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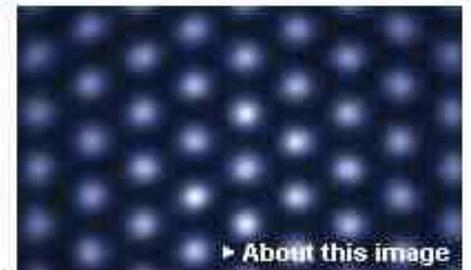
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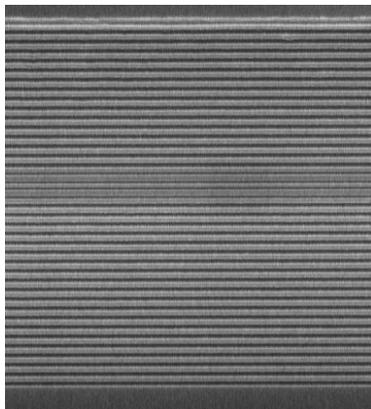
Charles Tahan

# On-chip cavity quantum phonodynamics in silicon

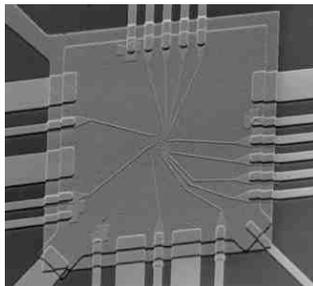
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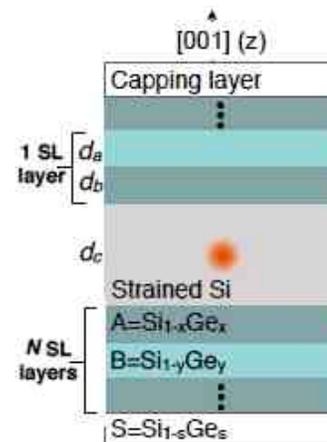
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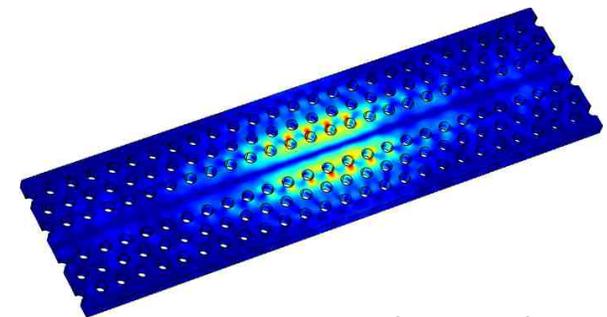
Semiconductor cavity-polaritons



Phonons & Si QDs/donors



Phonon analogue of the polariton



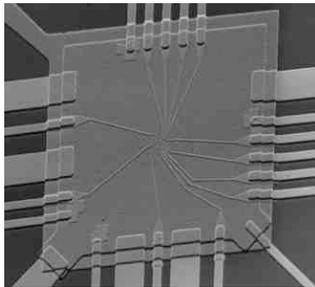
Nanomechanical resonators and acceptor qubits in silicon



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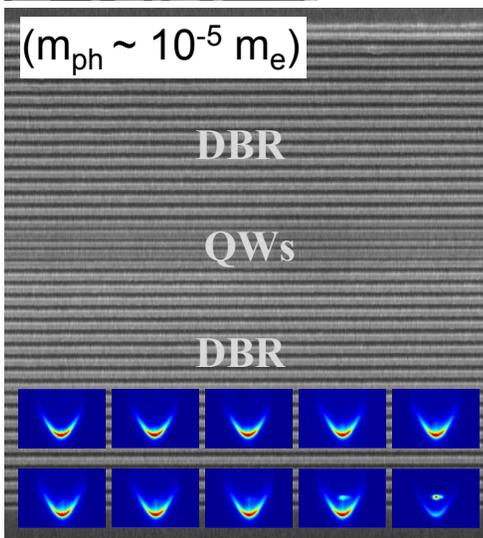
# Outline of today's talk

## Background and Inspiration



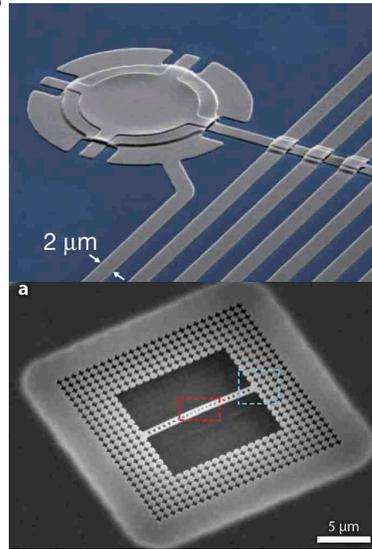
Q. Computing & phonons in Si QDs/donors

$$(m_{ph} \sim 10^{-5} m_e)$$



Bose-Einstein Condensation (BEC) of microcavity-polaritons

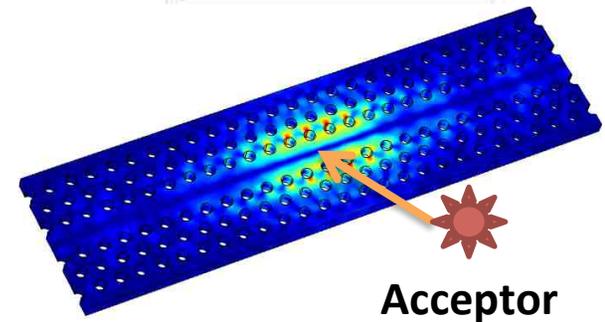
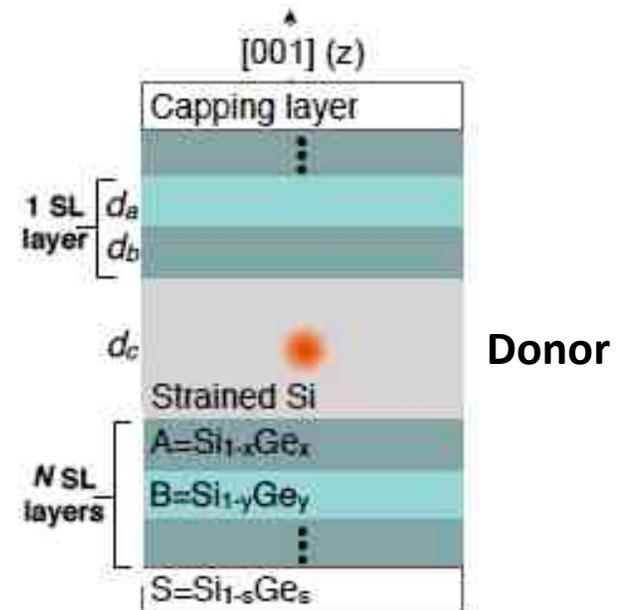
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Nano/  
Optomechanics

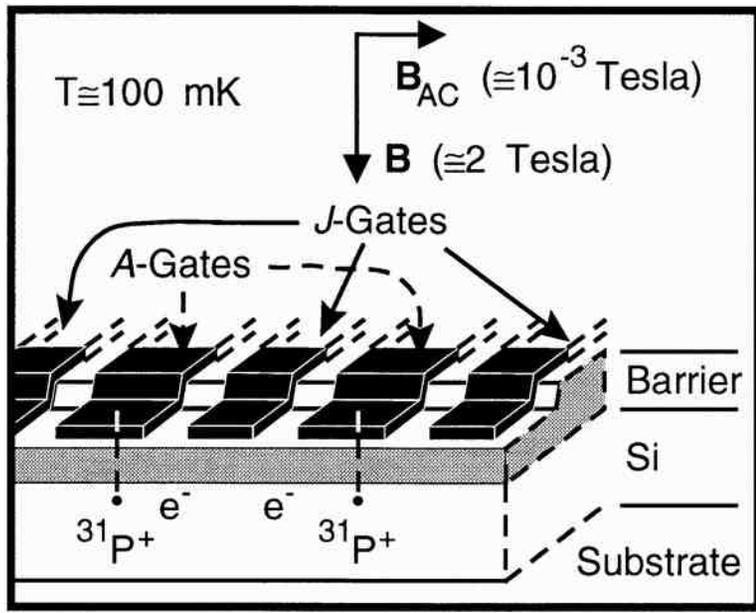


## Cavity-phonon/qubit systems

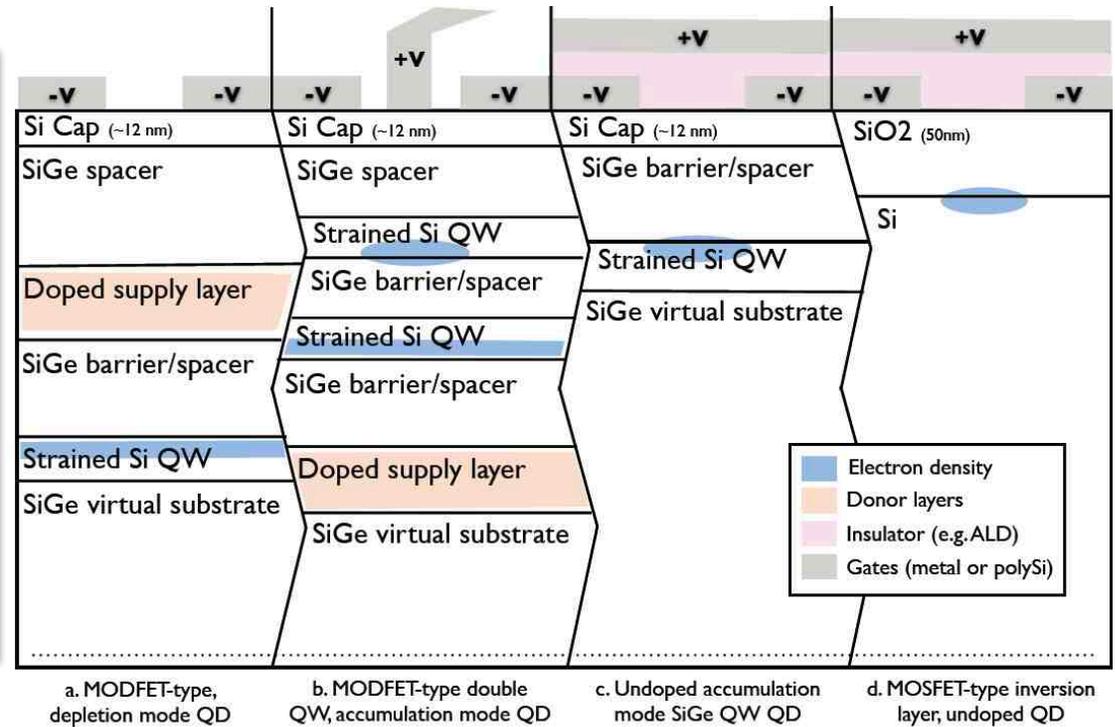


# Silicon spin-based quantum computing

## Impurity qubits



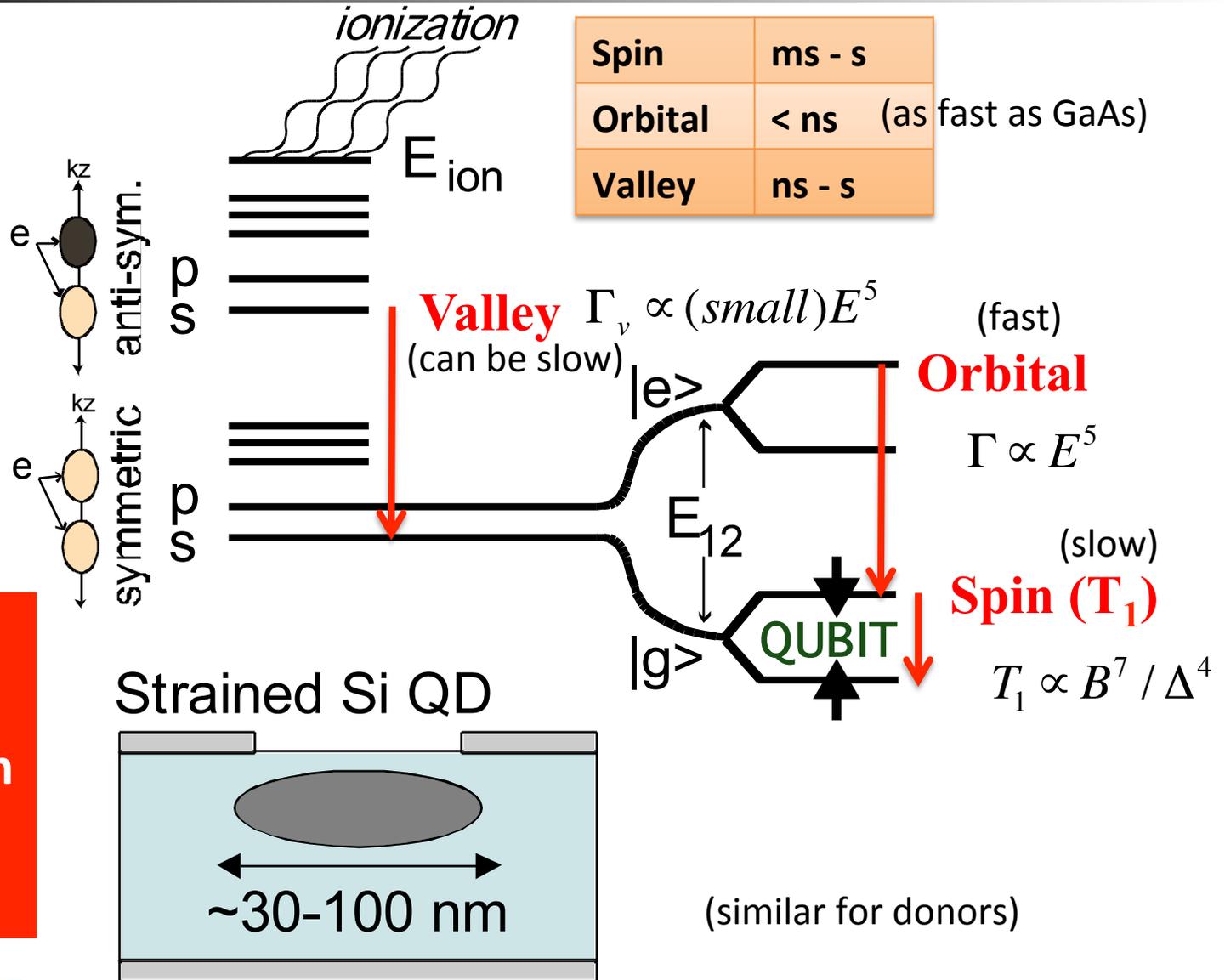
## Quantum dot qubits



Silicon quantum computing material enablers →  
 Isotope enrichment, Less defects, Better surfaces, Better interfaces

# Understanding phonon relaxation in silicon qubits

Tahan et al.  
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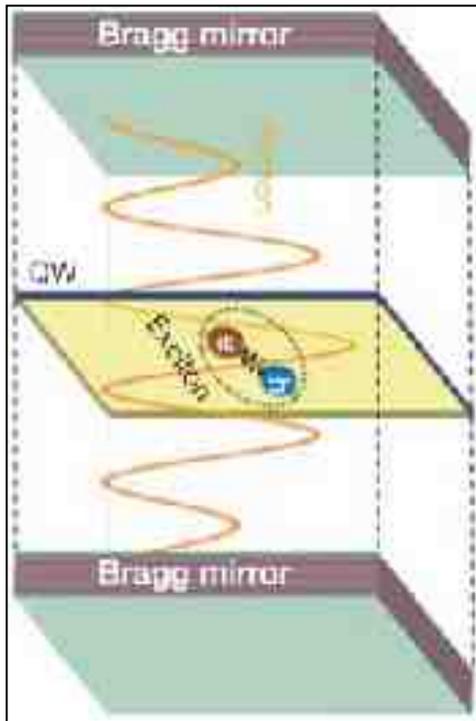


**Phonons interact strongly with excited states**

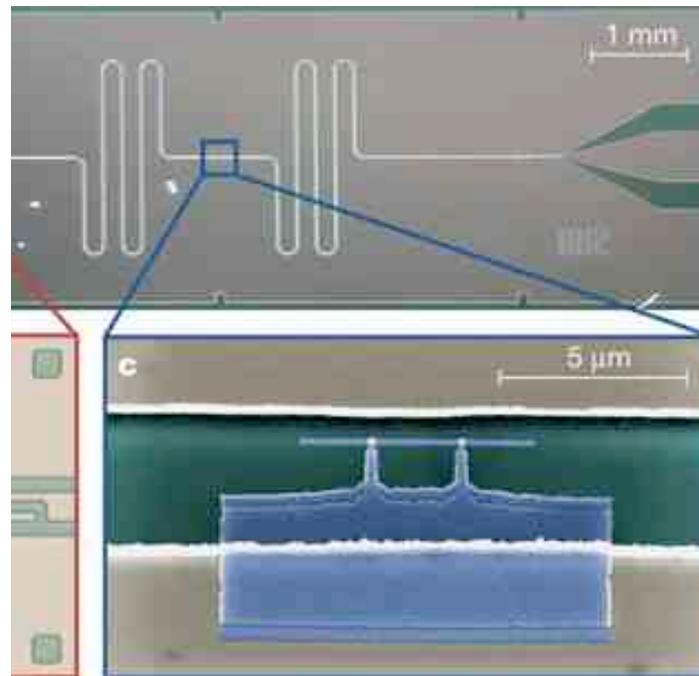


# Physics of solid-state polaritons (photon + matter)...

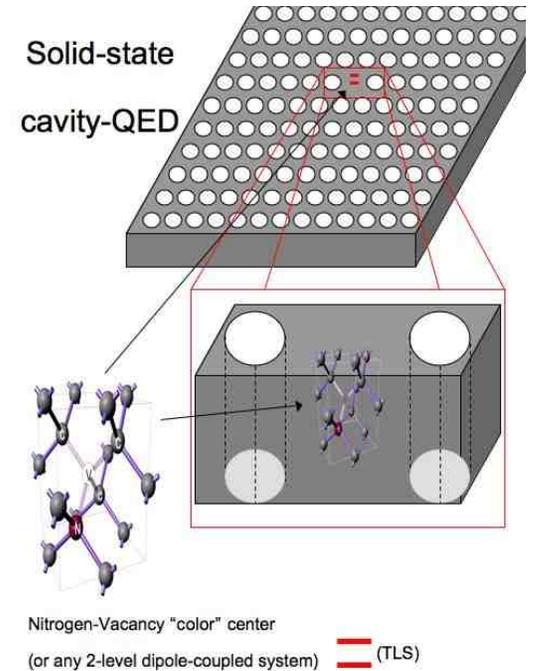
- Polariton = photon + matter excitation



**Semiconductor microcavity photon + exciton (electron-hole pair)**

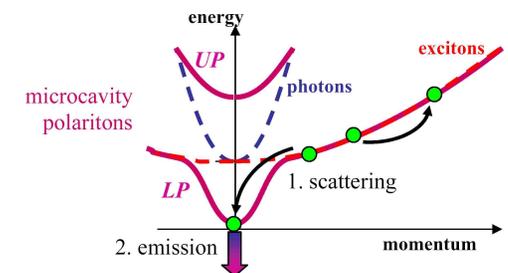


**Superconducting (microwave cavity-photon + JJ qubit) "Circuit-QED"**



Nitrogen-Vacancy "color" center (or any 2-level dipole-coupled system)  $\equiv$  (TLS)

**Diamond NV center qubit + photon cavity**

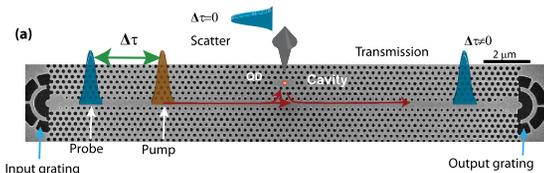


# ...which enables polaritonic devices & physics

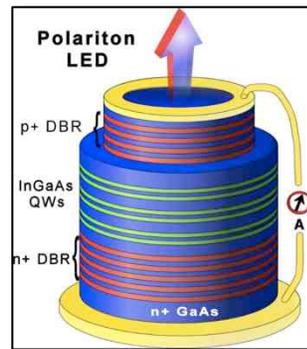
*Goal: devices that enable new function or new behavior...*

e.g., JJ QC, cavity-QED, lasers, LEDs, amplifiers, switches and polarization modulators, accelerometers, gradiometers, interferometers...

