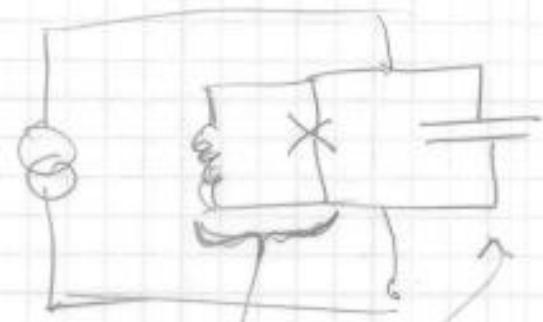


## Decoherence

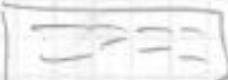
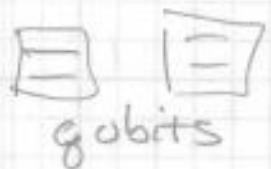
- \* Understand basic operation, see imperfect data, go deeper into importance issue of qu. coherence (gate errors).  
This is main issue facing qubits.
- \* Go into some detail
- \* What to worry about



- ① S.C. + Joseph's effect  
(where does non-linearity come from?)
- ② Leads; dissip from circuit  
(+ ext'l noise).  
- Microwave Engineering -
- ③ Capacitor (2-level states)  
↳ 1/f noise  $\Phi$ ,  $\bar{\Phi}$

# Circuit Engineering + Decoherence

Gate errors need to be calculated!



bath (other qubit modes)

↳ coupling to bath, entangles qubits with other modes.

But since don't meas. bath, lose info about quantum state.

Nice general model — but how calculate anything?

(1) Need to model decoh. (bath) — Do this with circuit elements, particularly R's.

\* No one bath, because it depends on how you build the circuit! (unlike atom+vacuum)  
(+ his interest in field!)

\* Either measure or model circuit and R's,  
so need general theory of decoherence.  
(What really matters in design?!)

(2) Show Decoherence = Noise + Dissipation  
(Diss = Qu. Noise)

Very general + powerful model!

"See" how to design qubits

But, will have to learn

- Circuit theory (classical)
- Microwave Eng.
- Noise (+ qu)

Then Connection to Q.M.

# Circuits

① Basic circuit elements, linear response  $Z_0$ :

$$\frac{V}{I} = R$$

$$\frac{V}{I} = Z = i\omega L$$

$(V = L \frac{dI}{dt})$

$$Z = i\omega C$$

$(V = \frac{Q}{C})$

② Response of multi-elements

$$\frac{1}{Z_p} = \frac{1}{Z_1} + \frac{1}{Z_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{Z_p} = \frac{1}{Z_1} + \frac{1}{Z_2}$$

③ Sources:

Voltage  $R_{dyn} = 0$  current  $I$   $R_{dyn} = \infty$

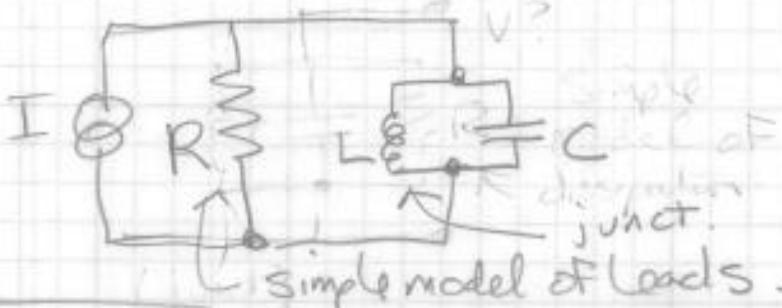
Flux  $= \int V dt$  charge  $Q$   $= \int I dt$

④ Thévenin Equiv's:

$$\frac{V}{R} = \frac{V}{R} \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{V}{R} = \frac{1}{RC} \frac{V}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V}{L} = \frac{V}{L} \left( \frac{1}{L} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{V}{L} = \frac{1}{RL} \frac{V}{L}$$

# Resonator (Simple model of qubit)



Freq. Domain  
(spectroscopy)

$$\frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{i\omega L} + i\omega C + \frac{1}{R}$$

Response  $\frac{V}{I} = Z_t = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{i\omega L} + i\omega C + \frac{1}{R}}$

Freq. dependent,  
complex ( $\phi$  shift -  
Input  $I$  to out  $V$ )

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$$

$$\max \text{ when } \omega = \omega_0 \quad \frac{1}{\omega_0} = \omega_0 \quad \text{reson. Freq.} \Rightarrow \omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{L C}$$

$Z_t^2 \propto \frac{1}{\frac{1}{i\omega_0} (1 - \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0}) + i(\omega_0 + \Delta\omega)C + \frac{1}{R}}$

$$= \frac{1}{2i\Delta\omega C + \frac{1}{R}}$$

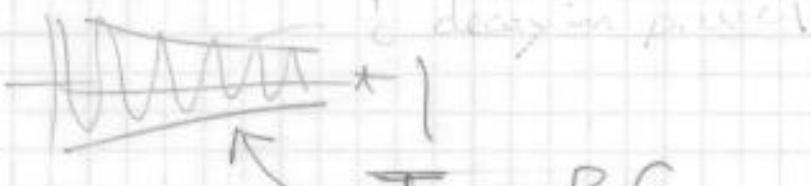
$$|Z_t|^2 \propto \frac{1}{(2\Delta\omega C)^2 + (\frac{1}{R})^2} \propto \frac{1}{(\Delta\omega)^2 + (\frac{1}{2RC})^2}$$

$$\text{FWHM} = 2 \frac{1}{2RC} = \frac{1}{RC}$$

$$\text{HN} \rightarrow \Delta\omega = \frac{1}{2RC}$$

$$Q \equiv \frac{\omega_0}{\text{FWHM}} = \frac{\omega_0}{\frac{1}{2RC}} = \frac{R}{(2\omega_0 C)} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{Dissip} \\ \leftarrow Z \text{ resonator} \end{matrix}$$

Time Domain



$$T_{1/e} = RC$$

So  $Q \sim \# \text{ oscillations}$   
before lose energy

# Energy Decay ( $T_1$ ) of Qubits

- This easy to understand from classical analysis (What know already!)

1) Imagine H.O. (resonator) weakly excited  
(spectroscopy or pulsed excitation)

- (11) state small ampl.
- (12) state negligible

2) Then only  $|1 \rightarrow 0|$  transitions matter,  
just like a qubit

$$T_1 = RC \left| \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{\delta} | 1 \rangle_{\text{qubit}}}{\langle 0 | \hat{\delta} | 1 \rangle_{\text{HO}}} \right|^2$$

3) Since H.O.,  $Q_1 = \text{class.}$

↑ Corr. Fact.  $\approx 1$  mostly,  
(At least good approx.)

Qubit with correction

Since slightly  
non-linear

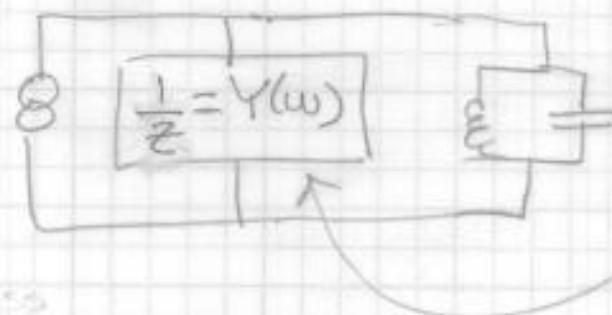
4) Proper calculations give this result.

5) Power of this calculation -  
Can do general model very easily

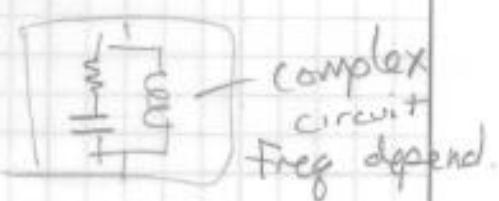
- Why  $\omega_0$  (in) changes with  $\omega_0$  (weak with  $\omega_0$  same role in  $\omega_0$  dispersion)
- (N.B.) (2)  $T_1$  and  $\omega_0$  both start from infinity

## More General Model.

$A$  (beyond dissip. =  $R$ )



Arbitrary admittance of loads.



$$\frac{1}{Z_L} = \frac{1}{i\omega L} + i\omega C + i \operatorname{Im} Y(w) + \operatorname{Re} Y(w)$$

$= 0 \text{ @ reson.}$

(Dissipative part)  
(Dispersive part)

Assuming effect of  $Y$  is small (pert. theory around  $\omega_0$ )

$$2\delta\omega C + i \operatorname{Im} Y(w_0) = 0 \quad (\text{unperturbed resonance})$$

shift in res freq.  $\delta\omega = \frac{\operatorname{Im} Y(w_0)}{2C}$  (+ small Lamb shift when do QM)

$$\frac{1}{R} = \operatorname{Re} Y(w_0)$$

$$(T_1 = \frac{C}{\operatorname{Re} Y(w_0)})$$

$\underline{Y(w_0)}$  matters  
only near/at resonance for  $T_1$

# Transmission Lines

(Like discussing simple lumped circuits)

Lumped Circuit ; size  $\ll \lambda$  (wavelength)

At  $\mu$ waves,  $\lambda \approx 1\text{cm}$ ; size effects?

t-lines show behavior (quant. + qual.).

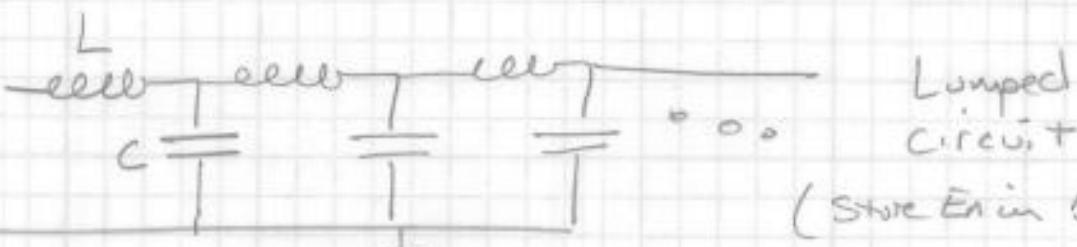
(+ how to model a Resistor in Q.M.).



$\sigma_2$

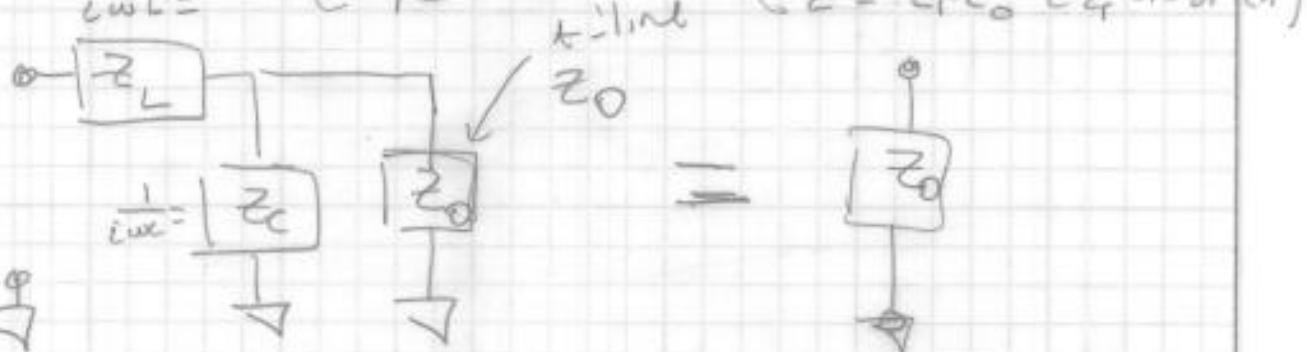


Wires



$$L = g_L \mu l \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{induct + Cap per} \\ \text{unit length} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$C = \frac{g_C \epsilon}{c} l \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \mu \approx \mu_0 \\ \epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \quad (\epsilon_r \approx 10 \text{ often}) \end{array} \right\}$$



transl. invariant  
(long length)

$$Z_0 = Z_L + \frac{1}{Z_C + \frac{1}{Z_0}}$$

$$(Z_0 - Z_L) = \frac{Z_C Z_0}{Z_C + Z_0}$$

$$(Z_0 - Z_L)(Z_0 + Z_L) = Z_L Z_C$$

$$Z_0^2 + 2Z_C - Z_L^2 - Z_L Z_C = Z_C$$

$$Z_L \rightarrow 0 \quad Z_C \rightarrow 0$$

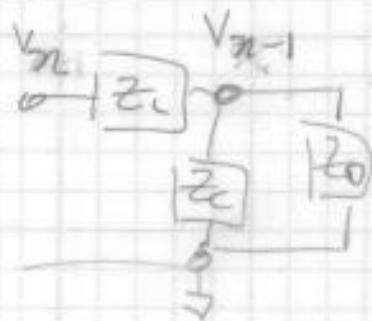
$$Z_0^2 = Z_L Z_C$$

$$Z_L = \pm \sqrt{Z_L Z_C} = \pm Z_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_0 &= \sqrt{i\omega L \frac{1}{i\omega C}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{g_L \mu_0 l}{g_C \epsilon_0 l}} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{g_L \mu_0}{g_C \epsilon_0}} \\
 &= 377 \Omega \cdot \sqrt{l} \quad \text{Typical geometries} \\
 &\approx 50 \Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

(1) Transmission Line "Looks" like a  $50\Omega$  resistor

Why? No dissipation Very Strange!  
 → Signal propagates down line, never reflecting since  $\infty$  long!



) Voltage divider

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_R &\stackrel{z_1}{=} z_1 \quad \Rightarrow V' = I \cdot z_2 \\
 V_{n-1} &\stackrel{z_2}{=} z_2 \quad \Rightarrow V' = \frac{V}{z_1 + z_2} \cdot z_2 \\
 \frac{V'}{V} &= \frac{z_2}{z_1 + z_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{V_{n-1}}{V_n} = \frac{(Z_0 \parallel Z_C)}{Z_L + (Z_0 \parallel Z_C)}$$

$$\frac{V'}{V} = \frac{z_L}{z_1 + z_2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{Z_L} \left( \frac{1}{Z_0 \parallel Z_C} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{Z_L} \left( \frac{1}{Z_0} + \frac{1}{Z_C} \right)}$$

$$\approx 1 - \sqrt{\frac{Z_L}{Z_0}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Z_L}{\sqrt{Z_L Z_C}} + \frac{Z_C}{Z_L}} \approx 1 - \sqrt{\frac{Z_L}{Z_C}}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Z_L}{Z_L + Z_C}} \quad Z_L \gg 0, Z_C \gg 0$$

For  $k$  segments:

$$\frac{V_n}{V_0} = \left(1 - \frac{n\sqrt{z_L/z_C}}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\approx \exp[-n\sqrt{z_L/z_C}]$$

$$\approx \exp\left[\pm \frac{i\omega(n\varepsilon)}{v}\right]$$

length  
Velocity of light  
 $(\frac{1}{\mu_0\varepsilon_0} * \frac{1}{v})$  in free space

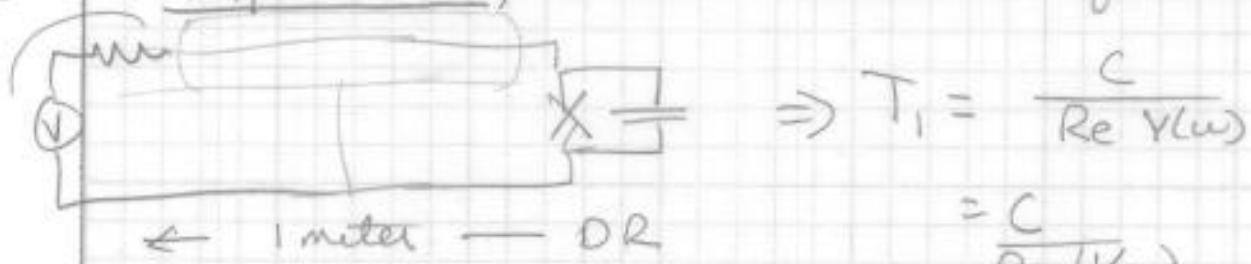
$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{z_L z_C} &= \sqrt{\epsilon \omega \mu_0 \varepsilon_0} \text{ in general} \\ &= \pm i\omega l \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}} \\ &= \pm i\omega l \frac{1}{v} \text{ const.}\end{aligned}$$

propagation of light up + down line  
(both directions).

