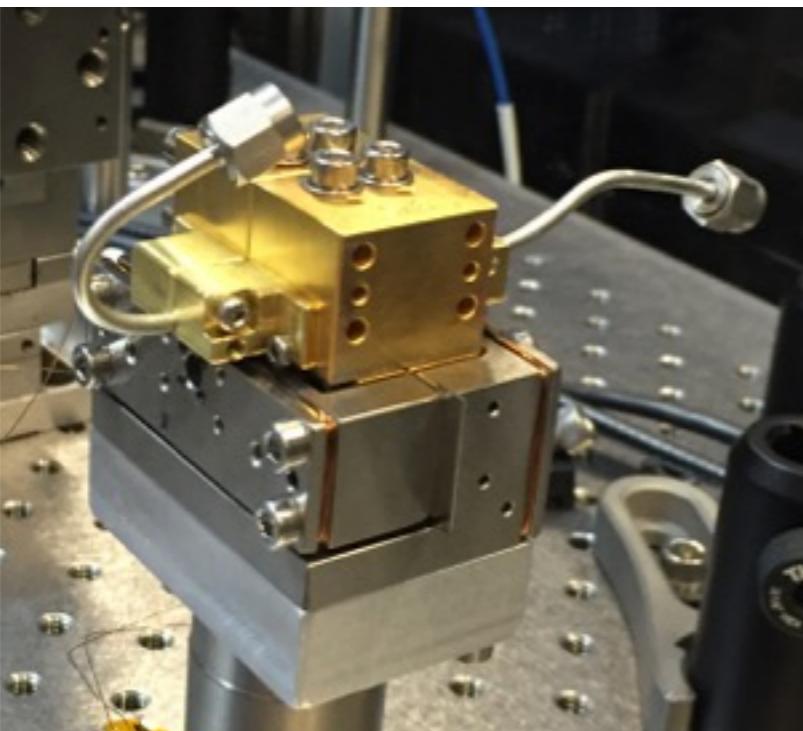


# Microwave-mechanical-optical transducer in a dilution refrigerator

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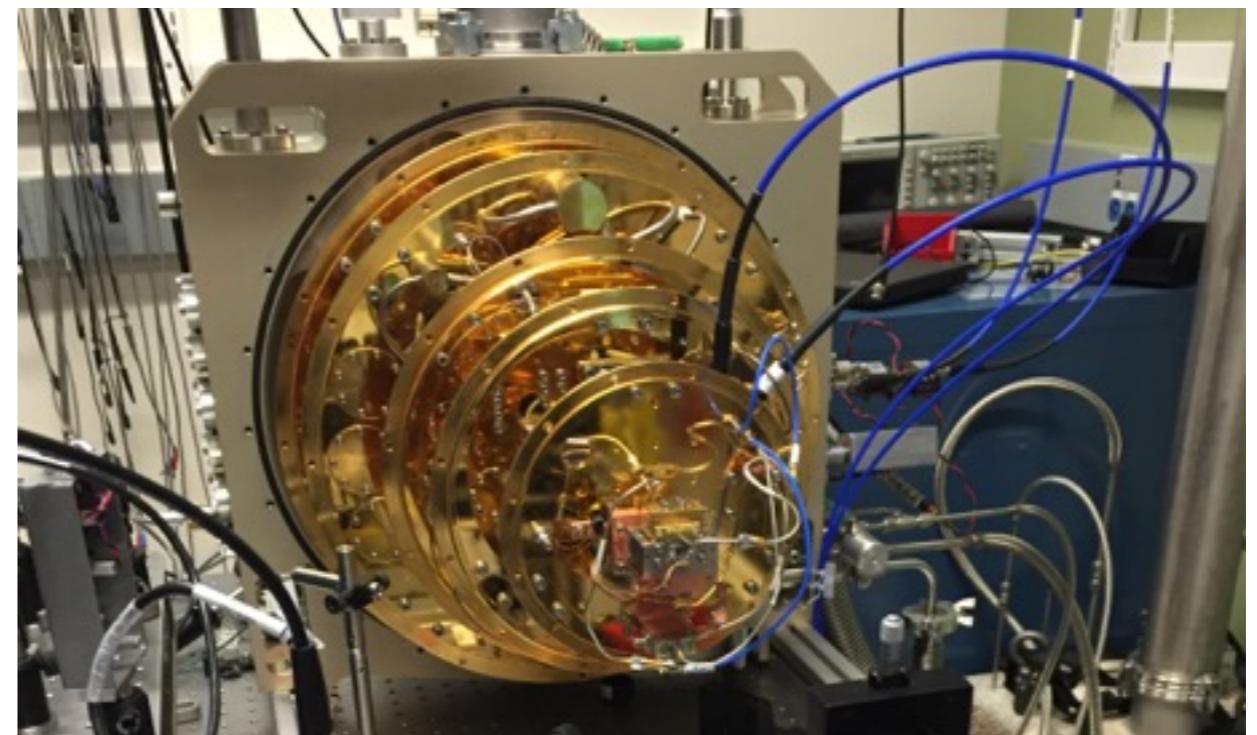
## Electromechanics

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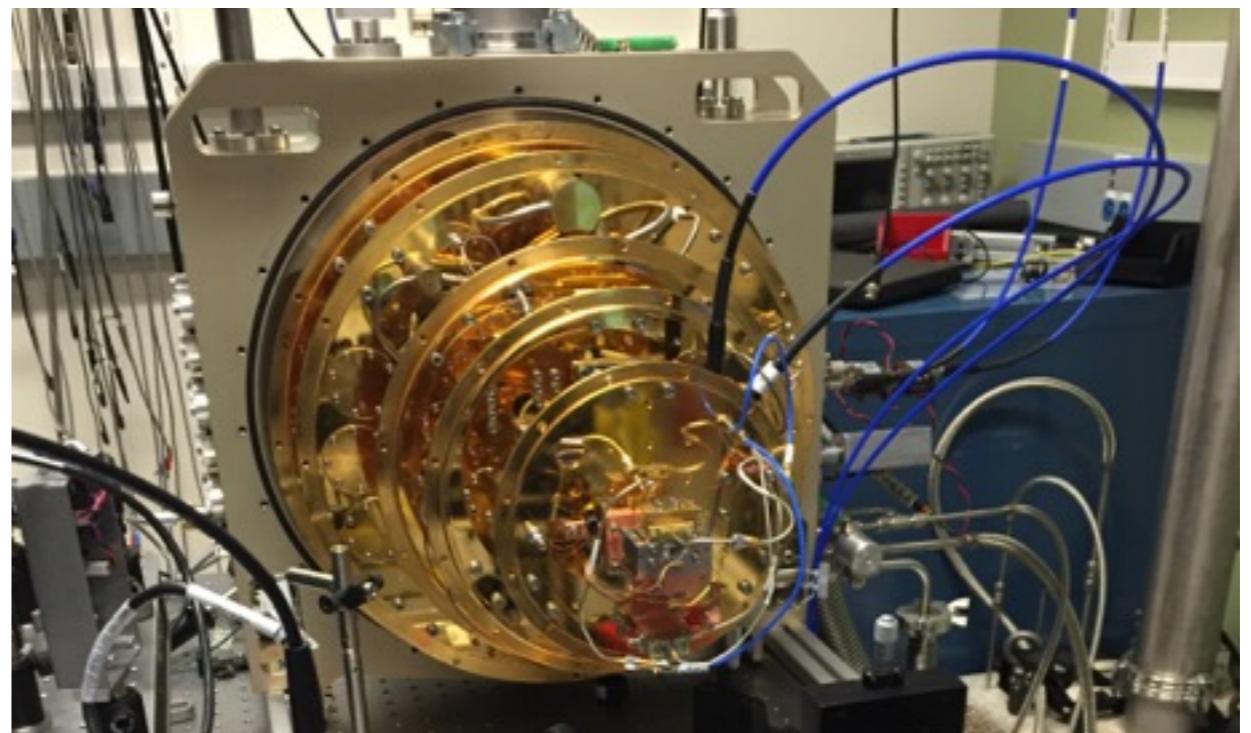
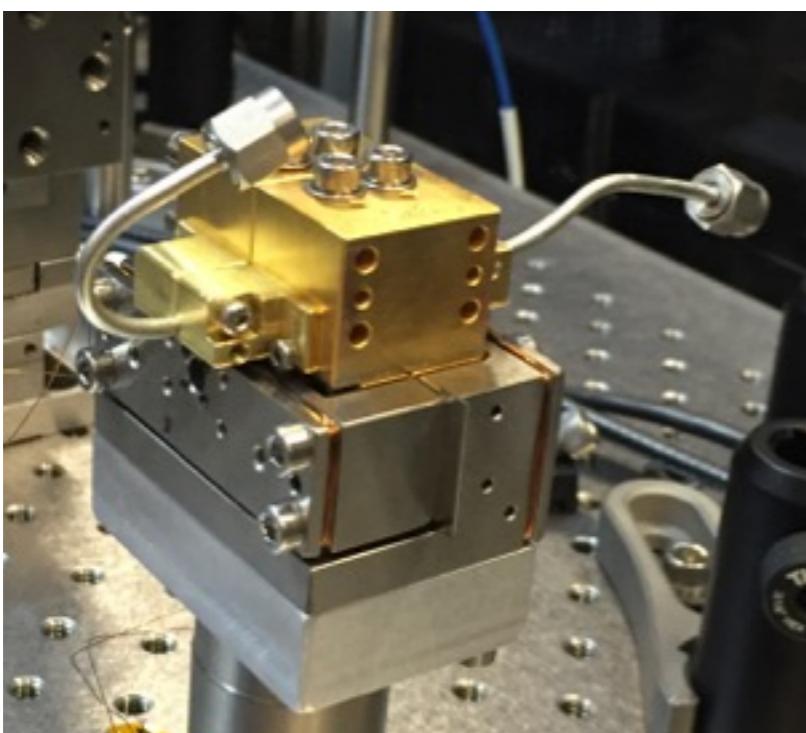


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# Outline

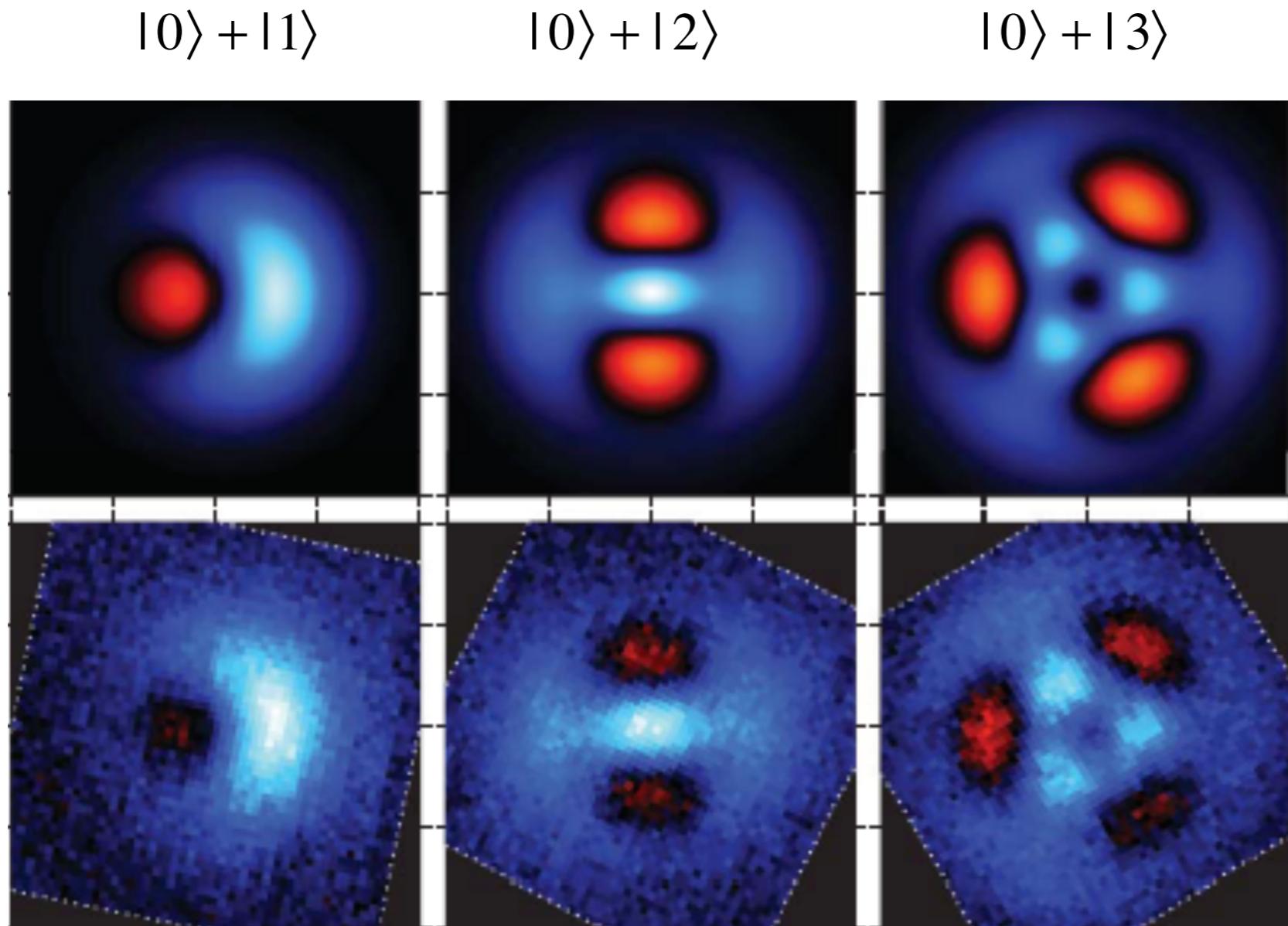
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- Review of classical converter at 4 K
- Classical conversion at 100 mK 
- Projections for microwave-optical entanglement



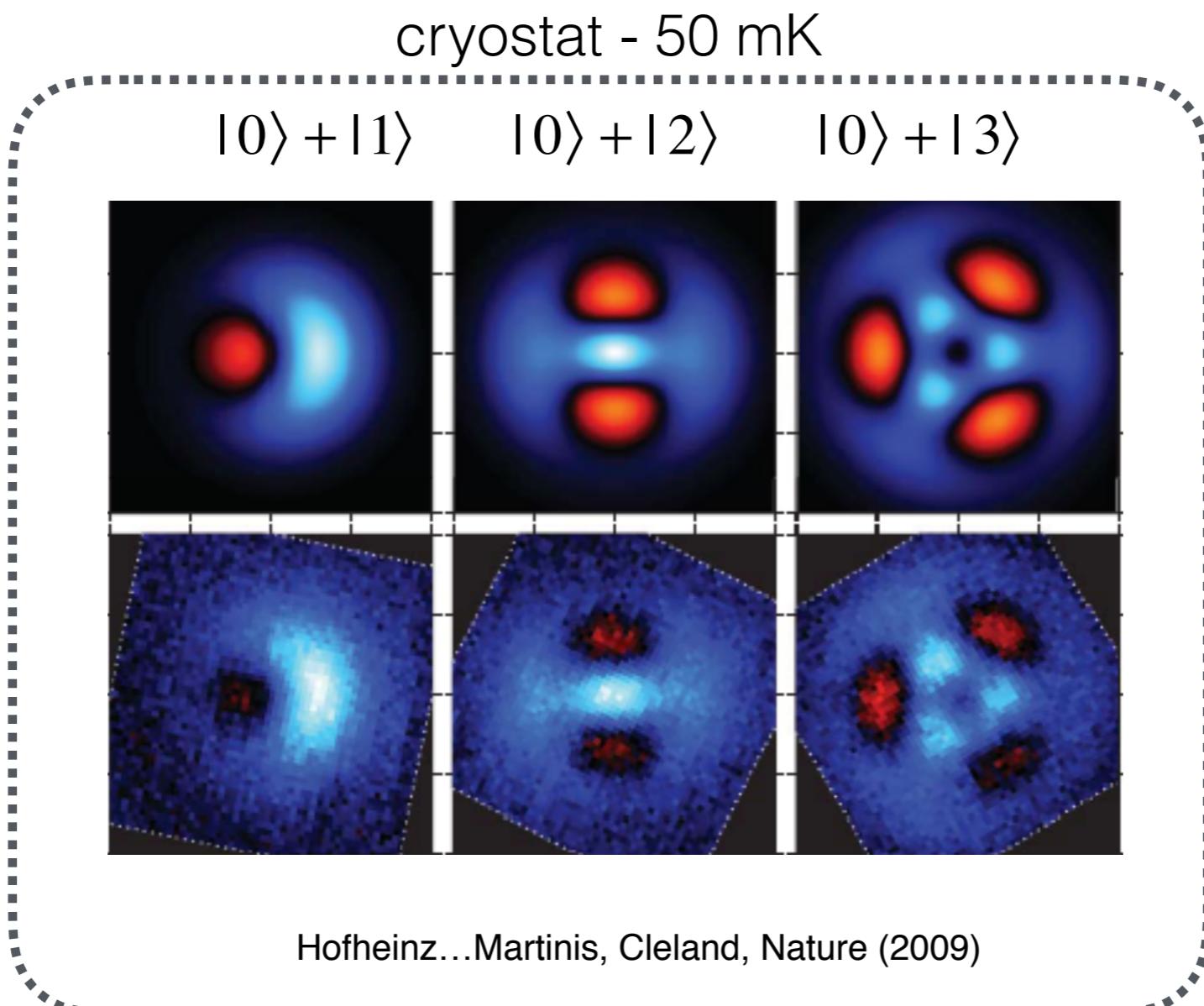
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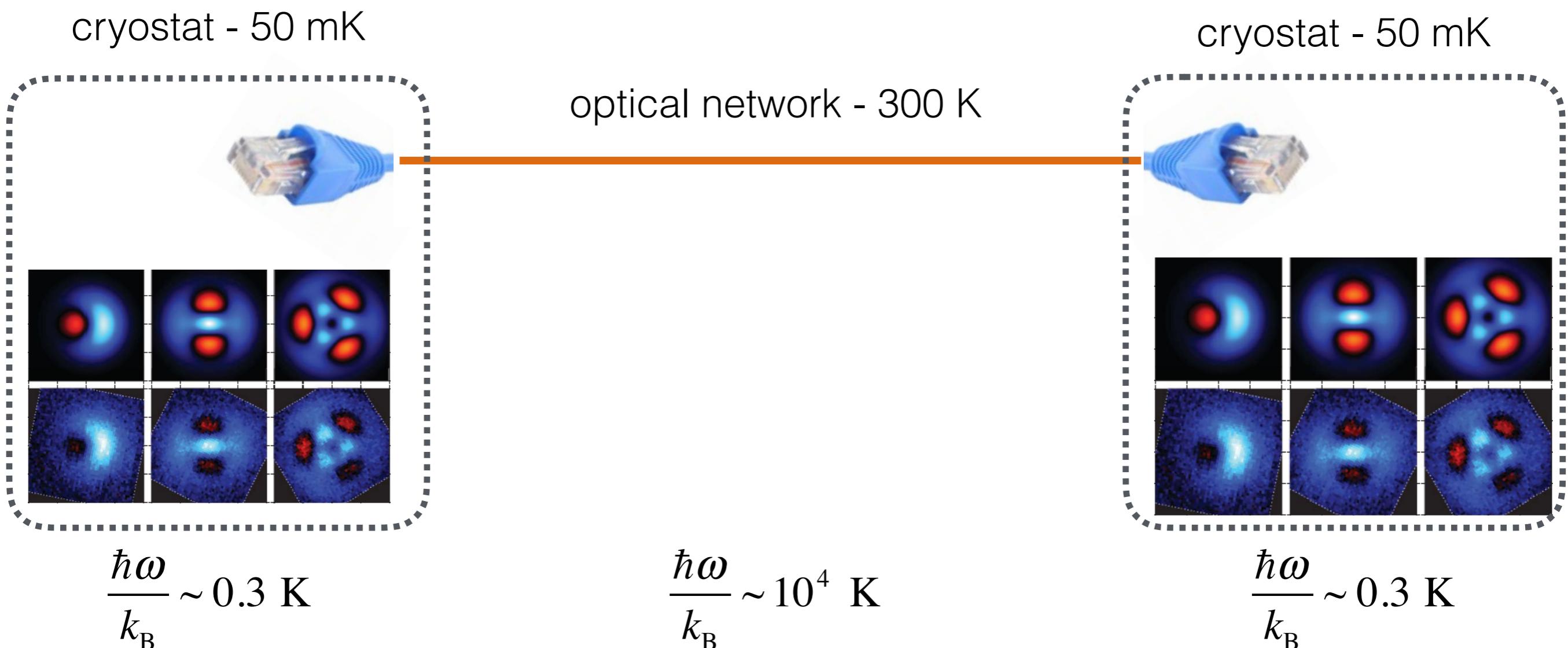
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# Flexible control of microwave photons with superconducting circuits



$$\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_b} \sim 0.3 \text{ K}, T_c \sim 1 \text{ K}$$

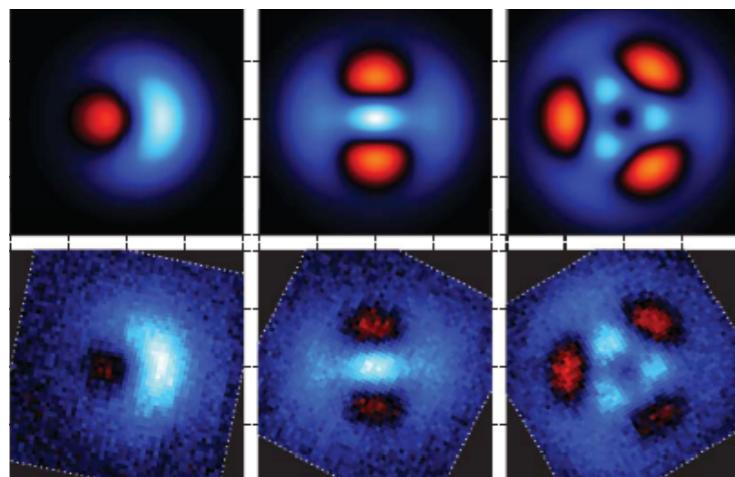
# How can we plug-in to superconducting qubits?



# Our approach: low-frequency mechanical oscillators

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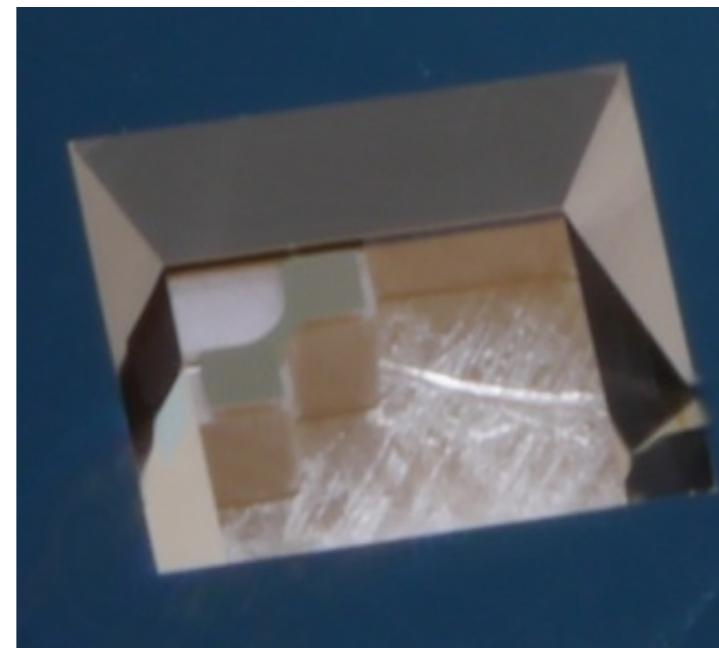
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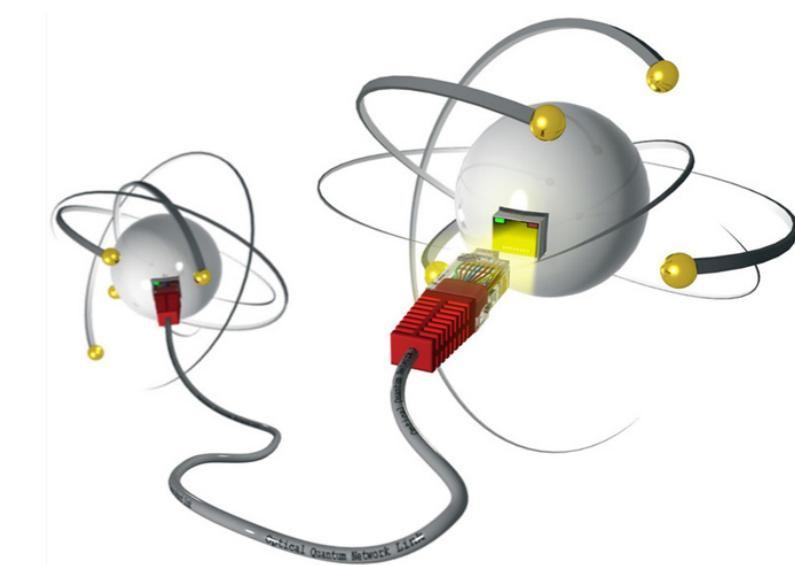
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mechanical



$$\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_b} \sim 50 \mu\text{K}$$

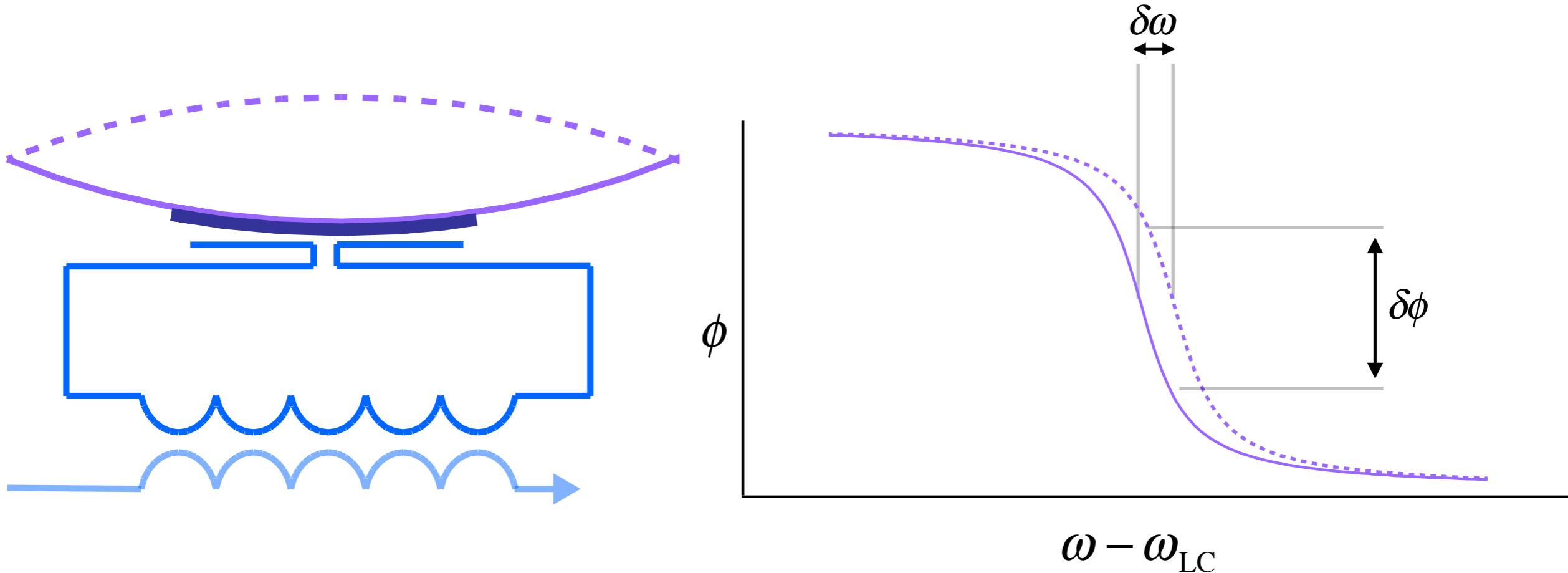
optical



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$$n_{\text{th}}\gamma_m = 2\pi \times 8 \text{ kHz}$$

