

Circuit quantum electrodynamics : beyond the linear dispersive regime

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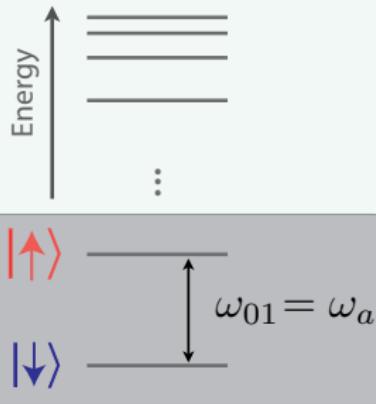
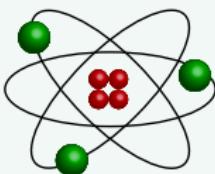
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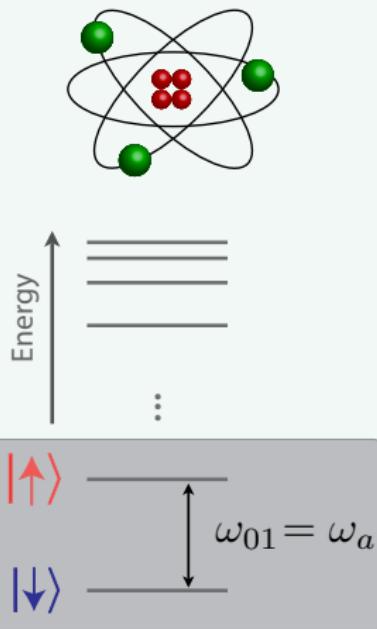
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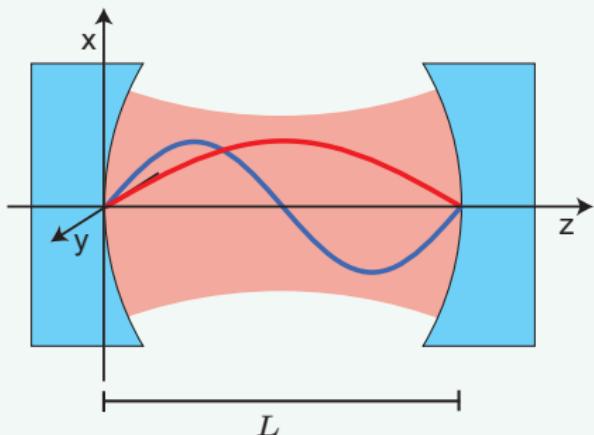
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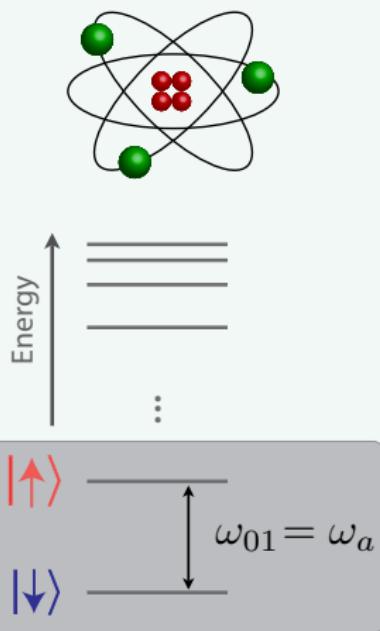
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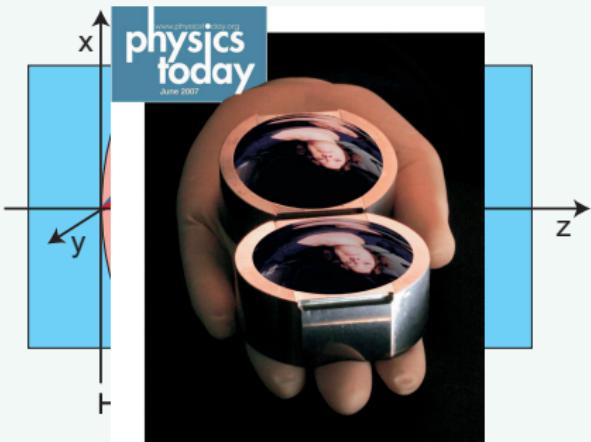
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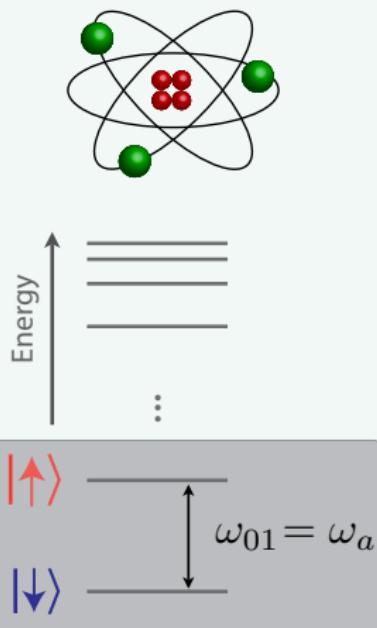
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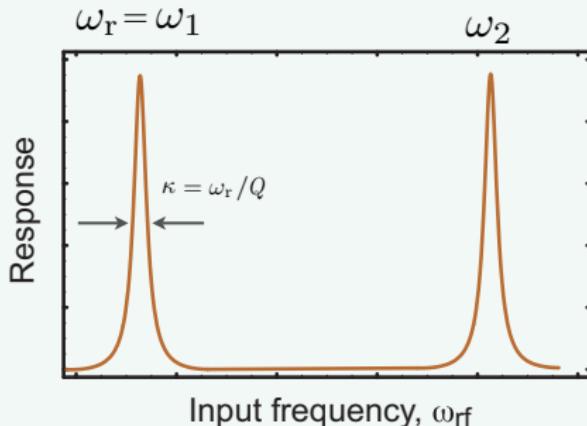
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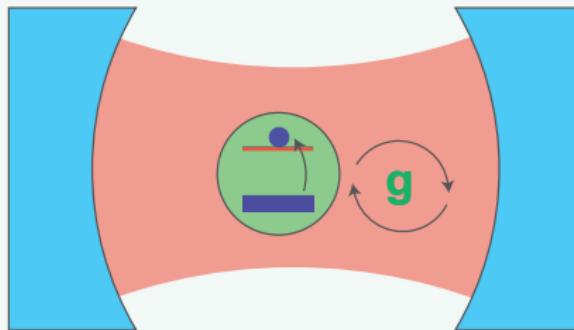


