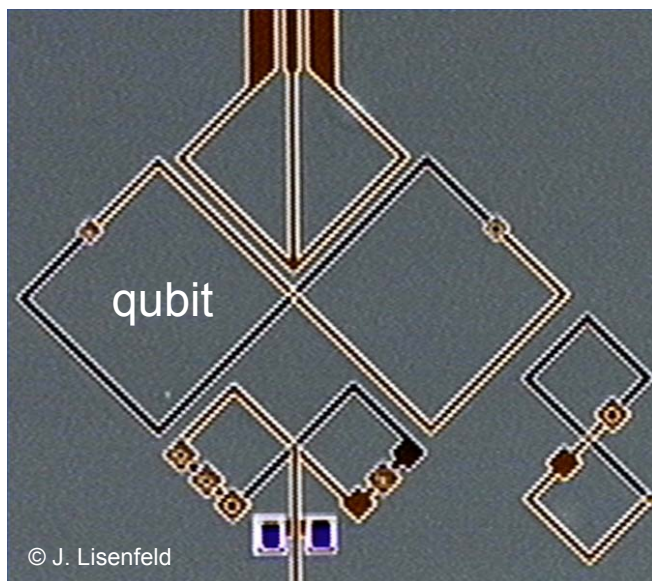




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в Черногловке



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Lecture 1:

Making experiments with Josephson junctions

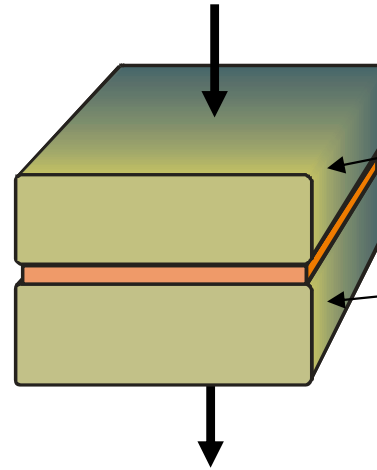
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Josephson effect



superconductor
tunnel barrier
superconductor



$$\Psi_1 = |\Psi_1| \exp(i\theta_1)$$

$$\Psi_2 = |\Psi_2| \exp(i\theta_2)$$

superconducting phase difference: $\varphi = \theta_1 - \theta_2$

Josephson relations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_s = I_c \sin \varphi \\ V = \frac{\hbar}{2e} \frac{d\varphi}{dt} \end{array} \right.$$

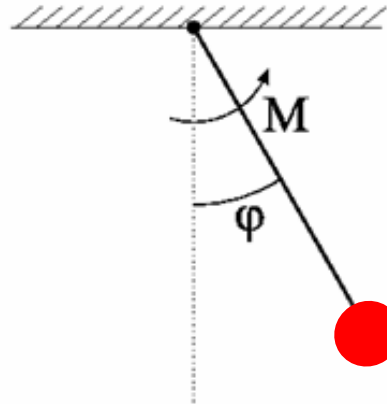
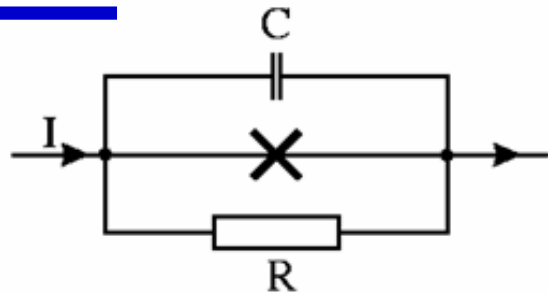


electromagnetic radiation
at the frequency $f = \frac{V}{\Phi_0}$

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{h}{2e} \approx 2.07 \times 10^{-15} \text{ V} \cdot \text{s}$$



Mechanical analog of a Josephson junction: driven underdamped pendulum

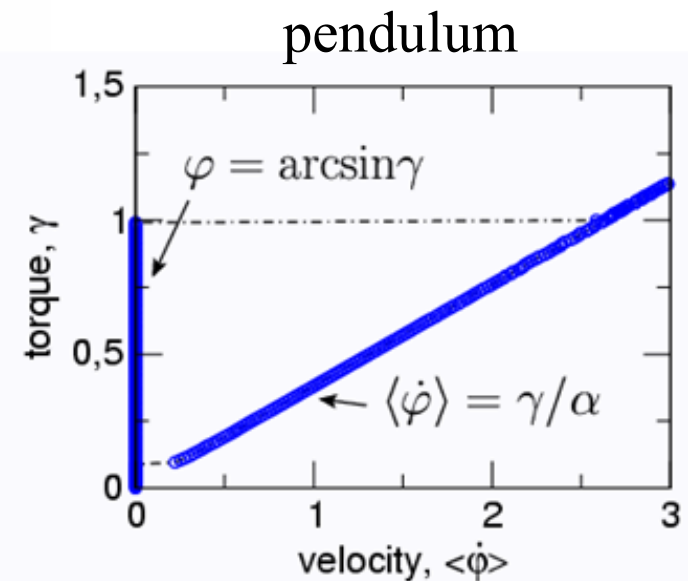
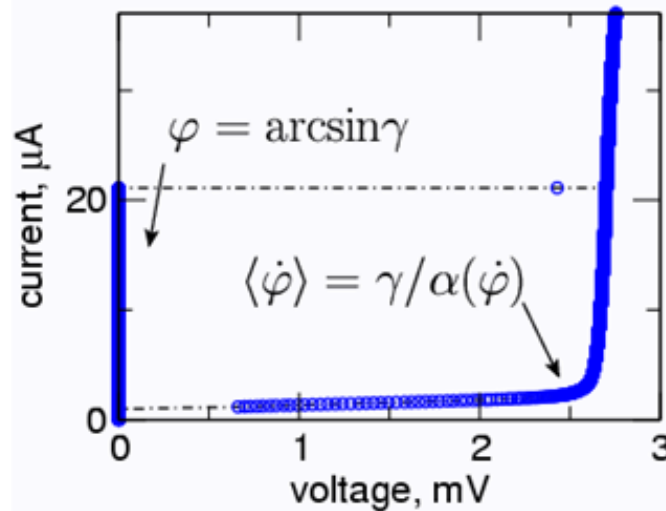


- Mapping:
 - $I_C \sim$ length
 - $C \sim$ mass
 - $R^{-1} \sim$ damping
 - $\varphi \sim$ angle
 - $I \sim$ ext. torque

Current through the junction

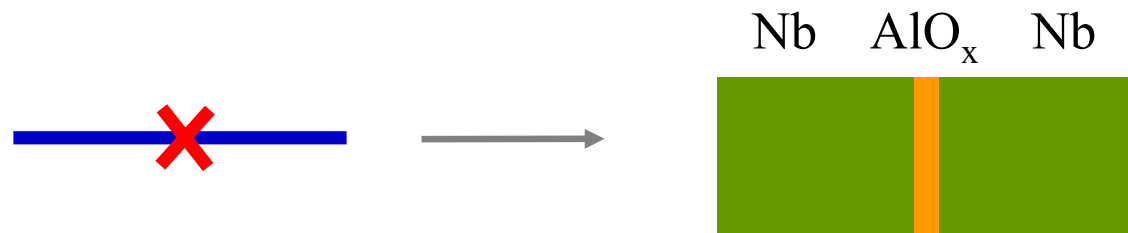
$$\mathcal{N}(\varphi) = \ddot{\varphi} + \alpha\dot{\varphi} + \sin \varphi$$

Josephson
junction



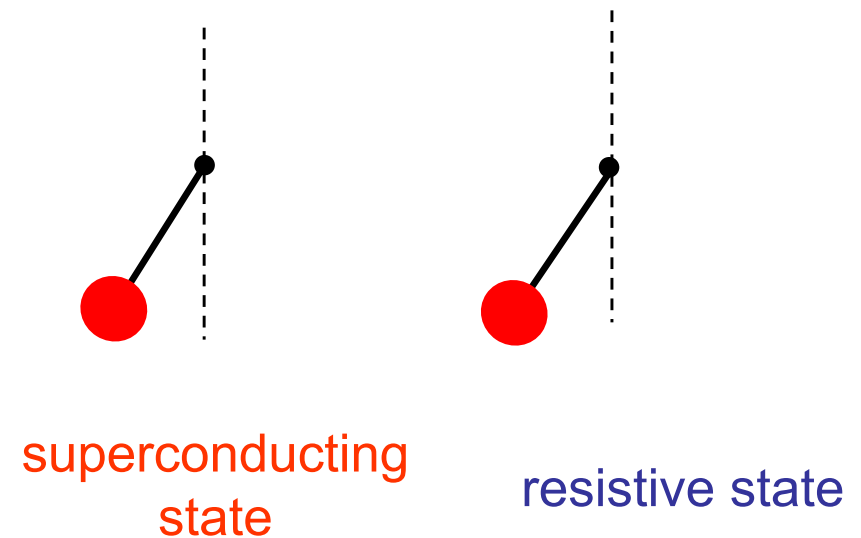
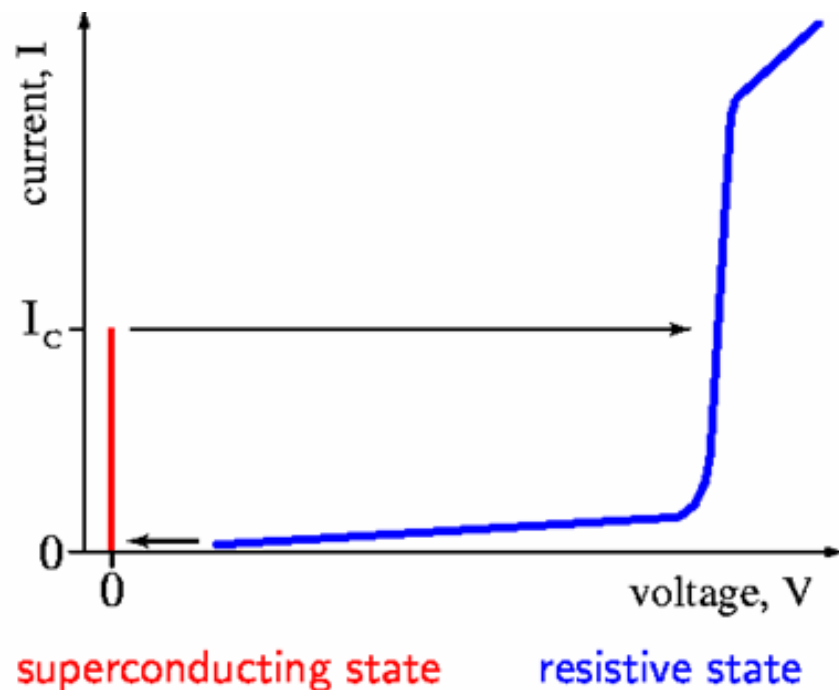


Superconducting and resistive states



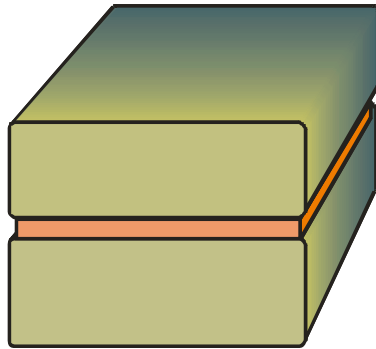
Parameters:

- I_c critical current
- C capacitance
- R resistance





Fabrication of Josephson junctions



1. circuit layout (CAD)
2. fabrication of photomasks
3. deposition of superconducting and insulating layers on a wafer
4. photo (or e-beam) lithography
5. dicing the wafer into chips

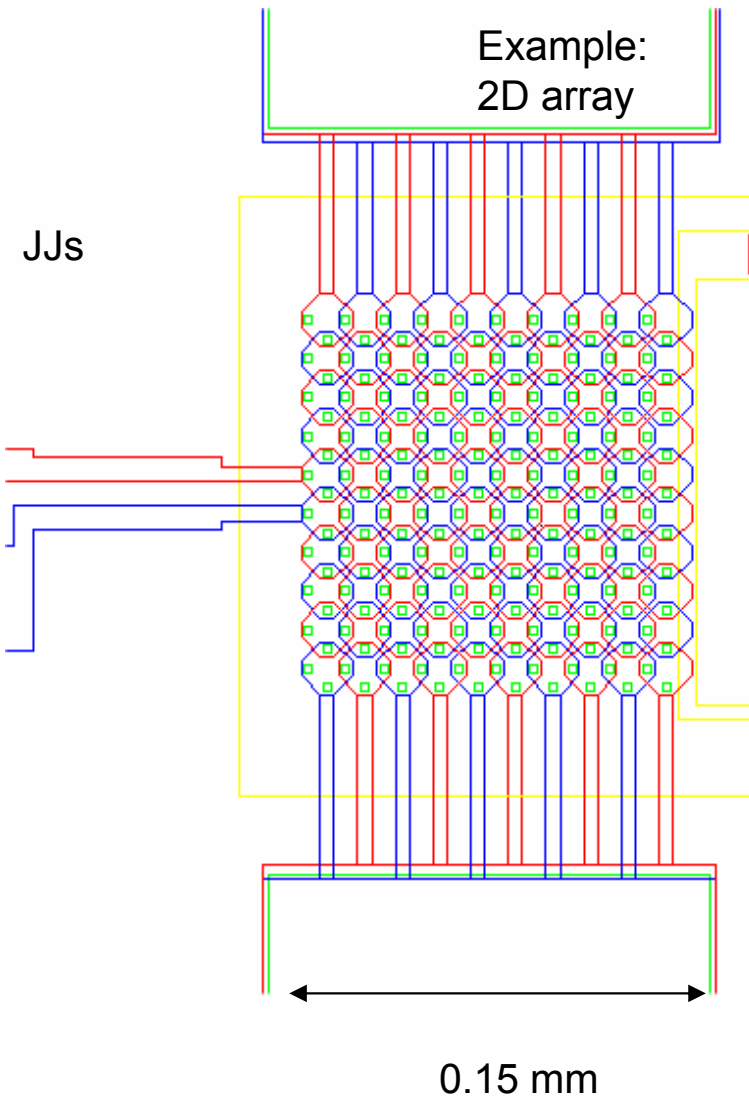
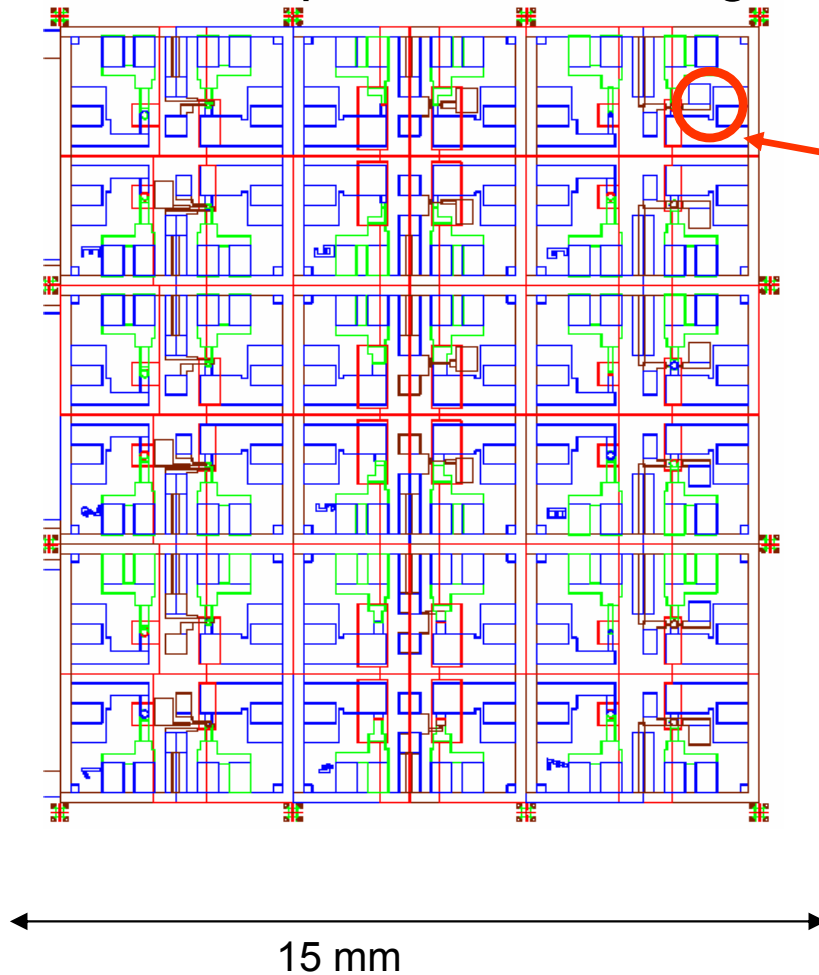
- $Nb-AlO_x-Nb$
 - Nb sputtering
 - Al sputtering and oxidation
 - $T_c = 9.2$ K
 - J_c from 10^2 to 10^4 A/cm²

- $Al-AlO_x-Al$
 - Al evaporation
 - Al oxidation
 - $T_c = 1.2$ K
 - J_c from 1 to 10^2 A/cm²



Sample layout

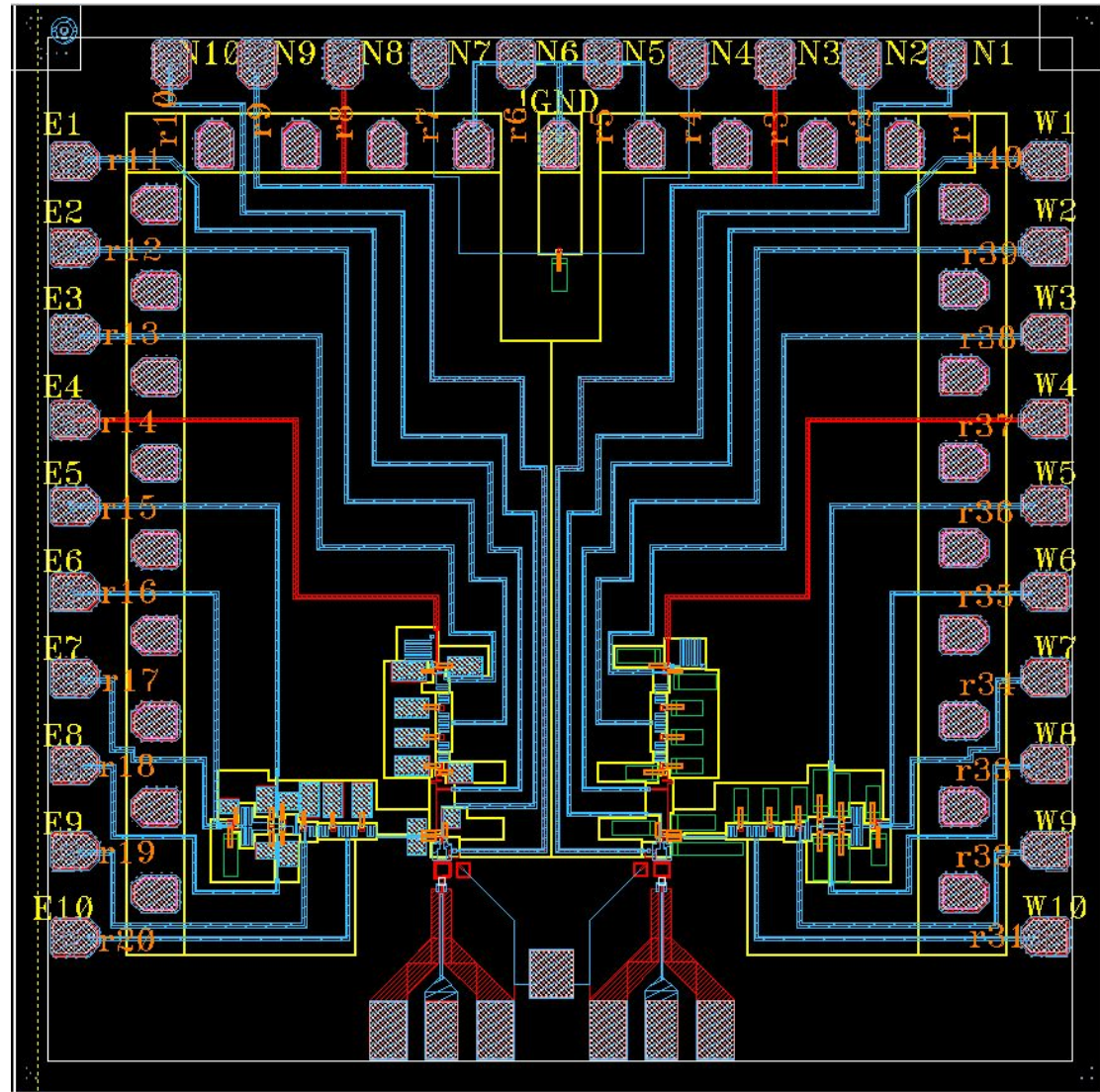
CAD = computer aided design





Example of sample layout (RSFQ)

RSFQ = Rapid Single Flux Quantum Logic



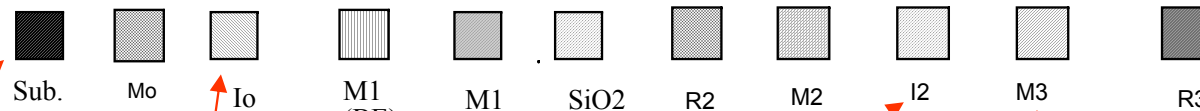
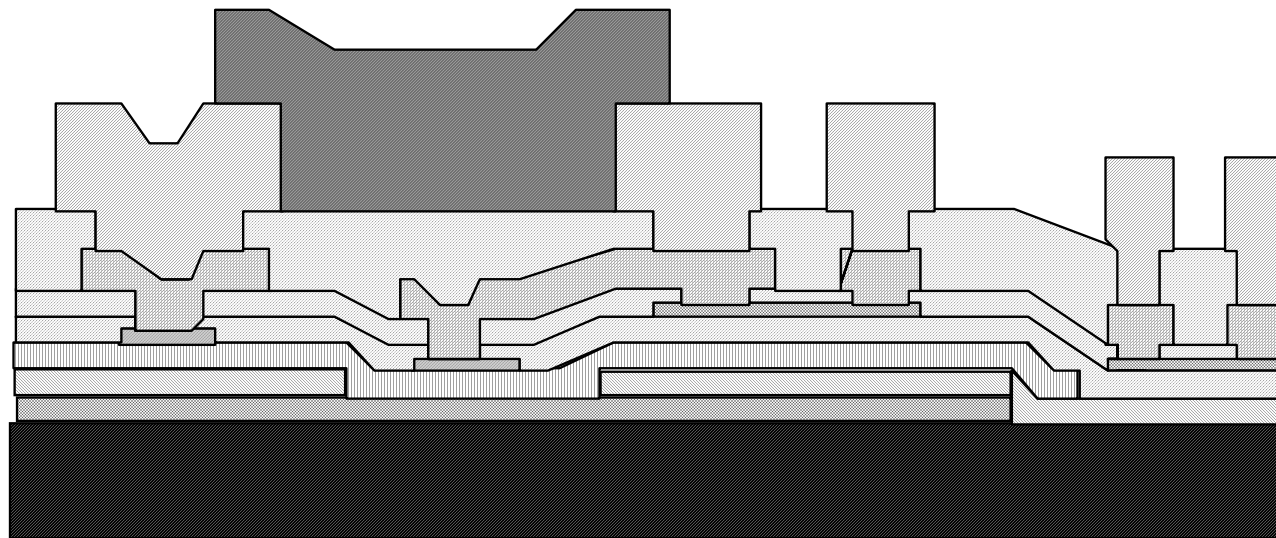
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Foundry rules: Example

design rules of Hypres Inc.

See: <http://www.hypres.com>



$Nb-AlO_x-Nb$ (pointing to M1 (BE) and M1 (CE))
 Nb (pointing to M3)

Si substrate

Insulator (SiO_2)

insulator

resistive layer (Mo or $AuPd$)



Wafer processing

Photolithography can be used for JJ size down to $1\ \mu\text{m}$

Clean room

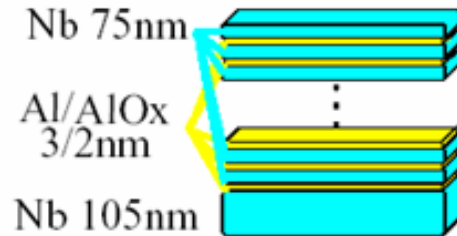


mask alignment

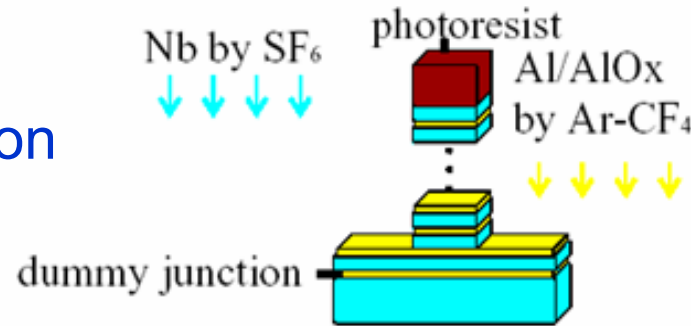


Fabrication of Nb-AlO_x-Nb junctions

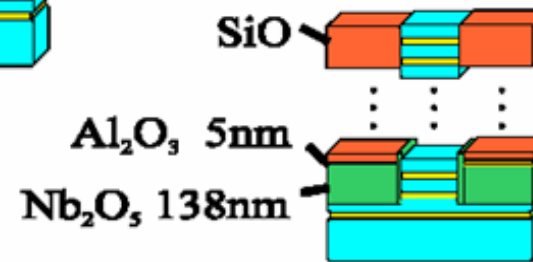
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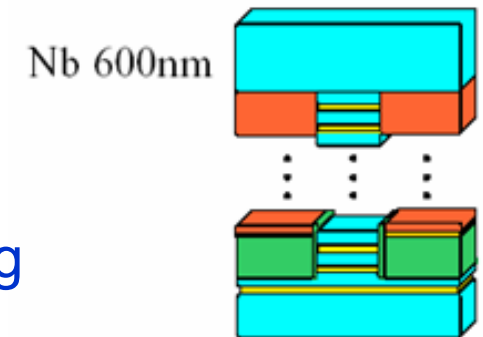
2. Reactive ion etching



3. Anodic insulation + SiO or SiO₂



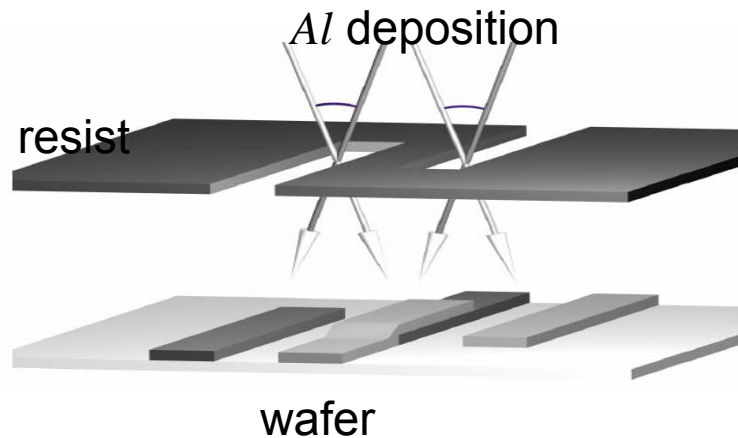
4. Nb wiring





Shadow evaporation technique

Electron beam lithography can produce JJ size $< 0.1 \mu\text{m}$



Electrom beam lithography

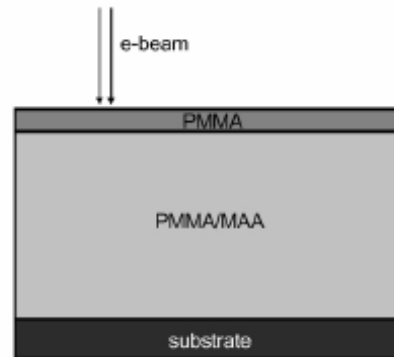


In a first step metal is evaporated from one angle, indicated by the dark arrows and dark structures on the substrate surface. The evaporation from another angle leads to an overlap of the features in the middle. (Picture by Mattias Urech)



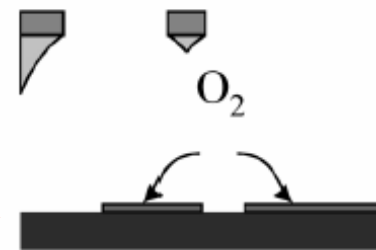
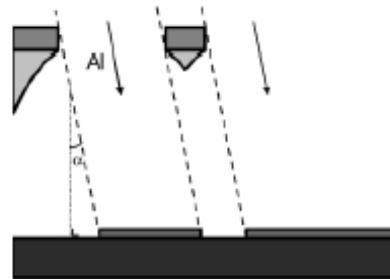
Shadow evaporation of Al-AlO_x-Al junctions

Pattern is written in the resist using an electron beam



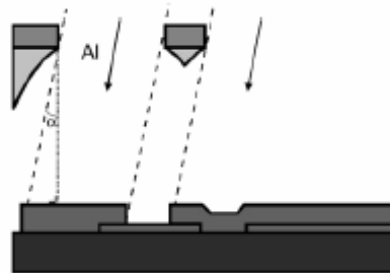
After the sample is developed, a suspended resist bridge is left

The bottom layer of aluminum is deposited under an angle $+\alpha$



The sample is exposed to O₂ to form the oxide layer

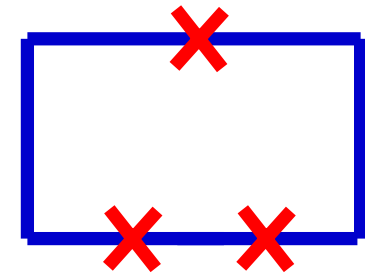
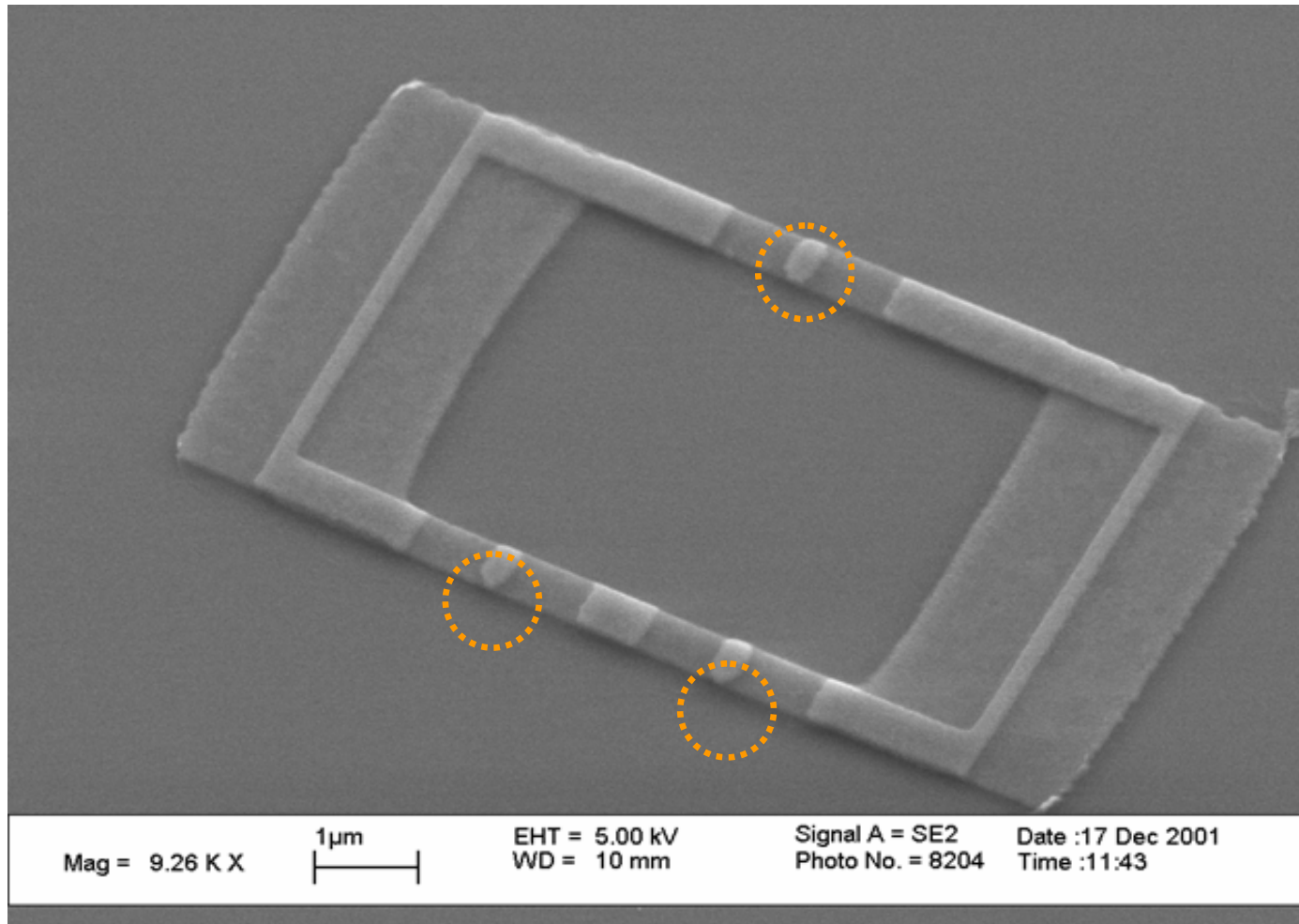
The top layer of aluminum is deposited under an angle $-\alpha$



Lift-off in acetone removes the resist and a tunnel junction is left



Sub-micron Al-AlO_x-Al JJs produced by electron beam lithography

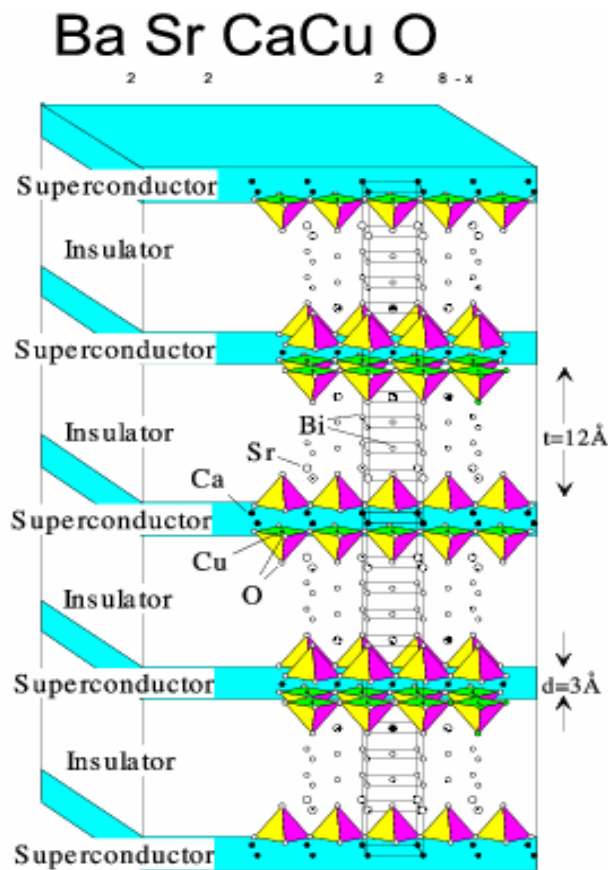


3-JJ flux qubit

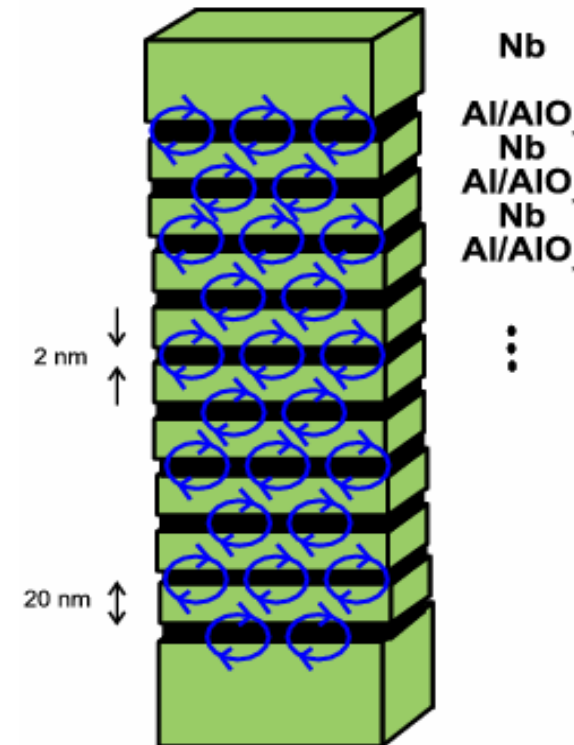


Josephson junctions made by nature

Natural (intrinsic JJs)

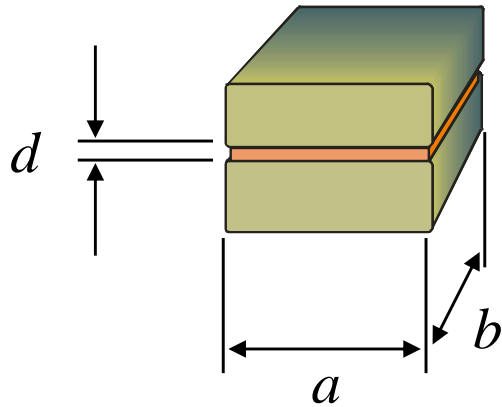


Artificially grown





Junction parameters



tunnel barrier thickness d

junction area $A = ab$

Josephson energy $E_J = \frac{I_c \Phi_0}{2\pi}$

charging energy $E_C = \frac{e^2}{2C_J}$

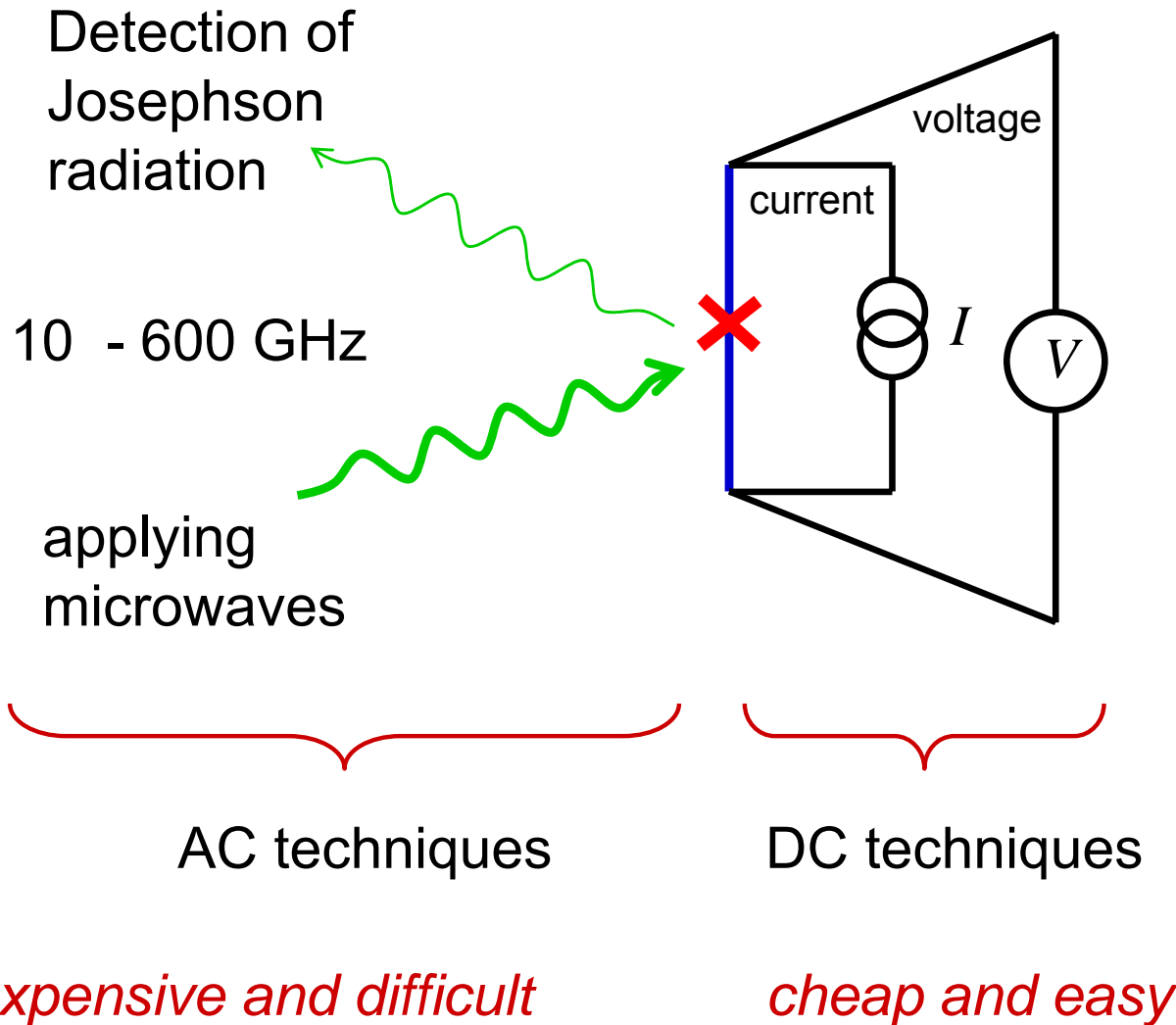
$$I_c = \frac{\Phi_0 \Delta}{2R_n} \sim A \exp\left(-\frac{d}{d_0}\right) \quad C_J \sim \frac{A}{\epsilon d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{E_J}{E_C} \sim A^2 d \exp\left(-\frac{d}{d_0}\right)$$

