

MEASURING HEAT CURRENT AND NOISE IN QUANTUM CIRCUITS

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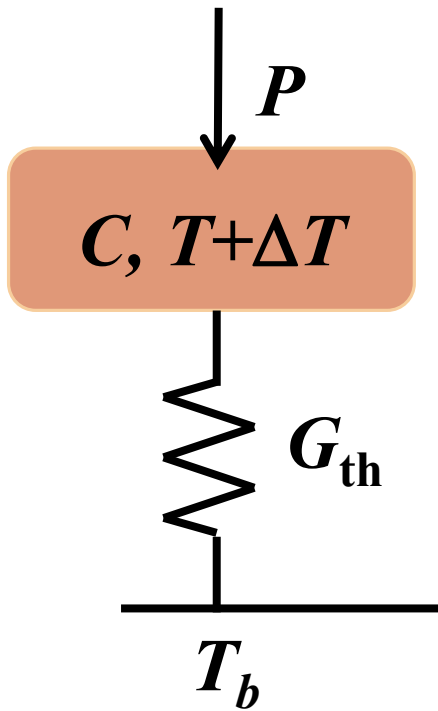
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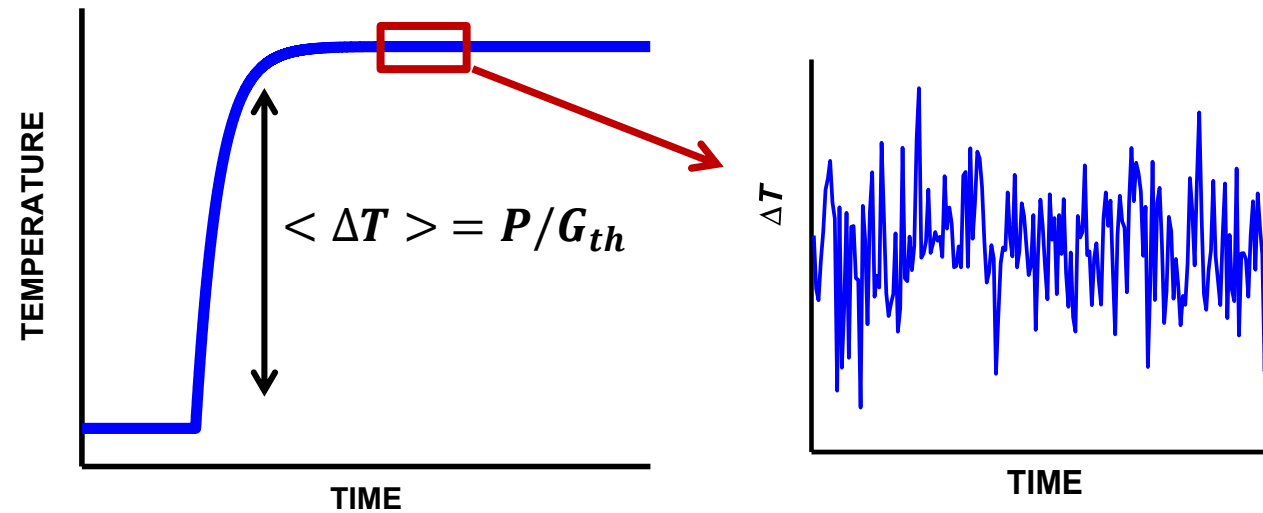
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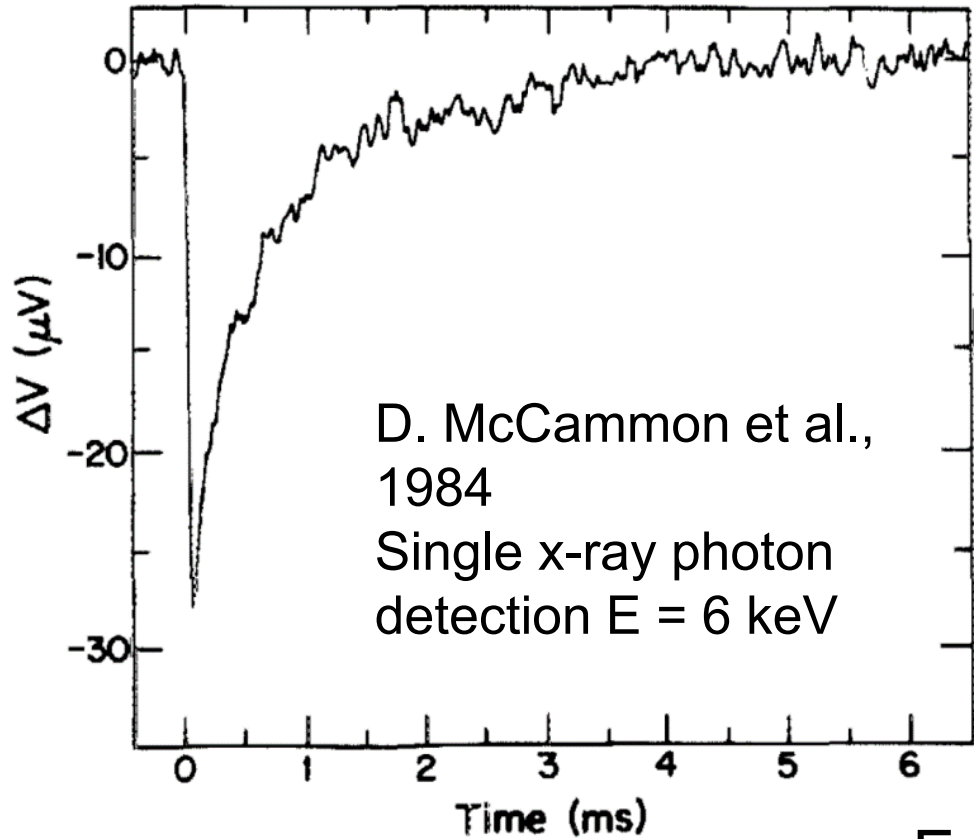
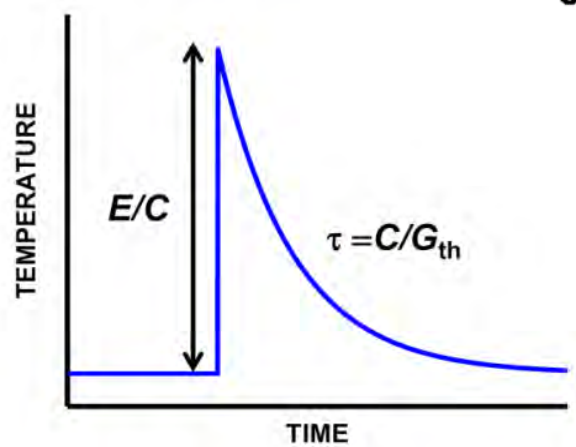
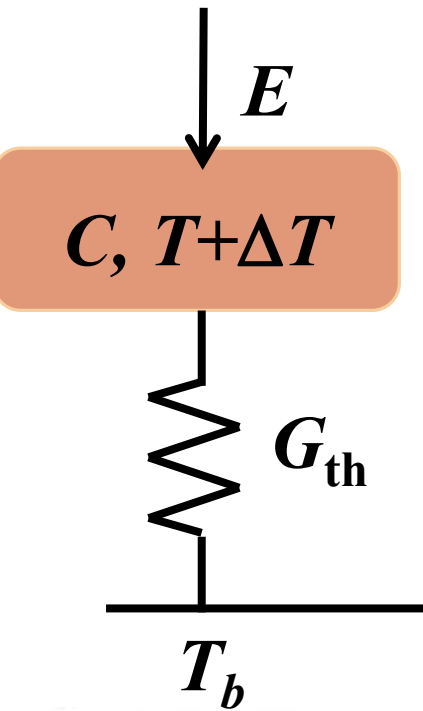
How to measure heat current?



Measurement of temperature by a fast thermometer

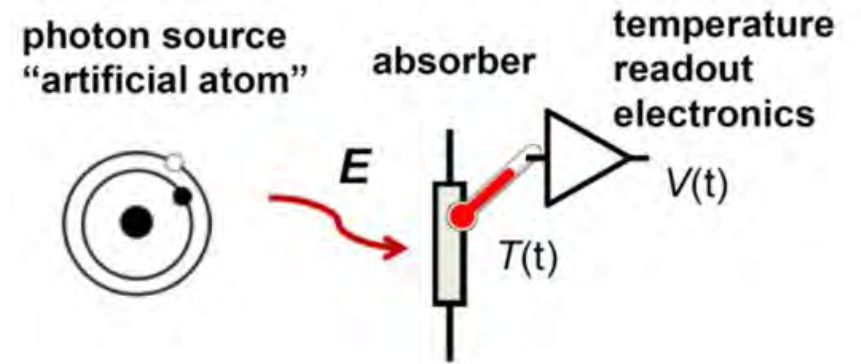


How to measure heat current?



Our goal:

Single microwave photon detection
 $E = 100 \mu eV$
 (10^8 times smaller energy!)

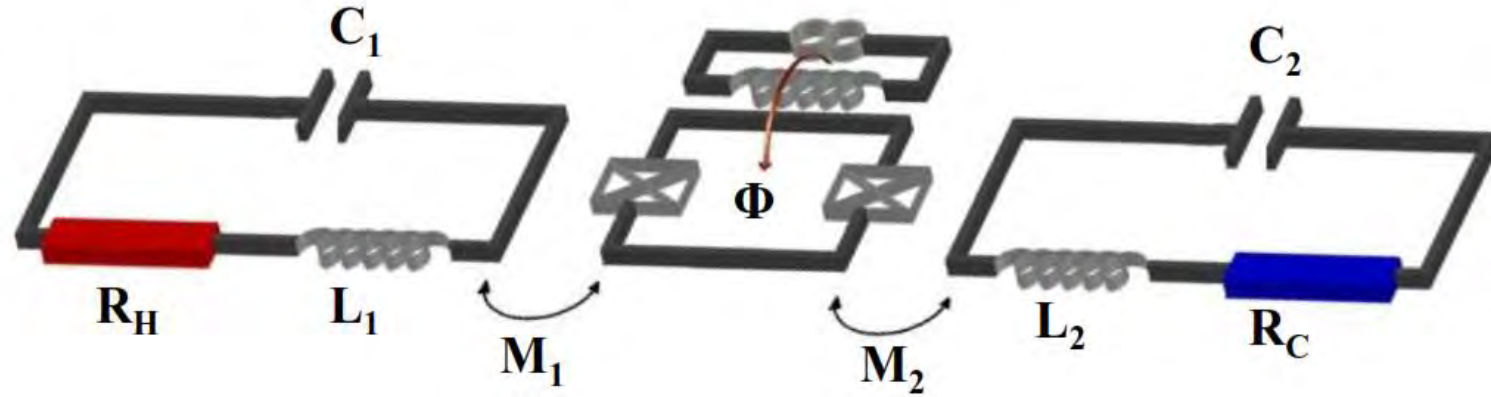


Energy resolution:

$$\delta E = \sqrt{CG_{th}S_T}$$

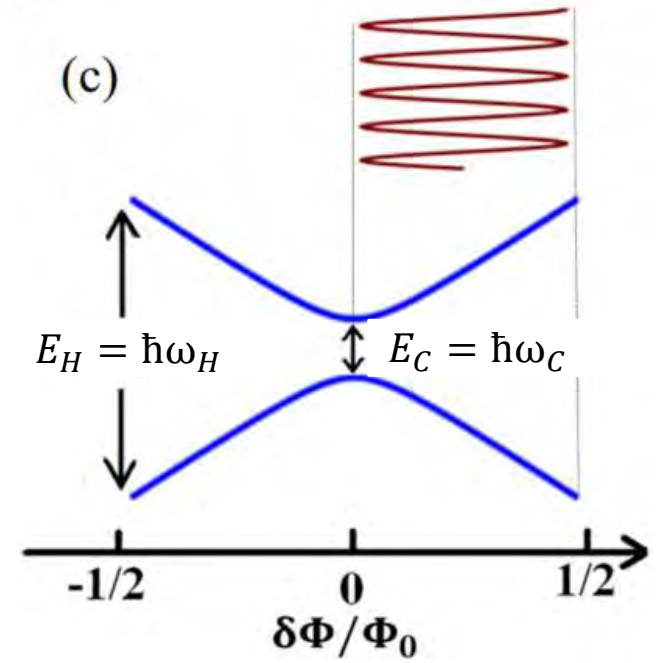
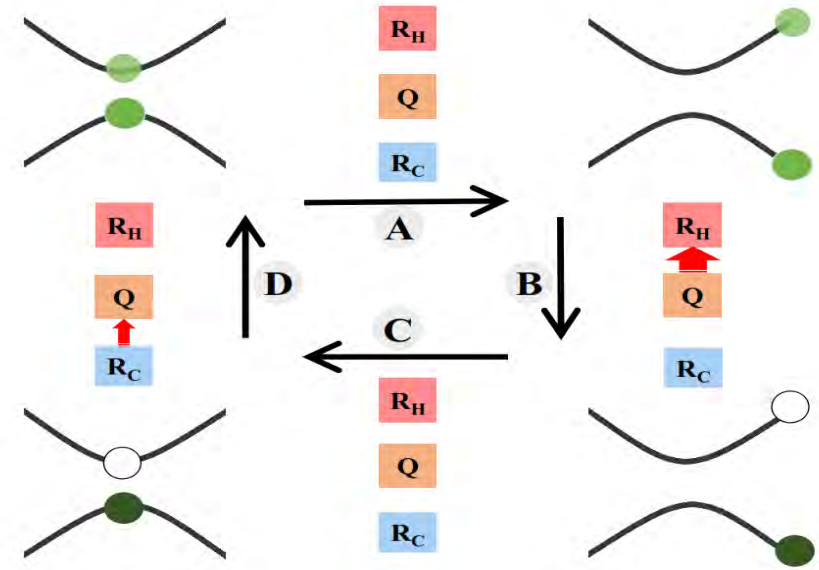
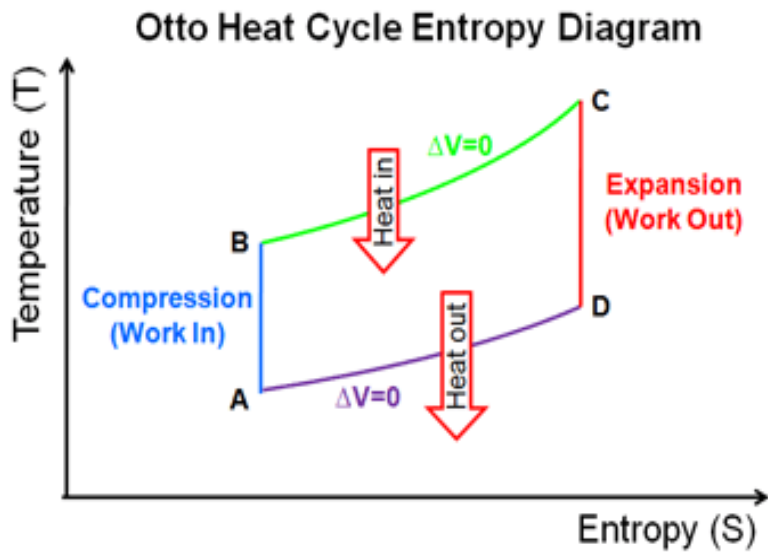
Thermometry!