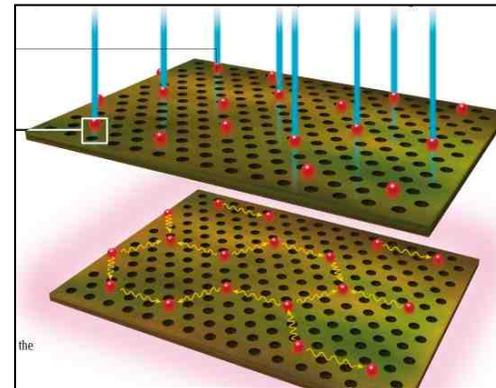
**Coupled cavity-QED:**  
“Solid light”



**QD-cQED – single photon sources, etc.**

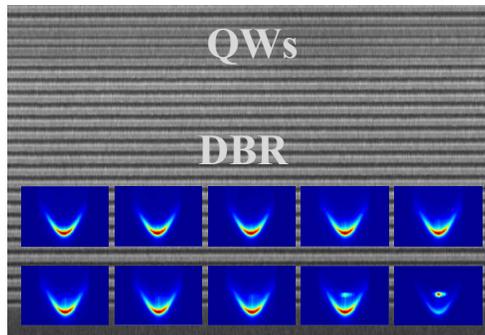


**Low threshold condensate lasers**



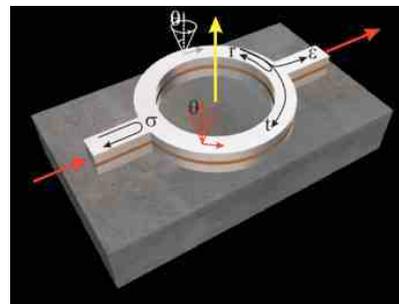
*Greentree, Tahan, et al 2005*

- Quantum simulators
- Parallel single and entangled photon sources
- **Can I do this with phonons?**

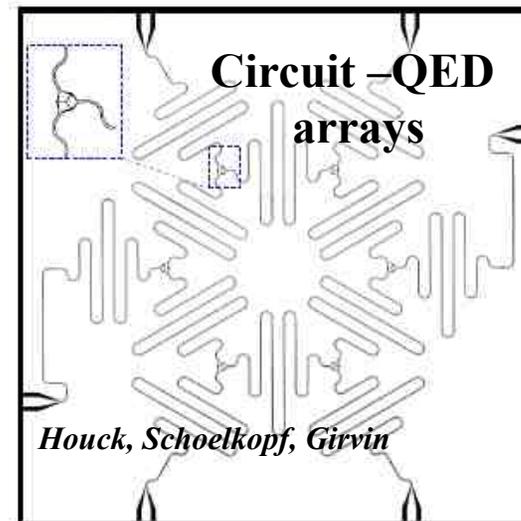


**Bose-Einstein Condensation of microcavity-polaritons**

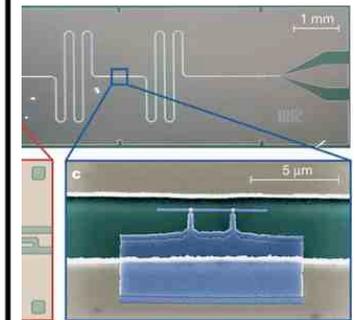
*e.g., Yamamoto, Littlewood et al.*



**A Light QUID – a “LIQUIDS”?**



**Transmon Quantum Computing**



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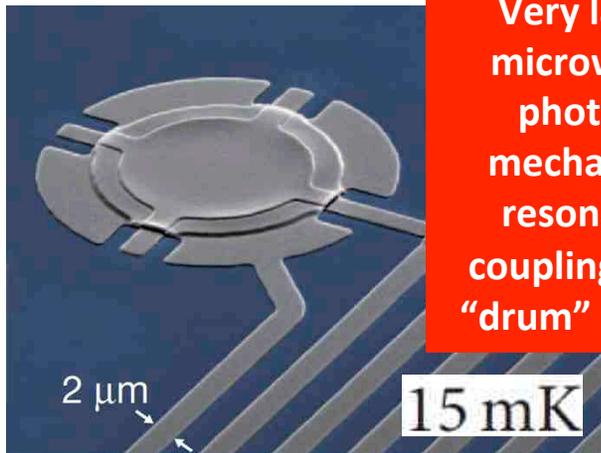
# Meanwhile, nano/opto-mechanics becomes a reality

## LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature10261

### Sideband cooling of micromechanical motion to the quantum ground state

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Very large microwave photon, mechanical resonator coupling with "drum" design

$$\Omega_m \text{ of } 2\pi \times 10.56 \text{ MHz}$$

$$Q_m = \Omega_m / \Gamma_m = 3.3 \times 10^5$$

$$G/2\pi = 49 \pm 2 \text{ MHz nm}^{-1}$$

$$\omega_c = 2\pi \times 7.54 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\kappa \approx 2\pi \times 200 \text{ kHz}$$

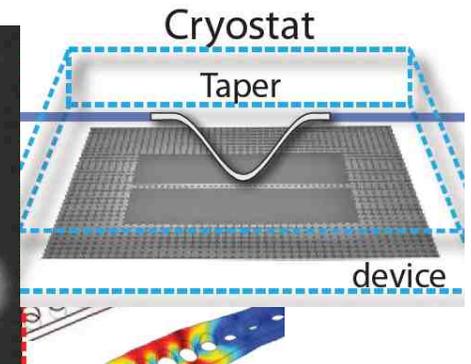
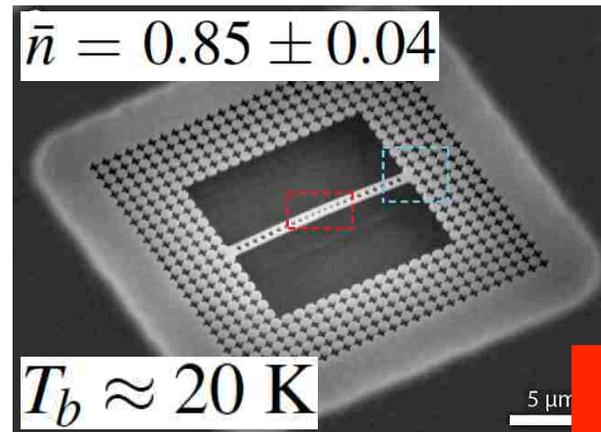


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## Mechanical cooling to well below kT

### Laser cooling of a nanomechanical oscillator into its quantum ground state

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High-Q phononic bandgap cavity (etched SOI). Cooling to ground state at 20 K!

$$\omega_m/2\pi = 3.68 \text{ GHz}$$

$$Q_m \approx 10^5 \quad \sim 0.2 \text{ K}$$

$$g/2\pi = 910 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\omega_o/2\pi = 195 \text{ THz } (\lambda = 1537 \text{ nm})$$

$$Q_o = 4 \times 10^5$$

# Acoustic phonons can be very long-lived in silicon

Low temperatures & low phonon limit:  $T = \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B} \approx 35 \text{ K}$   
 see S. Tamura, 1993

## 1. Anharmonicity losses

$$LA \rightarrow TA + TA$$

Main decay channels (isotropic):  $LA \rightarrow LA + TA$

$$\Gamma_{LA}^{tot} ; 4.5 \cdot 10^4 \nu_{THz}^5$$

$$\approx 1.4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \nu ; 0.73 \text{ THz} (3 \text{ meV})$$

## 2. Phonon scattering off mass fluctuations

$$\Gamma_{imp} ; 2.43 \cdot 10^6 \nu_{THz}^4$$

$$\approx 7 \cdot 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- Enrichment of Si<sup>28</sup> to 99% decreases the rate by an order of magnitude

- Mean free path:

$$L_{MFP} = v_L / \Gamma_{imp} \approx 1.3 \text{ cm} \Rightarrow$$



## Natural Silicon

$$v_{long} = 9330 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow$$

Short wave length compared to light

$$v_{tran} = 5420 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\rho = 2330 \text{ kg/m}^3$$



Si <sup>28</sup>	92.23%
Si <sup>29</sup>	4.67%
Si <sup>30</sup>	3.1%



## Bulk silicon

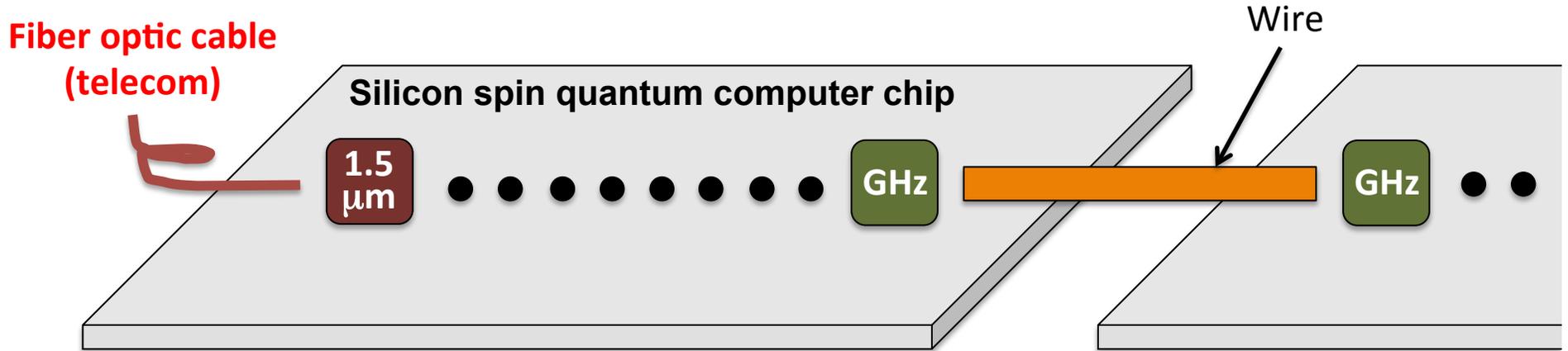
Acoustic phonon mean free path  
 ~10 cm at 99% purity @ 700 GHz

Acoustic phonon mean free path  
 ~400,000 meters!  
 in natural silicon  
 @10 GHz

## Real nano mechanical system

Painter et al ~  
 Q~10<sup>5</sup> at 4 GHz ~  
 10s of mm

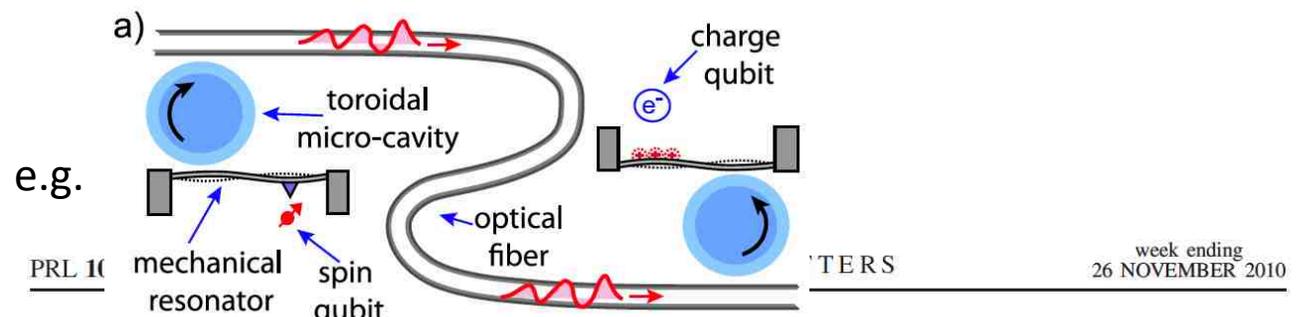
# One motivation for QC: Off-chip communication



**1.5 μm** = Quantum component to convert spin to telecom photon

**GHz** = Quantum component to couple distant spins via wire (microwave regime)

Proposals for *indirect* qubit to telecom photon mechanical transduction via magnetic or electric intermediary



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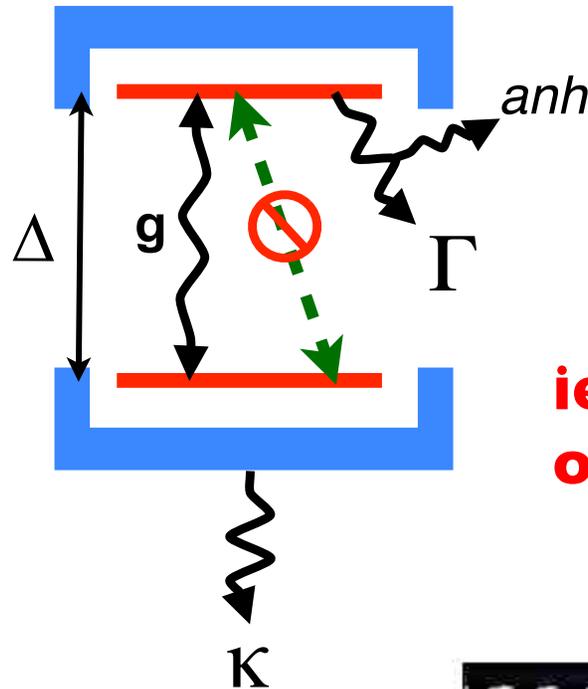
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Optomechanical Transducers for Long-Distance Quantum Communication

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# First step: Is a direct analog of a cavity-polariton possible?

## TLS + cavity-phonon



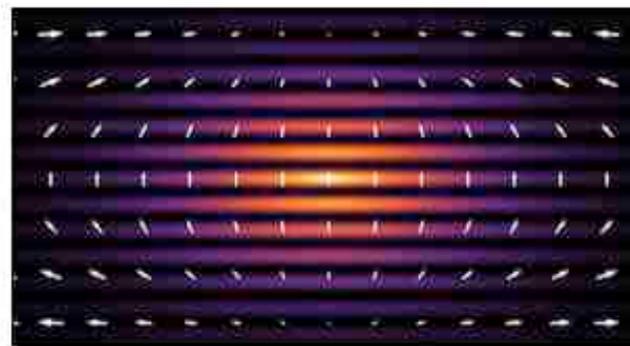
- While strong electron-phonon coupling is of course common in many situations in semiconductors and well studied...
- It is **not obvious** that you could have strong resonant coupling **in the sense of cavity-QED**, in a realizable structure

**ie, a phonon equivalent of the cavity-polariton?**

(not a polaron, not a polariton)



Oney Soykal Rusko Ruskov



**Focus: Vibrations and Electrons Team Up in New Quantum Entity**

November 28, 2011

Theorists propose an experiment to observe a "phoniton," a novel hybrid of an electron and a quantum of vibration in a crystal lattice.

Soykal, Ruskov, Tahan,  
PRL **107**, 234402 (2011)

# Direct? Strain (deformation) modulates the energy bands

...Not indirectly via a magnetic field or electric potential

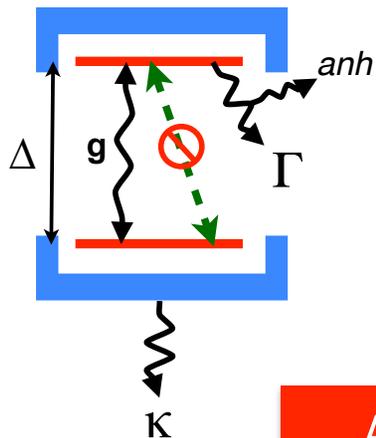
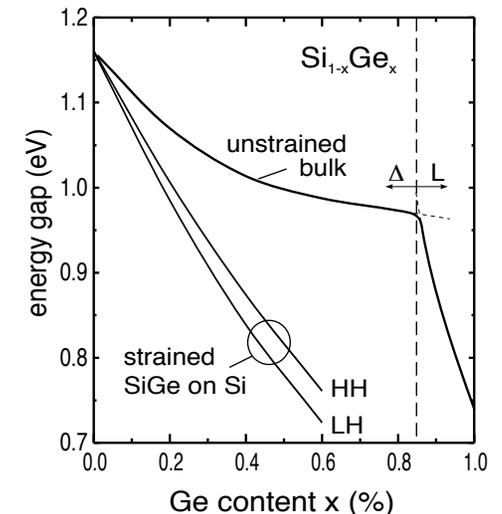
A phonon is just a time-dependent strain.

$$\text{strain tensor } \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{q}, t)^{\text{phonon}} = \frac{i}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\rho v_i q}} \left[ (\mathbf{e}(t)_i q_j + \mathbf{e}(t)_j q_i) a_{\mathbf{q},t}^\dagger \exp(-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}) + c.c. \right]$$

Deformation potential = shift in energy of the band edge per unit elastic strain.

$$H_{\text{electron-phonon}} = \sum_{ij} D_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{r})$$

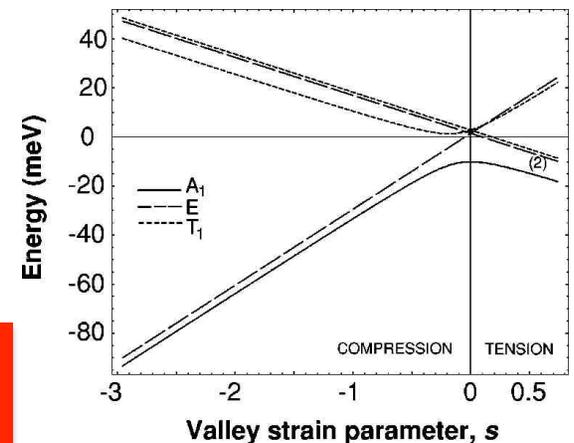
$$\text{deformation potential } \Xi^{[001]} = \begin{pmatrix} \Xi_d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Xi_d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Xi_d + \Xi_u \end{pmatrix}$$



Deformation potential can be quite big in semiconductors

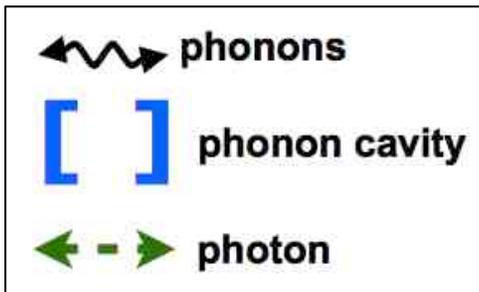
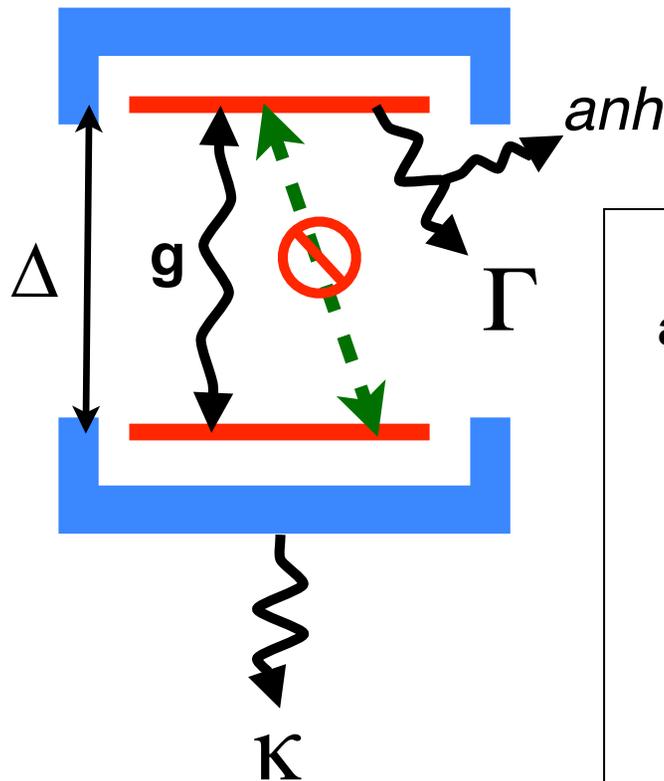
$$D_{ij} > \text{eV}$$

A phonon can drive a transition of an "atom" just like a photon can.



# What do we need to achieve “strong coupling” in the sense of cQED?

## TLS + cavity-phonon



Phonon analogue of a polariton: we call it a “phoniton”

Want a “half sound, half matter” composite object in the  $O(1)$  phonon regime

## WHAT WE NEED:

### 1. Two-Level-System (“atom”) driven *solely* and directly by phonons (not photons)

1. Preferably coupled to only 1 phonon mode
2. Emits into cavity mode preferentially

### 2. Need long-lived coherent phonon

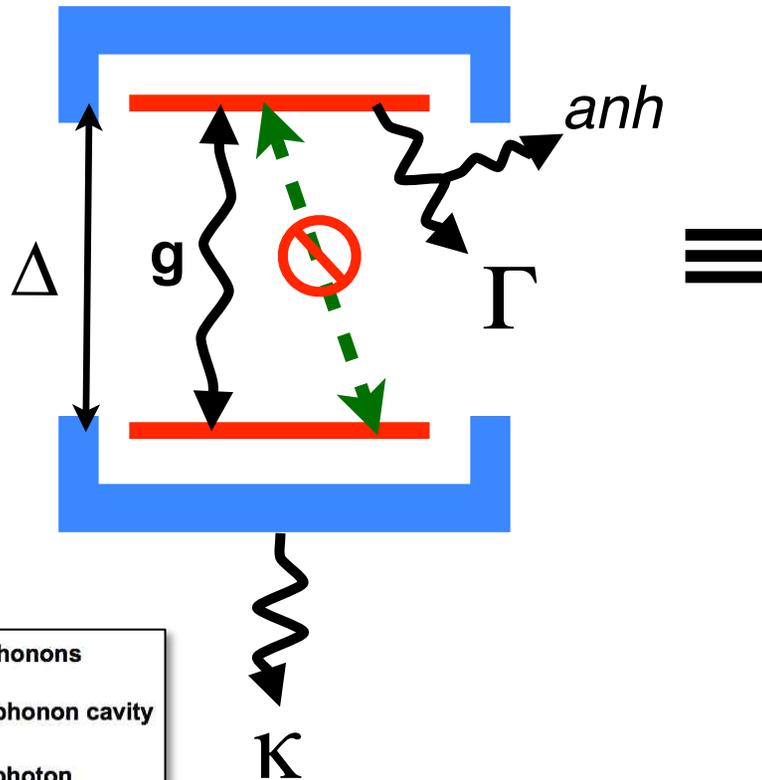
- High Q cavity
- $\sim 1$  phonon limit

### 3. Need “strong” coupling between the TLS and the phonon

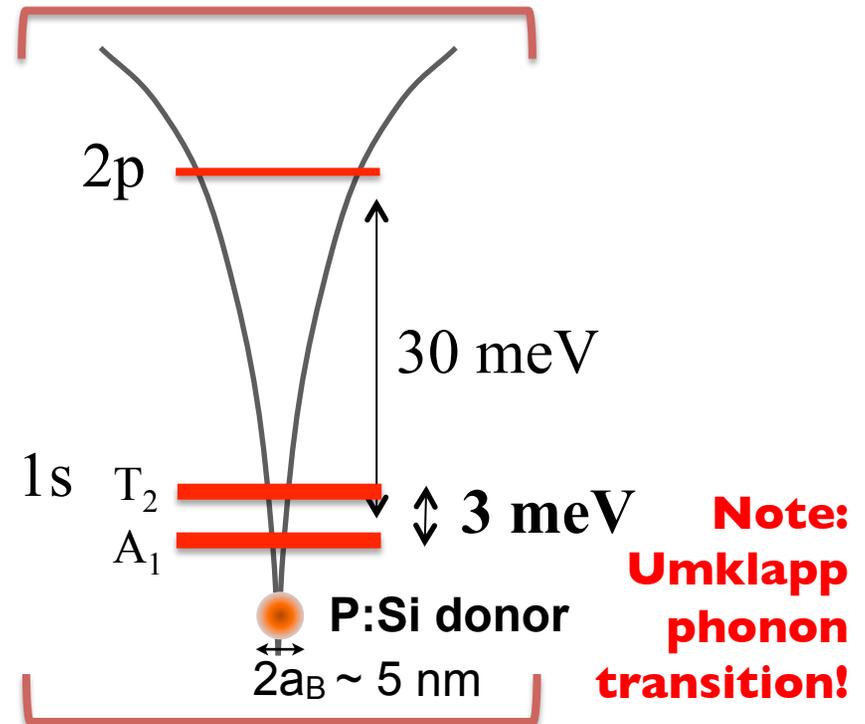
$$g > \{\kappa, \Gamma, T_2^*, anh\}$$

# A suitable “atom” TLS = donor valley qubit in *strained silicon*

Is a phonon cavity possible at this energy?



