

# EPs in Microwave Billiards: Eigenvectors and the Full Hamiltonian for $T$ -invariant and $T$ -noninvariant Systems



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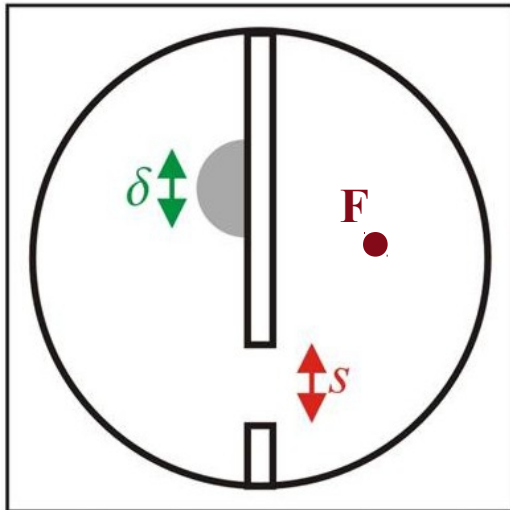
- Precision experiment with microwave billiard  
→ extraction of full EP Hamiltonian from scattering matrix
- Properties of eigenvalues and eigenvectors at and close to an EP
- EPs in systems with violated  $T$  invariance
- Encircling the EP: geometric phases and amplitudes
- $PT$  symmetry of the EP Hamiltonian

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# Microwave Resonator for the Observation of Exceptional Points

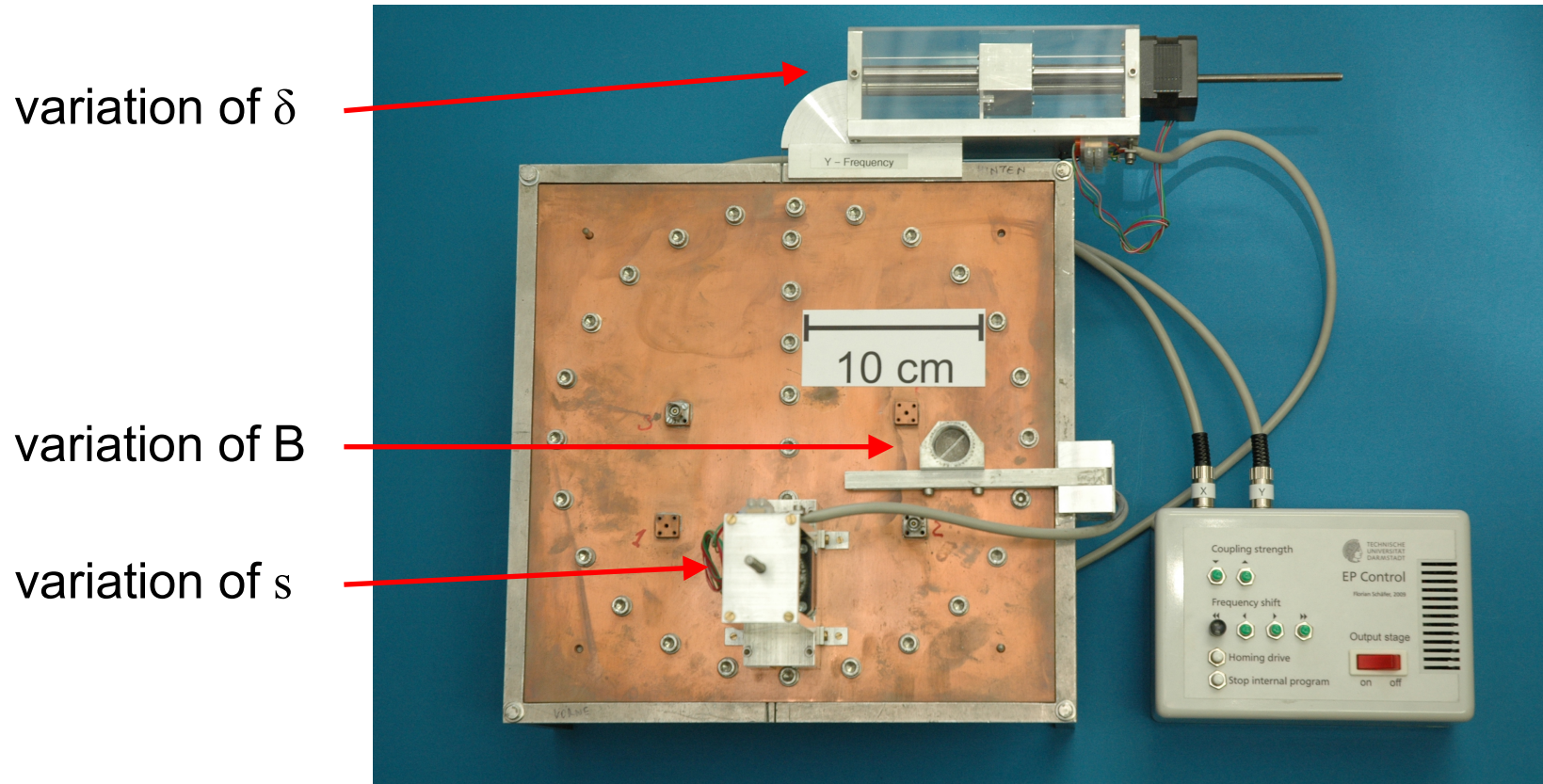
- Divide a circular microwave billiard into two approximately equal parts
- The coalescence at the EP is accomplished by the **variation of two parameters**



- The opening **s** controls the coupling of the eigenmodes of the two billiard parts
- The position  **$\delta$**  of the Teflon disk mainly effects the resonance frequencies of the left part
- Insert a ferrite **F** and magnetize it with an exterior magnetic field  $B$  to induce  $T$  violation

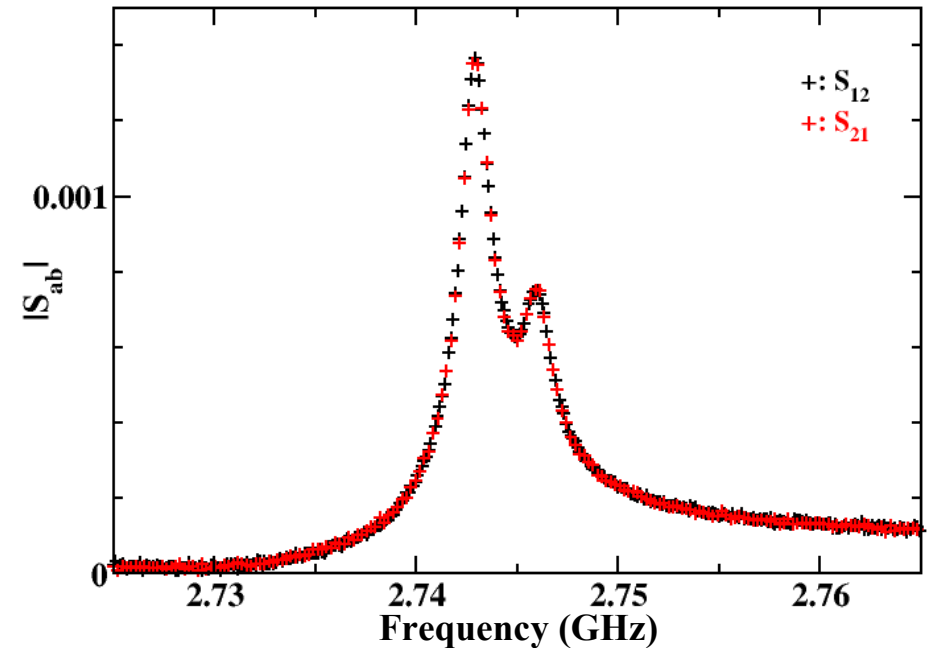
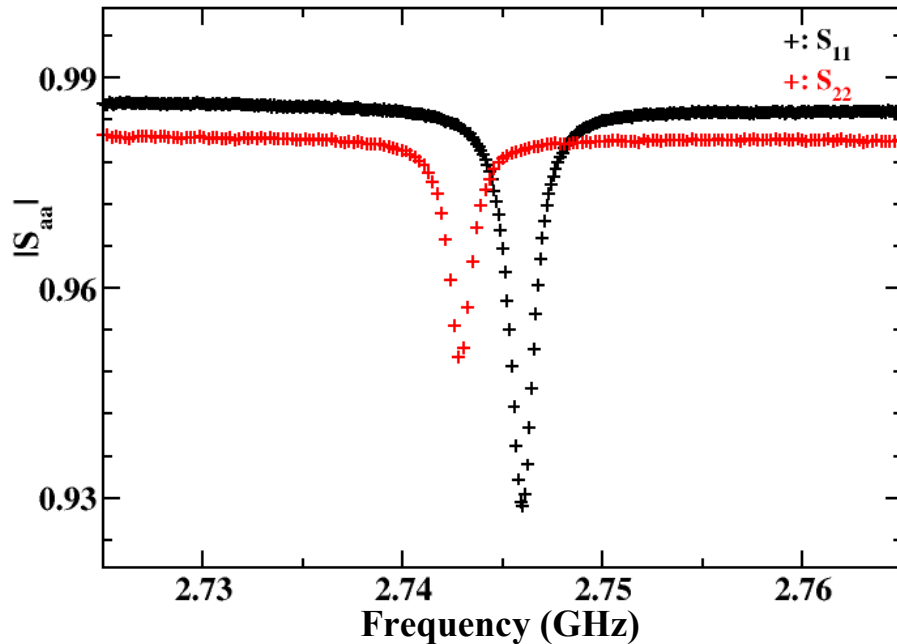
# Experimental setup

(B. Dietz et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 150403 (2011))



- Parameter plane ( $s, \delta$ ) is scanned on a very fine grid

# Resonance Spectra Close to an EP ( $B=0$ )



- Scattering matrix:  $\hat{S} = \hat{I} - 2\pi i \hat{W}^T (\mathbf{E} - \hat{H}_{\text{eff}})^{-1} \hat{W}$
- $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$  : two-state Hamiltonian including dissipation and coupling to the exterior
- $\hat{W}$  : coupling of the resonator modes to the antenna states

