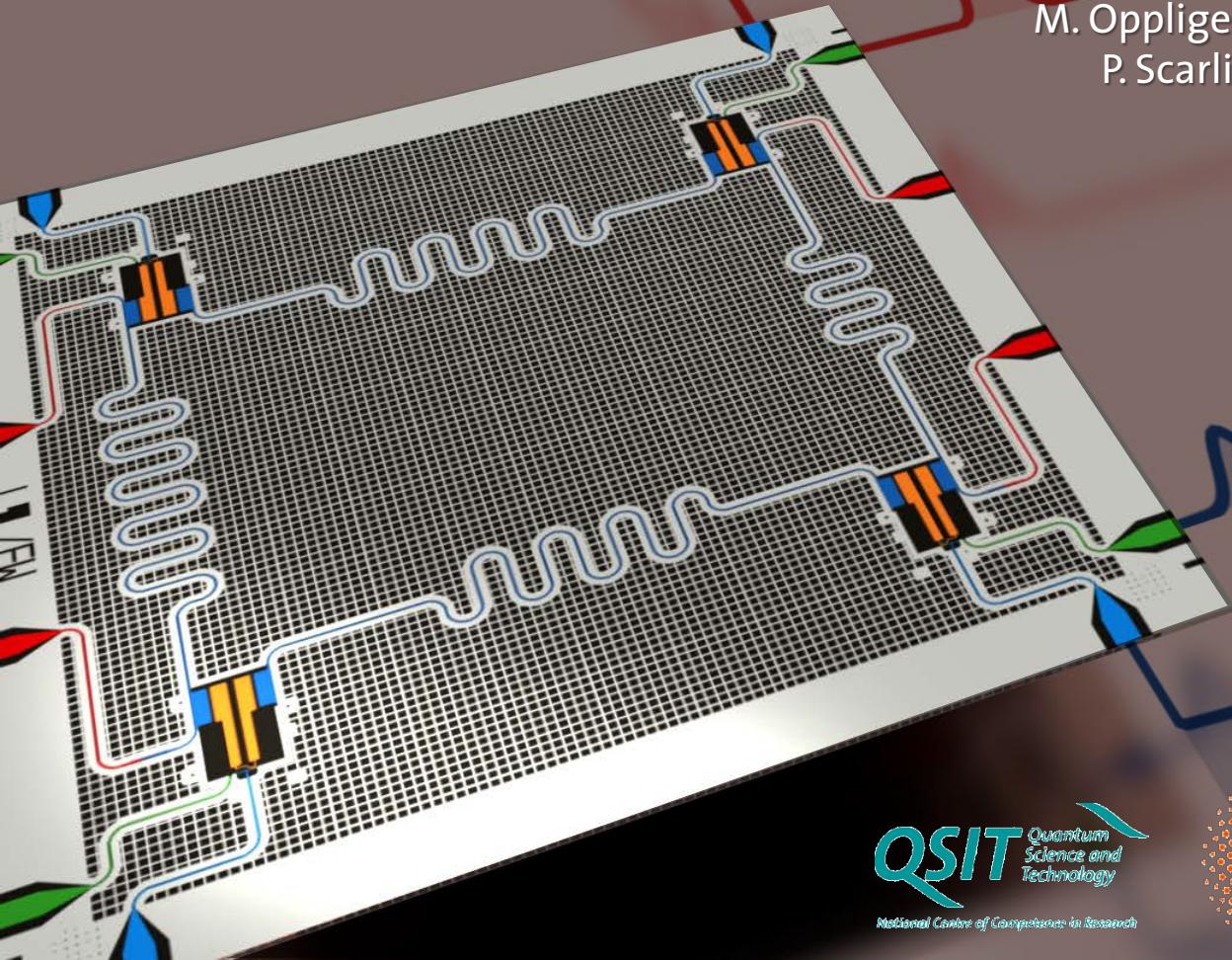


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Conventional Electronic Circuits

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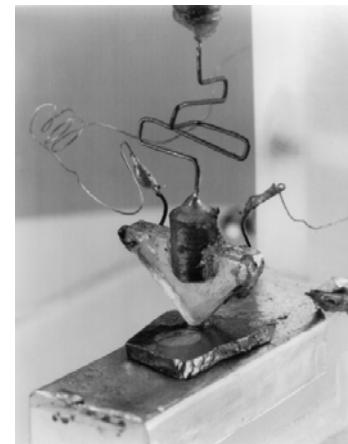


basis of modern
information and
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technology

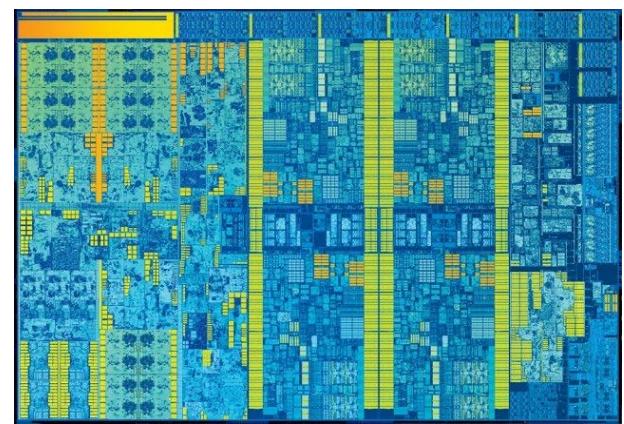
properties :

- classical physics
- no quantum mechanics
- no superposition or entanglement
- no quantization of fields

first transistor at Bell Labs (1947)



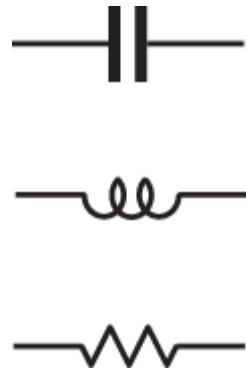
Intel Core i7-6700K Processor



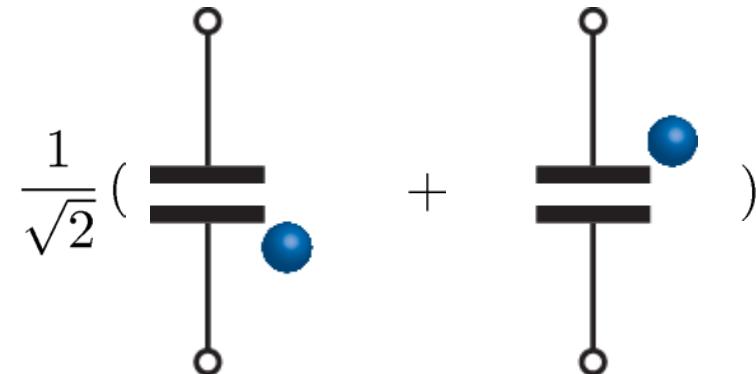
smallest feature size 14 nm
clock speed ~ 4.2 GHz
> 3.10⁹ transistors
power consumption > 10 W

Classical and Quantum Electronic Circuit Elements

basic circuit elements:



charge on a capacitor:



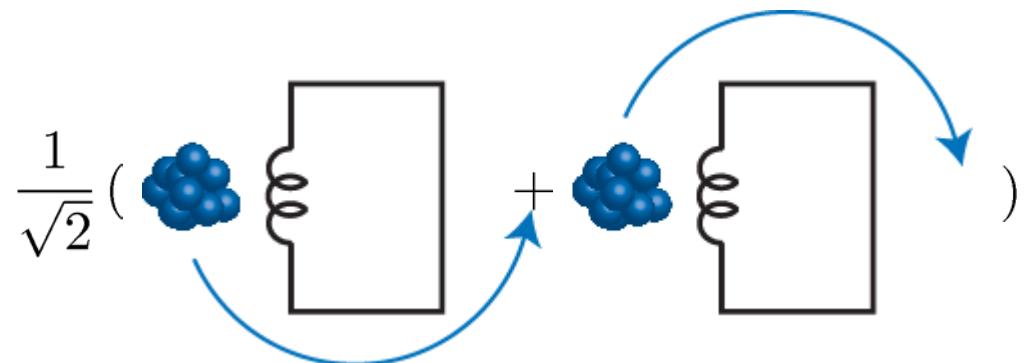
quantum superposition states of:

- charge q
- flux ϕ

commutation relation (c.f. x, p):

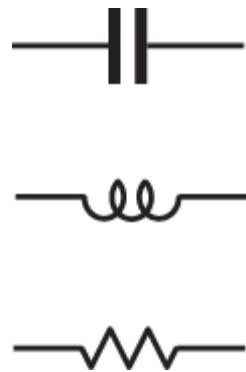
$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{q}] = i\hbar$$

current or magnetic flux in an inductor:

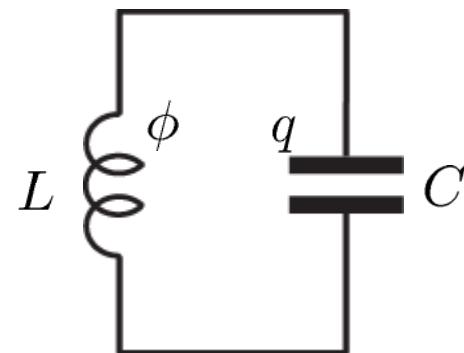


Constructing Linear Quantum Electronic Circuits

basic circuit elements:



harmonic LC oscillator:



$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \sim 5 \text{ GHz}$$

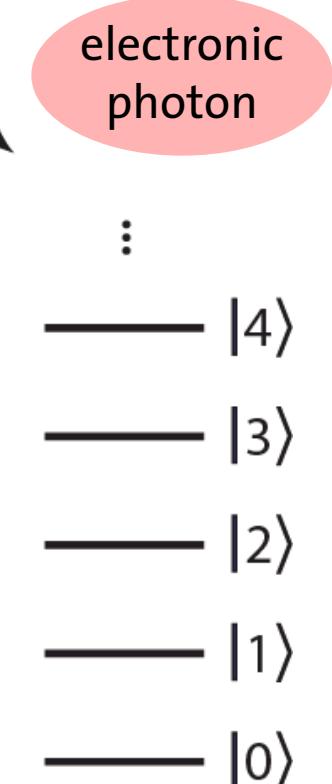
classical physics:

$$H = \frac{\phi^2}{2L} + \frac{q^2}{2C}$$

quantum mechanics:

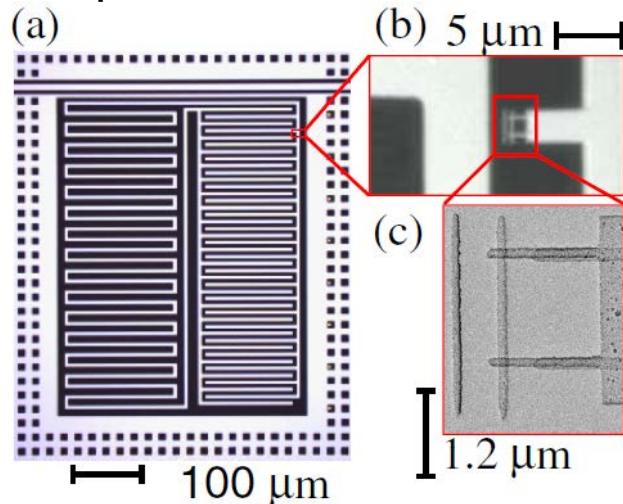
$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2L} + \frac{\hat{q}^2}{2C} = \hbar\omega(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} + \frac{1}{2}) \quad [\hat{\phi}, \hat{q}] = i\hbar$$

energy:



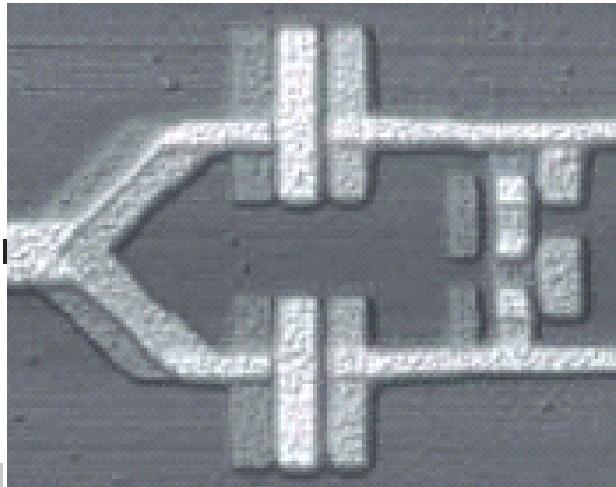
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lumped element resonator:



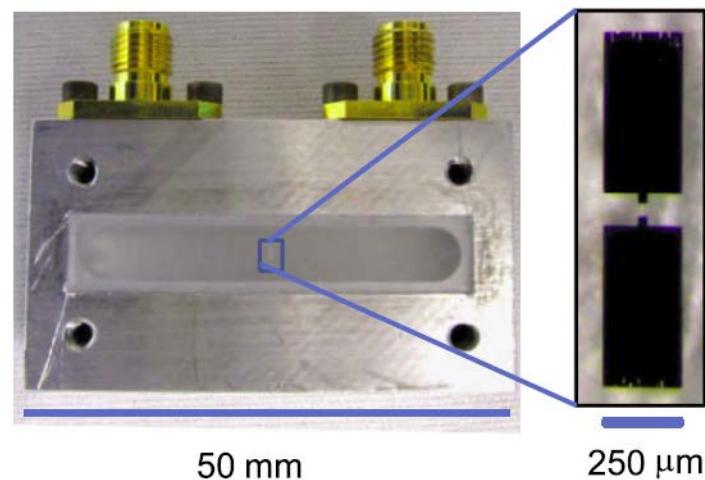
Z. Kim *et al.*, PRL 106, 120501 (2011)

weakly nonlinear junction:



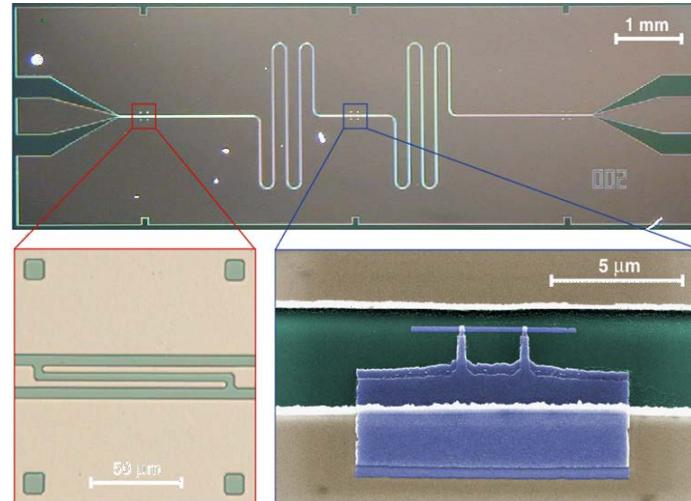
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3D cavity:



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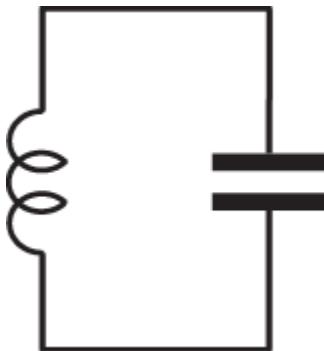
planar transmission line resonator:



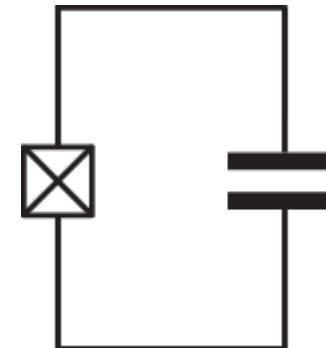
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Linear vs. Nonlinear Superconducting Oscillators

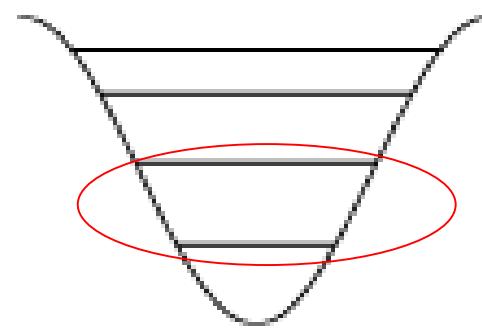
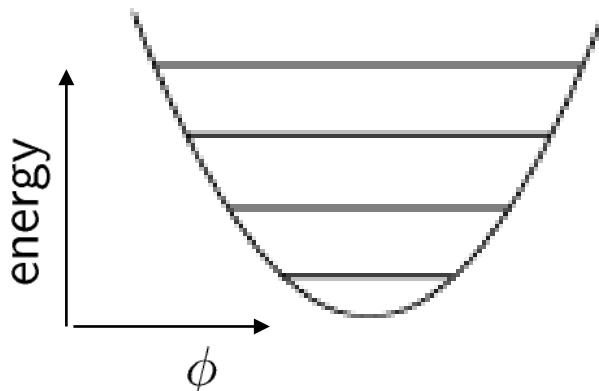
LC resonator:



Josephson junction resonator:
Josephson junction = nonlinear inductor

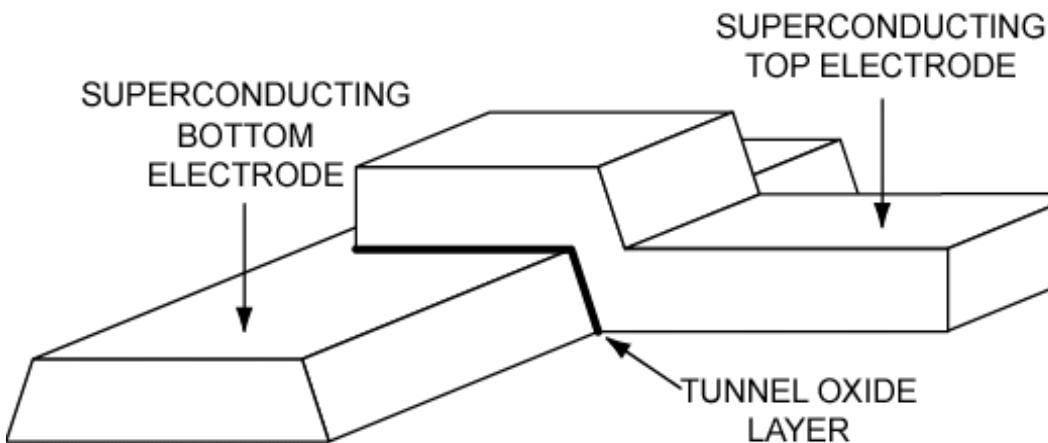


anharmonicity defines effective two-level system



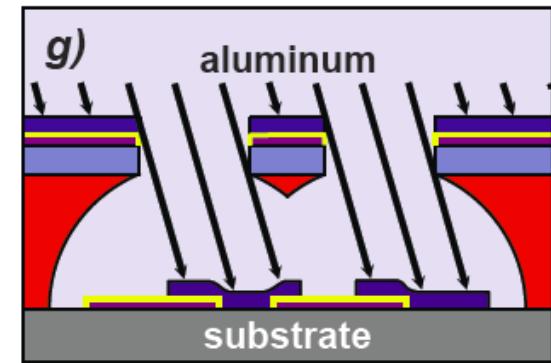
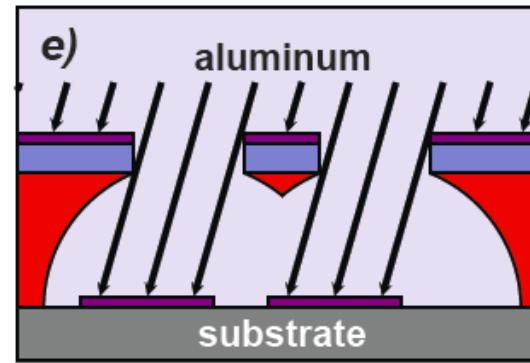
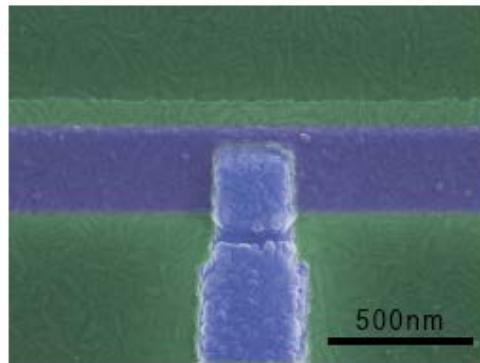
A Low-Loss Nonlinear Element

a (superconducting) Josephson junction:



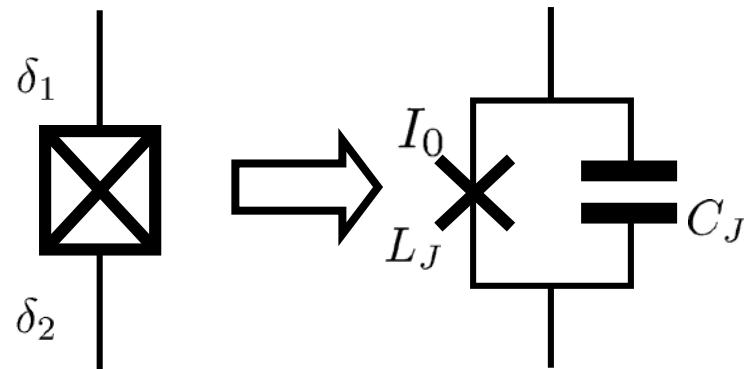
- superconductors: Nb, Al
- tunnel barrier: AlO_x

Josephson junction fabricated by shadow evaporation:



The Josephson Junction as an ideal Non-Linear Inductor

a nonlinear inductor without dissipation



Josephson relations:

$$I = I_0 \sin \delta = I_0 \sin [2\pi\phi(t)/\phi_0] \quad \text{nonlinear current/phase relation}$$
$$V = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi} \dot{\delta} = \dot{\phi}$$

gauge inv. phase difference:

$$\delta = \delta_2 - \delta_1 = 2\pi\phi(t)/\phi_0$$

Josephson inductance:

$$V = -L_J \dot{I} = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi I_0} \frac{1}{\cos \delta} \dot{I}$$

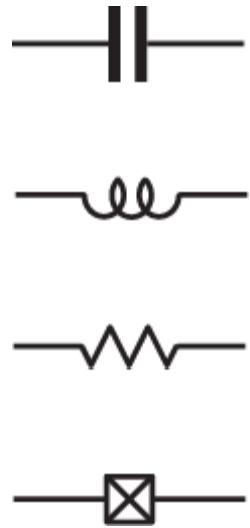
Josephson energy:

$$E_J = \int V I dt = \frac{I_0 \phi_0}{2\pi} \cos \delta$$

specific Josephson energy E_{J0}

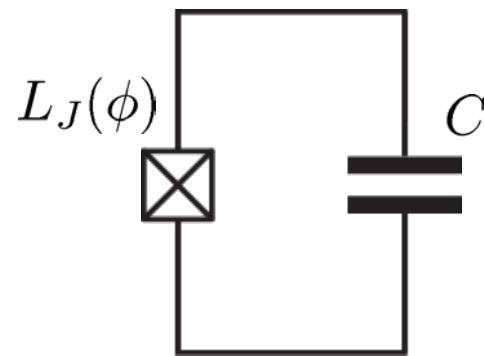
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circuit elements:



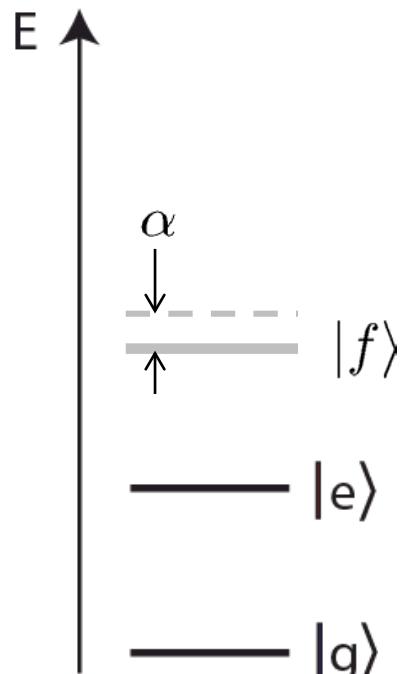
Josephson junction:
a non-dissipative nonlinear
element (inductor)

anharmonic oscillator:



$$H \approx \hbar(\omega_{ge} \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \hat{b}^\dagger 2 \hat{b}^2)$$

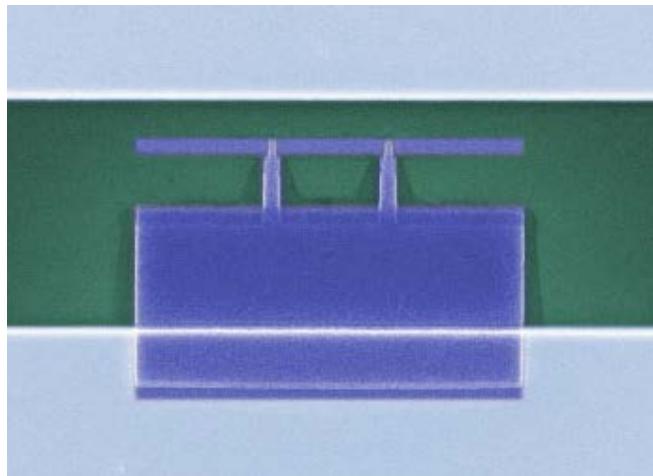
non-linear energy
level spectrum:



electronic
artificial atom

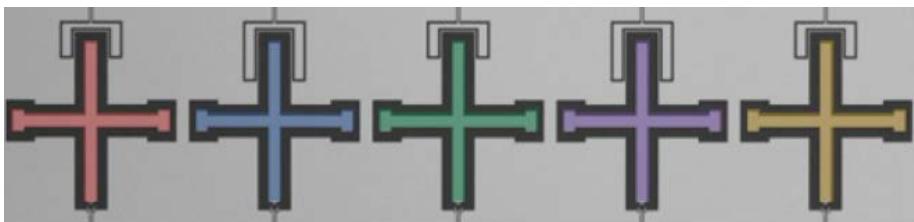
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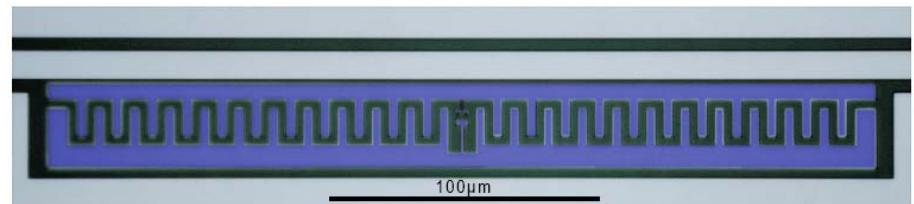
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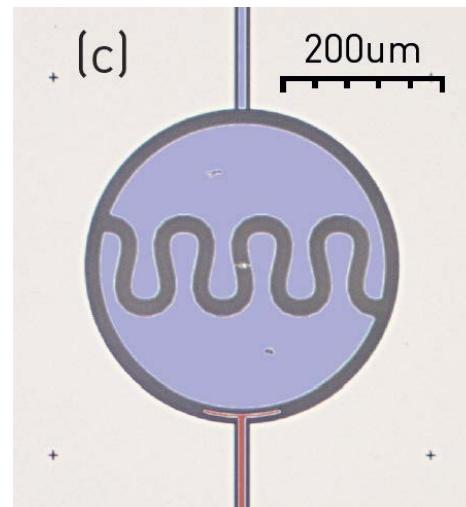
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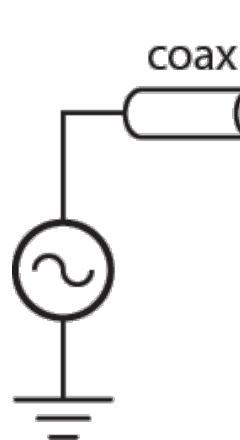
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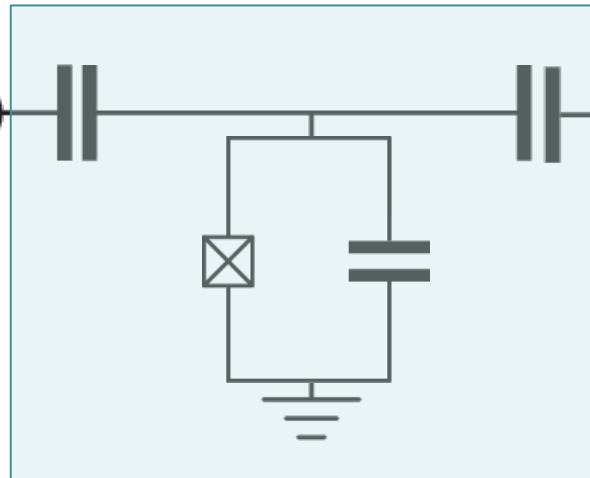
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How to Operate Circuits in the Quantum Regime?

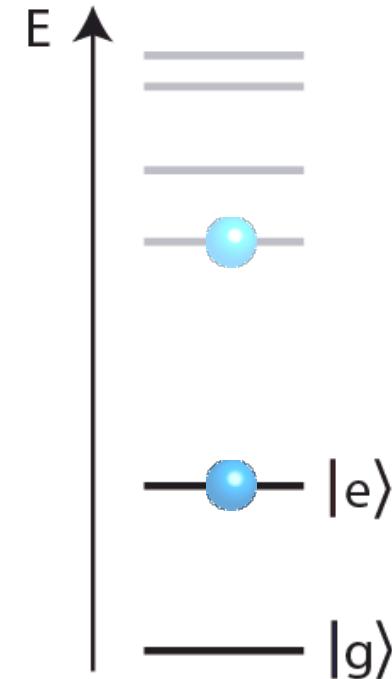
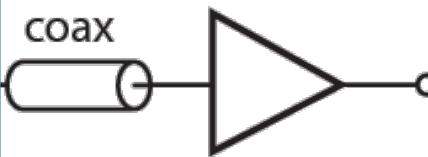
control circuit



quantum circuit



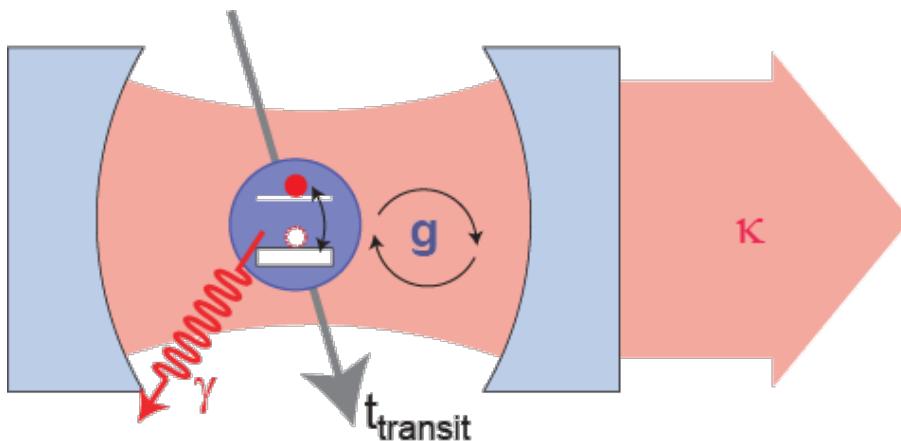
read-out circuit



recipe:

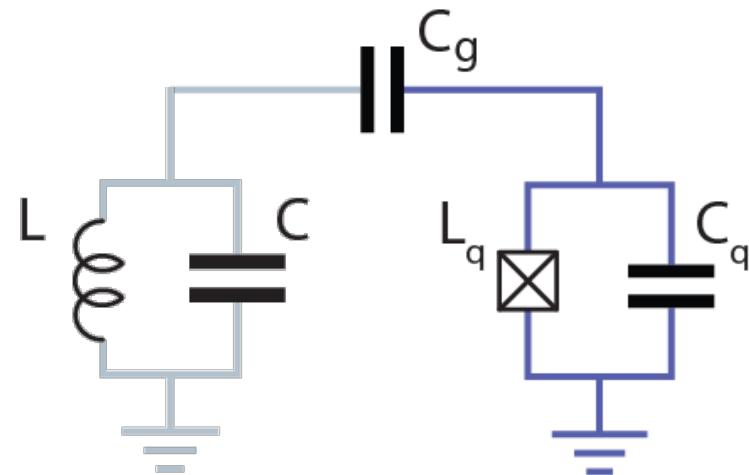
- avoid dissipation
- work at low temperatures
- isolate quantum circuit from environment

Cavity QED with Superconducting Circuits



coherent quantum mechanics
with individual photons and qubits ...

... basic approach:

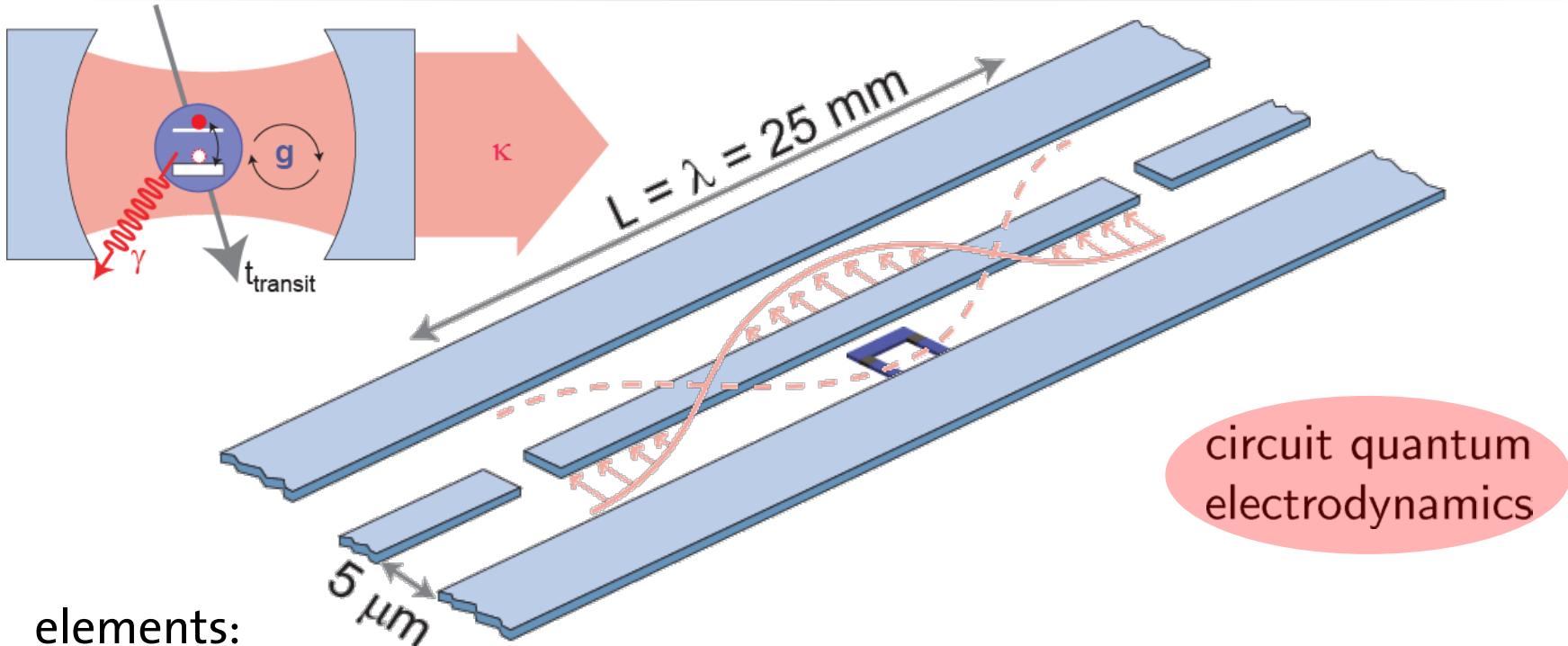


What is this good for?