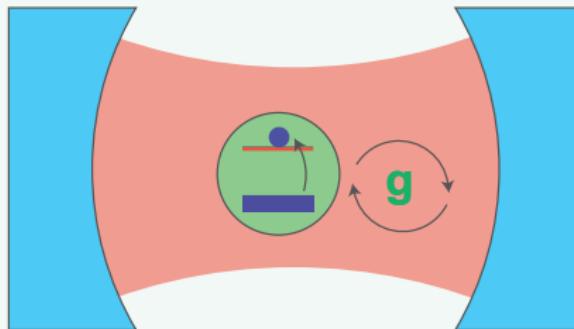
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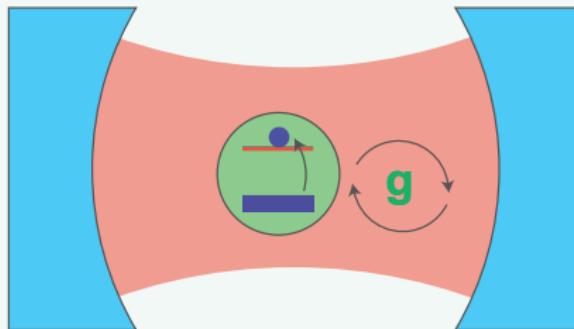




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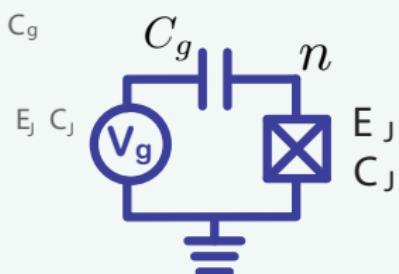
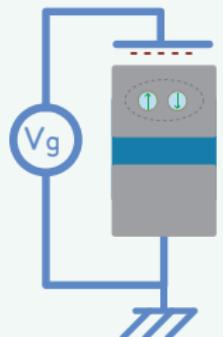
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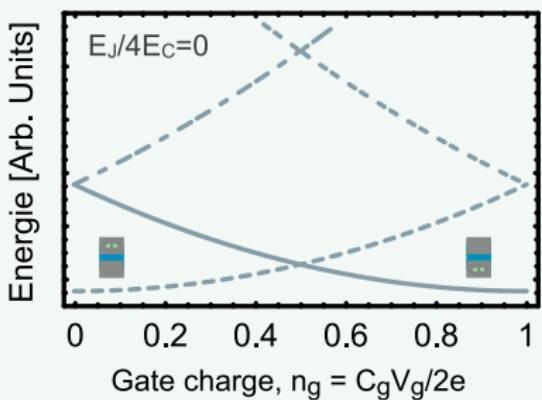
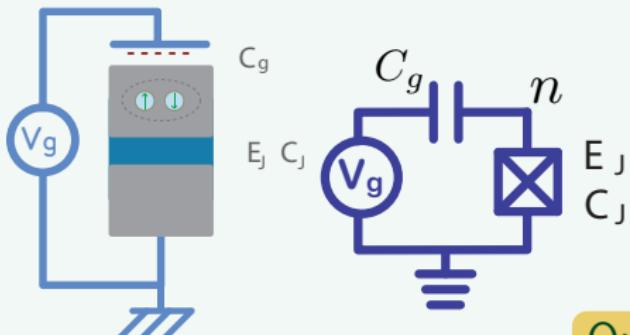


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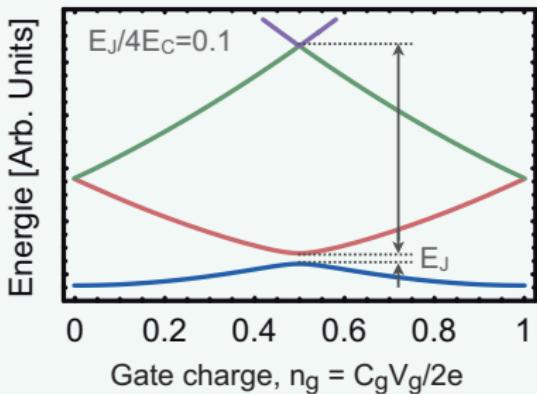
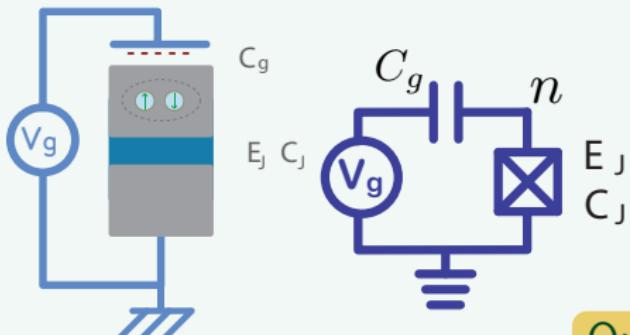
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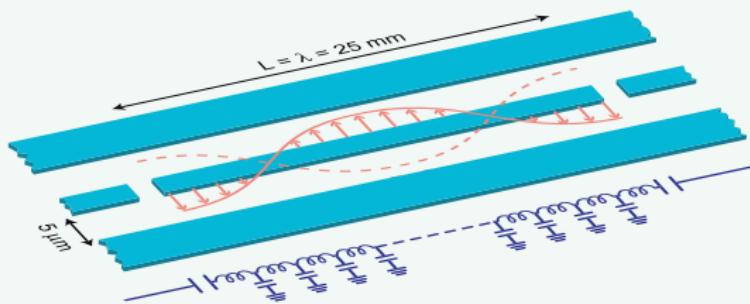
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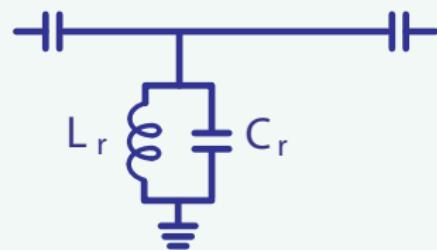
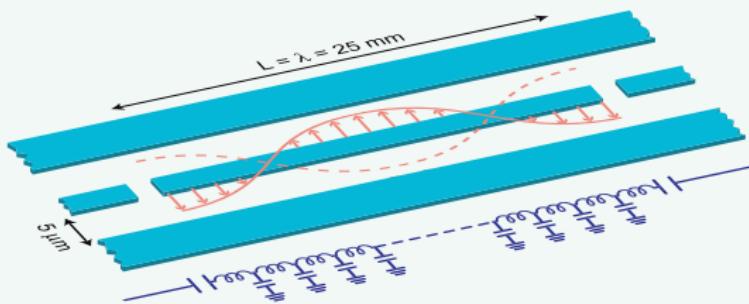
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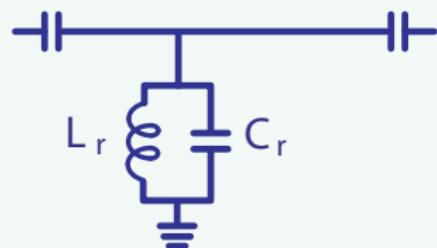
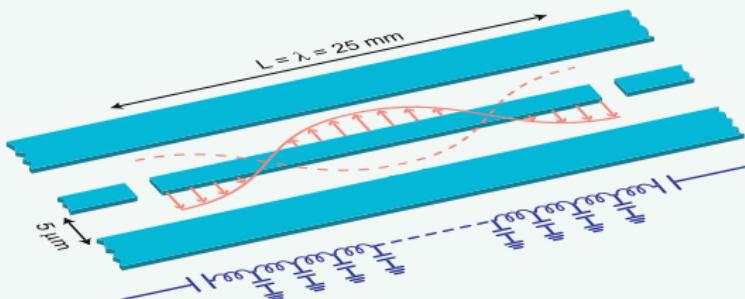


