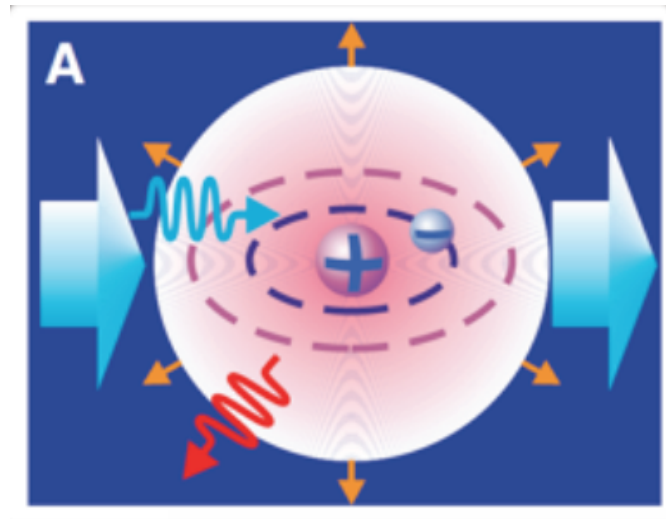
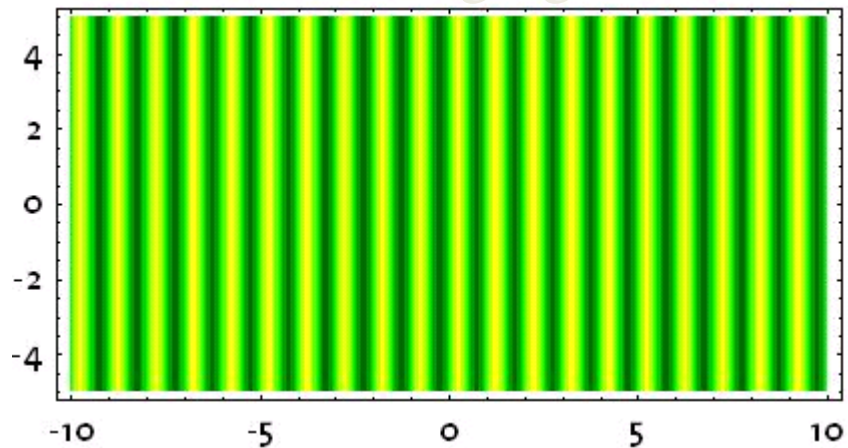


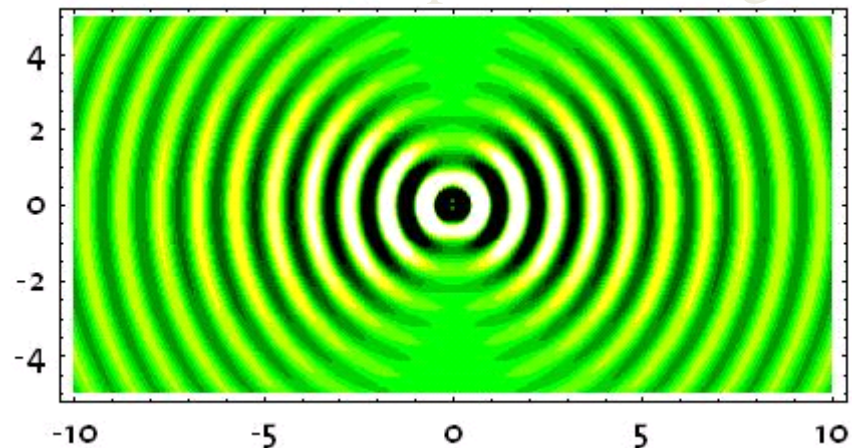
Fig: O. Astafiev, *et al.* **327**, 840 *Science* (2010)

Resonant scattering in 3D space

Incoming light

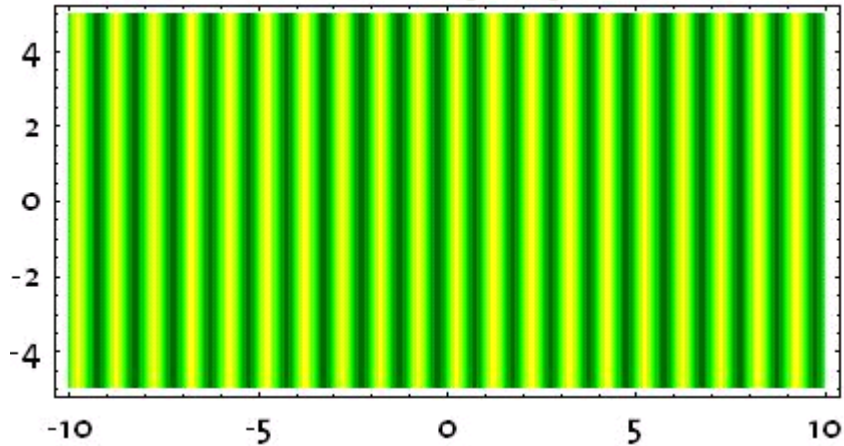


Atom/dipole emits light

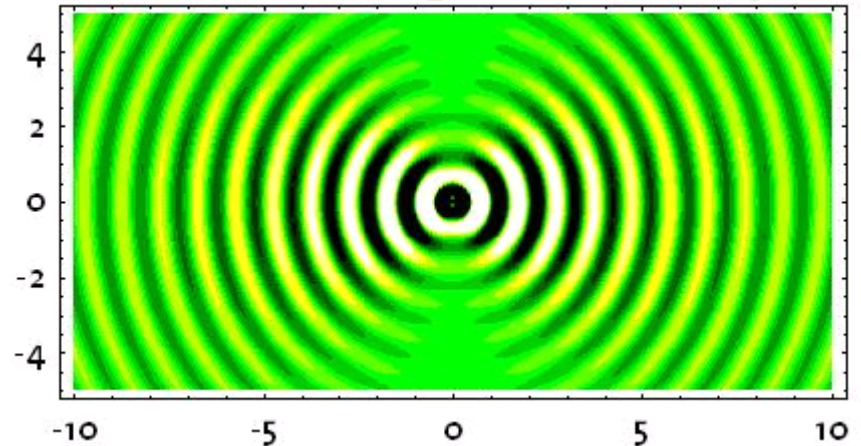


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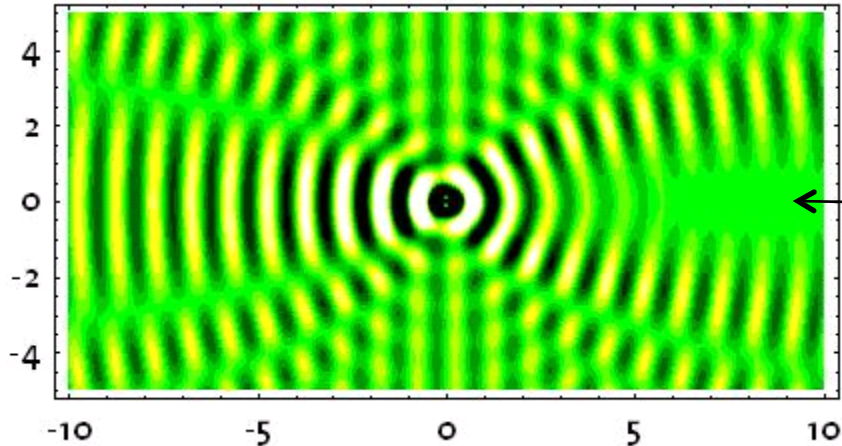
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Sum



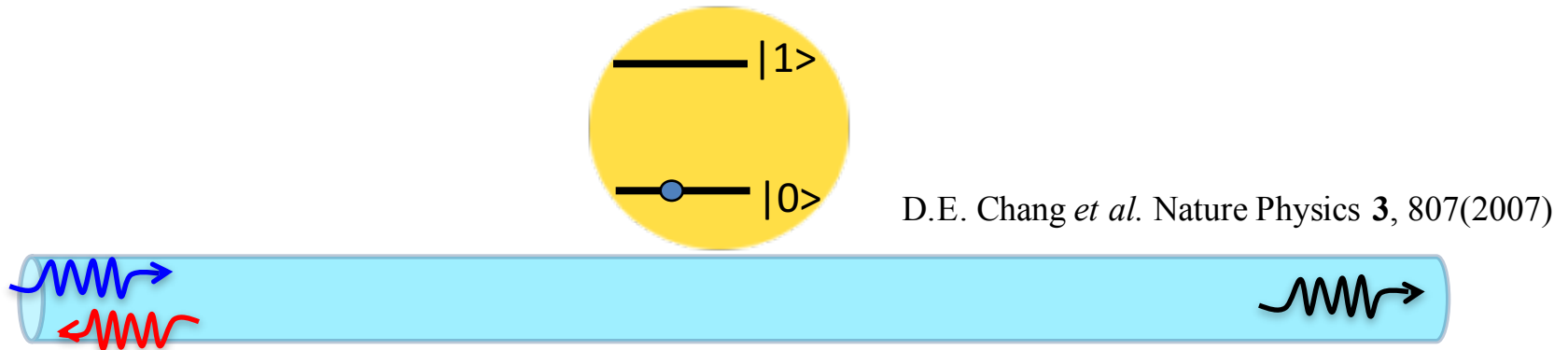
The extinction signal
is due to interference

G. Wrigge *et al.* Nature Phys. **4**, 60 (2008). M. Tey *et al.* Nature Phys. **4**, 924 (2008).

Spatial mode mismatch

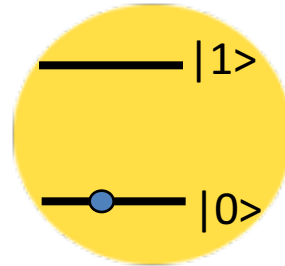
Fig. from
U. Håkanson

Resonant scattering in 1D waveguide

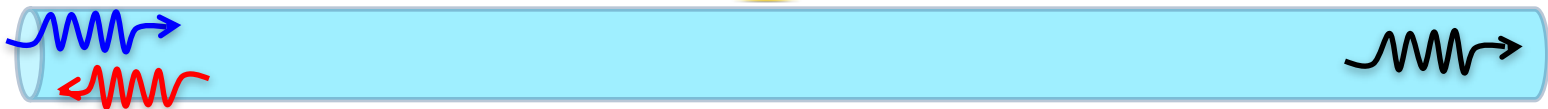


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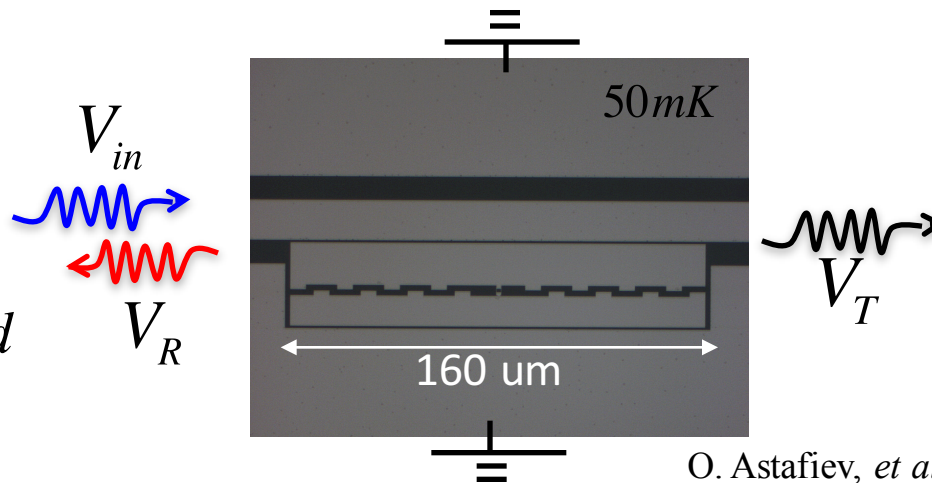


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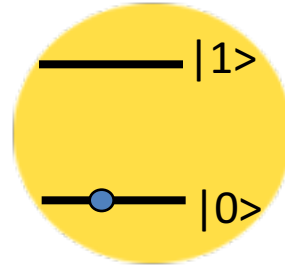
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 $d \sim \mu m$ Size of "atom"