Quantum Otto refrigerator¹



$$q \equiv \delta\Phi / \Phi_0$$

$$\delta\Phi \equiv \Phi - \Phi_0/2$$



¹B. Karimi and J. P. Pekola, Otto refrigerator based on a superconducting qubit: classical and quantum performance, Phys. Rev. B 94, 184503 (2016). *Editor's suggestion*

System and Hamiltonian

The Hamiltonian of the whole set-up

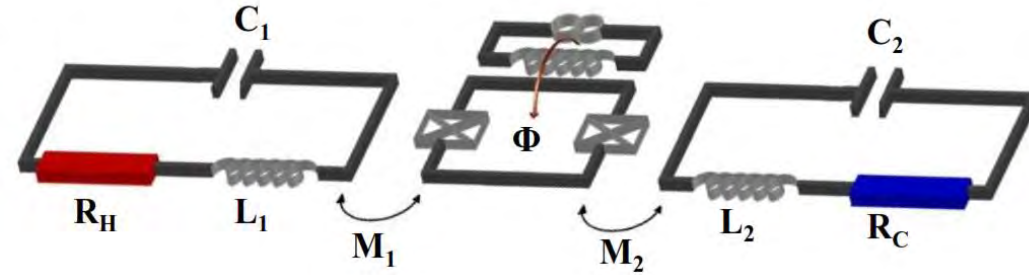
$$H = H_{R_H} + H_{R_C} + H_{C_H} + H_{C_C} + H_Q$$

The Hamiltonian of the qubit

$$H_Q = -E_0(\Delta\sigma_x + q\sigma_z)$$

The transition rates between the two levels

$$\Gamma_{\downarrow,\uparrow,j} = \frac{E_0^2 M_j^2}{\hbar^2 \Phi_0^2} \frac{\Delta^2}{q^2 + \Delta^2} S_{I,j}(\pm E/\hbar)$$



Master equation for the Qubit density matrix¹

$$\dot{\rho}_{gg} = -\frac{\Delta}{q^2 + \Delta^2} \dot{q} \Re \left[\rho_{ge} e^{i \int_0^t E(t') dt' / \hbar} \right] - \Gamma_{\Sigma} \rho_{gg} + \Gamma_{\downarrow}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{ge} = \frac{\Delta}{q^2 + \Delta^2} \dot{q} \left(\rho_{gg} - \frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-i \int_0^t E(t') dt' / \hbar} - \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{\Sigma} \rho_{ge}$$

The power to the resistor j from the qubit

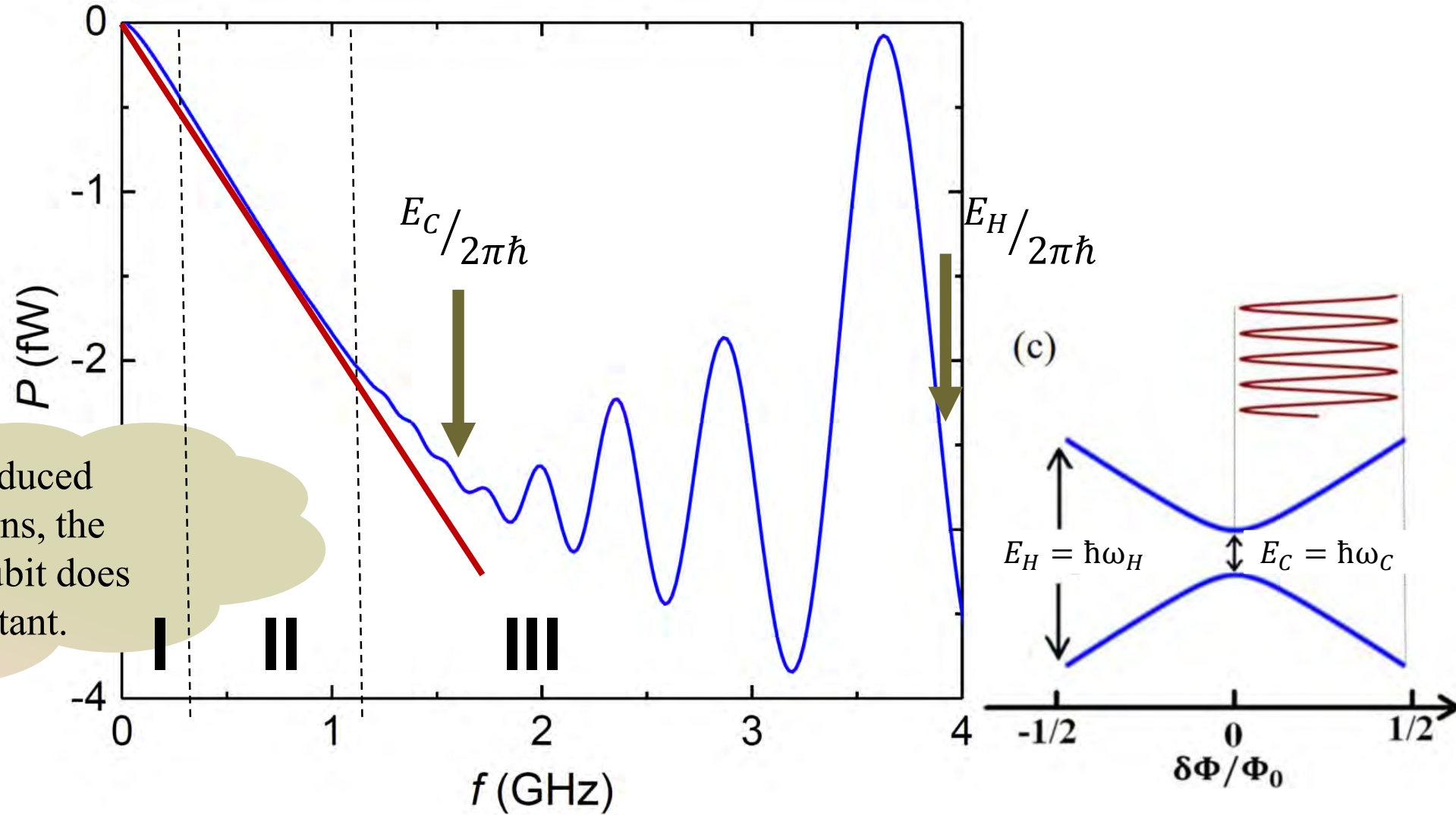
$$P_j = E(t)(\rho_{ee} \Gamma_{\downarrow,j} - \rho_{gg} \Gamma_{\uparrow,j})$$

¹J.P.Pekola, D.S. Golubev, and D.A. Averin, Maxwell's demon based on a single qubit. PRB. 93,024501 (2016)

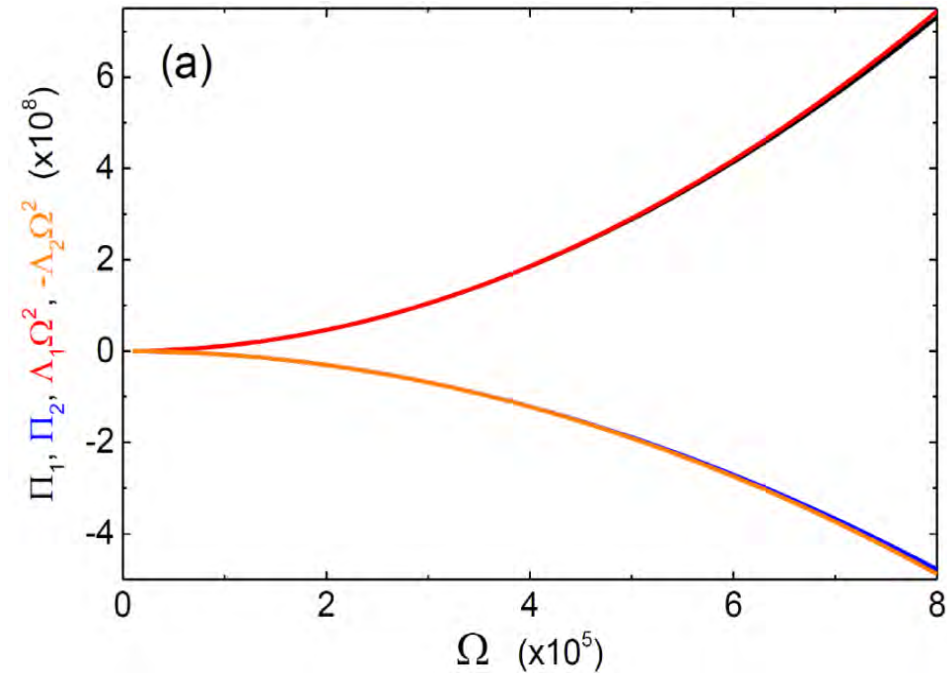
Different operation regimes

Coherent oscillations of heat current at high frequencies

Due to driving-induced coherent oscillations, the population of the qubit does not remain constant.



Nearly adiabatic regime (at very low frequencies)



$$\Pi_j^{(2)} = \Lambda_j \Omega^2$$

1. Classical rate equation: $\dot{\rho}_{gg} = -\Gamma_{\Sigma} \rho_{gg} + \Gamma_{\downarrow}$

$$\Lambda_{j,\text{CL}} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} du \sqrt{q^2 + \Delta^2} \left(\frac{d^2 \rho_{\text{eq},gg}}{du^2} - \frac{\left(\frac{d\rho_{\text{eq},gg}}{du}\right) \left(\frac{d\xi_{\Sigma}}{du}\right)}{\xi_{\Sigma}^3} \right) \xi_{\Sigma,j}$$

2. Full (quantum) master equation:

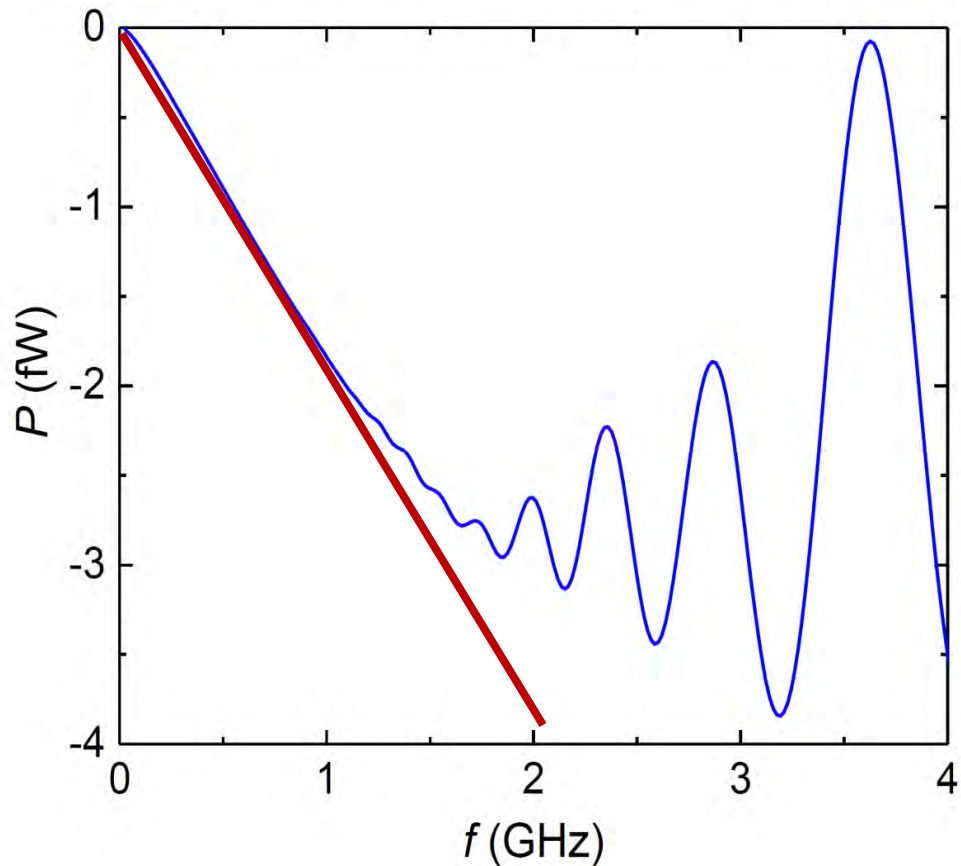
$$\Lambda_j = \Lambda_{j,\text{CL}} + \delta\Lambda_{j,\text{Q}}$$

$$\delta\Lambda_{j,\text{Q}} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} du \frac{\Delta^2}{(q^2 + \Delta^2)^{3/2}} \left(\frac{dq}{du}\right)^2 \frac{(\xi_{\downarrow} - \xi_{\uparrow}) \xi_{\Sigma,j}}{\xi_{\Sigma} [\xi_{\Sigma}^2 + 16(q^2 + \Delta^2)]} > 0$$

