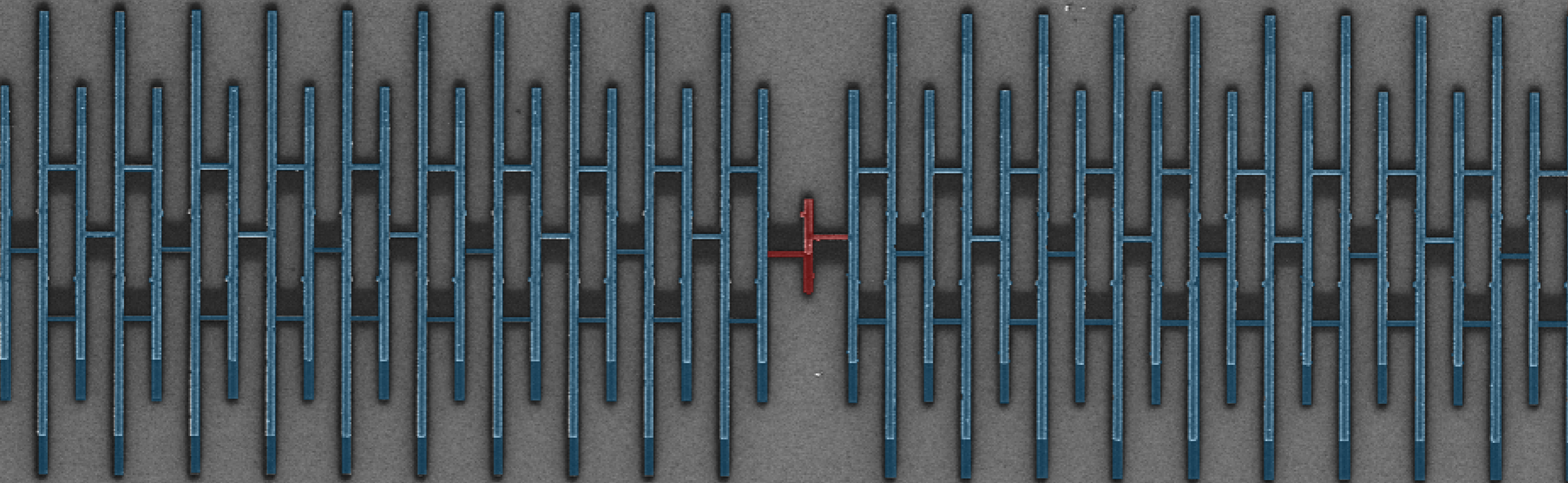


Circuit QED and analogue simulation of quantum impurities

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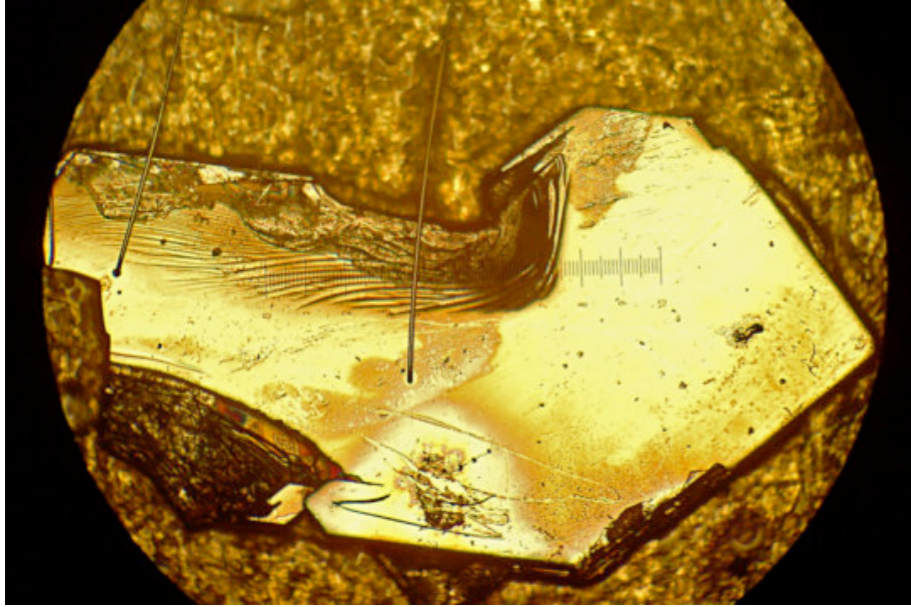
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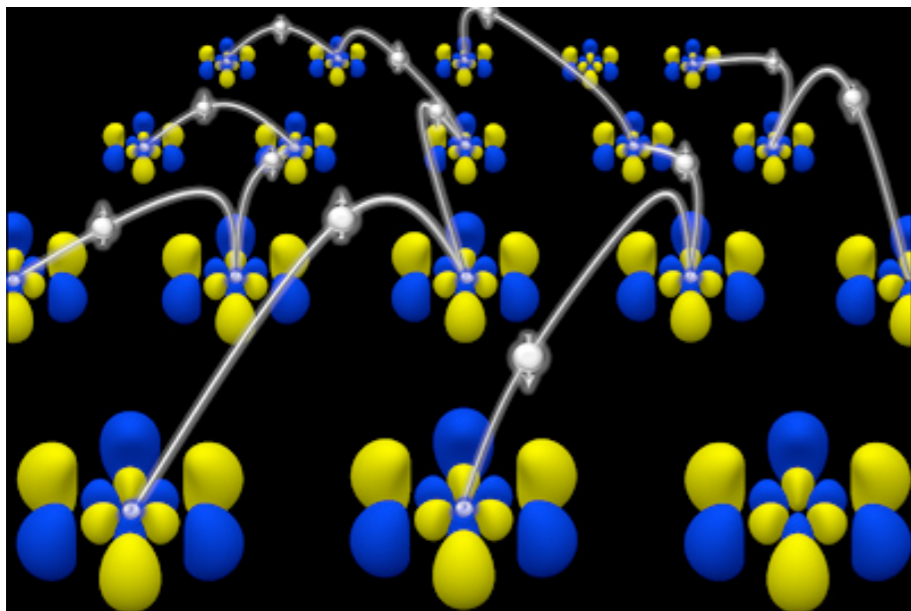
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Motivation for designed superconducting circuits

Quantum matter



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Quantum circuits



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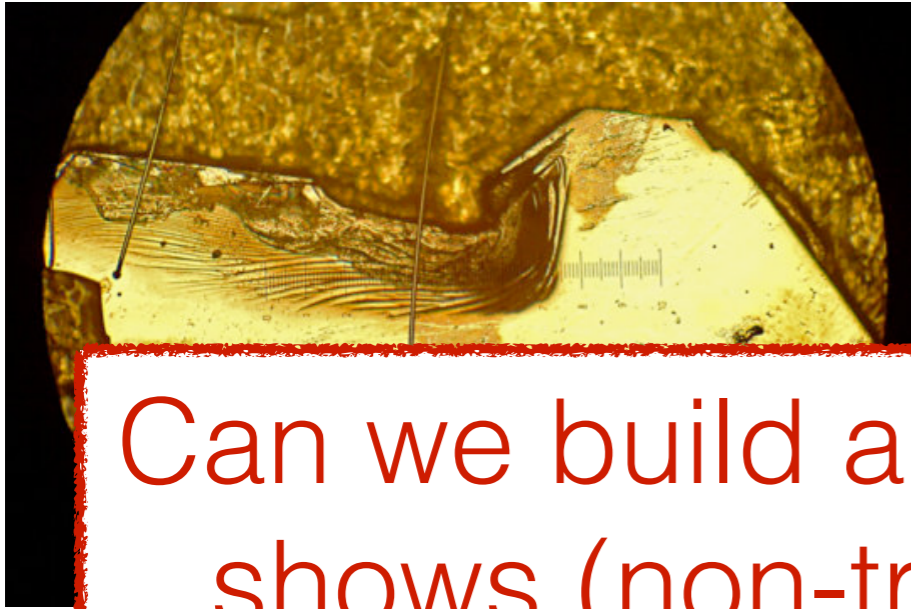


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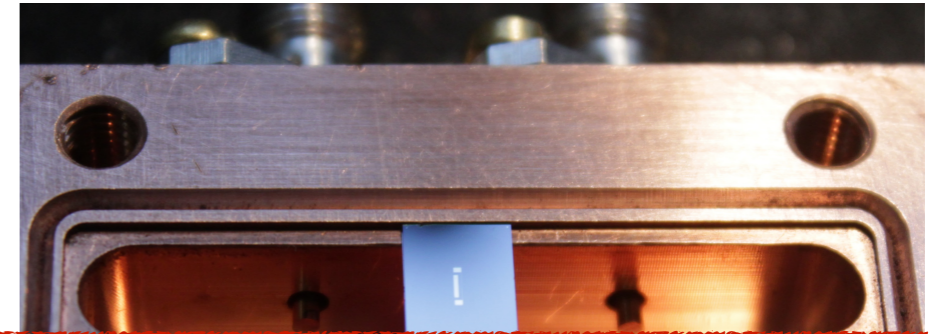
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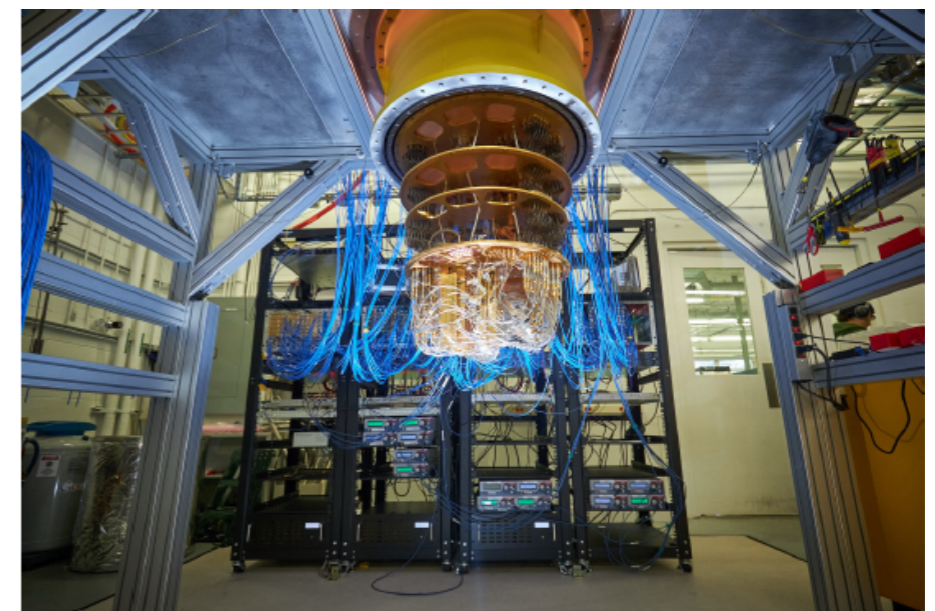
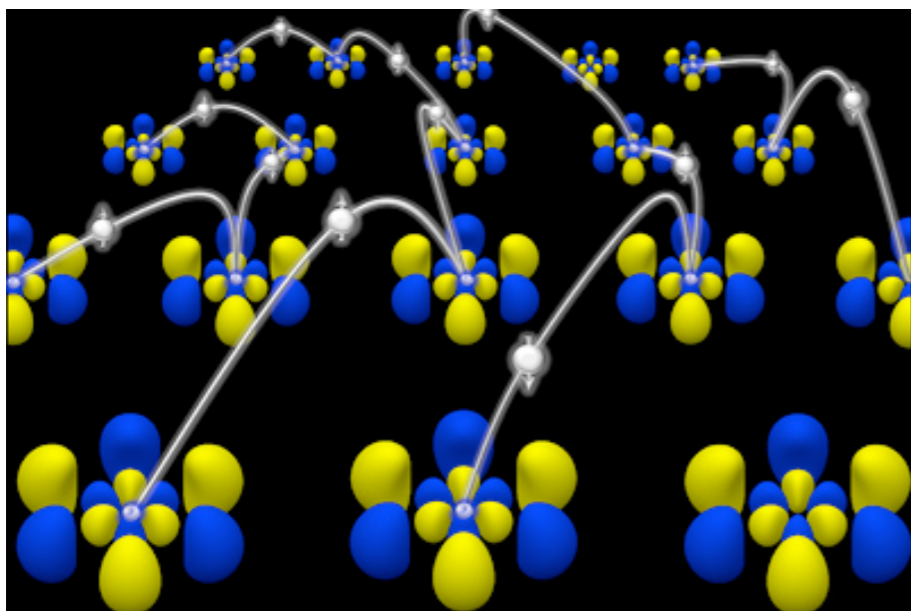


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Can we build a superconducting circuit that shows (non-trivial) many-body physics ?

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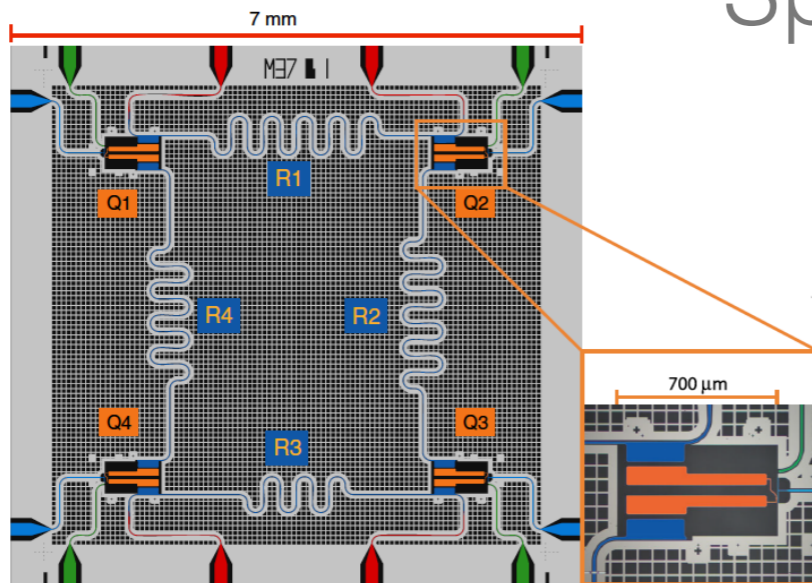


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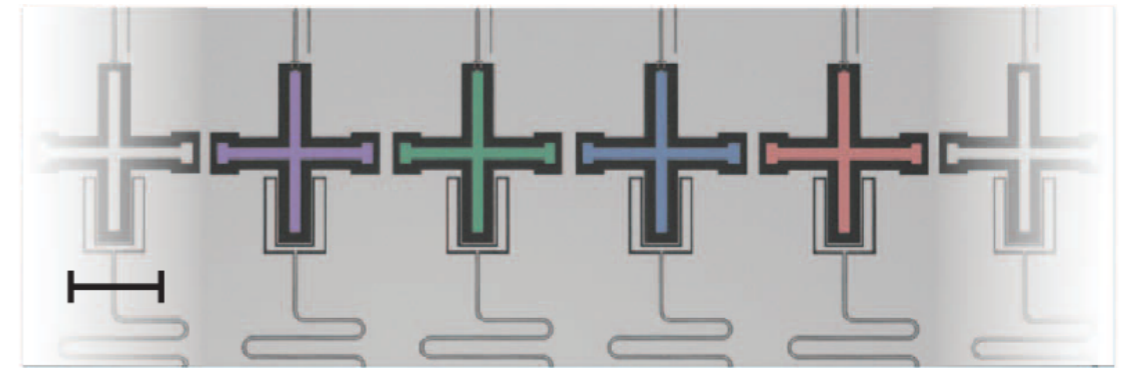
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What kind of many-body system?

Spin chains



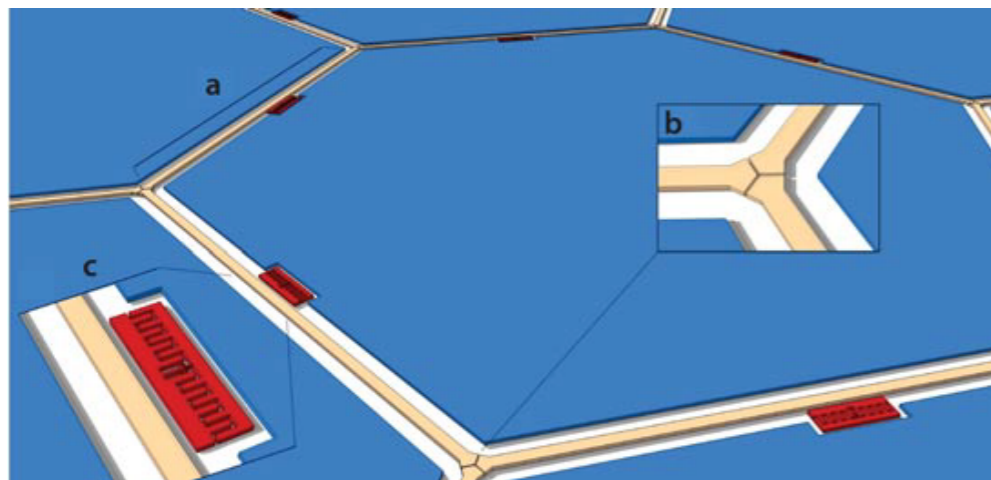
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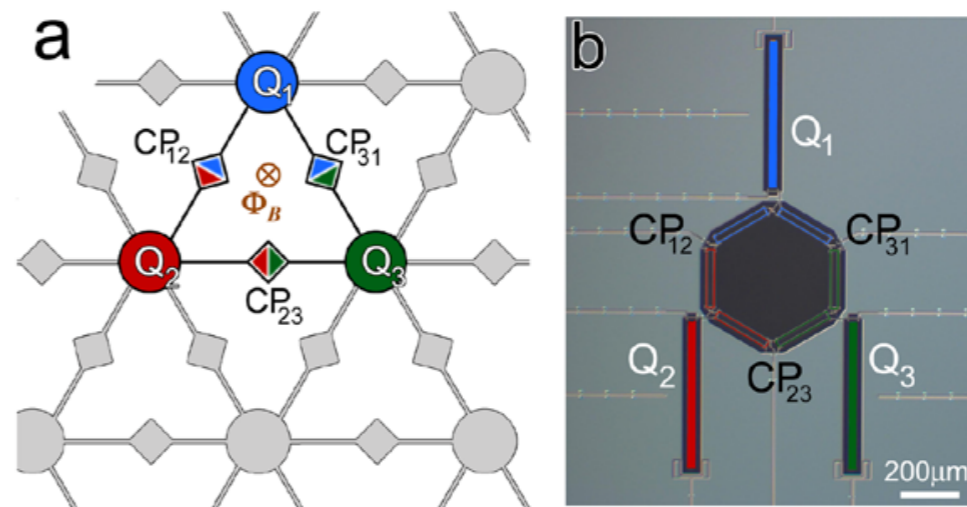
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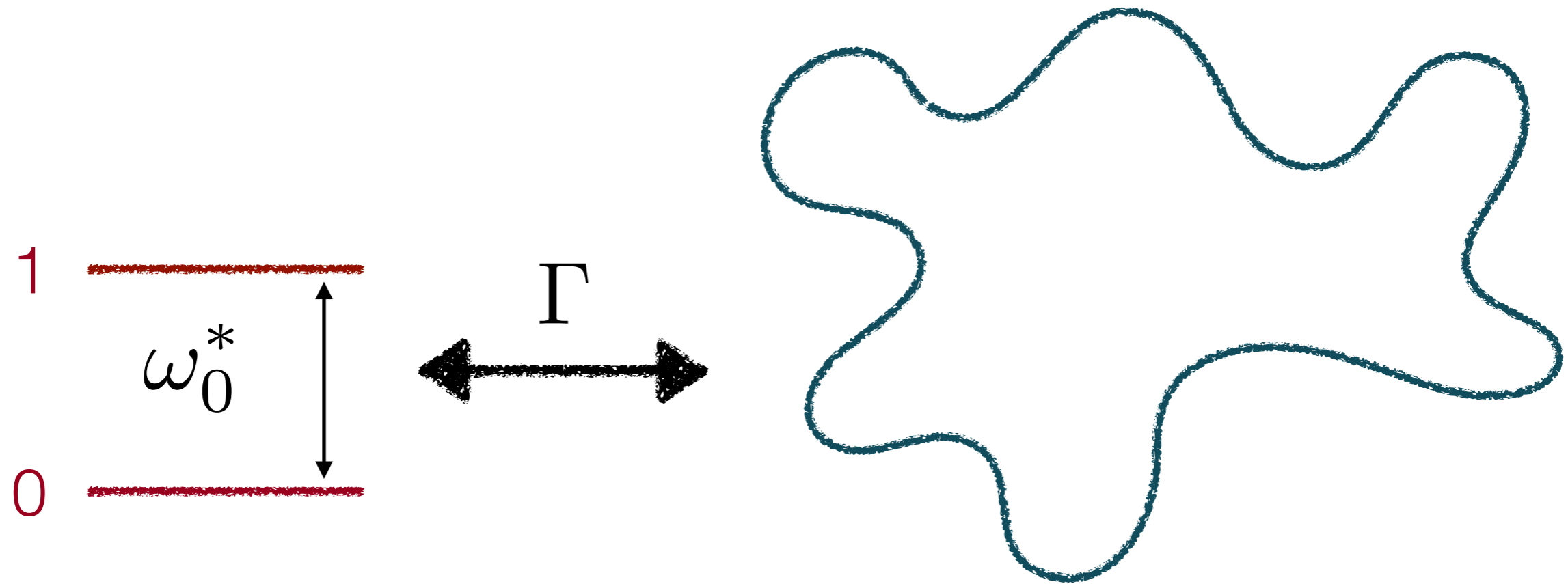
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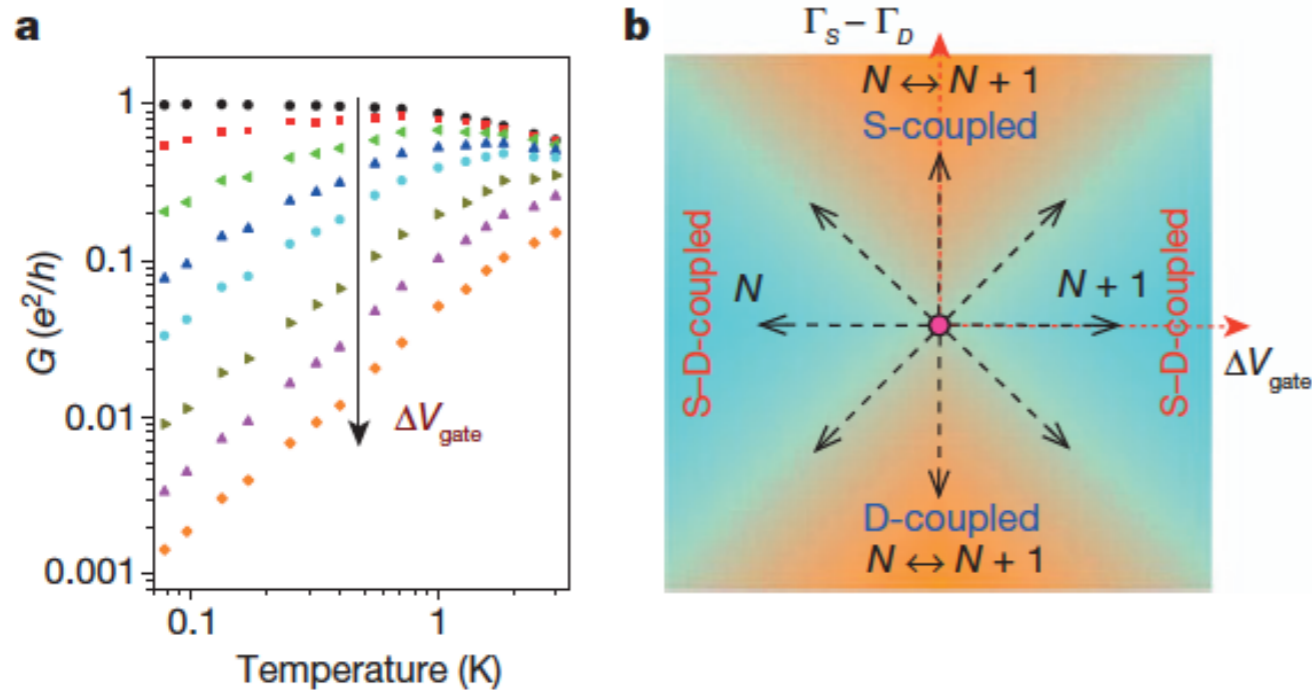
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The “hydrogen atom” of many-body physics

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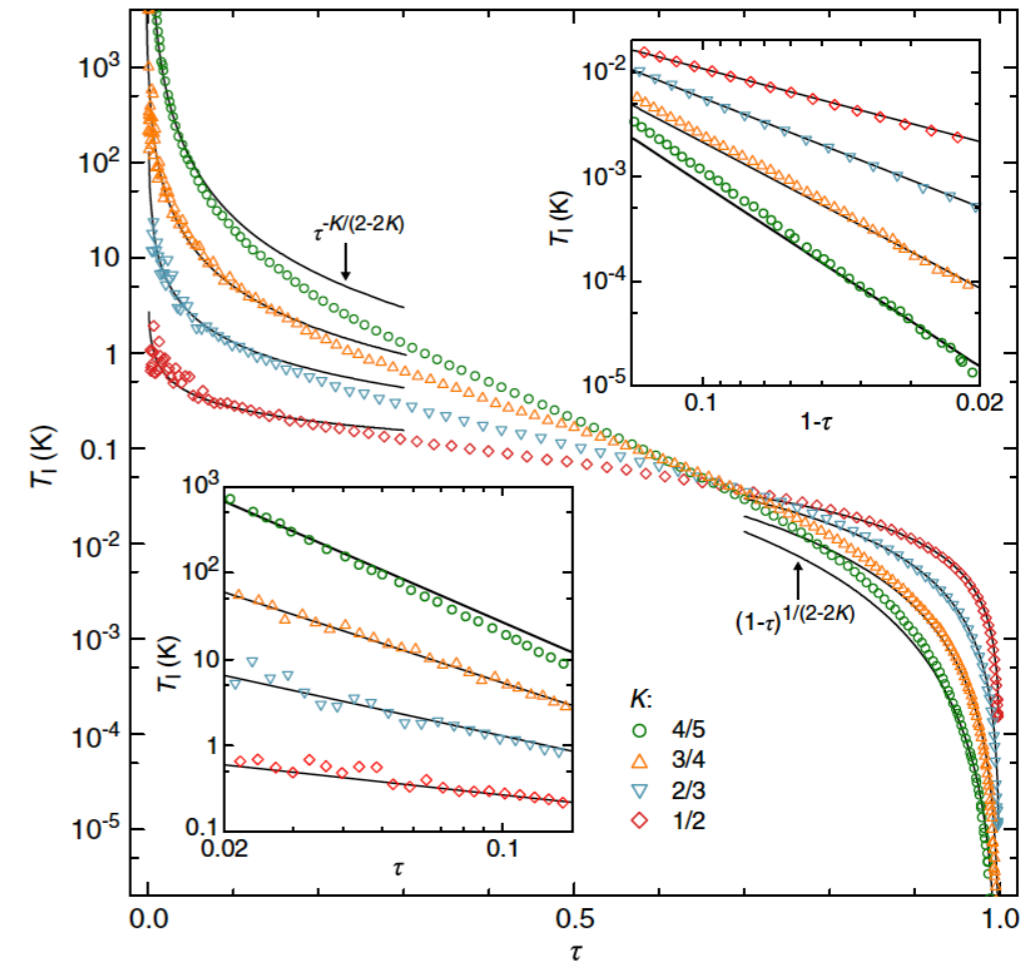
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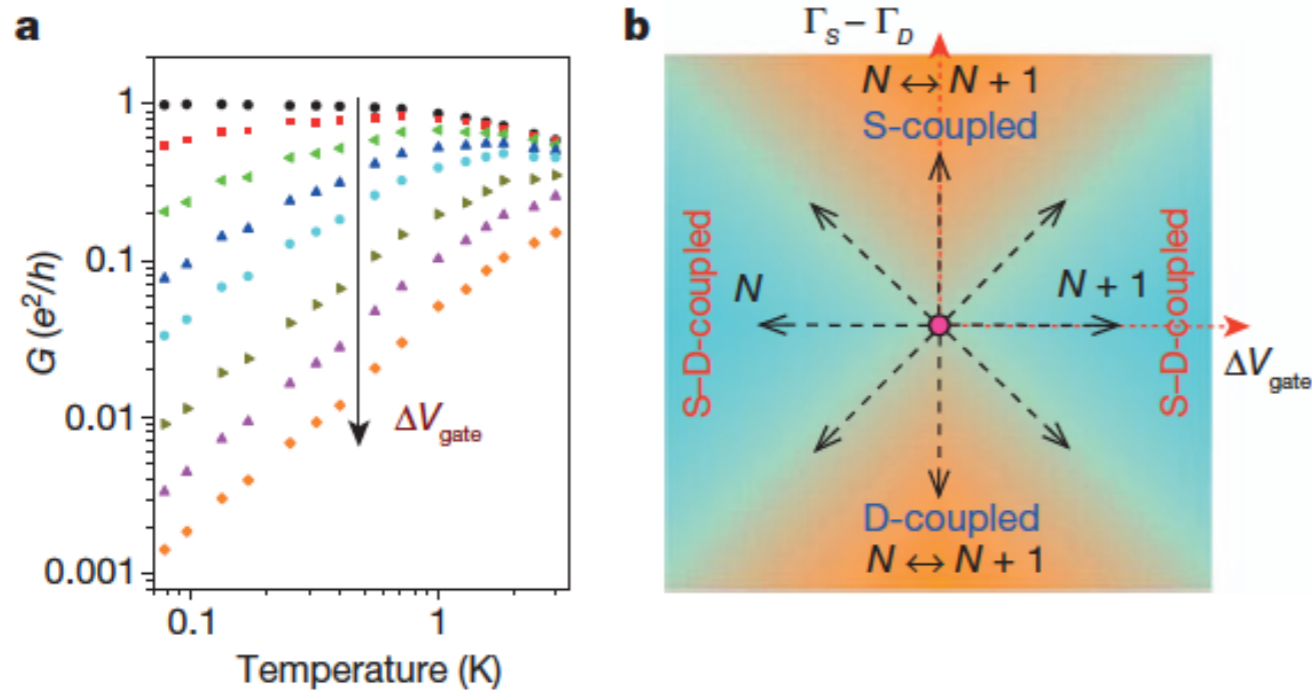
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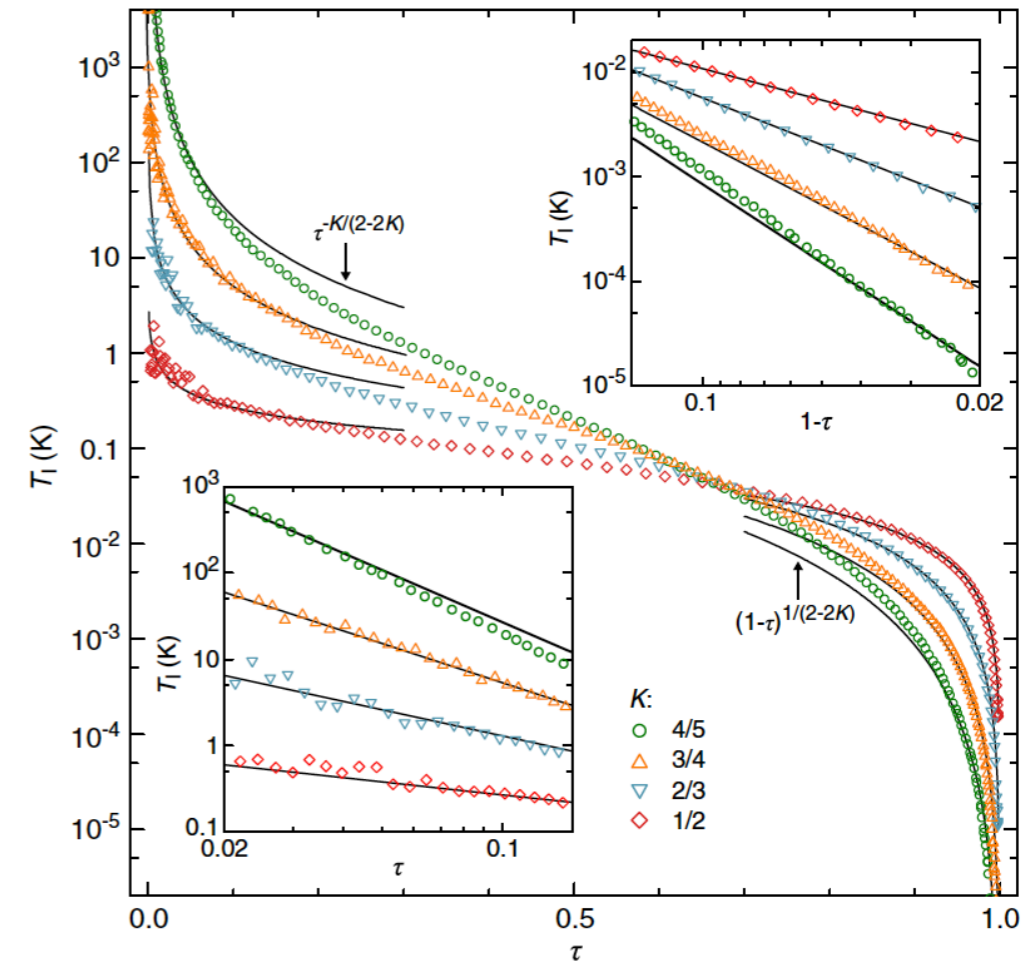
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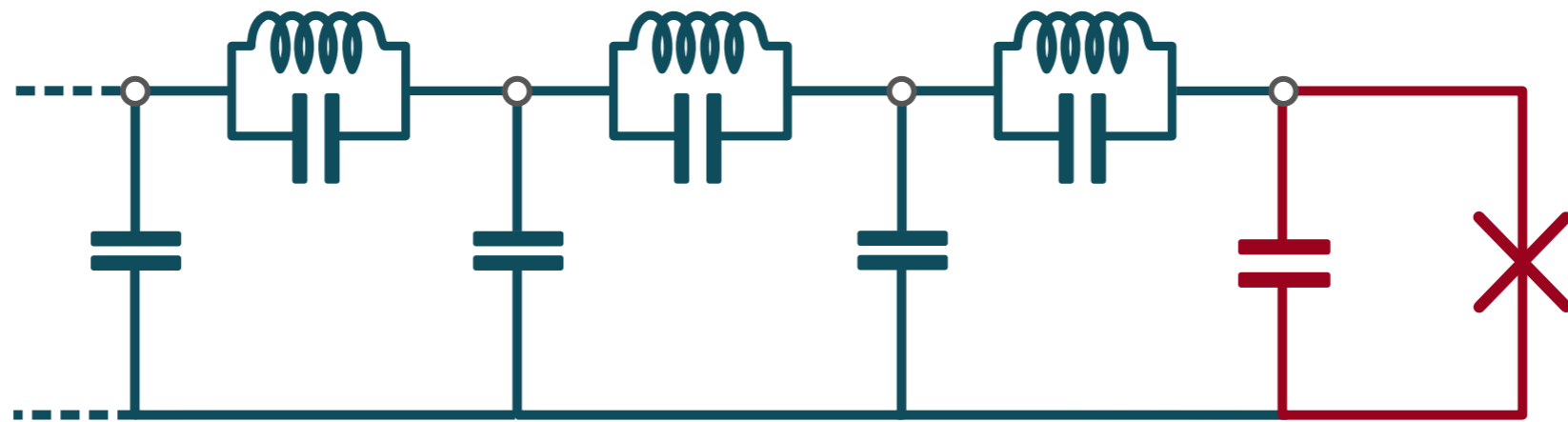
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Bosonic quantum impurities