Typically, achieving $\frac{E_J}{E_C} \sim 1$ requires $A < 0.001 \mu\text{m}^2$

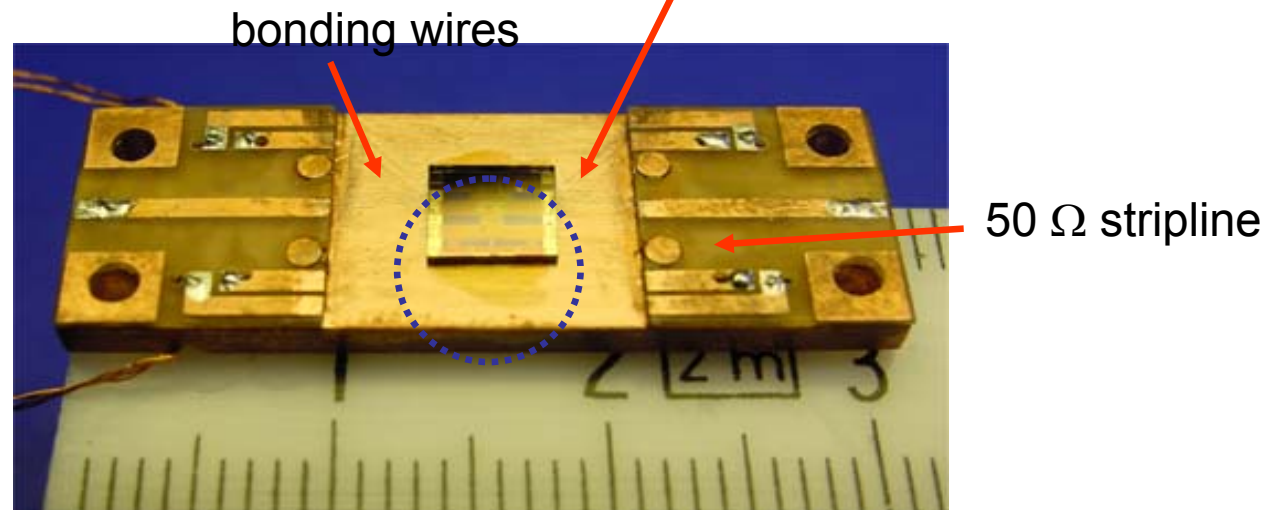
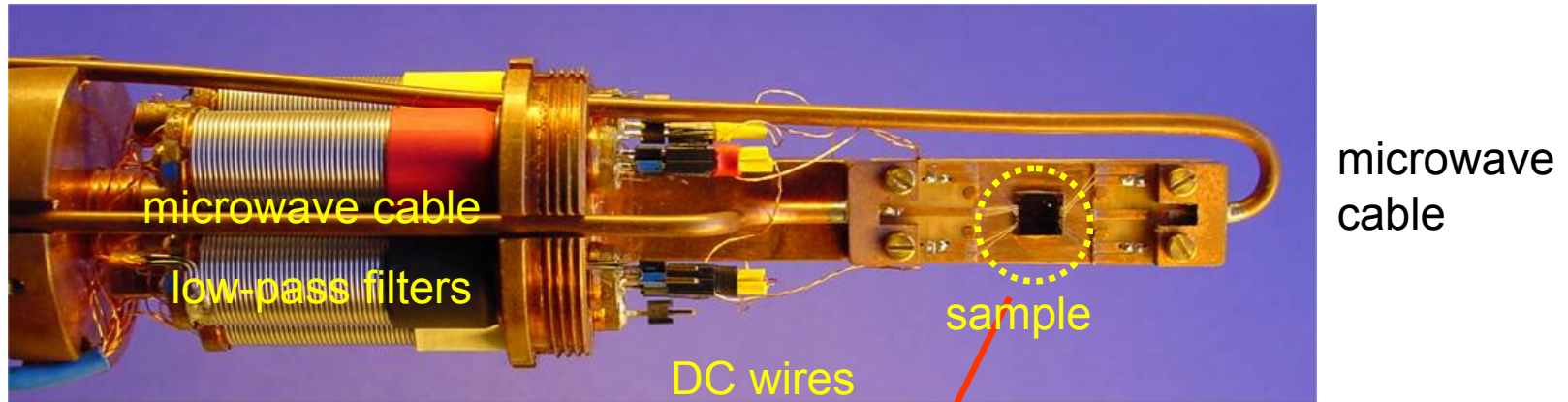


Measurements of Josephson junctions



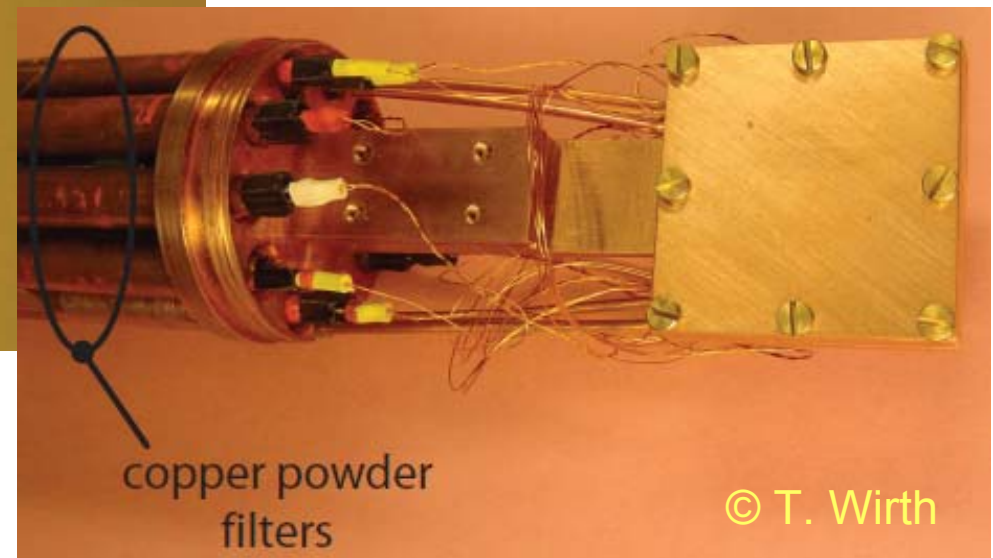
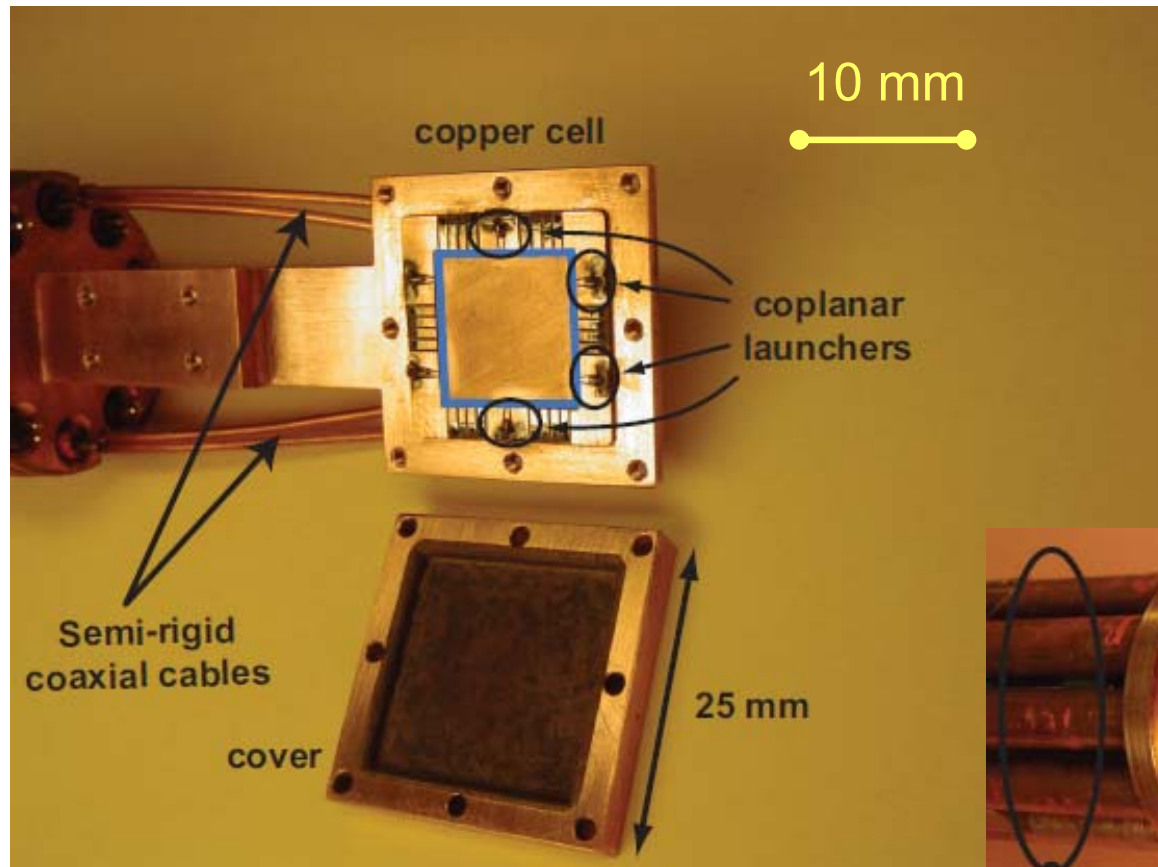


Sample holder



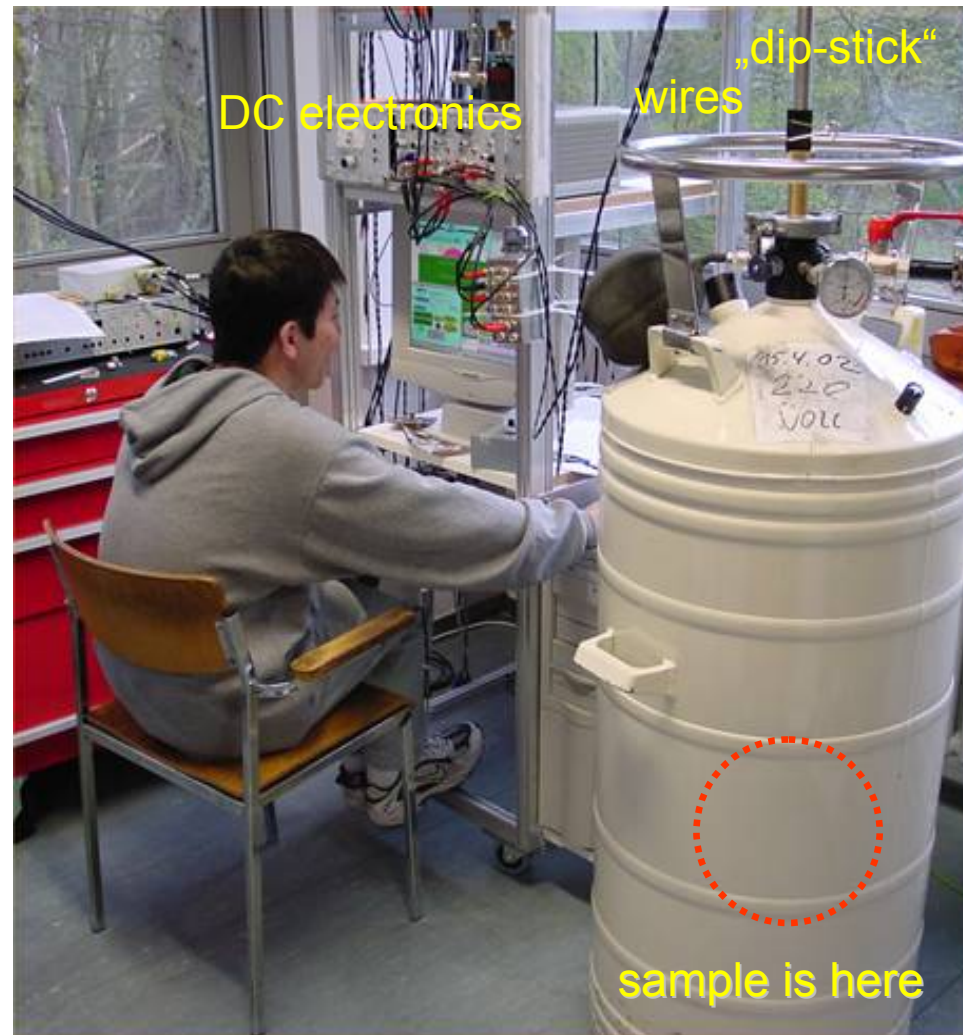


Sample holder (2)





DC measurements place



a dewar with
100 liter of
liquid helium

$T = 4.2 \text{ K}$



AC measurement equipment

spectrum analyzer
0.01 – 26 GHz

microwave source
0.5 – 18 GHz



sub-ns pulse
generator

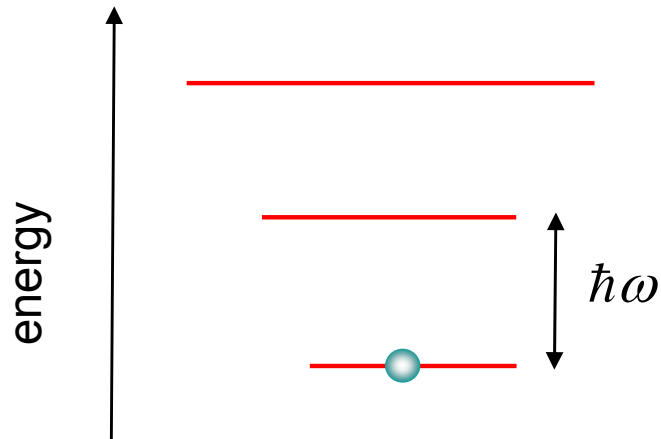
network analyzer
0.05 – 20 GHz

microwave sweeper
0.05 – 20 GHz



How low should be the temperature?

To see the energy levels we need $\hbar\omega \gg k_B T$.



For the level separation frequency of

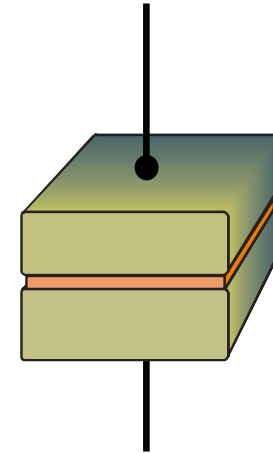
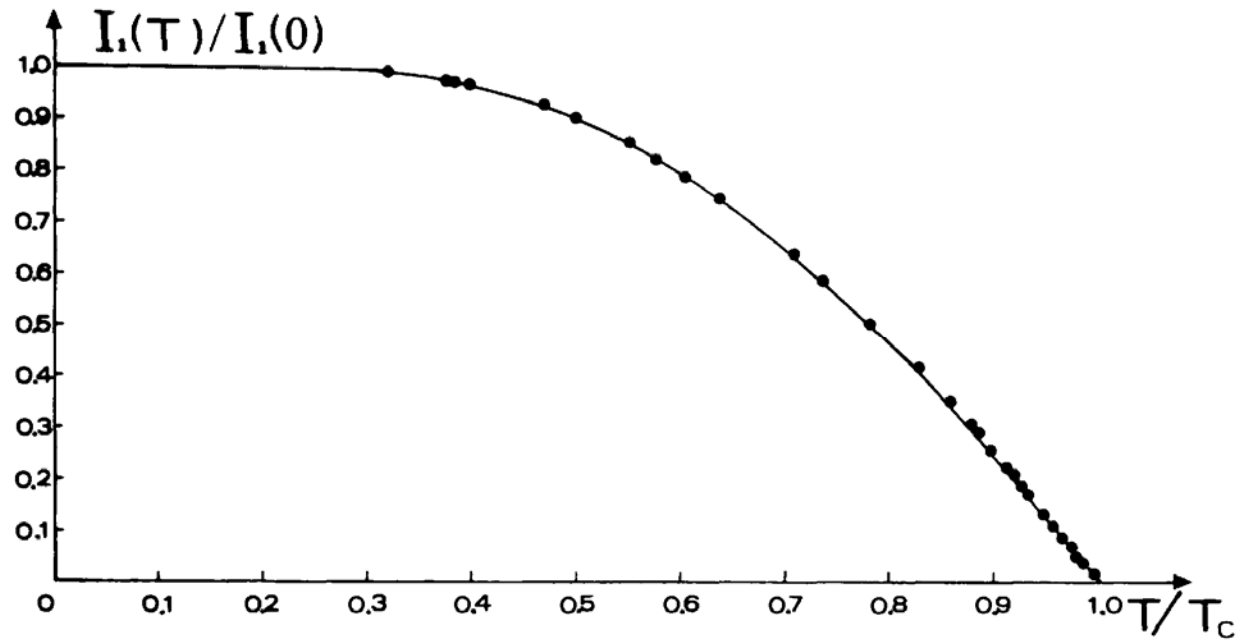
$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = 10 \text{ GHz}$$

the condition $T = \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B}$ corresponds to $T \approx 0.48 \text{ K}$

i.e. $1 \text{ GHz} \longleftrightarrow \sim 50 \text{ mK}$



Temperature dependence of the critical current



© A.Barone data

Sn-SnO_x-Sn junction

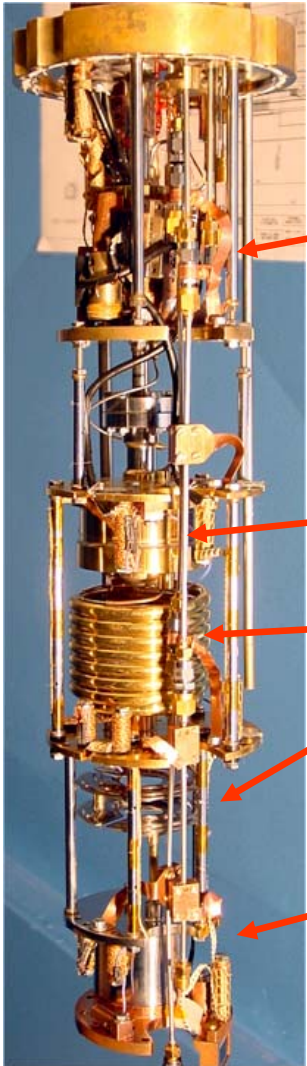
Ambegaokar and Baratoff (1963)

$$I_c(T) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\Delta(T)}{R_n} \tanh \frac{\Delta(T)}{2k_B T}$$



Measurements at mK temperatures

Dilution Refrigerator (e.g., from Oxford Instruments) with base temperature ~ 15 mK

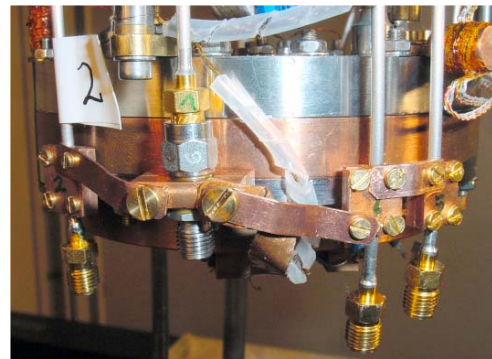
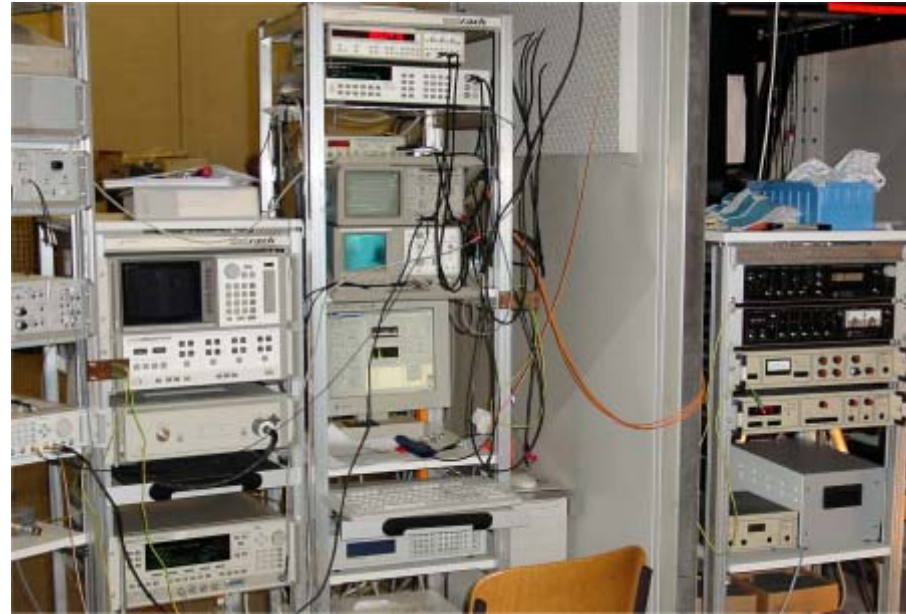
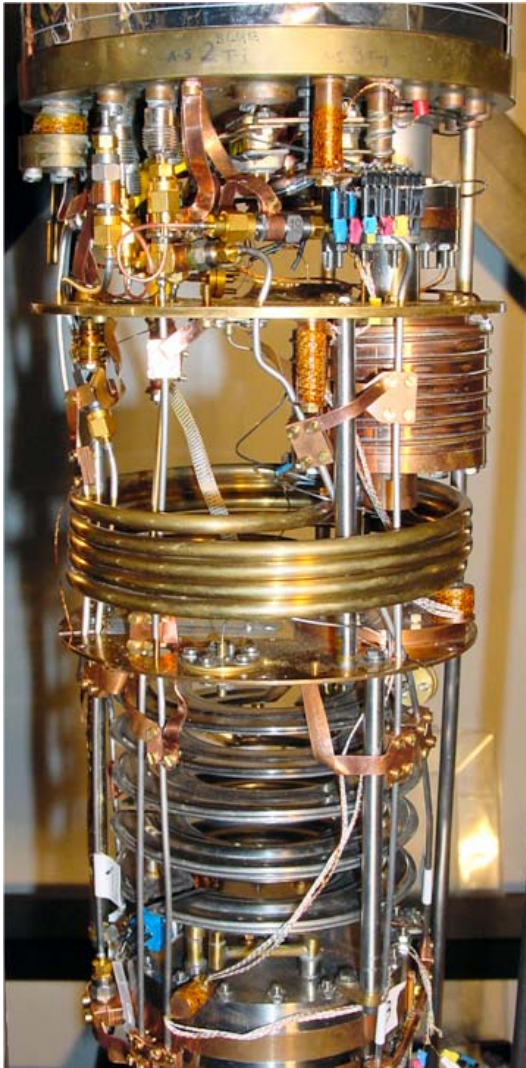


- 1 K pot (pumped liquid ^4He)
- condenser (to liquefy ^3He coming from the room temperature pumps)
- still (to pump on the dilute ^3He - ^4He mixture)
- two sets of heat exchangers (one side of each heat exchanger contains ^3He from the condenser while the other side has dilute mixture headed toward the still)
- mixing chamber (which contains the phase boundary between the pure ^3He coming from the condenser and the 94% ^4He + 6% ^3He , the "dilute" phase).



How real measurement looks like ...

“old horse”



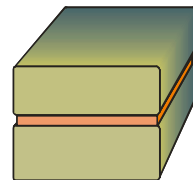
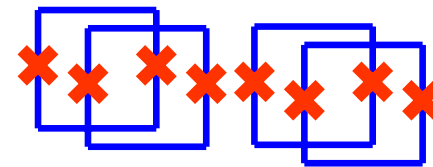
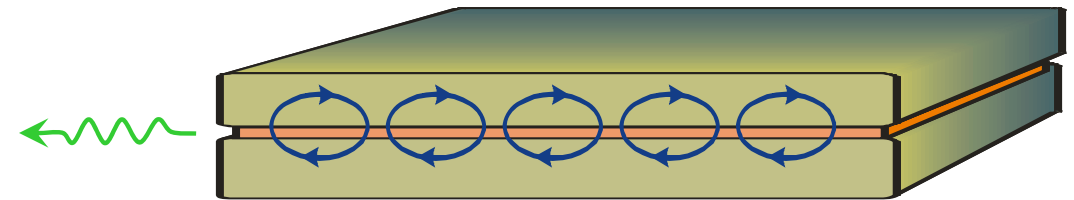
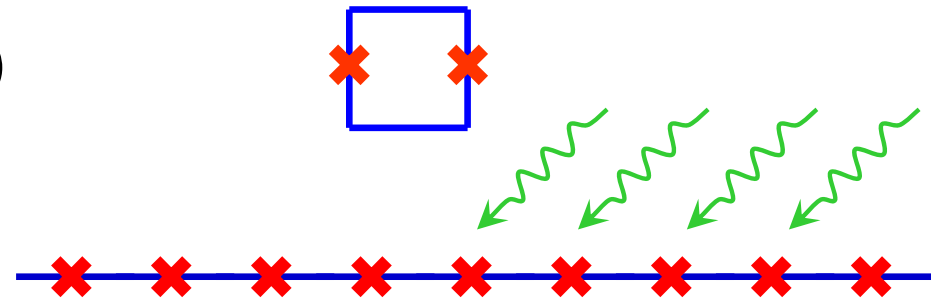
Short experimental quiz:
how to thermally anchor
the coaxial line central
conductor?

mixing chamber cools down to 10 mK



Applications of Josephson junctions

- SQUIDs (magnetometry)
- Voltage standard
- Microwave generators
(1 GHz – 1 THz)
- RSFQ digital electronics
- Qubits



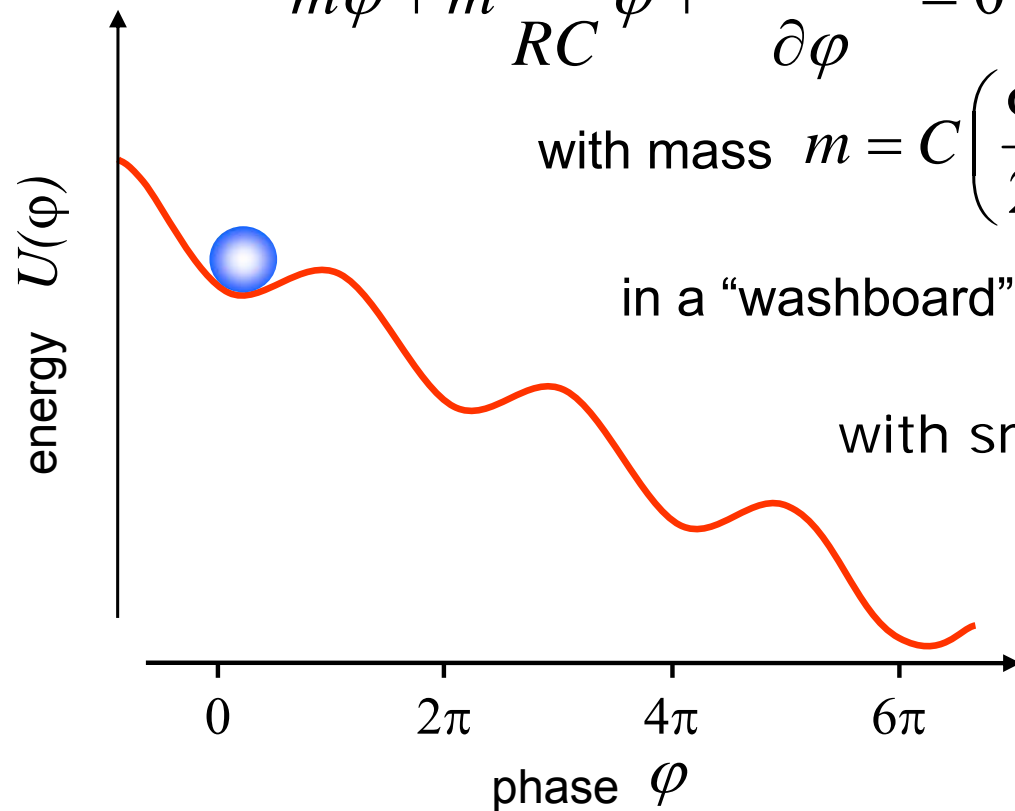


Josephson junction: mapping to a pendulum

Dynamics of a small Josephson junction is equivalent to the motion of a particle

$$m\ddot{\varphi} + m\frac{1}{RC}\dot{\varphi} + \frac{\partial U(\varphi)}{\partial \varphi} = 0$$

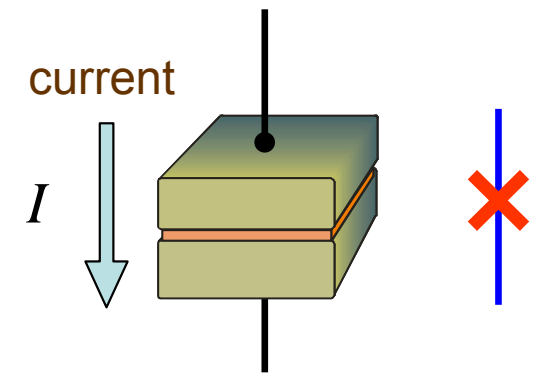
$$\text{with mass } m = C\left(\frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi}\right)^2$$



in a “washboard” potential $U(\varphi) = -\frac{I_c \Phi_0}{2\pi} \left(\frac{I\varphi}{I_c} + \cos \varphi \right)$

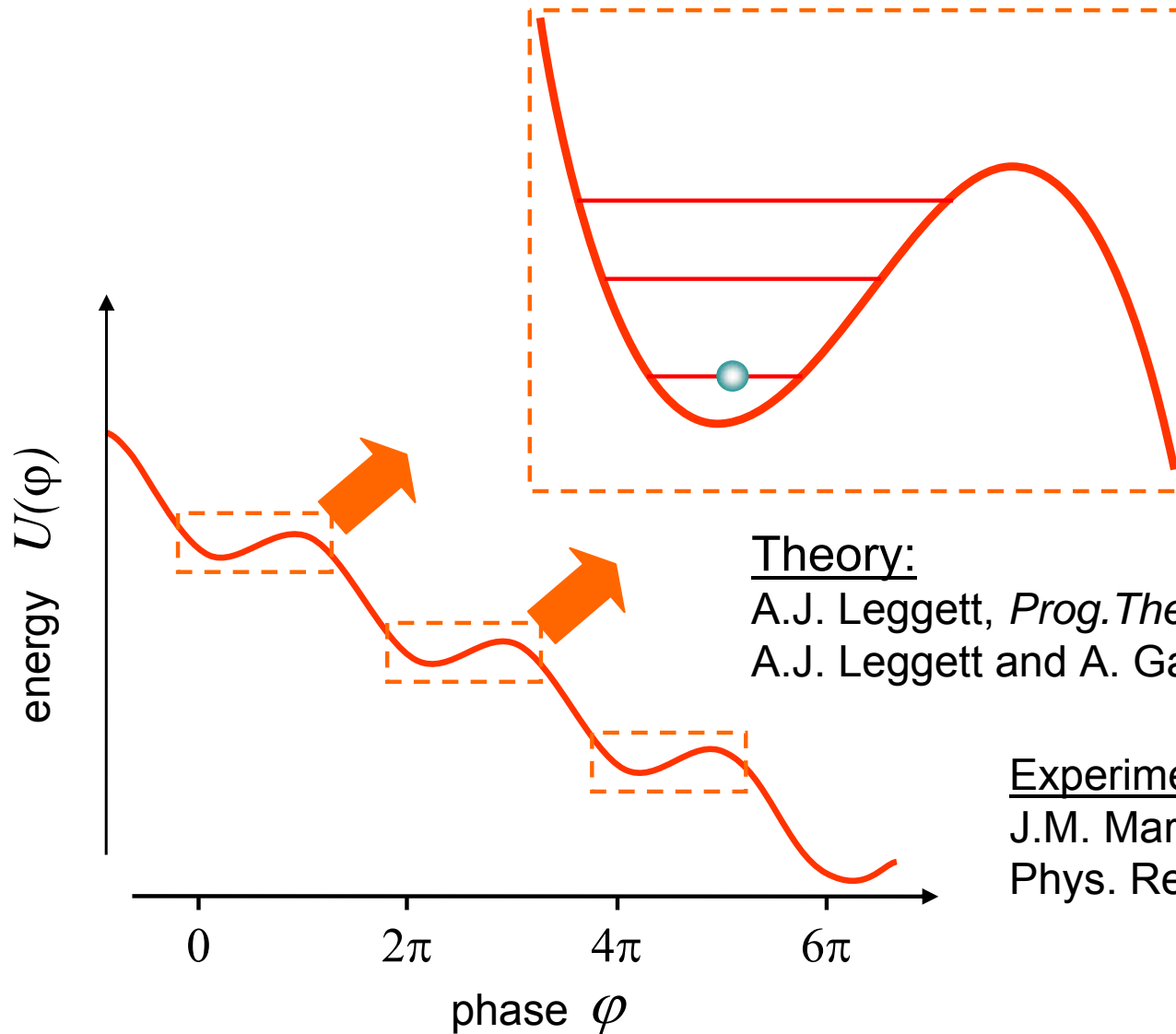
with small-amplitude oscillation frequency

$$\omega(I) = \omega_0 \sqrt[4]{1 - \frac{I^2}{I_c^2}} \quad ; \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi I_c}{\Phi_0 C_J}}$$





Macroscopic quantum system



By reducing the capacitance C the 'mass'

$$m = C \left(\frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

can be made small

Theory:

A.J. Leggett, *Prog.Theor.Phys.Suppl.* **69**, 80 (1980).

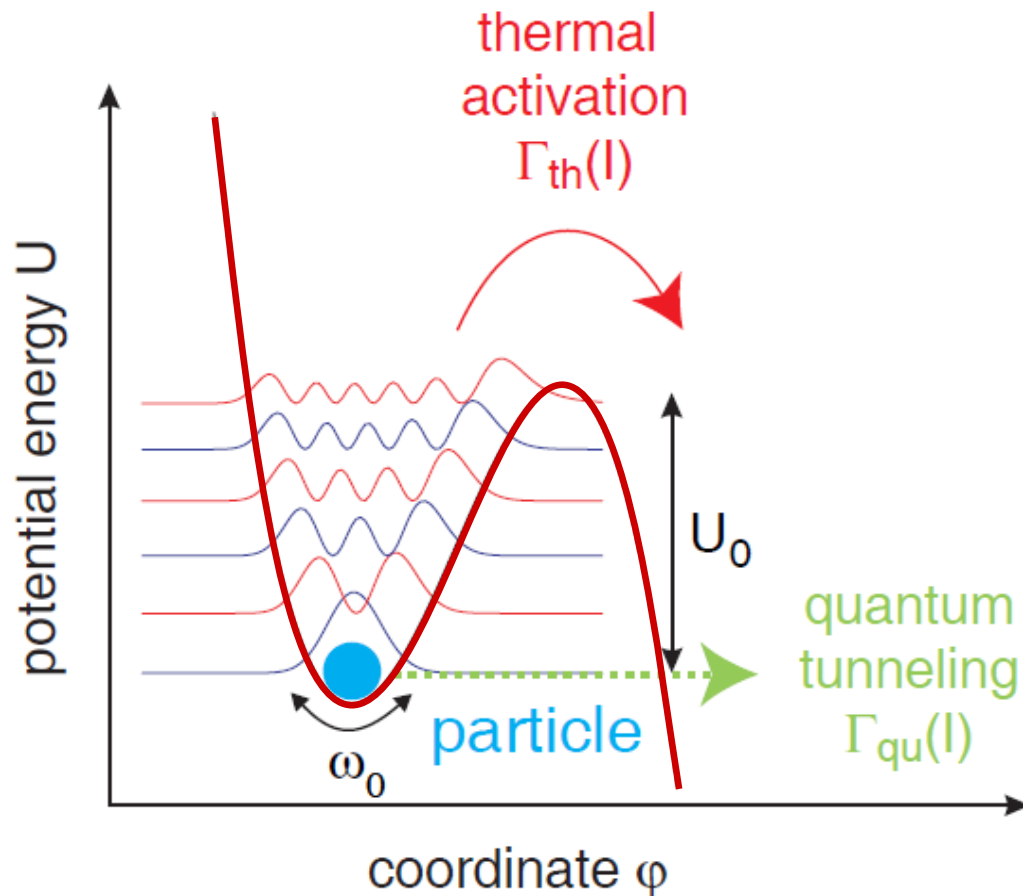
A.J. Leggett and A. Garg, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* **54**, 857(1985).

Experiment:

J.M. Martinis, M. H. Devoret, and J. Clarke, *Phys. Rev. B* **35**, 4682 (1987).



Thermal and quantum escape of the phase in a Josephson junction



thermal activation rate:

$$\Gamma_{th}(I) = a_t \frac{\omega_0(I)}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{U_0(I)}{k_B T}\right)$$

quantum tunneling rate:

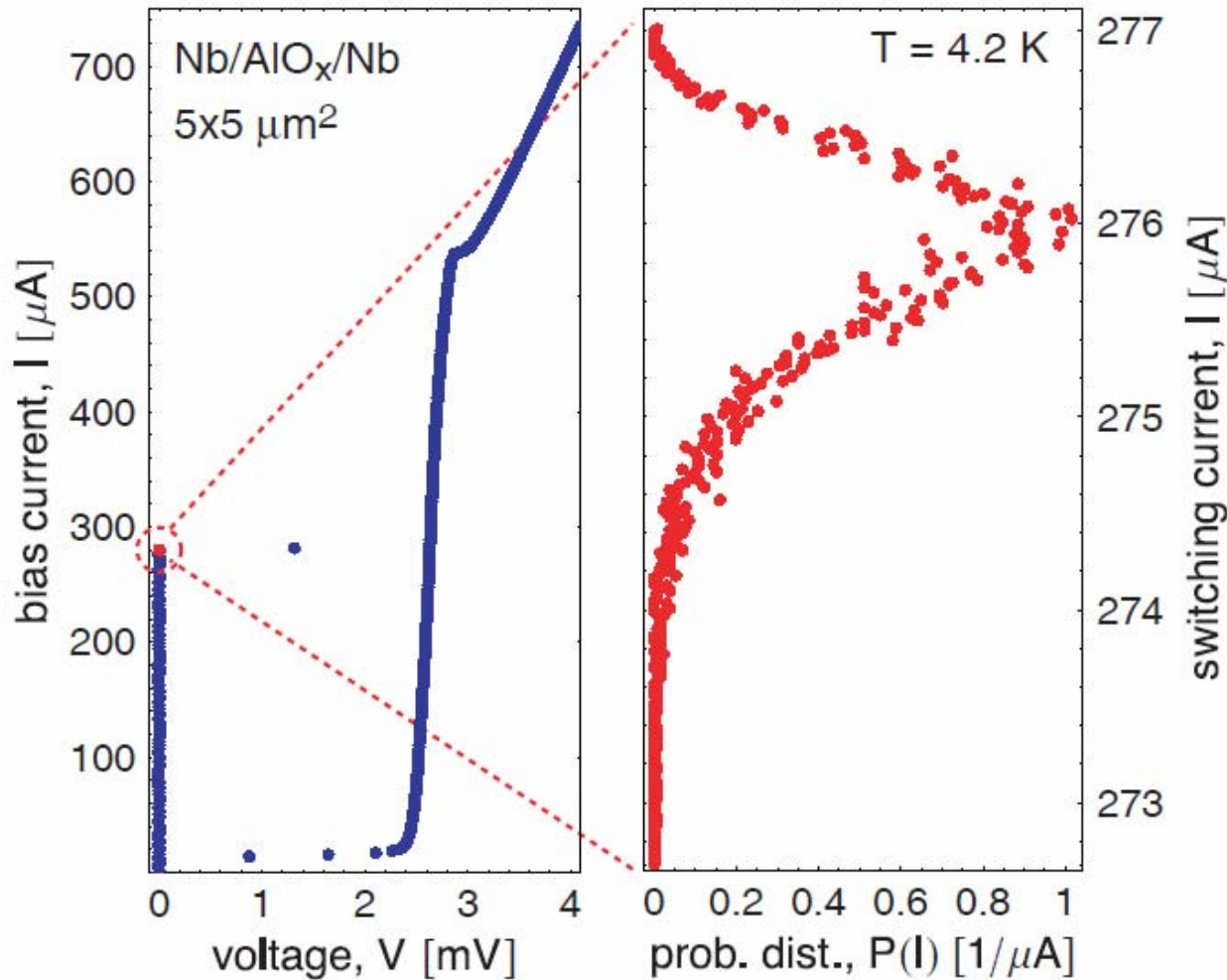
$$\Gamma_{qu}(I) \approx \sqrt{60} \omega_0(I) \exp\left(-\frac{36U_0(I)}{5\hbar\omega_0(I)}\right)$$

where

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi I_c}{\Phi_0 C_J}}$$
 is the Josephson plasma frequency of the junction



Measurement procedure



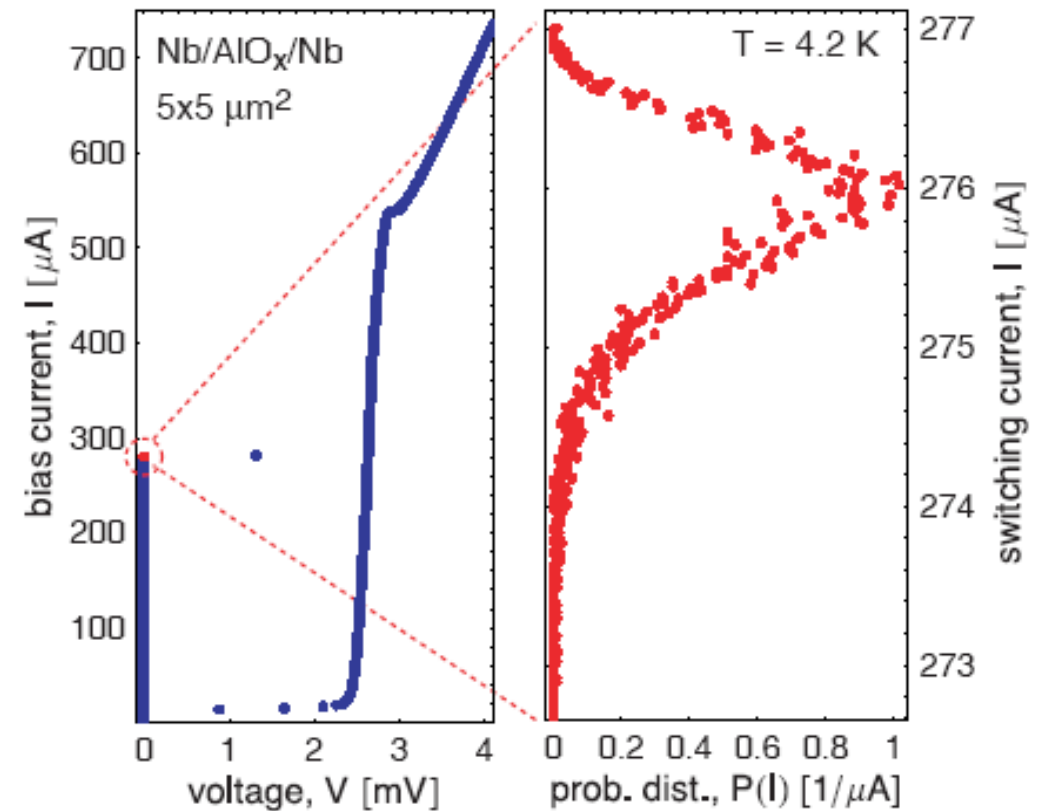
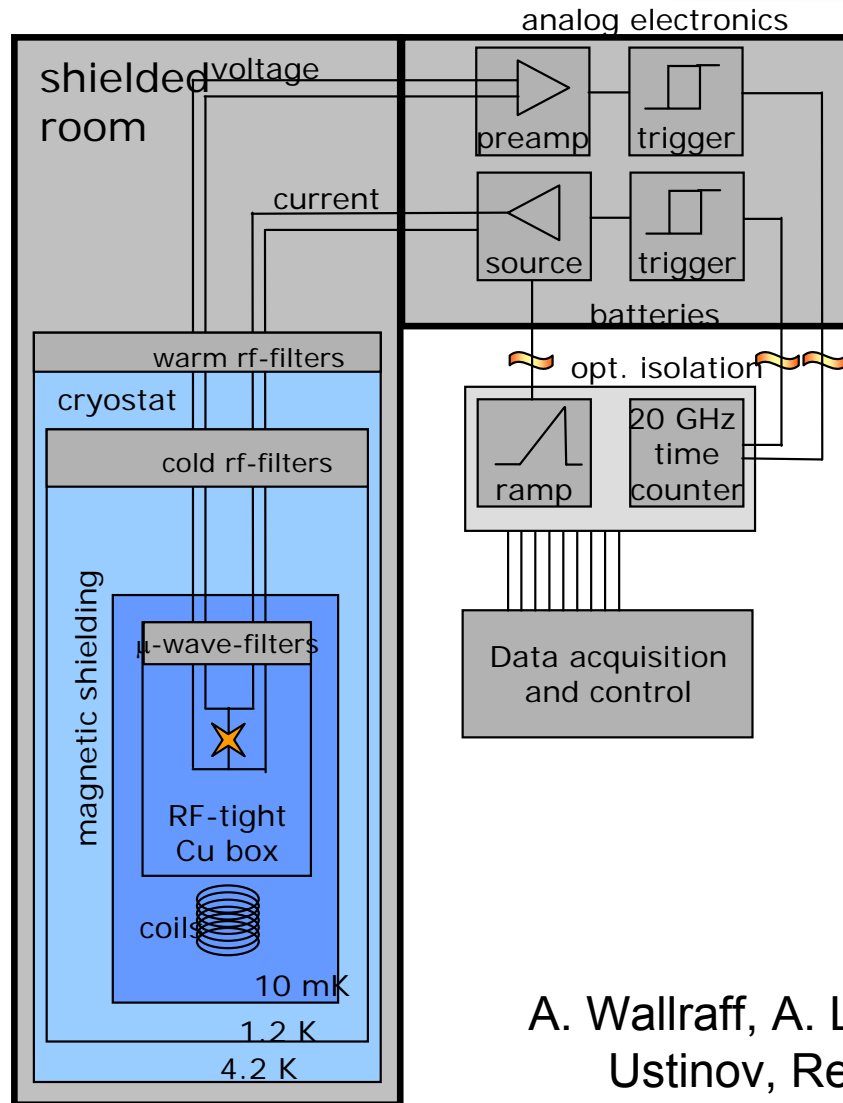
$$P(I)dI = \left| \frac{dI}{dt} \right|^{-1} \Gamma(I) \left(1 - \int_0^I P(I') dI' \right) dI$$