P:Si in [001] strained silicon



phonon velocity:  $v_{l(t)} = 9000$  (5400) m/s

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{l(t)} [3\text{meV}] = 12$$
 (7) nm

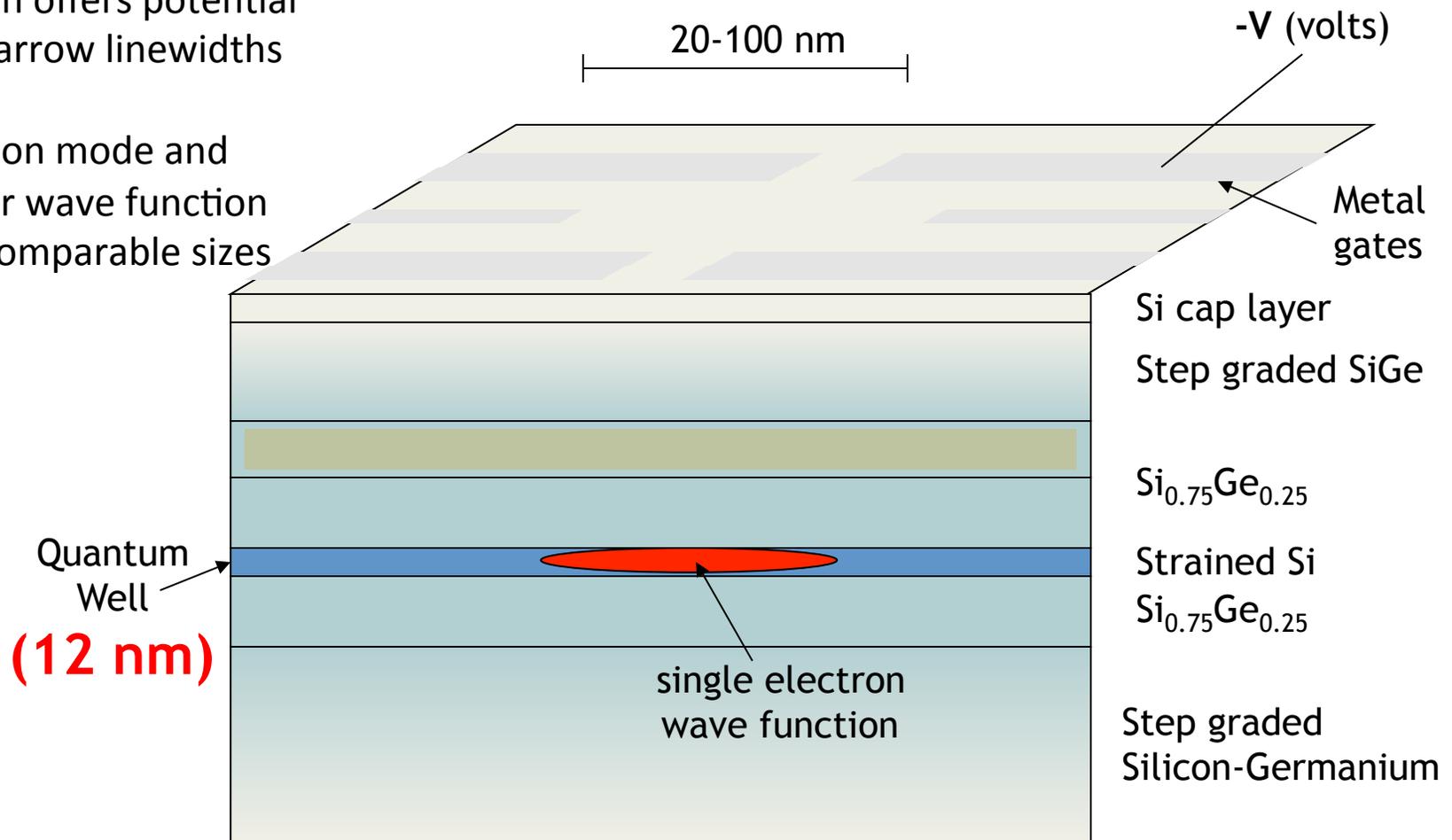
**THIS we can work with.**

**YES**

**Valley state in strained Si**

# Typical quantum dot heterostructure in SiGe

- Silicon offers potential for narrow linewidths
- Phonon mode and donor wave function are comparable sizes

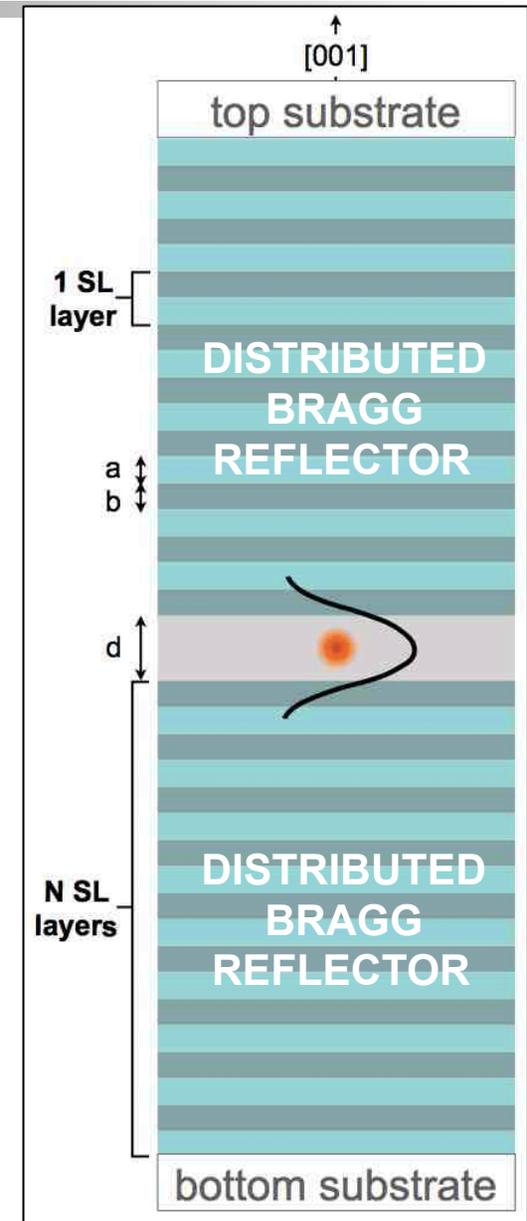


 **P:Si donor**  
 $2a_B \sim 5 \text{ nm}$

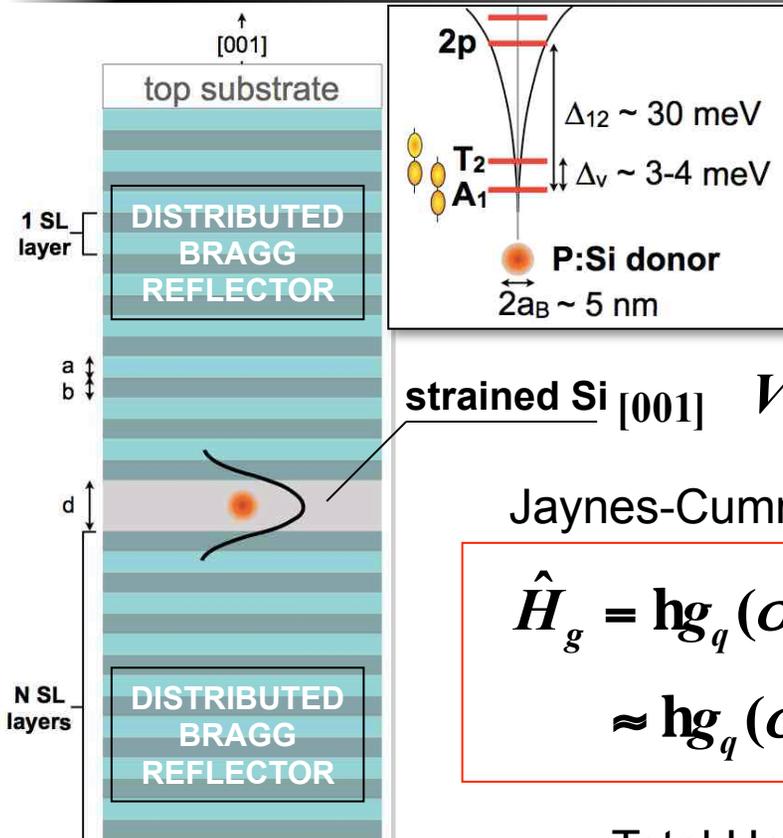
# Proof-of-principle in SiGe heterostructure DBR-cavity

- Create phonon cavity with **acoustic distributed Bragg reflector**
  - Optimized for longitudinal phonon (in 1D case)
  - Mixed mode for micropillar
  - can have very high Qs even at 1 THz
  - Already demonstrated in III-Vs
  - **Umklapp phonon transition: place donor at maximum displacement**
- Similar to MBE devices already grown
  - Long-lived THz acoustic DBR realized in III-Vs

Now that we have a prototype,  
we can proceed in calculating:  
 $g$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\Gamma$ , etc.



# g // P:Si TLS cavity-phonon Hamiltonian



$$H_{e,ph}^{ac}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{ij} D_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\hat{H}_{e,ph} = \sum_{ss'} \sum_{q\lambda} c_{s'}^\dagger c_s (b_{q\lambda} + b_{q\lambda}^\dagger) V_{q\lambda}^{s's}$$

A phonon is just a time-dependent strain.

Deformation potential = shift in energy of the band edge per unit elastic strain.

$$V_{q\lambda}^{s's} = \langle \psi_{s'}; \{q\lambda\} | H_{e,ph}^{ac} | \psi_s \rangle \equiv \mathbf{h} \mathbf{g}_q$$

Jaynes-Cummings & RWA

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_g &= \mathbf{h} \mathbf{g}_q (\sigma^\dagger + \sigma^-) (b_{q\lambda} + b_{q\lambda}^\dagger) \\ &\approx \mathbf{h} \mathbf{g}_q (\sigma^\dagger b_{q\lambda} + \sigma^- b_{q\lambda}^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_{q\lambda} \approx \omega_{s's}, \Delta\omega_q = \omega_{s's}$$

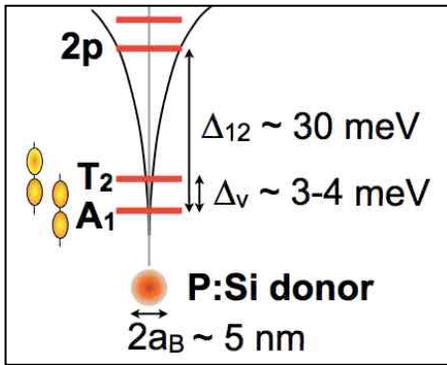
$$\mathbf{g}_q = \omega_{s's}$$

Total Hamiltonian with couplings to external modes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{tot} &= \sum_{q,\lambda} \mathbf{h} \omega_{q,\lambda} (b_{q\lambda} b_{q\lambda}^\dagger + 1/2) + \frac{\mathbf{h} \Delta}{2} \sigma_z + H_g \\ &+ H_\kappa + H'_{anh} + H_\Gamma \quad \text{Loss terms} \end{aligned}$$

Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian emerges from first-principles derivation

# g // Intervalley (Umklapp) process drives the valley qubit

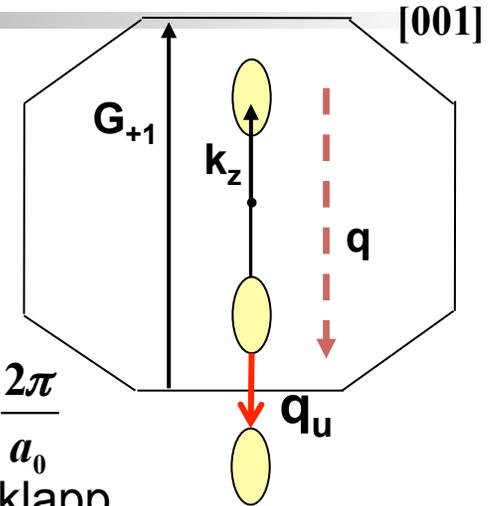


Valley wave functions in strained Si

$$\psi_{T_2}(r) = \left( \psi_{\vec{k}_z}(r) - \psi_{-\vec{k}_z}(r) \right) \Phi_s^z(r)$$

$$\psi_{A_1}(r) = \left( \psi_{\vec{k}_z}(r) + \psi_{-\vec{k}_z}(r) \right) \Phi_s^z(r)$$

$$\psi_{\vec{k}_j}(r) = u_{\vec{k}_j}(r) e^{-i\vec{k}_j \cdot \vec{r}} \quad k_z ; 0.85 \frac{2\pi}{a_0}$$



Intervalley Umklapp transition:

$$q \approx q_u \equiv 2k_z - G_{+1}$$

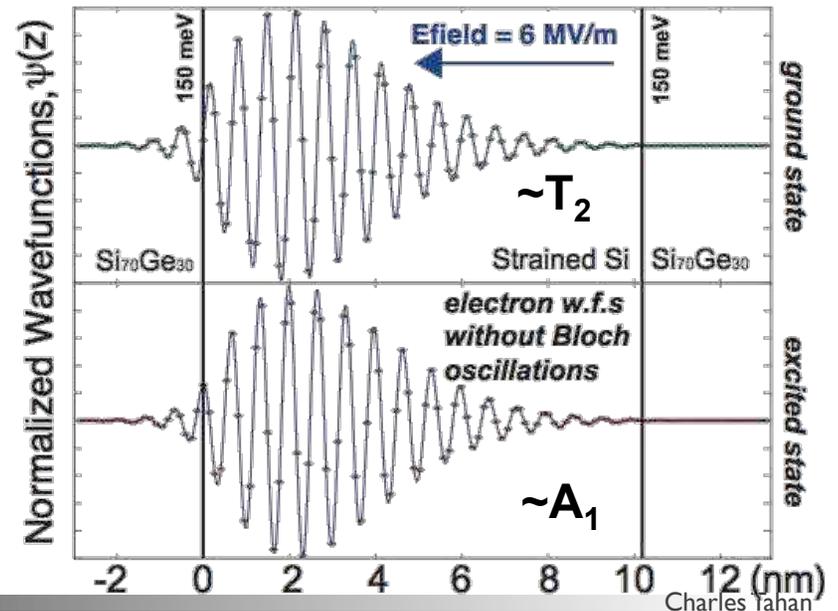
• Intravalley & electric dipole transitions are forbidden

$$V_{ij}^{s's}(q, \lambda) = \left( \frac{\hbar}{2\rho V \omega_{q\lambda}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \Xi_d(q\xi_{q\lambda}) + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_u \left\{ (q\hat{k}_i)(\hat{k}_i\xi_{q\lambda}) + (q\hat{k}_j)(\hat{k}_j\xi_{q\lambda}) \right\} \right) \times \int dr e^{-iqr} \psi_s^*(r) \psi_s(r)$$

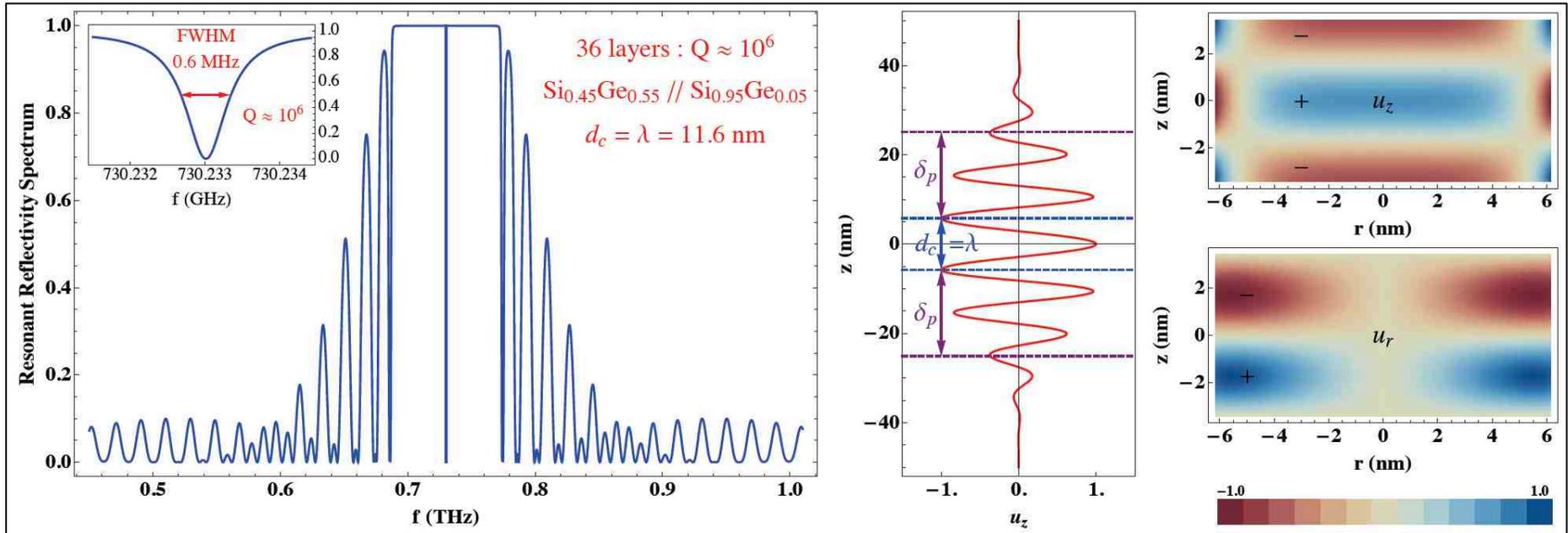
$\vec{z} \leftrightarrow -\vec{z}$  Inter-valley matrix element

**Valley states: good “acoustic” qubits**

- Very small electric dipole moment
- Leads to long relaxation times and insensitivity to charge noise



# $\kappa$ // ID and micropillar phonon cavity modes and $Q$ s



We calculate  $Q$ 's and displacement/stress fields for both 1D and 3D micropillar cavities (for fundamental and low-lying excited modes).