# Two-State Matrix Model for the $T$ -invariant Case

- Determine the **non-Hermitian complex symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$**  and its eigenvalues and eigenvectors for each  **$(\mathbf{s}, \delta)$**  from the measured  $\hat{S}$  matrix

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{s}, \delta) = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & H_{12}^S \\ H_{12}^S & E_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

ies are functions of  $\delta$  and  $\mathbf{s}$

- Eigenvalues: 
$$e_{1,2} = \left( \frac{E_1 + E_2}{2} \right) \pm \Re$$
$$\Re = H_{12}^S \sqrt{Z^2 + 1}; \quad Z = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{2H_{12}^S}$$
- EPs: 
$$\Re = 0 : Z = \pm i \leftrightarrow \delta = \delta_{\text{EP}}, \quad \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_{\text{EP}}$$

# Resonance Shape at the EP

- At the EP the  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$  is given in terms of a **Jordan normal form**

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}(s_{\text{EP}}, \delta_{\text{EP}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_0 = \frac{E_1 + E_2}{2}$$

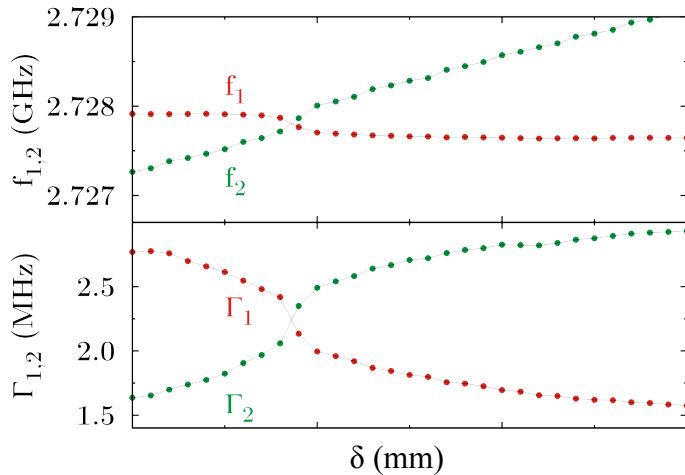
- $S_{ab}$  has two poles of **1st** order and one pole of **2nd** order

$$S_{ab} = \delta_{ab} - V_{1a} \frac{1}{(f - \lambda_0)} V_{1b} - V_{2a} \frac{1}{(f - \lambda_0)} V_{2b} - \frac{H_{12}^S}{(f - \lambda_0)^2} \{ i(V_{1a} V_{1b} - V_{2a} V_{2b}) + V_{1a} V_{2b} + V_{2a} V_{1b} \}$$

→ at the EP the resonance shape is **not** described by a Breit-Wigner form

- Note: this lineshape leads to  $t^2$ -behavior (→ first talk)

# Localization of an EP (B=0)



- Change of the real and the imaginary part of the eigenvalues  $e_{1,2}=f_{1,2}+i \Gamma_{1,2}$ . They cross at  $s=s_{EP}=1.68$  mm and  $\delta=\delta_{EP}=41.19$  mm.

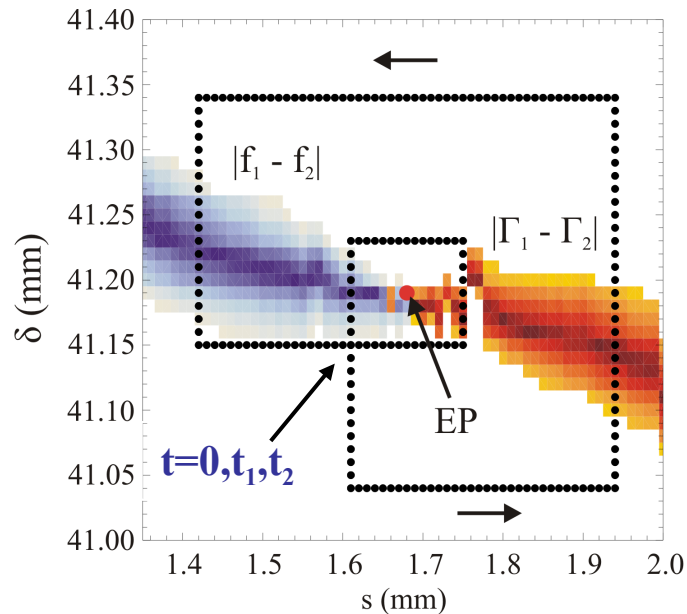
- Change of modulus and phase of the ratio of the components  $r_{j,1}, r_{j,2}$  of the eigenvector  $|\mathbf{r}_j\rangle$

$$v_j = \frac{r_{j,1}}{r_{j,2}} = |v_j| e^{i\Phi_j}$$

- At  $(s_{EP}, \delta_{EP})$   $|\mathbf{r}_j\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} r_{j,1} \\ r_{j,2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**$s=1.68$  mm**

# Eigenvalues and Ratios of Eigenvector Components in the Parameter Plane ( $B=0$ )



- S matrix is measured for each point of a grid with  $\Delta s = \Delta \delta = 0.01$  mm
- Note the dark line, where  $e_1 - e_2$  is either real or purely imaginary.

There,  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow PT$ -symmetric  $\hat{H}$

- Parameterize the contour by the variable  $t$  with  $t=0$  at start point,  $t=t_1$  after one loop,  $t=t_2$  after second one



# Encircling the EP in the Parameter Plane ( $T$ -invariant Case)

- The **biorthonormalized eigenvectors**  $\langle l_j(t)|$  and  $|r_j(t)\rangle$  with  $\langle l_j(t)| r_j(t)\rangle = 1$  are defined up to a geometric factor  $e^{\pm i\gamma_j(t)}$
- The **geometric phases**  $\gamma_j(t)$  are fixed by the **condition of parallel transport**

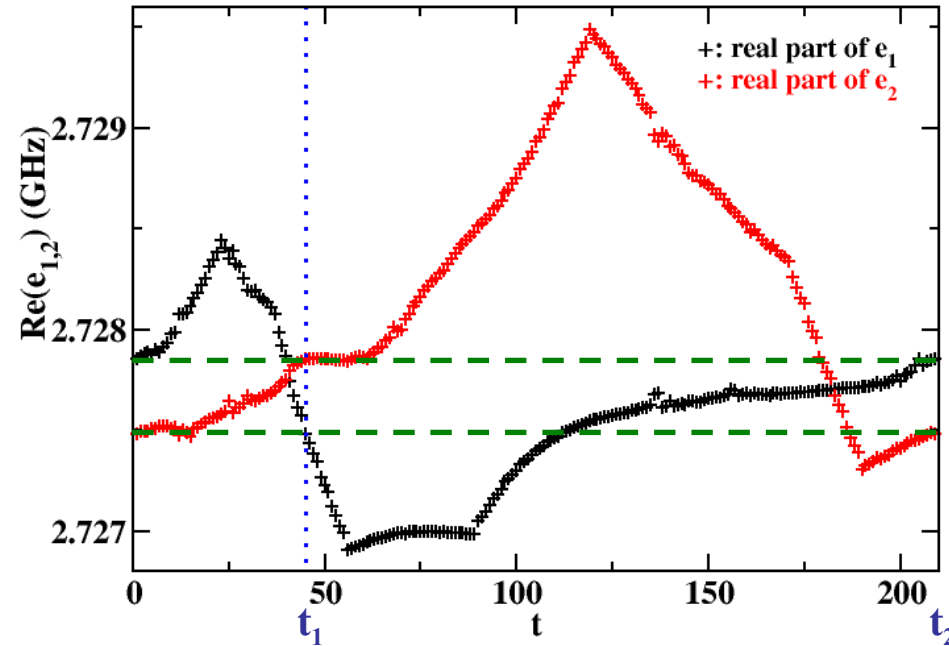
$$\left\langle l_j(t)e^{-i\gamma_j(t)} \left| \frac{d}{dt} r_j(t)e^{i\gamma_j(t)} \right. \right\rangle = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_1(t) = \gamma_2(t) \equiv 0$$

- With  $\tan \theta(t) = \sqrt{1+Z^2} - Z$  the eigenvectors are

$$|r_1(t)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta(t) \\ \sin \theta(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad |r_2(t)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta(t) \\ \cos \theta(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

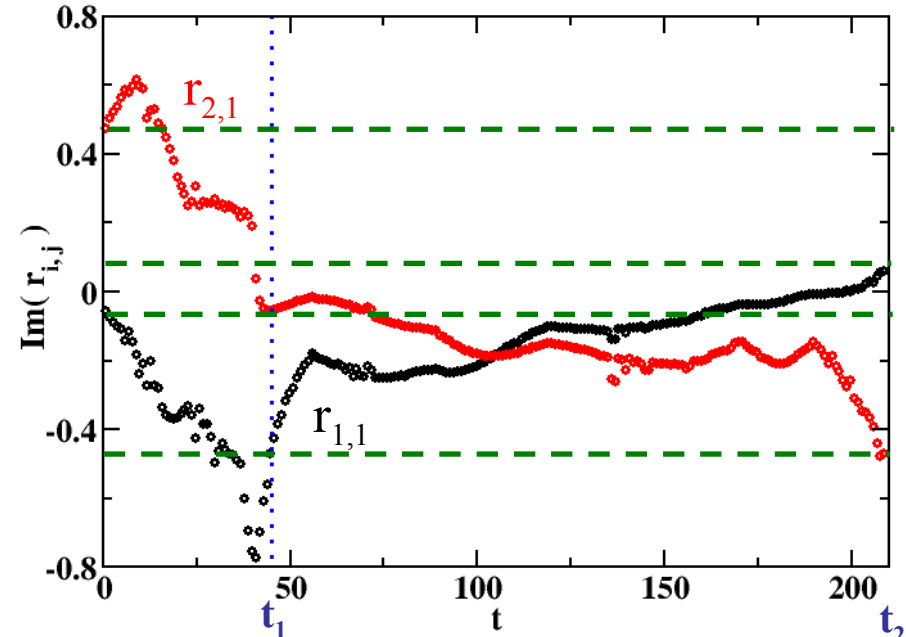
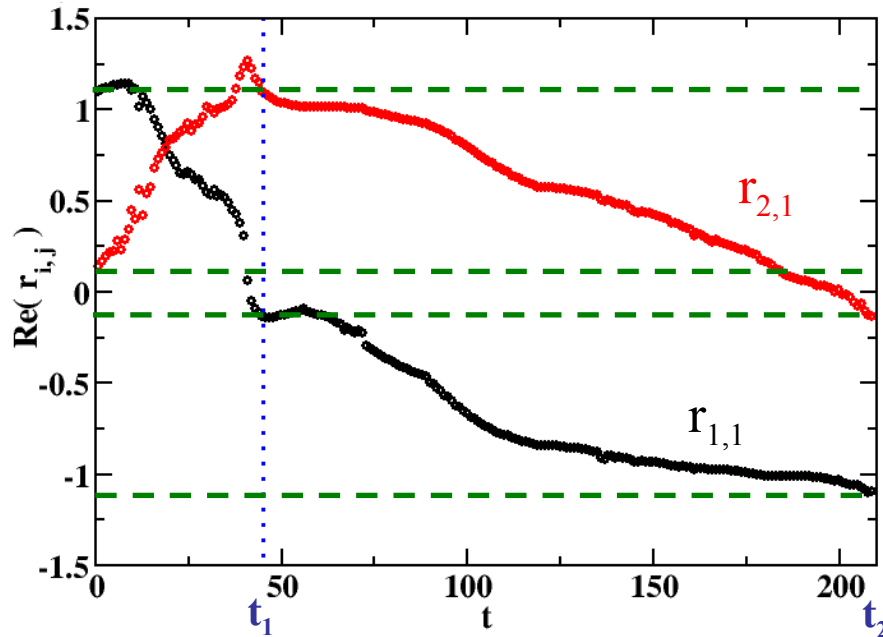
- **Encircling the EP once**:  $\theta \rightarrow \theta + \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow e_1 \leftrightarrow e_2$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} |r_1\rangle \\ |r_2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -|r_2\rangle \\ |r_1\rangle \end{pmatrix}$