Switching current
probability distribution

R.F. Voss et al.,
Phys.Rev.Lett. **47**, 265 (1981)



Electronics for escape measurements



A. Wallraff, A. Lukashenko, C. Coqui, T. Duty, and A. V. Ustinov, Rev. Sci. Inst. **74**, 3740 (2003).



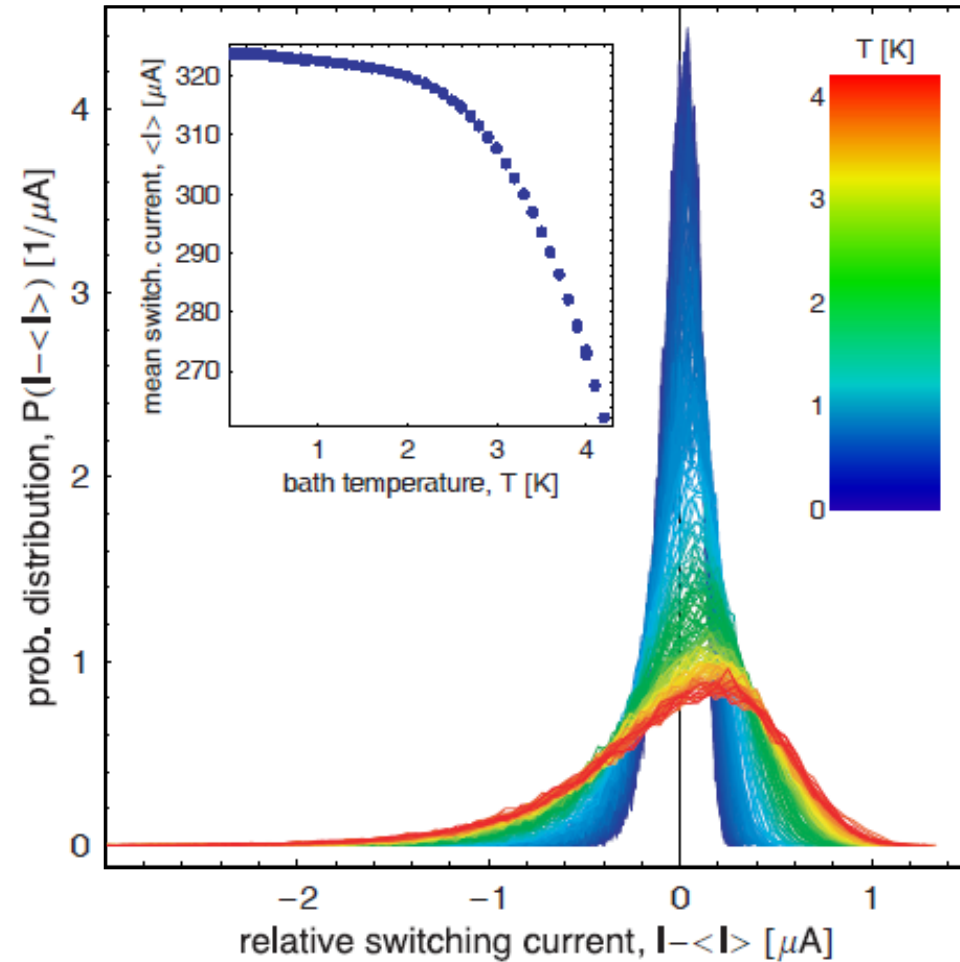
Measured escape histograms

Switching current probability distribution

$$P(I)dI = \left| \frac{dI}{dt} \right|^{-1} \Gamma(I) \left(1 - \int_0^I P(I')dI' \right) dI$$

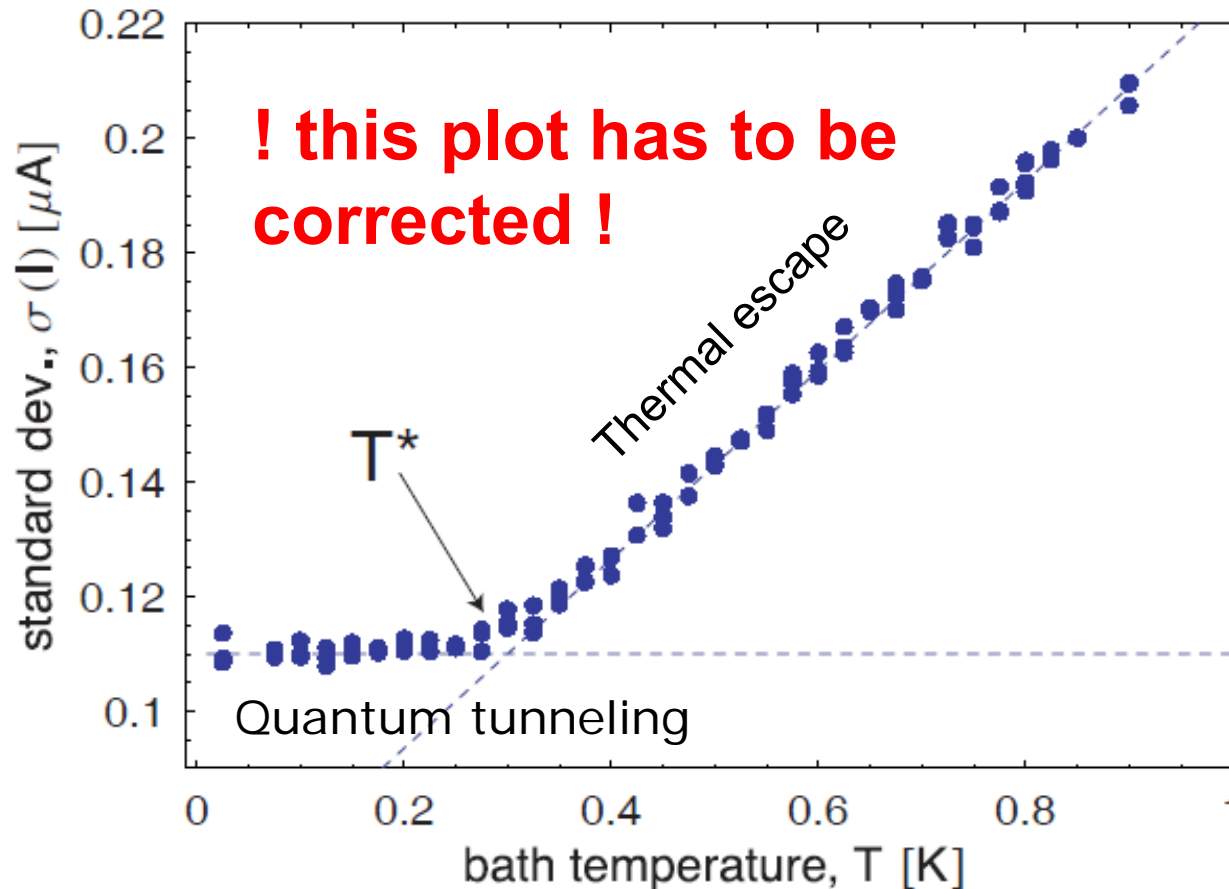
Bath temperature range:

25 mK – 4.2 K





Measured escape temperature



In the major temperature range

$$T_{\text{esc}} \approx T_{\text{bath}}$$

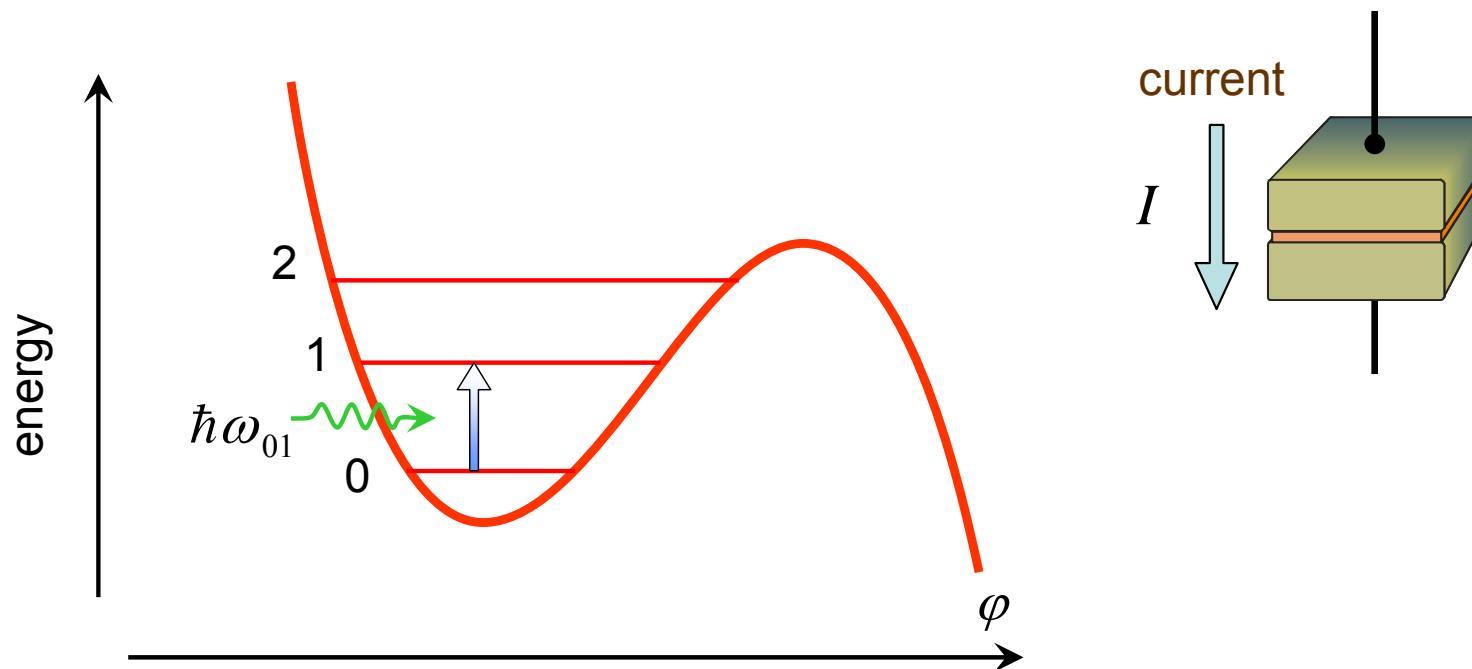
Crossover from thermal to quantum regime at

$$T^* \approx 300 \text{ mK}$$

Washburn et al. (1984); Devoret et al. (1984)



Microwave-induced transitions between quantum levels

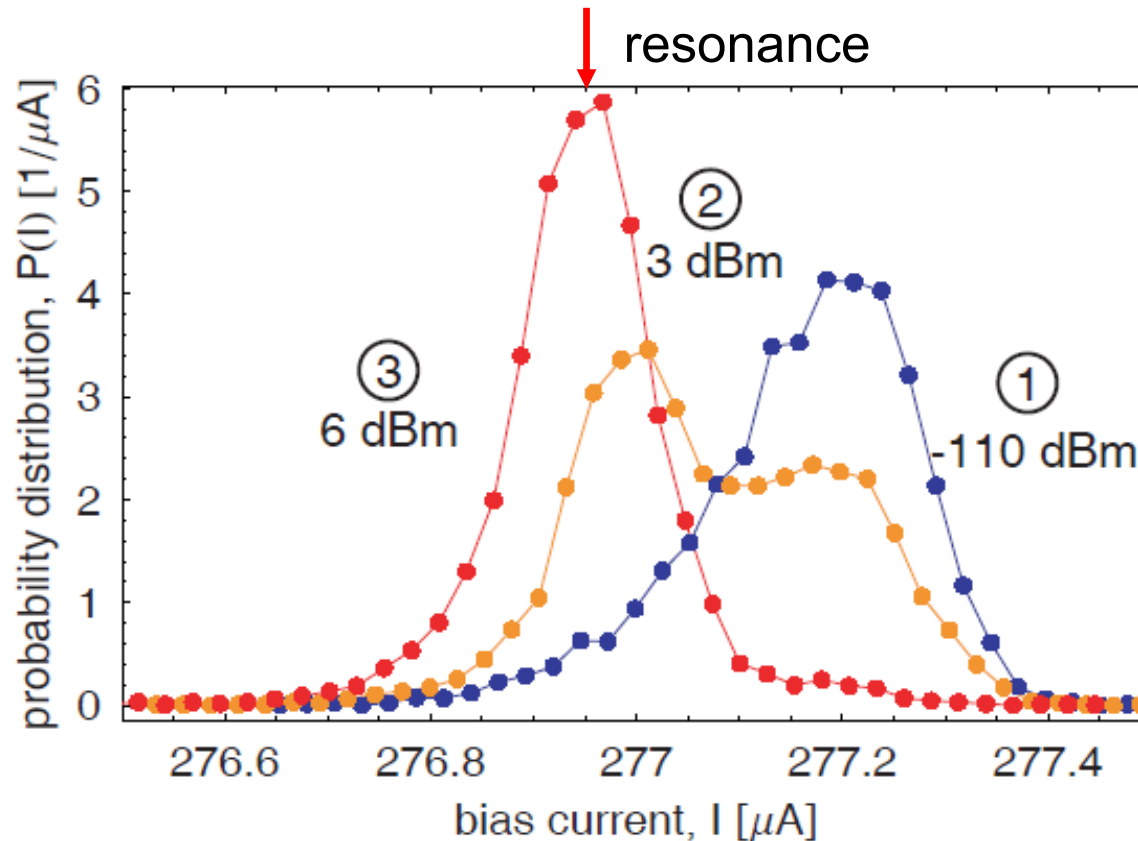


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Histograms with microwaves

$\nu = 36.554$ GHz at $T = 100$ mK $< T^*$:



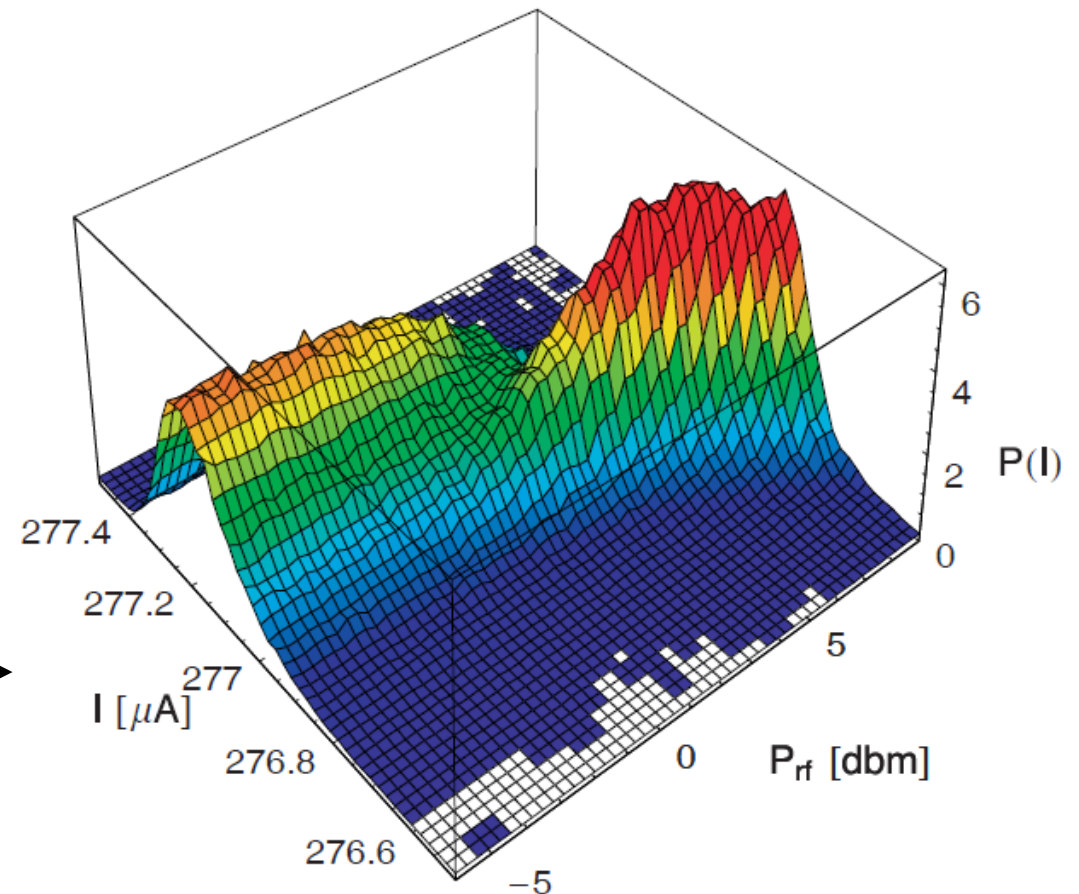
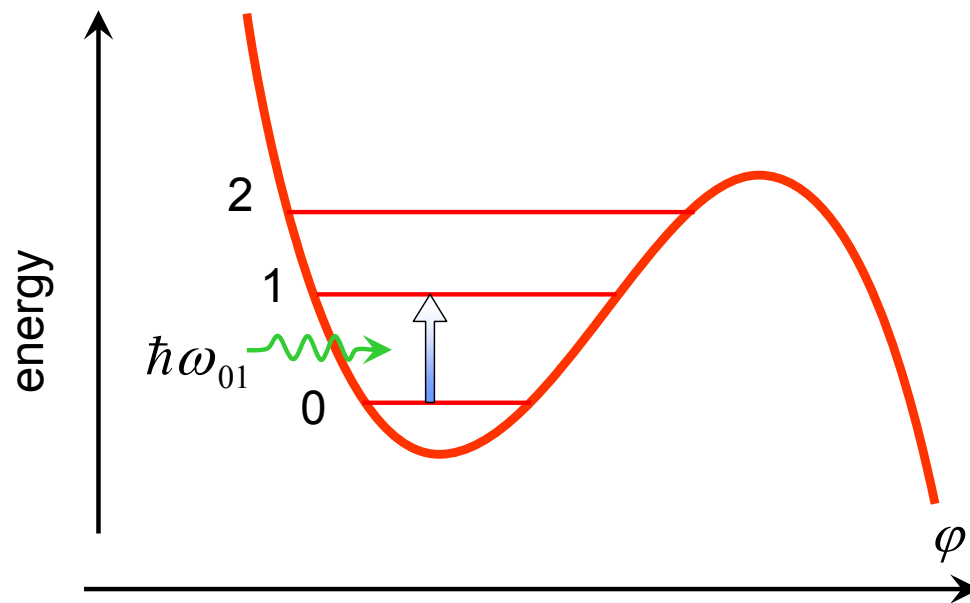
- double-peak structure
- the histogram becomes narrower under microwaves

A. Wallraff, T. Duty, A. Lukashenko, and A.V.Ustinov, Phys. Rev. Lett. **90**, 037003 (2003)



Microwave-induced transitions between quantum levels

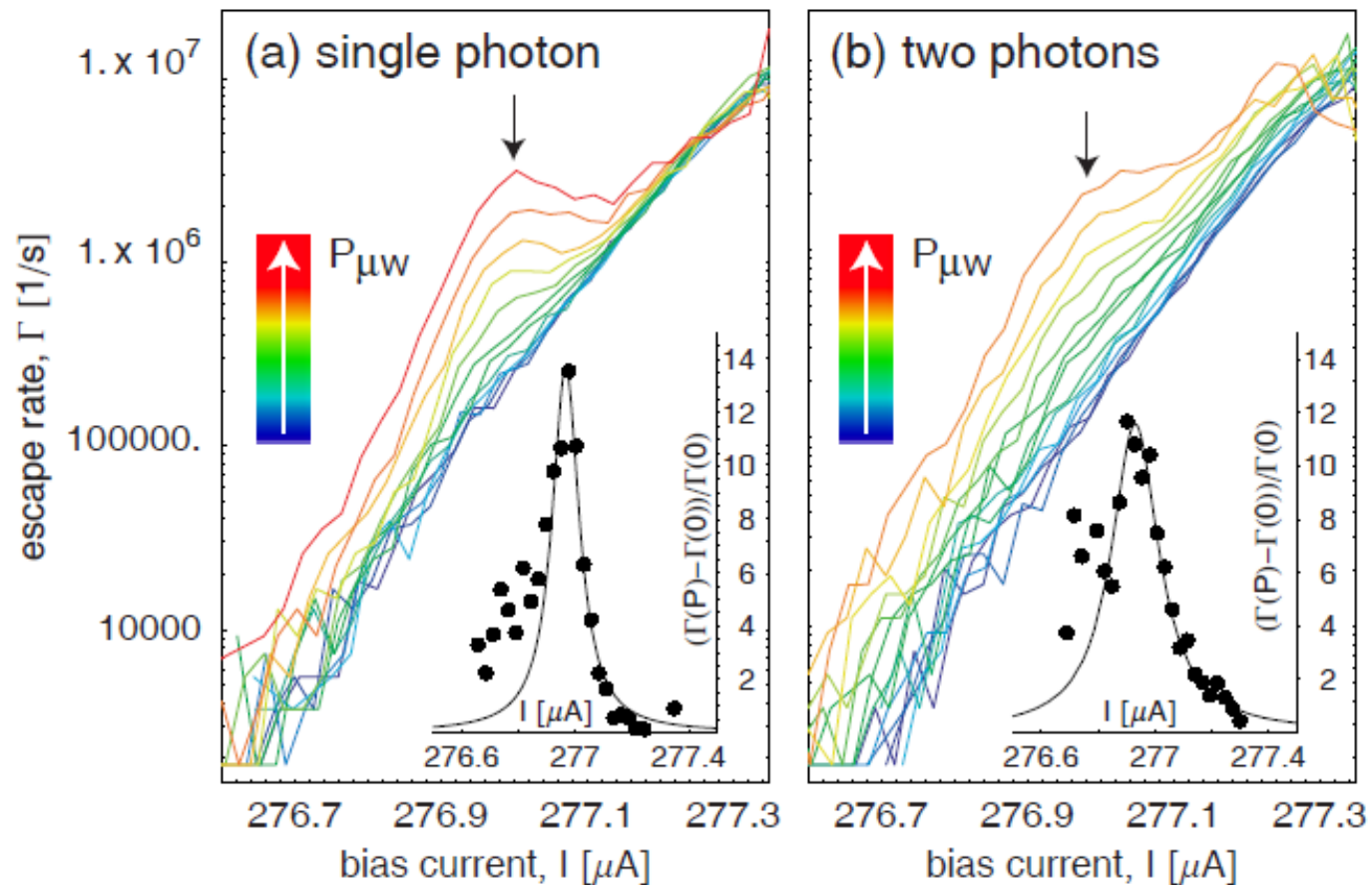
$\nu = 36.554$ GHz and $T = 100$ mK:



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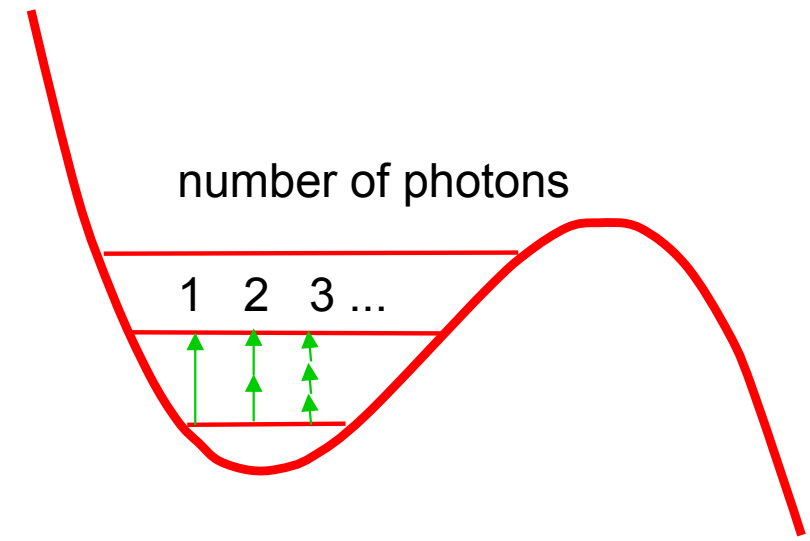
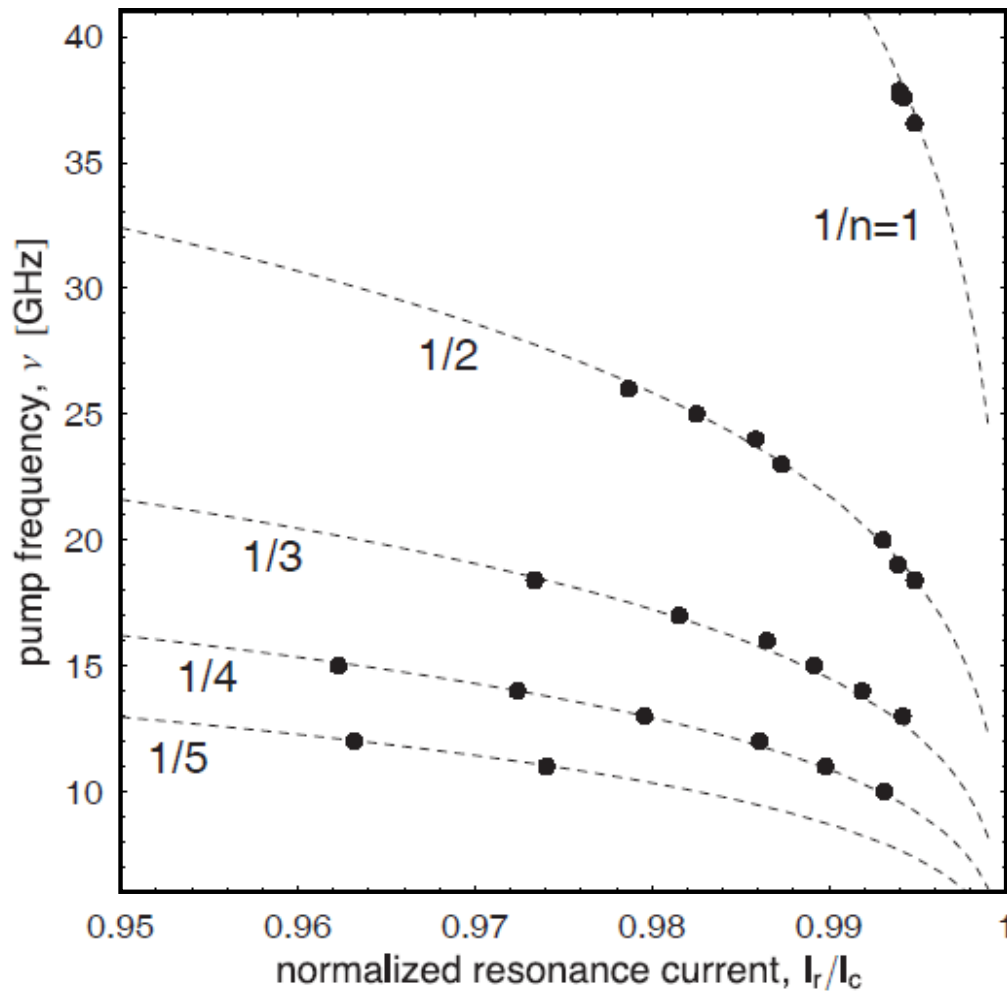
Enhancement of the escape rate



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Multi-photon transitions between the energy levels



$$\nu(I) = \nu_0 \sqrt[4]{1 - \frac{I^2}{I_c^2}}$$

A. Wallraff, T. Duty, A. Lukashenko, and A.V.Ustinov, Phys.Rev.Lett. **90**, 037003 (2003)



Summary of the introduction

- Josephson junctions are *nonlinear microwave resonators* with extremely low dissipation
- These junctions can be viewed as '*artificial atoms*' when operated in the quantum regime
- Pioneering experiments in the 80-s demonstrated *macroscopic quantum tunneling* and energy level quantization

Can one observe *macroscopic quantum coherence*
in Josephson systems?



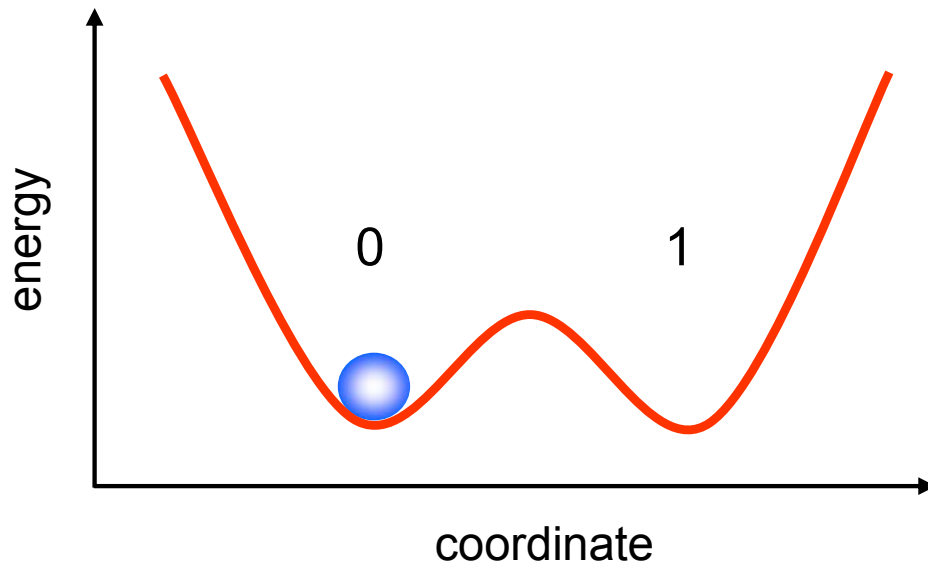
Superconducting qubits



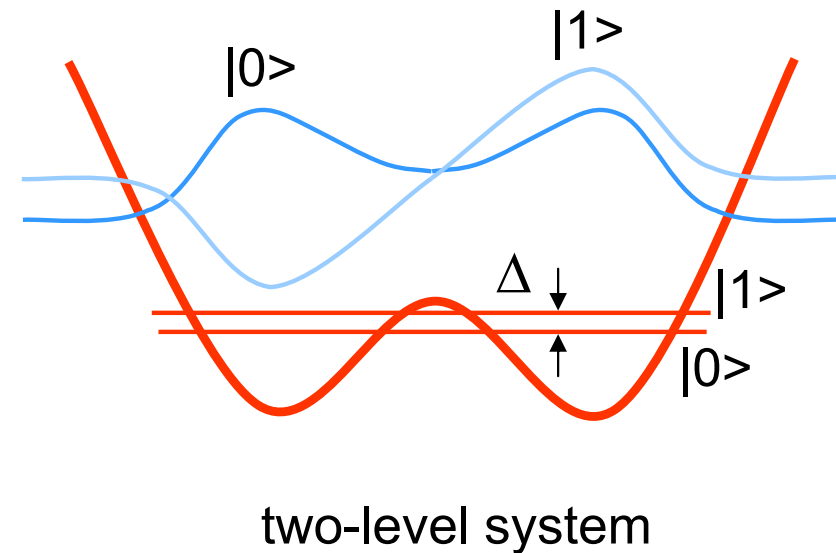
Classical bits and quantum bits

A classical computer operates with bits

A quantum computer operates with quantum bits called qubits



possible states:
0 and 1

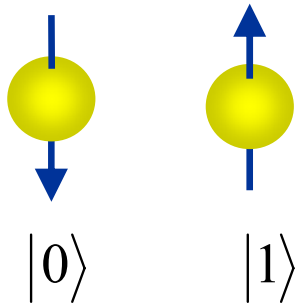


possible states:
 $|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$



Qubit description as a spin 1/2 particle

Quantum states



two basis states

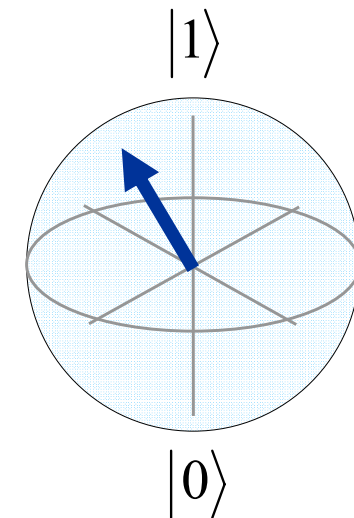
Wavefunction

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

α and β are complex numbers

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The Bloch sphere



In principle, **any two-level system** which acts quantum mechanically **can be used as a qubit.**



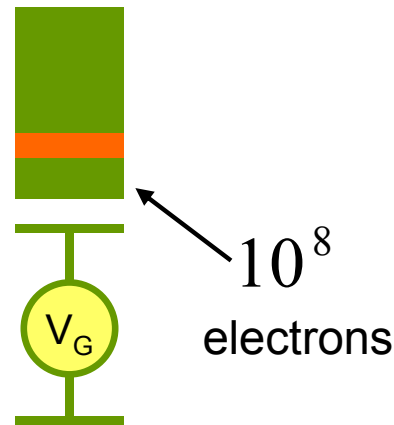
Flux and charge: Two extremes

Uncertainty relation for a superconductor: $\Delta n \cdot \Delta \varphi \geq 1$

Charging energy $E_C = \frac{e^2}{2C_J}$

charge qubit

$$E_C \gg E_J$$

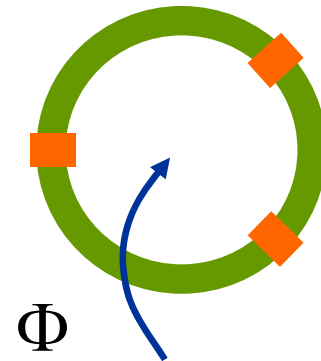


- Makhlin et al.,
Nature **398**, 305 (1999)
- Nakamura et al.,
Nature **398**, 786 (1999)

Josephson energy $E_J = \frac{I_c \Phi_0}{2\pi}$

flux qubit

$$E_C \ll E_J$$

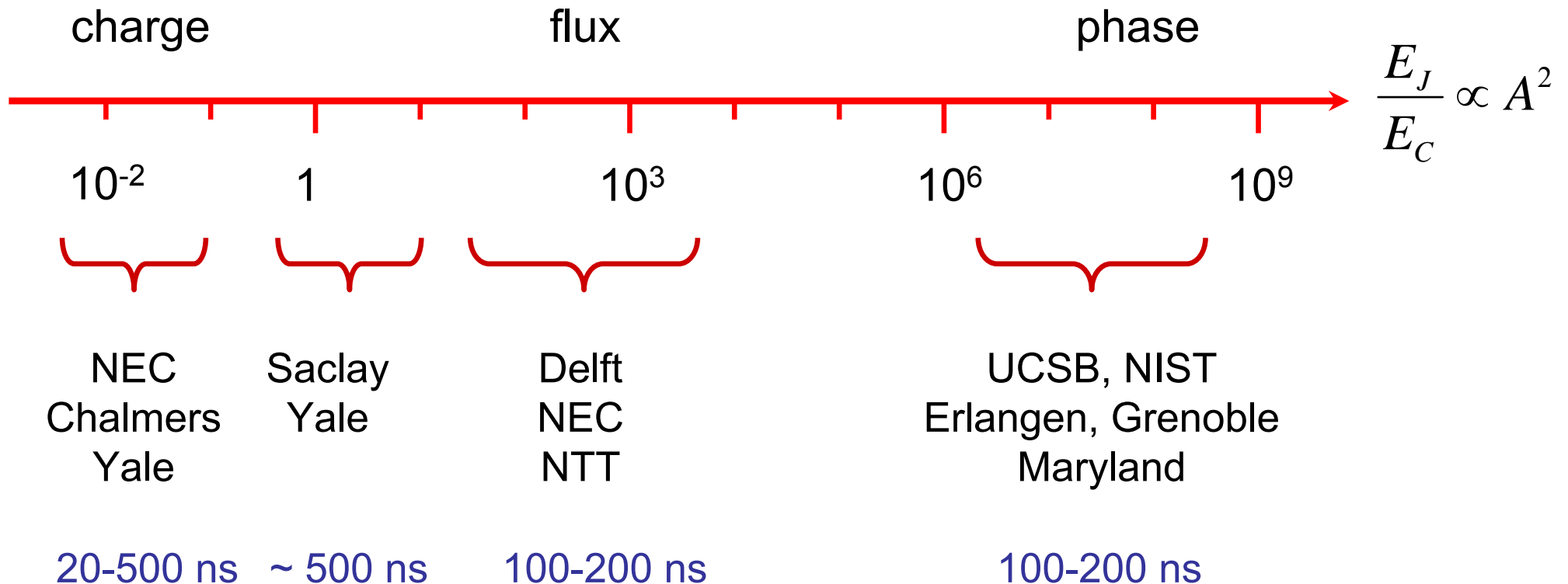


- Friedman et al.,
Nature **406**, 43 (2000)
- van der Wahl et al.,
Science **290**, 773 (2000)



Josephson junction qubits: Energy span

for a chosen J_C , the ratio E_J/E_C depends on the junction area A





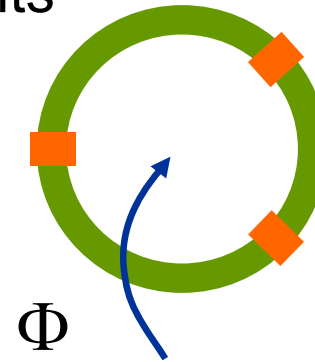
Overview of superconducting qubits

charge qubit

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Chalmers
Yale
Jena

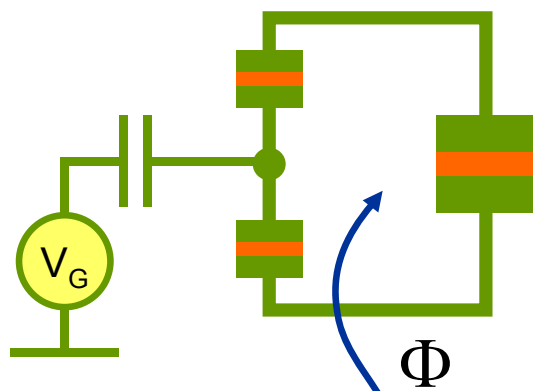


flux qubits



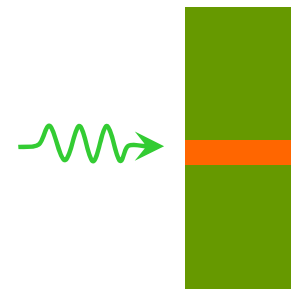
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charge/flux qubit



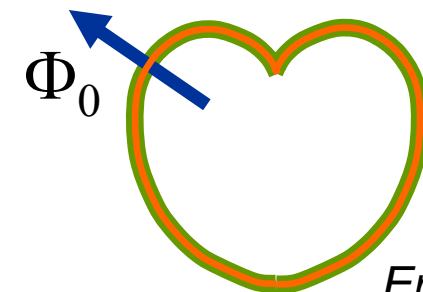
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phase qubit



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vortex qubit

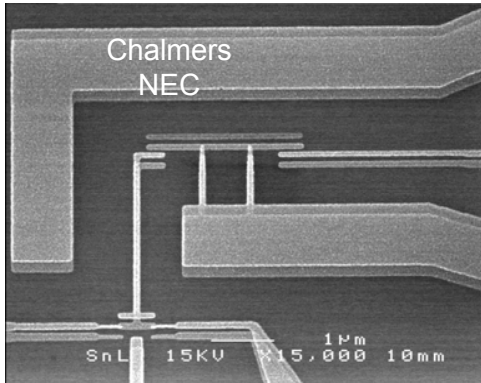


Erlangen
Tübingen



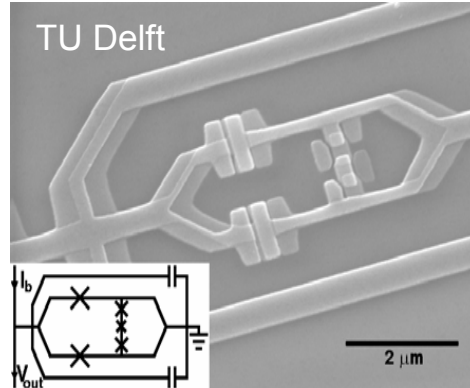
Realizations of Superconducting Qubits

charge



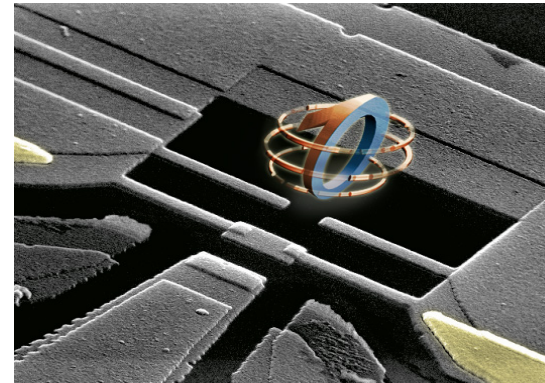
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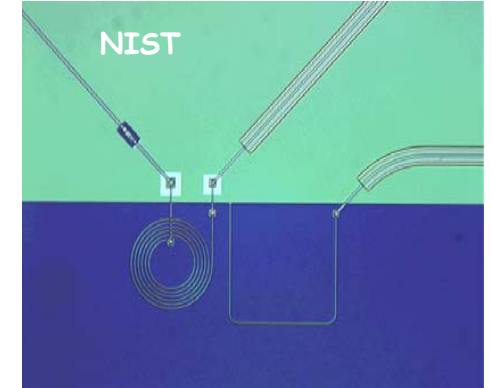
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Nakamura, Pashkin, Tsai *et al. Nature* **398**, **421**, **425** (1999, 2003, 2003)

