

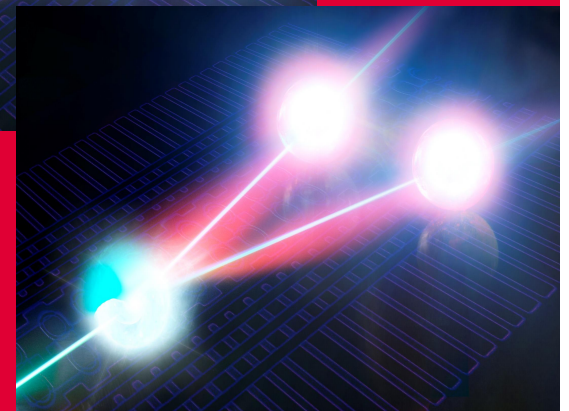
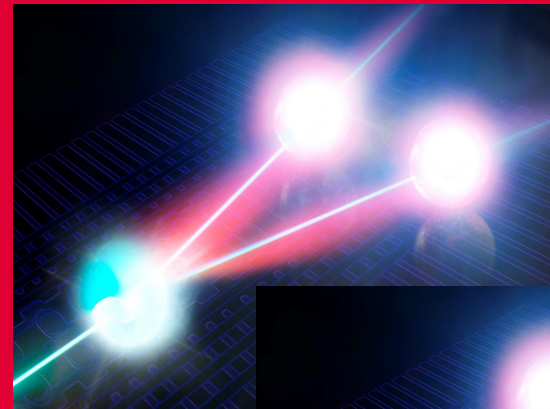
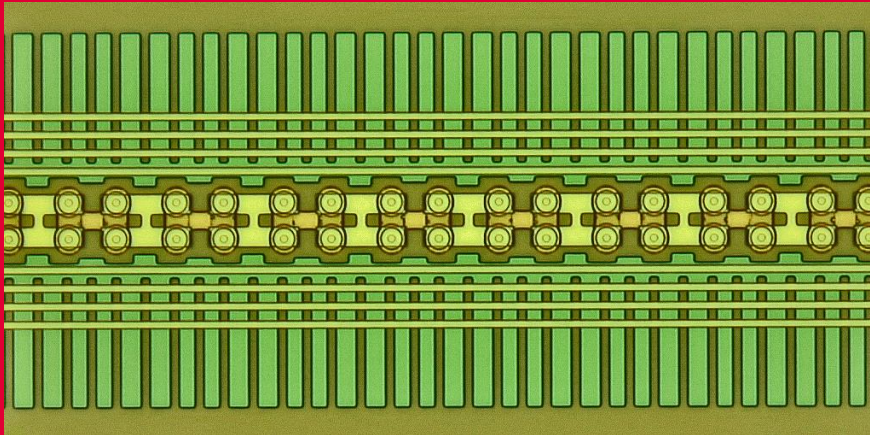


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# Quantum vacuum, noise, and entanglement

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# OUTLINE

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## Introduction

- Concept of vacuum
- Mode correlations in quantum optics
- Entanglement

## Dynamical Casimir effect

- Photon generation with a Josephson metamaterial
- Correlations: two mode squeezing

## Vacuum fluctuations under double parametric pumping

- New kind of correlations
- Which color information

## Relativity and quantum noise

- Past – future correlations from 4-dim spacetime

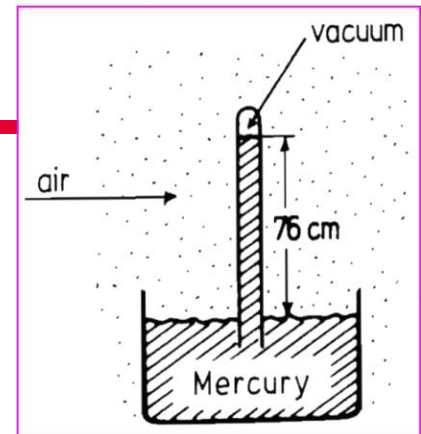
## Summary of open problems

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# Introductory remarks

- **Toricellian vacuum**  
(Evangelista Toricelli, 1643)
- **First vacuum pump, Magdeburg hemispheres**  
(Otto von Guericke, 1654)



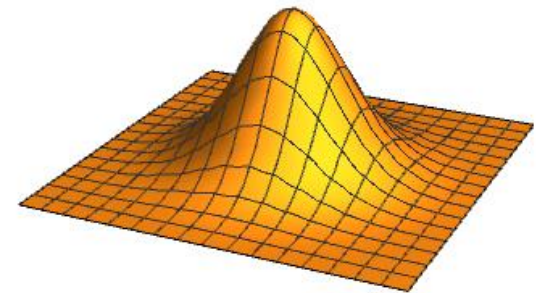
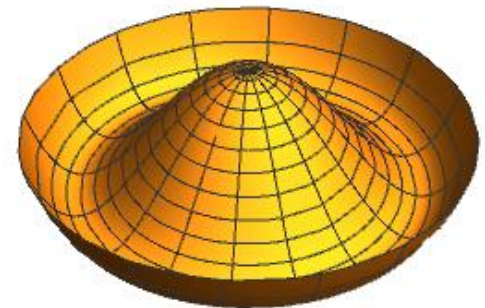
## Modern view of vacuum

= quantum-mechanical ground state of a field

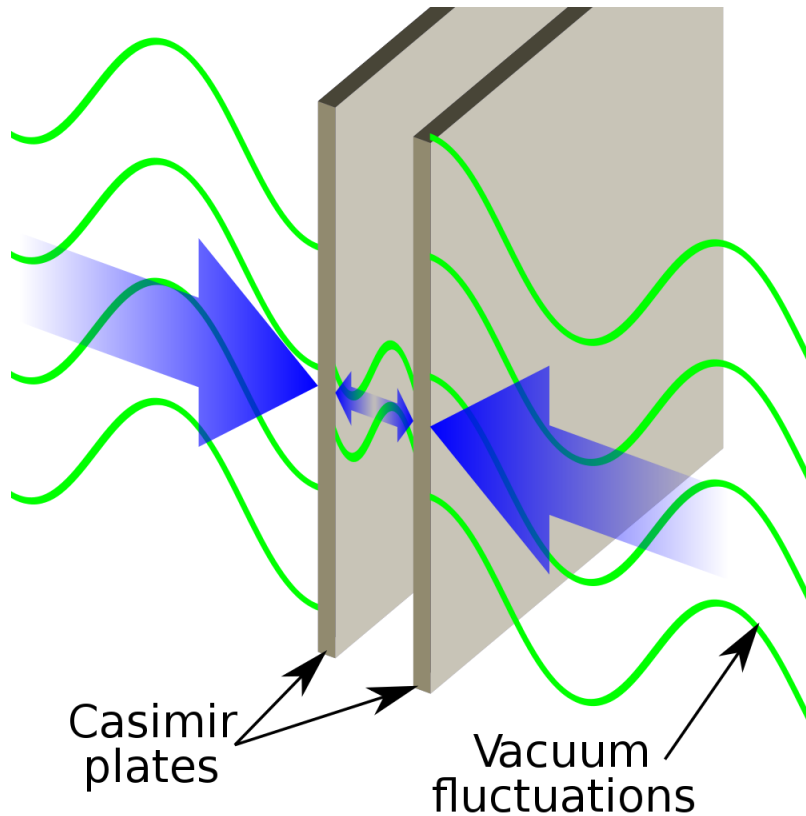
- Higgs vacuum
- BEC vacuum
- virtual particles, fluctuations

## Effects related to vacuum:

- spontaneous emission
- Lamb shift
- static Casimir effect



# Vacuum fluctuations: Casimir force



$$\frac{F_C}{A} = - \frac{d}{da} \frac{\langle E \rangle}{A} = - \frac{\pi^2 \hbar c}{240 a^4}$$



“Two ships should not be moored too close together because they are attracted one towards the other by a certain force of attraction.”

The Album of the Mariner  
P. C. Caussée, 1836

Nature, doi:10.1038/news060501-7

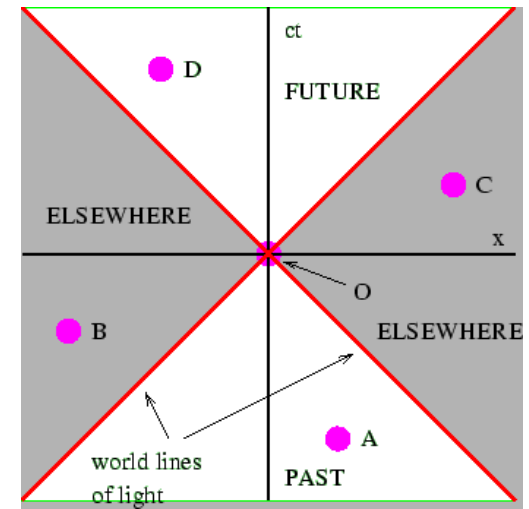


# Exciting the vacuum

How to get something out of vacuum:

- use strong electric fields [**Schwinger effect**]
- change fast a boundary condition or the speed of light [**dynamical Casimir effect**]
- use a strong gravitational field [**Hawking effect**]
- accelerate the system [**Unruh effect**]

- Entanglement of virtual particles
- Entanglement transfer to qubits
- Past-future correlations



# “Mode” observables: Quadratures

Quadrature operators (like  $x$  and  $p$ ):

$$H_{\mathbf{k}} = \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}}\left(a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}a_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a^{\dagger} + a)$$

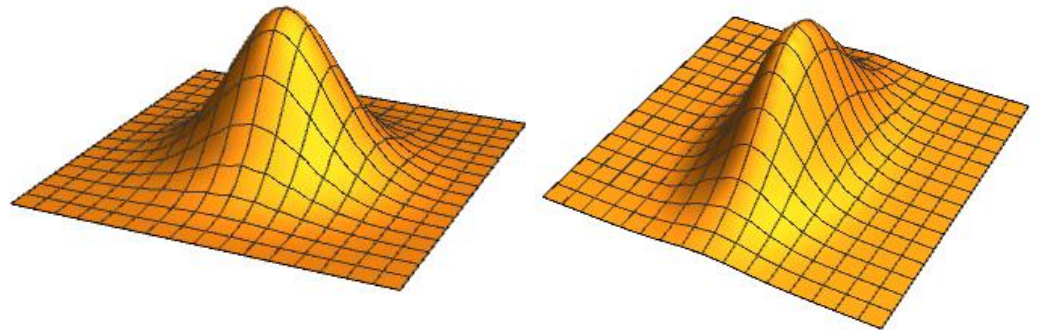
$$X_2 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(a^{\dagger} - a)$$

$$X_{\theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(ae^{-i\theta} + a^{\dagger}e^{i\theta})$$

Since  $[X_1, X_2] = i$ , there must be an uncertainty relation

$$\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Correlation of quadratures  
can be manipulated



# Single mode squeezing

## Squeezing operator

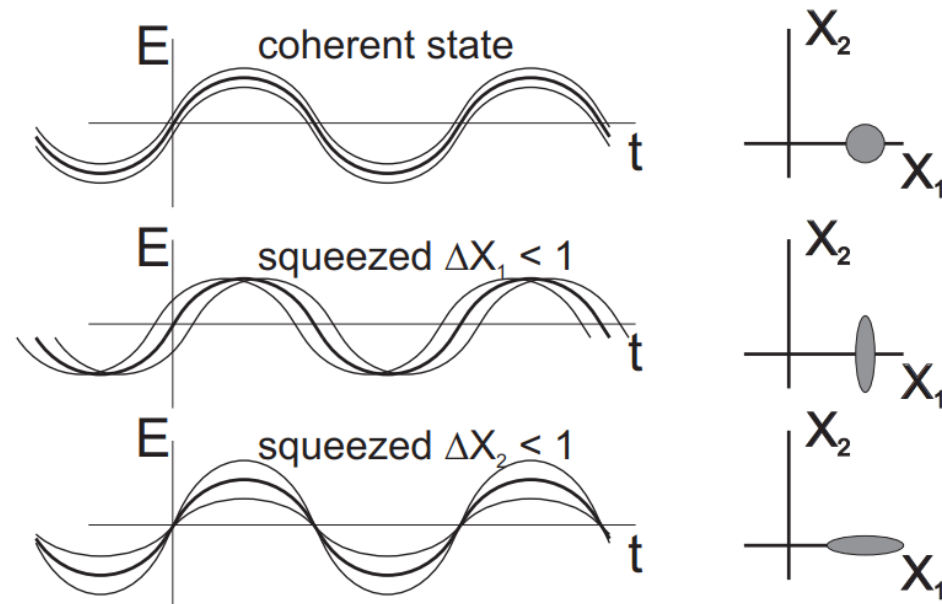
$$S = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\xi a^{\dagger 2} - \frac{1}{2}\xi^* a^2\right)$$

$$\xi = r e^{i\theta} \quad |\xi\rangle = S|0\rangle$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle \Delta X_1^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} e^{2r} \\ \langle \Delta X_2^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} e^{-2r} \end{aligned} \right\} \Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Basic correlator:

$$\langle aa \rangle = \cosh r \sinh r e^{i\theta}$$





# Two-mode squeezing

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## Two mode squeezing operator

$$S_2 = \exp(\xi^* ab - \xi a^\dagger b^\dagger) \quad \xi = re^{i\theta}$$

$$\langle ab \rangle = \cosh r \sinh r e^{i\theta} \quad \langle ab^\dagger \rangle = 0$$

## Maps to single mode case by defining operator

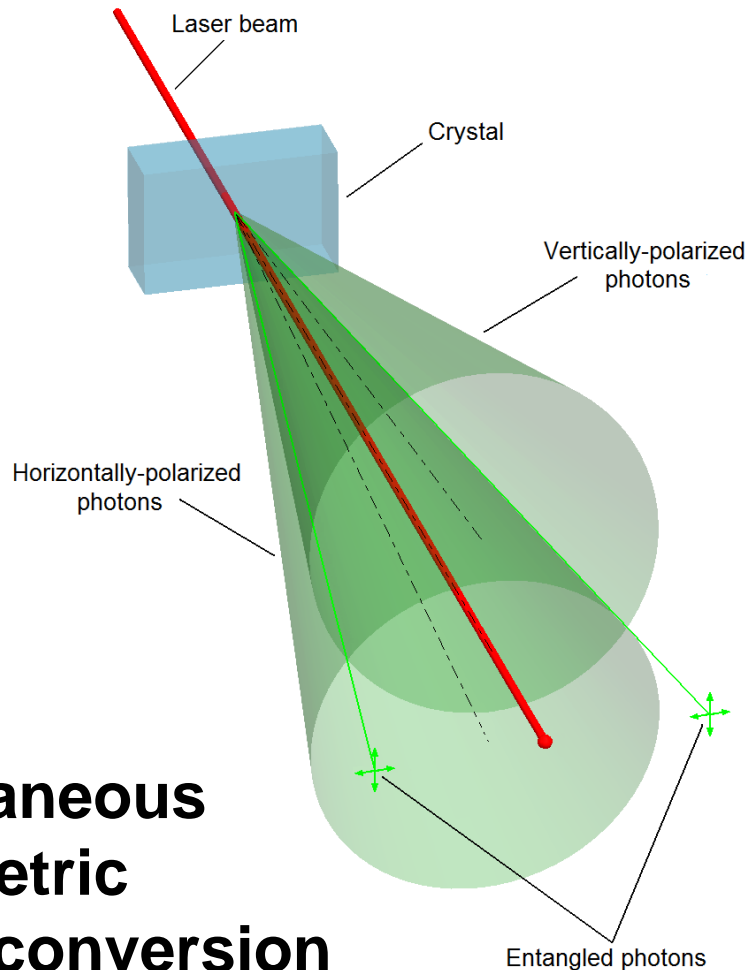
$$d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a + b) \quad [d, d^\dagger] = 1$$

$$X_\theta^d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(de^{-i\theta} + d^\dagger e^{i\theta}) \quad \langle \Delta X_1^{d^2} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} e^{2r} \quad \langle \Delta X_2^{d^2} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} e^{-2r}$$





# Entanglement



**Spontaneous  
parametric  
down-conversion**

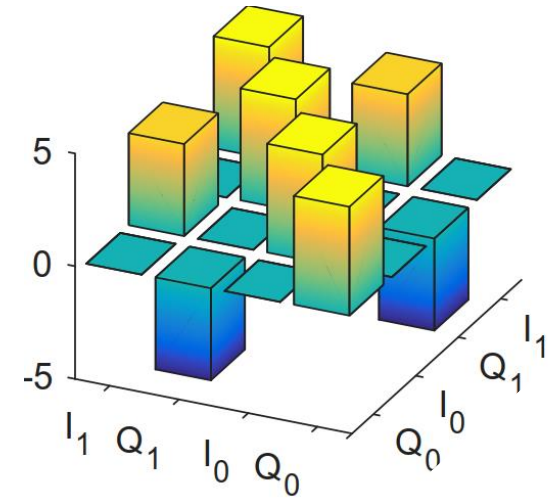
## Polarization in optics

- vertically/horizontally

$$\frac{[|H\rangle_1|V\rangle_2 + |V\rangle_1|H\rangle_2]}{\sqrt{2}}$$

## Quadratures at microwaves

- in phase and out of phase



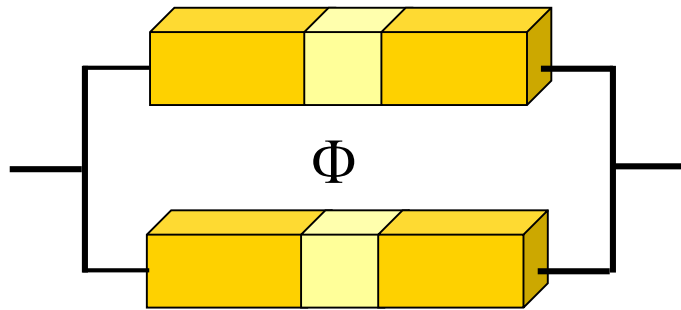
$$\sigma(x_i, x_j) = \langle x_i x_j \rangle$$

## Quantum entanglement:

$$\sigma(x_+, x_+) - \sigma(x_+, x_-) < 1/4$$



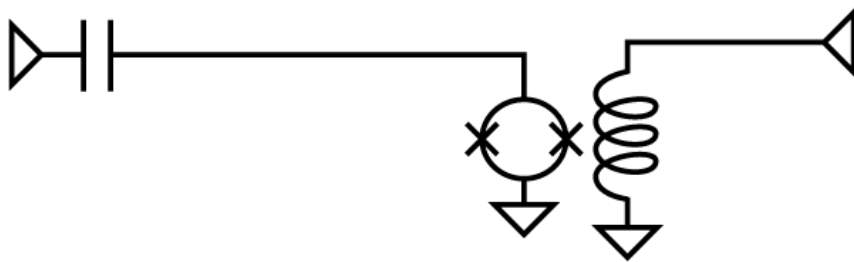
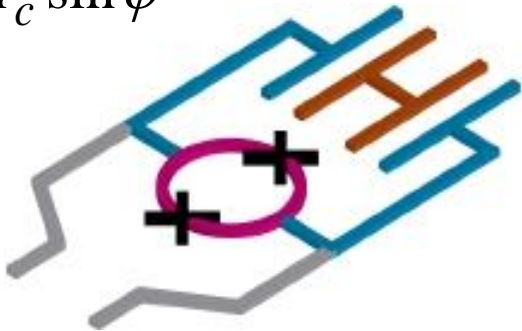
# SQUID: A NONLINEAR $L$



SQUID  
loop with

$$\varphi = \pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0}$$

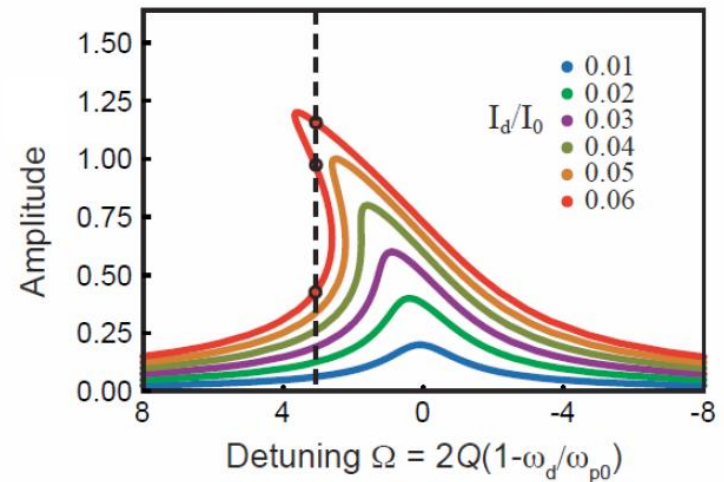
$$I = I_c \sin \varphi$$



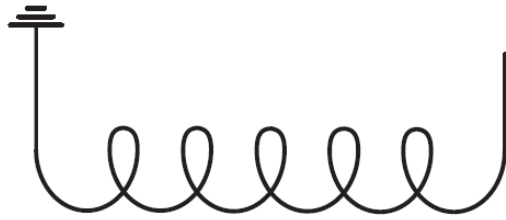
Josephson inductance

$$\frac{1}{L} = \left( \frac{2e}{\hbar} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

$$L_J = \frac{\hbar}{2eI_C} \frac{1}{\cos \varphi}$$



# Analogy of dynamic Casimir effect (DCE)

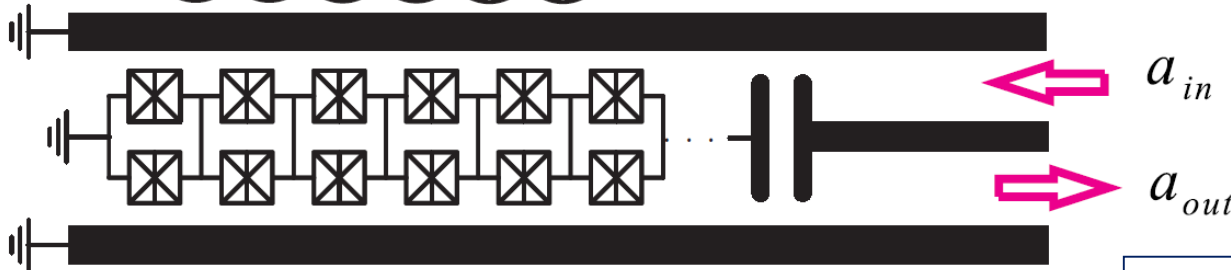


Photon generation:

$$\frac{N}{T} = Q \frac{\Omega}{3\pi} \left( \frac{v_{\max}}{c} \right)^2$$

Propagation speed:

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{lc}}$$



$$a_{out}(\omega) = e^{i\psi_\omega} a_{in}(\omega)$$

$$\psi_\omega = \arctan \frac{\kappa(\omega - \omega_{res})}{(\kappa/2)^2 - (\omega - \omega_{res})^2}$$



G. T. Moore, J. Math. Phys. (N.Y.) 1970  
 E. Yablonovitch, PRL 1989  
 V. Dodonov, PRA 1993

J. Johansson et al., PRL 2009, PRA 2010  
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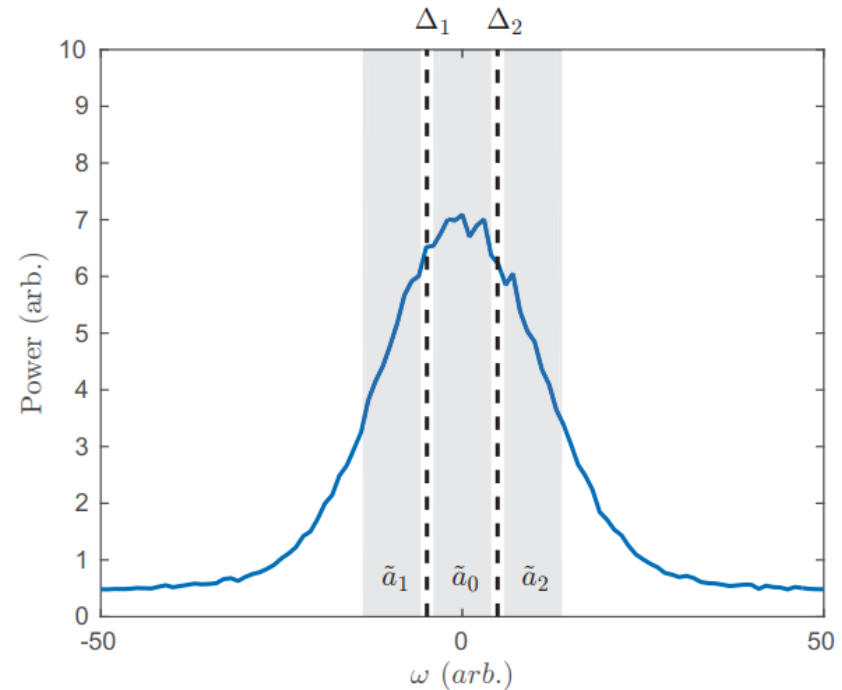
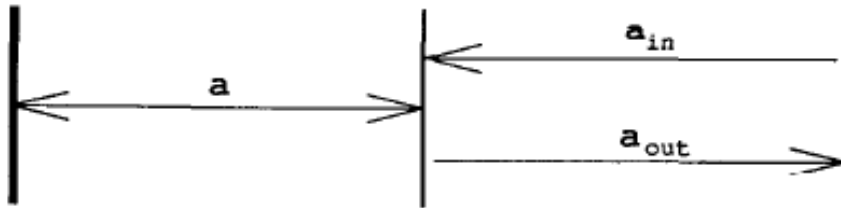
# Semiclassical theory

$$H = \hbar\omega_{res} a^\dagger a + \frac{\hbar}{2i} \sum_{p=1,2} \left[ \alpha_p^* e^{i\omega_p t} - \alpha_p e^{-i\omega_p t} \right] (a + a^\dagger)^2$$

$$a(t) = \tilde{a}(t) \exp[-i\omega_{res} t]$$

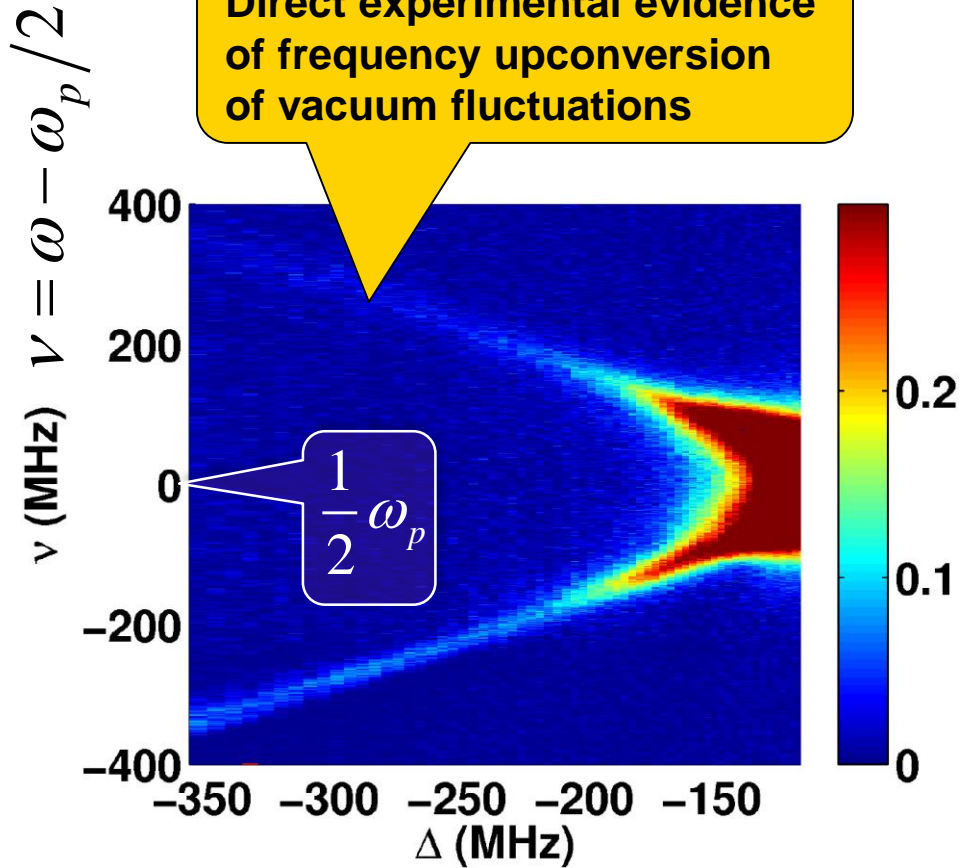
$$\Delta_p = \omega_p/2 - \omega_{res}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{a}} = \sum_{p=1,2} \alpha_p e^{-2i\Delta_p t} \tilde{a}^\dagger - \frac{\kappa}{2} \tilde{a} - \sqrt{\kappa} \tilde{a}_{in}$$