- Isolating qubits from their environment
- Maintain addressability of qubits
- Reading out the state of qubits
- Coupling qubits to each other
- Converting stationary qubits to flying qubits



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elements:

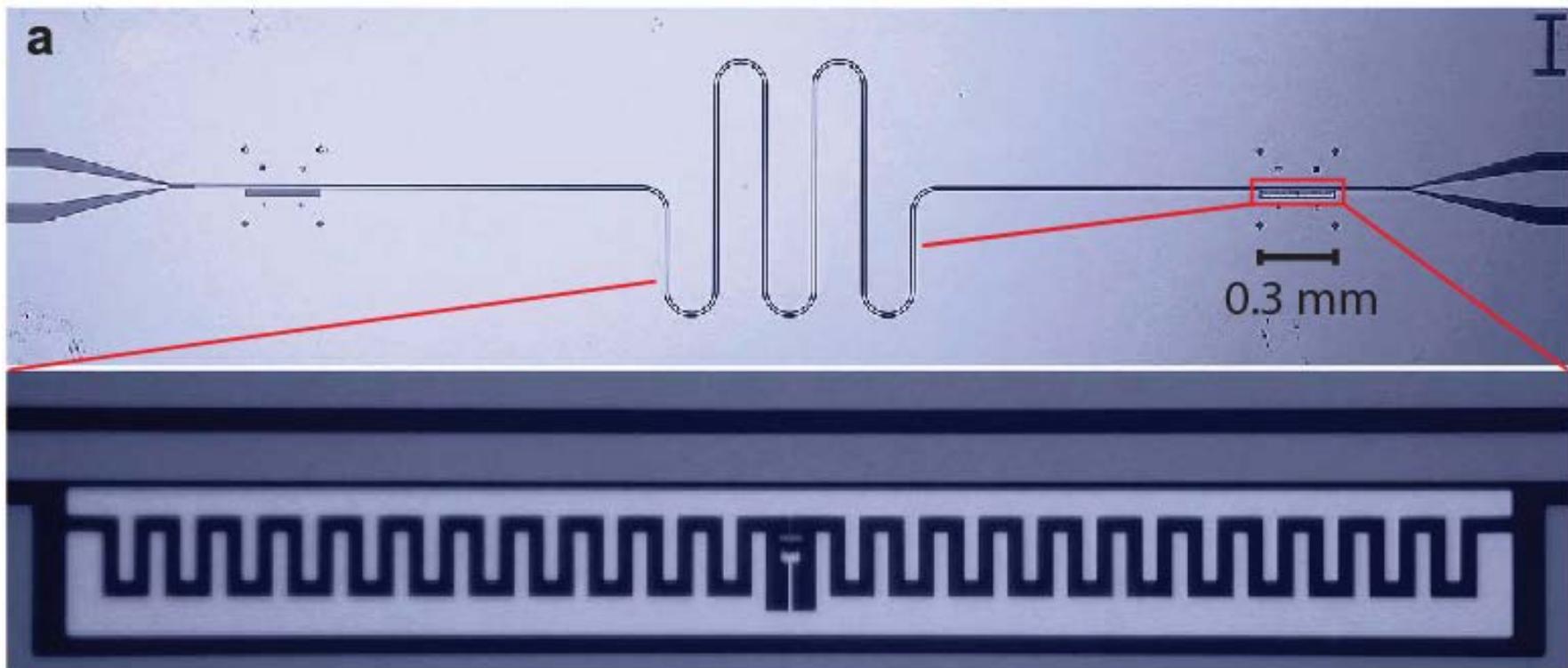
- the cavity: a superconducting 1D transmission line resonator with **large vacuum field E_o** and **long photon life time $1/\kappa$**
- the atom: a superconducting qubit with **large dipole moment d** and **long coherence time $1/\gamma$** and **fixed position ...**
- ... or any microscopic/macrosopic quantum element or ensemble thereof with an appreciable dipole moment

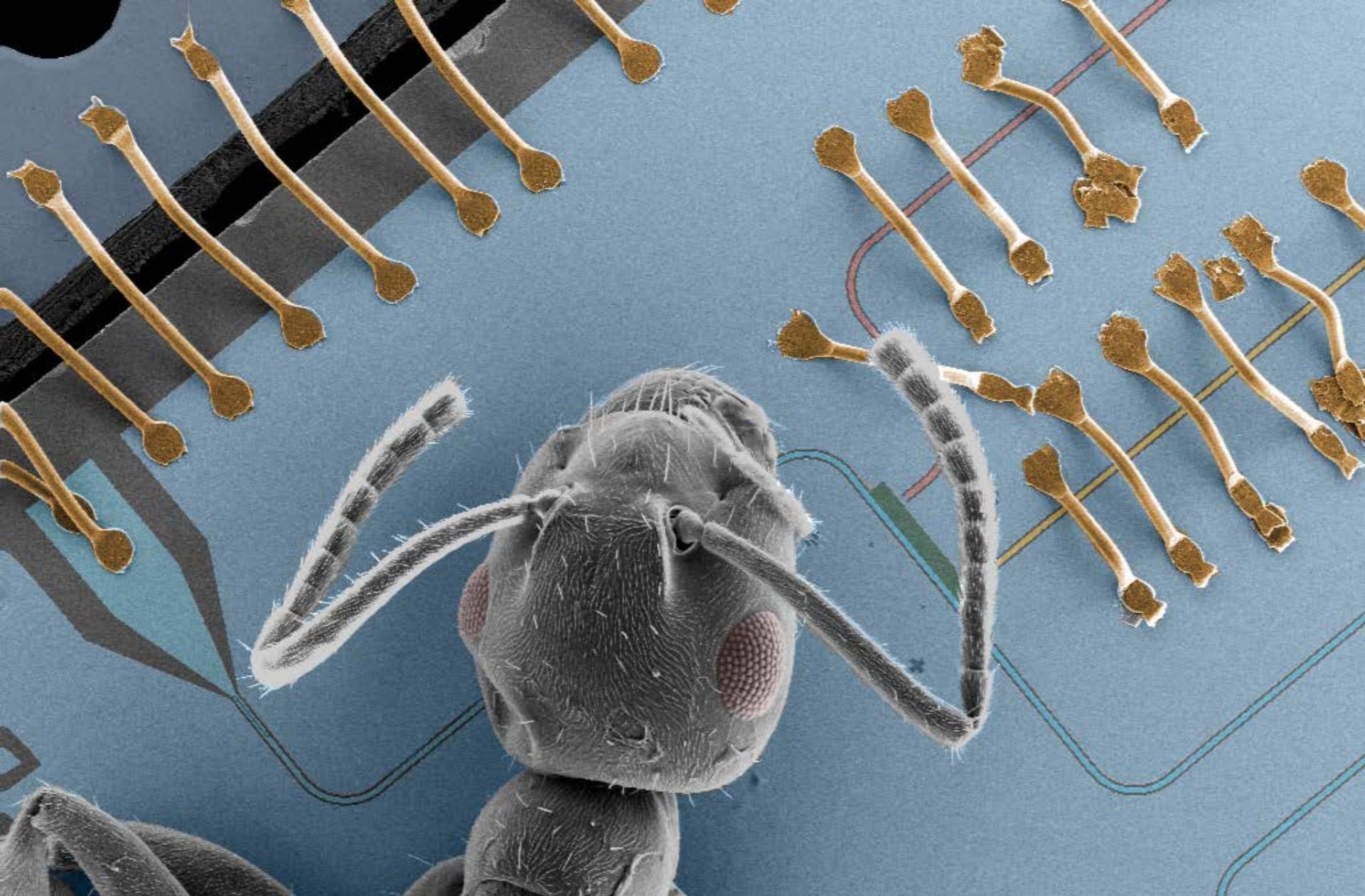
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Realization





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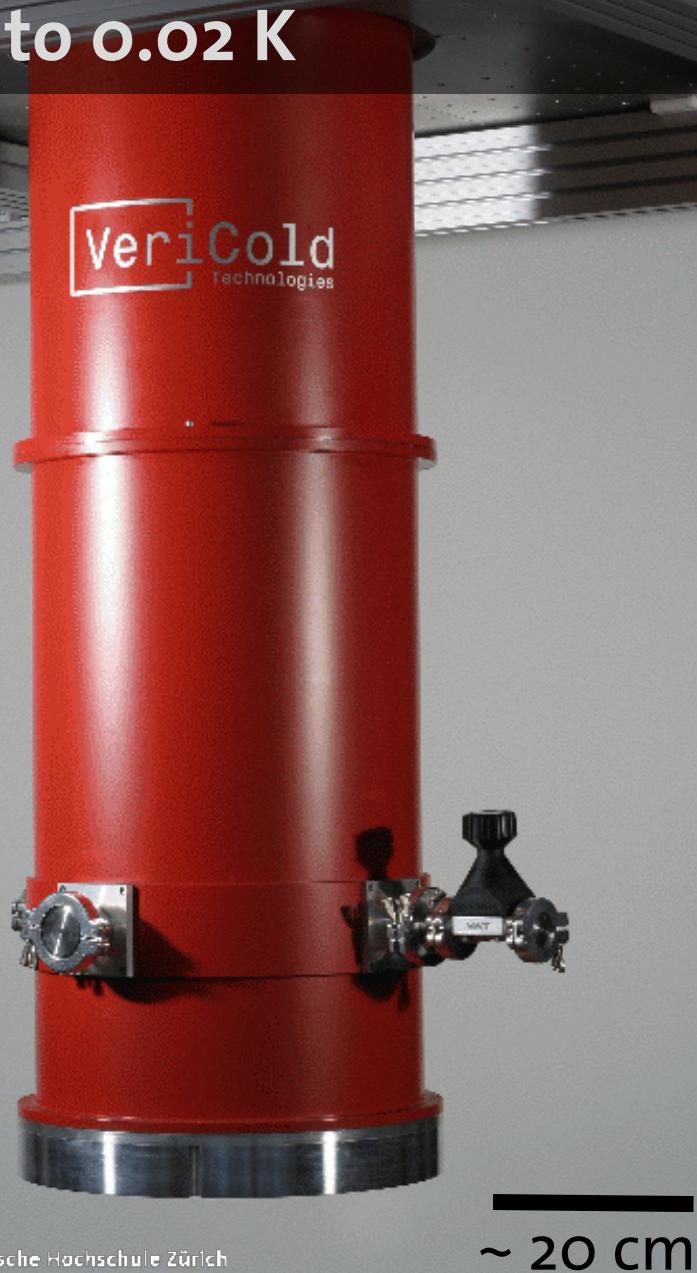
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Sample Mount

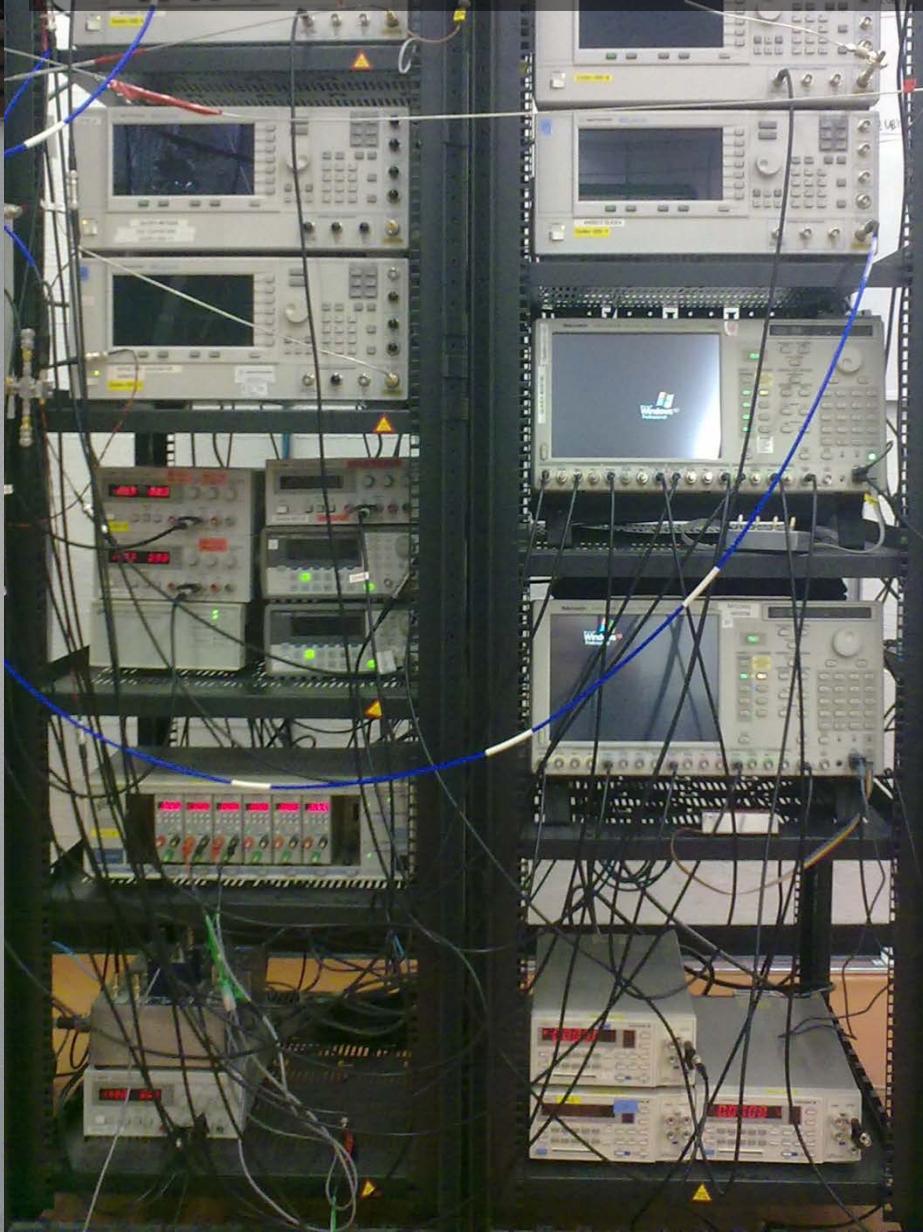


~ 2 cm

Cryostate for temperatures down to 0.02 K

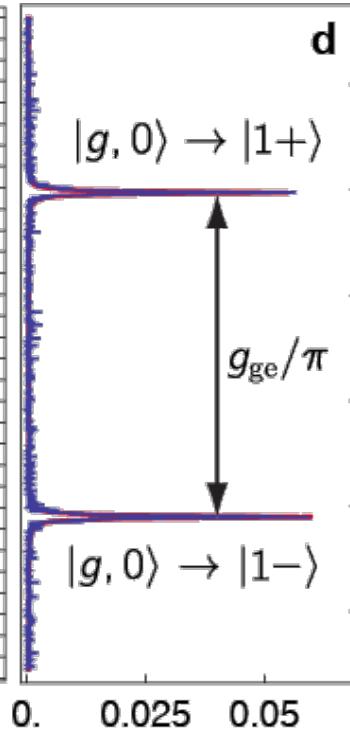
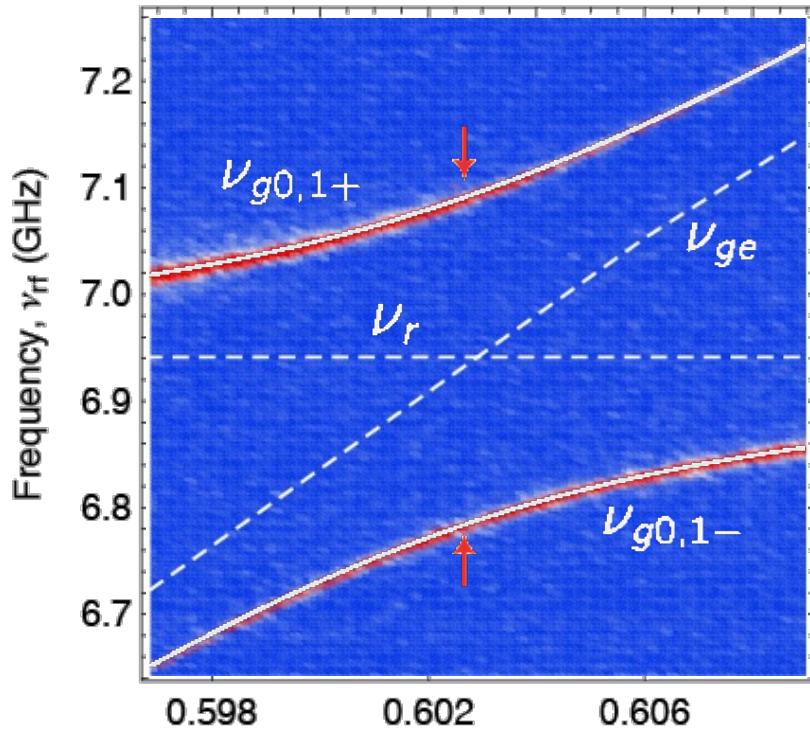


Microwave control & measurement equipment



Resonant Vacuum Rabi Mode Splitting ...

... with one photon ($n=1$):

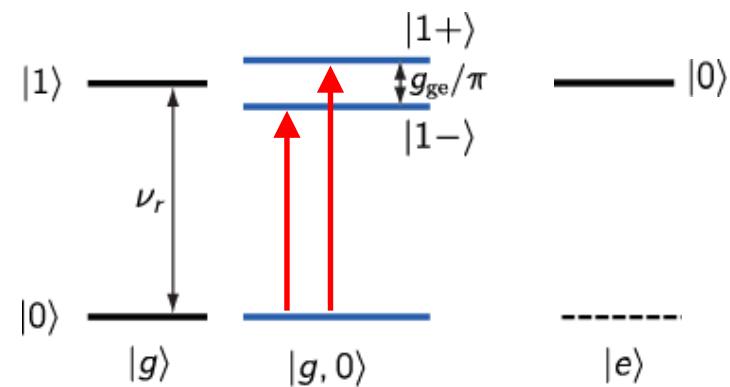


very strong coupling:

$$g_{ge}/\pi = 308 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\kappa, \gamma < 1 \text{ MHz}$$

$$g_{ge} \gg \kappa, \gamma$$



forming a 'molecule' of a qubit and a photon

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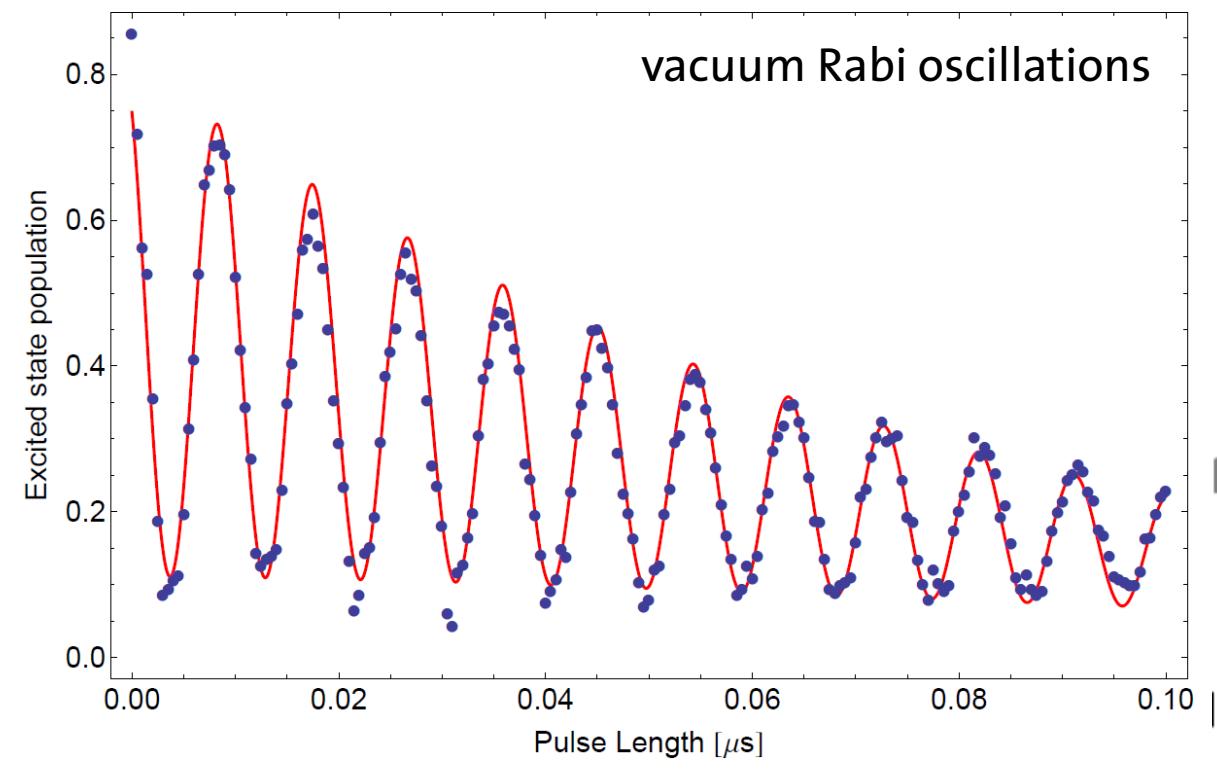
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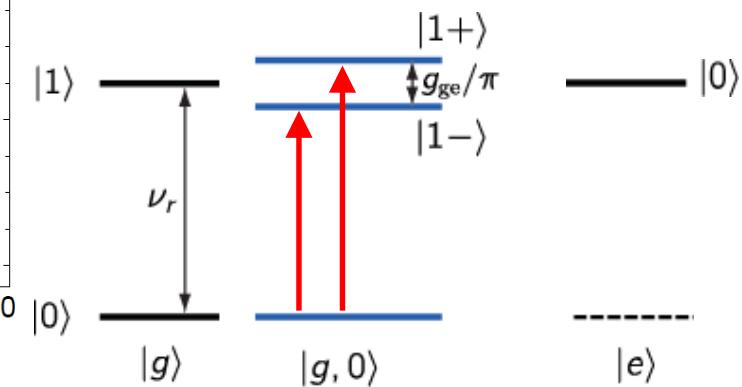
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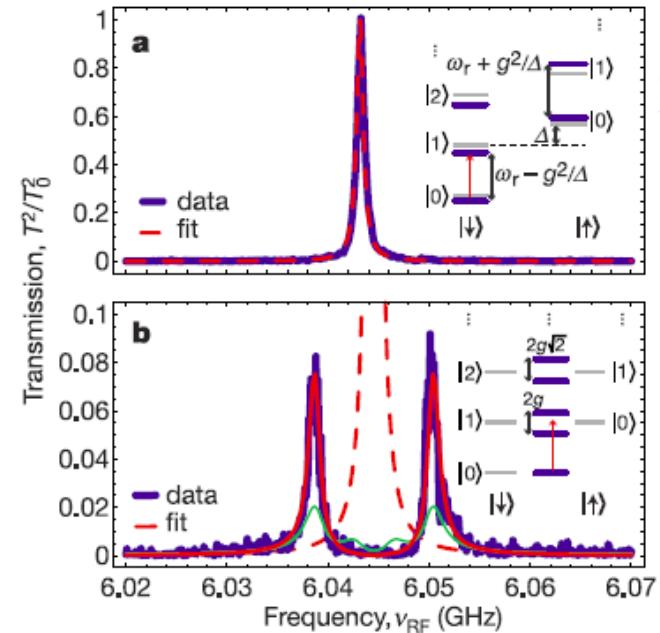
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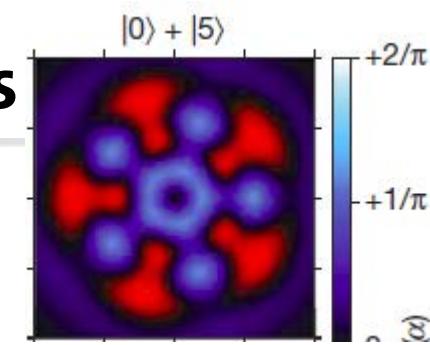
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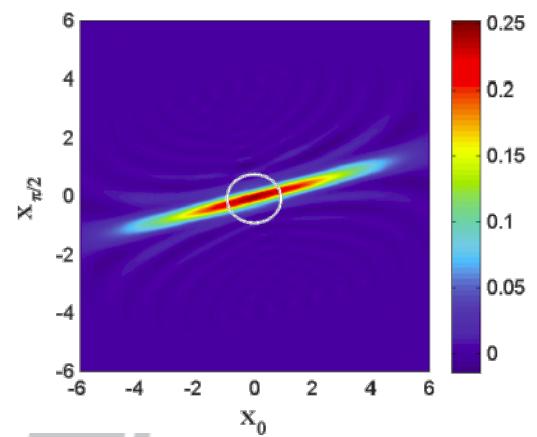


