Continuous quantum measurement of solid-state qubits

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Outline:

- Introduction (solid-state qubits)
- Bayesian formalism for continuous quantum measurement
- Experimental predictions and proposals
- Recent experiments on partial collapse and “wavefunction uncollapsing”

Support: DTO

Niels Bohr:

"If you are not confused by quantum physics then you haven't really understood it"

Richard Feynman:

"I think I can safely say that nobody understands quantum mechanics"

Quantum mechanics =

Schroedinger equation

+

collapse postulate

1) Probability of measurement result $p_r = |\langle \psi | \psi_r \rangle|^2$

2) Wavefunction after measurement $= \psi_r$

- State collapse follows from common sense
- Does not follow from Schr. Eq. (contradicts; Schr. cat, random vs. deterministic)

What if measurement is continuous?

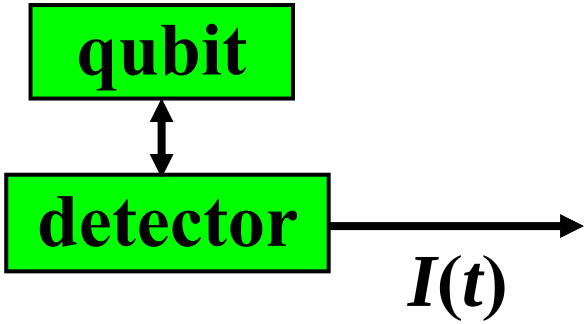
(as practically always in solid-state experiments)

Quantum measurement in solid-state systems

No violation of locality – too small distances

However, interesting informational aspects of continuous quantum measurement (weak coupling, noise ⇒ gradual collapse)

Starting point:



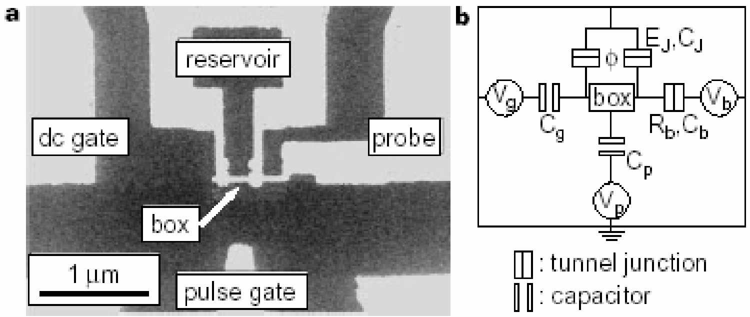
What happens to a solid-state qubit (two-level system) during its continuous measurement by a detector?

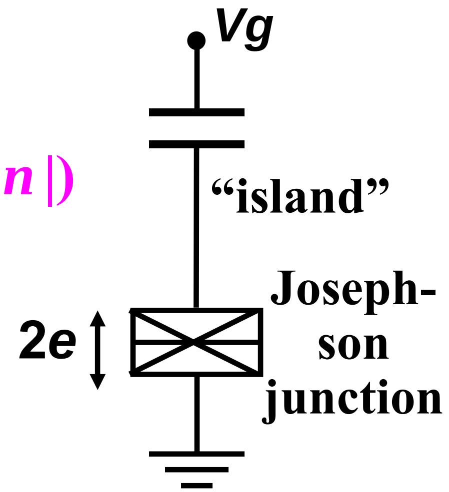
How qubit evolution is related to detector output $I(t)$? (output noise is important!)

Superconducting “charge” qubit

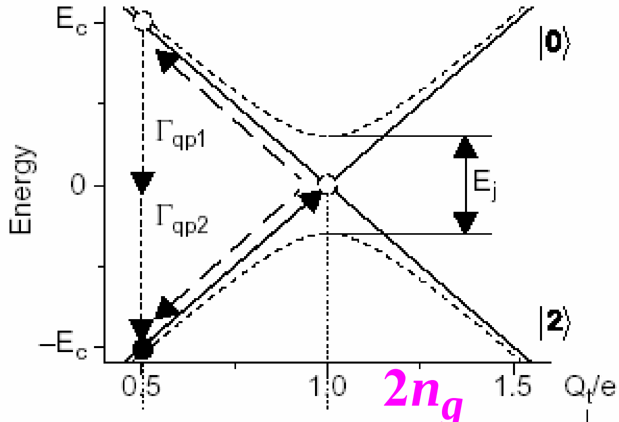
Y. Nakamura, Yu. Pashkin, and J.S. Tsai (Nature, 1998)

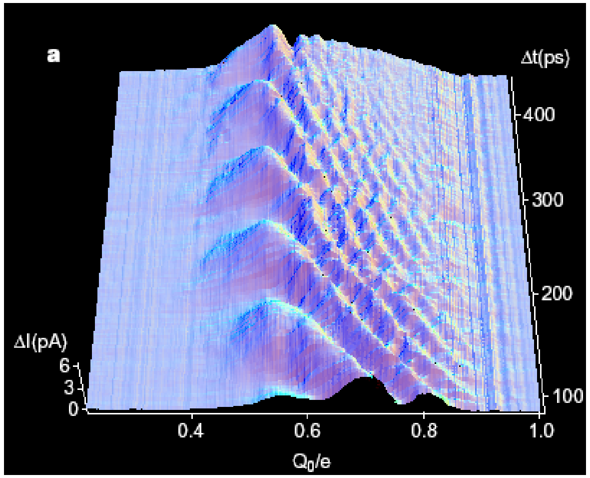
$$\hat{H} = \frac{(2e)^2}{2C}(\hat{n} - n_g)^2 - \frac{E_J}{2}(|n\rangle\langle n+1| + |n+1\rangle\langle n|)$$

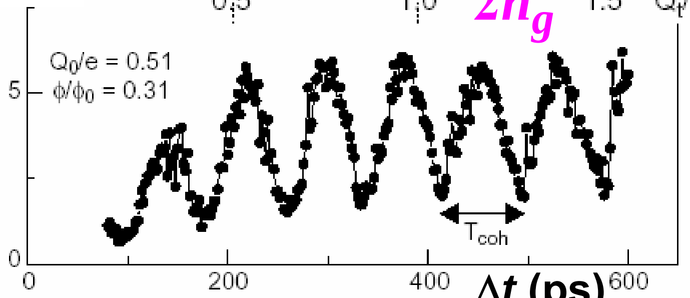




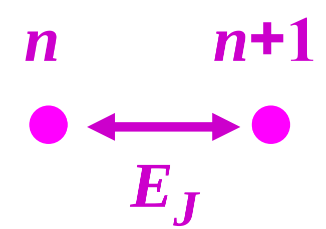
Single Cooper pair box







Quantum coherent (Rabi) oscillations

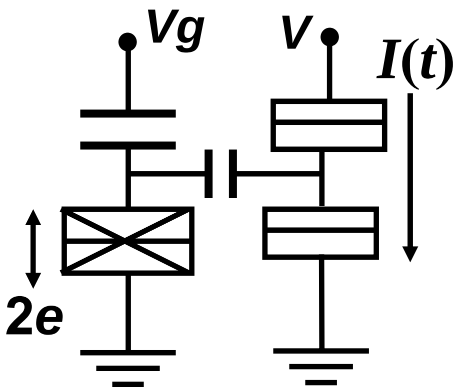


***n*: number of Cooper pairs on the island**

Vion et al. (Devoret’s group); Science, 2002

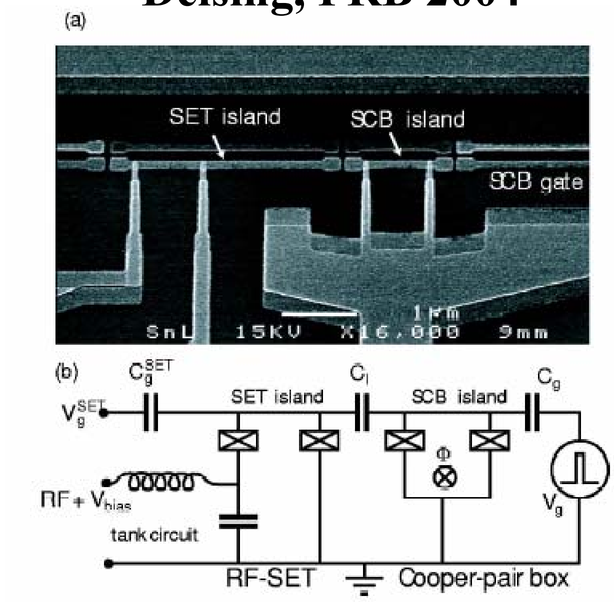
Q-factor of coherent (Rabi) oscillations = 25,000

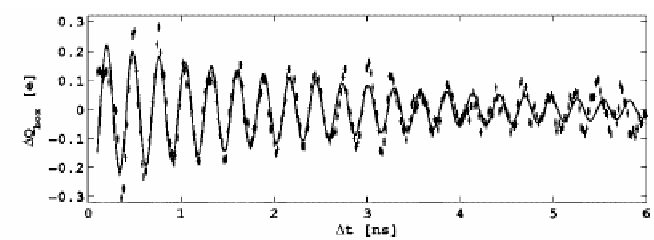
More of superconducting charge qubits



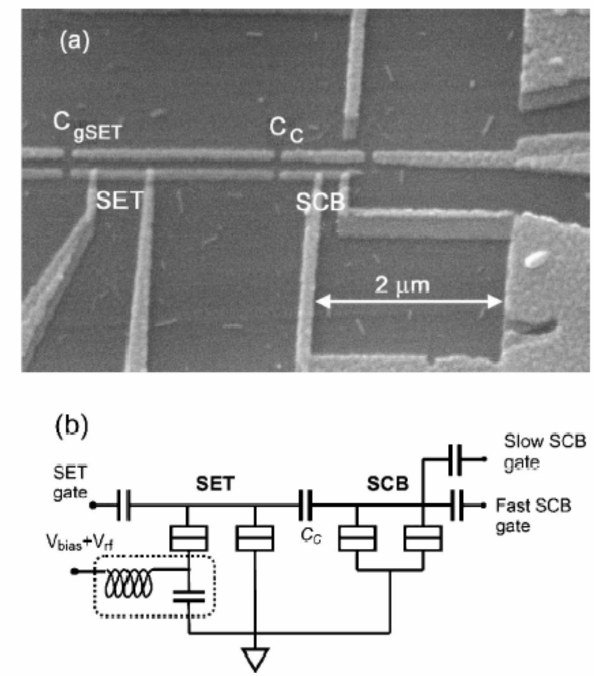
Cooper-pair box measured by single-electron transistor (SET)
(actually, RF-SET)

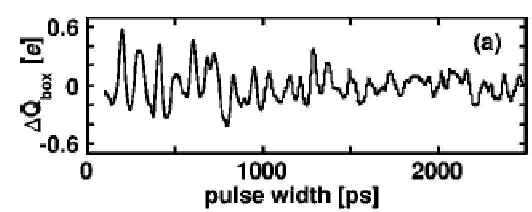
Duty, Gunnarsson, Bladh, Delsing, PRB 2004





Guillaume et al. (Echternach's group), PRB 2004





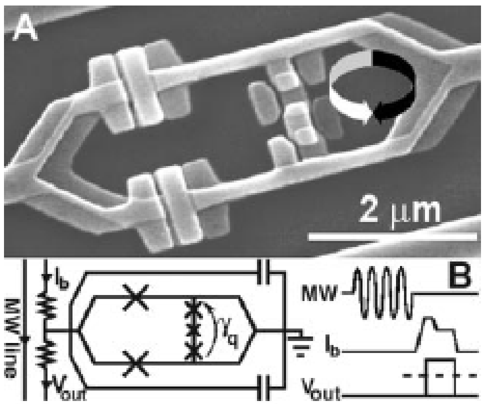
Setup can be used for continuous measurements

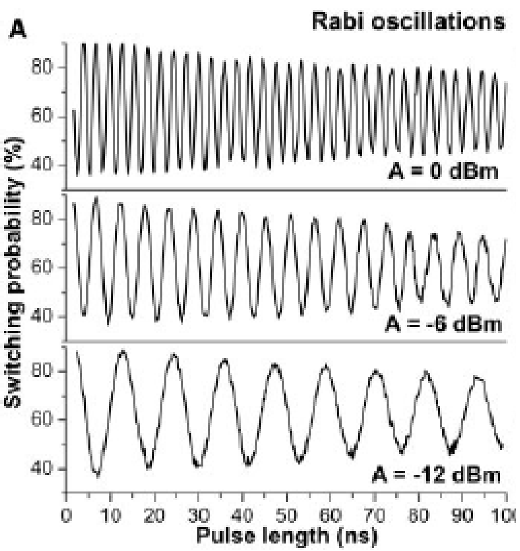
All results are averaged over many measurements (not "single-shot")

Some other superconducting qubits

Flux qubit

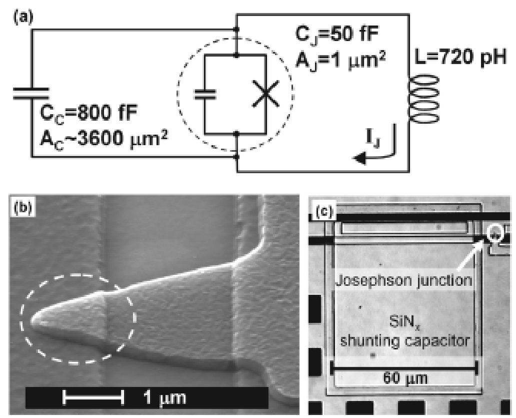
Mooij et al. (Delft)

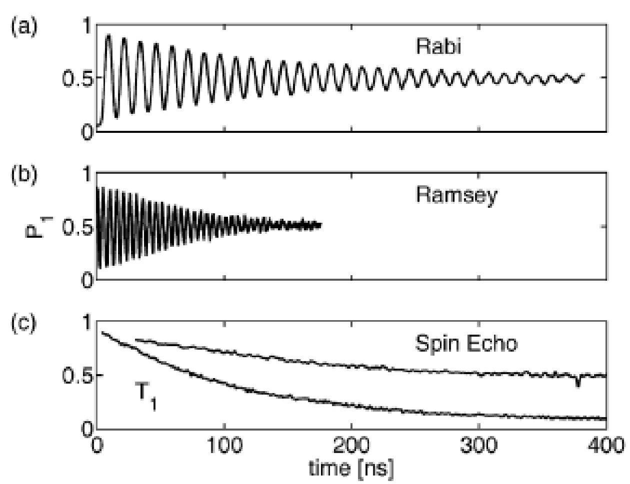




Phase qubit

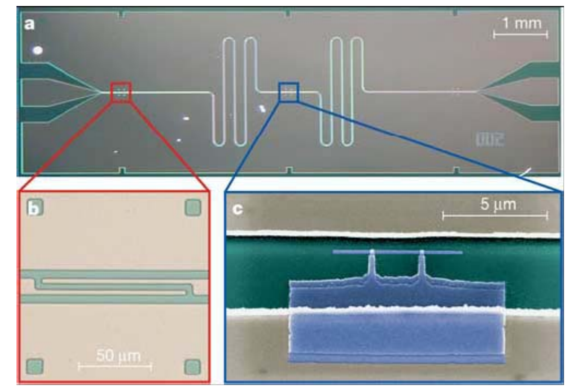
J. Martinis et al.
(UCSB and NIST)