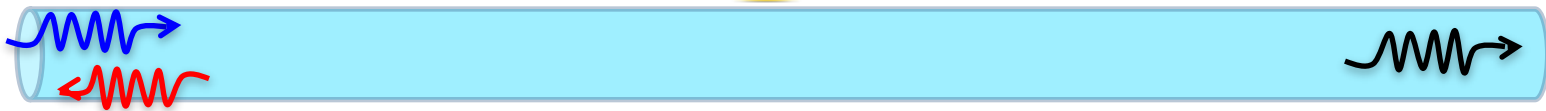
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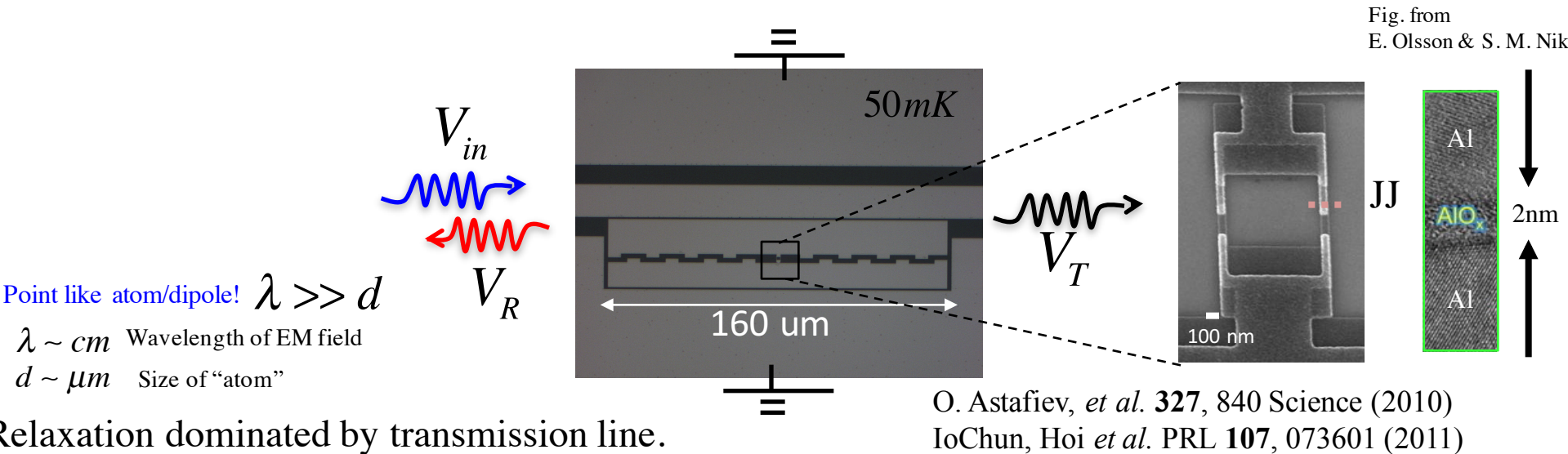
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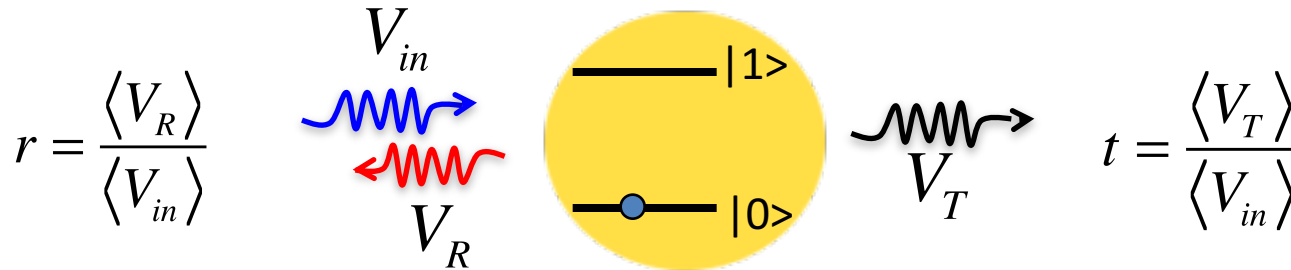
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Transmission and reflection



$$r = \frac{\langle V_R \rangle}{\langle V_{in} \rangle}$$

$$t = \frac{\langle V_T \rangle}{\langle V_{in} \rangle}$$

Reflection coefficient

Transmission coefficient

$$r = -\frac{\Gamma_{10}}{2\gamma_{10}} \left[\frac{1 - i\delta\omega_p / \gamma_{10}}{1 + (\delta\omega_p / \gamma_{10})^2 + \Omega_p^2 / \Gamma_{10}\gamma_{10}} \right]$$

$$t = 1 + r$$

on resonance, low power

$\delta\omega_p$: Detuning
 Γ_{10} : Relaxation
 Γ_φ : Pure dephasing
 $\gamma_{10} = \Gamma_{10} / 2 + \Gamma_\varphi$

$$\left| r(\delta\omega_p = 0, \Omega_p \ll \gamma_{10}) \right| = \frac{\Gamma_{10}}{2\gamma_{10}} = \frac{1}{1 + 2\Gamma_\varphi / \Gamma_{10}}$$

Strong interaction limit:

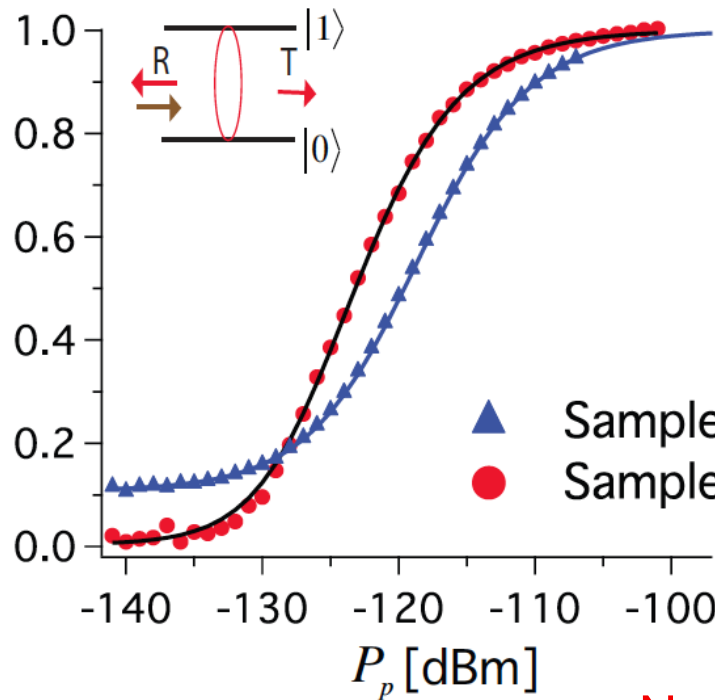
$$\Gamma_{10} \gg \Gamma_\varphi \quad \left| r(\delta\omega_p = 0, \Omega_p \ll \gamma_{10}) \right| \simeq 1 \quad \text{Fully coherent.}$$

Saturation of transmission

$$T = |t|^2$$

Almost full reflection at low power

T



Almost full transmission at high power

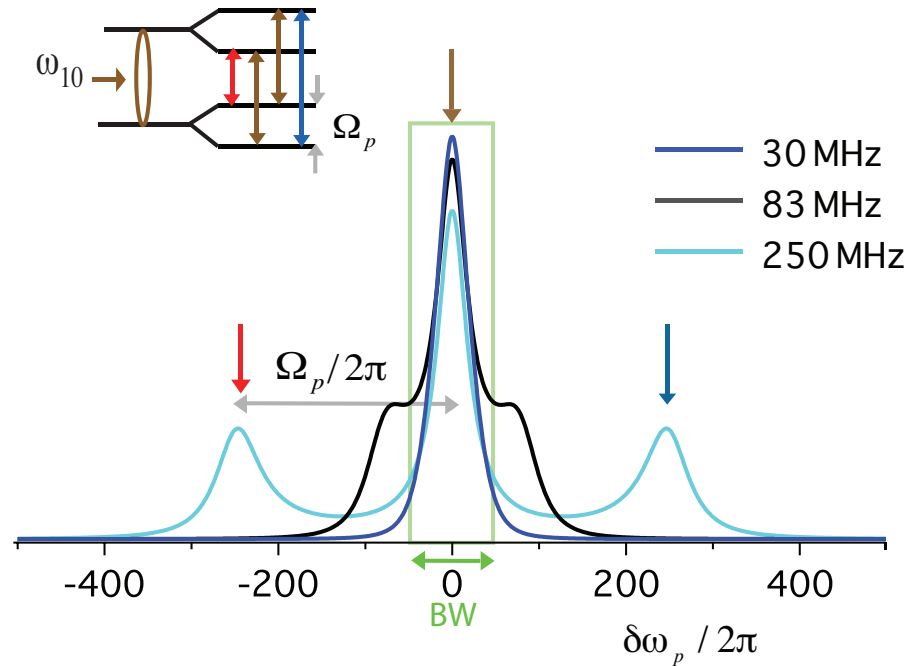
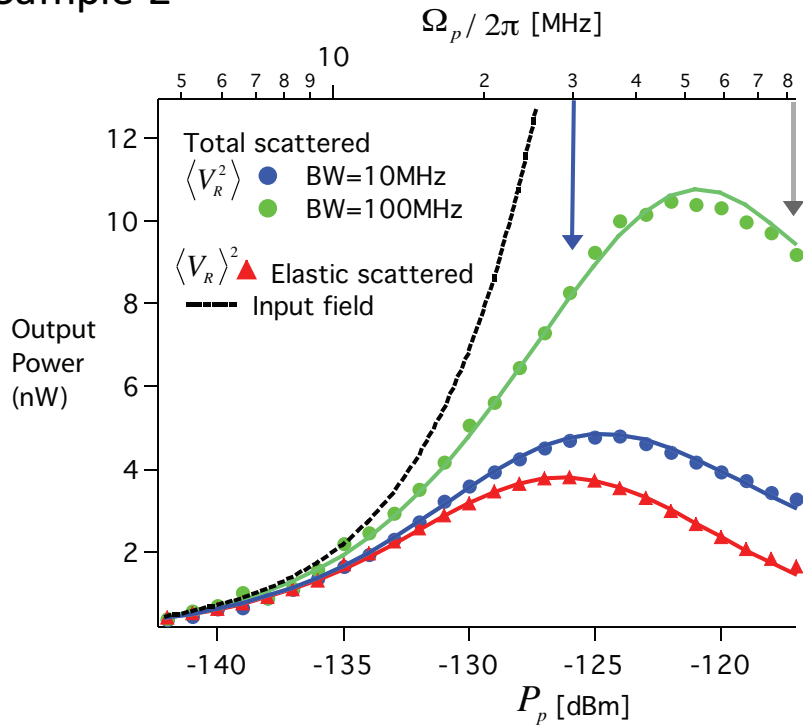
$$\langle N_P \rangle = \frac{P_P}{\hbar\omega_P(\Gamma_{10}/2\pi)}$$

Nonlinear nature of the atom!