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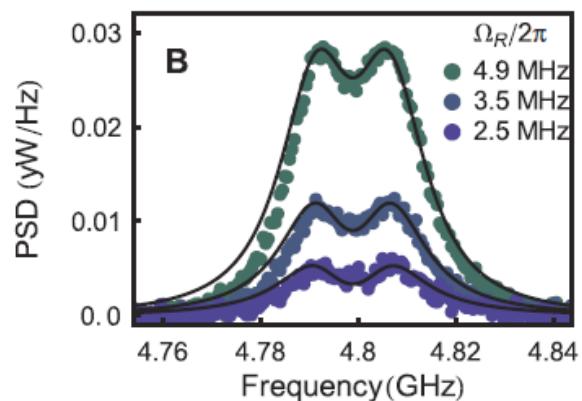


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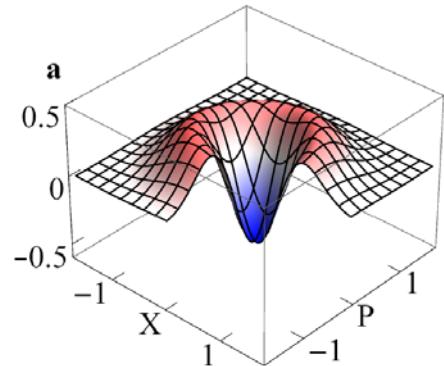
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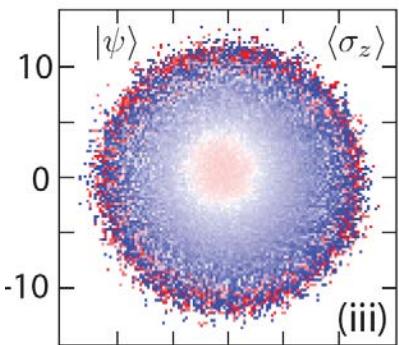
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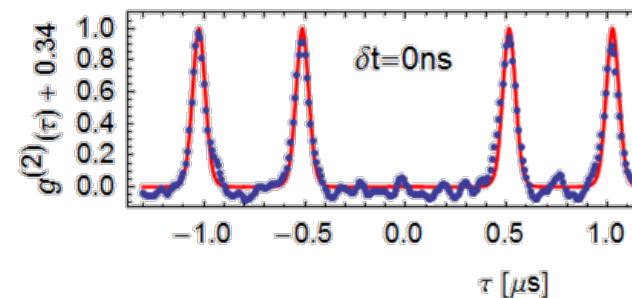
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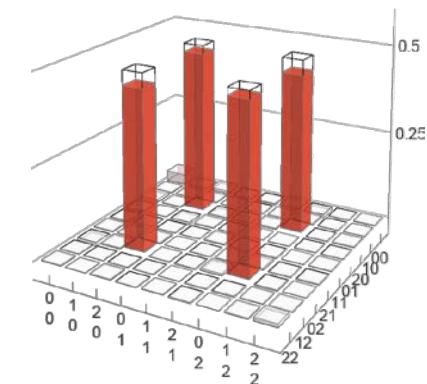


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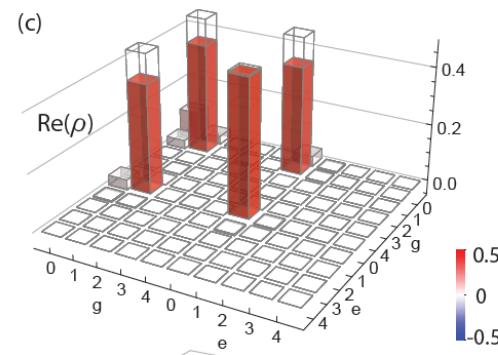
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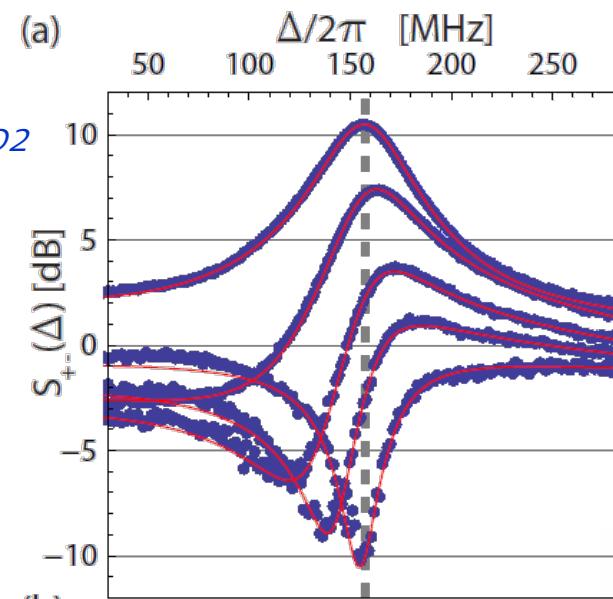
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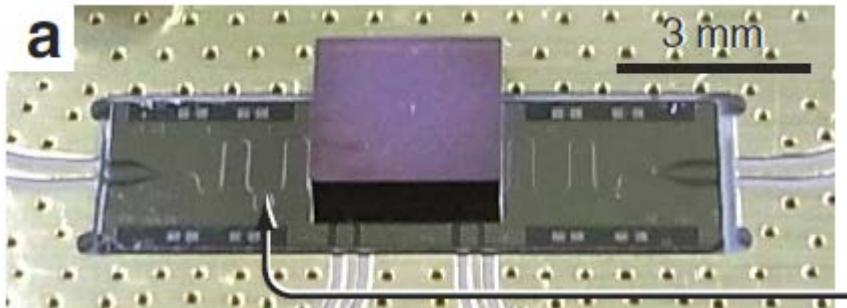


Hybrid Systems with Superconducting Circuits

Spin Ensembles: e.g. NV centers

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Y. Kubo *et al.*, PRL 105, 140502 (2010)

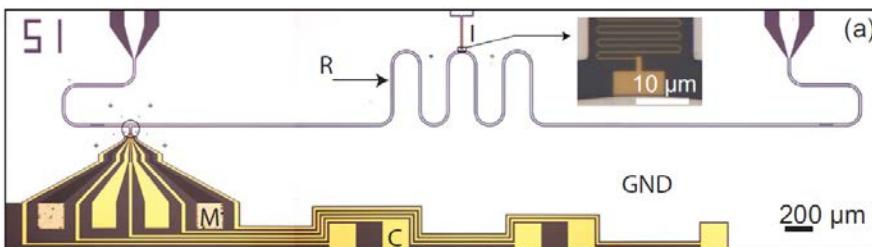


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M. Delbecq *et al.*, PRL 107, 256804 (2011)

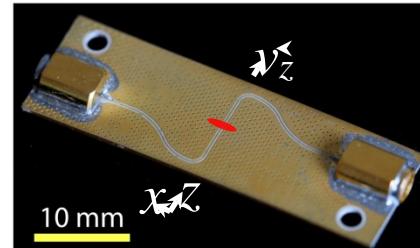
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K. Petersson *et al.*, Nature 490, 380 (2013)



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S. Hogan *et al.*, PRL 108, 063004 (2012)



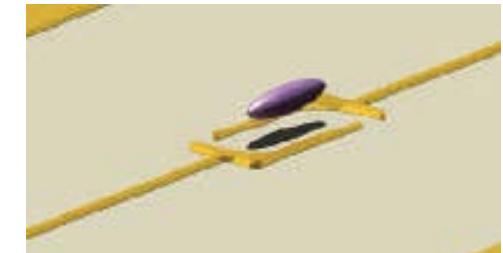
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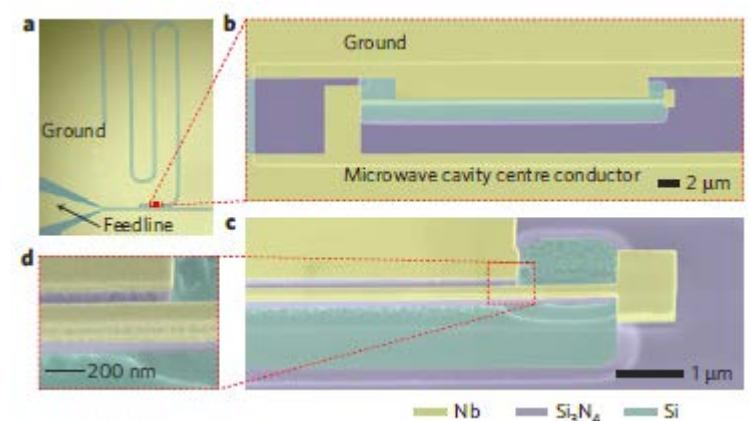
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Nano-Mechanics

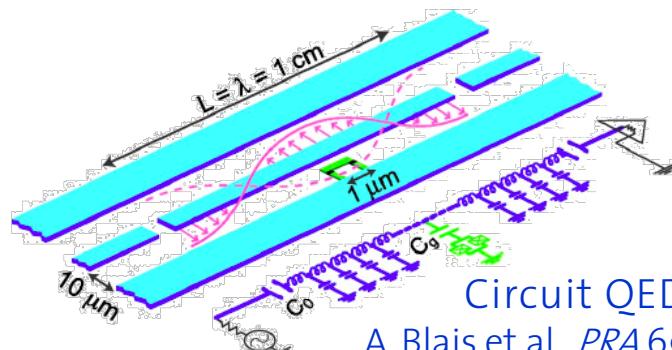
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... and many more

Quantum Computing with Superconducting Circuits

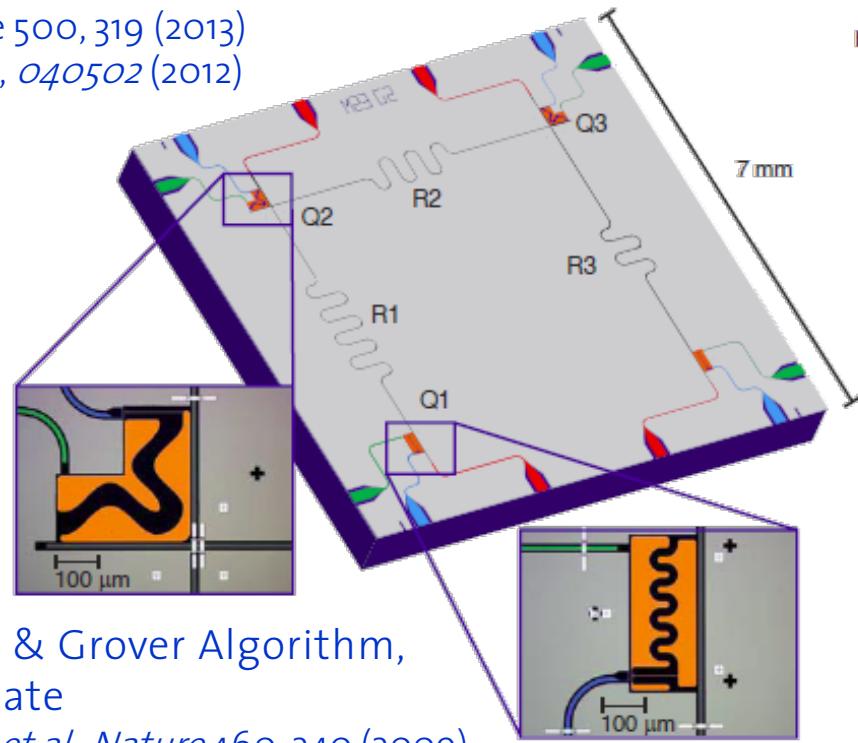


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M. Baur *et al.*, *PRL* 108, 040502 (2012)

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- A. Blais *et al.*, *PRA* 69, 062320 (2004)
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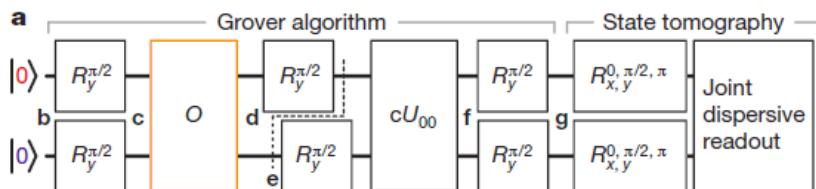


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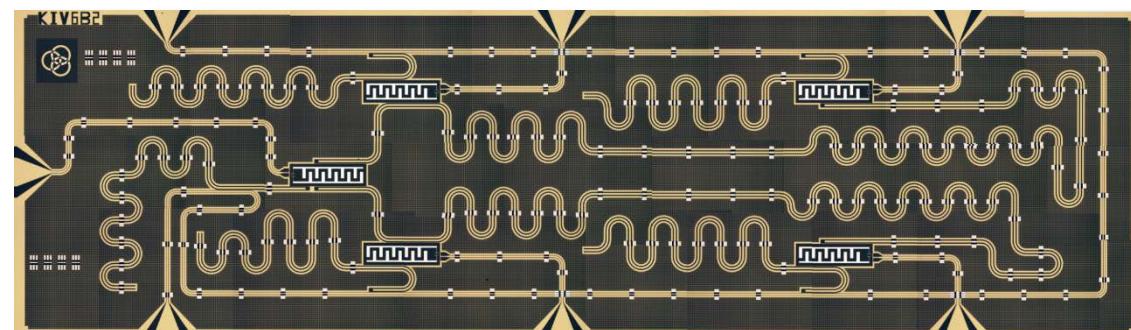
Error Correction