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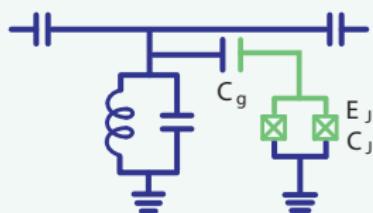
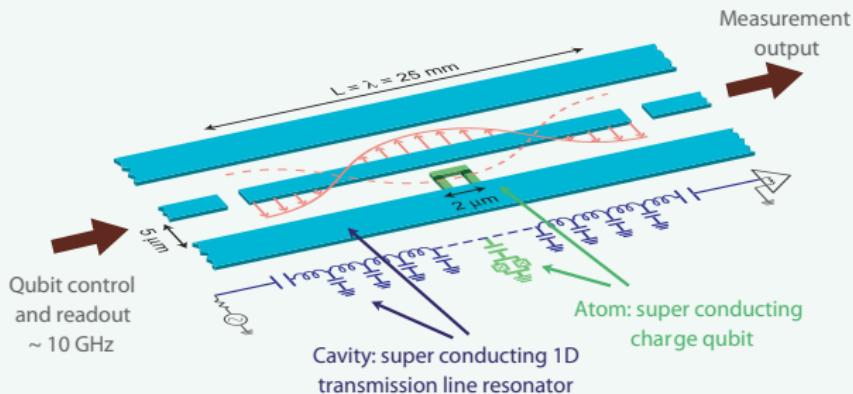
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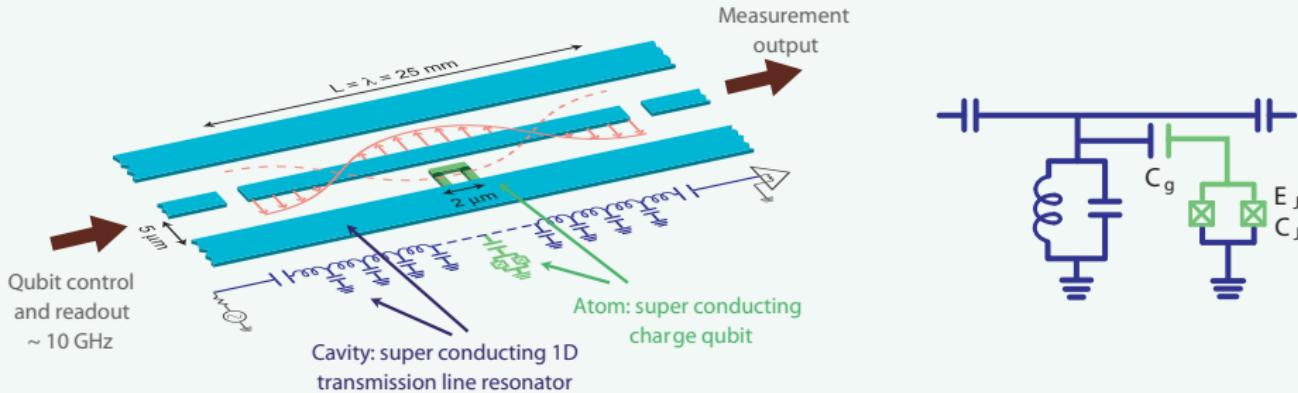
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$$V = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_r}{2C_r}}(a^\dagger + a), \quad \Phi = i\sqrt{\frac{\omega_r}{2L_r}}(a^\dagger - a)$$

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Quantum Fluctuations in Electrical Circuits, M. H. Devoret, Les Houches Session LXIII, Quantum Fluctuations p. 351-386 (1995).



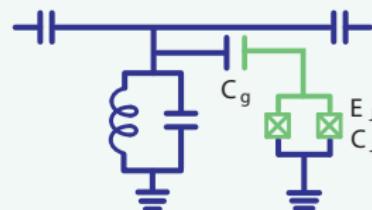
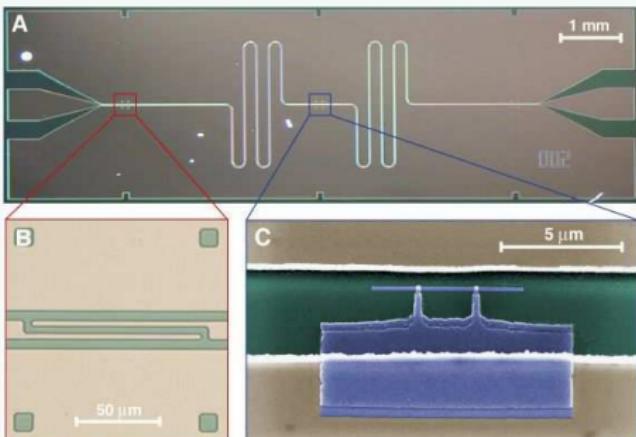