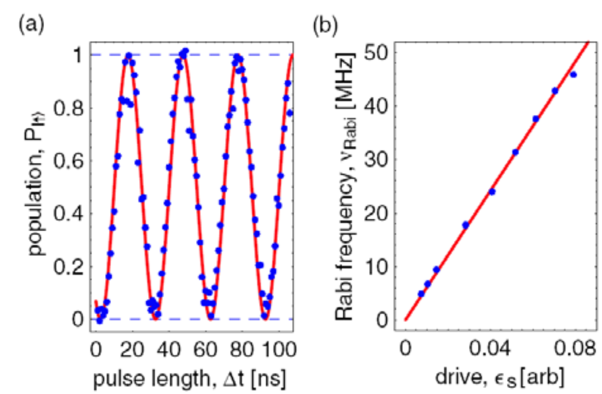




Charge qubit with circuit QED

R. Schoelkopf et al. (Yale)

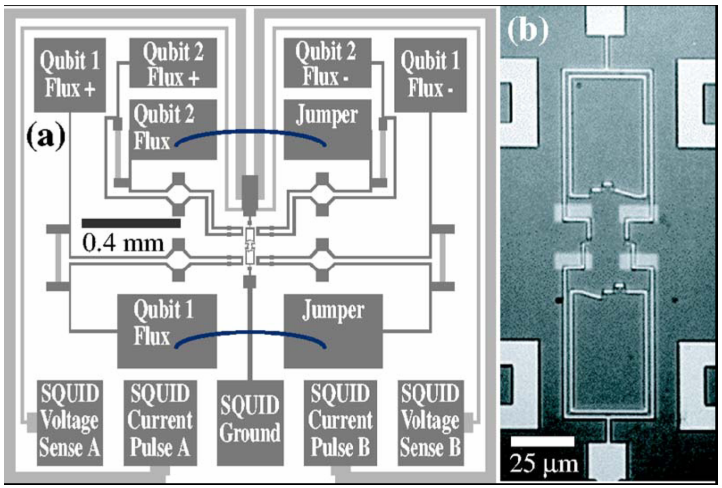


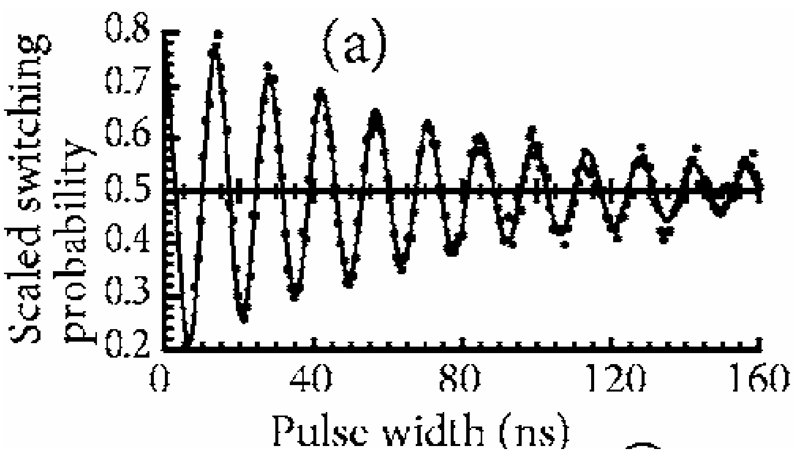


Some other superconducting qubits

Flux qubit

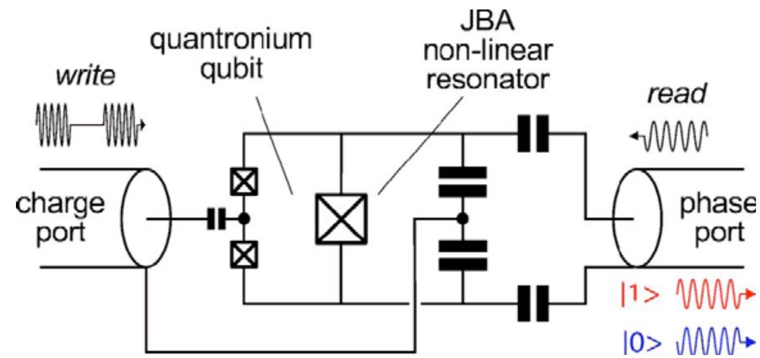
J. Clarke et al. (Berkeley)

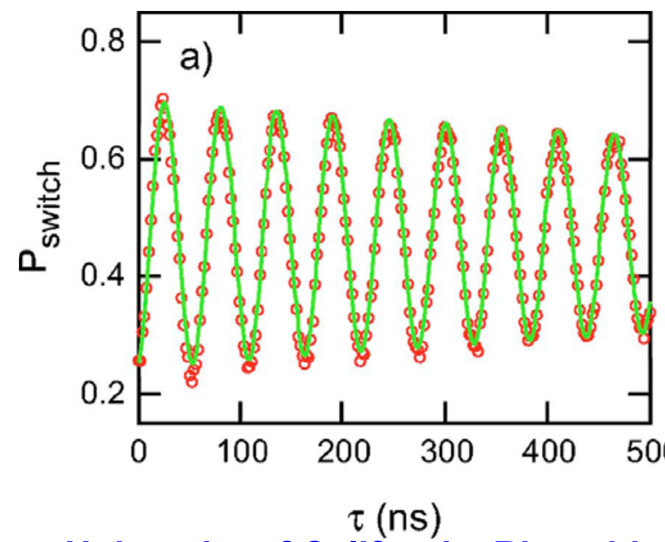




"Quantronium" qubit

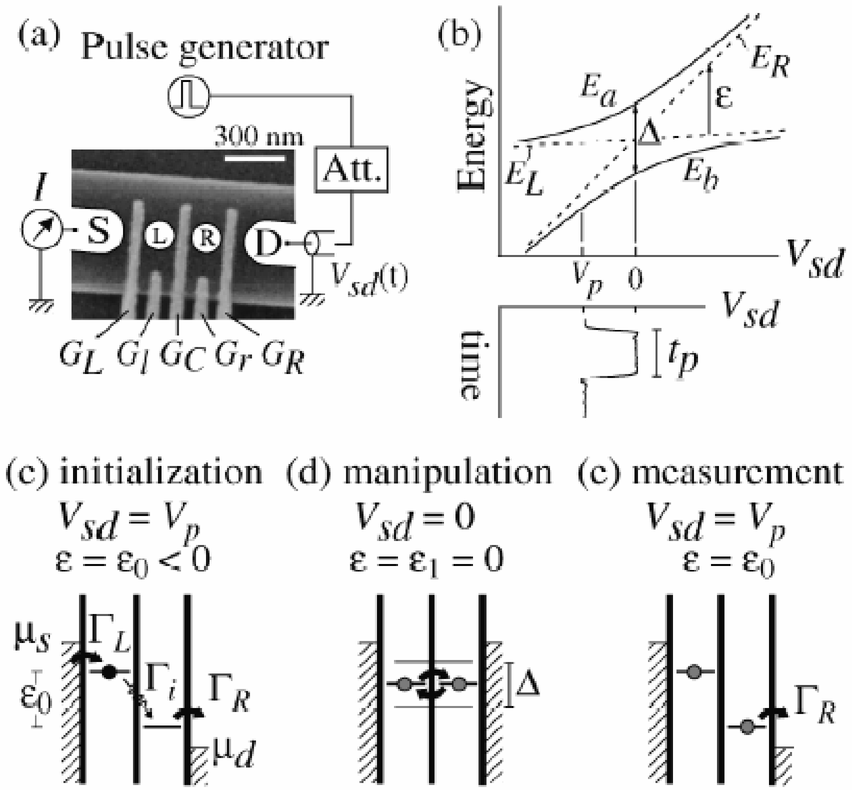
I. Siddiqi, R. Schoelkopf,
M. Devoret, et al. (Yale)

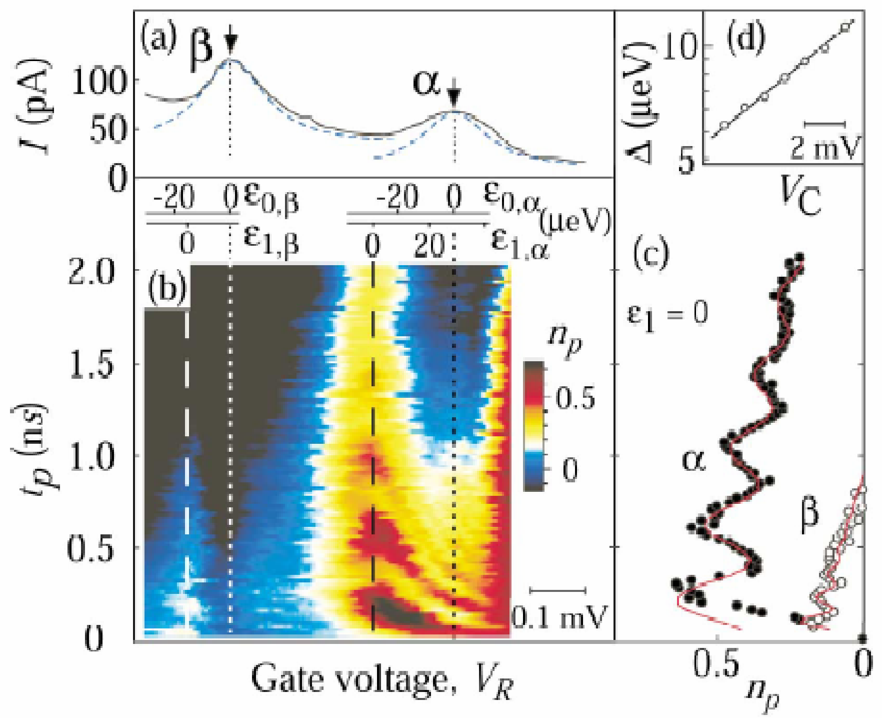




Semiconductor (double-dot) qubit

T. Hayashi et al., PRL 2003





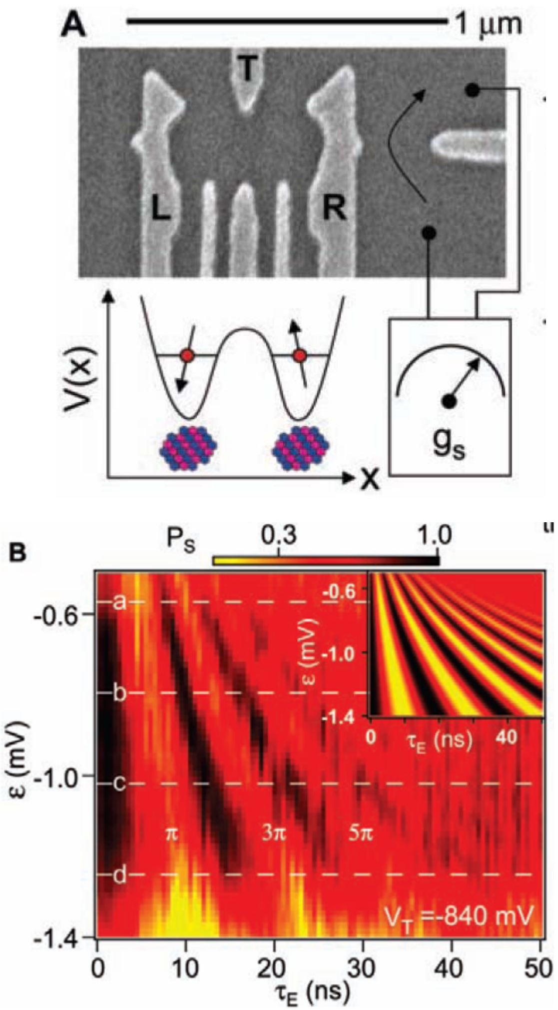
Rabi oscillations

Detector is not separated from qubit,
also possible to use a separate detector

Some other semiconductor qubits

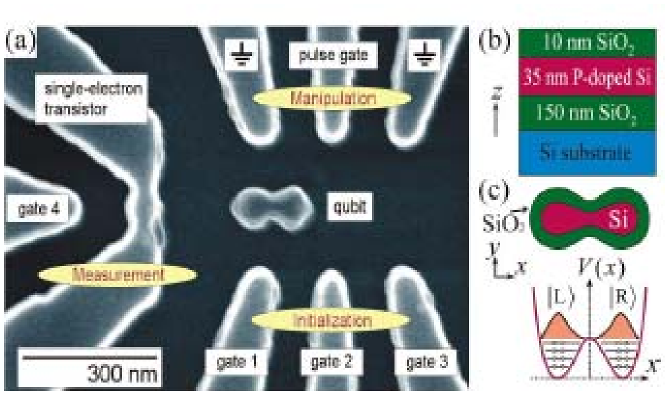
Spin qubit

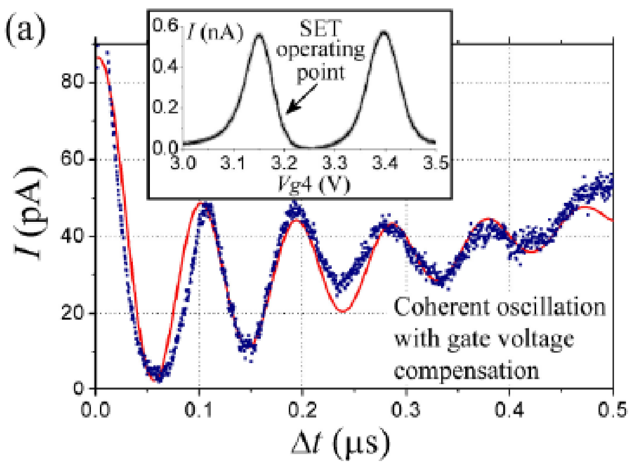
C. Marcus et al. (Harvard)



Double-dot qubit

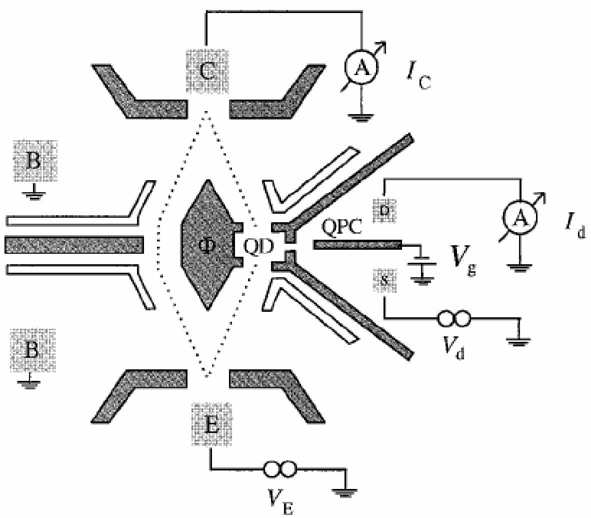
J. Gorman et al. (Cambridge)

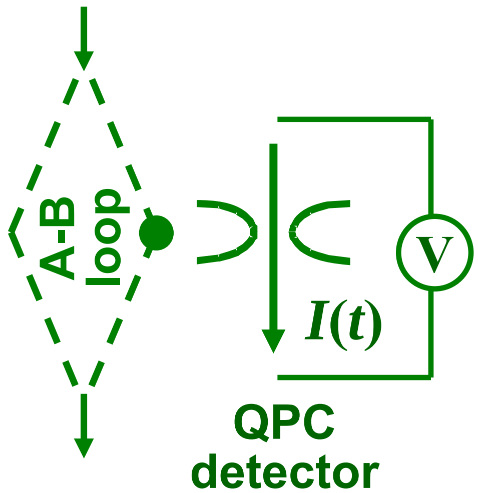


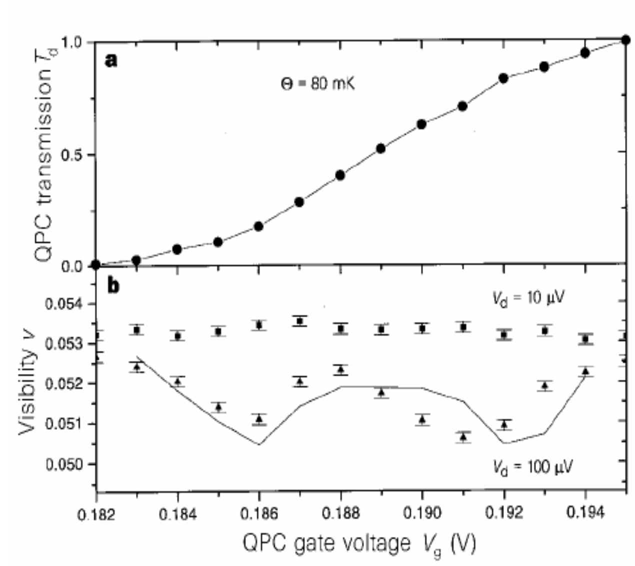


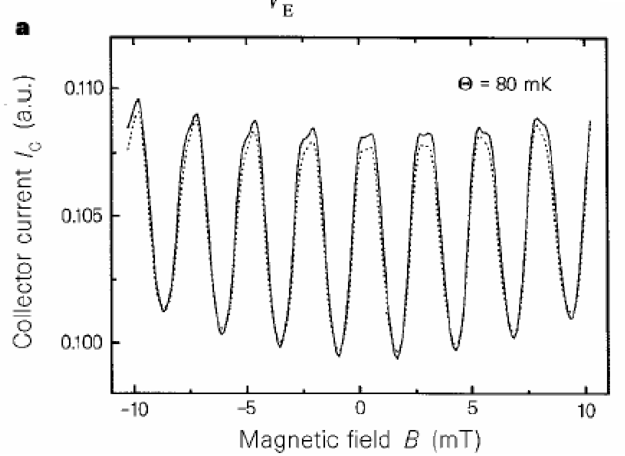
“Which-path detector” experiment

Buks, Schuster, Heiblum, Mahalu, and Umansky, Nature 1998









Theory: Aleiner, Wingreen, and Meir, PRL 1997

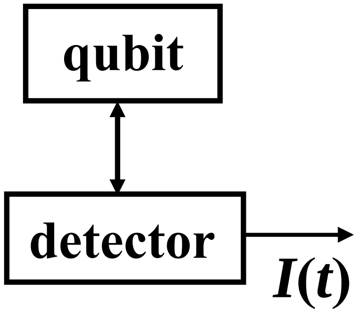
Dephasing rate: $$\Gamma = \frac{eV}{h}\frac{(\Delta T)^2}{T(1-T)} = \frac{(\Delta I)^2}{4S_I}$$

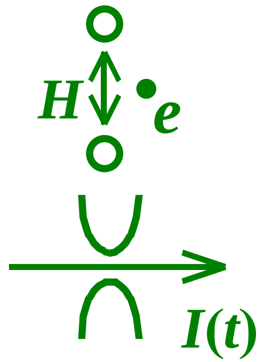
ΔI – detector response, S_I – shot noise

The larger noise, the smaller dephasing!!!

