

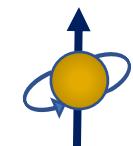
# Superconducting Qubits



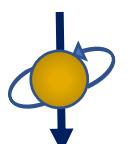
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# Qubit

$|Z^+\rangle = |1\rangle$



$|Z^-\rangle = |0\rangle$

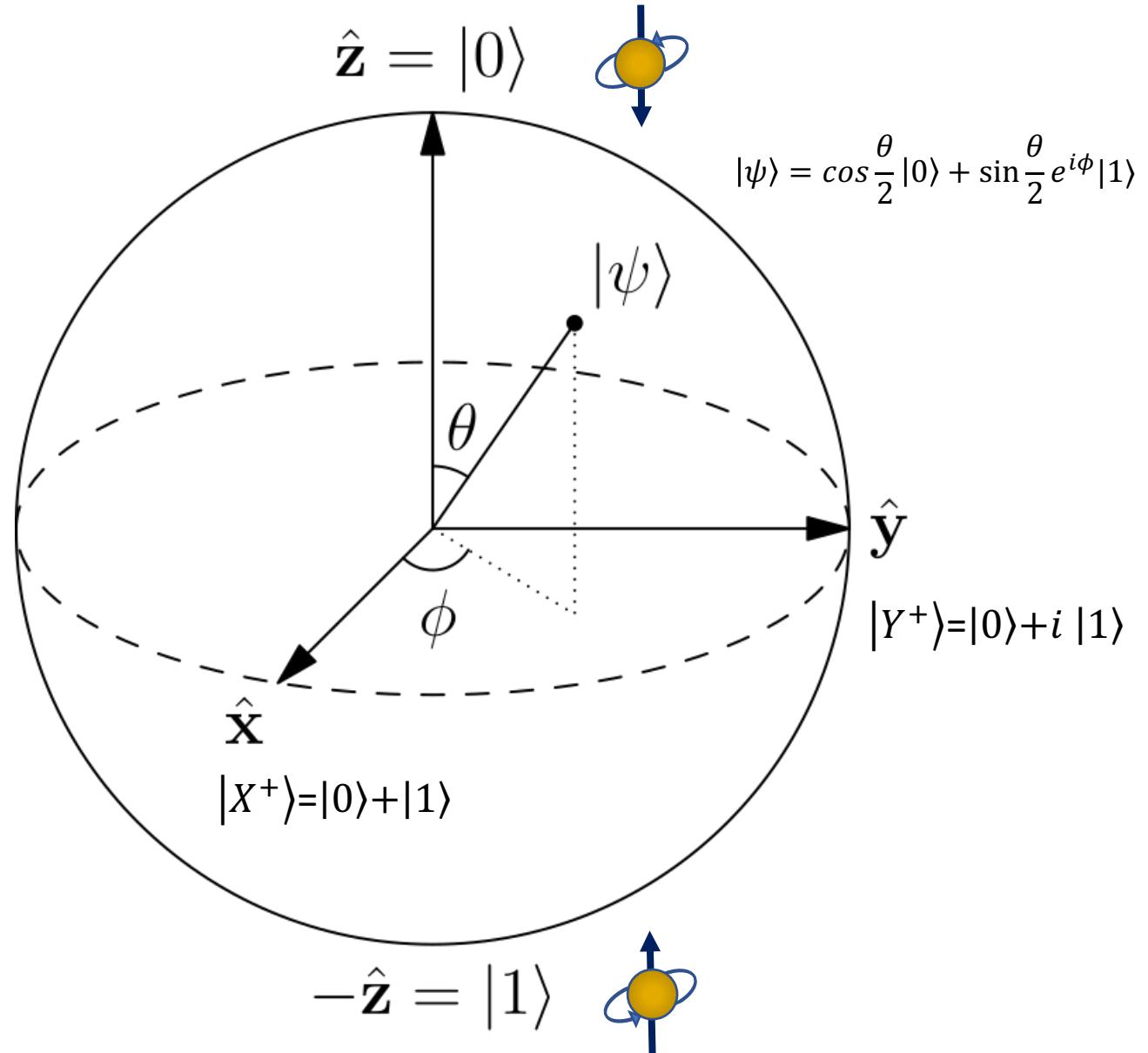


State superposition

$$|S\rangle = a |0\rangle + b |1\rangle$$

$$\text{Probability } (S = 0) = |a|^2$$

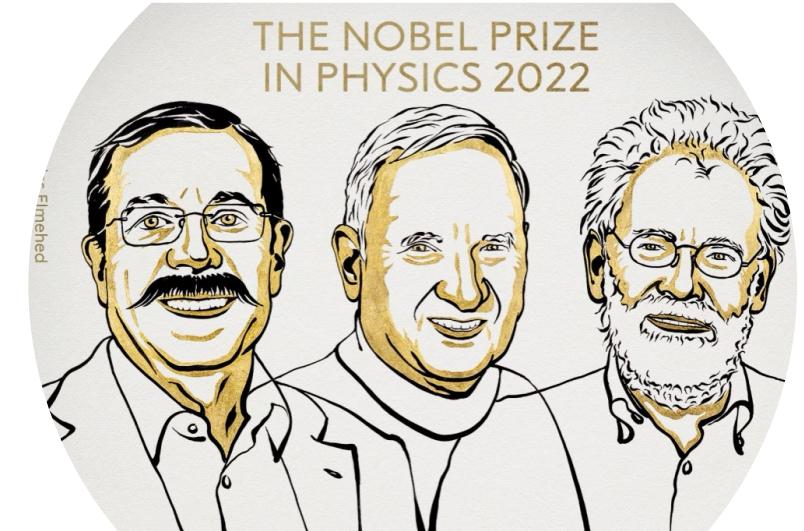
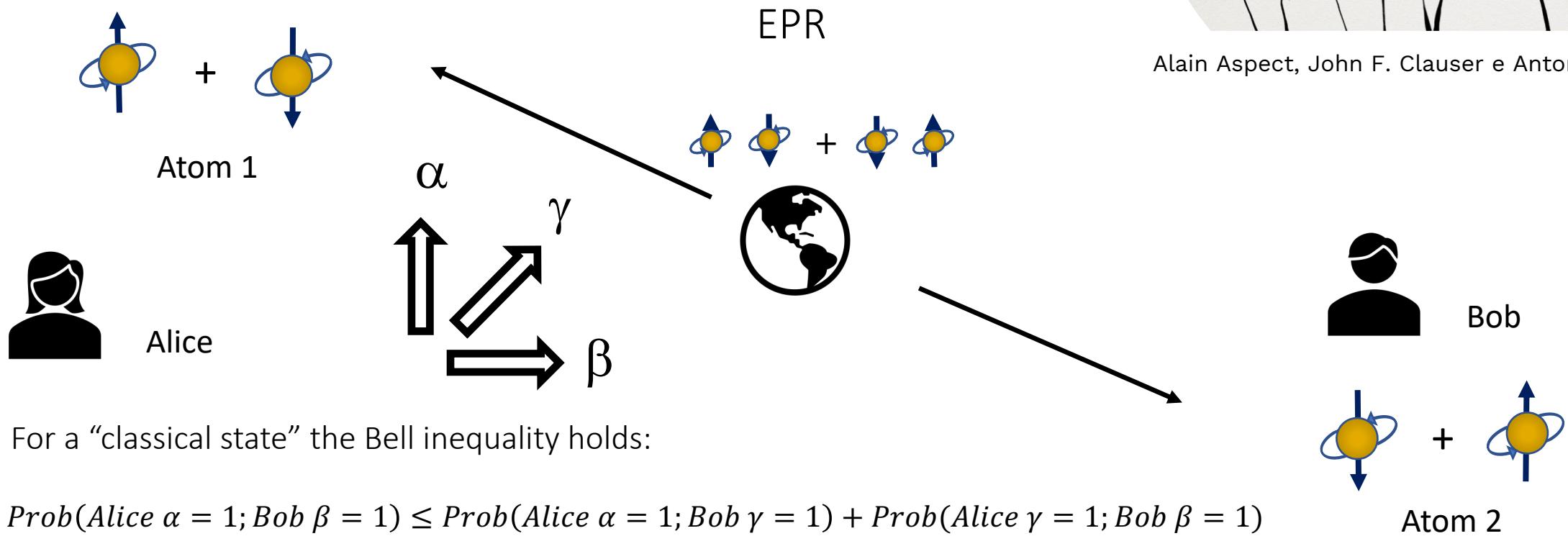
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# Entanglement

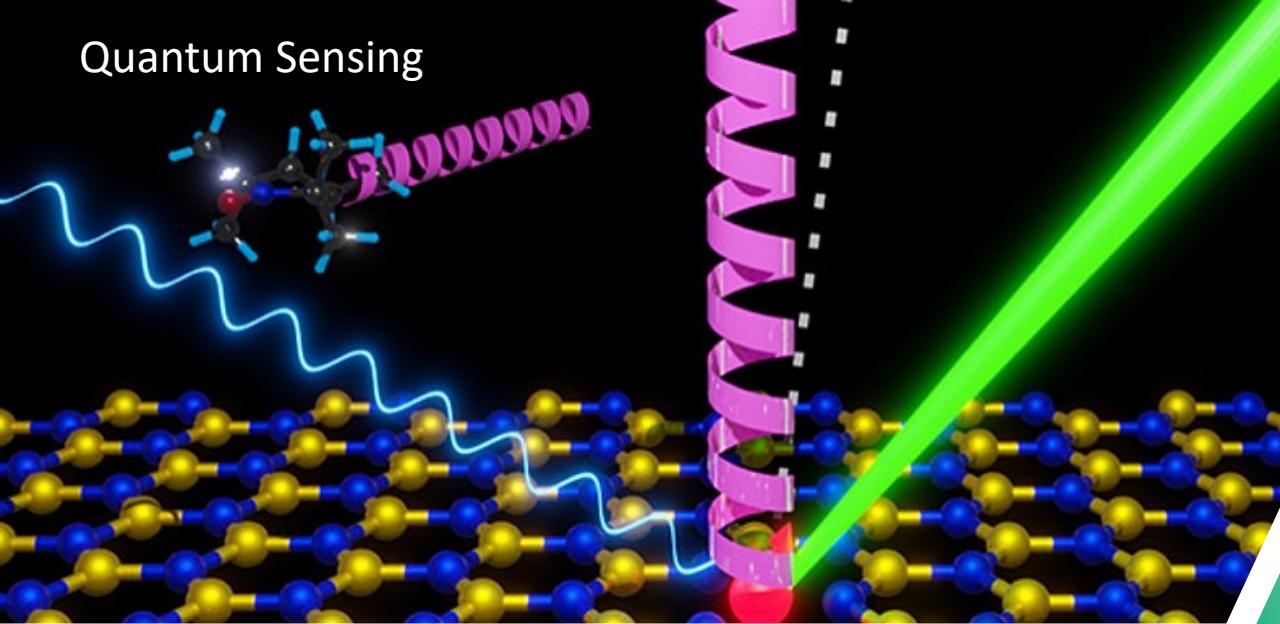
2 atoms with total spin zero

$$|S\rangle = |0,1\rangle + |1,0\rangle$$

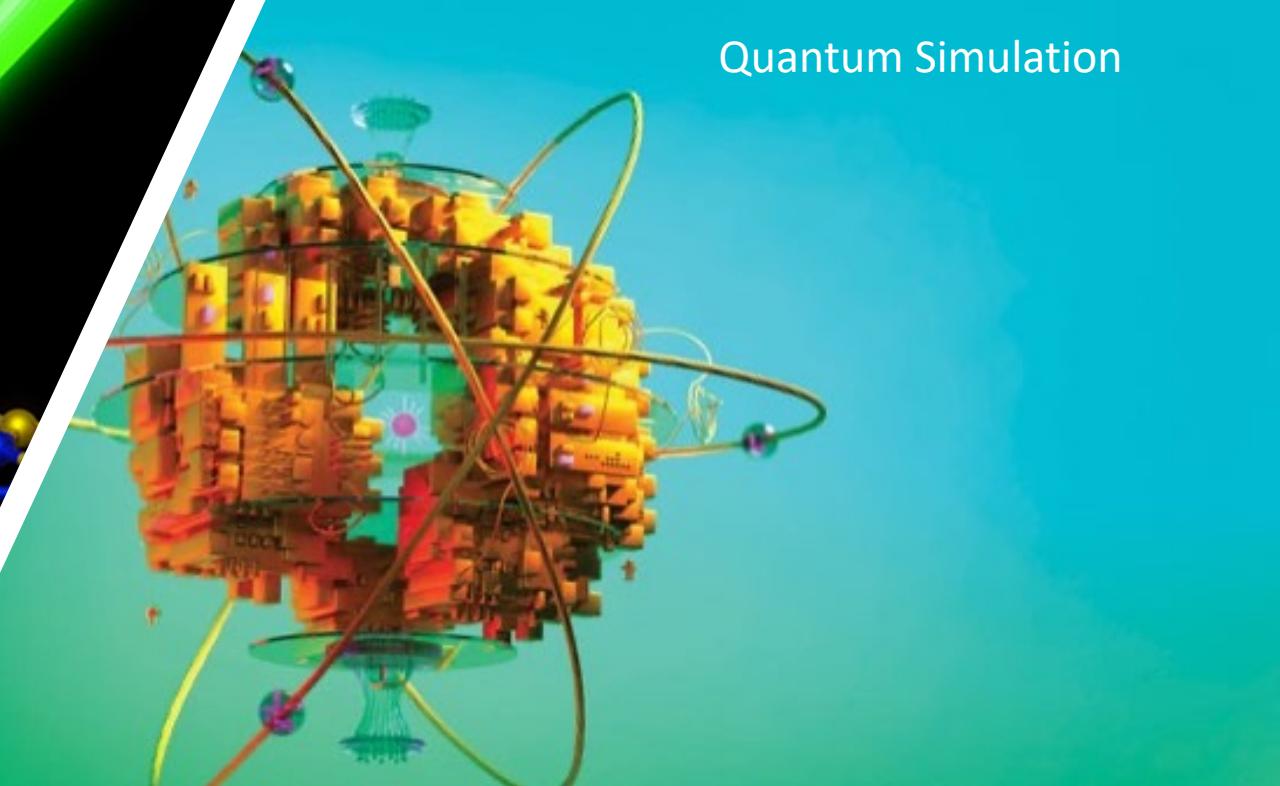


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# Quantum Computing



# Computational Complexity

Minimum resources needed to perform a given computation

$2^n$ numbers	n=4 bits
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
...	...

$$f(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \neq x_0$$
$$f(x_0) = 1$$

Find x such that  $f(x)=1$

A classical computer must compute  $f(x)$  for all the  $N=2^n$  values of x

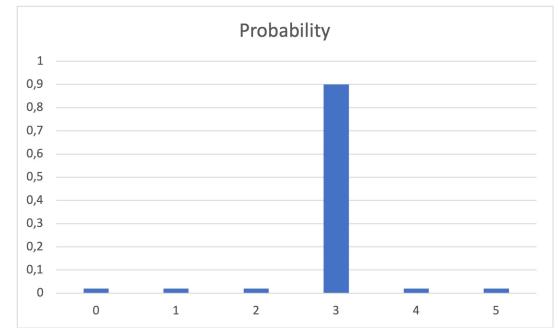
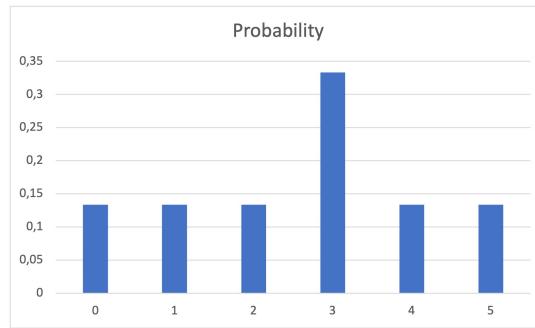
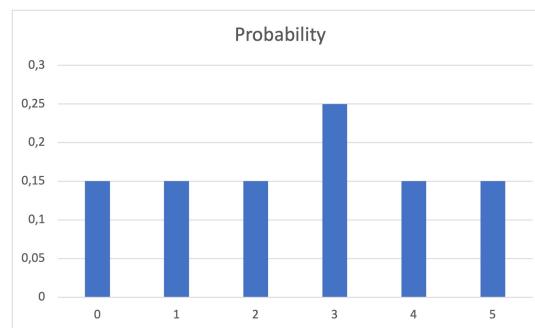
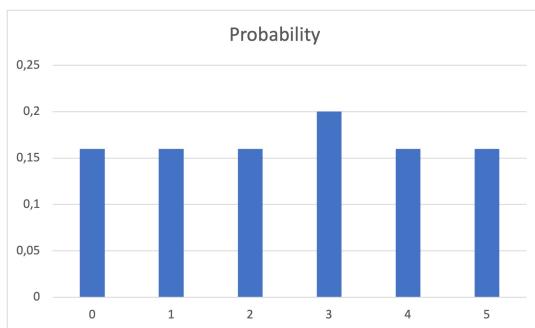
# Grover Algorithm

Exploits the uniform superpositions of all the states

$$|S\rangle = (\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow) (\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow) (\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow) (\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow) = |0\rangle + |1\rangle + |2\rangle + |3\rangle + |4\rangle + |5\rangle + \dots$$

1. Acts in parallel on all the configurations
2. Amplifies the probability of measuring the configuration corresponding to the correct answer
3. Requires  $N^{1/2}$  operations

$$a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle + a_2|2\rangle + a_3|3\rangle + \dots$$



# Grover Algorithm

$$U_\omega|x\rangle = (-1)^{f(x)}|x\rangle$$

$f(x = \omega) = 1$  and 0 otherwise

$$U_S = 2 |S\rangle\langle S| - I$$



Grover Algorithm obtained by performing the rotation  $U_{GA}$  many times

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Example of one iteration of GA with 3 qubits for  $\omega=1$ :

