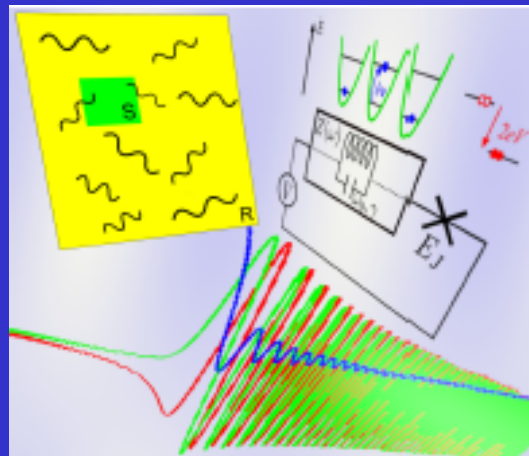


# Josephson Photonics: From Coulomb Blockade to Non-linear Quantum Dynamics

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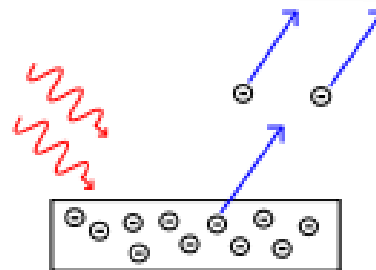
*On a Heuristic Viewpoint Concerning the Production and Transformation of Light*

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die Erzeugung und Verwandlung des Lichtes  
betreffenden heuristischen Gesichtspunkt;

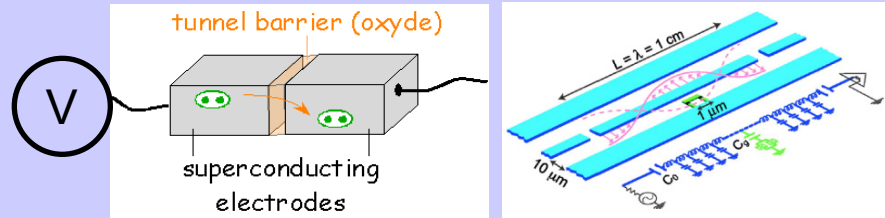
von A. Einstein. \* Ulm, March 14, 1879

Zwischen den theoretischen Vorstellungen, welche sich die Physiker über die Gase und andere ponderable Körper gebildet haben, und der Maxwell'schen Theorie der elektromagnetischen Prozesse im sogenannten leeren Raume besteht ein tiefgreifender formaler Unterschied. Während wir uns nämlich den Zustand eines Körpers durch die Lagen und Geschwindigkeiten einer zwar sehr großen, jedoch endlichen Anzahl von Atomen und Elektronen für vollkommen bestimmt

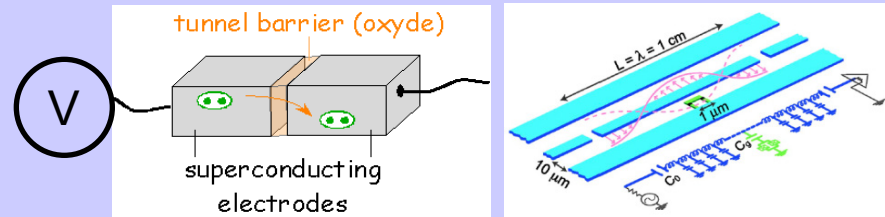
Light – matter interaction



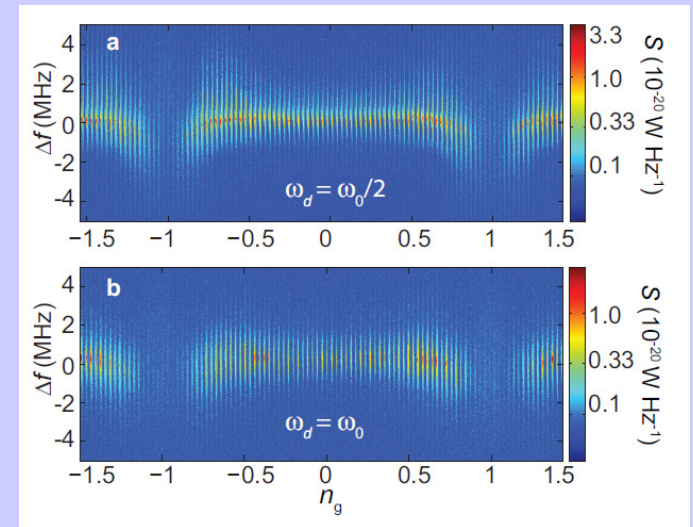
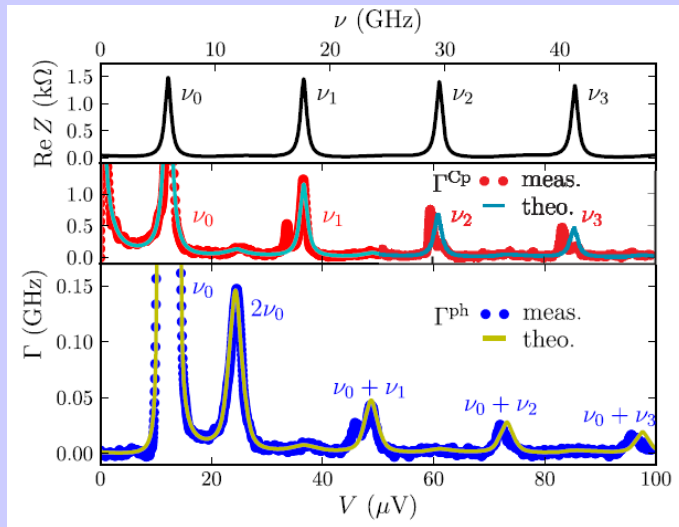
# Photon - charge interaction



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weak → → → → → strong



Hofheinz et al, PRL 106, 217005 (11)  
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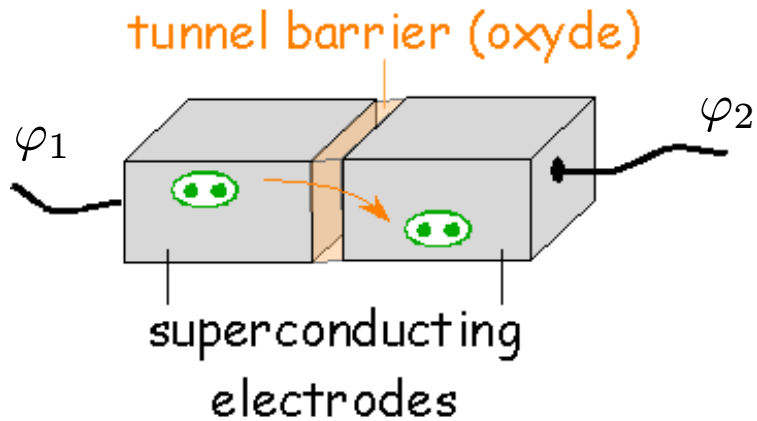
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$$\Psi \sim |\Psi_1| e^{i\varphi_1} + |\Psi_2| e^{i\varphi_2}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle \sim |\Psi_1 \Psi_2\rangle + |\Psi_2 \Psi_1\rangle$$

Equilibrium  Steady state

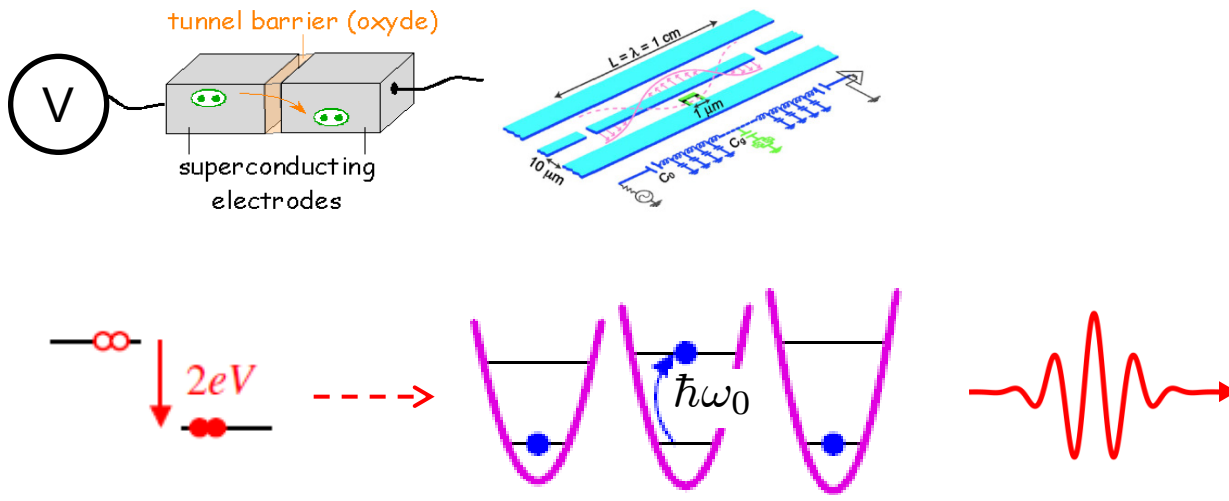
# Josephson physics



Interaction with environment –  
dissipation, fluctuations, ...