A **Josephson junction** coupled to many harmonic oscillators:



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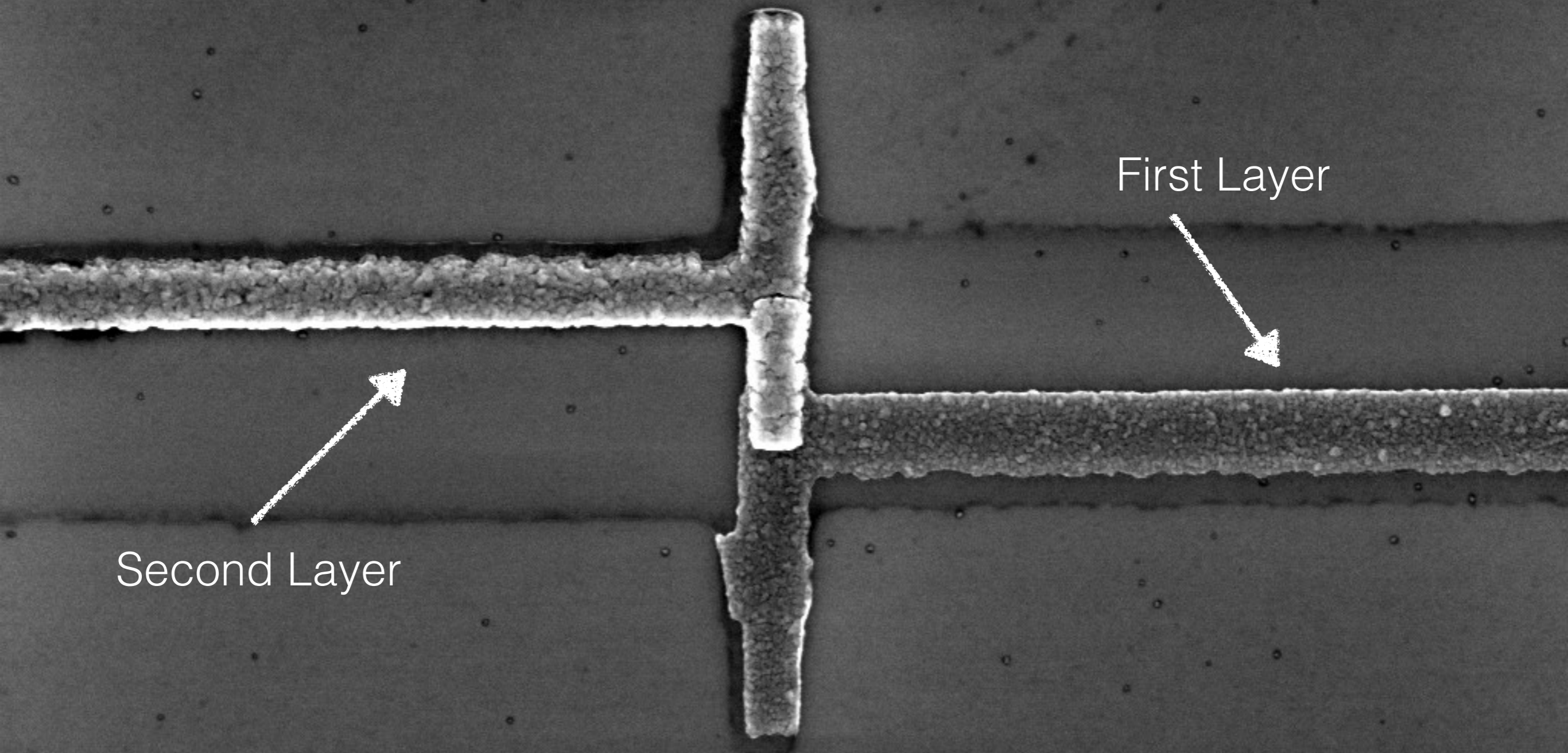
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the “Boundary Sine-Gordon” model

φ_0 boundary value of a continuous field φ_x

“localized/delocalized” quantum phase transition at $Z_c = Z_q$

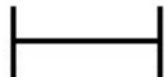
The Josephson junction



First Layer

Second Layer

“Superconducting tunnel junction”

300 nm


EHT = 3.00 kV
WD = 4.2 mm

Signal A = InLens
System Vacuum = 2.08e-006 mbar
Mag = 20.42 K X (Polaroid reference)

Date :3 Jul 2015
Time :19:36:32

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The Josephson junction

Josephson relations

$$i(t) = I_c \sin \varphi(t) \quad \text{with} \quad \varphi(t) = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \phi(t)$$

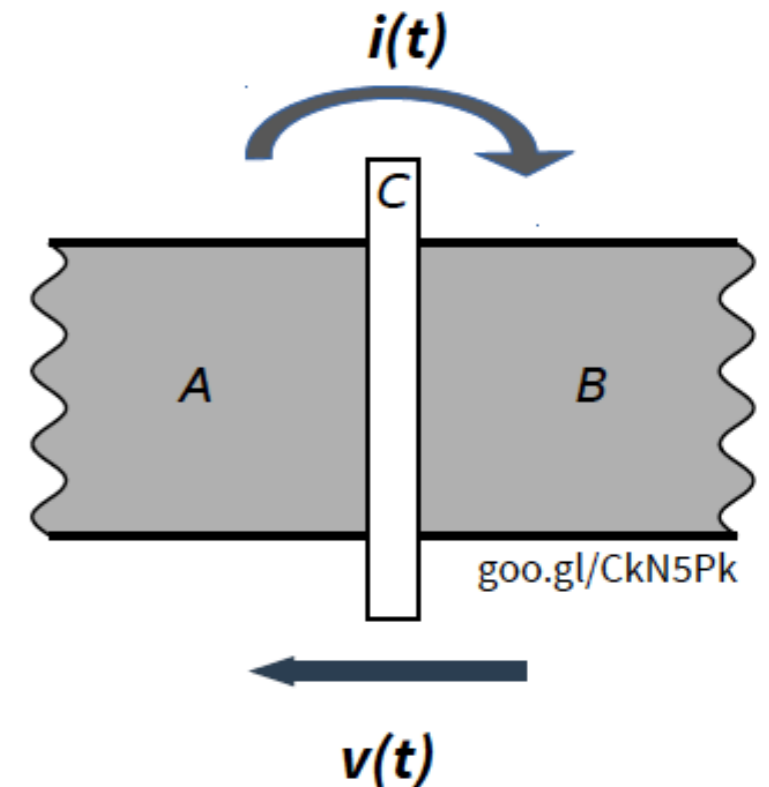
$$\phi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t v(t') dt'$$

Josephson Hamiltonian

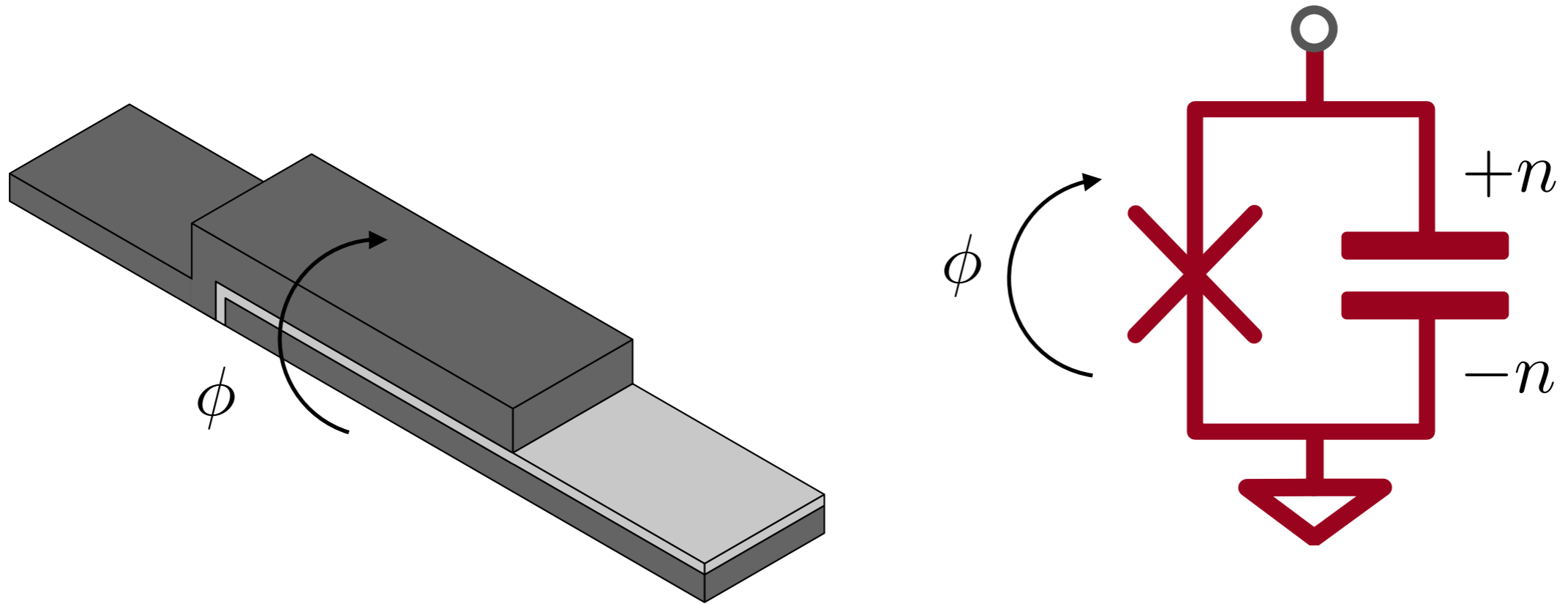
$$E_J(\varphi) = \int i(t) v(t) dt = E_J (1 - \cos \varphi)$$

Josephson inductance

$$L_J = \left(\frac{\partial i}{\partial \phi} \right)^{-1} = \frac{L_{J,0}}{\cos \varphi}$$

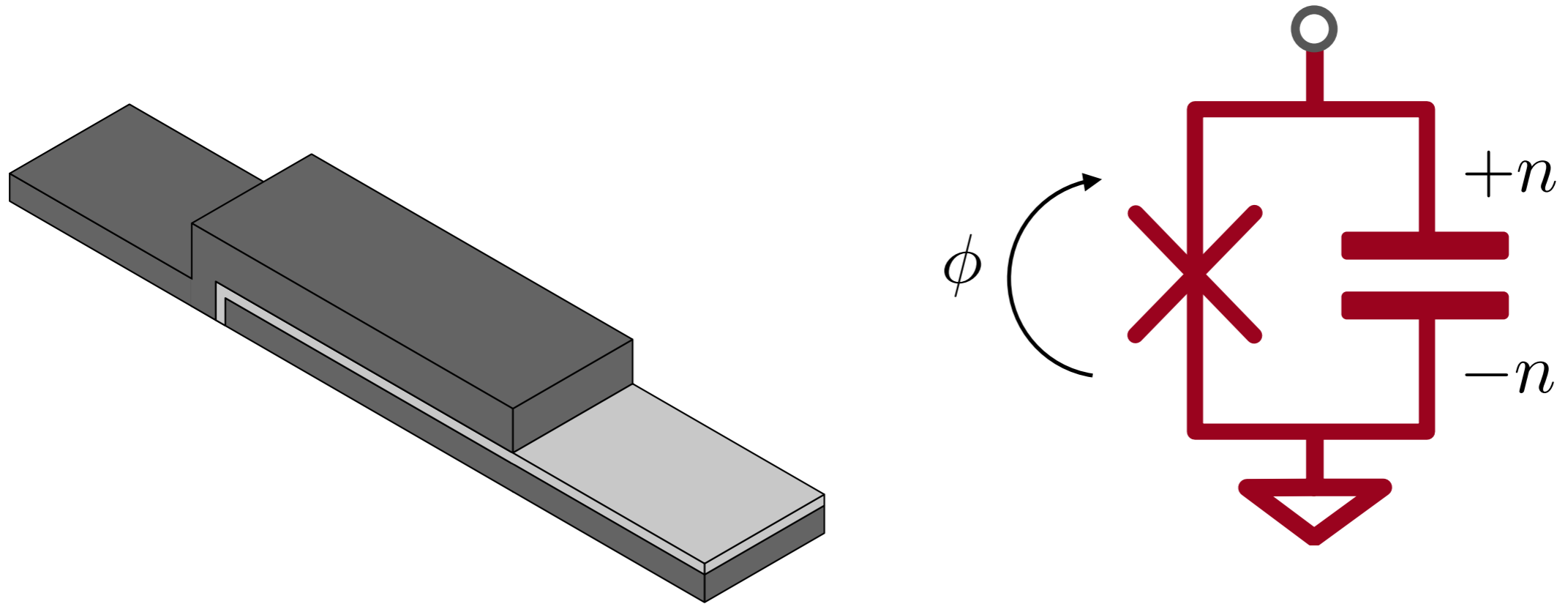


Josephson junction: basics



Circuit element	Associated energy	Associated variable
Capacitance C_J	$E_C = \frac{(2e)^2}{2C_J}$	Cooper pairs number \hat{n}
Junction L_J	$E_J = \frac{\varphi_0^2}{L_J}$	Macroscopic phase difference $\hat{\phi}$

Josephson junction: basics



Characteristic impedance

$$Z_J = \frac{Z_q}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2E_C}{E_J}} \quad \text{with} \quad Z_q = \frac{h}{(2e)^2} \simeq 6.5\text{k}\Omega$$

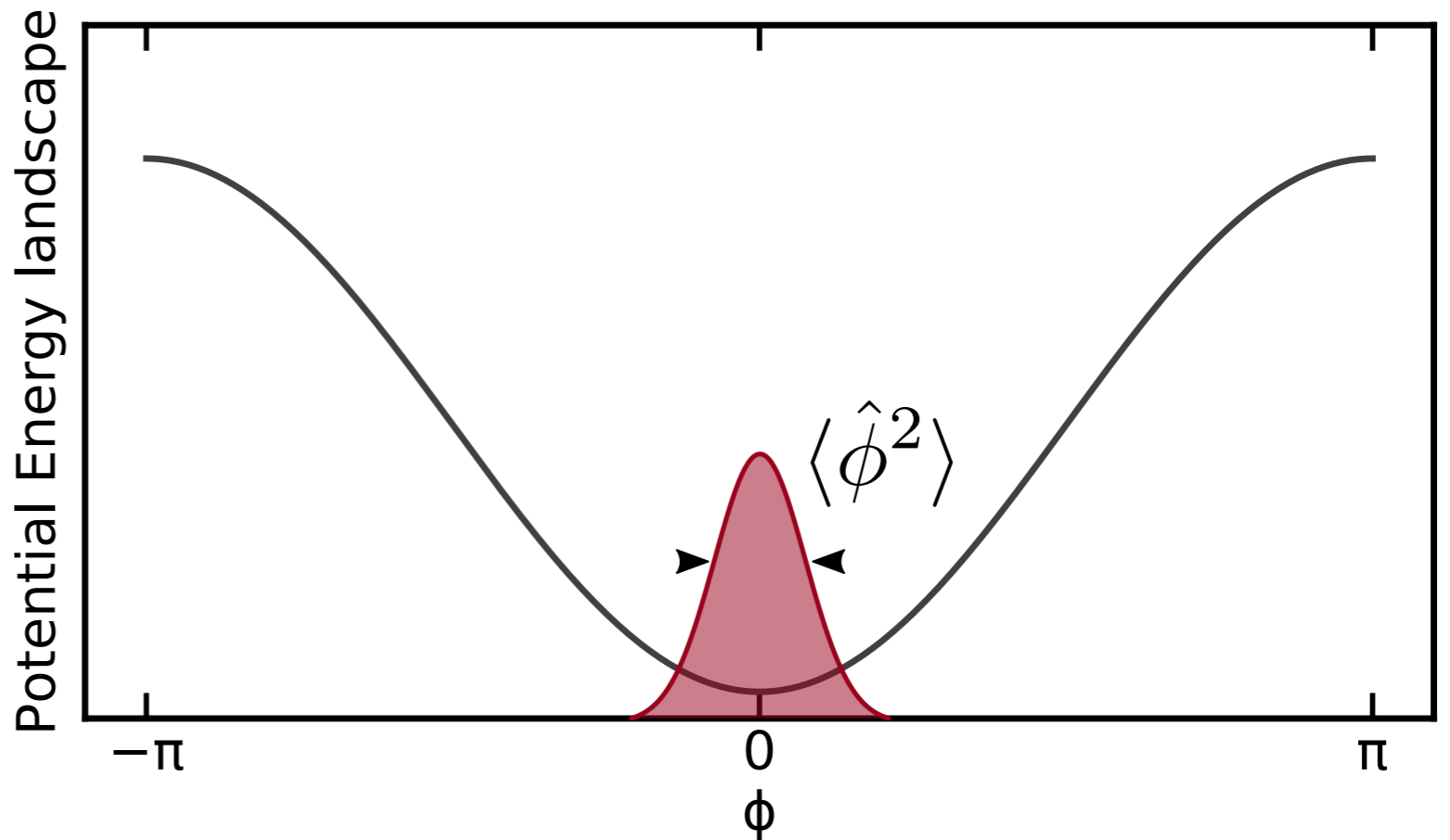
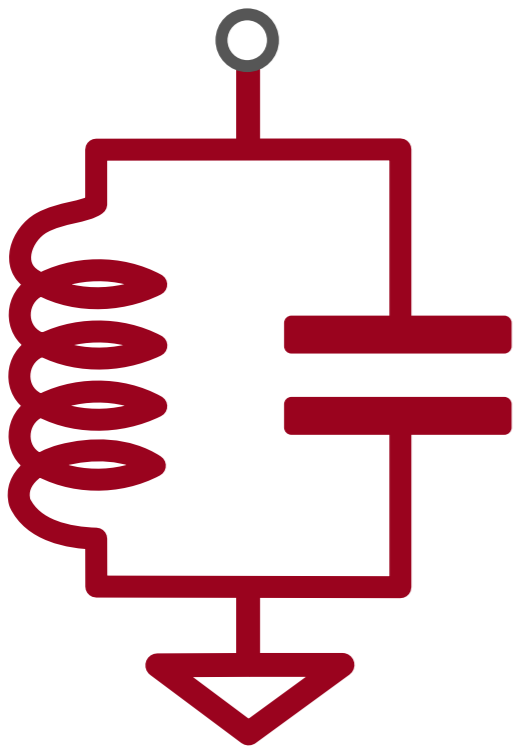
Resonant frequency

$$\omega_J = \sqrt{2E_J E_C}$$

Josephson junction: linear regime

$$Z_J \ll Z_q$$

$$\hat{H} = E_C \hat{n}^2 + \frac{E_J}{2} \hat{\phi}^2$$

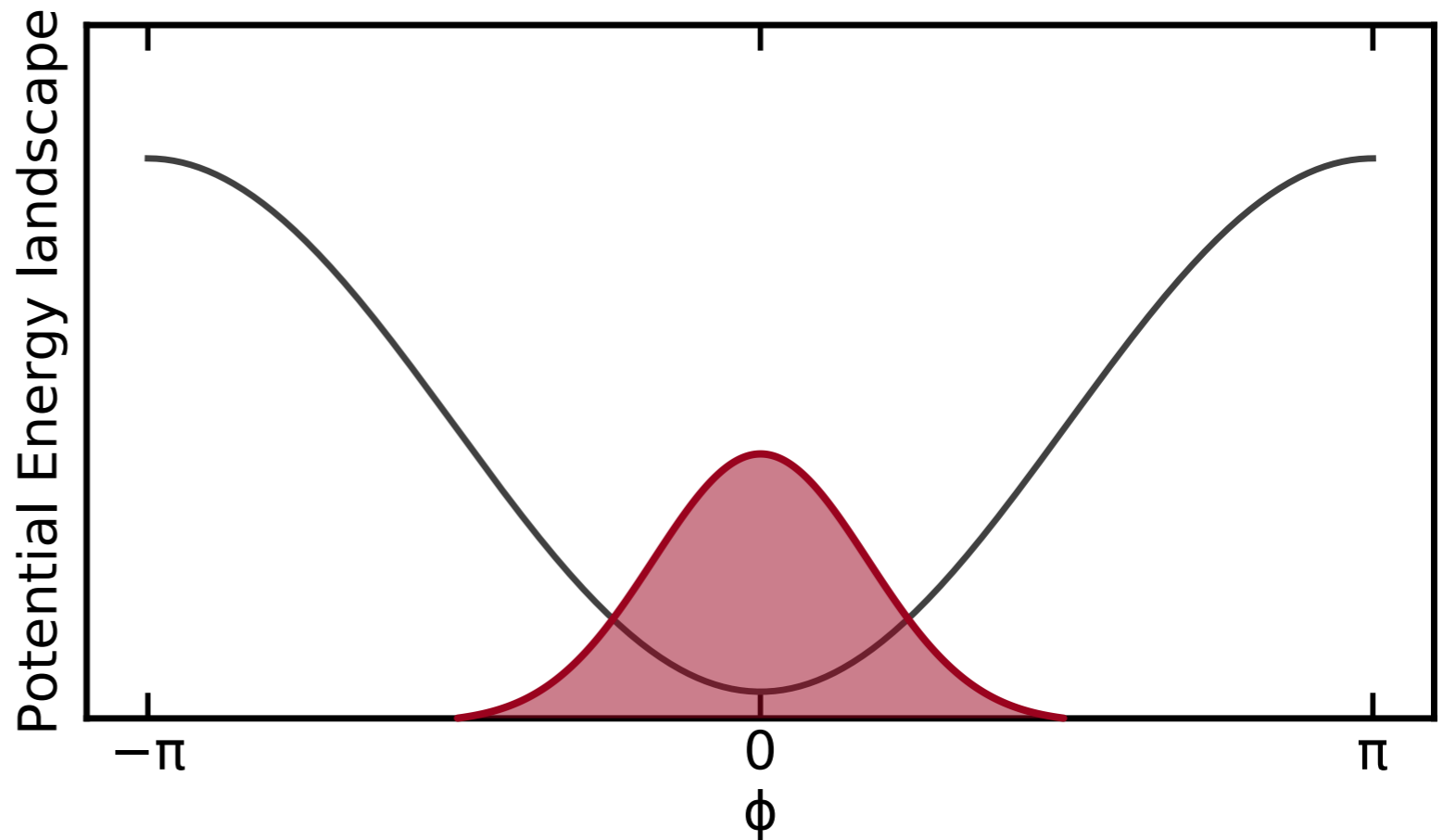
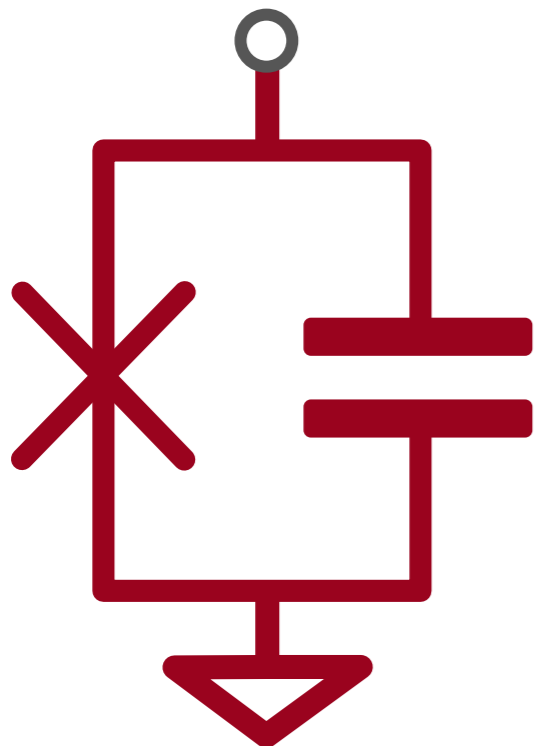


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Josephson junction: strong nonlinearity

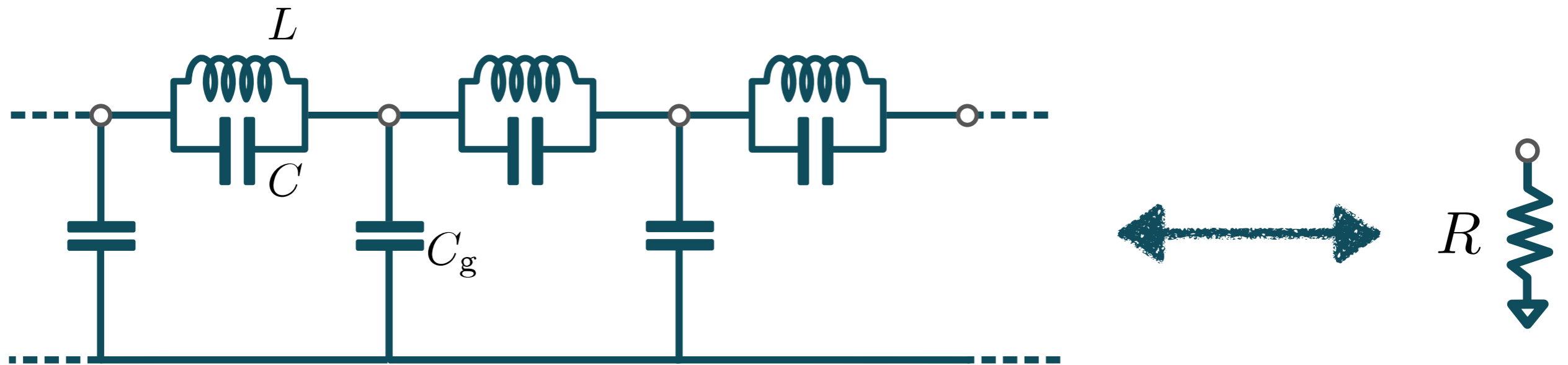
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A Josephson junction coupled to a dissipative environment

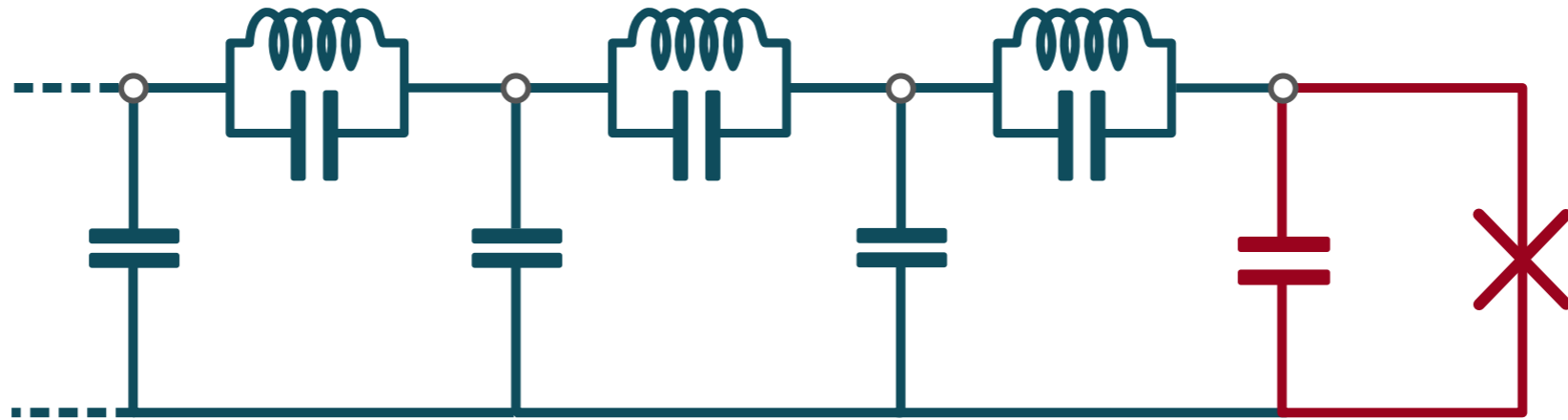


Infinite transmission line: $R = Z_c$

Dissipation in quantum mechanics

R. P. Feynman and F. L. Vernon Jr. (1963),
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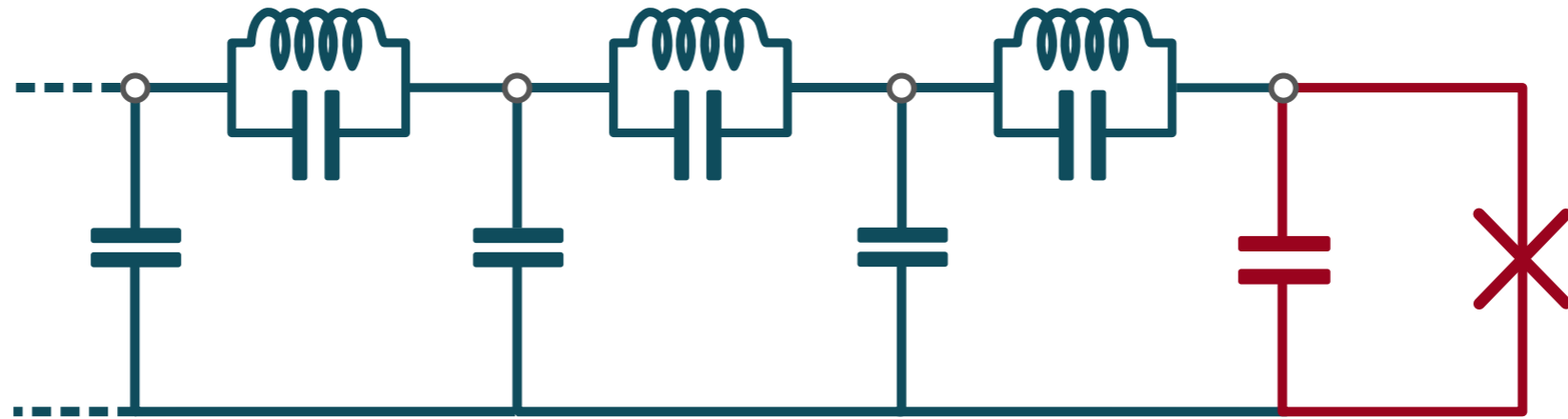