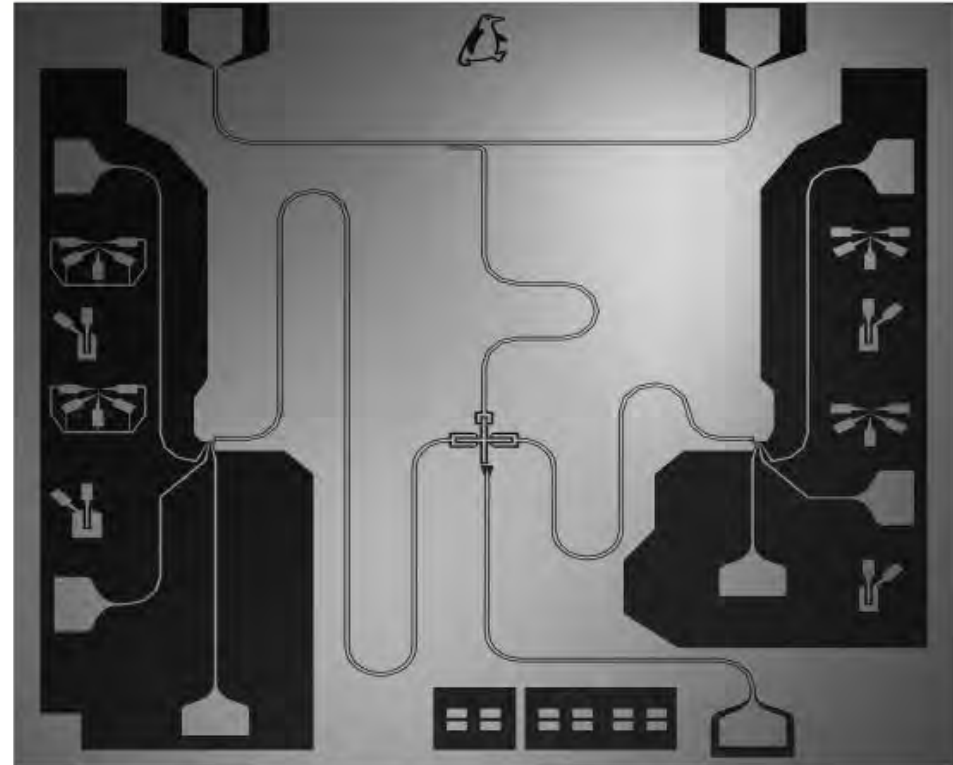
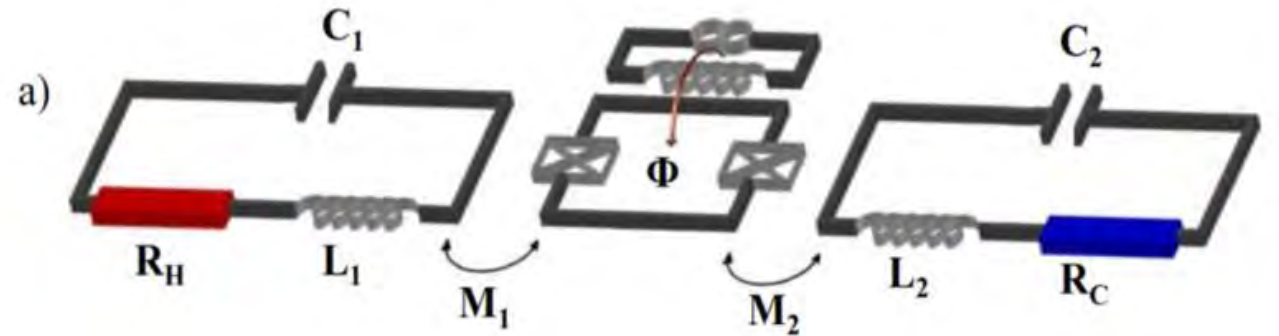
Quantum coherence degrades the performance of the refrigerator

Quantum Otto refrigerator

$$P = -\frac{\hbar\omega_2}{2} \left[\tanh\left(\frac{\beta_1\hbar\omega_1}{2}\right) - \tanh\left(\frac{\beta_2\hbar\omega_2}{2}\right) \right] f$$



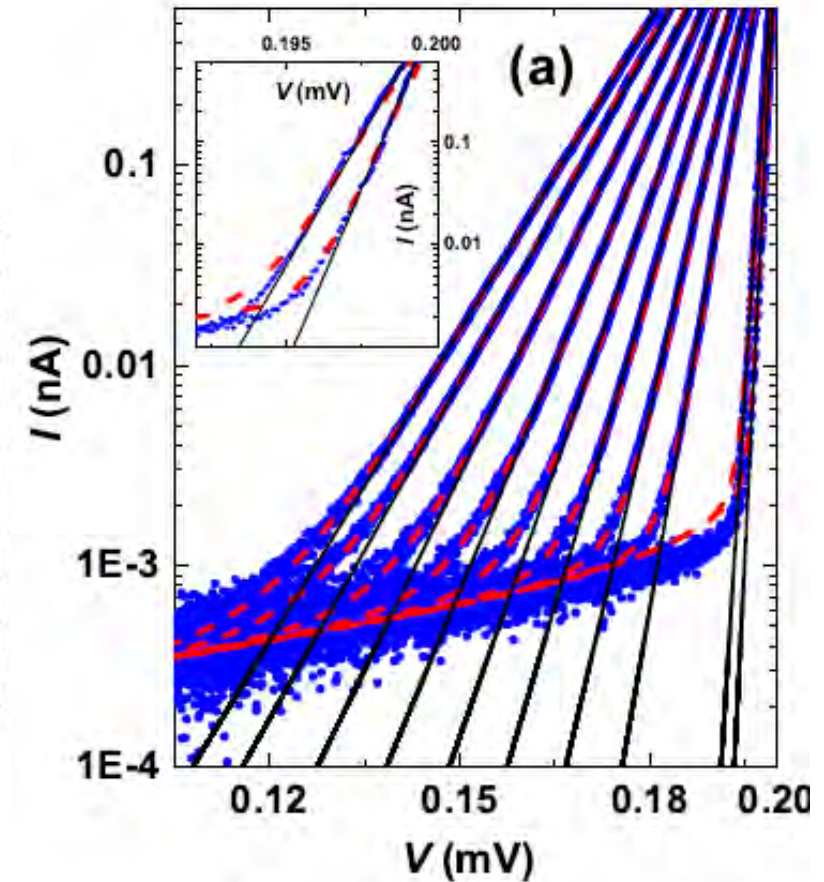
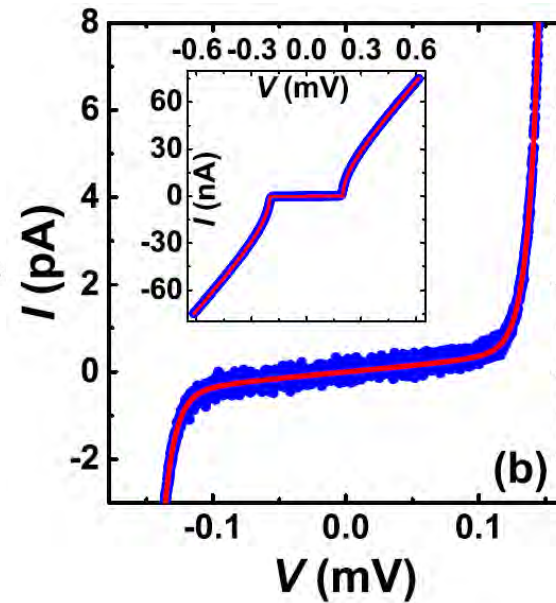
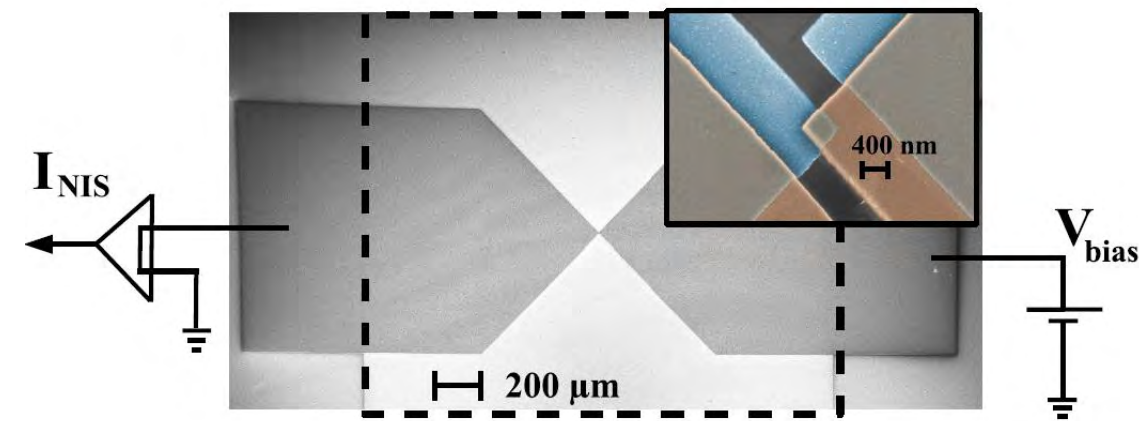
Expect about 1 fW cooling power at 1 GHz driving frequency



NIS-thermometry

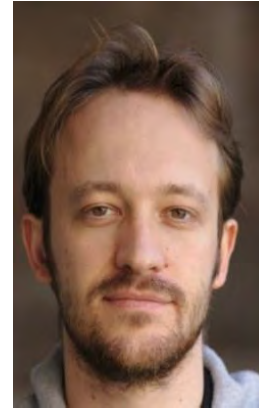
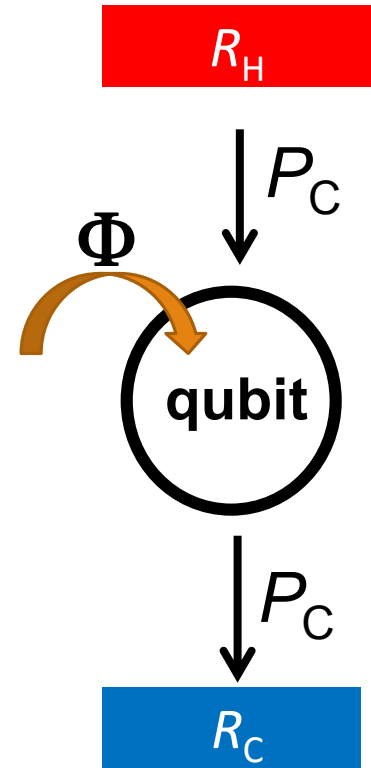
$$I = \frac{1}{2eR_T} \int n_S(E) [f_N(E - eV) - f_N(E + eV)] dE$$

Probes electron temperature of N electrode (and not of S!)



Phys. Rev. Appl. 4, 034001 (2015).