Chiorescu, van der Wal, Mooij, Orlando, S. Lloyd *et al. Science* **285**, **290**, **299** (1999, 2000, 2003)

Vion, Esteve, Devoret *et al. Science* **296** (2002)

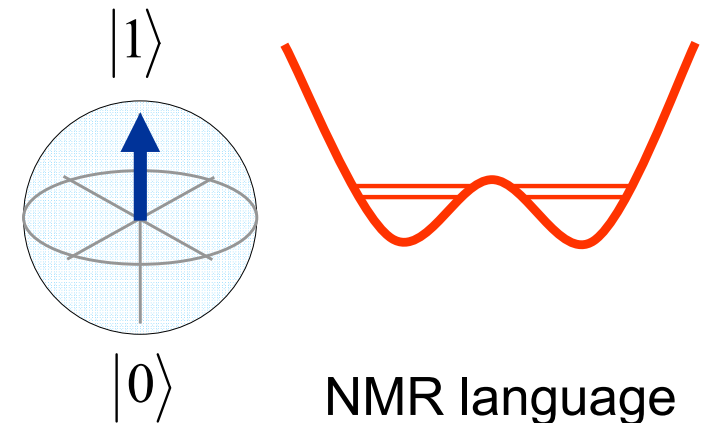
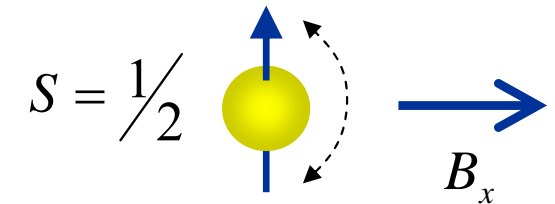
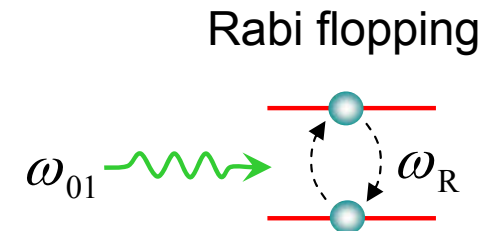
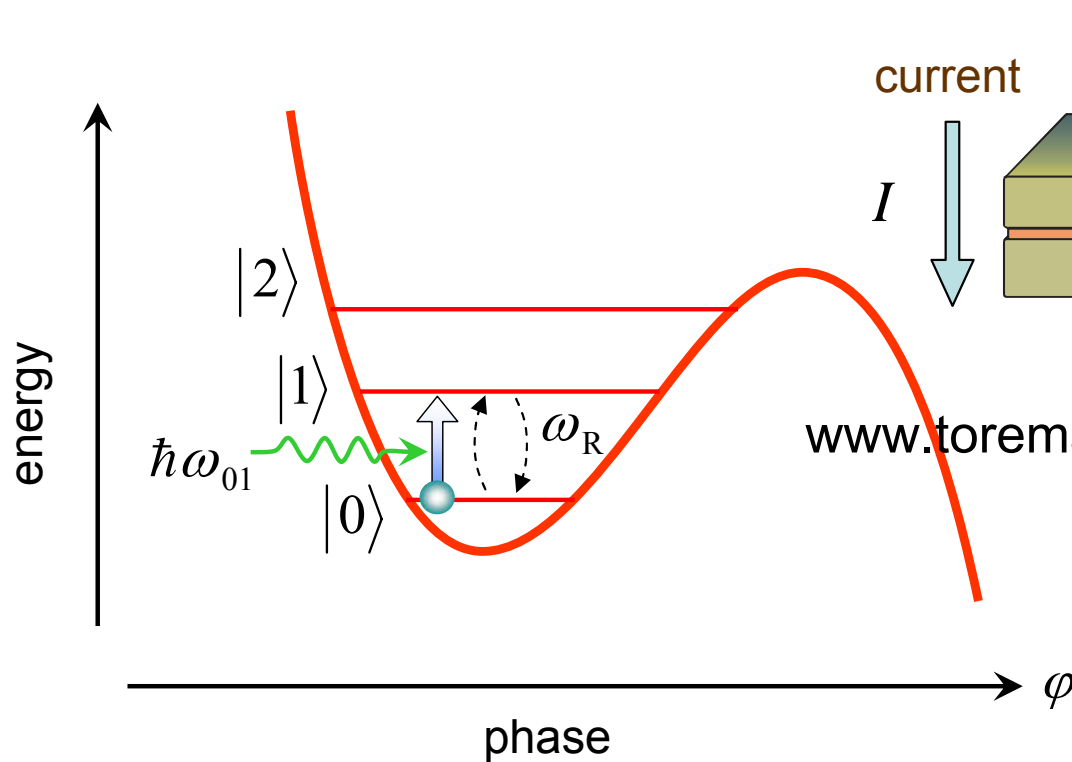
Martinis, Simmonds, Lang, Nam, Aumentado, Urbina *et al. Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89**, **93** (2002, 2004)



Phase qubits



Josephson phase qubit



Anharmonic potential - only two levels are involved

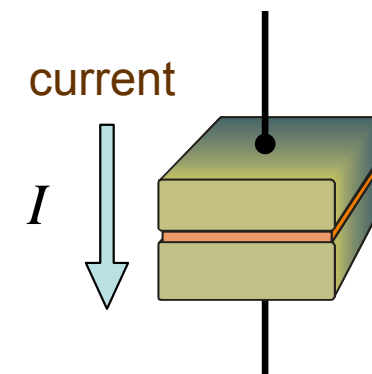
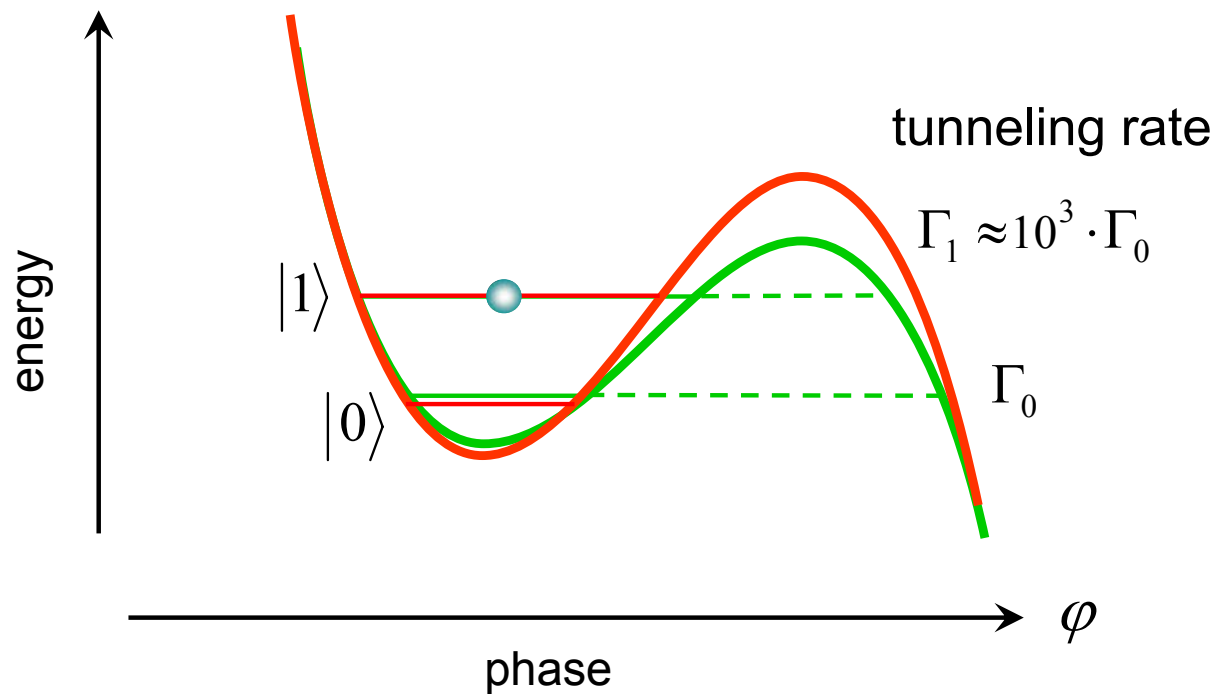
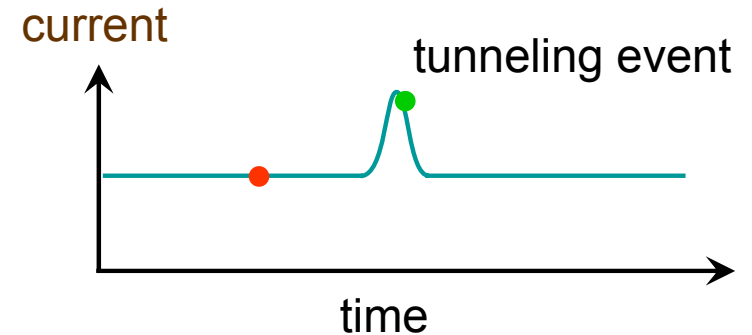
J. M. Martinis et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **89**, 117901 (2002).

R. McDermott et al., Science **307**, 1299 (2005)



Phase qubit readout: Tunneling from the excited state

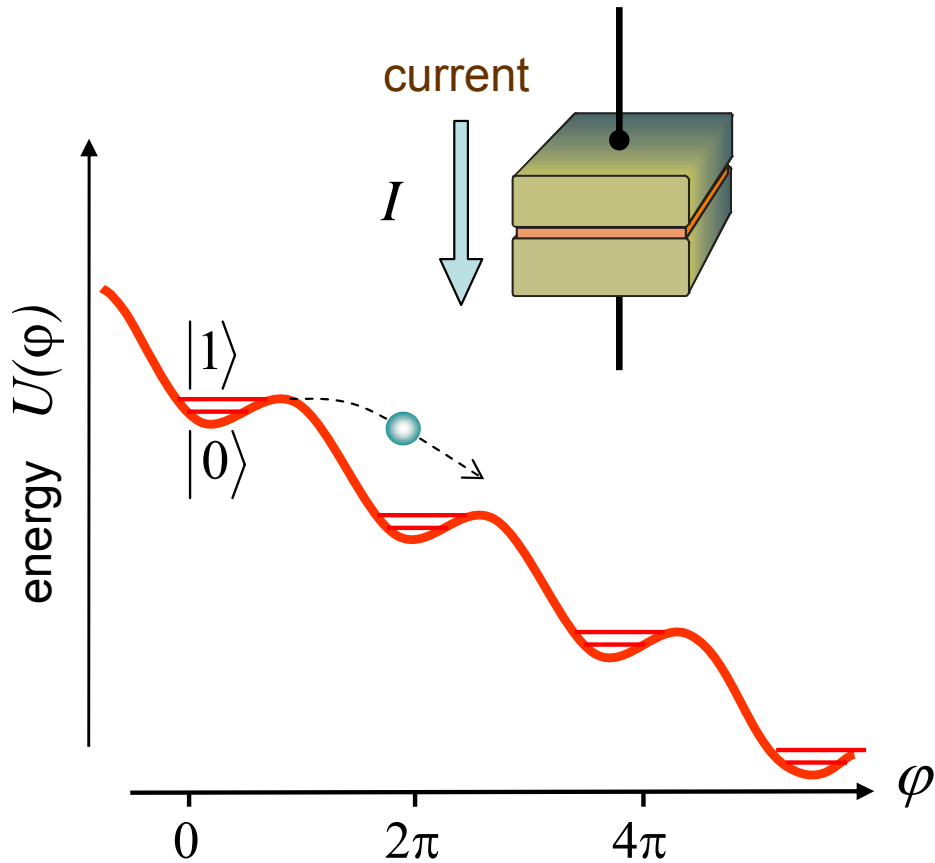
Readout by applying a tilt (current) pulse



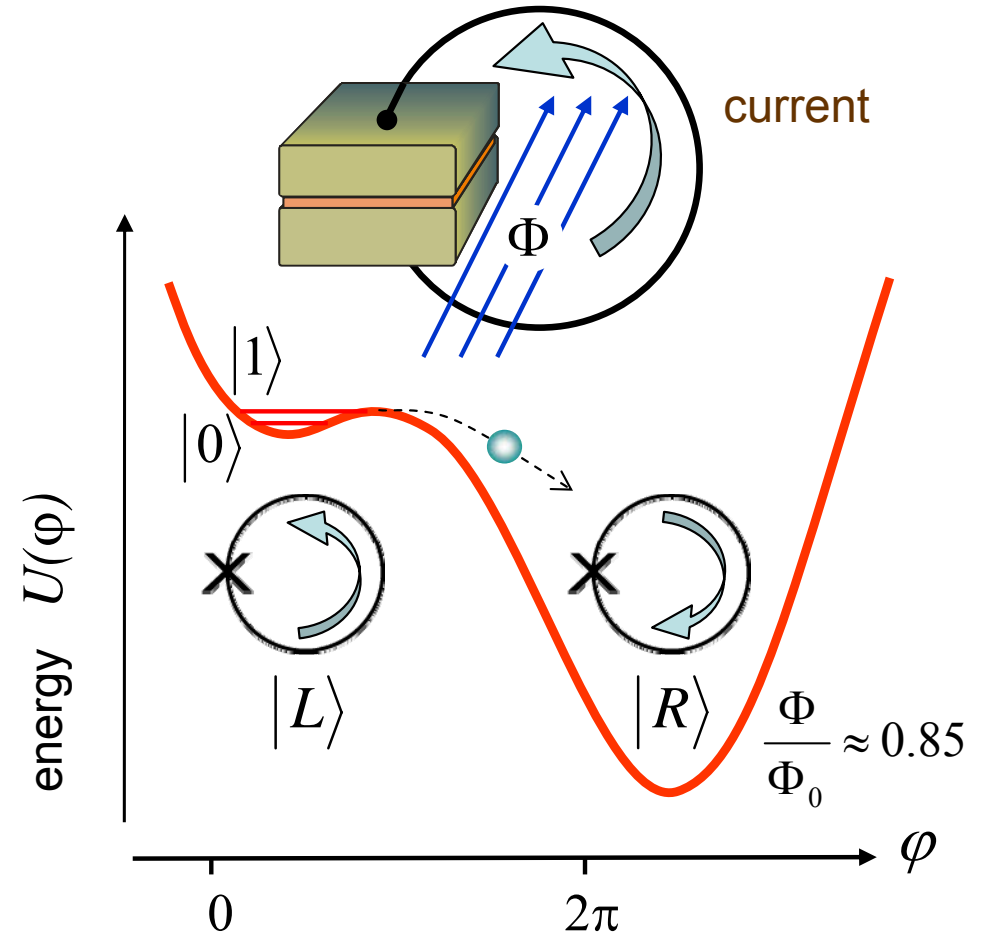


Reducing dissipation by placing the junction in a loop

$$U(\varphi) = \frac{I_c \Phi_0}{2\pi} \left(-\frac{I}{I_c} \varphi - \cos \varphi \right)$$

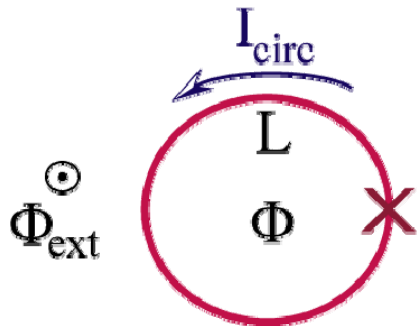


$$U(\varphi) = \frac{I_c \Phi_0}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2\beta_L} \left(\varphi - 2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)^2 - \cos \varphi \right]$$





Junction in a loop

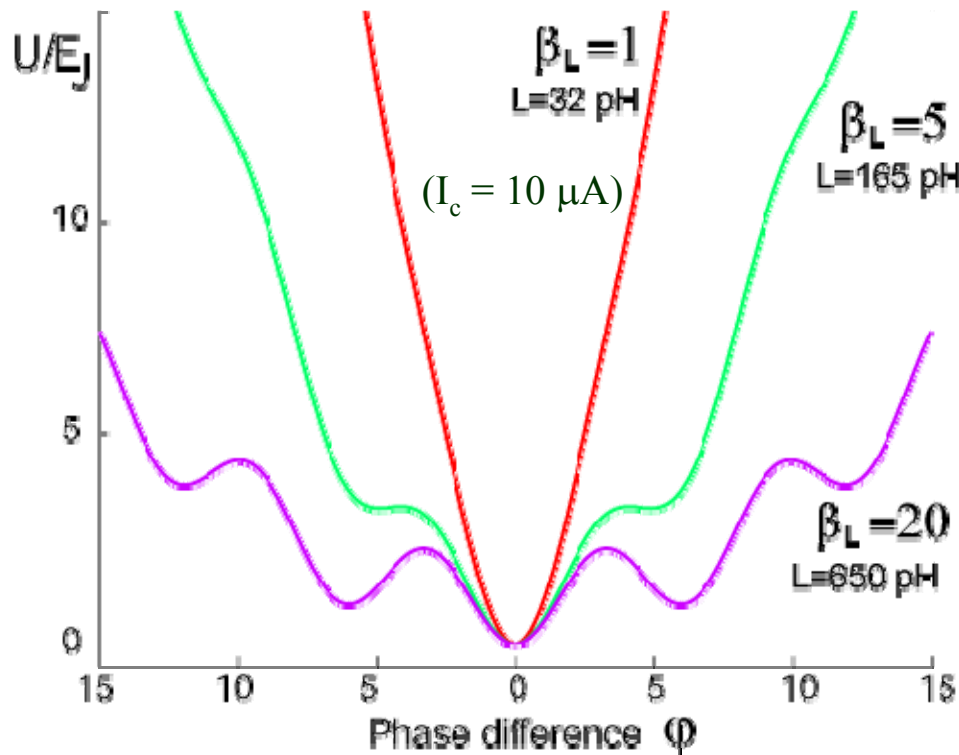


potential energy:

$$U(\varphi) = \frac{I_c \Phi_0}{2\pi} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{2\beta_L} \left(\varphi - 2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)^2}_{\text{magnetic energy}} - \underbrace{\cos \varphi}_{\text{junction energy}} \right]$$

magnetic energy

junction energy

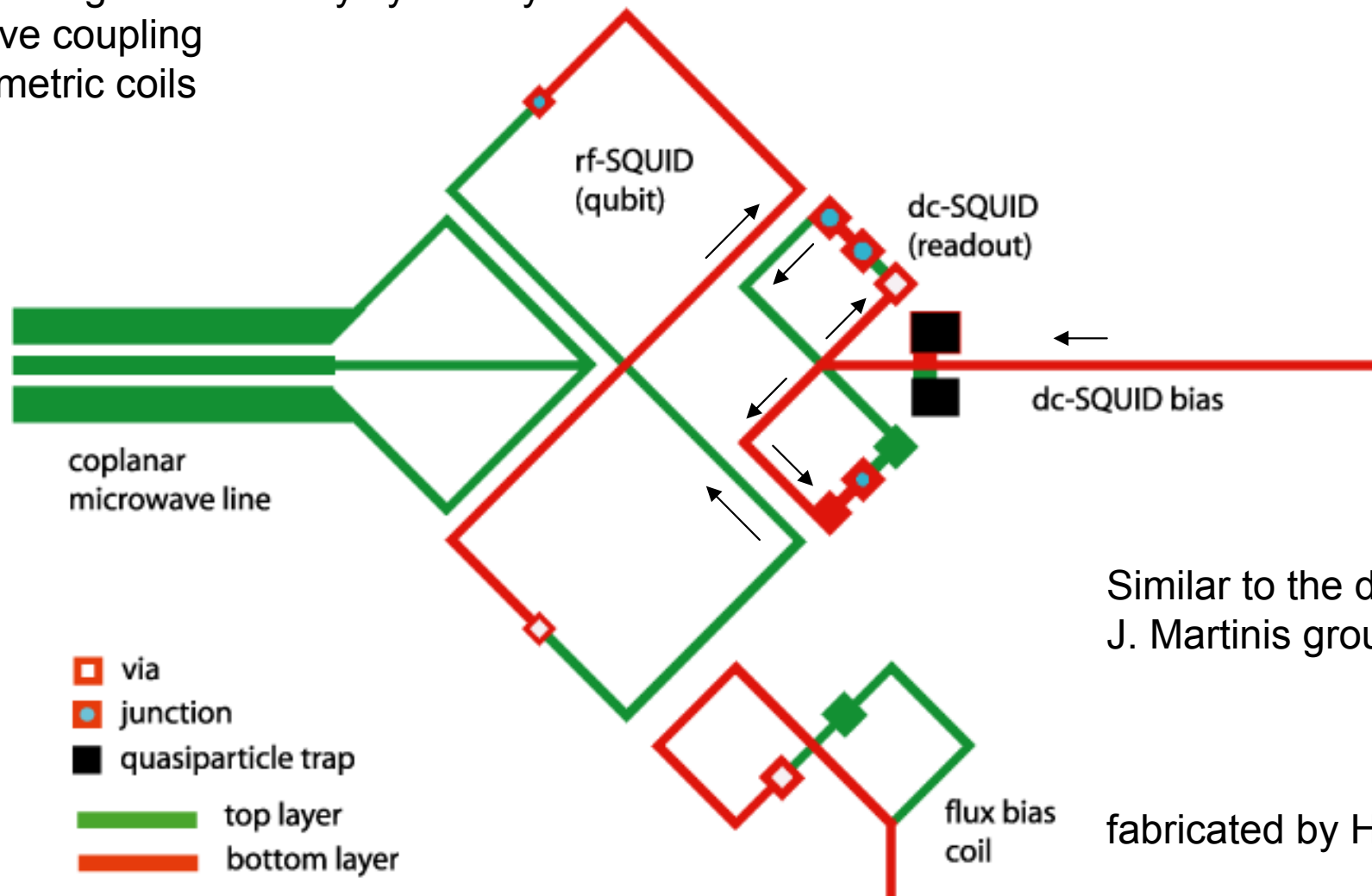


$$\beta_L \equiv \frac{2\pi L I_c}{\Phi_0}$$



Sample layout

protected against noise by symmetry
inductive coupling
gradiometric coils

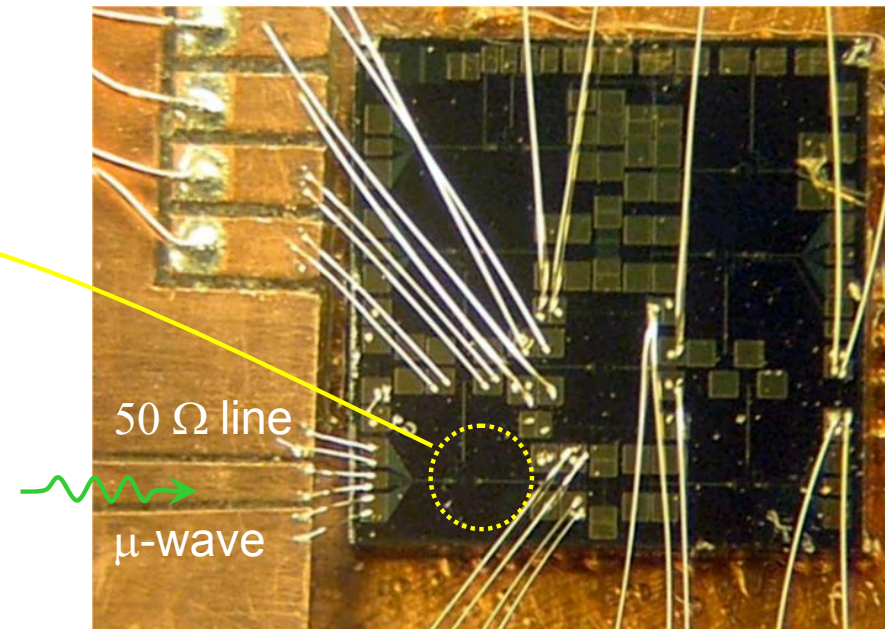
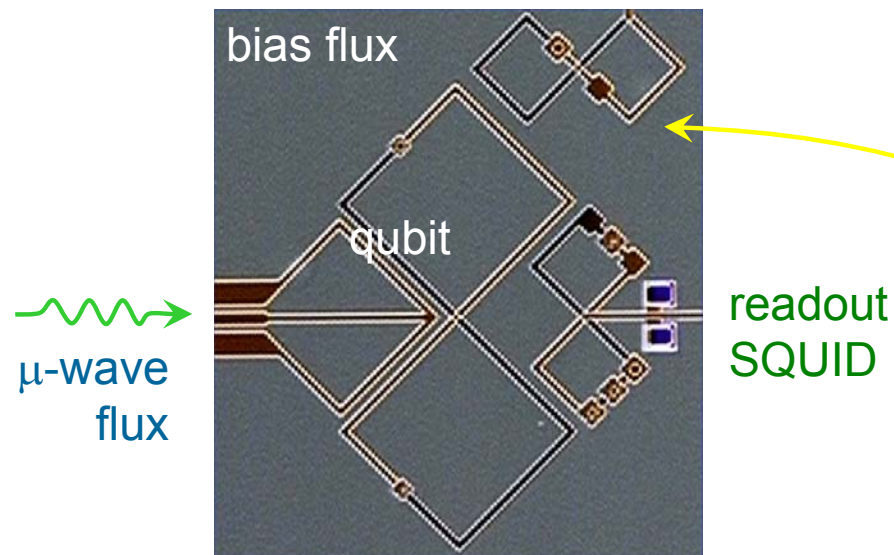
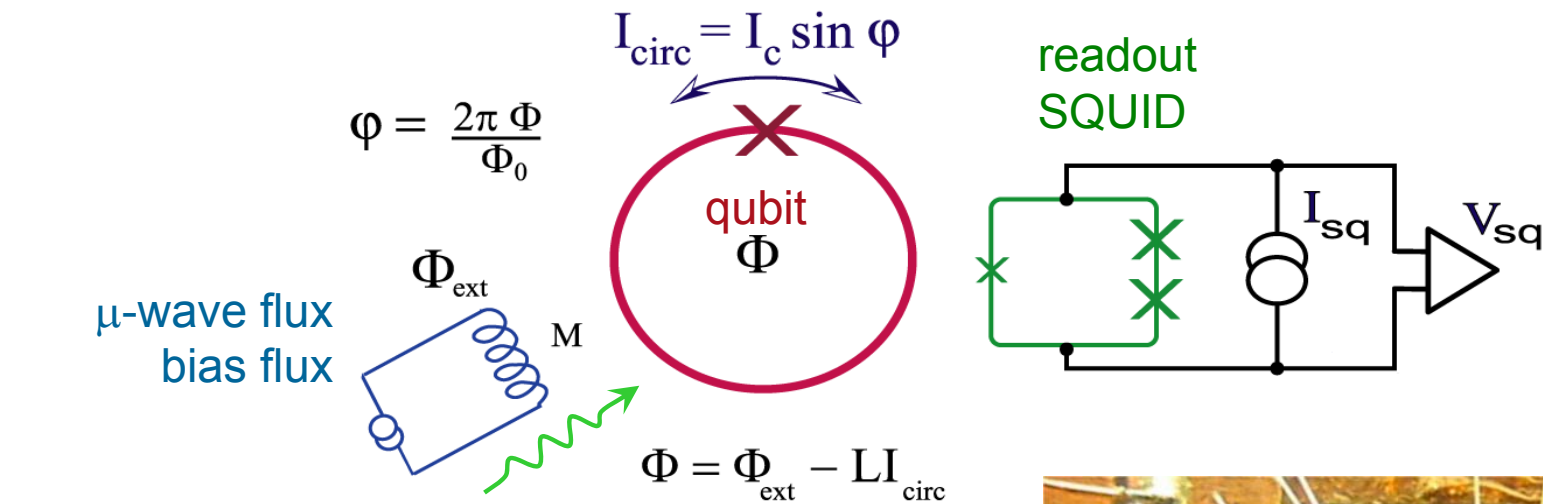


Similar to the design of
J. Martinis group at NIST

fabricated by Hypres Inc.

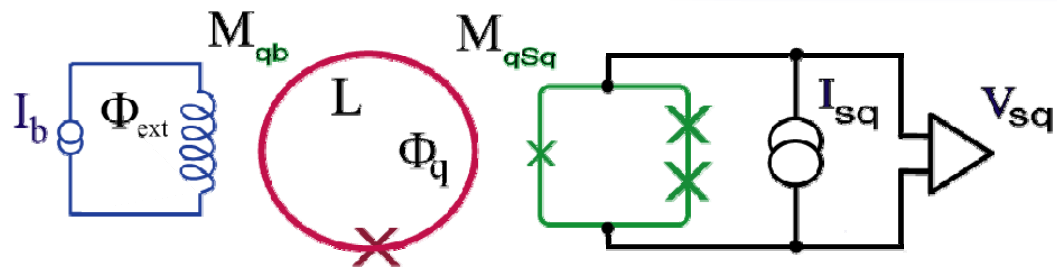


Phase qubit: Measurement



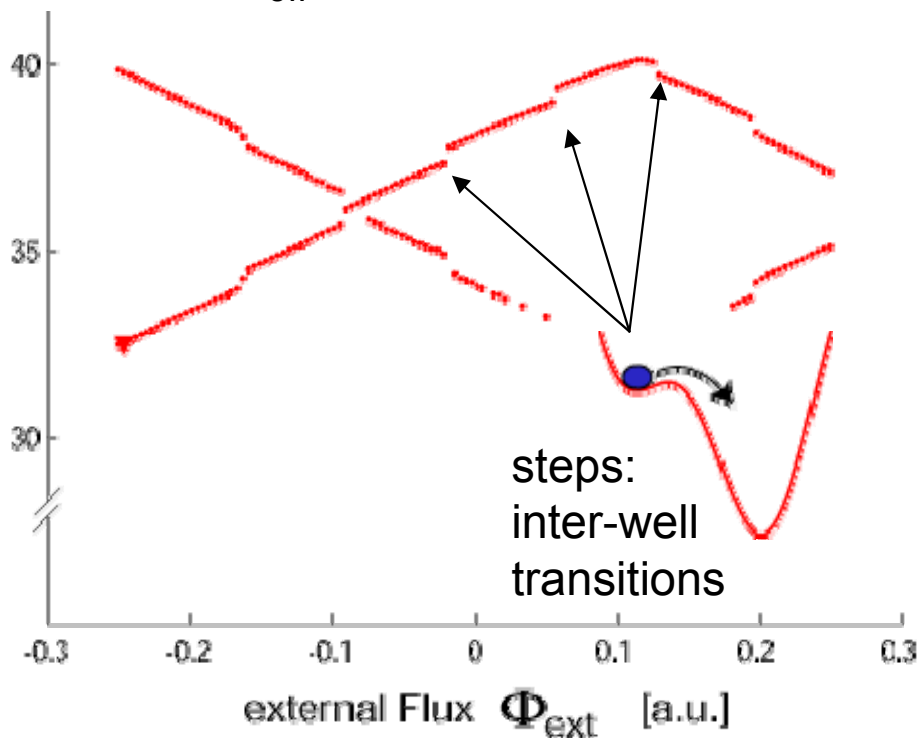


Phase qubit readout using dc-SQUID

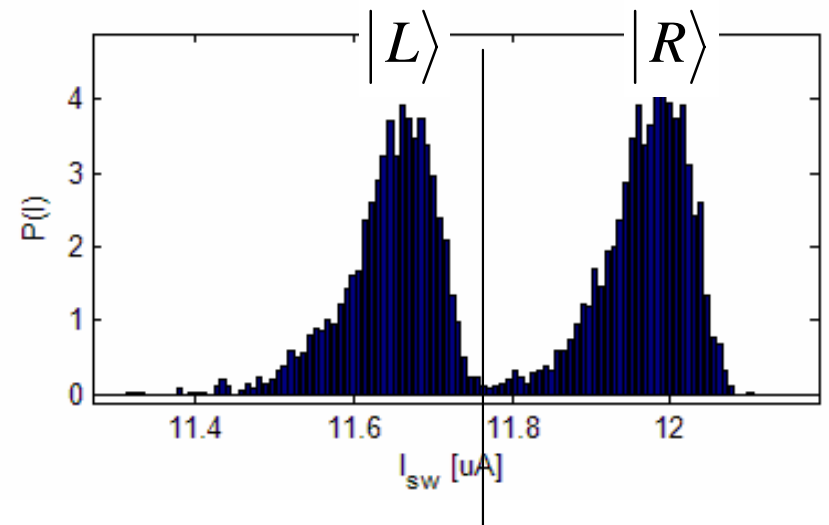


readout dc-SQUID

dc-SQUID $I_{sw}(\Phi)$



switching current
histogram

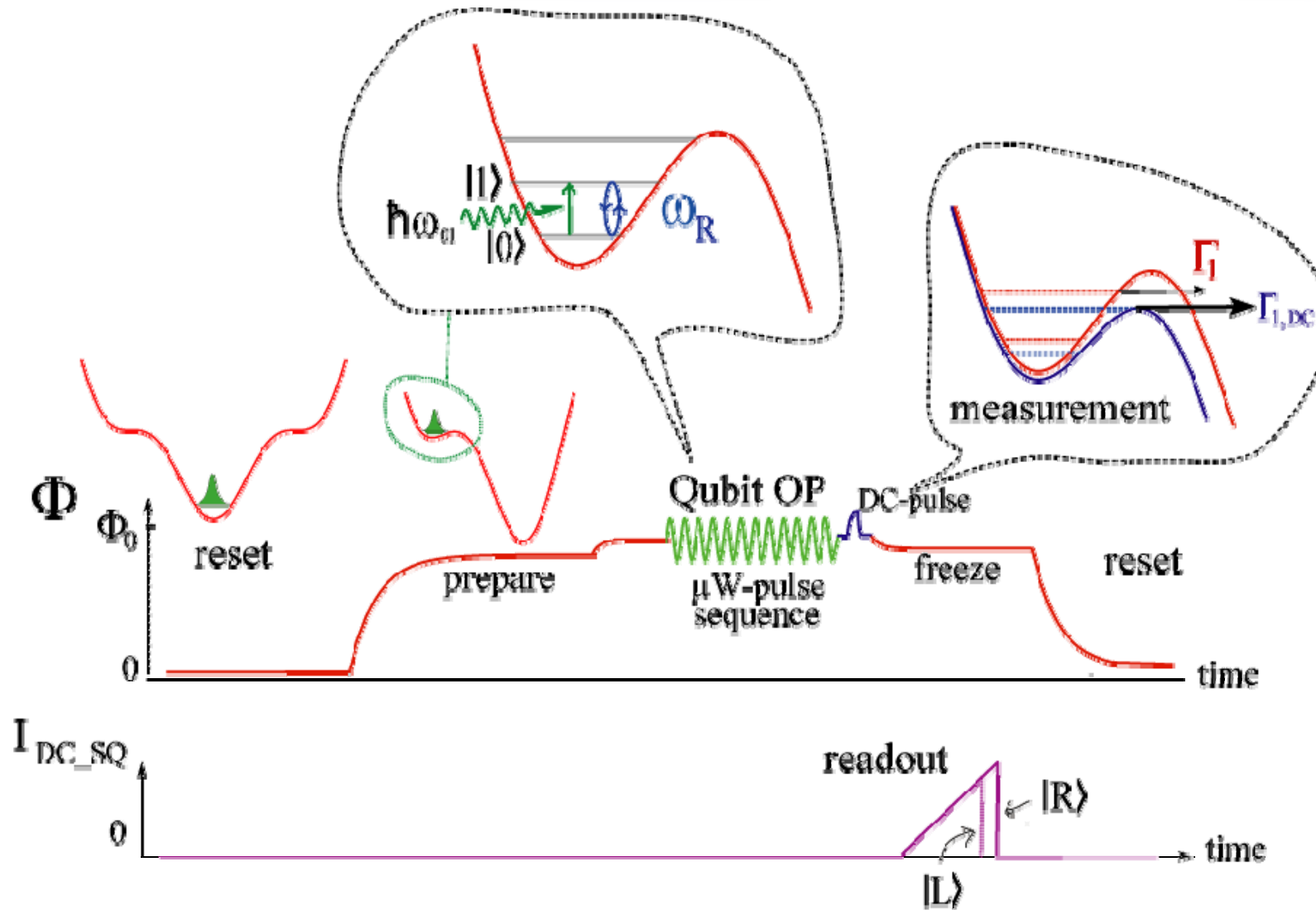


$$P_{\text{esc}} = \frac{N_{(I_{sw} > I_{\text{tresh}})}}{N_{\text{total}}}$$

threshold I_{tresh}

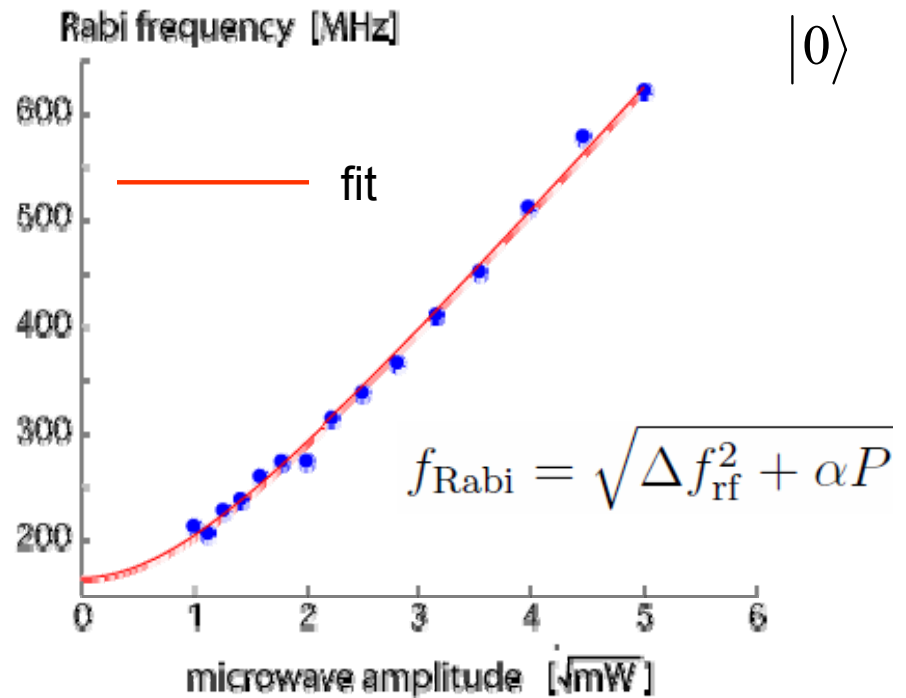
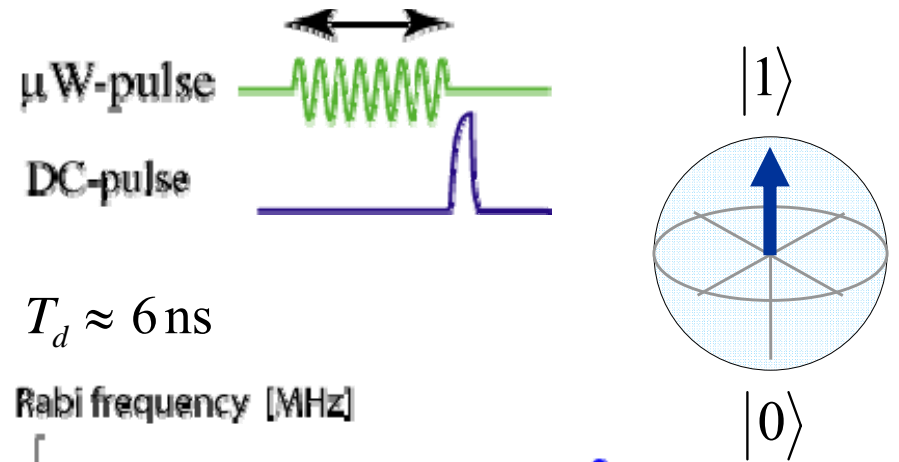
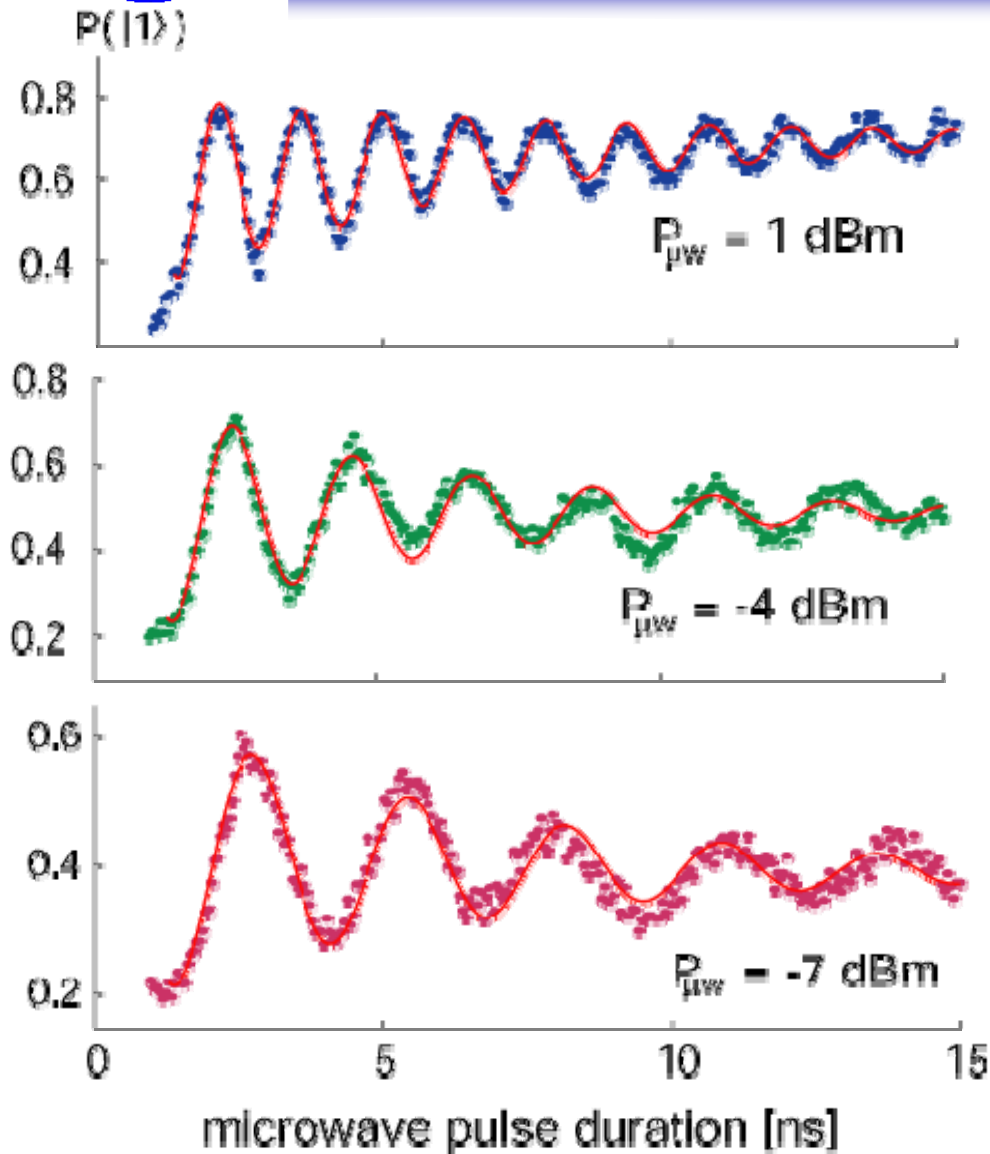