$$\hat{H}_J = E_C \hat{N}^2 - \frac{E_J(\Phi_{\text{ext}})}{2} (e^{i\hat{\varphi}} + e^{-i\hat{\varphi}})$$

$$[\hat{N}, \hat{\varphi}] = -i\hat{\varphi}$$

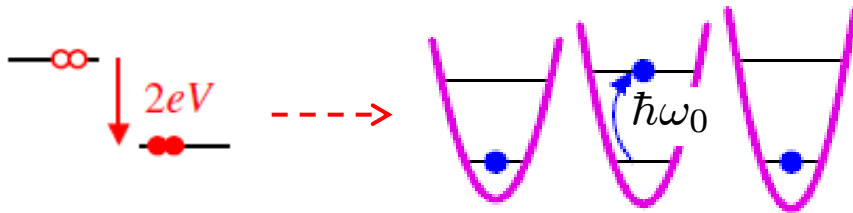
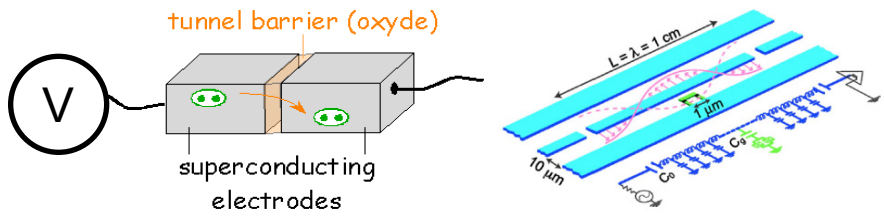


## Sequential charge transfer

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$$\kappa = \frac{E_C}{\hbar\omega_0} = \pi \frac{Z_i}{R_Q}$$

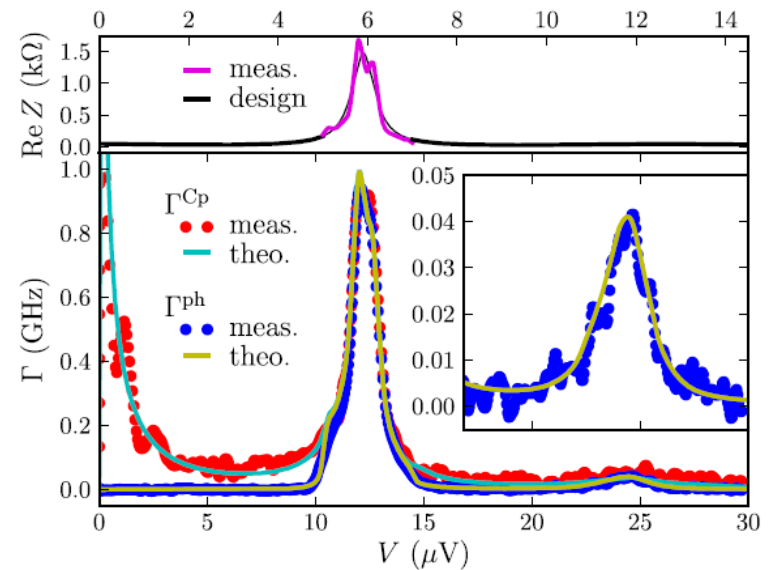


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$$I_J \sim (eE_J^2/\hbar) P(2eV), \quad T = 0$$



# Strong coupling

## Coherent charge transfer

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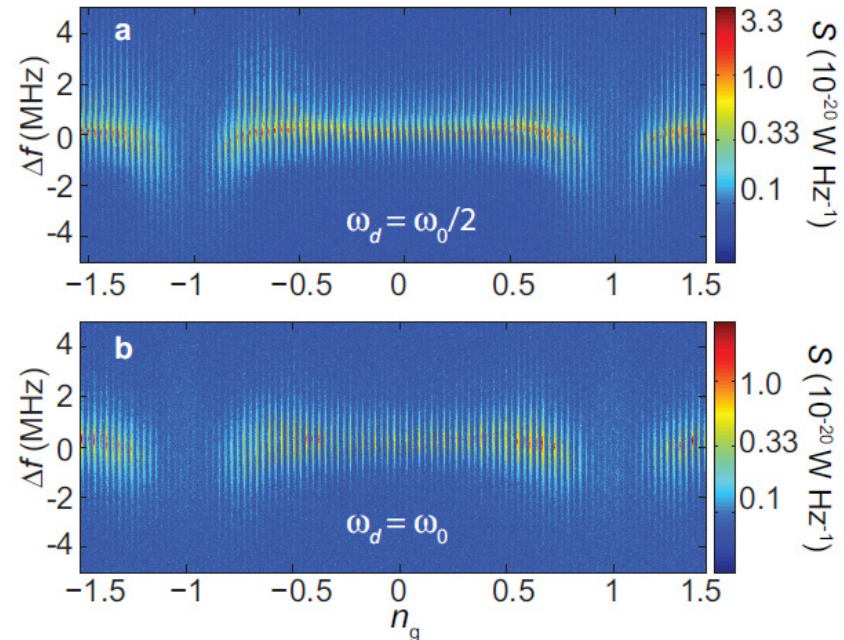
Josephson regime  $\kappa \langle n \rangle \gg 1$

$$m = \phi_0^2 C, \quad \omega_0^2 = 1/LC$$

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega_0^2}{2}\phi^2 - E_J \cos(\phi + \omega_J t)$$

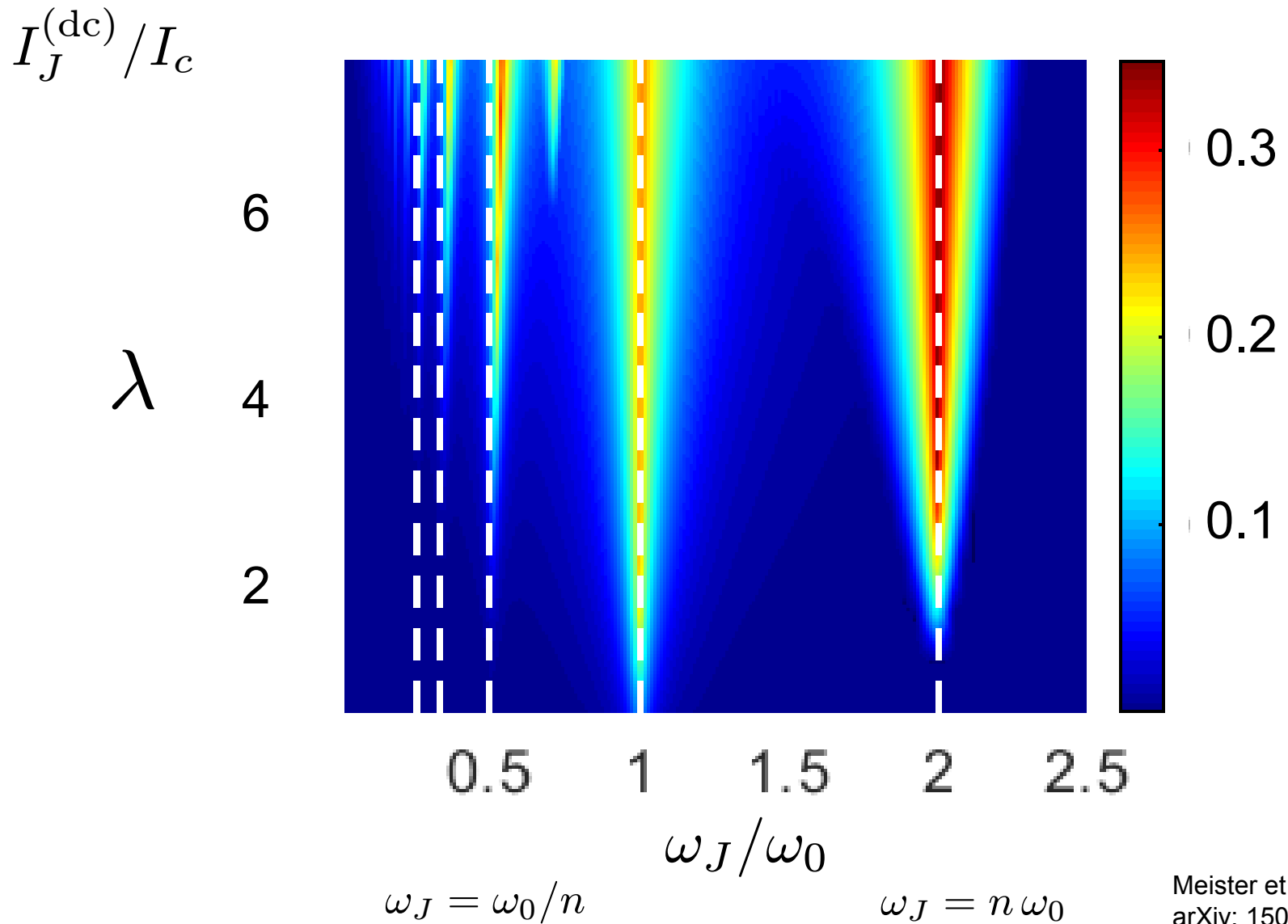
$$\omega_J \equiv \frac{2eV}{\hbar} = \frac{\hbar}{2e}(\dot{\varphi} - \dot{\phi})$$

