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AMPLIFICATION ET RETROACTION QUANTIQUES

QUANTUM AMPLIFICATION AND FEEDBACK

Troisième Leçon / *Third Lecture*

Transparents des leçons disponibles à <http://www.physinfo.fr/lectures.html>

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PROGRAM OF THIS YEAR'S LECTURES

Lecture I: Introduction to quantum-limited amplification and feedback

Lecture II: How do we model open, out-of-equilibrium, non-linear quantum systems?

Lecture III: Can we maintain the noise at the quantum limit while increasing gain, bandwidth and dyn^{amic} range?

Lecture IV: What are the minimal requirements for an active circuit to be fully directional and noiseless?

Lecture V: Can continuous quantum measurements be viewed as a form of Brownian motion?

Lecture VI: How can we maintain a dynamic quantum state alive?

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CALENDAR OF SEMINARS

May 10: Fabien Portier, SPEC-CEA Saclay

The Bright Side of Coulomb Blockade

May 17, 2011: Jan van Ruitenbeek (Leiden University, The Netherlands)

Quantum Transport in Single-molecule Systems

May 31, 2011: Irfan Siddiqi (UC Berkeley, USA)

Quantum Jumps of a Superconducting Artificial Atom

June 7, 2011: David DiVicenzo (IQI Aachen, Germany)

Quantum Error Correction and the Future of Solid State Qubits

June 14, 2011: Andrew Cleland (UC Santa Barbara, USA)

Images of Quantum Light

June 21, 2011: Benjamin Huard (LPA - ENS Paris)

Building a Quantum Limited Amplifier from Josephson Junctions and Resonators

June 21, 2011 (3pm): Andrew Cleland (UC Santa Barbara, USA)

How to Be in Two Places at the Same Time ?

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LECTURE III : CALCULATING THE PERFORMANCES OF A QUANTUM-LIMITED AMPLIFIER

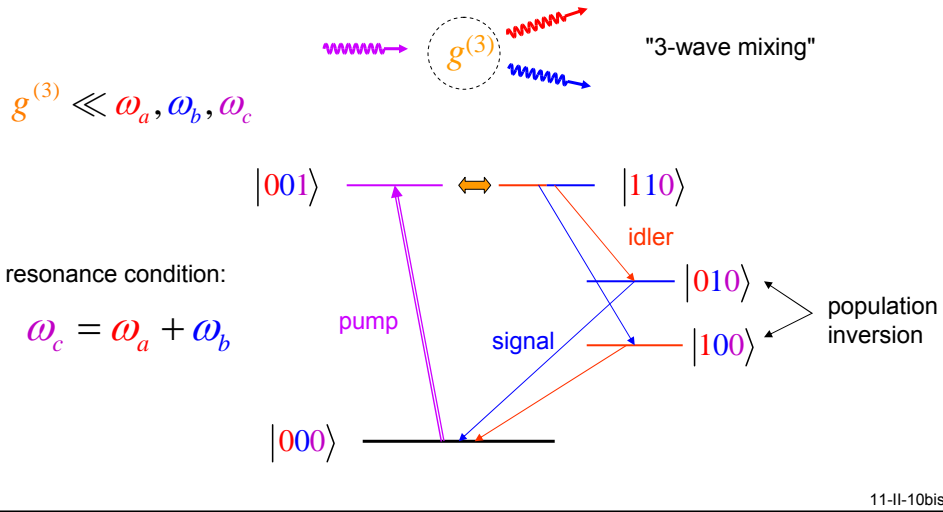
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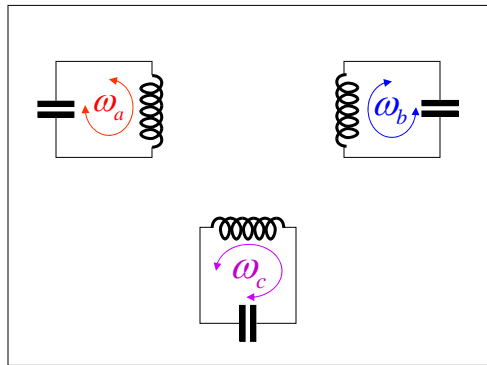
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AMPLIFICATION EXPLOITS COMBINATION OF ANHARMONICITY, DRIVE AND DAMPING

$$H_{rev} = \hbar\omega_a a^\dagger a + \hbar\omega_b b^\dagger b + \hbar\omega_c c^\dagger c + [\hbar g^{(3)} a^\dagger b^\dagger c + \text{h.c.}]$$



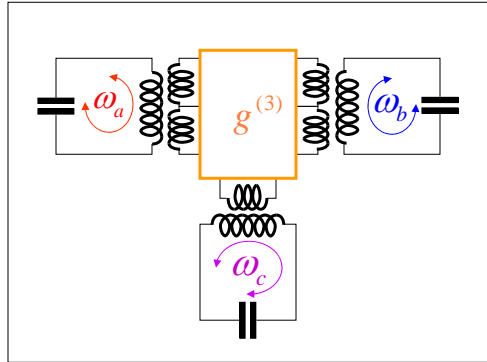
THE LIST OF PARTS(1)



$$\frac{H_{rev}^{lin}}{\hbar} = \omega_a a^\dagger a + \omega_b b^\dagger b + \omega_c c^\dagger c$$