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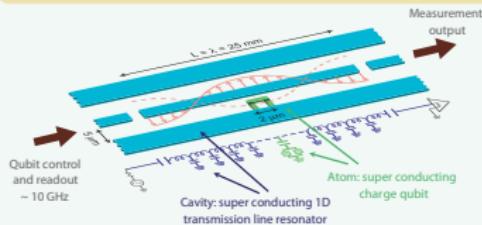
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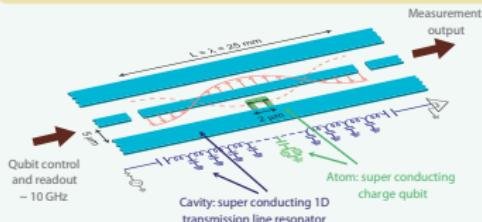


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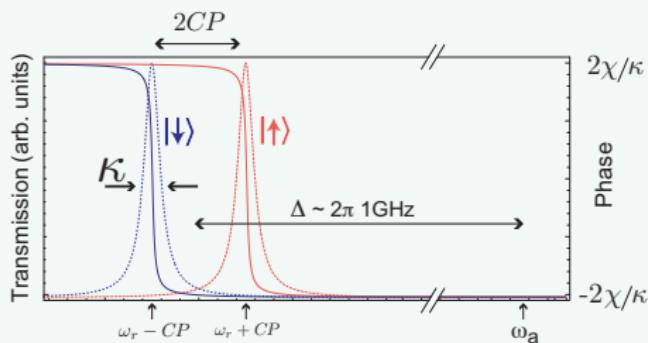
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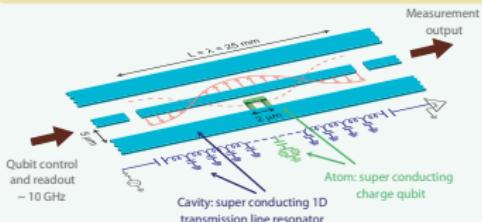
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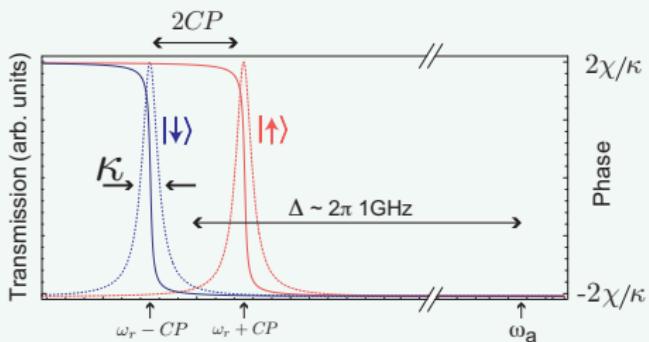
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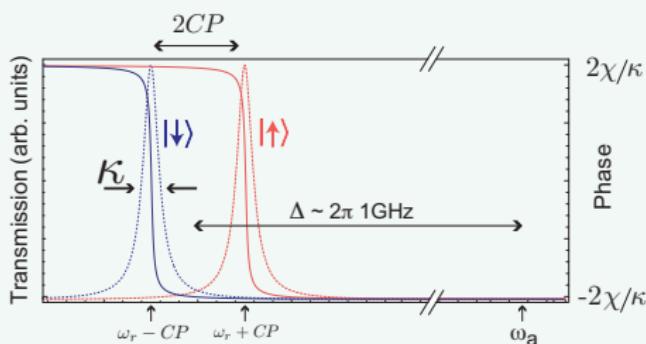
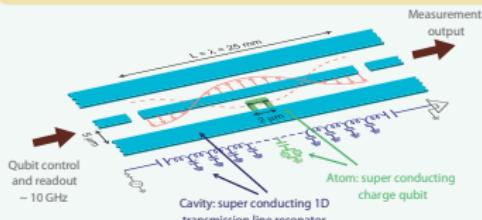


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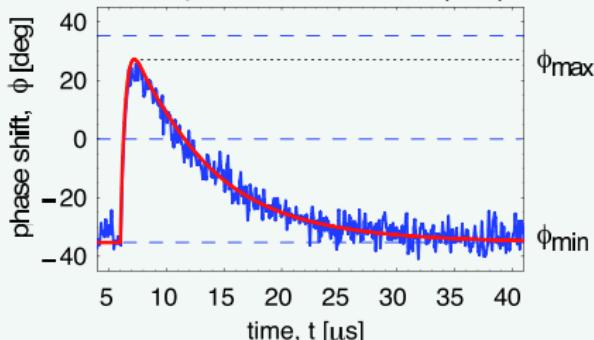
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Rabi π -pulse

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Averaged 50000 times.

SNR for single-shot is 0.1.