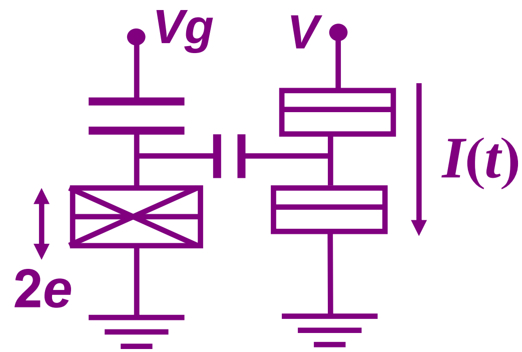
$(\Delta I)^2/4S_I$ ~ rate of “information flow”

The system we consider: qubit + detector





Double-quantum-qot (DQD) and quantum point contact (QPC)



Cooper-pair box (CPB) and single-electron transistor (SET)

$H = H_{\mathrm{QB}} + H_{\mathrm{DET}} + H_{\mathrm{INT}}$

$H_{\mathrm{QB}} = (\varepsilon/2)(c_1^+c_1 - c_2^+c_2) + H(c_1^+c_2 + c_2^+c_1)$ $\quad$ ε – asymmetry, H – tunneling

$\Omega = (4H^2+\varepsilon^2)^{1/2}/\hbar$ – frequency of quantum coherent (Rabi) oscillations

Two levels of average detector current: I_1 for qubit state $|1\rangle$, I_2 for $|2\rangle$

Response: $\Delta I = I_1 - I_2$ $\qquad$ Detector noise: white, spectral density S_I

DQD and QPC
(setup due to Gurvitz, 1997)

$$H_{DET} = \sum_l E_l a_l^\dagger a_l + \sum_r E_r a_r^\dagger a_r + \sum_{l,r} T(a_r^\dagger a_l + a_l^\dagger a_r)$$

$$H_{INT} = \sum_{l,r} \Delta T\,(c_1^\dagger c_1 - c_2^\dagger c_2)(a_r^\dagger a_l + a_l^\dagger a_r)$$

$$S_I = 2eI$$

What happens to a qubit state during measurement?

Start with density matrix evolution due to measurement only ($H=\varepsilon=0$)

"Orthodox" answer

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \nearrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \searrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

|1> or |2>, depending on the result

"Conventional" (decoherence) answer (Leggett, Zurek)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\exp(-\Gamma t)}{2} \\ \frac{\exp(-\Gamma t)}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

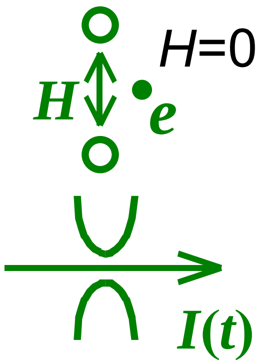
no measurement result! (ensemble averaged)

Orthodox and decoherence answers contradict each other!

applicable for:	Single quantum systems	Continuous measurements
Orthodox	yes	no
Conventional (ensemble)	no	yes
Bayesian	yes	yes

Bayesian formalism describes gradual collapse of a single quantum system, taking into account noisy detector output $I(t)$

Bayesian formalism for DQD-QPC (qubit-detector) system



Qubit evolution due to continuous measurement:

1) **Diagonal matrix elements of the qubit density matrix evolve as classical probabilities (i.e. according to the classical Bayes rule)**

2) **Non-diagonal matrix elements evolve so that the degree of purity $\rho_{ij}/[\rho_{ii}\,\rho_{jj}]^{1/2}$ is conserved**

(A.K., 1998)

Bayes rule:

$$P(A_i\,|\,R)=\frac{P(A_i)\,P(R\,|\,A_i)}{\sum_k P(A_k)\,P(R\,|\,A_k)}$$

So simple because:

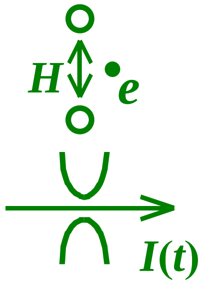
1) QPC happens to be an ideal detector

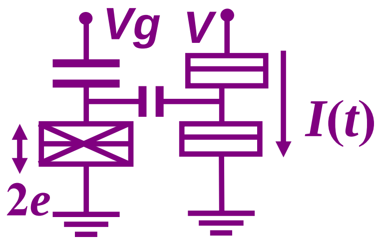
2) no Hamiltonian evolution of the qubit

Similar formalisms developed earlier. Key words: Imprecise, weak, selective, or conditional measurements, POVM, Quantum trajectories, Quantum jumps, Restricted path integral, etc.

Names: Davies, Kraus, Holevo, Mensky, Caves, Gardiner, Carmichael, Plenio, Knight, Walls, Gisin, Percival, Milburn, Wiseman, Habib, etc. (very incomplete list)

Bayesian formalism for a single qubit





$$\hat{H}_{QB} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}(c_1^\dagger c_1 - c_2^\dagger c_2) + H(c_1^\dagger c_2 + c_2^\dagger c_1)$$

$|1\rangle \to I_1,\ |2\rangle \to I_2,\ \Delta I = I_1 - I_2,\ I_0 = (I_1+I_2)/2$

S_I – detector noise

$$\dot{\rho}_{11} = -\dot{\rho}_{22} = -2(H/\hbar)\,\mathrm{Im}\,\rho_{12} + \rho_{11}\rho_{22}(2\Delta I/S_I)[\underline{\underline{I(t)}} - I_0]$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{12} = i(\varepsilon/\hbar)\rho_{12} + i(H/\hbar)(\rho_{11}-\rho_{22}) + \rho_{12}(\rho_{11}-\rho_{22})(\Delta I/S_I)[\underline{\underline{I(t)}} - I_0] - \gamma\rho_{12}$$

(A.K., 1998)

$\gamma = \Gamma - (\Delta I)^2/4S_I$, Γ – ensemble decoherence

$\eta = 1 - \gamma/\Gamma = (\Delta I)^2/4S_I\Gamma$ – detector ideality (efficiency), $\eta \le 100\%$

Ideal detector (η=1, as QPC) does not decohere a qubit, then random evolution of qubit *wavefunction* can be monitored

Averaging over result $I(t)$ leads to conventional master equation:

$$d\rho_{11}/dt = -d\rho_{22}/dt = -2(H/\hbar)\,\mathrm{Im}\,\rho_{12}$$

$$d\rho_{12}/dt = i(\varepsilon/\hbar)\rho_{12} + i(H/\hbar)(\rho_{11}-\rho_{22}) - \Gamma\rho_{12}$$

Assumptions needed for the Bayesian formalism:

- Detector voltage is much larger than the qubit energies involved

$eV >> \hbar\Omega,\ eV >> \hbar\Gamma,\ \hbar/eV << (1/\Omega,\ 1/\Gamma)$

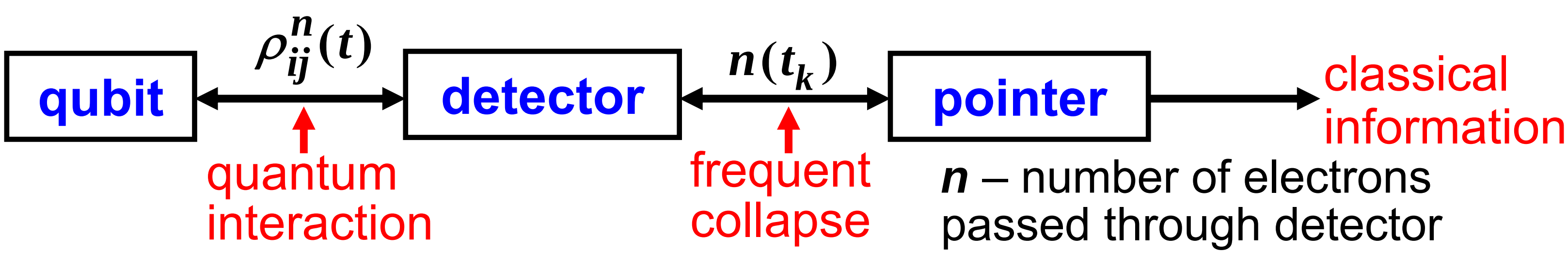
(no coherence in the detector, classical output, Markovian approximation)

- Simplification if weak response, $|\Delta I\,| << I_0$, while coupling $C \sim \Gamma/\Omega$ is arbitrary

Derivations:

1) "logical": via correspondence principle and comparison with decoherence approach (A.K., 1998)

2) "microscopic": Schr. eq. + collapse of the detector (A.K., 2000)



3) from "quantum trajectory" formalism developed for quantum optics (Goan-Milburn, 2001; also: Wiseman, Sun, Oxtoby, etc.)

4) from POVM formalism (Jordan-A.K., 2006)

Fundamental limit for ensemble decoherence

$$\Gamma = (\Delta I)^2/4S_I + \gamma$$

ensemble decoherence rate

~ rate of information acquisition [bit/s]

single-qubit decoherence

$$\gamma \geq 0 \;\Rightarrow\; \boxed{\Gamma \geq (\Delta I)^2/4S_I} \;\Rightarrow\; \Gamma\tau_m \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

A.K., 1998, 2000
S. Pilgram et al., 2002
A. Clerk et al., 2002
D. Averin, 2003

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\Gamma} = \frac{(\Delta I)^2/4S_I}{\Gamma}$$

detector ideality (quantum efficiency)
$\eta \leq 100\%$

Translated into energy sensitivity: $(\epsilon_O\, \epsilon_{BA})^{1/2} \geq \hbar/2$

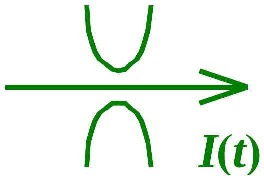
where ϵ_O is output-noise-limited sensitivity [J/Hz]
and ϵ_{BA} is back-action-limited sensitivity [J/Hz]

Sensitivity limitation is known since 1980s (Clarke, Tesche, Likharev, etc.); also Averin-2000, Clerk et al.-2002, Pilgram et al.-2002, etc.

Quantum efficiency of solid-state detectors

(ideal detector does not cause single qubit decoherence)

1. Quantum point contact



Theoretically, ideal quantum detector, $\eta = 1$

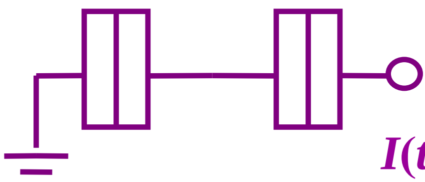
A.K., 1998 (Gurvitz, 1997; Aleiner *et al*., 1997)

Averin, 2000; Pilgram et al., 2002, Clerk et al., 2002

Experimentally, $\eta > 80\%$

(using Buks *et al*., 1998)

2. SET-transistor



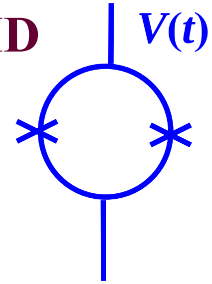
Very non-ideal in usual operation regime, $\eta \ll 1$

Shnirman-Schön, 1998; A.K., 2000, Devoret-Schoelkopf, 2000

However, reaches ideality, $\eta = 1$ if:

- in deep cotunneling regime (Averin, van den Brink, 2000)
- S-SET, using supercurrent (Zorin, 1996)
- S-SET, double-JQP peak ($\eta \sim 1$) (Clerk *et al*., 2002)
- resonant-tunneling SET, low bias (Averin, 2000)

3. SQUID



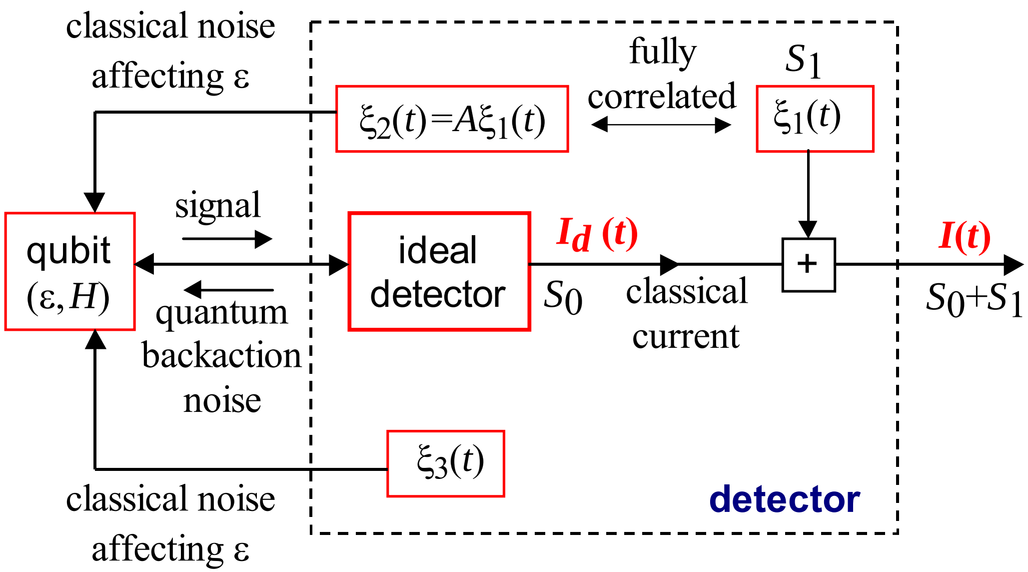
Can reach ideality, $\eta = 1$

(Danilov-Likharev-Zorin, 1983;
Averin, 2000; Clerk, 2006)

4. FET ?? HEMT ??
ballistic FET/HEMT ??

Nonideal detectors with input-output noise correlation

A.K., 2002



$$K=\frac{AS_1+\theta S_0}{\hbar S_I},\quad S_I=S_0+S_1$$

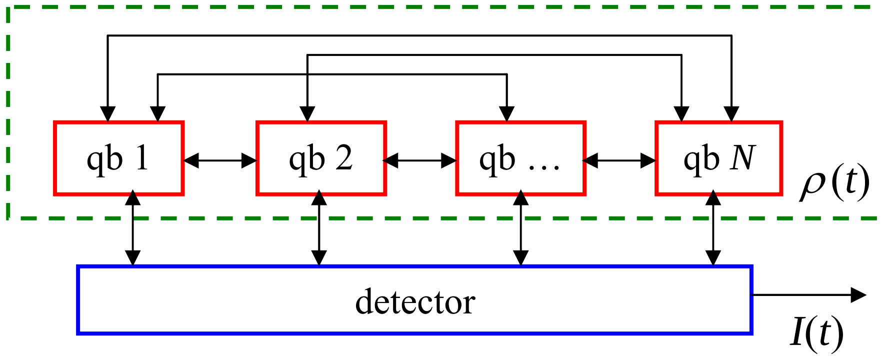
K – correlation between output and ε–backaction noises

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{11}=-\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{22}=-2H\,\mathrm{Im}\,\rho_{12}+\rho_{11}\rho_{22}\frac{2\Delta I}{S_I}[I(t)-I_0]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{12}=i\varepsilon\rho_{12}+iH(\rho_{11}-\rho_{22})+\rho_{12}(\rho_{11}-\rho_{22})\frac{\Delta I}{S_I}[I(t)-I_0]+\underline{\underline{iK[I(t)-I_0]\rho_{12}}}-\tilde{\gamma}\rho_{12}$$

quantum efficiency : $\tilde{\eta}=1-\frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{\Gamma}=\frac{(\Delta I)^2/4S_I+K^2S_I/4}{\Gamma}$

Bayesian formalism for N entangled qubits measured by one detector



Up to 2^N levels of current

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{ij} = \frac{-i}{\hbar}[\hat{H}_{qb},\rho]_{ij} + \rho_{ij}\frac{1}{S}\sum_k \rho_{kk}\Big[\big(I(t)-\frac{I_k+I_i}{2}\big)(I_i-I_k) + \big(I(t)-\frac{I_k+I_j}{2}\big)(I_j-I_k)\Big] - \gamma_{ij}\rho_{ij}$$

(Stratonovich form)

$$\gamma_{ij} = (\eta^{-1}-1)(I_i-I_j)^2/4S_I \qquad I(t) = \sum_i \rho_{ii}(t) I_i + \xi(t)$$

Averaging over ξ(t) ⟹ master equation

No measurement-induced dephasing between states |i⟩ and |j⟩ if $I_i = I_j$!