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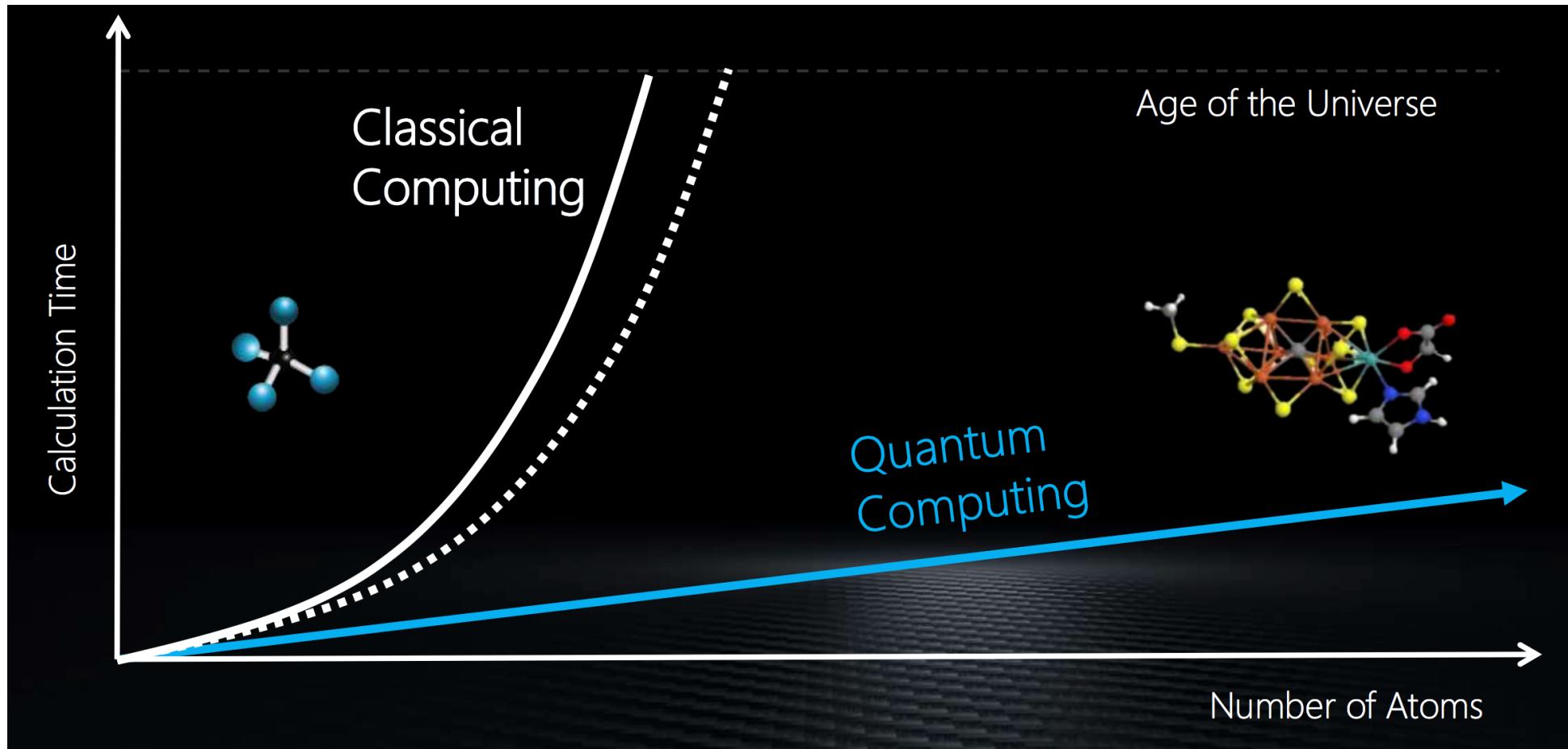
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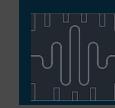
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# Many Body Problems



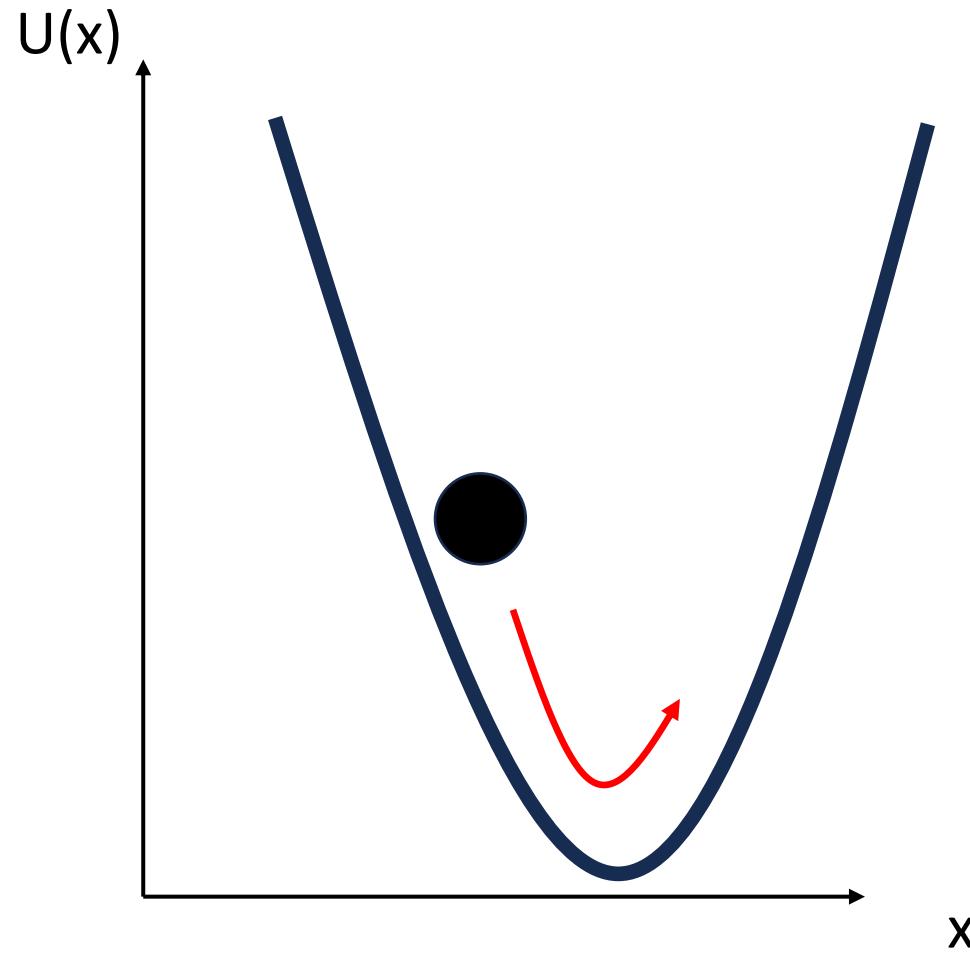


# Qubits in Superconducting Circuits

# Harmonic Oscillator

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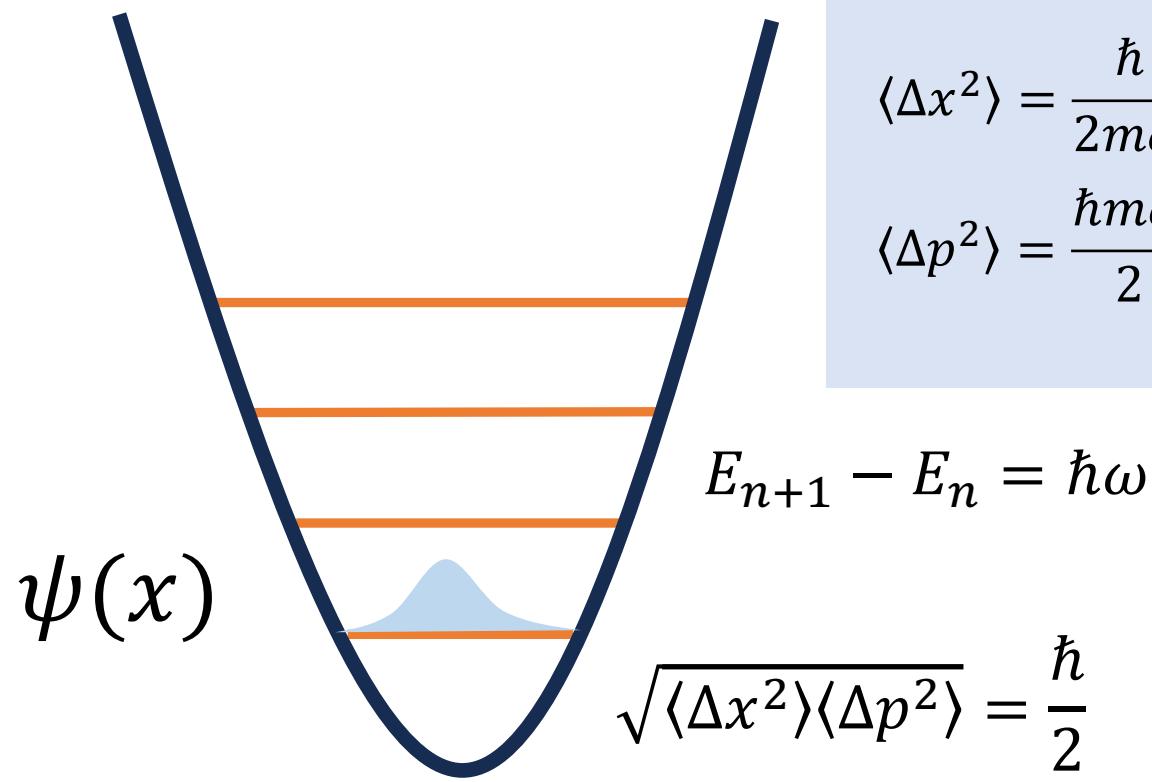


Classical Mechanics

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Quantum Mechanics

Quantum Fluctuations

$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}$$

$$\langle \Delta p^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar m \omega}{2}$$

$$\hbar = 1.054572 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$k = 20 \text{ kN}$$

$$m = 1 \text{ g}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi \times 700 \text{ Hz}$$

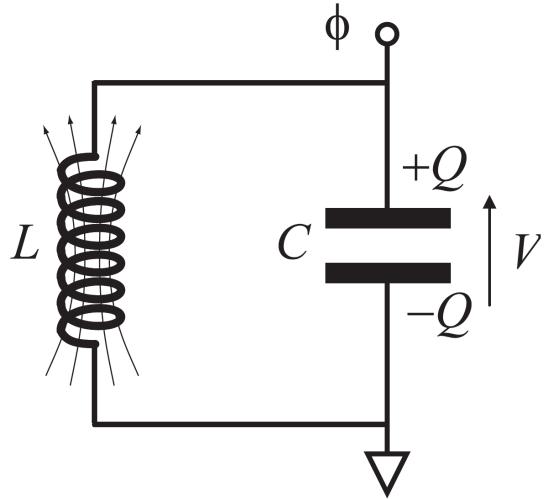
$$\sqrt{\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle} = 3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle \Delta p^2 \rangle} = 10^{-17} \text{ Kg m/s}$$

# LC Oscilaltor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q & \leftrightarrow & p \\ \Phi & \leftrightarrow & x \\ C & \leftrightarrow & m \\ L & \leftrightarrow & 1/k \end{array}$$

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{\Phi^2}{2L}$$



$$\Phi = LI$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Quantum Fluctuations

$$\langle \Delta\Phi^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2C\omega}$$

$$\langle \Delta Q^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar C \omega}{2}$$

$$\langle \Delta I^2 \rangle = \langle \Delta\Phi^2 \rangle / L^2 = \frac{\hbar \omega}{2L}$$

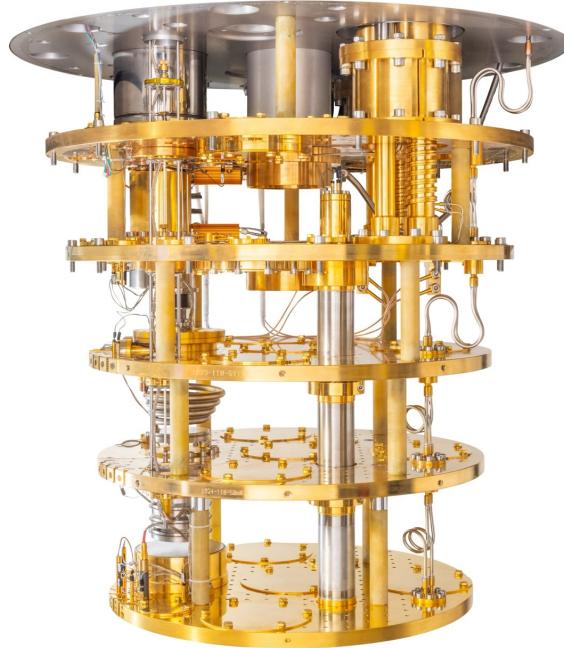
$L = 10 \text{ nH}$
$C = 100 \text{ fF}$
$\omega = 2\pi \times 5 \text{ GHz}$
$\sqrt{\langle \Delta I^2 \rangle} = 10 \text{ nA}$
$\sqrt{\langle \Delta Q^2 \rangle} \sim 2 e$

# Quantum LC Oscillator

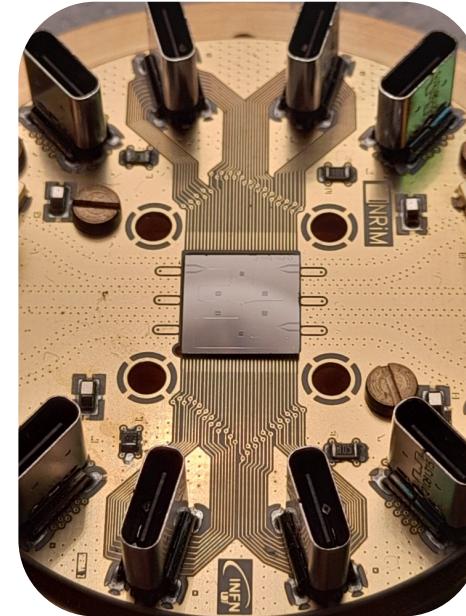
To obtain a Quantum LC Oscillator we need:

1. Negligible thermal fluctuations:  $k_B T \ll \hbar\omega$
2. Negligible losses:  $Q \gg 1$

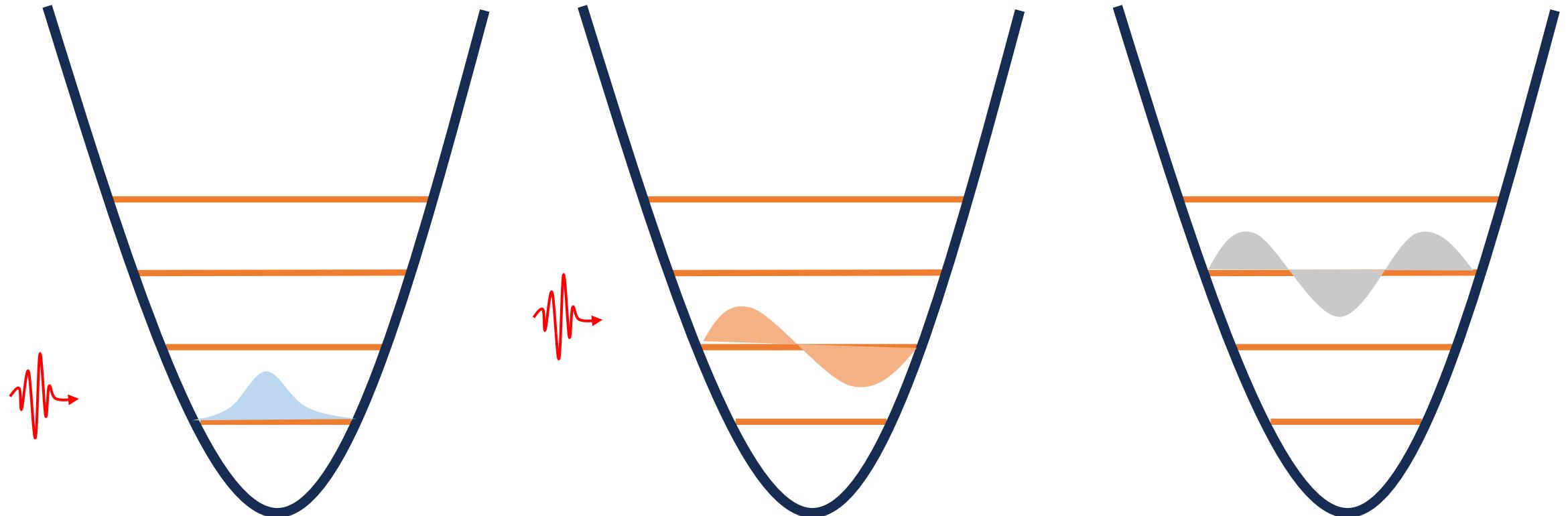
Operate in a dilution refrigerator  $T \ll 1K$



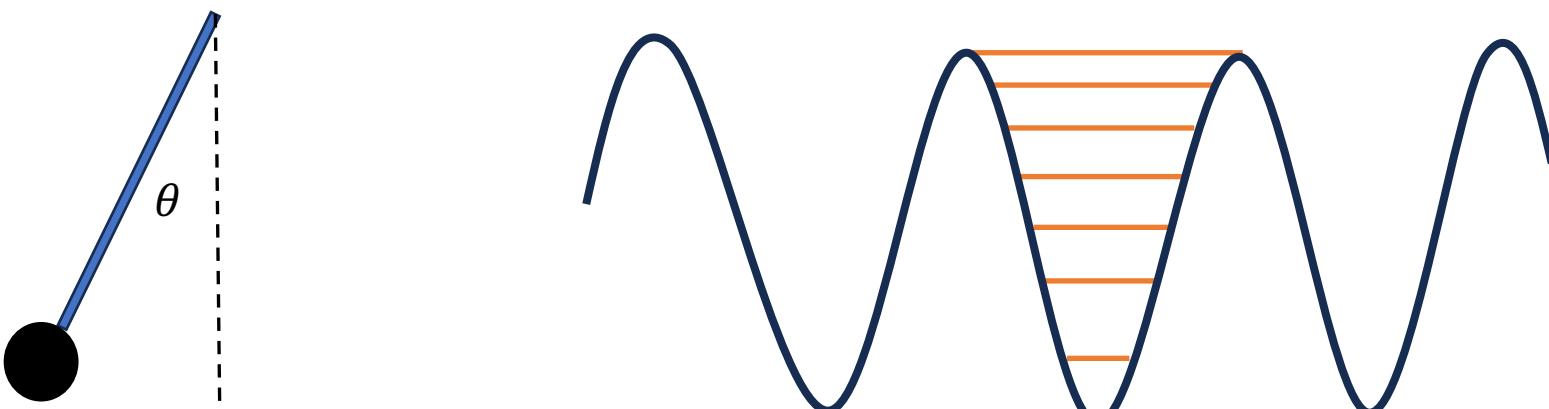
Use Superconducting Circuits  $R=0$



# A Quantum LC is not a Qubit



# Anharmonic Oscillator



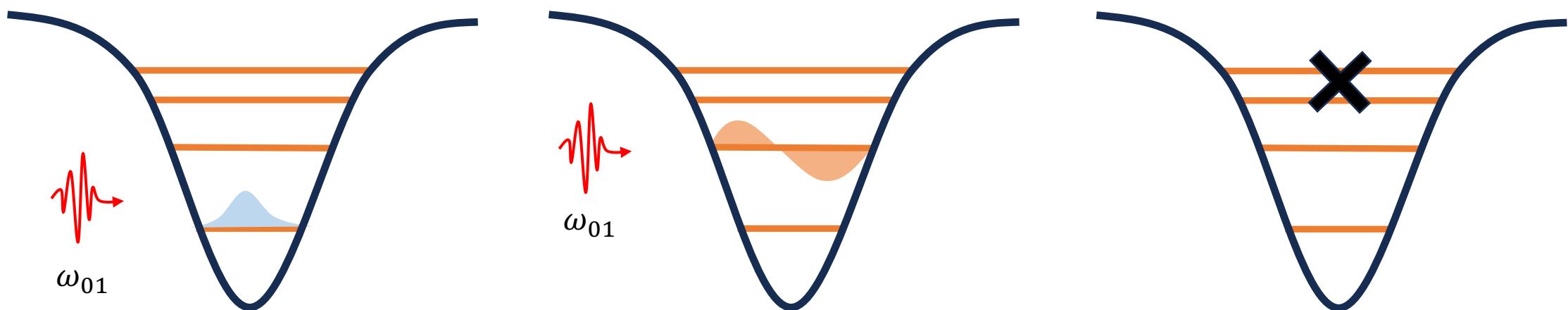
$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} - mgl \cos\theta$$

$$E_{n+1} - E_n < E_n - E_{n-1}$$

For small angles:  $\cos\theta \approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}$

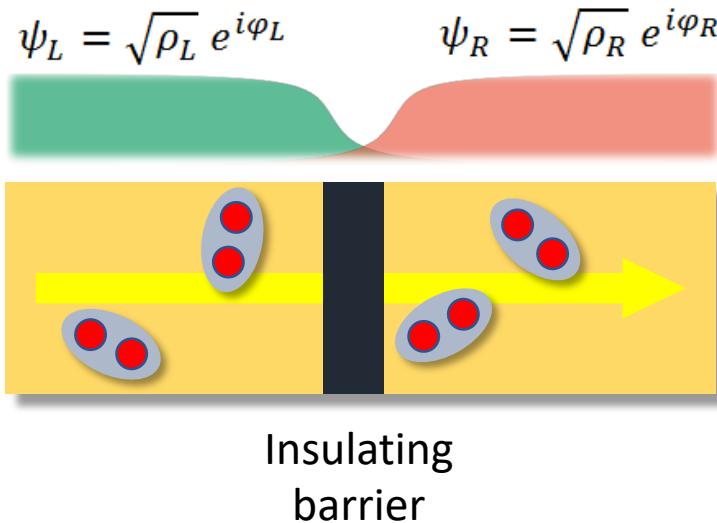
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# The Josephson Junction



In a SIS junction, Cooper pairs cross the insulating barrier by tunnel effect.