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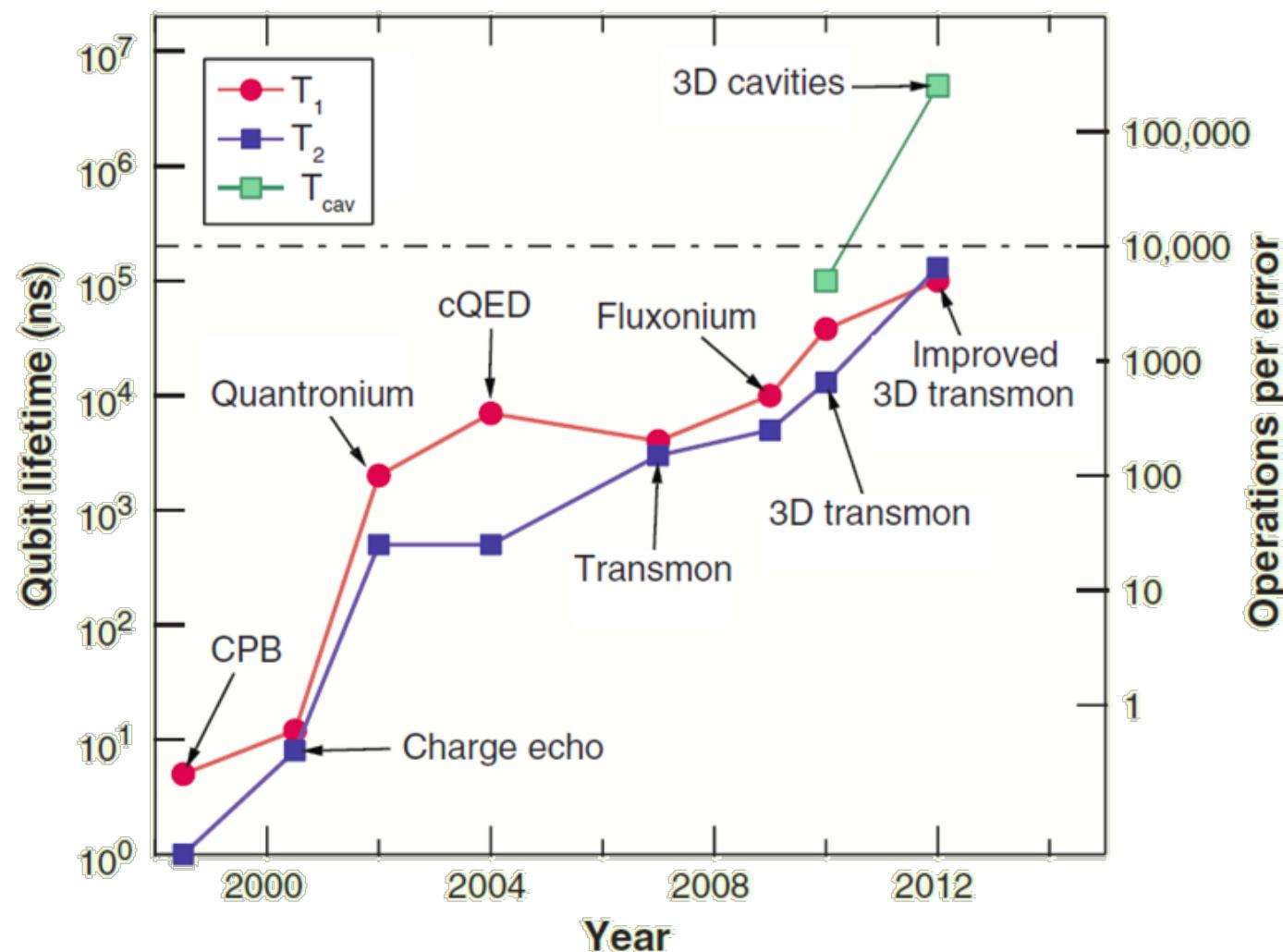
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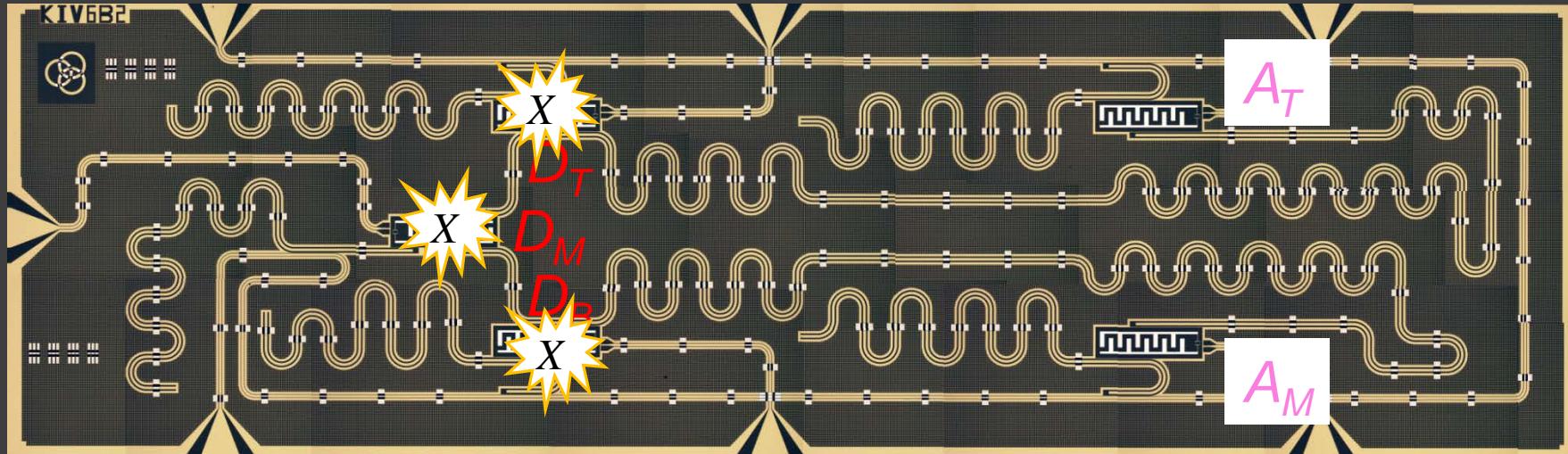
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10^5 Improvement in Coherence Time in 13 Years

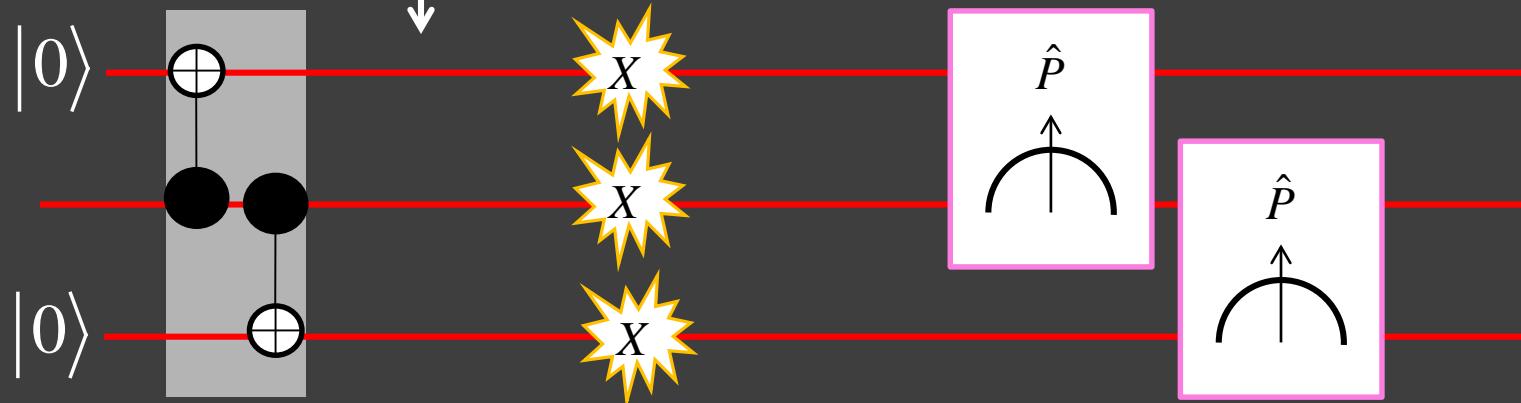


Recent Progress in Quantum Error Correction



$\alpha|000\rangle + \beta|111\rangle$
encode

Discretize, signal errors
using quantum parity checks



IBM: Corcoles *et al.*, *Nat. Com.* **6**, 6979 (2015), ArXiv:1410.6419

QuTech: Ristè, Poletto, Huang *et al.*, *Nat. Com.* **6**, 6983 (2015), ArXiv:1411.5542

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Quantum Simulation

describes physical system of interest
(physics, chemistry, biology,...)

encodes hard classical problem

universal quantum computer

... still to be realized!

simulating a quantum system

... difficult on classical computer!

interesting toy model

use

... OR ...

quantum simulator

map!

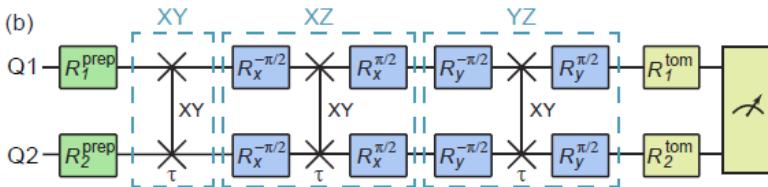
... sufficient controllability, flexibility!

Feynman, *Int. Journal of Th. Phys.* 21, 467 (1982)

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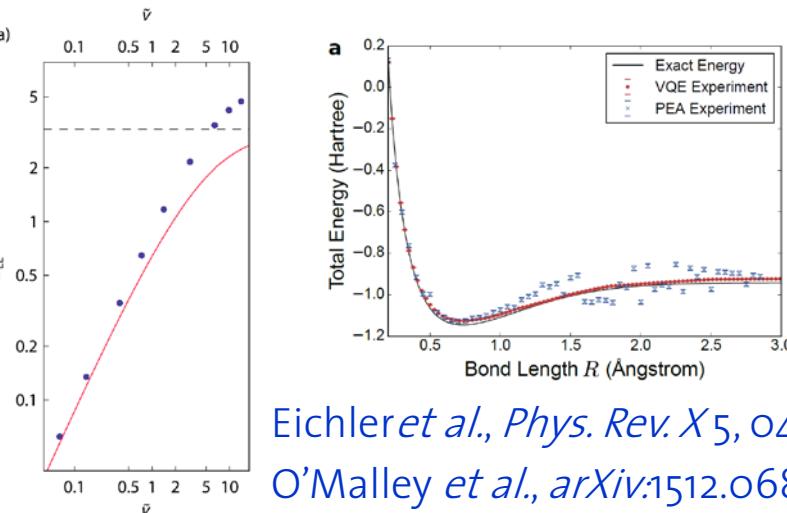
Quantum Simulation with Superconducting Circuits

Digital simulation of exchange,
Heisenberg, Ising spin models



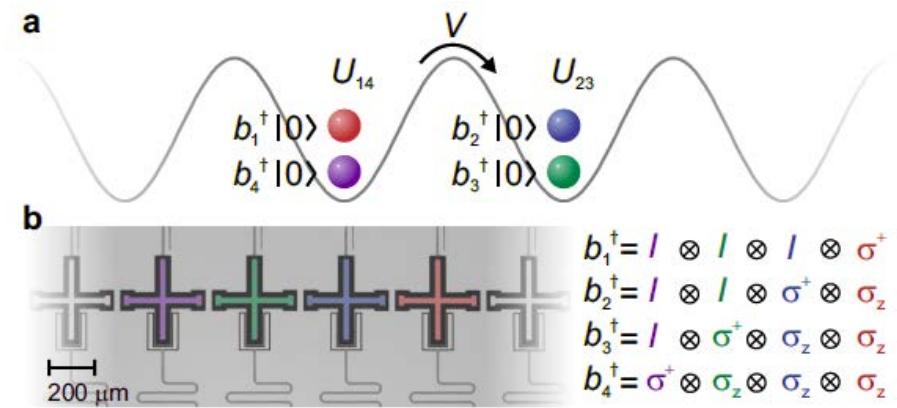
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Quantum simulation of correlated systems
with variational Ansatz

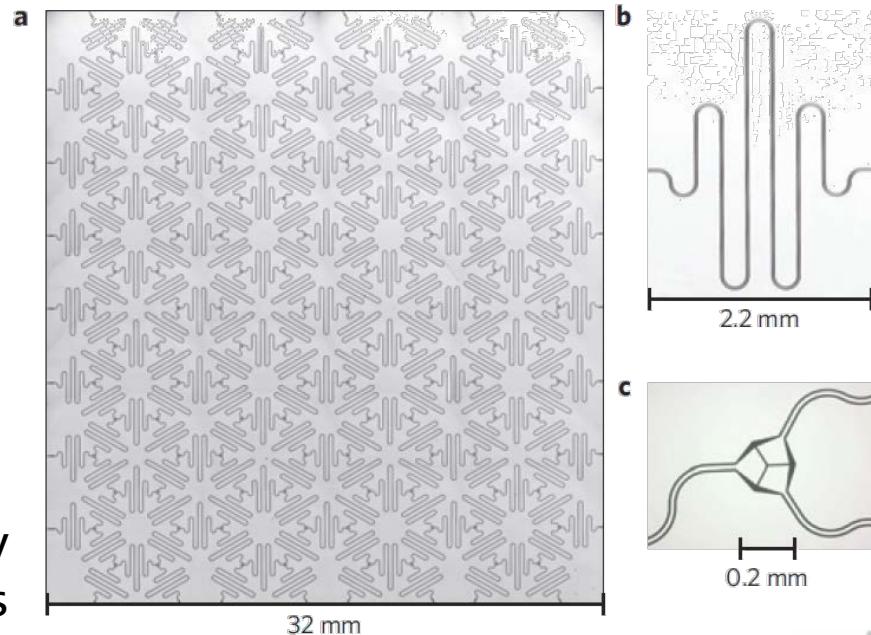


Eichler *et al.*, Phys. Rev. X 5, 041044 (2015)
O'Malley *et al.*, arXiv:1512.06860 (2015)

... two-mode fermionic Hubbard models



Barends *et al.*, Nat. Com. 6, 7654 (2015)

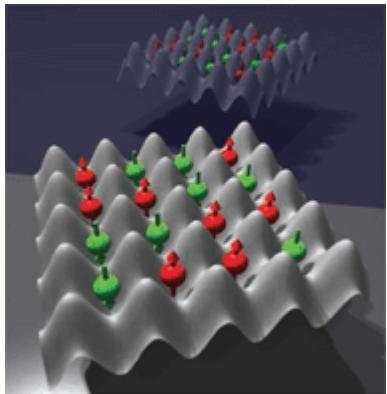


Analog simulations with cavity
and/or qubit arrays

Houck *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 8, 292 (2012) Raftery *et al.*, Phys. Rev. X 4, 031043 (2014)

Systems for Quantum Simulation

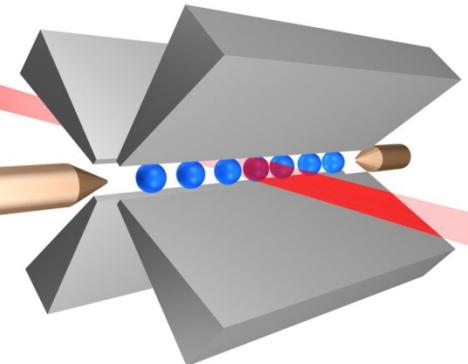
Ultracold gases



Bloch et al.,
Nat. Phys. 8, 267 (2012)

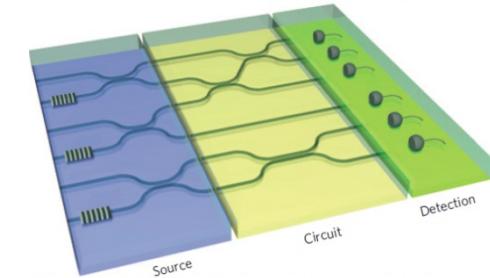
Trapped ions

more
established



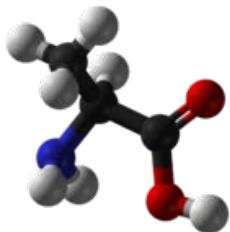
Blatt & Roos,
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Optical photons



Aspuru-Guzik & Walther,
Nat. Phys. 8, 258 (2012)

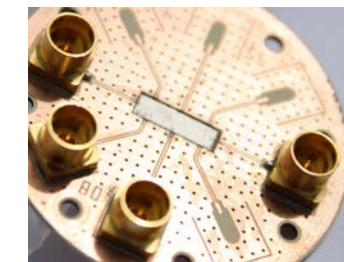
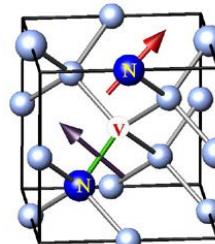
Nuclear magnetic resonance



Vandersypen & Chuang,
RMP 76, 1037 (2004)

under
development

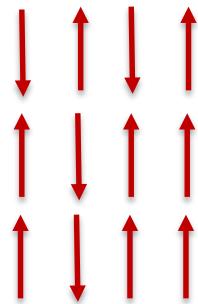
Solid state quantum
devices



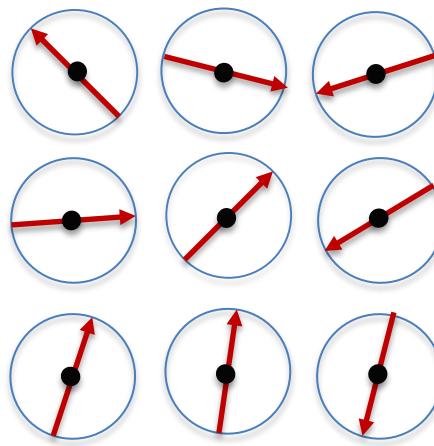
Georgescu et al., *RMP* 86, 153 (2014)

Digital Quantum Simulation of Spin Models

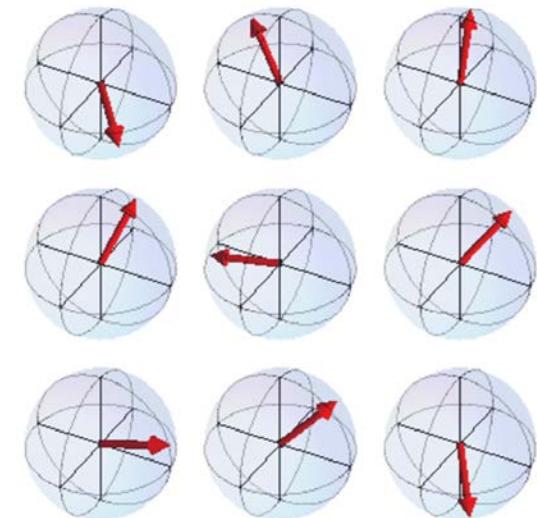
Ising (up-down)



XY (Compass)



XYZ (Heisenberg)



interaction term

$$J \sum_{(i,j)} \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x$$

$$\sum_{(i,j)} J_x \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + J_y \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y$$

$$\sum_{(i,j)} J_x \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + J_y \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y + J_z \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$$

+ magnetic field term, e.g. $B \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^z$

Potential applications in physics, chemistry and material science.

Number of spins > 100



classical simulations intractable

Digital Quantum Simulation

model Hamiltonian
to be realized in ‘software’

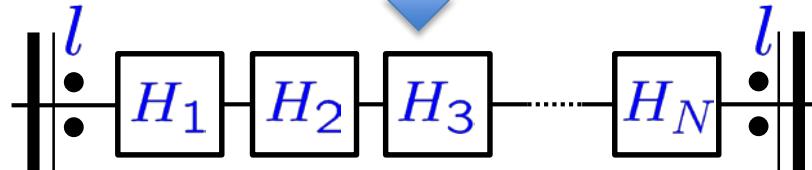
$$H = \sum_{k=1}^N H_k$$

realizable in ‘hardware’

time evolution:

Suzuki-Lie-Trotter approximation

$$\exp(-iHt) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \exp(-iH_k t/l) \right)^l + E(t, l)$$

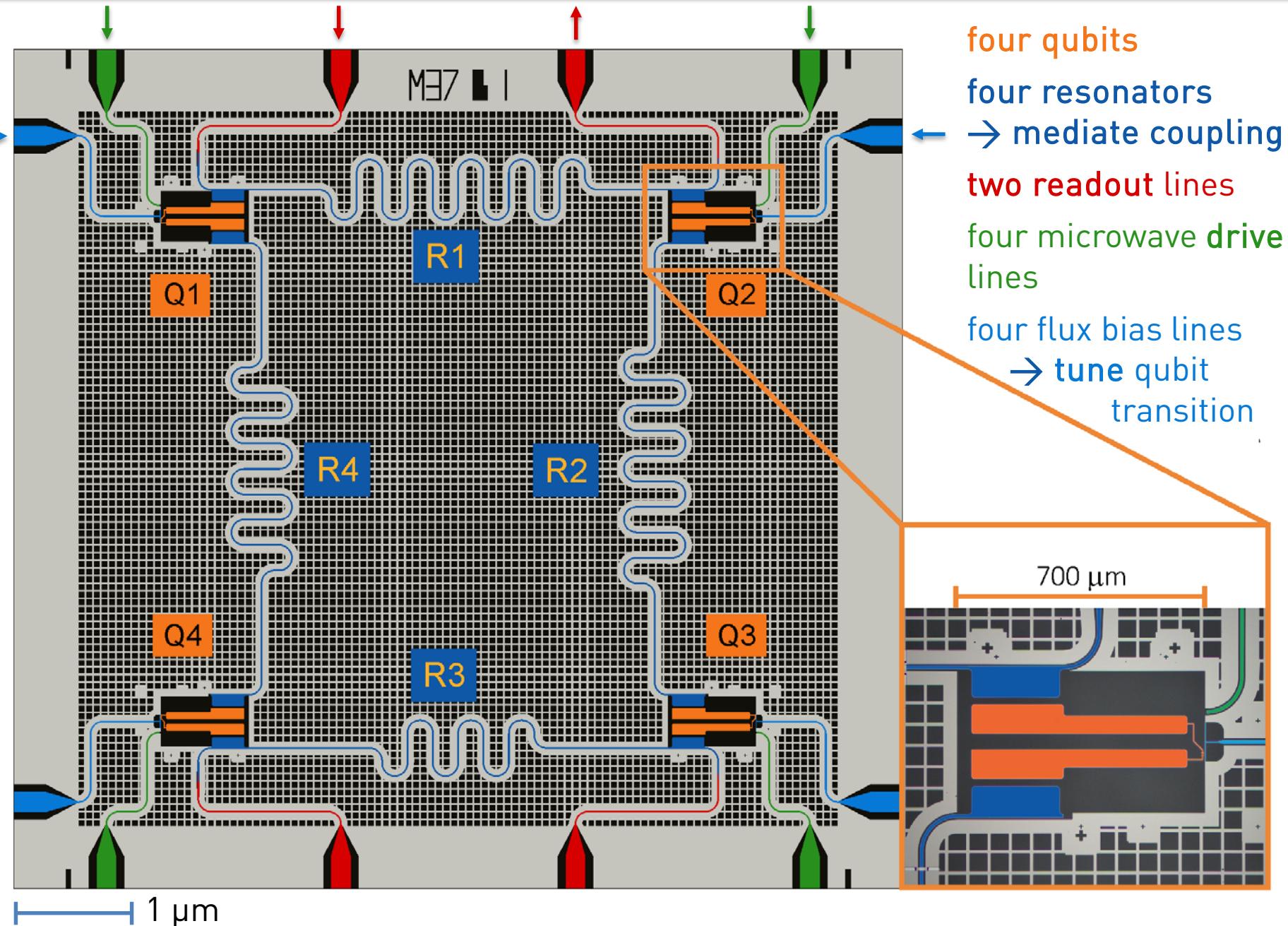


“digital quantum simulation”

$$E(t, l) \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } l \rightarrow \infty$$

works for all Hamiltonians with local interactions (universal)

