

# Qubit array embedded in a cavity

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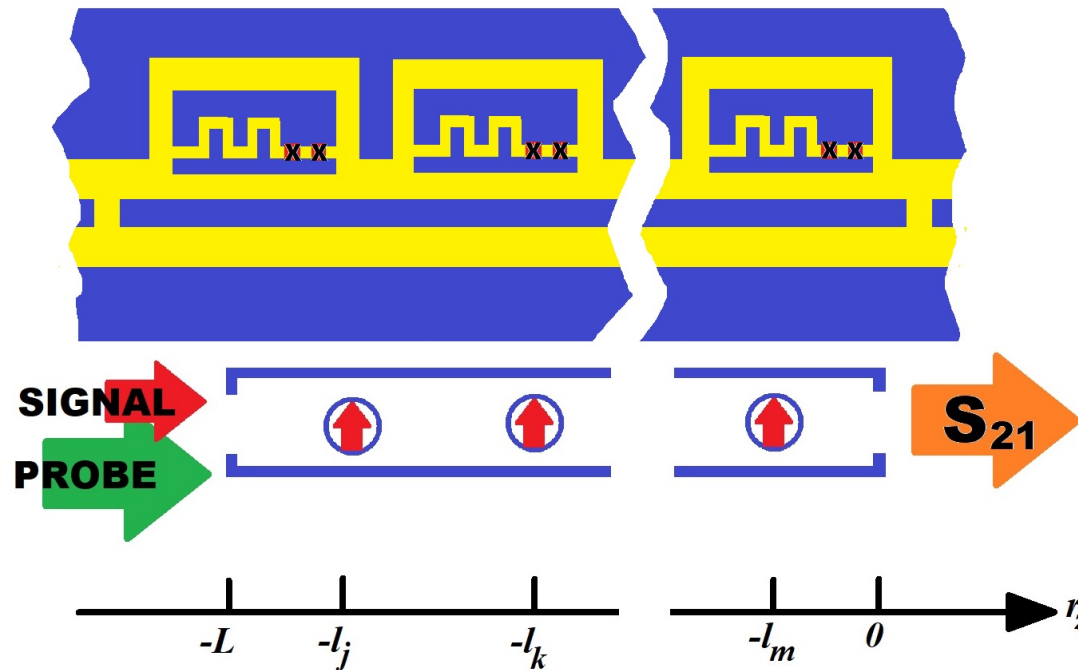


EU projects: “QRC”

# Motivations

- Precise detection and characterization of weakly intense photons beams:  
→ Enhanced amplification with many qubits
- Detector description starting from fundamental QED:  
Cooper pair field, photon field  $\neq$  phenomenology
- Project SUPERGALAX: Detection of axions:  
elementary particle predicted to avoid strong CP violation in QCD  
**Assumption:** axion + magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  microwave photon
- Project QRC: in-out transformation for reservoir computing
- Non linearity: interaction between MW photons
- Modelling qubits measurements using QND (readout)

## Setup: waveguide in a array of transmon qubits



General use: qubit measurement or single photon detection

A weak signal: resonant photon beams interact with qubits in cavity of size  $L$

Quantum non demolition (QND) measurement:

Readout of Stark shift of qubit by measuring the transmission  $S_{21}$   
→ using off-resonant probe beam

## General theory

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t \hat{\rho}(t) + i[\hat{H}_S(t), \hat{\rho}(t)] \\ = & -\frac{\gamma_c}{2} [\{\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}, \hat{\rho}(t)\} - 2\hat{a}\hat{\rho}(t)\hat{a}^\dagger] - \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{\Gamma_j}{2} + \Gamma_{\phi,j} \right) \{\hat{\sigma}_j^+ \hat{\sigma}_j^-, \hat{\rho}(t)\} - \Gamma_j \hat{\sigma}_j^- \hat{\rho}(t) \hat{\sigma}_j^+. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Hamiltonian written in the rotating wave approximation (RWA) is:

$$\hat{H}_S(t) = -\omega_{0c} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + i \sum_{\pm} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} (\hat{x}_{\pm}^{in*}(t) \hat{a} - x_{\pm}^{in}(t) \hat{a}^\dagger) - \sum_{j=1}^N \left[ \frac{\Delta_j}{2} \hat{\sigma}_j^z + g_j (\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{\sigma}_j^- + \hat{a} \hat{\sigma}_j^+) \right], \quad (2)$$

Non trivial commutation relations for black box quantum variables :

$$[\hat{x}_{\pm}^{in}(t), \hat{x}_{\pm}^{in\dagger}(t')] = \delta(t - t') \quad [\hat{x}_{\pm}^{out}(t), \hat{x}_{\pm}^{out\dagger}(t')] = \delta(t - t') \quad (3)$$

In-out relation:

$$\hat{x}_{\pm}^{out}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} \hat{a}(t) + \hat{x}_{\mp}^{in}(t) \quad (4)$$

Reservoir computing could benefit from the gigantic Fock space of the algebra of  $\hat{x}_{\pm}^{in}(t)$

## In-out relation: basic assumptions

- No qubit relaxation  $\Gamma_j$  in other channels than TEM. No given estimation!
- No dephasing  $\Gamma_{\phi,j} \sim 10\text{KHz}$
- Classical approximation: coherent state of radiation  
 $\hat{a} \rightarrow \beta(t) + \delta\hat{a}$  valid for high photon number
- Dynamics of frequency scale (MHz) much slower than any detuning ( $\sim 100\text{MHz}$ )