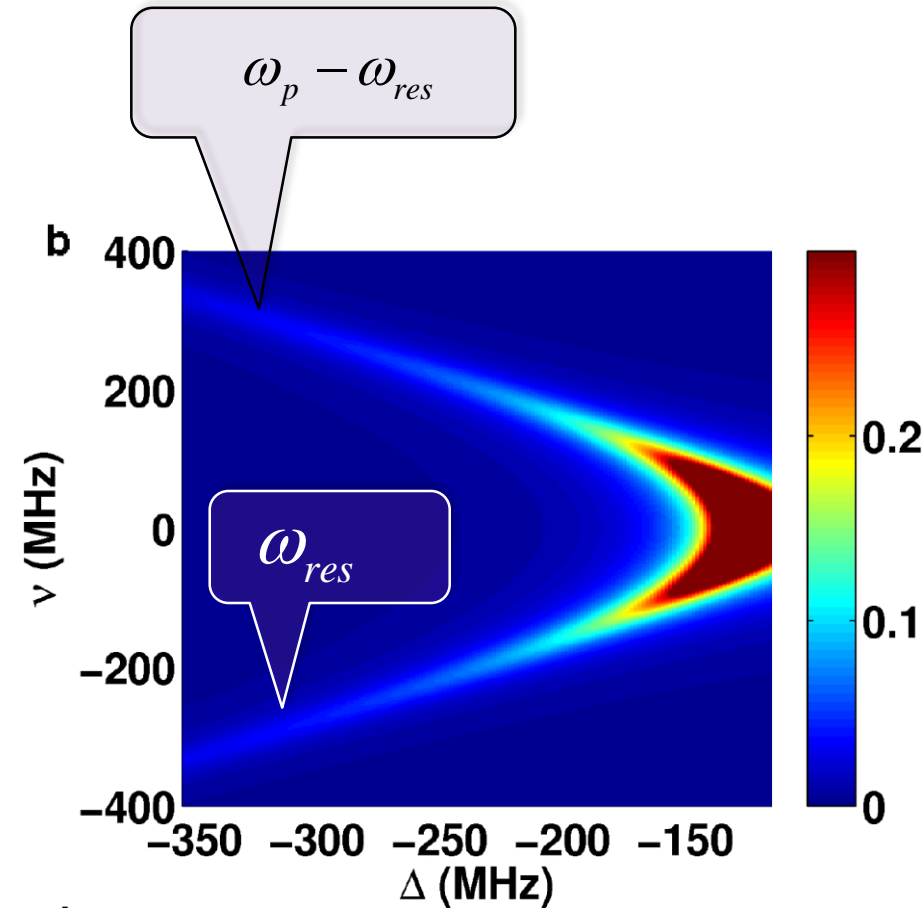


# Measurements at large detunings

Direct experimental evidence of frequency upconversion of vacuum fluctuations



$$\Delta = \omega_{res} - \omega_p/2$$



$$\langle \tilde{a}_{out}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{out} \rangle$$

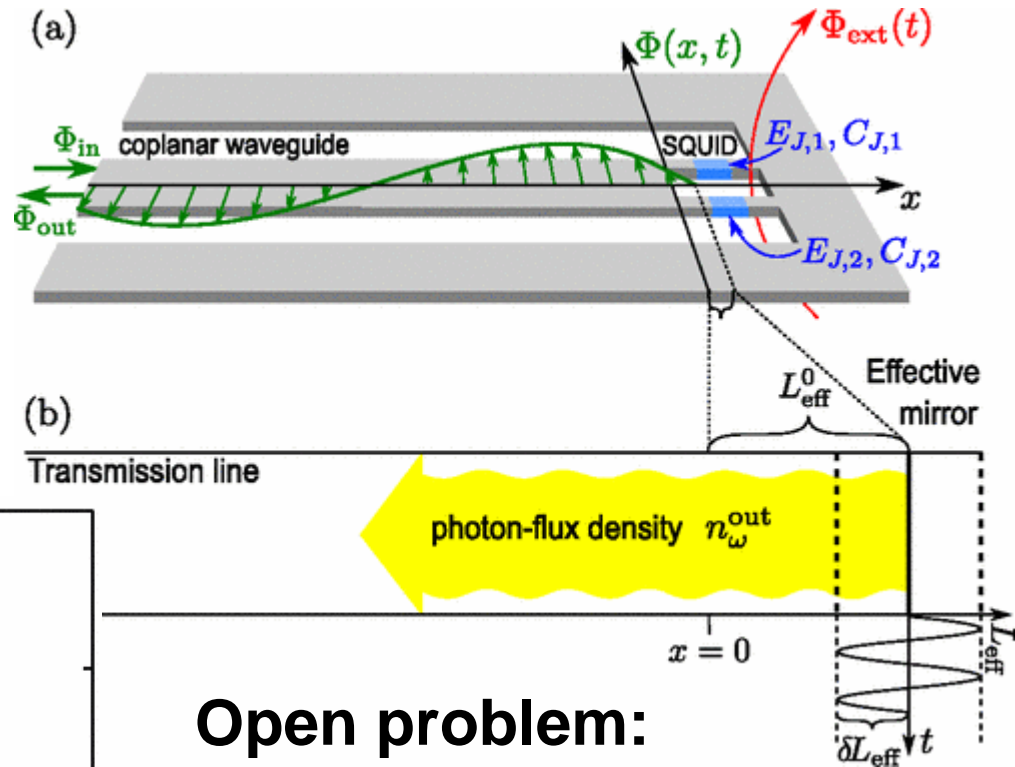
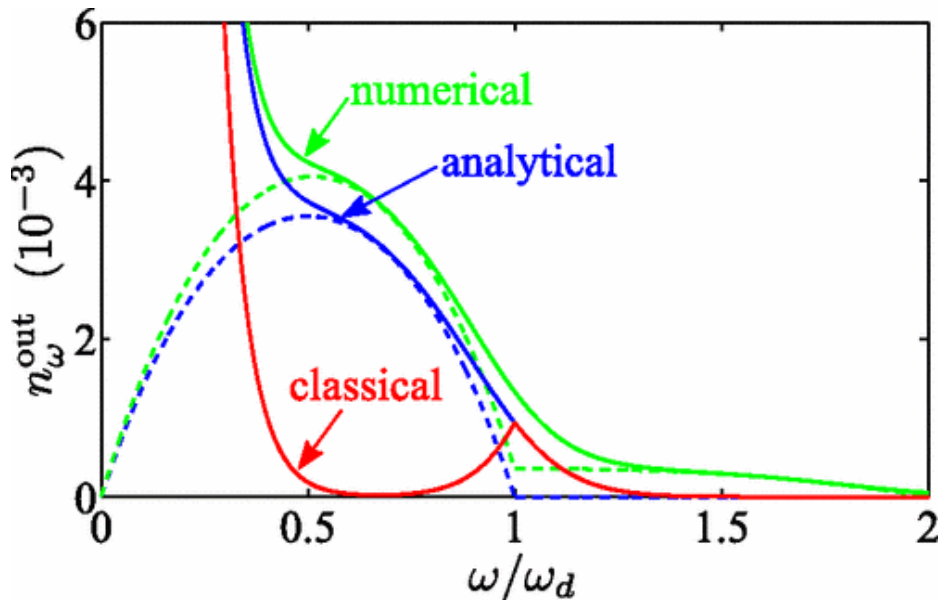


# Intrinsic spectrum of DCE

Need a semi-infinite transmission line

- better sensitivity
- broad band

C. Wilson et al., Nature 2011



**Open problem:**  
Specific parabolic spectrum expected

J. R. Johansson et al.,  
PRL 103, 147003 (2009)





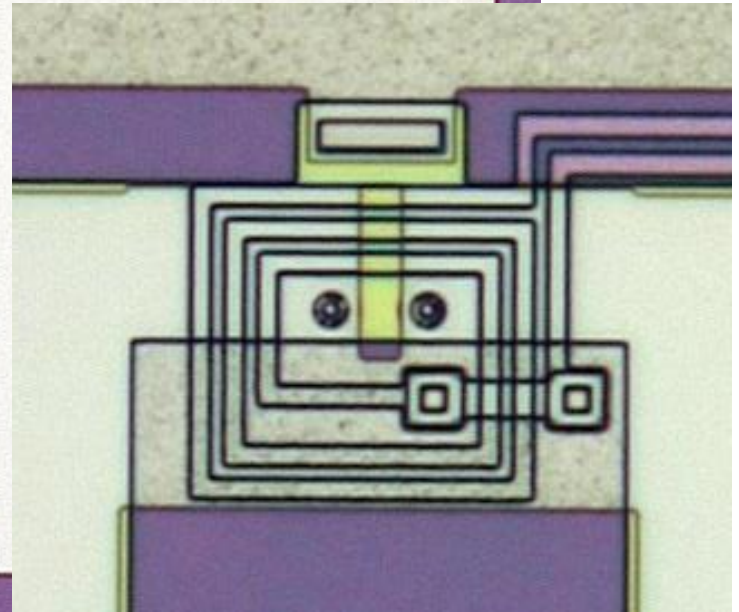
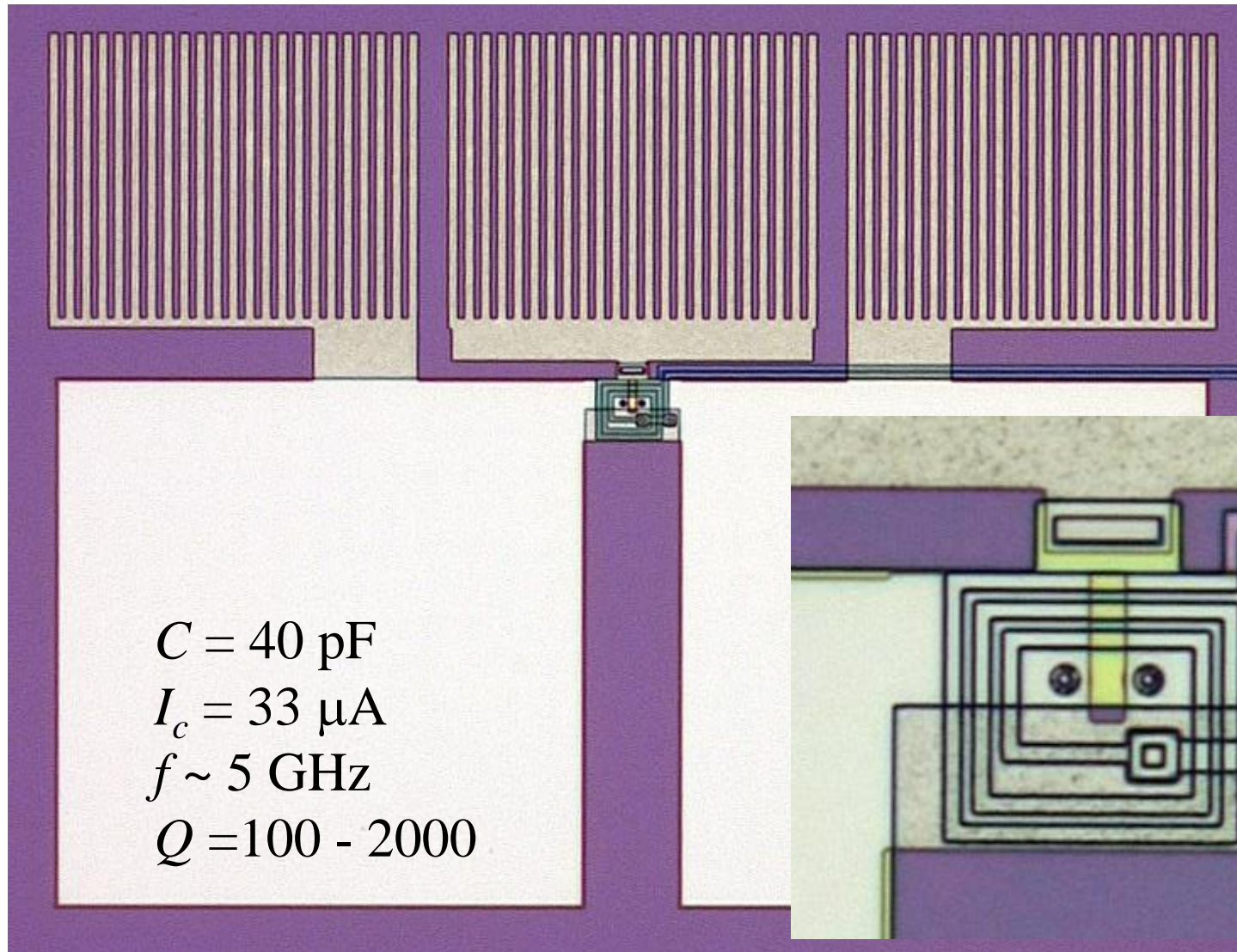


# *Vacuum fluctuations under double parametric pumping*

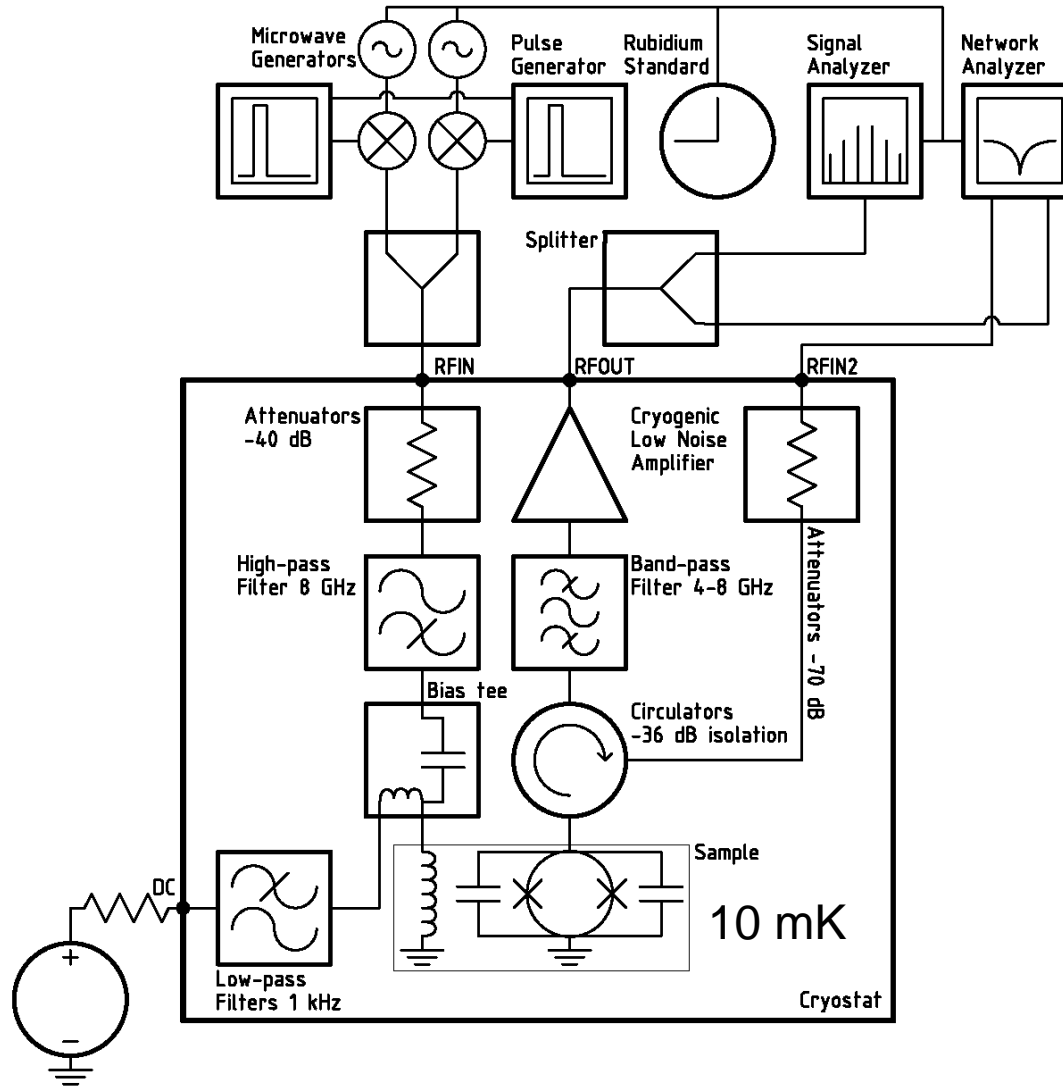
Lähteenmäki, P., Paroanu, G., Hassel, J. & Hakonen, P. J., Nature Commun. 7 (2016).  
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# Lumped element parametric device



# Experimental setup



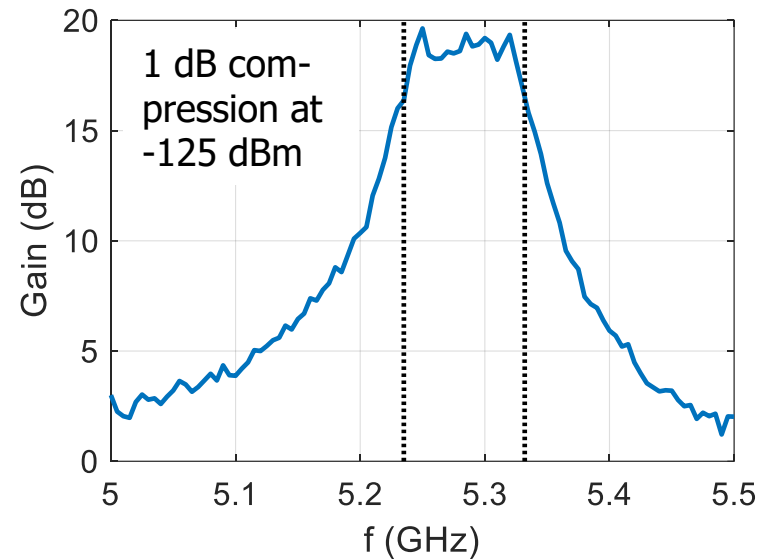
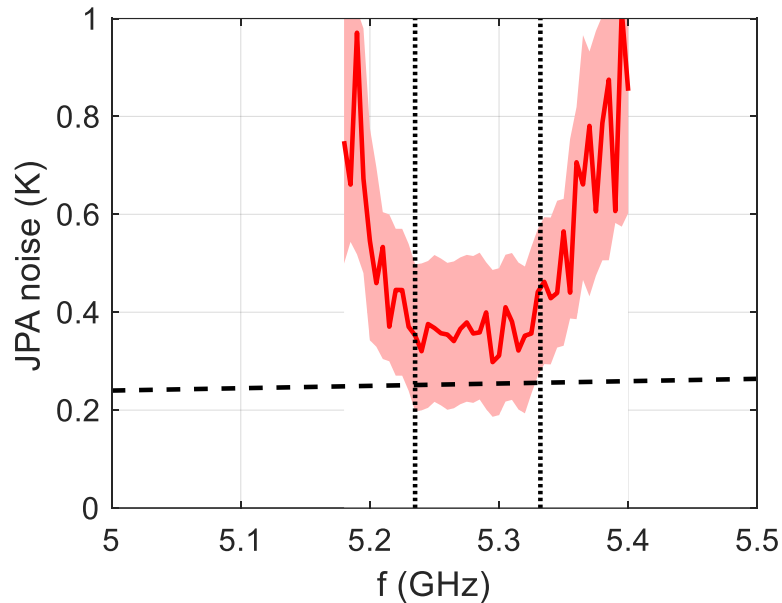
- Vector signal analyzer

- Quadrature components digitized at 50 MHz rate

- Digital band filtering and correlations with FFT



# Gain and Noise Performance



## ❑ JPA noise using SNR improvement

- Vertical lines: 3 dB bandwidth
- Dashed line: quantum limit
- Shaded area: measurement error

## ❑ 100 MHz bandwidth

## ❑ Approaching quantum limit

$$T_{QN} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_b}$$

- ## ❑ Observation of quantum squeezing indicates low losses

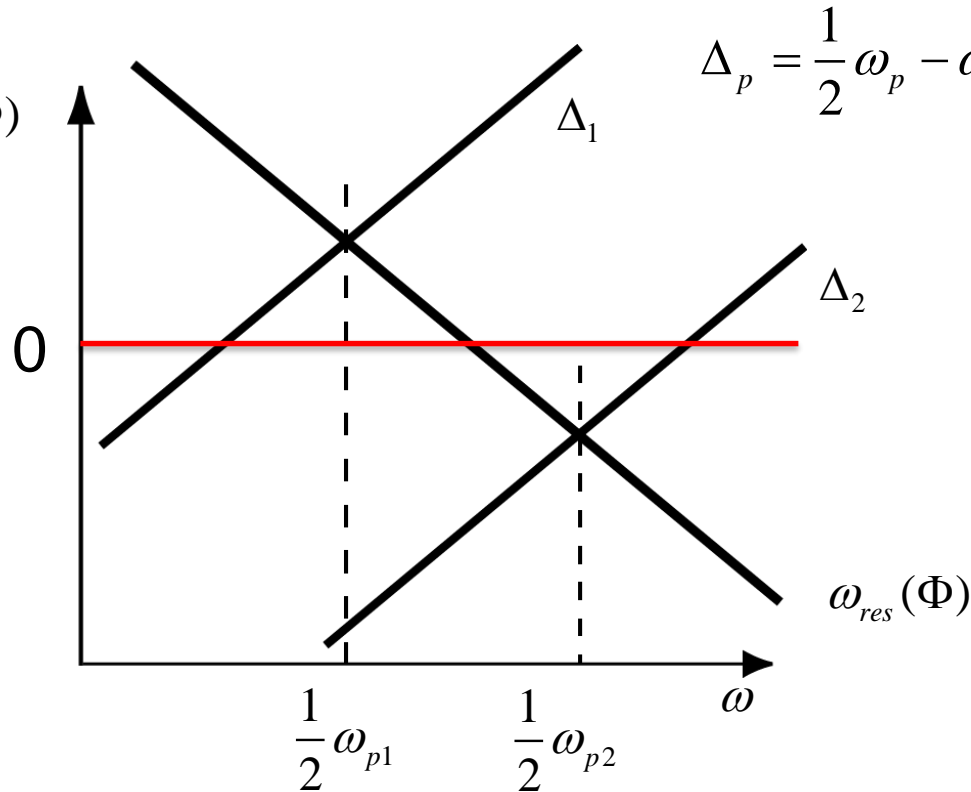
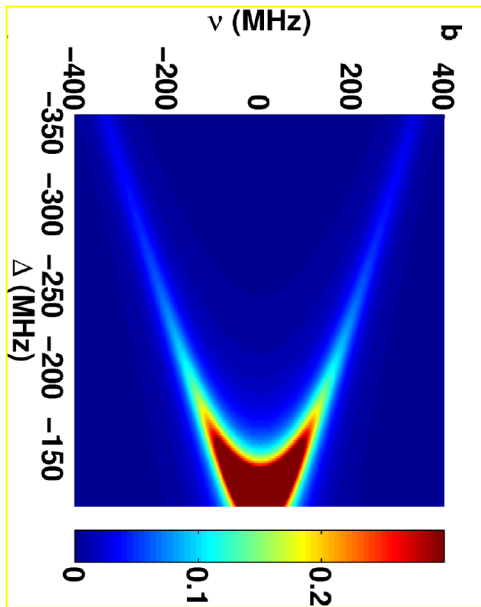
T. Elo, et al. 2018



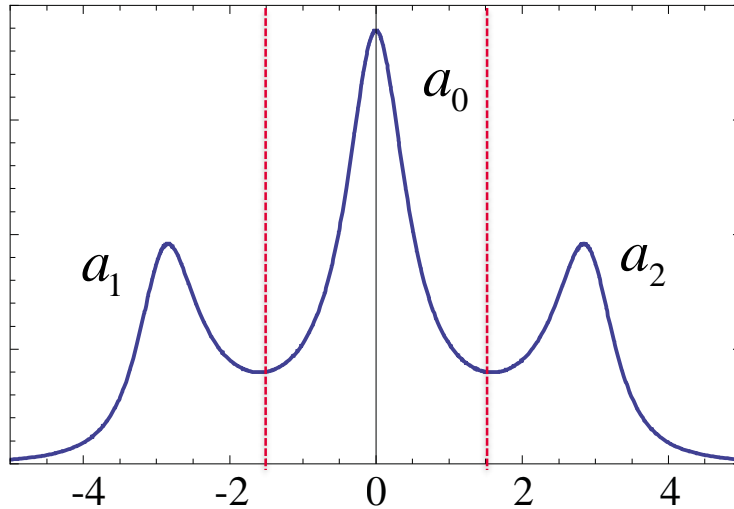
# Correlations in a two pump configuration

$$H = \hbar\omega_{res} a^\dagger a + \frac{\hbar}{2i} \sum_{p=1,2} \left[ \alpha_p^* e^{i\omega_p t} - \alpha_p e^{-i\omega_p t} \right] (a + a^\dagger)^2$$

$$\frac{\langle \omega_p \rangle}{2} - \omega_{res} (\Phi) \quad \Delta_p = \frac{1}{2} \omega_p - \omega_{res}$$



