## **Open quantum systems in Circuit-QED: Monitoring the bath**

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Non-trivial many-body system if

 $\omega_{10}$ 

- The environment has many degrees of freedom
- System ultra-strongly coupled to the environment
- System fully hybridized with the environment

 $\Gamma \sim \omega_{10}$  $\Gamma \sim \text{FSR}$ 

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Two-level system coupled to one photonic mode at once

FSR FSR

Magnetic flux

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## **Example: atom in a large cavity**



Several modes coupled  $~2g \sim {
m FSR}$ 

At every point the system is entangled

Ultrastrong coupling

with several modes

$$g/\omega_{10} \sim 1$$

Transition frequency



#### Magnetic flux

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FSR

## How to get there?

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but also:

In situ tunability of the environment Monitoring of the environment Fully microscopic model from lumped elements

#### Outline

System-environment coupling in circuit QED

Tunable high impedance environment

Transmon qubit coupled to a JJ metamaterial

Monitoring the environment

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#### Array of N SQUIDs

$$Z_{0}\left(\Phi\right) = \sqrt{L_{J}\left(\Phi\right)/C_{g}} \sim \mathbf{k}\Omega$$

In situ tunable environment Great control on the environment parameters during fabrication.

Seminal work:S. Corlevi et al (2006)See also:N. Masluk et al (2012)

Bell et al (2012)

#### C. Altimiras et al (2013)

## **Fabrication of the environment**

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Fabricated using the BFF technique F. Lecocq et al (2011)

- No shadow pattern
- Allows cleaning of the substrate before evaporation

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Mean} & \mu = 1200\,\Omega \\ \text{Deviation} & \sigma = 25\,\Omega \end{array}$ 

Very low disorder, around 2%

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## **Fabrication of the environment**









Fabry-Pérot cavity





#### Fabry-Pérot cavity



**Free Spectral Range** 

FSR = 300 MHz

Impedance mismatch Internal losses  $Q_{\rm int} = 10^4$   $Q_{\rm ext} = 10^2$ 



Fabry-Pérot cavity



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N = 5400 SQUIDs

Tunable impedance  $Z_{
m c}(\Phi)$  =

$$= \sqrt{\frac{L_{\rm J}(\Phi)}{C_{\rm g}}}$$

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N = 5400 SQUIDs

Asymmetric SQUIDs :

Low Free Spectral Range at high impedance

 $\mathrm{FSR}\simeq 150\,\mathrm{MHz}$ 



Asymmetric junctions



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 $E_{\text{qubit},n}(\text{GHz})$ 

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We need a theory to fit this data

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### System

Array of 4700 SQUIDs = 4700 modes

$$\vec{n} = |n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{N-1}, n_N\rangle$$

Transmon levels

$$|t\rangle$$

#### Huge Hilbert space!

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### Theoretical assumptions

- Lumped element model with the chain assumed linear

 $E_{J,\text{chain}}/E_{C,\text{chain}} \simeq 8000$ 

- Non-linearity of the transmon treated using the Self Consistent Harmonic Approximation.
- Thermodynamic limit, we assume that the chain is semi infinite

 $N \to \infty$ 

### Analytically solvable

### The transmon phase shift



$$\varphi_n \propto \cos \left[\kappa_n x - \phi \left(E_{J,\mathrm{T}} = 0\right)\right]$$



 ${\mathcal X}$ 

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$$\begin{split} \omega_{n} &\simeq \omega_{T} \\ \Delta \theta &\sim 0.5 \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \omega_{n} &< \omega_{T} \\ \Delta\theta &\sim 0 \end{split}$$

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 $\mathcal{X}$ 

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$N  o \infty$	





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Good data theory agreement with no fitting parameter

Mesoscopic environment effectively infinite

Up to 10 hybridized modes!









Probe frequency (GHz)

5.5

2.5





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# Conclusions

0.8

0.6

0.4



Transmon coupled to a mesoscopic tunable environment

- Mesoscopic environment effectively infinite
- Up to 10 modes coupled to the system
- Ultra-strong coupling and many-body system

- Good data theory agreement with no fitting parameter

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# Thanks for your attention

#### **Monitoring the environment**



#### System hybridization

At every point the transmon width Is of the same order that the FSR

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\rm T}}{\rm FSR} = 0.96 \pm 0.7$$