# Change of the Eigenvalues along the Contour (B=0)



- The real, respectively, the imaginary parts of the eigenvalues cross once during each encircling at different  $t$
- The eigenvalues are interchanged  $\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e_2 \\ e_1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Note:  $\text{Im}(e_1) + \text{Im}(e_2) \approx \text{const.} \rightarrow$  dissipation depends weakly on  $(s, \delta)$

# Evolution of the Eigenvector Components along the Contour ( $B=0$ )

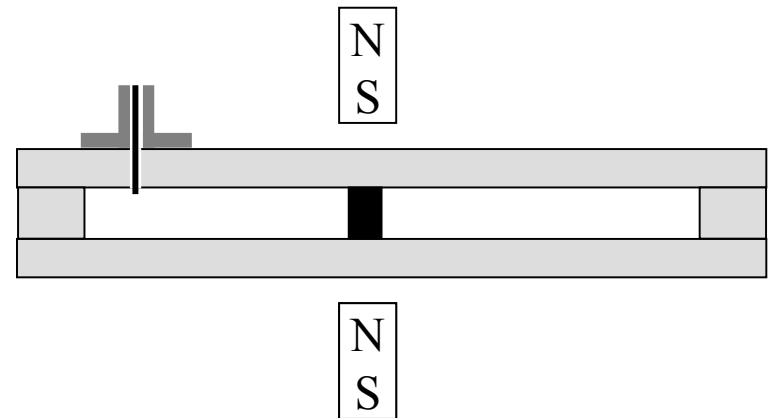
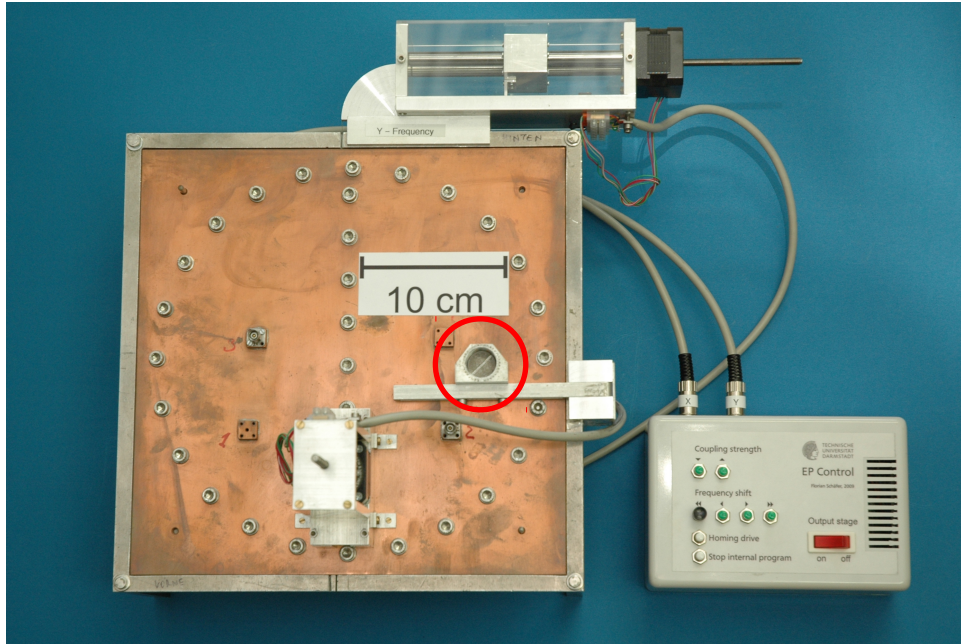


- Evolution of the first component  $r_{j,1}$  of the eigenvector  $|r_j\rangle$  as function of  $t$
- After each loop the eigenvectors are interchanged and the first one picks up a **geometric phase**  $\pi$   $\begin{pmatrix} |r_1\rangle \\ |r_2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -|r_2\rangle \\ |r_1\rangle \end{pmatrix}$
- Phase does not depend on choice of circuit  $\rightarrow$  **topological phase**

# Summary for $T$ -invariant case

- Full EP Hamiltonian extracted from measured scattering matrix  
→ direct determination of its eigenvalues and eigenvectors possible
- Behavior of eigenvalues and eigenvectors for  $T$ -invariant case as expected  
→ confirms validity of the procedure used for data analysis
- Next step: Investigation of the  $T$ -noninvariant case following the same procedure

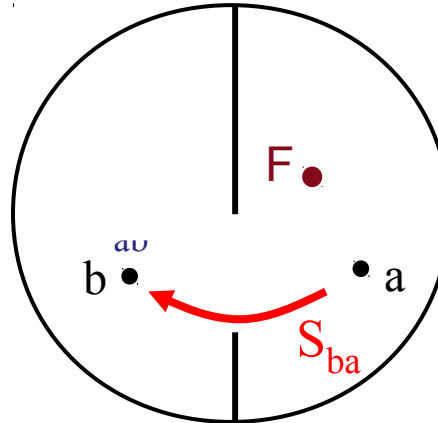
# Microwave Billiard for the Study of Induced $T$ Violation



- A cylindrical ferrite is placed in the resonator
- An external magnetic field is applied perpendicular to the billiard plane
- The strength of the magnetic field is varied by changing the distance between the magnets

# Induced Violation of $T$ Invariance with a Ferrite

- Spins of **magnetized ferrite** precess collectively with their Larmor frequency about the external magnetic field (→ first talk)
- Coupling of rf magnetic field to the **ferromagnetic resonance** depends on the direction  $a \longleftrightarrow b$



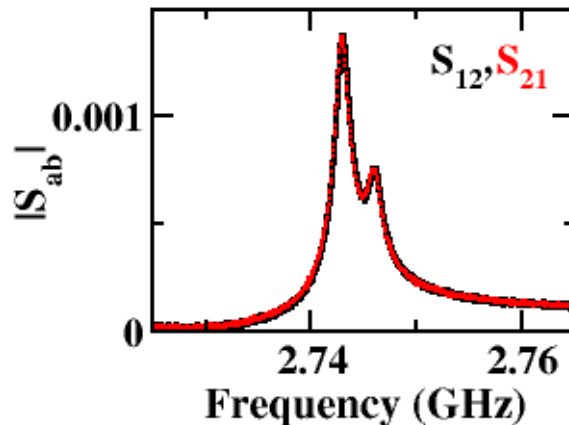
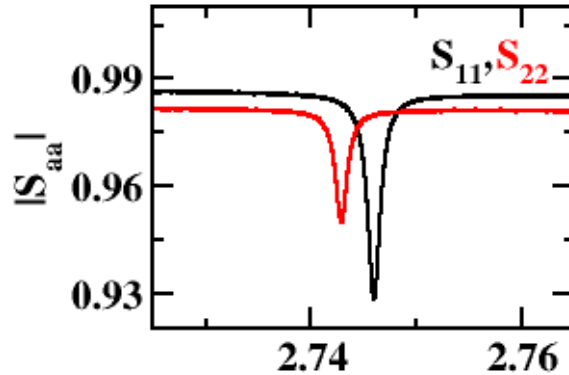
- $T$ -invariant system

→ principle of reciprocity  $S_{ab} = S_{ba}$

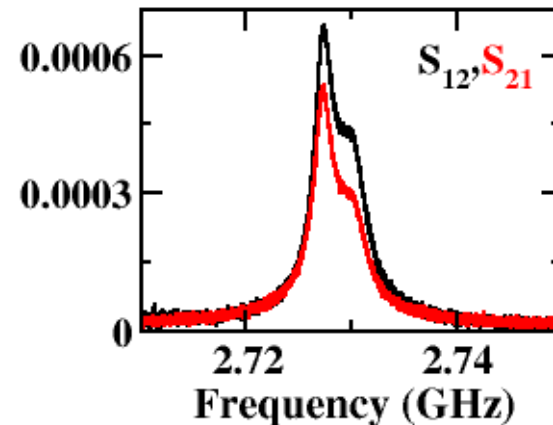
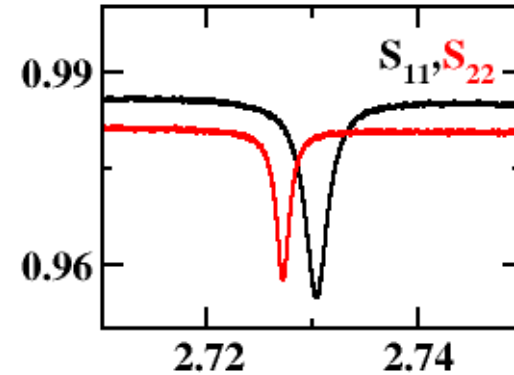
→ detailed balance  $|S_{ab}|^2 = |S_{ba}|^2$

