

Strong coupling of an electron ensemble on the surface of liquid helium to a microwave cavity

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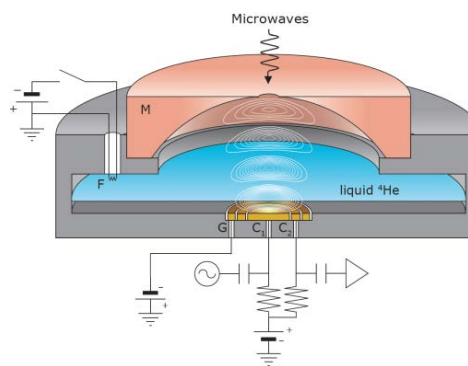
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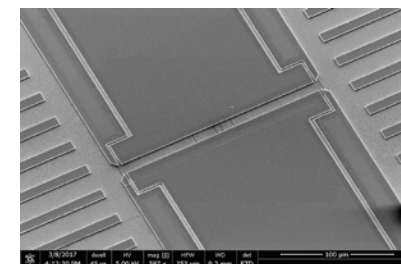
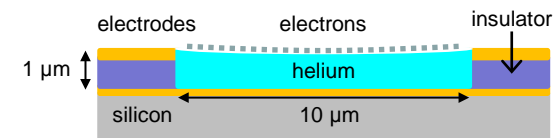
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2D electrons on helium



PRL 115, 256802 (2015)
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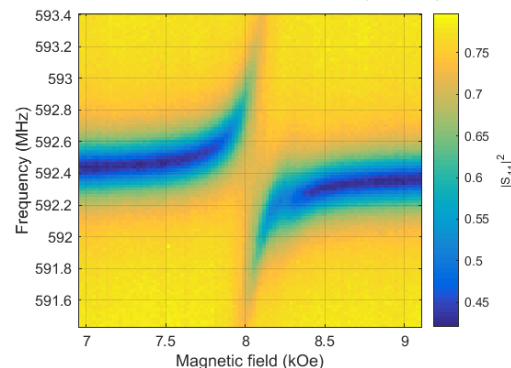
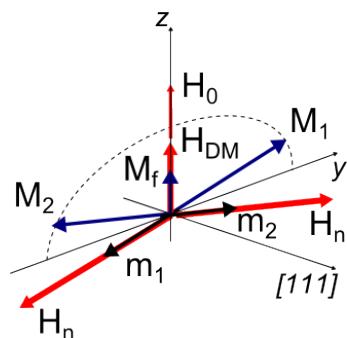


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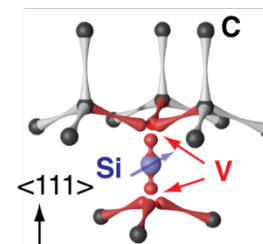


Nuclear spins ensembles in MnCO_3

PRL 114, 226402 (2015)

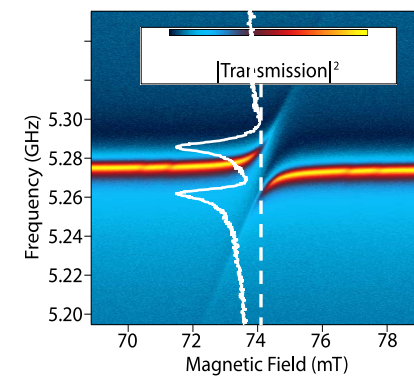


Impurity spins in diamond

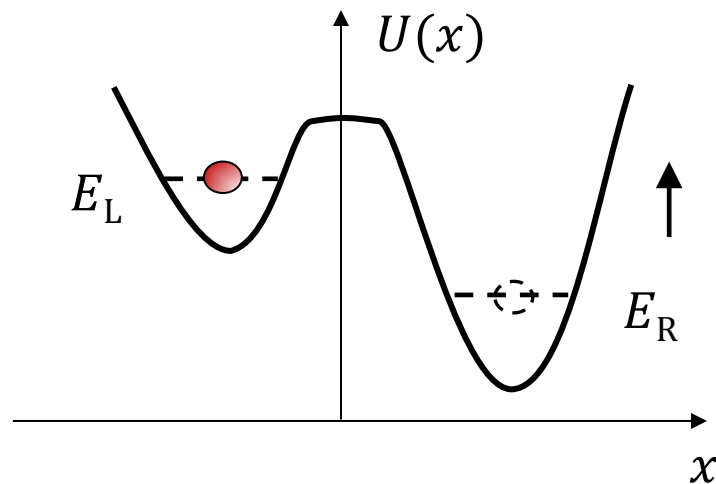


NV and SiV centers

Current experiments



Avoided crossing: coupled potential wells

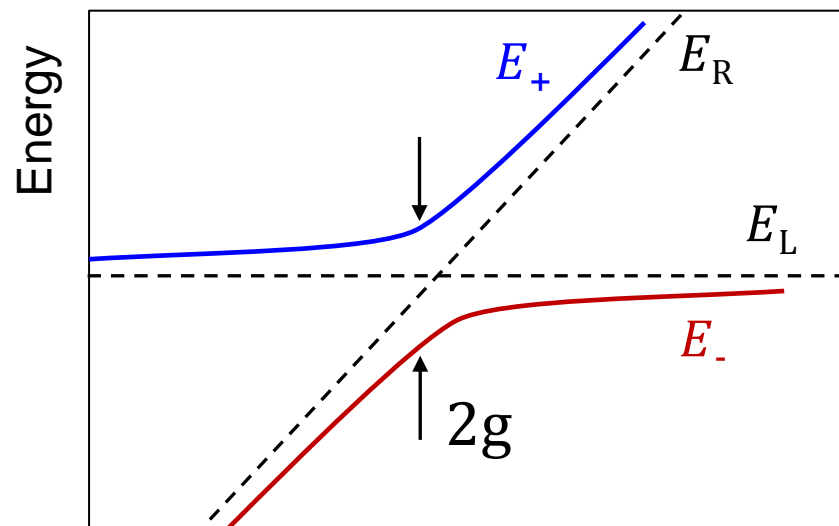


Particle in two potential wells $U(x)$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} E_L & 0 \\ 0 & E_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Add tunneling between two wells

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} E_L & g \\ g & E_R \end{pmatrix}$$



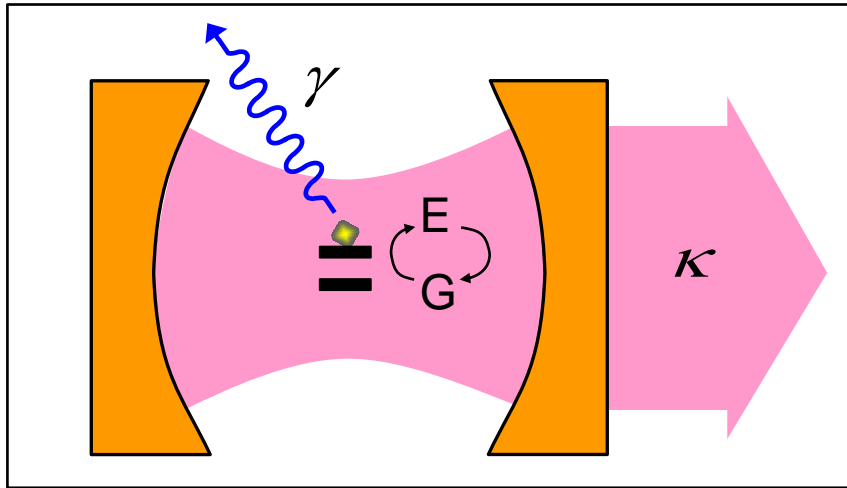
Decreasing depth of right well

$$E_{\pm} = \frac{E_L + E_R}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{(E_L - E_R)^2}{4} + g^2}$$

[Landau and Lifshitz, Quantum Mechanics, Vol 2]



Avoided crossing: cavity QED



$$H / \hbar = \omega_r a^+ a + \omega_s s_z + g (a s^+ + a^+ s^-)$$

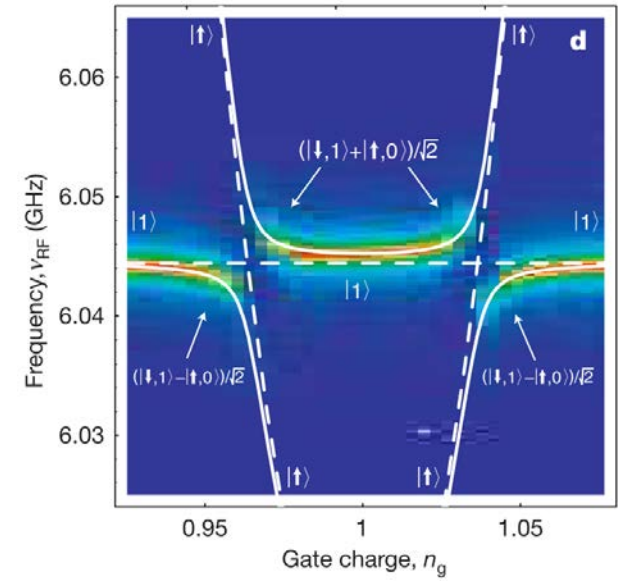
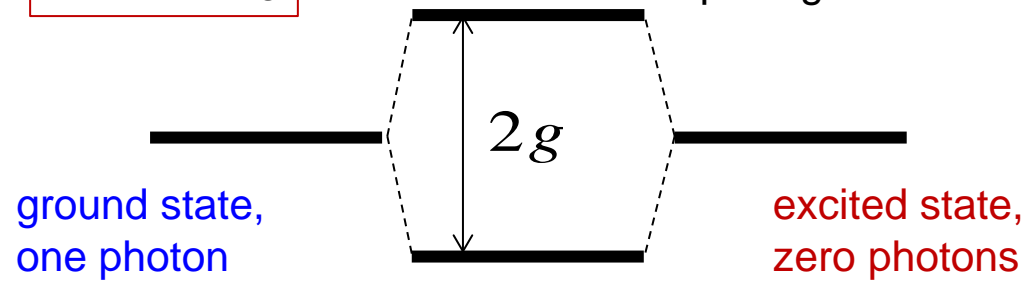
Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