Experiment on quantum heat switch



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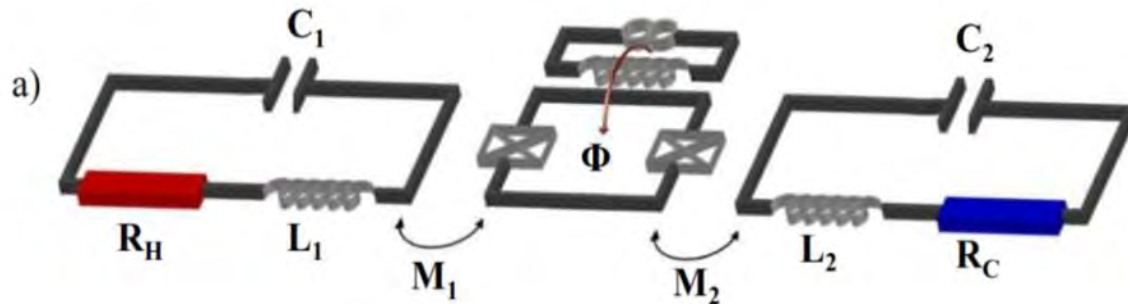
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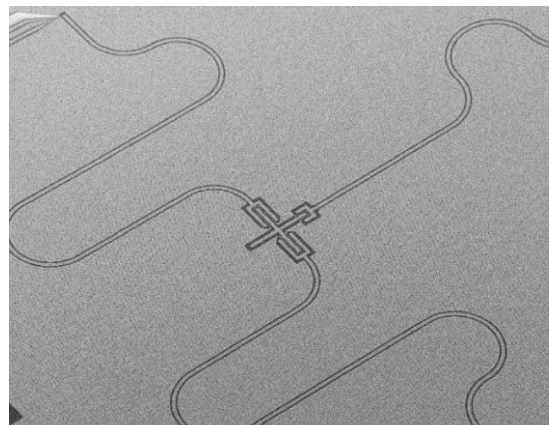
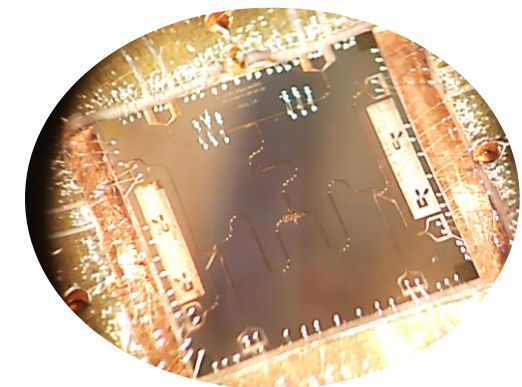
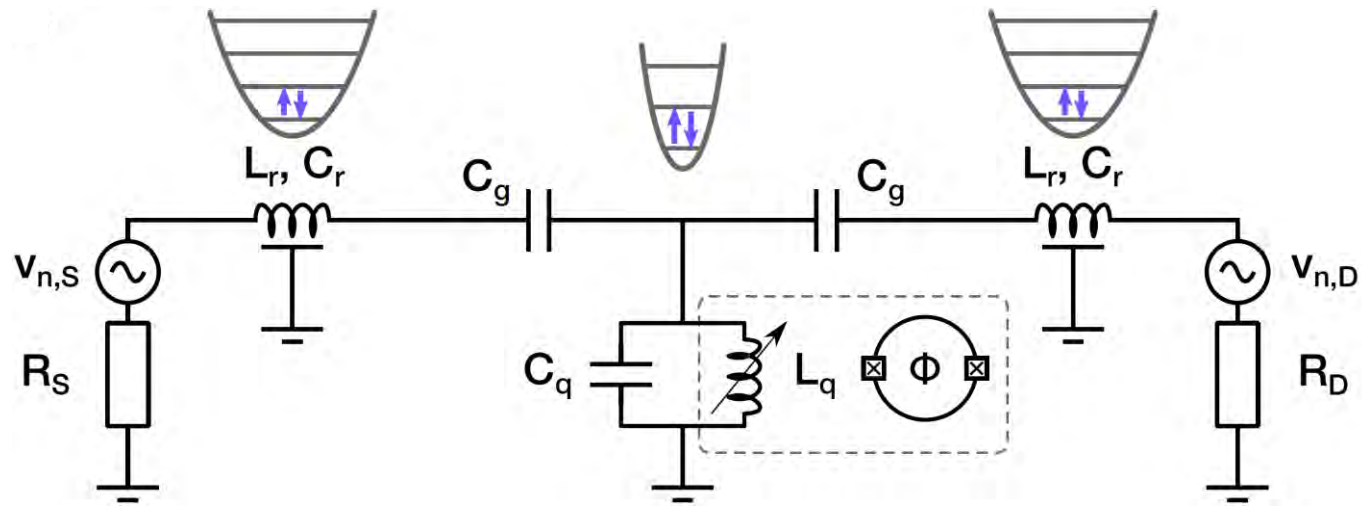


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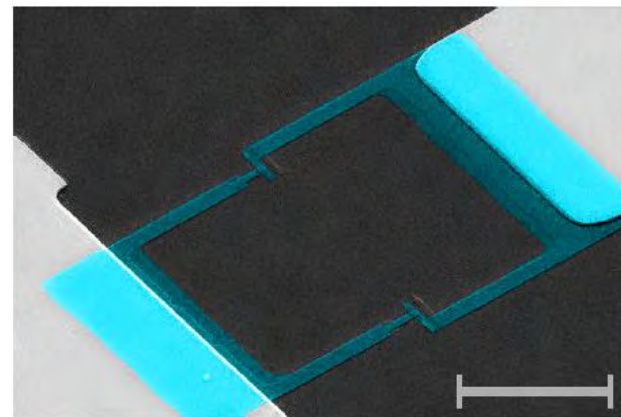
B. Karimi, J. Pekola, M. Campisi, and R. Fazio, Quantum Science and Technology **2**, 044007 (2017).

Experimental realization: Quantum heat switch¹

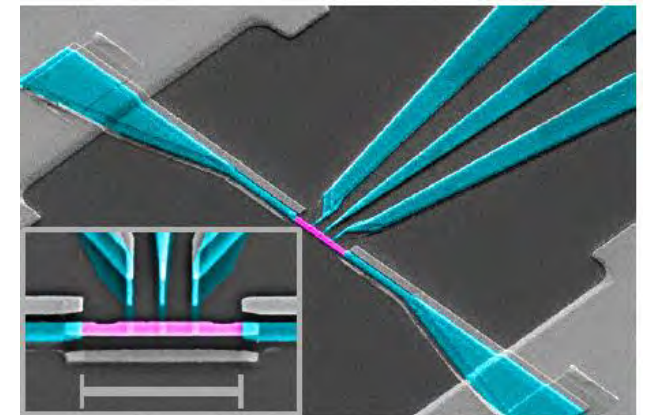
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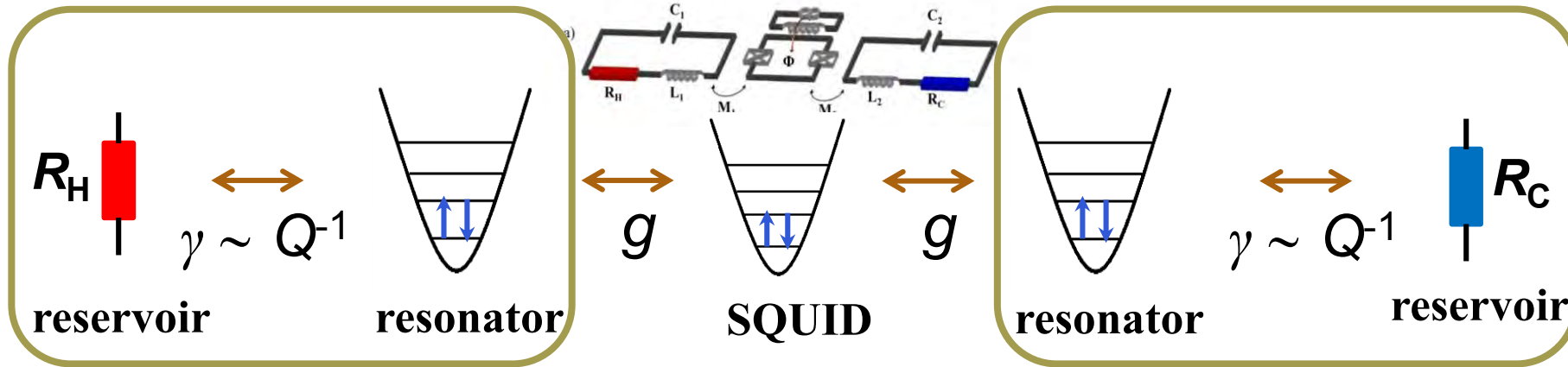
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3 μm

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Theory vs. experiment: non-Hamiltonian

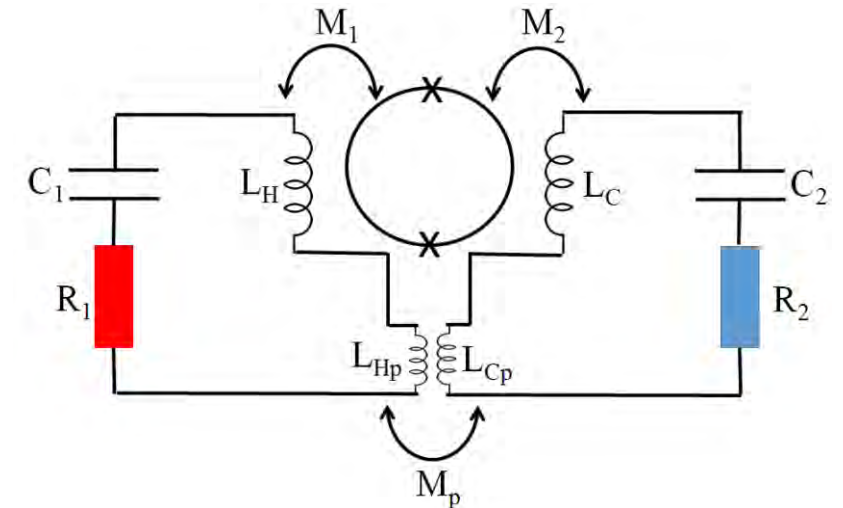


$$gQ \ll 1$$

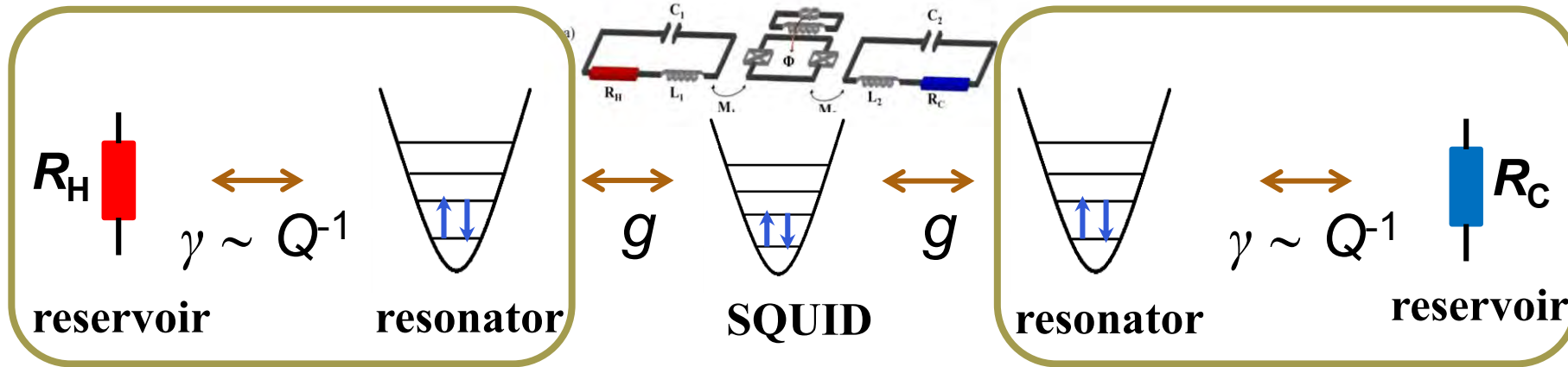
$$P_D = \pi h g f_r^2 \frac{n(\beta_S h f_q) - n(\beta_D h f_q)}{[1 + Q_r^2 (r - 1/r)^2] [\coth(\beta_S h f_q / 2) + \coth(\beta_D h f_q / 2)]} + \pi h \kappa f_r^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{n(x \beta_S h f_r) - n(x \beta_D h f_r)}{[1 + Q_r^2 (x - 1/x)^2]^2} x^3 dx$$

