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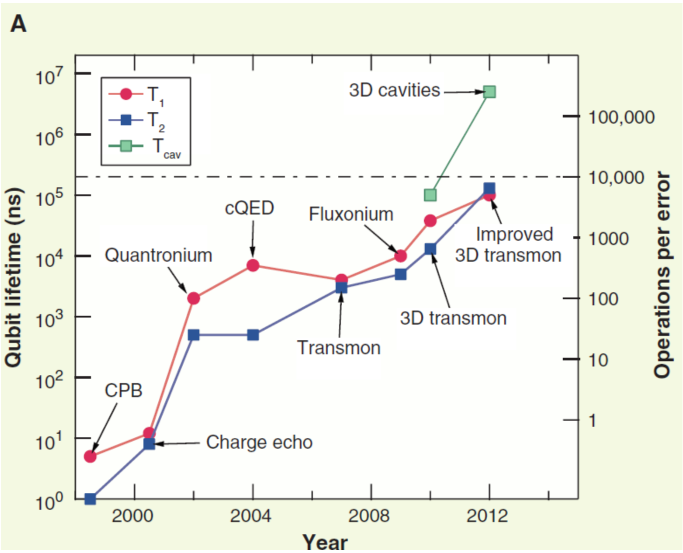
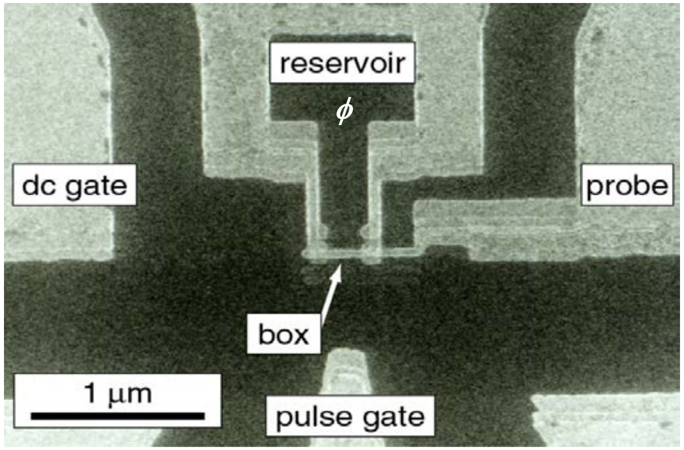
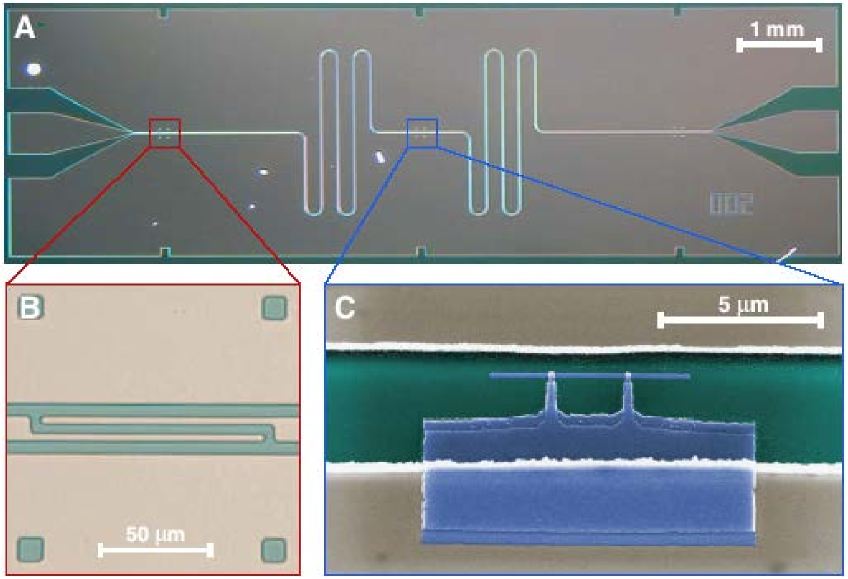




Lecture 6: Superconducting qubits

Basic architectures



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október 10.	
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október 24.	lecture 05 (today)
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november 21.	lecture 08
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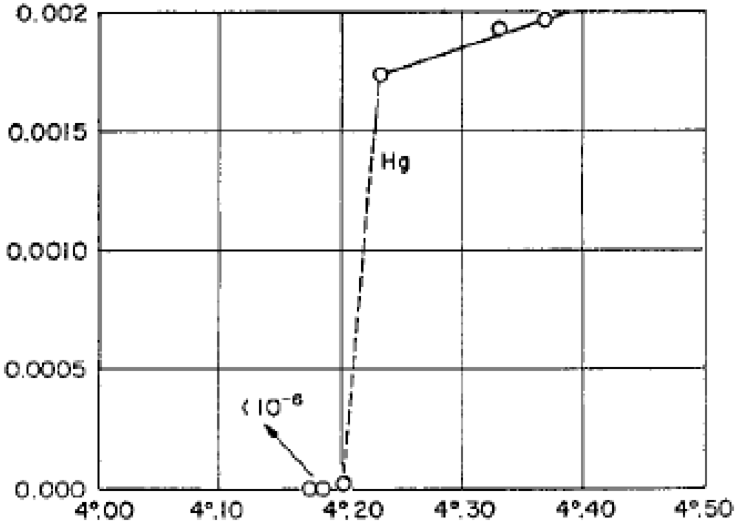
Introduction

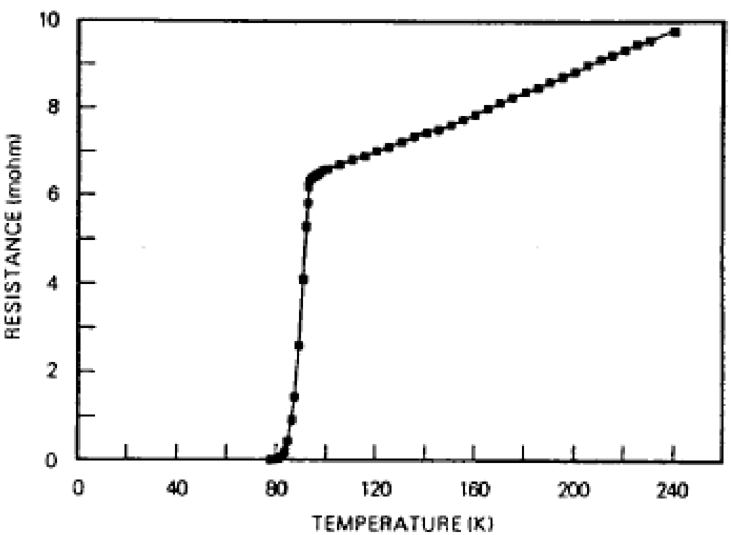
Spin qubits
(electron spin)

Superconducting qubits
(transmon)

Superconductivity –zero resistance



Comm. Phys. Lab. Univ. Leiden, No. 120b (1911)

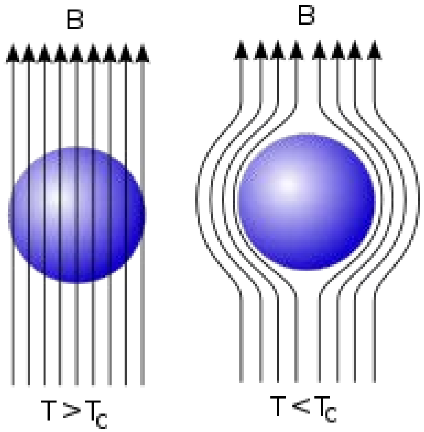


Heike Kamerlingh Onnes
1911: discovery of superconductivity
1913: Nobel prize in Phyics

Below a certain temperature the resistance becomes zero – SC phase

From a high-Tc: Phys. Rev. Lett. 58, 908 (1987).