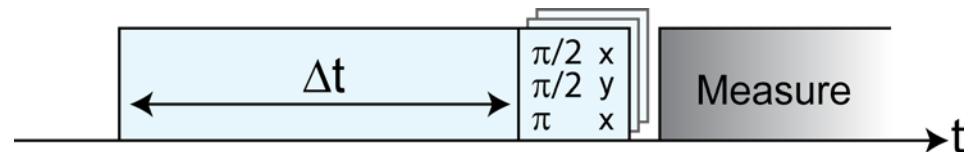
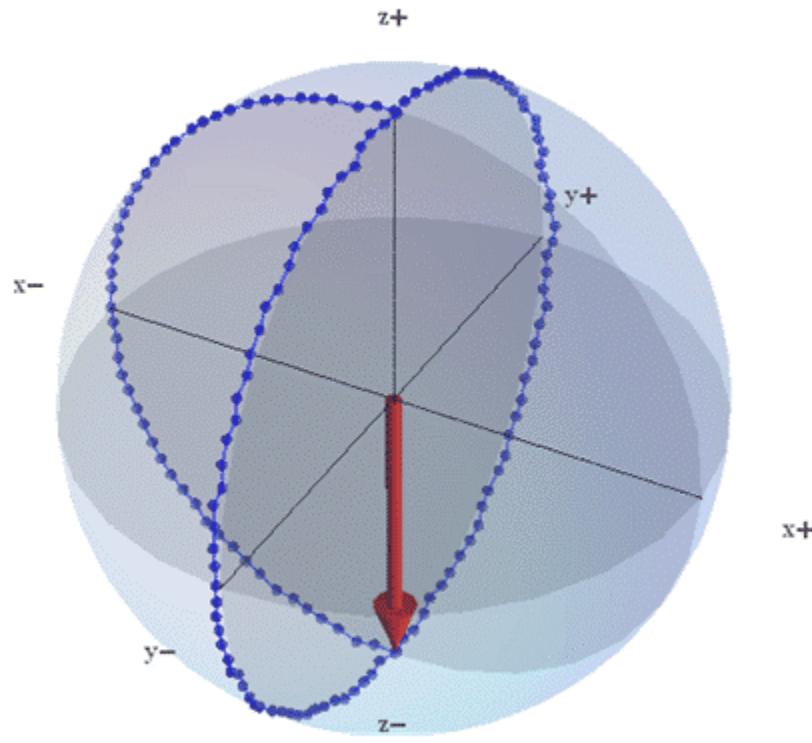
4 Qubit Device with Nearest Neighbor Connectivity



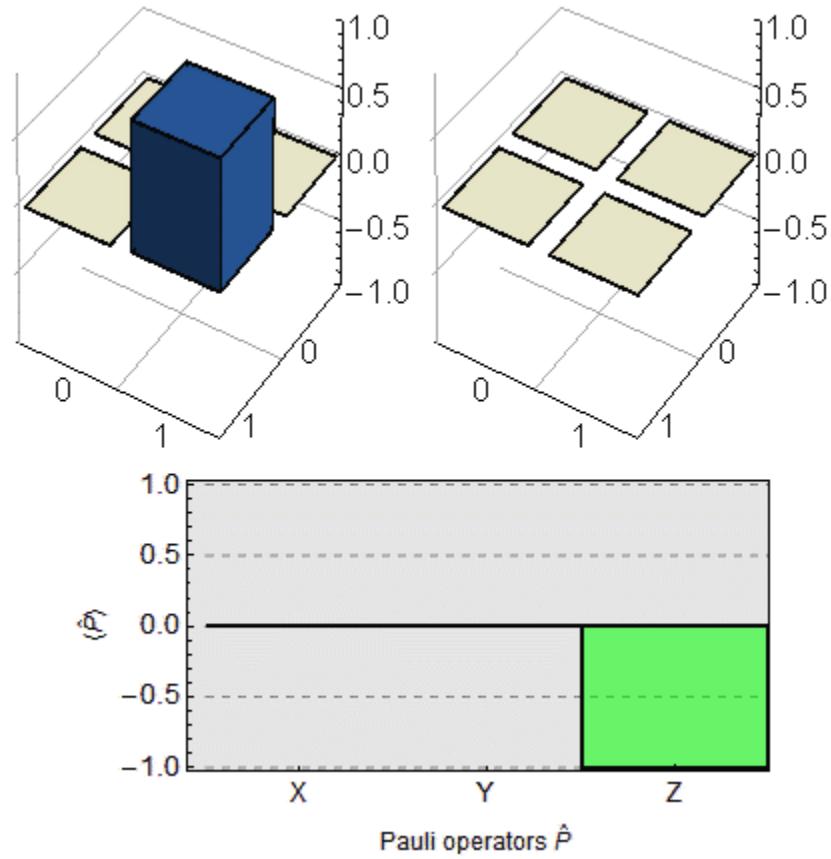
Single Qubit Gates

Pulse sequence for qubit rotation and readout:

experimental Bloch vector:

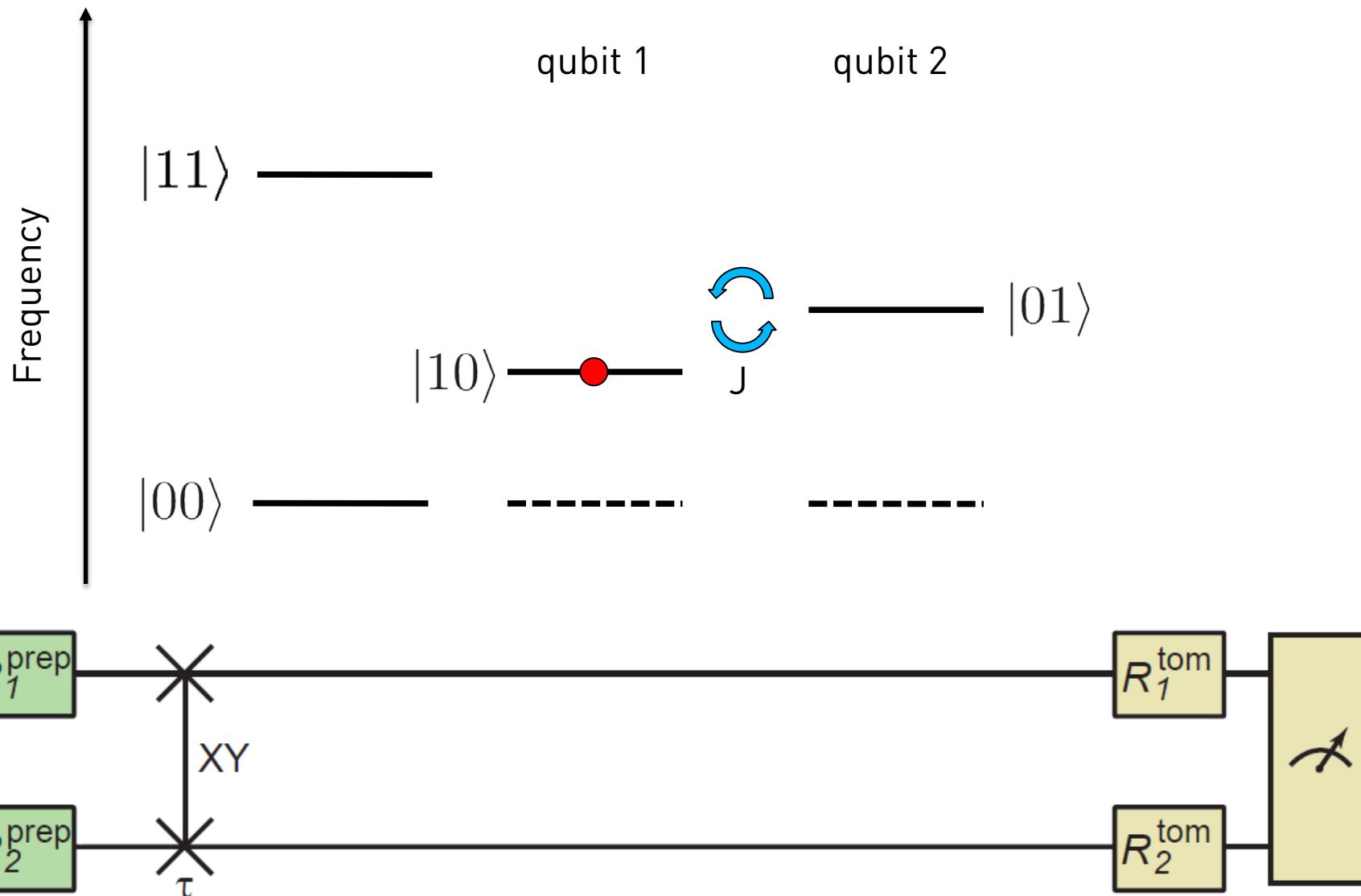


experimental density matrix and Pauli set:



XY Interaction (Hardware) Controlled by Detuning

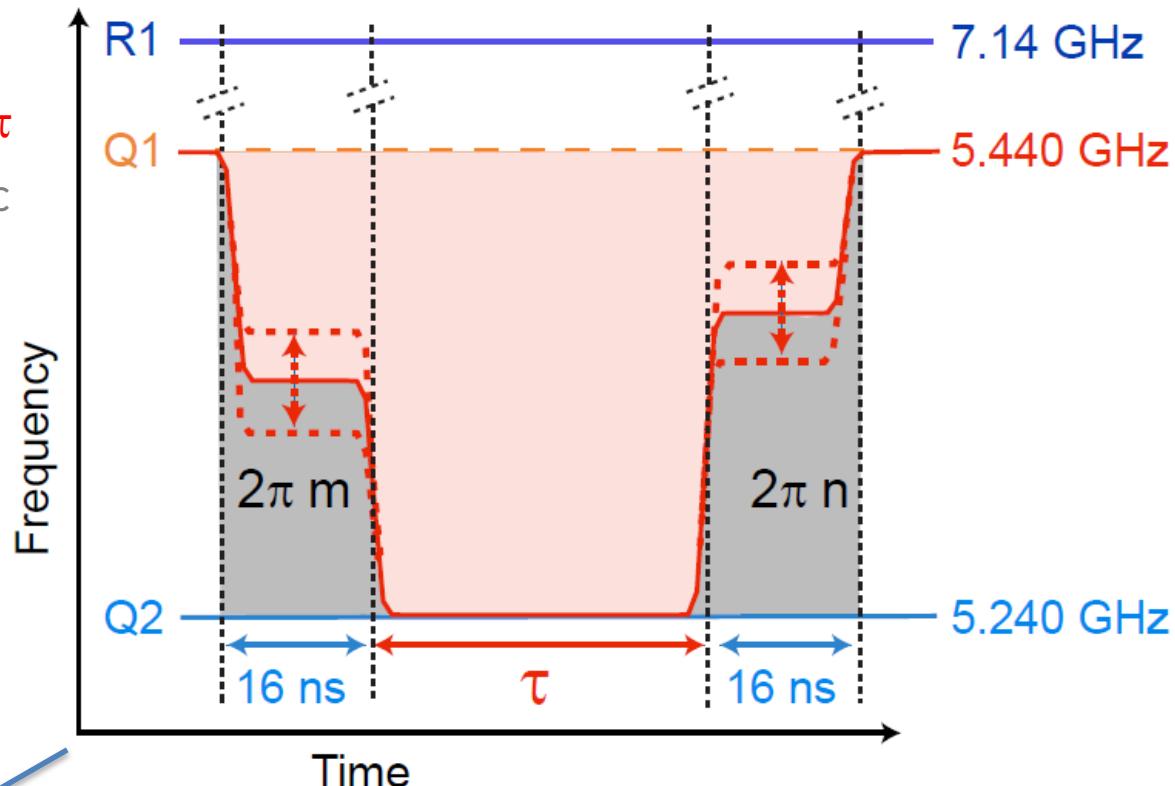
$$H_{2Q} = -\frac{1}{2}\omega_1 \hat{\sigma}_1^z - \frac{1}{2}\omega_2 \hat{\sigma}_2^z + J(\hat{\sigma}_1^+ \hat{\sigma}_2^- + \hat{\sigma}_1^- \hat{\sigma}_2^+)$$



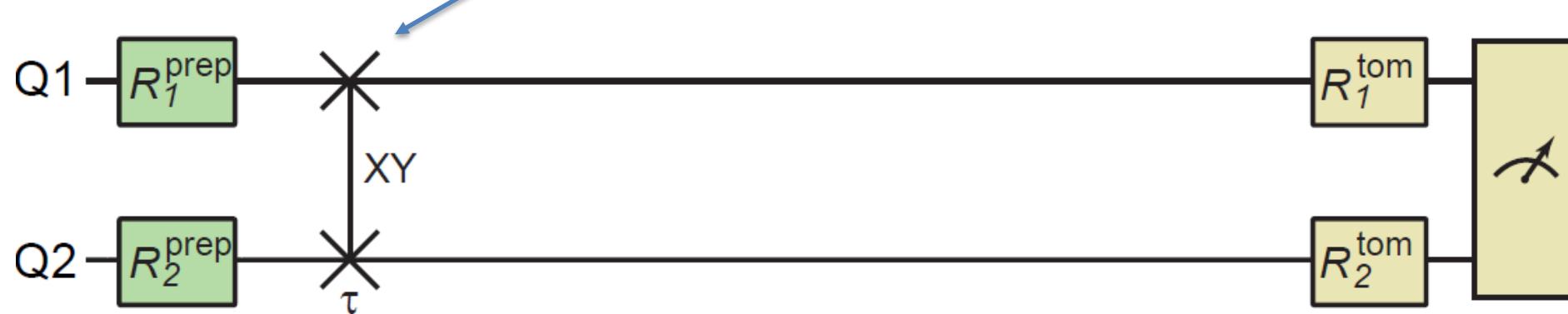
Frequency Control through Flux Bias

Profile of flux pulse:

- tunable interaction time τ
- compensation of dynamic phase



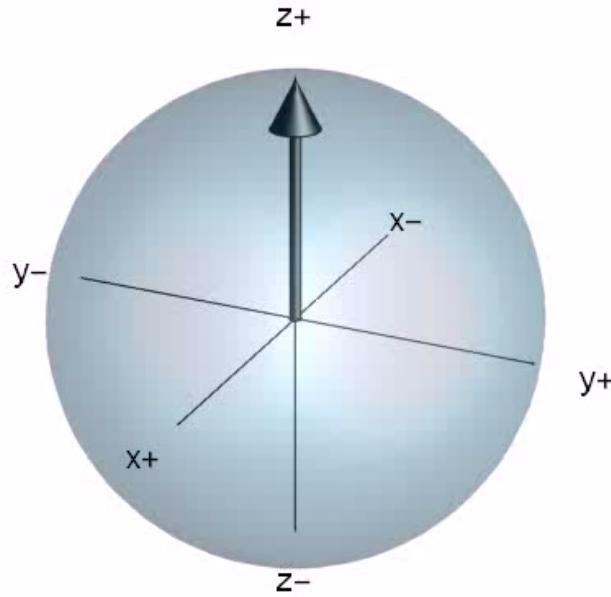
Circuit representation
of gate sequence:



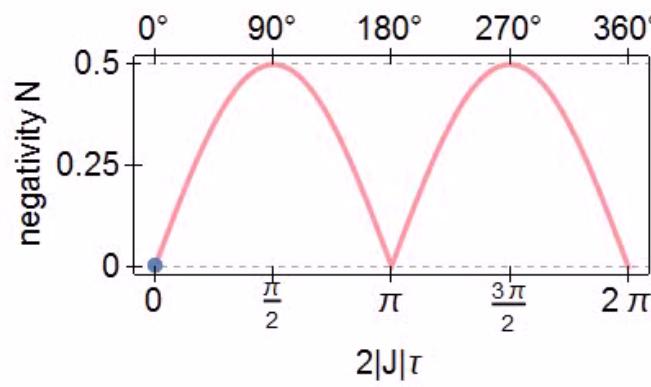
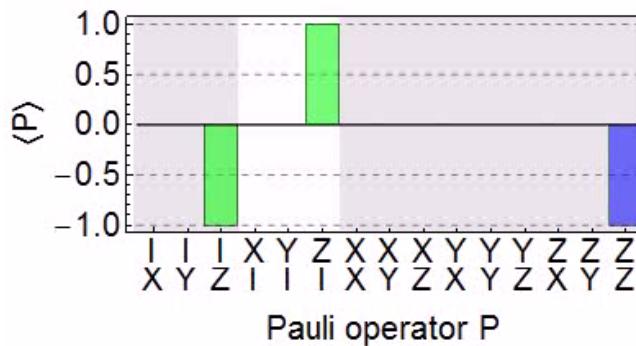
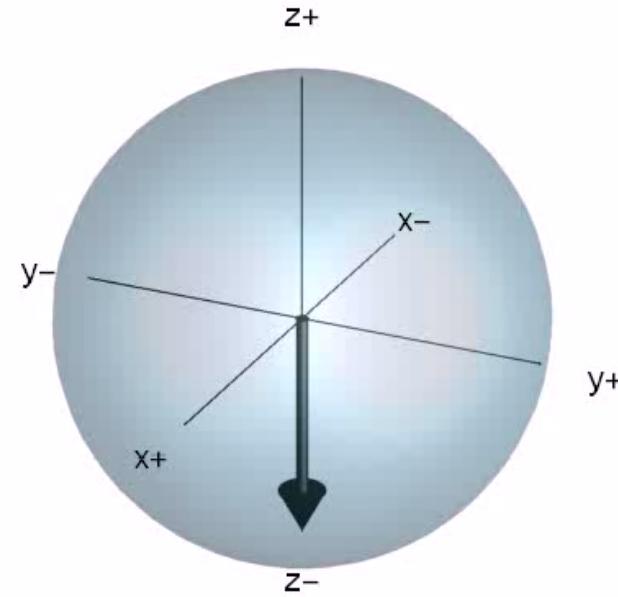
XY Interaction: Calculation

initial state: $|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle$
 $2|J|\tau = 0 \text{ deg}$

