

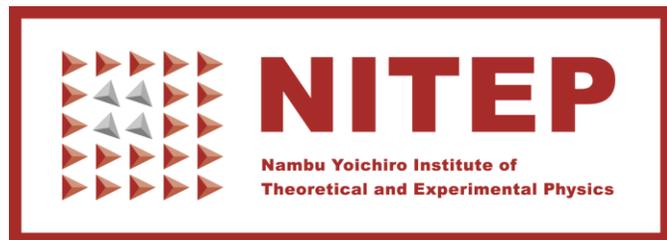


Detection of dark matter axions 3/3

from classical microwaves to quantised photons

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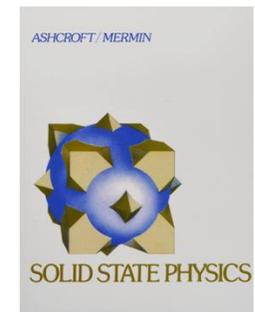
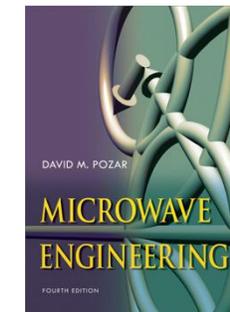
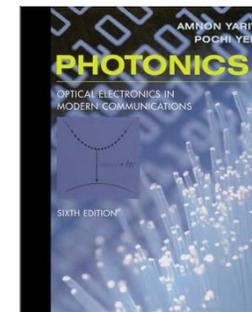
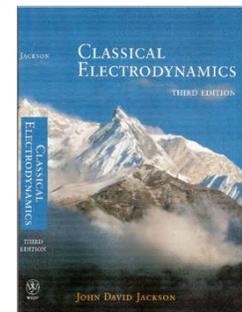
Outline of the lecture courses and textbooks

- Part 1: overview on axion searches

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

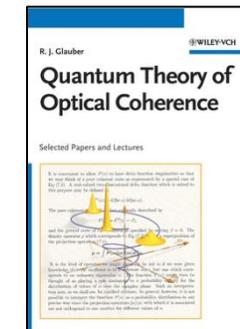
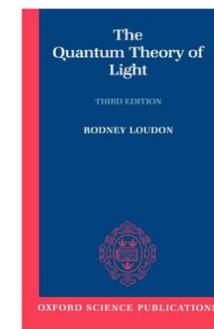
- Part 2: classical detection scheme

- Boundary conditions
- Microwave resonators
- 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



Revisit wave-particle duality

This lecture

Wave (field) states

$$\hat{\mathcal{E}} = \hat{a} \exp(+i\omega t) - \hat{a}^\dagger \exp(-i\omega t)$$

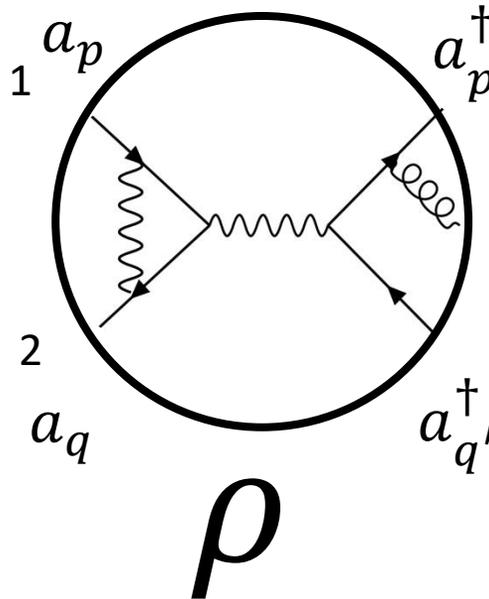
$$\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$$

Eigenstate of the annihilation operator

$$\rho = \int d\alpha^2 P(\alpha) |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$$



Quantum field



Number (energy) states

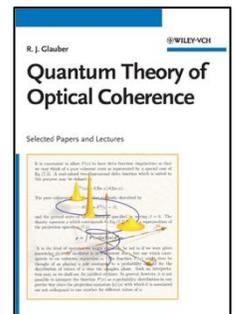
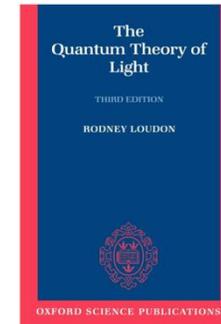
$$\hat{n} = \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}$$

$$\hat{n}|n\rangle = n|n\rangle$$

Eigenstate of the number operator

$$\rho = \sum_n c_n |n\rangle\langle n|$$

- Typical particle physics focuses on number states
- We count numbers and measure energy NOT field
- We are not familiar with coherent states



Three pillars of modern physics

Lorentz invariance

Galilei invariance

Quantum Field Theory
in Particle Physics

Quantum Optics for
photon science

Quantum Many Body
system for solid states

Ex) Standard Model

Ex) Laser

Ex) Superconductivity

number state

$$\hat{n}|n\rangle = n|n\rangle$$

→ Collider physics

Coherent state

$$\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$$

→ Quantum information, *axion*

Part 3: Quantum detection scheme

- Quantum coherent states
- Glauber's theorem
- Thermal noise and Standard Quantum Limit
- Squeezing and photon counting
- Conclusion of part 3

- Global conclusion of the lecture courses

Step by step

Part 3: Quantum detection scheme

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Coherent state: eigen state of annihilation operator

Harmonic oscillator: $\hat{H} = \hbar\omega\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + (\hbar\omega/2)$

bosonic annihilation and creation operators: $\hat{a} \equiv \hat{x} + i\hat{p}$

Reminder: their algebra

$$[\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger] = 1 \quad [\hat{a}, \hat{a}] = [\hat{a}^\dagger, \hat{a}^\dagger] = 0$$

$$\hat{a}|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle \quad \hat{a}^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$$

\hat{a} is not Hermitian = not **observable** ($\in \mathbb{R}$) but can have an eigen state

$$\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{C})$$

This is called a quantum coherent state

Electric field operator and expectation value with $|\alpha\rangle$

$$\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\epsilon_0 V}} [\hat{a} e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})} - \hat{a}^\dagger e^{i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} E \equiv \langle \alpha | \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t) | \alpha \rangle &= i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\epsilon_0 V}} [\alpha e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})} - \alpha^* e^{+i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})}] \\ &= E^+ e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})} - E^- e^{+i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})} \end{aligned}$$

This is a solution of classical Maxwell equation with a dispersion relation $\omega^2 = |\mathbf{k}|^2$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) E(t, \mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Exercise 1: $\hat{a} \equiv \hat{x} + i\hat{p}$

***This is not your 1st time
to see the coherent state***

Wavefunction: projected onto the x-axis

$$\Psi(x) \equiv \langle x | \alpha \rangle = ?$$

Hint...

$$1 = \int dx' |x'\rangle \langle x'|$$

$$\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$$

$$[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = \frac{i}{2}$$

$$\hat{p} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2i} \frac{d}{dx}$$

Answer 1: $\Psi(x) \equiv \langle x|\alpha\rangle$

Gaussian!

$$\langle x|\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{\alpha} \langle x|\alpha|\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{\alpha} \langle x|\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{\alpha} \langle x|(\hat{x} + i\hat{p})|\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int dx' \langle x|(\hat{x} + i\hat{p})|x'\rangle \langle x'|\alpha\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha\Psi(x) = \int dx' \langle x|\hat{x}|x'\rangle \Psi(x') + i \int dx' \langle x|\hat{p}|x'\rangle \Psi(x')$$

$= x\delta(x-x')$ $= \frac{1}{2i} \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x-x')$ (partial integral)

$$= \int dx' x\delta(x-x')\Psi(x') + \frac{1}{2} \int dx' \delta(x-x') \frac{d\Psi(x')}{dx}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha\Psi(x) = \left[x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \right] \Psi(x) \rightarrow \frac{d\Psi(x)}{dx} + 2x\Psi(x) - 2\alpha\Psi(x) = 0$$

Solution

$$\Psi(x) = \exp(Ax^2 + Bx + C)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\Psi(x)}{dx} = [2Ax + B]\Psi(x)$$

$$\begin{cases} A = -1 \\ B = 2\alpha \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \Psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\alpha)^2}$$

Der stetige Übergang von der Mikro- zur Makromechanik.

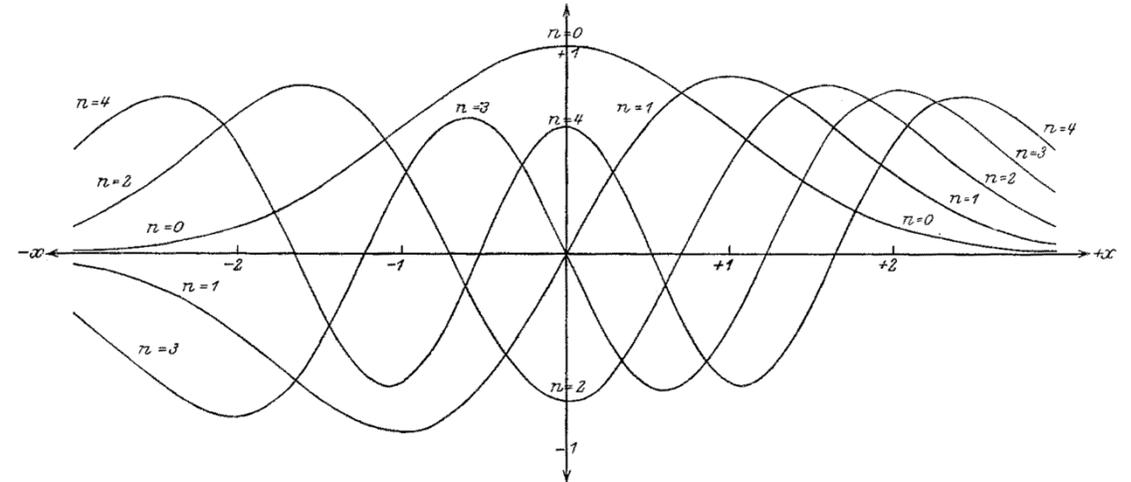
Von E. SCHRÖDINGER, Zürich.

$$\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 + 2 \pi^2 \nu_0^2 m q^2$$

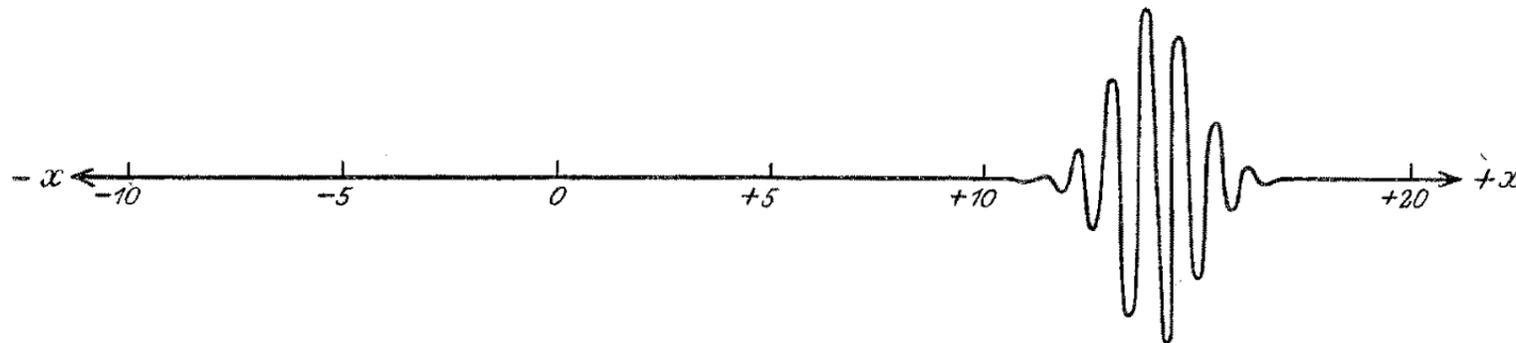
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \psi_n &= e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} H_n(x) e^{2\pi i \nu_n t} \\ \left(\nu_n &= \frac{2n+1}{2} \nu_0; n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \right) \end{aligned} \right\} (3)$$

Die H_n sind die nach HERMITE benannten

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{A}{2} \right)^n \frac{\psi_n}{n!} \\ &= e^{\pi i \nu_0 t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{A}{2} e^{2\pi i \nu_0 t} \right)^n \frac{1}{n!} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} H_n(x). \end{aligned}$$

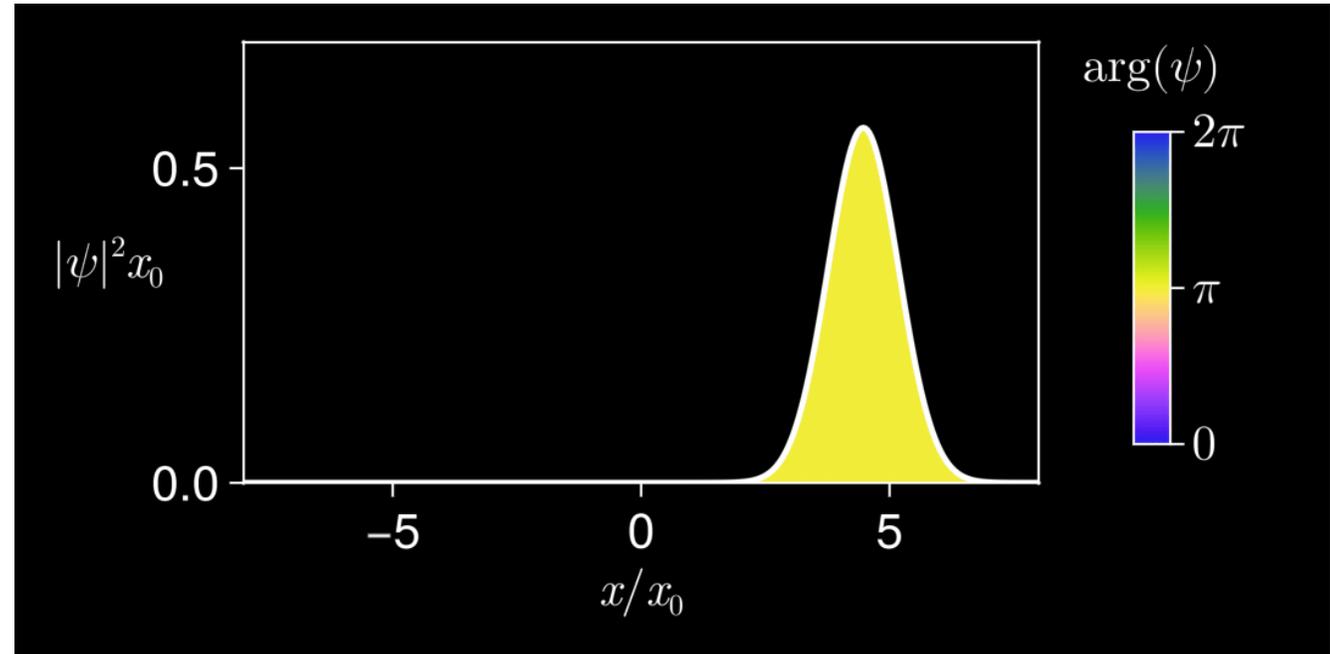
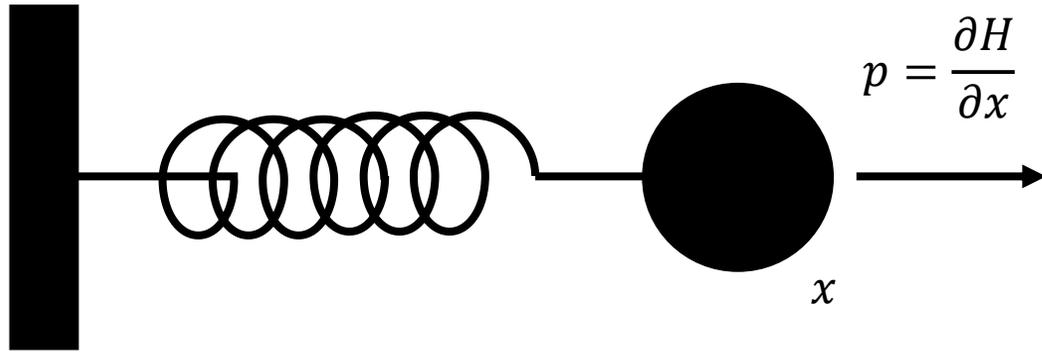


$$\psi = e^{\frac{A^2}{4} - \frac{1}{2}(x - A \cos 2\pi \nu_0 t)^2} \cdot \cos \left[\pi \nu_0 t + (A \sin 2\pi \nu_0 t) \cdot \left(x - \frac{A}{2} \cos 2\pi \nu_0 t \right) \right]$$



Schrödinger, E. (1926). "Der stetige Übergang von der Mikro- zur Makromechanik". Die Naturwissenschaften 14 (28)

Coherent state = Schrödinger's wave packet



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- Harmonic oscillator with Gaussian quantum fluctuation
- Standard deviation around the mean
- The center is exactly the classical harmonic oscillator

Exercise 2: displacement operator

$$\hat{D}(\alpha) \equiv \exp(\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger - \alpha^* \hat{a})$$

$$\hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \equiv \exp(\alpha^* \hat{a} - \alpha \hat{a}^\dagger) = \hat{D}(-\alpha)$$

$$\hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle = ?$$

Hint...

$$\hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) = ?$$

$$\exp(\hat{A}) \hat{B} \exp(-\hat{A}) = \hat{B} + [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] + \frac{1}{2!} [\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]] \dots$$

Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff lemma

Answer 2

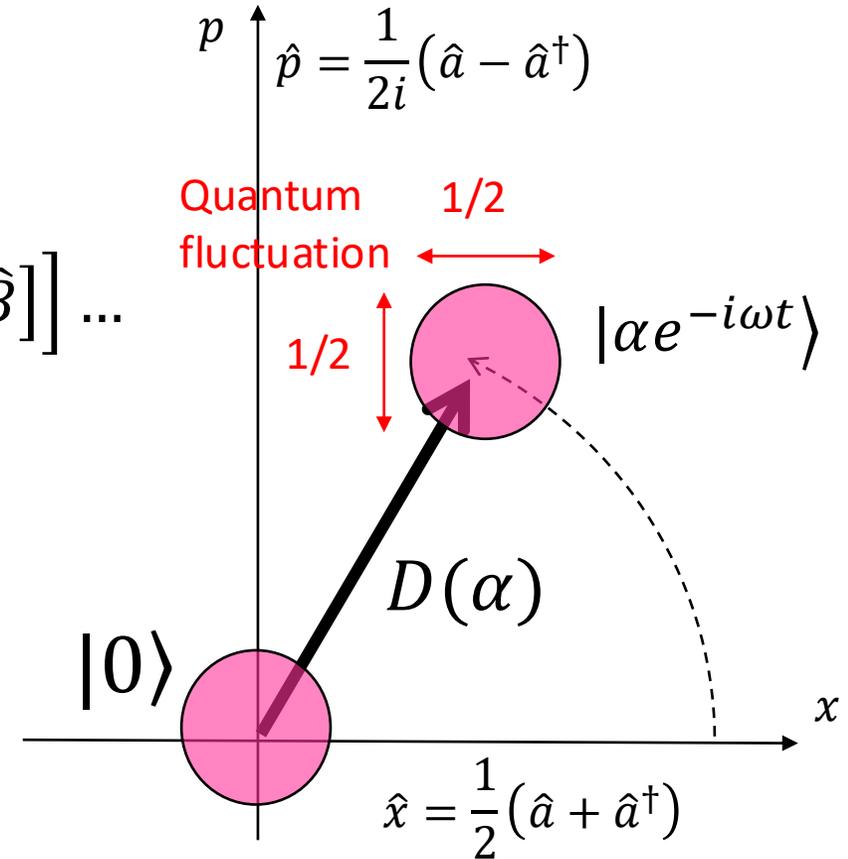
This plays a central role in axion detection