Sample	E_J/h	E_C/h	E_J/E_C	$\omega_{10}/2\pi$	$\omega_{21}/2\pi$	$\Gamma_{10}/2\pi$	$\Gamma_\phi/2\pi$	Ext.
1	12.7	0.59	21.6	7.1	6.38	0.073	0.018	90%
2	10.7	0.35	31	5.13	4.74	0.041	0.001	99%

Coherent vs Incoherent scattering

Sample 2

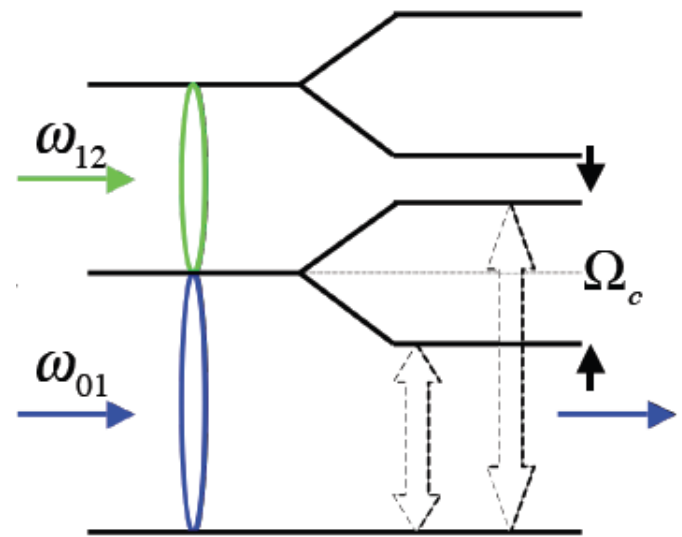
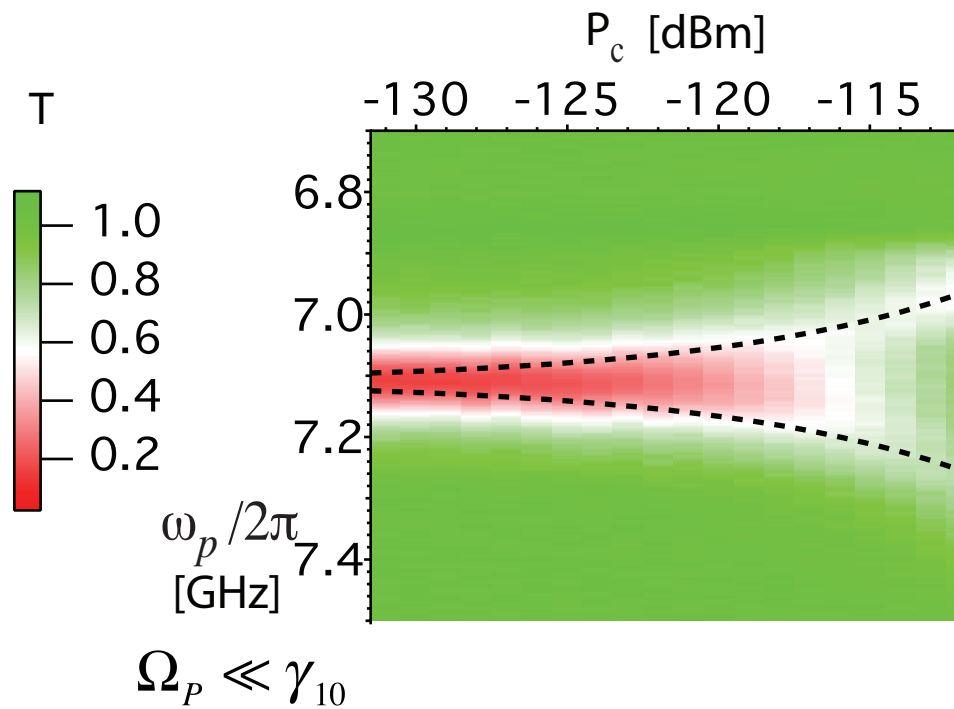


$$\Omega_p \ll \gamma_{10}$$

$$\langle V_{in} \rangle^2 \approx \langle V_R \rangle^2 \approx \langle V_R^2 \rangle \quad |r_{p,1}| \sim 1$$

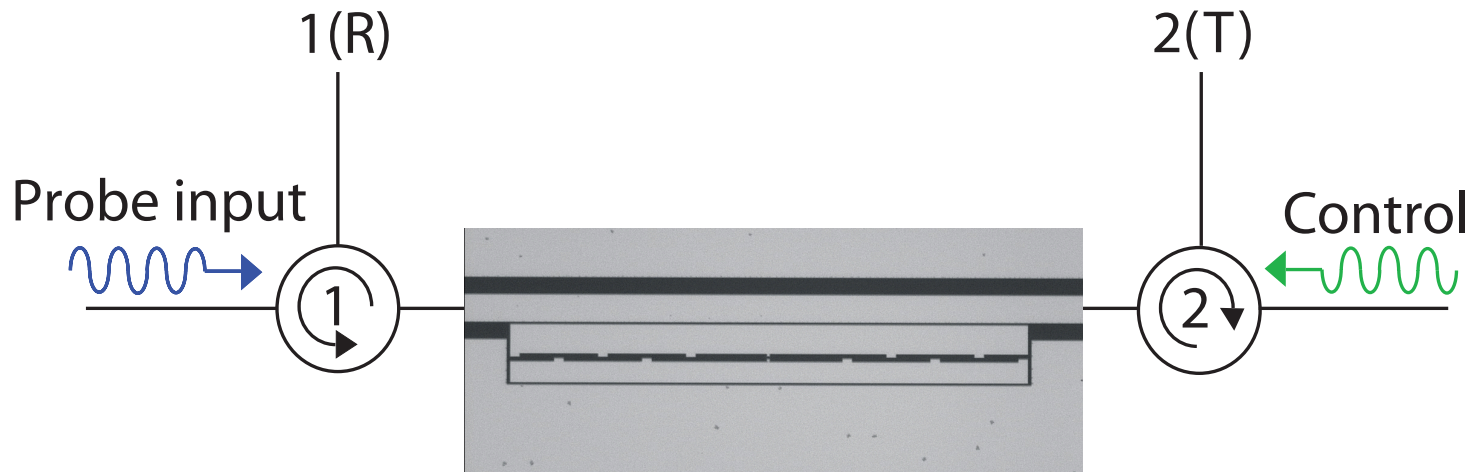
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Autler-Townes Splitting



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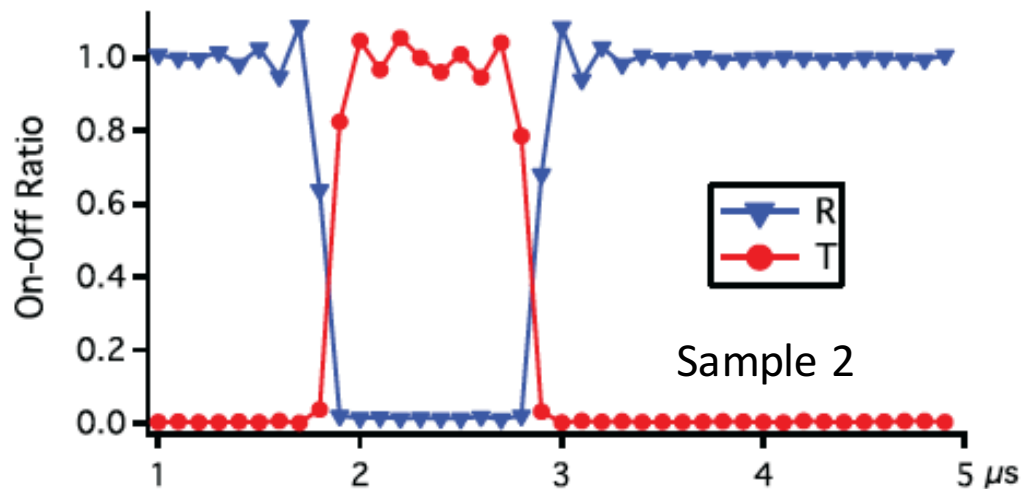
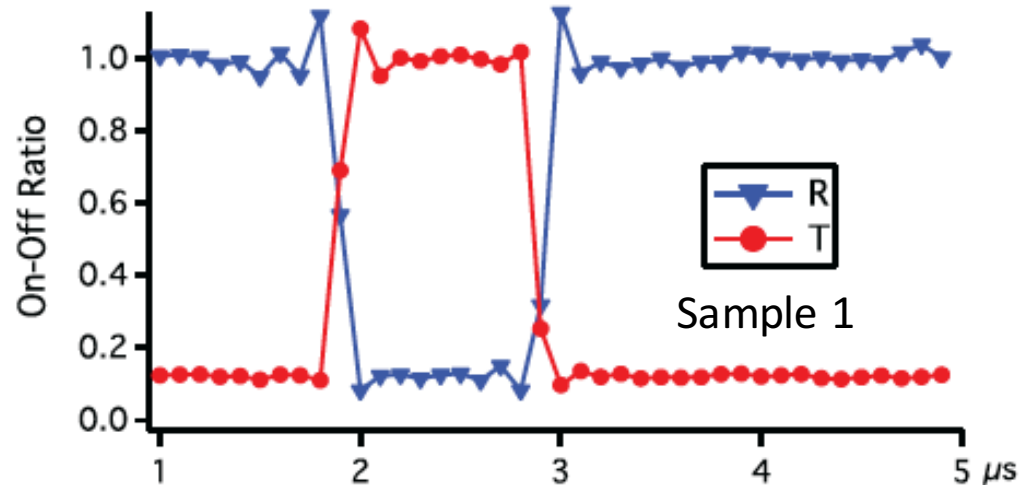
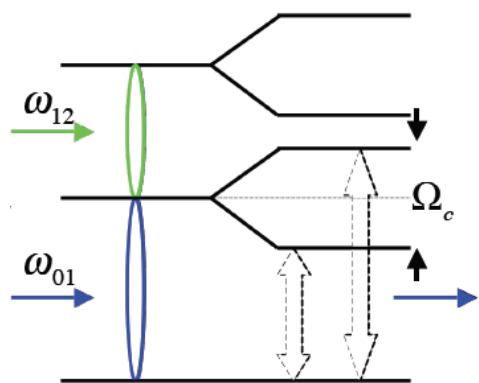
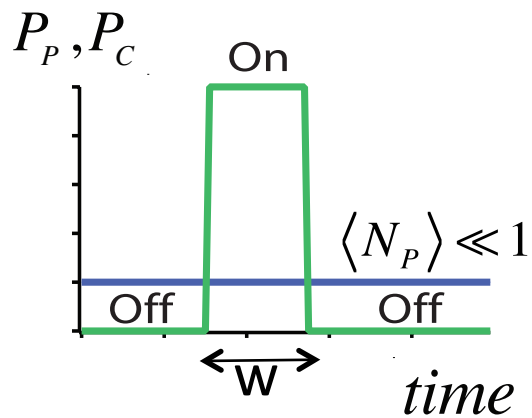
The Single-Photon Router



By turning on or off the **control** tone, we can decide which port the **input photons** go to.

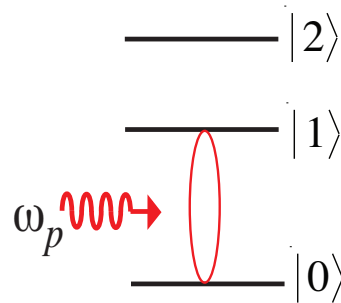
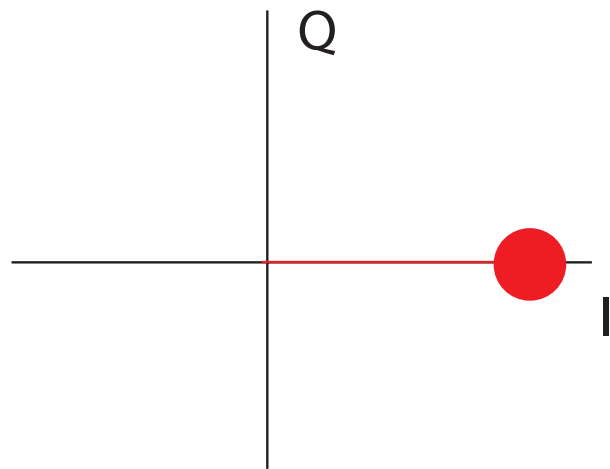
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Measuring both T and R simultaneously



Photon-Photon interaction via a three-level atom

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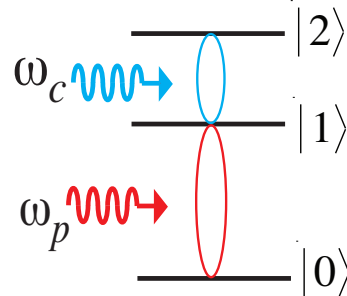
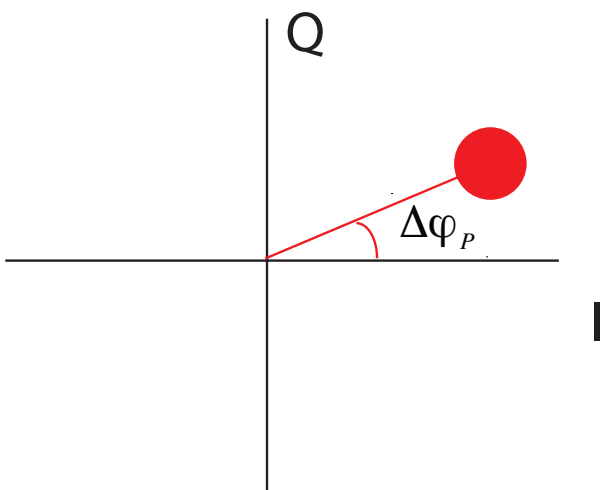


