

Decoherence in the Josephson Charge Qubits

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Outline

- Introduction
- Cooper-pair box and the Josephson charge qubit
- Noise and decoherence. The qubit as a spectrometer of the environmental noise
- Measurements of the qubit relaxation
- Low frequency $1/f$ -noise and high frequency f -quantum noise

Classical and Quantum Computers

Classical bit: 0 or 1

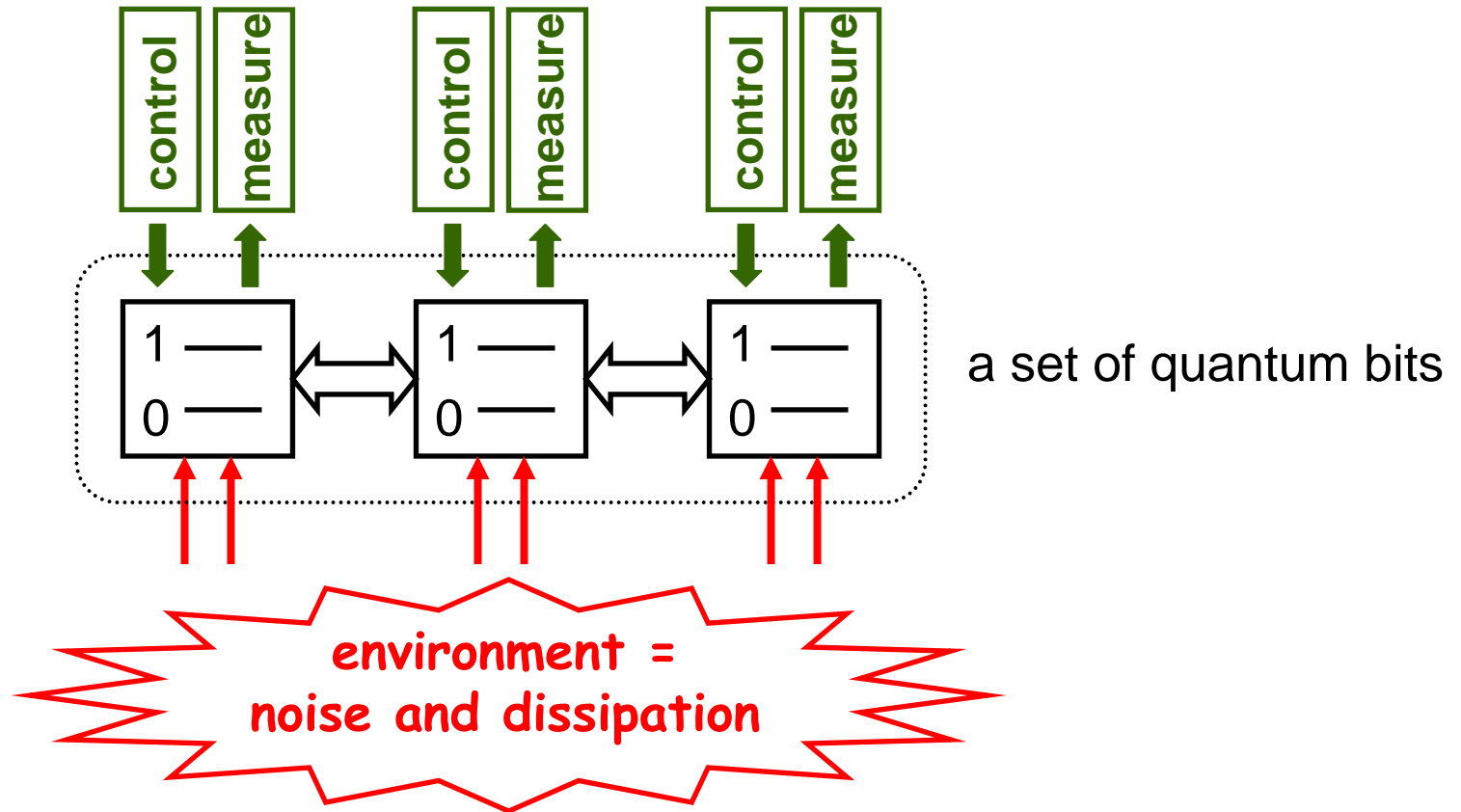
110100...01

Quantum bit: $\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$

Quantum parallelism:

$c_0 |110100...01\rangle + c_1 |010101...10\rangle + \dots$

Multi-qubit Integrated Circuit



Experimental challenge:
couple qubits to each other, control, & measure
not noise and dissipation

Requirements for quantum computing

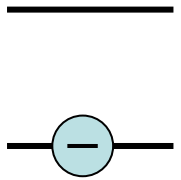
DiVincenzo

- Scalable qubits
 - Initialization
 - preparation of $|0\rangle$ state
 - Universal quantum gate
 - one-qubit gate and two-qubit gate
 - Readout : projective measurement
 - $\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \Rightarrow 0$ with probability $|\alpha|^2$
1 with probability $|\beta|^2$
 - Long decoherence time
 - much longer than gate operation time
 $\sim 10^4 - 10^6$ times
- : threshold for applicability of quantum error correction

Qubit

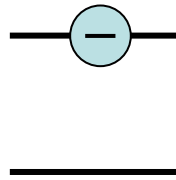
Two-level system (TLS)

Ground state



$|0\rangle$

Excited state

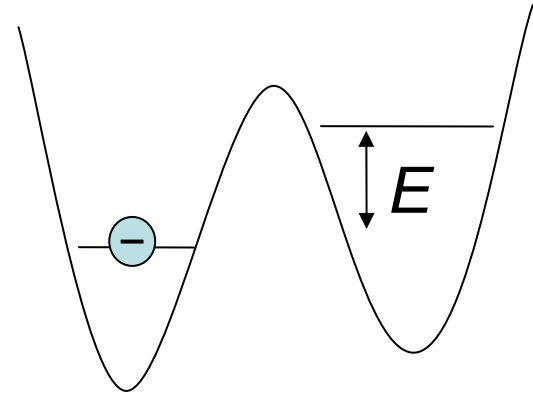


$|1\rangle$



$$H|0\rangle = -\frac{E}{2}|0\rangle$$

$$H|1\rangle = \frac{E}{2}|1\rangle$$



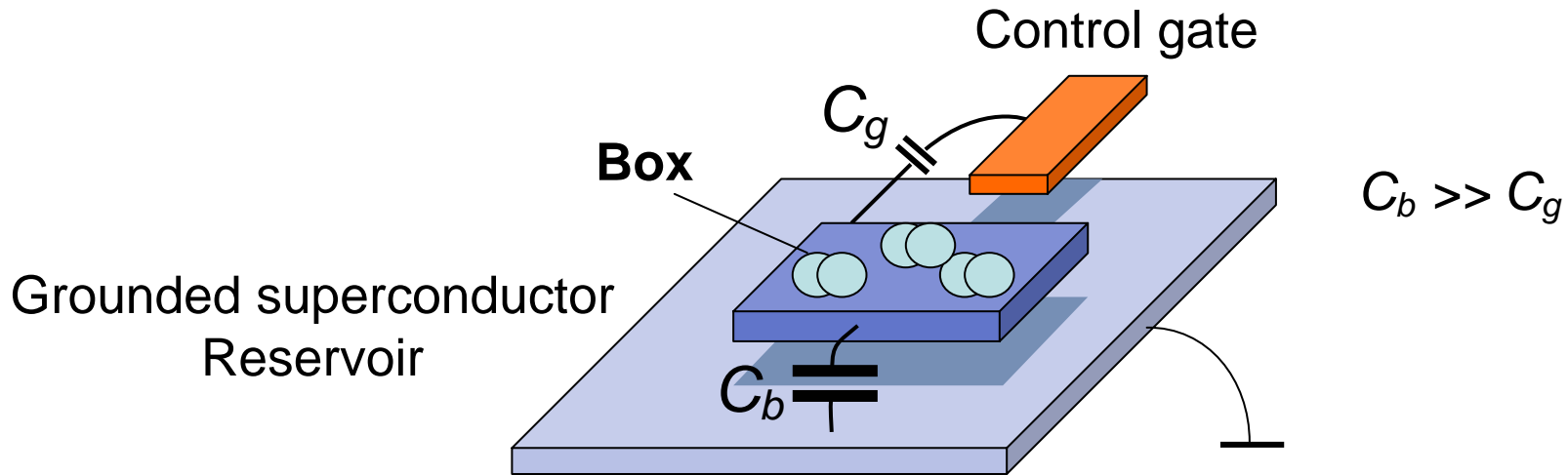
$$|+\rangle = |0\rangle + |1\rangle$$

$$\overline{\Delta}$$

$$|-\rangle = -|0\rangle + |1\rangle$$

$$H = -\frac{E}{2}(|0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|) - \frac{\Delta}{2}(|0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|)$$

Cooper pair box



$$U = \frac{q^2}{2C_b}$$

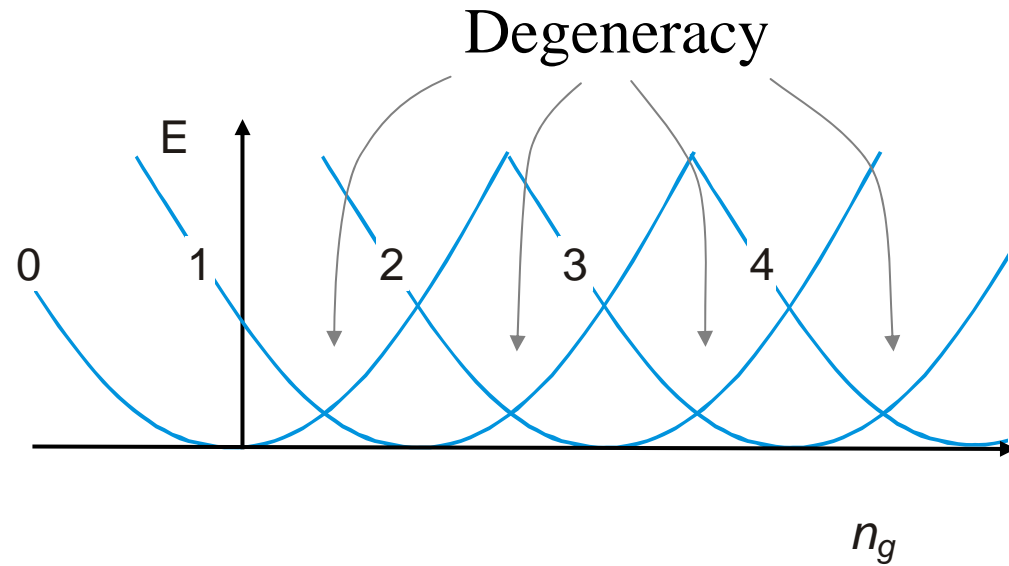
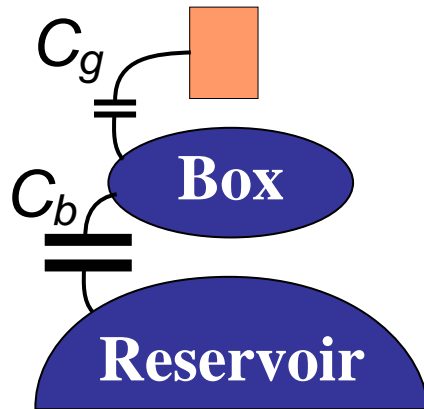
$$q = 2ne + 2n_g e$$

$$n_g = \frac{V_g C_g}{2e}$$

$$U = E_c (n - n_g)^2$$

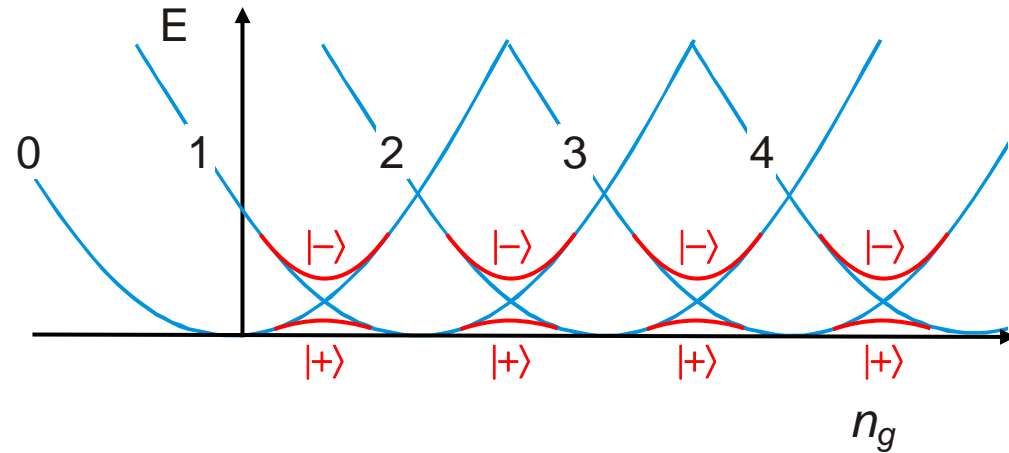
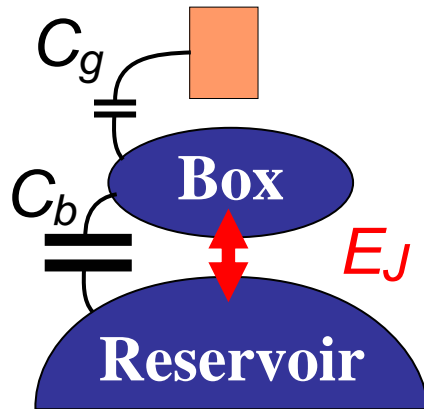
Charging energy: $E_c = \frac{(2e)^2}{2C_b}$

The Josephson Charge Qubit



Charging energy (for Cooper pair): $E_c \gg kT$

The Josephson Charge Qubit



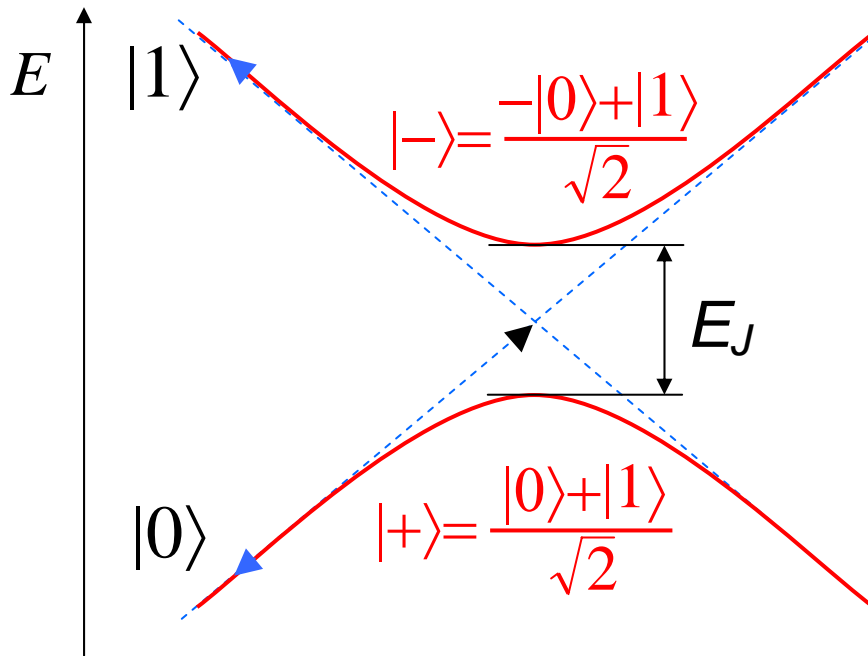
Charging energy (for Cooper pair): $E_c \gg kT$

Josephson energy: E_J

Charge qubit: $E_c \gg E_J$

The Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{U_{10}}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|) - \frac{E_J}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|)$$



$$U_{10} = U(1) - U(0) = E_c n_g$$

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{U_{10}^2 + E_J^2}$$

Matrix Form of the Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -U_{10} & -E_J \\ -E_J & U_{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_{10} = \frac{2e^2 n_g}{C}$$

Charge basis:

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

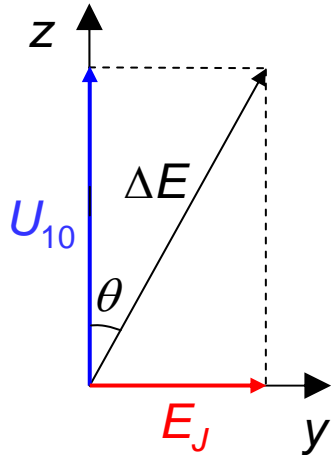
$$H = -\frac{\Delta E}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\Delta E}{2} (\sigma_z \cos \theta + \sigma_x \sin \theta)$$

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{U_{10}^2 + E_J^2} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{E_J}{U_{10}}$$

Eigenstates, Eigenenergies

$$|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta / 2 \\ \cos \theta / 2 \end{pmatrix}, -\frac{\Delta E}{2} \quad |-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta / 2 \\ -\sin \theta / 2 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{\Delta E}{2}$$

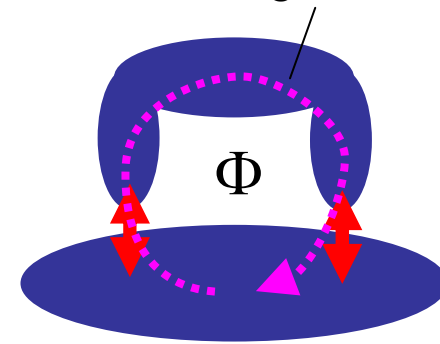
Coupling between two charge states



$$\tan \theta = \frac{E_J}{U_{10}}$$

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{E_J^2 + U_{10}^2}$$

Circulating current



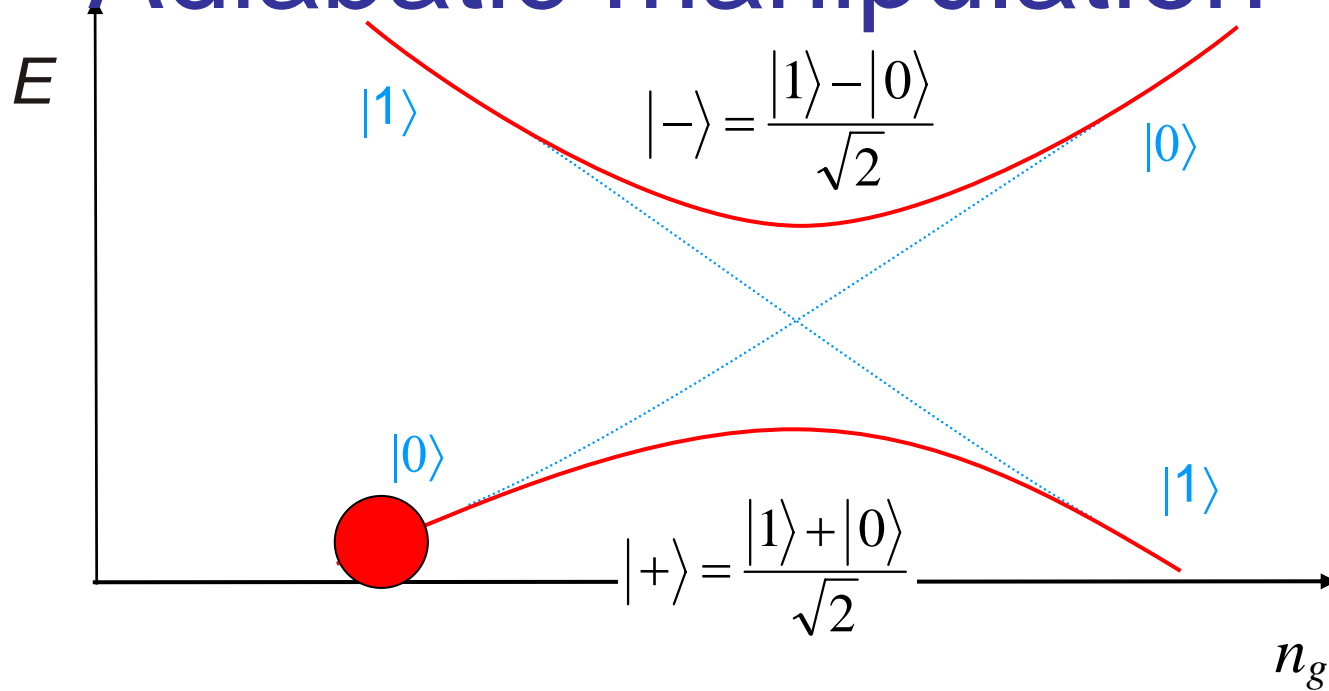
$$E_J = E_{J_{\max}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi \Phi}{\Phi_0}\right)$$

Qubit energies are controlled by external fields

Charge basis: $H = -\frac{\Delta E}{2} (\sigma_z \cos \theta + \sigma_x \sin \theta)$