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{A} &= \alpha^* \hat{a} - \alpha \hat{a}^\dagger \\ \hat{B} &= \hat{a} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] &= [\alpha^* \hat{a} - \alpha \hat{a}^\dagger, \hat{a}] = -\alpha [\hat{a}^\dagger, \hat{a}] = \alpha \\ [\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]] &= [\alpha^* \hat{a} - \alpha \hat{a}^\dagger, \alpha] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) &= \exp(\hat{A}) \hat{B} \exp(-\hat{A}) = \hat{B} + [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] + \frac{1}{2!} [\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]] \dots \\ &= \hat{a} + \alpha \end{aligned}$$

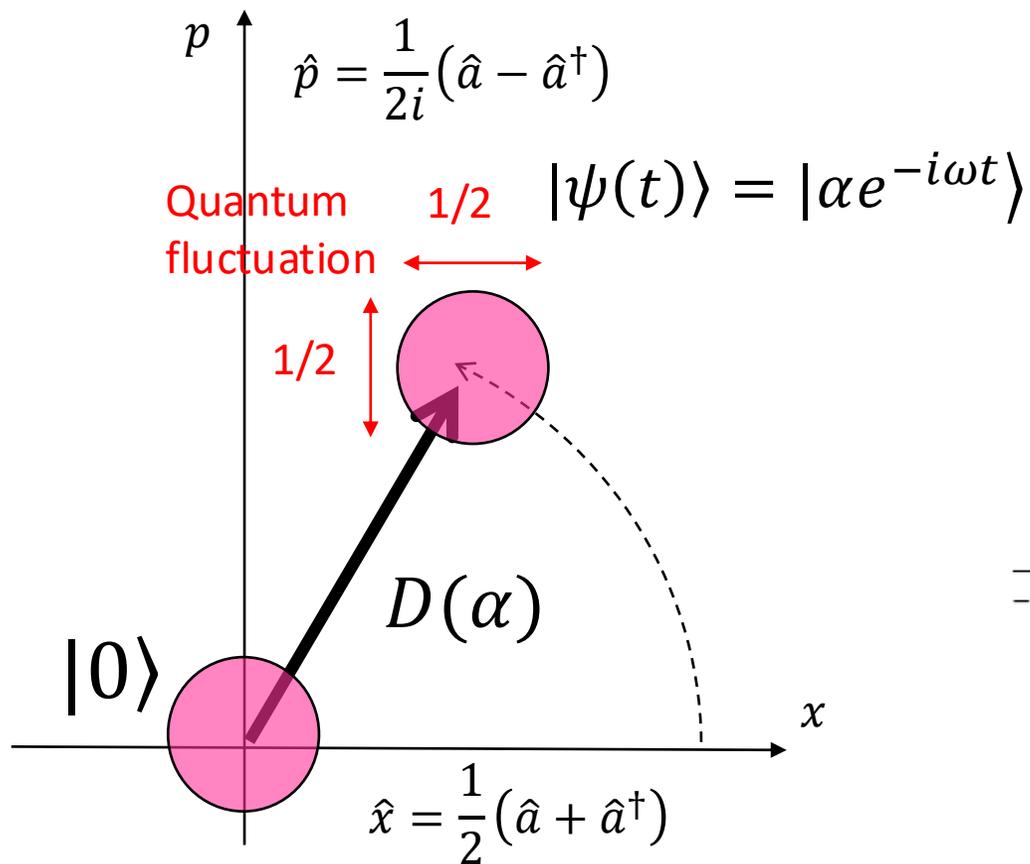
$$\rightarrow \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) (\hat{a} + \alpha) |0\rangle = \alpha \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle$$

$$\hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$$

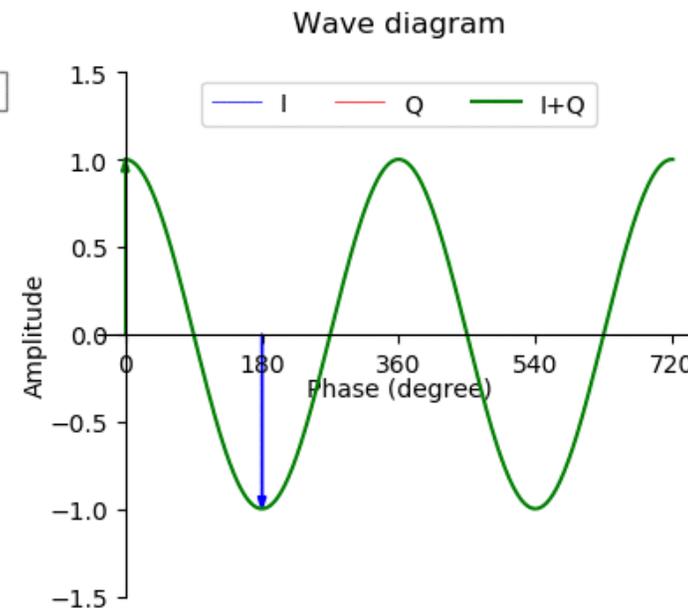
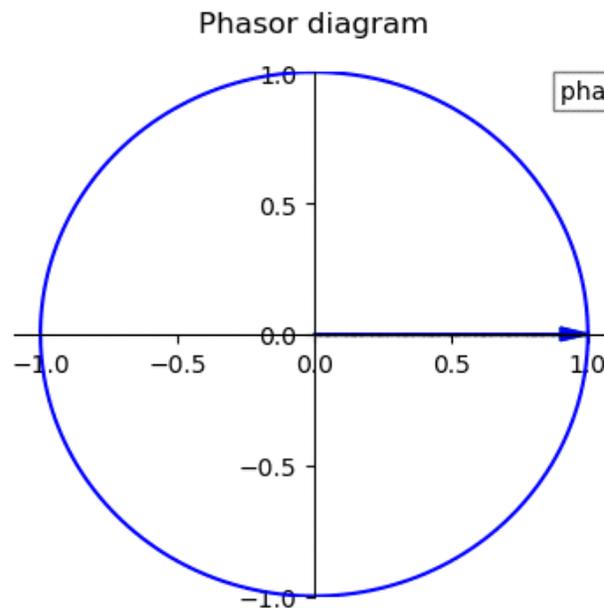


A displacement operator generates a coherent state out of vacuum₁₄

Coherent state = classical Maxwell + quantum fluctuation



Classical I/Q sampling



- Two quadrants: $x \sim I$, $q \sim Q$
- \hat{a} is **not an observable** at a time but is an **operational observable** with measurement over time to get an amplitude and phase

Exercise 3: expansion in number states

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |n\rangle$$

$$c_n = ?$$

Hint...

$$\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |n\rangle = \alpha |\alpha\rangle = \hat{a} |\alpha\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \hat{a} |n\rangle = ?$$

$$\hat{a} |n\rangle = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle$$

Answer 3: $|\alpha\rangle$ expanded by $|n\rangle$

$|\alpha\rangle$ is called coherent state. Its explicit representation with number states can be given by

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |n\rangle$$

and applying \hat{a} gives

$$\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |n\rangle = \alpha |\alpha\rangle = \hat{a} |\alpha\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \hat{a} |n\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{n+1} \sqrt{n+1} |n\rangle$$

Comparing the coefficients gives

$$c_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n+1}} c_n$$

The coefficient can be recursively determined

$$c_n = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n}} c_{n-1} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n-1}} c_{n-2} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n-1}} \dots \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{1}} c_0 = \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} c_0$$

The normalization condition gives

$$1 = \langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m^* c_n \langle m | n \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{*m}}{\sqrt{m!}} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} c_0^* c_0 \delta_{mn} = |c_0|^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\alpha|^{2n}}{n!} = |c_0|^2 e^{|\alpha|^2} \rightarrow |c_0| = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2}$$

Selecting one phase $c_0 = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2}$ leads to

$$|\alpha\rangle = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle$$

Similar to the well-known stuff

Projection of $|\alpha\rangle$ onto $|n\rangle$ returns a Poisson distribution

Probability of observing n photon in photon counting is

$$P(n) = |\langle n|\alpha\rangle|^2 = \left| e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^m}{\sqrt{m!}} \langle n|m\rangle \right|^2 = \left| e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \right|^2 = \frac{(|\alpha|^2)^n}{n!} e^{-|\alpha|^2}$$

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This is a Poisson distribution with mean number of photons $\mu = |\alpha|^2$

$$P(n; \mu) = \frac{\mu^n}{n!} e^{-\mu}$$

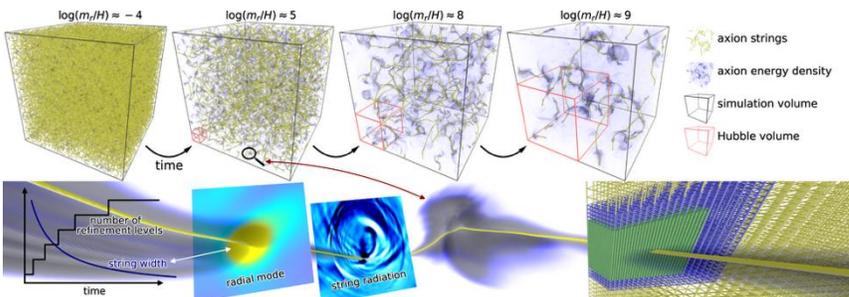
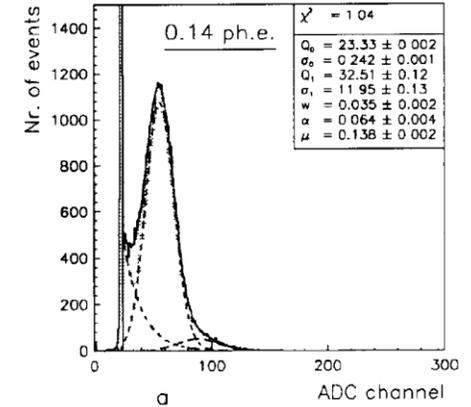
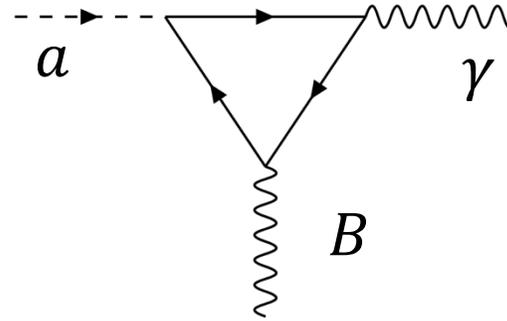
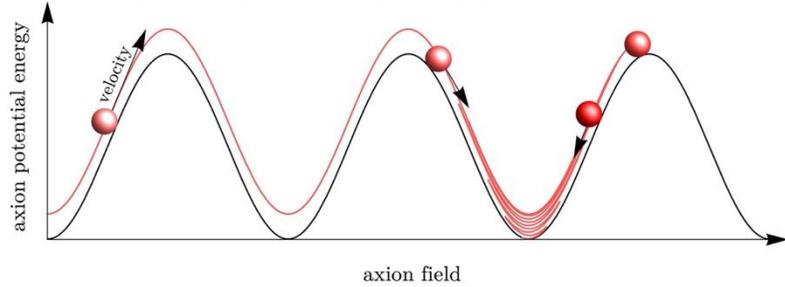
Remark

- Coherent state \rightarrow Poisson is true
- Poisson \rightarrow coherent state is not necessarily true eg) thermal state with degenerated multi-modes

Part 3: Quantum detection scheme

- Quantum coherent states
 - **Glauber's theorem**
 - Thermal noise and Standard Quantum Limit
 - Squeezing and photon counting
 - Conclusion of part 3
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Do we know a quantum state of axion?



$$\hat{H} = \omega_a \hat{a}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_a + \omega_\gamma \hat{a}_\gamma^\dagger \hat{a}_\gamma + \omega_m \hat{a}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_\gamma + \omega_m^* \hat{a}_\gamma^\dagger \hat{a}_a$$

$$\rightarrow |\alpha_a, \alpha_\gamma\rangle = (1 + U_{a\gamma} \alpha_a \alpha_\gamma^\dagger) |\alpha_a, 0\rangle$$

G. Raffelt et al, "Quantum statistics in particle mixing phenomena" PRD 45 1782 (1992)

- If the **dark matter axion is in the coherent state**, microwave photons are in a coherent state
- But we are not sure if axions are in such a quantum state... **DM axions are classical objects**

Question: classical \rightarrow quantum



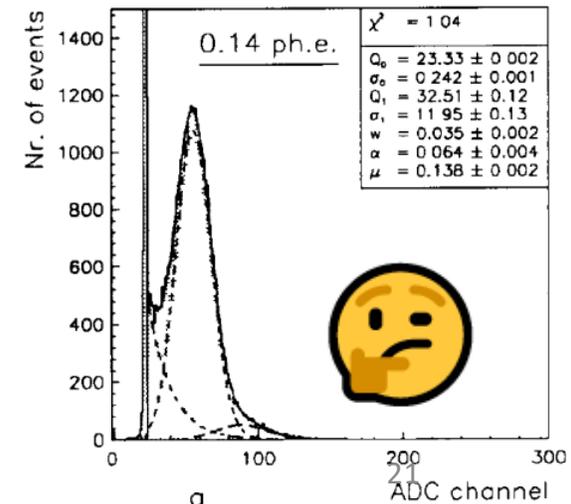
$$\epsilon \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho - g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{B}_e \cdot \nabla a,$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \dot{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{J} + g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{B}_e \dot{a},$$

$$\ddot{a} - \nabla^2 a + m_a^2 a = g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}_e,$$

What is the quantum statistical distribution of detected photons?

- Can we obtain quantum statistical distribution **without assuming quantum nature in the source?**
- Can we assume a Poisson distribution?



Glauber's theorem: classical \rightarrow quantum

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Coherent and Incoherent States of the Radiation Field*

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$$H_1(t) = -\frac{1}{c} \int \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}, t) \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r}. \quad (9.16)$$

The introduction of an explicitly time-dependent interaction of this type means that the state vector for the field, $| \rangle$, which previously was fixed (corresponding to the Heisenberg picture) will begin to change with time in accordance with the Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \rangle = H_1(t) | \rangle, \quad (9.17)$$

which is the one appropriate to the interaction representation. The solution of this equation is easily found.²⁰ If we assume that the initial state of the field at time $t = -\infty$ is one empty of all photons, then the state of the field at time t may be written in the form

$$| t \rangle = \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar c} \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \int \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}, t') \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t') d\mathbf{r} + i\varphi(t) \right\} | \text{vac} \rangle. \quad (9.18)$$

$$D_k(\beta_k) = \exp[\beta_k \alpha_k^\dagger - \beta_k^* \alpha_k]. \quad (9.19)$$

Then it is clear from the expansion (2.10) for the vector potential that we may write

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar c} \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \int \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}, t') \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t') d\mathbf{r} \right\} = \prod_k D_k[\alpha_k(t)], \quad (9.20)$$

where the time-dependent amplitudes $\alpha_k(t)$ are given by

$$\alpha_k(t) = \frac{i}{(2\hbar\omega)^{1/2}} \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{u}_k^*(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}, t') e^{i\omega t'}. \quad (9.21)$$

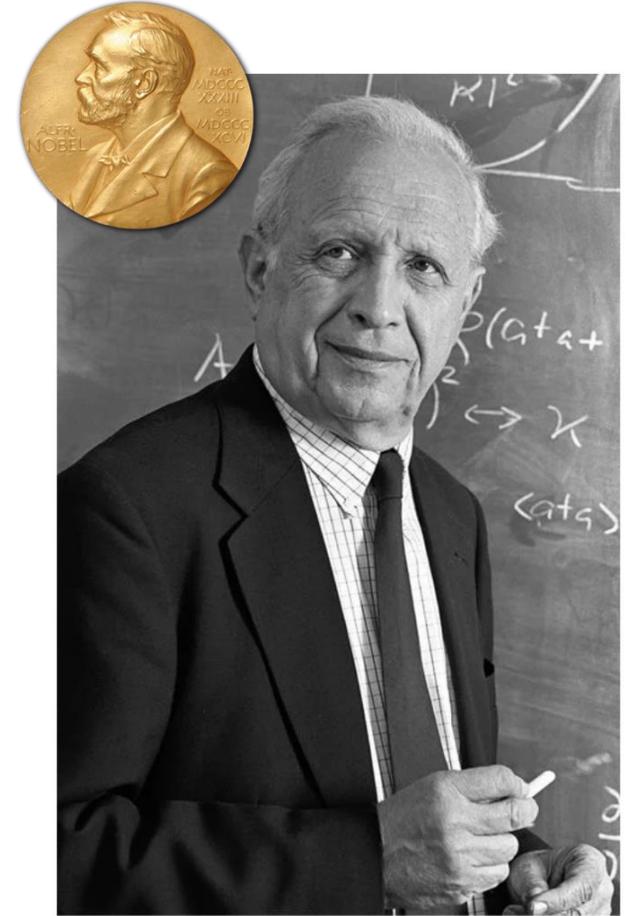
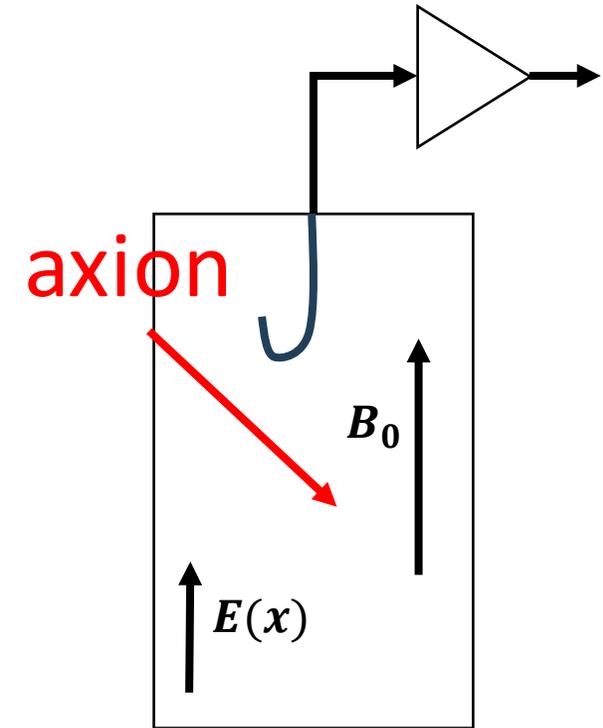


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Classical current generates quantized photons in a quantum coherent state
 \rightarrow Let's apply this to classical axions

Classical axion in a MW resonant cavity



Quantized MW photons

$$[\hat{b}, \hat{b}^\dagger] = 1$$

$$[\hat{b}, \hat{b}] = [\hat{b}^\dagger, \hat{b}^\dagger] = 0$$

$$\hat{n}|n\rangle \equiv \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}|n\rangle = n|n\rangle$$

$$\hat{b}^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$$

$$\hat{b}|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H}(t) |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{\hbar\omega \left(\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{1}{2} \right)}_{\hat{H}_0} + \underbrace{\hbar[f(t)\hat{b}^\dagger + f^*(t)\hat{b}]}_{\hat{V}(t)}$$

$$f(t) = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \underbrace{a(t)}_{\text{Any classical axion field}} \int (\mathbf{E}(x) \cdot \mathbf{B}_0) d^3x$$

In the interaction picture

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\psi_I(t)\rangle = \exp(i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar) |\psi(t)\rangle \\ \hat{V}_I(t) = \exp(i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar) \hat{V}(t) \exp(-i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar) \end{array} \right.$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi_I(t)\rangle = \hat{V}_I(t) |\psi_I(t)\rangle$$

This is usually solved via time-dependent **perturbation theory**...