# Bright and dark modes



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}} \tilde{d}_{\text{out}} \rangle \\ \langle \tilde{b}_{\text{out}} \tilde{d}_{\text{out}} \rangle \\ \langle \tilde{d}_{\text{out}}^\dagger \tilde{d}_{\text{out}} \rangle \end{aligned} \right\} = 0$$

Bright state  $\tilde{b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\tilde{a}_1 + \tilde{a}_2)$

Dark state  $\tilde{d} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\tilde{a}_1 - \tilde{a}_2)$

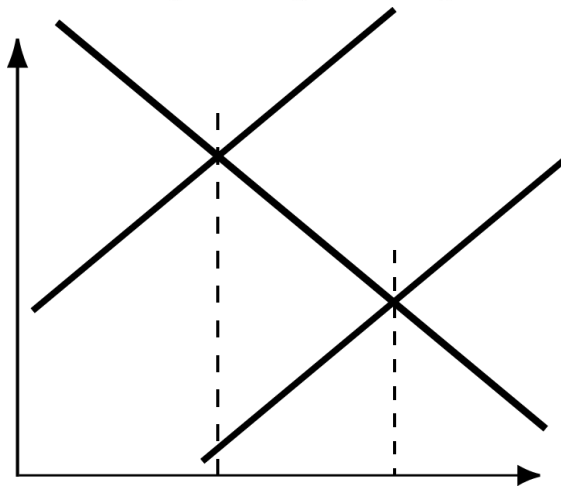
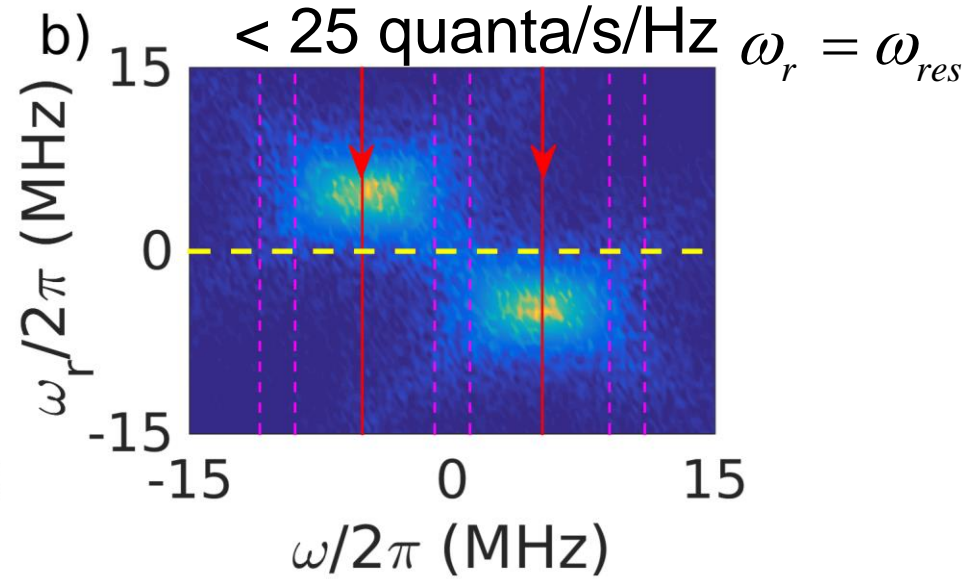
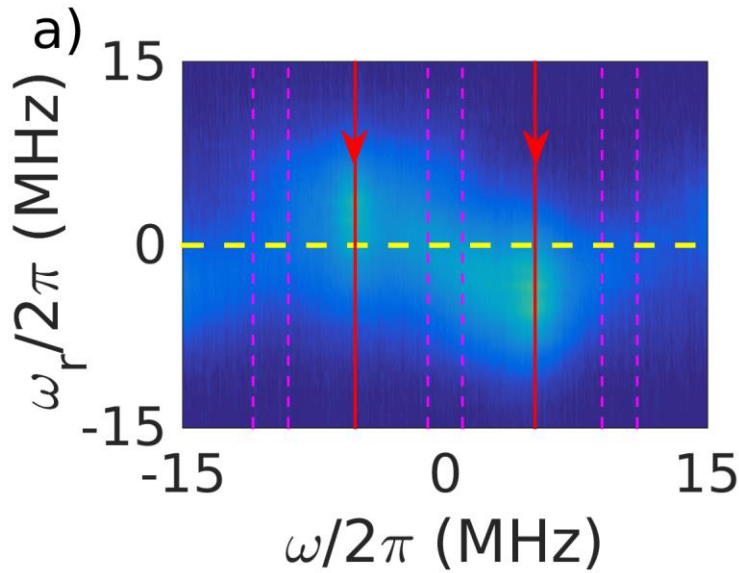
$$D \begin{pmatrix} a_{k,C} \\ a_{k,D} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} a_{k,A} \\ a_{k,B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Coherence due to the same quantum fluctuation taking part in the generation of the pairs



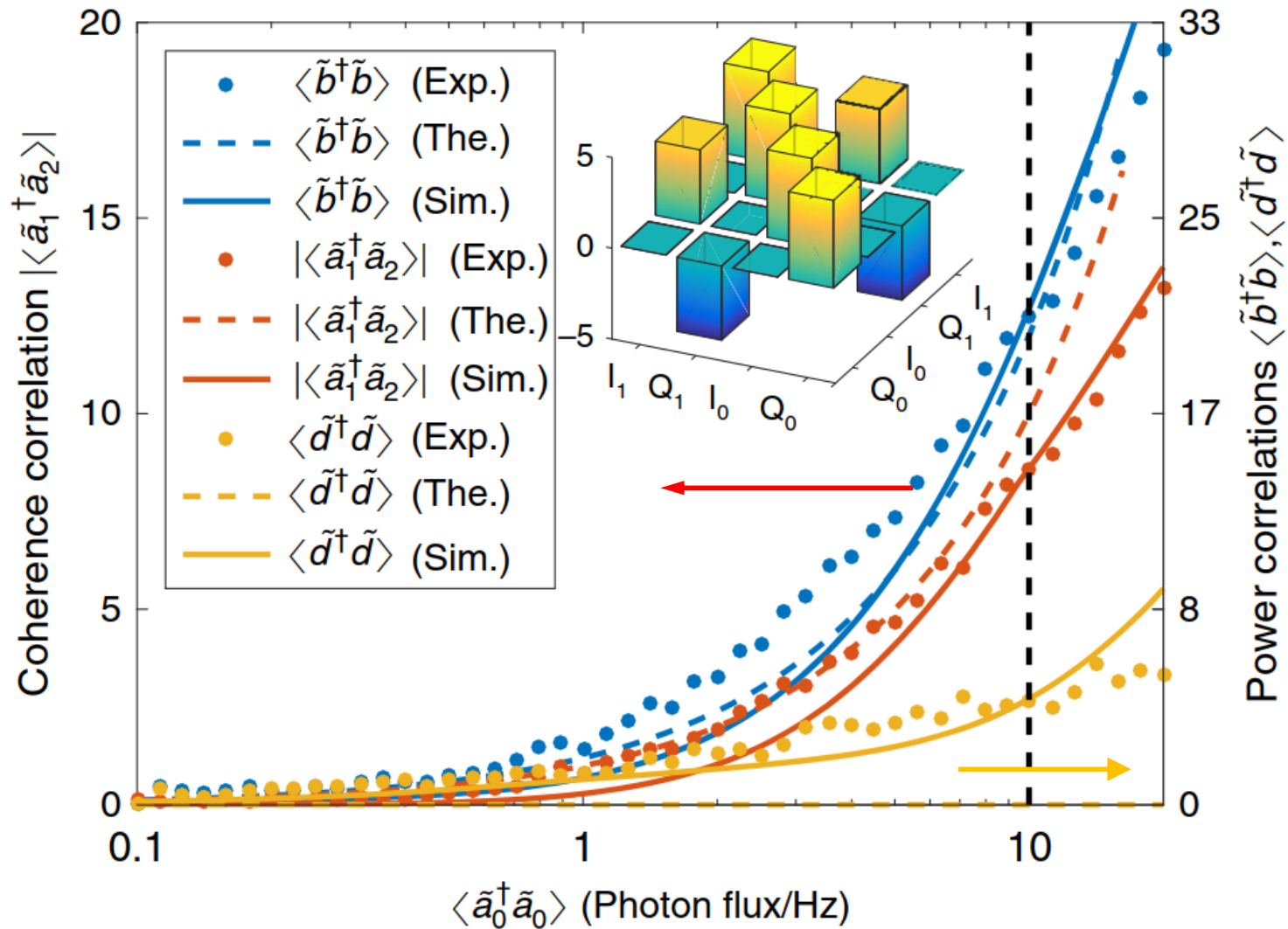
# Noise power measurements (low power)



$$\dot{\tilde{a}} = \sum_{p=1,2} \alpha_p e^{-2i\Delta_p t} \tilde{a}^\dagger - \frac{\kappa}{2} \tilde{a} - \sqrt{\kappa} \tilde{a}_{in}$$



# Mode correlators

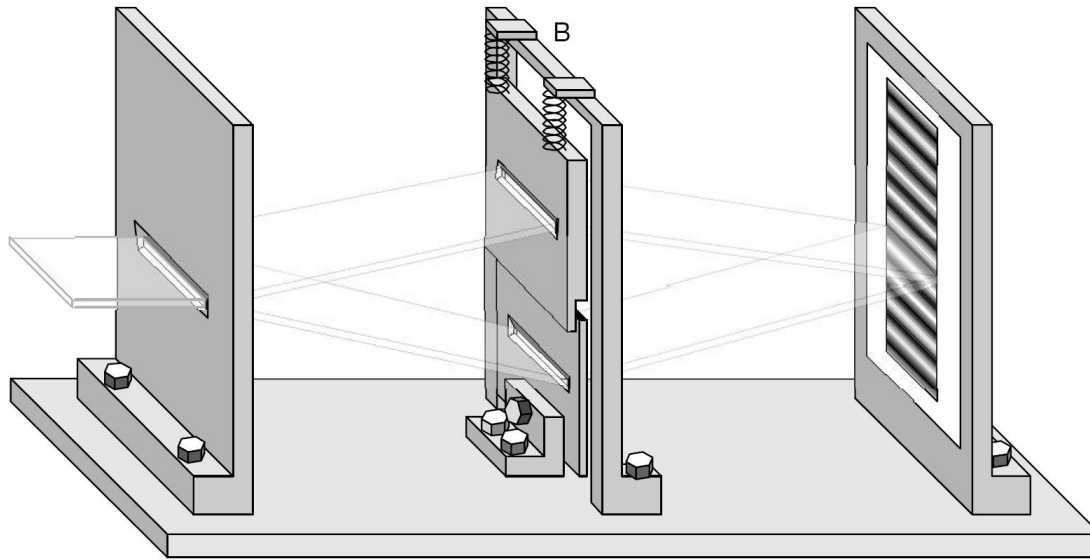




# Which path - which color information

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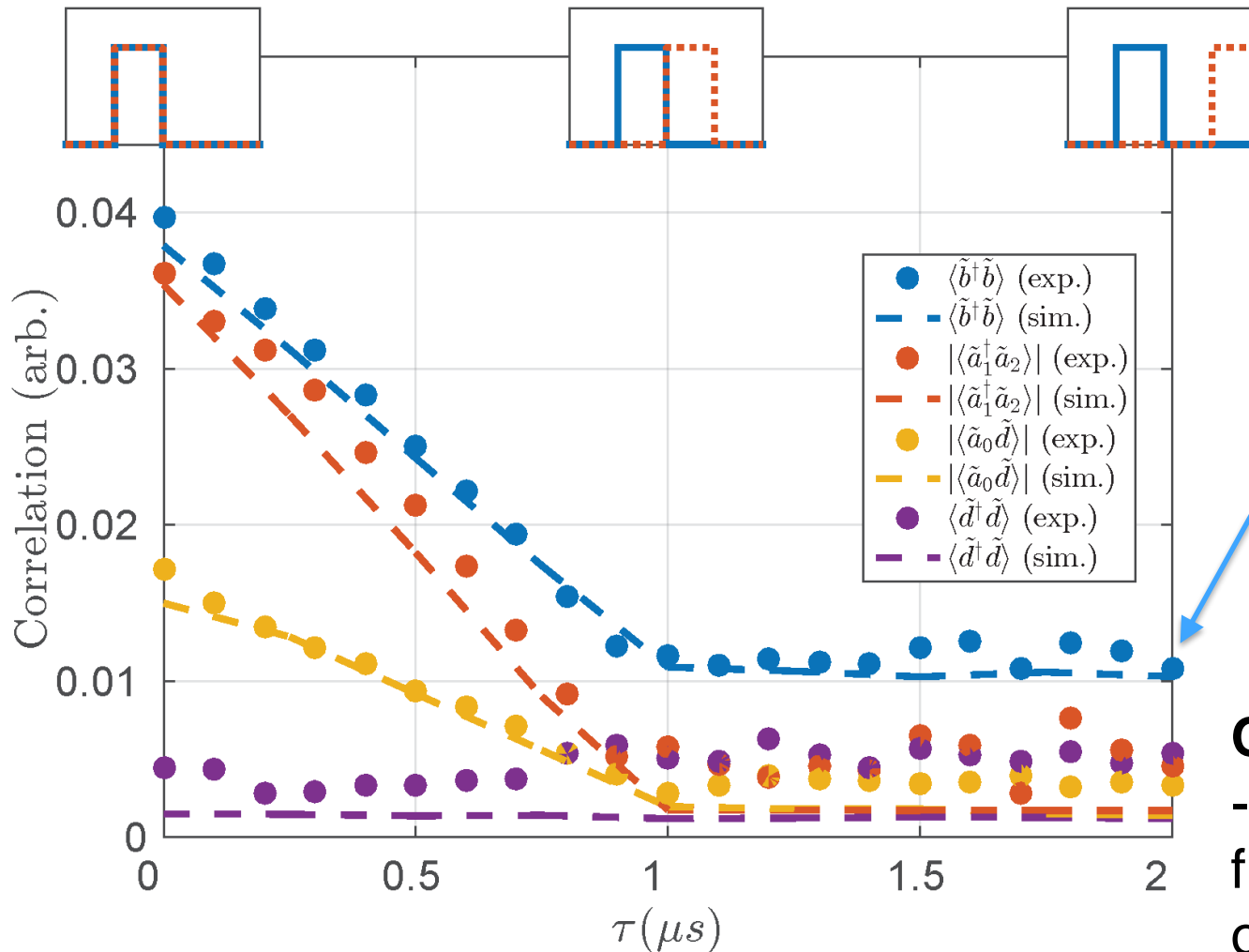
In our case: two **slits open when two pumps are on** – the system does not know from which pump the photon came



- Our which path is in **frequency space**
- Information can be obtained by varying pumps in time



# Pulsed pumps with tuned overlap



$\kappa_I \approx 1 \text{ MHz}$   
 $\kappa_E \approx 2 \text{ MHz}$   
 $Q \approx 1700$

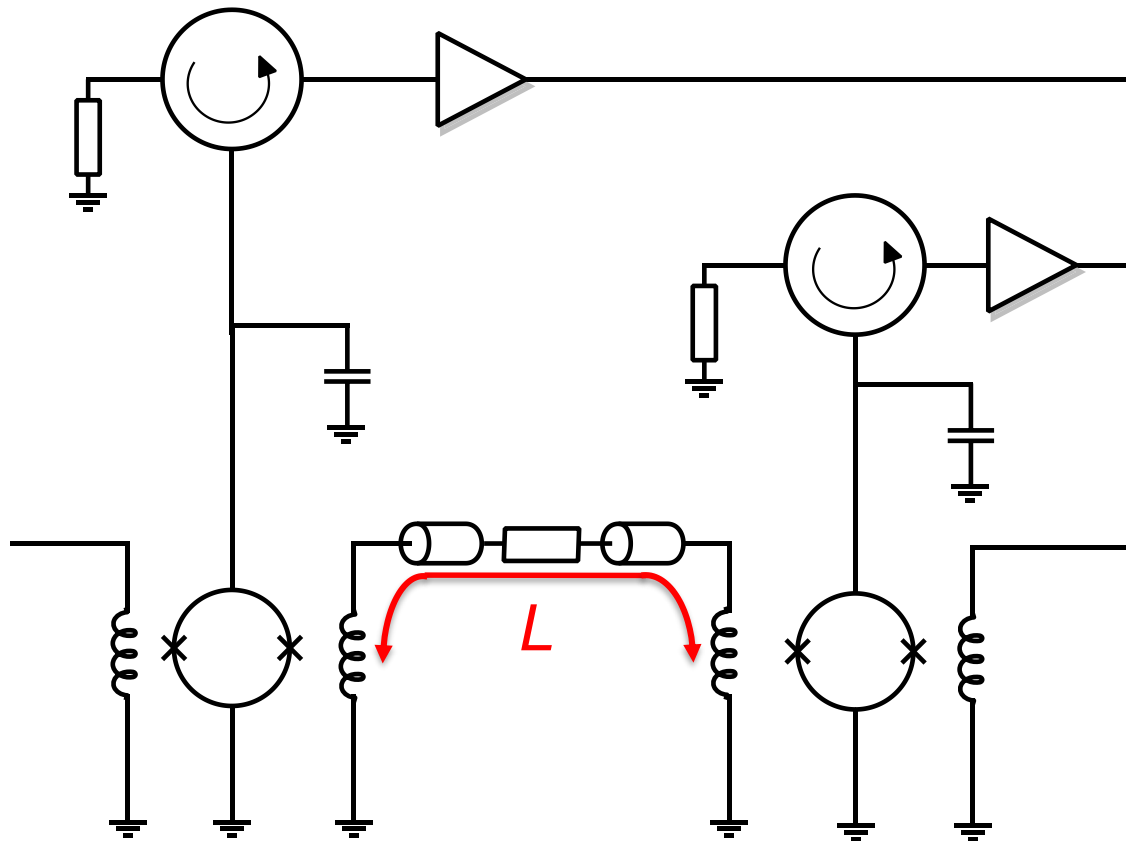
Base line for  $b^\dagger b$  contains DCE power

**Open problem:**  
 - How correlation functions depend on time



# Vacuum induced coherence: open questions

- 1) Correlations with increased separation  $L$  of the loops
- 2) Past – future correlations/The Unruh effect



Quantum vacuum provides non-local correlations?

Pumps on for a time  $T < L/c$   
→ Correlations?  
Decay with  $L$ ?



# The vacuum and relativity

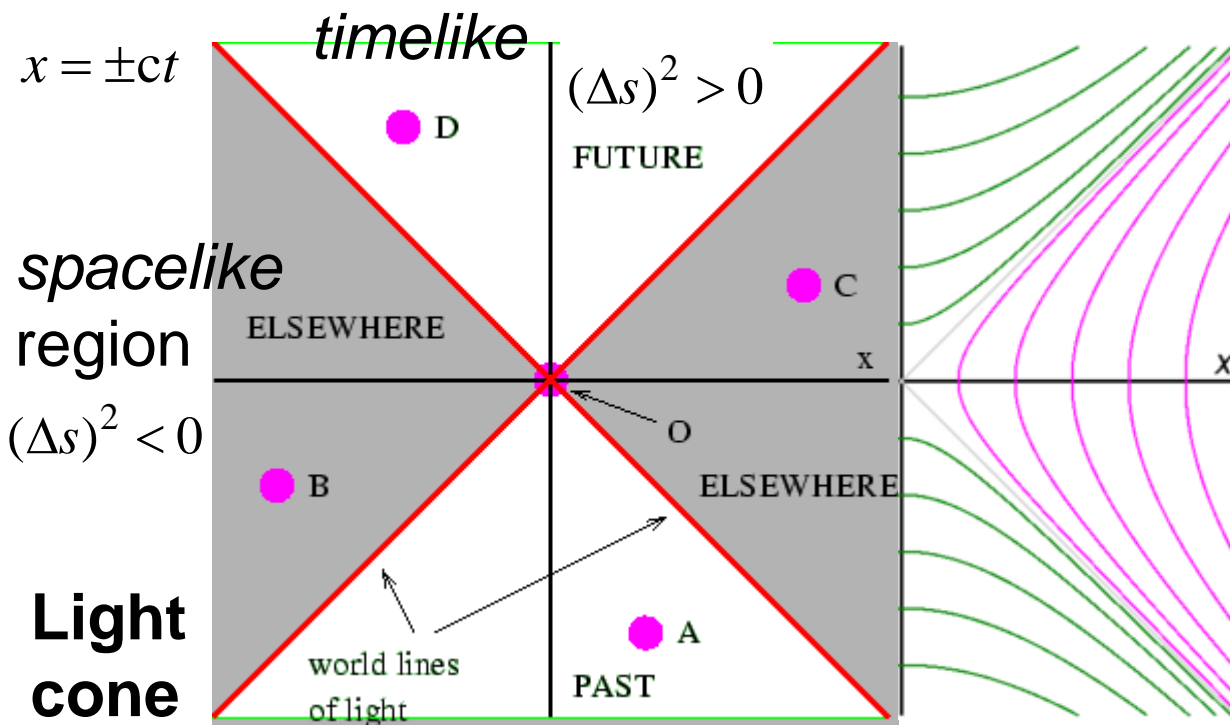
## Minkowski metric

$$(\Delta s)^2 = (\Delta ct)^2 - (\Delta x)^2 - (\Delta y)^2 - (\Delta z)^2$$

- The past light cone contains all the events that could have a causal influence on O



*H. Minkowski*



**Non-local correlations** via quantum vacuum\*

Also **past-future correlations**

Closely related to the **Unruh effect**

\*A. Valentini, Phys. Lett. A **153**, 321 (1991)

\*B. Reznik, et al., Phys. Rev. A **71**, 042104 (2005)



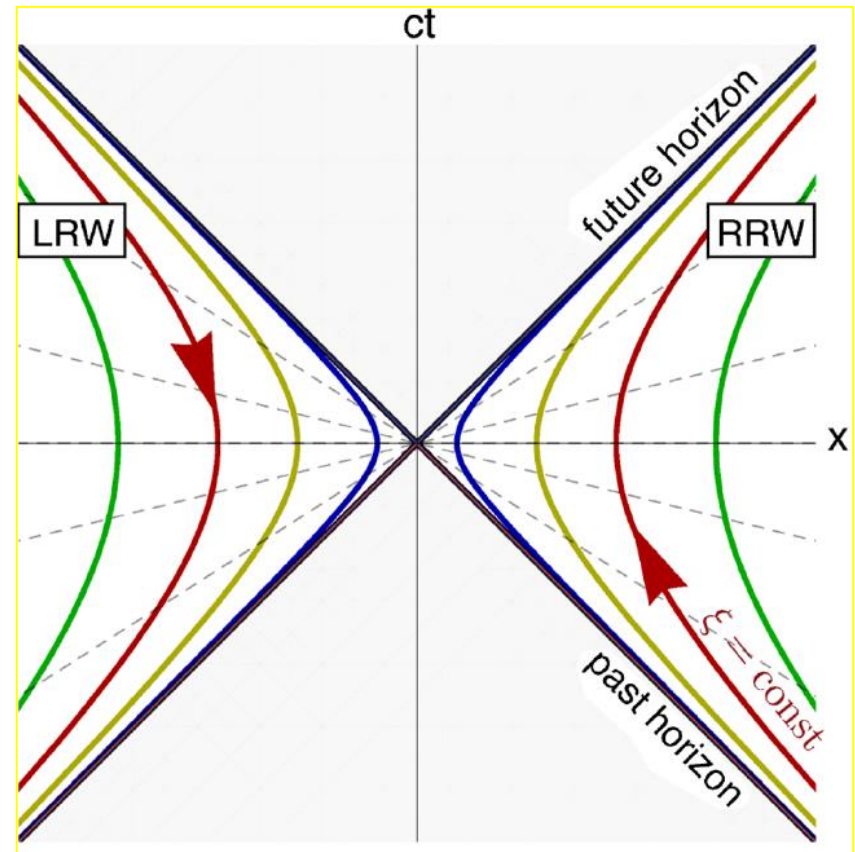
# The vacuum and the equivalence principle

## The Unruh effect:

- An accelerating observer will observe **blackbody radiation** where an inertial observer would observe none.
- The uniformly accelerating observer is out of causal contact with part of space time (having both positive and negative  $f$ )

$$k_B T_U = \frac{\hbar a}{2\pi c}$$

How to observe?