Already known result in literature for one qubit: shift frequency vs. power

$$\omega = \omega_c - \frac{g_1^2/\Delta_1}{\sqrt{1 + 4g_1^2 n_{ph}/\Delta_1^2}} \quad (5)$$

PRL 105, 100505 (2010); PRL 105, 173601 (2010); arXiv: 2310.08388; PRX 5, 031028 (2015); PRX Quantum 5, 010327 (2024)

## Pocket equation: classical radiation

$$V^{in}(t) = \sqrt{\hbar\omega_0 Z/2}(x^{in}(t)e^{-i\omega_0 t} + x^{in*}(t)e^{i\omega_0 t}) \quad Z \text{ line impedance}$$

$$V^{out}(t) = \sqrt{\hbar\omega_0 Z/2}(x^{out}(t)e^{-i\omega_0 t} + x^{out*}(t)e^{i\omega_0 t}) \quad \omega_0 \text{ carrier frequency}$$

$$\left[ i\partial_t + \omega_0 - \omega_c - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{g_j^2/\Delta_j}{\sqrt{1 + 8g_j^2|x^{out}(t)|^2/(\gamma_c\Delta_j^2)}} + i\frac{\gamma_l}{2} \right] x^{out}(t) = \frac{\gamma_c}{2i} x^{in}(t)$$

$\omega_c$  bare cavity frequency  $N$  qubit number ( $1 \leq j \leq N$ )

$\Delta_j = \omega_0 - \omega_j$  detuning of the qubit frequency  $j$

$g_j$  coupling of the qubit  $j$  with the cavity field

$\gamma_c = \omega_c/Q_c$  cavity leakage

$Q_c = |Q_c|e^{-i\phi}$  coupling quality factor with the mismatch phase factor  $\phi$ .

$\gamma_l = \omega_c/Q_l$  cavity and internal leakage

$Q_l = 1/(1/Q_i + 1/|Q_c|)$  loaded quality factor with internal quality factor

## Transmission $S_{21}(t) = x_{out}(t)/x_{in}(t)$ : low broadening

Power  $P = \hbar\omega_0|x_{in}(t)|^2$ , amplitude  $x_{out}(t) = \sqrt{\gamma_c/2}\beta(t)$  and photon number  $n_{ph}(t) = |\beta(t)|^2$

Steady state solution:  $x^{in}(t) = x_0^{in}$

$$\beta_0 = -\frac{ix_0^{in}\sqrt{\gamma_c/2}}{\omega_s + i\gamma_l/2} \quad x_0^{out} = \frac{i\gamma_c x_0^{in}/2}{\omega_s + i\gamma_l/2} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\omega_s = \omega_0 - \omega_c - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{g_j^2/\Delta_j}{\sqrt{1 + 4g_j^2 n_{ph}/\Delta_j^2}} \quad (7)$$

→ Poles for cavity + qubits,

The latter not observed unless two tones spectroscopy

$$S_{21} = \frac{(Q_l/|Q_c|)e^{i\phi}}{1 + 2iQ_l \left( f_0/f_c - 1 - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{g_j^2/(2\pi f_c \Delta_j)}{\sqrt{1 + 4g_j^2 n_{ph}/\Delta_j^2}} \right)} \quad (\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0, \omega_c = 2\pi f_c) \quad (8)$$

## Next order equations: quantum radiation

$$(\partial_t + \gamma_c) \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle = iB(e^{2i\theta} \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \rangle - e^{-2i\theta} \langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle) \quad (9)$$

$$[\partial_t + 2i(\omega_s + B) + \gamma_c] \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \rangle = \frac{B}{i} e^{-2i\theta} (2\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle + 1) \quad (10)$$

$$B = n_{ph} \frac{d\omega_s}{dn_{ph}} = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{2\Delta_j g_j^4 n_{ph} / |\Delta_j|}{(\Delta_j^2 + 4g_j^2 n_{ph})^{3/2}} \quad (11)$$

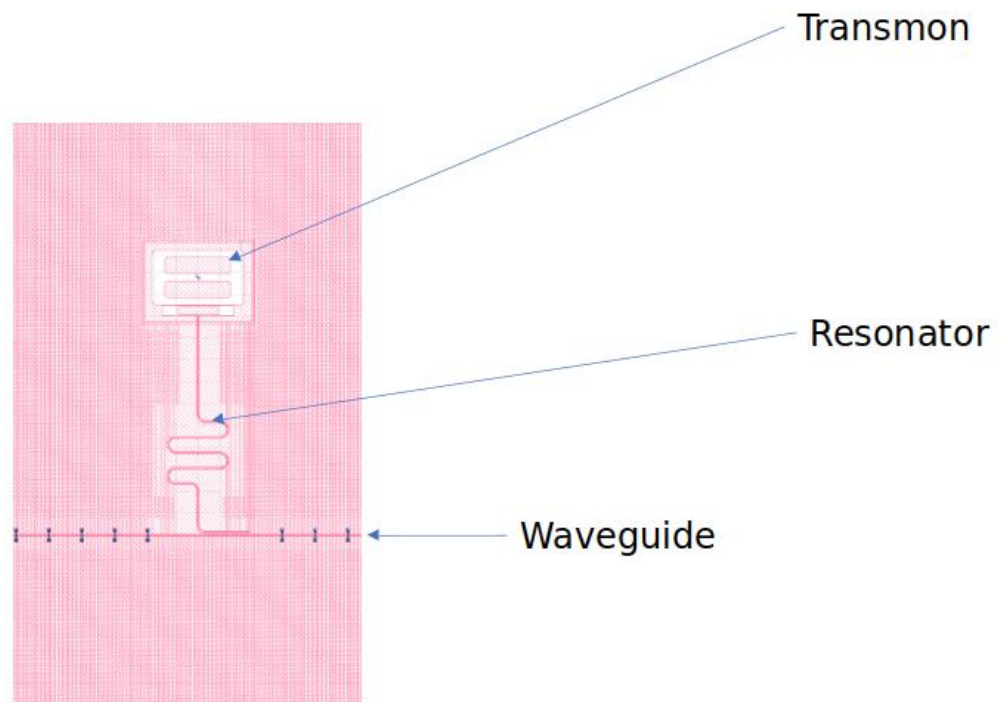
$$e^{i\theta} = \frac{\beta_0}{|\beta_0|} = \frac{\gamma_l/2 + i\omega_s}{\sqrt{\omega_s^2 + \gamma_l^2/4}} \quad (12)$$