Qubit operation



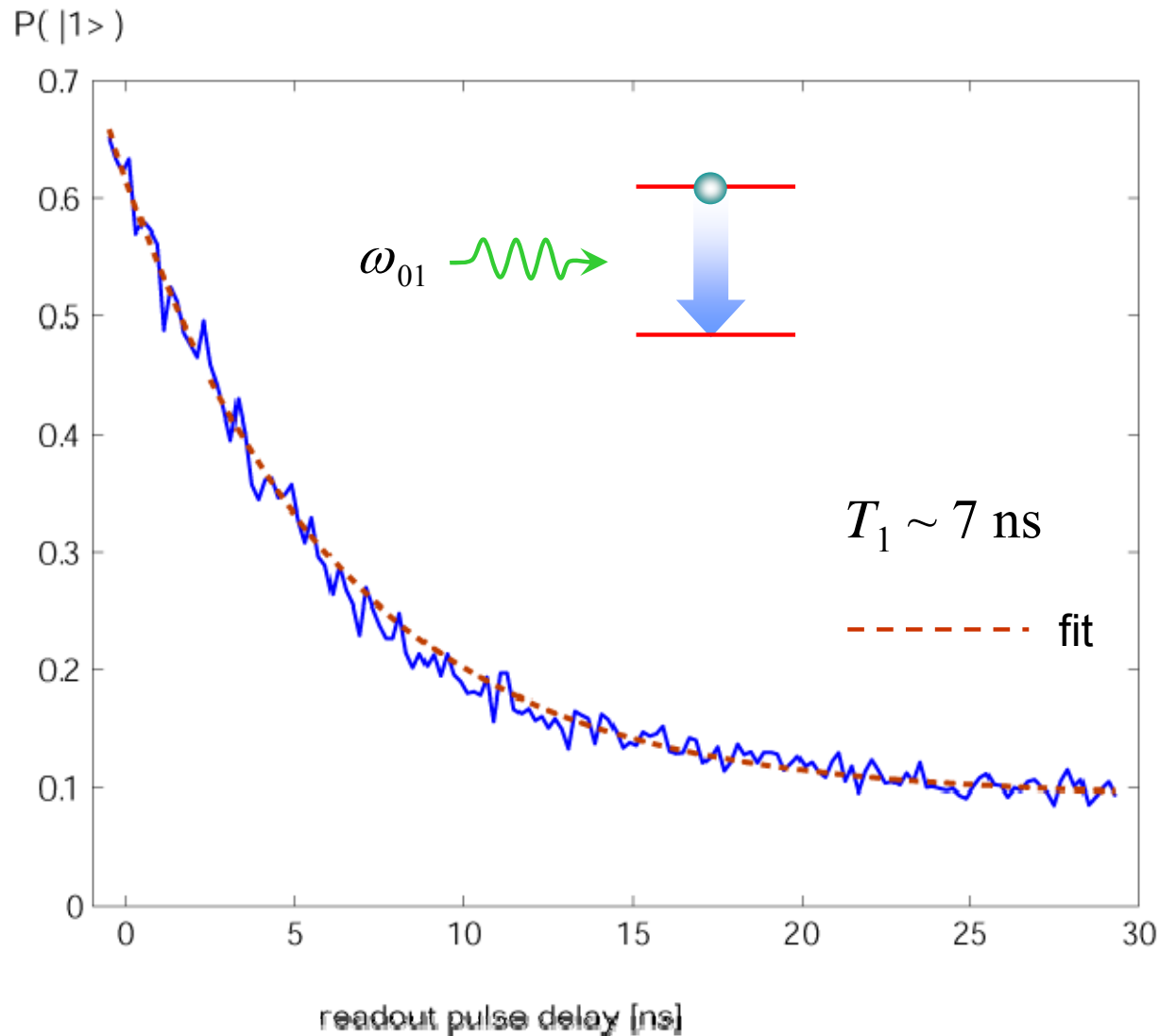


Rabi oscillations in a phase qubit

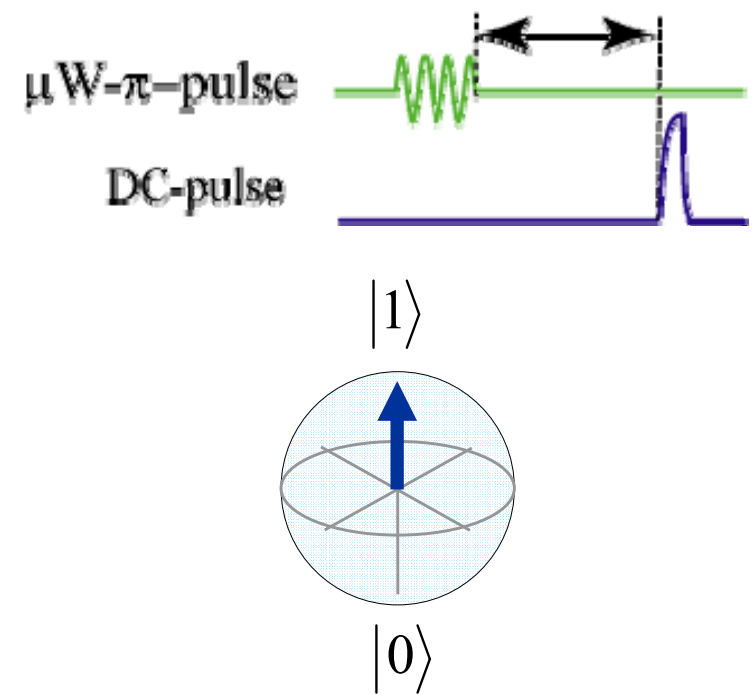




T_1 time: decay of the excited state

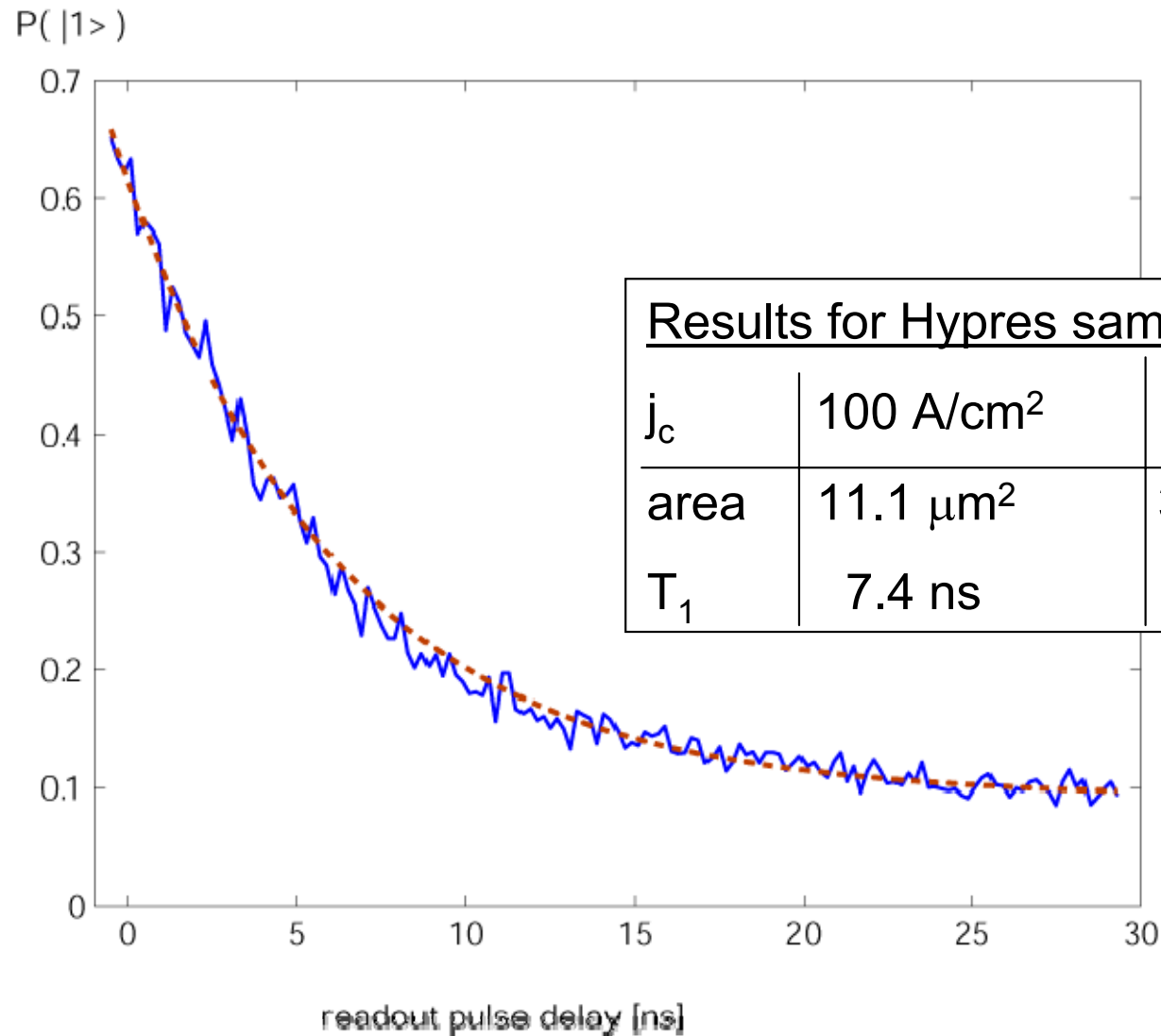


varied time delay between excitation and readout pulses





T_1 dependence on the junction size



Results for Hypres samples:

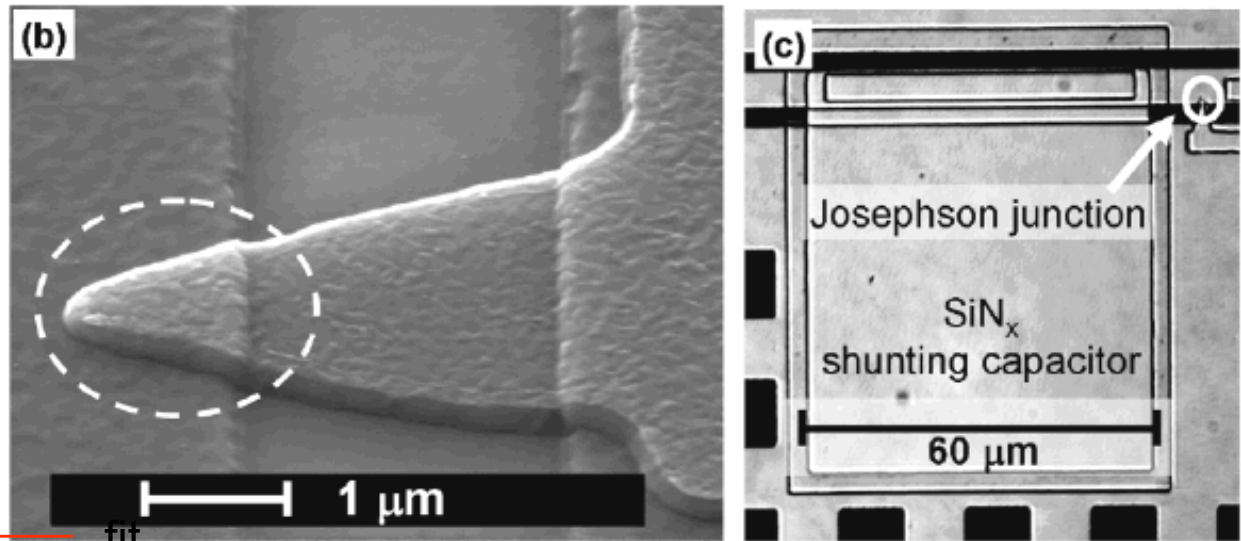
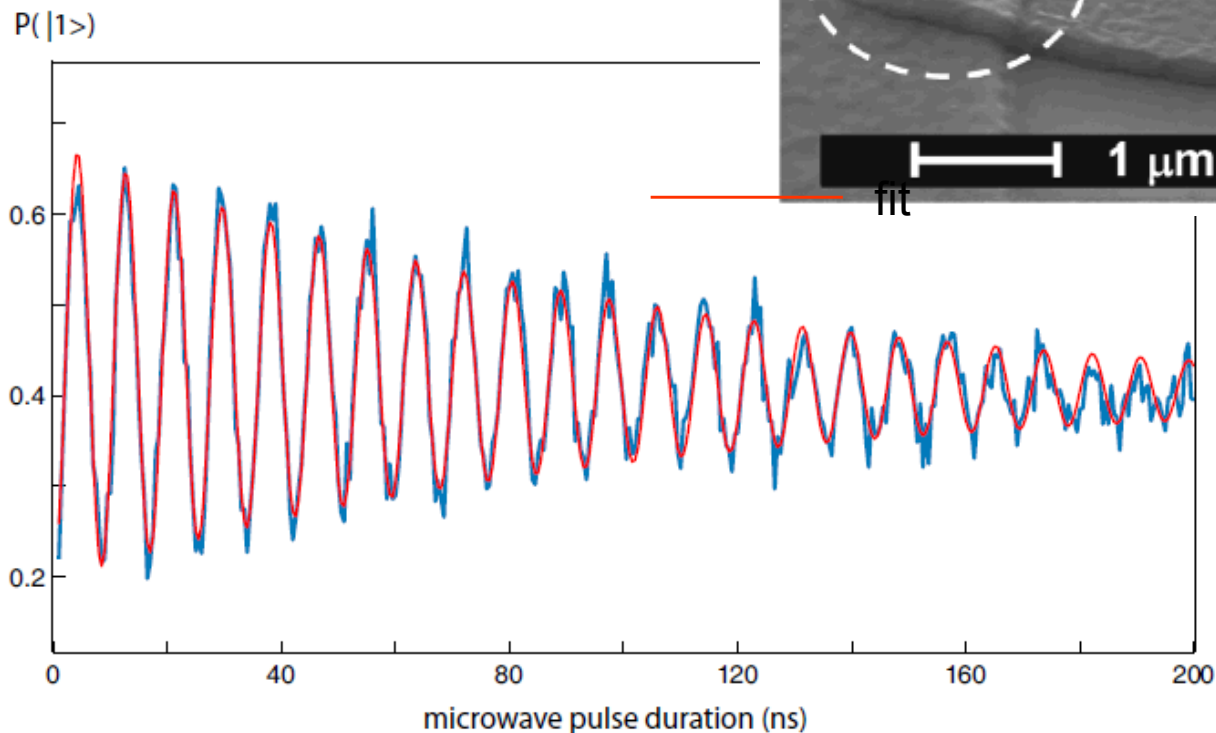
j_c	100 A/cm ²	30 A/cm ²	
area	11.1 μm^2	35.5 μm^2	11.1 μm^2
T_1	7.4 ns	2.5 ns	8.7 ns (15.2 ns)



Trying a better sample (fabricated at UC Santa Barbara)

M. Steffen et al.
Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 050502 (2006)

SiO₂ replaced by SiN_x



$$T_d^{\text{Rabi}} \sim 140 \text{ ns}$$

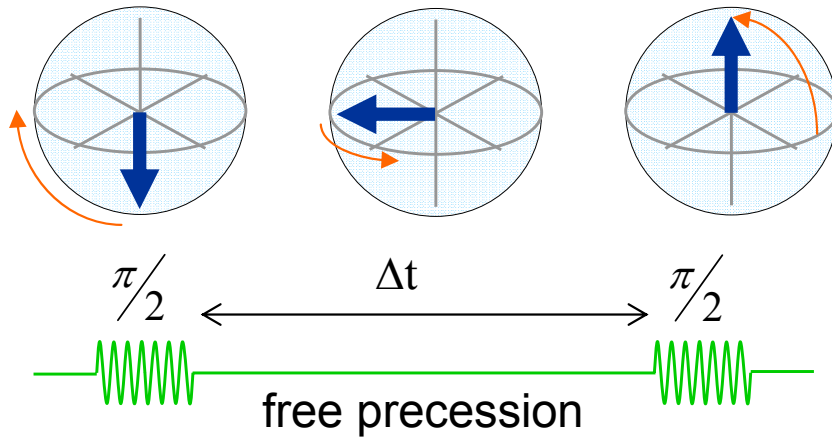
$$T_1 \sim 110 \text{ ns}$$

UCSB sample
measured
in Erlangen



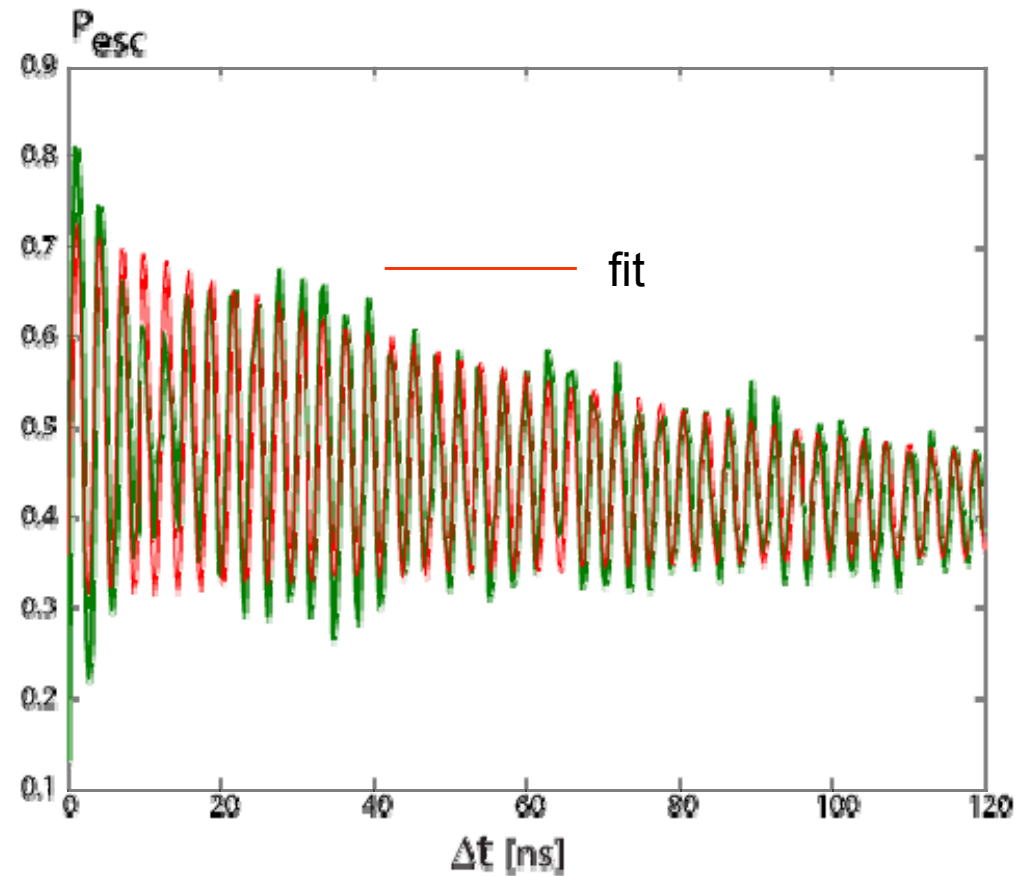
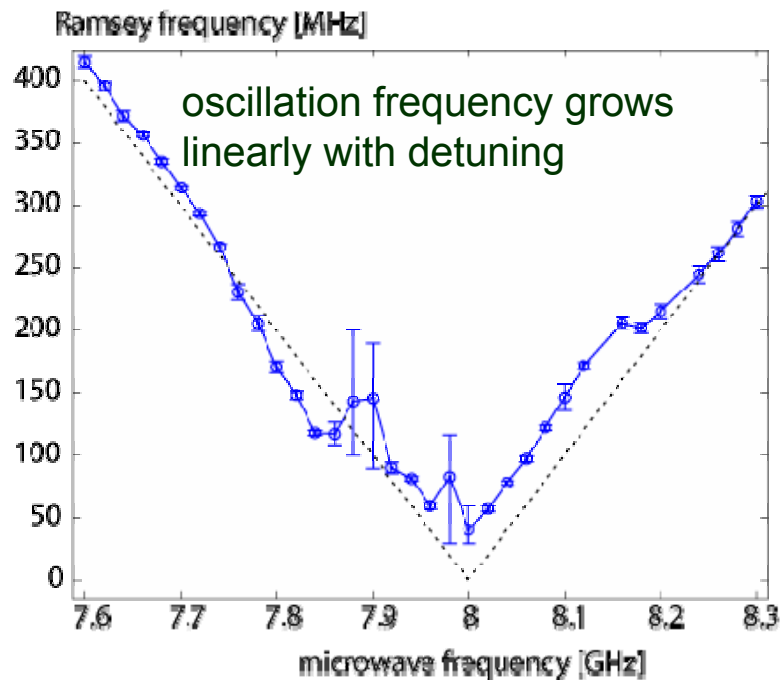
Ramsey fringes

UCSB sample



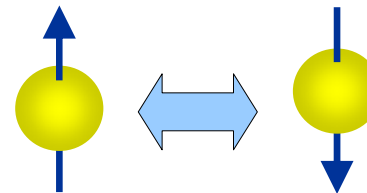
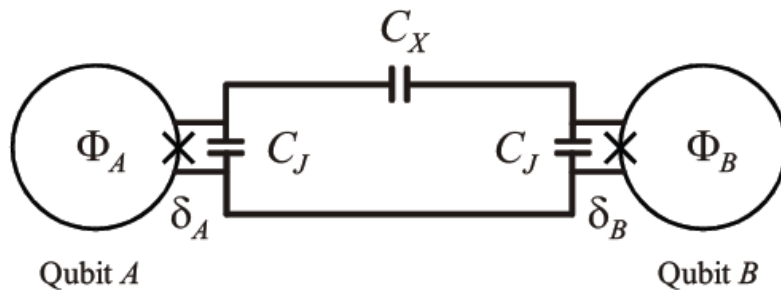
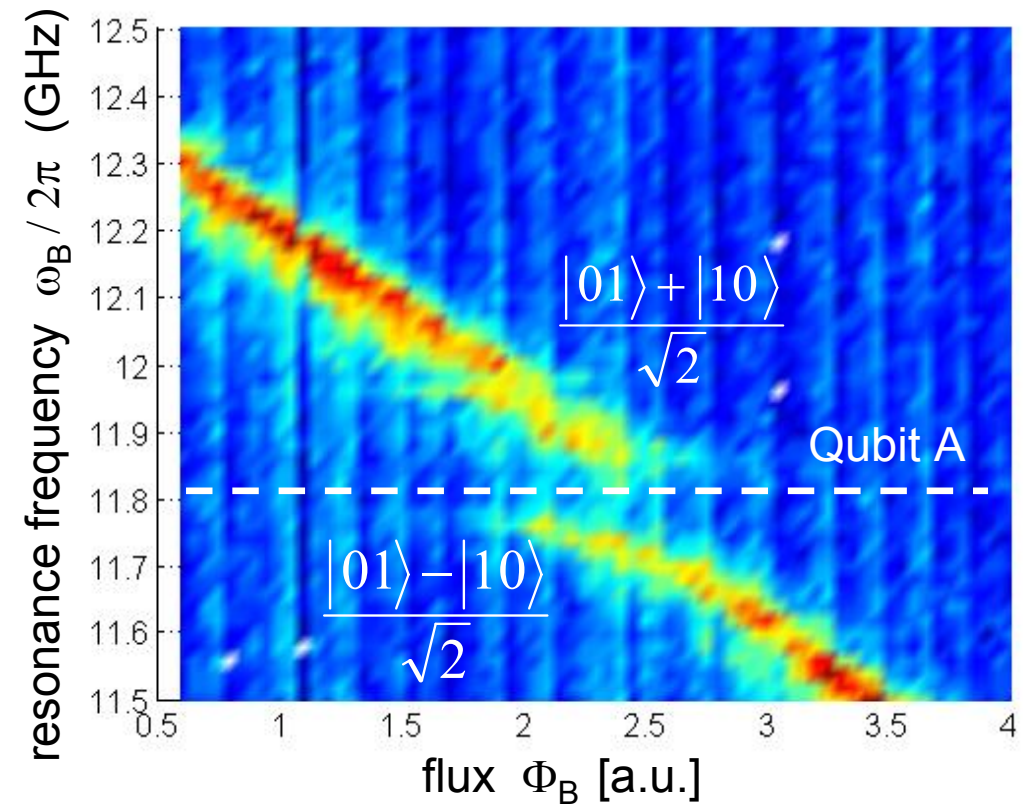
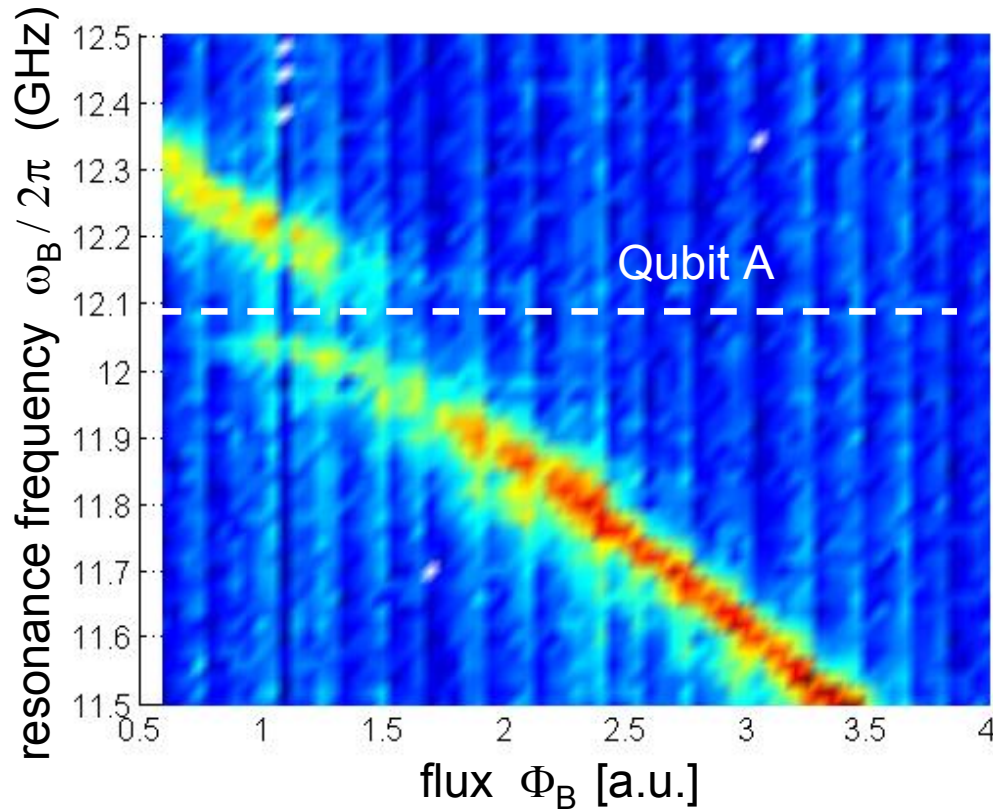
$$T_2^* \text{ Ramsey} \sim 90 \text{ ns}$$

$$T_2^{\text{echo}} \sim 160 \text{ ns}$$



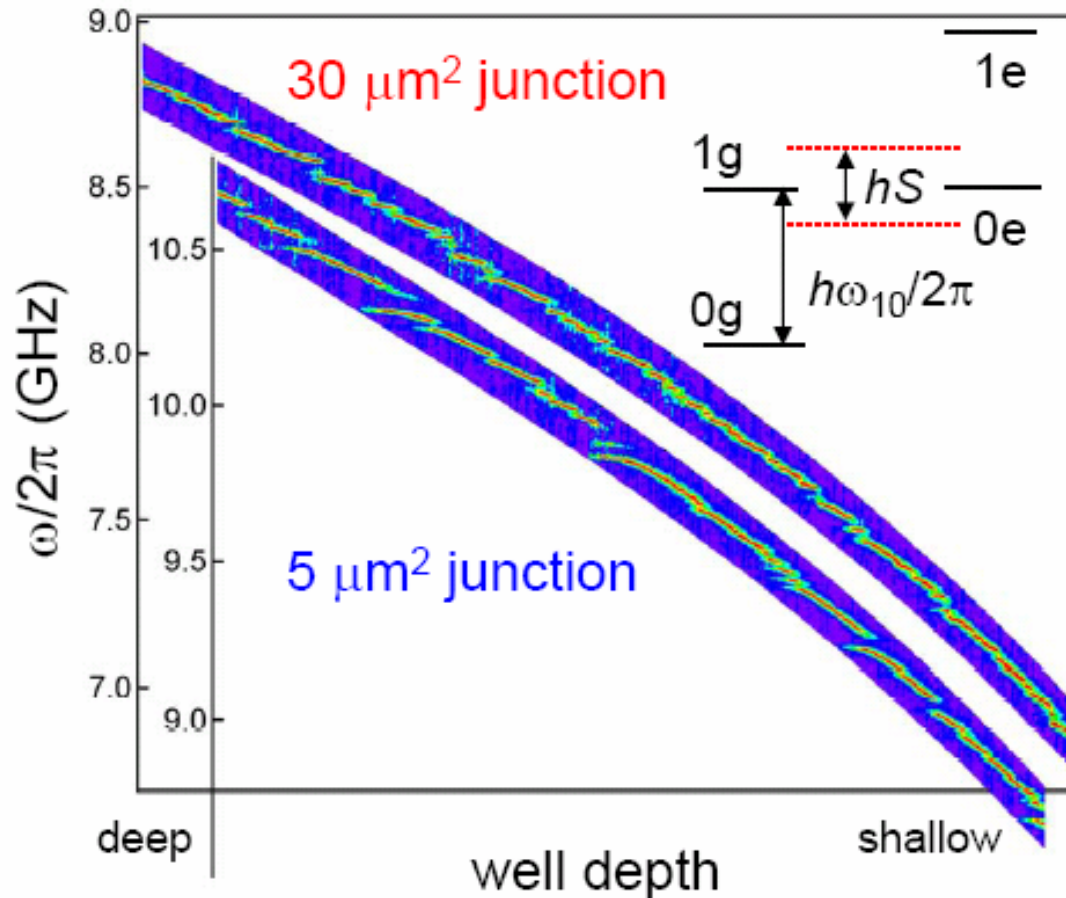


Coupled phase qubits



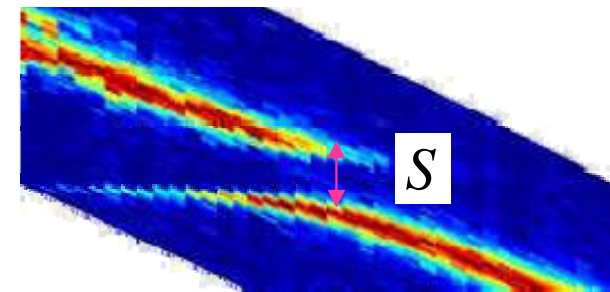


Origin of decoherence in phase qubits: microscopic two-level fluctuators



spectroscopy

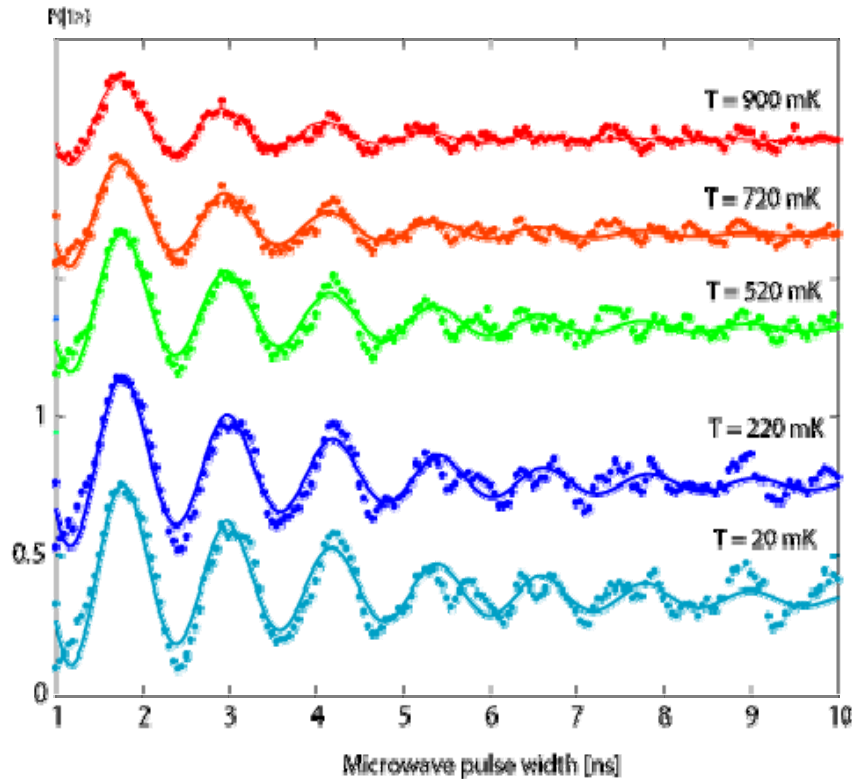
$$S_{\text{max}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{A}}$$



K. B. Cooper, et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. **93**, 180401 (2004).

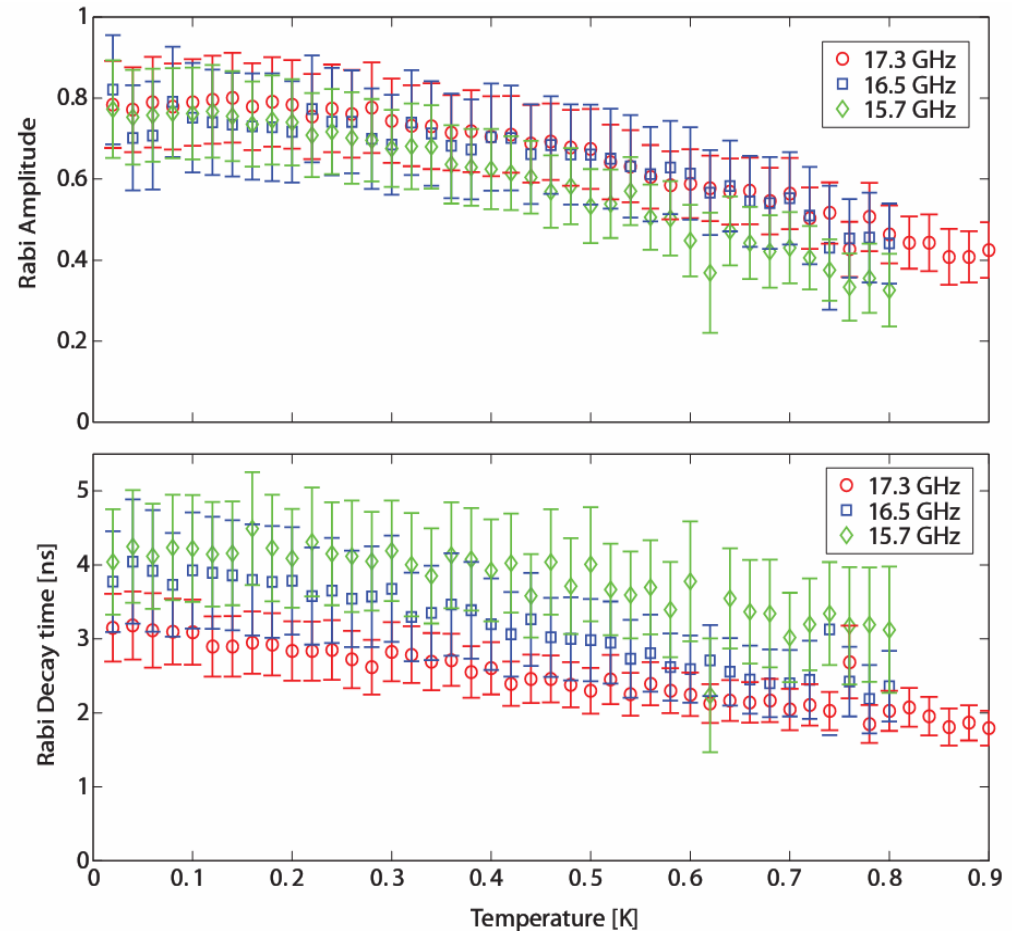


Bad samples: Multi-level Rabi oscillations up to high temperatures



$$\omega_{01} = 16.5 \text{ GHz} \cdot 2\pi$$

$$T_{01} = \frac{\hbar\omega_{01}}{k_B} = 790 \text{ mK}$$



N. Groenbech-Jensen, M. Cirillo, “Rabi-type oscillations in a classical Josephson junction”, Phys.Rev.Lett. **95**, 067001 (2005)



Rabi oscillations: quantum or classical?