Solution by Ayuki Kamada 1/2



The perturbation term in the interaction picture can be dramatically simplified

Linear Linear

$$\hat{V} = \hbar[f(t)\hat{b}^\dagger + f^*(t)\hat{b}] \rightarrow \hat{V}_I(t) = \exp(i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar) \hat{V}(t) \exp(-i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar) = ?$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{b}_I^\dagger = \exp(i\omega t \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}) \hat{b}^\dagger \exp(-i\omega t \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}) = ?$$

BCH lemma again

$$\exp(\hat{A}) \hat{B} \exp(-\hat{A}) = \hat{B} + [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] + \frac{1}{2!} [\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]] \dots \quad \begin{cases} \hat{A} = (i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \\ \hat{B} = \hat{b}^\dagger \end{cases}$$

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = [(i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}, \hat{b}^\dagger] = (i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger \quad [\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]] = [(i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}, (i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger] = (i\omega t)^2 [\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}, \hat{b}^\dagger] = (i\omega t)^2 \hat{b}^\dagger$$

$$\hat{b}_I^\dagger = \exp(i\omega t \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}) \hat{b}^\dagger \exp(-i\omega t \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}) = \hat{b}^\dagger + (i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger + \frac{1}{2!} (i\omega t)^2 \hat{b}^\dagger + \dots = \exp(i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{V}_I(t) = \hbar[f(t) \exp(i\omega t) \hat{b}^\dagger + f^*(t) \exp(-i\omega t) \hat{b}]$$



Solution by Ayuki Kamada 2/2



Exceptionally, **an exact solution** can be obtained in this special perturbative term

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi_I(t)\rangle = \hat{V}_I(t) |\psi_I(t)\rangle = \left[\underbrace{\hbar f^*(t) \exp(-i\omega t)}_{\text{Linear}} \hat{b} + \hbar f(t) \exp(i\omega t) \underbrace{\hat{b}^\dagger}_{\text{Linear}} \right] |\psi_I(t)\rangle$$

A solution can be

$$|\psi_I(t)\rangle \propto \exp[\underbrace{\eta(t)}_{\text{cheating}} \hat{b}^\dagger - \eta^*(t) \hat{b}] |\psi_I(0)\rangle$$

← You probably still remember this guy 😊

To find the coefficients

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\psi_I(t)\rangle \propto \underbrace{\left[\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt} \hat{b}^\dagger + \frac{d\eta^*(t)}{dt} \hat{b} \right]}_{\text{cheating}} |\psi_I(t)\rangle$$

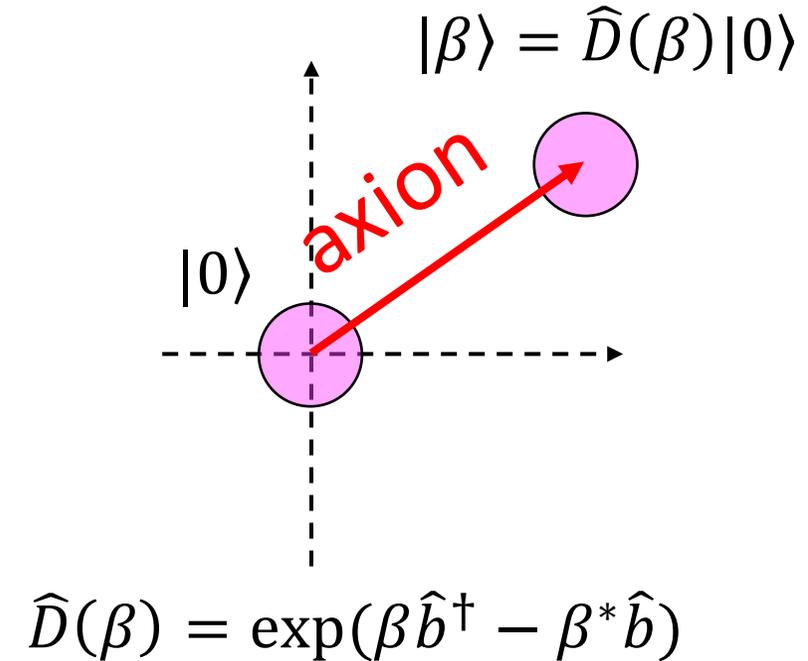
$$= f(t) \exp(i\omega t) \quad = f^*(t) \exp(-i\omega t)$$

$$\rightarrow \eta(t) \sim \int_0^t dt' f(t') \exp(i\omega t')$$

Axion induced microwave photon states inside a cavity

General solution including a phase factor

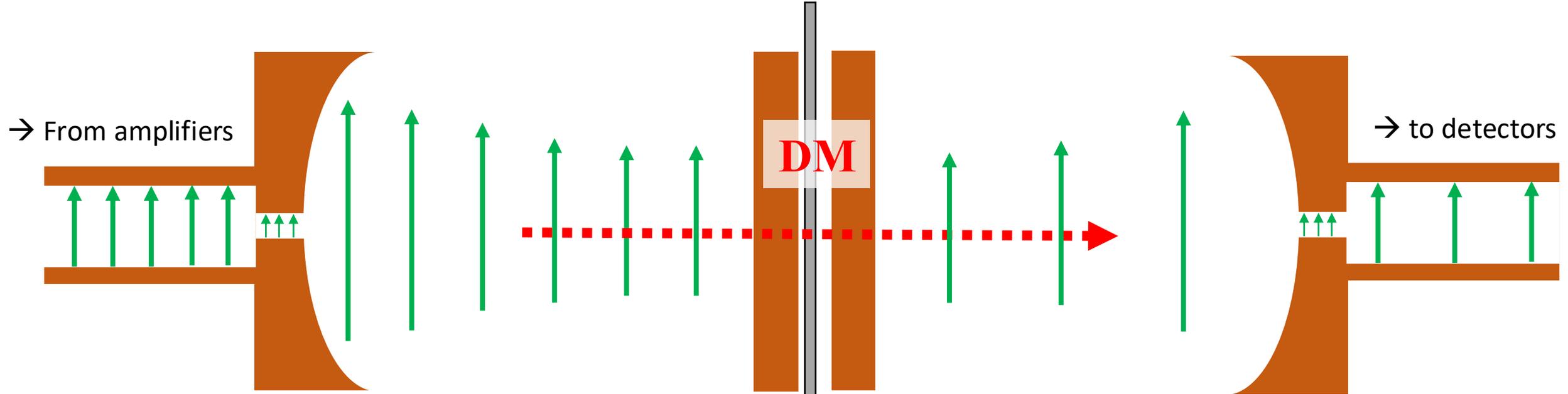
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\psi(t)\rangle = \exp(-iC_1(t)) \widehat{D}(\beta(t)) \exp(-iH_0 t/\hbar) |\psi(0)\rangle \\ \beta(t) = C_2(t) \exp(-i\omega t) \\ C_1(t) = -\frac{i}{2} \int_0^t dt' f^*(t') \exp(i\omega t') \int_0^{t'} dt'' f(t'') \exp(i\omega t'') \\ C_2(t) = \int_0^t dt' f(t') \exp(i\omega t') \end{array} \right. \text{Complete publication being prepared with A. Kamada}$$



Classical DM axion fields is a displacement operator that generates a quantum coherent state of microwave photons out of the vacuum state inside a microwave cavity under a static magnetic field

→ This is the key to understand quantum detection of DM axions

Eg) Quantum interpretation of LSW experiments



$$\hat{V} = \hbar [f(t) \hat{b}_a^\dagger + f^*(t) \hat{b}_a]$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle \sim \hat{D}(\beta_a(t)) |0\rangle = |\beta_a\rangle$$

Classical MW from an amplifier
drives DM in the coherent state

$$\hat{V} = \omega_m \hat{b}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_\gamma + \omega_m^* \hat{a}_\gamma^\dagger \hat{b}_a$$

$$|\beta'_a\rangle \otimes |\alpha_\gamma\rangle = (1 + U_{a\gamma} \beta_a \alpha_\gamma^\dagger) |\beta_a\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$$

DM in the coherent state is converted to
microwave photons in a coherent state

→ We need a detector which can measure microwave coherent state via waves or photons

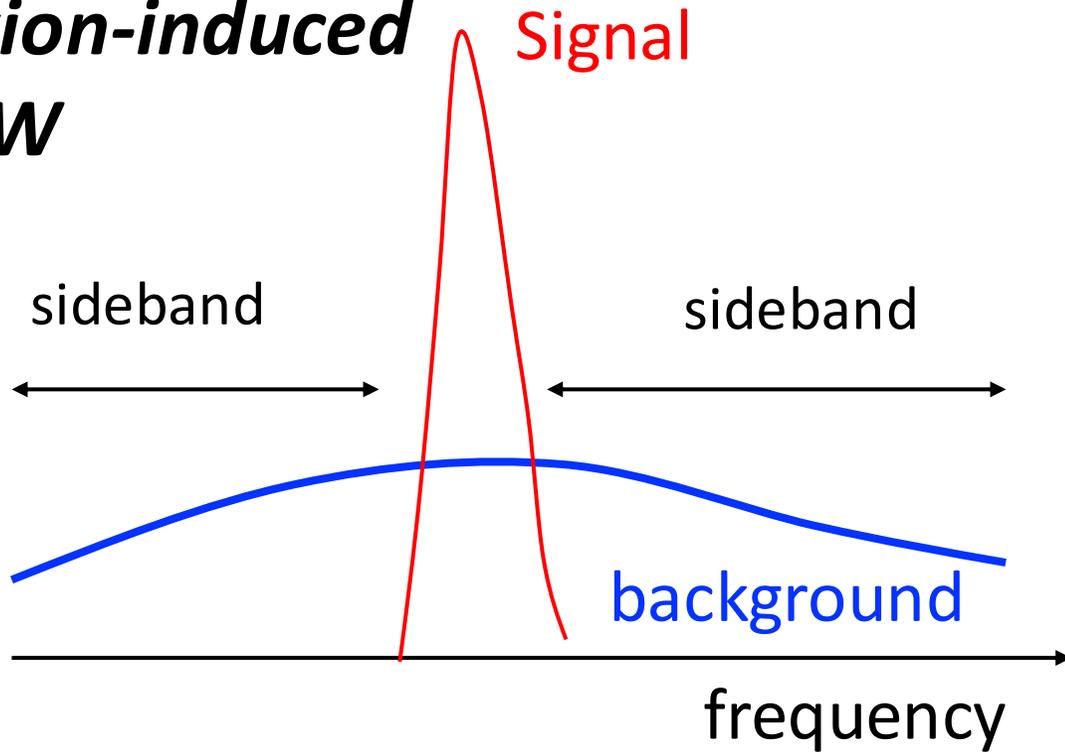
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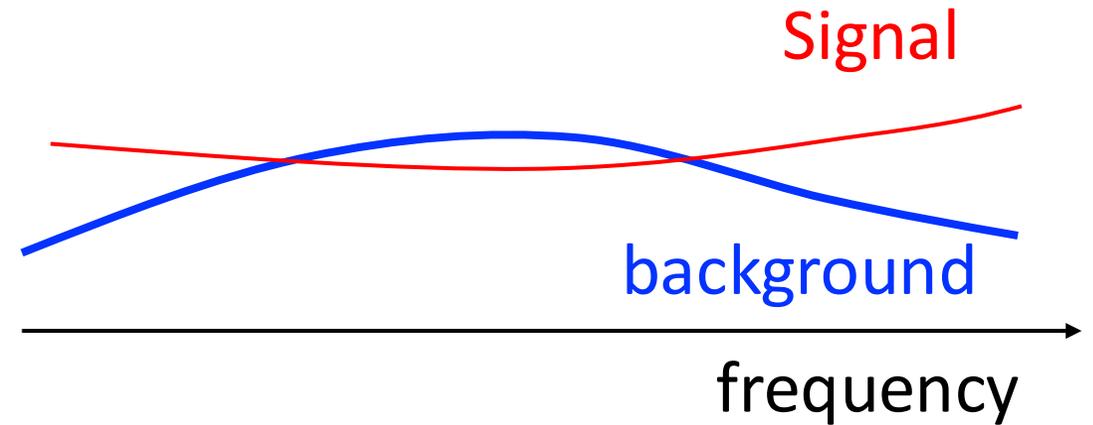
~~Narrow band coherent vs broad band incoherent background~~

With finite
coherence time

***Axion-induced
MW***



CMB



- The axion-induced MW is described as a quantum coherent state
- The broad-band background was model as a classical wave of random phases
- What is the quantum optical description of **incoherent** background?

$$\text{Density matrix } \hat{\rho} = \sum_n \lambda_n |\phi_n\rangle\langle\phi_n|$$

Density matrix is a mean to express mixed states (quantum + classical statistics)

$$\text{Pure state } \hat{\rho}_{\text{pure}} = |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$$

$$\text{mixed state } \hat{\rho}_{\text{mix}} = \sum_n \lambda_n |\phi_n\rangle\langle\phi_n|$$

Incoherent sum

Expectation value of \hat{O}

$$\langle\hat{O}\rangle = \text{Tr}\{\hat{O}\hat{\rho}\}$$

Von Neumann Entropy

$$S = - \sum_n \lambda_n \ln \lambda_n = -\text{Tr}\{\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}\}$$

Von Neumann equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho} = [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}]$$

- Open quantum system to describe thermalization / decoherence process
- Typical particle physics experiment is adiabatic
- Axion-induced microwaves: coherent signal vs **incoherent** background

Blackbody radiation

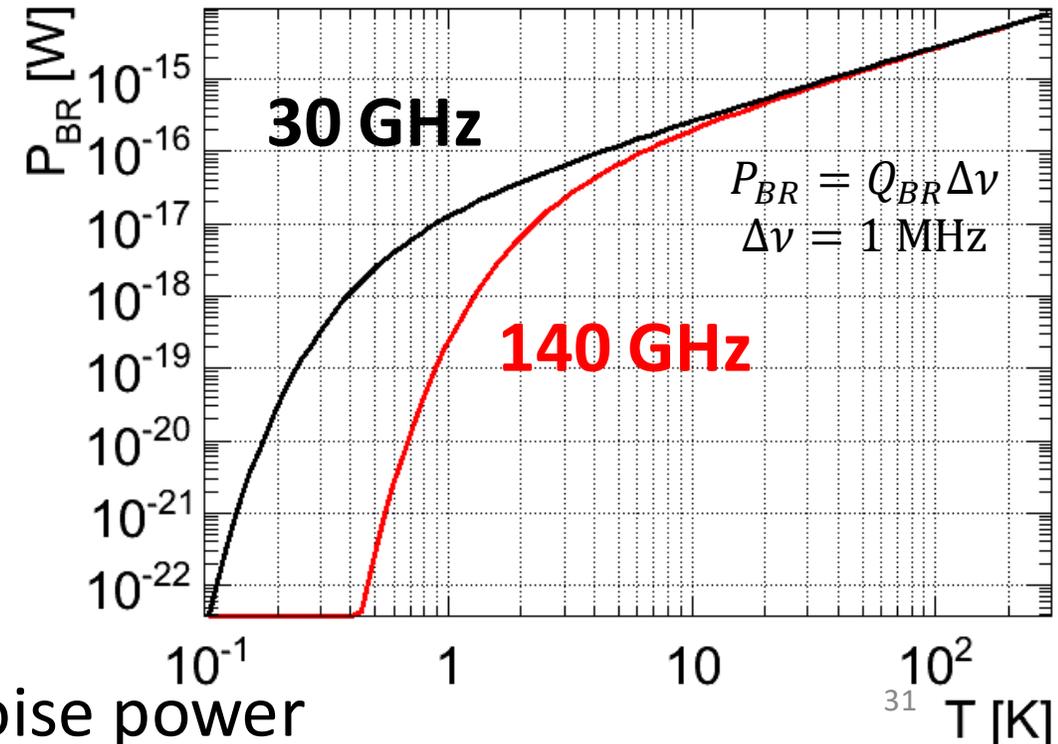
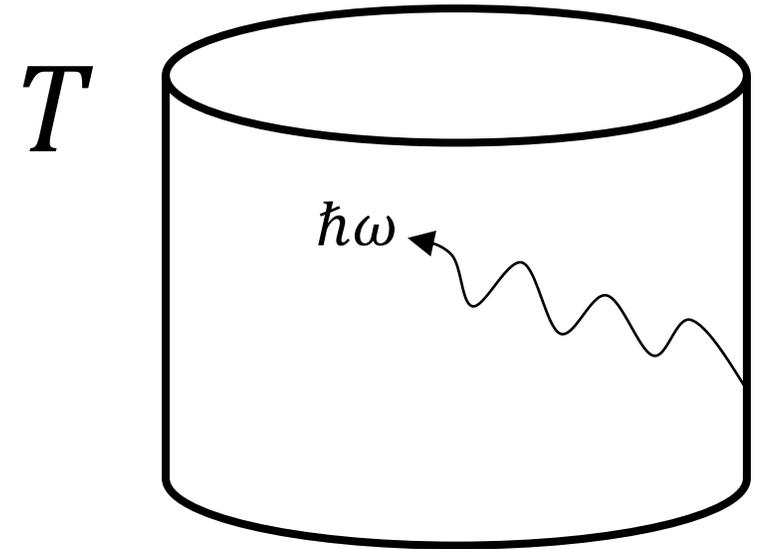
$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1}$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{th} = \frac{1}{1 + \bar{n}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{1 + \bar{n}} \right)^n |n\rangle \langle n| \quad \text{Mixed state}$$

Noise power spectral density

$$Q_{BR} = \frac{1}{2} \Omega A \frac{2h\nu^3}{\exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}\right) - 1} \quad [\text{W/Hz}]$$

Solid angle Ω [st]
 Sensor area A [m^2] \rightarrow Usually, $\Omega A \sim \lambda^2$



Cooling down the system can decrease the noise power

Exercise 4 (homework?):

$$\hat{\rho}_{co} = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{th} = \frac{1}{1 + \bar{n}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{1 + \bar{n}} \right)^n |n\rangle\langle n| = \int d^2\alpha \frac{\exp(-|\alpha|^2/\bar{n})}{\pi\bar{n}} |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$$

$$\hat{n} = \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2\epsilon_0 V}} [\hat{a} e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})} - \hat{a}^\dagger e^{i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})}]$$

$$\langle n | \equiv Tr\{\hat{n}\hat{\rho}_{co}\} = ?$$

$$\langle n | \equiv Tr\{\hat{n}\hat{\rho}_{th}\} = ?$$

$$\langle E | \equiv Tr\{\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t)\hat{\rho}_{co}\} = ?$$

$$\langle E | \equiv Tr\{\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t)\hat{\rho}_{th}\} = ?$$

$$\langle E^2 | \equiv Tr\{\hat{\mathcal{E}}^2(\mathbf{r}, t)\hat{\rho}_{co}\} = ?$$

$$\langle E^2 | \equiv Tr\{\hat{\mathcal{E}}^2(\mathbf{r}, t)\hat{\rho}_{th}\} = ?$$