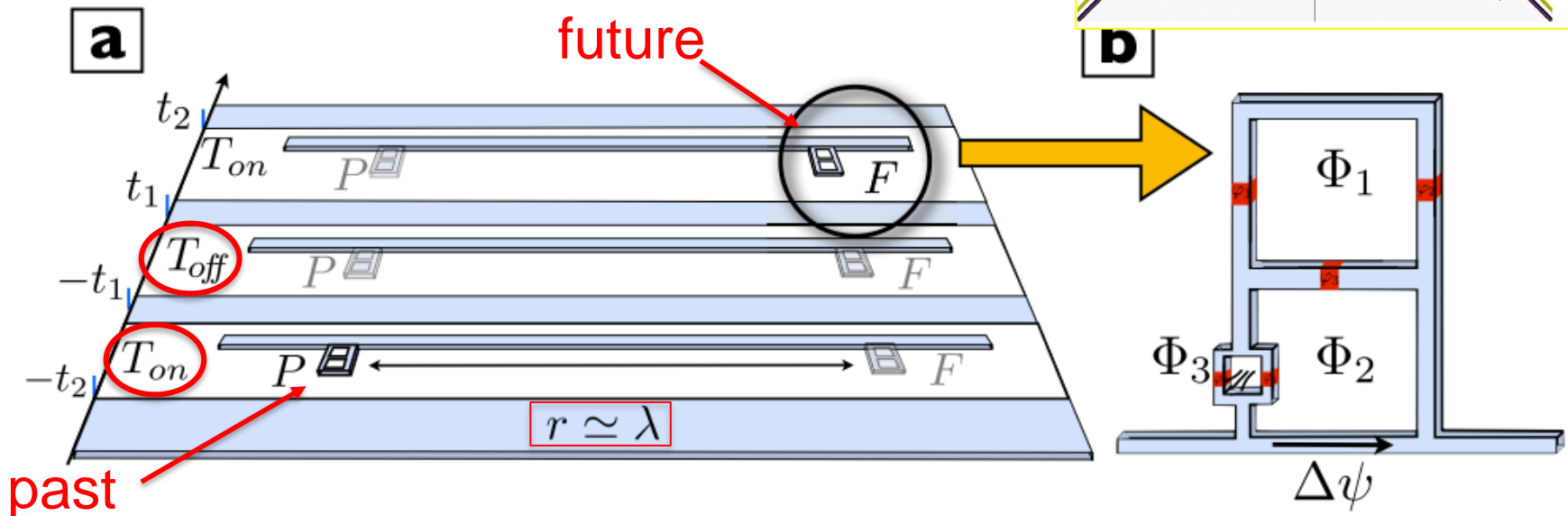
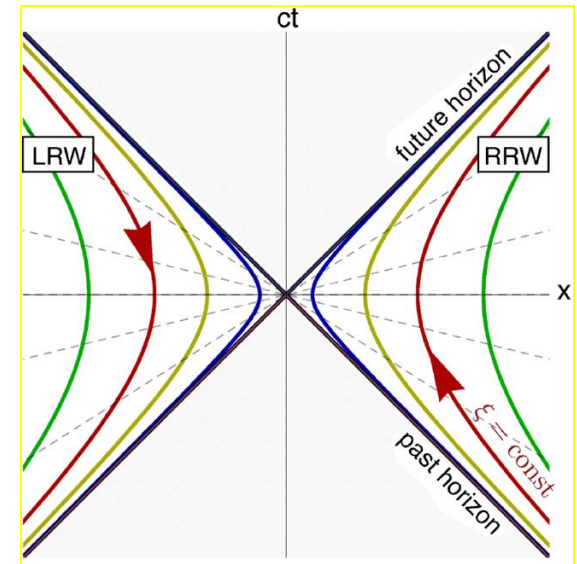
$$T_U = 1.2 \times 10^{-19} K \quad a = 10 m/s^2$$

S. Fulling 1973, P. Davies 1975, and W. G. Unruh 1976

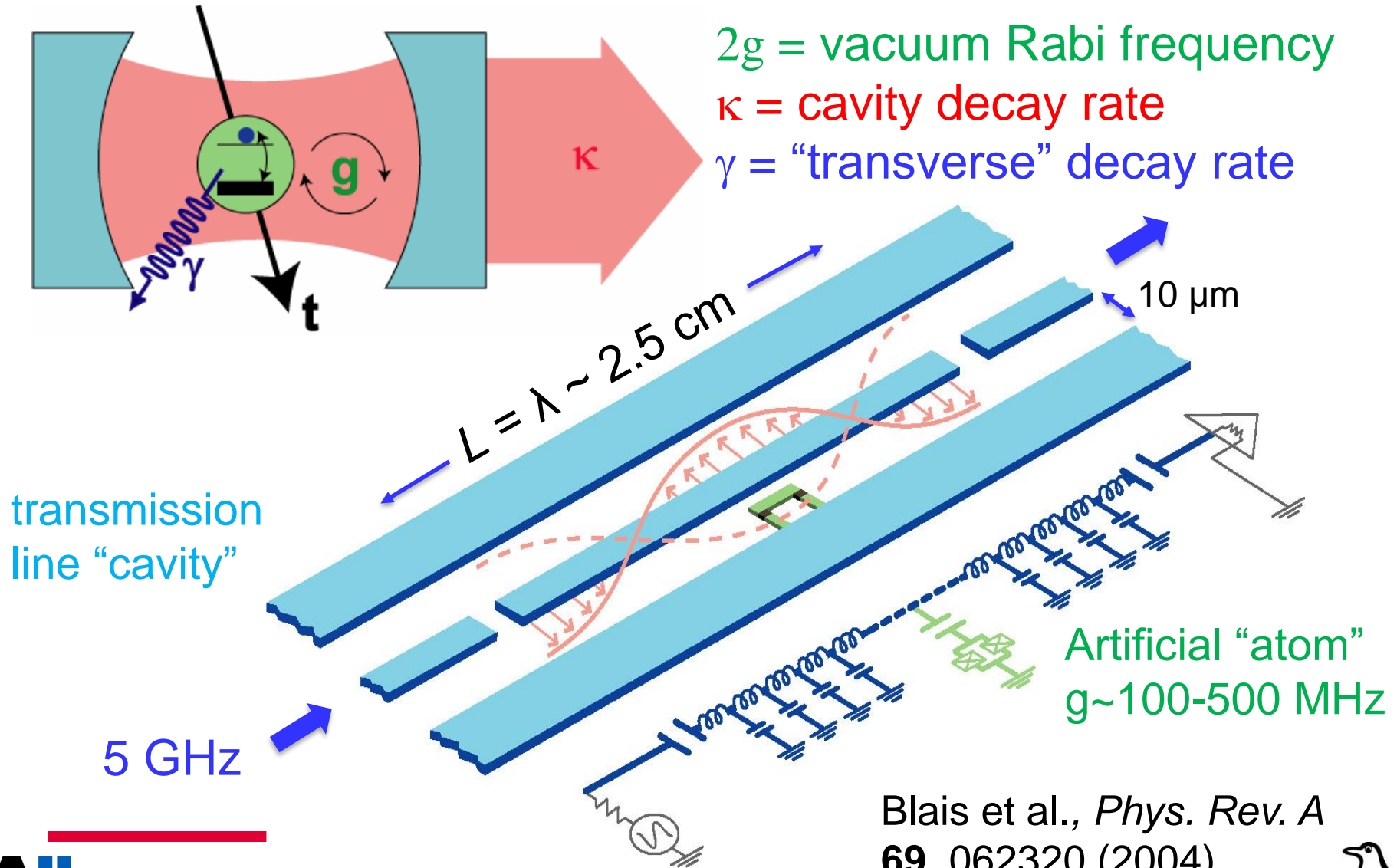


# Past-Future Vacuum Correlations in Circuit QED

- Entanglement across  $O$
- Qubits like Unruh de Witt detectors:
  - operate detectors with **varying splitting** instead of acceleration or **at different  $t$**
- Small level spacing  $\rightarrow$  long time scales
- Coherence times sufficient

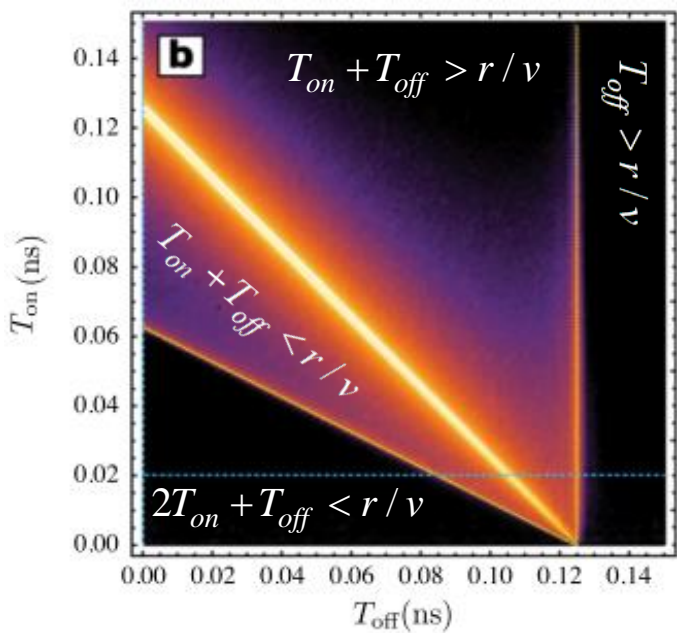


# Circuit QED

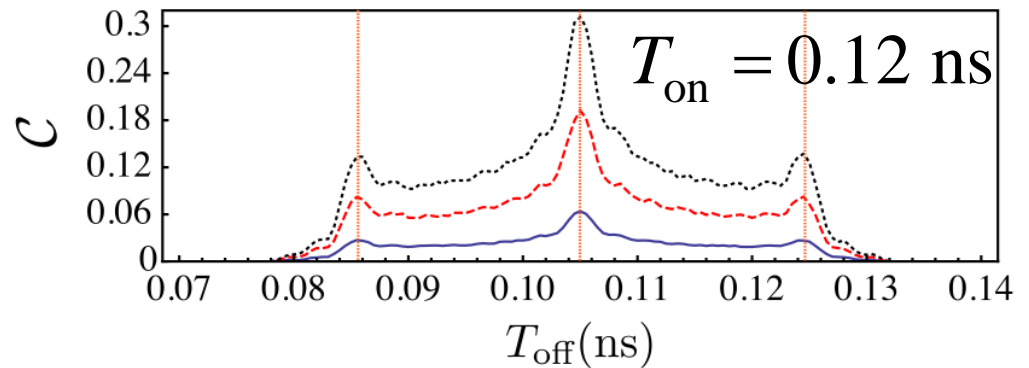
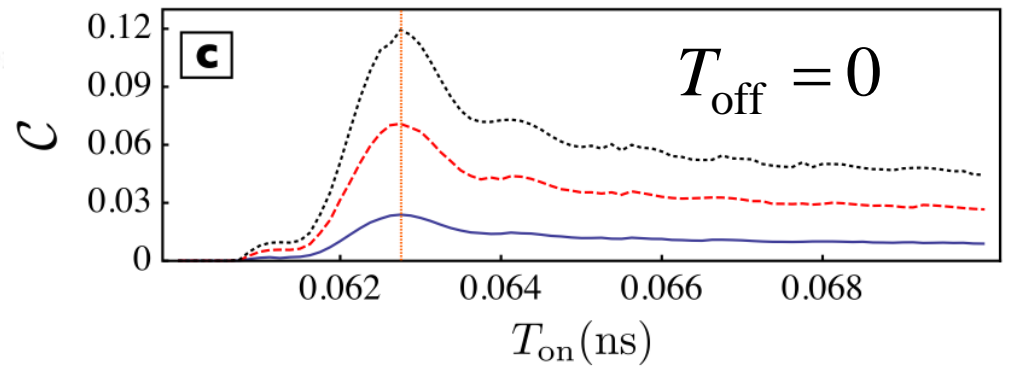




# Past-Future Vacuum Correlations in Circuit QED



$\Omega_P = \Omega_F = 2\pi \times 1 \text{ GHz}$  Qubit splitting  
 $g / \Omega = 0.19$  Qubit coupling  
 $r/\lambda = 0.125$  Scaled distance



## Challenges:

- Low electronic T
- Fast pulsing
- Rapid low-noise measurement

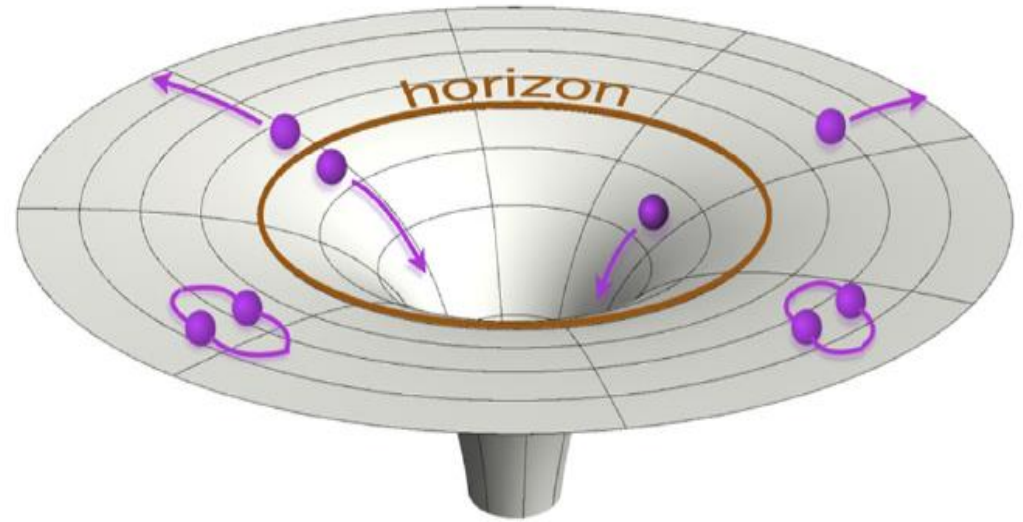


# Gravitational effects and its analogs

## The Hawking effect

(1974)

$$k_B T_H = \frac{\hbar g_h}{2\pi c} \quad g_h = \frac{c^4}{4GM}$$

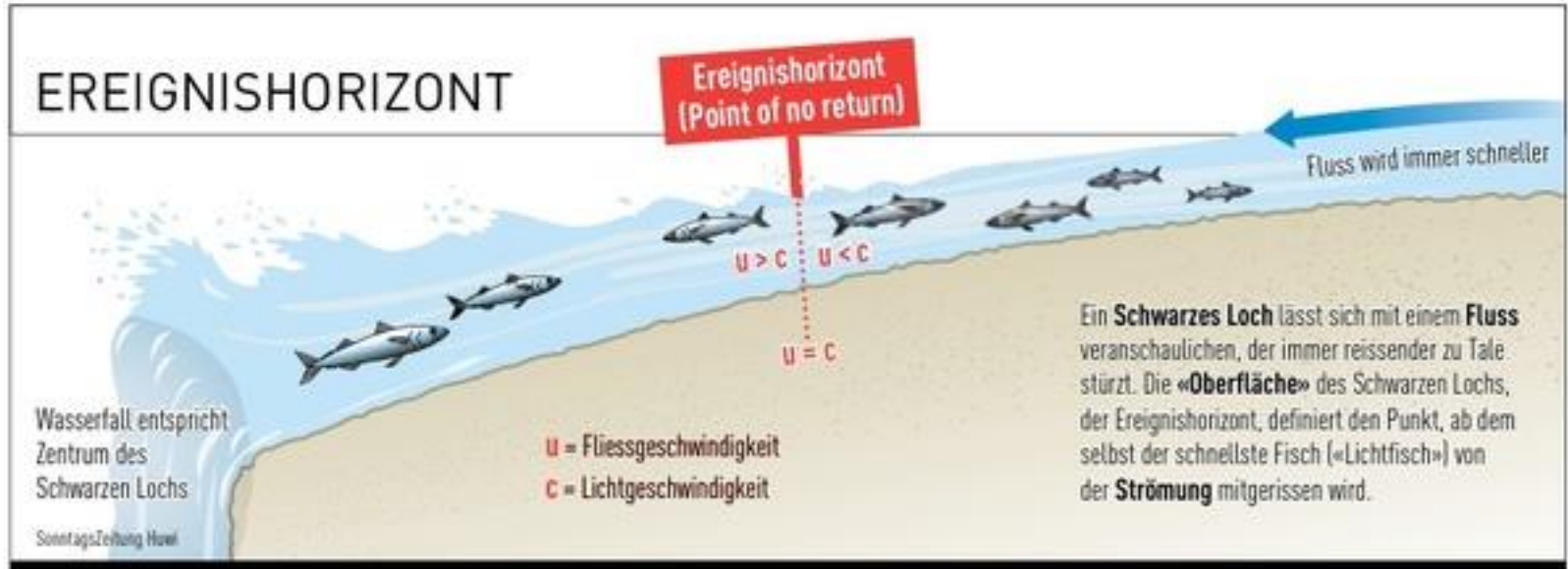


**Estimate:**

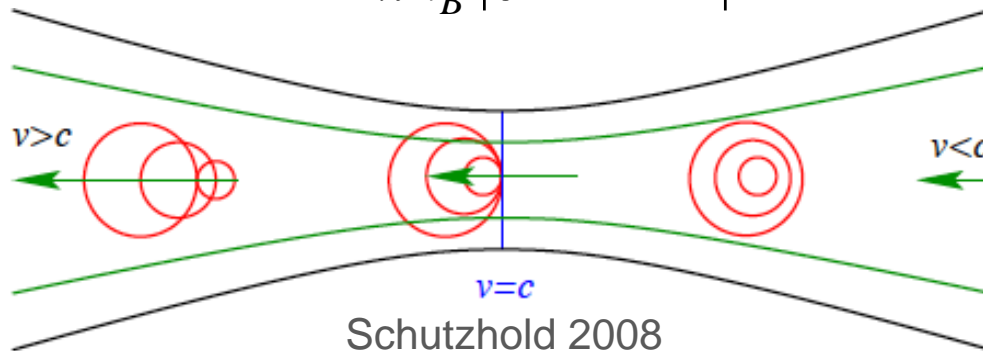
**For a black hole with  $M =$  the solar mass  
 $T_H = 10^{-7} K$  ... but the c.m.b. is at 2.7 K**



# Sonic analog of black holes



$$T_{\text{Hawking}} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi k_B} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v_0 - c) \right| \quad \text{Unruh 1980}$$

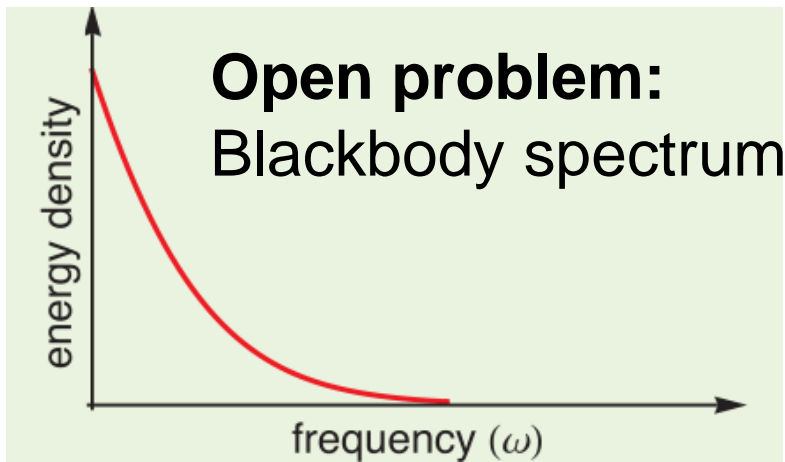
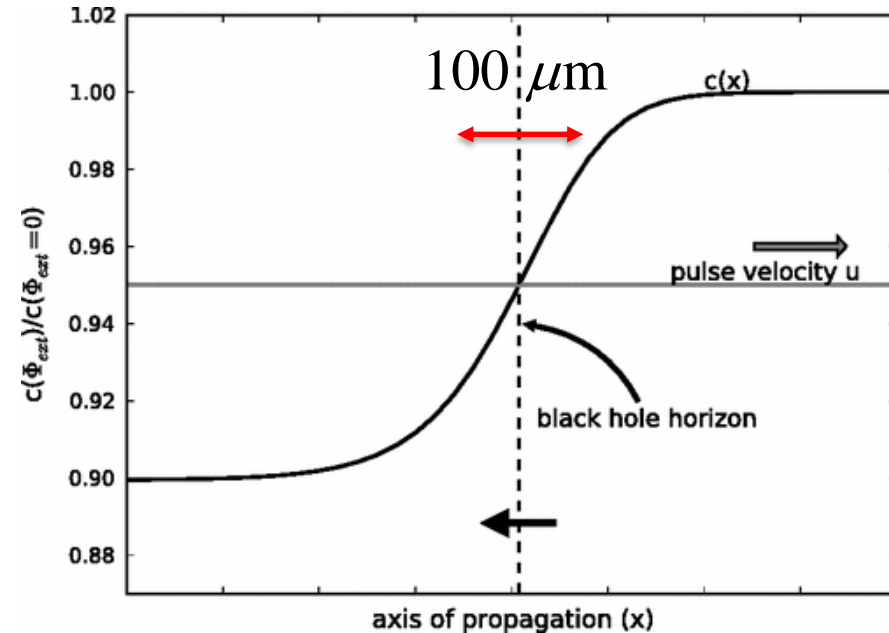
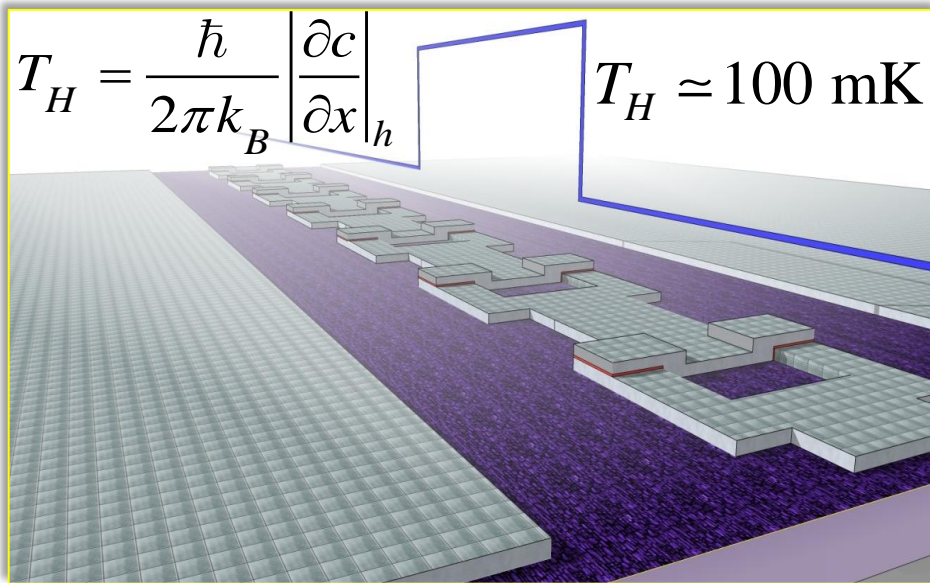


In Bose-Einstein condensates:  
**Observation of quantum Hawking radiation and its entanglement in an analogue black hole**

J. Steinhauer  
*Nature Phys.* **12**, 959 (2016)



# Analog cosmological effects in SQUID arrays



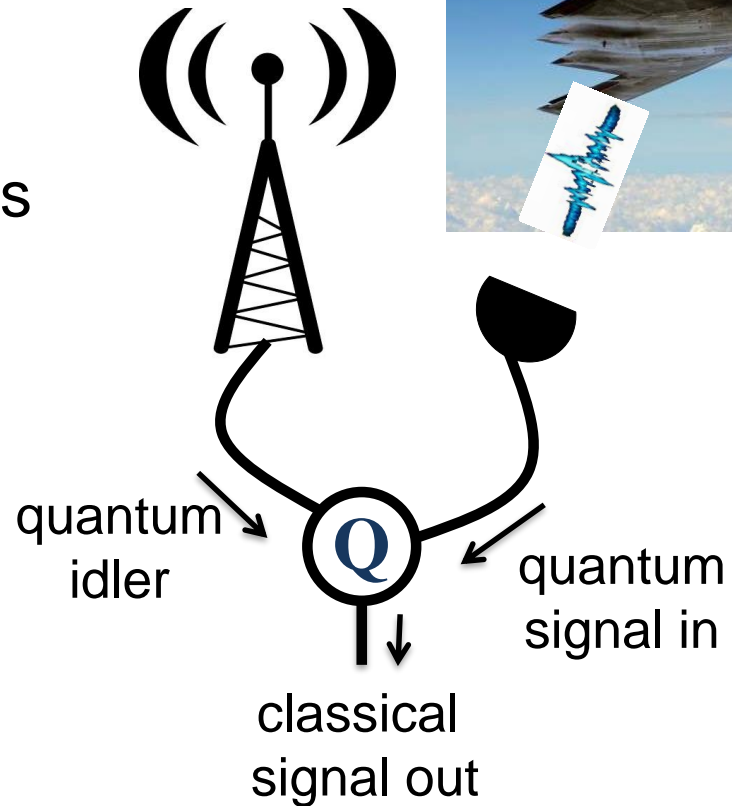
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# Entanglement as a resource: quantum radar

- Quantum correlations (entanglement) shared by transmitted and idler radiation
- Receiver distills the correlations from the incoming radiation
- Particularly useful in extremely lossy and noisy situations.