(2) Prop. both. directions,  $\approx$  speed of light

$$\{\iff \text{differ as } g_L g_C = 1, \mu_r = 1\}$$

$I_{bias}$  Application, connect wires to qubit



(3) (Long) Wires look like  $\pi$ -lines ( $50\Omega$ )

Lots of dissip.

$$\approx C \cdot 50\Omega$$

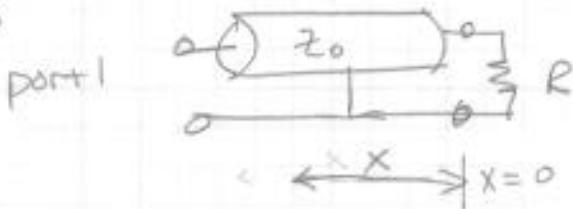
$$= 1\text{pF} \cdot 50\Omega$$

$$= 50\text{ps}$$

$\rightarrow$  Short coh. time  
(even for bias)

## Termination of Lines

(1)



(2)

Z traveling waves

$$\begin{cases} \vec{V} = z_0 \vec{I} e^{ikx} \\ \vec{V} = -z_0 \vec{I} e^{-ikx} \end{cases}$$

↑ (-) because I changes direction

(3) Given  $\vec{V}$  (incident), what is  $\vec{V}$  (reflected)

$$S_{11} = \frac{\vec{V}_{\text{reflected}}}{\vec{V}_{\text{incident}}} \quad (\text{Scatt. matrix})$$

(4) At  $x=0$ , conserve I at node

$$\vec{I}_{\text{in}} + \vec{I}_{\text{reflected}} = \frac{\vec{V}_{\text{incident}} + \vec{V}_{\text{reflected}}}{R}$$

+  $\begin{cases} \vec{V} = z_0 \vec{I} \\ \vec{V} = -z_0 \vec{I} \end{cases}$

$$\vec{V}_{\text{incident}}/z_0 - \vec{V}_{\text{reflected}}/z_0 = \vec{V}_{\text{incident}}/R + \vec{V}_{\text{reflected}}/R$$

$$\vec{V}_{\text{incident}} \left( \frac{1}{z_0} - \frac{1}{R} \right) = \vec{V}_{\text{reflected}} \left( \frac{1}{z_0} + \frac{1}{R} \right)$$

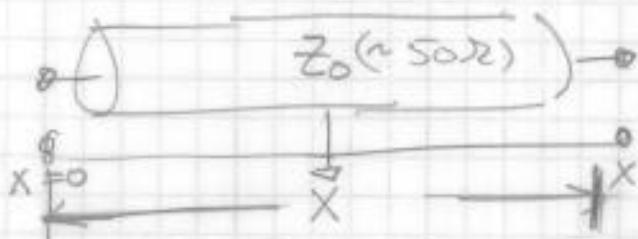
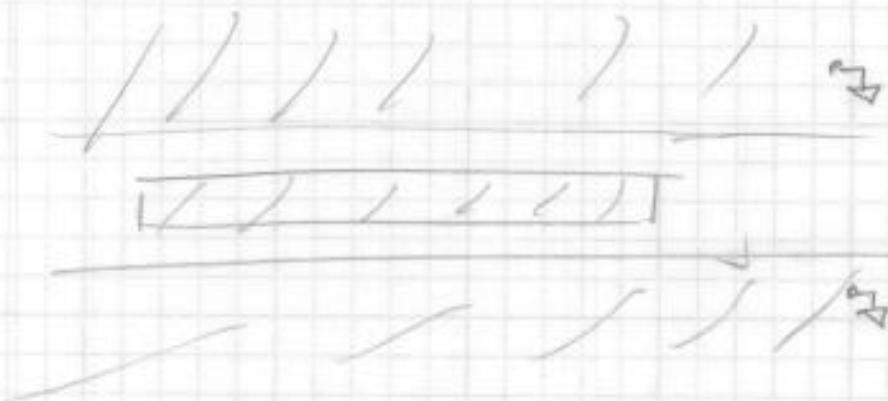
$$S_{11} = \frac{\vec{V}_{\text{reflected}}}{\vec{V}_{\text{incident}}} = \frac{1 + z_0/R}{1 - z_0/R}$$

(5)  $R = 0$ ;  $S_{11} = -1$ ; reflects  $\rightarrow$  to  $\leftarrow$

$R = \infty$ ;  $S_{11} = +1$ ; reflects  $\leftarrow$  to  $\rightarrow$

\*  $R = z_0$ ;  $S_{11} = 0$ ; matched; term. resistor absorbs pulse.

# Finite t-lines - Resonators



$$\vec{V} = Z_0 \vec{I} e^{ikx}$$

$$\vec{V} = -Z_0 \vec{I} e^{-ikx}$$

Boundary Condition

B.C. At  $x=0$ ,  $\vec{I}_+ - \vec{I}_- + \vec{I}_0 = 0$  (as open)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{I}(x) = I_0 (e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}) \quad (\text{I}_0 \text{ a parameter})$$

$$= 2 I_0 \sin(kx) \quad (?)$$

$$Z = \frac{V}{I} = Z_0 I_0 (e^{ikx} + e^{-ikx})$$

$$= 2 Z_0 I_0 \cos(kx)$$

$$Z = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{Z_0 \cos(kx)}{i \sin(kx)} = -i Z_0 \cot(kx)$$

$$|Z| = \frac{Z_0}{i \omega x} = \frac{1}{\omega c}$$

$\underline{\underline{C}}$ , mag. impedance  
( $C$  or  $C$ , NOT  $R$ )

(Cap)  
like

(Induct)  
like

$\frac{\pi}{2}$

$Z_0$

$kx$

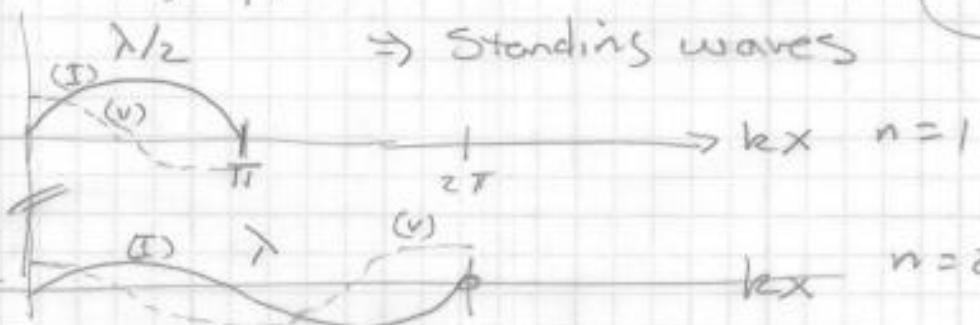
C or L-like  
depending on length.

What is resonance condition?

( $Z = \infty$  for L/C)

For  $\lambda$ -line, happens when  $kx = n\pi$

$I$   $\Rightarrow$  Standing waves



Around resonance  $kx = \alpha_0 + \Delta\alpha$ ,  $\alpha_0 = n\pi$

$$\frac{\cos(\alpha_0 + \Delta\alpha)}{\sin(\alpha_0 + \Delta\alpha)} \approx \frac{\cos\alpha_0 - \Delta\alpha}{\sin\alpha_0 + \cos\alpha_0(\Delta\alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta\alpha} \quad \because \Delta\omega = \omega_{res} + \Delta\omega$$

$$Z = -Z_0 \left( \frac{1}{\Delta\omega} \right)^2$$

$$\omega_{res} x = n\pi$$

$$= \frac{Z_0}{i \Delta\omega \left( \frac{n\pi}{\omega_{res}} \right)}$$

effective cap

$$C = \left( \frac{n\pi}{2Z_0} \right) \frac{1}{\omega_{res}}$$

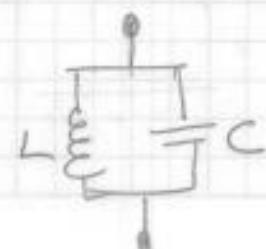
$$\omega_{res}^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{C \omega_{res}^2}$$

$$= \left( \frac{2Z_0}{n\pi} \right) \frac{1}{\omega_{res}}$$

(LC model)

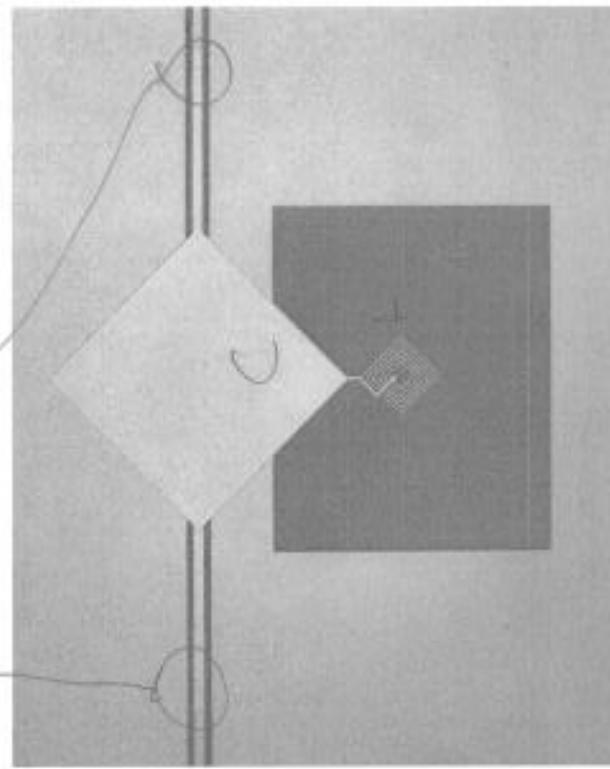
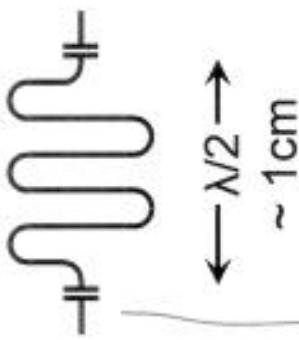
$$= \frac{1}{i \Delta\omega C}$$



# Resonators

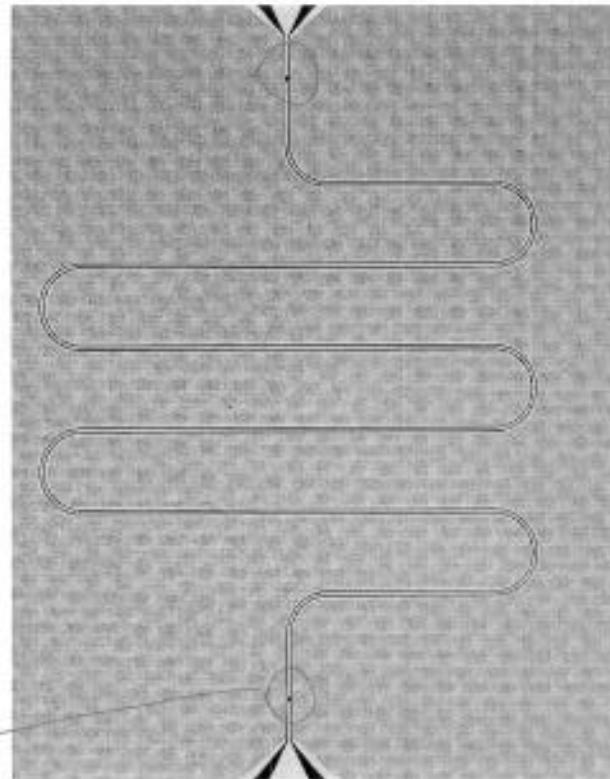
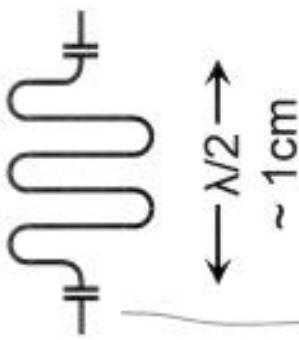
pancake (lumped element)

$$\begin{aligned}C_c &\sim 0.5\text{-}10 \text{ fF} \\C &\sim 5 \text{ pF} \\L &\sim 200 \text{ pH} \\f_0 &\sim 5 \text{ GHz} \\Z_{\text{res}} &\sim 10 \Omega\end{aligned}$$