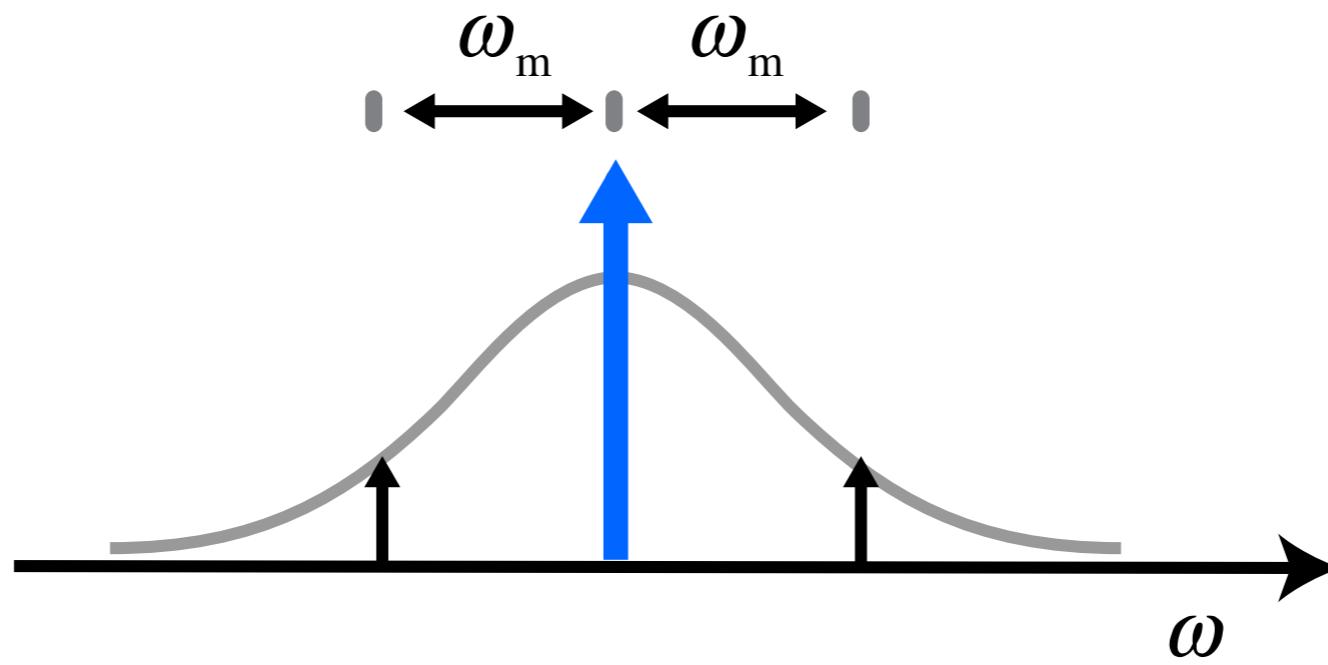
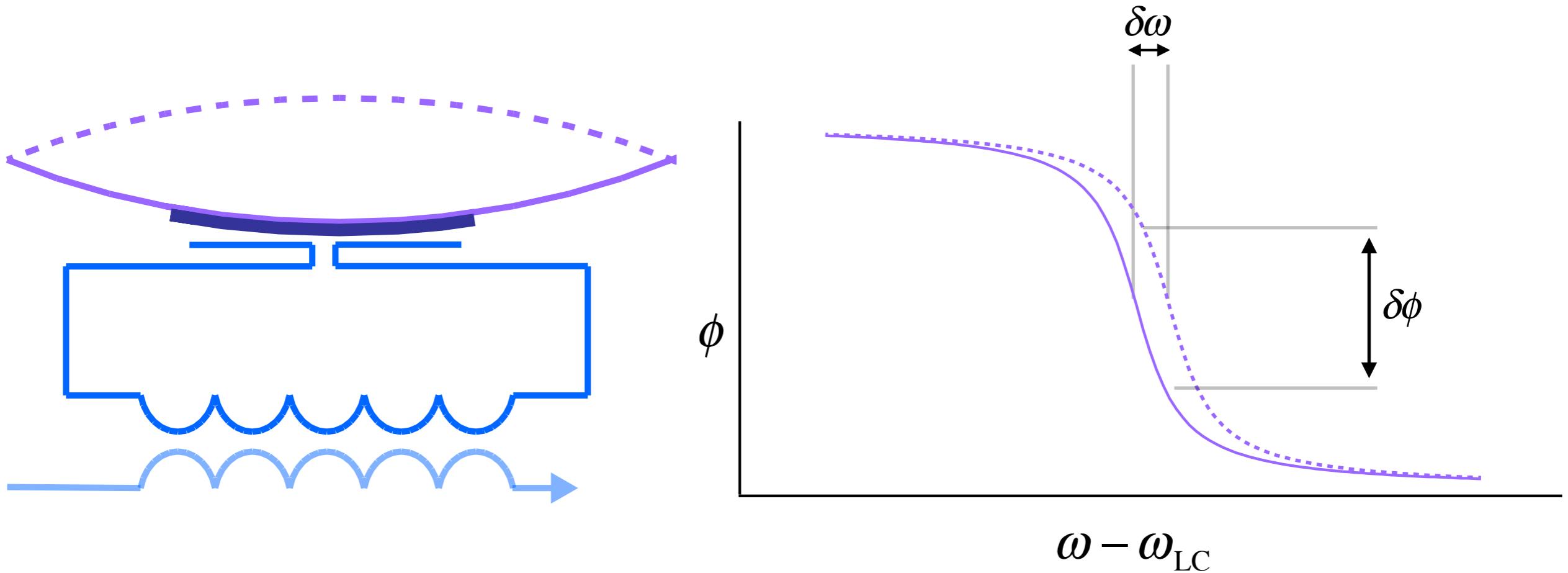
# Electromechanics interaction: Static mechanical displacement causes phase shifts



$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

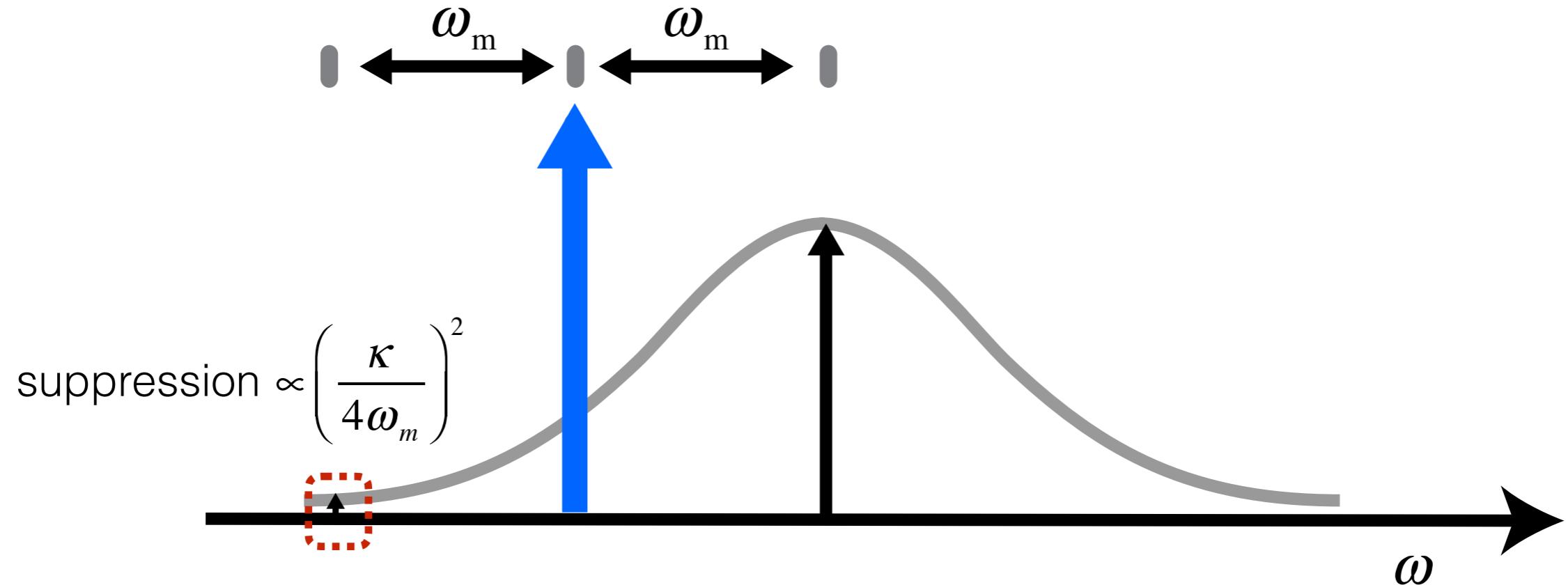
$$\delta\omega = \frac{d\omega}{dC} \delta C$$

# Electromechanics: Oscillating displacement causes PM sidebands

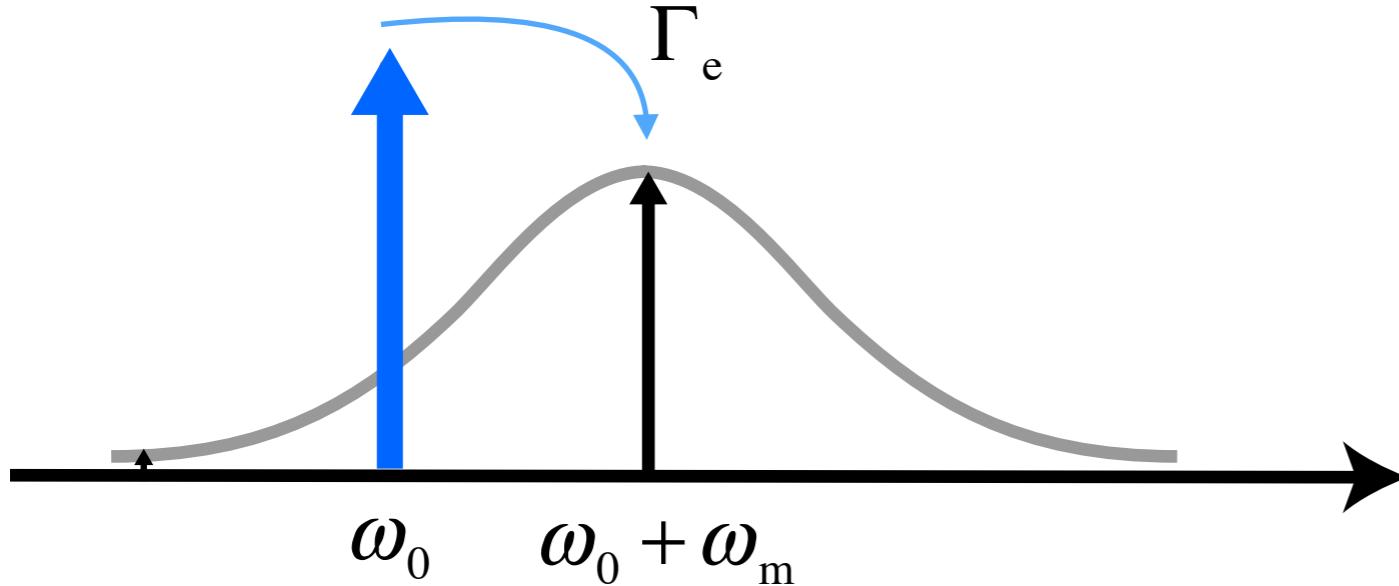


# Selecting a sideband with cavity density of states

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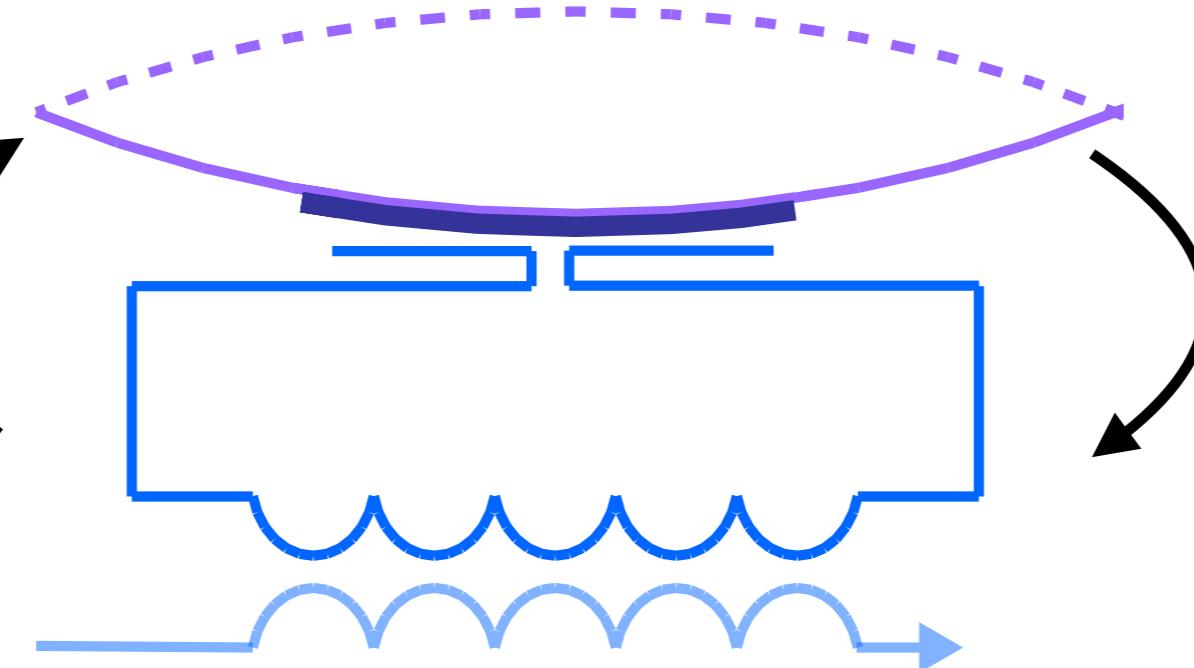


# Energetics of the upper sideband: swapping photons and phonons



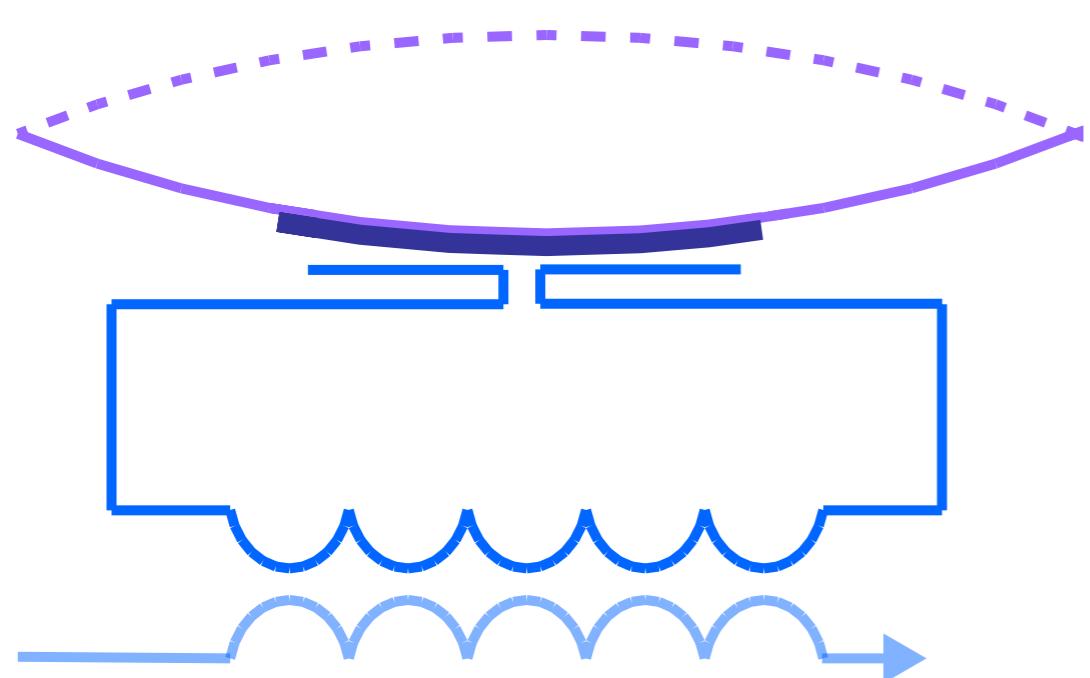
$$H_{\text{int}} = \hbar g_0 a_{\text{mw}}^\dagger a_{\text{mech}} + \text{h.c.}$$

generates mech-mw swaps

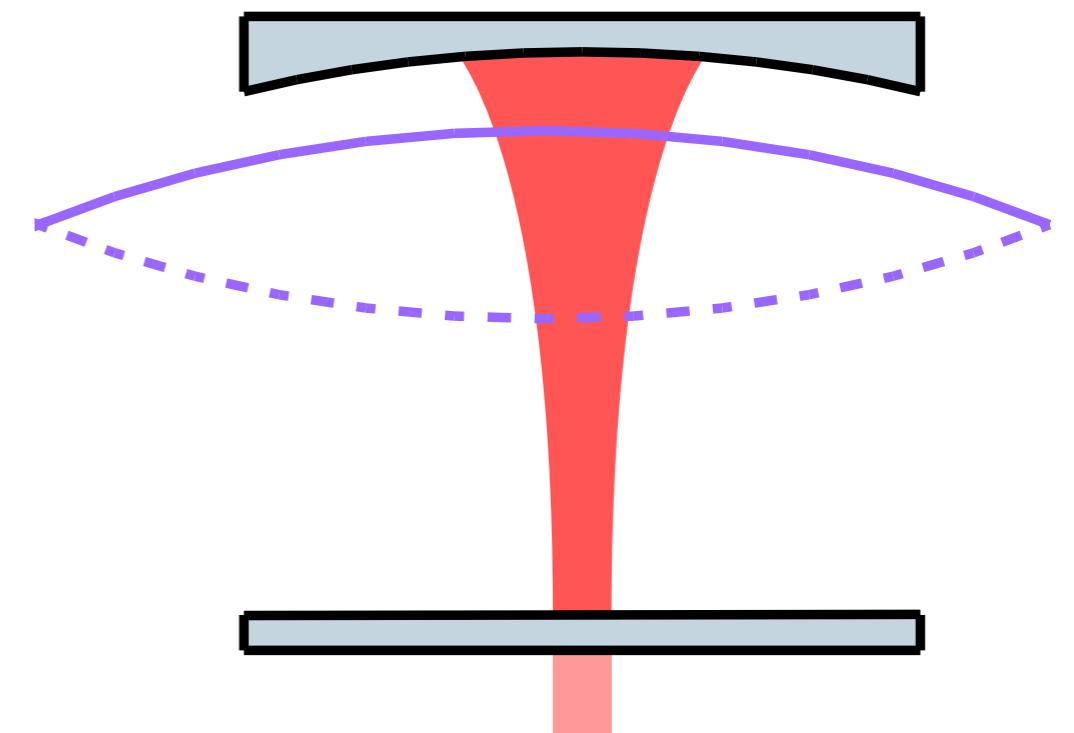


# Microwave-mechanical-optical strategy for state transduction

microwave  $\longleftrightarrow$  mechanics



mechanics  $\longleftrightarrow$  optics



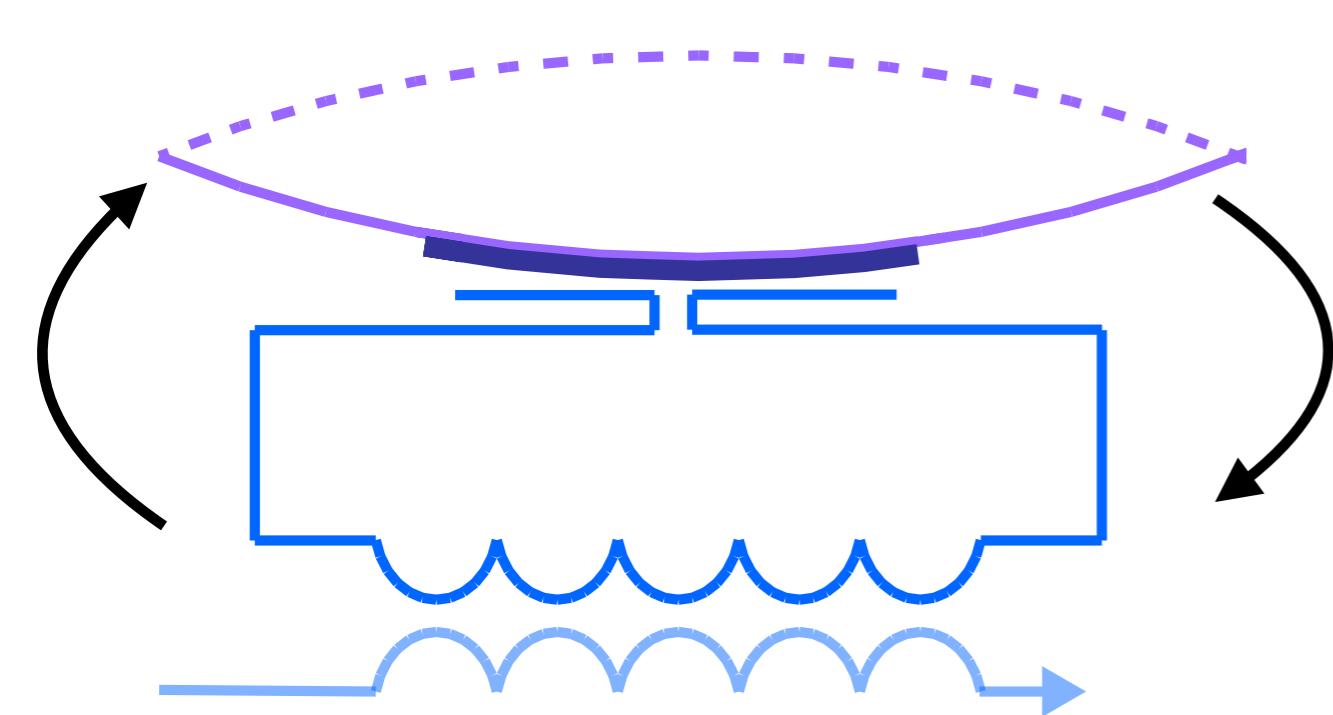
Lehnert group



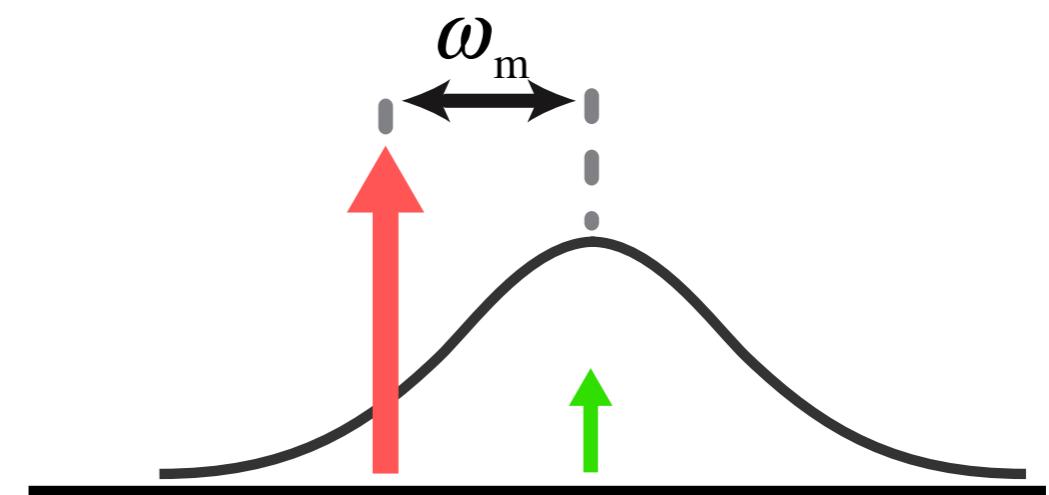
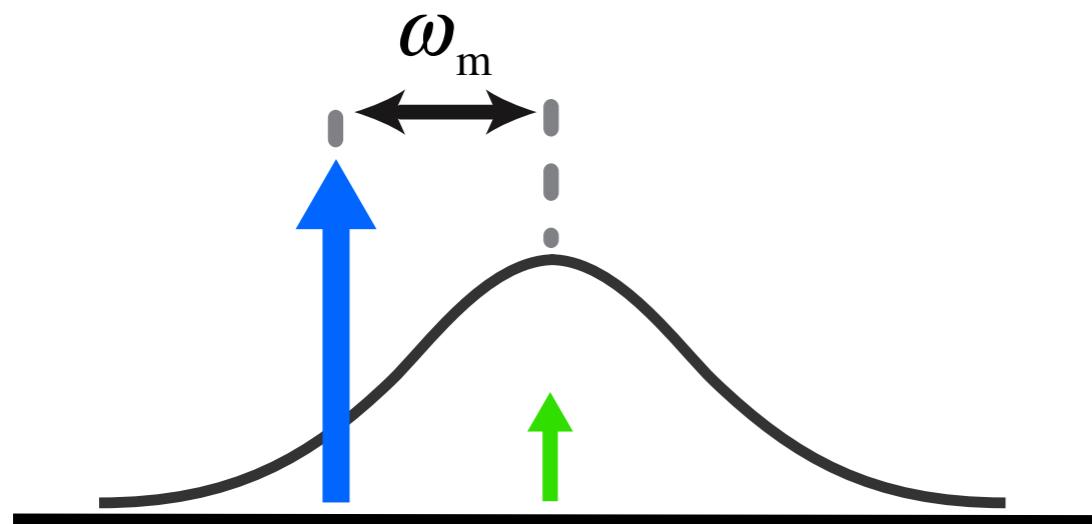
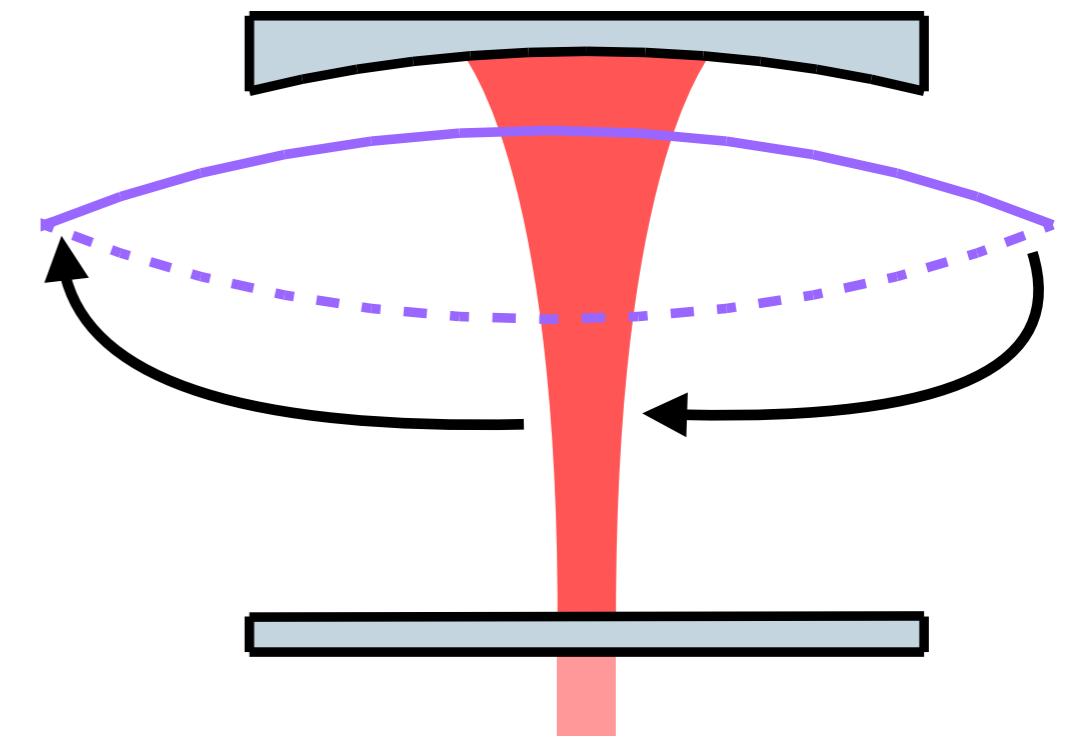
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# Strategy for state conversion

$$H_{\text{int}} = \hbar g_0 \color{blue}{a}_{\text{mw}}^\dagger \color{purple}{a}_{\text{mech}} + \text{h.c.}$$