$$\lambda = \frac{E_J}{m\omega_0\gamma} = \frac{E_J Q}{E_L}$$

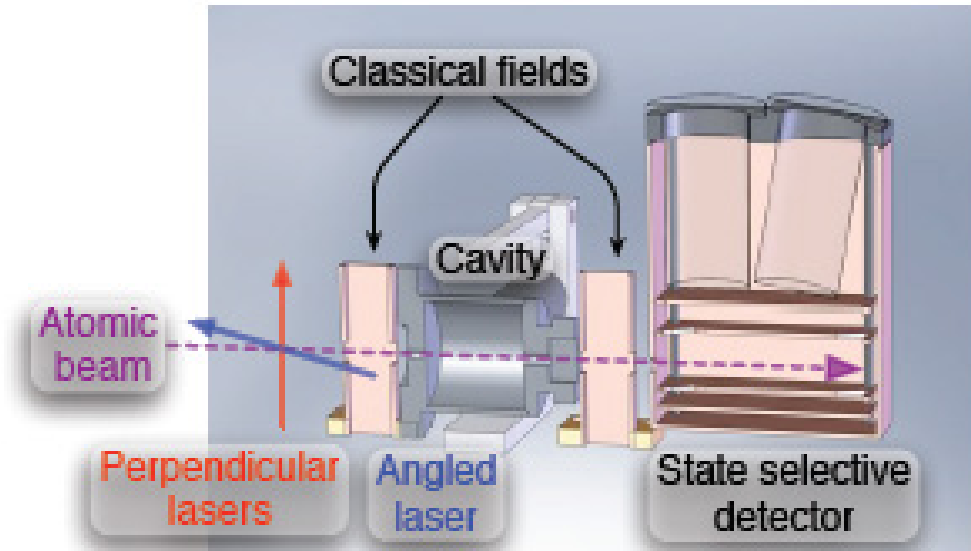


Rimberg et al, PRB 2014

# Classical nonlinear dynamics

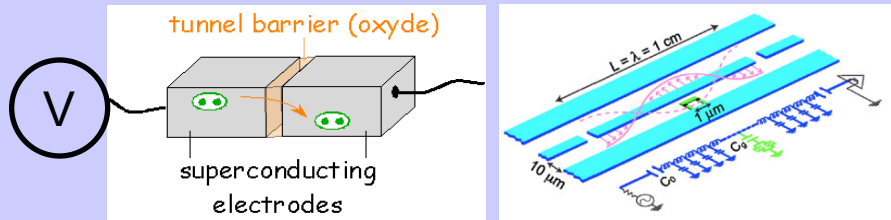


# One atom maser - micromaser



- Excited atoms  $\longleftrightarrow$  Voltage driven Cooper pairs
- Cavity  $\longleftrightarrow$  LC resonator

# Quantum description



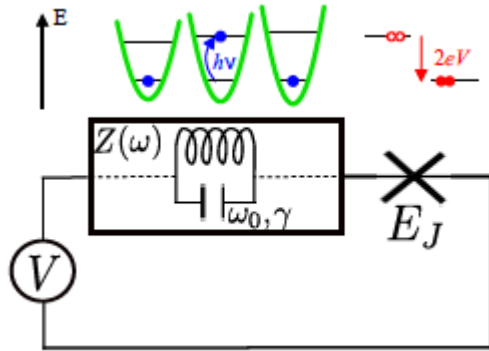
From Coulomb blockade to quantum microwaves

Charge noise and nonlinear quantum dynamics

Statistics of photon radiation

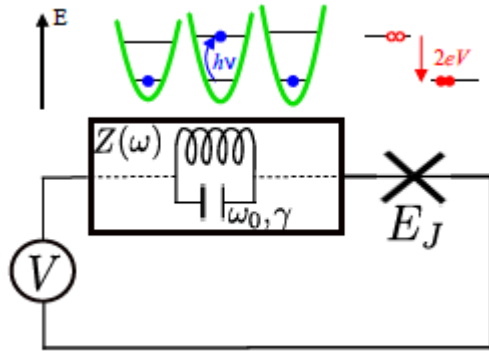
Two cavity set-up and entanglement

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$$\Delta = \omega_0 - \omega_J$$

$$E_J^* = E_J e^{-\kappa/2}$$

+ cavity damping and local voltage noise

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H_1, \rho] + \mathcal{L}_Q[\rho] + \mathcal{L}_V[\rho]$$

# Coulomb blockade to quantum microwaves

p-photon resonance  $\omega_J = p\omega_0$

$$H_p = \hbar\Delta a^\dagger a + i^p \frac{E_J^*}{2} : [(a^\dagger)^p e^{i\eta} + (-1)^p a^p e^{-i\eta}] \frac{J_p(2\sqrt{\kappa n})}{n^{p/2}} :$$