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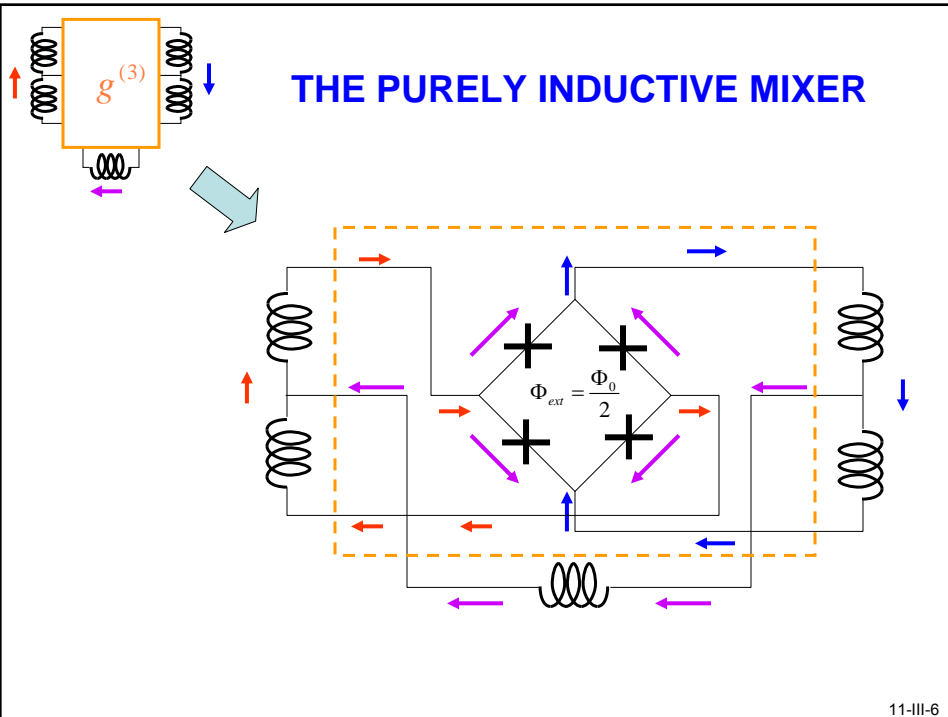
$$H_{rev} = H_{rev}^{lin} + H_{rev}^{nl}$$

$$\frac{H_{rev}^{lin}}{\hbar} = \omega_a a^\dagger a + \omega_b b^\dagger b + \omega_c c^\dagger c$$

$$\frac{H_{rev}^{nl}}{\hbar} = g^{(3)} a^\dagger b^\dagger c + \text{h.c.}$$

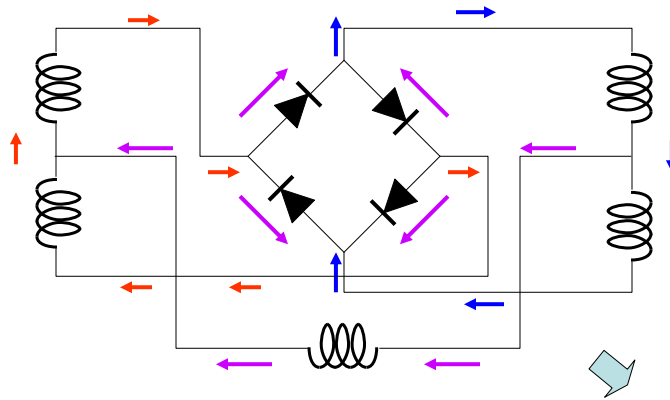
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THE PURELY INDUCTIVE MIXER

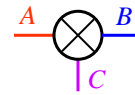


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RING MODULATOR PERFORMS PRODUCT OF TWO SIGNALS

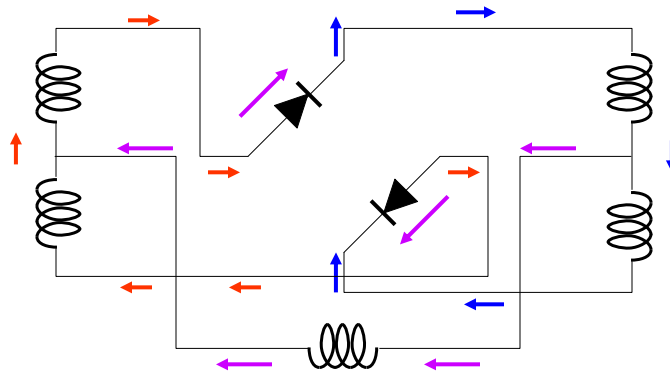


$$B^{out} \sim A^{in} \times C^{in}; \quad A^{out} \sim B^{in} \times C^{in}; \quad C^{out} \sim A^{in} \times B^{in}$$