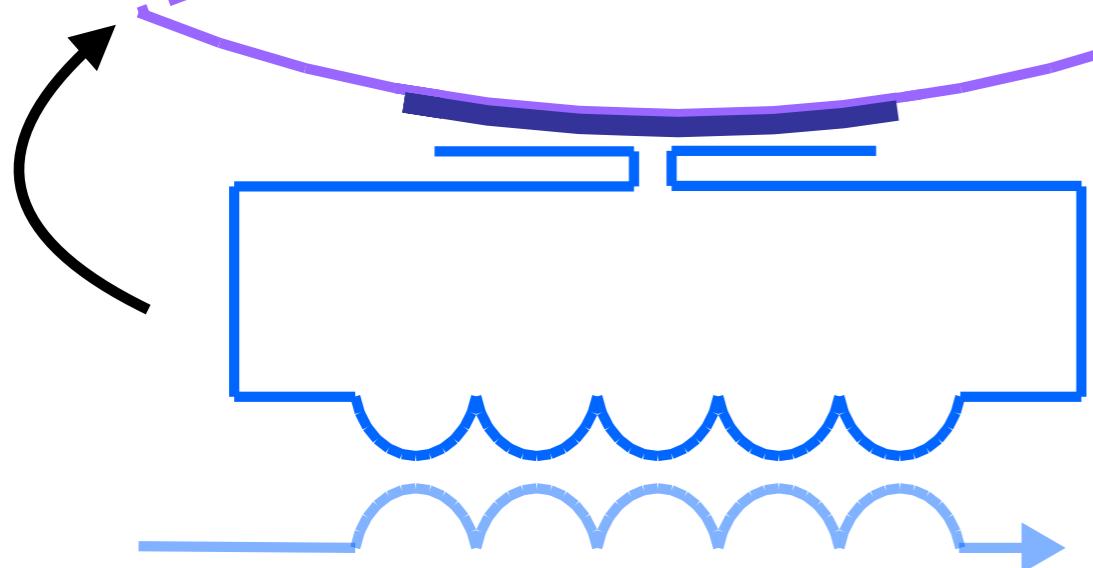
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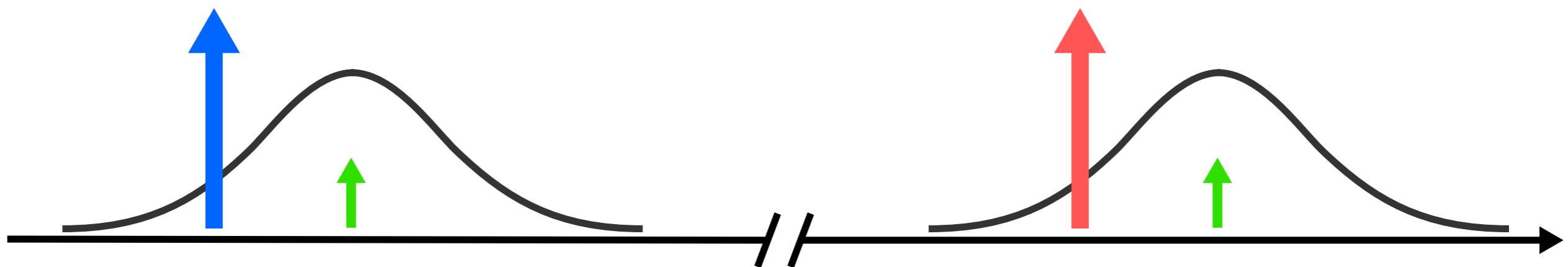
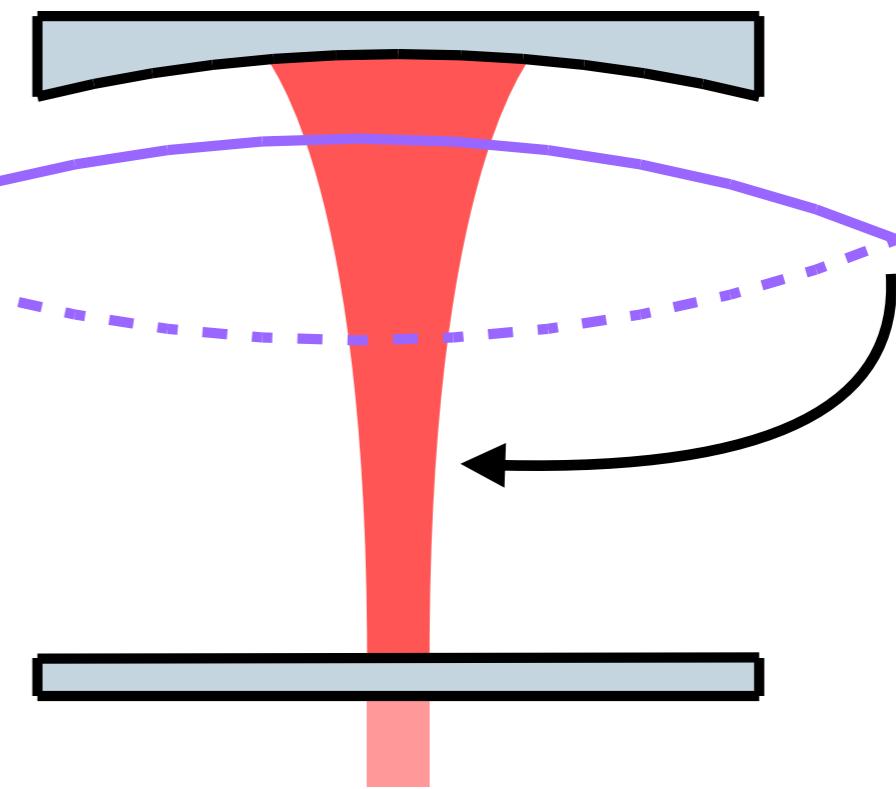
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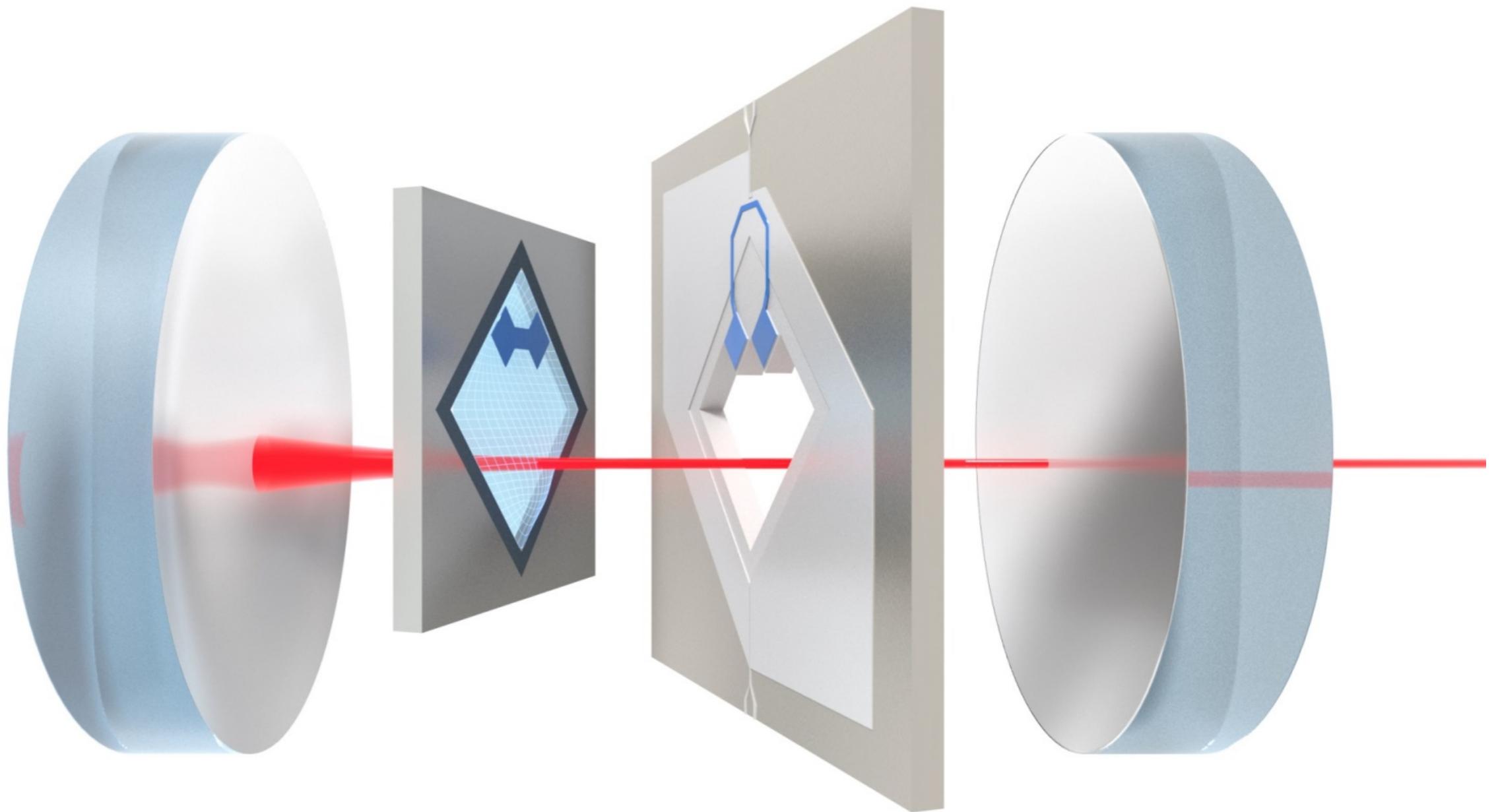


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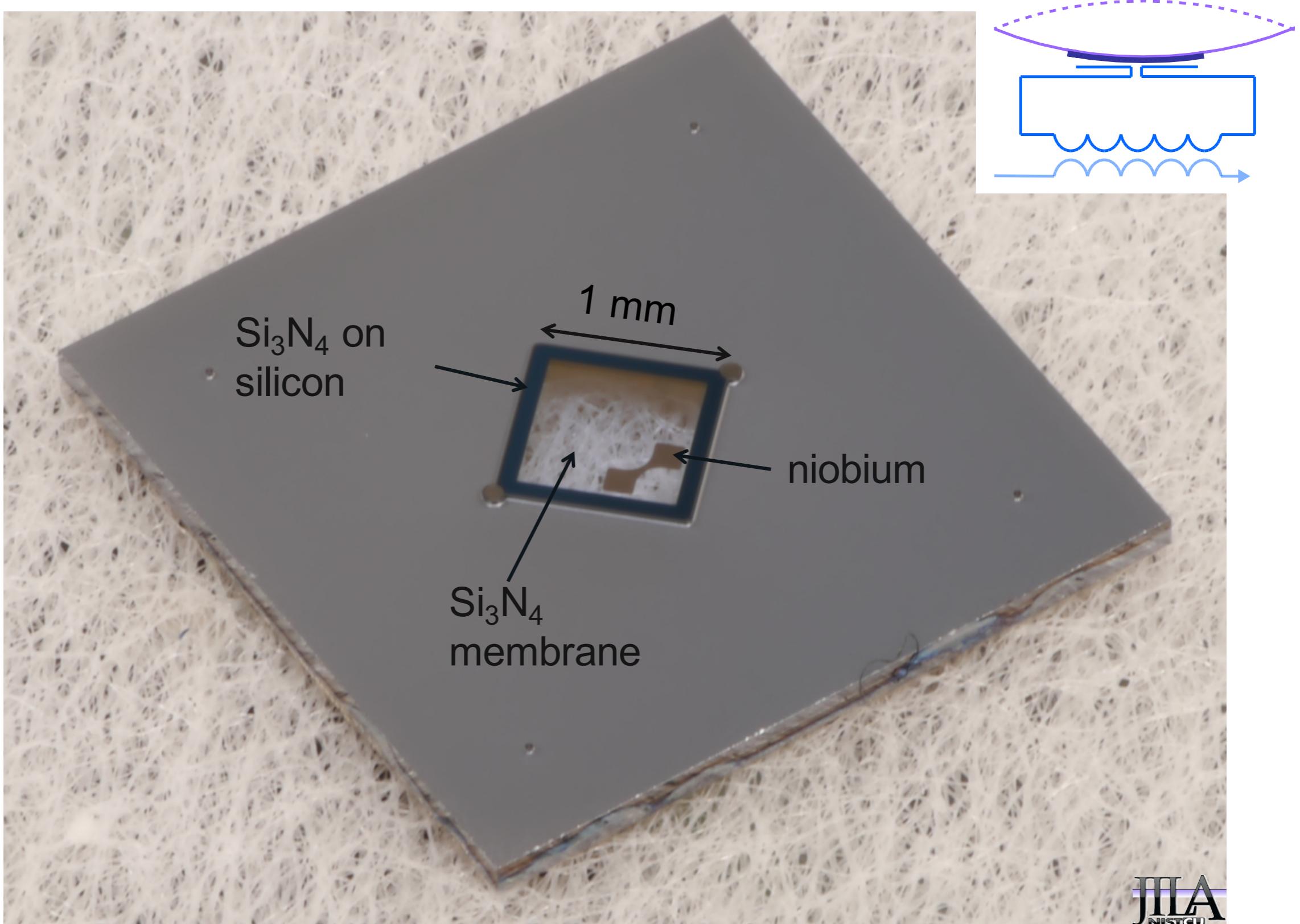


# Flip chip in an optical cavity

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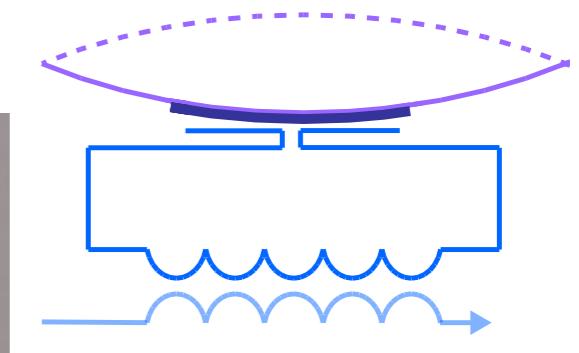


# Top chip layout



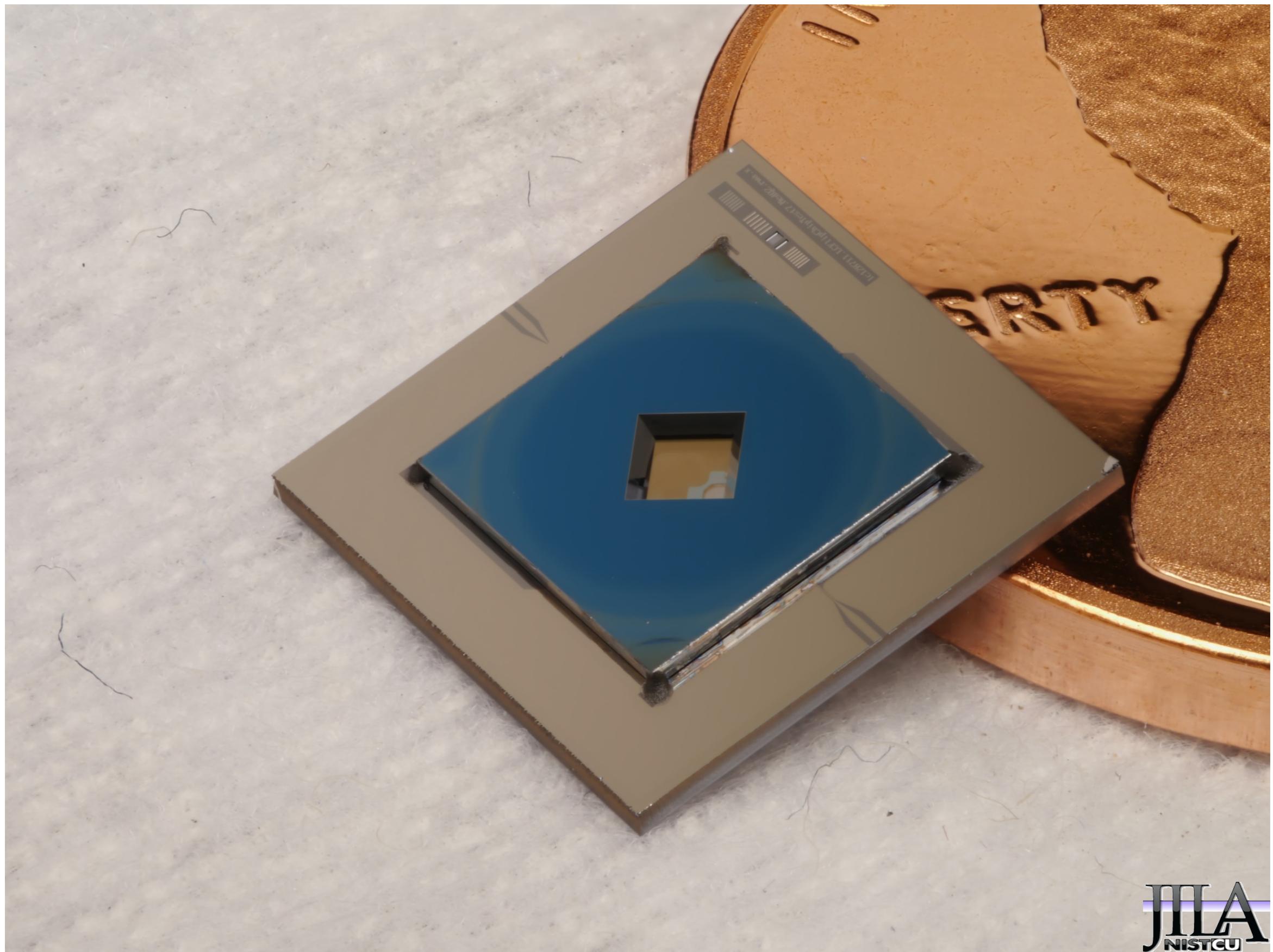
# Bottom chip layout

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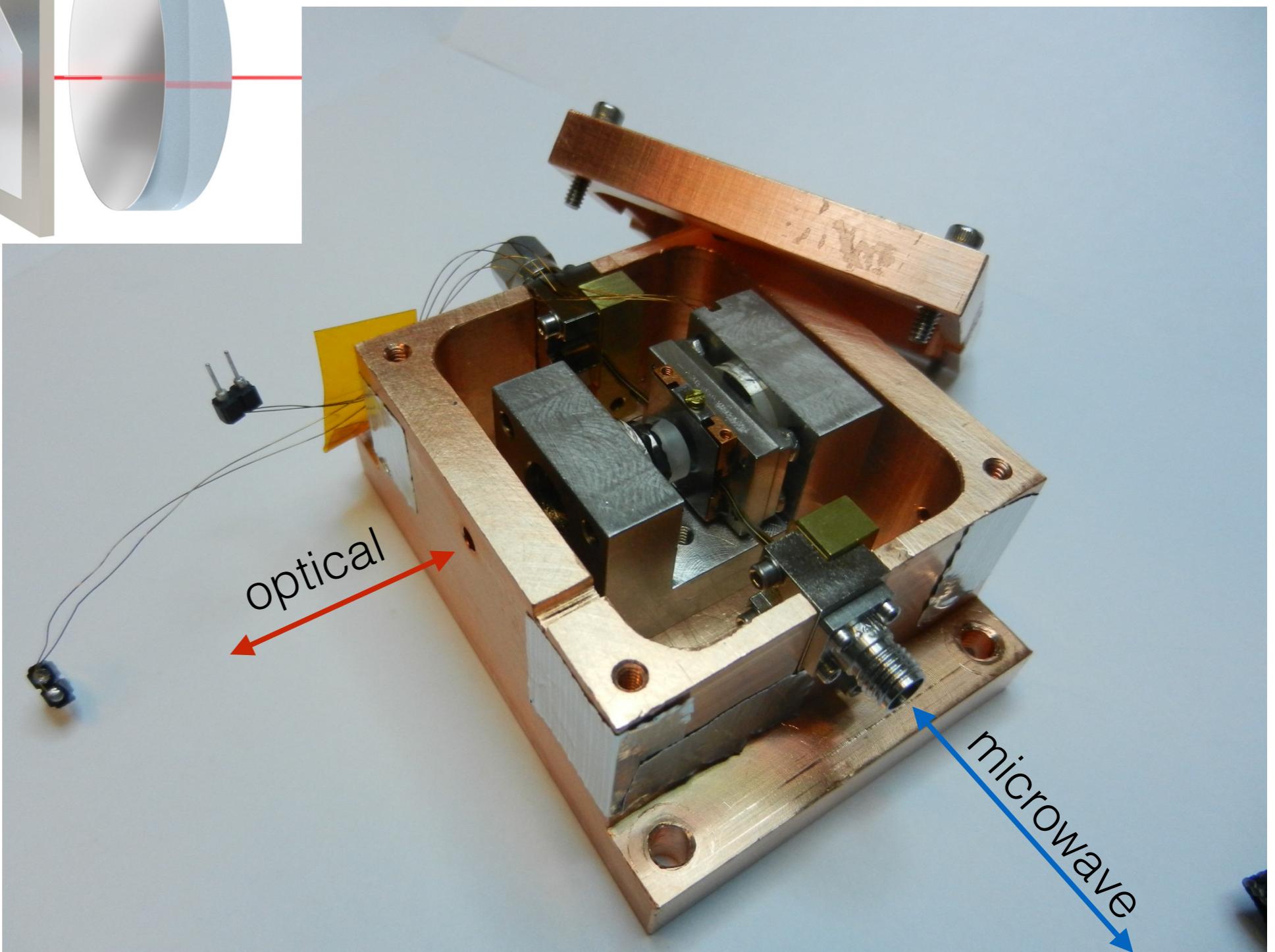
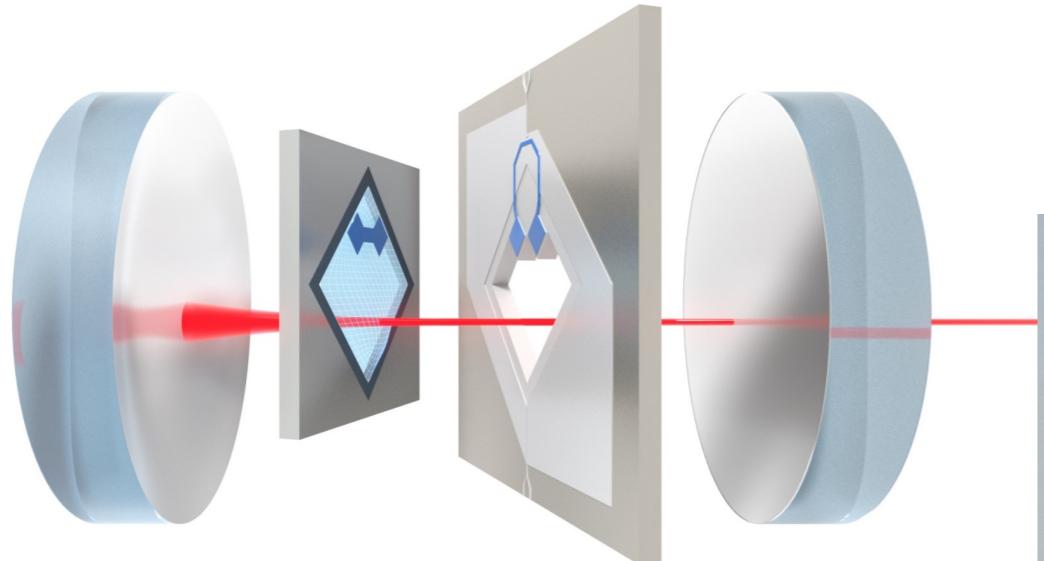
# Assembled flip-chip

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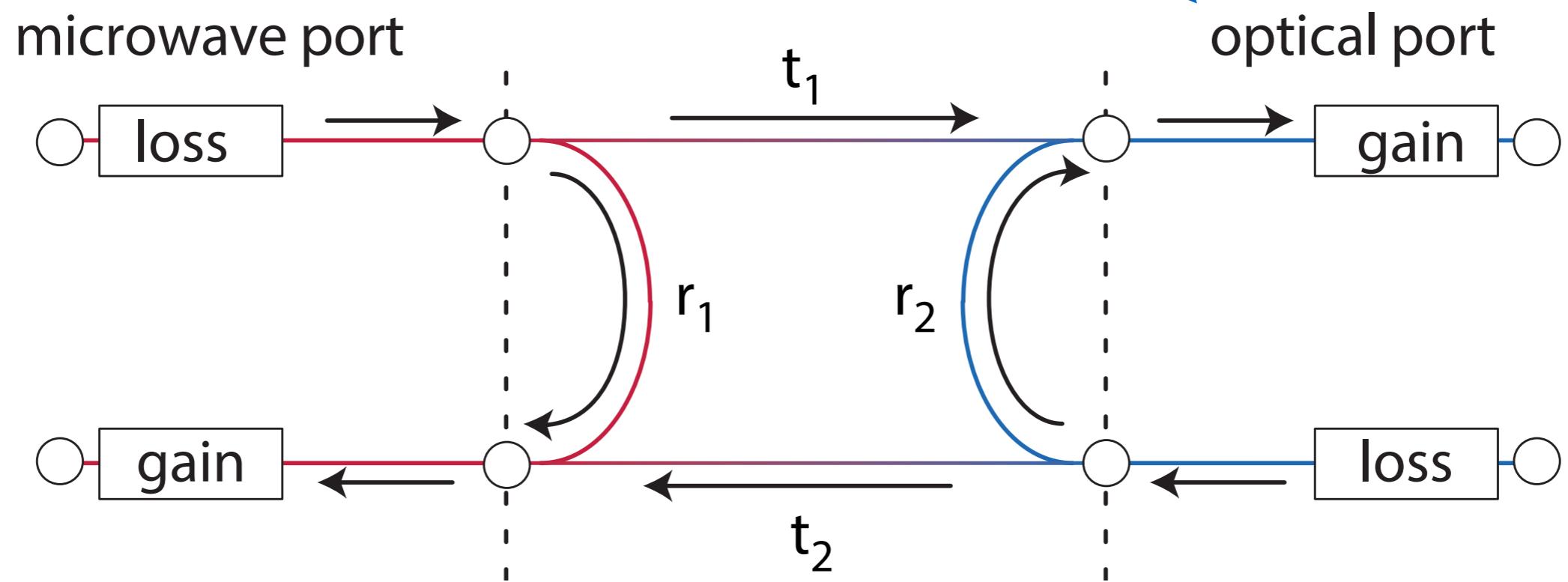
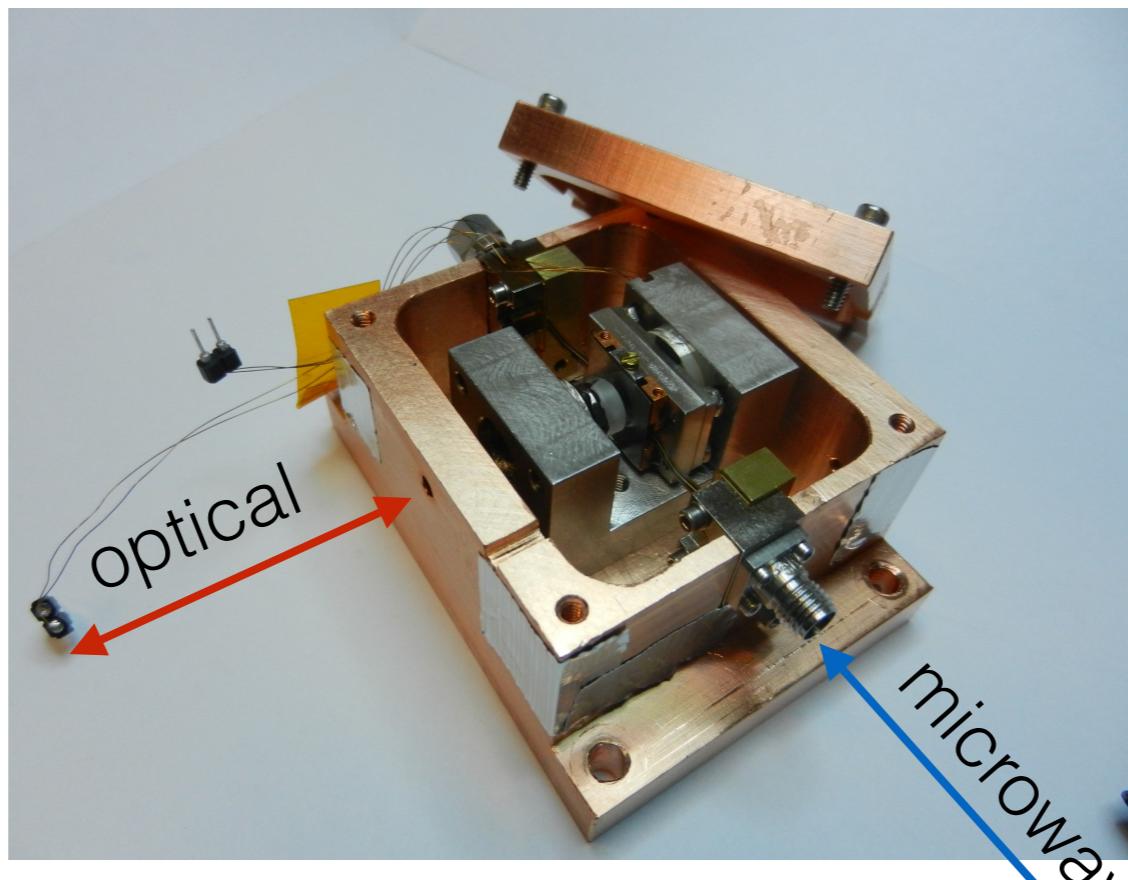


