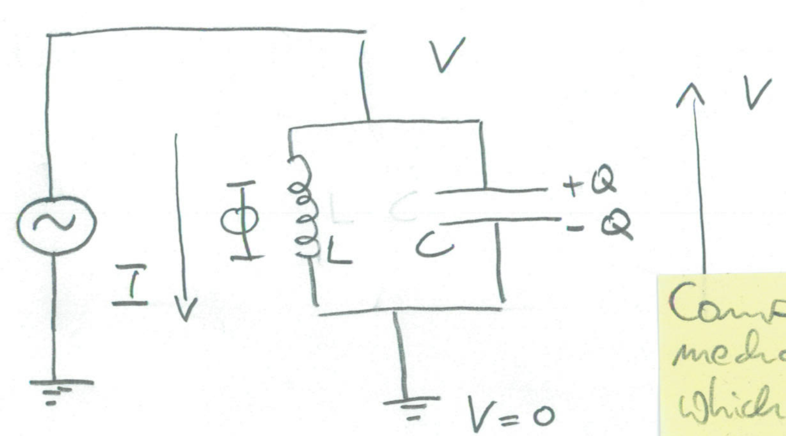
Quantum Information Processing with Electronic Circuits

goal: learn how to construct and operate electronic circuits that behave according to the laws of quantum mechanics

discuss:
- basic circuit elements and basic circuits
  - $\Rightarrow$ harmonic oscillator
  - $\Rightarrow$ store photons on a chip
  - $\Rightarrow$ discuss q.m. description of LC oscillator
- role of dissipation
- role of temperature

Electronic Harmonic Oscillator



Compare to mechanical oscillator. Which are the corresponding quantities?

- charge on capacitor

$$Q = CV$$

- flux in inductor

$$\Phi = LI$$

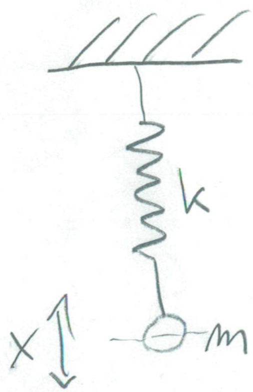
- Voltage across oscillator

$$V = \frac{Q}{C} = -L\dot{I} = -\dot{\Phi}$$

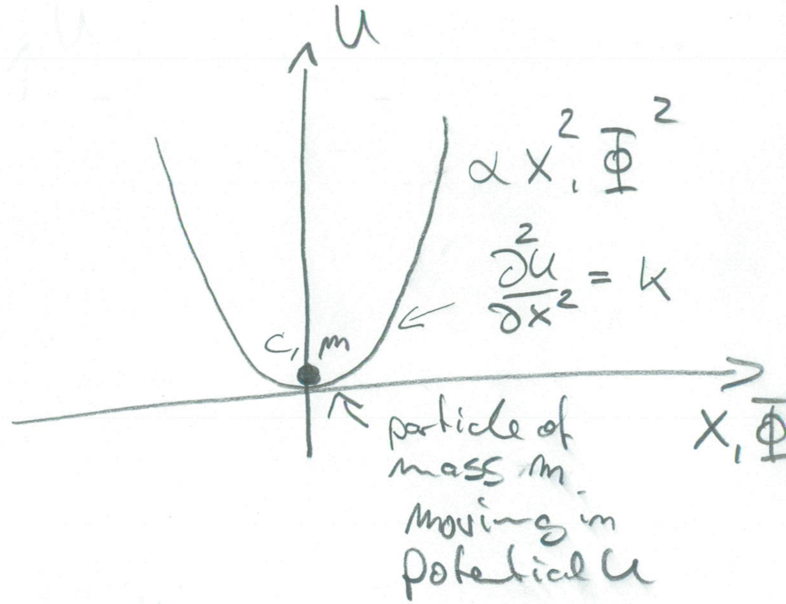
- Hamiltonian

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{CV^2}{2}}_{\text{electrostatic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{LI^2}{2}}_{\text{magnetic energy}} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{\Phi^2}{2L}$$