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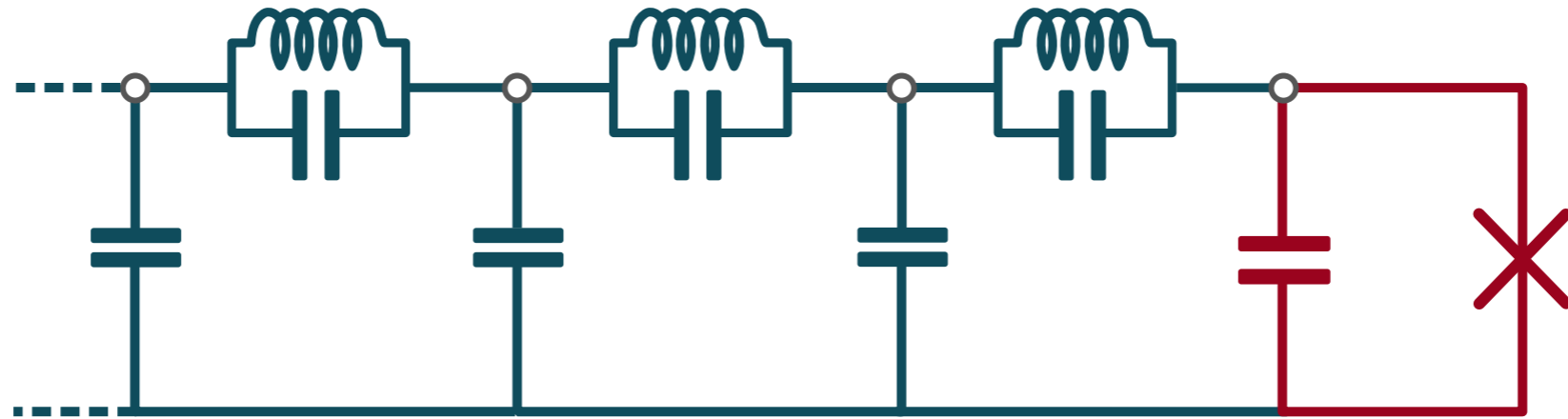
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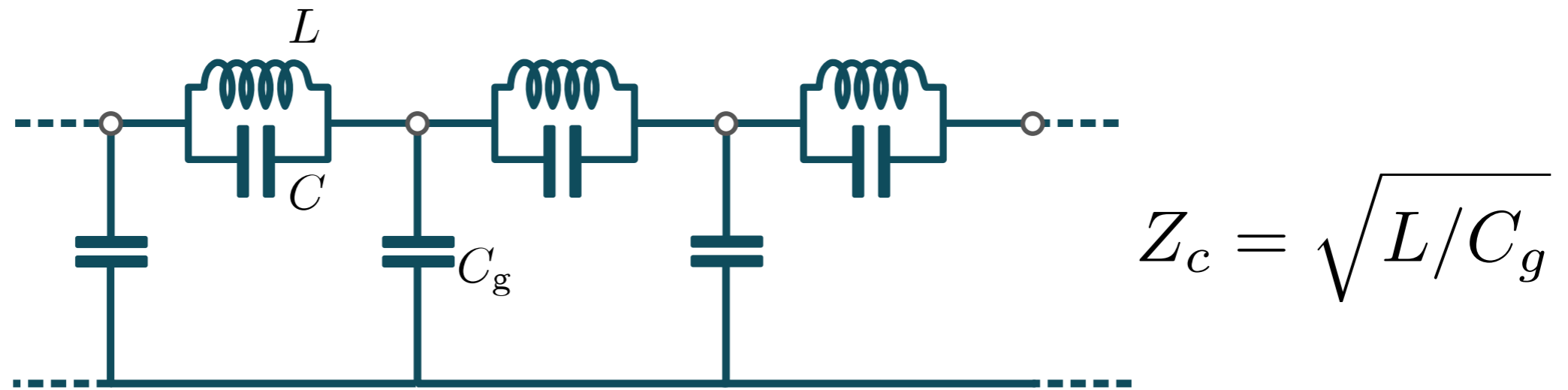
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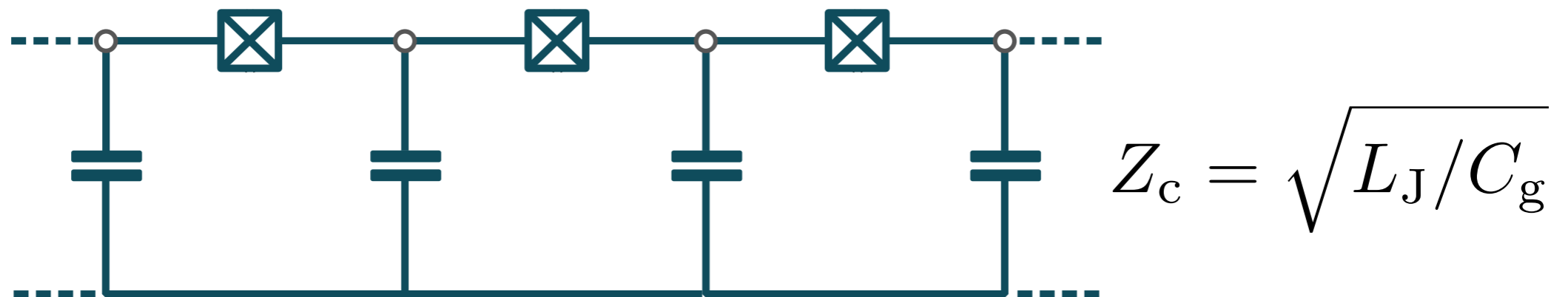
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$Z_c \gtrsim Z_q$ Challenging since $Z_q \sim 20Z_{\text{vac}}$

Building a large impedance environment



Josephson junction meta-material



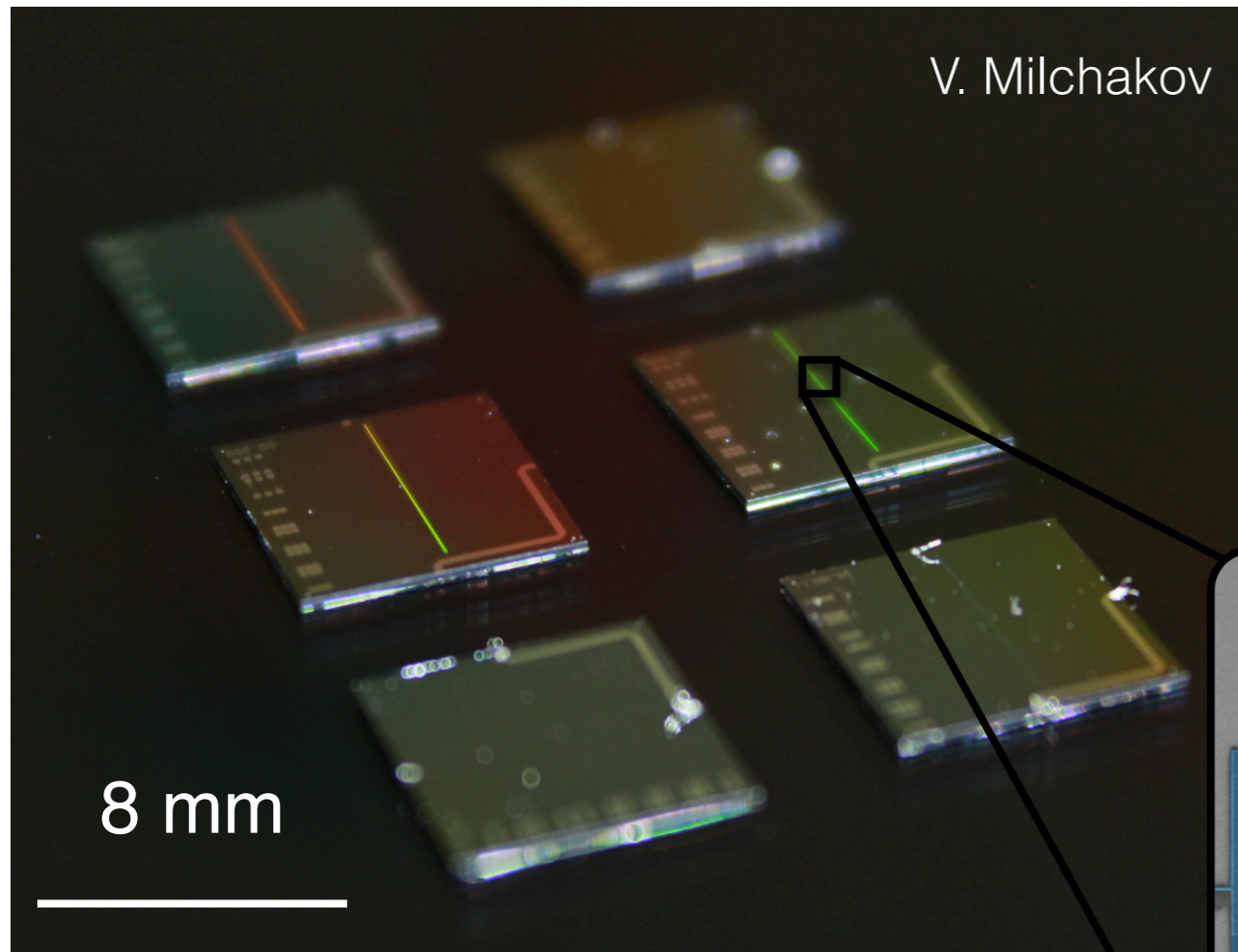
Seminal work:

S. Corlevi et al 06'
(Haviland's group)

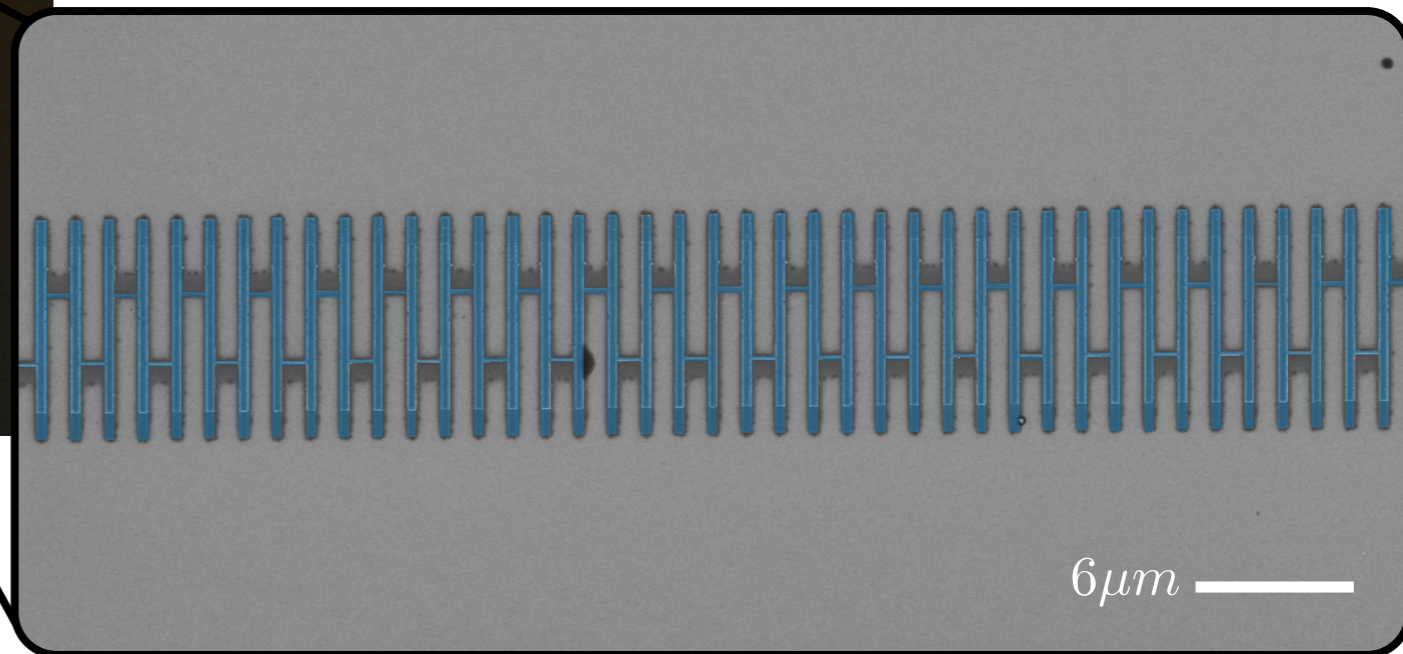
See also:

N. Masluk et al 12', Bell et al 12', S. Butz et al. 13',
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Josephson junction meta-material: Fabrication



1D array of Josephson junctions:
up to 10 000 cells



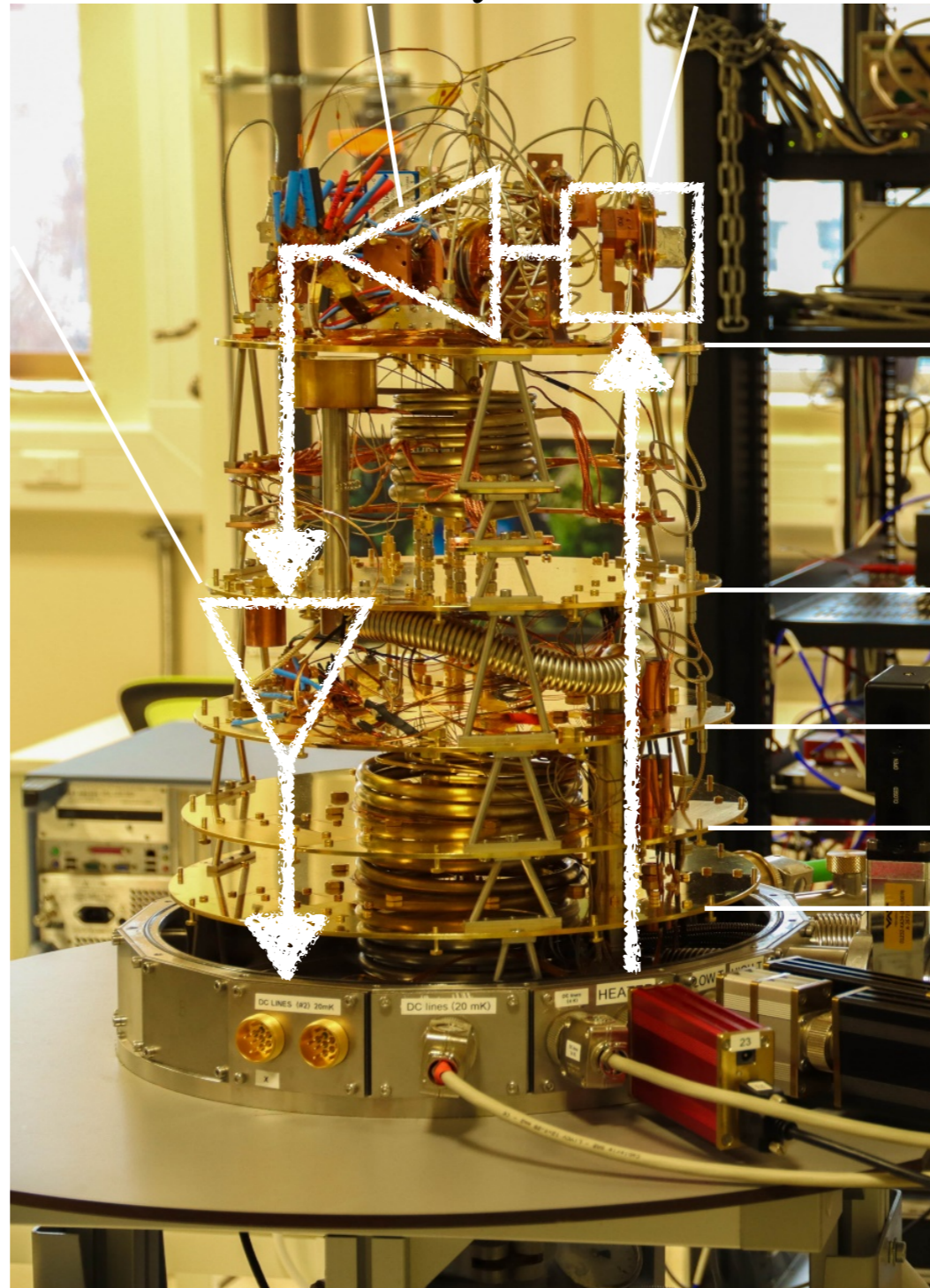
Challenges faced: stitching errors, resist homogeneity, focus homogeneity, proximity effect....

Cooling down the circuit

1st amplifier
 $T_N \sim T_{SQL}$ Sample

2nd amplifier
 $T_N \sim 10T_{SQL}$

Dilution
fridge



20 mK

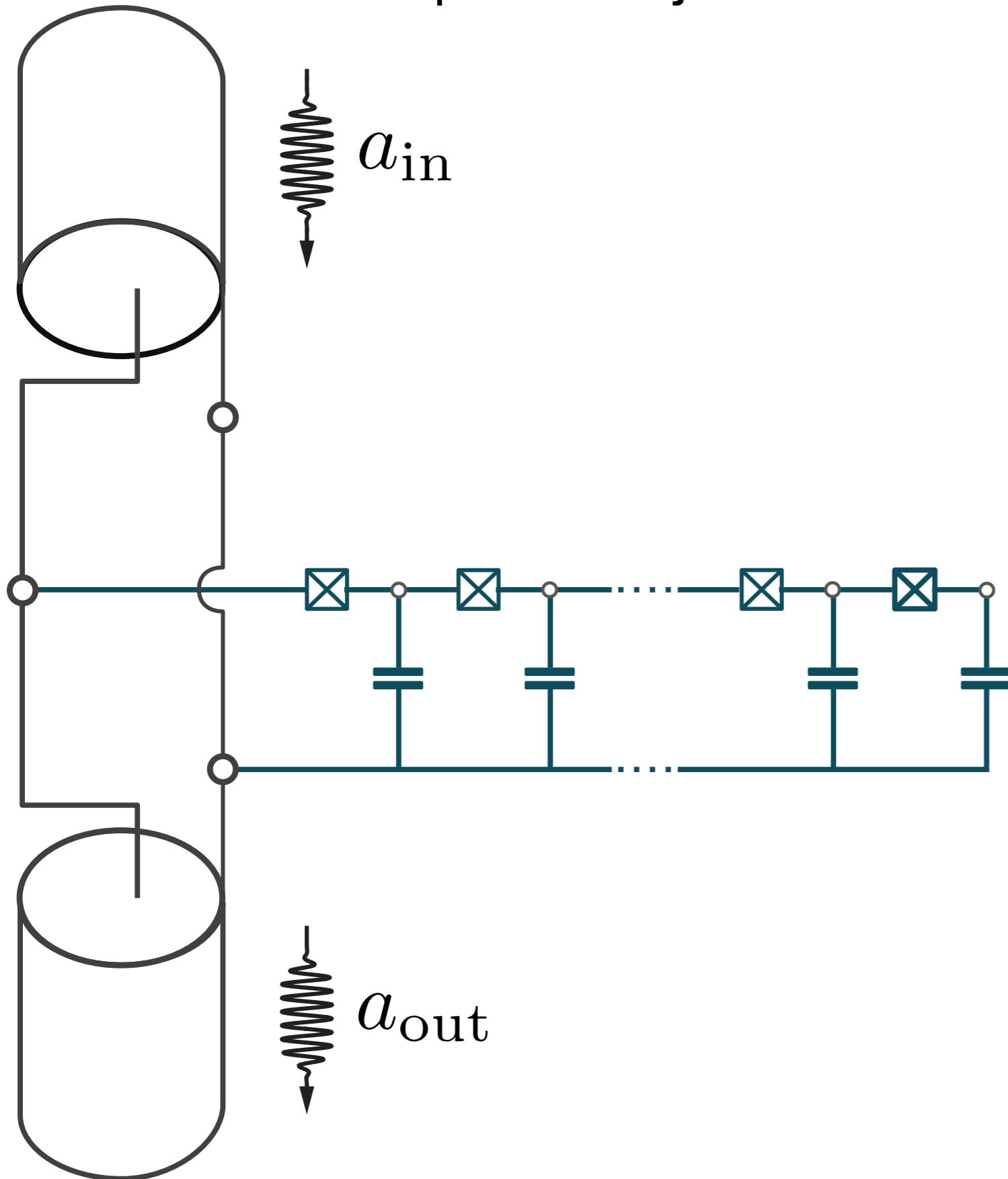
700 mK

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20K

100K

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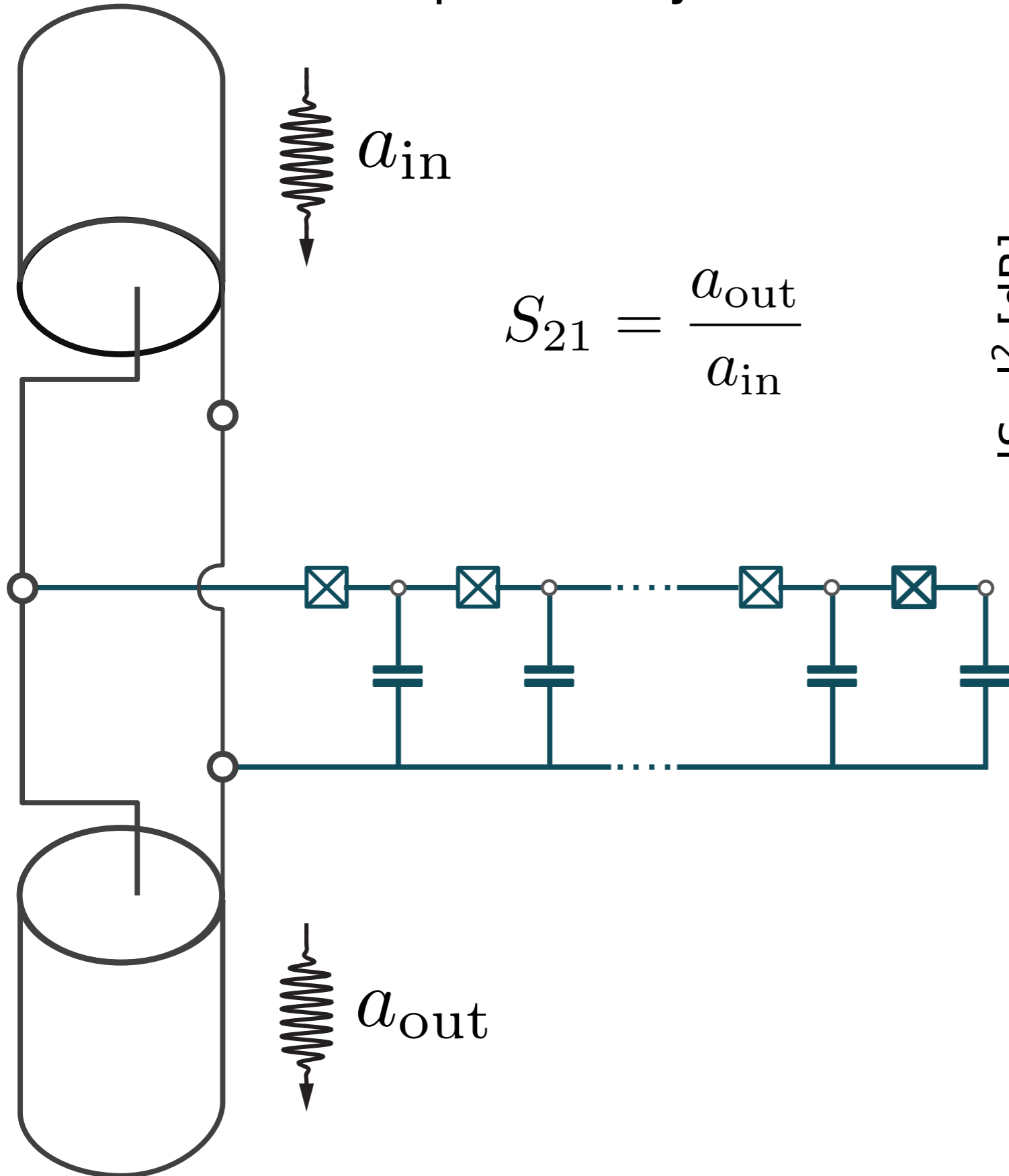


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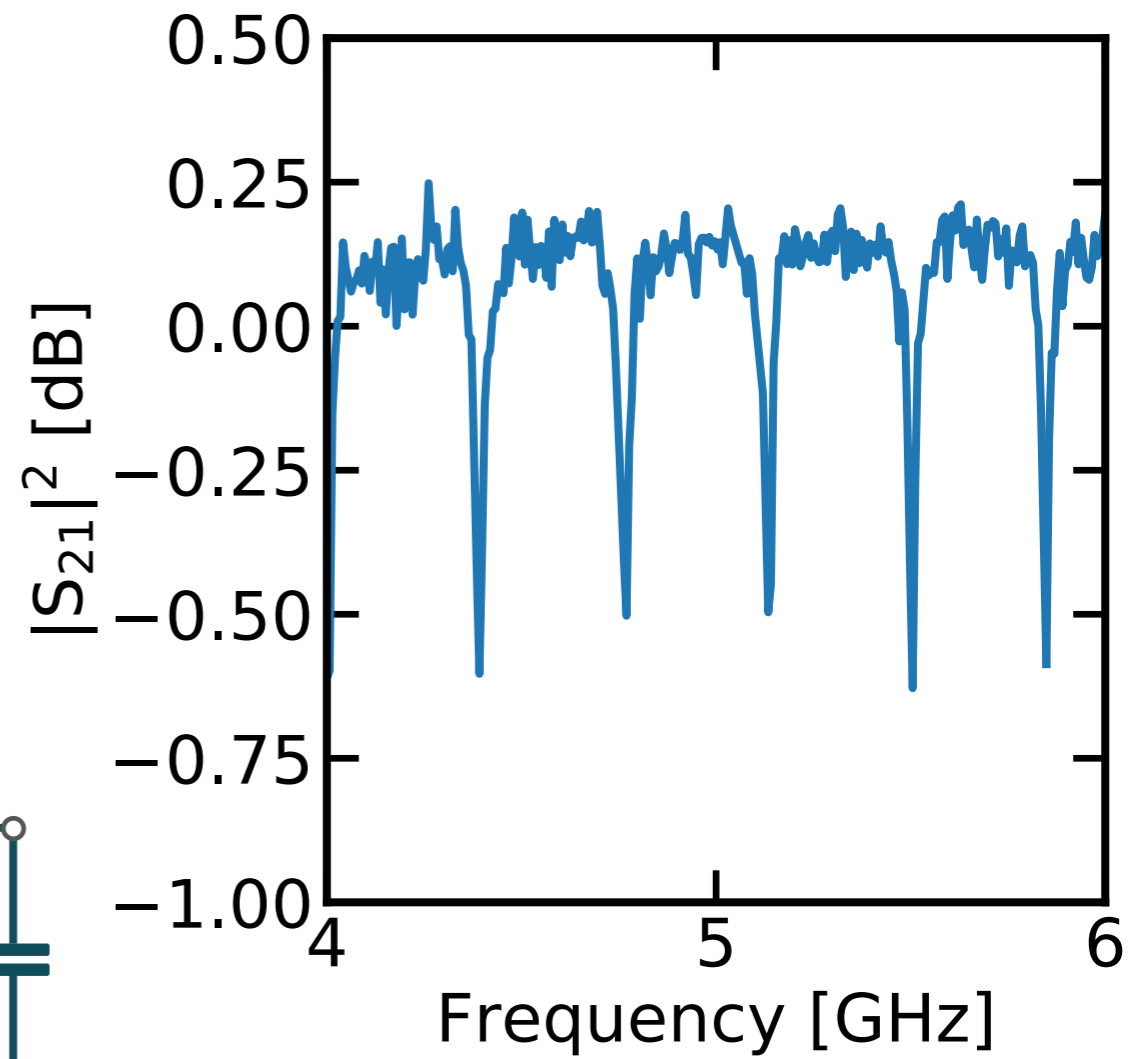
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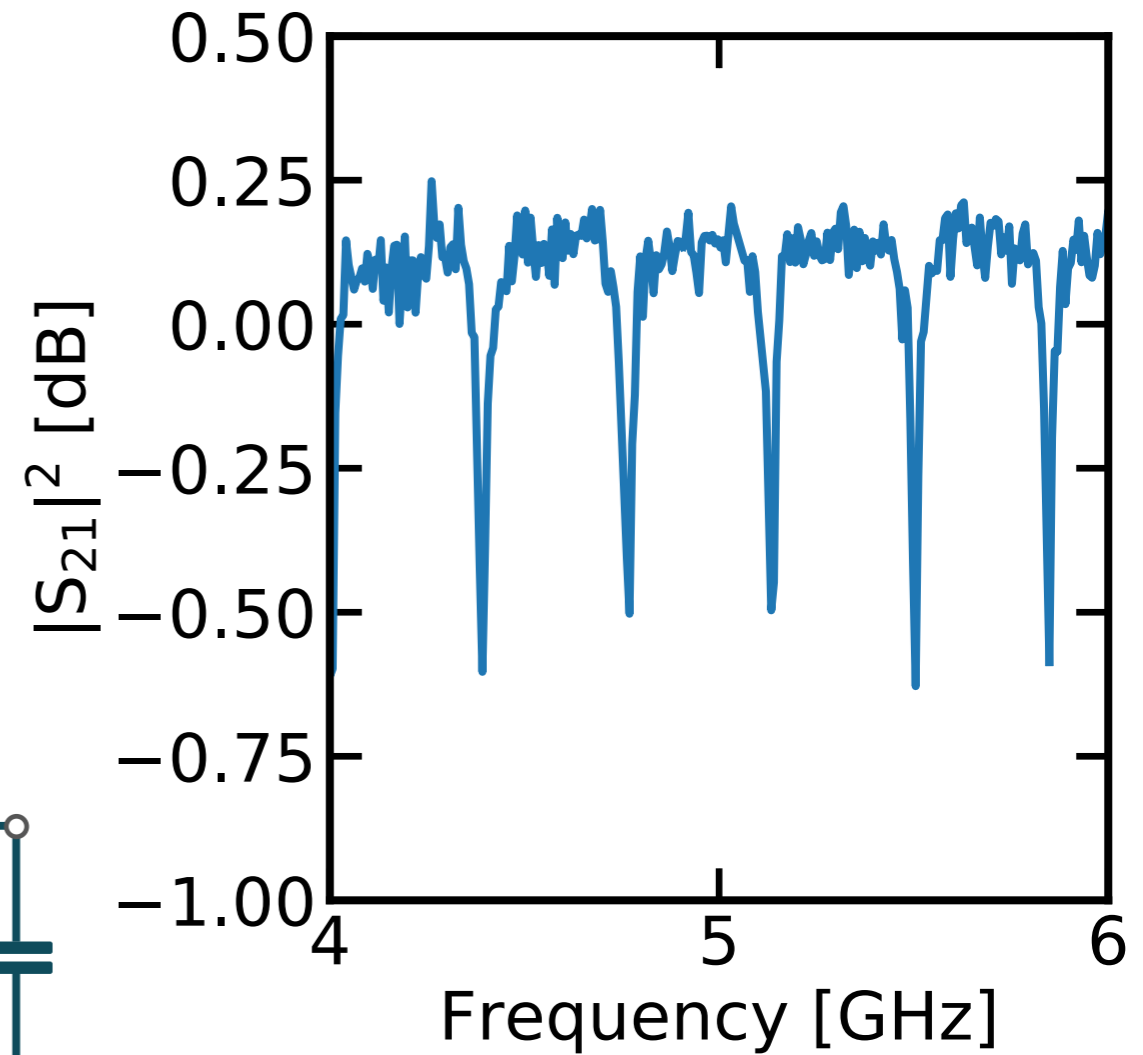
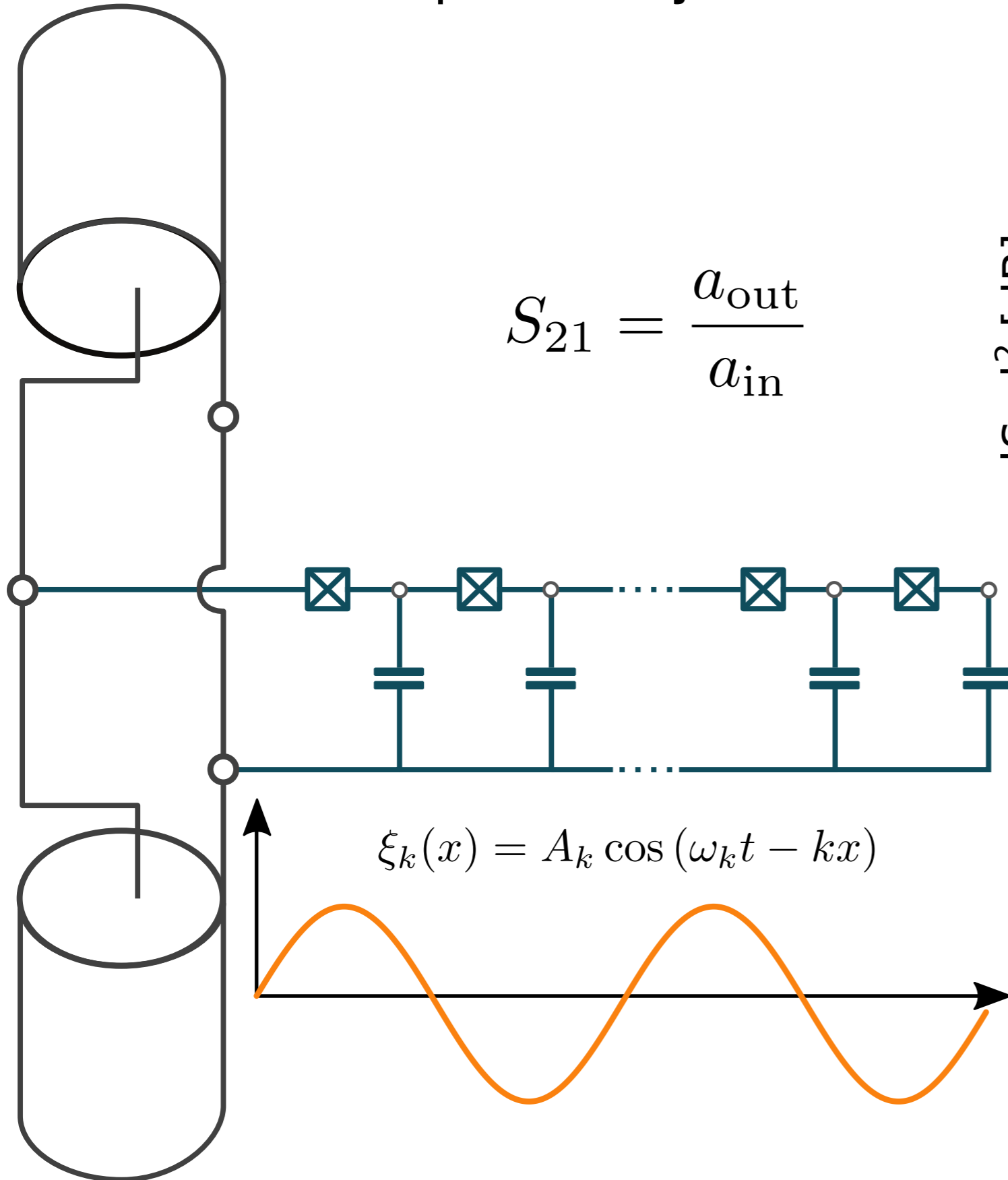