Tunneling current

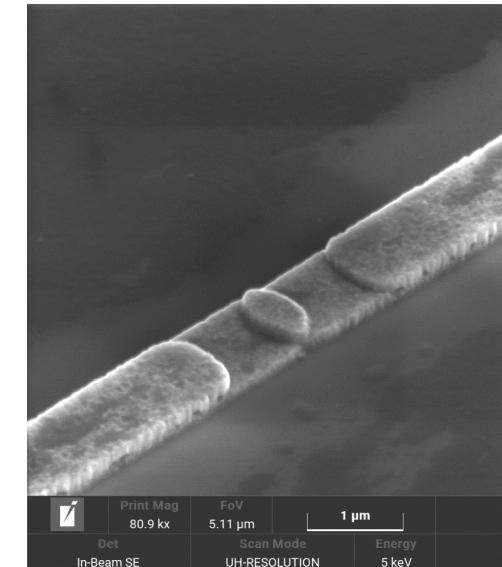
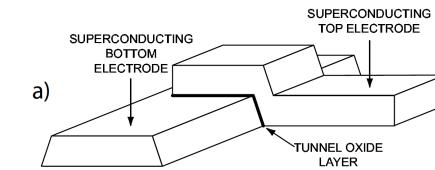
$$I = I_c \sin \varphi$$

Voltage across the junction

$$V = \frac{\hbar}{2e} \frac{d\varphi}{dt}$$

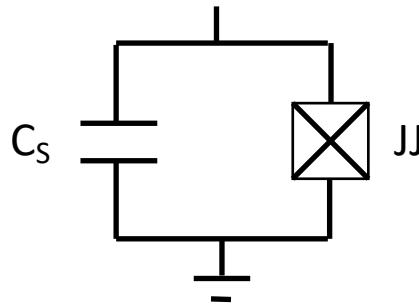
Phase difference

$$\varphi = \varphi_R - \varphi_L$$



FIB image of a JJ fabricated at FBK

# The Superconducting Qubit



Charging energy

$$W_C = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

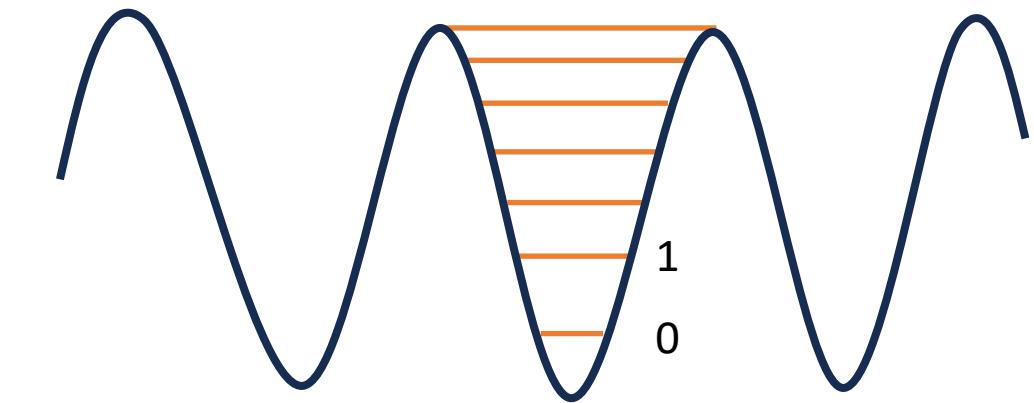
Inductive energy

$$W_J = \int dt V I = -E_J \cos 2\pi\phi/\phi_0$$

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2C} - E_J \cos 2\pi\phi/\phi_0$$

$$\phi_0 = 2.068 \times 10^{-15} \text{ Wb}$$

$$E_J = \frac{\phi_0 I_C}{2\pi} \quad L_J = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi I_C}$$

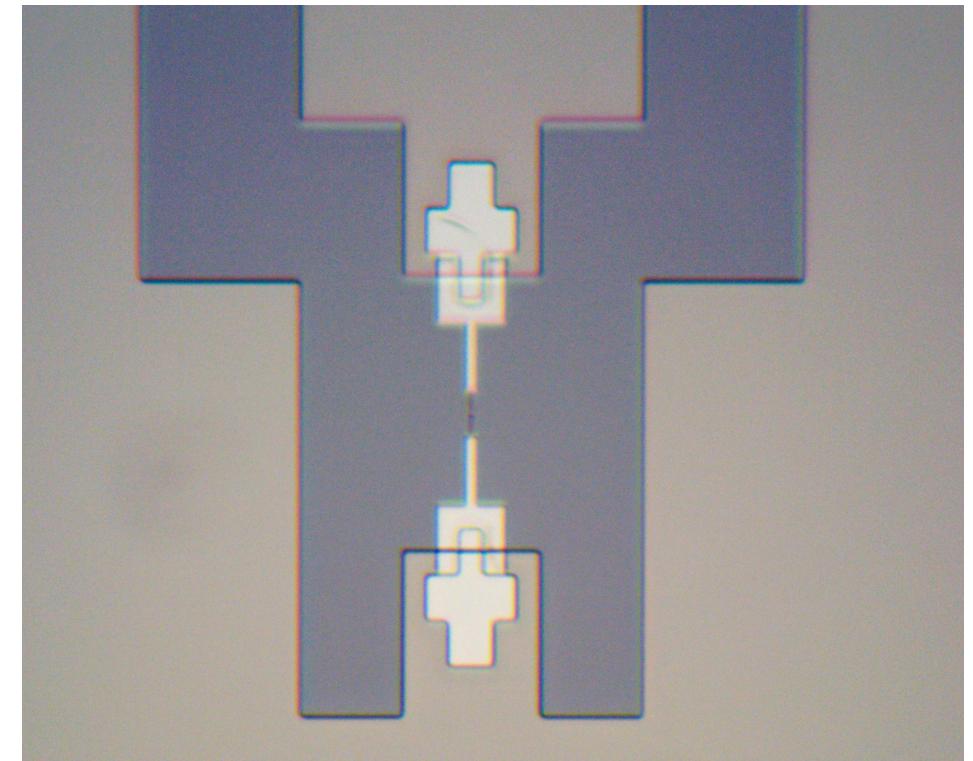
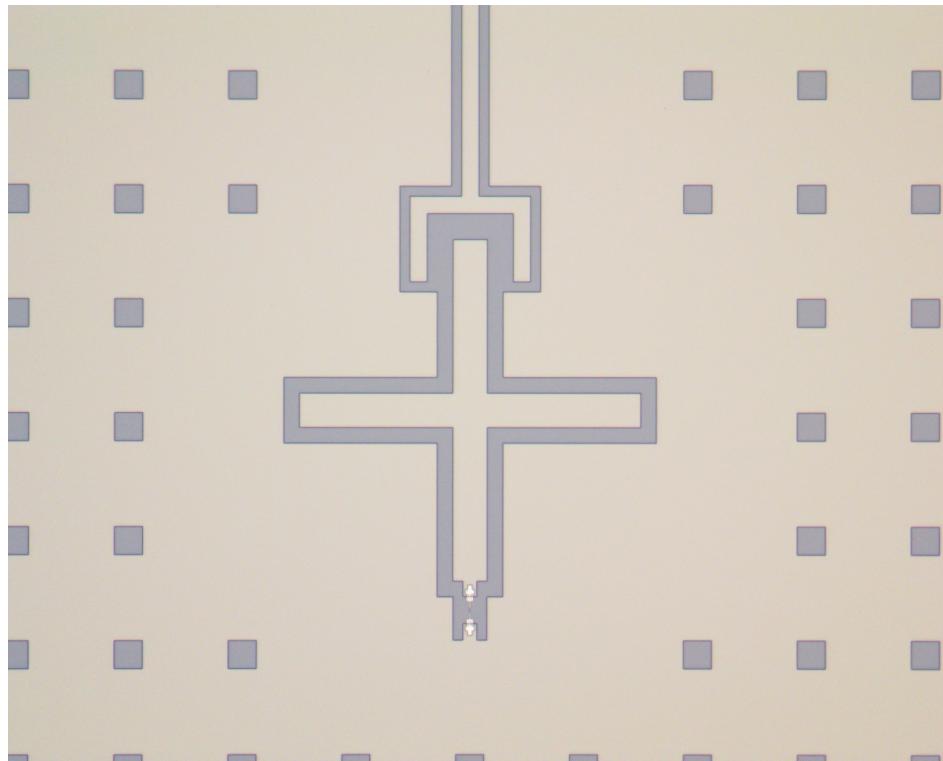


$$E_{n+1} - E_n = E_n - E_{n-1} - E_C$$

Anharmonicity

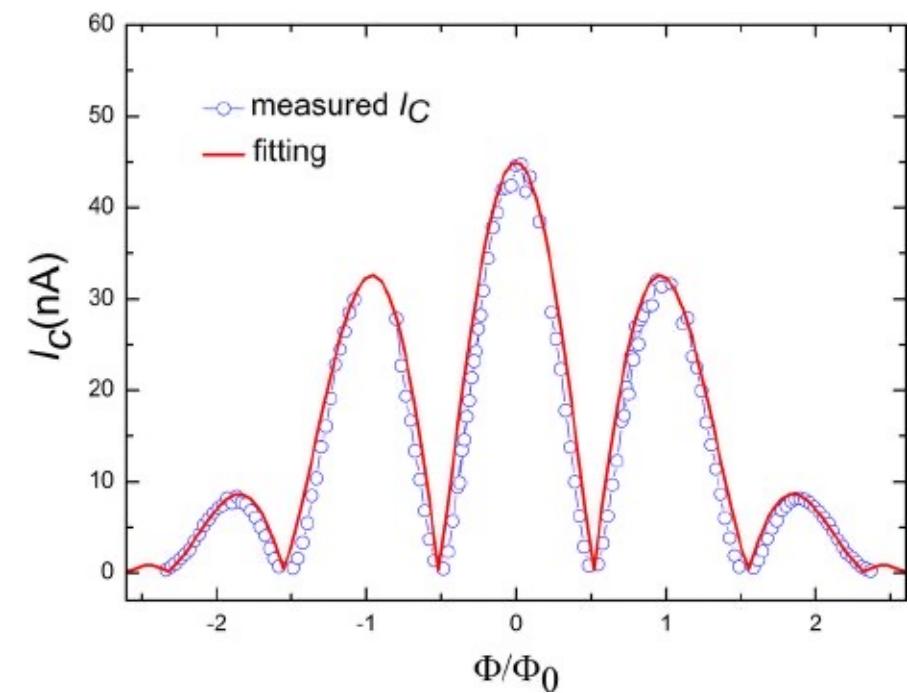
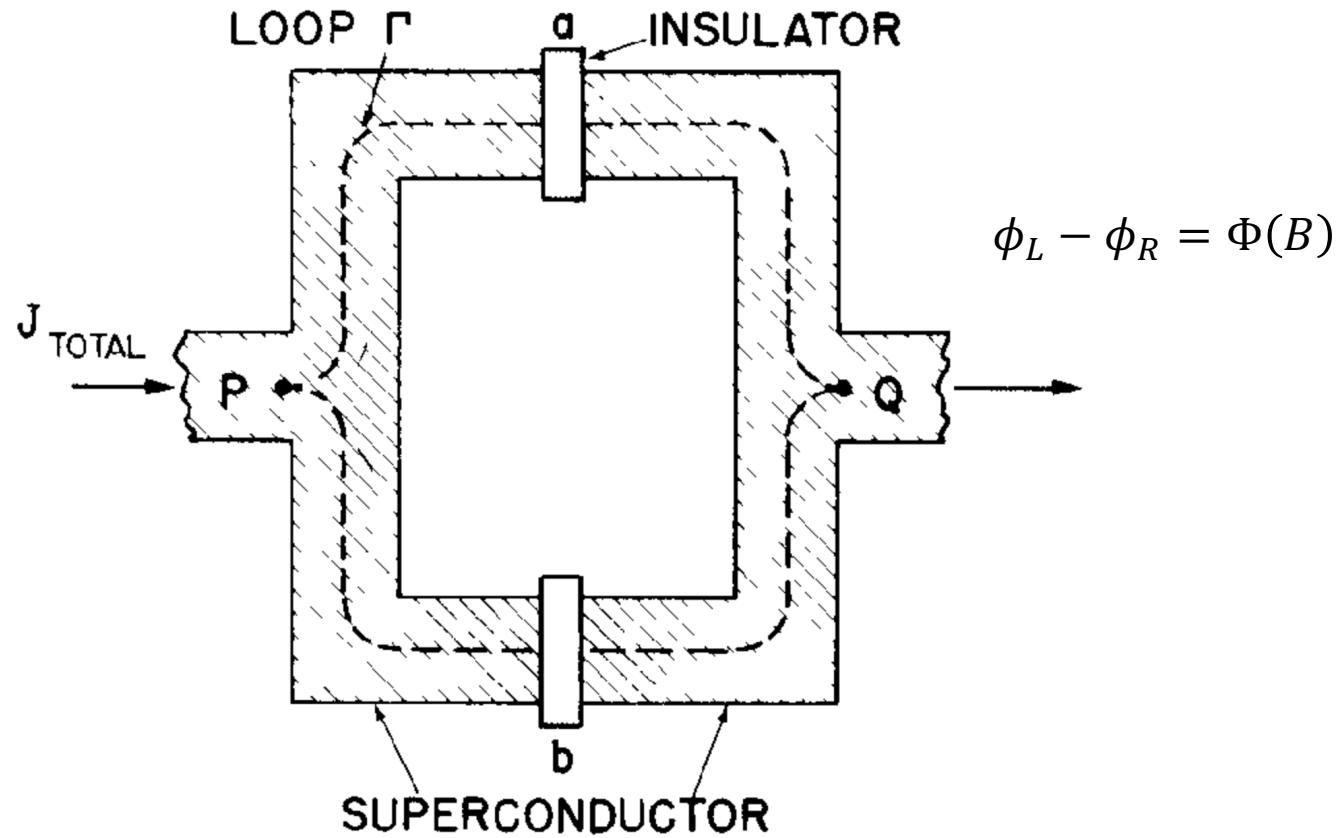
$$E_C = \frac{e^2}{2C}$$

# The Superconducting Qubit

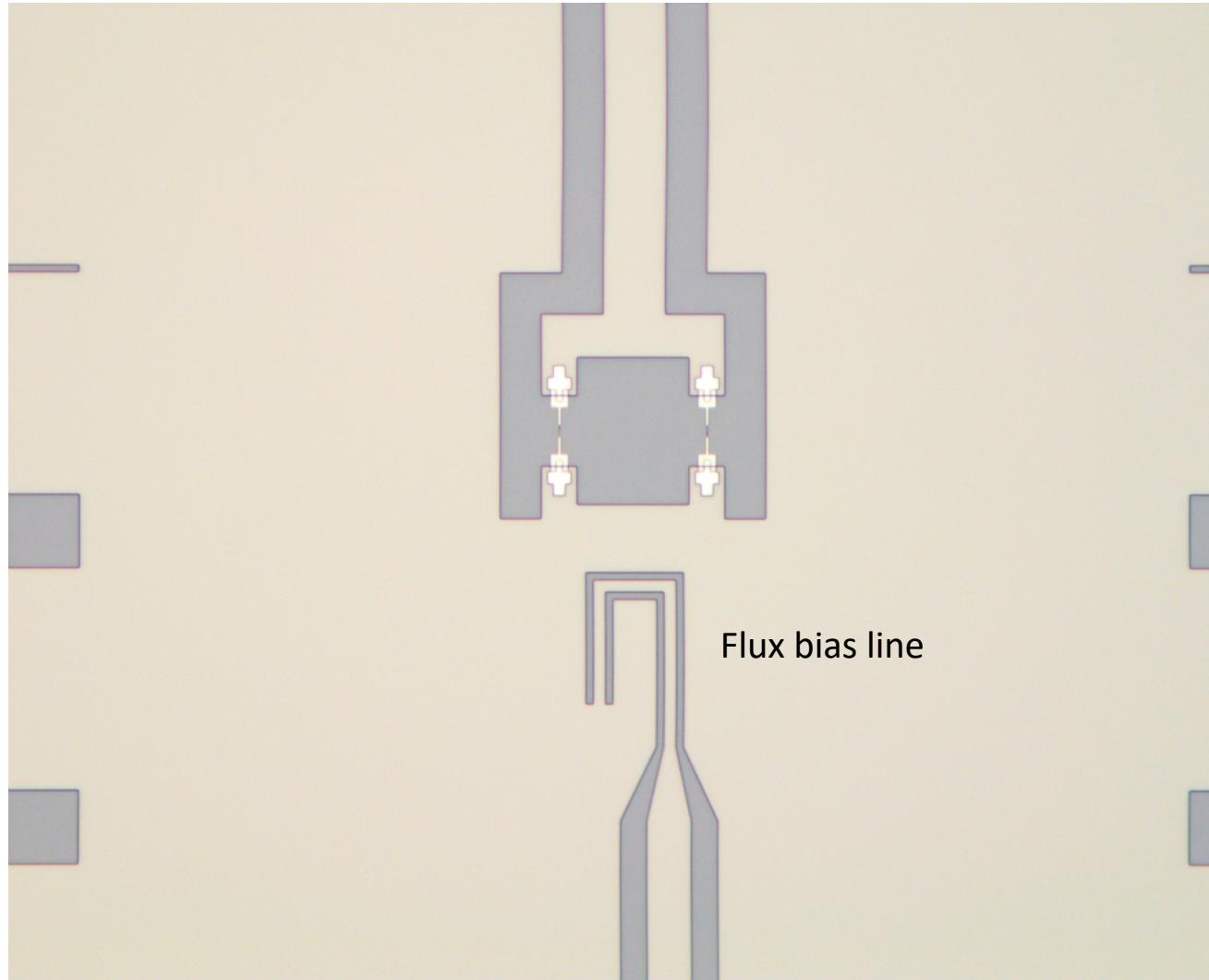


Qubit designed within the QubIT-INFN project and fabricated at NIST (thanks in particular to D. La Branca PhD Uni MiB and H. Corti PhD Uni Fi)