- compare to mechanical harmonic oscillator



$$H = \underbrace{\frac{p^2}{2m}}_{\text{kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{kx^2}{2}}_{\text{potential energy}}$$



Characteristic Quantities

mechanical		electronic		harmonic oscillator
position	x	flux	Φ	conjugate variables
momentum	p	charge	Q	
mass	m	capacitance	C	
spring konstant	k	inverse inductance	$\frac{1}{L}$	
resonance frequency	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$		$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$	

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \Phi} = \frac{\Phi}{L} = I = \dot{Q}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} = \frac{Q}{C} = V = -L\dot{I} = -\dot{\Phi}$$

- quantum mechanical operators:

$$\hat{x} = x \qquad \hat{\Phi} = \Phi$$

$$\hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \qquad \hat{Q} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi}$$

We know how to quatize mechanical oscillator

- commutation relations

$$[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar \qquad [\hat{\Phi}, \hat{Q}] = i\hbar \qquad \text{flux - charge}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[2\pi \frac{\hat{\Phi}}{\Phi_0}, \frac{\hat{Q}}{2e}\right] = [\hat{\delta}, \hat{N}] = i \qquad \text{phase - number}$$

Hamilton Operator

- using conjugate variables Q, Φ

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C} + \frac{\hat{\Phi}^2}{2L} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2C}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \Phi^2} + \frac{1}{2L}\Phi^2$$

- using creation and annihilation operators

$$\hat{a}^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar Z_c}}\left(Z_c\,\hat{Q}^+ - i\,\hat{\Phi}^+\right)$$ creation operator

$$\hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar Z_c}}\left(Z_c\,\hat{Q} + i\,\hat{\Phi}\right)$$ annihilation operator

with $Z_c = \sqrt{L/C}$ impedance of oscillator

$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega\left(\hat{a}^+\hat{a} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

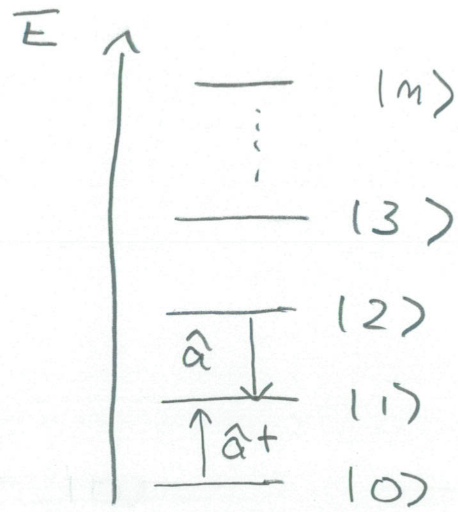
Properties of $\hat{a}^+$ and $\hat{a}$

$$\hat{a}^+ |n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}\, |n+1\rangle$$

$$\hat{a}\, |n\rangle = \sqrt{n}\, |n-1\rangle$$

$$\hat{a}^+ \hat{a}\, |n\rangle = n\, |n\rangle$$

with $|n\rangle$ number (Fock) state of harmonic oscillator



Spectrum

- relation to $\hat{Q}$ and $\hat{\Phi}$

$$\hat{Q} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2Z_c}}\left(\hat{a}^+ + \hat{a}\right)$$