$$\Delta\varphi_P$$

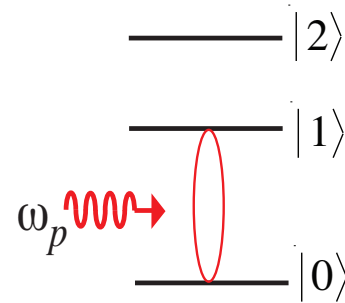
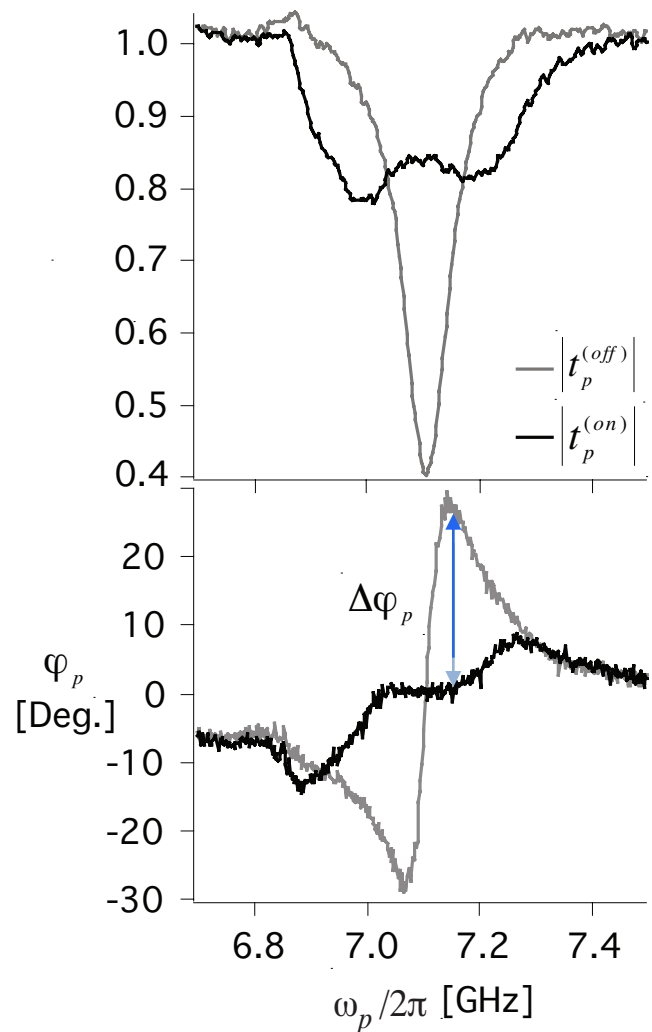
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$$P_P, P_C, \omega_P, \omega_C$$

$$\omega_C = \omega_{21}$$



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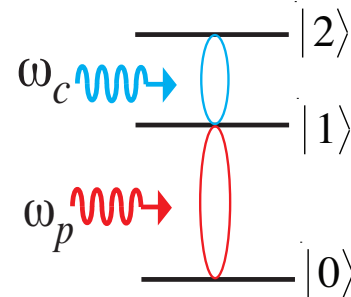


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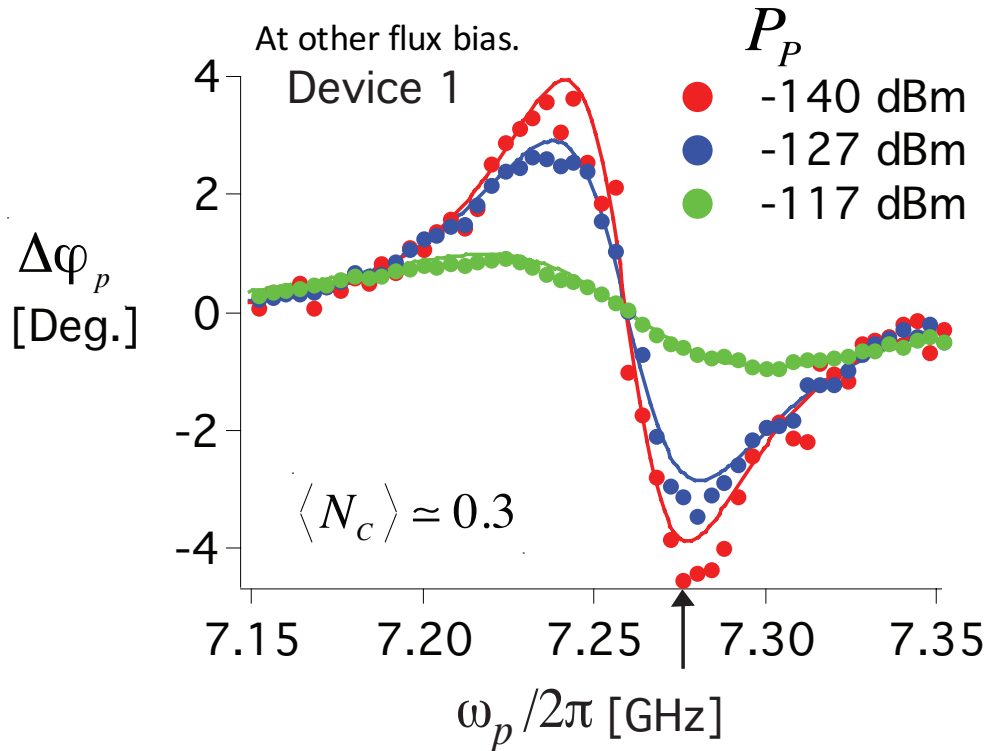
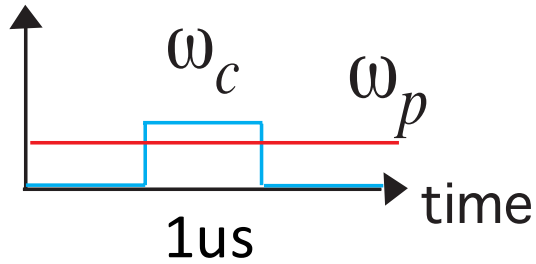
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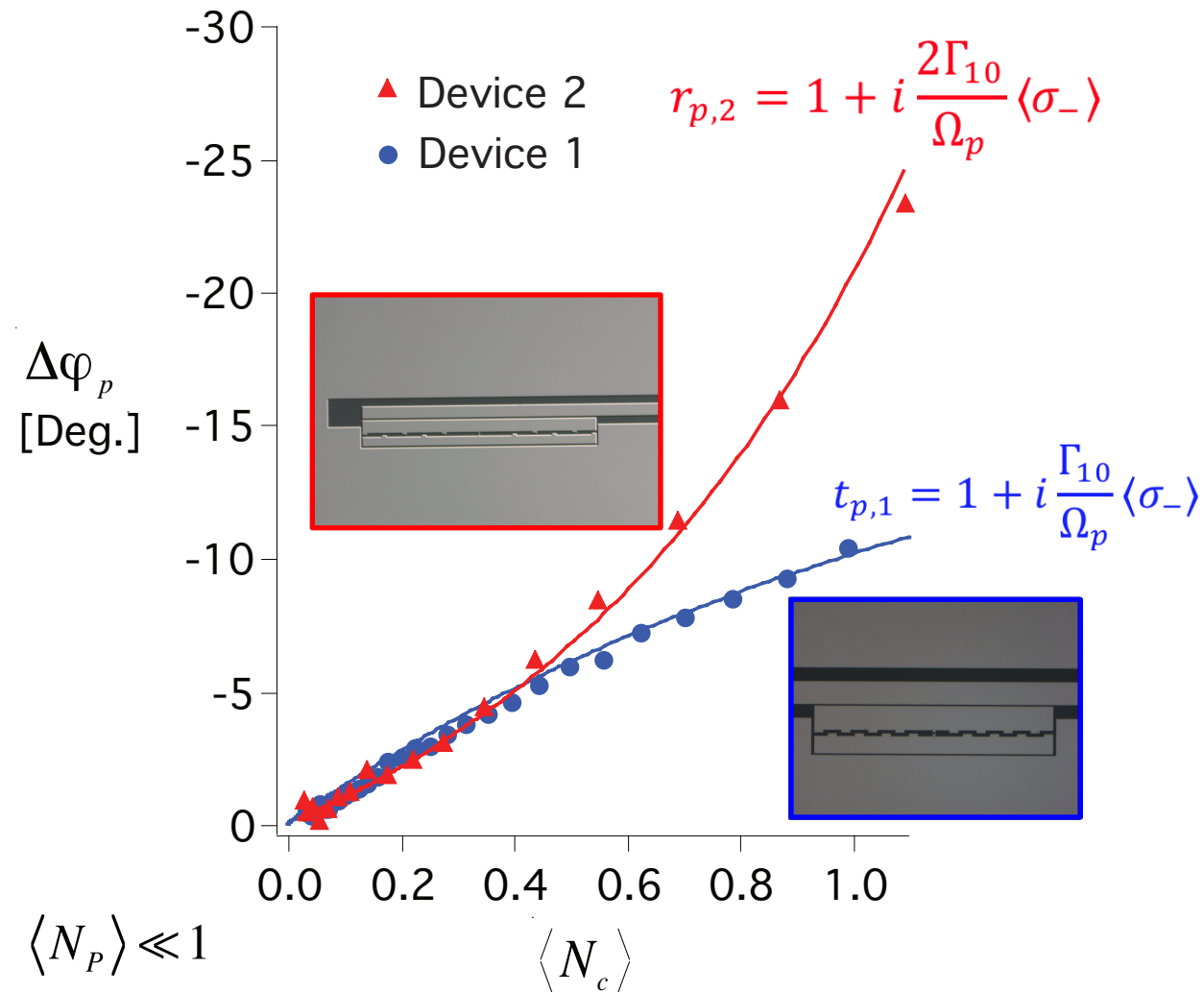
Nonlinear interaction between two microwaves



$$\langle N_C \rangle = \frac{P_C}{\hbar\omega_C(\Gamma_{21}/2\pi)}$$

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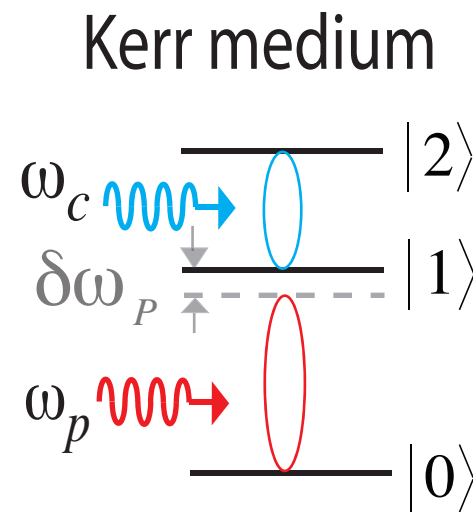
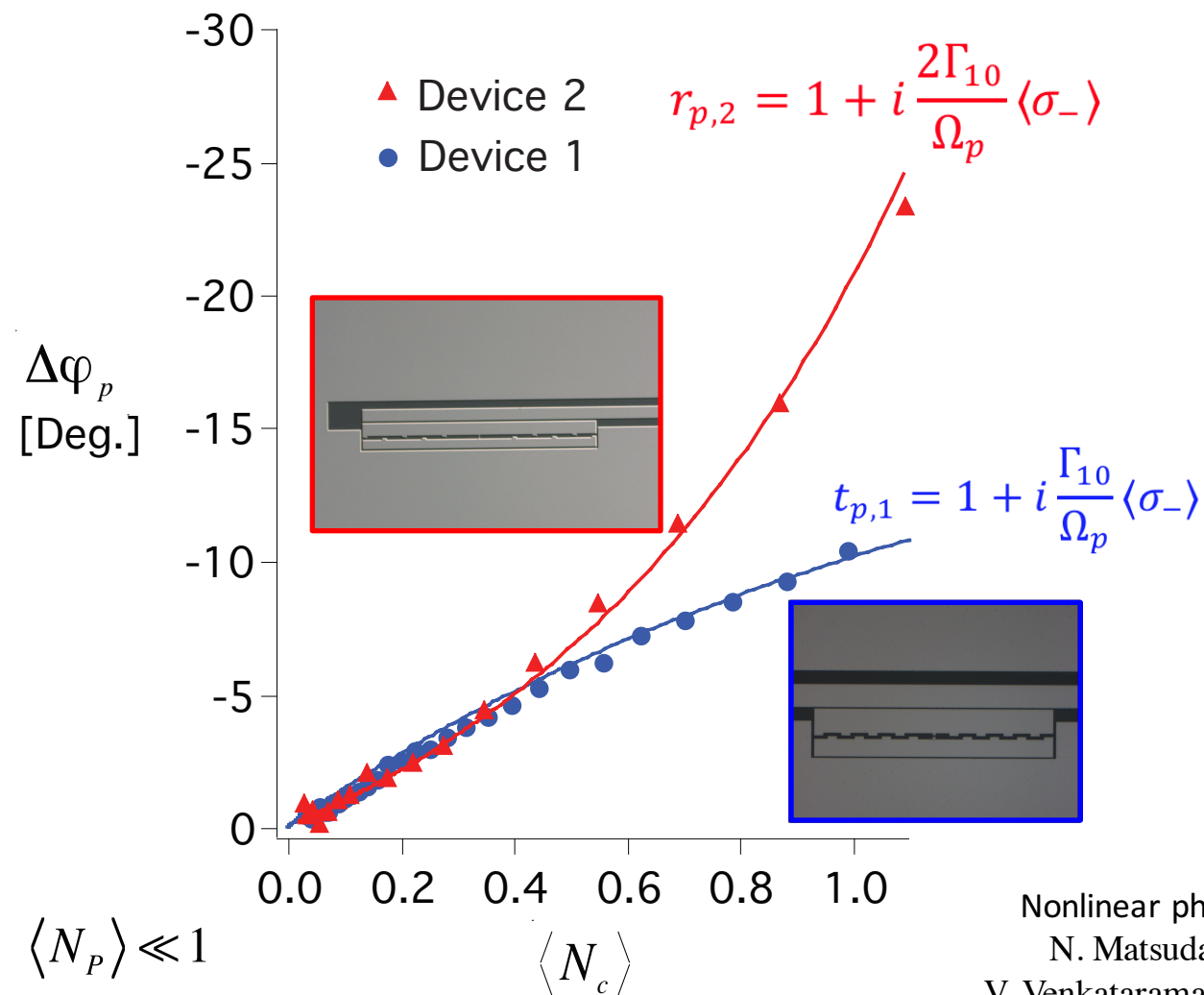
The Giant Cross-Kerr Phase Shift