Blackbody radiation \rightarrow classical chaos field

arXiv:2408.04696

$$\hat{\phi}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}} \left(\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e^{ik \cdot x} \right) \quad [\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger] = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}) \quad \hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$$

Coherent state

$$\hat{\rho}_{th} \equiv \frac{\exp(-\hat{H}_0/k_B T)}{Z} = \frac{1}{1 + \bar{n}_{th}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}_{th}}{1 + \bar{n}_{th}} \right)^n |n\rangle \langle n| = \int d^2 \alpha \frac{\exp(-|\alpha|^2/\bar{n}_{th})}{\pi \bar{n}_{th}} |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha|$$

\rightarrow Incoherent mixed state with max entropy (thermal equilibrium) \rightarrow Stefan Boltzmann, Planck law

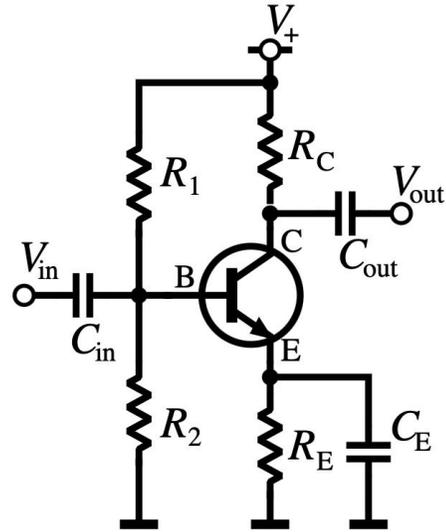
$$\boxed{N \gg 1} \quad \langle \hat{A}(\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger) \rangle = \int d\alpha P(\alpha) A(\alpha) + \mathcal{O}(1/N)$$

$$\hat{\phi}(t, \mathbf{x}) \simeq \phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{V\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}} \operatorname{Re} \left[\alpha_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-ik \cdot x} \right] \longrightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sqrt{\frac{2N_{\mathbf{k}}}{V\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}} \cos(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \varphi_{\mathbf{k}})$$

Quantum field classical field

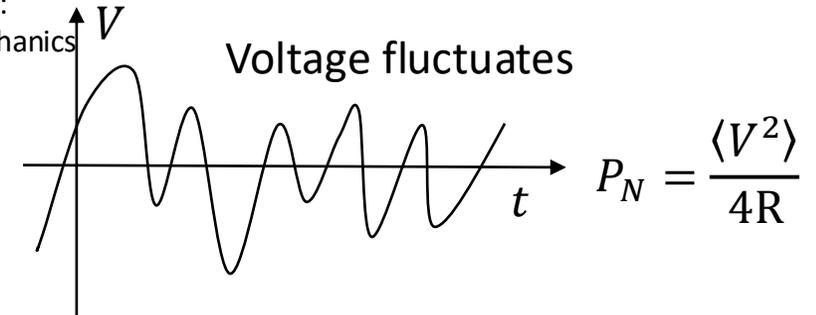
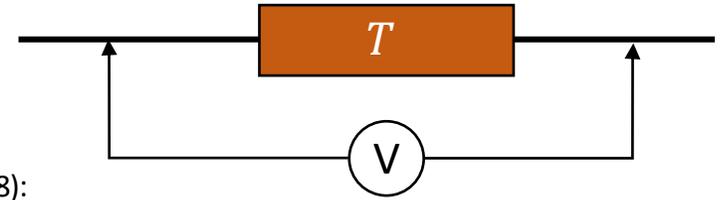
A bosonic field of a high occupation number becomes **classical chaos field**

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

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

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

Average number of thermal photons

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

was derived by Planck via quantum statistics

Corresponding classical waves are incoherent chaos waves

A thermal state + classical axion \rightarrow coherent thermal state

Unitary operator of time evolution

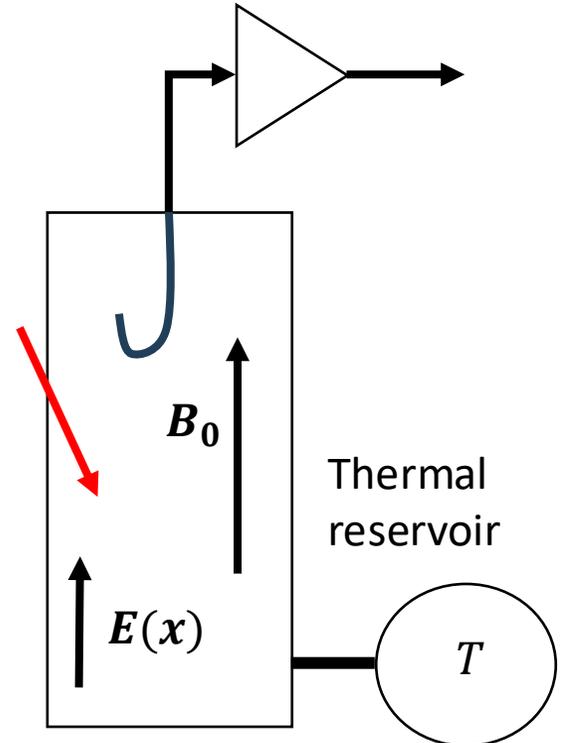
$$U(t) = \exp(-iC_1(t))\hat{D}(\beta(t))$$

$$\bar{n}_{th} = \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1}$$

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$$Z = \text{Tr}[\exp(-\hat{H}_0/k_B T)]$$

axion



Coherent thermal state

Realistic quantum model of axion + noise

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = U(t)\hat{\rho}_0 U^\dagger(t) = \frac{1}{Z} \hat{D}(\beta(t)) \exp(-\hat{H}_0/k_B T) \hat{D}^\dagger(\beta(t))$$

Statistics of photons

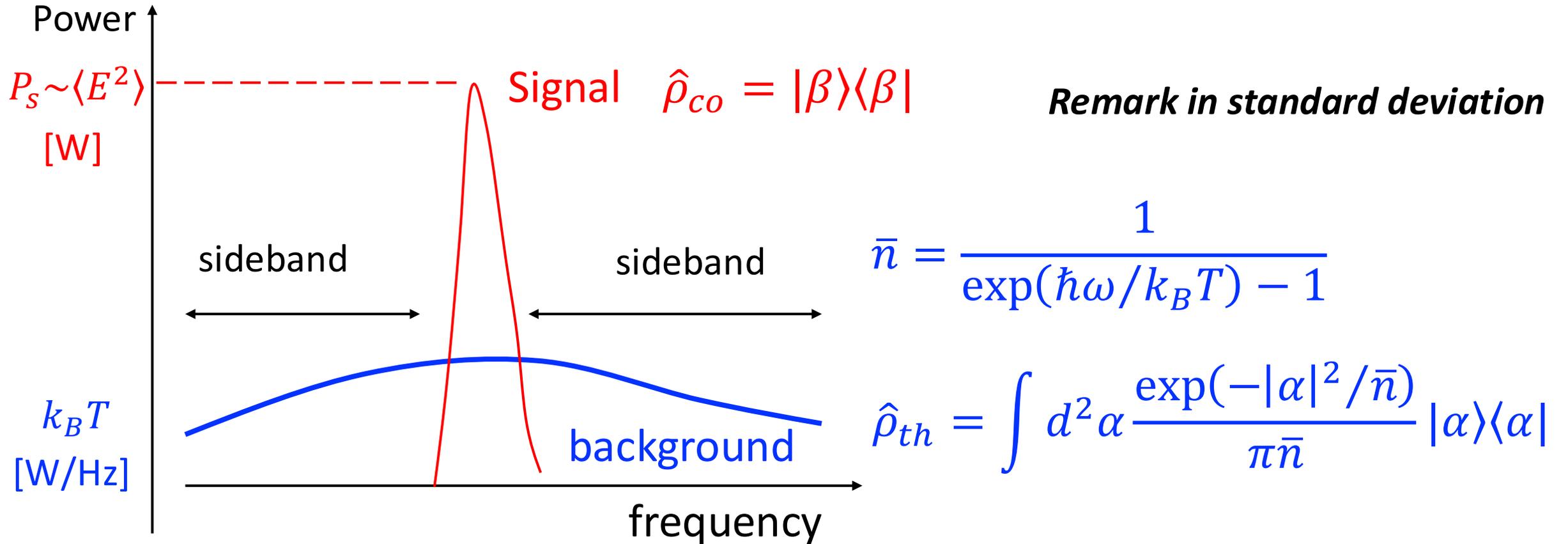
$$\bar{n} = |\beta(t)|^2 + \bar{n}_{th} = \text{Poisson} + \text{Planck}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma_{th}^2 + |\beta|^2 \left(1 + 2 \langle b^\dagger b \rangle_{th} \right) \neq \text{Poisson} + \text{Planck}$$

$$\langle A \rangle_{th} = \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}\{e^{-\hbar\omega b^\dagger b/k_B T} A\}$$

\rightarrow Naïve additive Monte Carlo (Poissonian signal + thermal noise) may be wrong!

Quantum mechanical interpretation of axion signal / background



- What is the minimum possible power to measure?
- **Can we improve S/N forever by cooling down T ?**

Standard Quantum Limit from the Kennard inequality

$$[p, q] = \frac{i\hbar}{2} \rightarrow \langle \Delta p^2 \rangle \langle \Delta q^2 \rangle \geq |\langle [p, q] \rangle|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \quad (\text{Kennard})$$

$$[p_i, q_i] = \frac{i\hbar}{2} = [p_f, q_f] : \text{before and after the amplifier chain}$$

$$q_f = Gq_i + q_g \quad p_f = Gp_i + p_g$$

$$[p_f, q_f] = [Gp_i, Gq_i] + [p_g, q_g] = \frac{iG^2\hbar}{2} + [p_g, q_g] = \frac{i\hbar}{2}$$

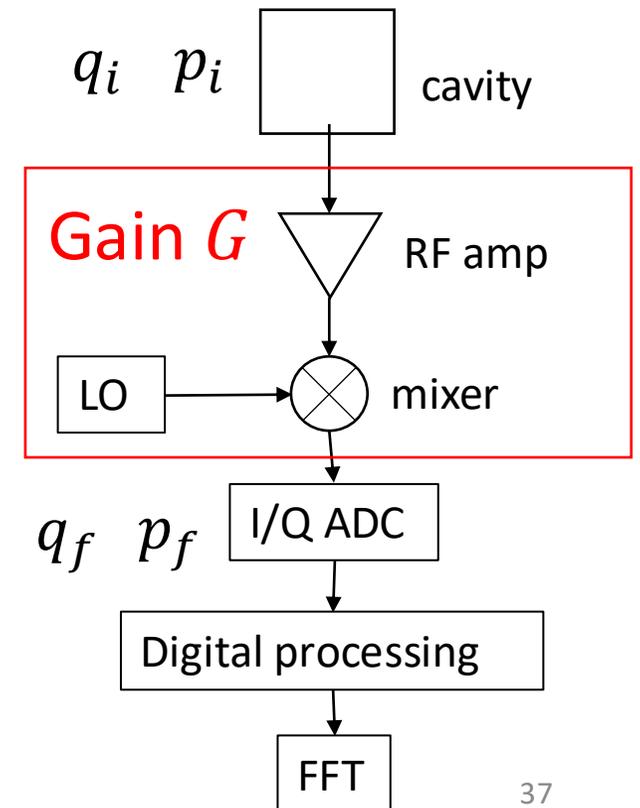
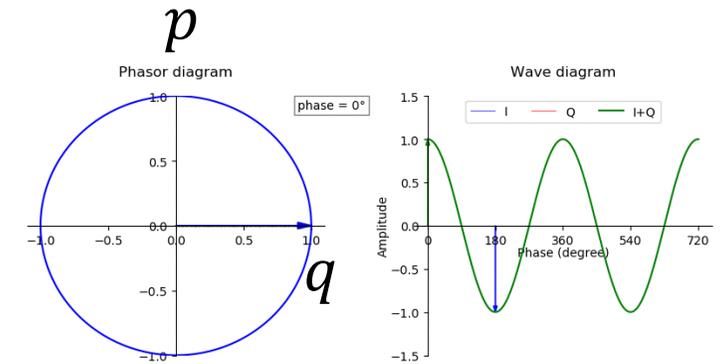
$$\rightarrow [p_g, q_g] = \frac{i(1 - G^2)\hbar}{2} \rightarrow \langle \Delta p_g^2 \rangle \langle \Delta q_g^2 \rangle \geq \frac{(G^2 - 1)\hbar^2}{4}$$

Amplifier uncertainty principle

$$P \geq \frac{1}{G^2} \left[\frac{G^2 h\nu}{2} + \frac{(G^2 - 1)h\nu}{2} \right] \xrightarrow{G \gg 1} 2 \times \frac{h\nu}{2} = h\nu$$

$P_{SQL} = h\nu$: standard quantum limit

$$\text{Ex) } h \times 1 \text{ GHz} = 6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ W/Hz}$$



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Arguments around quantum detection

- How to reach SQL (quantum limited amplifier)?
 - Standard HEMT LNA is lossy \rightarrow noise temperature of a few Kelvin (7 K for 20 GHz)
 - Super-low-loss Josephson Parametric Amplifier (JPA) in phase insensitive mode

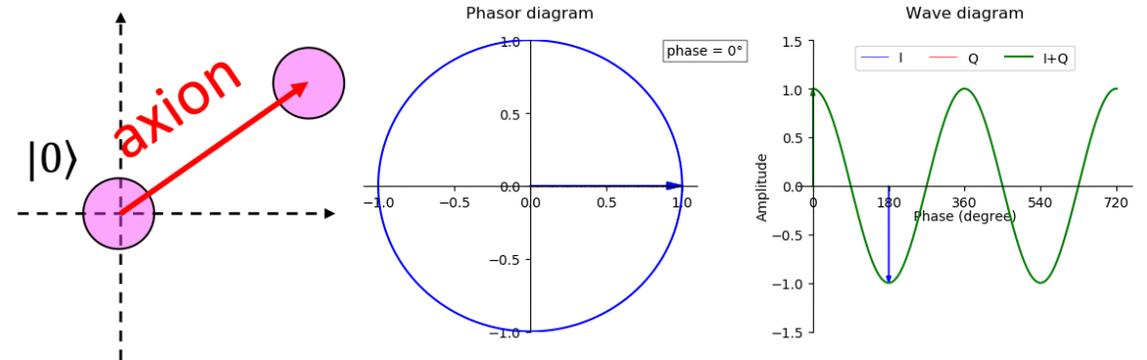
- Is SQL truly fundamental?

- $[p, q] = i\hbar/2$
- $|0\rangle$ is not an eigenstate of either p or q

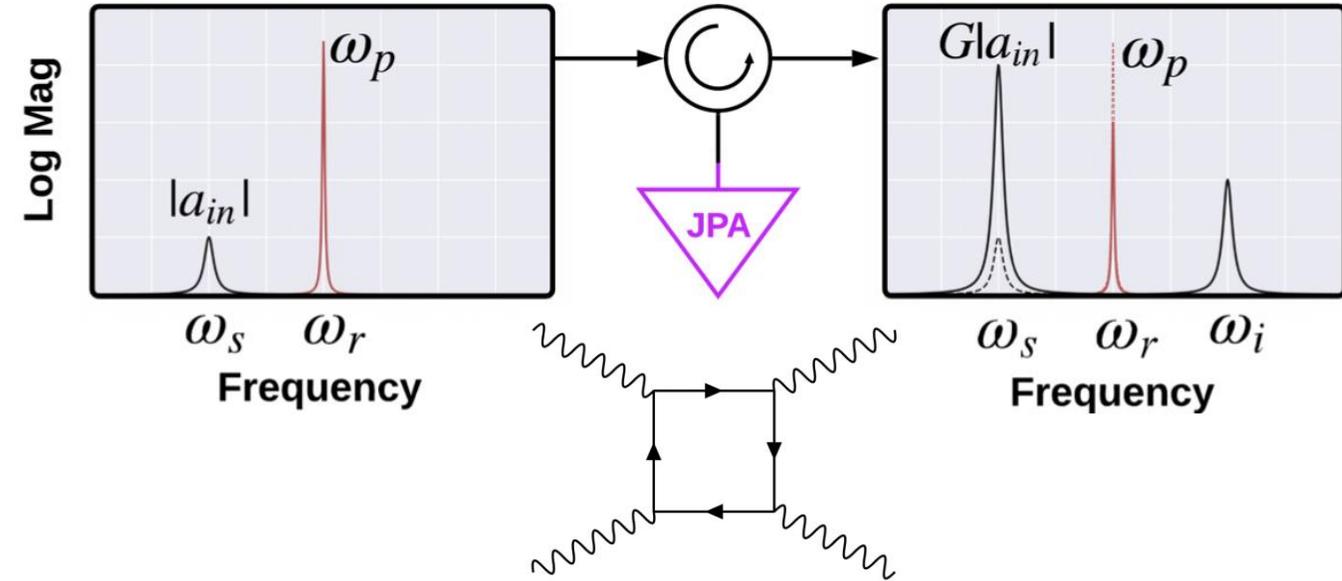
- How to overcome SQL?

- Manipulate $|0\rangle$ with squeezing: JPA in phase-sensitive operation (HAYSTAC)
- Directly read out \hat{n} ($|0\rangle$ is its eigen state): photon counting / bolometer

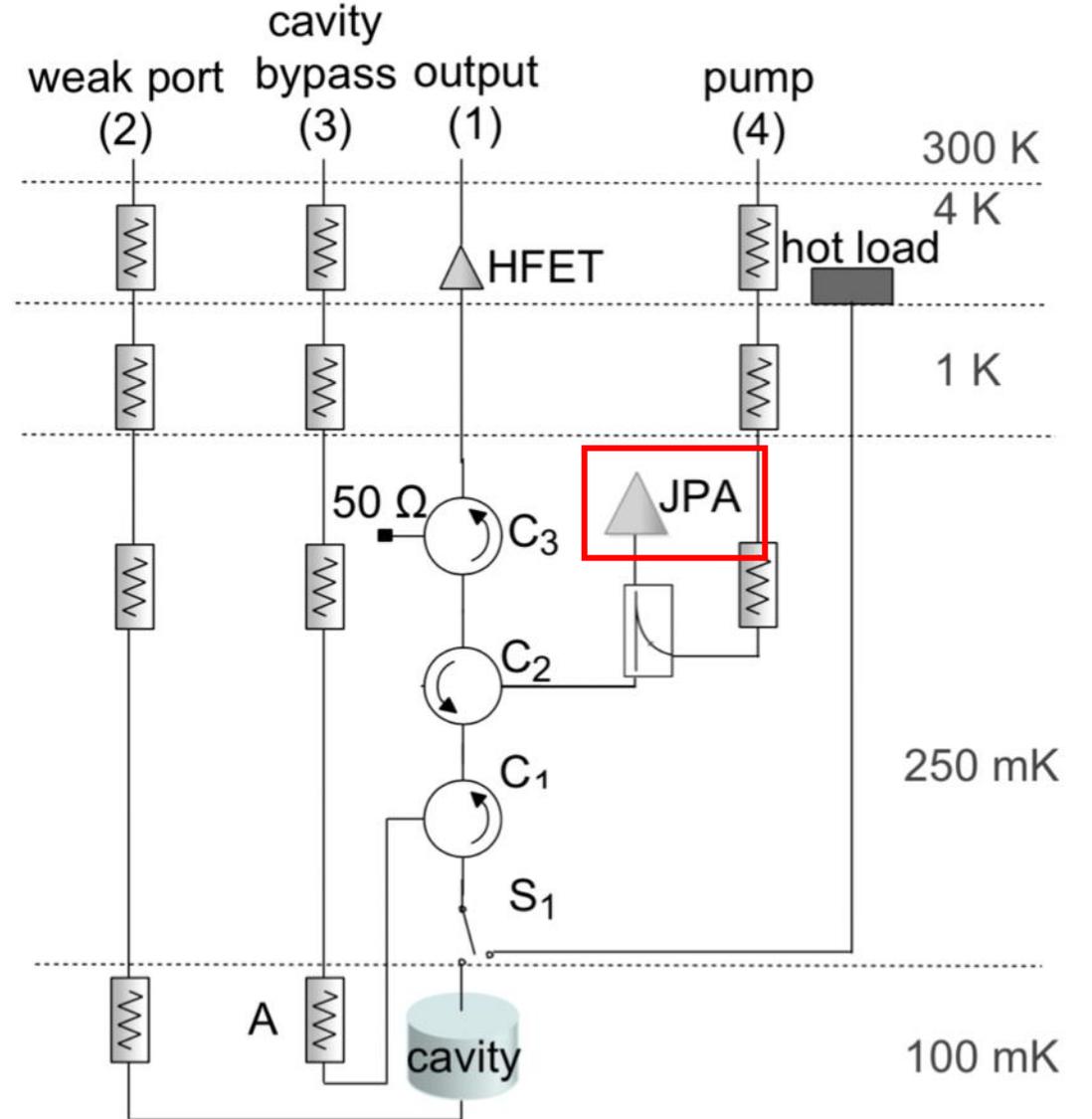
- How about intrinsic quantum nature of axion dark matter?