$$n(\beta_{S/D} h f) = 1 / (\exp(\beta_{S/D} h f) - 1)$$

$$f_q \equiv r f_r$$

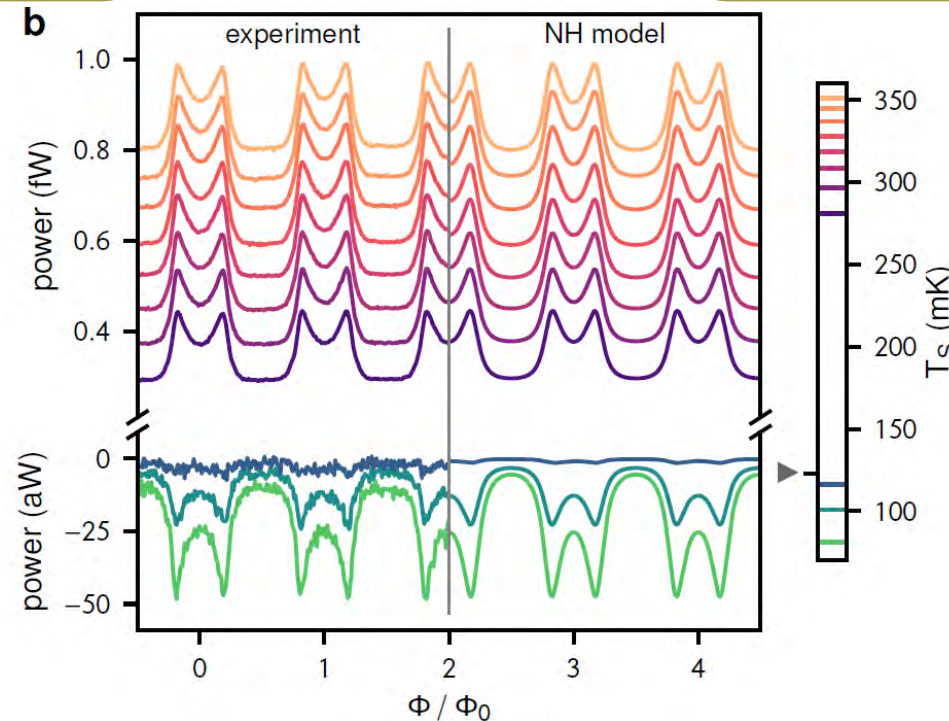


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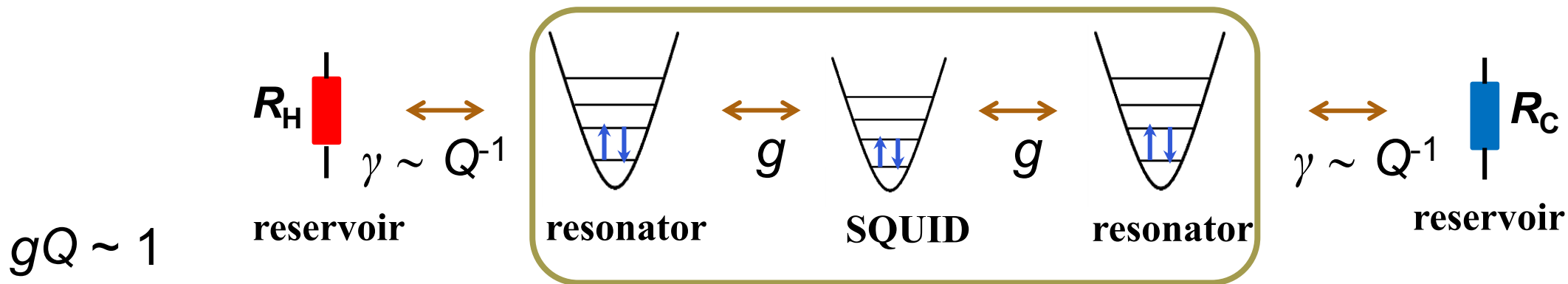


$gQ \ll 1$

Cooling at distance of 4 mm by mw photons



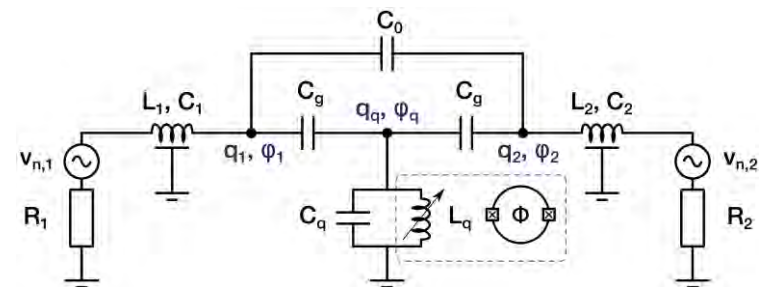
Theory vs. experiment: quasi-Hamiltonian



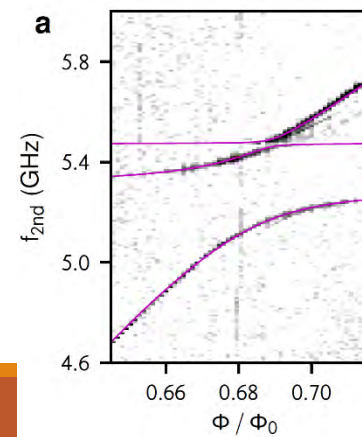
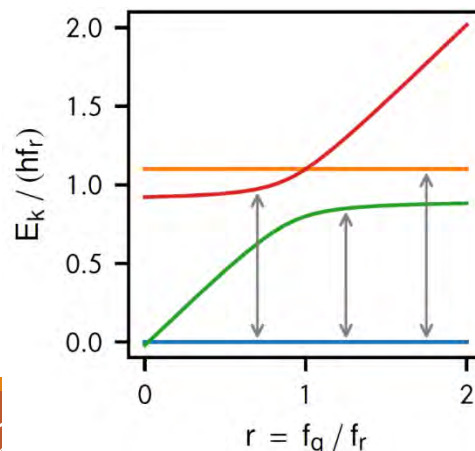
$$\mathcal{L}(\varphi_1, \dot{\varphi}_1, \varphi_q, \dot{\varphi}_q, \varphi_2, \dot{\varphi}_2) = \frac{1}{2} (C_1 \dot{\varphi}_1^2 + C_g (\dot{\varphi}_q - \dot{\varphi}_1)^2 + C_q \dot{\varphi}_q^2 + C_g (\dot{\varphi}_q - \dot{\varphi}_2)^2 + C_0 (\dot{\varphi}_1 - \dot{\varphi}_2)^2 + C_2 \dot{\varphi}_2^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varphi_1^2}{L_1} + \frac{\varphi_q^2}{L_q} + \frac{\varphi_2^2}{L_2} \right)$$

$$\hat{q}_i = -i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_0}} (\hat{a}_i - \hat{a}_i^\dagger) \text{ and } \hat{q}_q = -i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_0}} (\hat{b} - \hat{b}^\dagger)$$

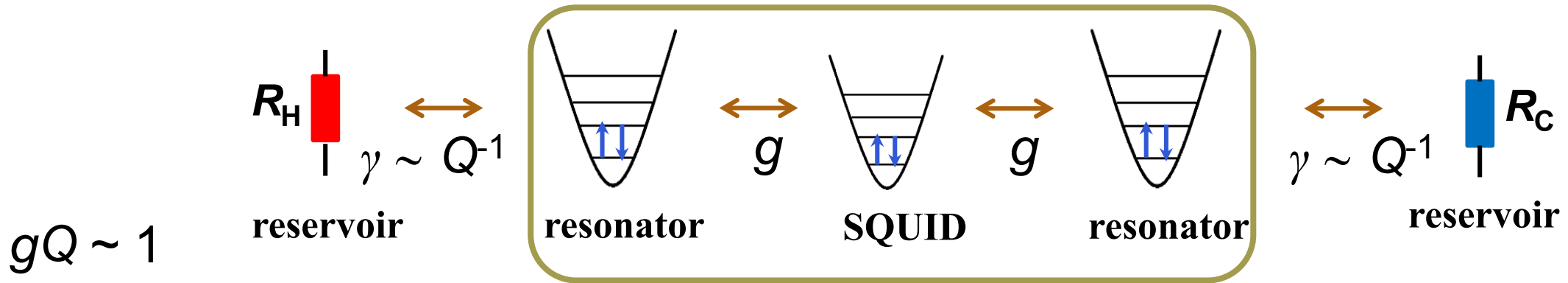
$$(hf_r)^{-1} \hat{H} = \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_2 + r \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + g (\hat{b} \hat{a}_1^\dagger + \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}_1 + \hat{b} \hat{a}_2^\dagger + \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}_2) + \tilde{g} (\hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2^\dagger + \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2)$$



$$H = hf_r \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + a/2 & g & \tilde{g} \\ 0 & g & r & g \\ 0 & \tilde{g} & g & 1 - a/2 \end{pmatrix}$$



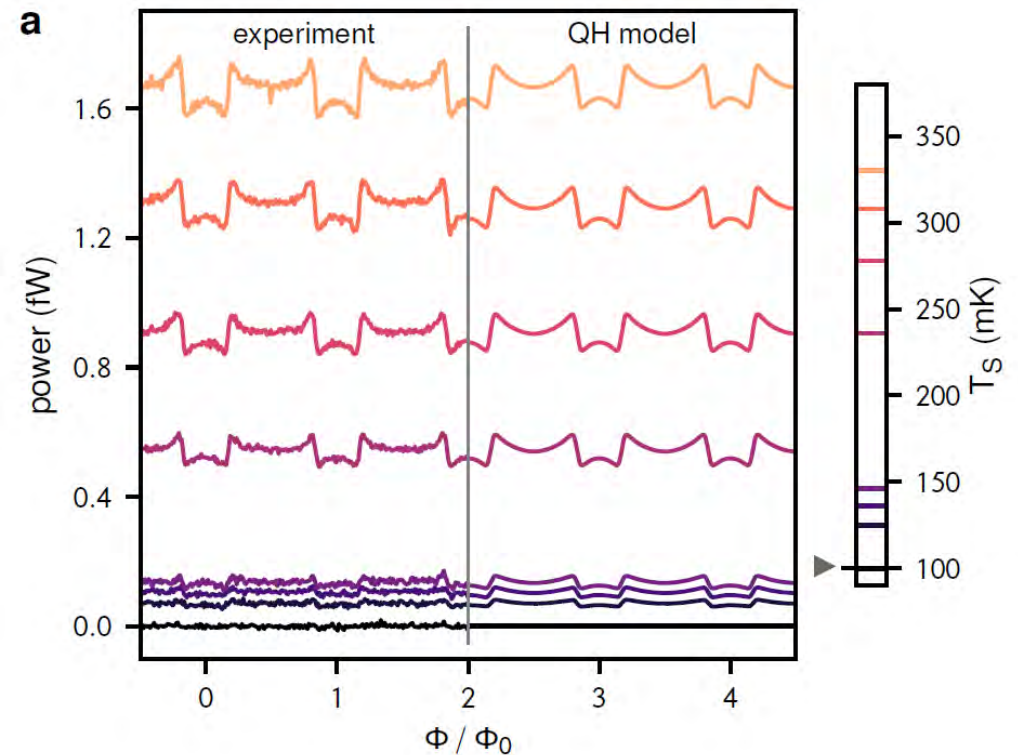
Theory vs. experiment: quasi-Hamiltonian



$$S_v(f) = \frac{1}{1 + Q^2(f/f_r - f_r/f)^2} \frac{2Rhf}{1 - e^{-\beta hf}}$$

$$\Gamma_{k \rightarrow l, D} = \frac{2\pi}{Q_D} \frac{|\langle k | \hat{a}_D - \hat{a}_D^\dagger | l \rangle|^2}{1 + Q_D^2 \left(\frac{f_{kl}}{f_r} - \frac{f_r}{f_{kl}} \right)^2} \frac{f_{kl}}{1 - e^{-\beta_D h f_{kl}}}$$