➔ **Higher sensitivity with less power**

**Application: detection of stealth aircrafts**

*“China’s latest quantum radar won’t just track stealth bombers, but ballistic missiles in space too”*







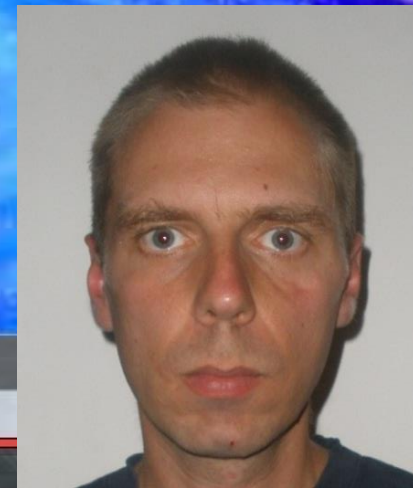
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# Open problems summary

## 1) Casimir photon generation

- time dependent phenomena
- parabolic spectrum

## 2) Hawking radiation

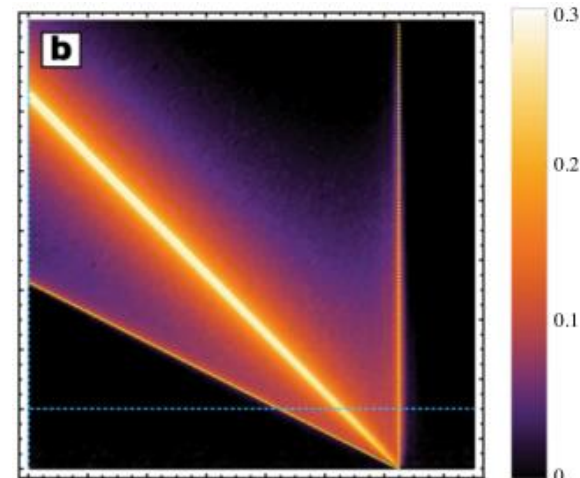
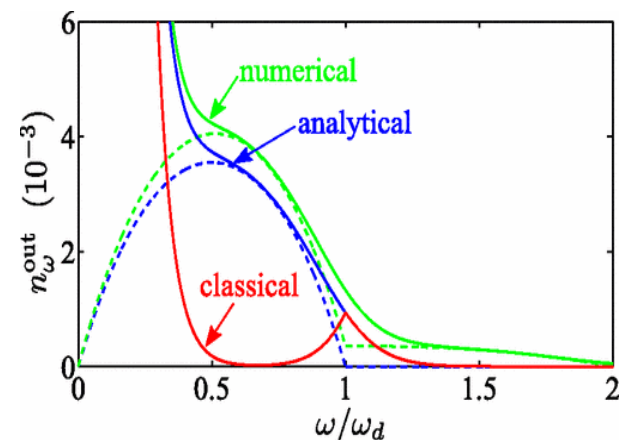
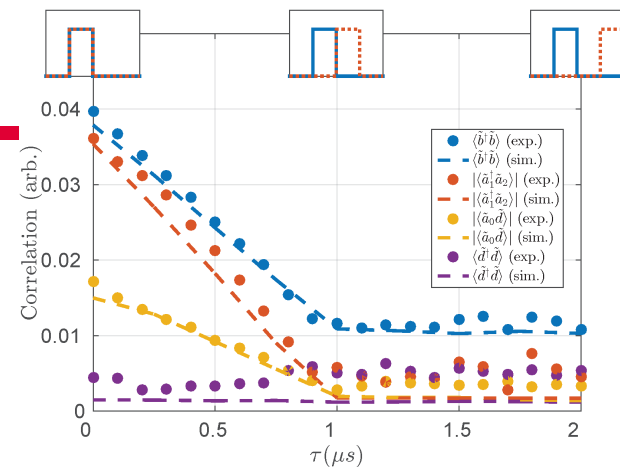
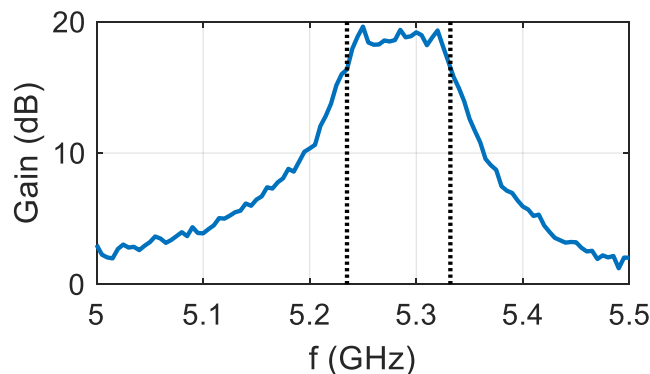
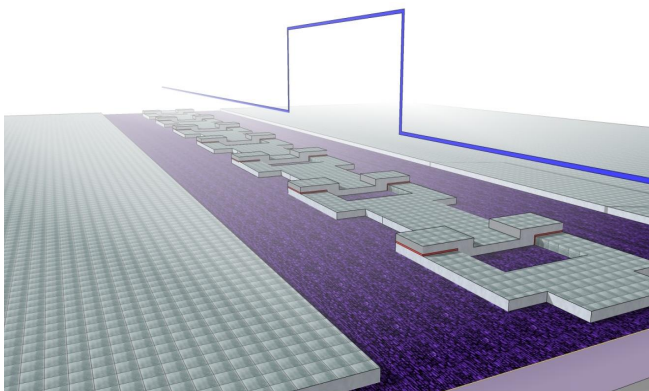
- analog using electronic circuits
- blackbody spectrum

## 3) Past – future correlations

- entanglement transfer of quantum vacuum
- sub-nanosecond, low noise measurements

## 4) Quantum radar

- how to use entanglement to improve SNR





# “Mode” observables: Quadratures

Quadrature operators (like  $x$  and  $p$ ):

$$H_{\mathbf{k}} = \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}}\left(a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}a_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a^{\dagger} + a)$$

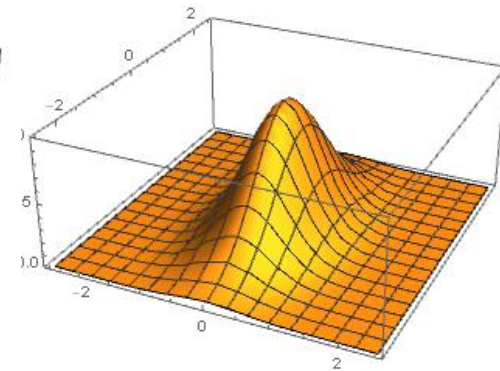
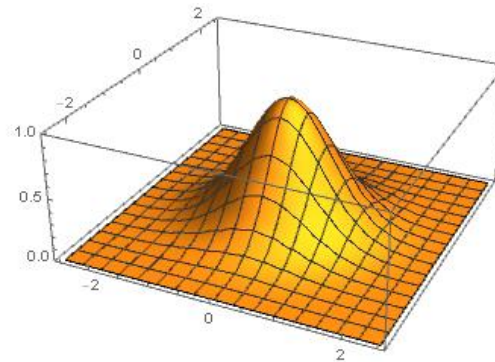
$$X_2 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(a^{\dagger} - a)$$

$$X_{\theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(ae^{-i\theta} + a^{\dagger}e^{i\theta}\right)$$

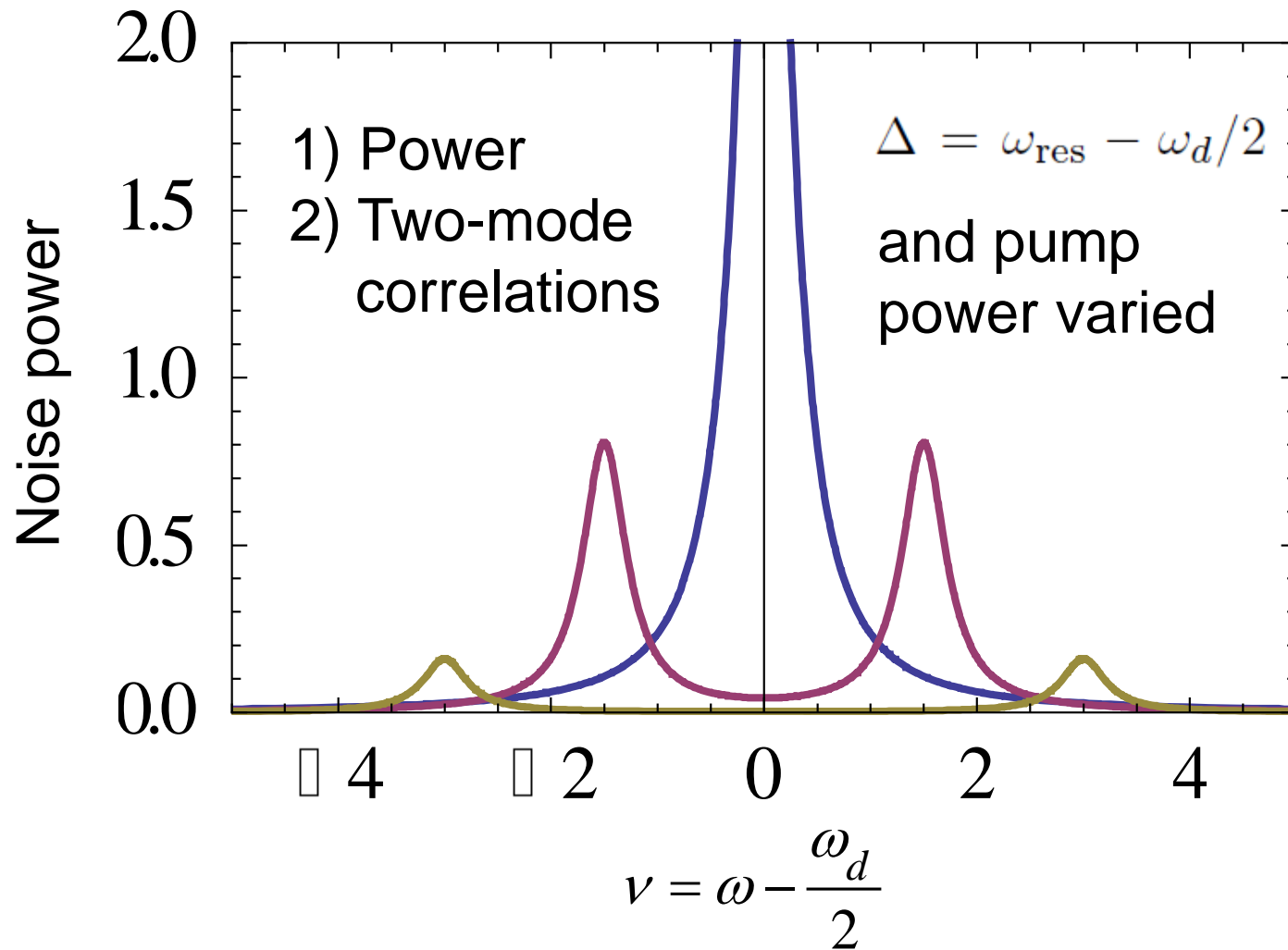
Since  $[X_1, X_2] = i$ , there must be an uncertainty relation

$$\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

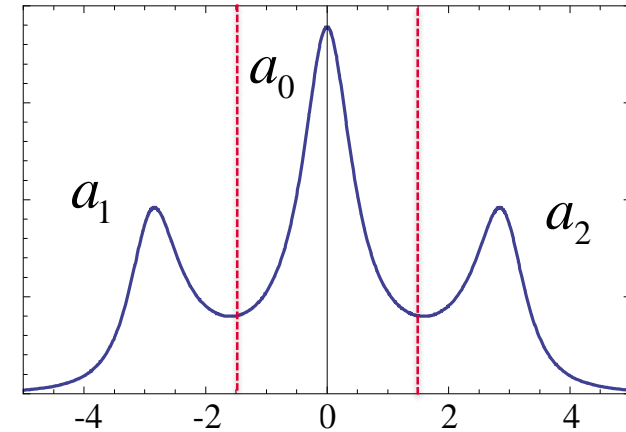
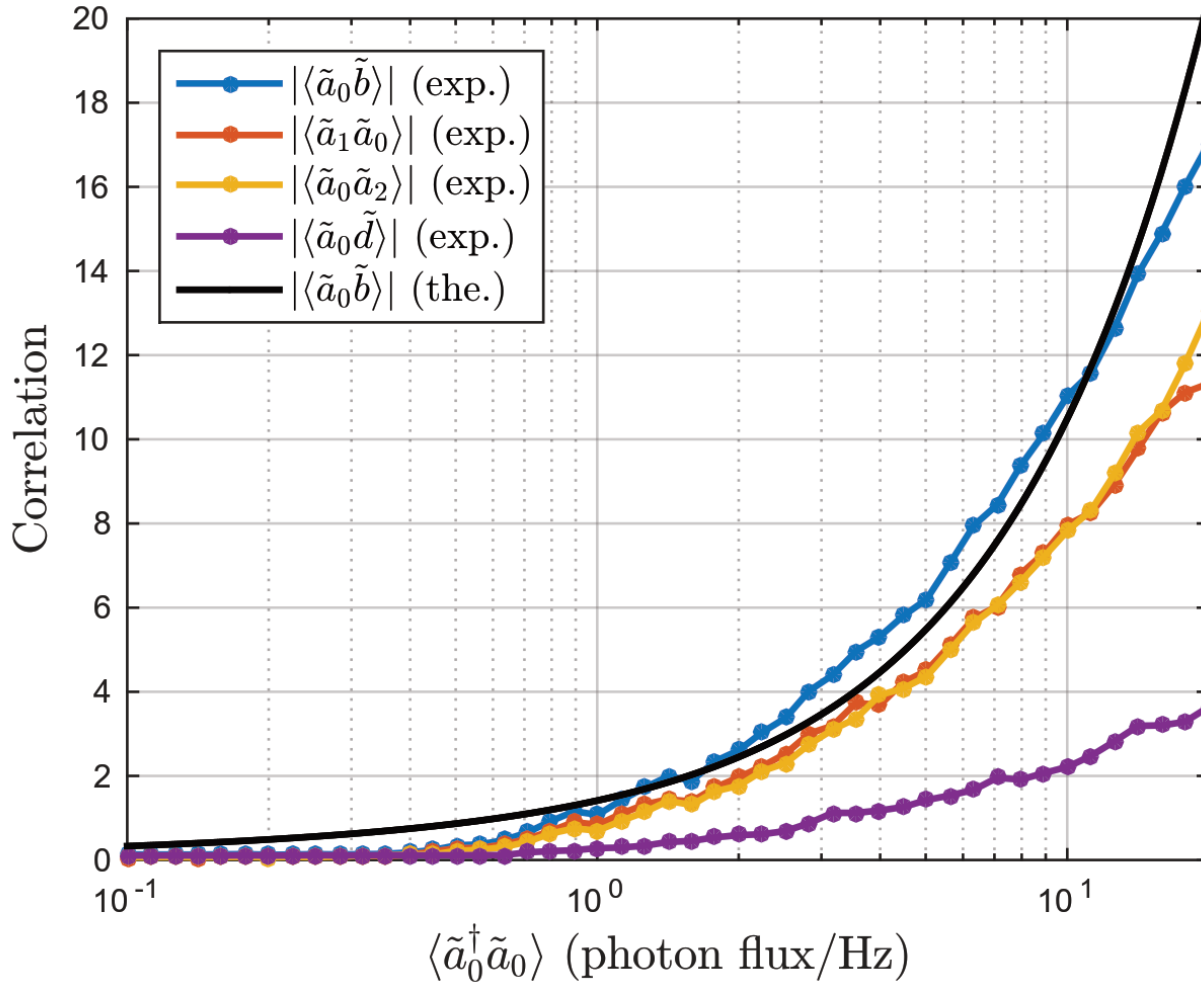
Correlation of quadratures  
can be manipulated



# Basic quantities



# Mode correlators I



$$\tilde{b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\tilde{a}_1 + \tilde{a}_2)$$

$$\tilde{d} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\tilde{a}_1 - \tilde{a}_2)$$



# Field quantization

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$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} \quad \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}}^* e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

The energy stored in an EM field

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int_V dV (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}^2 + \mu_0^{-1} \mathbf{B}^2)$$

Energy for a single mode

$$H_{\mathbf{k}} = 2\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2 \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}}^*$$

Rewriting  $\mathbf{A}$  in terms of quadratures

$$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2}} (\omega_{\mathbf{k}} X_{\mathbf{k}} + iP_{\mathbf{k}}) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{k}} \quad \rightarrow \quad H_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} (P_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2 X_{\mathbf{k}}^2)$$
$$H_{\mathbf{k}} = \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2})$$

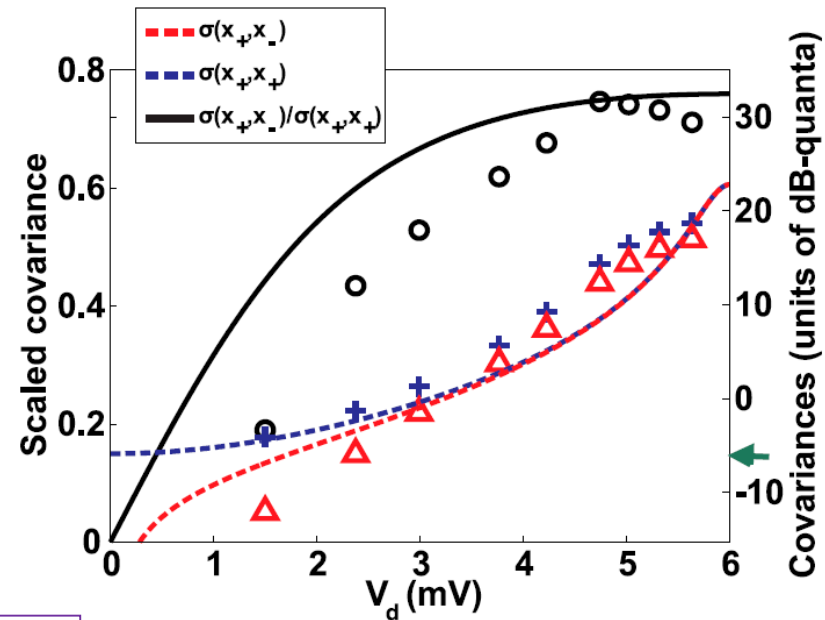
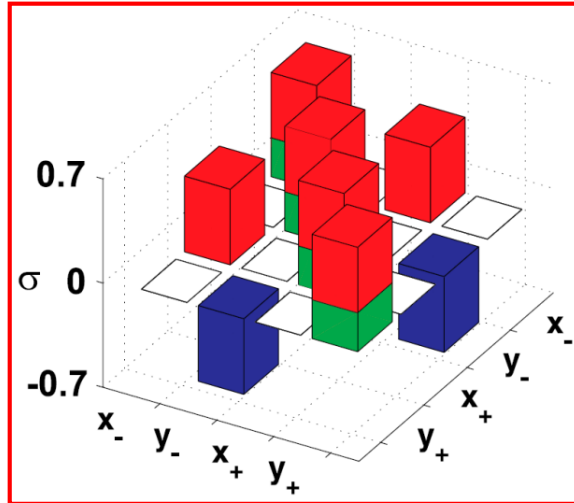


# Measurements of quadrature correlations

$$\sigma(A, B) = \langle AB + BA \rangle / 2$$

**Diagonal:**  
DCE

**Off-diagonal:**  
Two-mode squeezing



$$x_{\text{out}}^{(\theta_+)}(\nu) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu) e^{-i\theta_+/2} + \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}^\dagger(-\nu) e^{+i\theta_+/2} \right)$$

$$y_{\text{out}}^{(\theta_+)}(\nu) = \frac{1}{2i} \left( \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu) e^{-i\theta_+/2} - \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}^\dagger(-\nu) e^{+i\theta_+/2} \right)$$

$$\sigma(x_+, x_-) \propto \langle a_+ a_- \rangle$$

**Nonseparability (entangled state):**

$$\sigma(x_+, x_+) - \sigma(x_+, x_-) \leq 1/4$$



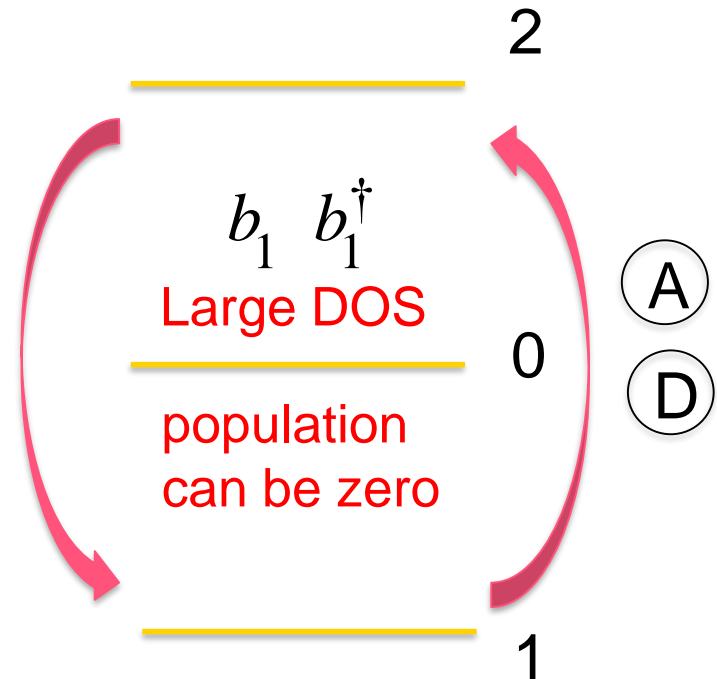
# Vacuum induced coherence

Pump 1  $H_1 = b_1 a_2^\dagger a_0^\dagger + b_1^\dagger a_2 a_0$

Pump 2  $H_2 = b_2 a_0^\dagger a_1^\dagger + b_2^\dagger a_0 a_1$

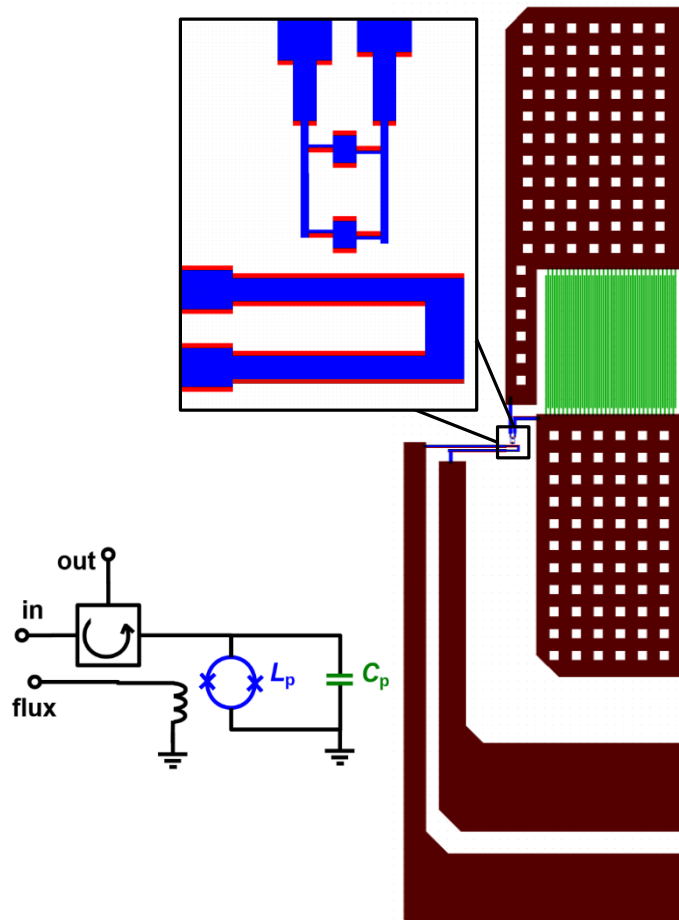
Correct phase:  
no time development  
i.e. dark state

**Coherence due to the same  
quantum fluctuation taking part  
in the generation of the pairs**





# JPA Design

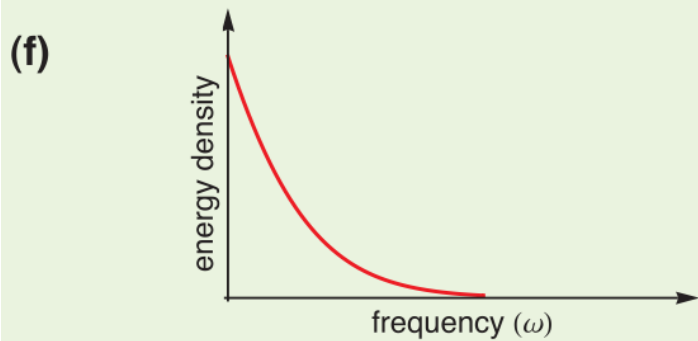
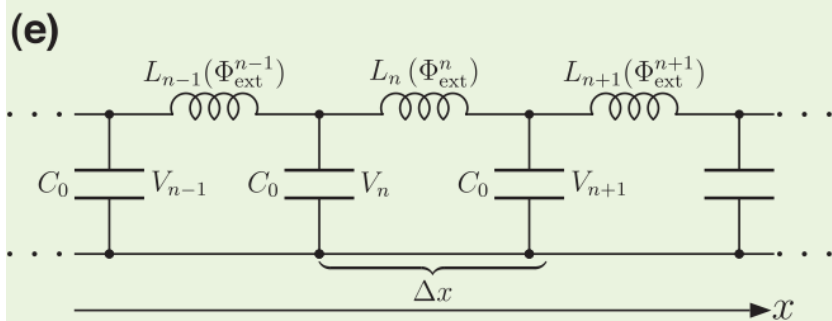
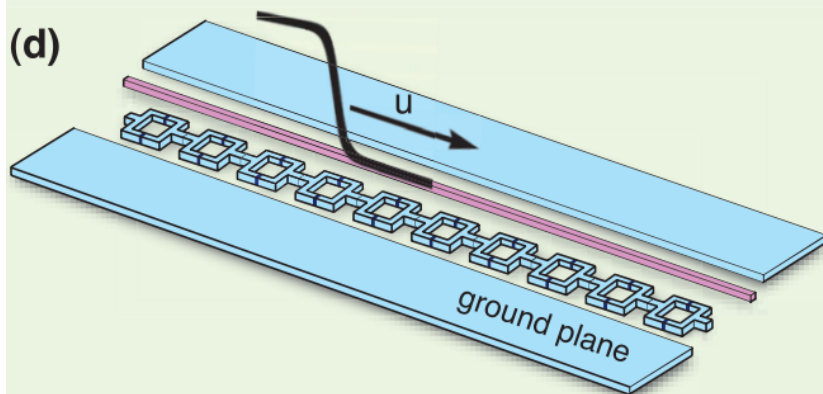


## Lumped element design

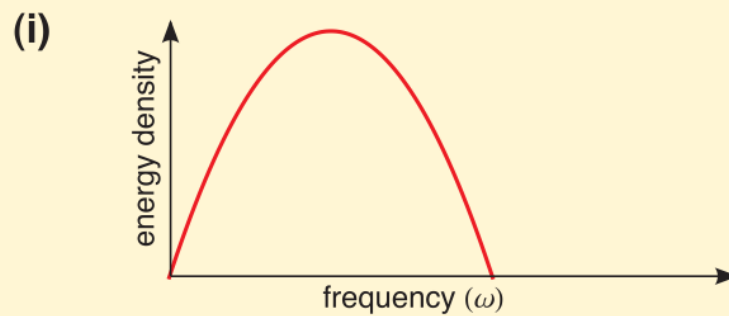
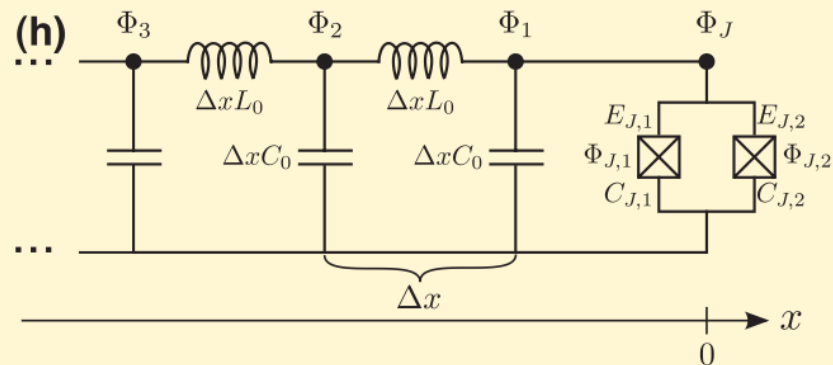
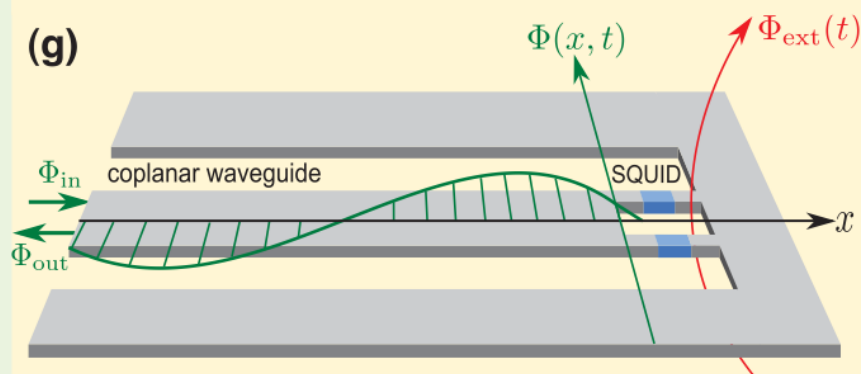
- Interdigital capacitor (drawn green)
  - Placed between bonding pads
  - Capacitance 1.2 pF
  - Area  $300 \times 330 \mu\text{m}^2$
- SQUID with 1.2  $\mu\text{A}$  critical current
  - Josephson inductance ( $\Phi = 0$ ): 275 pH
- Fluxline for DC and RF
  - Pump at double the signal frequency
  
- Low resonator impedance requires high critical current
  - Al/AlOx/Al junctions preferred
- Large junction area (  $\sim 9 \mu\text{m}^2$  )



## Hawking radiation

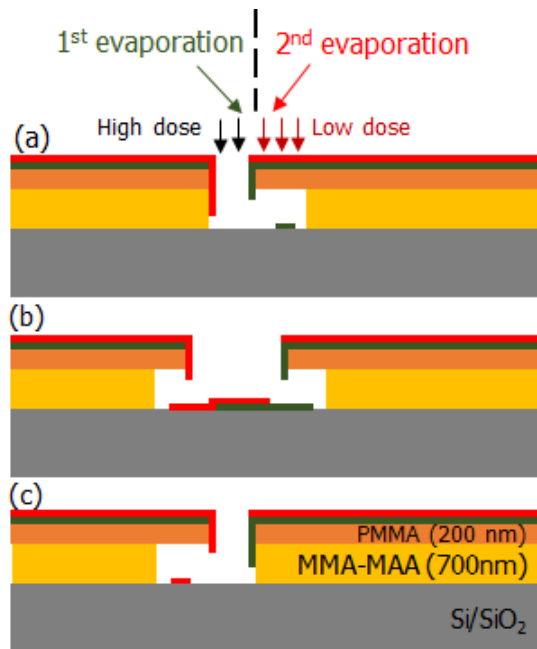


## Dynamical Casimir



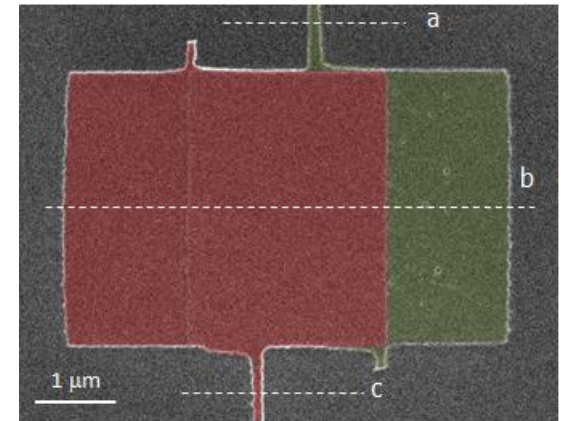
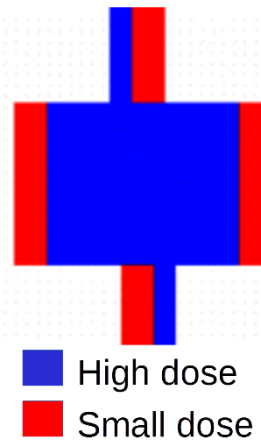
# JPA Fabrication

Common technique with a suspended bridge **limits** junction size



Junctions utilizing aluminum shadow evaporation **without** a suspended bridge

[F. Lecocq *et al.* Nanotechnology, 22, 315302 (2011).]