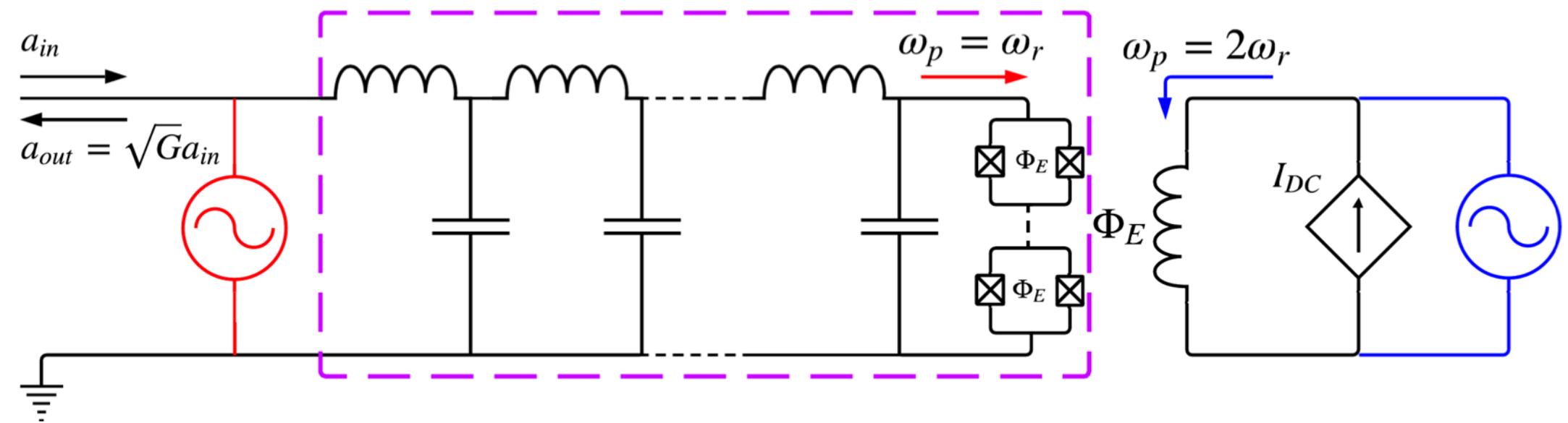
Parametric Amplifier (in ADMX)



- Amplification of microwave signal at ω_s via pump microwaves at ω_p
- Nonlinear optics (Kerr effect) for frequency mixing
- No real electron/hole current
 - Free from the noise source of transistors
 - One can reach $k_B T_{SQL} = h\nu$ by cooling down

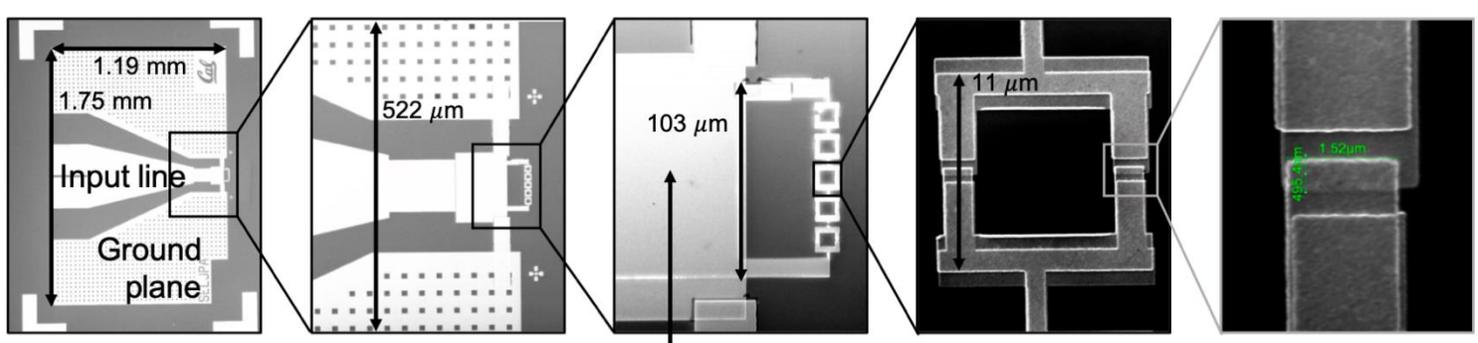


Implementation: Josephson Parametric Amplifier



$$L_J = \frac{L_{J0}}{\sqrt{1 - (I/I_0)^2}} = L_{J0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} (I/I_0)^2 + \dots \right)$$

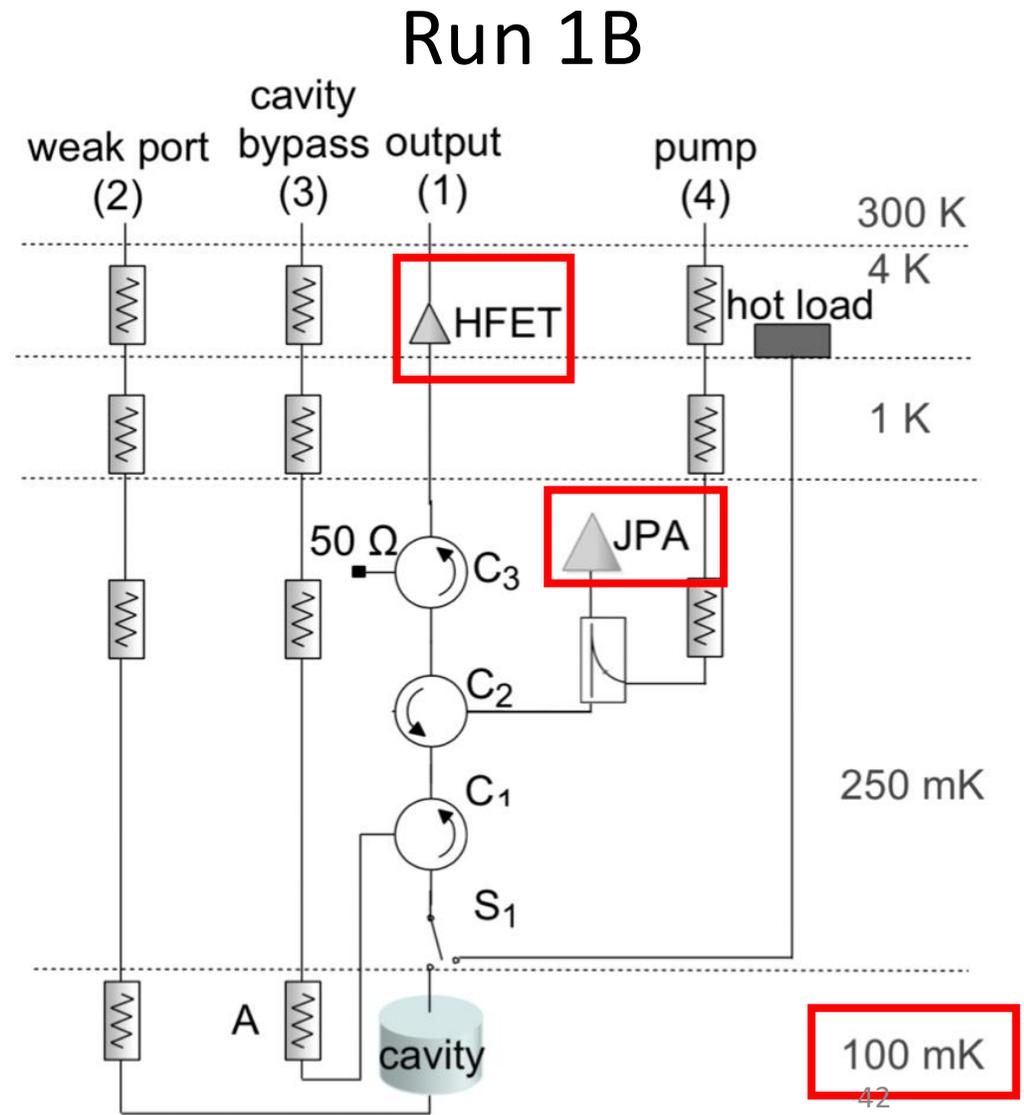
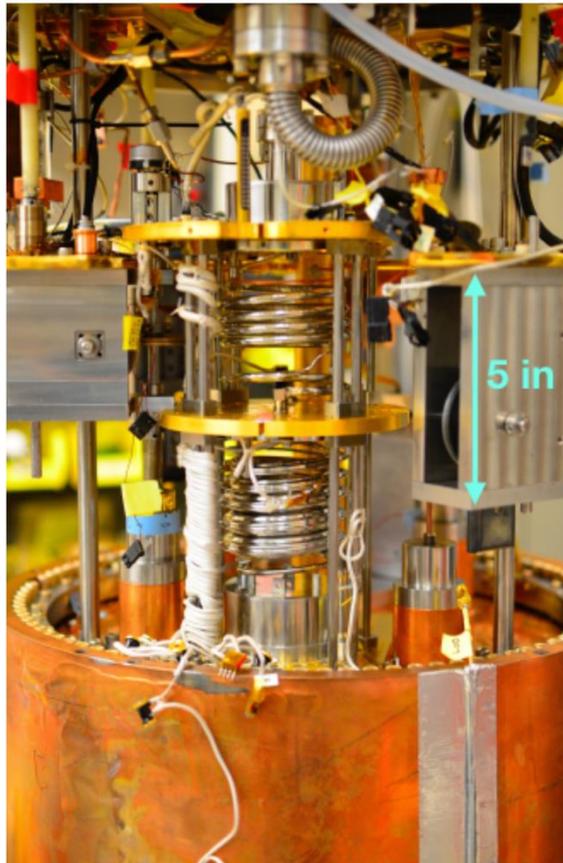
- The nonlinearity is induced from Josephson junctions inside SQUID
- Although SQUID is a superconducting quantum device, **microwave's behavior is classical** (\rightarrow semi-classical)



arXiv:2010.00169 Geometric capacitance SQUID Josephson Junction

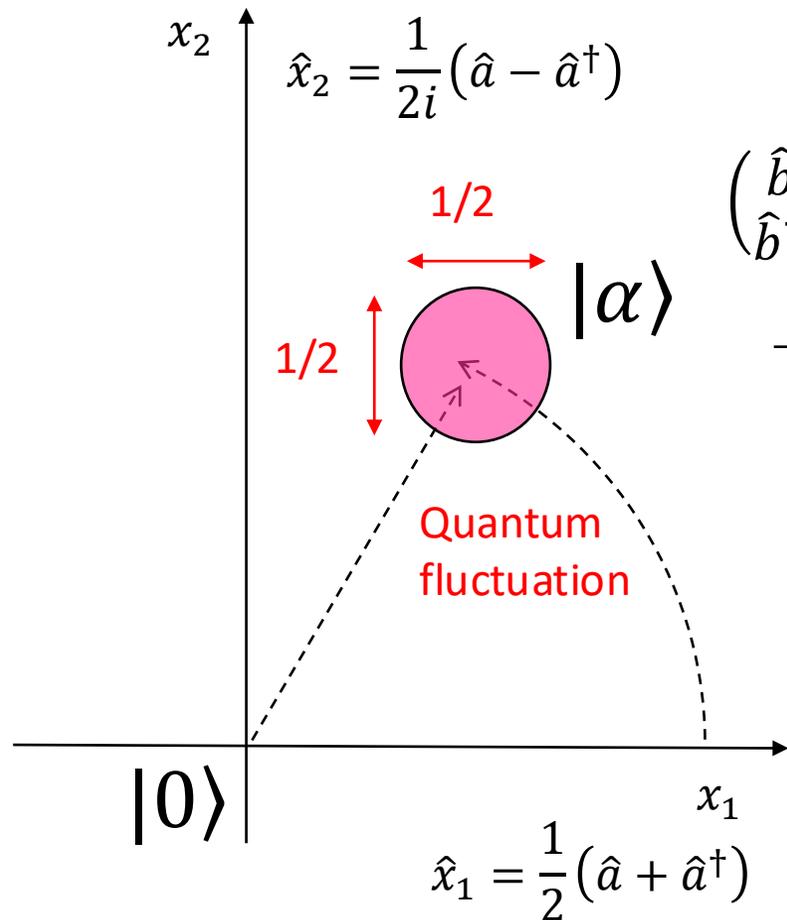
$$\text{ADMX: } T_{SQL} = h\nu/k_B \sim 40 \text{ mK}$$

With a dilution refrigerator, the noise level is approaching to the quantum limit
 → Quantum devices have been developed and implemented
 → Toward quantum microwave optics of coherent signals



Another use of parametric amplifier

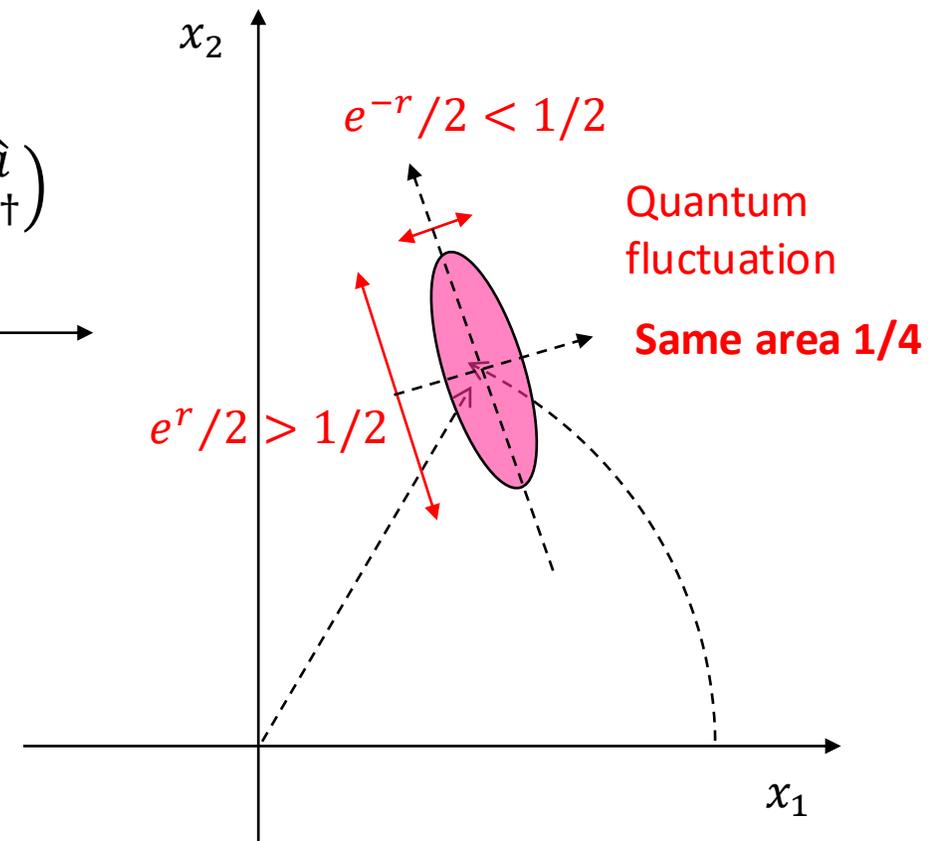
$$\hat{H} = \left(\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \omega + \hbar \left(\frac{E^*}{2} \hat{a}^2 + \frac{E}{2} \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \right) \quad \text{Nonlinear term added by parametric oscillation}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{b} \\ \hat{b}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh r & e^{2i\phi} \sinh r \\ e^{-2i\phi} \sinh r & \cosh r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{a}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

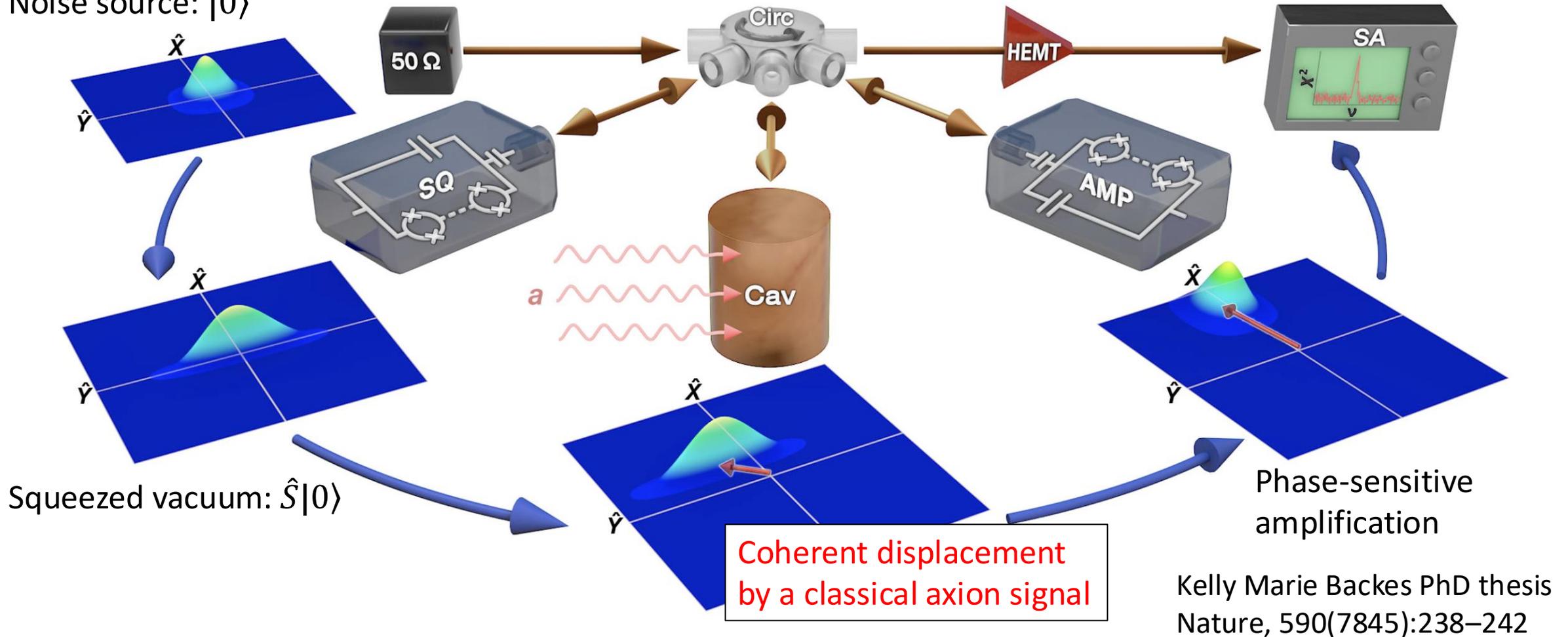
$$\hat{H} = \hbar \lambda \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{\lambda - \omega}{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = \sqrt{\omega^2 - |E|^2} \\ r = \frac{1}{2} \tanh^{-1}(|E|/\omega) \\ e^{2i\phi} = E/|E| \end{cases}$$