# Test of Reciprocity

**B=0**



**B=53mT**



- Clear violation of the principle of reciprocity for nonzero magnetic field

# Two-State Matrix Model for Broken $T$ invariance

- $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$  : non-Hermitian and non-symmetric complex  $2 \times 2$  matrix ( $\rightarrow$  first talk)

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}(s, \delta) = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & H_{12}^S \\ H_{12}^S & E_2 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -H_{12}^A \\ H_{12}^A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $H_{12}^A$  :  $T$ -breaking matrix element

- Eigenvalues: 
$$e_{1,2} = \left( \frac{E_1 + E_2}{2} \right) \pm \Re$$

$$\Re = \sqrt{H_{12}^S{}^2 + H_{12}^A{}^2} \sqrt{Z^2 + 1}; \quad Z = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{2\sqrt{H_{12}^S{}^2 + H_{12}^A{}^2}}$$

- EPs:  $\Re = 0 : Z = \pm i \leftrightarrow \delta = \delta_{\text{EP}}, s = s_{\text{EP}}$



# ***T*-Violation Parameter $\tau$**

- For each set of parameters  $(s, \delta)$   $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$  is obtained from the measured  $\hat{S}$  matrix

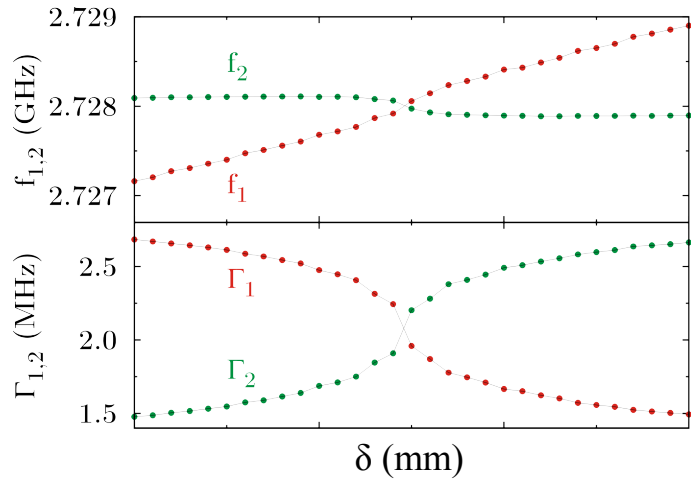
$$\hat{S} = \hat{I} - 2\pi i \hat{W}^T (E - \hat{H}_{\text{eff}})^{-1} \hat{W}$$

- $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\hat{W}$  are determined up to common real orthogonal transformations
- Choose real orthogonal transformation such that

$$\frac{(H_{12}^S + iH_{12}^A)}{(H_{12}^S - iH_{12}^A)} = e^{2i\tau} \quad \text{with } \tau \in [0, \pi[ \text{ real}$$

- $T$  violation is expressed by a real phase  $\rightarrow$  usual practice in nuclear physics

# Localization of an EP (B=53mT)



- Change of the real and the imaginary part of the eigenvalues  $e_{1,2} = f_{1,2} + i \Gamma_{1,2}$ . They cross at  $s = s_{EP} = 1.66 \text{ mm}$  and  $\delta = \delta_{EP} = 41.25 \text{ mm}$ .

- Change of modulus and phase of the ratio of the components  $r_{j,1}, r_{j,2}$  of the eigenvector  $|r_j\rangle$

$$v_j = \frac{r_{j,1}}{r_{j,2}} = |v_j| e^{i\Phi_j}$$

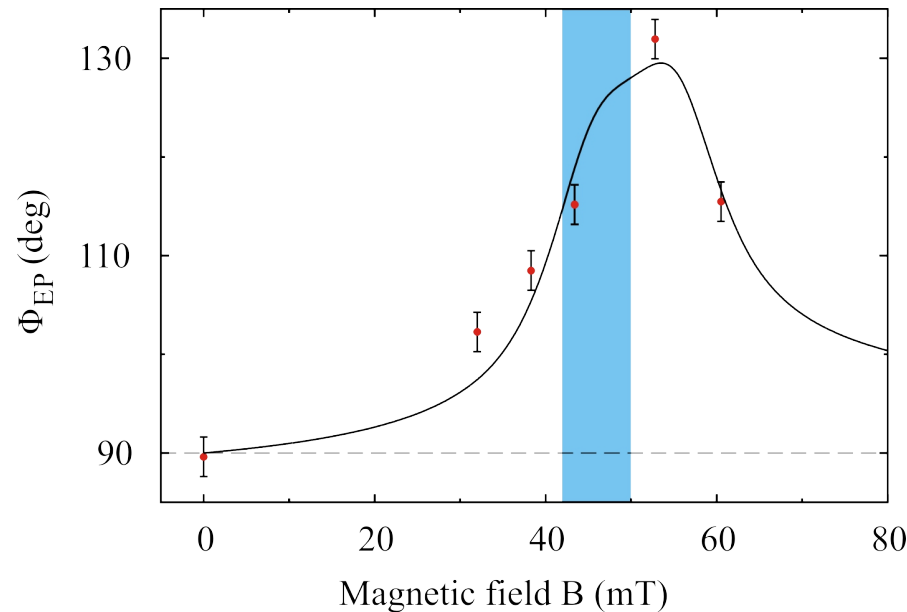
- At  $(s_{EP}, \delta_{EP})$   $|r_j\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} r_{j,1} \\ r_{j,2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} ie^{i\tau} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\tau$

$s = 1.66 \text{ mm}$

# T-Violation Parameter $\tau$ at the EP

- $\Phi_{EP} = \pi/2 + \tau$



- $\Phi$  and also the  $T$ -violating matrix element shows resonance like structure

$$H_{12}^A(B) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \lambda \cdot B \cdot T^r \cdot \frac{\omega_M^2}{\omega_0(B) - \bar{\omega} - i/T^r} \quad (\rightarrow \text{first talk})$$

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coupling  
strength

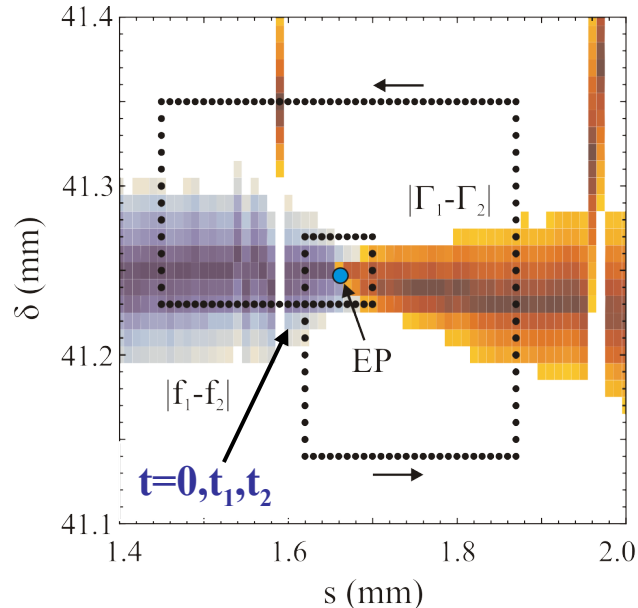
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spin  
relaxation  
time

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magnetic  
susceptibility

# Eigenvalues and Ratios of Eigenvector Components in Parameter Plane ( $B=53\text{mT}$ )



- S matrix is measured for each point of a grid with  $\Delta s = \Delta \delta = 0.01$  mm
- Note the dark line, where  $e_1 - e_2$  is either real or purely imaginary.  
There,  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow PT$ -symmetric  $\hat{H}$
- Parameterize the contour by the variable  $t$  with  $t=0$  at starting point,  $t=t_1$  after one loop,  $t=t_2$  after second one

# Encircling the EP in the Parameter Space (with $T$ violation)

- Eigenvectors along contour:  $\langle L_j(t) | = \langle l_j(t) | e^{-i\gamma_j(t)}$ ,  $|R_j(t)\rangle = |r_j(t)\rangle e^{i\gamma_j(t)}$

- Biorthonormality is defined up to a geometric factor  $e^{\pm i\gamma_j(t)}$

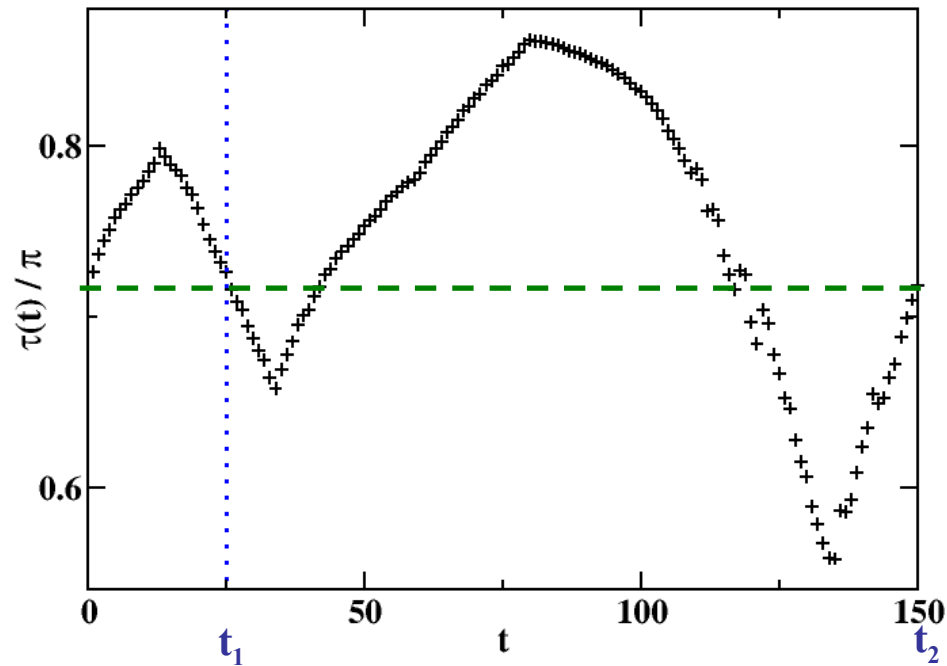
- Condition of parallel transport  $\left\langle L_j(t) \left| \frac{d}{dt} R_j(t) \right. \right\rangle = 0$  yields

$$\frac{d\gamma_1}{dt} = -\frac{d\gamma_2}{dt} \text{ and } \gamma_{1,2}(t) \neq 0 \text{ for } \frac{d\tau}{dt} \neq 0$$