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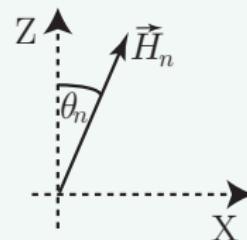
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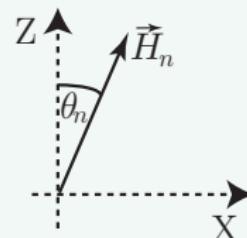
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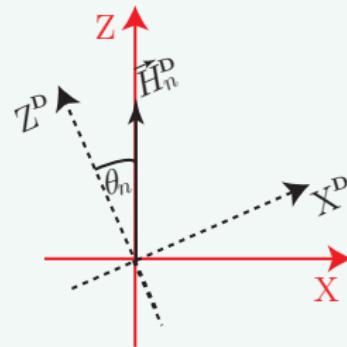
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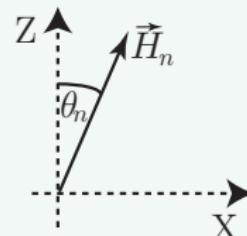
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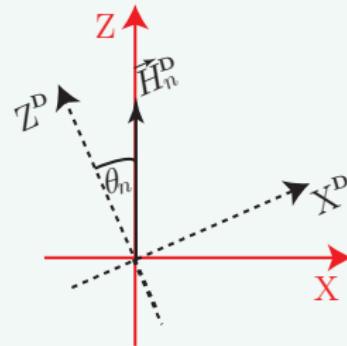
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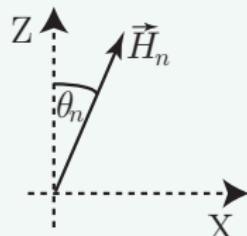
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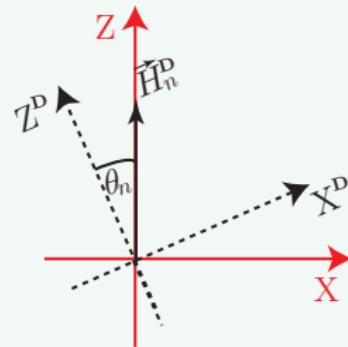
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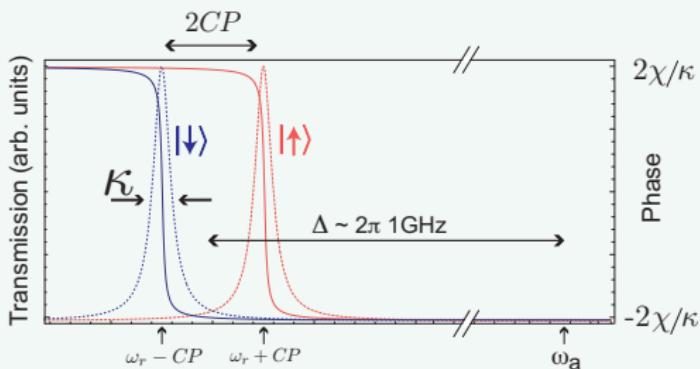
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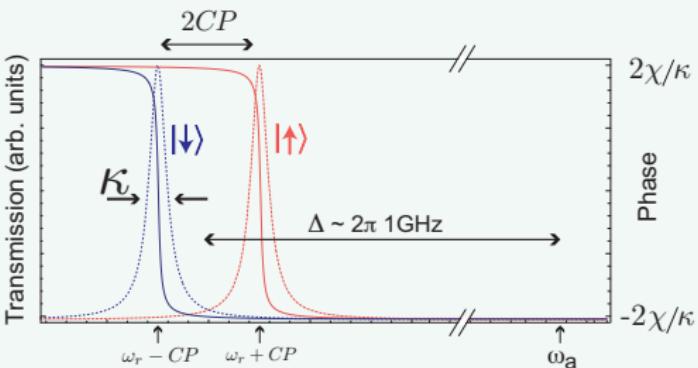
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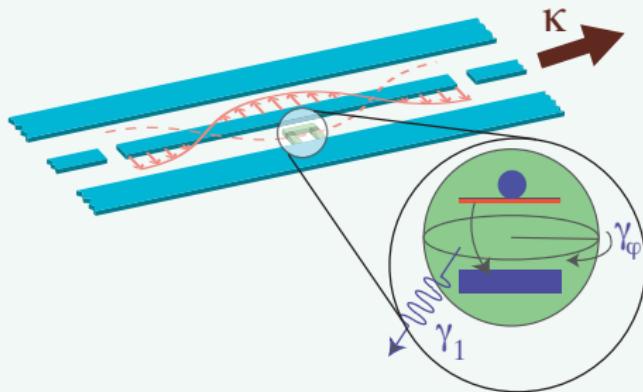
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The cavity pull decrease : $\langle CP \rangle = \chi' - \zeta \langle a^\dagger a \rangle$



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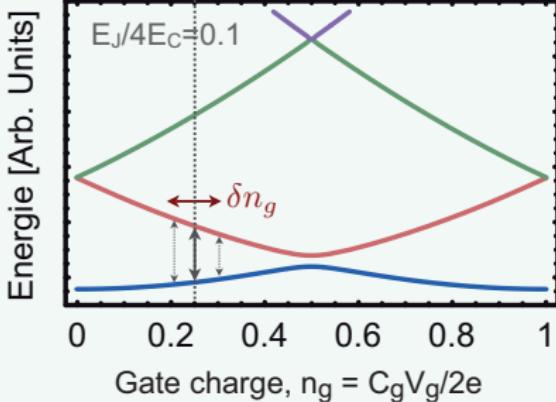
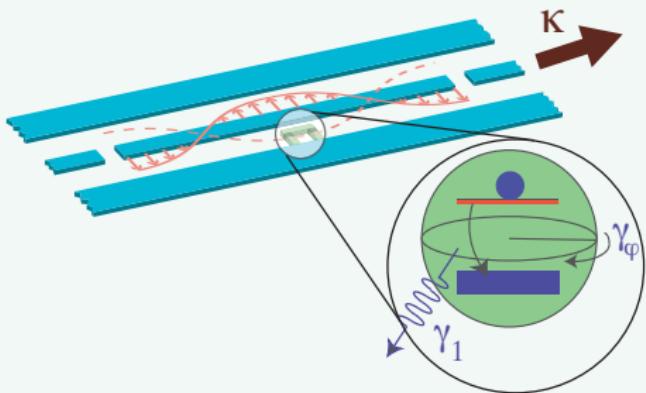
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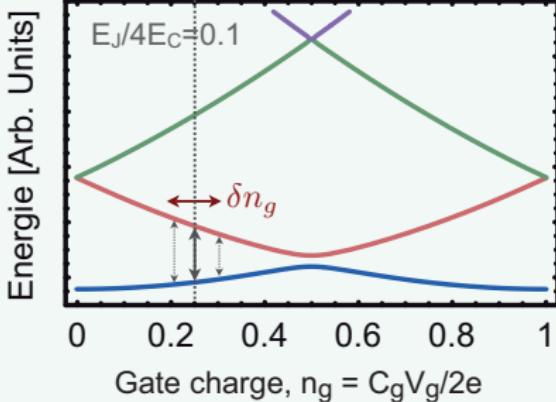
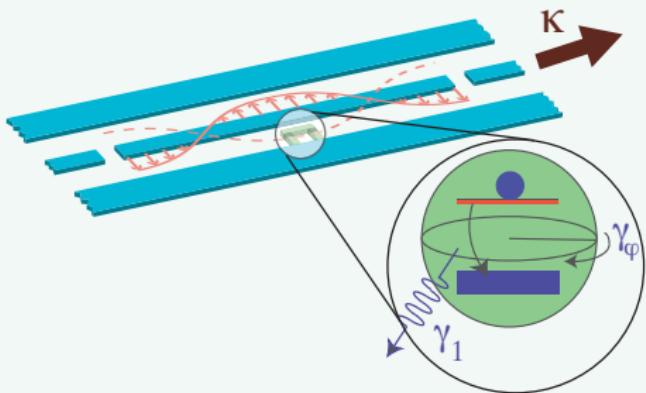
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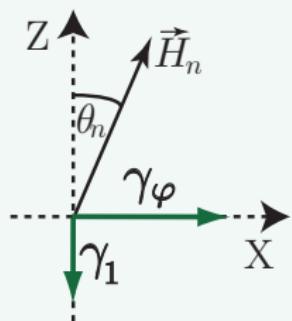
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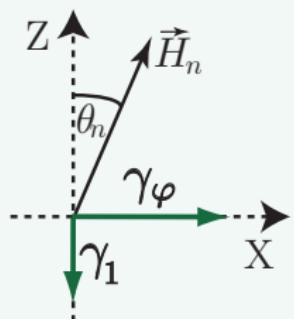
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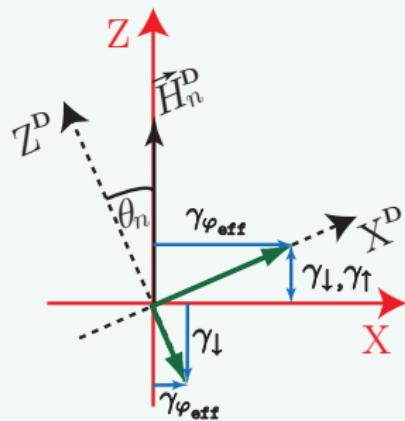
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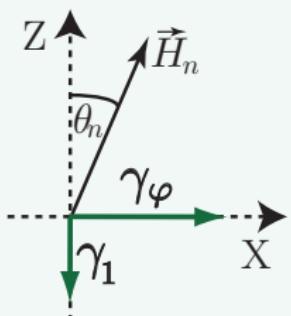