A.K., PRA 65 (2002),
PRB 67 (2003)

Measurement vs. decoherence

Widely accepted point of view:

measurement = decoherence (environment)

Is it true?

- **Yes**, if not interested in information from detector (ensemble-averaged evolution)

- **No**, if take into account measurement result (single quantum system)

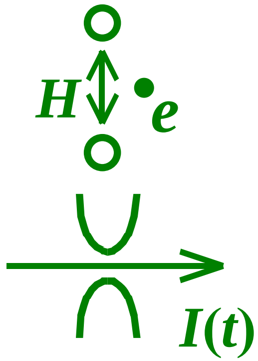
Measurement result obviously gives us more information about the measured system, so we know its quantum state better (ideally, a pure state instead of a mixed state)

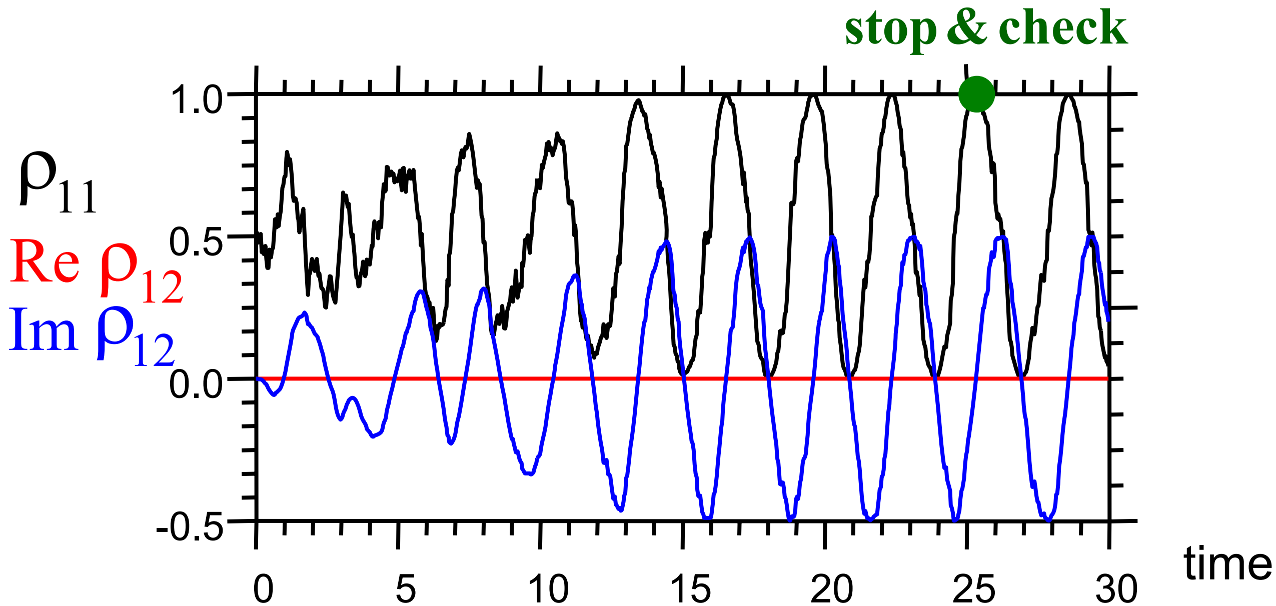
Experimental predictions and proposals from Bayesian formalism

- Direct experimental verification (1998)
- Measured spectral density of Rabi oscillations (1999, 2000, 2002)
- Bell-type correlation experiment (2000)
- Quantum feedback control of a qubit (2001)
- Entanglement by measurement (2002)
- Measurement by a quadratic detector (2003)
- Simple quantum feedback of a qubit (2004)
- Squeezing of a nanomechanical resonator (2004)
- Violation of Leggett-Garg inequality (2005)
- Partial collapse of a phase qubit (2005)
- Undoing of a weak measurement (2006)

Density matrix purification by measurement

(A.K., 1998)

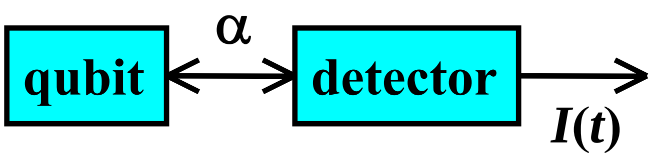




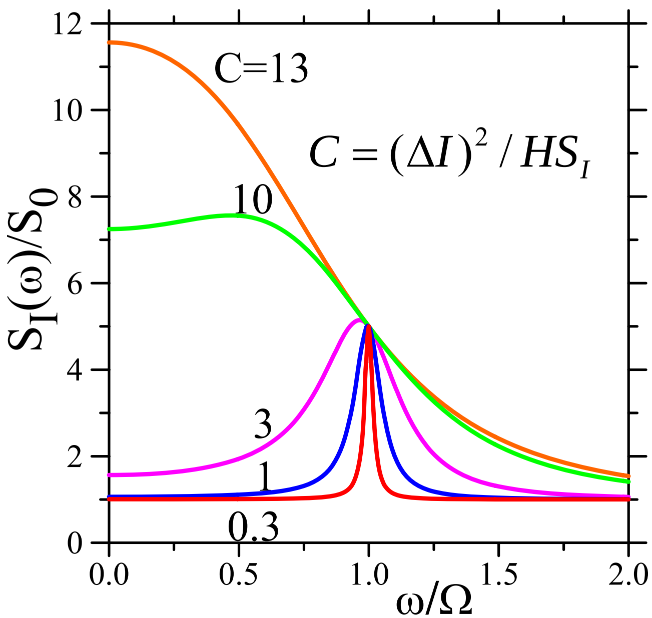
1. Start with completely mixed state
2. Measure and monitor the Rabi phase
3. Stop evolution (make H=0) at state |1›
4. Measure and check

Difficulty: need to record noisy detector current $I(t)$ and solve Bayesian equations in real time; typical required bandwidth: 1-10 GHz.

Measured spectrum of coherent (Rabi) oscillations



What is the spectral density $S_I(\omega)$ of detector current?



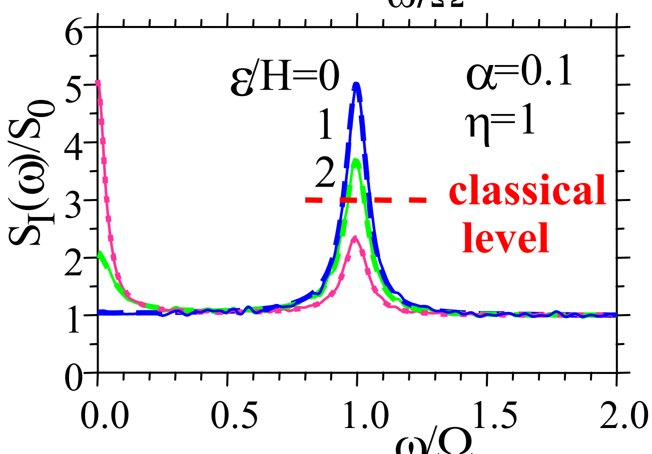
Assume classical output, eV » $\hbar\Omega$

$$\varepsilon = 0, \quad \Gamma = \eta^{-1}(\Delta I)^2 / 4S_0$$

$$S_I(\omega) = S_0 + \frac{\Omega^2(\Delta I)^2\Gamma}{(\omega^2 - \Omega^2)^2 + \Gamma^2\omega^2}$$

Spectral peak can be seen, but peak-to-pedestal ratio ≤ 4η ≤ 4

(result can be obtained using various methods, not only Bayesian method)



A.K., LT'99
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Goan-Milburn, 2001
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Mozyrsky et al., 2002
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Shnirman et al., 2002
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Contrary:
Stace-Barrett,
PRL-2004

Possible experimental confirmation?

Durkan and Welland, 2001 (STM-ESR experiment similar to Manassen-1989)

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Electronic spin detection in molecules using scanning-tunneling-microscopy-assisted electron-spin resonance

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By combining the spatial resolution of a scanning-tunneling microscope (STM) with the electronic spin sensitivity of electron-spin resonance, we show that it is possible to detect the presence of localized spins on surfaces. The principle is that a STM is operated in a magnetic field, and the resulting component of the tunnel current at the Larmor (precession) frequency is measured. This component is nonzero whenever there is tunneling into or out of a paramagnetic entity. We have

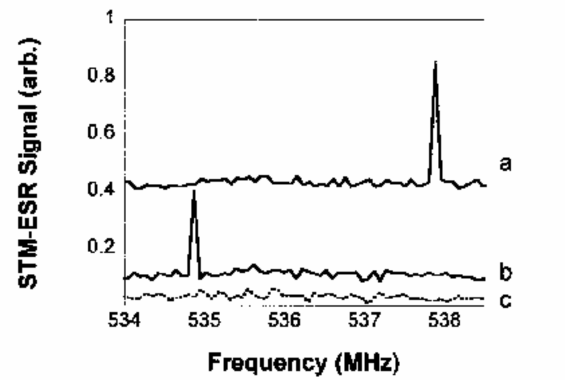


FIG. 3. STM-ESR spectra of (a), (b) two different areas (a few nm apart) of the molecule-covered sample and (c) bare HOPG. The graphs are shifted vertically for clarity.

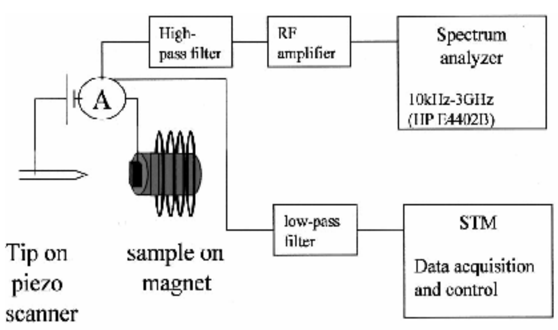


FIG. 1. Schematic of the electronics used in STM-ESR.

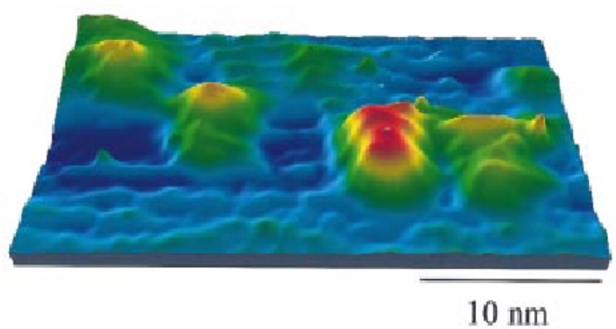


FIG. 2. (Color) STM image of a 250 Å × 150 Å area of HOPG with four adsorbed BDPA molecules.

$$\frac{\text{peak}}{\text{noise}} \le 3.5$$

(Colm Durkan, private comm.)

Recently reproduced:
Messina et al., JAP-2007

Somewhat similar experiment

"Continuous monitoring of Rabi oscillations in a Josephson flux qubit"

E. Il'ichev *et al.*, PRL, 2003

$$H = -\frac{1}{2}(\Delta\sigma_x + \varepsilon\sigma_z) - W\sigma_z \cos\omega_{HF} t$$

$$(\omega_{HF} \approx \sqrt{\Delta^2 + \varepsilon^2}; \quad \varepsilon \neq 0)$$

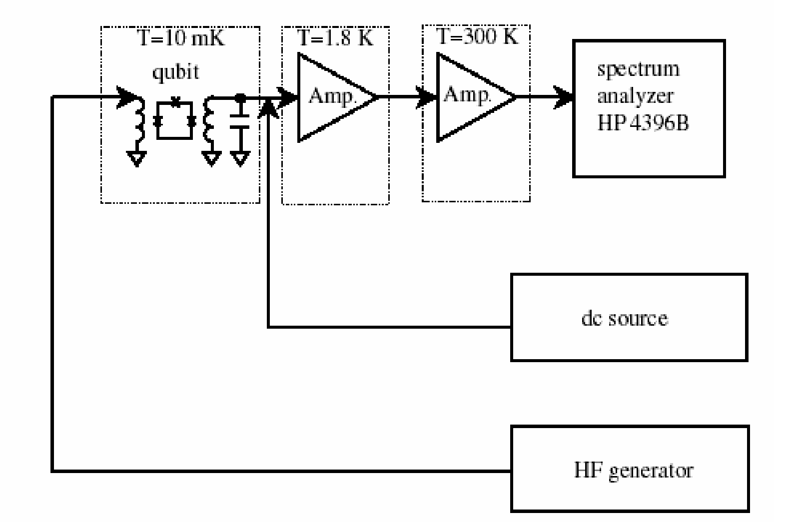


FIG. 1. Measurement setup. The flux qubit is inductively coupled to a tank circuit. The dc source applies a constant flux $\Phi_e \approx \frac{1}{2}\Phi_0$. The HF generator drives the qubit through a separate coil at a frequency close to the level separation $\Delta/h = 868$ MHz. The output voltage at the resonant frequency of the tank is measured as a function of HF power.