- Encircling EP once:  $e_1 \leftrightarrow e_2$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} |r_1\rangle \\ |r_2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -|r_2\rangle \\ |r_1\rangle \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$  as in  $T$ -invariant case

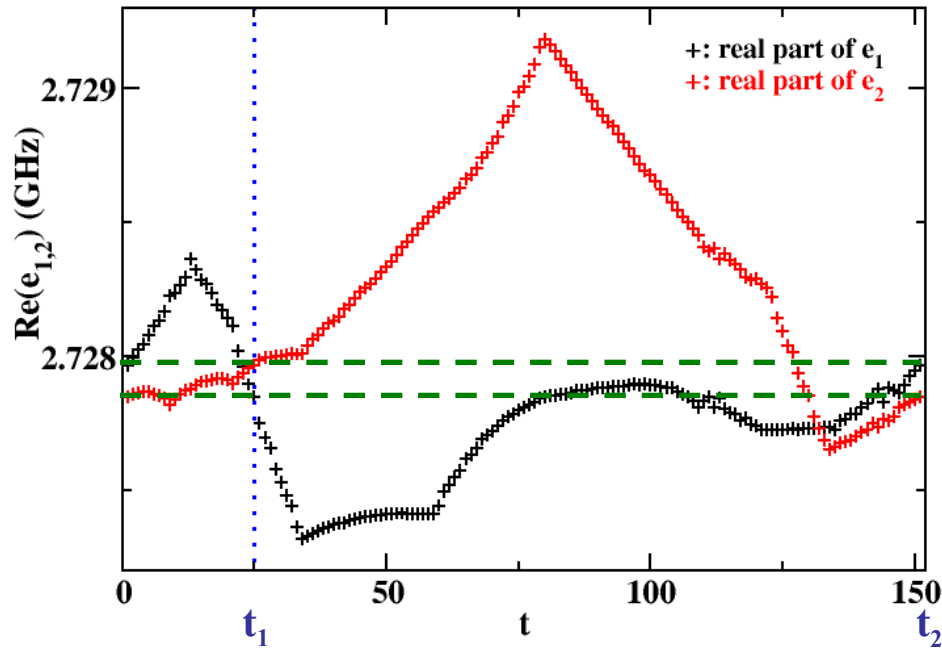
- Additional geometric factor:  $e^{i\gamma_j(t)} = e^{i\text{Re}(\gamma_j(t))} e^{-\text{Im}(\gamma_j(t))}$

# $T$ -violation Parameter $\tau$ along Contour ( $B=53\text{mT}$ )



- $T$ -violation parameter  $\tau$  varies along the contour even though  $B$  is fixed because the electromagnetic field at the ferrite changes
- $\tau$  increases (decreases) with increasing (decreasing) parameters  $s$  and  $\delta$
- $\tau$  returns after each loop around the EP to its initial value

# Change of the Eigenvalues along the Contour (B=53mT)



- The real and the imaginary parts of the eigenvalues cross once during each encircling at different values of  $t$

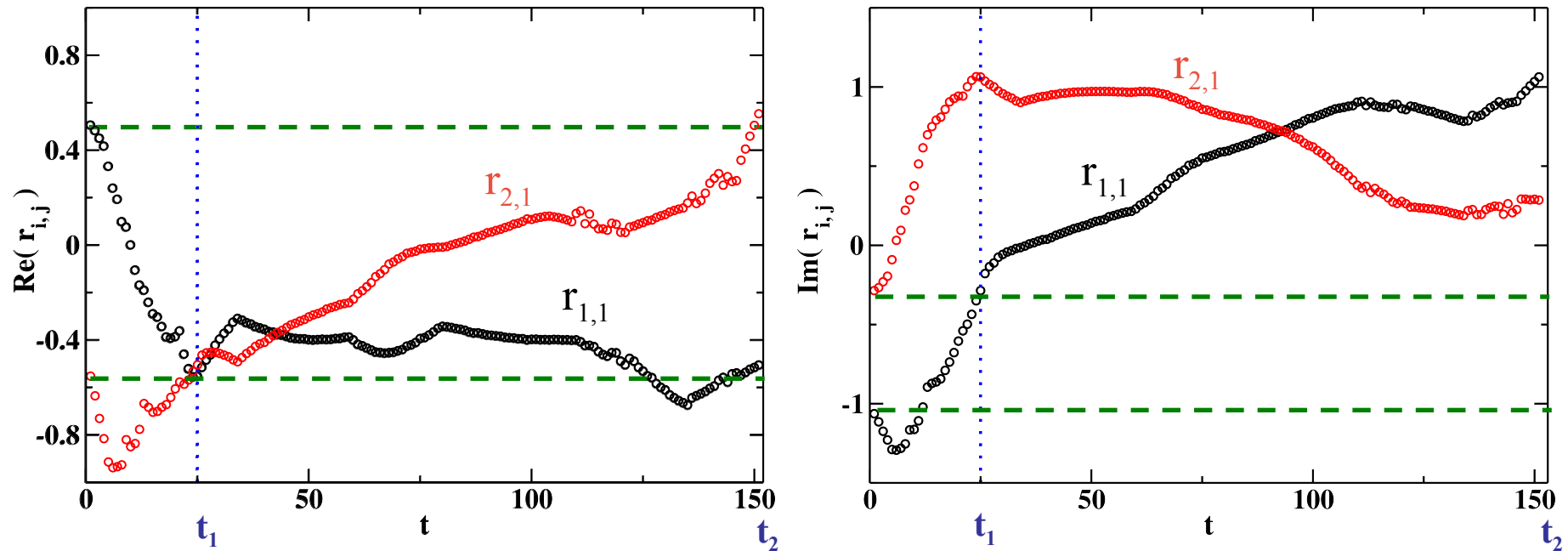
→ the eigenvalues are interchanged

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e_2 \\ e_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Evolution of the Eigenvector Components along the Contour (B=53mT)



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- Measured transformation scheme:

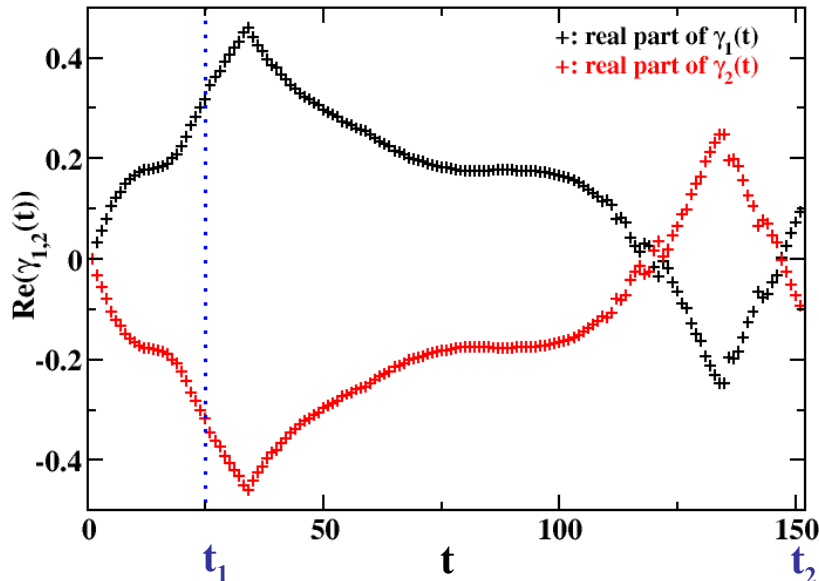
$$\begin{pmatrix} |r_1\rangle \\ |r_2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -|r_2\rangle e^{i\gamma_1(t_1)} \\ |r_1\rangle e^{-i\gamma_1(t_1)} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -|r_1\rangle e^{i\gamma_1(t_2)} \\ -|r_2\rangle e^{-i\gamma_1(t_2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- No general rule exists for the transformation scheme of the  $\gamma_j$

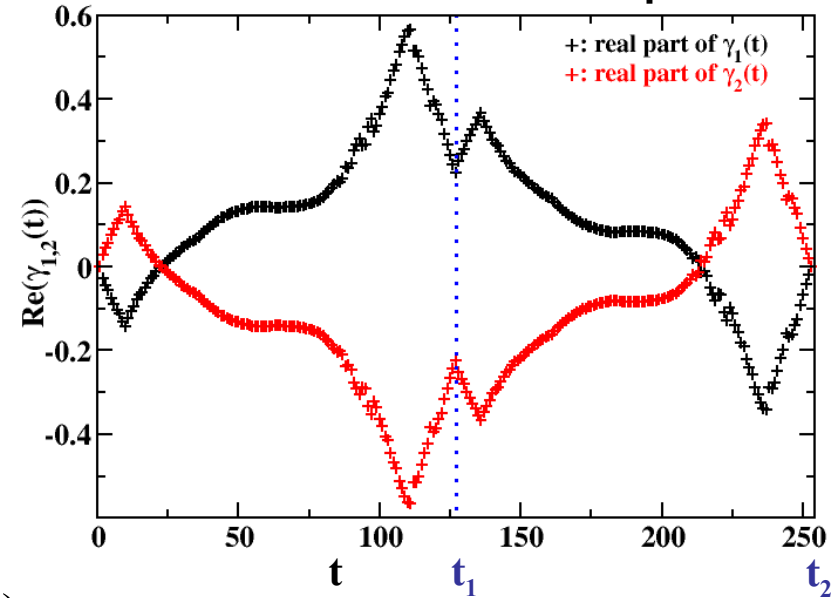


# Geometric Phase $\text{Re}(\gamma_j(t))$ Gathered along Two Loops

Two different loops



Twice the same loop



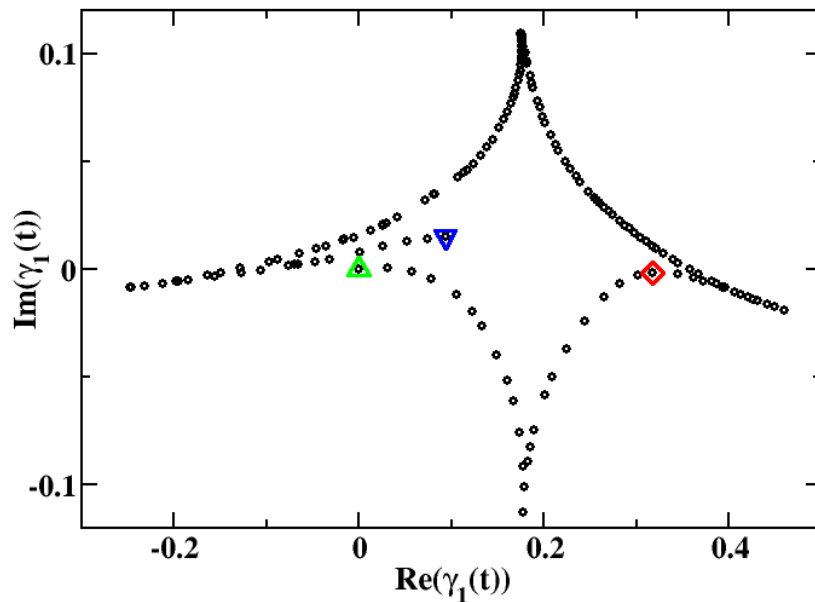
- Clearly visible that  $\text{Re}(\gamma_2(t)) = -\text{Re}(\gamma_1(t))$