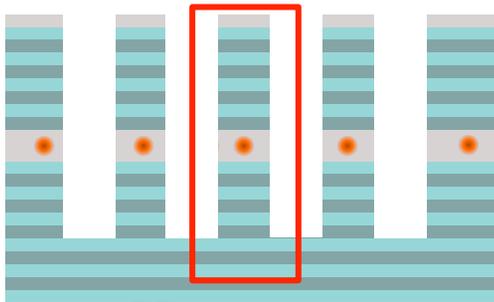
*Phonon cavity lifetime:*

$$\kappa = \omega_{\Delta} / Q$$

*Micropillar standing-mode strain waves:*

$$u_r(\mathbf{r}) = -A\eta_l \left[ J_1(\eta_l r) + \frac{2q^2}{\eta_t^2 - q^2} \frac{J_1(\eta_l R)}{J_1(\eta_t R)} J_1(\eta_t r) \right] \sin qz$$

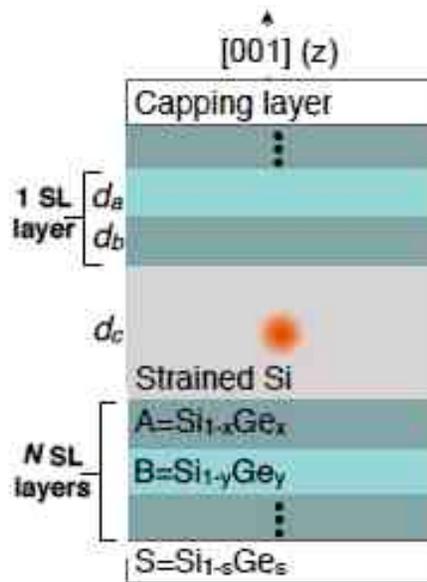
$$u_z(\mathbf{r}) = Aq \left[ J_0(\eta_l r) - \frac{2\eta_l \eta_t}{\eta_t^2 - q^2} \frac{J_1(\eta_l R)}{J_1(\eta_t R)} J_0(\eta_t r) \right] \cos qz.$$



# Cavity-QED versus sound-based “cQED”

parameter	symbol	3D optical	3D microwave	1D circuit-QED	P:Si phoniton	Li:Si phoniton
resonance freq.	$\omega_r/2\pi, \Omega/2\pi$	350 THz	51 GHz	10 GHz	730 GHz	142 GHz
vacuum Rabi freq.	$g/\pi, g/\omega_r$	220 MHz, $3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	47 kHz, $1 \cdot 10^{-7}$	100 MHz, $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.1 GHz, $1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	13.8 MHz, $4.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$
cavity lifetime	$1/\kappa, Q$	10 ns, $3 \cdot 10^7$	1 ms, $3 \cdot 10^8$	160 ns, $10^4$	$0.22 \mu\text{s}, 10^6$	$1.1 \mu\text{s}, 10^6$
TLS lifetime	$1/\Gamma$	61 ns	30 ms	$2 \mu\text{s}$	8.2 ns	$22 \mu\text{s}$
atom transit time	$t_{\text{transit}}$	$\geq 50 \mu\text{s}$	$100 \mu\text{s}$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
critical atom #	$N_0 = 2\Gamma\kappa/g^2$	$6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$\lesssim 6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$\lesssim 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$\lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
crit. pho(t,n)on #	$m_0 = \Gamma^2/2g^2$	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$\lesssim 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$\lesssim 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\lesssim 6 \cdot 10^{-7}$
# Rabi flops	$n_{\text{Rabi}} = \frac{2g}{\kappa + \Gamma}$	$\sim 10$	$\sim 5$	$\sim 10^2$	$\sim 102$	$\sim 93$

$\lambda_r = 63 \text{ nm}$  for Li



*Maximal coupling in  $2\lambda$  micropillar cavity:*

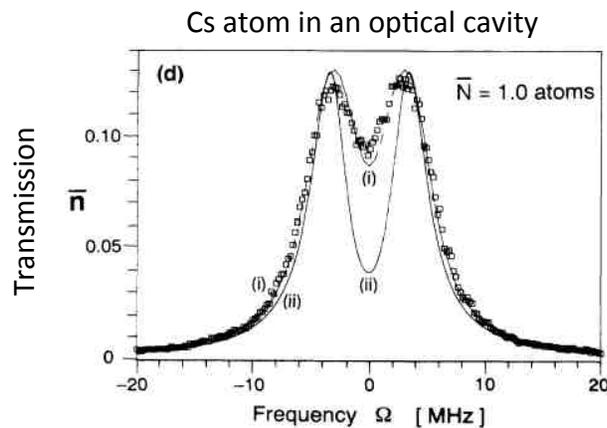
$$2g / \{\Gamma, \kappa, anh\} \approx 100$$

*for Phosphorous or Lithium donor*

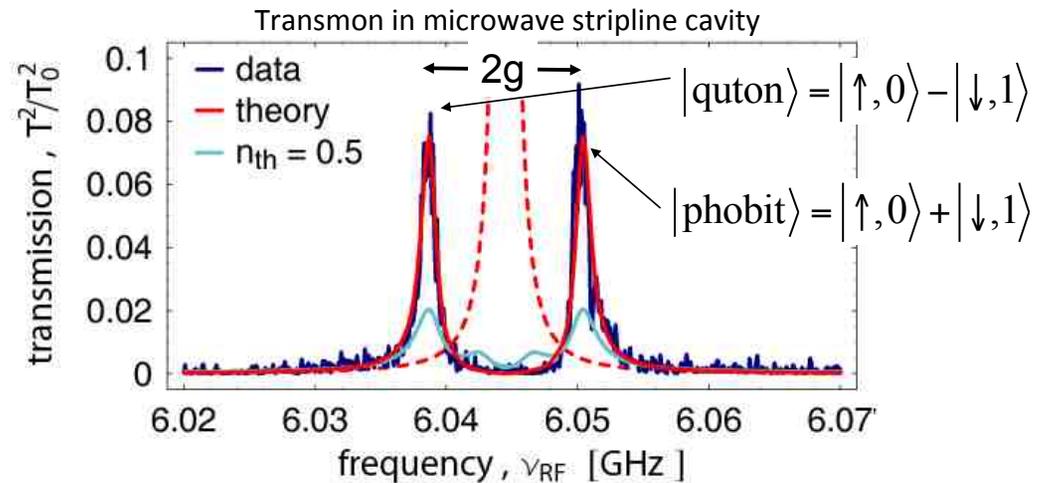
*Still appreciable coupling for diameter =  $10\lambda$  (120 nm) for P*

# First Observation of Vacuum Rabi Splitting for a Single *Real* Atom

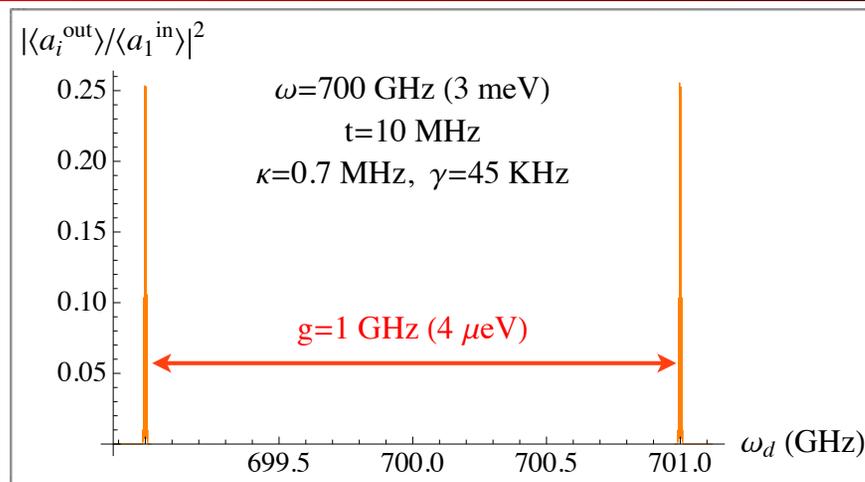
# First Observation of Vacuum Rabi Splitting in circuit-QED (Yale)



Thompson, Rempe, & Kimble 1992



# First Observation of Rabi splitting in P:Si cavity-phonon system?

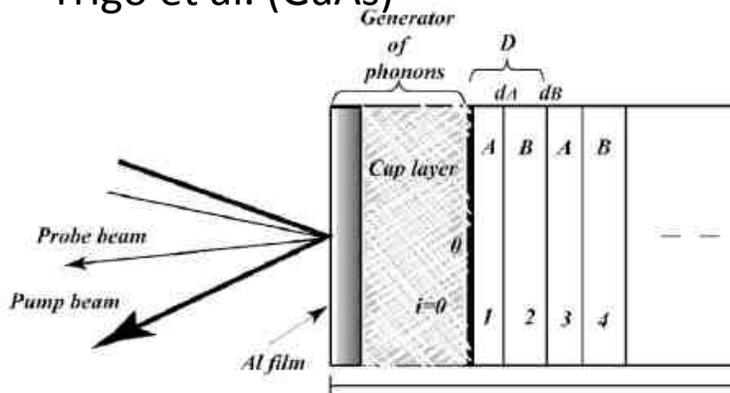


# Possible experimental setups

P:Si phoniton	Li:Si phoniton
730 GHz	142 GHz

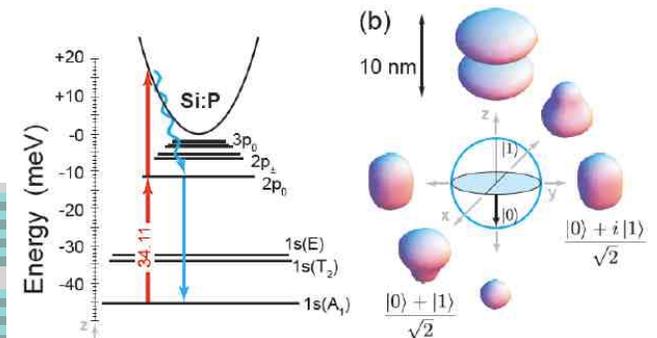
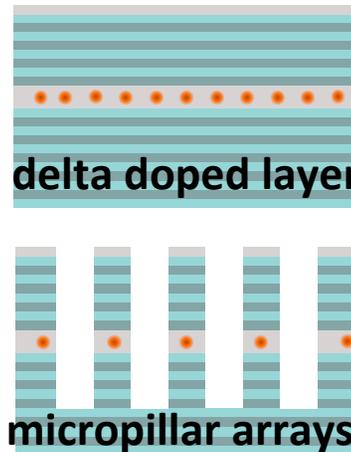
## Optical pump-probe

Ezzahri et al. (SiGe)  
Trigo et al. (GaAs)



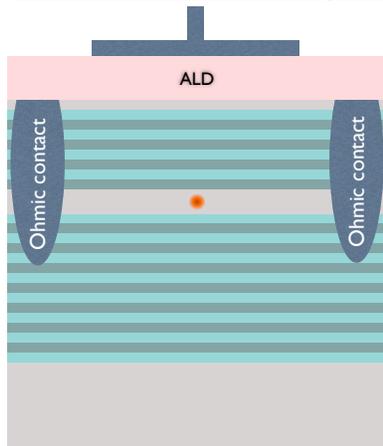
## Free electron lasers (drive 1s to 2p transition)

Greenland et al.



Coherent Control of Rydberg States in Silicon,

## Electron transport in nanostructures



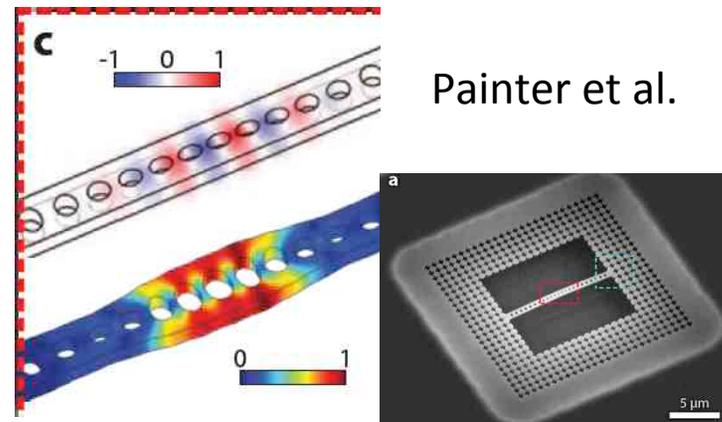
Regge et al.  
Boehme et al.  
Brandt et al.  
Dzurak et al.  
Eriksson et al.  
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## Nano/opto-mechanical structures

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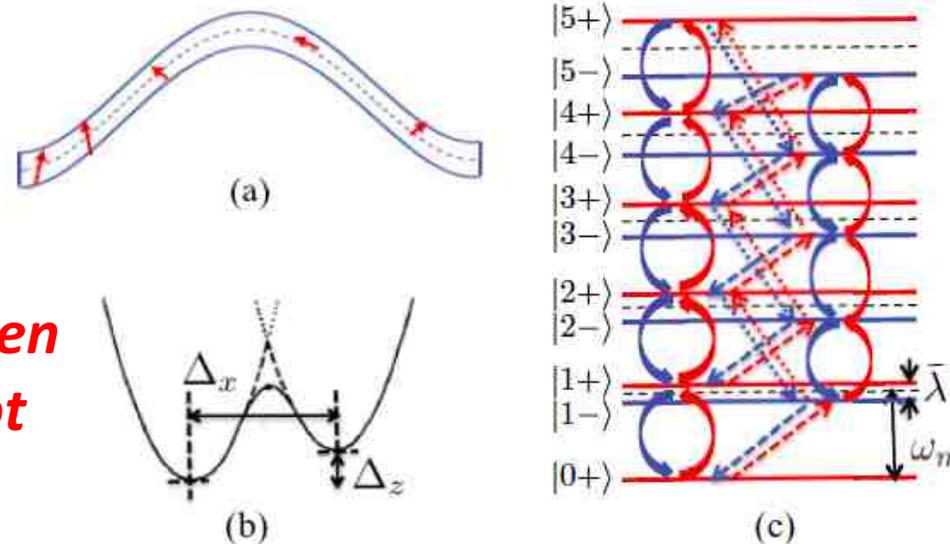


FIG. 1. (Color online) (a) Mechanical resonator couples with TLS defects. (b) Double-well potential model for the TLS. (c) Energy spectrum of the coupled system. The eigenstates are the polariton doublets labeled as  $|n\pm\rangle$ . The solid (dashed) arrows indicate transitions between states of identical (opposite) polarizations.

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**Polaron effect ("hole  
polaron") is just a  
renormalization of the energy  
levels due to phonon(s).**

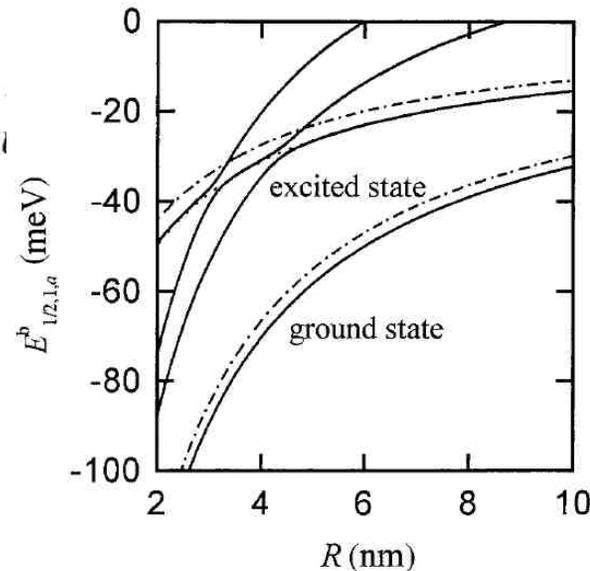


Fig. 2. The binding energies of a bare hole (dash-dotted curves) and of a hole polaron (solid curves). The lower two curves correspond to the ground state and the upper five curves represent the lowest excited states. The binding energy of the hole polaron excited state calculated within the perturbation theory using Eq. (6) is shown by a dotted curve

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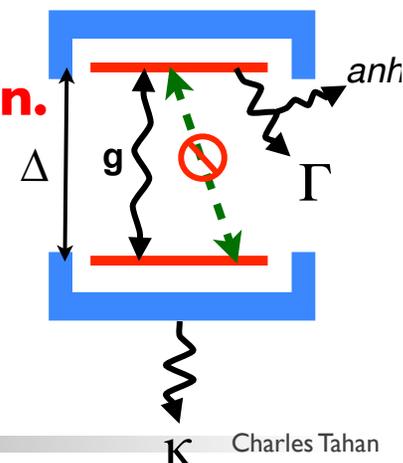
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*Renormalization of energy levels, etc. due to phonons (e.g. virtual cloud).*

**Our case: cavity-phonon drives resonant TLS**

**Most analogous to a polariton, but with a phonon instead of a photon.**

Exciton	cavity-polariton
Impurity: Si	cavity-phoniton



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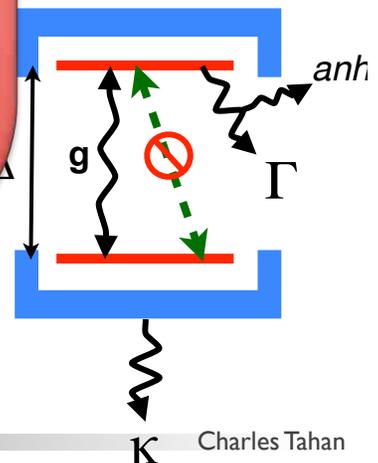
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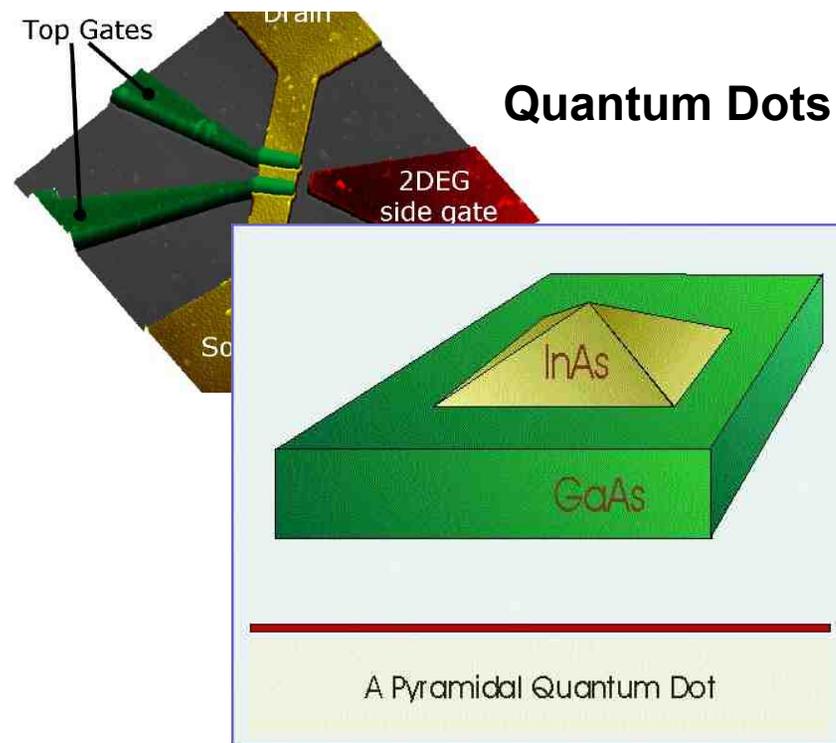
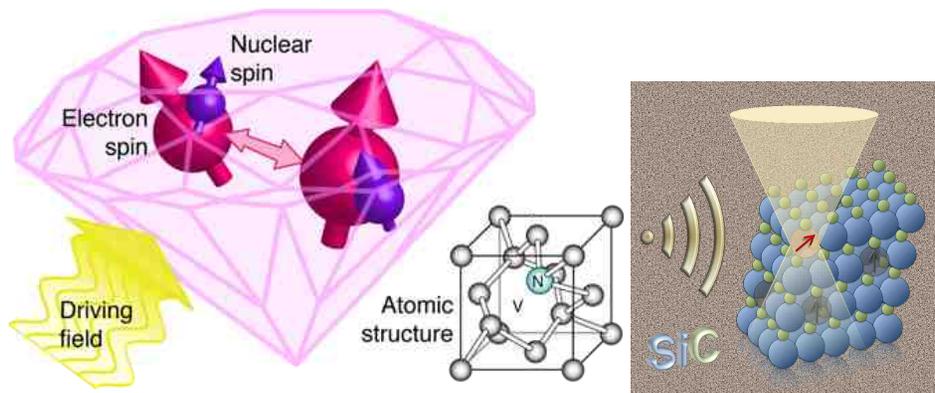
Call it whatever you want,  
 the physics won't mind

Impurity: Si cavity-phonon

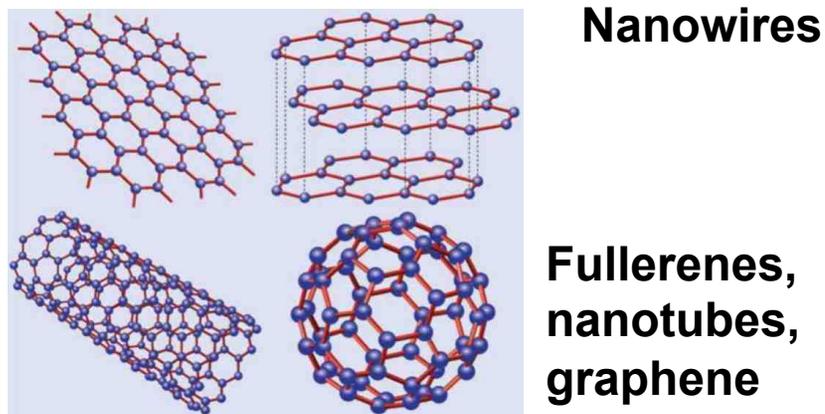
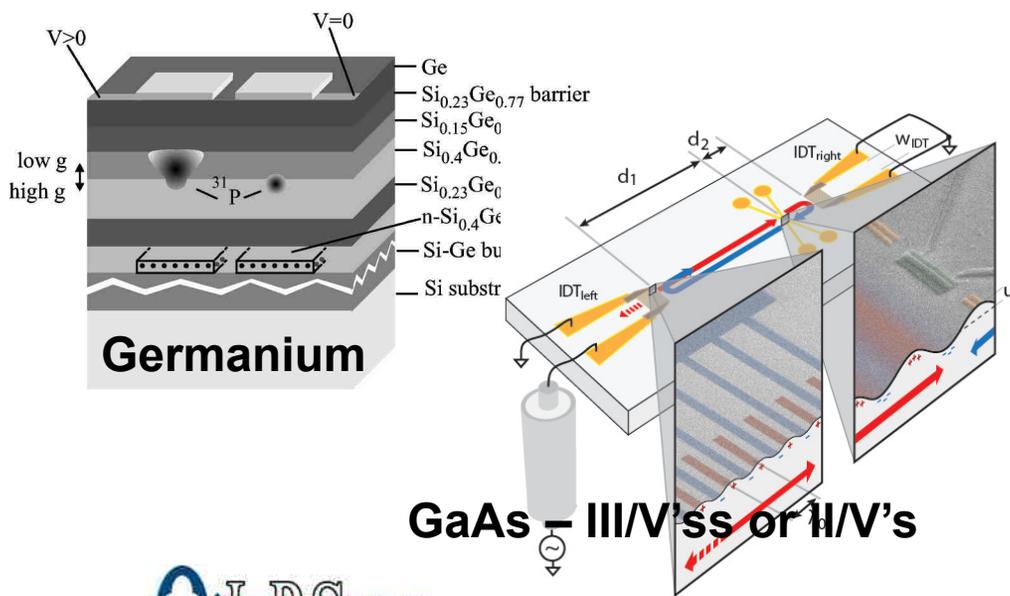
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Now that we know it's possible, can think of "better" systems...