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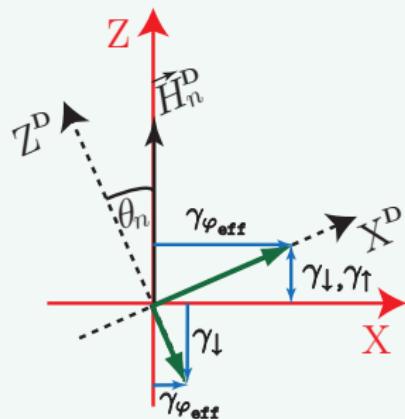


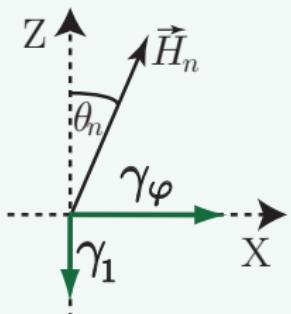
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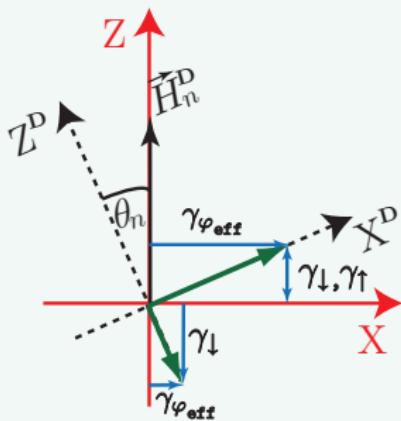
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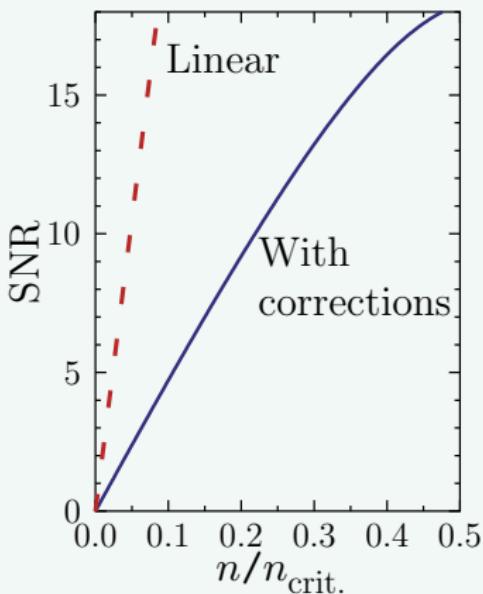
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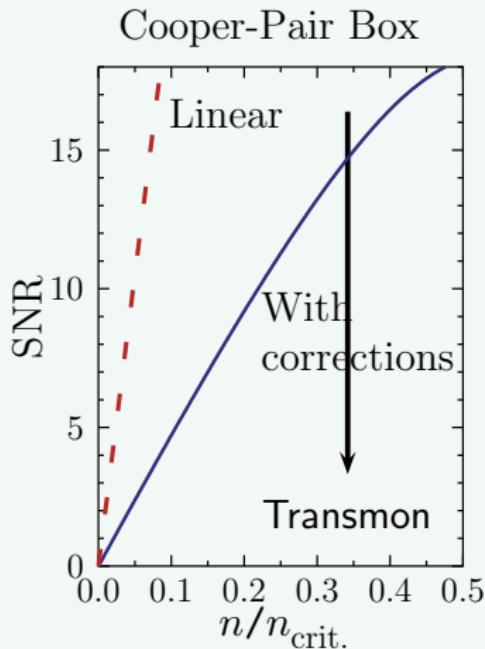
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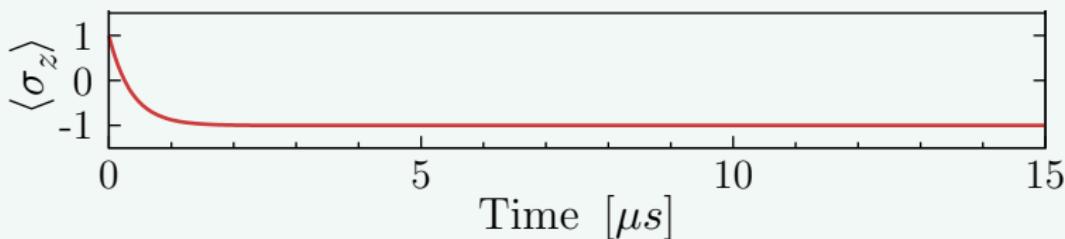