# Microwave-mechanical-optical setup

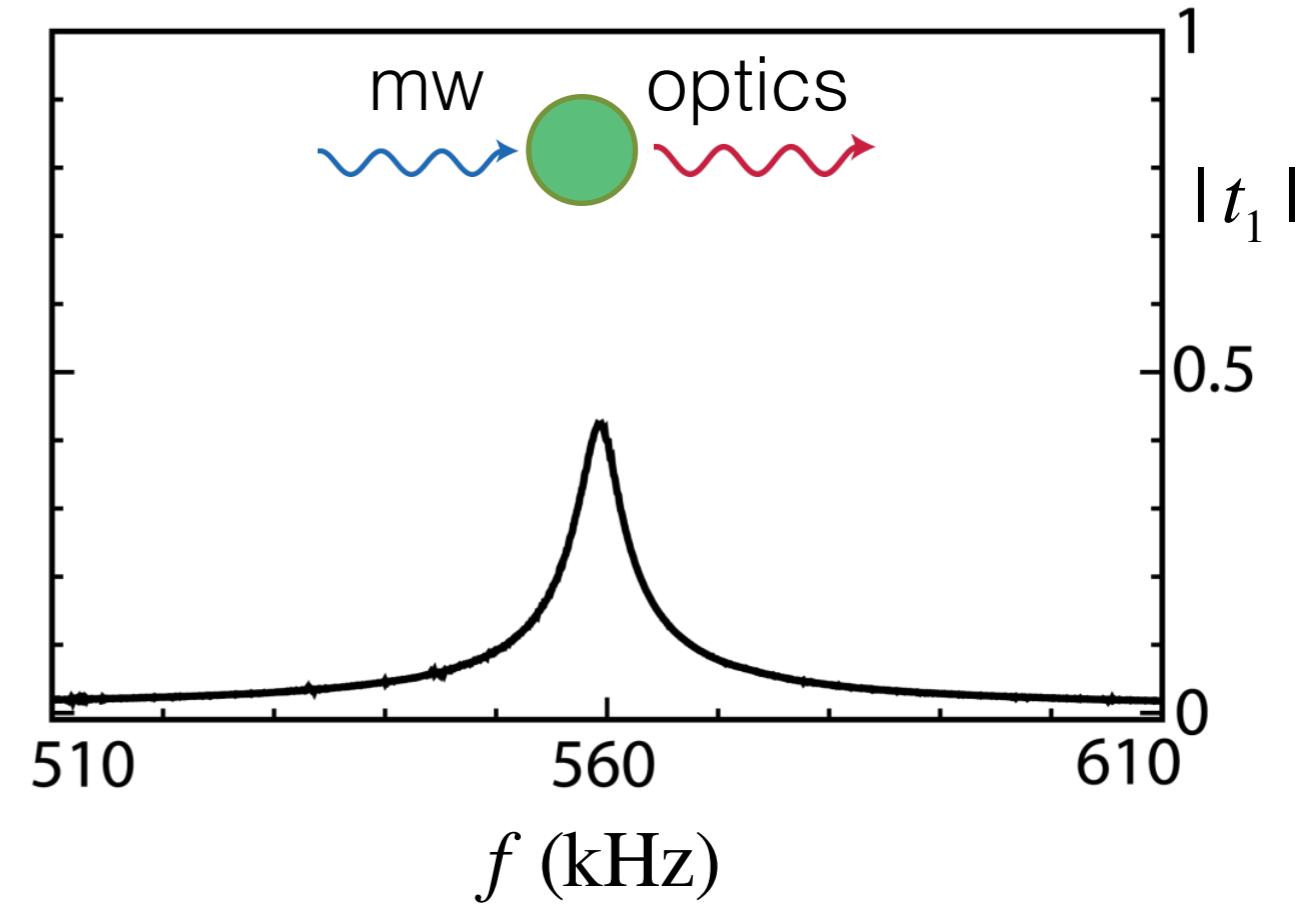
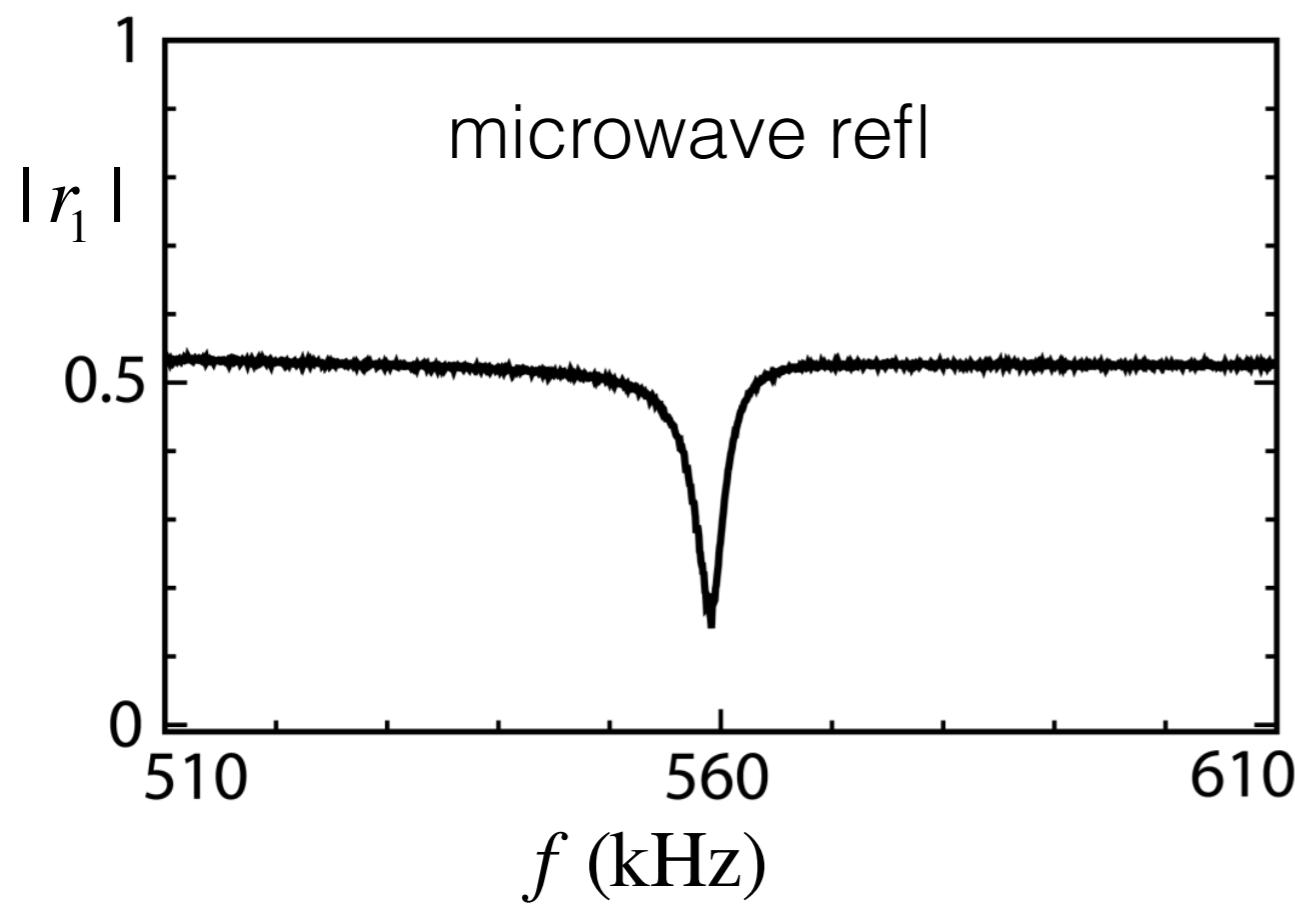
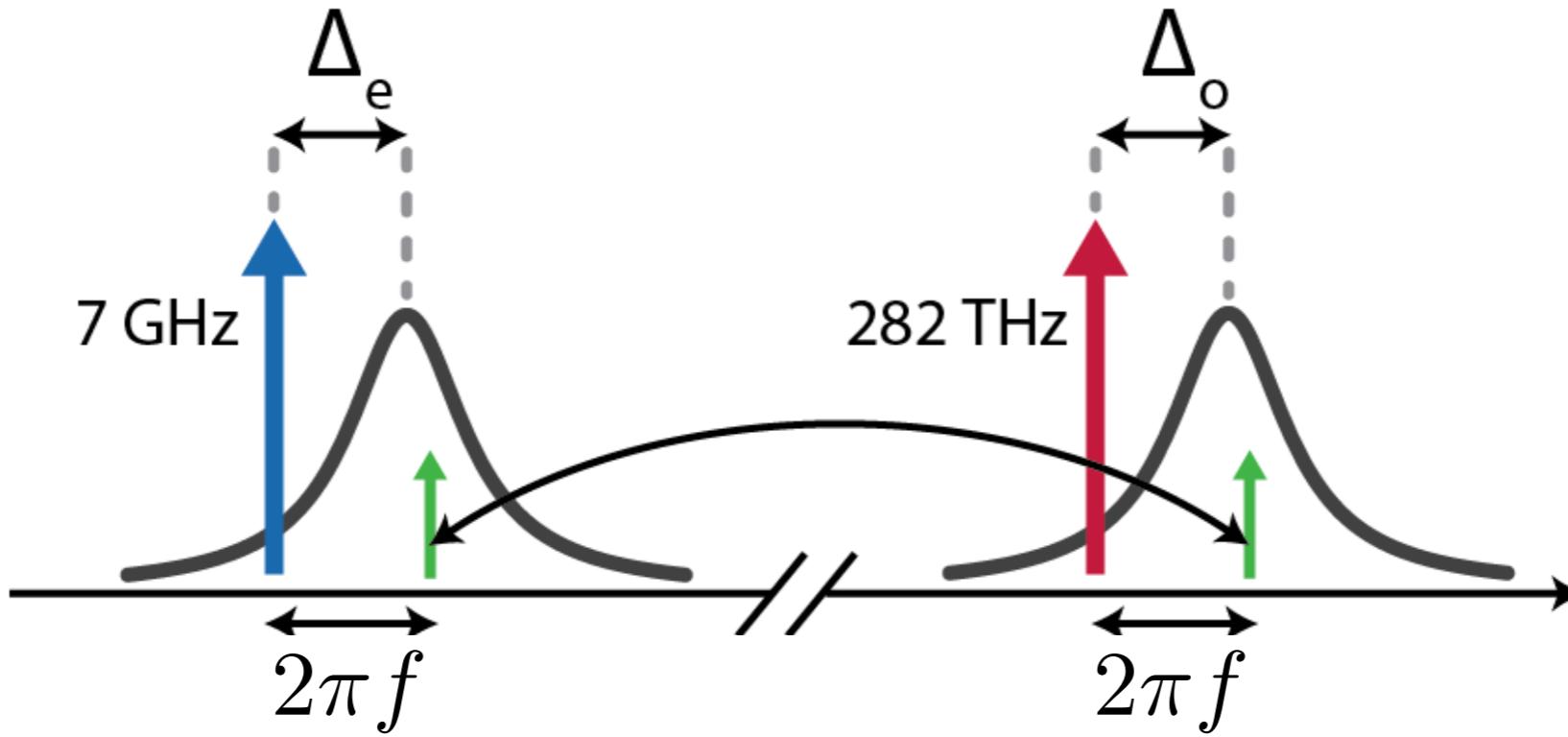
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# Classical network analysis

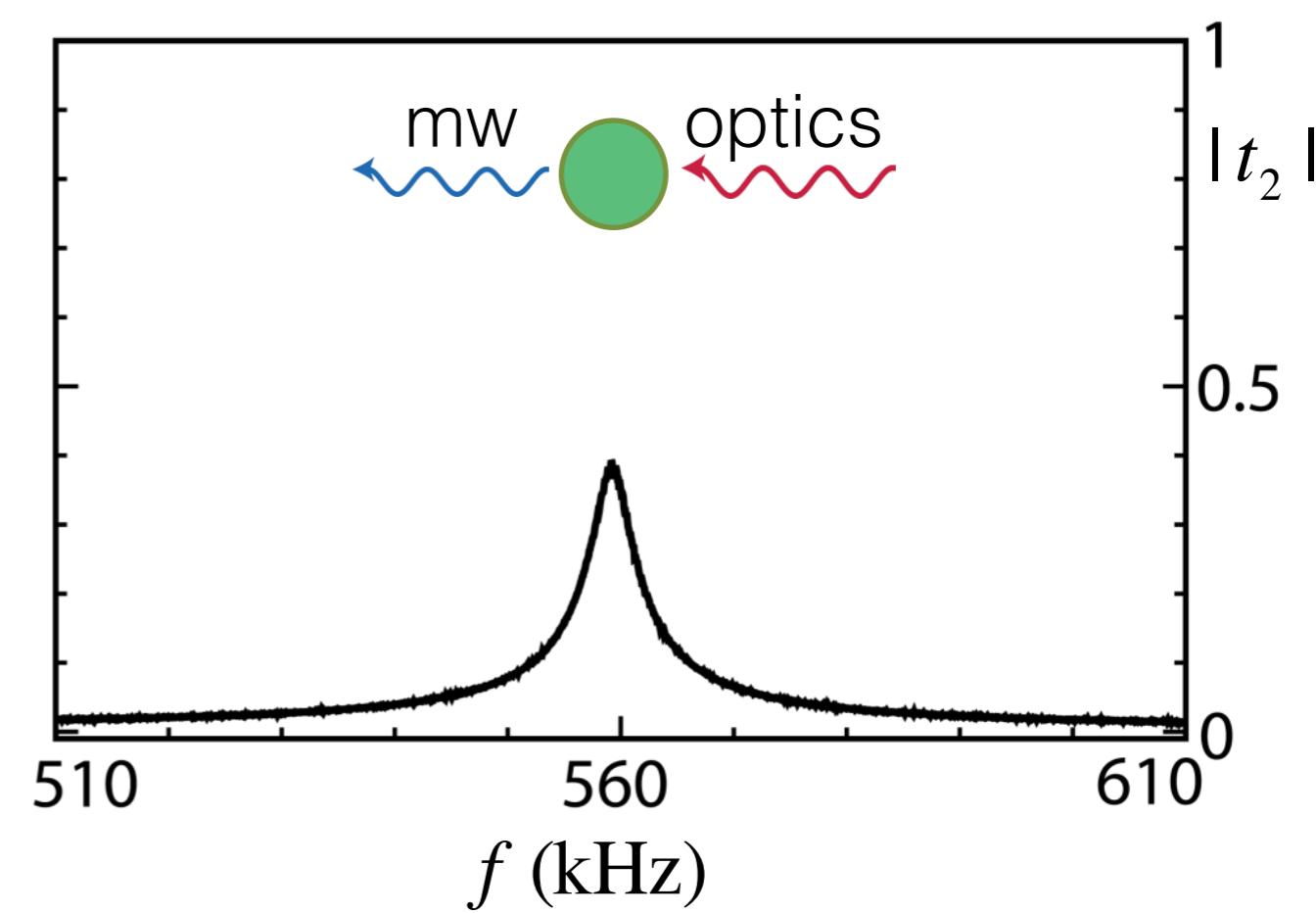
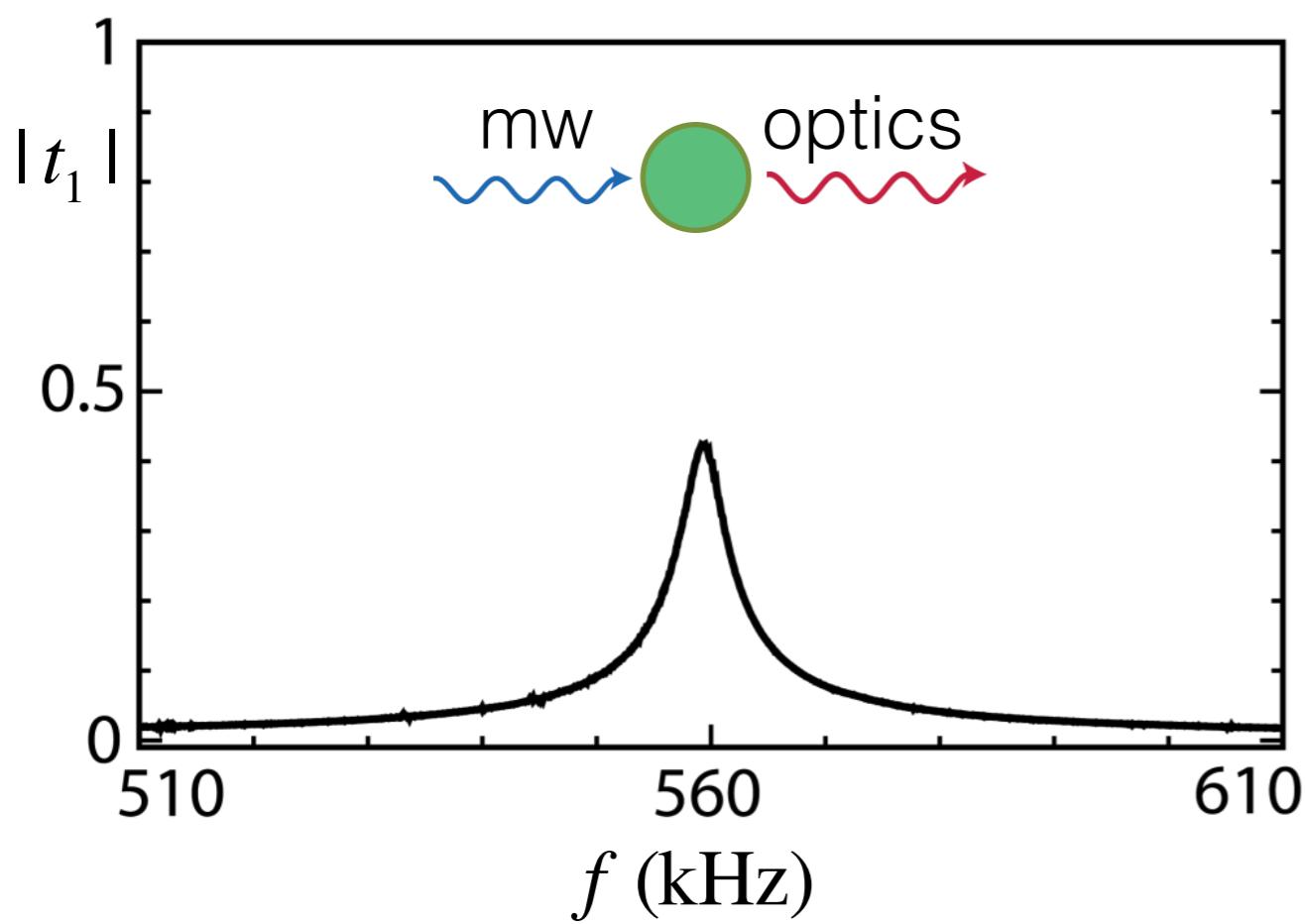
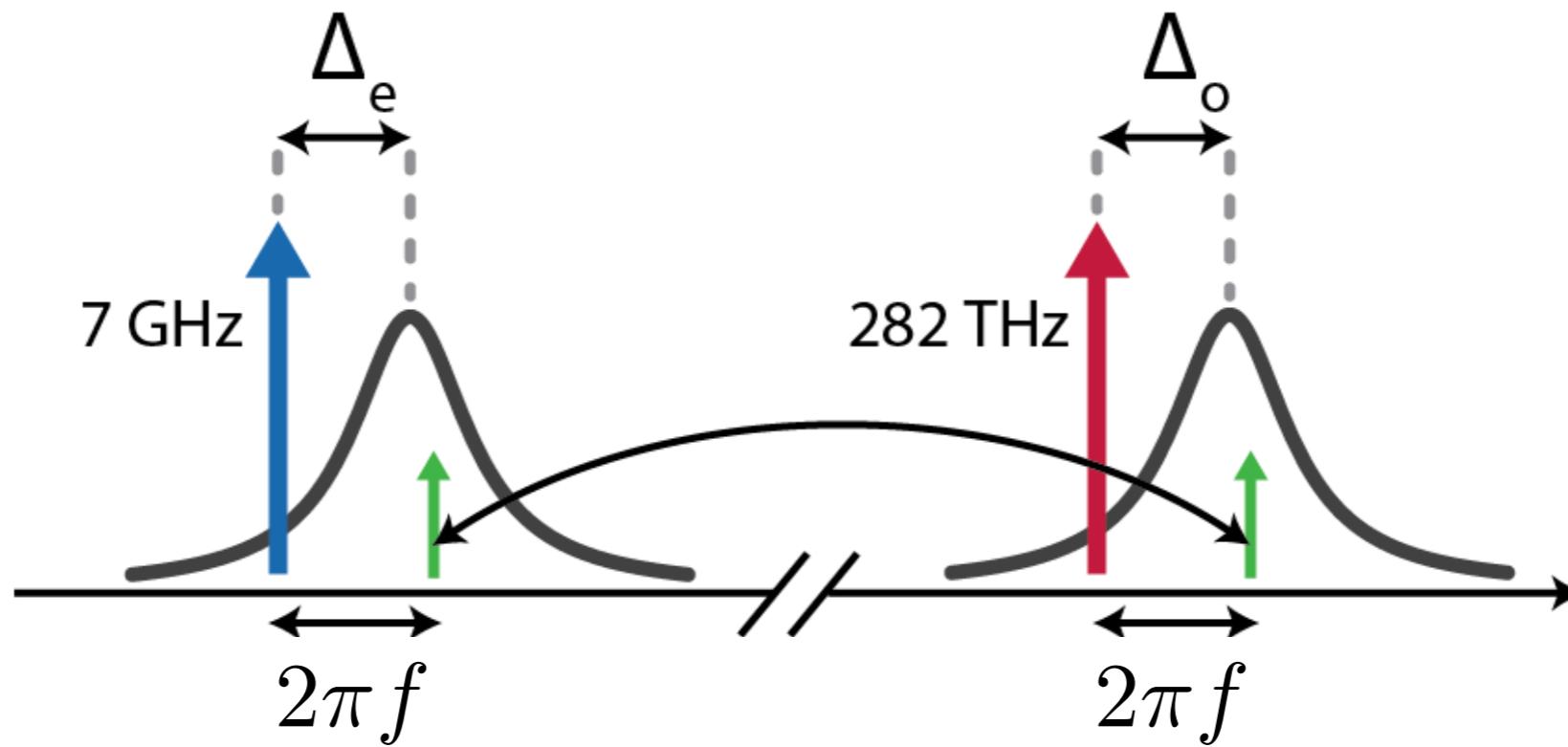


# Microwave to optical conversion

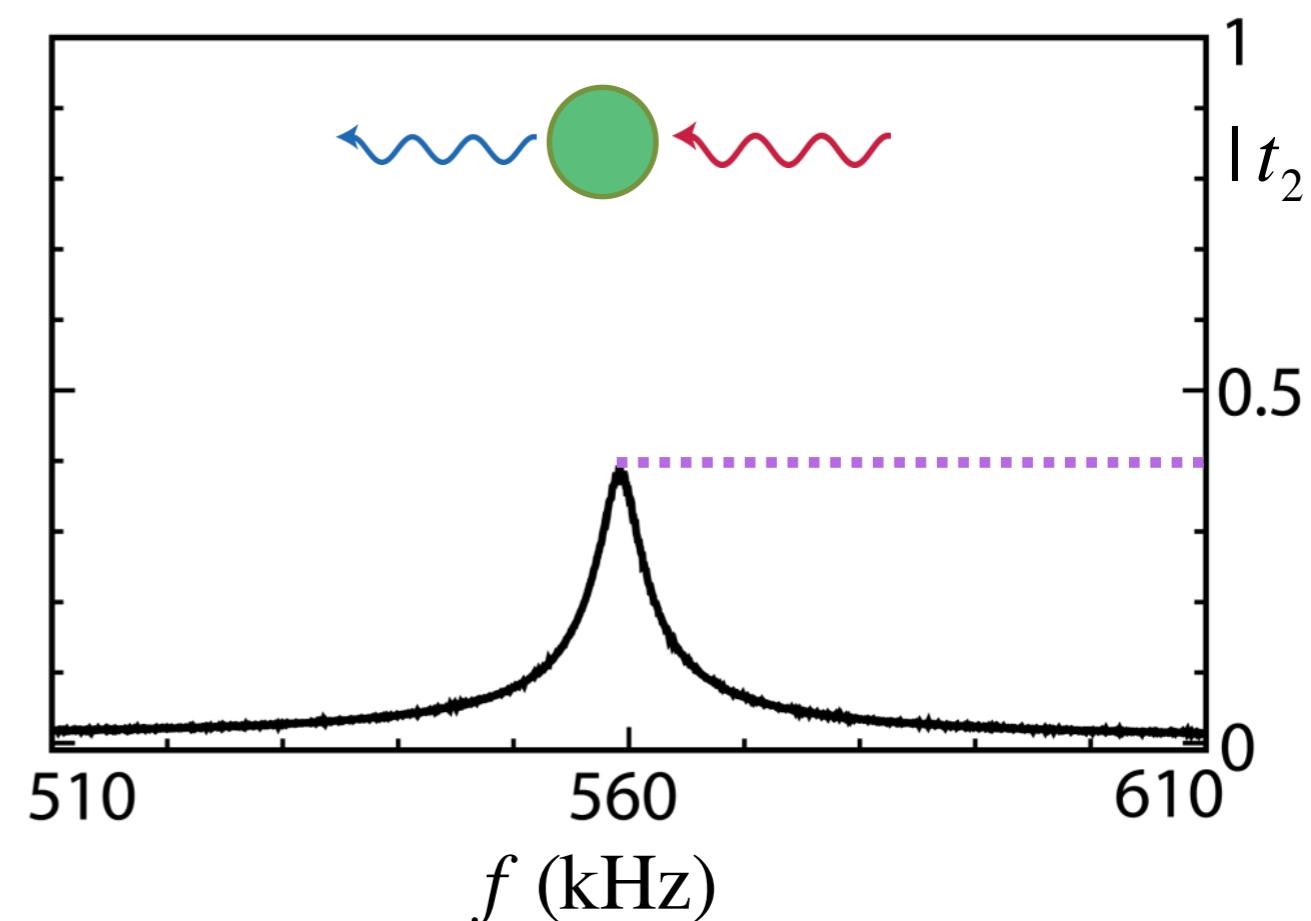
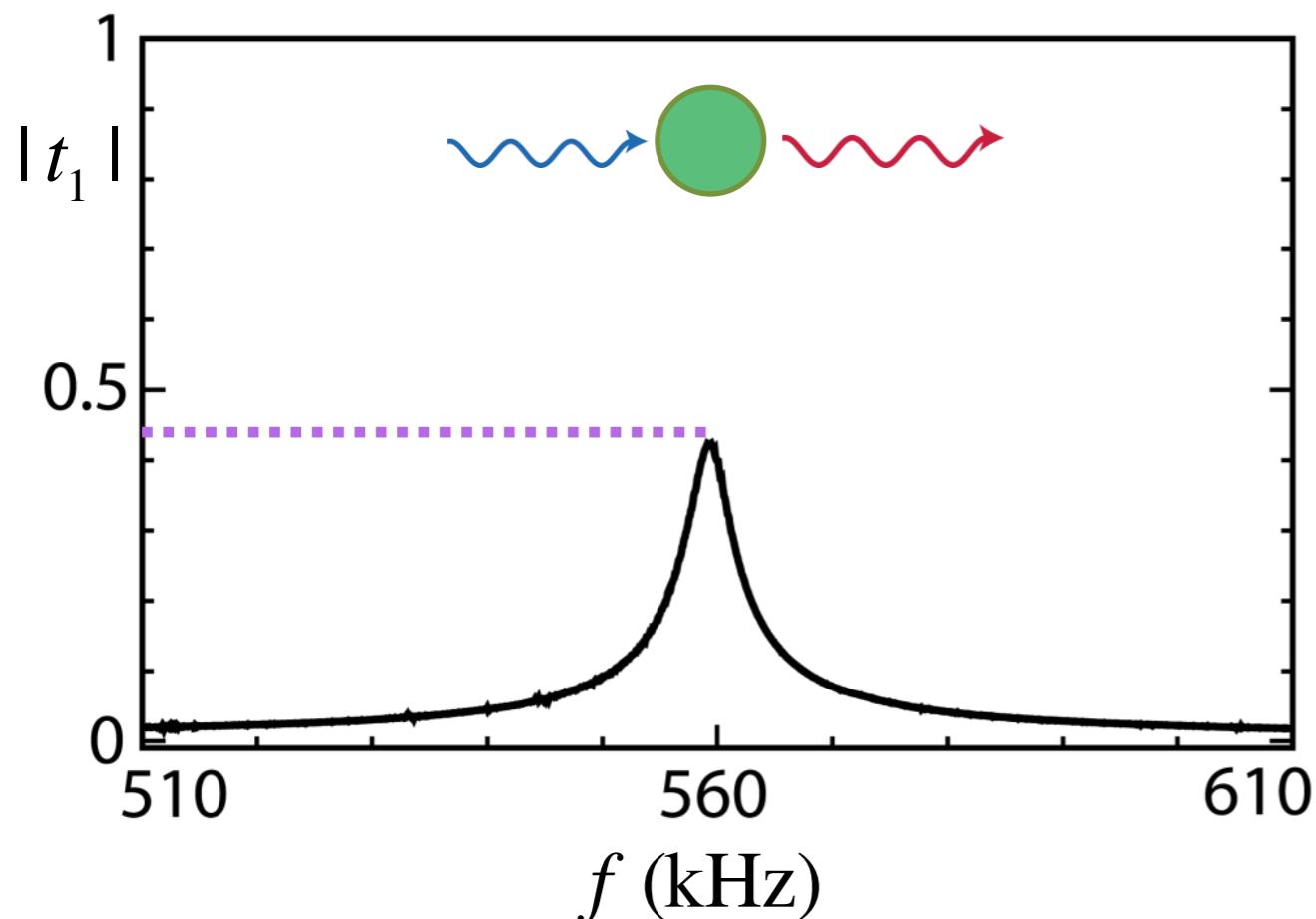