Eigenbasis: $H = -\frac{\Delta E}{2} \sigma_z$

Adiabatic manipulation

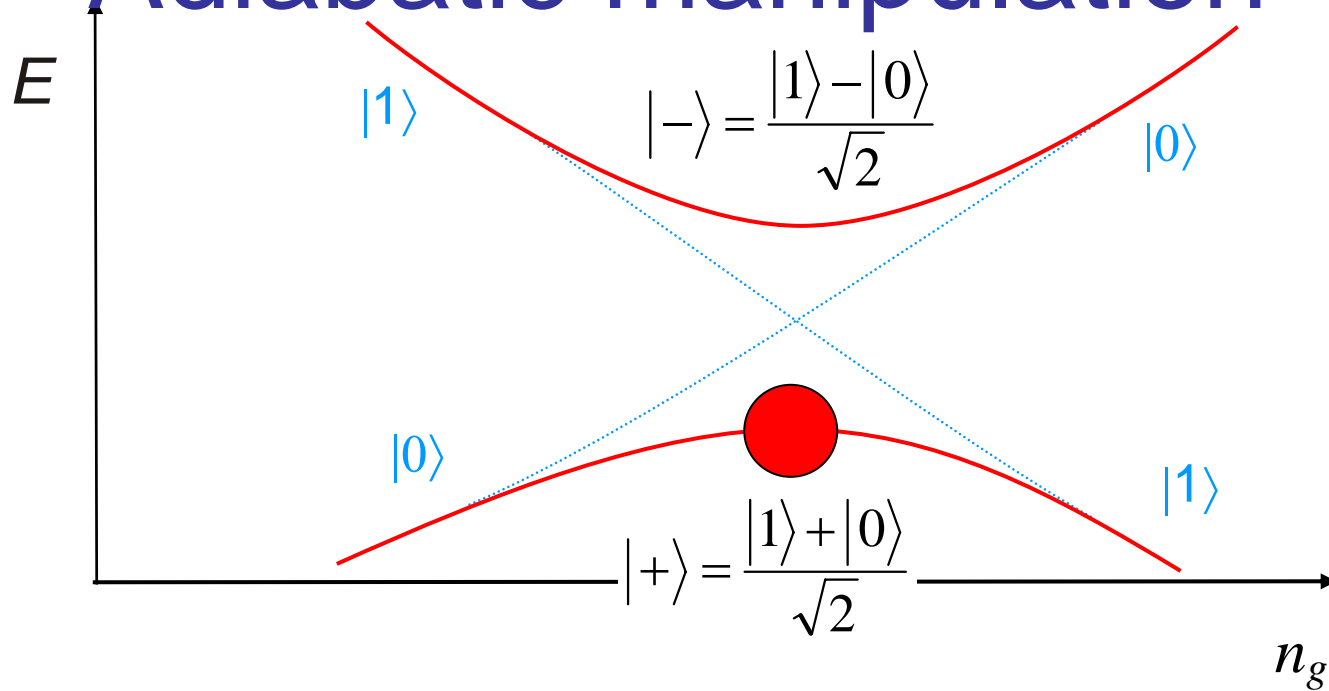


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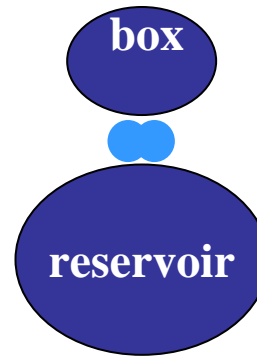
$|0\rangle$

reservoir

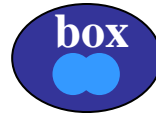
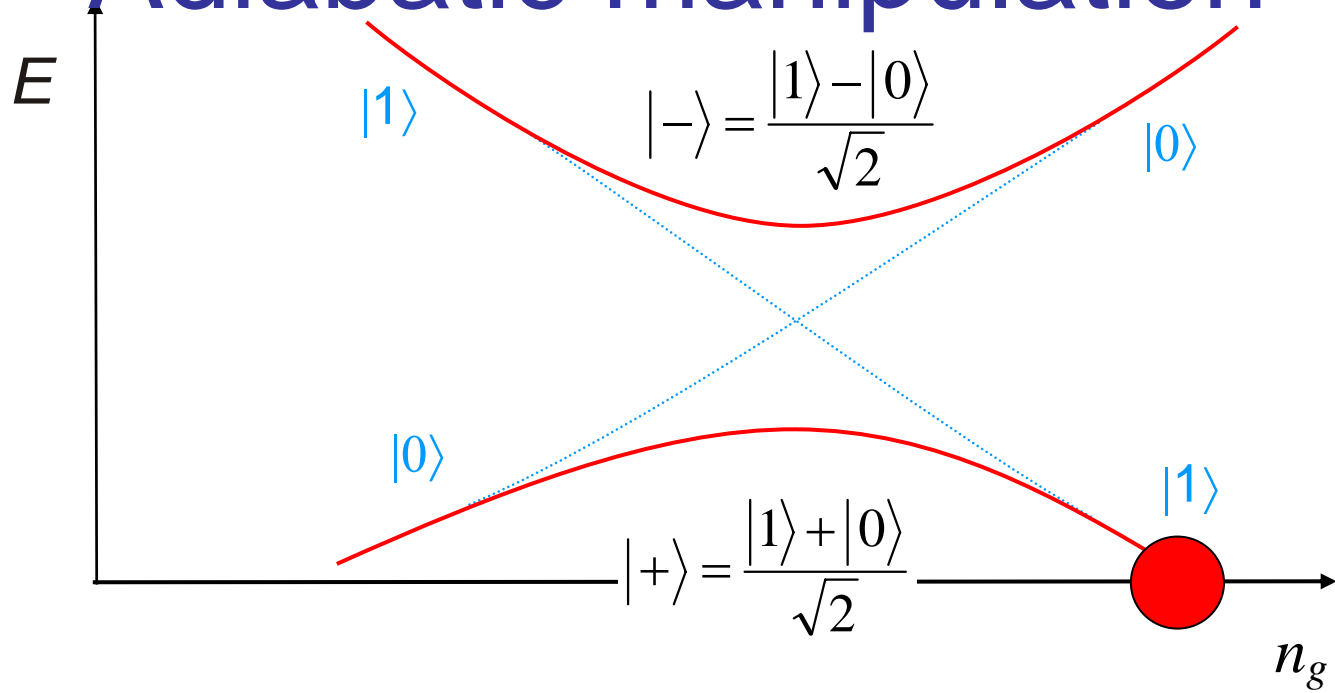
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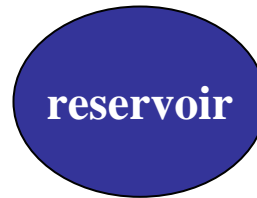
$$|+\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle + |0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



Adiabatic manipulation



$|1\rangle$



Time evolution

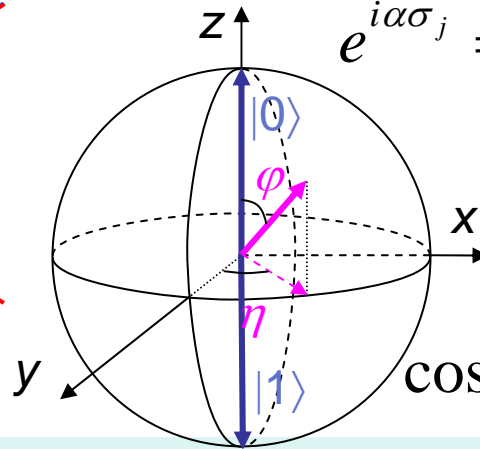
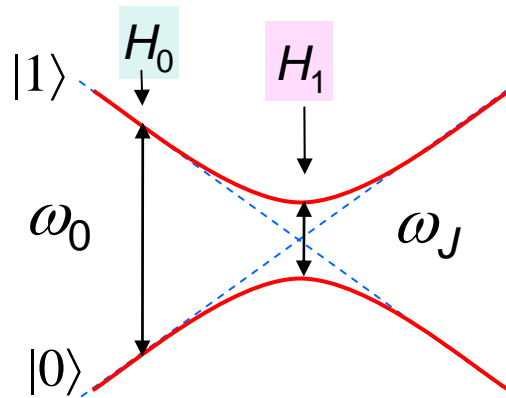
$$i\eta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H \psi \quad \psi(t) = \exp\left[-i \frac{H}{\eta} t\right] \psi(0)$$

Eigenstates ($|0\rangle, |1\rangle$): $\exp\left[-i \frac{E_n}{\eta} t\right] |n\rangle$

Arbitrary initial state: $\psi(0) = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$

$$\psi(t) = \alpha|0\rangle \exp\left[-i \frac{E_0}{\eta} t\right] + \beta|1\rangle \exp\left[-i \frac{E_1}{\eta} t\right]$$

Evolution in the charge qubit



$$e^{i\alpha\sigma_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\alpha)^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \sigma_j^{2k+1} + \frac{(i\alpha)^{2k}}{(2k)!} \sigma_j^{2k}$$

$$i \sin \alpha \sigma_j + \cos \alpha I$$

$$\cos \frac{\varphi}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\eta} \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} |1\rangle$$

Initial point:

$$H_0 \approx -\frac{\eta\omega_0}{2} \sigma_z$$

$$\psi(t) = e^{\frac{i}{2}\eta\sigma_z} \psi(0) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i}{2}\eta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{i}{2}\eta} \end{pmatrix} \psi(0)$$

$$\eta = \omega_0 t$$

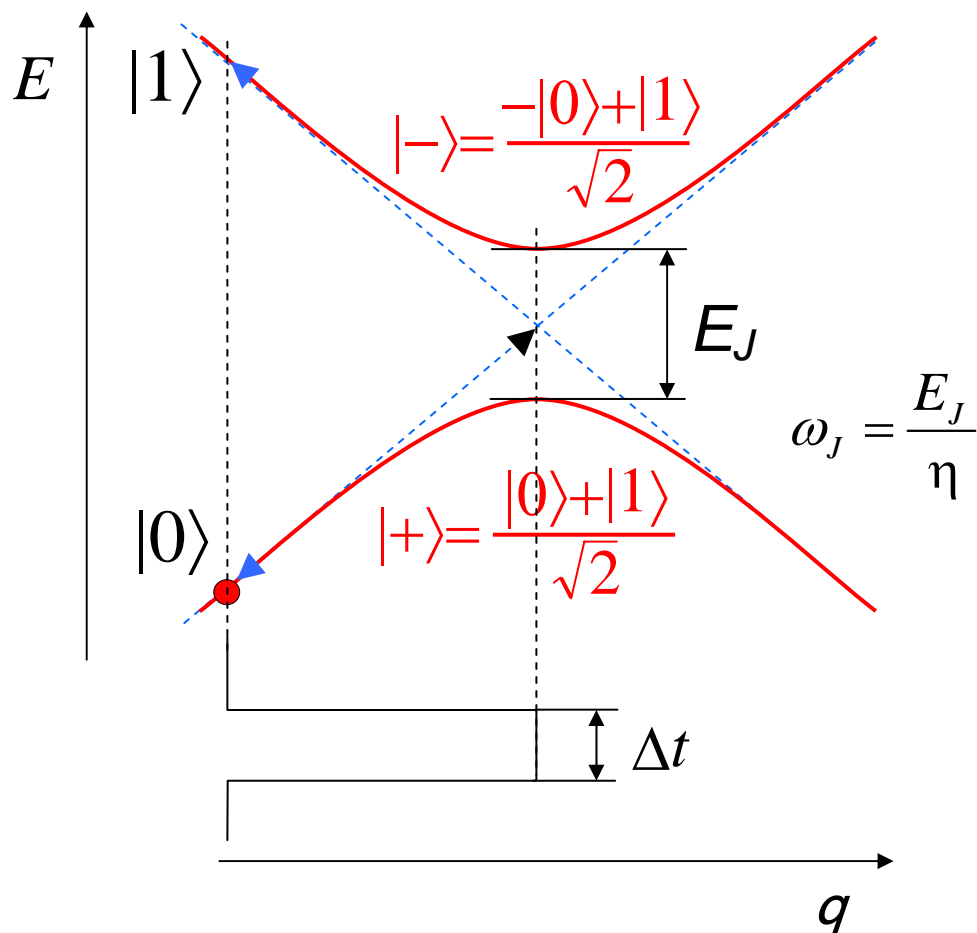
Degeneracy point:

$$H_1 = -\frac{\eta\omega_J}{2} \sigma_x$$

$$\psi(t) = e^{\frac{i}{2}\varphi\sigma_x} \psi(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi/2 & i \sin \varphi/2 \\ i \sin \varphi/2 & \cos \varphi/2 \end{pmatrix} \psi(0)$$

$$\varphi = \omega_J t$$

Coherent Oscillations

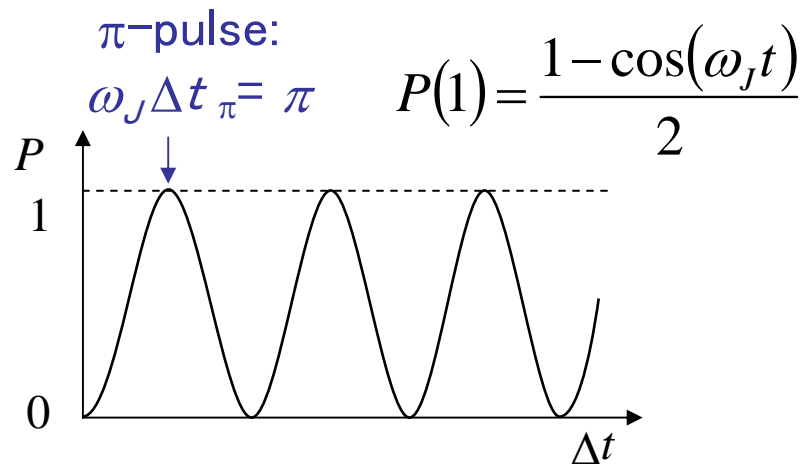


$$t = 0: |0\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

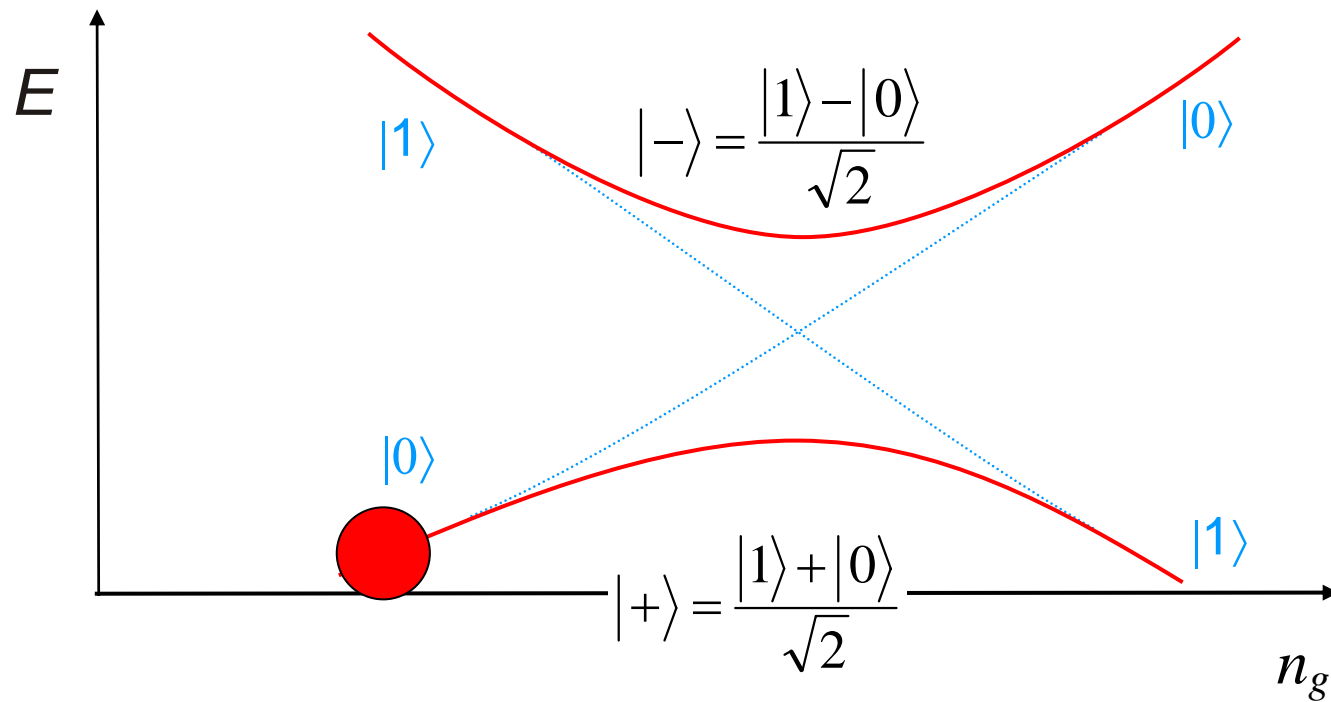
$$e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \omega_J t \sigma_x} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega_J t / 2 \\ i \sin \omega_J t / 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|0\rangle \cos \omega_J t / 2 + i |1\rangle \sin \omega_J t / 2$$

Amplitude of state $|1\rangle$



Non-adiabatic manipulation: $\omega\Delta\tau = \pi + 2\pi k$

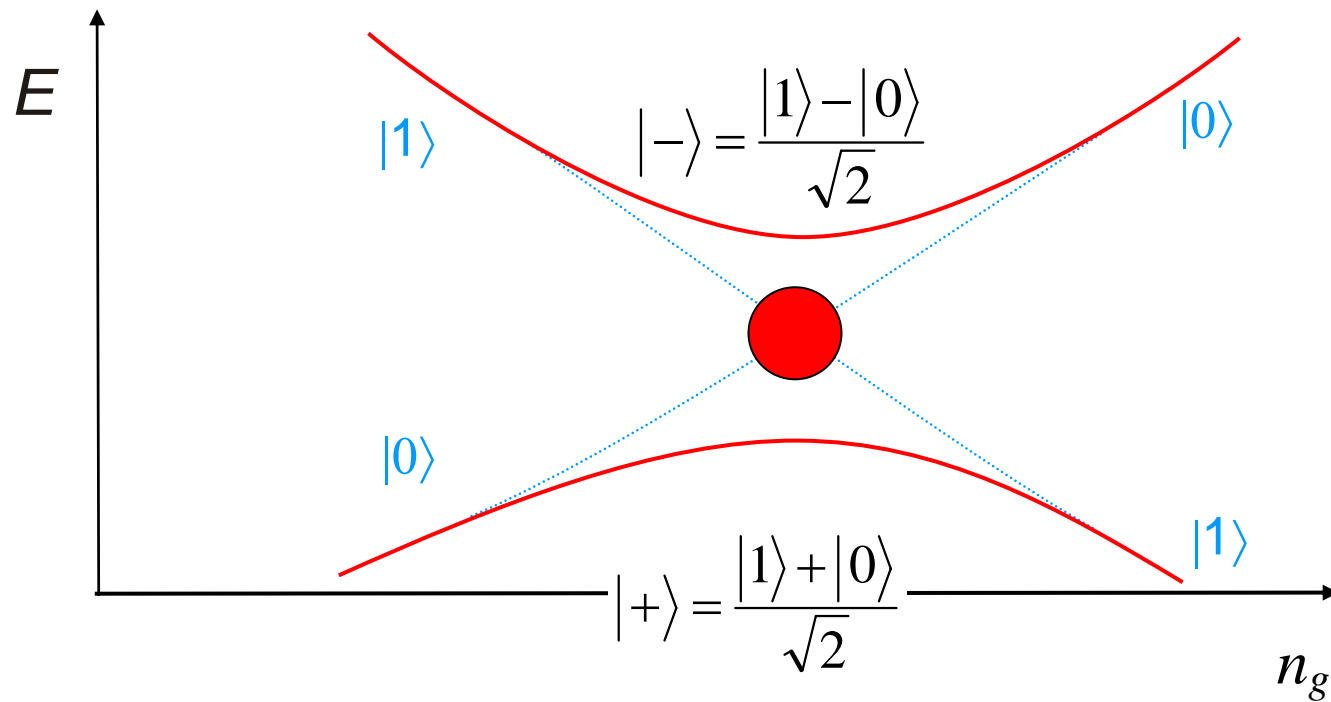


$|0\rangle$

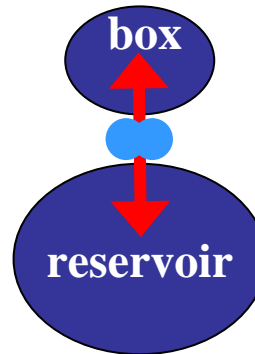
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reservoir

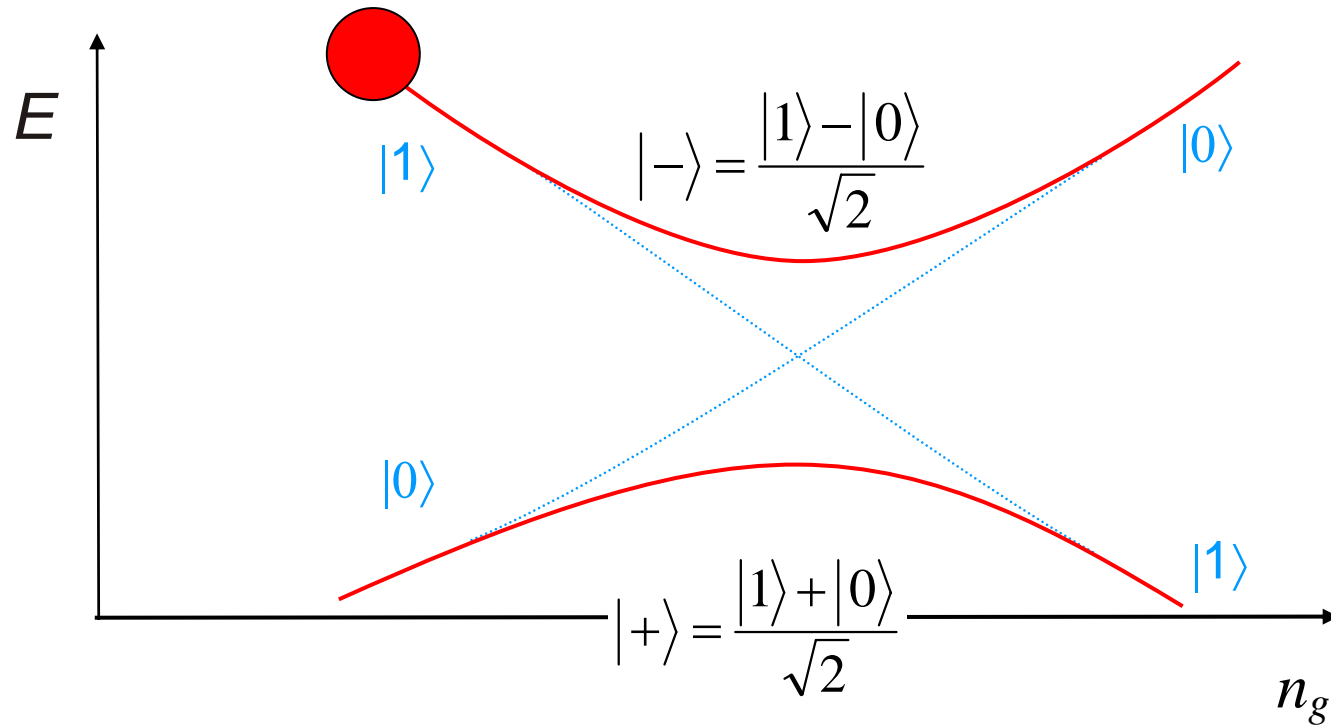
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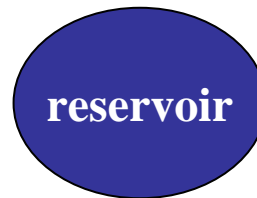
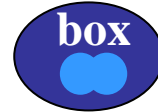
$$\cos\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right)|0\rangle + i\sin\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right)|1\rangle$$