# The Tunable Qubit



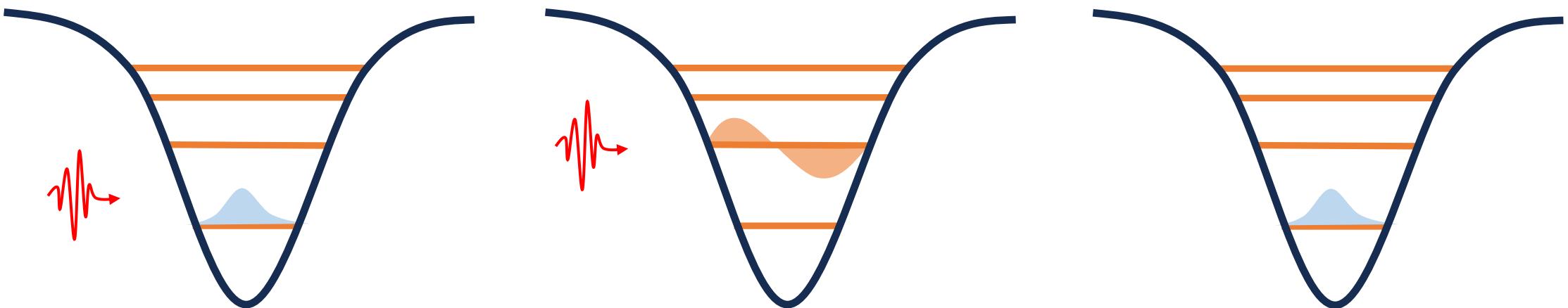
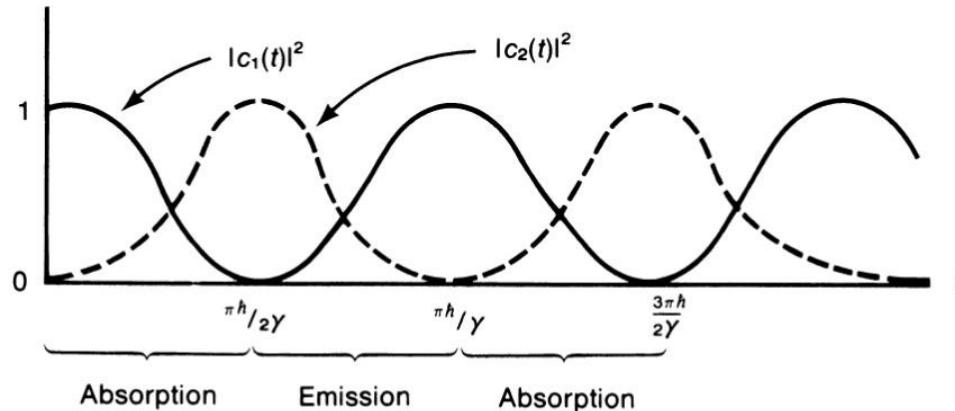
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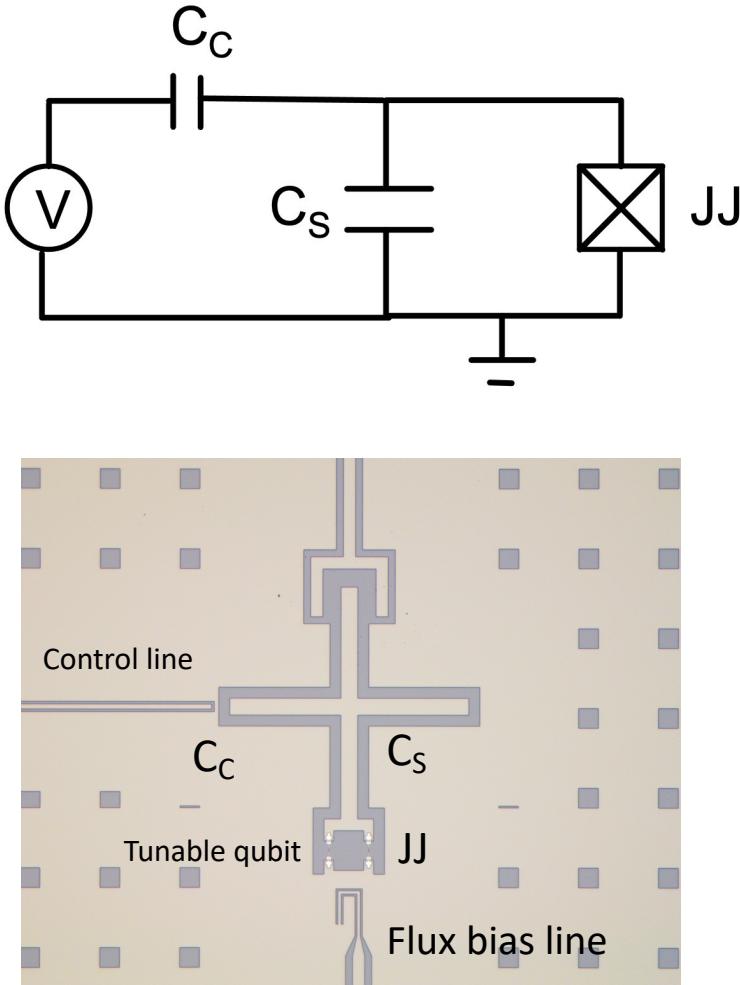
# Rabi Oscillations

$$P(1) = \cos^2(\Omega_{Rabi}t/2)$$

$$\Omega_{Rabi} = 2g_{01}\sqrt{n_{photons} + 1}$$

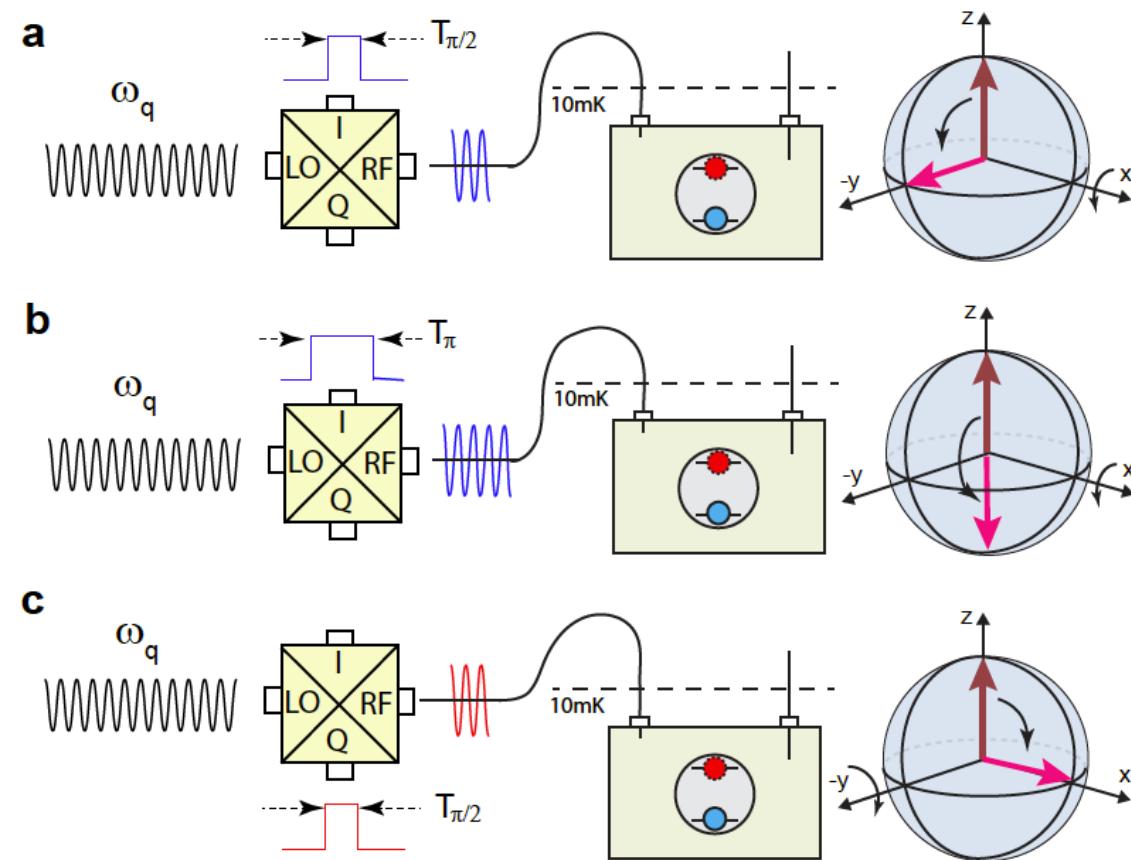


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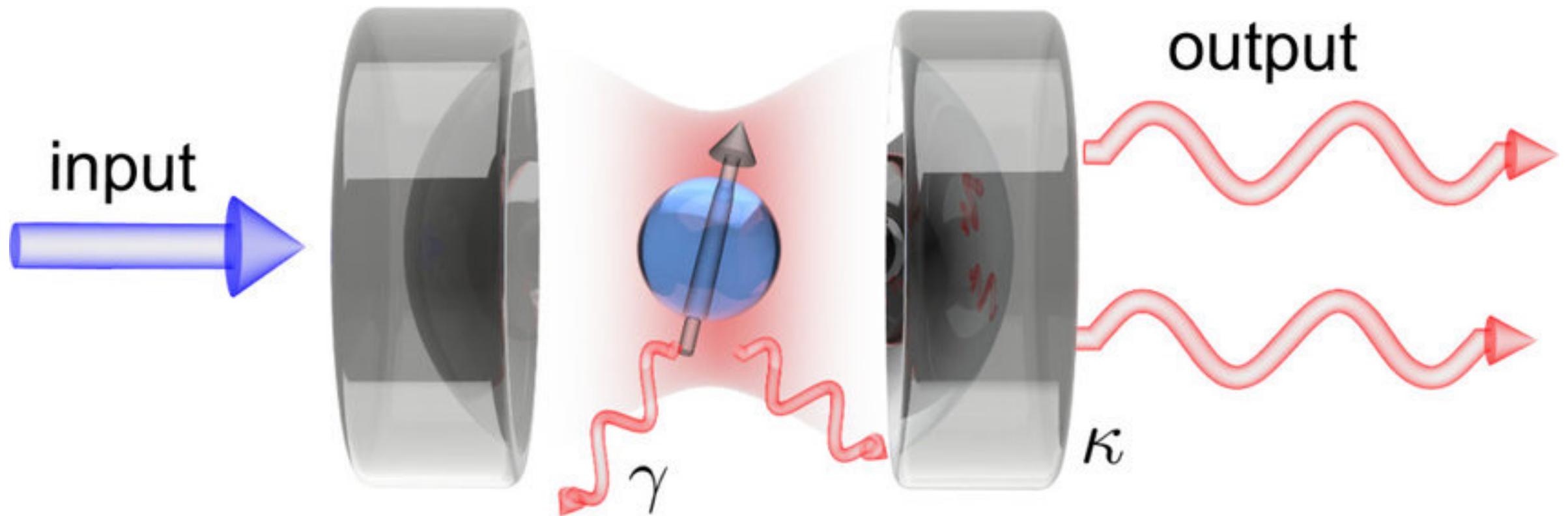


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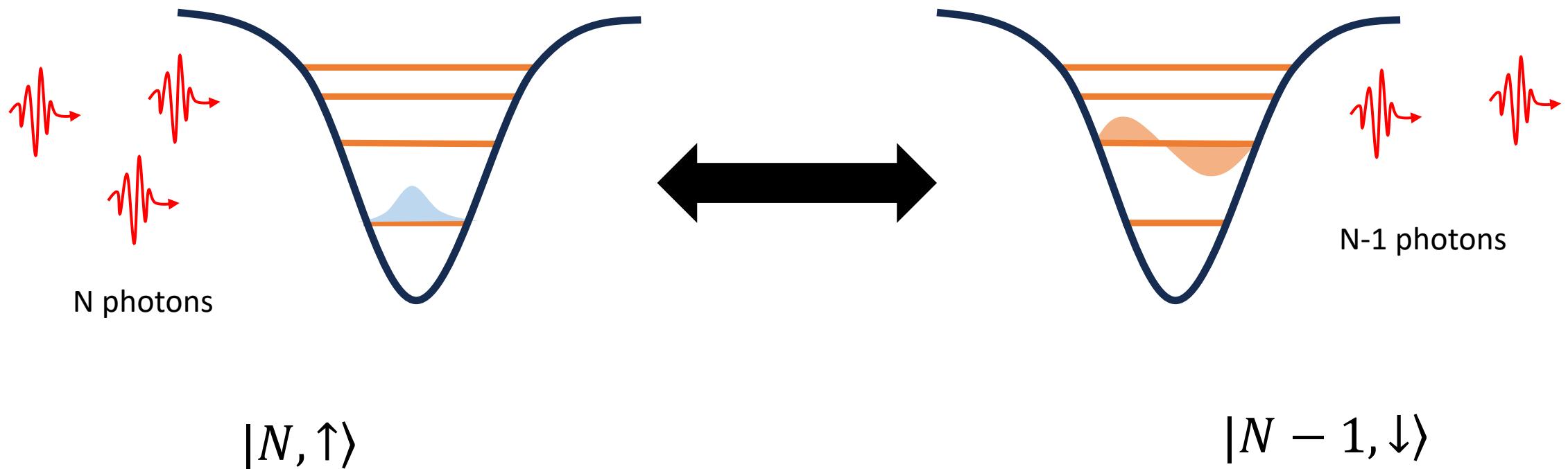
$$g_{01} \propto \frac{C_C}{C_S + C_C}$$



# Qubit Coupled to a Resonator



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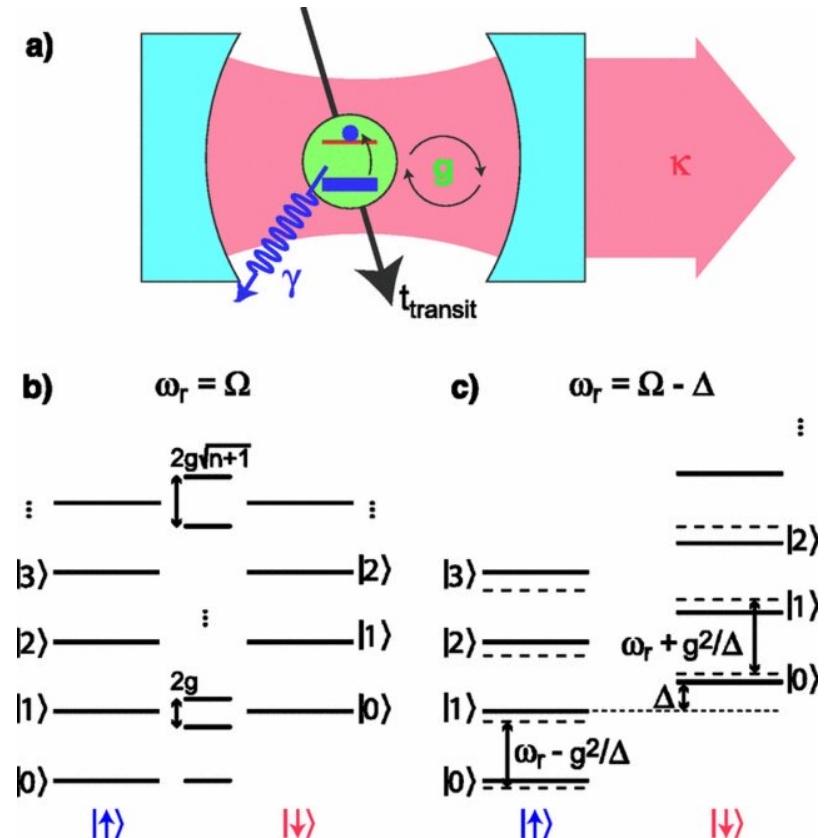


The number of excitations “n” is conserved

# Qubit Coupled to a Resonator

The physical states are superpositions of states with equal number of excitations “n”:

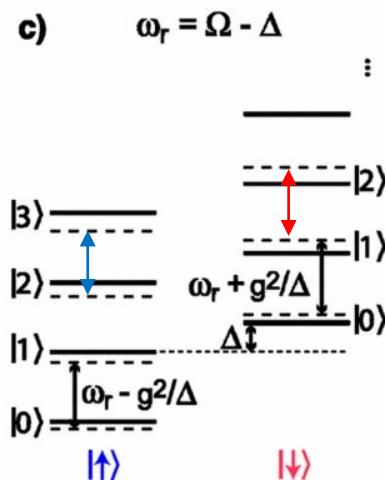
$$|+, n\rangle = \cos\theta_n |n, \downarrow\rangle + \sin\theta_n |n + 1, \uparrow\rangle$$
$$|-, n\rangle = -\sin\theta_n |n, \downarrow\rangle + \cos\theta_n |n + 1, \uparrow\rangle$$



# Qubit Coupled to a Resonator - Dispersive Limit

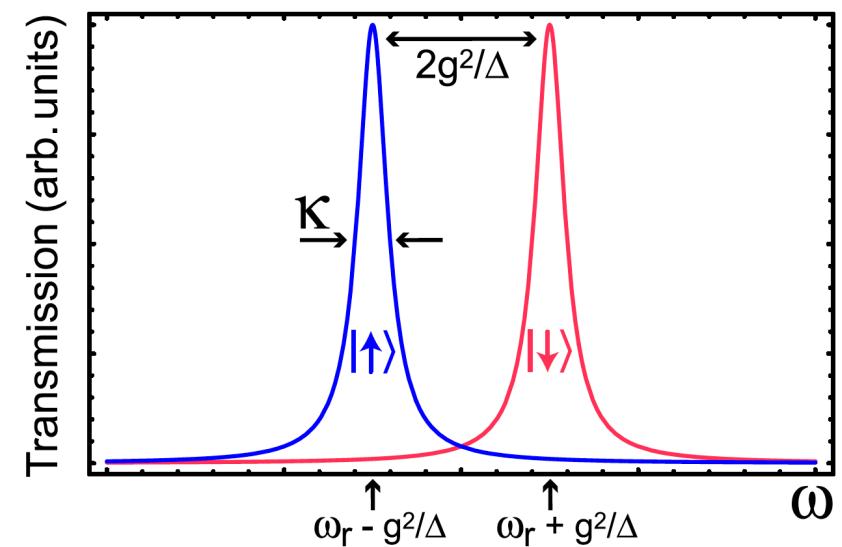
The emission spectrum of the spin-resonator system is modified by the interaction.