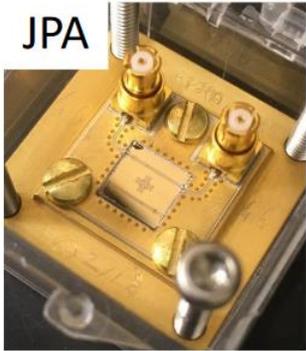
Squeezed vacuum state + axion signal

Noise source: $|0\rangle$

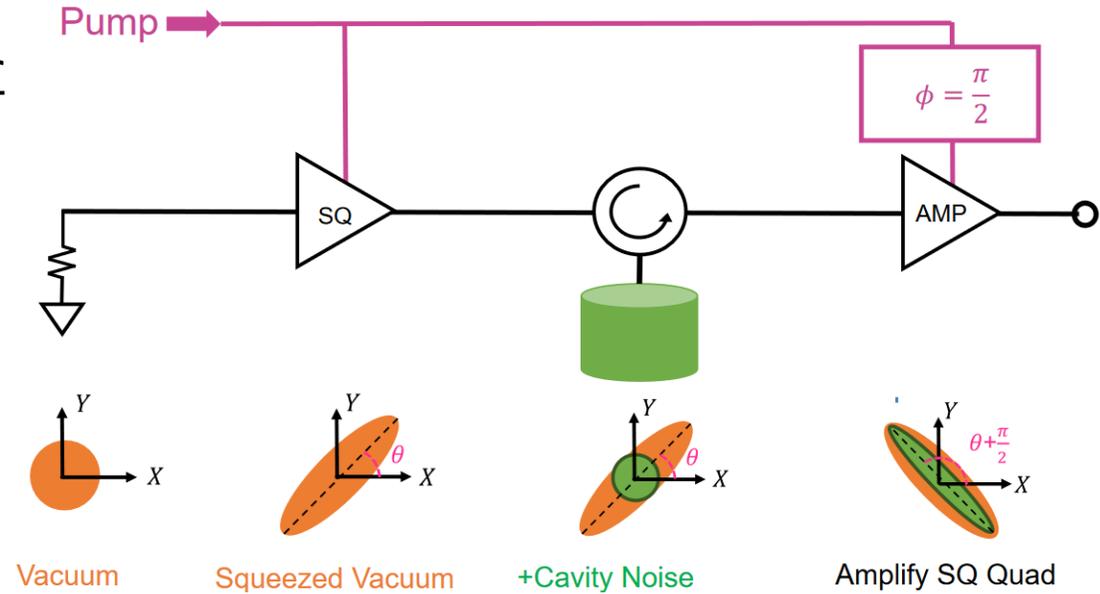


→ SQL was overcome and S/N was improved by factor two

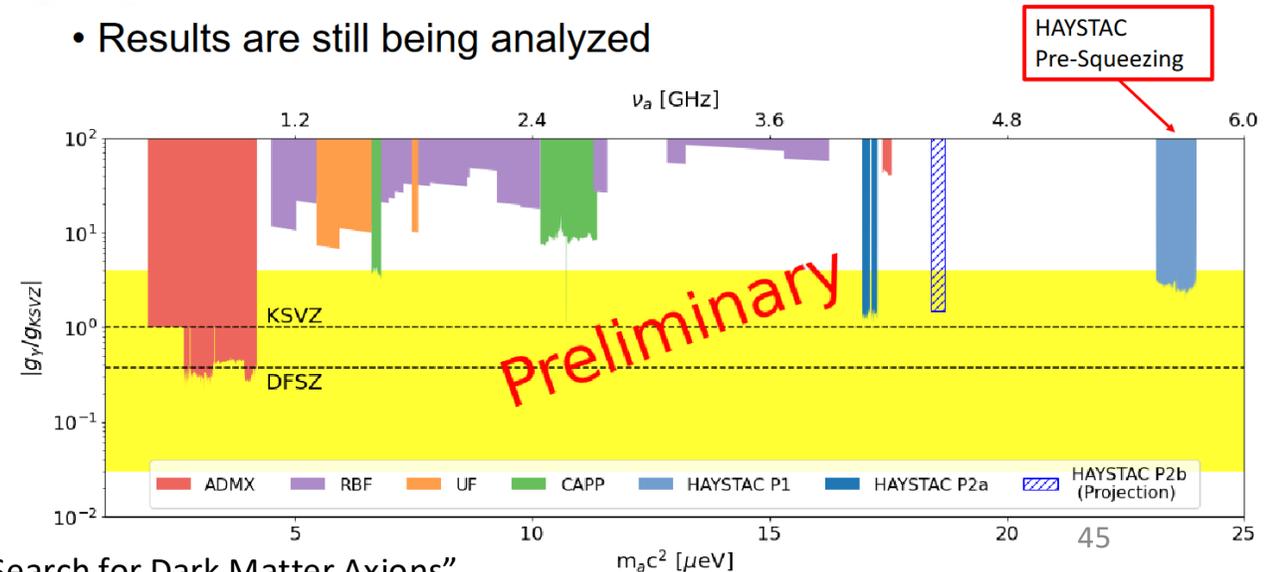
HAYSTAC (Yale University + Berkley)



Squeezed State Receiver



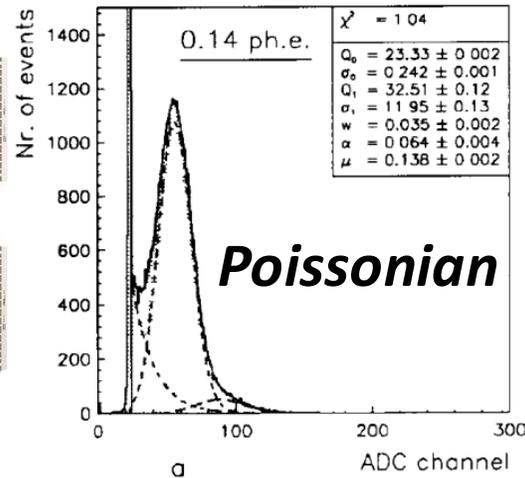
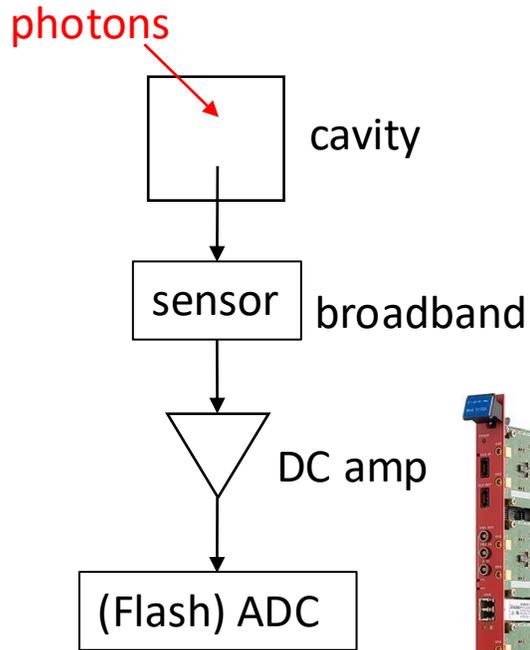
• Results are still being analyzed



- JPAs achieve near SQL when Phase-Insensitive
- JPAs are Phase-Sensitive Amplifiers
- Each Phase alone is not limited by SQL
- Can produce “Squeezed” States
 - Dump all uncertainty/noise into a single quadrature

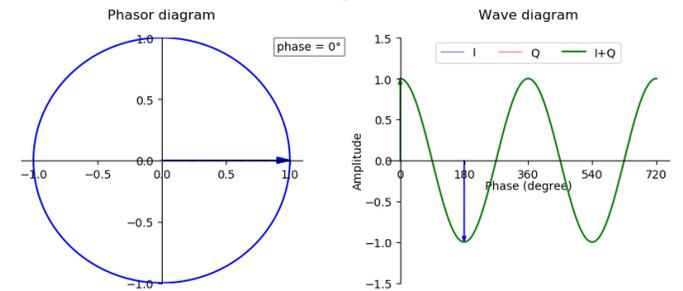
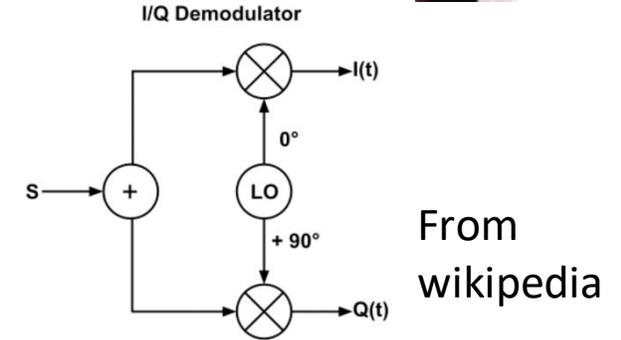
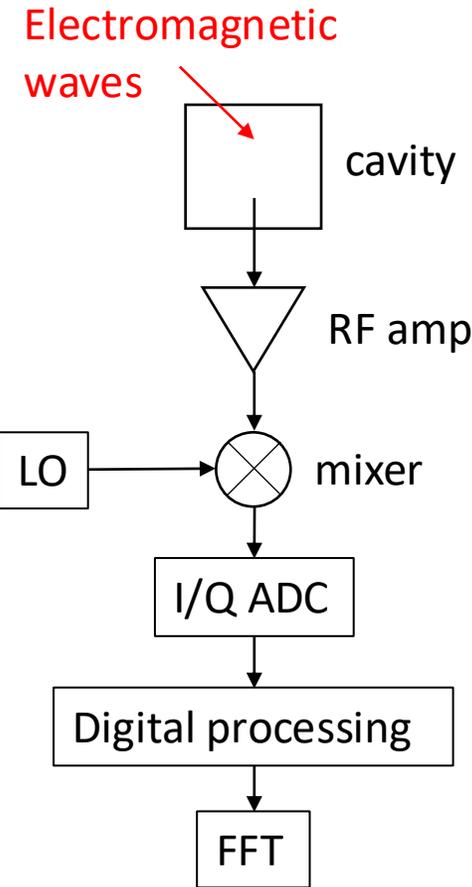
Photon (energy) detection is free from SQL

Welcome back to particle physics 😊



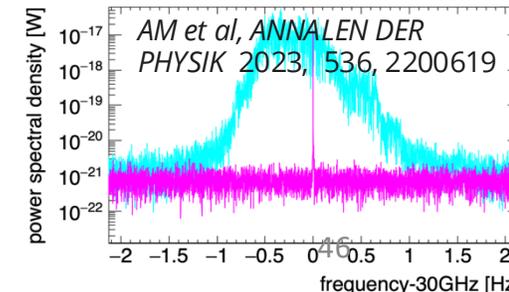
$$P(t) = n \times \hbar\omega \propto V_{ADC}(t)$$

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



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

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



Single photon sensors can also overcome SQL

Noise power of wave detection

$$P_l = h\nu(\bar{n} + 1) \sqrt{\frac{\Delta\nu}{t}} \propto \nu$$

Noise power of photon detection

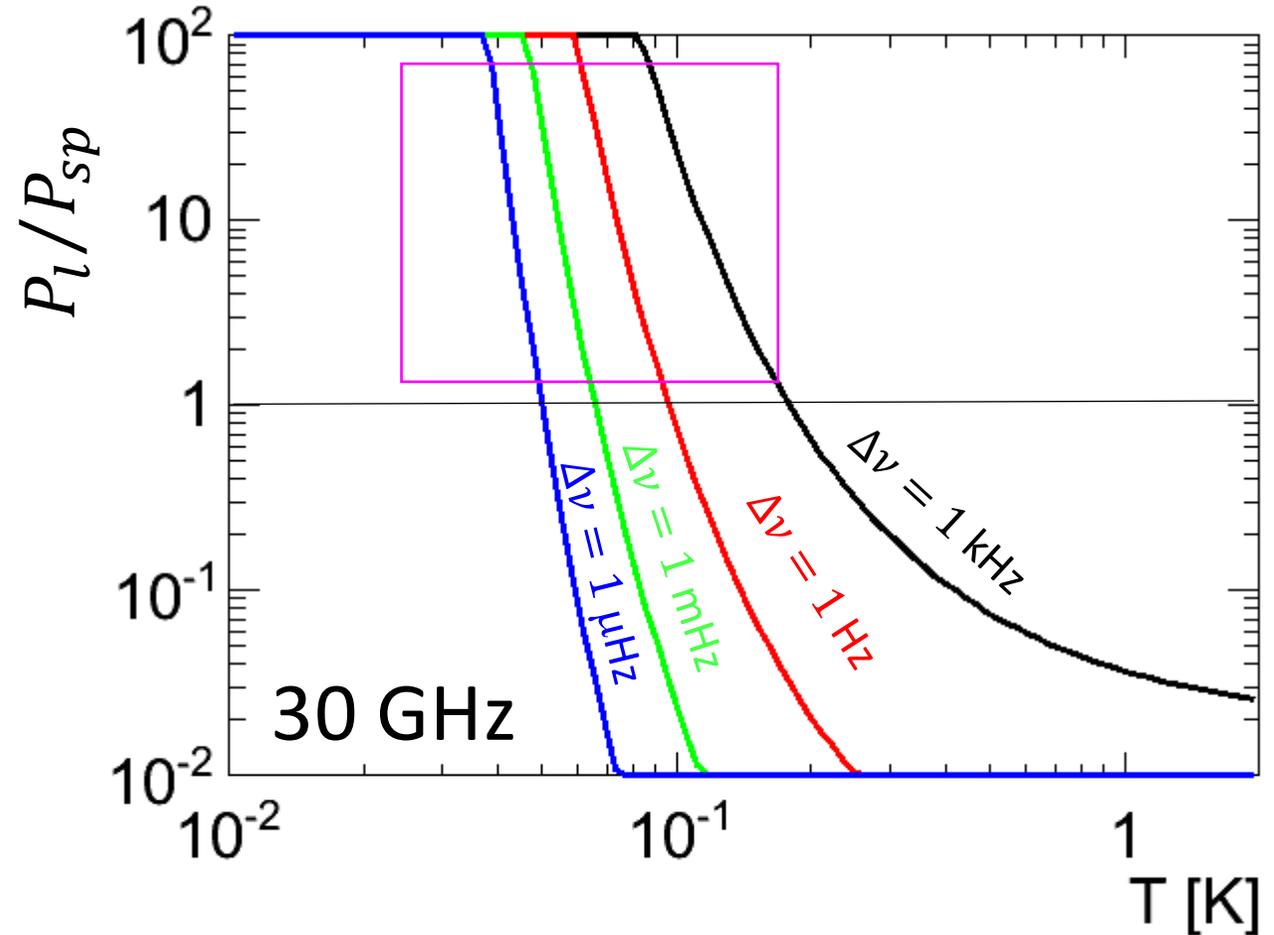
$$P_{sp} = h\nu \sqrt{\frac{\eta\bar{n}Q_c}{2\pi\nu t}} \propto \sqrt{\nu}$$

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

Q_c : cavity quality factor

η : quantum efficiency of the sensor

S.K. Lamoreaux et al Phys Rev D 98 035020 (2013)



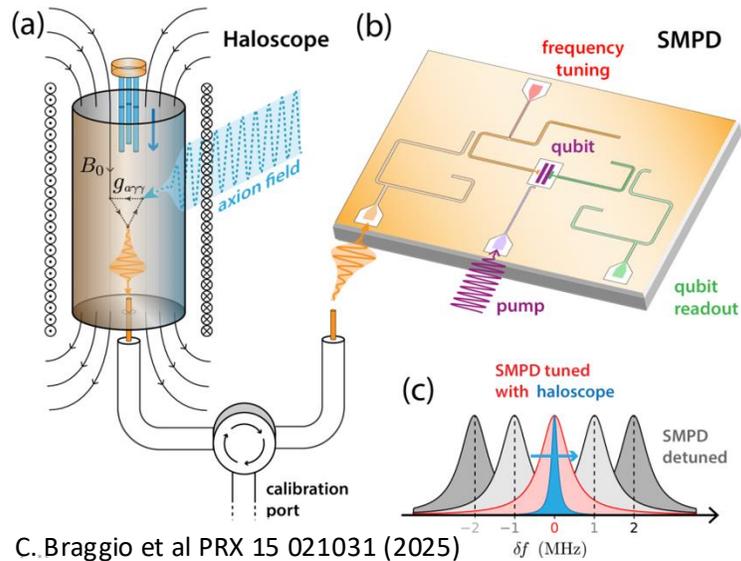
Single photon sensors may be a solution in the future

→ Although one loses phase information, zero background at cold may be better

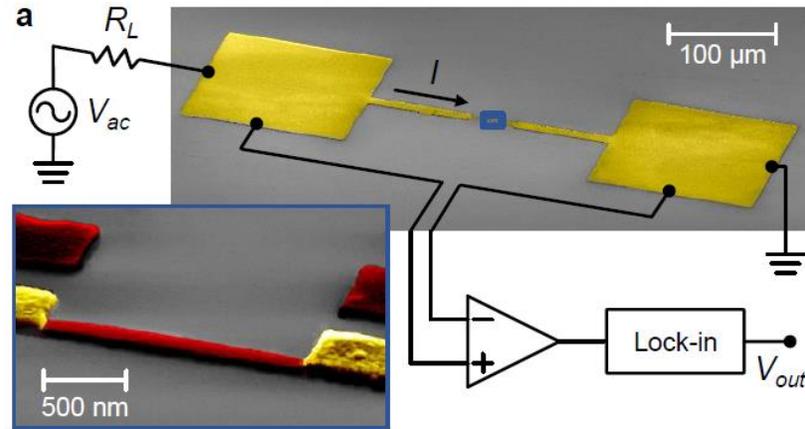
→ Lower noise in **higher frequency** → where is the cross-over? 10 GHz? 100 GHz??