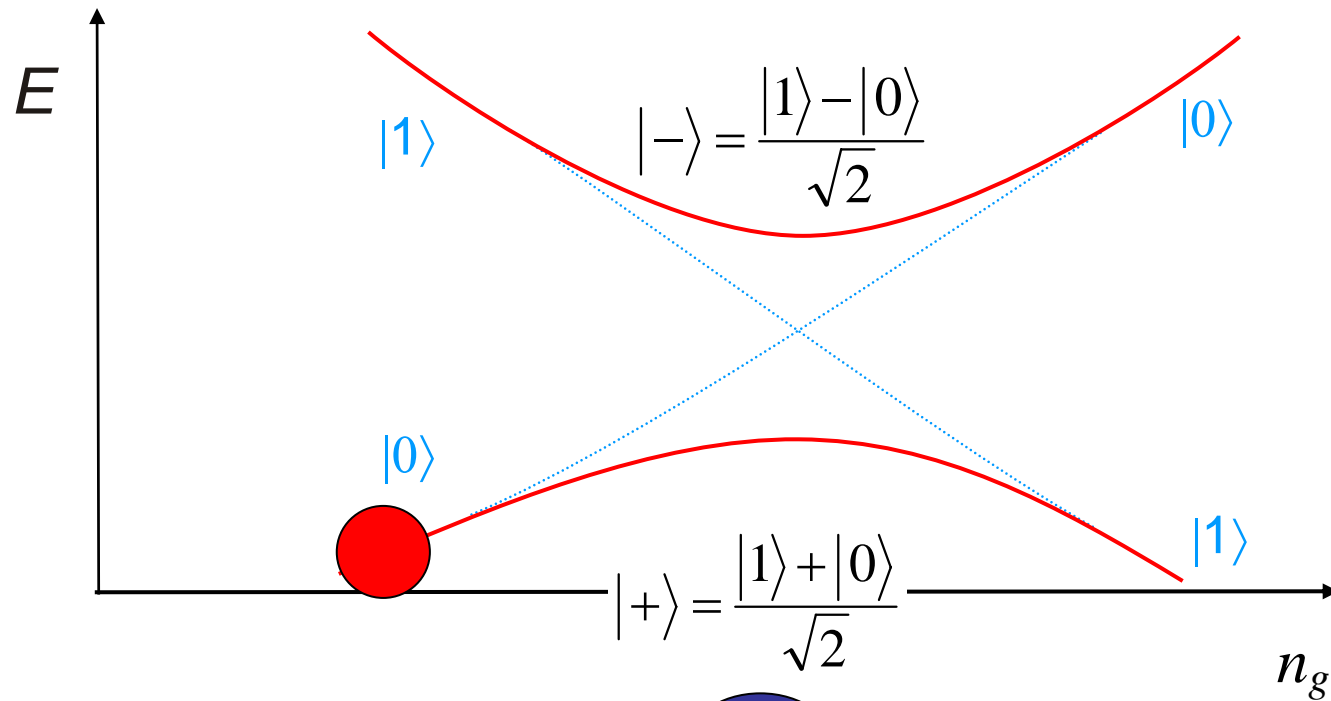
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$|1\rangle$



Non-adiabatic manipulation $\omega\Delta t = 2\pi k$

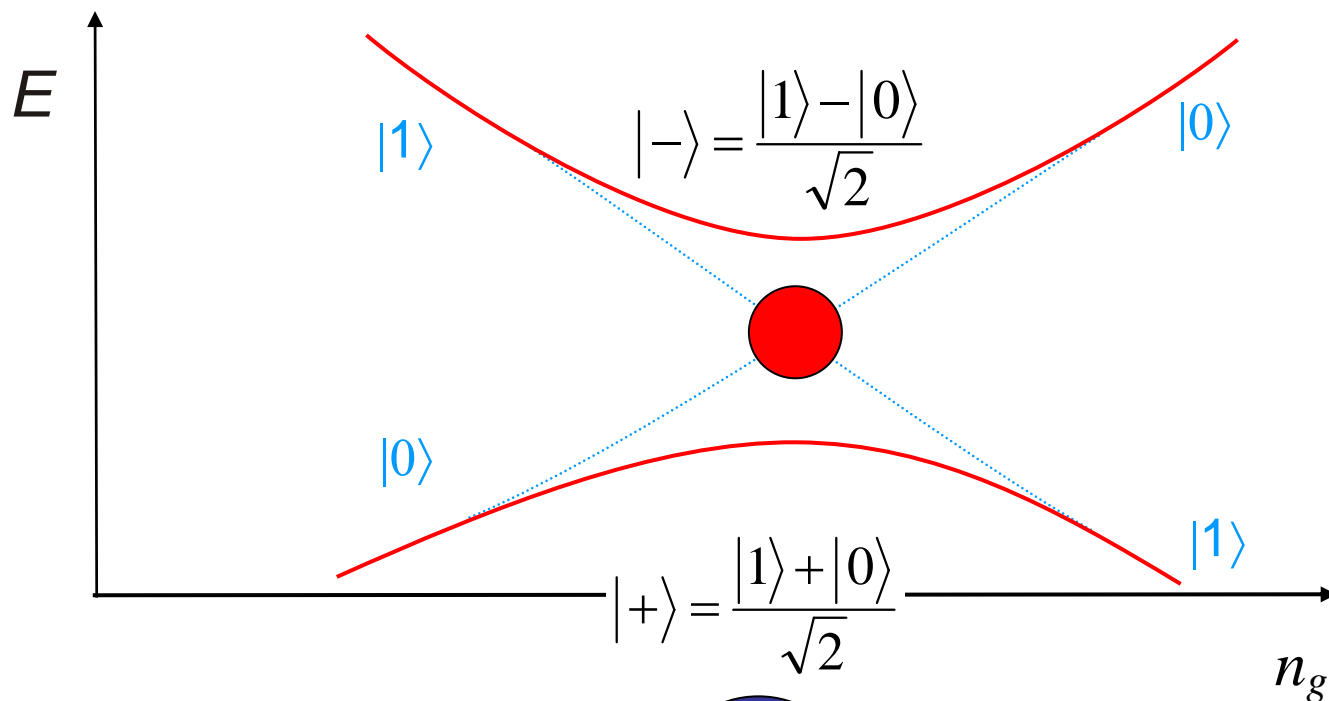


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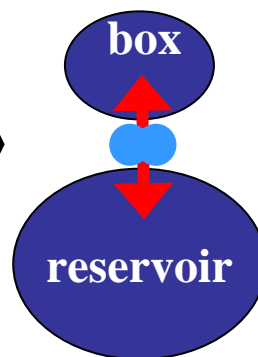
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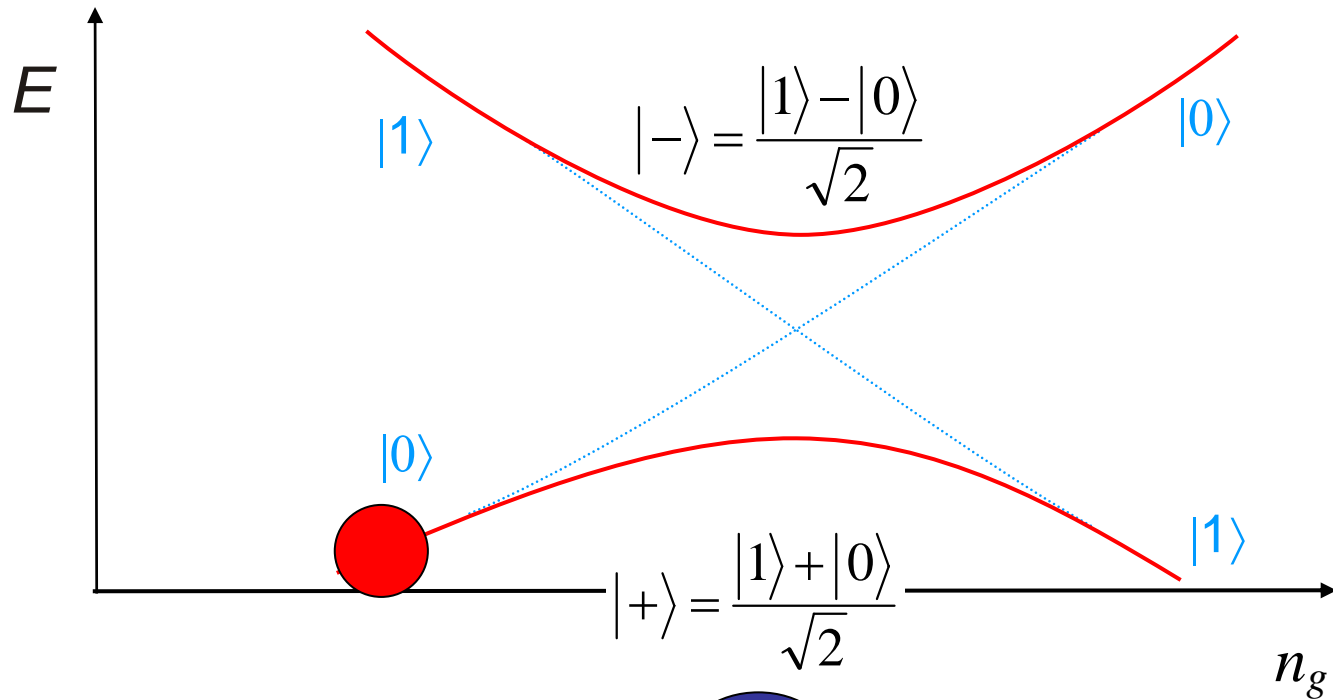
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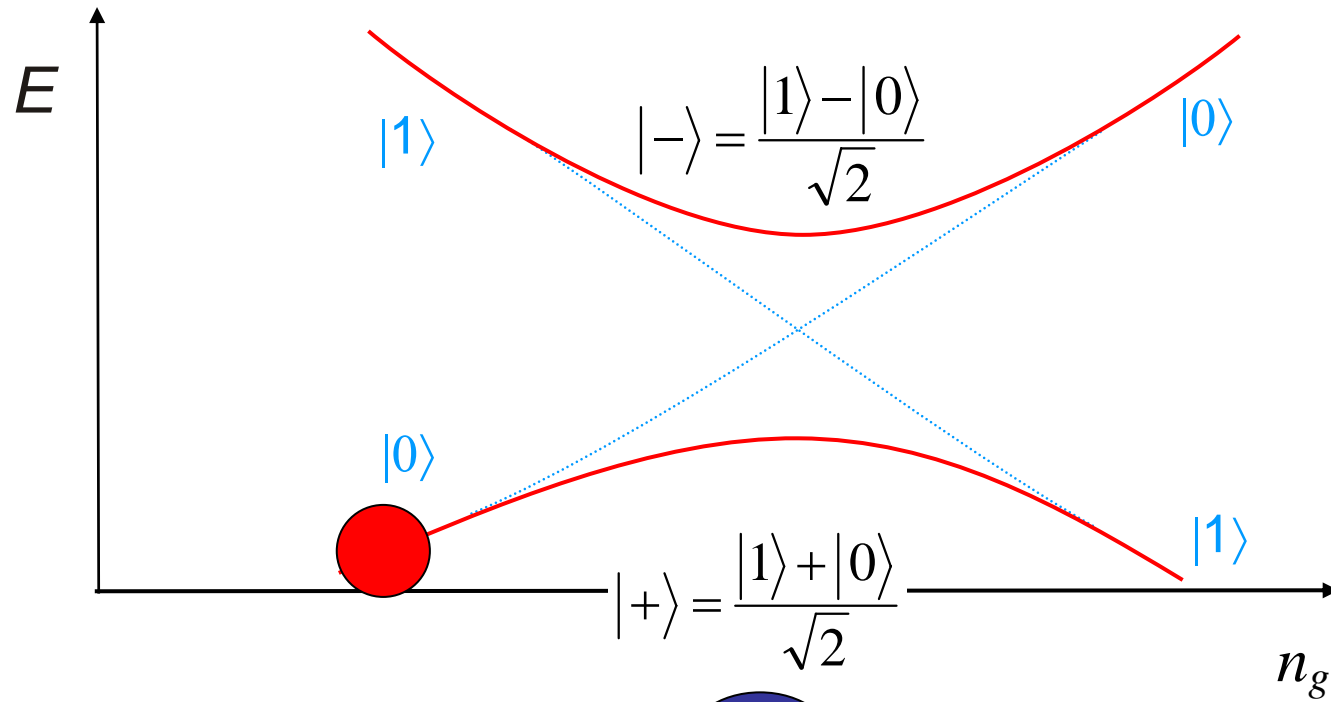


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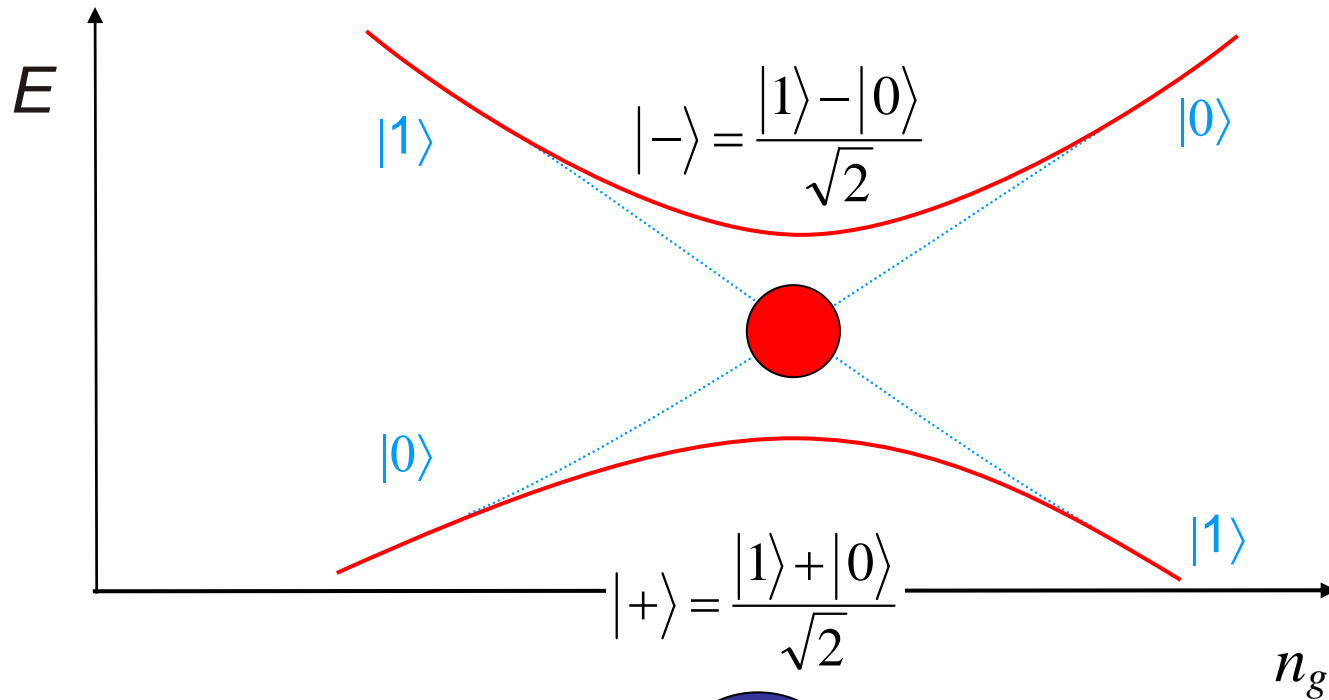


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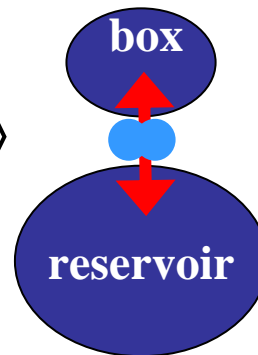
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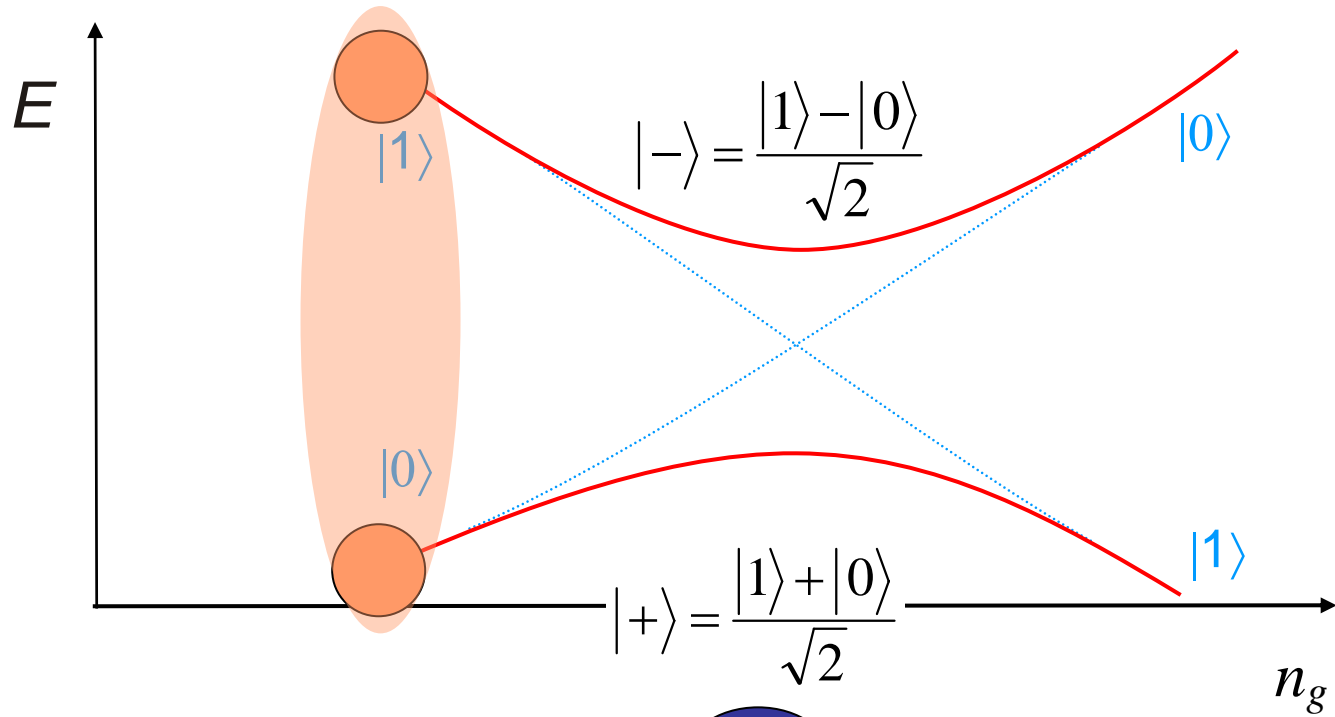
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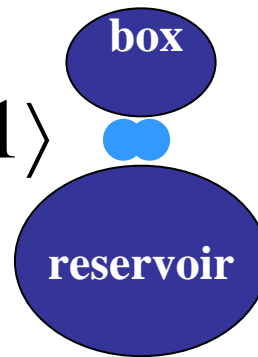
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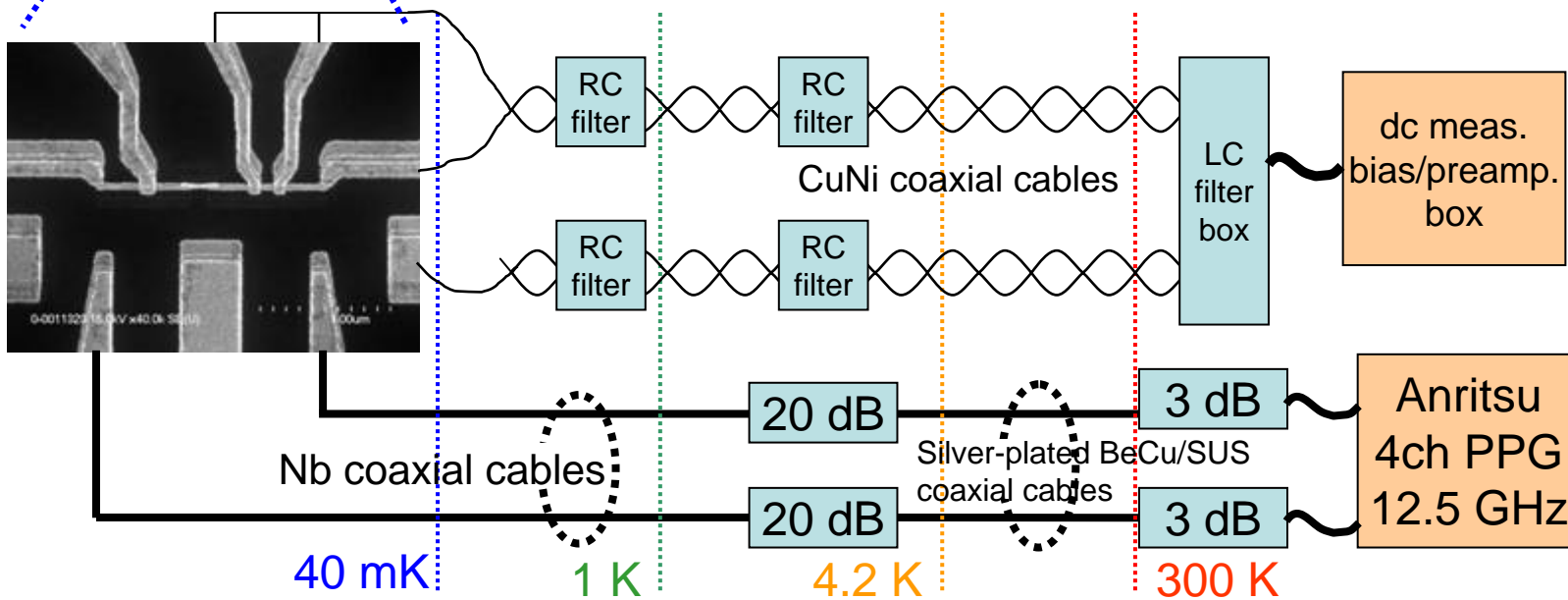
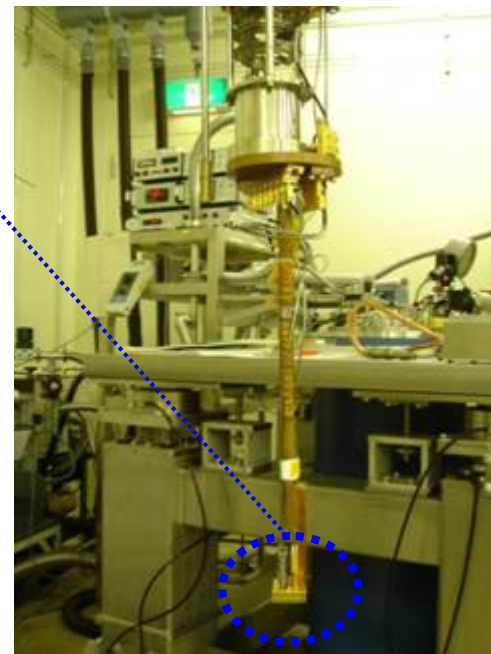
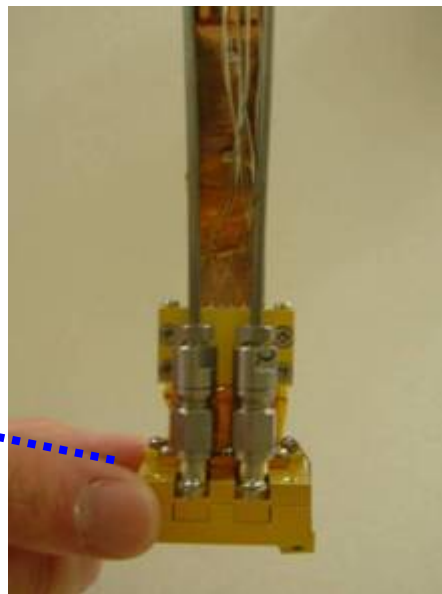
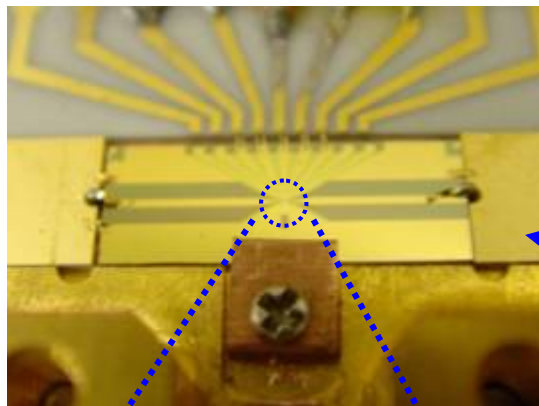
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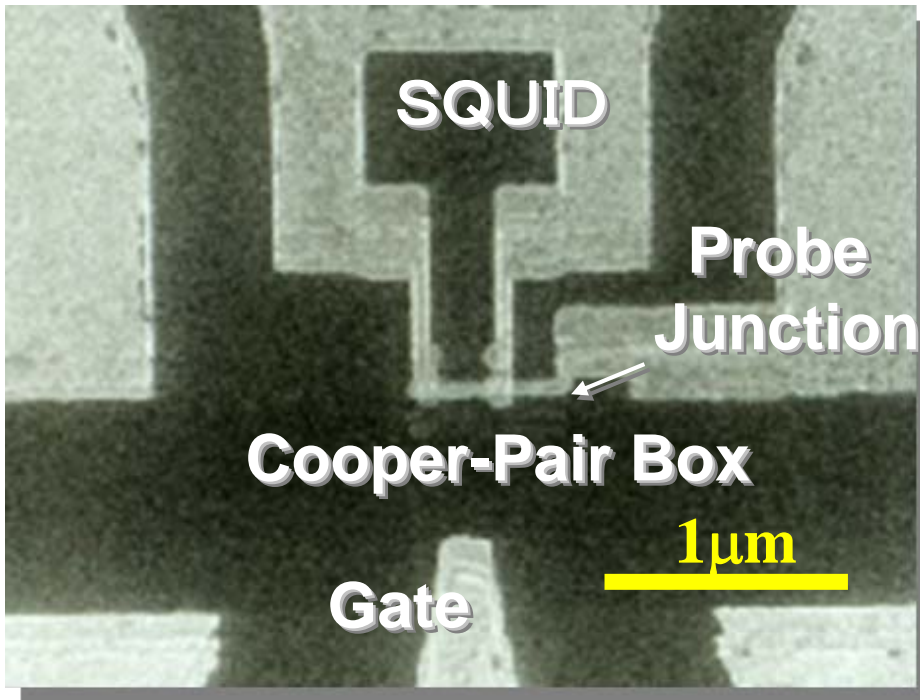