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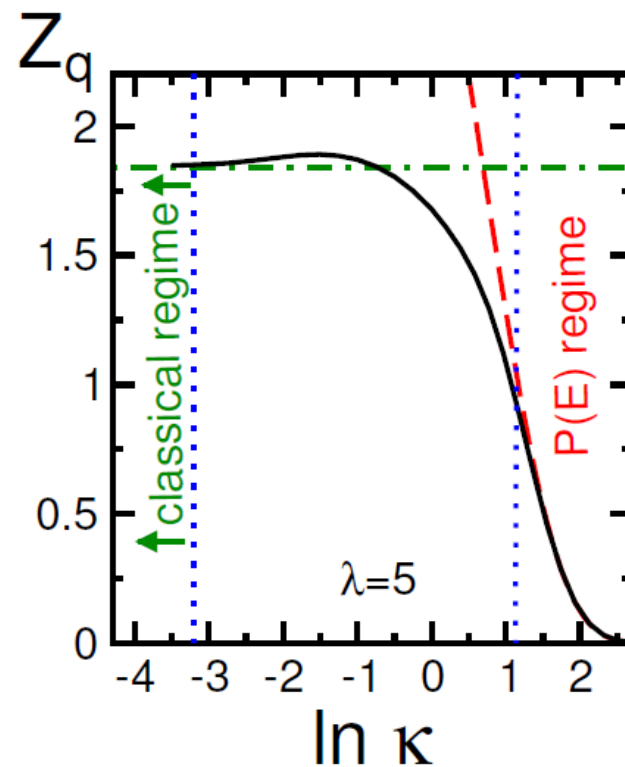
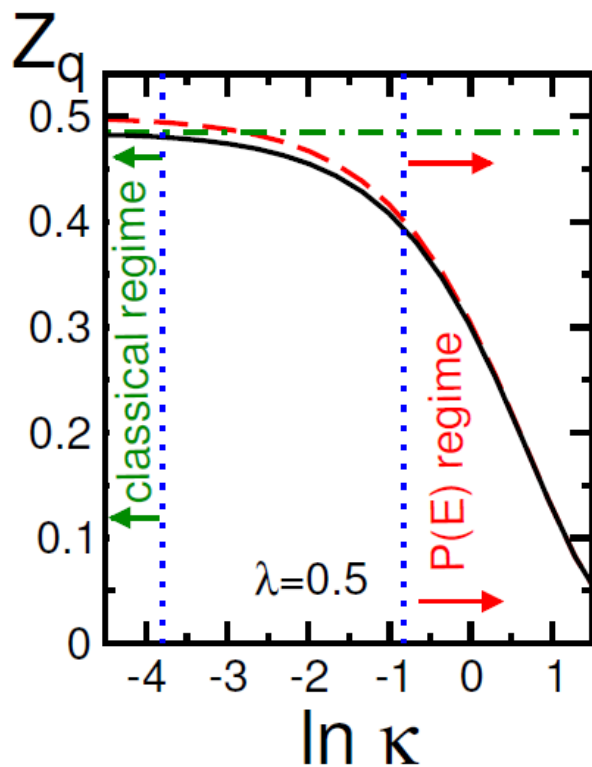
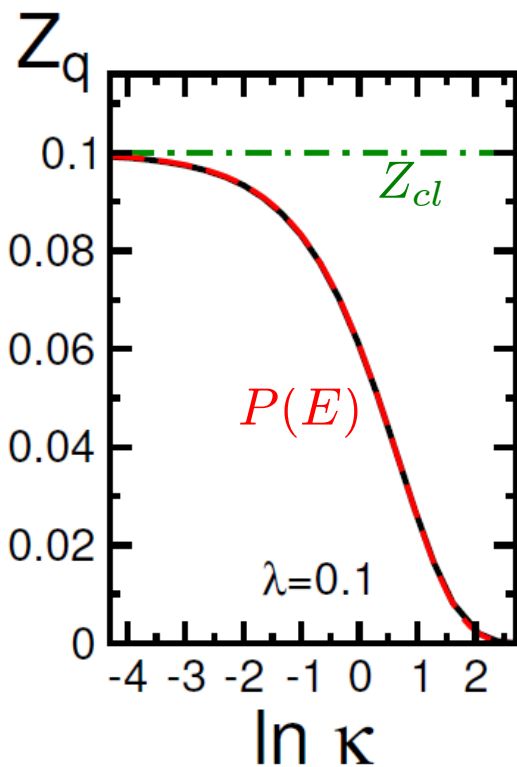
$$\kappa = E_C / \hbar \omega_0$$

„Quantum amplitude“

„driving amplitude“

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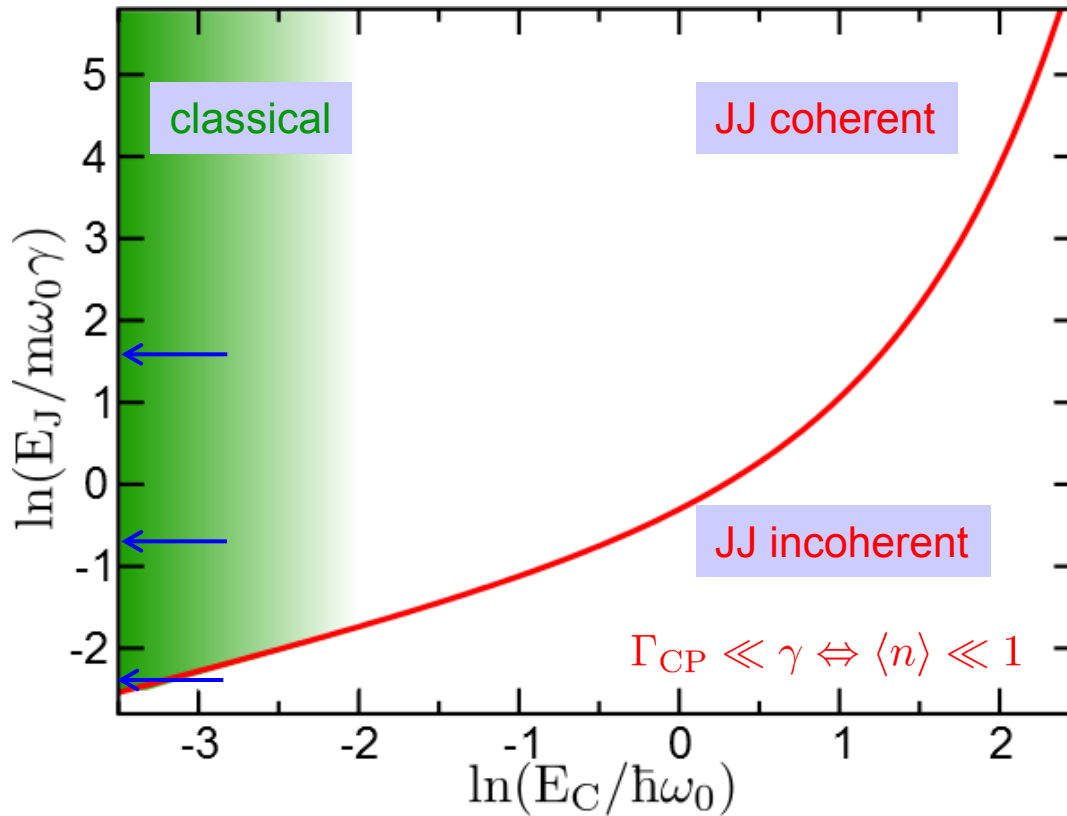
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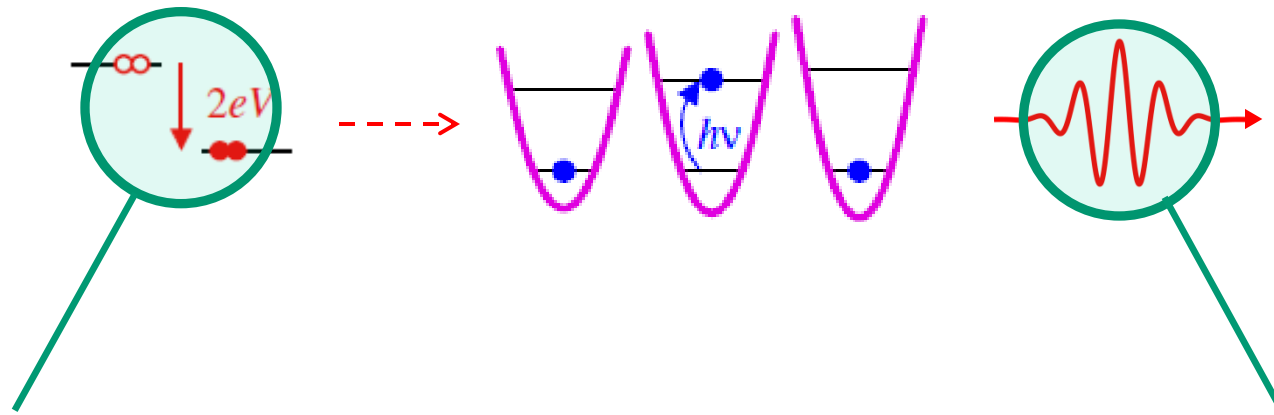
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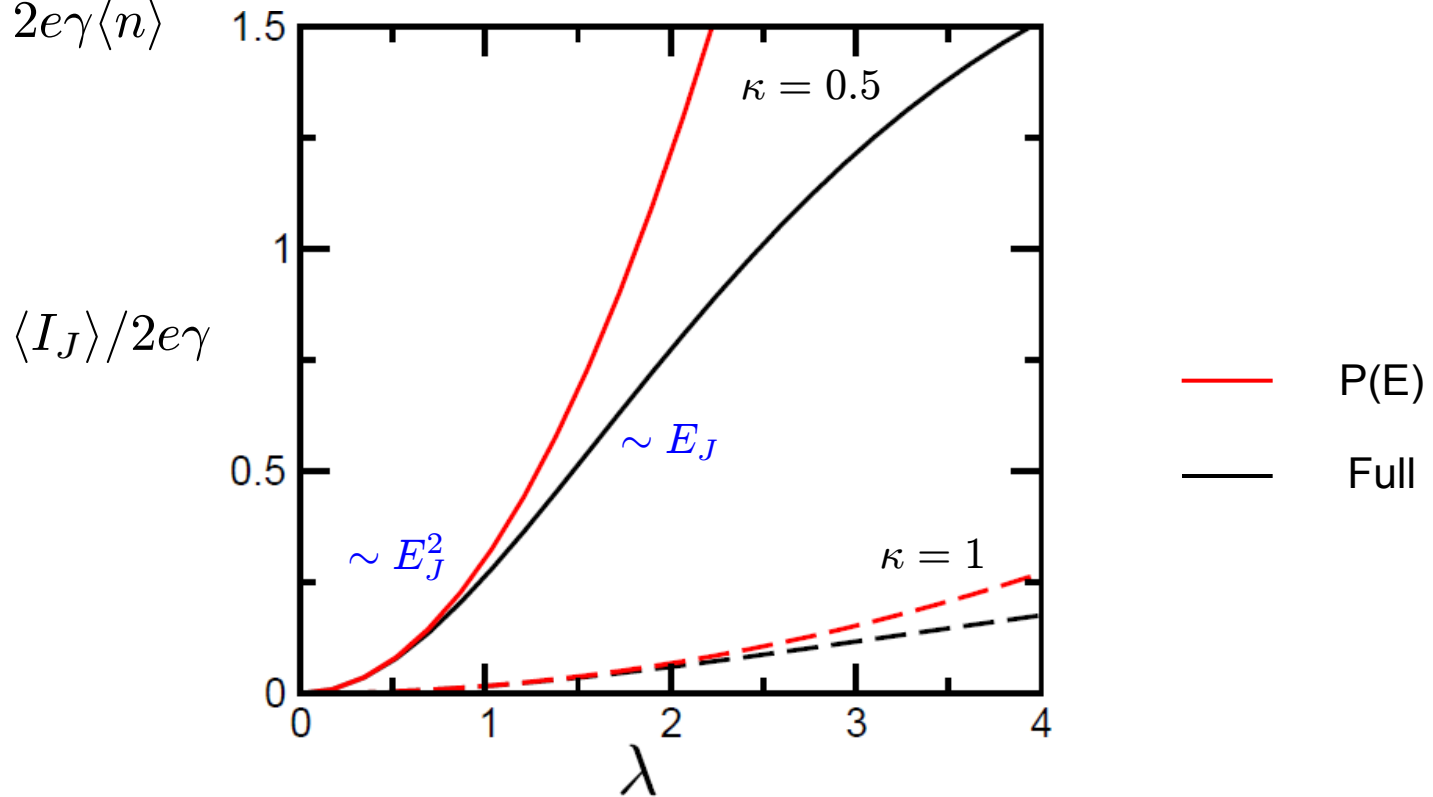
# Detection: Charge flow – photon radiation