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# Bidirectional conversion



# Transfer efficiency

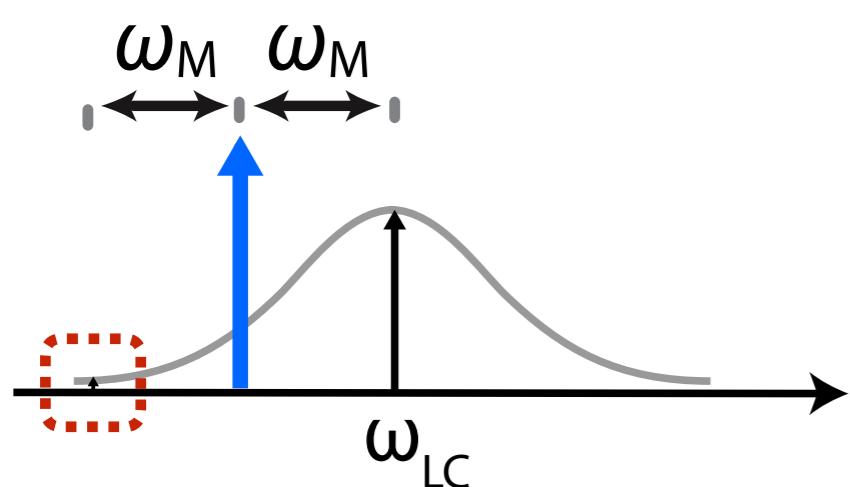


apparent efficiency:  $|t_1 t_2| = 0.18$

total gain:

$$\left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\kappa_e}{4\omega_m} \right)^2 \right] \times \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\kappa_o}{4\omega_m} \right)^2 \right]$$

efficiency:  $\frac{|t_1 t_2|}{\text{Gain}} = 8\%$

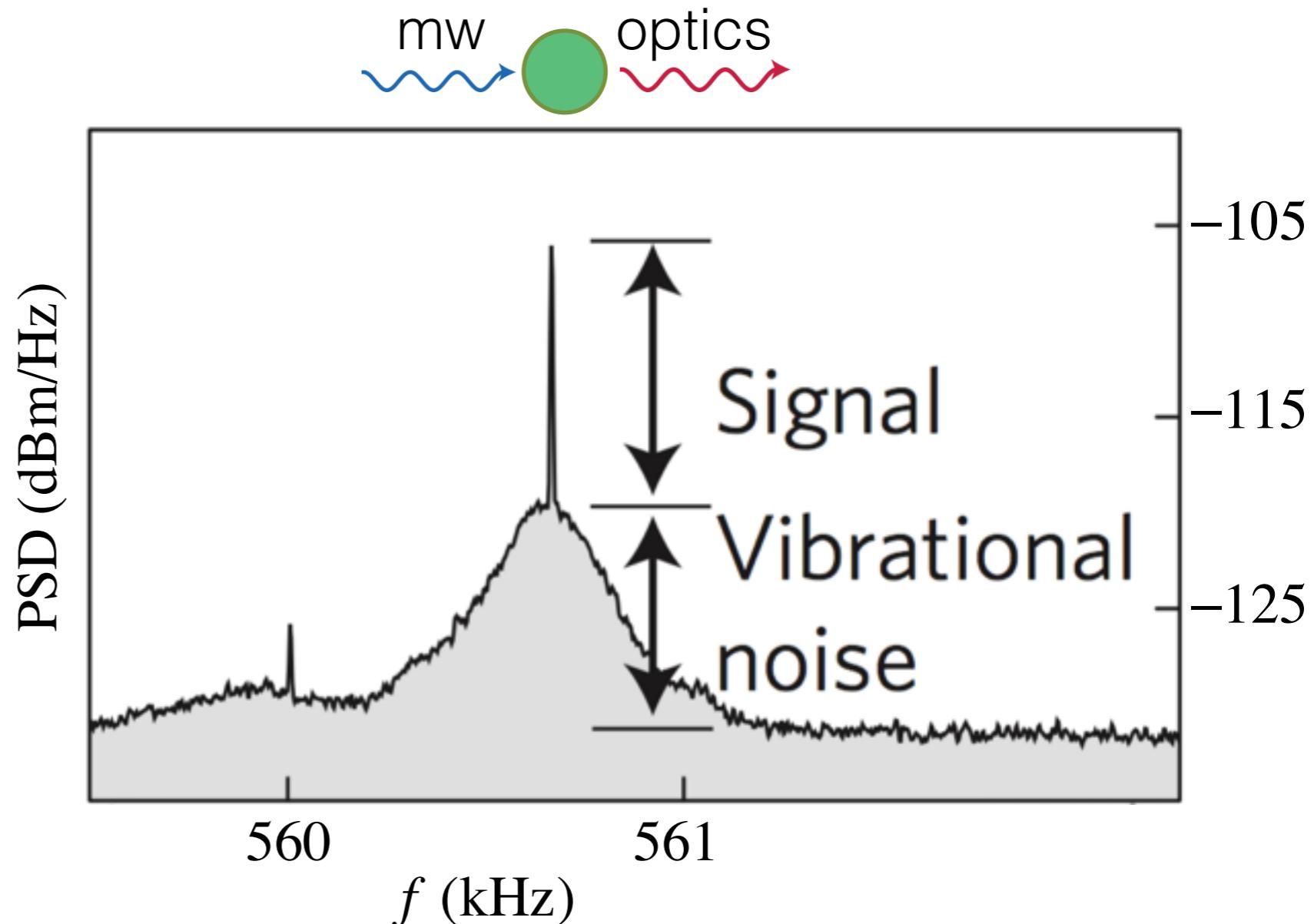


# Added noise

best-case added noise:

$$\frac{n_{\text{th}} \gamma_m}{\Gamma_{\text{eo}}} \sim 20 \text{ phonons}$$

at  $T = 4 \text{ K}$

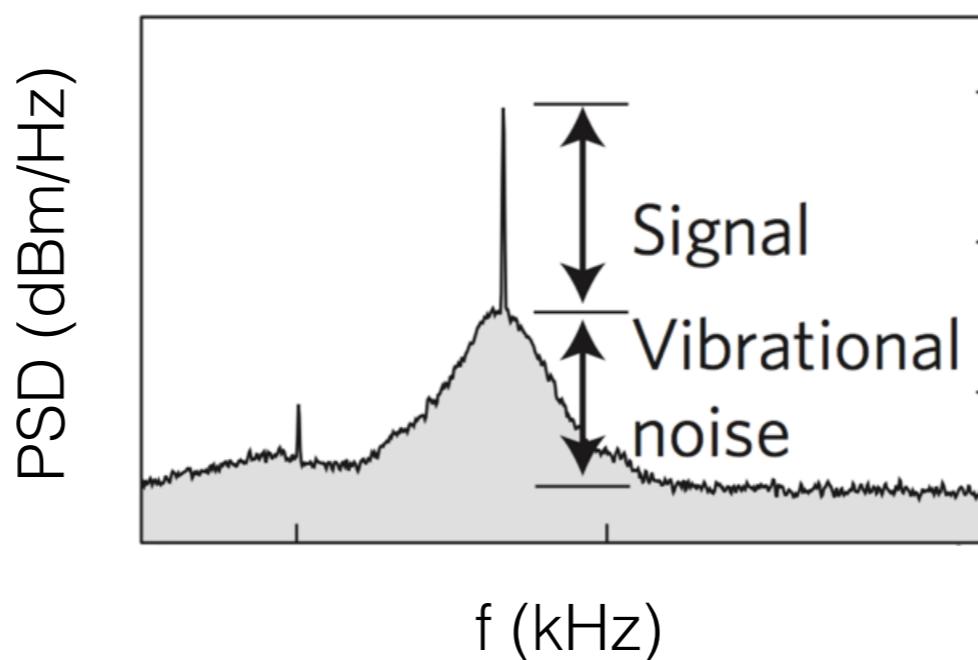


# Added noise dominated by mechanics

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## Added noise accounting:

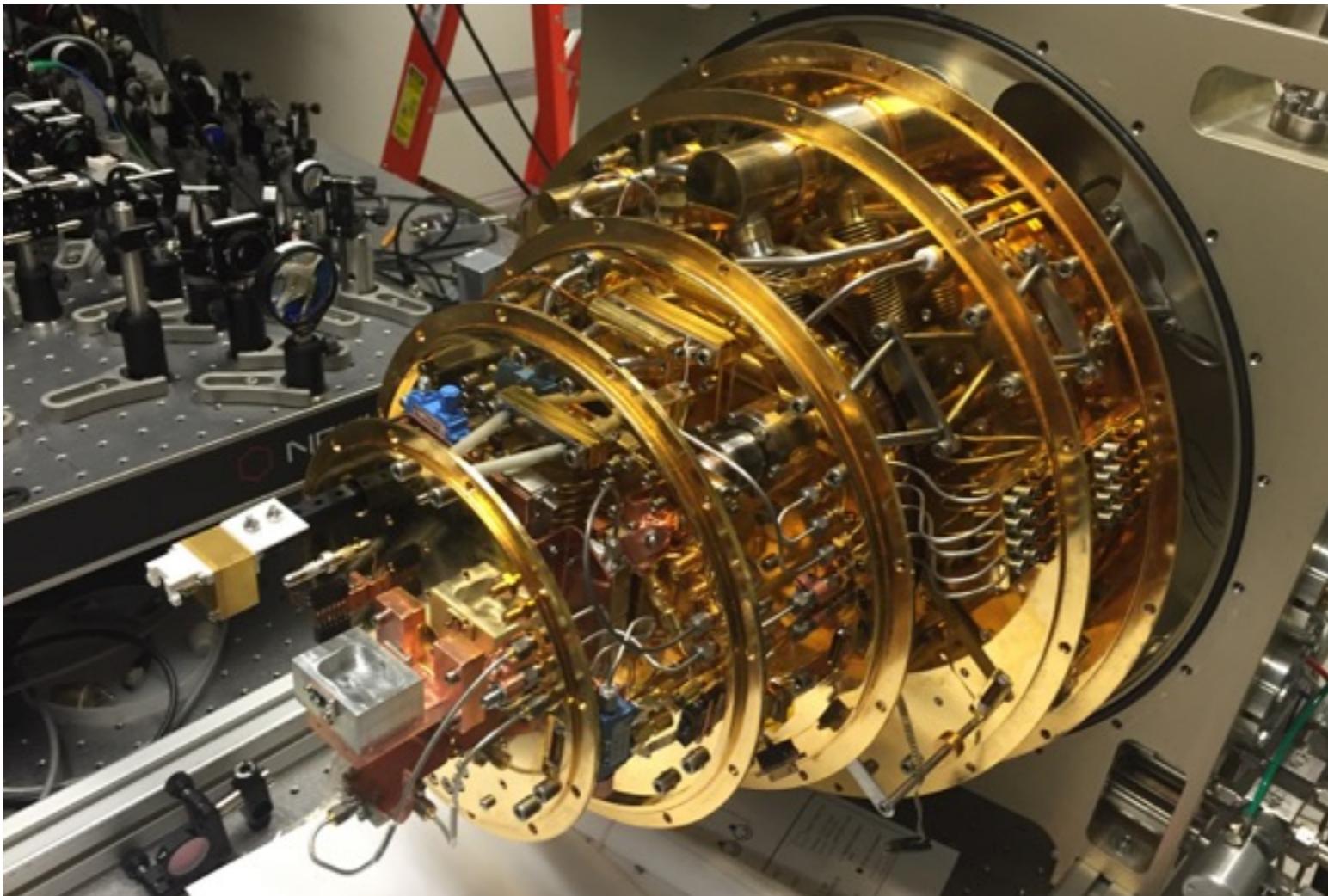
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Opt. sideband: 0.5} \\ \text{Microwave sideband: 0.5} \\ + \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Mechanics: 20} \\ \hline \text{Overall: 21 quanta} \end{array}$$



# To reduce added noise, move to a dilution refrigerator

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$$\frac{n_{\text{th}} \gamma_m}{\Gamma_{\text{eo}}} \sim 20 \text{ phonons} \quad \text{at } T = 4 \text{ K} \quad n_{\text{th}} \sim \frac{k T}{\hbar \omega}$$



$$\frac{n_{\text{th}} \gamma_m}{\Gamma_{\text{eo}}} \sim 0.1 \text{ phonons} \quad \text{at } T = 100 \text{ mK}$$

# Inefficiency dominated by optical cavity

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## Efficiency accounting:

Optical cavity loss: 0.23

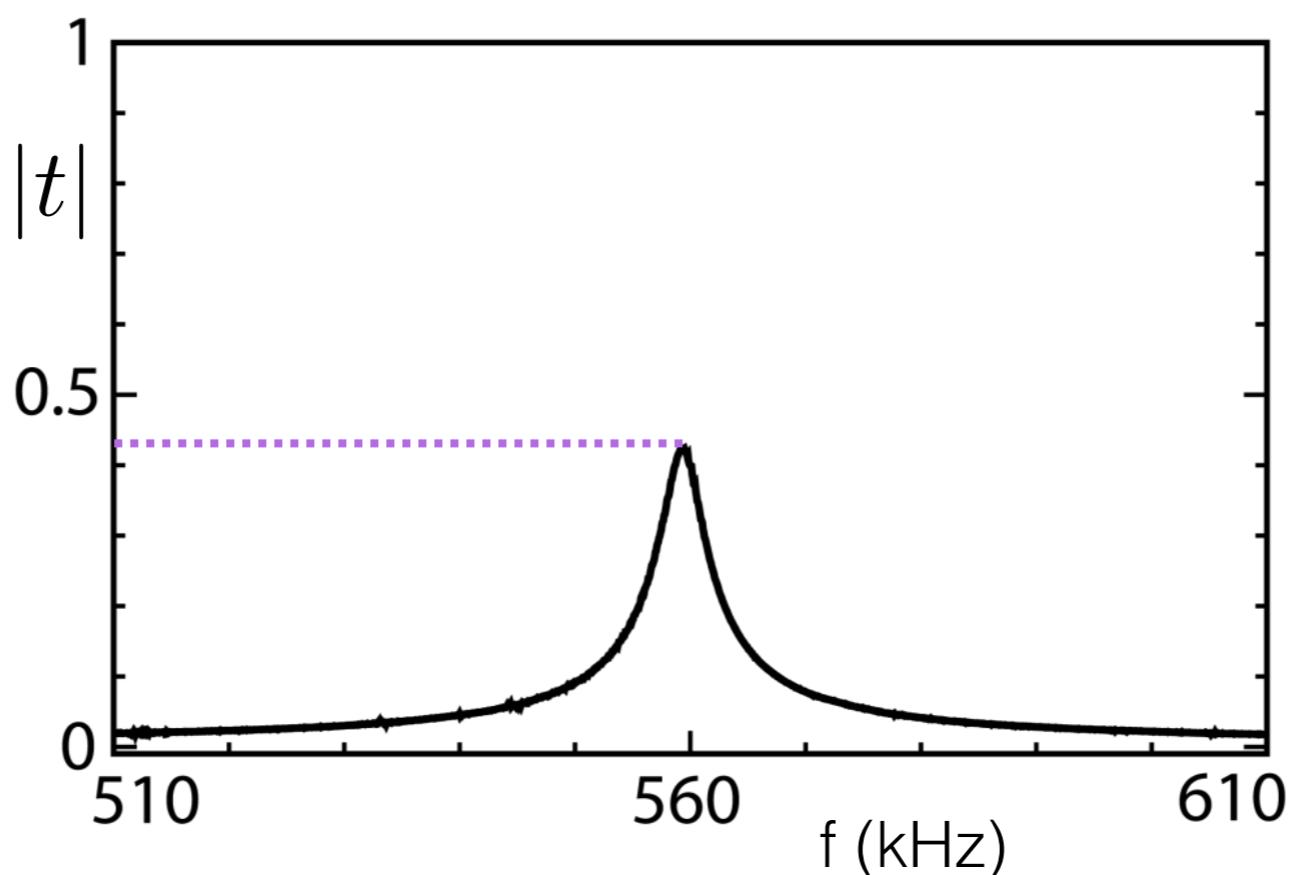
Opt. modematching: 0.5

Microwave loss: 0.76

X Mechanical loss: 0.9998

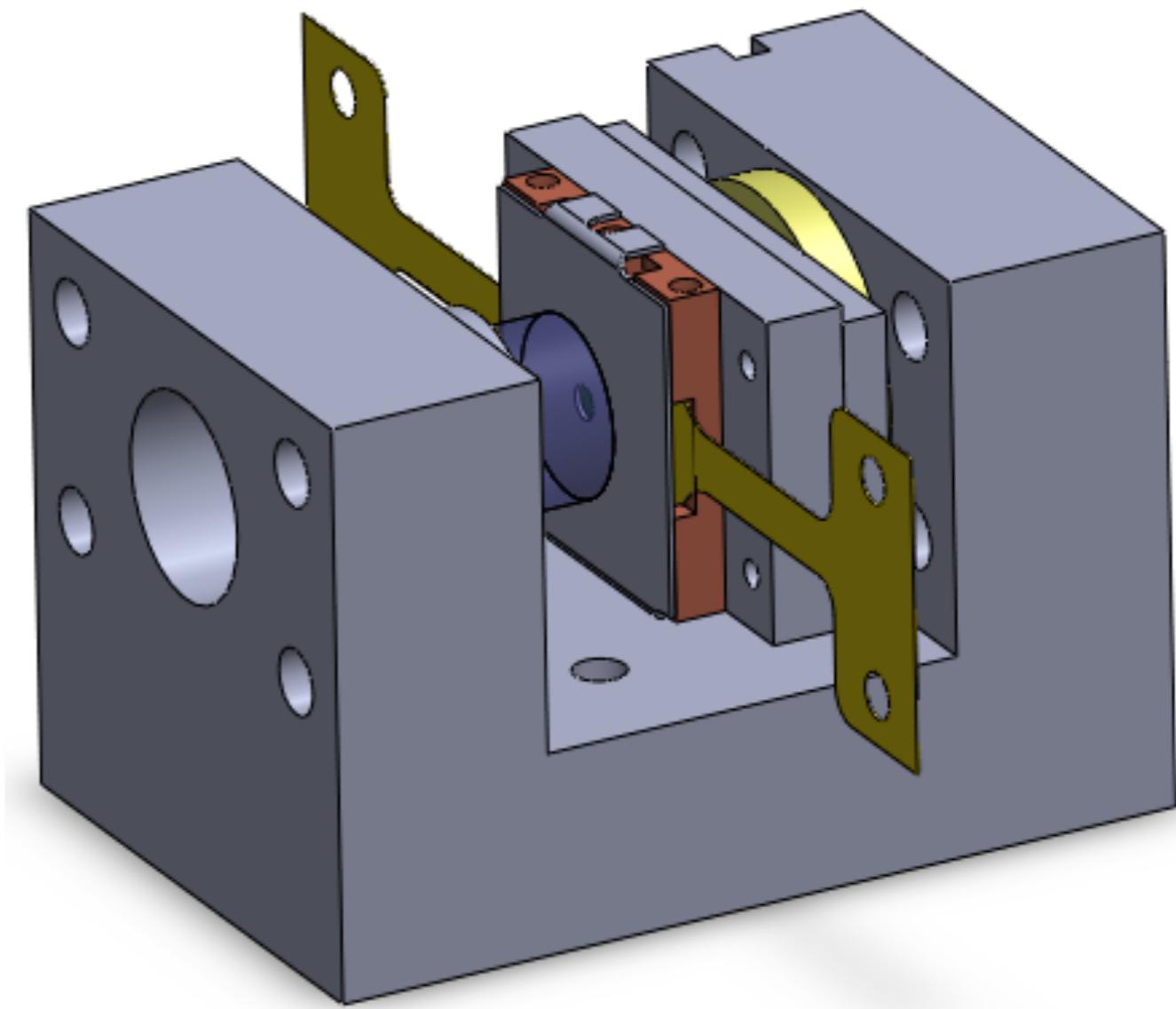
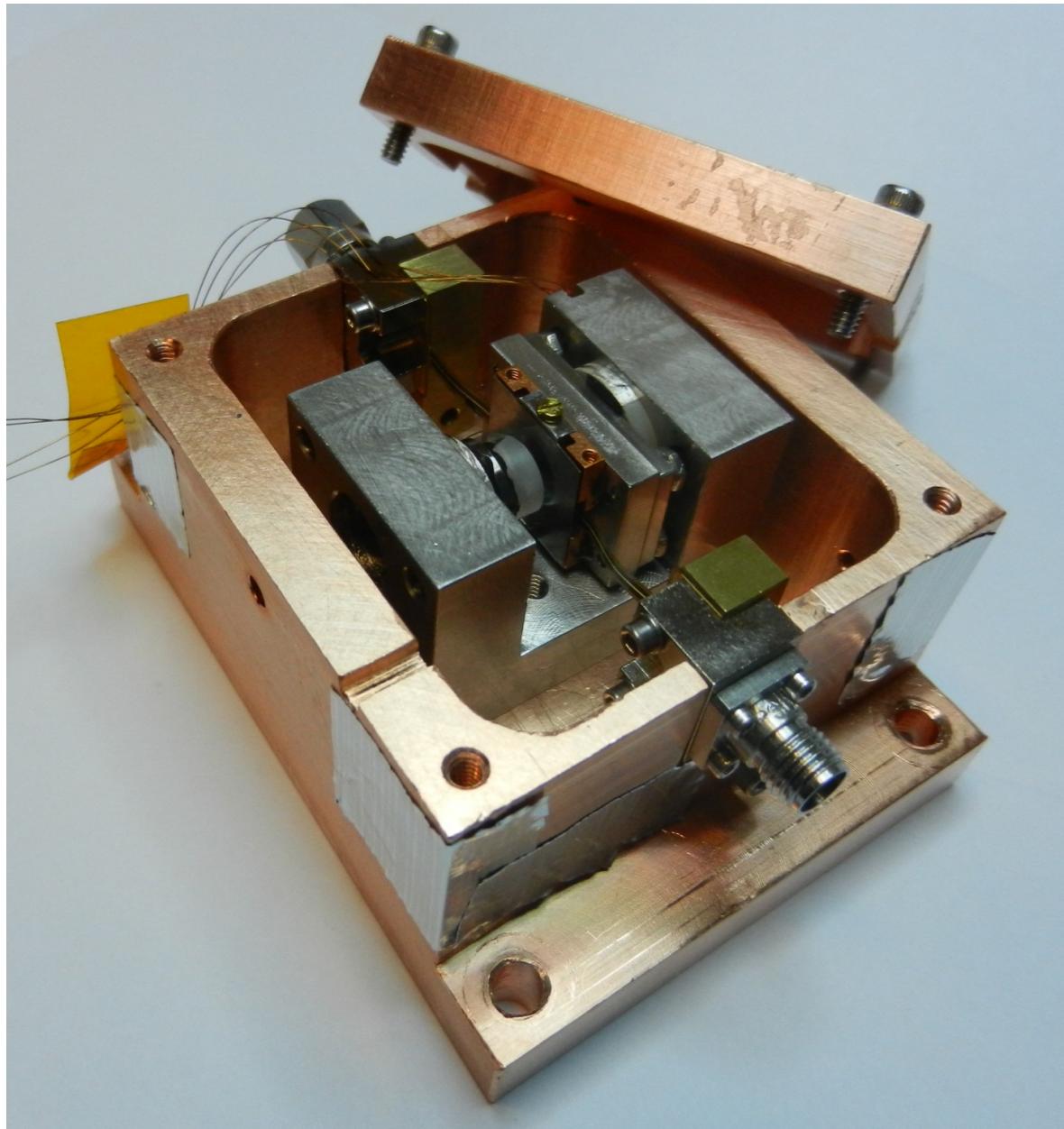
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Overall efficiency: 8.7%