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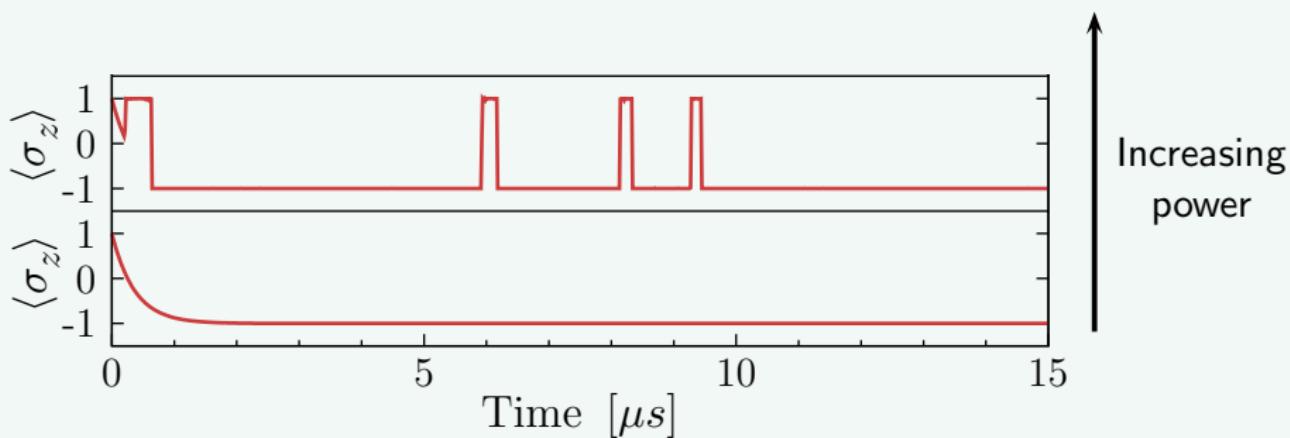
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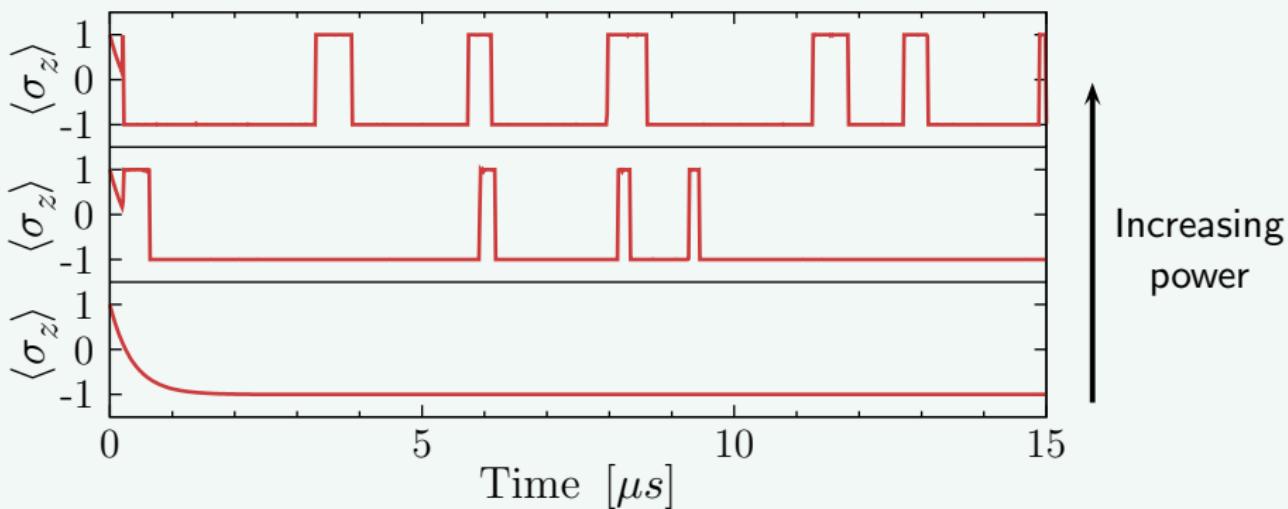
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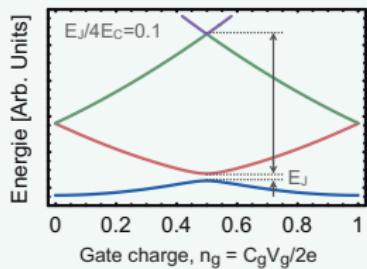
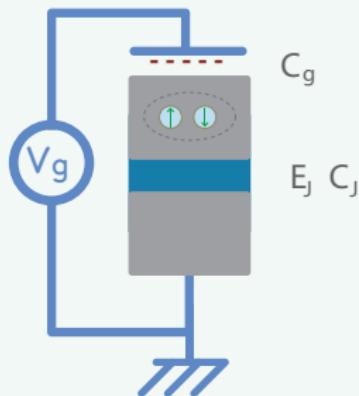


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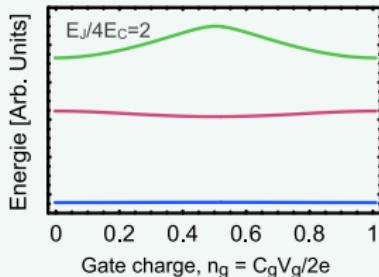
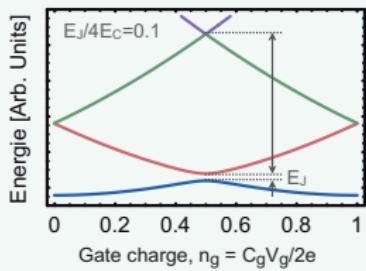
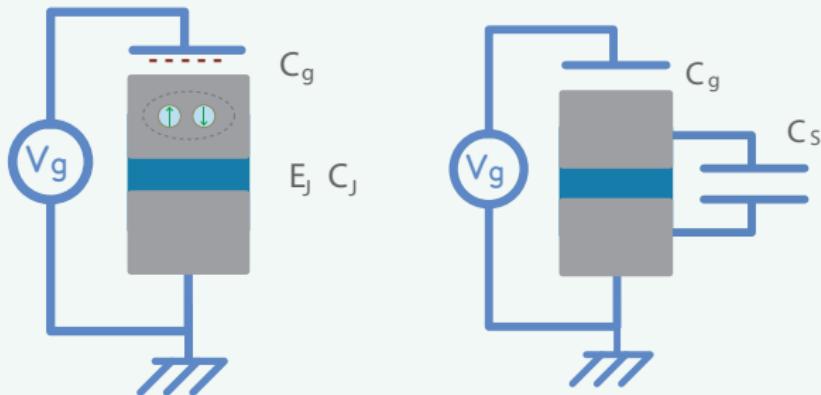