Superconductivity – Meissner effect

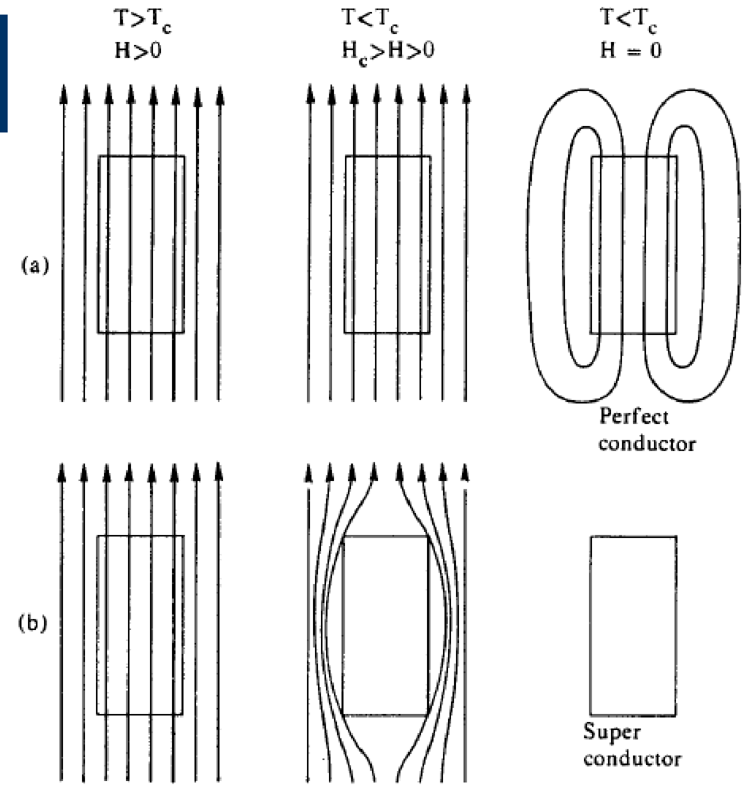


Wikipedia

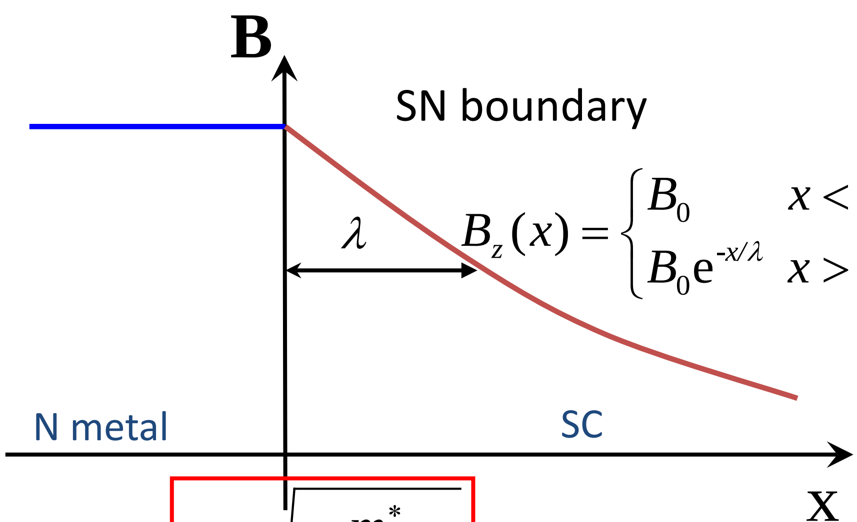
Below a certain temperature the magnetic field is expelled from the sample even in the field cooled case due to screening currents (perfect diamagnet) – SC phase

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \chi\,\mathbf{H} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \chi = -1$$



Penetration depth

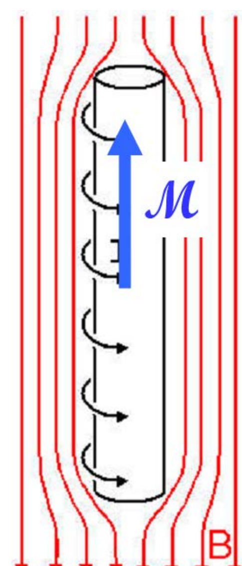


$$B_z(x) = \begin{cases} B_0 & x < 0 \\ B_0 e^{-x/\lambda} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

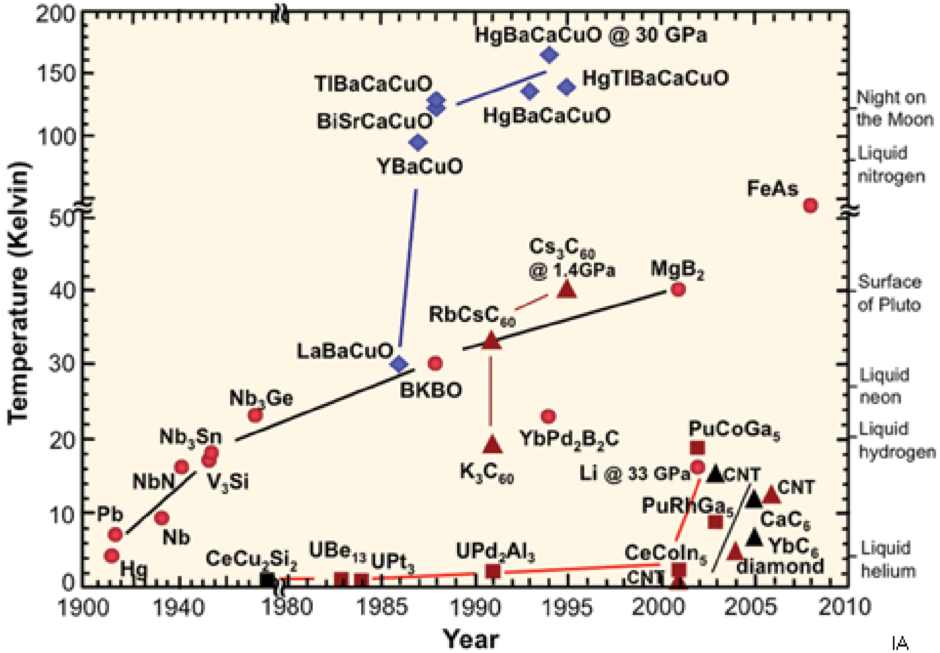
$$\boxed{\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{m^*}{\mu_0 n_s e^{*2}}}}$$