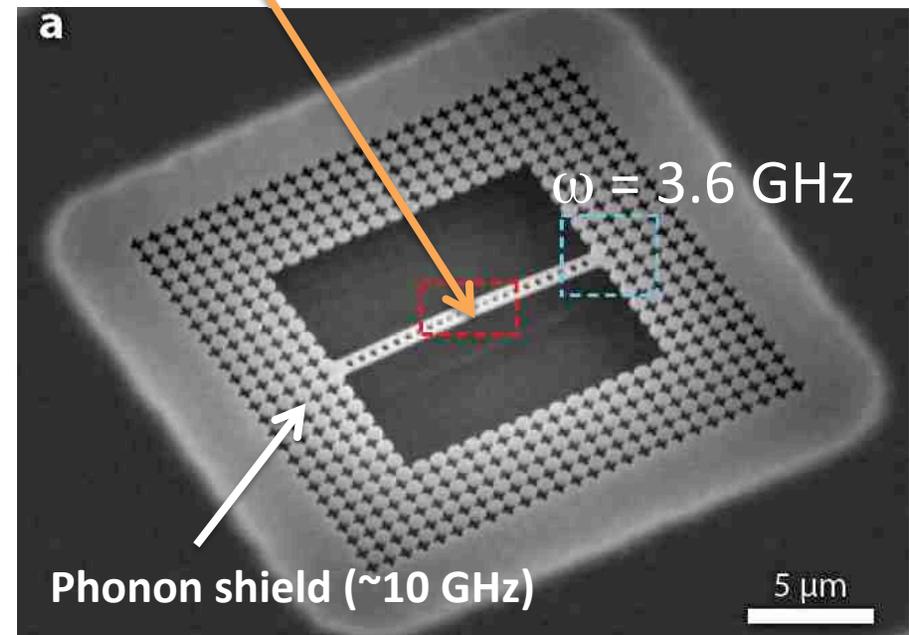
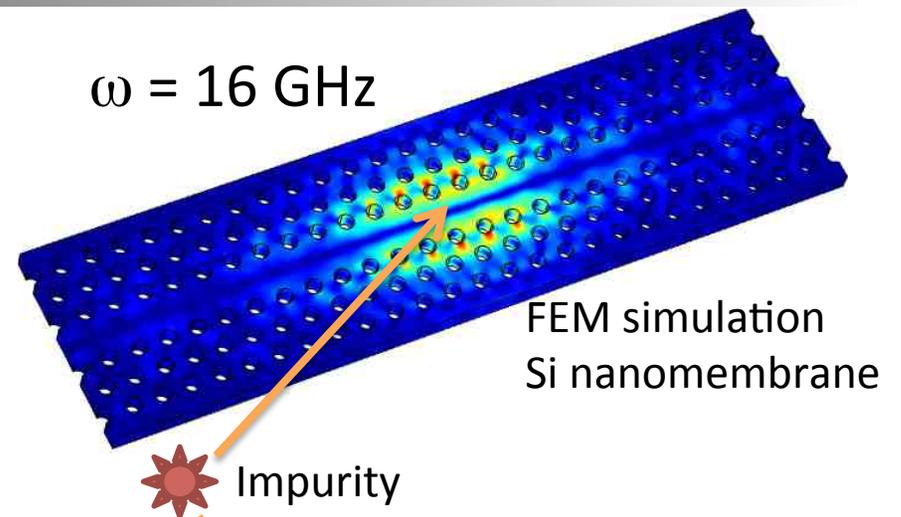
### Diamond and other defects



# Really want a system for “on-chip” phonodynamics

## Want compatibility with phononic bandgap on-chip systems

- Nanomechanical resonators – strong coupling, ground state cooling at 20 K, phonon lifetimes 20 microseconds,  $Q > 10^5$  realized – in **silicon**
- **P:Si prototype phoniton ~ 730 GHz** ☹
- **1-150 Ghz practical (demonstrated)**
- **Need a compatible transition**
- **Immediate realization possible**

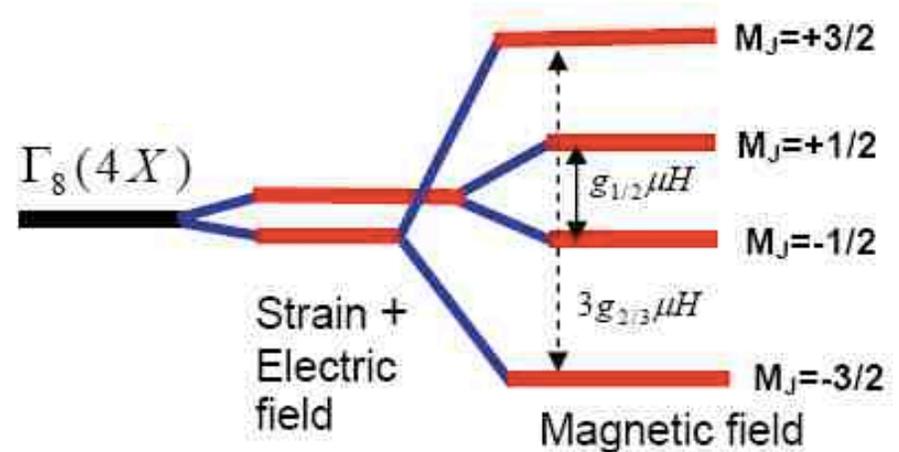
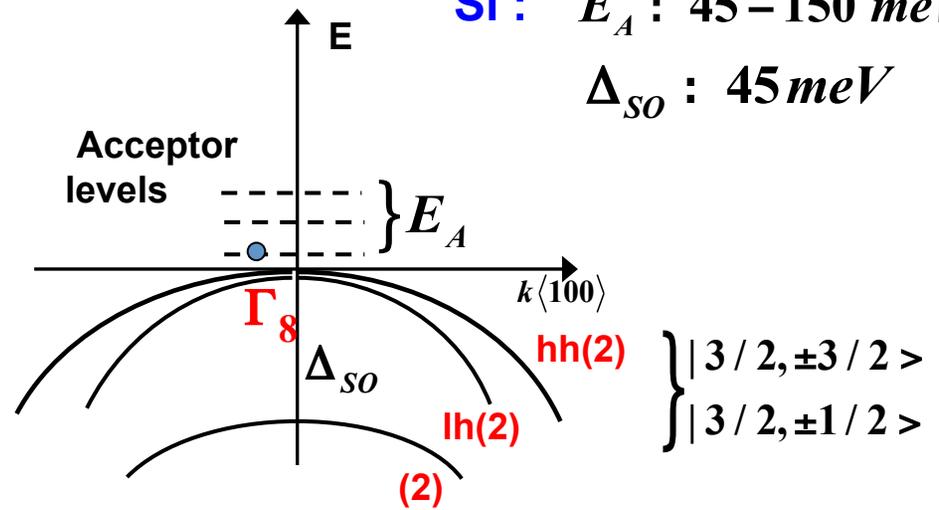


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# Look to the **acceptor**: long-lived hole qubits in silicon

- “Good” charge qubit based on acceptor levels
  - $P_{3/2}$  valance band, 4-fold degenerate
  - Degeneracy split by **electric field or strain or B-field**
  - Kramers doublets with  $B=0$ ,  $m_j = \pm 1/2$  and  $m_j = \pm 3/2$
- Long-range electric-dipole coupling between acceptor qubits limits  $T_2$  in bulk samples

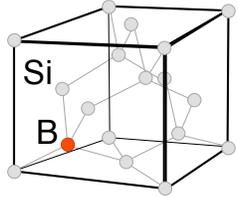
Si:  $E_A : 45 - 150 \text{ meV}$   
 $\Delta_{SO} : 45 \text{ meV}$



$T_2 = 2.6 \mu\text{s}$  and  $T_1 = 7.4 \mu\text{s}$   
 inter-acceptor spacing of 500 nm  
 $8 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Golding et al. EPL, 95 (2011) 47004

# From acceptor energy levels to qubits



Magnetic, Strain, and Electric fields give differing qubit arrangements

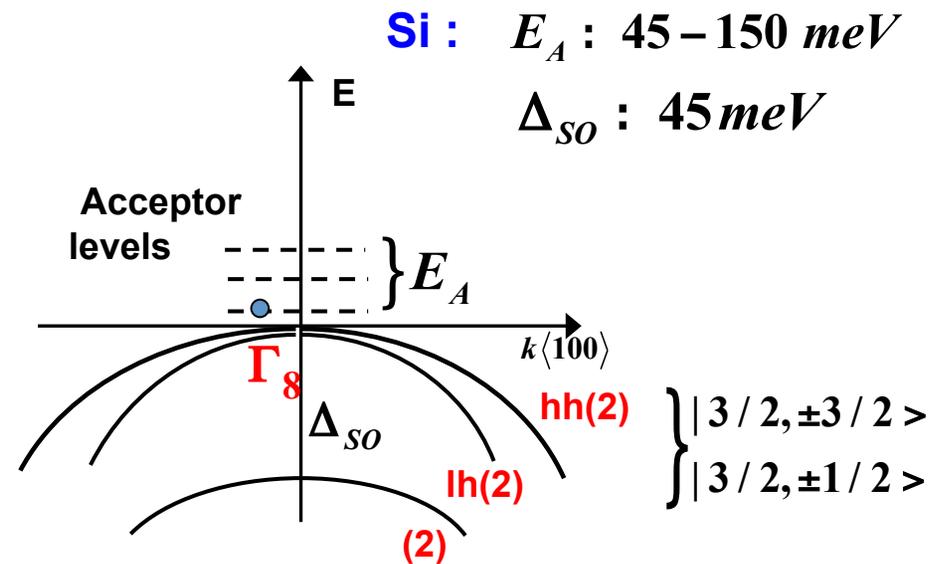
Qubit splitting is strain tunable (huge)

magnetic field tunable (>100 GHz)

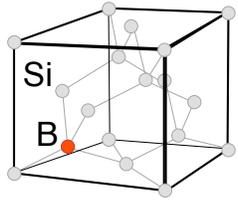
And E-field tunable (<1 GHz)

■ (4)

$B = 0$   
 $\text{Strain} = 0$   
 $E = 0$



# From acceptor energy levels to qubits



Magnetic, Strain, and Electric fields give differing qubit arrangements  
 $\{+1/2, +3/2\}$  qubit

-3/2 —————

-1/2 —————

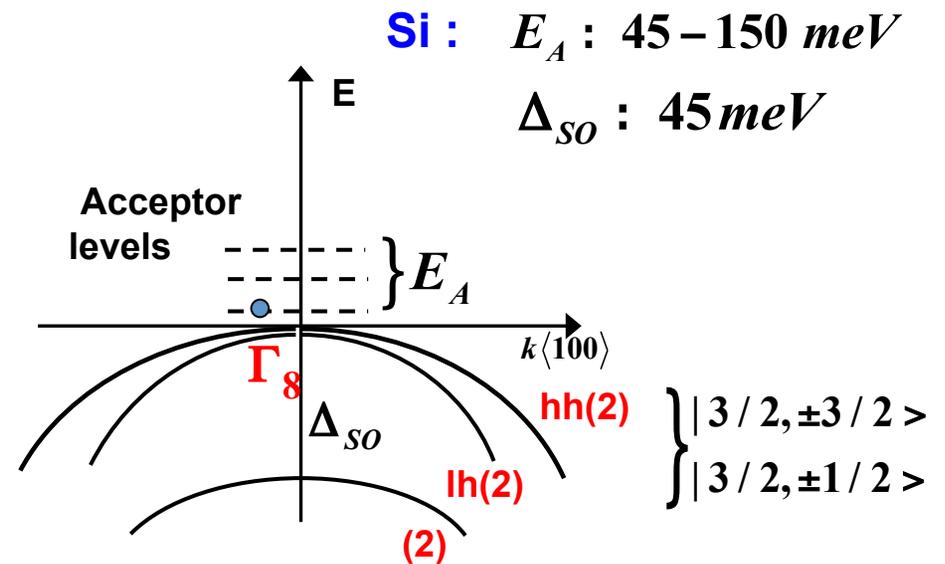
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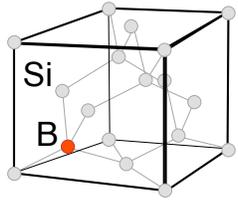
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E = 0

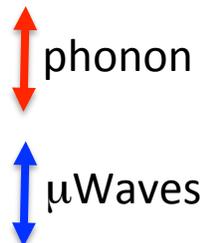
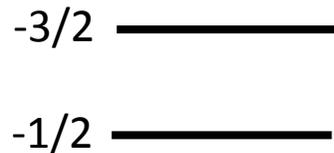


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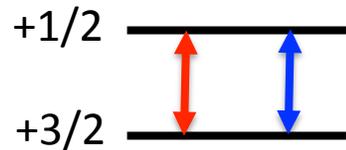


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$\{+1/2, +3/2\}$  qubit



**Our qubit**



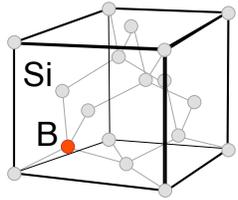
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- *Qubit TLS is strongly phonon coupled*
- *Qubit is well isolated from other levels*
- *Tunable from 1-50+ GHz*
- *Long lifetime...*

# Acceptor energy levels to qubits



Magnetic, Strain, and Electric fields give differing qubit arrangements

$\{+1/2, +3/2\}$  qubit

...or...  $\{+1/2, -1/2\}$  qubit

$-3/2$  \_\_\_\_\_

$-1/2$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Our qubit**

$+1/2$  \_\_\_\_\_

$+3/2$  \_\_\_\_\_

**$B = 0.5 - 2 T$**

Strain = 0

$E = 0$

\_\_\_\_\_ (4)

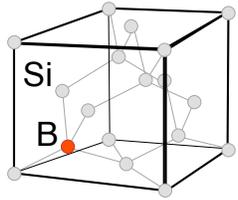
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$E = 0$

↑ phonon  
↓  
↑  $\mu$ Waves  
↓

# From acceptor energy levels to qubits



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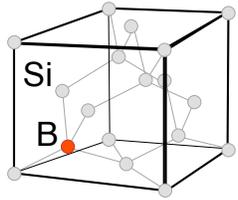
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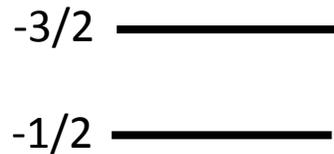
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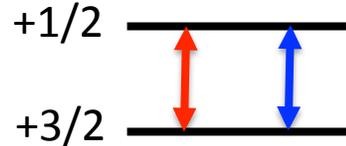
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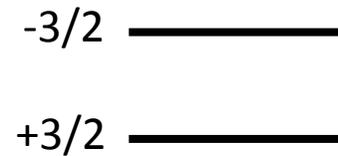


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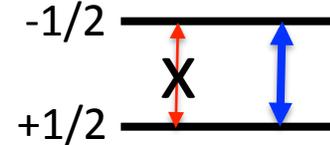
$$\text{Strain} = 0$$

$$E = 0$$

...or...  $\{+1/2, -1/2\}$  qubit



**Alternate qubit**



$$B = 0.5 - 2 T$$

$$\text{Strain} = \epsilon \parallel z$$

$$E = 0$$

*“protected” qubit*

*Phonon-forbidden transition to first order*

*Very long lifetime*

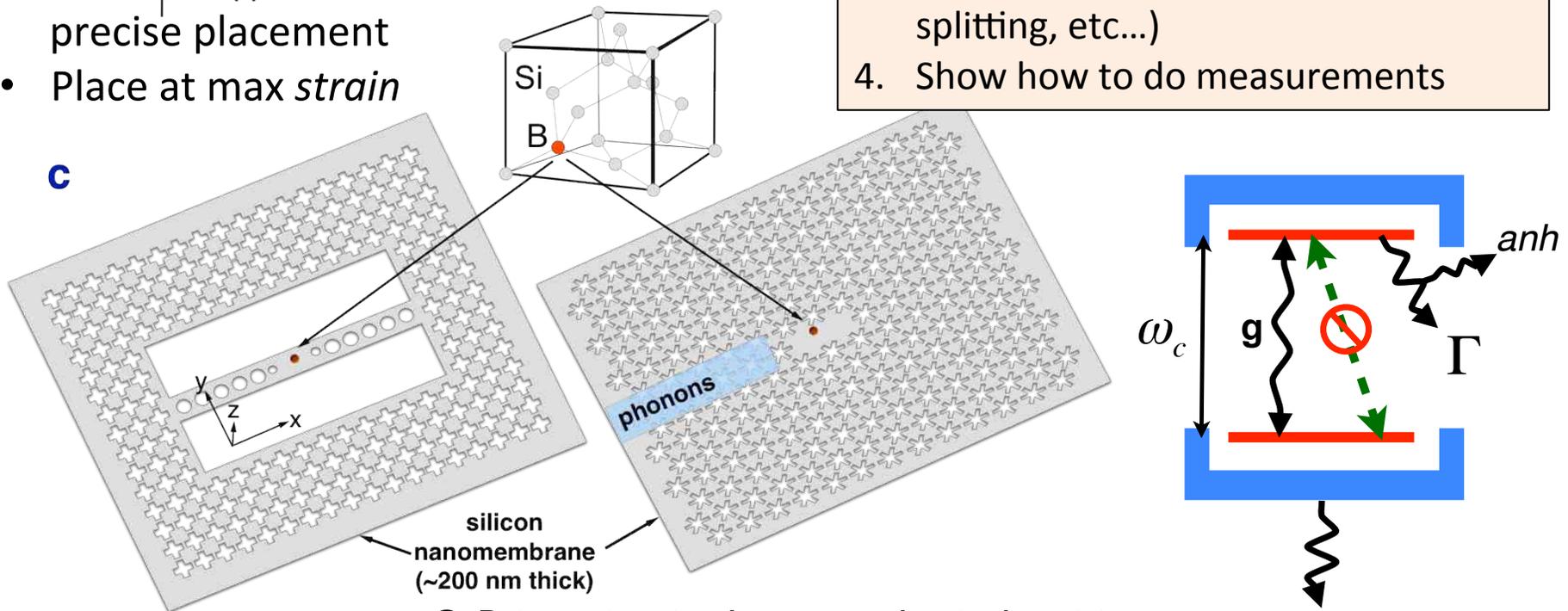
*Can “turn on” coupling with E-field*

↑ phonon  
↓ μWaves

# Constructing a phonon-acceptor cavity

- ~200 nm silicon on insulator (SOI)
- eBeam lithography (400nm – 5000 nm wavelengths)
- Undercut via etching
- Acceptor via light p-doped silicon (or implantation?) – don't need precise placement
- Place at max *strain*

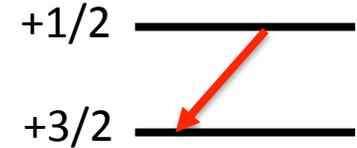
- To Do:**
1. Understand splitting of acceptor levels with fields
  2. Show that strong coupling is possible (calculate  $g$ , relaxation,  $Q$ , etc.)
  3. Predict measurement results (Rabi splitting, etc...)
  4. Show how to do measurements



O. Painter-inspired nanomechanical cavities

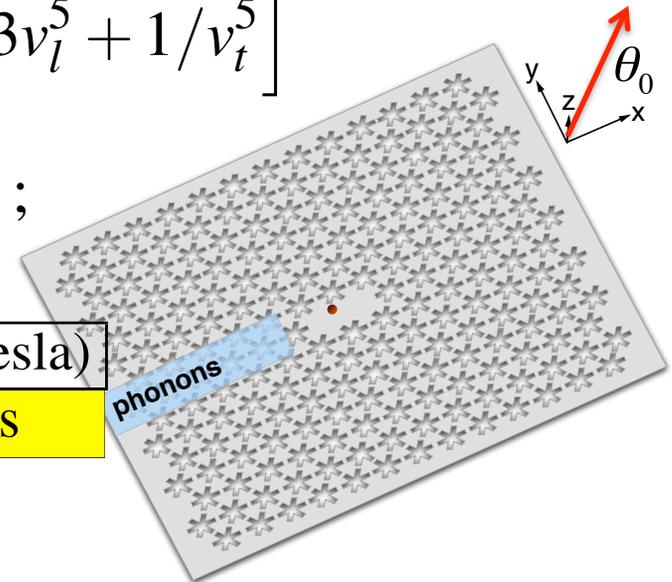
# Acceptor qubit phonon relaxation in the bulk (the worst-case)

$\{+1/2, +3/2\}$  qubit



$$\Gamma_{12}(\theta_0) = \frac{E_{12}^3}{20\pi\rho\hbar^4} \left\{ d'^2 (\cos^2 2\theta_0 + 1) \left[ 2/3v_l^5 + 1/v_t^5 \right] + b'^2 \sin^2 2\theta_0 \left[ 2/v_l^5 + 3/v_t^5 \right] \right\};$$

B:Si (1 GHz)	B:Si (4 GHz)	B:Si (8 GHz)	B:Si (1 Tesla)
386.5 $\mu$ s	6 $\mu$ s	0.75 $\mu$ s	0.14 $\mu$ s