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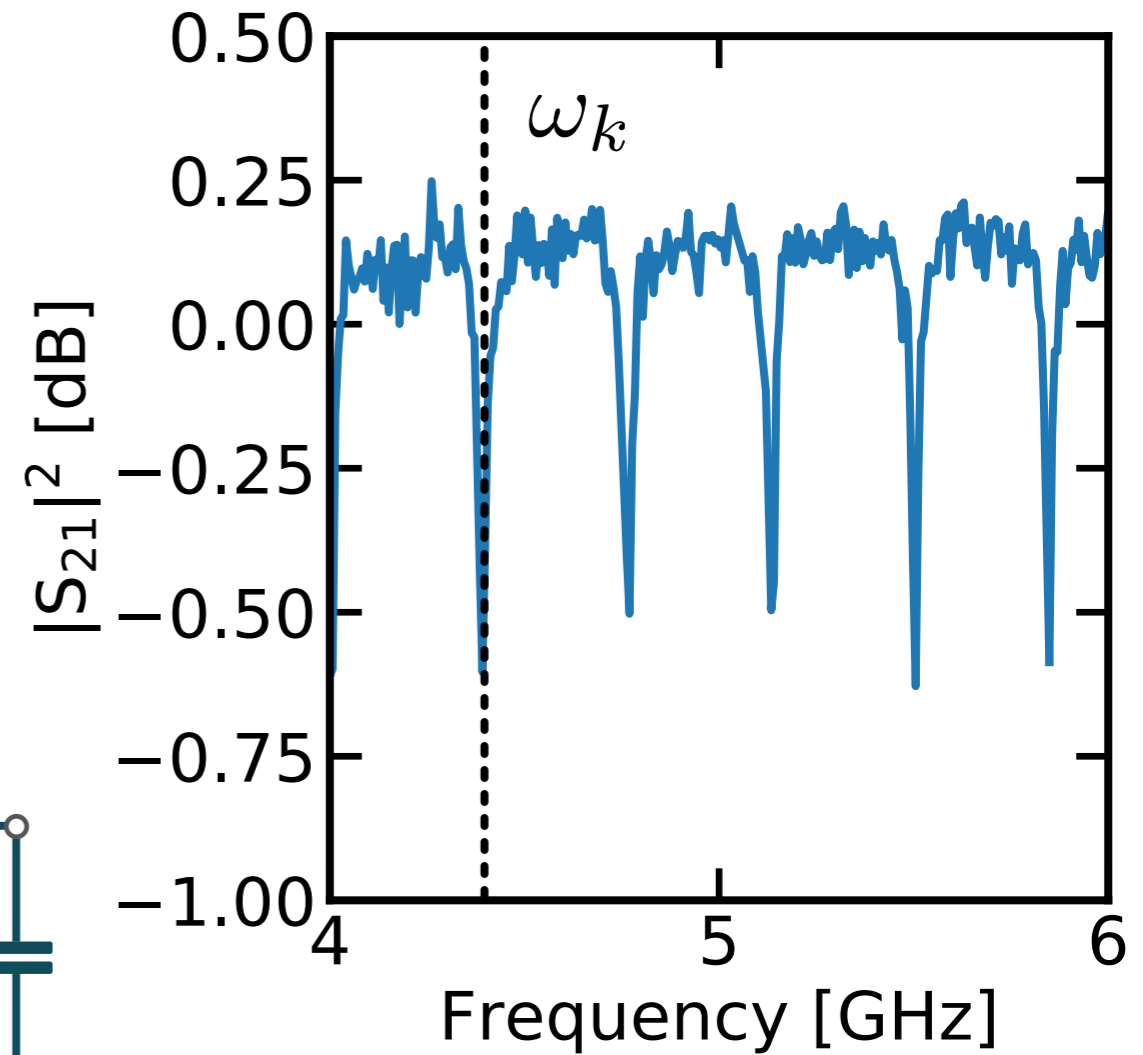
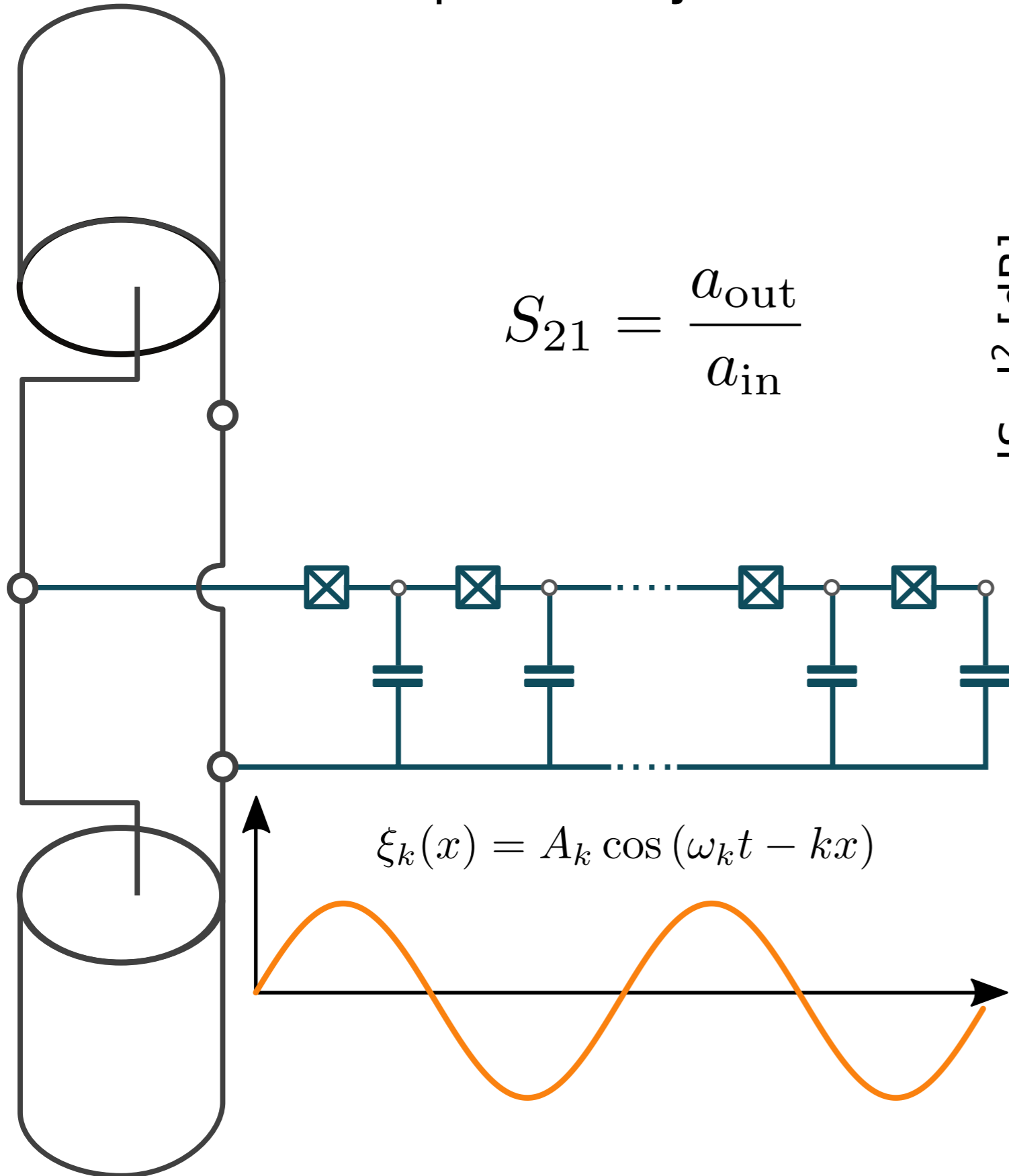


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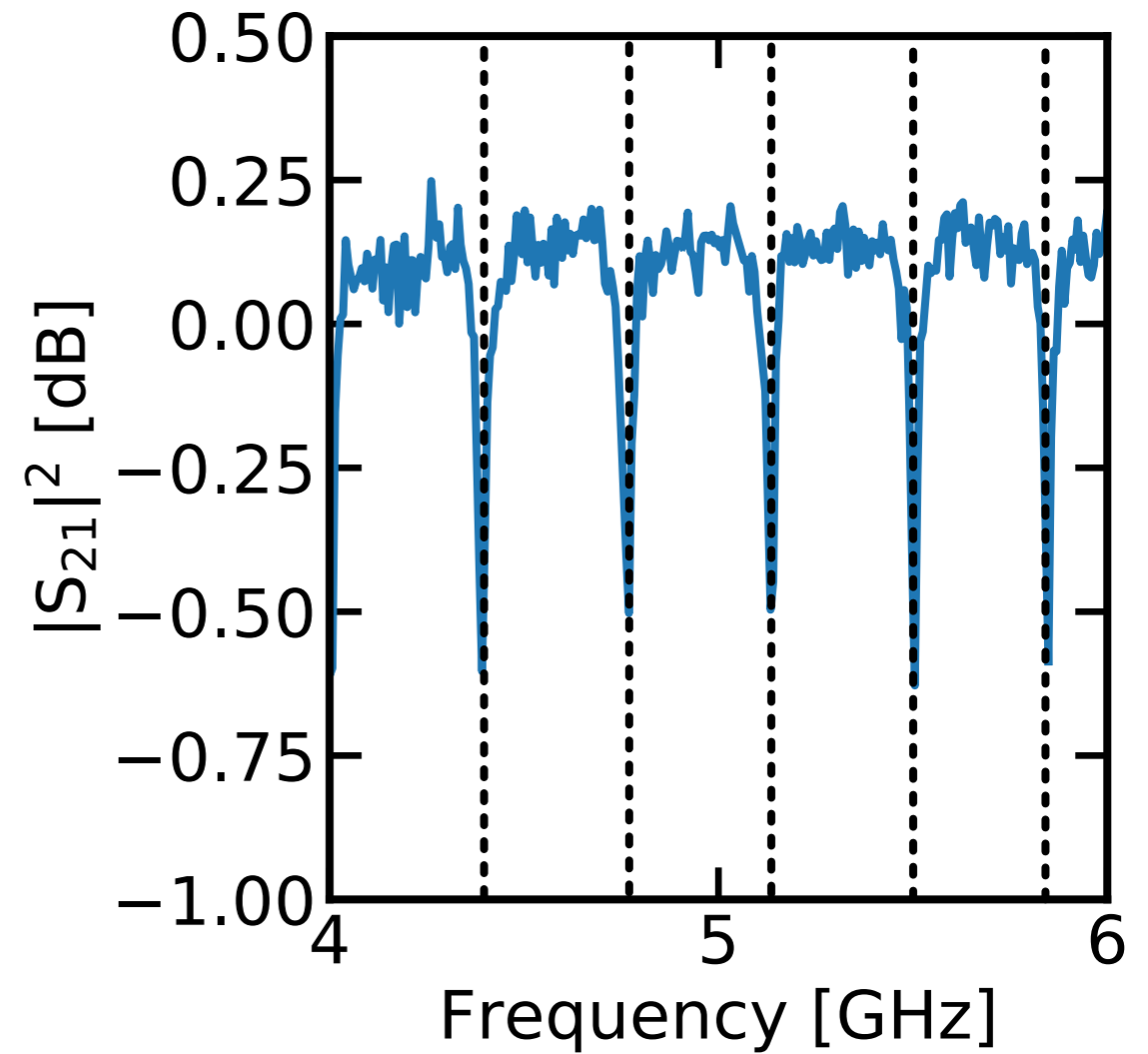
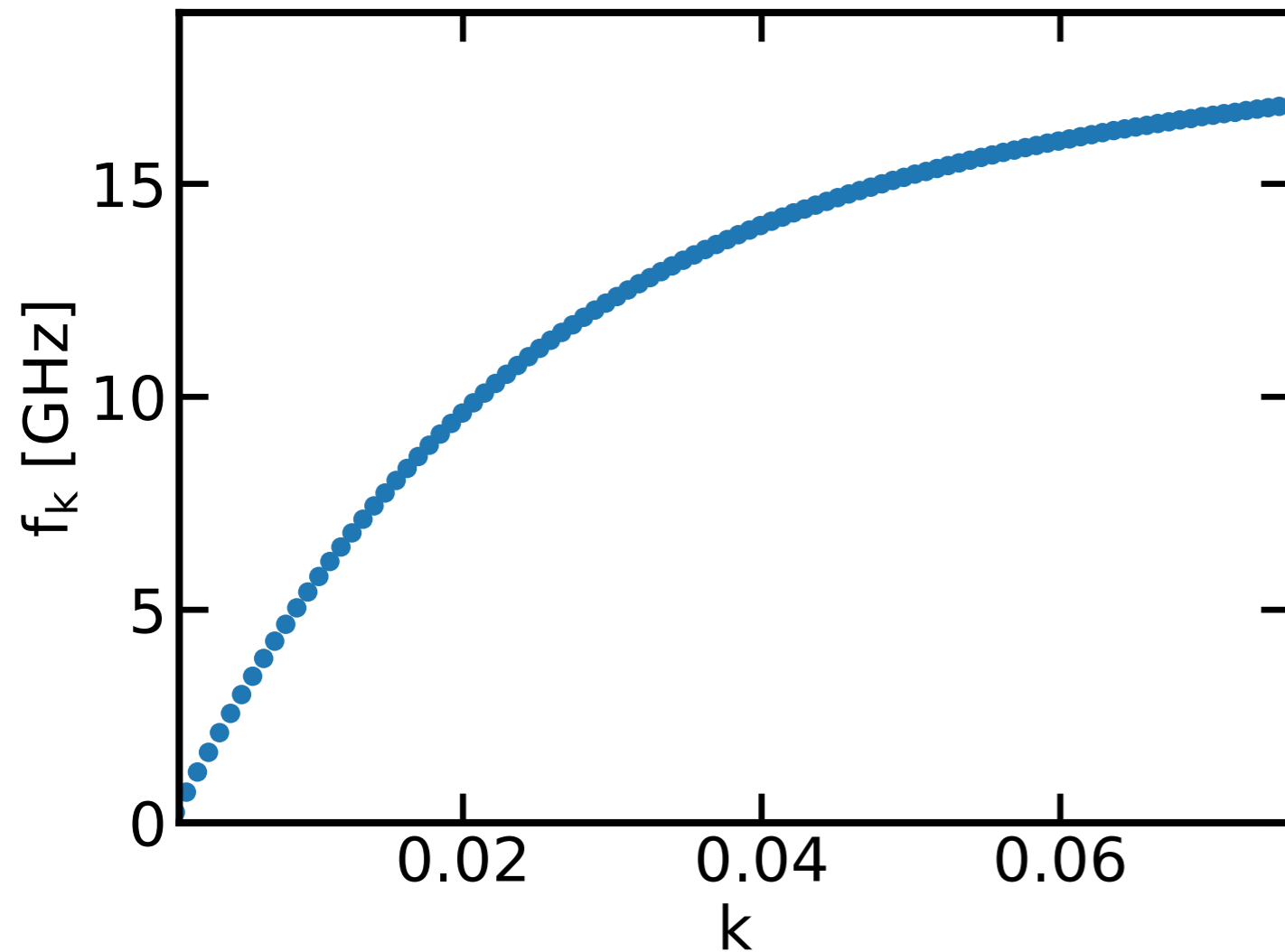


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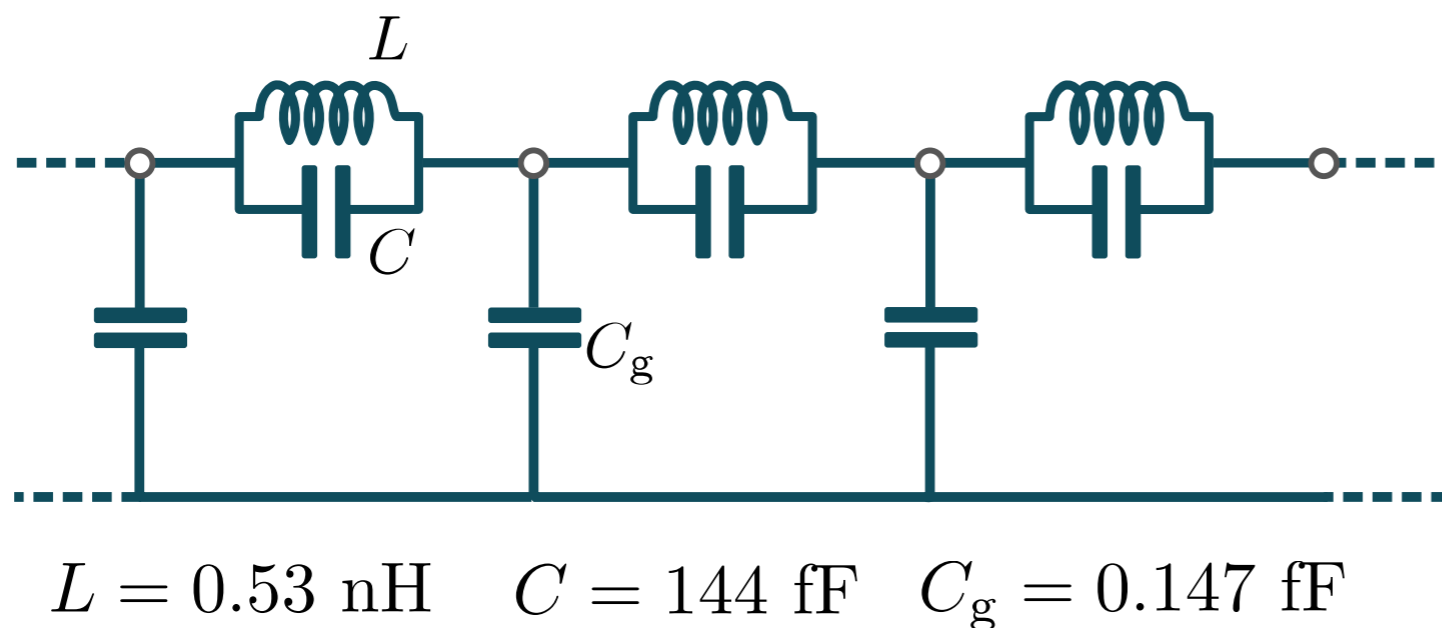
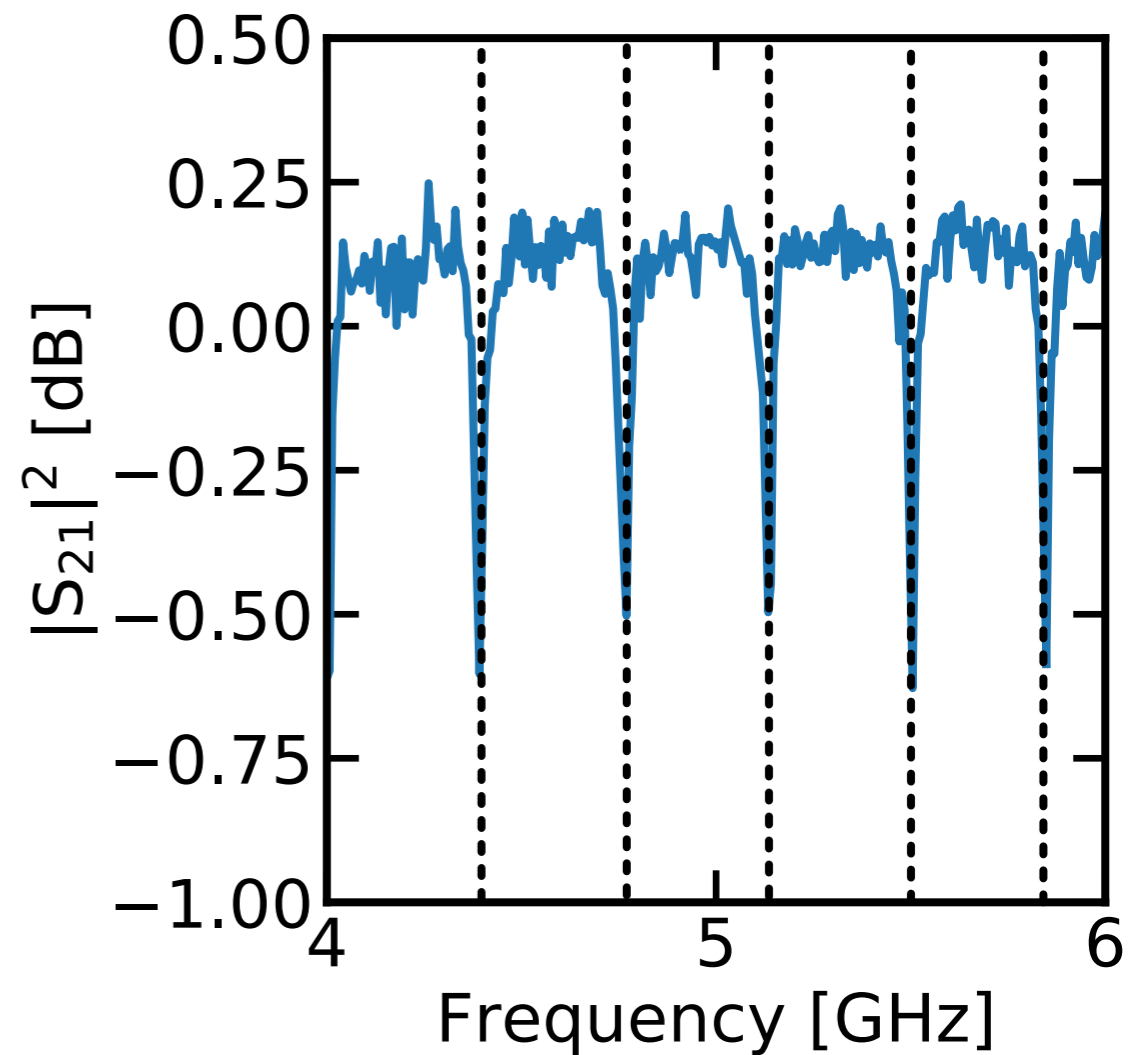
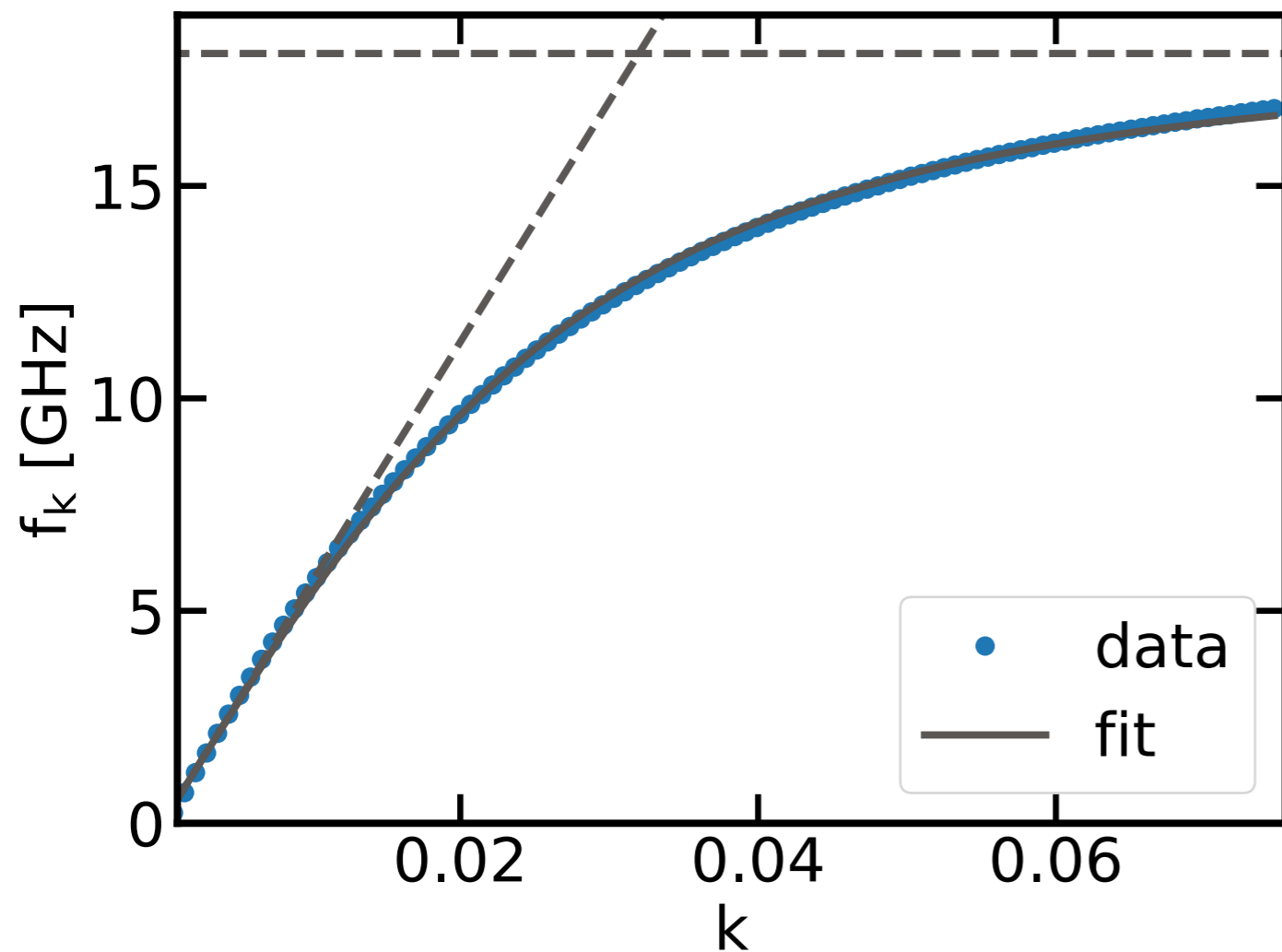