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Nonlinear photonic crystal fibres, **0.05 degrees/photon**

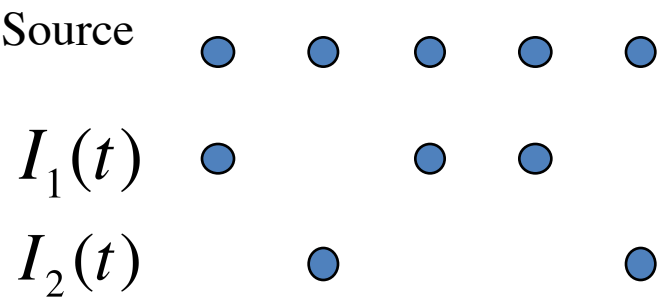
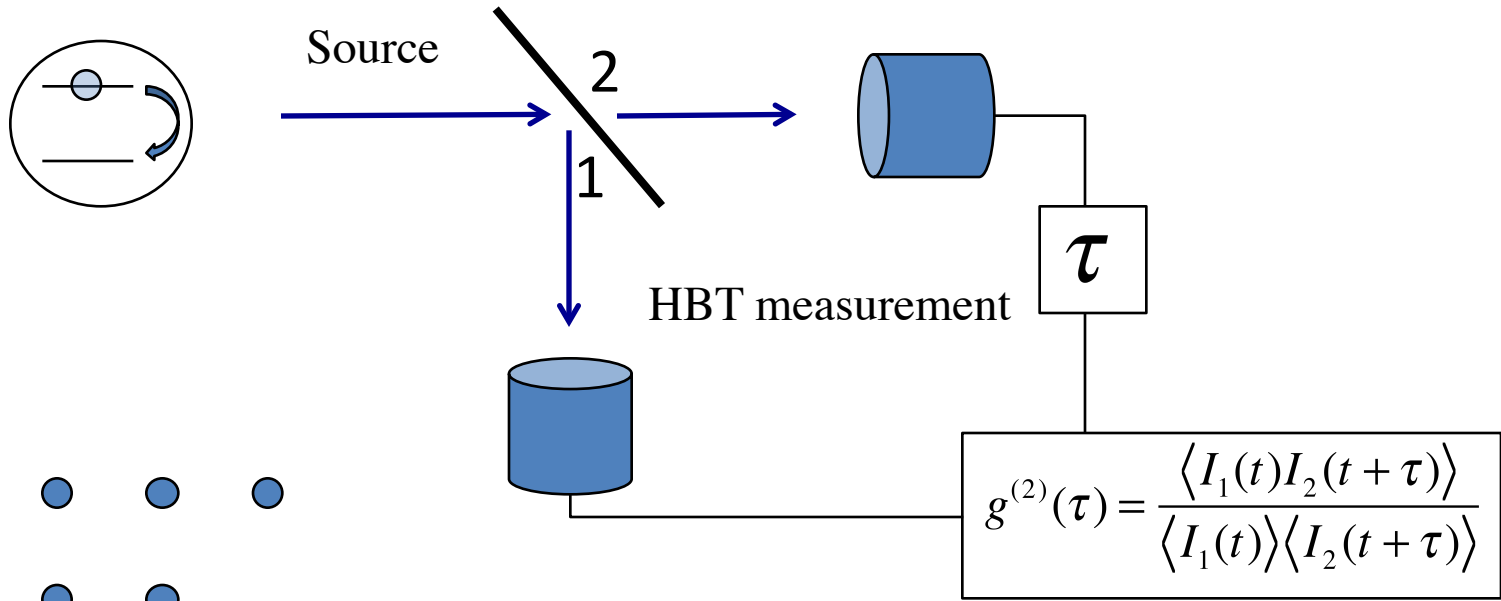
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What is the photon statistics of the scattered field?

Intensity-Intensity Correlation

Single photon source Beam splitter Photon counter

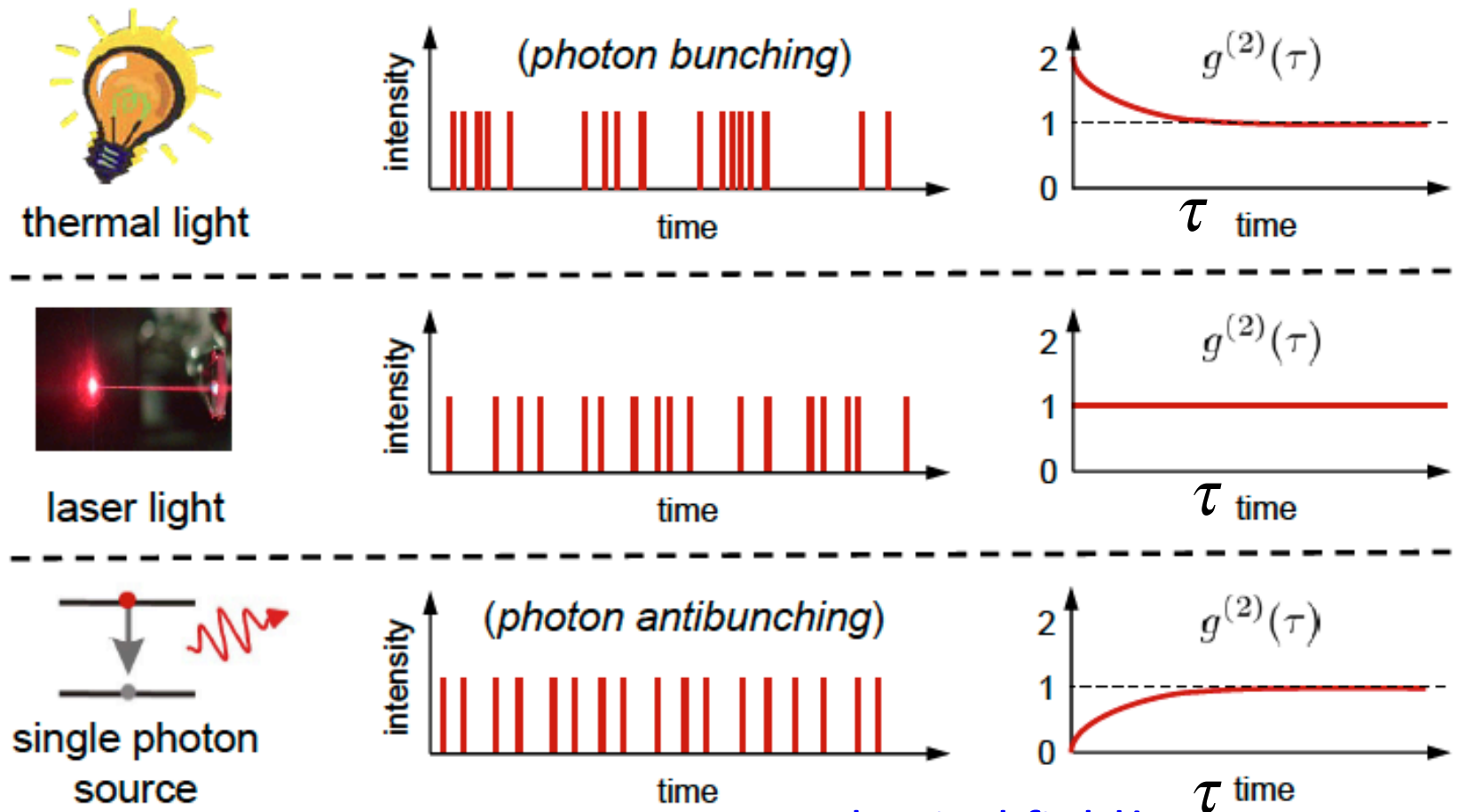


Hanbury Brown-Twiss
Nature **177**, 27 (1956)

Second-order
correlation function

Photon statistics from second order correlation function

A comparison between different light sources:

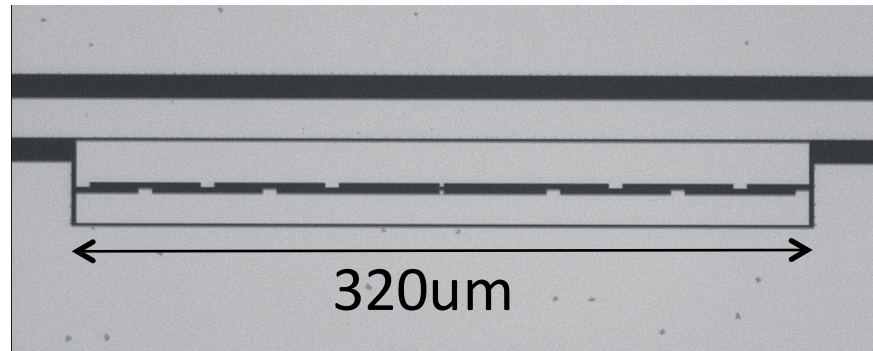


Nonclassical field!

Photon number filter

Poisson probability distribution

$$|V_{in}\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle + a_2|2\rangle + \dots$$



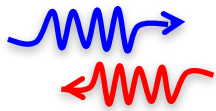
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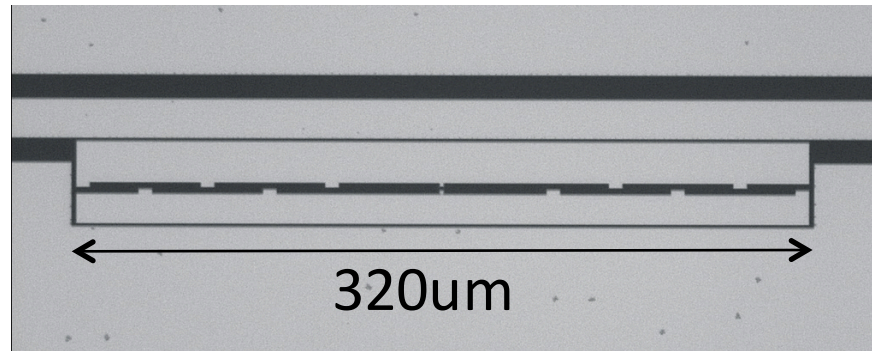
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Antibunching!