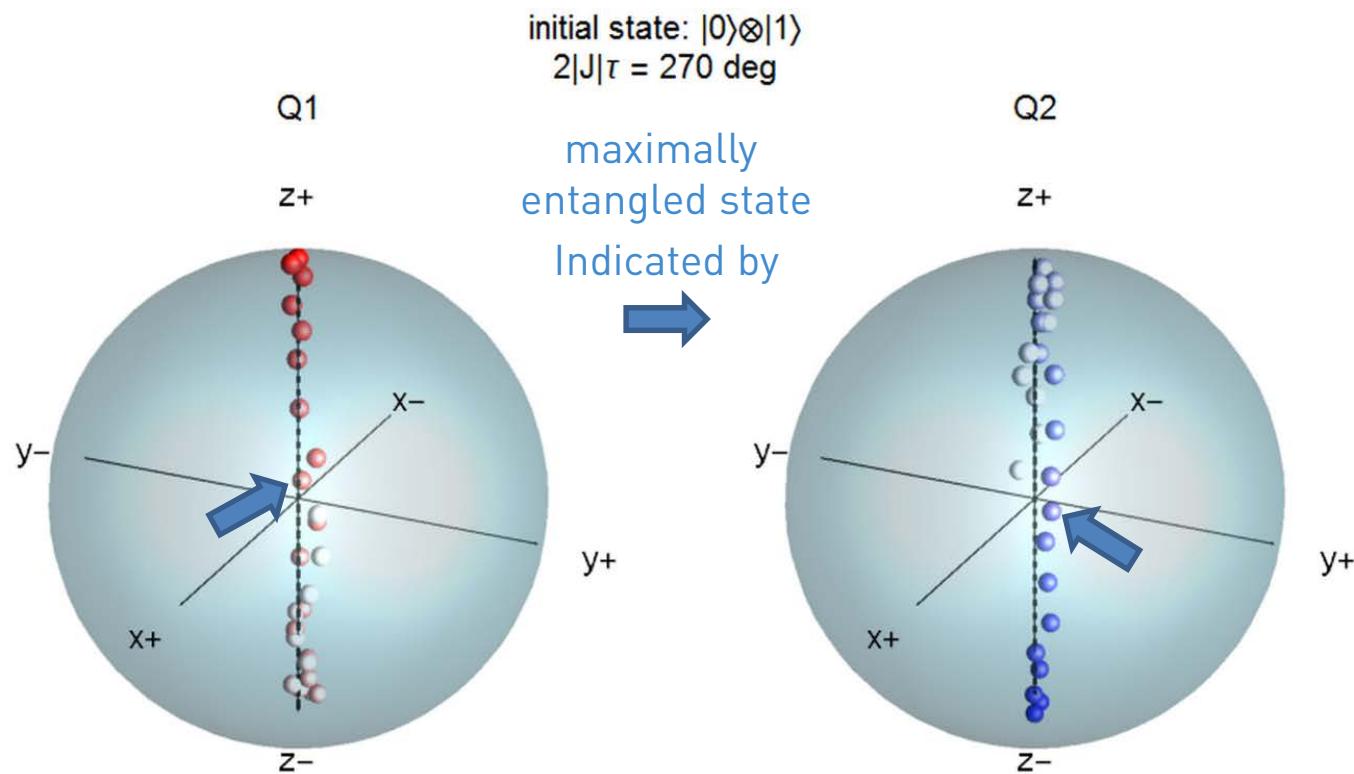
Q1



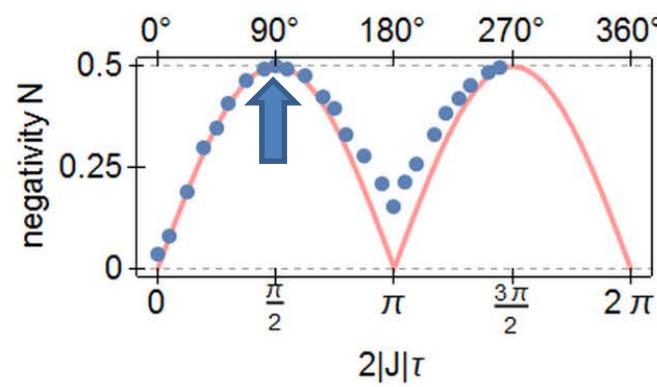
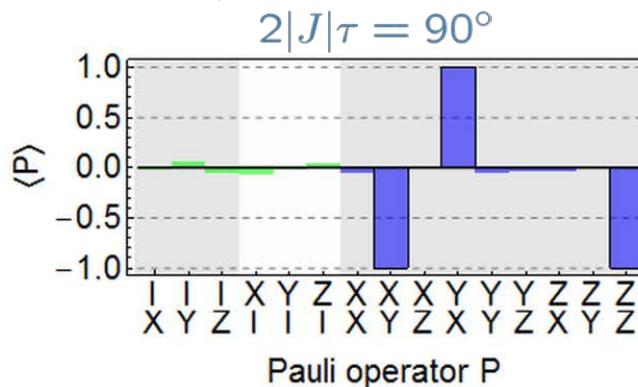
Q2



XY Interaction: Experimental Data



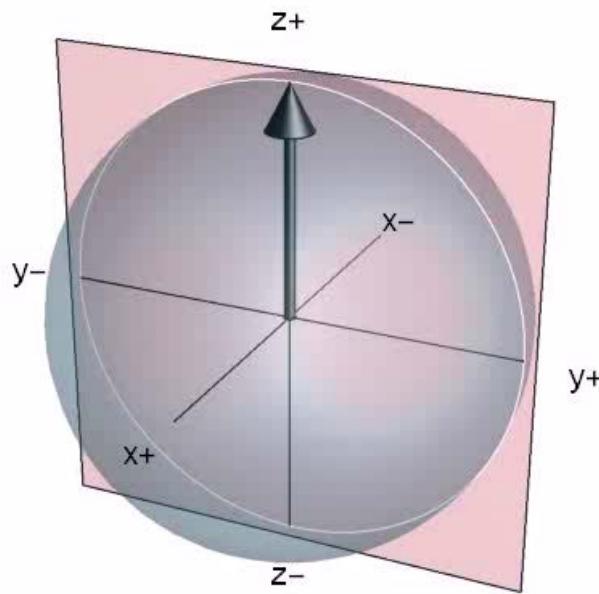
state fidelity: 99.7 %



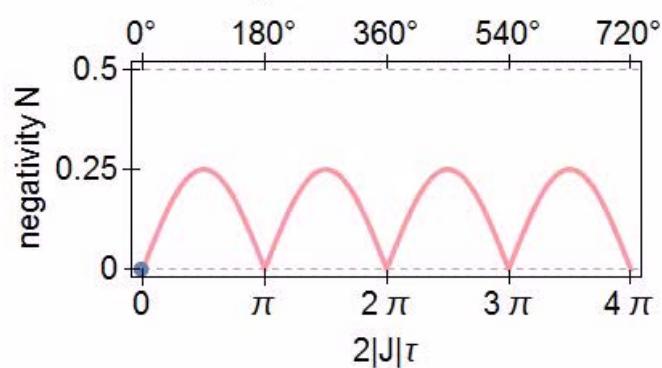
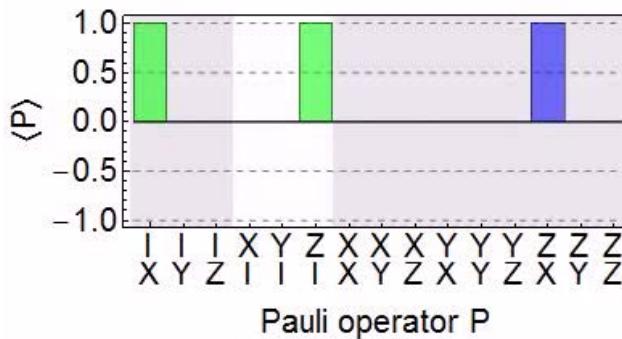
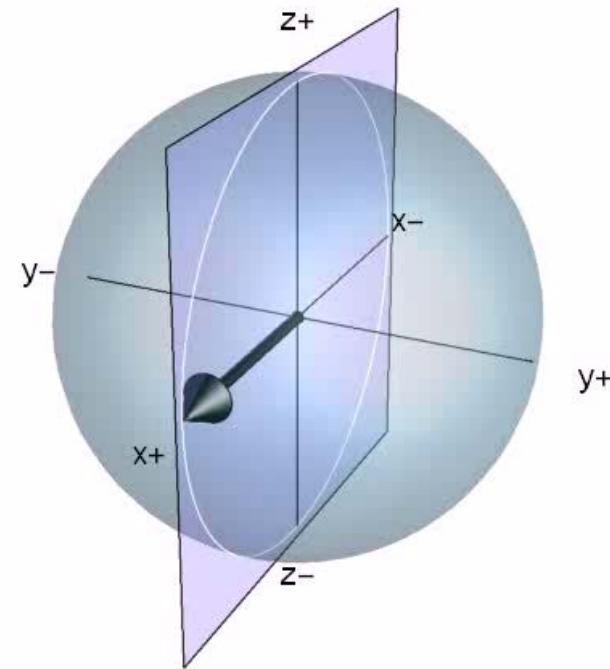
XY Interaction: Calculation

initial state: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle\otimes(|0\rangle+|1\rangle)$
 $2|J|\tau = 0 \text{ deg}$

Q1



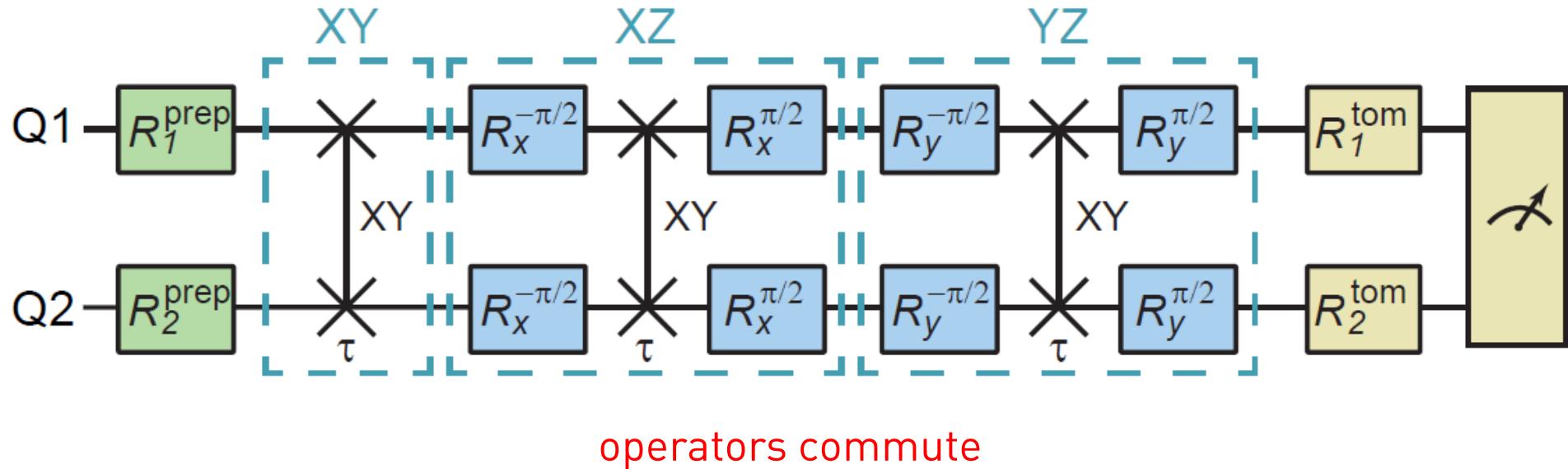
Q2



Digital Simulation of Heisenberg XYZ Interaction

Hamiltonian to be simulated: $H_{xyz} = J(\sigma_1^x\sigma_2^x + \sigma_1^y\sigma_2^y + \sigma_1^z\sigma_2^z)$

Gate sequence:



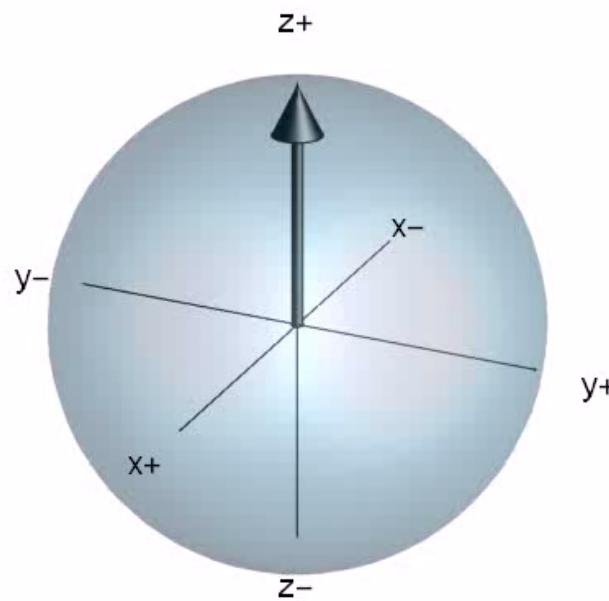
-> no Trotter decomposition required, exact result in one step

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-iH\tau} &= \boxed{e^{-iH_{yz}\tau} e^{-iH_{xz}\tau} e^{-iH_{xy}\tau}} \\ &= e^{-i(H_{yz}+H_{xz}+H_{xy})\tau} = e^{-i H_{xyz}\tau} \end{aligned}$$

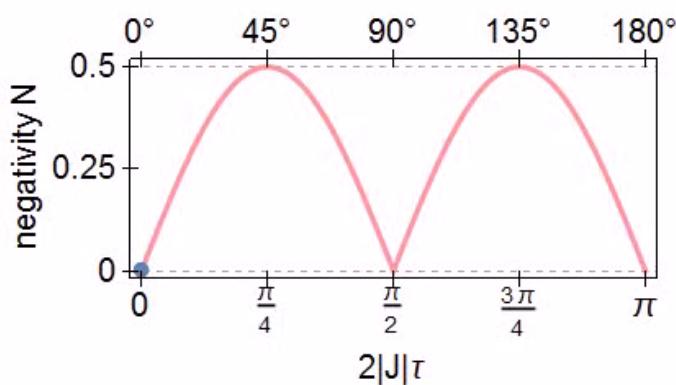
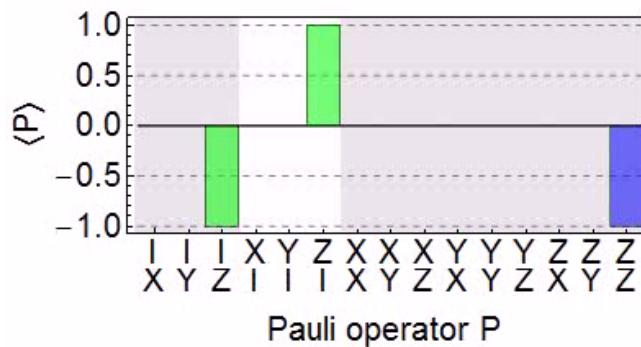
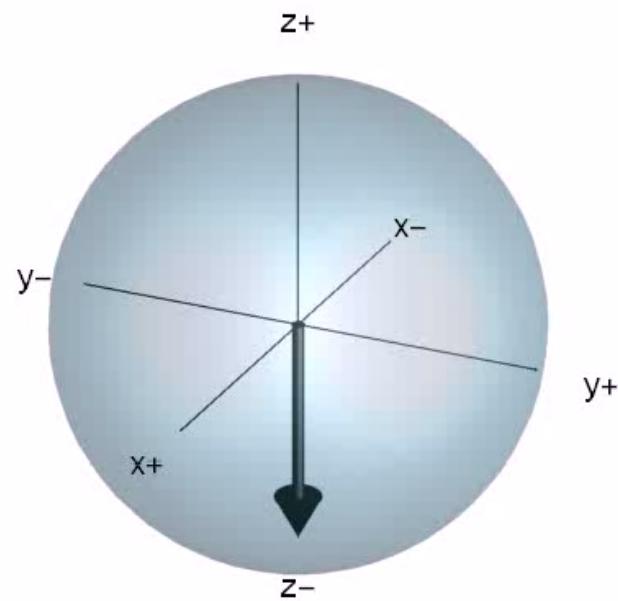
Heisenberg XYZ Interaction: Calculation

initial state: $|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle$
 $2|J|\tau = 0 \text{ deg}$