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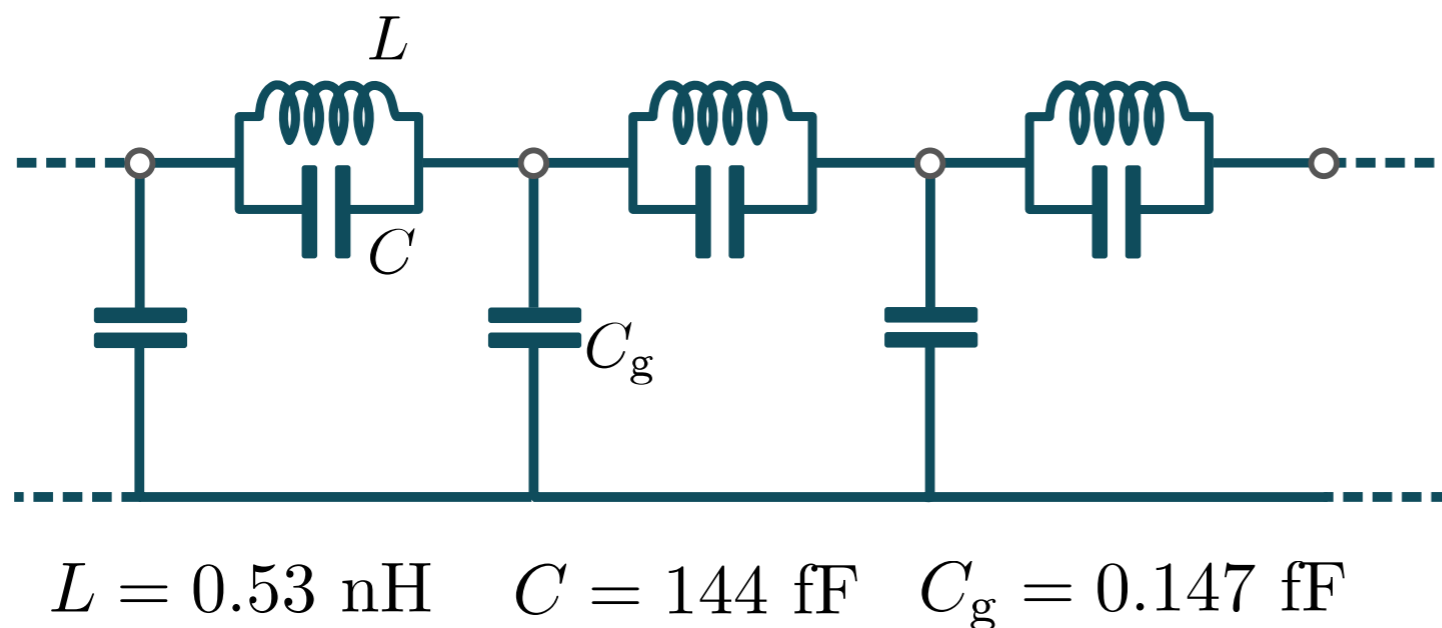
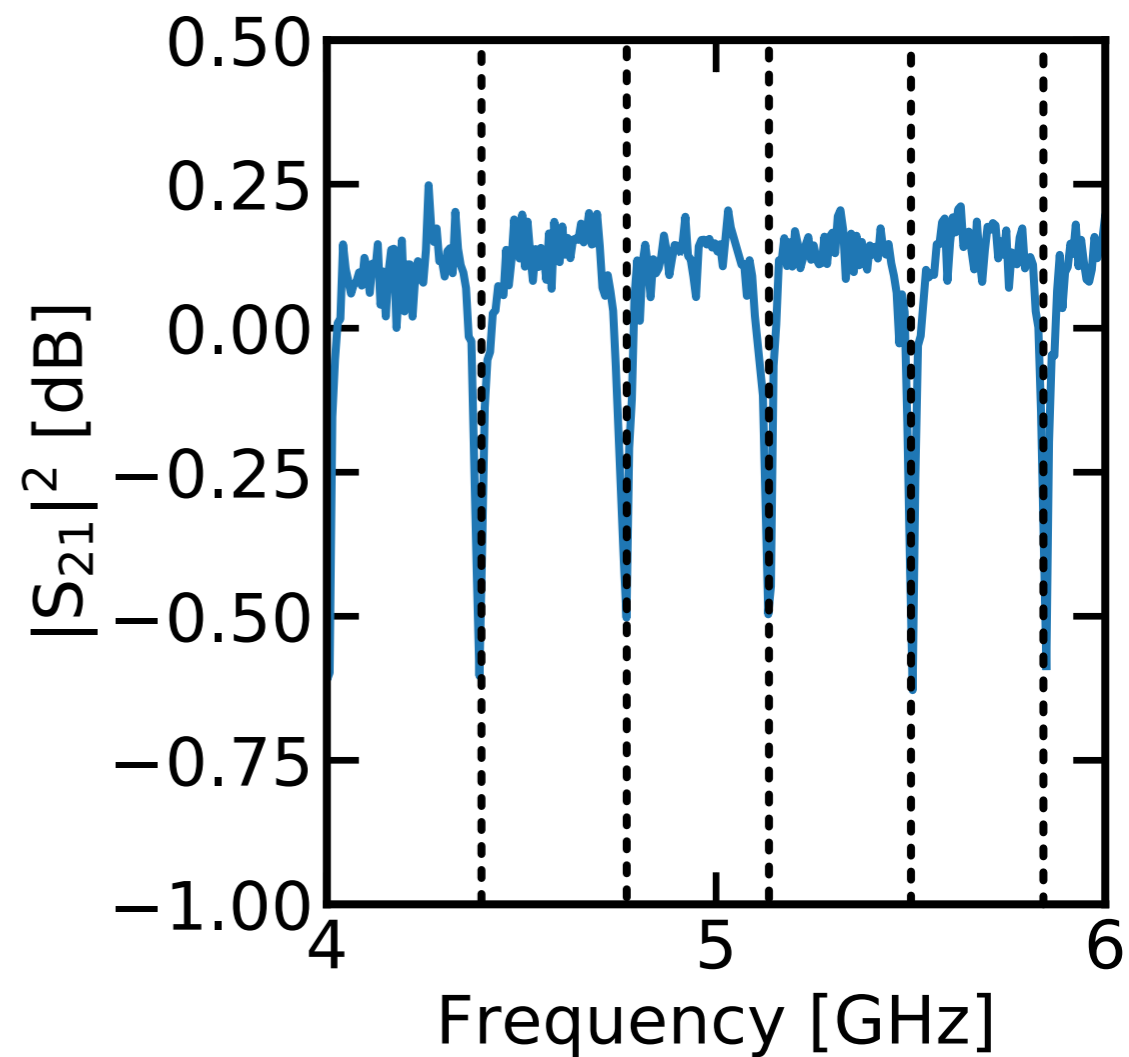
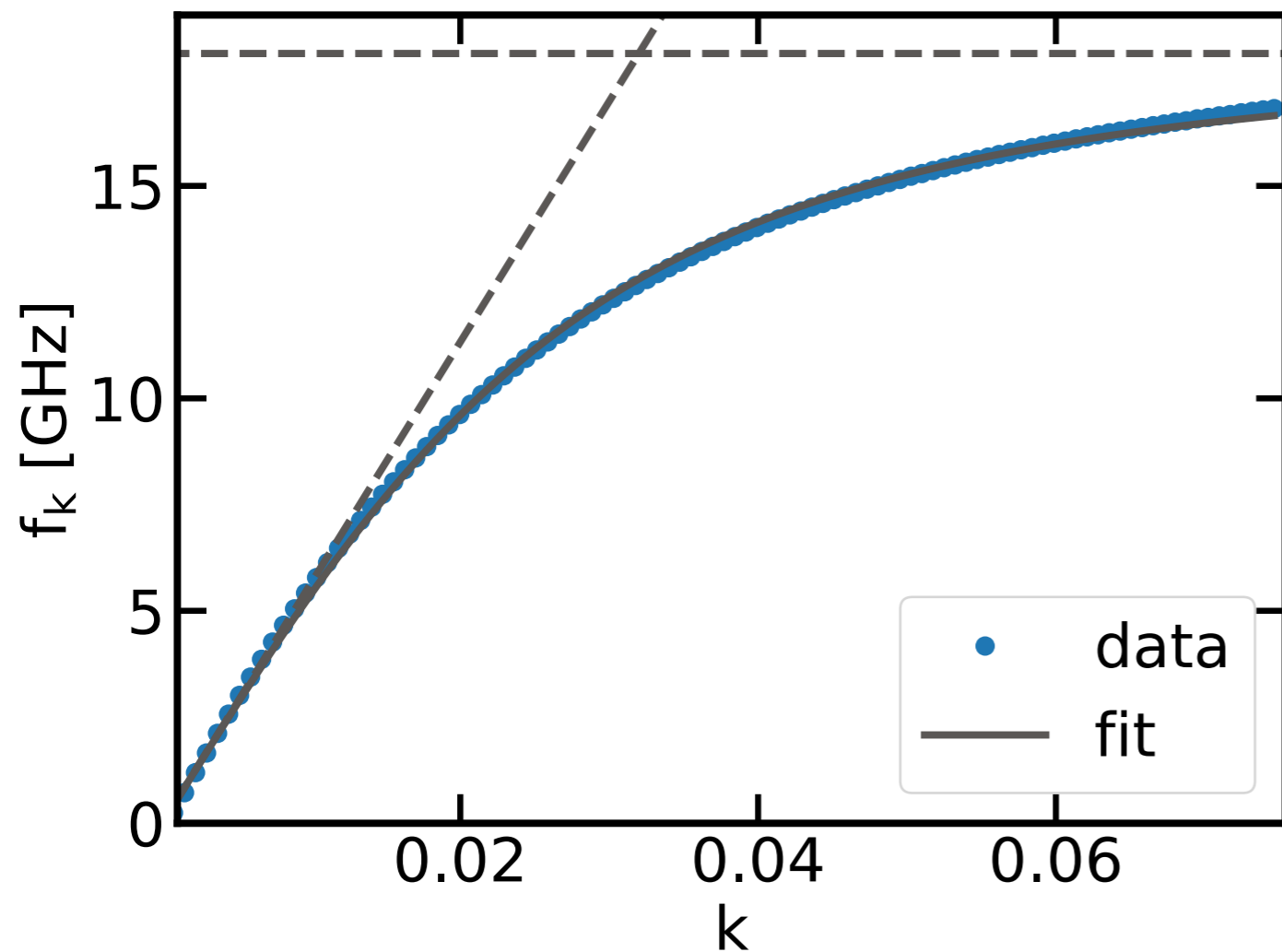


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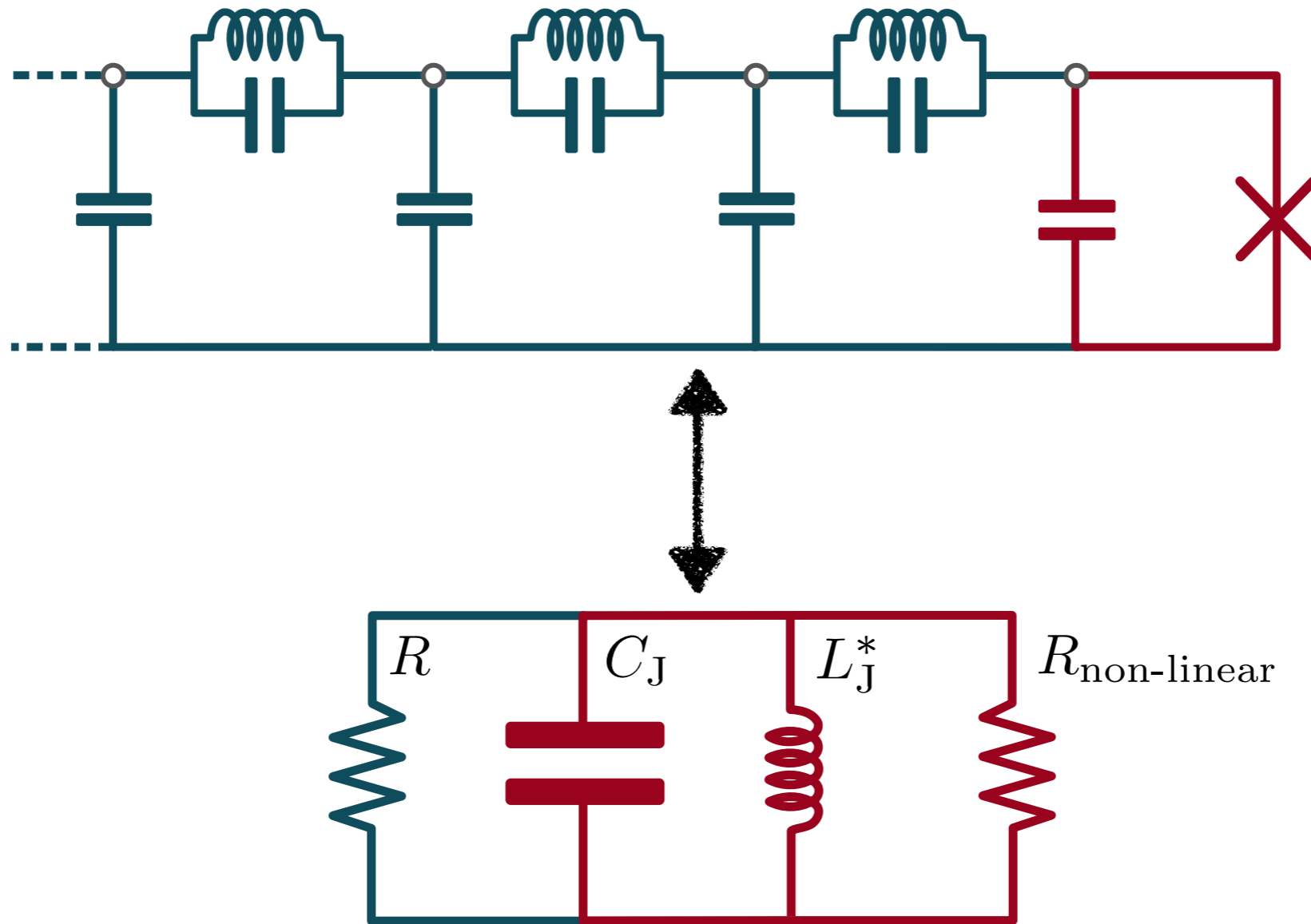


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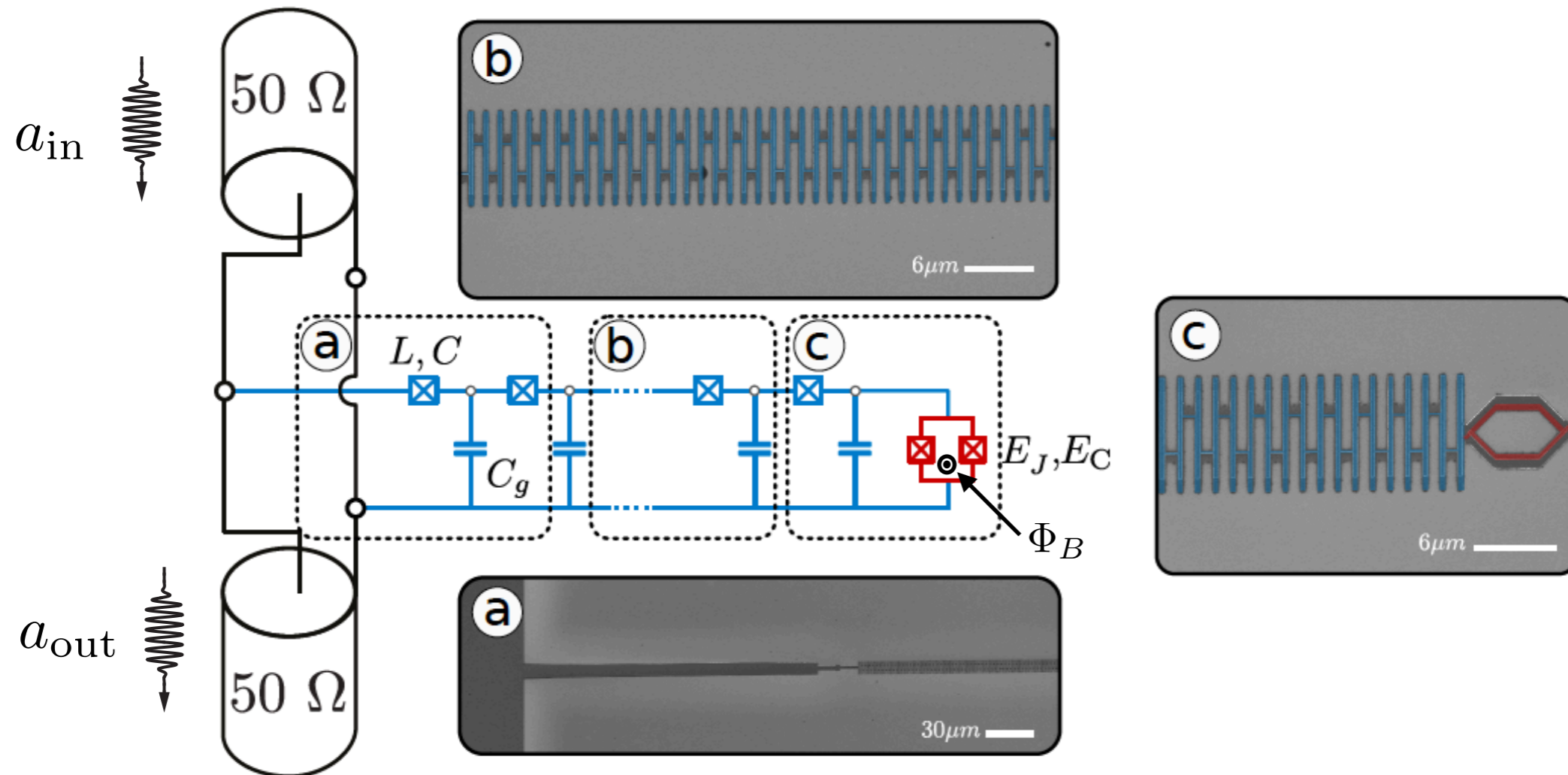
Outline: Finite-frequency properties of the Boundary Sine-Gordon model



L_J^* : Renormalisation of the Josephson energy from zero-point fluctuations

$R_{\text{non-linear}}$: Losses from Many-body effects

A small Josephson junction in a high impedance environment



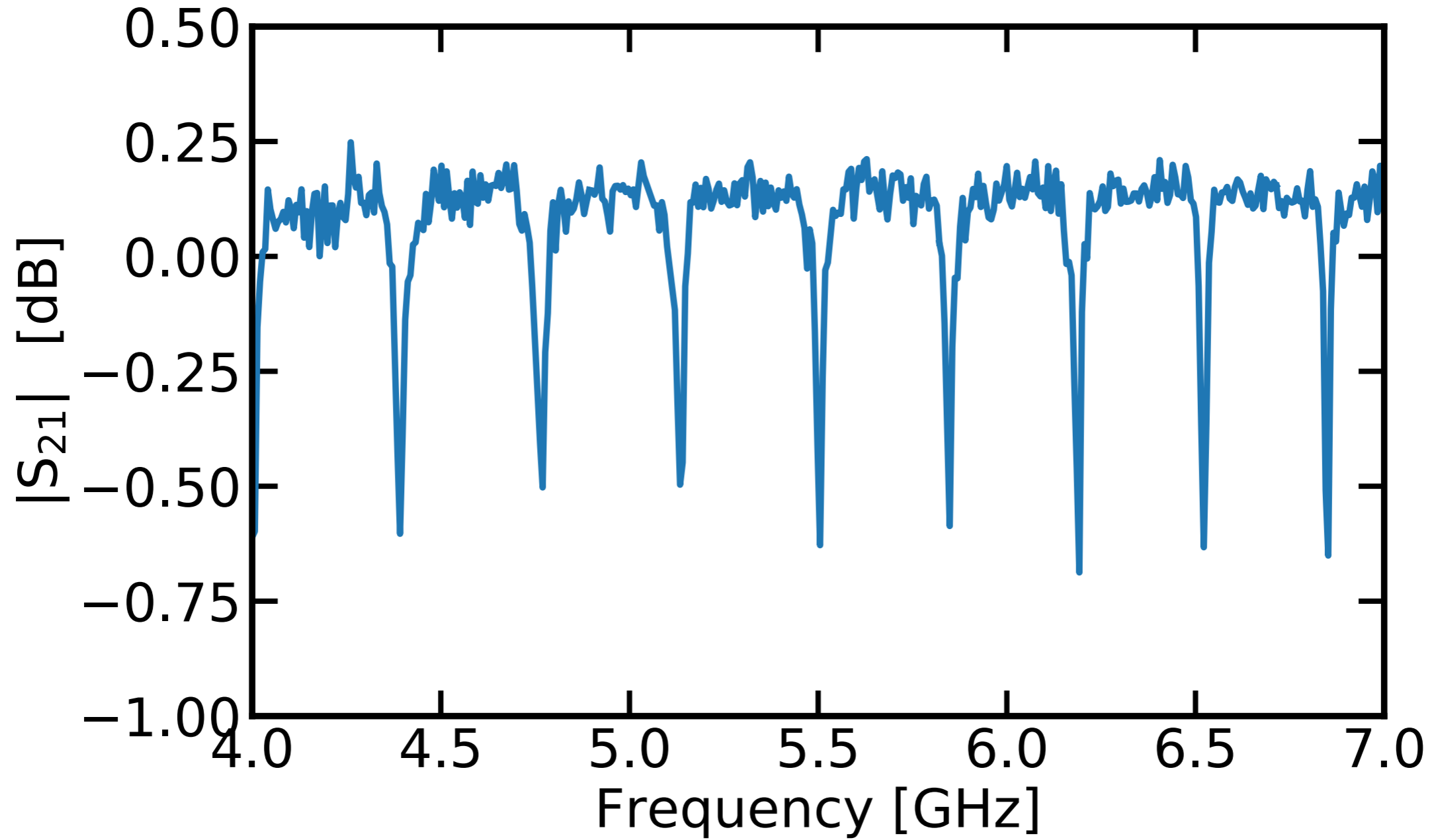
small junction (non-linear): $Z_J \simeq 2k\Omega$

$$E_J(\Phi_B) = E_J(0) |\cos(\pi\Phi_B/\Phi_q)|$$

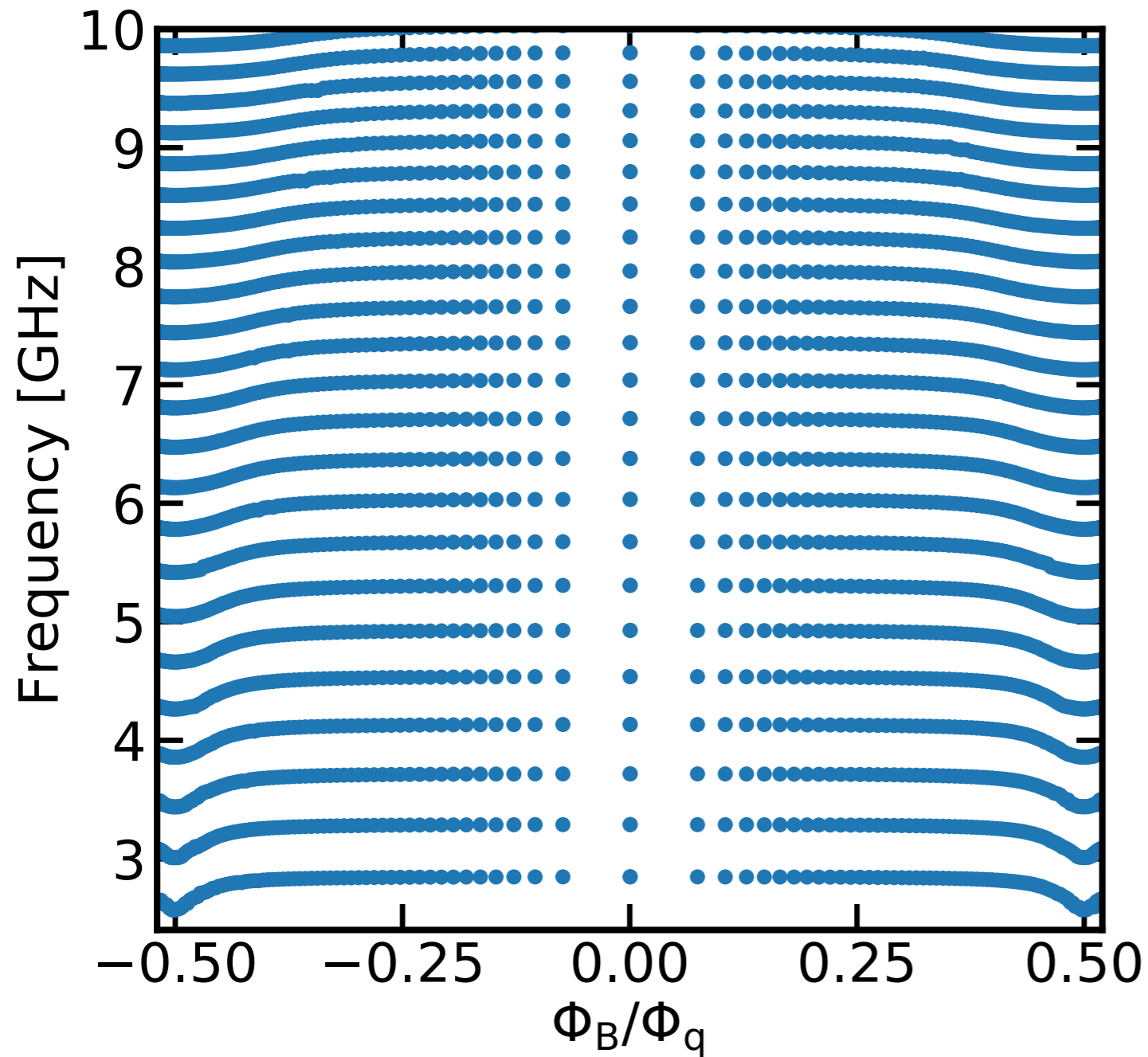
chain junctions (linear): $Z_J \simeq 10\Omega$

$$Z_c = 1.9 \text{ k}\Omega$$

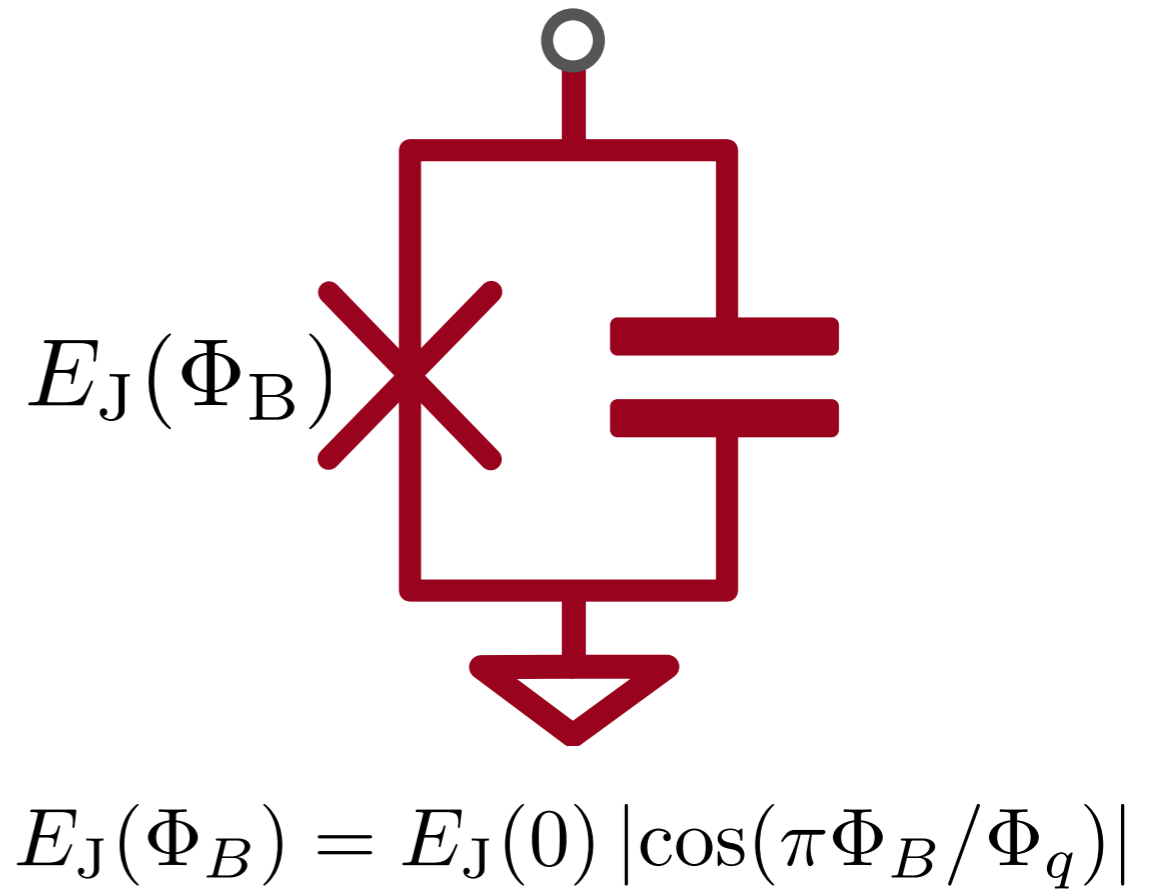
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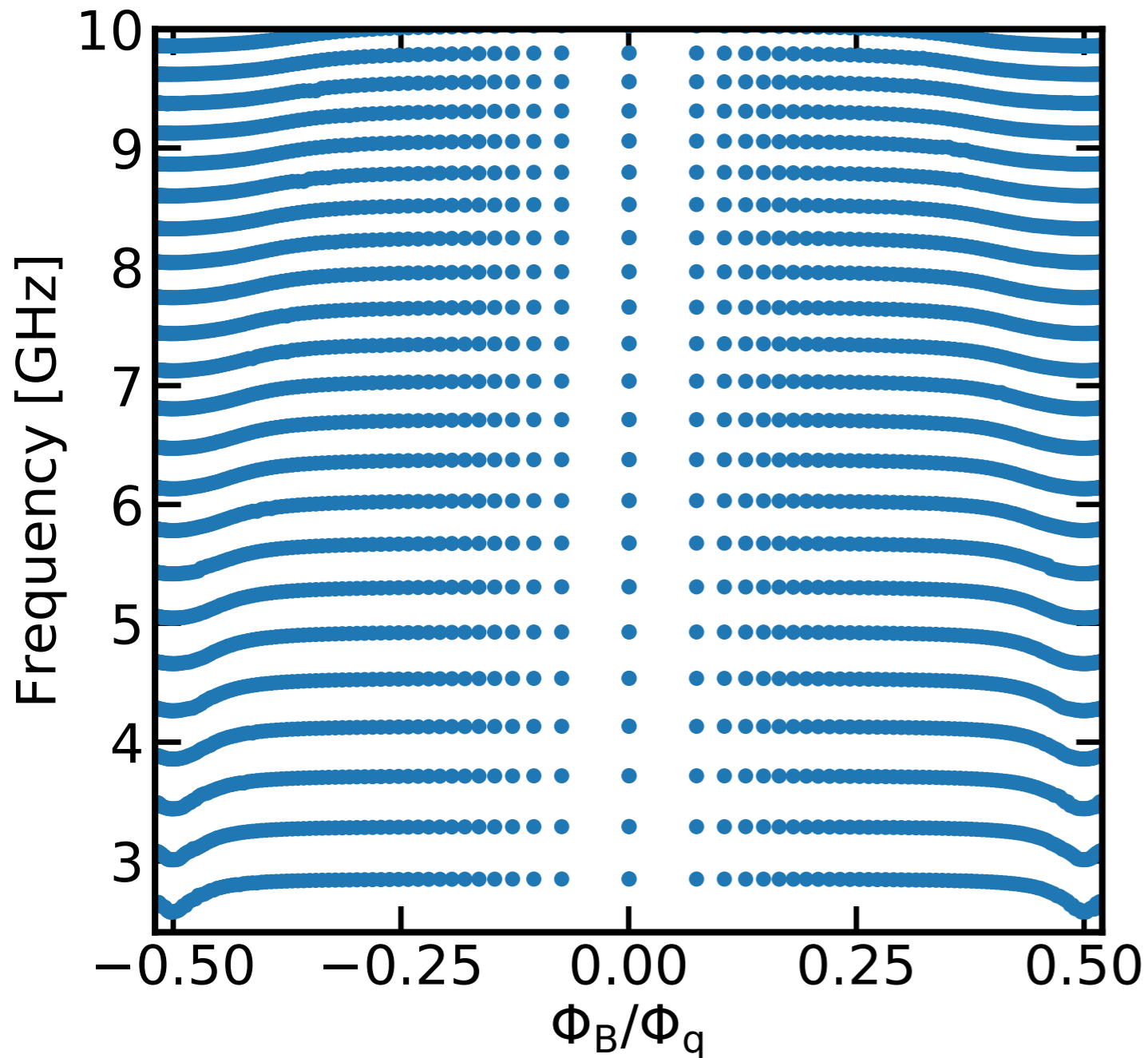
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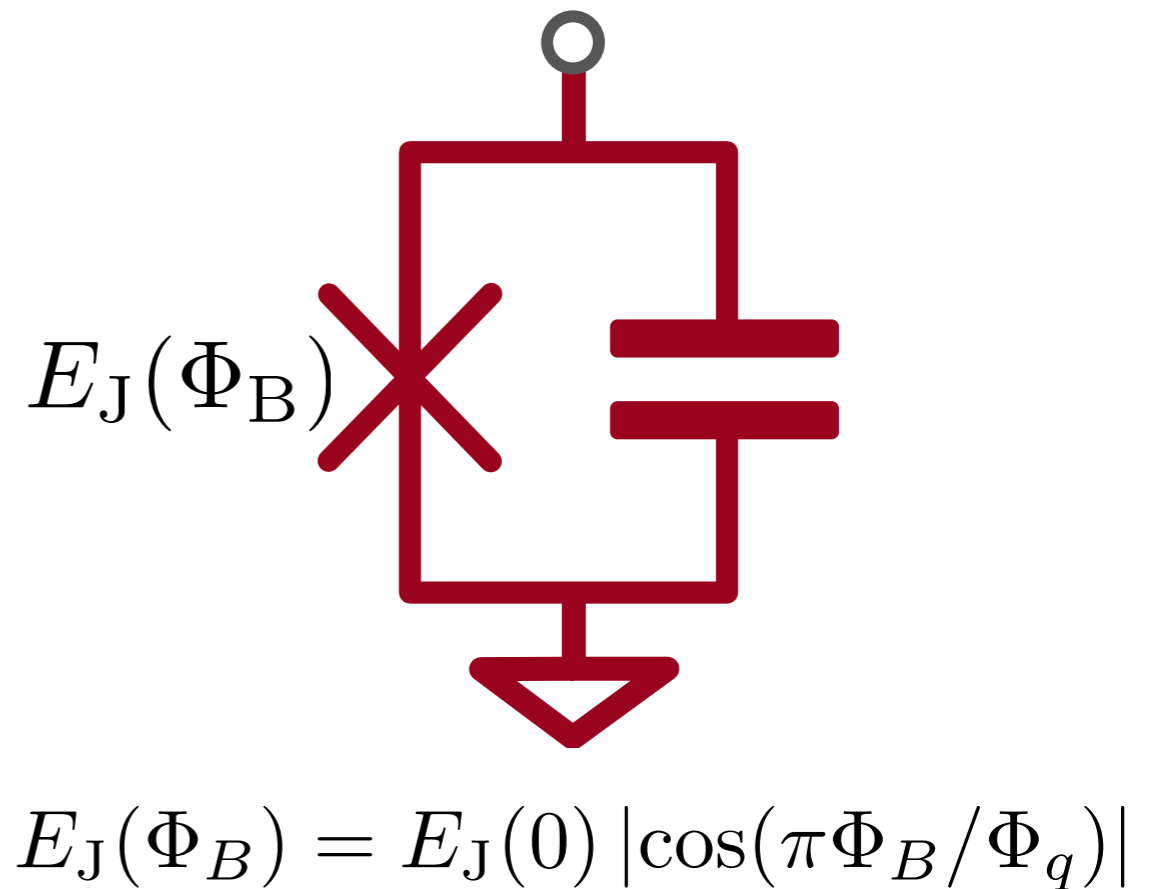
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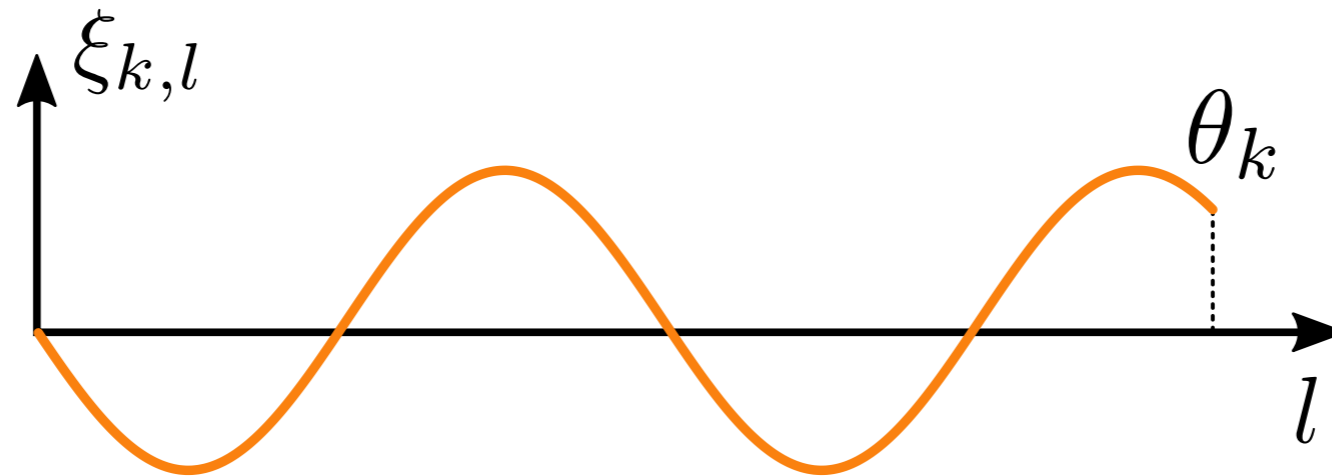
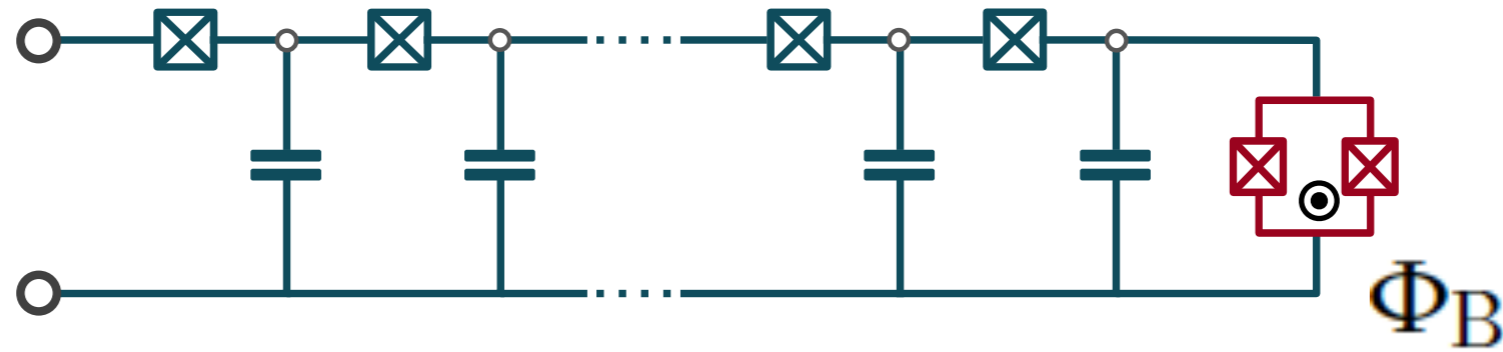