$$H / \hbar = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\omega_s}{2} + \omega_r & g \\ g & \frac{\omega_s}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Strong coupling regime: $g \gg \gamma, \kappa$

$$\omega_{21} = \omega_c$$

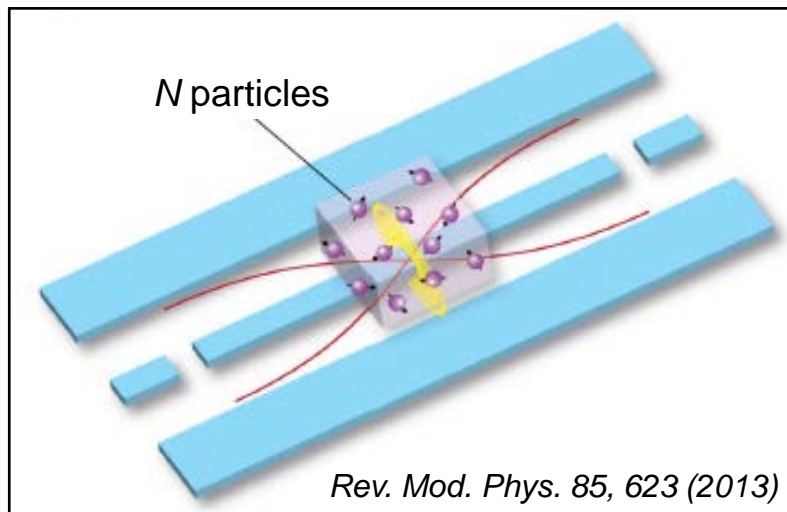
vacuum Rabi splitting



[A. Wallraff et al., Nature 431 162 (2004)]



Avoided crossing: coupling to an ensemble of particles



coupling to a single particle

$$H / \hbar = \underbrace{\omega_r a^+ a}_{\omega_s S_z} + \omega_s \sum_{j=1}^N s_j^z + \underbrace{g \sum_{j=1}^N (a s_j^+ + a^+ s_j^-)}_{g(aS^+ + a^+S^-)}$$

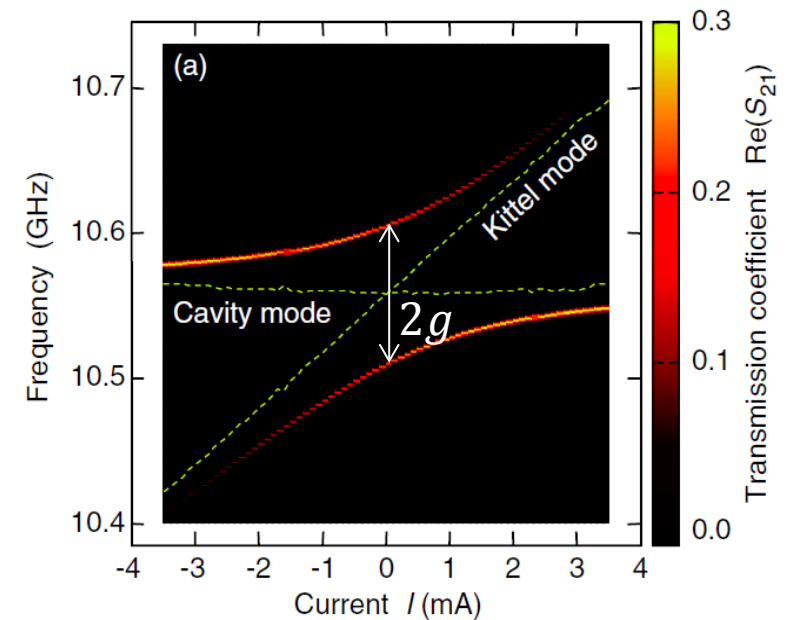
Enhancement of coupling by \sqrt{N} !!!

$$|G\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow \dots\rangle$$

$$|E\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left(|\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow \dots\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow \dots\rangle + |\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow \dots\rangle + \dots \right)$$

$$g_N = g \langle G | \hat{a}^+ \sum_{j=1}^N \hat{\sigma}_j^- | E \rangle = g\sqrt{N}$$

Dicke model, 1954



[Y. Tabuchi et al., PRL 113, 083603 (2014)]



Applications: hybrid quantum computer

“memory”

spin system:

- difficult to manipulate
- coherence time is long

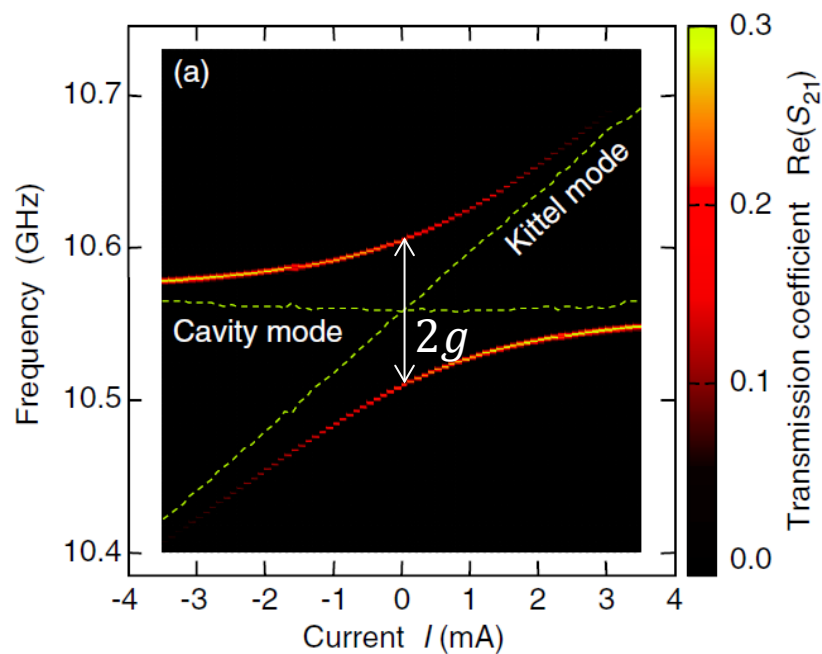
photons

“processor”

superconducting qubits:

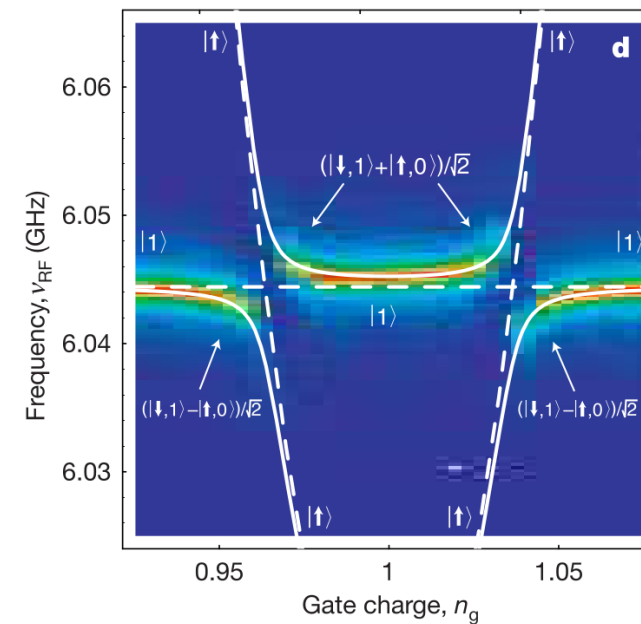
- easy to manipulate
- coherence time is short

Ensemble-photon coupling



[Y. Tabuchi et al., PRL **113**, 083603 (2014)]

SC-qubit-photon coupling

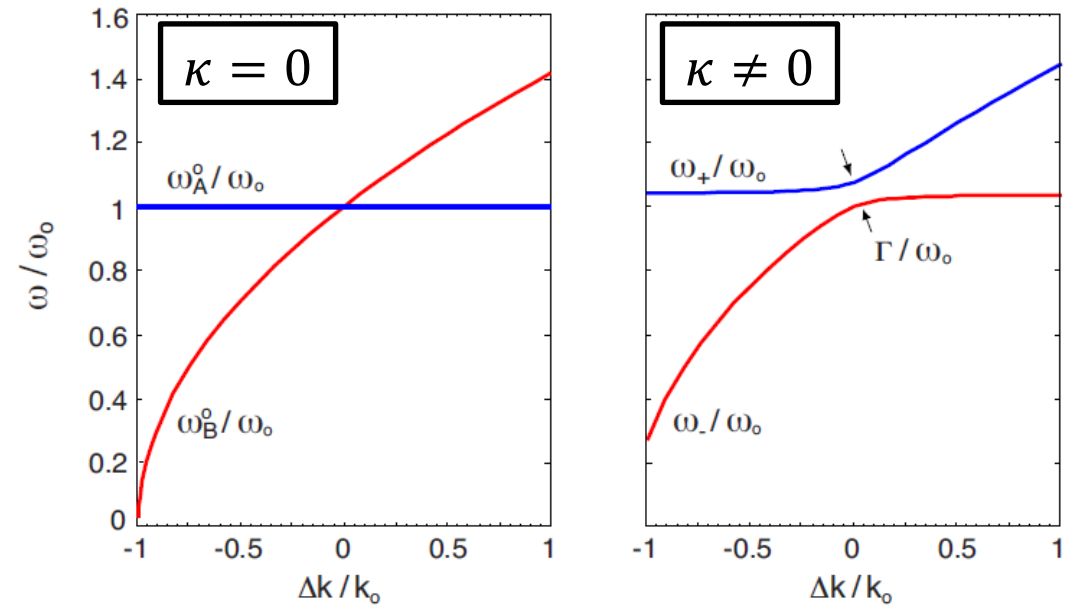
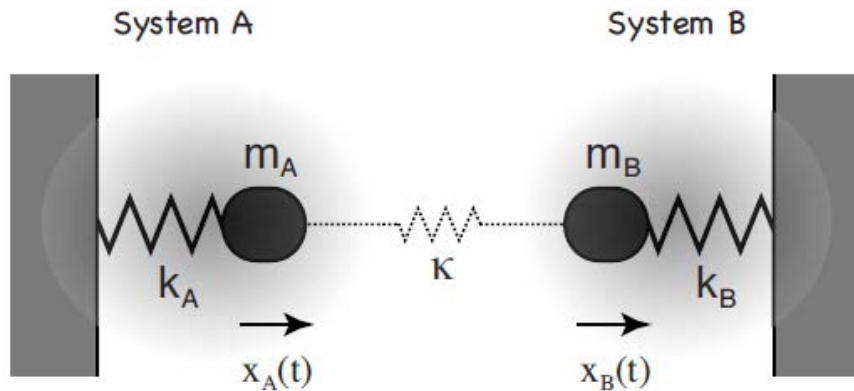