Penetration depth

1933 by
Walter Meissner
Robert Ochsenfeld

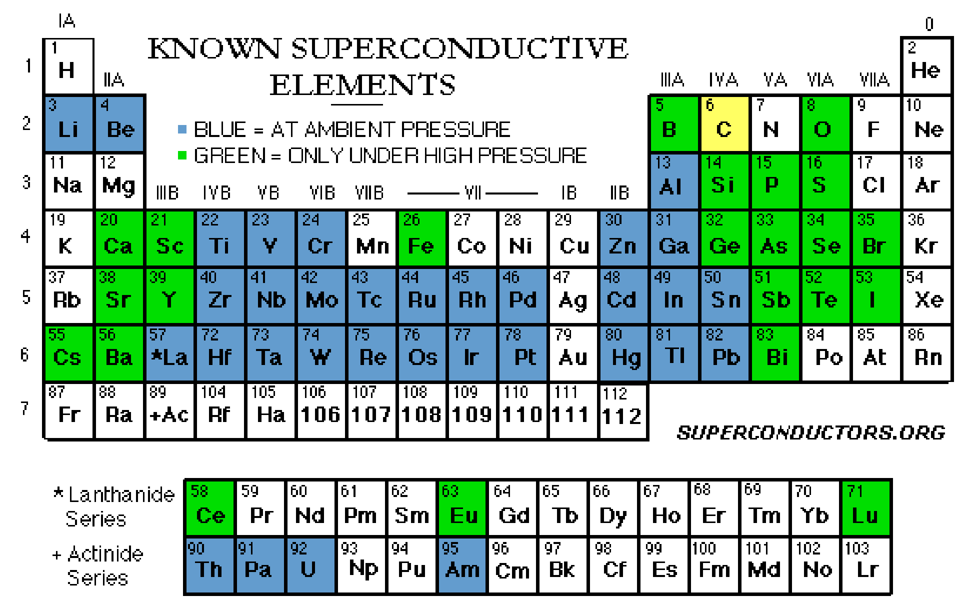


Superconductivity – matierials

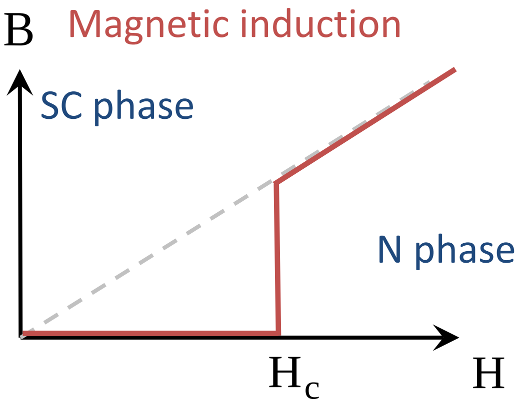


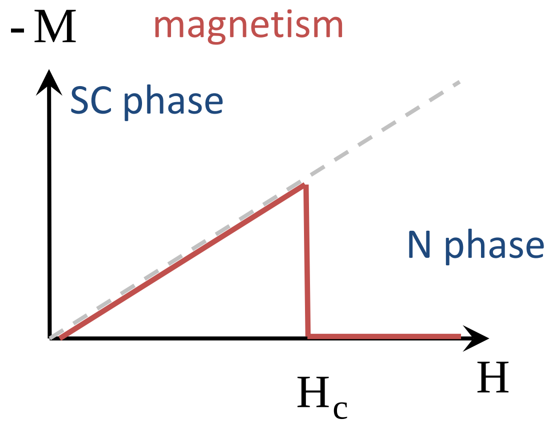
Also claim for RT SC or above
Contraversial yet

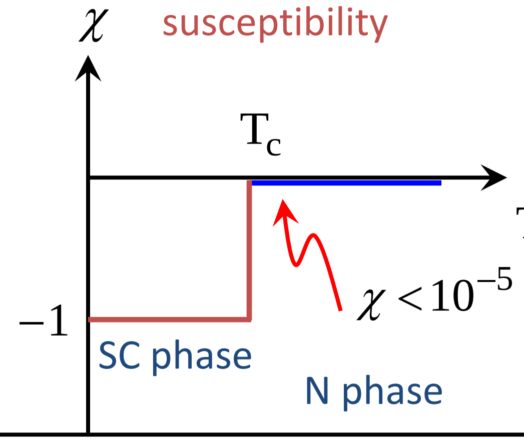
Element	T_c (K)	B_c (mT)	Element	T_c (K)	B_c (mT)
Al	1.18	10.5	Pa	1.4	
Am	0.6		Pb	7.20	80.3
Be	0.03	9.9	Re	1.70	20.1
Cd	0.52	2.8	Rh	3.2×10^{-4}	5×10^{-3}
Ga	1.08	5.9	Ru	0.49	6.9
Hf	0.13	1.3	Sn	3.72	30.5
α-Hg	4.15	41.1	Ta	4.47	82.9
β-Hg	3.95	33.9	Tc	7.8	141
In	3.41	28.2	Th	1.37	16.0
Ir	0.11	1.6	Ti	0.40	5.6
α-La	4.87	80	Tl	2.38	17.6
β-La	6.06	110	U	0.68	10.0
Lu	0.1	35.0	V	5.46	140
Mo	0.92	9.7	W	0.01	0.1
Nb	9.25	206	Zn	0.86	5.4
Os	0.66	7.0	Zr	0.63	4.7



SC – diamagnetism, phase diagram

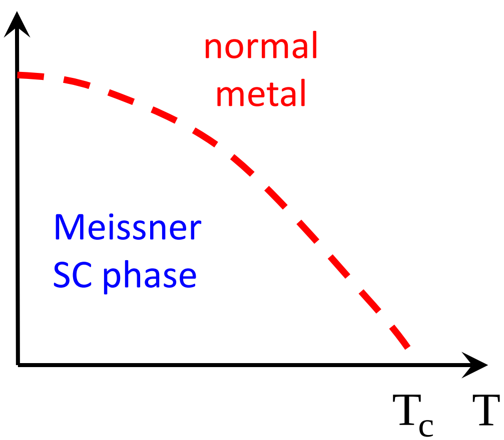




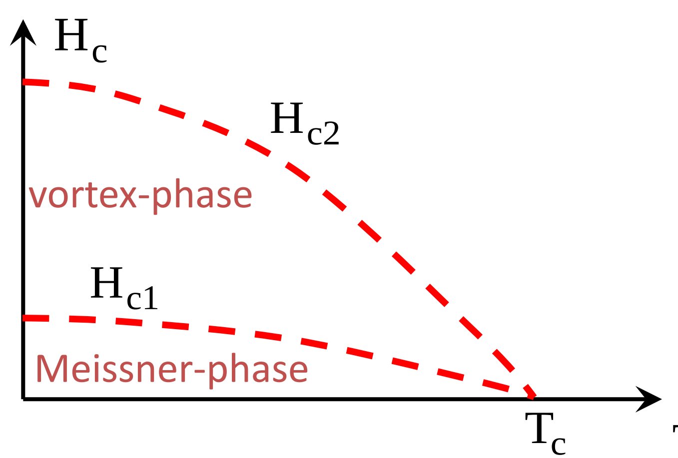


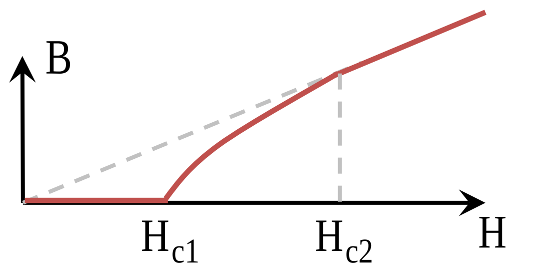
Phase diagram (Type 1)

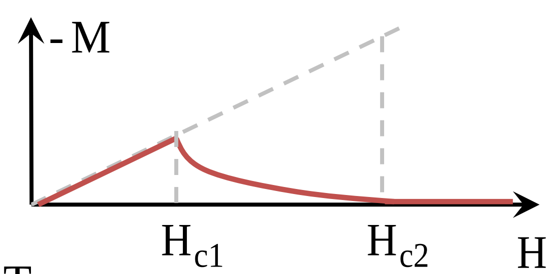
$$H_c(T) \approx H_c(0)\left(1-(T/T_c)^2\right)$$



Phase diagram (Type 2)







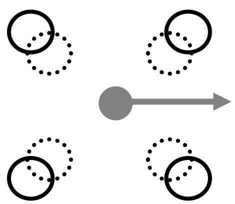
Superconductivity – BCS microscopic theory

• Microscopic BCS theory (Bardeen, Cooper, Schrieffer):

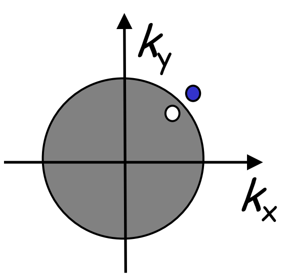
• The electron-phonon coupling can introduce an attractive interaction between the electrons which may overcome Coulomb repulsion. The phonon mediated attraction is a local interaction, $V_{e\text{-}ph}=-(2\lambda/\nu)\delta(r_1-r_2)$.