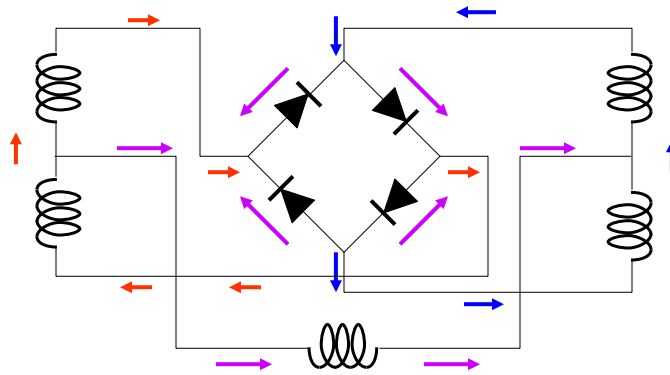
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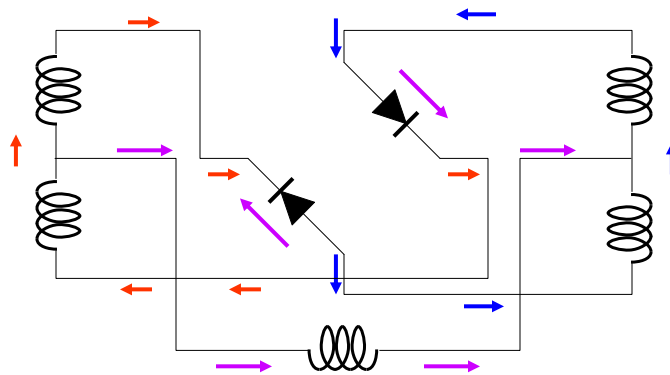
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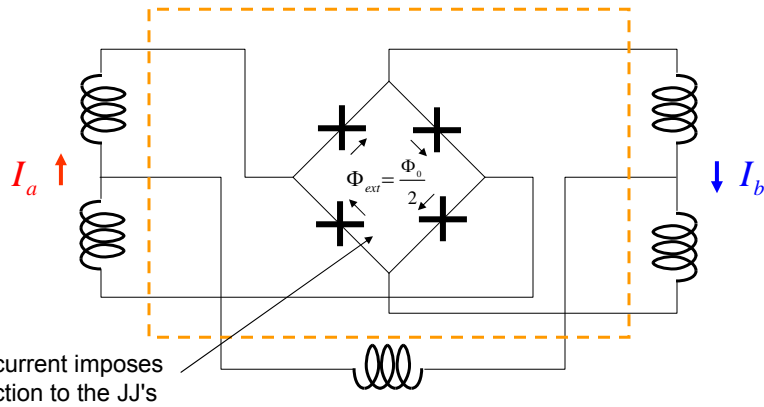
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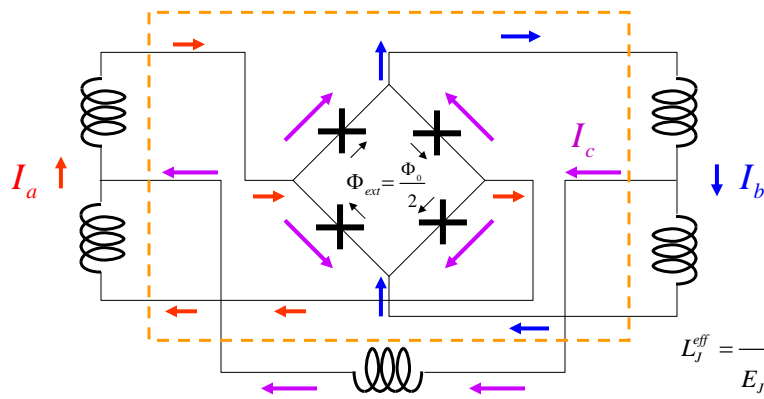
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JOSEPHSON MODULATOR: REVERSIBLE MIXING



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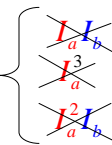
$$L_J^{eff} = \frac{\Phi_0^2}{E_J \cos \frac{\Phi_{ext}}{2\lambda}}$$

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{\hbar \phi_0}{2e}$$

$$E_{ring} = \frac{L_J^{eff}}{2} (I_a^2 + I_b^2) + \frac{L_J^{eff}}{8} I_c^2 + \lambda I_a I_b I_c + \text{higher order terms}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{(L_J^{eff})^2}{4\Phi_0}$$

Wheatstone bridge symmetry eliminates many undesirable terms



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FROM $\lambda I_a I_b I_c$ TO $g^{(3)} a^\dagger b^\dagger c$

$$I_a = \omega_a \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_a}} (a + a^\dagger)$$

$$I_b = \omega_b \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_b}} (b + b^\dagger)$$

$$I_c = \omega_c \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_c}} (c + c^\dagger)$$



$$g^{(3)} = \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{(L_J^{eff})^4 \omega_a^2 \omega_b^2 \omega_c^2 (2e)^2}{2Z_a Z_b Z_c \hbar}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{(L_J^{eff})^3 \omega_a \omega_b \omega_c}{2L_a L_b L_c \omega_J^{eff}}}$$

~ MHz

ATTENTION: LIMITS TO PHOTON NUMBERS!

