

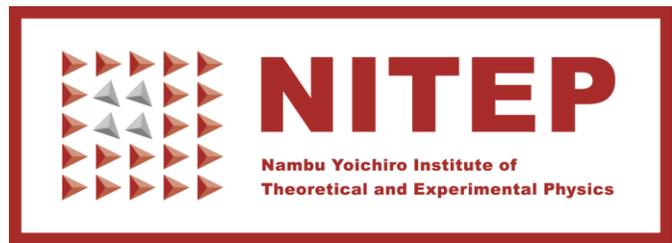


# Detection of dark matter axions 2/3

from classical microwaves to quantised photons

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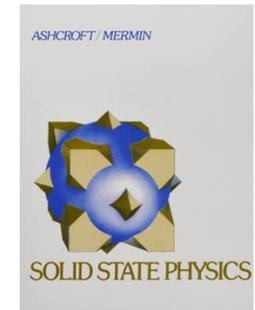
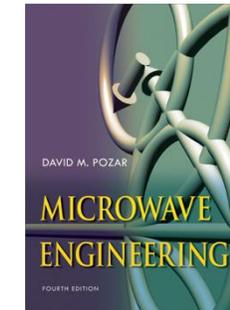
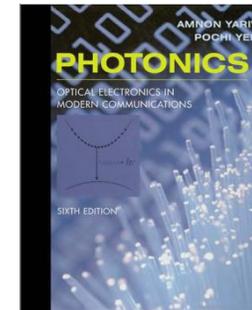
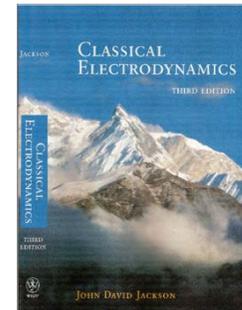
# Outline of the lecture courses and textbooks

- Part 1: overview on axion searches

- Axion vs WIMPs
- Various experiments
- Non-DM axions

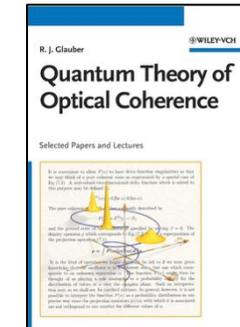
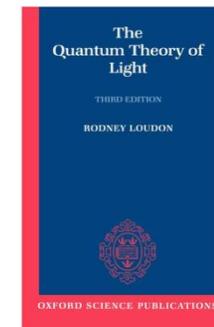
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- Analog and digital system
- Data processing and noise

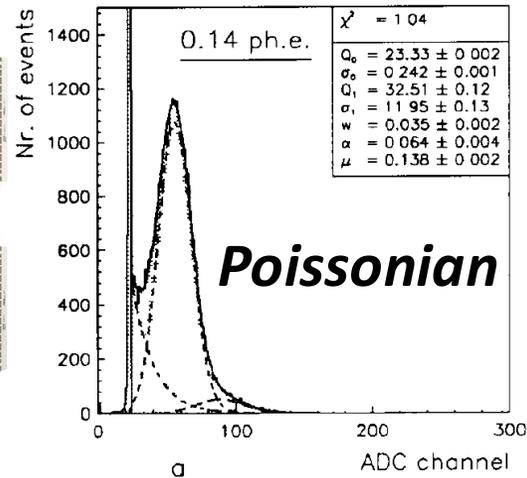
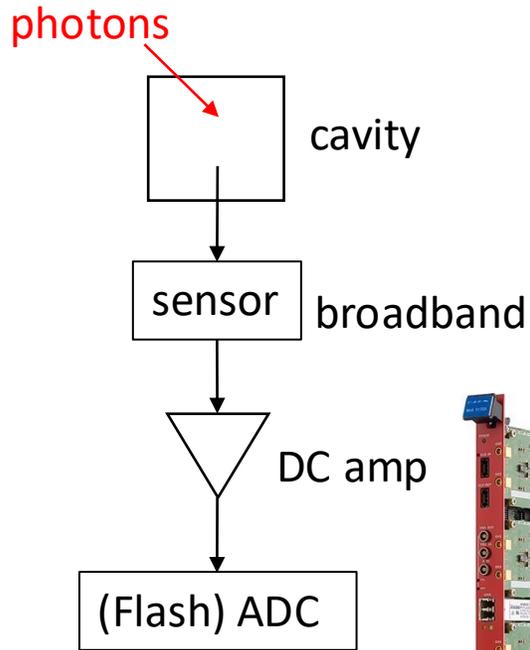


- Part 3: quantum detection scheme

- Quantum coherent states
- Glauber's theorem
- Thermal noise and Standard Quantum Limit
- Squeezing and photon counting



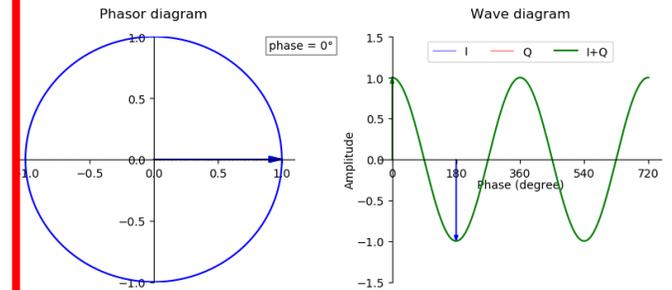
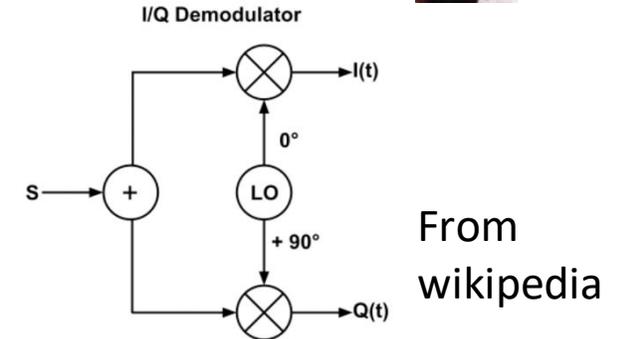
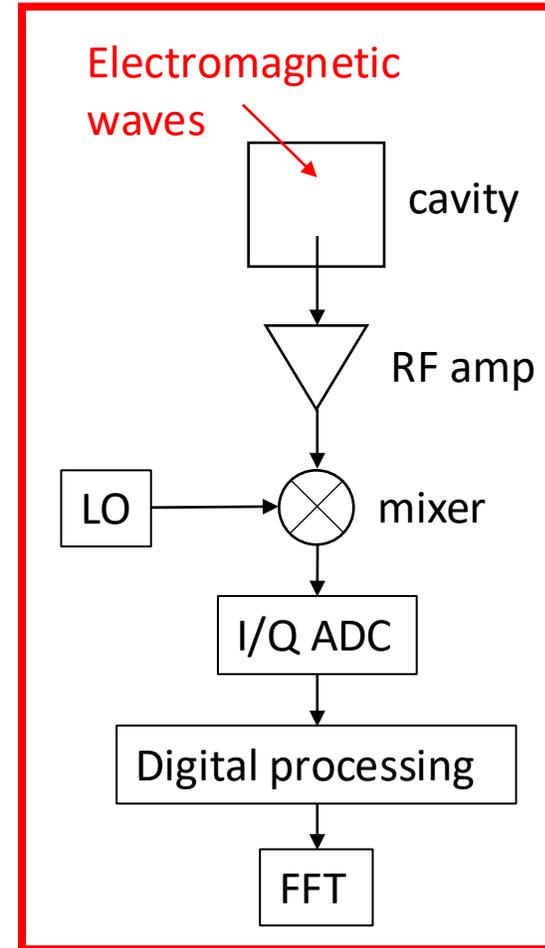
# Photon (energy) detection vs wave detection



$$P(t) = n \times \hbar\omega \propto V_{ADC}(t)$$

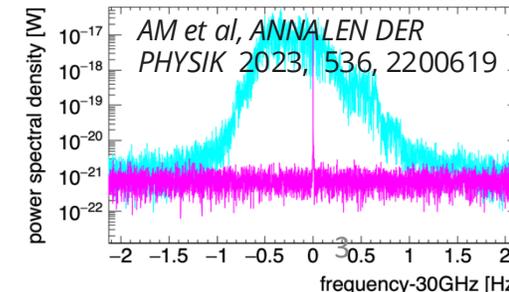
$$\Delta\phi\Delta n > 1$$

*This lecture*



$$RF(t) = I(t) \cos(\omega t) + Q(t) \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\rightarrow P(\omega) = \tilde{I}^2(\omega) + \tilde{Q}^2(\omega)$$



# Part 2: classical detection scheme

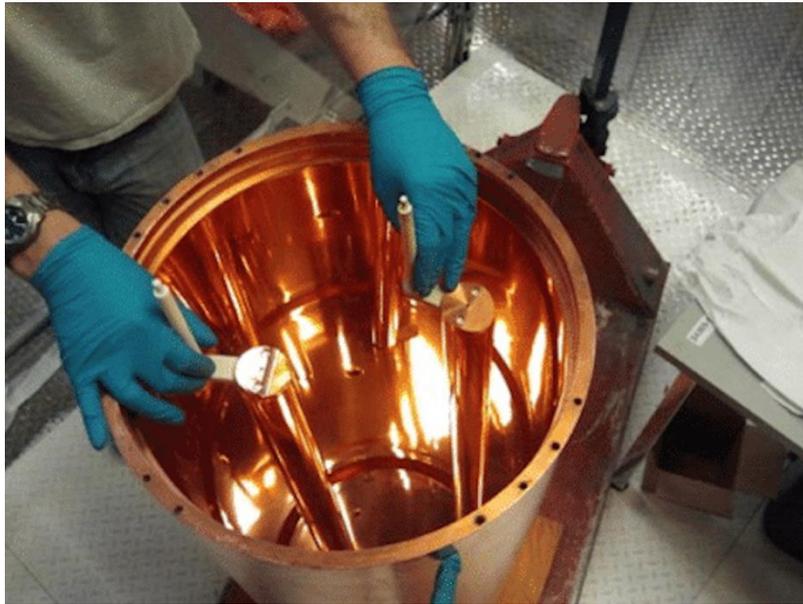
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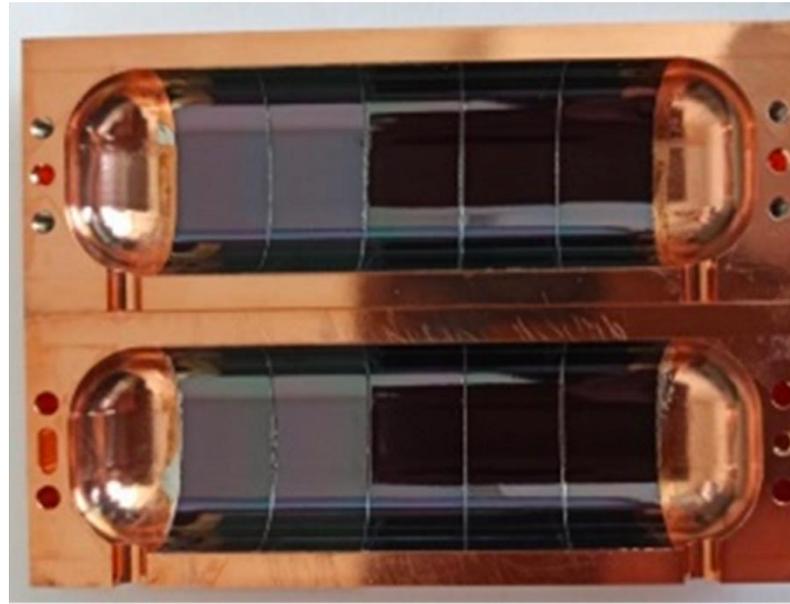
# Three types of materials in axion experiments

Normal conducting metal



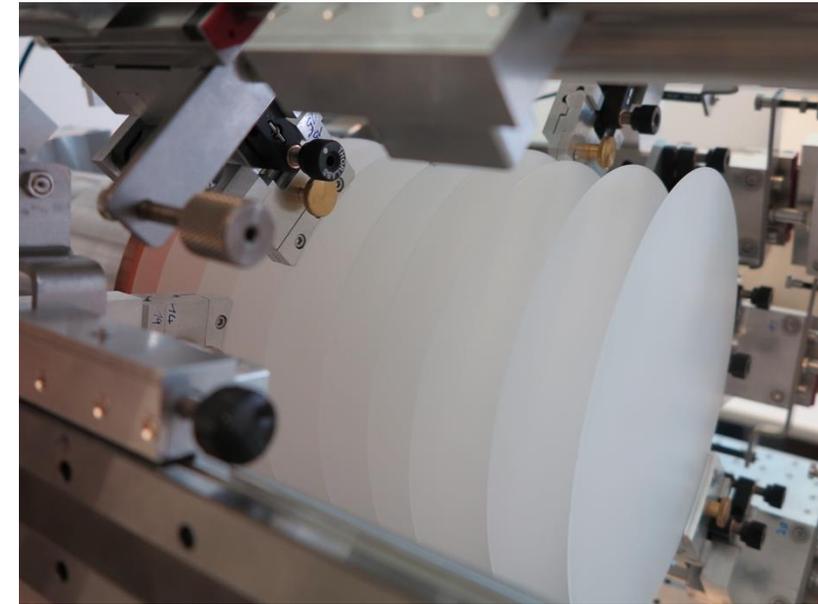
**ADMX**

Superconducting metal



**RADES**

Dielectric materials



**MADMAX**

# Our interest: (unloaded) quality factor

Axion signal power

$$P_S \propto Q_0$$

Higher stored  $U$  with smaller power dissipation  $P_c$

$$Q_0 = \frac{\omega U}{P_c}$$

Smaller surface resistance  $R_s$

→ high  $Q$  & low  $P_c$

Experimental observable

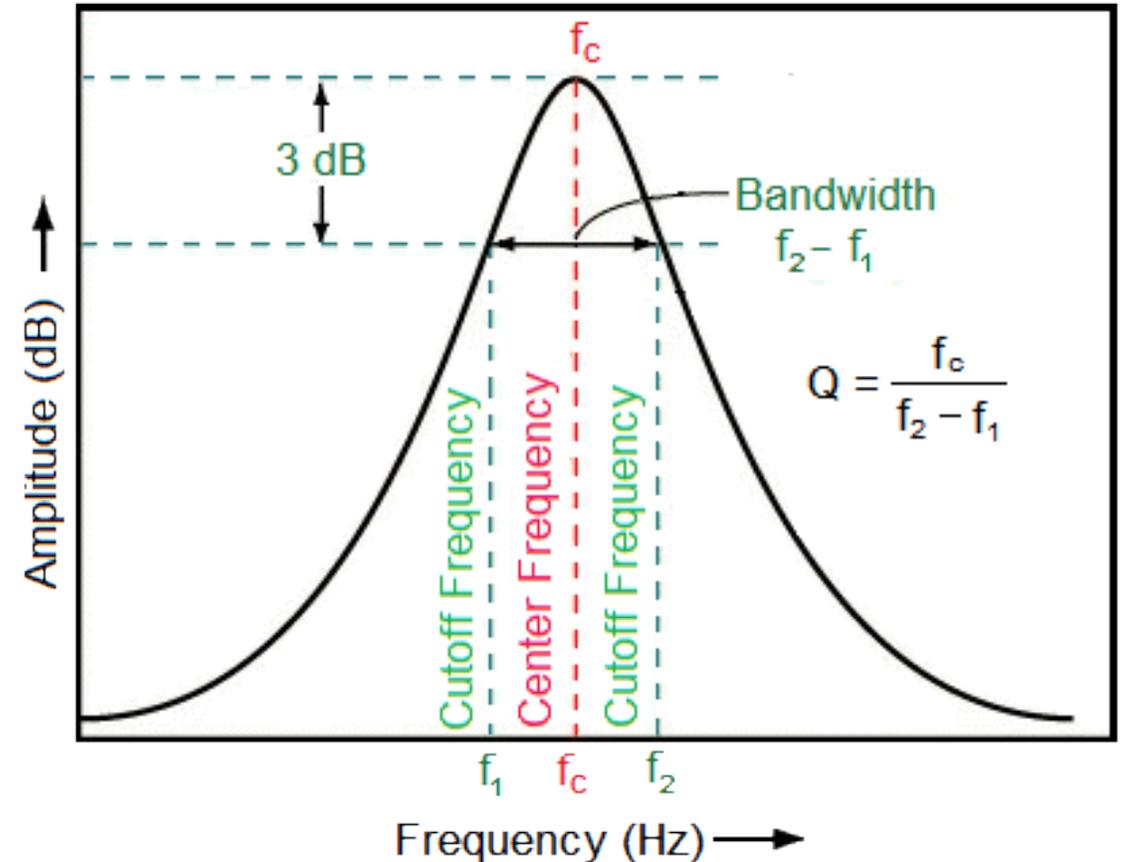
$$Q_0 = \frac{G}{R_s}$$

Geometrical  
From material

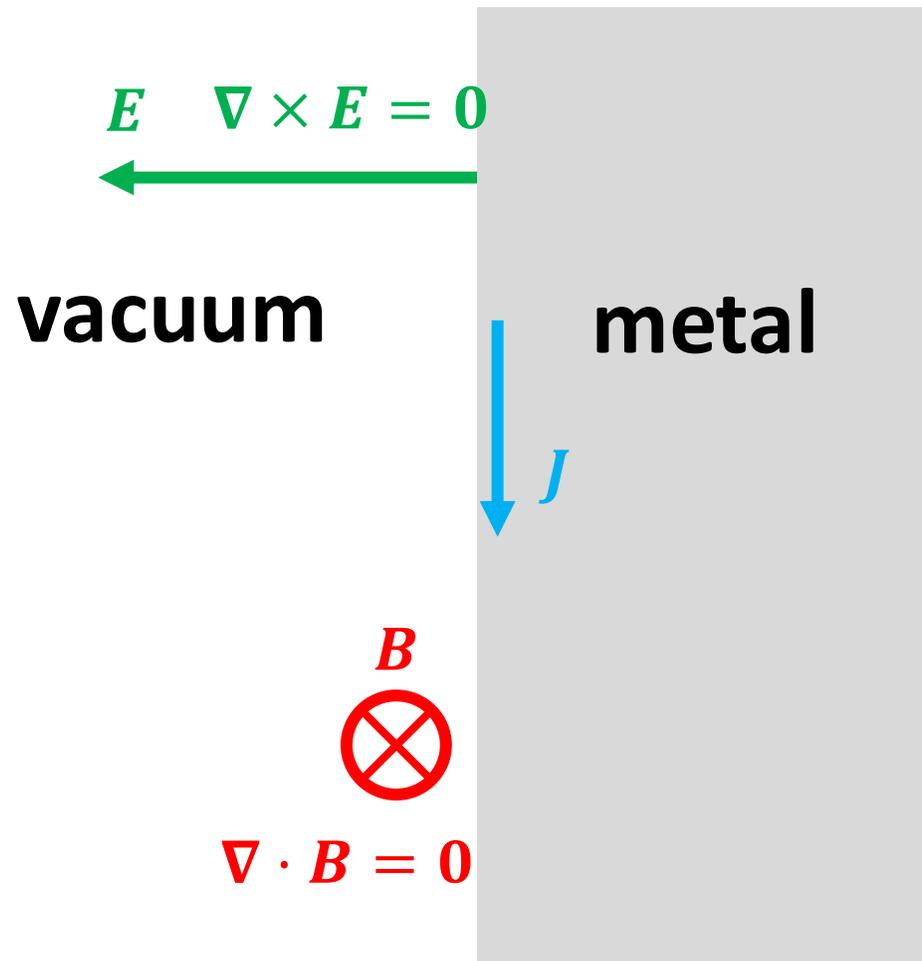
Rule of thumb

Copper's  $Q_0 \sim 10^{4-5}$ , SC  $Q_0 \sim 10^{10-11}$ , SC under B  $Q_0 \sim 10^6$ , dielectrics under B  $Q_0 \sim 10^{6-7}$

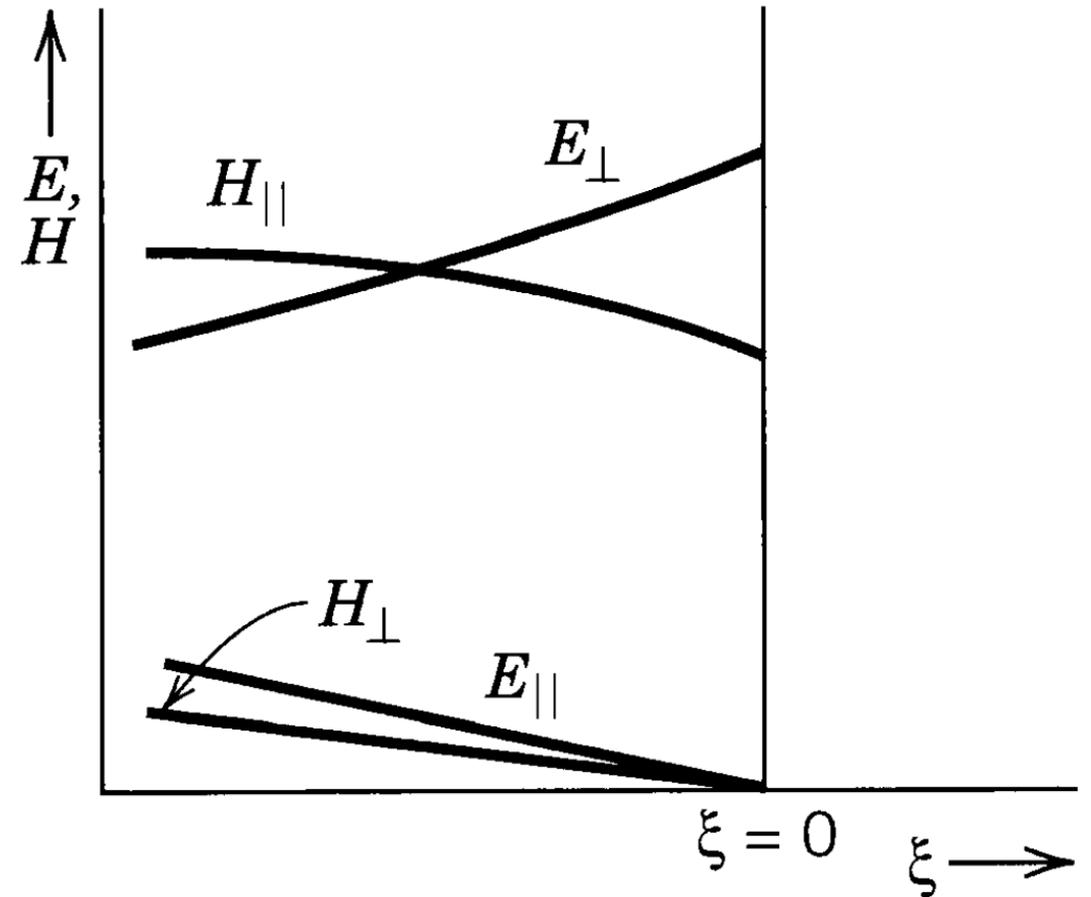
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# Vacuum / Perfect Electric Conductor (PEC)

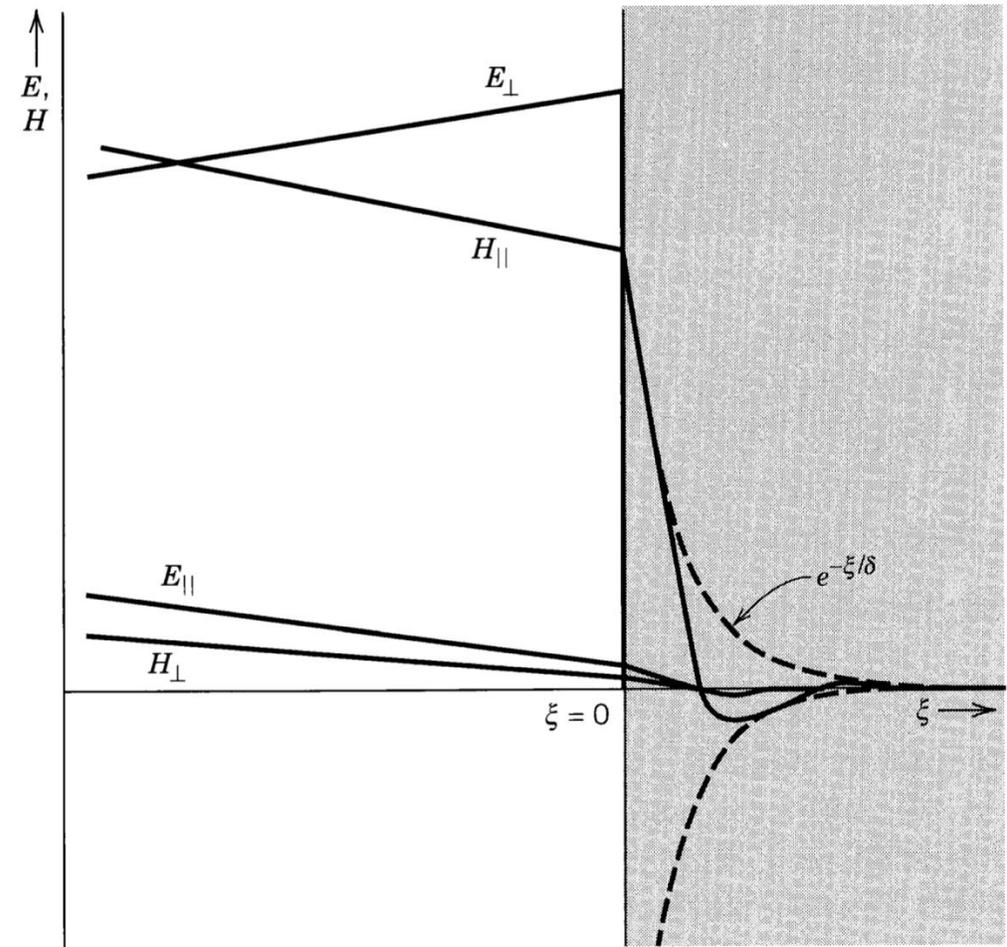
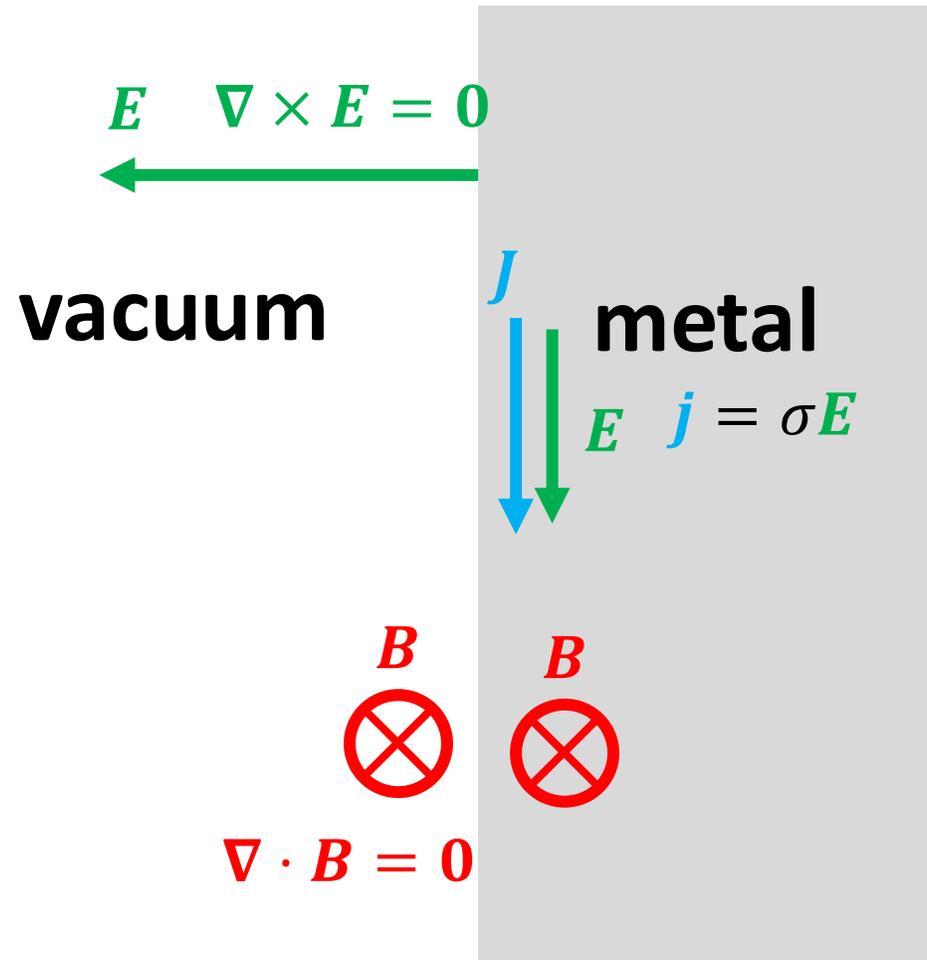


Jackson 3<sup>rd</sup> edition p. 353



# Real normal conducting metal

Jackson 3<sup>rd</sup> edition p. 355



Skin effect  $\rightarrow$  finite loss

# Response of normal conductors against RF

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \sigma \mathbf{E} + \epsilon \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{E}_0 \exp(i\omega t) \\ \mathbf{B} &\propto \mathbf{B}_0 \exp(i\omega t) \end{aligned} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -i\omega \mathbf{B} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= i\omega \epsilon \mu \mathbf{E} + \sigma \mathbf{E} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \boxed{\omega^2 \mu \epsilon \left( 1 - \frac{i\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \right)} \mathbf{E} = 0$$

=  $-\gamma^2$  : complex propagation constant

$$\gamma = \alpha + i\beta = i\omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sigma}{i\omega \epsilon}} \sim (1 + i) \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu \sigma}{2}} = \frac{1 + i}{\delta_s}$$

Imaginary part = the Lez's law or (eddy current) from Ohm's law not from displacement current

$$\delta_s \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \mu \sigma}} \quad \text{Skin depth} \quad R_s = \frac{1}{\sigma \delta} \propto f^{1/2} \quad \text{Surface resistance}$$

- Normal conductors respond to RF with phase shift but Re and Im parts are the same
- Very weak diamagnetic effect in normal conductors

# Residual Resistivity Ratio (RRR)

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau_{def}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{ph}}$$

Phonons get frozen at cold

$$T \downarrow \rightarrow \tau_{ph} \uparrow$$

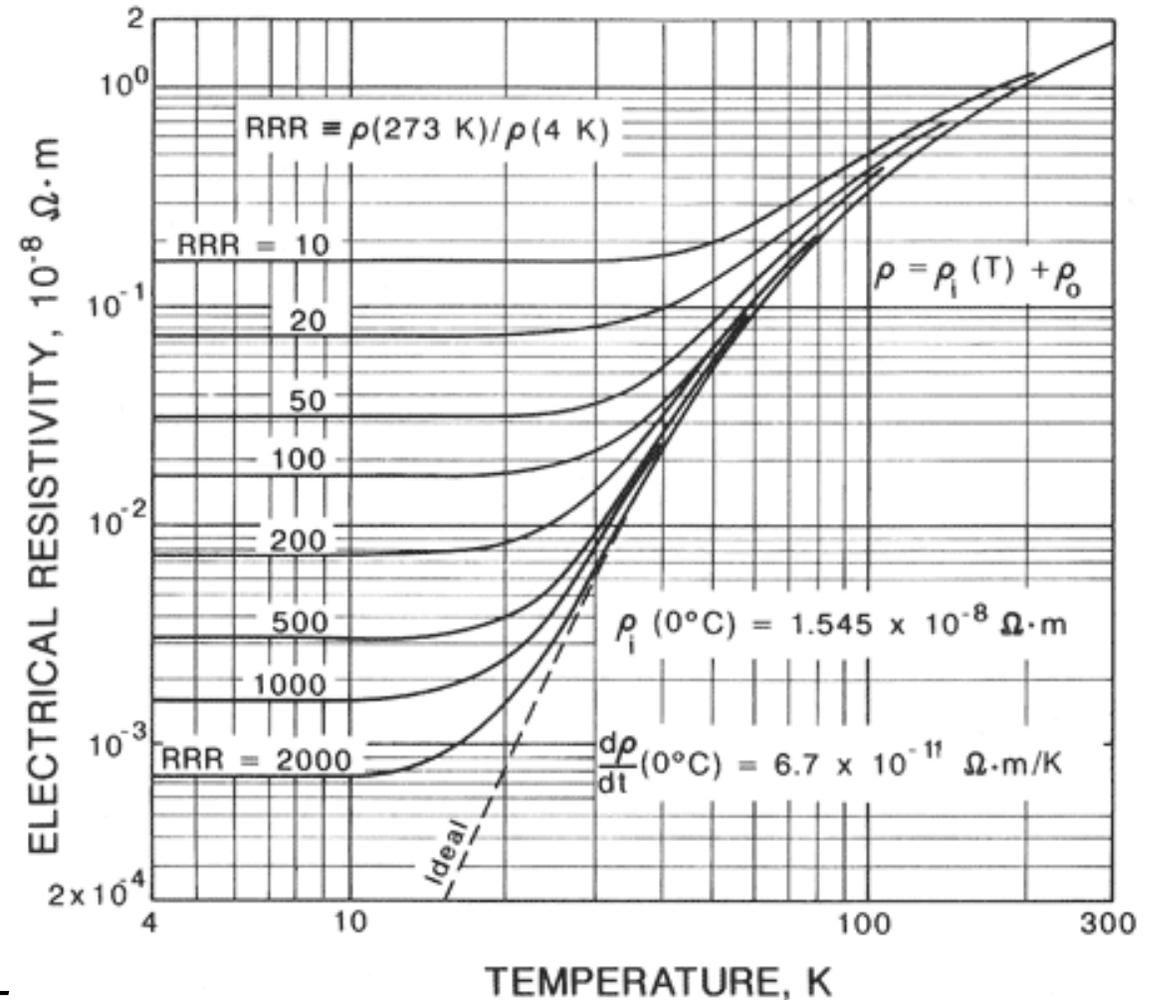
DC resistivity gets better at cold

$$RRR \equiv \frac{\sigma(< 10K)}{\sigma(300K)} = \frac{\rho(300K)}{\rho(< 10K)} > 1$$

Characteristic parameter of purity of metals

$$l \propto RRR$$

Improvement is stuck due to defect scattering  $\tau_{def}$



# Paired electrons can avoid Ohmic loss ( $\tau_{def}$ )

If electrons *in a distance* (>39 nm) are bounded, *local* (< 0.5 nm) scattering can be avoided

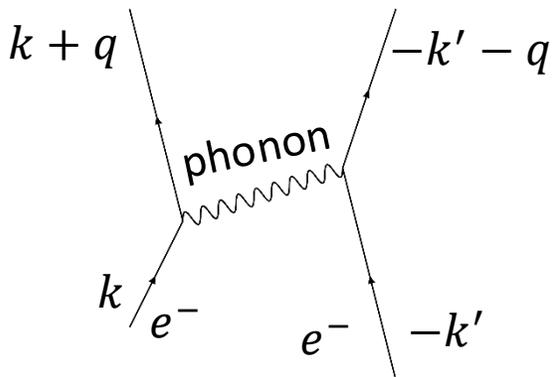
**Any** small attractive interaction  $V$  between electrons can lead to a **Cooper pair** coupled with an energy  $2\Delta$ , below critical temperature  $T_c$

BCS gap equation (1957)