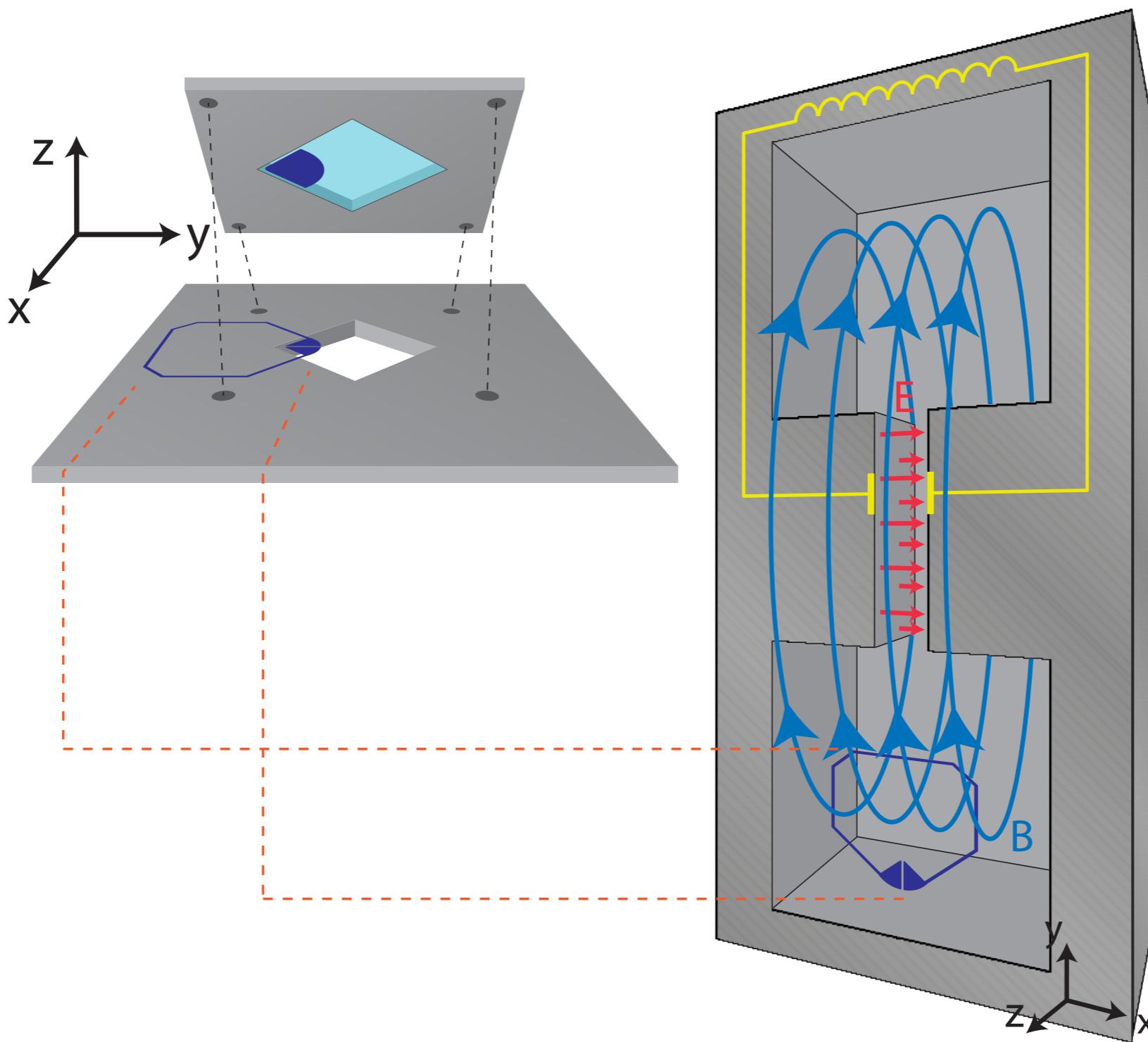
# Microwave wiring likely misaligns optical cavity, leading to loss

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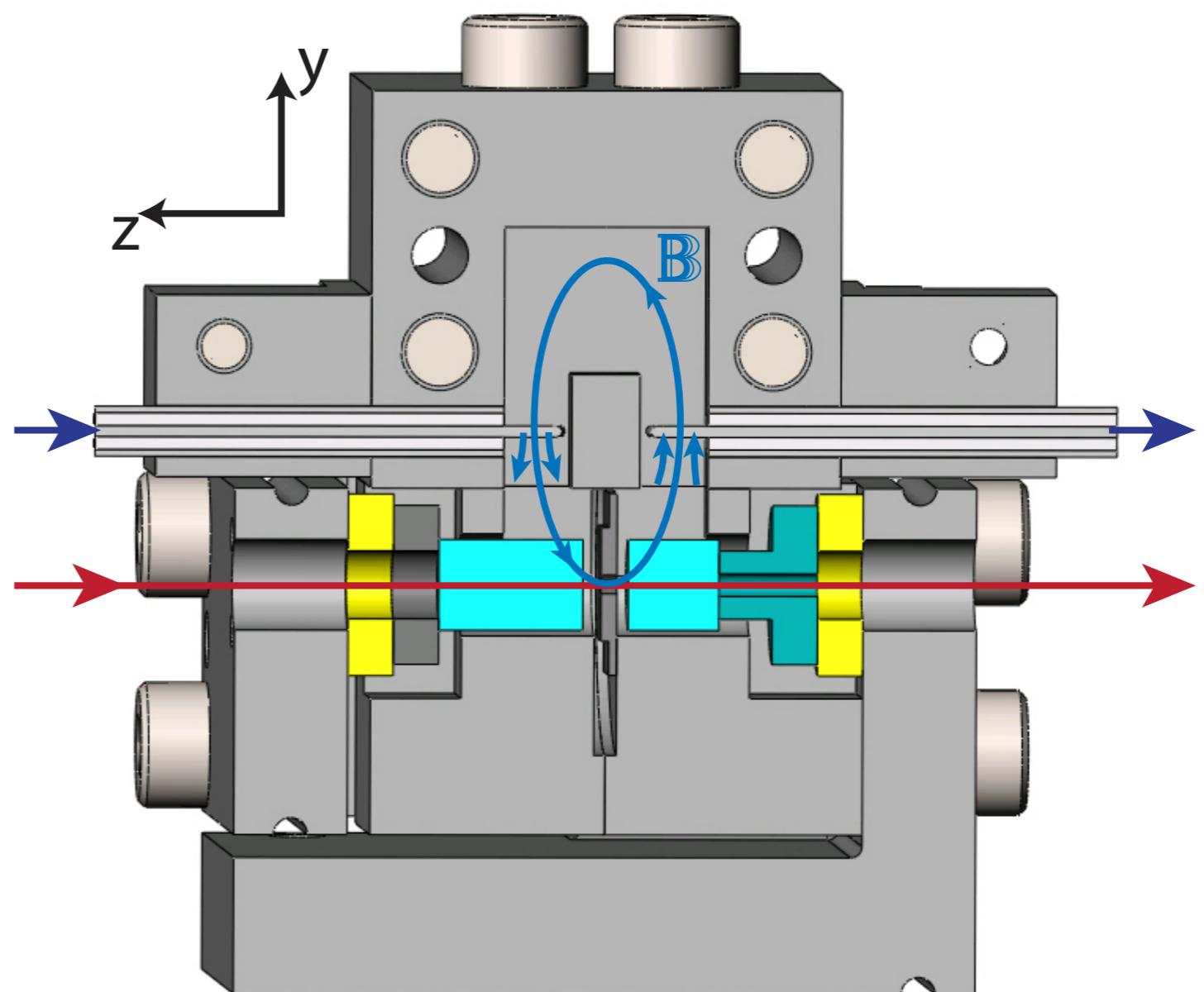
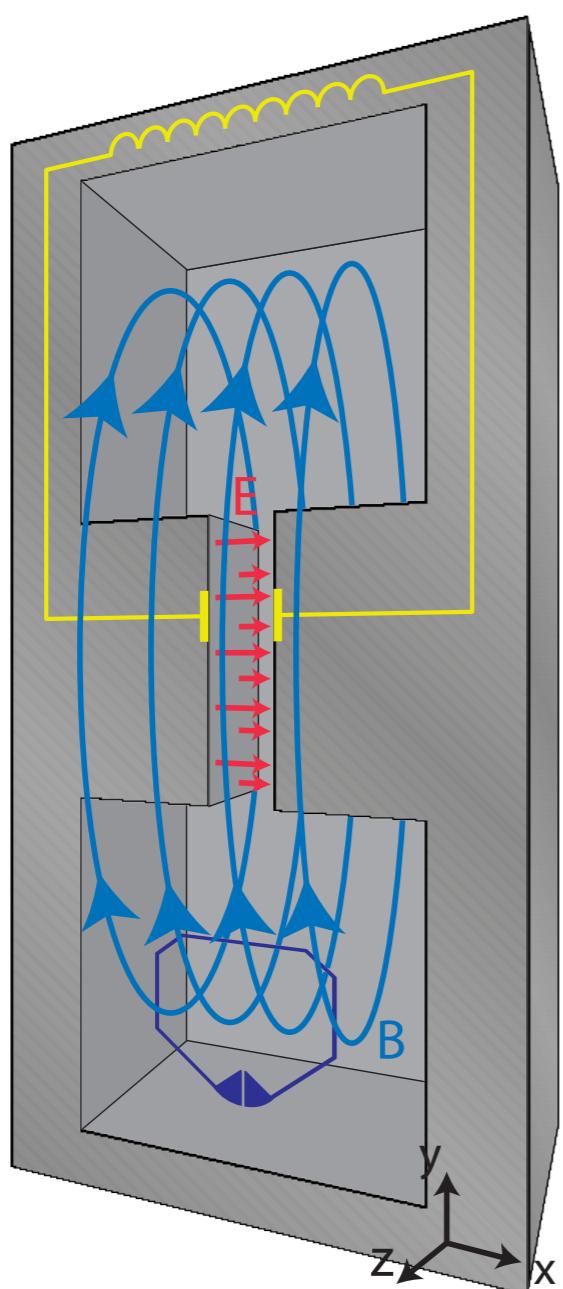
# Wireless approach to microwave coupling

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# Adding an optical port

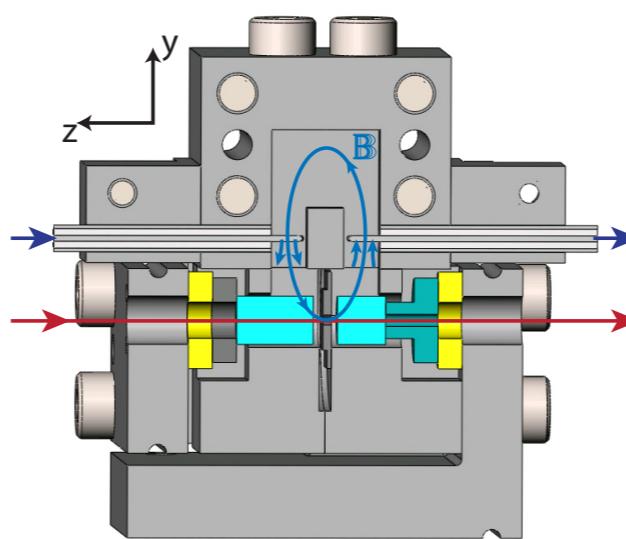
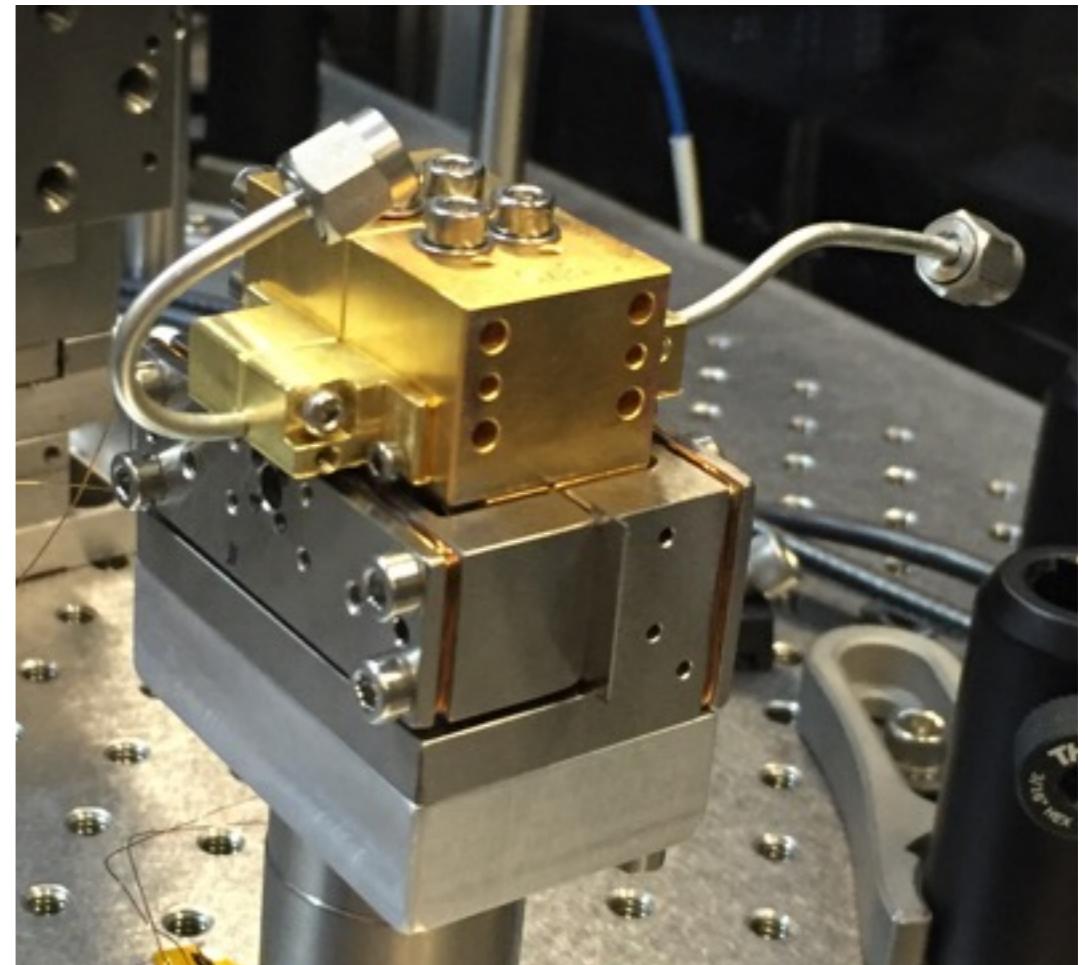
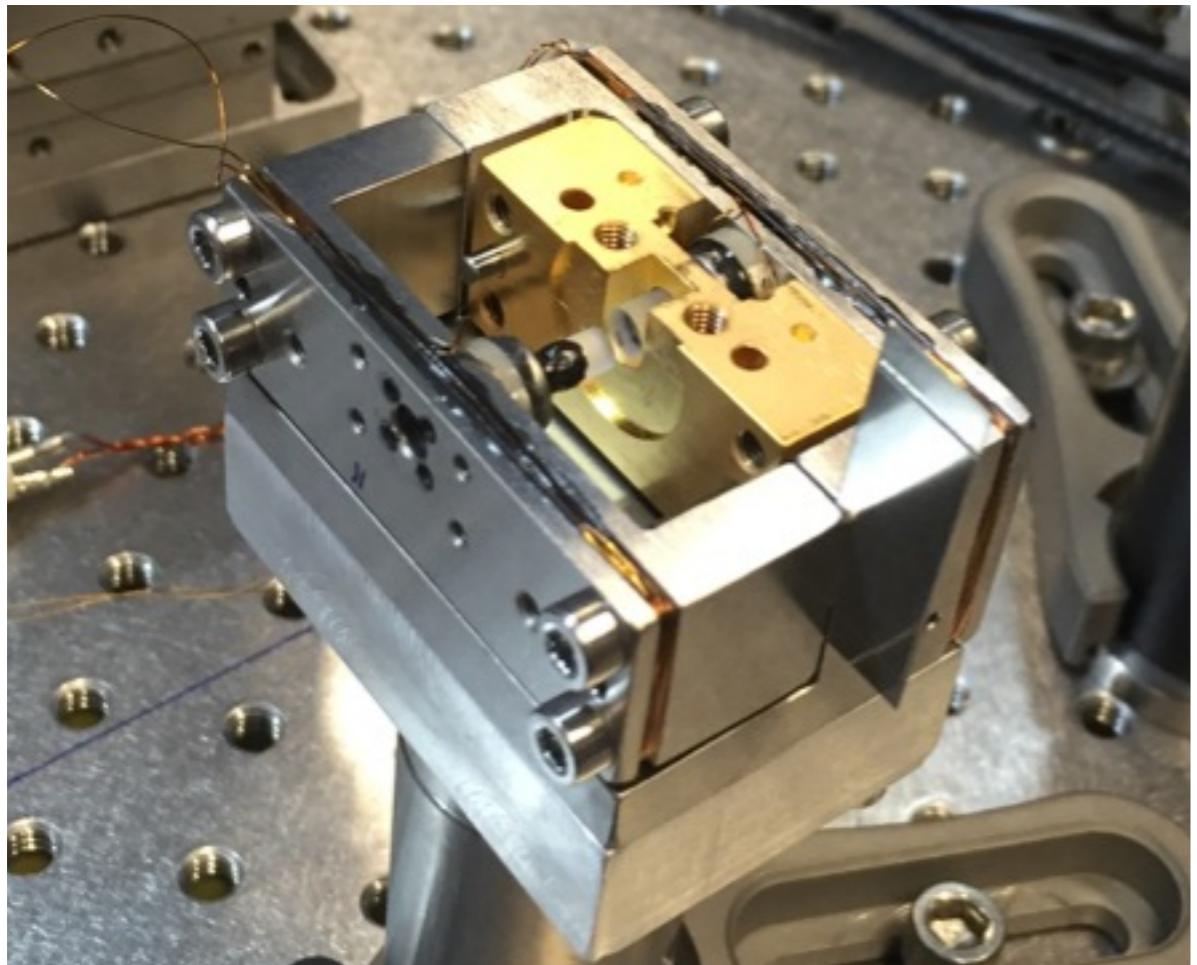
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cavity-lc coupling efficiency: 0.9

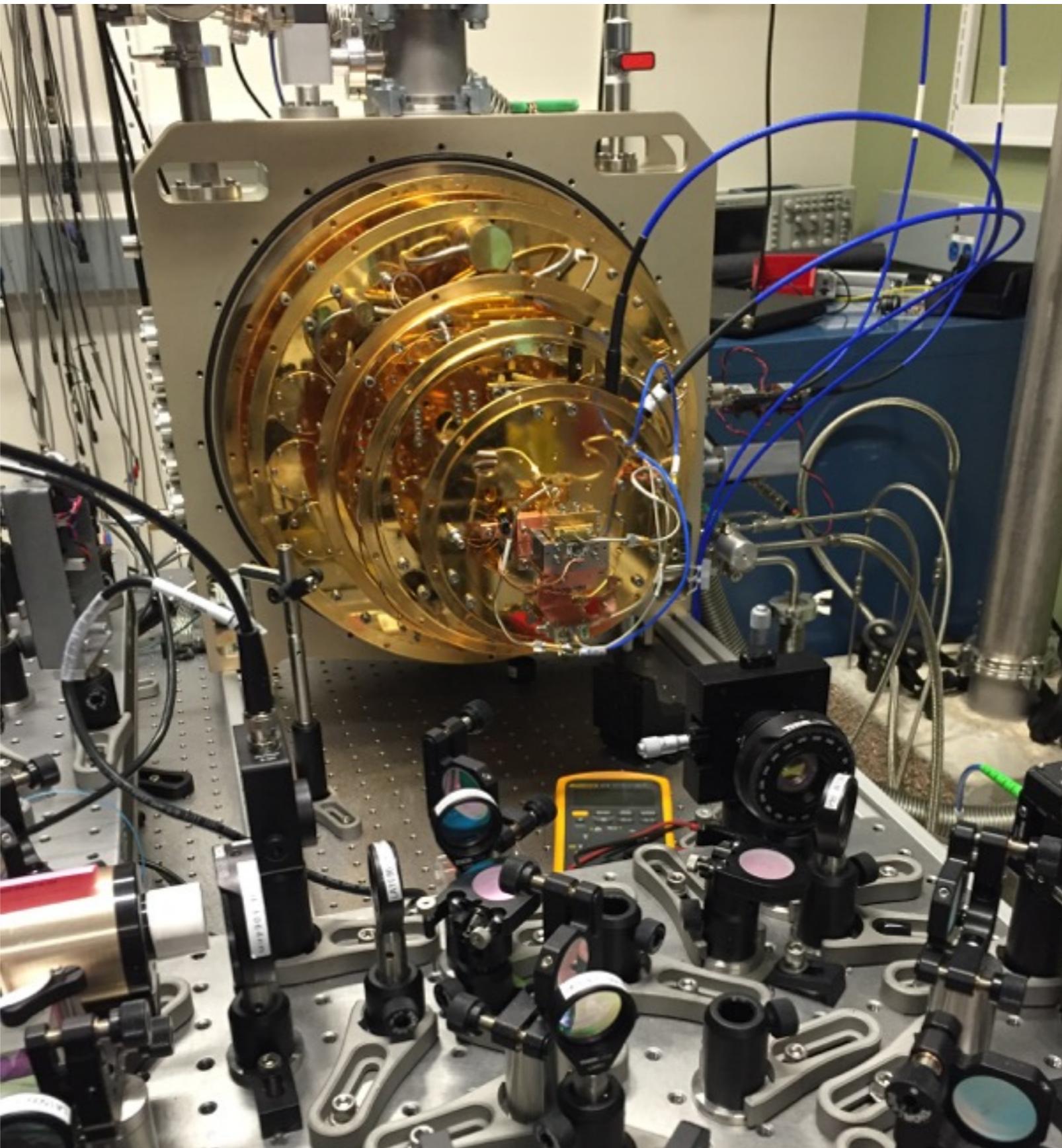
# Assembling the converter

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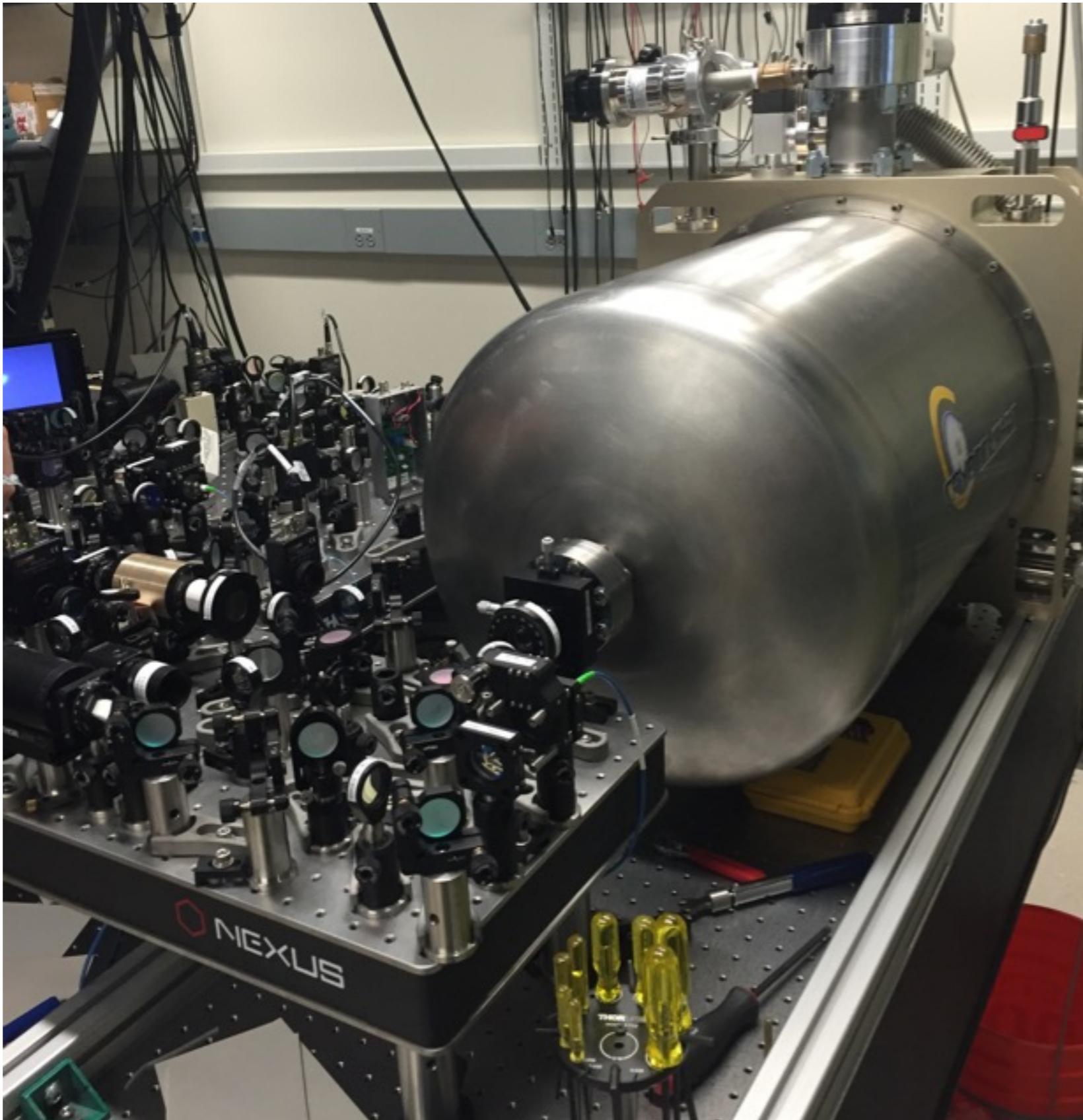
# Converter in the cryostat

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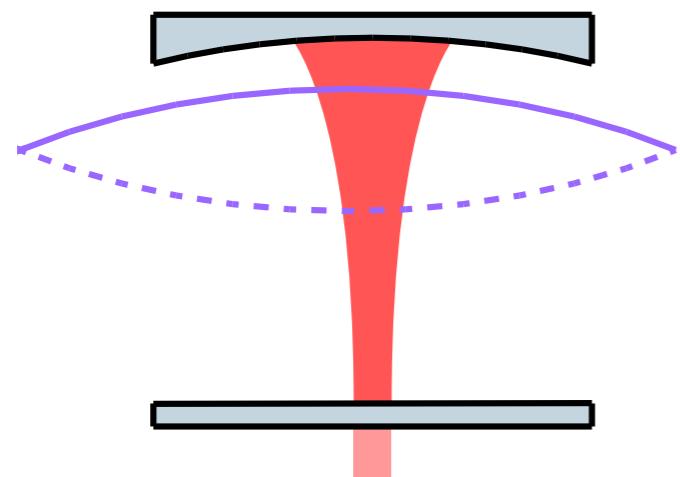


Cold!