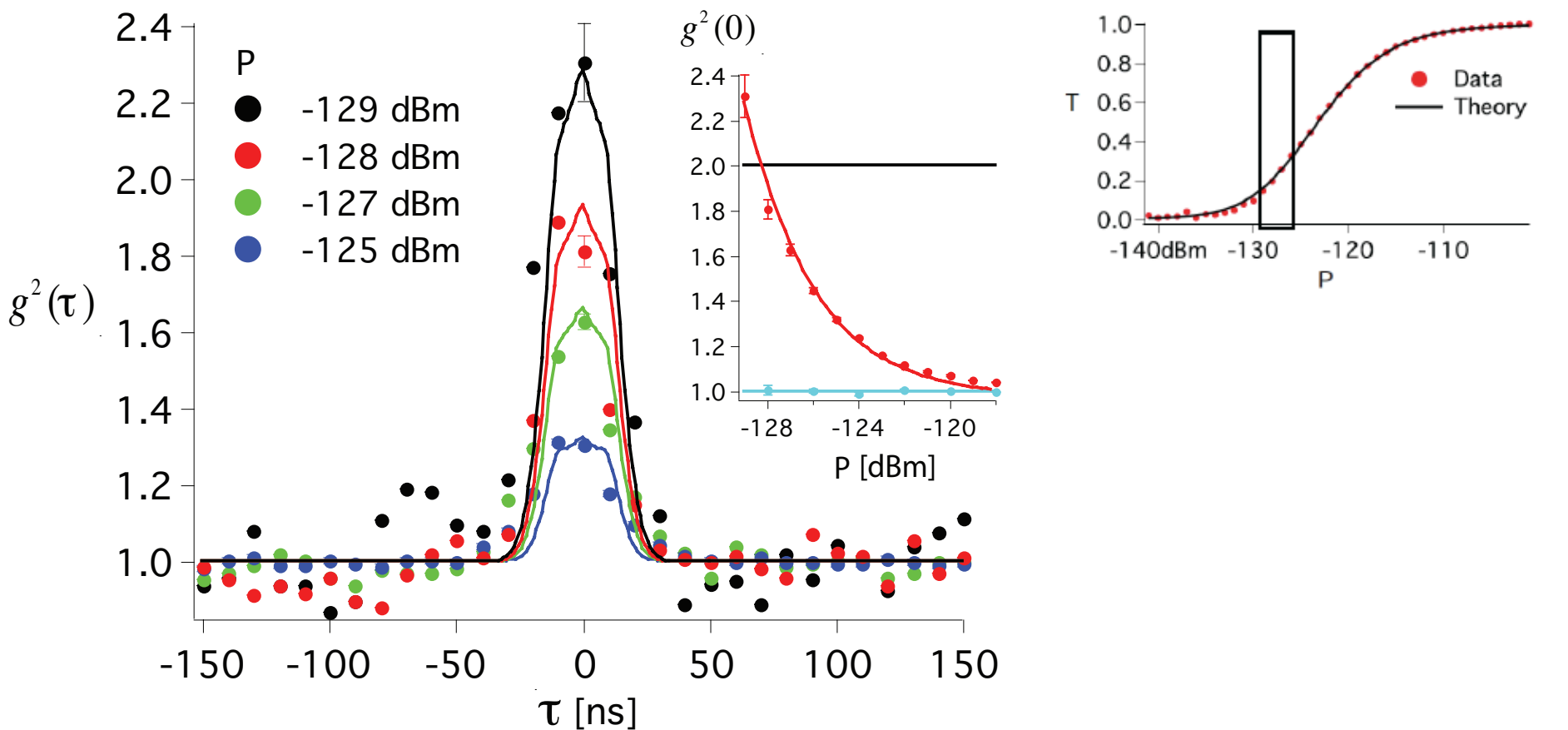
$$|V_T\rangle = t_0|0\rangle + t_1|1\rangle + t_2|2\rangle + \dots$$

Bunching!
small

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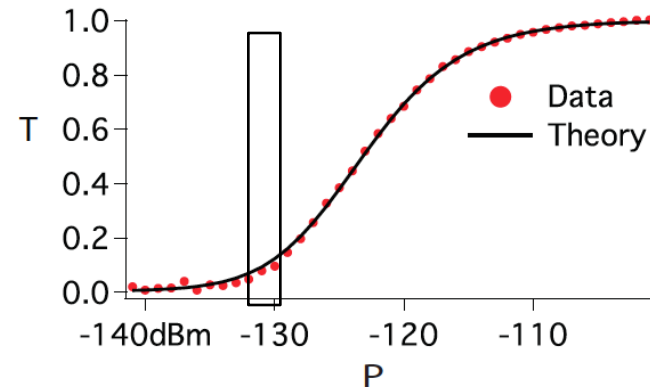
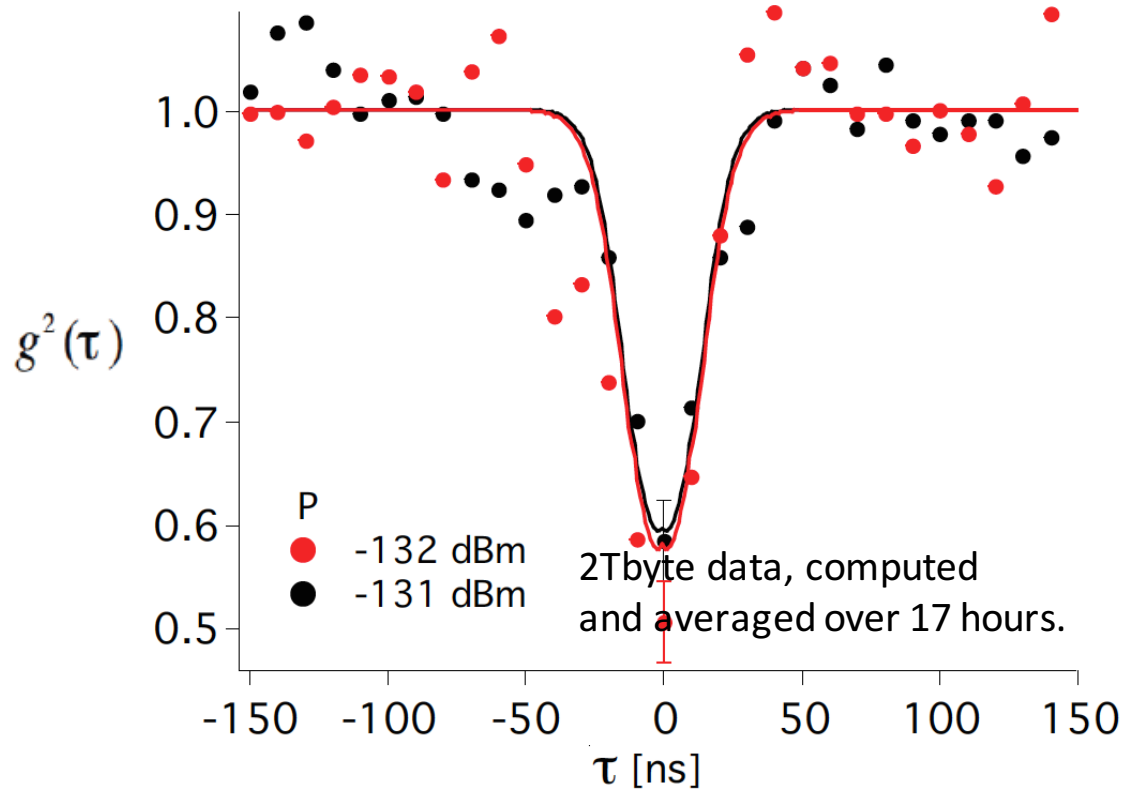
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Transmitted field: Superbunching Statistics



$$g^{(2)}(\tau = 0) = 2.31 \pm 0.09 > 2$$

Reflected field: Antibunching Statistics



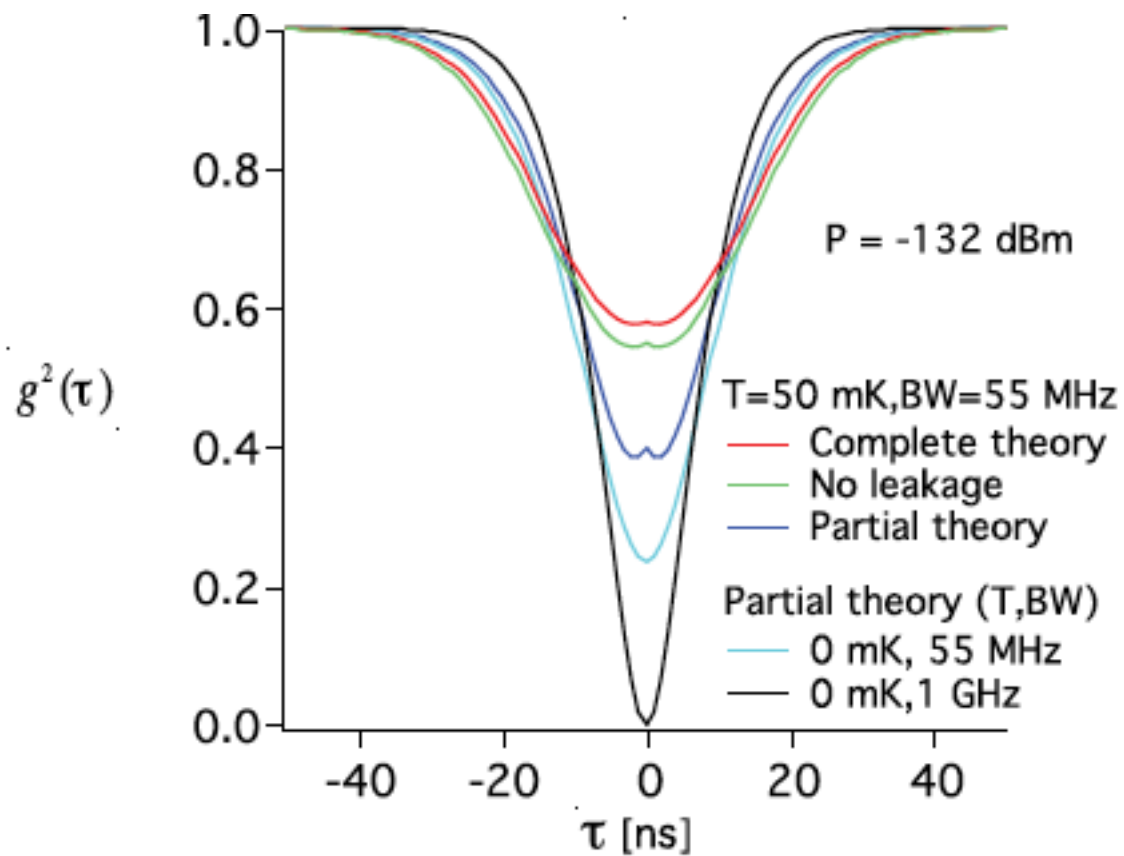
$$g^{(2)}(0) = 0.51 \pm 0.05$$

The antibunching behavior reveal quantum nature of light!

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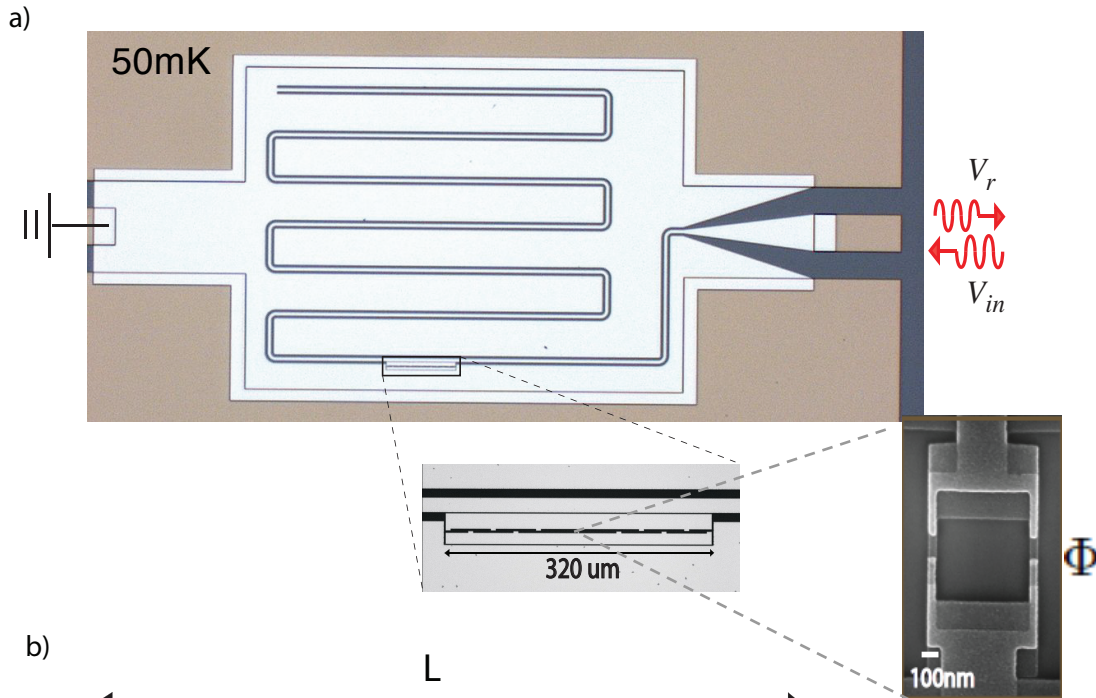
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Reflected field: Theory



An artificial atom in front of a mirror

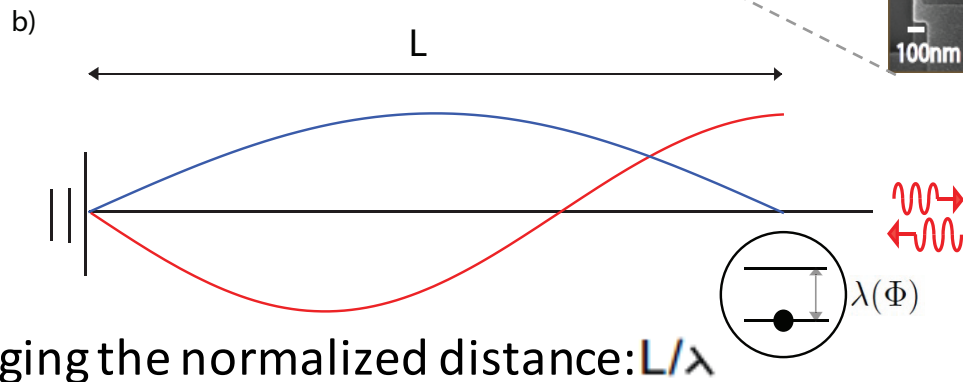
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Reflection coefficient:

$$r_p = \frac{\langle V_R \rangle}{\langle V_{in} \rangle}$$

Single ion:
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Mirror shapes the modes of the vacuum that couple to atom.