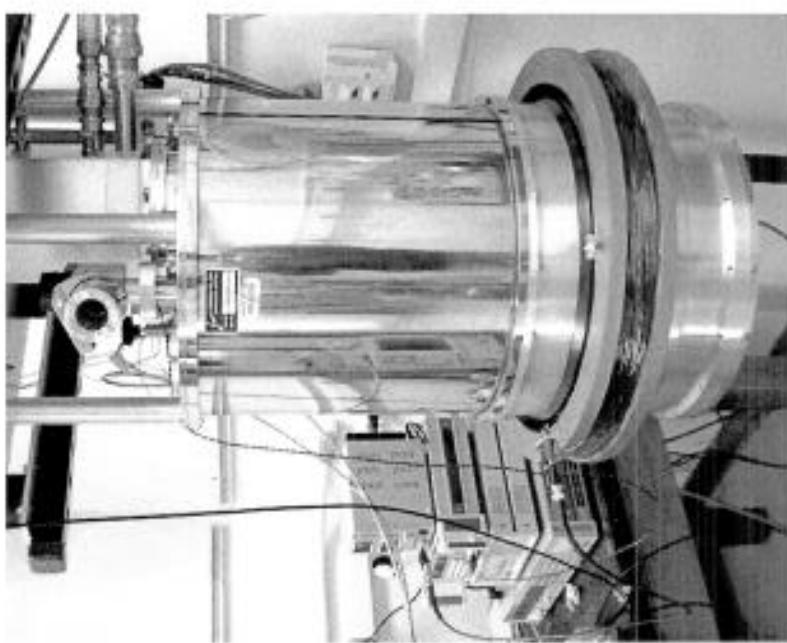
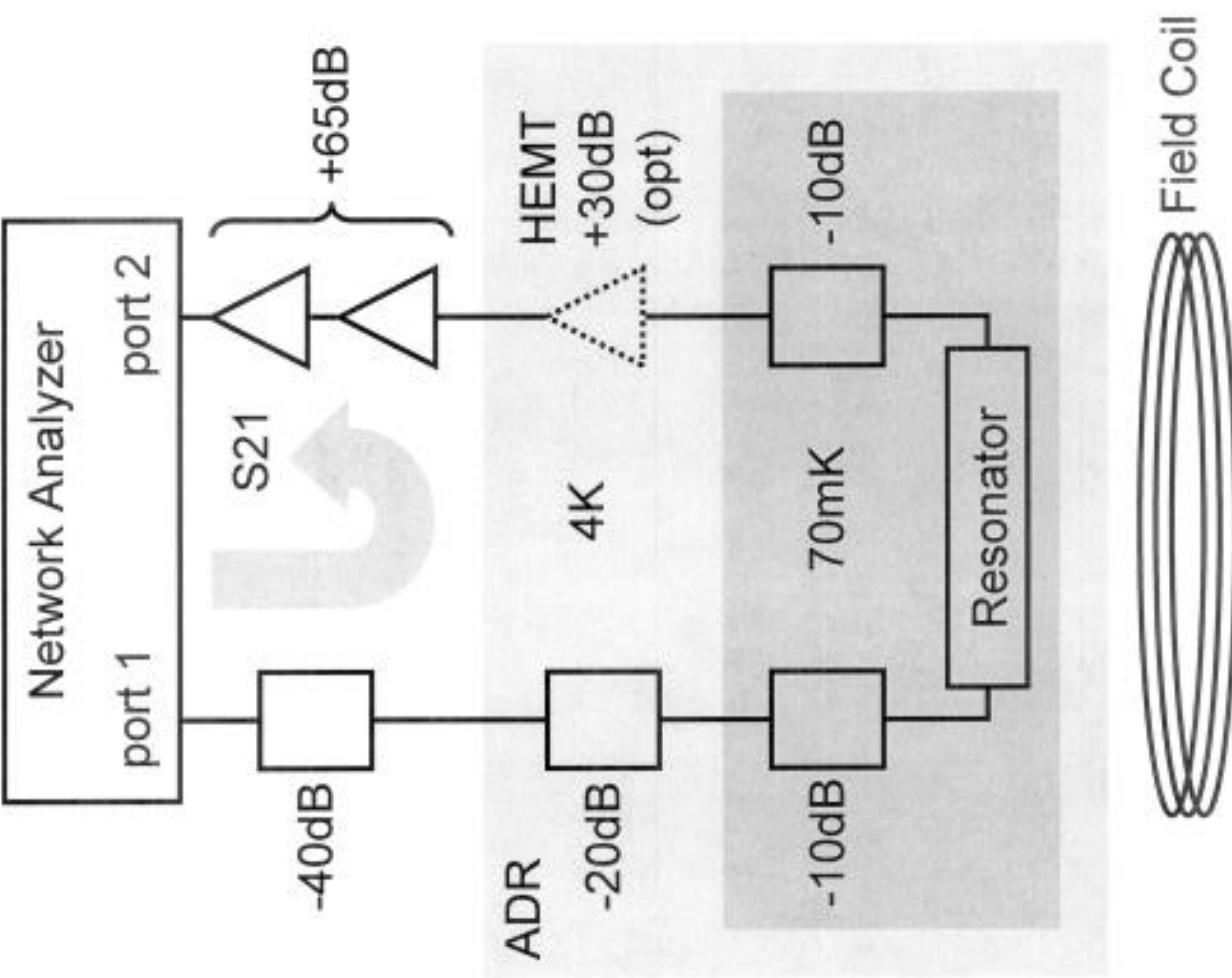


coplanar waveguide (CPW)

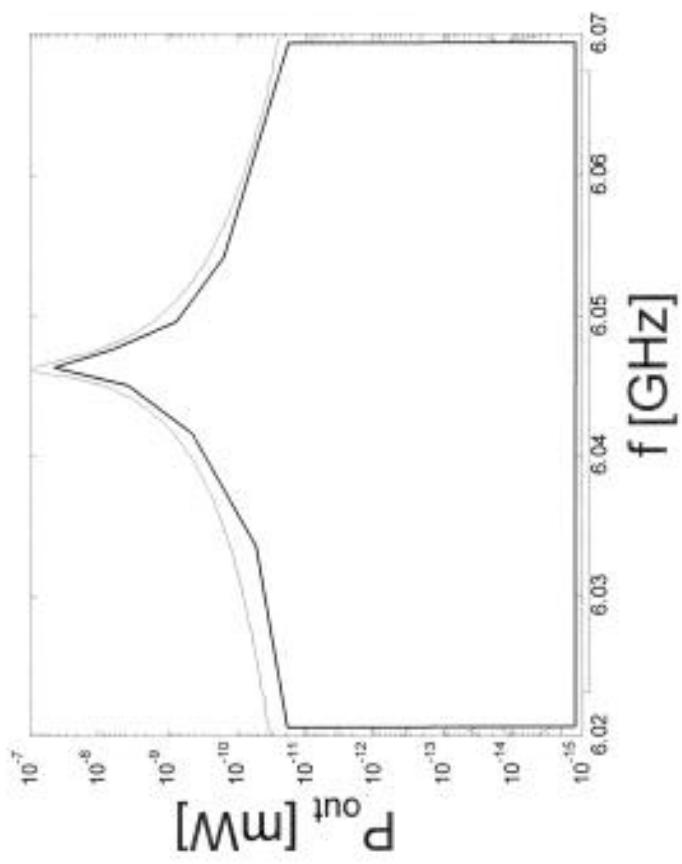
$$\begin{aligned}C_c &\sim 0.5\text{-}10 \text{ fF} \\C &\sim 150 \text{ pF/m} \\L &\sim 390 \text{ nH/m} \\f_0 &\sim 6 \text{ GHz} \\Z_{\text{res}} &\sim 50 \Omega\end{aligned}$$



# Experimental Setup

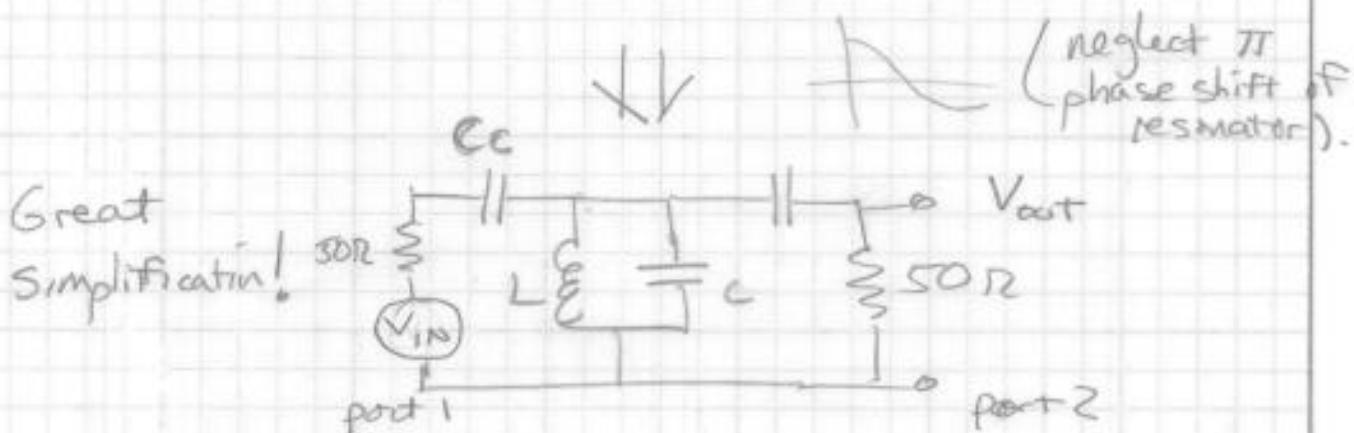
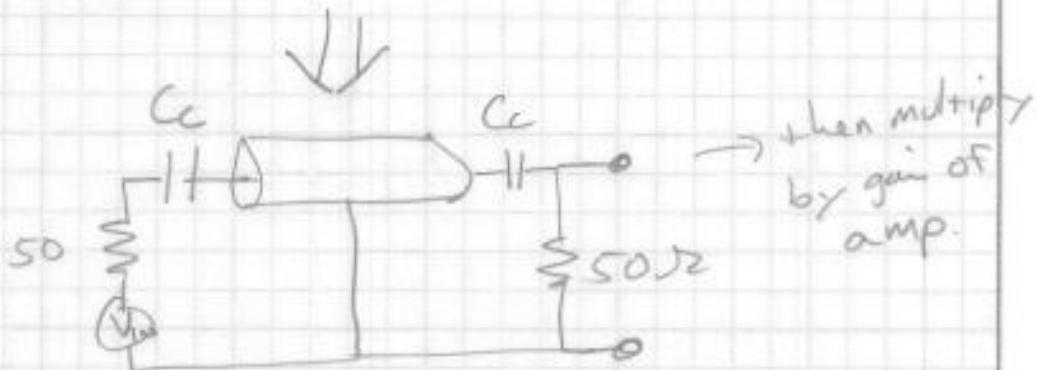
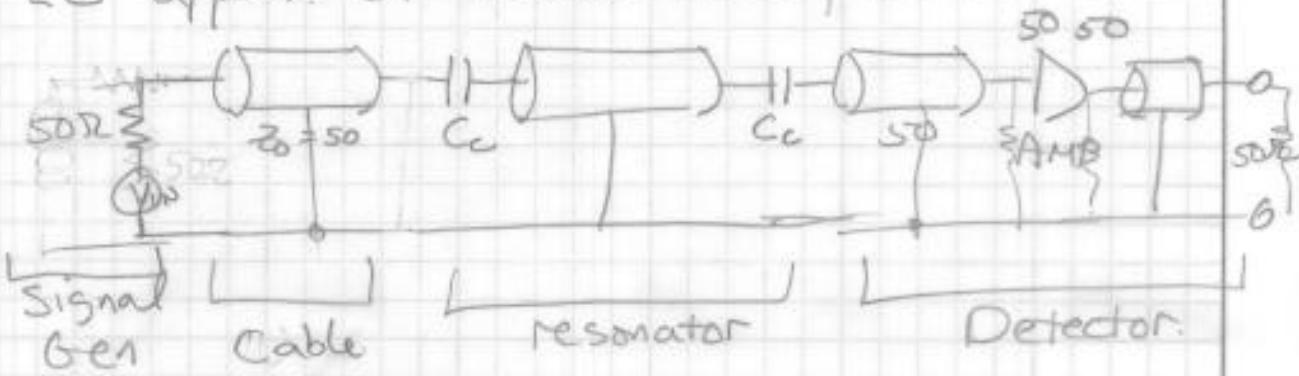


# Microwave Resonator Measurements



Let's do something Real circuit - (use these concepts!)

LC approx. of transm. line; Real Circuit



What is  $\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = S_{21}$  ? ← Scattering Matrix

Wave in port 1  
Wave out port 2

$$C_{c2} \approx 10 \text{ pF}; \frac{1}{10^{10} \cdot 10^{-14}} = 10^4 \Omega$$

## Circuit Analysis

Impt. Simplification  $|Z_{cc}| = \left| \frac{1}{i\omega C_c} \right| \gg R = 50 \Omega$

(  $C_c$  couples resonator to outside world, but want to couple weakly so only 2 steps: slightly perturbs resonator )

(1) Z transf.



$$Z = R + \frac{1}{i\omega C_c}$$

$$\text{Re } Y = \frac{R}{R + \frac{1}{i\omega C_c}}$$

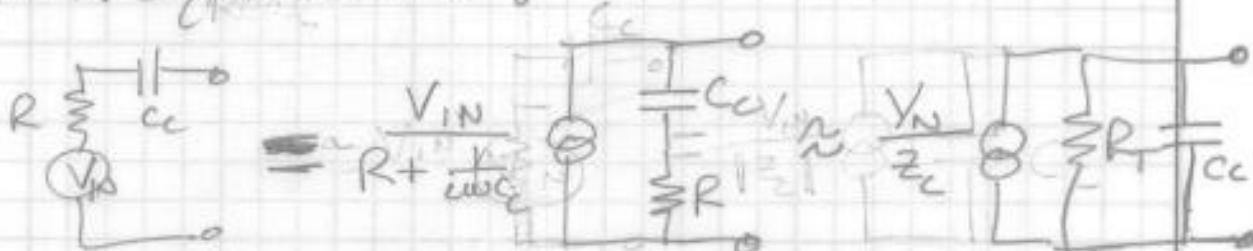
$$Y = \frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{R + \frac{1}{i\omega C_c}} \approx \frac{R}{|Z_{cc}|^2} + i\omega C_c$$

$$= \frac{R - \frac{1}{i\omega C_c}}{R^2 + |Z_{cc}|^2}$$

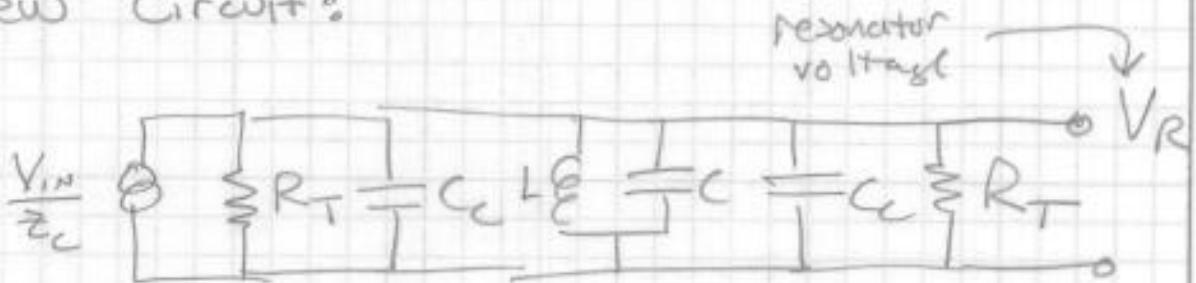
transf R      Same Cap

$$R_x = \frac{1}{\text{Re}(Y)} = \frac{|Z_{cc}|^2}{R}$$

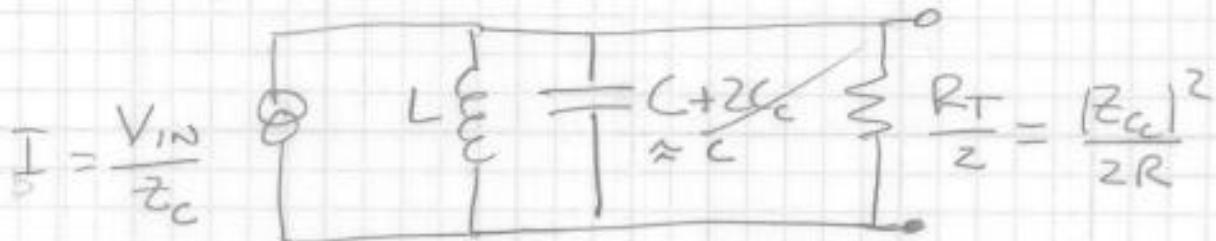
(2) Thev. Equir. Source:



New Circuit:



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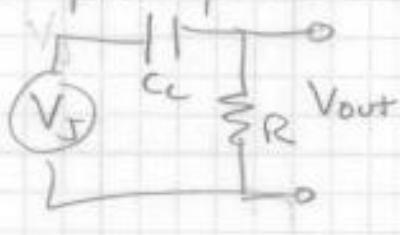
Just a L-C-R circuit, analyzed previously.

$$V_J = Z I$$

$$\omega = \omega_{res} + \Delta\omega; \quad \omega_{res} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L(C+2C_C)}}$$

near resonance  $\approx \frac{1}{2i\Delta\omega C + \frac{1}{(R_T/z)}} \frac{V_{IN}}{z_c}$

What is preamp voltage (not just reson.  $V_J$ )?