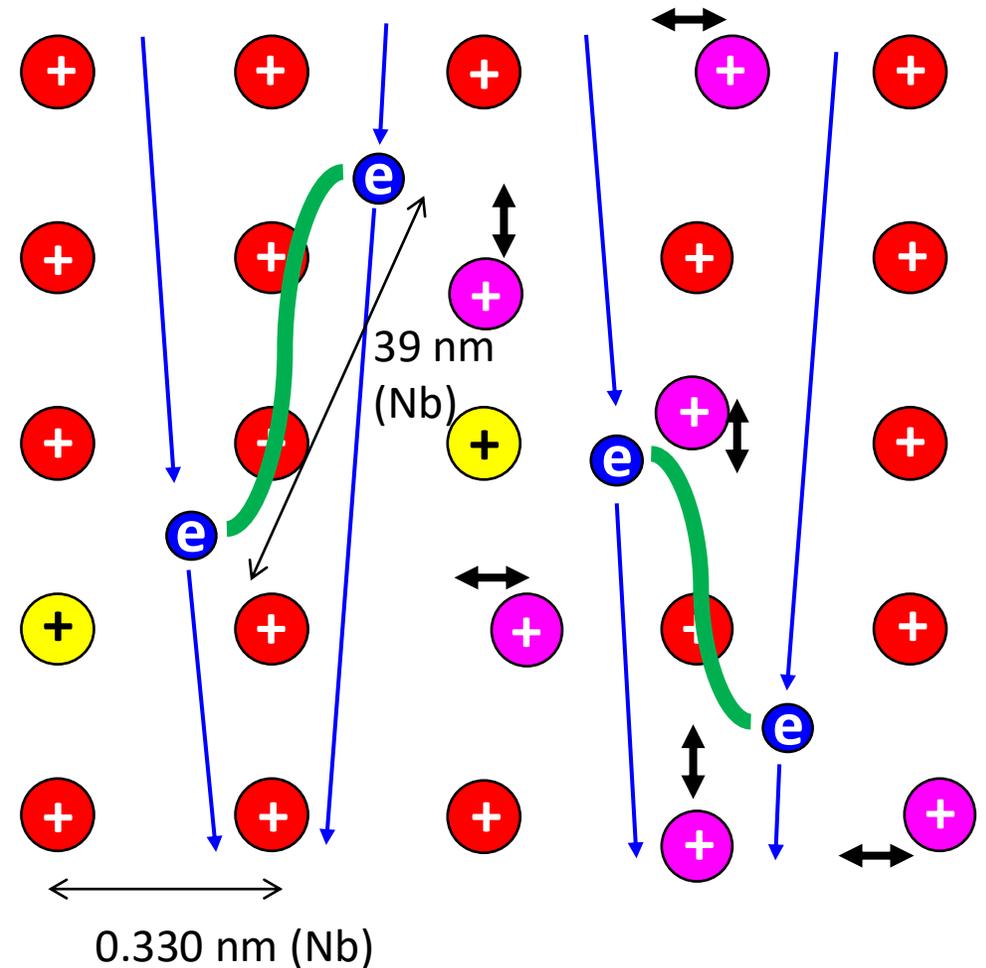
Non-perturbative!

$$\Delta = n(E_F)V \int_{\Delta}^{\hbar\omega_D} \frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{\xi^2 + \Delta^2}} \tanh\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\xi^2 + \Delta^2}}{k_B T}\right) d\xi$$

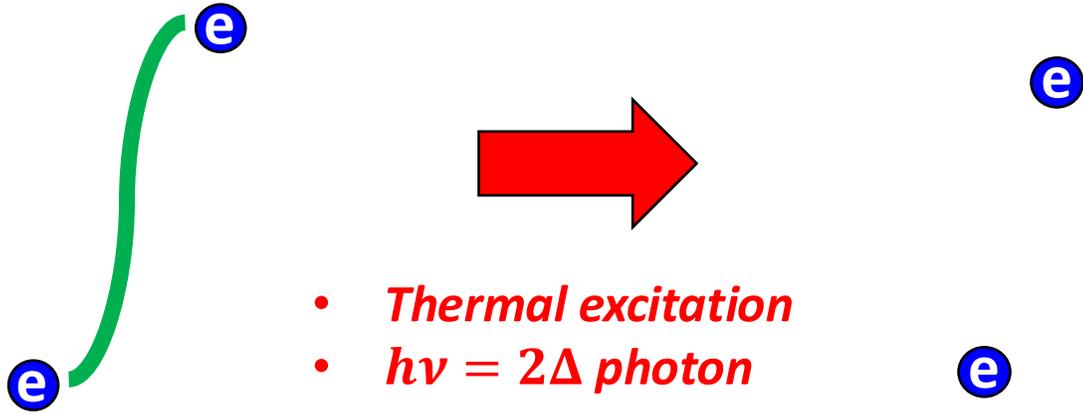
Classical superconductors' attractive potential is from **longitudinal mode of lattice vibration**



If energy transfer  $|\epsilon_{k+q} - \epsilon_k|$  is smaller than phonon energy the interaction is attractive (Flöhlich) → Eliashberg's strong coupling superconductor (1960)



# Superconducting gap



- *Thermal excitation*
- *$h\nu = 2\Delta$  photon*

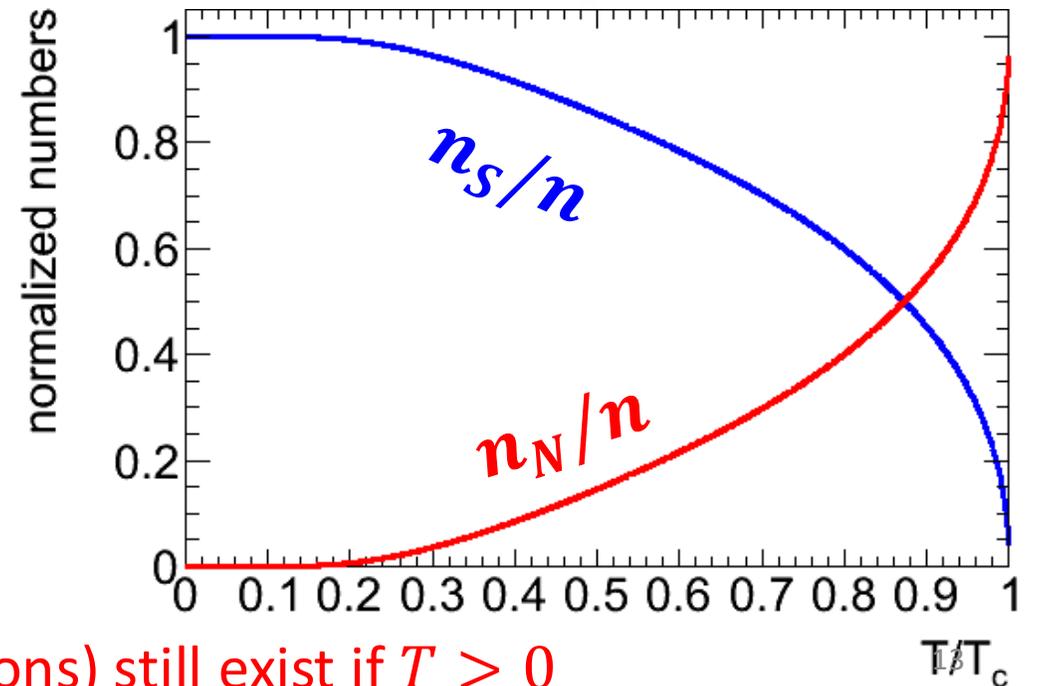
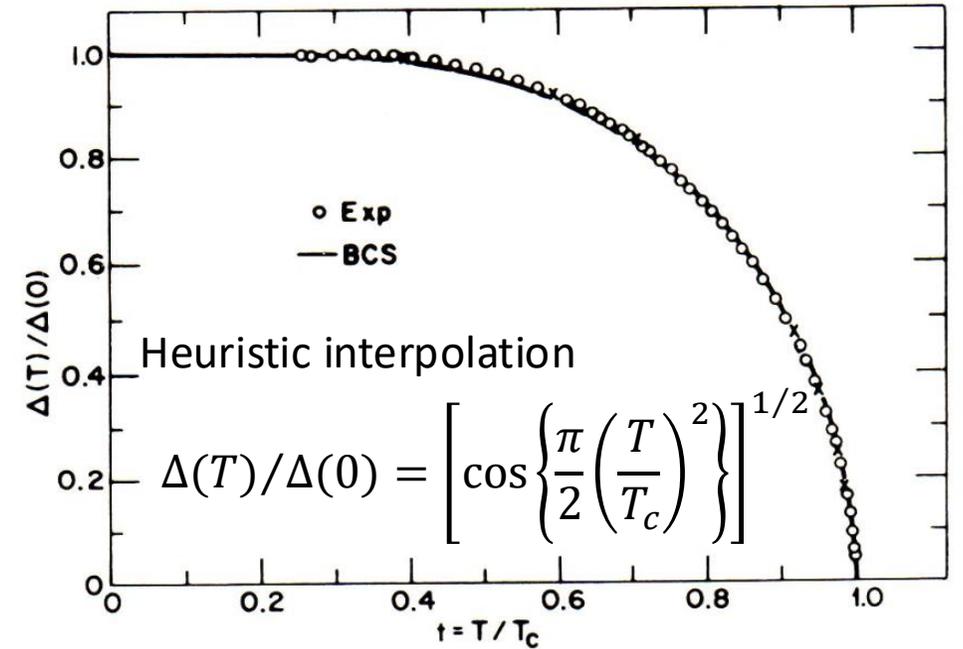
**A Cooper pair**

**Two quasi-particles**

At finite temperature  $0 < T < T_c$ , these two states are *in thermal equilibrium*

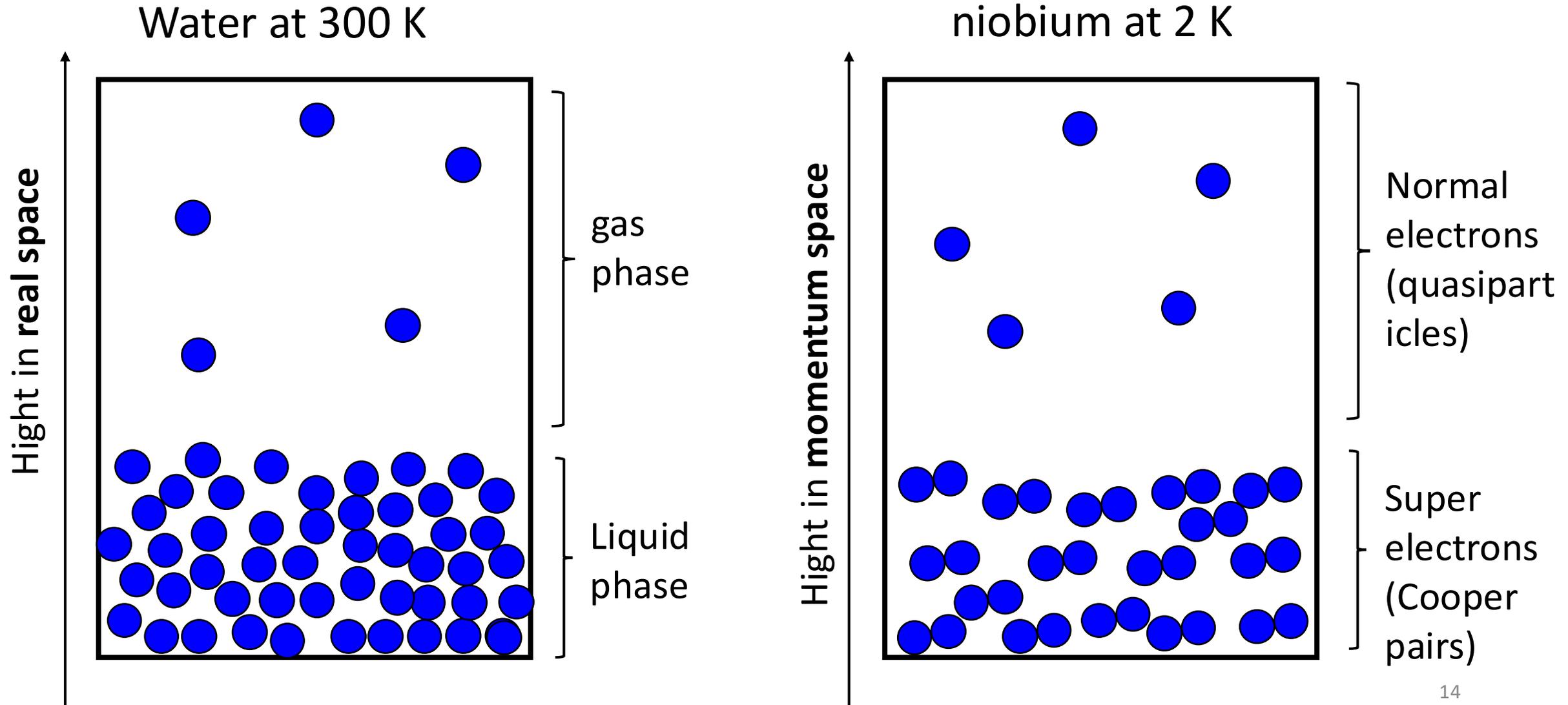
# of quasiparticles:  $n_N \sim \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{k_B T}\right)$

# of electrons in Cooper pairs:  $n_S \sim n - n_N$



Quasi-particles ( $\sim$ normal conducting electrons) still exist if  $T > 0$

# Why normal and super electrons at a time?



# Classical two fluid model

## Supercurrent

$$\frac{\partial j_s}{\partial t} - \frac{n_s e^2}{m^*} E = 0$$

$$j_s = j_0 \exp(i\omega t)$$

$$j_s = -i \frac{n_s e^2}{m^* \omega} E \equiv \sigma_s$$

## Normal current

Ohm's law  $\rightarrow$

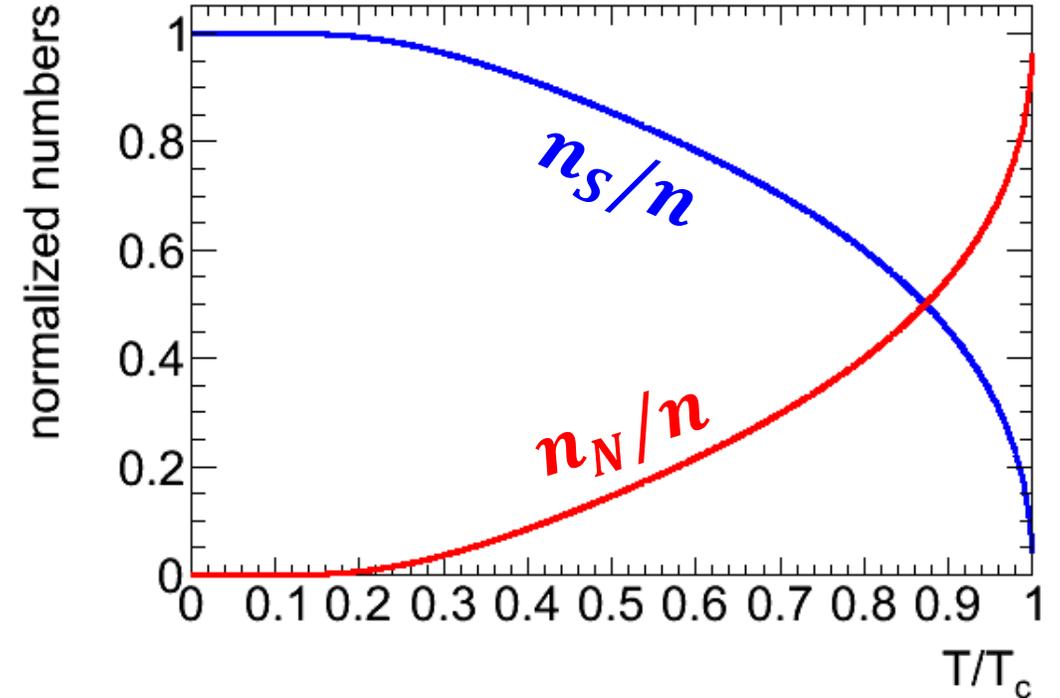
$$j_N = \frac{n_N e^2 \tau}{m^*} E \equiv \sigma_N$$

## Total current induced by RF

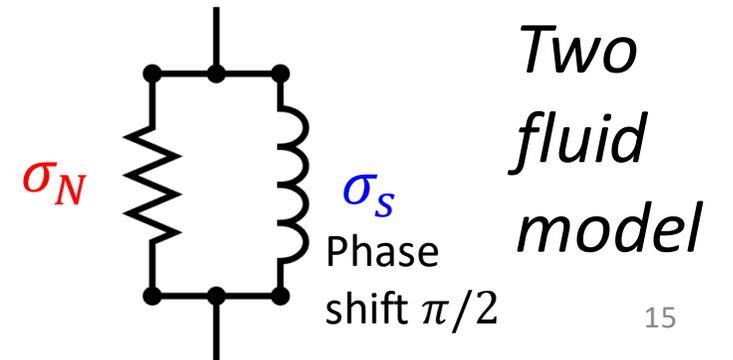
$$j = j_s + j_N \rightarrow j = (\sigma_N - i\sigma_s) E$$

Dissipation by  
quasi-particles  
 $\rightarrow$  resistive

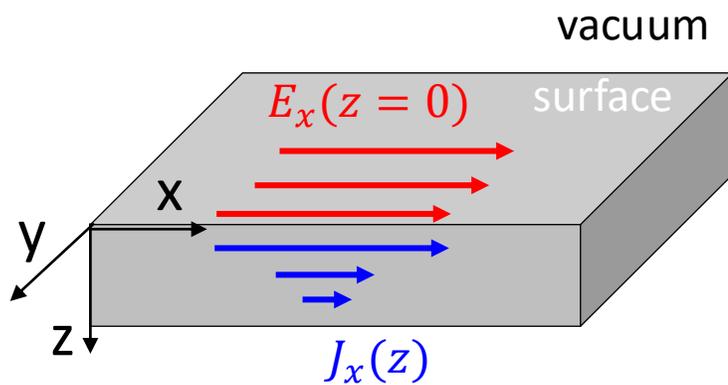
Inertia of Cooper  
pairs  
 $\rightarrow$  inductive



## Equivalent circuit



# Surface resistance of superconductor



$$\begin{cases} j_x = (\sigma_N - i\sigma_S)E_x + i\omega\epsilon E_x \\ E_x(z) = E_0 \exp(-z/\lambda_L) \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_N, \omega\epsilon \ll \sigma_S$$

**Large imaginary part:  
Perfect diamagnetism in  
superconductors**

$$\rightarrow R_s \equiv \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{E_x(z=0)}{\int_0^\infty J_x(z) dz} \right) \sim \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_N}{\sigma_S} \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu_0}{\sigma_S}} = \frac{\mu_0^2}{2} \lambda_L^3 \sigma_N \omega^2 > 0$$

$$\sigma_N = \frac{e^2 n_N \tau}{m^*} \propto n_N \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{k_B T}\right)$$

## Lessons

- Superconducting surface can be modelled by imaginary current
- One origin of the finite  $R_s$  of superconductors is quasi-particles
- Quasi-particles are thermally activated from Cooper pairs at  $0 < T < T_c$
- $R_s$  exponentially decreases by lower  $T$  because quasi-particles are frozen out
- Higher RF frequency increases  $R_s \sim \omega^2$  (cf. NC surface resistance is  $\propto \omega^{1/2}$ )

# Penetration depth vs skin depth: similar but totally different origin

## Superconductor

*Quantum mechanics*  $\lambda_L = \sqrt{\frac{m^*}{n_s e^2 \mu_0}}$

From London equation  
(broken gauge symmetry)

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{\lambda_L^2} \mathbf{B} = 0$$

Both **static** magnetic field and **RF** electromagnetic field and currents

For niobium (<9.25K)

$$\lambda_L \sim 36 \text{ nm}$$

## Normal conductor

$\ll$   $\delta_s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi f \mu_0 \sigma}}$  *From classical electrodyamics*

From a RF screening effect of quasi-particles

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{j}_n &= \sigma \mathbf{E} \\ \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial(\nabla \times \mathbf{B})}{\partial t} \sim \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{j}_n}{\partial t} \\ & (= -\nabla^2 \mathbf{E}) \\ E &= E_0 \exp(i2\pi f t) \end{aligned} \right\} \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{\delta_s^2} \mathbf{E} = 0$$

Math looks similar...

**RF** electromagnetic fields and currents

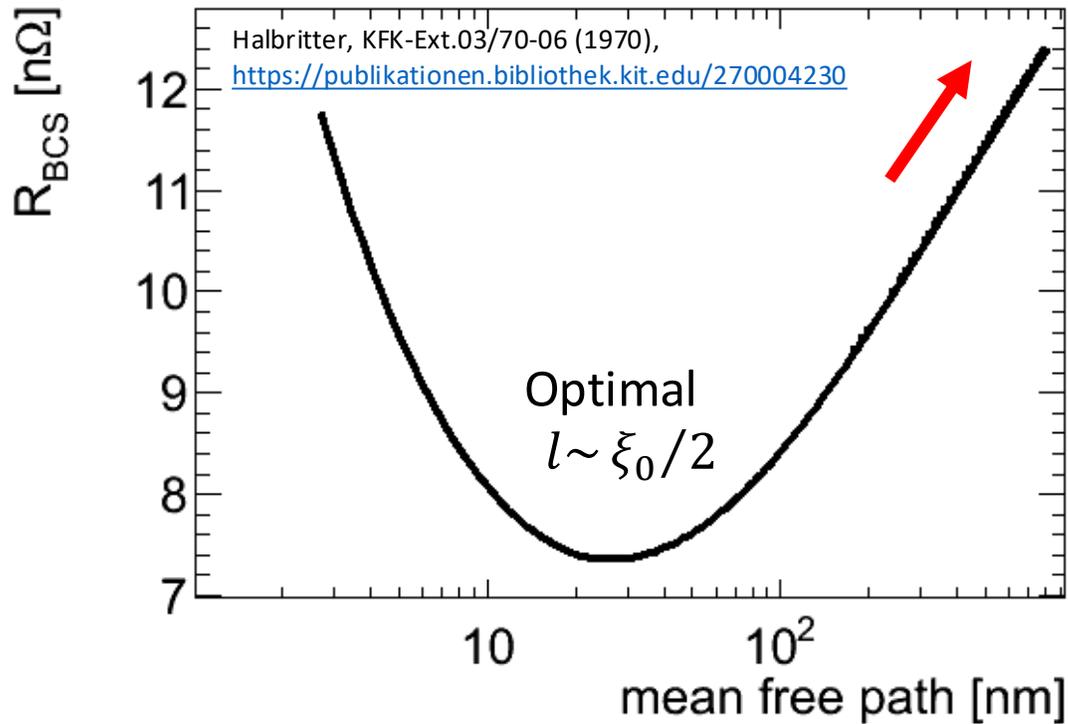
For 300K copper and  $f = 0.1 - 1 \text{ GHz}$

$$\delta > 2 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

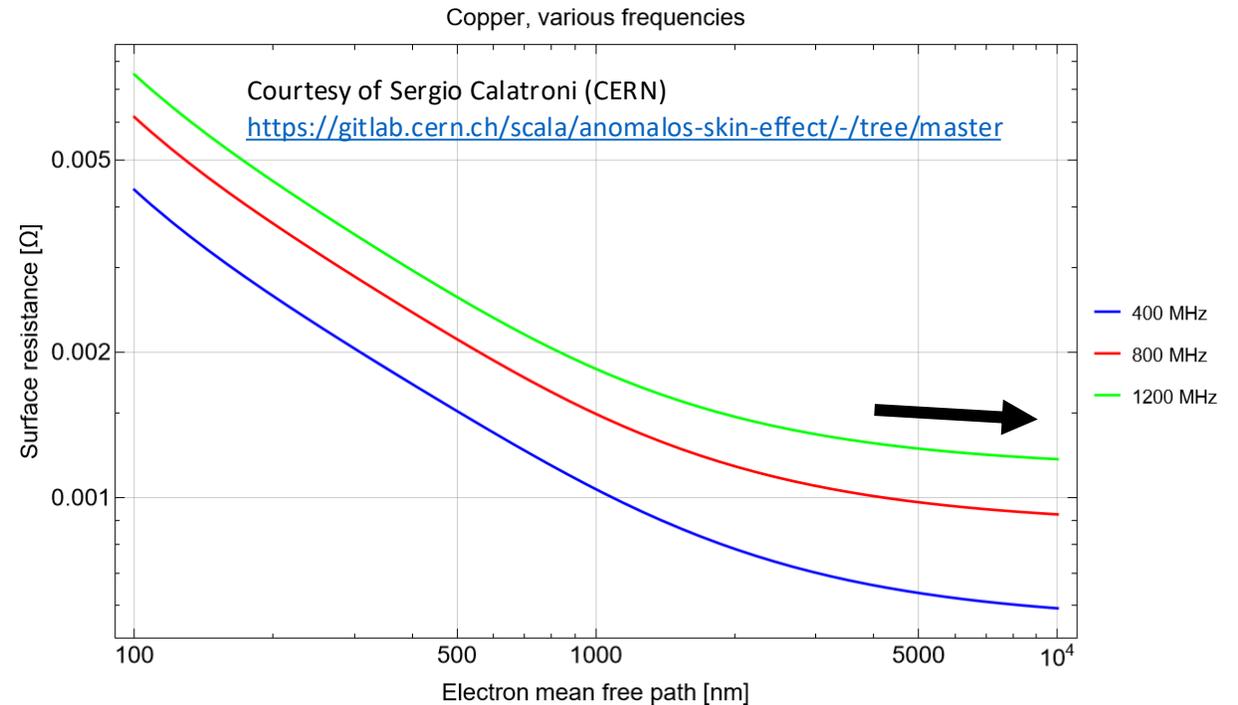
# Anomalous skin effect

Clean material (long  $l$ , high RRR) does not improve surface resistance at high frequency microwaves in cryogenics ( $l > \delta$ ,  $\xi_0 \rightarrow$  nonlocality effect)

## Superconducting niobium



## Normal conducting copper



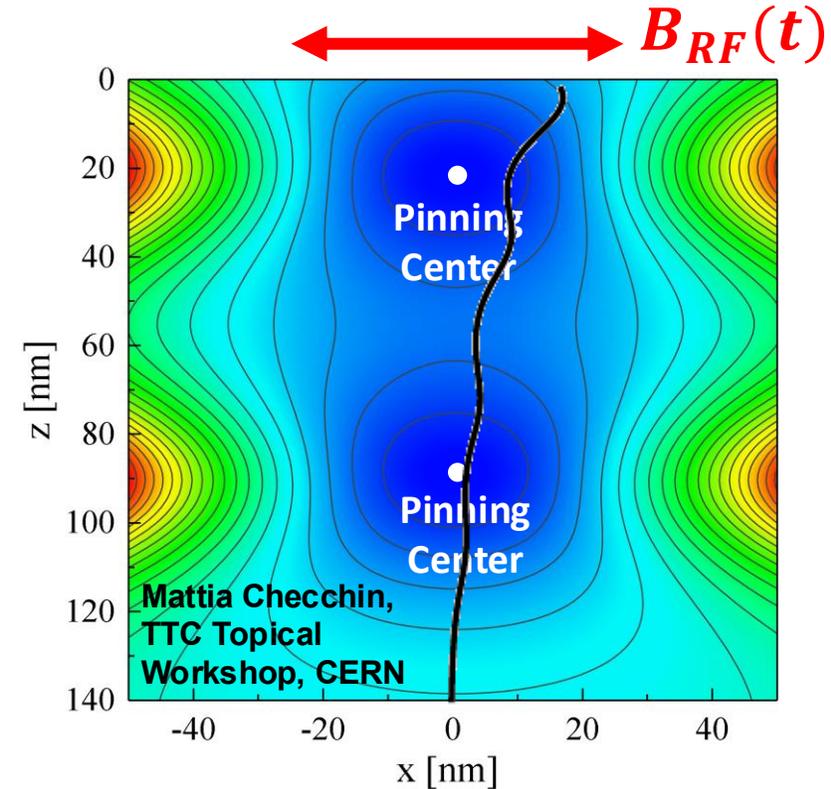
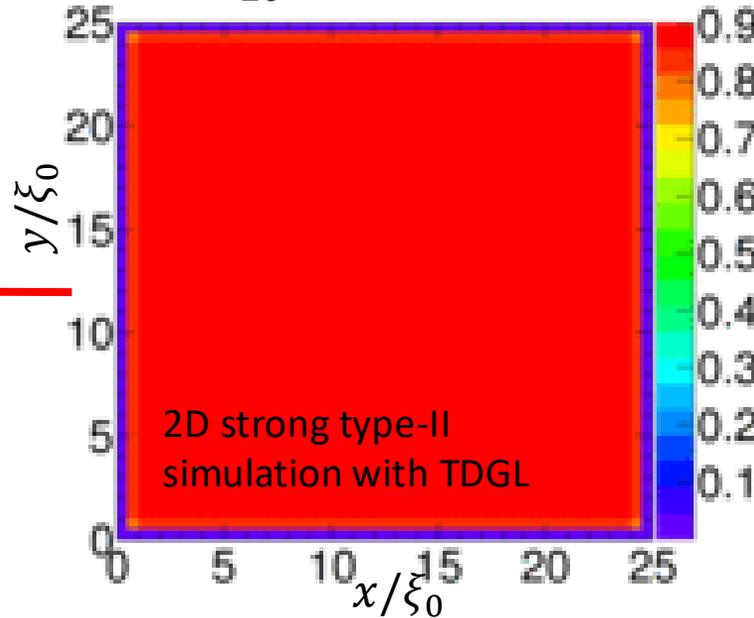
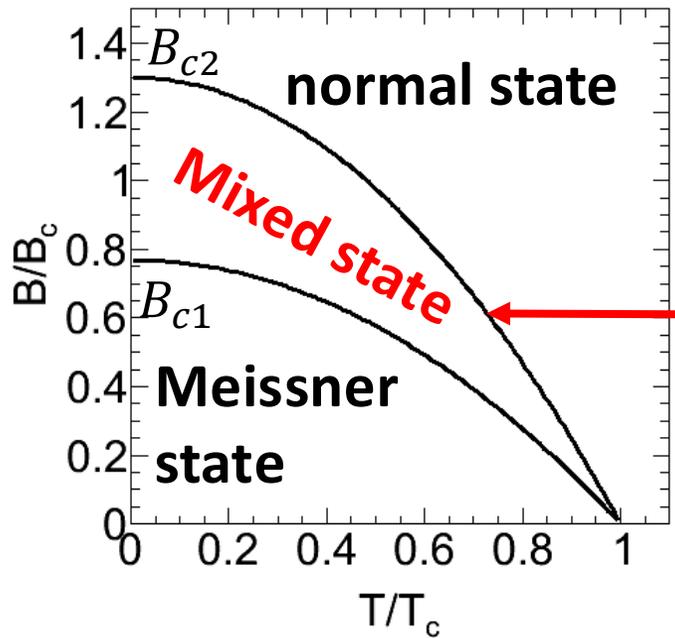
Dirty ( $\rightarrow$  short mean free path within  $\lambda$  or  $\delta$ ) is better (for superconductors) or enough (normal conductors)

# $R_{\text{res}}$ contribution from magnetic flux oscillation

$$\kappa = \frac{\lambda}{\xi} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.71$$

Quantized DC flux

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{h}{2e} = 2.07 \times 10^{-15} \text{ Wb}$$



DC (external B-field) +  
RF (axion-induced)

$$M \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} + \eta \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial z^2} + \nabla U(z, u) = \mathbf{J}_{RF}(z, u) \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}}$$

Effective inertia    Effective viscosity    Effective tension    Pinning potential    Lorentz force drives flux oscillation

This flux oscillation can cause substantial reduction in Q

# Superconductor is *protected* against *parallel* magnetic fields

## Solving London equation with the image force term

$$\nabla^2 H(x, z) - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} H(x, z) = -\frac{\phi_0}{\mu_0 \lambda^2} [\delta(x) \delta(z - z_0) - \delta(x) \delta(z + z_0)]$$

Results in two terms

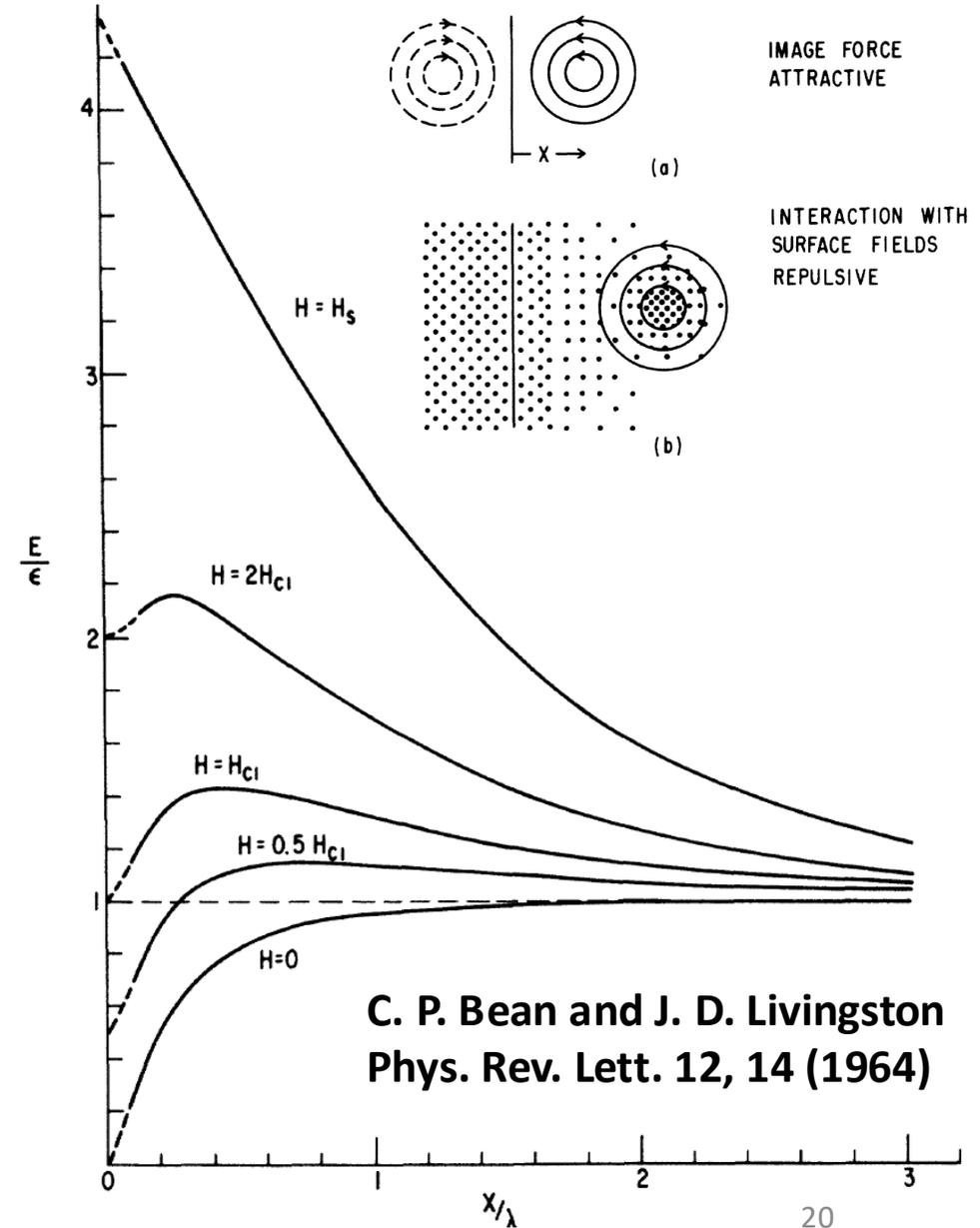
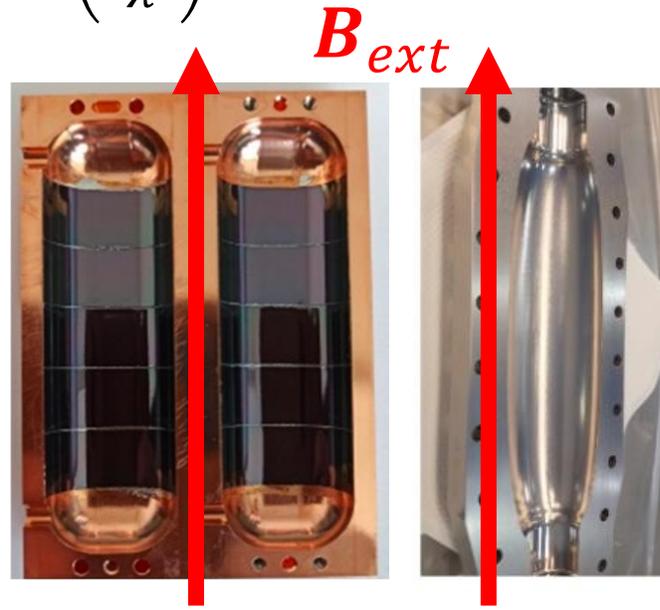
1. External field term which attracts the parallel flux

$$f_1 = \frac{\phi_0 H_0}{\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{z_0}{\lambda}\right)$$

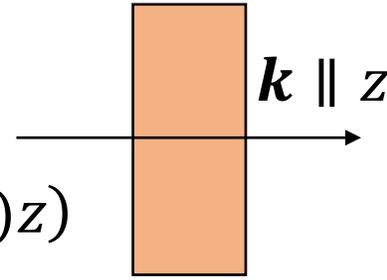
2. Image force term which **expels the parallel flux**

$$f_2(x) = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi\mu_0\lambda^3} K_1\left(\frac{2z_0}{\lambda}\right)$$

- SC materials is relatively robust against parallel B-field thanks to the BL surface barrier
- The SC cavities are optimized to avoid SC areas perpendicular to the B-field



# Propagation of microwaves in dielectrics



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} \quad \epsilon = \epsilon' - i\epsilon'' \quad \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0 \exp(i\omega t - i((k' - k'')z))$$

**dielectric loss**

$$\rightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + (\epsilon' - i\epsilon'') \times i\omega \mathbf{E} = (\omega\epsilon'' + \sigma) \mathbf{E} + i\omega\epsilon' \mathbf{E}$$