In particular, in the **dispersive** limit:  $\left| \frac{g_{01}}{\omega_q - \omega_r} \right| \ll 1$

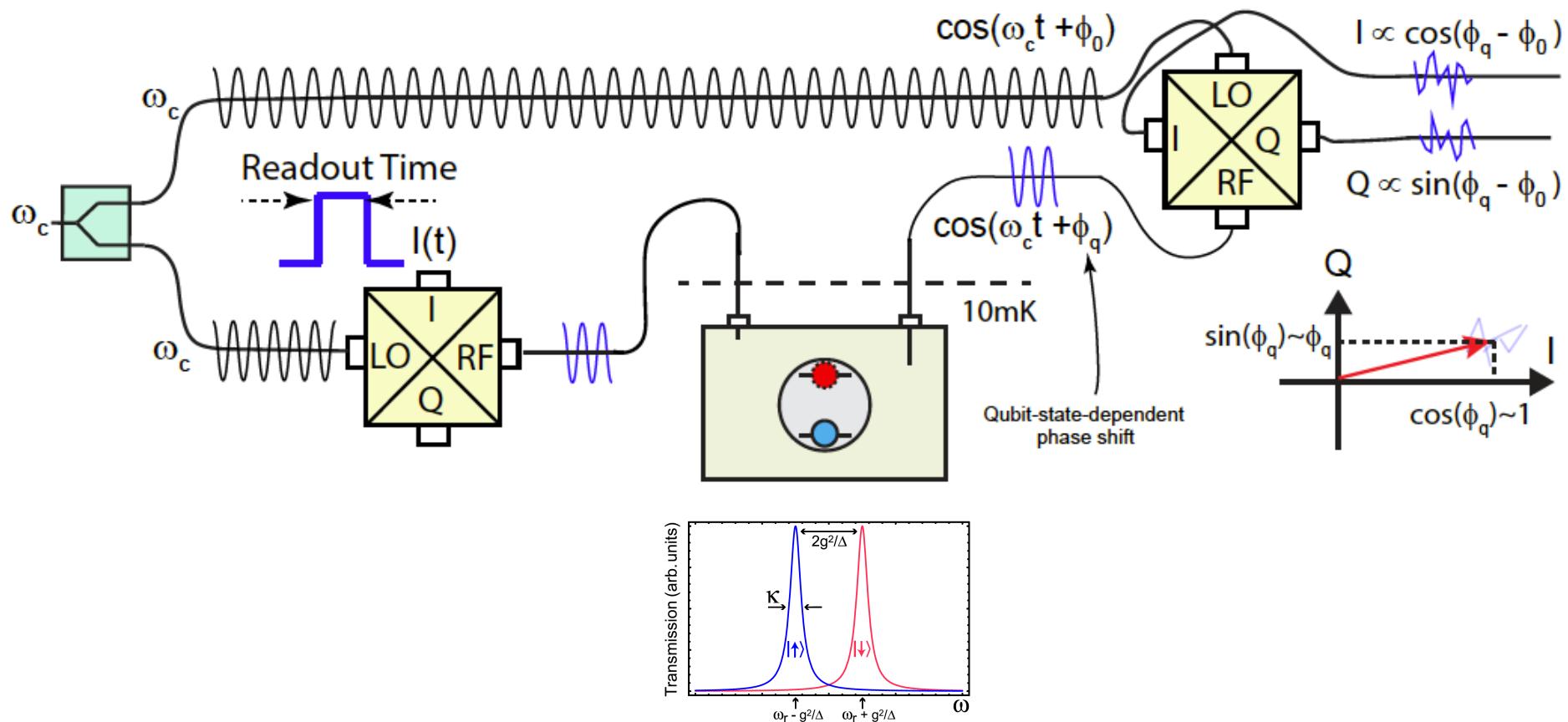


$$\hbar\omega_{r,0} = \hbar\omega_r - \frac{\hbar g_{01}^2}{\omega_q - \omega_r}$$
$$\hbar\omega_{r,1} = \hbar\omega_r + \frac{\hbar g_{01}^2}{\omega_q - \omega_r}$$

A. Blais et al., Phys. Rev. A 69, 062320 (2004)

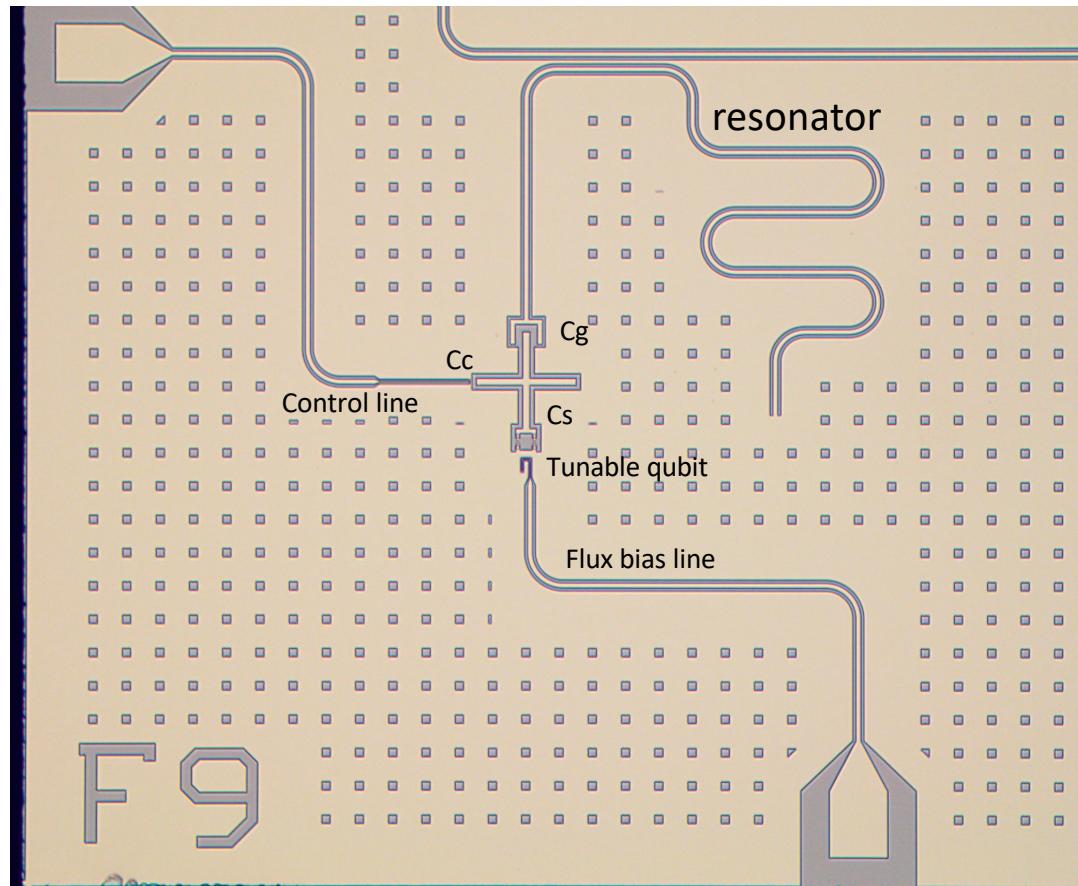


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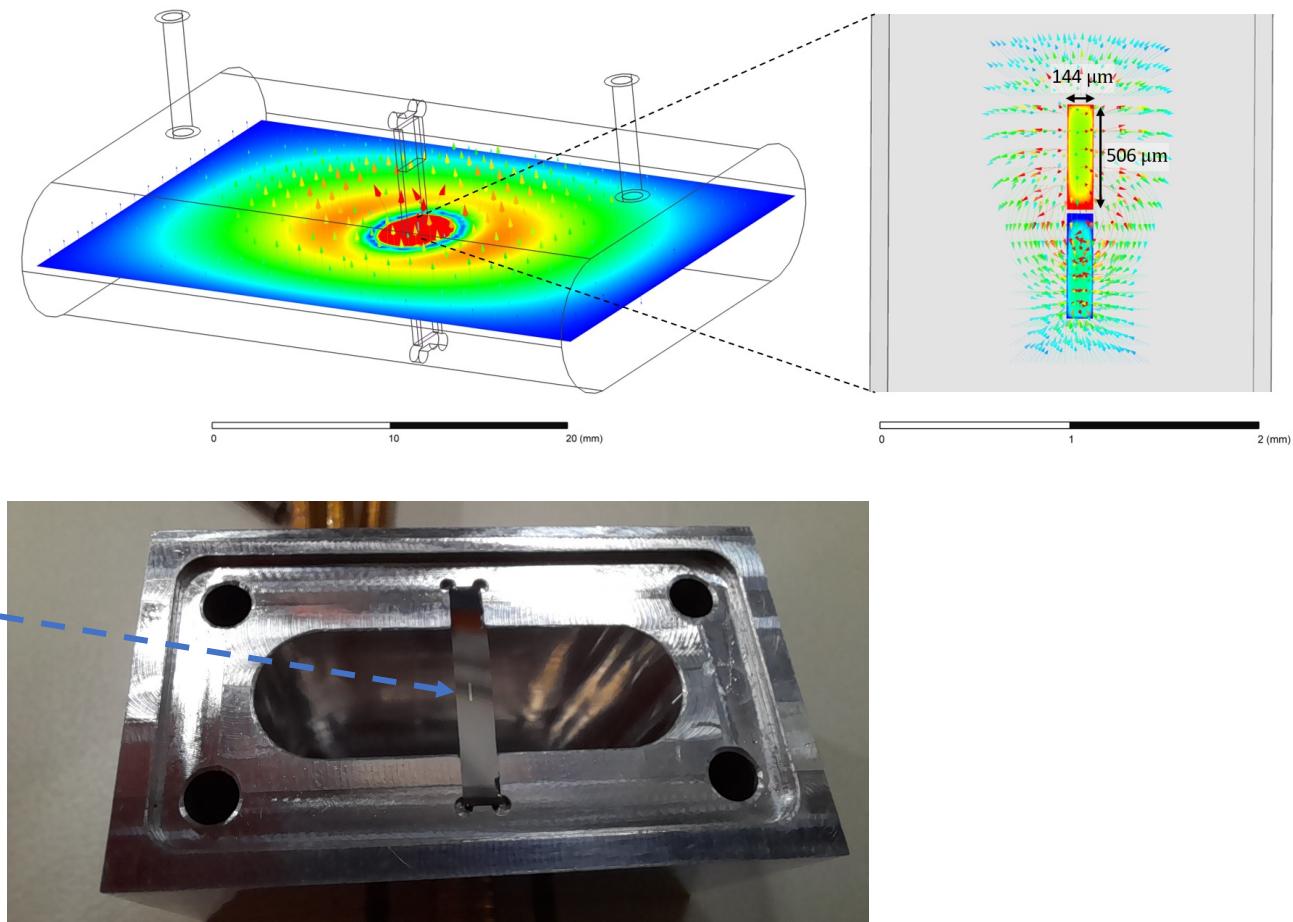
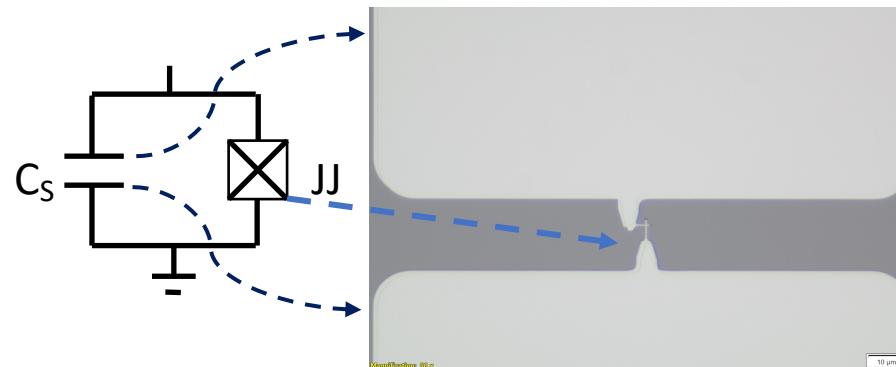