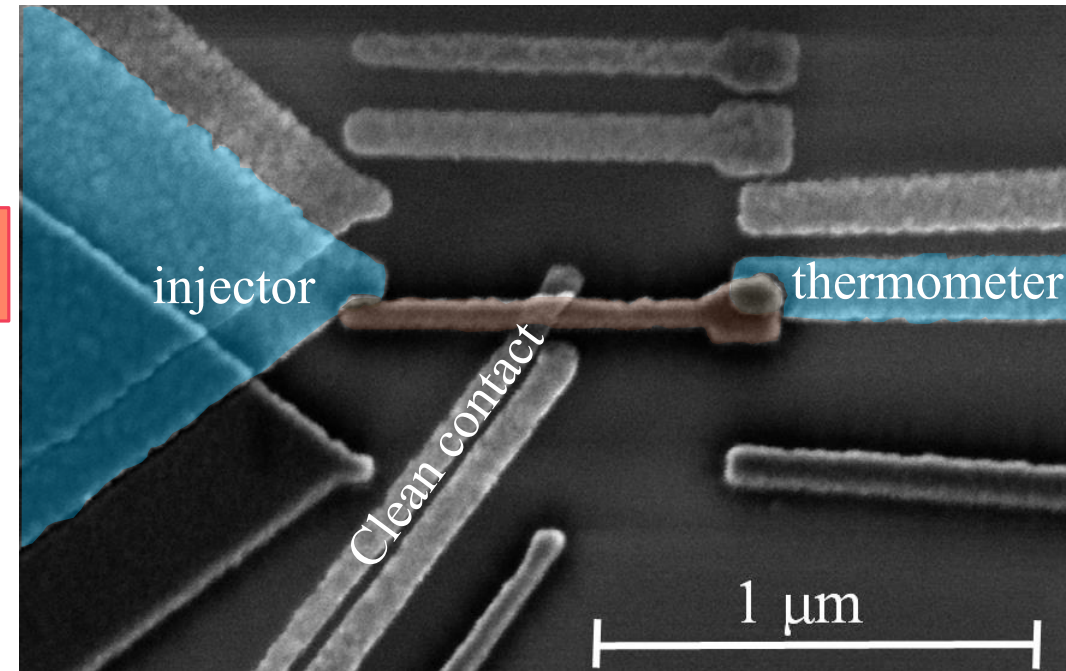
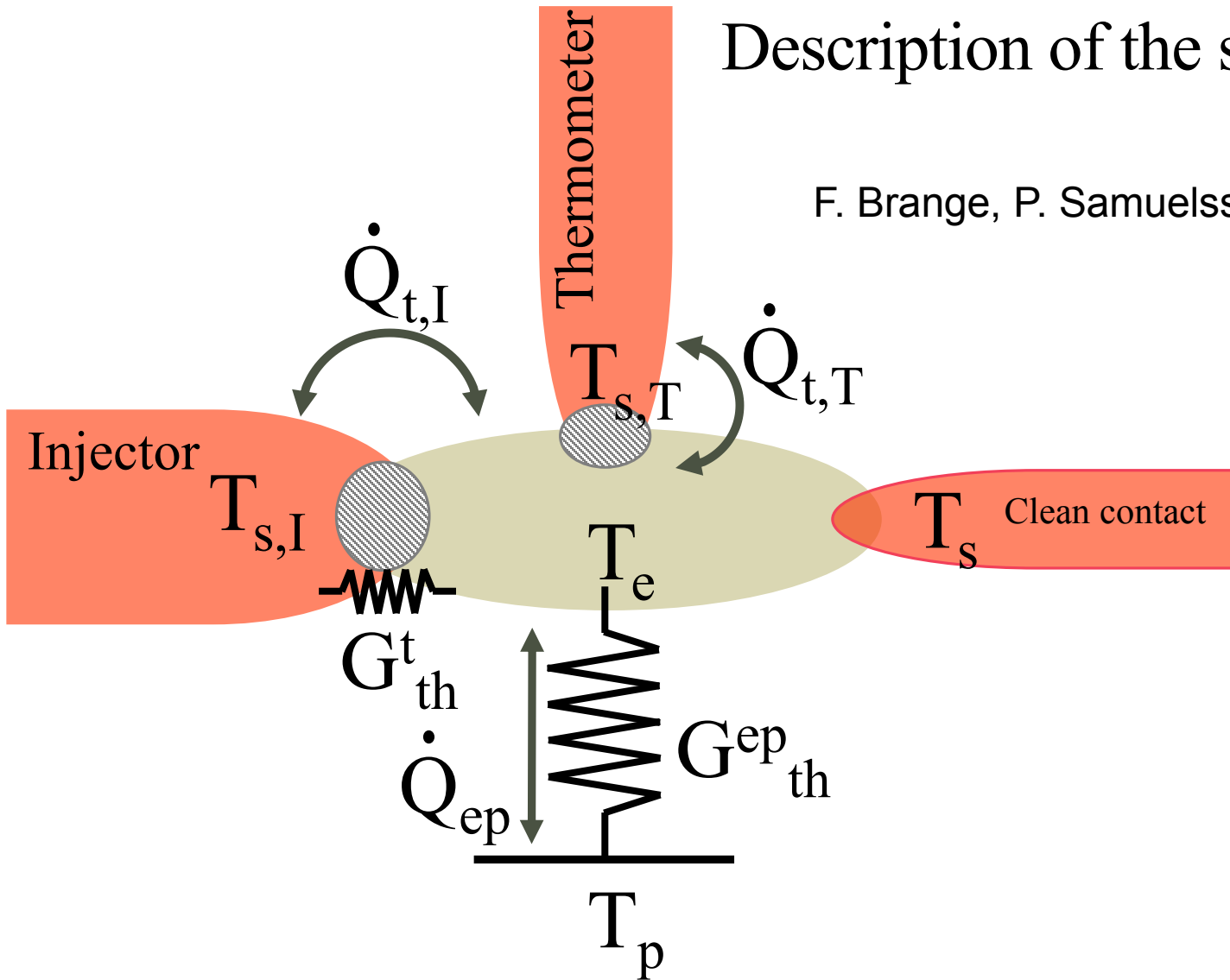
$$P_D = \frac{2\pi h f_r^2}{Q_r} \sum_{k,l} \frac{|\langle k | \hat{a}_D - \hat{a}_D^\dagger | l \rangle|^2}{1 + Q_r^2 \left(\frac{f_{kl}}{f_r} - \frac{f_r}{f_{kl}} \right)^2} \frac{(E_{kl}/h f_r)^2}{1 - e^{-\beta_D E_{kl}}} \rho_{kk}$$



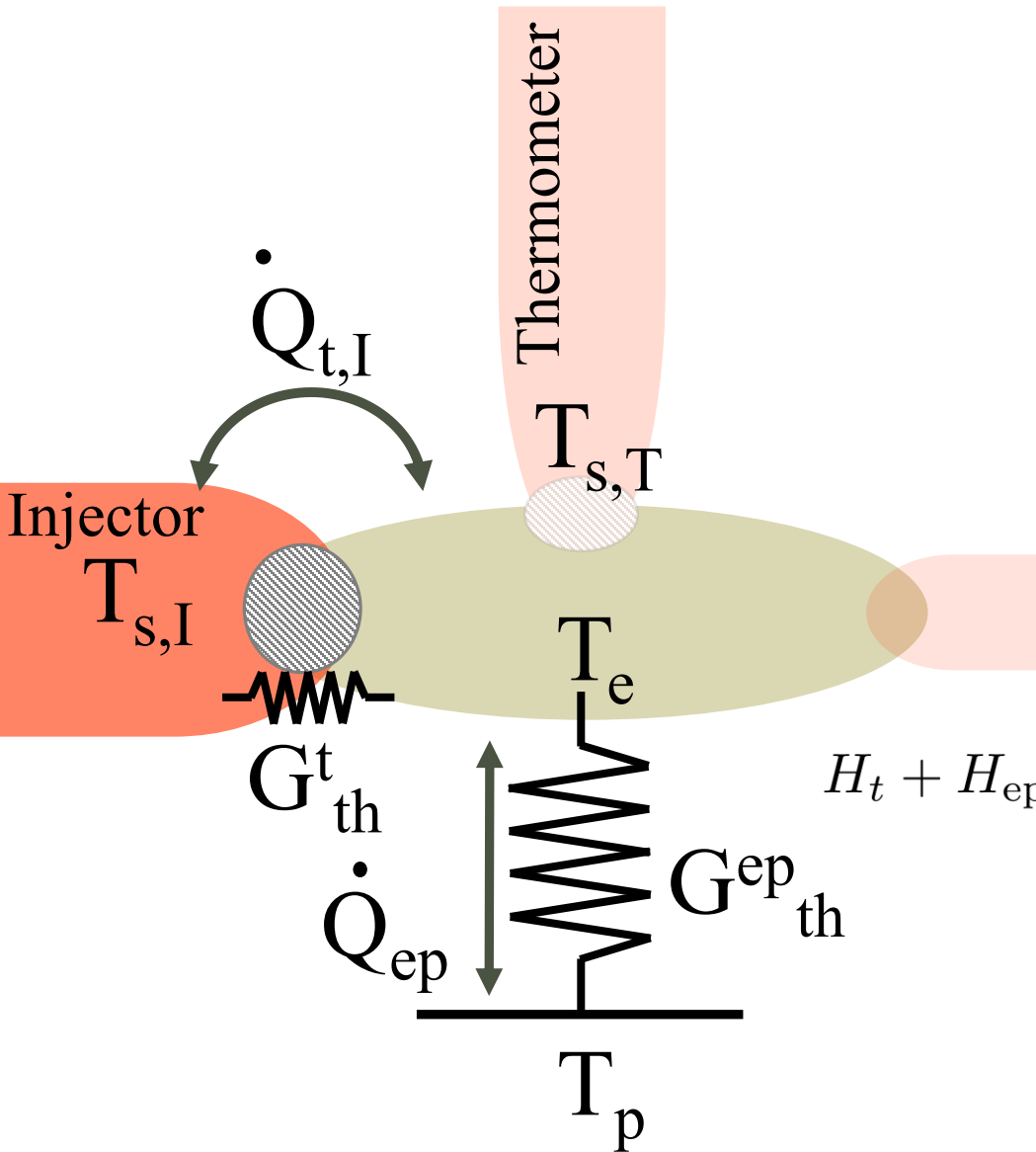
Theoretical estimation of heat current noise of a small metallic island

Description of the system

F. Brange, P. Samuelsson, B. Karimi, and J. P. Pekola, arXiv:1805.02728



Description of the system



- Hamiltonian of the system

$$H = H_e + H_s + H_p + H_{ep} + H_t$$

- The unperturbed Hamiltonian $H_0 = H_e + H_s + H_p$

$$H_0 = \sum_e \epsilon_e a_e^\dagger a_e + \sum_s \epsilon_s a_s^\dagger a_s + \sum_q \hbar \omega_p c_p^\dagger c_p$$

- Considering weak coupling

$$H_t + H_{ep} = \sum_{e,s} (t_{es} a_e^\dagger a_s + t_{se} a_s^\dagger a_e) + \gamma \sum_{e,p} \omega_p^{1/2} (a_e^\dagger a_{e-p} c_p + a_{e-p}^\dagger a_e c_p^\dagger)$$

Electron-phonon coupling to the bath

- The operator of heat flux from the electron system to phonons due to ep coupling

$$\dot{H}_{ep} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H_{ep}, H_p] = i\gamma \sum_{k,q} \omega_q^{3/2} (a_k^\dagger a_{k-q} c_q - a_{k-q}^\dagger a_k c_q^\dagger)$$

- Heat current into the phonon bath and thermal conductance of the ep coupling

$$\dot{Q}_{ep} = \Sigma \mathcal{V} (T_e^5 - T_p^5)$$

$$G_{th}^{ep} = 5 \Sigma \Omega T_e^4$$

F. C. Wellstood, C. Urbina, and John Clarke, Phys. Rev. B **49**, 5942 (1994)

- Spectral density of noise due to ep coupling

$$S_{\dot{Q}_{ep}}(\omega) = \frac{\Sigma \mathcal{V}}{96 \zeta(5) k_B^5} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \epsilon^2 \left[(2\epsilon - \hbar\omega)^2 \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta_p \epsilon}} \frac{\epsilon - \hbar\omega}{e^{\beta_e(\epsilon - \hbar\omega)} - 1} + (2\epsilon + \hbar\omega)^2 \frac{1}{e^{\beta_p \epsilon} - 1} \frac{\epsilon + \hbar\omega}{1 - e^{-\beta_e(\epsilon + \hbar\omega)}} \right]$$

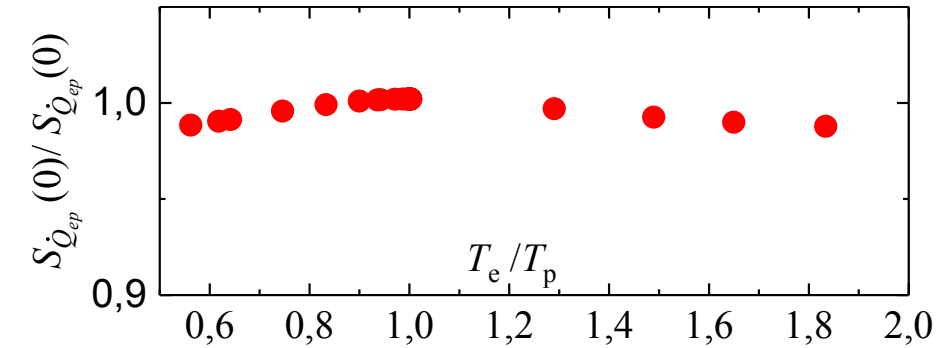
¹J. P. Pekola and B. Karimi, Quantum noise of electron-phonon heat current, J. Low Temp. Phys. doi.org/10.1007/s10909-018-1854-y

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$$S_{\dot{Q}_{ep}}(0) \approx 5 \Sigma \mathcal{V} k_B (T_e^6 + T_p^6)$$



FDT \longrightarrow $S_{\dot{Q}_{ep}}(0) = 2k_B T^2 G_{ep}^{th}$

- Non-vanishing noise at zero temperature

$$S_{\dot{Q}_{ep}}(\omega) = \frac{\Sigma \mathcal{V}}{96 \zeta(5) k_B^5} \frac{(\hbar\omega)^6}{60}$$

Tunneling

- The operator of heat flux from the superconductor to electrons system due to tunneling

$$\dot{H}_{et} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H_t, H_e] = \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_{k,l} \epsilon_k [t_{lk} b_l^\dagger a_k - t_{lk}^* b_l a_k^\dagger]$$