# Coulomb blockade to quantum microwaves

$$\langle I_J \rangle_{\text{st}} = \frac{2eE_J^*}{\hbar} \langle : (a^\dagger + a) \frac{J_1(2\sqrt{\kappa n})}{\sqrt{n}} : \rangle_{\text{st}}$$

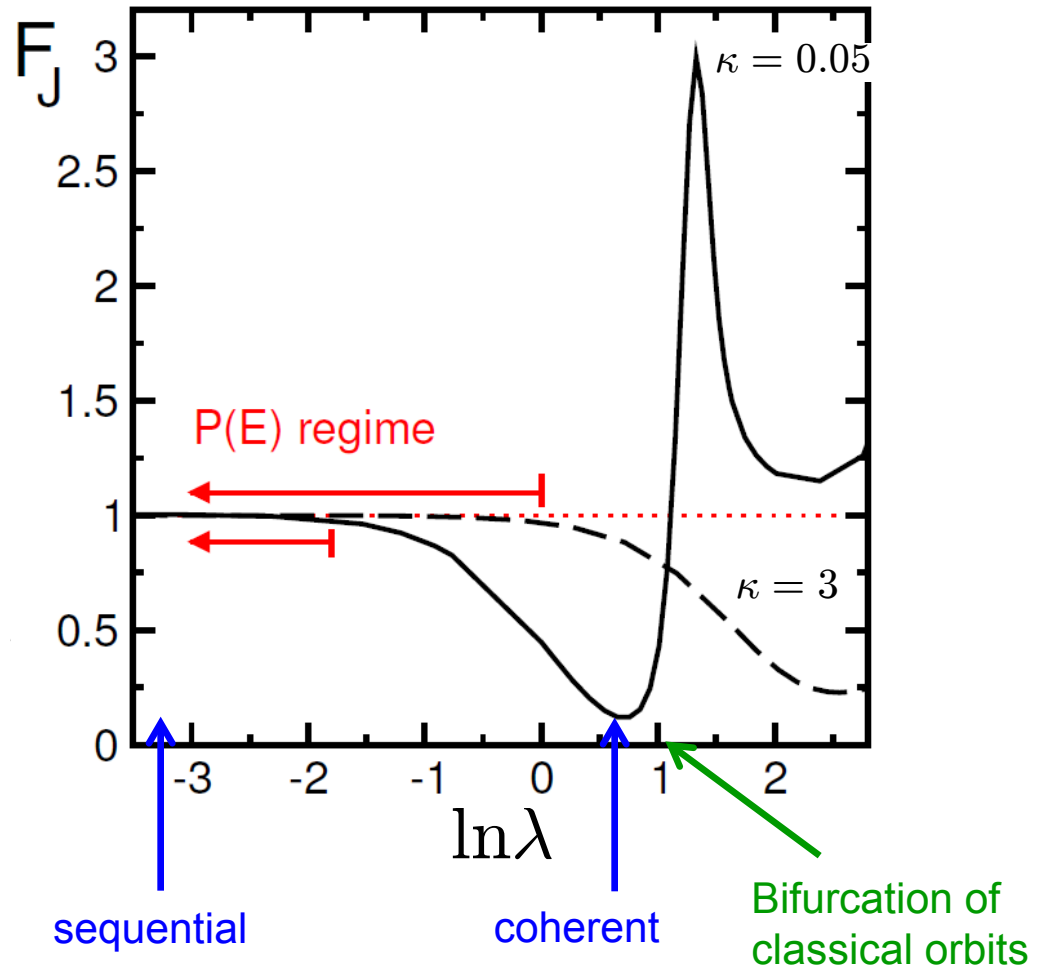
$$\langle I_J \rangle = 2e\gamma \langle n \rangle$$



# Copper pair current noise

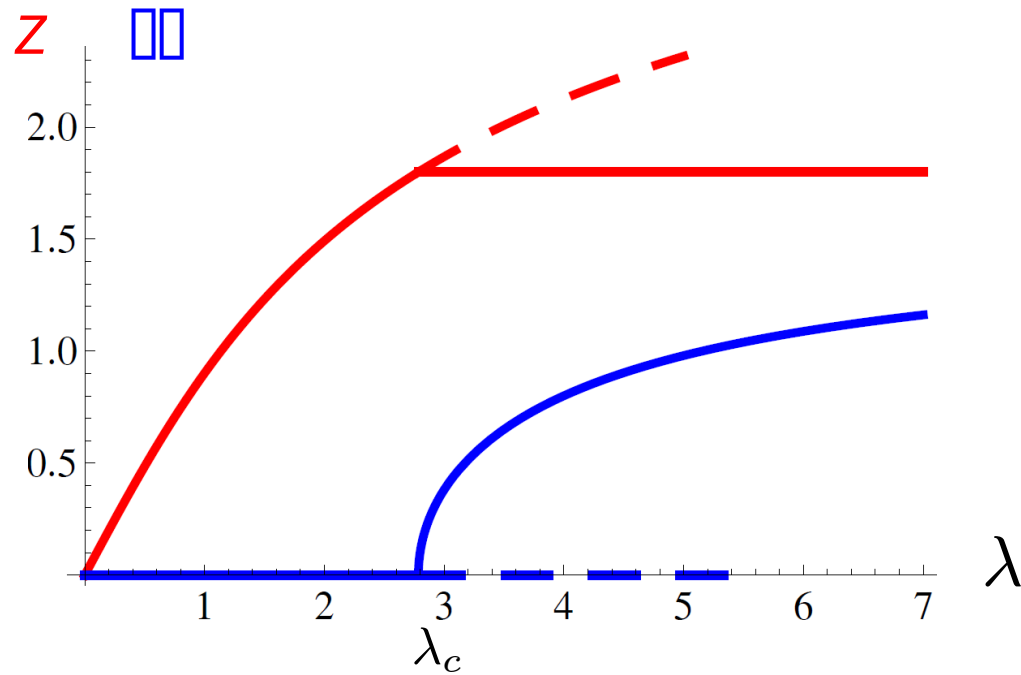
Fano factor

$$F_J = \frac{1}{4eI_J} \int d\tau \langle \delta I_J(t + \tau) \delta I_J(t) \rangle_{st}$$