Note, relaxation rates could be better in cavity

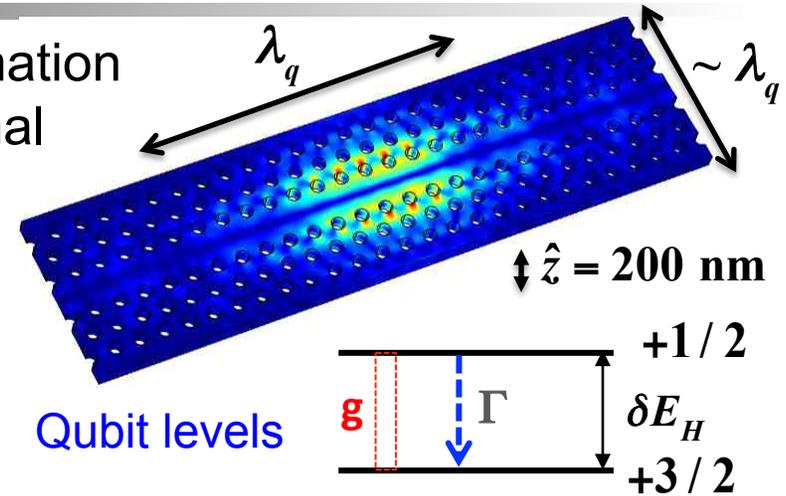
For the second allowed phonon transition,  $-1/2 \rightarrow 3/2$ , we obtain:

$$\Gamma_{13}^{\sigma} = \frac{E_{13}^3}{8\pi\rho\hbar^4 v_{\sigma}^5} \begin{cases} \frac{5}{15} [d'^2 + \frac{3}{4}b'^2], & \sigma = t_1 \\ \frac{1}{15} [d'^2 + 3b'^2], & \sigma = t_2 \\ \frac{4}{15} [d'^2 + 3b'^2], & \sigma = l \end{cases} \quad 6)$$

# Acceptor TLS coupling to a cavity-phonon mode

- Plane wave mode is a very good approximation
- For  $|+3/2\rangle \rightarrow |+1/2\rangle$  transition, the maximal coupling is:

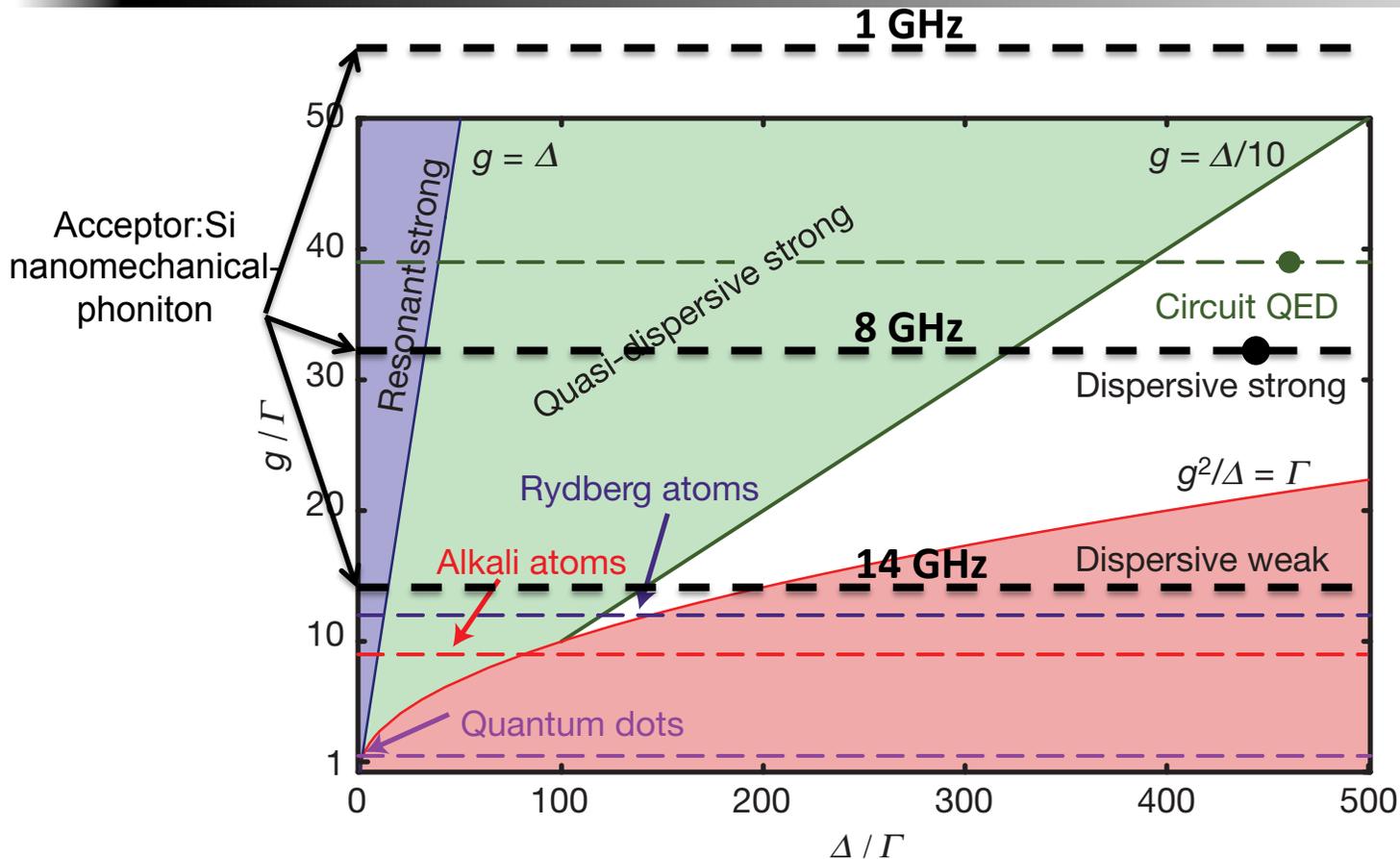
$$|g_{\max}| = \frac{d'}{2} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega_{\vec{q}\sigma}}{2\rho V \hbar^2 v_t^2} \right)^{1/2} \propto \frac{\sqrt{q}}{\sqrt{V}}$$



Dispersive strong coupling! As well as strong coupling

$\lambda_q$	$2\chi = 2g^2 / \Delta$	$\omega$	$g_{\max}$	$\kappa = \omega/Q$	$\Gamma(\text{bulk})$	$n_{\text{Rabi}}$	$g/\omega$
390 nm	<b>4.3 MHz</b>	14 GHz	<b>21.4 MHz</b>	1 $\mu\text{s}$	0.1 $\mu\text{s}$	<b>34</b>	0.15%
5400 nm	<b>0.08 MHz</b>	1 GHz	<b>0.41 MHz</b>	16 $\mu\text{s}$	385 $\mu\text{s}$	<b>80</b>	0.04%
circuitQED*	<b>17 MHz</b>	5.7 GHz	<b>105 MHz</b>	0.64 $\mu\text{s}$	84 ns	<b>100</b>	1.8%
QD-QED*	<b>No</b>	325 THz	<b>13.4 GHz</b>	5.5 ps	27 ps	<b>0.8</b>	0.0004%

# Strong dispersive coupling achieved



“In the white region QND measurements are in principle possible with demolition less than 1% allowing 100 repeated measurements.”

## Resolving photon number states in a superconducting circuit

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In the dispersive (off-resonant) limit, the atom cavity detuning is larger than the coupling,  $\Delta \gg g$ , and only virtual photon exchange is allowed, keeping the atom and photon largely separable (red and white regions in Fig. 1). The atom (photon) now acquires only a small photonic (atomic) component of magnitude  $(g/\Delta)^2$ , and an accompanying frequency shift,  $2\chi = 2g^2/\Delta$ . In this case, the dispersive and rotating wave approximations apply, and the system is described to second order in  $g/\Delta$  by the quantum version of the a.c. Stark hamiltonian<sup>1</sup>:

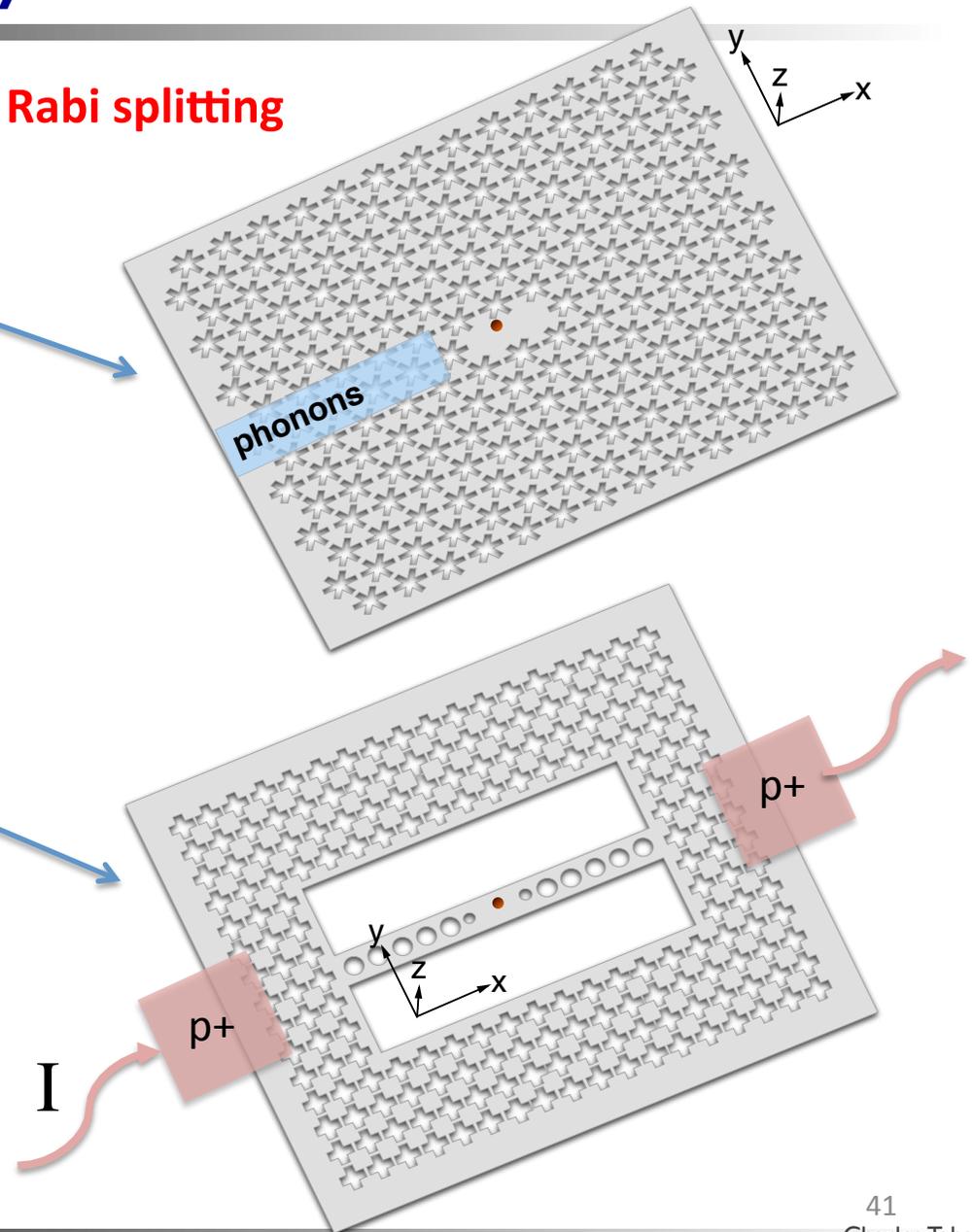
$$H = \hbar\omega_r(a^\dagger a + 1/2) + \hbar\omega_a\sigma_z/2 + \hbar\chi(a^\dagger a + 1/2)\sigma_z$$



# How do we actually do the measurement?

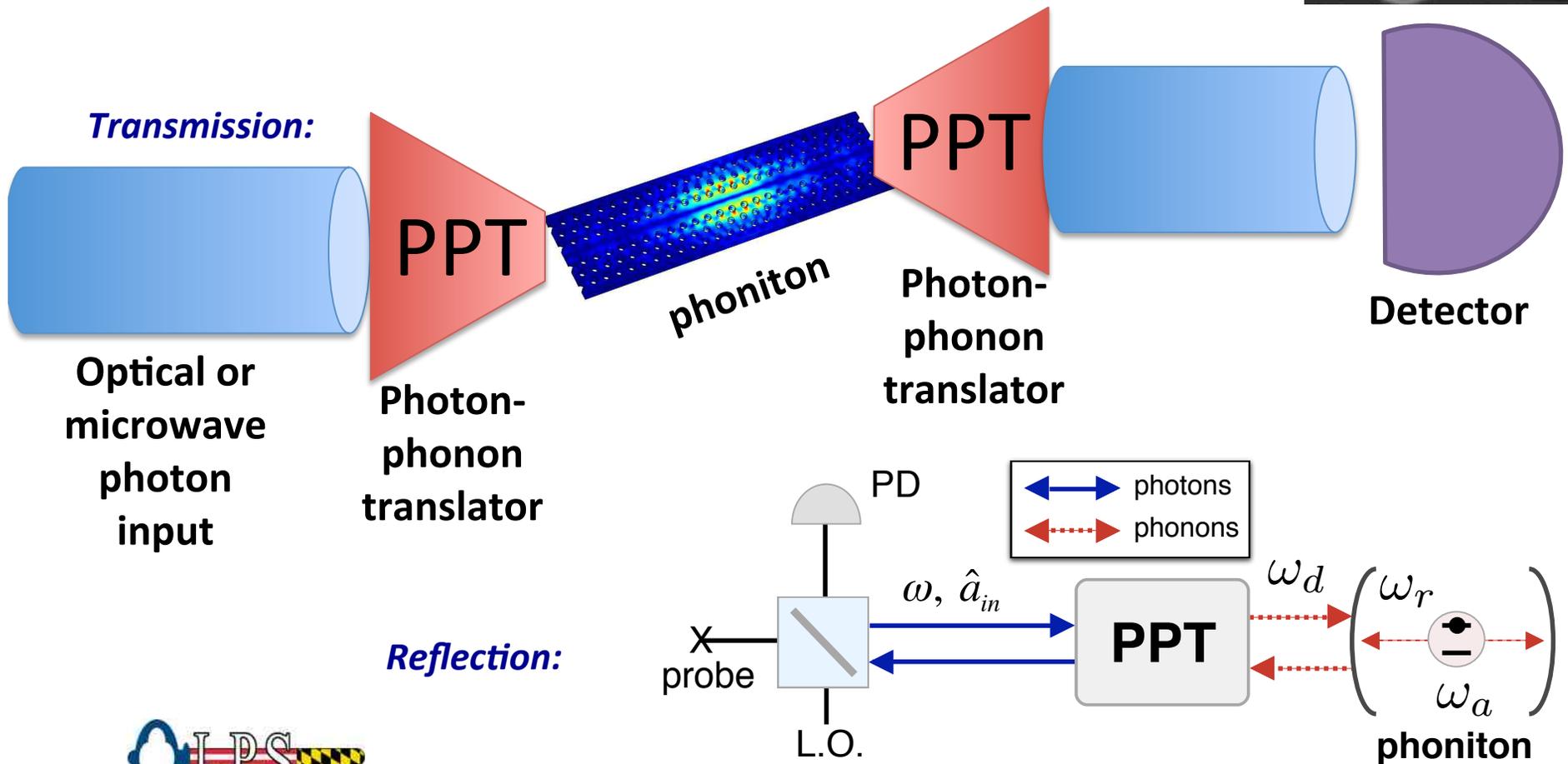
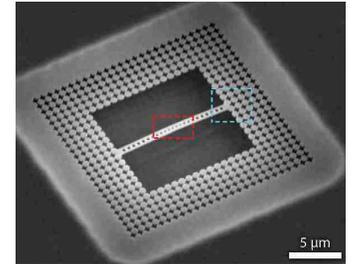
Want to first measure the “vacuum” Rabi splitting

- **Coherent phonon source?**
  - Analogous to microwave sources in circuitQED
  - Heterodyne/homodyne
- **Hole transport?**
  - spectroscopy
- **STM probe?**
  - Spin dependent tunneling?



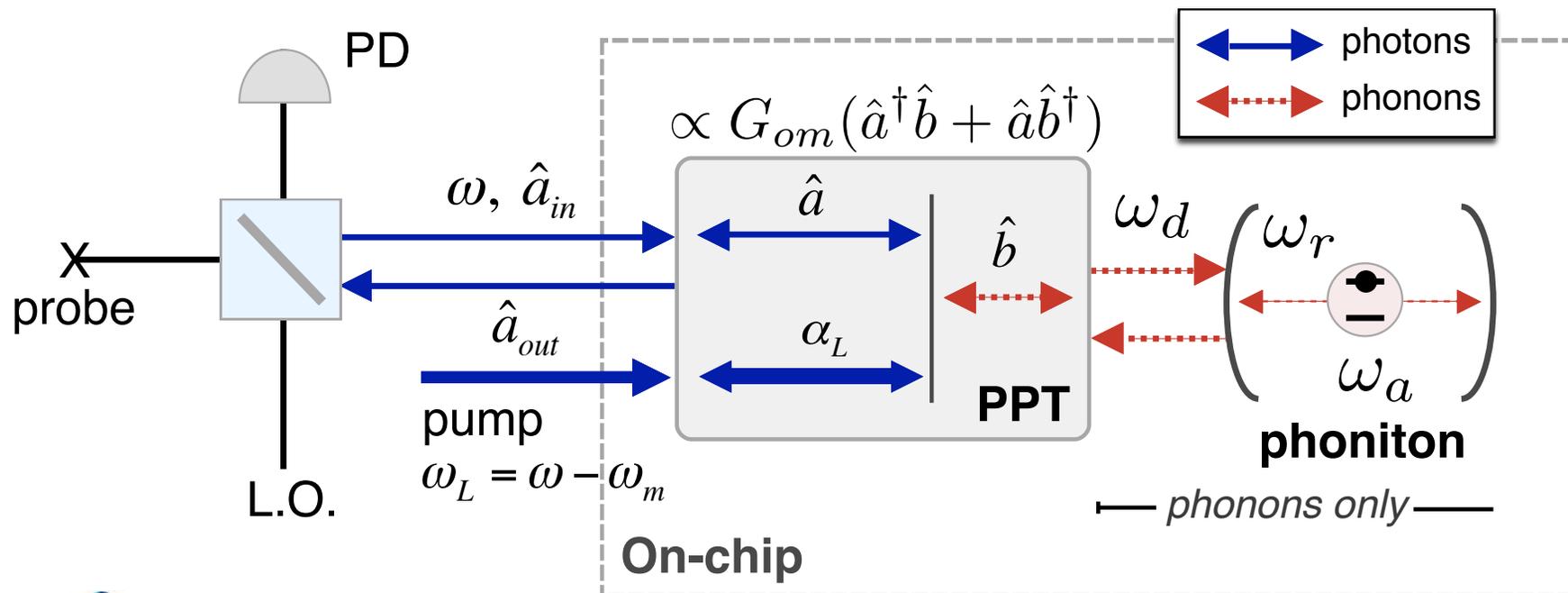
# I) Use quantum optics and a photon-phonon translator

- How to probe phonon/donor physics w/o “phonon industry”?
- Usa a quantum coherent **Photon-Phonon Translator**
  - Amir H. Safavi-Naeini, Oskar Painter (2010)



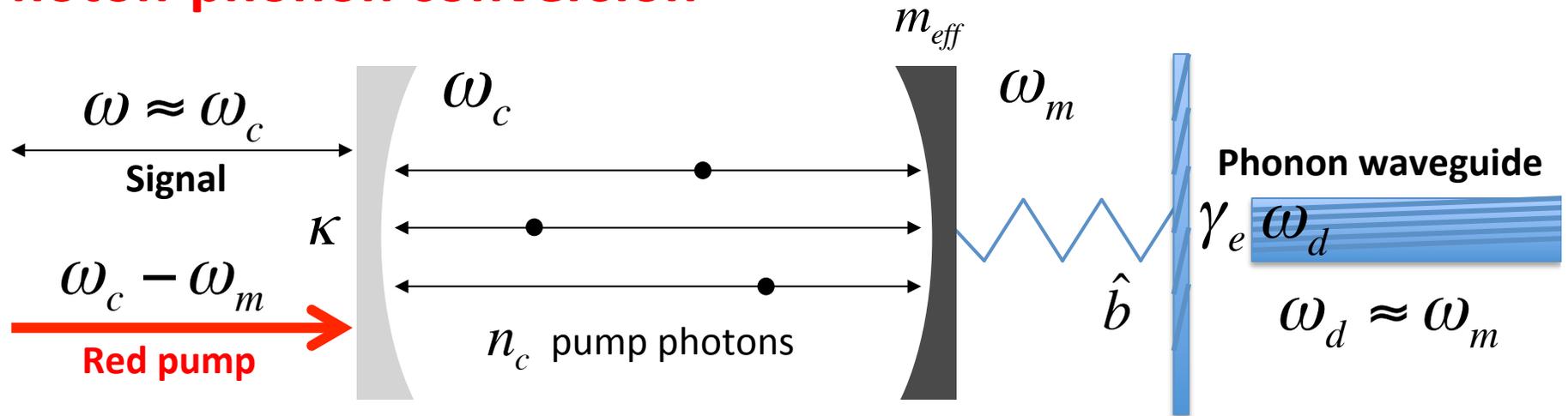
# Making a photon-phonon translator

- PPT introduced by Painter group (Caltech)
- Extension of optomechanical coupling/cooling physics
- Input: weak signal (probe) and strong pump (to satisfy energy conservation and increase conversion efficiency)
- Translation efficiency can approach 100% (92% internal already achieved in double-PPT device)



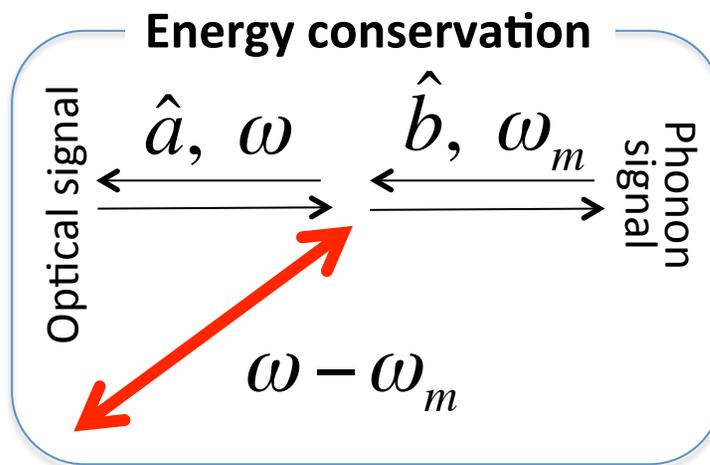
# The PPT (via an intro to optomechanics)

## Photon-phonon conversion



Now, the pump amplifies the probability of photon-phonon conversion.