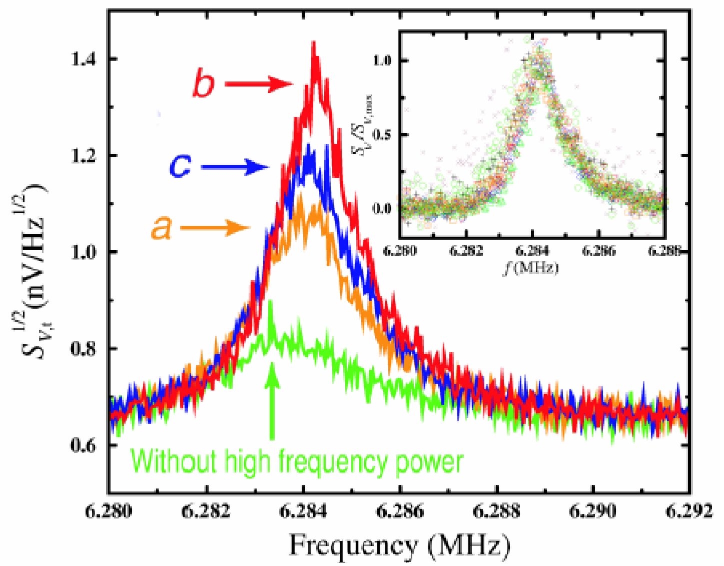
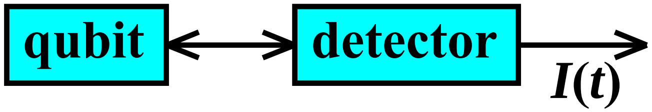


FIG. 3 (color online). The spectral amplitude of the tank voltage for HF powers $P_a < P_b < P_c$ at 868 MHz, detected using the setup of Fig. 1. The bottom curve corresponds to the background noise without an HF signal. The inset shows normalized voltage spectra for seven values of HF power, with background subtracted. The shape of the resonance, being determined by the tank circuit, is essentially the same in each case. Remaining tiny variations visible in the main figure are due to the irradiated qubit modifying the tank's inductance and

Bell-type (Leggett-Garg-type) inequalities for continuous measurement of a qubit

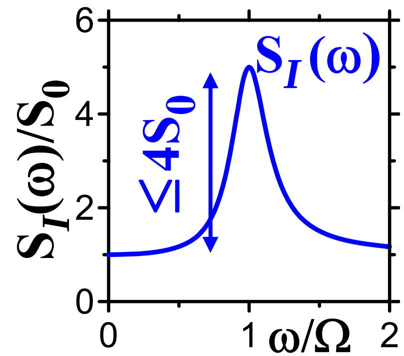


Ruskov-A.K.-Mizel, PRL-2006
Jordan-A.K.-Büttiker, PRL-2006

Assumptions of macrorealism
(similar to Leggett-Garg'85):

$$I(t) = I_0 + (\Delta I/2)\,Q(t) + \xi(t)$$

$$|Q(t)| \le 1, \quad \langle \xi(t)\, Q(t+\tau)\rangle = 0$$



Then for correlation function

$$K(\tau) = \langle I(t)\, I(t+\tau)\rangle$$

$$K(\tau_1) + K(\tau_2) - K(\tau_1+\tau_2) \le (\Delta I/2)^2$$

and for area under spectral peak

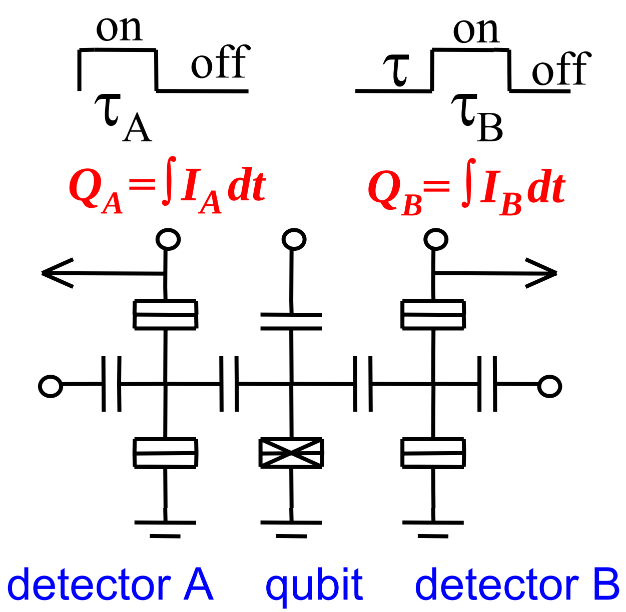
$$\int [S_I(f) - S_0]\, df \le (8/\pi^2)(\Delta I/2)^2$$

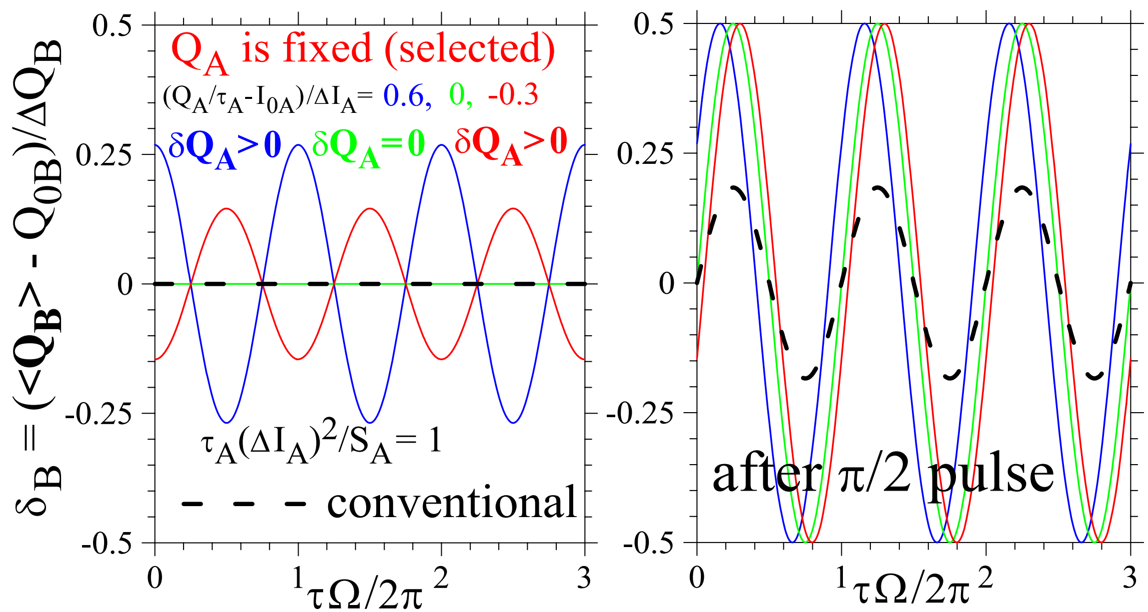
quantum result	violation
$\frac{3}{2}(\Delta I/2)^2$	$\times\frac{3}{2}$
$(\Delta I/2)^2$	$\times\frac{\pi^2}{8}$

Experimentally measurable violation of classical bound

Bell-type measurement correlation

(A.K., 2000)





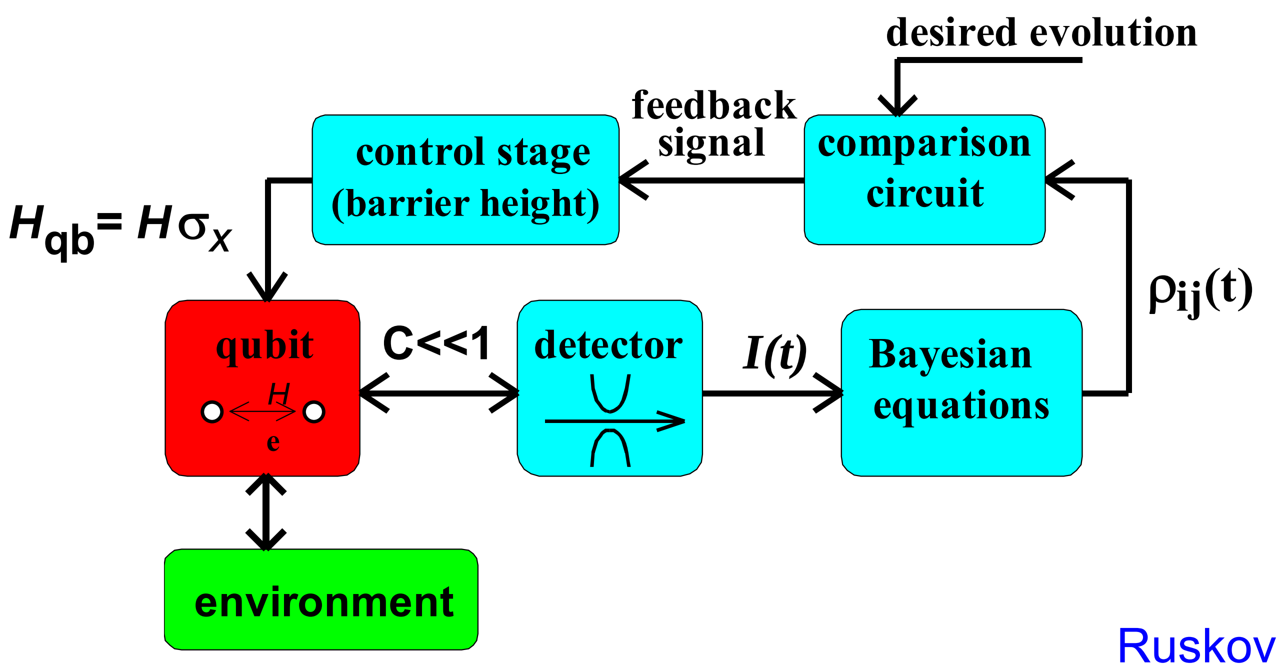
Idea: two consecutive finite-time (imprecise) measurements of a qubit by two detectors; probability distribution **P(Q_A, Q_B, τ)** shows the effect of the first measurement on the qubit state.

Proves that qubit remains in a pure state during measurement (for η=1)

Advantage: no need to record noisy detector output with GHz bandwidth; instead, we use two detectors and fast ON/OFF switching.

Quantum feedback control of a qubit

Since qubit state can be monitored, the feedback is possible!



Ruskov & A.K., 2001

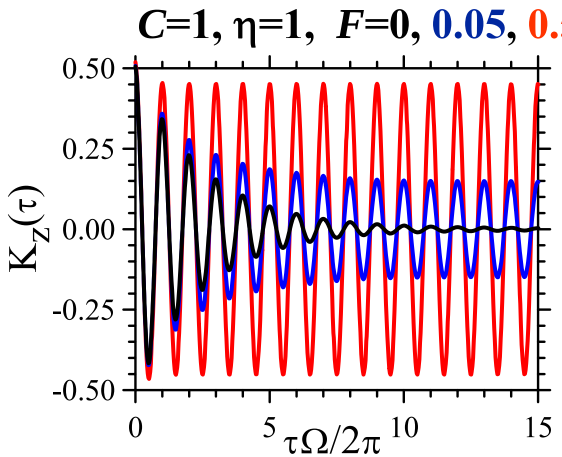
Goal: maintain perfect Rabi oscillations forever

Idea: monitor the Rabi phase ϕ by continuous measurement and apply feedback control of the qubit barrier height, $\Delta H_{FB}/H = -F\times\Delta\phi$

To monitor phase ϕ we plug detector output $I(t)$ into Bayesian equations

Performance of quantum feedback

Qubit correlation function



$$K_z(\tau) = \frac{\cos \Omega t}{2} \exp\left[\frac{C}{16F}(e^{-2FH\tau/\hbar} - 1)\right]$$

$C = \hbar(\Delta I)^2 / S_I H$ – coupling

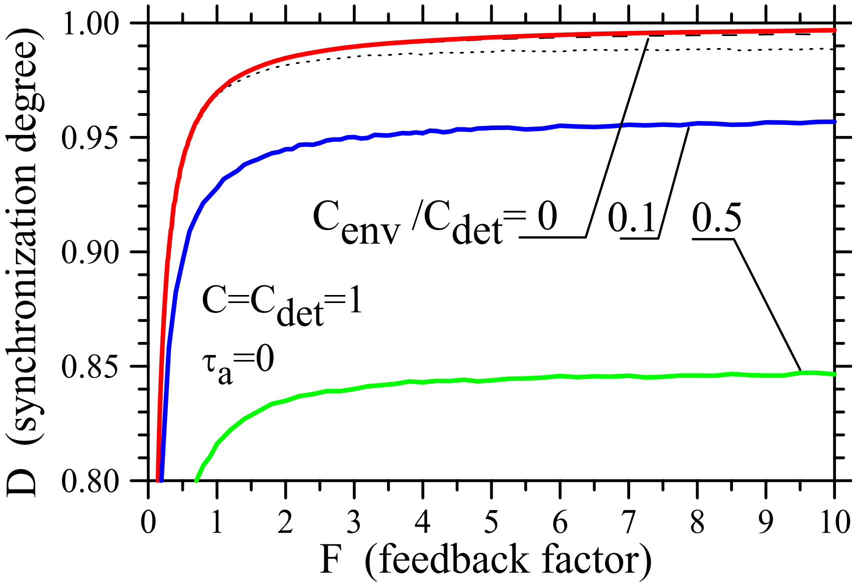
F – feedback strength

$D = 2\langle \mathrm{Tr}\rho\rho_{desir}\rangle - 1$

For ideal detector and wide bandwidth, fidelity can be arbitrarily close to 100%

$$D = \exp(-C/32F)$$

Fidelity (synchronization degree)



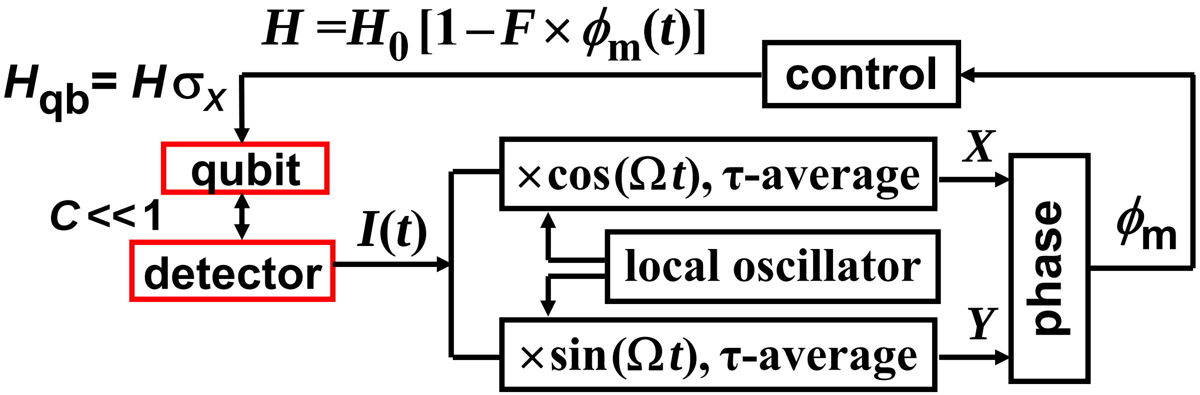
Experimental difficulties:

- necessity of **very fast** real-time solution of Bayesian equations
- **wide bandwidth** (>>Ω, GHz-range) of the line delivering noisy signal $I(t)$ to the "processor"

Ruskov & A.K., PRB-2002

Simple quantum feedback of a solid-state qubit

(A.K., 2005)



Goal: maintain coherent (Rabi) oscillations for arbitrarily long time

Idea: **use two quadrature components of the detector current *I*(*t*) to monitor approximately the phase of qubit oscillations**
(a very natural way for usual classical feedback!)