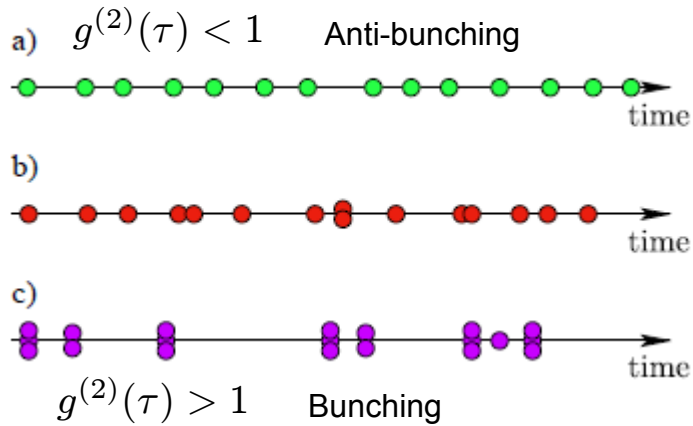
# Classical nonlinear dynamics: bifurcation

Steady state  $\phi(t) = Z \cos(\omega_J t + \theta)$

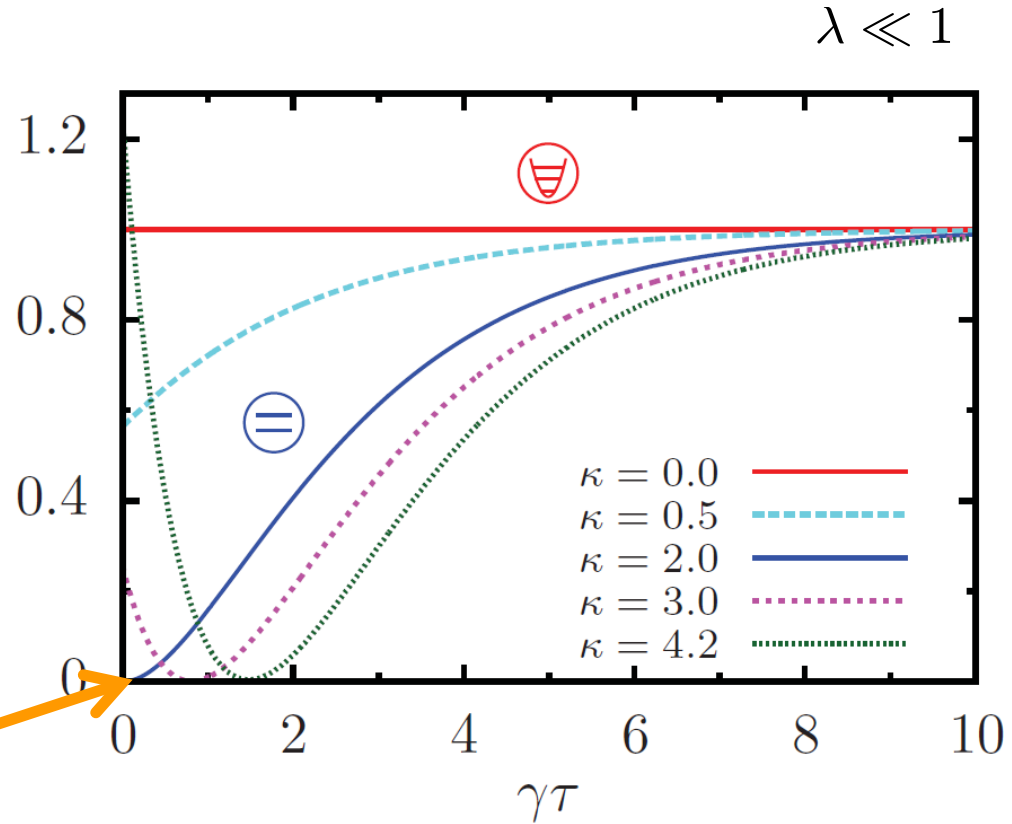


# Photonic perspective

$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle :n(t)n(t+\tau): \rangle}{\langle n \rangle_{st}^2}$$