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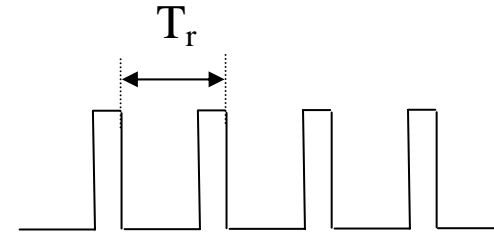


Experimental setup



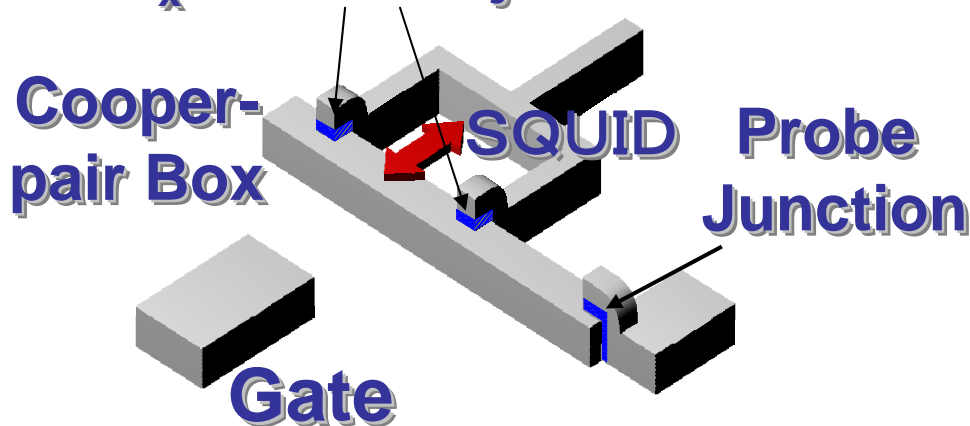


Control pulse sequence

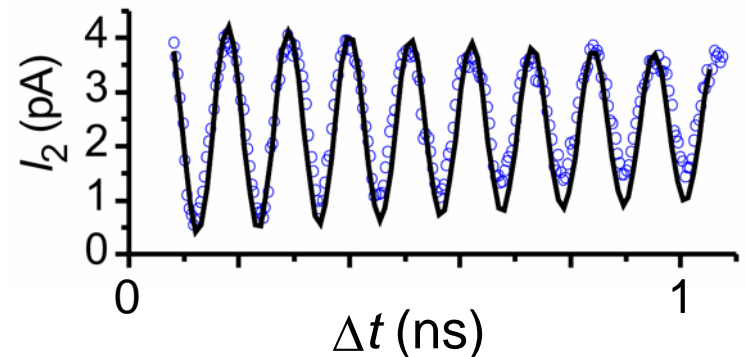


Pulse induced current in SQUID – box – probe junction circuit is measured

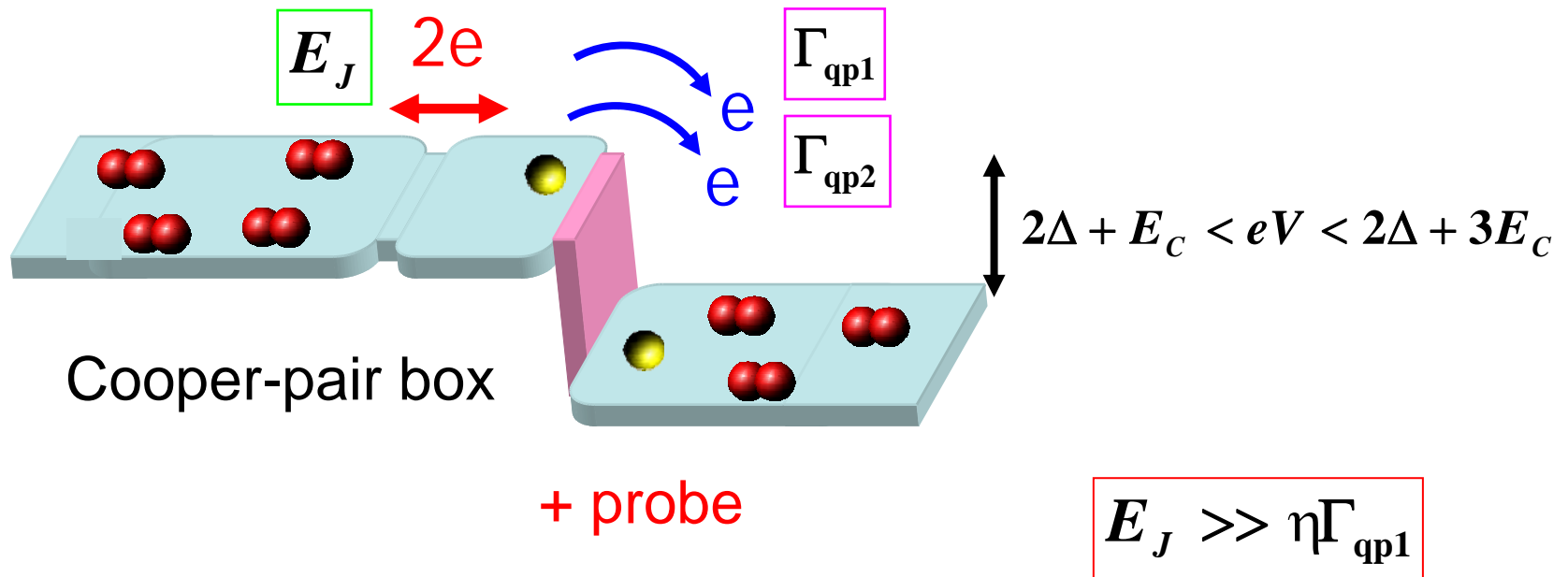
Al/AlO_x/Al tunnel junctions



$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad I = 2e |\alpha|^2 / T_r$$

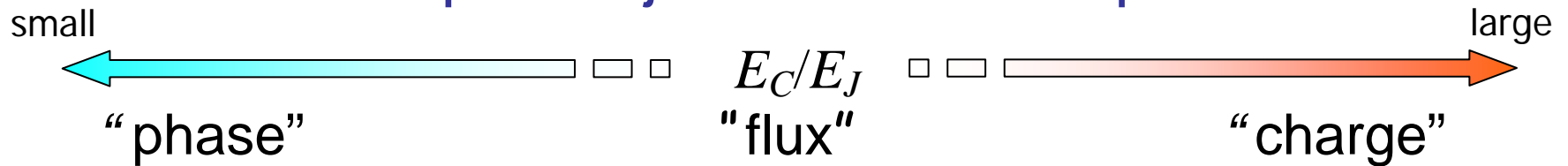


Final state read-out



To break a Cooper pair into two quasiparticles we bias the probe junction to $V_b \approx 2\Delta/e$

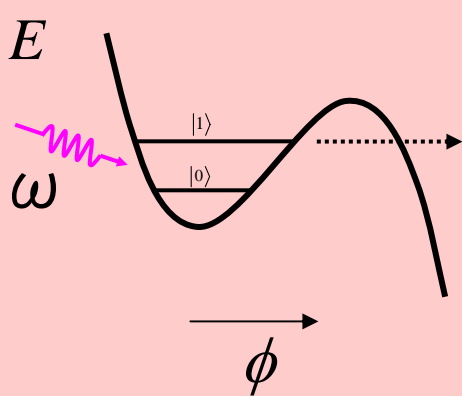
Josephson-junction-based qubits



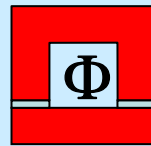
Single junction



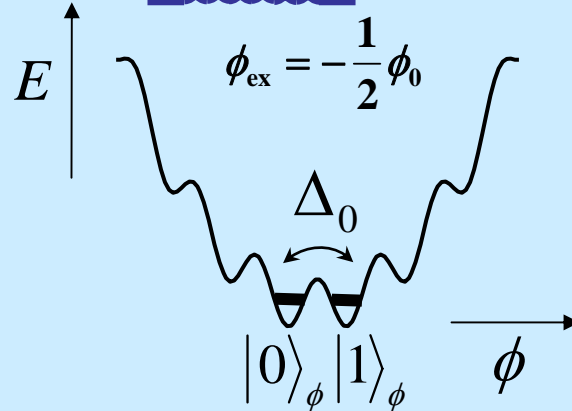
$$U_j = E_j(1 - \cos \phi)$$



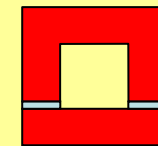
SQUID



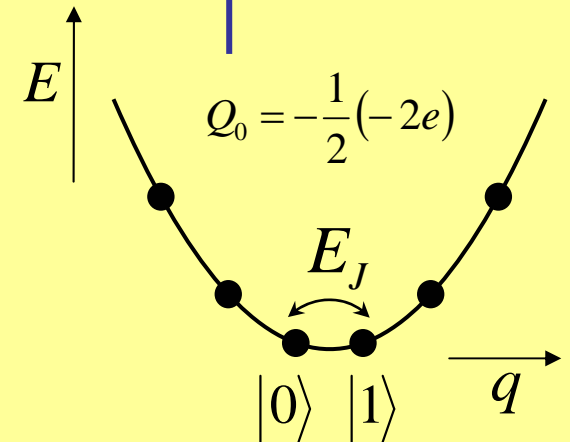
$$E_c < E_j$$



Cooper-pair box



$$E_c > E_j$$



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Kansas
Maryland
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Jena

Saclay

NEC
Chalmers
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JPL

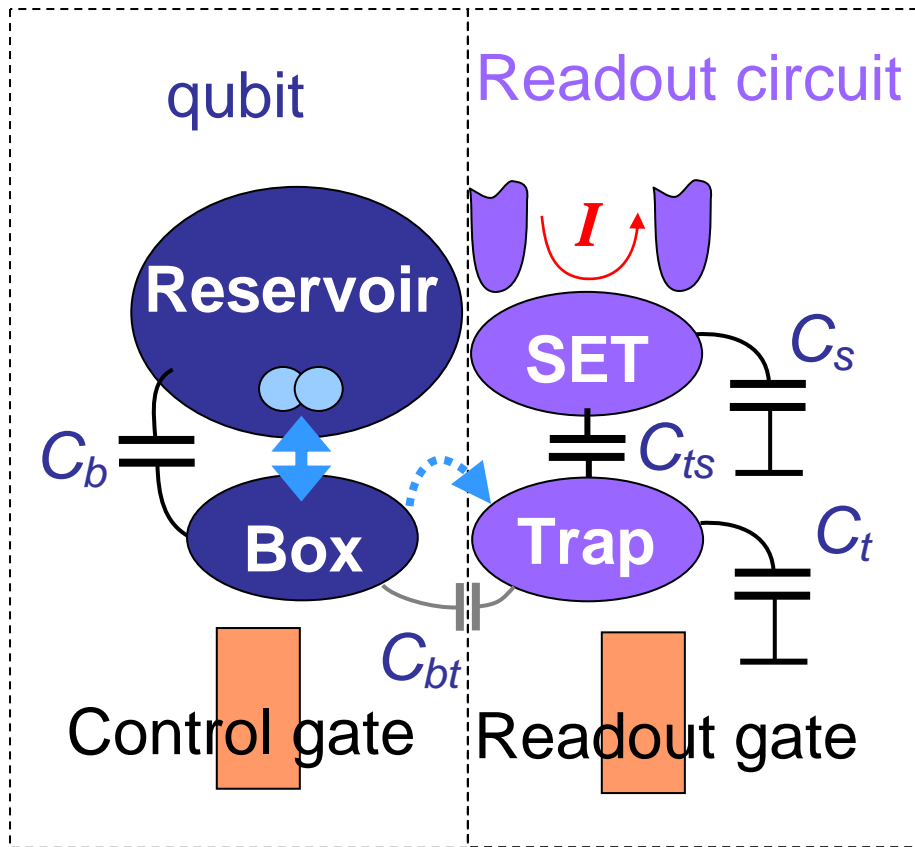
Qubit manipulation \Rightarrow Ensemble averaging

Measurement of results of each
quantum state manipulation

Single-shot measurements

Quantum bit \Rightarrow Classical bit \Rightarrow Readout

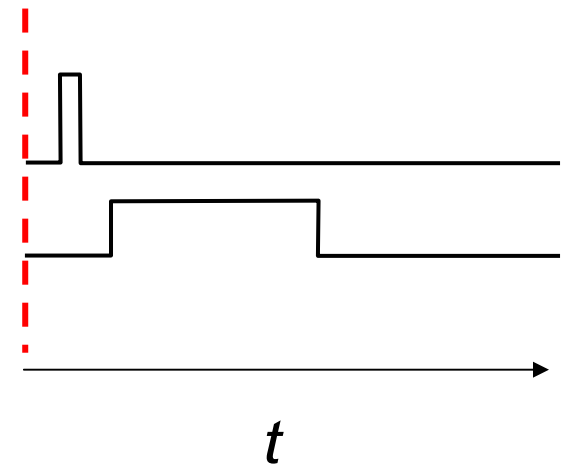
Single-shot Readout



Pulses

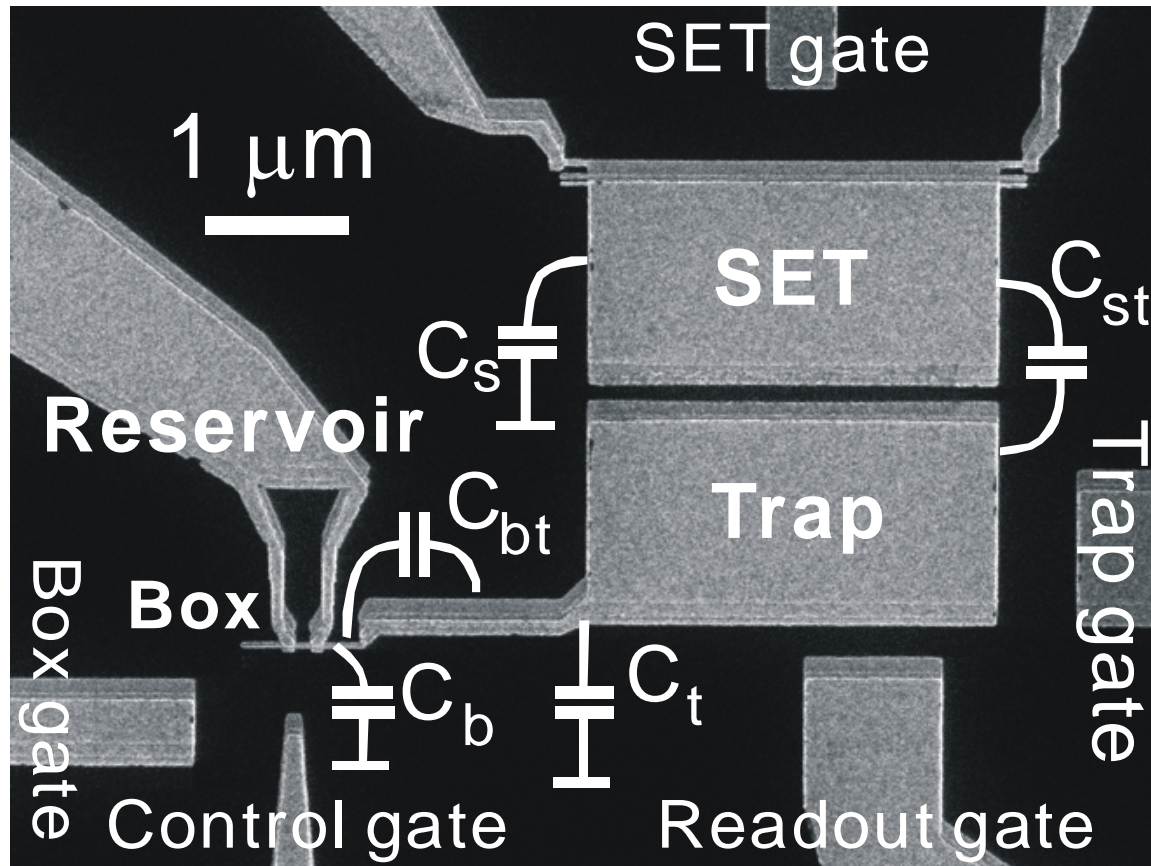
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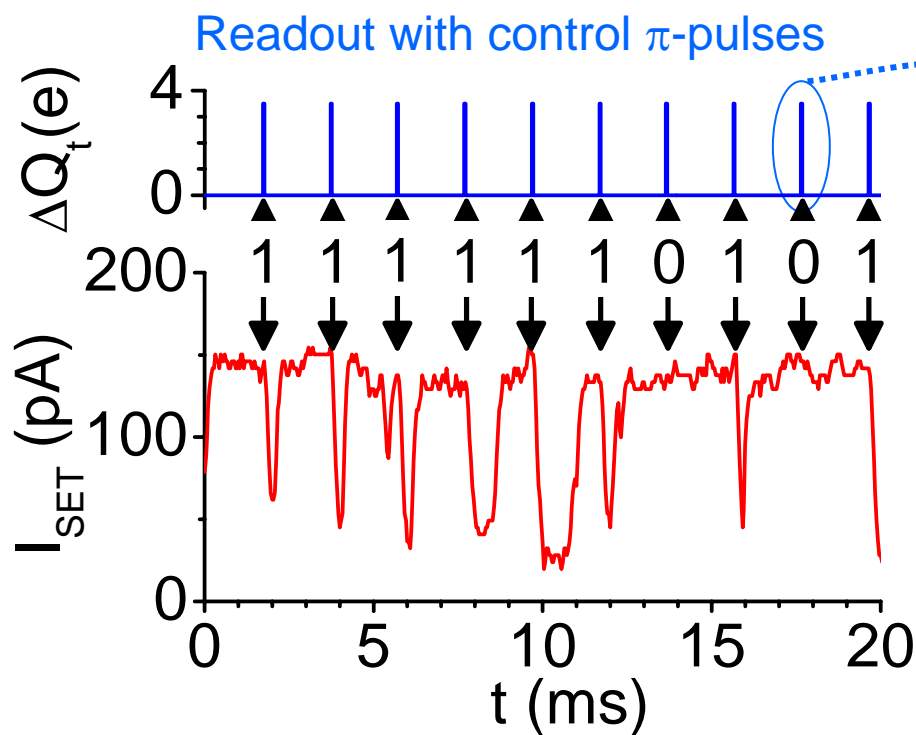
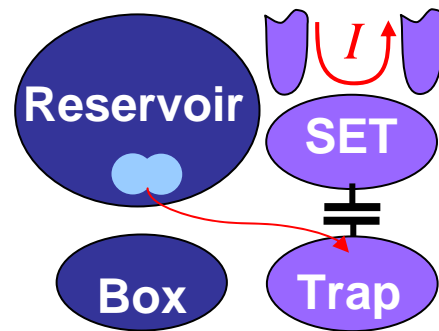
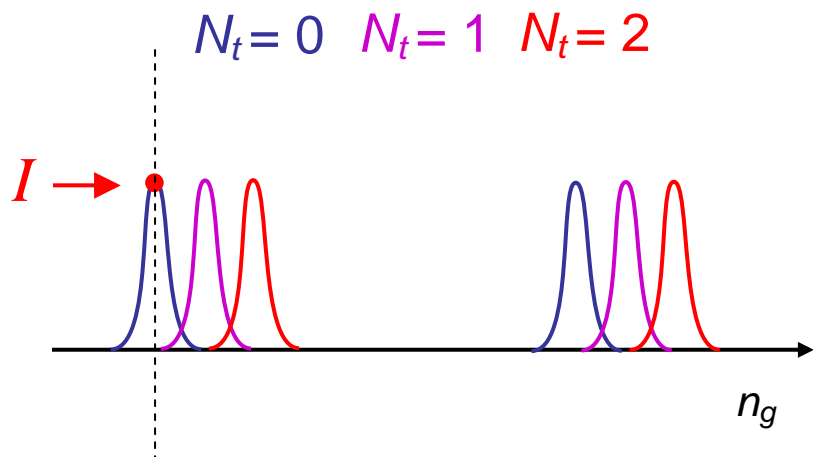