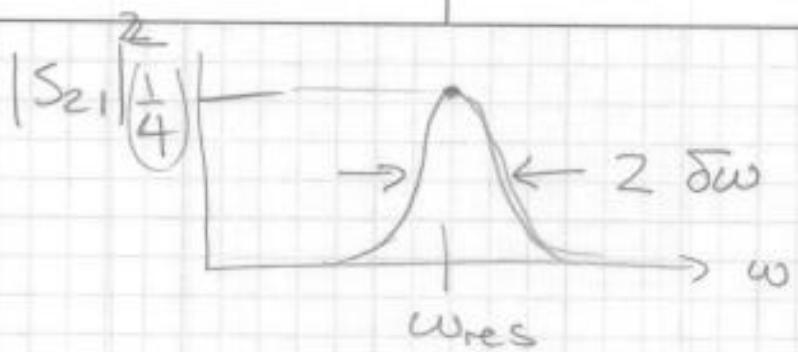
$$V_{out} = \frac{R}{R+z_c} V_J$$

$$\approx \frac{R}{z_c} V_J$$

$$S_{21} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{IN}} = \frac{R}{z_c^2} \frac{1}{2i\Delta\omega C + \frac{2}{R_T}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{z_c^2} \frac{R_T}{R_T} \frac{1}{i\Delta\omega CR_T + 1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{i\Delta\omega (CR_T) + 1}$$



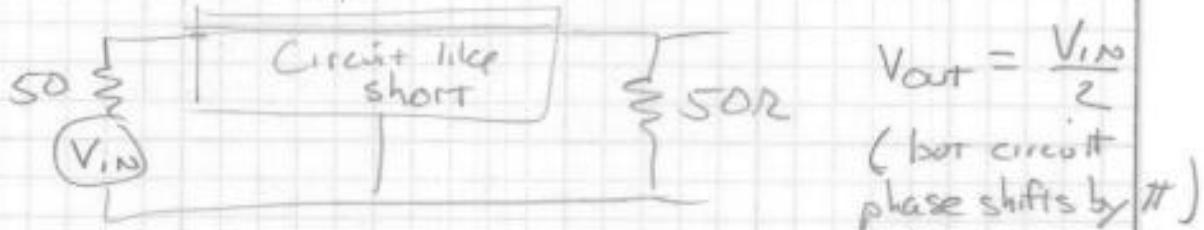
On resonance,  $\Delta\omega = 0$ ,  $S_{21} = -\frac{1}{2}$

FWHM (power) when  $\Delta\omega CR_T = 1$   
 $\Delta\omega = \Delta\omega/2$

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{2}{CR_T}$$

$$= \frac{1}{C(R_T/2)} ; \text{ normal formula for } Q.$$

Makes sense, on resonance, circuit sends power thr. resonator

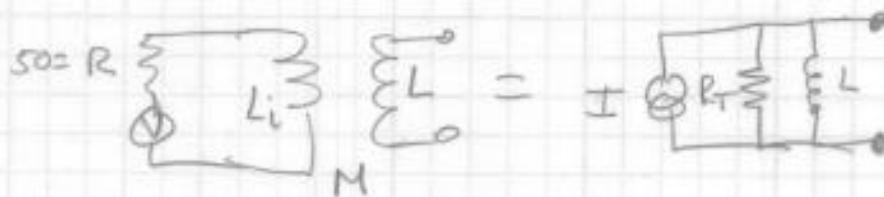


Summary: Small  $C_c$  impedance transforms

$$R \approx 50\Omega \text{ to } \frac{|Z_c|^2}{R} \approx 10^6\Omega$$

Thus resonator not damped much.

HW problem for making high-R I-source:

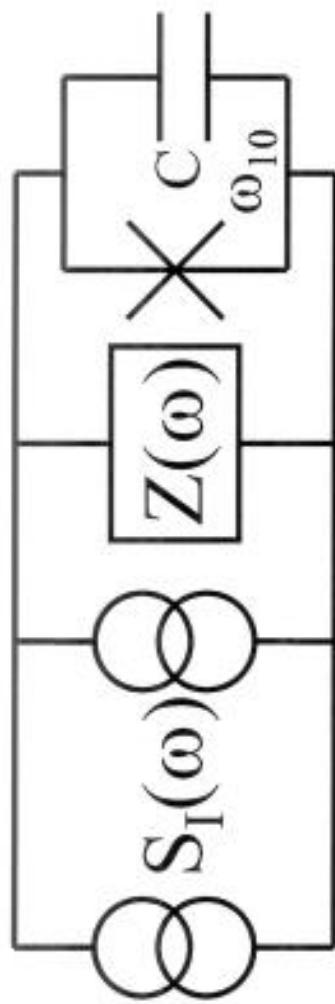


# Josephson Junction Decoherence

$$H_{(2)} = \sigma_x \bullet I_{\mu\text{WC}}(t) \bullet (\hbar / 2\omega_{10}C)^{1/2} / 2$$

$$+ \sigma_y \bullet I_{\mu\text{WS}}(t) \bullet (\hbar / 2\omega_{10}C)^{1/2} / 2$$

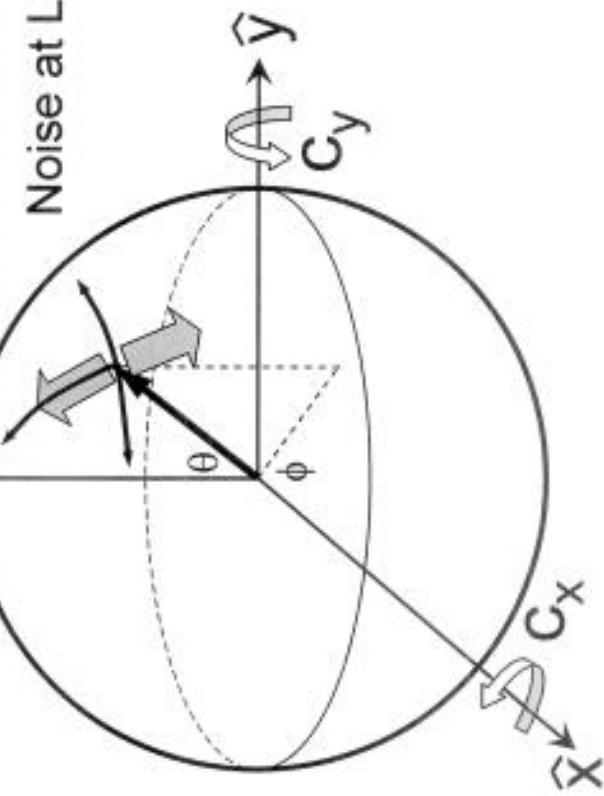
$$+ \sigma_z \bullet \delta I_{dc}(t) \bullet (\partial E_{10} / \partial I_{dc}) / 2$$



Environment

Spontaneous Emission  
(decay  $1 \rightarrow 0$ )

Noise at  $\omega_{10}$  ( $\sigma_x, \sigma_y$  op.'s)  
Noise at LF ( $\sigma_z$  op.'s)



Decoherence arises from  
noise and dissipation

## Decoherence from noise (need more gen. model than $1 \rightarrow 0$ )

### (1) Density Matrix Approach (<sup>standard</sup> won't talk about)

- Ensemble avg, good for NMR, we use

- Only treats rates (like  $T_1$ ) exp. decay).

- Not good for correl. noise (like we have)

relative results

### (2) Noise in Bloch vector (most physical)

- Can treat correl. noise

- Similar to treating noise in electrical circuits

- Full th., use with "quantum Monte Carlo jumps"  
(Not go into here, but readily generalized)  
(Just need to add  $T_1$ , energy decay)

## Noise Theory:

If control signals change B.V, then  
noise in control signal gives noise in B.V!

Spin:  $\hat{z}$ :  $B_z$  DC (low freq.)

X, Y:  $B_x \text{ or } B_y$  HF (transit. freq.)

$\phi$  qubits:  $\hat{z}$   
X, Y

I

DC  
HF

Concerned about noise  
in bias I.

# Noise

~~Energy Decay From Dissip ;  $I \rightarrow 0$ . "T<sub>1</sub>" state decay.~~  
~~Can also have  $I \leftrightarrow 0$ , dephasing from noise.~~  
~~1st, need to describe noise.~~

$I(t)$



Random Fluctuations of  
 $I$  (or  $V$ )

Assume comes from  
 sum of random cosine waves

$$I(t) = \sum_f (S_f \sin(2\pi f t) + C_f \cos(2\pi f t))$$

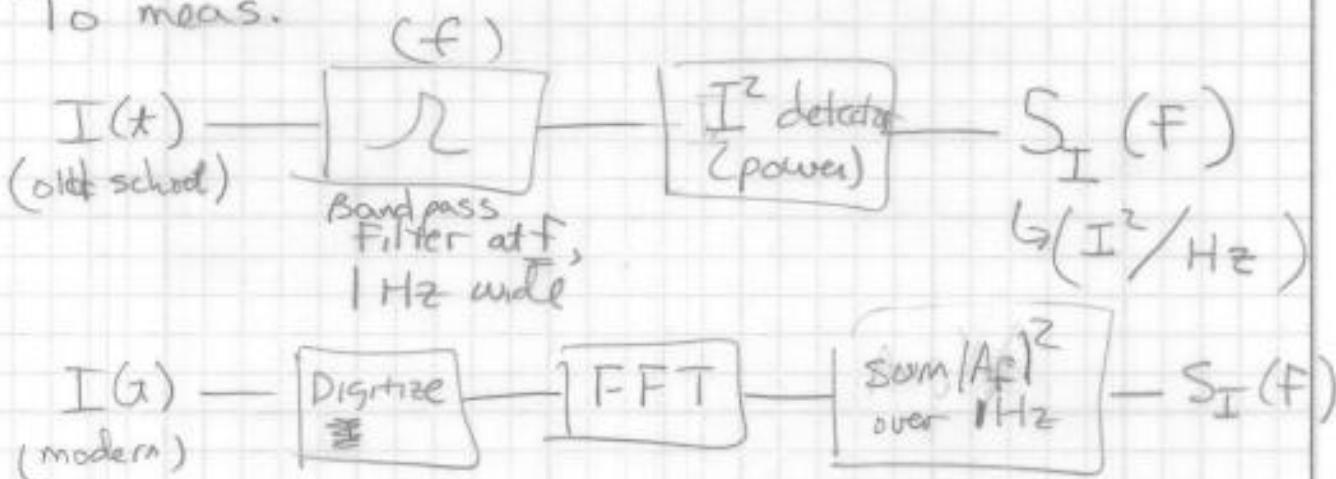
$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$  Random

$$\langle I^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_f \{ (C_f)^2 + (S_f)^2 \}$$

Incoherent sum (of power)  
 since  $\{ \sin, \cos \perp \}$   
 $\hookrightarrow \langle \sin^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$        $\{ \text{Diff. } f \perp \}$

$\{ (S_f)^2 + (C_f)^2 \}$  gives a spectral density, noise as a function of freq.

To meas.



Note: With classical noise, only makes sense to discuss noise at (+) Freq.  
 only (+, -) No LF filters!

$$\langle I^2 \rangle = \int_0^\infty S_I(F) dF$$

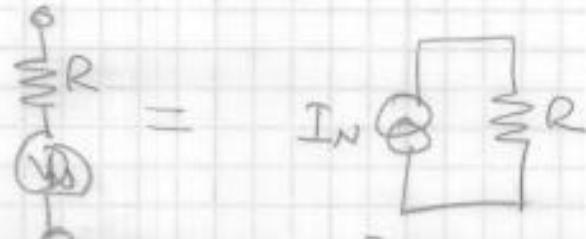
If want to know time correlation of noise, Wiener-Kinchine theorem (not derived here)

$$\langle I(t) I(0) \rangle = \int_0^\infty dF S_I(F) \cos 2\pi F t$$

( $t$ -Correl. = FT of  $S_I(F)$ )  
 $(t=0 \text{ is top eqn})$

Example: White noise;  $S_I(F) = \text{const.}$

Resistor noise



$$S_{V_n} = R^2 S_{I_n}$$

$$S_{I_n} = \frac{4kT}{R} \quad (\text{classical}).$$

FT of const is  $\delta$  function,

so noise uncorrelated in time.

[Computer simulation; Take each  $I_n(t)$  randomly  
 or Random Amps in F, then F.T.]

# Phase Noise (Z) consider 100+1> state $e^{i\phi}$

DECOHERENCE OF A SUPERCONDUCTING QUBIT DUE...

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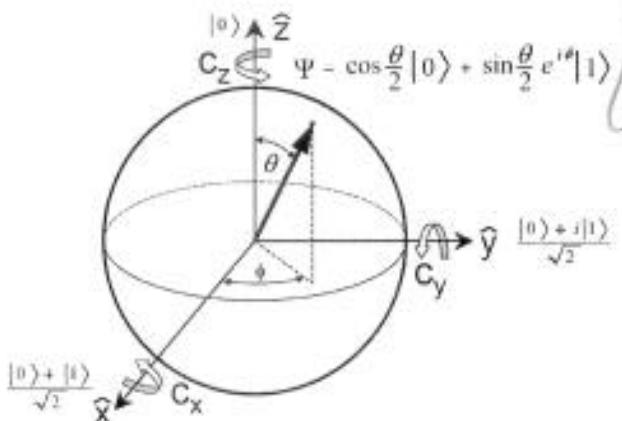


FIG. 2. Bloch sphere representation of the qubit state. Control vector  $c = (c_x, c_y, c_z)$  rotates the Bloch vector around axis of direction  $c_x \hat{x} + c_y \hat{y} + c_z \hat{z}$  with angle  $|c|$ .

and  $I_{10}(t)$ . If these control currents have constant values over time  $\Delta t$ , we can define a control vector  $\vec{c} = (c_x, c_y, c_z)$  with

$$\vec{c} = \left( I_{\mu nc} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_{10}C}} I_{\mu nc} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_{10}C}} I_{10} \frac{\partial E_{10}}{\partial I_{dc}} \right) \frac{\Delta t}{\hbar}. \quad (6)$$

The control currents change the qubit state after time  $\Delta t$  according to the unitary transformation<sup>1</sup>

$$U = \exp[-iH_{10}\Delta t/\hbar]. \quad (7a)$$

$$= \exp[-i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{c}/2], \quad (7b)$$

$$= \vec{\sigma}_0 \cos \frac{|\vec{c}|}{2} - i \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} \sin \frac{|\vec{c}|}{2}, \quad (7c)$$

where  $\vec{\sigma} = (\vec{\sigma}_x, \vec{\sigma}_y, \vec{\sigma}_z)$  and  $\vec{\sigma}_0$  is the identity matrix.