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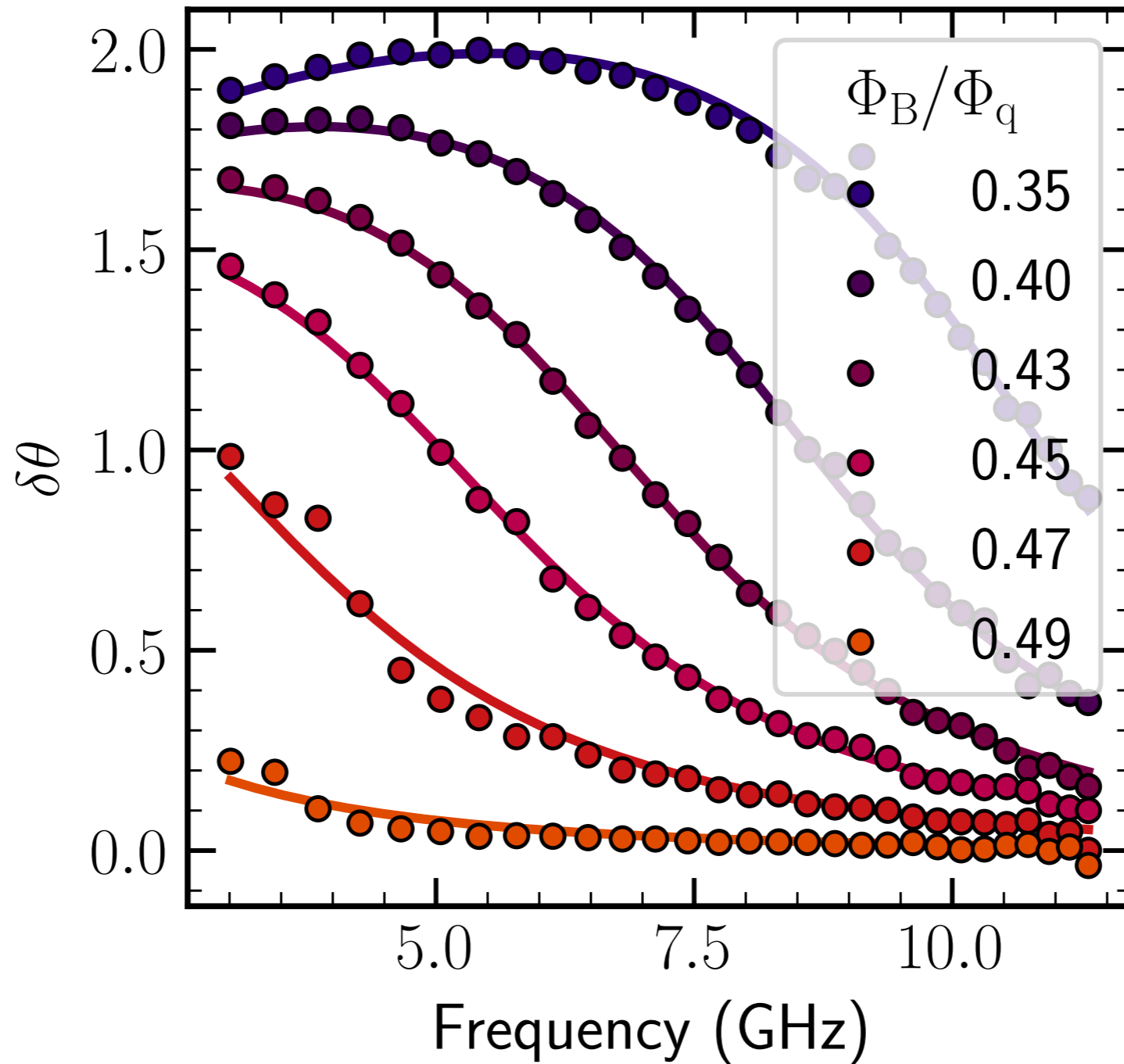
How to infer the small junction properties
(frequency, line-width..) ?

Idea: relative phase shift



$$\xi_{k,l} = A_k \cos(kl + \boxed{\theta_k})$$

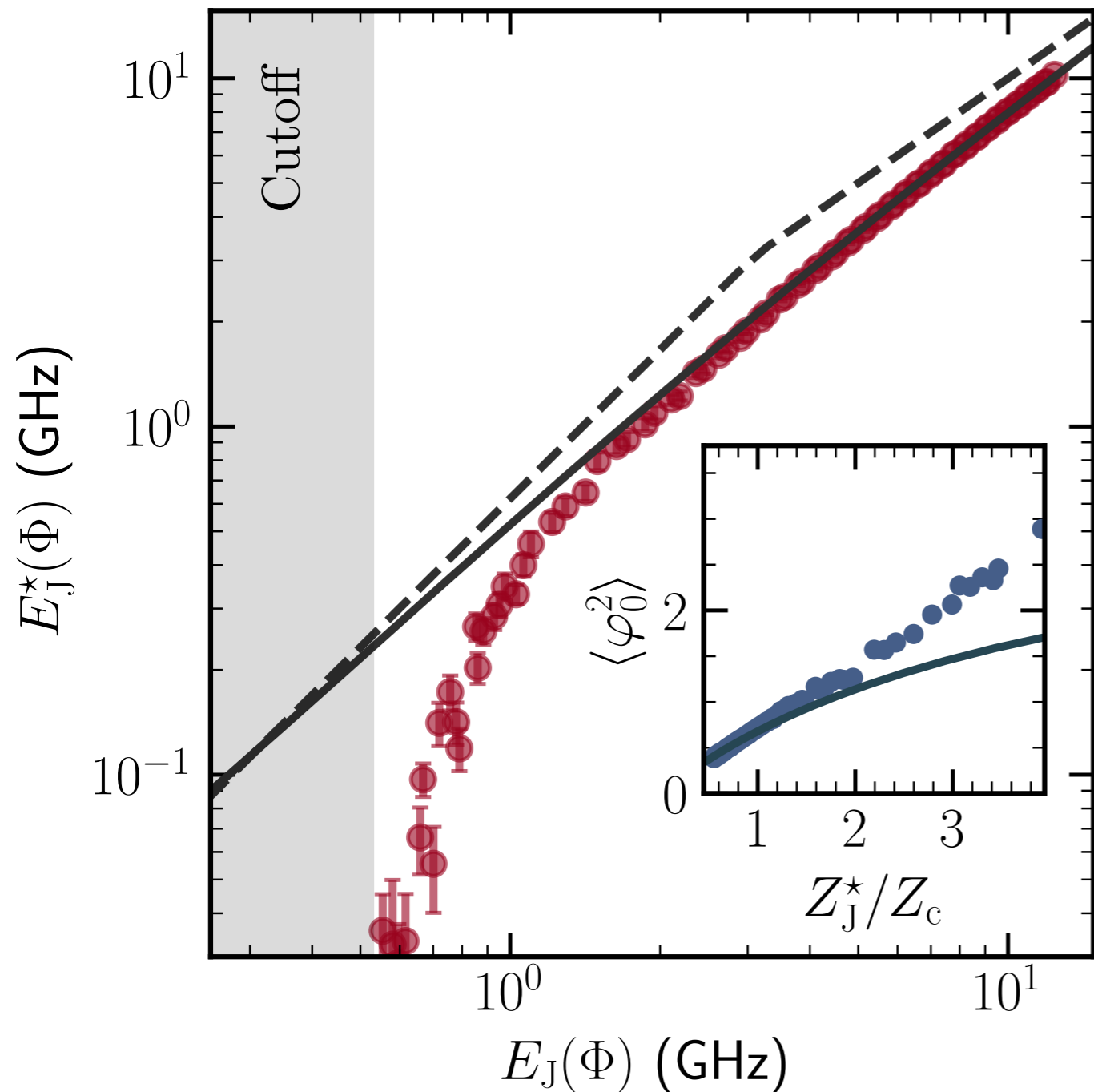
Phase Shift



$$\delta\theta(\omega_k) = \theta_k(E_J^*) - \theta_k(E_J^* \simeq 0)$$

➔ We can infer E_J^* for each Φ_B

Renormalisation of the Josephson energy from zero-point fluctuations



— Self-consistent
harmonic approximation

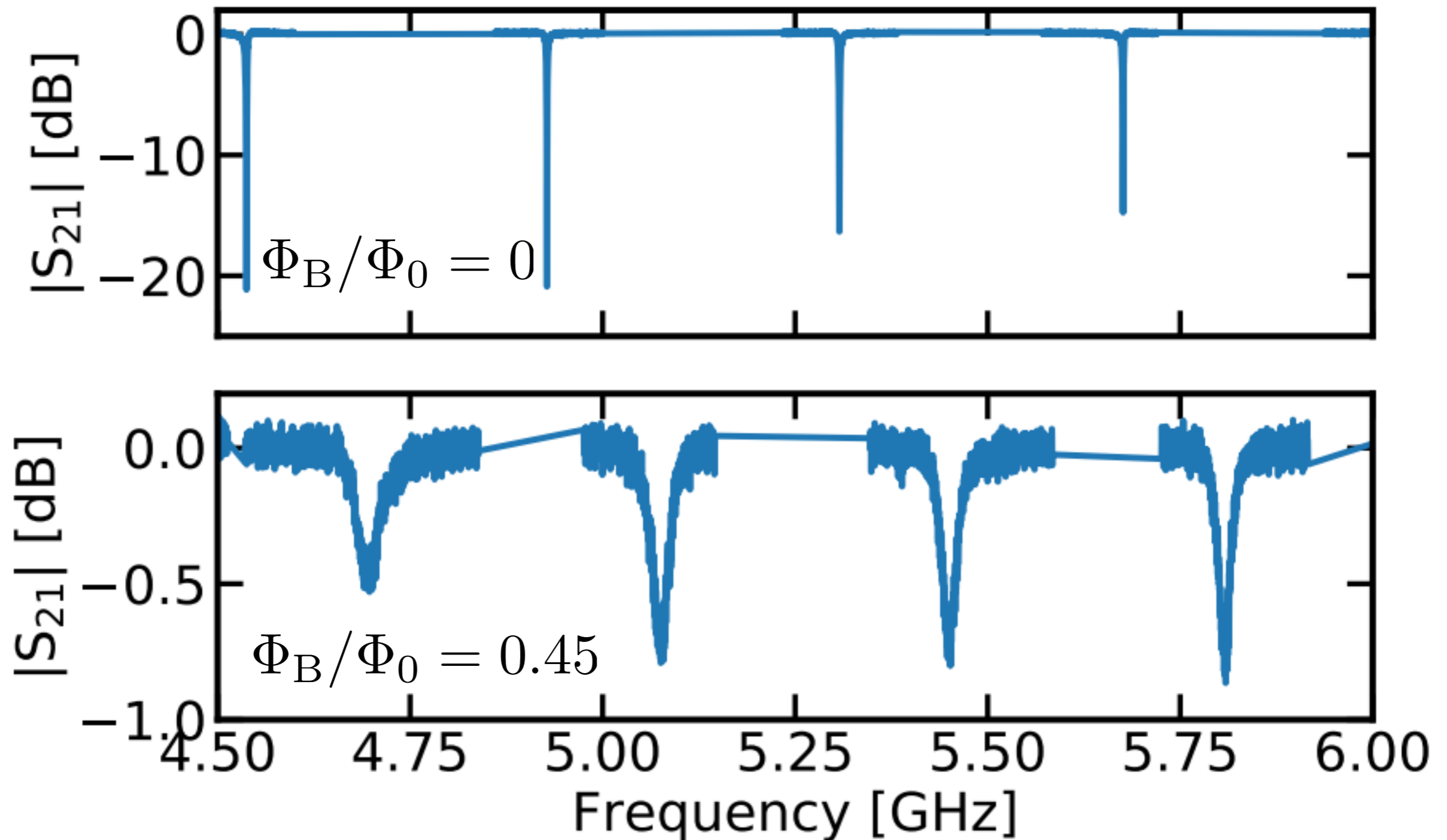
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- - - Scaling limit

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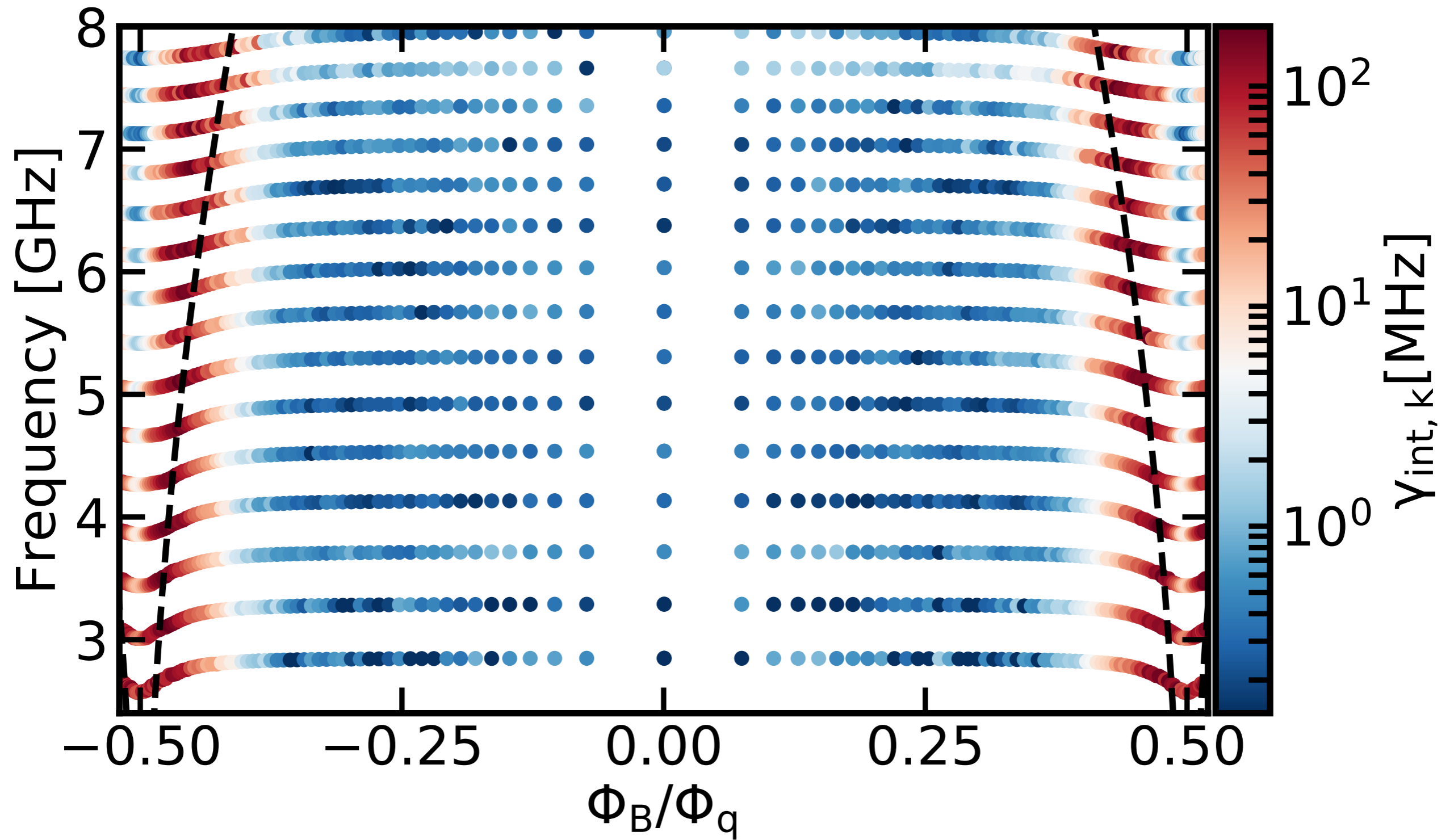
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Experimental Observation



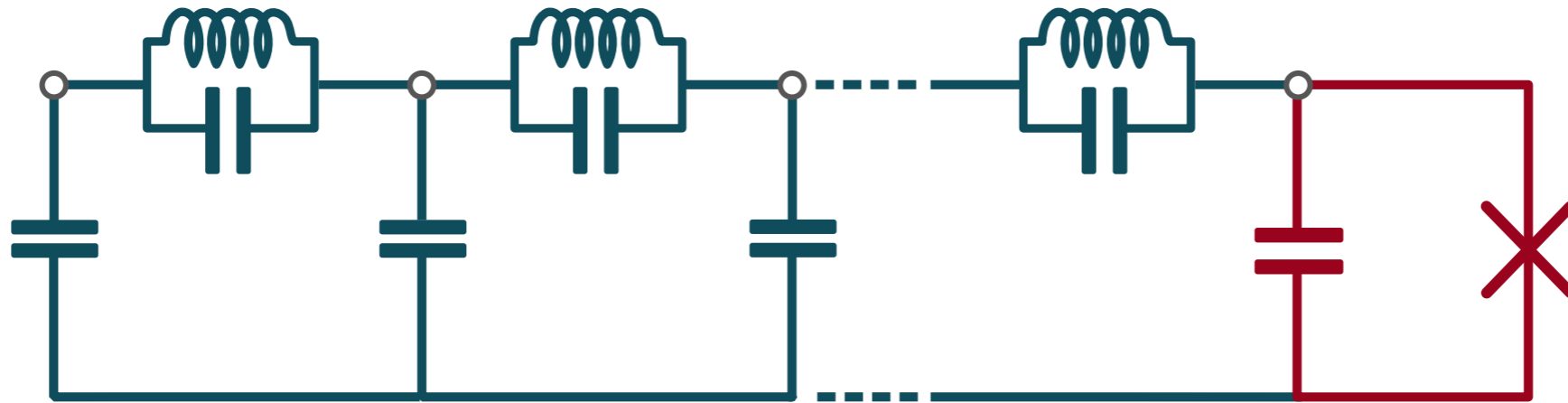
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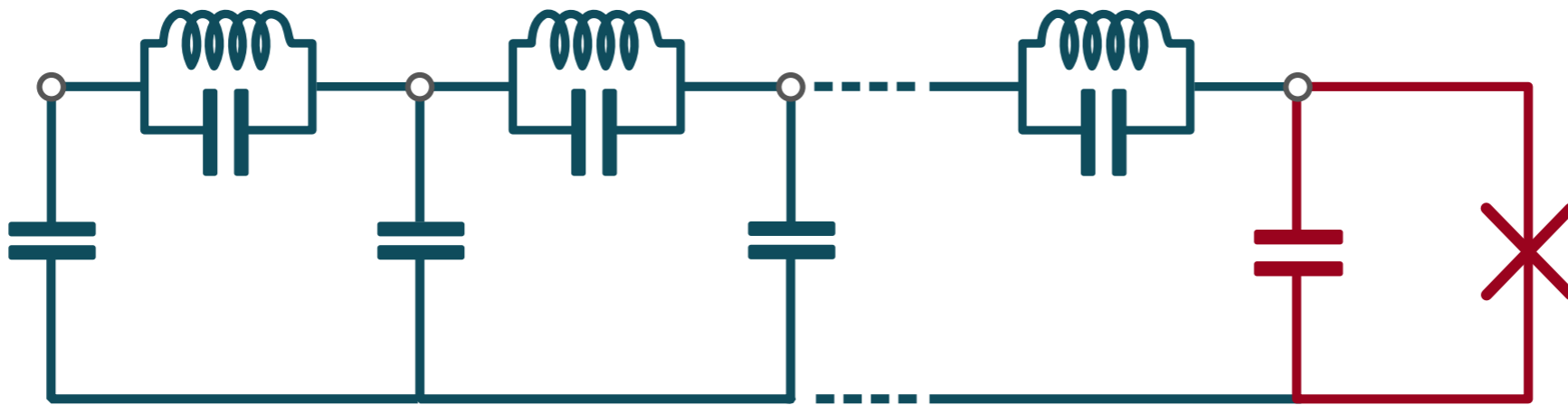
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Losses from Many-body effect



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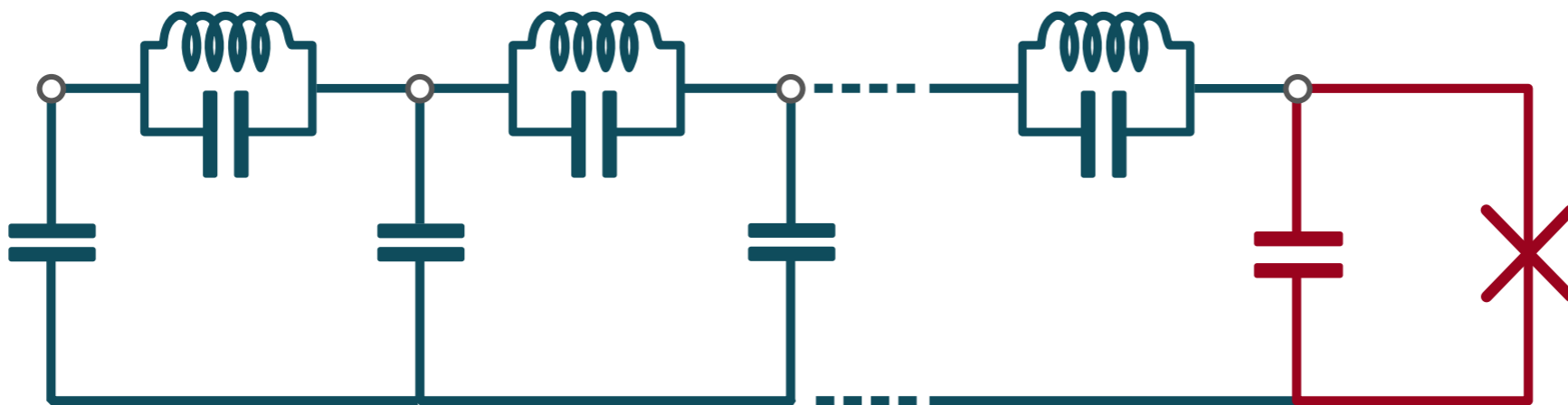


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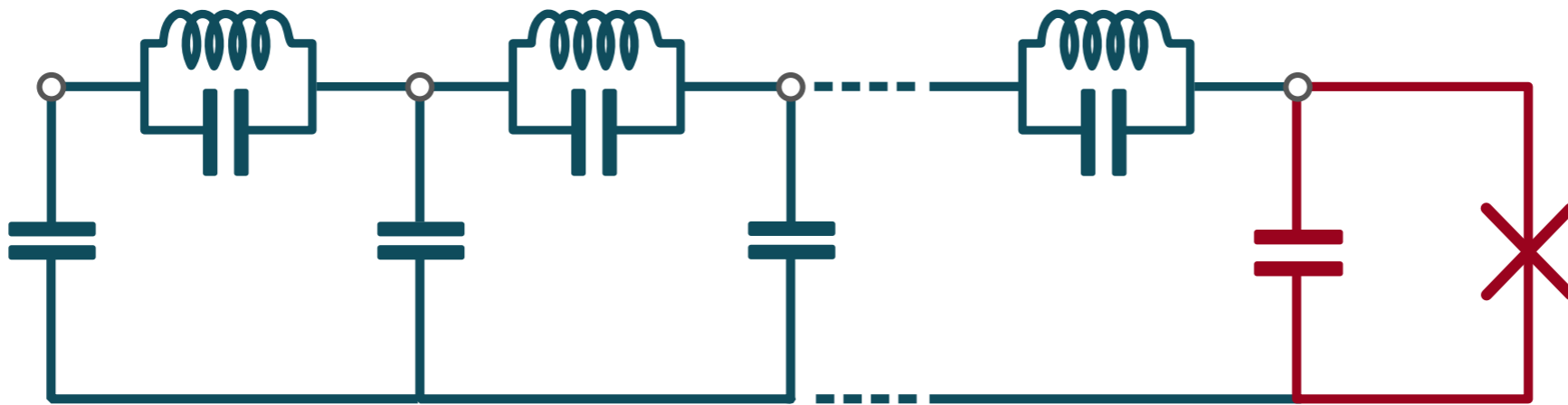
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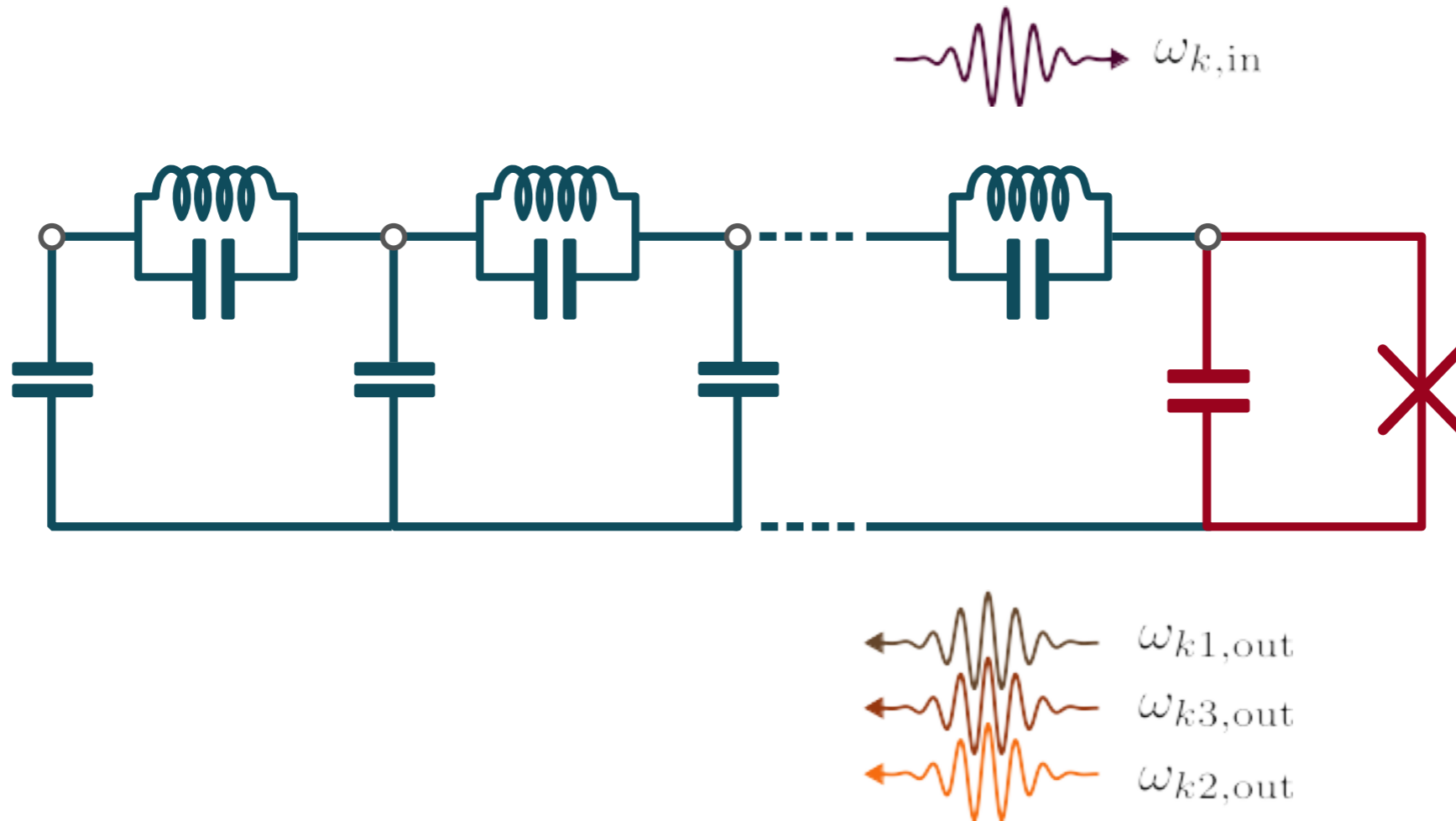
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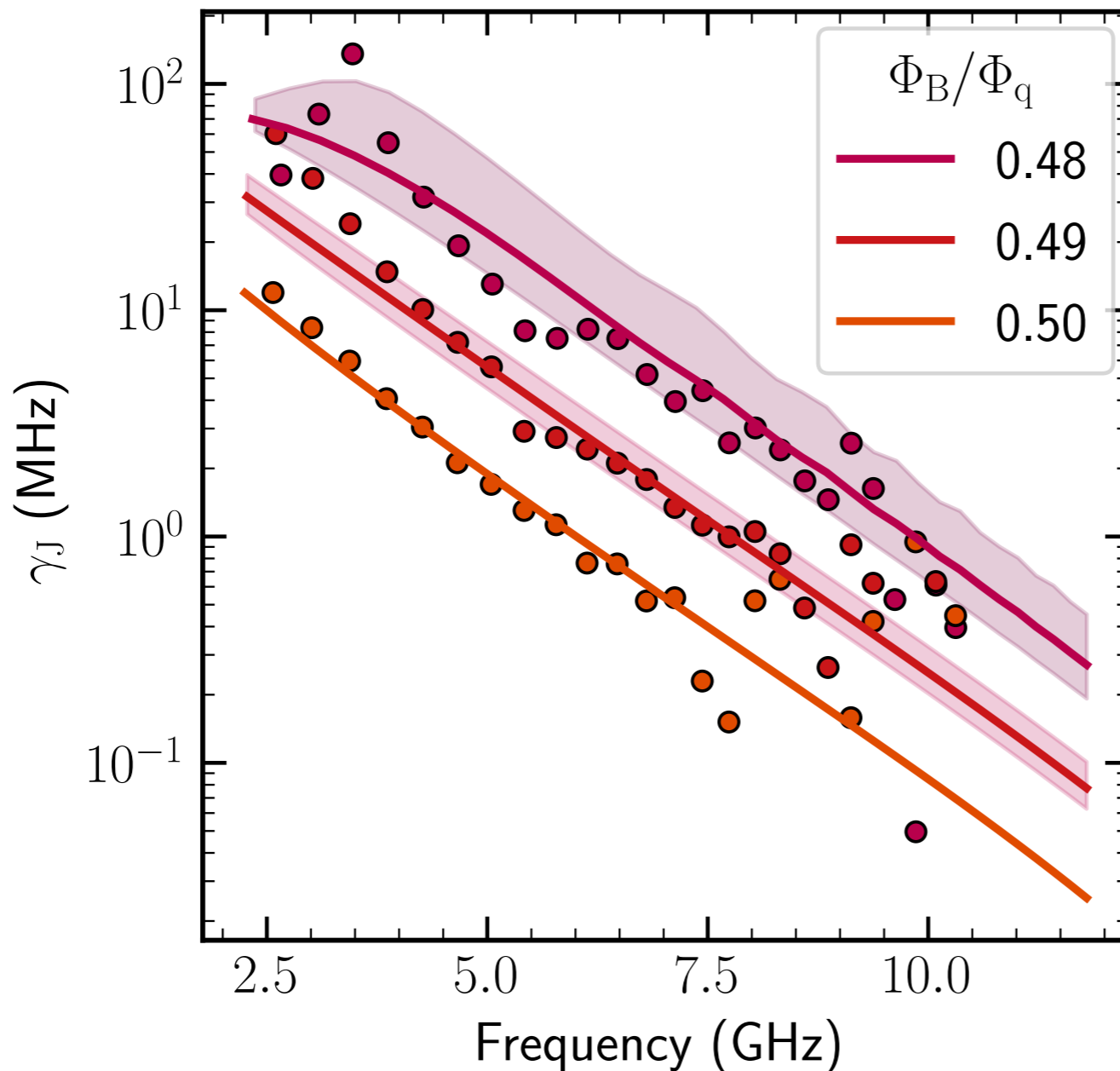
$$\omega_{k,in} = \omega_{k1,out} + \omega_{k2,out} + \omega_{k3,out}$$