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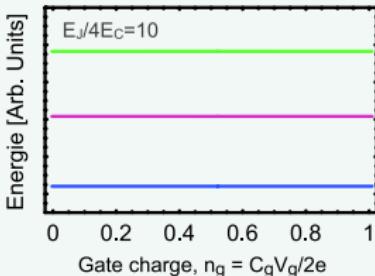
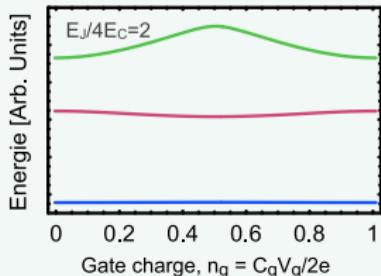
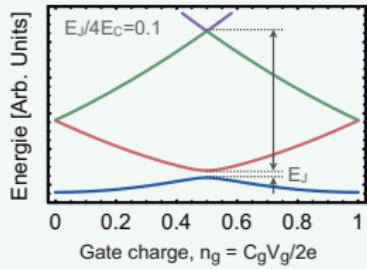
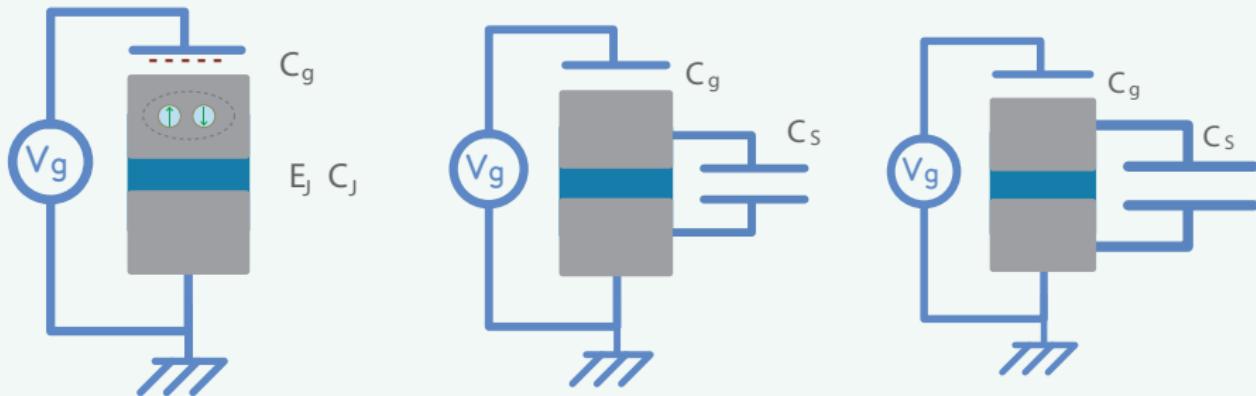


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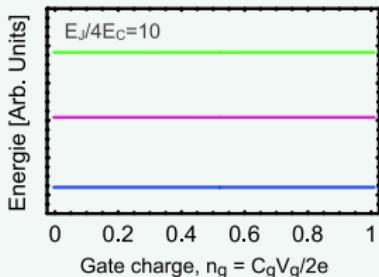
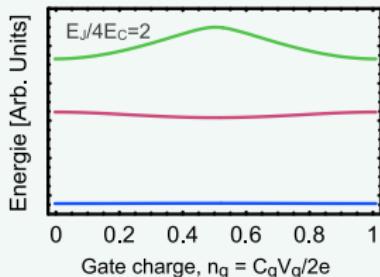
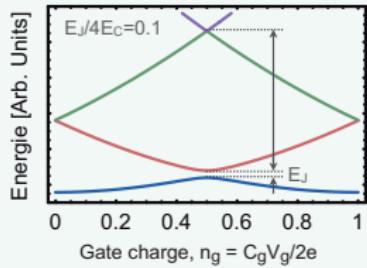
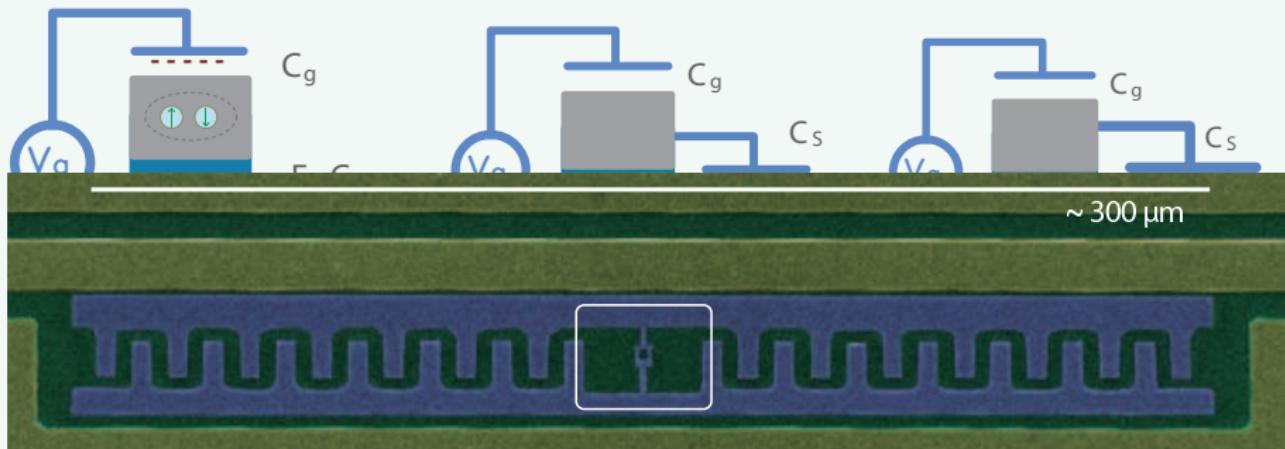
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Main results

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Coming soon

- The transmon (3 level system) (Koch *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. A* **76** 042319 (2007))
- Taking advantage of the non-linearity
- Comparison with experiments

More information : Boissonneault, Gambetta and Blais, *Phys. Rev. A* **77** 060305 (R) (2008)