• The ground state of two electrons with attraction is a bound state with $E=-2\Delta$, where $\Delta=\hbar\omega_D\exp(-1/\lambda)$ is the superconducting energy gap. ($\Delta(T=0)\approx1.76k_BT_C$, approaching T_C it vanishes by $(T_C-T)^{1/2}$.) In the SC state bound states of electron pairs with **k**$\downarrow$ and **-k**$\uparrow$ are formed (Cooper pairs)

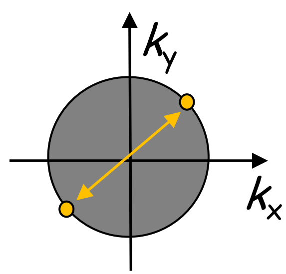
• The superconducting order parameter is a complex number with the absolute value equal to the gap, and the phase ϕ.



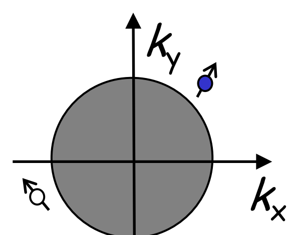
Naive picture: an electron moving in the lattice attracts the ions, which will than attract the next electron passing by.



Electron-hole pair excitations in a Fermi liquid

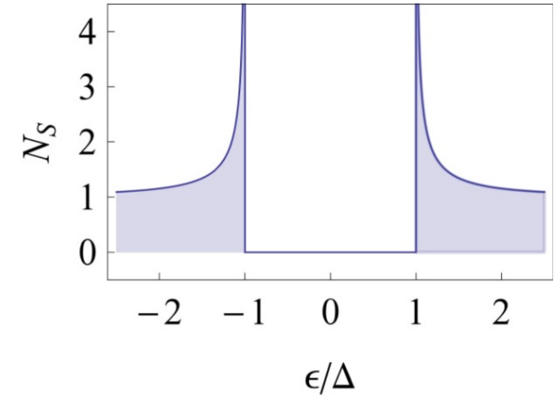


Cooper-pairs Pairing of electrons on the FS



Bogoliubov quasi-particles: electron hole – excitations of SC

Energy gap in the excitation spectra



$$\hat{H}_S = \sum_k \xi_k \left(c^+_{k\uparrow}c_{k\uparrow} + c^+_{k\downarrow}c_{k\downarrow}\right) + \underbrace{\Delta c^+_{k\uparrow}c^+_{-k\downarrow} + \Delta^* c_{-k\downarrow}c_{k\uparrow}}_{\text{pairing}}, \qquad \Delta = V\left\langle c_{-k\downarrow}c_{k\uparrow}\right\rangle$$

V describes the attractive interaction, ξ is measured from the Fermi energy.

Macroscopic wavefunction

The phase of the macroscopic wave function is important e.g. for Josephson effect

The SC state can be described using a macroscopic wave function:

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = |\psi(\mathbf{r})| e^{i\varphi(\mathbf{r})}$$

$$\boxed{|\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 = \psi^* \psi = n_s(\mathbf{r})}$$

Denisty of SC charge carriers

Current operator and the calculated current (driven by phase gradient):

$$\mathbf{j}_s = \frac{i\hbar e^*}{2m^*}\left(\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*\right) - \frac{e^{*2}}{m^*}\psi^* \psi \, \mathbf{A}$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{j}_s = -\frac{e^*}{m^*}|\psi|^2 (\hbar \nabla \varphi + e^* \mathbf{A})$$

Flux quantization

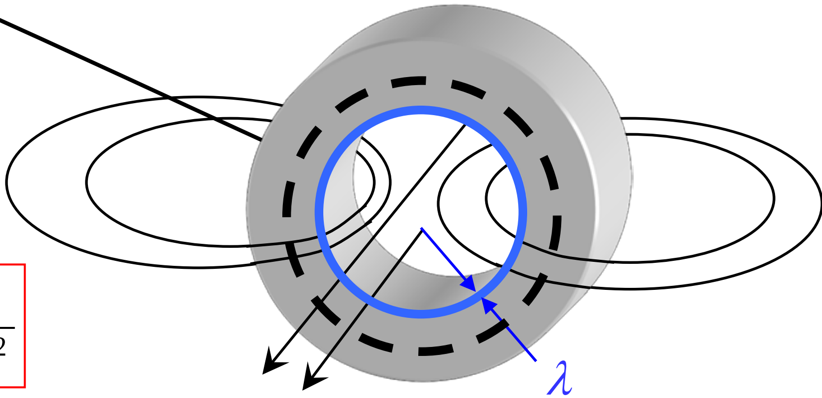
$$\psi = |\psi| e^{i\varphi} \qquad \mathbf{j}_s = -\frac{e^*}{m^*}|\psi|^2(\hbar\nabla\varphi + e^*\mathbf{A})$$

Integral along the loop – φ should be single valued – same as Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization of momentum

Inside the loop (further than the penetration depth) j_s=0, therefore the integral along contour Γ is zero:

$$\oint_\Gamma \left(\hbar\nabla\varphi + e^*\mathbf{A}\right) d\mathbf{s} = 0$$

$$\oint_\Gamma \nabla\varphi\, d\mathbf{s} + \frac{e^*}{\hbar}\int_F rot\mathbf{A}\, df = 0 \qquad 2\pi n + \frac{e^*}{\hbar}\Phi = 0$$

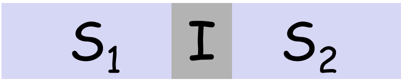


The flux threading the Γ contour:

$$\Phi = n\frac{h}{e^*} = n\Phi_0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{h}{2e} = 2\cdot 10^{-15}\,\frac{\mathrm{T}}{\mathrm{m}^2} = 2\cdot 10^{-7}\,\frac{\mathrm{G}}{\mathrm{cm}^2}}$$

Flux quantization



Josephson effect (traditional approach)

$$\psi_1 = \sqrt{\rho_1} e^{i\phi_1} \qquad \psi_2 = \sqrt{\rho_2} e^{i\phi_2}$$

Macroscopic wave functions. $|\psi|^2 \sim$ particle density (ρ)
+ phase difference ($\delta = \phi_2 - \phi_1$)

We apply a voltage of eV on the junction!

$$i\hbar \frac{d\psi_1}{dt} = \frac{2eV}{2}\psi_1 + T\psi_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad i\hbar\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\rho_1}}\dot{\rho}_1 e^{i\phi_1} + \sqrt{\rho_1} e^{i\phi_1} i\dot{\phi}_1\right) = \frac{2eV}{2}\sqrt{\rho_1} e^{i\phi_1} + T\sqrt{\rho_2} e^{i\phi_2}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d\psi_2}{dt} = -\frac{2eV}{2}\psi_2 + T\psi_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ldots$$