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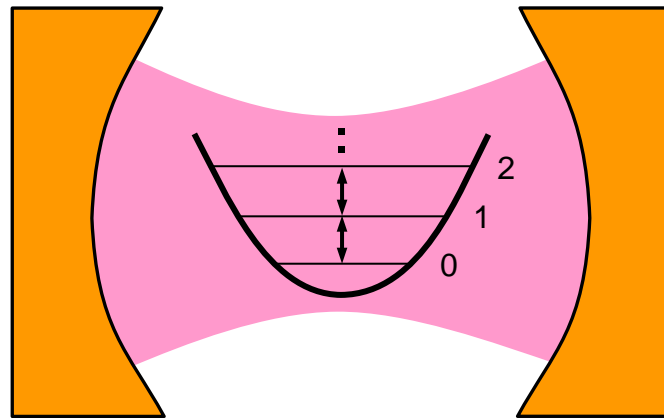


Coupling to ensembles: classical or quantum?

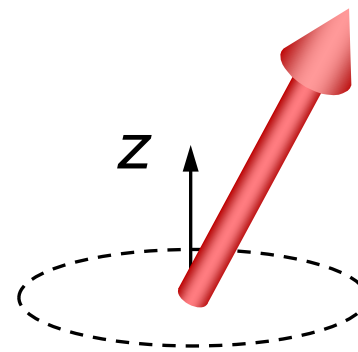
Coupled spring-mass oscillators



Coupled quantum oscillators



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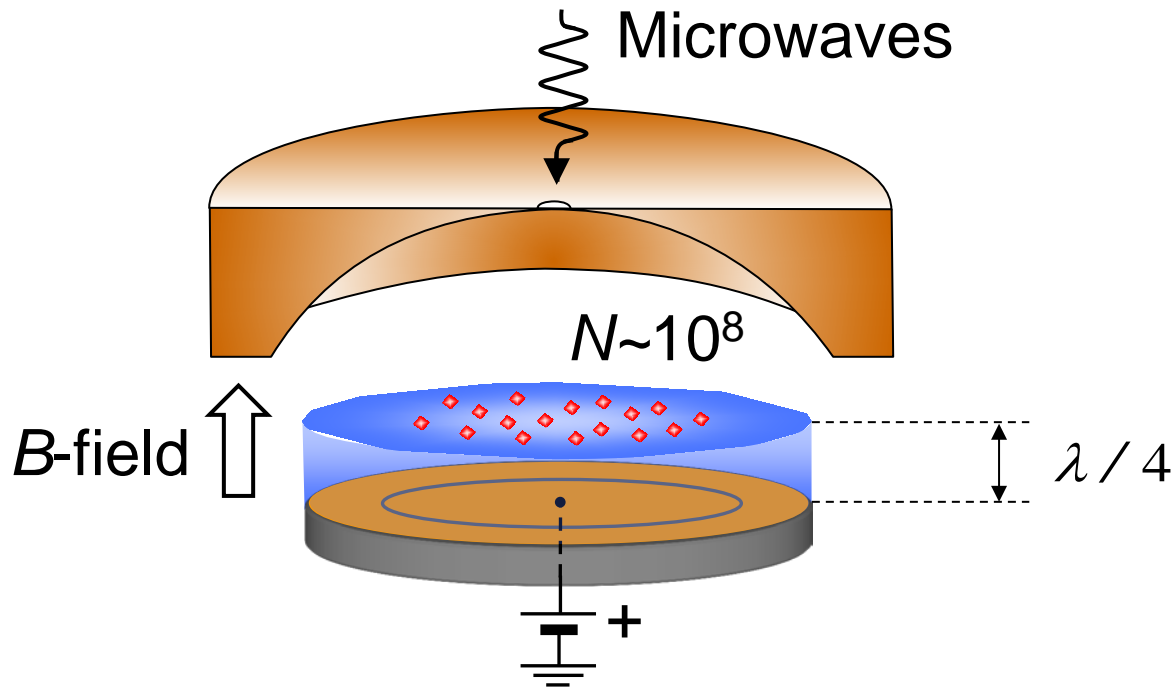
Macroscopic spin with

$$\langle S \rangle = \frac{\hbar N}{2} \gg \hbar$$

[L. Novotny, Am. J. Phys. **78**, 1199 (2010)]



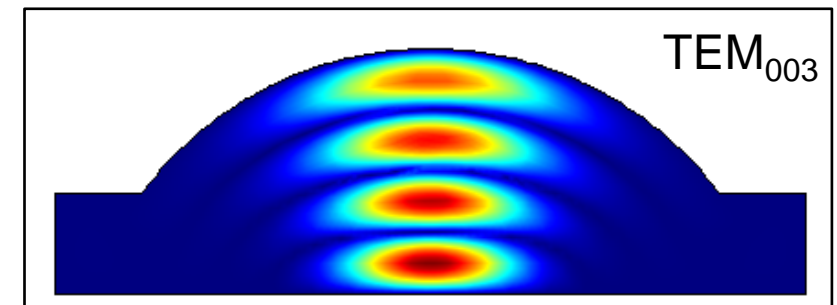
Ensemble of electrons on liquid helium



Resonant mode: TEM_{00q}

Frequency : 35-140 GHz

Quality factor: 1,000-10,000



Second Newton law:

$$m_e \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -e\vec{E}_{MW} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} - \nu m_e \vec{v}$$

$$j_{\pm} = \frac{n_s e^2}{m_e} \frac{E_{\pm}}{\nu - i(\omega \pm \omega_c)}$$

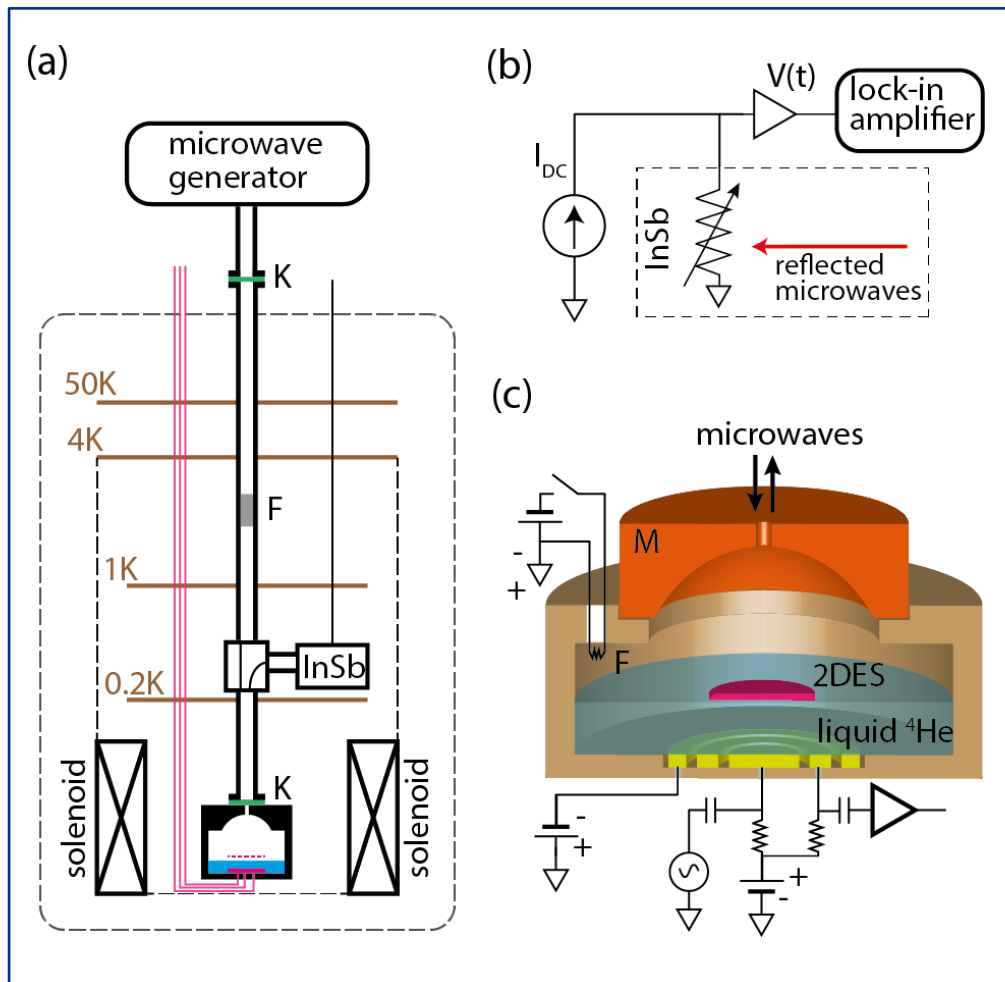
Quantum treatment:

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = C e^{ik_y y} H_n \left(\frac{x - X}{l_B} \right)$$

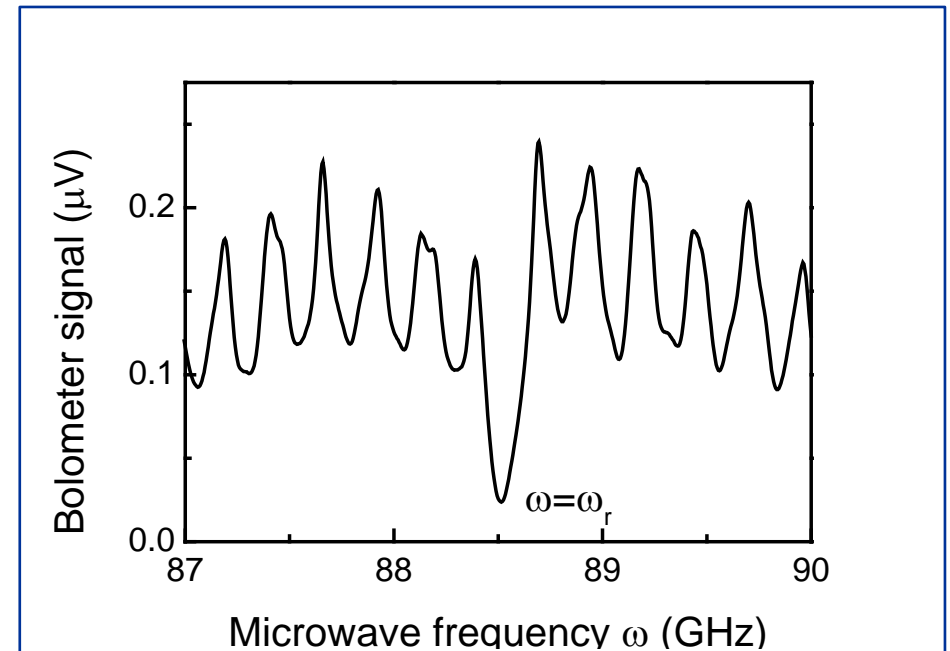
$$\sigma_{\pm} = \frac{n_s e^2}{m_e} \frac{1}{M(\omega) - i(\omega \pm \omega_c)}$$



Experimental setup



Semi-confocal FP resonator
 TEM₀₀₃ mode: 88.5 GHz
 Quality factor Q=900

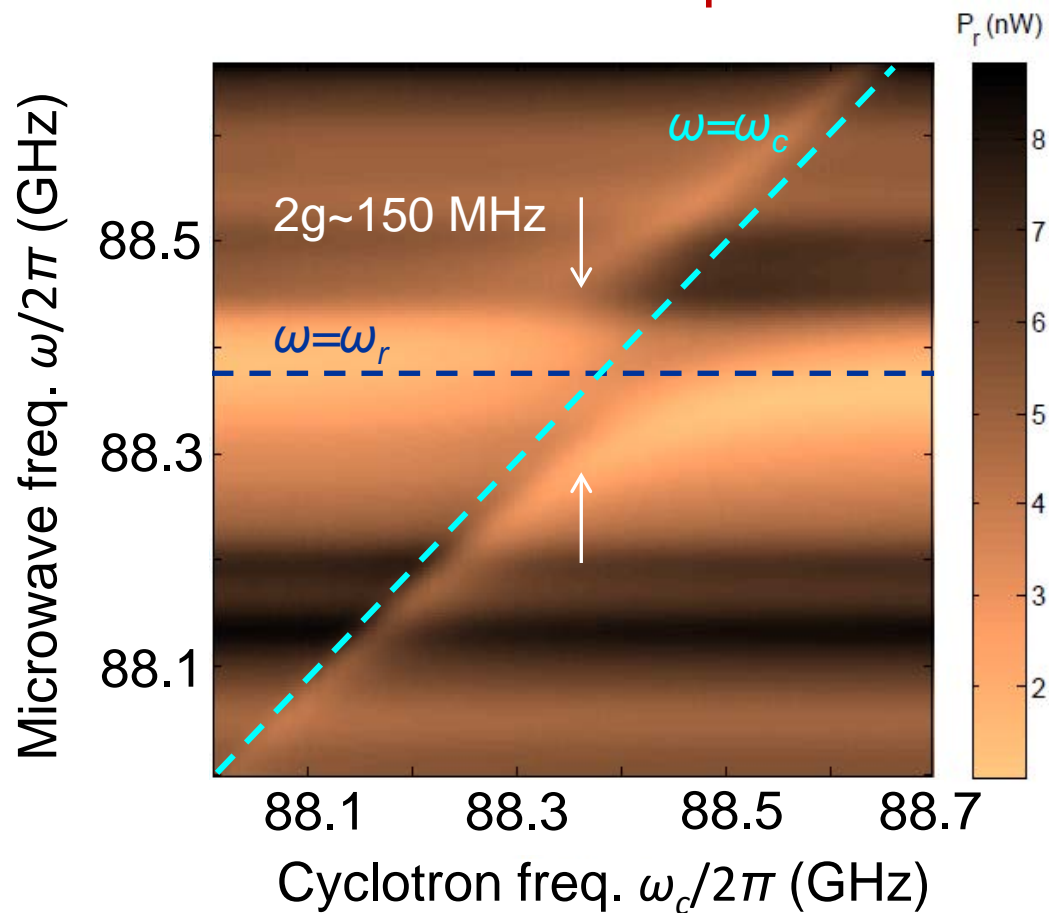


Abdurakhimov et al., PRL117, 056803 (2016)