The expressions for the time-dependant internal quality factor is:

$$Q_i(t) = \frac{\omega_0 |\beta|^2}{iB(e^{2i\theta} \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \rangle - e^{-2i\theta} \langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle)} \quad (13)$$

Fluorescence generates  $Q_i$

## Experiment in Iena: one qubit



## Experiment in Iena: notch resonator

Probst et al. formula (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1410.3365>)

$$S_{21}^{notch} = a \exp(i\alpha - 2\pi i f_0 \tau) (1 - S_{21}^{ren}) \quad (14)$$

$$S_{21}^{ren} = \frac{(Q_l/|Q_c|)e^{i\phi}}{1 + 2iQ_l \left( f_0/f_c - 1 - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{g_j^2/(2\pi f_c \Delta_j)}{\sqrt{1 + 4g_j^2 n_{ph}/\Delta_j^2}} \right)} \quad (15)$$

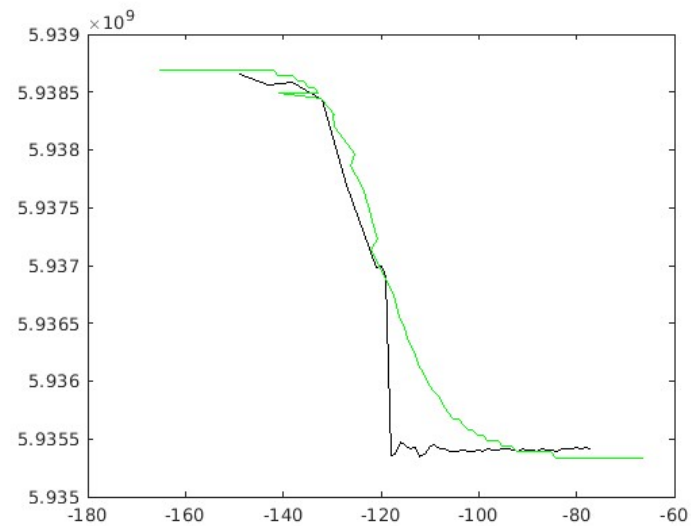
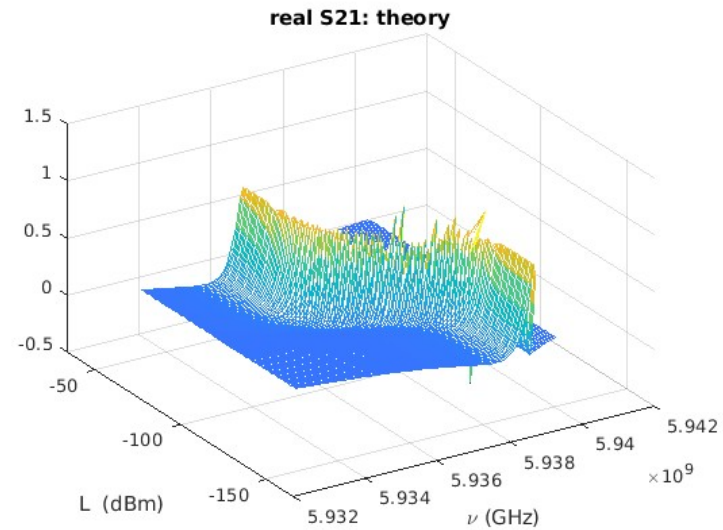
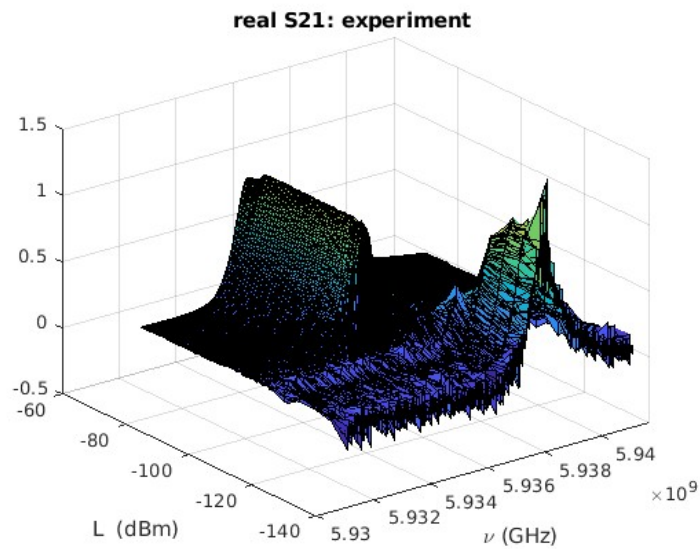
Attenuation factor  $a$