Dividing by $e^{i\phi 1}$ (or $e^{i\phi 2}$) and writing the equations separately for the real and imaginary part:

$$\dot{\rho}_1 = \frac{2T}{\hbar}\sqrt{\rho_1\rho_2}\sin\delta, \quad \dot{\rho}_2 = -\frac{2T}{\hbar}\sqrt{\rho_1\rho_2}\sin\delta$$

$$\dot{\phi}_1 = -\frac{T}{\hbar}\sqrt{\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}}\cos\delta - \frac{2eV}{2\hbar}, \quad \dot{\phi}_2 = -\frac{T}{\hbar}\sqrt{\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}}\cos\delta + \frac{2eV}{2\hbar}$$

The current is proportional to $d\rho_1/dt = -d\rho_2/dt$:

$$\boxed{I = I_0 \sin\delta}$$

Subtracting the equations for the phase:

$$\boxed{\dot{\delta} = \frac{2eV}{\hbar} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta(t) = \delta_0 + \frac{2e}{\hbar}\int V(t)\,dt}$$

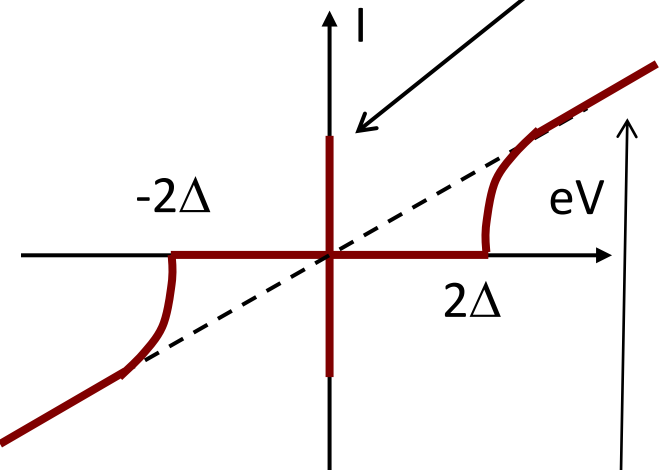
Josephson equations

Josephson effect (traditional approach)

S_1 I S_2

Supercurrent → tunelling of Cooper pairs

$$\boxed{I = I_0 \sin\delta}$$



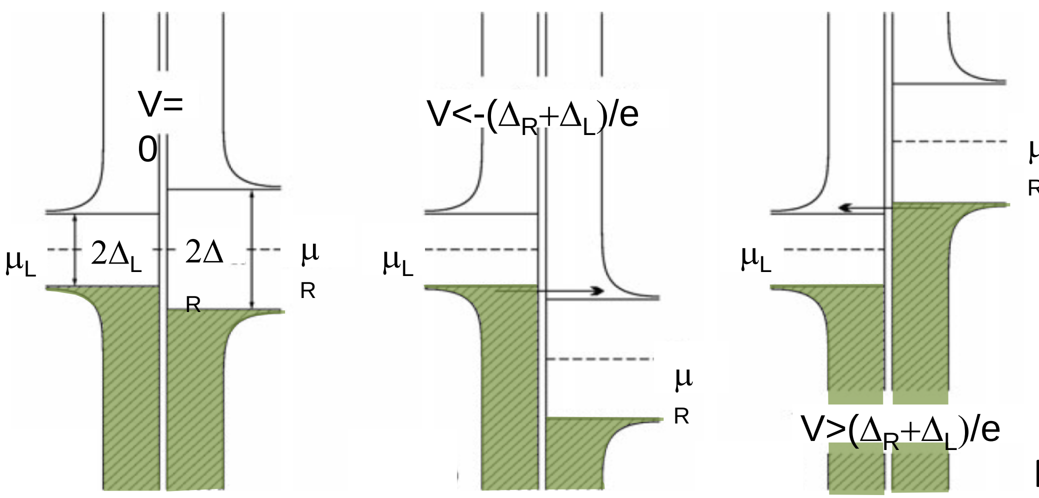
Quasiparticle tunneling

AC-Josephson effect

Applying a constant bias voltage:

$$I = I_0 \sin\left(\delta_0 + \frac{2eVt}{\hbar}\right)$$

An AC current with $\omega = 2eV/\hbar$ is flowing.
The DC current averages to zero.

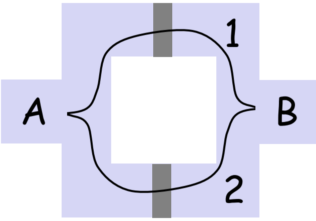


Remark: This is for a tunnel junction (could be different for large transmission)

DC SQUID

Superconducting quantum interferometer device (SQUID):

Two Josephson junctions in parallel in a "loop" geometry. The loop encloses a magnetic flux of Φ



The superconductor has a well-defined phase at every position. -> The pase difference between A and B is constant for all trajectories.

$$(\phi_B - \phi_A)_1 = \delta_1 + \frac{2e}{\hbar}\int_1 \mathbf{A}d\mathbf{s} \quad = \quad (\phi_B - \phi_A)_2 = \delta_2 + \frac{2e}{\hbar}\int_2 \mathbf{A}d\mathbf{s}$$

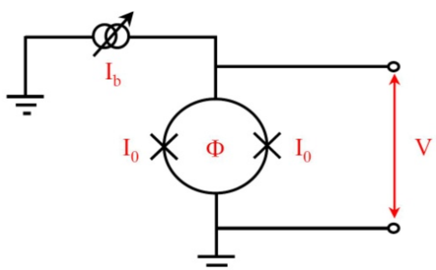
$$\Rightarrow \delta_2 - \delta_1 = \frac{2e}{\hbar}\oint \mathbf{A}d\mathbf{s} = \frac{2e}{\hbar}\Phi = 2\cdot 2\pi\frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0}$$

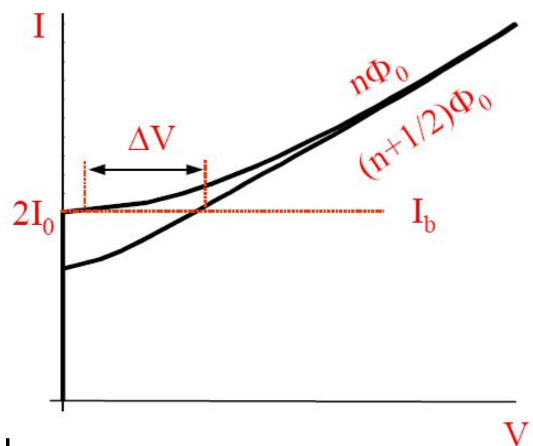
Let us take: $\delta_1 = \delta_0 + \frac{e}{\hbar}\Phi, \;\; \delta_2 = \delta_0 - \frac{e}{\hbar}\Phi$

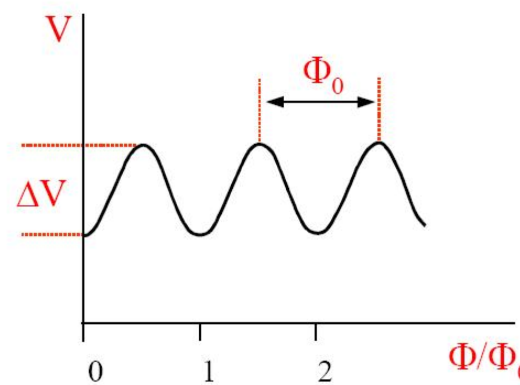
$$I = I_1 + I_2 = I_0\left[\sin(\delta_0 + e\Phi/\hbar) + \sin(\delta_0 - e\Phi/\hbar)\right] = 2I_0 \sin\delta_0 \cos(e\Phi/\hbar)$$