Works in both directions.



Effective beam-splitter Hamiltonian

$$H_{res}^{PPT} = G (\hat{a}^t \hat{b} + \hat{a} \hat{b}^t)$$

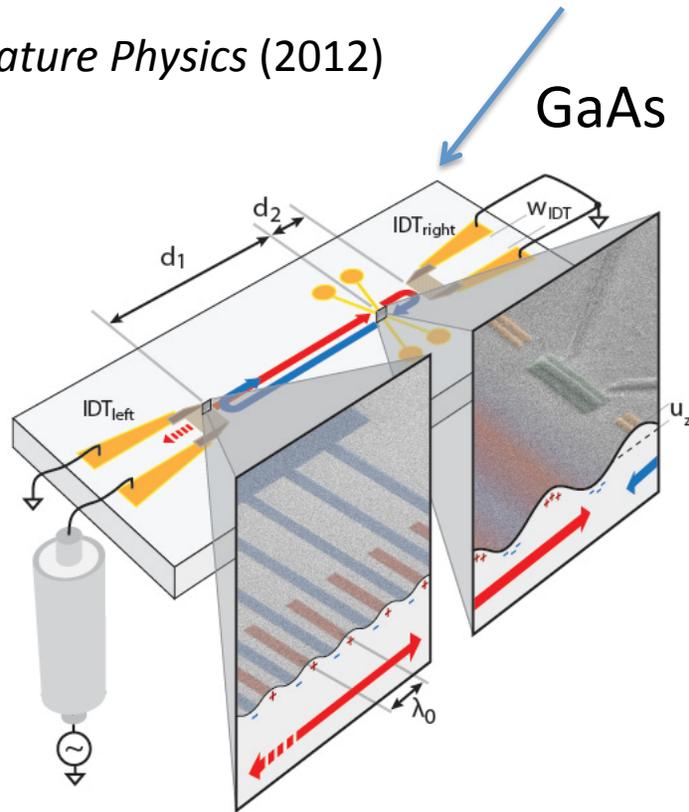
$$G \sim g_{om} \sqrt{n_c}$$

## 2) Go all phonon, all on chip: a SAW+SET system in silicon?

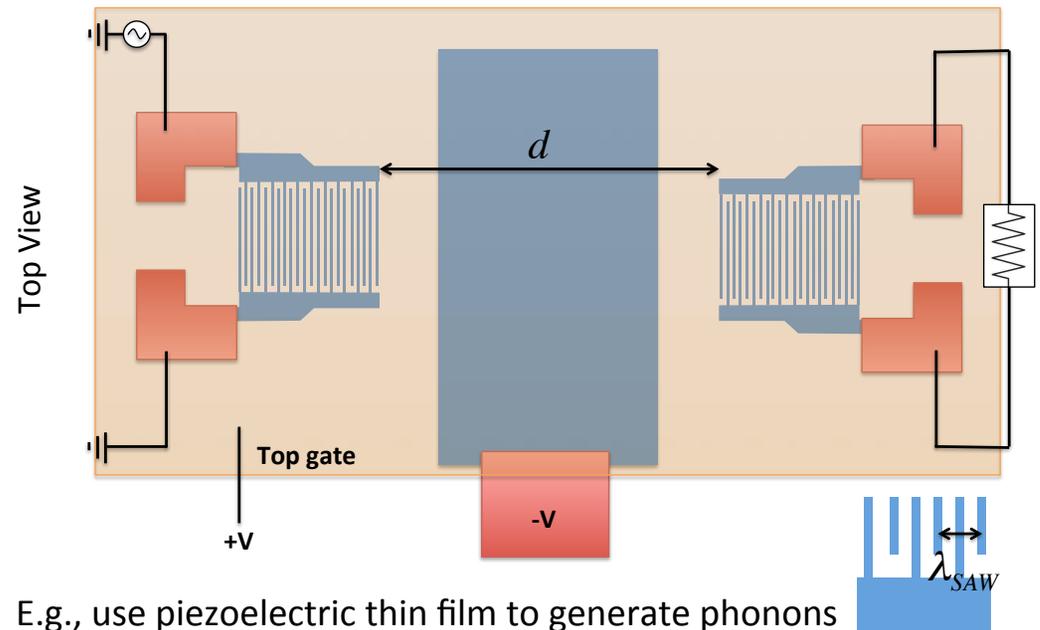
### Towards the quantum regime with propagating acoustic waves: Local probing in a GHz echo chamber

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*Nature Physics* (2012)



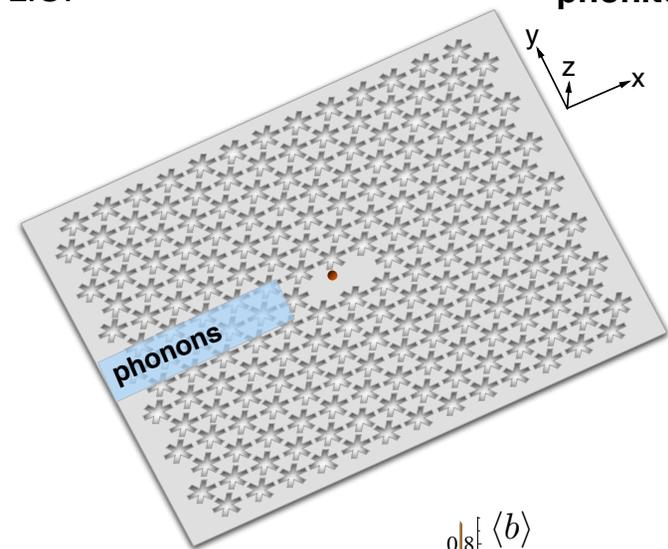
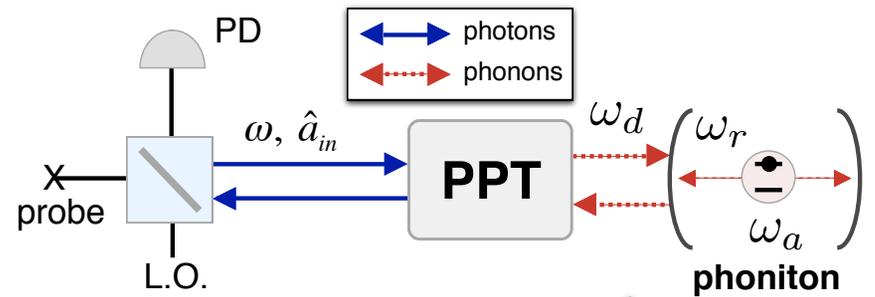
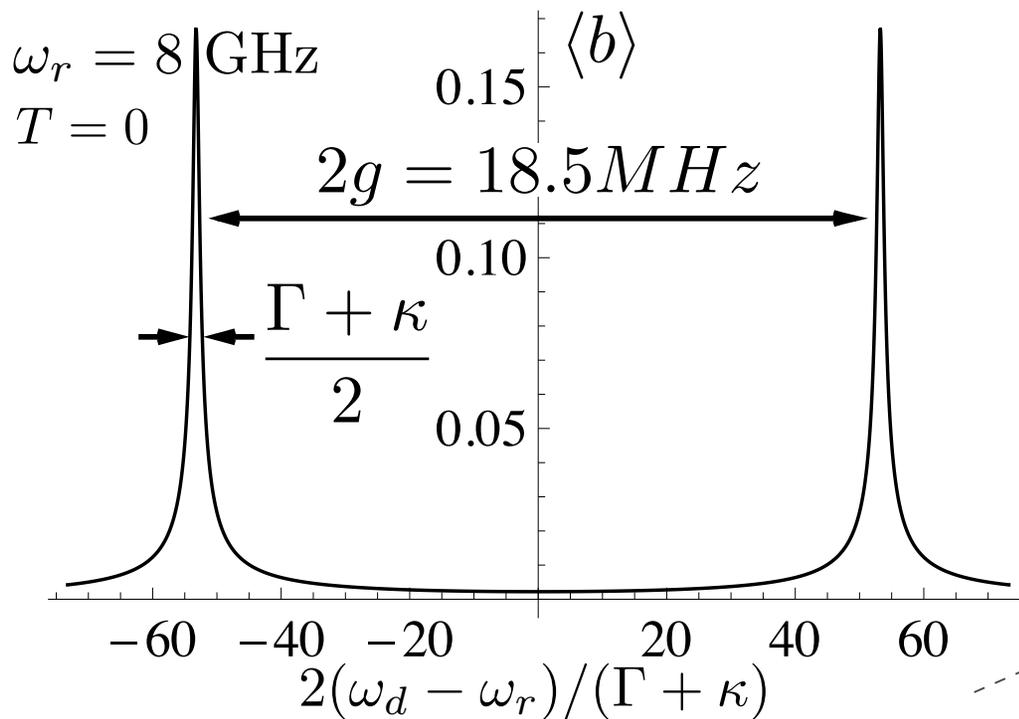
Something similar in silicon?



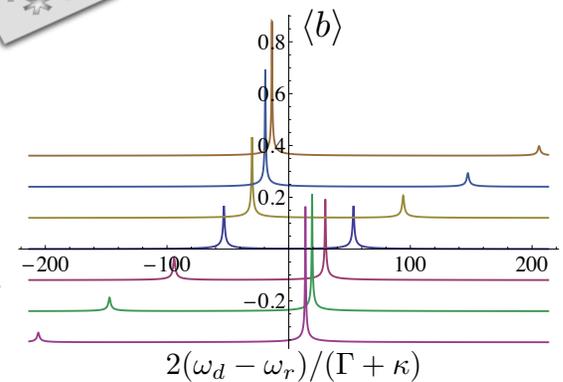
E.g., use piezoelectric thin film to generate phonons

# “Quantum optics” signatures: Observing the Rabi splitting ( $T=0$ )

- In either case, quantum optics like experiment
- **Sweep the phonon probe signal around the mechanical resonance  $\omega_r$**
- Averaged phonon cavity field amplitude  $\langle b \rangle$  is the observable

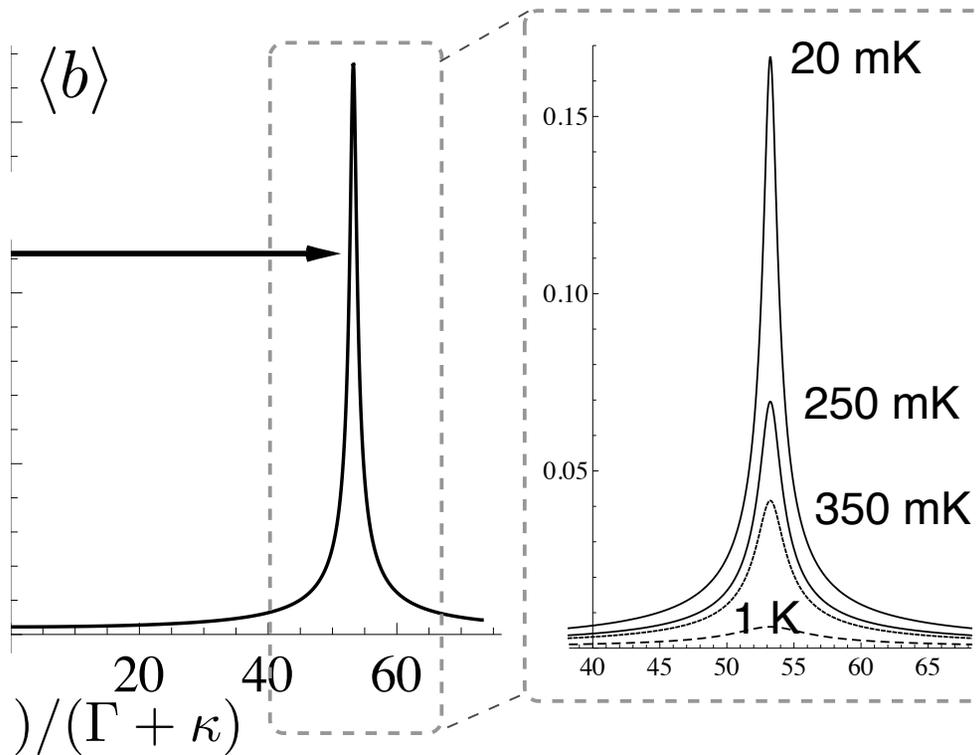


And as a function of detuning...



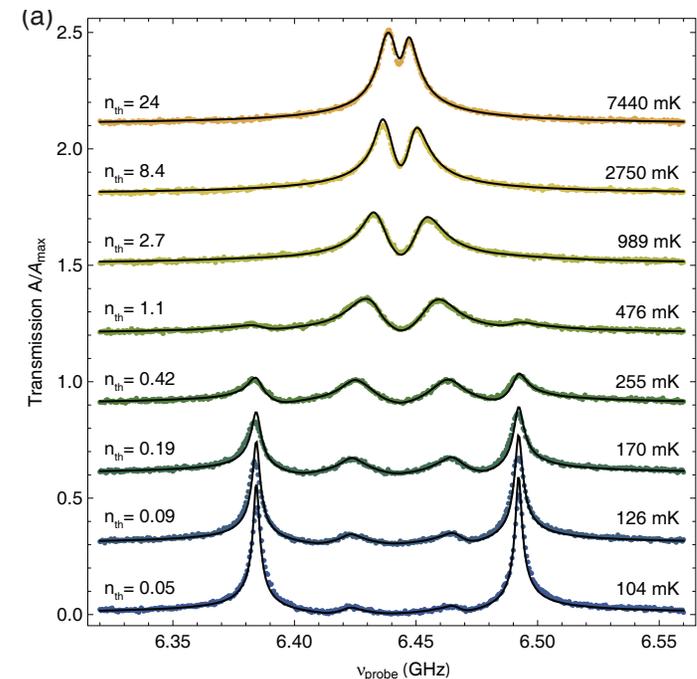
# What temperature do the peaks disappear?

Our calculations for phonon/acceptor cavity:



(assuming two state approximation and full equilibrated phonon cavity)

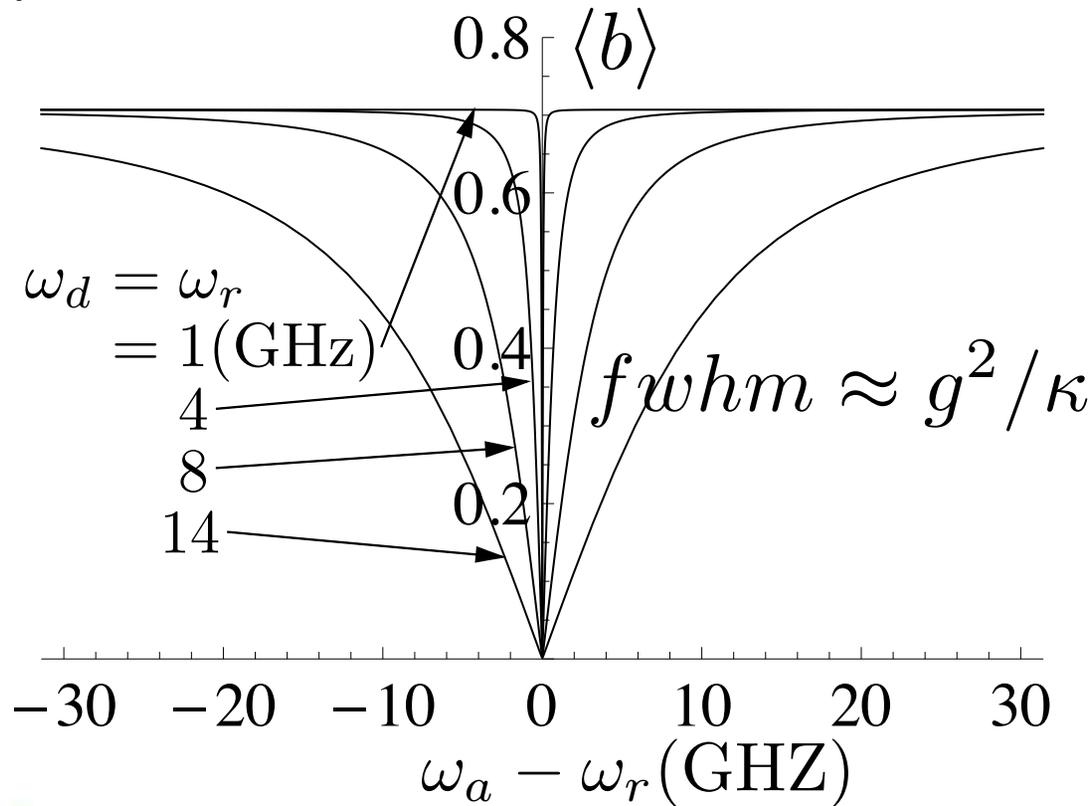
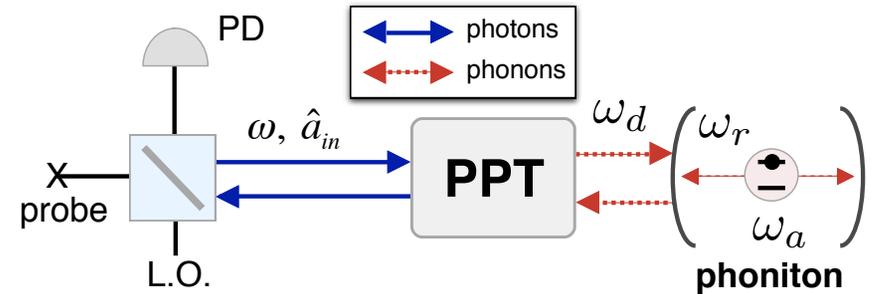
Circuit-QED experiment:



Fink...Wallraff, PRL 105, 163601 (2010)

# An even easier way to measure $g$

- Sweep the qubit detuning (**via the B-field**) while keeping the probe input in resonance with the phonon cavity



# Acceptor ionization and possibility of active cooling

What about using optomechanical cooling?