$t = 0: \text{Re}(\gamma_1(0)) =$	$\text{Re}(\gamma_2(0)) = 0$	$t = 0: \text{Re}(\gamma_1(0)) =$	$\text{Re}(\gamma_2(0)) = 0$
$t = t_1: \text{Re}(\gamma_1(t_1)) = -\text{Re}(\gamma_2(t_1)) = 0.31778$	$=$	$t_1: \text{Re}(\gamma_1(t_1)) = -\text{Re}(\gamma_2(t_1)) = 0.22468$	$=$
$t = t_2: \text{Re}(\gamma_1(t_2)) = -\text{Re}(\gamma_2(t_2)) = 0.0931$	$=$	$t_2: \text{Re}(\gamma_1(t_2)) = -\text{Re}(\gamma_2(t_2)) = -3.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$=$

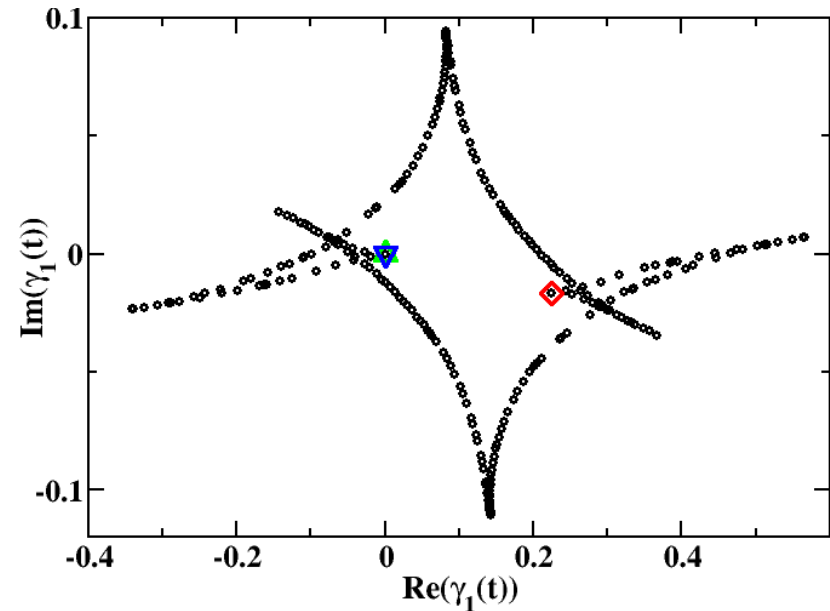
- Same behavior observed for the imaginary part of  $\gamma_j(t)$

# Complex Phase $\gamma_1(t)$ Gathered along Two Loops

Two different loops



Twice the same loop



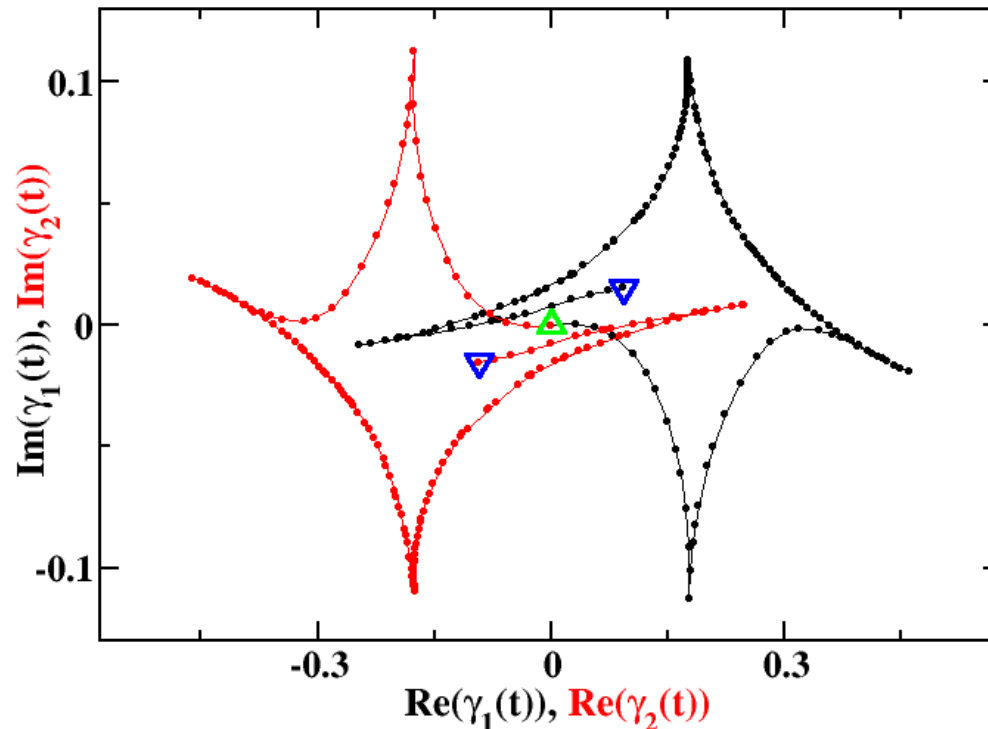
▲ : start point

◆ :  $\gamma_1(t_1) \neq \gamma_1(0)$

▼ :  $\gamma_1(t_2) \neq \gamma_1(0)$  if EP is encircled along different loops  $\rightarrow |e^{i\gamma_1(t)}| \neq 1$

possible

# Complex Phases $\gamma_j(t)$ Gathered when Encircling EP Twice along Double Loop

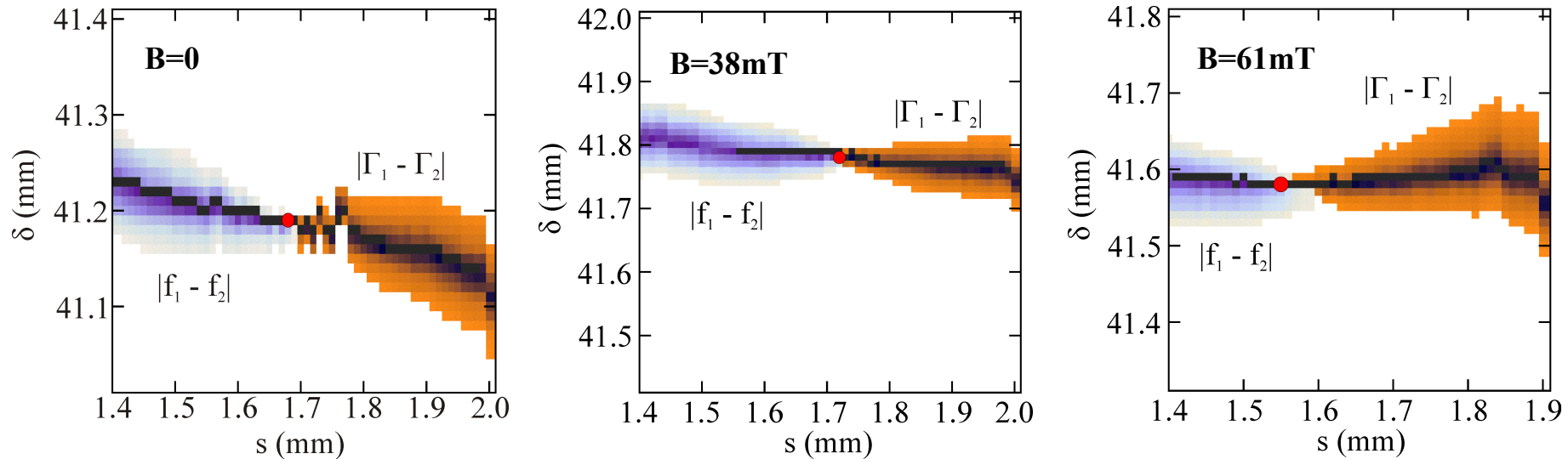


$\triangle$  : start point

$\nabla$  :  $\gamma_1(nt_2) \neq \gamma_1(0)$ ,  
 $n=1,2,\dots$

- Encircle the EP 4 times along the contour with two different loops
- In the complex plane  $\gamma_{1,2}(t)$  drift away from the origin