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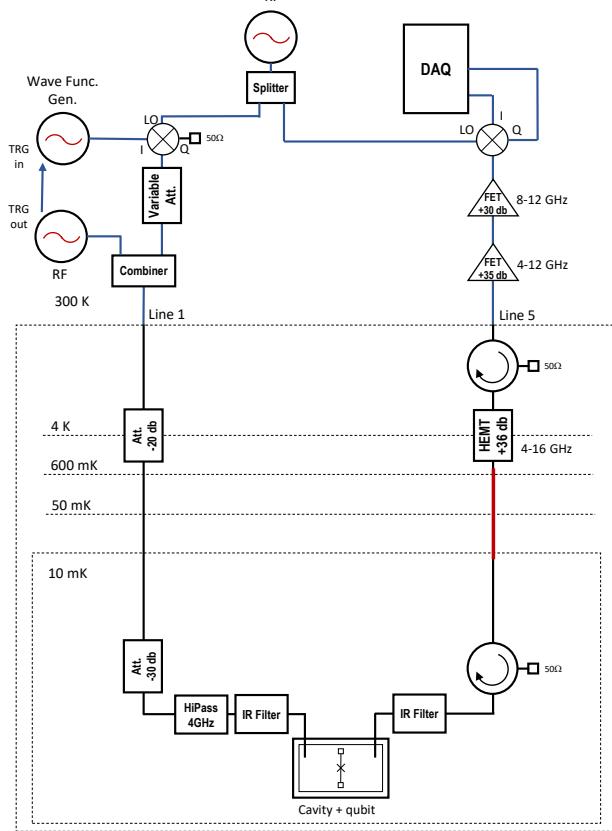
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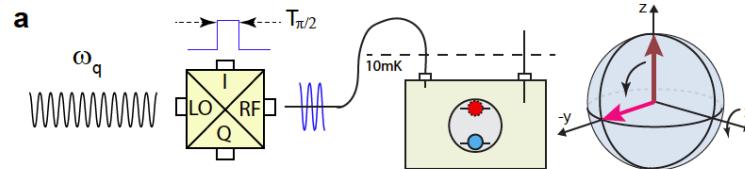
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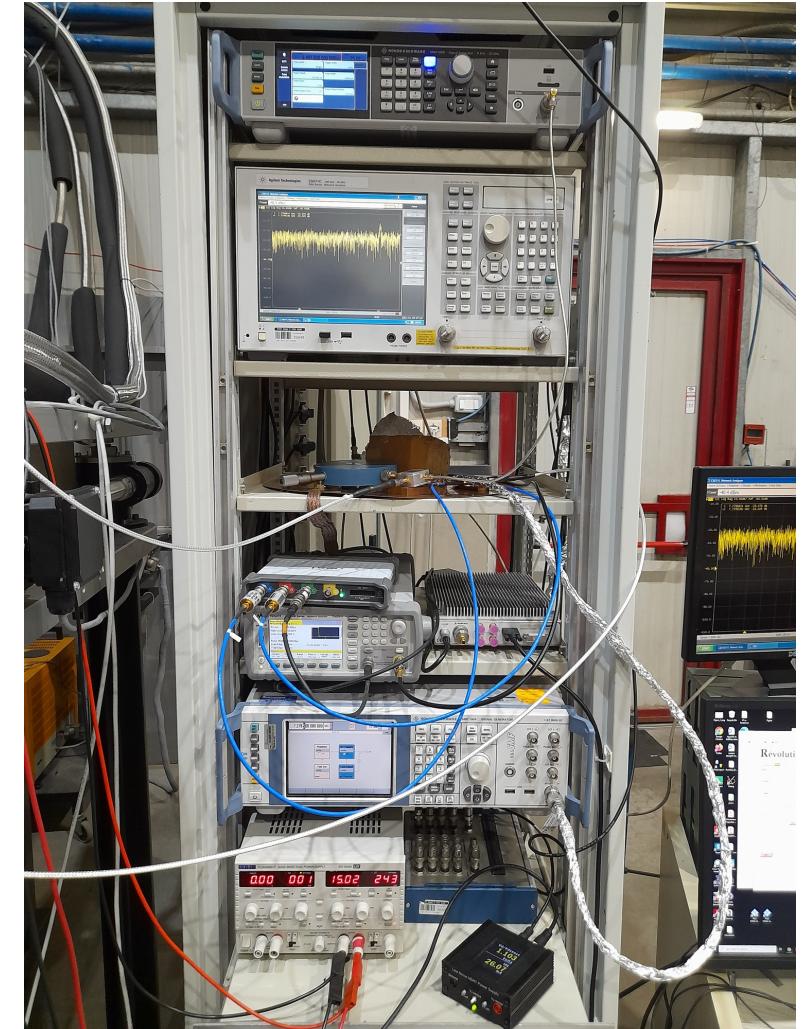
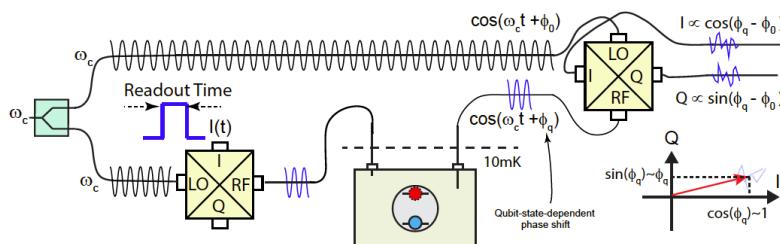
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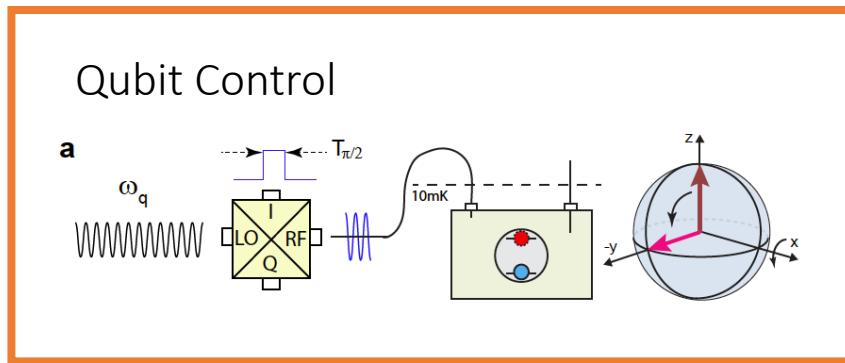
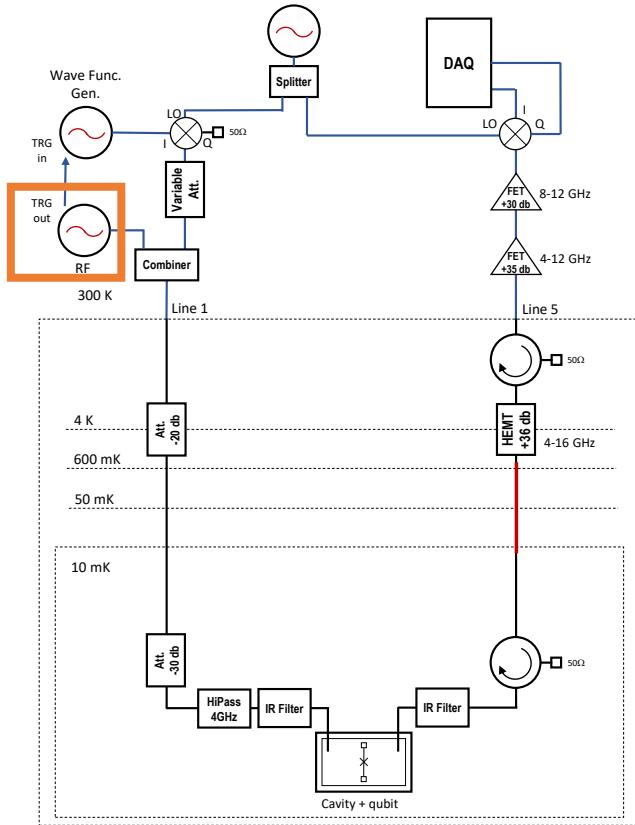
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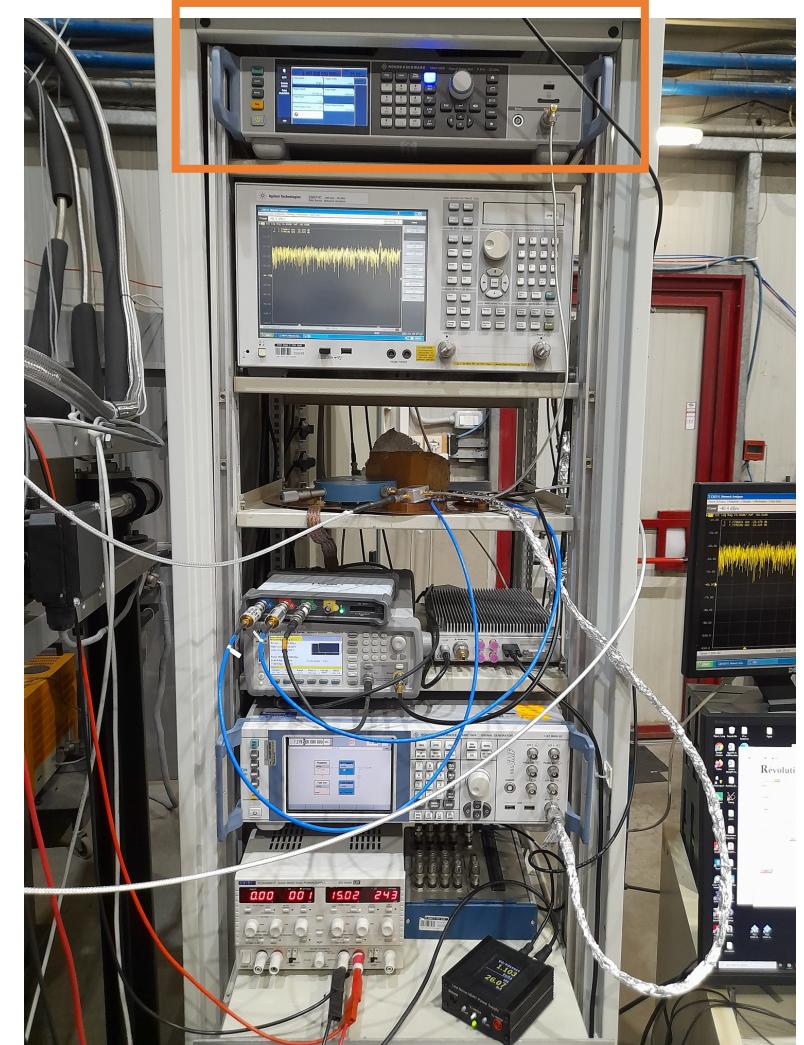
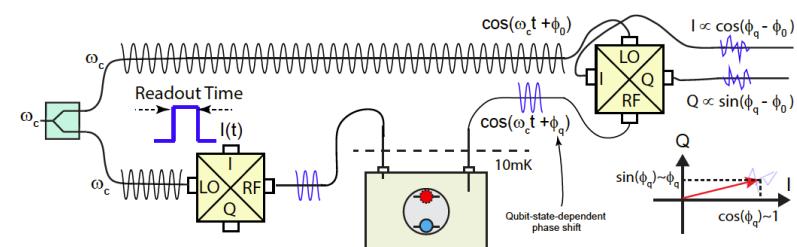
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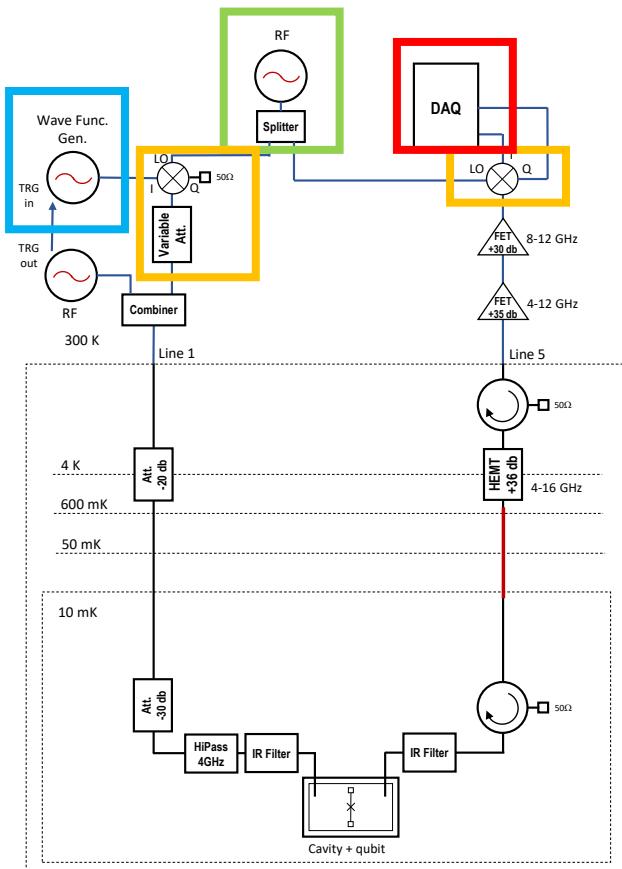
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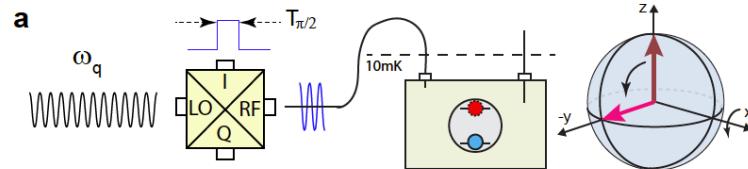
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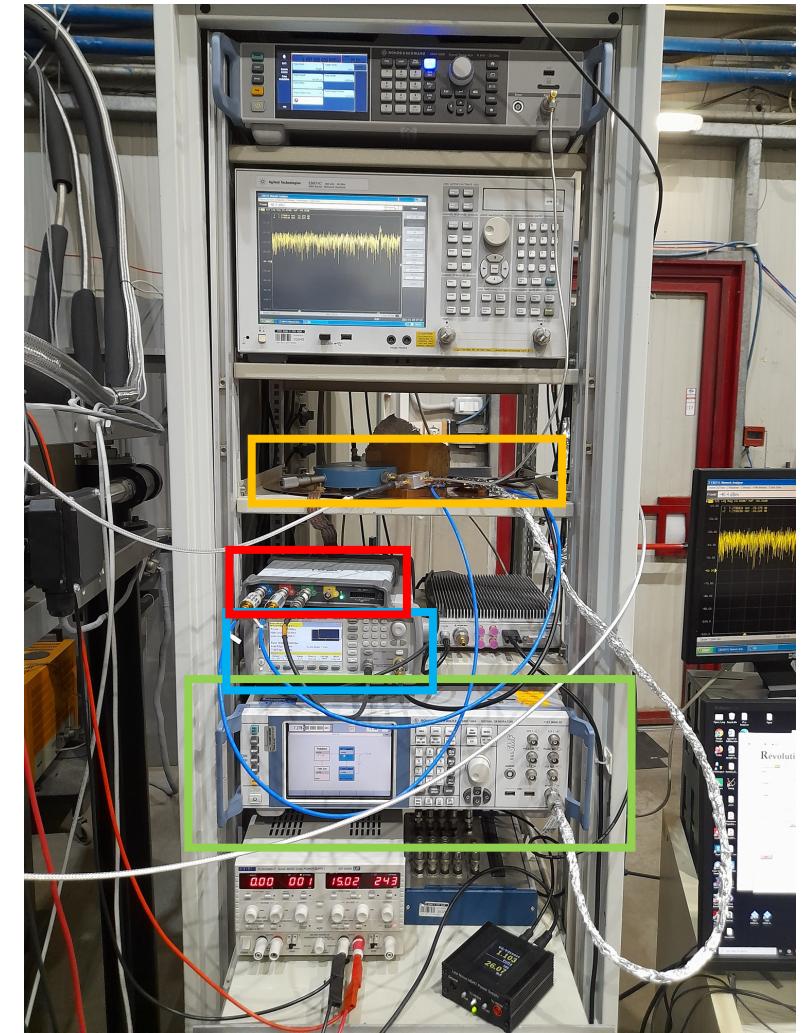
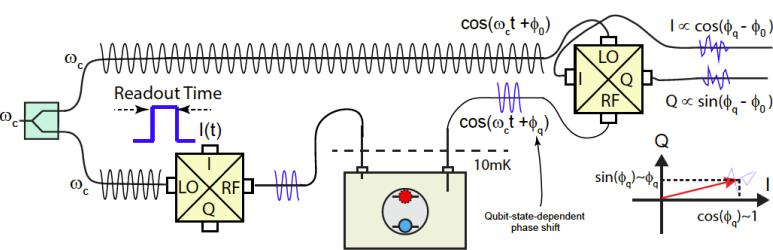
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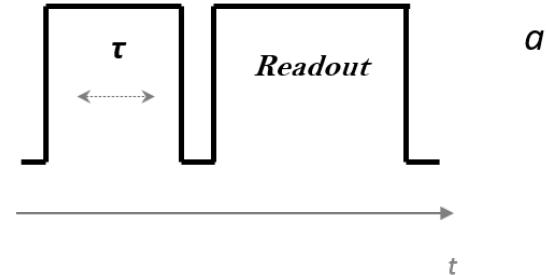


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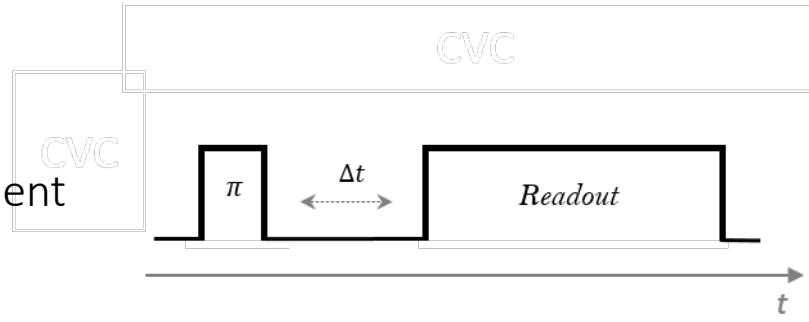


# Qubit Characterization

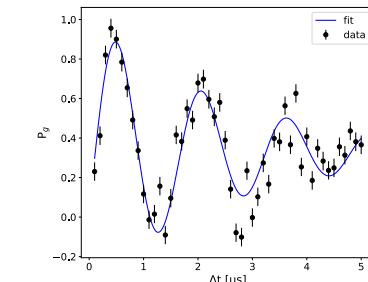
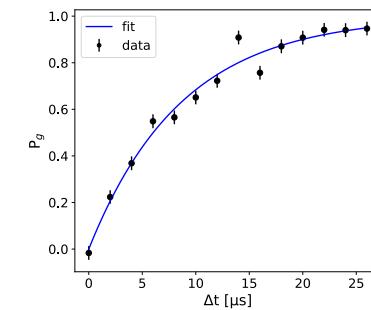
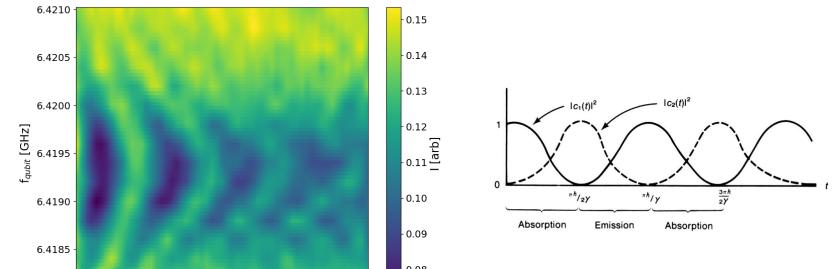
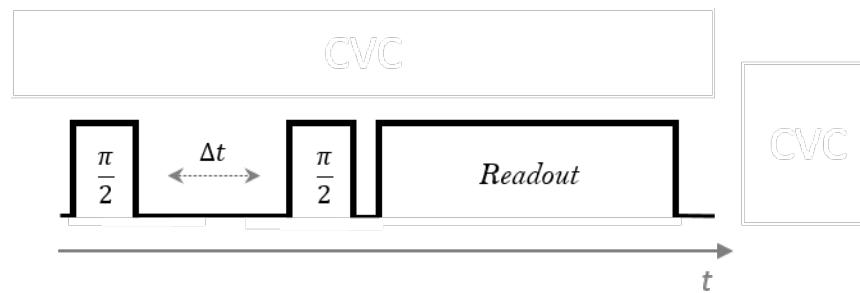
Rabi oscillations