**Ohmic loss**

$$= i\omega\epsilon' [1 - i \tan \delta_e] \mathbf{E}$$

$$\tan \delta_e \equiv \frac{\omega\epsilon'' + \sigma}{\omega\epsilon'}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} \quad \mu = \mu' - i\mu'' = \mu' [1 - i \tan \delta_m]$$

**magnetic loss**

$$\tan \delta_m \equiv \frac{\mu''}{\mu'} > 0$$

For ferrimagnetic material (ferrite)

Attenuation  $I(z) = I_0 \exp\left[-\frac{z}{z_0}\right]$

for pure dielectric  $\mu'' = 0, \sigma = 0$

$$z_0 \sim \frac{1}{2\omega} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\epsilon' \mu_0}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{-1 + \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \delta_e}}}$$

# Semi-conductor vs insulator

$$\tan \delta_e = \tan \delta_d + \frac{1}{\rho \omega \epsilon'} \xrightarrow{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \tan \delta_d$$

## High-resistivity Si crystal

J. Krupkam P. Kaminski, L. Jensen, "high Q-factor dielectric resonators made of semi-insulating silicon for millimeter wave applications"

## Sapphire crystal

SurfaceNet

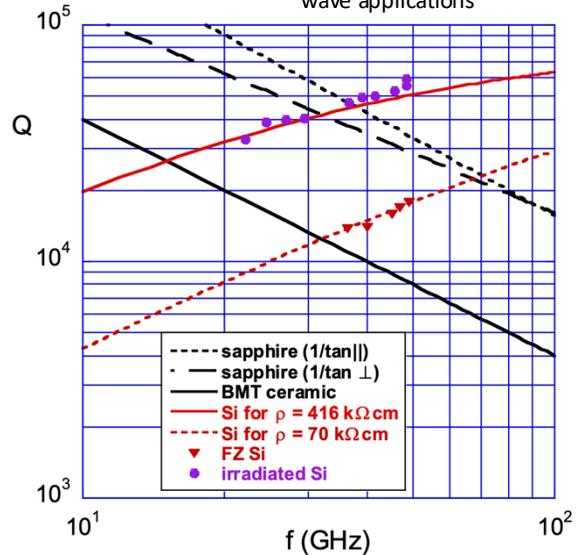
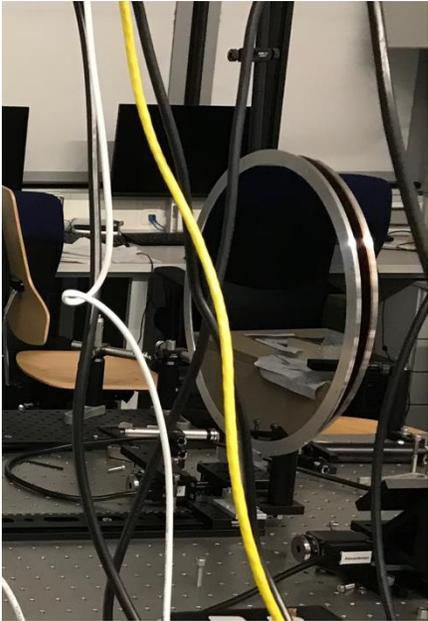


Fig.3. Q-factors ( $1/\tan\delta$ ) as a function of frequency for dielectric resonators made of various low dielectric loss materials at room temperatures

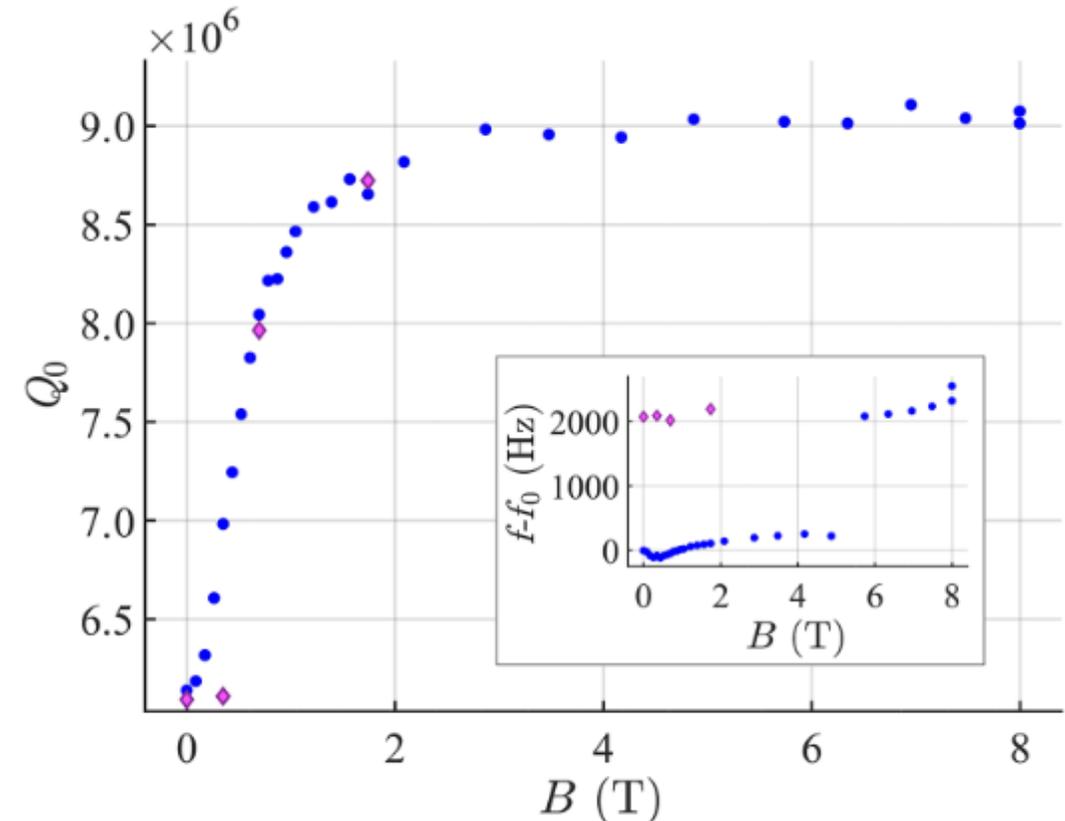
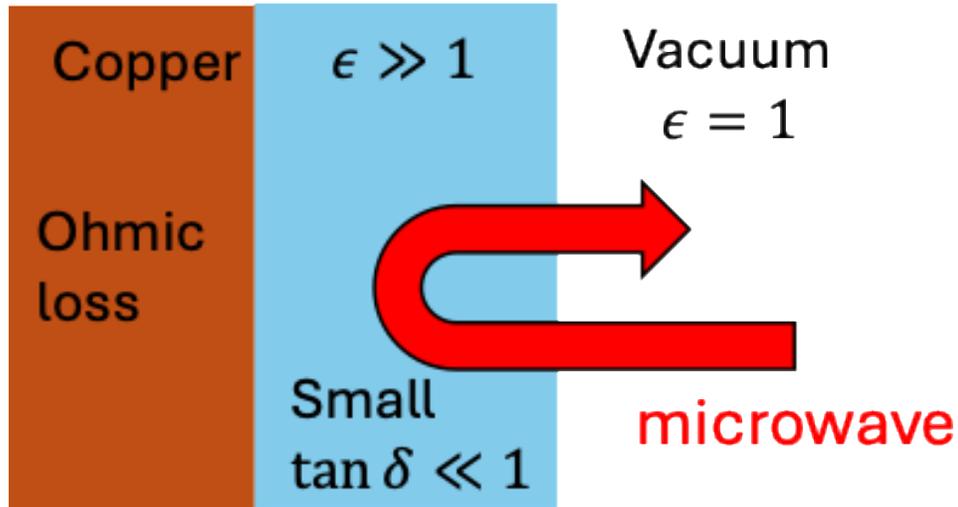


- Sapphire has  $\tan \delta \sim 10^{-5}$  at 300K and  $\tan \delta \sim 10^{-6}$  in cryogenic environment
- Normal Si is loss at 300K  $\rightarrow$  carriers frozen in cryogenics  $\rightarrow \tan \delta \sim 10^{-5}$  in cryogenics
- High-resistivity Si can have excellent loss even at 300 K
- Mechanical properties: sapphire is harder, heavier, and more bulky

# Interesting observation in sapphire resonators

$$Q_0 \sim \frac{1}{\tan \delta}$$

Courtesy: Caterina Braggio, "Status of the QUAX experiment"



- Quality factor of sapphire resonator was improved under static magnetic field in cryogenic environment
- The loss mechanism seems suppressed by the B-field unlike SC cavities<sup>33</sup>

# Part 2: classical detection scheme

- Boundary conditions
  - Normal conductors
  - Superconductors
  - Dielectric materials: insulator and semi-conductors
- **Microwave resonators**
  - Waveguide and transmission line
  - Resonant cavity
  - Fabry-Pérot resonator
- Analog and digital system
  - Amplifier, circulator, mixer & analogue down-conversion
  - I/Q sampling & digital down-conversion
- Data processing and noise
  - FFT: coherent and incoherent integral
  - Narrowband and broadband
  - Thermal noise and standard quantum limit
- Conclusion of part 2

# Propagation in a free space vs waveguides

Free space  $(E_z, B_z) \neq (0,0)$

## 3D Helmholtz equation

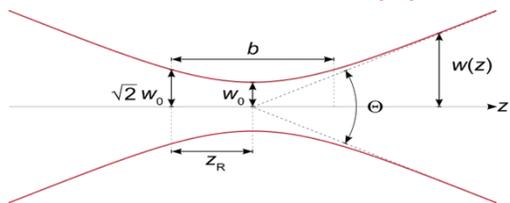
$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\psi(x, y, z)e^{-ikz} = 0$$

With  $\psi \rightarrow 0$  ( $r \rightarrow \infty$ )

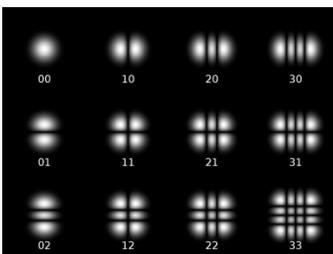
## Paraxial approximation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} - 2ik \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = 0$$

## → Gaussian beam(s)



Conventionally called TEM but  $(E_z, B_z) \neq (0,0)$



Waveguide  $(E_z, B_z) \neq (0,0)$

## 2D Helmholtz equation

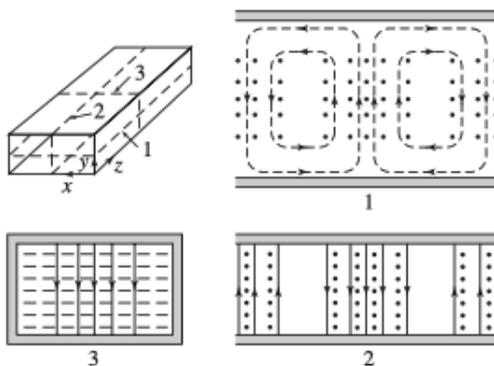
$$(\nabla_t^2 + k_c^2)E_z(x, y) = 0$$

With  $E_z|_S = 0$  TM waves

or

$$(\nabla_t^2 + k_c^2)B_z(x, y) = 0$$

With  $\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial n}|_S = 0$  TE waves

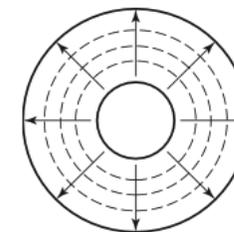


Transmission  $(E_z, B_z) = (0,0)$

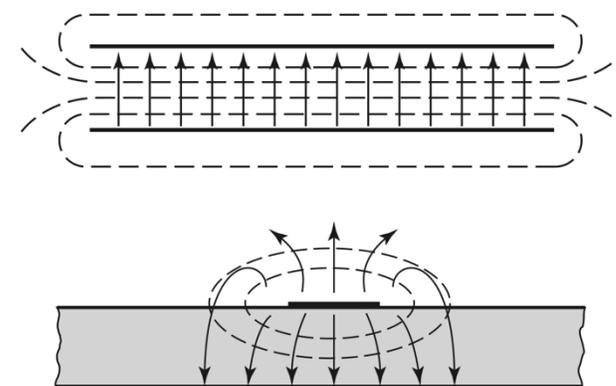
## 2D Laplace equation

$$\nabla_t^2 \Phi(x, y) = 0$$

With  $\Phi(x, y) = ?$  on boundary

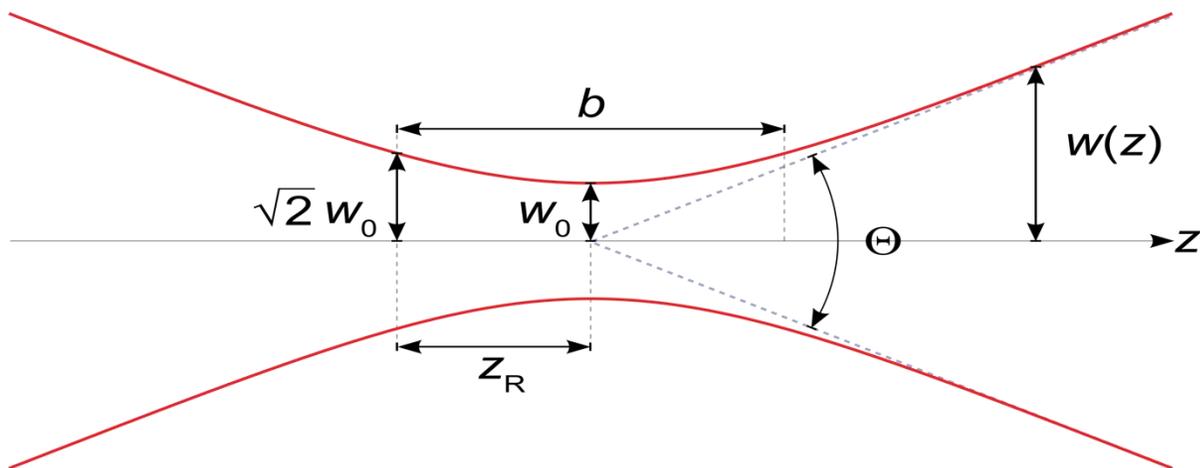
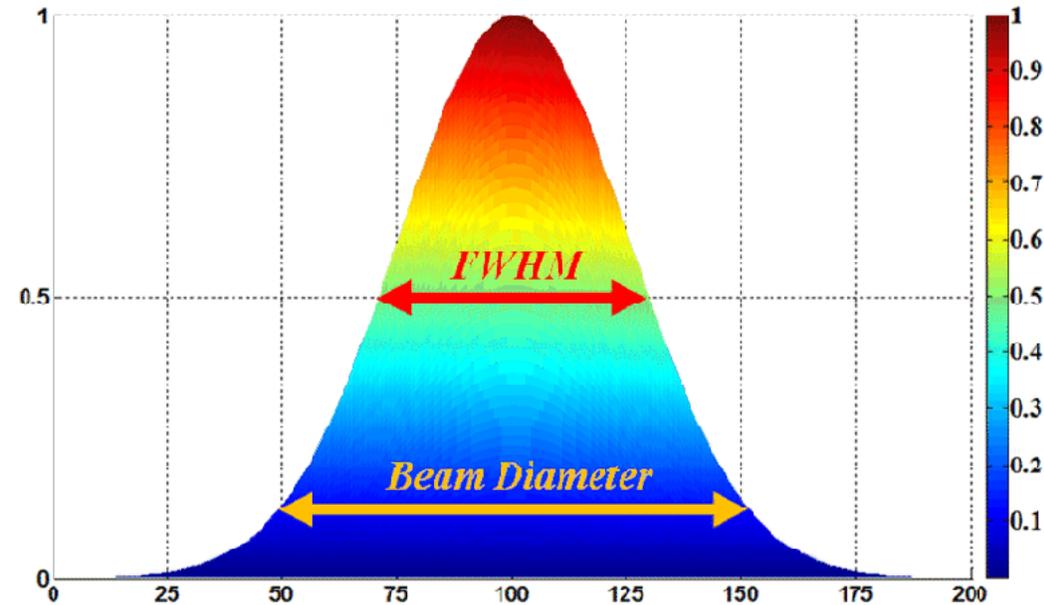
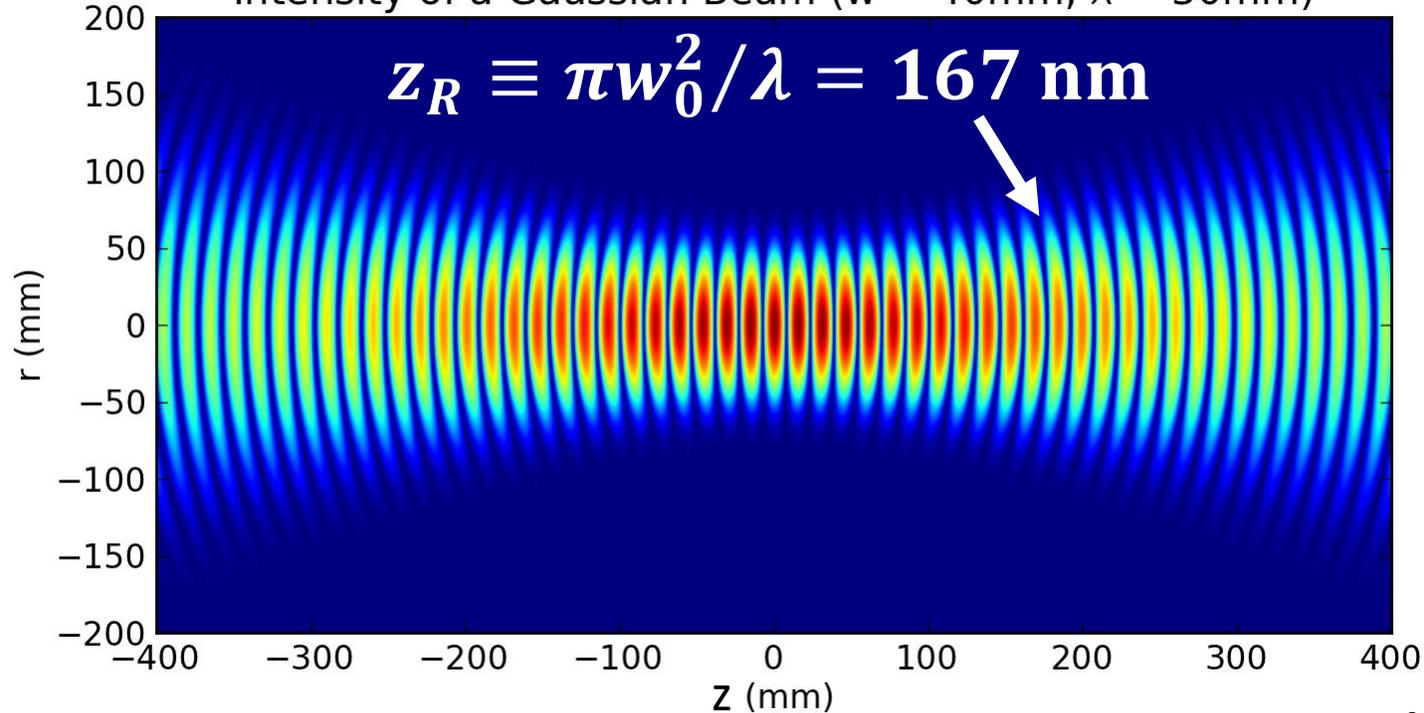


TEM waves



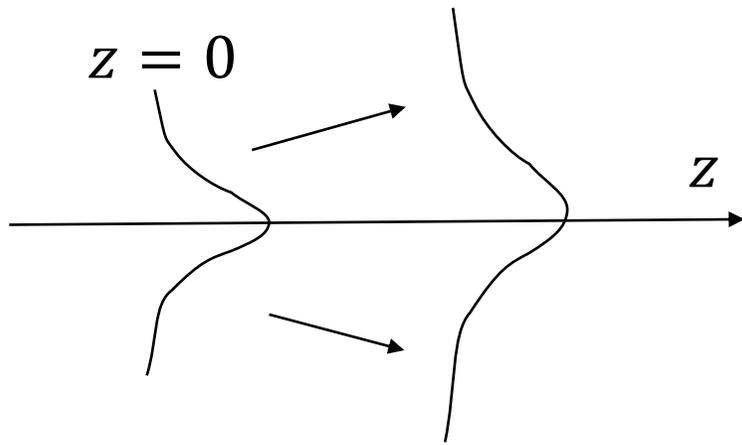
# Visualization of Gaussian beam from wiki

Intensity of a Gaussian Beam ( $w = 40\text{mm}$ ,  $\lambda = 30\text{mm}$ )



- Beam waist's size and position with wavelength unique determines the Gaussian beam!
- $w(z)$  is  $2\sigma$  in **power not amplitude**
- A Gaussian beam is just **a** solution  
→ infinite other solutions exist!

# Diffraction conserves Gaussian beam



$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{ie^{-ikz}}{\lambda z} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(x', y', 0) \exp\left[\frac{-ik\{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2\}}{2z}\right] dx' dy'$$

$$\text{At } z = 0 \quad E(x, y, 0) = E_0 \exp(-(x^2 + y^2)/w_0^2)$$

$$\rightarrow E(x, y, z) = \frac{E_0 e^{-ikz}}{1 - \frac{i\lambda z}{\pi w_0^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{ik}{2R(z)} r^2 - \frac{r^2}{w(z)^2}\right)$$

$$R(z) = z + \frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{\pi w_0^2}{\lambda}\right)^2 \quad w(z)^2 = w_0^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{z\lambda}{\pi w_0^2}\right)^2\right)$$

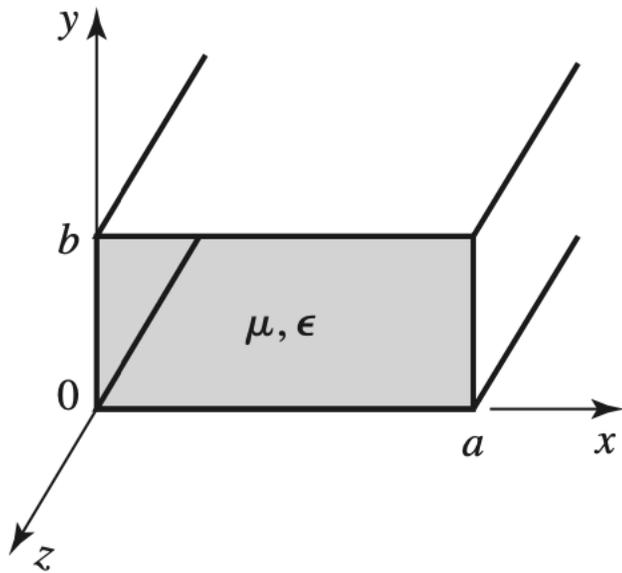
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2 - \beta x} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \exp\left(\frac{\beta^2}{4\alpha}\right)$$

Diffraction = Fourier transform  $\rightarrow$  Fourier transform of Gaussian is Gaussian

The distribution stays as Gaussian for any  $z$

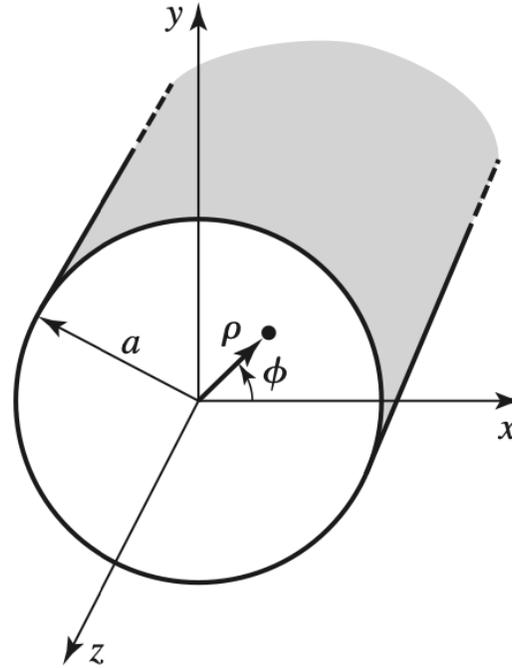
$\rightarrow$  Gaussian beam propagation is an eigenmode of free space Maxwell equation

# Three most basic waveguide / transmission lines

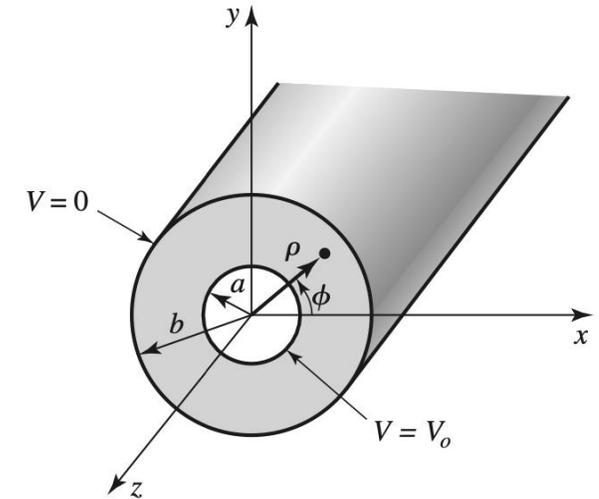


TE  
TM  
modes

→ Min frequency of propagation (cut-off)



TE  
TM  
modes



TEM  
TE  
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modes

→ Max frequency of propagation

# Cutoff frequency

Waves propagate as  $\psi \sim e^{\gamma z}$  with the propagation constant  $\gamma = \alpha + i\beta \in \mathbb{C}$

The solution of differential equations gave digitized  $k_{c,nm} \in \mathbb{R}$  that determines

$$\gamma_{mn}^2 = k_{c,nm}^2 - k_0^2 = k_{c,nm}^2 - \mu\varepsilon\omega^2$$

For a propagating mode in a lossless waveguide,  $\gamma_{mn} = i\beta_{mn}$  with  $\beta_{mn} \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\beta_{mn} = \sqrt{\mu\varepsilon\omega^2 - k_{c,nm}^2} \rightarrow \mu\varepsilon\omega^2 > k_{c,nm}^2$$
$$\rightarrow f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} > \frac{k_{c,nm}}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} \equiv f_{c,nm}$$

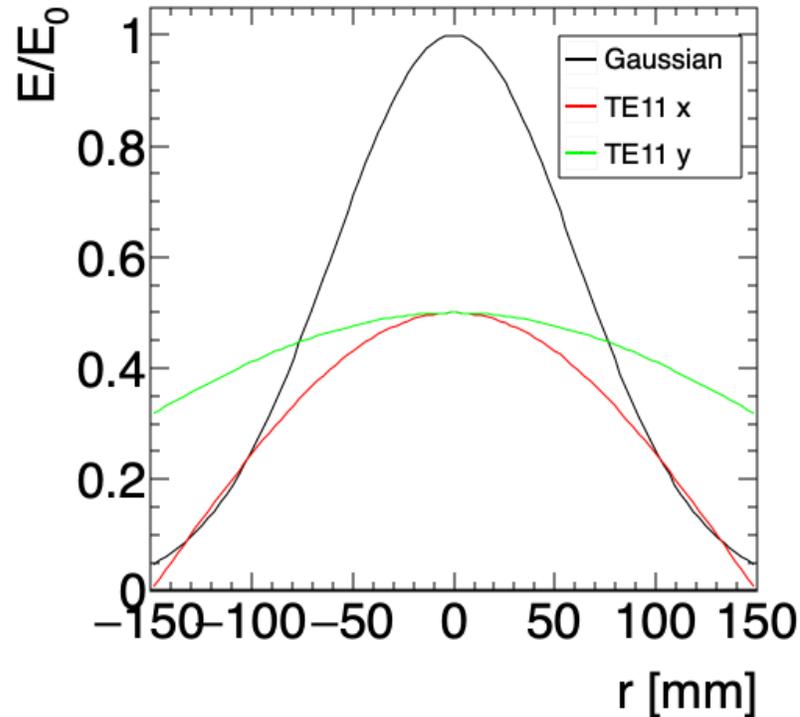
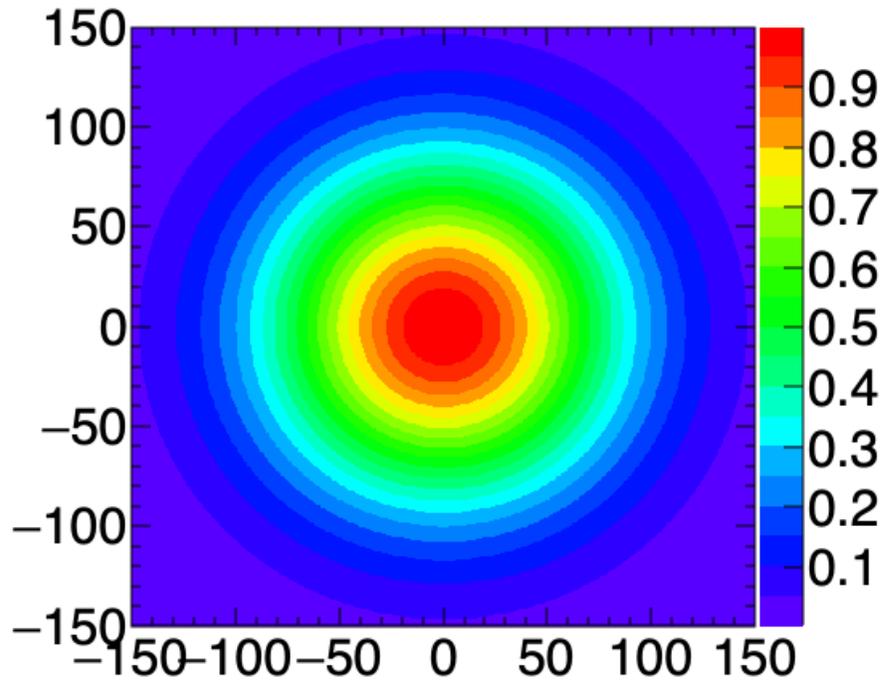
Otherwise ( $f < f_{c,nm}$ ) evanescence mode damps inside waveguide with  $\psi \sim e^{-\alpha z}$

**Conventionally**, waveguide is selected between two cut-off frequency

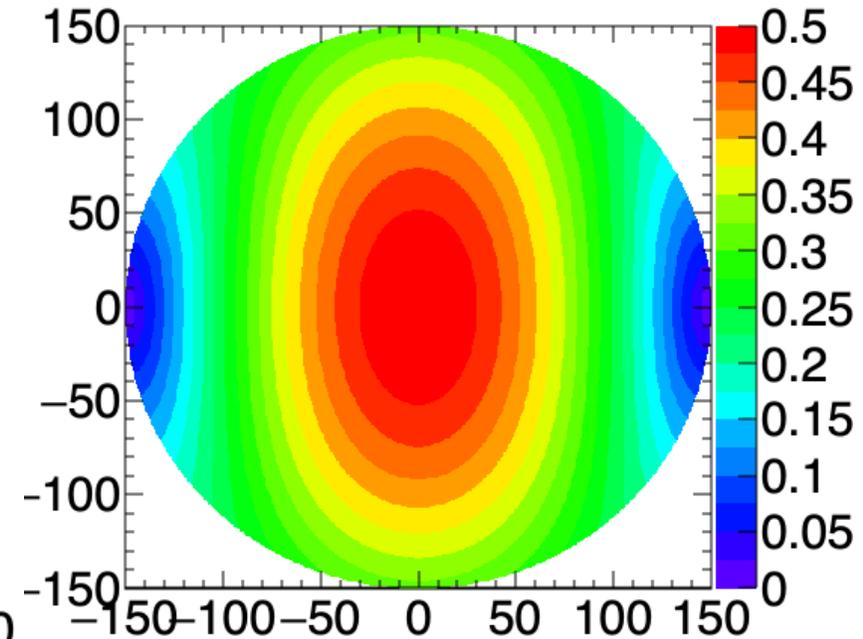
→ Only TE<sub>10</sub> (rectangular) or TE<sub>11</sub> (cylinder) is above the cut-off for the given frequency  $f$

# Gaussian beam in free space vs circular TE11

Gaussian beam  $w_0 = 85\text{mm}$



TE11 in  $a = 150\text{ mm}$  WG

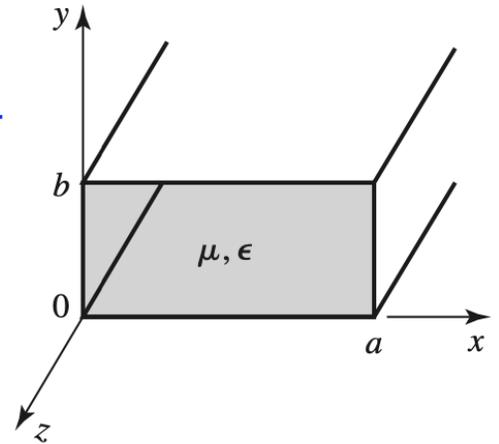


Relatively similar shape  $\rightarrow$  horn antenna from circular TE11 to a Gaussian beam with relatively nice efficiency (less side lobes)  $\rightarrow$  HE11 with corrugation is even better

# Plane wave expansion and group velocity

$$\begin{cases} E_x = 0 \\ E_y = \frac{i\mu\omega\pi}{k_c^2 a} H_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) e^{i\beta z - i\omega t} \\ E_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} H_x = -\frac{i\beta\pi}{k_c^2 a} H_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) e^{i\beta z - i\omega t} \\ H_y = 0 \\ H_z = H_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) e^{i\beta z - i\omega t} \end{cases} \quad \beta = \sqrt{(\omega/c)^2 - k_c^2}$$



$$H_z = \frac{H_0}{2} \left[ \underbrace{e^{i(k_x x + \beta z - \omega t)}}_{\text{rightward}} + \underbrace{e^{i(-k_x x + \beta z - \omega t)}}_{\text{leftward}} \right]$$

$$\equiv \cos(k_x x) = \frac{1}{2} [e^{ik_x x} + e^{-ik_x x}]$$

$$k_x = \frac{\pi}{a} \equiv k_c$$

- Superposition of two propagating plane waves
- Counter propagating in x direction

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The velocity of the plane wave propagated in a tilted angle

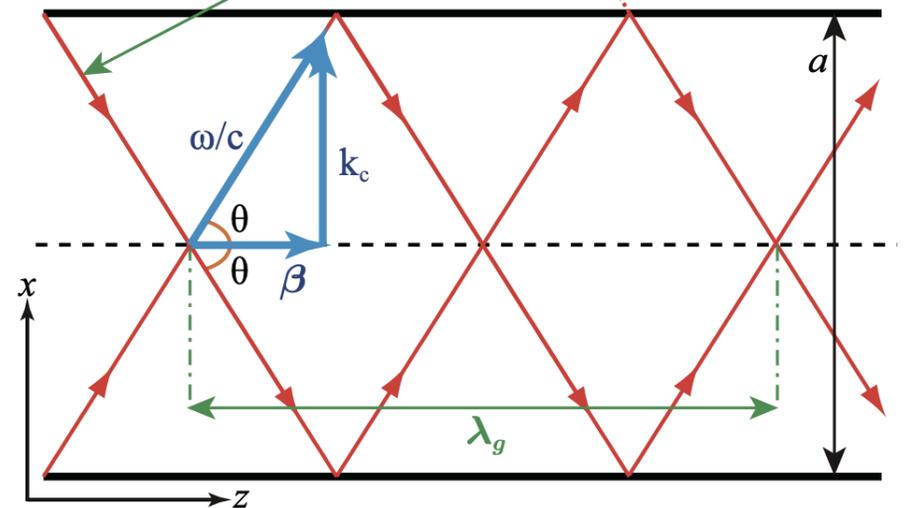
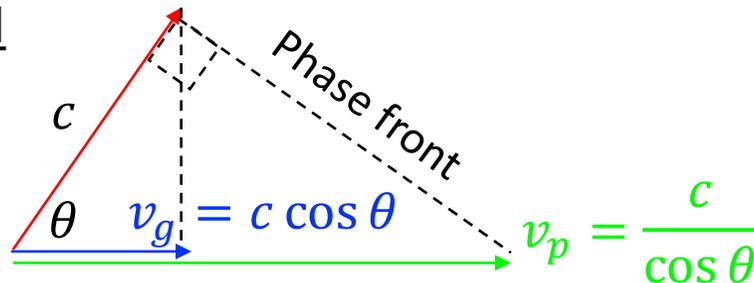
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(k_c/\beta)$$

is speed of light in the medium  $c = \omega/k$  (zig-zag with light speed)