$$n_{a,b,c} \ll \frac{\omega_J^{eff 2}}{\omega_{a,b,c}^2} \frac{Z_{a,b,c}}{R_Q} \sim 10^4$$

$$\omega_J^{eff} = \frac{I_0^{eff}}{2e}$$

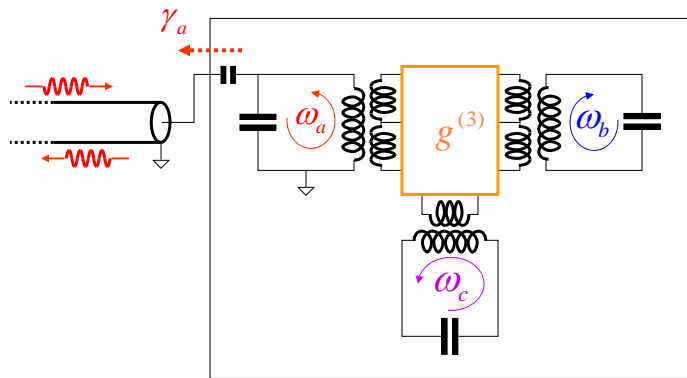
$$R_Q = \frac{\hbar}{(2e)^2} \approx 1k\Omega$$

present technology

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THE LIST OF PARTS(2)

$$H = H_{rev} + H_{coupl} + H_{env}$$



$$H_{rev} = H_{rev}^{lin} + H_{rev}^{nl}$$

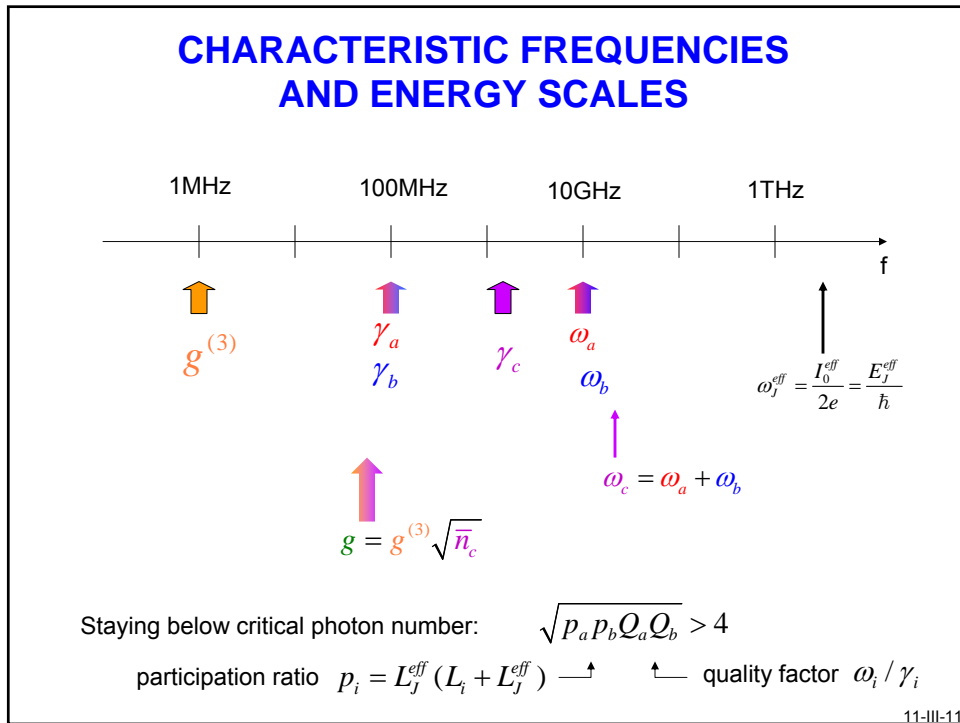
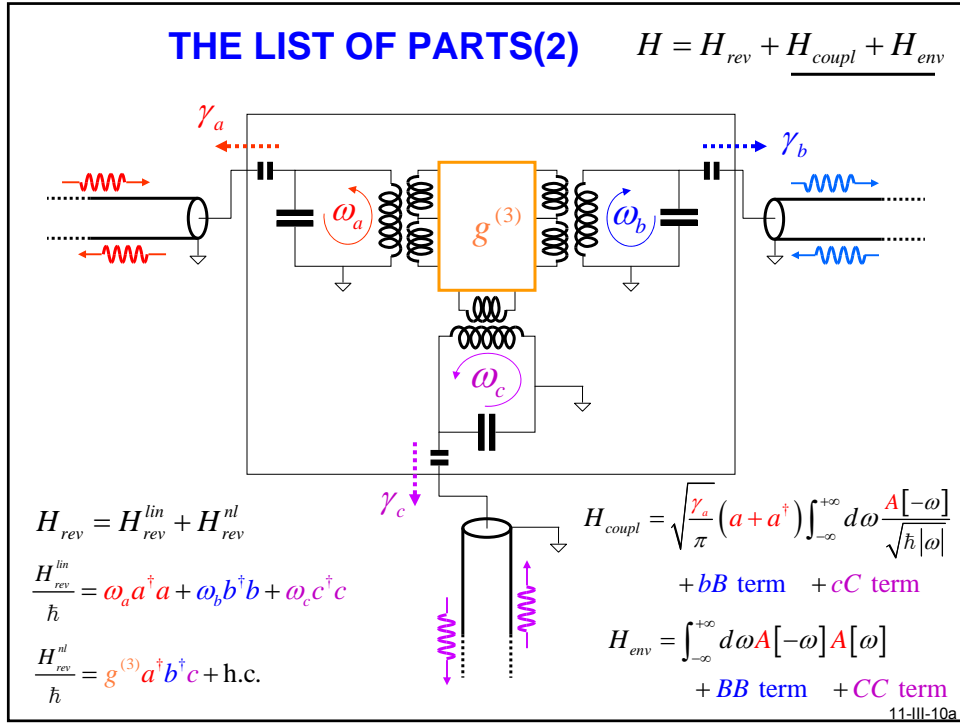
$$\frac{H_{rev}^{lin}}{\hbar} = \omega_a a^\dagger a + \omega_b b^\dagger b + \omega_c c^\dagger c$$