One way to visualize how  $\vec{c}$  controls the qubit state is via the standard Bloch-sphere description. As illustrated in Fig. 2, the direction of the Bloch vector describes the qubit state according to  $\Psi = \cos(\theta/2)|0\rangle + \sin(\theta/2)\exp(i\phi)|1\rangle$ . The angle  $\theta$  of the vector corresponds to the occupation amplitude of the state, whereas the angle  $\phi$  gives the phase of the state. The probability of measuring the ground state is given by  $\cos^2(\theta/2)$ . Operations of  $\vec{\sigma}_x$ ,  $\vec{\sigma}_y$ , and  $\vec{\sigma}_z$  correspond to rotations of the state vector around the  $\hat{x}$ ,  $\hat{y}$ , and  $\hat{z}$  axis, respectively. In general, a control vector  $\vec{c}$  rotates the Bloch vector around the  $\vec{c}$  axis with angle  $|\vec{c}|$ . For example, a “ $\pi/2$ -pulse” with control vector  $\vec{c} = (0, \pi/2, 0)$  changes the state  $|0\rangle$  to the state  $(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ .

### III. CALCULATION OF DECOHERENCE FOR AN ARBITRARY NOISE SOURCE

Because the bias current controls the qubit, noise in the bias current fluctuates the qubit state and causes decoherence. In this section we calculate how noise randomly rotates the Bloch vector around the three axes. Because we separated the effect of the bias current into low  $I_{10}(t)$  and microwave frequency  $I_{\mu nc}(t)\cos\omega_{10}t + I_{\mu nc}(t)\sin\omega_{10}t$  components, the effect of noise can be separated likewise. Since the

net effect of these rotations depends on the state of the qubit, we calculate how these fluctuations affect the measurement of the state for two typical experimental situations.

Current noise at low frequency fluctuates the  $c_z$  component of the control vector, which randomly rotates the Bloch vector around the  $\hat{z}$  axis due to  $\vec{\sigma}_z$  operations. These random rotations produce noise in the phase  $\phi$  of the qubit state. Since the phase is  $\phi(t) = f'_0 dt \omega_{10}(t)$ , the phase noise after a time  $t$  is

$$\phi_n(t) = \frac{\partial \omega_{10}}{\partial I_{dc}} \int_0^t dt' I_n(t'). \quad (8)$$

Physically, phase noise arises from noise current flowing through the nonlinear inductance of the junction that in turn causes  $\omega_{10}$  to vary.

The magnitude of the phase noise is described by its mean-squared value  $\langle \phi_n^2(t) \rangle$ . This quantity is calculated with the noise power of  $I_n$ , described as the spectral density  $S_I(f)$ . It is defined as the mean-squared amplitude of the current noise at frequency  $f$  per 1 Hz bandwidth. The time average of the correlation function is computed with the noise power by

$$\langle I_n(t) I_n(0) \rangle = \int_0^\infty df S_I(f) \cos 2\pi f t. \quad (9)$$

Using Eq. (8) the mean-squared phase noise is

$$\langle \phi_n^2(t) \rangle = \left( \frac{\partial \omega_{10}}{\partial I_{dc}} \right)^2 \left( \int_0^t dt' I_n(t') \int_0^t dt'' I_n(t'') \right) \quad (10a)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial \omega_{10}}{\partial I_{dc}} \right)^2 \int_0^\infty df S_I(f) \underbrace{\int_0^t dt' \int_0^t dt''}_{\text{sp. corr.}} \underbrace{\text{Re } e^{i2\pi f(t'-t'')}}_{\text{sp. out}} \quad (10b)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial \omega_{10}}{\partial I_{dc}} \right)^2 \int_0^{\omega_{10}/2\pi} df S_I(f) W_0(f), \quad (10c)$$

where  $W_0(f)$  is a spectral weight function given by

$$W_0(f) = \left| \int_0^t dt' e^{i2\pi f t'} \right|^2 \quad (11a)$$

$$= \frac{\sin^2(\pi f t)}{(\pi f)^2} \rightarrow \frac{(\pi f t)^2}{(\pi f)^2} \rightarrow t^2 \quad (11b)$$

The phase noise integral is cutoff for frequencies greater than  $\omega_{10}/2\pi$ . For these frequencies, the noise current primarily flows through the junction capacitance, not the junction, and thus does not significantly modulate  $\omega_{10}$ . Furthermore, noise at  $\omega_{10}$  should not be included because it is accounted for in stimulated transitions, as computed below. Integrating the noise to a cutoff frequency  $\omega_{10}/2\pi$  is a good approximation because for most circuit impedances a change in this cutoff frequency only logarithmically affects the phase noise [see Eq. (26)].



White noise

$$\frac{S_F^0}{\text{SF}}$$

$$\langle \phi_N^2 \rangle = \left( \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial I} \right)^2 S_F^0 \int_0^\infty \frac{d(mF)}{(m)} \frac{\sin(\pi F t)}{(\pi F t)^2} \frac{1}{\pi^2} dt$$

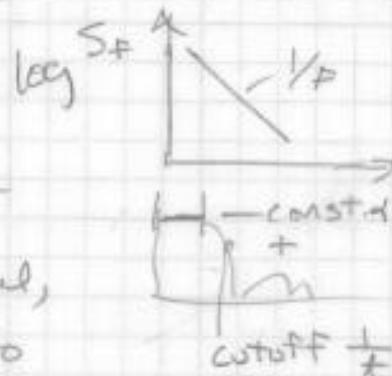
$$W_B \boxed{D_m}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial I} \right)^2 S_F^0 \frac{t}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx$$

$$\langle \phi_N^2 \rangle \propto t; \text{ like diffusion!} = \left( \frac{\partial w_0}{\partial I} \right)^2 S_F^0 t$$

1/f noise

(more physical,  
g)  $\overline{I}, \overline{I_0}$   
flucts)



$$\langle \phi_N^2 \rangle = \left( \frac{\partial w_{10}}{\partial I} \right)^2 \int_0^\infty dt \frac{S_I^*(1\text{Hz})}{f} \frac{\sin(\pi f t)}{(\pi f t)^2}$$

$$\approx \left( \frac{\partial w_{10}}{\partial I} \right)^2 S_I^* \int_0^\infty \frac{df}{f} \frac{1}{f^2}$$

$$\approx \left( \frac{\partial w_{10}}{\partial I} \right)^2 S_I^* (1\text{Hz}) \ln\left(\frac{0.401}{f_m t}\right) t^2$$

$$\equiv (t/t_{\text{HF cutoff}})^2$$

$$\langle \phi_N^2 \rangle \propto t^2, \text{ makes sense!}$$

$$\delta w_{10}$$

LF ( $\frac{1}{f}$ ) noise; bias fluctuates very slowly, different  $w_{10} + \delta w_{10}$  each experiment;  $\phi_N \propto \int \delta w_{10} dt \propto t$

$$\text{so } \phi_N^2 \propto t^2.$$

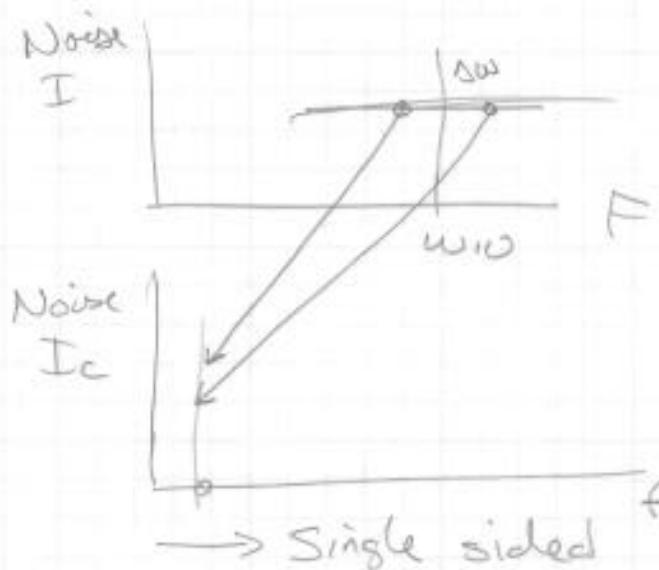
X, Y errors from H.F. Noise

$$I = I_{LF}(t) + I_c(t) \cos \omega_{10} t + I_s(t) \sin \omega_{10} t$$



$$H = \frac{\sigma_z}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \omega_{10}}{\partial I} \right) I_{LF}(t) + \frac{\sigma_x}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_c}} I_c(t) + \frac{\sigma_y}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_s}} I_s(t)$$

Need to express H.F. noise around  $\omega_{10}$   
as noise in  $I_c(t)$ ,  $I_s(t)$



Noise at  $\pm \Delta \omega$   
mixes to  
same freq.  
 $\Delta \omega$

$$S_{Ic} = S_{Is} = 2 S_{\pm} (\omega_{10}/2\pi)$$

since assume noise  
const. around  $\omega_{10}/2\pi$

# Noise Mixing

$$\begin{aligned} I_N &= \sum_{\pm\Delta\omega} c_{\Delta\omega} \cos(\omega_{10}t + \Delta\omega t) + s_{\Delta\omega} \sin(\omega_{10}t + \Delta\omega t) && \text{Noise from } +\Delta\omega \text{ around } \omega_{10} \\ &= \sum_{\pm\Delta\omega} c_{\Delta\omega} [\cos(\omega_{10}t) \cos(\Delta\omega t) - \sin(\omega_{10}t) \sin(\Delta\omega t)] + s_{\Delta\omega} [\sin(\omega_{10}t) \cos(\Delta\omega t) + \cos(\omega_{10}t) \sin(\Delta\omega t)] \\ &= \cos(\omega_{10}t) \sum_{\Delta\omega} \{(c_{+\Delta\omega} + c_{-\Delta\omega}) \cos(\Delta\omega t) + (s_{+\Delta\omega} - s_{-\Delta\omega}) \sin(\Delta\omega t)\} + \sin(\omega_{10}t) \sum_{\Delta\omega} \dots \end{aligned}$$

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**Noise adds from  $+\Delta\omega$  and  $-\Delta\omega$**

$\Theta$  errors from noise  
in  $\mu\text{W}$  drive

$I_c, I_s$  white noise

$$\langle \theta_x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi\omega_0 C} 2S_I \left(\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}\right) t \\ = \langle \theta_y^2 \rangle$$

(just like noise in  $I_c^2$ ,  
charge constants)

Total tilt  $\Theta$  of B.V. is (Starting from  $|0\rangle$   
state (at top))

$$\langle \theta^2 \rangle = \langle \theta_x^2 \rangle + \langle \theta_y^2 \rangle \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi\omega_0 C} 4S_I t$$

$$\text{Amp} |0\rangle = \cos(\theta/2)$$

$$P_0 = \langle \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) \rangle \approx \left\langle \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^2 \right]^2 \right\rangle$$

$$\approx \left\langle 1 - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^2 \right\rangle$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{4} \langle \theta \rangle^2$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi\omega_0 C} S_I \left( \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} \right) t$$

noise

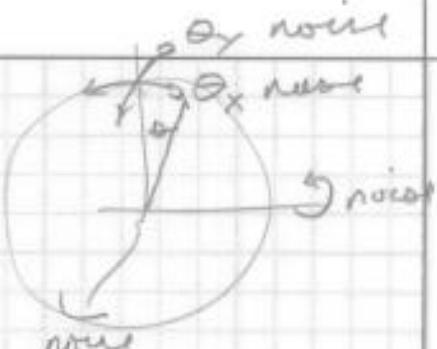
↳ Represents transition rate  $\gamma_N$   
of  $|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$

Likewise, if start at bottom  $|1\rangle$ ;

$\gamma_N$  = same as above

transition  
picture

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \gamma_N \xrightarrow{\quad} \xleftarrow{\quad} \gamma_N \\ |0\rangle \qquad |1\rangle \end{array} \right.$$



$\phi_N$  and Ramsey Sequence

How to meas  $\phi_N$ ?

$\gamma_N$  meas. from  $|0\rangle$

or  $|1\rangle$  state



With ramsey seq.

$\langle \phi_N^2 \rangle$  seen as noise in angle  $\theta_x$

$\langle \theta_y^2 \rangle$  " " " " angle  $\theta_y$

$\langle \theta_x^2 \rangle$  not seen!

$$P_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{4} \langle \theta_y^2 \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \langle \phi_N^2 \rangle$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_N t - \frac{1}{4} \langle \phi_N^2 \rangle$$

$\square$   $\frac{1}{2}$  as bias because  
only 1 component of microwave noise.

Beyond small angle expansion of  $\theta^2$  -

Many modes of noise  $\Rightarrow$  Gaussian Distribution

$$\frac{dp(x)}{dx} = \frac{e^{-x^2/2 \langle x^2 \rangle}}{\sqrt{2\pi \langle x^2 \rangle}}$$

$$\text{So } P_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\theta \frac{e^{-\theta^2/2 \langle \theta^2 \rangle}}{\sqrt{2\pi \langle \theta^2 \rangle}} \cos^2(\theta/2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp[-\langle \theta^2 \rangle / 2]$$

Since  $P_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  also found in transition picture  
 $0 \leftrightarrow 1$  transitions cause avg to  $1/2$   
and dephasings

$$\gamma_N \quad P_0 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\hbar\omega_0 c} Z S_I t / 2 \right]$$

$\langle \phi^2 \rangle \approx \phi^2$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp [-\gamma_N t]$$

$$\phi_p \quad P_0 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp [-\langle \phi_p^2 \rangle / 2]$$

$\langle \phi^2 \rangle \approx \phi^2$

$$(1') \rightarrow \quad = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp \left[ -\left( \frac{\partial \omega_{10}}{\partial I} \right)^2 S_I^2 \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) t^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( t/t_{1p} \right)^2 \right]$$

Combining both (as non-correlated)

$$P_0 \approx \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp [-\gamma_N t] \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t}{t_{1p}} \right)^2 \right]$$

$\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
 Multiply decay from  
 both sources.

## Dissipation and Noise

(1) Up to now, treated separately: But can be combined!

Idea: Classical current  $\sim \cos \omega t = \frac{e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}}{2}$

has  $\pm \omega t$  freq. components

Quantum states differ by  $e^{-i\omega_0 t}$  factor,

$\Delta\omega \pm \omega$  represents  $\pm$  energy transitions

\* Thus, dissip repres. by diff noise  $\pm$  freq's!

(2) How treat dissip in Q.M. since Q.M. reversible?

Std. - Fermi

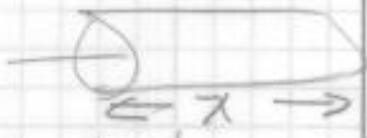
Golden  
Rule



many states.

Small coupling to many states  
Energy / State never comes back.