# Difference of Eigenvalues in the Parameter Plane

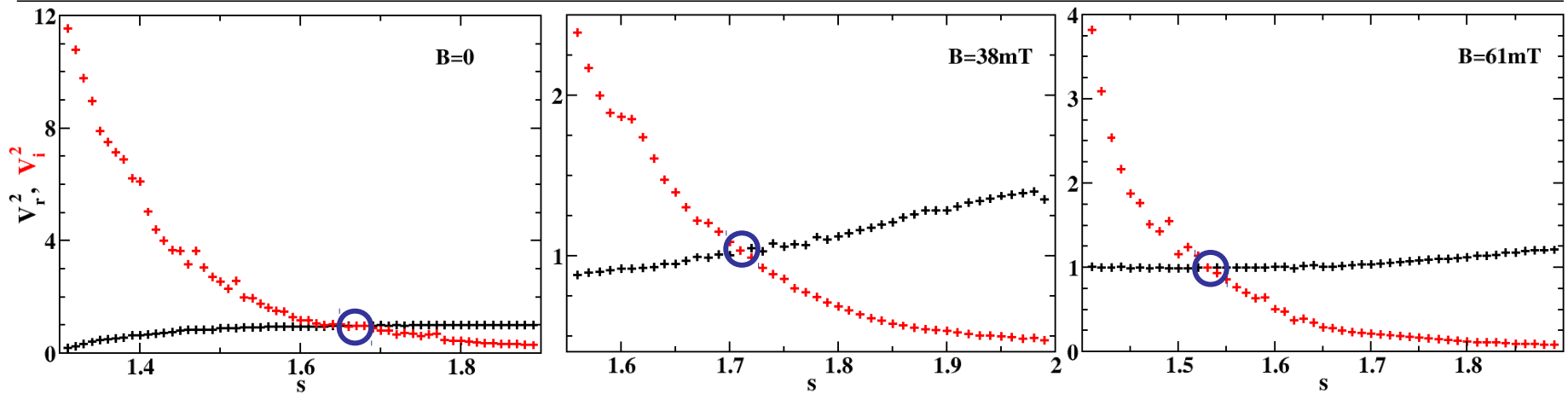


- Dark line:  $|f_1 - f_2| = 0$  for  $s < s_{EP}$ ,  $|\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2| = 0$  for  $s > s_{EP}$

→  $(e_1 - e_2) = (f_1 - f_2) + i(\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2)$  is purely imaginary for  $s < s_{EP}$  / purely real for  $s > s_{EP}$

- $\pm (e_1 - e_2)$  are the eigenvalues of  $\hat{H}_{DL} = \hat{H}_{eff} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\hat{H}_{eff}) \hat{I}$

# Eigenvalues of $\hat{H}_{DL}$ along Dark Line



- Eigenvalues of  $\hat{H}_{DL}$ :  $\varepsilon_{\pm} = \pm \sqrt{V_r^2 - V_i^2 + 2iV_{ri}}$ ,  $V_r, V_i, V_{ri}$  real

- Dark Line:  $V_{ri}=0 \rightarrow$  radicand is real

- $V_r^2$  and  $V_i^2$  cross at the EP

# *PT* symmetry of $\hat{H}_{\text{DL}}$ along Dark Line

- General form of  $\hat{H}$ , which fulfills  $[\hat{H}, \mathbf{PT}]=0$ :

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} iA & B \\ B & -iA \end{pmatrix} \quad A, B \text{ real}$$

- $\mathbf{P}$  : parity operator  $P = \hat{\sigma}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$  : time-reversal operator  $\mathbf{T}=\mathbf{K}$

- *exact PT* symmetry: the eigenvalues of  $\hat{H}$  are real

- For  $V_{\text{ri}}=0$   $\hat{H}_{\text{DL}}$  can be brought to the form of  $\hat{H}$  with the **unitary transformation**

$$\hat{U} = e^{i\varphi\hat{\sigma}_y} e^{i\tau/2\hat{\sigma}_z}$$

- At the EP its eigenvalues change from purely real to purely imaginary

→ *exact PT* symmetry is **spontaneously broken**

→ Talk by Uwe Günther

# Summary

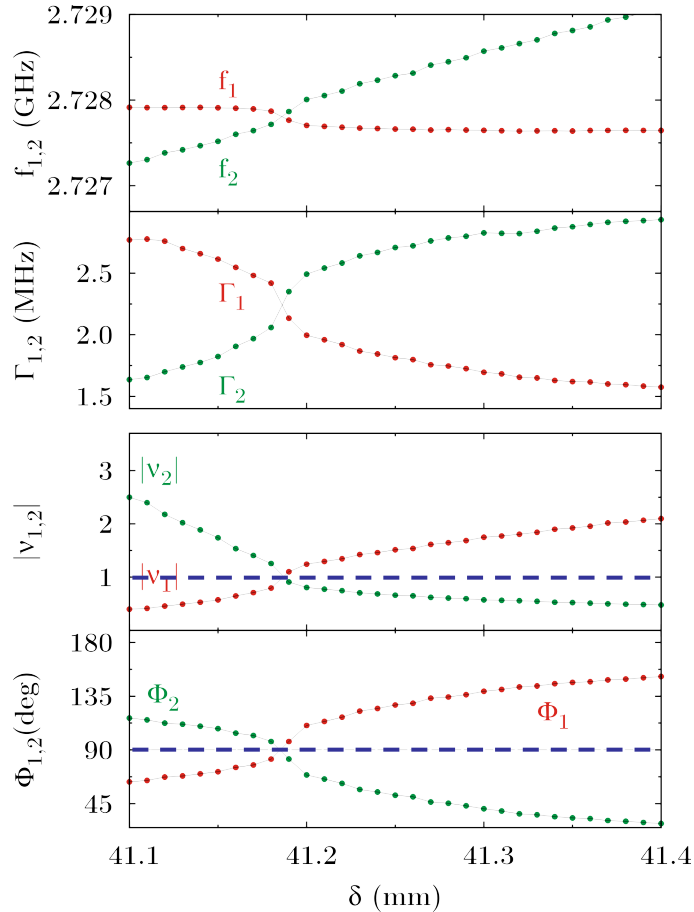
- High precision experiments were performed in microwave billiards with and without  $T$  violation at and in the vicinity of an EP
- The behavior of the complex eigenvalues and ratios of the eigenvector components of the associated two-state Hamiltonian were investigated
- Encircling an EP:
  - Eigenvalues:  $\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e_2 \\ e_1 \end{pmatrix}$  Eigenvectors:  $\begin{pmatrix} |r_1\rangle \\ |r_2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -|r_2\rangle e^{i\gamma_1(t_1)} \\ |r_1\rangle e^{-i\gamma_1(t_1)} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -|r_1\rangle e^{i\gamma_1(t_2)} \\ -|r_2\rangle e^{-i\gamma_1(t_2)} \end{pmatrix}, \gamma_1(t) = -\gamma_2(t)$
  - $T$ -invariant case:  $\gamma_1(t) \equiv 0$
  - Violated  $T$  invariance:  $\gamma_{1,2}(t_1) \neq \gamma_{1,2}(0)$ , different loops:  $\gamma_{1,2}(t_2) \neq \gamma_{1,2}(0)$
  - The size of  $T$  violation at the EP is determined from the phase of the ratio of the eigenvector components
  - *Exact*  $PT$  symmetry is observed along a line in the parameter plane
  - *Exact*  $PT$  symmetry is spontaneously broken at the EP

# Localization of EP for $B=0$ and $B=53\text{mT}$

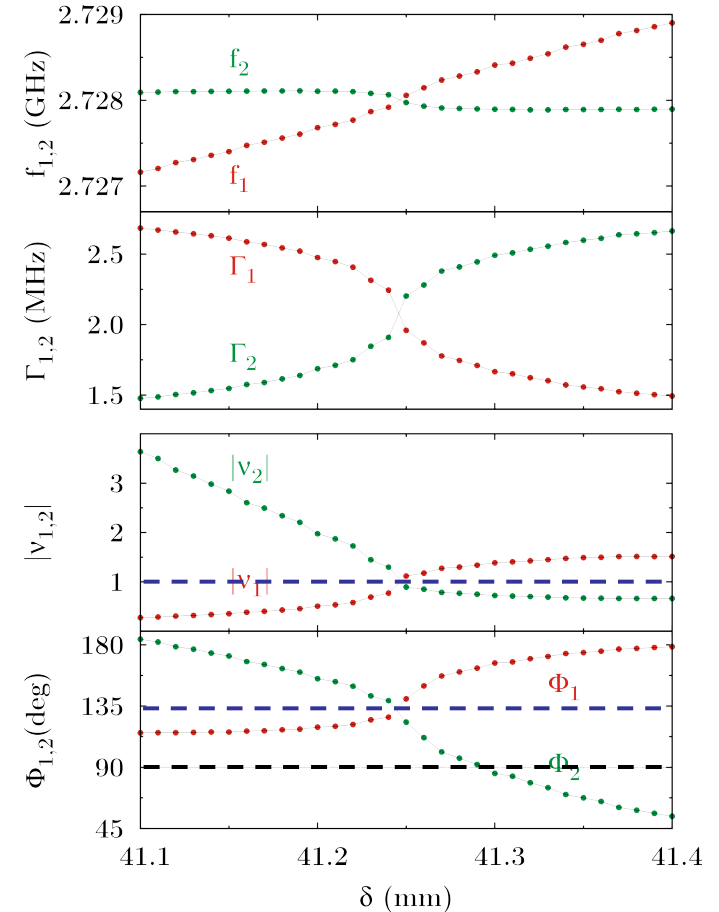


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**B = 0:**  $s_{EP}=1.68\text{ mm}$   $\delta_{EP}=41.19\text{ mm}$