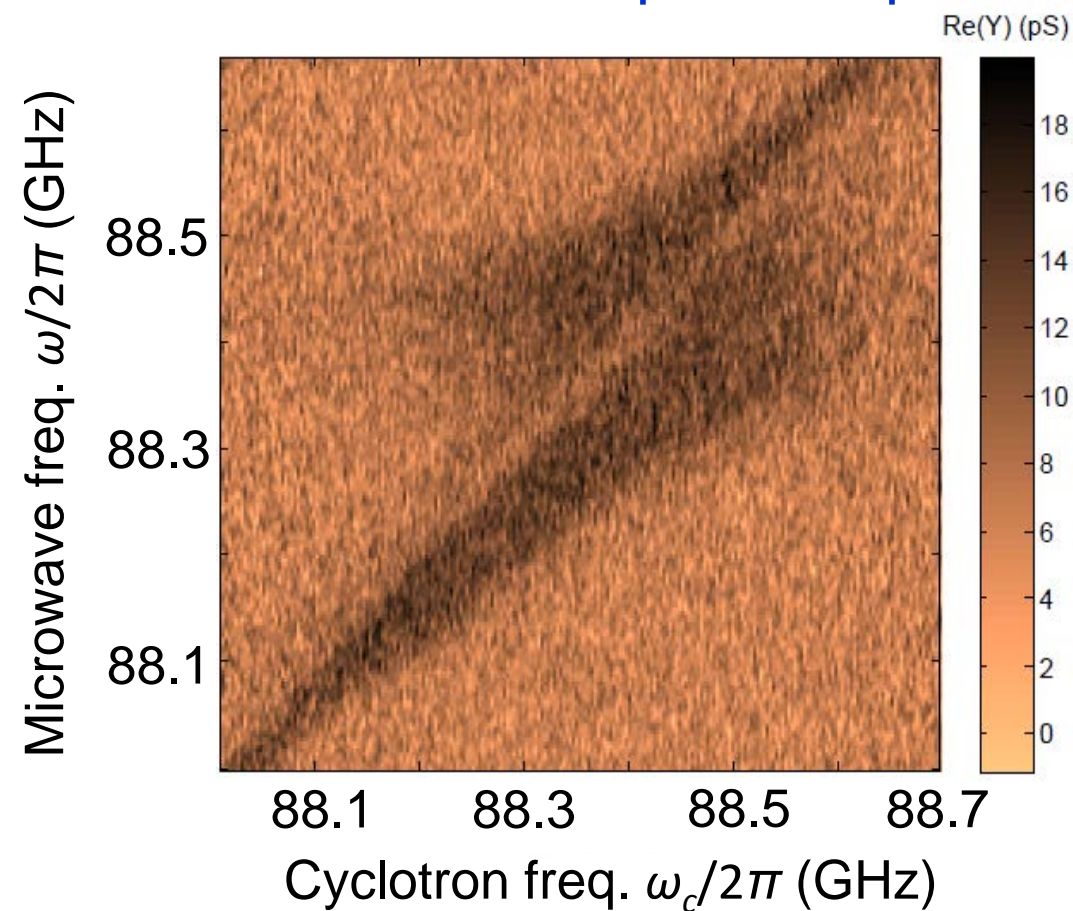


Avoided crossing: cavity spectrum and electron response

Reflected MW power

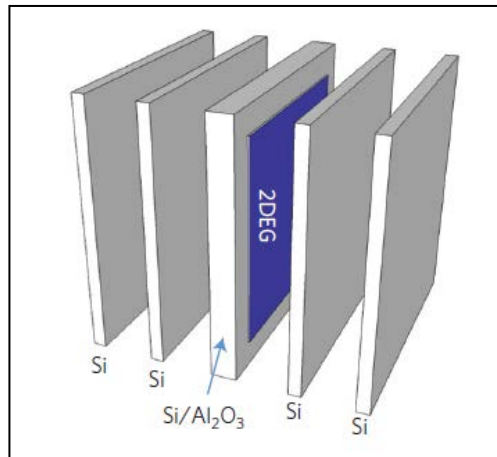
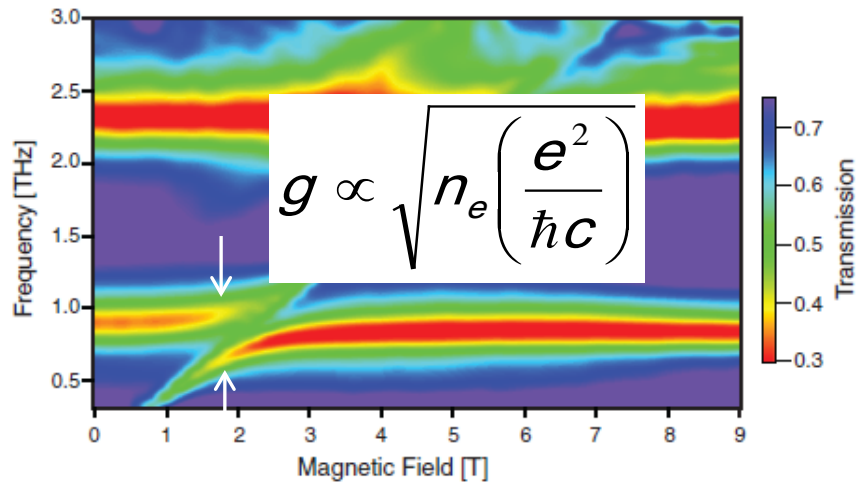


Electron's DC photoresponse

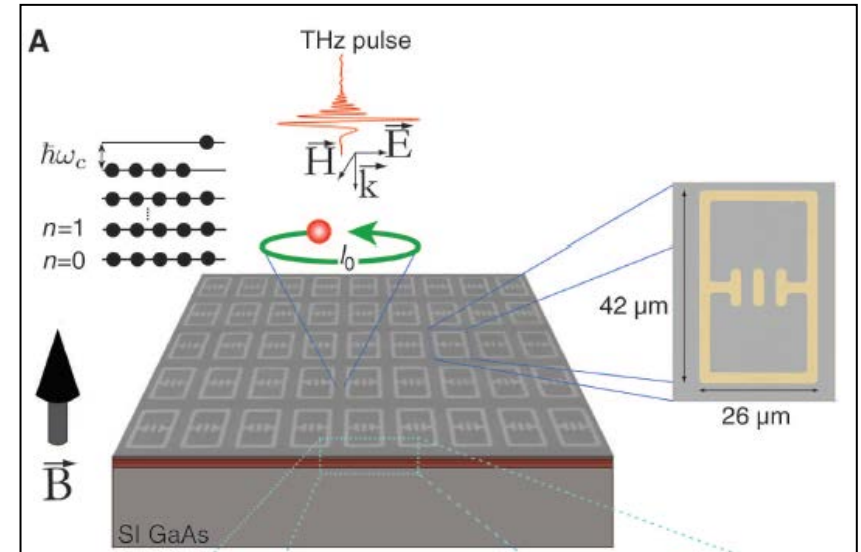


Quantum or classical??

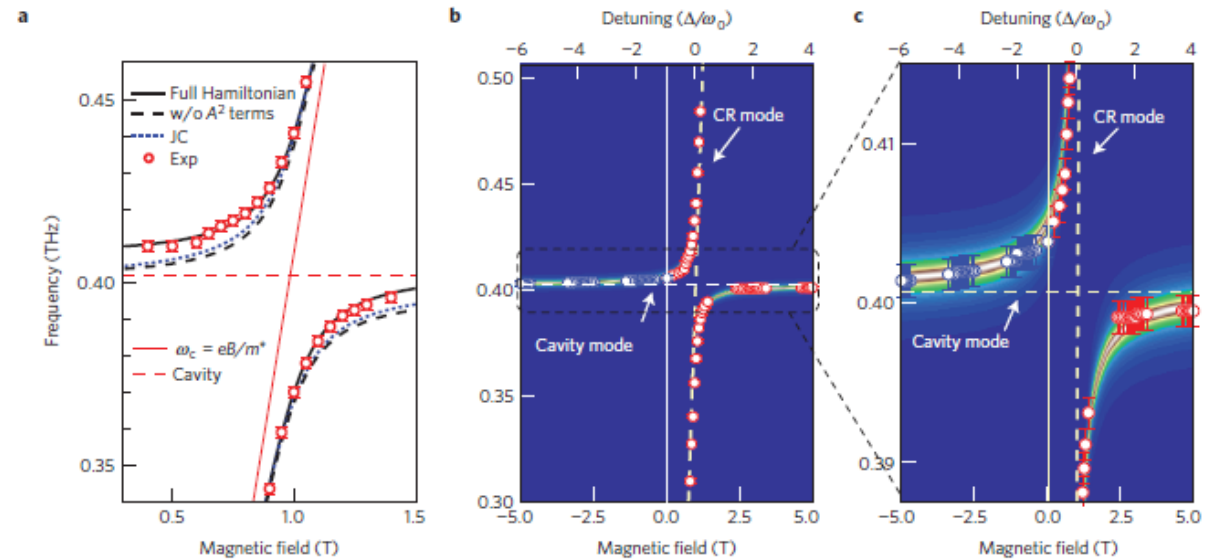
2DEG in GaAs heterostructures:



Q. Zhang et al. Nat. Phys. 2016



G. Scalari et al. Science 2012



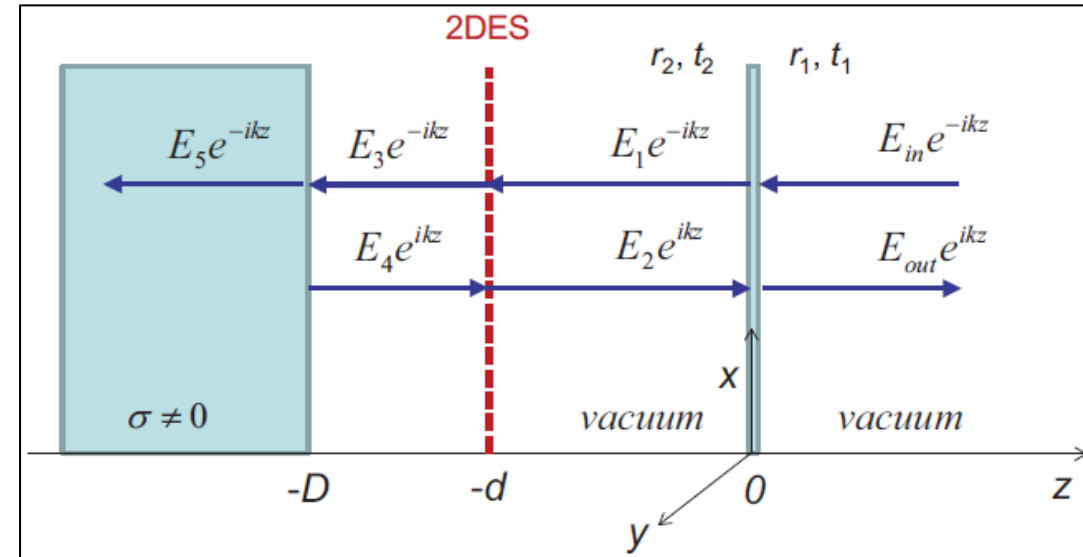
Our classical model

Coupled equations for two oscillators

Current of 2D electrons: $j_{\pm} = \sigma_{\pm} E_{z=-d}^{\pm}$

$$\sigma_{\pm} = \frac{n_s e^2}{m_e} \frac{E_{\pm}}{v - i(\omega - \omega_c)}$$

B.C. for magnetic field: $H_{z=-d_+} - H_{z=-d_-} = j_e$



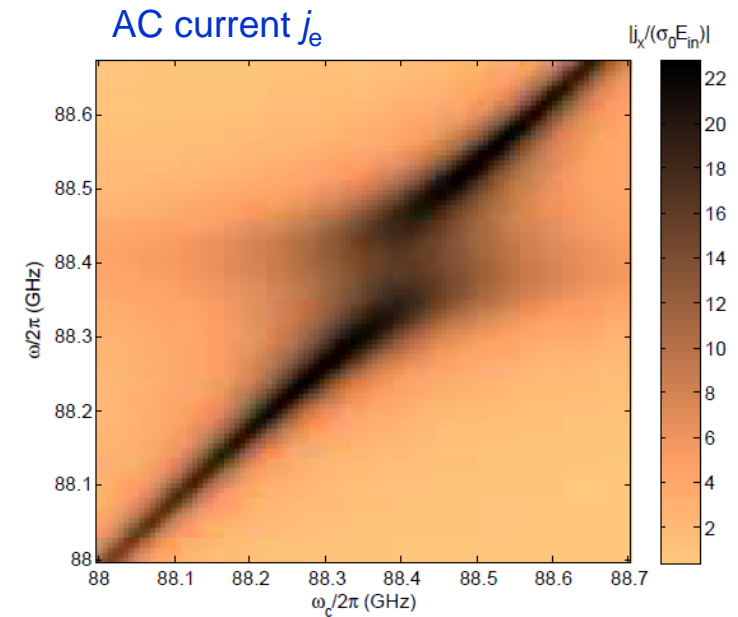
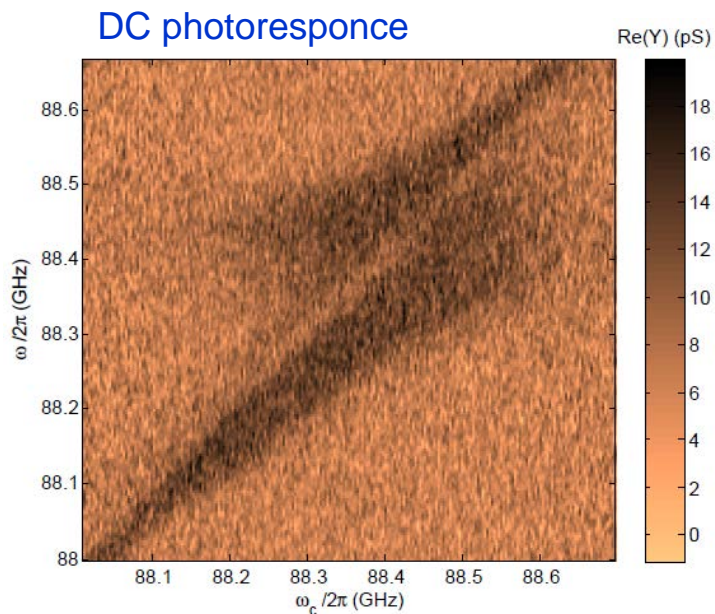
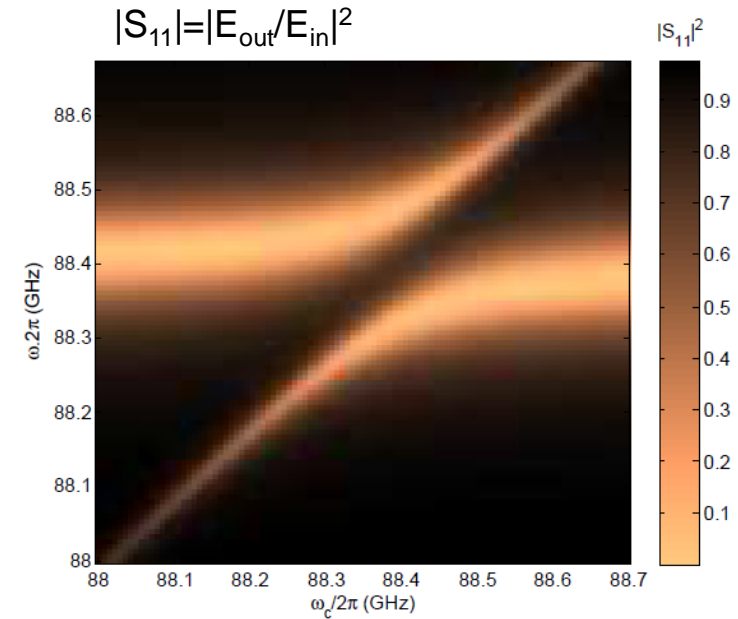
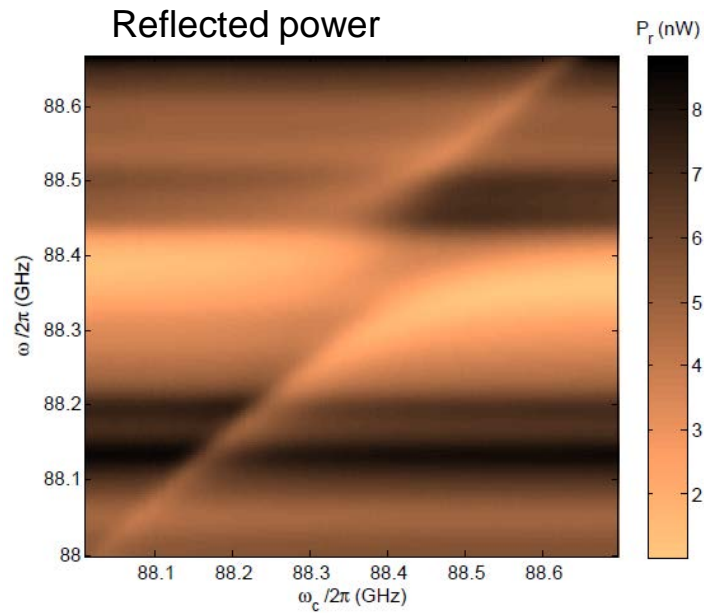
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{D}{2c}(\omega - \omega_r + i\gamma) & i\eta_0/2 \\ \sigma_{xx} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{z=-d} \\ j_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{in} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{D}{2c}(\omega - \omega_r + i\gamma) & i\eta_0/2 \\ \sigma_{xx} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

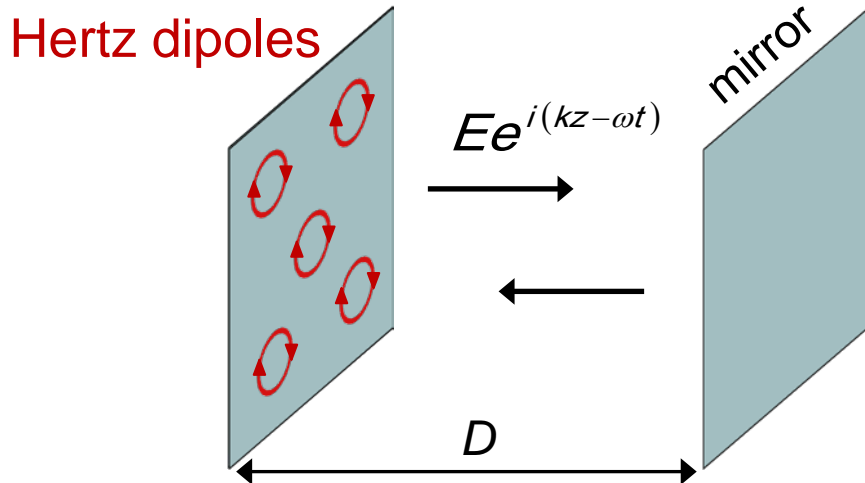
$$g_N = \sqrt{\frac{n_s e^2}{2m_e \epsilon_0 D}} = \frac{e}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m_e \omega_c}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_c}{2\epsilon_0 V}} \sqrt{n_s A} = \underbrace{\frac{e l_B E_{rms}}{\hbar}}_{\text{"quantum" result}} \sqrt{N} \propto \sqrt{n_e \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}}$$



Comparison with experiment



Superradians and Rabi oscillations



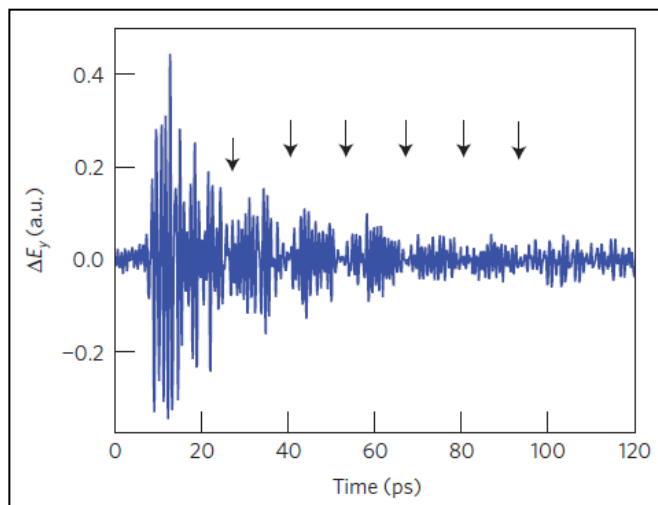
$$\frac{dj_e}{dt} + (i\omega_c + \nu)j_e = \frac{e^2 n_s}{m_e} E$$

$$E = -\eta_0 j_e$$

$$\frac{dj_e}{dt} + (i\omega_c + \Gamma)j_e = 0$$

$$\Gamma = \nu + \Gamma_s = \nu + \frac{\eta_0 e^2 n_s}{m_e}$$

Vacuum Rabi oscillations?



Q. Zhang et al. Nat. Phys. 2016

“Superradiant” decay

Qi Zhang et al. PRL, 047601 (2014)

Frequency of (Rabi-like) oscillations:

$$g = \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma_s c}{2D}}$$



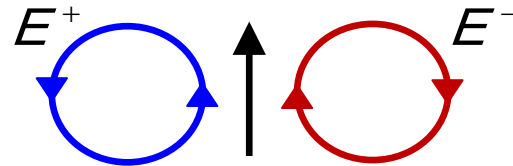
Most recent experiment

Semi-confocal FP resonator

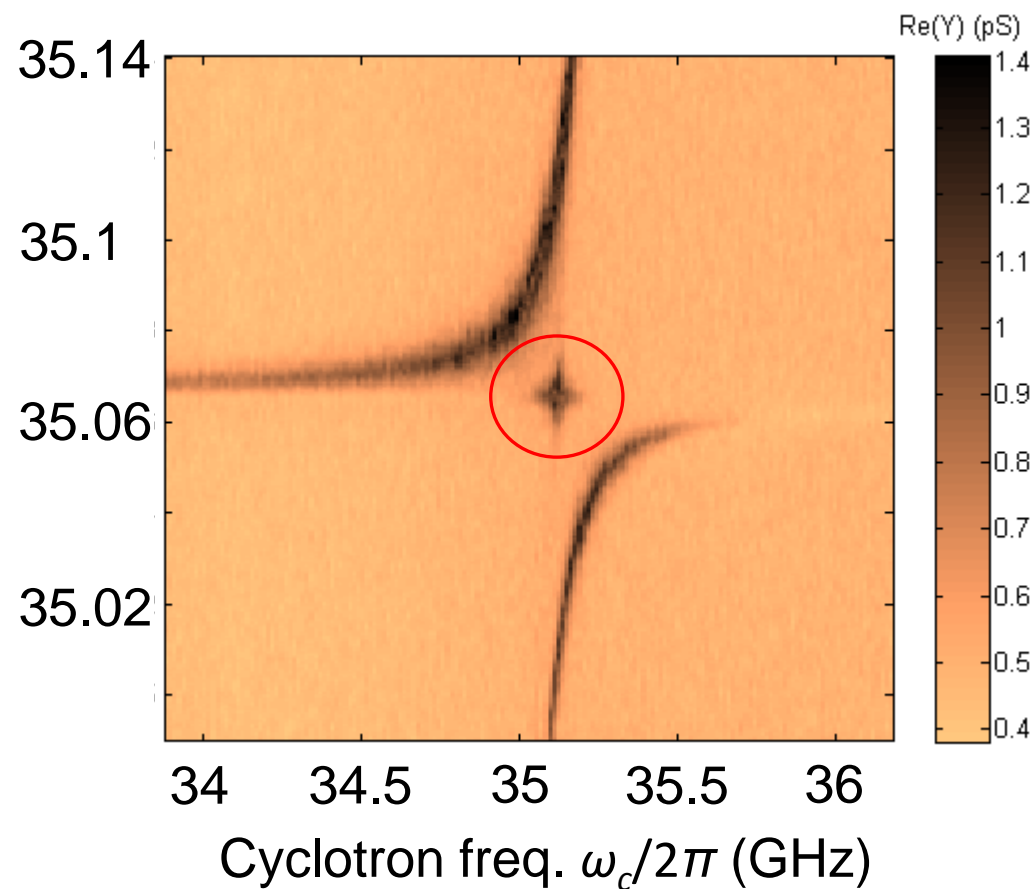
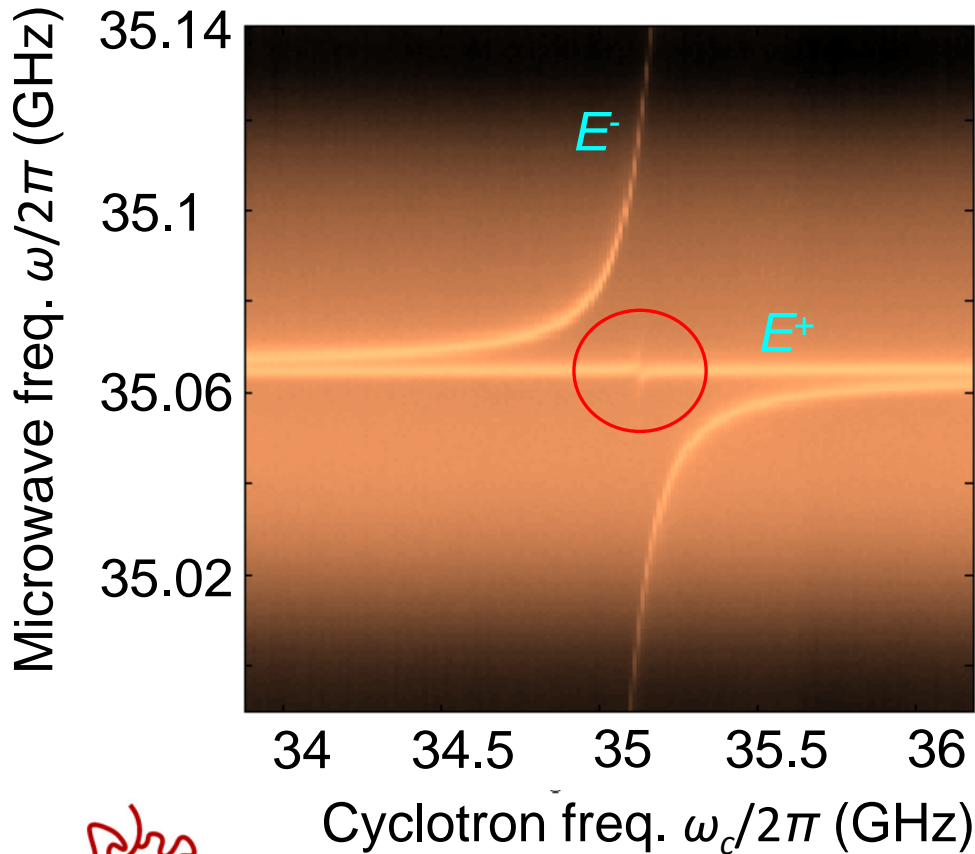
TEM₀₀₃ mode: 35 GHz

Quality factor Q=7,000

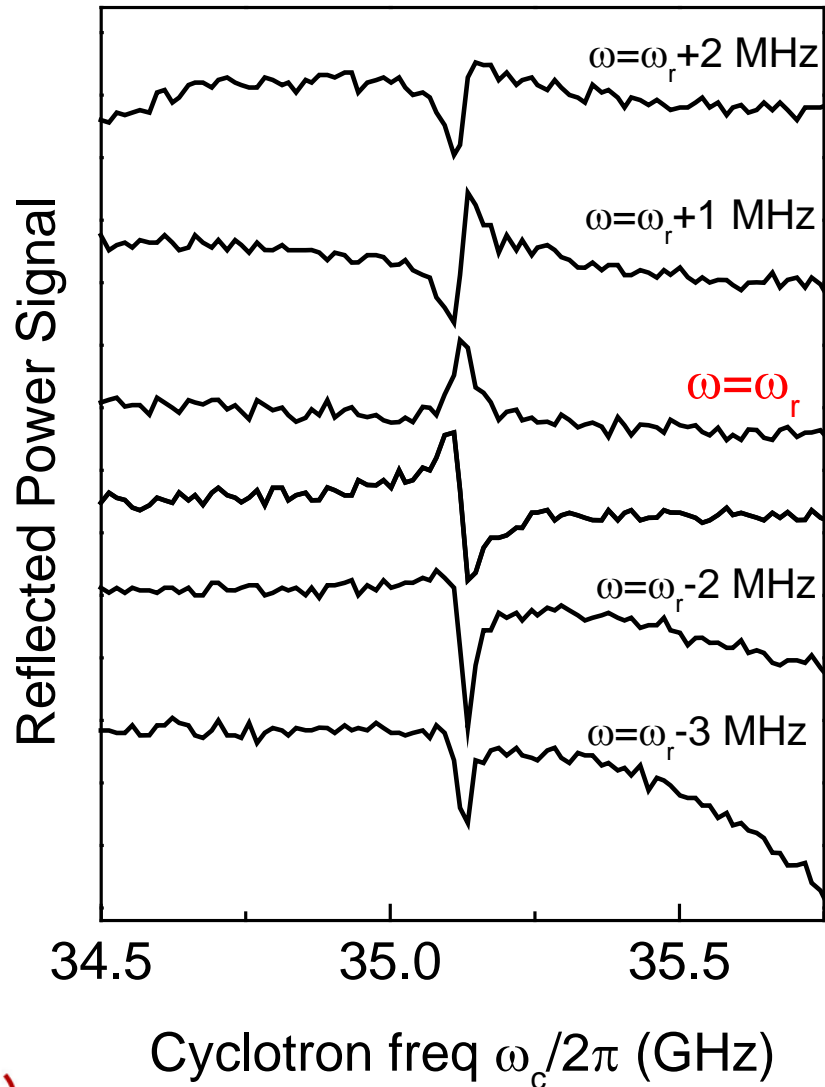
$$E = E^+ + E^- \quad \pm - \text{right/left circular polarized}$$



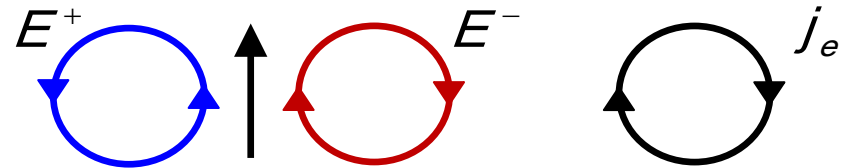
$$j_e^\pm = \frac{n_s e^2 \tau}{m_e} \frac{E^\pm}{1 - i\tau(\omega \pm \omega_c)}$$