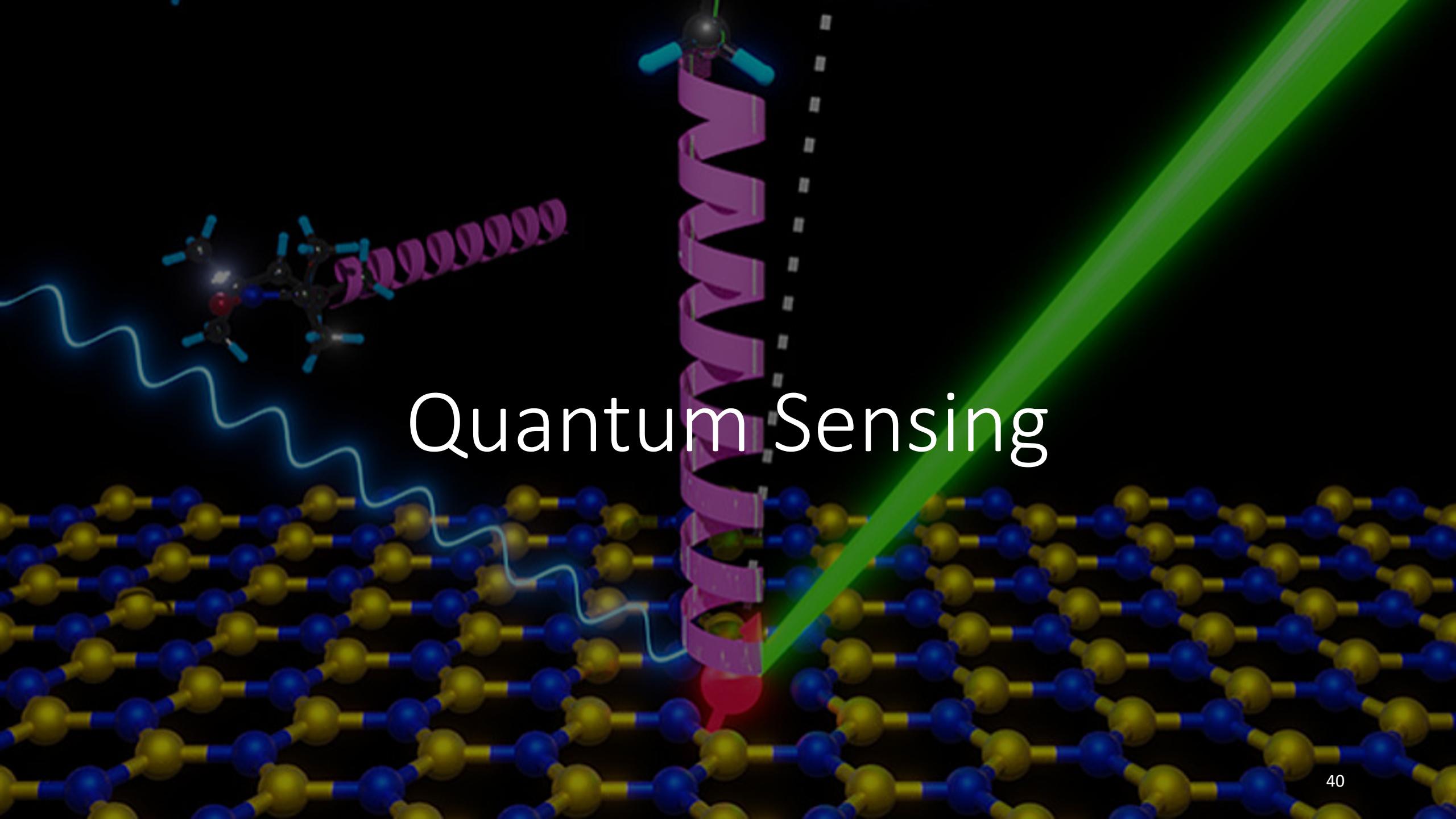
Qubit lifetime measurement



Ramsey Spectroscopy  
and  
T2 measurement



# Quantum Sensing



HEMT  
amplifier

SC coax cable

Circulator

Mu metal + Al Shield

2 piezo motors

Tuner

Antenna

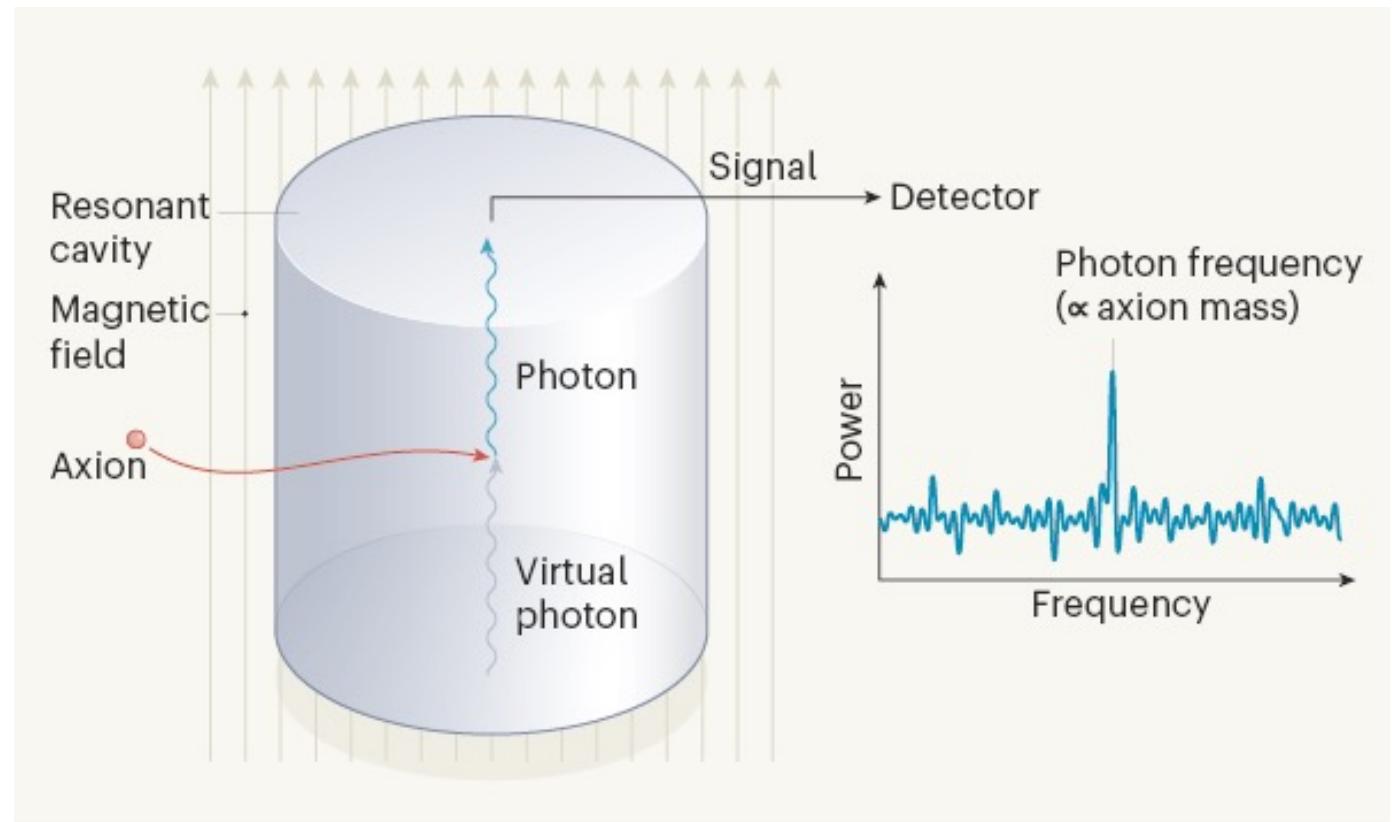
Resonant cavity

Undercoupled antenna

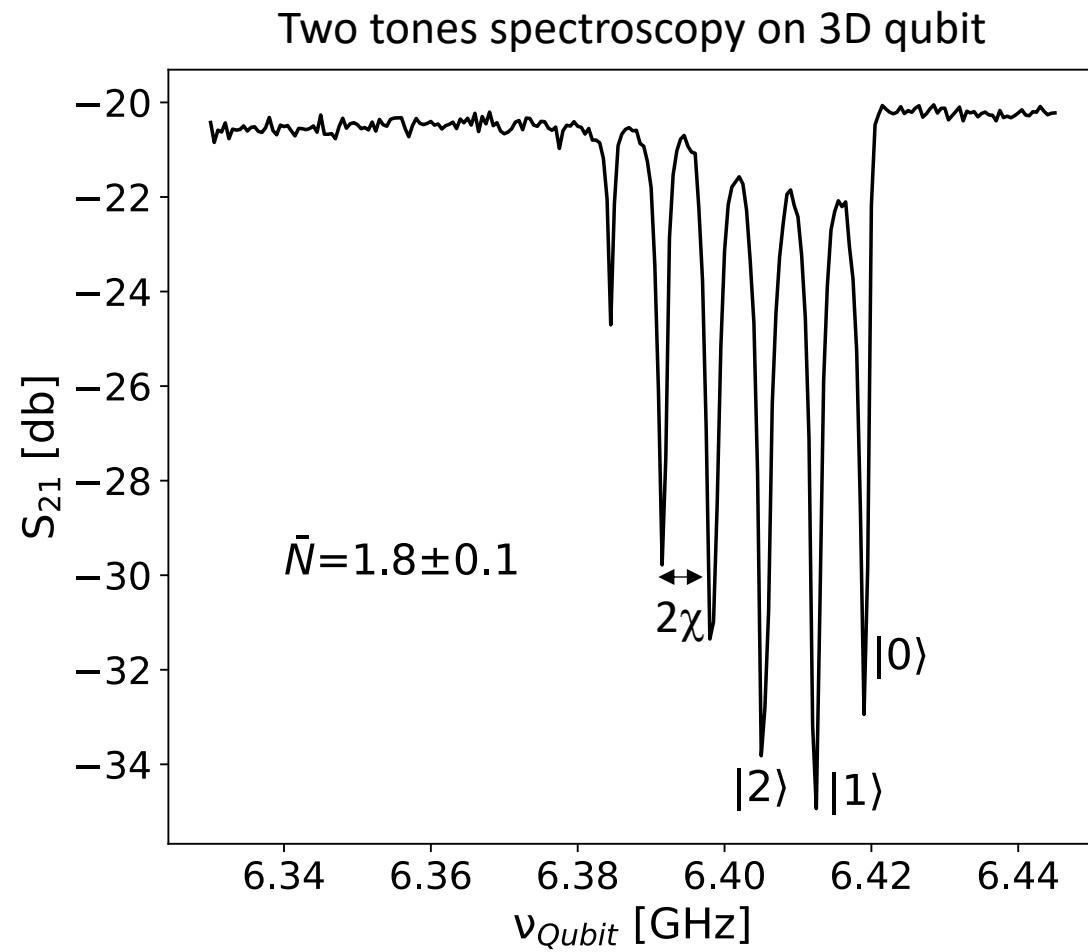
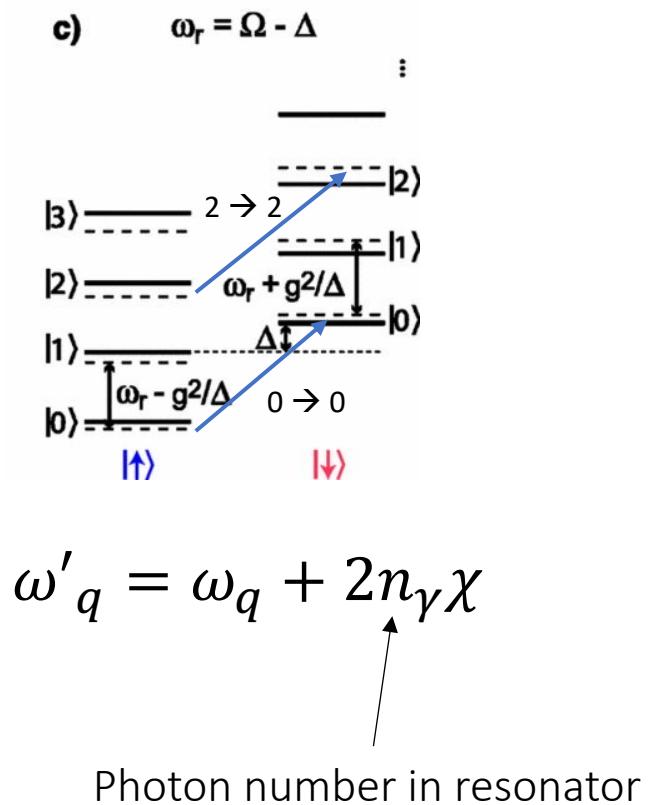
Mixing Chamber plate

Cryo switch

# Axion Dark Matter

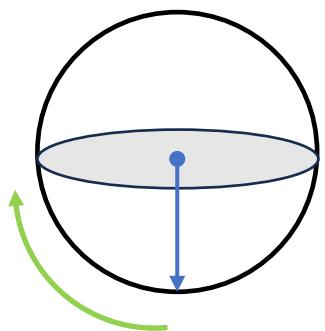


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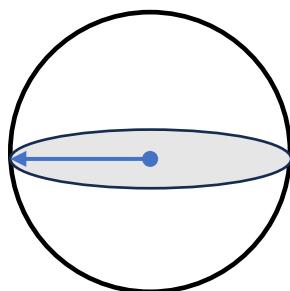


# Quantum Sensing with SC Qubits

$|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$



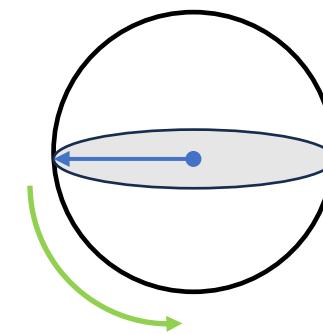
$|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle + |1\rangle$



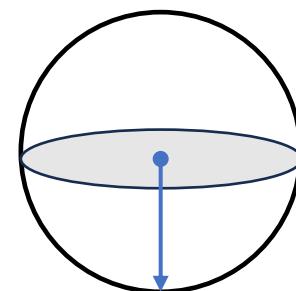
Wait for a time t

$$H_{int} = 0$$

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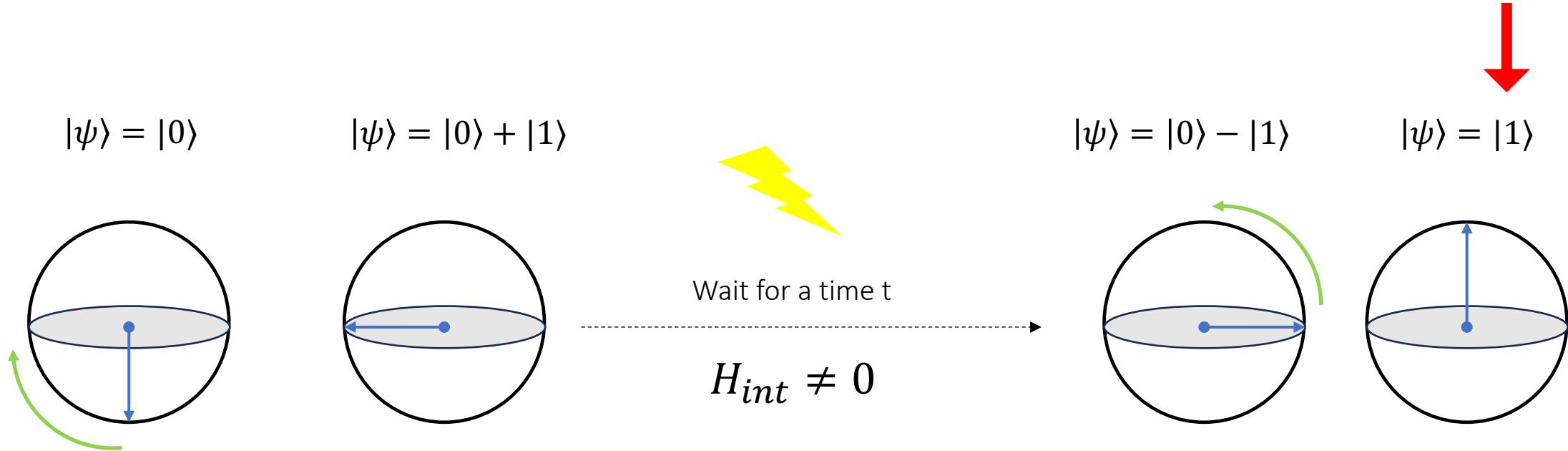


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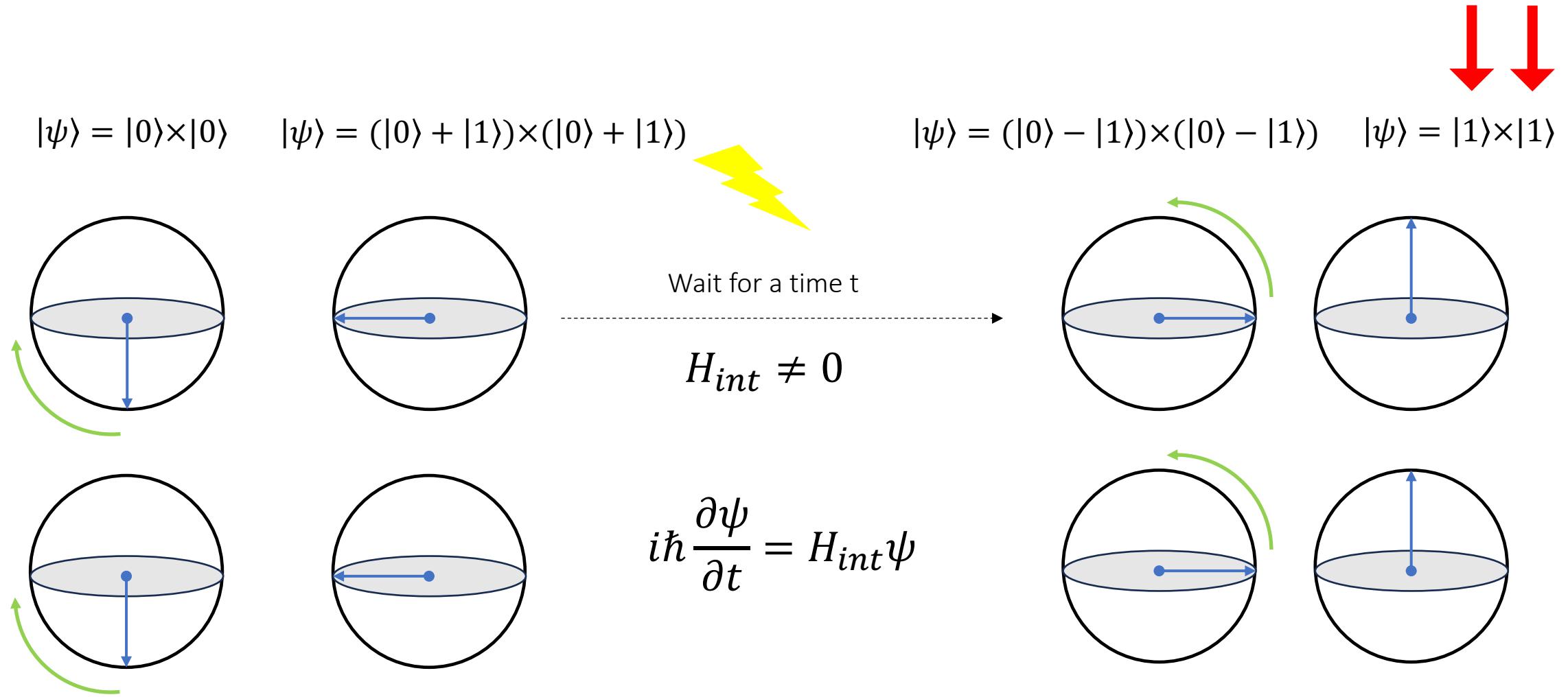
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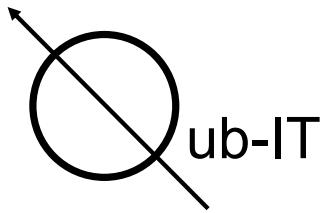
# Quantum Sensing with SC Qubits



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# Quantum Sensing with Error Correction





QubIT INFN CSNV Project  
Superconducting qubits and JPA amplifiers for quantum sensing and computing



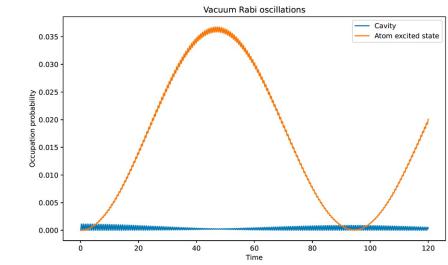
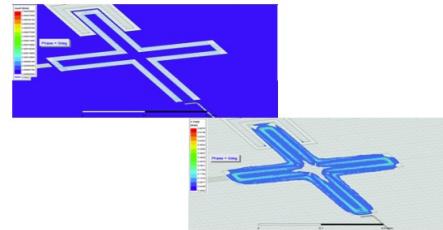
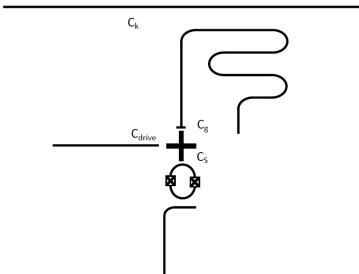
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# Design of 2D and 3D Superconducting Qubits

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\dot{\vec{\Phi}} \cdot C \dot{\vec{\Phi}}}{2} - \frac{\vec{\Phi} \cdot L^{-1} \vec{\Phi}}{2} + E_j \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0}\phi\right)$$

2D Qubits



## Circuit Modeling

- 1) Connect physical elements (C, L, Ic, Z0) to quantum-circuit properties (lifetime, frequency, couplings)

3D Qubits

$$E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar w_r}{2\varepsilon_0 V}}$$

$$V = \frac{\int \varepsilon_r(\vec{r}) ||\vec{E}(\vec{r})||^2 d\vec{r}}{\max(||\vec{E}_1(\vec{r})||^2)} \approx \frac{1}{4} V_{cavity}$$

For TE<sub>110</sub> mode

$$g_{01} = \frac{2e \cdot d_{eff}}{\hbar} E_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{E_J}{(8Ec)^{1/4}}$$

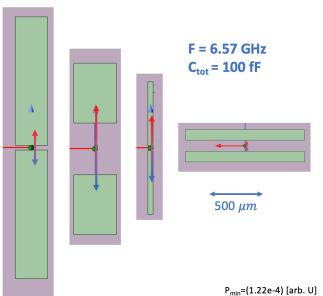
$$E_c = \frac{e^2}{2C}$$

$$\hbar w_q = \sqrt{8EcE_J - Ec}$$

From HFSS simulation

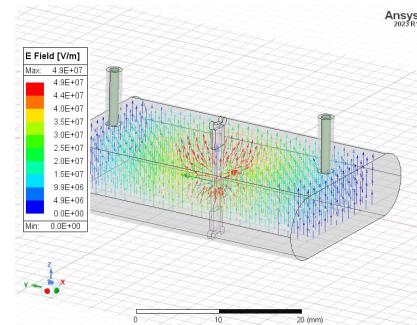
## Circuit Design

- 2) Design of circuit with first estimate of circuit element values



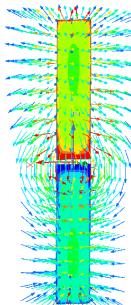
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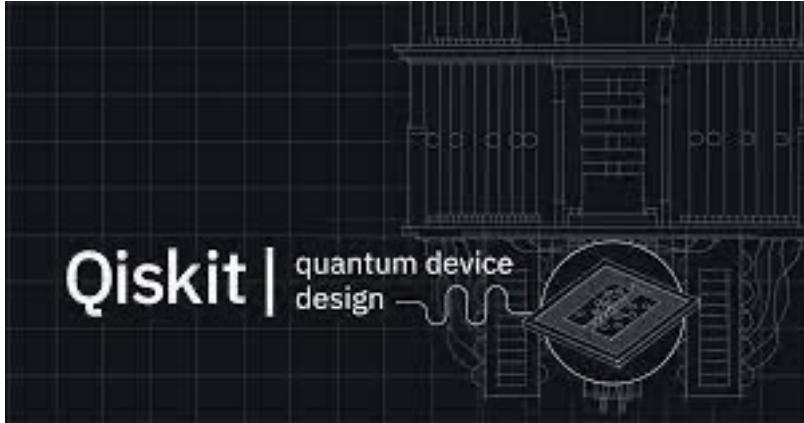
- 3) Layout realization, E.M. simulation and design optimization.