Group velocity: energy flow speed

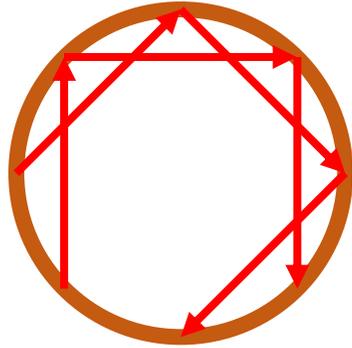
$$v_g = \frac{P}{E} = c \cos \theta$$

$$v_g v_p = c^2$$

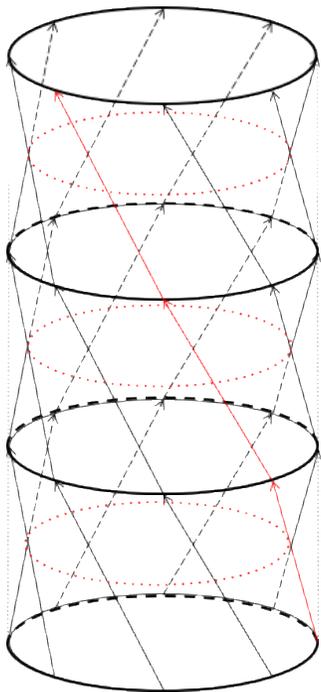


# Plane wave expansion of cylindrical modes

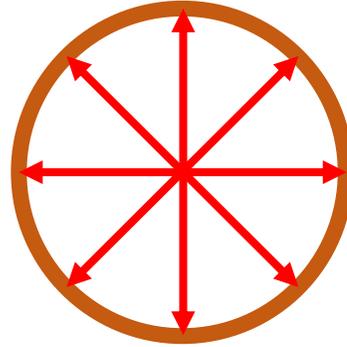
$TE_{nm}, TM_{nm} (n \neq 0)$



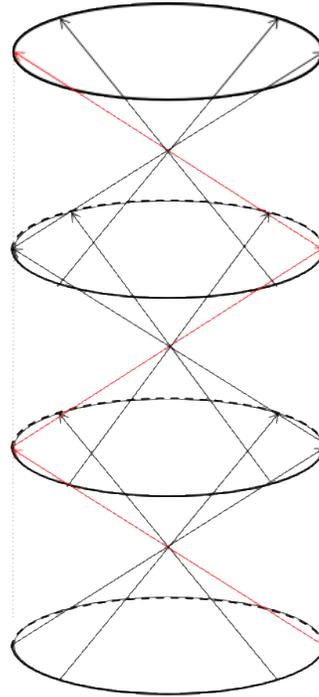
**Rotating  
two  
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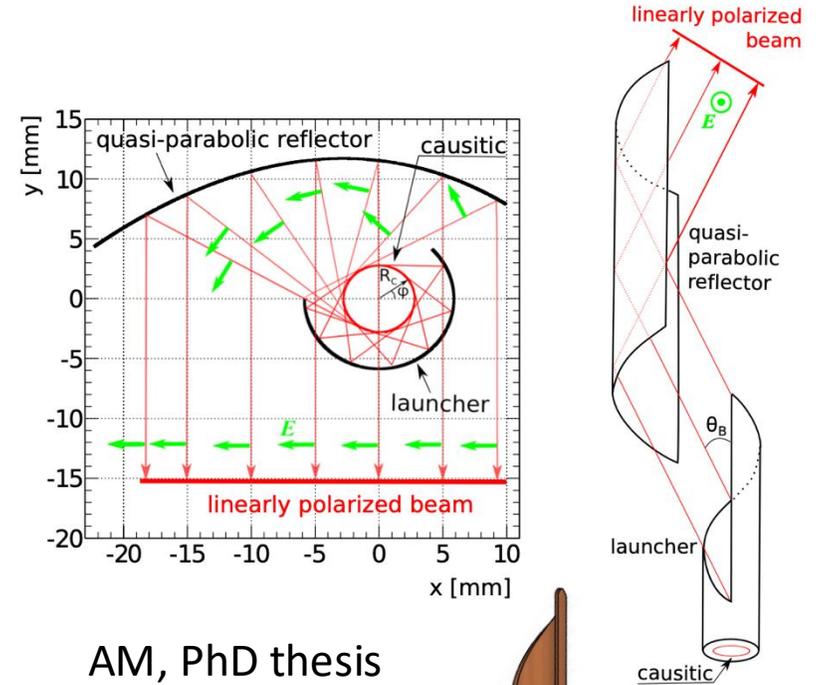
$TE_{0m}, TM_{0m}$



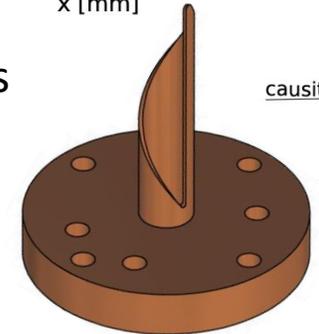
**Shrink/expand  
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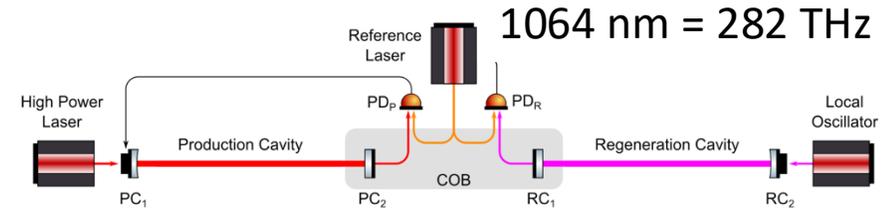
Important if one wants to design waveguide to bi-Gaussian beam transition (horn antenna is an option for  $TE_{11}$  only)



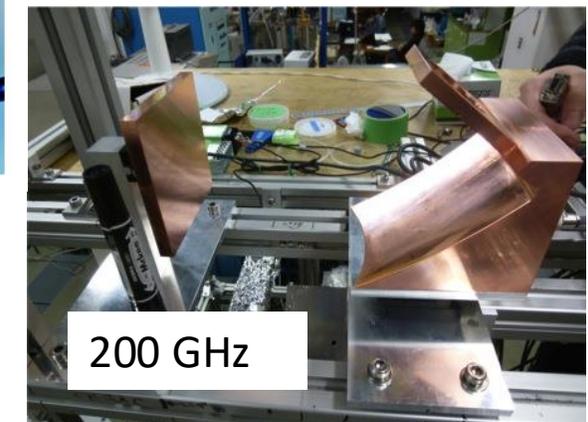
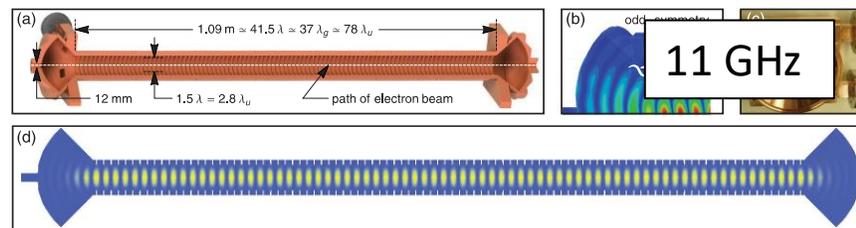
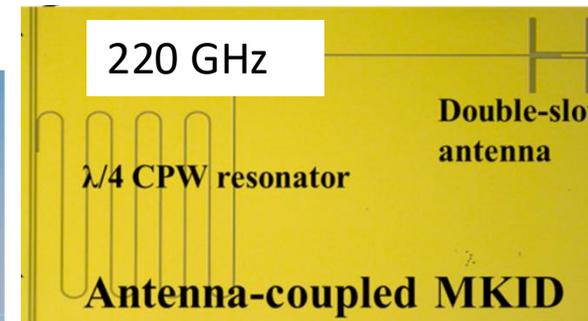
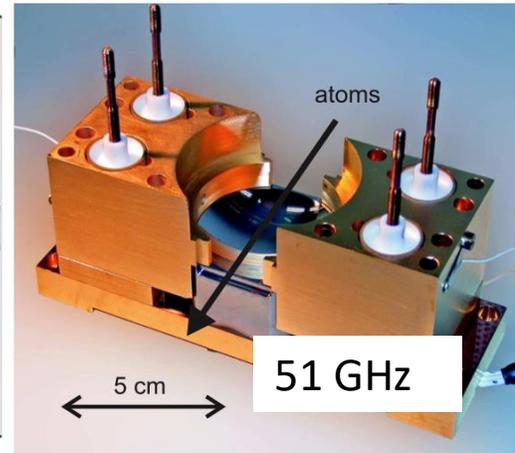
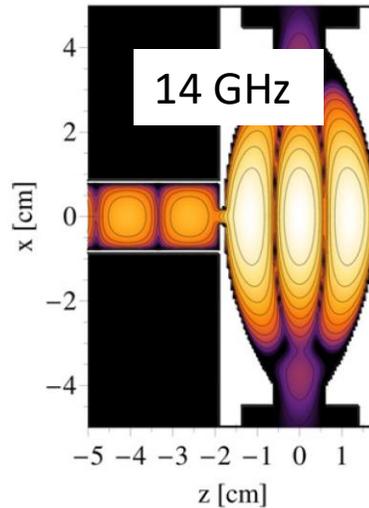
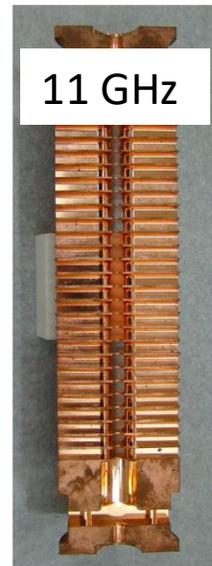
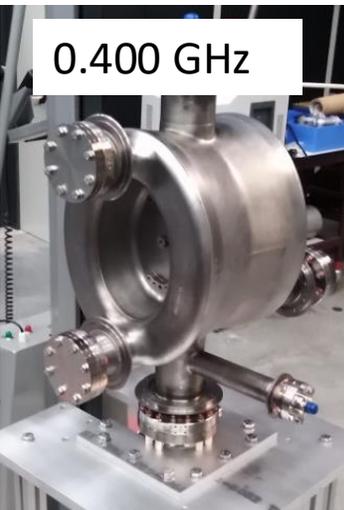
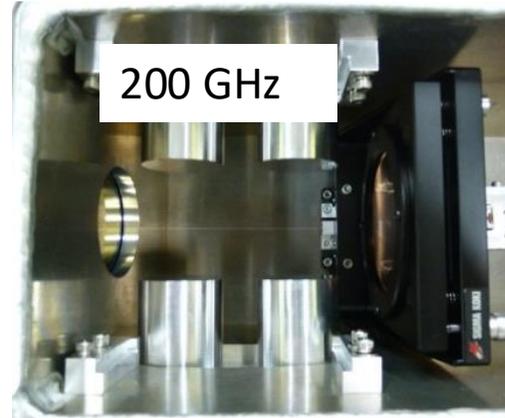
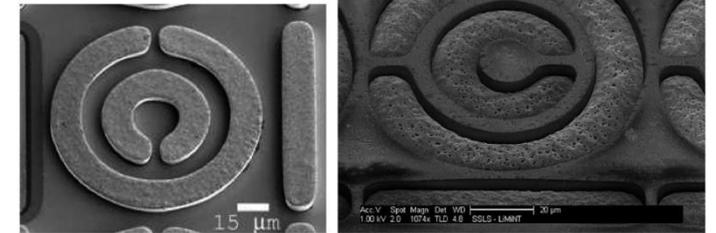
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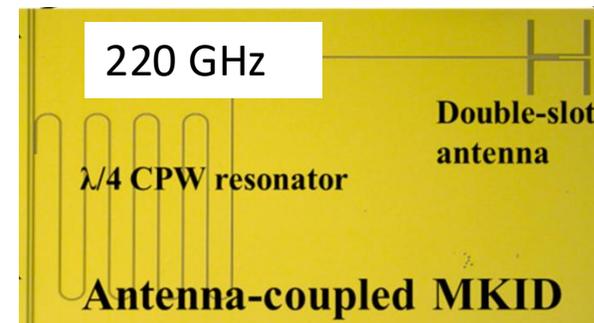
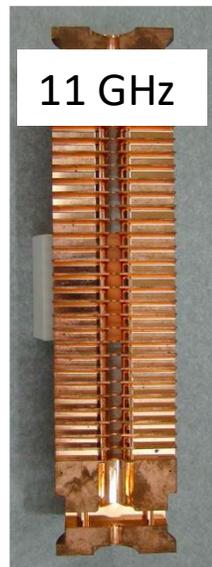
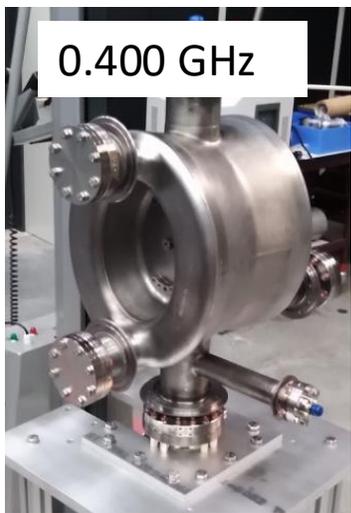
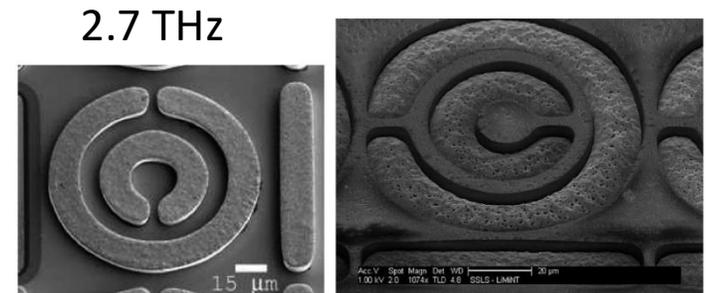
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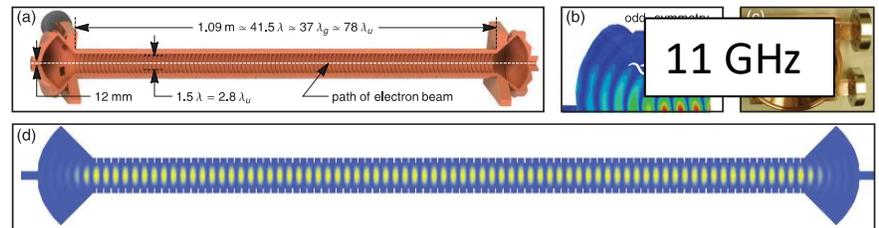
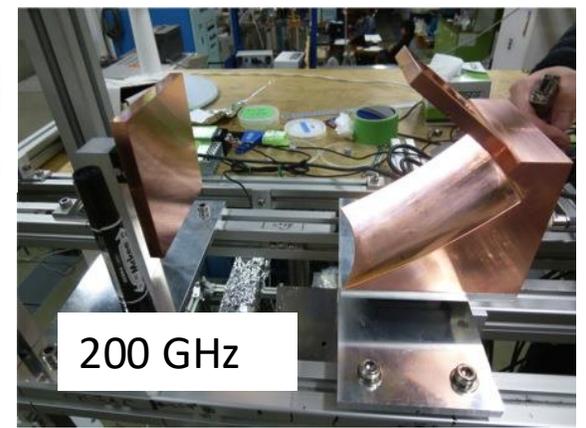
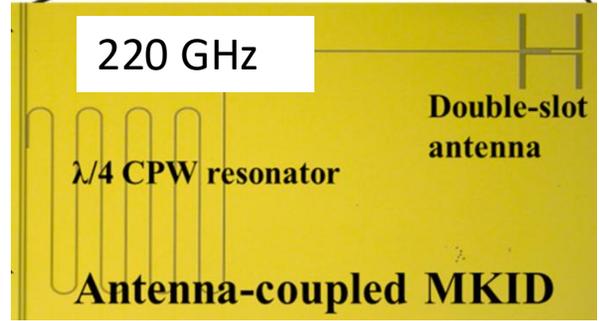
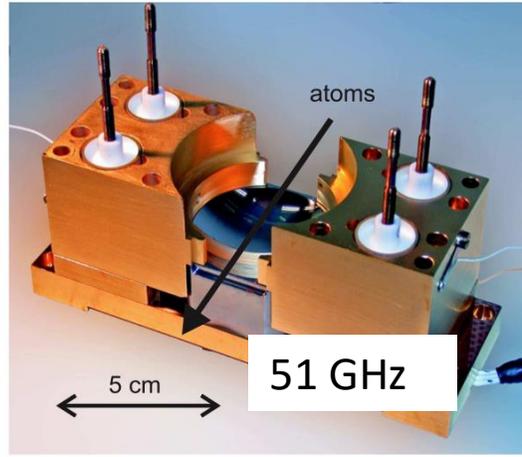
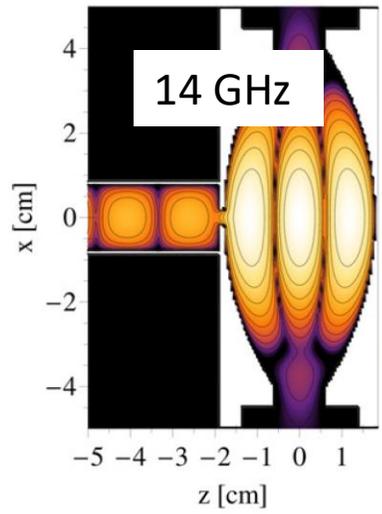
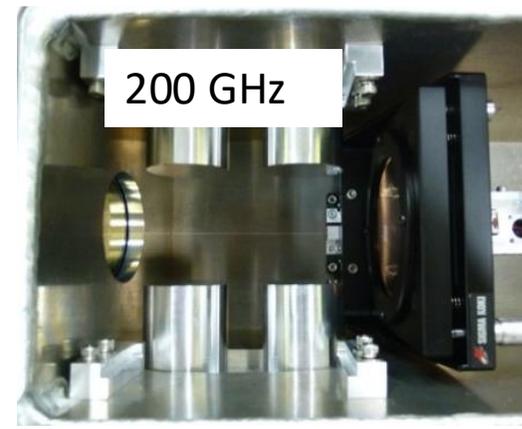
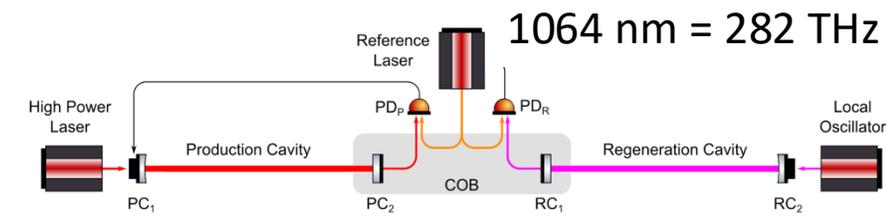
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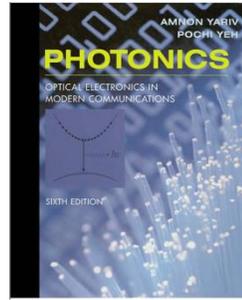
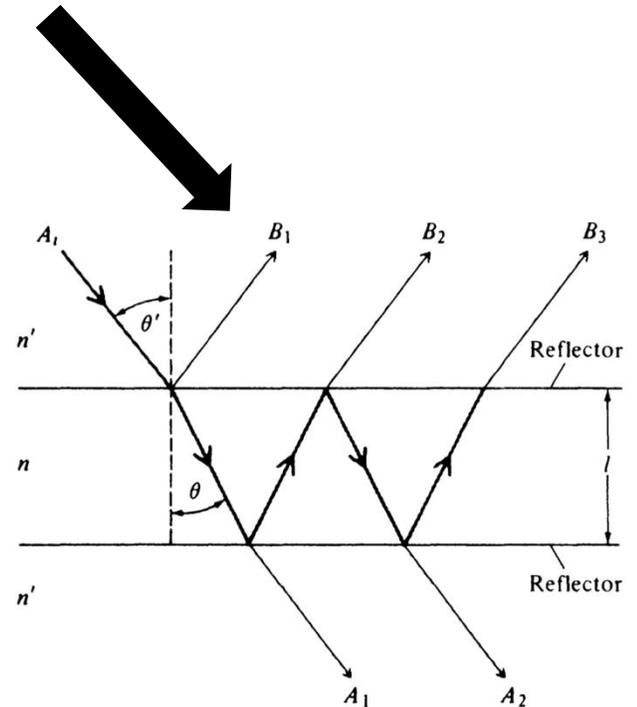
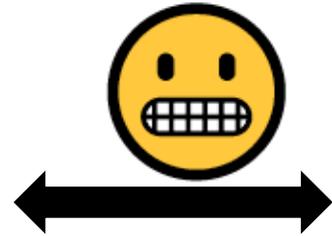
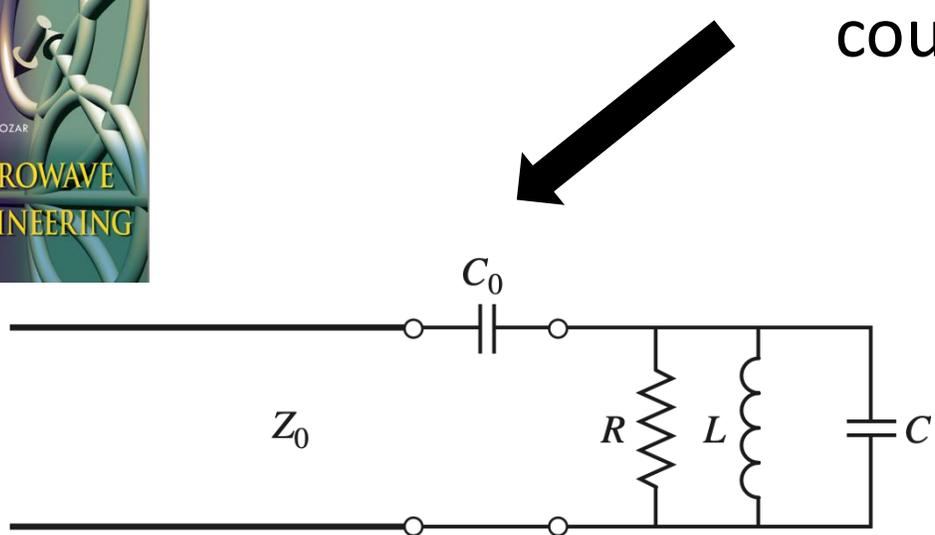
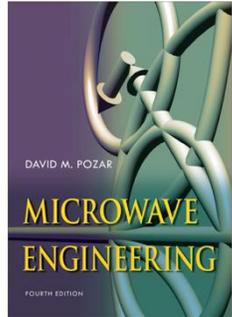
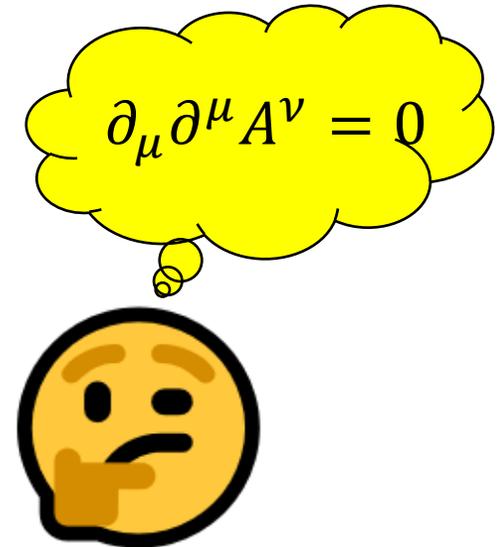
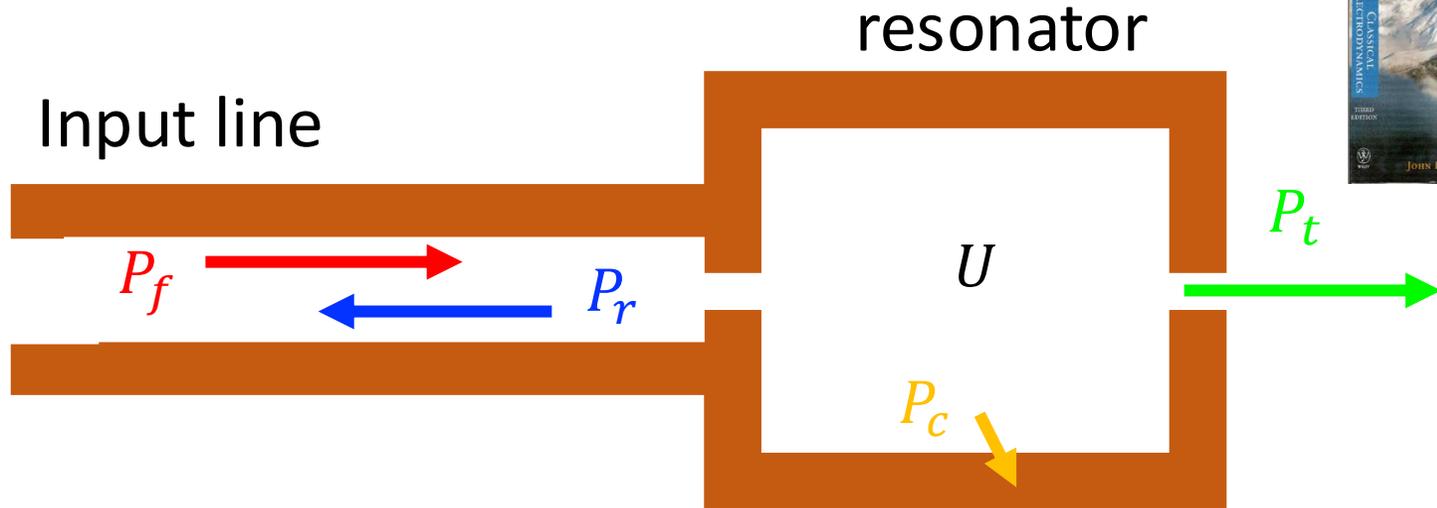
# $\lambda \gtrsim d$ resonators

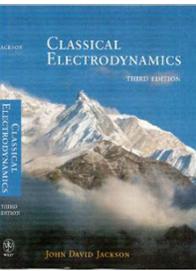


# (quasi-)TEM resonators



# Resonators in general





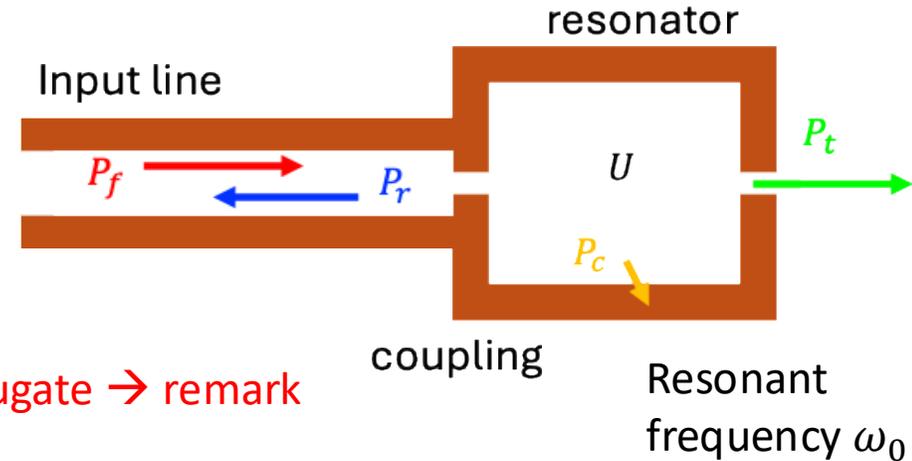
# Energy conservation is always valid

The stored energy inside a resonator changes by the balance among in-coming / out-going power

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = P_f - P_r - P_t - P_c$$

Each power is given by integral over port cross section  $S_j$  ( $j = f, r, t$ )

$$P_j = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{S_j} \mathbf{E}_j \times \mathbf{H}_j^* ds \quad *) \text{Complex conjugate} \rightarrow \text{remark}$$



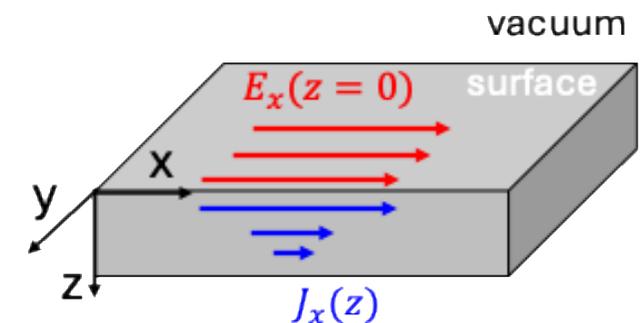
The power dissipation inside the resonator is given by integral over the cavity surface  $S_c$

$$P_c = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{S_c} R_s(\mathbf{x}) |\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})|^2 ds$$

(Diffraction may be included for open resonators)

With a local surface resistance

$$R_s(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \text{Re} \left( \frac{E_x(z=0)}{\int_0^\infty J_x(z) dz} \right) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu_0}{\sigma}} \quad \text{NC} \\ \sim \frac{A f^2}{T} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{k_B T}\right) + R_{res} \quad \text{SC} \end{array} \right.$$



# Quality factors: ratio between energy and power

Each **channel** of power “leakage” is associated with a parameter

**Unloaded quality factor**

$$Q_0 = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_c}$$

Pick-up probe (transmitted) quality factor

$$Q_t = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_t}$$

+ diffraction, beam loading, etc

**Tricky point:** the quality factor of the input line is conventionally called “**external Q**” but

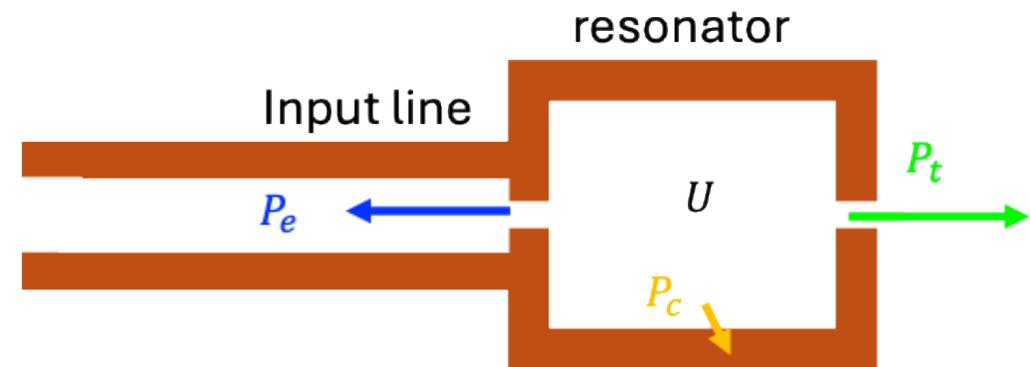
$$Q_{ext} \neq \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_f - P_r} \neq \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_r}$$

Due to the interference between forward and reflected waves

Instead,

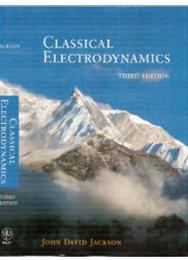
$$Q_{ext} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_e}$$

Is defined without the input waves → during “ringing-down” of the stored energy



$$P_e \neq P_r \neq P_f - P_r$$

**Energy conservation is ignorant of the phases**



# Still a general theory for any resonators

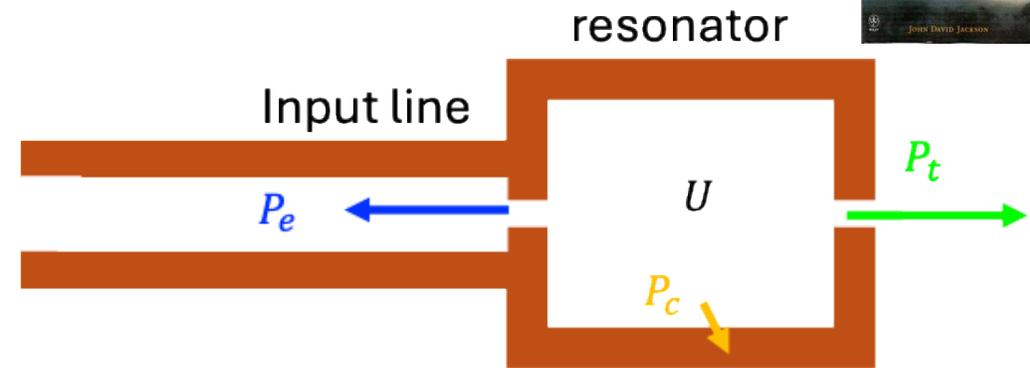
No input power (switch OFF the input)

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \cancel{P_f} - \cancel{P_r} - P_t - P_c$$

→  $P_e$

$$\frac{dU(t)}{dt} = - \left( \frac{1}{Q_0} + \frac{1}{Q_{ext}} + \frac{1}{Q_t} \right) \times \omega U(t)$$

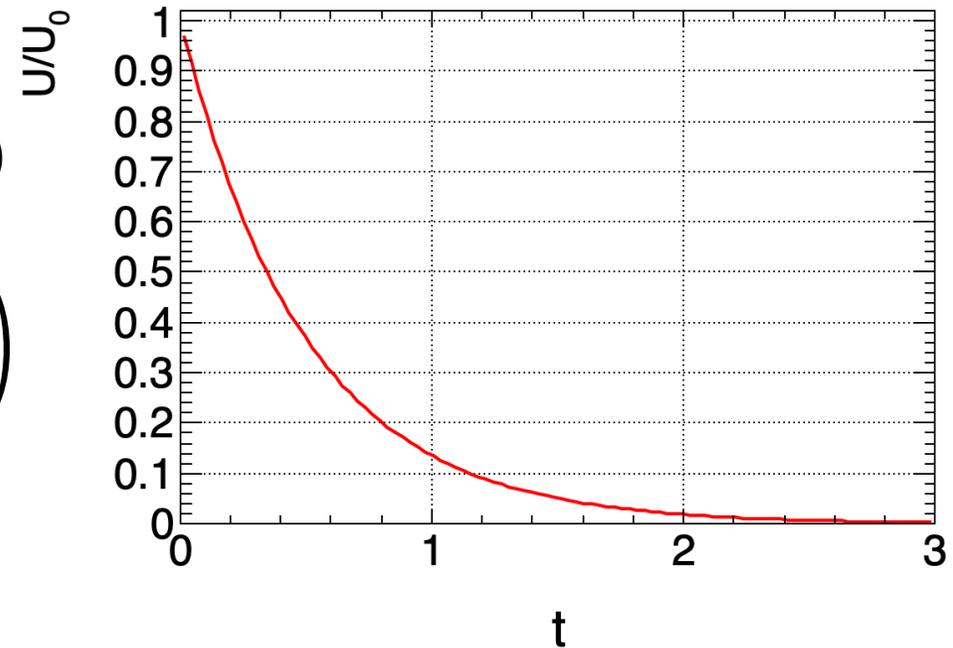
$\equiv 1/Q_L$  Loaded quality factor  $Q_L$



If  $Q$  factors do not depend on the time via energy (i.e. linear response)

$$U(t) = U_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\omega_0}{Q_L} t\right) \equiv U_0 \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_L}\right)$$

With a time constant  $\tau_L = Q_L/\omega_0$  ← beware of  $\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0$



$U_0$ : stored energy before switch off

# Meaning of $Q_L$ in frequency domain

The microwave inside the resonator is oscillating with  $e^{i\omega_0 t}$  and  $U \sim |E|^2$  gives

$$U(t) = U_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\omega_0}{Q_L} t\right) \rightarrow E(t) = E_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\omega_0}{2Q_L} t + i\omega_0 t\right)$$

Fourier transform of the field gives

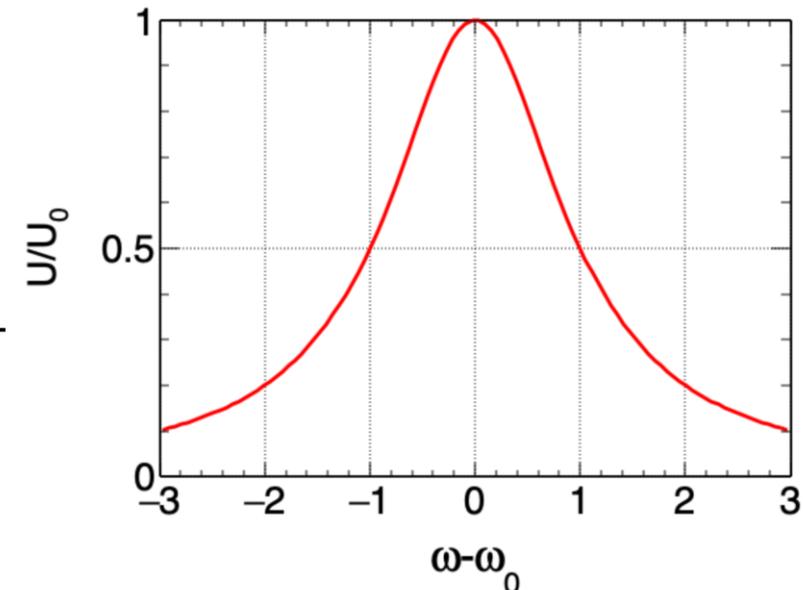
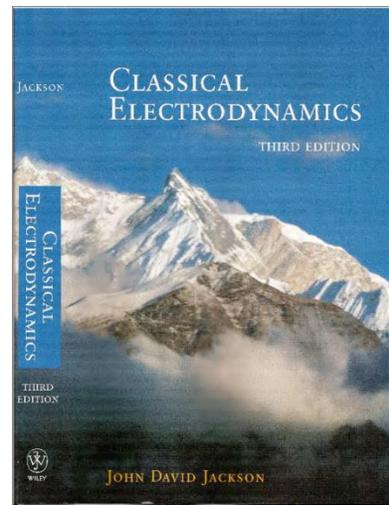
$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \tilde{E}(\omega) &= \int_0^{+\infty} E(t') \exp(-i\omega t') dt' = E_0 \int_0^{+\infty} \exp\left[\left(-i(\omega - \omega_0) - \frac{\omega_0}{2Q_L}\right) t'\right] dt' \\ &= \frac{E_0}{i(\omega - \omega_0) + \omega_0/2Q_L} = \frac{-iE_0}{(\omega - \omega_0) - i\omega_0/2Q_L} \end{aligned}$$