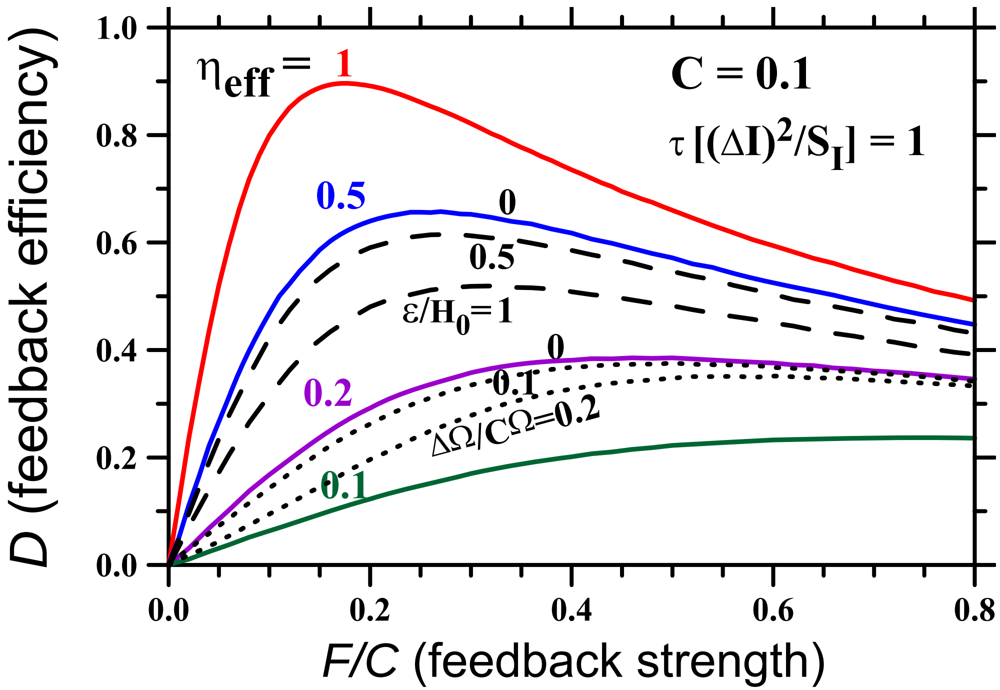
$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} [I(t') - I_0] \cos(\Omega t') \exp[-(t-t')/\tau]\, dt'$$
$$Y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} [I(t') - I_0] \sin(\Omega t') \exp[-(t-t')/\tau]\, dt'$$
$$\phi_m = -\arctan(Y/X)$$

(similar formulas for a tank circuit instead of mixing with local oscillator)

Advantage: **simplicity and relatively narrow bandwidth** $(1/\tau \sim \Gamma_d << \Omega)$

Essentially classical feedback. Does it really work?

Fidelity of simple quantum feedback



$D_{max} \approx 90\%$

$$D \equiv 2F_Q - 1$$

$$F_Q \equiv \langle \mathrm{Tr}\, \rho(t)\, \rho_{des}(t) \rangle$$

Robust to imperfections

(inefficient detector, frequency mismatch, qubit asymmetry)

How to verify feedback operation experimentally?

Simple: just check that in-phase quadrature $\langle X \rangle$ of the detector current is positive $D = \langle X \rangle (4/\tau\Delta I)$

$\langle X \rangle$=0 for *any* non-feedback Hamiltonian control of the qubit

Simple enough for real experiment!

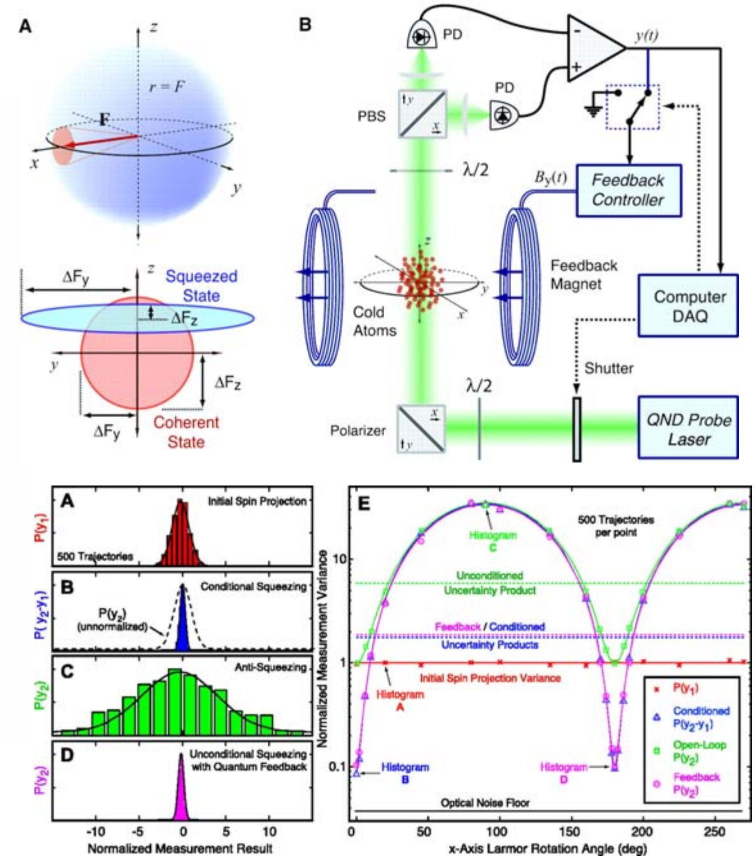
Quantum feedback in optics

First experiment: Science 304, 270 (2004)

Real-Time Quantum Feedback Control of Atomic Spin-Squeezing

JM Geremia,* John K. Stockton, Hideo Mabuchi

Real-time feedback performed during a quantum nondemolition measurement of atomic spin-angular momentum allowed us to influence the quantum statistics of the measurement outcome. We showed that it is possible to harness measurement backaction as a form of actuation in quantum control, and thus we describe a valuable tool for quantum information science. Our feedback-mediated procedure generates spin-squeezing, for which the reduction in quantum uncertainty and resulting atomic entanglement are not conditioned on the measurement outcome.

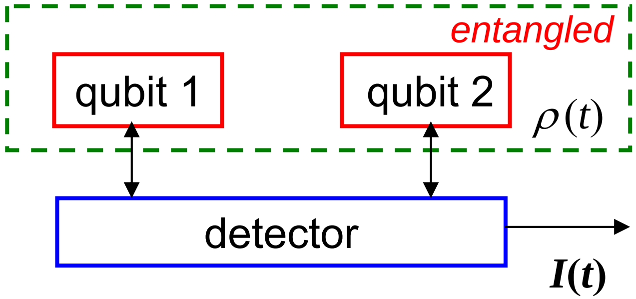


First detailed theory:

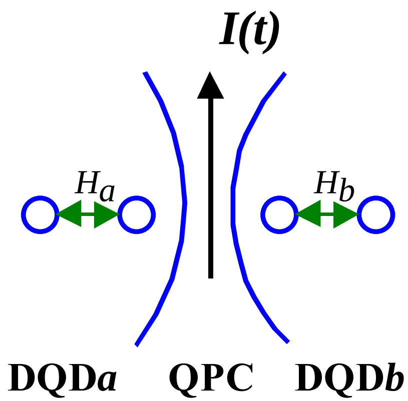
H.M. Wiseman and G. J. Milburn, Phys. Rev. Lett. 70, 548 (**1993**)

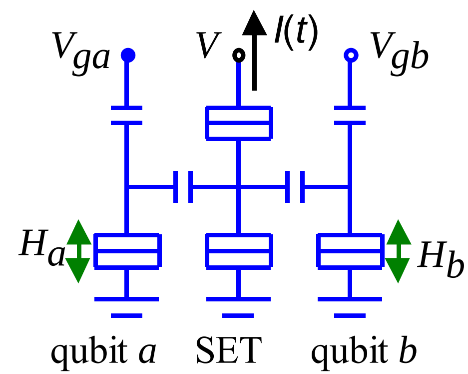
Two-qubit entanglement by measurement

Ruskov & A.K., 2002

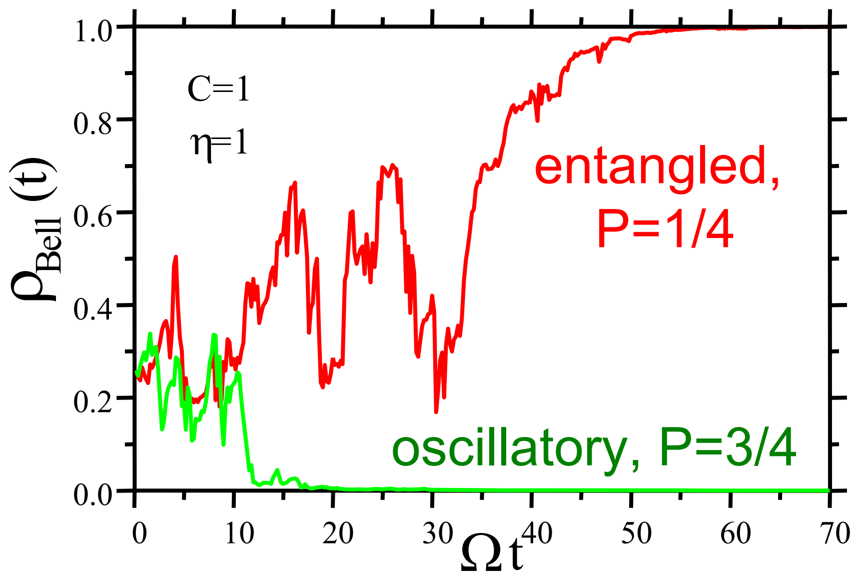


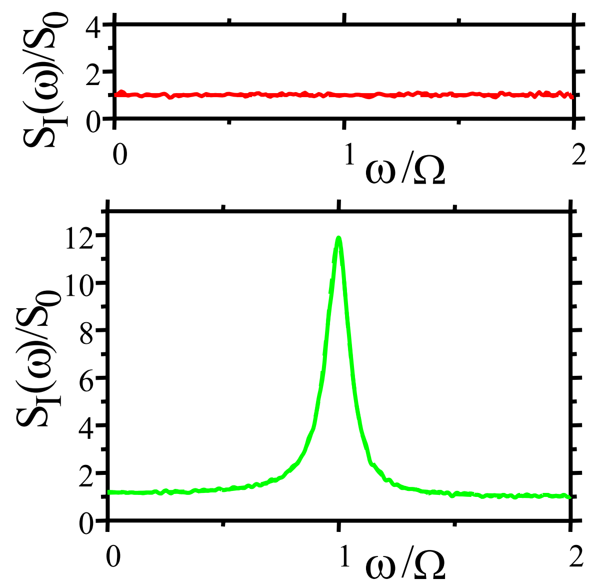
Symmetric setup, no qubit interaction





Two evolution scenarios:



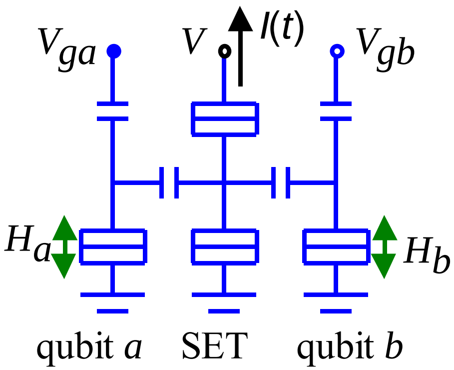


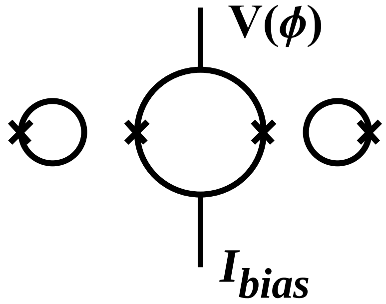
Peak/noise = (32/3) η

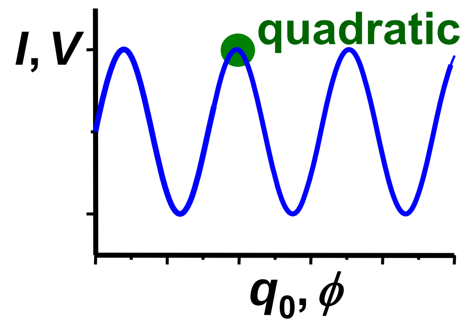
Collapse into |Bell⟩ state (spontaneous entanglement)
with probability 1/4 starting from fully mixed state

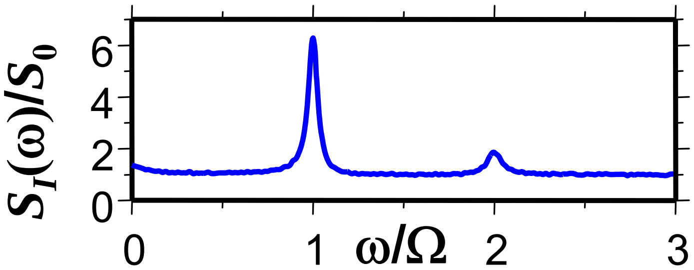
Quadratic quantum detection

Mao, Averin, Ruskov, Korotkov, PRL-2004



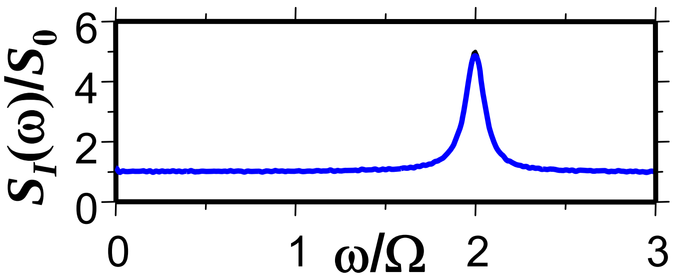






Nonlinear detector:

spectral peaks at Ω, 2Ω and 0



Quadratic detector:

Peak only at 2Ω, peak/noise = 4η

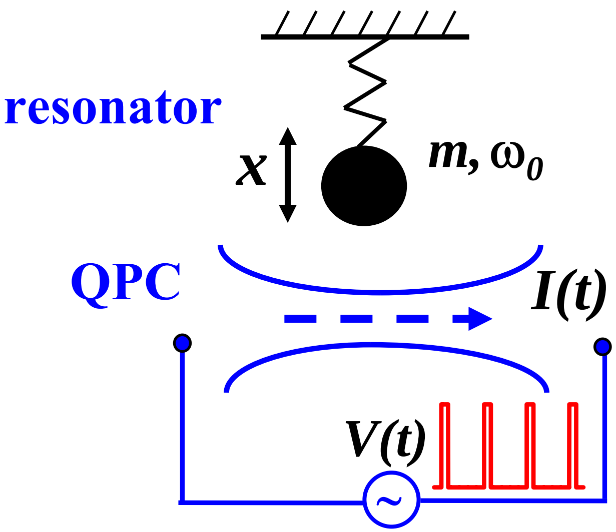
$$S_I(\omega) = S_0 + \frac{4\Omega^2 (\Delta I)^2 \Gamma}{(\omega^2 - 4\Omega^2)^2 + \Gamma^2 \omega^2}$$

Three evolution scenarios: 1) collapse into $|\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow\rangle$, current $I_{\uparrow\downarrow}$, flat spectrum 2) collapse into $|\uparrow\uparrow - \downarrow\downarrow\rangle$, current $I_{\uparrow\uparrow}$, flat spectrum; 3) collapse into remaining subspace, current $(I_{\uparrow\downarrow} + I_{\uparrow\uparrow})/2$, spectral peak at 2Ω

Entangled states distinguished by average detector current

QND squeezing of a nanomechanical resonator

Ruskov, Schwab, Korotkov, PRB-2005



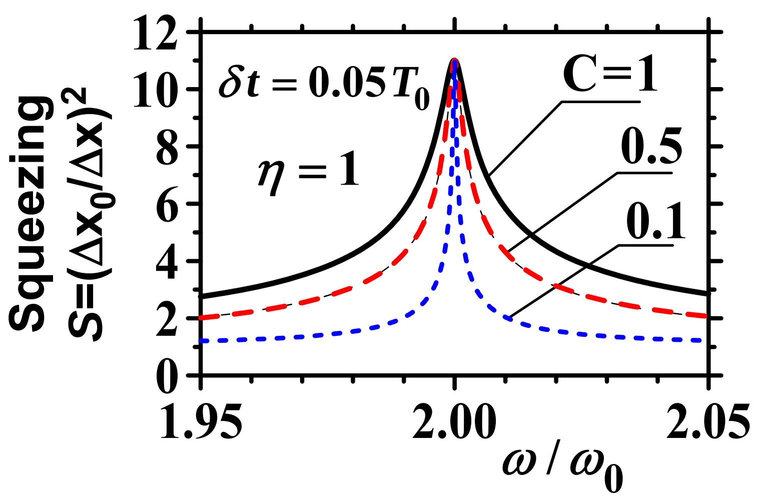
Experimental status:

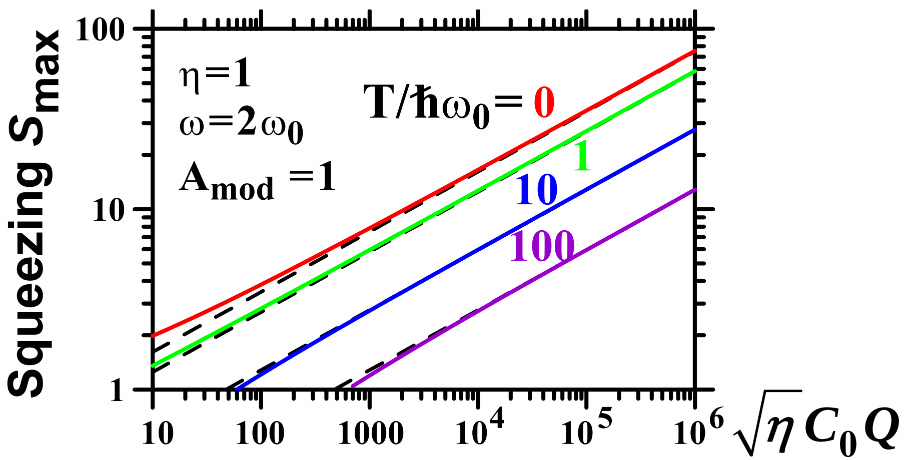
$\omega_0/2\pi \sim 1$ GHz ($\hbar\omega_0 \sim 80$ mK), Roukes' group, 2003

$\Delta x/\Delta x_0 \sim 5$ [SQL $\Delta x_0=(\hbar/2m\omega_0)^{1/2}$], Schwab's group, 2004

$$S_{\max} = \frac{3}{4}\left[\frac{\sqrt{\eta}\,C_0 Q}{\coth(\hbar\omega_0/2T)}\right]^{1/3}$$

C_0 – coupling with detector, η – detector efficiency,
T – temperature, Q – resonator Q-factor





(So far in experiment $\eta^{1/2}C_0Q \sim 0.1$)

Potential application: ultrasensitive force measurements

Undoing a weak measurement of a qubit

A.K. & Jordan, PRL-2006

It is impossible to undo “orthodox” quantum measurement (for an unknown initial state)

Is it possible to undo partial quantum measurement?
(To restore a “precious” qubit accidentally measured)

Yes! (but with a finite probability)

If undoing is successful, an unknown state is **fully** restored

ψ_0 (unknown) —weak (partial) measurement→ ψ_1 (partially collapsed)

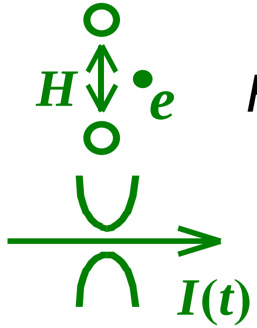
ψ_1 —successful→ ψ_0 (still unknown)

ψ_1 —unsuccessful→ ψ_2

undoing
(information erasure)

“Quantum Un-Demolition (QUD) measurement”

Evolution of a charge qubit



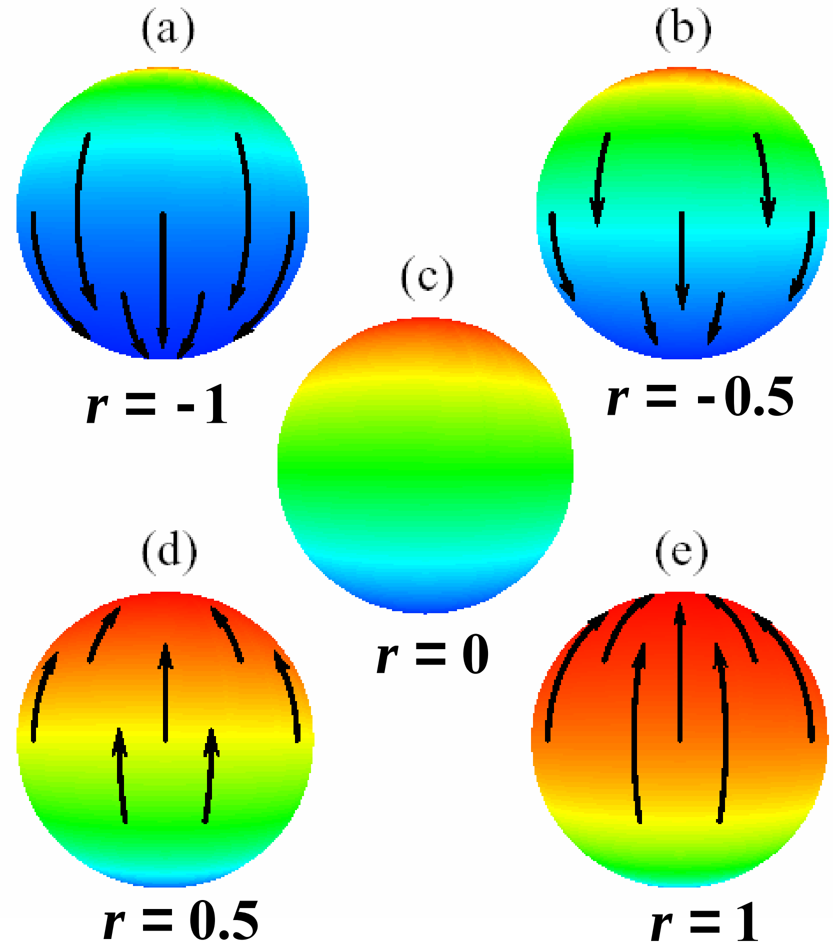
H=0

$$\frac{\rho_{11}(t)}{\rho_{22}(t)} = \frac{\rho_{11}(0)}{\rho_{22}(0)} \exp[2r(t)]$$

$$\frac{\rho_{12}(t)}{\sqrt{\rho_{11}(t)\rho_{22}(t)}} = \text{const}$$

where measurement result $r(t)$ is

$$r(t) = \frac{\Delta I}{S_I}\left[\int_0^t I(t')\,dt' - I_0 t\right]$$

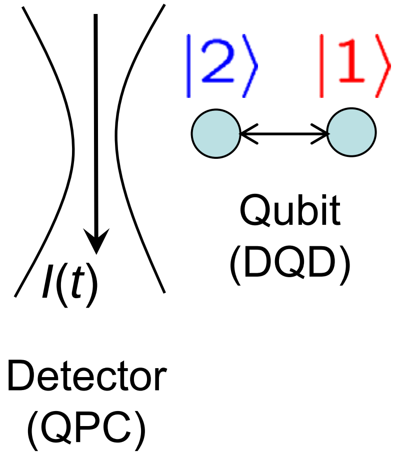


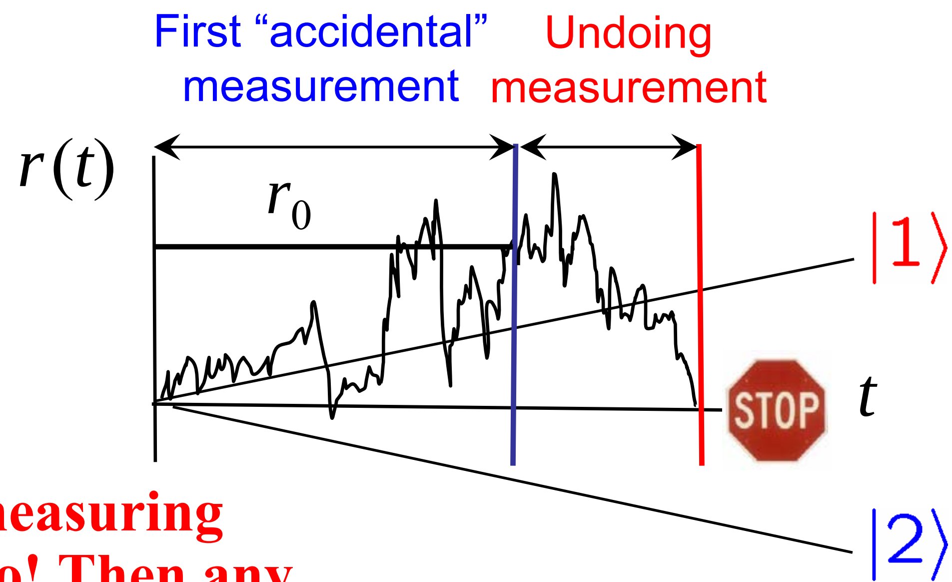
Jordan-Korotkov-Büttiker, PRL-06

If $r = 0$, then no information and no evolution!

Measurement undoing for DQD-QPC system

A.K. & Jordan, PRL-2006





Simple strategy: continue measuring until result *r*(*t*) becomes zero! Then any unknown initial state is fully restored.

(same for an entangled qubit)

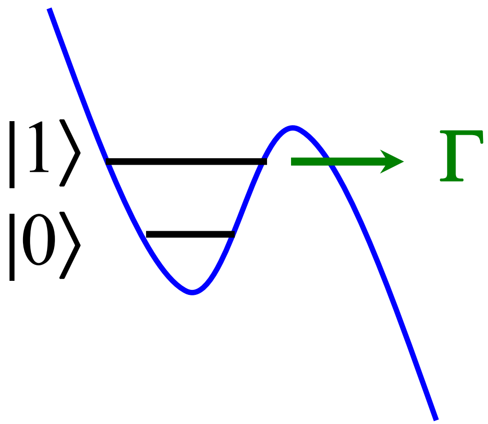
$$r(t) = \frac{\Delta I}{S_I}\left[\int_0^t I(t')\,dt' - I_0 t\right]$$

It may happen though that $r = 0$ never happens; then undoing procedure is unsuccessful.

Probability of success: $$P_S = \frac{e^{-|r_0|}}{e^{|r_0|}\rho_{11}(0) + e^{-|r_0|}\rho_{22}(0)}$$

Partial collapse of a "phase" qubit

N. Katz, M. Ansmann, R. Bialczak, E. Lucero, R. McDermott, M. Neeley, M. Steffen, E. Weig, A. Cleland, J. Martinis, A. Korotkov, Science-06



How does a coherent state evolve in time before tunneling event?

(What happens when nothing happens?)

Qubit "ages" in contrast to a radioactive atom!

Main idea:

$$\psi = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \;\rightarrow\; \psi(t) = \begin{cases} |out\rangle, \text{ if tunneled} \\ \dfrac{\alpha|0\rangle + \beta e^{-\Gamma t/2} e^{i\varphi}|1\rangle}{\sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 e^{-\Gamma t}}}, \text{ if not tunneled} \end{cases}$$

(better theory: Pryadko & A.K., 2007)

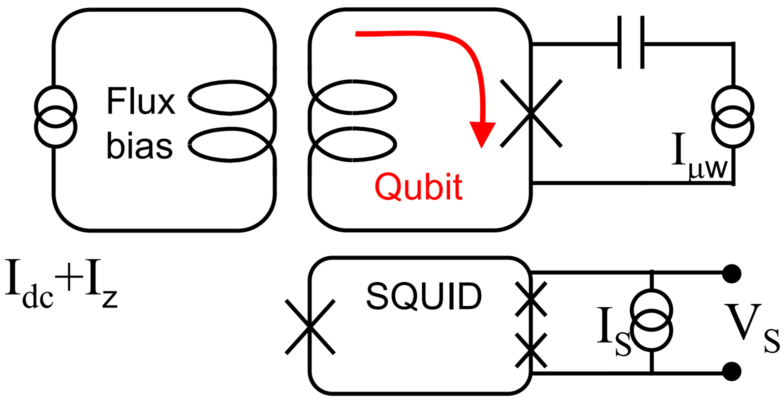
amplitude of state |0> grows without physical interaction

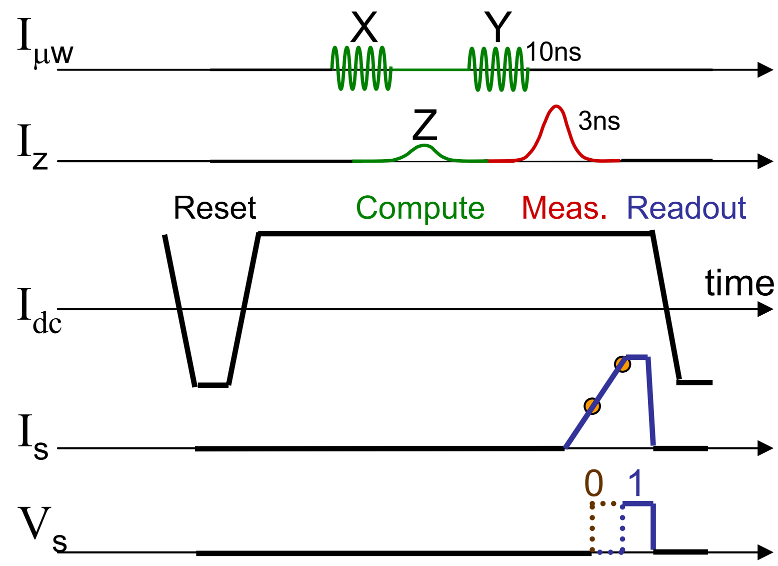
continuous null-result collapse

(similar to optics, Dalibard-Castin-Molmer, PRL-1992)

Superconducting phase qubit at UCSB

Courtesy of Nadav Katz (UCSB)