- Example was in  $t$ -line,  
where line  $\rightarrow \infty$  means  
energy reflected back to end

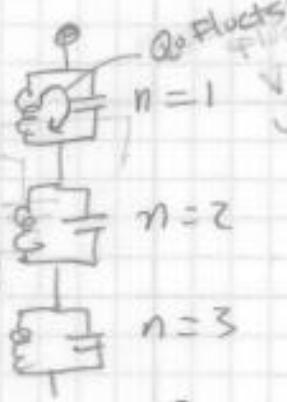


\* Model for a resistor: by bath of  
finite length  $X$ ; can describe  $\sqrt{L-C}$  modes  
(let  $X \rightarrow \infty$  for  $\infty$  density of modes).

$$\text{Reson: } \omega_n = n \left( \frac{\pi}{X} \right)^{1/2} = n \omega_0$$

$$C_n = n \frac{\pi}{2Z_0} \frac{1}{\omega_n} \quad R \sum_b =$$

$$= \left( \frac{\pi}{2Z_0} \right) \frac{1}{\omega_0} \\ = \text{const.}$$



With Series circuit,  $V_N$  Flucts  
add up  $\rightarrow$  Calc. that first

To compute noise ( $\pm \omega$ ), look at correlator

$$\underbrace{\langle \hat{V}(+) \hat{V}(0) \rangle}_{\text{now operators}} = \frac{\langle \hat{Q}(+) \hat{Q}(0) \rangle}{C^2} \quad \hat{Q}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi\omega_n C}}{z} (\ast)$$

$$(\text{For 1 mode}) \quad (\text{res. freq. } \omega_n) = \frac{2\pi\omega_n C}{4C^2} \langle (ae^{-i\omega_n t} + a^+e^{i\omega_n t})(a - a^+) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\pi\omega_n}{2C} \left[ \langle aa^+ \rangle e^{-i\omega_n t} + \langle a^+a \rangle e^{i\omega_n t} + \cancel{\langle a^+a^+ \rangle} - \cancel{\langle a^+a \rangle} \right]$$

$$\langle a^+a \rangle \neq \langle aa^+ \rangle = \langle aa \rangle + 1$$

Something interesting  $\rightarrow$  non classical  
 $\pm \omega_0$ , spectral weight!

For H.D. state (bosonic mode), temp. T

$$\langle a^+a \rangle_T = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega_0/kT} - 1} \quad \rightarrow 0 \text{ with } T \rightarrow 0$$

$$\langle aa^+ \rangle_T = \frac{1 + (e^{\hbar\omega_0/kT} - 1)}{e^{\hbar\omega_0/kT} - 1} \quad \rightarrow 1 \text{ with } T \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\hbar\omega_0/kT}}$$

Only  $e^{-i\omega_0 t}$   
freq. content

$$\langle \hat{V}(t) \hat{V}(0) \rangle = \sum_{\text{total}} \frac{\hbar w_n}{2(\frac{\pi}{Z_0} \frac{1}{w_0})} \left[ \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\hbar w_n}{kT}} - 1} e^{-i\omega_n t} - \frac{1}{e^{-\frac{\hbar w_n}{kT}} - 1} e^{i\omega_n t} \right]$$

(sum over all modes)

const ✓

$$= \frac{Z_0}{\pi} \sum_n w_0 \left[ \underbrace{\int_0^\infty d\omega}_{\int_{-\infty}^\infty d\omega} \underbrace{\frac{\hbar w_n}{e^{\frac{\hbar w_n}{kT}} - 1} e^{-i\omega_n t} + \frac{-\hbar w_n}{e^{-\frac{\hbar w_n}{kT}} - 1} e^{i\omega_n t}}_{+w_n \rightarrow -w_n} \right]$$

$$= 2Z_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right) \left[ \frac{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\pi kT}}{1 - e^{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\pi kT}}} e^{\pm i\omega t} \right]$$

$Z_0 = \text{resistance}$  ↴ Now 2-sided integral

\* Now F.T. both sides

$$S_V\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right) = 2Z_0 \frac{2\hbar\omega}{1 - e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\pi kT}}} \quad \begin{matrix} + \text{ and } - \\ \text{frequencies!} \end{matrix}$$

General Case for  $z$

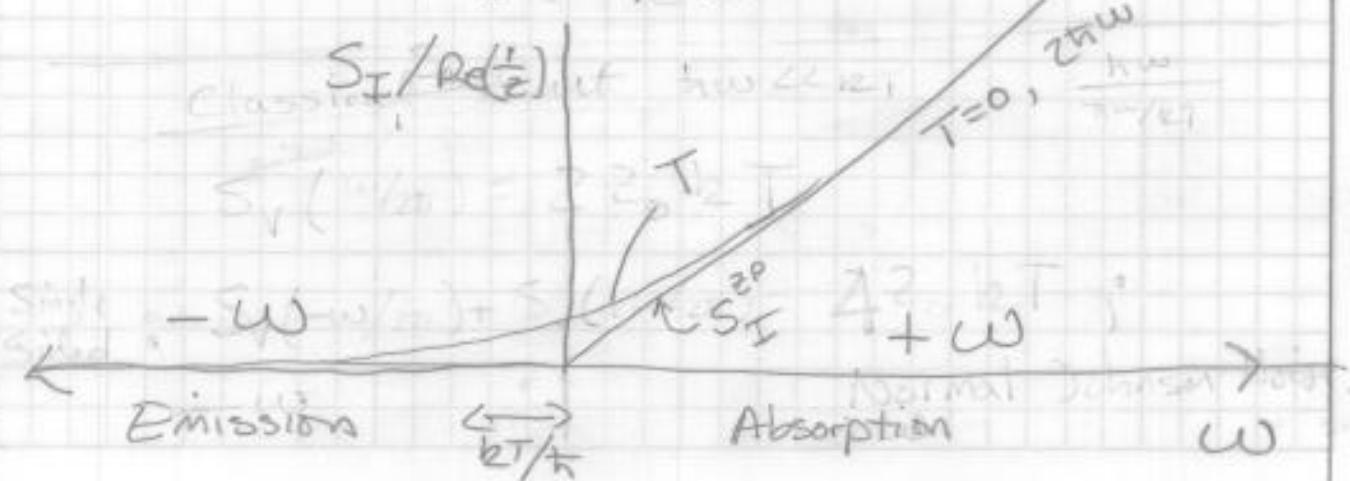
$$= \operatorname{Re}\{z\} \frac{2\hbar\omega}{1 - e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\pi kT}}}$$

Thev.  
equiv

$$S_I^{QU} = S_V / \operatorname{Re}\{z\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{1}{z}\right\} \frac{2\hbar\omega}{1 - e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\pi kT}}}$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z}{1-z}\right) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z}{z-z^2}\right) \\ = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$$



# Physics of Spectrum.

$$(0) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Absorption} &= +\omega \quad \Rightarrow \hat{V}(t) \propto a e^{-i\omega t} + a^+ e^{i\omega t} \\ \text{Emission} &= -\omega \end{aligned}$$

① Emission =  $-\omega$  = Blackbody Formula (10)

$$\begin{aligned} ② S_I^{zp}(\omega/2\pi) &= S_I^{qu}(+\omega/2\pi) - S_I^{qu}(-\omega/2\pi) \quad \text{Diff. of specn.} \\ &= 2 \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \left[ \frac{\tau\omega}{1-e^{-\tau\omega/kT}} - \frac{-\tau\omega}{1-e^{\tau\omega/kT}} \right] \\ &= 2 \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \tau\omega \left[ \langle aa^+ \rangle - \langle a^+ a \rangle \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) 2\tau\omega \end{aligned}$$

Same calc.,  
only use  
 $\tau\omega$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \gamma_N (S_I \leftarrow S_I^{zp}(\omega_0/2\pi)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\omega_0 c} 2\tau\omega_0 \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \quad ; \text{ Dissipation Formula Derived previously} \end{aligned}$$

\* Z.P. fluct. drive  $1 \rightarrow 0$  transition (dissipation)

$$\begin{cases} S_I^{qu}(-\omega/2\pi) - \text{Classical Noise} & 0 \leftrightarrow 1 (\gamma_N) \\ S_I^{zp}(+\omega/2\pi) - \text{Z.P. Noise} & 1 \rightarrow 0 \quad (\gamma_1) \end{cases}$$

② Two ways to picture noise

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overbrace{\gamma^-}^{\substack{\text{+/- rates} \\ \gamma_1 + \gamma_N}} \underbrace{\gamma^+}_{\downarrow} & \overbrace{\gamma_N}^{\text{Class + Decay}} \underbrace{\gamma_1}_{\rightarrow} & \gamma^+ = \gamma_1 + \gamma_N \\ & & \gamma^- = \gamma_N \end{array}$$

$$③ \frac{S_I^{qu}(-\omega/2\pi)}{S_I^{qu}(+\omega/2\pi)} = e^{-\tau\omega/kT} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ transition rates} \\ \text{give Boltz factor correctly} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ④ S_I^+(\omega/2\pi) &= S_I^{qu}(-\omega/2\pi) + S_I^{qu}(\omega/2\pi) \quad \text{Single-Sided Spectrum} \\ (\text{domath}) &= 2\tau\omega \coth(\tau\omega/2kT) \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \\ &\rightarrow 4kT \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \quad \tau\omega \ll kT \end{aligned}$$

Johnson/Nyquist Noise of R

# Measurement of Quantum Noise

Voltage state of CBJJ : HF noise mixed to LF

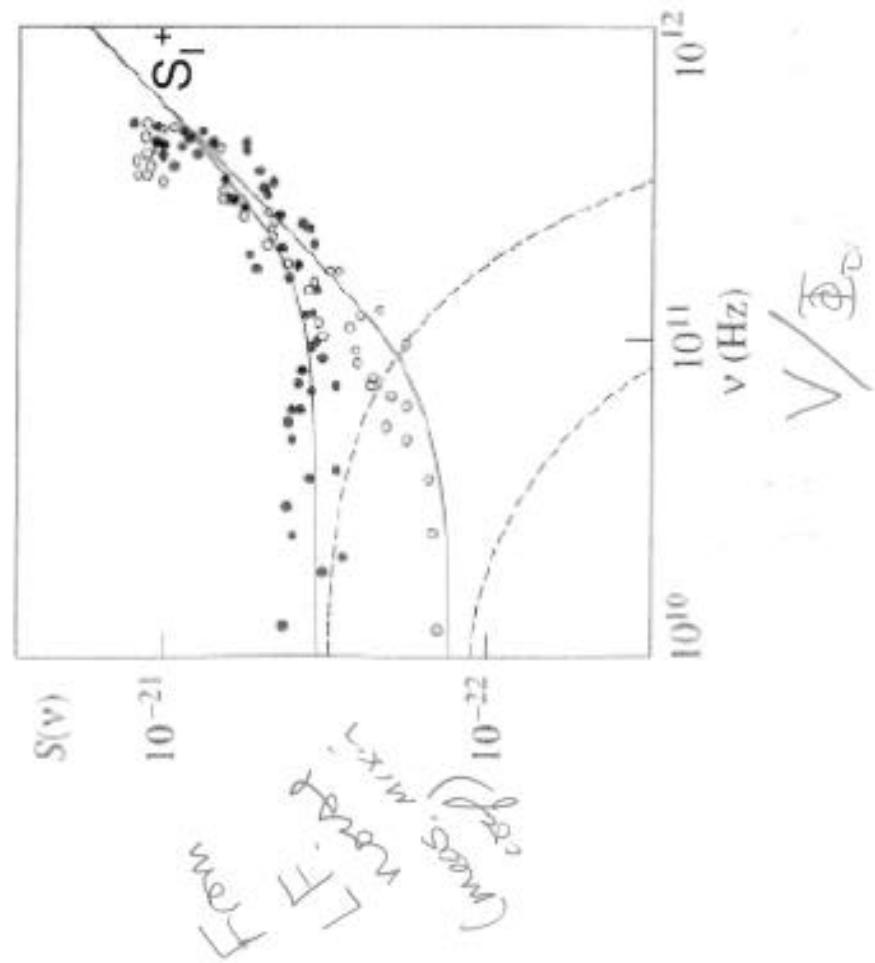


Fig. 1.2 Measured spectral density of noise current in the experiment of Koch *et al.* at 4.2 K (solid circles) and 1.6 K (hollow circles). The solid lines are the prediction of (1.2.5), while the dashed lines correspond to the Planck spectrum (1.2.3)

Like X, Y op's, Z op's need double-sided spectrum. To express as shown previously (with 1-sided integral),

Use  $S_{\frac{I}{2}}^+$  to integrate both ± freq's.

$$\langle \phi_N^2 \rangle = \left( \frac{\partial w_{10}}{\partial I} \right)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dF W_d(F) S_{\frac{I}{2}}^{00}(\omega_{10}/2\pi)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial w_{10}}{\partial I} \right)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dF W_d(F) S_{\frac{I}{2}}^+ (\omega_{10}/2\pi)$$

in C R.P. noise  
in Freq. integral

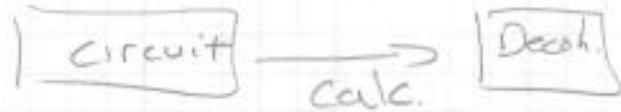
cotanh(C) formula  
ZP noise included.

## Using Noise

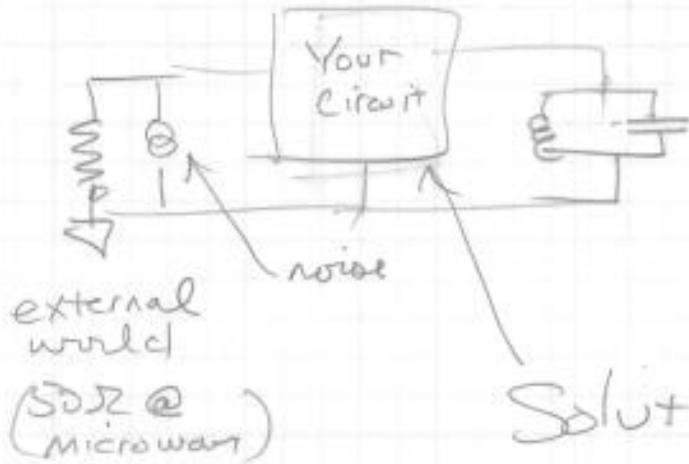
Decoherence = noise

→ How do I isolate my qubit from external world (which can drive noise into it?)

So far, shown HOW to calc. decoherence.

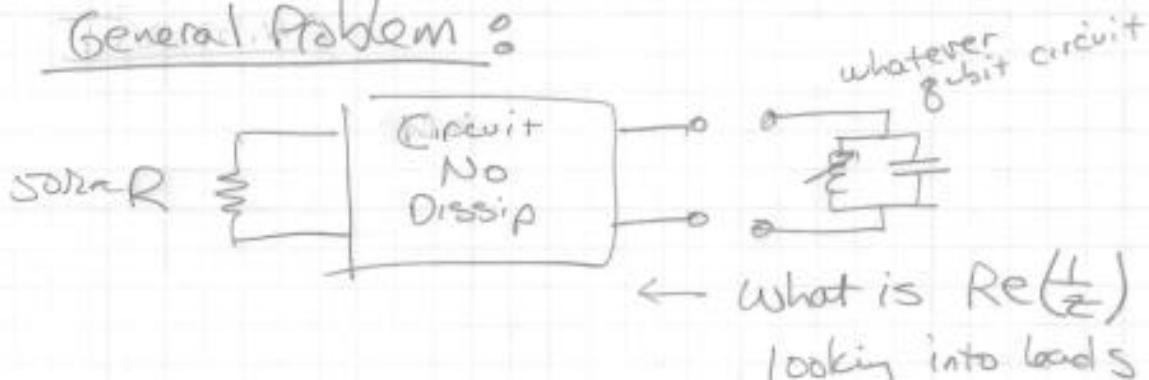


→ Really interested in inverse problem, principles behind designing a good circuit



Solution: Build a circuit to reduce (atten.) current noise!