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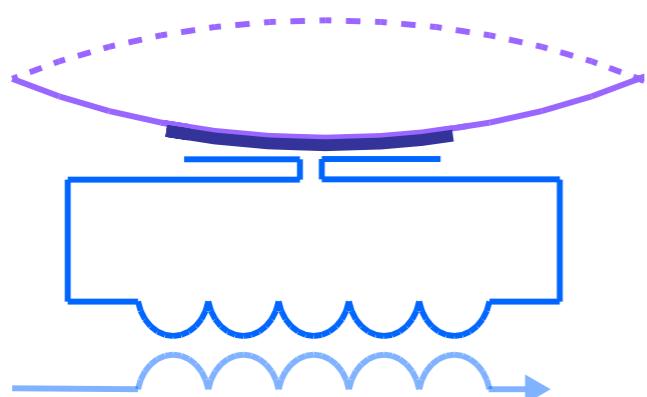
# System parameters at 100 mK



optical linewidth:  $\kappa_o = 2\pi 1.8 \text{ MHz}$

optical efficiency: 
$$\eta_o = \frac{\kappa_{o,\text{ext}}}{\kappa_o} = 0.7$$

optical mode-matching:  $\epsilon = ?$

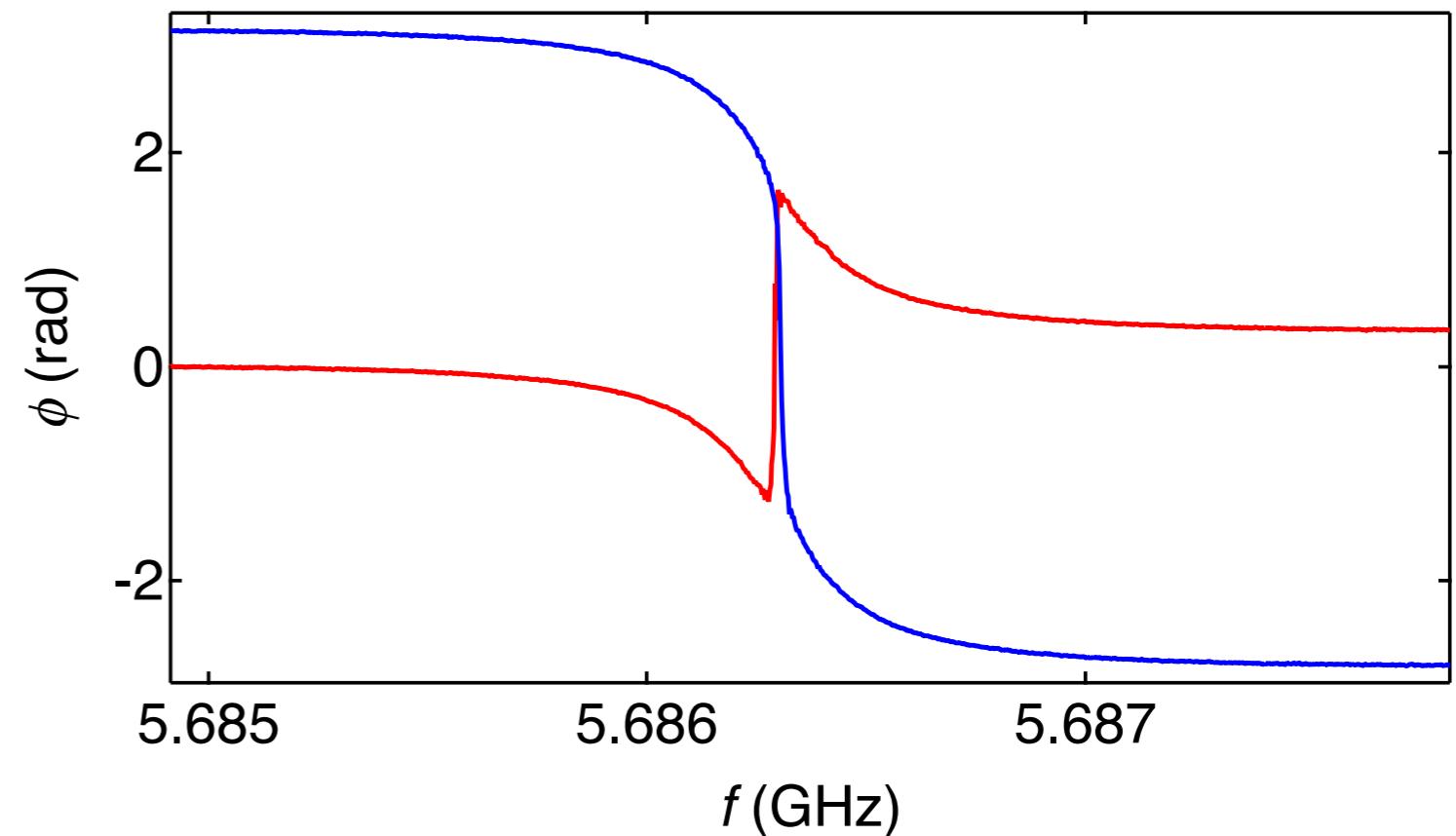
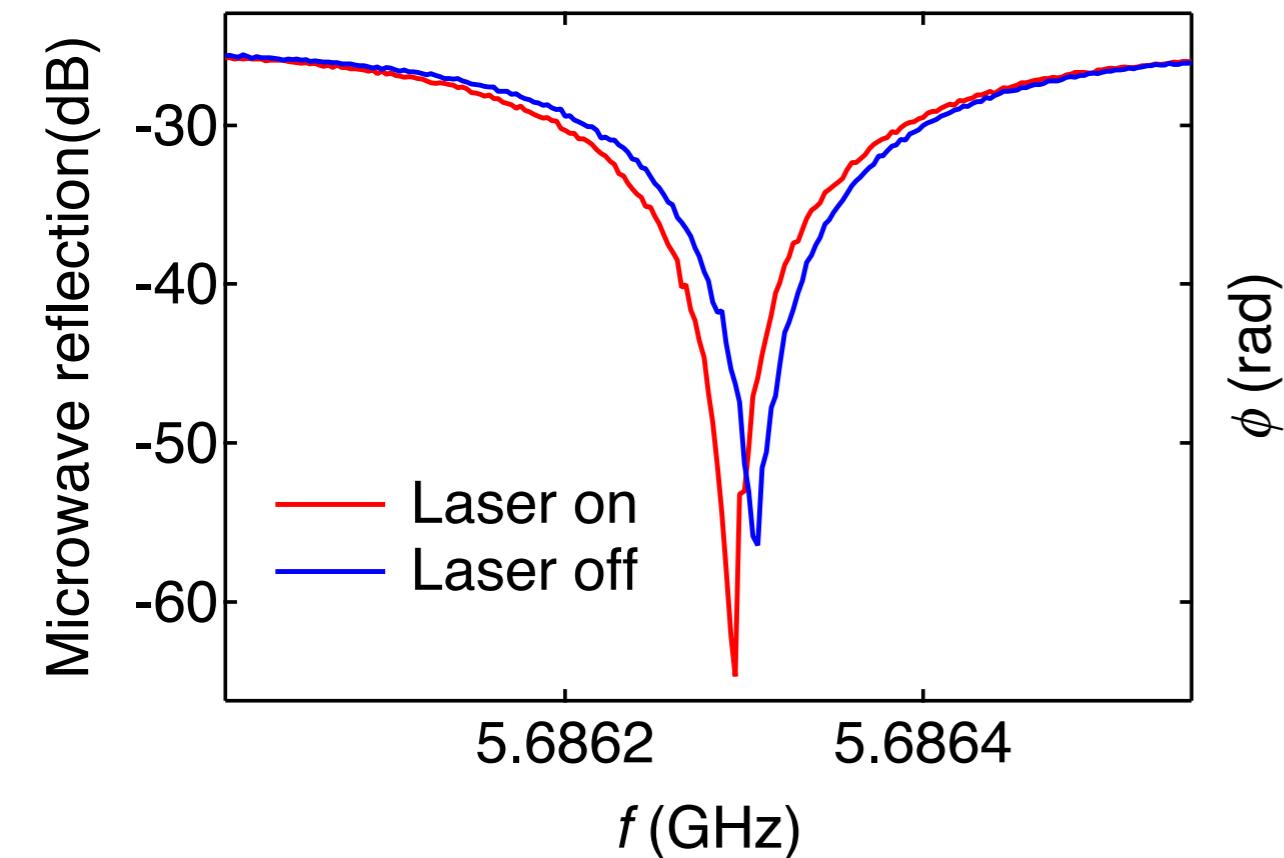
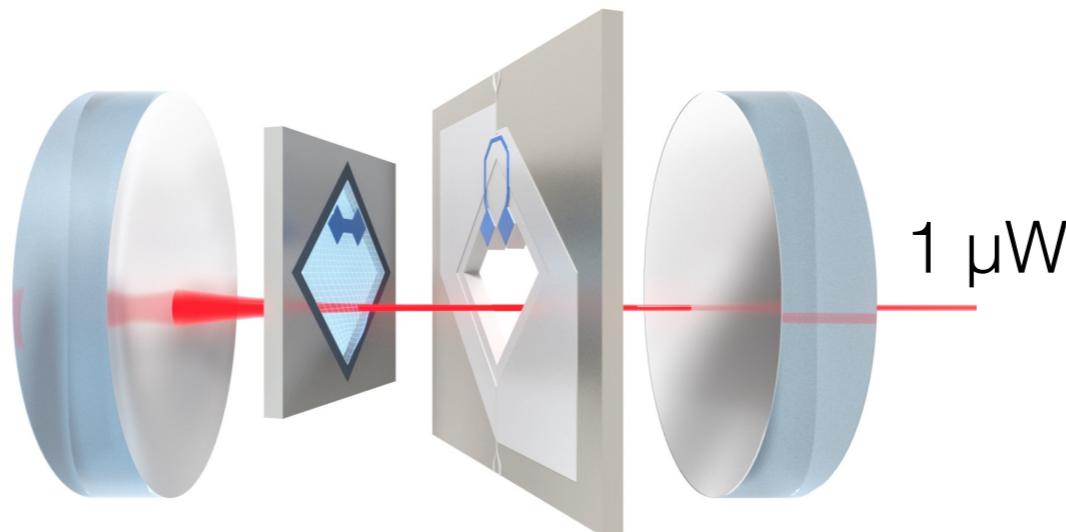


microwave linewidth:  $\kappa_e = 2\pi 0.3 \text{ MHz}$

microwave efficiency: 
$$\eta_e = \frac{\kappa_{e,\text{ext}}}{\kappa_e} = 0.5$$

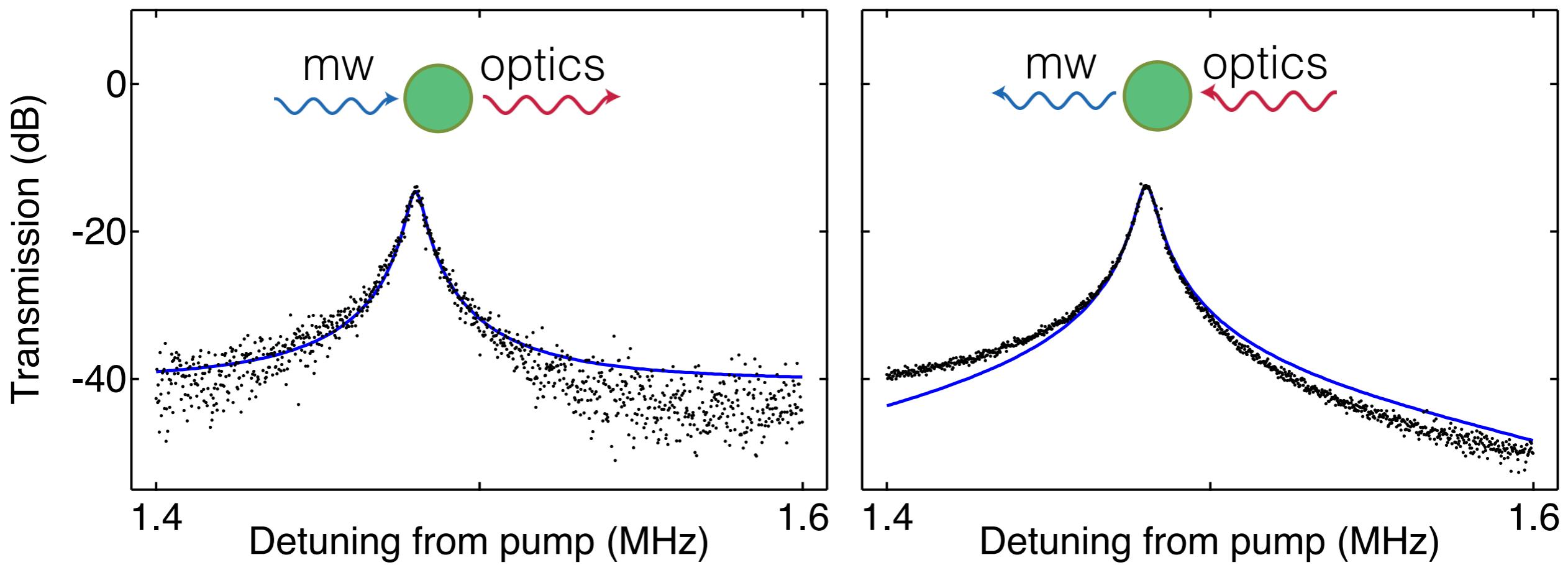
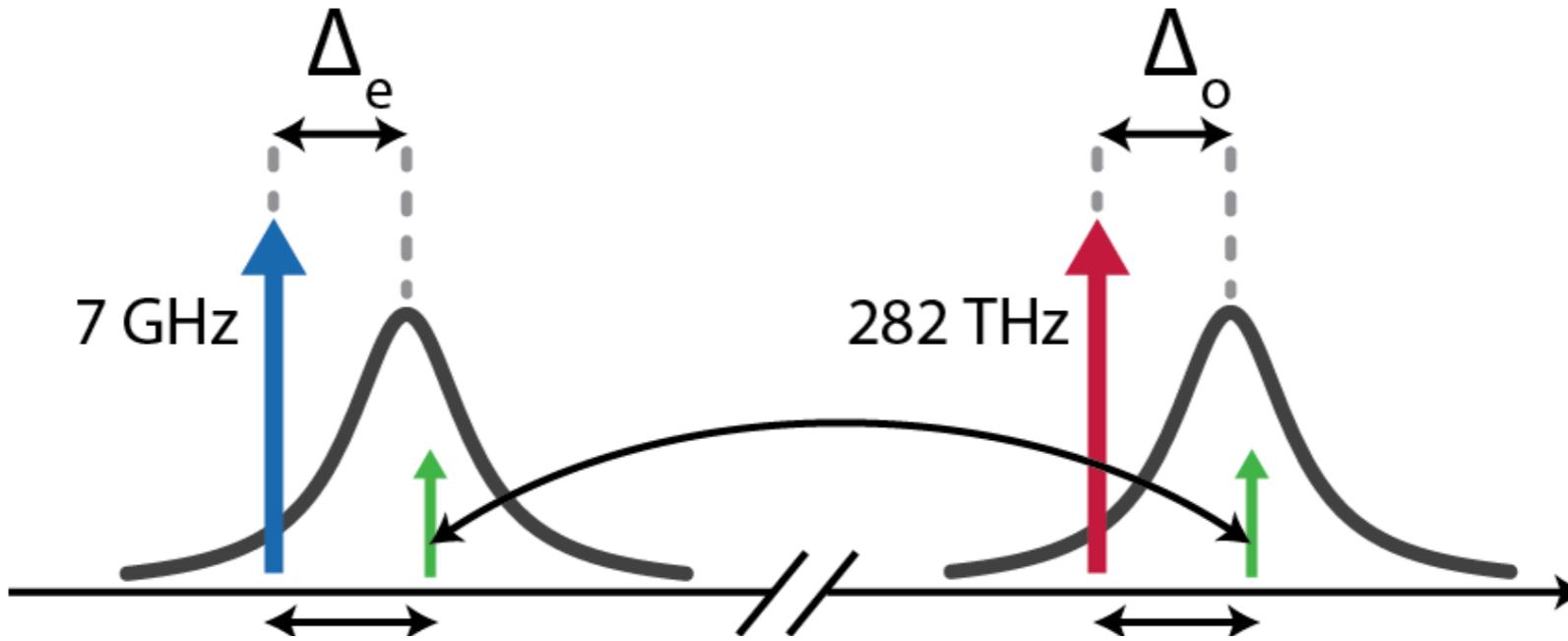
expect transfer efficiency:  $\epsilon \cdot 35\%$

# Effect of optical power on superconducting circuit

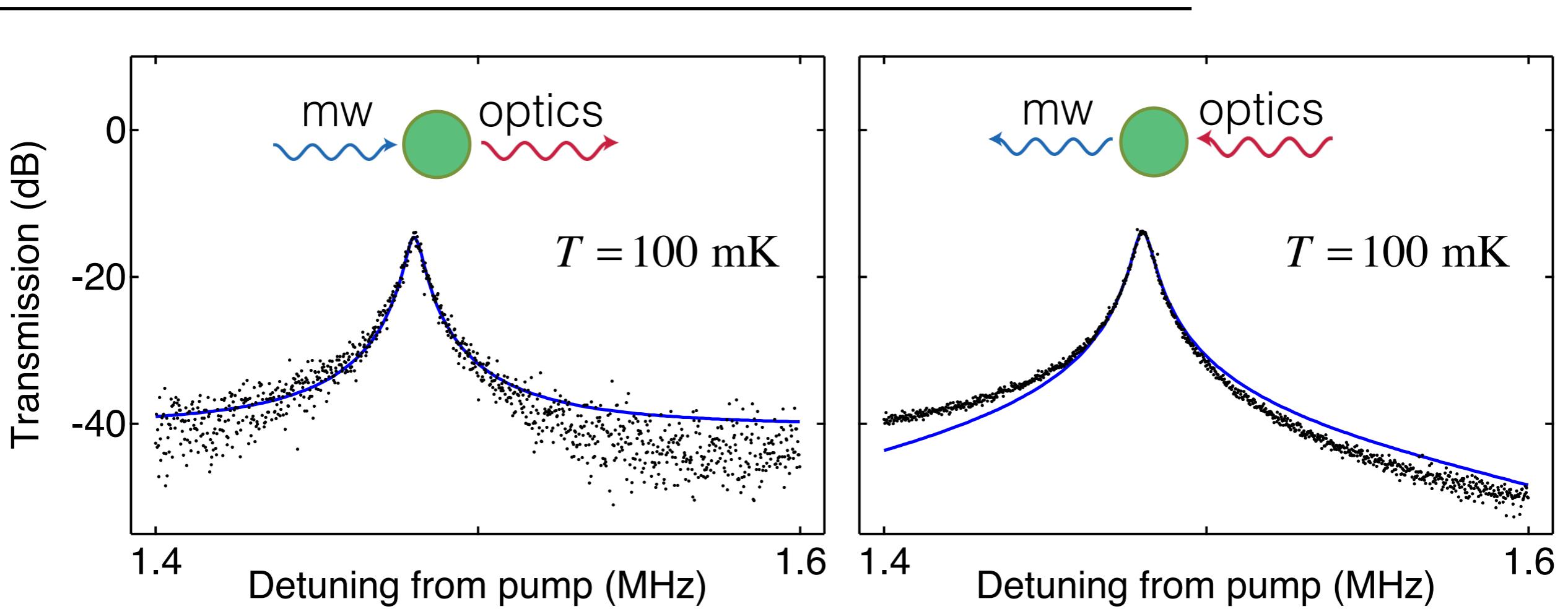


1 μW incident induces 20 kHz of microwave loss

# State conversion at 100 mK



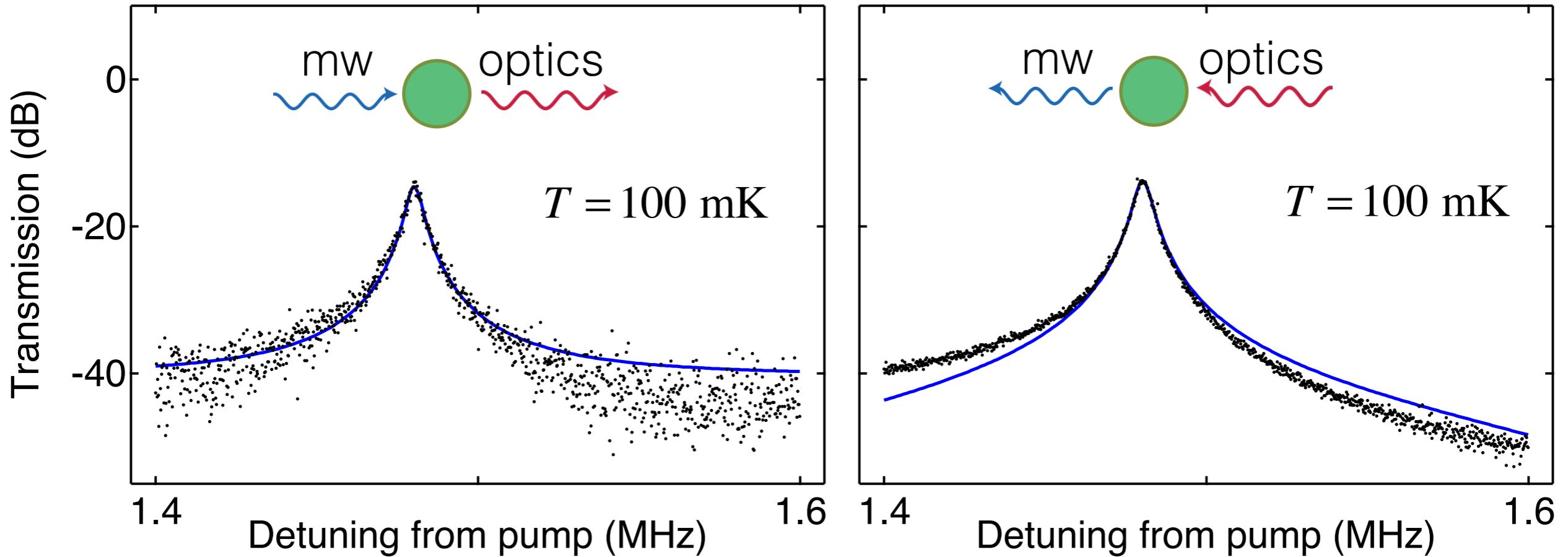
# Efficiency of state conversion



apparent efficiency:  $|t_1 t_2| = 0.038$

efficiency:  $\frac{|t_1 t_2|}{\text{Gain}} = 3.5\%$

# Main limitation: optical mode matching

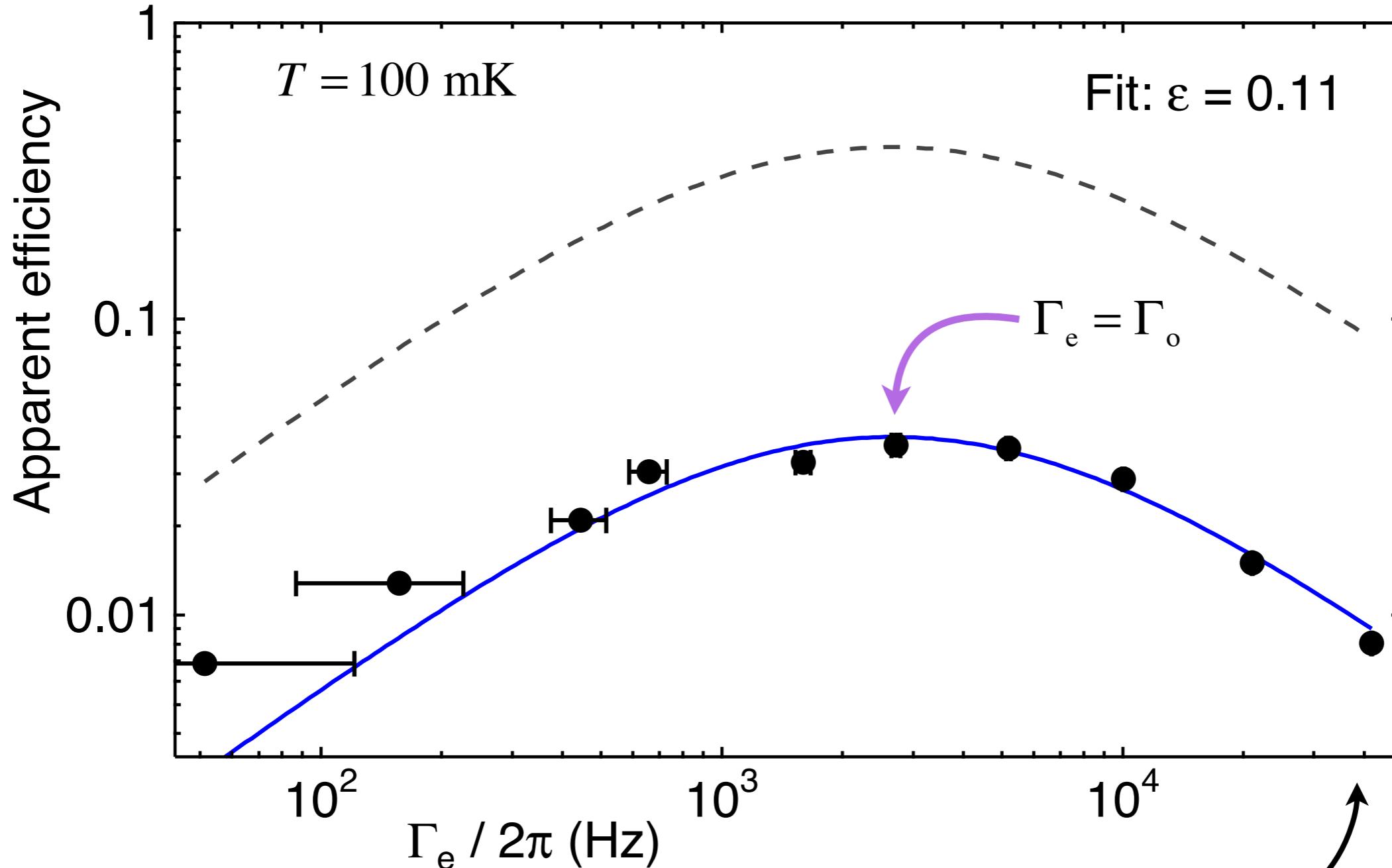


expected efficiency:  $\epsilon \cdot 35\%$

$$\text{efficiency: } \frac{|t_1 \cdot t_2|}{\text{Gain}} = 3.5\%$$

estimate mode matching:  $\epsilon = 0.10$

# Extracting the optical mode-matching factor



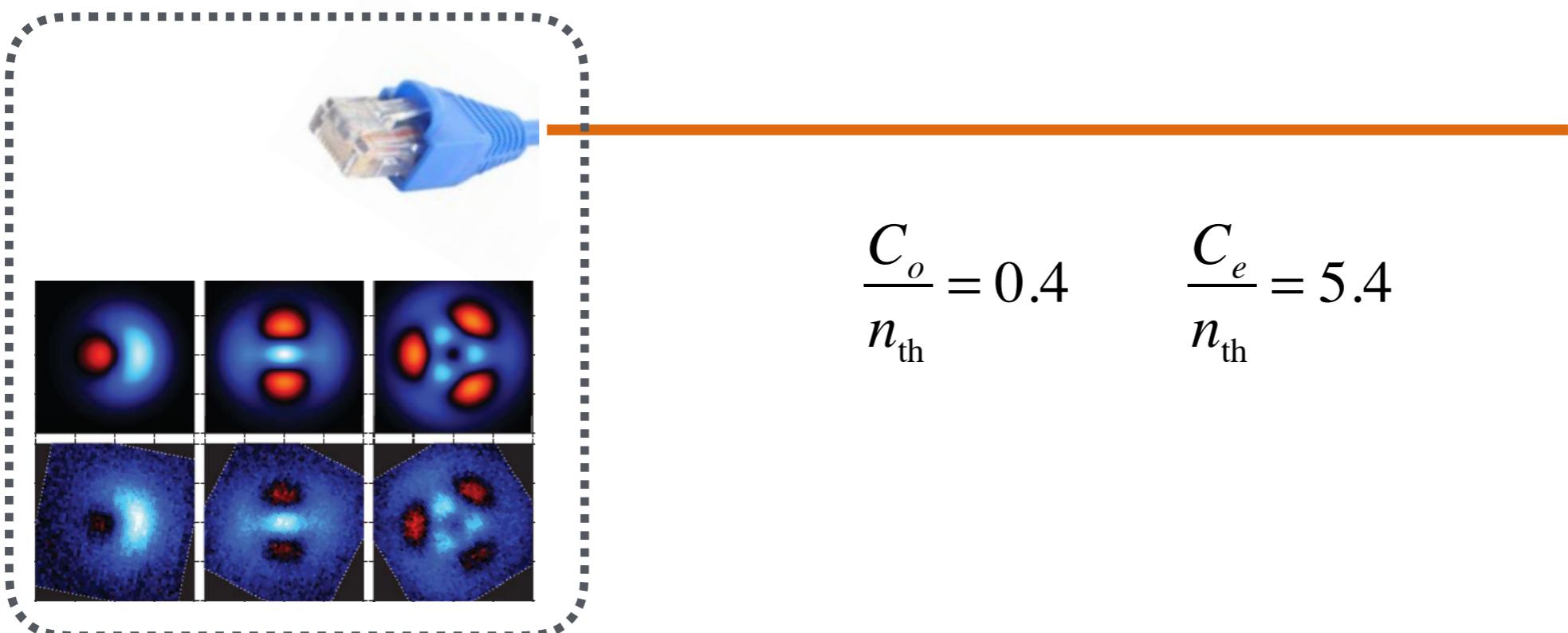
operation near the quantum regime:

$$\frac{C_o}{n_{th}} = 0.4$$

$$\frac{C_e}{n_{th}} = 5.4$$

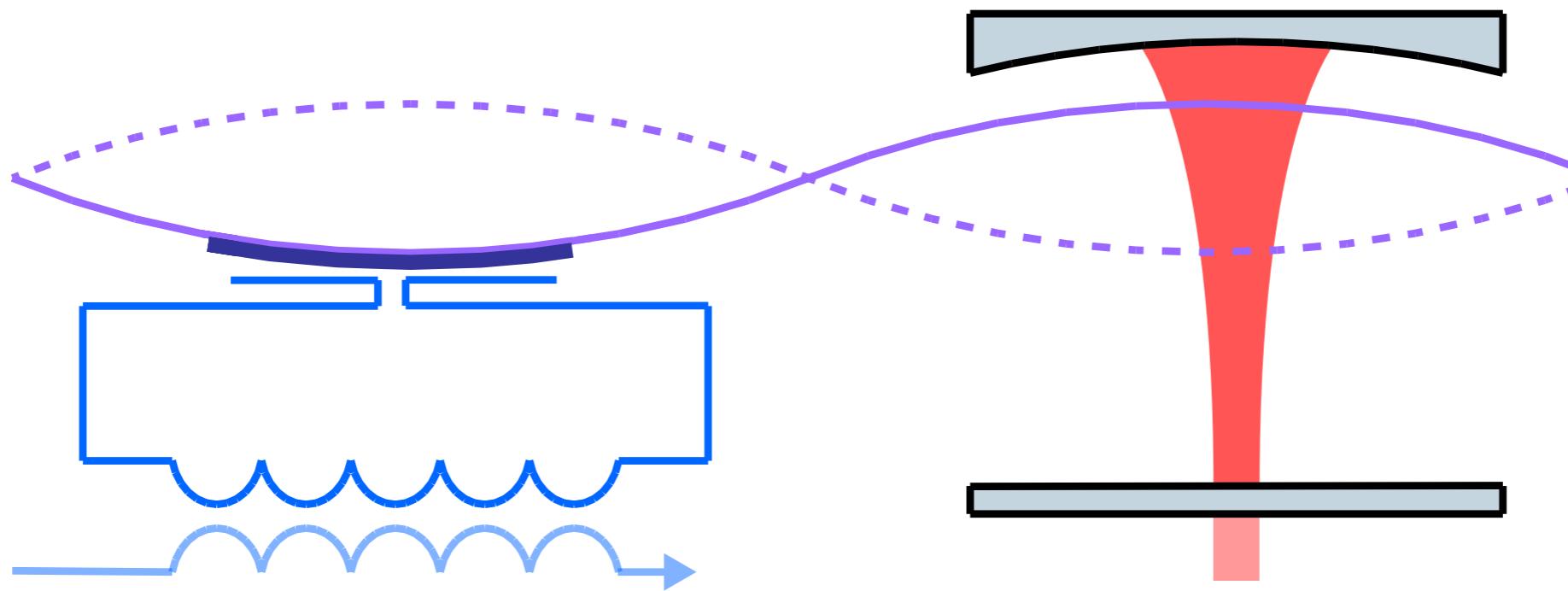
# What is the first quantum experiment we can do?