PRL 95, 067001 (2005)

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Rabi-Type Oscillations in a Classical Josephson Junction

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$$\ddot{\varphi} + \alpha \dot{\varphi} + \sin\varphi = \eta + \varepsilon_s \sin\omega_s t$$

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + \psi = \varphi_0 + a \sin(\omega_s t + \theta)$$

$$\ddot{\varphi} + \alpha \dot{\varphi} + \sin\varphi = \eta + \Theta(t)\varepsilon_s \sin(\omega_s t + \theta_s)$$

where $\Theta(t)$ is Heaviside's step function



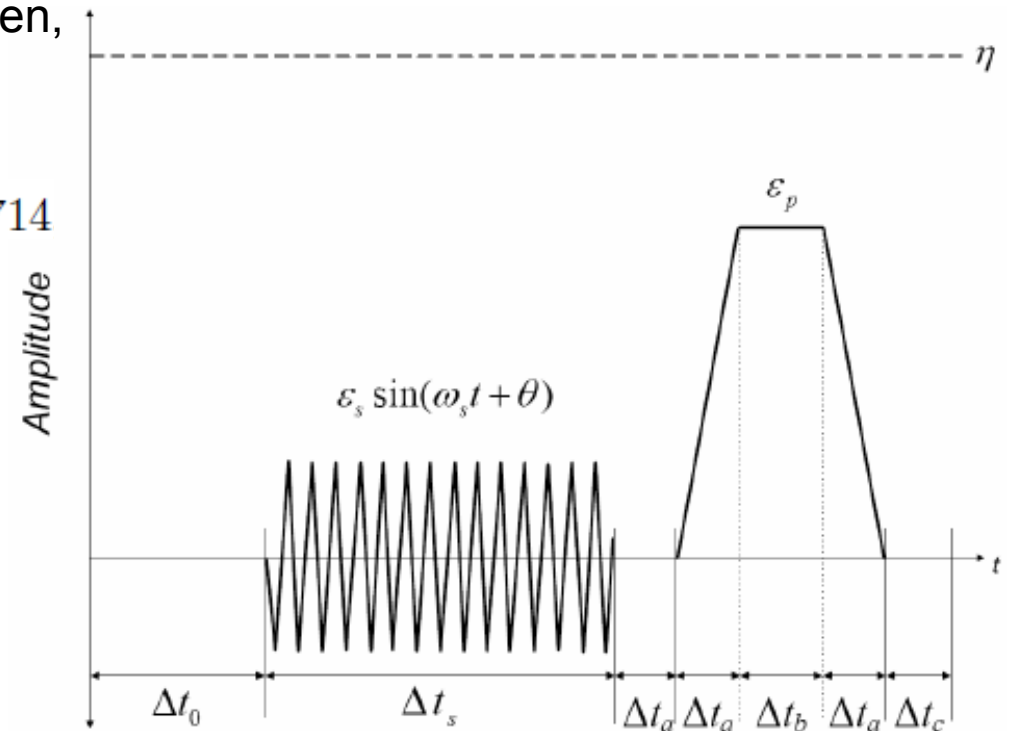
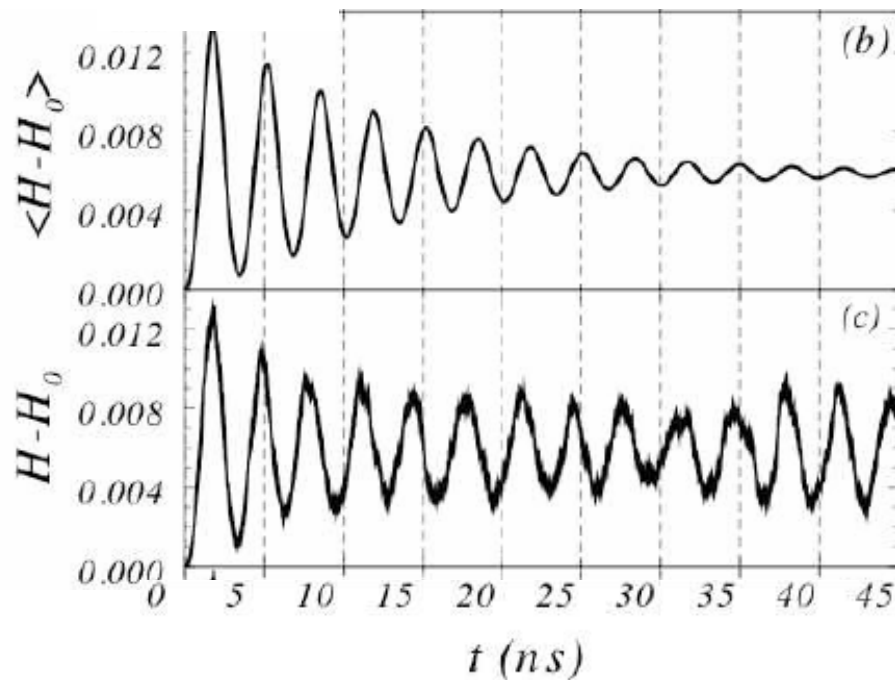
Classical Rabi oscillations

J. E. Marchese, M. Cirillo, and N. Grønbech-Jensen, *Phys. Rev. B* **73**, 174507 (2006).

Parameters are: $T = 30$ mK, $\alpha = 0.00151477$,

$\eta = \sqrt{1 - \omega_s^4} = 0.904706$, $\omega_s = 2\pi\nu_{01}/\omega_0 = 0.652714$

$\epsilon_s = 0.00217000$, $\epsilon_p = 0.0847400$



Ensemble average of normalized energy

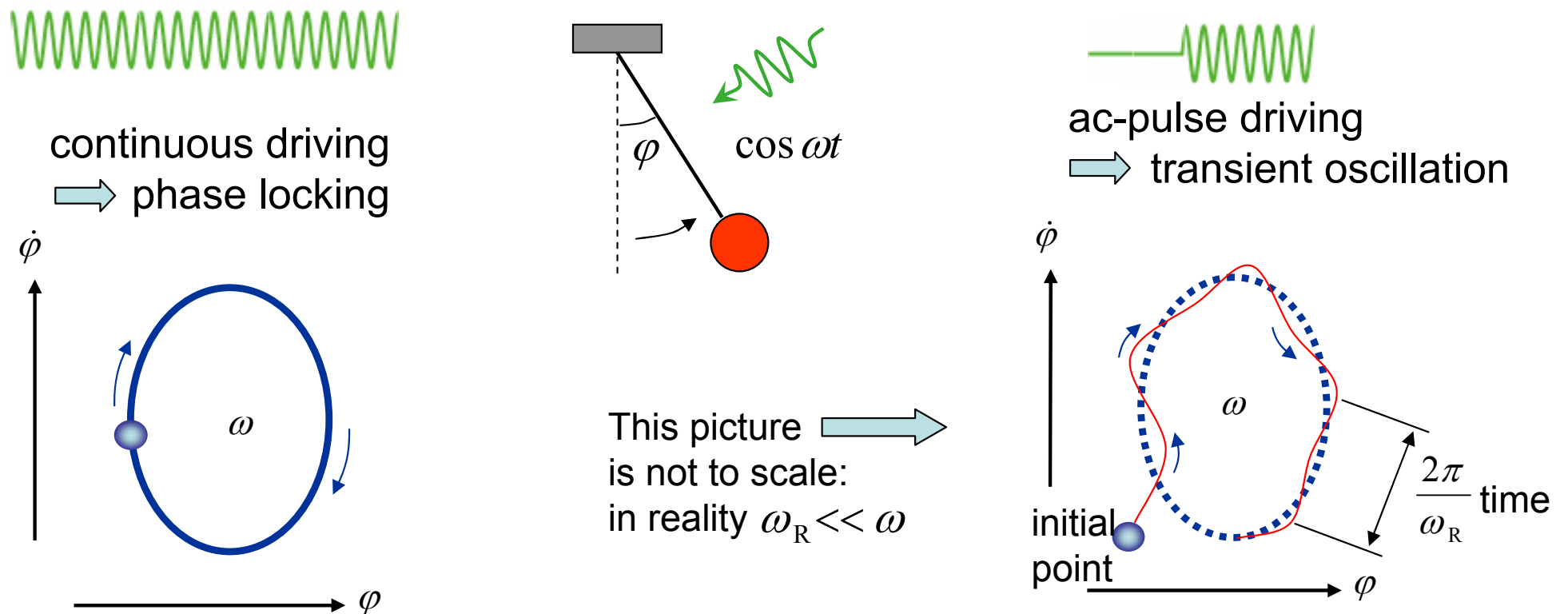
Single trajectory of energy versus time



Classical „Rabi“ oscillations: main idea

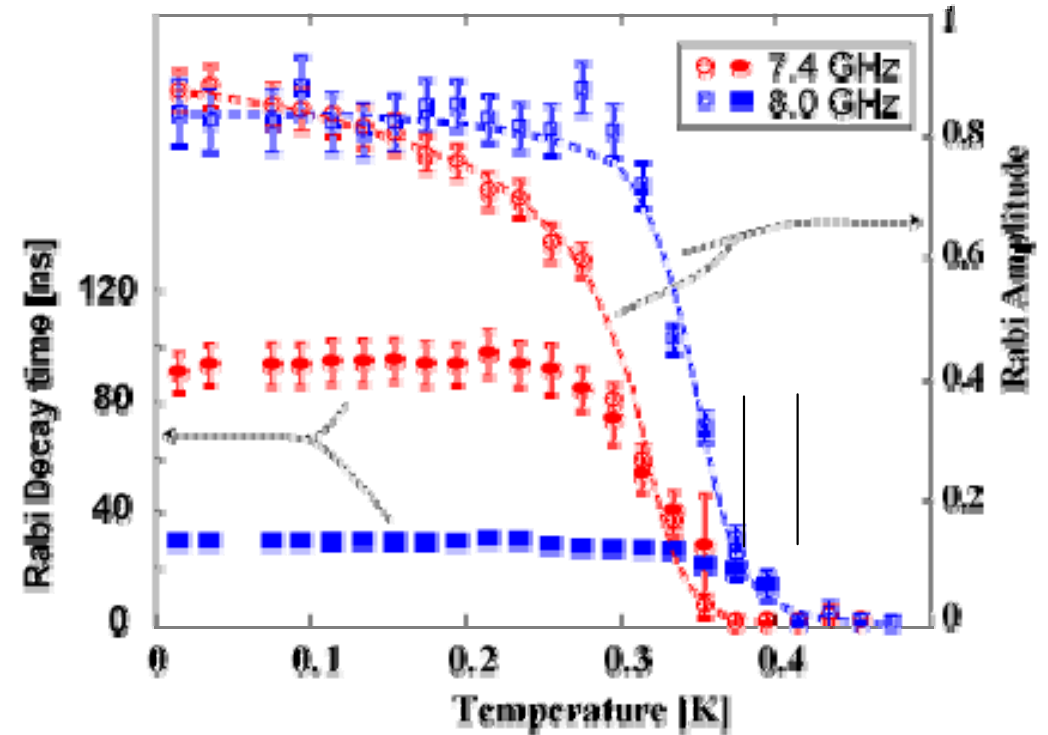
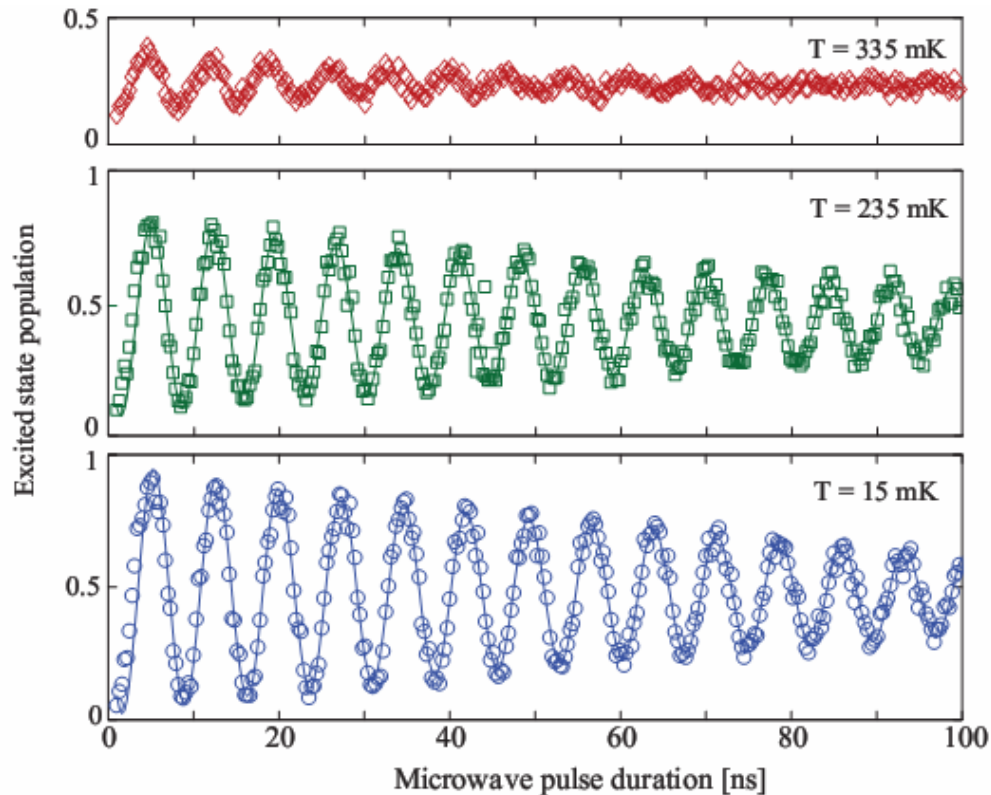
Qualitative picture: transient oscillations approaching phase locking

N. Grønbech-Jensen and M. Cirillo, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **95**, 067001 (2005)
P.S. Lomdahl and M.R. Samuelsen, *Phys. Lett. A* **128**, 427 (1988)





Good samples: Two-level Rabi oscillations at high temperatures



Weak temperature dependence up to $T \approx 200$ mK

Rabi oscillations vanish at $k_B T \approx \hbar \omega_{01}$

$$T_{01} = \frac{\hbar \omega_{01}}{k_B} = 355 \text{ mK at } 7.4 \text{ GHz}$$

$$T_{01} = 384 \text{ mK at } 8 \text{ GHz}$$



Phase qubits: Summary

„bad“ samples: multi-level, nearly classical

- easy-to-make Nb based junctions
- **Si-oxide insulator on chip**
- small junction size $> 10 \mu\text{m}^2$
- moderate damping $Q \sim 50$
- broad levels
- short coherence times $< 10 \text{ ns}$

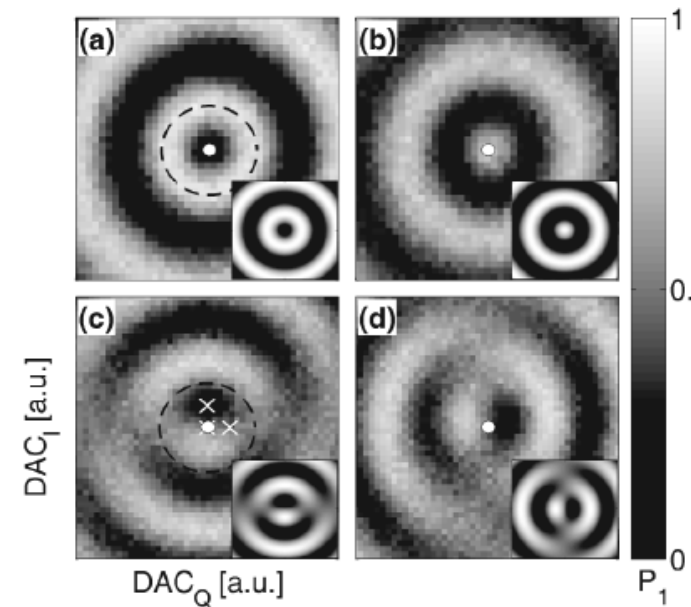
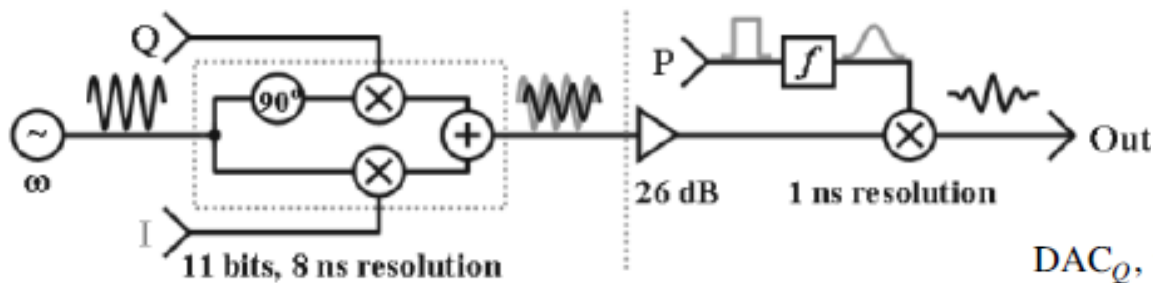
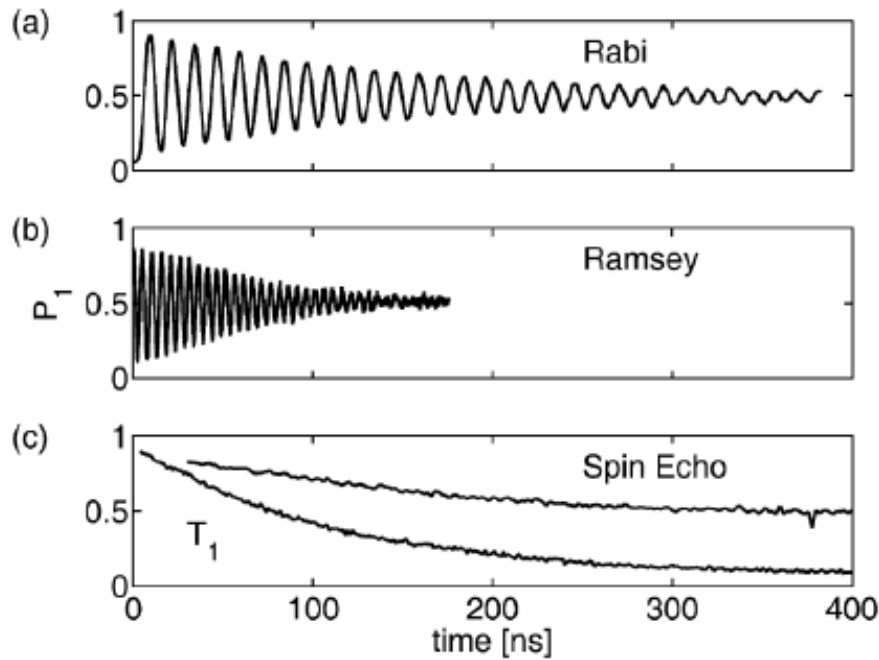
„good“ samples: two-level, quantum

- best available Al based junctions
- **Si-nitride insulator on chip**
- small junction size $< 1 \mu\text{m}^2$
- low damping $Q \sim 1000$
- narrow levels
- long coherence times $> 100 \text{ ns}$



Quantum state tomography

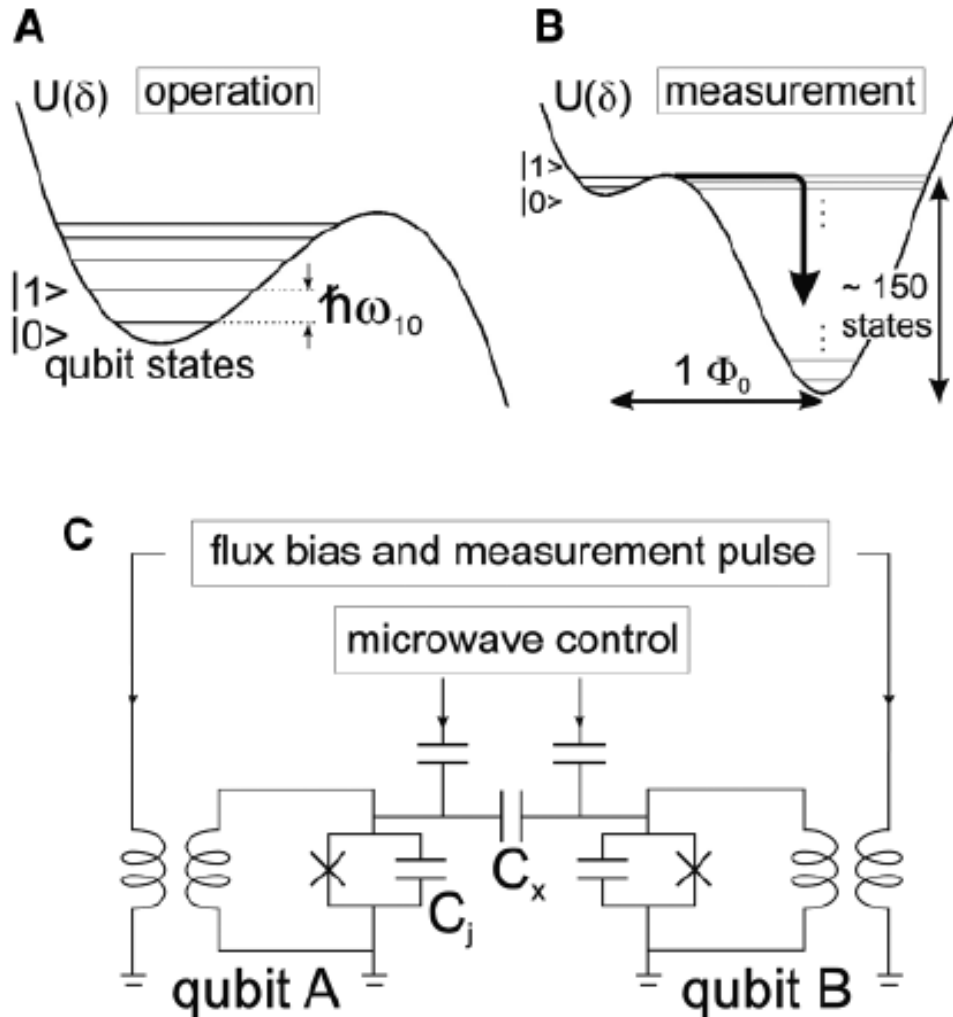
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Probability P_1 of occupying state $|1\rangle$ vs DAC_I and DAC_Q , which control the amplitude of the \hat{y} and \hat{x} tomography rotations, for the input states (a) $|0\rangle$, (b) $|1\rangle$, (c) $(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$, and (d) $(|0\rangle + i|1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$. The tomography pulse was 16 ns long



Experiments on coupled phase qubits



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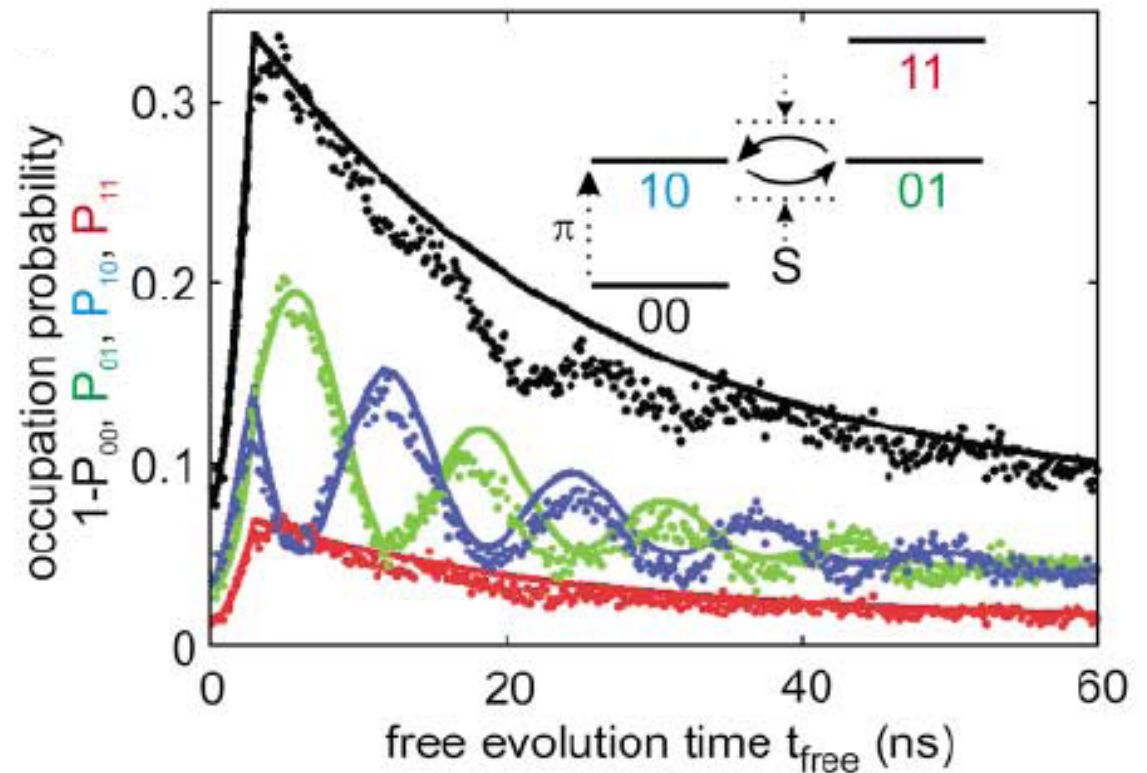
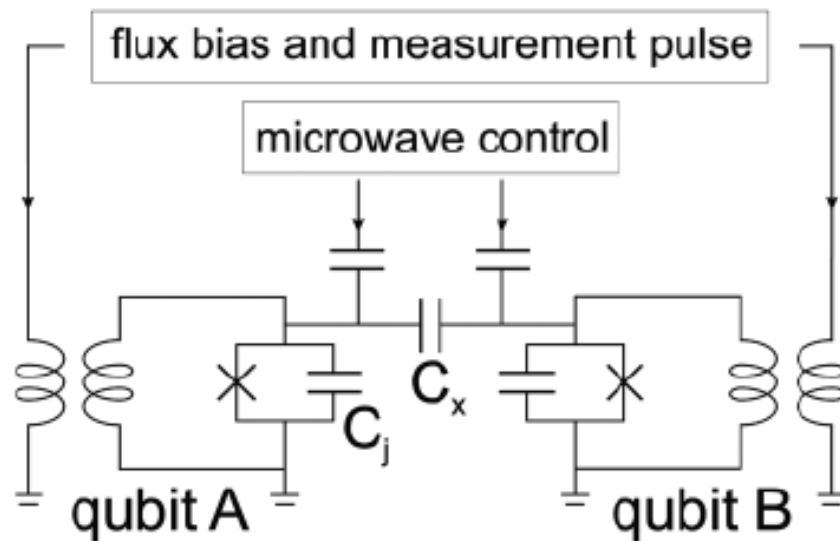
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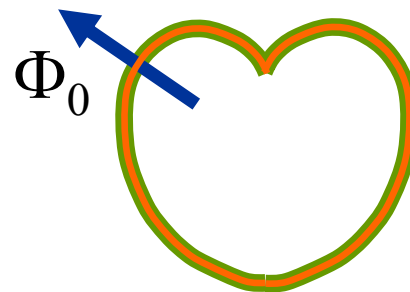
Simultaneous state measurement of coupled Josephson phase qubits

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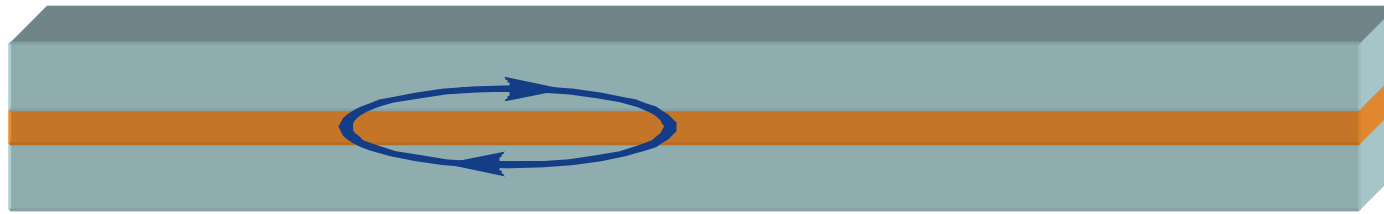


Vortex qubit

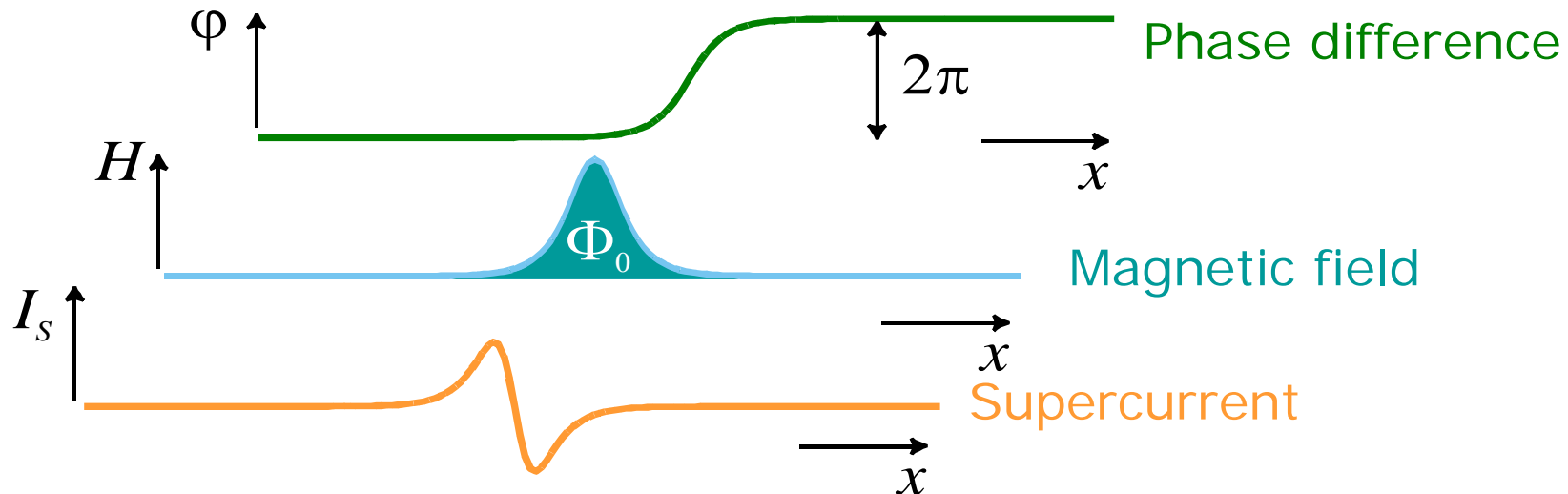




Soliton in a long Josephson junction



Φ_0 fluxon long Josephson junction



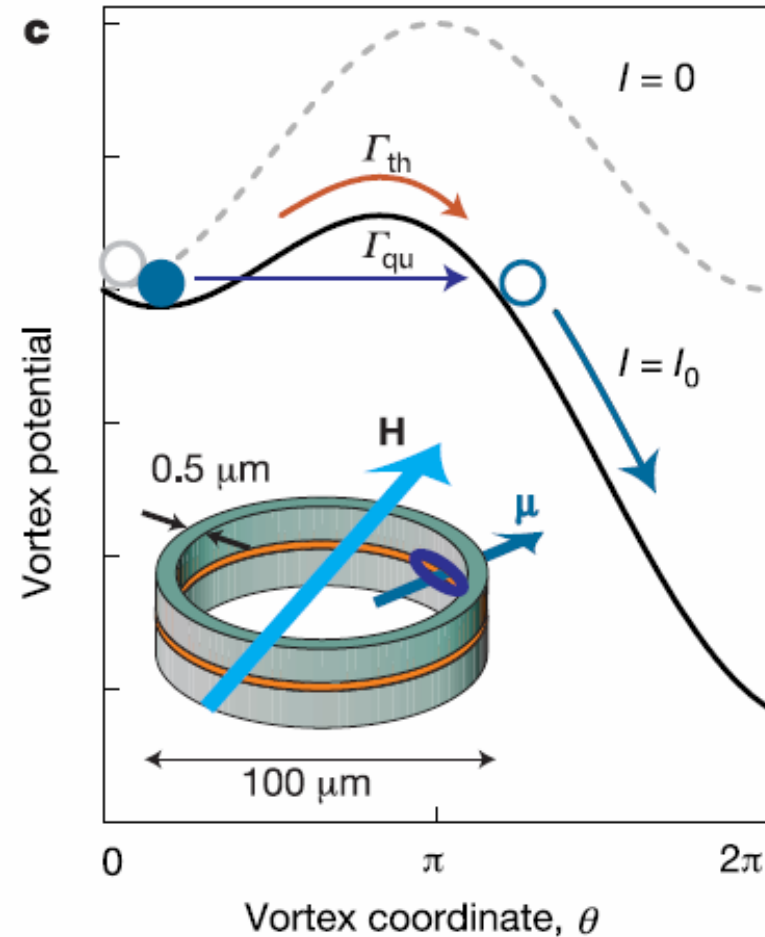
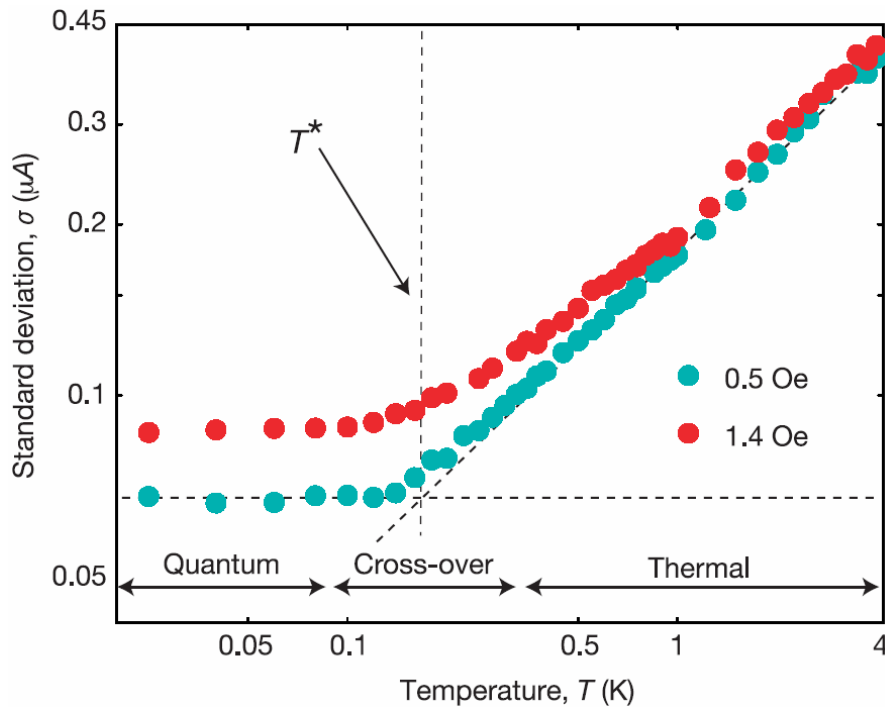
Soliton (fluxon, Josephson vortex, kink, flux quantum)



Quantum tunneling of a single vortex



volume
 $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}^3$

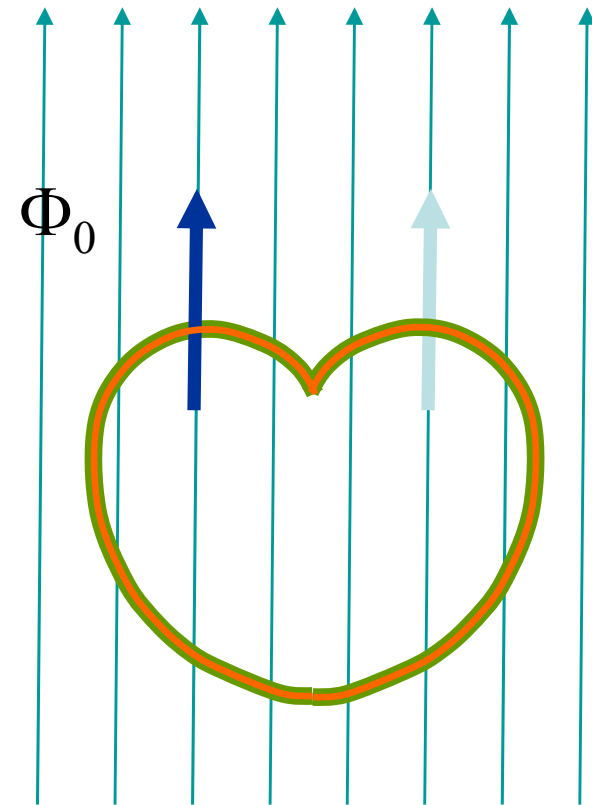


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Vortex qubit

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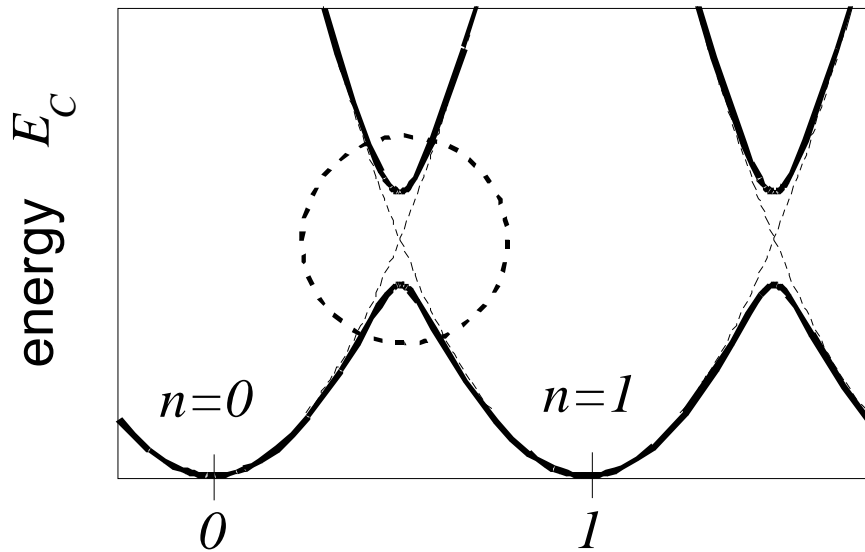




Charge qubits

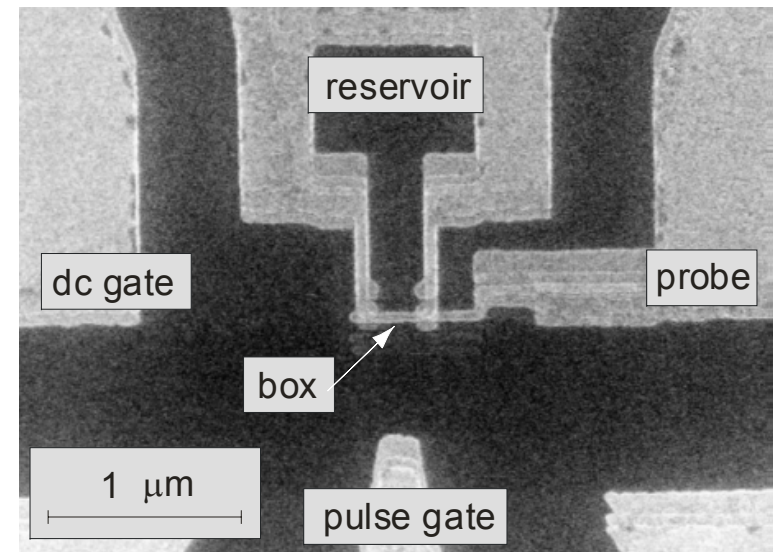
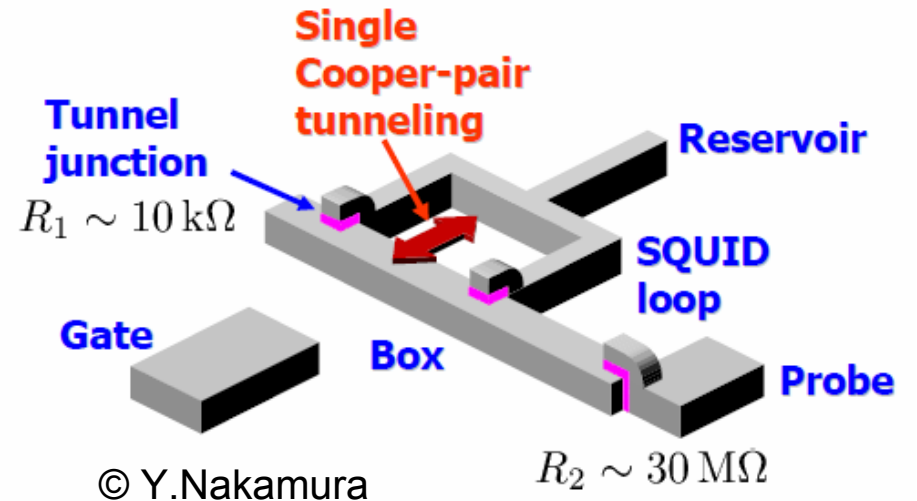
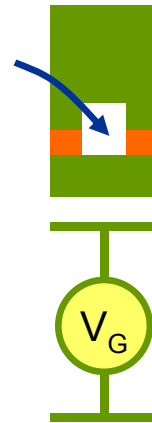


Charge qubit: NEC experiments



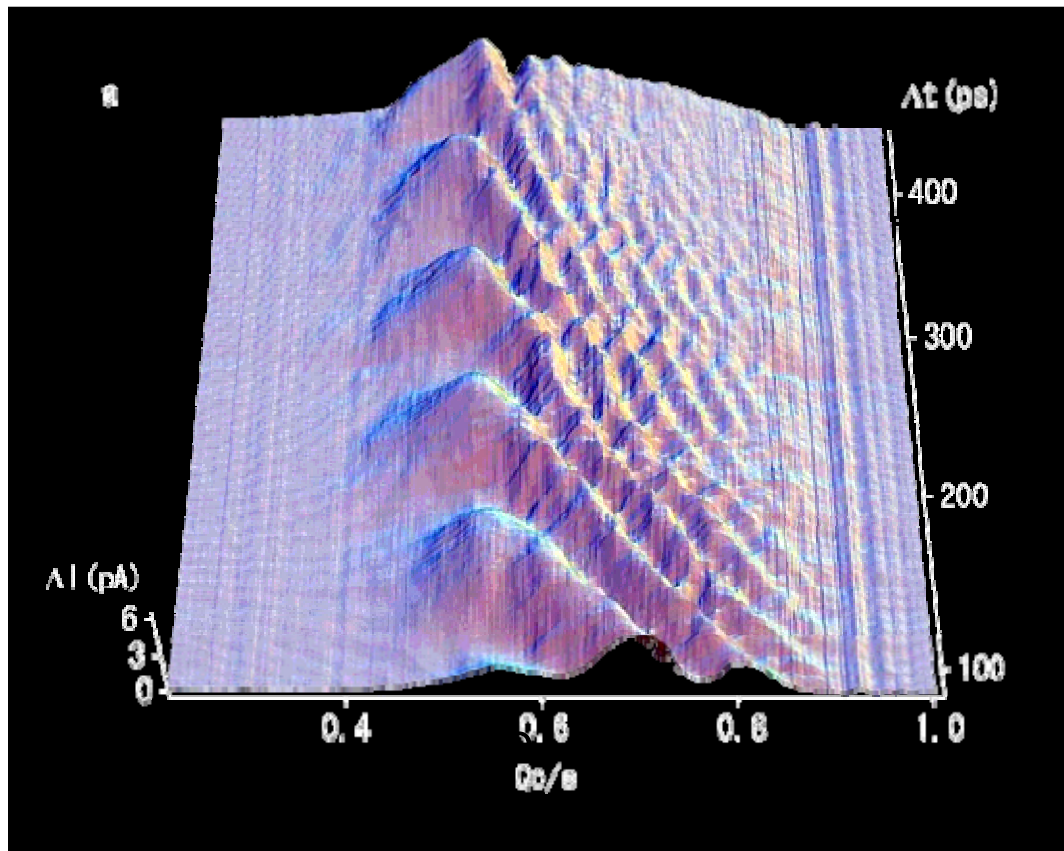
charge of the box $n_G = q/(2e)$

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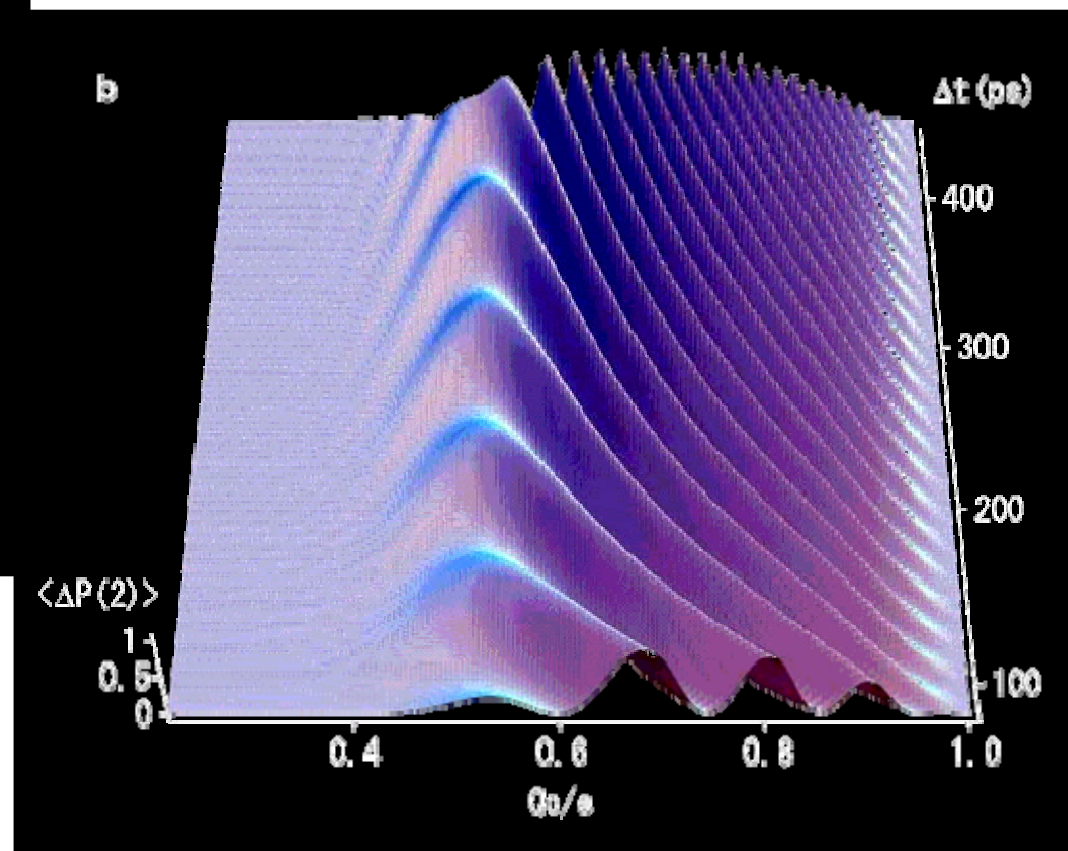
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Measurement