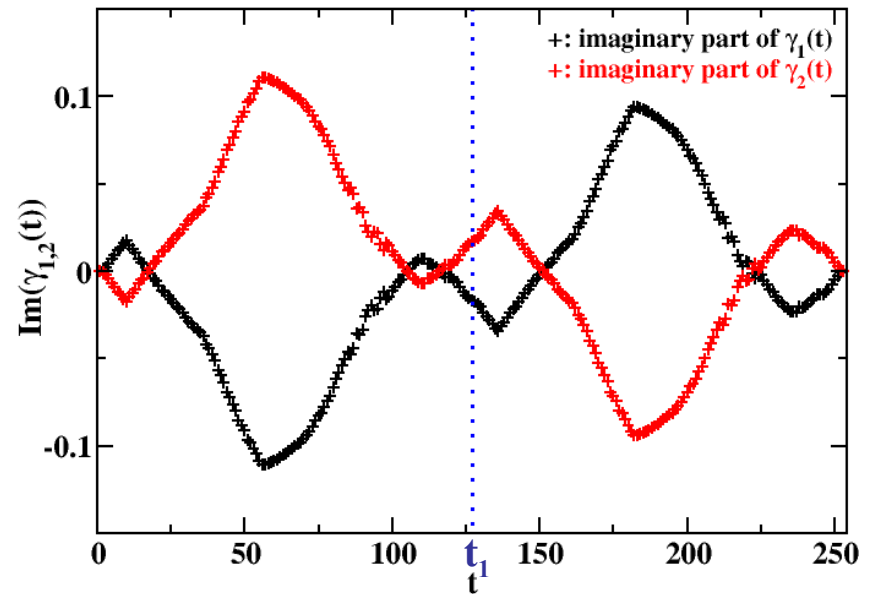
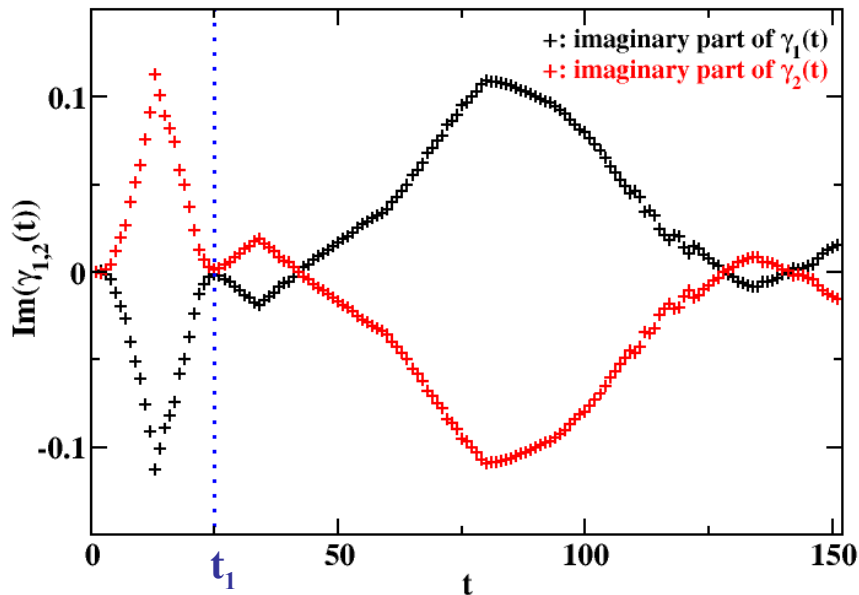


**B = 53 mT:**  $s_{EP}=1.66\text{ mm}$   $\delta_{EP}=41.25\text{ mm}$





# Geometric Amplitude $e^{-\text{Im}(\gamma_1(t))}$ Gathered Along Two Different/Equal Loops

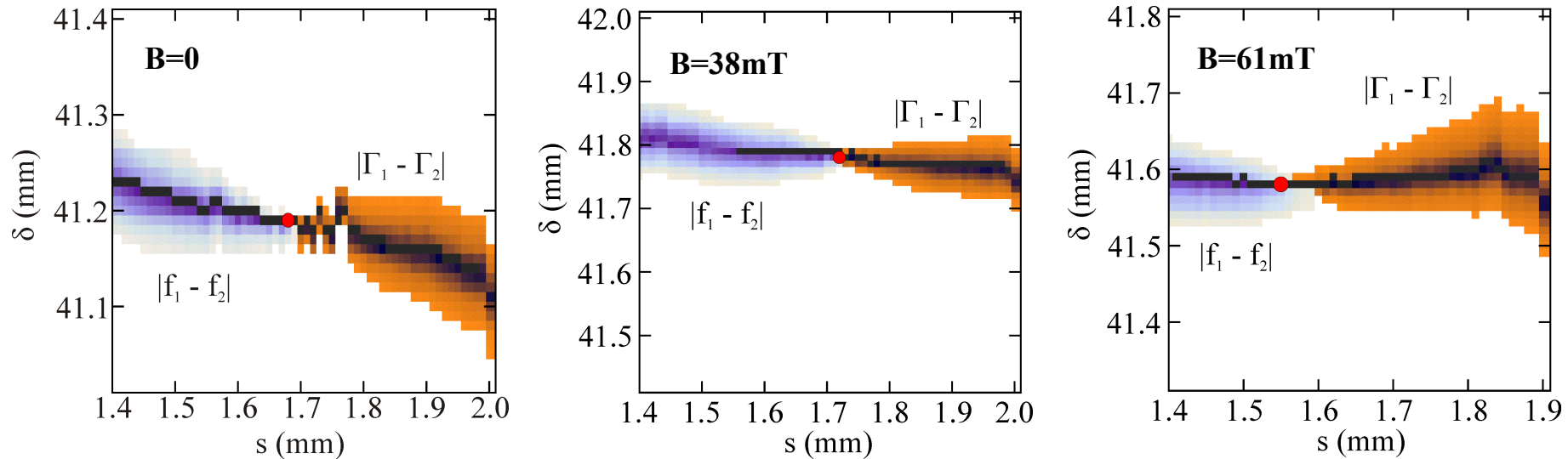


$$t = 0: \text{Im}(\gamma_1(0)) = \quad \text{Im}(\gamma_2(0)) = 0 \quad t = 0: \text{Im}(\gamma_1(0)) = \quad \text{Im}(\gamma_2(0)) = 0$$

$$t = t_1: \text{Im}(\gamma_1(t_1)) = -\text{Im}(\gamma_2(t_1)) = -0.00148 \quad t = t_1: \text{Im}(\gamma_1(t_1)) = -\text{Im}(\gamma_2(t_1)) = -0.01669$$

$$t = t_2: \text{Im}(\gamma_1(t_2)) = -\text{Im}(\gamma_2(t_2)) = 0.01522 \quad t = t_2: \text{Im}(\gamma_1(t_2)) = -\text{Im}(\gamma_2(t_2)) = -3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

# Difference of Eigenvalues in the parameter plane

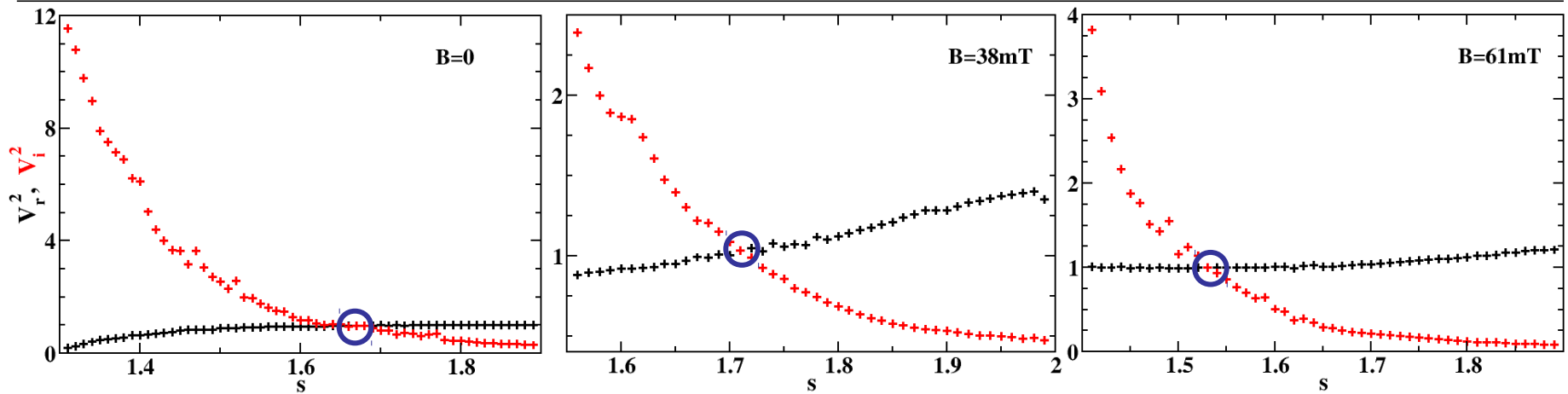


- Dark line:  $|f_1 - f_2| = 0$  for  $s < s_{EP}$ ,  $|\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2| = 0$  for  $s > s_{EP}$

→  $(e_1 - e_2) = (f_1 - f_2) + i(\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2)$  is real for  $s > s_{EP}$  and purely imaginary for  $s < s_{EP}$

- $\pm (e_1 - e_2)$  are the eigenvalues of  $\hat{H}_{PT} = \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} - \frac{E_1 + E_2}{2} \hat{I} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E_1 - E_2}{2} & H_{12}^S - iH_{12}^A \\ H_{12}^S + iH_{12}^A & -\frac{E_1 - E_2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

# Eigenvalues of $\hat{H}_{PT}$ along Dark Line



- Eigenvalues of  $\hat{H}_{PT}$ : 
$$\varepsilon_{\pm} = \pm |H_{12}^S| \sqrt{V_r^2 - V_i^2 + 2iV_{ri}}$$
- Dark Line: 
$$0 = V_{ri} \propto \left( \text{Re} H_{12}^S \text{Im} H_{12}^S + \text{Re} H_{12}^A \text{Im} H_{12}^A + \text{Re}(E_1 - E_2) \text{Im}(E_1 - E_2) / 4 \right)$$

$$|H_{12}^S|^2 V_r^2 = \left( (\text{Re} H_{12}^S)^2 + (\text{Re} H_{12}^A)^2 + (\text{Re}[E_1 - E_2])^2 / 4 \right)$$

- $V_r^2$  and  $V_i^2$  cross at the EP

# *PT* symmetry of $H_{PT}$ along Dark Line



- For  $V_{ri}=0$   $\hat{H}_{PT}$  can be transformed into a *PT*-symmetric Hamiltonian

$$\hat{U}\hat{H}_{PT}\hat{U}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\cos\tau} \begin{pmatrix} i \frac{\text{Im} H_{12}^S}{\sin 2\varphi} & \frac{\text{Re} H_{12}^S}{\cos 2\varphi} \\ \frac{\text{Re} H_{12}^S}{\cos 2\varphi} & -i \frac{\text{Im} H_{12}^S}{\sin 2\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Unitary transformation:  $\hat{U} = e^{i\varphi\hat{\sigma}_y} e^{i\tau/2\hat{\sigma}_z}$  with  $\tan 2\varphi = \frac{2}{\cos\tau} \frac{\text{Im} H_{12}^S}{\text{Im}(E_1 - E_2)}$

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