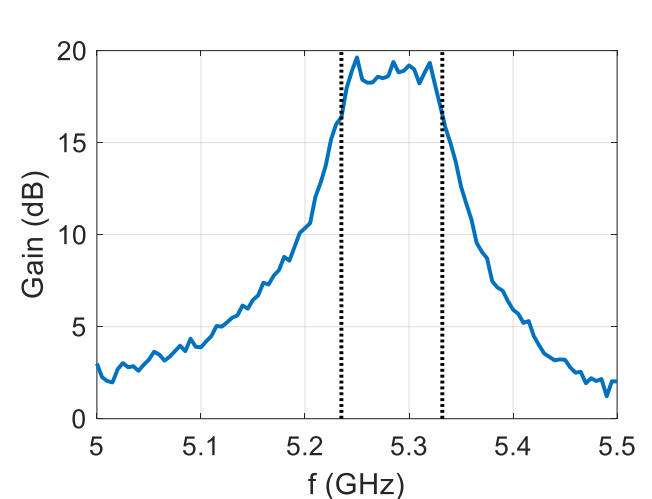
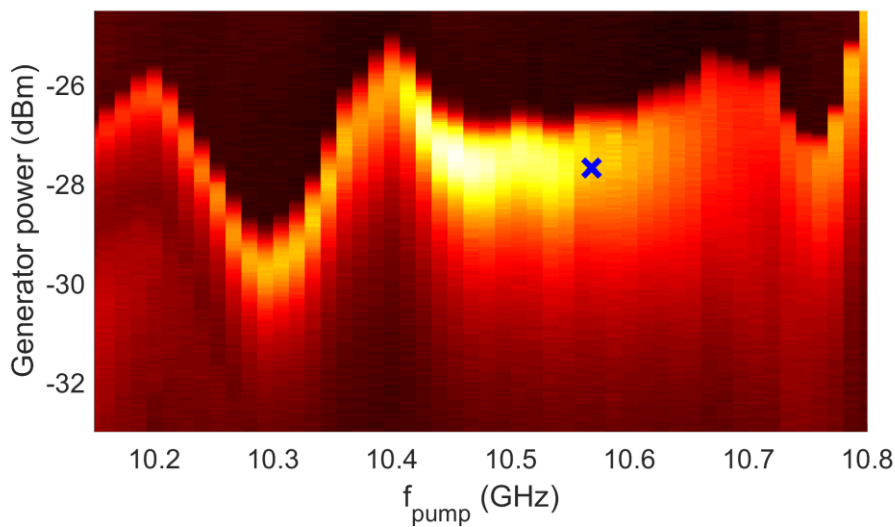
Double layer resist and using 100 kV e-beam lithography (reduce parasitic undercuts) with high and low doses

**The device is fabricated in one lithography step**

JJs, bonding pads, capacitors, fluxlines etc.



# Results – JPA Performance



❑ Maximum gain vs. pump frequency and power

- $f_{\text{pump}} = 2 \times f_{\text{signal}}$

❑ Tunable gain at single DC flux point

- $I = 0.8 \text{ mA}$

❑ Additional tunability from DC flux

- Center frequency: 5 – 5.5 GHz

❑ Operating point example:

- $\sim 20 \text{ dB gain}$

- 100 MHz bandwidth

- vertical lines

- 1 dB compression at -125 dBm



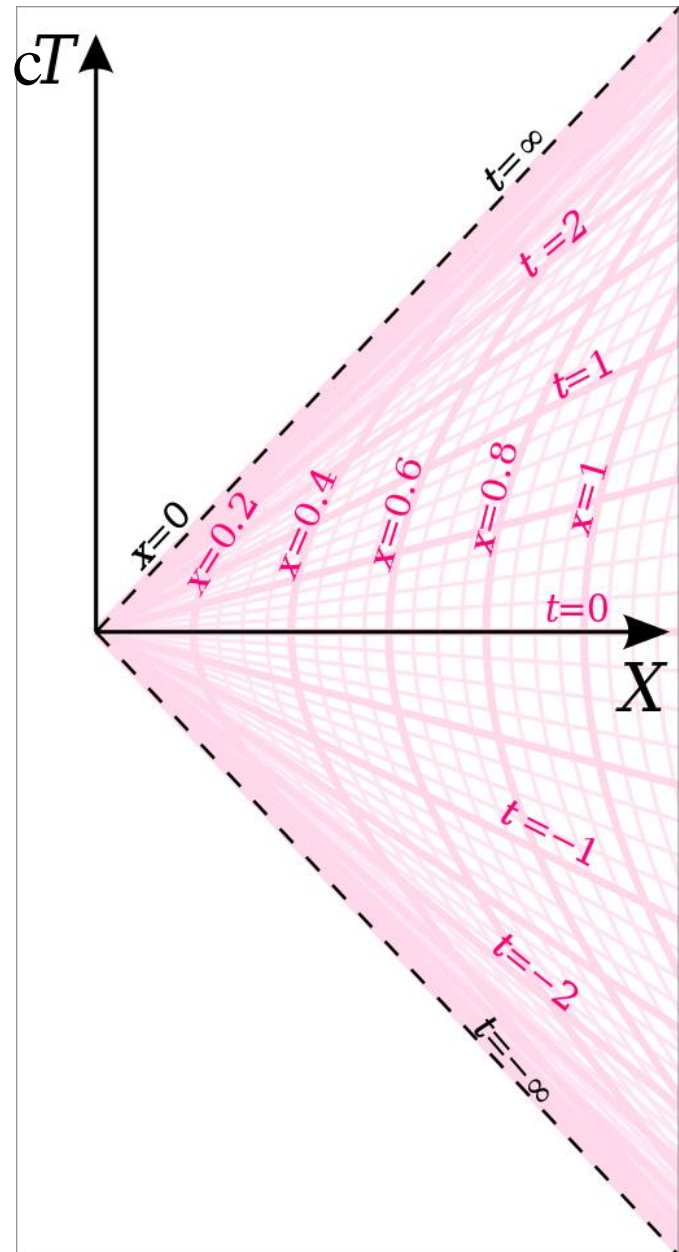
# Rindler coordinates

$$t = \frac{1}{\alpha} \operatorname{artanh}\left(\frac{T}{X}\right), \quad x = \sqrt{X^2 - T^2}, \quad y = Y, \quad z = Z$$

$$T = x \sinh(\alpha t), \quad X = x \cosh(\alpha t), \quad Y = y, \quad Z = z$$

$$t = \frac{c}{\alpha} \operatorname{artanh}\left(\frac{cT}{X}\right), \quad x = \sqrt{X^2 - (cT)^2}$$

$$T = \frac{x}{c} \sinh\left(\frac{\alpha t}{c}\right), \quad X = x \cosh\left(\frac{\alpha t}{c}\right)$$



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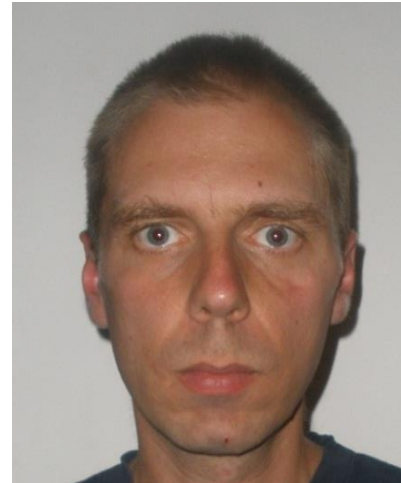
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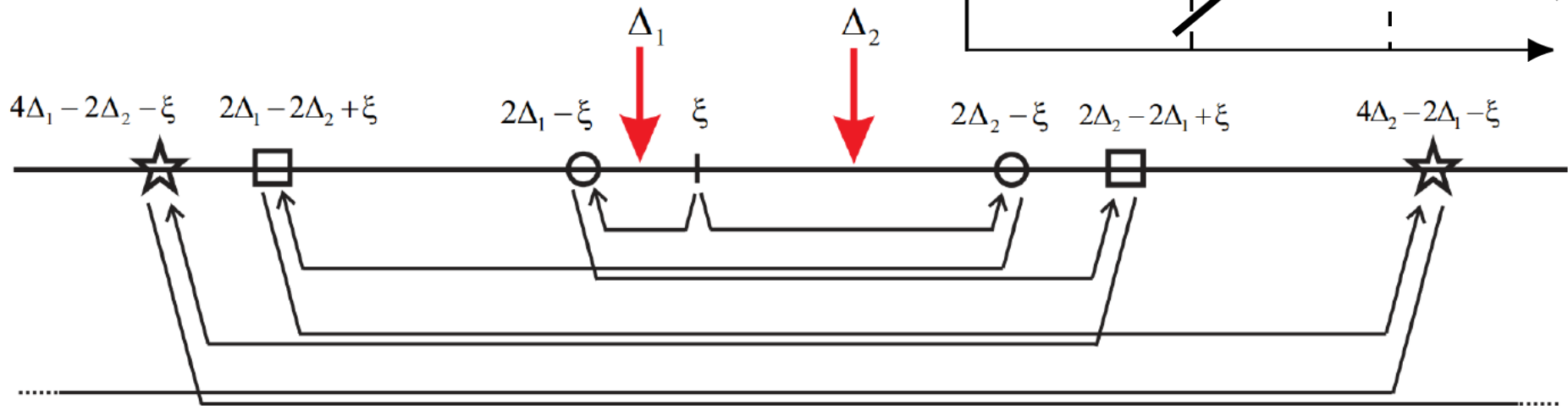
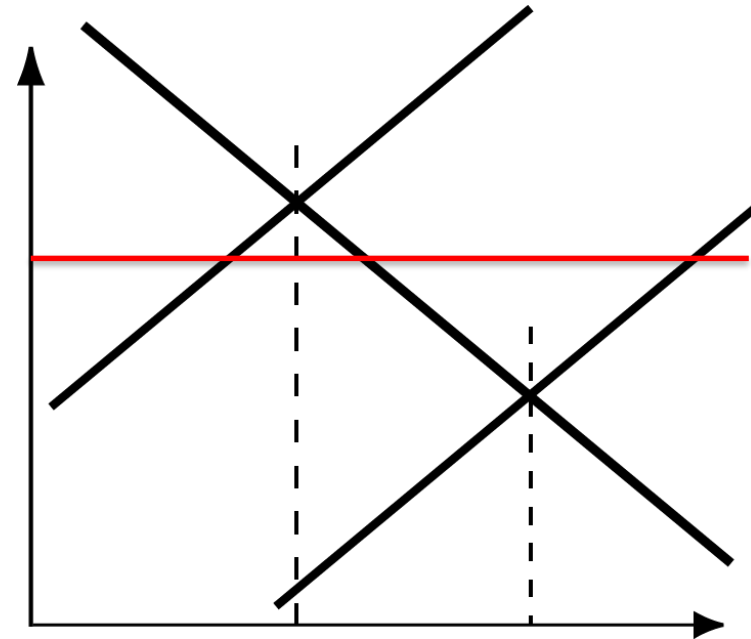
welcome to the  
European Microkelvin Collaboration



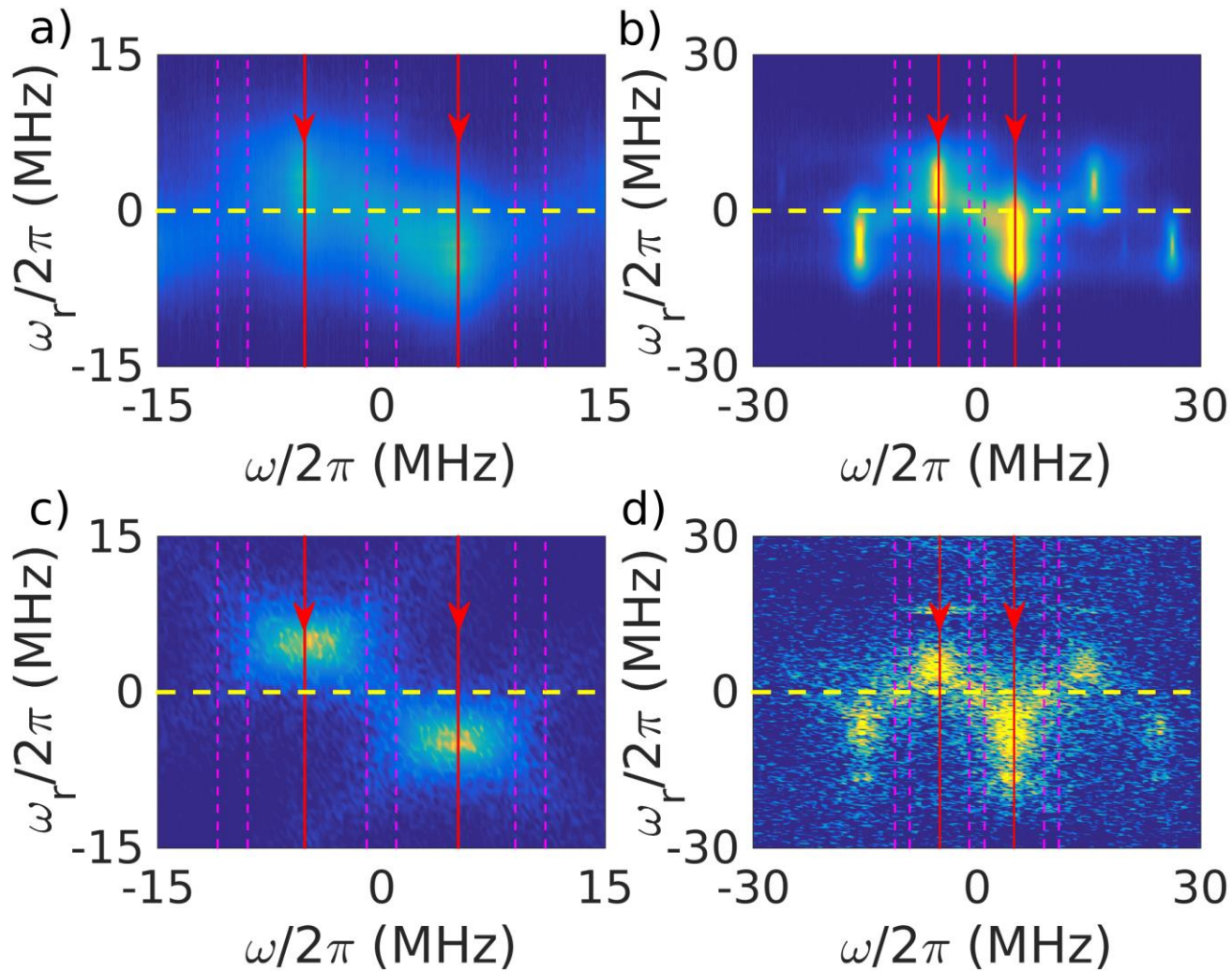


# Higher order correlations

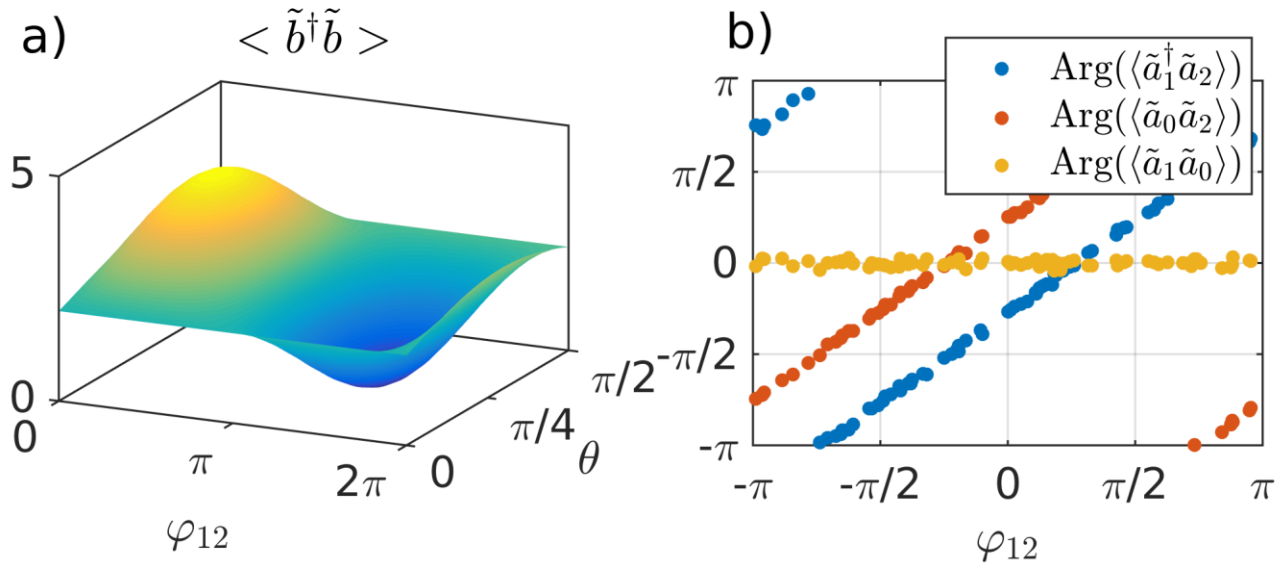
- Reflections across the pump frequencies
- Importance goes down as distance to resonance frequencies increases



# Noise power measurements (low & high power)



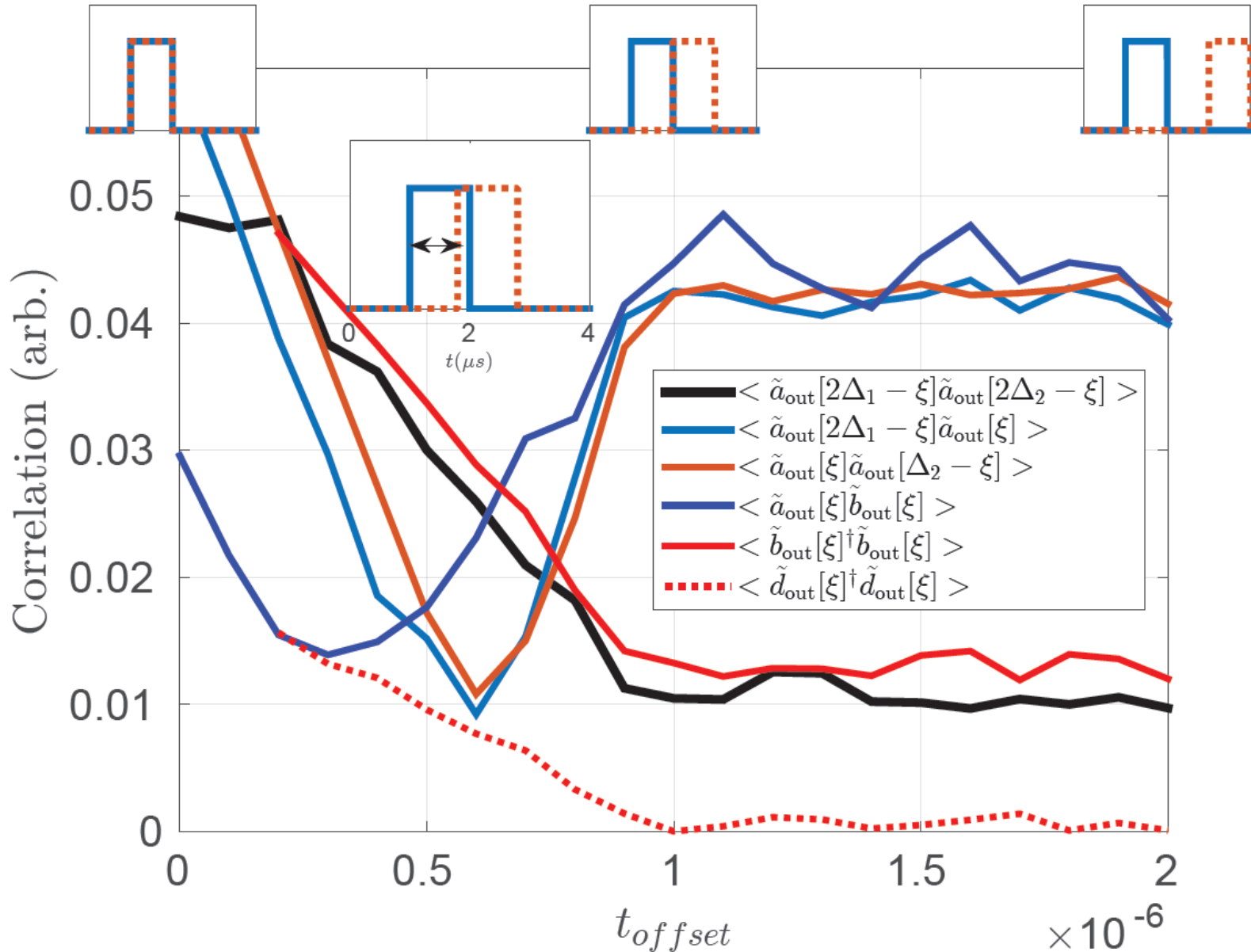
# Phase of the dark and bright states



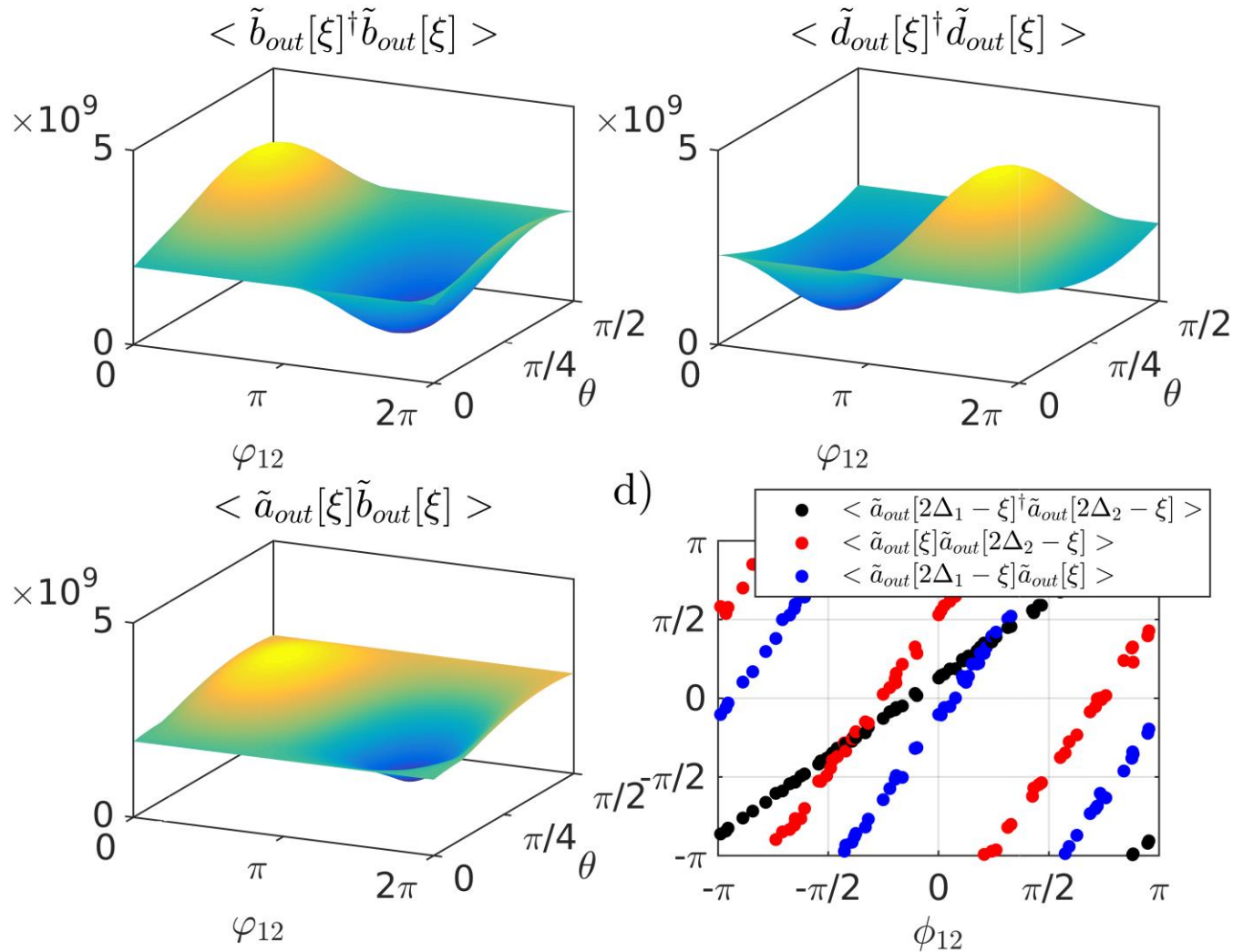
$$\tilde{b}[\xi] = \left\{ e^{-i\varphi_1} \cos \theta \tilde{a}[2\Delta_1 - \xi] + e^{-i\varphi_2} \sin \theta \tilde{a}[2\Delta_2 - \xi] \right\} / \sqrt{2}$$