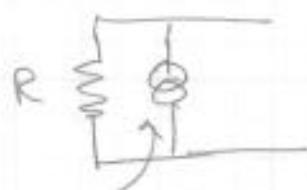
## General Problem :



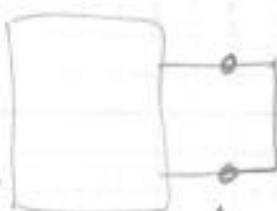
→ Tells us how external circuit loads/decoh. qubit.

## Solution:

(I)



$$S_I \text{ of } \frac{1}{R} \text{ (Input)}$$



Calculate

$$S_{IN} @ \text{output}$$

II

2-term  
dissip. part:



$\text{Re}(Y)$

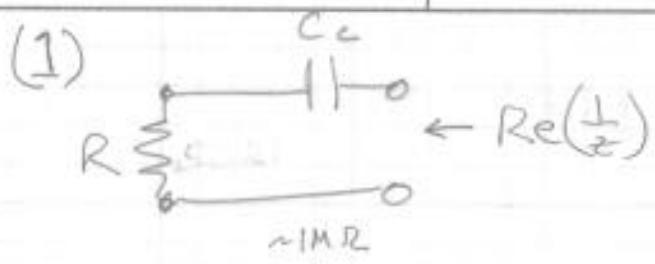
$$\frac{1}{R_{out}} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{S_{IN}}{S_I} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{output noise} \\ \leftarrow \text{input noise} \end{array}$$

$R_{out}$  is transformed up by  
(current)<sup>2</sup> ratio!

(This is, in fact, a classical concept).

There are 3 example circuits that are used in qubit devices —

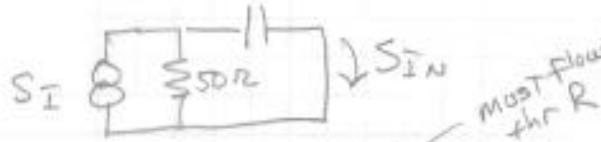
(It's the simplicity of this calcul. that is so useful — can calculate with normal Z methods used previously; intuition is the key!)



$$z = R + \frac{1}{i\omega C_c}$$

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{R - \frac{1}{i\omega C_c}}{R^2 + (\omega C_c)^2}$$

normal calc.



$$\frac{1}{R_{out}} = Re(\frac{1}{z}) \approx R(\omega C_c)^2$$

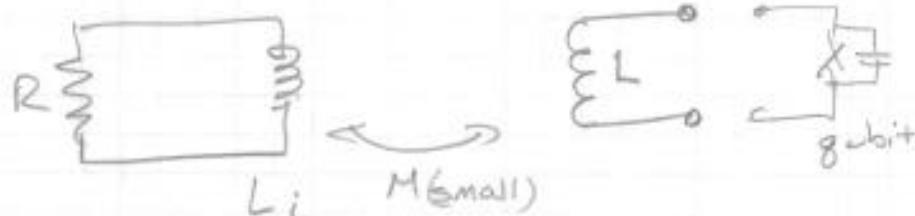
$$\frac{1}{R_{out}} = R(\omega C_c)^2$$

$$S_{IN} = \frac{R^2}{(\omega C_c)^2} S_I$$

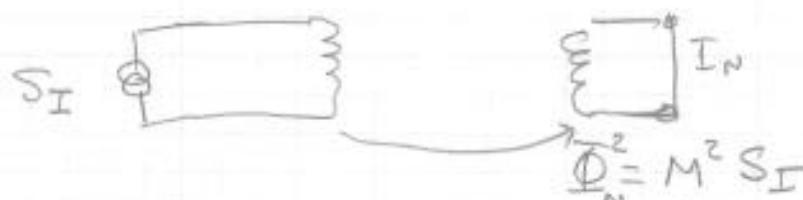
$$\frac{1}{R_{out}} = \frac{1}{R} \cancel{\frac{R^2}{(\omega C_c)^2}}$$

$$=$$

(2)



assume  $\omega L_i \ll R$



$$\frac{1}{R_{out}} = M^2 R$$

$$I_N = \frac{S_I}{M^2 R}$$

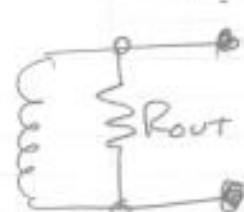
$$S_{IN} = \left(\frac{M}{L}\right)^2 S_I$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{out}} = \left(\frac{M}{L}\right)^2 R \quad \text{Rout transformed up by } \left(\frac{M}{L}\right)^2$$

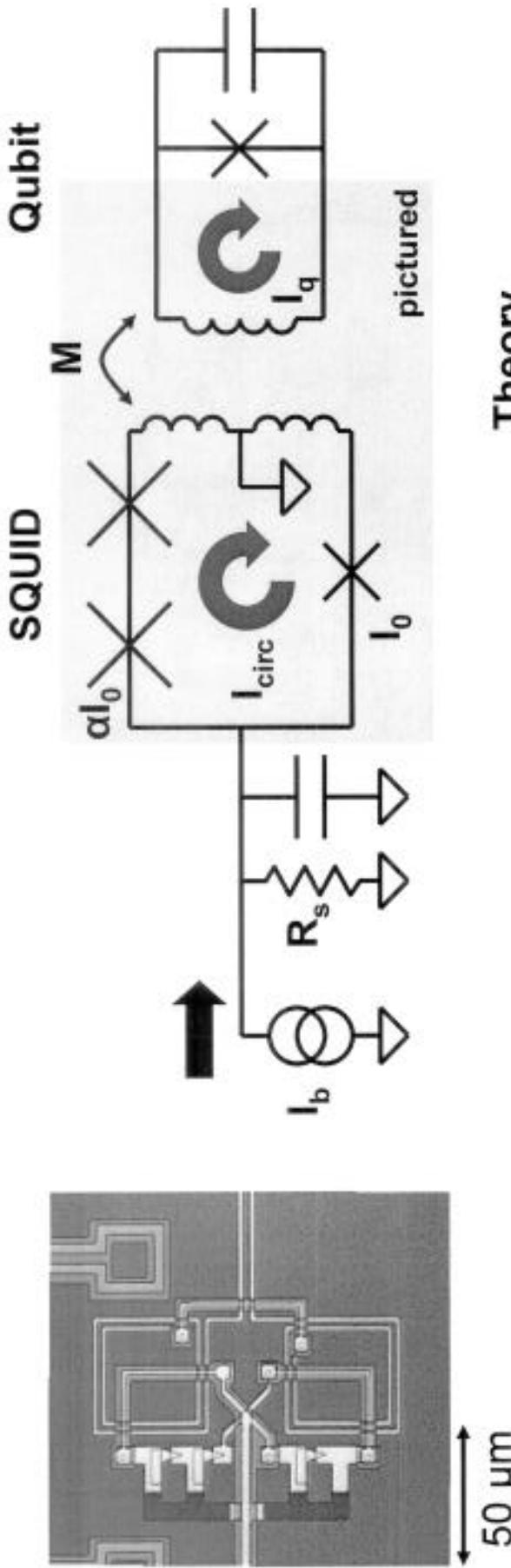
$$50\Omega \rightarrow (100)^2 50$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} M^2 R$$

equiv.  
circuit



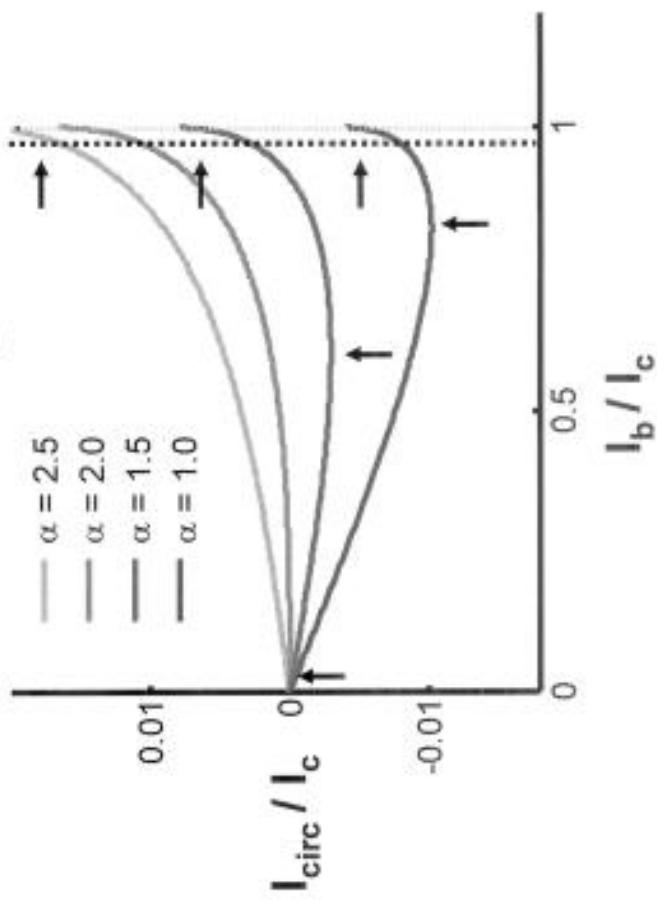
# Variable Coupling SQUID Readout



**Squid is a variable transformer**

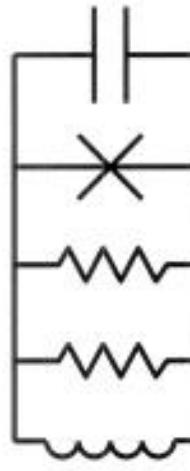
**Operation:** squid balanced  
 $I_b$  chosen so  $I_{circ}$  is flat  
insensitive to flux

**Measurement:** squid unbalanced  
ramp  $I_b \rightarrow I_c$ ,  $I_{circ}$  large  
sensitive to flux



# Variable Impedance Transformer

- Qubit dissipation from:**
- x-formed SQUID shunt  $R_s$
  - unknown "background" dissipation



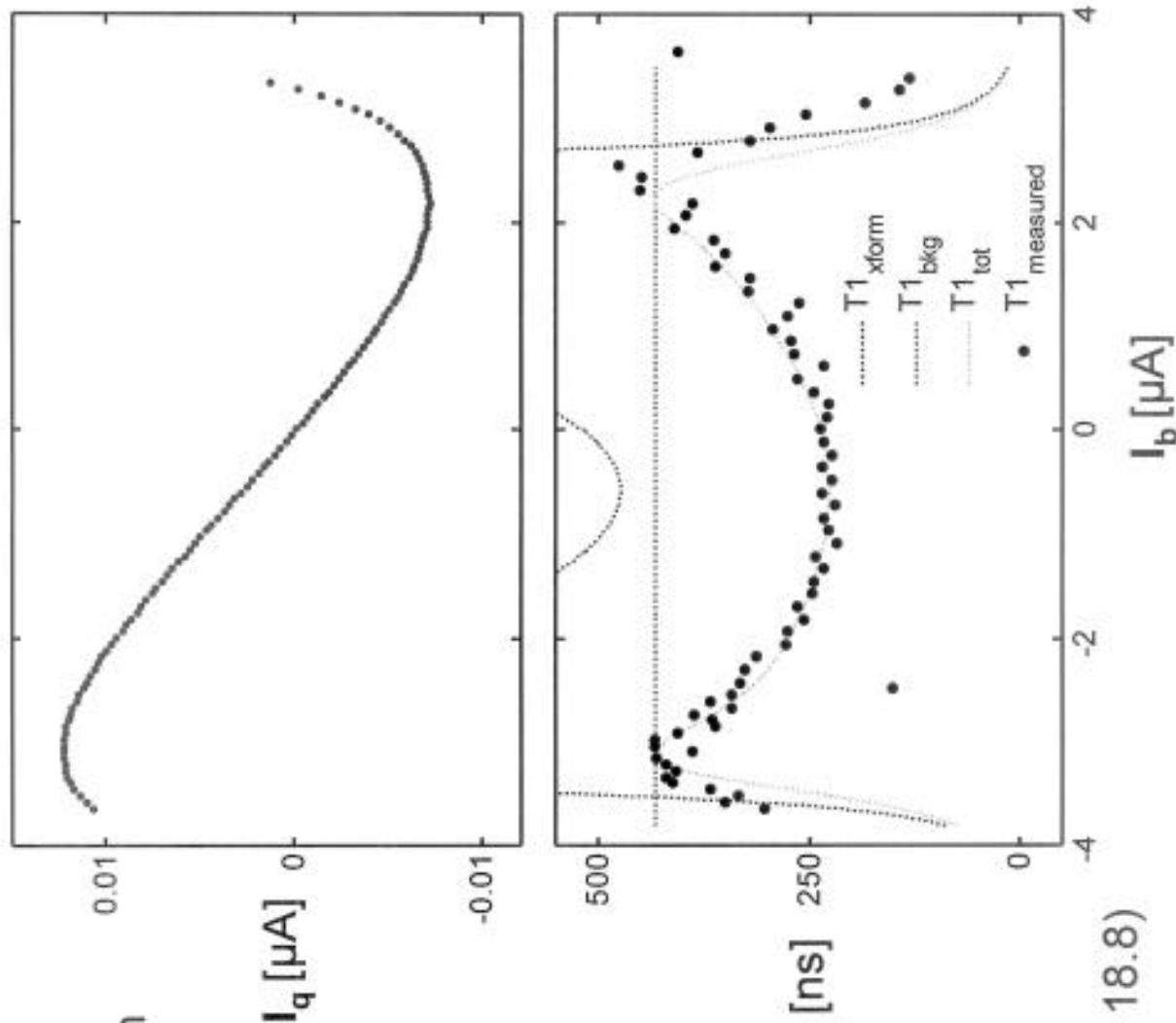
$$R_{tot} = R_{xform} \parallel R_{bkg}$$

$$R_{xform} = \frac{R_s}{(dI / dI_b)^2}$$

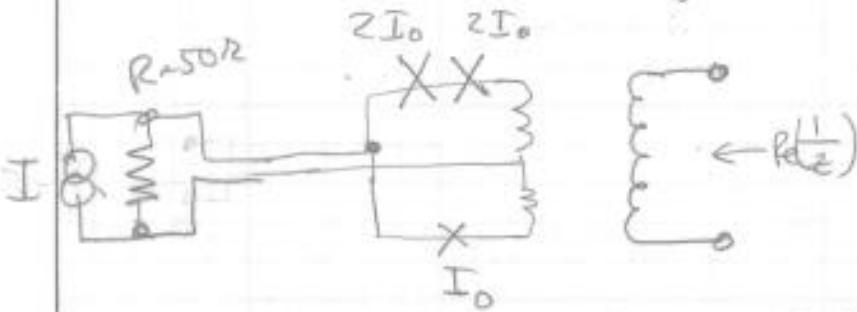
$$T_1 = R_{tot} C$$

## Best Fit to Data:

- $T_1^{bkg} = 433 \text{ ns}$
- $R_s = 12.2 \Omega$  (expected 30 || 50 = 18.8)