The maximal value of the critical current is tuned by the magnetic flux: $I_{\max} = 2I_0\left|\cos(e\Phi/\hbar)\right|$

Here we neglected the self-inductance of the ring



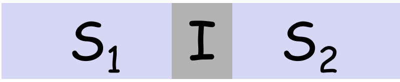




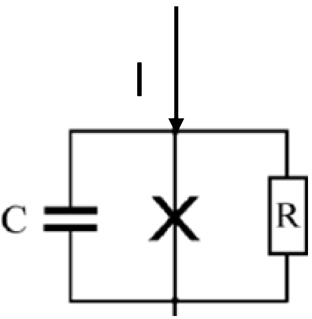
Measurement: current bias at treshold
Measure switching voltage

Source: Wikipedia

RCSJ model



$$\delta = \phi_2 - \phi_1$$



$$\left.\begin{aligned} \frac{d\delta}{dt} &= \frac{2eV}{\hbar} \\ I_J &= I_c \sin(\delta) \\ I_D &= C\frac{dV}{dt} \\ I_N &\leq \frac{V}{R_N} \end{aligned}\right\}$$

$$I = I_D + I_N + I_J = I_c \sin(\delta) + C\frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{V}{R}$$

$$I = I_c \sin(\delta) + \frac{\hbar C}{2e}\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} + \frac{\hbar}{2eR}\frac{d\delta}{dt}$$

$$\frac{\hbar C}{2e}\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} + \frac{\hbar}{2eR}\frac{d\delta}{dt} + \frac{d}{d\delta}(I_c(1-\cos(\delta)) - I\delta) = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 C\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 \frac{1}{R}\frac{d\delta}{dt} + \frac{d}{d\delta}\underbrace{E_{J0}(1-\cos(\delta)) - I\delta}_{U(\delta)} = 0$$

Similar to the motion of a particle in potential. with friction

$$M\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \gamma\frac{dx}{dt} + \nabla U(x) = 0$$

$$E_{J0} = I_C\frac{\hbar}{2e}$$

$$U(x) = \frac{kx^2}{2}$$

In case of a harmonic oscillator

$$U(\delta) = E_{J0} - E_{J0}\cos(\delta) - E_{J0} I\delta$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2\gamma}\sqrt{kM}$$

Quality factor

$$M = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 C$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

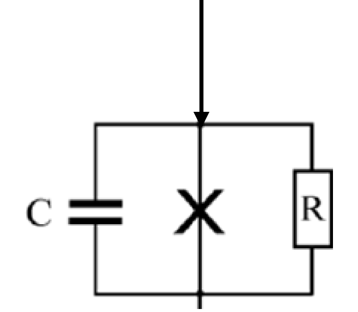
Resonancy frequency without

$$\gamma = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 \frac{1}{R}$$

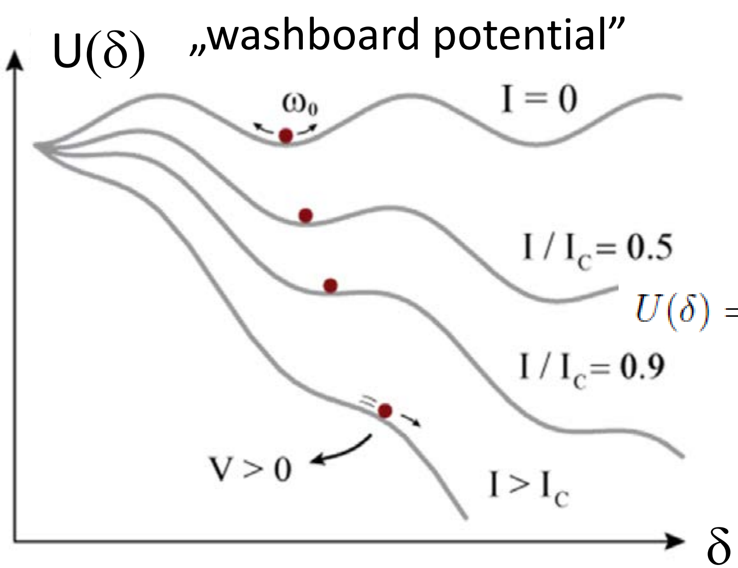
$$\omega_r = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4M}}$$

with damping

$$\left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 C\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{\hbar}{2e}\right)^2 \frac{1}{R}\frac{d\delta}{dt} + \frac{d}{d\delta}E_{J0}(1-\cos(\delta)) - I\delta) = 0$$



$$M\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \gamma\frac{dx}{dt} + \nabla U(x) = 0$$



The equation decribes the motion of the phase in a potential
If the particle manages to get out of a minimum of the potential, (happens for $I>I_c$, when the potential have an inflection) the phase changes, and DC voltage appears on the junction (Josephson relation)

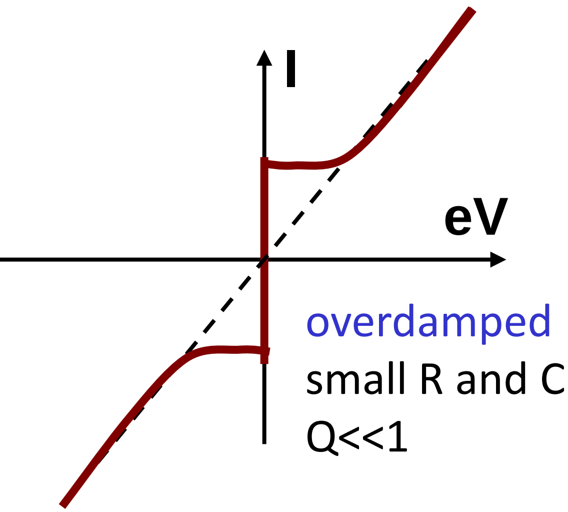
$$U(\delta) = E_{J0} - E_{J0}\cos(\delta) - E_{J0}I\delta \approx E_{J0}(-1+\delta^2) + E_{J0} - E_{J0}I\delta \approx E_{J0}\delta^2$$

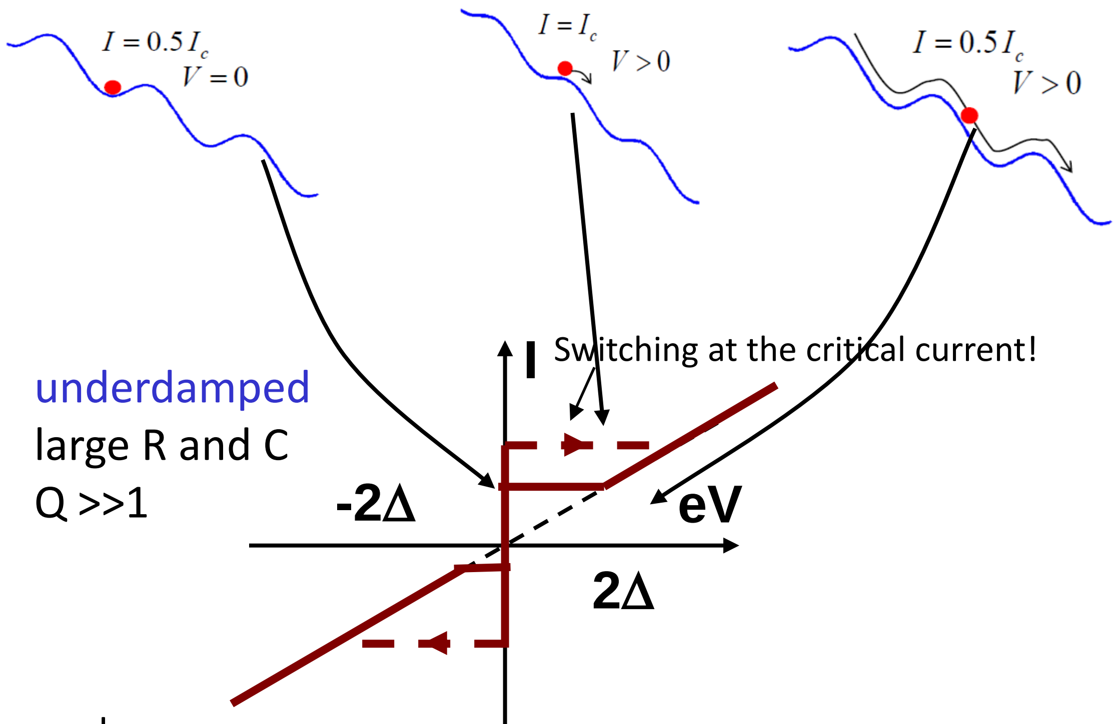
$$\omega_0^2 = \omega_{pl}^2 = \frac{k}{m} = I_c\frac{2e}{\hbar C}$$