The internal energy in the frequency domain is

$$\tilde{U}(\omega) \sim \tilde{E}(\omega) \tilde{E}^*(\omega) = \frac{|E_0|^2}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + (\omega_0/2Q_L)^2}$$

**So far, no specific model has been assumed!**

**(not even Maxwell equation  $\rightarrow$  general nature of linear response system)**



# Coupling coefficients (still general resonators)

Input coupling

$$\beta \equiv \frac{Q_0}{Q_{ext}}$$

Output coupling

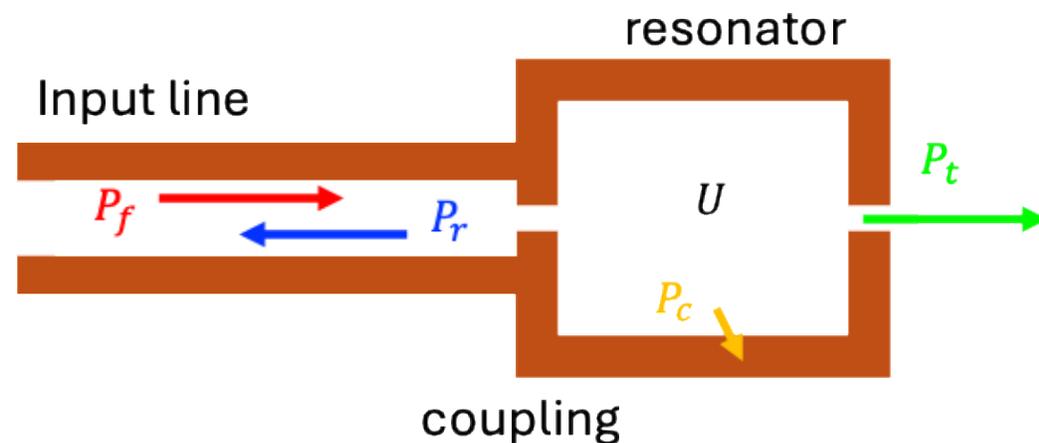
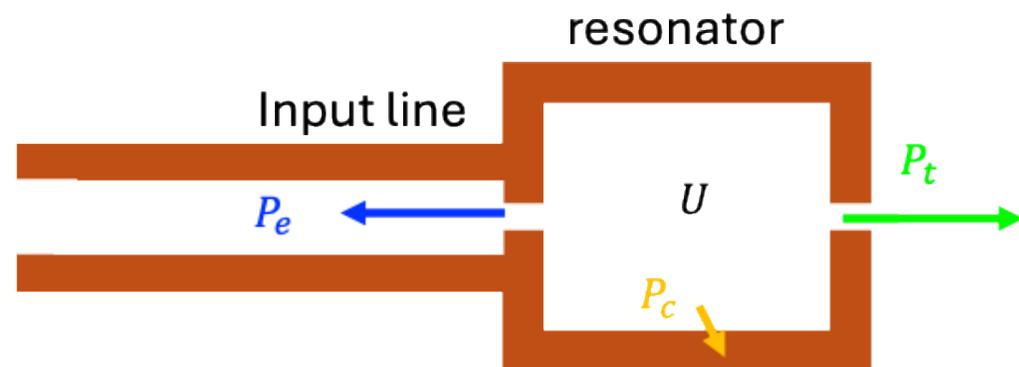
$$\beta_t \equiv \frac{Q_0}{Q_t}$$

Over coupling:  $\beta > 1 \rightarrow Q_0 > Q_{ext} \rightarrow P_c < P_e$

Critical coupling:  $\beta = 1 \rightarrow Q_0 = Q_{ext} (\because Q_L = 2Q_0) \rightarrow P_c = P_e$

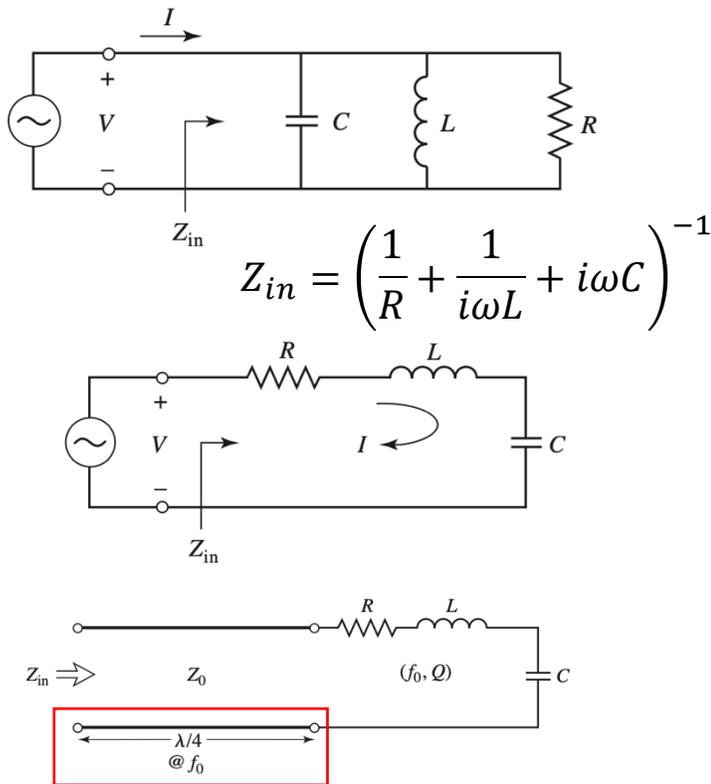
Under coupling:  $\beta < 1 \rightarrow Q_0 < Q_{ext} \rightarrow P_c > P_e$

- Then, to my best knowledge, one introduces models to describe specific function of  $\beta$  and relation to  $P_f$  and  $P_r$
- If anybody knows more general method, please let me know ☺



# Three methods to tackle more specific aspects

## Equivalent circuit model

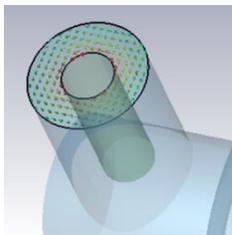


**Pros:** analytical

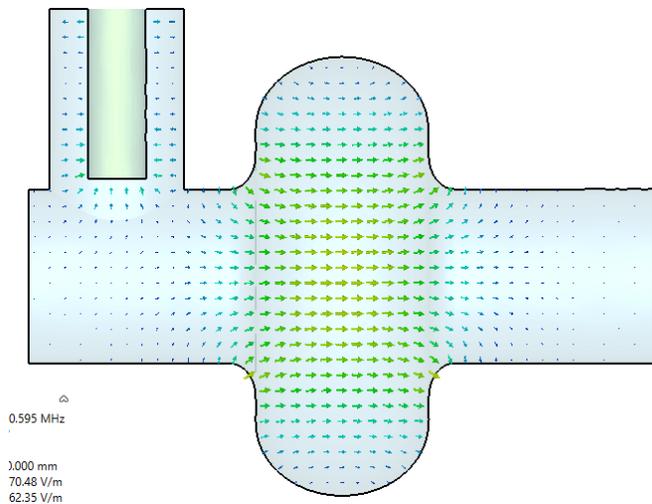
**Cons:**  $(R, L, C)$  not obvious, series vs parallel are not well-defined

< 10 GHz

## Solve Maxwell equation



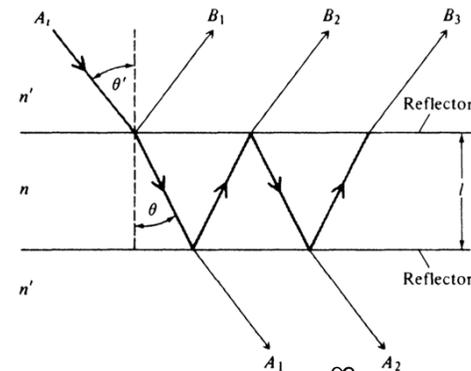
$$Q_{ext} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_e} = \frac{\omega_0}{2\mu_0} \frac{\int_V |\mathbf{H}|^2 dV}{\frac{1}{2} \int_S \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} dS}$$



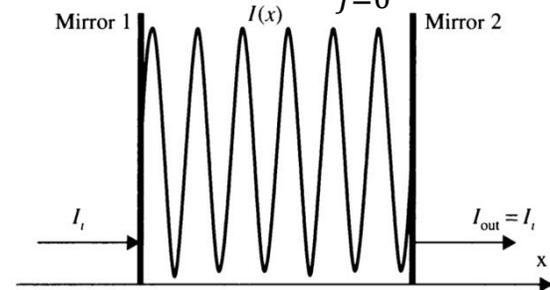
**Pros:** direct

**Cons:** Finite Element Method demanding for  $\lambda \ll d$  and/or more complicated problems, analytical for only simplest geometry

## Interferometer model



$$E_r(z) = t_f E_0 e^{ikz} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} [r_e r_f e^{2ikd}]^j$$



**Pros:** analytical for  $\lambda \ll d$

**Cons:** quasi-plane waves only  
diffraction non-predictable

>> 10 GHz

# The most typical example: pill-box $TM_{010}$

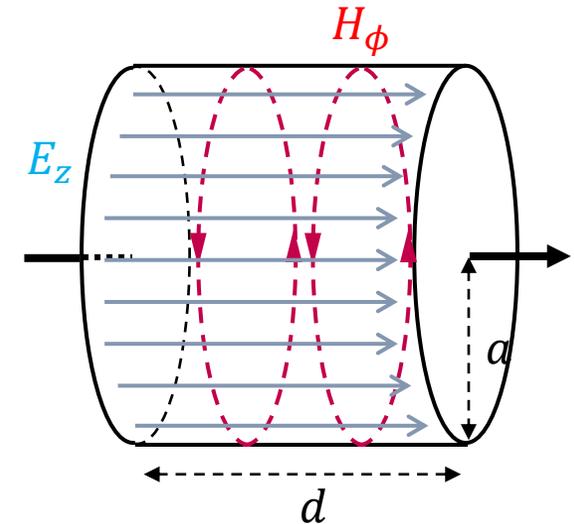
$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - k_{c,nm}^2 \right] \psi(\rho, \phi) = 0$$

$$\psi_{nm}(\rho, \phi) = E_0 J_m(k_{c,nm} \rho) e^{\pm im\phi}$$

$$k_{c,nm} = \frac{j_{nm}}{a}$$

For  $(n, m, l) = (0, 1, 0)$

$$\omega_{010} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{j_{01}}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0 \cdot \pi}{d}\right)^2} \sim \frac{2.405}{a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \sim \frac{2.405}{a/c}$$



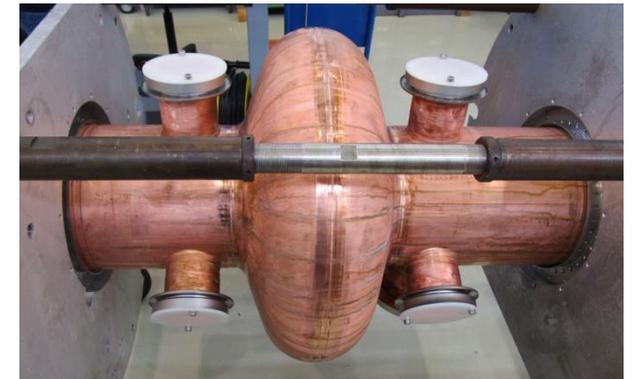
- Baseline of the most typically used accelerating cavities & axion detectors
- Curvature to further optimize efficiency

$$\begin{cases} E_z(\rho, \phi, z, t) = E_0 J_0\left(\frac{2.405\rho}{a}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \\ H_\phi = -i \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} E_0 J_1\left(\frac{2.405\rho}{a}\right) e^{-i\omega t} \\ E_\rho = E_\phi = H_\rho = H_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

ADMX cavity



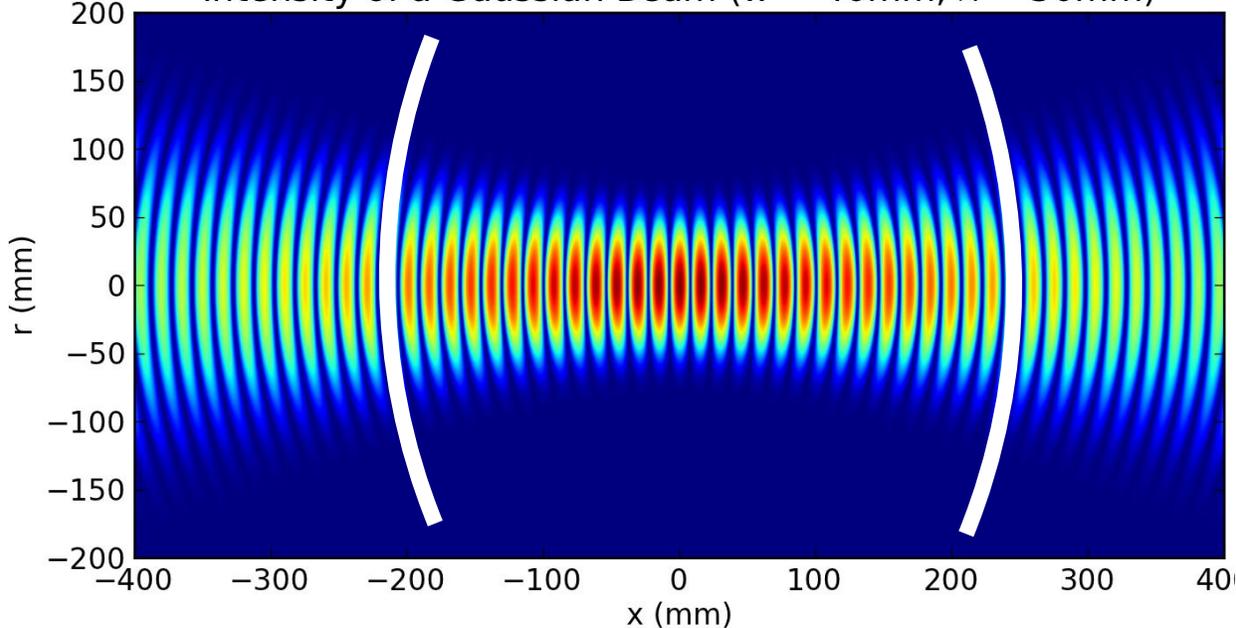
LHC cavity



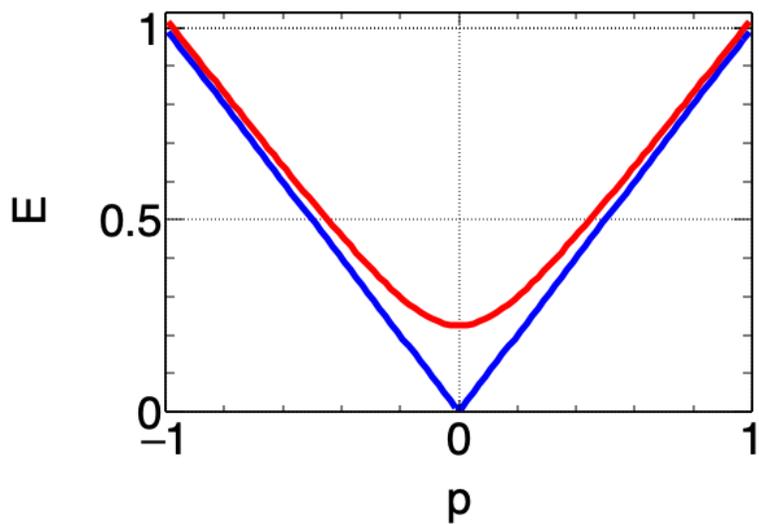
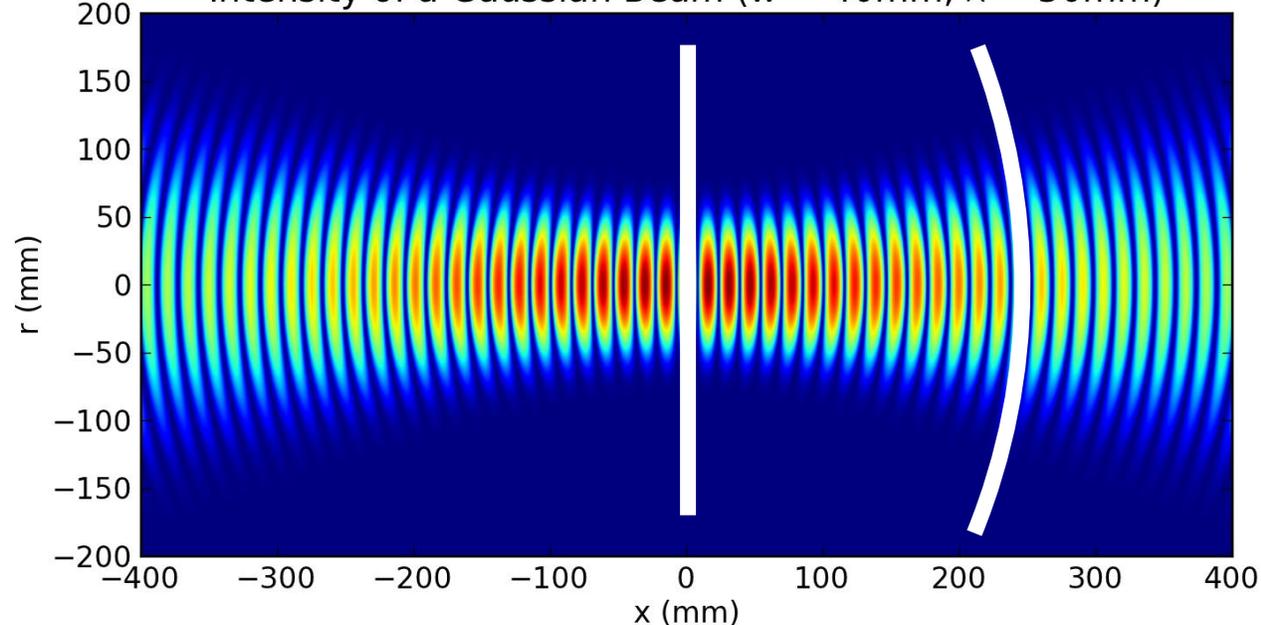
# Fabry-Pérot resonators

$$R(z) = z \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\pi w_0^2}{\lambda z} \right)^2 \right]$$

Intensity of a Gaussian Beam ( $w = 40\text{mm}$ ,  $\lambda = 30\text{mm}$ )



Intensity of a Gaussian Beam ( $w = 40\text{mm}$ ,  $\lambda = 30\text{mm}$ )



- Microwaves in Fabry-Pérot resonator couple to relativistic axions / dark photons  $\rightarrow$  LSW
- For dark matter axions, dielectric disks to cancel the negative polarity (MADMAX)  $\rightarrow$  [Part 1](#)

# Remark: circulating power instead of stored energy

Some cavities / resonators have TEM or linearly polarized modes as their eigenmodes

TEM: electric and magnetic fields are perpendicular to an axis

→ Poynting vector  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$  can be locally defined

→ Time averaged  $\mathbf{S}$  over  $1/\omega$  is still 0 so that no net power flow

Although the standing-wave does not have net power flow but has stores energy, it can also be interpreted as a superposition of left- and right- bound waves

→ **Photons** bounce left and right

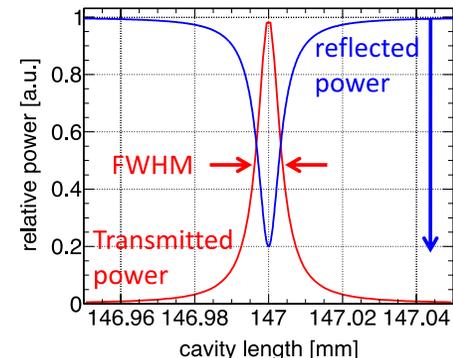
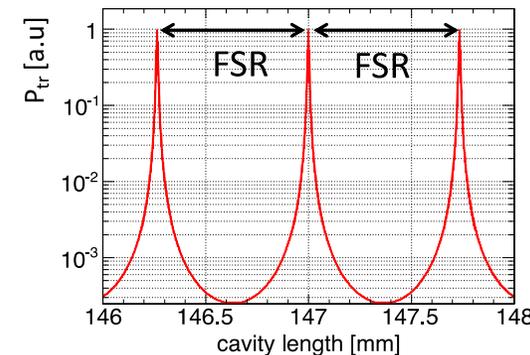
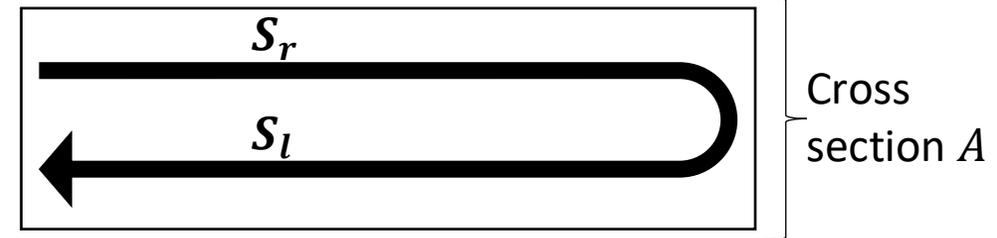
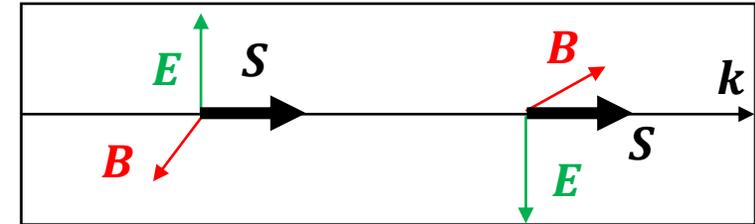
In case of critically coupled cavity, the **circulating power** is defined via finesse  $F = FSR / FWHM$

$$P_{cy} = \frac{F}{\pi} P_f$$

Net photon flux is proportional to the circulating power

$$I = \frac{P_{cy}}{\hbar\omega A} = \frac{F}{\pi\hbar\omega A} P_f \propto E^2, B^2, E \times B$$

→ The **circulating power** is often used in Fabry-Pérot resonators



# Internal energy vs circulating power

The total number of photons can be expressed by the photon flux

$$N = I \times \frac{L}{c} \times A$$

The finesse of the resonator (in critical coupling)

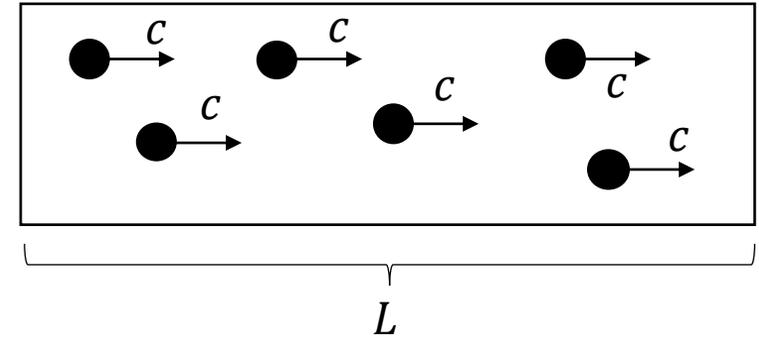
$$F = \frac{Q_0}{2 \times \# \text{ of nodes}} = \frac{Q_0}{4L/\lambda} = \frac{c}{4Lf} Q_0 = \frac{\pi c}{2L\omega} Q_0$$

$$I = \frac{P_{cy}}{\hbar\omega A} = \frac{F}{\pi\hbar\omega A} P_f$$

Photon density

$$n = \frac{N}{V} = \frac{U}{V\hbar\omega} = \frac{1}{V\hbar\omega} \frac{Q_0 P_f}{\omega} = \frac{1}{V\hbar\omega} \frac{P_f}{\omega} \frac{2L\omega}{\pi c} F = \frac{2}{c} \frac{F}{\pi\hbar\omega A} P_f = \frac{2}{c} \frac{P_{cy}}{\hbar\omega A}$$

$$\rightarrow U = \frac{2L}{c} P_{cy}$$



Both internal energy and circulating power can be used to characterize the performance of cavities

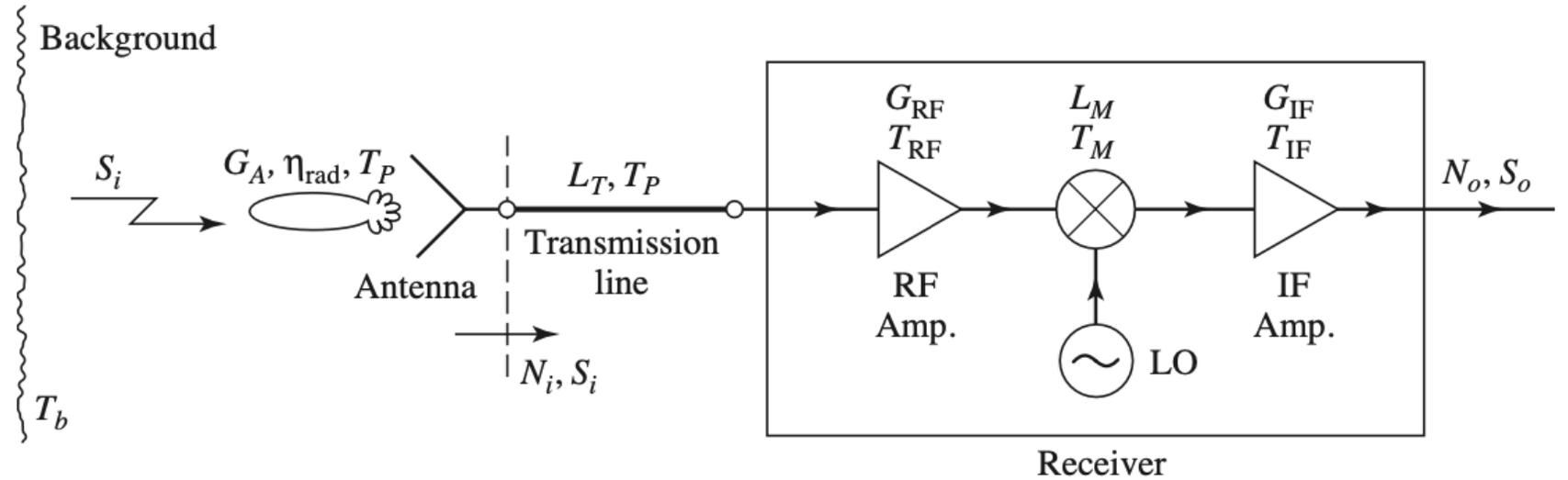
- For over-size cavities ( $L \gg \lambda$ , eg Fabry-Pérot resonator),  $P_{cy}$  is useful and  $F$  is a figure of merit
  - The internal energy and  $Q_0$  are increased by longer  $L$  and often misleading
  - Spectroscopy (quantum transition is proportional to energy density, not total energy)
  - Sensitivity of axion experiments with FP resonators is proportional to photon flux

# Part 2: classical detection scheme

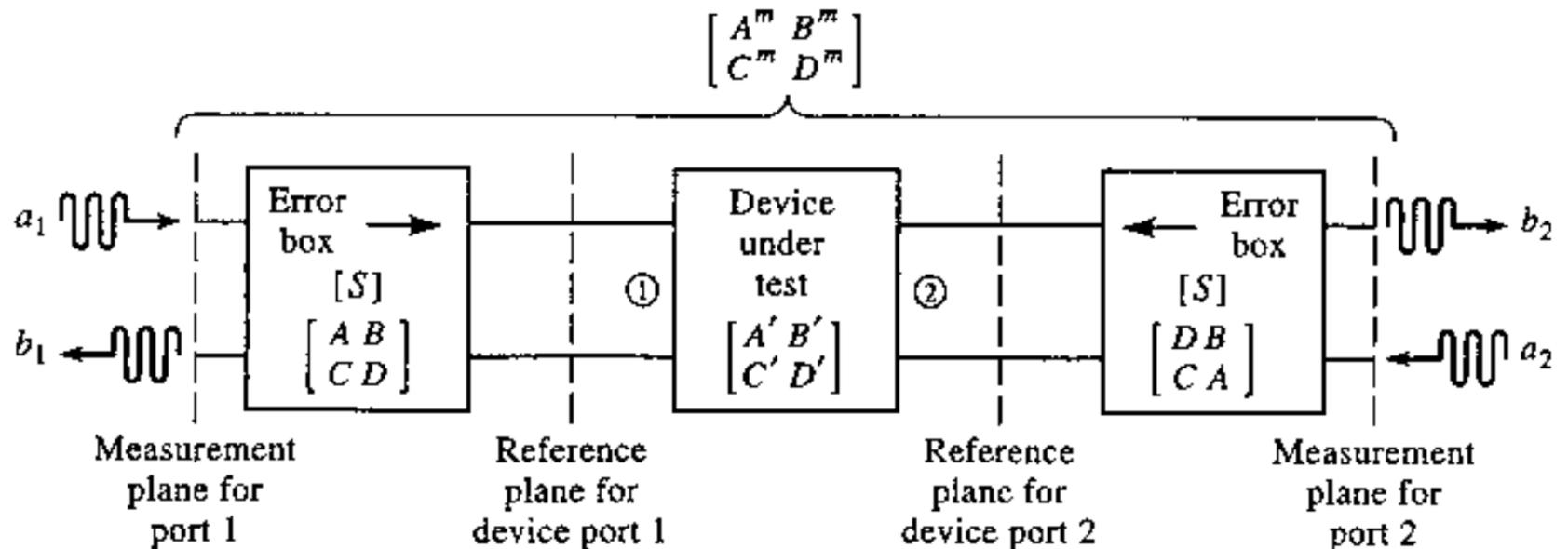
- Boundary conditions
  - Normal conductors
  - Superconductors
  - Dielectric materials: insulator and semi-conductors
- Microwave resonators
  - Waveguide and transmission line
  - Resonant cavity
  - Fabry-Pérot resonator
- **Analog and digital system**
  - Amplifier, circulator, mixer & analogue down-conversion
  - I/Q sampling & digital down-conversion
- Data processing and noise
  - FFT: coherent and incoherent integral
  - Narrowband and broadband
  - Thermal noise and standard quantum limit
- Conclusion of part 2

# Typical RF measurement setups

## Passive measurement

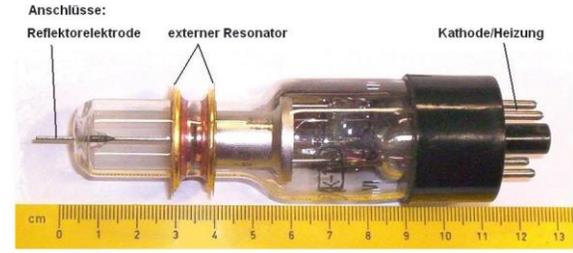


## Active measurement

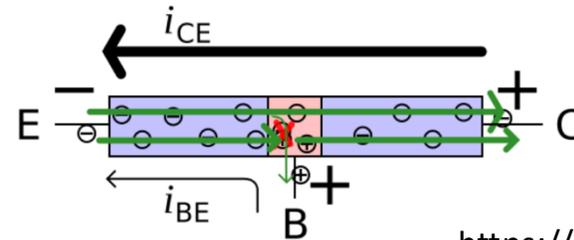


# Linear amplifiers

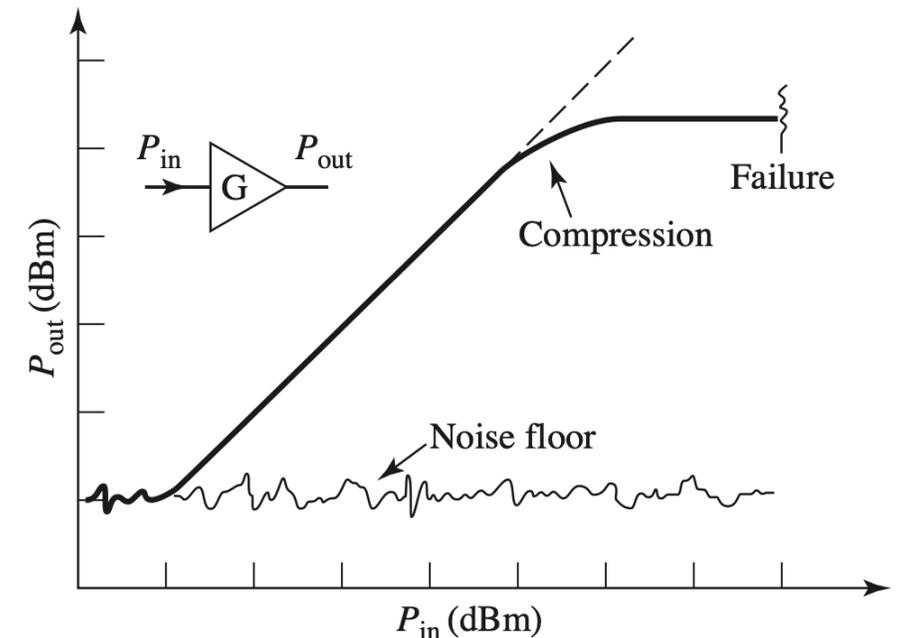
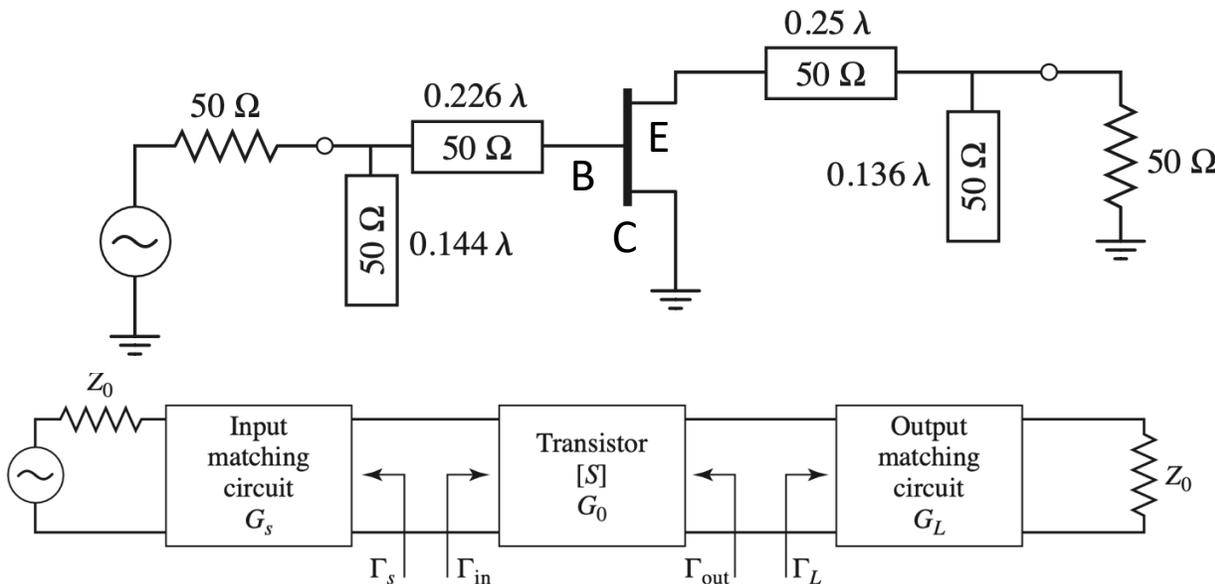
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<https://hilelectronic.com/low-noise-amplifiers/>

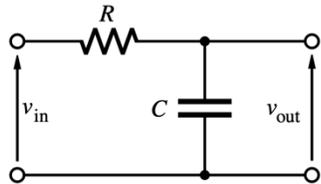
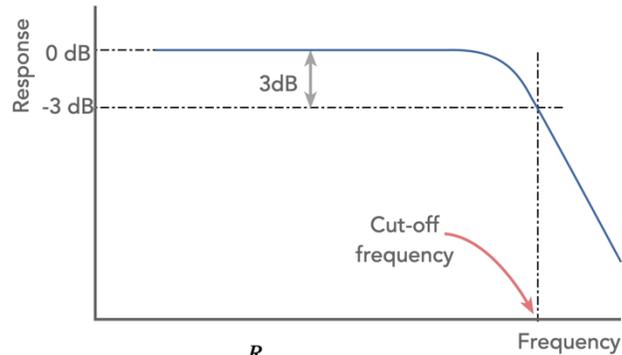