Examples of MW photon sensors

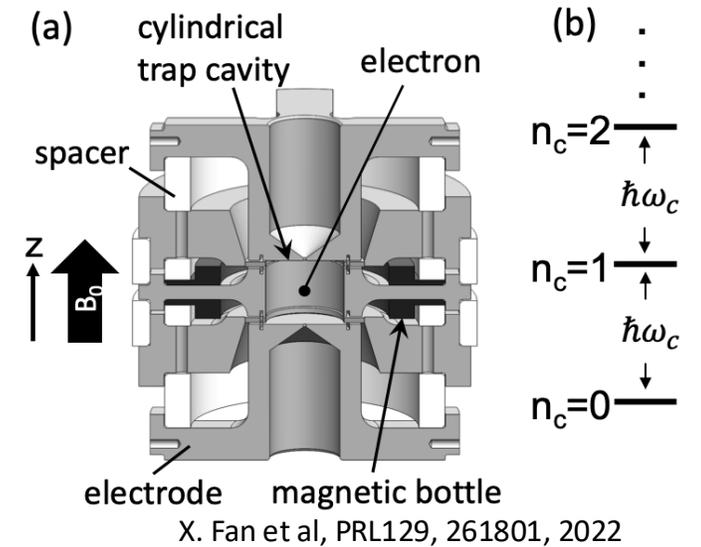
Transman qubit-based photon counting



Biased superconducting nano-wire Transition Edge Sensor (TES)



Landau levels of a trapped electron under cyclotron motion



- Photon counting device counts photons $|n\rangle$ without energy resolution
- Calorimeter resolves single-photon energy $NEP \sim 10^{-25} \text{ W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Bolometer (intermediate step) measures power of the microwave's photon flow
 - TES: $NEP \sim 10^{-16} \text{ W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \rightarrow$ CMB measurement
 - Graphene-based **Josephson** Junction: $NEP \sim 10^{-18} \text{ W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ [Nature 586 42 2020]

Noise equivalent power

$$\text{NEP} \left[\text{W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \right] \equiv \frac{P[\text{W}]}{\text{SNR}\sqrt{\Delta\nu}}$$

Parameter of RF → DC sensors

- Photon sensors
- Bolometer / calorimeter

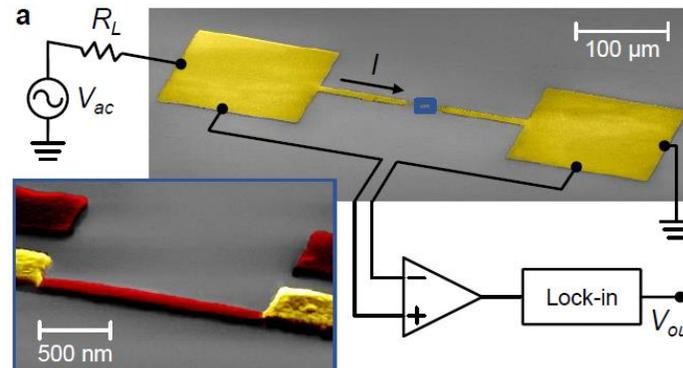
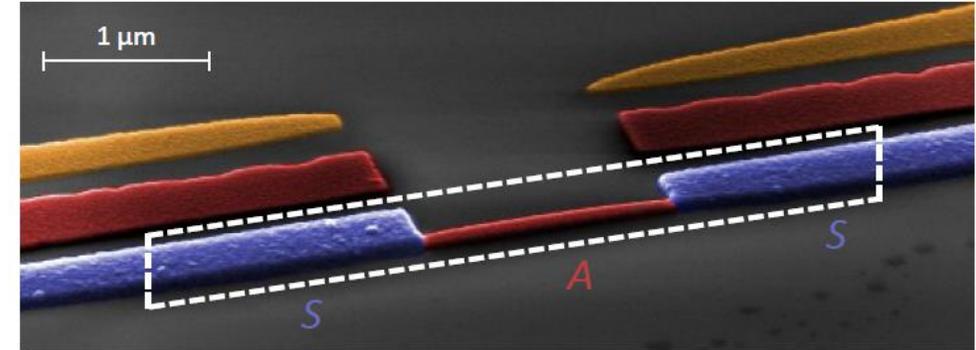
$$v_{out} \propto v_0^2 = P_{in}$$

Minimum “detectable” power

“Detectable”: $S/N > 1$

$$P_{min} = \text{NEP} \times \sqrt{\Delta\nu}$$

What is this BandWidth $\sqrt{\Delta\nu}$?
Where is integration time?



Fundamental question

- We introduced quantum sensors to overcome SQL and enhance S/N
- This is quantum sensing of **microwave photons** induced from **classical axion dark matter**
- It is NOT a quantum sensing of quantum axion
- We still rely on the argument that dark matter axion is classical due to the large occupation number
- **Can we see any fundamental quantum nature of dark matter axions?**

Quantum nature of axion DM: natural squeezing

$$i\hbar\partial_t\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2mA(t)^2}\nabla^2\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t) + m\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x},t)\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t) \quad (1)$$

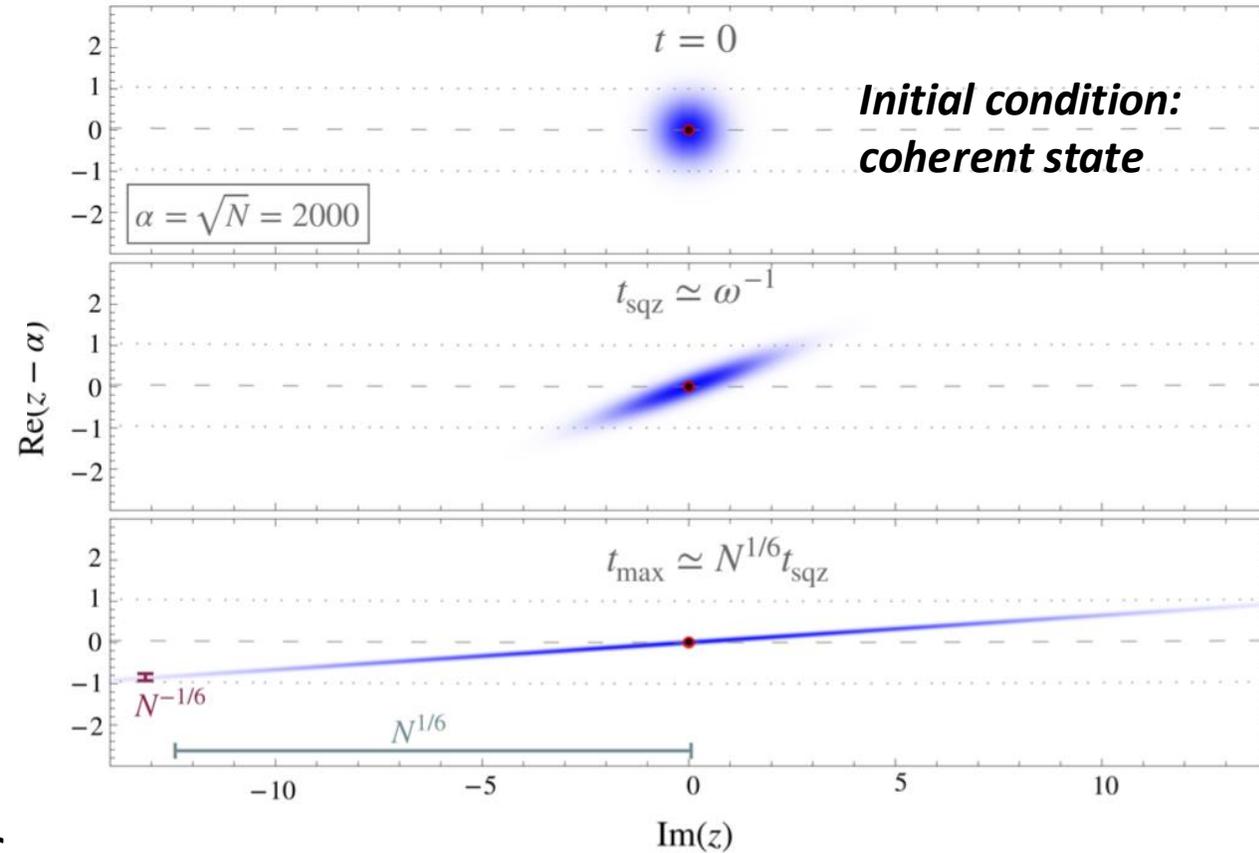
$$\nabla^2\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x},t) = \frac{4\pi Gm}{A(t)}\left(\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x},t)\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t) - \overline{\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x},t)\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t)}\right),$$

Gravitational potential

$$i\partial_t\hat{a}(t) = \omega(t)\hat{a}(t) + 2\chi(t)\hat{a}^\dagger(t)\hat{a}(t)\hat{a}(t)$$

Kerr-type nonlinearity

- Gravitational self-interaction of dark matter axions causes quantum squeezing within a surprisingly short period
- Experimental detection seems non-feasible ☹️



	Cosmology	Solitonic core	Milkyway
$t_{\text{sqz}} [\mu\text{s}]$	$66 \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)$	$1400 \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)$	$33 \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)$
$t_{\text{max}} [\text{yr}]$	$3500 \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)^{\frac{7}{6}}$	$0.5 \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}}$	$33000 \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)^{\frac{7}{6}}$
r_{max}	$36 + \frac{1}{6} \ln\left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)$	$24 + \frac{1}{3} \ln\left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)$	$32 + \frac{1}{6} \ln\left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)$
$t_{\text{Ehr}} [\text{yr}]$	$10^{35} \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$	$10^{21} \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)^2$	$10^{32} \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

Eg) Gravitational wave from blackhole merger

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Coherent State Description of Gravitational Waves from Binary Black Holes

Sugumi Kanno^{1,2,3}, Jiro Soda⁴, and Akira Taniguchi¹

1st order time evolution → Displacement operator

$$\hat{U}(t, \bar{x}_N) = \exp \left[-i \frac{2}{M_p} \sum_{N=1,2} \frac{\gamma_N^3 m_N}{2} \sum_{P=+, \times} \int^t dt' \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \right. \\ \left. \times \left(\frac{e^{-i\omega_k t'}}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} e_{ij}^{(P)}(\mathbf{k}) a(\mathbf{k}) + \frac{e^{i\omega_k t'}}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} e_{ij}^{(P)}(-\mathbf{k}) a^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}) \right) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \bar{x}_N} v_N^i v_N^j \right]$$

2nd order time evolution → Squeezing operator

$$\hat{S}(\beta) = \prod_P \exp \left[\int d^3 \mathbf{k} \int d^3 \mathbf{k}' \left(\beta_{kk'}^{(P)} a^{(P)\dagger}(\mathbf{k}) a^{(P)\dagger}(\mathbf{k}') - \beta_{kk'}^{(P)*} a^{(P)}(\mathbf{k}) a^{(P)}(\mathbf{k}') \right) \right]$$

Decoherence is neglected

(how to detect it???)

→ Coherent state

$$\exp \left[-i \int dt d^3 x \left\{ T_{ij}(x^i, t) \hat{h}_{ij}(x^i, t) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \Lambda_{ijkl}(x^i, t) \hat{h}_{ij}(x^i, t) \hat{h}_{kl}(x^i, t) + \dots \right\} \right]$$

→ squeezed state

Squeezing parameter

$$\zeta \simeq \frac{4\pi}{3} (2\Omega)^3 |\beta| \simeq \frac{1}{8\pi M_p^2} \mu (a\Omega)^4 f \\ \zeta \simeq 2 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{\mu}{16M_\odot} \right) \left(\frac{a\Omega}{0.41} \right)^4 \left(\frac{f}{68 \text{ Hz}} \right). \quad (22)$$

Thus, the quantum state of gravitational waves from GW150914 is characterized by a squeezing parameter of order 10^{-4} . Note that the squeezing parameter in Eq. (22)

Quantum nature of axion DM: thermalization

$$\mathcal{L}[a, \chi] = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu a(x) \partial^\mu a(x) - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2(x) - \boxed{ga(x) \mathcal{O}_\chi(x) + \mathcal{L}_\chi}$$

Interaction to environment (SM)

$$a(\vec{x}, t=0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} \left[b_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} + b_{\vec{k}}^\dagger e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \right]$$

$$n(\omega_q) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega_q} - 1}$$

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = e^{-iHt} \hat{\rho}(0) e^{iHt}$$

Time evolution of density matrix

Quantum master equation

→ Initial coherent axions become decoherent due to thermalization

$$\rho(0) = \rho_a(0) \otimes \rho_\chi(0)$$

Initial condition: axion x environment

$$\rho_\chi(0) = \frac{e^{-\beta H_\chi}}{\text{Tr} e^{-\beta H_\chi}}$$

Environment: thermal bath (CMB)

$$\rho_a(0) = |\Delta\rangle\langle\Delta|$$

Initial axion: coherent state from misalignment mechanism

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{q}} N_q(t) \omega_q = \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi^2 + m_a^2 \bar{a}^2 \right] \boxed{e^{-\gamma_0 t}} + \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \omega_q n(\omega_q) \boxed{(1 - e^{-\gamma_q t})}$$

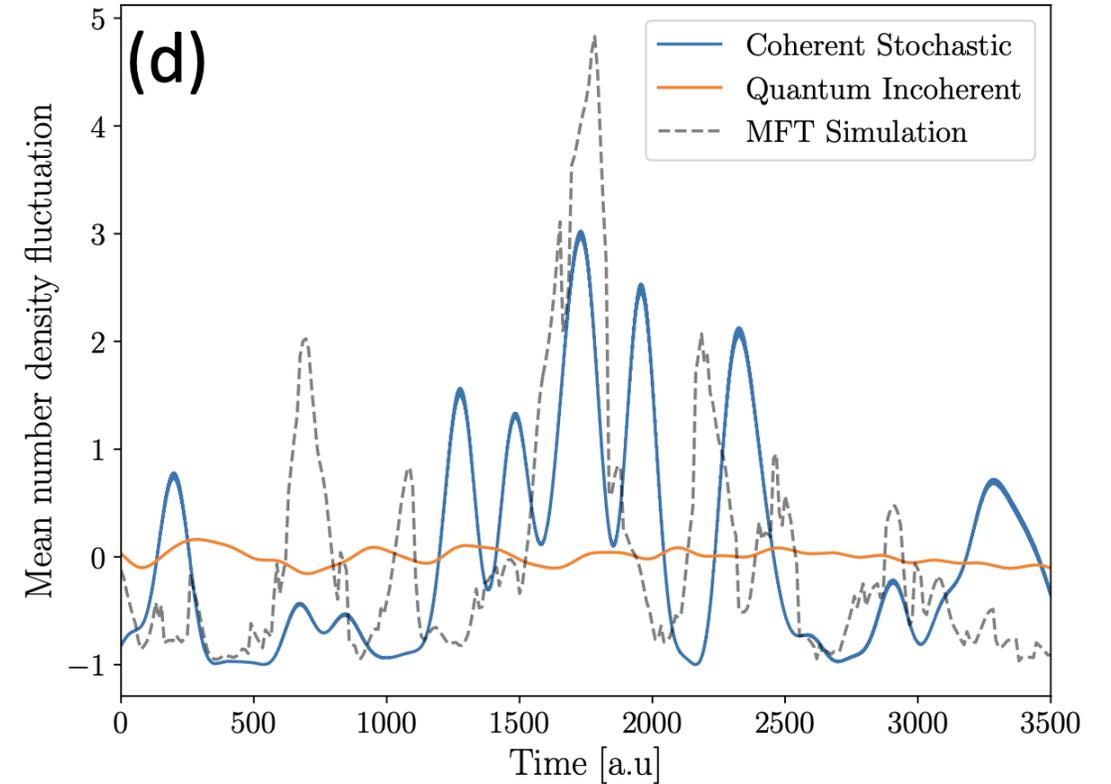
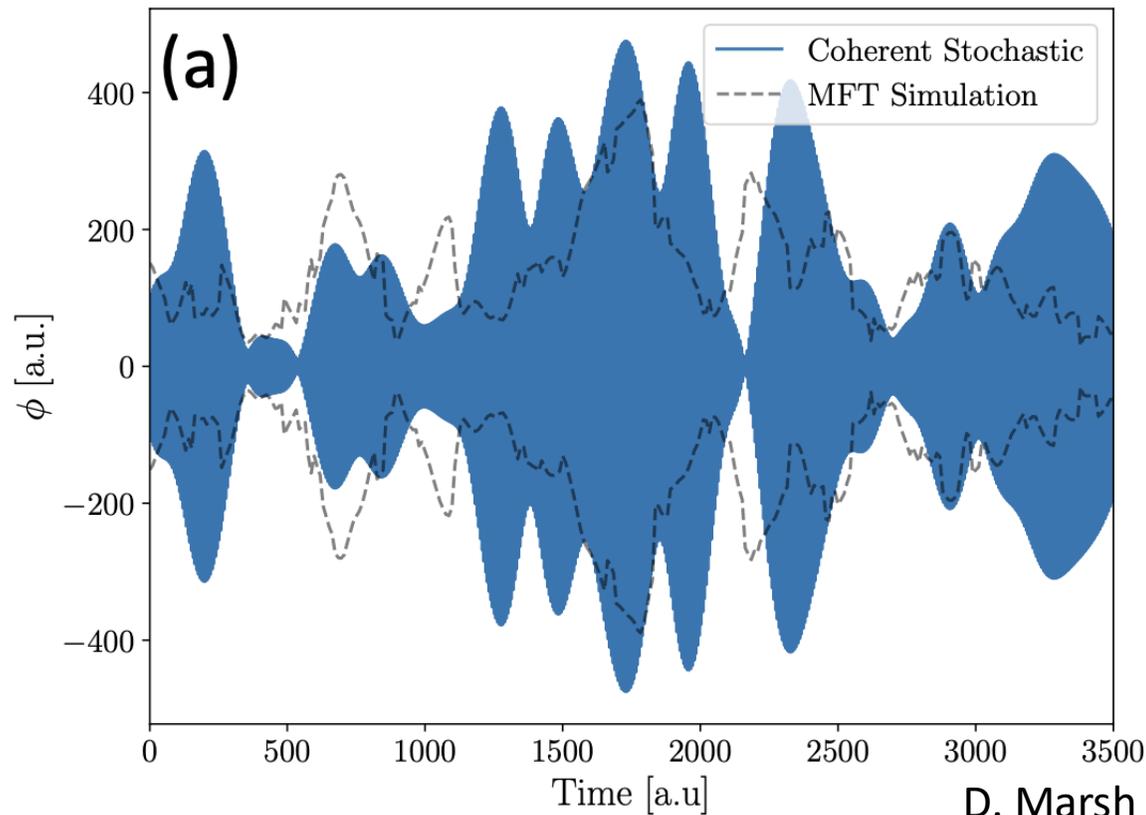
Coherent term decays

Thermal term grows

$$|\Delta\rangle = \prod_{\vec{k}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} |\Delta_{\vec{k}}|^2} e^{-\Delta_{\vec{k}} b_{\vec{k}}^\dagger} |0\rangle$$

Decay rate: $\gamma_q = \Gamma_q(\infty) = \frac{g^2}{2\omega_q} \rho(\omega_q, q)$

Temporal coherence of axion DM



D. Marsh arXiv:2211.13602

Coherent stochastic model

$$\phi(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{\text{loc}}}}{m} \sum_{i=0}^{i_{\text{max}}} \alpha_i \cos \left[\left(1 + \frac{v_i^2}{2} \right) mt + \delta_i \right]$$