Coupling between single-photon states
and multi-photons states

→ Interactions induced losses

Losses from Many-body effect

Agreement with theory at small flux (no fit)



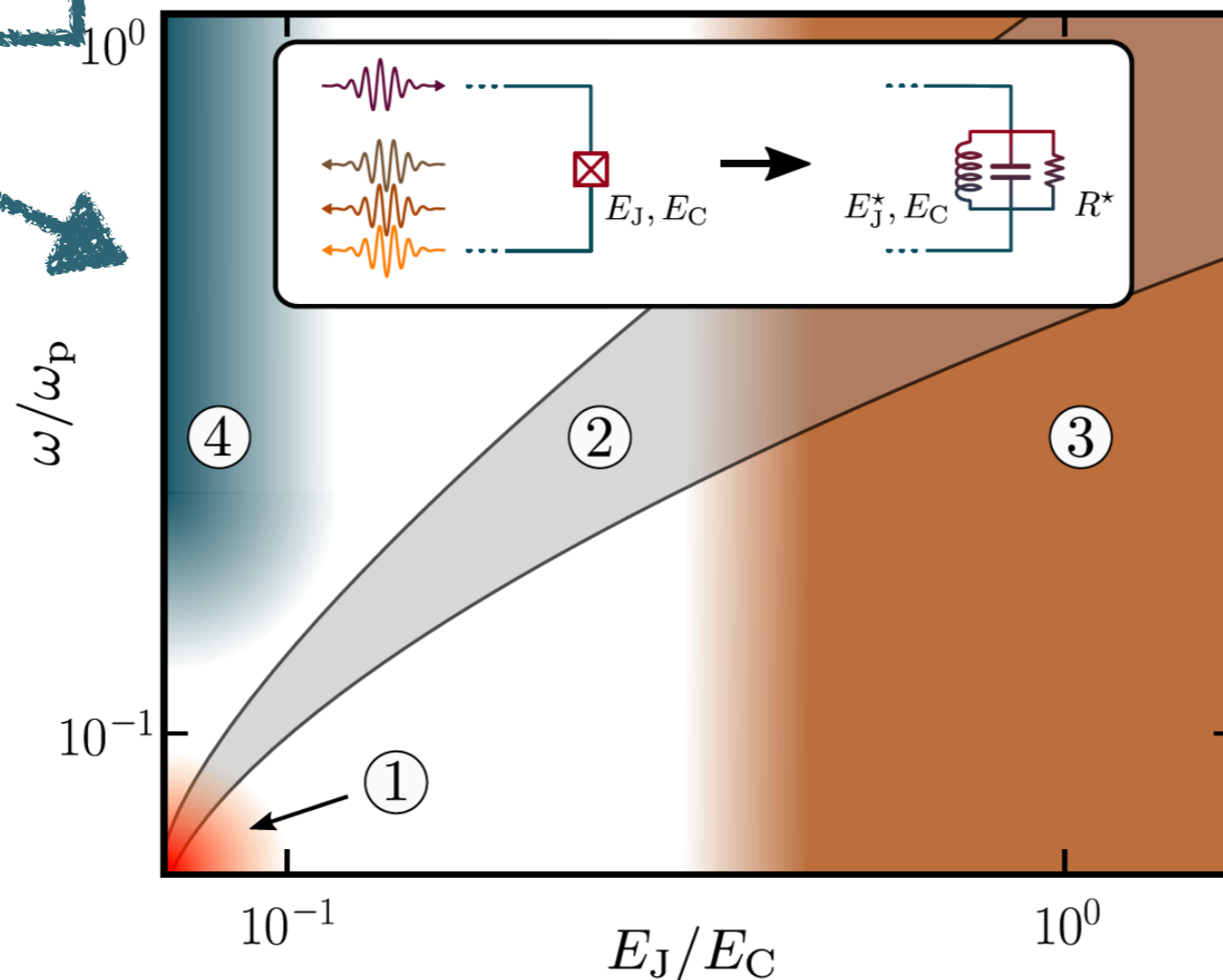
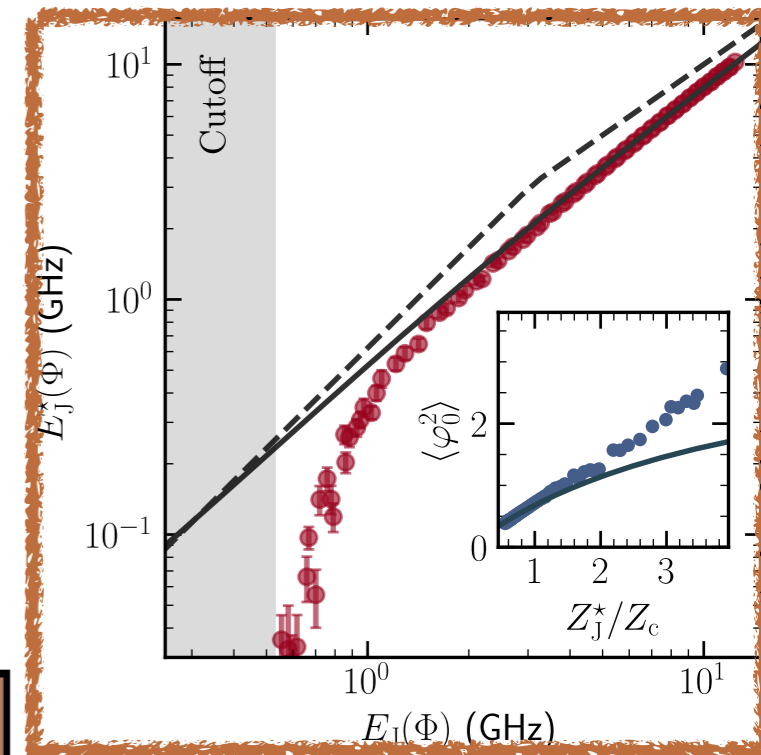
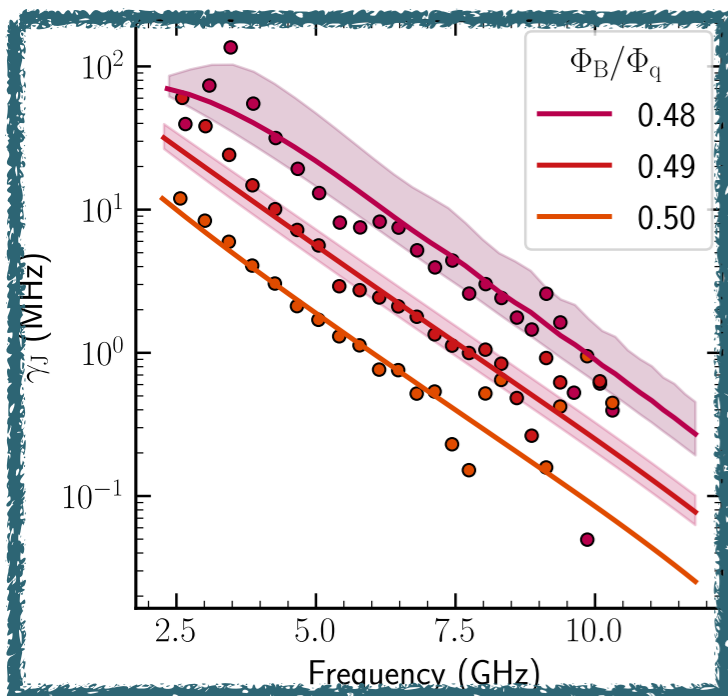
Capacitive loss

$$\gamma_J = \gamma_{\text{int}} - \gamma_C$$

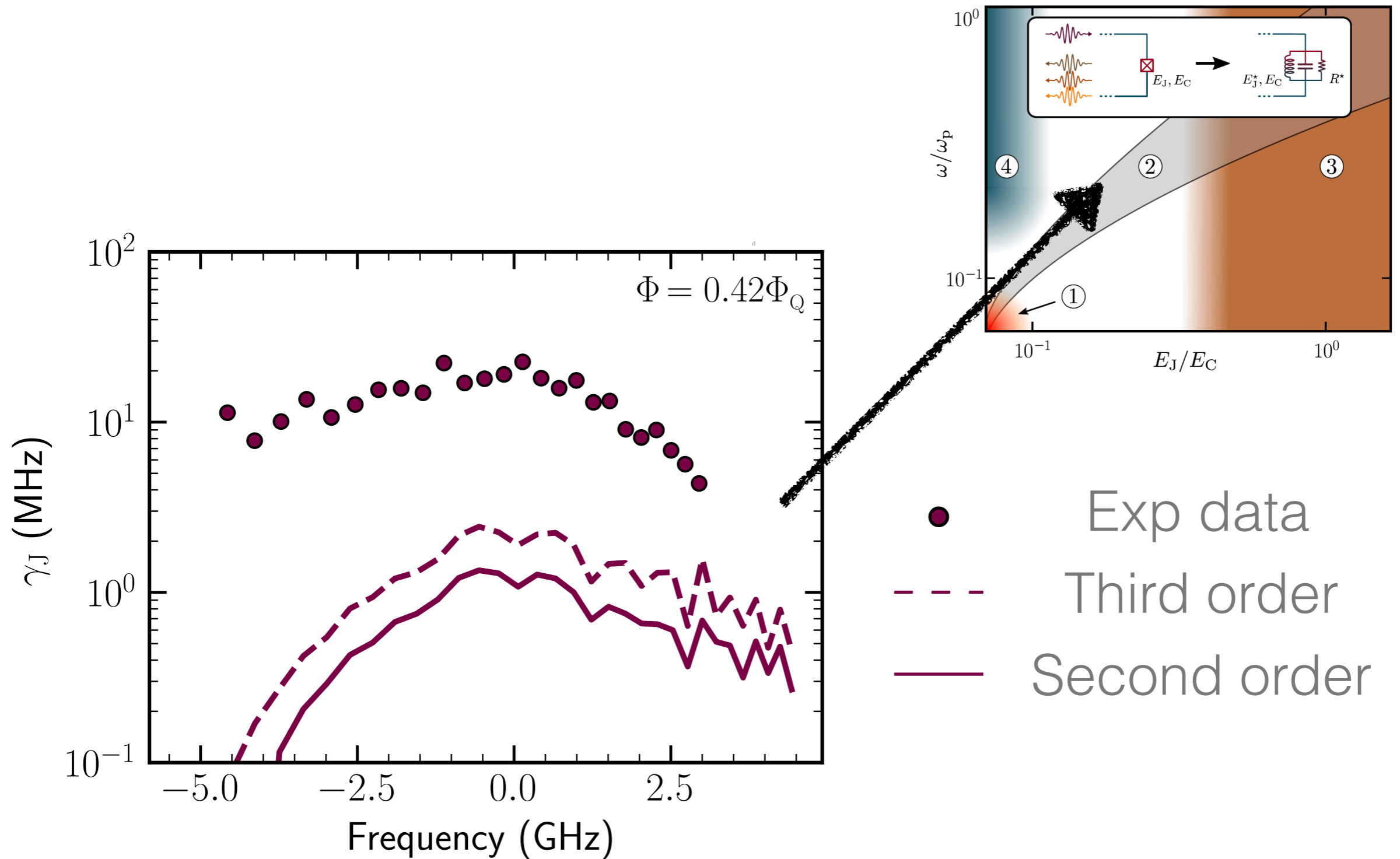
Theory: resummation of Josephson-Feynman diagrams

$$\Sigma(t) = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \dots = E_J^2 [\sin(G(t)) - G(t)]$$

Finite-frequency properties of the Boundary Sine-Gordon model



Quantum simulation of the Boundary Sine-Gordon model



BSG: Conclusion and Perspectives

Dissipation from a lossless environment

Y. Krupko et al.,
Phys. Rev. B (2018)

J. Puertas-Martinez et al., npjQI (2019)
(See also R. Kuzmin et al., npjQI (2019))

Many-body renormalisation and large phase fluctuations

S. Leger et al., Nat. Commun. (2019)

Quantitative understanding using a variational ansatz

K. Kaur, T. Sepulcre et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2021)

Circuit QED implementation of the non-perturbative boundary sine-Gordon model

S. Leger, T. Sepulcre et al., arxiv:2208.03053

What about Quantum Phase Slips?

Houzet & Glazman, PRL (2020), Burshtein et al., PRL (2021) Kuzmin et al., PRL (2021)

Signature of quantum criticality?

Quantum metrology

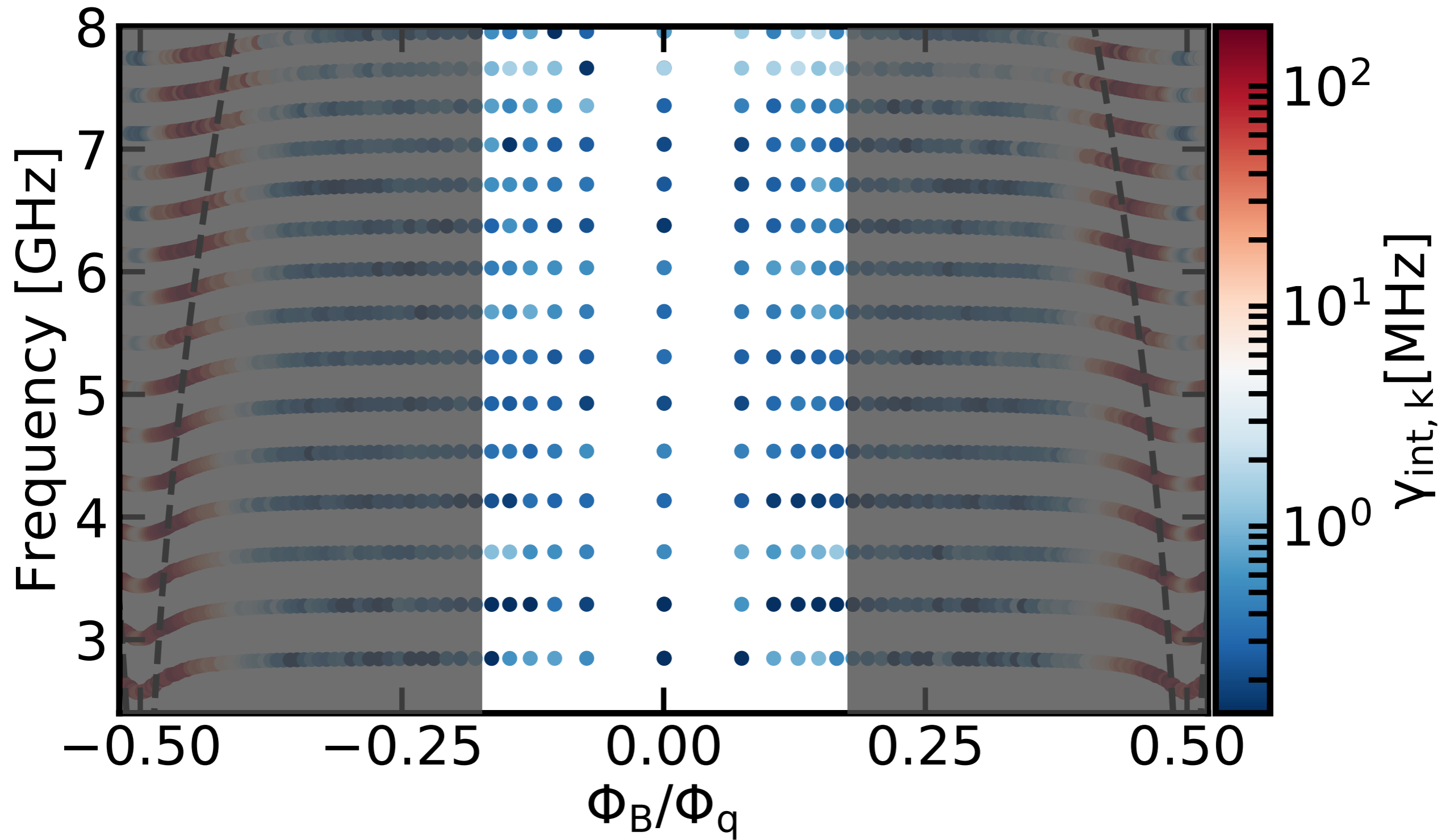
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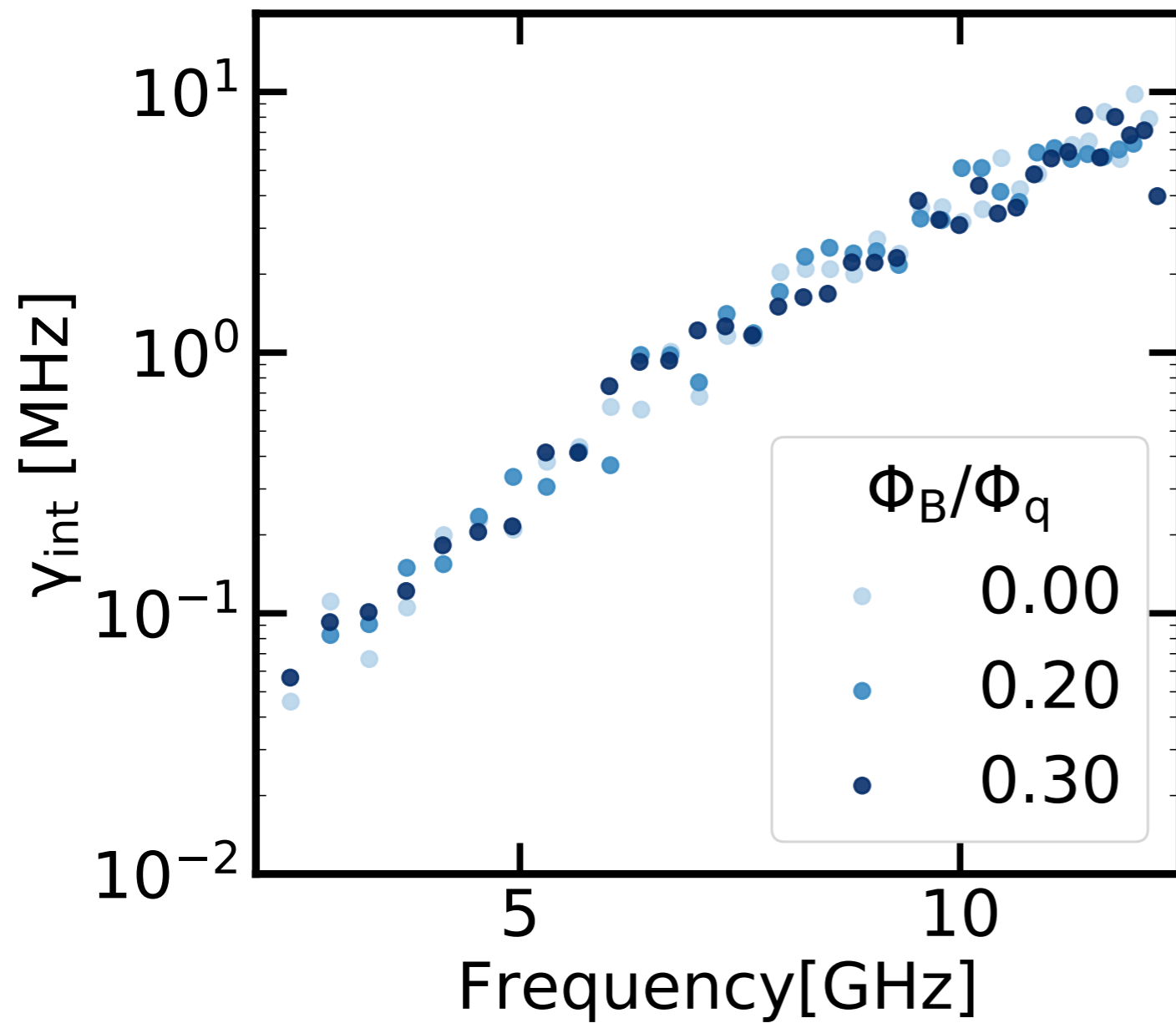


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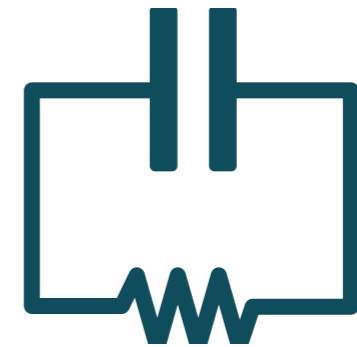


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Dielectric loss



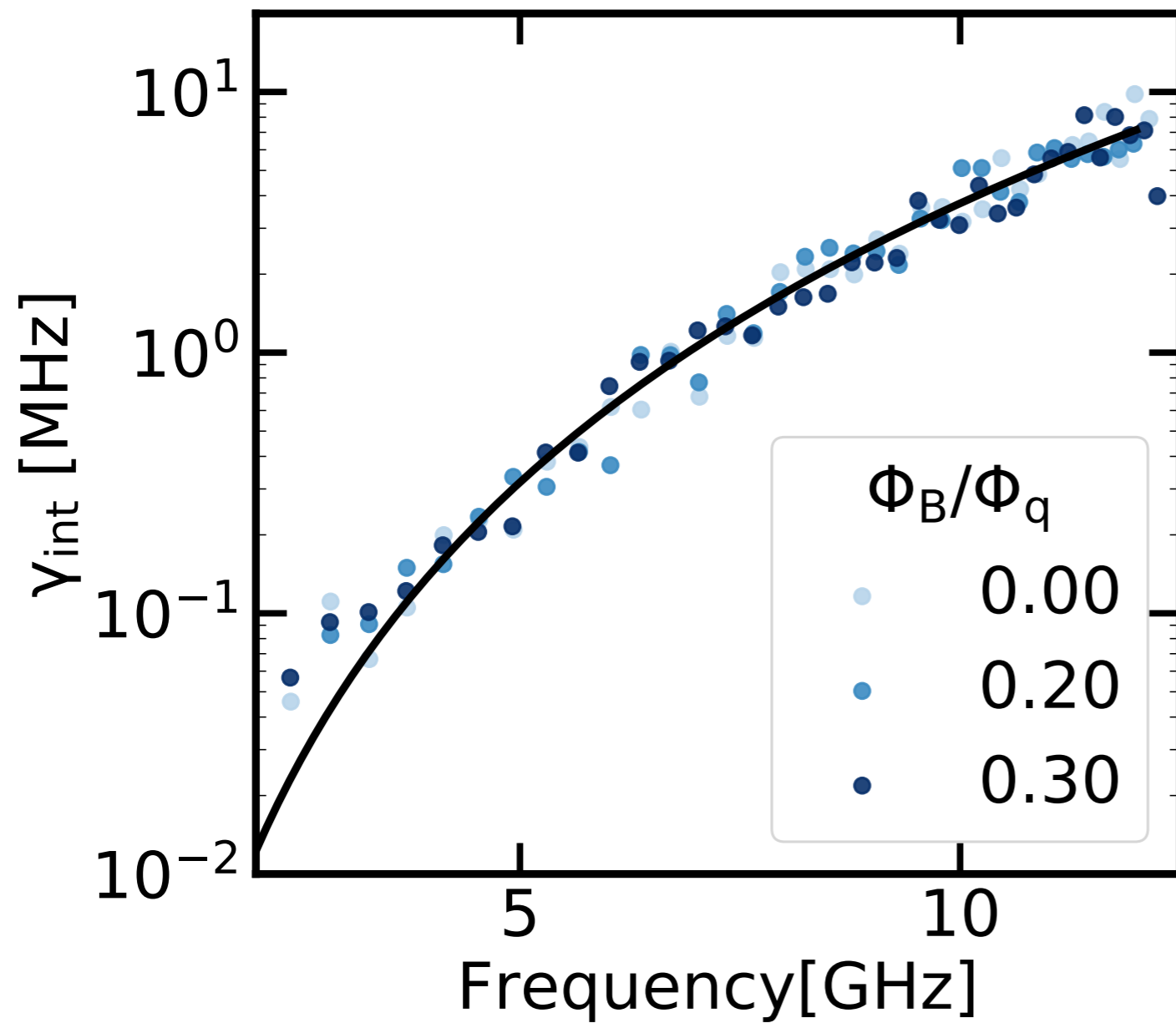
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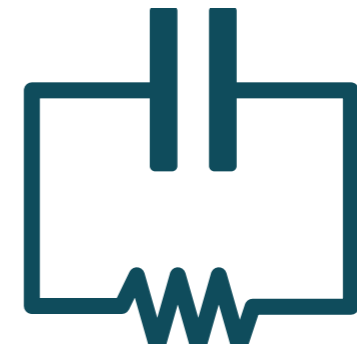
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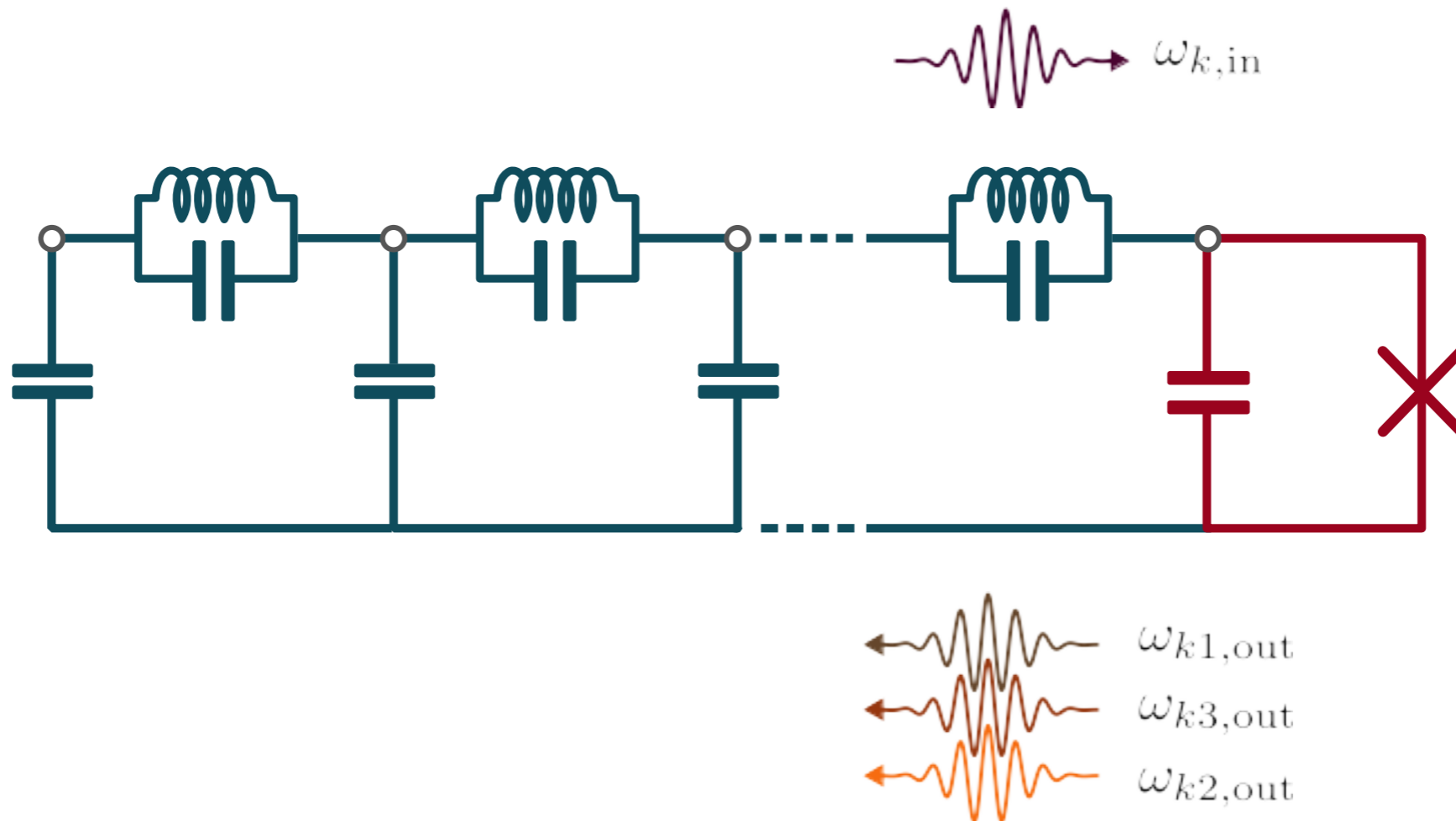
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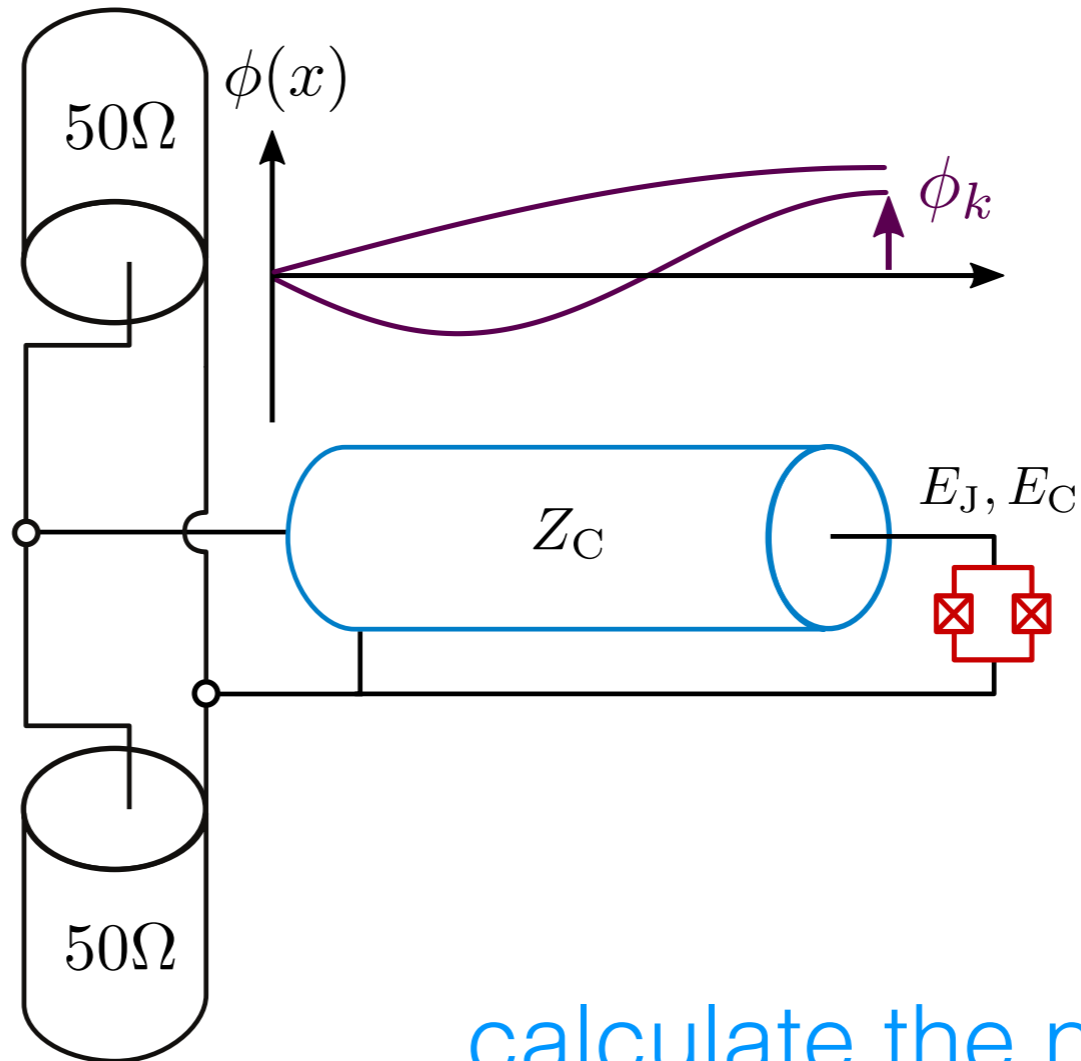
Linear response theory

$$\frac{\gamma_J}{\Delta\omega_{\text{FSR}}} = \frac{2\hbar}{\pi} \text{Im} \left[\chi_{\phi_0}''(\omega_k) \right]$$