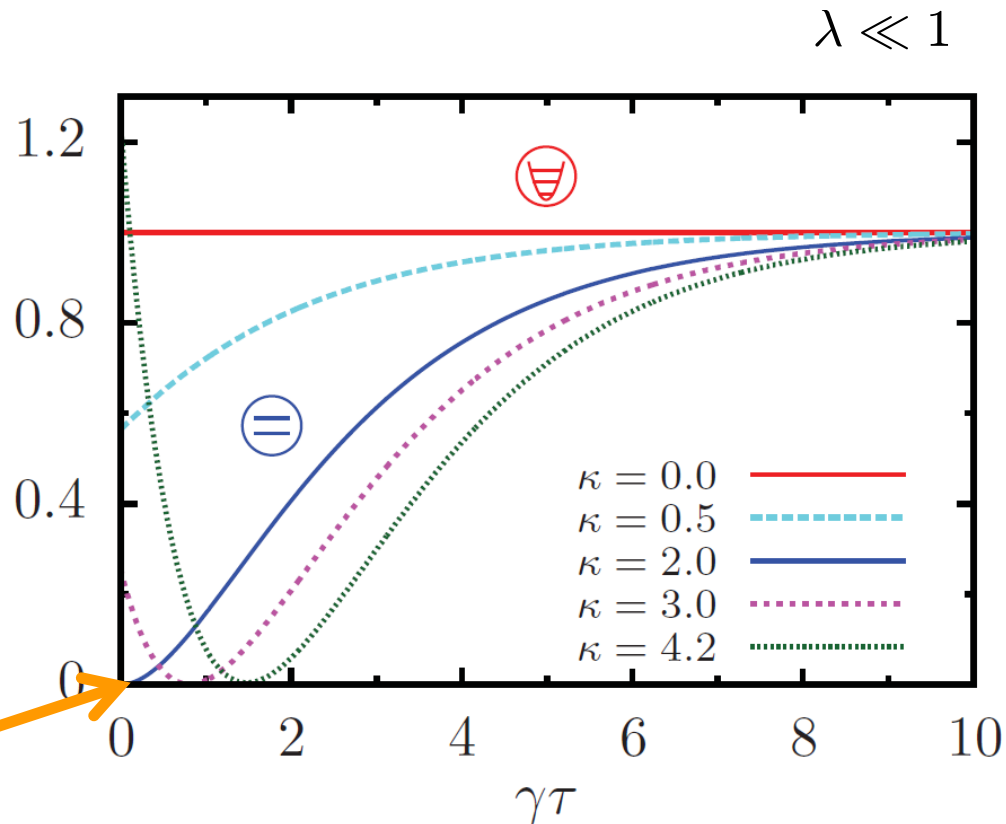
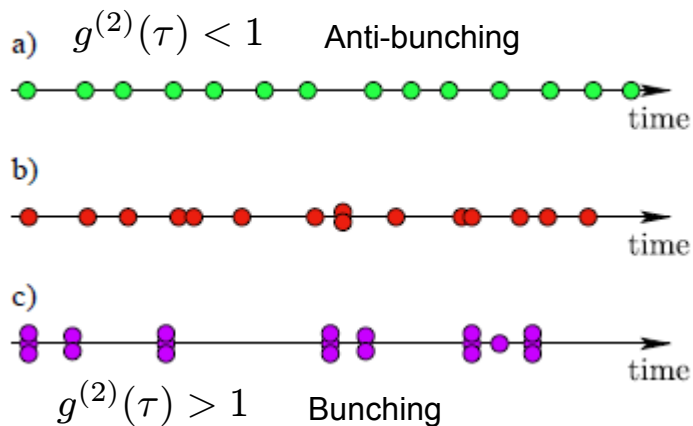
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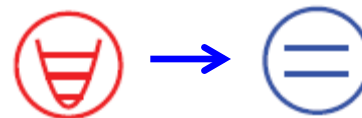
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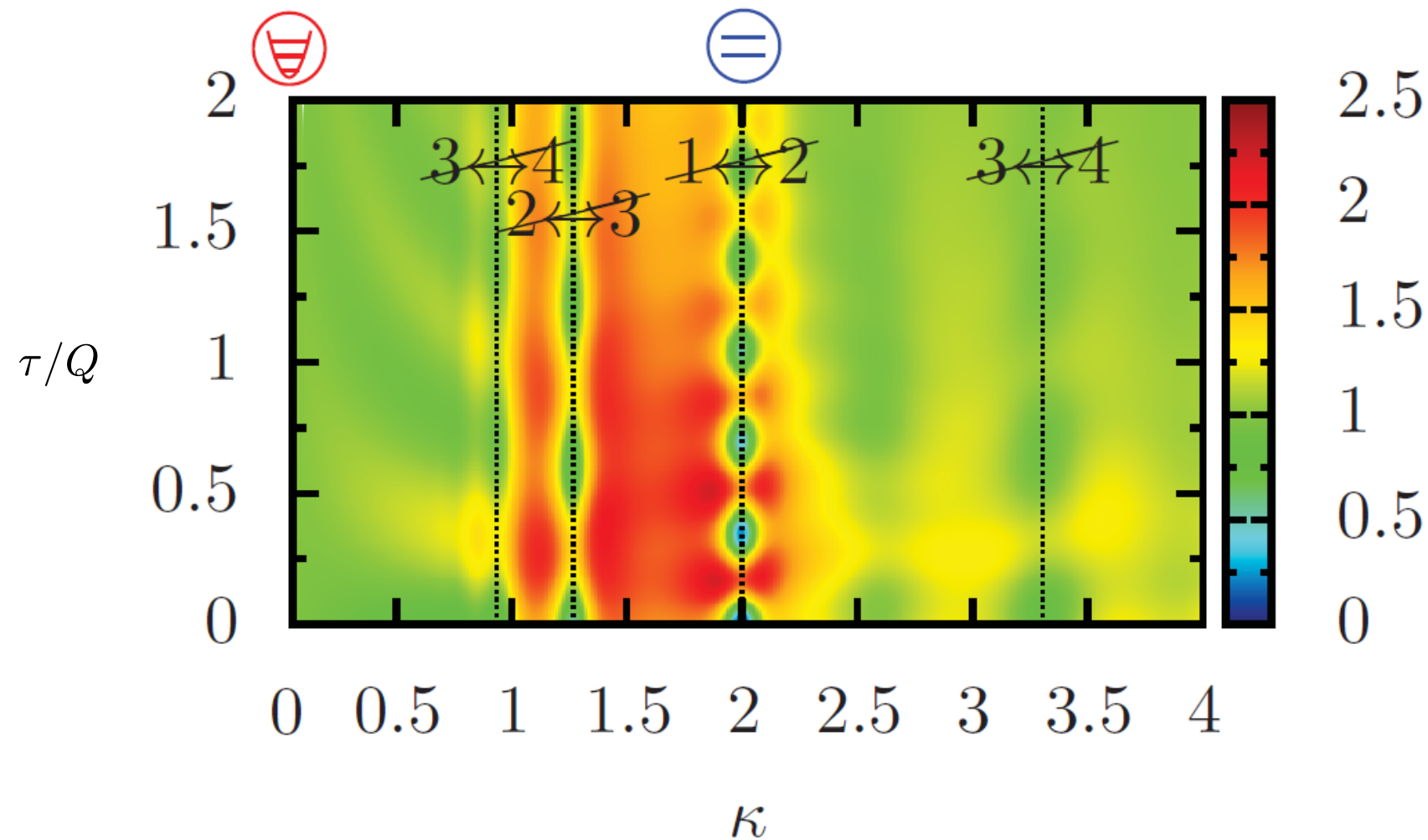


Ideal single photon source

# Photon noise: stronger driving

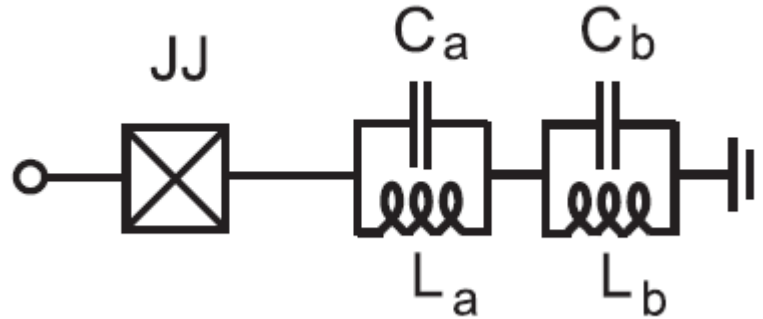
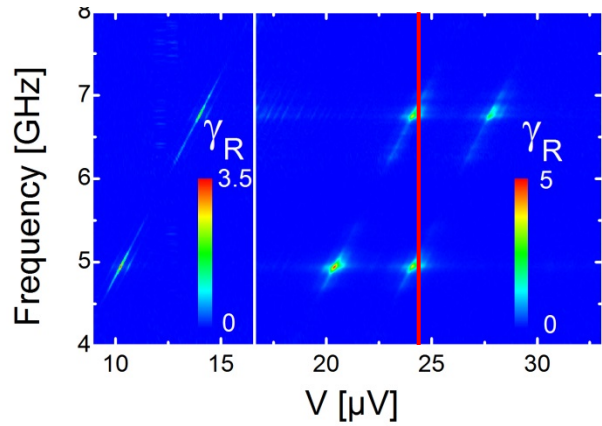
$$g^{(2)}(\tau)$$

$$T_{n \rightarrow m} = \langle m | H_1 | n \rangle = 0$$



## Two cavities: correlated photons

$$2eV = \hbar(\omega_a + \omega_b)$$



$$g_{ab}^{(2)}(0) = \frac{1}{2\langle n \rangle} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ g_{aa}^{(2)}(0) + g_{bb}^{(2)}(0) \right]$$

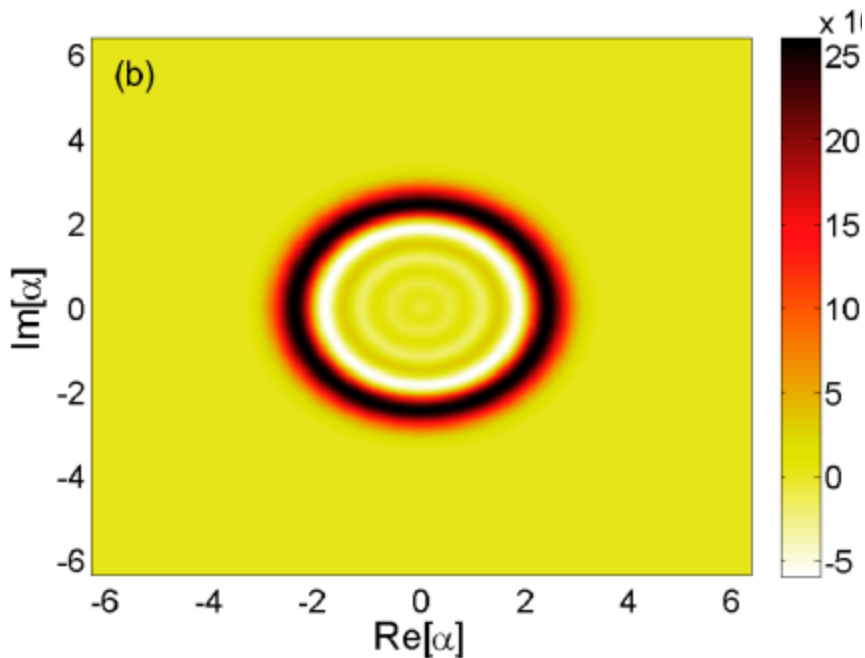
Non-classical light: violation of Cauchy-Schwartz