- High power amplifier (**vacuum tube** or combined transistors)
  - When one needs high power / fields for applications (cf accelerator cavity)
- Low-noise amplifier (**transistor**)
  - When the signal level is below the noise floor of the detector (power sensor or ADC)
  - Tunnelling effect in solid state → amplification
- Users do not have to care transistors
  - Input & output matching are more crucial
- MADMAX “LNF optimize S/N at the cost of input mismatch”
  - We usually add a circulator in front of an amplifier

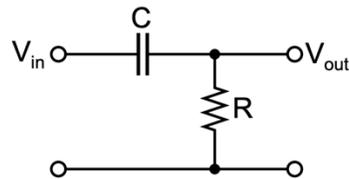
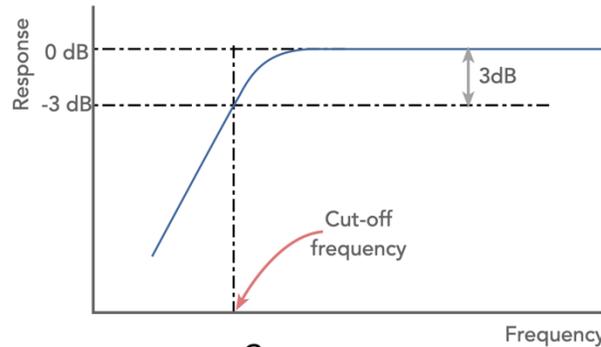


# Analogue filters: four types

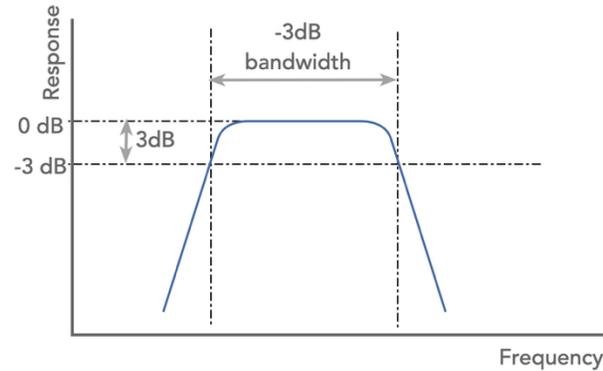
Low-pass filter



high-pass filter

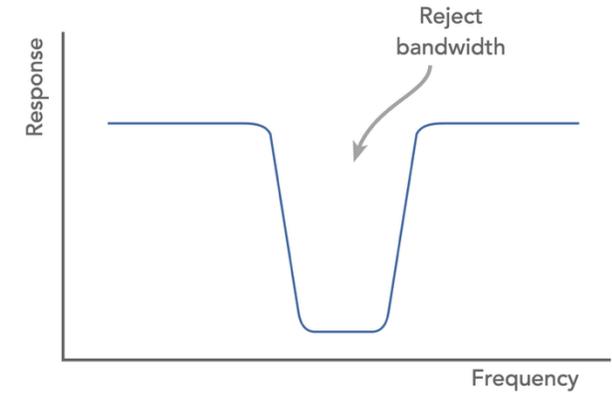


band-pass filter



- Narrow band
- high-Q resonator

band-rejection filter



- Narrow band
- Notch filter

- They are essential to remove parasitic MW and/or noise outside the interesting signal bands
- Amplifiers are broadband → to be combined with filters to avoid reduce broadband noise amplification

# Circulator / isolator

Ferrite ∈ ferrimagnetic ≠ ferromagnetic

Polarization dependence  
→ direction dependence

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -i\omega \vec{\mu} \mathbf{H} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega \epsilon \mathbf{E} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 & i\kappa \\ 0 & \mu_0 & 0 \\ i\kappa & 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

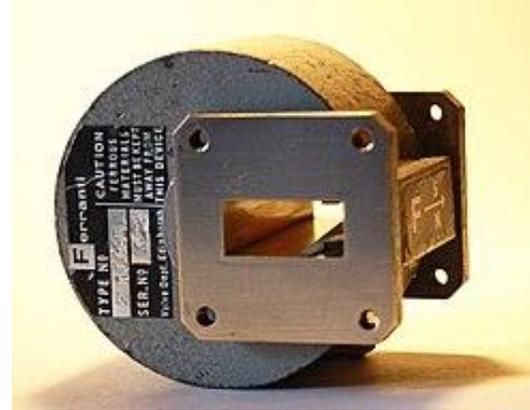
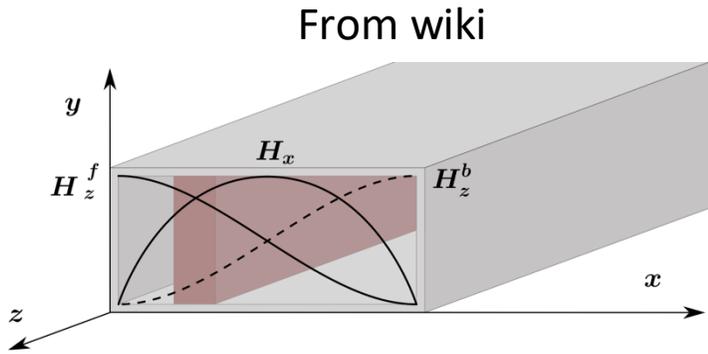
$\omega_0$ : Larmor precession

$$\mu = \mu_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\omega_0 \omega_m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right)$$

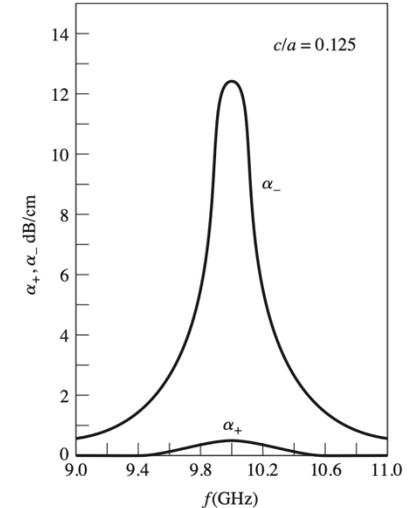
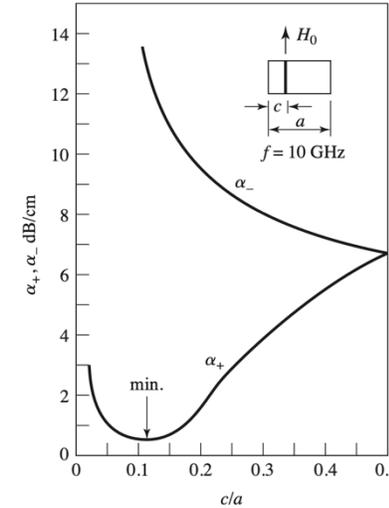
$$\kappa = \mu_0 \frac{\omega \omega_m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

$\omega_m$  ∝ saturation magnetization

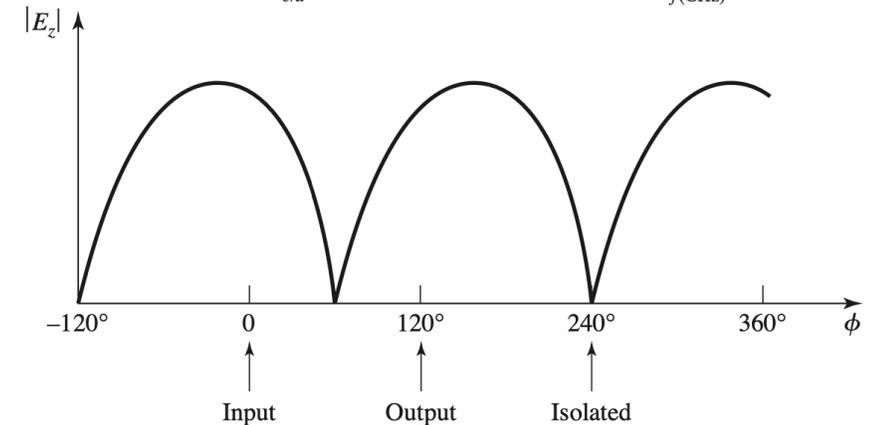
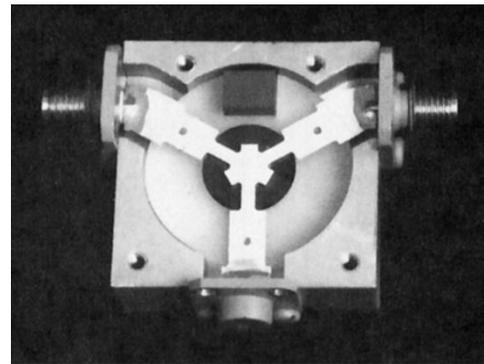
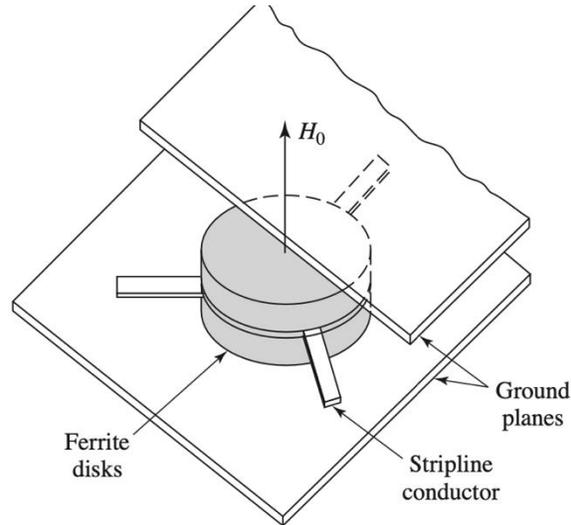
$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Narrow band = BP

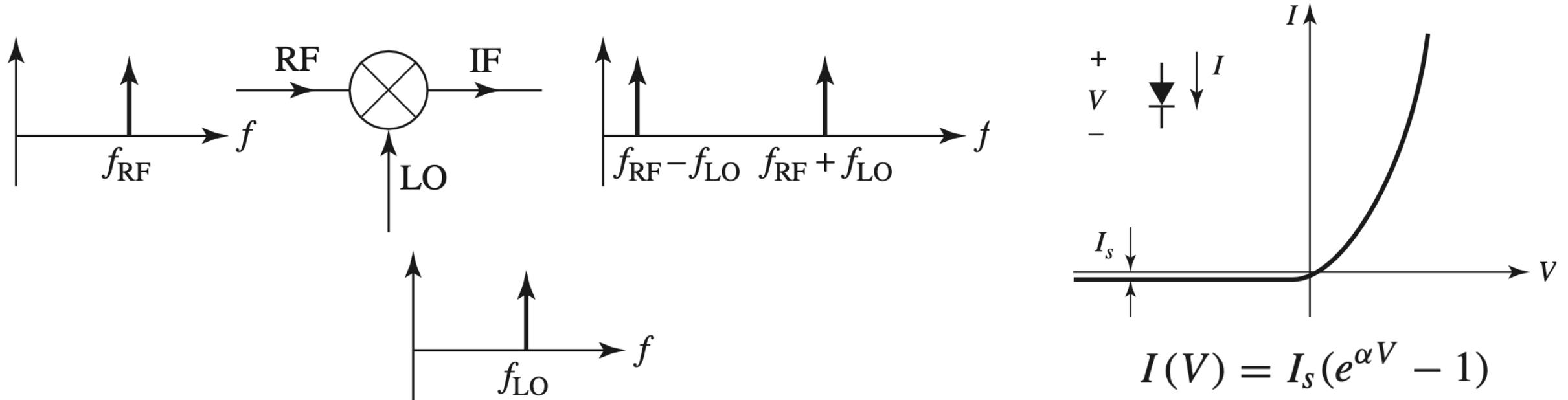


$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



→ Typically add them before and/or after amplifiers to avoid harmful standing waves

# Diode mixer ( $\neq$ tensor product)

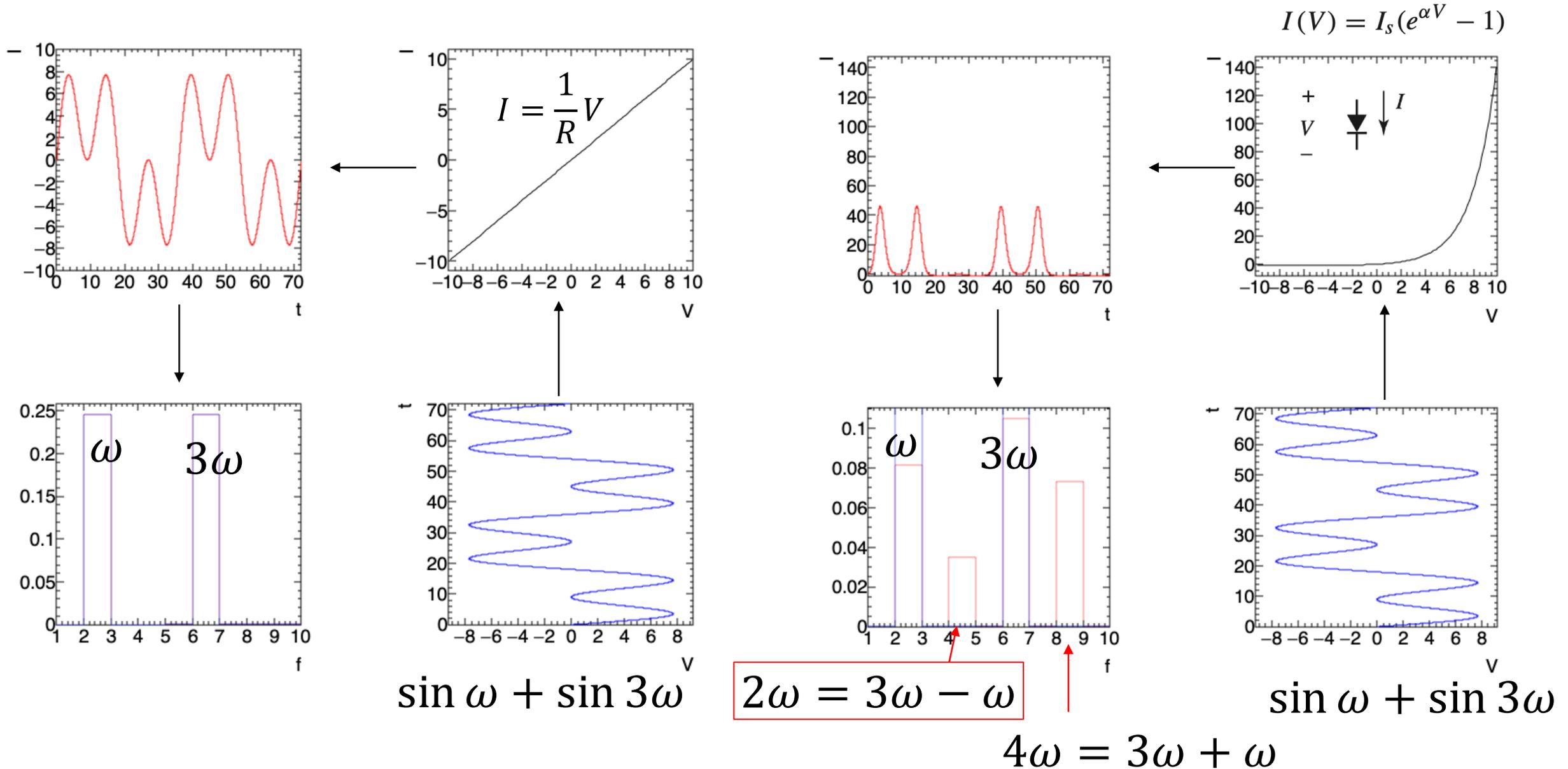


This is the **core** of modern **low-noise** microwave engineering

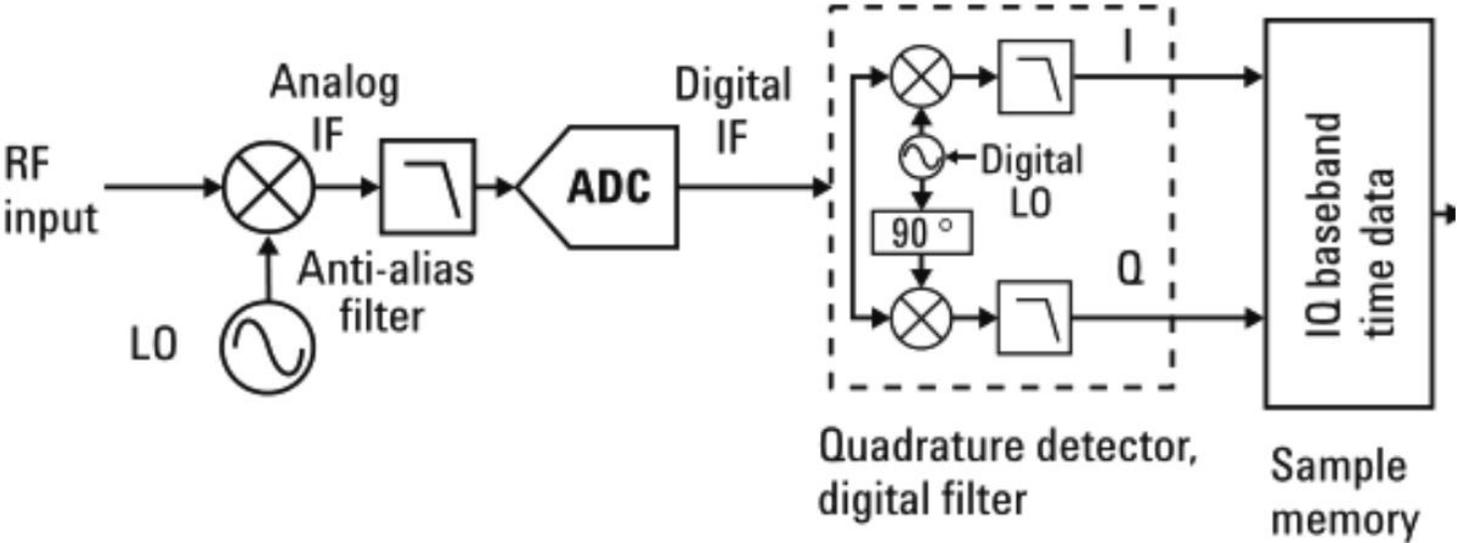
→ Superheterodyne (analogue + digital)

→ Phase and frequency information is kept

# Heterodyne via mixer: analogue down-conversion



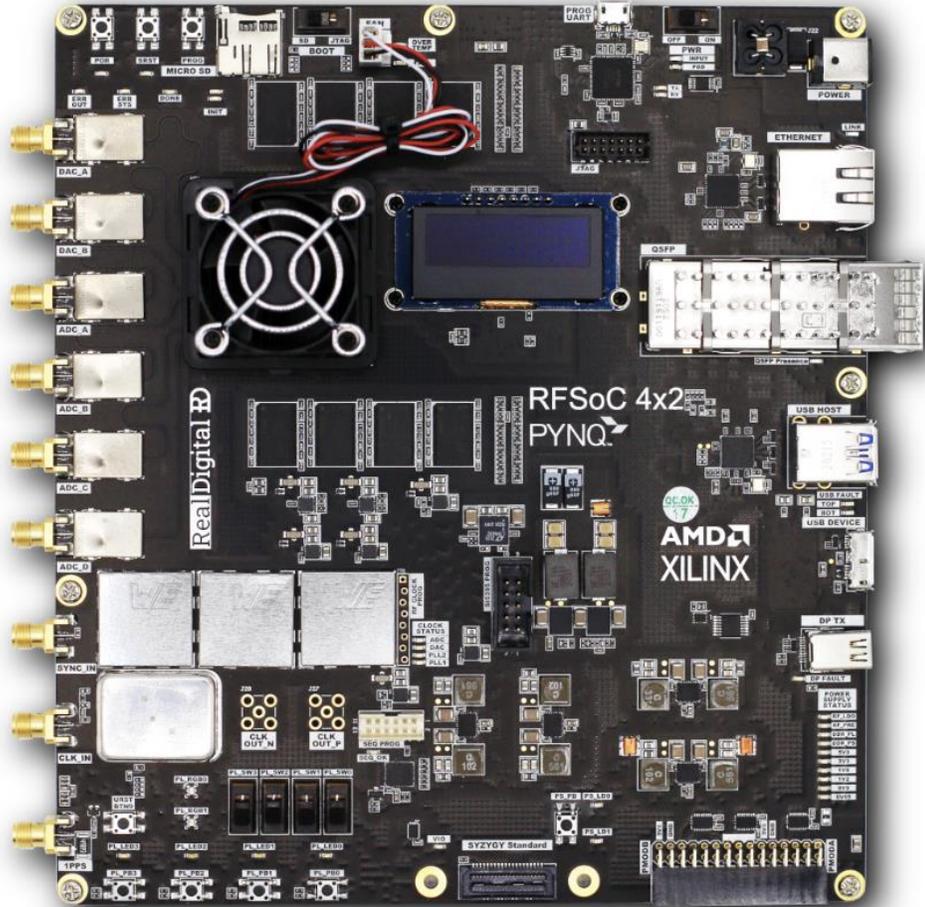
# Digital processing: FPGA after ADC



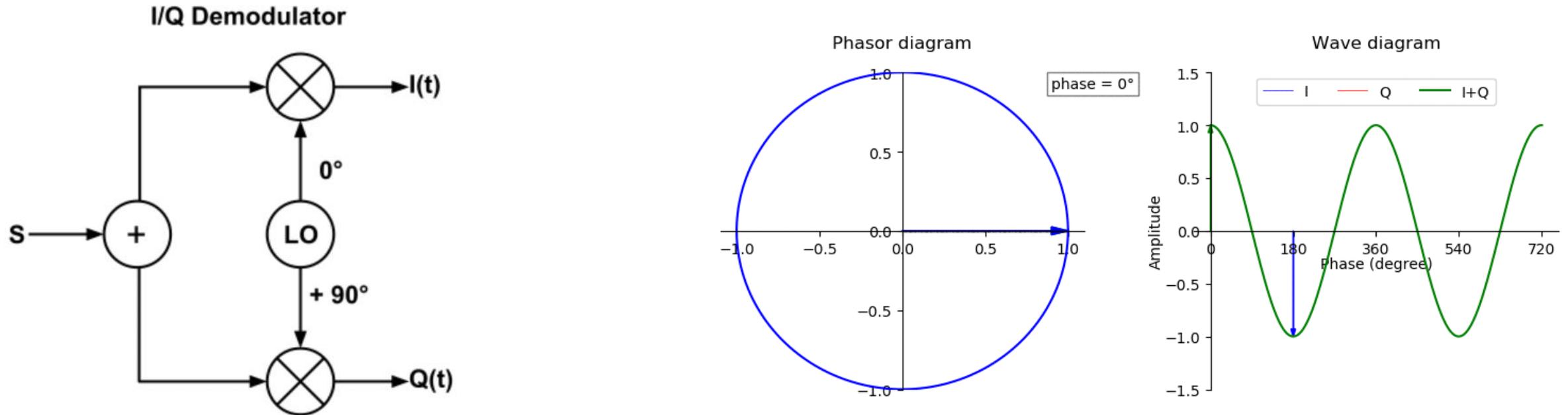
R&S FSW43 real-time spectrum analyzer



RealDigital RFSoc 4x2



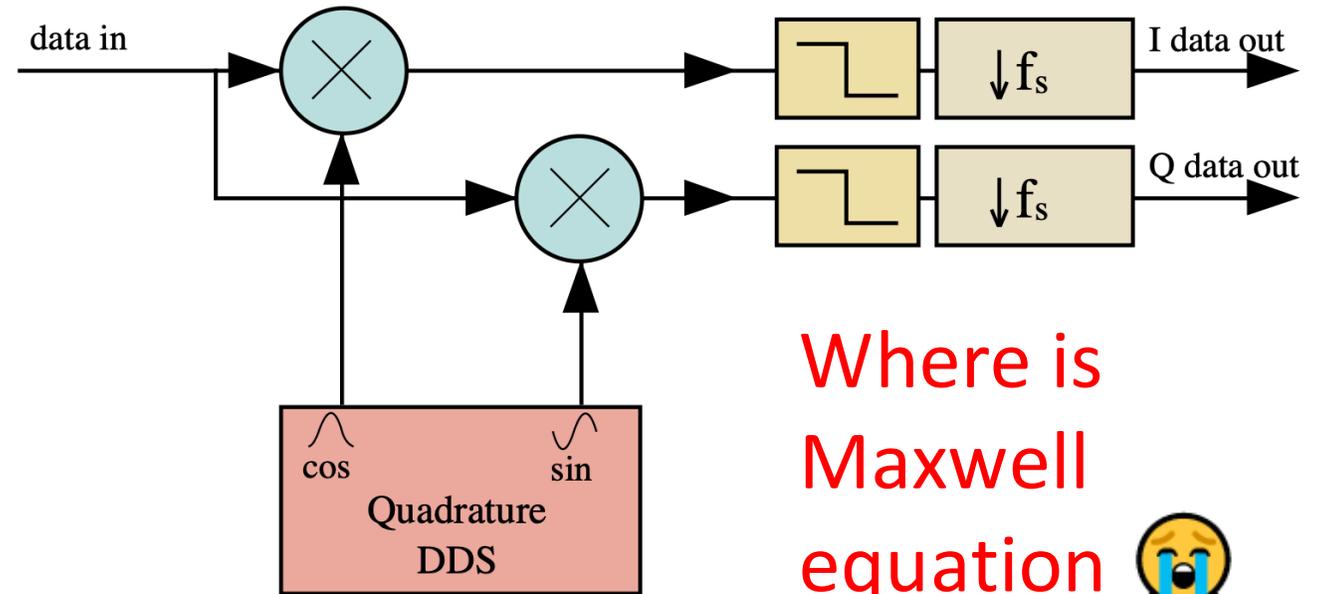
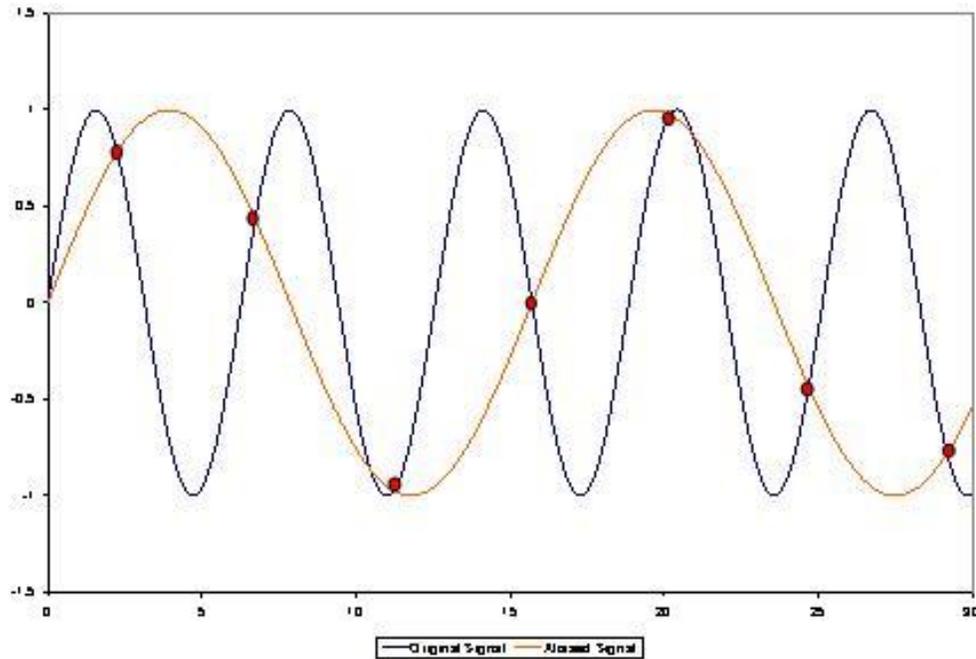
# in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q) sampling



$$RF(t) = I(t) \cos(\omega t) + Q(t) \sin(\omega t)$$

- After sufficient analogue superheterodyne, one can directly digitize RF signal
- Standard of modern microwave engineering
- The channel reading of ADC is **linear** to input voltage
- Raw data to process is digitized  $I(t)$  and  $Q(t)$  in modern microwave system

# Digital down conversion (decimation in FPGA)



Where is  
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equation 🤔

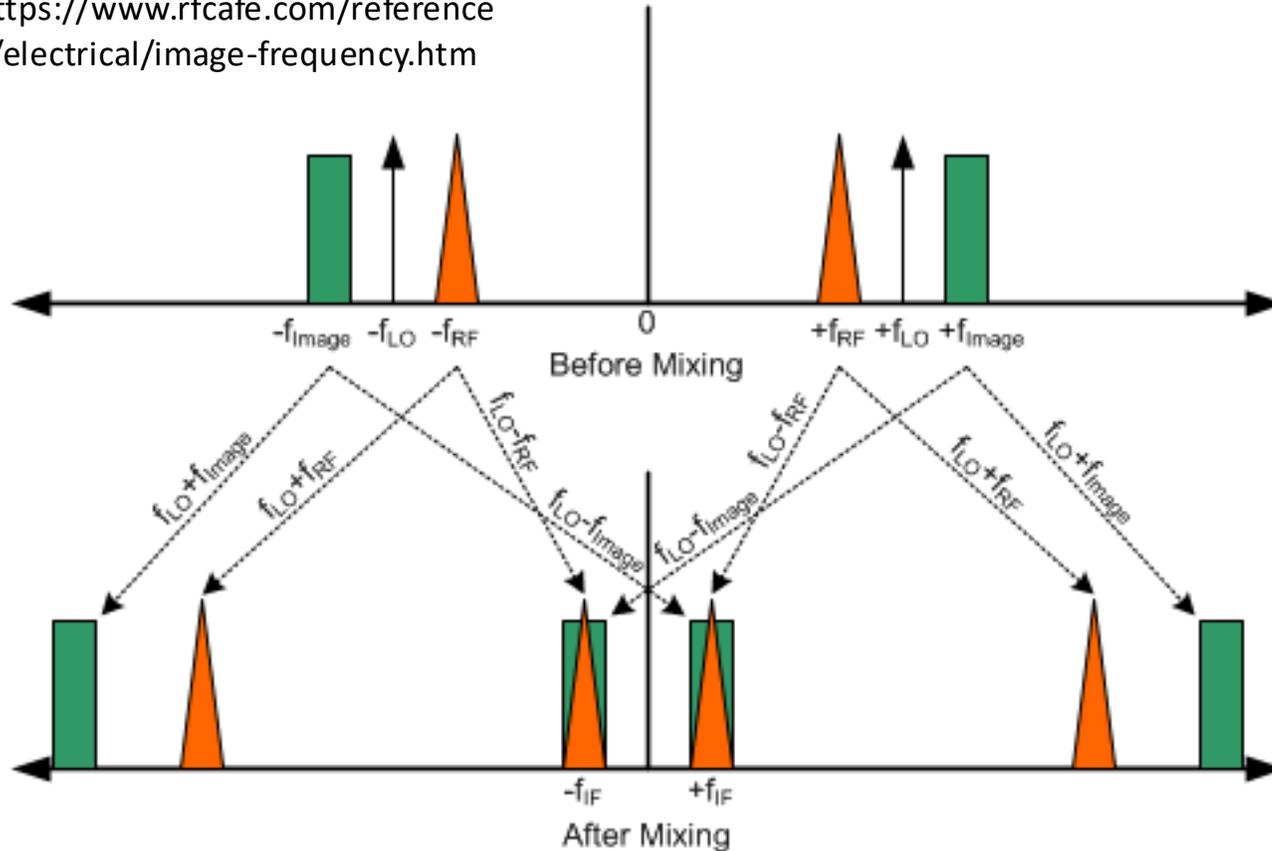
- Make use of Nyquist theorem
  - A periodic signal must be sampled (sampling frequency  $\omega_s$ ) at more than **twice** the highest frequency component of the signal  $\rightarrow$  otherwise **aliasing**
- Under-sampling on purpose
  - **Aliasing** = frequency down conversion  $\omega_{LO} = \omega_s \rightarrow \omega_{IF} = \omega_{RF} - \omega_s$
- Typically implemented in FPGA together with digital filters in modern microwave system
- One can flexibly control the downconversion by decimation factor unlike analogue heterodyne

# Digital filters to remove image problems

Where is  
Maxwell  
equation



<https://www.rfcafe.com/reference/s/electrical/image-frequency.htm>



- We usually use **analogue filters** with analogue mixers
- digital down-conversion is associated with **digital filters** in FPGA
- This is one of the reasons why modern digital processing of microwaves is like a black box for physicists

There are also spurious peaks generally in the microwaves (eg amplifier's nonlinearity, etc)  
→ digital filter implementation + down conversion seems like key of FPGA code development

# Part 2: classical detection scheme

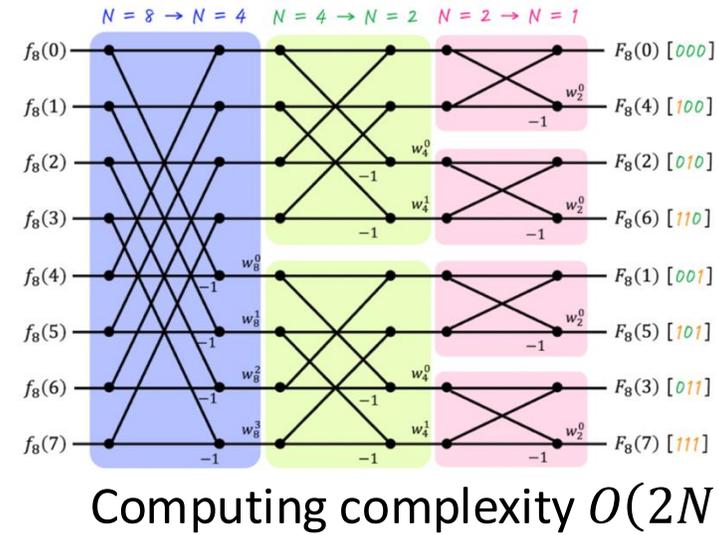
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# Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

$$G(f) \equiv \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} g(t) \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi f t}{N}\right)$$

$$g(t) \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{f=0}^{N-1} G(f) \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi f t}{N}\right)$$

Computing complexity  $O(N^2)$



Bit flipping

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3-element BitVector:
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 1
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julia> .~a
3-element BitVector:
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<https://www.momoyama-usagi.com/entry/math-seigy014>

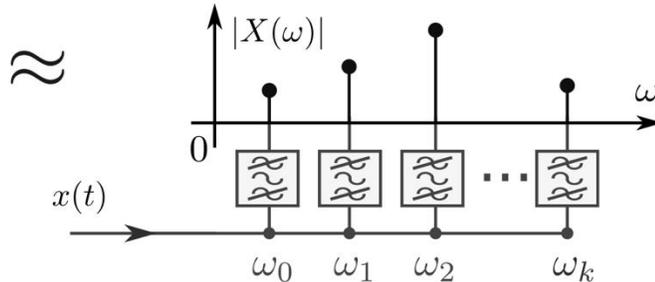
## Analogy to analogue circuit

Fourier transformation:

$$X(\omega_k) = \int_{t=0}^l x(t) \cdot e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

M. Betz PhD thesis

Array of bandpass filters



**ROOT** Reference Guide Version v6.28

**FFT.C File Reference**  
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`fft.fft(a, n=None, axis=-1, norm=None, out=None)`  
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Overview of real data FFTs

Fast Fourier Transforms (FFTs)

- I usually use FFT library of any programming languages
- Did I implement it when I was a student (?)