↔ Cooper pair oscillations

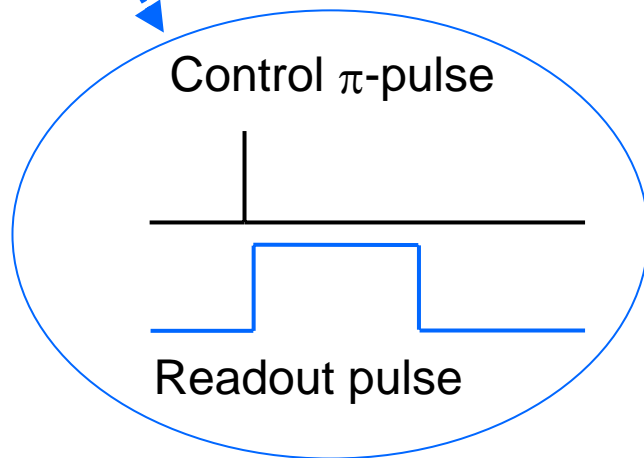
→ Quasiparticle tunneling (when the trap is biased by $2\Delta/e$)



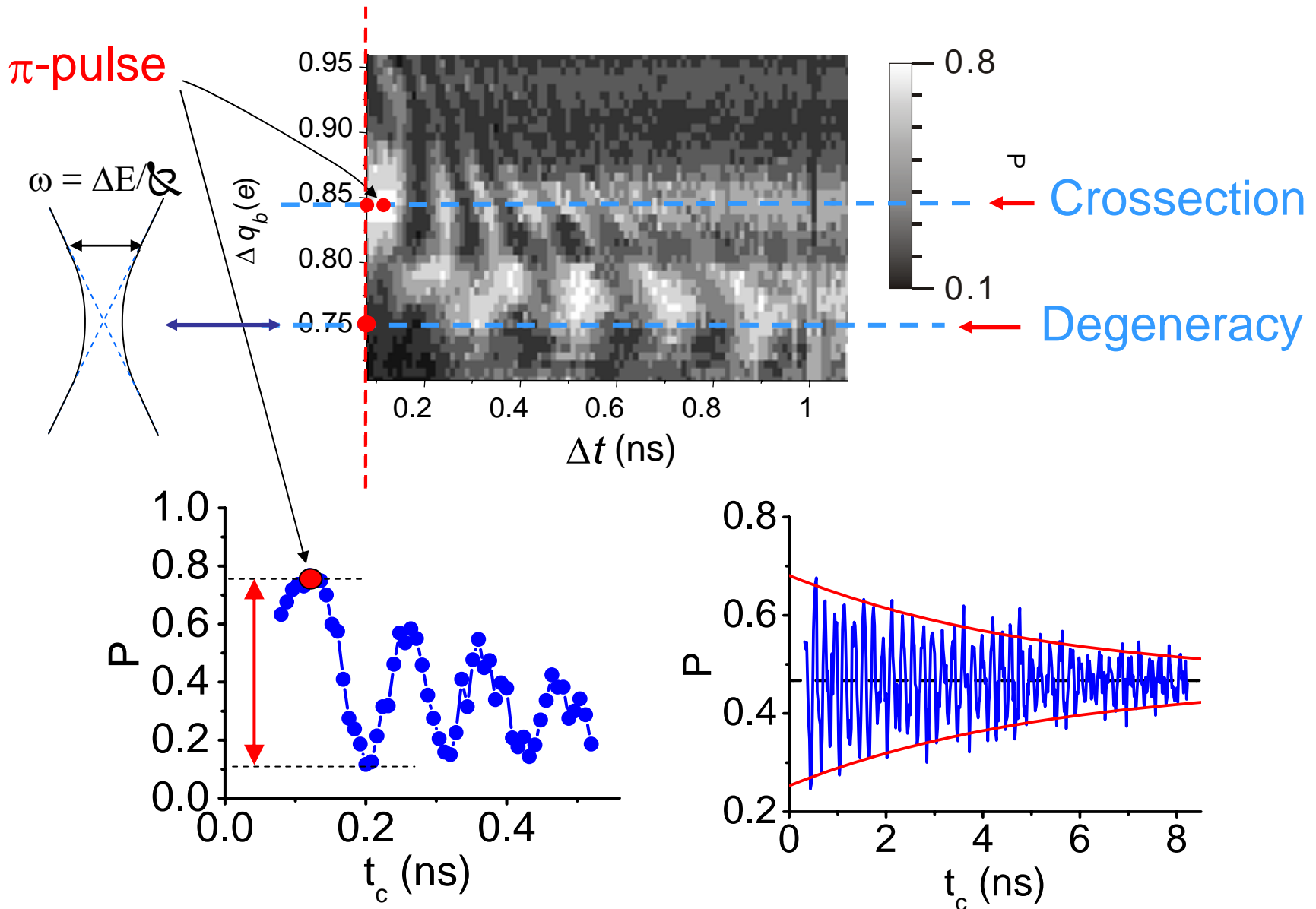
- *Measurement circuit is electrostatically decoupled from the qubit*
- *After reading out the final states, coherent state manipulation is completed*



$$P(1) = \frac{N_{switch}}{N_{tot}}$$



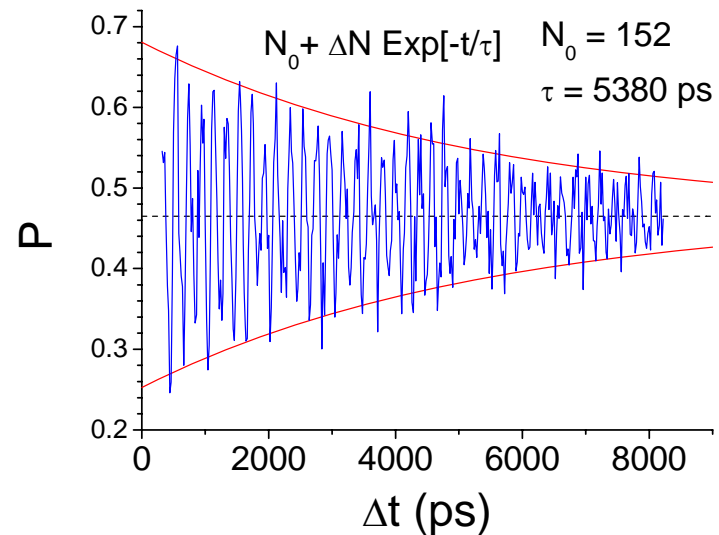
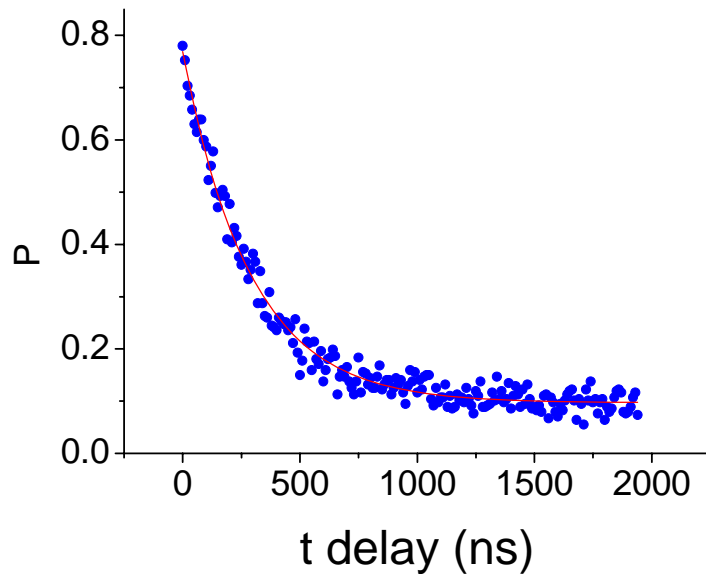
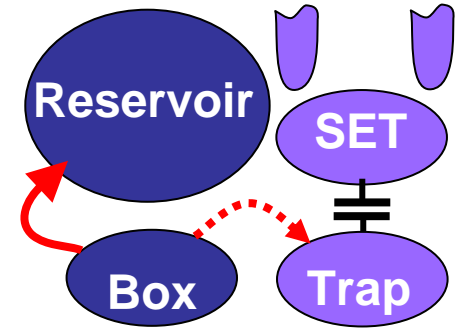
Quantum Oscillations



Readout efficiency

$$P_1(|1\rangle) = \frac{T_1^{res}}{T_1^{trap} + T_1^{res}} = \frac{288ns}{288ns + 31ns} \approx 0.90$$

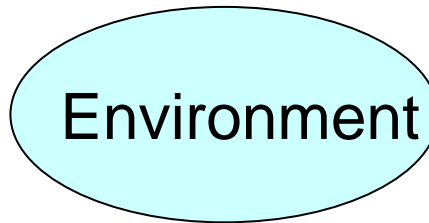
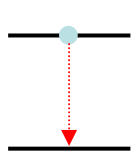
$$P_0(|0\rangle) \approx 0.90$$



Two-level System as a Quantum Noise Spectrometer

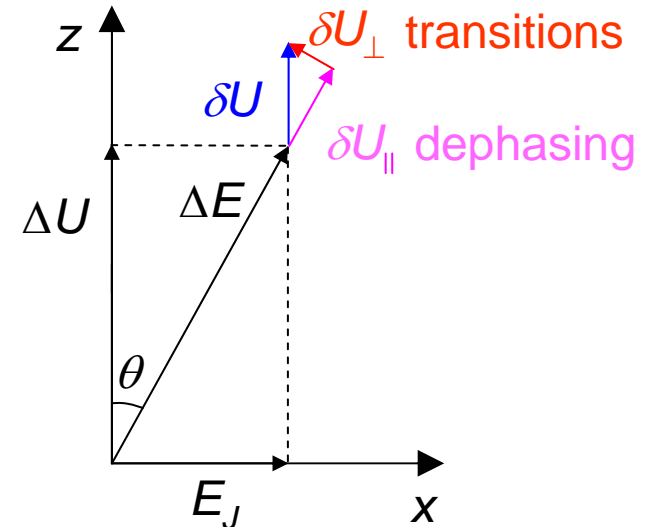
Two-level system

TLS



$$\tan \theta = \frac{E_J}{\Delta U}$$

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{E_J^2 + \Delta U^2}$$



Charge basis:
$$H = -\frac{\Delta E}{2} (\sigma_z \cos \theta + \sigma_x \sin \theta) - \frac{\delta U(t)}{2} \sigma_z$$

Electrostatic energy fluctuations

Eigenbasis:
$$H = -\frac{\eta \omega_0}{2} \sigma_z - \frac{\delta U(t)}{2} (\sigma_z \cos \theta + \sigma_x \sin \theta)$$

Dephasing

Transitions

Charge noise

Charge noise spectral density:

$$S_q(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle q(0)q(\tau) \rangle e^{-i\tau\omega} d\tau \quad \langle q(0)q(\tau) \rangle = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T q(t)q(t+\tau) dt$$

Relationship between electrostatic energy and charge noises:

$$\delta U = \delta q \frac{\partial U_{10}}{\partial q} = \delta q \frac{E_C}{e} \quad S_U = \left(\frac{E_C}{e} \right)^2 S_q$$

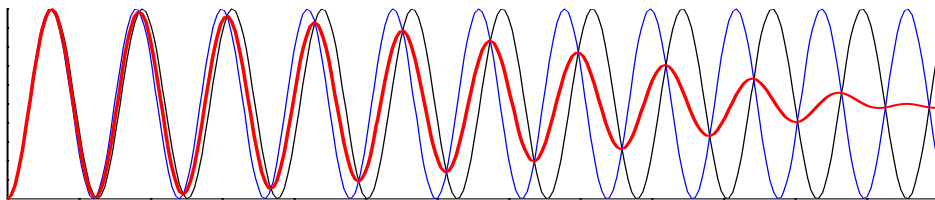
Electrostatic energy fluctuation:

$$\delta U^2 = \int_{\omega_0}^{\omega_1} S_U(\omega) d\omega$$

Pure Dephasing

Energy fluctuations: δE

Probability to detect state $|1\rangle$:
$$P(1) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{E_0 + \delta E}{\eta} t\right) \right]$$

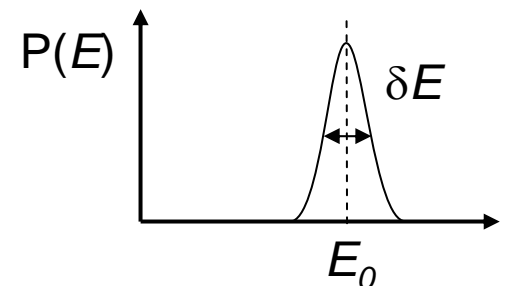


$$\int \cos\left(\frac{E}{\eta} t\right) P(E) dE$$

Gaussian distribution:
$$P(E) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\langle\delta E^2\rangle}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(E - E_0)^2}{\langle\delta E^2\rangle}\right]$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{E_0}{\eta}\right) \exp\left[-\frac{t^2}{2T_2^2}\right]$$

$$\frac{1}{T_2} = \frac{\sqrt{\langle\delta E^2\rangle}}{\eta}$$



Free induction decay

$$H = -\frac{\eta\omega_0}{2}\sigma_z - \frac{\delta U(t)}{2}(\sigma_z \cos\theta + \sigma_x \sin\theta)$$

$$\frac{1}{T_2} = \frac{\sqrt{\langle \delta U^2 \rangle} \cos\theta}{\eta}$$

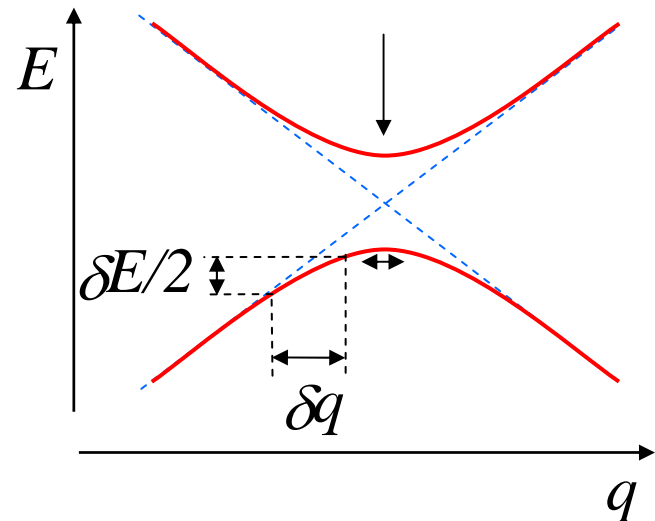
Far away from the magic point:

$$\eta\omega \gg E_J, \cos\theta \approx 1$$

$$T_2 = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\langle \delta U^2 \rangle}}$$

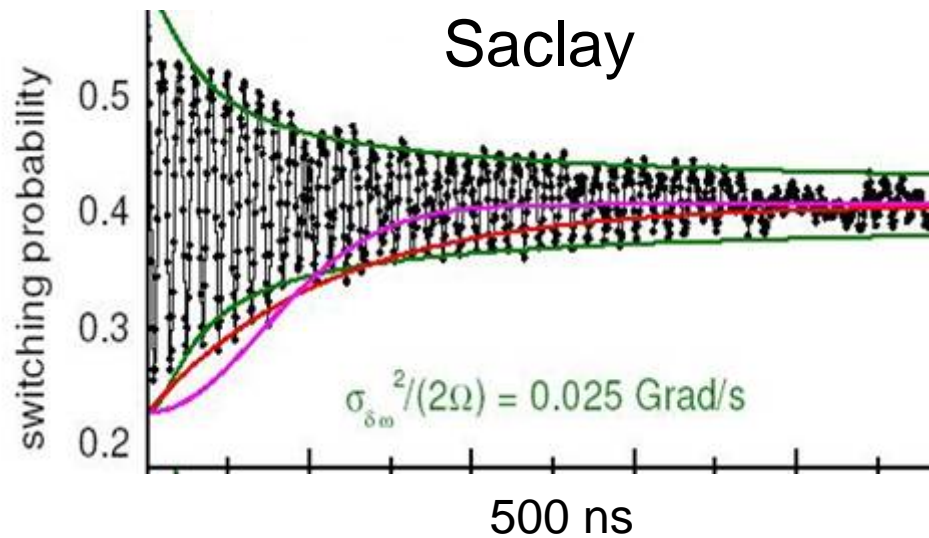
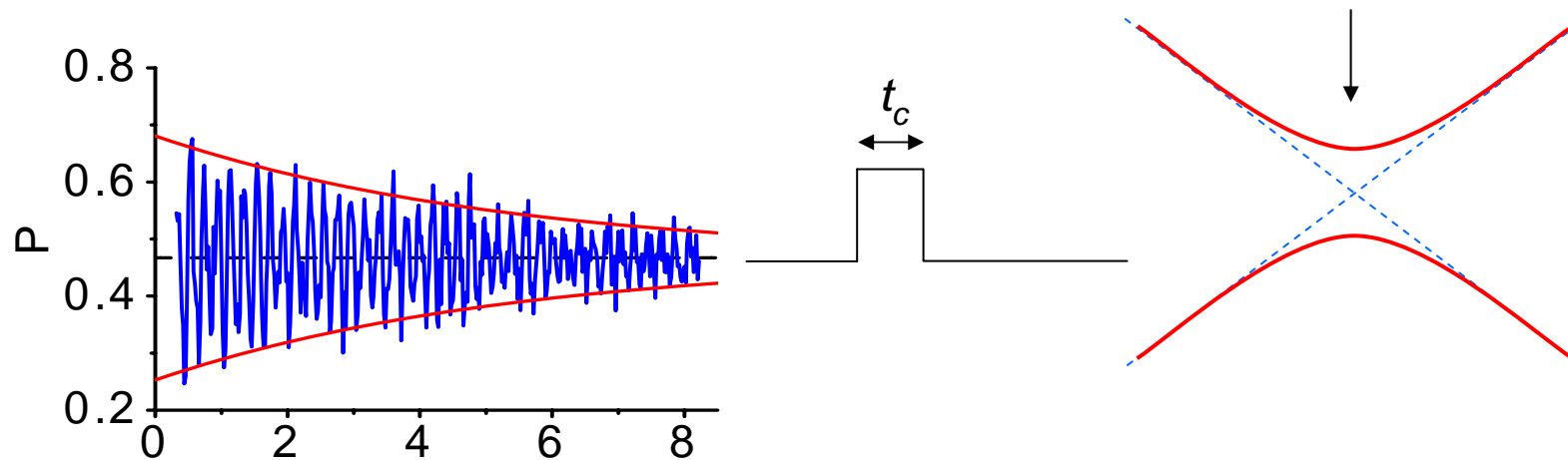
Magic point ($\delta E=0$):

$$\theta = \pi/2 \quad T_2 \rightarrow \infty$$

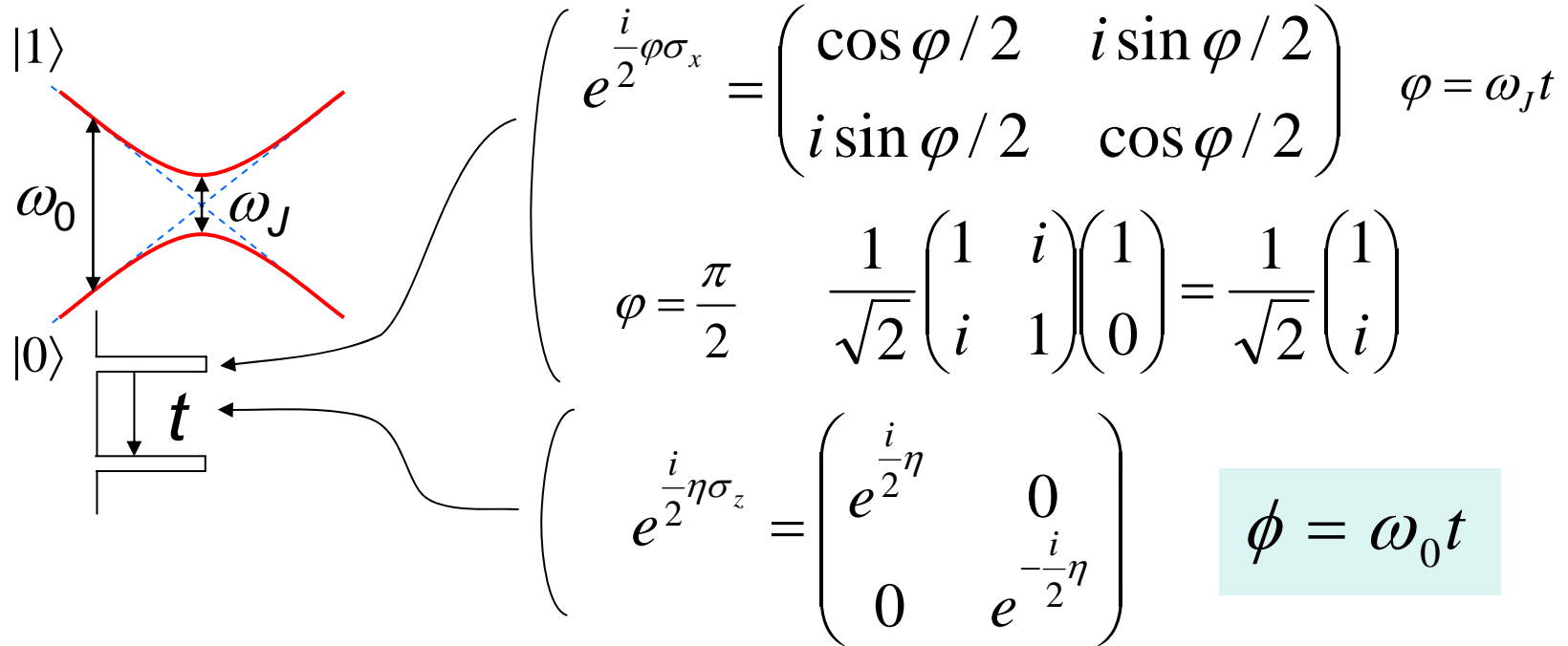


Magic point: no energy fluctuations in the first order!