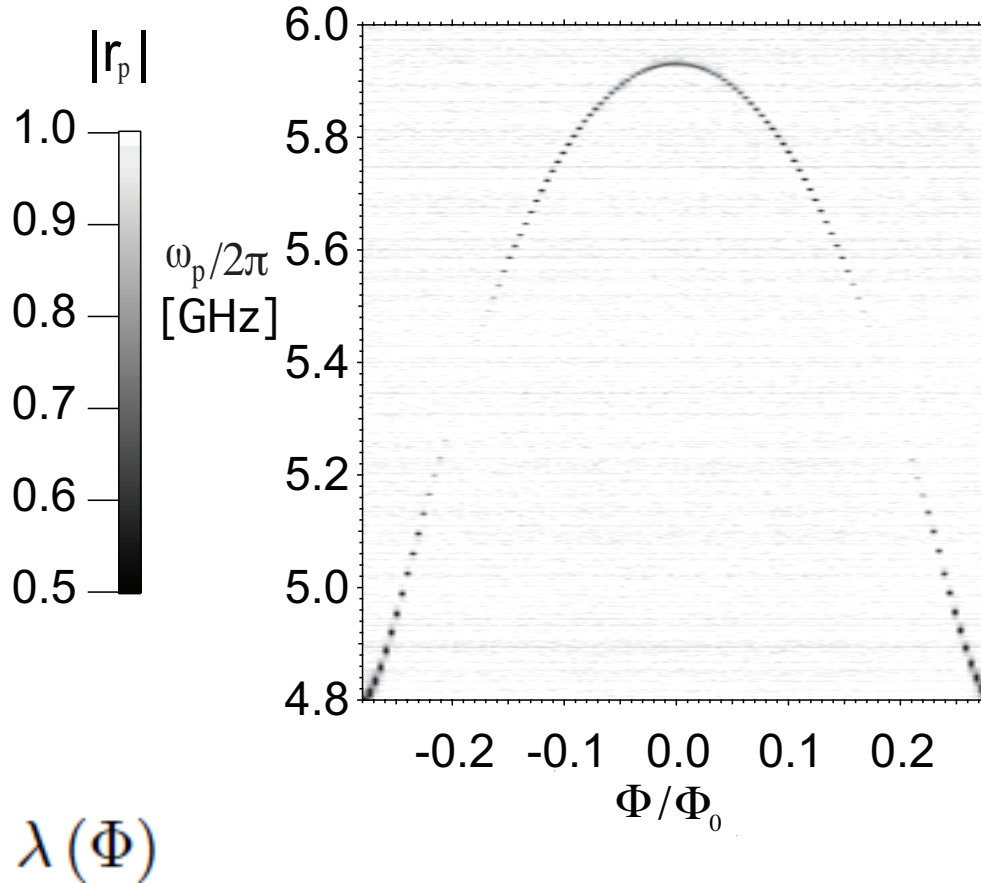
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Changing the spontaneous emission rate

$$\Omega_p \ll \gamma$$

Weak drive:

Experimental data

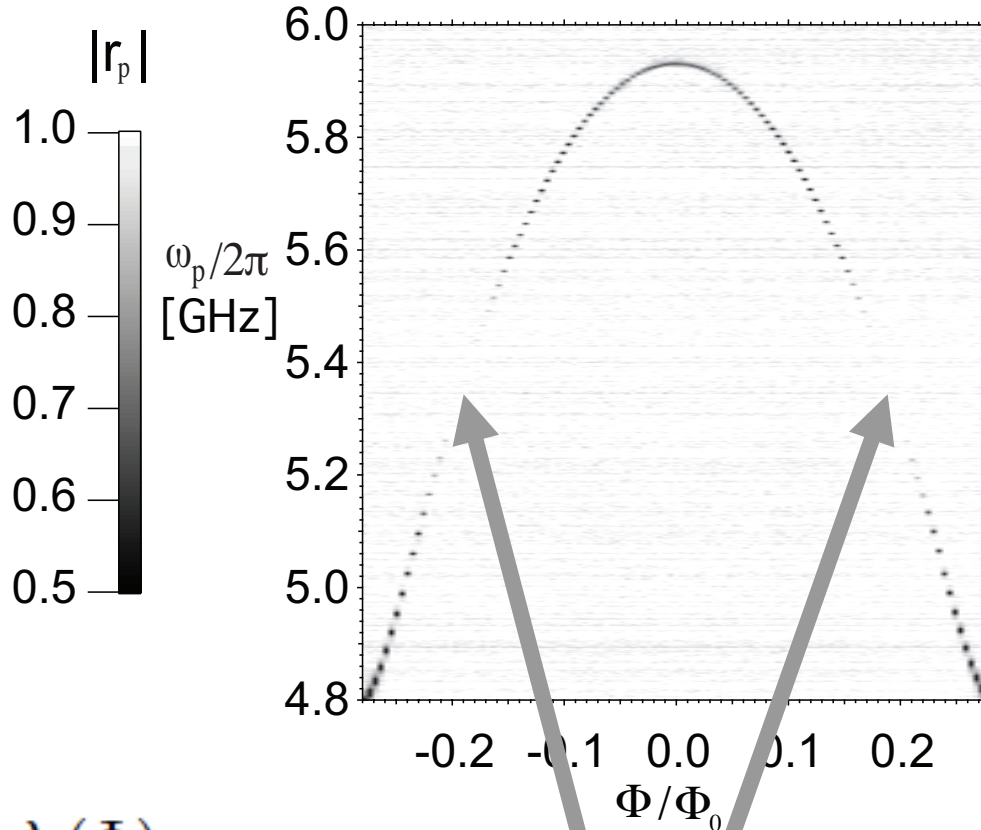


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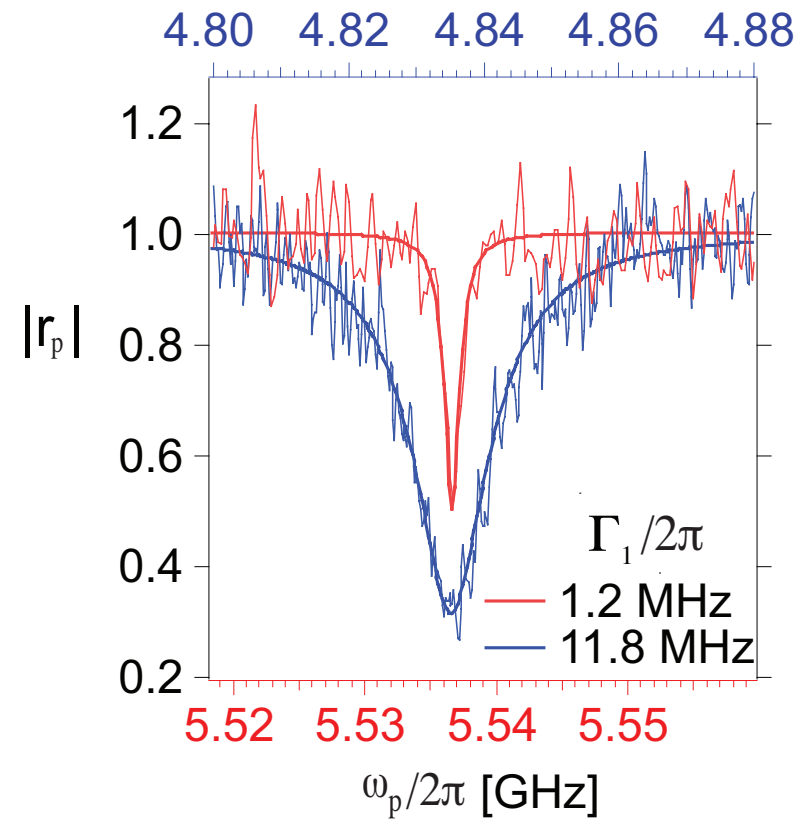
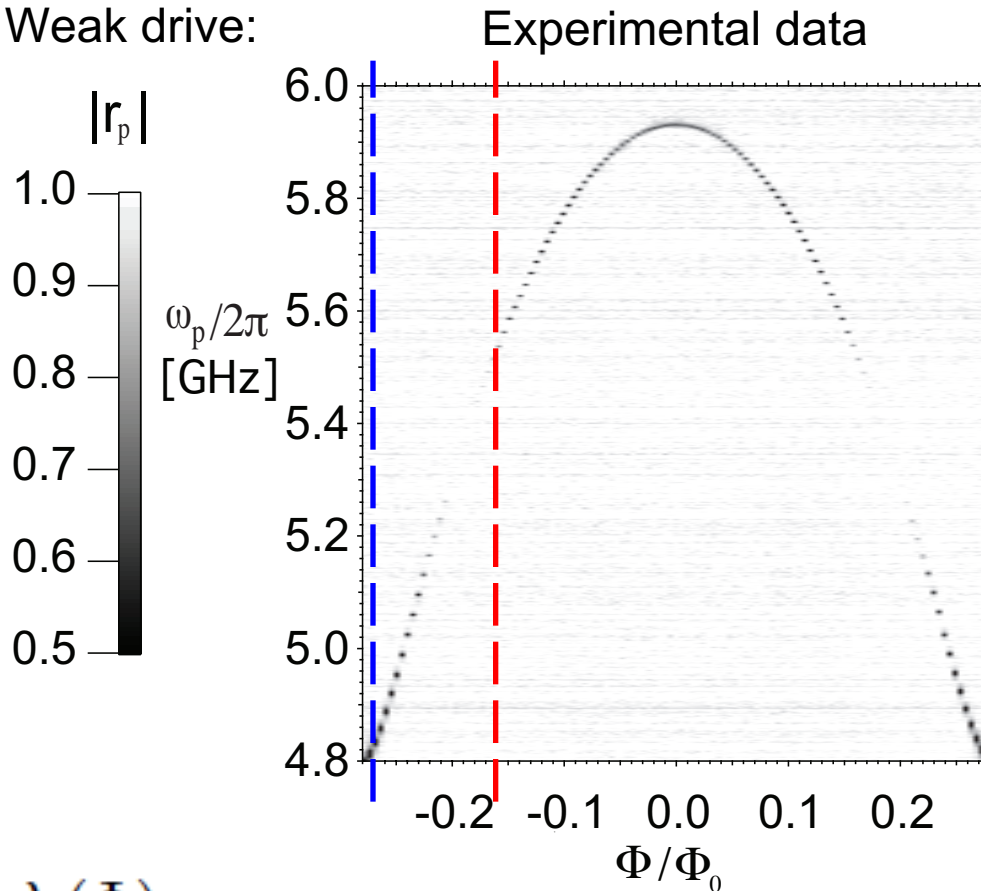
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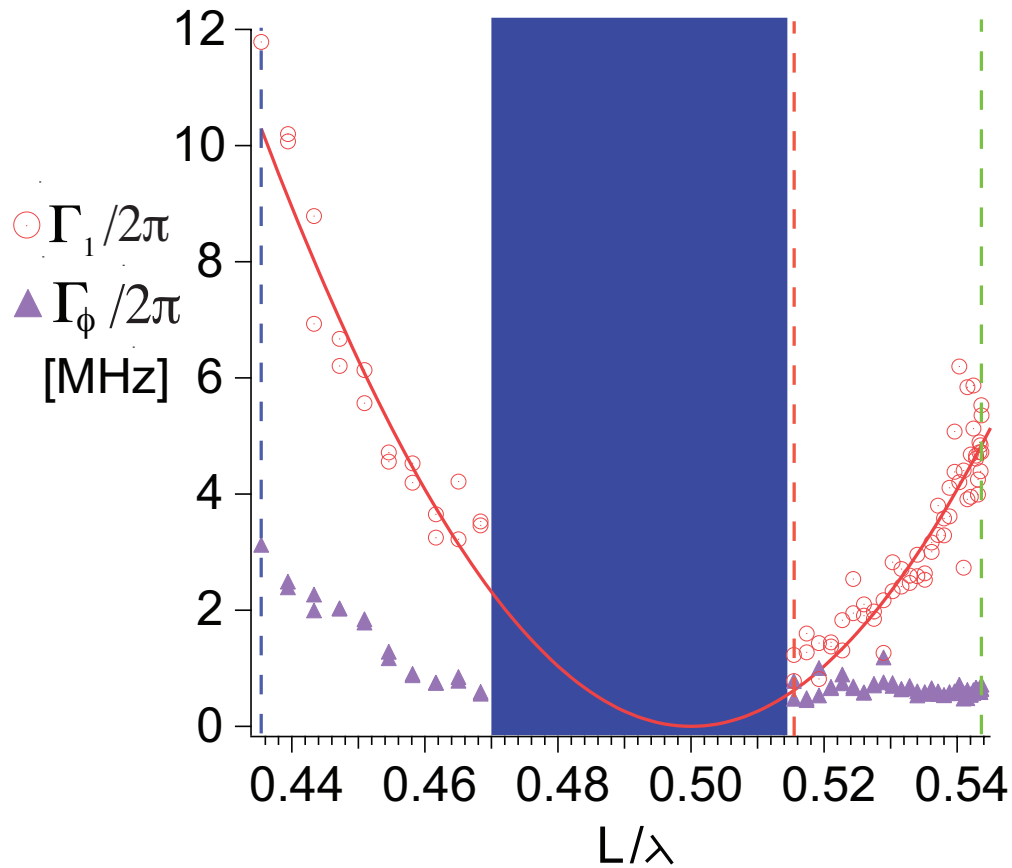
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Spontaneous emission rate as a function of normalized distance