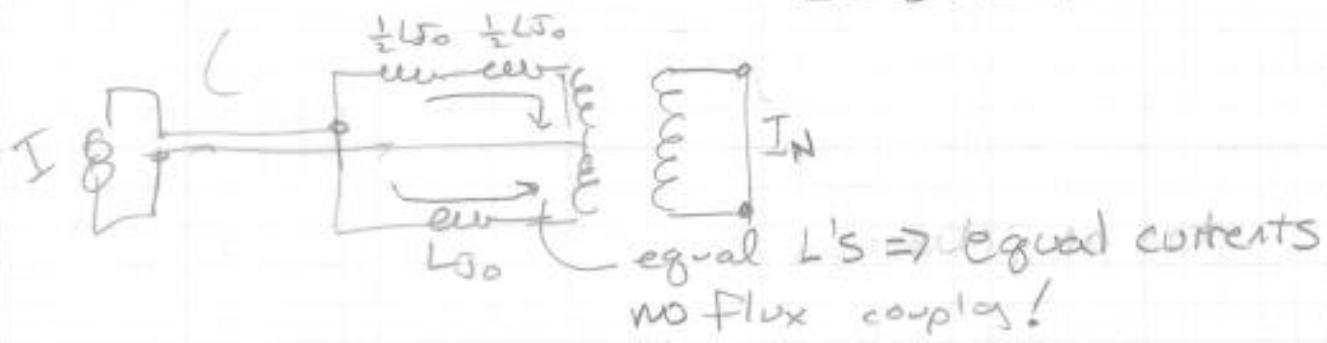


### (3) Tunable coupling (SQUID measur.)



What is  $\text{Re}(\frac{1}{z})$  vs  $I$ ?

$$\text{At } I=0 \quad L = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi I_{c0} \cos \delta} \quad ; \quad L = L_{SQD} \text{ bottom} \\ L = \frac{1}{2} L_{SQD} \text{ top}$$



$$\text{so } \frac{dI_N}{dI} = 0 ; \quad \text{Re}(\frac{1}{z}) = 0 \\ (\infty \text{ imped. transf.})$$

SQUID + Loop are decoupled



At large  $I$ ; current in lower branch reaches its  $I_{c0}$  sooner, so  $\cos \delta \rightarrow 0$  faster. More  $L_1$  reduces  $I$  relative to top, producing imbalance and thus  $\Phi$  coupling.

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}} = \left( \frac{\partial I_N}{\partial I} \right)^2 \frac{1}{R}$$

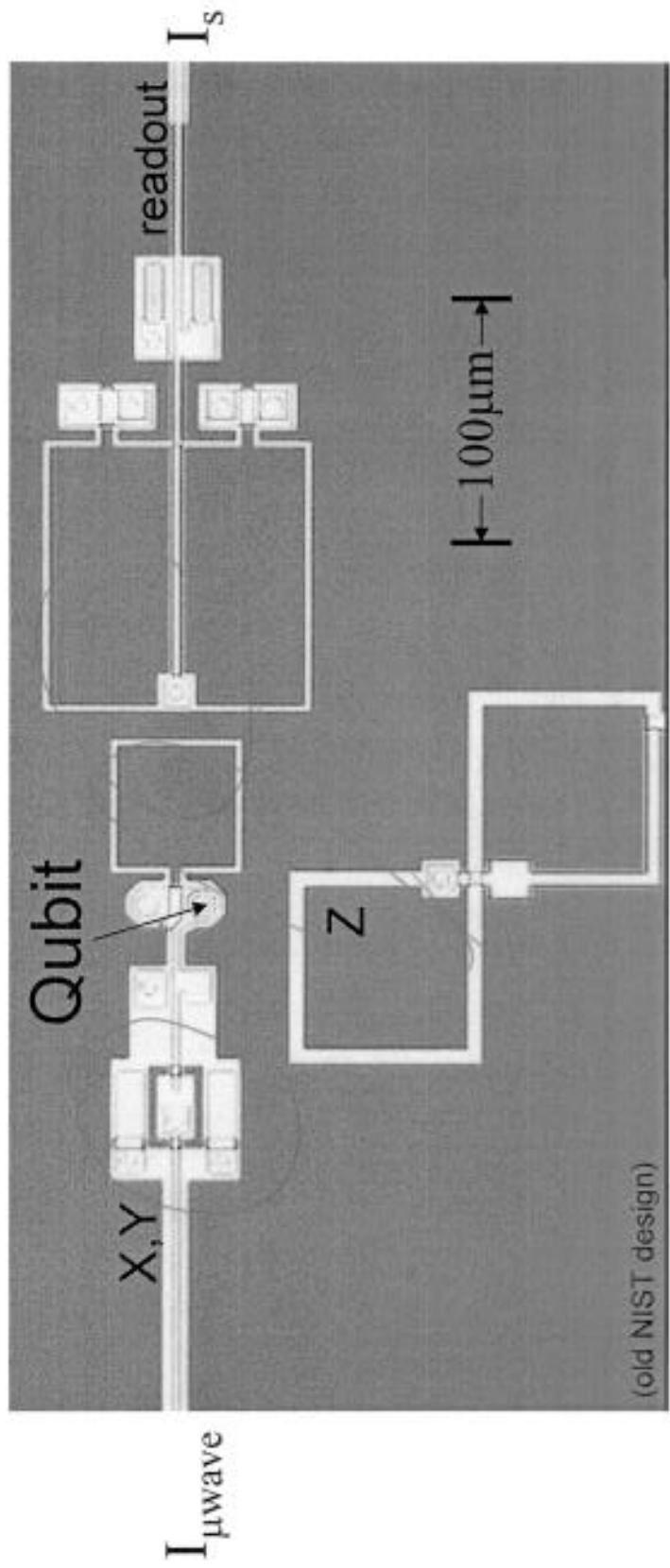
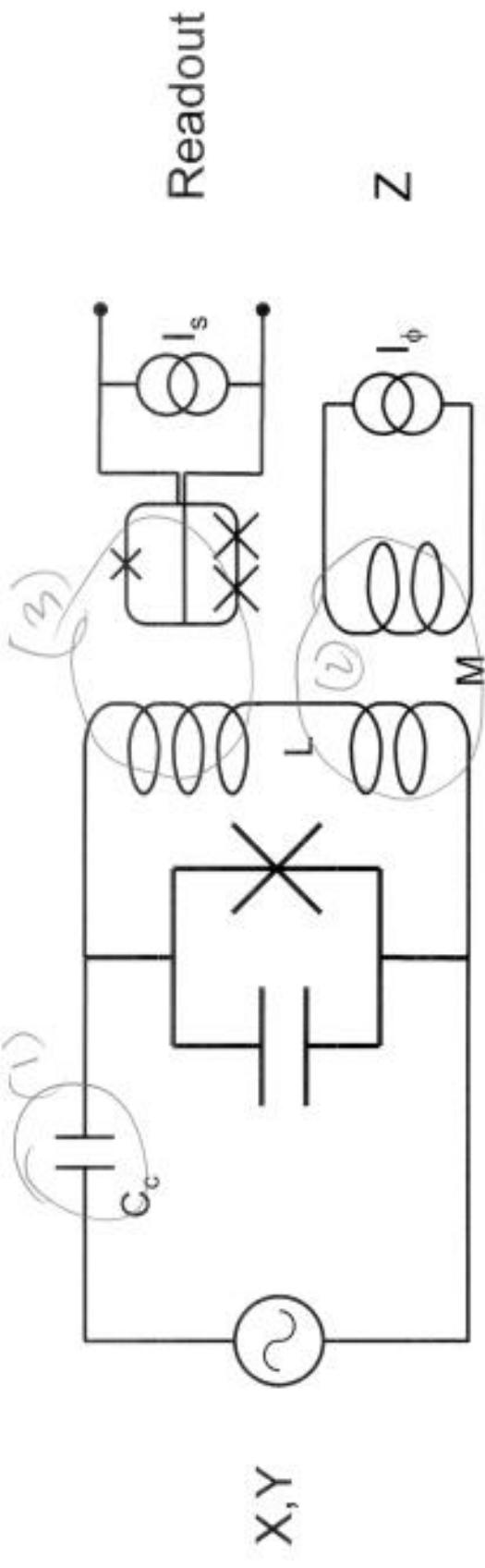
$\curvearrowleft$  calc. or measure.

$\rightarrow$  Show expl. data.

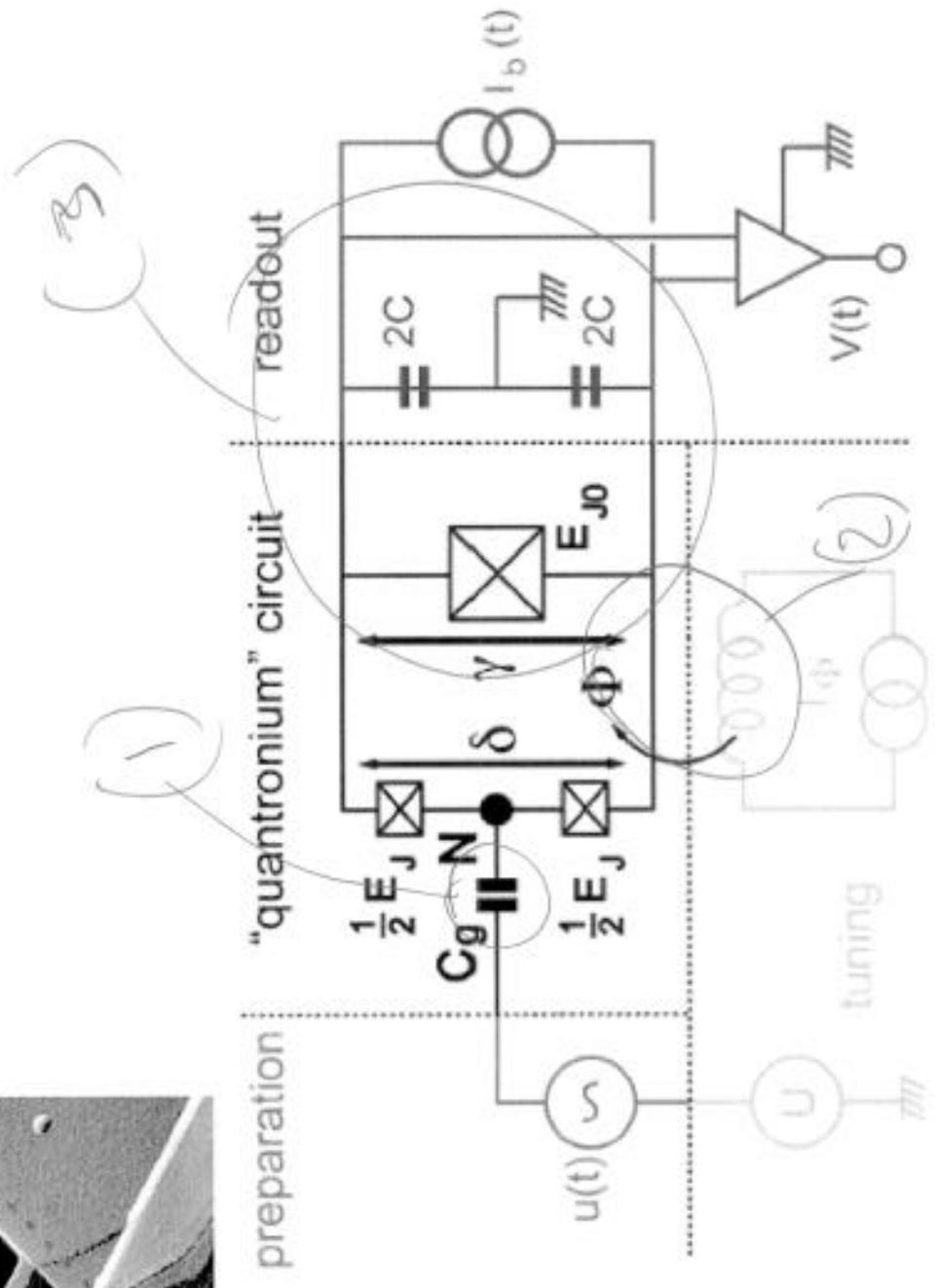
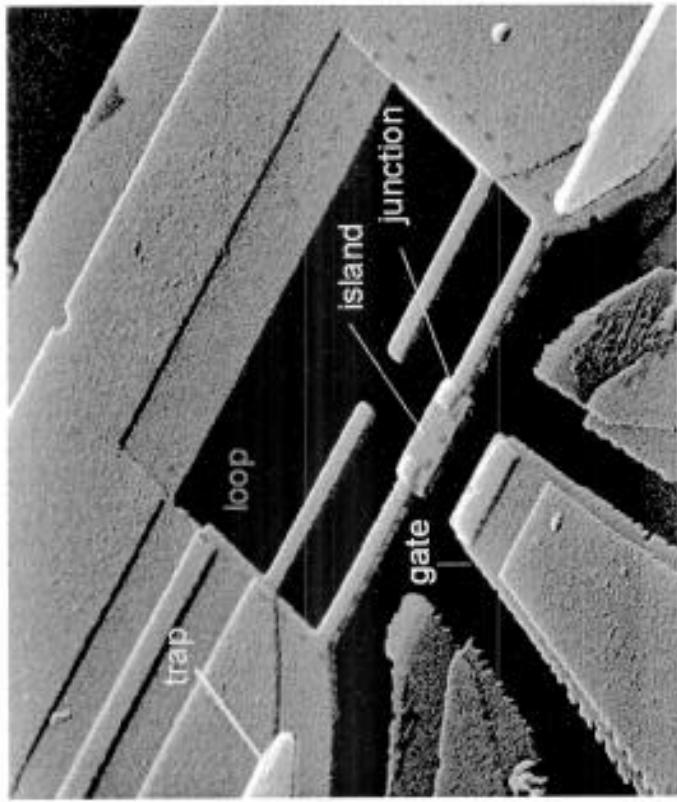
$\rightarrow$  Go thru all qubits + show transf structures

- (1) Our Data for R-transf.
- (2)  $\phi$  qubit; talk about 3 transformers
- (3)  $\Psi$  qubit
  - a) Eg for microwave.
  - b) outside noise shunted by cap.  
Large JJ. ( $10x I_0$ , smaller  $L$ )
  - b)  $\Phi$  transf. to loop.
- (4)  $\Phi$  qubit
  - a)  $\Phi$  coupling microwave to SQUID loop.
  - b)  $I_b$ ,  $C$  shunts out some  $I$   
symmetry;  $I$  not coupled to  
flux (circ. current in loops).  
( $\Phi$  bias changes this coupling,  
like  $\phi$  qubit).

## R Transformation : Phase Qubits



# R Transformation : Charge Qubits



# R Transformation: Flux Qubits