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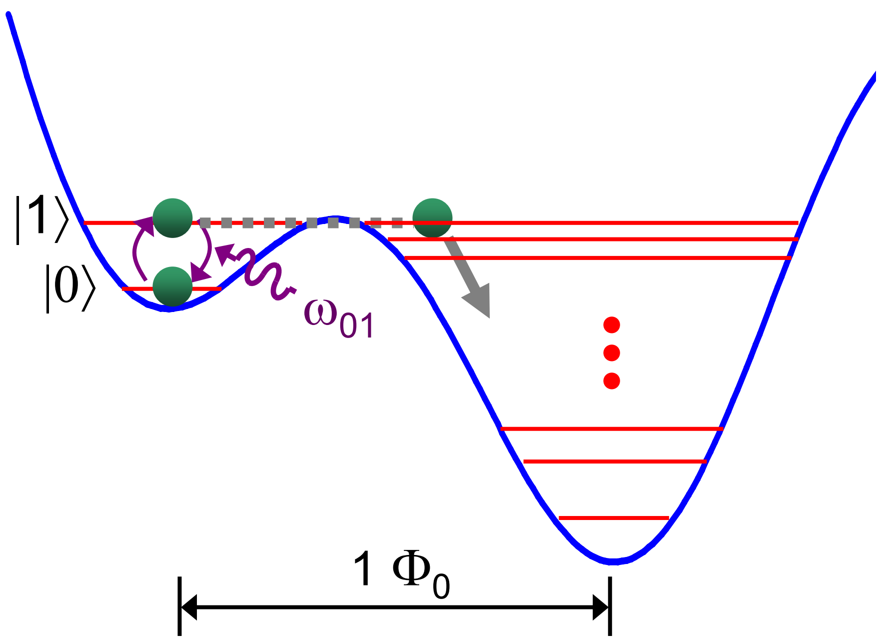
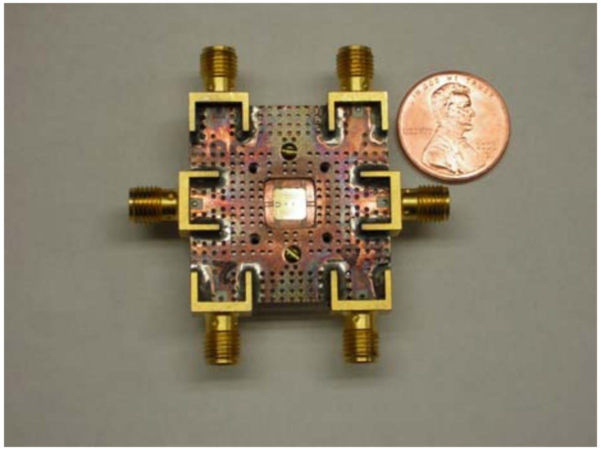
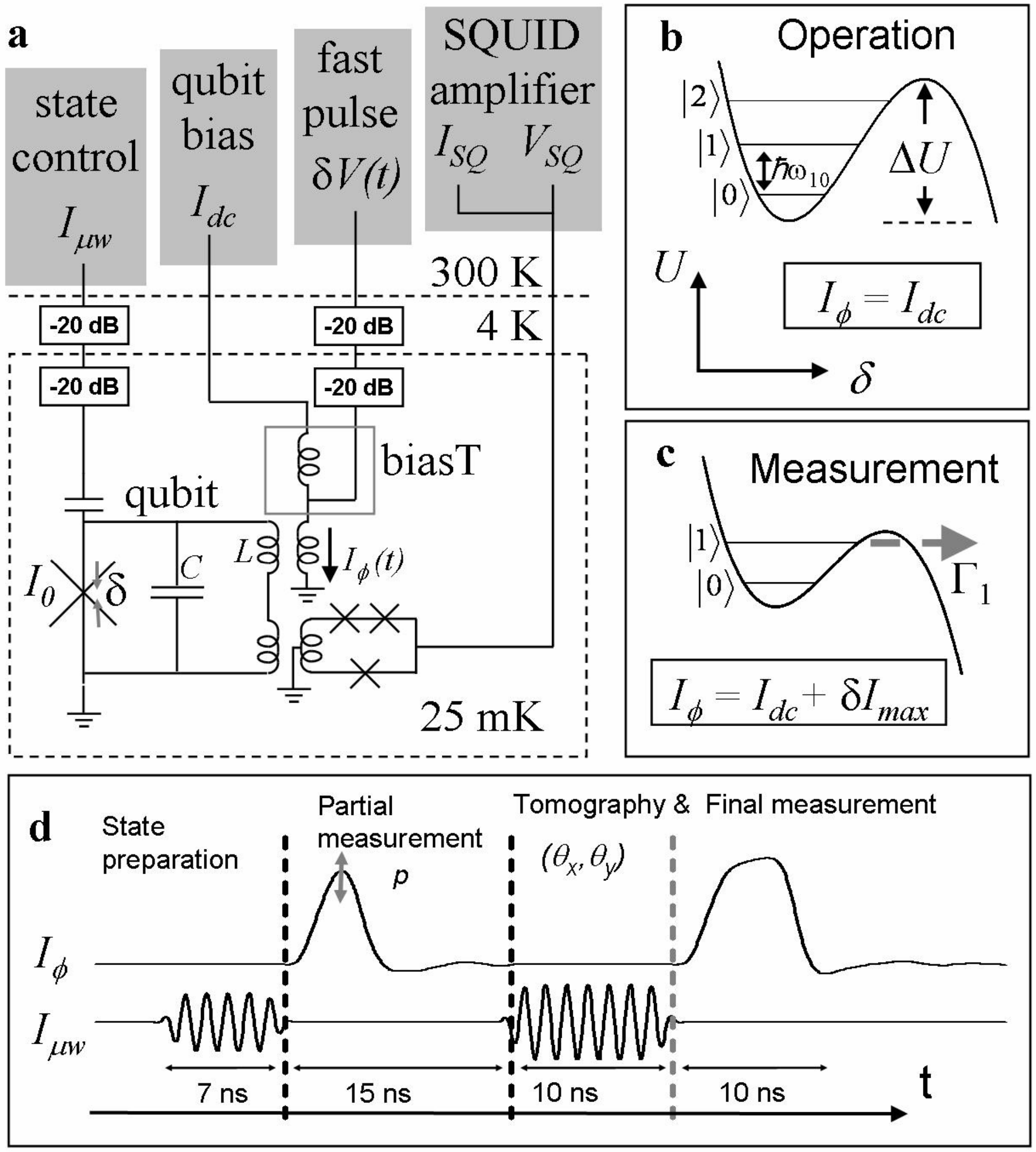




Experimental technique for partial collapse



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Protocol:

1) State preparation by applying microwave pulse (via Rabi oscillations)

2) Partial measurement by lowering barrier for time *t*

3) State tomography (micro-wave + full measurement)

Measurement strength
$p = 1 - \exp(-\Gamma t)$
is actually controlled by Γ, not by t

p=0: no measurement
p=1: orthodox collapse

Experimental tomography data

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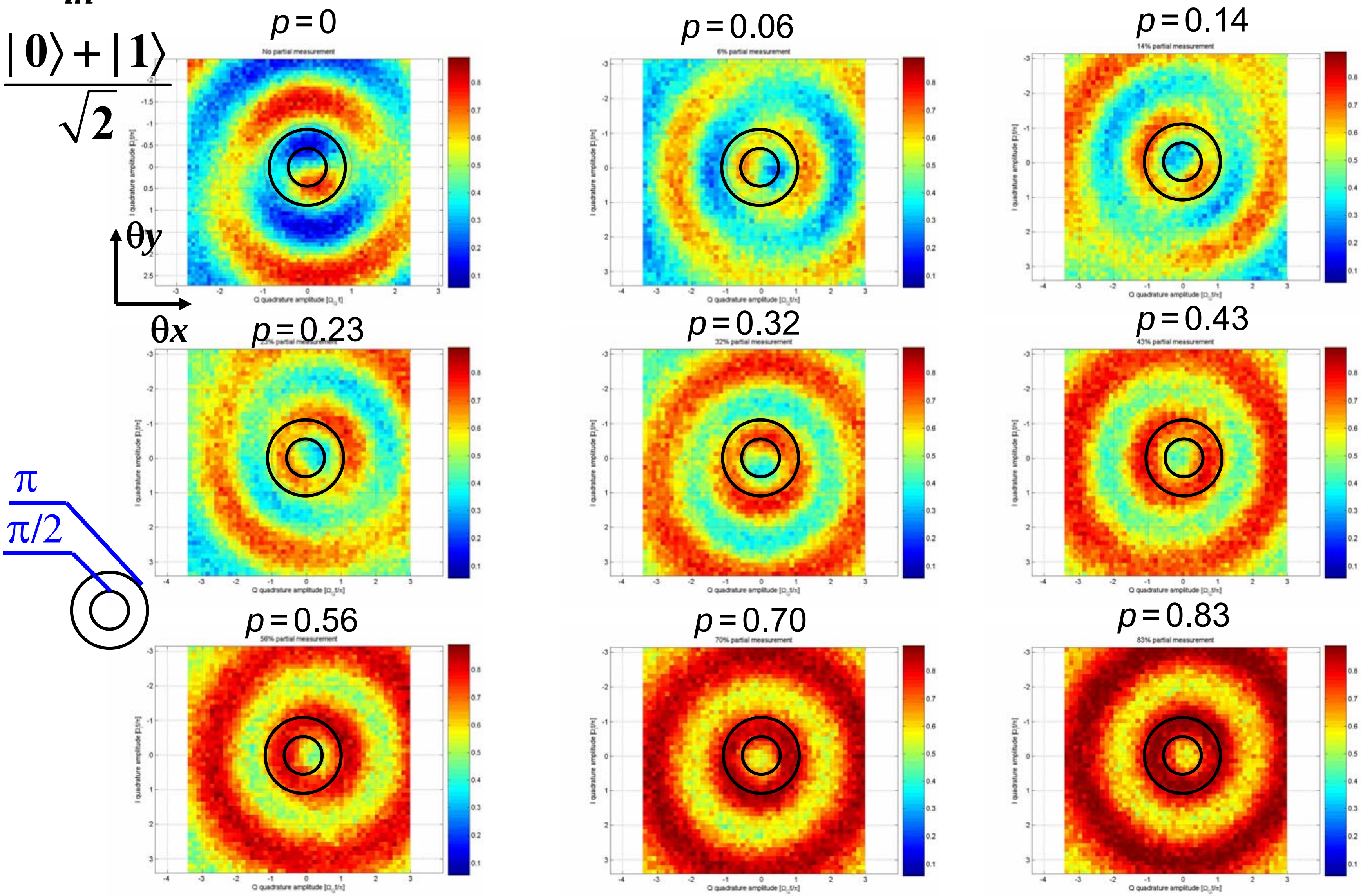
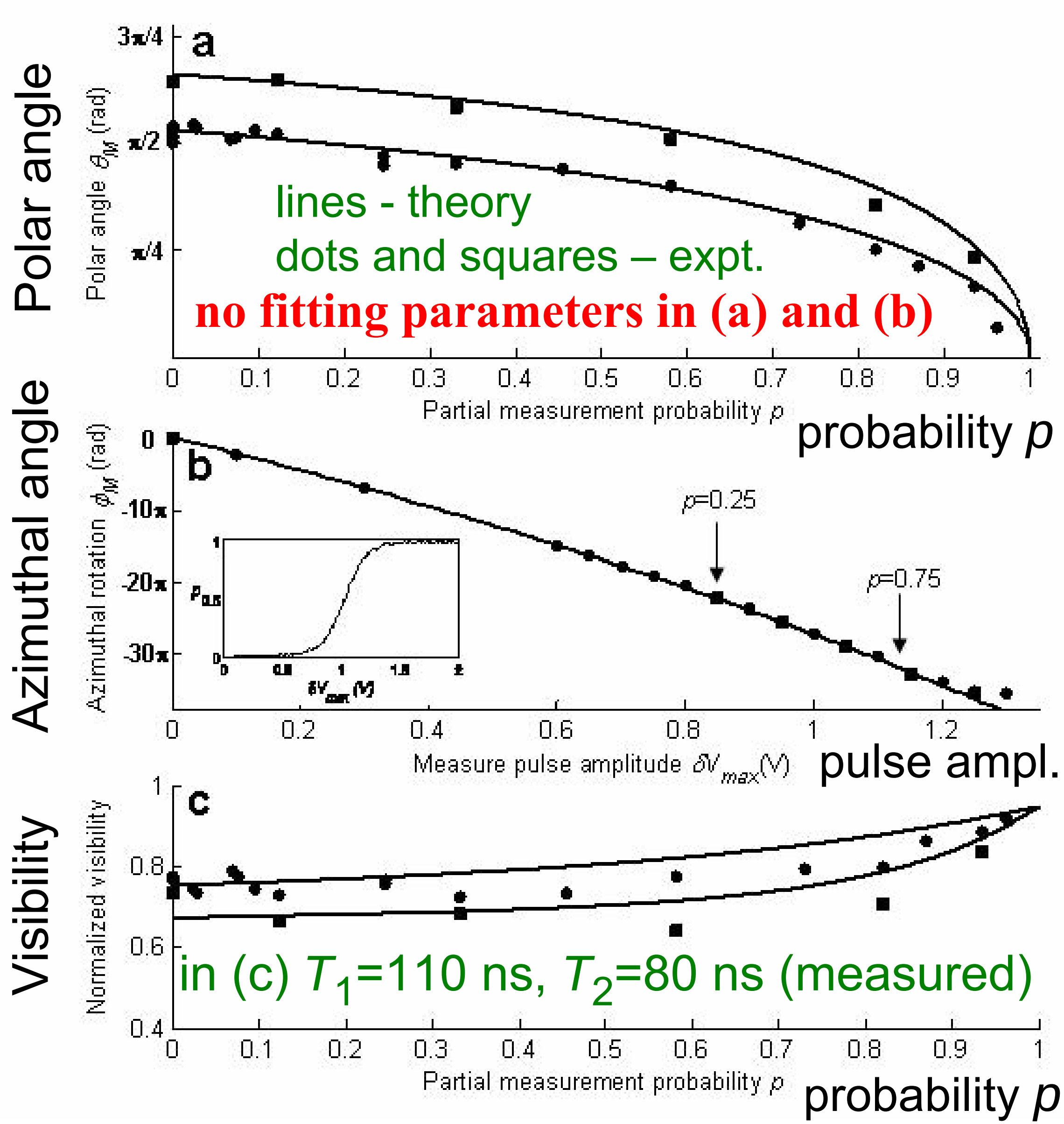
$$\psi_{in} = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



Partial collapse: experimental results



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- **In case of no tunneling (null-result measurement) phase qubit evolves**
- **This evolution is well described by a simple Bayesian theory, without fitting parameters**
- **Phase qubit remains fully coherent in the process of continuous collapse (experimentally ~80% raw data, ~96% after account for T1 and T2)**

Experiment on wavefunction uncollapsing (QUD)

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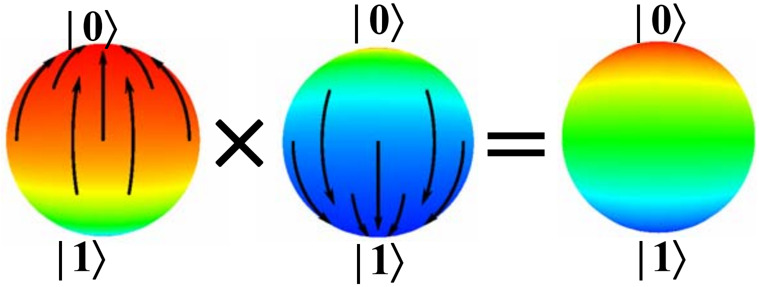
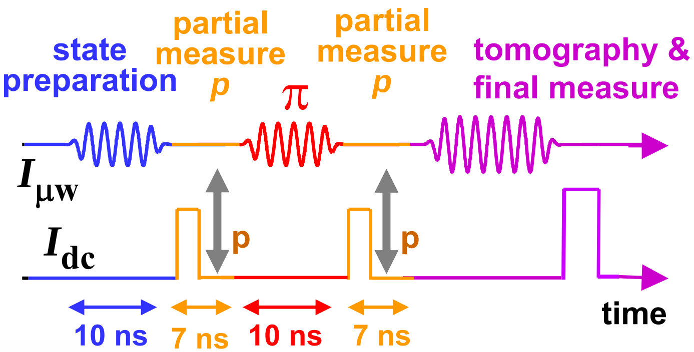
Idea:
(A.K. & Jordan)



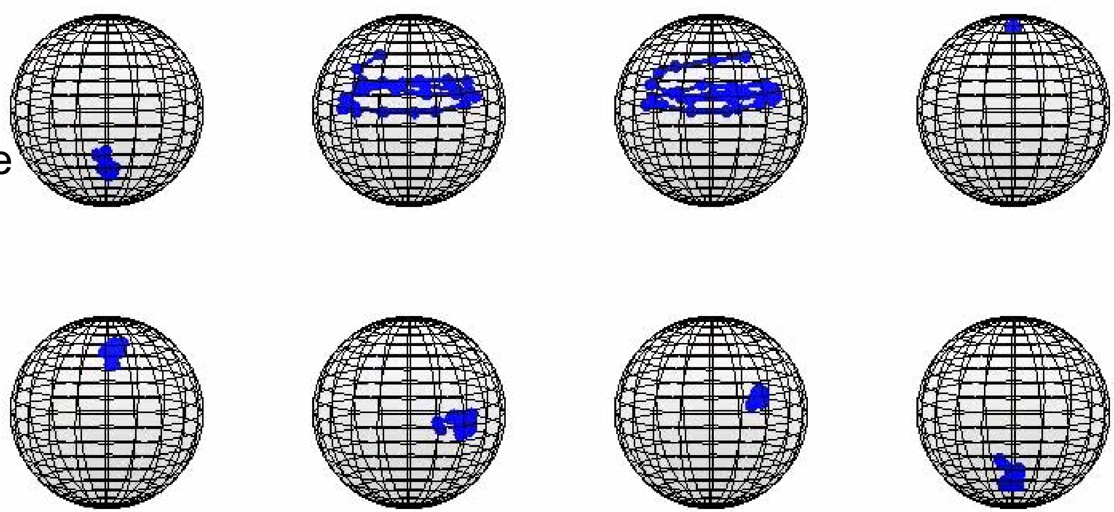


Expt. results:

Initial state: $|1\rangle$ $(|0\rangle+|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ $(|0\rangle+i|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ $|0\rangle$

Partial collapse

Erasure (QUD)



QUD protocol:

- partial collapse
- π-pulse
- partial collapse (same strength)

Collapse strength: $\boxed{0.05 < p < 0.7}$

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uncollapsing works well!

Conclusions

- Continuous quantum measurement is *not* equivalent to decoherence (environment) if detector output (information) is taken into account (in contrast to ensemble-averaged case)

- Bayesian approach to continuous quantum measurement is a simple, but powerful theoretical technique

- A number of experimental predictions have been made

- Two direct experiments have been realized (+ few indirect ones); hopefully, more experiments are coming soon