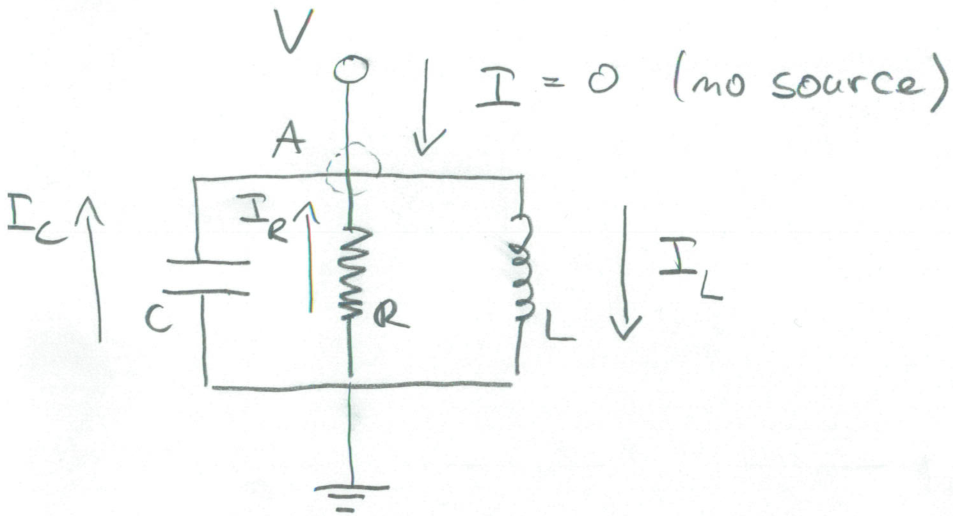
$\Rightarrow$ relates to electric field stored on capacitor

$$\hat{\Phi} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar Z_c}{2}}\left(\hat{a}^+ - \hat{a}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$ relates to magnetic field stored in inductor

Dissipation in the Harmonic Oscillator

What is the role of dissipation in an electrical oscillator? How does it arise?



with

- current through resistor

$$I_R = V/R$$

- displacement current

$$I_C = \dot{Q}_C = C\dot{V}$$

- voltage across inductor

$$V = -L\dot{I}_L$$

- Kirchoff law at point A

$$I_L = I_R + I_C + I$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad -C\dot{V} - \frac{V}{R} + I_L = 0 \qquad \text{(same voltage at A)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{\ddot{I}_L + \frac{1}{RC}\dot{I}_L + \frac{1}{LC} I_L = 0}$$

differential equation for current through inductor

- solutions

$$I_L(t) = I_L(0)\, e^{\lambda t} \qquad \text{with} \quad \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2LC}\left(-\frac{L}{R} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{L}{R}\right)^2 - 4LC}\right)$$

Energy Decay Rate

- underdamped oscillator $(4LC \gg L/R)$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2RC} \pm i \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = -\alpha \pm i\omega$$

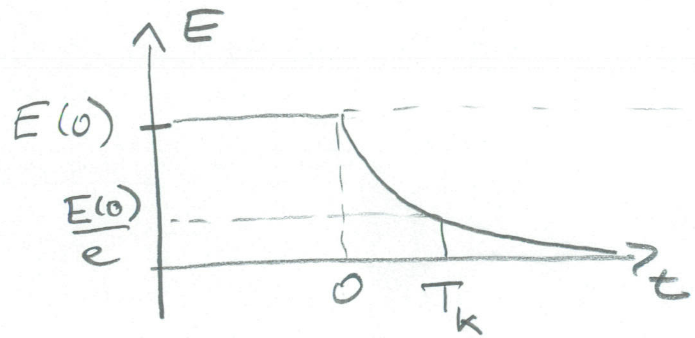
with $\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} = \frac{1}{\tau}$ amplitude decay constant

$\tau = 2RC$ amplitude decay time

$\omega = 1/\sqrt{LC}$ oscillator frequency

- energy decay rate

$$E \propto \frac{1}{2} L I_L^2 \propto e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t}$$