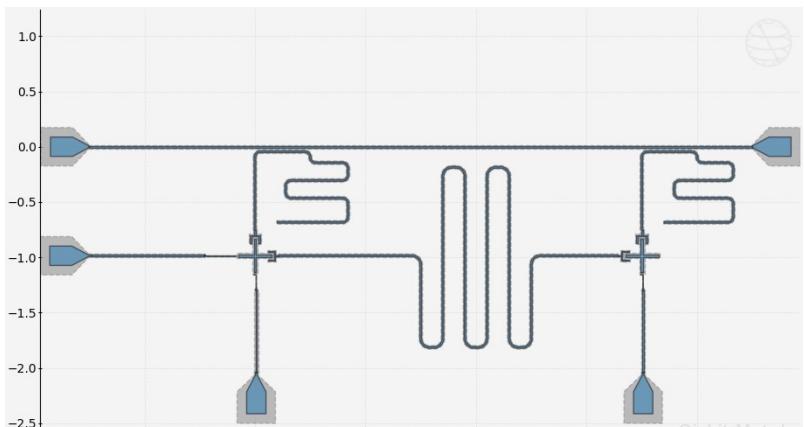
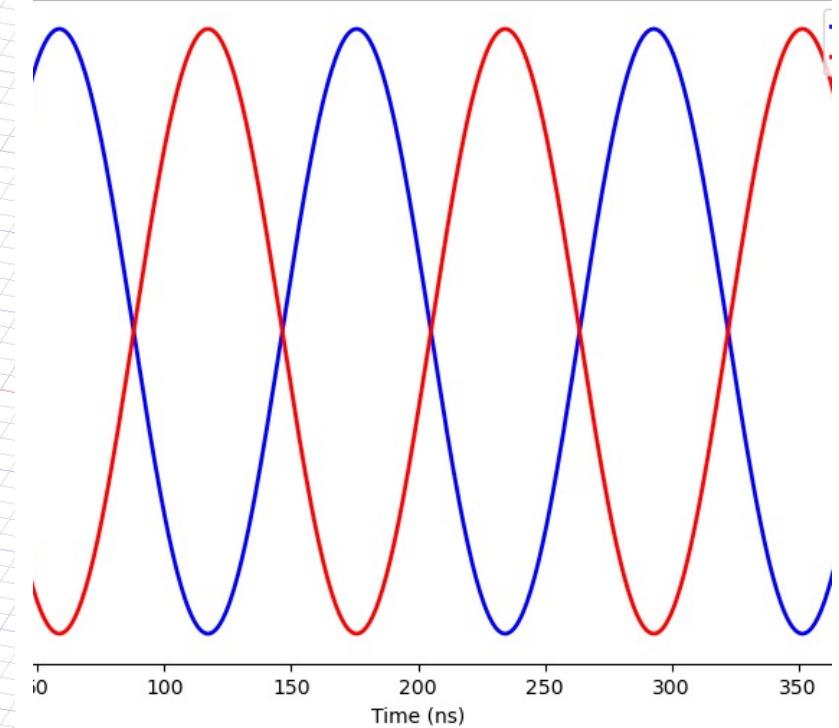
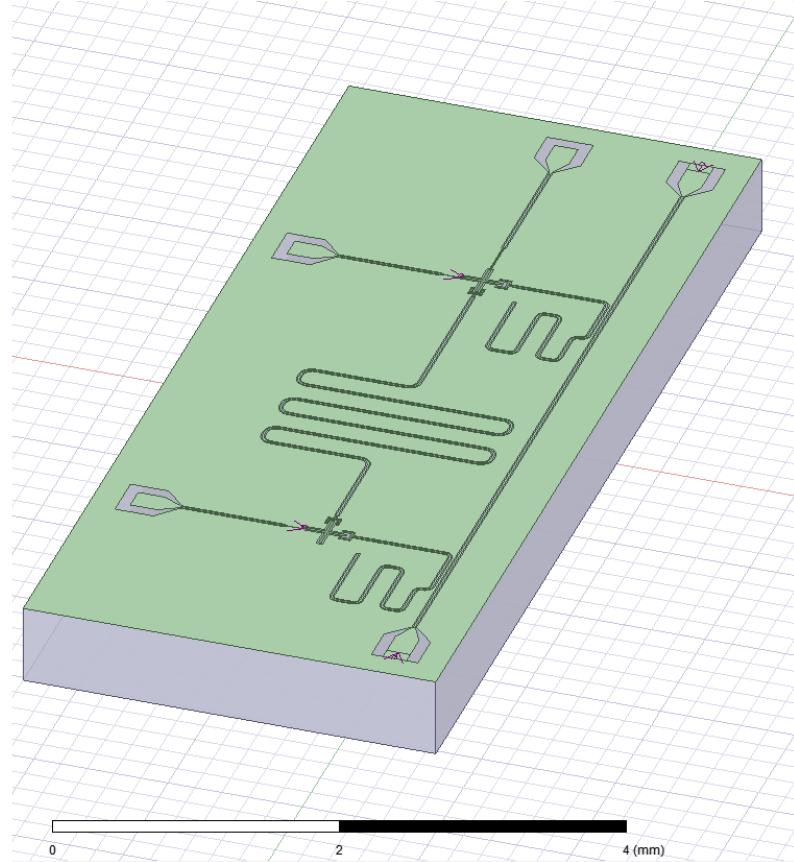
## Quantum Simulation

- 4) Evolution of quantum Hamiltonian based on circuit parameters





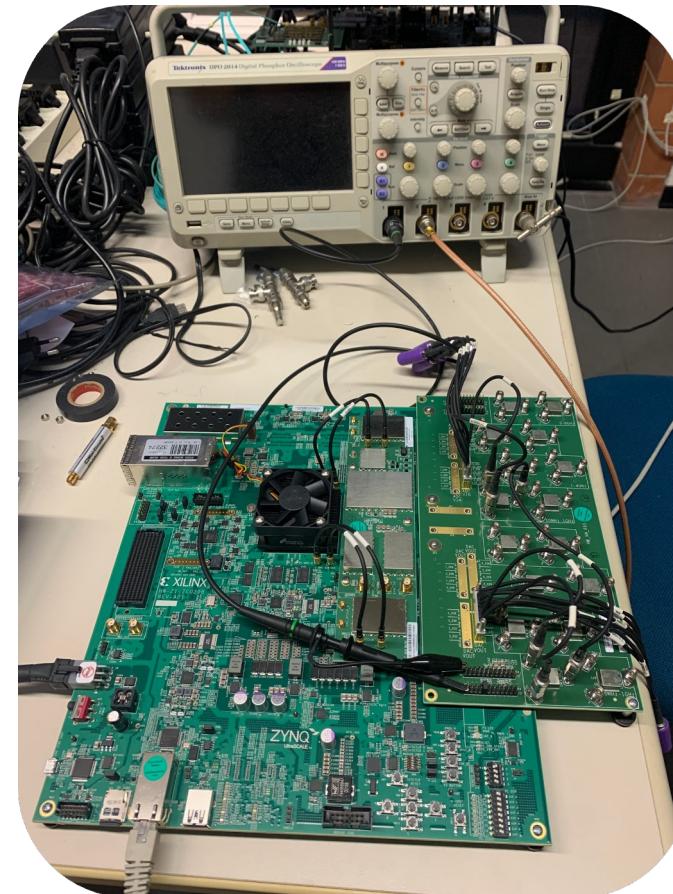
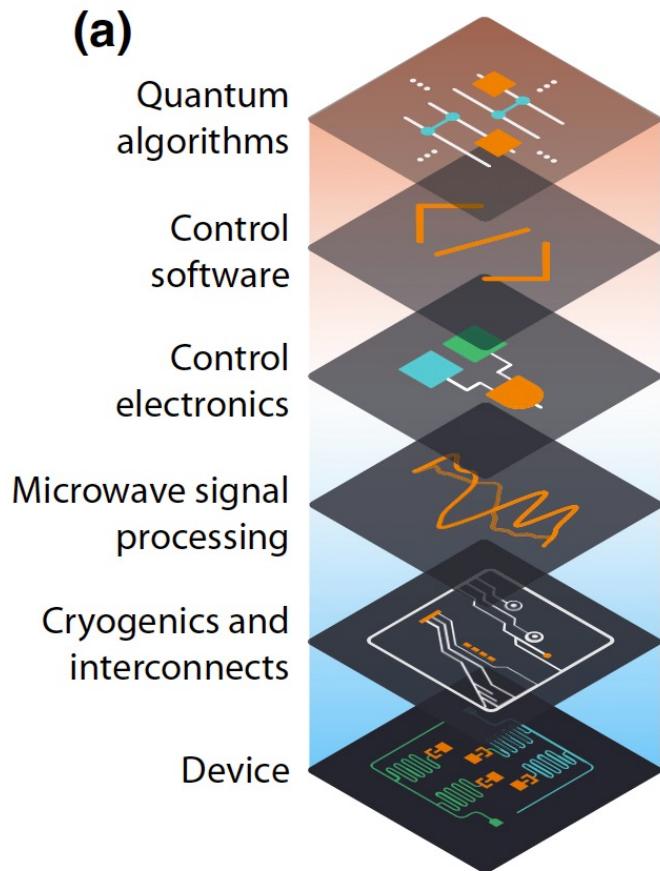
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## iSWAP Gate

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# Qubit Control with RFSoC



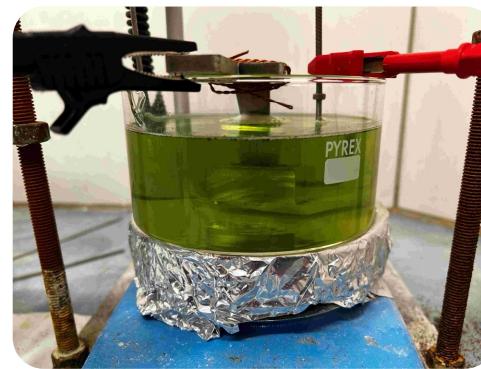
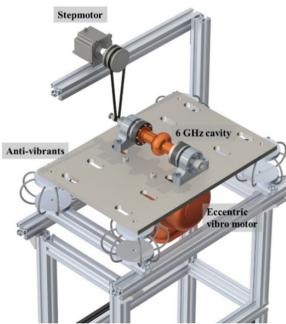
# 3D Cavity Fabrication



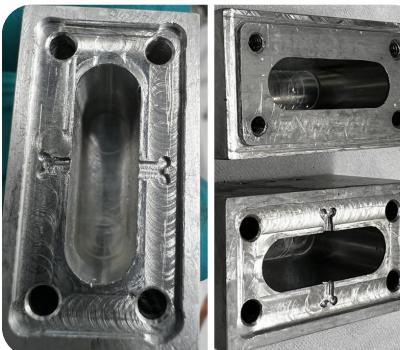
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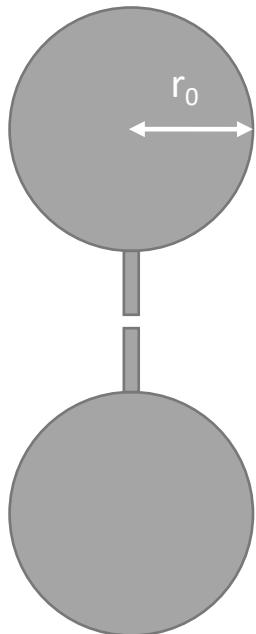
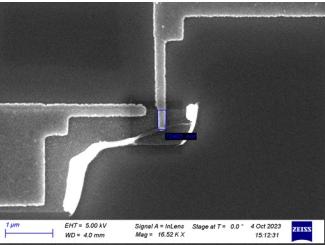
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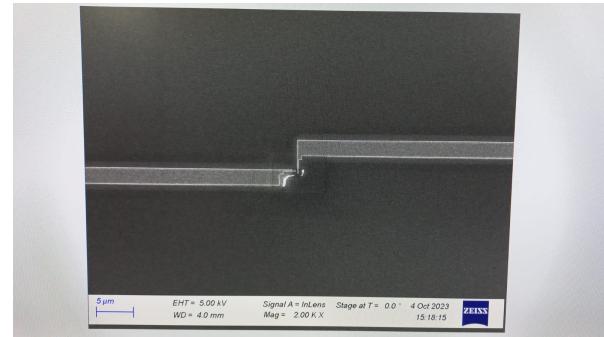
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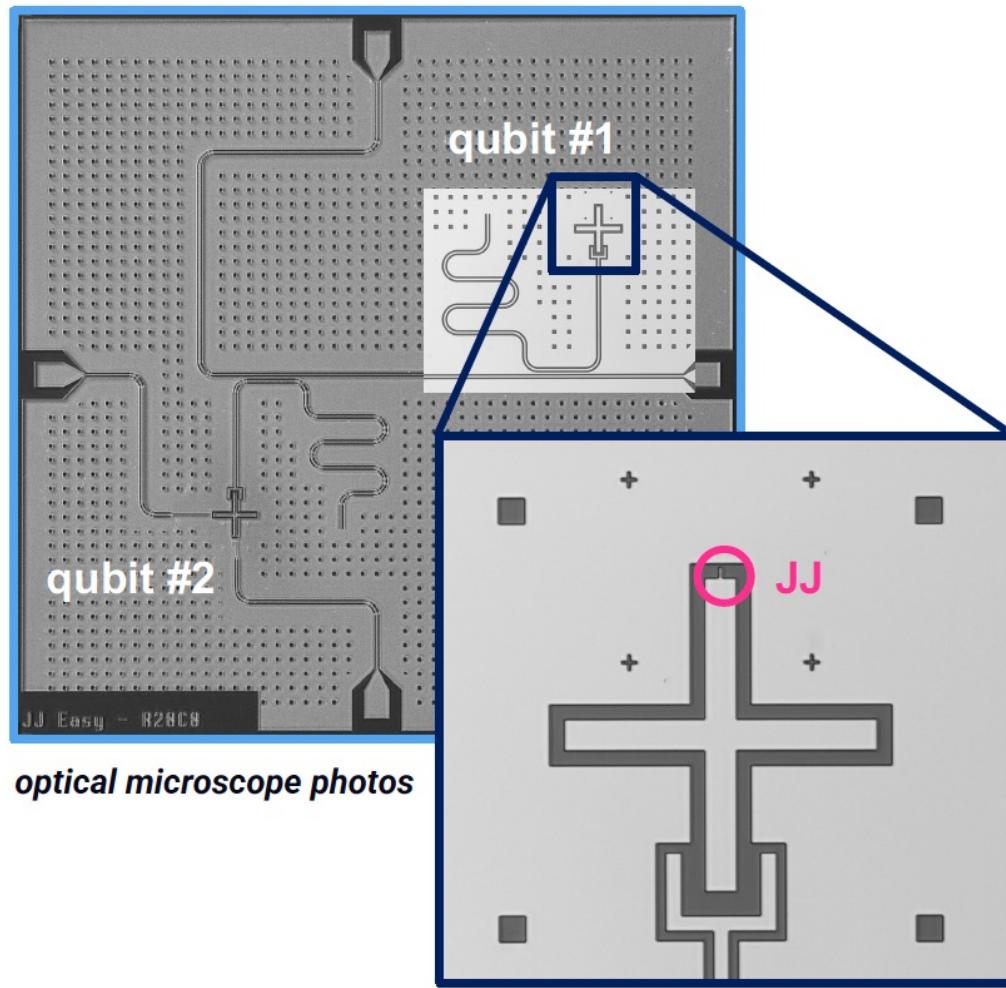
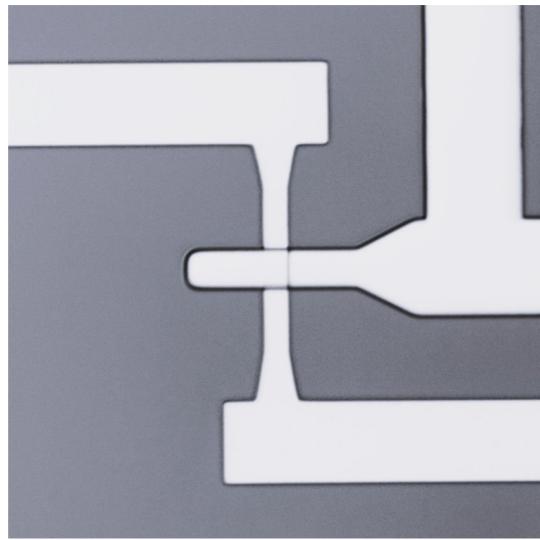
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Manufacturing of 3D qubits  
with circular pads at CNR



- Aluminum JJ with area approx. 200 x 350 nm



The End