- Heat current into the phonon bath and thermal conductance of the tunneling

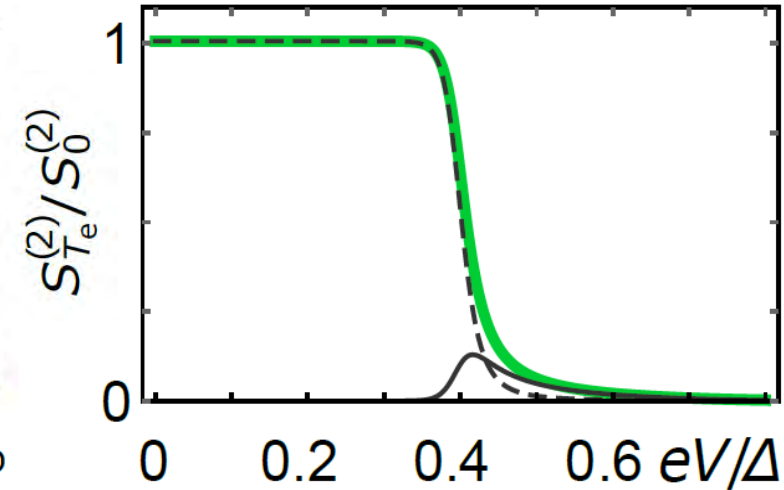
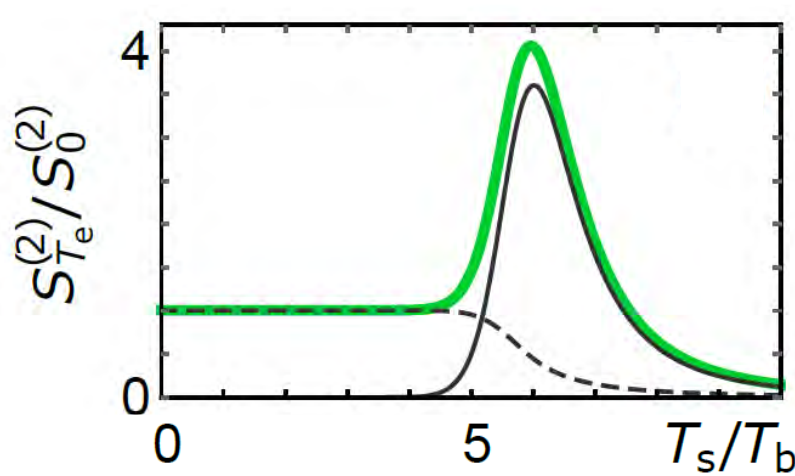
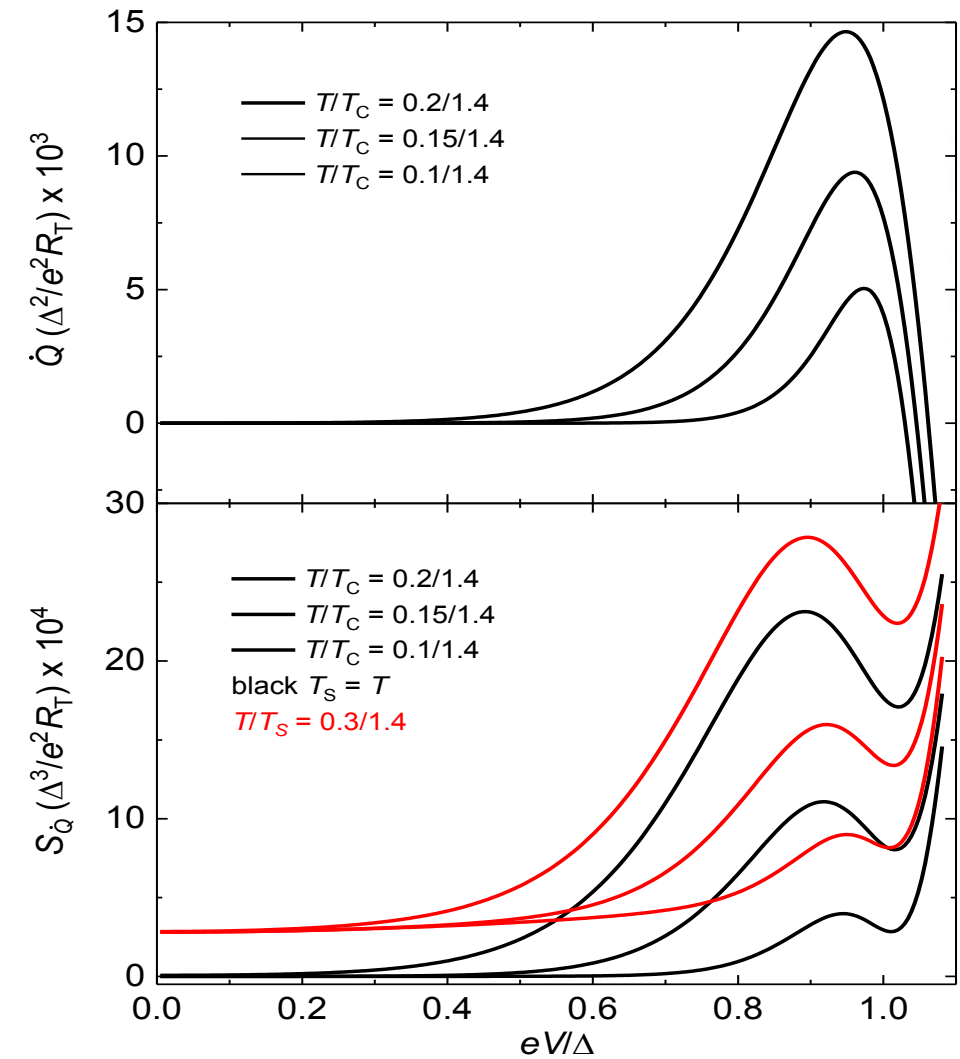
$$\dot{Q}_t = \frac{\Delta^2}{e^2 R_T} \int du n_S(u) (u - v) [f_N(u - v) - f_S(u)]$$

$$G_{th}^t = \frac{\Delta^3}{e^2 R_T k_B T^2} \int du n_S(u) u^2 f(u) [1 - f(u)]$$

- Spectral density of noise due to tunneling $u = E/\Delta$ and $v = eV/\Delta$

$$S_{\dot{Q}_t}(0) = \frac{\Delta^3}{e^2 R_T} \int du n_S(u) (u - v)^2 \{f_S(u) [1 - f_N(u - v)] + f_N(u - v) [1 - f_S(u)]\}$$

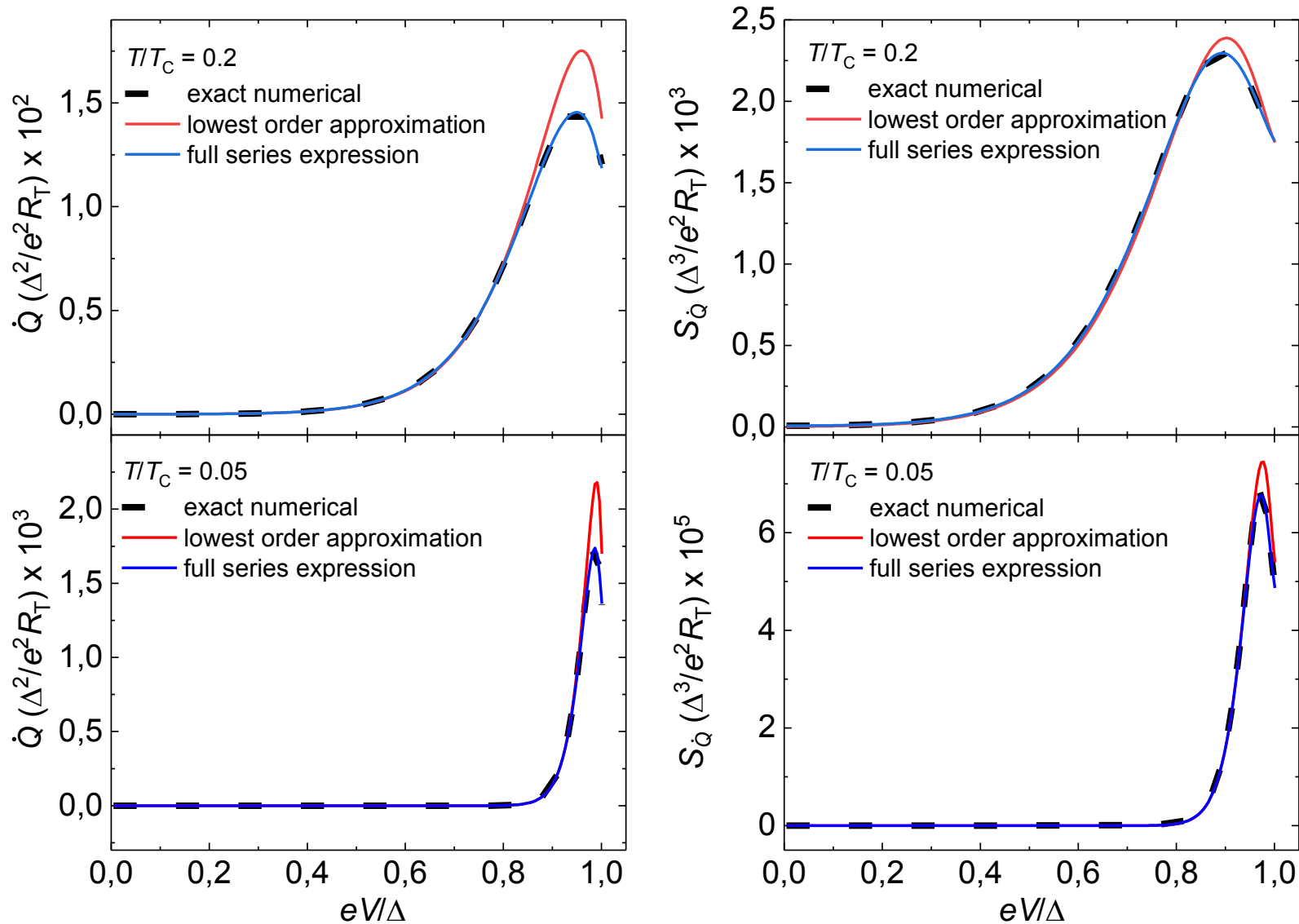
Cooling power and noise – numerical results



$$S_{T_e}(\omega) = \frac{S_{\dot{Q}_N}}{G_{th}^2 + \omega^2 C^2}$$

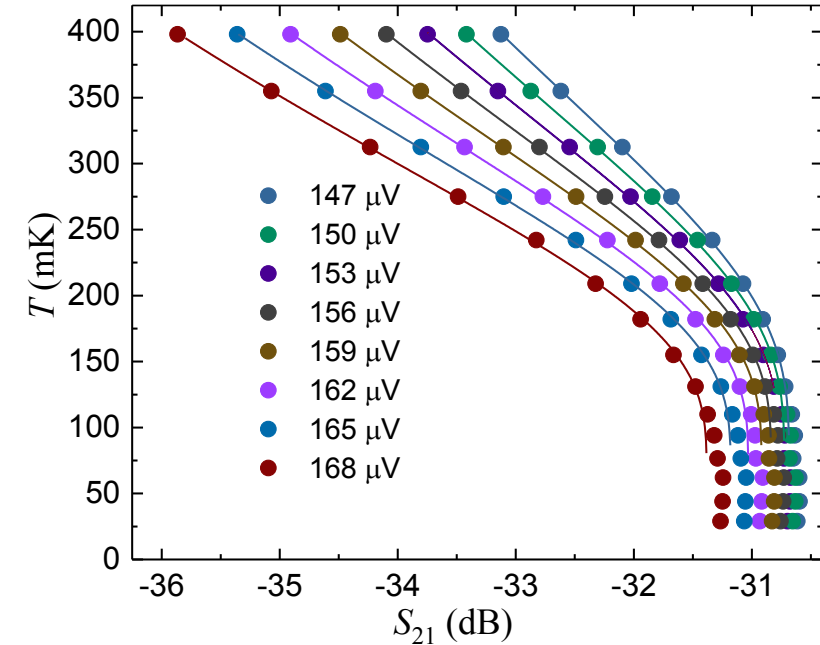
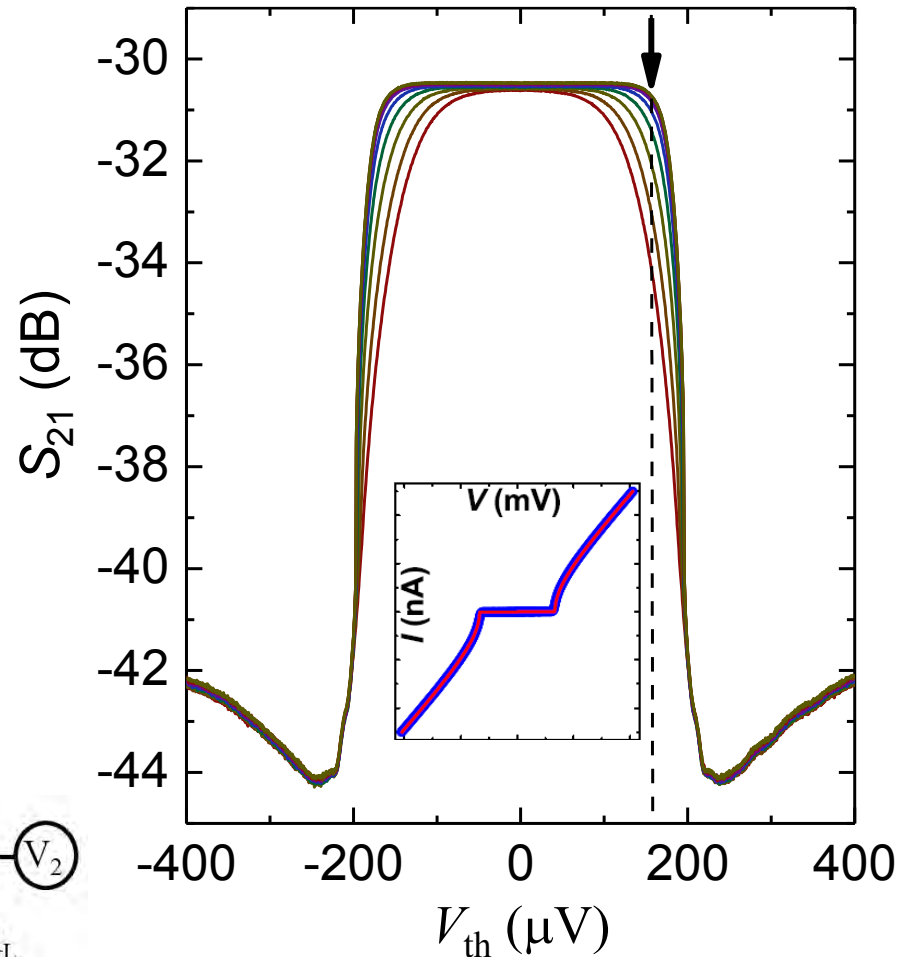
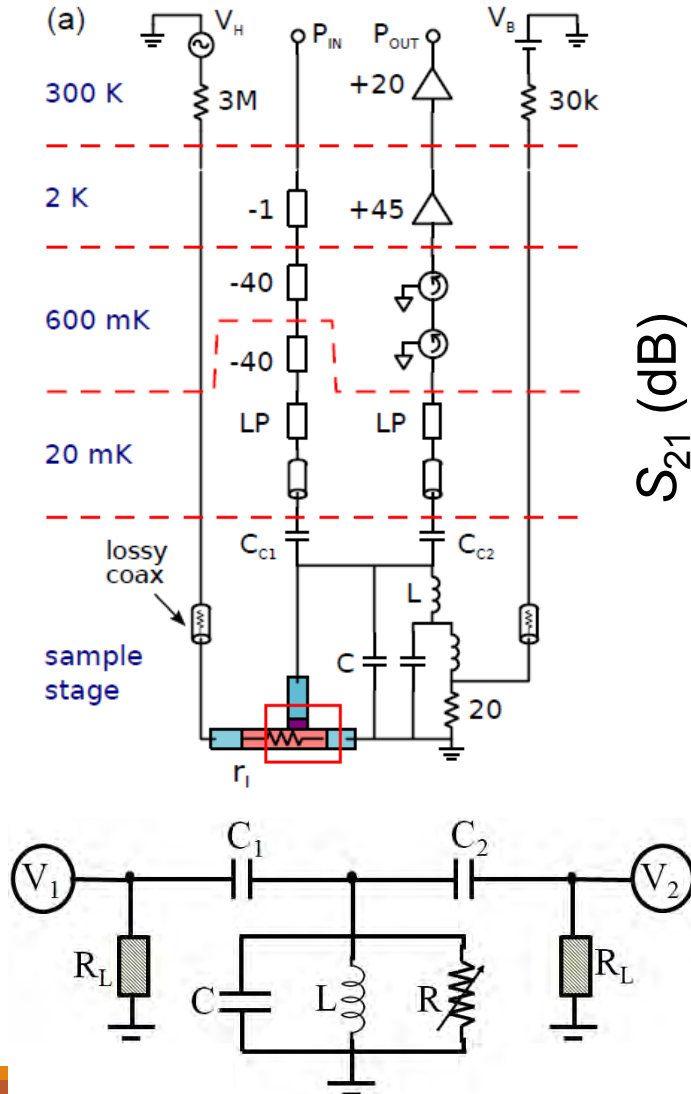
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Analytical results vs. numerics