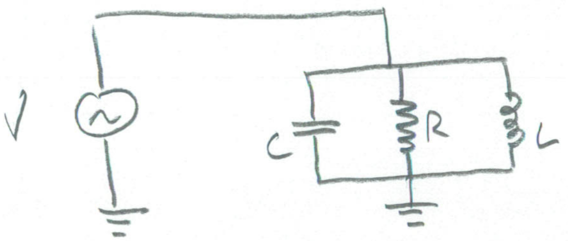


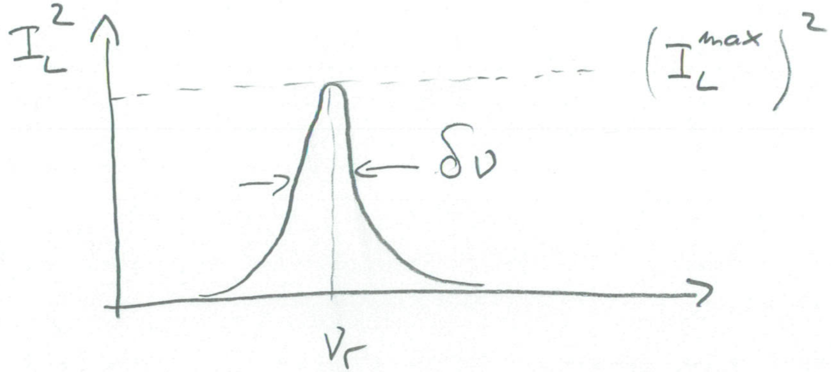
with $k = \frac{1}{RC}$ energy decay rate

$T_k = RC$ energy decay time

Spectral Response of Damped Harmonic Oscillator

- driven damped oscillator



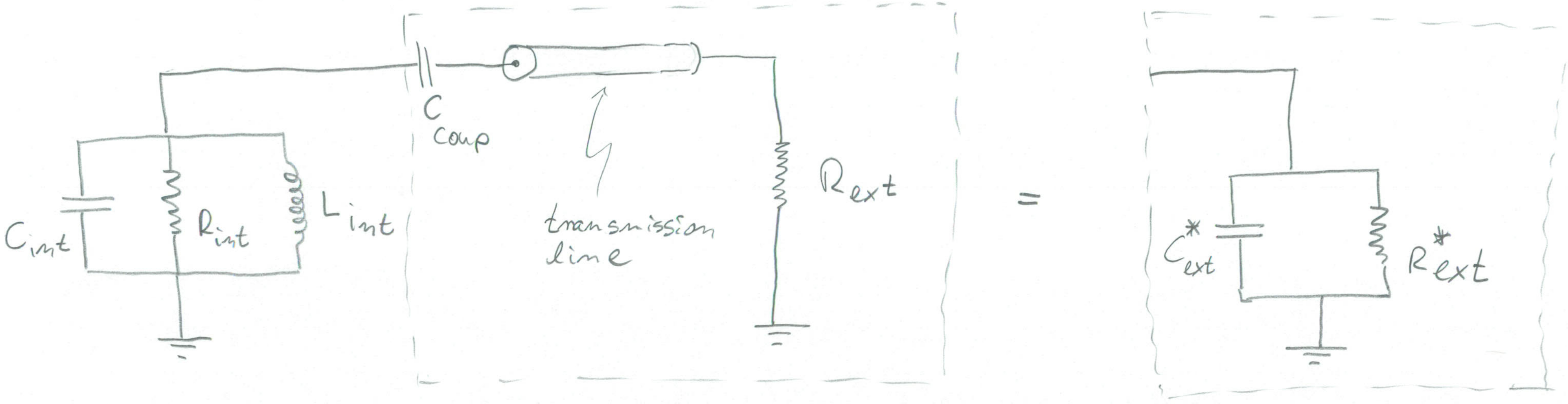


Lorentzian line shape

$$I_L^2(\nu) = \left(I_L^{max}\right)^2 \frac{\delta\nu/\pi}{(\nu-\nu_r)^2 + \delta\nu^2}$$

with $\delta\nu$: full width of line at half maximum

Internal and External Dissipation



harmonic oscillator

external circuitry

- total effective resistance $\frac{1}{R_{tot}} = \frac{1}{R_{int}} + \frac{1}{R^*_{ext}}$ ⇒ external contribution to energy decay
- total effective capacitance $C_{tot} = C_{int} + C^*_{ext}$ ⇒ frequency shift due to external circuit
- energy decay time of combined system $T_k = R_{tot} C_{tot}$

Show slides on Superconductivity and realizations of harmonic oscillators