For no extenal current and weak damping oscillations in the potential well

$I> I_c$: part of the current must flow as I_N or I_D -> finite junction voltage $|V| > 0$→ time varying I_s → I_N + I_D is varying in time → complicated non-sinusoidal oscillations of I_s
I » Ic – almost all current flows on the resistor →V is ~ constant → sinusoidal oscillation with time average 0

$$Q^2 = \frac{2e}{\hbar} I_c R^2 C$$





Overdamped: Q<<1 -- second derivative can be omitted.
Viscous drag dominates – velocity proportional slope of washboard
For $I>I_c$, $\delta=\sin^{-1}(I)$ solution, V=0
If $I>I_c$ it escapes the potential, however, at $I<I_c$ retraped immediately, no hysteresis

$$\langle V(t)\rangle = I_c R \sqrt{\left(\frac{I}{I_c}\right)^2 - 1}$$

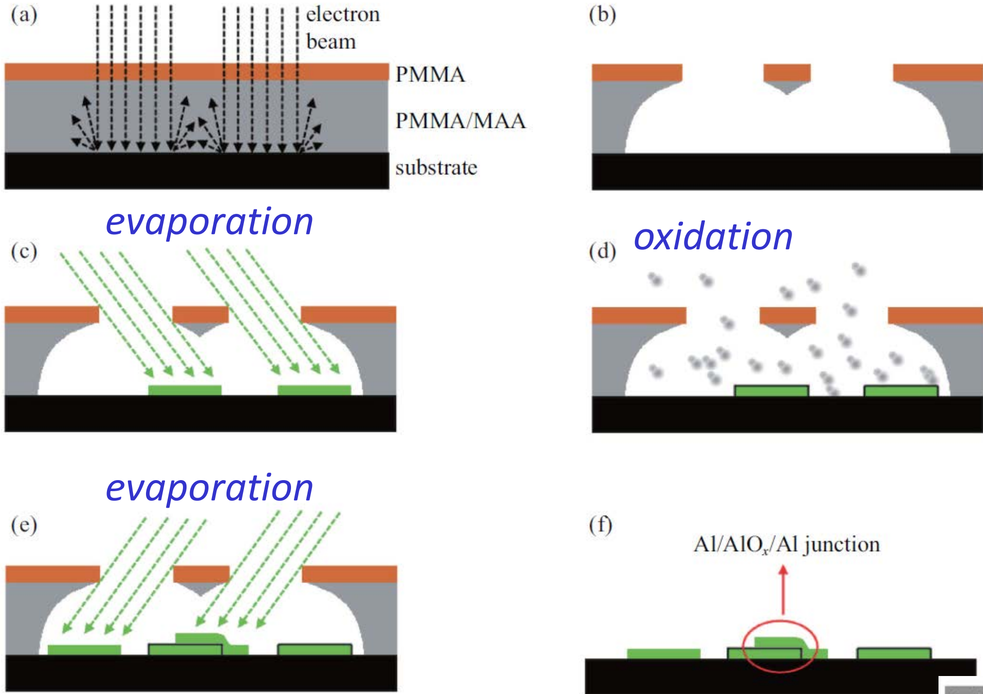
Underdamped Q>>1 -- if I goes over I_c than the inertia is bigger than the damping, it will roll down continuously. Hysteresis – only traps at smaller current when kinetic energy=damping. For zero damping only traps at 0 current.
Large C → shunt oscillating part of V → <I>=0
Down to ω_{RC}

$$\langle V(t)\rangle \sim \frac{\hbar}{eRC} \ll I_c R_N \qquad \langle I\rangle = I_N(\langle V\rangle) = \frac{\langle V\rangle}{R_N}$$

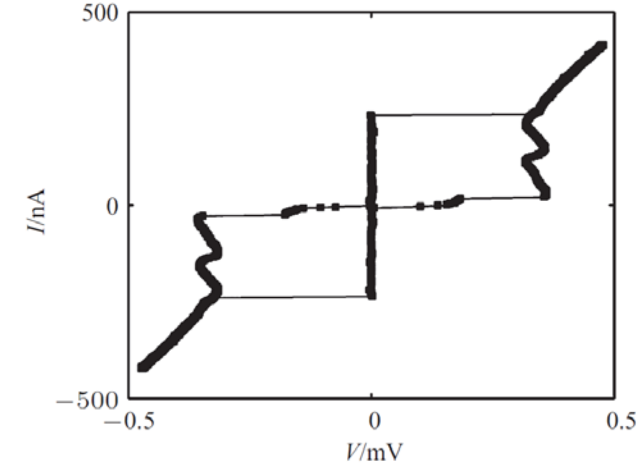
Sinusoidal supercurrent → averages to zero
Normal current flows → hysteretic behaviour

Josephson junctions
Fabrication

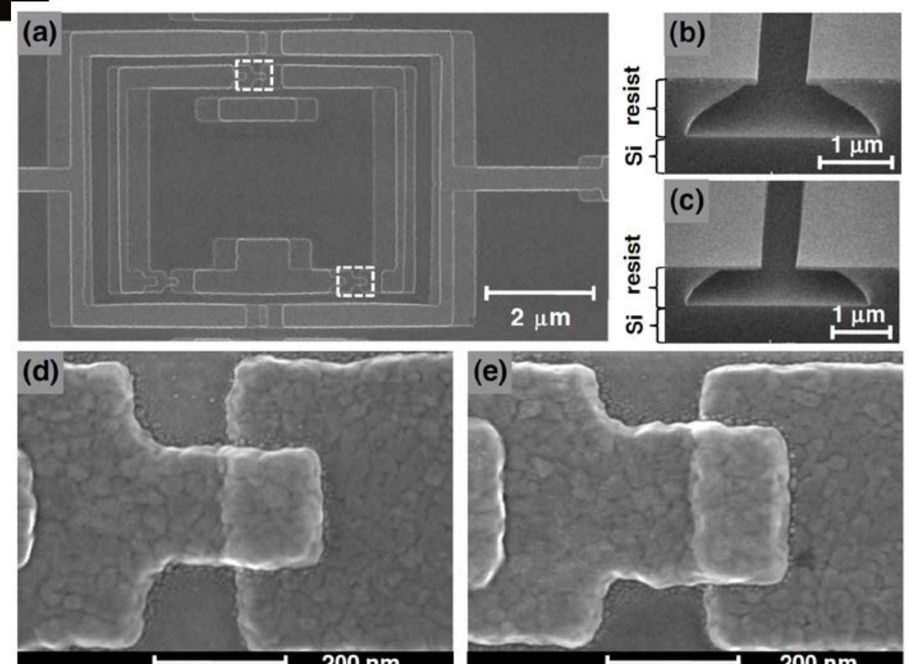
Fabrication: e-beam lithography and shadow evaporation