DM axion is in quantum coherent state \sim truly classical wave

Quantum incoherent model

$$n = \frac{1}{2} m \langle |\psi_k|^2 \rangle_k$$

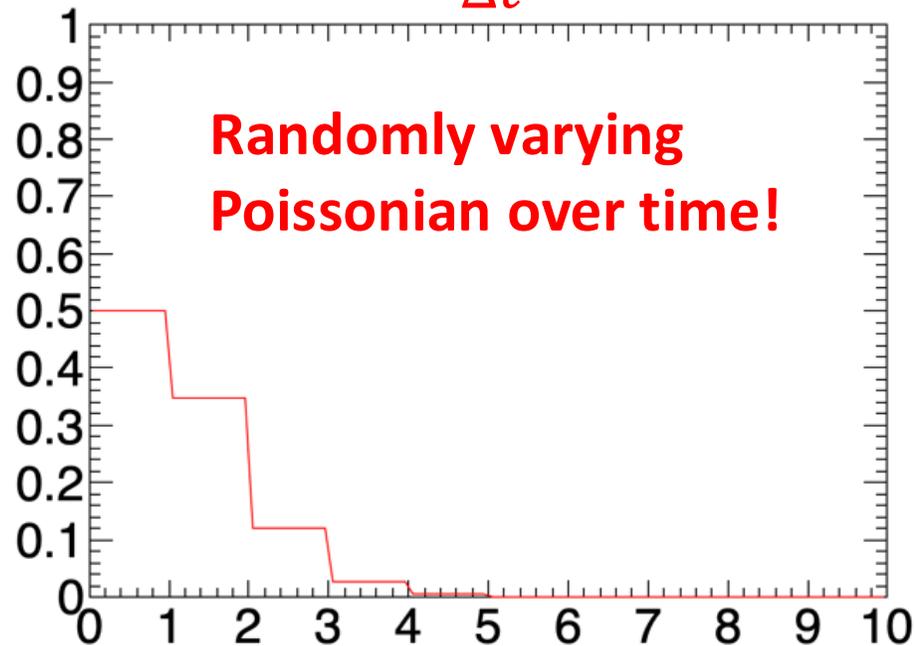
$$\psi_k = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{\text{loc}}}}{m} \sum_{i=0}^{i_{\text{max}}} \alpha_i \exp \left[i \left(m \frac{v_i^2}{2} t + \delta_i + \epsilon_{ik} \right) \right]$$

What happens to the quantum detector response

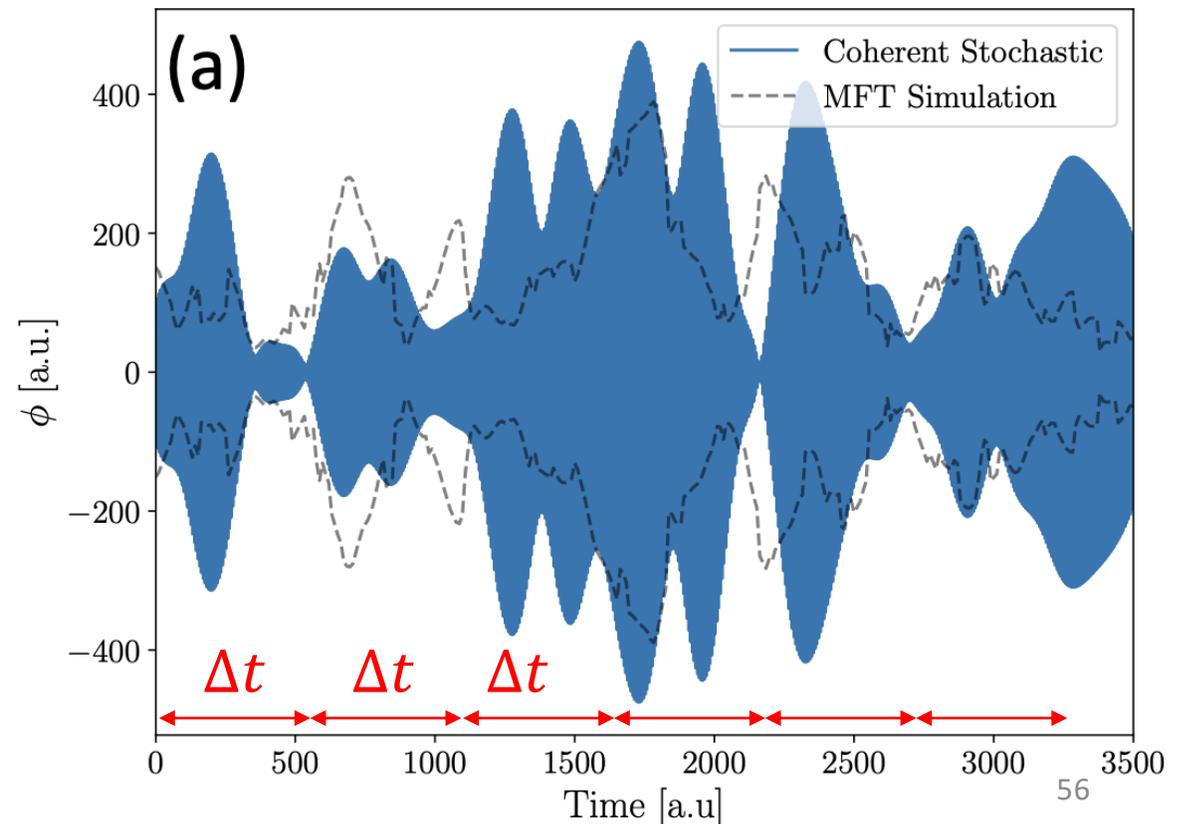
$$P_n = |\langle n | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 = \frac{e^{-|\beta(t)|^2} |\beta(t)|^{2n}}{n!}$$

$$\beta(t) = \exp(-i\omega t) \int_0^t dt' \phi(t') \exp(i\omega t')$$

Δt



- The photon number obeys Poisson distribution of varying mean
- Depends on integral of classical axion amplitude over temporal coherency
- $\Delta t \rightarrow$ response time of quantum sensor? Or DAQ?



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 - The eigen state of the annihilation operator (non-Hermitian = non-observable)
 - Classical electrodynamics is the expectation value of a field operator of a coherent state
 - The number of photons obey a Poisson distribution
- Glauber's theorem
 - Classical driving force generally produces a quantum coherent state
 - Dark matter axion act as a displacement operator
- Thermal noise and Standard Quantum Limit
 - Thermal noise is a 1D blackbody radiation to be reduced by lower T but
 - Reading out both I/Q quadrants faces fundamental noise limit due to the commutation relation and corresponding Kennard inequality (uncertainty principle)
- Squeezing and photon counting
 - Parametric amplifier can be operated in a phase sensitive way to implement squeezing
 - Photon / power sensing is free from SQL and potentially enhances S/N for axion DM search
 - The quantum sensing is for microwave photons and DM axion itself is still treated classically
 - Quantum nature of axions is a one of the hot topics of theoretical studies yet no clear suggestions for the experimental detection scheme

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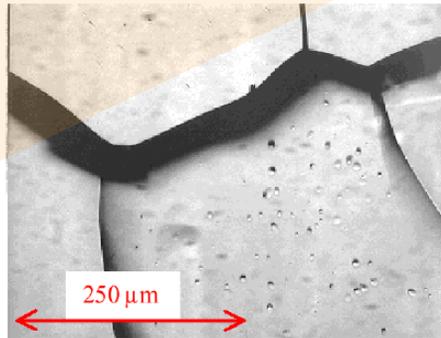
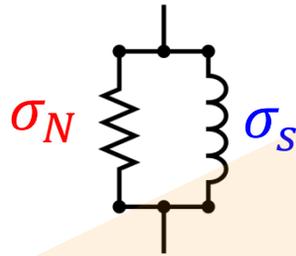
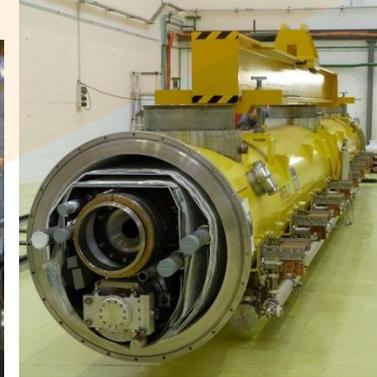
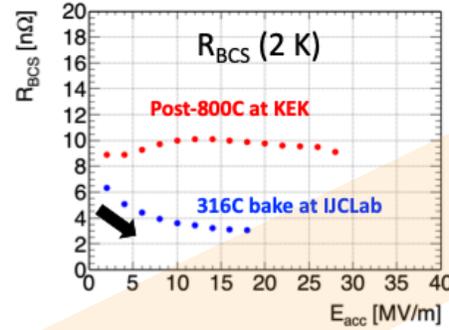
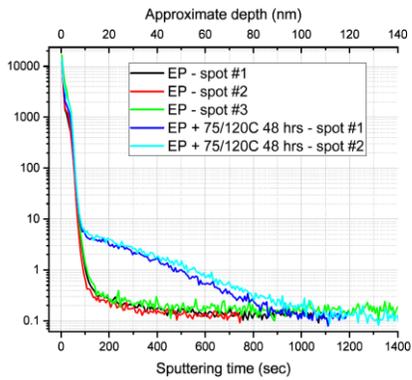
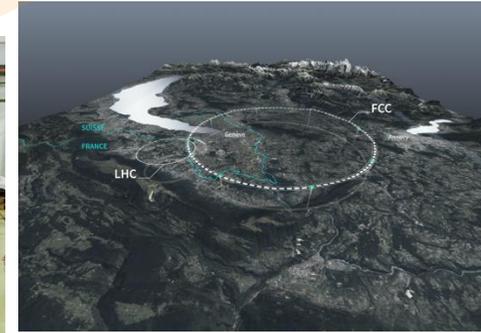
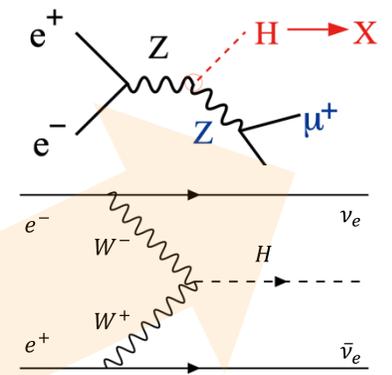
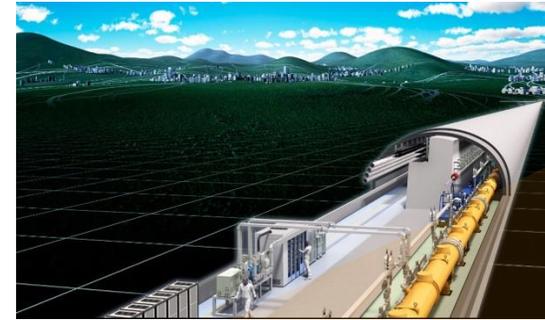
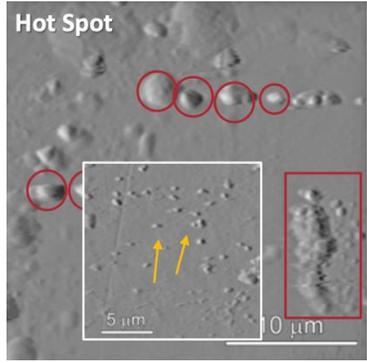
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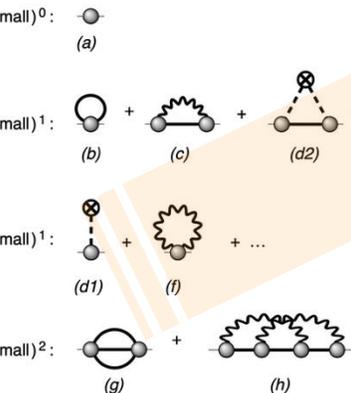
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My vision in superconducting RF accelerators

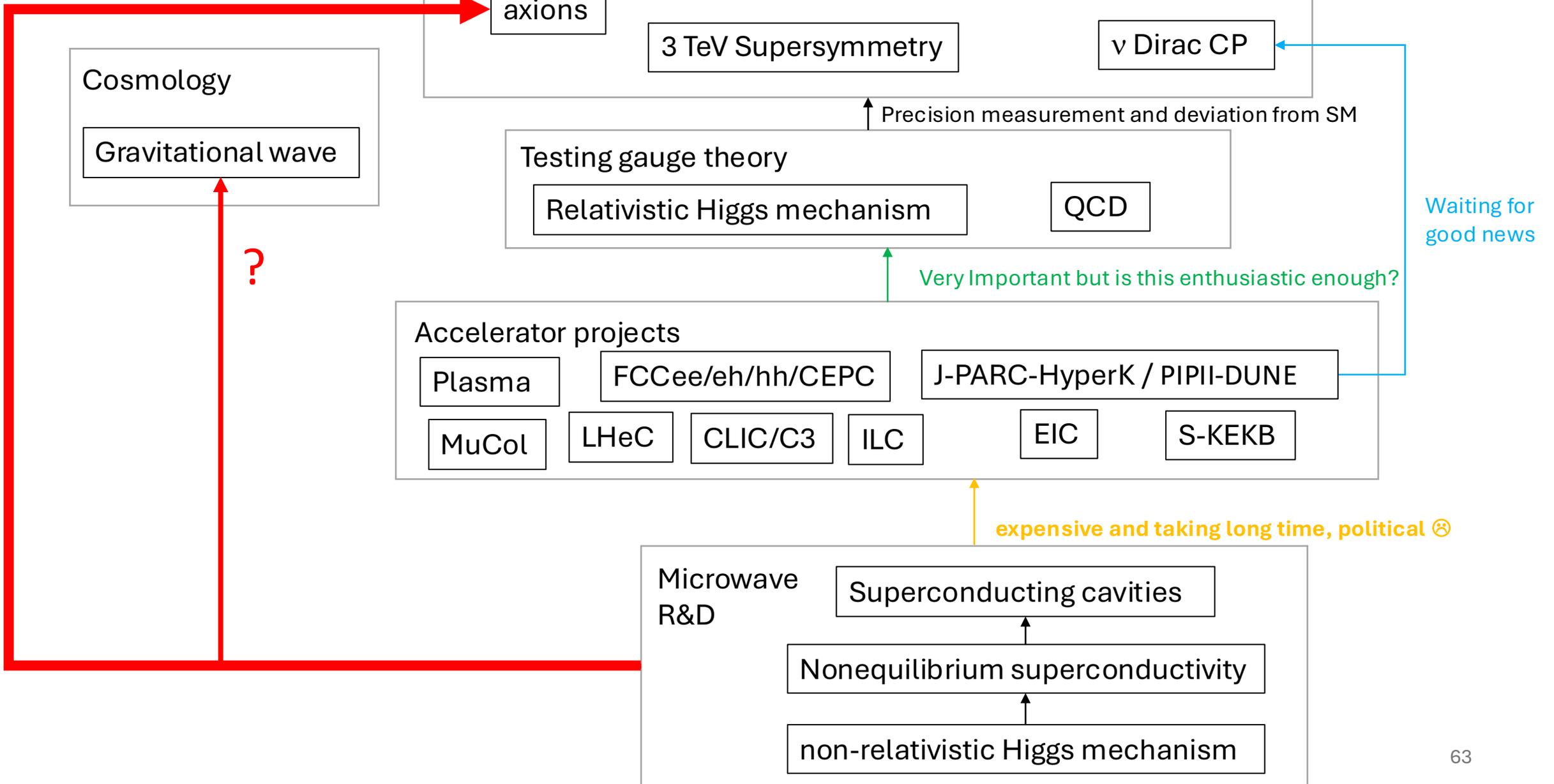


$$M \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} + \eta \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial z^2} + \nabla U(z, u) = \mathbf{J}_{RF}(z, u) \times \mathbf{B}_{ext}$$

From superconductivity
to particle physics
through huge MW &
cryogenic infrastructure

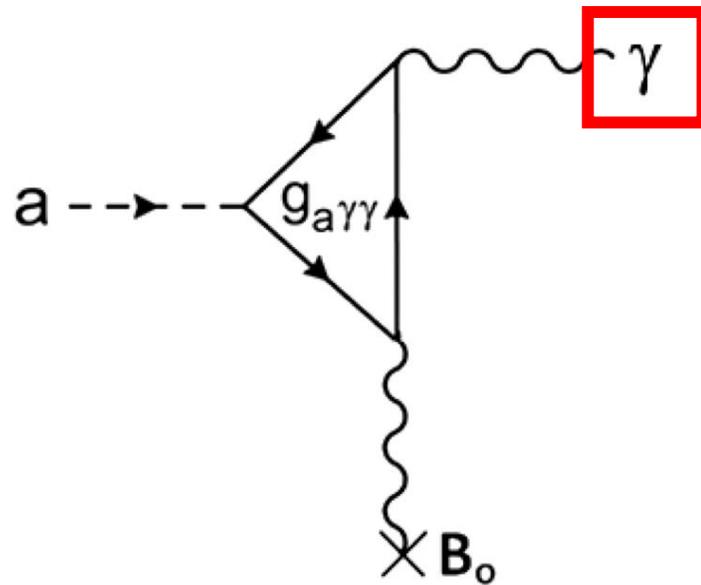


Shortcut!



Microwave photons may address fundamental physics

Axions



Inverse Primakoff effect

Minimal extension of SM

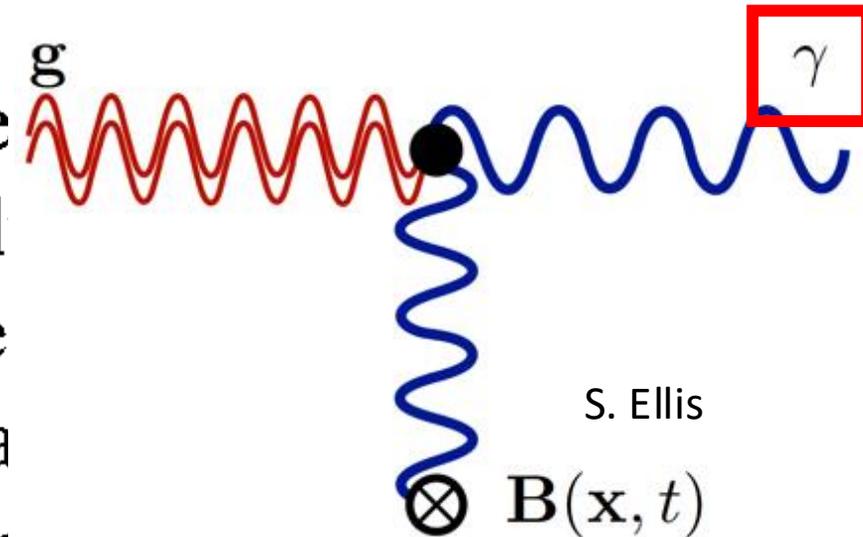
Neutrinos

$SU(2)_R \times U(1)$ theory are given in the graphs of fig. 2 also involving kinematic cases of interest; this case gives the standard model; this case describes the

Cosmic neutrino background

Extension of SM and/or SM

Gravitational waves



Inverse Gertsenshtein effect

Solution of general relativity

S. Ellis

*Welcome to future ~~particle~~
fundamental physics via microwaves*

backup

Cf) Heisenberg uncertainty \neq Kennard

Robertson-Kennard inequality is fundamental property of Hilbert space

The relation between the **standard deviation (=statistical error)** of two canonical operators

Commutation relation

Schwarz inequality

$$[p, q] = \frac{i\hbar}{2} \rightarrow \langle \Delta p^2 \rangle \langle \Delta q^2 \rangle \geq |\langle [p, q] \rangle|^2 \rightarrow \sigma_p \sigma_q \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Fundamental uncertainty principle of quantum physics (I do not call this Heisenberg)

Original idea: Heisenberg's indeterminacy principle is measurement back-action

Heisenberg "The more accurately one property is measured, the less accurately the other property can be known"

Less systematic error ε
 \rightarrow more disturbance η

Original Heisenberg: $\varepsilon_p \eta_q \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$ This was overcome by Ozawa $\varepsilon_p \eta_q + \varepsilon_p \sigma_q + \sigma_p \eta_q \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$
 \rightarrow More general argument by Lee & Tsutsui

Measurement theory in modern quantum information theory