## Experiment in Iena: one qubit

Sample number	Resonance freq, $f_r$ [GHz]	Internal quality, $Q_i$	Coupling quality, $Q_c$	$f_{01}$ [GHz]	$f_{12}$ [GHz]
1	6.3566	$248.924 \times 10^3$	$3.3070 \times 10^3$	5.538	5.307
2	5.837345	$855.94 \times 10^3$	$4.7691 \times 10^3$	7.561	7.152
3	5.3677	$215.35 \times 10^3$	$5.5984 \times 10^3$	5.72429	5.4917
4	4.92439	$348.647 \times 10^3$	$6.276 \times 10^3$	5.407	5.247
5	4.36753	$537.827 \times 10^3$	$10.492 \times 10^3$	5.1342	4.675
6	5.93532531	$47.642 \times 10^3$	$4.758 \times 10^3$	4.2495	4.0095

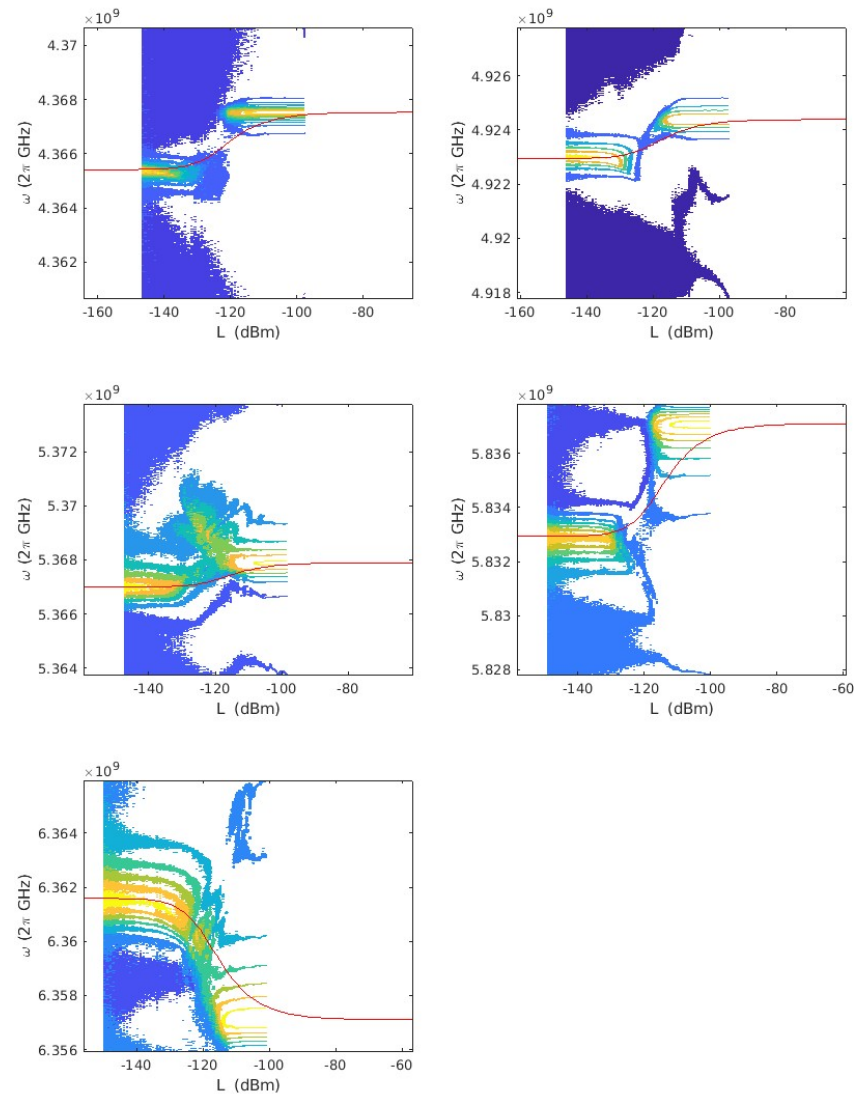
Very high internal quality factor  $\Rightarrow$  quasi no losses