# Pulsed pumps with tuned overlap

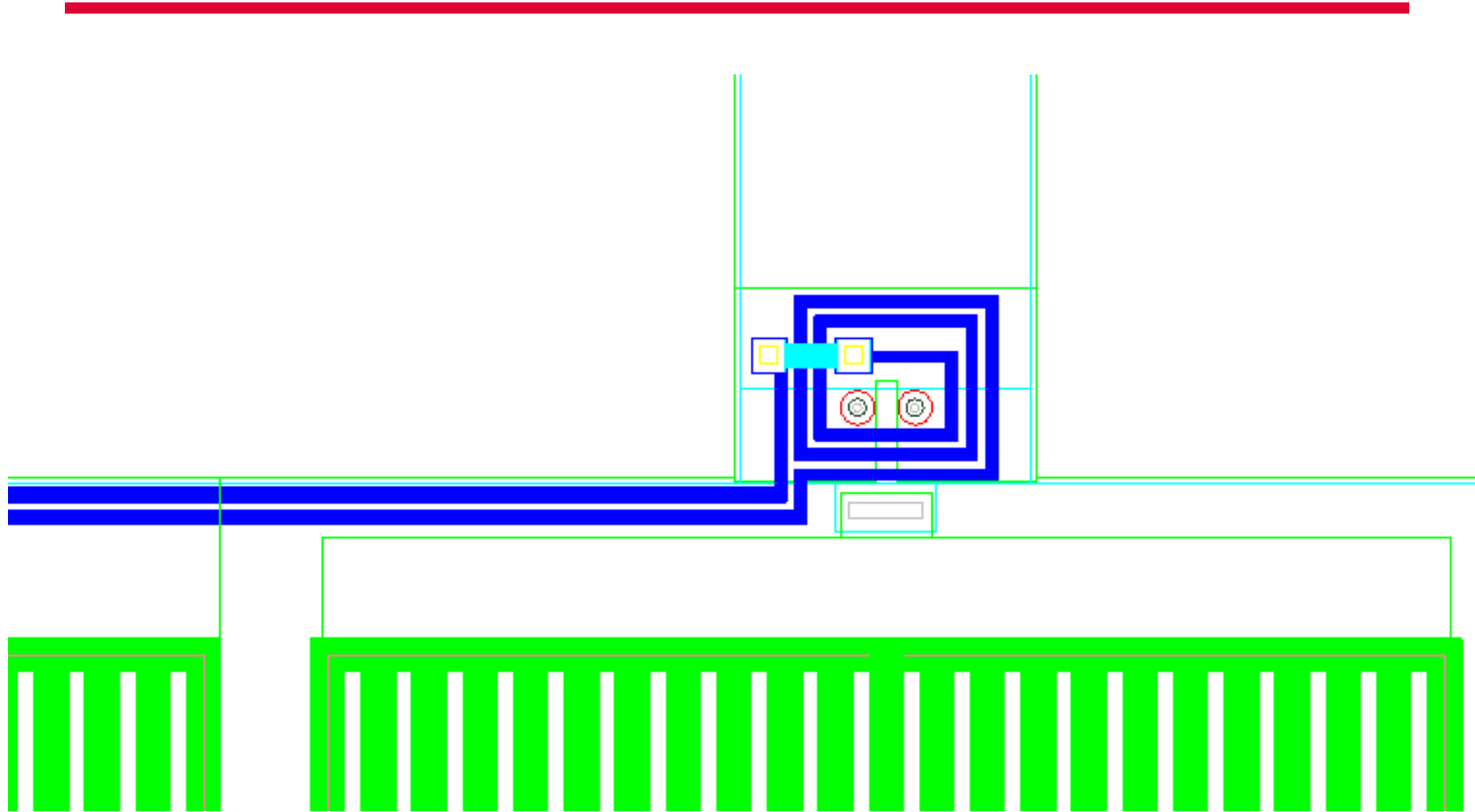


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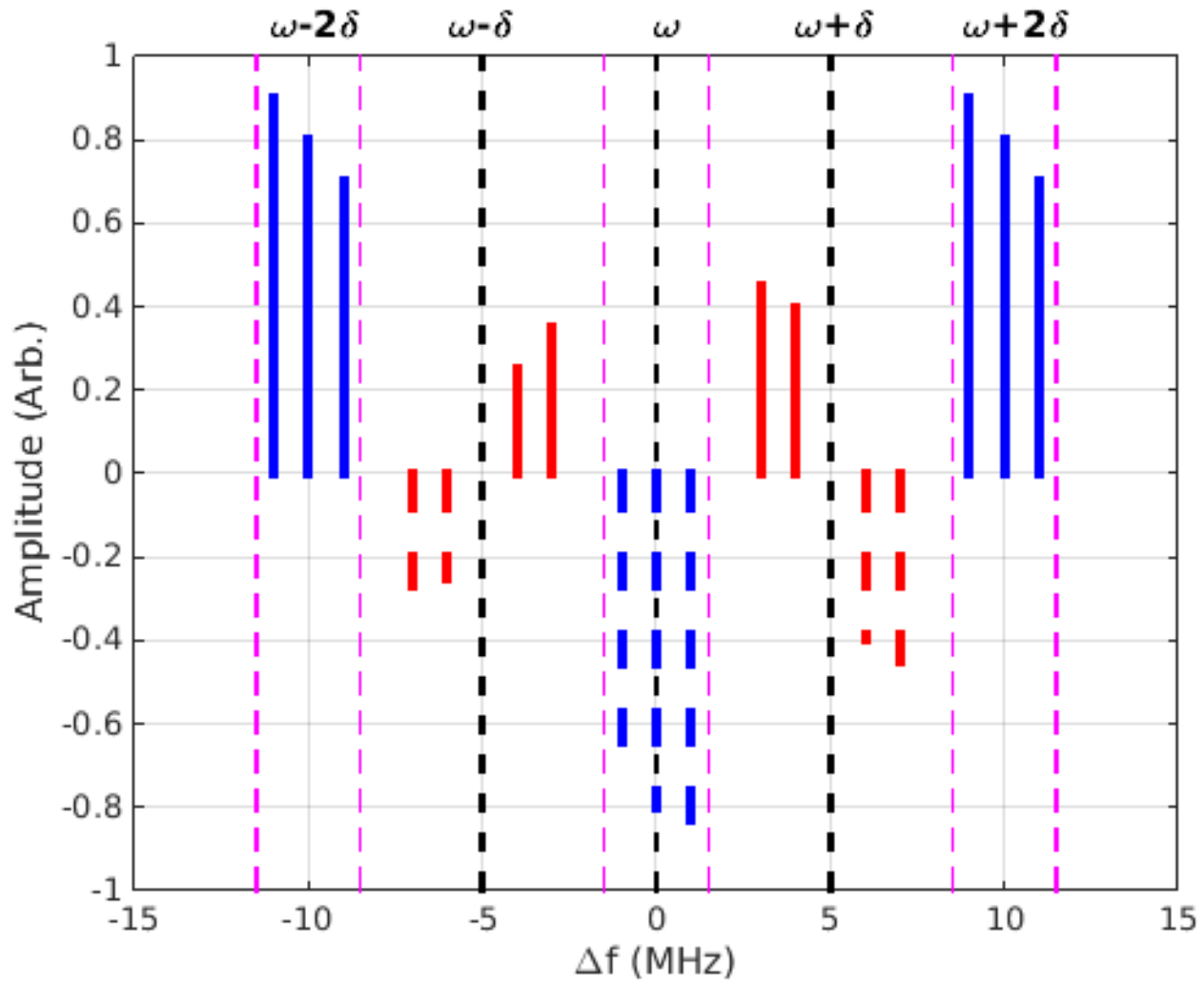


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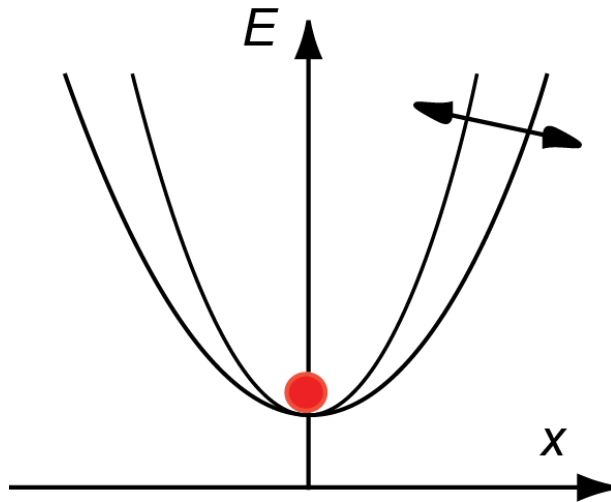




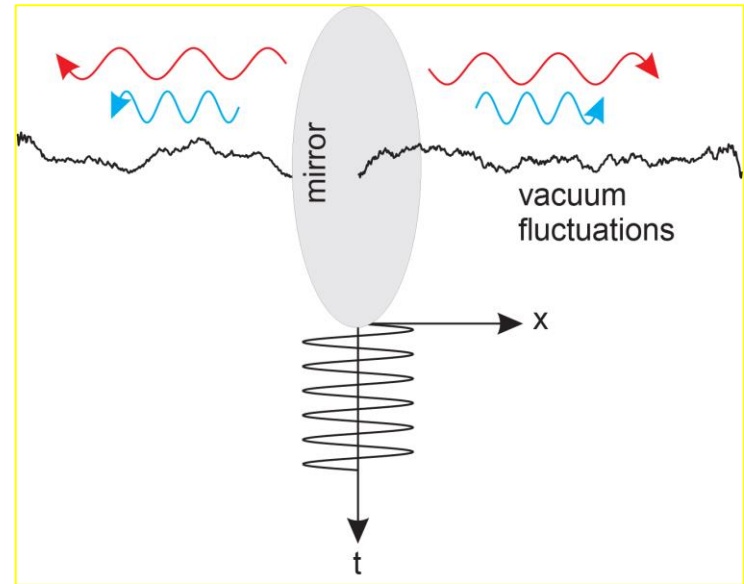


# Classical versus quantum parametric excitation

$$\ddot{x} + \Omega_0^2 [1 + g \cos(\Omega_1 t)] x + \Gamma_0 \dot{x} = 0$$



- Classical vacuum cannot be parametrically excited.



- Quantum vacuum has inherent zero-point fluctuations, and can be parametrically excited.



# Correlators from Input/Output theory

$$\tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu) = \left[ 1 - \frac{\kappa \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu \right)}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \right] \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}(\nu) - \frac{i\alpha\kappa}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu \right) \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu \right)^* \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger(\nu)$$

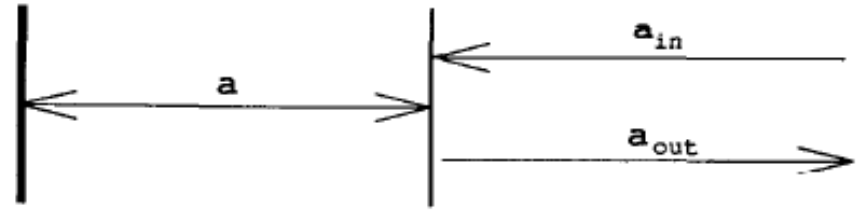
$$\langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}^\dagger(-\nu) \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu') \rangle = \text{THERM}(\nu) \delta(\nu - \nu') + \text{DCE}(\nu) \delta(\nu - \nu')$$

$$\langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}} \tilde{a}_{\text{out}} \rangle_{T=0}(\nu) = \frac{i\alpha\kappa \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu \right) \chi^* \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu \right)}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \left[ -1 + \frac{\kappa}{\mathcal{N}(-\nu)^*} \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu \right) \right]$$

$$\nu = \omega - \omega_d/2 \quad \Delta = \omega_{\text{res}} - \omega_d/2$$



# Input/Output theory



$$\tilde{H}_{\text{RWA}} = \hbar\Delta a^\dagger a - \frac{\hbar}{2}(\alpha^* a^2 + \alpha a^{\dagger 2})$$

$$\dot{\tilde{a}} = -i\Delta\tilde{a} + i\alpha\tilde{a}^\dagger - \frac{\kappa}{2}\tilde{a} - \sqrt{\kappa}\tilde{a}_{\text{in}}$$

$$a(t) = \tilde{a}(t) \exp[-i\omega_d t/2]$$

$$\Delta = \omega_{\text{res}} - \omega_d/2$$

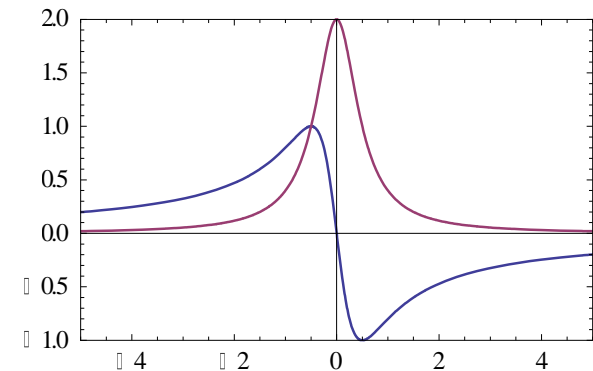
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4}\omega_n(\Phi_{\text{bias}})e^{i\gamma_d} \tan\left(\frac{\pi\Phi_{\text{bias}}}{\Phi_0}\right) \frac{\pi\delta\Phi_{\text{ext}}}{\Phi_0}$$

$$\tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu) = \left[1 - \frac{\kappa\chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu\right)}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)}\right] \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}(\nu) - \frac{i\alpha\kappa}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu\right) \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu\right)^* \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger(\nu)$$

$$\nu = \omega - \omega_d/2$$

$$\chi(\omega) = [\kappa/2 - i(\omega - \omega_{\text{res}})]^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\nu) = 1 - |\alpha|^2 \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu\right) \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu\right)^*$$



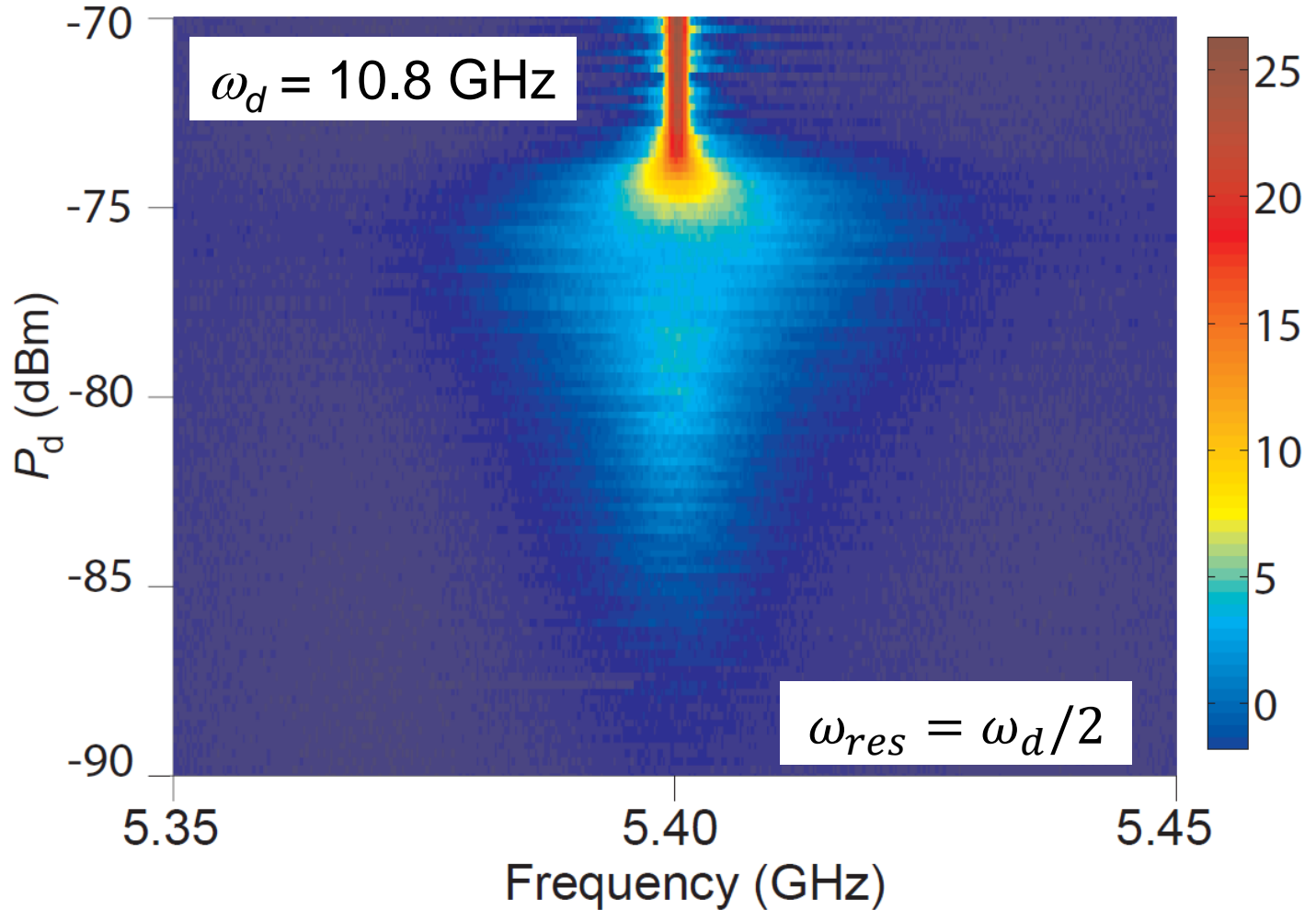
# Noise spectra with increased pump drive

Parametric instability  
at -75 dBm

$\delta L < 10$   
mm

$$\frac{v}{c} < 0.5$$

0.1 photons/s  
per unit band



The background features a dark blue grid pattern that recedes into the distance, creating a sense of depth. Three bright, glowing spheres are positioned at different points: one in the upper center, one in the lower left, and one in the lower right. These spheres emit a soft, ethereal light. A horizontal orange-brown band is superimposed across the middle of the image, containing the text.

# *Dynamical Casimir effect*



# Data analysis

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$$\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-2\pi i\omega t} dt,$$

$$F[\omega] = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} f[t] \exp\left(\frac{-2\pi i\omega t}{N}\right),$$

$$(f \star g)[n] = \sum_{m=1}^k f^*[m]g[m+n]$$

$$(f \star \bar{g})[n] = \sum_{m=1}^k f^*[m]g[n-m]$$

$$\bar{g}[m] = g[k-m]$$

$$N = 2^{23} \approx 8\text{M}$$

$$(f^* \star \bar{g})[n]$$

$$z_{cor}[t] = \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{f[\tau]}g[t+\tau],$$

$$z_{cor}[t] = IDFT\left[\frac{1}{N}X^*[f] \cdot Y[f]\right],$$

$$z_{cor}[t] = \frac{1}{M} IDFT\left[\sum_{k=1}^M \frac{1}{N}X_k^*[f] \cdot Y_k[f]\right],$$

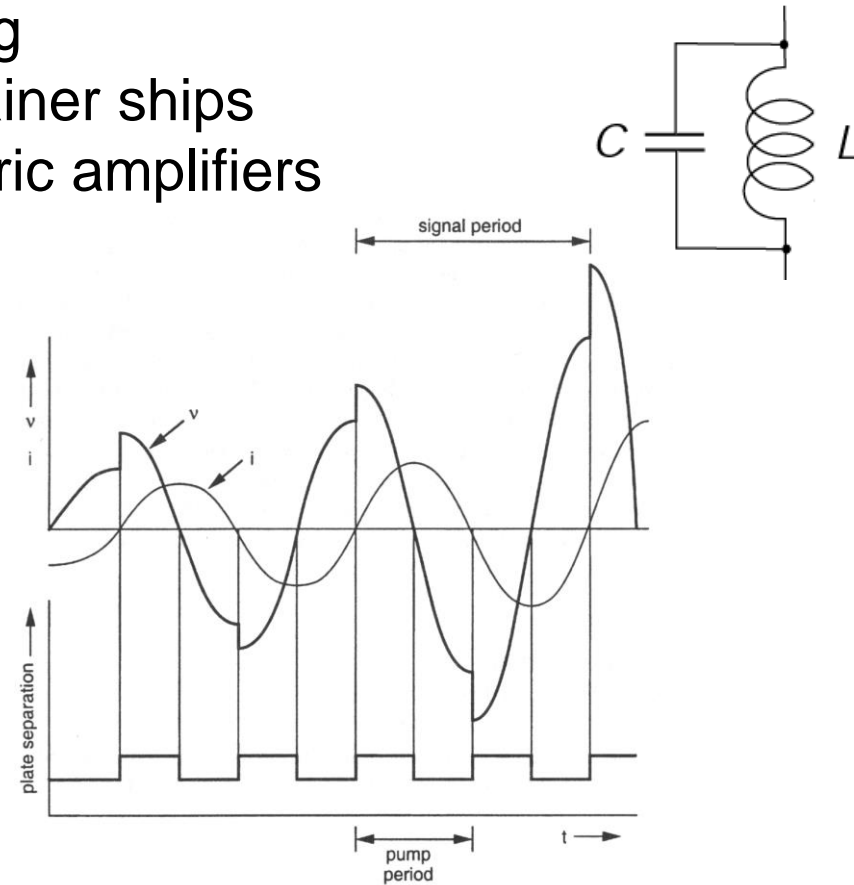
$$z_{cor}[\omega] = \frac{1}{M} \left[\sum_{k=1}^M \frac{1}{N}X_k^*[\omega] \cdot Y_k[\omega]\right],$$



# Parametric oscillation

Parametric oscillations can be:

- **innocuous**: e.g. child in a swing
- **dangerous**: e.g. bridges, container ships
- **useful**: e.g. low-noise parametric amplifiers



*L. Blackwell and K. Kotzebue, Semiconductor-Diode Parametric Amplifiers*

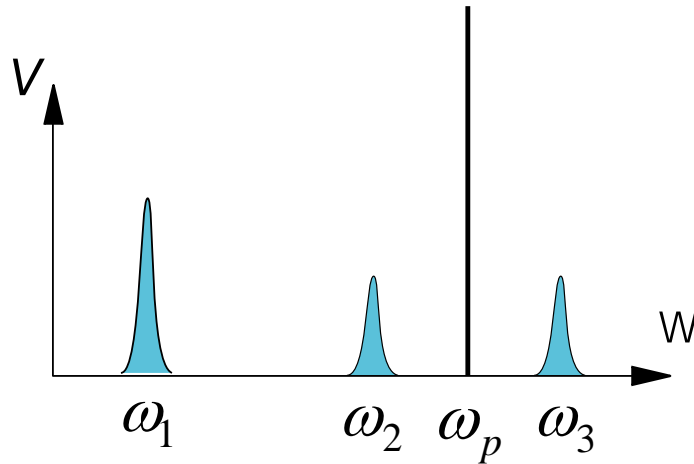
The **Botafumeiro** is a famous thurible found in the **Santiago de Compostela Cathedral**..