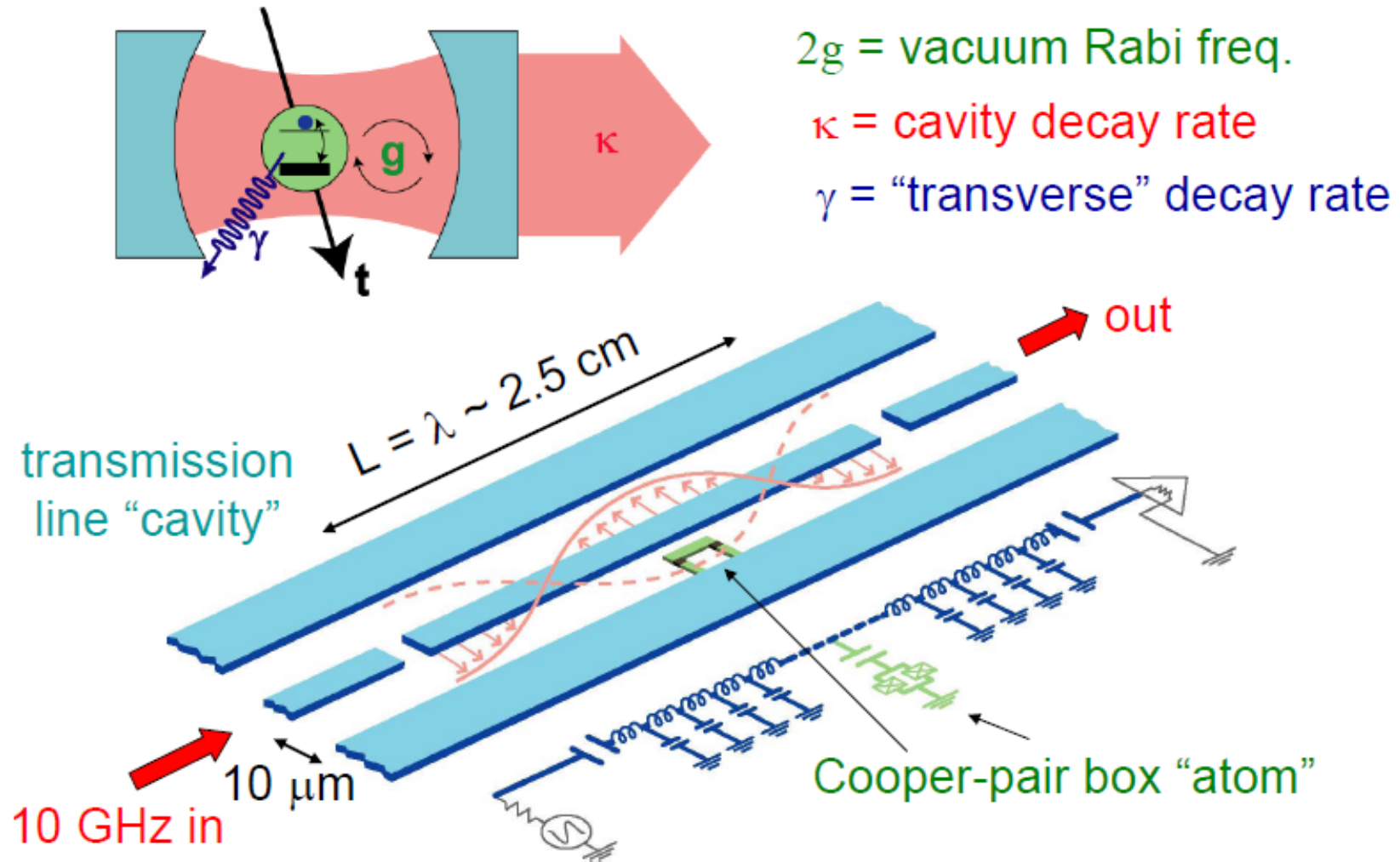
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Simulation





A circuit analog for cavity QED (Yale)

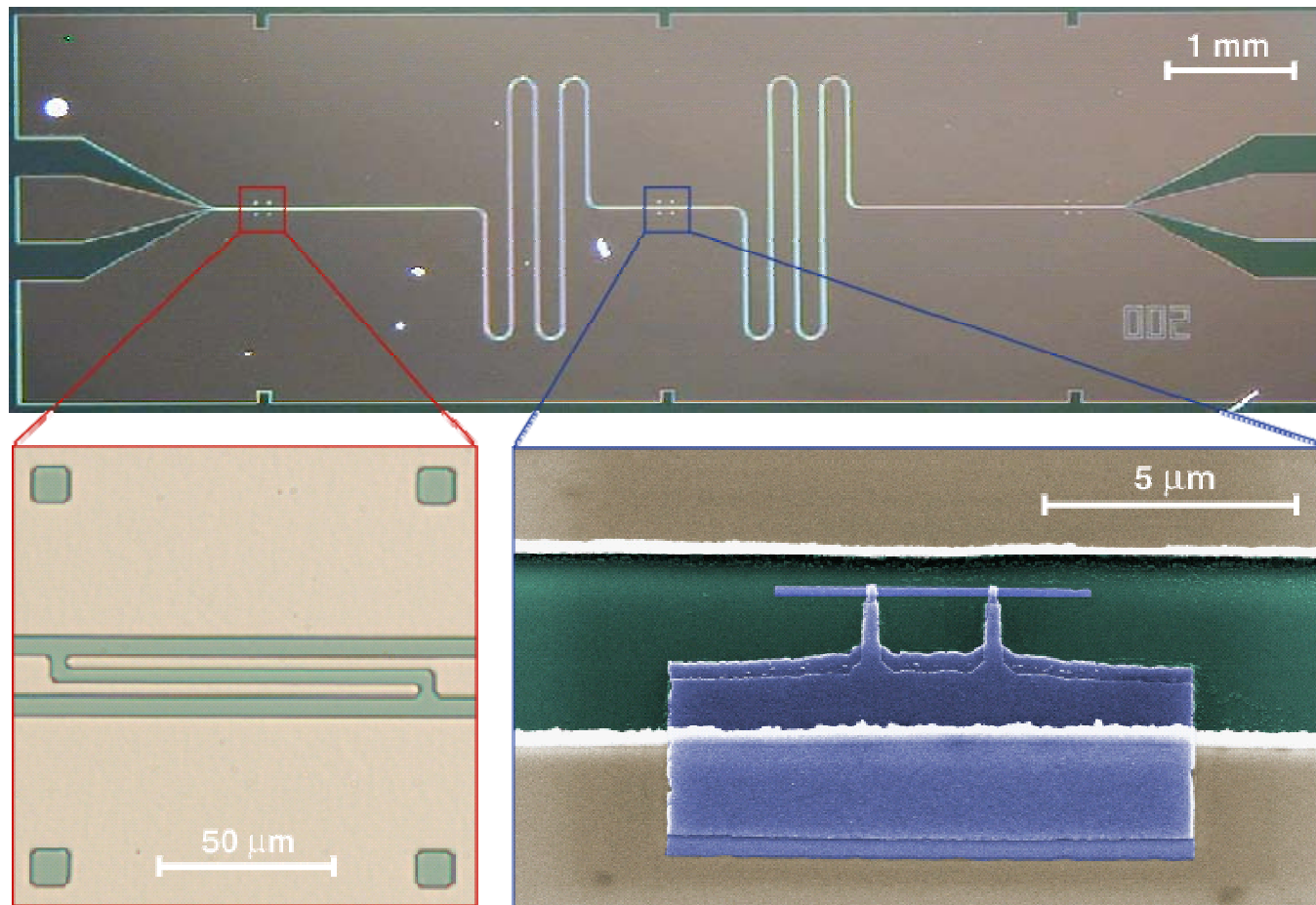


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Charge qubit in a cavity (Yale)



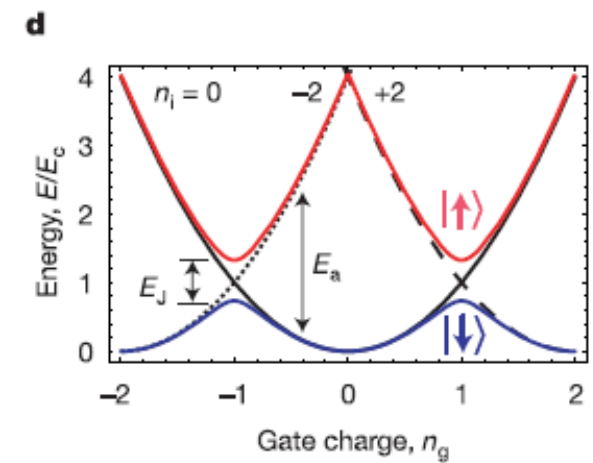
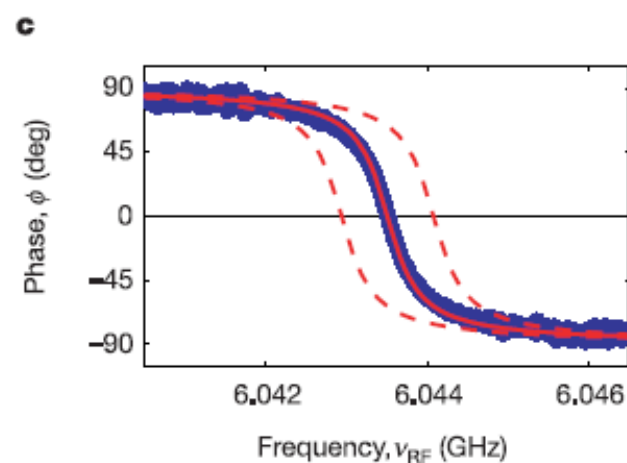
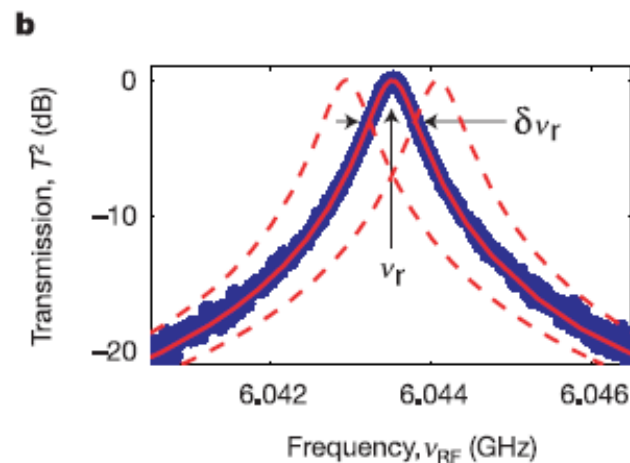
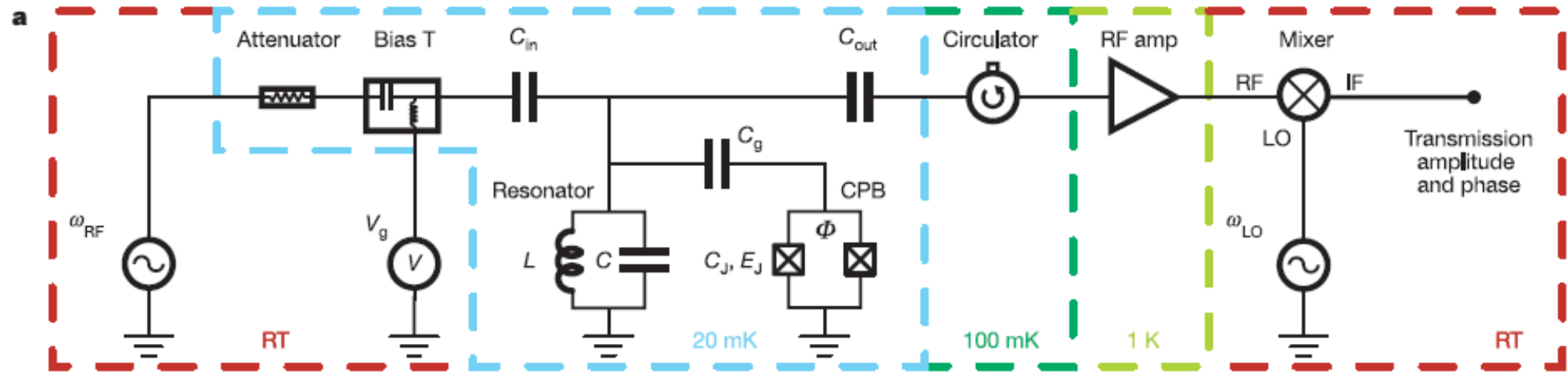
realization of superconducting cavity QED circuit

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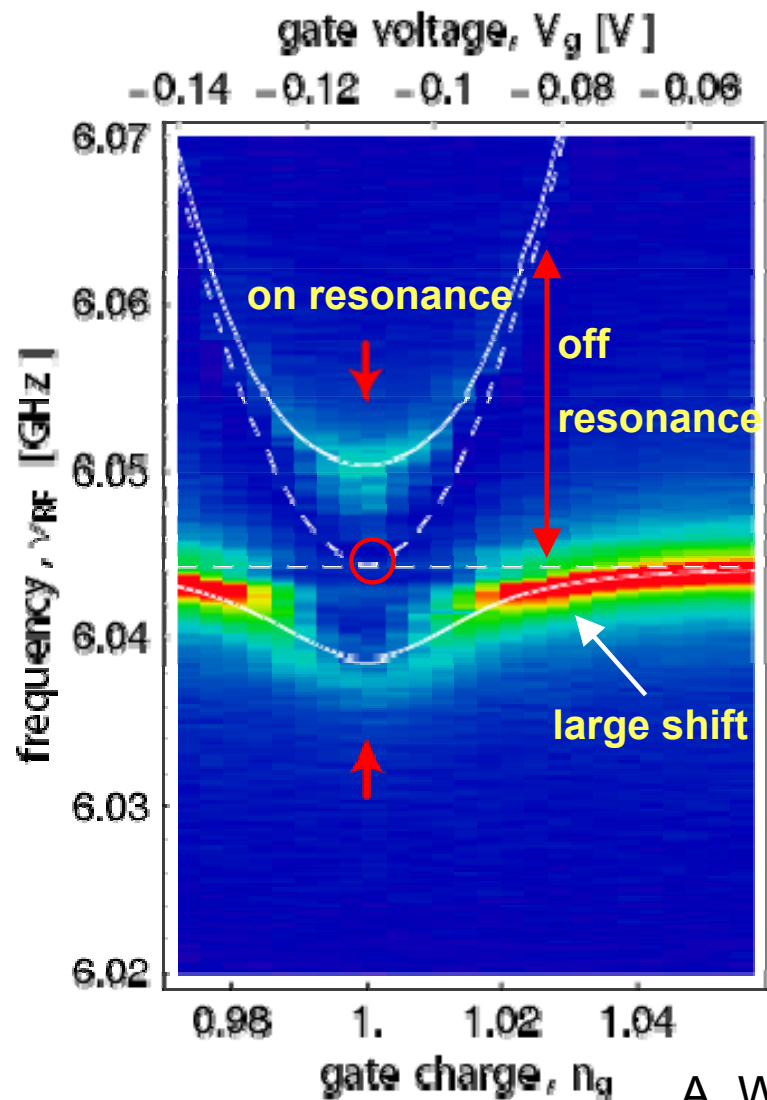
QED experiment @ Yale: scheme, resonator and charge qubit



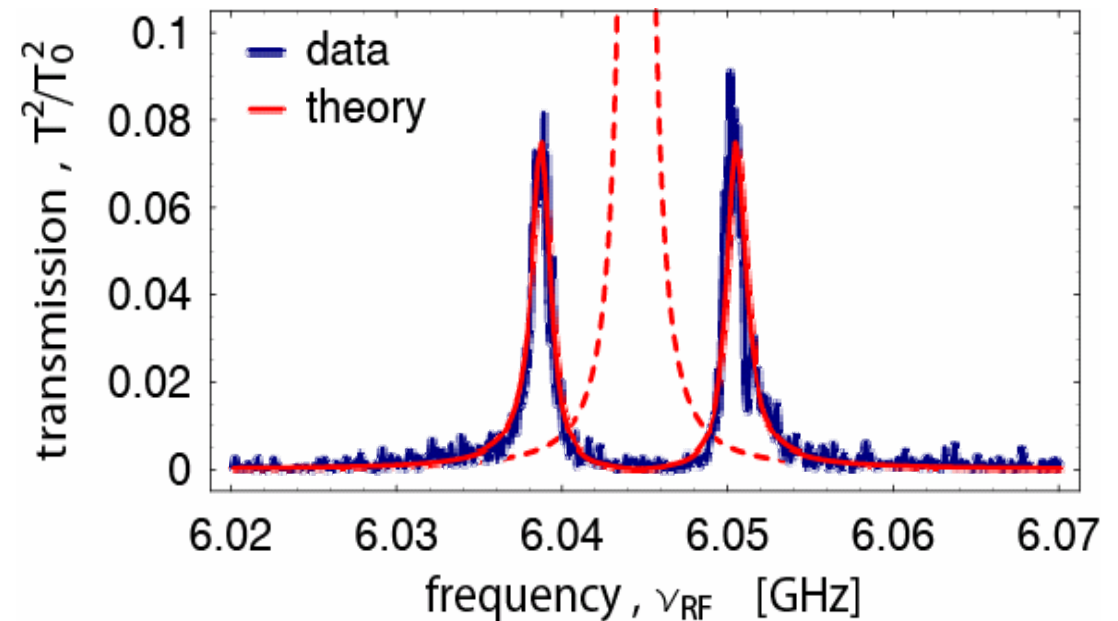
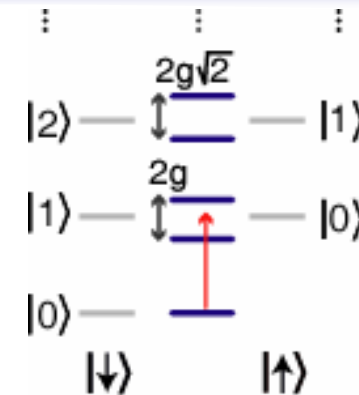
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Dispersive qubit-field interaction



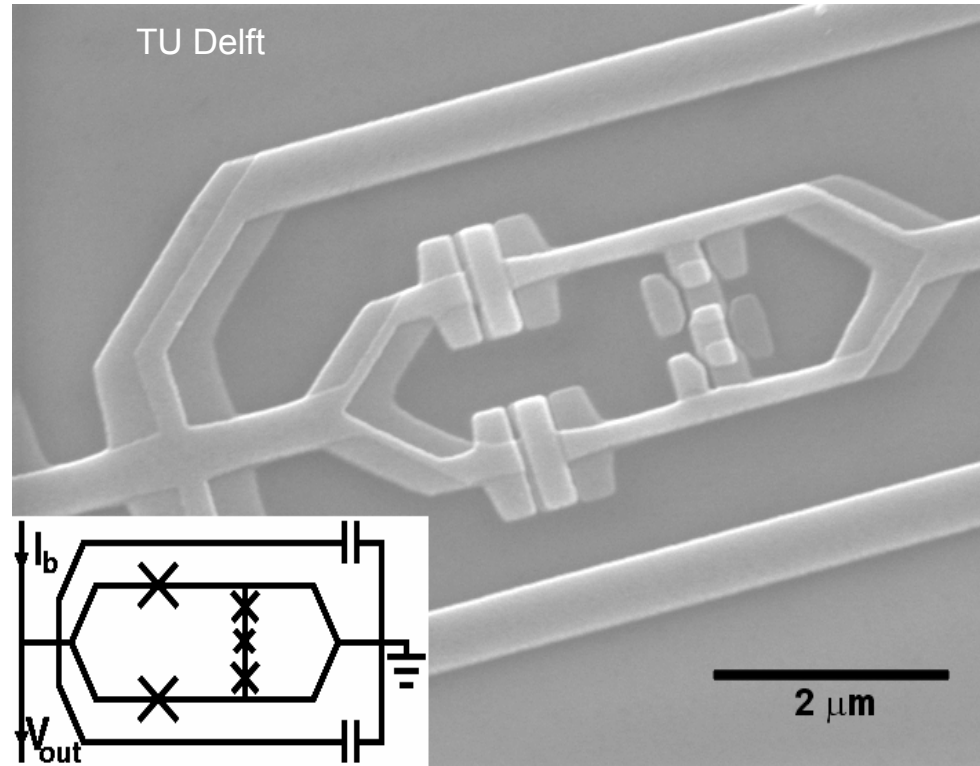
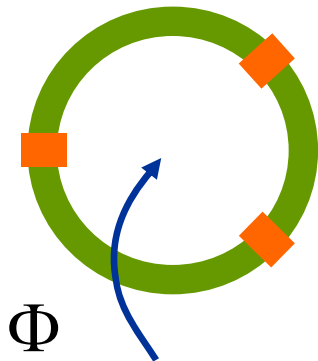
Photon-qubit
 anti-crossing:
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 splitting



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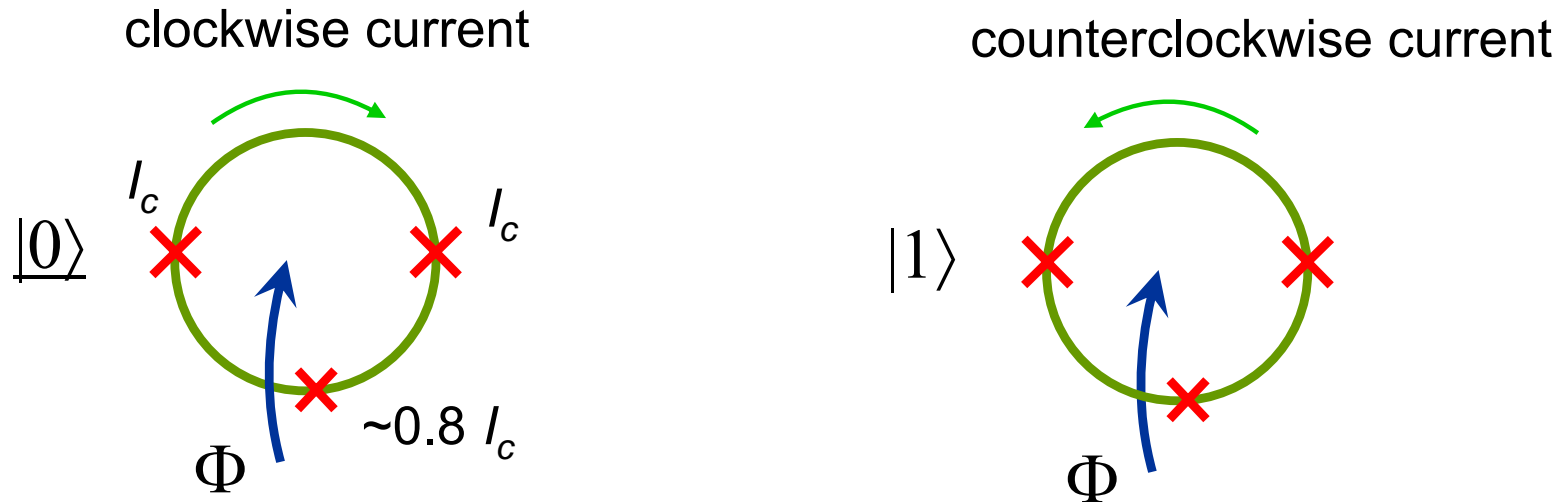


Flux qubit





Three-junction flux qubit



degeneracy point at $\Phi = \Phi_0/2$

quantum states:

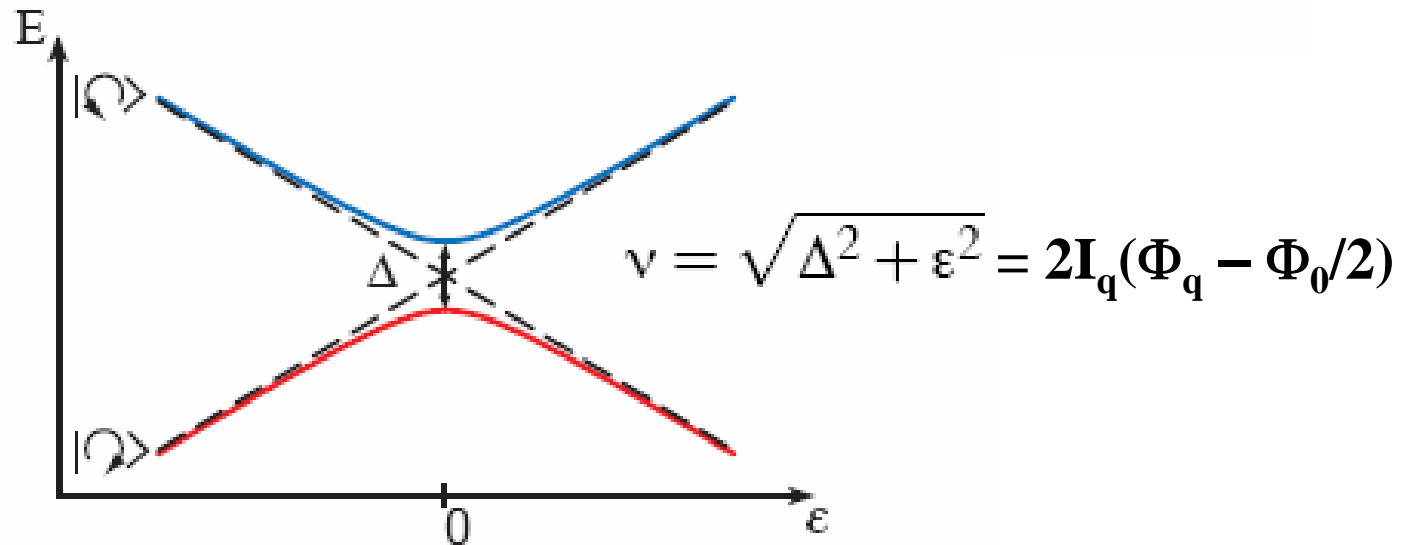
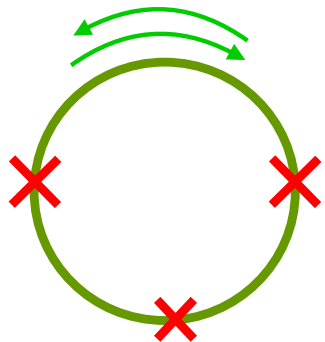
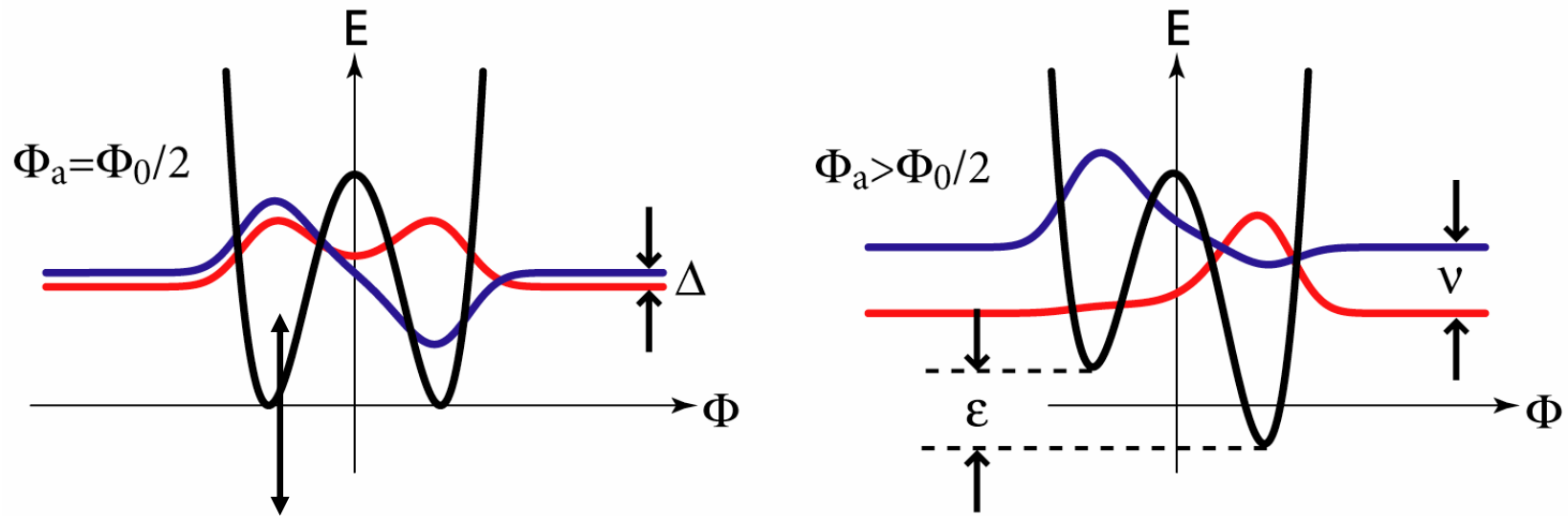
$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

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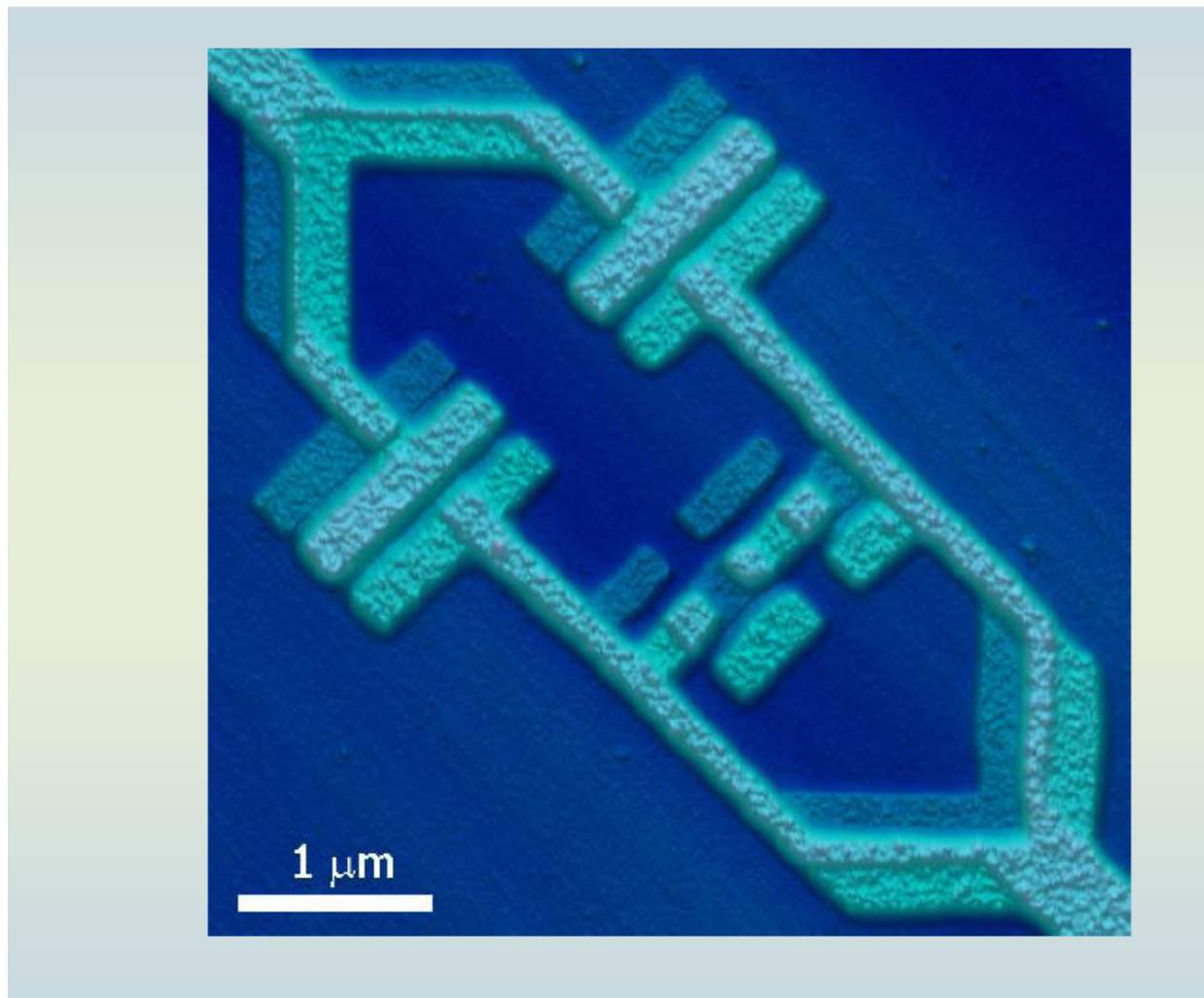


Energy of the flux qubit



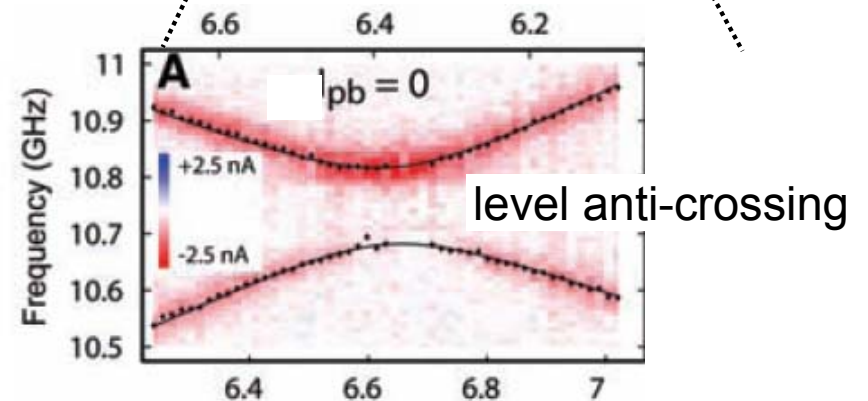
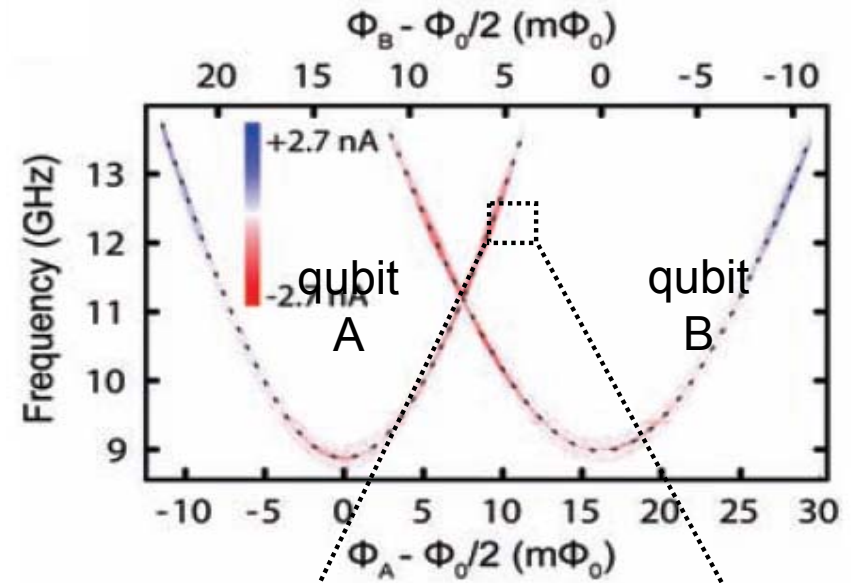
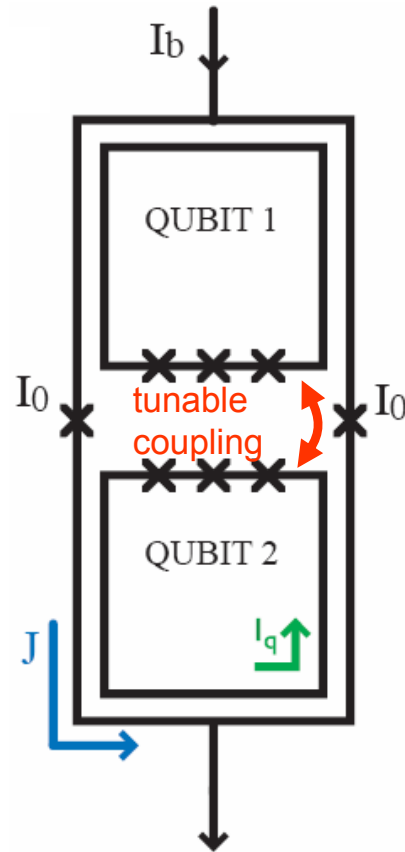
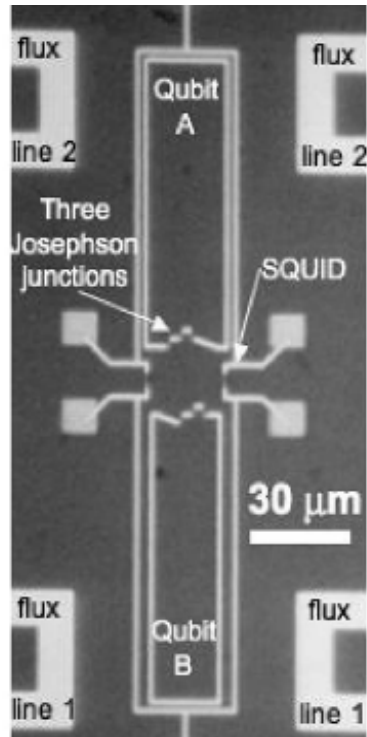


Nakamura design





Flux qubits with current-controlled coupling

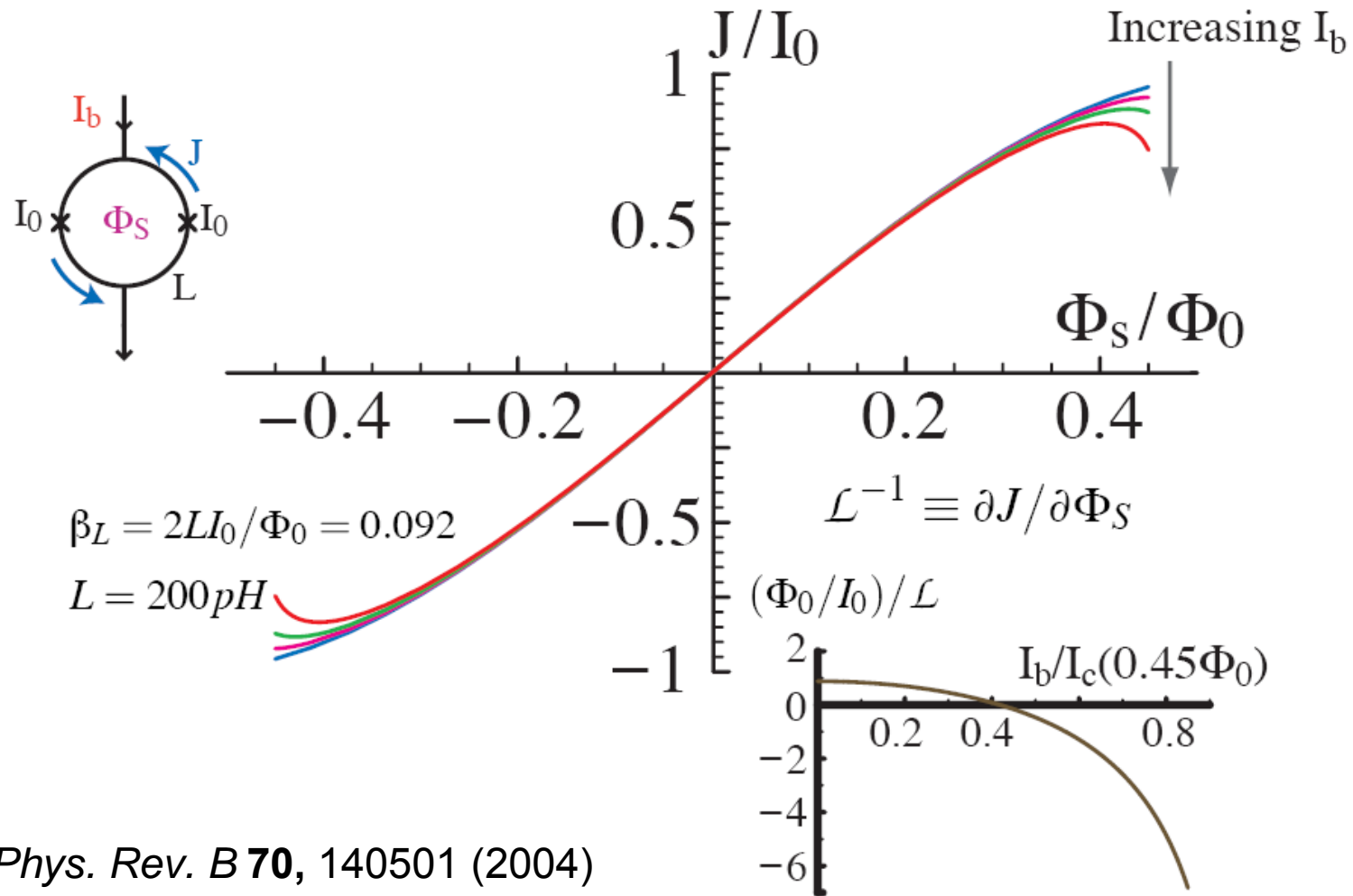


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Circulating current in dc SQUID vs. applied flux

Circulating current in dc SQUID vs. applied flux ($T = 0$)