Self-energy

Response function

Modelling: Self-Consistent Harmonic Approximation



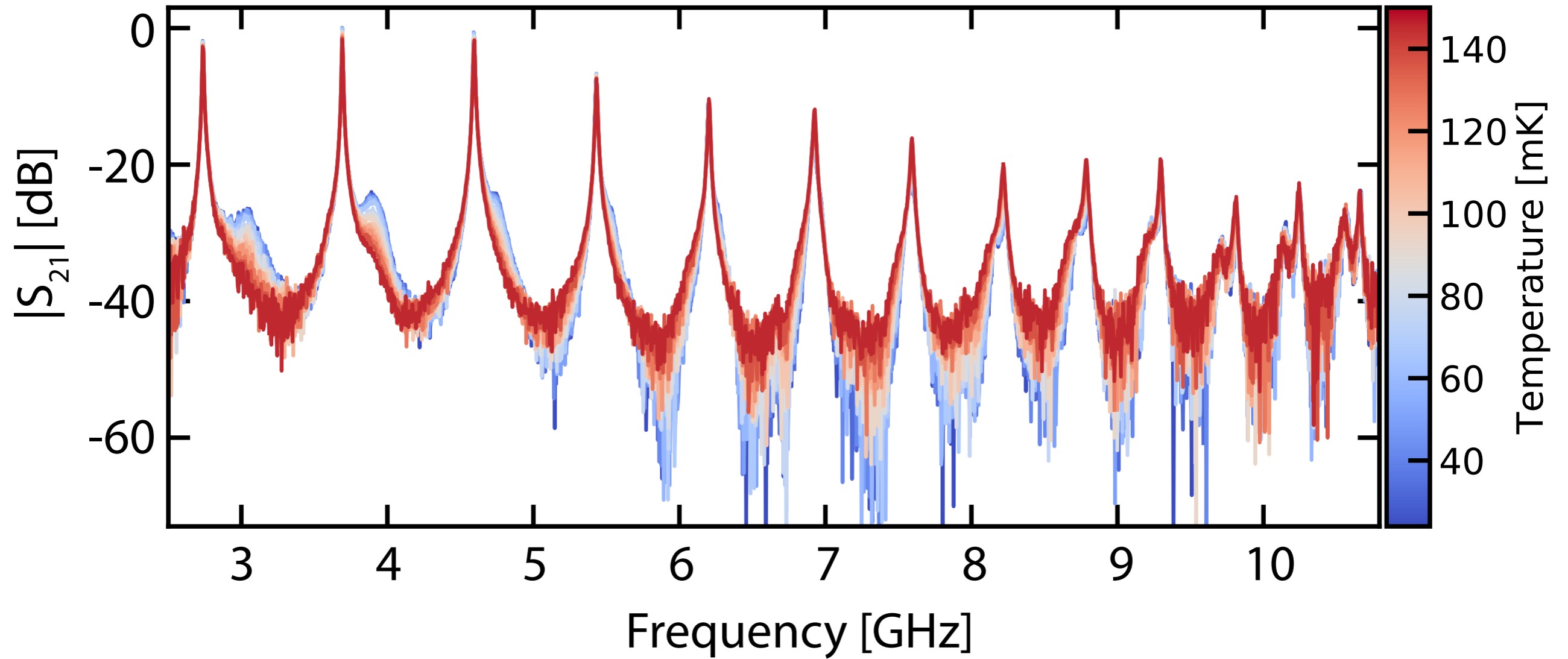
calculate the normal modes

Implementation

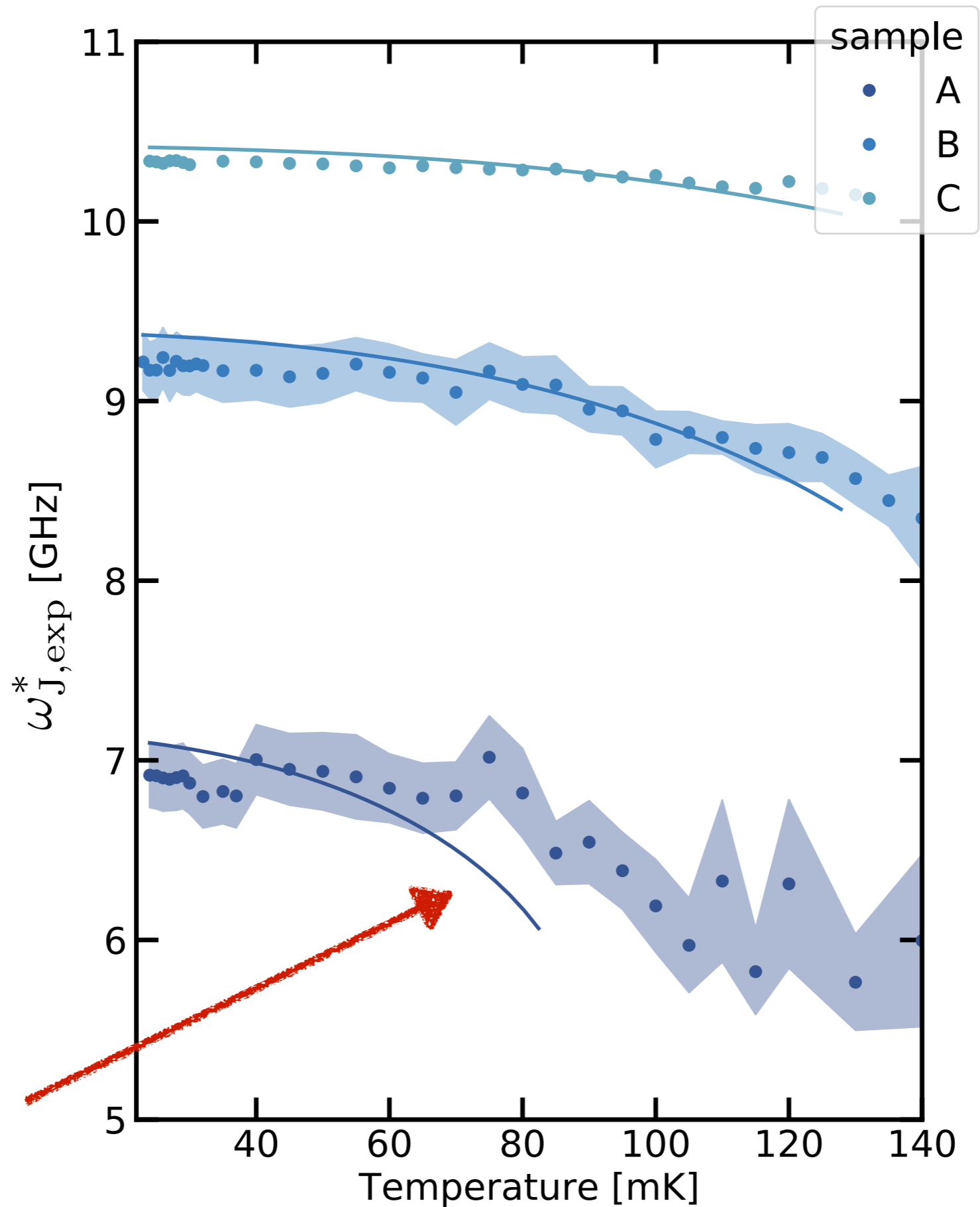
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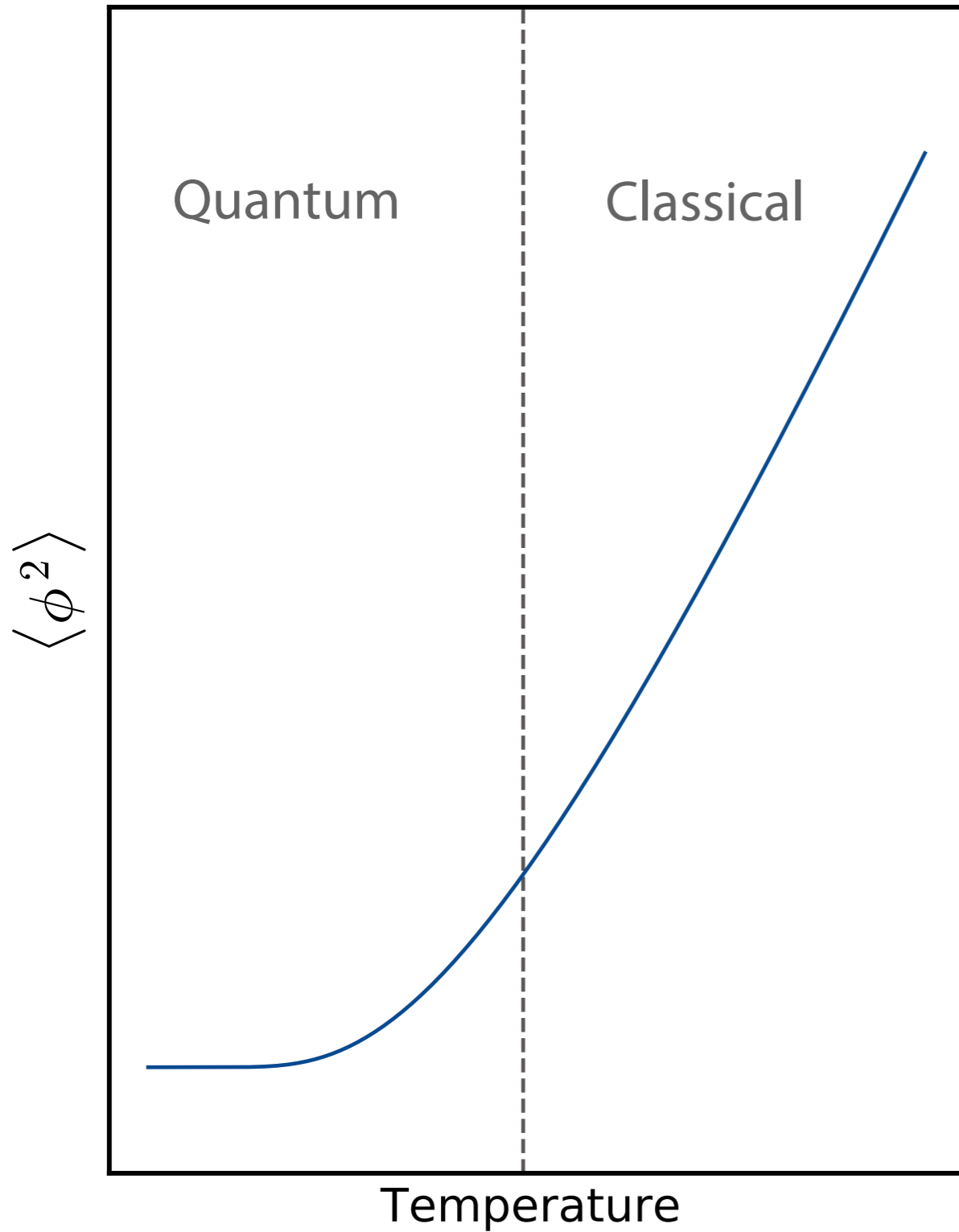
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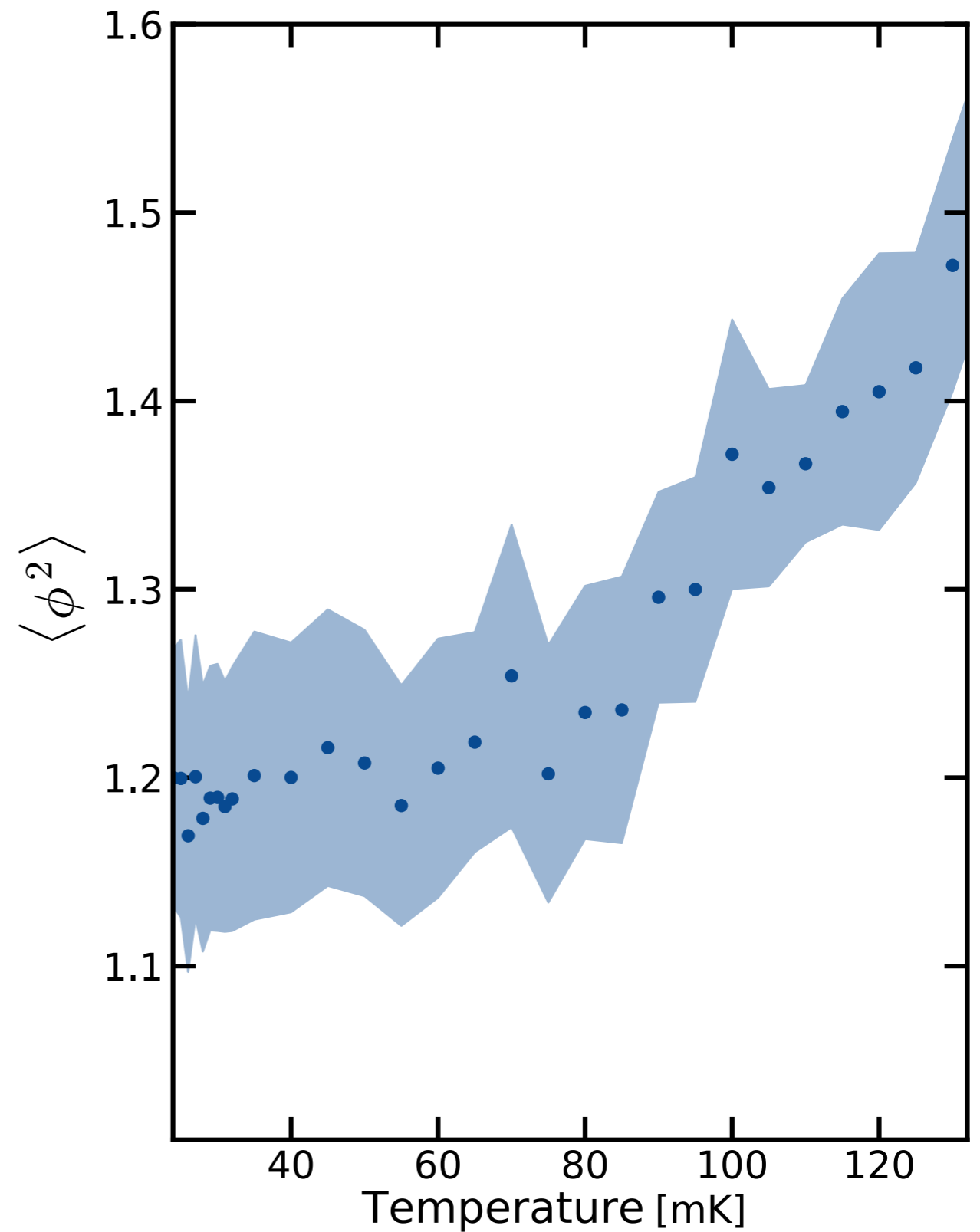
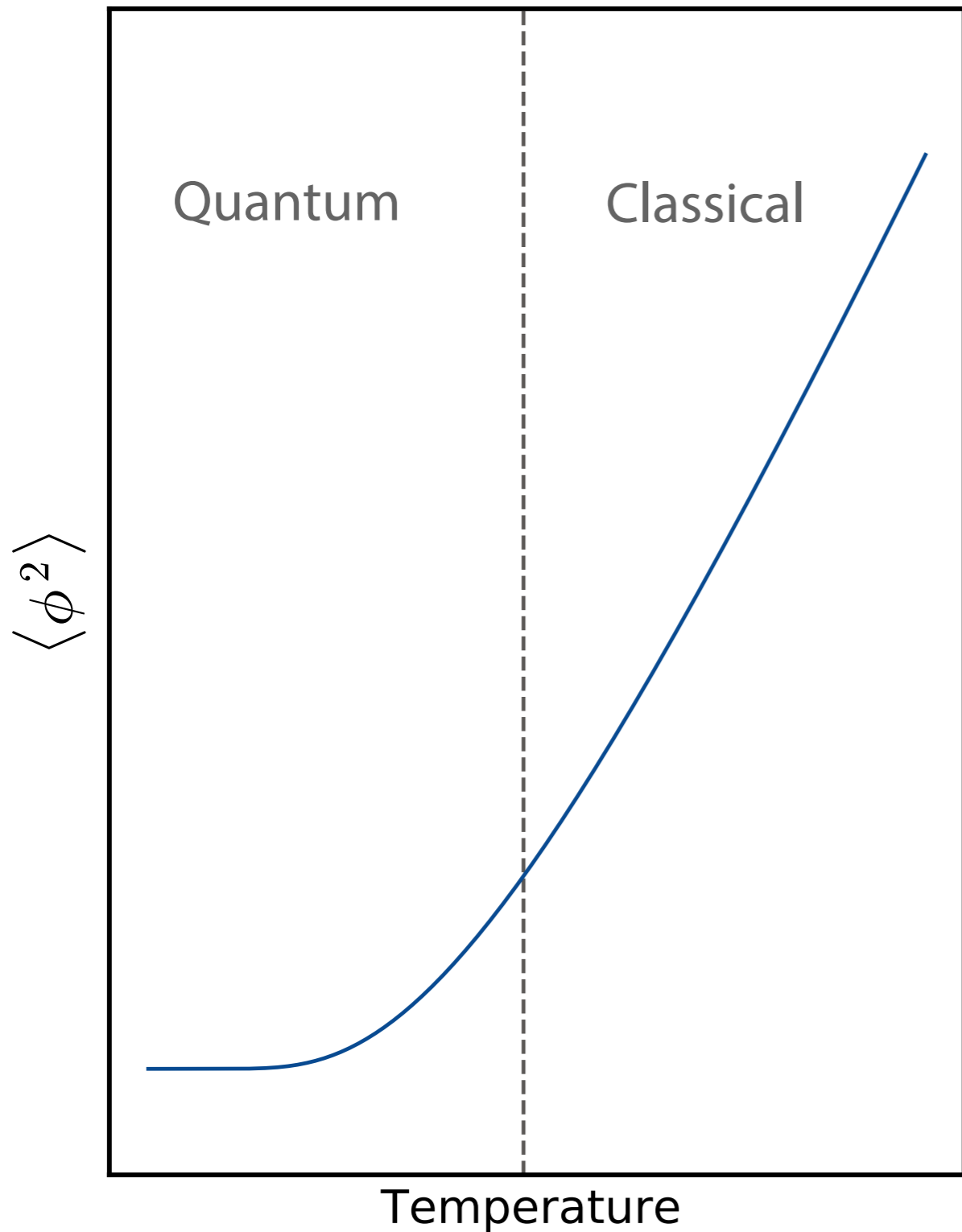


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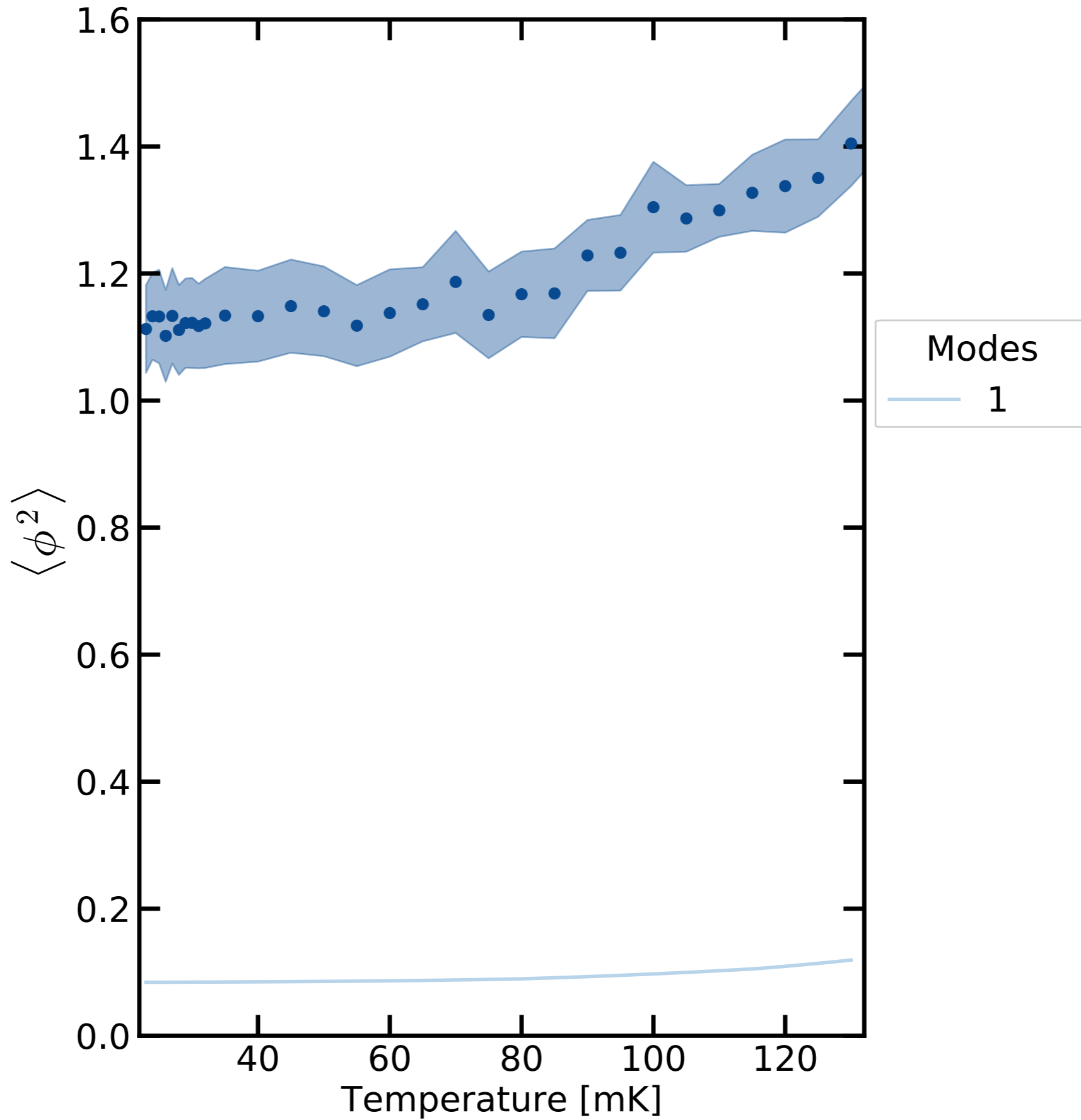
$$\langle \phi^2 \rangle = 4 \ln \left(\frac{\omega_{J,\text{bare}}}{\omega_J^*} \right)$$

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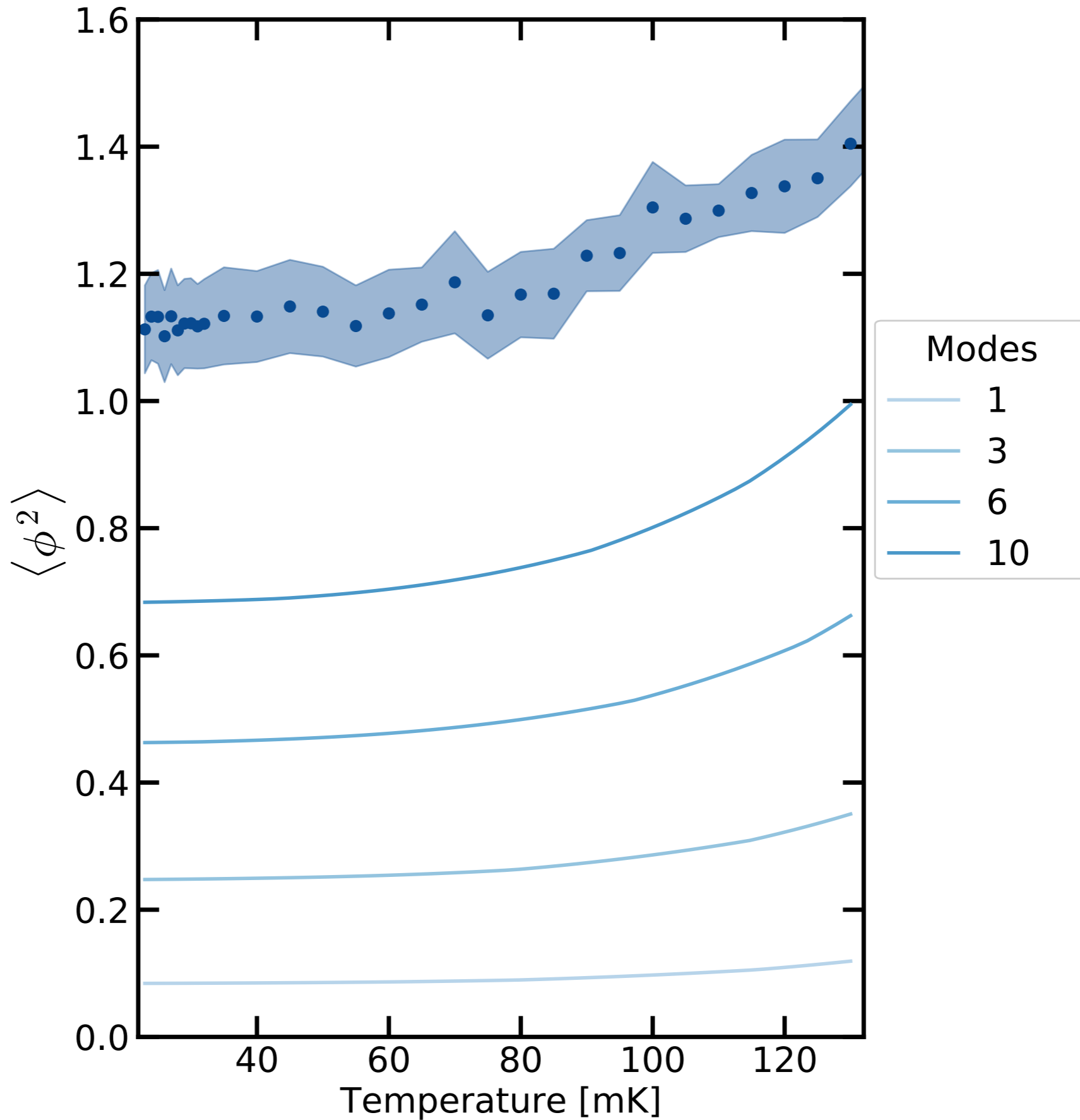


What about the many-body nature ?

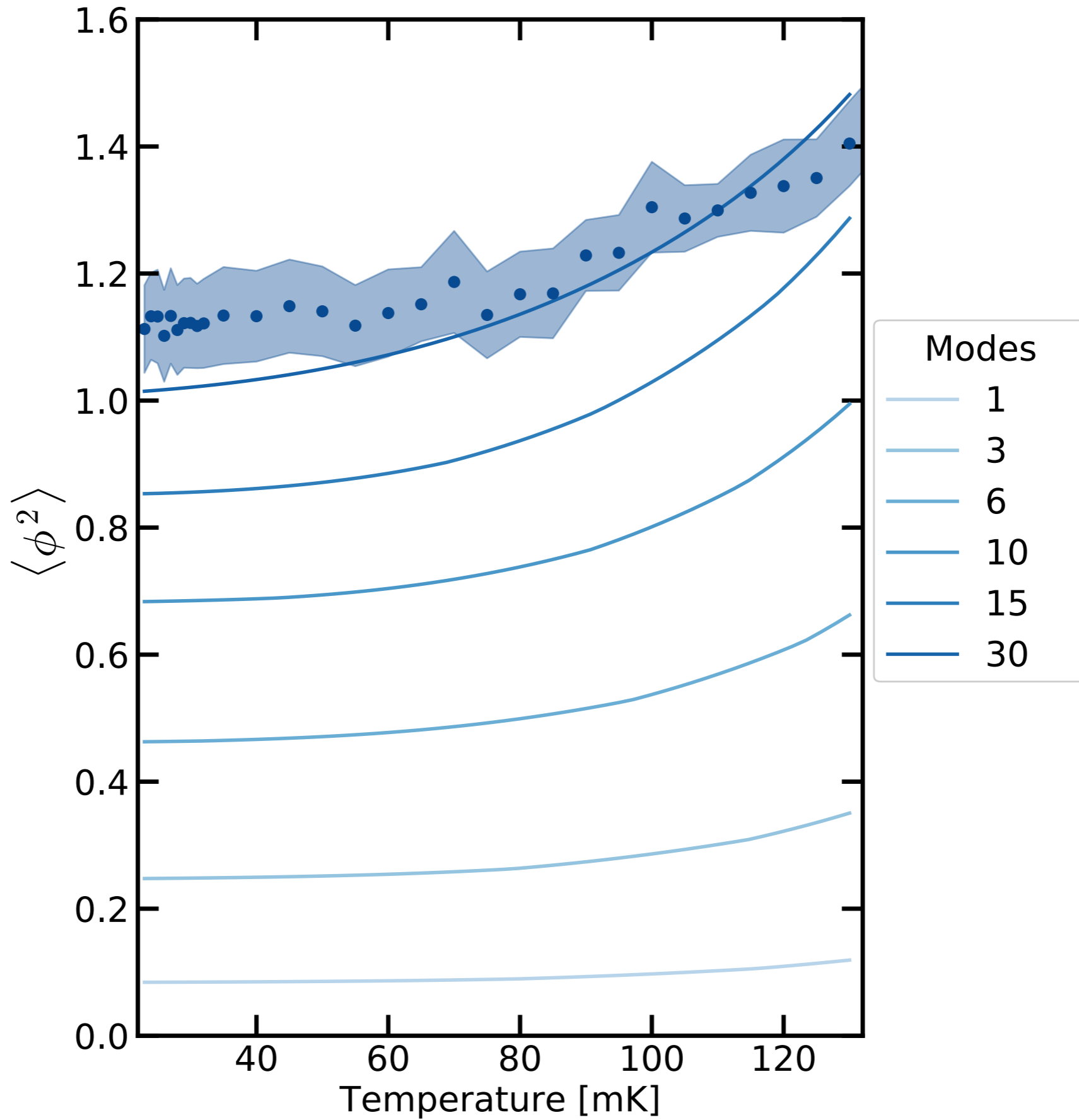
Many-body problem



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