# Experiment in Iena: one qubit (sample 6)



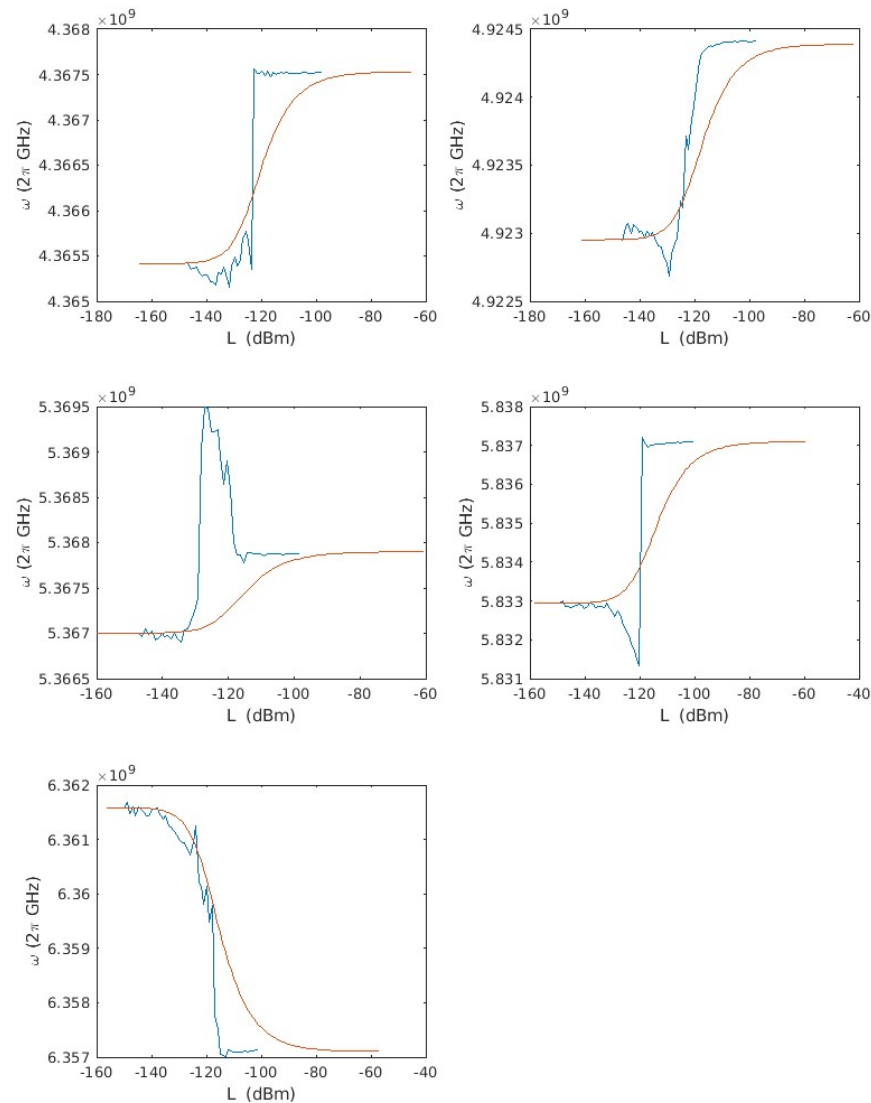
# Experiment in Iena: one qubit (samples 1-5)

attenuations  $a = 0.0147, 0.0155, 0.0137, 0.0112, 0.0102$



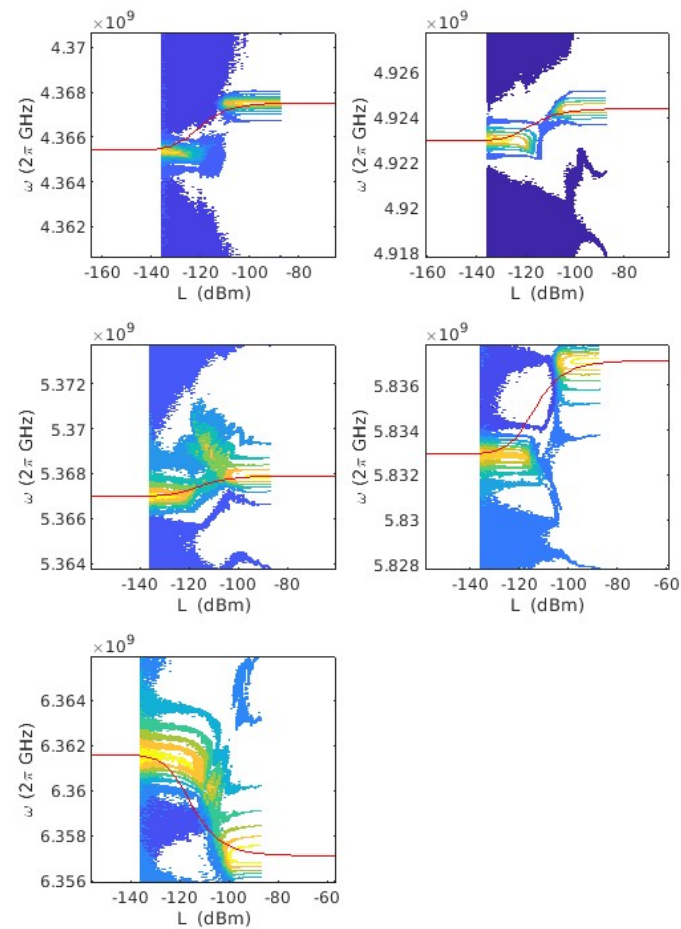
# Experiment in Iena: one qubit

Noise in the signal ? too preliminary



# Experiment in Iena: one qubit

Less attenuation: controlled parameter  $a = 0.05 \rightarrow$  curves move to lower power



## Experiment in Iena: five qubits in embedded resonator

Assumption: qubit with same shift and coupling

Fitting Parameters:  $\omega_c = 2\pi 6.61\text{GHz}$ ,

$$\omega_s(n_{ph} \rightarrow \infty) - \omega_s(n_{ph} = 0) = 2\pi 10\text{MHz},$$