Shadow, not used structures remain



Real JJ measurement



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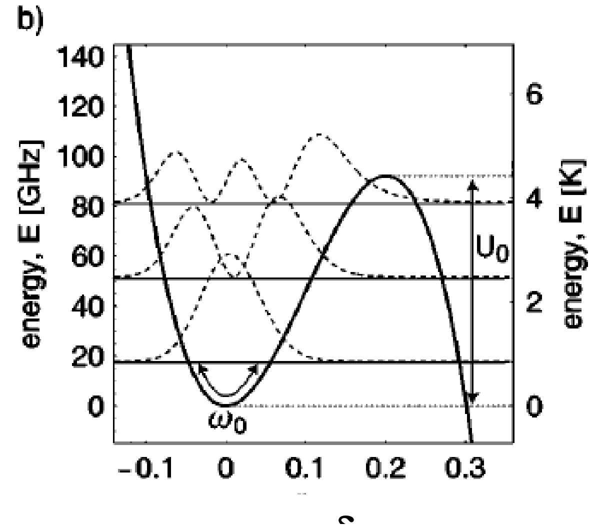
RCSJ model
Thermal or quantum escape

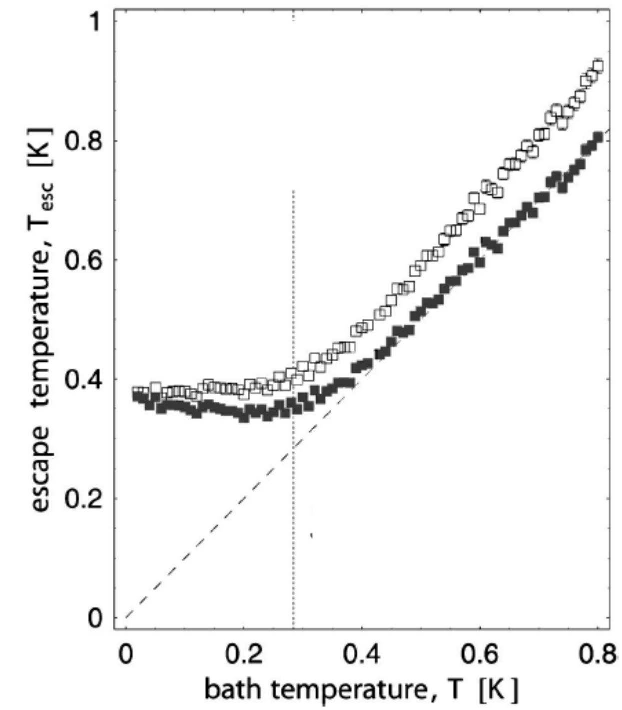
Thermal escape: Due to the phase motion at higher temperature and/or larger current particle can escape:

$$\Gamma_t = \omega_{pl} \frac{\left(1 - (I/I_c)^2\right)^{1/4}}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{U_0}{k_B T}\right)$$

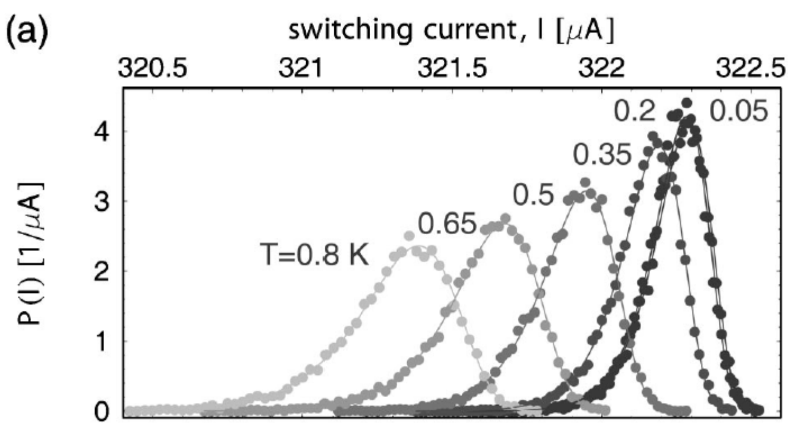
Here $U_0(E_{J0}, I/I_c)$
This is a stochastic process, the switching current varies.
The distribution of I_c can be known.
For low temperatures the phase particle can tunnel out:
macroscopic quantum tunneling – finite voltage appears on the junctions (if it is underdamped enough)

$$\Gamma_q = A \exp\left(-\frac{U_0}{\hbar \omega_{pl}} B\right) \qquad B\sim1$$





Nb JJs
At high T, thermal escape, at low T, macroscopic quantum tunneling dominates



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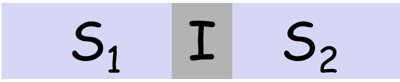
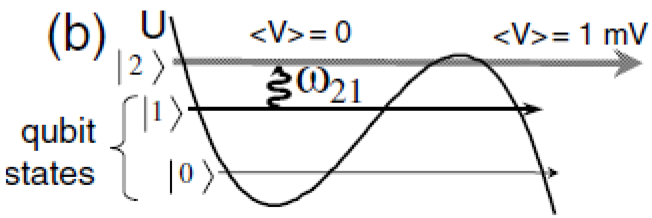


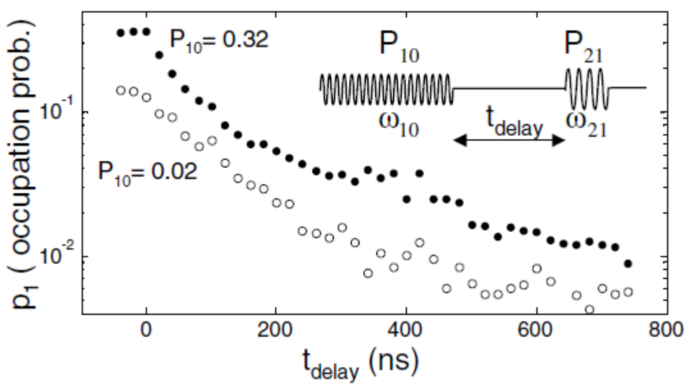
Phase qubit – current biased JJ

$$\delta = \phi_2 - \phi_1$$

By tuning the potential of a single Josephson junction (washboard potential) , such, that it is asymmetric, close to the critical current

If, $I \approx I_c$ and it only houses 2-3 levels, the lowest two forms a qubit





Operation:
Anharmonic oscillator, qubit states are separated
Make transitions with microwave pulses ω_{01} and prepare state – AC current pulses
Readout: A pulse with frequency ω_{12} is applied.
As the barrier for state 2 is small, the state can tunnel out → changing phase → finite voltage appears

If the qubit was in state 1 it will be resonant for the readout pulse ω_{12}, if in state 0 not.

For superpositions, it will tunnel out with a probability corresponding to state 1. To measure these probabilities, multiple measurements on the qubit prepared in the same way is needed.

T_1 measurement
Populate state 1 and wait before readout
The measured signal will decay as the waiting time increased – measure of T_1

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