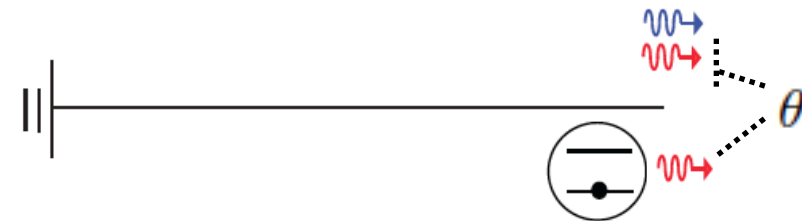


$$\Gamma_1(\Phi) = 2\Gamma_{1,b} \cos^2[\theta(\Phi)/2]$$

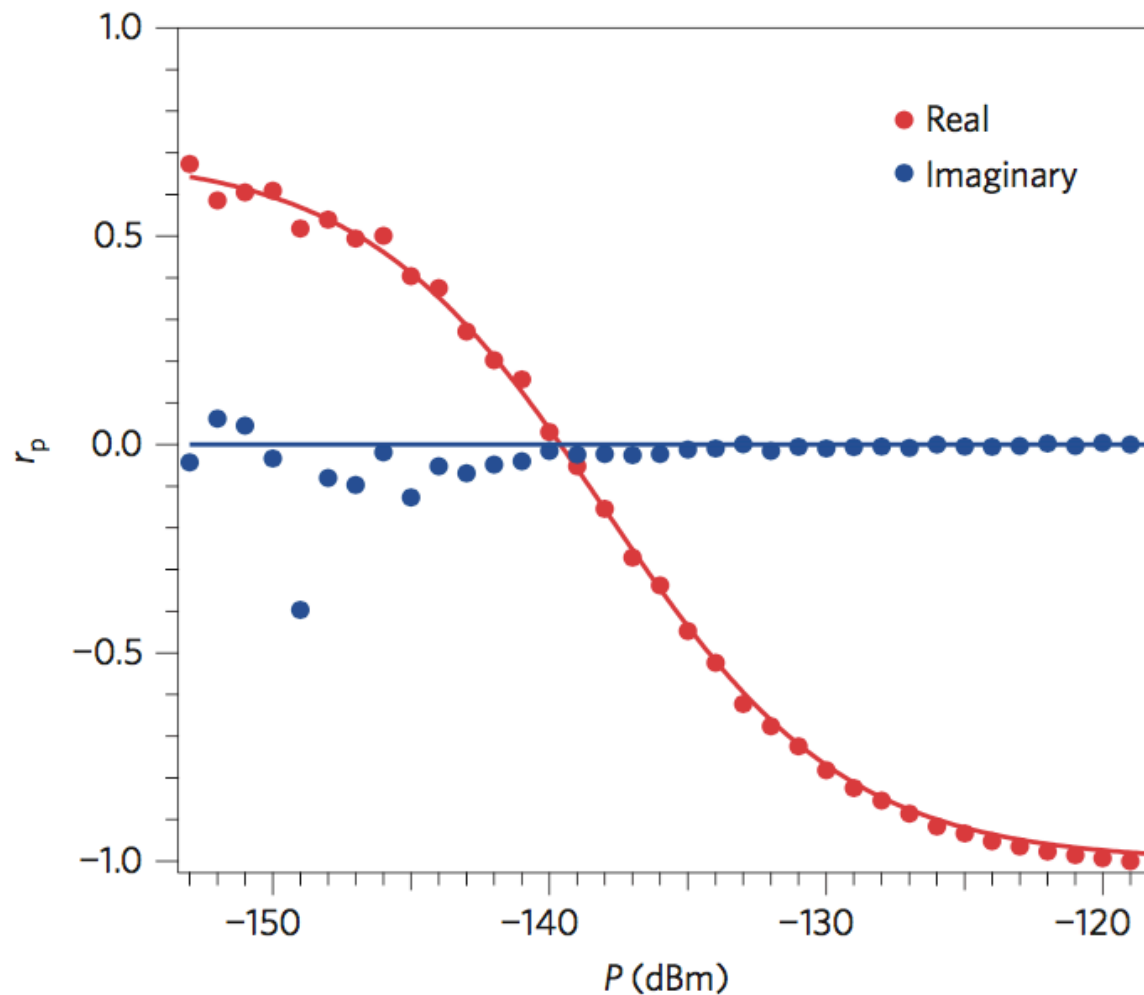
$$\theta(\Phi) = 2 \times [2\pi L/\lambda(\Phi)] + \pi$$

$\Gamma_{1,b}$: relaxation rate of bare atom

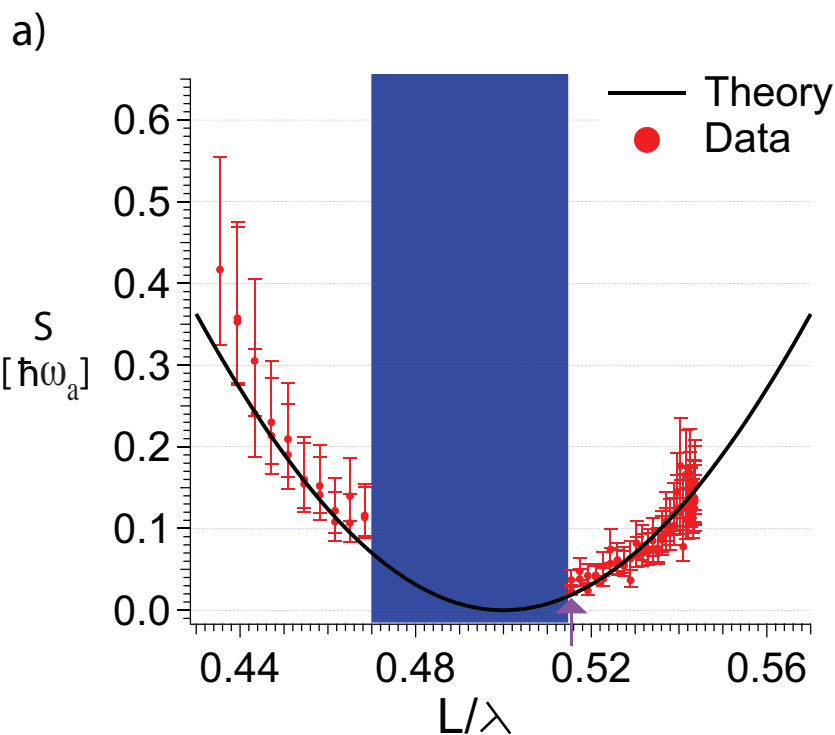
θ : phase difference between scattered field from the same atom



Calibrating atom-field coupling K

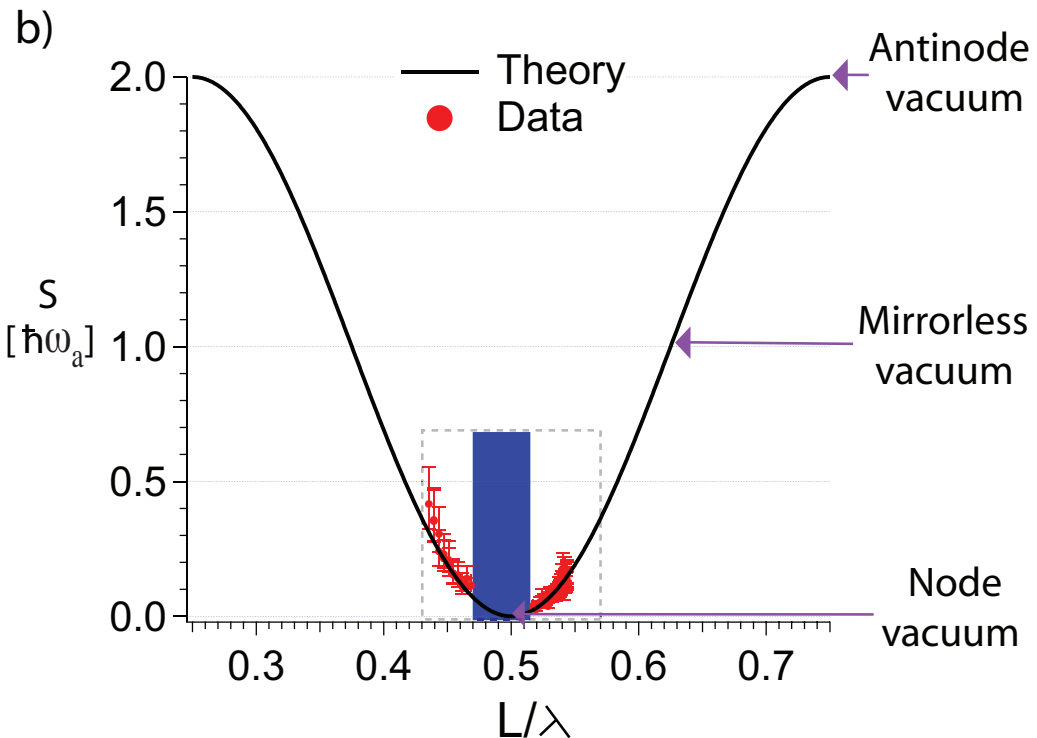


Probing quantum vacuum fluctuations from spontaneous emission rate



— $\Gamma_1 = k^2 S$

k: coupling constant

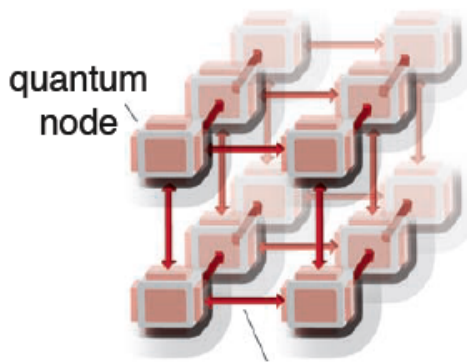


— $S = 2\hbar\omega_a \cos^2[\theta(\Phi)/2]$

Conclusion

Quantum node:

Generating, processing, routing quantum information.



The photon-number filter (Generating)

The cross-Kerr phase shift (Processing: phase gate)

The single-photon router (Routing)

The quantum spectrum analyzer (Probing fluctuation)

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