Most recent experiment

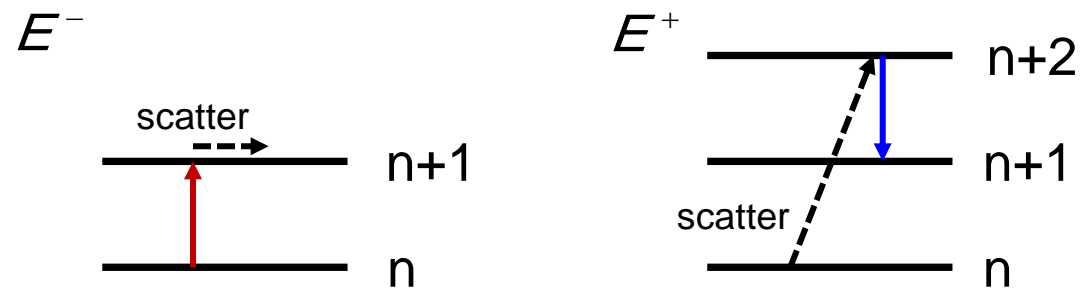


Looks like resonance induced by E^+ mode

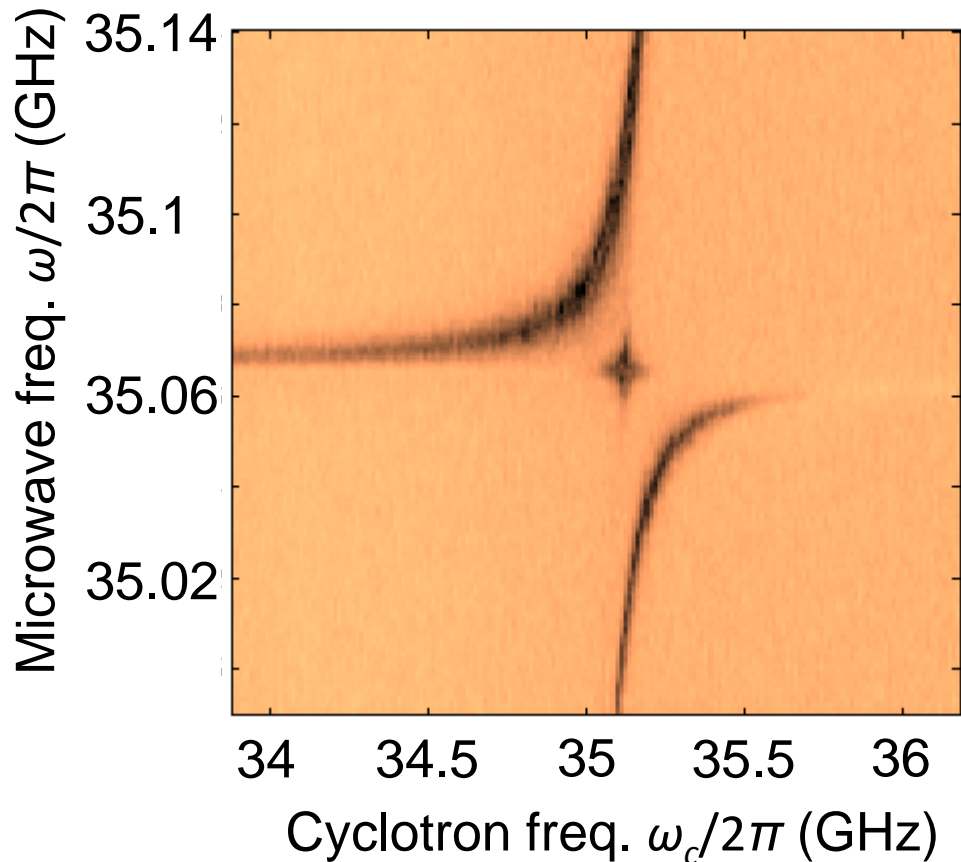


$$W_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | H_{int} | i \rangle + \sum_m \frac{\langle f | H_{int} | m \rangle \langle m | H_{int} | i \rangle}{E_i - E_f} \right|^2 \delta(E_n - E_i - \hbar\omega)$$

Ripplon-assisted (Raman) transitions



Conclusions



Strong coupling between electron cyclotron motion and a microwave cavity mode

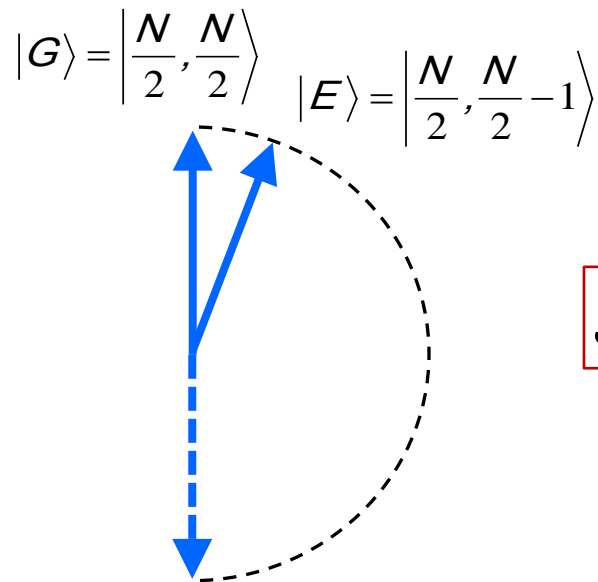
Can be fully described on a completely classical ground

Two coupled oscillators = two coupled linear systems

Cavity QED experiments with electrons on helium? **Need a nonlinearity!**



Holstein-Primakov bosons



Dicke model, 1954

Consider spin $S = \frac{N}{2}$ which has states $|S, S_z\rangle$

Apply (Holstein-Primakoff) transformation:

$$\hat{S}_z = S - \hat{b}^+ \hat{b}, \quad \hat{S}^+ = \sqrt{2S - \hat{b}^+ \hat{b}} \hat{b}, \quad \hat{S}^- = \hat{b}^+ \sqrt{2S - \hat{b}^+ \hat{b}}$$

Bosonic operator \hat{b}^+ (\hat{b}) creates (annihilates) one spin excitation in N-spin system

In the low-excitation limit ($S - S_z \ll S$):

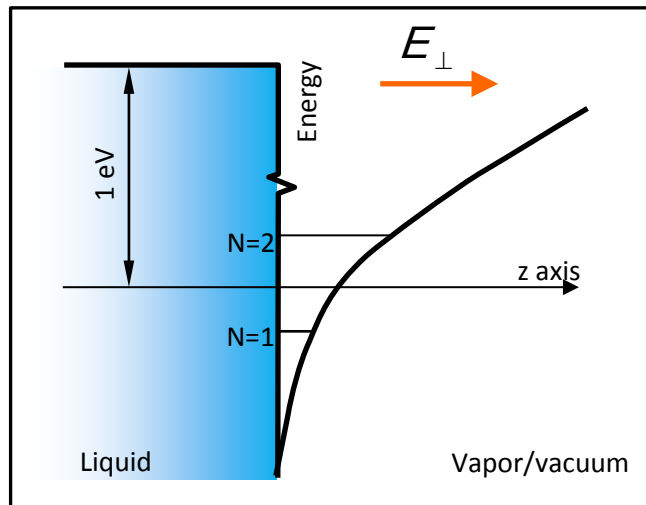
$$\hat{S}_z = S - \hat{b}^+ \hat{b}, \quad \hat{S}^+ = \sqrt{2S} \hat{b}, \quad \hat{S}^- = \hat{b}^+ \sqrt{2S}$$

Full Hamiltonian becomes:

$$\hat{H} / \hbar = \omega_r \hat{a}^+ \hat{a} - \omega_s \hat{b}^+ \hat{b} + g \sqrt{N} (\hat{a} \hat{b}^+ + \hat{a}^+ \hat{b})$$



Ensemble of two-level systems on helium surface

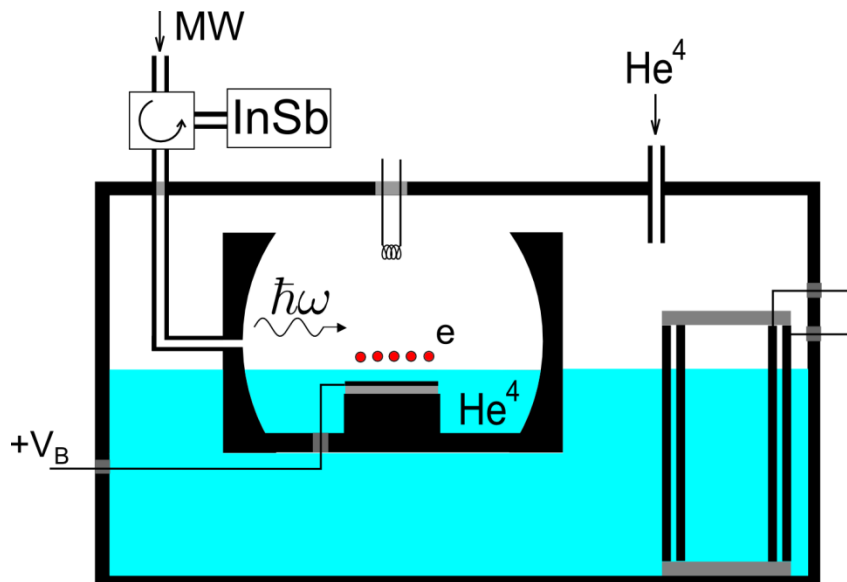


Use inter-subband resonance rather than CR

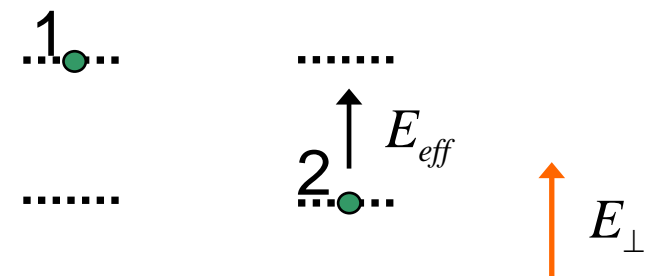
Dipole matrix element $\sim a_B \approx 10$ nm

Coupling to single electron:

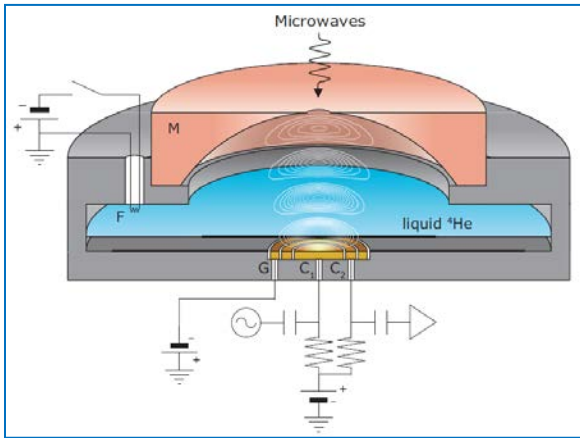
$$g = ea_B E_{rms} = ea_B \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_{21}}{2\epsilon_0 V}} \approx 100 \text{ kHz}$$



Nonlinearity: Coulomb shift of energy levels



Cyclotron resonance harmonics



Yamashiro et al., PRL 115, 256802 (2015)