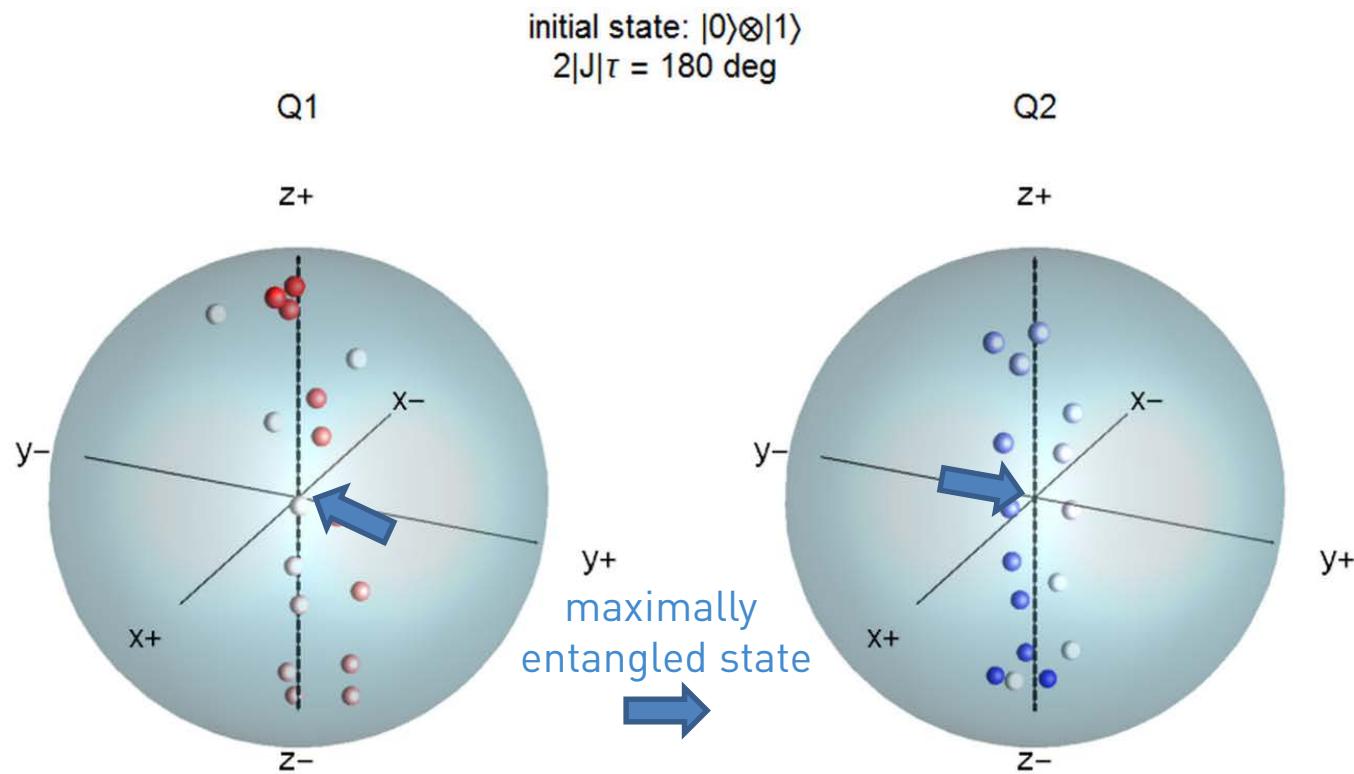
Q1



Q2

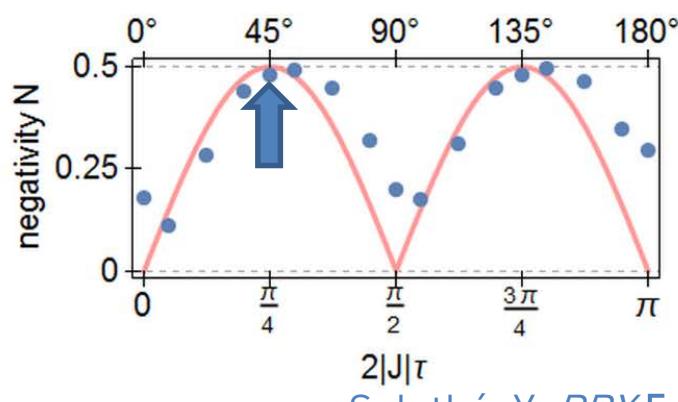
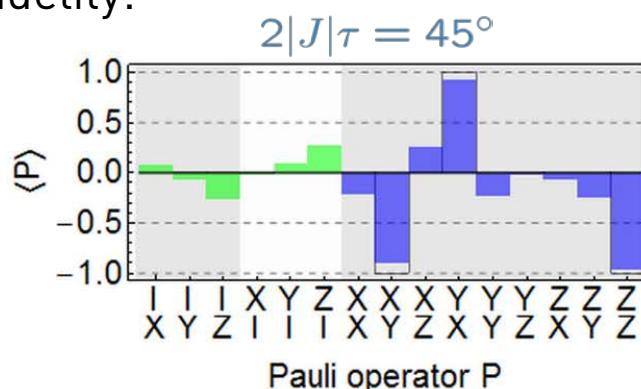


Heisenberg XYZ Interaction: Experimental Data



state fidelity:

94.7 %



Heisenberg XYZ Interaction: Calculation

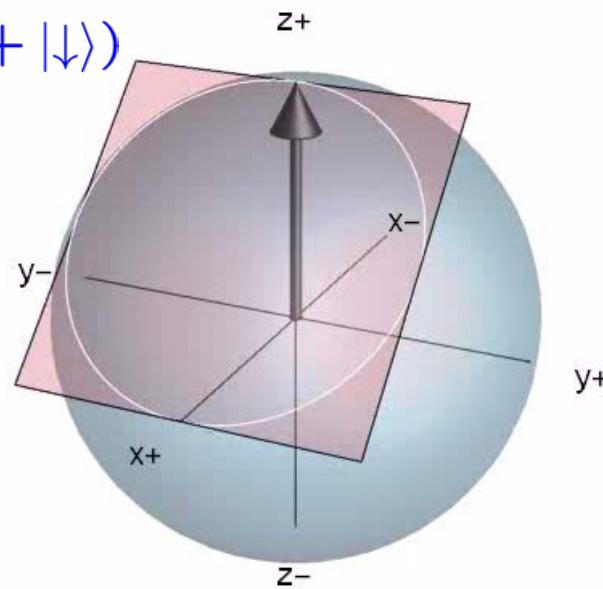
$$H_{xyz} = J (\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x + \sigma_1^y \sigma_2^y + \sigma_1^z \sigma_2^z)$$

initial state

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\uparrow\rangle(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$$

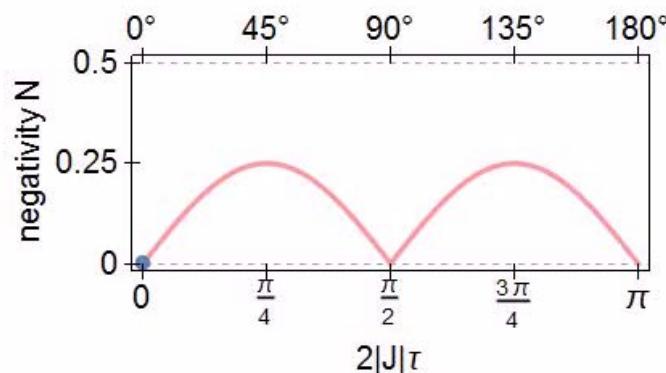
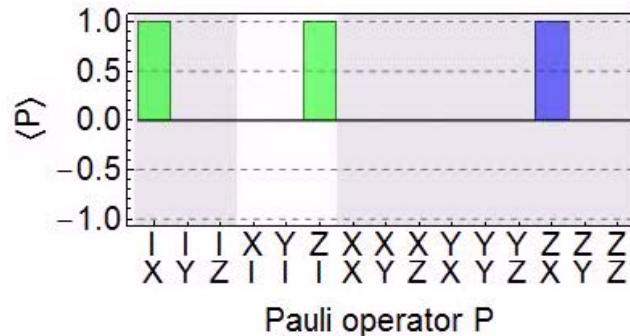
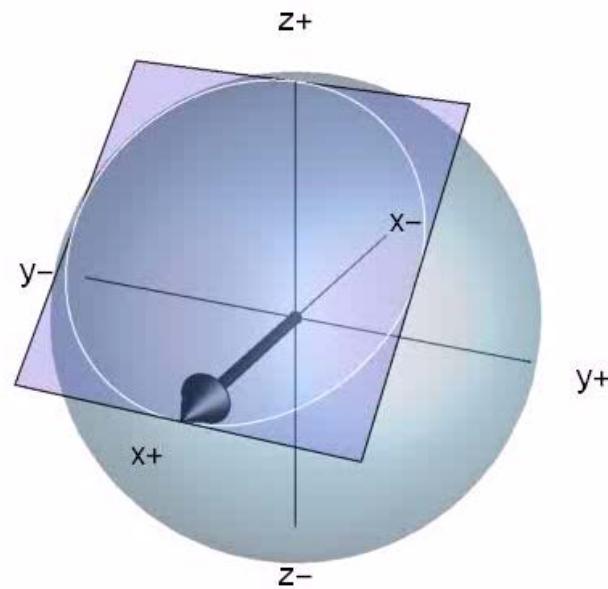
red: Q1

blue: Q2

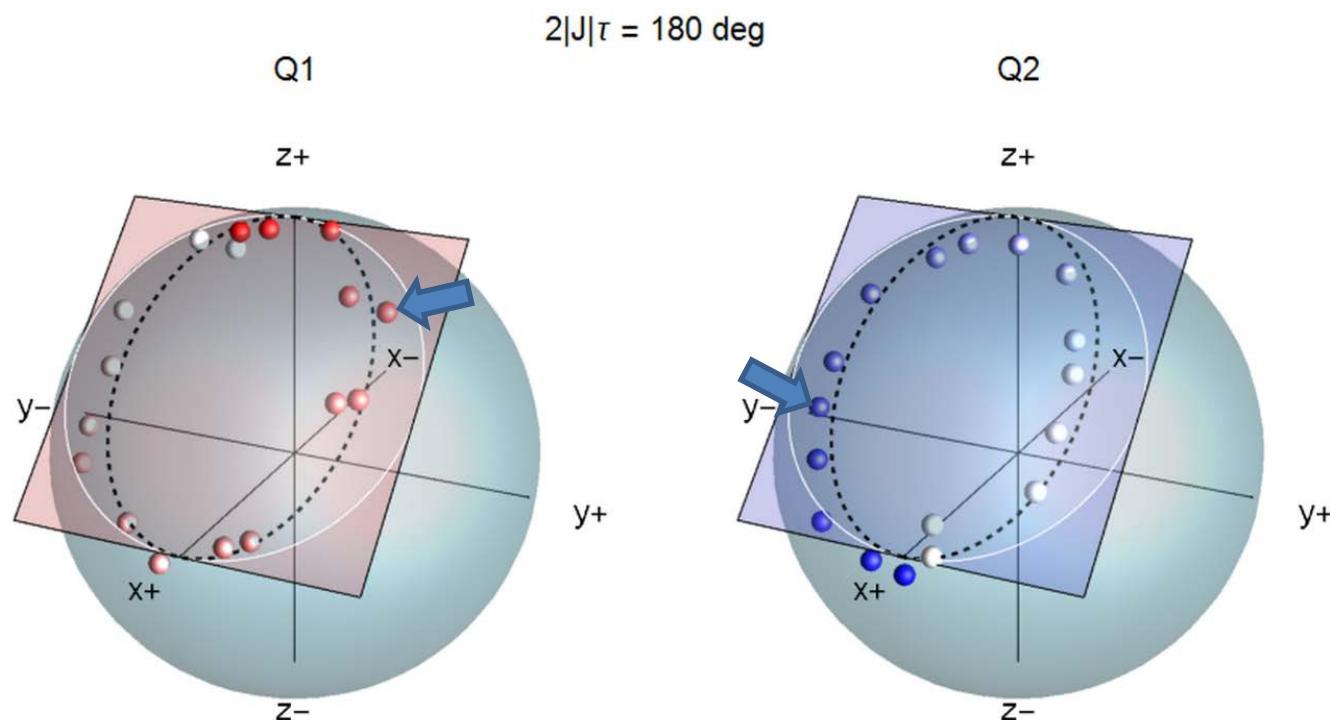


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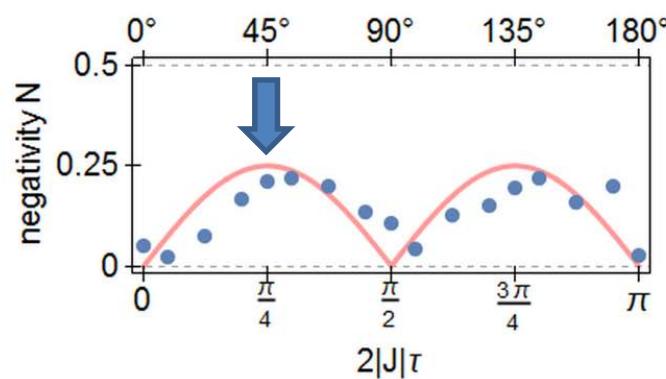
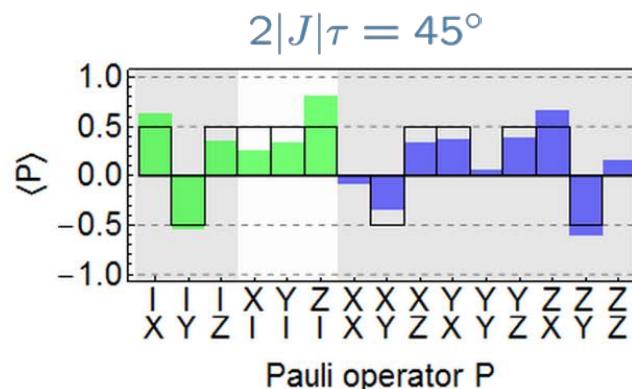
Q2



Heisenberg XYZ Interaction: Experimental Data



state fidelity: 95.3 %

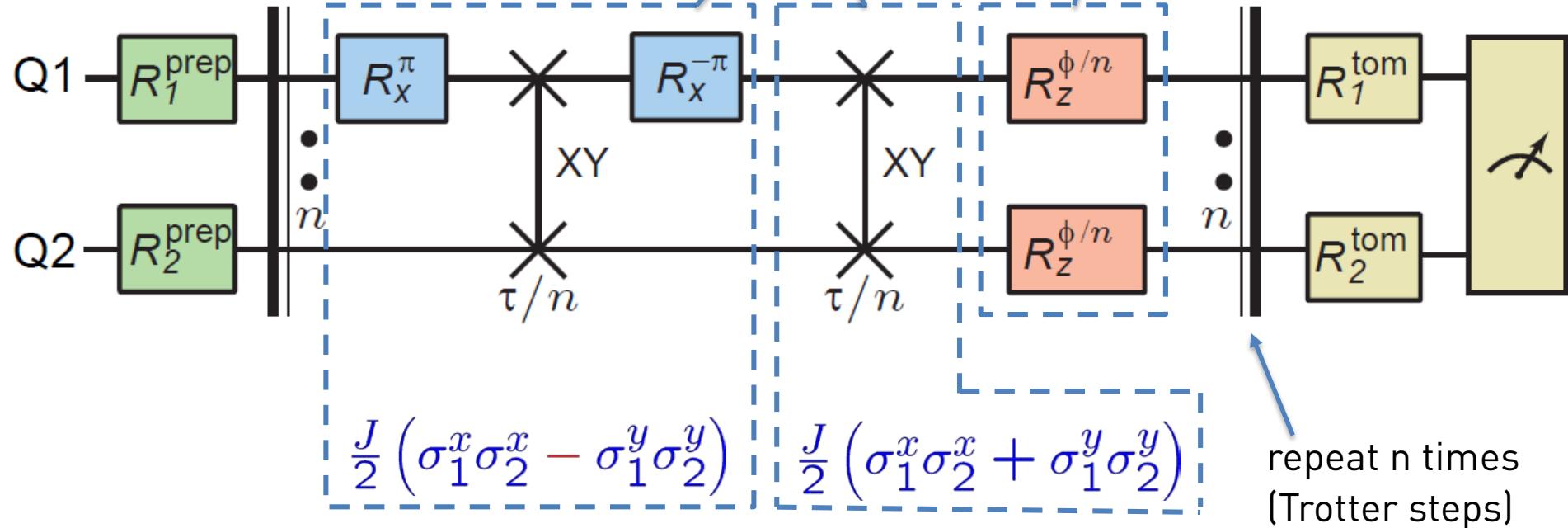


Ising Model with External Field

Hamiltonian to be simulated:

$$H_I = J \sum_{(i,j)} \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \frac{B}{2} \sum_i \sigma_i^z$$

Gate sequence:



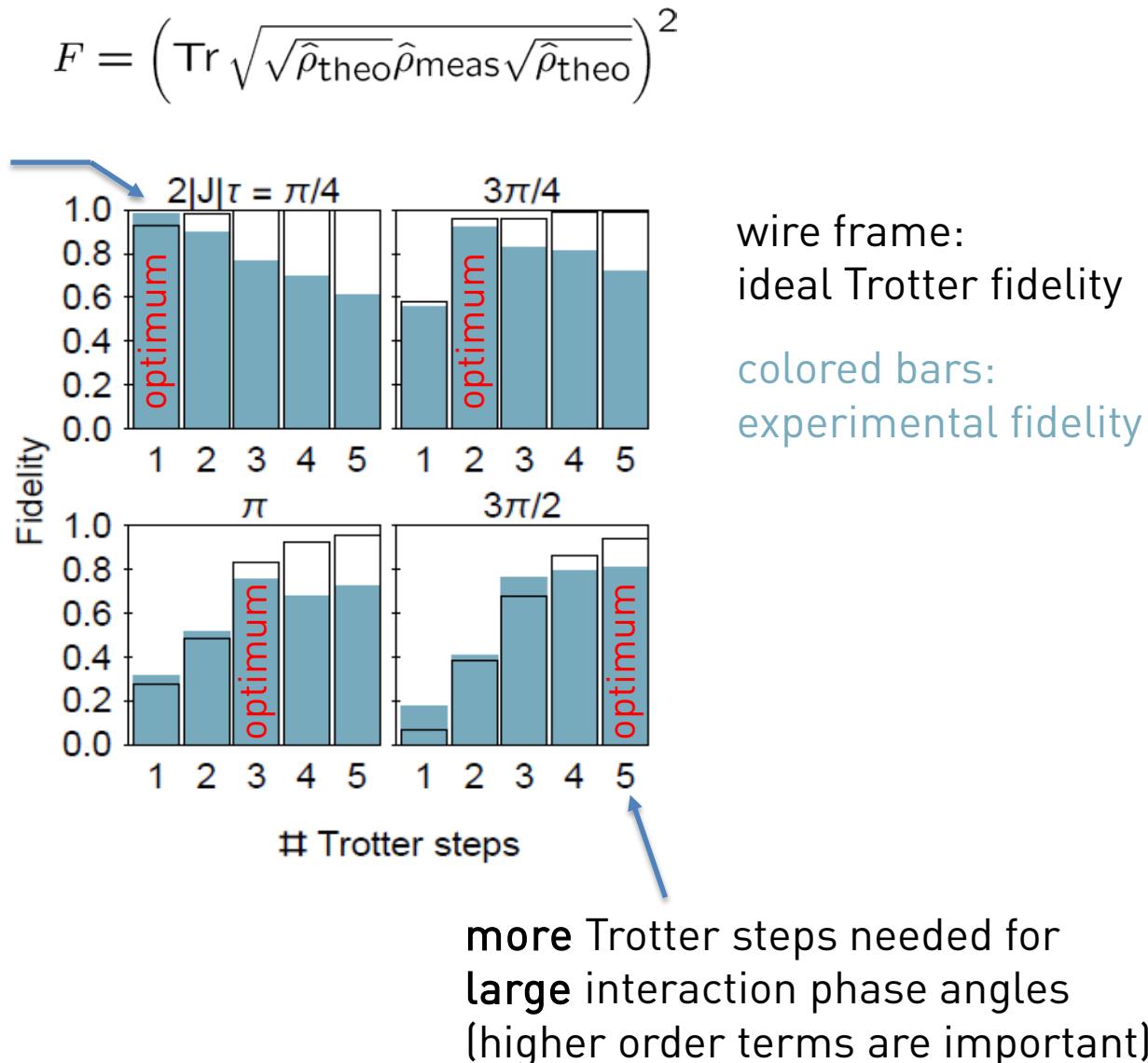
Fidelity of Simulation vs. Trotter Step and Int. Angle

Fidelity of simulated state:

$$F = \left(\text{Tr} \sqrt{\sqrt{\hat{\rho}_{\text{theo}}} \hat{\rho}_{\text{meas}} \sqrt{\hat{\rho}_{\text{theo}}}} \right)^2$$

fewer Trotter steps needed
for **small** phase angles
(higher-order terms
are less important)

Optimal final state fidelity
reached at **finite** number
of Trotter steps due to
limited fidelity individual
gates



Summary and Outlook

Conclusions:

- one of the first digital quantum simulation with superconducting qubits
- simulated time-evolution of paradigmatic spin models
- typical state fidelities above 80% for XYZ and Ising
- used up to 10 two-qubit gates with a continuous interaction parameter combined with 25 single-qubit gates
- challenge: gate calibration with continuous control parameter

Interesting perspectives:

- simulation of Hamiltonians with local interactions using Trotter decomposition
- combine analog and digital methods
- explore time-dependent Hamiltonians
- use bosonic building blocks explicitly
- expand to larger number of spins

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