# FFT → Power Spectral Density (PSD)

$$RF(t) = I(t) \cos(\omega t) + Q(t) \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\widetilde{RF}(\omega) = \int_{t=0}^T RF(t) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

$$PSD(\omega) = \tilde{I}(\omega)^2 + \tilde{Q}(\omega)^2$$

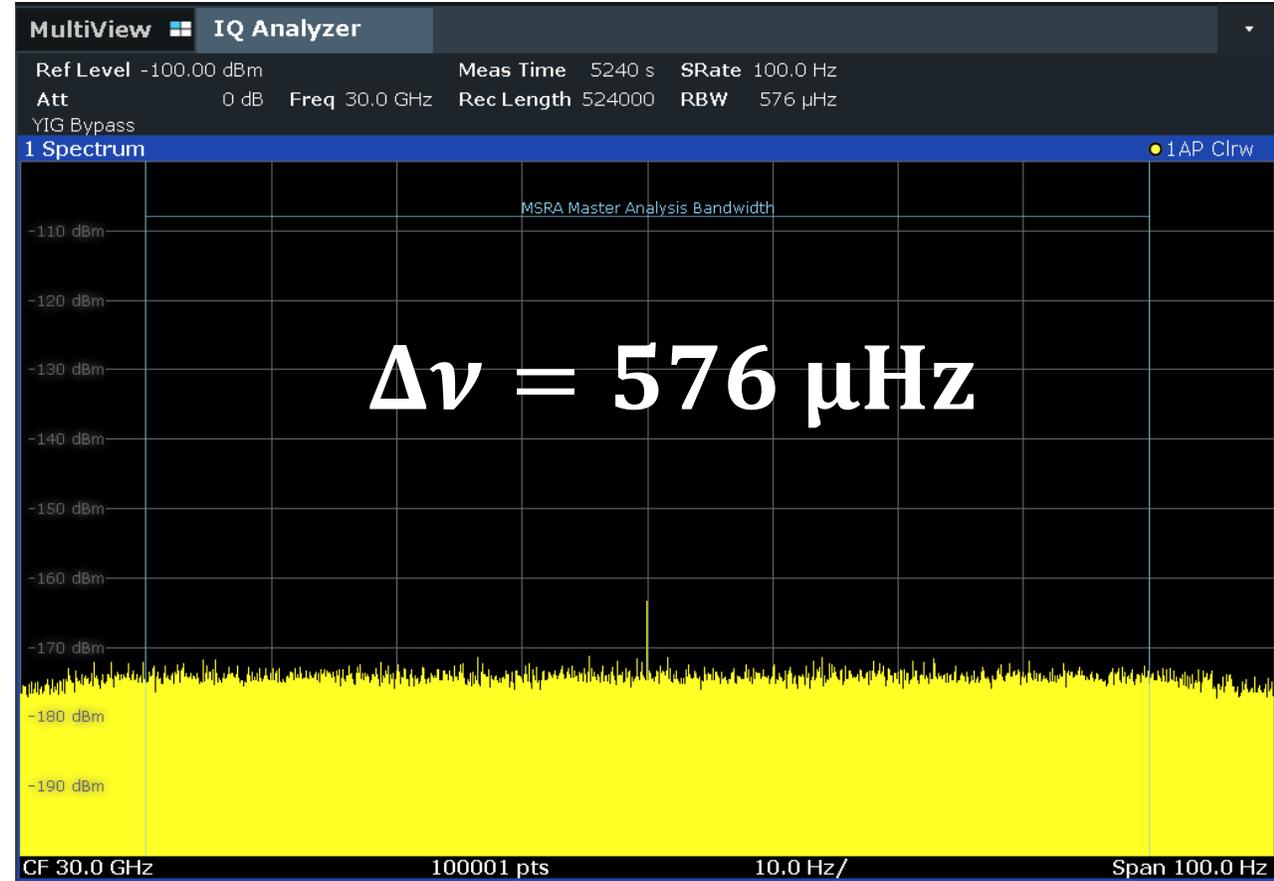
Power is  
evaluated by  
software!

Physical unit  $W/Hz = dBm/Hz$

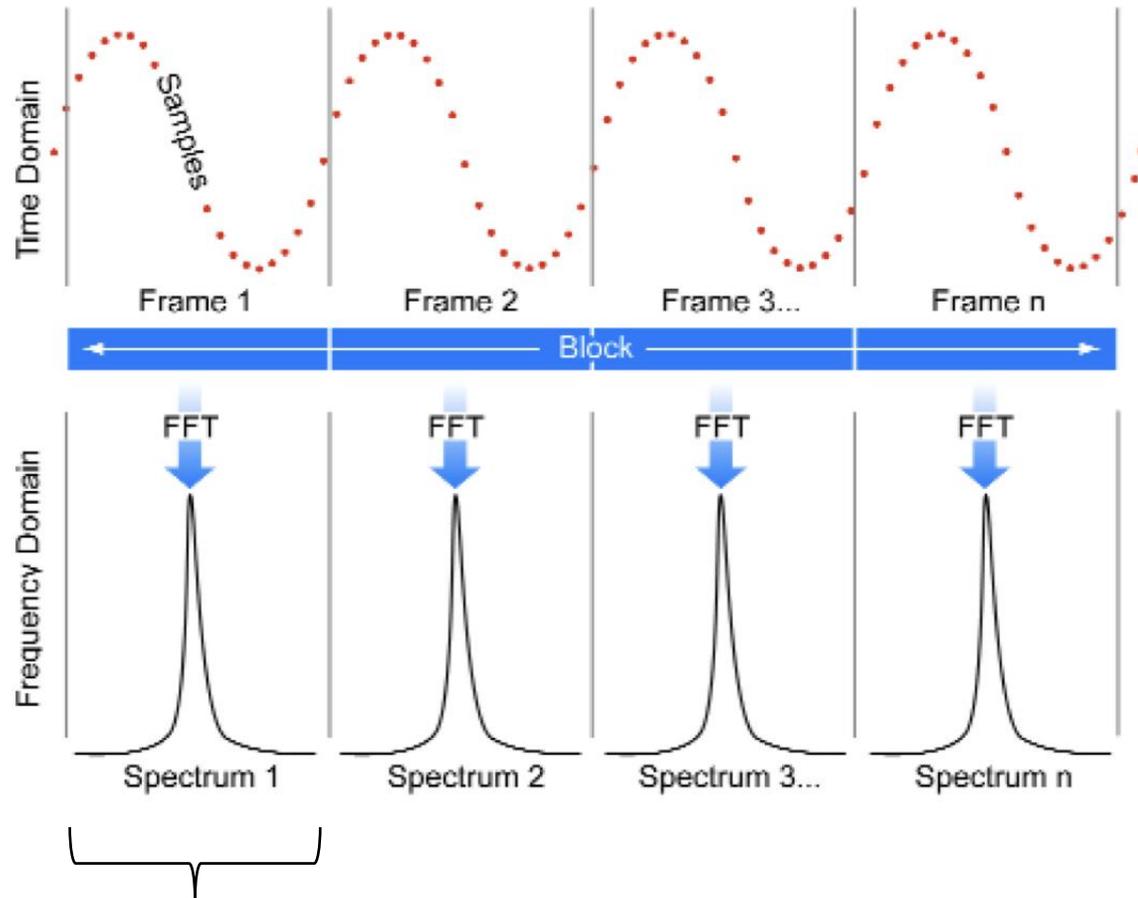
With resolution bandwidth  $\Delta\nu = 1/T$

$$P_N = PSD \cdot \Delta\nu [dBm = W]$$

→ Noise power in linear system (LNA, mixer, I/Q demodulation, FFT: all linear)



# Coherent and incoherent sum of spectra



Average over a lot of PSDs

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} PSD_j \quad P_N \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_{total}}}$$

Incoherent sum

NEP



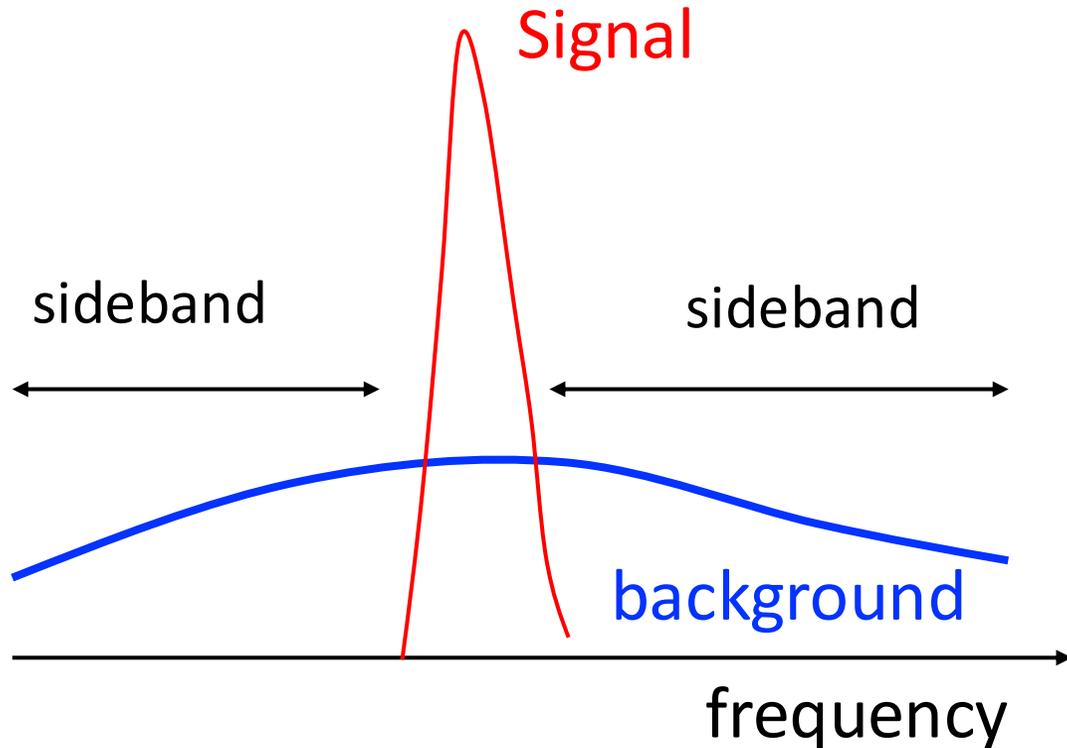
FFT of time domain raw data to generate PSD

$$\widetilde{RF}(\omega) = \int_{t=0}^T RF(t) e^{i\omega t} dt \rightarrow PSD(\omega) = \tilde{I}(\omega)^2 + \tilde{Q}(\omega)^2$$

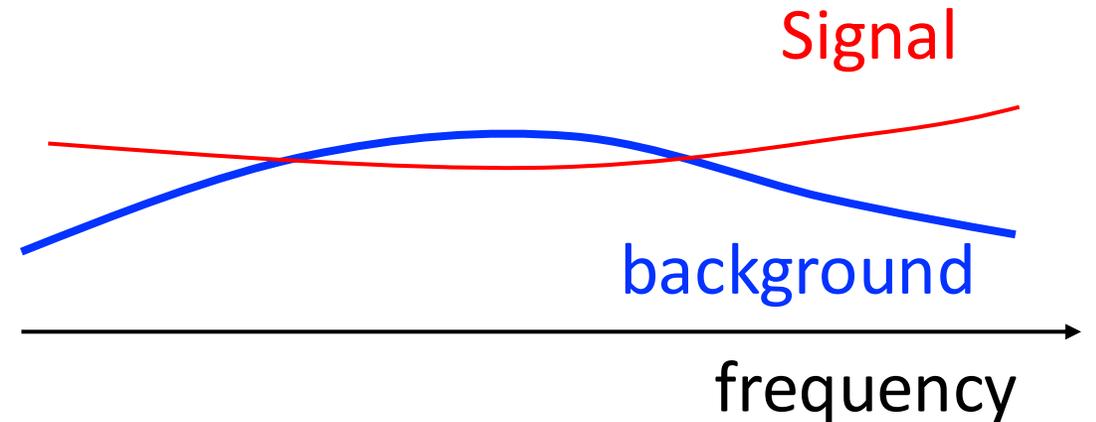
coherent sum

$$P_N = PSD(\omega) \Delta\nu \propto \frac{1}{T}$$

# Narrow-band vs broad-band signal

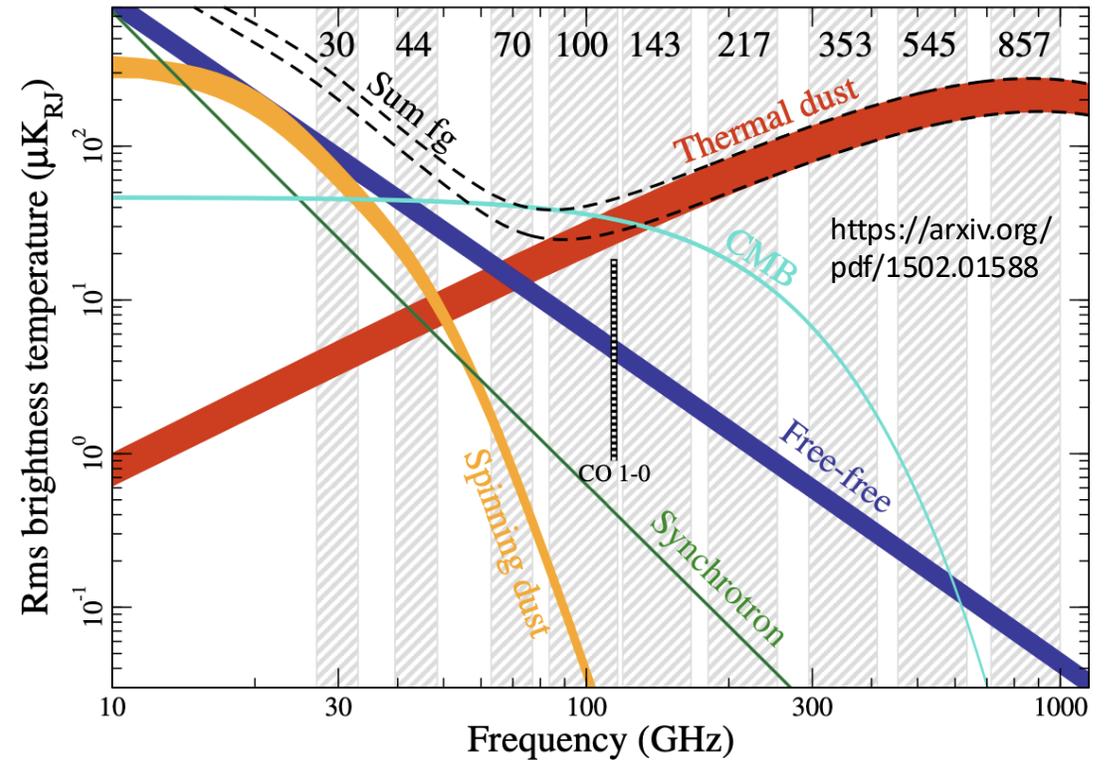
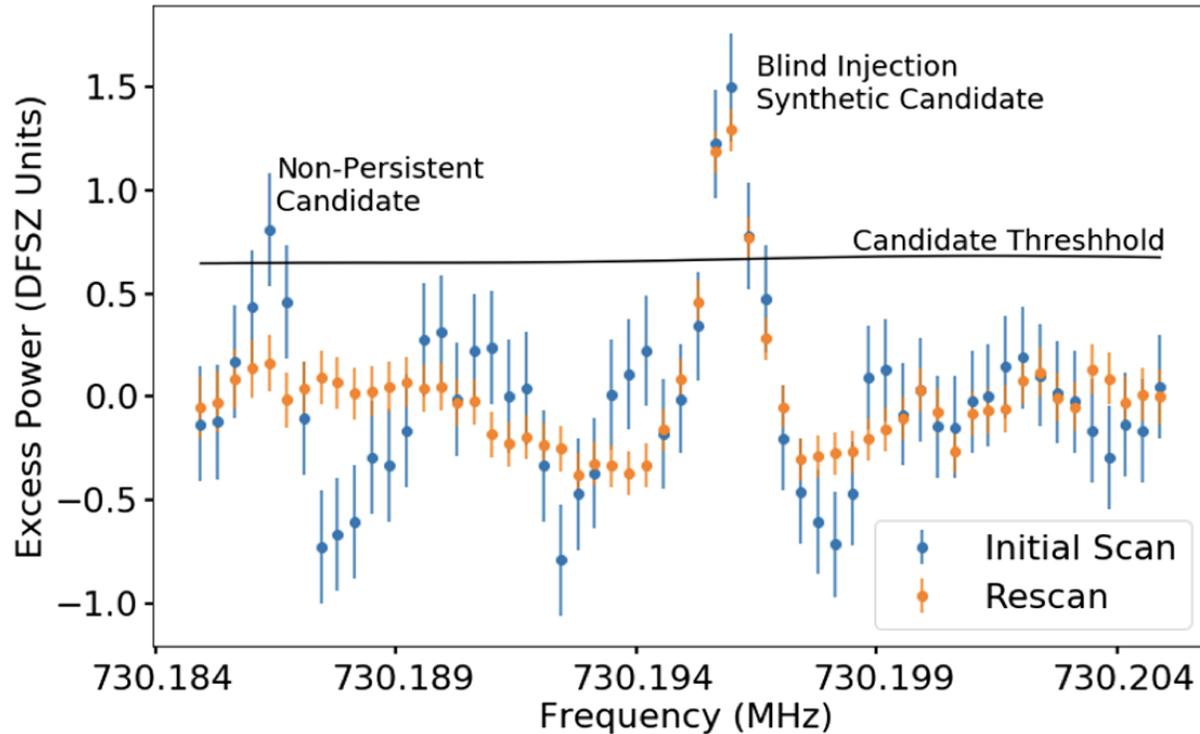
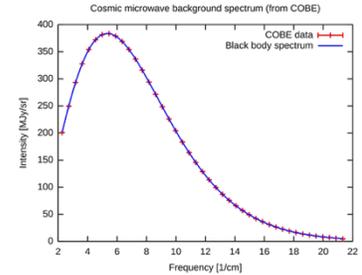
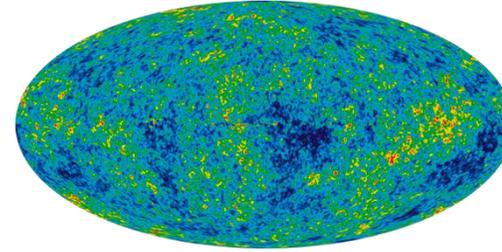
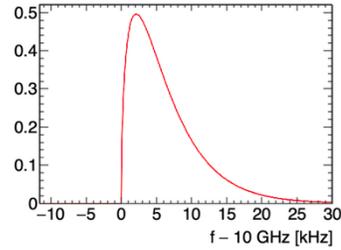
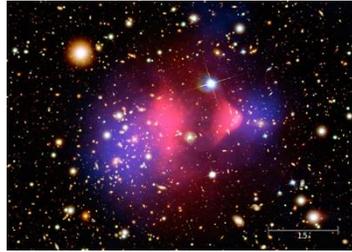


- Frequency information helps a lot to eliminate sideband in off-line analysis
- Otherwise bandpass filter in front-end to cut sidebands



- Frequency information is useless to distinguish signal from background
- Simply sensitive sensor & low background measurement

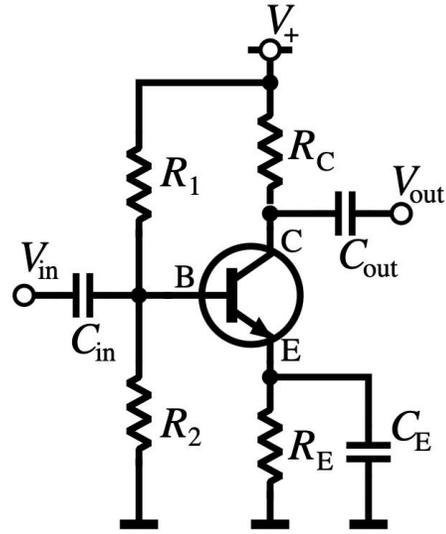
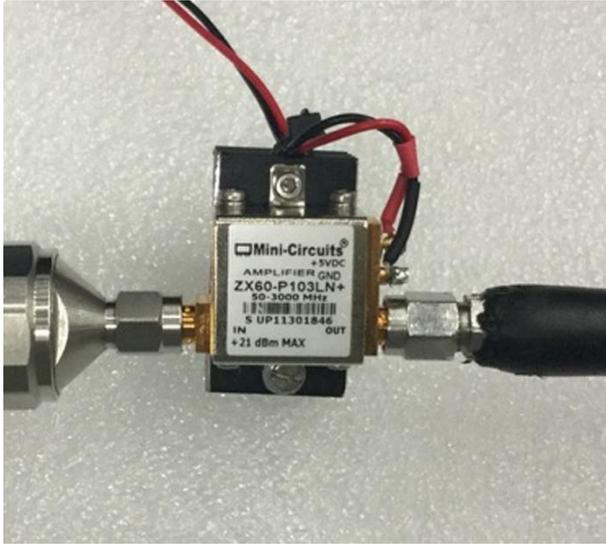
# Example: narrow-band vs broad-band MW



Axion experiments dramatically benefit from narrow-band detection scheme  
 → Introduction of quantum sensors is nontrivial

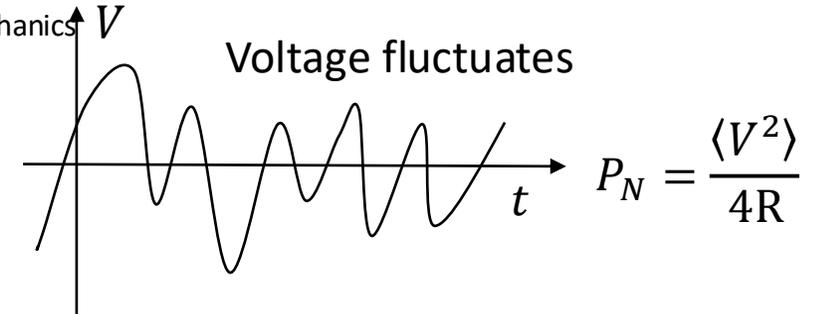
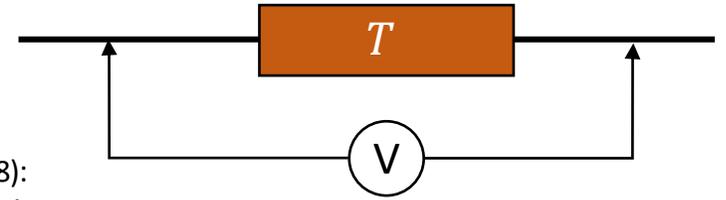
CMB does not gain by narrow band and number of 2.7 K photons is a lot  
 → Sensitive bolometer (TES, MKID, ...)

# Johnson Nyquist Thermal Noise



J. B. Johnson Phys Rev 32 97 (1928):  
 Experimental discovery of the relation  
 H. Nyquist Phys Rev 32 110 (1928):  
 Thermodynamics + statistical mechanics  
 of **bosonic** modes

Any conductor at temperature  $T$



“Blackbody radiation” of electromagnetic waves inside a 1D conductor

$$\langle V^2 \rangle \Delta\nu \sim 4R \Delta\nu \frac{h\nu}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1} \xrightarrow[\text{Rayleigh Jeans}]{h\nu \ll k_B T} 4R k_B T \Delta\nu$$

Noise PSD:  $N = \frac{\langle V^2 \rangle}{4R \Delta\nu} \sim k_B T \text{ [W/Hz]}$

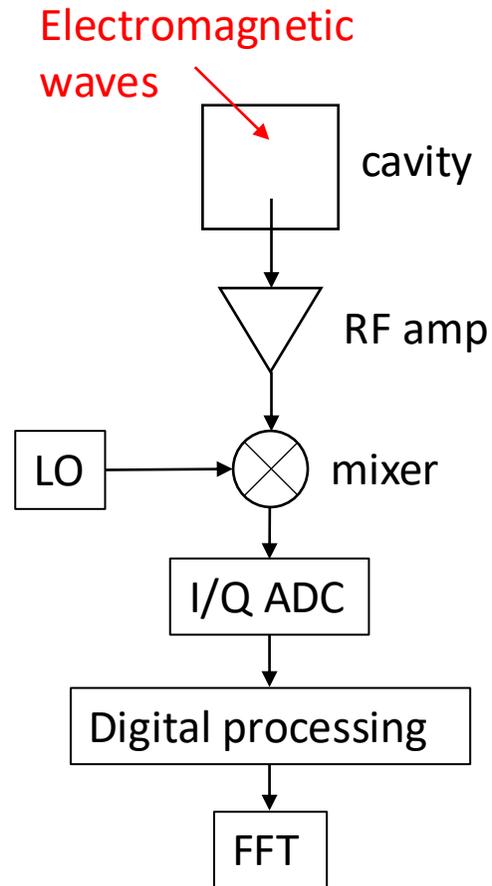
Average number of thermal photons

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1}$$

was derived by Planck via quantum statistics

Power is OK but what is the corresponding classical waves?

# Standard Quantum Limit of linear detection scheme



The analogue + digital system composed of

- Linear amplifier
- Heterodyne Mixer
- I/Q digitization
- FFT

cannot resolve power density below

$$P_{SQL} = \hbar\omega \text{ [W/Hz]}$$

For example,

- 1 GHz  $\rightarrow 6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ [W/Hz]} = 48 \text{ mK}$
  - 20 GHz  $\rightarrow 1.3 \times 10^{-23} \text{ [W/Hz]} = 960 \text{ mK}$
- Cf) 300 K blackbody radiation  $4.1 \times 10^{-21} \text{ [W/Hz]}$

**Quantum technology** to overcome SQL  $\rightarrow$  [Part 3](#)

$$RF(t) = I(t) \cos(\omega t) + Q(t) \sin(\omega t)$$

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# Conclusion of Part 2

- Boundary conditions
  - Normal conductors has skin depth of  $\mu\text{m}$  and surface resistance of  $m\Omega$
  - Superconductors has penetration depth of 100 nm and surface resistance of  $10\text{ n}\Omega$  but external magnetic fields degrade the resistance  $\rightarrow$  parallel B-field is the key
  - Dielectric materials can be another material to confine microwaves  $\rightarrow$  excellent performance inside magnetic field
- Microwave resonators
  - Microwaves are transmitted via Gaussian beam in free space while confined in transmission lines
  - Resonant cavities can enhance the field strength so that the conversion ratio from DM axion can also be enhanced
  - $\text{TM}_{010}$  is the most commonly used resonant mode for DM search (as well as particle accelerators)
  - Fabry-Pérot resonators confine Gaussian beam ( $\text{TEM}_{00n}$ ) and do not couple to DM axions without dielectric disks while it is useful for the relativistic axions to couple in LSW-type experiments
- Analog and digital system
  - Amplifier, circulator, mixer & analogue down-conversion & I/Q sampling & digital down-conversion gives the present state-of-the-art of microwave engineering
  - The processed data is linear to the input amplitude toward the very end of the processing
- Data processing and noise
  - Narrow-band signal can significantly gain S/N via FFT of the I/Q data (still linear !) and can linearly suppress the broadband noise proportional to the integral time (coherent sum)
  - Once the resolution bandwidth reaches the signal band-width, FFT over longer integration time does not improve the S/N but simply resolve the signal into smaller bins  $\rightarrow$  simple averaging of PSD improves noised power proportional to the square root of the integration time
  - The linear detection methods would eventually reach SQL

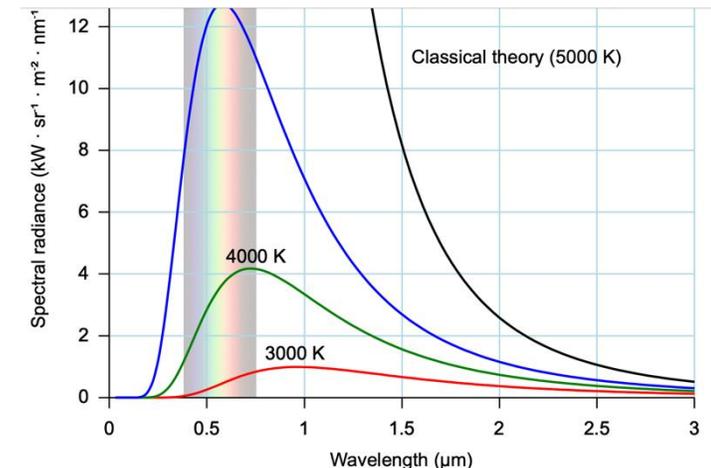
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# dBm: conventionally used as a unit of absolute power

I became familiar with the concept of dB? with dBm without  $10 \log_{10} A/B$

## Typical numbers to remember

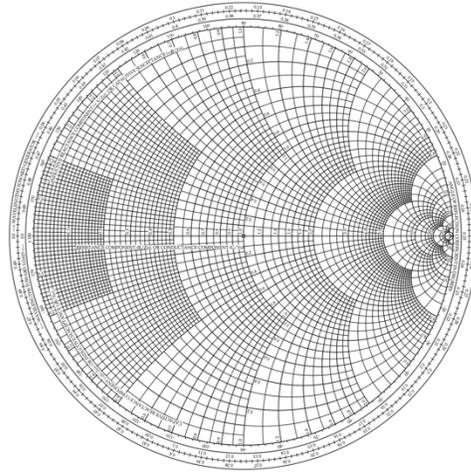
- 120 dBm = 1 GW: one nuclear power plant
- 110 dBm = 100 MW: Synchrotron radiation of FCCee
- 90 dBm = 1 MW: high power RF amplifier / oscillator
- 10 dBm = 10 mW: "high-power" in low-level electronics
- 0 dBm = 1 mW: reference power
- -40 dBm: broad-band power sensors noise floor
- -120 dBm/Hz: noise floor of ADC
- -174 dBm/Hz: black body radiation noise from 300 K
- -212 dBm/Hz: standard quantum limit noise of 1GHz



# Smith chart to see the coupling

$$\Gamma = |\Gamma|e^{i\theta} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta}\right) - iQ_{ext} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) + iQ_{ext} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega}\right)} = \frac{\beta - 1 - iQ_0\delta\omega}{\beta + 1 + iQ_0\delta\omega}$$

- This is a textbook example to find the coupling condition of the cavity + coupler system
- Circle smaller than diameter 1 indicates under coupling



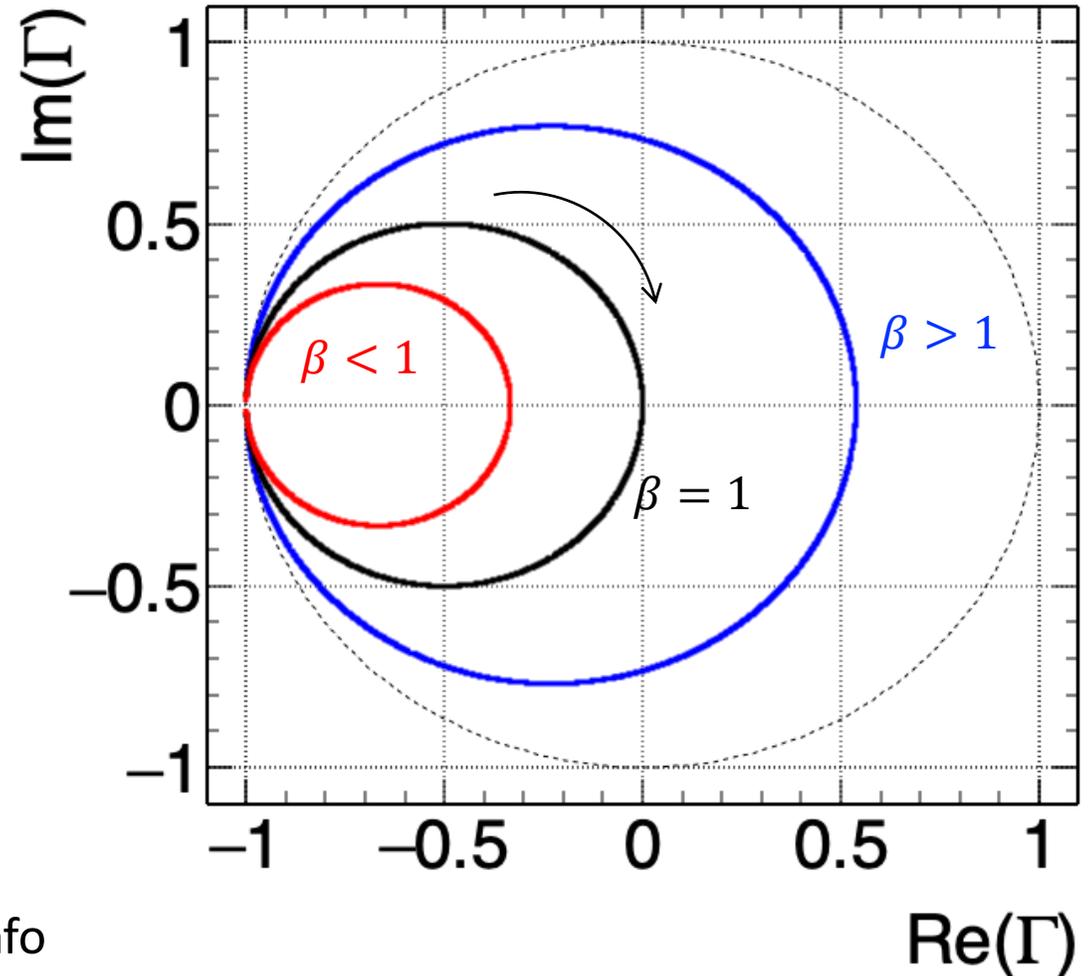
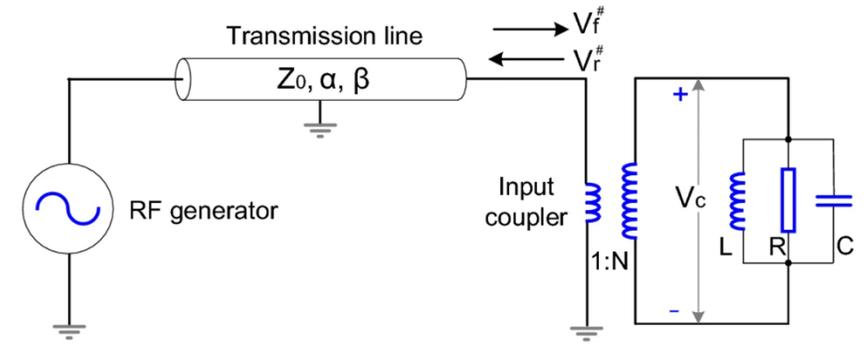
This method is useful under two conditions:

- The resonance is not super narrow
- $Q_{ext}$  and  $Q_0$  are not very different

In case of superconducting cavities,

$$Q_0 \sim 10^{10}, Q_{ext} \sim 10^5$$

Is a typical condition  $\rightarrow$  just a large circle without not much info

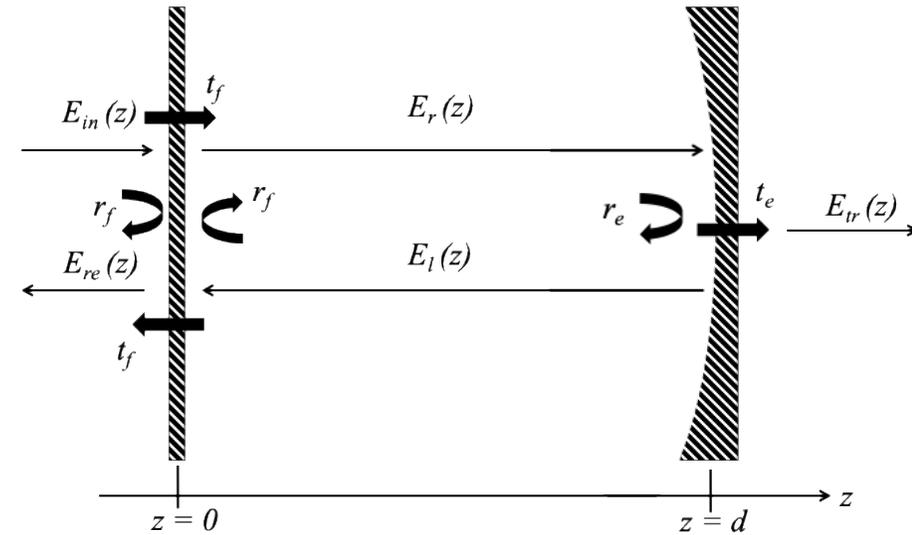


# Interferometer model 1/2

## Transmitted and reflected power

$$P_{tr} = |E_{tr}(z)|^2 = \frac{T_f T_e}{(1 - \sqrt{R_f R_e})^2} \frac{1}{1 + F \sin^2 kd} P_{in}$$

$$P_{re} = |E_{re}(z)|^2 = \frac{\left[ \frac{\sqrt{R_f} - (T_f + R_f)\sqrt{R_e}}{1 - \sqrt{R_f R_e}} \right]^2 + (T_f + R_f)F \sin^2 kd}{1 + F \sin^2 kd} P_{in}$$



with

$$F \equiv \frac{4\sqrt{R_f R_e}}{(1 - \sqrt{R_f R_e})^2}$$

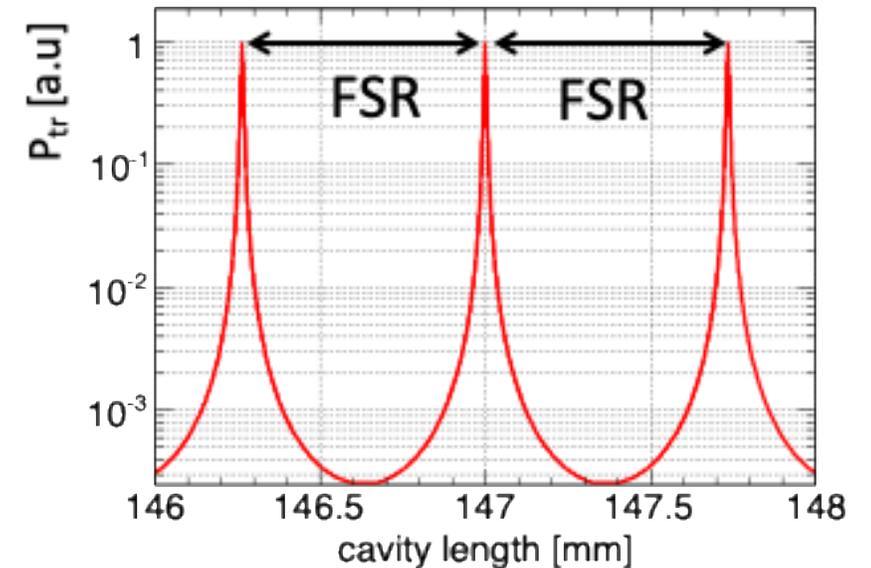
and finesse of the Fabry Pérot resonator is defined as