Dephasing at magic (degeneracy) point



Ramsey interference

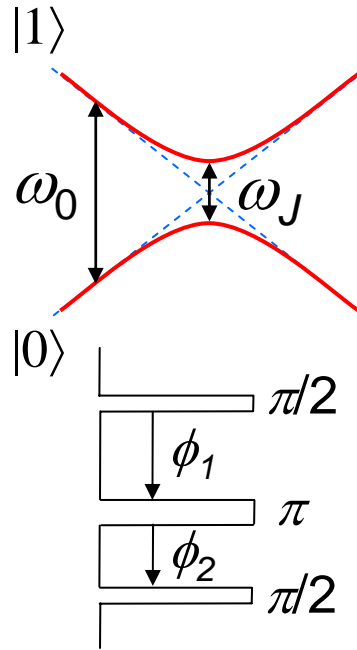


$\pi/2$ rotations at the degeneracy point

$$\psi(t) = e^{\frac{i}{2}\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma_x} e^{\frac{i}{2}\eta\sigma_z} e^{\frac{i}{2}\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma_x} |0\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i}{2}\eta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{i}{2}\eta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \eta/2 \\ i \sin \eta/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Evolution far away from the degeneracy point

Echo



$\pi/2$ pulse

$$e^{\frac{i\pi}{22}\sigma_x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

π pulse

$$e^{i2\pi\sigma_x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = i\sigma_x$$

$$\psi(t) = e^{\frac{i\pi}{22}\sigma_x} e^{\frac{i}{2}\eta_2\sigma_z} e^{\frac{i}{2}\pi\sigma_x} e^{\frac{i}{2}\eta_1\sigma_z} e^{\frac{i\pi}{22}\sigma_x} |0\rangle$$

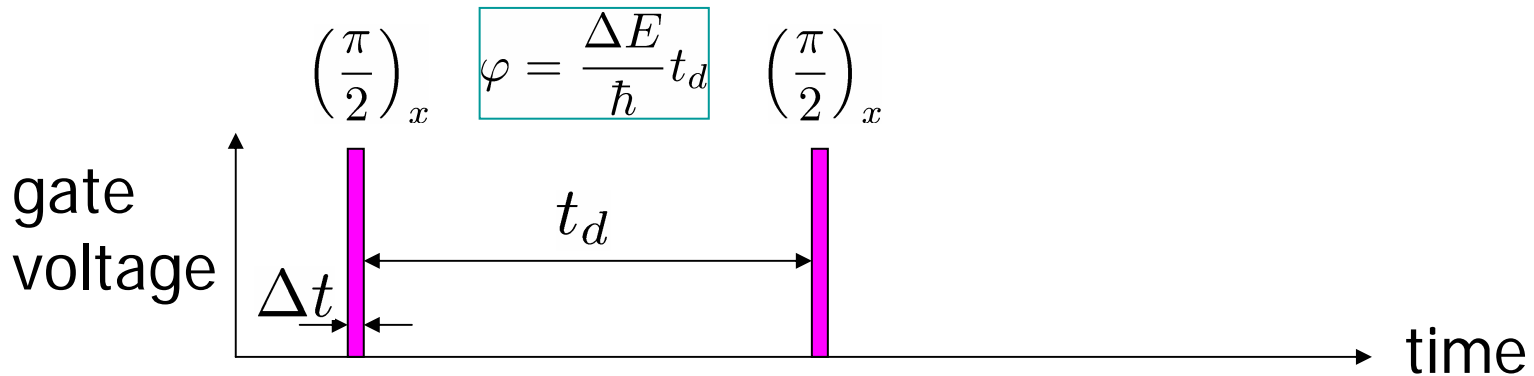
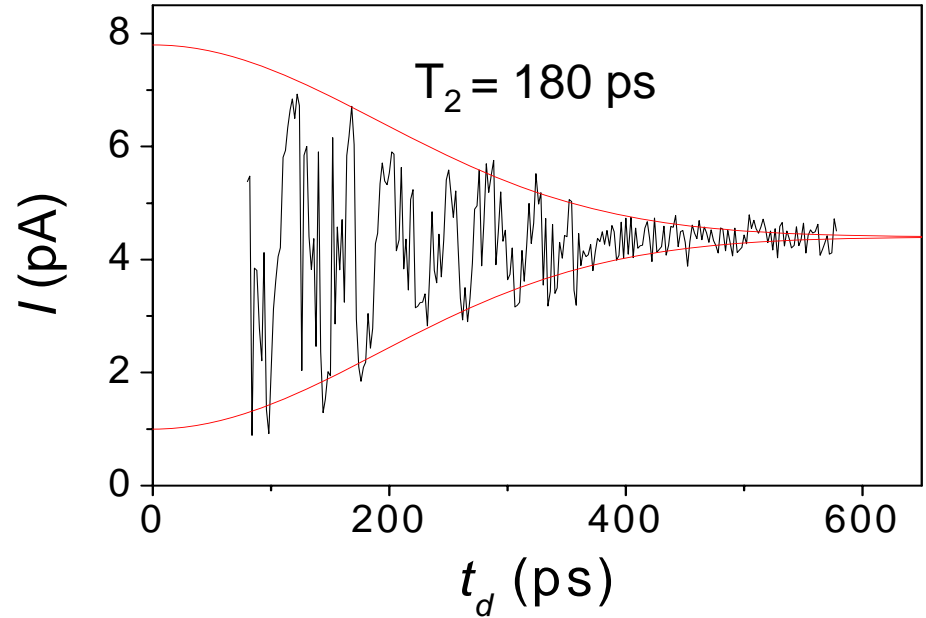
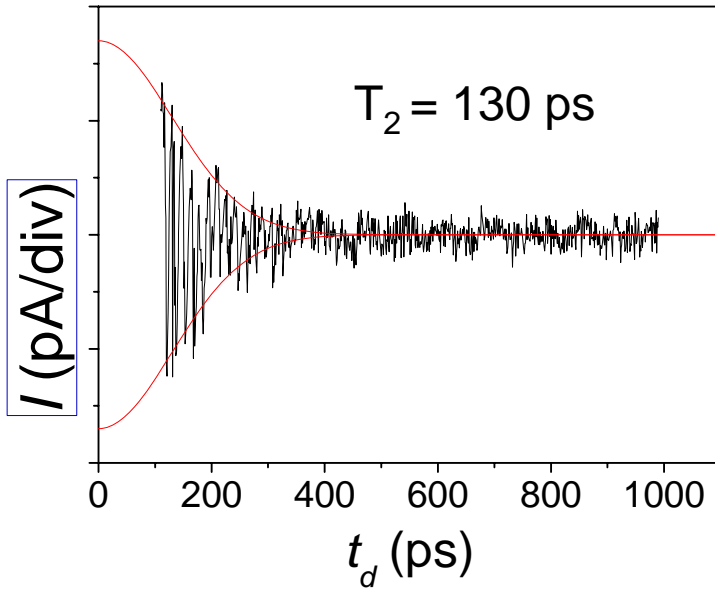
$$i\sigma_x e^{\frac{i}{2}(\eta_1 - \eta_2)\sigma_z}$$

π -pulse reverses phase

$$\psi(t) = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{22}\sigma_x} e^{\frac{i}{2}(\eta_1 - \eta_2)\sigma_z} e^{\frac{i\pi}{22}\sigma_x} |0\rangle$$

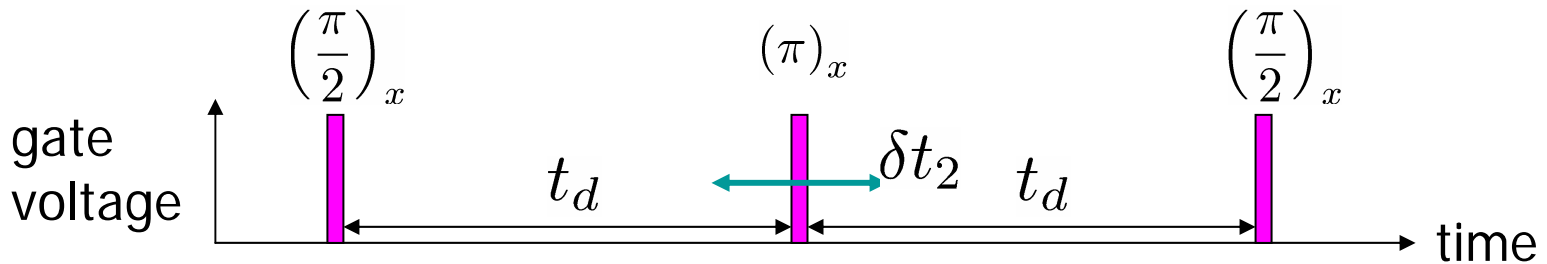
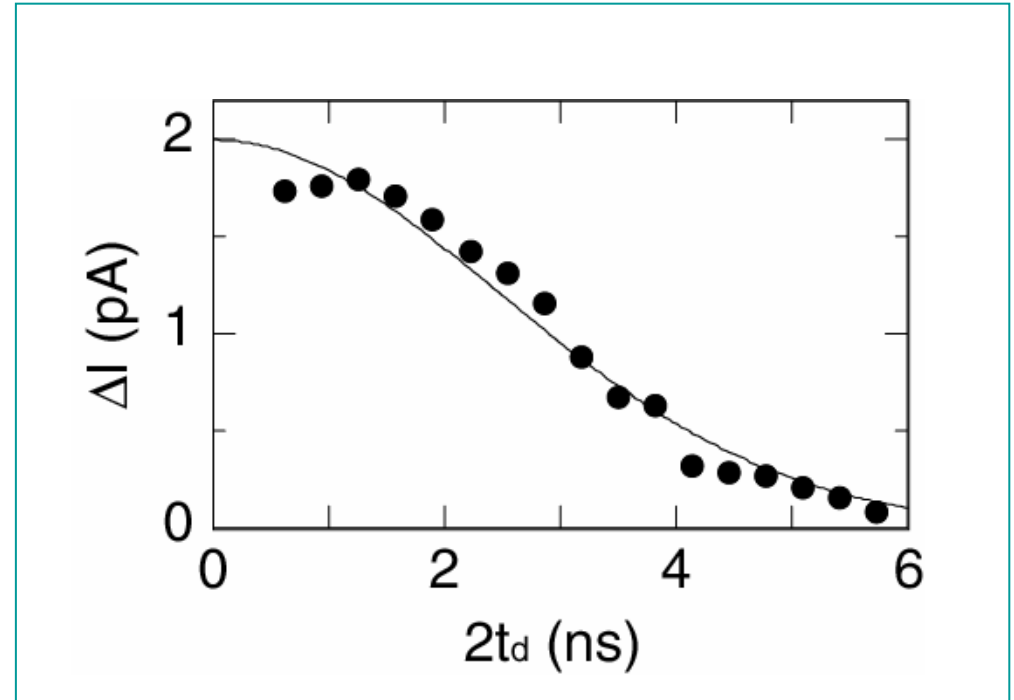
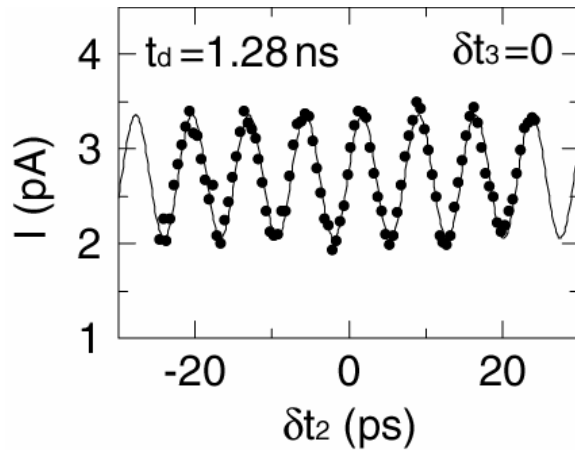
Ramsey interference: $e^{\frac{i\pi}{22}\sigma_x} e^{\frac{i}{2}\eta\sigma_z} e^{\frac{i\pi}{22}\sigma_x}$

Free-induction decay

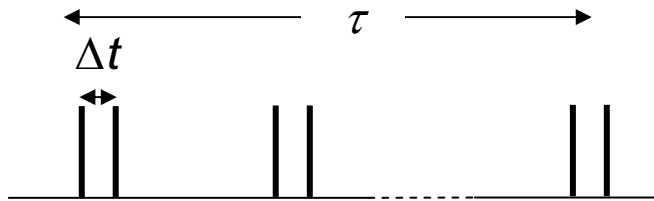


Decay of echo signal

- Current vs. Position of 2nd pulse



Noise in Ramsey interference



$$\frac{1}{T_2} = \frac{\sqrt{\langle \delta U^2 \rangle} \cos \theta}{\eta}$$

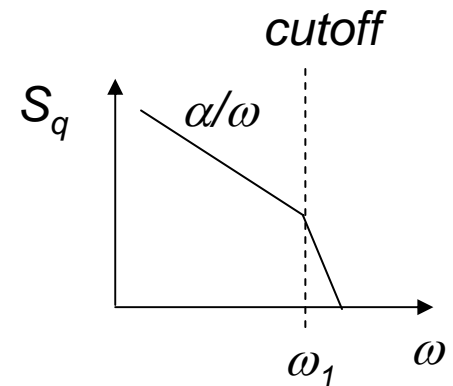
$$\delta U^2 = \int_{\omega_0}^{\omega_1} S_U(\omega) d\omega \quad \omega_1 \approx \pi/\Delta t \quad \Delta t \sim 300 \text{ ps}$$

$$\omega_0 \approx \pi/\tau \quad \tau \sim 0.1 \text{ s} \quad (\text{averaging time})$$

1/f noise (Gaussian case):

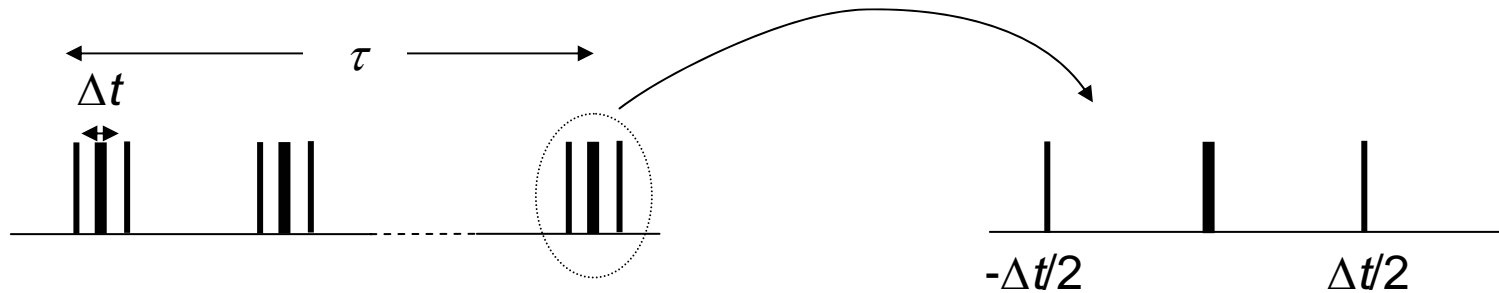
$$S_q(\omega) = \frac{\alpha}{\omega} \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_U(\omega) = \frac{E_C^2}{e^2} \frac{\alpha}{\omega}$$

$$\delta U^2 = \frac{E_C^2}{e^2} \alpha \ln(\omega_1 \tau) \quad T_2 = \frac{e\eta}{E_C \sqrt{\alpha \ln(\omega_1 \tau)}}$$



Low frequency 1/f noise mainly contributes to the dephasing

Noise in Echo experiments



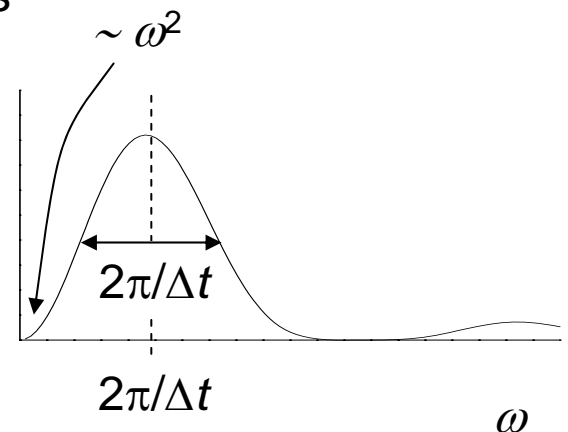
$$\langle \delta U^2 \rangle = \langle |U(t - \Delta t / 2) - U(t + \Delta t / 2)|^2 \rangle = 2\langle U^2 \rangle - 2\langle U(t - \Delta t / 2)U(t + \Delta t / 2) \rangle$$

Frequencies of order of $\pi/\Delta t$ contribute into dephasing

$$\delta U^2 = \int_{\omega_0 - \Delta\omega}^{\omega_0 + \Delta\omega} S_U(\omega) d\omega \quad \begin{array}{l} \omega_1 \approx 2\pi/\Delta t \\ \Delta\omega \approx \pi/\Delta t \end{array} \quad \Delta t \sim 1 \text{ ns}$$

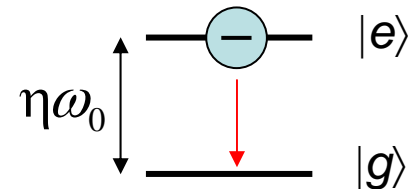
$$\delta U^2 = \int_{\pi/\tau}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin^2(\omega\Delta t/4)}{\Delta t\omega/4} \right)^2 S_U(\omega) d\omega$$

0



Transitions (relaxation, excitation)

$$H = -\frac{\eta\omega_0}{2}\sigma_z - \frac{\delta U(t)}{2}(\sigma_z \cos\theta + \sigma_x \sin\theta)$$



Transition amplitude over time t :

$$a_{eg} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \delta U(t_1) \sin\theta e^{i\omega_0 t_1} dt_1$$

Transition probability:

$$|a|^2 = \frac{\sin^2\theta}{4\eta^2} \int_0^t \int_0^t \delta U(t_1) \delta U(t_2) e^{i\omega_0(t_1-t_2)} dt_1 dt_2$$

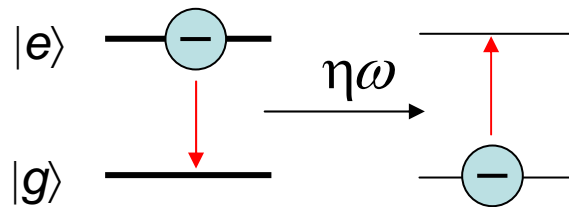
$$\int_0^t \int_0^t \delta U(\tau) \delta U(\tau+t_{21}) e^{-i\omega_0 t_{21}} d\tau dt_{21} = 2\pi S_U(\omega_0) t$$

Transition occurs under driving field of the noise at the resonant frequency:

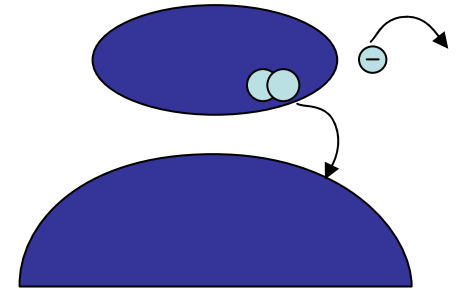
$$\Gamma_{\downarrow} = \frac{\pi S_U(\omega_0) \sin^2\theta}{2\eta^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{\uparrow} = \frac{\pi S_U(-\omega_0) \sin^2\theta}{2\eta^2}$$

Quantum noise



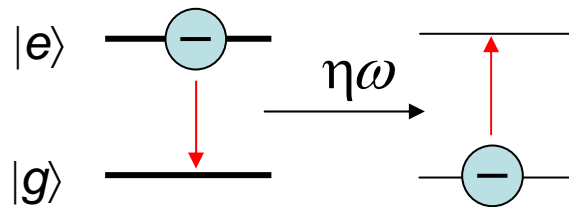
$T = 0$
 δU_q – induced electrostatic energy



Relaxation rate (Fermi Golden Rule):

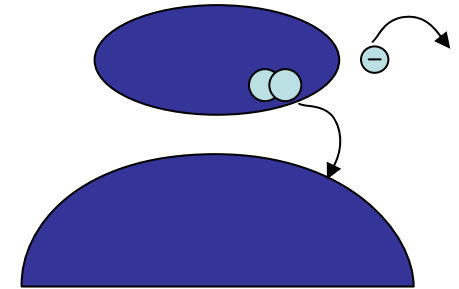
$$\Gamma_{\downarrow} = \frac{2\pi |\delta U_q \sin \theta|^2}{\eta} \delta(E_q - \eta\omega)$$