$$\gamma_c = 2\pi 400\text{kHz},$$

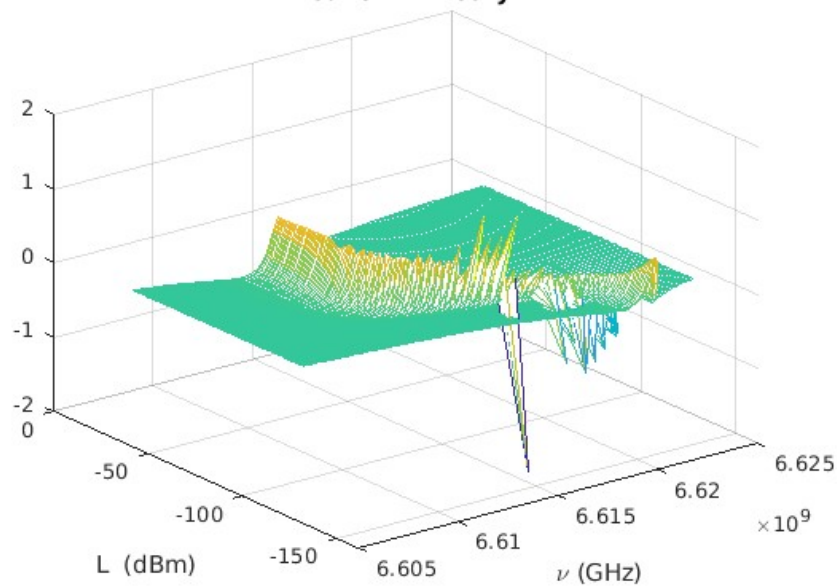
$$\Delta_j = 2\pi 177\text{MHz},$$

$$g_j = 2\pi 40\text{MHz},$$

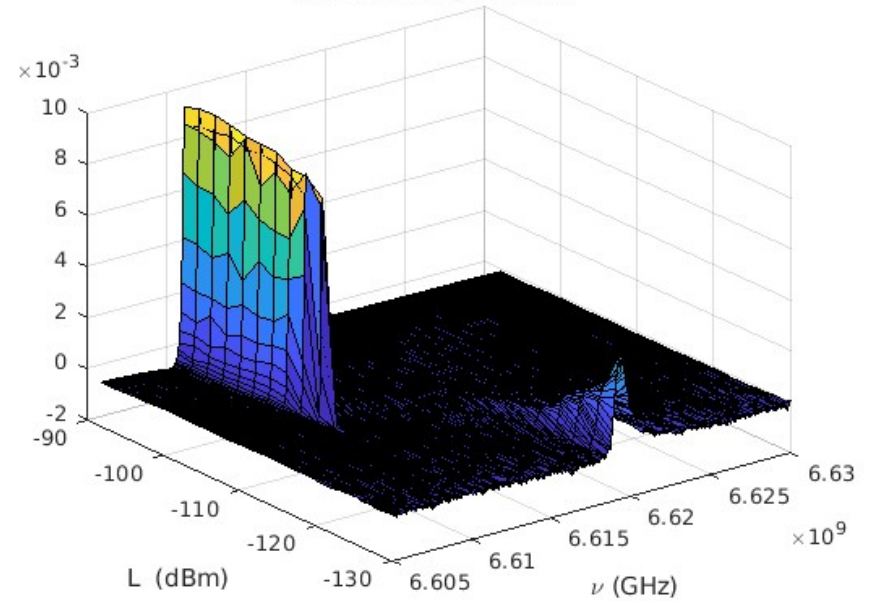
Other experiments with shift of 0.1MHz provides less non linearity

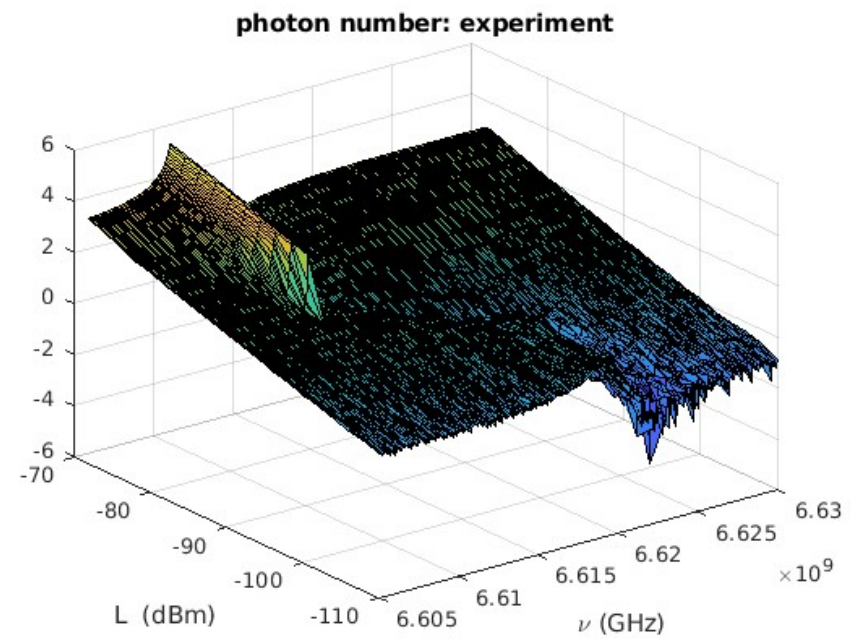
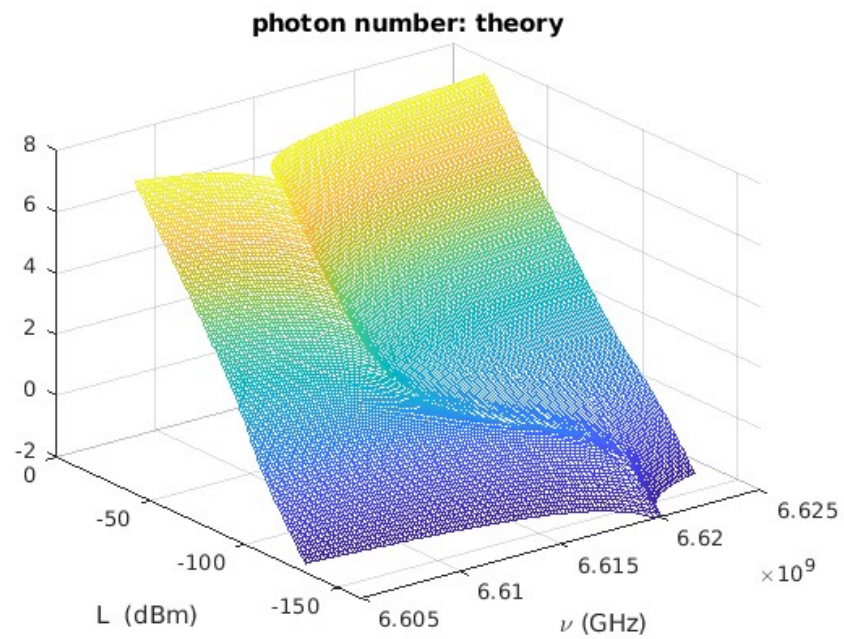
## $\text{Re}S_{21}$ and photon number