$$g_{ab}^{(2)}(0) \geq \sqrt{g_{aa}^{(2)}(0) g_{bb}^{(2)}(0)}$$

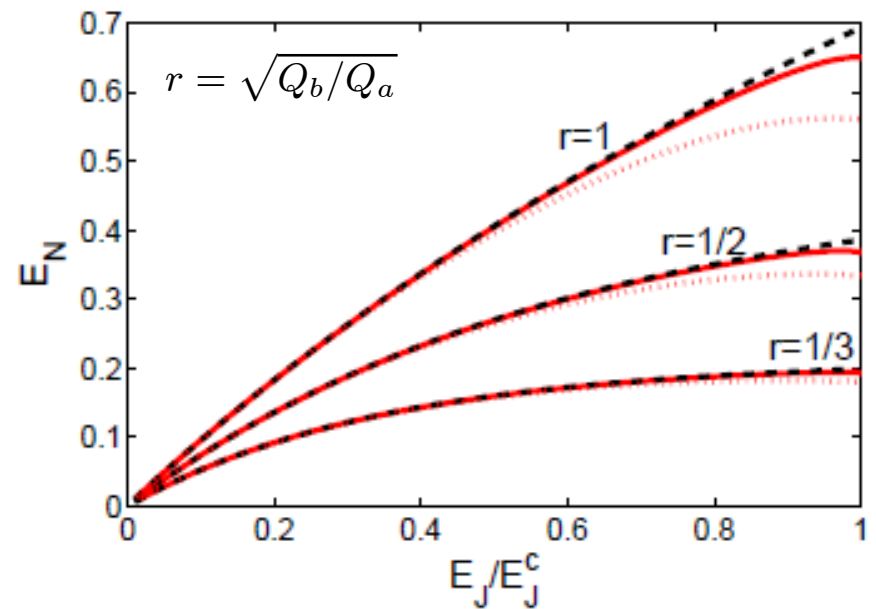
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Phase-entangled:  $|\theta_1 + \theta_2\rangle \sim |\theta_1\rangle_a |\theta_2\rangle_b + |\theta_2\rangle_a |\theta_1\rangle_b$

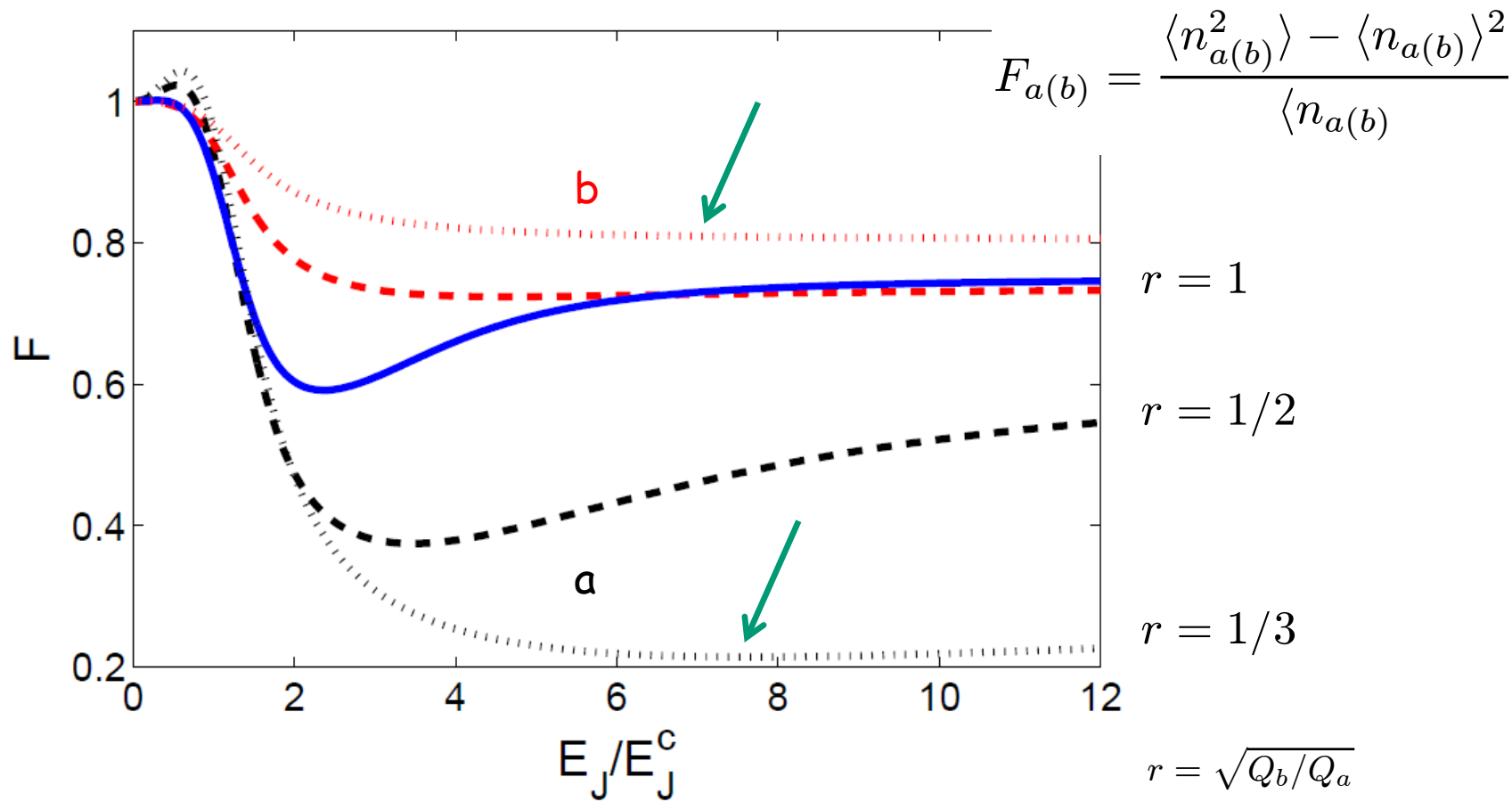
Wigner function for cavity a



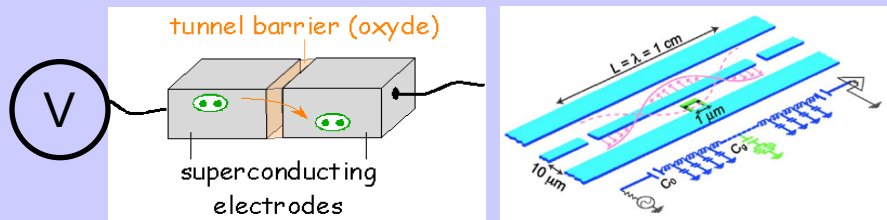
Log Negativity



# Higher photon occupancy



# Summary & Future experiments



Josephson photonics

Replace JJ by atomic point contact

Relation between current noise and photon statistics

on-demand quantum microwave sources

Nonlinear quantum dynamics

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# Charge Transfer meets Circuit Quantum Electrodynamics

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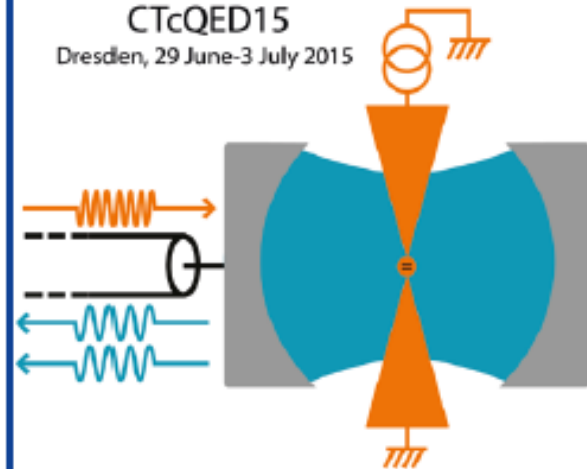
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Life is not measured by the number of breath we take,  
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