Quantum noise



$$T = 0$$

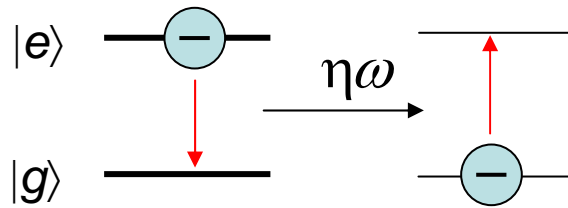
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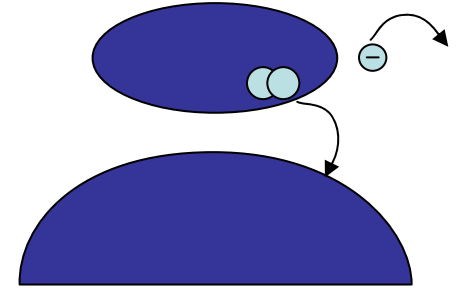
Relaxation rate (Fermi Golden Rule):

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Quantum noise

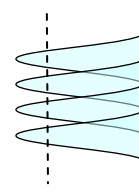


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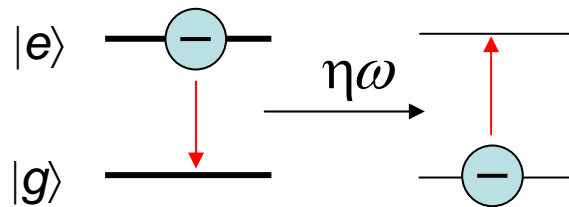


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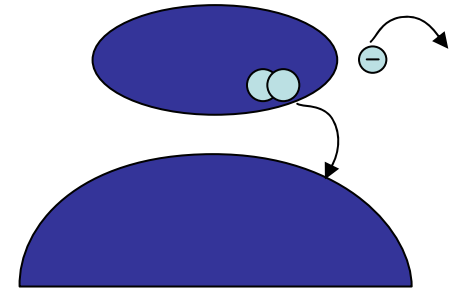
$$\Gamma_{\downarrow} = \frac{2\pi |\delta U_q \sin \theta|^2}{\eta} \sum_k g(\eta\omega_0 - \eta\omega_k)$$



Quantum noise

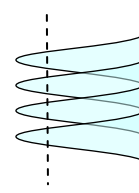


$T = 0$
 δU_q – induced electrostatic energy



Relaxation rate (Fermi Golden Rule):

$$\Gamma_{\downarrow} = \frac{2\pi |\delta U_q \sin \theta|^2}{\eta} D(\eta\omega)$$



$$\sum \delta(E_q - \eta\omega_k) \rightarrow \sum g(E_q - \eta\omega_k) = D(\eta\omega)$$

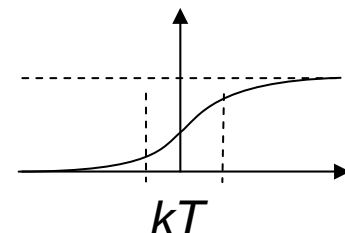
No excitations! $\Gamma_{\uparrow} = 0$

$$\Gamma \propto S_U(\omega)$$

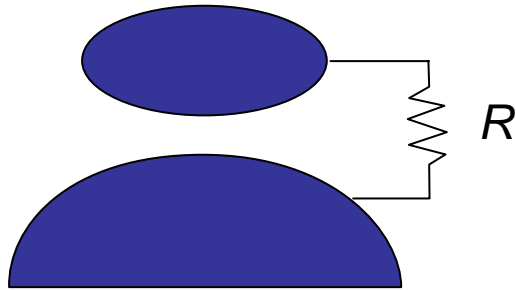
$$S(-\omega) = 0 \quad S(\omega) > 0$$

$T \neq 0$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\uparrow}}{\Gamma_{\downarrow}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \coth \left(\frac{\eta\omega}{kT} \right) \right]$$



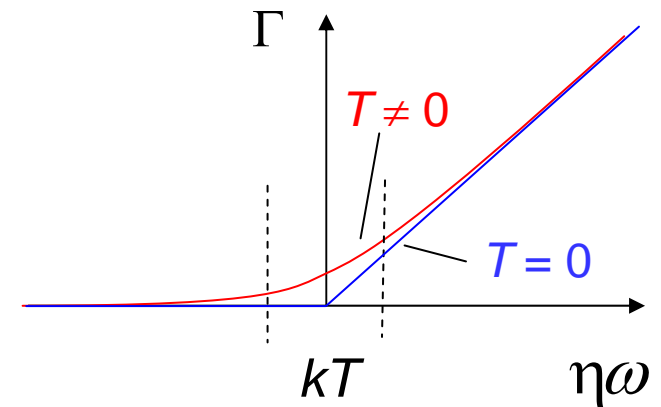
Ohmic environment at finite temperature



$$S_V(\omega) = 2R\eta\omega \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \coth\left(\frac{\eta\omega}{kT}\right) \right]$$

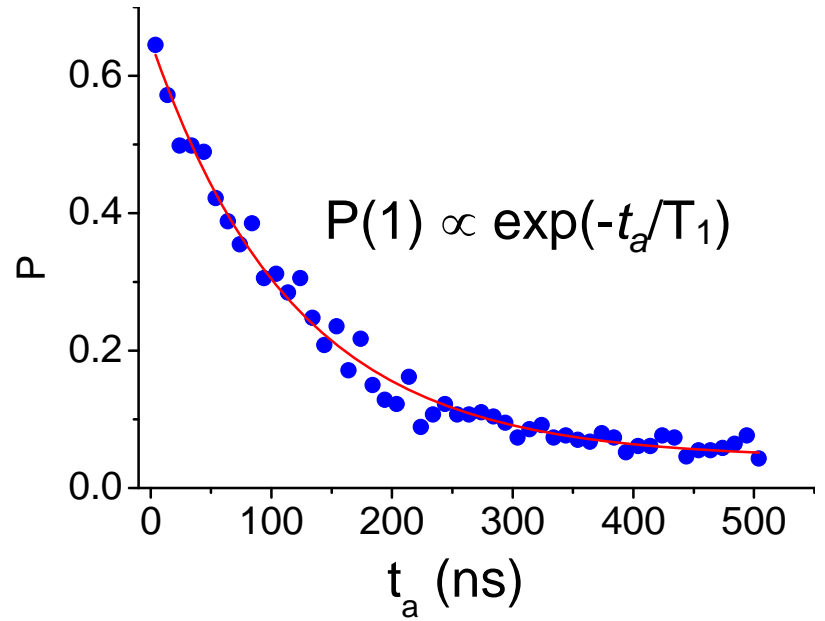
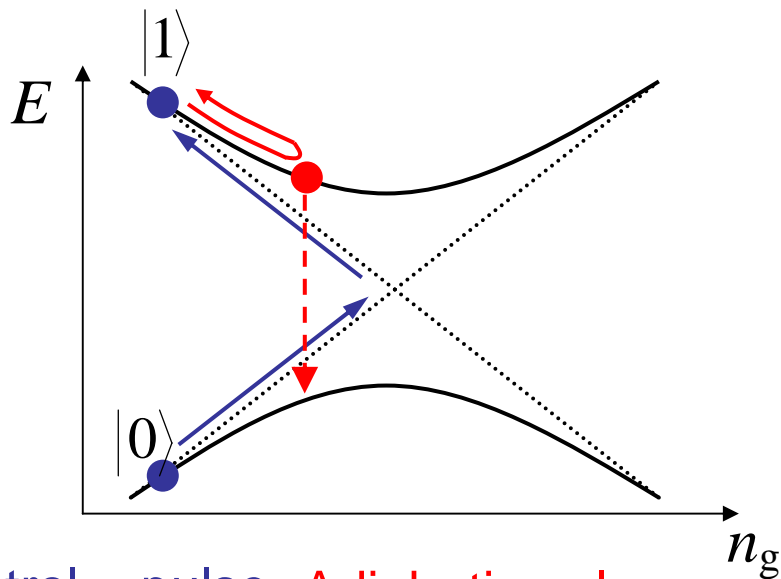
$$S_U(\omega) = (2e)^2 S_V(\omega)$$

$$\Gamma_{\downarrow} = \frac{\pi 4e^2 R \eta \omega \sin^2 \theta}{2\eta^2} \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \coth\left(\frac{\eta\omega}{2kT}\right) \right]$$

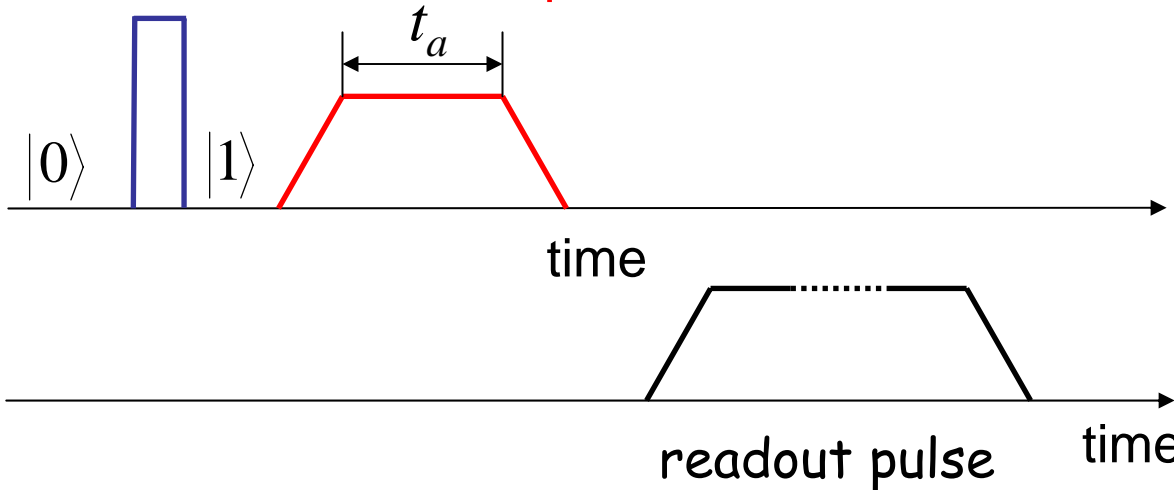


Environment with constant density of states and frequency
Independent coupling behaves like ohmic

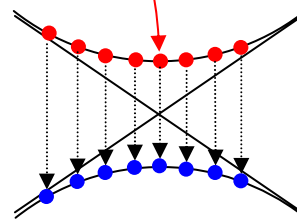
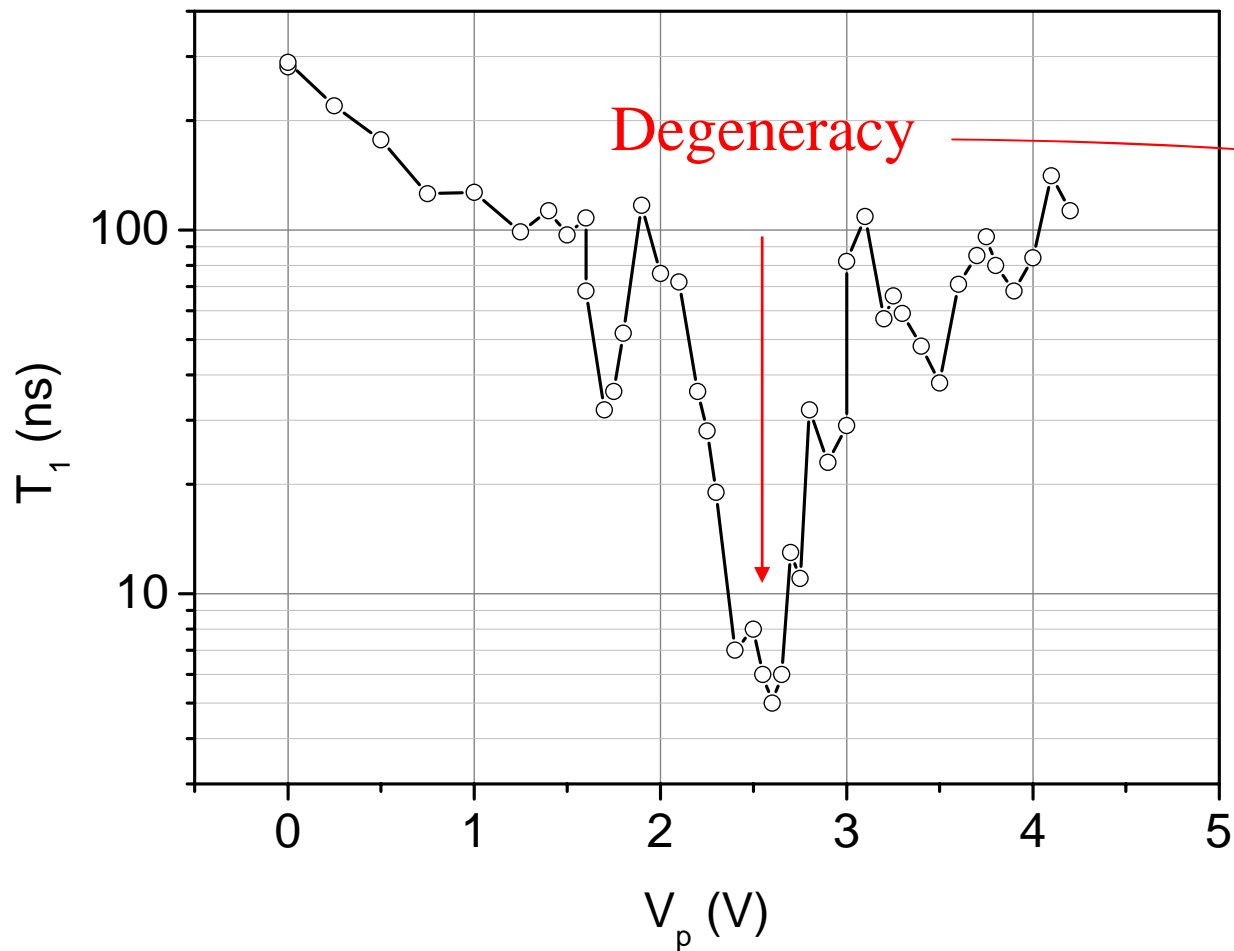
T_1 time measurements

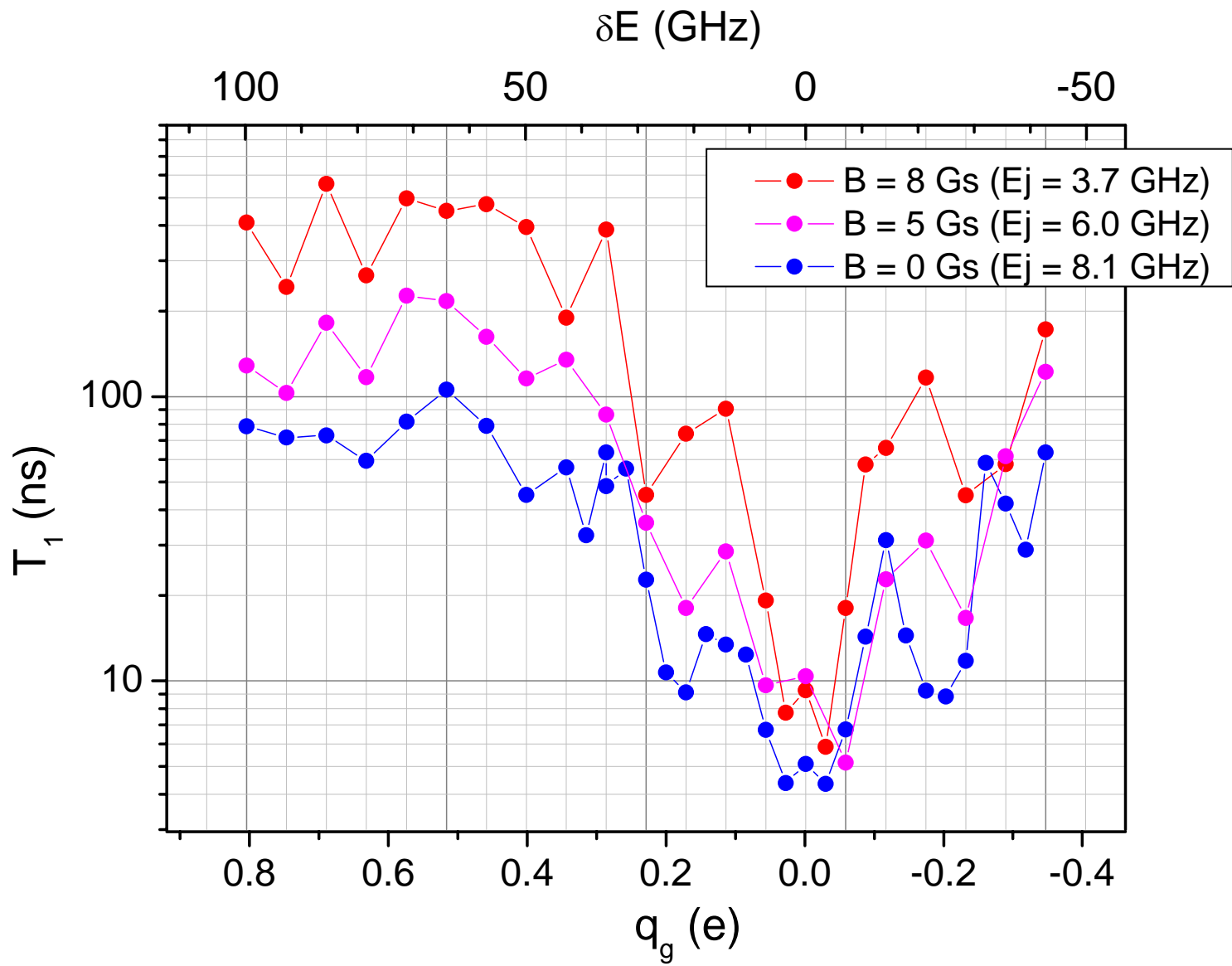


Control π -pulse Adiabatic pulse

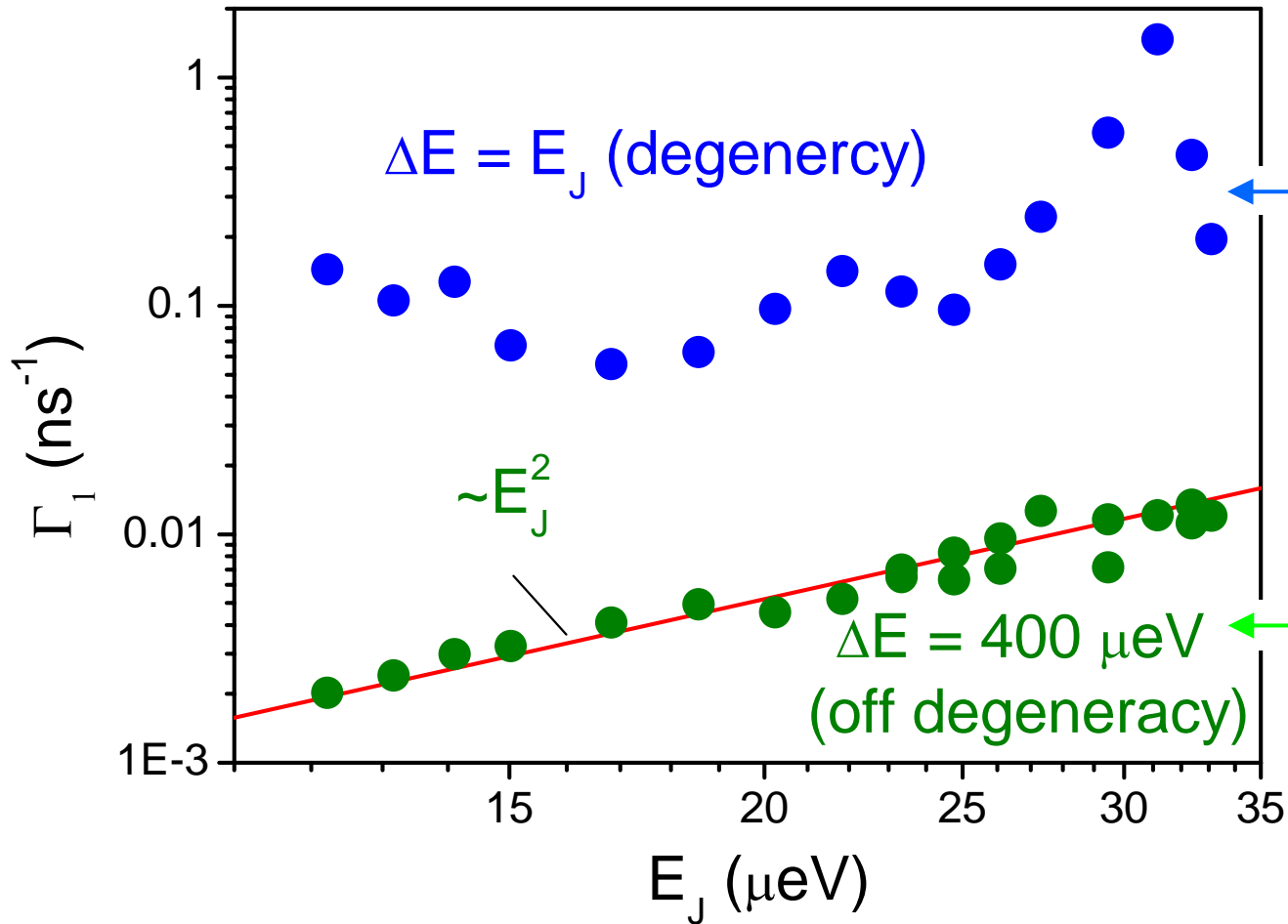


T_1 time vs Gate Voltage

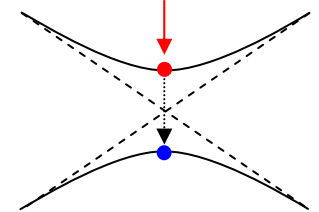




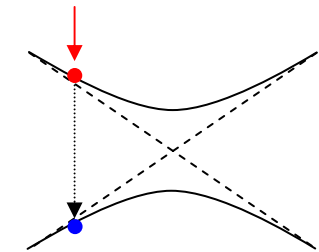
E_J -dependences



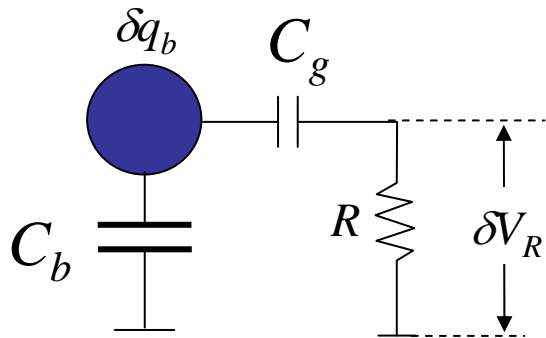
Degeneracy



Off degeneracy



Qubit relaxation due to wiring and readout



Possible sources of decoherence:

- Absorption by resistor
- Noise of readout current

$$\delta q_{Cb} = C_g \delta V_R \quad \delta U_{Cb} = \frac{E_C}{e} C_g \delta q_R$$

$$S_U(\omega) = \left(\frac{E_C}{e} \right)^2 C_g^2 S_V = 4e^2 \kappa^2 S_V(\omega)$$

Ohmic environment

$$S_V^R = 2 \operatorname{Re}(R) \eta \omega$$

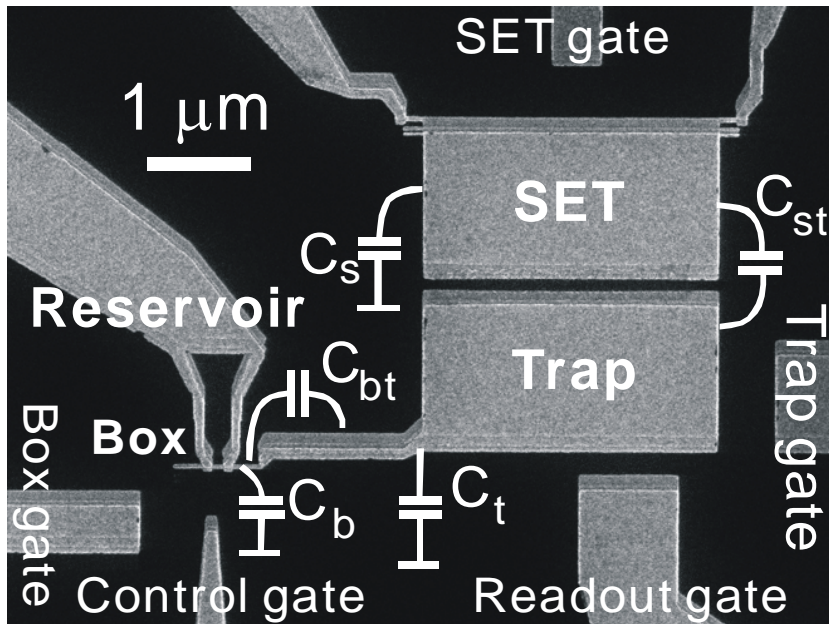
$$\operatorname{Re}(Z_b) = 1 \, \Omega \quad \Gamma_1 = (10 \text{ ns})^{-1}$$

$$f = 10 \text{ GHz}$$

Shot noise of the readout SET

$$S_V^R = \frac{2Ie}{(\omega C_{SET})^2}$$

Coupling to Environment through Electrical Leads



Measurement current of the SET:

Gates:

$$\kappa = \frac{C_g}{C_b} = \frac{1\text{aF}}{600\text{aF}} \approx 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{Re}(Z_b) \approx 3 \times 10^{-4} \Omega \quad \Gamma \approx 30 \mu\text{s}$$

$$f = 10\text{GHz}$$

SET:

$$\kappa = \frac{C_{bt} C_{ts}}{C_b C_t} = \frac{30\text{aF} \times 100\text{aF}}{600\text{aF} \times 1000\text{aF}} \approx 5 \times 10^{-3}$$

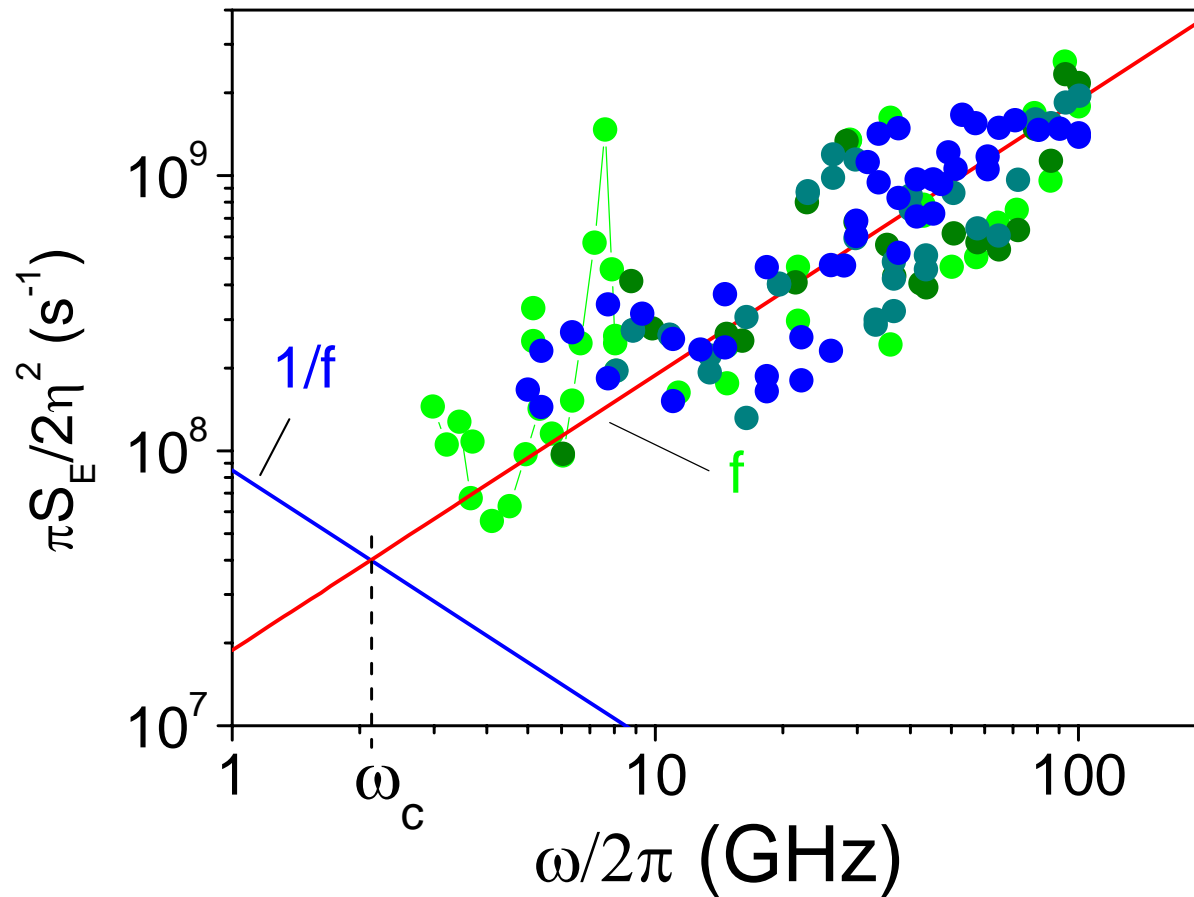
$$\text{Re}(Z) < 10^{-1} \Omega \quad \Gamma \approx 1 \mu\text{s}$$

$$I_{SET} = 100 \text{ pA} \quad \Gamma \approx 1 \mu\text{s}$$

Measured relaxation time can not be explained by coupling to the external environment through electrical leads

The noise derived from T_1 time

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{\pi S_U(\omega_0)}{2\mathcal{Q}^2} \sin^2\theta$$



$$T_c = \frac{\eta\omega_c}{k} \approx 100\text{mK}$$

Classical \leftrightarrow Quantum Noise

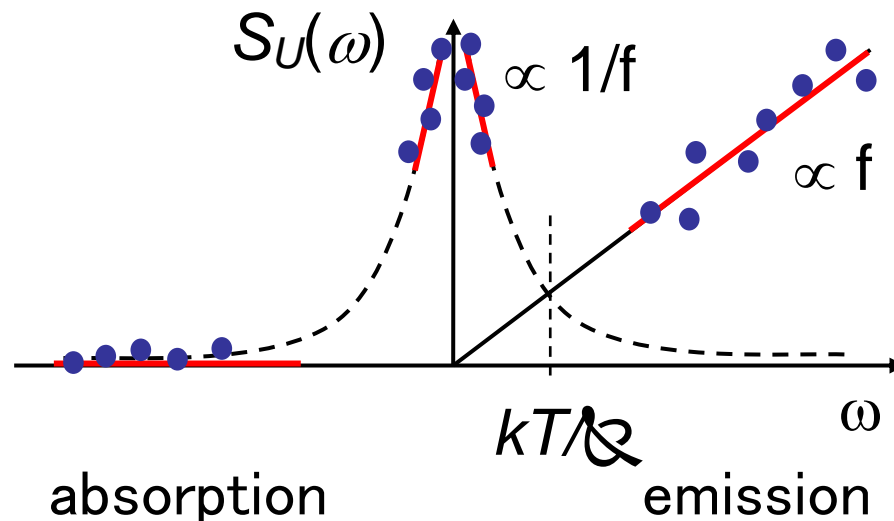
Do low frequency $1/f$ and high frequency f noises have common origin?

Quantum f-noise:

$$\beta \hbar \Theta(\omega)$$

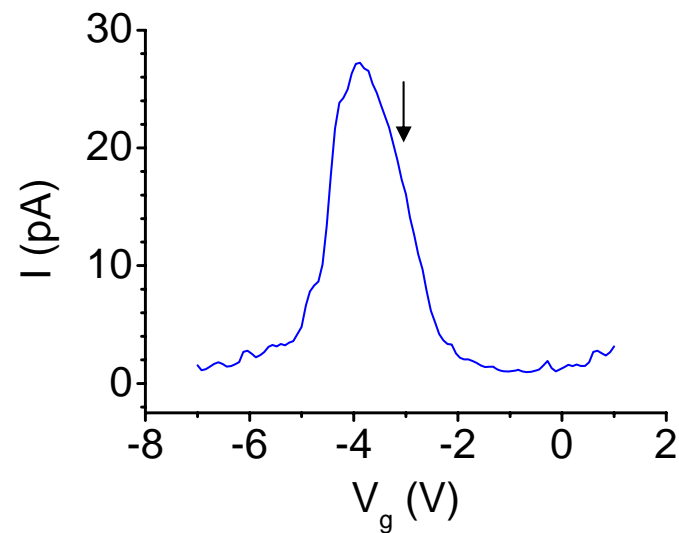
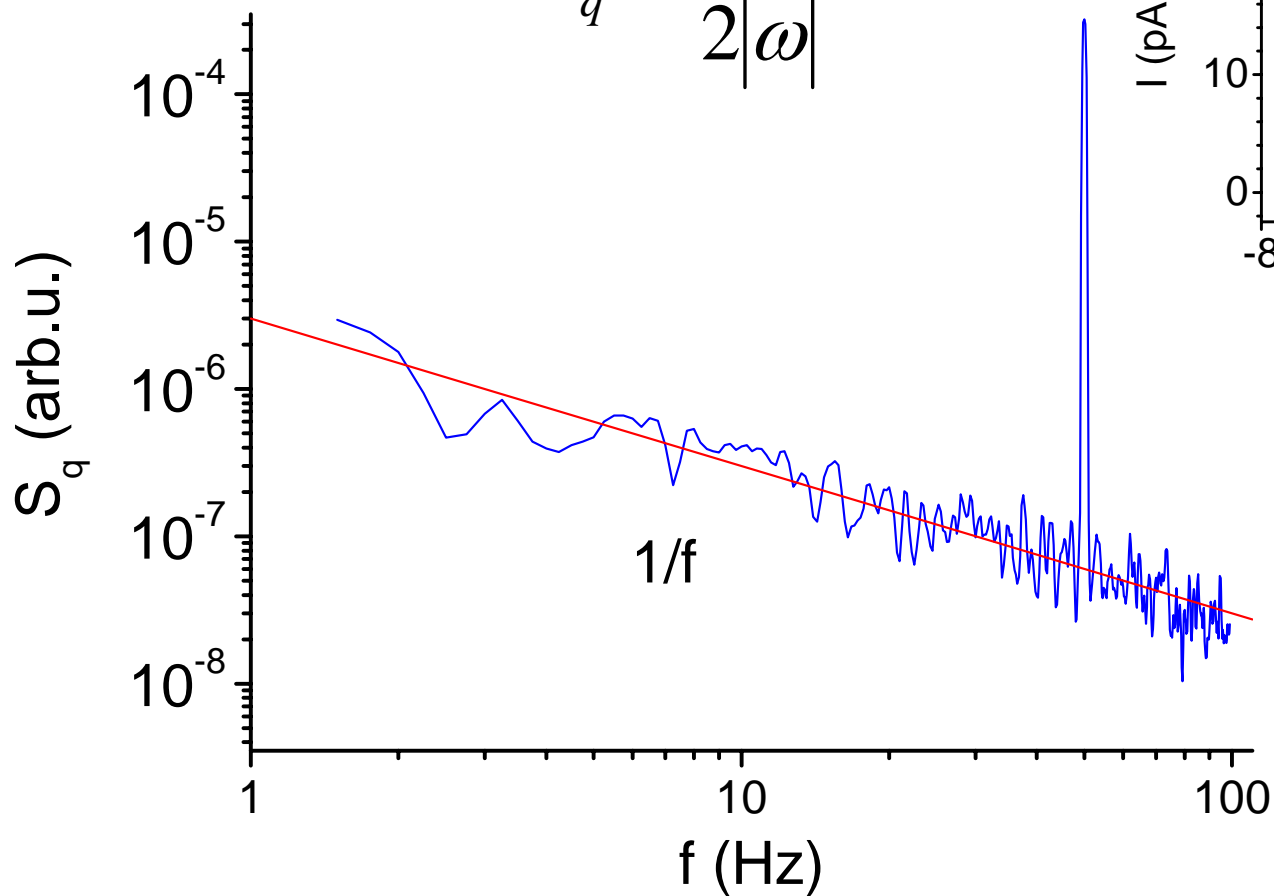
Classical 1/f-noise:

$$\frac{\beta (kT_{eff})^2}{\hbar |\omega|}$$

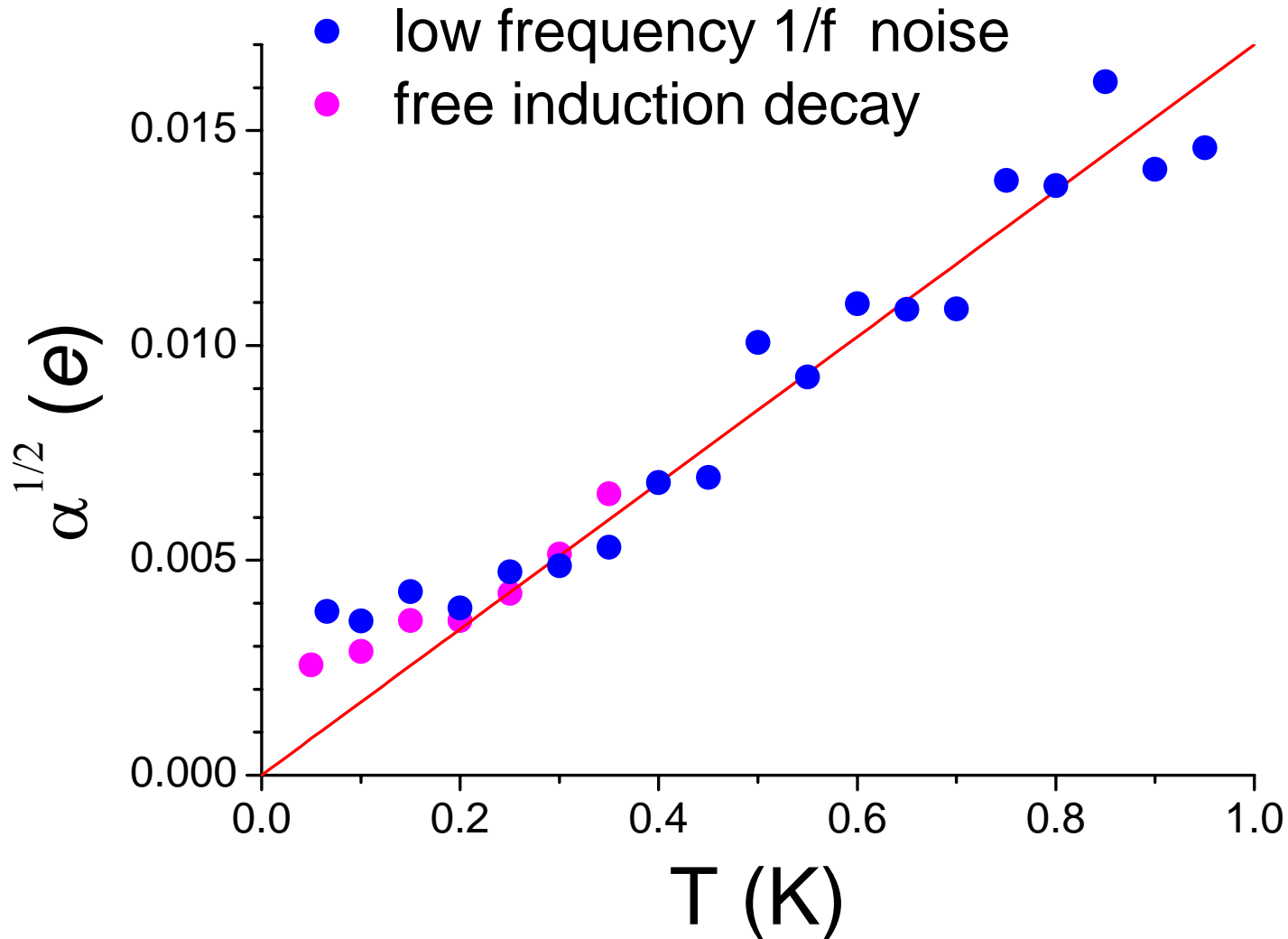


1/f charge noise measured by SET

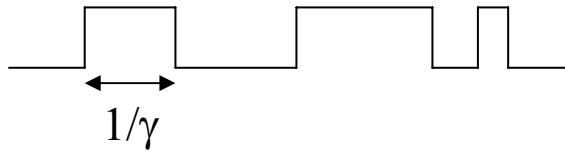
$$S_q = \frac{\alpha}{2|\omega|}$$



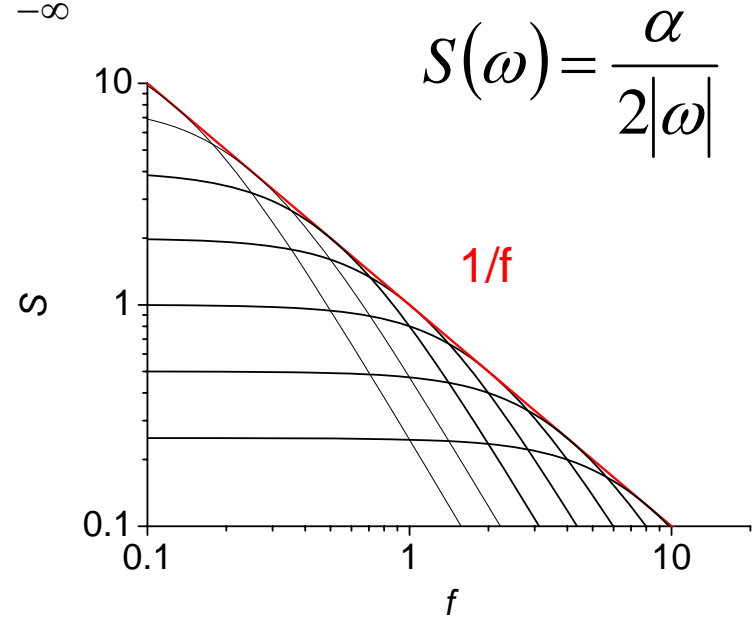
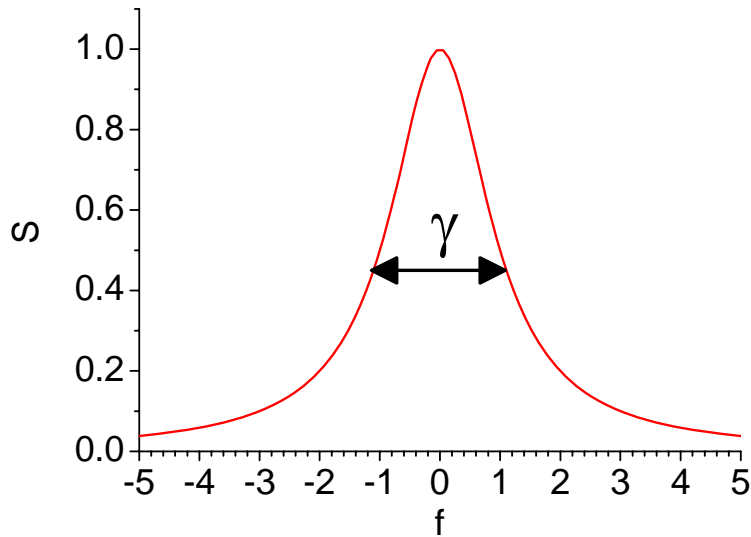
Temperature dependence of 1/f charge noise



Basic properties of the 1/f noise



$$s(\omega, \gamma) = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma^2 + \omega^2} \quad S(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\gamma) s(\omega, \gamma) d\gamma$$



$$S(\omega) = \frac{\alpha}{2|\omega|}$$

$$\gamma = \gamma_0 \exp\left[-\frac{\varepsilon}{kT}\right] \quad \Rightarrow \quad d\varepsilon = -kT \frac{d\gamma}{\gamma}$$

Noise temperature dependences

$$P(\varepsilon) = P_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_0 d\varepsilon = kTP_0 \frac{d\gamma}{\gamma}$$

$$S(\omega) = \int_0^{\infty} P_0 s(\omega, \gamma(\varepsilon)) d\varepsilon = kTP_0 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\gamma}{\gamma^2 + \omega^2} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} kTP_0$$

T² dependence

$$P(\varepsilon) \propto \varepsilon \quad Pd\varepsilon \propto (kT)^2 \ln\left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_0}\right) \frac{d\gamma}{\gamma}$$

$$S(\omega) \propto (kT)^2 P_0$$

Conclusion

- The qubit is a spectrometer of environmental noise
- Dephasing of the charge qubit is caused by charge fluctuators
- Energy relaxation caused by ohmic-like environment with f quantum noise
- Crossover of low frequency $1/f$ and high frequency f noises is kT/h
- T^2 dependence of the $1/f$ noise is observed