real  $S_{21}$ : theory



real  $S_{21}$ : experiment

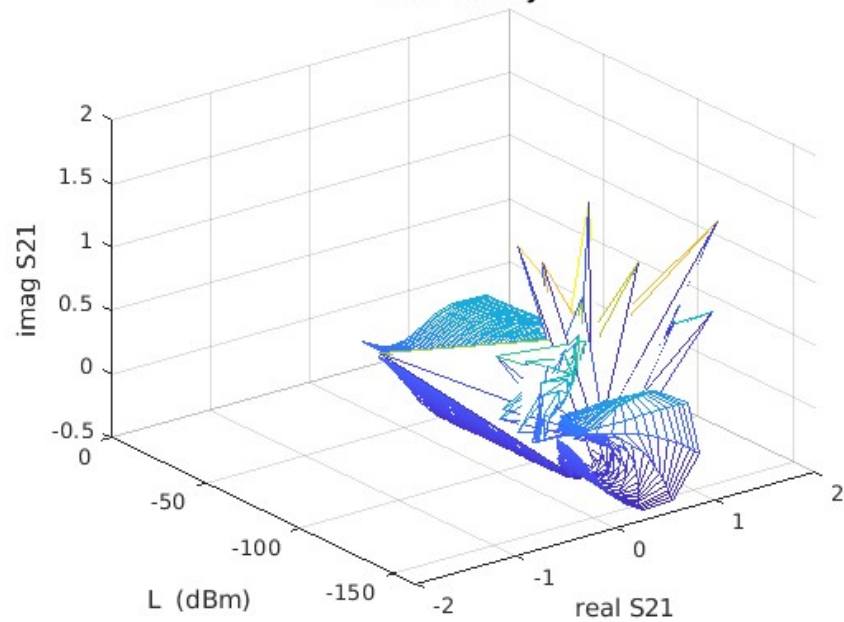




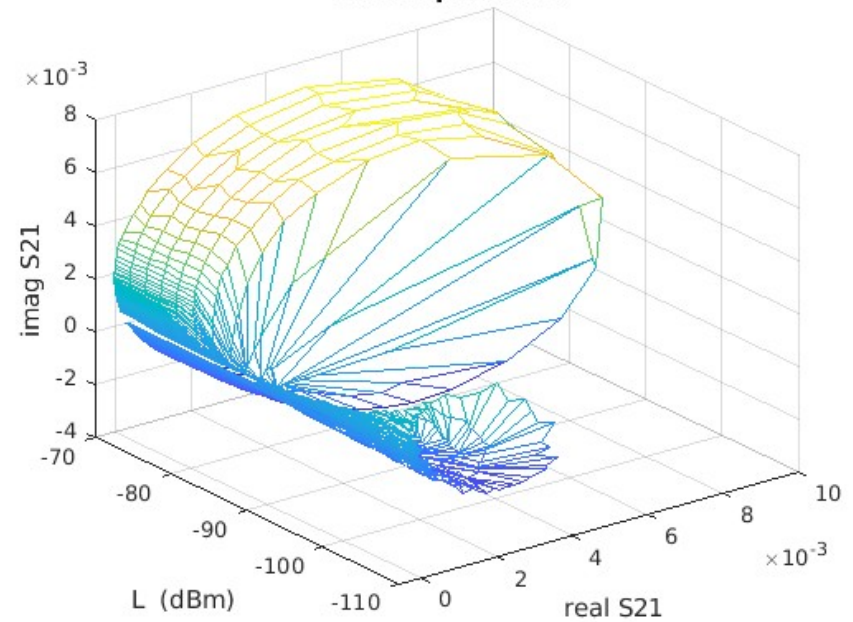
Bistability !