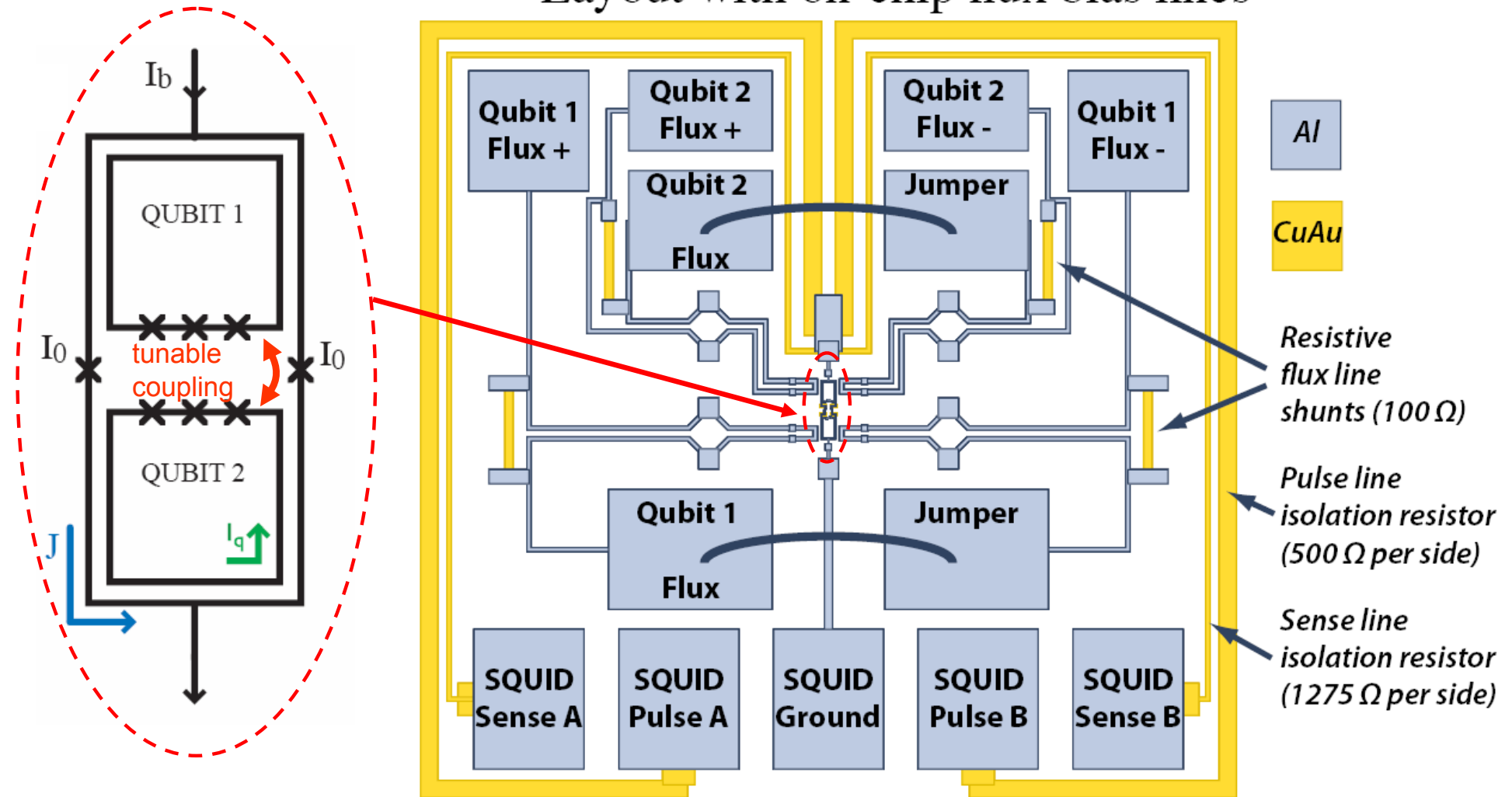


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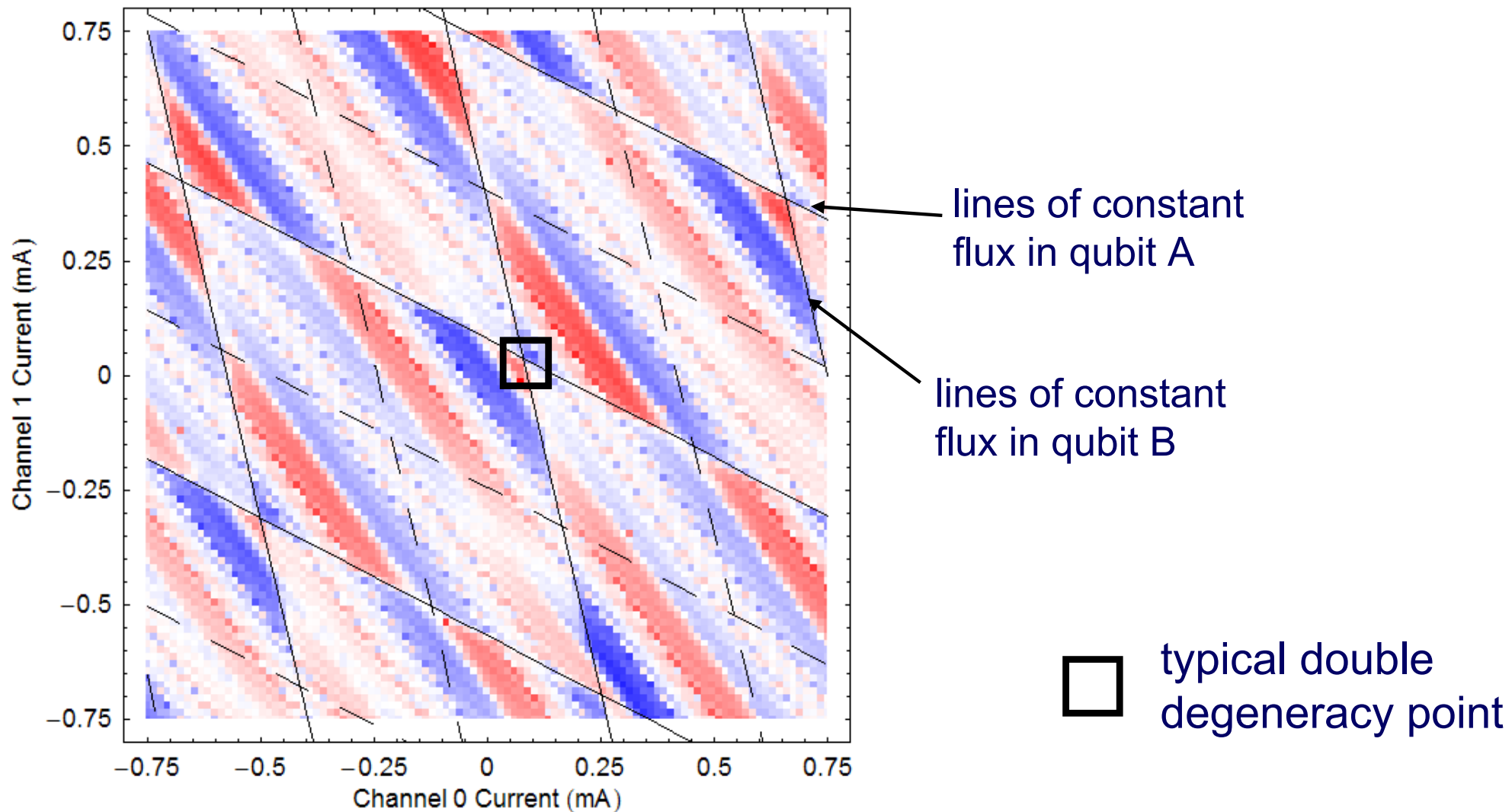
Chip layout

Layout with on-chip flux bias lines



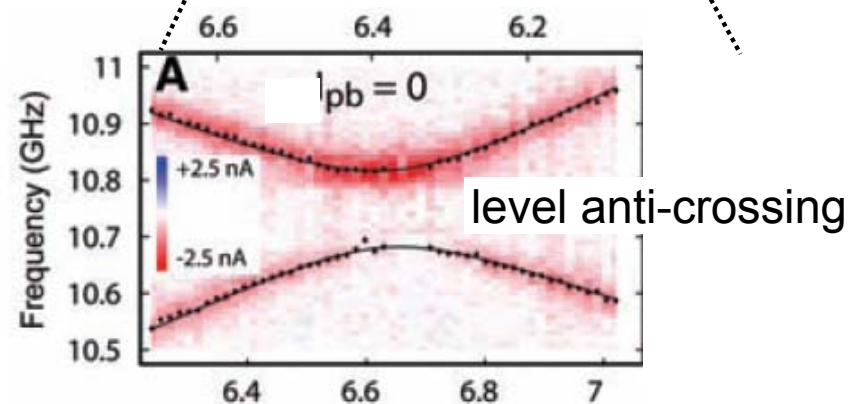
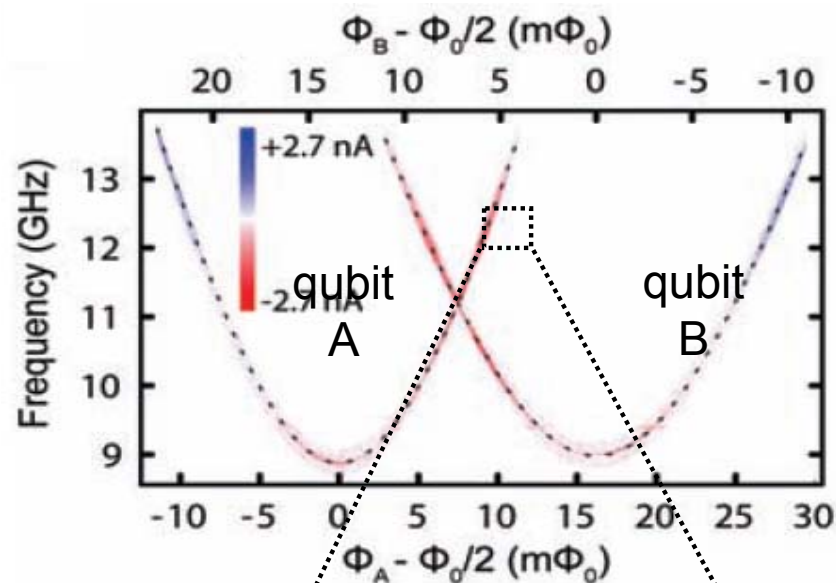
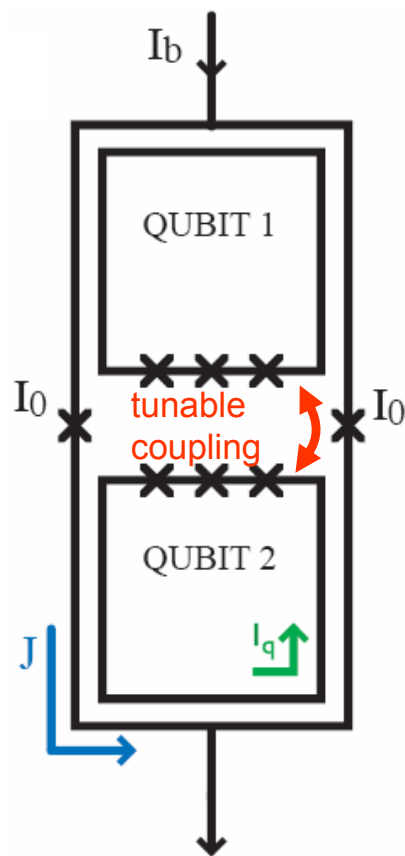
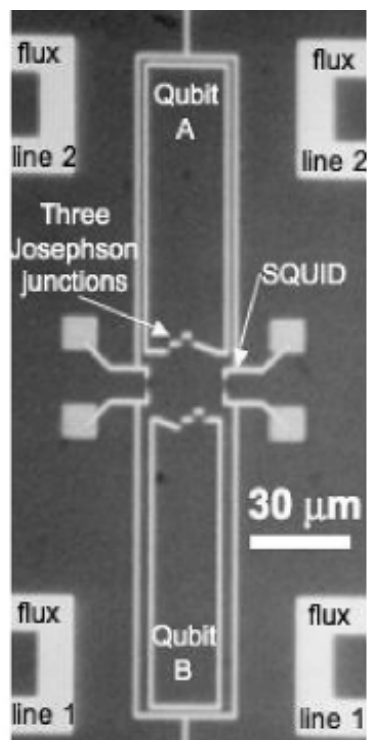


Two-Qubit Flux Map





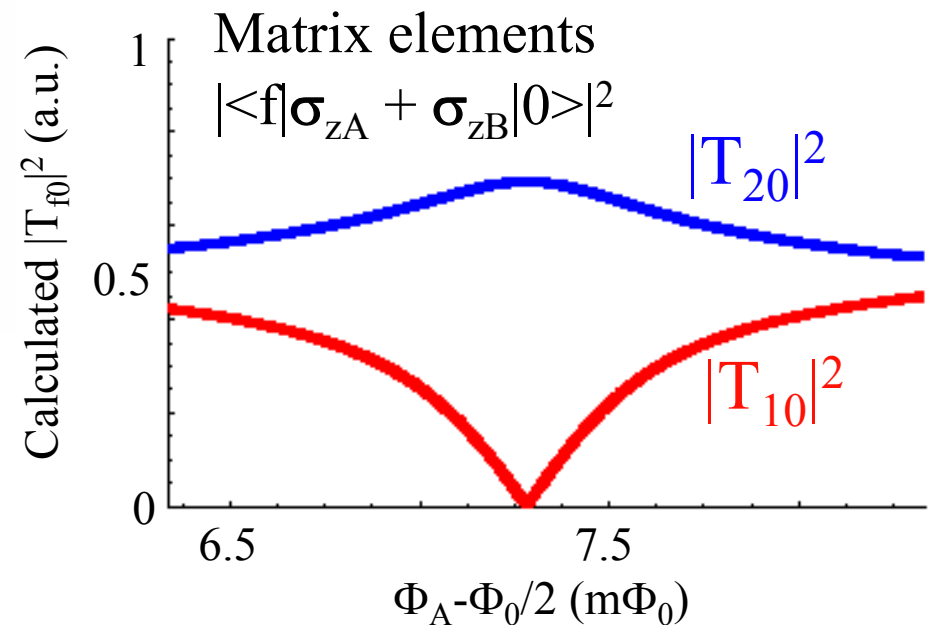
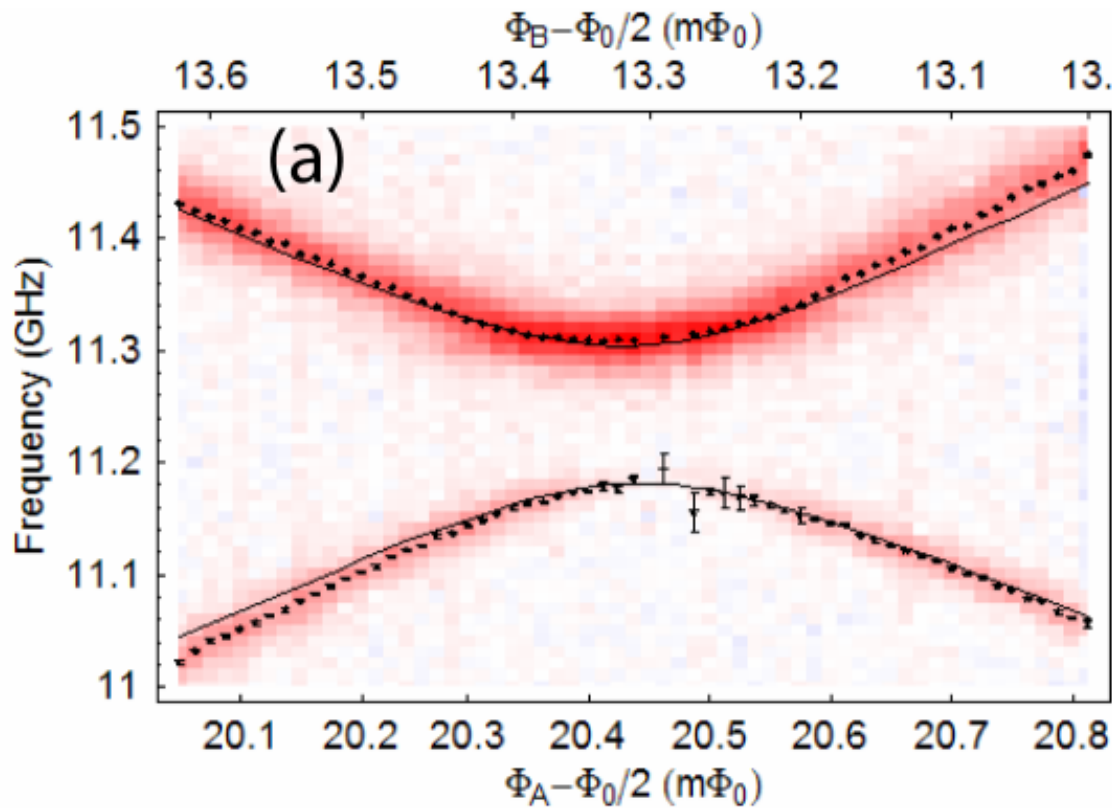
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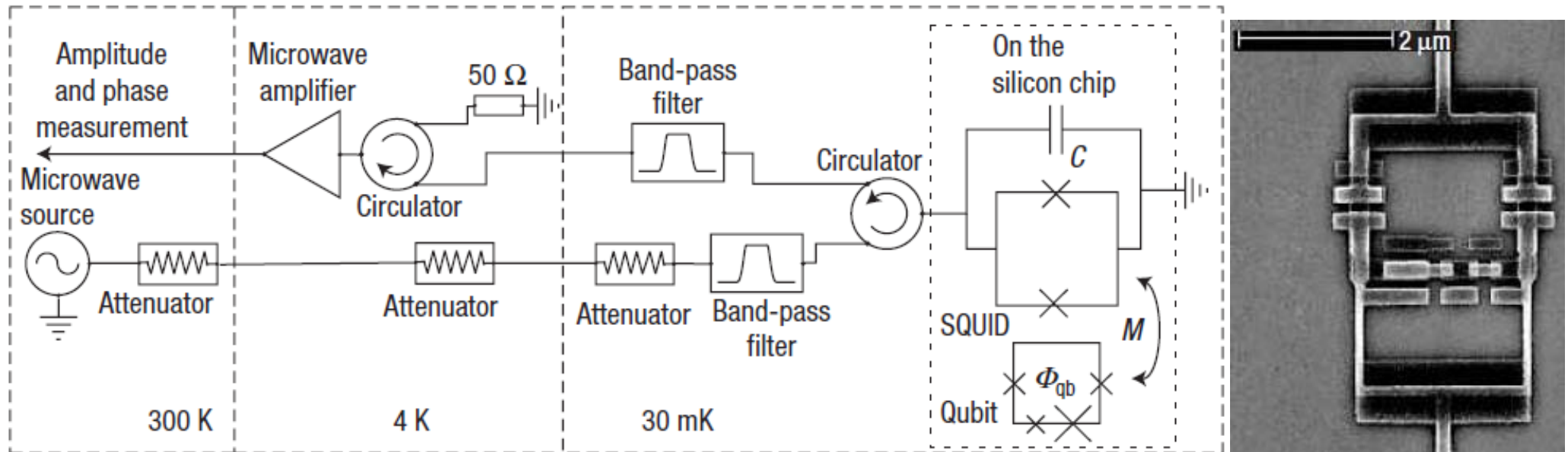
Two coupled flux qubits





Quantum non-demolition measurement of a flux qubit

A quantum non-demolition (QND) measurement minimizes the disturbance by interaction with a detector that preserves the eigenstates of the quantum system.

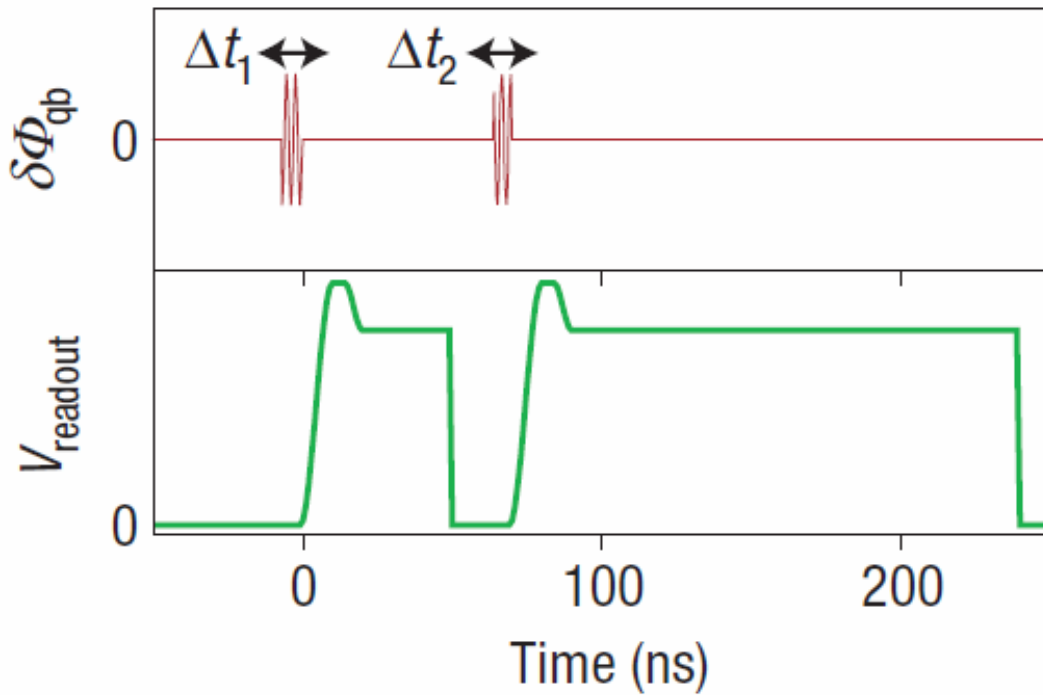


The mutual inductance $M=14$ pH represents the sum of a geometric inductance and of the kinetic inductance of the narrow lines shared by the qubit and SQUID loops.

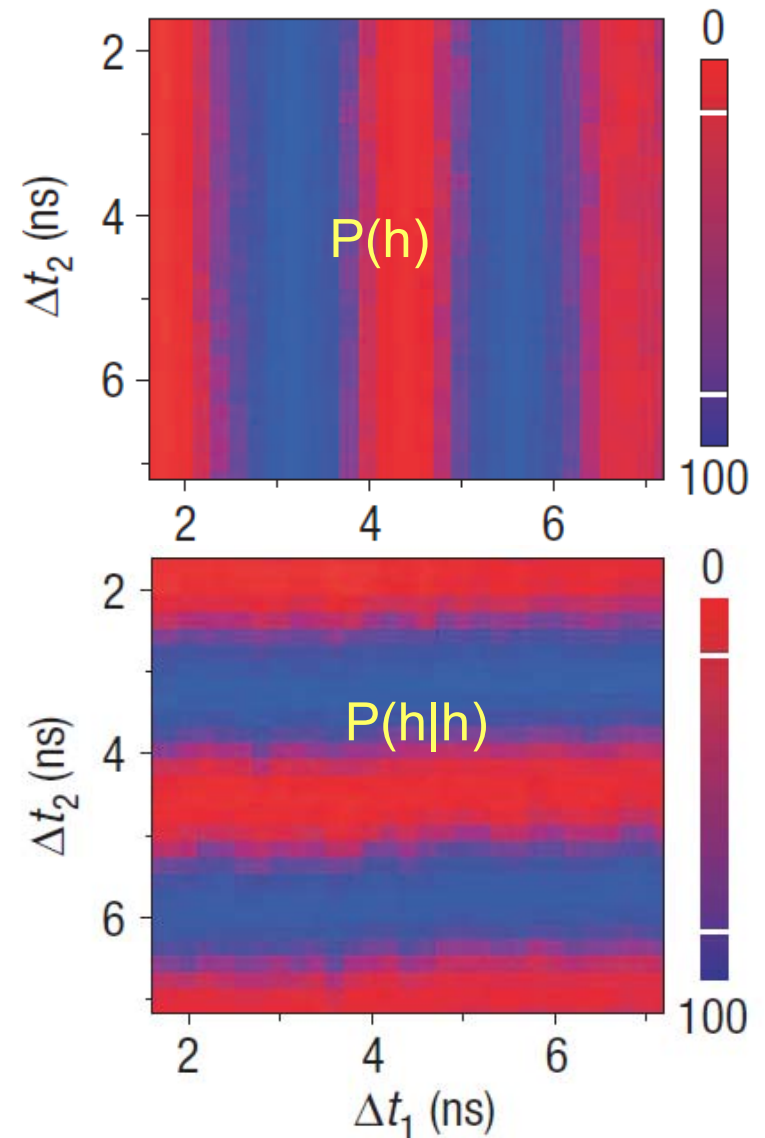
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QND measurement of a flux qubit



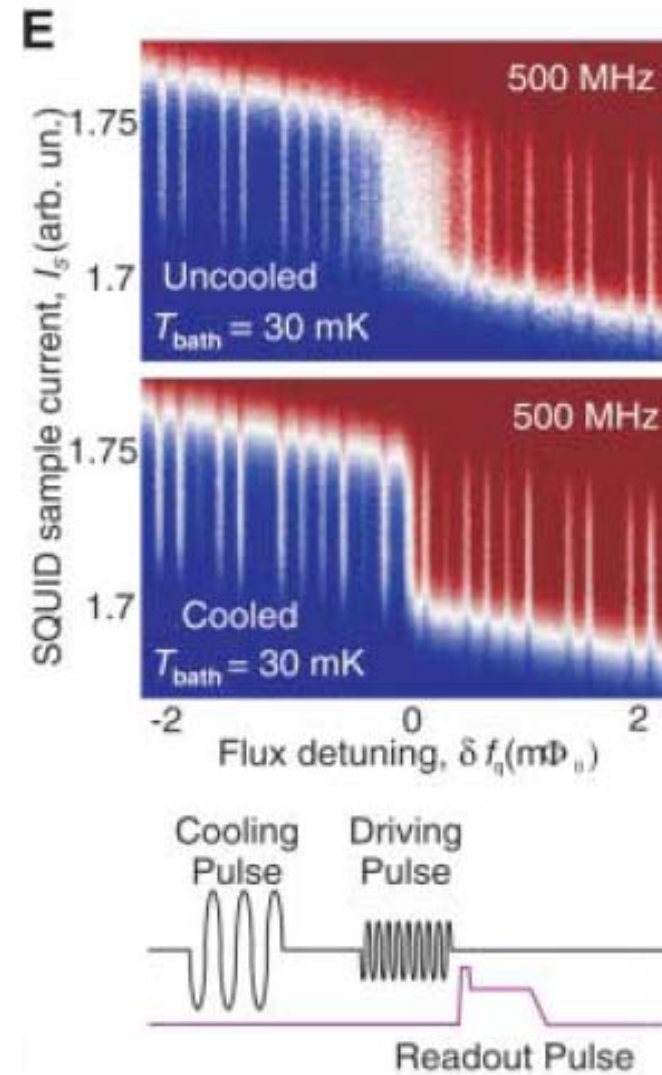
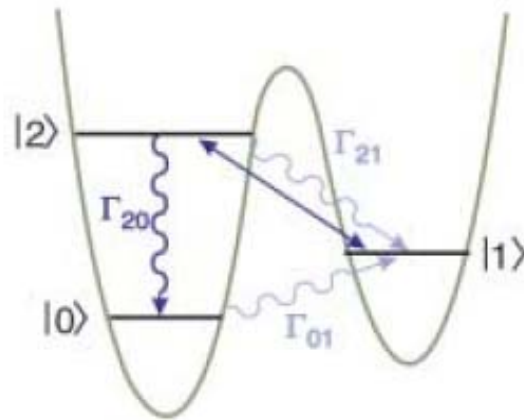
conditional measurement



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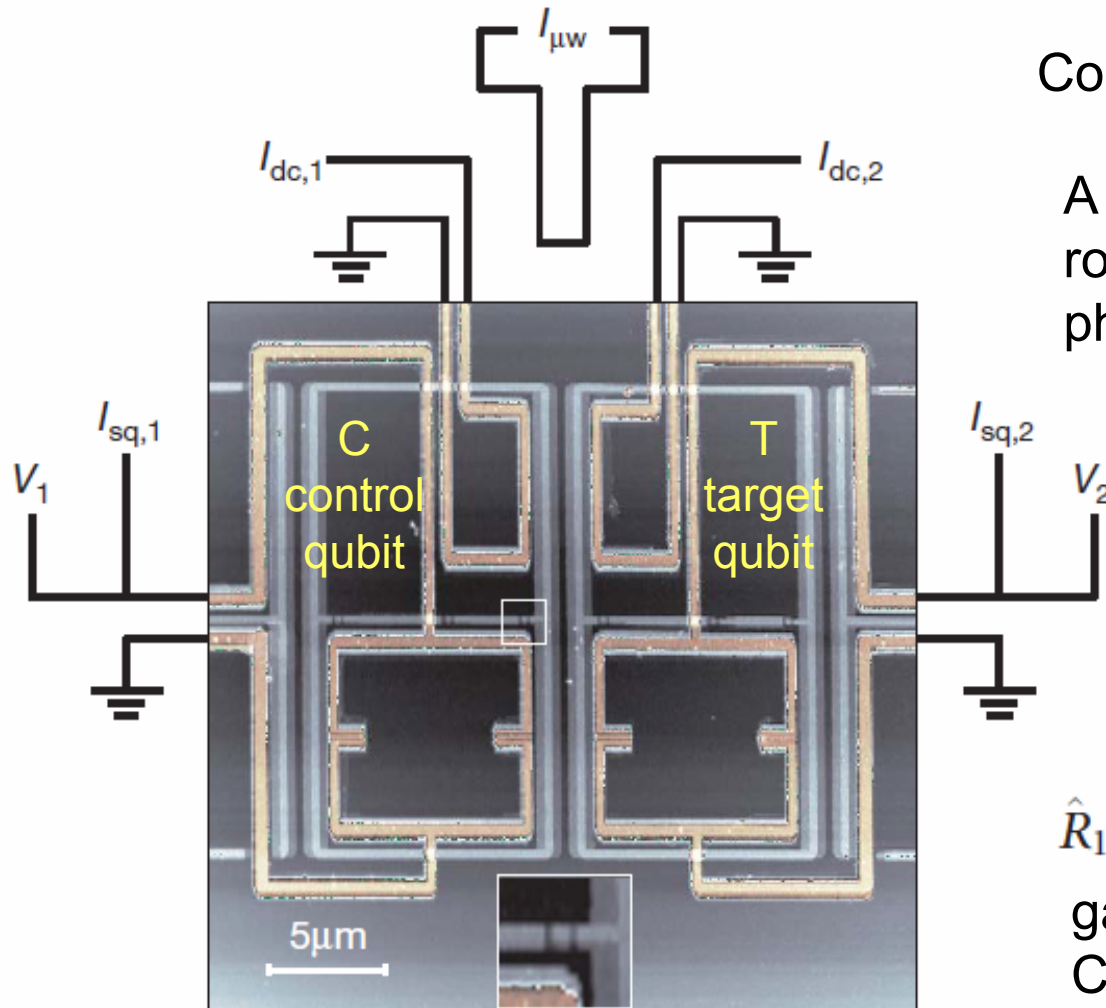
Microwave-induced cooling of a flux qubit



S.O. Valenzuela, *et al.* *Science* **314**, 1589 (2006)



Demonstration of controlled-NOT quantum gates on a pair of flux qubits



Computational basis: $0_C 0_T, 0_C 1_T, 1_C 0_T, 1_C 1_T$

A resonant microwave pulse induces rotations in this basis, and its microwave phase determines the rotation axis.

A microwave pulse inducing a rotation around the x axis of the $1_C 0_T - 1_C 1_T$ transition:

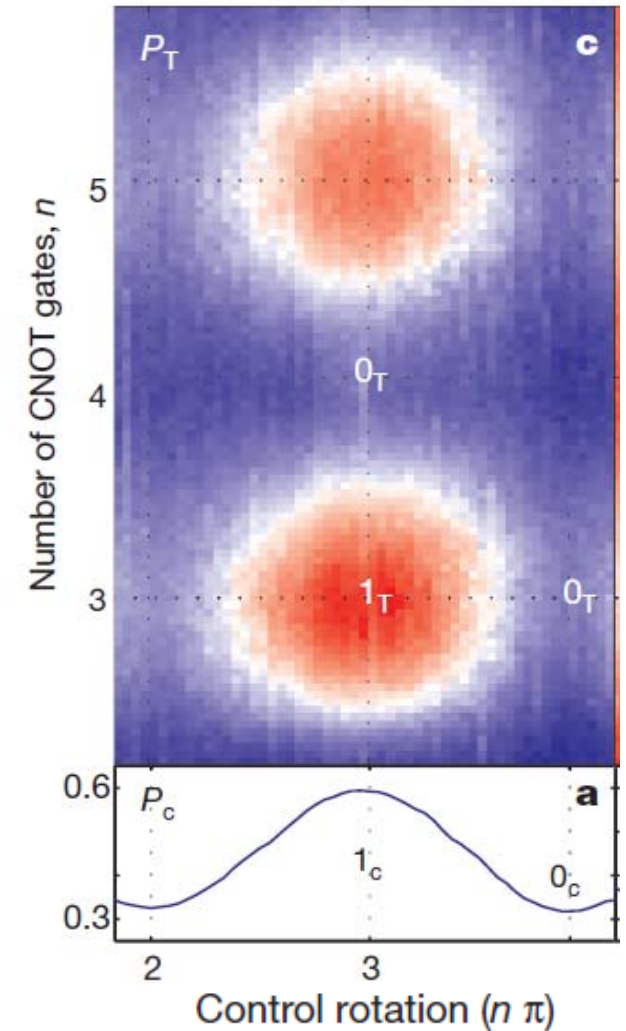
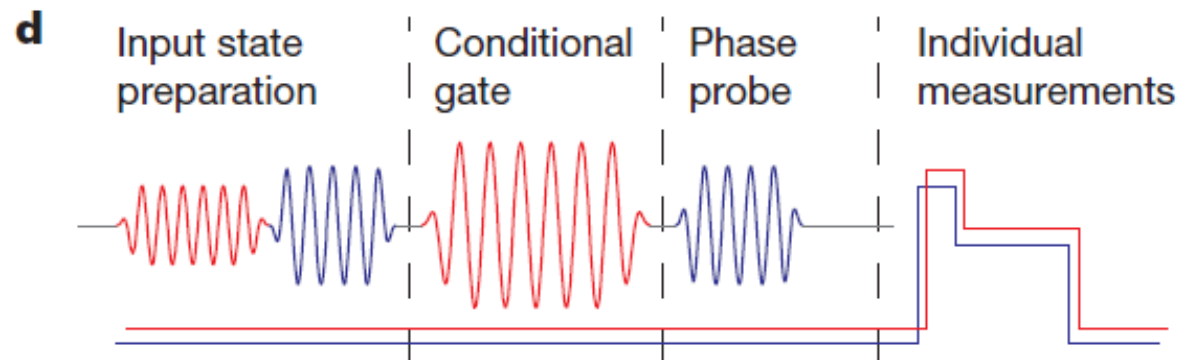
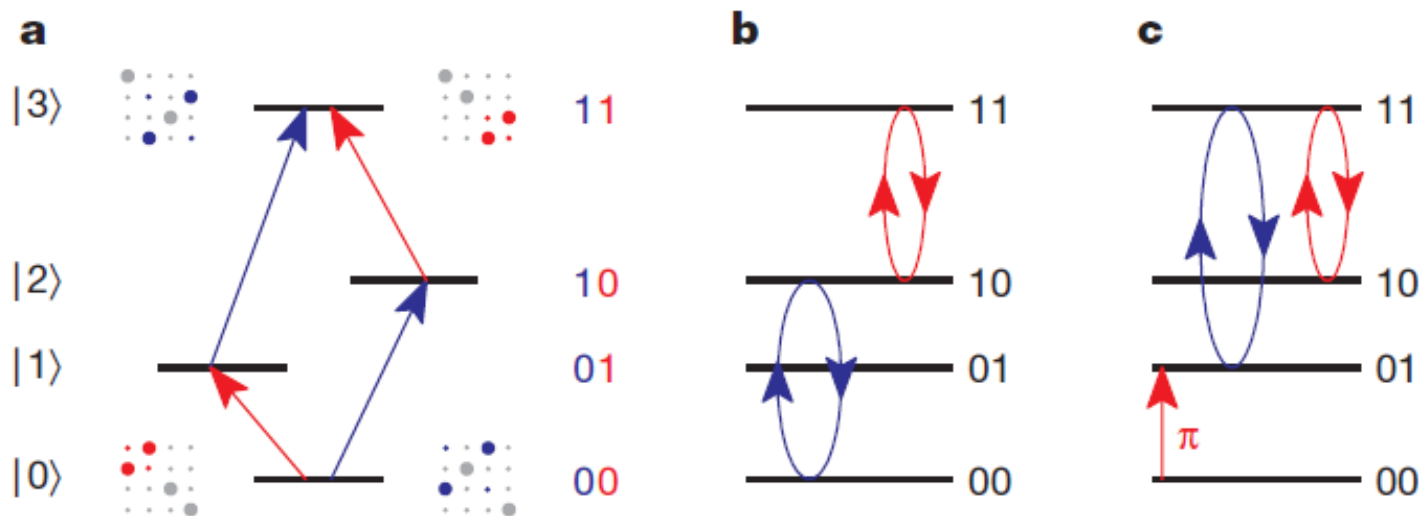
$$\hat{R}_{1_C 0_T - 1_C 1_T}(\omega, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \frac{\omega \tau}{2} & i \sin \frac{\omega \tau}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & i \sin \frac{\omega \tau}{2} & \cos \frac{\omega \tau}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

gate matrix
CNOT $\omega \tau = \pi$

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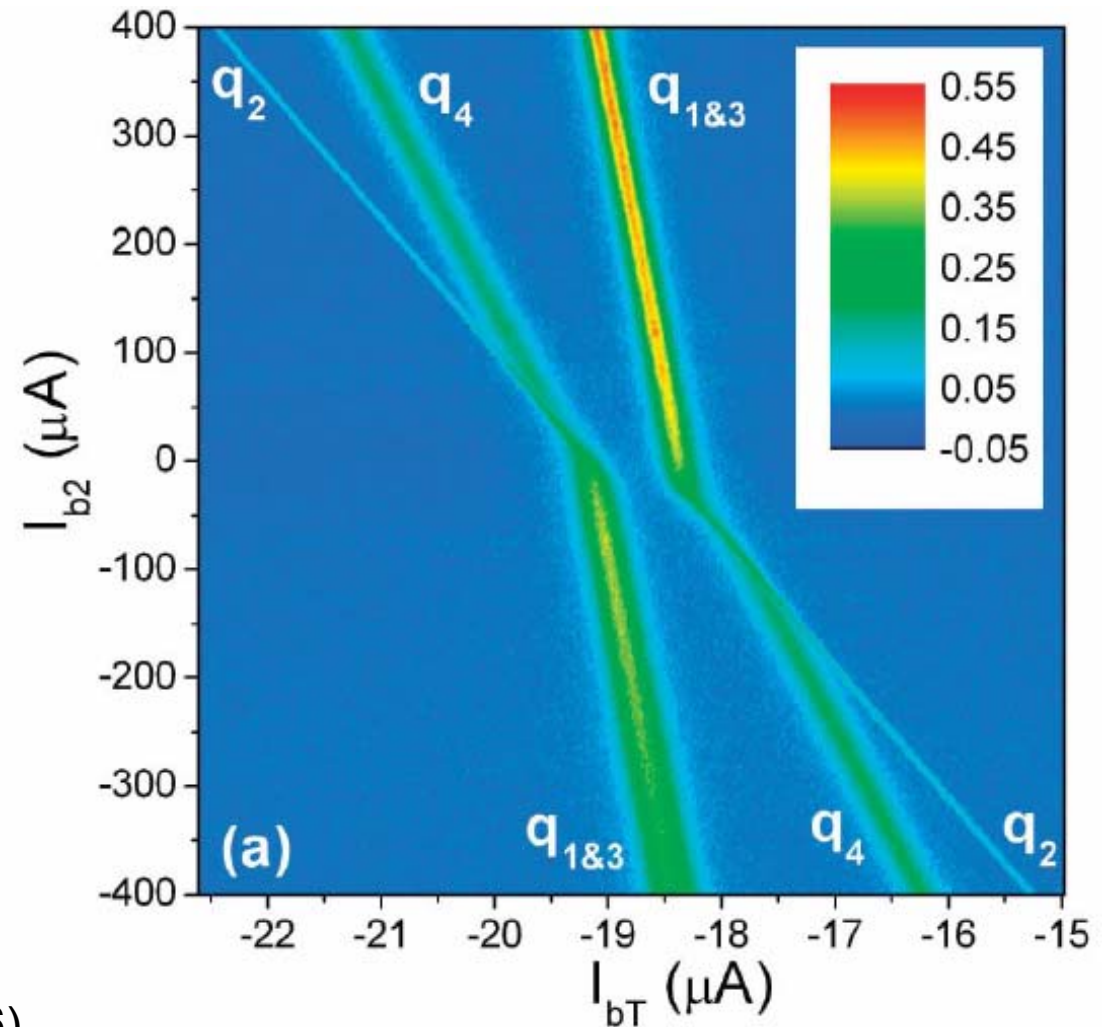
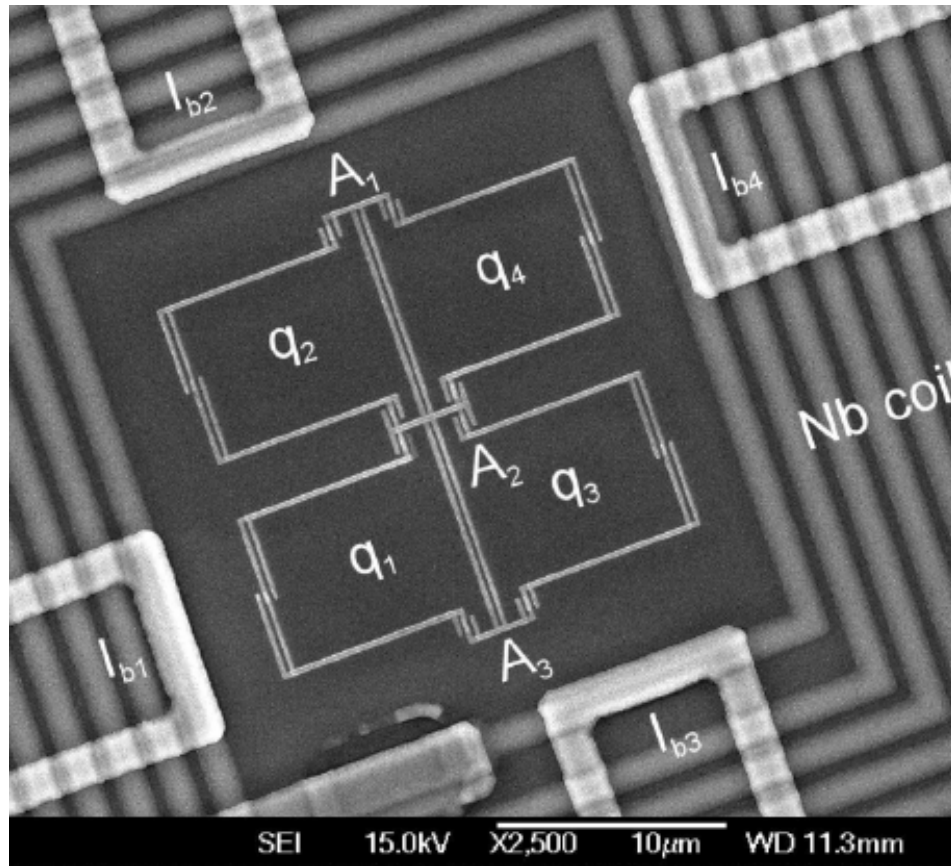
Operation of the coupled-qubits device



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First 4-qubit experiment: IPHT Jena



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Forthcoming experiments with superconducting qubits

- Josephson `artificial atoms´ are becoming scalable and reliable qubits
- CNOT-type gates have been reported for charge, flux and phase qubits
- More coupled qubits will be coming soon
- Dispersive QND readout is on the way
- Practical yield: Cooling by using coherent qubit states
- Challenge for the future: Entangling Josephson qubits with other types of qubits (photons, atoms, spins)