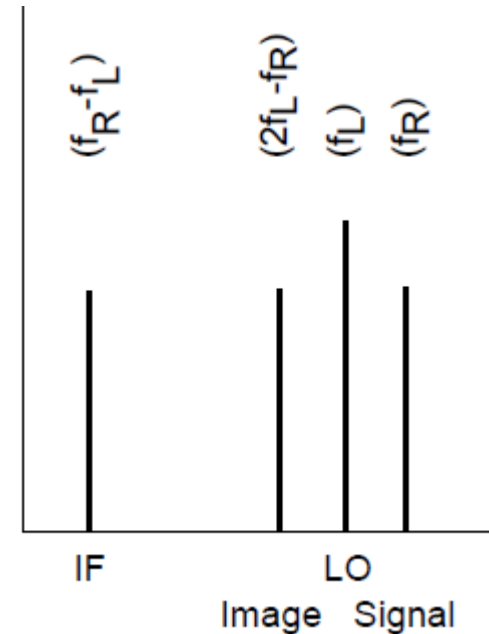
# Conversion matrix for parametric circuits

$$i = \frac{d}{dt} [C(t)v(t)]$$

$$v = V_1 \exp(-j\omega_1 t) + V_2 \exp(-j\omega_2 t) + V_3 \exp(-j\omega_3 t)$$



Mixer:



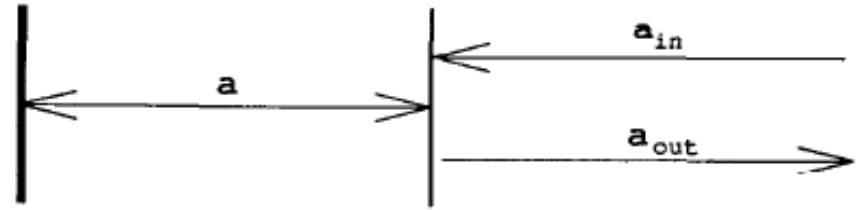
$$\begin{pmatrix} I_2^* \\ I_1 \\ I_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -j\omega_2 C_0 & -j\omega_2 C_0 M & 0 \\ j\omega_1 C_0 M & j\omega_1 C_0 & j\omega_1 C_0 M \\ 0 & j\omega_2 C_0 M & j\omega_3 C_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_2^* \\ V_1 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C(t) = C_0 (1 + M \cos \omega_p t)$$



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$$\tilde{H}_{\text{RWA}} = \hbar\Delta a^\dagger a - \frac{\hbar}{2}(\alpha^* a^2 + \alpha a^{\dagger 2})$$



$$\dot{\tilde{a}} = -i\Delta\tilde{a} + i\alpha\tilde{a}^\dagger - \frac{\kappa}{2}\tilde{a} - \sqrt{\kappa}\tilde{a}_{\text{in}}$$

$$a(t) = \tilde{a}(t) \exp[-i\omega_d t/2]$$

$$\Delta = \omega_{\text{res}} - \omega_d/2$$

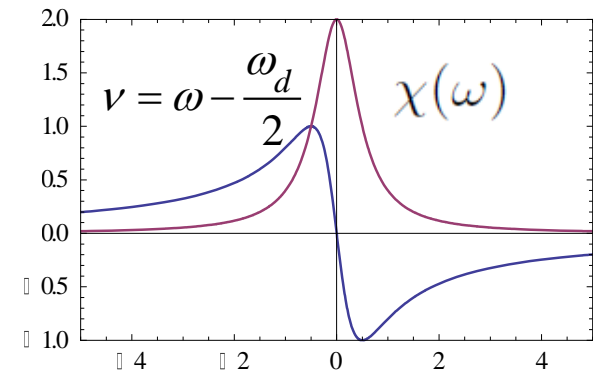
$$\tilde{a}^\dagger(\nu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \exp(i\nu t) \tilde{a}^\dagger(t) = [\tilde{a}(-\nu)]^\dagger$$

$$\tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu) = \left[ 1 - \frac{\kappa\chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu\right)}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \right] \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}(\nu) - \frac{i\alpha\kappa}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu\right) \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu\right)^* \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger(\nu)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\nu) = 1 - |\alpha|^2 \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu\right) \chi\left(\frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu\right)^*$$

$$\tilde{a}_{\text{out}} = \cosh \lambda \tilde{a}_{\text{in}} - \sinh \lambda \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger \quad (\alpha \propto \tanh \lambda/2)$$

- Bogolyubov transformation

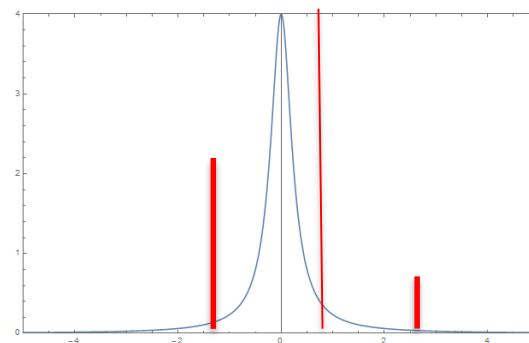


# Correlators from Input/Output theory

$$\tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu) = \left[ 1 - \frac{\kappa \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu \right)}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \right] \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}(\nu) - \frac{i\alpha\kappa}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu \right) \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu \right)^* \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger(\nu)$$

*Dynamical Casimir power:*

$$\langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}^\dagger(-\nu) \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu') \rangle = \text{DCE}(\nu) \delta(\nu - \nu')$$



$$\nu = \omega - \omega_d/2$$

*Squeezing correlations:*

$$\langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}} \tilde{a}_{\text{out}} \rangle_{T=0}(\nu) = \frac{i\alpha\kappa \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} + \nu \right) \chi^* \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu \right)}{\mathcal{N}(\nu)} \left[ -1 + \frac{\kappa}{\mathcal{N}(-\nu)^*} \chi \left( \frac{\omega_d}{2} - \nu \right) \right]$$



# Field quantization

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From these derive wave equation for the vector potential

$$\nabla^2 A = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2}$$

Spatial mode expansion (exact form depends on boundary conditions)

$$A(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} A_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t + i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + A_{\mathbf{k}}^* e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t - i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = c|\mathbf{k}|$$

Plane wave solutions  
Periodic BC, cubic volume





# Field quantization

## Promote the classical parameters to operators

$$A_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2}} (\omega_{\mathbf{k}} X_{\mathbf{k}} + iP_{\mathbf{k}}) \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2}} (\omega_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{k}} + ip_{\mathbf{k}}) \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}}} a_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [x_{\mathbf{k}}, x_{\mathbf{k}'}] &= 0, & [p_{\mathbf{k}}, p_{\mathbf{k}'}] &= 0, & [x_{\mathbf{k}}, p_{\mathbf{k}'}] &= i\hbar \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \\ [a_{\mathbf{k}}, a_{\mathbf{k}'}] &= 0, & [a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger, a_{\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger] &= 0, & [a_{\mathbf{k}}, a_{\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger] &= \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{\mathbf{k}}^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2}} (\omega_{\mathbf{k}} X_{\mathbf{k}} - iP_{\mathbf{k}}) \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2}} (\omega_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{k}} - ip_{\mathbf{k}}) \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}}} a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\hat{A}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}}} \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} + a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}})$$

$$\hat{E}_{\mathbf{k}} = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}}}{2\epsilon_0 V}} \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} - a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}})$$

$$\hat{B}_{\mathbf{k}} = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 V \omega_{\mathbf{k}}}} \mathbf{k} \times \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} - a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}})$$



# Field quantization

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And find the energy for each mode

$$H_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_V dV (\epsilon_0 \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \mu_0^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}}^2)$$

Which simplifies to

$$H_{\mathbf{k}} = \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2})$$



# Coherent states

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Defined as eigenstates of lowering operator

$$a|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle \quad |\alpha\rangle = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_n \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle$$

$a$  is not Hermitian so  $\alpha$  can be complex

Uncertainties in mode variables:

$$\Delta q = \Delta p = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \Delta q \Delta p = \frac{1}{2}$$

Min uncertainty, equal between  $q$  and  $p$



# Two-mode squeezed vacuum

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The commutator

$$\begin{aligned}[q_2, p_2] &= \frac{1}{2}[q_a + q_b, p_a + p_b] \\ &= i\end{aligned}$$

And so we have the same uncertainty relation between these joint observables as the quadratures themselves:

$$\Delta q_2 \Delta p_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$



# Two-mode squeezed vacuum

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We can calculate the uncertainty in these observables for the TMSV

Recall

$$\Delta q_2 = \sqrt{\langle q_2^2 \rangle - \langle q_2 \rangle^2}$$

To calculate this requires several applications of the squeeze operator identities, ex.,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a^\dagger b^\dagger \rangle &= \langle 0 | S^\dagger a S S^\dagger b S | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | (a^\dagger \cosh r - e^{i\theta} b \sinh r) (b^\dagger \cosh r - e^{i\theta} a \sinh r) | 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$



# Two-mode squeezed vacuum

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$$\Delta q_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sinh^2 r + \cosh^2 r - 2 \cosh r \sinh r \cos \theta}$$

$$\Delta p_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sinh^2 r + \cosh^2 r + 2 \cosh r \sinh r \cos \theta}$$

Choosing  $\theta = 0$

$$\Delta q_2 = e^{-r} / \sqrt{2}$$

We can “squeeze”  $\Delta p_2 = e^{+r} / \sqrt{2}$ , one observable at the expense of the other





# Two-mode squeezed vacuum

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The interesting properties show up in the correlations between quadrature obs.

$$\begin{aligned}q_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(q_a + q_b) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(a + a^\dagger + b + b^\dagger)\end{aligned}$$

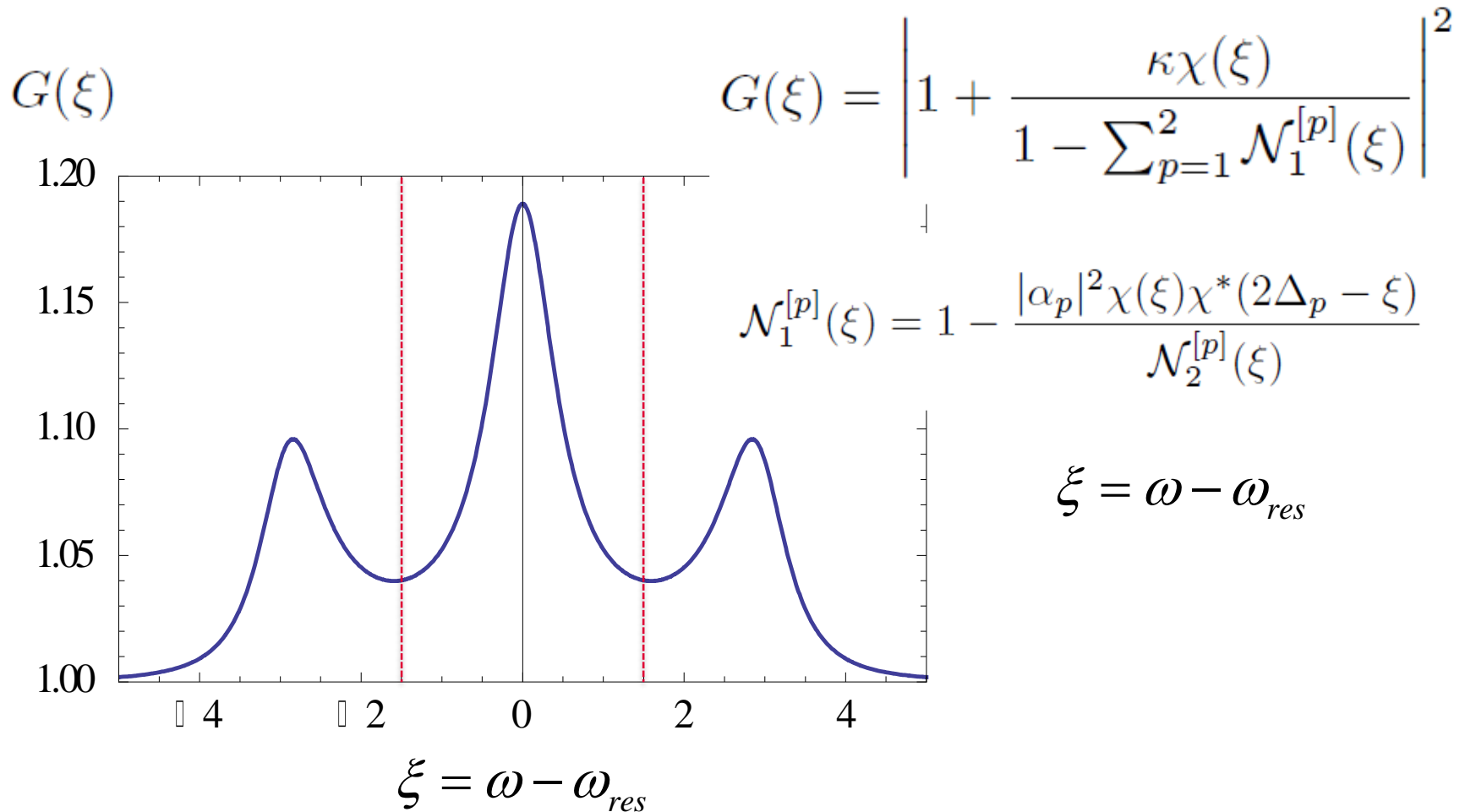
$$\Delta q_2 \Delta p_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}p_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(p_a + p_b) \\ &= \frac{i}{2}(a^\dagger - a + b^\dagger - b)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta q_2 &= e^{-r} / \sqrt{2} \\ \Delta p_2 &= e^{+r} / \sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$



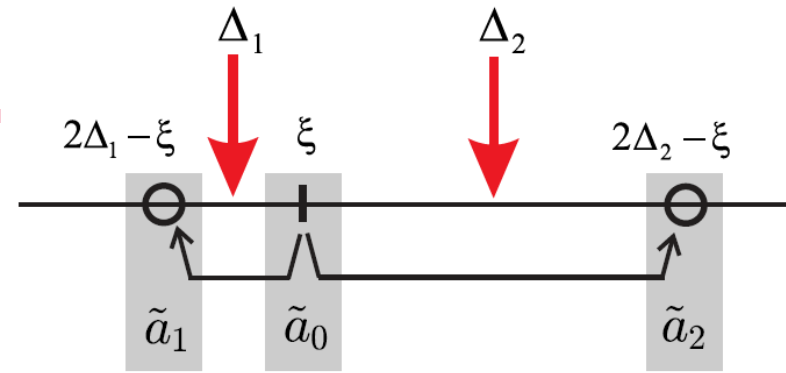
# Parametric gain with two pumps



# Solution with two pumps

Iterative solution:

$$\tilde{a}_{\text{out}}[\xi] = \left[ 1 - \frac{\kappa\chi(\xi)}{1 - \sum_{p=1}^2 \mathcal{N}_1^{[p]}(\xi)} \right] a_{\text{in}}[\xi] - \frac{\kappa\chi(\xi)}{1 - \sum_{p=1}^2 \mathcal{N}_1^{[p]}(\xi)} \sum_{p=1}^2 \frac{\alpha_p \chi^*(2\Delta_p - \xi)}{\mathcal{N}_2^{[p]}(\xi)} \left[ (\tilde{a}_{\text{in}}[2\Delta_p - \xi])^\dagger + \frac{\alpha_{\bar{p}}^* \chi(2\Delta_{\bar{p}} - 2\Delta_p + \xi)}{\mathcal{N}_3^{[p]}(\xi)} \tilde{a}_{\text{in}}[2\Delta_{\bar{p}} - 2\Delta_p + \xi] + \right.$$



Two-mode squeezing:

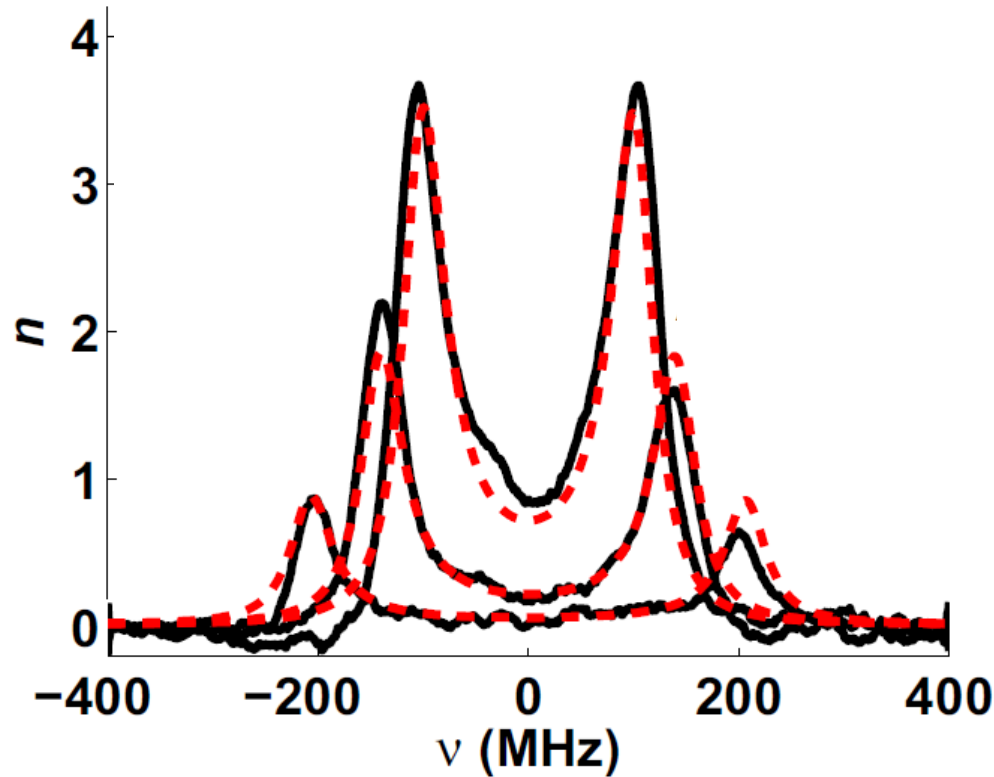
$$\langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}[\xi] \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}[2\Delta_2 - \xi'] \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \exp(i\varphi_2) \sin \theta \sinh 2\lambda \times \delta(\xi - \xi')$$

“Beam splitter correlations”:

$$\langle (\tilde{a}_{\text{out}}[2\Delta_1 - \xi])^\dagger \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}[2\Delta_2 - \xi'] \rangle = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} e^{i(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1)} \sinh^2 \lambda \times \delta(\xi - \xi')$$



# Peaks at fixed detuning



- seen only in the vicinity of the cavity resonance

- squeezing correlations:

$$\langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}} \tilde{a}_{\text{out}} \rangle_{T=0}(\nu)$$

NIST, Chalmers, NEC  
ETH, Paris, Yale, ...

$$\langle \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}^\dagger(-\nu) \tilde{a}_{\text{out}}(\nu') \rangle$$



# Displacement operator

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Coherent states can be generated using the displacement operator:

$$D(\alpha) = \exp(\alpha a^\dagger - \alpha^* a) \qquad D(\alpha) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} e^{-\alpha a^\dagger} e^{-\alpha^* a}$$

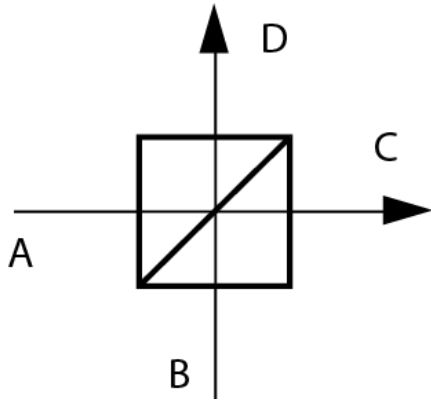
$$|\alpha\rangle = D(\alpha)|0\rangle$$

Glauber state  $|\alpha\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \sum_n \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle$

Minimum uncertainty, equal between  $X_1$  and  $X_2$   $\Delta X_1 = \Delta X_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



# Beam splitter



$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{k,C} \\ a_{k,D} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} a_{k,A} \\ a_{k,B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & e^{i\varphi} \sin \theta \\ -e^{-i\varphi} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_C^\dagger a_C &= (\cos \theta a_A^\dagger - \sin \theta a_B^\dagger)(\cos \theta a_A - \sin \theta a_B) & \langle a_C^\dagger a_C \rangle &= \langle a_D^\dagger a_D \rangle = 1 \\ &= \cos^2 \theta a_A^\dagger a_A + \sin^2 \theta a_B^\dagger a_B - \sin \theta \cos \theta (a_A^\dagger a_B + a_B^\dagger a_A) \end{aligned}$$

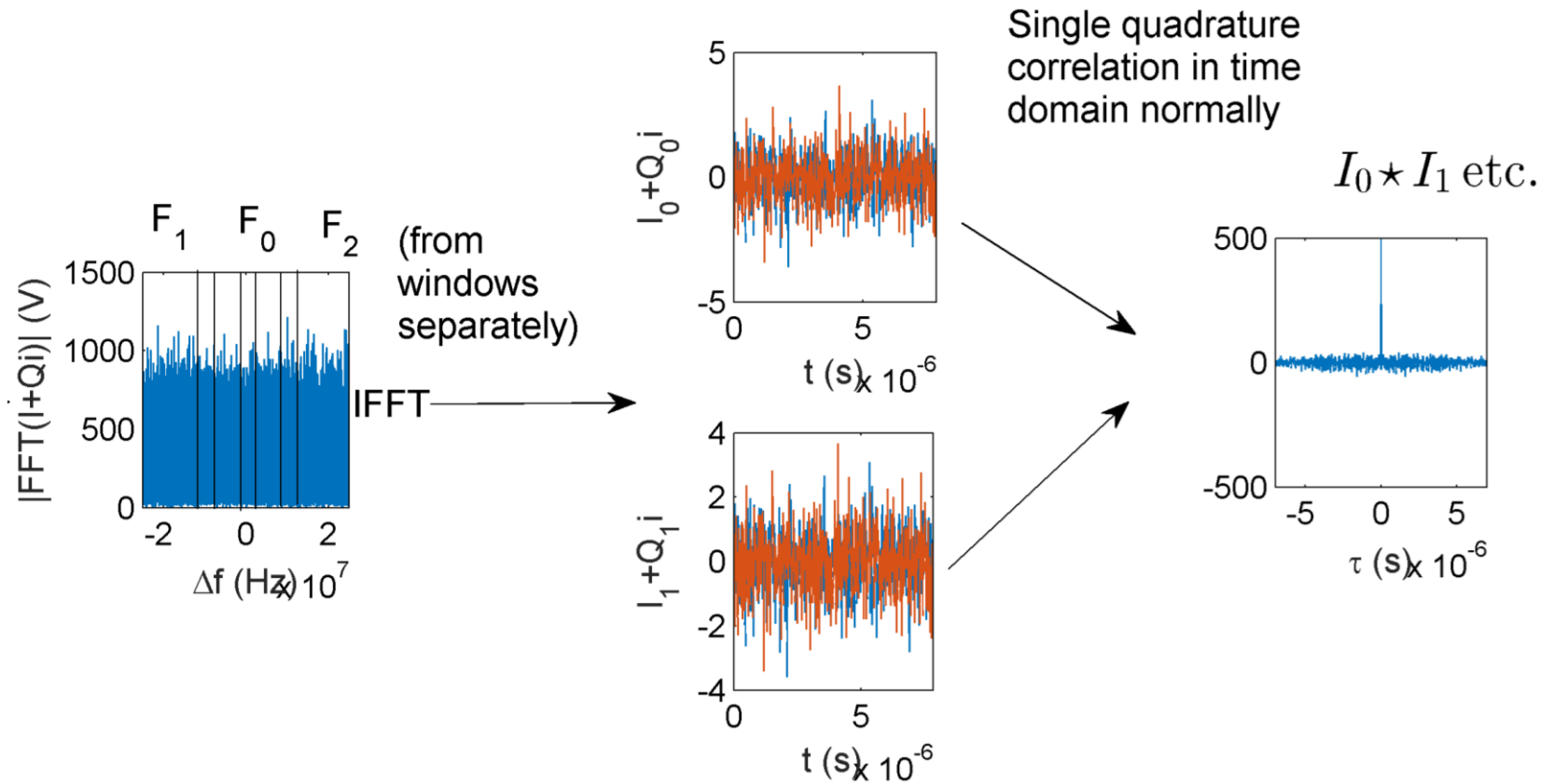
$$\begin{aligned} a_D a_C &= (\sin \theta a_A + \cos \theta a_B)(\cos \theta a_A - \sin \theta a_B) \\ &= (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) a_A a_B + O(a_A^2, a_B^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle a_C^\dagger a_D^\dagger a_D a_C \rangle = \cos^2 2\theta.$$



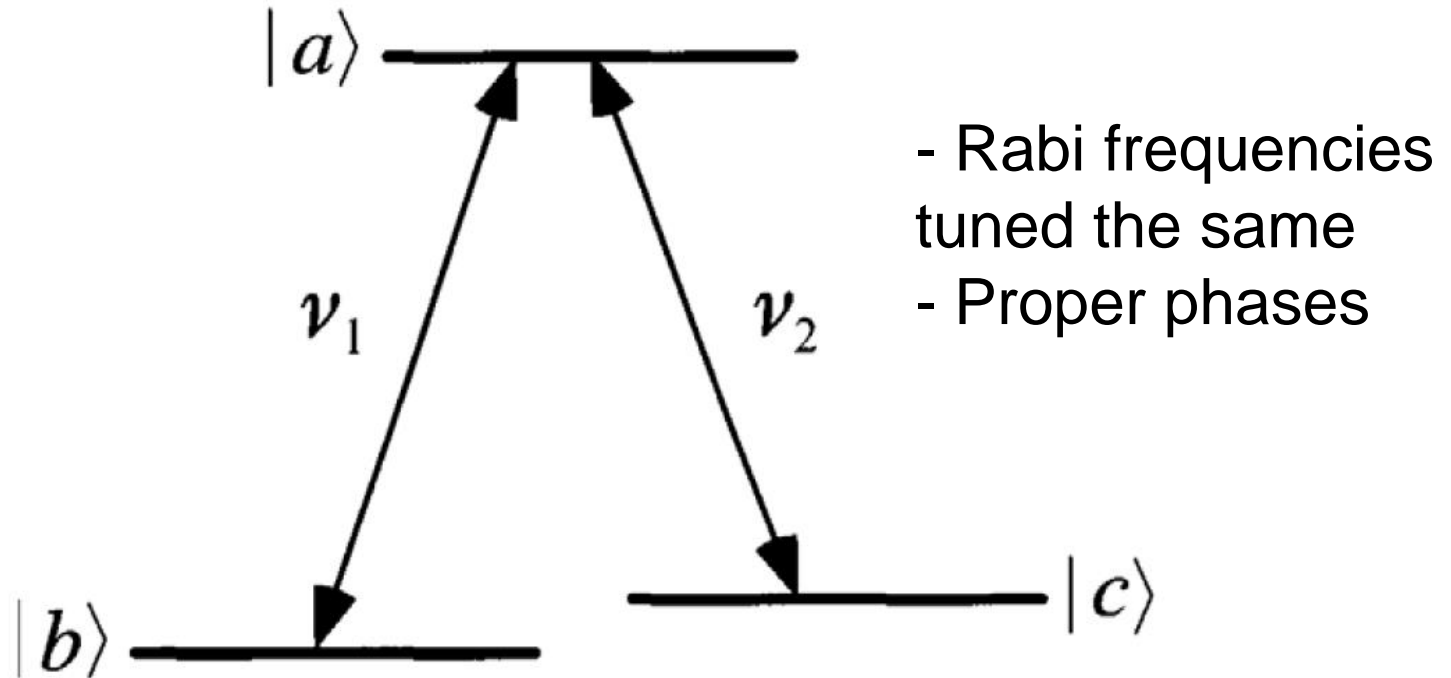


# Data analysis II



# Coherent population trapping (CPT)

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$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|b\rangle + e^{-i\varphi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|c\rangle$$

Dark state:

- population trapped on  $|b\rangle$  &  $|c\rangle$
- no absorption