# Lissajous curves

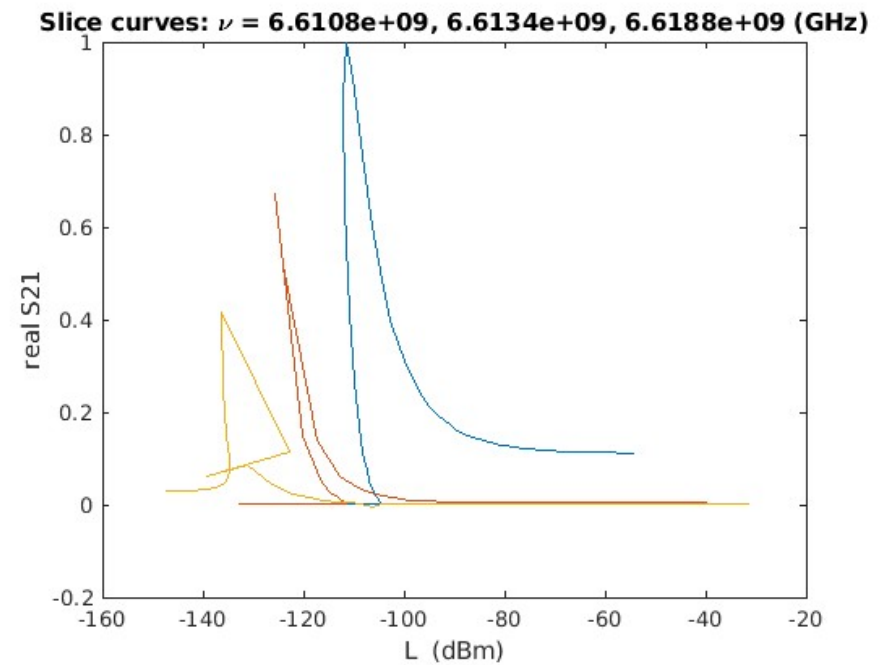
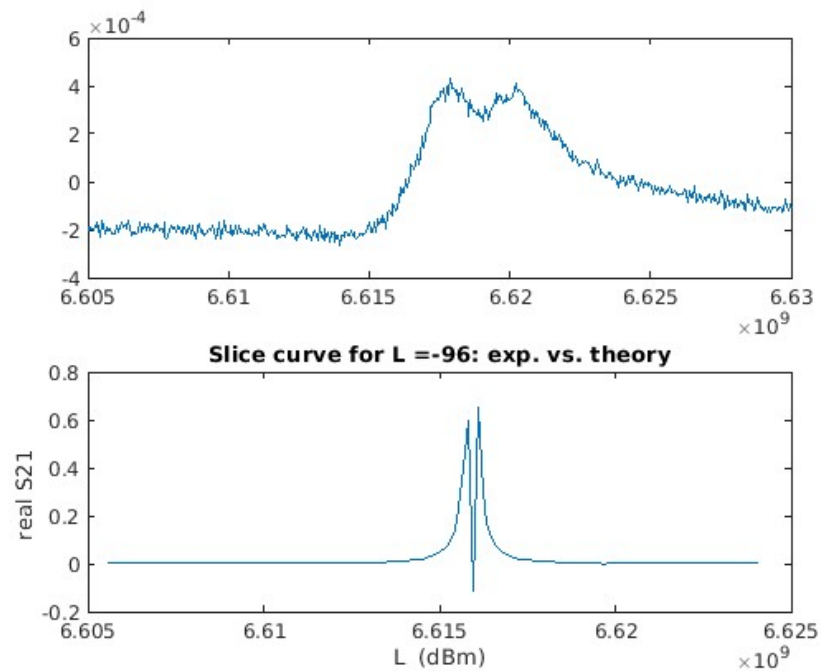
S21: theory



S21: experiment

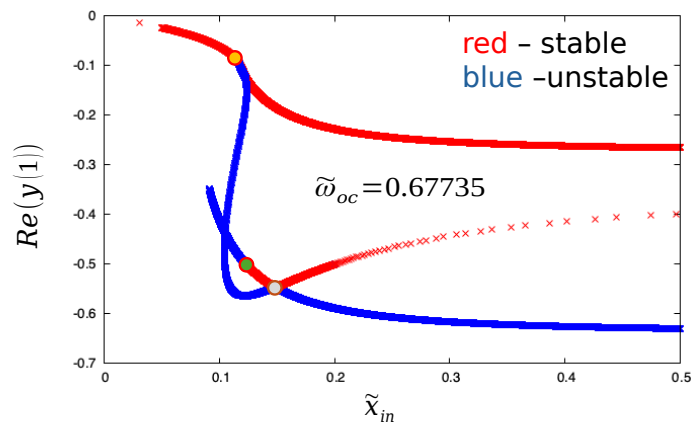


# Double peak and bistability



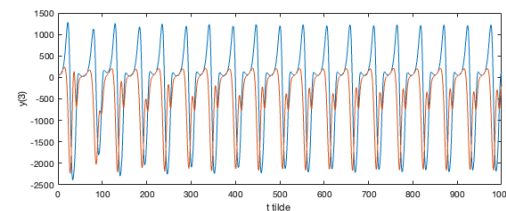
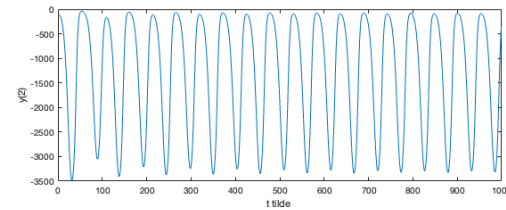
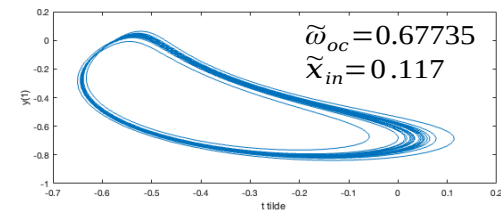
Duffing instability

# Instability analysis with Sacha Balanov



- - Andronov-Hopf bifurcation
- - saddle-node bifurcation
- - transcritical bifurcation

possibly chaos (see matlab code)



# Summary

**Theoretical description of a single photon detector:** QND process using qubits

- Quantum electrodynamics: Explicit  $S_{21}$  in presence of cavity
- Potential use for reservoir computing
- Th-exp comparison: Power dependent Stark Shift: hysteresis and bistability  
potential new physics: QUANTUM INSTABILITY!
- Improvements from experiments (more data) or from theory (better fitting)

Additional contribution to  $Q_i$  ??? qubit relaxation  $T_1, T_2$

- Perspective: higher moment development for weaker detuning

Towards the huge Fock space!

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Heisenberg limit  $\rightarrow$  noise suppression :  $1/N \rightarrow 1/N^2$