$$\frac{H_{rev}^{nl}}{\hbar} = g^{(3)} a^\dagger b^\dagger c + \text{h.c.}$$

$$H_{coupl} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_a}{\pi}} (a + a^\dagger) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \frac{A[-\omega]}{\sqrt{\hbar} |\omega|}$$

$$H_{env} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega A[-\omega] A[\omega]$$

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VARIATIONS ON AMPLIFIERS

Non-degenerate: $\hbar\omega_a a^\dagger a + \hbar\omega_b b^\dagger b + \hbar\omega_c c^\dagger c + [\hbar g^{(3)} a^\dagger b^\dagger c + \text{h.c.}]$
 $\omega_c = \omega_a + \omega_b$ (Yale, Paris)

Degenerate: $\hbar\omega_a a^\dagger a + \hbar\omega_c c^\dagger c + [\hbar g^{(3)} a^{\dagger 2} c + \text{h.c.}]$
 $\omega_c = 2\omega_a$ (Tsukuba, Göteborg)

Doubly-degenerate: $\hbar\omega_a a^\dagger a + \hbar\omega_c c^\dagger c + [\hbar g^{(4)} a^{\dagger 2} c^2 + \text{h.c.}]$
 $\omega_c = \omega_a$ (Boulder, Berkeley)

Can be used also as bifurcation amplifier (Yale, Saclay, Berkeley,...)

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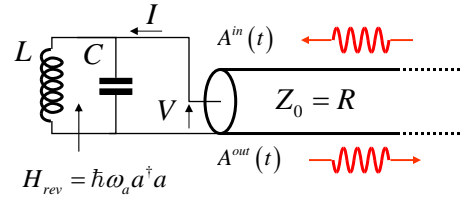
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INPUT-OUTPUT EQUATIONS IN PHOTON AMPLITUDE LANGUAGE



Circuit equations with input field in standard form:

$$\left(C \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{L} \right) V(t) = \frac{d}{dt} I(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{R}} \frac{d}{dt} A^{in}(t) - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{V(t)}{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \sqrt{R} [A^{in} + A^{out}] \\ I &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} [A^{in} - A^{out}] \end{aligned}$$

Voltage \rightarrow photon amplitude: $V(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar Z_a}{2}} (a(t) + a^\dagger(t))$ $\omega_a = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$; $Z_a = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$

$$A^{in}[\omega] = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar|\omega|}{2}} a^{in}[\omega] \quad [a^{in}[\omega_1], a^{in}[\omega_2]] = \text{sgn}(\omega_1 - \omega_2) \delta(\omega_1 + \omega_2)$$

Circuit equations with input field in photon amplitude form:

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \gamma_a \frac{d}{dt} + \omega_a^2 \right) (a + a^\dagger)(t) = 2\omega_a \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_a}{\hbar\omega_a}} A^{in}(t) = 2\omega_a \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_a|\omega|}{\omega_a}} e^{-i\omega t} a^{in}[\omega]$$

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PHOTON AMPLITUDE INPUT-OUTPUT RELATIONS IN ROTATING WAVE APPROXIMATION

Last equation, in Fourier domain: $(\omega_a^2 - \omega^2 - i\gamma_a) a[\omega] = 2\omega_a \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_a|\omega|}{\omega_a}} a^{in}[\omega]$

Validity condition of RWA:

$$\gamma_a = 2\Gamma_a \ll \omega_a \quad a[\omega] \cong \frac{2\omega_a}{[(\omega_a - i\Gamma_a)^2 - \omega^2]} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_a|\omega|}{\omega_a}} a^{in}[\omega] \cong \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_a} a^{in}[\omega]}{\omega_a - i\Gamma_a - \omega}$$

Back in the time domain:

$$\frac{d}{dt} a = -i\omega_a a - \frac{\gamma_a}{2} a + \sqrt{\gamma_a} a^{in}$$

(have dropped unimportant phase factor in input wave)

More generally:

$$\frac{d}{dt} a = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H_{rev}, a] - \frac{\gamma_a}{2} a + \sqrt{\gamma_a} a^{in}$$