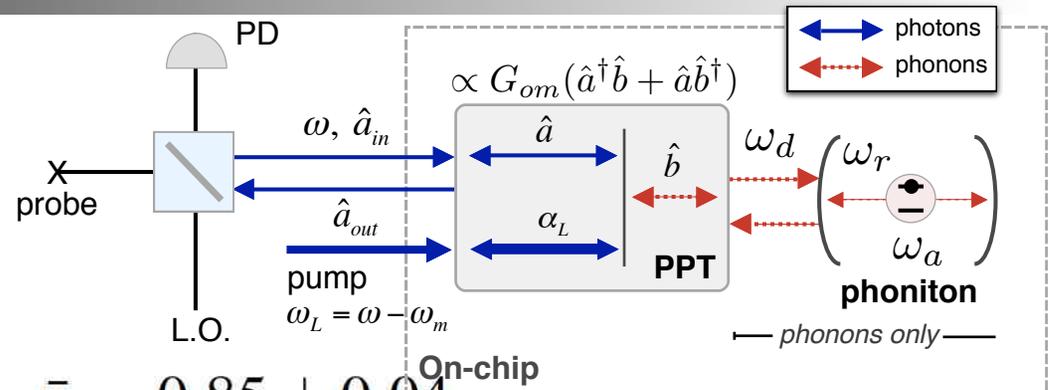
- Optical phonon  $\sim 0.82$  eV
- Si bandgap  $\sim 1.1$  eV
- B:Si,  $E_A \sim 0.044$  eV
- $m_A \sim 0.23 m_e$

$$\sigma_{phot} \propto 1/E_f^{3.5}$$

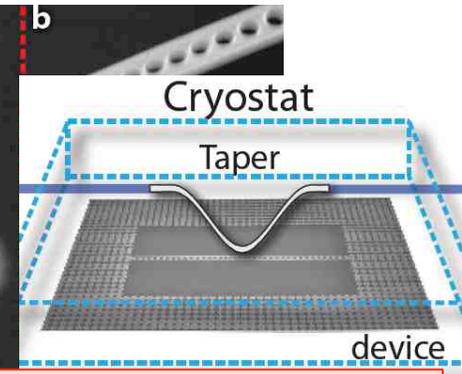
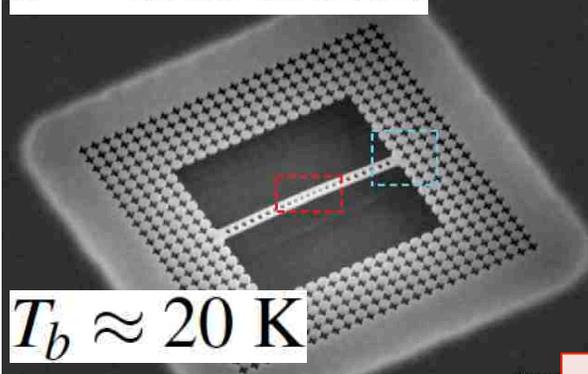
$$E_f = \hbar\omega - E_A$$

$$\sigma_{phot} \approx 8.6 \times 10^{-23} \text{ m}^2,$$

$$\tau_{phot} = \frac{2V}{n_c C \sigma_{phot}}$$



$$\bar{n} = 0.85 \pm 0.04$$



$$\omega_m/2\pi = 3.68 \text{ GHz}$$

$$Q_m \approx 10^5 \quad \sim 0.2 \text{ K}$$

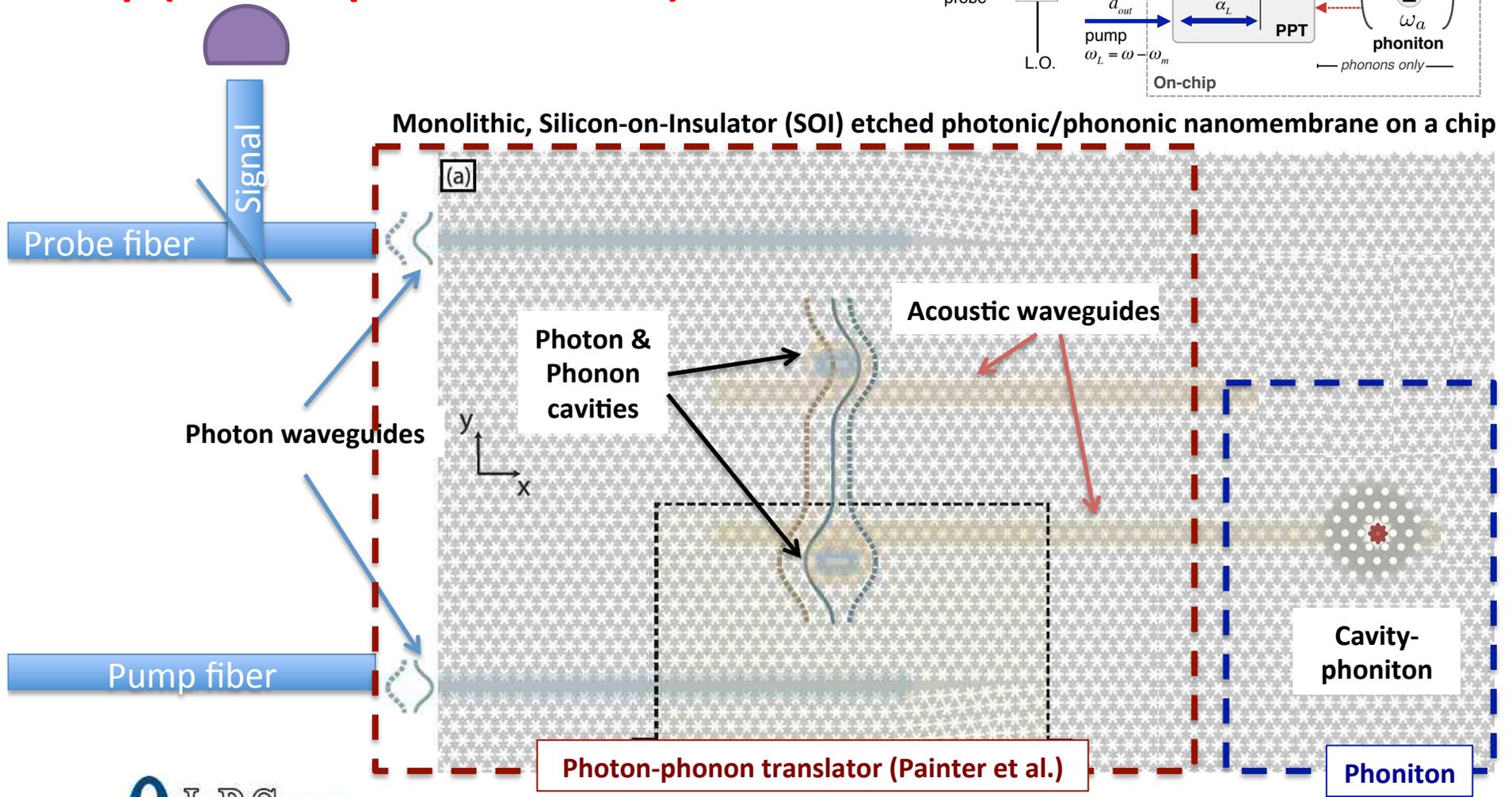
**Cooling to ground state at 20 K**

Painter et al.

e.g. for 10 photons, one gets an acceptor lifetime of 12 microseconds, assuming 100% photon wave function overlap -> keep photons away!

# Example: Optical access via on-chip PPT + cavity-phonon

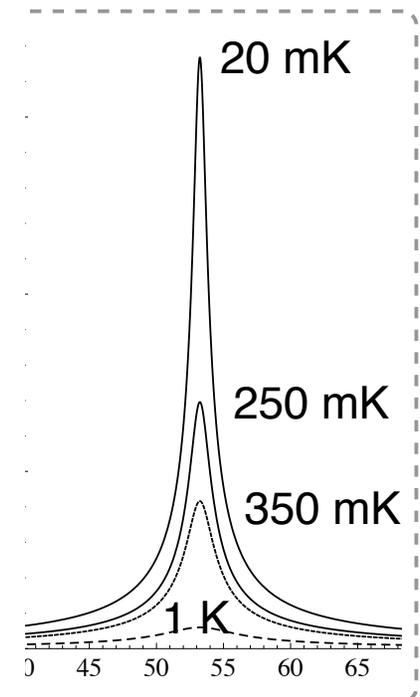
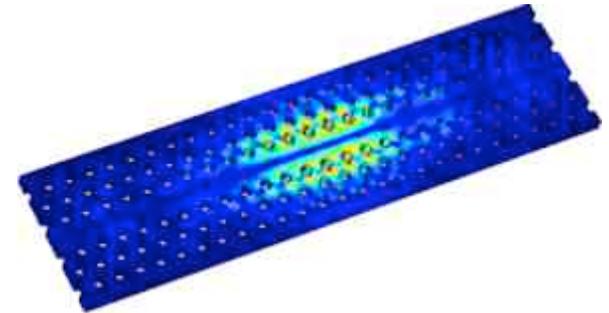
What it looks like integrated in a single chip (a cut-n'-paste rendition):



Photon and phonon wavelengths are roughly the same.

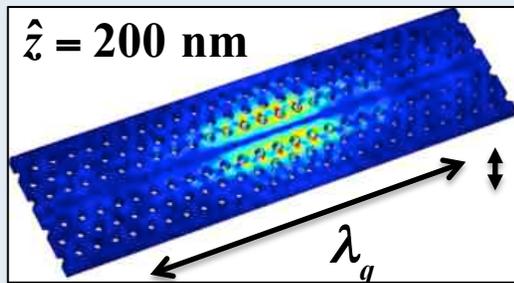
# Why is the acceptor-cavity system so exciting?

- **Silicon is an extremely promising material system for nanomechanics**
  - And it will get better as materials/processes improve
- **Engineered a new quantum system**
  - Half-phonon/half-matter: phoniton
  - **A non-linearity for coherent acoustic phonons**
    - **The phonons can be the quantum object too**
  - **Access to the acceptor qubit: spin readout**
    - **Optical (telecom) access to spin qubit in silicon!**
  - **Probably need a dil fridge unless you figure out how to do cooling without ionizing the acceptor (which is possible)**
- **Acceptor:Si nanomechanical:phoniton realizable**
  - Acceptors interesting in their own right – **might be there already!**
  - **Different physics than valley transition - “Normal” dipole transition: place acceptor at max *strain*** – *not just a one-off*
  - Nice energy range, Fully tunable – two modes of operation
  - Compatible on chip, “Simple” construction
  - **Building block of more complex quantum sound devices**



# 3 more things this system gives us...

## Phonon environment engineering



$$\lambda_{ph} = 500 - 5000 \text{ nm}$$

(Corresponding to acceptor qubit energy splitting)

When  $\lambda_{ph}/2 > z$ , phonon emission should be suppressed.

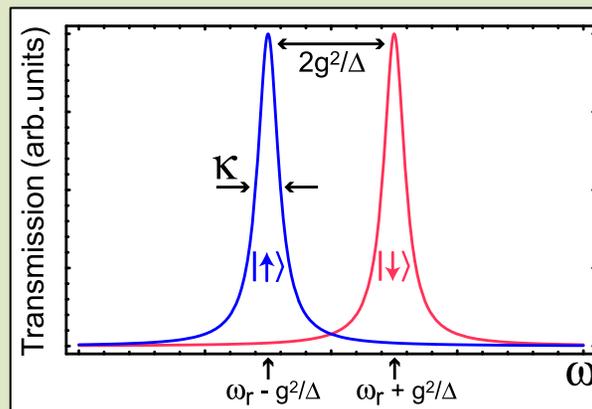
+ active cooling may/ should be possible.

= engineer environment to **work at high temp?**

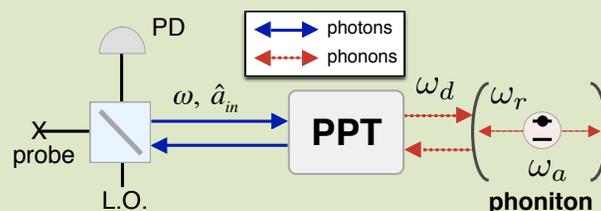
## Dispersive phonon readout / Optical readout

Dispersive acceptor qubit readout

$$\chi_{phonon} = 2g^2 / \Delta = 4 \text{ MHz}$$



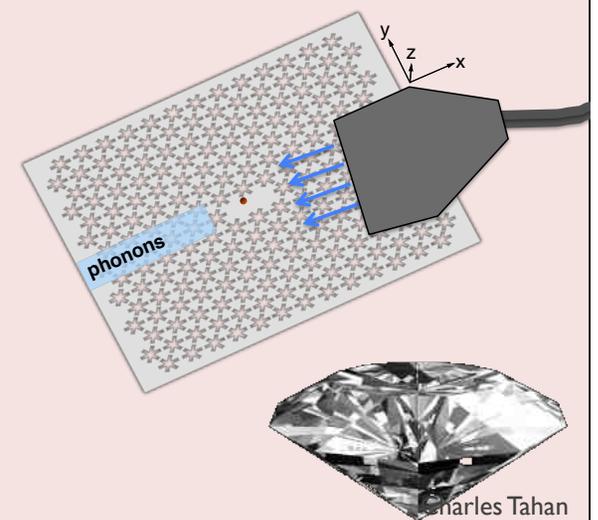
Circuit QED, Blais et al.



## Microwave qubit control

Acceptor dipole coupling:  
(bigger than for NVs)

$$p_E \approx 30 \mu_B / c$$



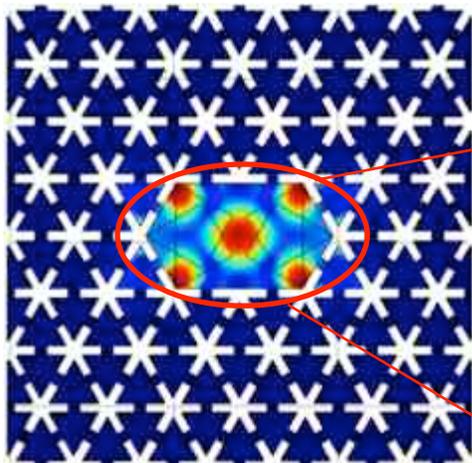
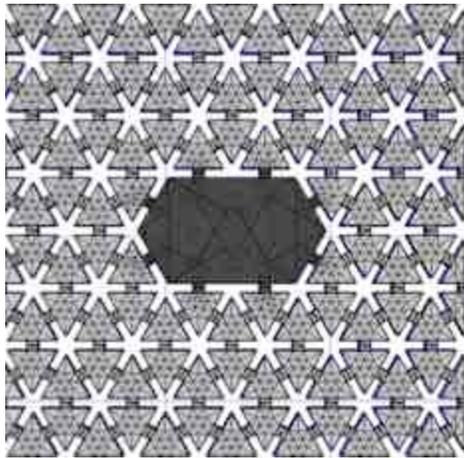
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# Optimized Cavity Mode, straggle not an issue

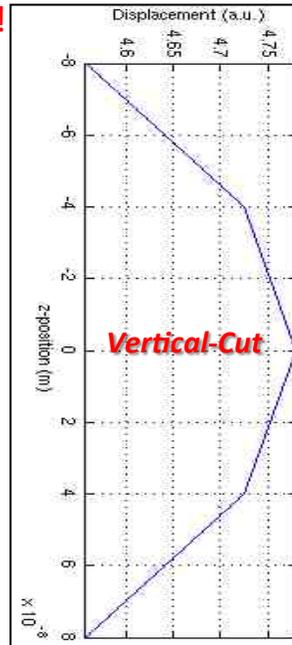
## Advantages:

- Maximum strain central lobe is 500nm in diameter!
- Basically resolves the straggle problem
- $(d;r;w;a) = (160;200;75;500)$  nm.
- With Material loss  $Q \sim 49,691!$

## Structure L2 Hexagon



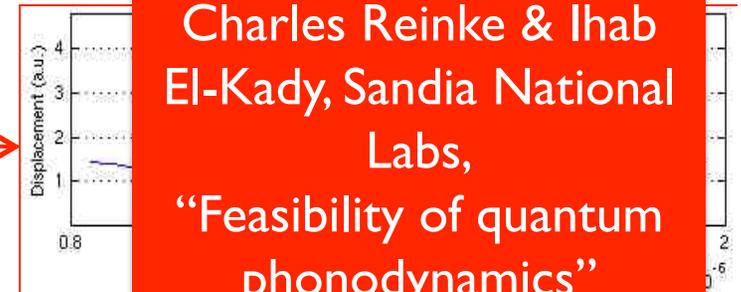
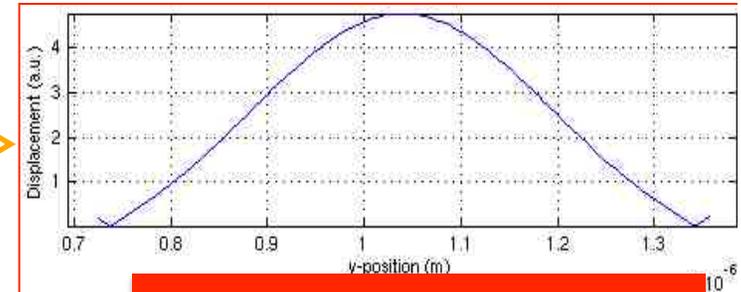
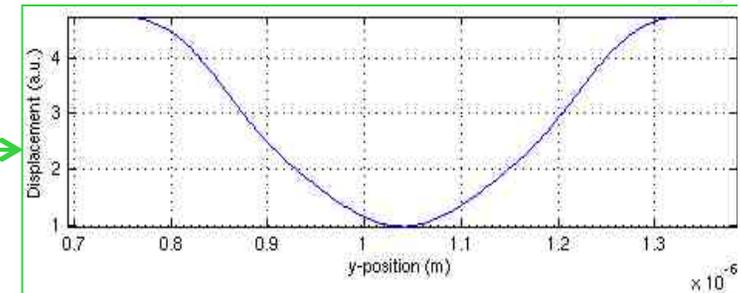
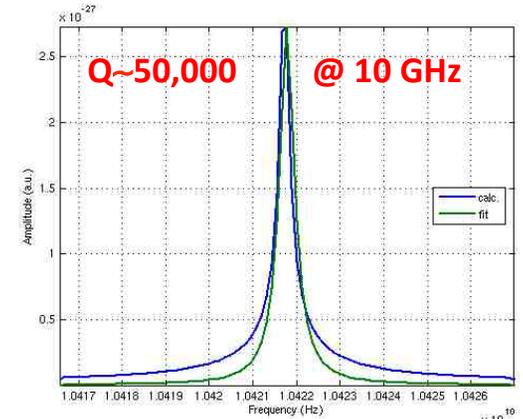
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## Recall Straggle Constraints:

Vertical:  $\sim 50\text{nm} \pm 20\text{nm}$

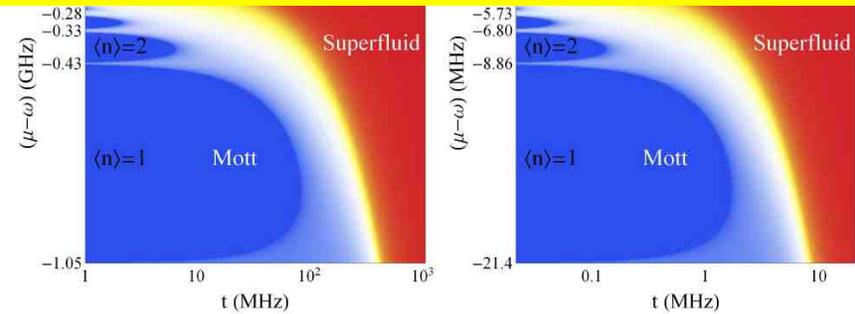
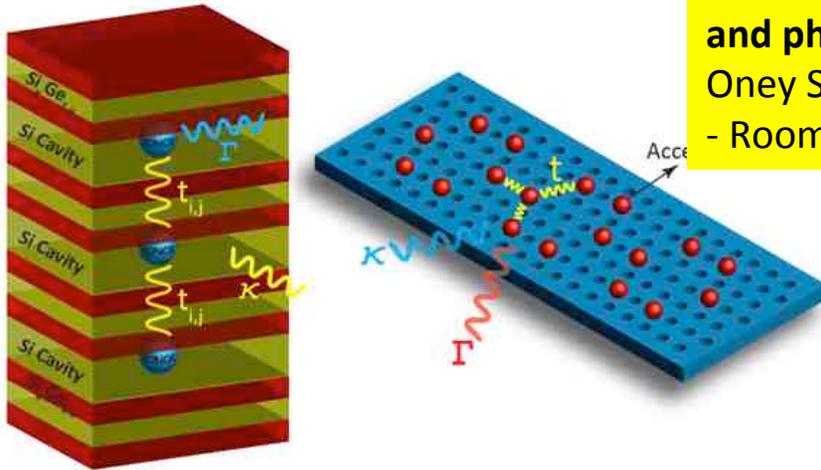
Horizontal:  $\sim 20\text{nm} \pm 25\text{nm}$



Charles Reinke & Ihab El-Kady, Sandia National Labs,  
 “Feasibility of quantum phonodynamics”

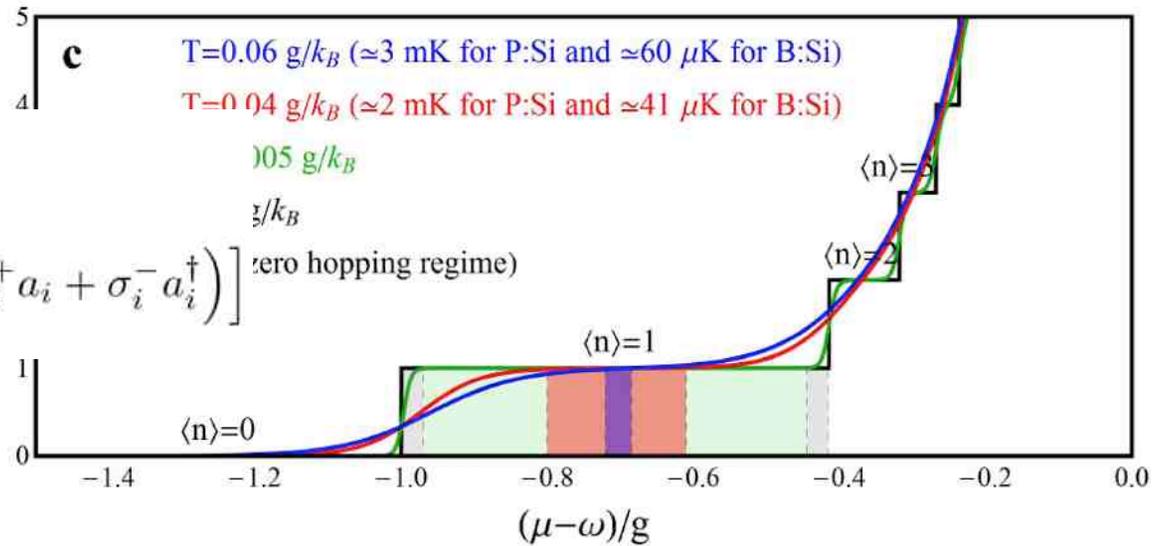
# Toward engineered quantum many-body phonon systems

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$$\mathcal{H}_{JCH} = \mathcal{H}_{JC} - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} t_{ij} a_i^\dagger a_j,$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{JC} = \sum_i \left[ \epsilon \sigma_i^+ \sigma_i^- + \omega a_i^\dagger a_i + g \left( \sigma_i^+ a_i + \sigma_i^- a_i^\dagger \right) \right] \text{ (zero hopping regime)}$$



# Thank You

- **Rusko Ruskov, Yun-Pil Shim, Oney Soykal**

Some papers:

1. “**Sound-based analogue of cavity-QED in silicon**”, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 234402 (2011) - <http://arxiv.org/abs/1106.1654>
2. “**On-chip quantum phonodynamics**” - <http://arxiv.org/abs/1208.1776>
3. “**Relaxation of excited spin, orbital, and valley qubit states in single electron silicon quantum dots**” - <http://arxiv.org/abs/1301.0260>
4. “**Spin-valley lifetimes in a silicon quantum dot with tunable valley splitting**” - <http://arxiv.org/abs/1302.0983>
5. “**Toward engineered quantum many-body phonon systems**” - <http://arxiv.org/abs/1302.5769>



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