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# Microwave-optical two-mode squeezing

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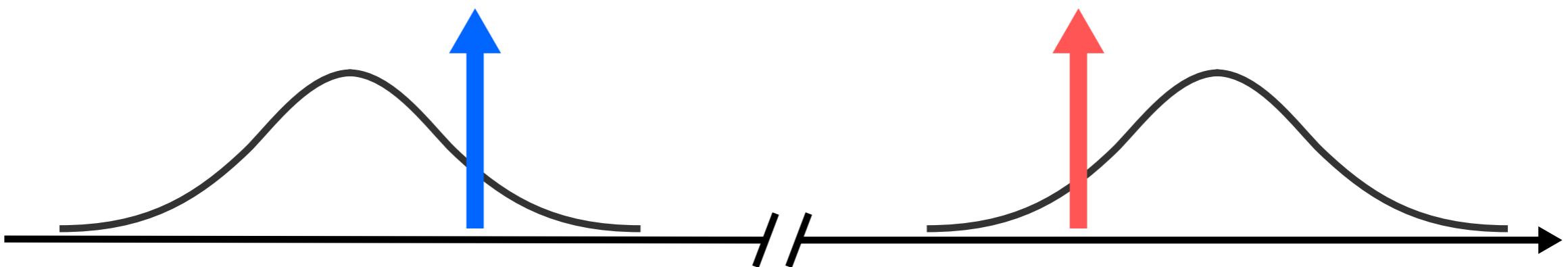


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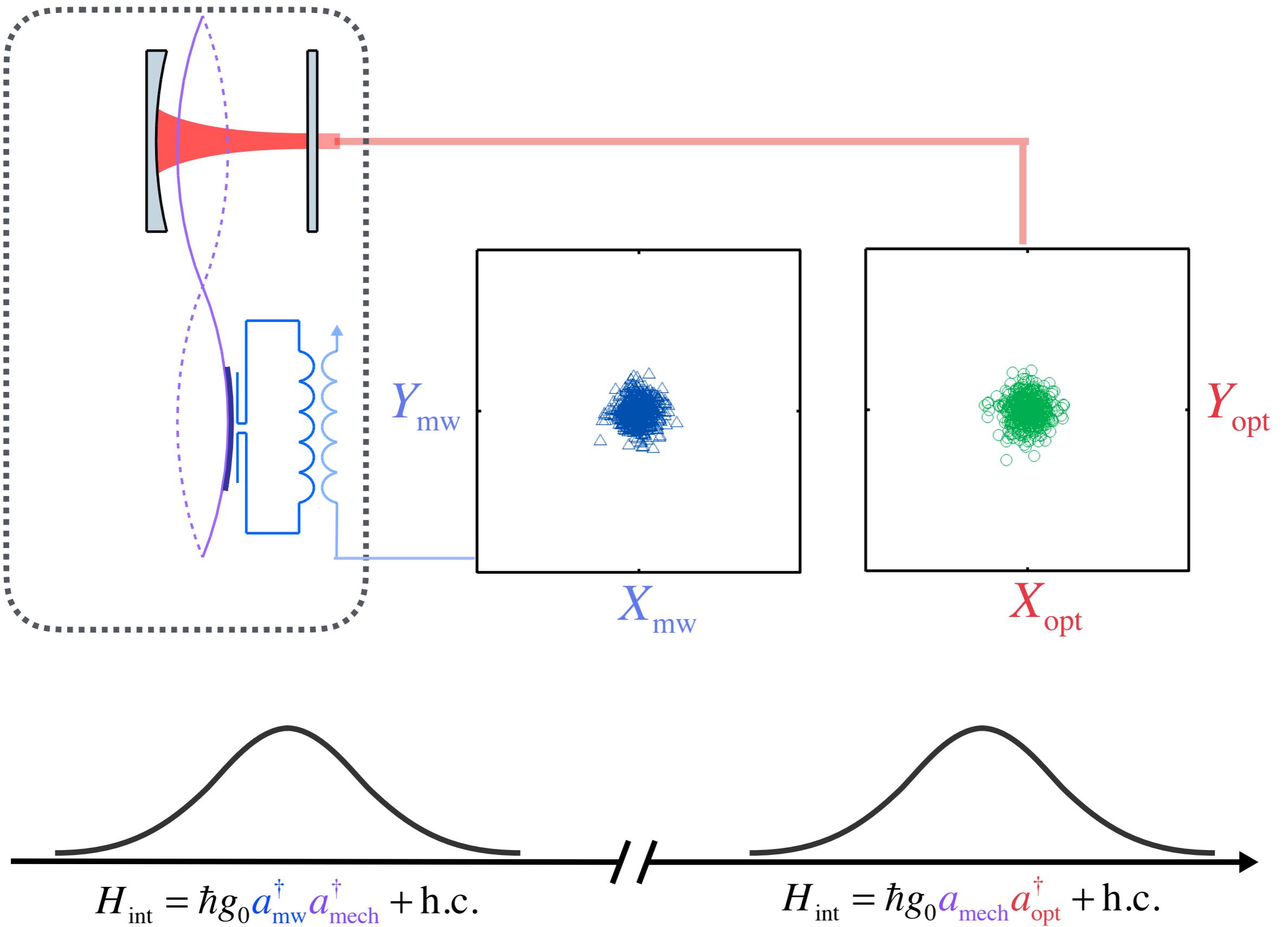
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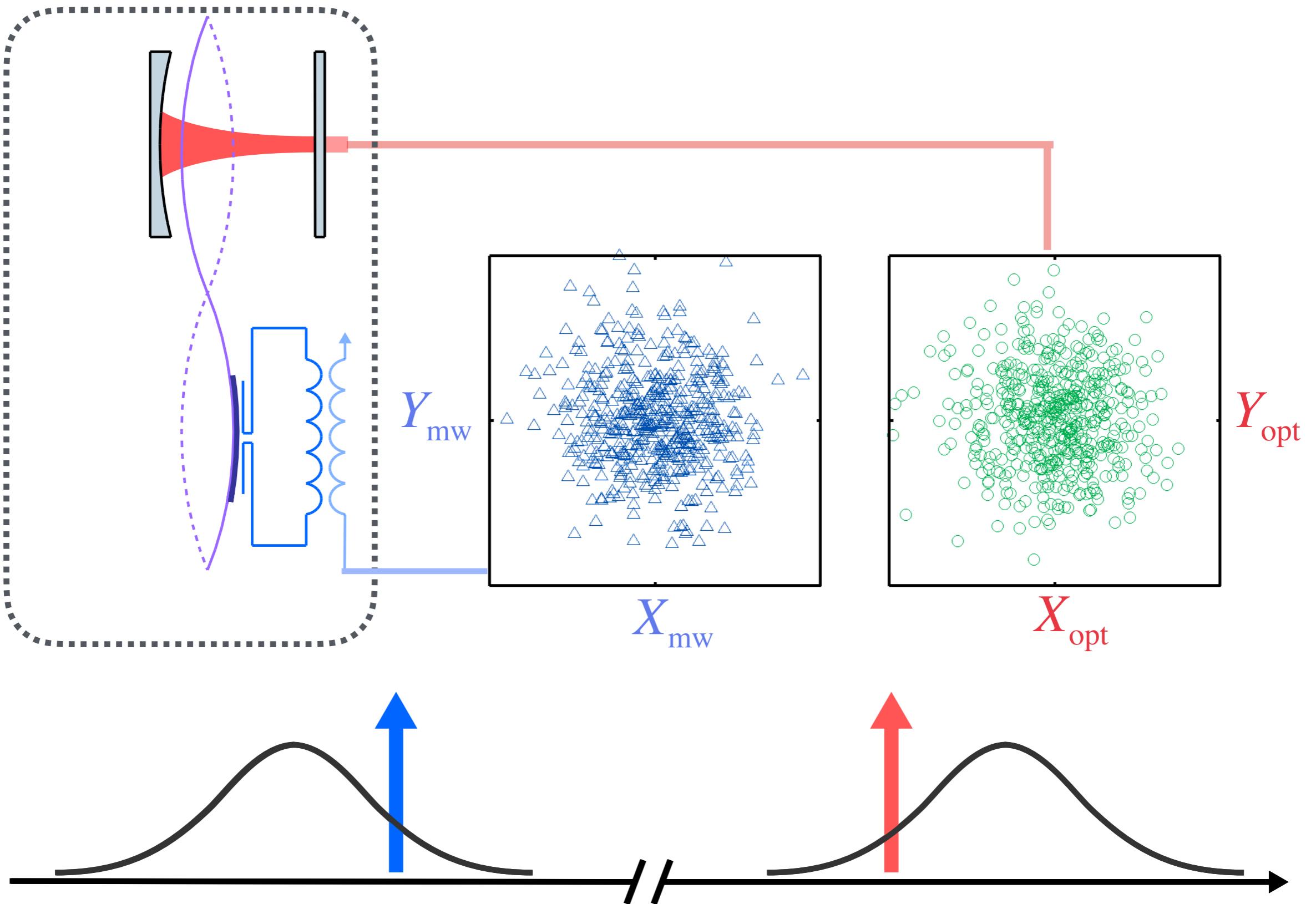
swap mech to optics



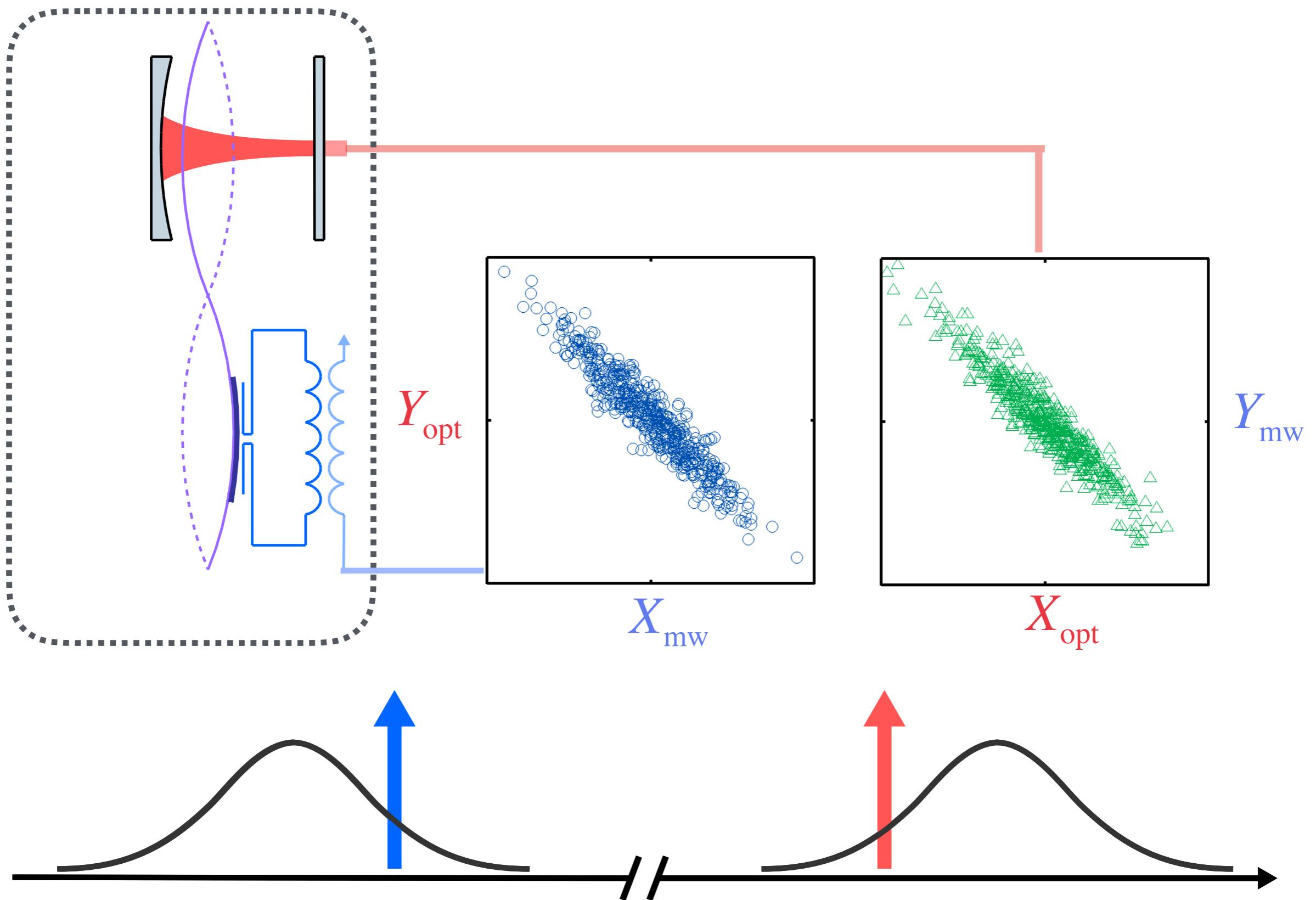
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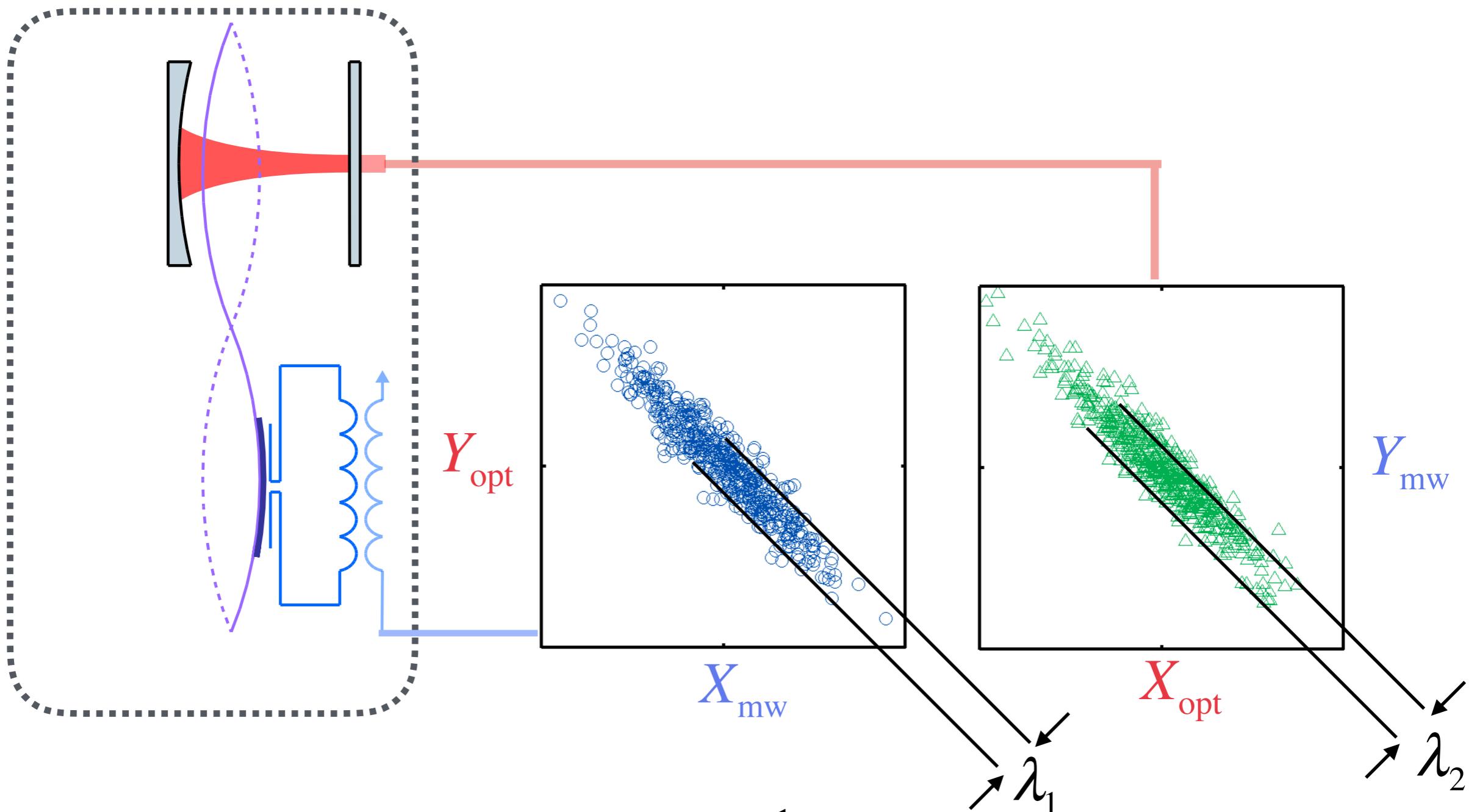
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two-mode squeezing:  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < \frac{1}{2}$

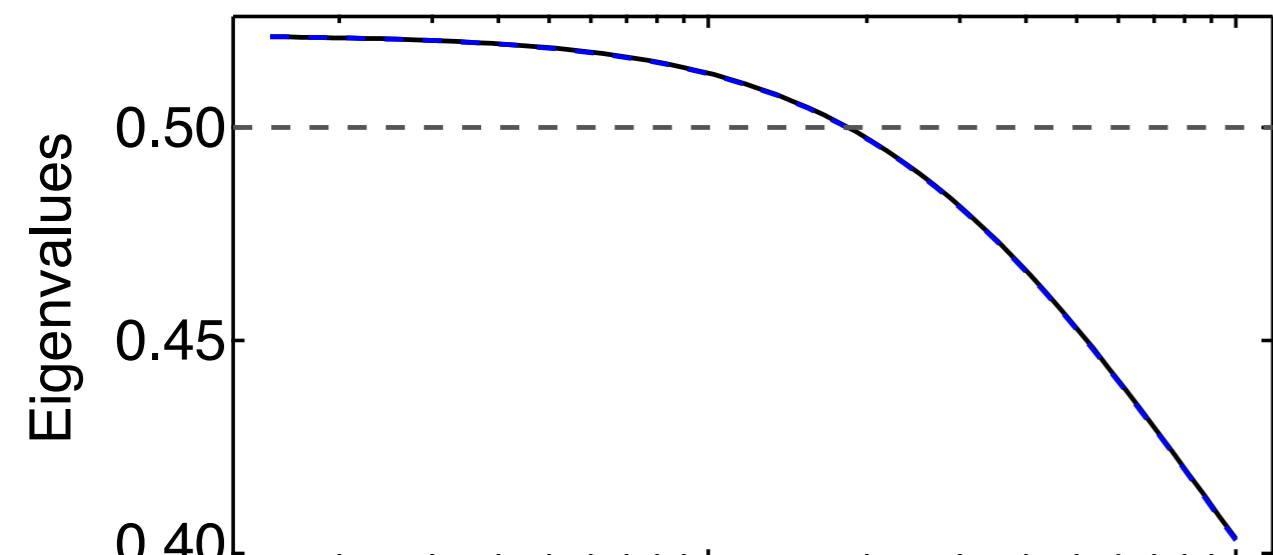
entanglement measure:  $E_N = -\ln(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 / 4)$

# Two-mode squeezing: quantitative expectations

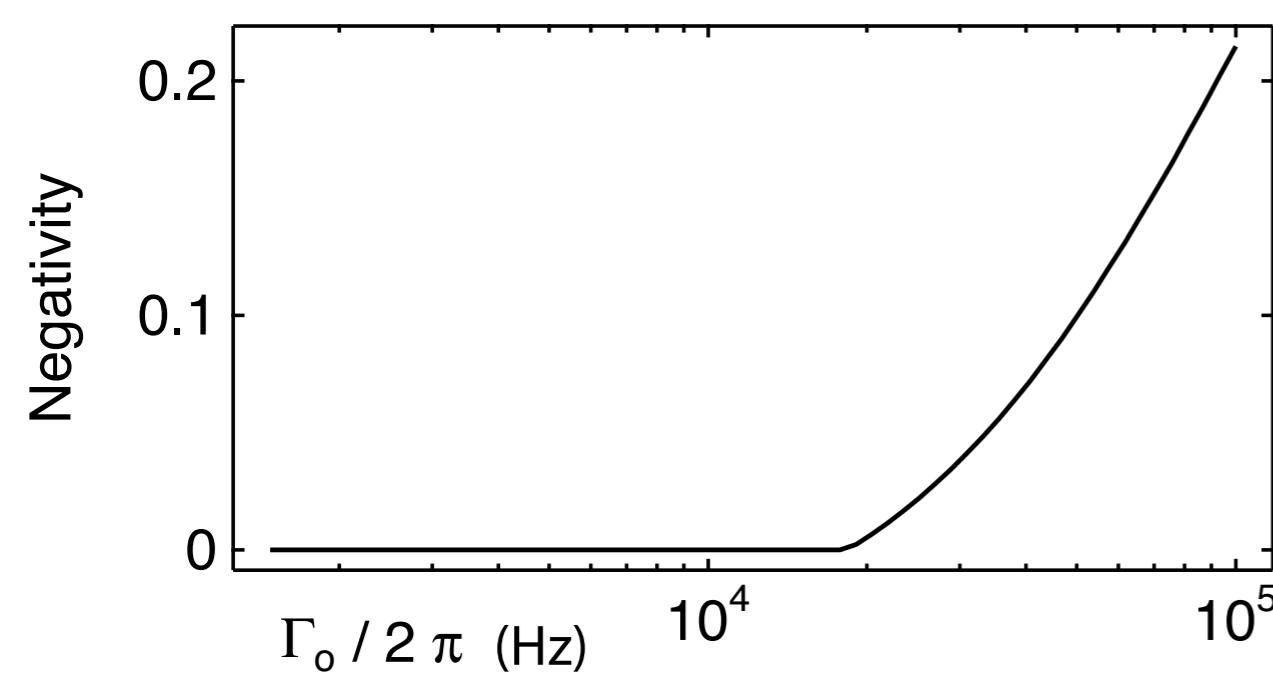
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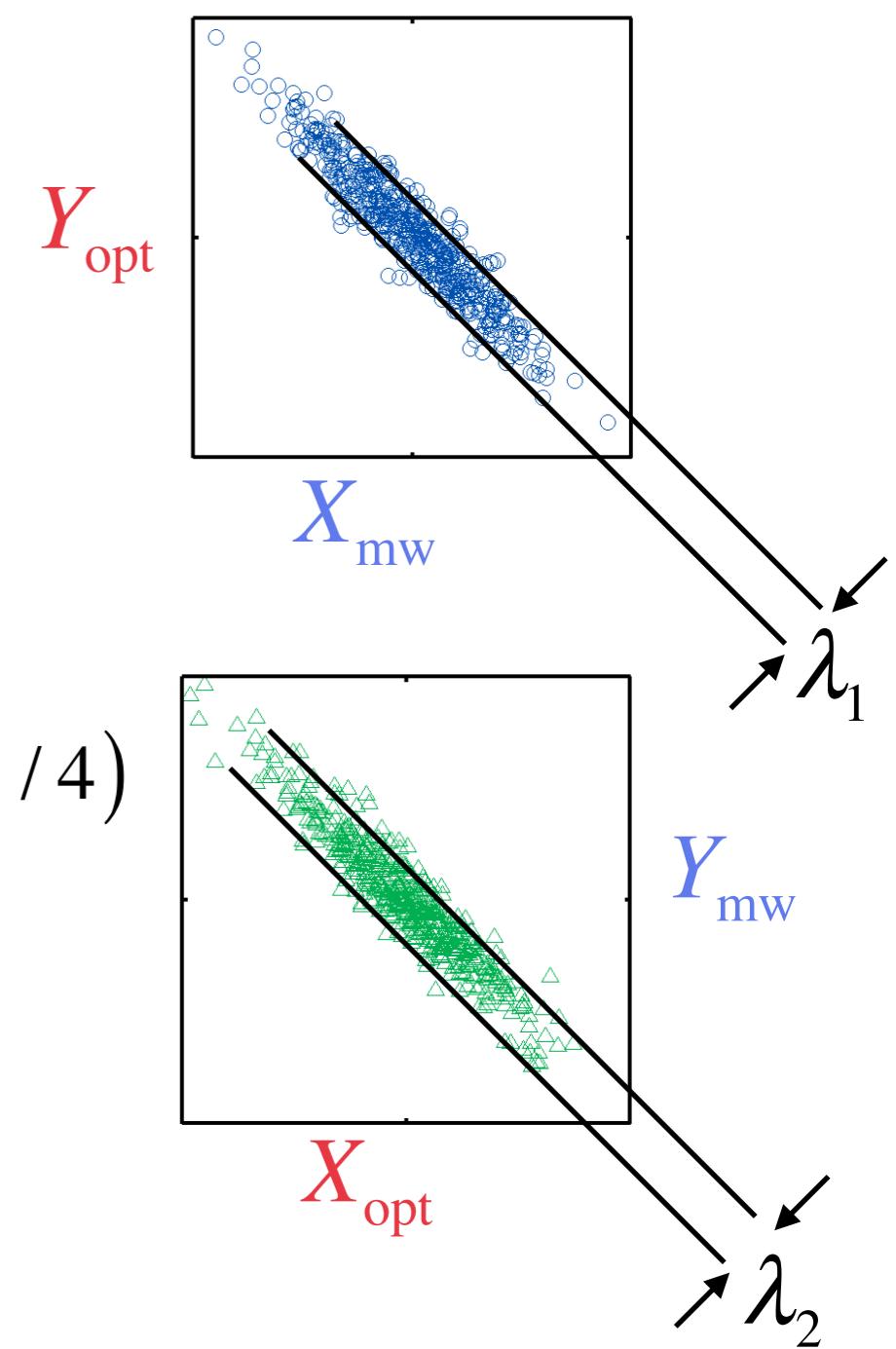
Equations of motion + in/out theory → spectral density → covariance matrix



$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < \frac{1}{2}$$



$$E_N = -\ln(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 / 4)$$



# Summary

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- Classical conversion in a dilution refrigerator
- Operation near quantum regime
- Microwave-optical entanglement within reach