Quantum Langevin Equation

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REMARKS ON THE QUANTUM LANGEVIN EQUATION

$$\frac{d}{dt} a = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H_{rev}, a] - \frac{\gamma_a}{2} a + \sqrt{\gamma_a} a^{in}$$

Operator equation extending Heisenberg' equation

Contains damping + drive + noise

Written here in RWA for single field and single operator,
but can be more refined

Implements Fluctuation Dissipation Theorem

Easily transformed to form giving input-output relations:

$$\sqrt{\gamma_a} a = a^{in} + a^{iout} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left(\frac{d}{dt} + i\omega_a + \frac{\gamma_a}{2} \right) a^{out} = \left(-\frac{d}{dt} - i\omega_a + \frac{\gamma_a}{2} \right) a^{in}$$

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AMPLIFIER EQUATIONS

$$\frac{d}{dt} a = -i\omega_a a - ig^{(3)} b^\dagger c - \frac{\gamma_a}{2} a + \sqrt{\gamma_a} a^{in}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} b = -i\omega_b b - ig^{(3)} a^\dagger c - \frac{\gamma_b}{2} b + \sqrt{\gamma_b} b^{in}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} c = -i\omega_c c - ig^{(3)*} ab - \frac{\gamma_c}{2} c + \sqrt{\gamma_c} c^{in}$$

Crucial remark: Quantum fluctuations in the c field are negligible compared with deterministic amplitude determined by the pump.

$$c(t) = \langle c(t) \rangle + \delta c(t)$$

$$\langle c(t) \rangle = \sqrt{\bar{n}_c} e^{-i\omega_c t}$$

$$\langle (\delta c)^2 \rangle \ll \langle c \rangle^2$$

Input field = coherent state (Glauber)

$$|\Psi_c^{in}(t)\rangle = e^{-\bar{n}_c} \sum_{n_c} \frac{(\bar{n}_c)^{n_c}}{\sqrt{n_c!}} e^{-in_c \omega_c t} |n_c\rangle$$

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FLUCTUATION-LESS PUMP APPROXIMATION

$$c(t) \rightarrow \langle c(t) \rangle = \sqrt{\bar{n}_c} e^{-i(\omega_c t + \phi)} \quad g = g^{(3)} \sqrt{\bar{n}_c} e^{-i\phi} \quad \Gamma_{a,b} = \frac{\gamma_{a,b}}{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{d}{dt} + i\omega_a + \Gamma_a \right) a^{out} + ig \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma_a}{\Gamma_b}} e^{-i\omega_c t} b^{\dagger out} = \left(-\frac{d}{dt} - i\omega_a + \Gamma_a \right) a^{in} - ig \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma_a}{\Gamma_b}} e^{-i\omega_c t} b^{\dagger in} \\ \left(\frac{d}{dt} + i\omega_b + \Gamma_b \right) b^{out} + ig \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma_b}{\Gamma_a}} e^{-i\omega_c t} a^{\dagger out} = \left(-\frac{d}{dt} - i\omega_b + \Gamma_b \right) b^{in} - ig \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma_b}{\Gamma_a}} e^{-i\omega_c t} a^{\dagger in} \end{cases}$$

After a Fourier transform, in frequency domain:

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_a[\omega_s] & ig_b^a \\ -ig_a^{b*} & h_b[\omega_l] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a^{out}[+\omega_s] \\ b^{out}[-\omega_l] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_a^*[\omega_s] & -ig_b^a \\ +ig_a^{b*} & h_b[\omega_l] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a^{in}[+\omega_s] \\ b^{in}[-\omega_l] \end{bmatrix}$$

Where: $\omega_s + \omega_l = \omega_c \quad h_{a,b}[\omega] = -i\omega + i\omega_{a,b} + \Gamma_{a,b}$

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SCATTERING MATRIX

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^{out}[+\omega_s] \\ b^{out}[-\omega_l] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{aa} & s_{ab} \\ s_{ba} & r_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a^{in}[+\omega_s] \\ b^{in}[-\omega_l] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_{aa} = \frac{\eta_a^* \eta_b^* + |\rho|^2}{\eta_a \eta_b^* - |\rho|^2} \quad r_{bb} = \frac{\eta_a \eta_b + |\rho|^2}{\eta_a \eta_b^* - |\rho|^2} \quad s_{ab} = \frac{-2i\rho}{\eta_a \eta_b^* - |\rho|^2} \quad s_{ba} = \frac{2i\rho^*}{\eta_a \eta_b^* - |\rho|^2}$$

$$\eta_a = 1 - i \frac{\omega_s - \omega_a}{\Gamma_a} \quad \eta_b = 1 - i \frac{\omega_l - \omega_b}{\Gamma_b} \quad \rho = \frac{g^{(3)} \sqrt{\bar{n}_c} e^{-i\phi}}{\sqrt{\Gamma_a \Gamma_b}}$$