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{F} \sim \frac{2\pi}{1 - R_f R_e}$$

Finesse is an experimental observable

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{\pi}{\text{FWHM [radian]}} = \frac{\text{FSR [mm]}}{\text{FWHM [mm]}}$$

## Free Spectral Range

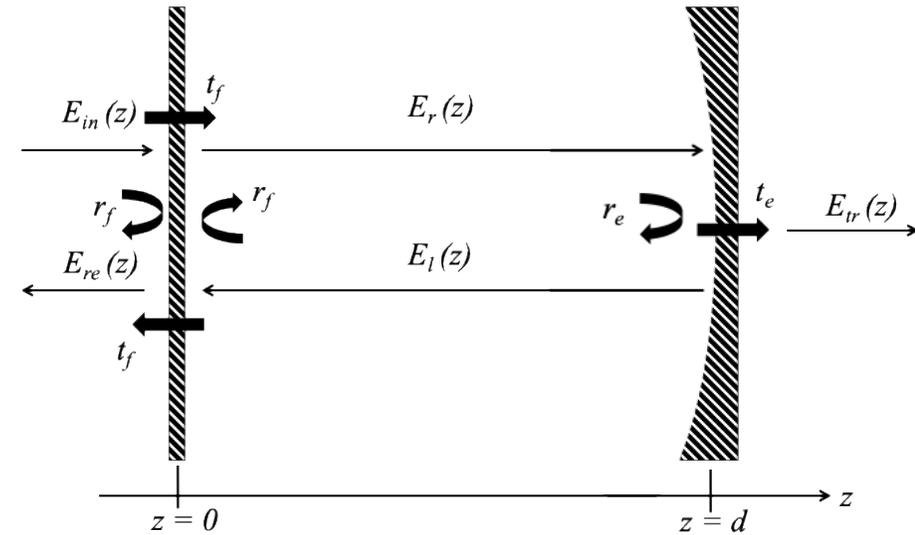


# Interferometer model 2/2

## Coupling

$$P_{re}(\omega_0) = \left[ \frac{\sqrt{R_f} - (T_f + R_f)\sqrt{R_e}}{1 - \sqrt{R_f R_e}} \right]^2 \quad \text{On resonance}$$

$$P_{re}(\omega \gg \omega_0) = \left[ \frac{\sqrt{R_f} + (T_f + R_f)\sqrt{R_e}}{1 + \sqrt{R_f R_e}} \right]^2 \quad \text{Off resonance}$$



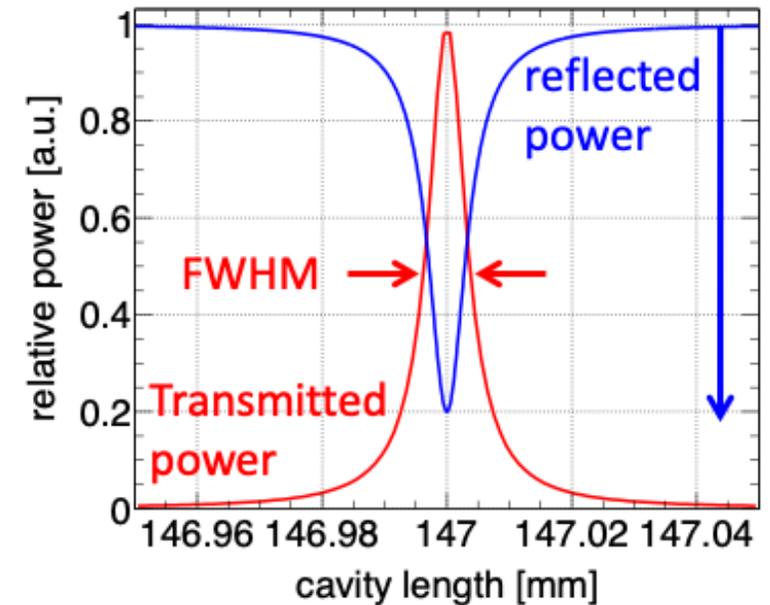
Reflection coefficient  $|\Gamma| = |S_{11}| = \sqrt{P_{re}(\omega_0) / P_{re}(\omega \gg \omega_0)}$

Coupling coefficient

$$\beta = \frac{1 \mp |\Gamma|}{1 \pm |\Gamma|} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Upper sign for under coupling,} \\ \text{lower sign for over coupling} \end{array}$$

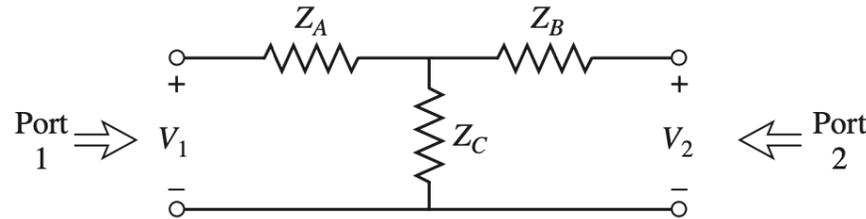
Standing wave's power...*circulating power* (?) stored energy (??)

$$P_{std} (?) = |E_{std}(z)|^2 = T_f \frac{\left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{R_e}}{1 - \sqrt{R_f R_e}} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_f}} F \sin^2 k(z-d)}{1 + F \sin^2 kd}$$

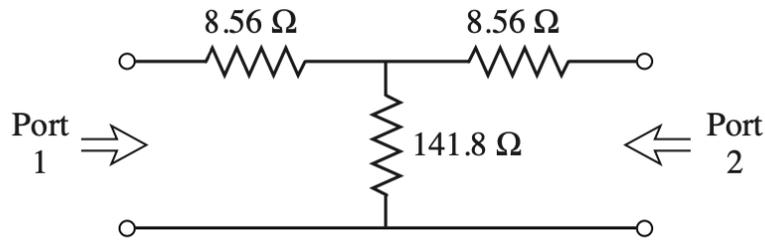


# Attenuators

- Control power level
- Reduce noise level from outside
- Attenuation and tolerable power to specify
- Hopefully axions do not burn it unlike accelerators 😊 (calculate power!)



Ex) 3 dB (half power) attenuator for 50 Ω line

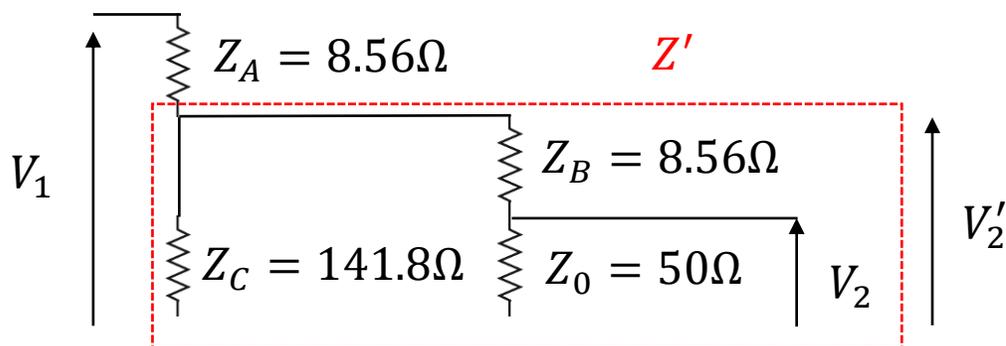


Useful intermediate impedance:

$$Z' \equiv \frac{Z_C(Z_B + Z_0)}{Z_C + (Z_B + Z_0)} = 41.44\Omega$$

Suppose no additional reflection to port 1 and 2

Equivalent circuit

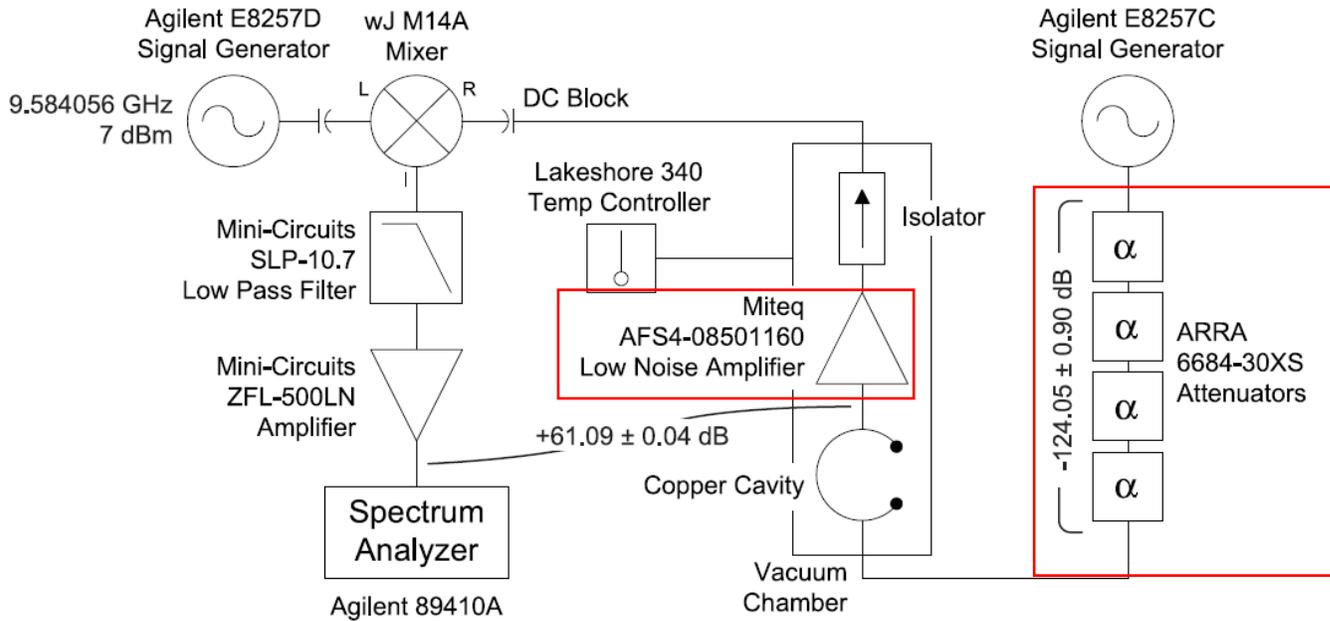


$$S_{11} = \frac{V_1^-}{V_1^+} = \frac{Z_{in}^{(1)} - Z_0}{Z_{in}^{(1)} + Z_0} \quad Z_{in}^{(1)} = Z_A + Z' = 50\Omega \rightarrow S_{11} = 0$$

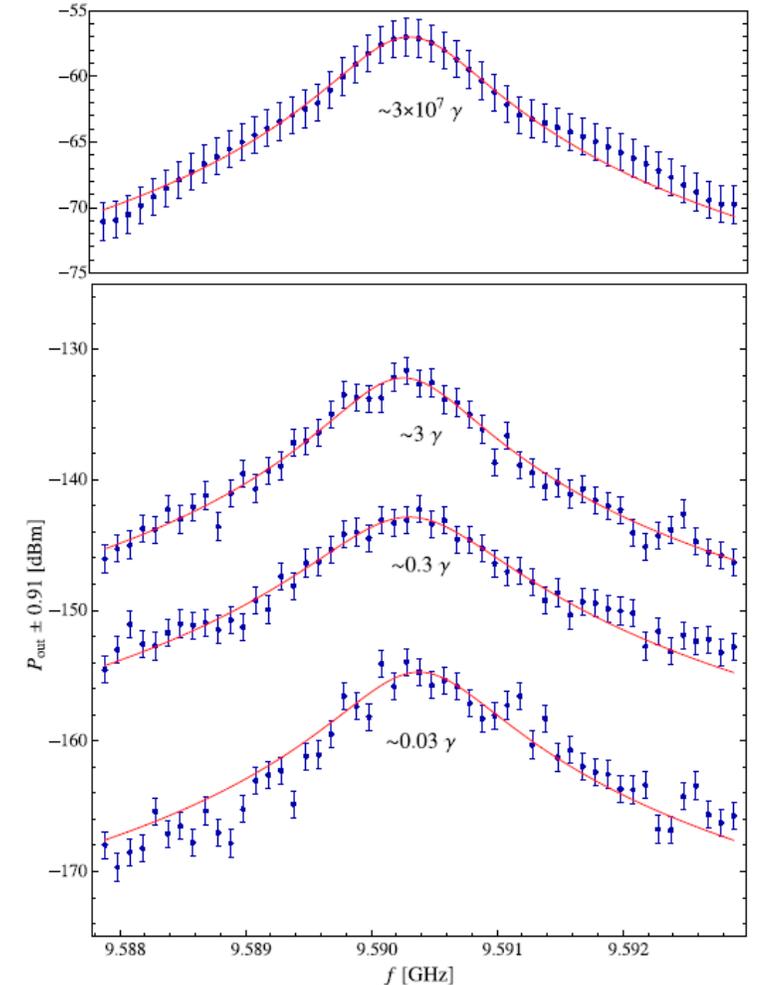
$$S_{21} = \frac{V_2^-}{V_1^+} = \frac{V_2}{V_1} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} V_2 &= \frac{Z_0}{Z_B + Z_0} V_2' \\ V_2' &= \frac{Z'}{Z_A + Z'} V_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} S_{21} &= 0.71 \\ |S_{21}|^2 &= 0.50 \end{aligned}$$

# Cf) attenuator does not make $|1\rangle$ photon state

J. G. Hartnett et al Phys Lett B 698 346 (2011)

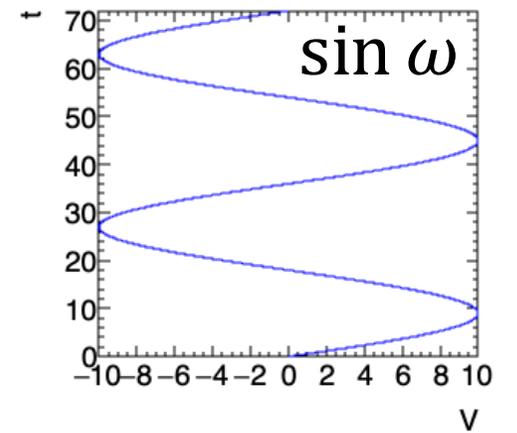
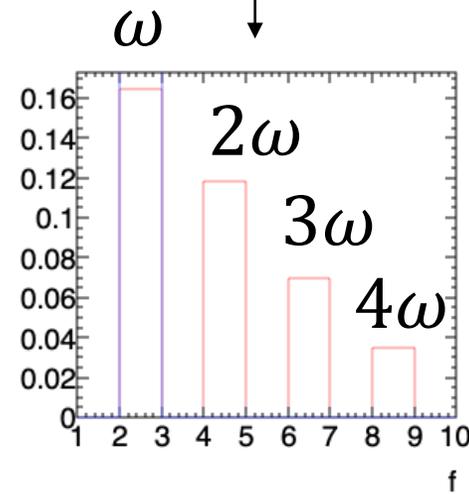
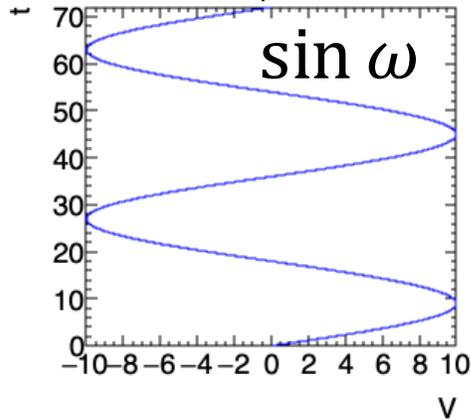
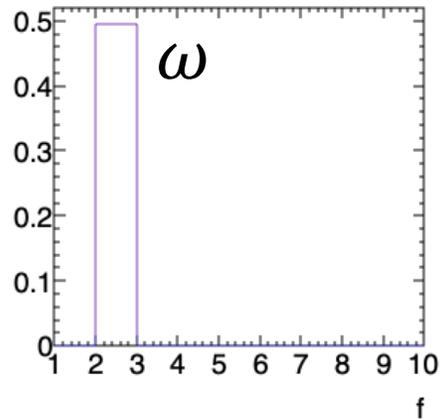
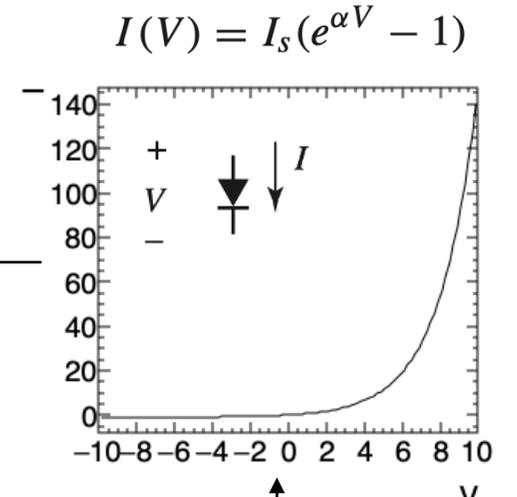
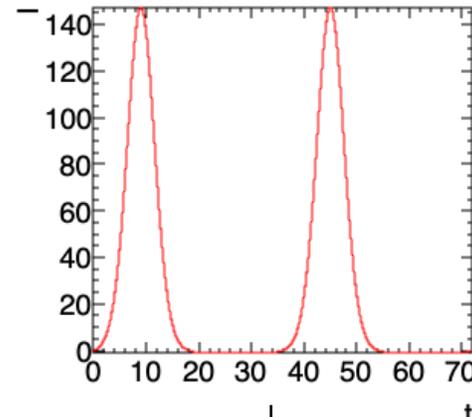
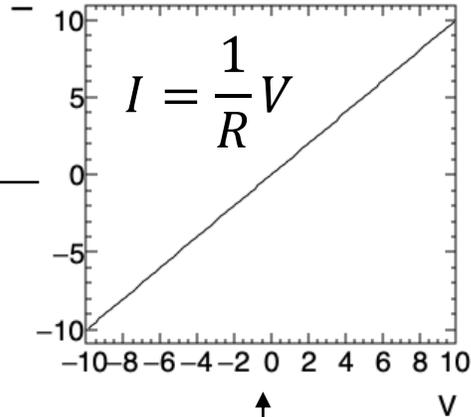
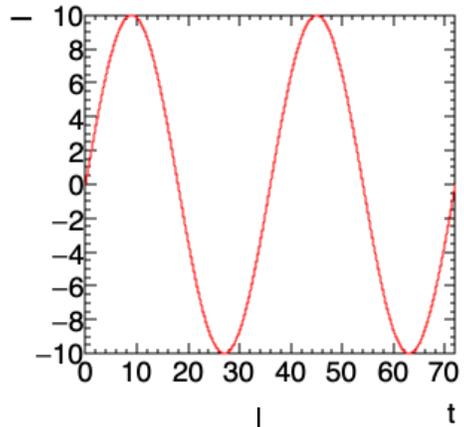


$P_{in}$ [dBm]	$\#\gamma$ in cavity	$Q_L$
-55	$\sim 3 \times 10^7$	8800
-125	$\sim 3$	8900
-135	$\sim 0.3$	7100
-145	$\sim 0.03$	8200

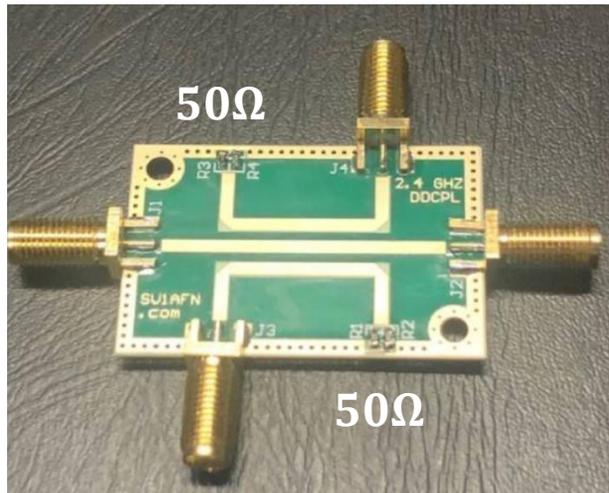
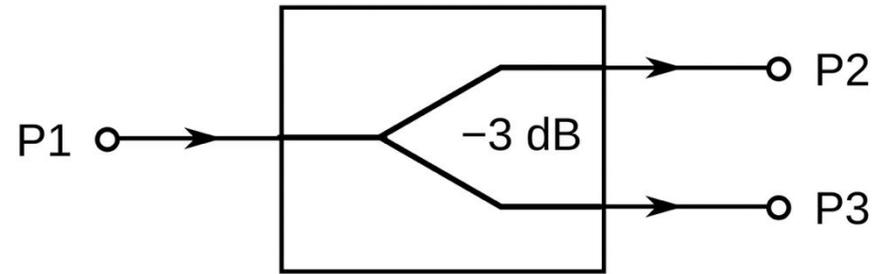
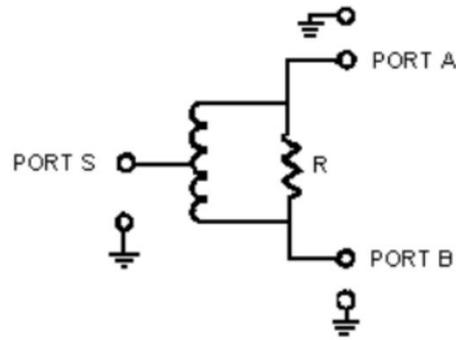
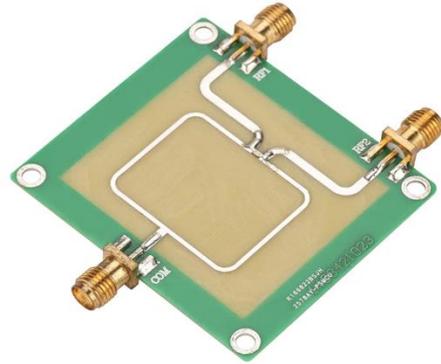


- Attenuator does not change statistical nature (coherent state  $\rightarrow$  Poissonian) but simply reduce mean number of photons ( $= |E|^2$ ) so does not go into true quantum regime
- True single photon state  $|1\rangle$  may have distinct behavior in interference

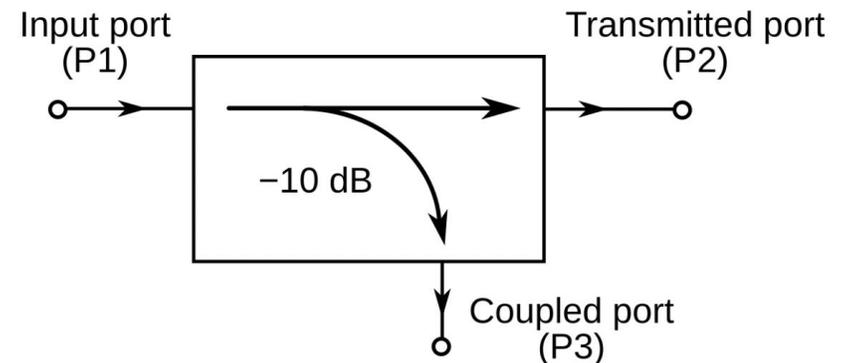
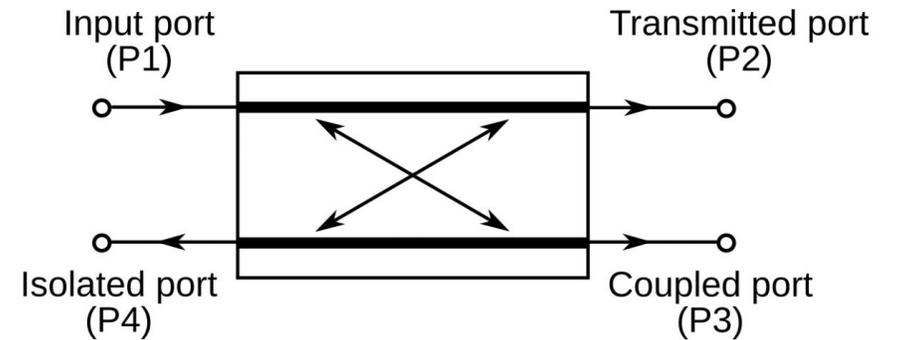
# Demo: nonlinearity in diode $\rightarrow$ harmonics generation



# Splitter / directional coupler

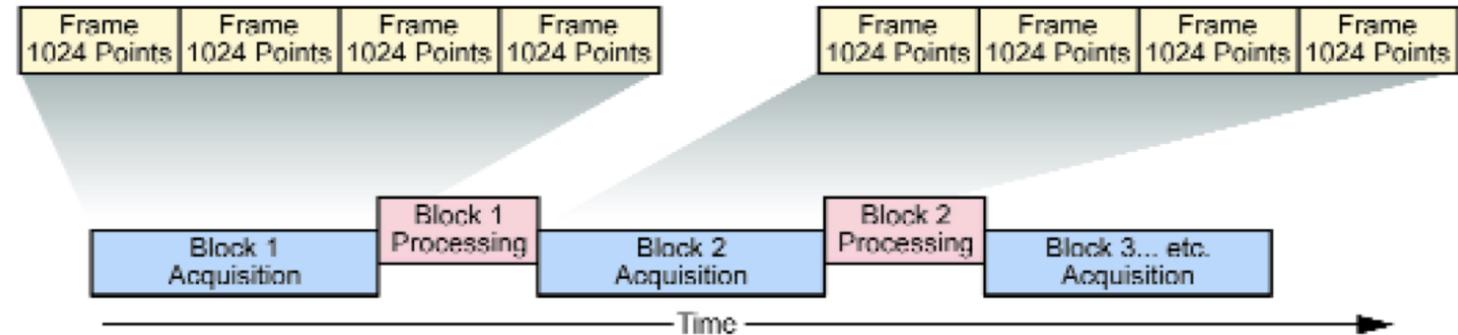
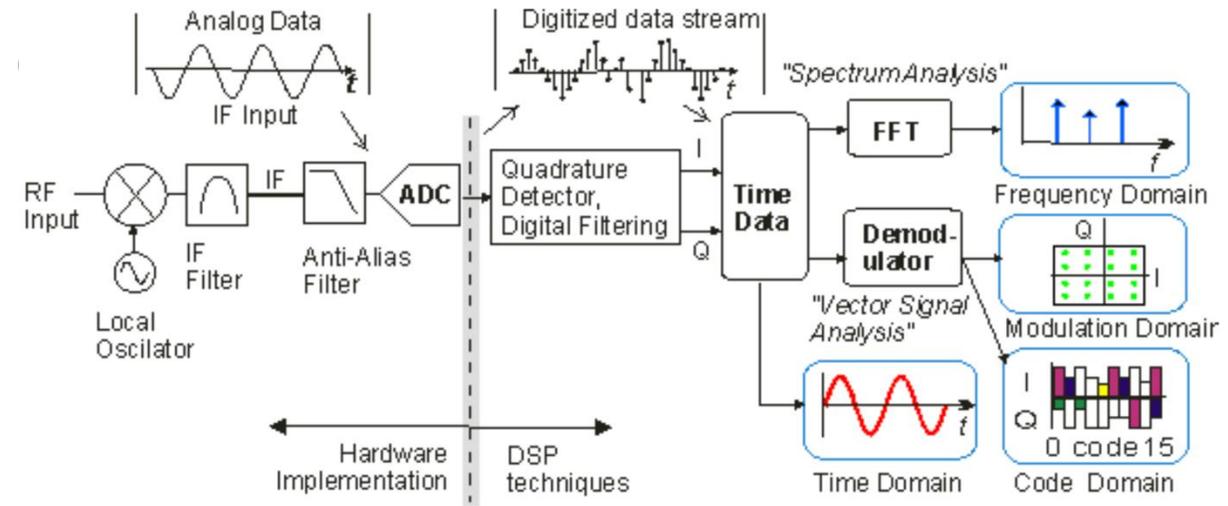
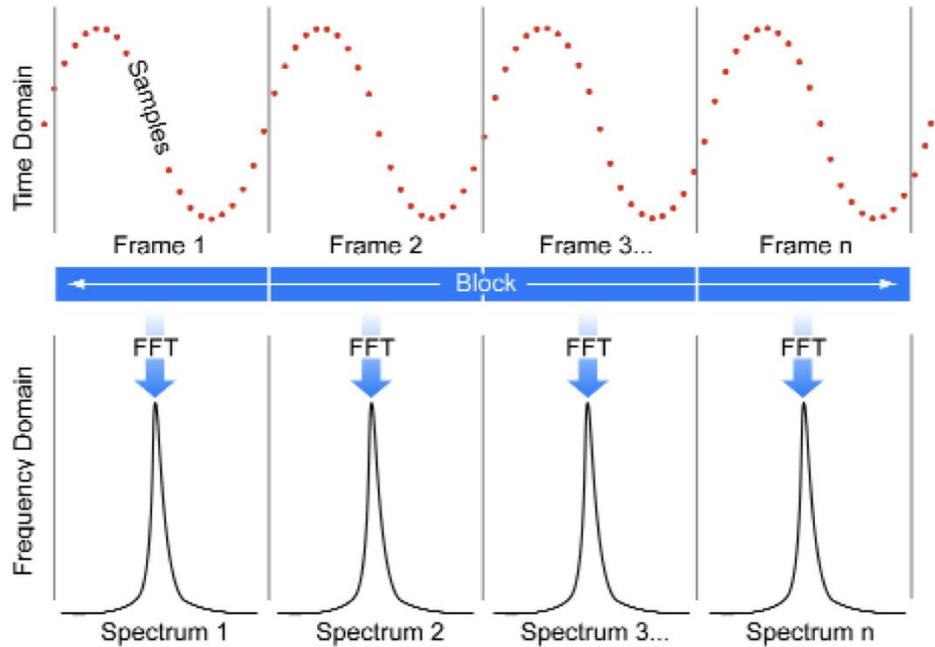


Coupling  $P_3/P_1$   
 Isolation  $P_4/P_1$   
 Directivity  $P_4/P_3$   
 Insertion loss  $P_2/P_1$   
 (in dB)



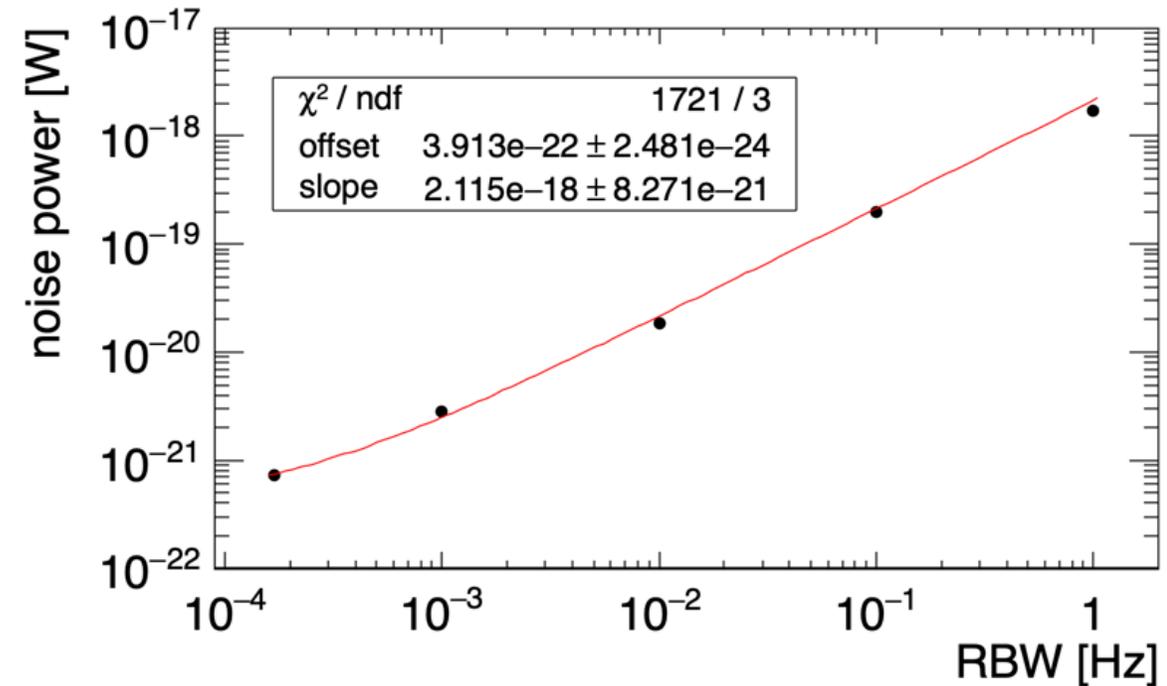
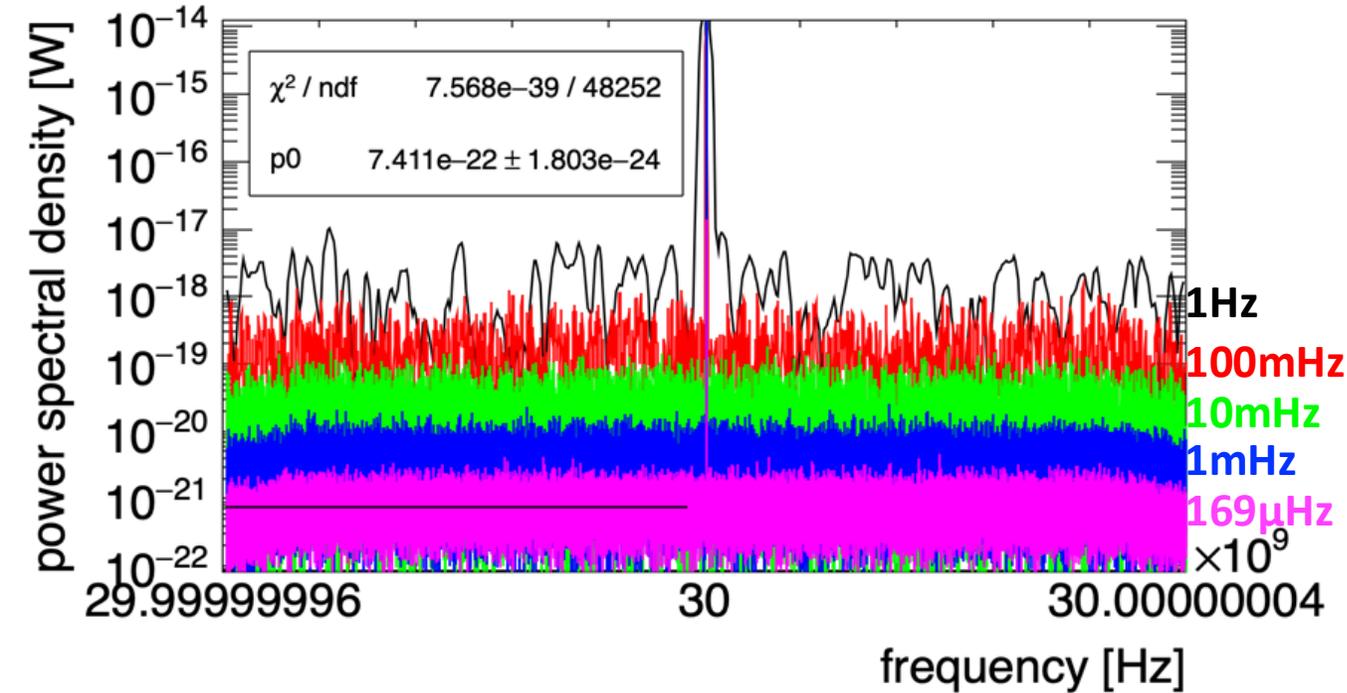
- Tried to reverse engineer them via CST MW Studio → failed
- Please terminate non-used ports ☺

# Real-time Spectrum Analyzer ~Vector Signal Analyzer)



- Real-time SA stores acquired data in a ring buffer memory and perform FFT
- From time to time, it reads out the buffer and saves it in a more secure place (HD? RAM?) and re-acquire data in the buffer
- The data processing time causes dead time of data acquisition

# Super narrow band detection is possible



- If the buffer is long enough, FFT time  $T \gg 1$  s is feasible  $\rightarrow \Delta\nu = 1/T \ll 1$  s
- By using R&S FSW43, we demonstrated  $\Delta\nu \sim 169$   $\mu$ Hz (1.6 hours) at 30 GHz
- One day FFT is theoretically possible
  - Demonstrated by CROWS (1-3 GHz) to reach  $\Delta\nu \sim 1$   $\mu$ Hz
- Then the questions is phase stability over such a long period
- AM et al ANNALEN DER PHYSIK 2023, 536, 2200619