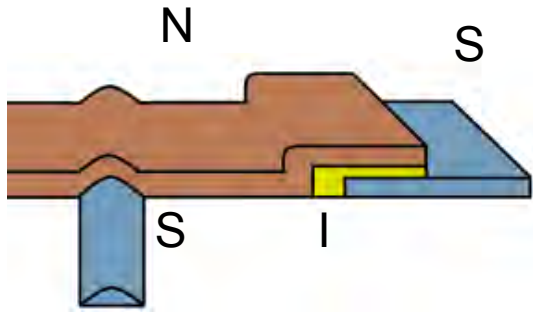
Fast NIS thermometry on electrons

Read-out at 600 MHz of a NIS junction, 10 MHz bandwidth



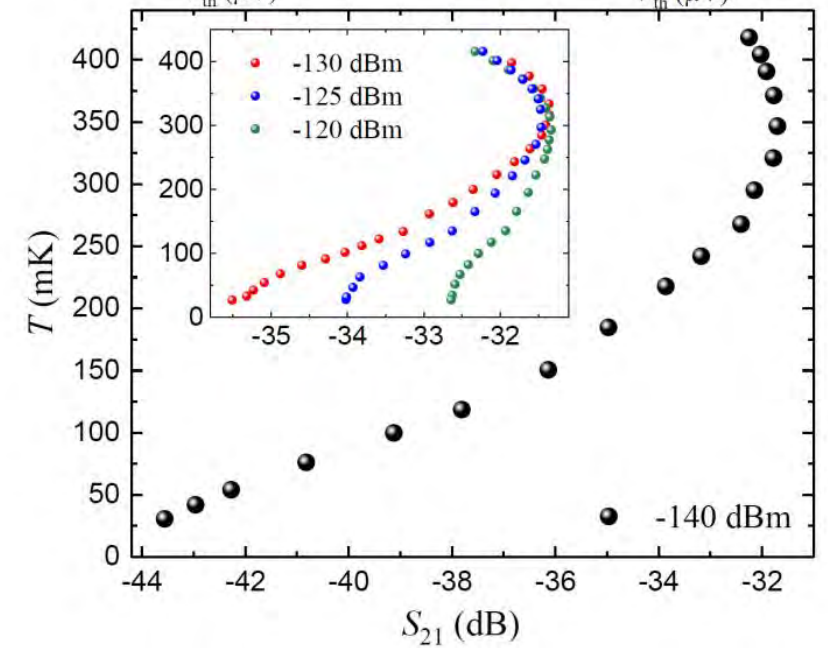
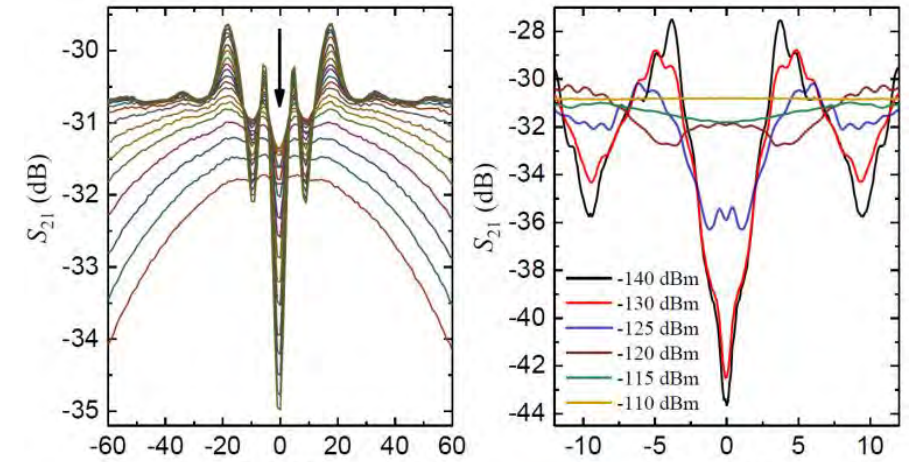
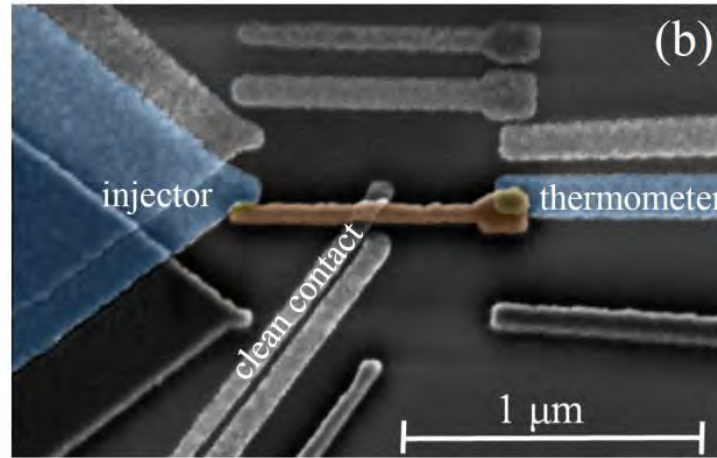
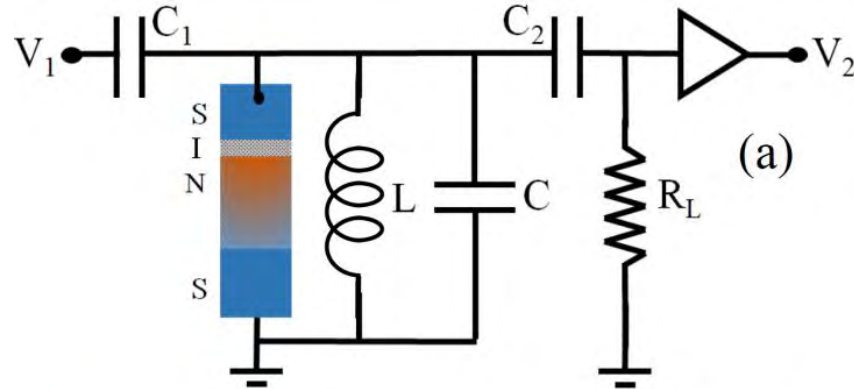
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ZBA based thermometry



Proximity NIS junction

- non-invasive
- operates at low temperature

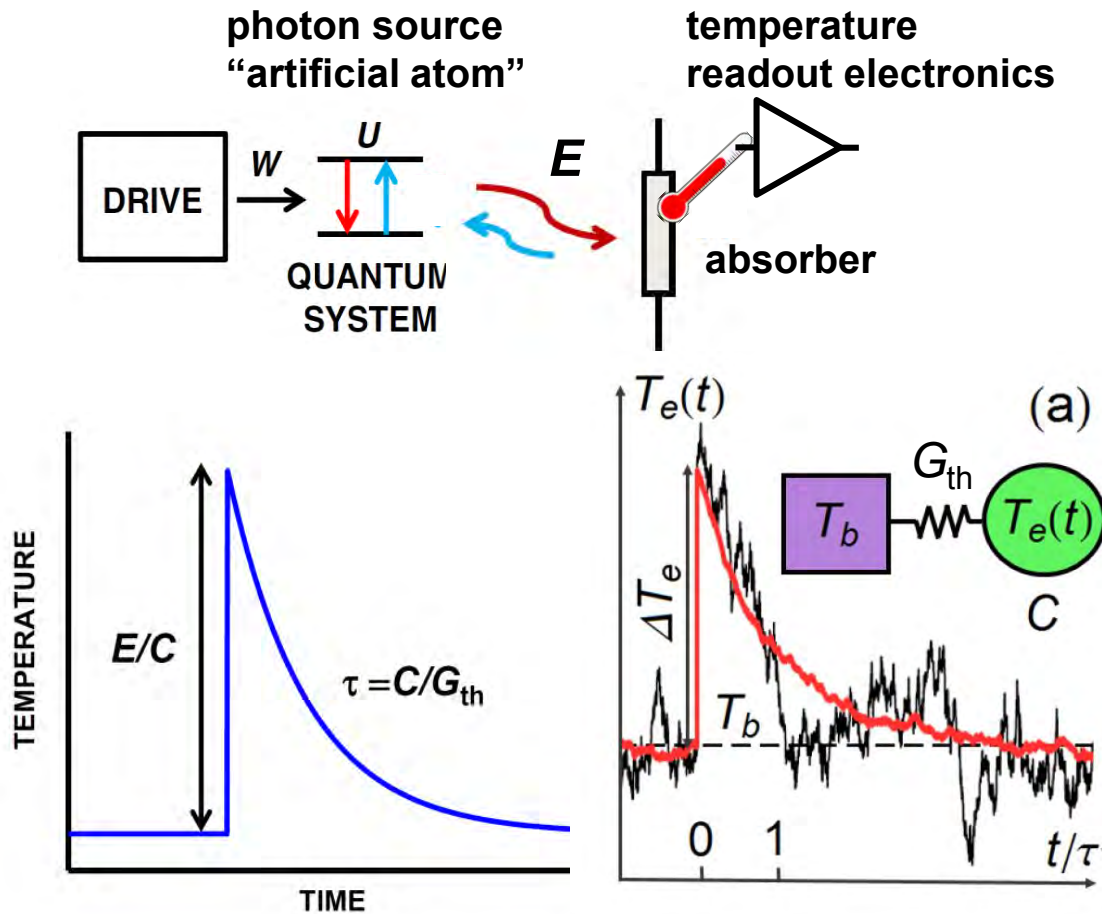


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Calorimetry for measuring mw photons

Requirements for calorimetry on single microwave quantum level:



Typical parameters

Operating temperature

$$T = 0.03 \text{ K}$$

$$E/k_B = 0.3 \dots 1 \text{ K}, C = 300 \dots 1000 k_B$$

$$\Delta T \sim 1 \dots 3 \text{ mK}, \tau \sim 0.01 \dots 1 \text{ ms}$$

$NET = 10 \mu\text{K}/(\text{Hz})^{1/2}$ is sufficient for single photon detection

$$\delta E = NET (C G_{th})^{1/2}$$

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Summary

- Measurement of heat and noise in circuits
- Presented quantum Otto refrigerator
- Quantum heat switch based on a superconducting qubit realized and analyzed; two regimes of operation observed and theoretically explained [arxiv:1801.09312](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.09312)
- Non-invasive and fast thermometry down to 25mK demonstrated