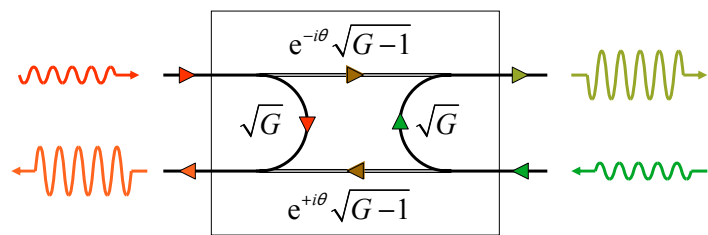
For zero detuning, i.e. $\eta_a = \eta_b = 1 \Rightarrow r_{aa} = r_{bb} = \sqrt{G_0}$

$$G_0 = \left(\frac{1 + |\rho|^2}{1 - |\rho|^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\Gamma_a + \Gamma_b^{amp}}{\Gamma_a - \Gamma_b^{amp}} \right)^2 \quad \Gamma_b^{amp} = \frac{|g^{(3)}|^2 \bar{n}_c}{\Gamma_b}$$

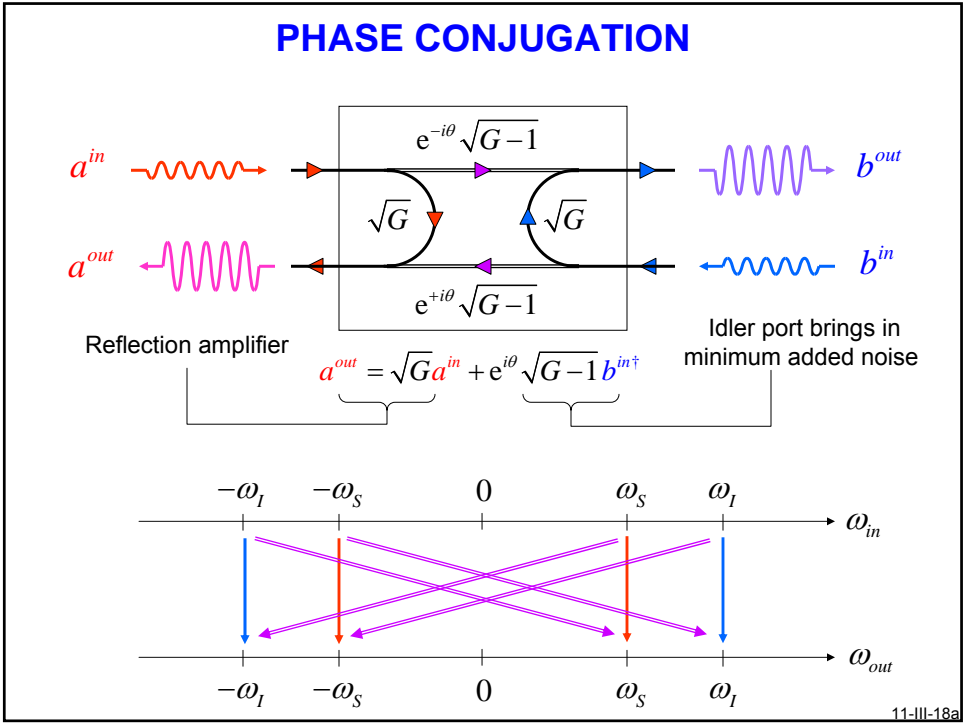
Idler port appears as negative impedance port to the signal!!

↙ formula for attenuator, with a $\Gamma < 0$ for aux. port (see 2nd lecture)

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PHASE CONJUGATION



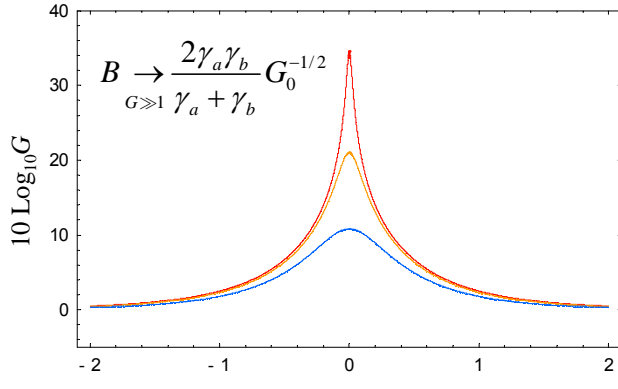
BANDWIDTH

$$\Delta\omega = \omega_s - \omega_a = \omega_b - \omega_l$$

$$G(\Delta\omega) \xrightarrow{|\rho| \rightarrow 1} \frac{|1 - i\Delta\omega(\Gamma_a^{-1} - \Gamma_b^{-1}) + |\rho|^2|^2}{|1 + i\Delta\omega(\Gamma_a^{-1} + \Gamma_b^{-1}) - |\rho|^2|^2} \xrightarrow{|\rho| \rightarrow 1} \frac{G_0}{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma G_0^{-1/2}}\right)^2}$$

Bandwidth decreases as gain increases:

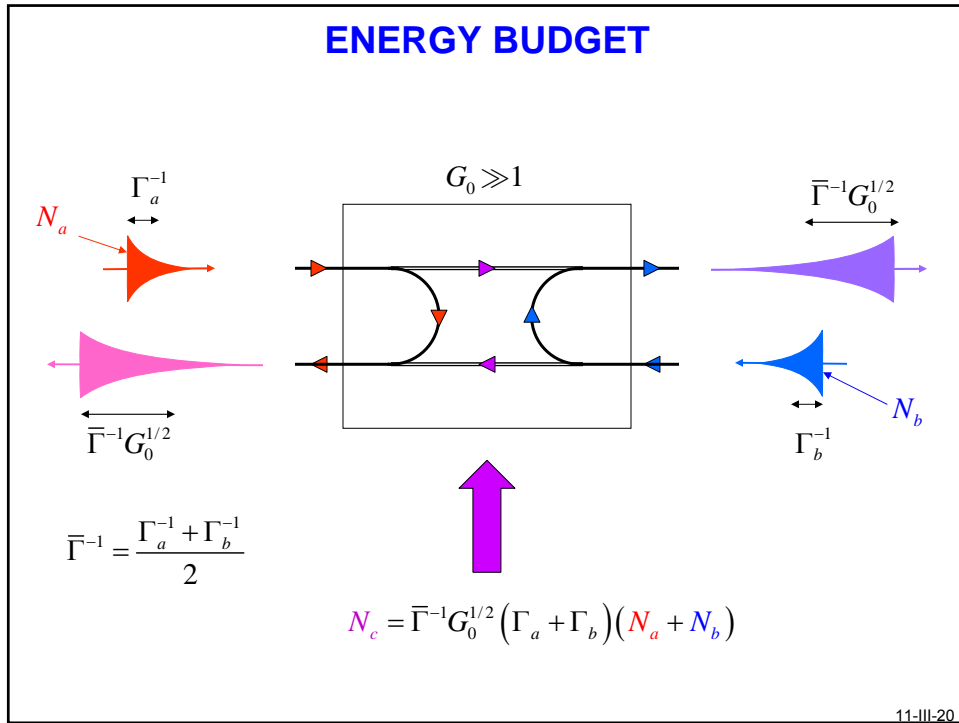
$$\gamma^{-1} = \gamma_a^{-1} + \gamma_b^{-1}$$



General result valid for all parametric amplifiers

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ENERGY BUDGET



SELF-CONSISTENT PUMP EQUATIONS

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle c \rangle = -i\omega_c \langle c \rangle - ig^{(3)*} \langle ab \rangle - \frac{\gamma_c}{2} \langle c \rangle + \sqrt{\gamma_c} \langle c^{in} \rangle$$

Correlation between the a and b waves:
$$-ig^{(3)} \langle ab \rangle = -\frac{\gamma^{eff}(G)}{2} \langle c \rangle$$

where
$$\gamma^{eff}(G) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{|g^{(3)}|^2}{\Gamma_a \Gamma_b} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d(\Delta\omega) (N_a(\Delta\omega) + N_b(\Delta\omega)) G(\Delta\omega)$$

For noise:

$$\gamma^{eff}(G) = \frac{2|g^{(3)}|^2 \gamma G_0^{1/2}}{\Gamma_a \Gamma_b} (N_a + N_b)$$

For CW power:

$$\gamma^{eff}(G) = \frac{|g^{(3)}|^2 G_0}{\pi \Gamma_a \Gamma_b} (P_a + P_b)$$

$$\bar{n}_c = \frac{4\gamma_c}{\gamma_c^2 + \gamma_c^{eff 2}} \bar{n}_c^{in}$$

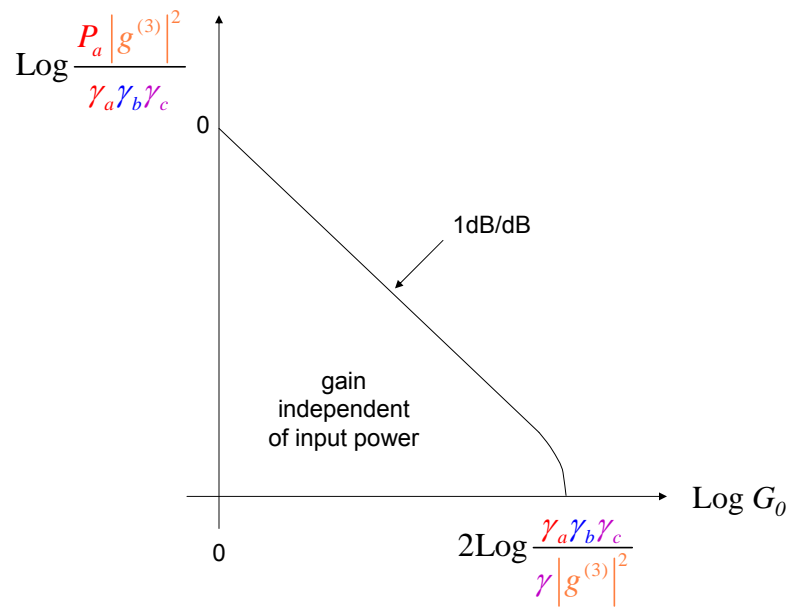
Pump depletion negligible if

$$\gamma_c^{eff} \ll \gamma_c$$

DETERMINES DYNAMIC RANGE

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DYNAMIC RANGE LIMITATIONS



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END OF LECTURE